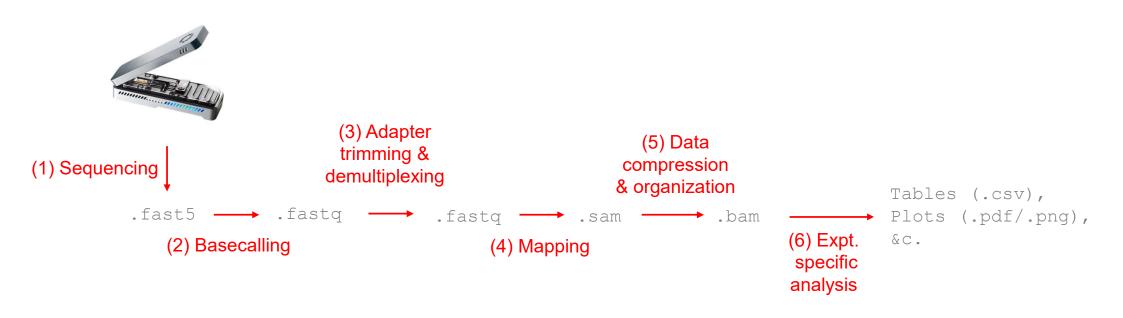
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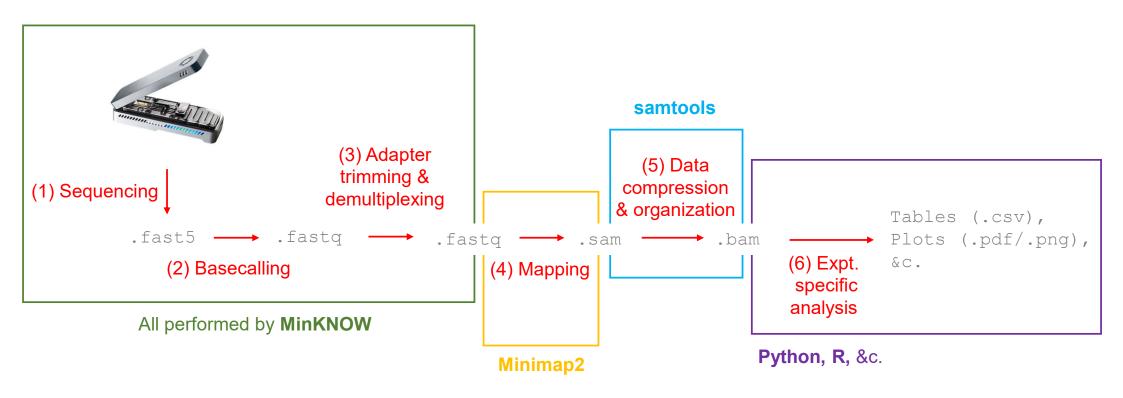
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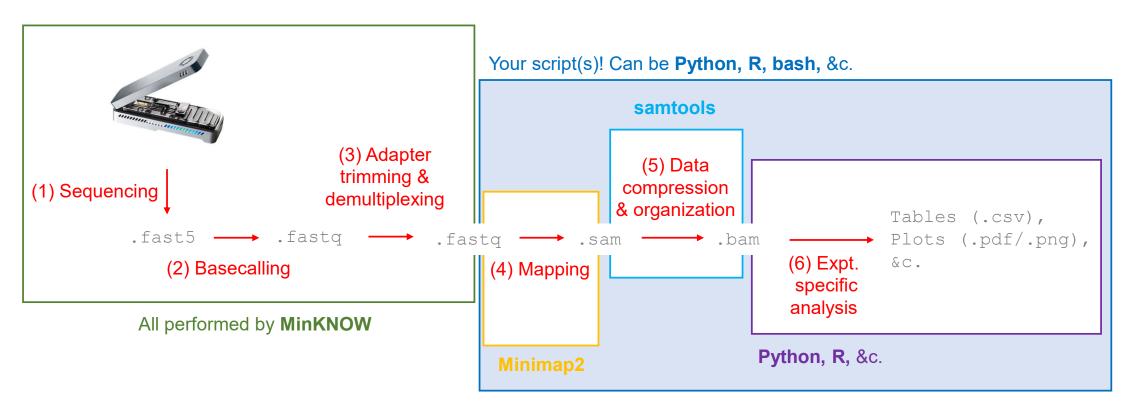
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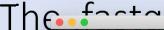
How data on sequencing reads is stored

- Produced directly by the sequencer (Illuminia, nanopore, &c.)
- Just a text file
- Instead of read.txt it is saved as read.fastq
- Stores information about each read:
 - The sequence
 - How confident the sequencer was in calling the sequence
- Stored in standardized way
 - Four lines, repeated for each read

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)("")&+)13;7:<>.&+)-00
@read002-2020-09-25-15:35
TTCGTGGTGAGTGA
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TTCGTGGTTGTTTTTCGTTG
+
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- (1) Read Specific Identifier
- (2) Nucleotide Sequence
- (3) "+"
- (4) ASCII-Encoded Error Probabilities



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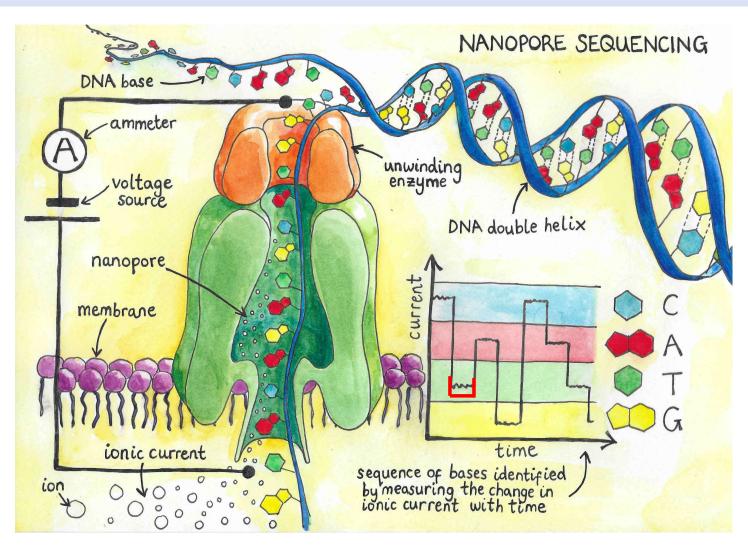
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Encodes probability that nucleotide is **wrong**

Where do they come from?

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Nucleotides:

#1	#2
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T 0.01	T 0.58
C 0.96	C 0.01
G 0.01	G 0.39
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0.04	0.42

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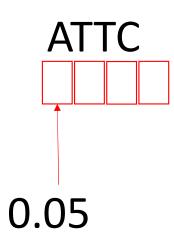
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These symbols represent error probabilities

Each nucleotides error probability represented by one character / symbol

How?

Error probabilities are encoded by one character



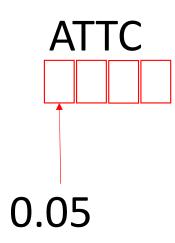
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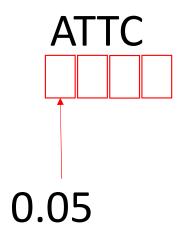
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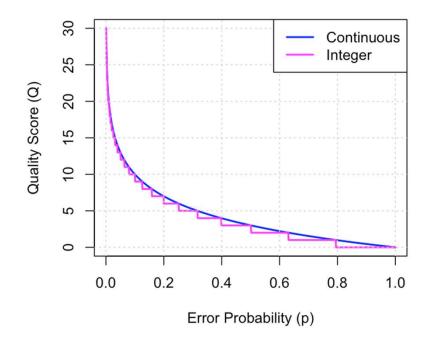
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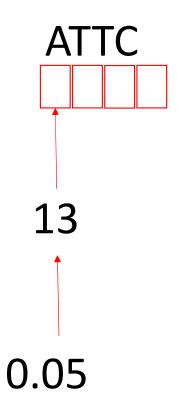
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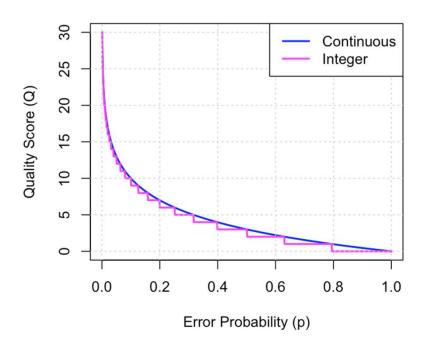
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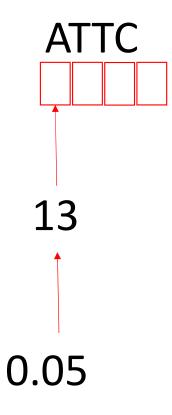
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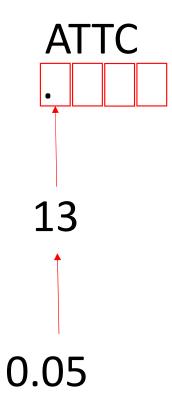
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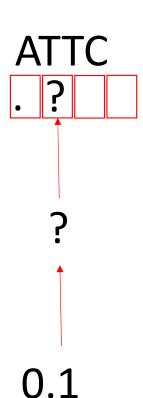
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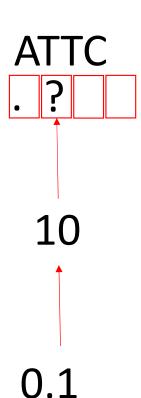
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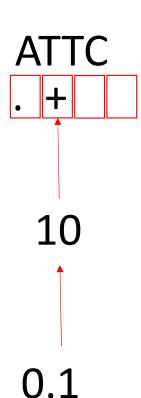
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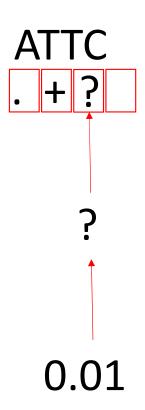
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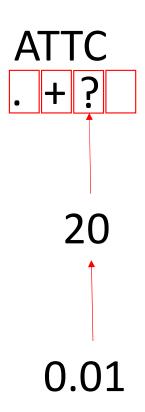
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6	54	110110	V	86	1010110	V	118	1110110
7	55	110111	W	87	1010111	w	119	1110111
8	56	111000	X	88	1011000	x	120	1111000
9	57	111001	Υ	89	1011001	у	121	1111001
:	58	111010	Z	90	1011010	z	122	1111010
;	59	111011]	91	1011011	{	123	1111011
<	60	111100	\	92	1011100	1	124	1111100
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>	62	111110	۸	94	1011110	~	126	1111110
?	63	111111	_	95	1011111	_	127	1111111
@	64	1000000	•	96	1100000			

How can we map probabilities to one character?



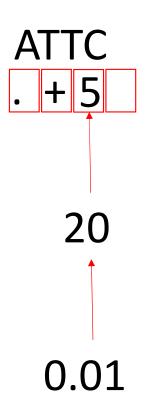
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$$C = table(Q + 33)$$

			А	SCII TABL	.E			
Char	Dec	Binary	Char	Dec	Binary	Char	Dec	Binary
!	33	100001	Α	65	1000001	а	97	1100001
"	34	100010	В	66	1000010	b	98	1100010
#	35	100011	С	67	1000011	С	99	1100011
\$	36	100100	D	68	1000100	d	100	1100100
%	37	100101	E	69	1000101	е	101	1100101
&	38	100110	F	70	1000110	f	102	1100110
	39	100111	G	71	1000111	g	103	1100111
(40	101000	Н	72	1001000	h	104	1101000
)	41	101001	I	73	1001001	i	105	1101001
*	42	101010	J	74	1001010	j	106	1101010
+	43	101011	K	75	1001011	k	107	1101011
,	44	101100	L	76	1001100	1	108	1101100
-	45	101101	M	77	1001101	m	109	1101101
	46	101110	N	78	1001110	n	110	1101110
/	47	101111	0	79	1001111	0	111	1101111
0	48	110000	Р	80	1010000	р	112	1110000
1	49	110001	Q	81	1010001	q	113	1110001
2	50	110010	R	82	1010010	r	114	1110010
3	51	110011	S	83	1010011	s	115	1110011
4	52	110100	T	84	1010100	t	116	1110100
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>	62	111110	٨	94	1011110	~	126	1111110
?	63	111111	_	95	1011111	_	127	1111111
@	64	1000000	•	96	1100000			

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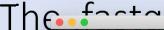


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, 44 101100 L 76 1001100 I 108	1101100
- 45 101101 M 77 1001101 m 109	1101101
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Summary

- Text file produce by the sequencer
- Contains information on reads
- Four lines per read
 - ID
 - Sequence
 - **-** "+"
 - Error probabilities, encoded in ASCII characters