RNA-seq to study HIV Infection in cells

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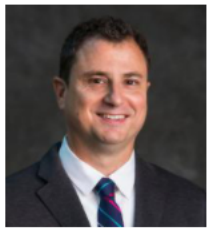

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- ✓ High Performance Compute Cluster
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https://it.tufts.edu/research-technology

Outline

Bulk and single cell RNA sequencing

Intro to Galaxy Platform for Bioinformatics (Tufts network or VPN required)

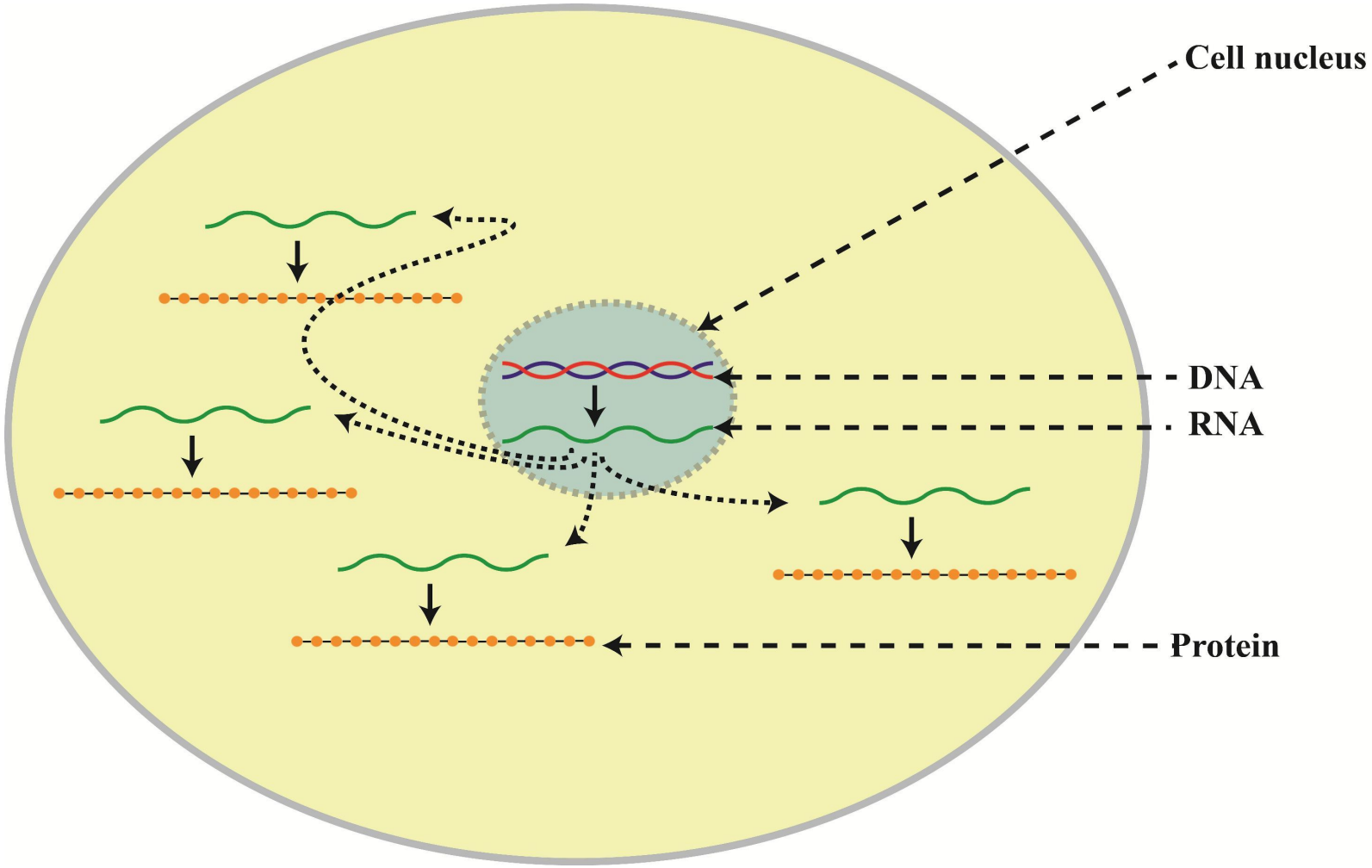
https://galaxy.cluster.tufts.edu/

Work through RNAseq example together on Galaxy

https://rbatorsky.github.io/intro-to-rnaseq-with-galaxy/

2 days!

DNA and RNA in a cell



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Two common analyses

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- Analysis goal:
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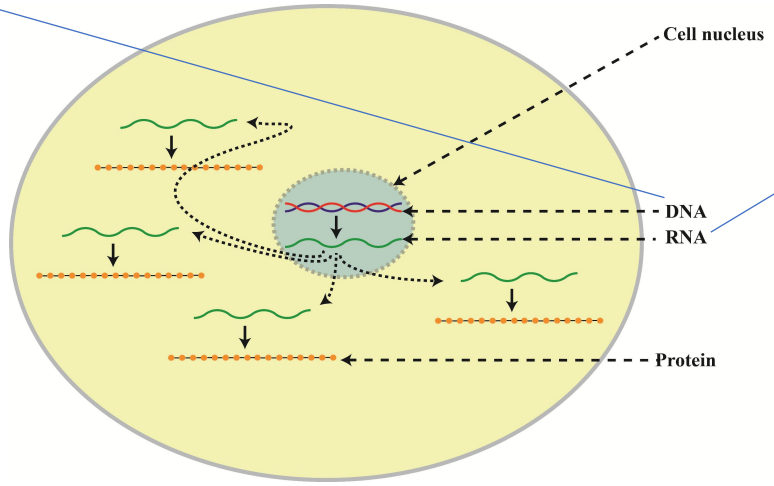

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Today we will cover RNA sequencing

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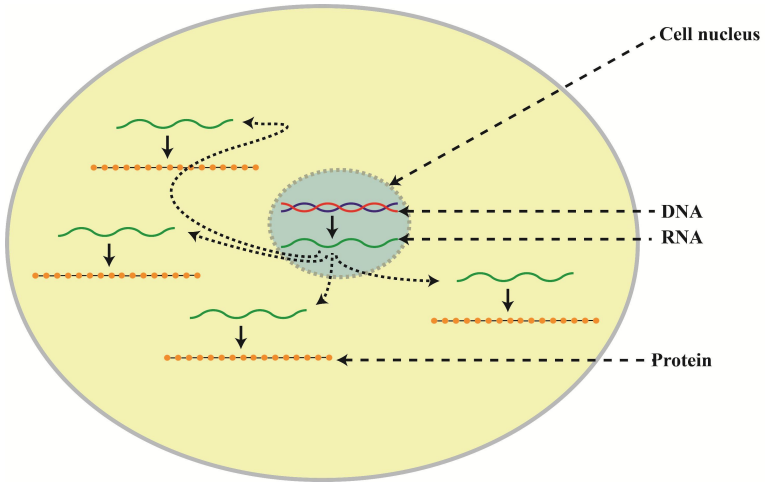

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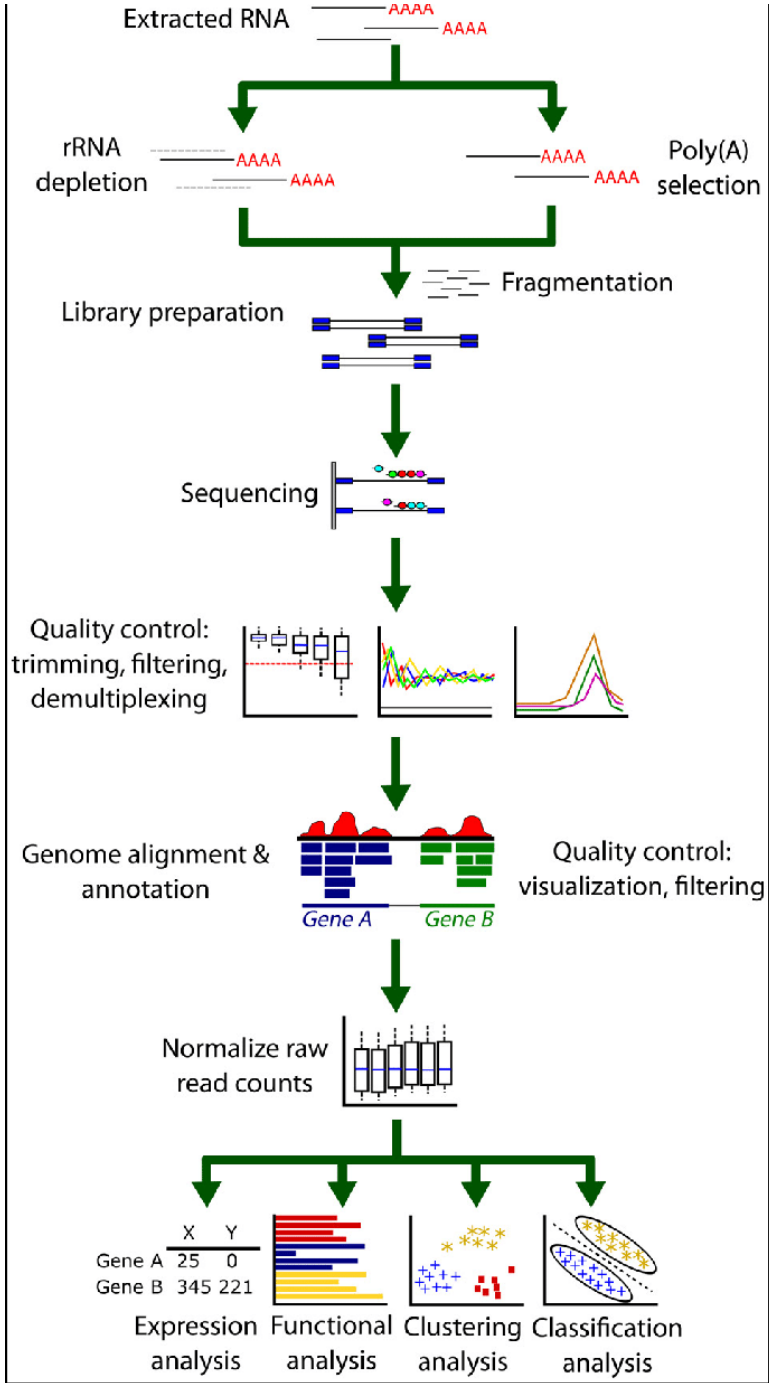
“Bulk” RNA seq workflow

Library prep and sequencing

Bioinformatics



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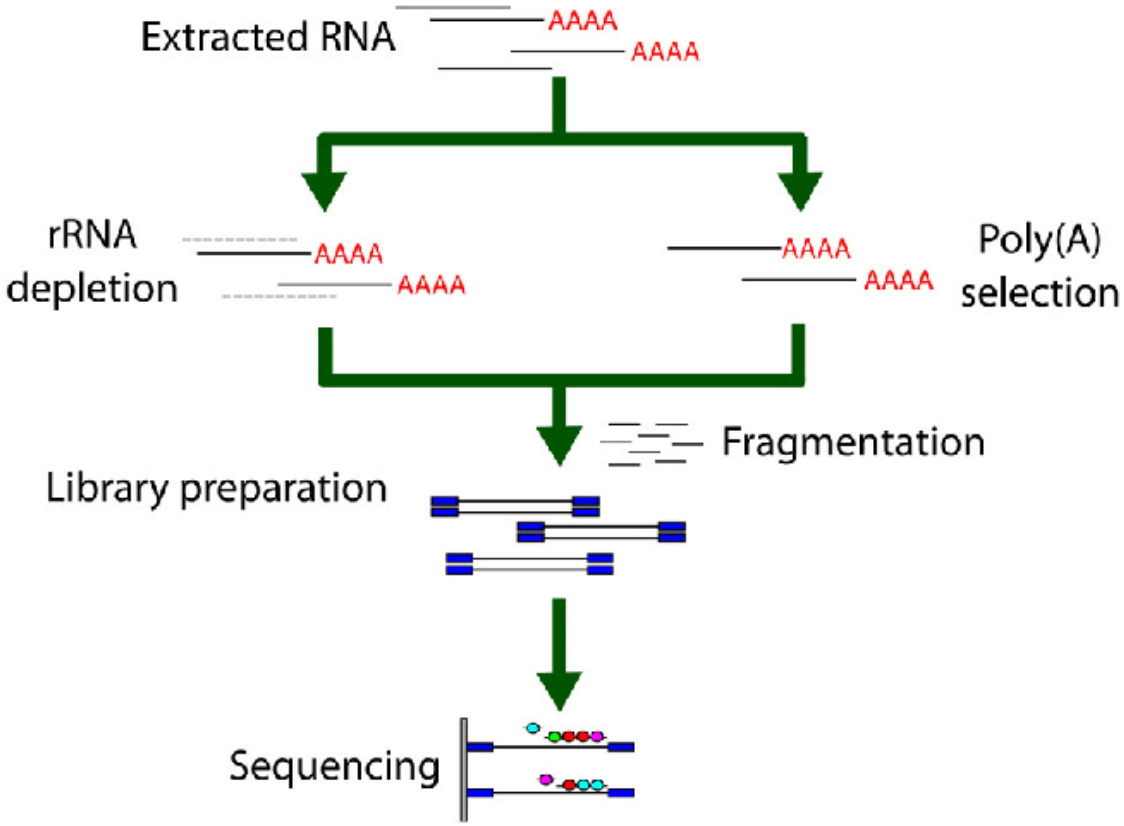

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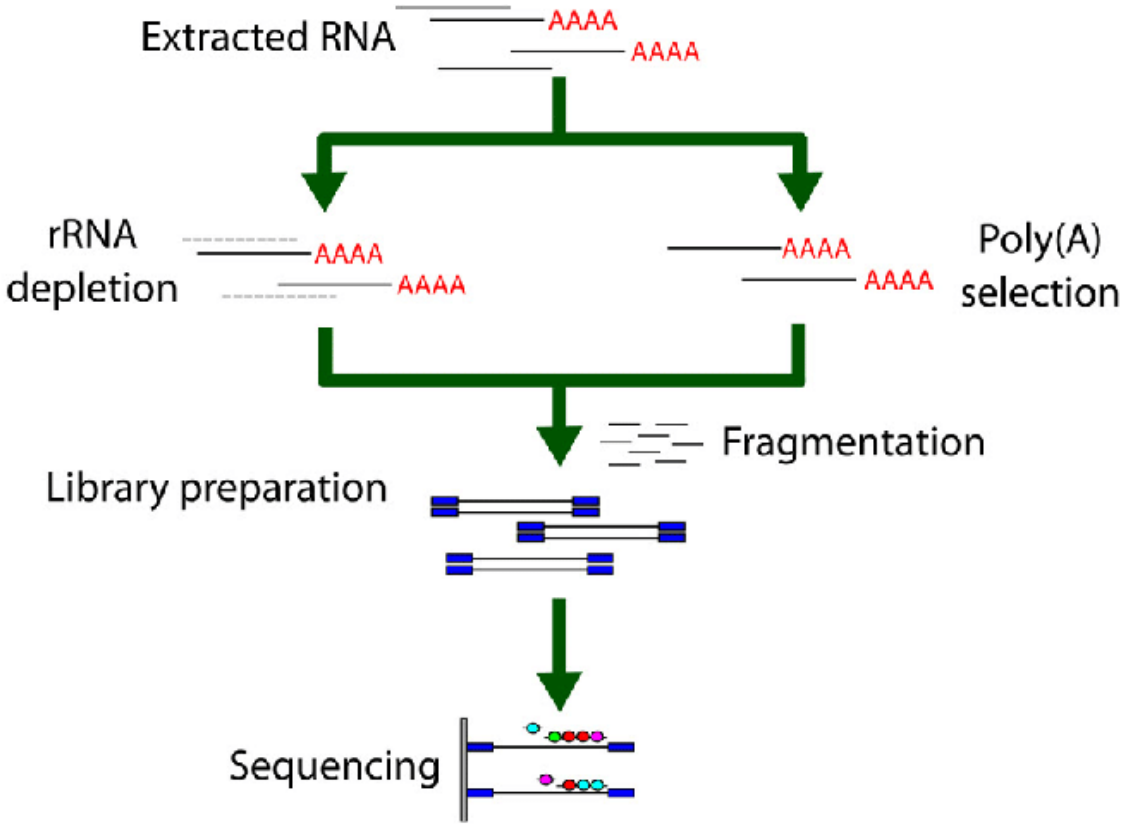

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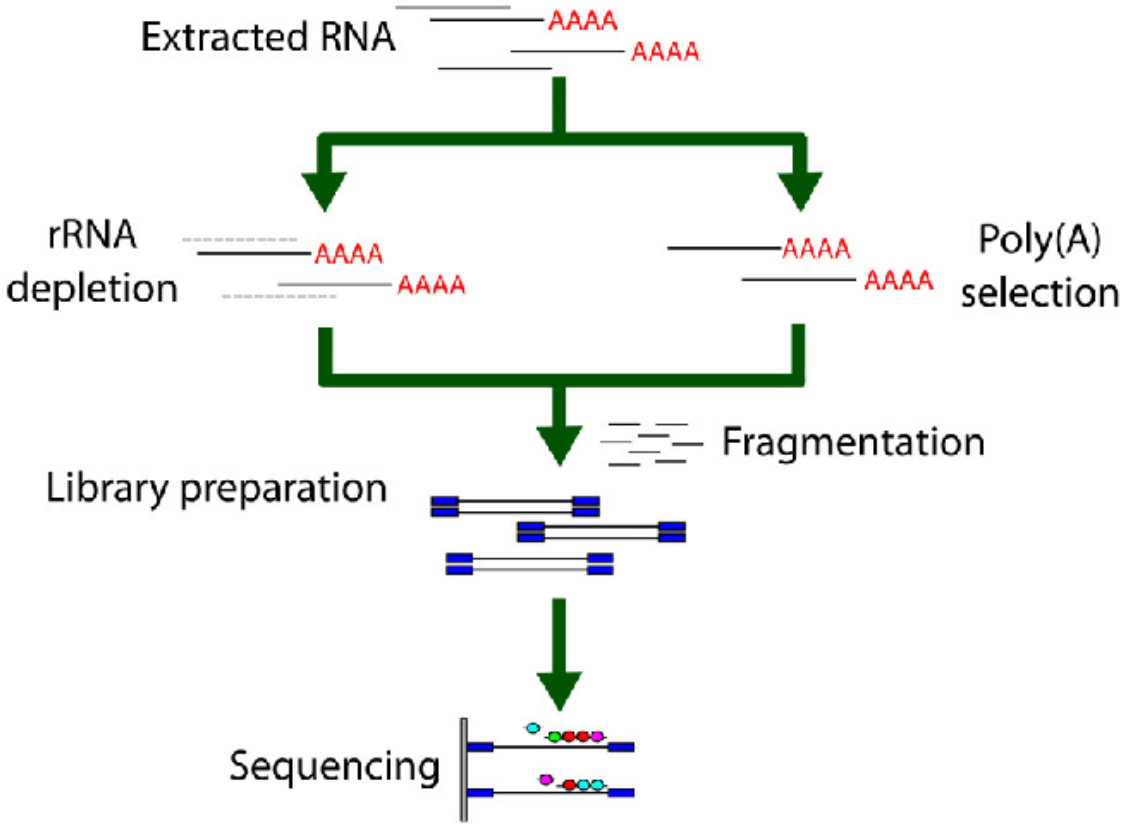
- Random priming and reverse transcription
- Double stranded cDNA synthesis
- Sequencing adapter ligation



Resources:
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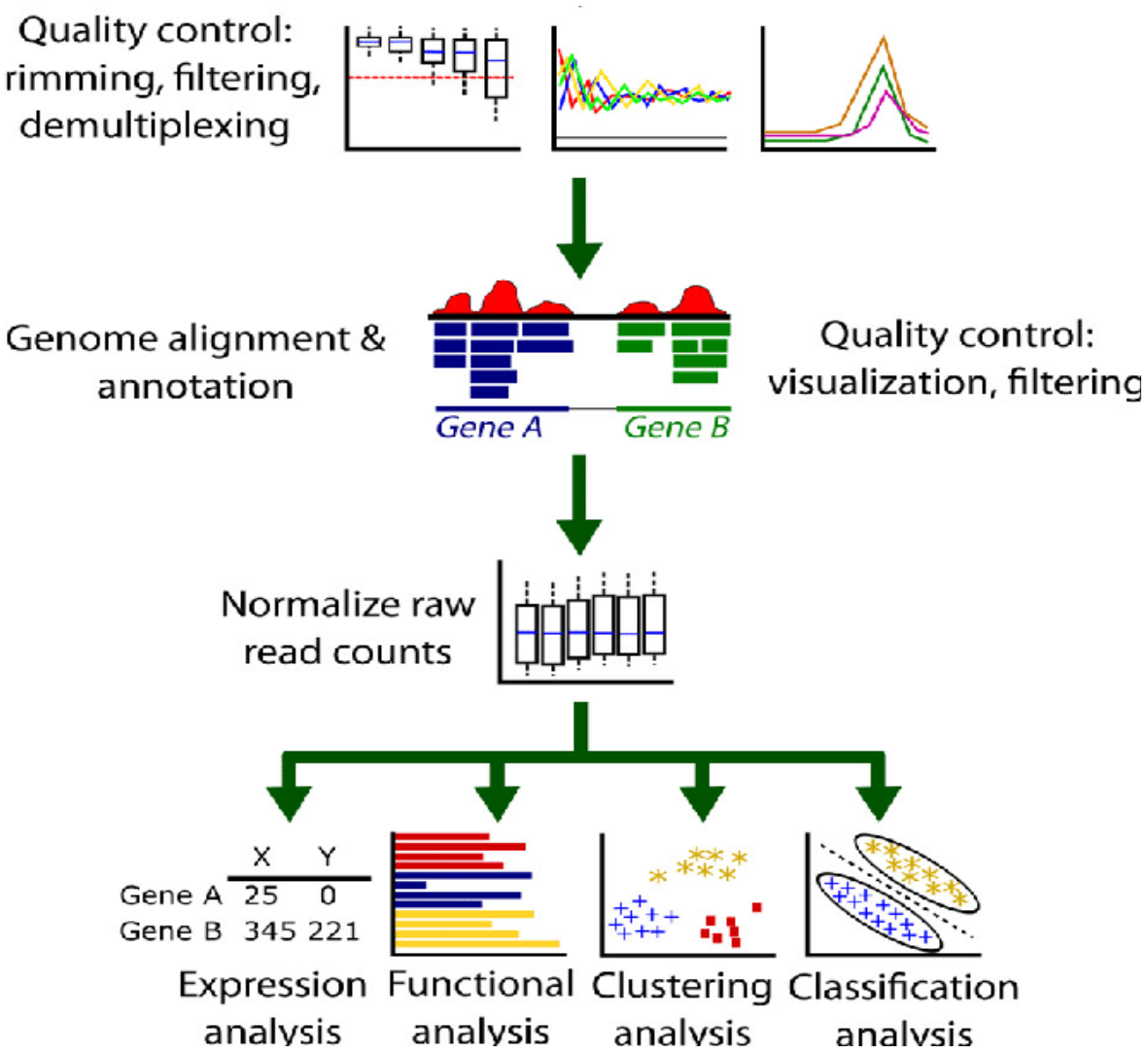
RNA seq bioinformatics



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Goal of Differential Expression in RNAseq

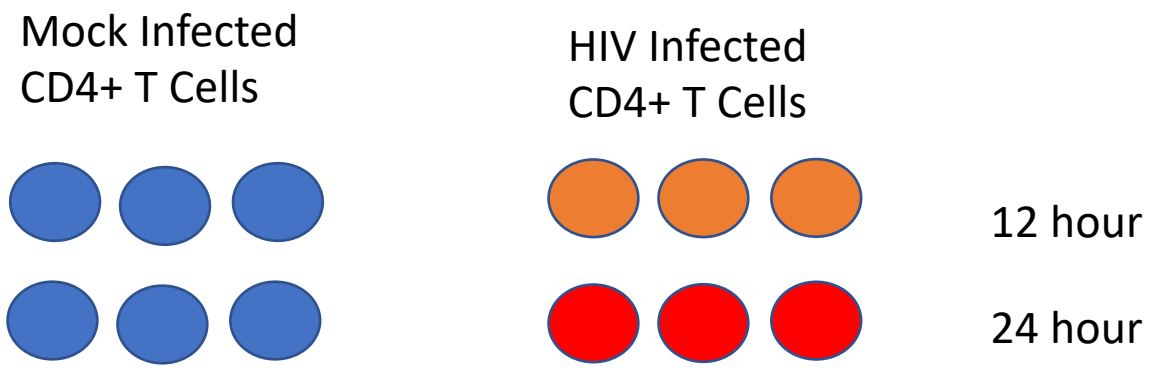
"How can we detect genes for which the counts of reads change between conditions **more systematically** than as expected by chance"

Oshlack et al. 2010. From RNA-seq reads to differential expression results. Genome Biology 2010, 11:220
http://genomebiology.com/2010/11/12/220

Our dataset

Next-Generation Sequencing Reveals HIV-1-Mediated Suppression of T Cell Activation and RNA Processing and Regulation of Noncoding RNA Expression in a CD4^{+} T Cell Line

Stewart T. Chang, Pavel Sova, Xinxia Peng, Jeffrey Weiss, G. Lynn Law, Robert E. Palermo, Michael G. Katze



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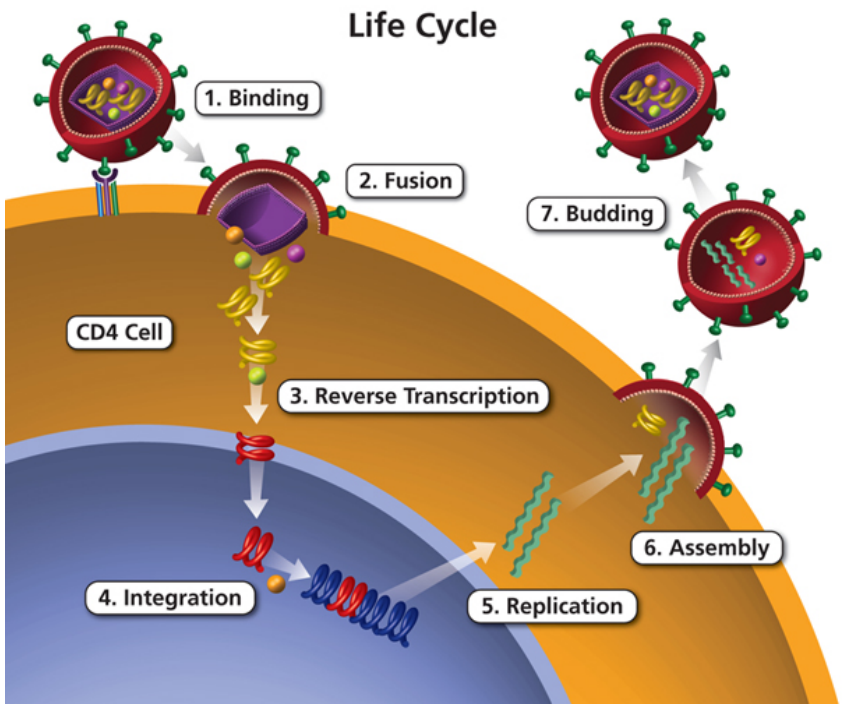
HIV lifecycle



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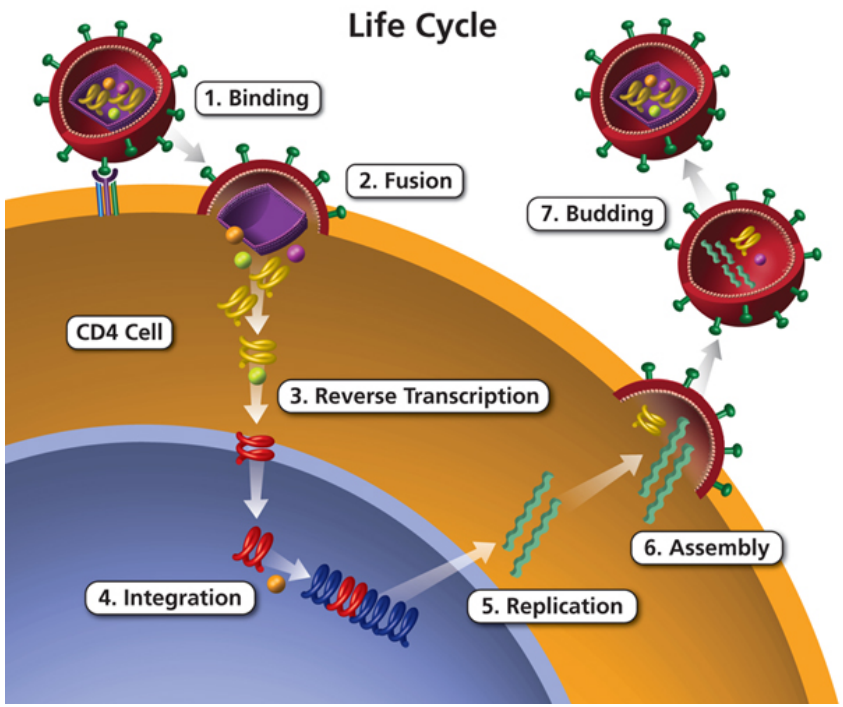
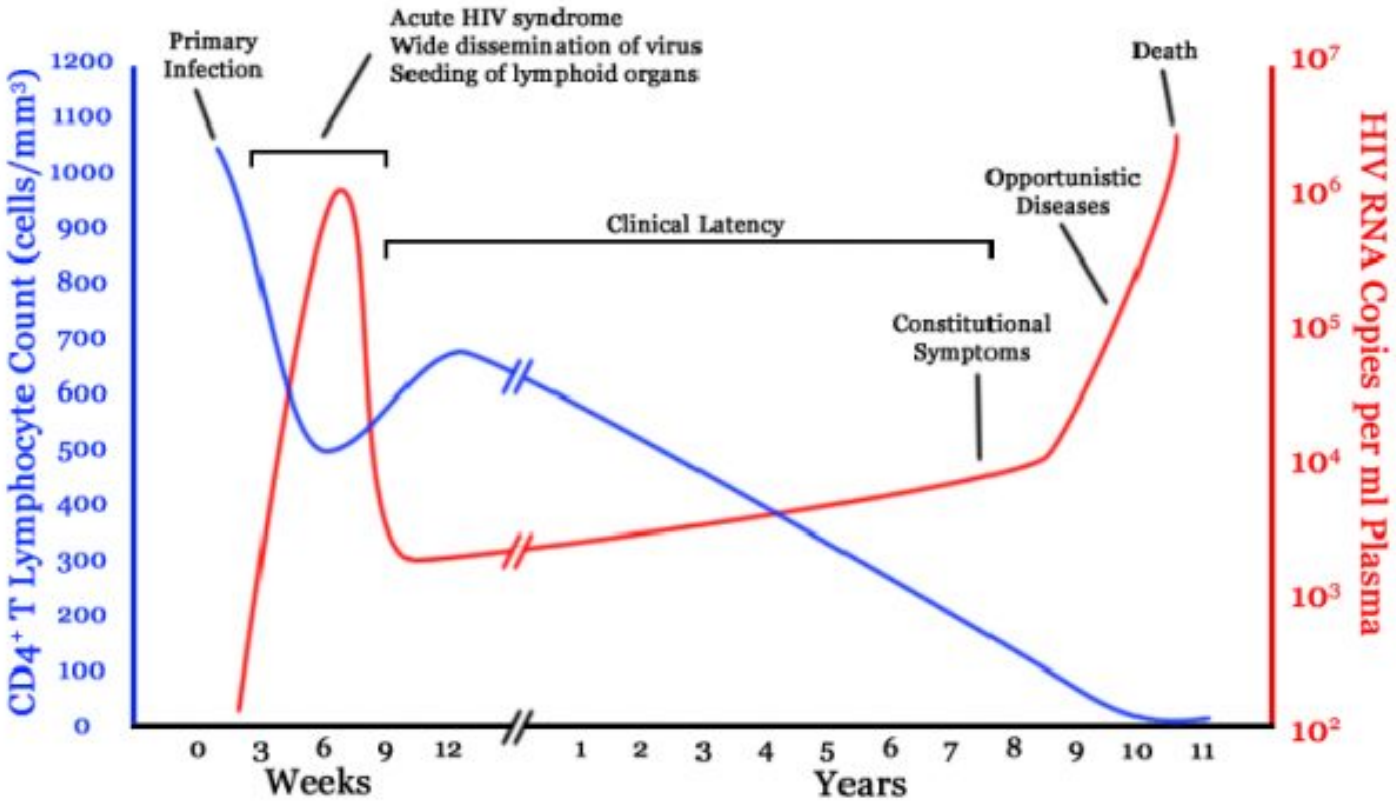


HIV infection in a human host



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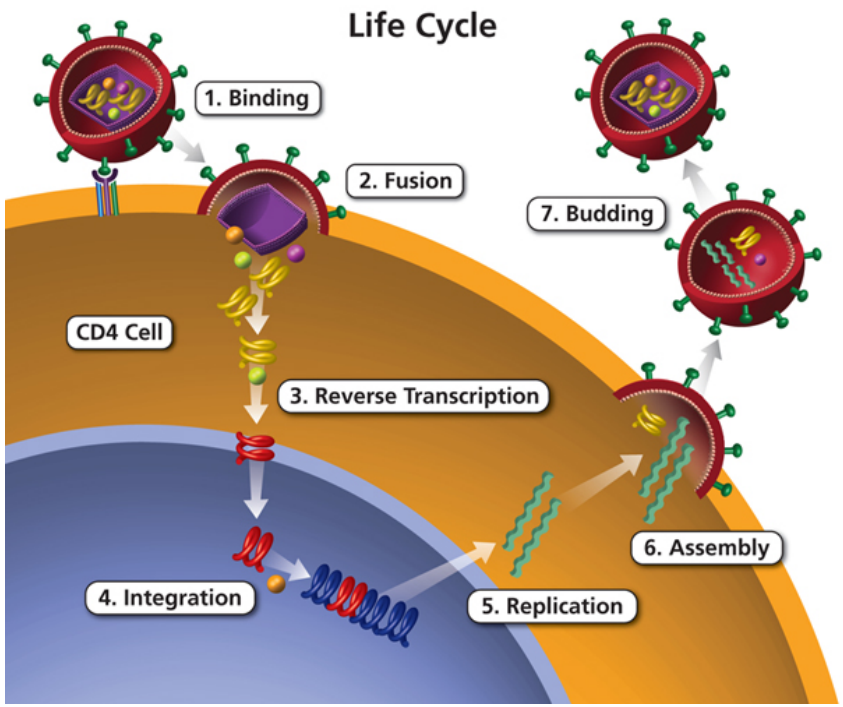
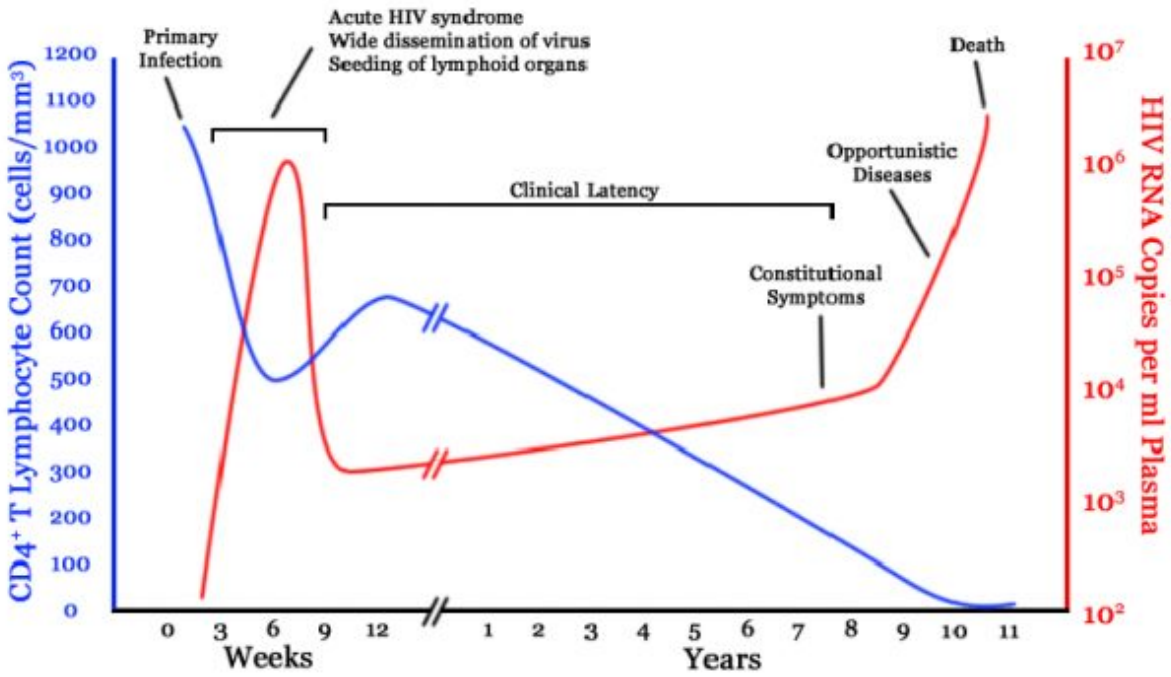
The study question

What changes take place in the first 12-24 hours of HIV infection in terms of gene expression of host cell and viral replication levels?





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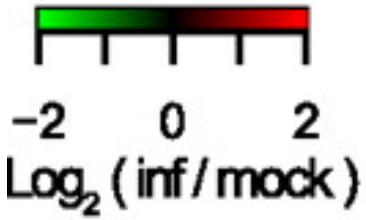
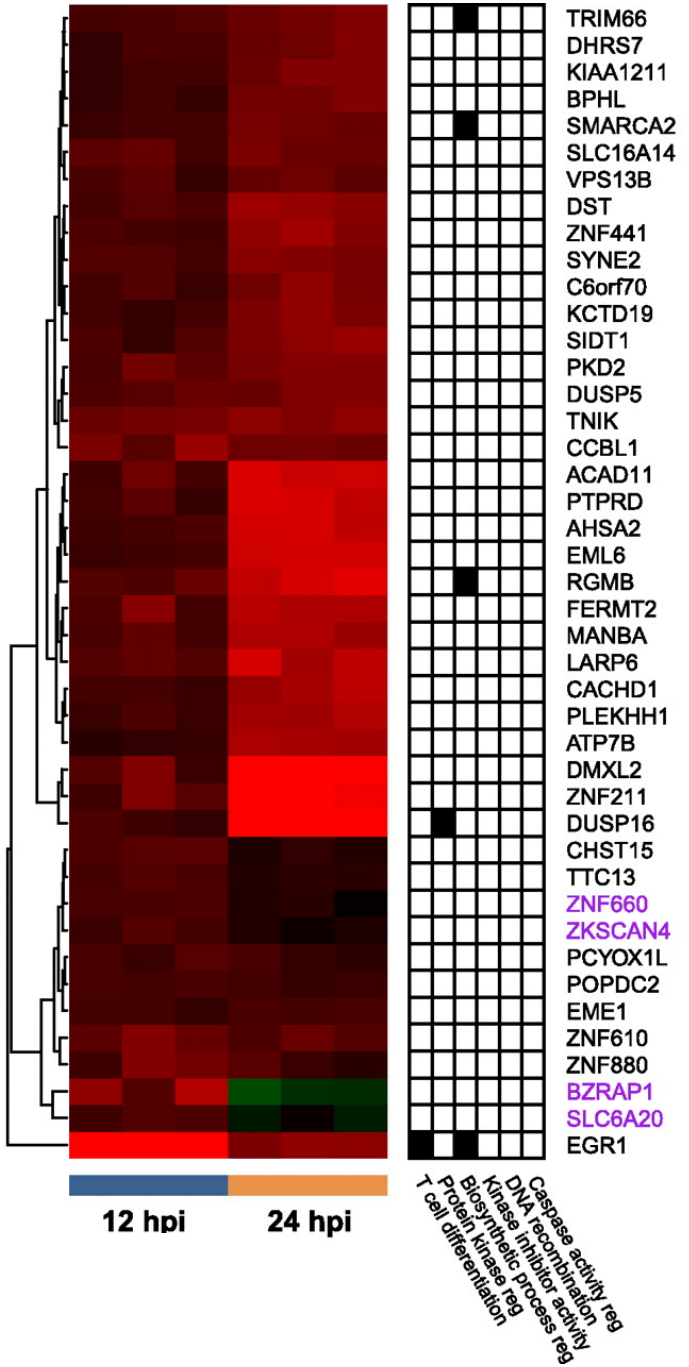
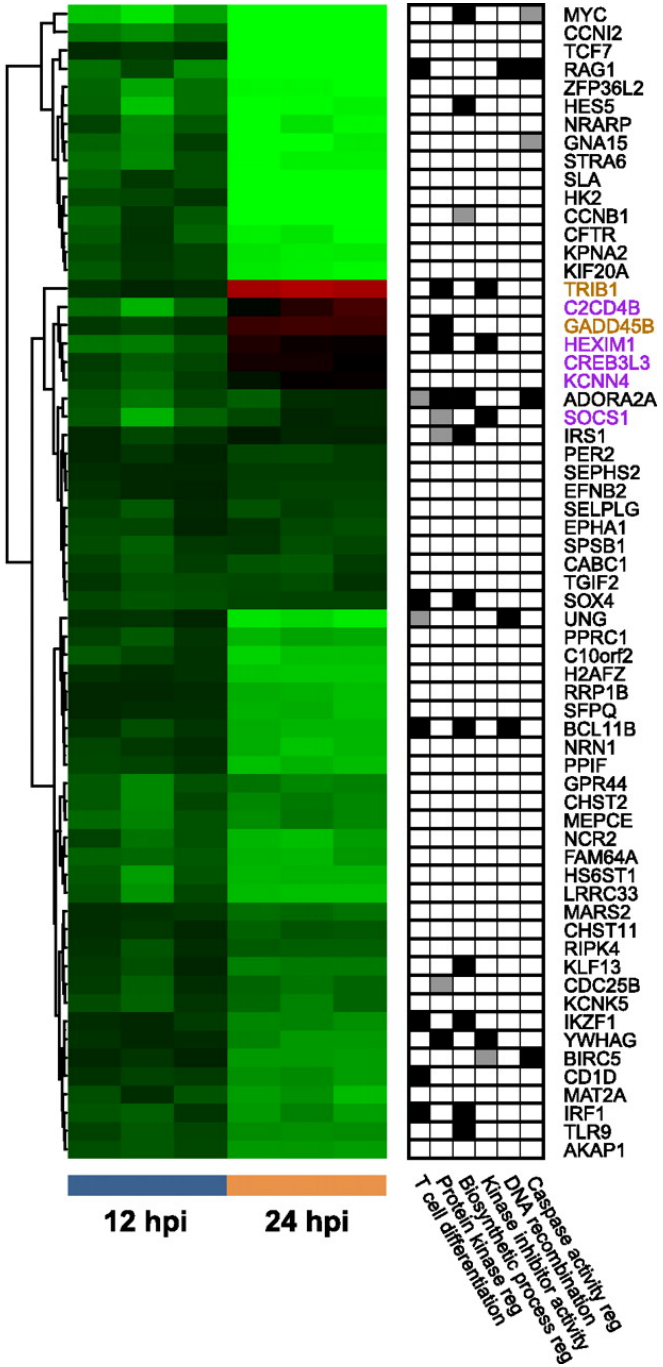
Study findings

Using RNAseq, authors demonstrate:

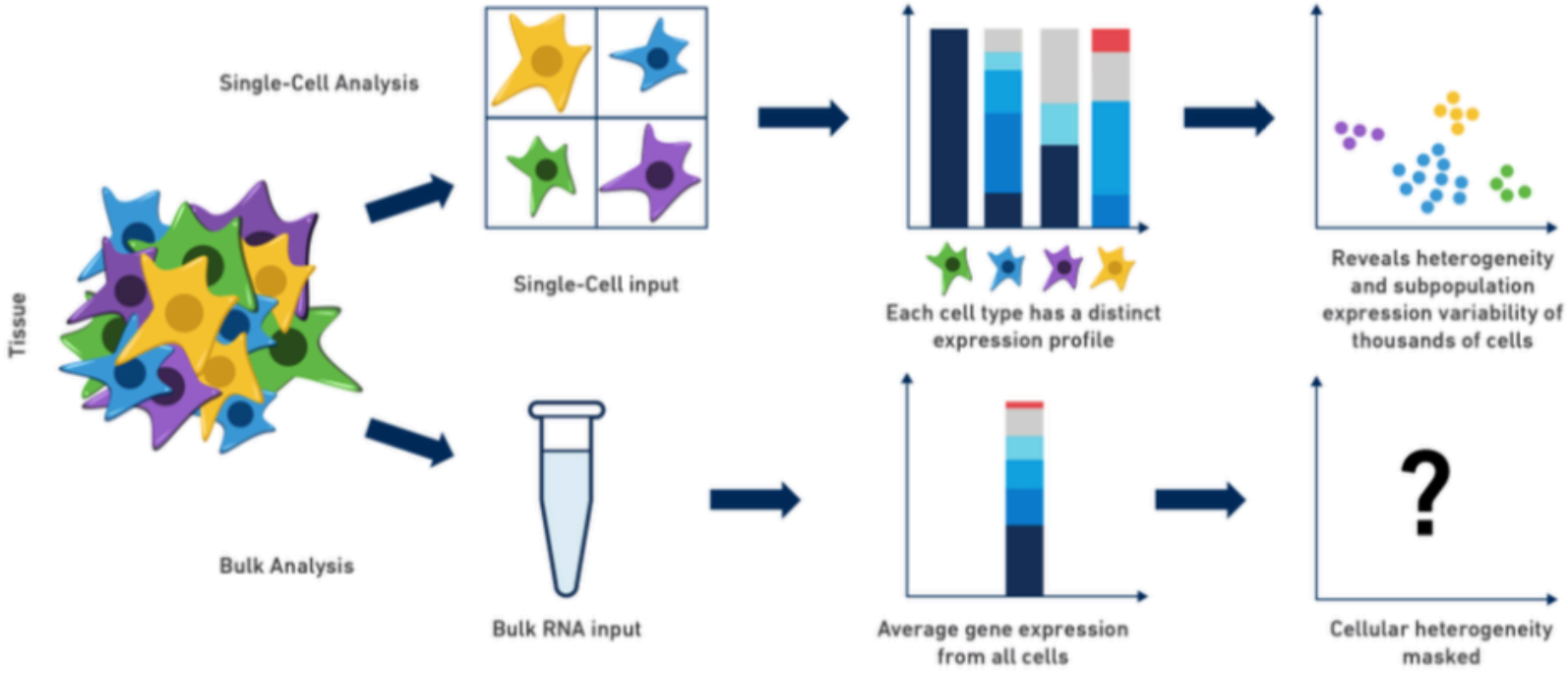
- 20% of reads mapped to HIV at 12 hr, 40% at 24hr
- Downregulation of T cell differentiation genes at 12hr
- ‘Large-scale disruptions to host transcription’ at 24hr







Bulk vs Single Cell RNA Sequencing



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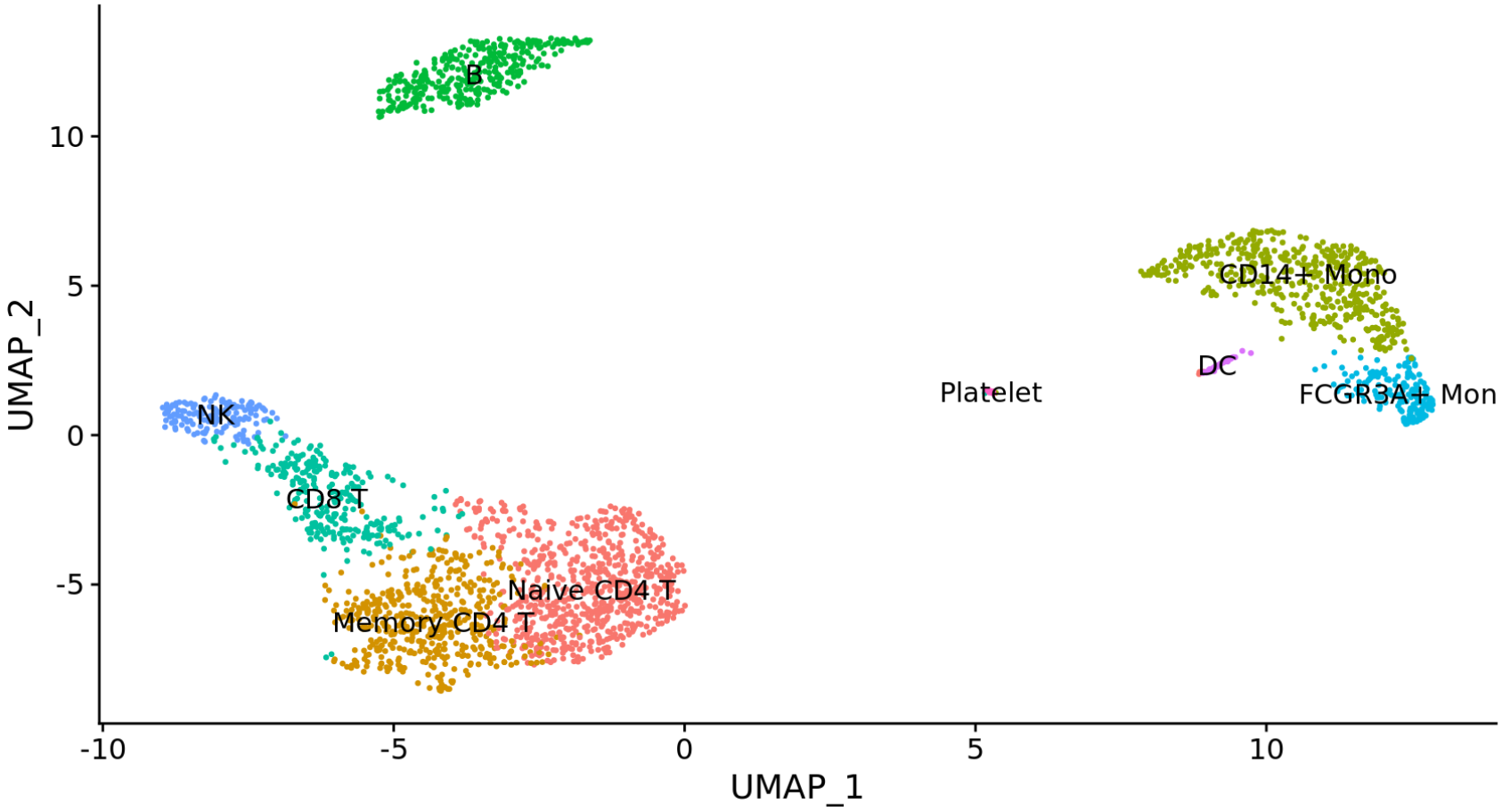
scRNA cell subsets in PBMC



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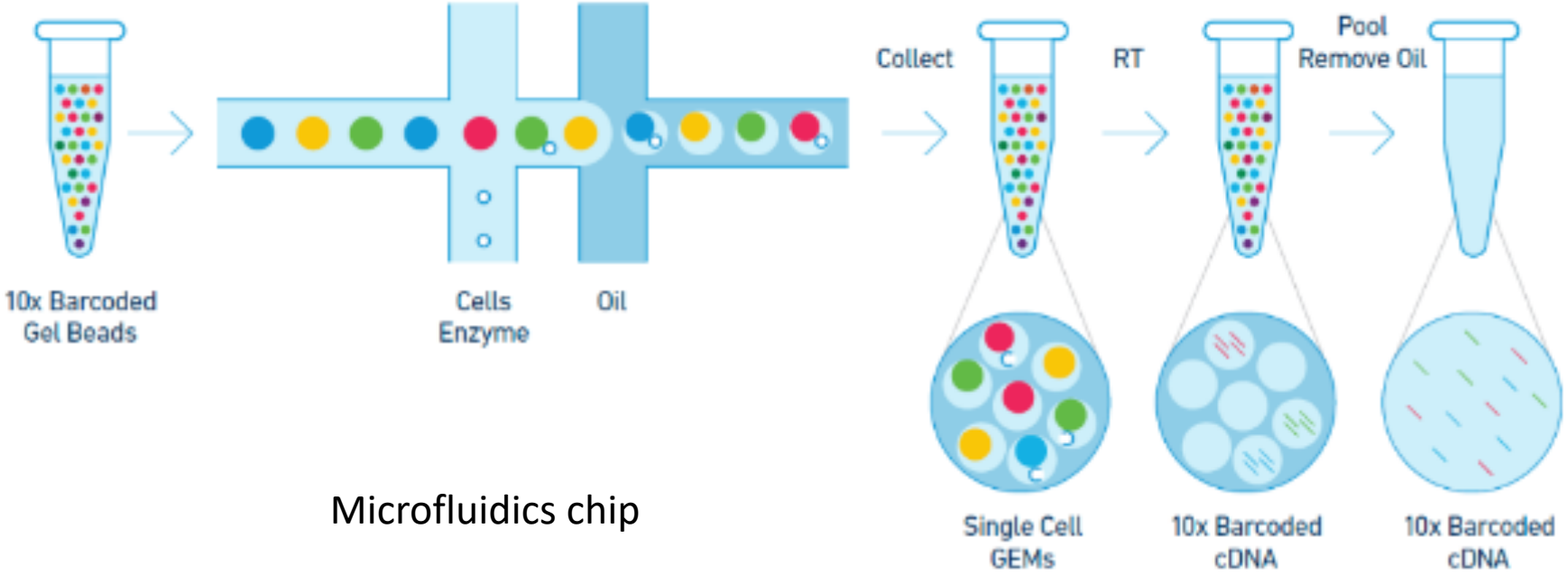
10x single cell technology

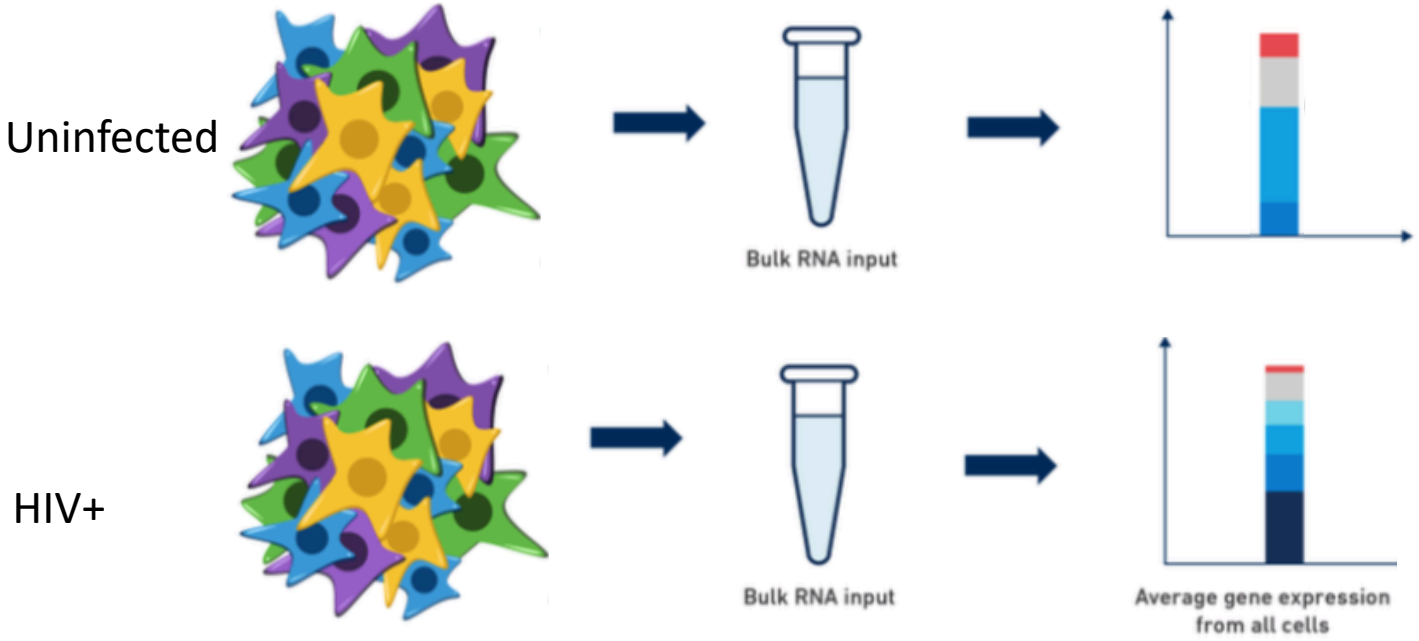


Microfluidics chip

Bulk sequencing

https://github.com/hbctraining/scRNA-seq

Bulk RNAseq for Differential Expression is OK!



Compare relative gene expression between conditions

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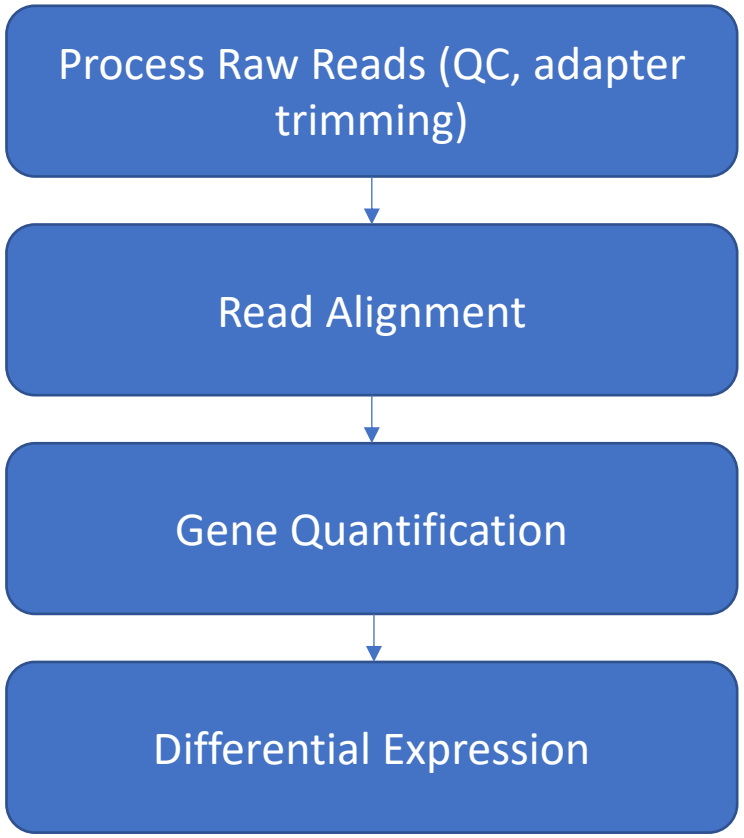
Our (bulk) RNAseq Workflow



Access Galaxy

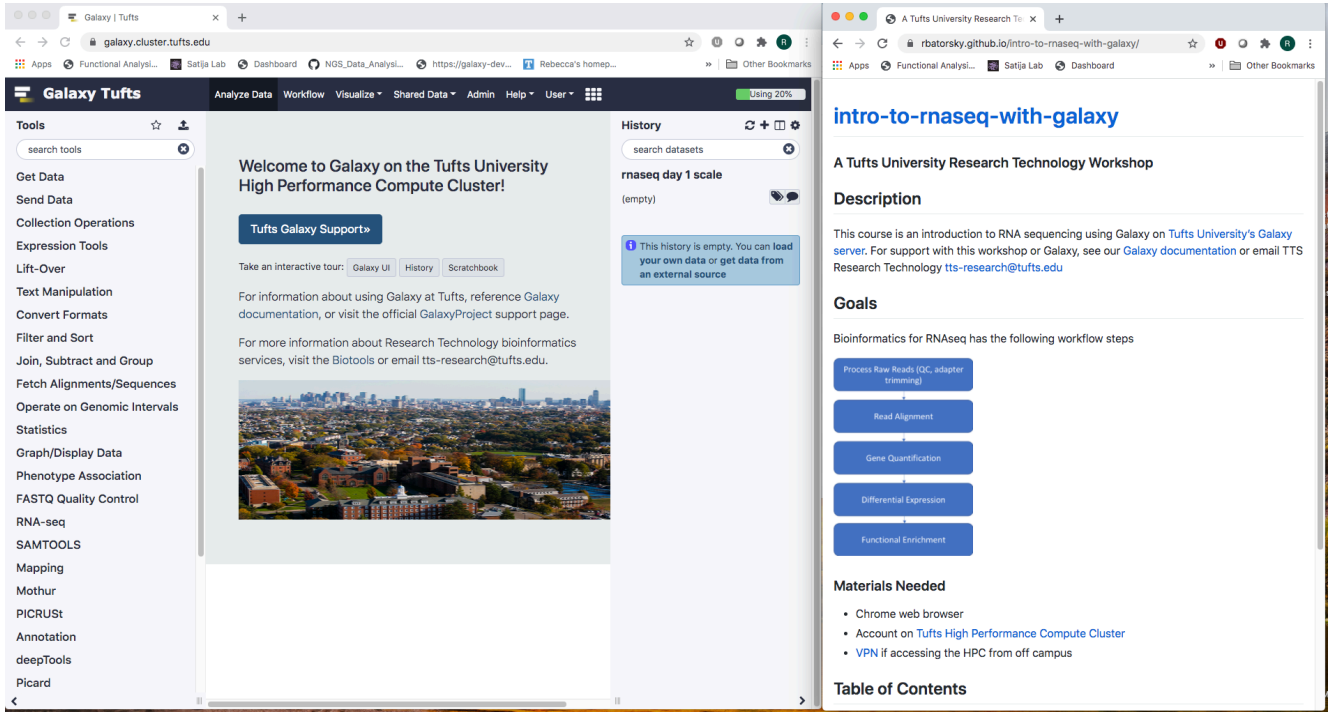
1. Connect to Tufts Network, either on campus or via VPN

2. Visit https://galaxy.cluster.tufts.edu/

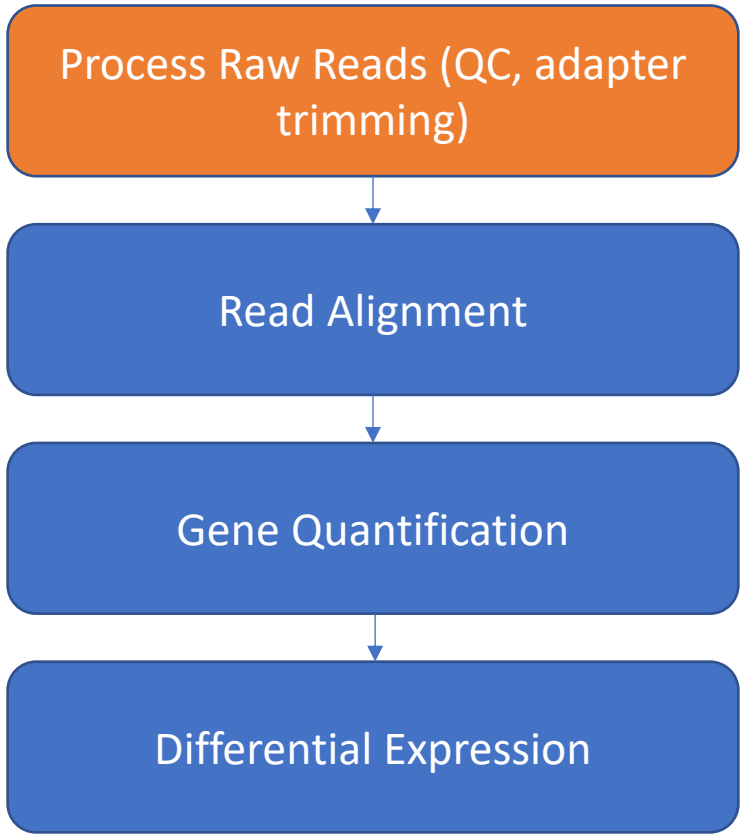
3. Log in with you cluster username and password

4. In another browser window go to course workflow: https://rbatorsky.github.io/intro-to-rnaseq-with-galaxy/

Suggested screen layout



Quality control on Raw Reads



Raw reads in Fastq format

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@SRR098401.109756285
GACTCACGTAACTTTAAACTCTAACAGAAATATACTA…
+
CAEFGDG?BCGGGEEDGGHGHGDFHEIEGGDDDD…
```

1. Sequence identifier
2. Sequence
3. + (optionally lists the sequence identifier again)
4. Quality string

Base Quality Scores

The symbols we see in the read quality string are an encoding of the quality score:

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                  |         |         |         |         |
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A quality score is a prediction of the probability of an error in base calling:

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C –> Q = 34 -> Probability < 1/1000 of an error

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|                         |    |        |                              |                     |
33                        59   64       73                            104                   126
0........................26...31.......40
                         -5....0........9.............................40
                               0........9.............................40
                                  3.....9...............................41
0.2......................26...31........41

S - Sanger        Phred+33,  raw reads typically (0, 40)
X - Solexa        Solexa+64, raw reads typically (-5, 40)
I - Illumina 1.3+ Phred+64,  raw reads typically (0, 40)
J - Illumina 1.5+ Phred+64,  raw reads typically (3, 41)
    with 0=unused, 1=unused, 2=Read Segment Quality Control Indicator (bold)
    (Note: See discussion above).
L - Illumina 1.8+ Phred+33,  raw reads typically (0, 41)
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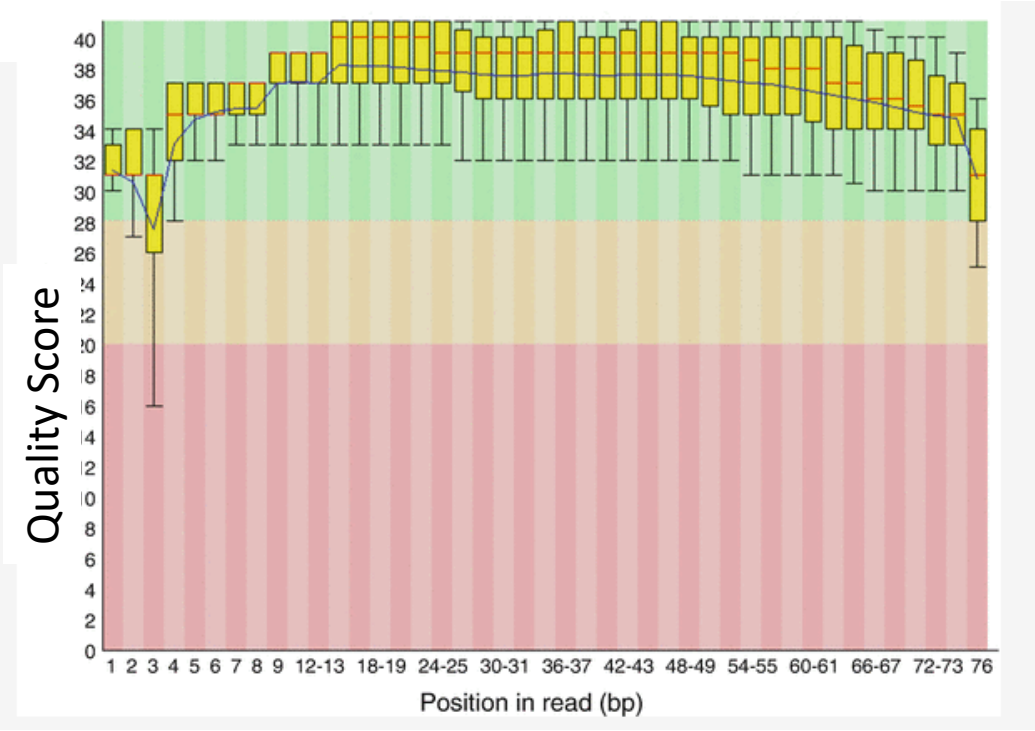
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ_format

Raw read quality control

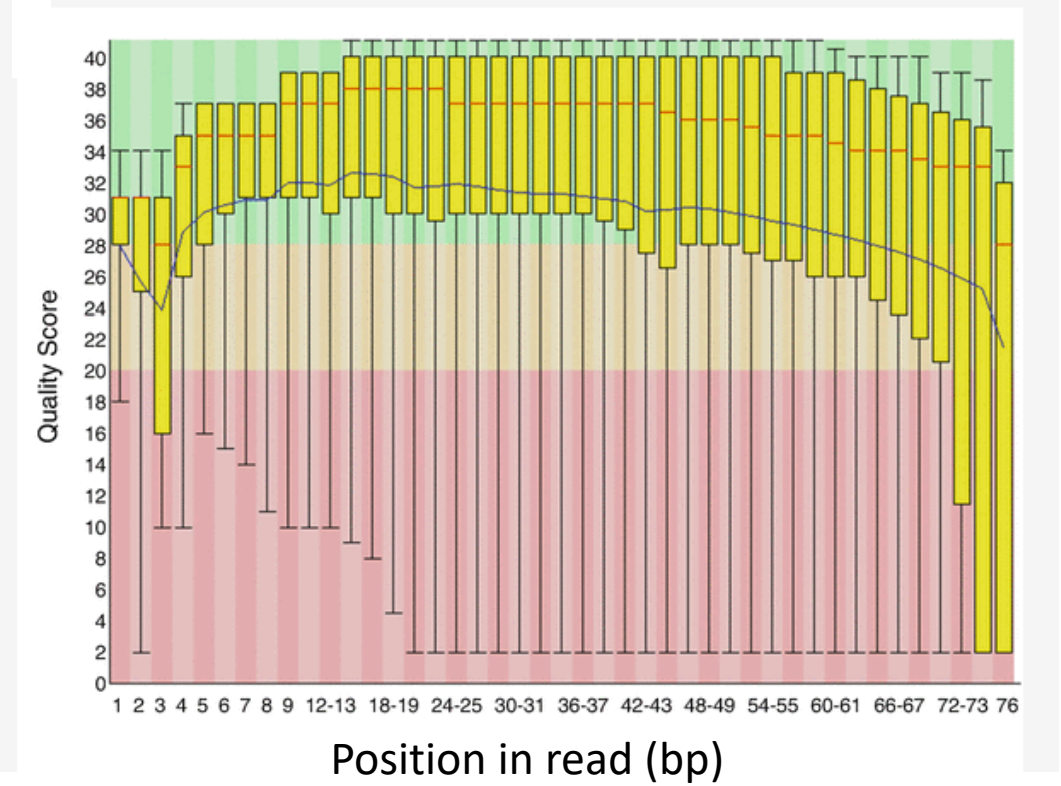
- Sequence Quality
- GC content
- Per base sequence content
- Adapters in Sequence

FastQC: Sequence Quality Histogram



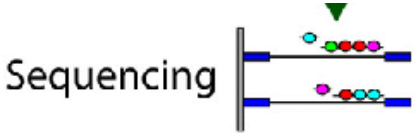
Position in read (bp)

GOOD
High quality over the length of the read



Position in read (bp)

BAD
Read quality drops at the beginning and end



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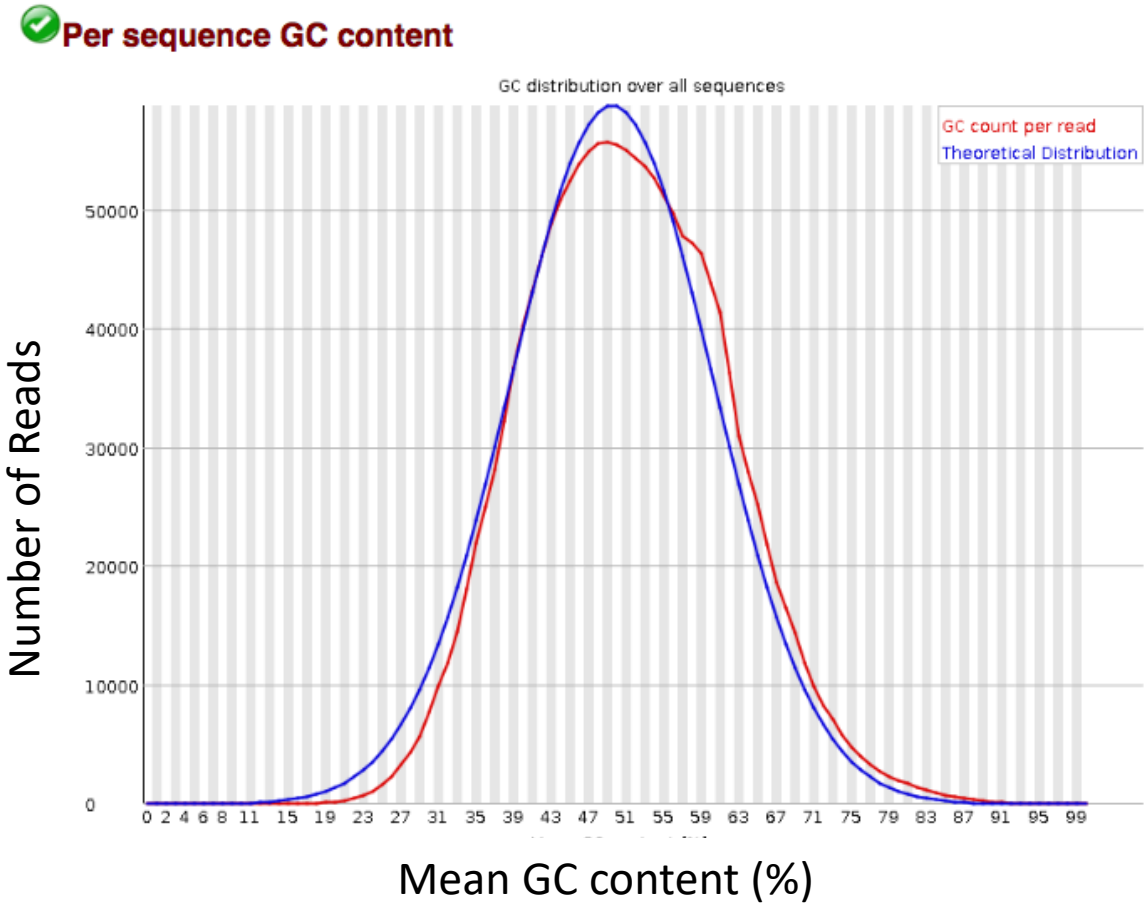

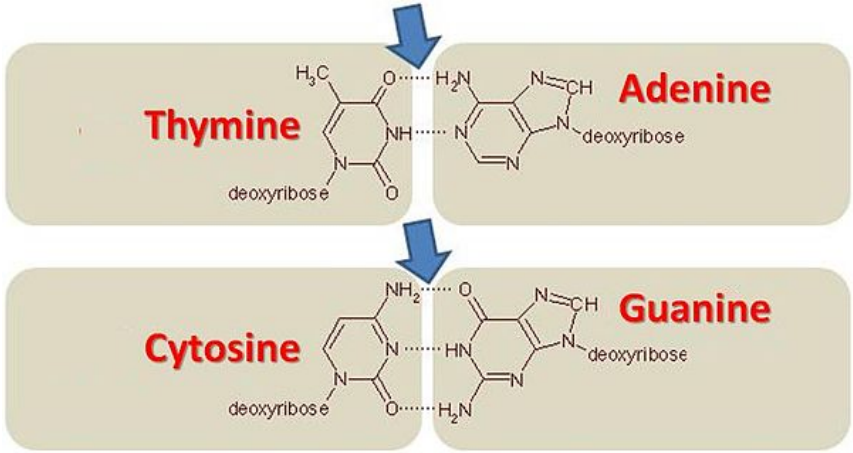

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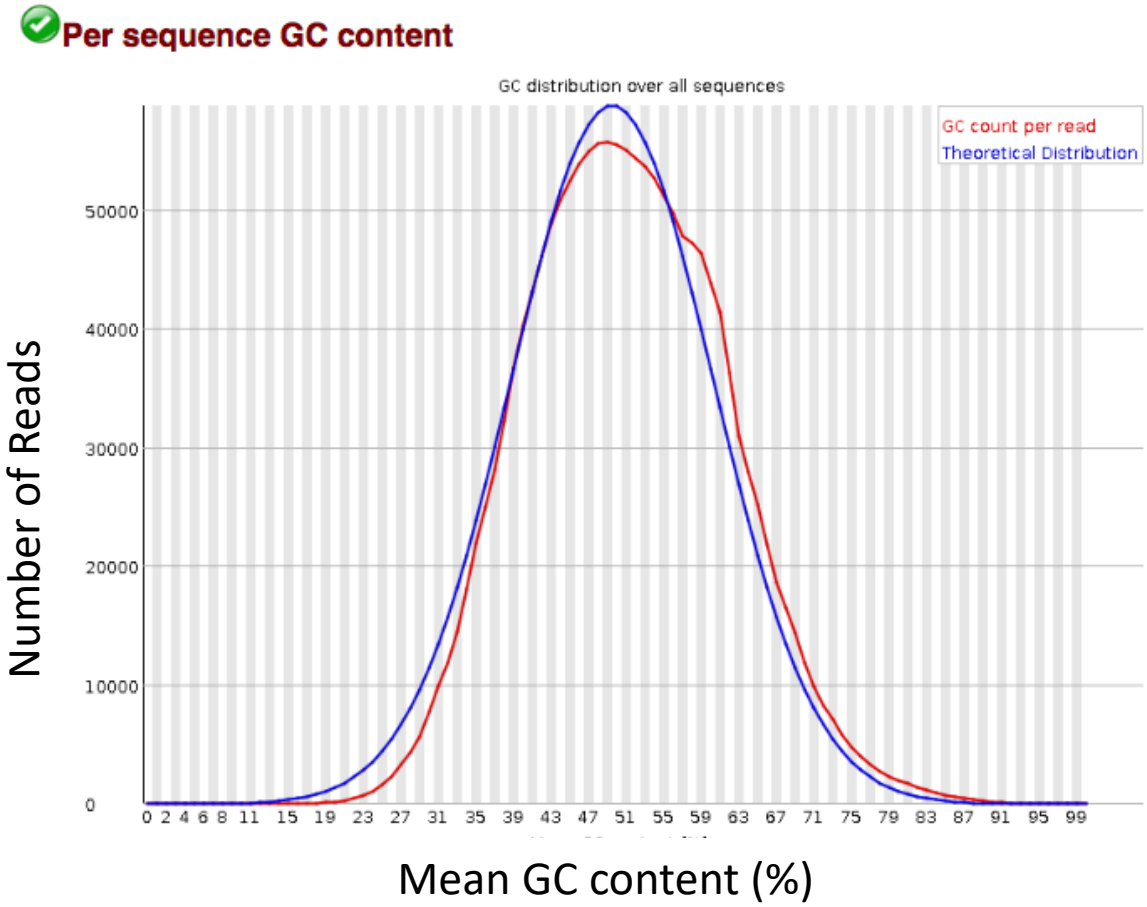
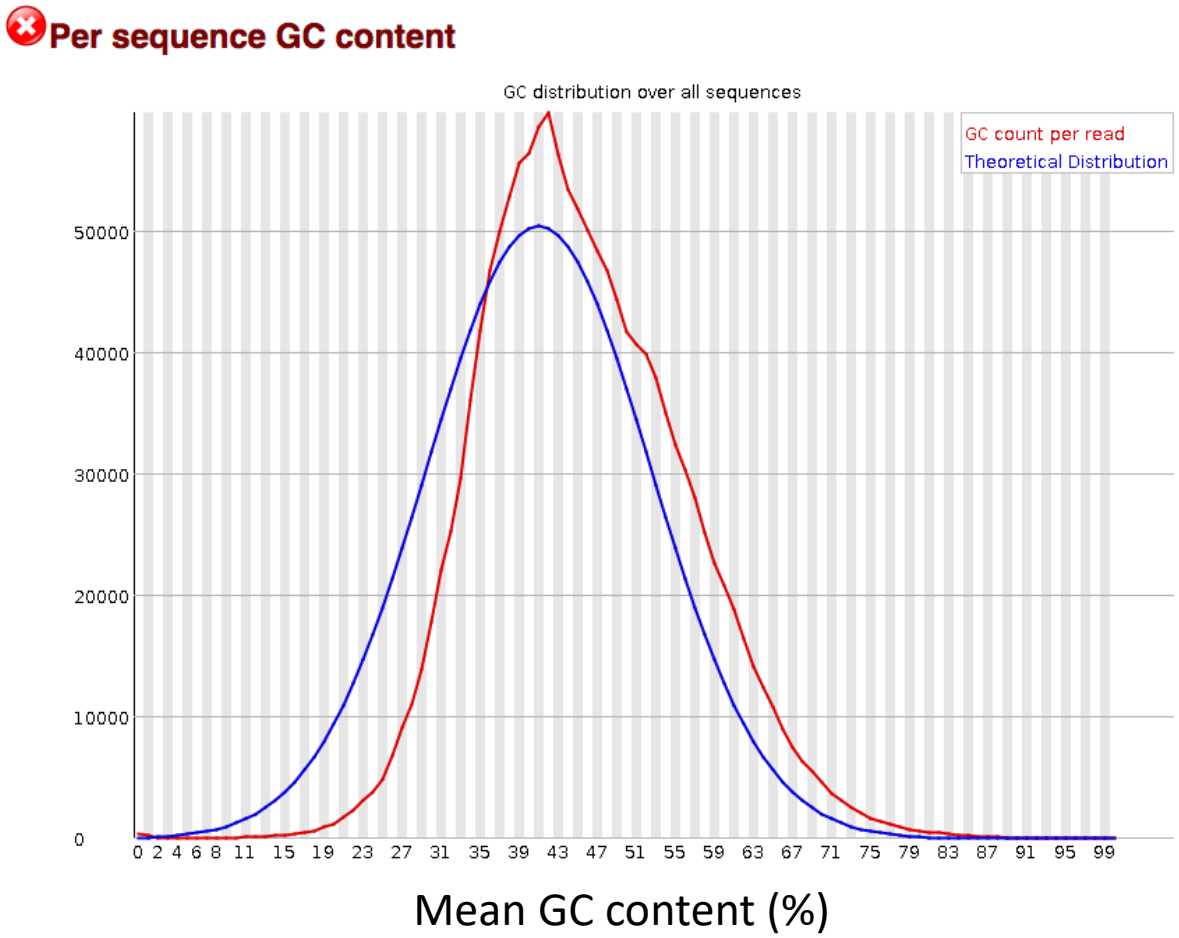
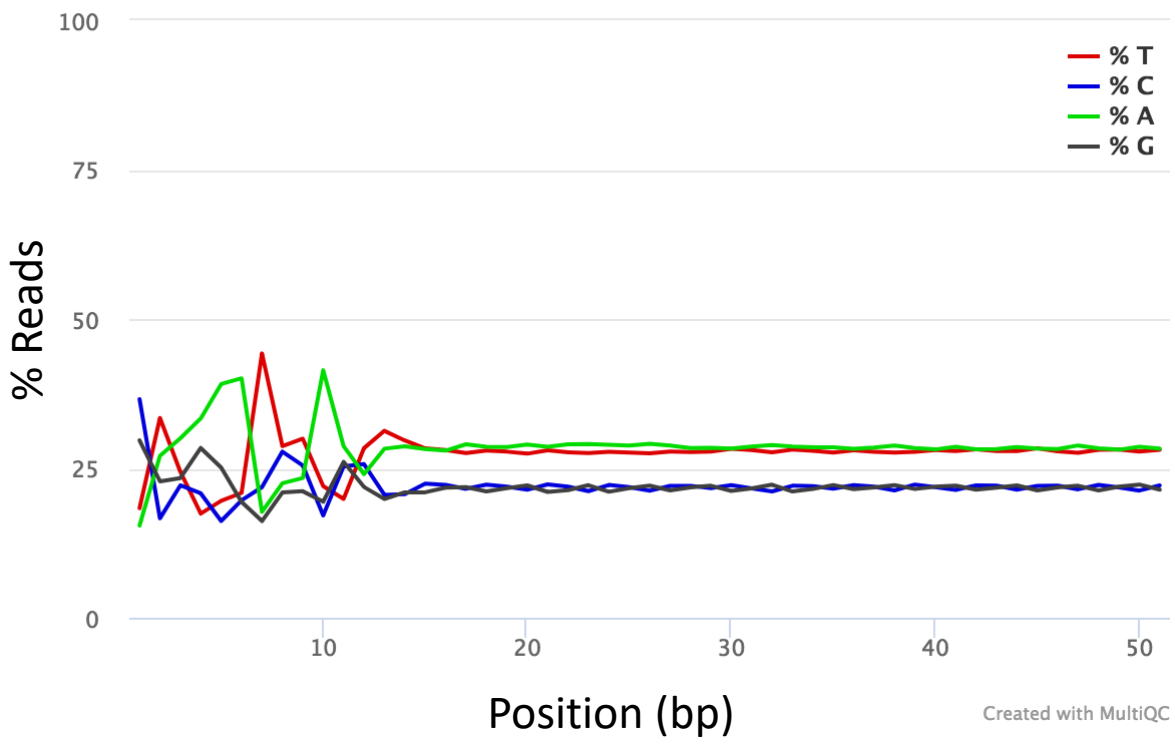


GOOD: follows normal distribution (sum of deviations is < 15% of reads)



BAD: can indicate contamination with adapter dimers, or another species

FastQC: Per Base Sequence Content



- Proportion of each position for which each DNA base has been called
- RNAseq data tends to show a positional sequence bias in the first ~12 bases
- The "random" priming step during library construction is not truly random and certain hexamers are more prevalent than others

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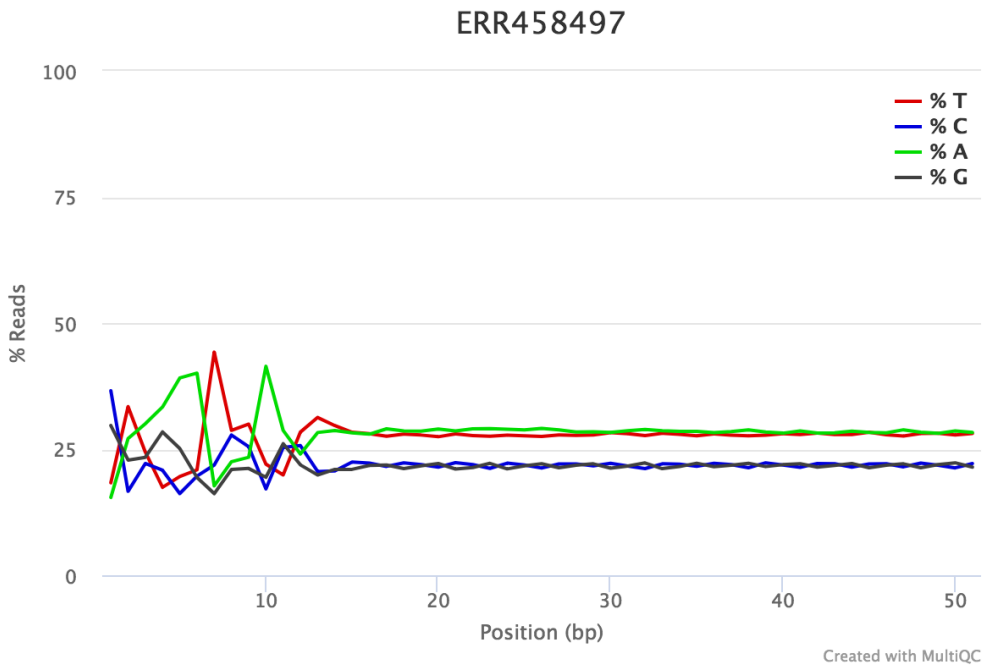
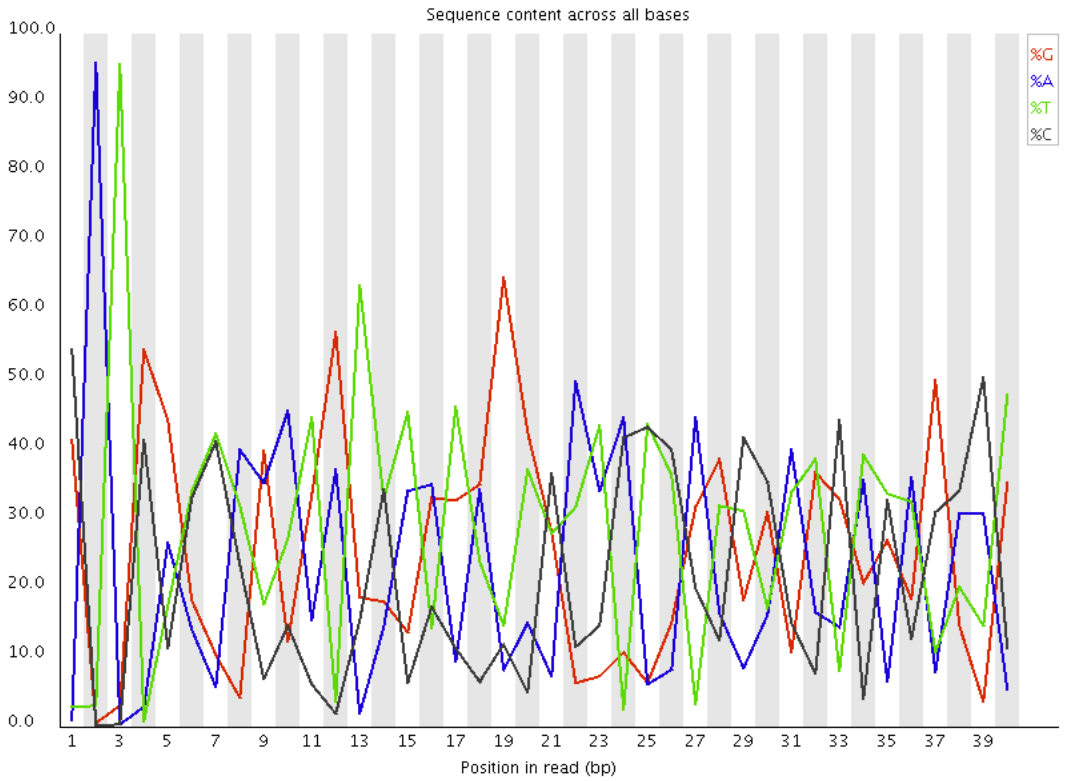
FastQC: Per Base Sequence Content

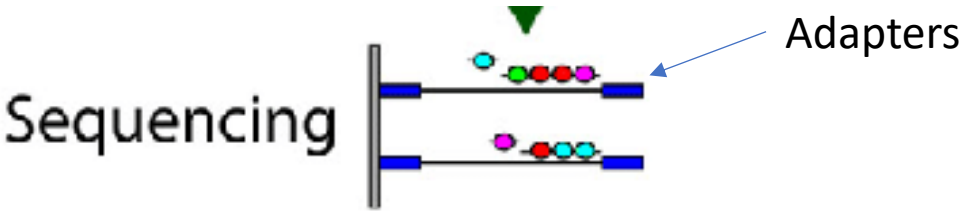


EXPECTED for RNAseq



BAD:
Shows a strong positional bias throughout the reads, which in this case is due to the library having a certain sequence that is overrepresented

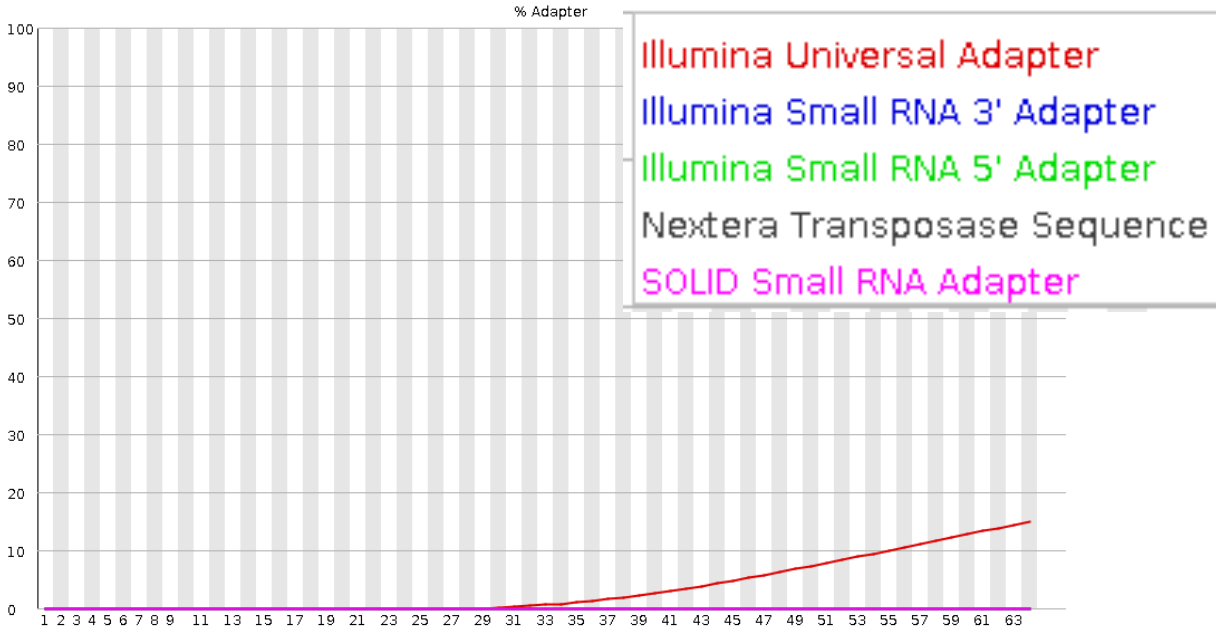
FastQC: Adapter content



FastQC will scan each read for the presence of known adapter sequences

The plot shows that the adapter content rises over the course of the read

Solution – Adapter trimming!



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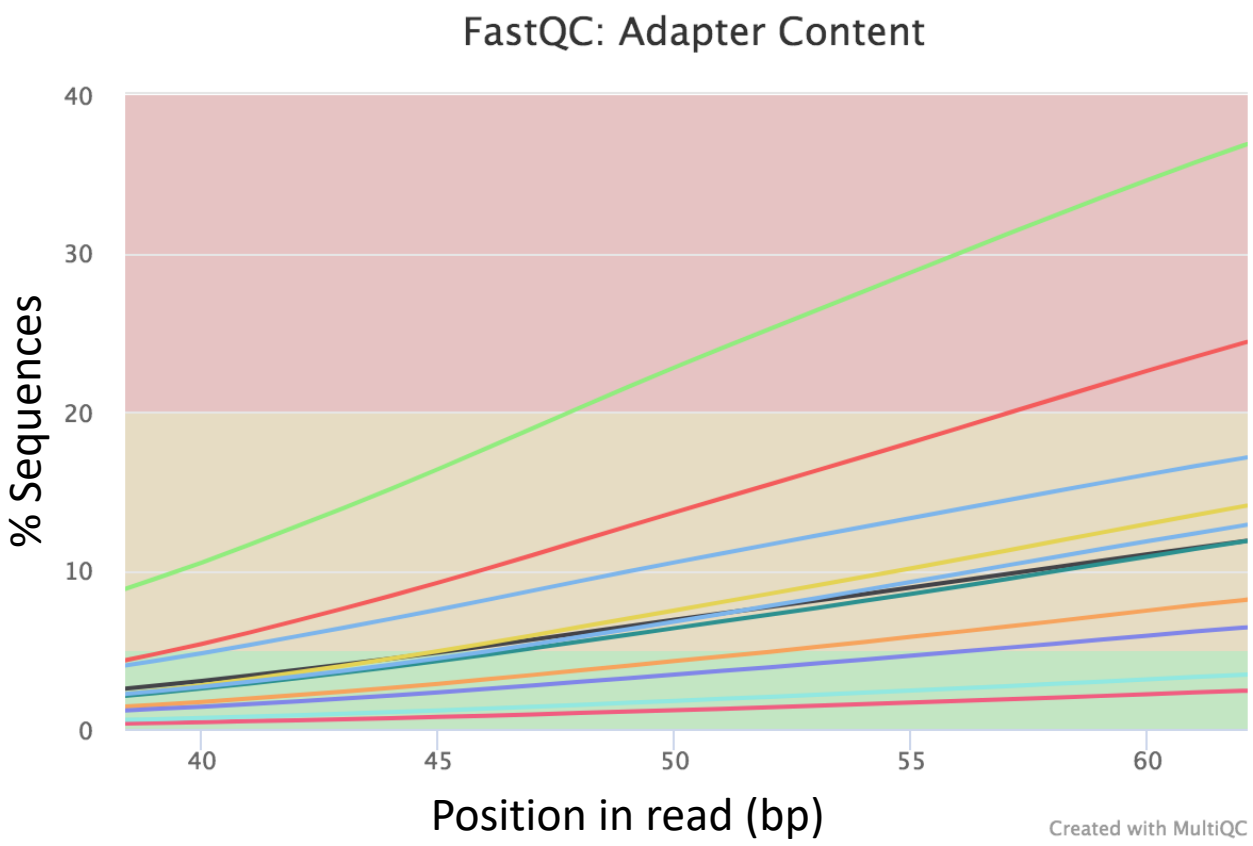
FastQC -> MultiQC

Should view all samples at once to notice abnormalities for our dataset.

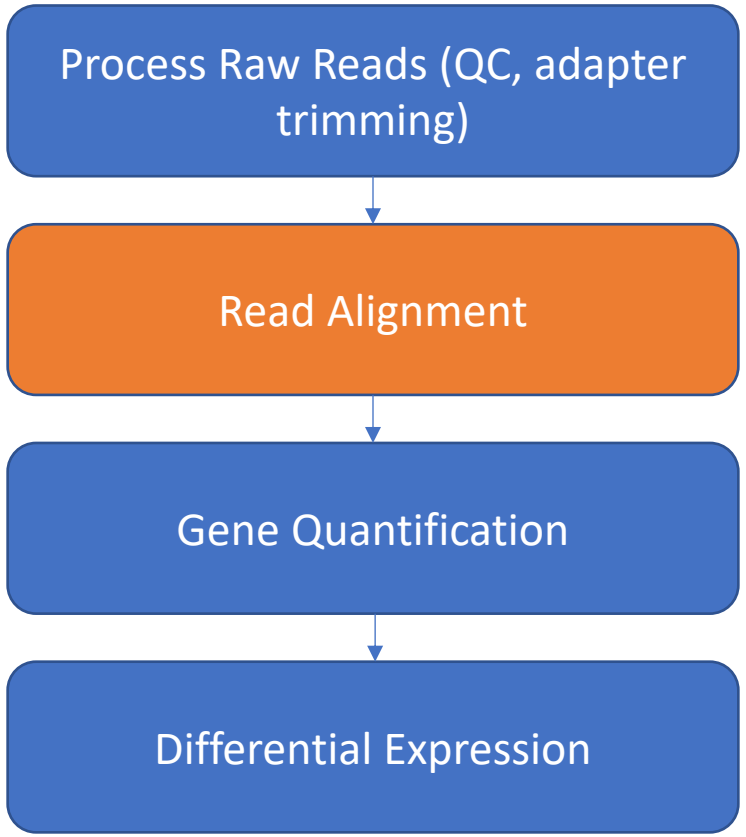


Adapter trimming

Trim Galore! is a tool that:

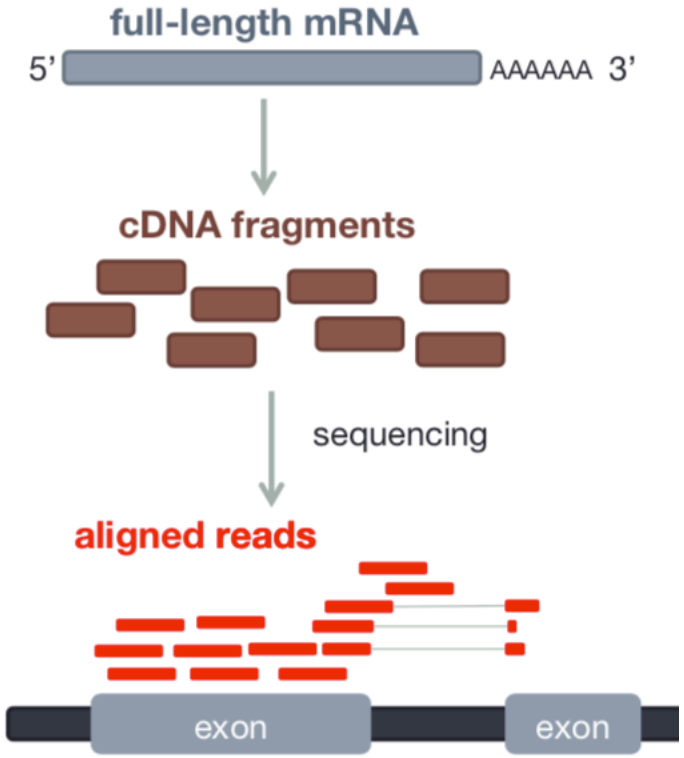
- Scans and removes known Illumina or custom adapters
- Performs read trimming for low quality regions at the end of reads
- Removes reads that become too short in the trimming process

Workflow


Process Raw Reads (QC, adapter trimming)
Read Alignment
Gene Quantification
Differential Expression

Read Alignment

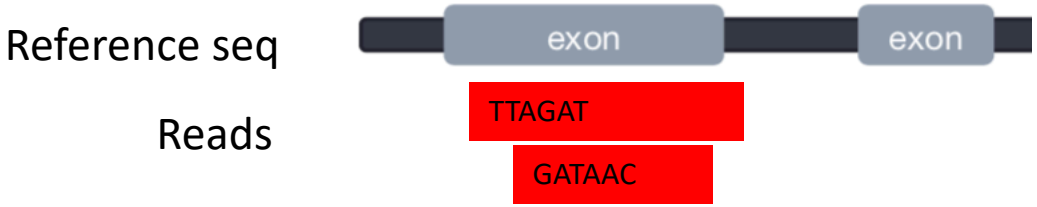
- RNAseq data originates from spliced mRNA (no introns)
- When aligning to the genome, our aligner must find a spliced alignment for reads
- We use a tool called STAR (Spliced Transcripts Alignment to a Reference) that has a exon-aware mapping algorithm.



Reference sequence

Dobin et al Bioinformatics 2013

Sequence Alignment Map (SAM)

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Header section

Alignment section

CIGAR: summary of alignment, e.g. match, gap, insertion, deletion

Mapping Quality

Position

Ref Sequence name

Flag: indicates alignment information e.g. paired, aligned, etc
https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/explain-flags.html

Read ID

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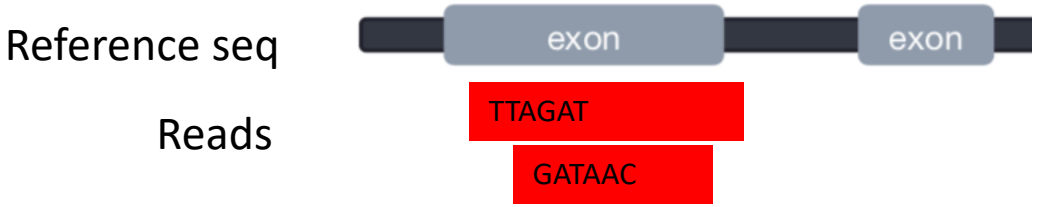


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Paired end info

Sequence

Quality Score

Optional Fields

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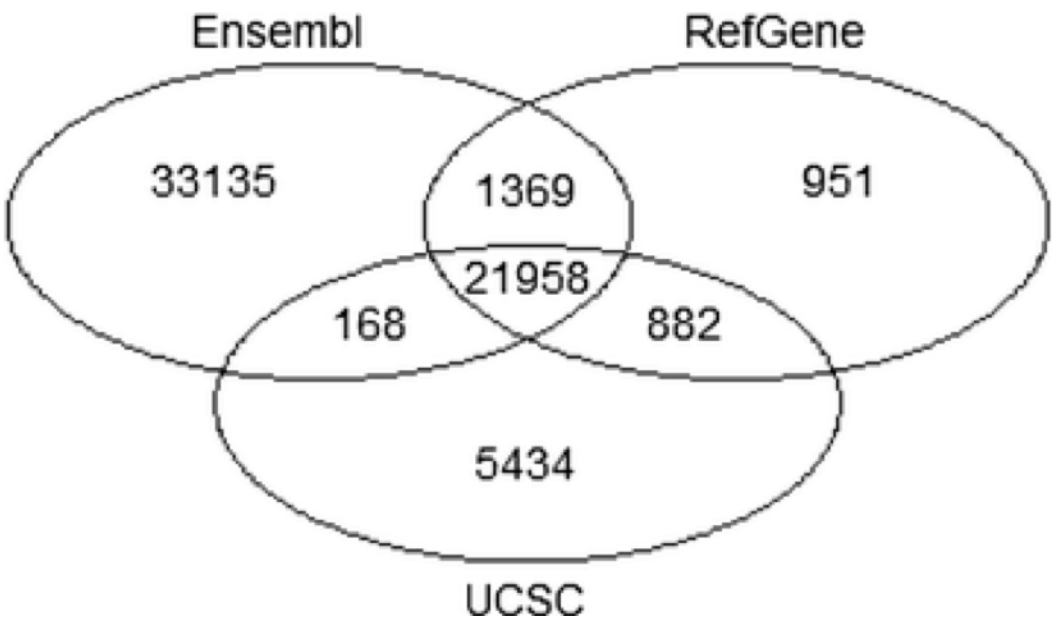
Genome Annotation Standards

- STAR can use an annotation file gives the location and structure of genes in order to improve alignment in known splice junctions
- Annotation is dynamic and there are at least three major sources of annotation
- The intersection among RefGene, UCSC, and Ensembl annotations shows high overlap. RefGene has the fewest unique genes, while more than 50% of genes in Ensembl are unique
- Be consistent with your choice of annotation source!



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Gene Annotation Format (GTF)

In order to count genes, we need to know where they are located in the reference sequence
STAR uses a Gene Transfer Format (GTF) file for gene annotation

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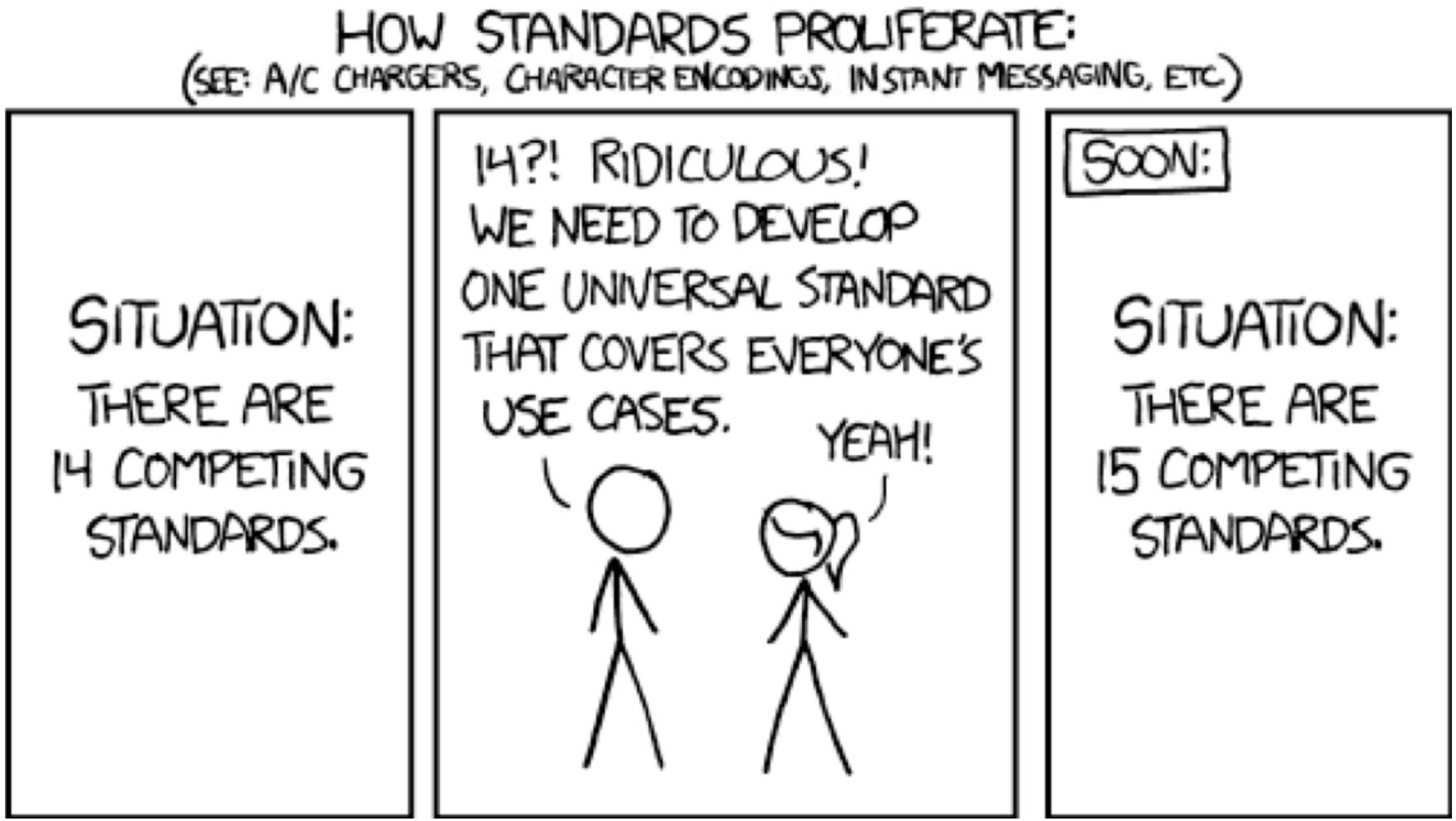
https://useast.ensembl.org/info/website/upload/gff.html

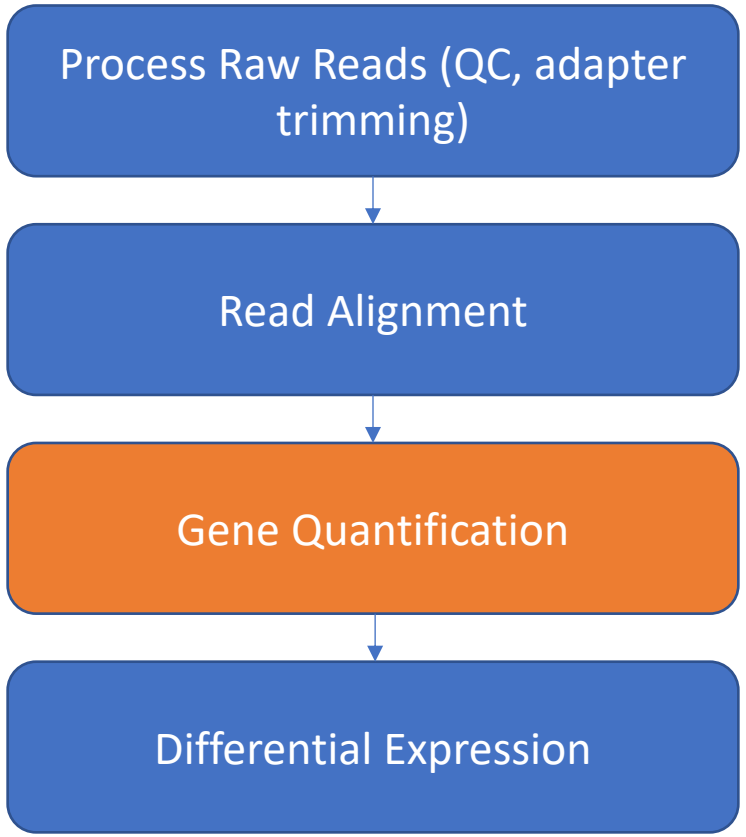
A note on standards



https://xkcd.com/927/

Visualizing reads with JBrowse

Workflow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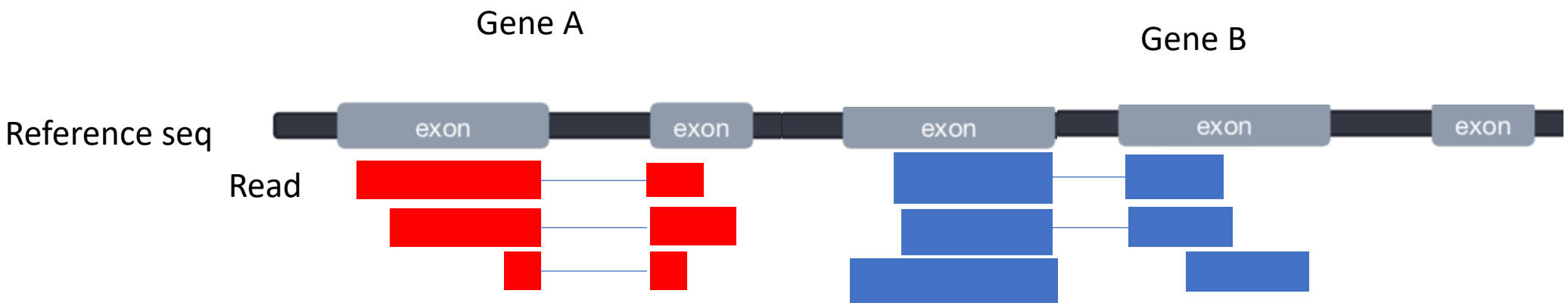

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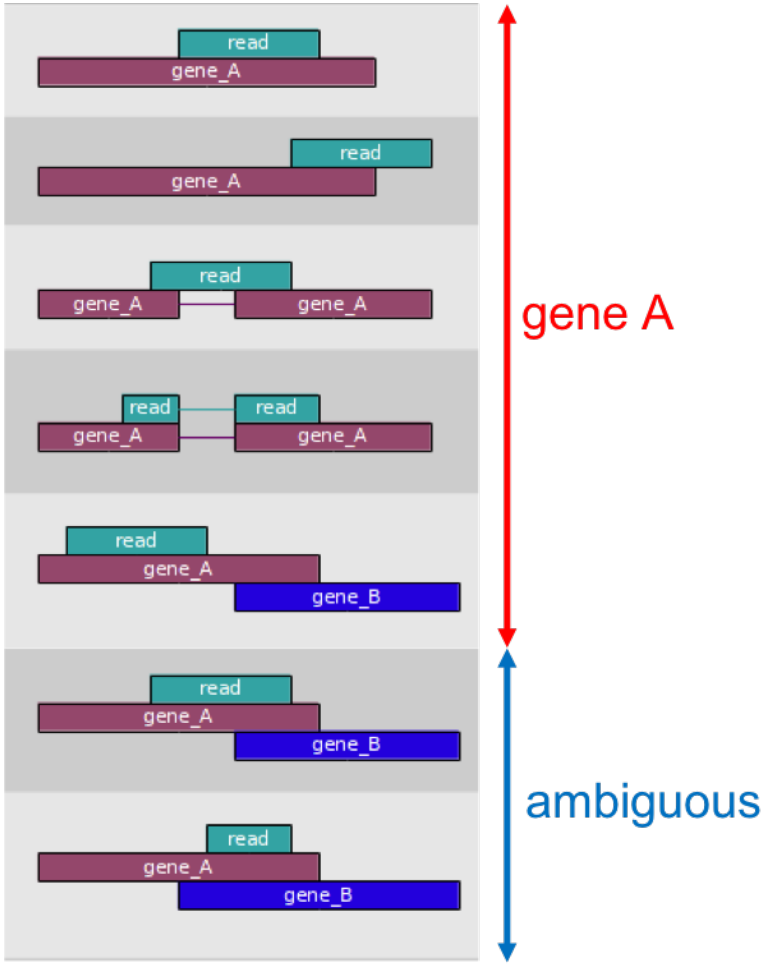

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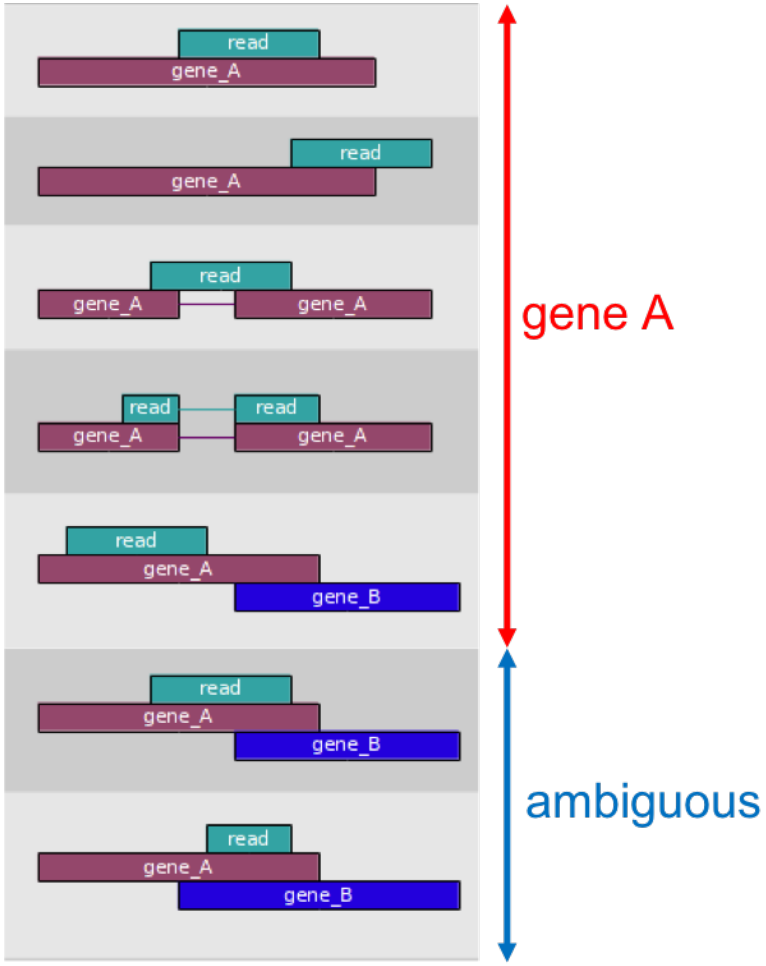

Result is a gene count matrix:

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B	10	1	5	6
C	10	1	10	20

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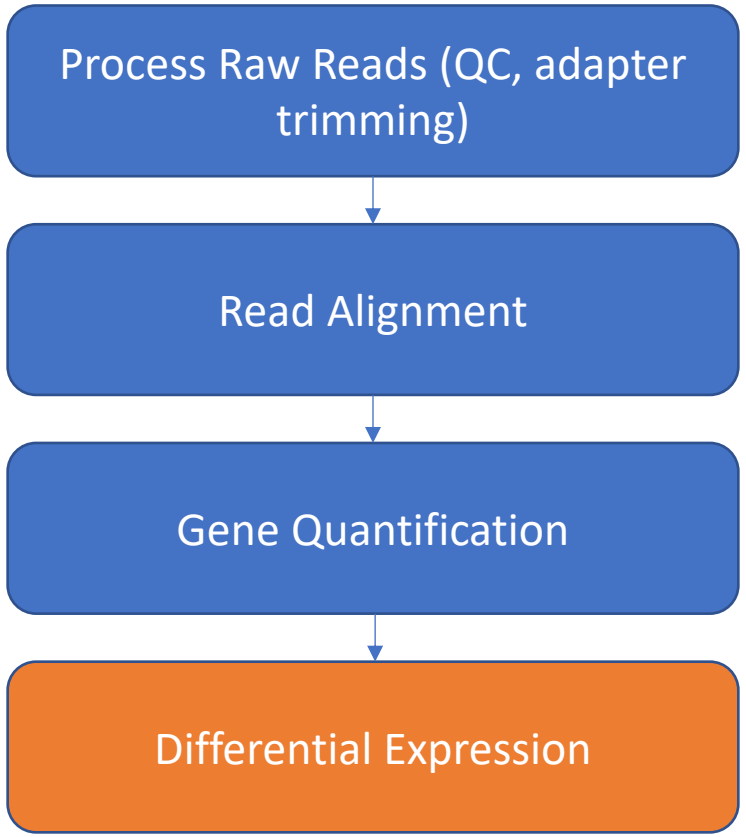
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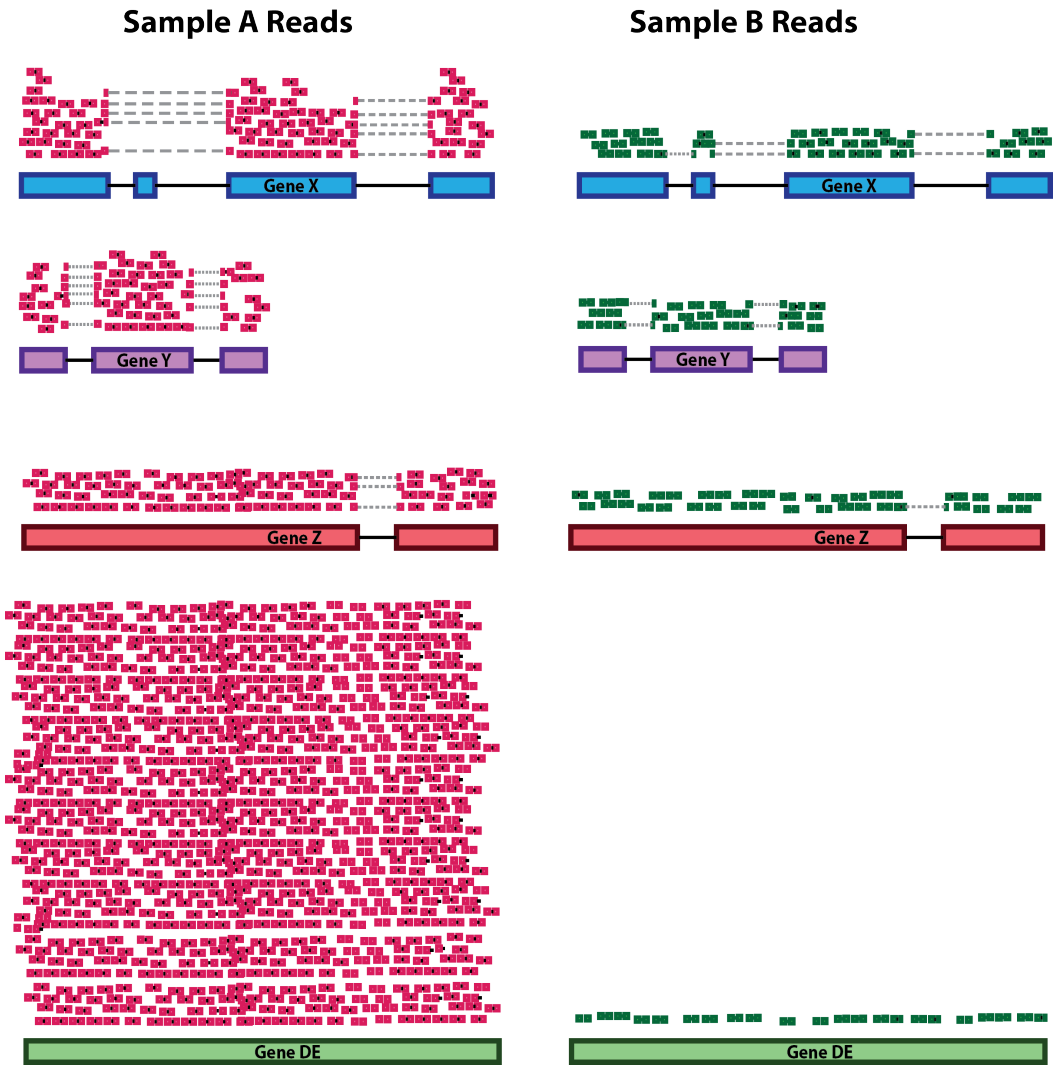
Testing for Differential Expression

The goal of differential expression analysis (DE) is to find gene differences between conditions, developmental stages, treatments etc.

In particular DE has two goals:

- Estimate the *magnitude* of expression differences;
- Estimate the *significance* of expression differences.



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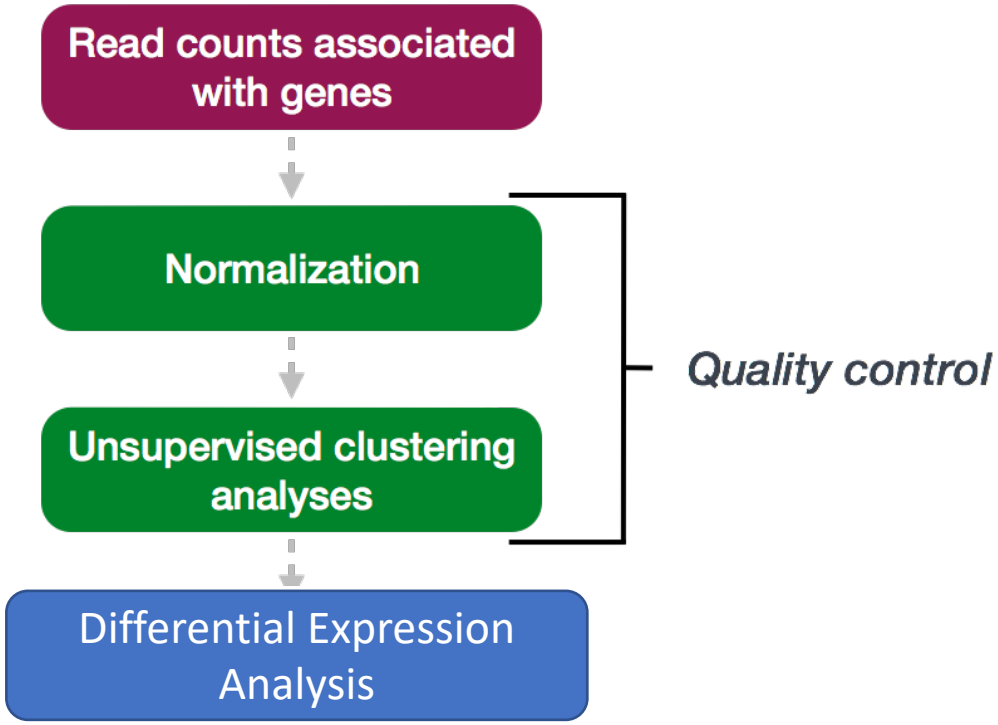
Differential Expression with DESeq2



All steps are done with one click in Galaxy!

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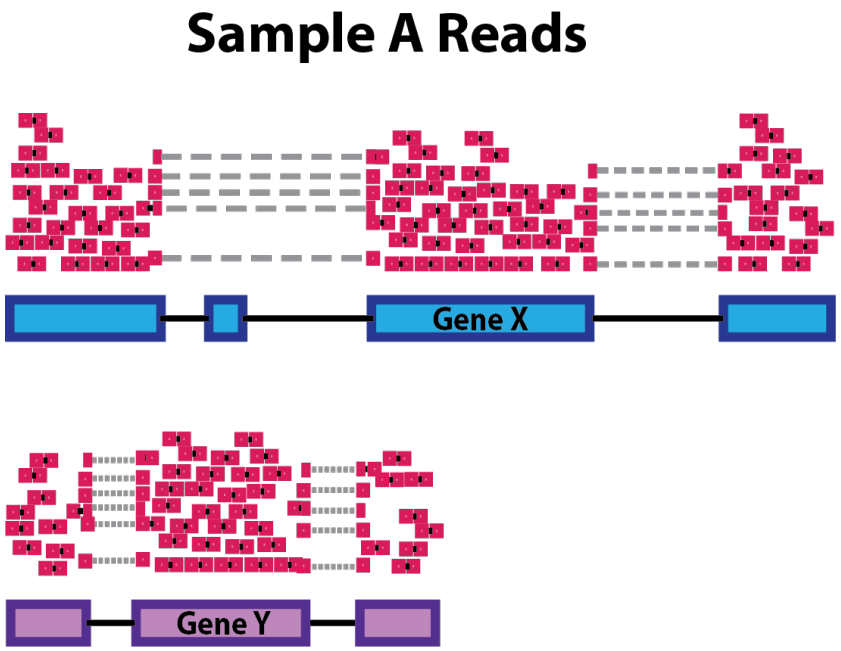

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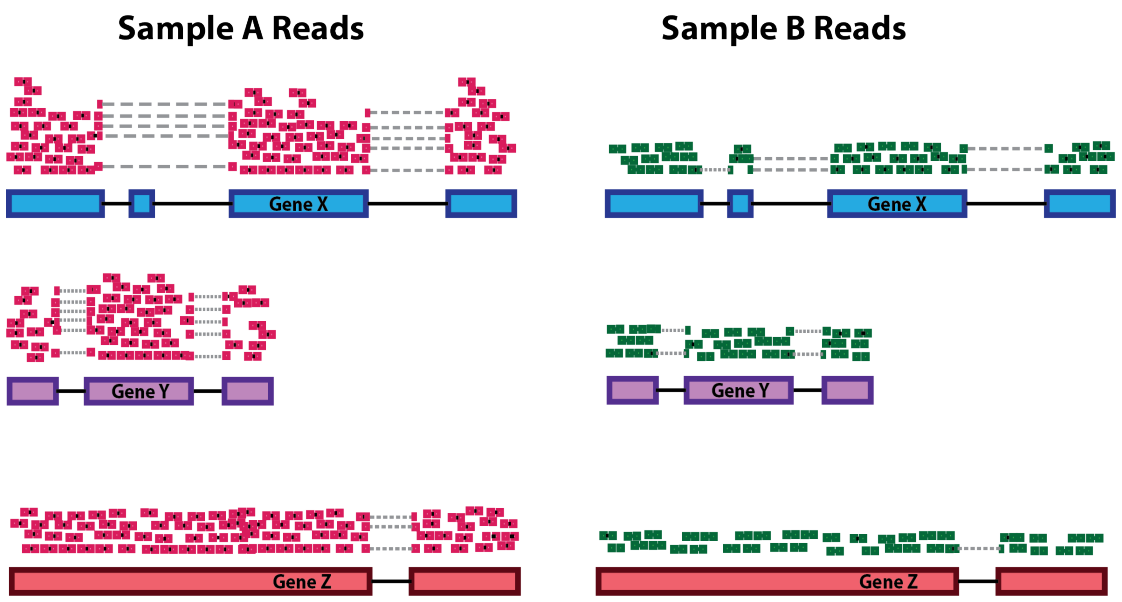

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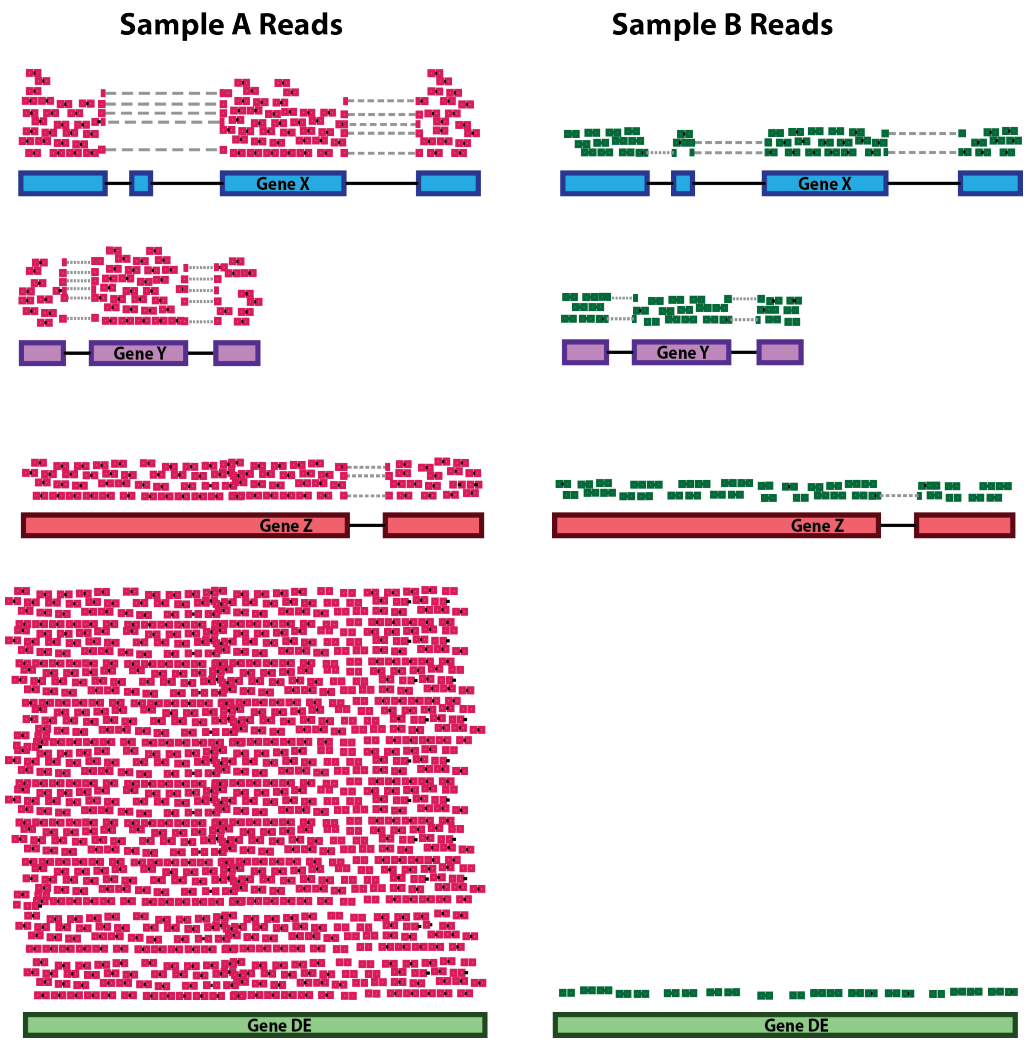

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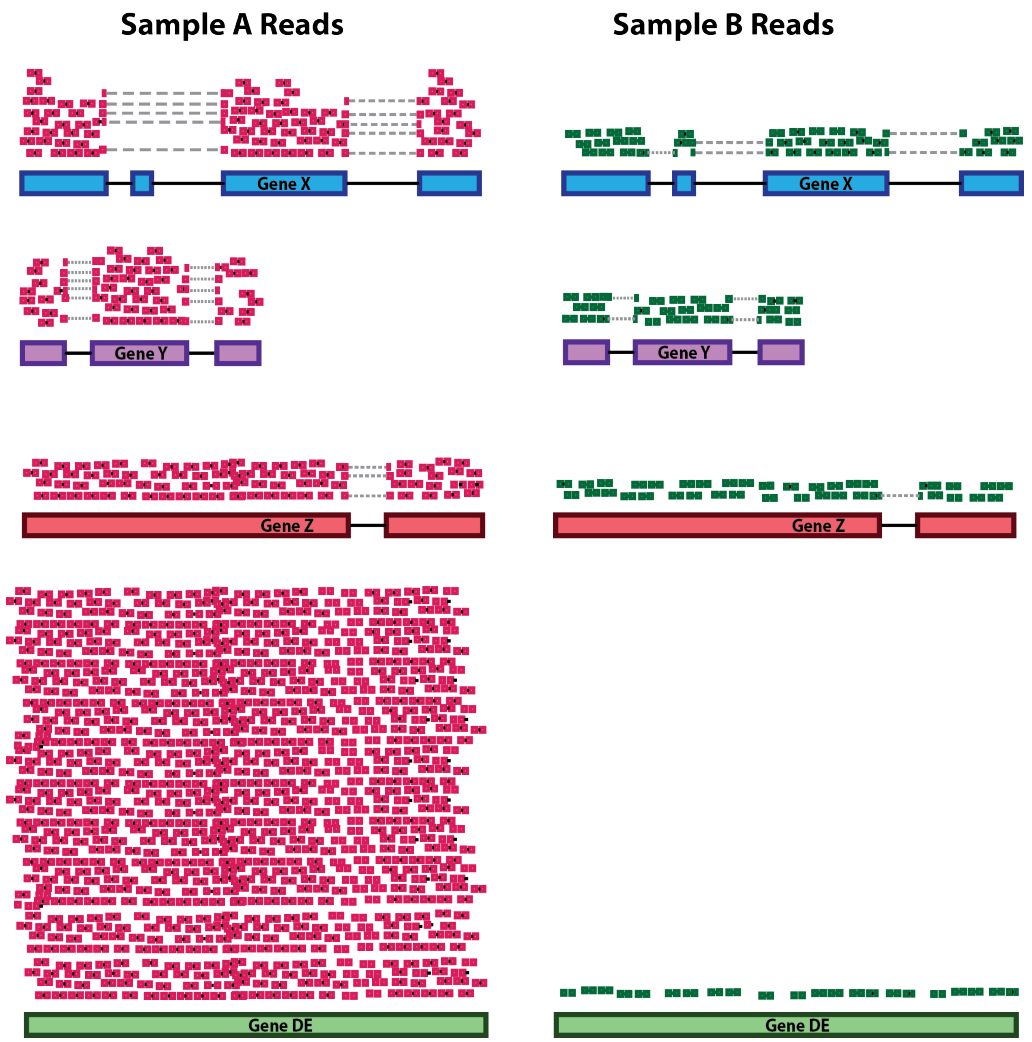

Normalization eliminates the factors that are not of interest!

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Normalization: DESeq2 Median of Ratios

Accounts for both sequencing depth and composition

Step 1: creates a pseudo-reference sample (row-wise geometric mean)

For each gene, a pseudo-reference sample is created that is equal to the geometric mean across all samples.

gene	sampleA	sampleB	pseudo-reference sample
1	1000	1000	$\sqrt{(1000 * 1000)}$ = **1000**
2	10	1	$\sqrt{(10 * 1)}$ = **3.16**
...	...	...	...

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Normalization: DESeq2 Median of Ratios

Step 2: calculates ratio of each sample to the reference

Calculate the ratio of each sample to the pseudo-reference. Since most genes aren't differentially expressed, ratios should be similar.

gene	sampleA	sampleB	pseudo-reference sample	ratio of sampleA/ref	ratio of sampleB/ref
1	1000	1000	1000	1000/1000 = **1.00**	1000/1000 = **1.00**
2	10	1	3.16	10/3.16 = **3.16**	1/3.16 = **0.32**
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...	...	...	...	...	...

Median = 2.08 Median = 0.66

Step 3: calculate the normalization factor for each sample (size factor)

The median value of all ratios for a given sample is taken as the normalization factor (size factor) for that sample:

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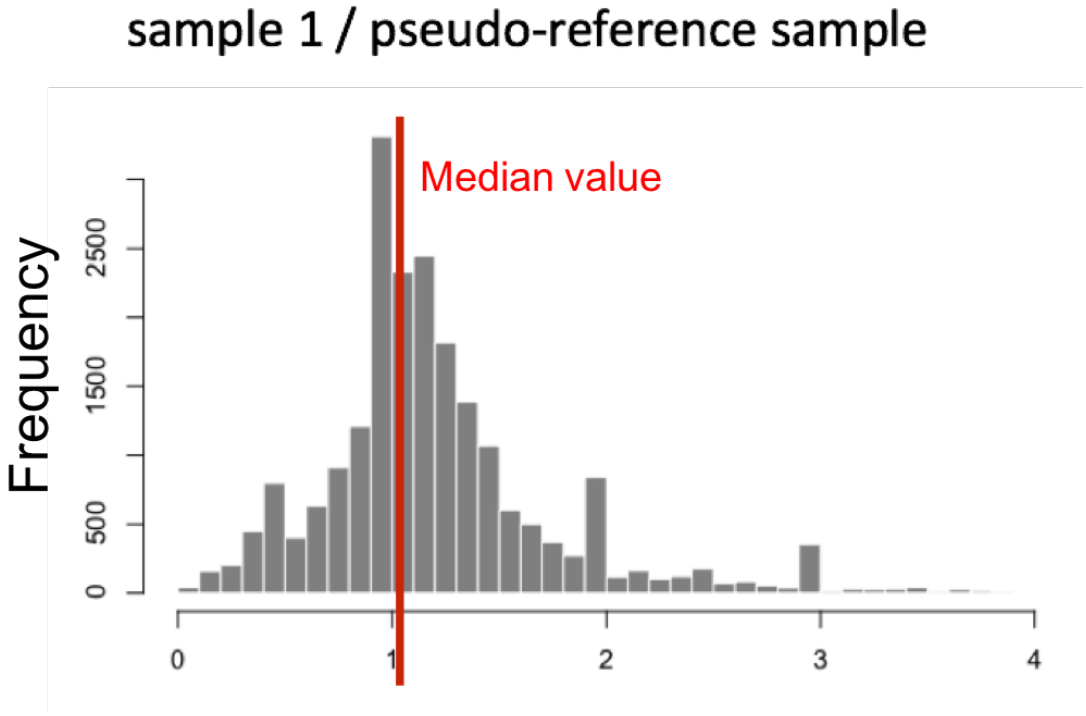
Normalization: DESeq2 Median of Ratios

Visualization of normalization factor for a sample:

- Median should be ~1 for each sample, otherwise data should be examined for the presence of large outliers
- This method is robust to imbalance in up-/down- regulation and large numbers of differentially expressed genes

Assumptions of this method:
Not all genes are differentially expressed



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Normalization: DESeq2 Median of Ratios

Step 4: calculate the normalized count values using the normalization factor

This is performed by dividing each raw count value in a given sample by that sample's size factor to generate normalized count values.

SampleA normalization factor = 2.08

SampleB normalization factor = 0.66

Raw Counts

gene	sampleA	sampleB
1	1000	1000
2	10	1

Normalized Counts

gene	sampleA	sampleB
1	1000/2.08 = **480.77**	1000 / 0.66 = **1515.16**
2	10/2.08 = **4.81**	1 / 0.66 = **1.52**

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Normalization methods

Normalization method	Description	Accounted factors	For Differential Expression?
CPM (counts per million)	counts scaled by total number of reads in a sample	sequencing depth	NO
TPM (transcripts per kilobase million)	counts per length of transcript (kb) per million reads mapped	sequencing depth and gene length	NO
RPKM/FPKM (reads/fragments per kilobase of exon per million reads/fragments mapped)	similar to TPM	sequencing depth and gene length	NO
DESeq2's **median of ratios** [1]	counts divided by sample-specific size factors determined by median ratio of gene counts relative to geometric mean per gene	sequencing depth and RNA composition	YES

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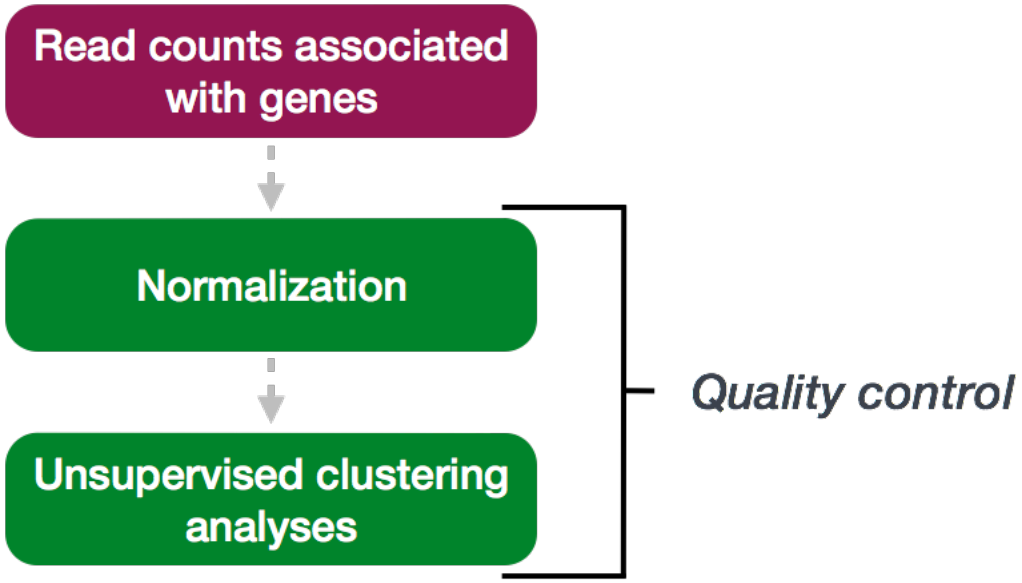
Unsupervised Clustering



Principle Component Analysis

Here is an example with three genes measured in many samples:

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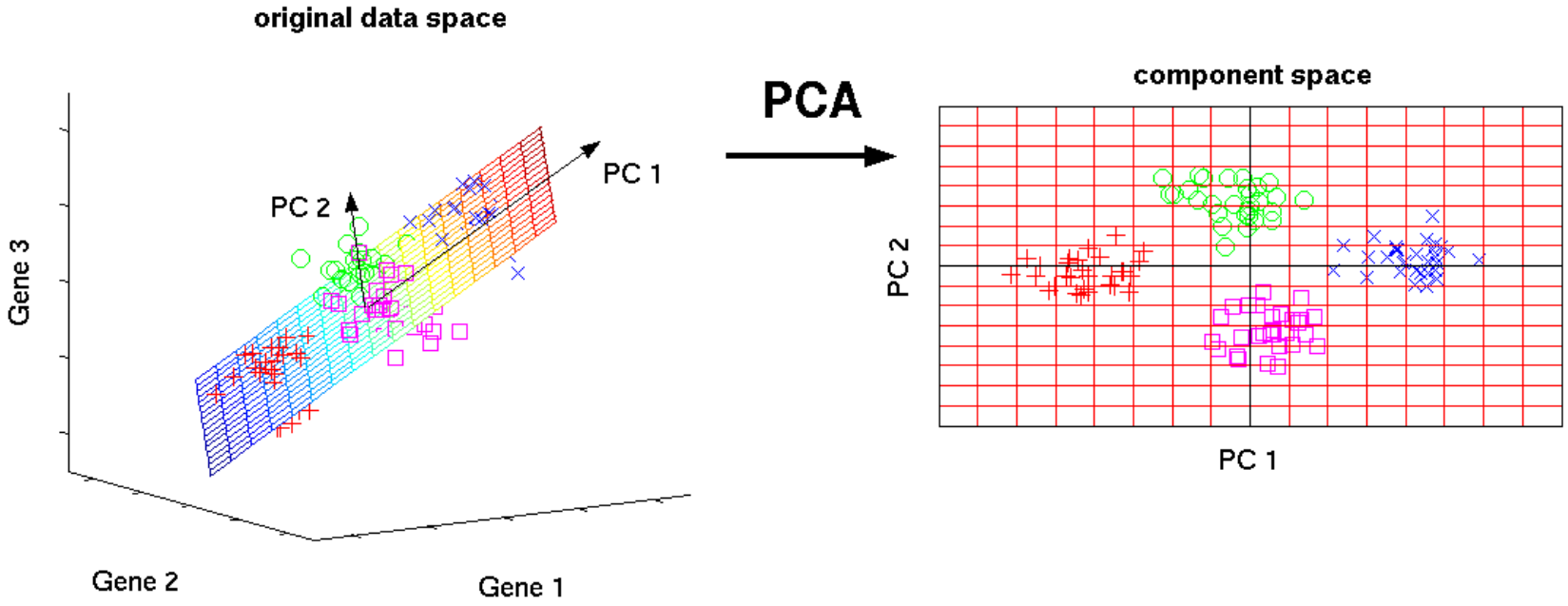
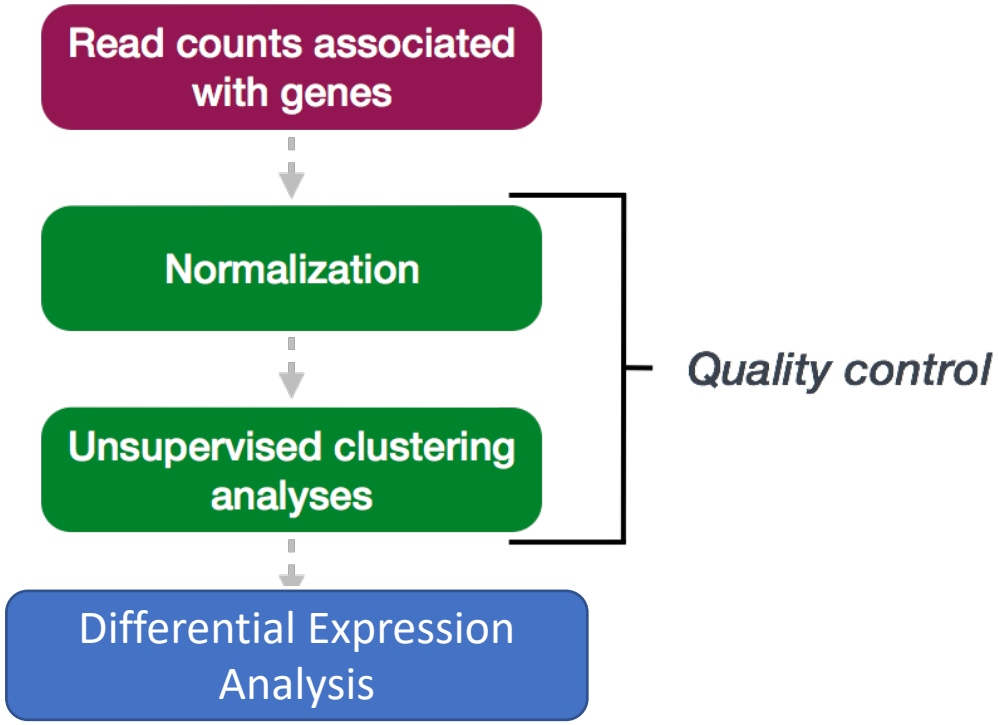


Do your samples cluster as expected?

Differential Expression with DESeq2



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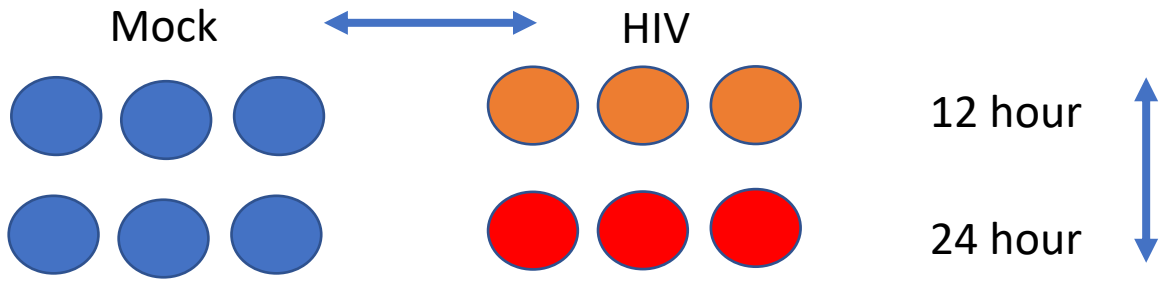

Factor 1:
Infection status (Mock or HIV)

Factor 2:
Time (12 or 24 hr)

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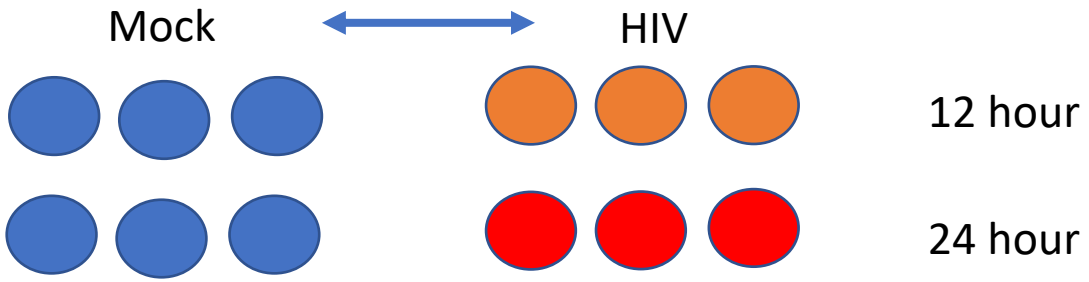
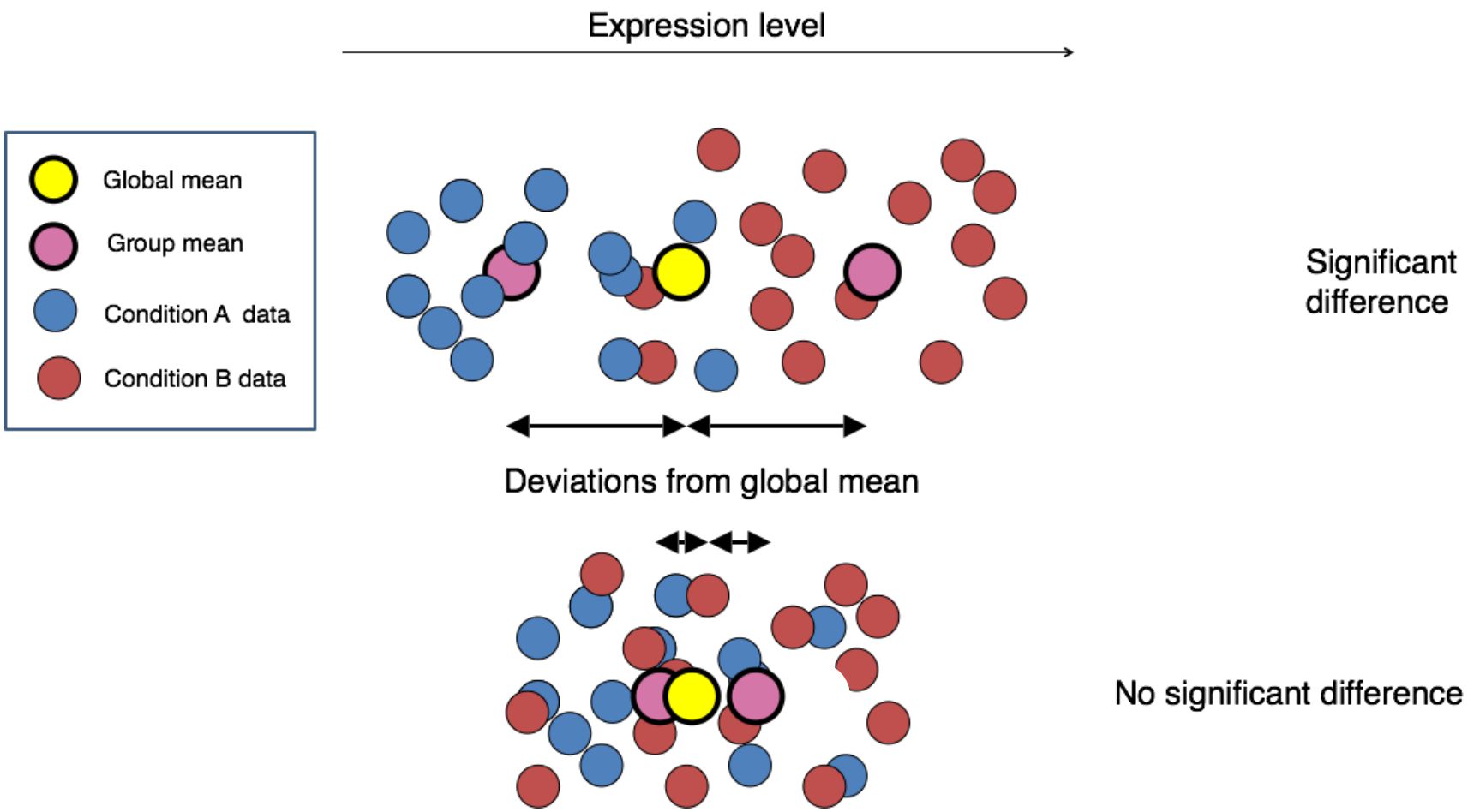


- Differential Expression compares two conditions
- We'll choose Infection status at 12 hr (Mock or HIV) for comparison
- We could also choose time, or a combination of multiple factors

DESeq2 Test for Differential Expression



- DESeq2 models the gene counts for each gene as a negative bionomial distribution
- One of the fitting parameters is the Log2foldChange for each gene

Image credit: Paul Pavlidis, UBC
https://hbctraining.github.io/DGE_workshop/lessons/04_DGE_DESeq2_analysis.html

Wald Test

Statistical test (like T-test) used for hypothesis testing:

- Null hypothesis: Log2foldChange(HIV counts/ Mock counts) == 0
- Alternative hypothesis: Log2FC(HIV counts/ Mock counts) != 0

DESeq2 implements the Wald test by:

- Taking the Log2foldChange and dividing it by its standard error, resulting in a z-statistic
- The z-statistic is compared to a standard normal distribution, and a p-value is computed reporting the probability that a z-statistic at least as extreme as the observed value would be selected at random
- If the p-value is small we reject the null hypothesis and state that there is evidence against the null (i.e. the gene is differentially expressed).

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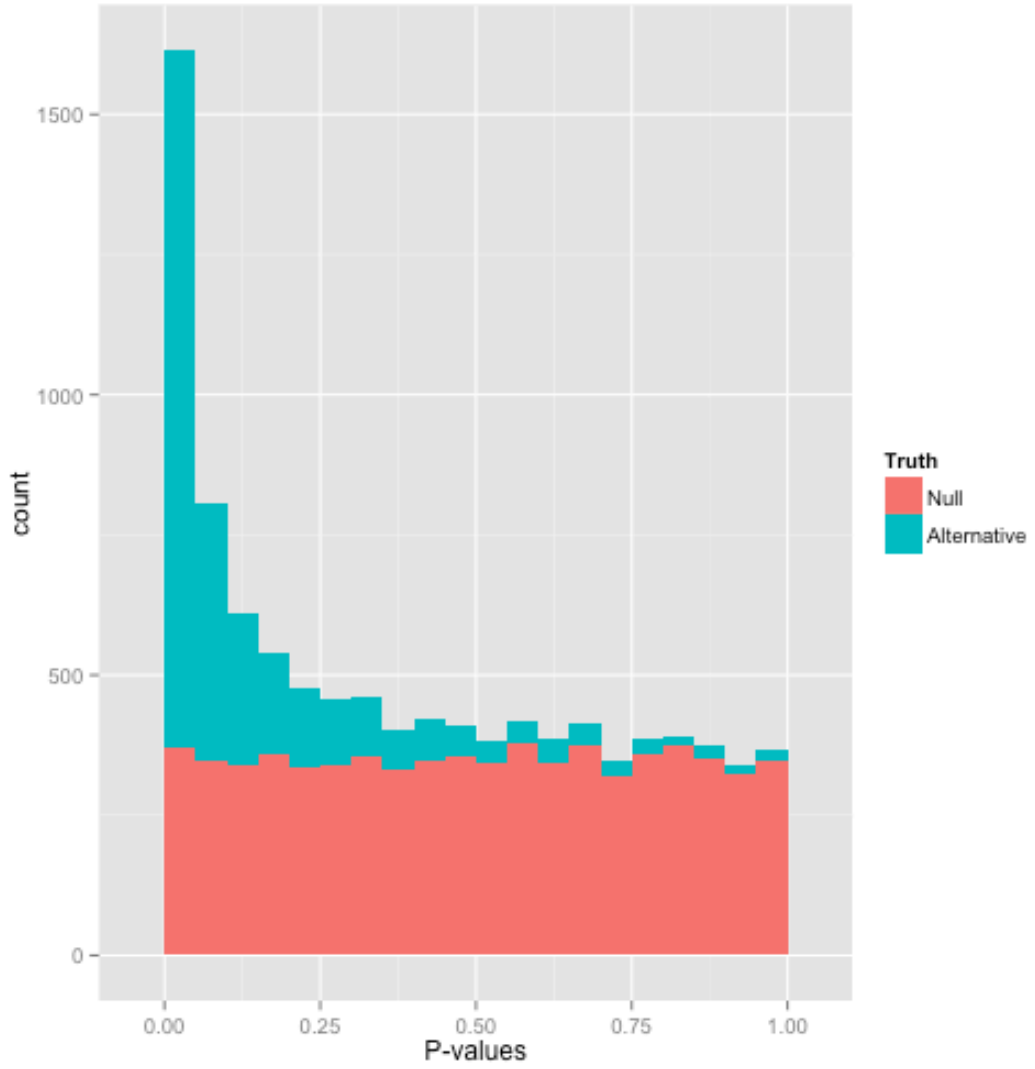
DESeq2 P-value histogram



- Histogram of raw p-values for all genes examined
- P-value: Probability of getting a log2FoldChange as extreme as observed if the true log2FoldChange = 0 for that gene (null hypothesis)

How to interpret:

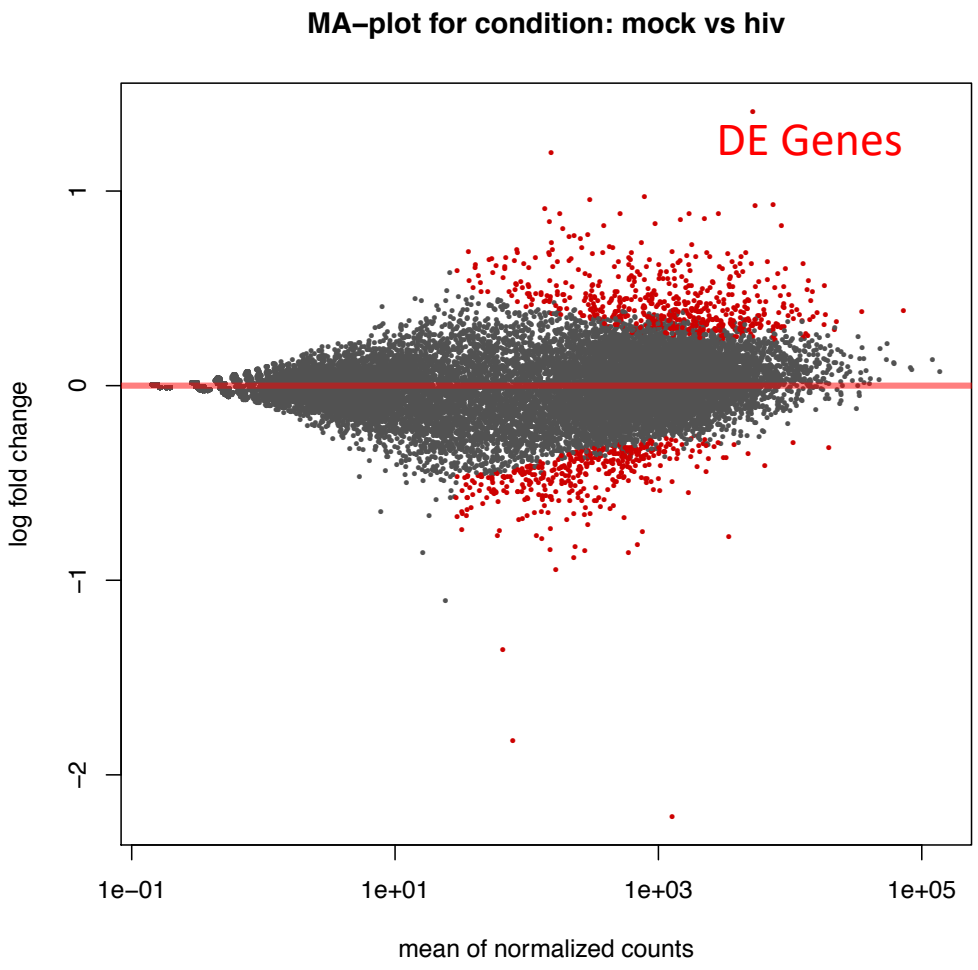
- Random P-values are expected to be uniform, if you have true positives you should see a peak close to zero

http://varianceexplained.org/statistics/interpreting-pvalue-histogram/

DESeq2 MA plot

Shows the relationship between

- M: The difference in expression
  Log(HIV) – Log(Mock) = Log(HIV/Mock)
- A: Average expression strength Average(Mock, HIV)
- Genes with adjusted *p*-value < 0.1 are in red
- Gives an overview of your results



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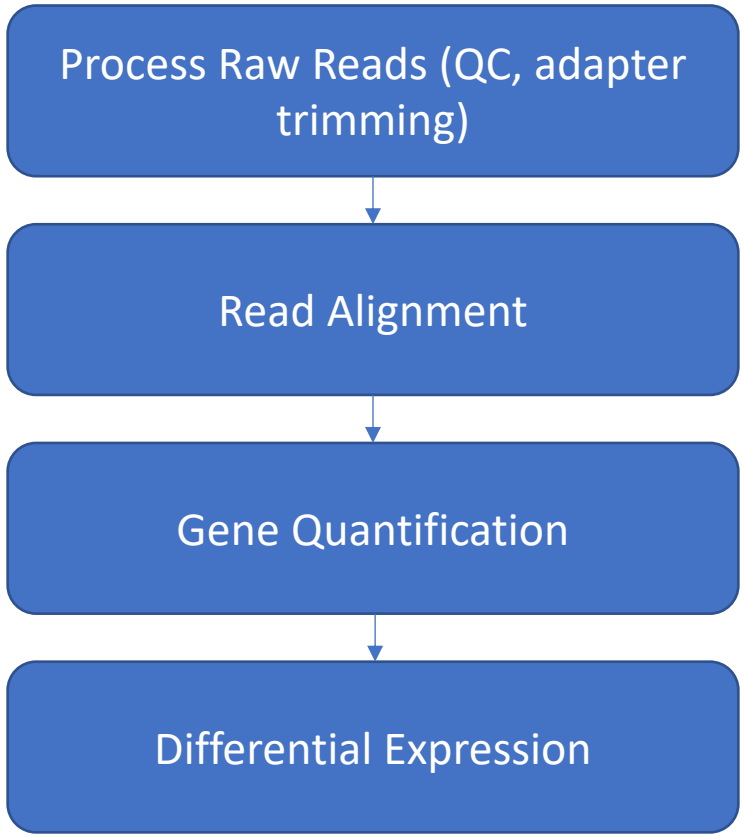

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HBC Training (Command line/R):
https://hbctraining.github.io/DGE_workshop

Galaxy Training:
https://galaxyproject.org/tutorials/rb_rnaseq/

Outline

Bulk and single cell RNA sequencing

Intro to Galaxy Platform for Bioinformatics (Tufts network or VPN required)

https://galaxy.cluster.tufts.edu/

Work through RNAseq example together on Galaxy

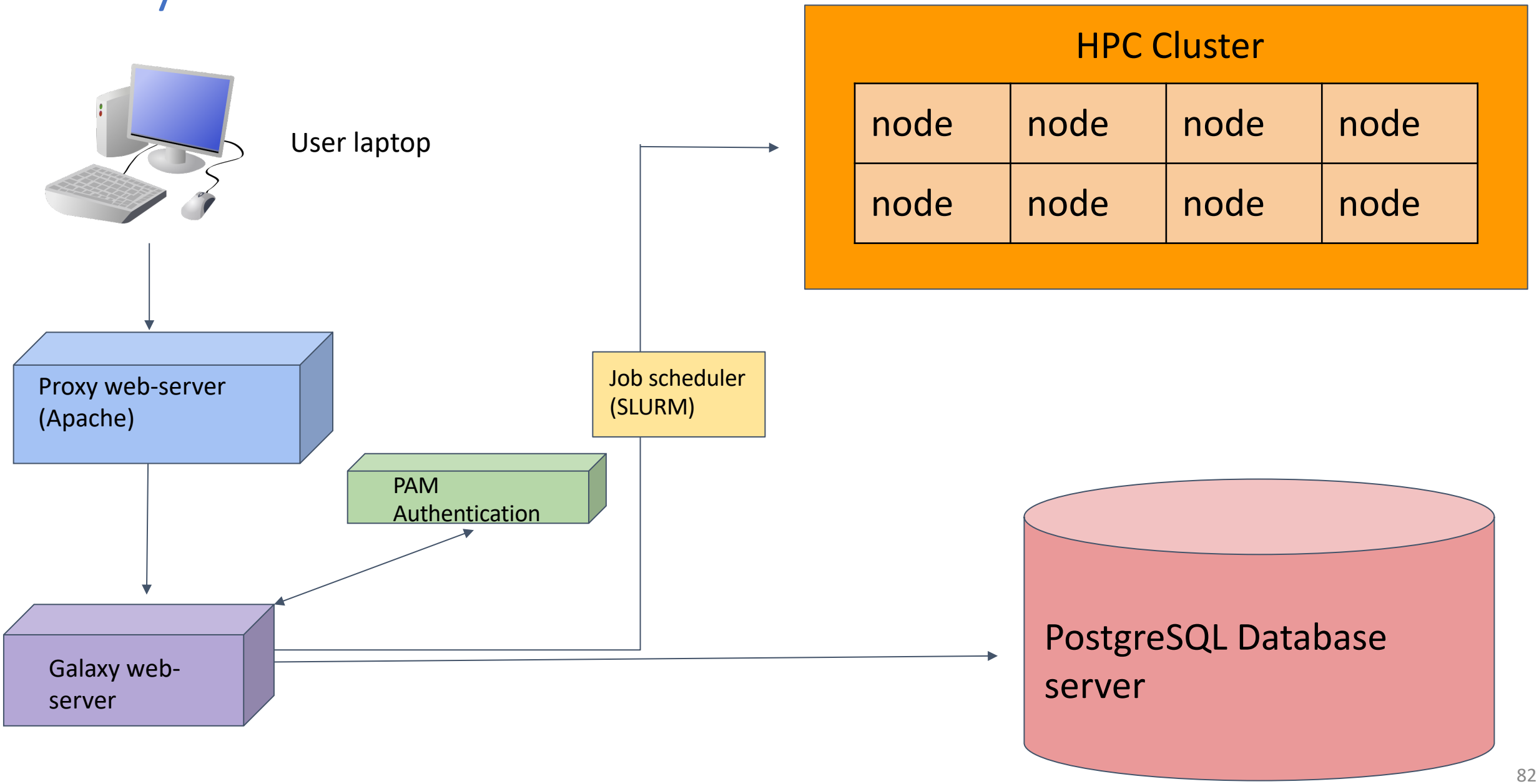
https://rbatorsky.github.io/intro-to-rnaseq-with-galaxy/

Turn in workshop questions on Canvas

Galaxy

- **Web-based** platform for running data analysis and integration, geared towards bioinformatics
  - Open-source
  - Developed at Penn State, Johns Hopkins, OHSU and Cleveland Clinic with many more outside contributions
  - Large and extremely responsive community

Galaxy on the Tufts HPC



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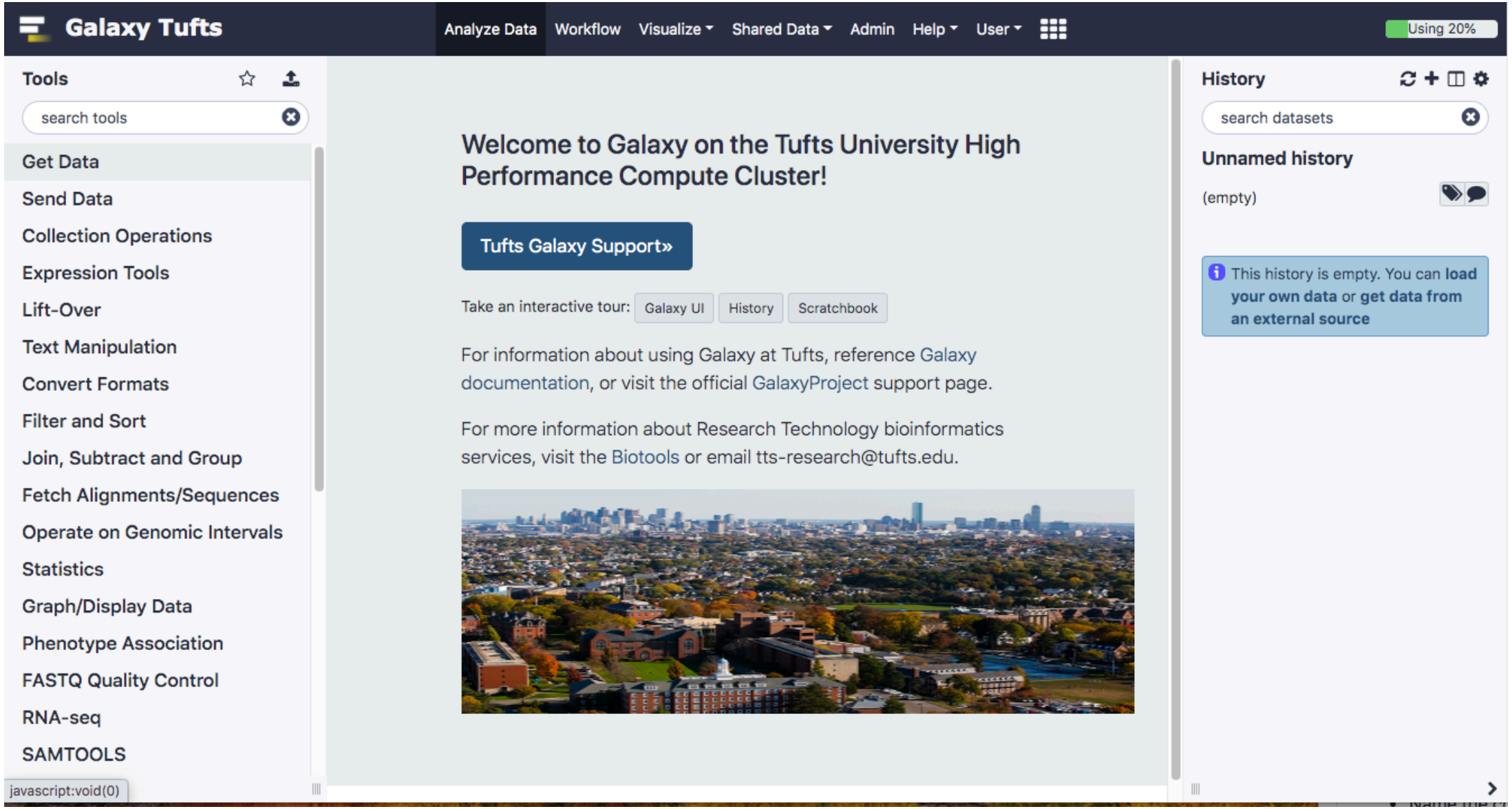

User Interface

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Galaxy Tufts | Analyze Data | Workflow | Visualize | Shared Data | Admin | Help | User | Using 20%

Tools

search tools

- Get Data
- Send Data
- Collection Operations
- Expression Tools
- Lift-Over
- Text Manipulation
- Convert Formats
- Filter and Sort
- Join, Subtract and Group
- Fetch Alignments/Sequences
- Operate on Genomic Intervals
- Statistics
- Graph/Display Data
- Phenotype Association
- FASTQ Quality Control
- RNA-seq
- SAMTOOLS

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Welcome to Galaxy on the Tufts University High Performance Compute Cluster!

Tufts Galaxy Support»

Take an interactive tour: Galaxy UI | History | Scratchbook

For information about using Galaxy at Tufts, reference Galaxy documentation, or visit the official GalaxyProject support page.

For more information about Research Technology bioinformatics services, visit the Biotools or email tts-research@tufts.edu.

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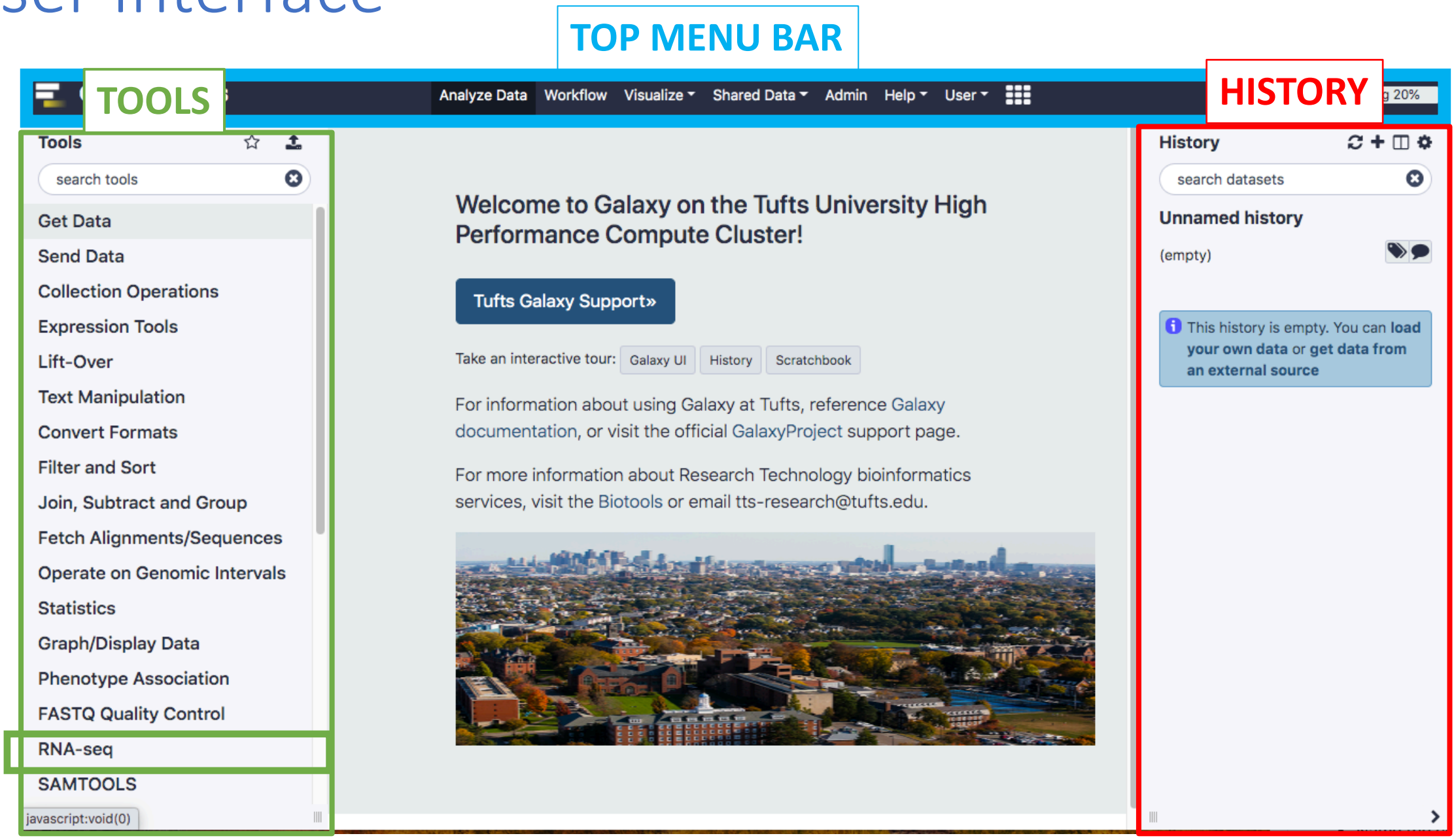

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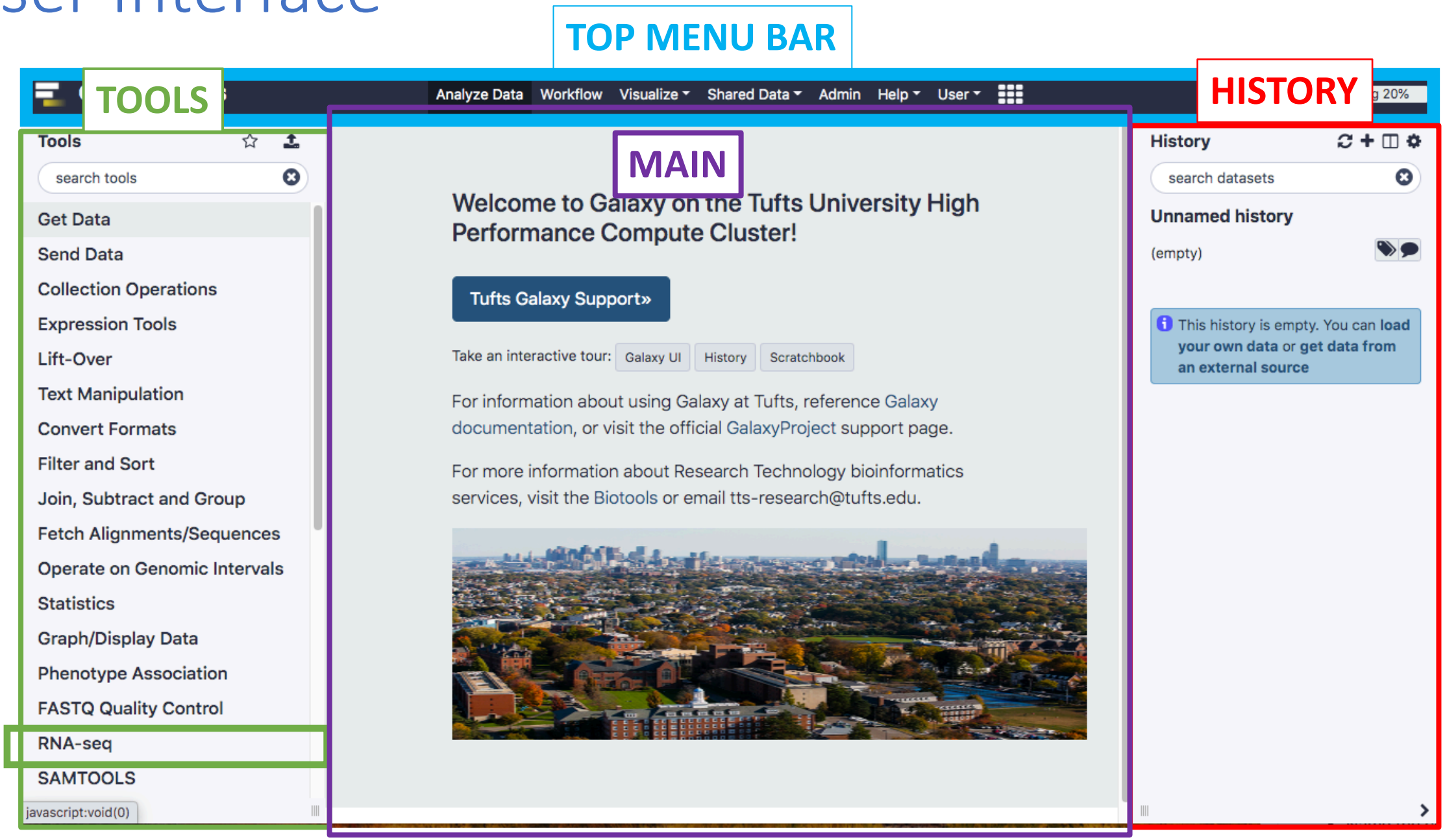

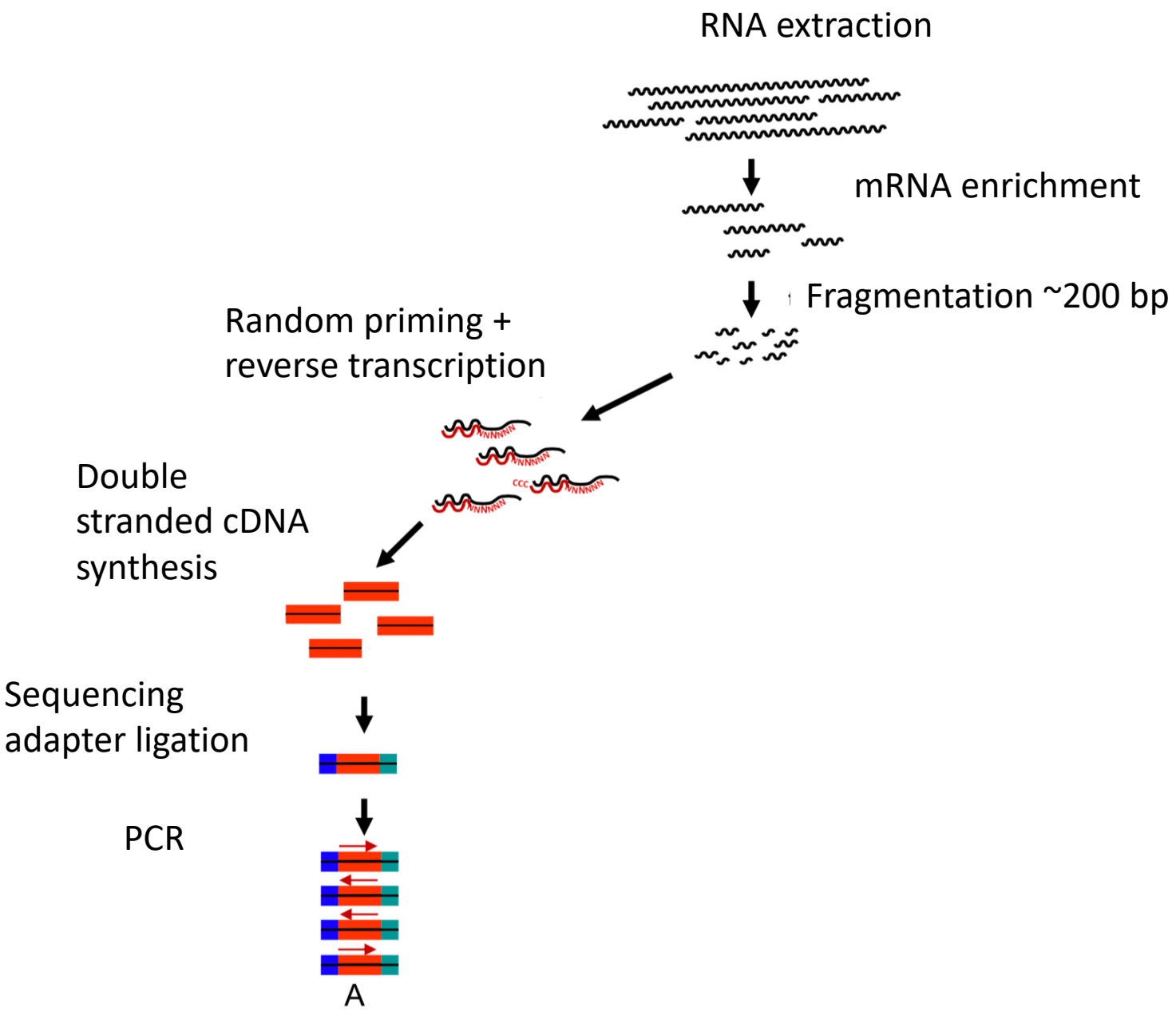

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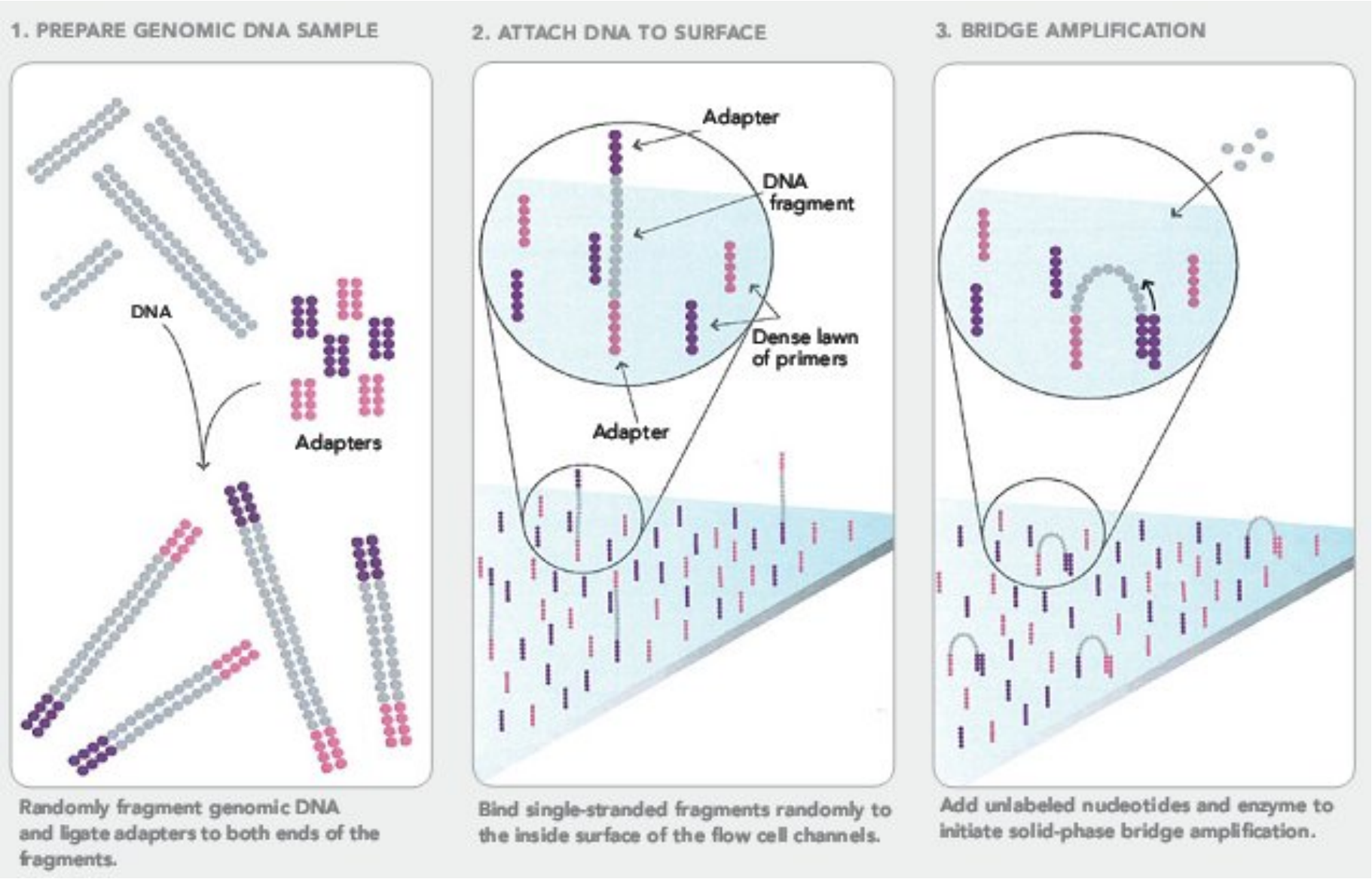

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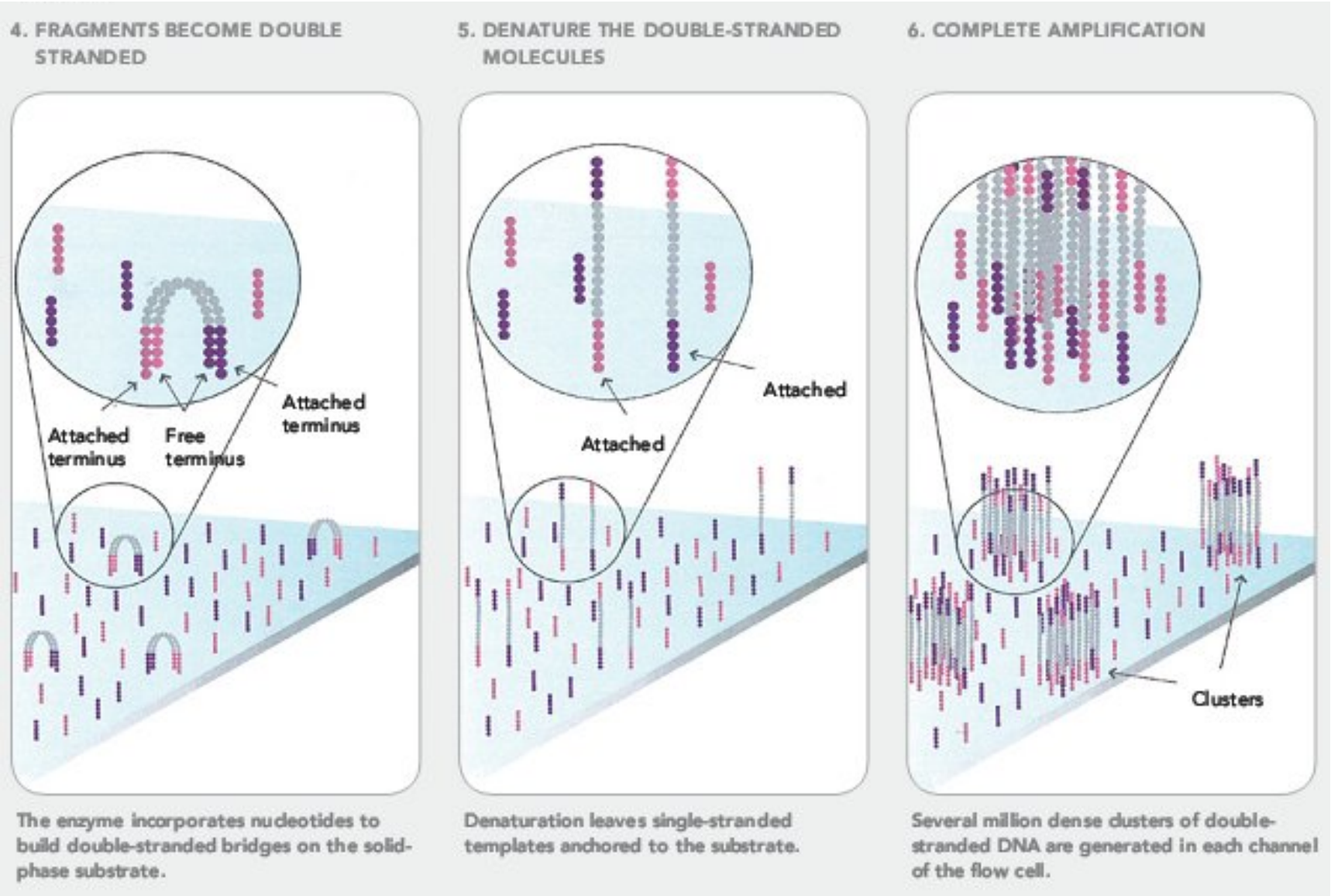

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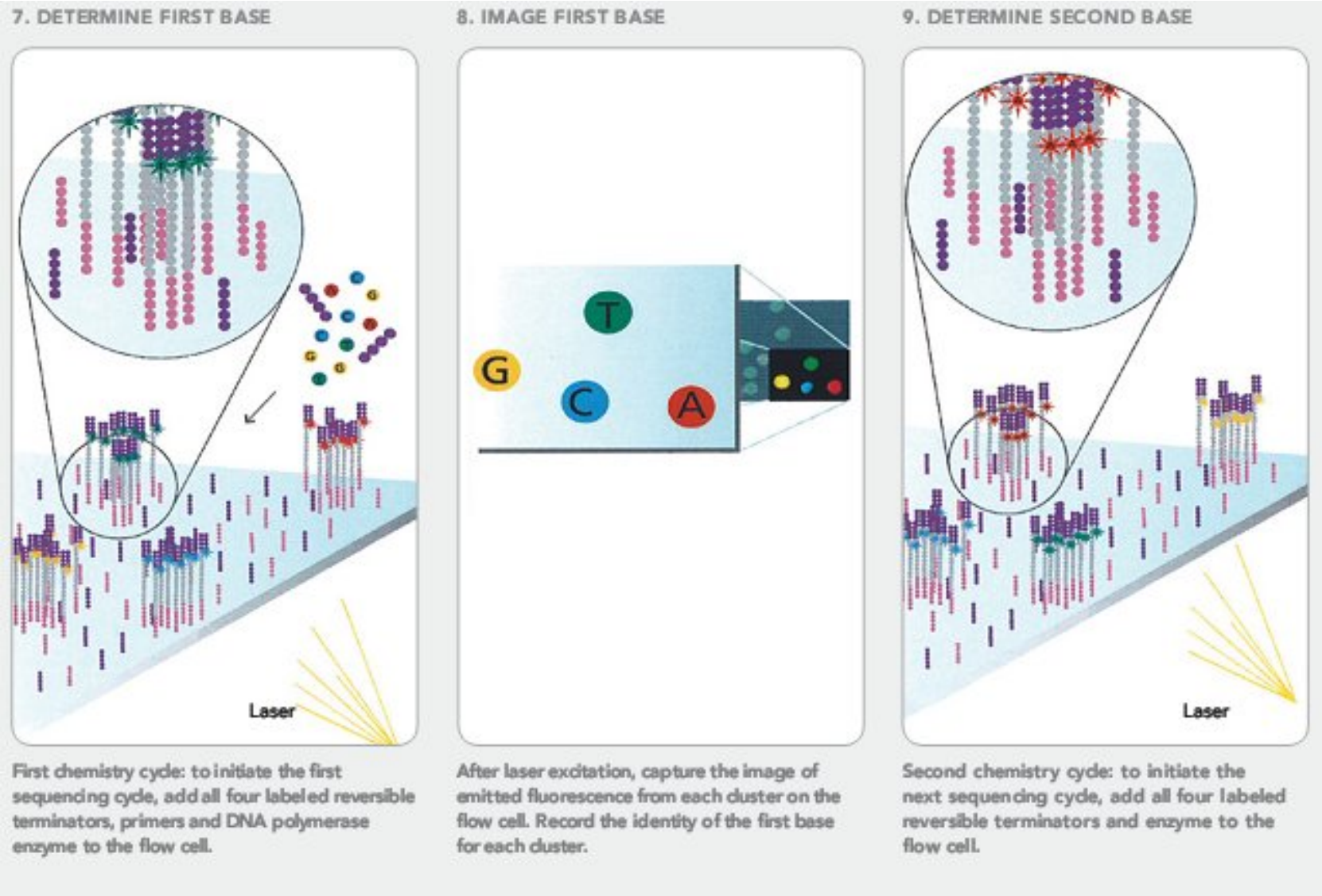

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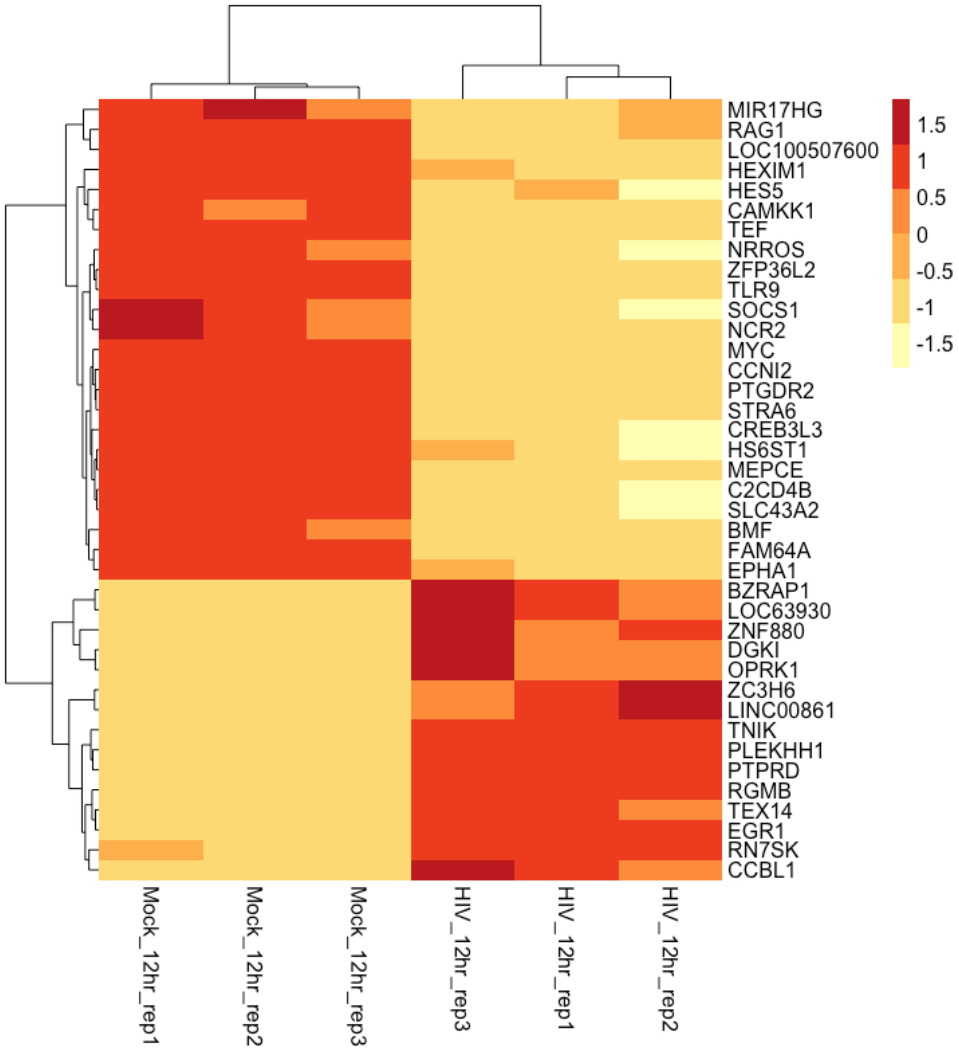
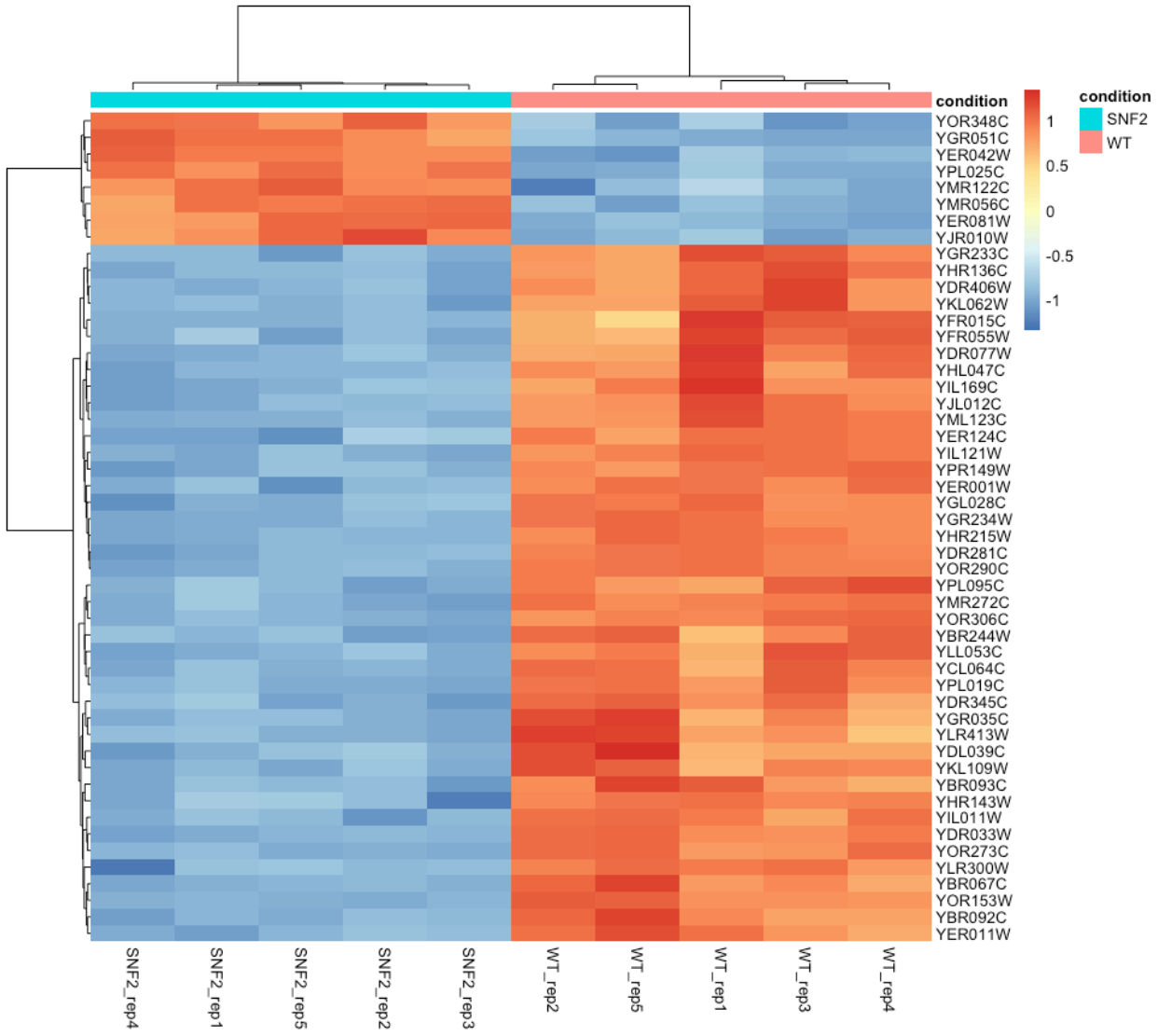
Final Heatmap – not part of DESeq2 output



Common RNAseq analysis goals

- Novel transcript discovery
- Transcriptome assembly
- Single cell analysis
- Quantify alternative splicing
- **Differential Expression**



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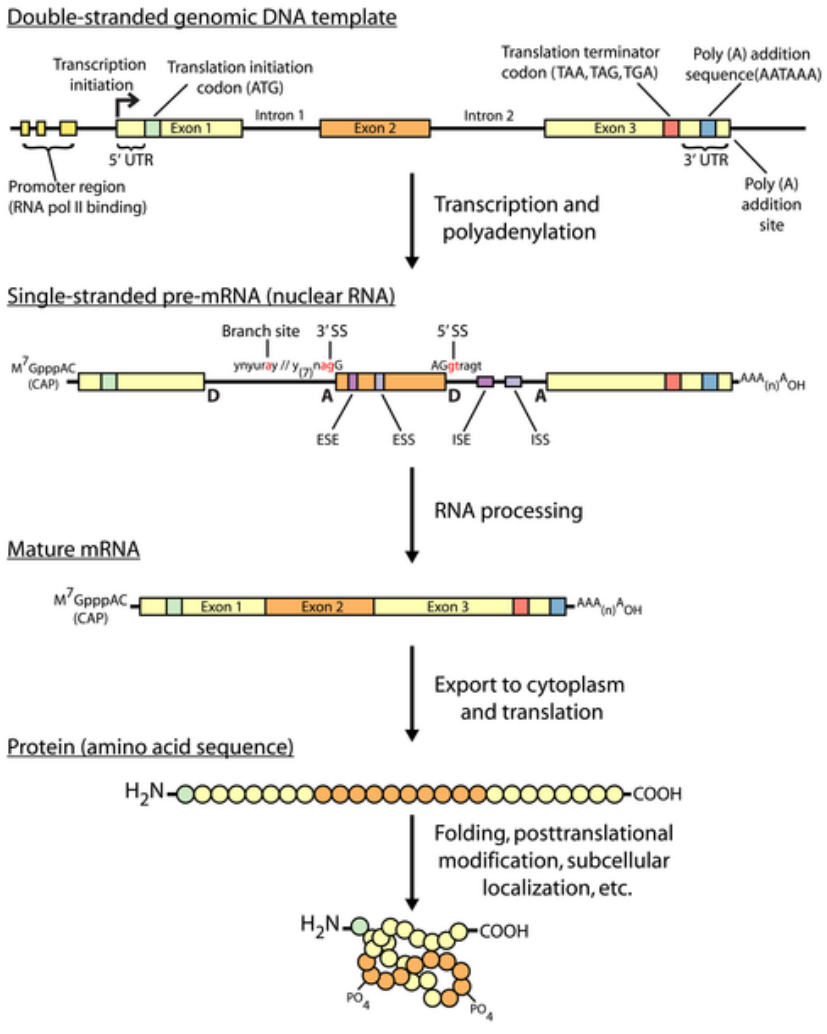

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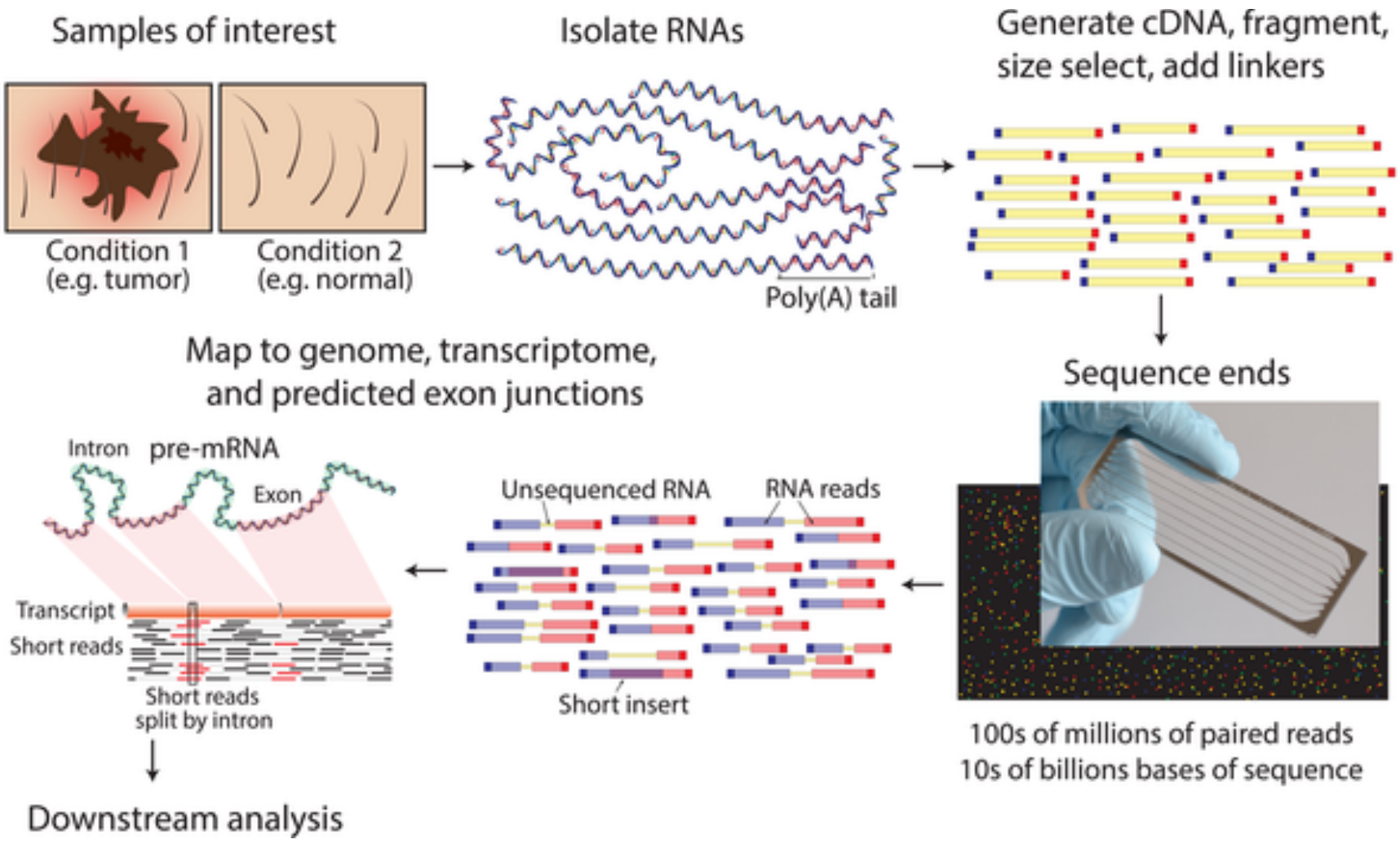

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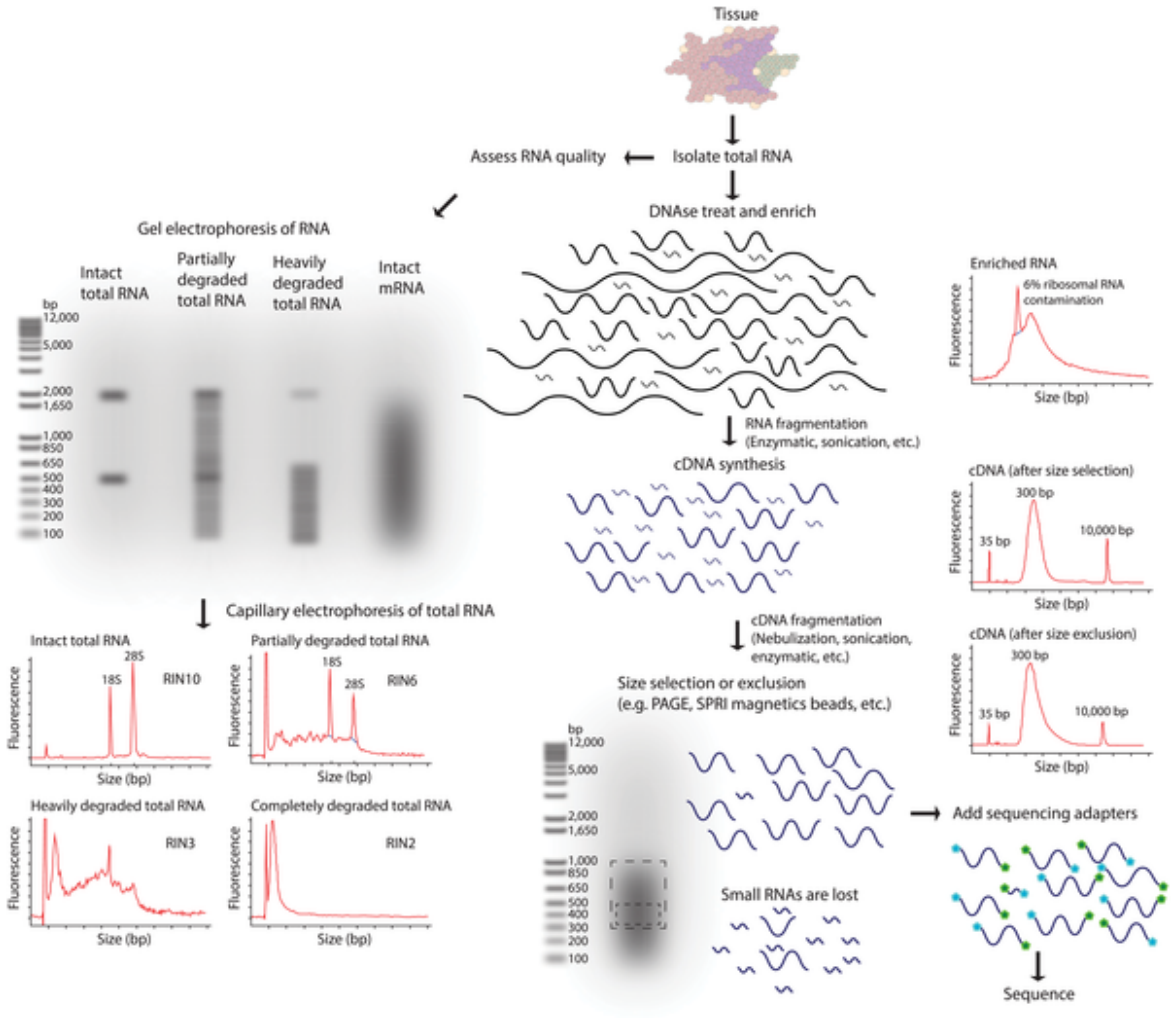

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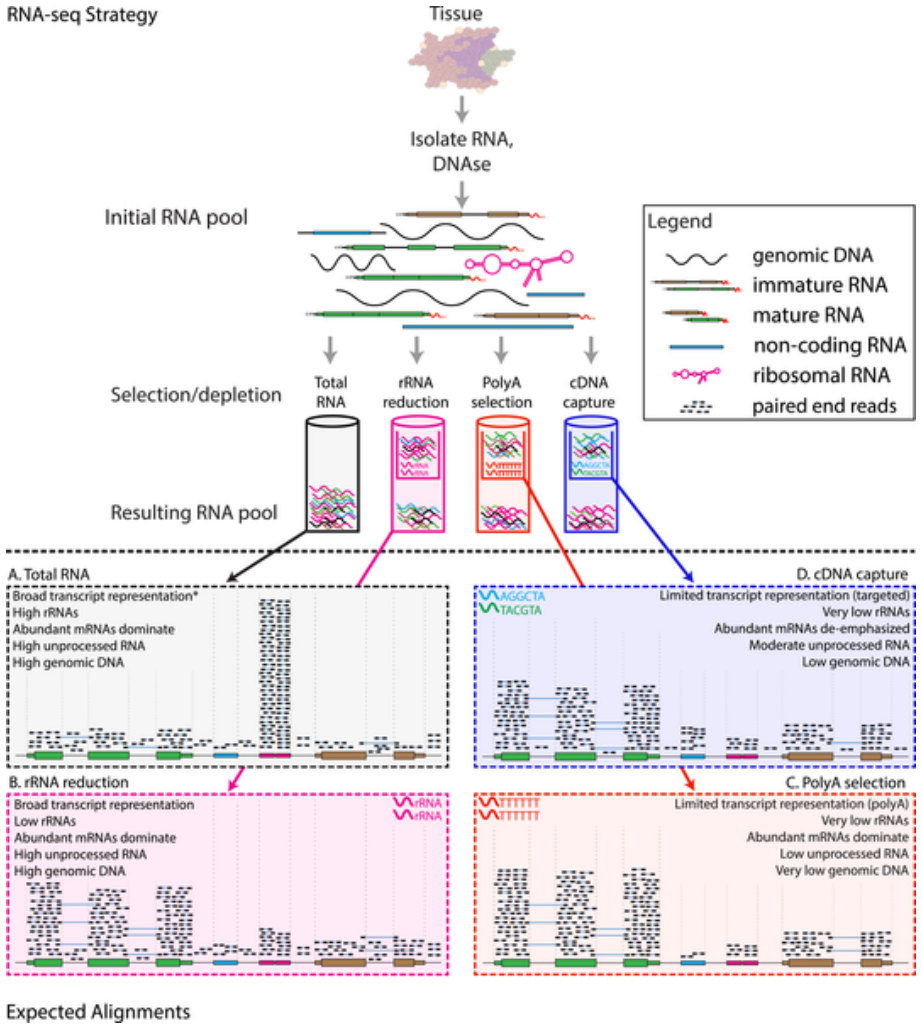

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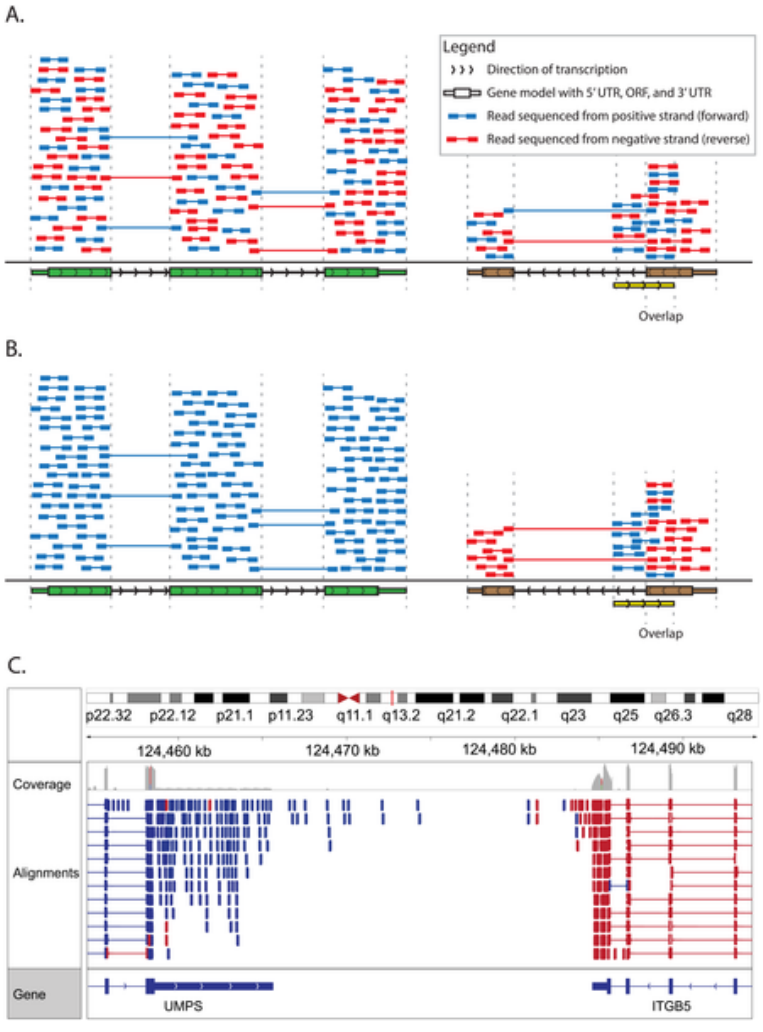

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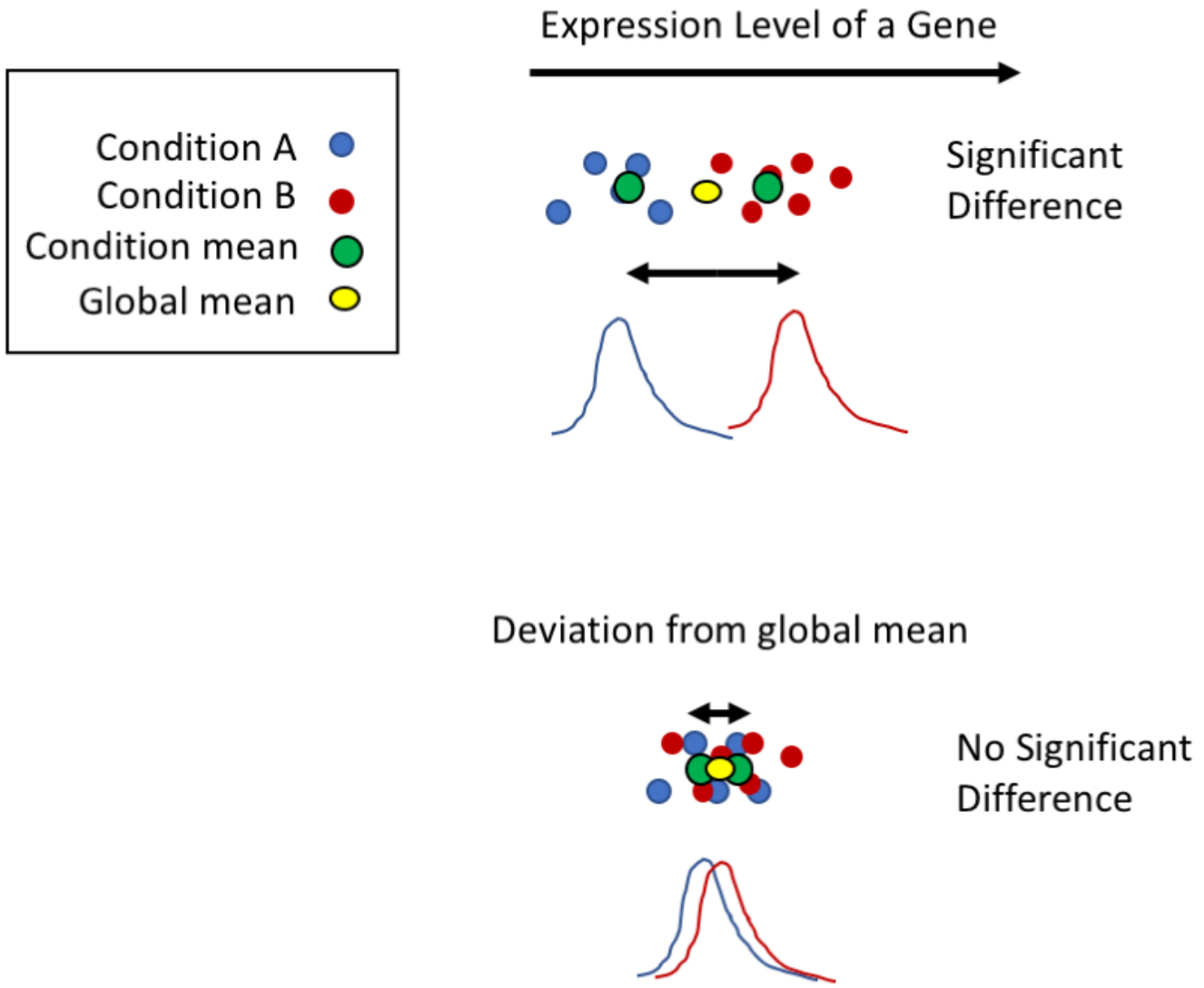
Test for Differential Expression

DESeq2 will seek to fit a probability distribution to each gene we measured and perform a statistical test to determine whether there is a difference between conditions



Reference-based vs Reference-free RNAseq

RNAseq can be roughly divided into two "types":

- **Reference genome-based** - an assembled genome exists for a species for which an RNAseq experiment is performed. It allows reads to be aligned against the reference genome and significantly improves our ability to reconstruct transcripts. This category would obviously include humans and most model organisms

- **Reference genome-free** - no genome assembly for the species of interest is available. In this case one would need to assemble the reads into transcripts using *de novo* approaches. This type of RNAseq is as much of an art as well as science because assembly is heavily parameter-dependent and difficult to do well.

In this lesson we will focus on the **Reference genome-based** type of RNA seq.

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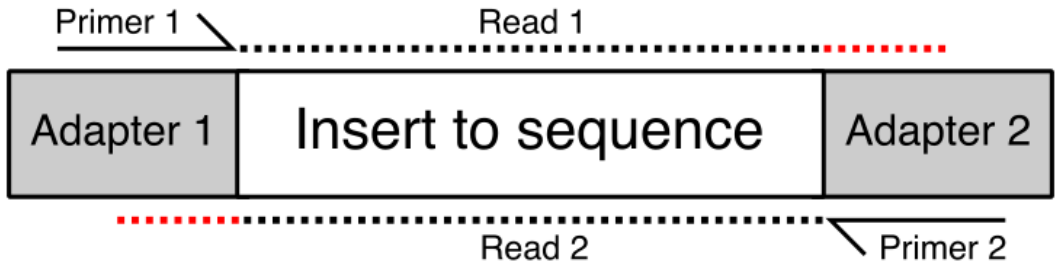
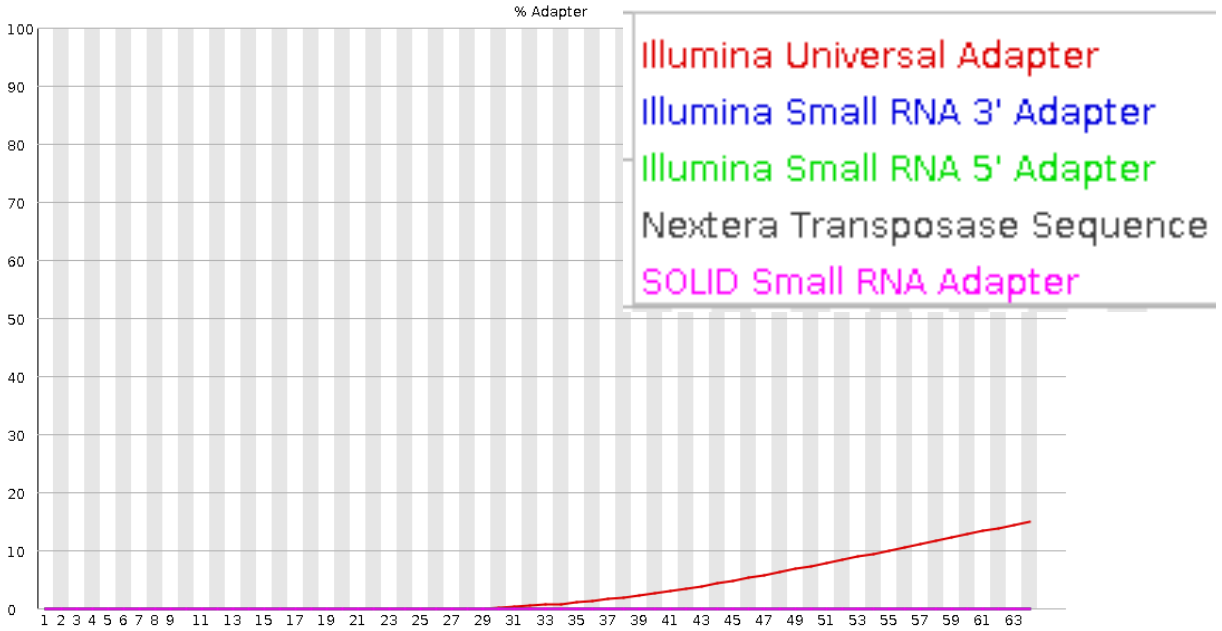
FastQC: Adapter content

The cause: The “insert” sequence is shorter than the read, and the read contains part of the adapter sequence



FastQC will scan each read for the presence of known adapter sequences

The plot shows that the adapter content rises over the course of the read



Solution – Adapter trimming!

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STAR Aligner (Spliced Transcripts Alignment to a Reference)

Highly accurate, memory intensive **aligner**
Two phase mapping process

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   - mismatches
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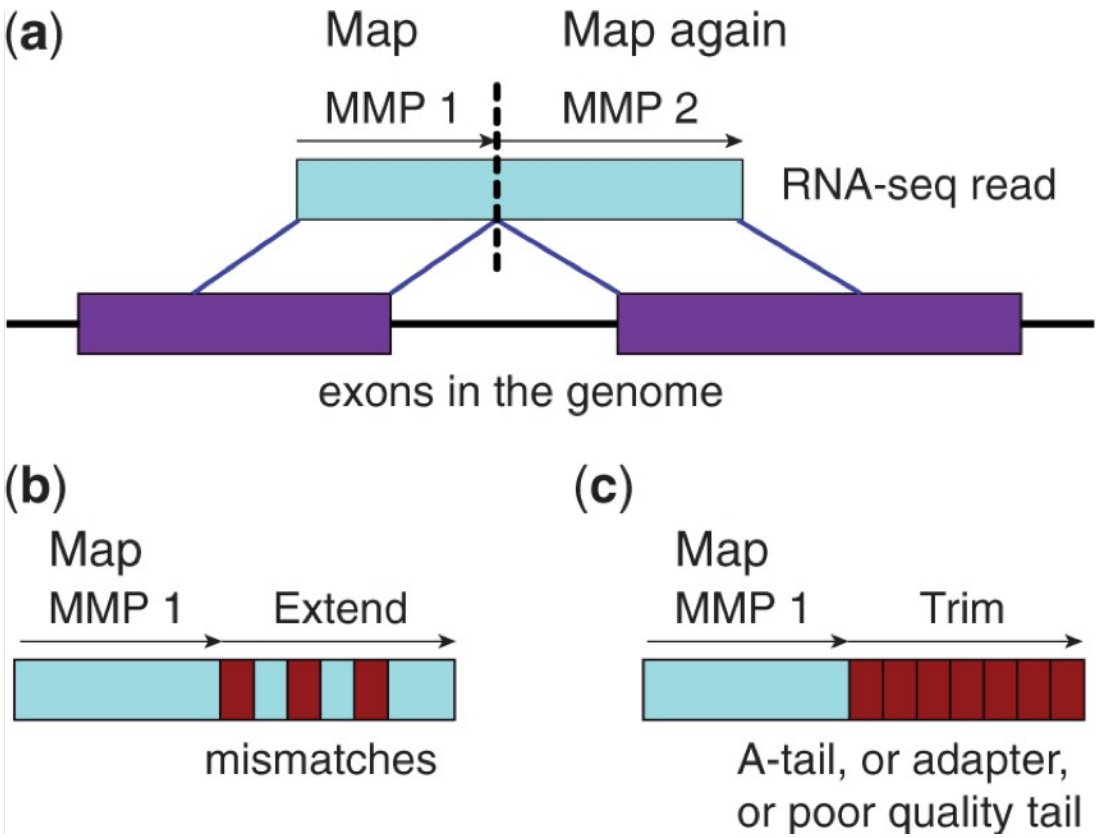

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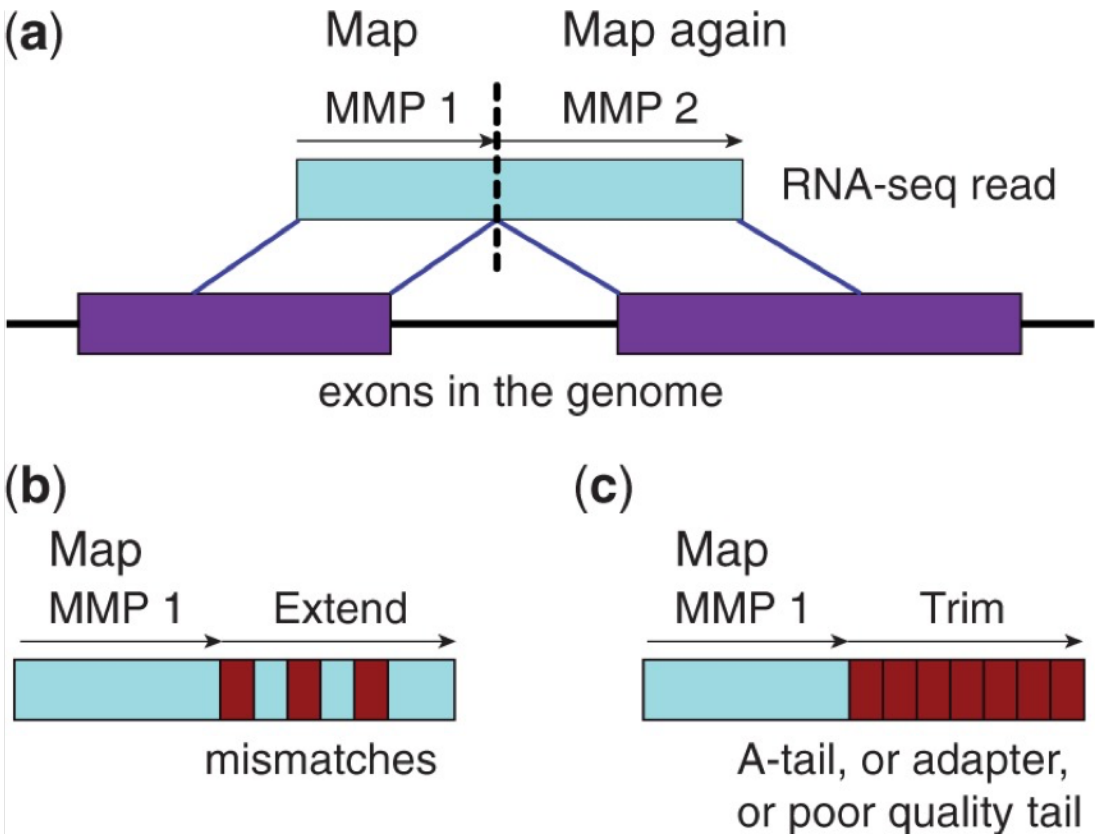

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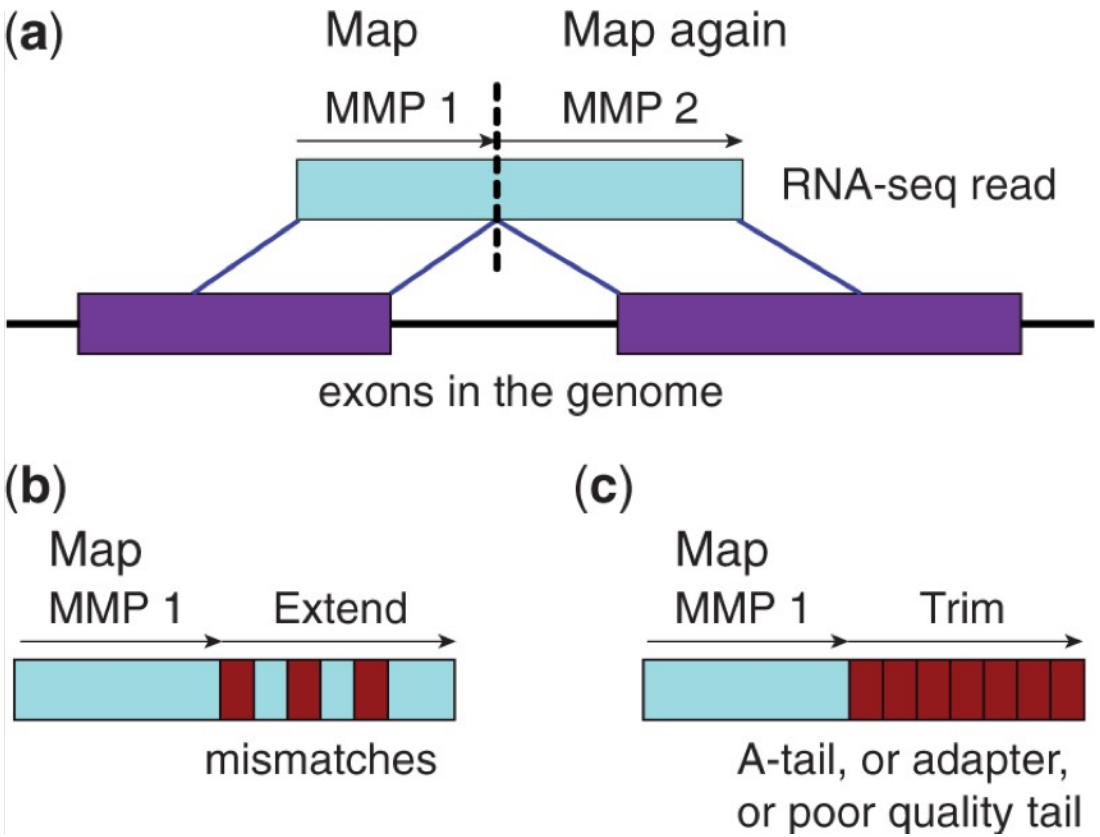
Output is a Sequence Alignment Map (SAM) file



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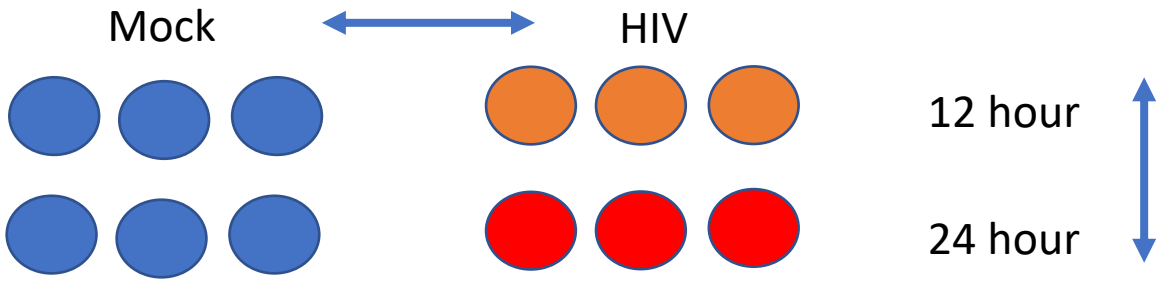
Tracking read numbers

Revisit quality control after each processing step!

Number of Reads	Source	Result
Raw reads	FastQC run 1	8 M
After Trimming	FastQC run 2	7.1 M
Aligned to genome	STAR log	6 M
Associated with genes	FeatureCounts log	5.4 M

Multi-factor experiment design



Factor 1:
Infection status (Mock or HIV)

Factor 2:
Time (12 or 24 hr)

Sample	Condition	Time
1	Mock	12
2	Mock	12
3	Mock	12
4	Mock	24
5	Mock	24
6	Mock	24
7	HIV	12
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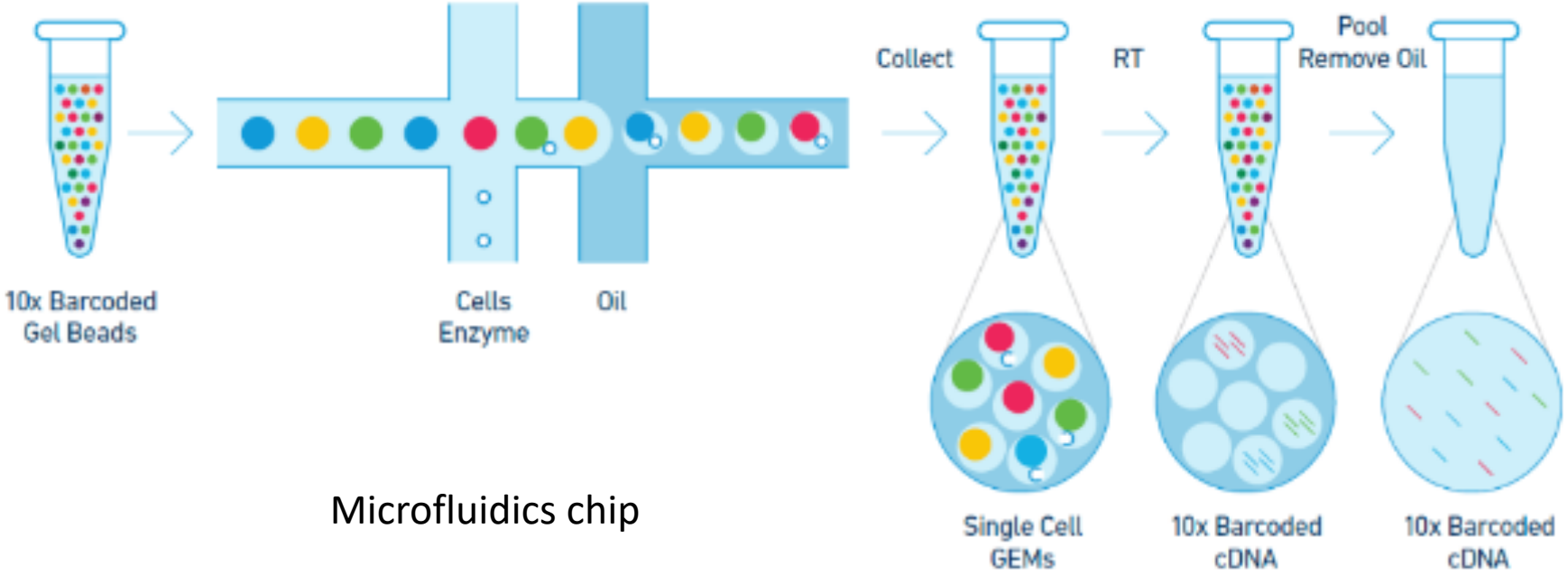
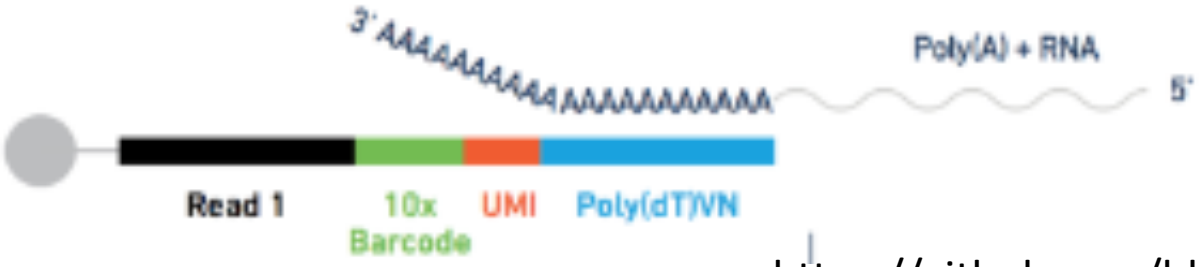
10x single cell technology



Microfluidics chip

Bulk sequencing

Beads are barcoded, and RT occurs inside the GEM -> all reads from a given GEM will have the same barcode



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