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Combining tools into a pipeline

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Figure 1 : A real-life pipeline.

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Figure 2 : Scene from “Modern times”.

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- Two or three different aligners.
- A couple of variant callers.
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These regions are then *sequenced*.

Sequencers: HiSeq



Figure 3 : HiSeq 2000.

Characteristics:

- High throughput.
- Paired end.
- High accuracy.
- Read length $2 \times 150\text{bp}$.
- Relatively long run time.
- Relatively expensive.

Sequencers: Ion Torrent



Figure 4 : Ion torrent.

Characteristics:

- Moderate throughput.
- Single end (for now).
- High accuracy.
- Read length ± 200 bp.
- Short run time.
- Cheap runs.

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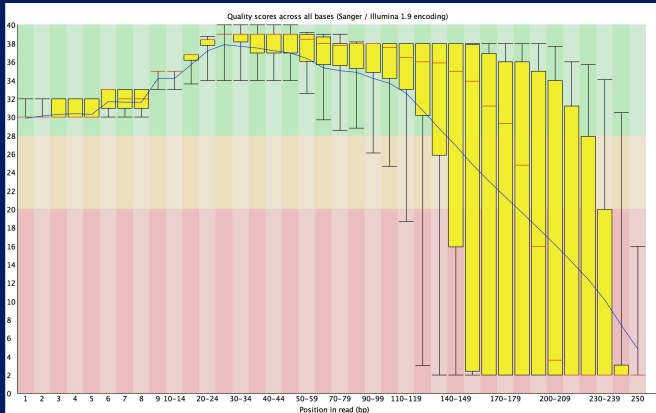


Figure 5 : Quality score per position.

Clipping

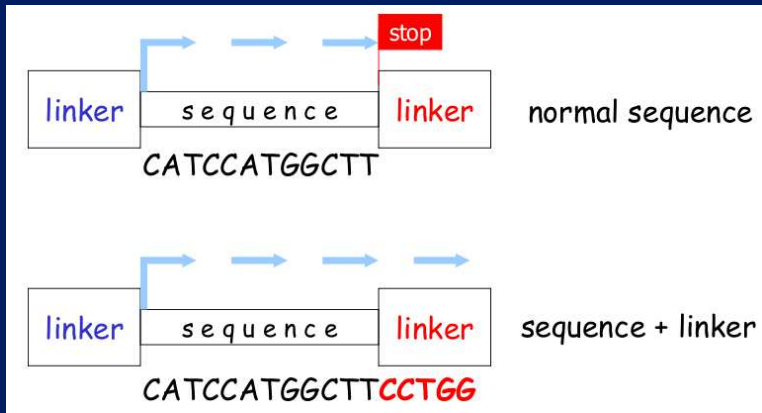


Figure 6 : Sequencing linkers.

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The *FastQC toolkit* can be used for quality control (both before and after the data cleaning step).

- GC content.
- GC distribution.
- Quality scores distribution.
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Example QC output

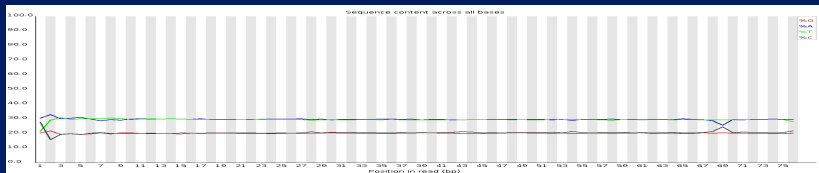


Figure 7 : Per base sequence content.

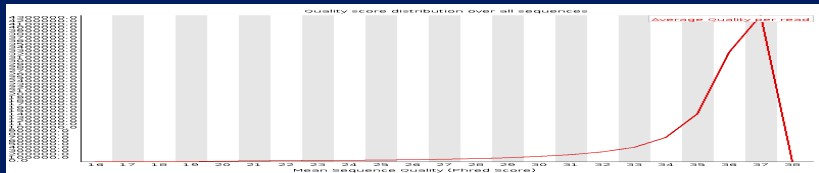


Figure 8 : Per sequence quality.

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- For the Ion Torrent: *Tmap*.
- For the PacBio: *BLASR*.

Pileup

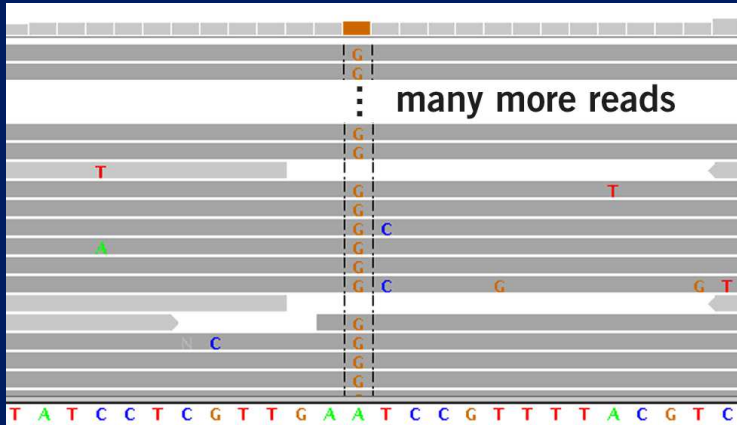


Figure 9 : Result of an alignment.

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Popular variant callers:

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- *GATK*.
- *VarScan*.

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A good way to calculate the maximum:

- Calculate the mean coverage.
 - Only of the covered (targeted) regions.
- Multiply this number with a reasonable factor e.g., 2.5.

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Listing 1 : Shell script

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1 %.sai: %.fq
2 $(BWA) aln -t $(THREADS) $(call MKREF, $@) $< > $@
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4 %.sam: %.sai %.fq
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Listing 2 : Makefile

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The screenshot displays the Galaxy web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'Galaxy' logo and a menu containing 'Analyze Data', 'Workflow', 'Data Libraries', 'Admin', 'Help', and 'User'. On the left side, a 'Tools' sidebar lists various categories such as 'Filter and Sort', 'Extract Features', 'Fetch Sequences', and 'NGS: QC and manipulation'. The main content area shows the configuration for the 'GAPSS - FASTA to FASTQ' tool. It includes a dropdown for 'FASTA File to convert', a 'score:' input field with a value of '50', and an 'EXECUTE' button. Below the form, there is a 'What it does' section with a description: 'This tool converts data from FASTQ format to FASTA format.' and a code block showing the command: `perl GAPSS_FASTA2FASTQ.pl "FASTA file" "score to use or blank"`. The right sidebar contains a 'History' section with an 'Options' dropdown and a message: 'Your history is empty. Click "Get Data" on the left pane to start.'

Figure 10 : Galaxy main user interface

<http://galaxy.nbic.nl/>

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MPileup

Compute genotype likelihoods:
True ▾
Compute genotype likelihoods and output them in the binary call format (BCF).

Output uncompressed BCF:
True ▾
Similar to the Genotype parameter, except that the output is uncompressed BCF, which is preferred for piping.

Input :
▾

Execute

Generate BCF or pileup for one or multiple BAM files. Alignment records are grouped by sample identifiers in @RG header lines. If sample identifiers are absent, each input file is regarded as one sample.

Generated By:
LUMC Interface Generator (0.1)
2011-09-03T14:29:36.793452Z

Based On:
RDF Definition of "MPileup"
2011-09-02T16:17:29.010890Z

Figure 11 : User friendly interface with Galaxy

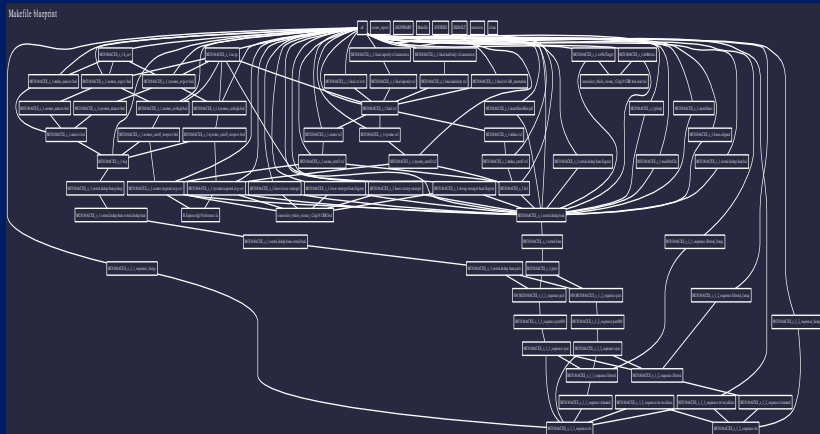
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Figure 12 : Dependency diagram.

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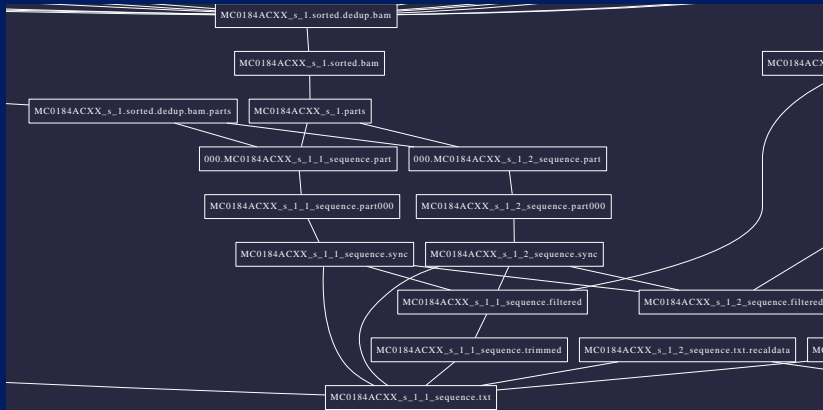


Figure 13 : Zoomed in.

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