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GAPSS3 Exome Sequencing Pipeline

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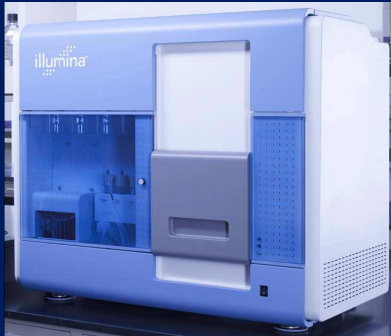
These regions are then *sequenced*.

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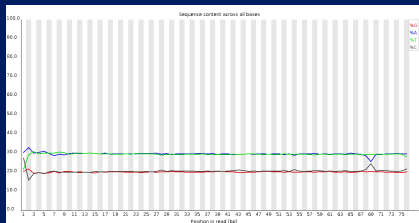
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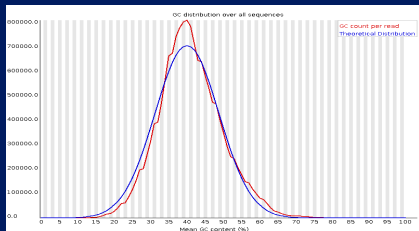
The FASTQC toolkit is used for quality control (both before and after the data cleaning step).

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- GC distribution.
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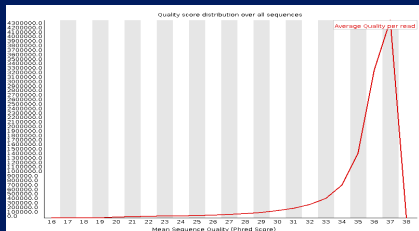


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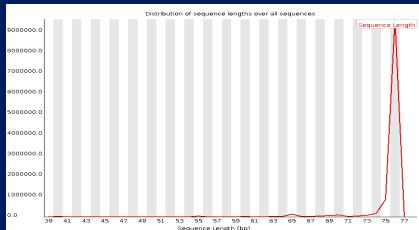


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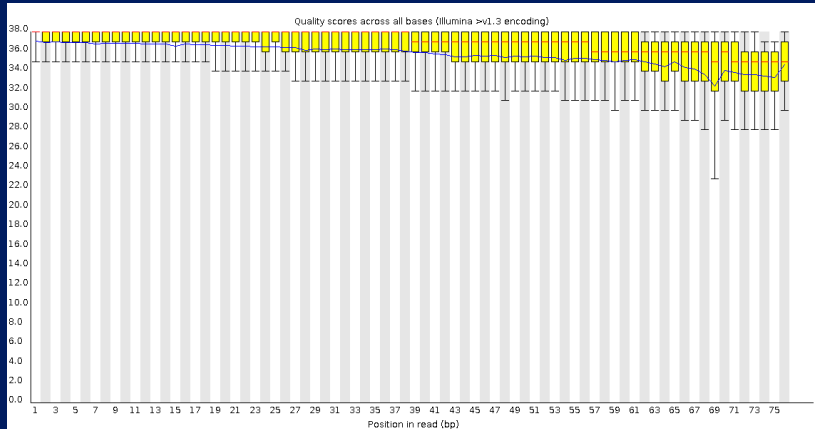
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 - Switches to its accurate built in aligner when BWA fails.

Burrows-Wheeler Aligner (BWA) is a short read aligner that allows small insertions and deletions.

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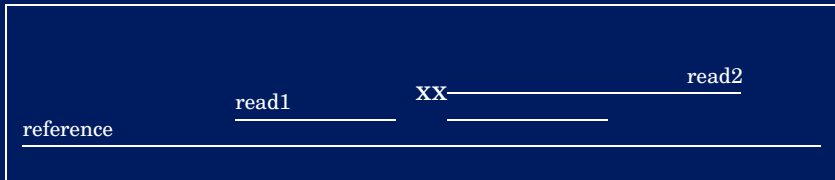
Mainly file format conversions.

- **SAM** → BAM.
- BAM → BAM.sorted.
- BAM.sorted → BAM.sorted.index.
- BAM.sorted → mpileup (**BAQ realignment**).
- BAM.sorted → BCF.
- BCF → **VCF**.

We end up with a list in *Variant Call Format* (VCF).

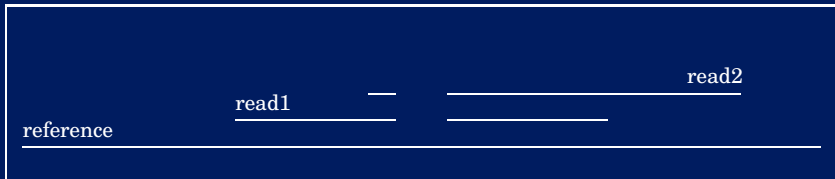
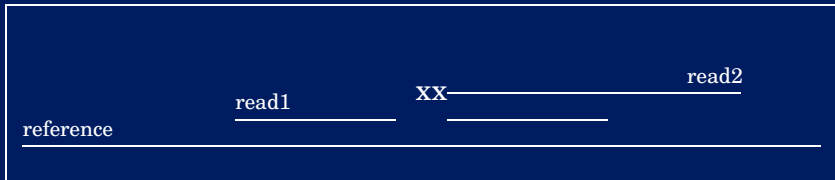
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Still working on:

- Maximum coverage per region.
 - Probe affinity can vary greatly.

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 - Coverage per variant.
 - Number of reads supporting the variant.
 - Horizontal coverage per sample.

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