

# RNA-Seq data analysis

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## Material

- **Slides:**

- pdf : one per page  
[http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19\\_Rnaseq\\_Cli/doc/Rnaseq\\_training\\_012019.pdf](http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19_Rnaseq_Cli/doc/Rnaseq_training_012019.pdf)
- pdf : three per page with comment lines  
[http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19\\_Rnaseq\\_Cli/doc/Rnaseq\\_training\\_012019\\_3p.pdf](http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19_Rnaseq_Cli/doc/Rnaseq_training_012019_3p.pdf)

- **Hands on:**

- Exercises:  
[http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19\\_Rnaseq\\_Cli/doc/Tps/RNaseq\\_TP\\_ligne\\_cmd\\_ennonce-October2019.pdf](http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19_Rnaseq_Cli/doc/Tps/RNaseq_TP_ligne_cmd_ennonce-October2019.pdf)
- Data files: [http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19\\_Rnaseq\\_Cli/data](http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19_Rnaseq_Cli/data)
- Results files: [http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19\\_Rnaseq\\_Cli/doc/Tps/Correction.txt](http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/19_Rnaseq_Cli/doc/Tps/Correction.txt)



## Session organisation

### Day 1

#### **Morning (9h00 -12h30) :**

- Biological reminds
- Sequence quality  
Theory & exercises
- Spliced read mapping  
Theory & Exercises & Visualisation

#### **Afternoon (14h-17h) :**

- Expression quantification  
Theory + exercises
- mRNA calling  
Theory & exercises & Visualisation

### Day 2

#### **Morning (9h00 -12h30) :**

- Models comparison  
Theory & exercises
- Hovering differential gene expression analyse



## Summary – Biological reminds

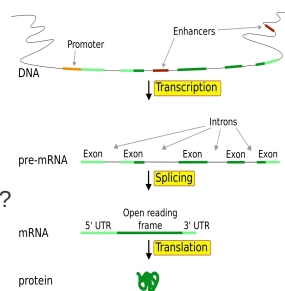
- ✓ Transcriptome specificity
- ✓ High throughput sequencers
- ✓ Illumina protocol, paired-end library, directional library
- ✓ Experimental protocol
- ✓ RNAseq specific bias
- ✓ How to retrieve public data



## Context

### Prerequis :

- Reference genome available
- RNAseq sequencing (sequence of transcript)



### Try to answer to :

- How to map transcript to the genome ?
- How to discover new transcript ?
- What are the alternative transcript ?

Source : [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Forluvoft/sandbox](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Forluvoft/sandbox)

## Transcriptome variability

- Many types of transcripts (mRNA, ncRNA, cis-natural antisense, fusion gene ...)
- Many isoform (non canonical splice sites, intron retention ...)
- Number of transcripts
  - possible variation factor between transcripts:  $10^6$  or more,
  - expression variation between samples.
- Allele specific expression

# Transcriptome variability (ENCODE)

GENCODE Data Stats

## Statistics about the current Human GENCODE Release (version 28)

\* The statistics derive from the [gtf file](#) that contains only the annotation of the main chromosomes.  
 For details about the calculation of these statistics please see the [README\\_stats.txt](#) file.



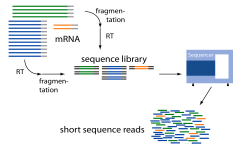
[Compare with the previous release \(GENCODE 27\)](#)

Version 28 (November 2017 freeze, GRCh38) - Ensembl 92, 93	
General stats	
Total No of Genes	58381
Protein-coding genes	19901
Long non-coding RNA genes	15779
Small non-coding RNA genes	7569
Pseudogenes	14723
- processed pseudogenes:	10693
- unprocessed pseudogenes:	3519
- unitary pseudogenes:	218
- polymorphic pseudogenes:	38
- pseudogenes:	18
Total No of Transcripts	203835
Protein-coding transcripts	82335
- full length protein-coding:	56541
- partial length protein-coding:	25794
Nonsense mediated decay transcripts	14889
Long non-coding RNA loci transcripts	28468

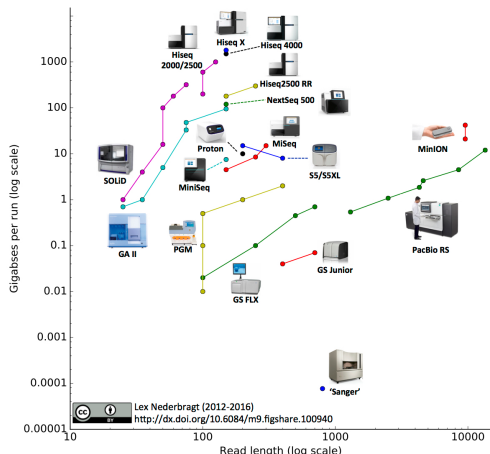
<https://www.gencodegenes.org/stats/current.html>

# What is « new » with RNA-Seq ?

- No prior knowledge of sequence needed
- Specificity of what is measured
- Increased dynamic range of measure, more sensitive detection
- Direct quantification
- Good reproducibility
- Different levels : genes, transcripts, allele specificity, structure variations
- New feature discovery: transcripts, isoforms, ncRNA, structures (fusion...)
- Possible detection of SNPs, ...



# Sequencing platforms



<https://flxlexblog.wordpress.com/2016/07/08/developments-in-high-throughput-sequencing-july-2016-edition/#more-790>

## ILLUMINA Sequencing platforms

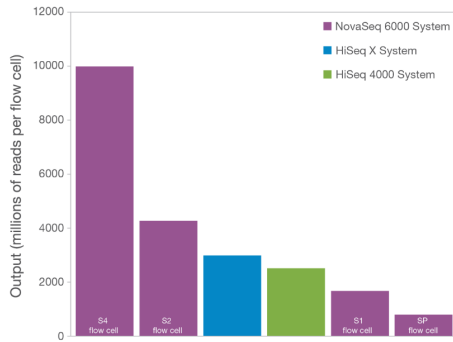
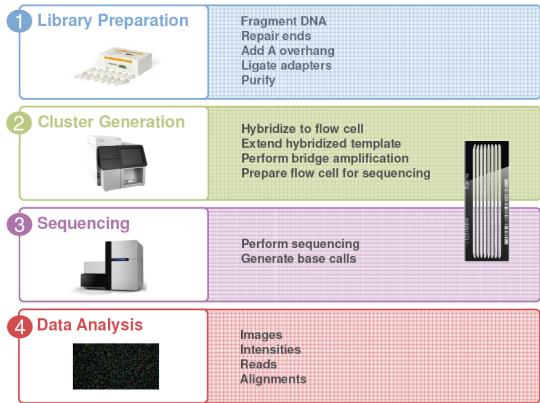


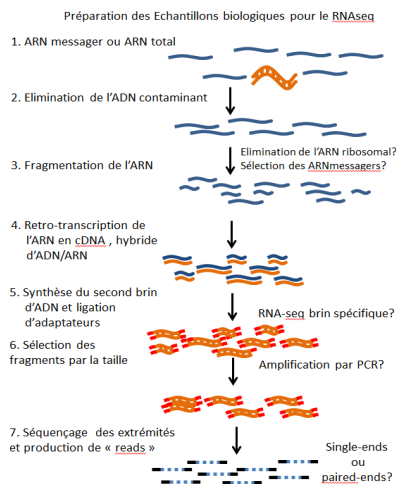
Figure 2: The NovaSeq 6000 System offers the broadest output range—The NovaSeq 6000 System generates from 80 Gb and 800 M reads to 3 Tb and 10 B reads of data in single flow cell mode. In dual flow cell mode, output can be up to 6 Tb and 20 B reads. The tunable output makes the NovaSeq 6000 System accessible for a wide range of applications.

<https://www.illumina.com/content/dam/illumina-marketing/documents/products/datasheets/novaseq-6000-system-specification-sheet-770-2016-025.pdf>

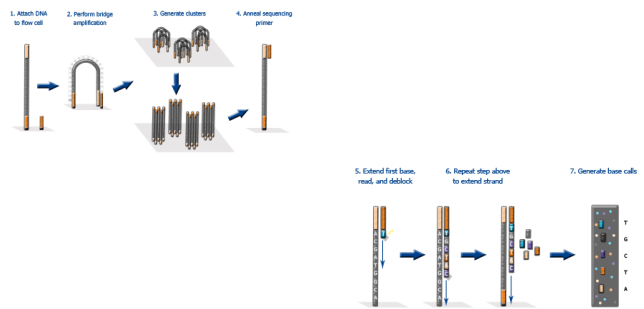
## ILLUMINA RNA-Seq protocol



## RNA-Seq library preparation



### Clusters generation / Sequencing



<https://www.eurofinsgenomics.co.in/en/eurofins-genomics/product-faqs/next-generation-sequencing/general-technical-questions/what-is-the-principal-of-the-illumina-sequencing-technology.aspx>

### How to define experimental protocol ?

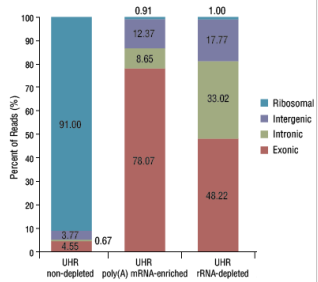
- Ribo-depletion or polyA-selection ?
- Single-end or paired-end ?
- How long should my reads be ?
- How many replicates ?
  - Technical or/and biological replicates ?
- How many reads for each sample?
- How many conditions for a full transcriptome ?

### Déplétion / Enrichissement ?

• Similar results  
*Comparison of RNA-Seq by poly (A) capture, ribosomal RNA depletion, and DNA microarray for expression profiling, BMC Genomics , 2014*

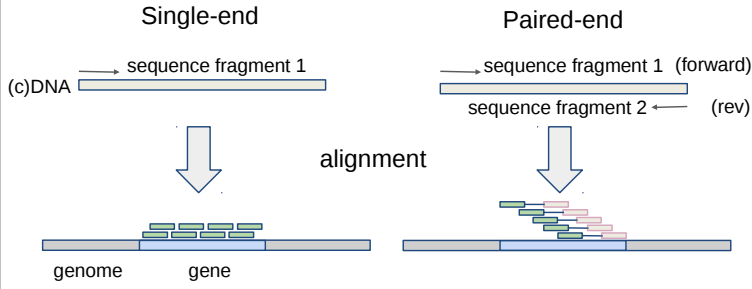
- RNA depletion:
  - For bacterial
  - ARN more varied
  - CircRNA
  - Some ncRNA

- polyA enrichment:
  - More reads into exons
  - Less biological material
  - No transcript without PolyA or partially degraded
  - No circRNA bias



<https://content.neb.com/products/e6310-nebnext-rna-depletion-kit-human-mouse-rat>

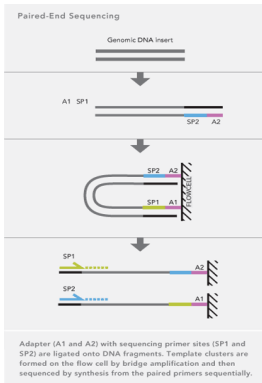
### Paired-end VS single-end



- The cDNA size give the insert size (ex. 200-500 pb).
- The fragment are usually forward-reverse.

### Paired-end sequencing

- Modification of the standard single-read DNA library preparation facilitates reading both ends of each fragment
- Improvement of mapping
- Help to detect structural variations in the genome like insertions or deletions, copy number variations, and genome rearrangements



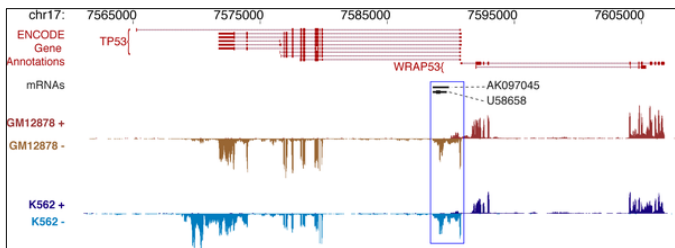
### Strand specific RNA-Seq protocol

Nat Methods, 2010 Sep;7(9):709-15. Epub 2010 Aug 15.

#### Comprehensive comparative analysis of strand-specific RNA sequencing methods.

Levin JZ, Yassour M, Adiconis X, Nusbaum C, Thompson DA, Friedman N, Gntirke A, Regev A. Broad Institute of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. levin@broadinstitute.org

#### Abstract



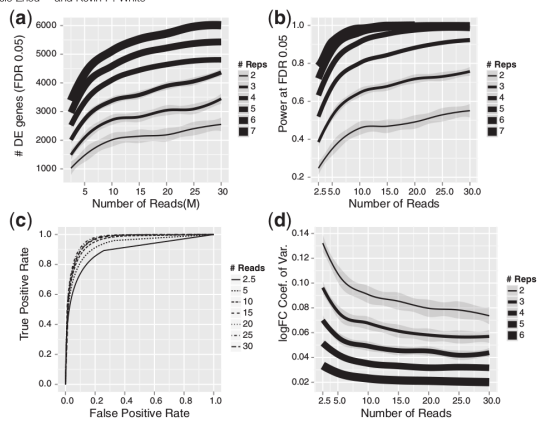
### Experimental protocol: Depth VS Replicates

- Encode (2016):
  - Experiments should be performed with **two or more biological replicates**, unless there is a compelling reason why this is impractical or wasteful
  - Replicate concordance: the gene level quantification should have a Spearman correlation of >0.9 between isogenic (same donor) replicates and >0.8 between anisogenic (different donor) replicates.
- Between **30M and 100M reads** per sample depending on the study.

[https://www.encodeproject.org/documents/cede0cbe-d324-4ce7-ace4-f0c3eddf5972/@download/attachment/ENC\\_ODE%20Best%20Practices%20for%20RNA\\_v2.pdf](https://www.encodeproject.org/documents/cede0cbe-d324-4ce7-ace4-f0c3eddf5972/@download/attachment/ENC_ODE%20Best%20Practices%20for%20RNA_v2.pdf)

### Experimental protocol: Depth VS Replicates

Gene expression Advance Access publication December 6, 2013  
**RNA-seq differential expression studies: more sequence or more replication?**  
 Yuwen Liu<sup>1,2</sup>, Jie Zhou<sup>1,3</sup> and Kevin P. White<sup>1,2,3,\*</sup>



### Retrieve public data

#### Why ?

- Because there is a lot of public data that would be sufficient for your analysis
- The authors often use only part of the data to answer their own problems
- Perhaps you don't need to sequence your own data

ENA <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena>

# Retrieve public data

The screenshot shows the ENA website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Example: BR000065.fastq'. Below the search bar are navigation links: Home, Search & Browse, Submit & Update, Software, About ENA, and Support. The main content area is titled 'Downloading read data' and contains instructions on how to download sequencing reads. It lists several methods: Submitted data files, Archive generated fastq files, and Downloading files using FTP, Globus GridFTP, ENA browser, or Aspera. A 'Submitted data files' section explains that files are organized by submission accession number under a 'vol1/' directory. An 'Archive generated fastq files' section explains that files are organized by run accession number under a 'vol1/fastq/' directory. A 'Search & Browse' sidebar on the right lists various data formats and services like Genome assemblies, Marker portal, Taxon portal, Programmatic access, Data retrieval, Taxon portal, Marker portal, Search, File reports, XREF service, Genome assembly database, Taxonomy Service, Translation tables, and Download.

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SRA <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra>

# Retrieve public data

The screenshot shows the SRA website 'Sequence Read Archive' overview page. It includes navigation links like Home, Overview, Search, Download, Submit, Documentation, Software, Trace Archive, Trace Assembly, and Trace BLAST. The main text describes the SRA as a primary archive of high-throughput sequencing data. A line graph titled 'SRA database growth' shows the number of reads and bases over time from 2009 to 2017. The graph shows two lines: one for 'Number of reads' (blue) and one for 'Number of bases' (orange), both showing exponential growth. Below the graph is a 'Save in CSV format' link. The page also includes sections for 'Submitting to SRA' and 'Using SRA Data with SRA Toolkit'.

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# Retrieve public data

[SRX472076](#) [GSM3415475](#) HS2191\_control\_S7\_R1\_001: Homo sapiens: RNA-Seq  
ILLUMINA (NextSeq 500) run: 26.6M spots, 2G bases, 782.3Mb downloads

Accession : SRX/ERX/DRX

Submitted by: NCBI (GEO)  
Study: Glucocorticoid-induced gene signature in human skin  
[PSLN45452](#) • [SRP163254](#) • [All experiments](#) • [All runs](#)  
[show Abstract](#)

SRPxxxxxx : Project  
SRXxxxxxx : Experiment  
SRRxxxxxx : Run

Sample: HS2191\_control\_S7\_R1\_001  
[SAMN0117085](#) • [SRX3872685](#) • [All experiments](#) • [All runs](#)  
Organism: Homo sapiens

GSMxxxxxx : GEO id

Library:  
Instrument: NextSeq 500  
Strategy: RNA-Seq  
Source: TRANSCRIPTOMIC  
Selection: cDNA  
Layout: SINGLE

Construction protocol: Total RNA from whole human skin, and HaCat keratinocyte cell cultures were isolated with RiboPure kit (Ambion, Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY, USA). The RNA samples were treated with TURBO™ DNase (Ambion), checked for quality and integrity with the Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer and used for RNA-Seq. Due to the critical shape of punch skin biopsies, the RNA was mostly extracted from keratinocytes with minimal contribution of dermal cells. RNA libraries were prepared for sequencing using standard Illumina protocols.

Experiment attributes:  
GEO Accession: GSM3415475

Links:  
Runs: 1 run, 26.6M spots, 2G bases, 782.3Mb

Run	# of spots	# of Bases	Size	Published
<a href="#">SRR7265922</a>	26,560,098	2G	782.3Mb	2018-10-04

[http://bioinfo.genotoul.fr/index.php/faq/bioinfo\\_tips\\_faq/](http://bioinfo.genotoul.fr/index.php/faq/bioinfo_tips_faq/)

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### Retrieve public data

- On genologin, use sratoolkit to :
  - download raw file
  - and convert format.

```
mkdir ~/work/ncbi
ln -s ~/work/ncbi ~/ncbi
module load bioinfo/sratoolkit.2.8.2-1
prefetch <sra_accession> --max-size
(20G by default)
Files are created into:
~/work/ncbi/public/sra/
Conversion
fastq-dump --gzip sra_file.sra
```

### Summary - Sequence quality

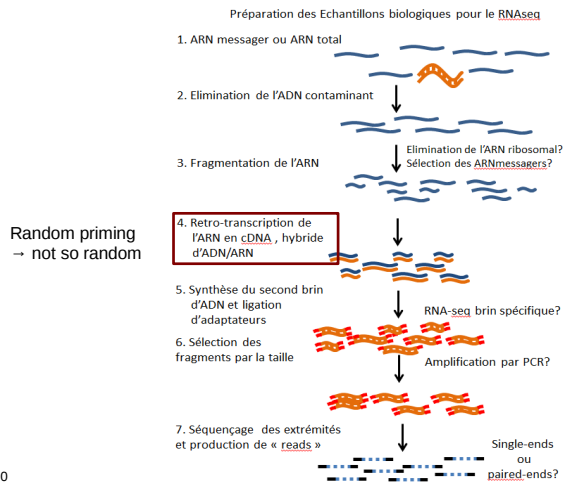
- Known RNAseq biais
- How to check the quality ?
- How to clean the data ?



### RNAseq specific bias

- Influence of the library preparation
- Random hexamer priming
- Positional bias and sequence specificity bias.  
*Robert et al. Genome Biology, 2011,12:R22*
- Transcript length bias
- « Mappability »

### Hexamer random priming bias



## Hexamer random priming bias

Published online 14 April 2010

Nucleic Acids Research, Vol. 38, No. 12, e111  
doi:10.1093/nar/gkq234

### Biases in Illumina transcriptome sequencing caused by random hexamer priming

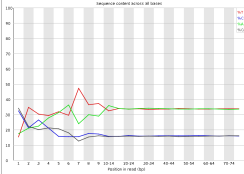
Kasper D. Hansen<sup>1\*</sup>, Steven E. Brenner<sup>2</sup> and Sandrine Dudoit<sup>1,3</sup>

#### ABSTRACT

Generation of cDNA using random hexamer priming induces biases in the nucleotide composition at the beginning of transcriptome sequencing reads from the Illumina Genome Analyzer. The bias is independent of organism and laboratory and impacts the uniformity of the reads along the transcriptome. We provide a read count reweighting scheme, based on the nucleotide frequencies of the reads, that mitigates the impact of the bias.

—A strong distinctive pattern in the nucleotide frequencies of the first 13 positions at the 5'-end :

- sequence specificity of the polymerase
- due to the end repair performed



— Reads beginning with a hexamer over-represented in the hexamer distribution at the beginning relative to the end are down-weighted

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## Transcript length bias

BioDirect, 2009 Apr 16;4:14

### Transcript length bias in RNA-seq data confounds systems biology.

Oshlack A, Wakefield MJ

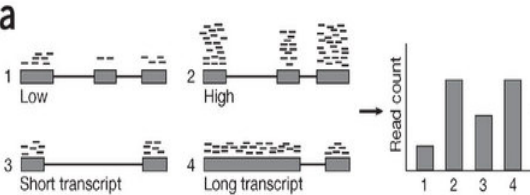
#### Abstract

**Background:** Several recent transcriptome analysis (RNA genome transcriptional profile) genomic sequences. As yet, a still in the stages of exploring

**Results:** We investigated the published data sets. For standard differentially expressed g transcript.

**Conclusion:** Transcript length current protocols for RNA-seq expressed genes, and in particular other multi-gene systems biology

**Reviewers:** This article was Cloonan (nominated by Mark



— the differential expression of longer transcripts is more likely to be identified than that of shorter transcripts

BIOINFORMATICS ORIGINAL PAPER Vol. 27, no. 8, 2011, pages 952–959  
doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btr180

Gene expression

Advance Access publication January 16, 2011

#### Length bias correction for RNA-seq data in gene set analyses

Liyun Gao<sup>1,1</sup>, Zhide Fang<sup>2,1</sup>, Kui Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Degui Zhu<sup>1</sup> and Xiangqun Cu<sup>1,1\*</sup>

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## Bias “mappability”

- Quality of the reference genome influence results
  - assembly
  - finishing
- Sequence composition
- Repeated sequences
- Annotation quality

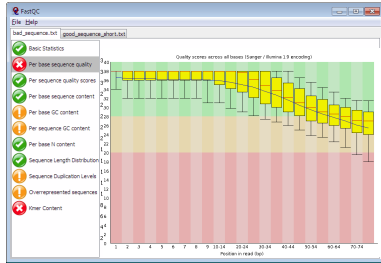
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## Verifying RNA-Seq quality

FastQC :

<http://www.bioinformatics.bbsrc.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>



*Has been developed for genomic data*

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## fastq format

- Standard for storing outputs of HTS
- A text-based format for storing a read and its corresponding quality scores
- 1 read <-> 4 lines

```
@HWI-ST218:596:C90JYANXX:8:1101:1293:2188 1:N:0:ATTCAGAATAACTTA
NCTAAGTGTAG6666TTCCGCCCTTAGTCTGCAGCTAACGCATTAAGCACTCCGCCTG666AGTAC6GTCGCAAGACTGAAA
+
#<3?BF66666EG66666EG66666@F1F66666DDG61FB</9FE=EG66666G>G666B6666<<C/BD66666C=666
```

1. Begins with '@' character and is followed by a sequence identifier
2. The raw sequence
3. Begins with a '+' character and is optionally followed by the same sequence identifier
4. Encodes the quality values for the read, contains the same number of symbols as letters in the read

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## fastq format

- Sequence identifier

**@EAS139:136:FC706VJ:2:2104:15343:197393 1:Y:18:ATCACG**

1. Begins with '@' character and is followed by a sequence identifier

<b>EAS139</b>	the unique instrument name
<b>136</b>	the run id
<b>FC706VJ</b>	the flowcell id
<b>2</b>	flowcell lane
<b>2104</b>	tile number within the flowcell lane
<b>15343</b>	'x'-coordinate of the cluster within the tile
<b>197393</b>	'y'-coordinate of the cluster within the tile
<b>1</b>	the member of a pair, 1 or 2 (paired-end or mate-pair reads only)
<b>Y</b>	Y if the read is filtered, N otherwise
<b>18</b>	0 when none of the control bits are on, otherwise it is an even number
<b>ATCACG</b>	index sequence

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## fastq format

- Base quality (Sanger standard)

```
@HWI-ST218:596:C90JYANXX:8:1101:1293:2188 1:N:0:ATTCAGAATACTTA
NCTAAGTGTAGGGGGTTTCGCCCTTAGTCTGACGCTAACGCATTAGCACTCCGCTG6GGAGTACGGTCGCAAGACTGAAAA
+
#<3?BF6GG6GE6GG6GE6GG6GF1FG6GG6DDGG1FB</9FE=EG6GG6GG6GG6GG6GG6<<C/BD6GG6GC=6GG
```

ASCII-encoded version of the PHRED quality given by  $Q_{PHRED} = -10 \times \log_{10}(P_e)$

$$SANGER=PHRED+33 : H=ASCII(40+33) \quad Q = -10 \log_{10} P \Leftrightarrow P = 10^{-\frac{Q}{10}}$$

Score de qualité phred	Probabilité d'une identification incorrecte	Précision de l'identification d'une base
10	1 pour 10	90 %
20	1 pour 100	99 %
30	1 pour 1000	99.9 %
40	1 pour 10000	99.99 %
50	1 pour 100000	99.999 %

Published online 16 December 2009

Nucleic Acids Research, 2010, Vol. 38, No. 6, 1767-1771  
doi:10.1093/nar/gkp1137

### SURVEY AND SUMMARY

#### The Sanger FASTQ file format for sequences with quality scores, and the Solexa/Illumina FASTQ variants

Peter J. A. Cock<sup>1\*</sup>, Christopher J. Fields<sup>2</sup>, Naohisa Goto<sup>3</sup>, Michael L. Heuer<sup>4</sup> and Peter M. Rice<sup>5</sup>

## fastq format

```
@EAS54_6_R1_2_1_413_324
CCCTTCGTGTCTTCAGCGGTTCTCC
+
```

la proba d'une erreur :  $Q_{PHRED} = -10 \times \log_{10}(P_e)$



39 L - Illumina 1.8+ Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 41) Bio & Quality

## fastqQC Report

### Summary

- ✓ Basic Statistics
- ✗ Per base sequence quality
- ✓ Per sequence quality scores
- ✗ Per base sequence content
- ✗ Per base GC content
- ✗ Per sequence GC content
- ! Per base N content
- ✓ Sequence Length Distribution
- ✗ Sequence Duplication Levels
- ✗ Overrepresented sequences
- ✗ Kmer Content

The analysis in FastQC is performed by a series of analysis modules.

Quick evaluation of whether the results of the module seem :

- entirely normal (green tick),
- slightly abnormal (orange triangle)
- or very unusual (red cross).

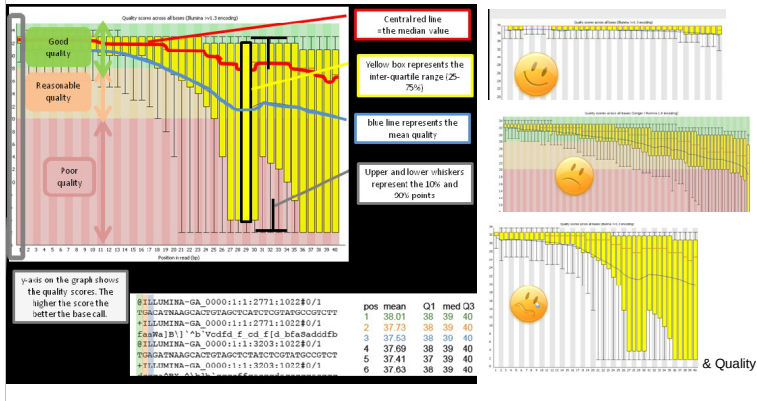
These evaluations must be taken in the context of what you expect from your library. A 'normal' sample as far as FastQC is concerned is random and diverse.

## fastqQC Report

### Statistics per Base Sequence Quality

This view shows an overview of the range of quality values across all bases at each position in the FastQ file.

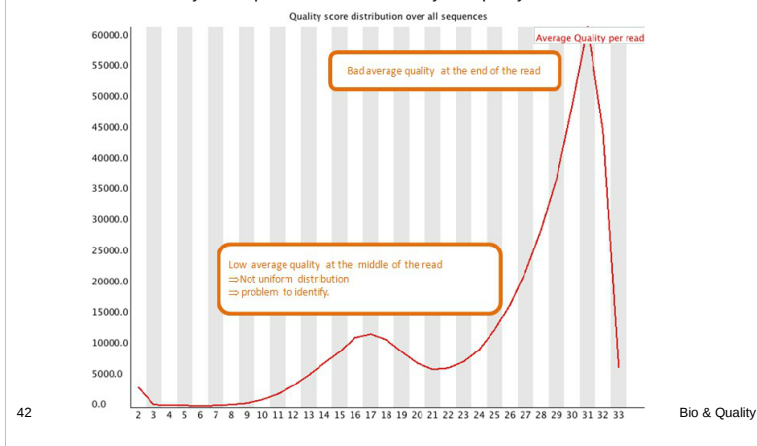
Common to see base calls falling into the orange area towards the end of a read.



## fastqQC Report

### Statistics per Sequence Quality Score

See if a subset of your sequences have universally low quality values.

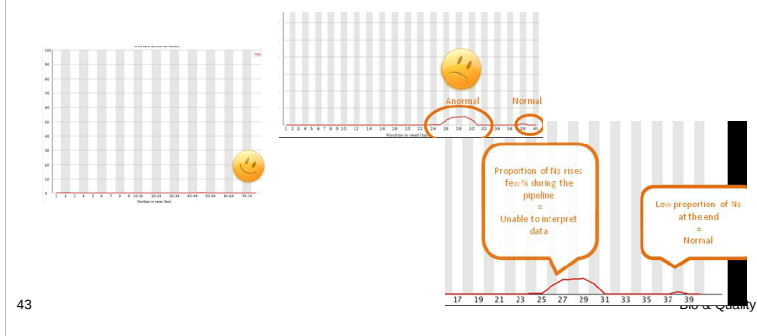


## fastqQC Report

### Statistics per Base N Content

This module plots out the percentage of base calls at each position for which an N was called.

Usual to see a very low proportion of Ns appearing nearer the end of a sequence.



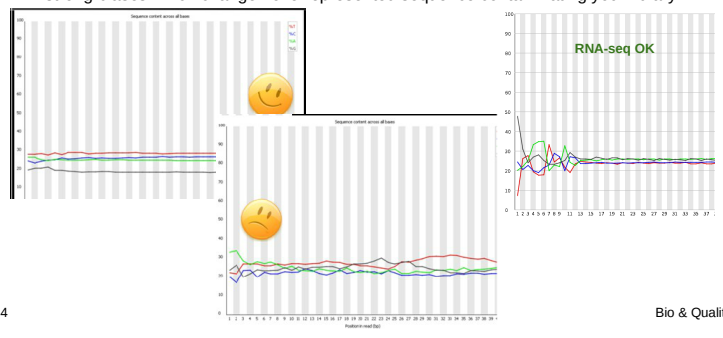
### fastqQC Report

#### Statistics Per Base Sequence Content

Per Base Sequence Content plots out the proportion of each base position in a file for which each of the four normal DNA bases has been called.

In a random library : little/no difference between the different bases of a sequence run, so the lines in this plot should run parallel with each other.

If strong biases which change : overrepresented sequence contaminating your library.



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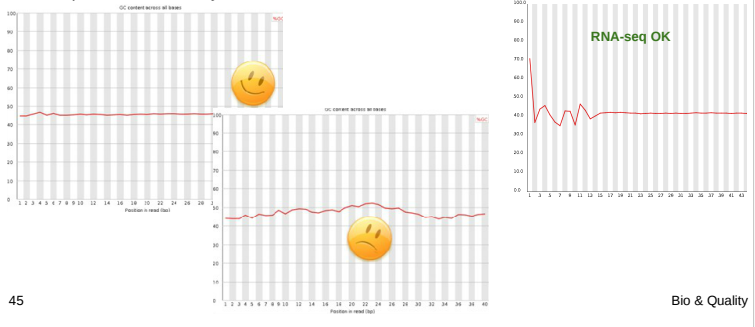
### fastqQC Report

#### Statistics per Base GC Distribution

Per Base GC Content plots out the GC content of each base position in a file.

Random library : little/no difference between the different bases of a sequence run => plot horizontally. The overall GC content should reflect the GC content of the underlying genome.

GC bias: changes in different bases, overrepresented sequence contaminating your library. => plot not horizontally.



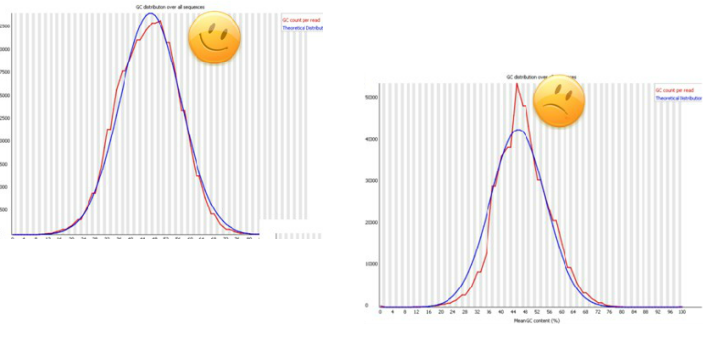
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### fastqQC Report

#### Statistics per Sequence GC Content

This module measures the GC content across the whole length of each sequence in a file and compares it to a modeled normal distribution of GC content.



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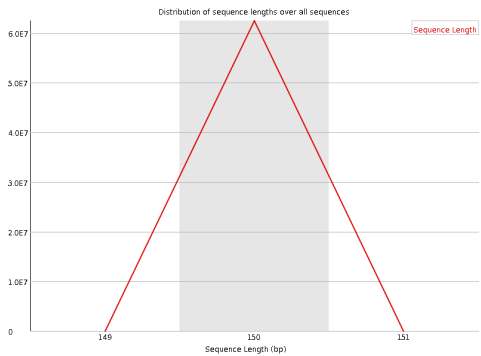
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### fastqQC Report

**Statistics per Sequence Length Distribution**

Some sequence fragments contain reads of wildly varying lengths.

Even within uniform length libraries some pipelines will trim sequences to remove poor quality base calls from the end.



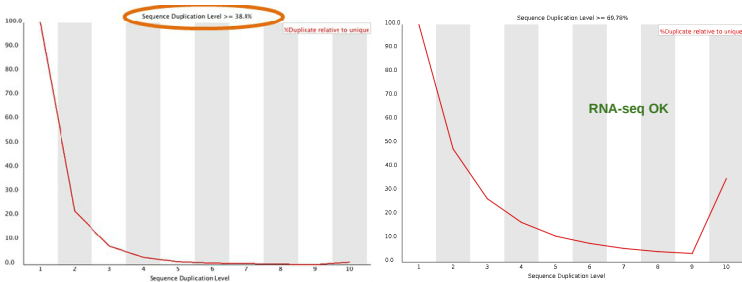
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### fastqQC Report

**Statistics per Duplicate Sequences**

High level of duplication indicate an enrichment bias.



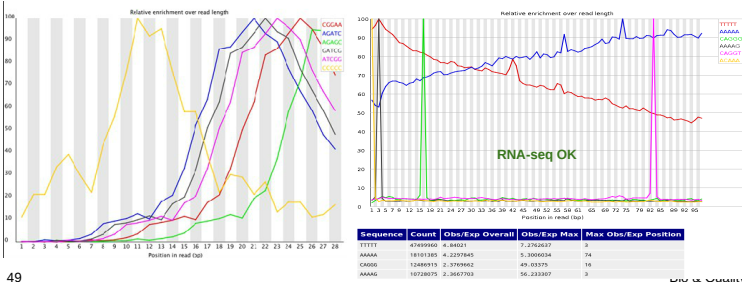
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### fastqQC Report

**Overrepresented Kmers**

- A kmer is a subsequence of length k
- Should spot overrepresented sequences, give a good impression of any contamination.
- Kmers showing a rise towards the end of the library indicate progressive contamination with adaptors.
- Check for adaptor sequence or poly-A sequence



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## Take home message on quality analysis

Elements to be checked :

- Random priming effect
- K-mer (polyA, polyT)
- Adaptor presence

Alignment on reference for the second quality check and filtering.

A good run?:

- Expected number of reads produced,
- Length of the reads expected (150pb),
- Random selection of the nucleotides and the GC%,
- Good alignment: very few unmapped reads, pairs mapped on opposite strands.

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## Cleaning analysis

- Cleaning :
  - Low quality bases
  - Adaptors
- Software :
  - Trim\_galore
  - Cutadapt
  - Trimmomatic
  - Sickle
  - PRINSEQ
  - ...

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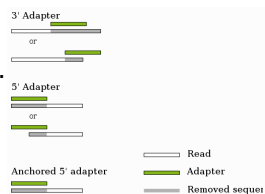
## Cutadapt

- Searches & removes adapter & tag in all reads.
- Trim quality
- Filter too short or untrimmed reads (in a separate output file).

```
module load bioinfo/cutadapt-1.8.3-python-2.7.2
cutadapt -a ADAPTER_FWD -A ADAPTER_REV -o out1.fastq -p
out2.fastq reads1.fastq reads2.fastq
```

Ex.: cutadapt -a AACCGGTT -o output.fastq input.fastq  
(3' adapter, single read)

Input file : fasta, fastq or compressed (gz, bz2, xz).



Source : <http://cutadapt.readthedocs.io/en/stable/guide.html>

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## trim\_galore

- Detect automatically adaptor
- Trim adaptor
- Trim low quality bases
- Trim N bases
- Remove read with length lower than 20b

```
module load bioinfo/cutadapt-1.14-python-2.7.2
module load bioinfo/FastQC_v0.11.7
module load bioinfo/TrimGalore-0.4.5
mkdir DIR
trim_galore --fastqc
             --stringency 3
             --length 25
             --trim-n
             -o DIR
             --paired <read1> <read2>
```

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## Hands-on: quality control

### Data for the exercises:

- from Mohammed Zouine (ENSAT)
- tomato wild type and mutant type (without seeds) with the transcription factor SI-ARF8 (auxine response factor 8) overexpressed
- clonal lineage
- paired, 100 pb non stranded
- triplicated
- in the publication process
- subsampled on chromosome 6 for faster analysis

### Use FastQC and trim\_galore

**Exercise 1 : quality control of used datasets  
cleaning used datasets**

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