

# Gene Expression Analysis RNA-Seq & MARS-Seq Dena Leshkowitz

## An introduction to deep- sequencing analysis for biologists 2021

# Agenda

- Introduction & Experimental design
- Analysing Gene expression from RNA-Seq data
- Analysing Gene expression from bulk MARS-Seq data

# RNA-Seq Potential

RNA-Seq: developed a decade ago has become an indispensable tool for transcriptome analysis

In theory RNA-Seq can be used to build a complete map of the transcriptome across all cell types, perturbations and states (Trapnell C. et al, Nature methods 6 469-477(2011))

# RNA-Seq Applications

- Transcript level analysis (to be discussed Dec 13<sup>th</sup>) :
  - Discover novel transcripts
  - Determine transcript structure
  - Measure transcripts expression
  - Detect differentially expressed transcripts/isoforms between conditions, treatments...

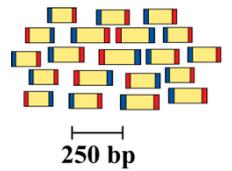
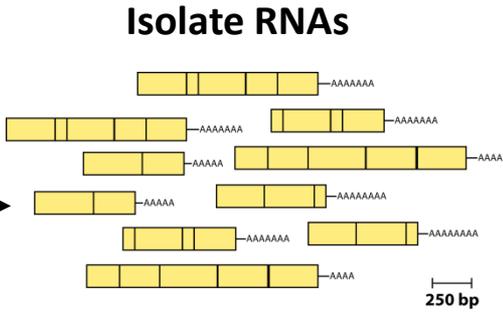
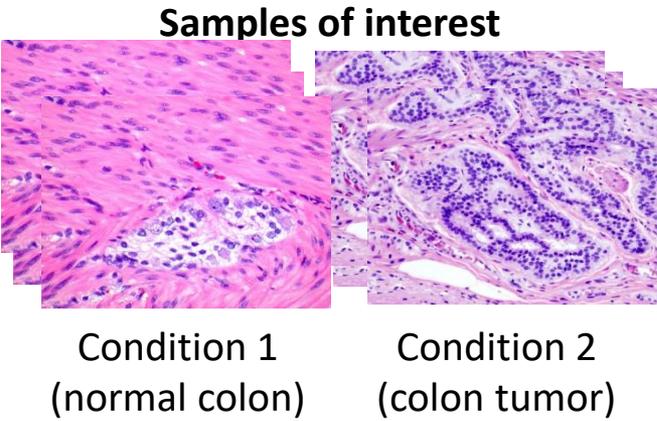


- Gene expression analysis for Model Organism:
  - Gene expression quantification
  - Detect differentially expressed genes between conditions, treatments... **based on known gene structures**

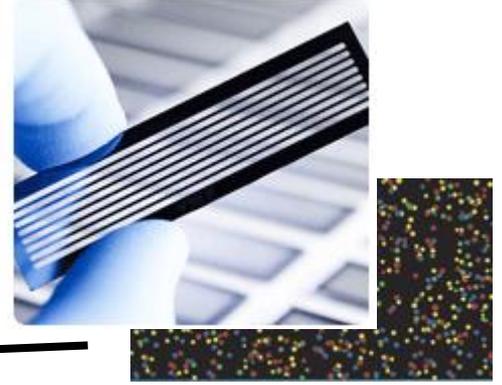
# RNA-Seq Experiment Workflow

Why do we need to add linkers?

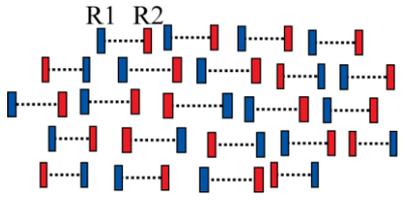
Library : convert mRNA to amplified small cDNA fragments with linkers at the ends



Illumina sequencing technology



Sequencing short reads (R1 and R2)

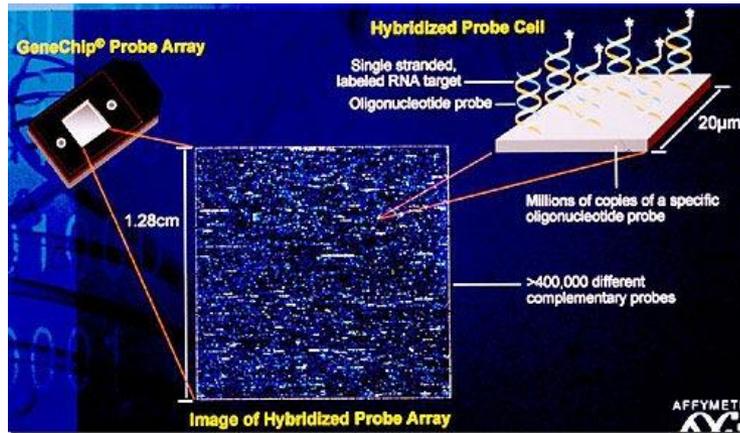


Million/billions of fragments are sequenced

Assemble or map to genome or to a transcriptome

Quantify and detect differentially expressed genes (DEG) and transcripts

# High Throughput Genomics



## DNA Microarrays



Illumina  
NovaSeq  
NextSeq500

...

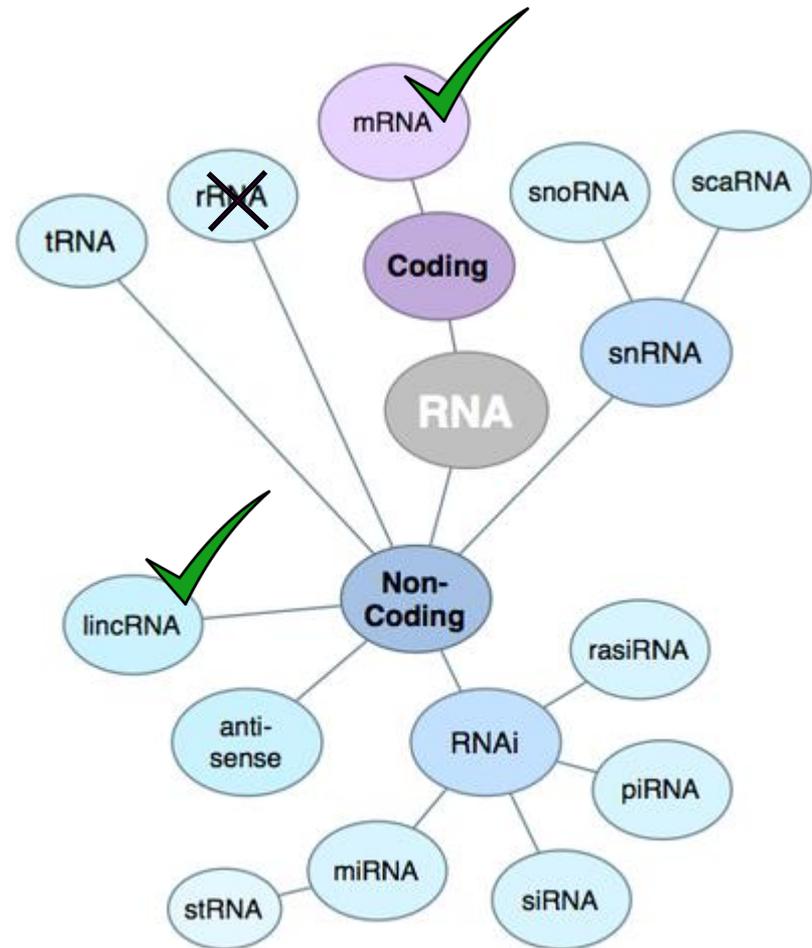


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# mRNA in the RNA "World"

- Most abundant RNA is rRNA - 98%
- Illumina standard protocol enriches for mRNA by:
  - oligo(dT)-based affinity matrices
  - Sequence: rRNA capture beads (Ribo-Zero)



# Sequencing Options

Illumina NextSeq/NovaSeq Sequencing options:

- Length of sequence (up to 300 bases)
- Paired-end (PE) or single-end (SE)

Both PE and longer length sequencing increase the sensitivity and specificity of the detection of the alternative splicing and novel transcripts

DNA

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PE 50



PE 100



SE 50



SE 100



# Experimental Design

Mammalian tissue

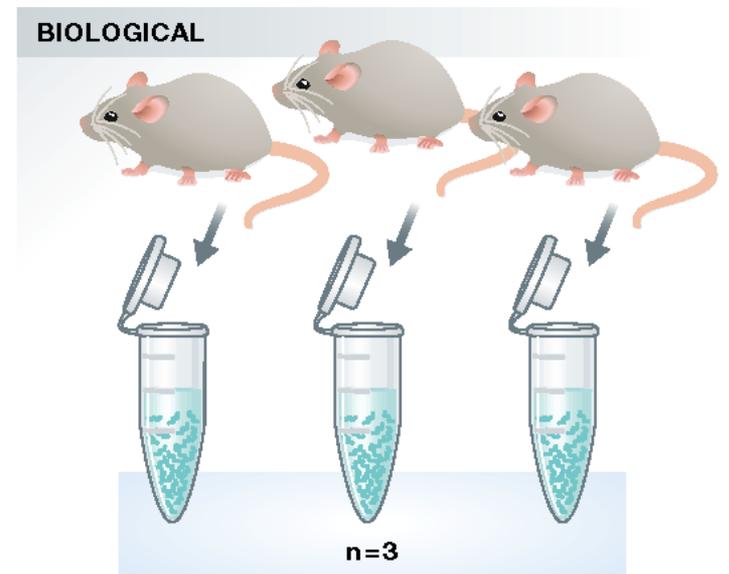
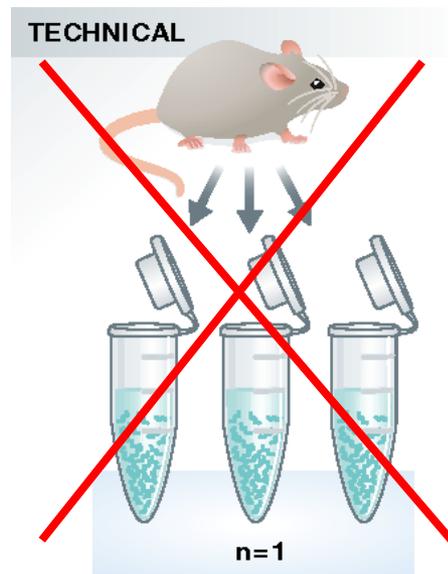
Liu Y. et al., 2014; ENCODE 2011 RNA-Seq

Differential gene expression profiling	>20M aligned reads	>30 base single-end
Alternative splicing	50-100M	>75 base paired-end
Allele specific expression	50-100M	100 base paired-end
De novo assembly	>100M	100 base paired-end

**(5M Bulk MARS-Seq)**

# Biological Replicates

- Usually our goal in a RNA-Seq experiment is to detect Differentially Expressed Genes (DEGs) between groups.
- For each group we should have several samples, which are also known as replicates
- Assessing biological variation requires biological replicates - three are a minimum, yet more are recommended



Gene expression

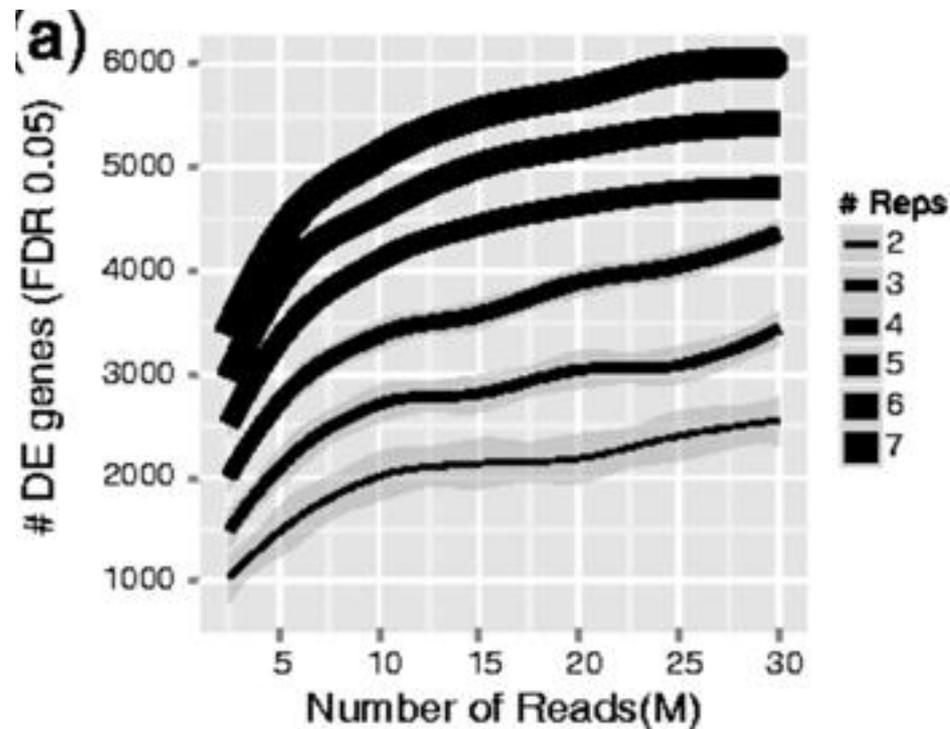
Advance Access publication December 6, 2013

## RNA-seq differential expression studies: more sequence or more replication?

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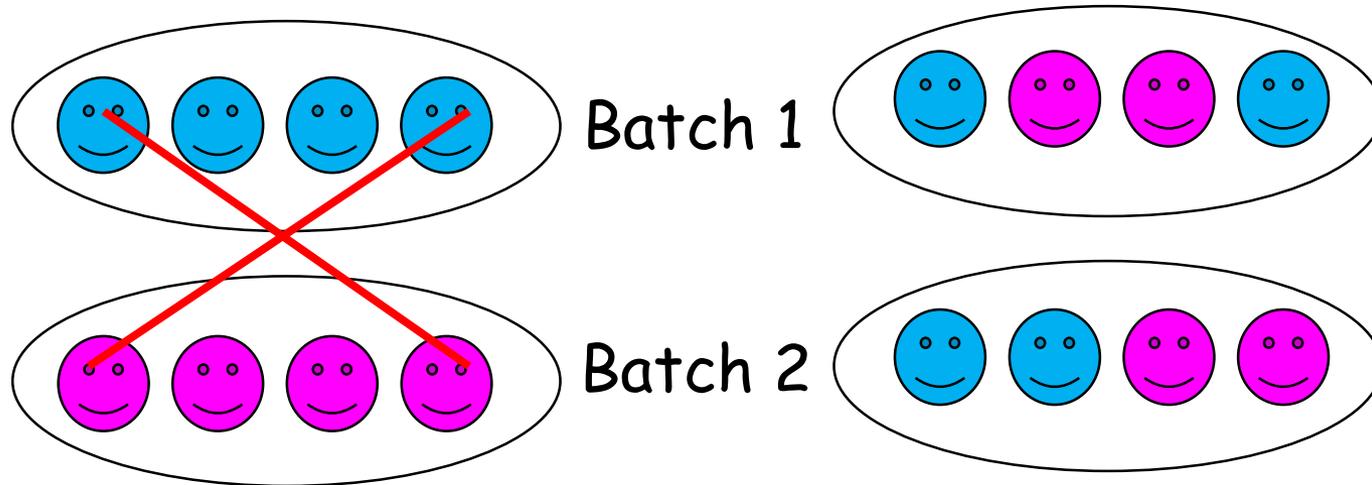
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# Proper Experimental Design

 Control  Mutant



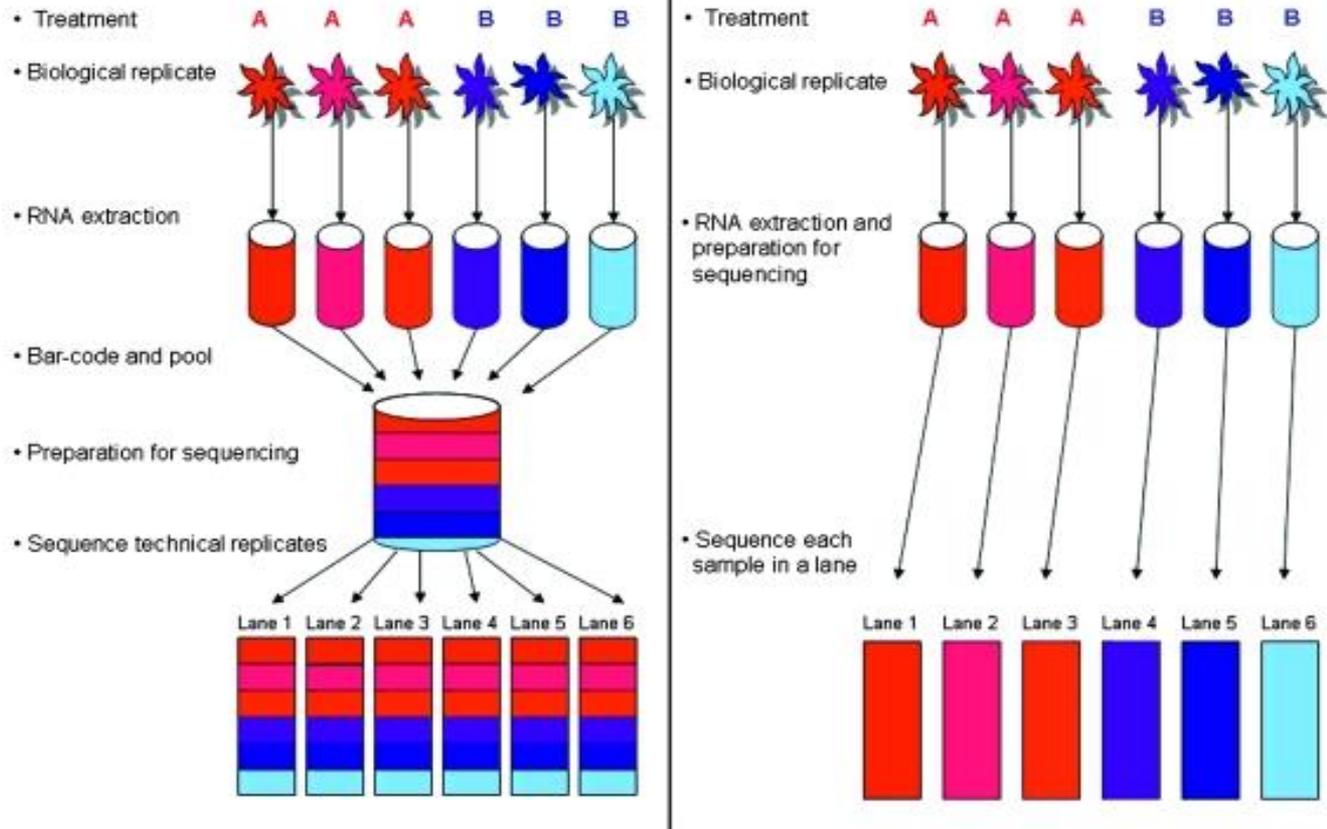
- It is impossible to partition biological variation from technical variation, when these two sources of variation are confounded.
- No amount of statistical sophistication can separate confounded factors after data have been collected.

# Batch Effects

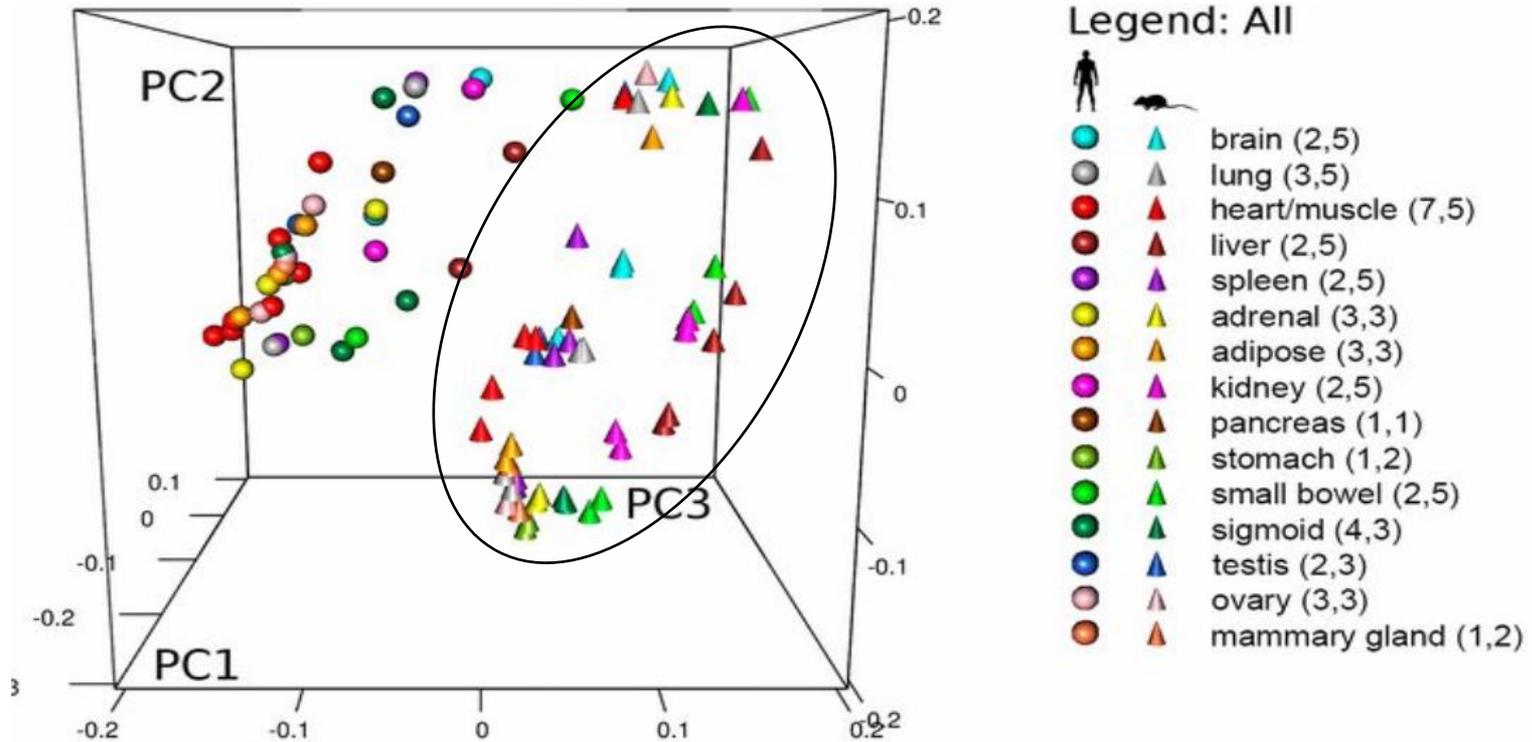
Avoid batch effects - Technical sources of variation that can take place during processing the samples:

- Extracting RNA with different kits
- Sequencing on different flowcells or lanes

This design →  
avoids the lane  
and flowcell  
batch effect



Encode reported that gene expression was likely to follow a species-specific rather tissue-specific pattern (?)



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<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1413624111>

Reanalysis of Mouse ENCODE data suggests mouse and human genes are expressed in tissue-specific, rather than species-specific, patterns.

May 19, 2015

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Late last year, members of the Mouse ENCODE consortium [reported](#) in *PNAS* that, across a wide range of tissues, gene expression was more likely to follow a [species-specific](#) rather than tissue-specific pattern. For example, genes in the mouse heart were expressed in a pattern more similar to that of other mouse tissues, such as the brain or liver, than the human heart.

But earlier this month, [Yoav Gilad](#) of the University of Chicago called these results into question [on Twitter](#). With a dozen or so 140-character dispatches

(including three heat maps), Gilad suggested the results published in *PNAS* were an anomaly—a result of how the tissue samples were sequenced in different batches. If this “batch effect” was eliminated, he proposed, mouse and human tissues clustered in a tissue-specific manner, confirming previous results rather than supporting the conclusions reported by the Mouse ENCODE team.

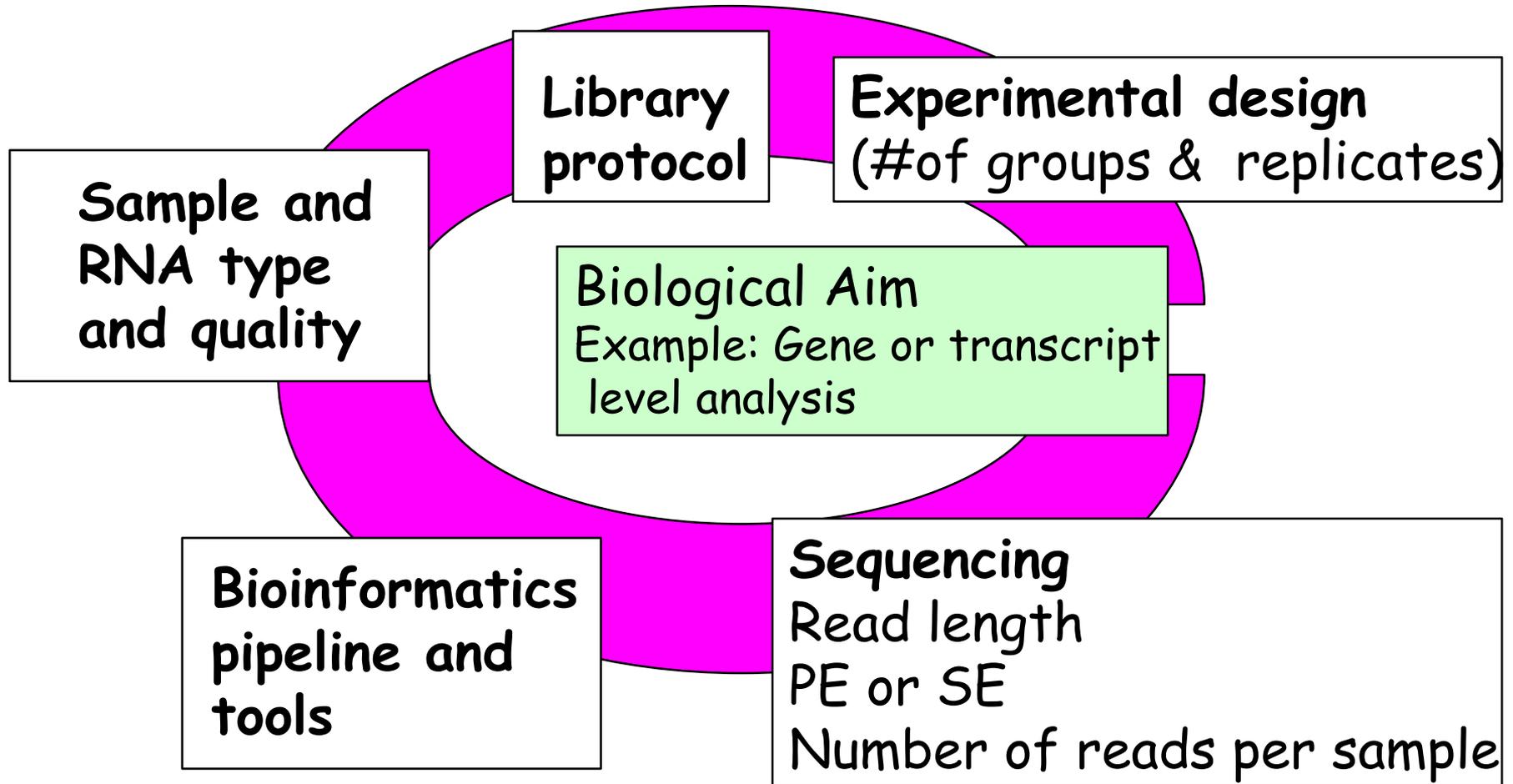
Figure 1. Study design.

D87PMJN1 (run 253, flow cell D2GUAACXX, lane 7)	D87PMJN1 (run 253, flow cell D2GUAACXX , lane 8)	D4LHBFN1 (run 276, flow cell C2HKJACXX , lane 4)	MONK (run 312, flow cell C2GR3ACXX , lane 6)	HWI-ST373 (run 375, flow cell C3172ACXX , lane 7)
heart	adipose	adipose	heart	brain
kidney	adrenal	adrenal	kidney	pancreas
liver	sigmoid colon	sigmoid colon	liver	brain
small bowel	lung	lung	small bowel	spleen
spleen	ovary	ovary	testis	● Human
testis		pancreas		● Mouse

Gilad Y and Mizrahi-Man O. A reanalysis of mouse ENCODE comparative gene expression data [version 1]. F1000Research 2015, 4:121 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.6536.1)

Analysis done in which the batch effect is accounted for shows clustering is in a tissue specific manner.

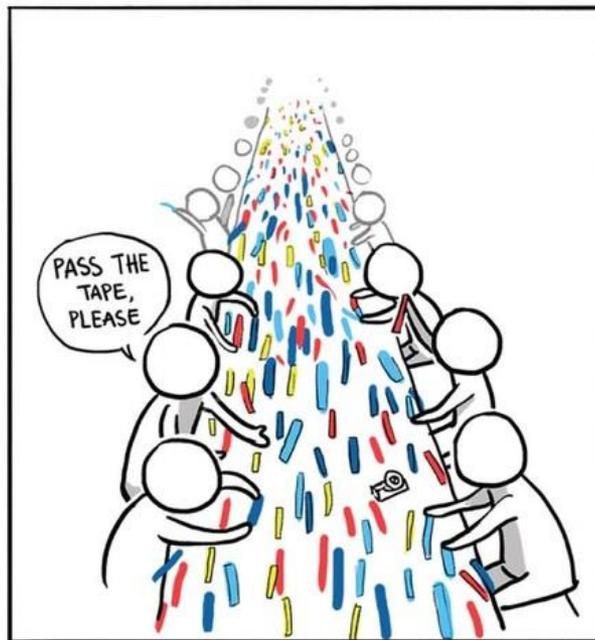
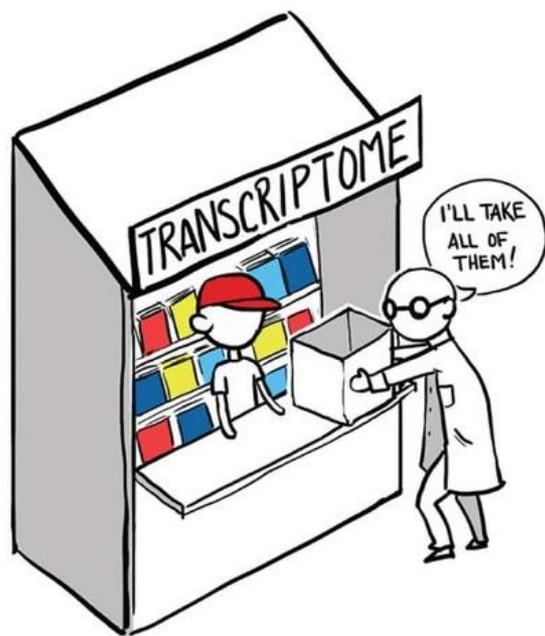
# Summary RNA-Seq Experiment Planning



We recommend to come to a kick-off meeting with us, to help **plan** your experiment

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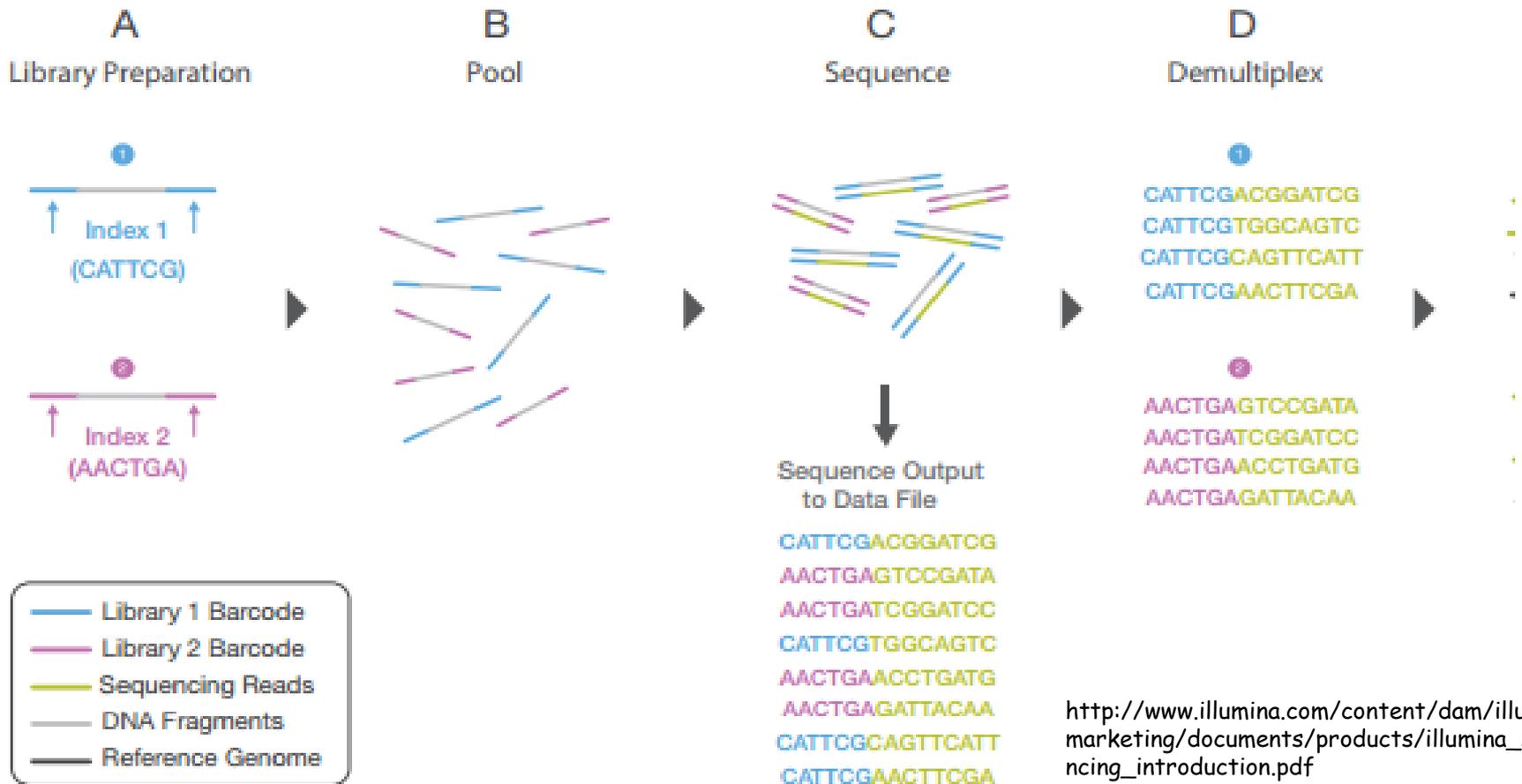


RNA-Seq is a straightforward process: you isolate RNA, sequence it with a high-throughput sequencer, and put it all back together. What is the problem?

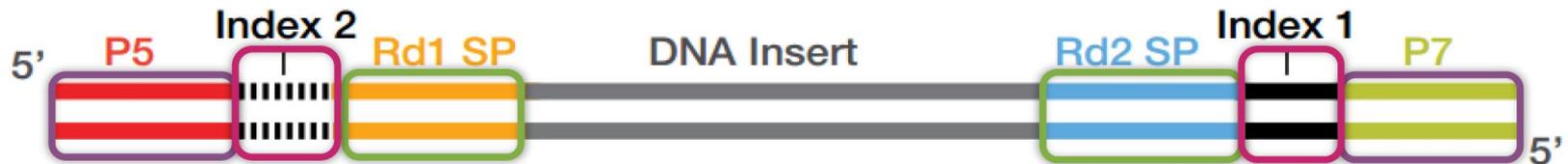


# Library Barcode

- **Multiplexing:** the process of pooling samples together and sequencing them simultaneously
- **Demultiplexing:** separating reads using the library barcode to identify the origin sample



# Sample Index (barcodes)



Setting up the NGS workflow includes loading the information that matches between the index and the sample name

# Sequence Output Format

## ■ FASTQ

Line 1: Unique ID for a sequencing read

Line 2: Sequences

Line 3:+

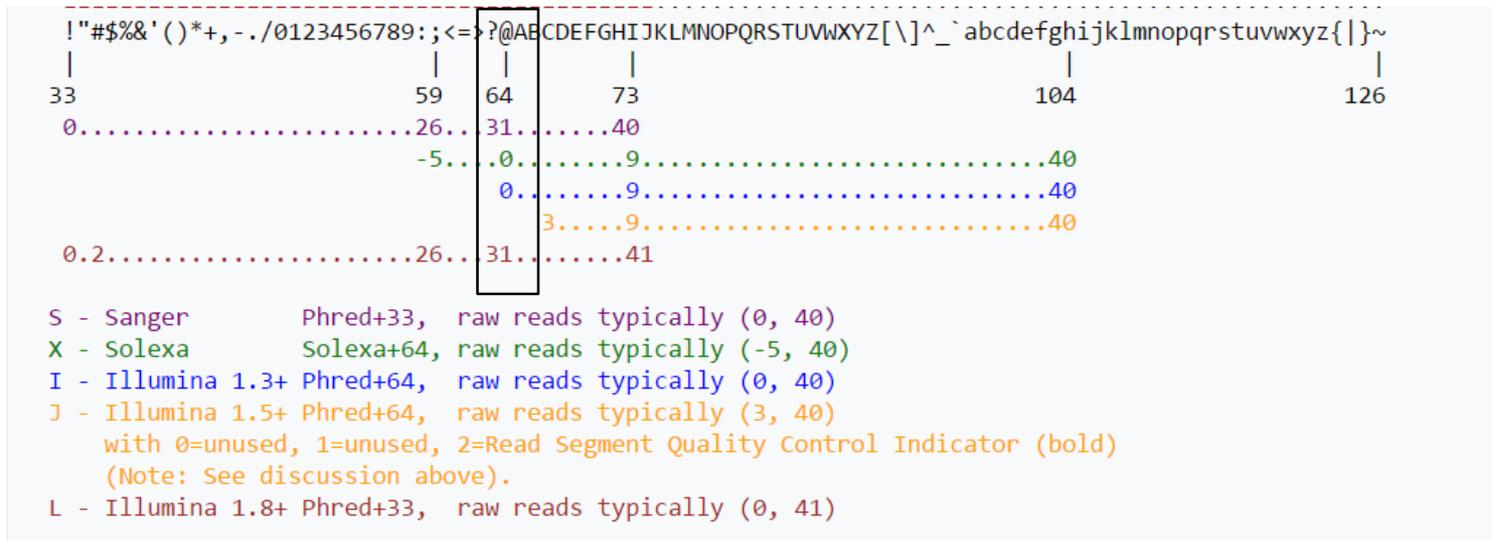
Line 4: Base calling quality score (Analogous to Phred scores but in ASCII value)

Example:

```
@HISEQ:126:H14YJADXX:1:1101:1118:2101 1:N:0:ATCACG
CTCCATAGTCAGAACTTCAGCATGACAGTACCTCATGCTGCATCAGGTGATCATGAAAAGATTACAGGCTTTCTAAAAATTATCAGCAAGATATGG
+
@@?ADDDD?ADHDIIIIIIIEIIIGEFHC<?FH4C9E9BGAFIGH<DG9BD?@DGGEGHHG<DCBBCC8C>FHCGEHIGEEE>EEHEEEEC>A>;;
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# Quality Score Representation

- Quality scores are represented as ASCII characters in order to save space, so that there is one ASCII character per base.
- Converting between the ASCII value and the phred score



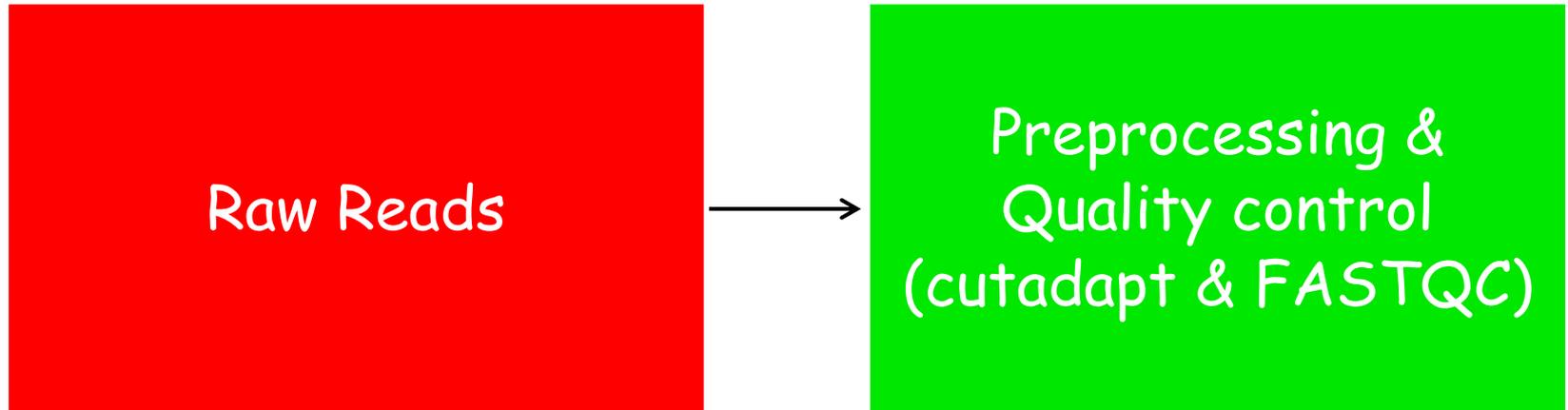
# Quality Scores

- Quality scores are used to measure base accuracy
- Illumina uses Phred scores

ASCII Quality Score	Probability of Incorrect Based Call	Base Call Accuracy	Q-score
+	1 in 10	90%	Q10
5	1 in 100	99%	Q20
?	1 in 1000	99.9%	Q30
	1 in 10000	99.99%	Q40

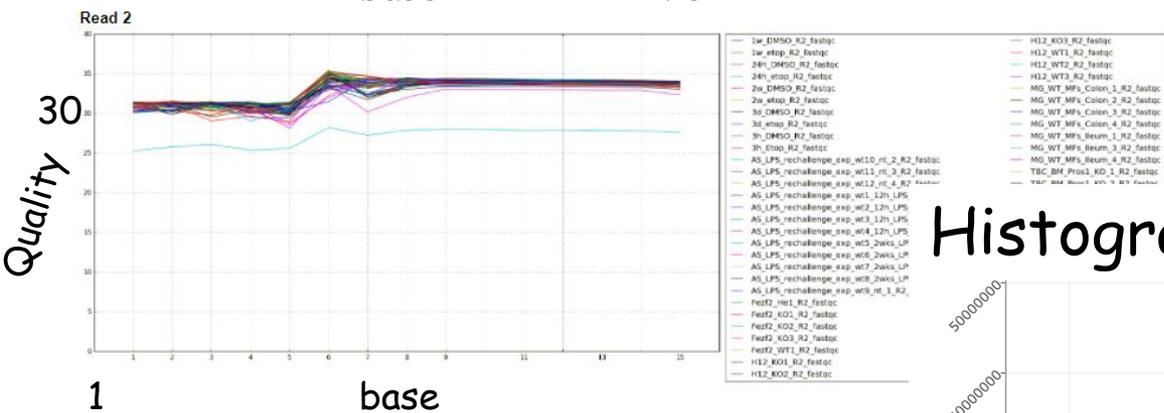
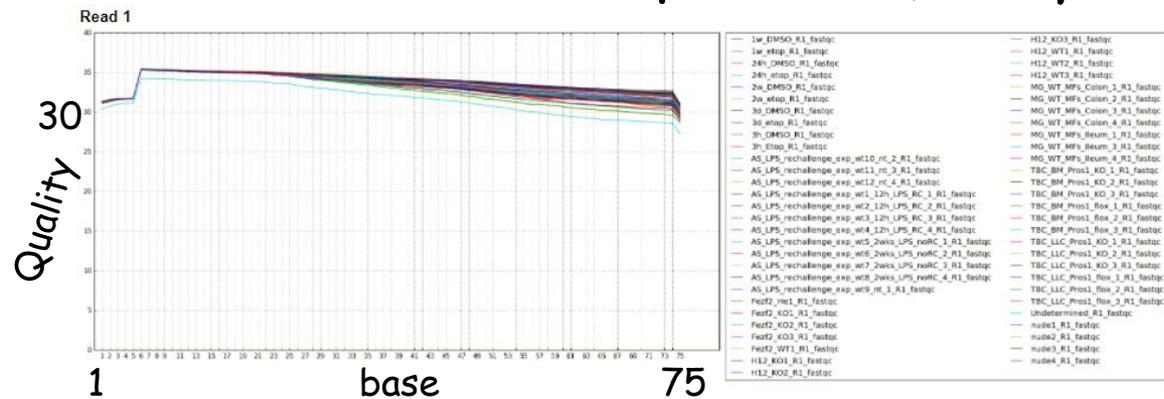
$$Q \text{ score} = -10 \log_{10} p$$

# RNA-Seq Workflow

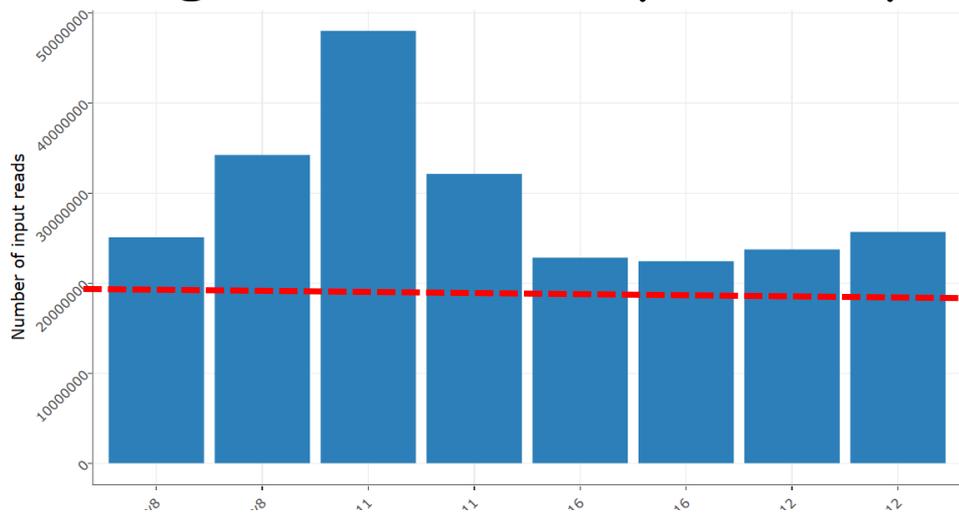


# Example of QC report

## Mean Per Base Sequence Quality



## Histogram: # Reads per Sample



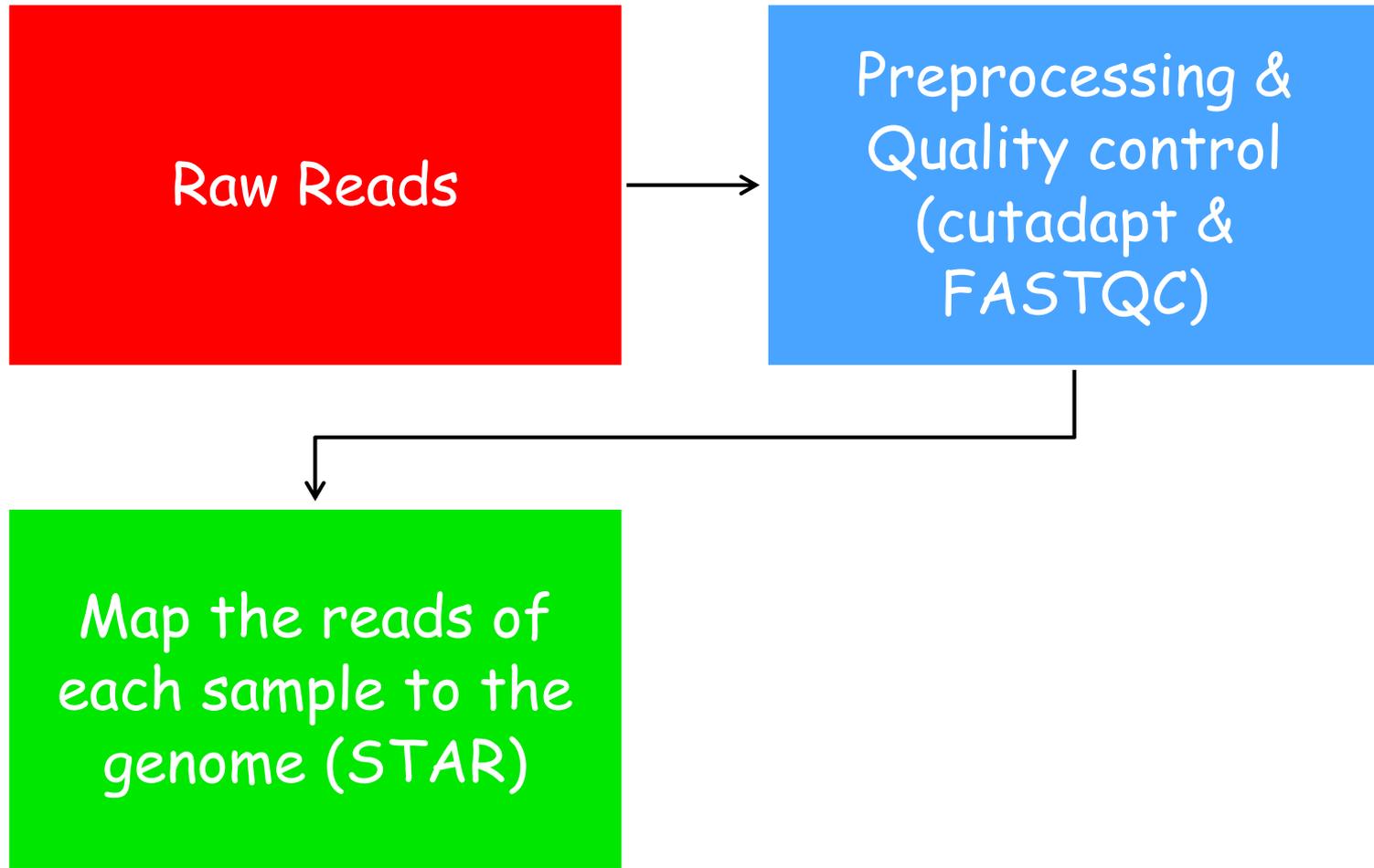
# Pre-processing

- Recommendation is to use the high quality sequence data (is critical for de novo assembly), pre-processing includes:

cutadapt

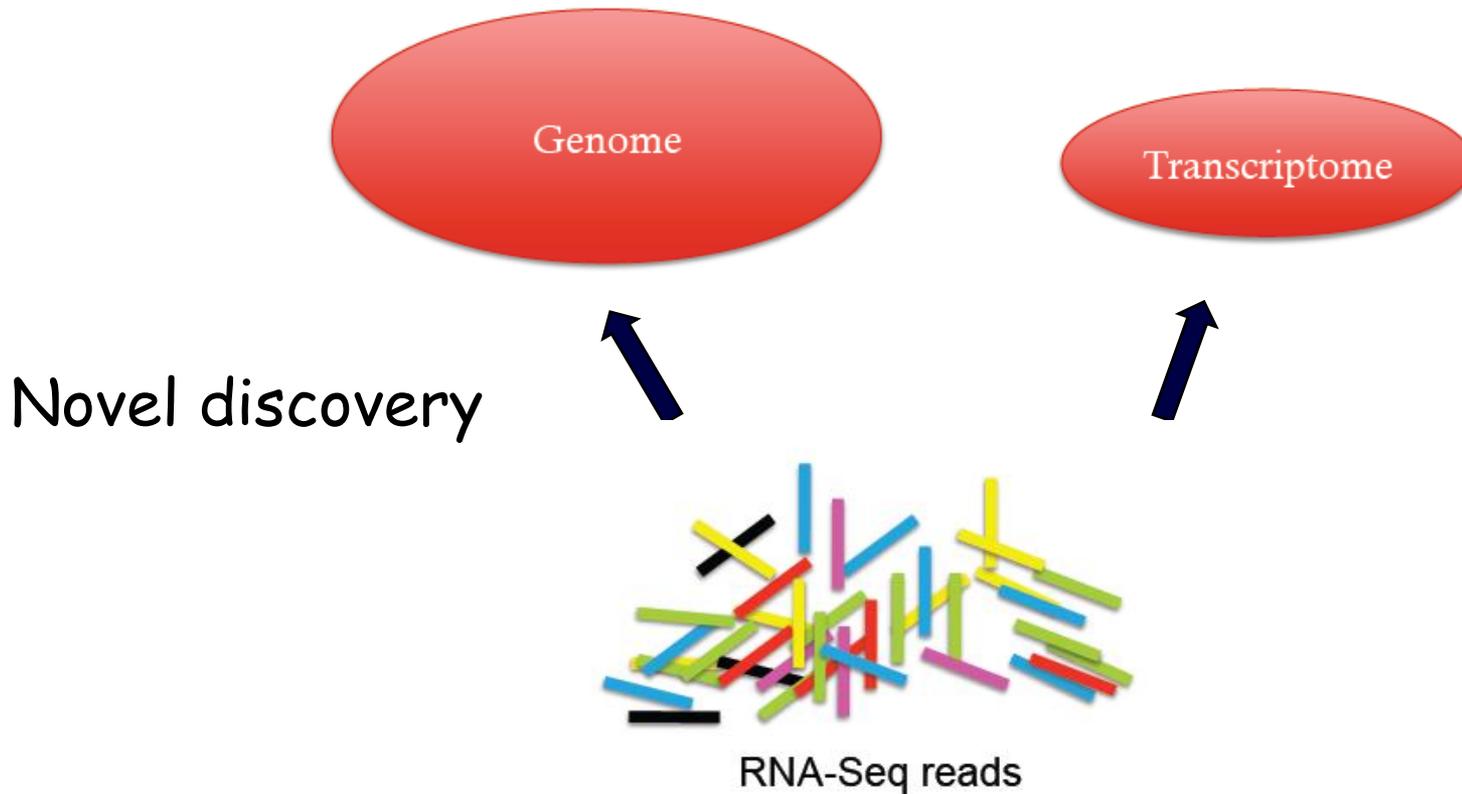
- Trim sequences if: the end is of low quality, contain adapter or polyA or polyT
- Filter low quality reads
- Avoid using samples with insufficient number of reads

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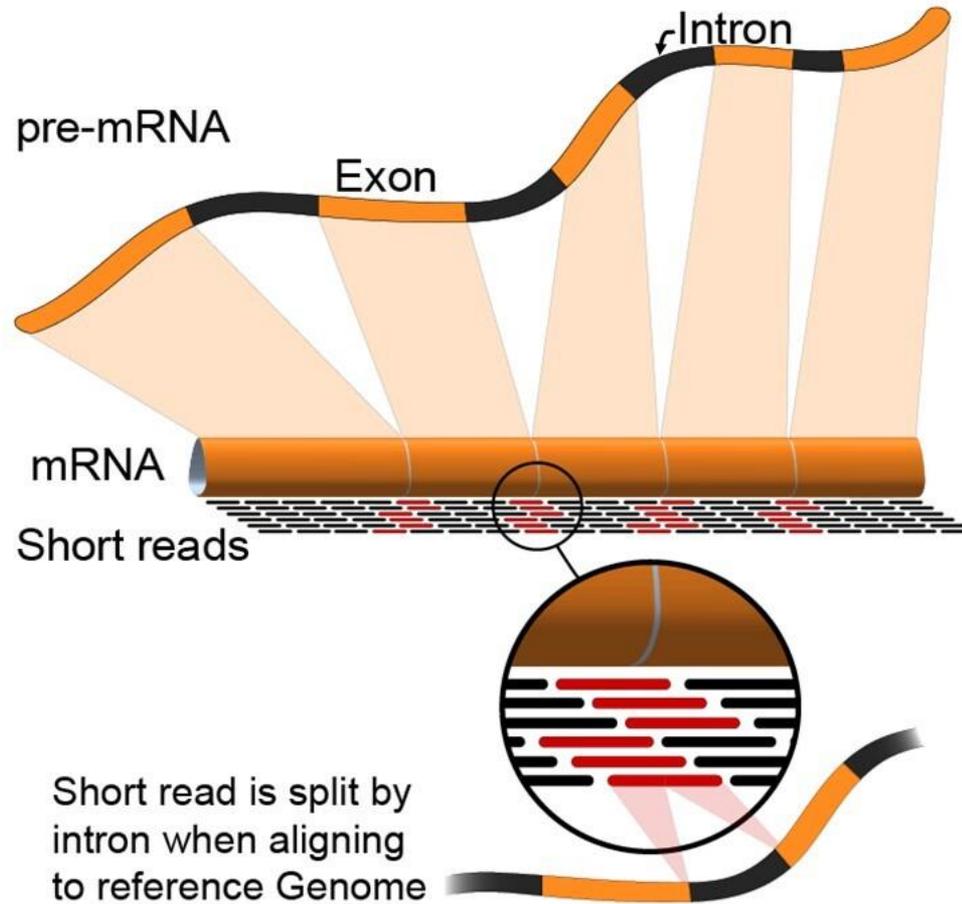
# Mapping Short RNA-Seq Reads

Do I align the reads to the genome or to the transcriptome?



# Mapping to Genome

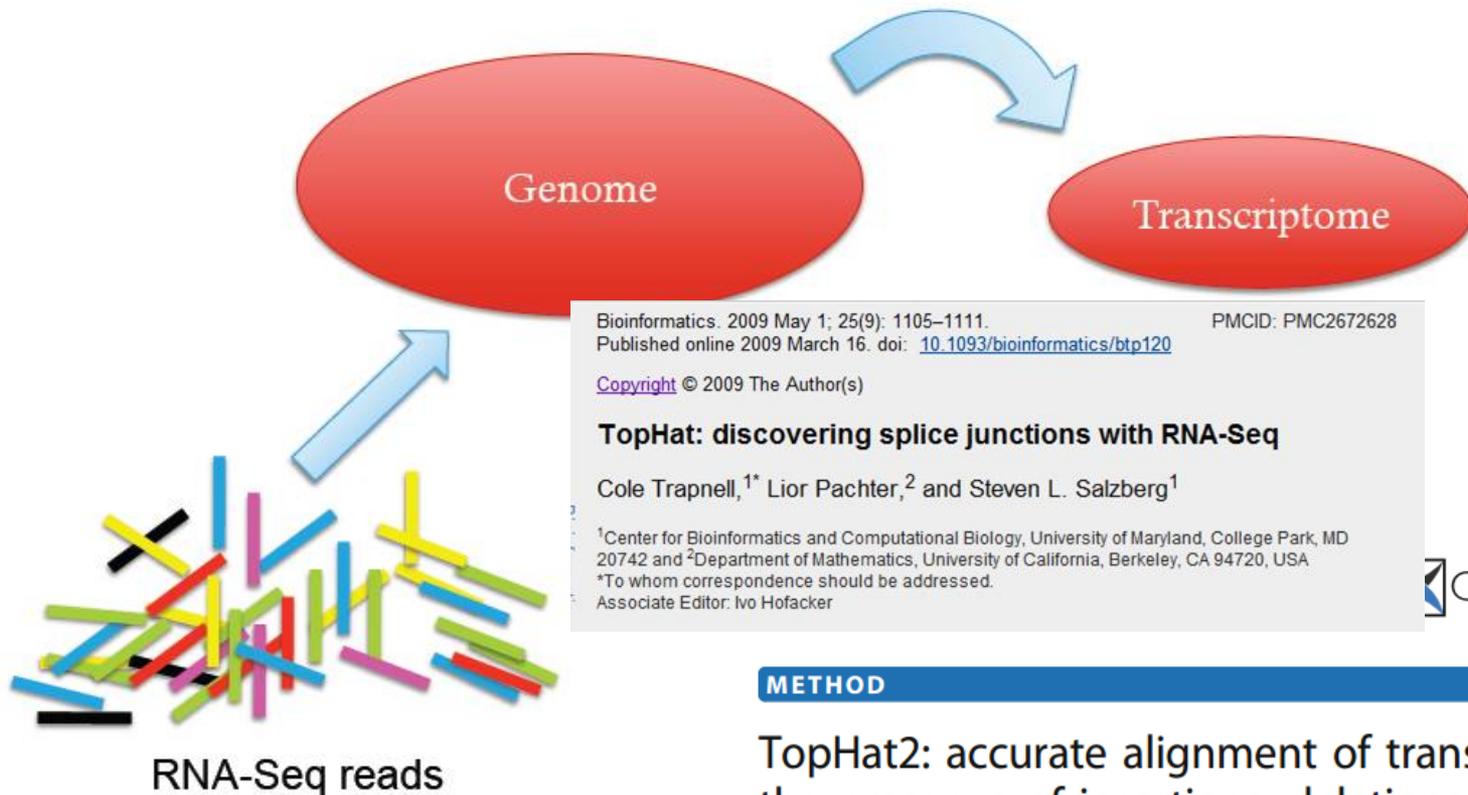
What is the challenge when mapping to the genome?



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RNA-Seq>

# RNA-Seq mapping with TopHat

Goal: **identify** all transcripts and estimate relative amounts from RNA-Seq data



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Published online 2009 March 16. doi: [10.1093/bioinformatics/btp120](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btp120)

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## TopHat: discovering splice junctions with RNA-Seq

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TopHat2: accurate alignment of transcriptomes in the presence of insertions, deletions and gene fusions

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# Newer Aligners - Improving speed

Figure 2: Alignment speed of spliced alignment software for 20 million simulated 100-bp reads.

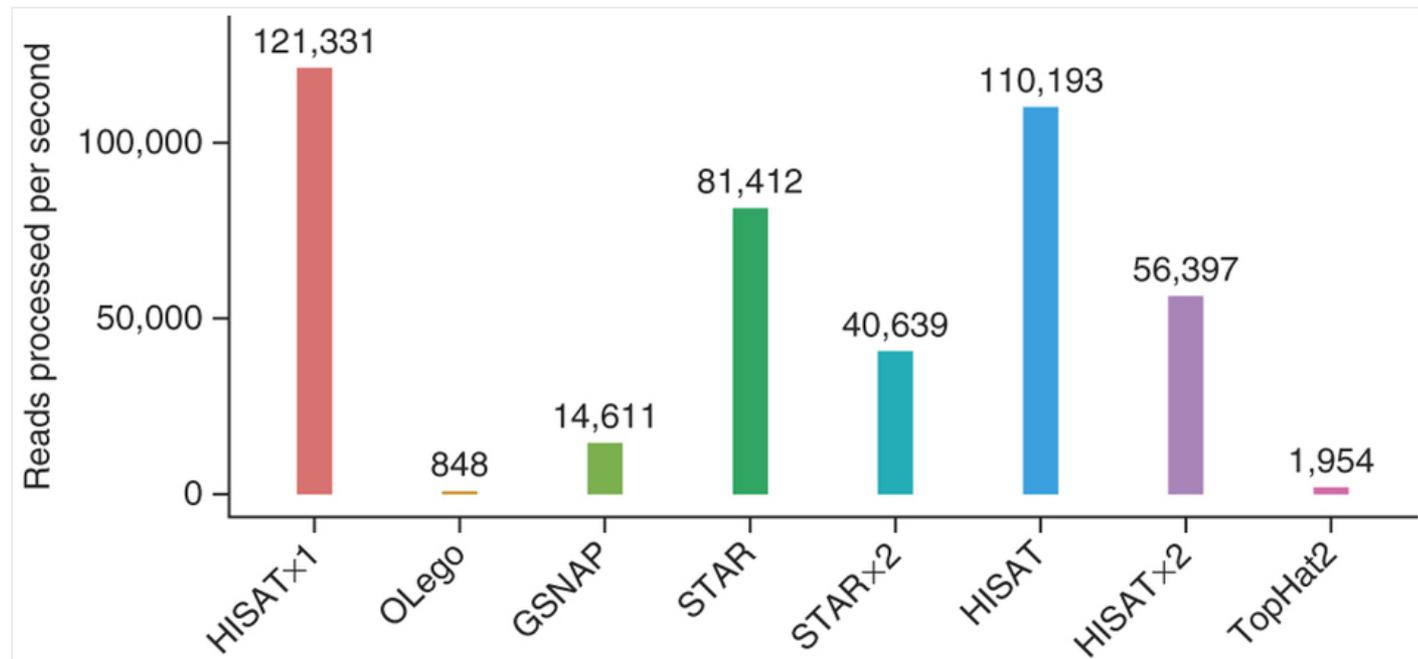
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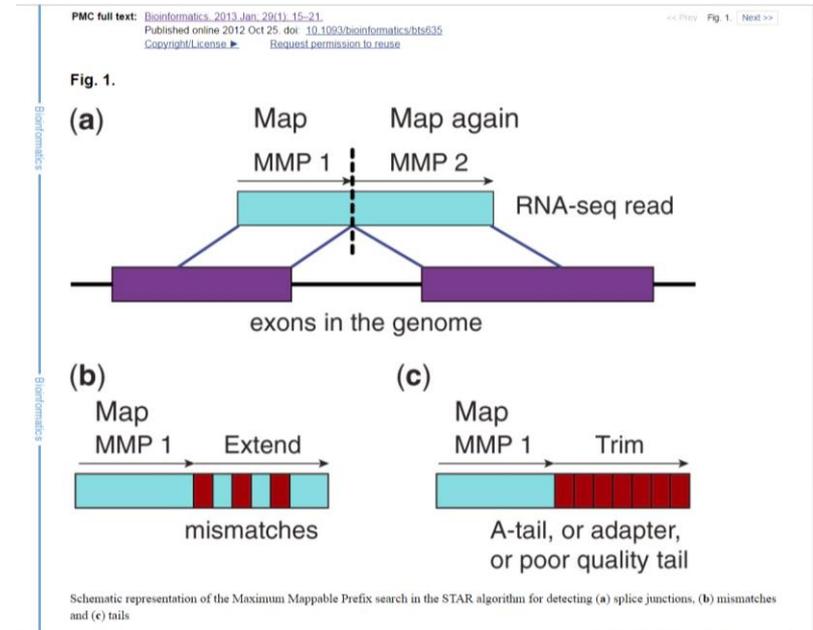
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Alignment speed for all read types (defined in Fig. 1) combined, measured as the number of reads processed per second by the indicated tools. Supplementary Figure 2 provides the alignment speed for each type of read separately.

# STAR-Spliced Transcripts Alignment to a Reference

- In the first step, the algorithm finds the Maximal Exact Match (MMP) starting from the first base of the read
- Next, the MMP search is repeated for the unmapped portion of the read
- Speed of search is achieved since the genome suffix array is not compressed and therefore requires **increased memory usage (30-60Gb)**
- Last stage is Clustering, stitching and scoring



**Figure 1:** A string (above) and its suffix array (shown vertically) along with the position index on the left and the ...

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
t	g	t	g	t	g	t	g	c	a	c	c	g	\$

0	13	\$
1	9	a c c g \$
2	8	c a c c g g \$
3	10	c c g \$
4	11	c g \$
5	12	g \$
6	7	g c a c c g \$
7	5	g t g c a c c g \$
8	3	g t g t g c a c c g \$
9	1	g t g t g t g c a c c g \$
10	6	t g c a c c g \$
11	4	t g t g c a c c g \$
12	2	t g t g t g c a c c g \$
13	0	t g t g t g t g c a c c g \$

- The speed of the search is achieved by the suffix tree
- Suppose we want to search for gtg, they are all clustered together



# Mapping Output - Alignment file

- SAM or binary BAM file

```
HWI-ST808:87:C068VACXX:2:1101:1234:2199 16 chr5 178055767 2 100M * 0 0 TGACGGTCCATTCCCGGGCTCGATG
CCGGAACCCCTTGCCCGCCGGAAGGGCAGGCACATGGGCATAGGTAAGCGGAAGGGTACAGCCAATGCACG #####@CA75&DBB@@9BA99<7@98:(?@75)5(@7<807DCBHFHGBIIHHHE
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18C2 YT:Z:UU
```

## 1.4 The alignment section: mandatory fields

In the SAM format, each alignment line typically has 11 mandatory fields. These fields always appear as '0' or '\*' (depending on the field) if the column is not present. Here is an overview of the mandatory fields in the SAM format:

Col	Field	Type	Regexp/Range
1	QNAME	String	[!-?A-~]{1,254}
2	FLAG	Int	[0,2 <sup>16</sup> -1]
3	RNAME	String	\* ![!-()+-<>-~]
4	POS	Int	[0,2 <sup>31</sup> -1]
5	MAPQ	Int	[0,2 <sup>8</sup> -1]
6	CIGAR	String	\* ([0-9]+[MIDN])
7	RNEXT	String	\* ![!-()+-<>-~]
8	PNEXT	Int	[0,2 <sup>31</sup> -1]
9	TLEN	Int	[-2 <sup>31</sup> +1,2 <sup>31</sup> -1]
10	SEQ	String	\* [A-Za-z=.]+
11	QUAL	String	[!-~]+

## understand the FLAG code of SAM format

Here is what SAM specification stated for the FLAG column:

FLAG: bitwise FLAG. Each bit is explained in the following table:

Bit Description

0x1 template having multiple segments in sequencing (1)

0x2 each segment properly aligned according to the aligner (2)

0x4 segment unmapped (4)

0x8 next segment in the template unmapped (8)

0x10 SEQ being reverse complemented (16) ←

0x20 SEQ of the next segment in the template being reversed (32)

0x40 the first segment in the template (64)

0x80 the last segment in the template (128)

0x100 secondary alignment (256)

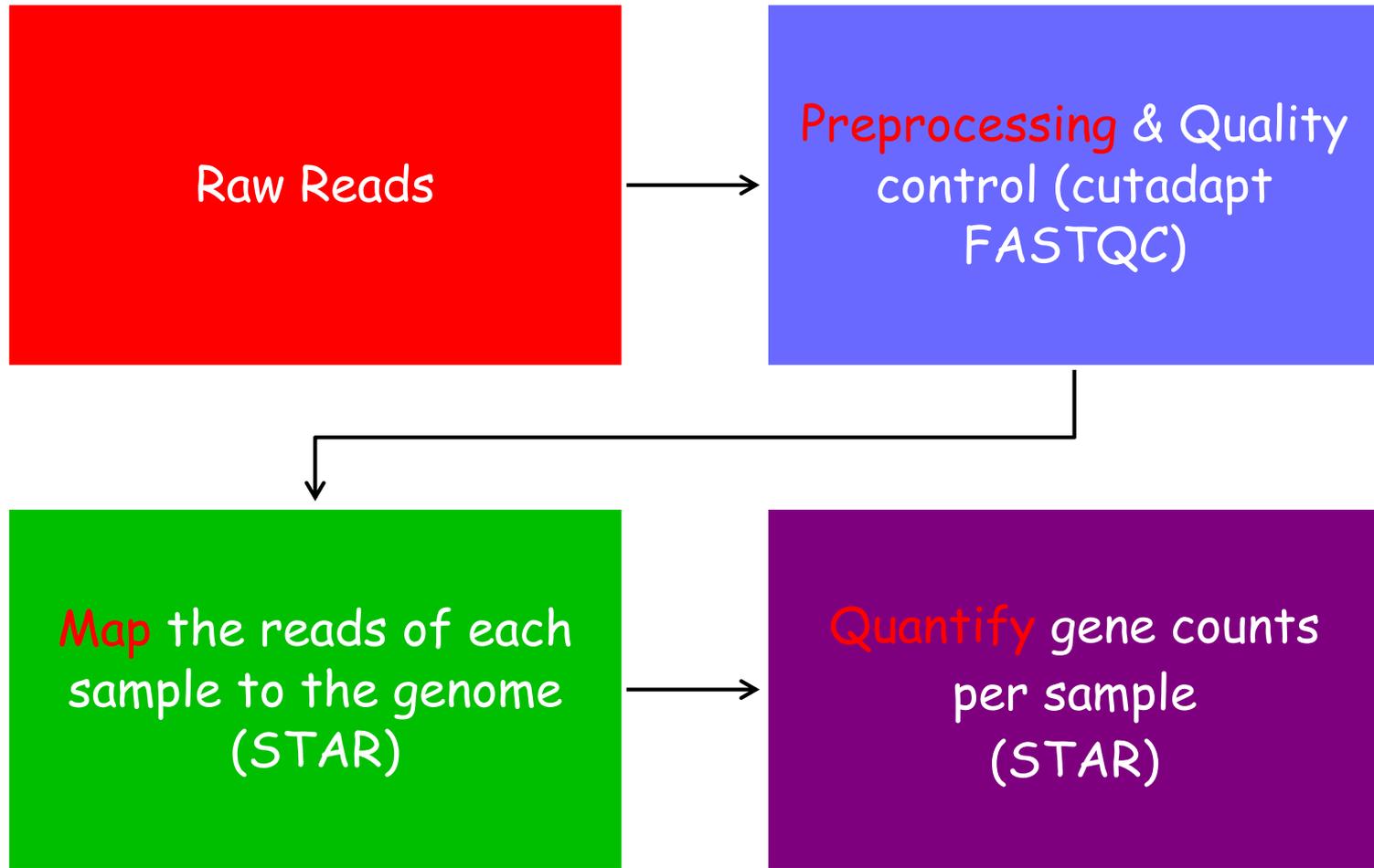
0x200 not passing quality controls (512)

0x400 PCR or optical duplicate (1024)

# Visualization of Bam outputs in a Genome Browser (IGV)



# RNA-Seq Workflow



# Gene Annotation File

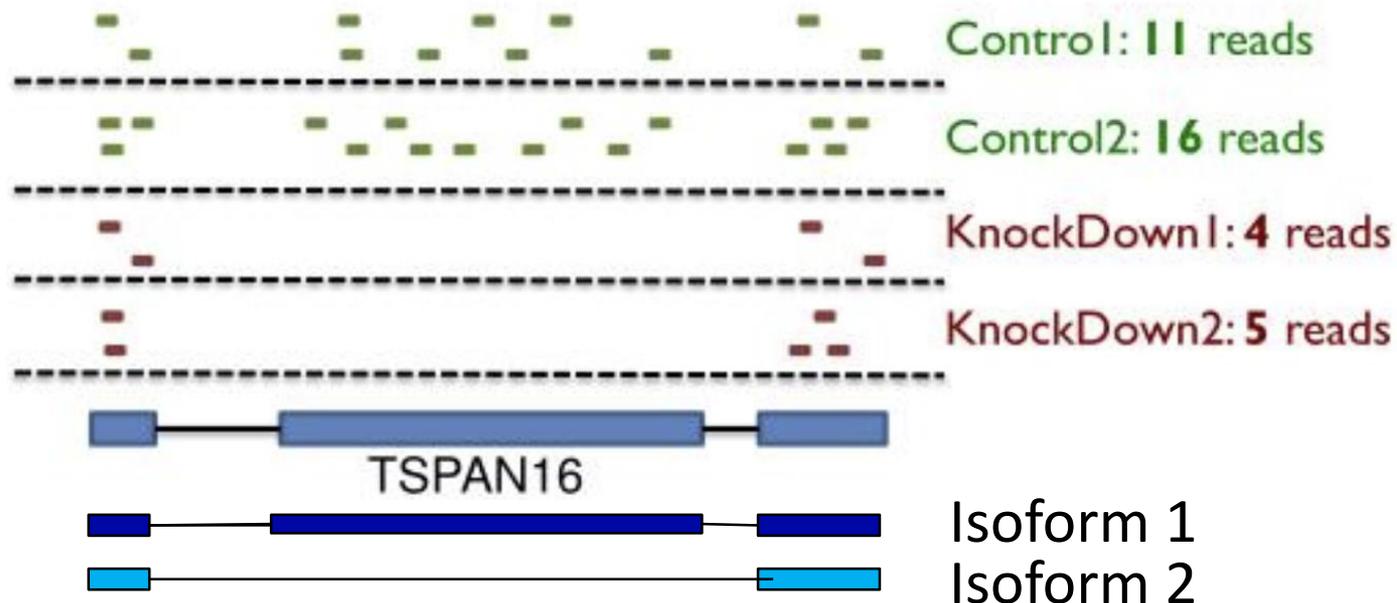
## Gene Transfer Format (GTF)

- GTF file is used to capture gene structure information (tab-delimited text file)
- Example:

```
chr1    unknown exon      3214482 3216968 .      -      .      gene_id "Xkr4"; gene_name "Xkr
chr1    unknown stop_codon 3216022 3216024 .      -      .      gene_id "Xkr4"; gene_n
chr1    unknown CDS       3216025 3216968 .      -      2      gene_id "Xkr4"; gene_name "Xkr
chr1    unknown CDS       3421702 3421901 .      -      1      gene_id "Xkr4"; gene_name "Xkr
chr1    unknown exon      3421702 3421901 .      -      .      gene_id "Xkr4"; gene_name "Xkr
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chr1    unknown start_codon 3671346 3671348 .      -      .      gene_id "Xkr4"; gene_n
chr1    unknown exon      4290846 4293012 .      -      .      gene_id "Rp1"; gene_name "Rp1"
chr1    unknown stop_codon 4292981 4292983 .      -      .      gene_id "Rp1"; gene_na
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# Gene Quantification

- A gene is quantified by counting the number of fragments/reads which align uniquely to all its exons.
- When performing gene level analysis we do not need to determine from which transcript the read was derived

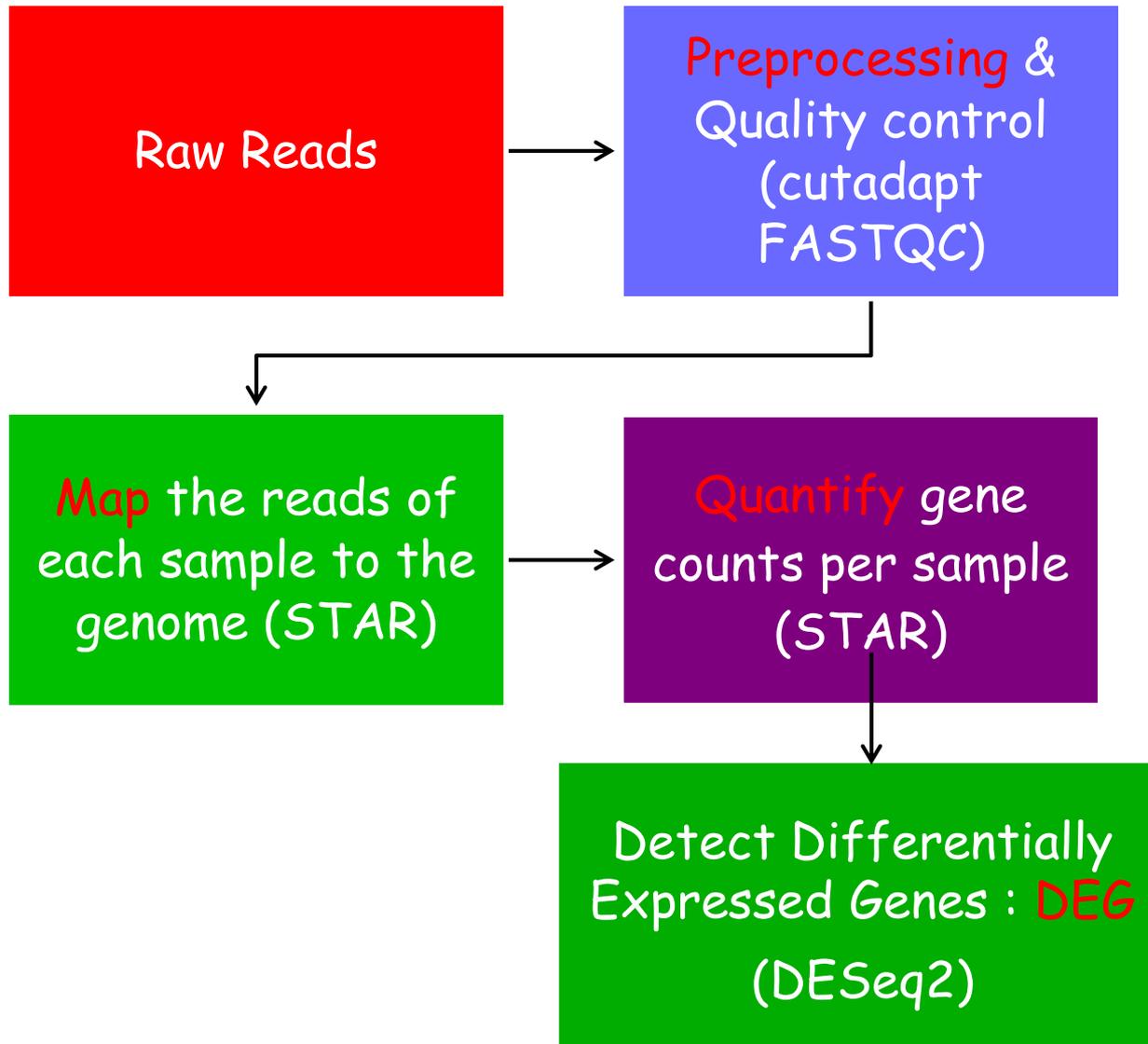


# STAR/HTSeq Results- a count matrix

	sample_1	sample_2	sample_3	sample_4
gene_1	15	9	11	18
gene_2	19	21	21	40
gene_3	106	114	153	207
gene_4	569	565	756	992
gene_5	1029	1260	1559	1968
gene_6	5049	10029	7537	200
<b>SUM</b>	<b>10 M</b>	<b>30 M</b>	<b>20 M</b>	<b>10 M</b>

- Can we compare gene level expression using this matrix, for instance can we conclude the expression of gene\_4 is similar in sample\_1 and sample\_2?

# RNA-Seq Workflow



# DESeq2 Normalization

## median-of-ratios method

- Create a “virtual reference sample” by taking, for each gene, the geometric mean of counts over all samples
- Normalize each sample to this reference, to get one scaling factor (“size factor”) per sample

# Example-DESeq Normalization

	sample_1	sample_2	sample_3	sample_4	geometric mean		ratio sample_1
gene_1	15	9	11	18	12.79		$15/12.79 = 1.17$
gene_2	19	21	21	40	24.06		0.79
gene_3	106	114	153	207	139.87		0.76
gene_4	569	565	756	992	700.73		0.81
gene_5	1029	1260	1559	1968	1412.26		0.73
gene_6	5049	5897	7537	10029	6887.68		0.73
						Median	0.77

The scaling factor for sample 1 is 0.77

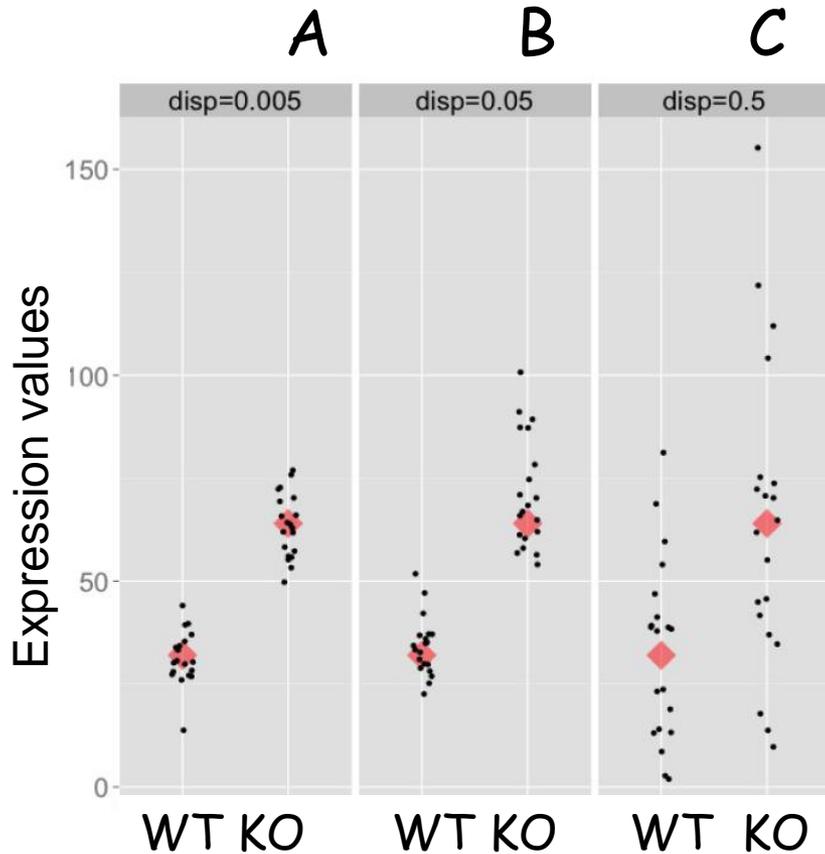
# DESeq2 Normalization

Need to normalize the amount of sequence data between the samples

1. Geometric mean is calculated for each gene across all samples.
2. The counts for a gene in each sample is then divided by this mean.
3. The median of these ratios in a sample is the size factor for that sample.
4. The counts are divided by the sample-specific size factors

This procedure corrects for library size and RNA composition bias, which can arise for example when only a small number of genes are very highly expressed in one experiment condition but not in the other.

# Determining Differentially Expressed Genes



- Aim: finding genes which have a significant difference between the groups which is larger than the "noise" - variation within the groups
- The advantage of having many replicates - allows us to learn about the biological variation within the groups tested
- In which of the groups is the gene expression difference between WT and KO more reliable?

# Determining Differentially Expressed Genes (DEG)

- Our input are genes counts, i.e. discrete values
- In order to determine the DEG genes we need to model the data i.e. make assumptions on the statistical properties
- Incorrect assumptions can lead to poor false discovery rate (FDR) control and inaccurate true positive identification in the DEG calls.

# RNA-Seq Noise

Suppose we sequence the same library twice to the same depth. For instance sequence it on two different lanes?

Which kind of replicates are these ?

Will we get the same gene counts?

# RNA-Seq a Sampling Experiment

- A typical RNA library is estimated to have  $2.408 \times 10^{12}$  different molecules.
- If we sequence 30 million reads -this means 30M molecules are sampled.
- Our sample represents approximately 0.0013% of the total number of available molecules.
- It is therefore clear that when we sample twice we will observe a variance in the gene counts

# RNA-Seq Noise

- In the case of sequencing the same library twice, since we have a large total number of reads and only a small fraction of reads mapping to each gene, the observed read counts for an individual gene can be well approximated by a Poisson distribution.
- Poisson distribution is sometimes called the law of small numbers because it is the probability distribution of the number of occurrences of an event that happens rarely but has very many opportunities to happen.

# Poisson Distribution

- Assuming the gene counts in a RNA-Seq experiment follow a Poisson distribution we would expect that the average gene count and the variance of the counts are equal.

$$\text{var} = \mu$$

- <https://youtu.be/fxtB8c3u6l8>
- <https://youtu.be/HK7WKsL3c2w>

# Biological Variation

- When we sequence biological replicate samples the concentration of a given gene will vary around a mean value with a certain standard deviation
- This standard deviation **needs to be** to be estimated from the data, in the case of RNA-Seq we need to estimate it with a limited number of replicates

$$\text{var} = \mu + c \mu$$

Poisson noise

Biological noise

# Negative Binomial

- In RNA-Seq analysis the negative binomial distribution is used as an alternative to the Poisson since it takes into account variance that exceeds the gene mean
- The count data is used to estimate the variance, using all genes with a similar expression value
- Orange line: the fitted observed curve for the variance

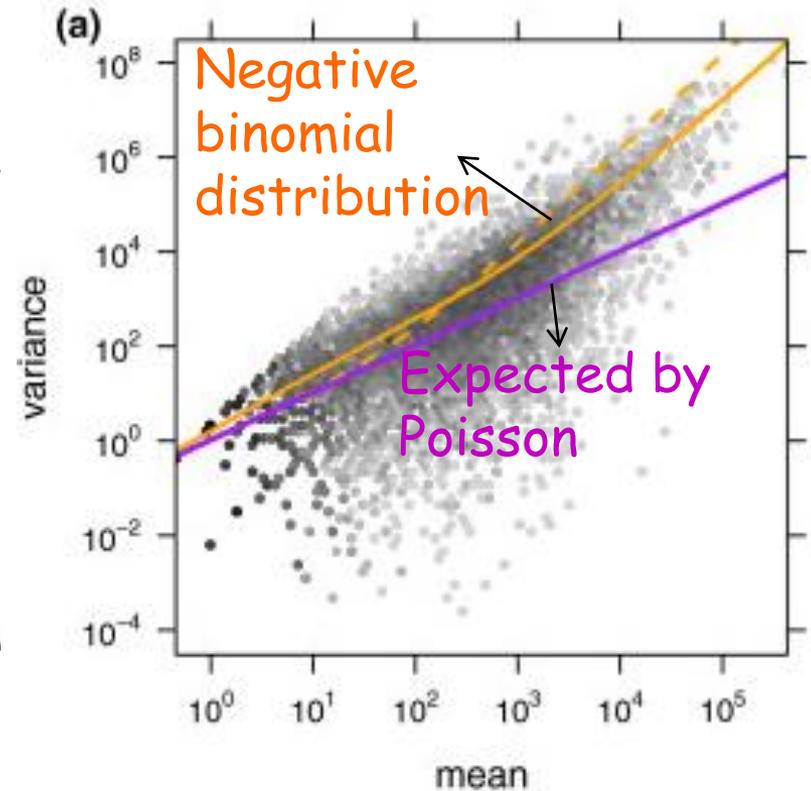
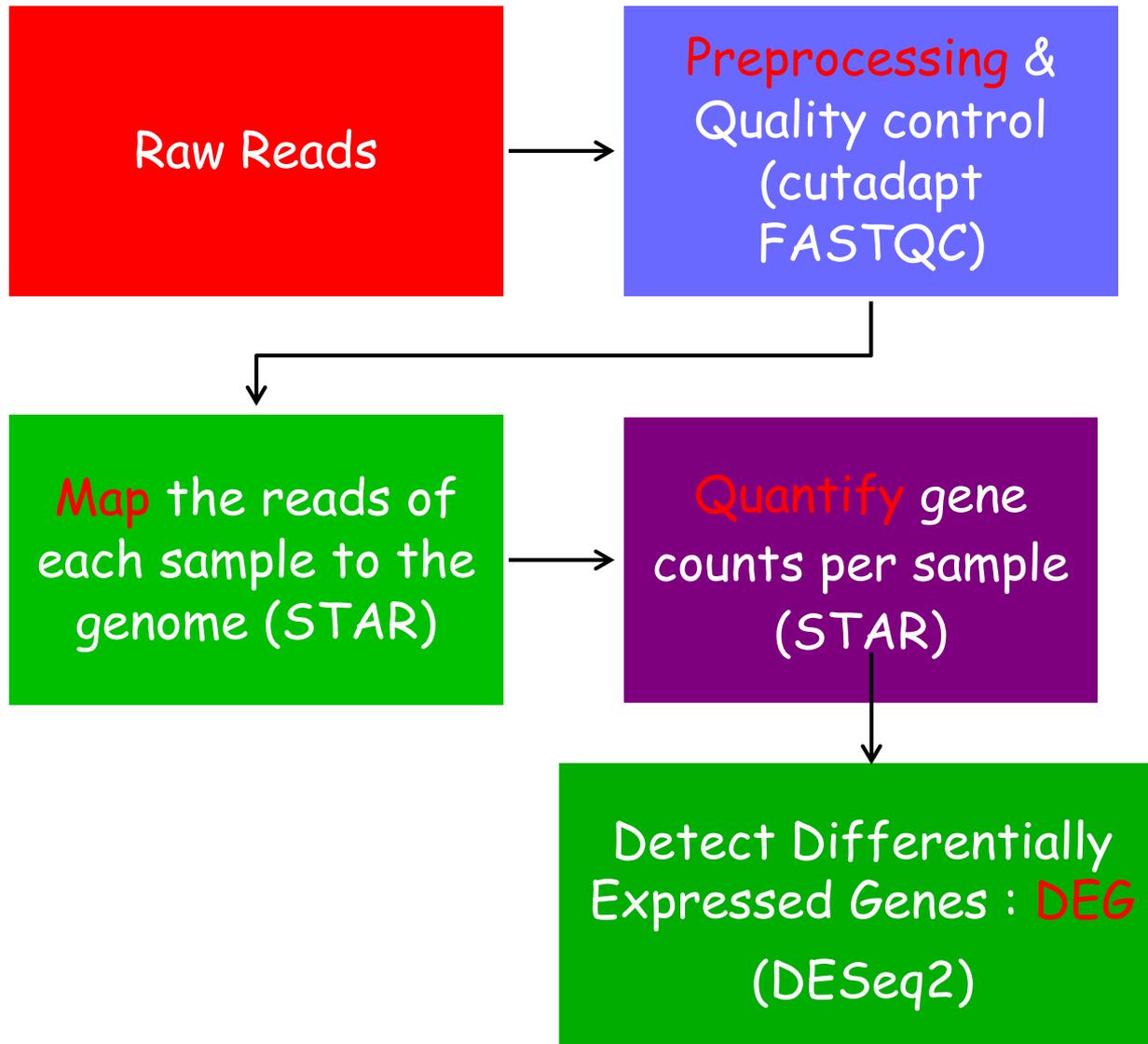


Fig. 1 from Anders & Huber, 2010: Dependence

# Detecting Differentially Expressed Genes

- DESeq2 tests for differential expression by the use of negative binomial generalized linear models
- The output consists of:
  - Log fold change (treatment/control)
  - p-value - indicates the probability that the observed difference between treatment and control will be observed even though there is no true treatment effect
  - Adjusted p value - multiple test correction
    - In the RNA-Seq study we simultaneously tested all genes

# RNA-Seq Workflow



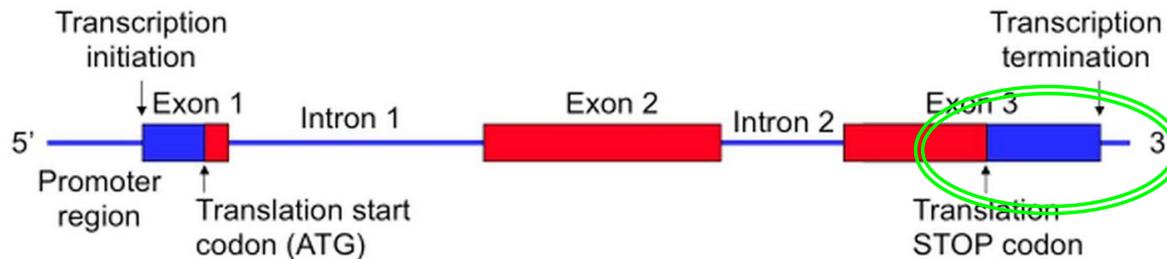
# Agenda

- Introduction & Experimental design
- Analysing Gene expression from RNA-Seq data
- Analysing Gene expression from bulk MARS-Seq data

# MARS-Seq

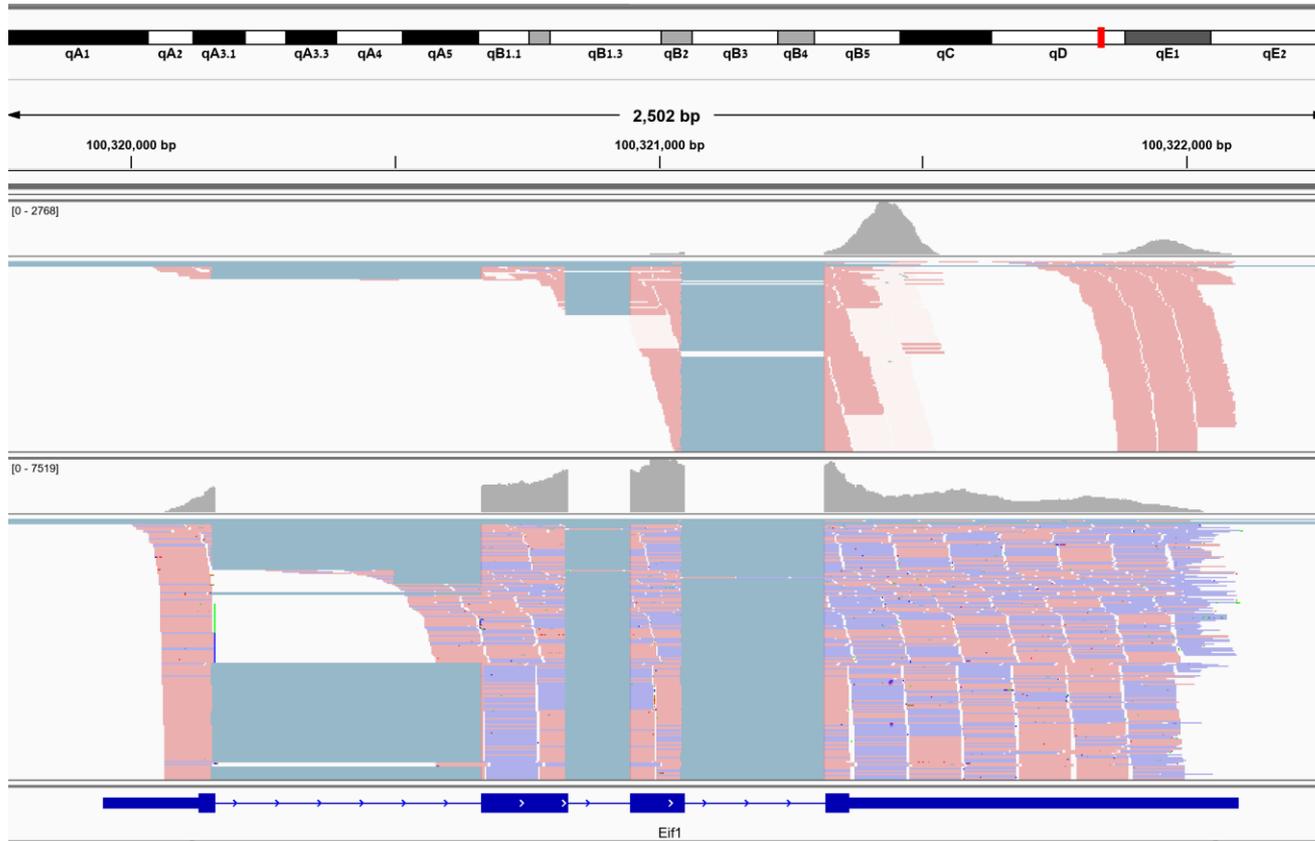
Differences between RNA-Seq and bulk MARS-Seq:

- Library generated contains only 3' end of the transcripts



- Low input material - UMI (Unique Molecular Identifier)

# Genome Browser View

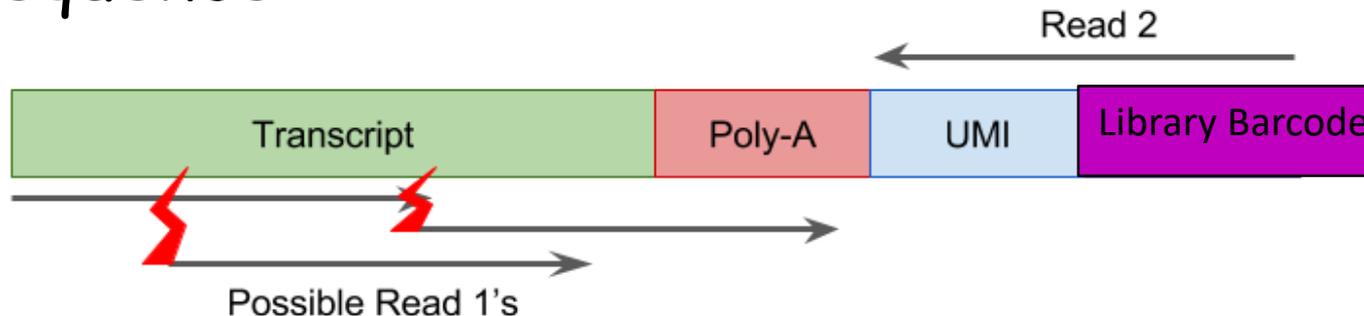


MARS-Seq

RNA-Seq

# MARS-Seq - Paired end sequencing

- Read 1 (R1) contains 3' cDNA insert sequence
- Read2 (R2) contains the library barcode and the UMI (Unique Molecular Identifier) sequence



# MARS-Seq FASTQ Outputs

R1

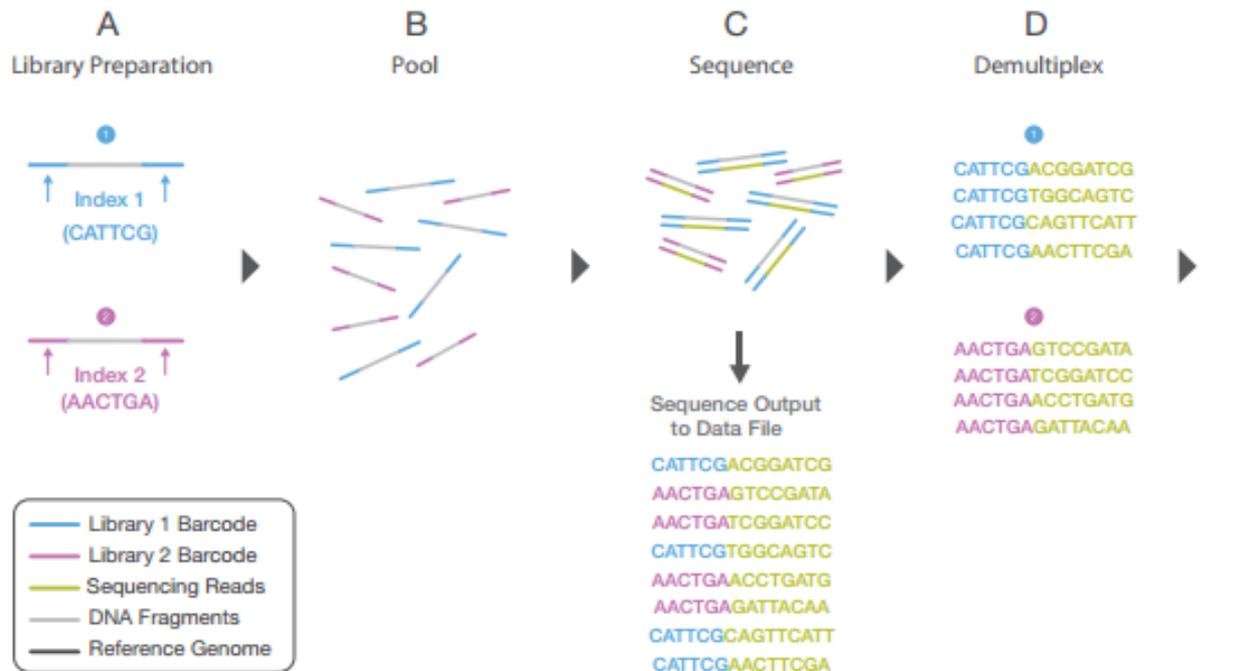
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R2

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+
AA<AAEAEEE#####
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CTATTCGATGCTGNN
+
AAAA/6EEEE/##
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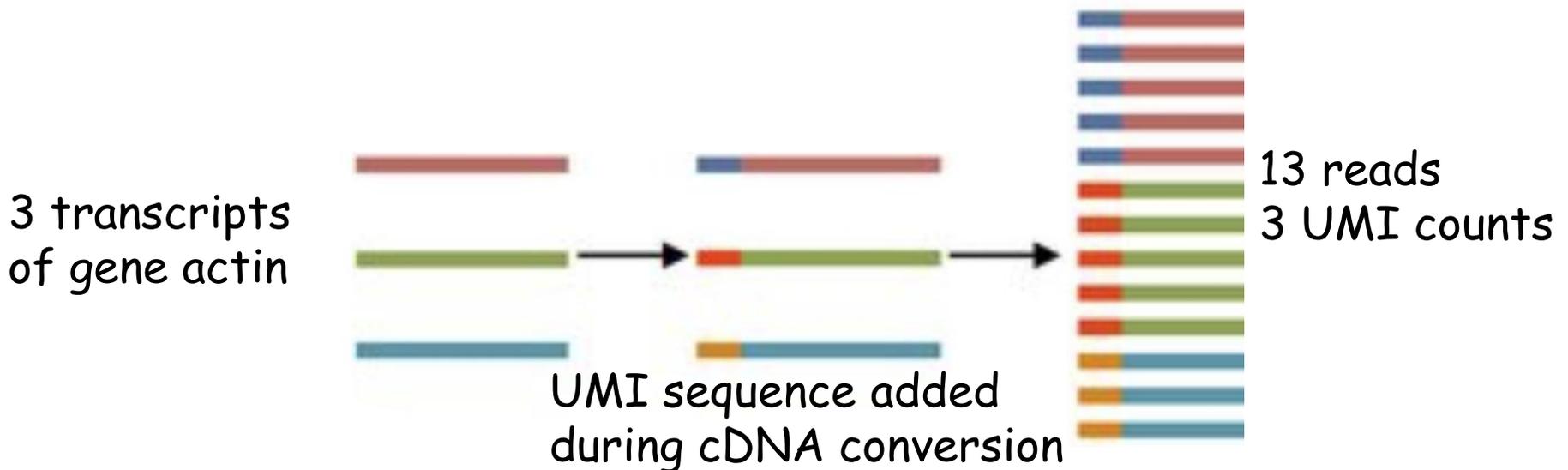
# Library Barcode

- **Multiplexing:** the process of pooling samples together and sequencing them simultaneously
- **Demultiplexing:** separating reads using the library barcode to identify the origin sample

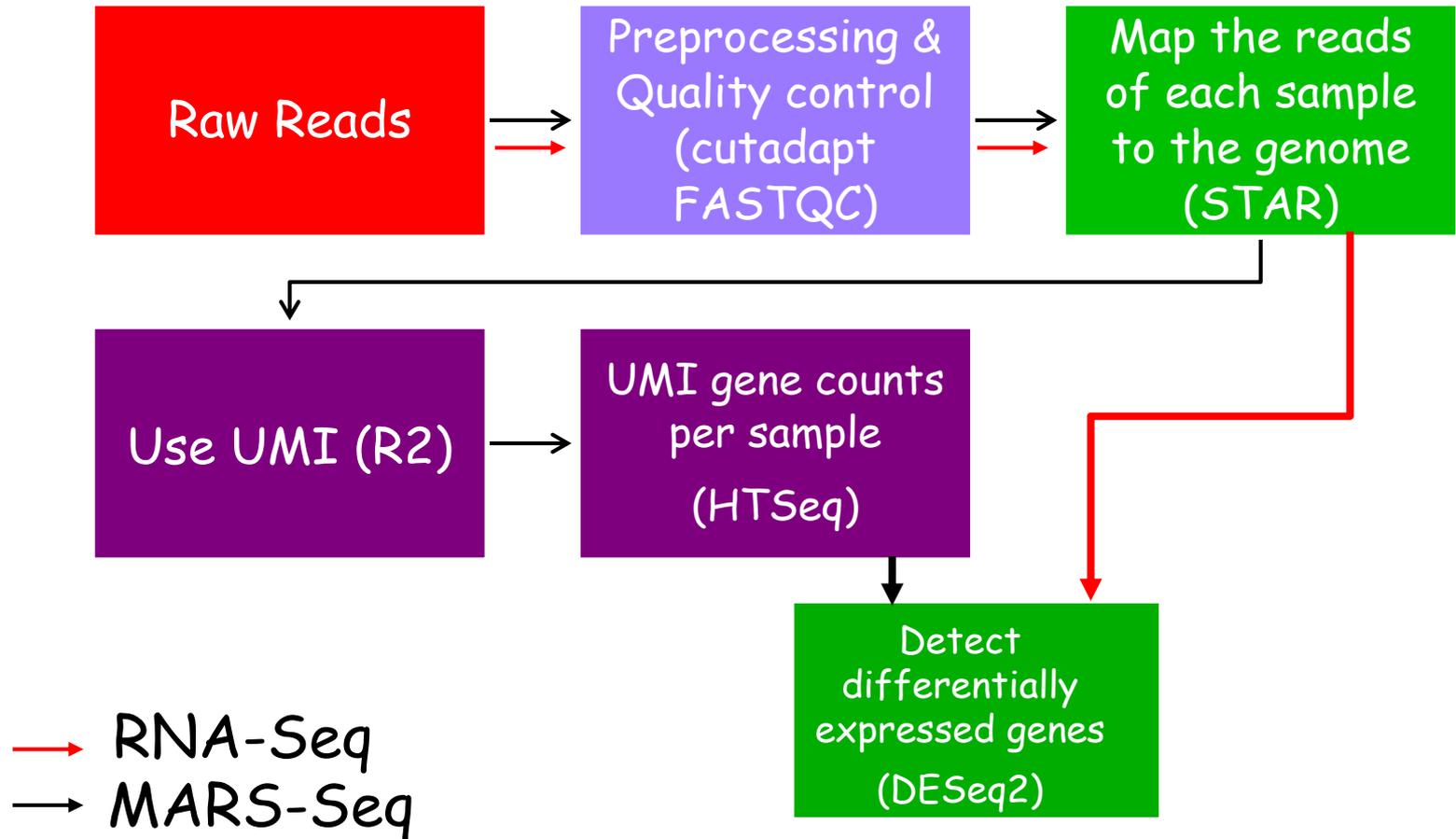


# UMI - Unique Molecular Identifier

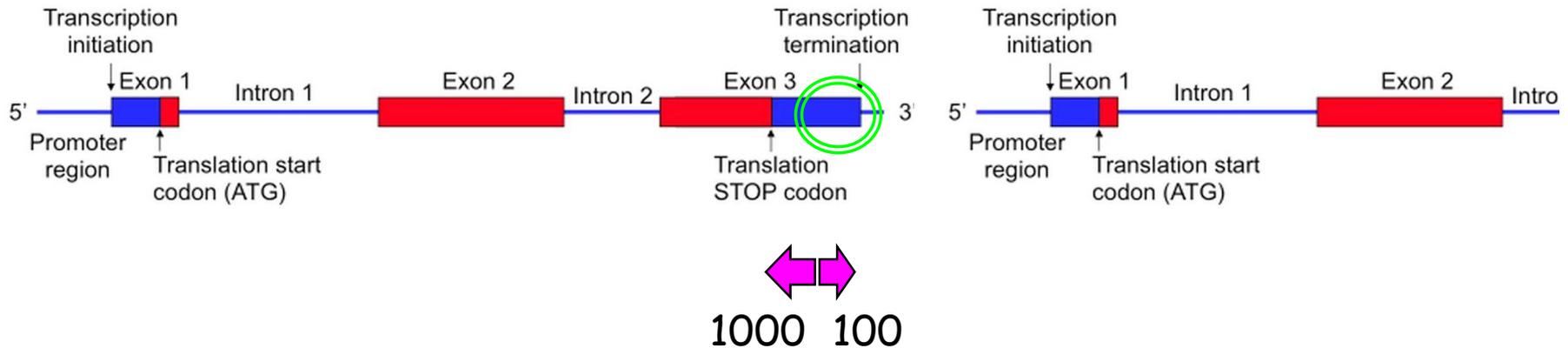
- The 8 base UMI is used as an identifier of a specific transcript molecule
- $4^8 = 65536$  theoretical possibilities
- Reads are considered PCR duplicated, if they map to the **same gene** and have the **same UMI**
- Instead of counting reads we will count number of unique UMIs per gene



# Bioinformatics Workflow



# MARS-Seq: Sequencing the transcripts 3'



- Count reads overlapping exons at a limited window in the 3' end of the transcript, using annotation of Genecode or RefSeq.
- Can be used for organisms with a well annotated genome (human, mouse & Arabidopsis)

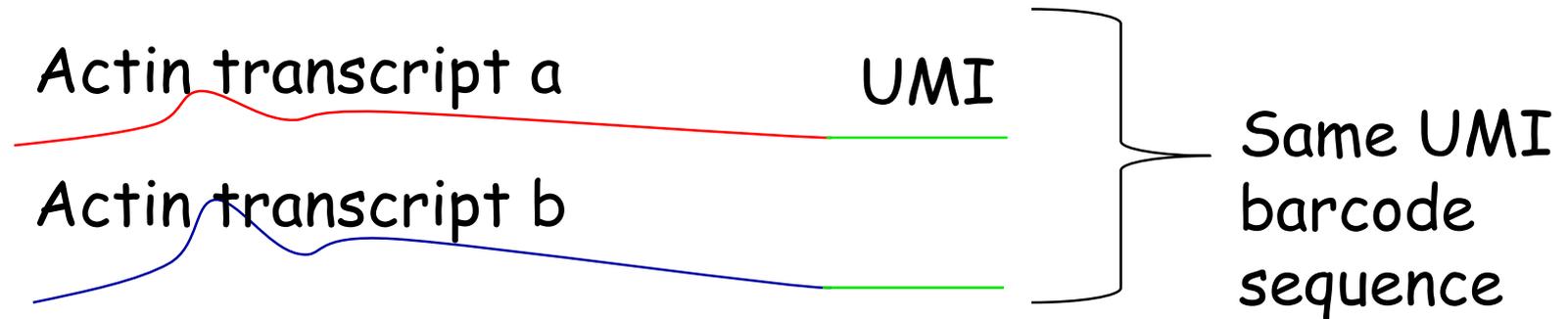
# MARS-Seq Gene Quantification

- HTSeq criteria to count reads: uniquely mapped to the 3' of gene (using a modified annotation file - gtf)





# UMI Count Correction



- UMI barcodes are connected to cDNA randomly, so it might happen that two independent transcripts derived from the same gene get assigned the same UMI barcode -> clash
- Genes that are highly gene expressed, have a higher chance of clashing
- Correction is applied to UMI counts taking into account the chance of clashing

# Differences Between Bulk MARS-Seq & RNA-Seq

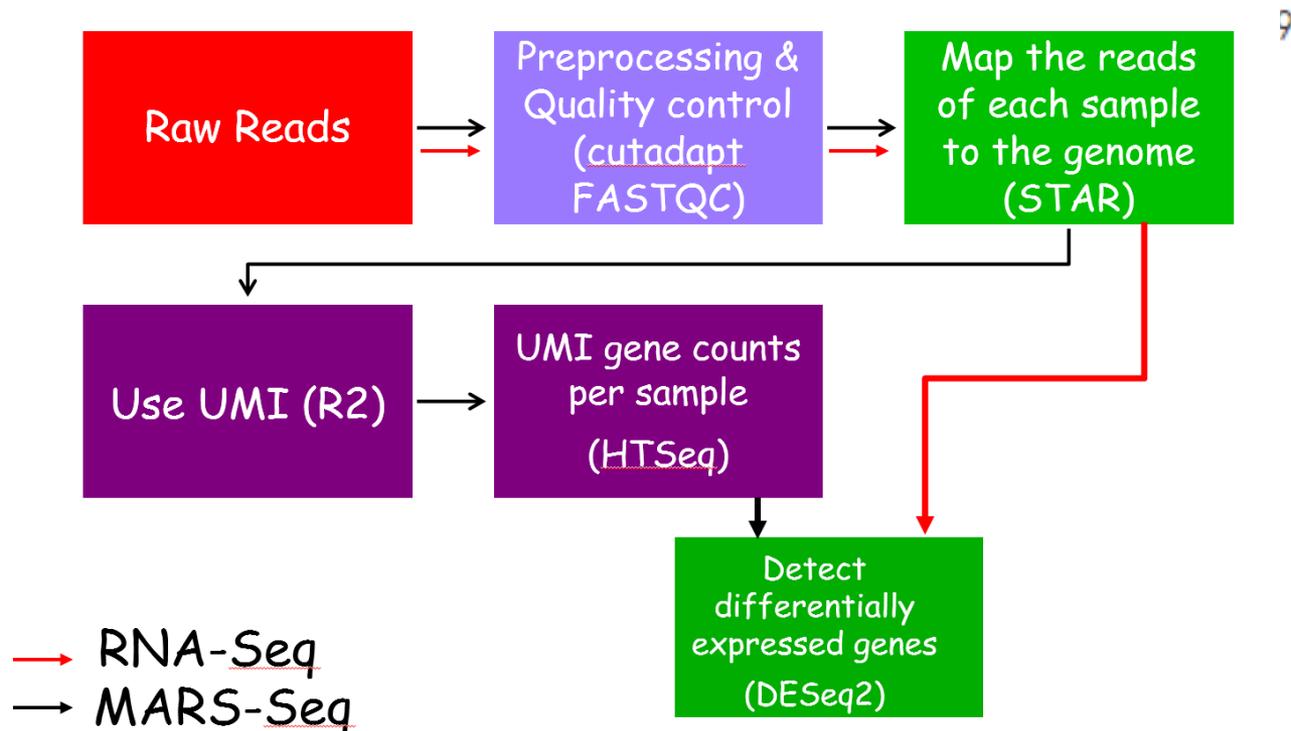
	MARS-Seq	RNA-Seq
Gene coverage	3'	The whole transcript
Annotation file (GTF) RefSeq/Genecode	Modified GTF that contains the 3' of the transcripts	Full length transcripts
#READS per sample	5M	20M
Sequencing protocol	PE	SE or PE
Location of library index	R2	Illumina index (i5 & i7)
Location of UMI barcode	R2	No UMI

# UTAP: User-friendly Transcriptome Analysis Pipeline

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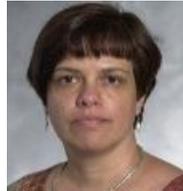
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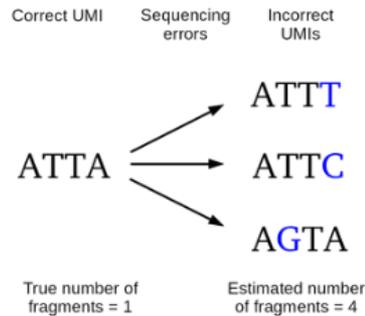
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# Correction For Barcode Error Currently Not Implemented in UTAP



**Sequencing errors inflate the apparent numbers of unique fragments sequenced**

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