

D. IGV screenshot

Figure SX: long homopolymer in Salmonella enterica ATCC-10708.

A. homopolymer error

A: This genome's plasmid contains a long homopolymer at position 12148, and there is a discrepancy between the ONT-only assembly $(C\times20)$ and the polished reference sequence $(C\times21)$.

B: Illumina and ONT reads counts with exact matches to the homopolymer plus five bp of adjacent sequence on both sides. The dashed line at C×21 indicates the homopolymer length in the reference sequence. For Illumina reads, there were 32 matching reads, C×21 was the most common homopolymer length, and all matching reads were on the G-strand. For ONT reads, there were 3895 matching reads, C×18 to C×20 were the most common homopolymer lengths, and matching reads occurred on both strands. These results create uncertainty in the true homopolymer length for this genome, and the C×21 in the reference sequence is only a best guess.

C: Assuming that C×21 is the correct homopolymer length, this plot shows assembly counts with the correct (blue) and incorrect (orange) length at this homopolymer, for each polisher tested. NextPolish performed best, but none of the polishers were able to reliably fix this error.

D: Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV) screenshot of the relevant region of the plasmid, with Illumina read alignments grouped by strand. This was generated using the full set of Illumina reads (367× depth).