



Bioinformatic Analysis of NGS Data

Bioinformatics

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Materials

https://github.com/nmorenoruiz21/IBECourse2022_SequencingData



Install BCFtools

1) [Conda](#)

2) [Homebrew](#)

3) Download and compile

```
git clone --recurse-submodules https://github.com/samtools/htslib.git
```

```
git clone https://github.com/samtools/bcftools.git
```

```
cd bcftools
```

```
make
```

```
make install
```

Mac users can experience problems with this step. If it happens, try this [Problem Mac](#)

```
export BCFTOOLS_PLUGINS=/path/to/bcftools/plugins
```

Anything you need is in the command guide I provided, also, ASK for help!



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Overview

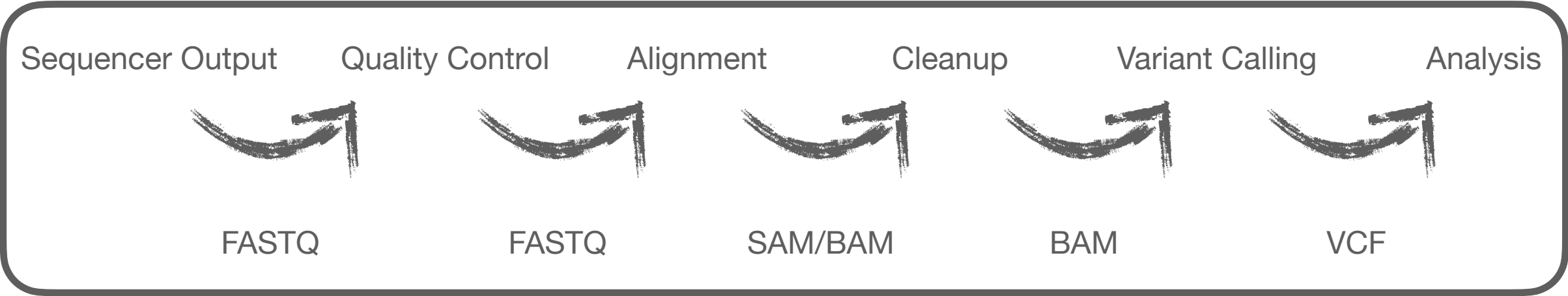
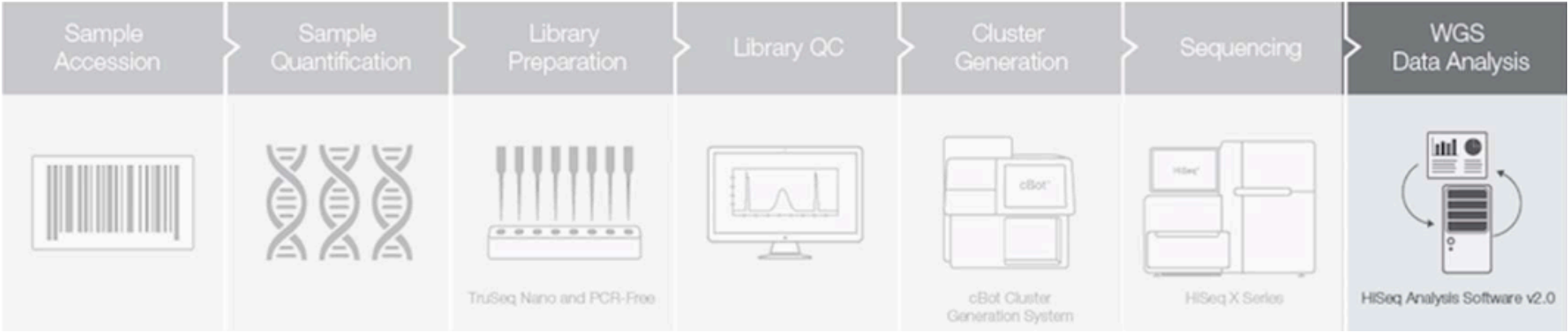
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FASTQ format is a text-based format containing nucleotide sequences and their quality scores

Line	Description
1	ALWAYS starts with ‘@’ → info about the read
2	Actual DNA sequence
3	ALWAYS starts with ‘+’ → sometimes info from line 1
4	String of ASCII characters representing quality scores; must have same number of characters as line 2

```
@HWI-ST330:304:H045HADXX:1:1101:1111:61397
CACTTGTAAGGGCAGGCCCTTCACCCTCCCGCTCCTGGGGGANNNNNNNNNNANNNCGAGGCCCTGGGGTAGAGGGNNNNNNNNNNNNNGATCTTGG
+
@?@DDDDDDHHH?GH:?FCBGGB@C?DBEGIIIIAEF;FCGGI#####
```




FASTQ file

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+
@?@DDDDDDHHH?GH:?FCBGGB@C?DBEGIIIIIAEF;FCGGI#####
```

Quality score codification

Quality encoding:	!"#\$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@ABCDEFGHI
Quality score:	0.....10.....20.....30.....40



Is the quality of this read good?

FastQC is the reference software to check quality of raw fasta sequences

- It gives us a global overview of the state of the data



This statistics list may vary from version to version of FastQC

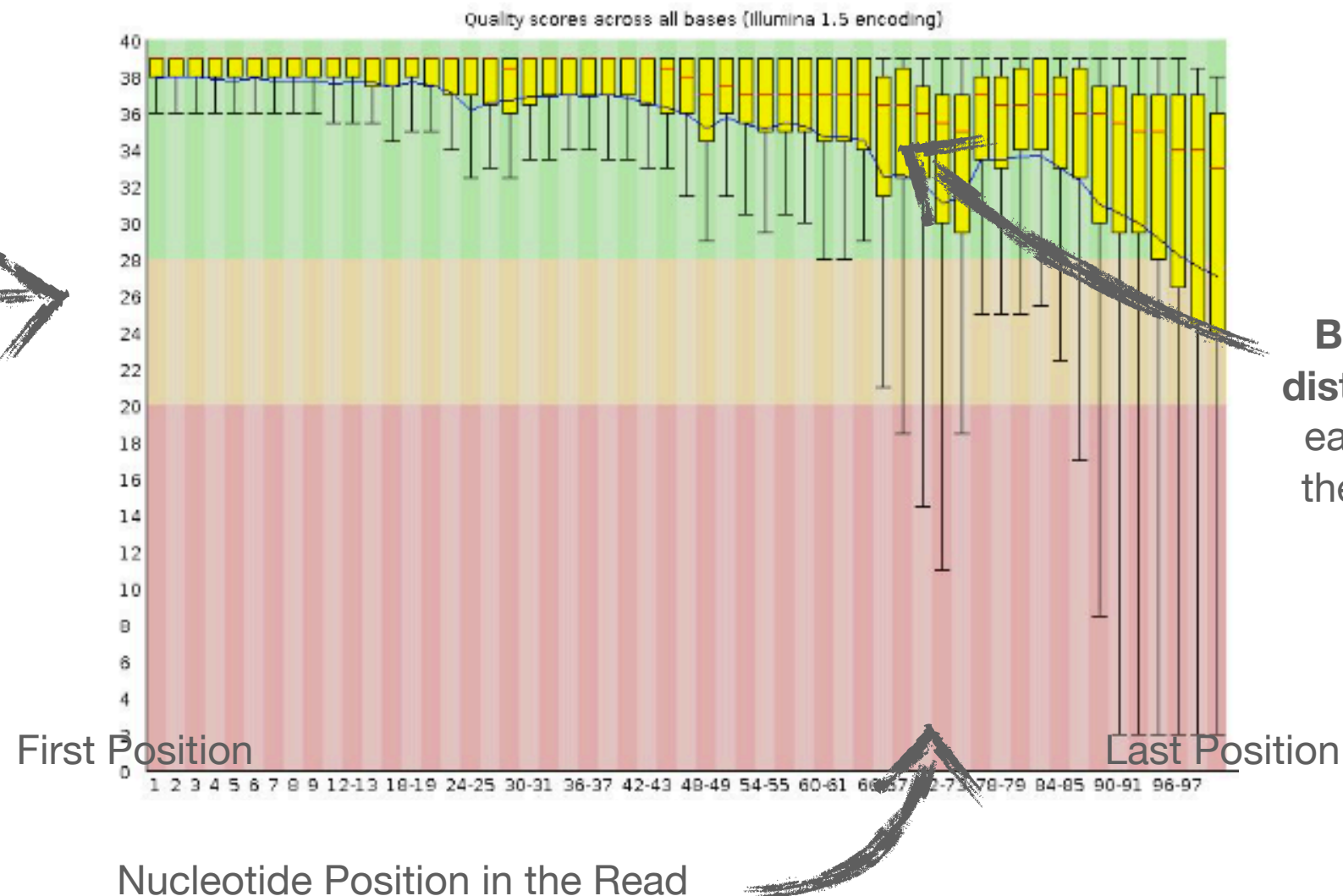
- Clues on factors that might be affecting the reliability of our reads
- Important to consider this in the context of different samples, experimental designs, sequencers...

Basic sequence stats	
Measure	Value
Filename	clint_1000reads_lane1.1.fastq
File type	Conventional base calls
Encoding	Illumina 1.5
Total Sequences	1000
Sequences flagged as poor quality	0
Sequence length	100
%GC	38

- One of the most relevant data that FastQC will provide is the **per base sequence quality**

✓ **Per base sequence quality**

Read Quality



Box Plot indicates the **distribution** of qualities in each position across all the reads in the **sample**



Where does each read belong in the reference genome?

Mapping

- Region where a read sequence is placed (correct if it overlaps the true region)

GTGGTGCATCTGTTCTCCCCCGGCGGGGAAGTA oqxB_EU370913

Alignment

- Detailed placement of each base in a read (correct if each base is placed correctly)

```
GTGGTGCATCTGTTCTCCCCCGGCGGGGAAGTACGACTCGCTGTATATG
|||||_||_||_|||||_|||||
GTGGTGCATCTGTTTTCGCCAAACGGTAAGTACGACTCGCTGTATATG
```

How do we perform the alignment?

- BLAST
- Bowtie2
- **BWA-MEM**
- GraphMap
- MiniMap2
- KMA

Burrows-Wheeler Aligner

BWA is a software package for mapping low-divergent sequences against a large reference genome, such as the human genome.

FASTQ file

SAM file



BWA

i. Align (FASTQ→SAM)

```
>bwa mem -M REFERENCE_GENOME SP1.fastq > SP1.sam
```


SAM format (Sequence Alignment/Map format)

- TAB-delimited text format with optional header section starting with '@'
- Alignment section with 11 mandatory fields for essential alignment information (coordinates, etc) + variable number of optional fields

```
@HD VN:1.6 S0:coordinate
@SQ SN:ref LN:45
r001    99 ref  7 30 8M2I4M1D3M = 37 39 TTAGATAAAGGATACTG *
r002     0 ref  9 30 3S6M1P1I4M * 0 0 AAAAGATAAGGATA *
r003     0 ref  9 30 5S6M          * 0 0 GCCTAAGCTAA * SA:Z:ref,29,-,6H5M,17,0;
r004     0 ref 16 30 6M14N5M      * 0 0 ATAGCTTCAGC *
r003 2064 ref 29 17 6H5M          * 0 0 TAGGC * SA:Z:ref,9,+,5S6M,30,1;
r001  147 ref 37 30 9M            = 7 -39 CAGCGGCAT * NM:i:1
```



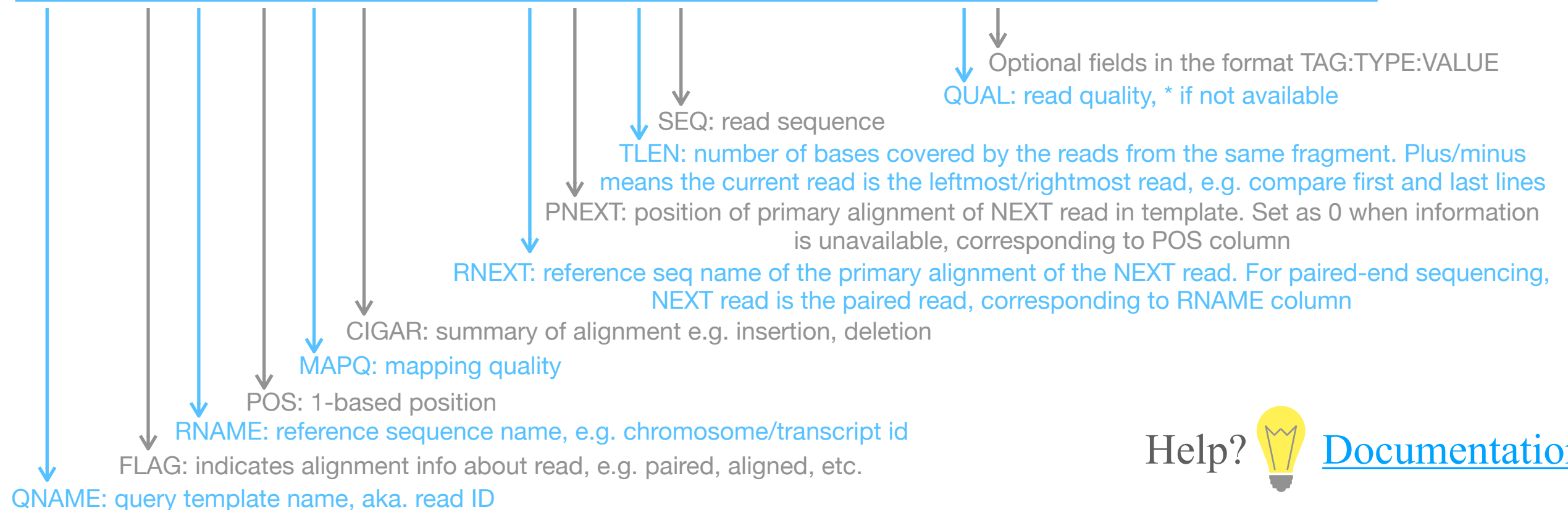
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Header

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Alignment



Help?  [Documentation](#)

Cleanup

- Post-alignment filtering to ensure quality and discard sequencing artifacts
- First we convert **SAM** into **BAM** files, the **compressed binary** version of SAM
 - i. Reorder Sam (SAM→BAM)

```
>java -Xmx8g -jar ReorderSam INPUT=SP1.sam OUTPUT=SP1_reordered.bam  
REFERENCE=REFERENCE_GENOME
```
 - ii. Sort Sam (BAM→BAM)

```
>java -Xmx8g -jar SortSam SORT_ORDER=coordinate INPUT=SP1_reordered.bam  
OUTPUT=SP1_sorted.bam
```
 - iii. Mark Duplicates (BAM→BAM)

```
>java -Xmx36g -jar MarkDuplicates INPUT=SP1_sorted.bam  
OUTPUT=SP1_MD_sorted.bam METRICS_FILE=SP1_metrics.txt
```


iv. Add or Replace Read Groups (BAM→BAM)

```
>java -Xmx36g -jar AddOrReplaceReadGroups INPUT=SP1_MD_sorted.bam  
SORT_ORDER=coordinate RGLB=algo RGPL=illumina RGPU=7 RGSM=SP1  
OUTPUT=SP1_RG.bam
```

v. BaseQualityRecalibrator (BAM→BAM)

```
>gatk --java-options "-Xmx15G" BaseRecalibrator -I SP1_RG.bam -R  
REFERENCE_GENOME --known-sites KNOWN_DATABASES -O SP1_RG_data.table
```

vi. Apply BQSR

```
>gatk --java-options "-Xmx15G" ApplyBQSR -R REFERENCE_GENOME -I  
SP1_RG.bam --bqsr-recal-file SP1_RG_data.table -O BQSR_SP1.bam
```

vii. Index (BAM→BAM+BAI)

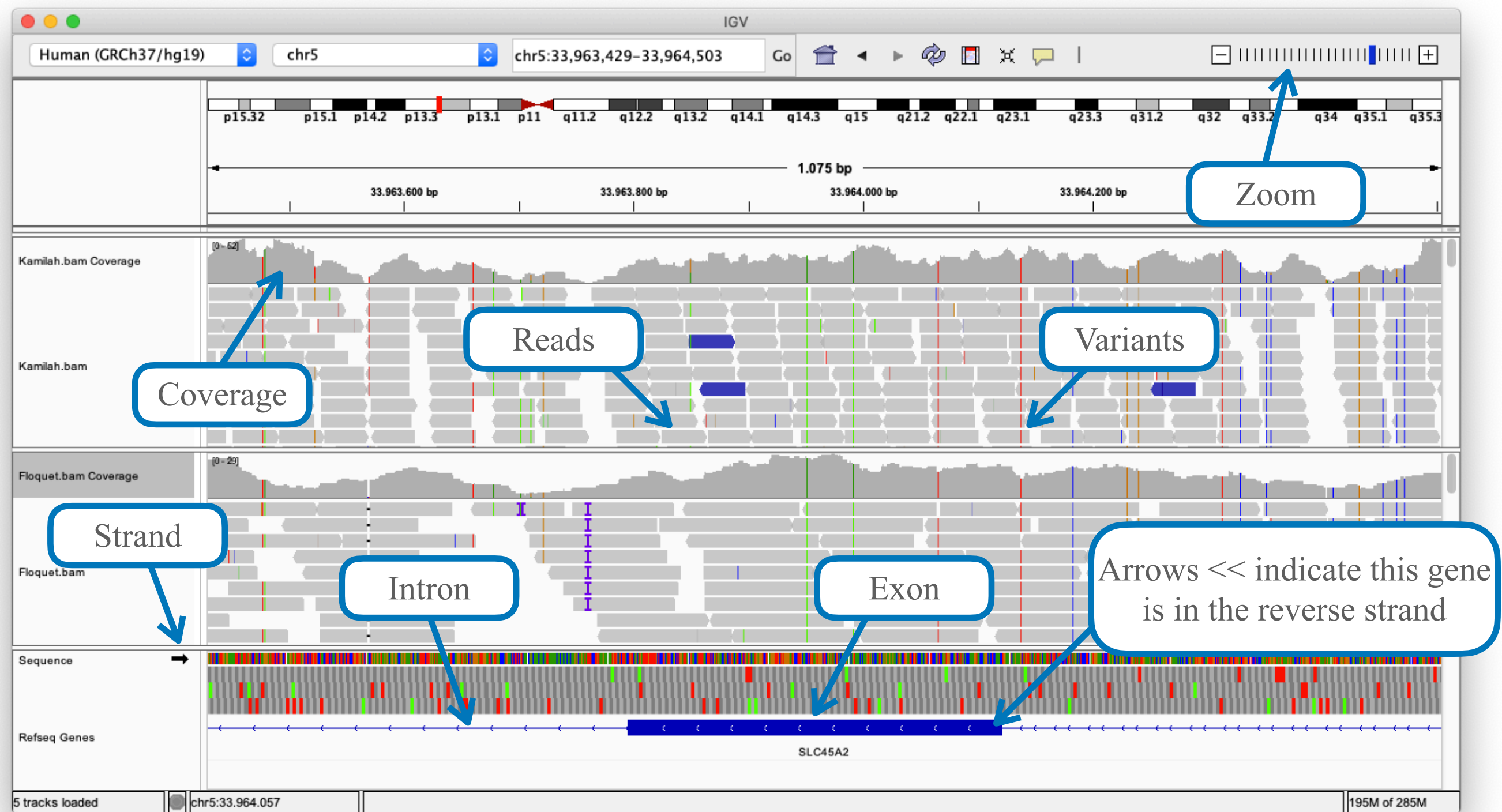
```
>samtools index BQSR_SP1.bam
```

BAI

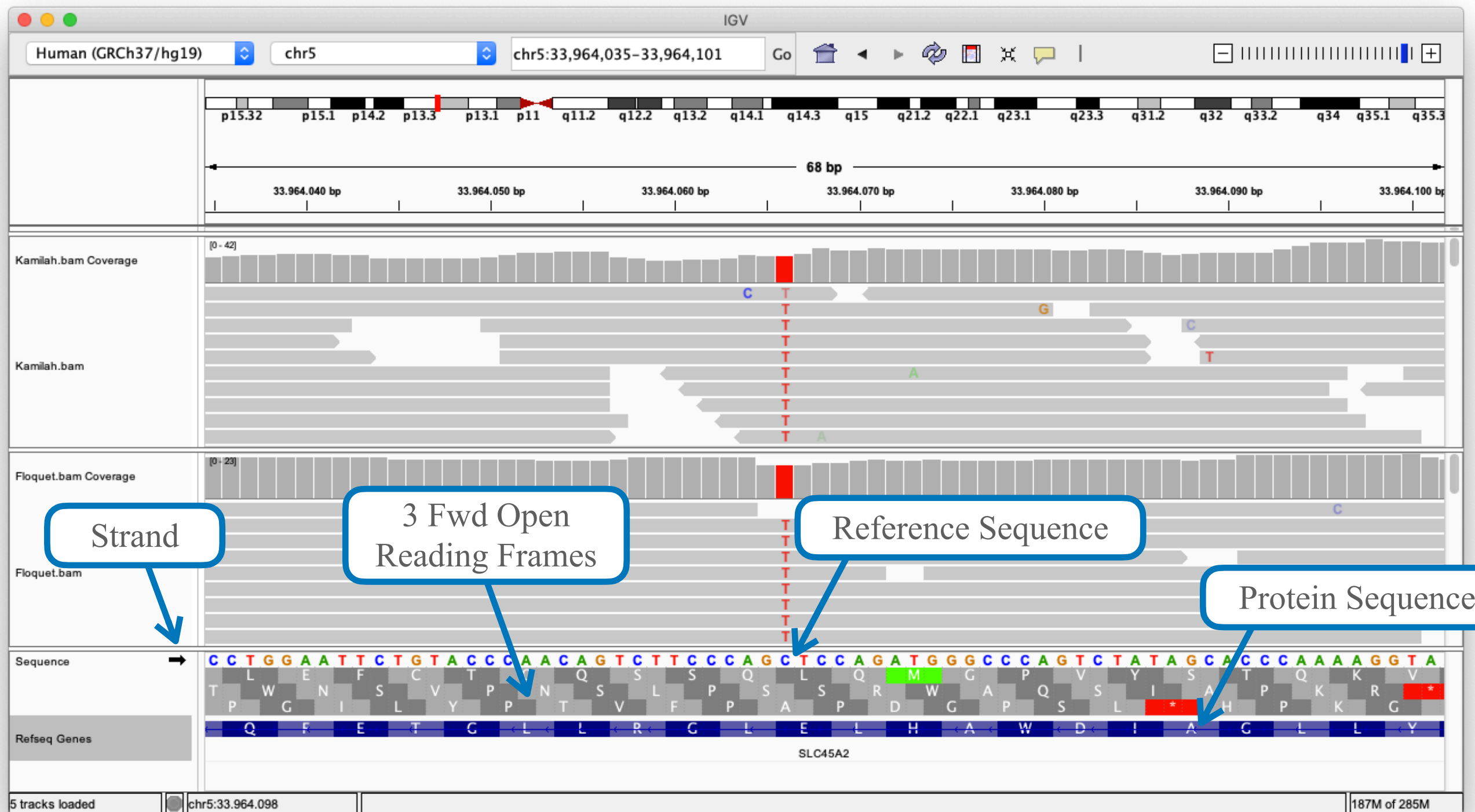
- Step (vii) creates an index file for the BAM
- This file is created with the same name + the suffix .bai instead of .bam
- This file acts as a table of contents and allows programs to traverse easily through the BAM by jumping directly to specified coordinates, etc
- BAI alone is useless since it doesn't actually contain any sequence data



Visualization



Exercise 2. Find the mutation in IGV



Variant Calling

- As you have seen, visual inspection of BAM files to find variants is hard and time consuming
- The next step of the pipeline is to identify differences between the sample and the reference genome and compile them in a Variant Call Format file (VCF)

In the next session we will learn more about VCF files and how to deal with them





Variant Calling and VCF files

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- 2) Variant Calling Format
- 3) Possibilities
- 4) Filtering VCFs

Exercise 1. Use the command line to answer the questions

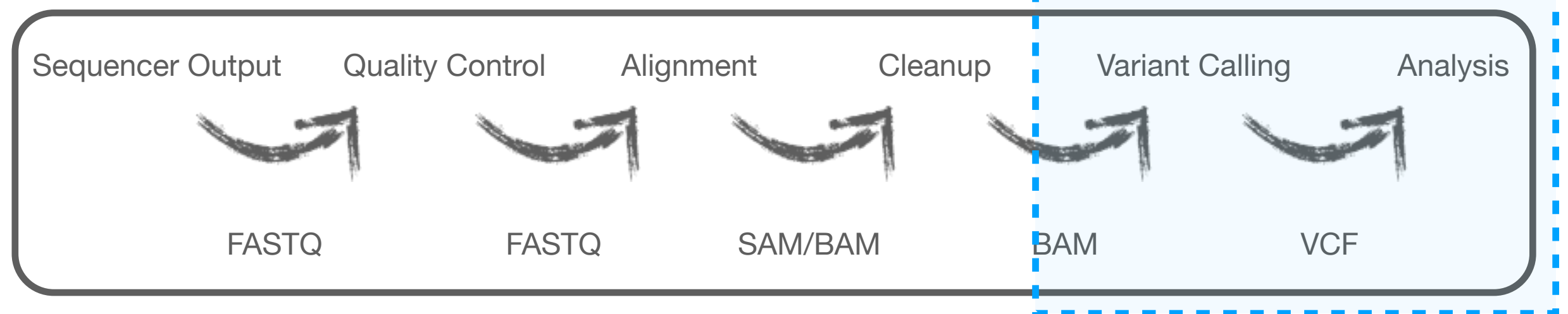
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What is variant calling?

- Identifying where the aligned reads differ from the reference genome and writing the information into a **VCF** file
- The most used tool to call SNVs and indels is **GATK's HaplotypeCaller**
- There are 3 scenarios when calling variants
 - Homozygous for the reference allele
 - Homozygous for an alternative allele
 - Heterozygous

HaplotypeCaller

- Takes a **BAM** file as input
- Calls SNVs and indels simultaneously
- As most modern callers, it uses the Bayes theorem
- Performs local re-assembly to identify haplotypes
- It is more accurate compared to site by site callers, especially for indels
- Returns a **VCF** (Variant Call Format) file as output

Help?  [GATK](#)

ix. Haplotype caller

```
>gatk --java-options "-Xmx18G" HaplotypeCaller -R REFERENCE_GENOME -ERC  
GVCF -I BQSR_SP1.bam -O BQSR_SP1.g.vcf.gz
```

x. Multisample VCF

```
>gatk --java-options "-Xmx130g" GenomicsDBImport -R REFERENCE_GENOME -V  
BQSR_SP1.g.vcf.gz --genomicsdb-workspace-path GVCF_DATABASE_CHR# -L CHR#  
--batch-size 30 --reader-threads 5 --tmp-dir TMP  
>gatk --java-options "-Xmx10g -Xms5g" GenotypeGVCFs -R REFERENCE_GENOME  
-V gendb://GVCF_DATABASE_CHR# --create-output-variant-index --output  
MULTISP.vcf.gz
```

xi. Merge chromosomes

```
>java -jar PICARD GatherVcfs I=MULTISP_chr1.vcf.gz I=MULTISP_chr2.vcf.gz  
... O=MULTISP_merged.vcf.gz
```

xii. Split SNPs and INDELs to faster recalibration with GATK -SplitVcfs or BCFtools

xiii. Variant Quality Recalibration

```
>gatk --java-options "-Xmx20g -Xms5g" VariantRecalibrator -R  
REFERENCE_GENOME -V MULTISP_snps.vcf.gz -tranche 100.0 -tranche 99.95  
-tranche 99.9 -tranche 99.8 -tranche 99.6 -tranche 99.5 -tranche 99.4  
-tranche 99.3 -tranche 99.0 -tranche 98.0 -tranche 95.0 -tranche 90.0 -  
resource:DB,known=false,training=true,truth=true,prior=15.0 DB ... -an QD  
-an MQ -an MQRankSum -an ReadPosRankSum -an FS -an DP -mode SNP -O  
MULTISP_merged_snps.recal --tranches-file MULTISP_merged_snps.tranches  
--rscript-file MULTISP_snp_Recalibration.plots.R
```

xiv. Same with INDELS

xv. Apply Recalibration

```
>gatk --java-options "-Xmx10g -Xms5g" ApplyVQSR -R REFERENCE_GENOME -V  
MULTISP_merged_snps.vcf.gz --recal-file MULTISP_merged_snps.recal --  
tranches-file MULTISP_merged_snps.tranches --truth-sensitivity-filter-  
level 99.9 --create-output-variant-index true -mode SNP -O  
MULTISP_merged_snprecal99.9.vcf.gz
```


VCF format is a text-based tab-delimited format that contains variant information

- It always has the same structure, a header (#) and several lines containing the information, each line is a position in the genome
- Usually sorted, compressed and indexed to reduce size and access the information faster
- **BCF** is the binary version of this format and it is also handled using **BCFtools**. This format is used to deal with large amounts of data like whole genome sequencing from several individuals
- VCF can contain genotypes for none, one or several individuals

Help?  [BCFtools](#)

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.2
##fileDate=20090805
##source=myImputationProgramV3.1
##reference=file:///seq/references/1000GenomesPilot-NCBI36.fasta
##contig=<ID=20,length=62435964,assembly=B36,md5=f126cdf8a6e0c7f379d618ff66beb2da,species="Homo sapiens",taxonomy=x>
##phasing=partial
##INFO=<ID=NS,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Number of Samples With Data">
##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Total Depth">
##INFO=<ID=AF,Number=A,Type=Float,Description="Allele Frequency">
##INFO=<ID=AA,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Ancestral Allele">
##INFO=<ID=DB,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="dbSNP membership, build 129">
##INFO=<ID=H2,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="HapMap2 membership">
##FILTER=<ID=q10,Description="Quality below 10">
##FILTER=<ID=s50,Description="Less than 50% of samples have data">
##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Genotype Quality">
##FORMAT=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Read Depth">
##FORMAT=<ID=HQ,Number=2,Type=Integer,Description="Haplotype Quality">
#CHROM POS ID REF ALT QUAL FILTER INFO FORMAT NA00001 NA00002 NA00003
20 14370 rs6054257 G A 29 PASS NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2 GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:48:1:51,51 1|0:48:8:51,51 1/1:43:5:.,.
20 17330 . T A 3 q10 NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017 GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:49:3:58,50 0|1:3:5:65,3 0/0:41:3
20 1110696 rs6040355 A G,T 67 PASS NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB GT:GQ:DP:HQ 1|2:21:6:23,27 2|1:2:0:18,2 2/2:35:4
20 1230237 . T . 47 PASS NS=3;DP=13;AA=T GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:54:7:56,60 0|0:48:4:51,51 0/0:61:2
20 1234567 microsat1 GTC G,GTCT 50 PASS NS=3;DP=9;AA=G GT:GQ:DP 0/1:35:4 0/2:17:2 1/1:40:3
```

Header lines start with #:

contains information about the fields and tags that are used throughout the file and record processes applied to the file

line indicates the name of each column

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20	17330	.	T	A	3	q10	NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:49:3:58,50	0 1:3:5:65,3	0/0:41:3
20	1110696	rs6040355	A	G,T	67	PASS	NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	1 2:21:6:23,27	2 1:2:0:18,2	2/2:35:4
20	1230237	.	T	.	47	PASS	NS=3;DP=13;AA=T	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:54:7:56,60	0 0:48:4:51,51	0/0:61:2
20	1234567	microsat1	GTC	G,GTCT	50	PASS	NS=3;DP=9;AA=G	GT:GQ:DP	0/1:35:4	0/2:17:2	1/1:40:3

Chromosome and position of the variant in the reference genome


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Some information of the variant. In this case we see dbSNP IDs.


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Allele in the reference genome (REF) and in the sample(s) (ALT)

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20	17330	.	T	A	3	q10	NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:49:3:58,50	0 1:3:5:65,3	0/0:41:3
20	1110696	rs6040355	A	G,T	67	PASS	NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	1 2:21:6:23,27	2 1:2:0:18,2	2/2:35:4
20	1230237	.	T	.	47	PASS	NS=3;DP=13;AA=T	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:54:7:56,60	0 0:48:4:51,51	0/0:61:2
20	1234567	microsat1	GTC	G,GTCT	50	PASS	NS=3;DP=9;AA=G	GT:GQ:DP	0/1:35:4	0/2:17:2	1/1:40:3

Phred quality score of the call


```
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20	1234567	microsat1	GTC	G,GTCT	50	PASS	NS=3;DP=9;AA=G	GT:GQ:DP	0/1:35:4	0/2:17:2	1/1:40:3

If the call in this position passes or not the filters applied


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20 1110696 rs6040355 A G,T 67 PASS NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB GT:GQ:DP:HQ 1|2:21:6:23,27 2|1:2:0:18,2 2/2:35:4
20 1230237 . T . 47 PASS NS=3;DP=13;AA=T GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:54:7:56,60 0|0:48:4:51,51 0/0:61:2
20 1234567 microsat1 GTC G,GTCT 50 PASS NS=3;DP=9;AA=G GT:GQ:DP 0/1:35:4 0/2:17:2 1/1:40:3
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Information of the variants, described in the header


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20	1230237	.	T	.	47	PASS	NS=3;DP=13;AA=T	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:54:7:56,60	0 0:48:4:51,51	0/0:61:2
20	1234567	microsat1	GTC	G,GTCT	50	PASS	NS=3;DP=9;AA=G	GT:GQ:DP	0/1:35:4	0/2:17:2	1/1:40:3

Genotype parameters that we will find for each variant in the subsequent sample columns

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Genotype for each variant in a given sample. Sample name is the header (#) of the column.
In this case we have genotypes for 3 samples

Different things we can do with a VCF file:

- View certain positions of a VCF file
- Access different information from the INFO fields
- Retrieve information from a given individual
- Build a PCA with [PLINK](#)
- Annotate functional information of the variants with [ANNOVAR](#), [SnpEff](#), [VEP](#)...
- **Filter variants combining the use of [BCFtools](#) and [AWK](#)**



Additional Tools

Help?  [Biowulf GATK Tutorial](#)

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[GATK Best Practices Workflows](#)

[Nextflow Variant Calling Tutorial](#)