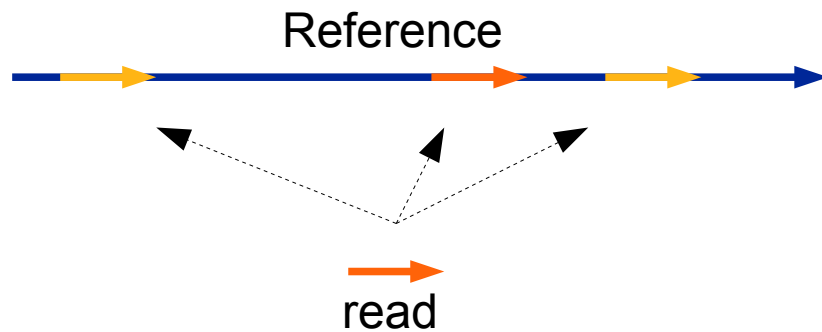
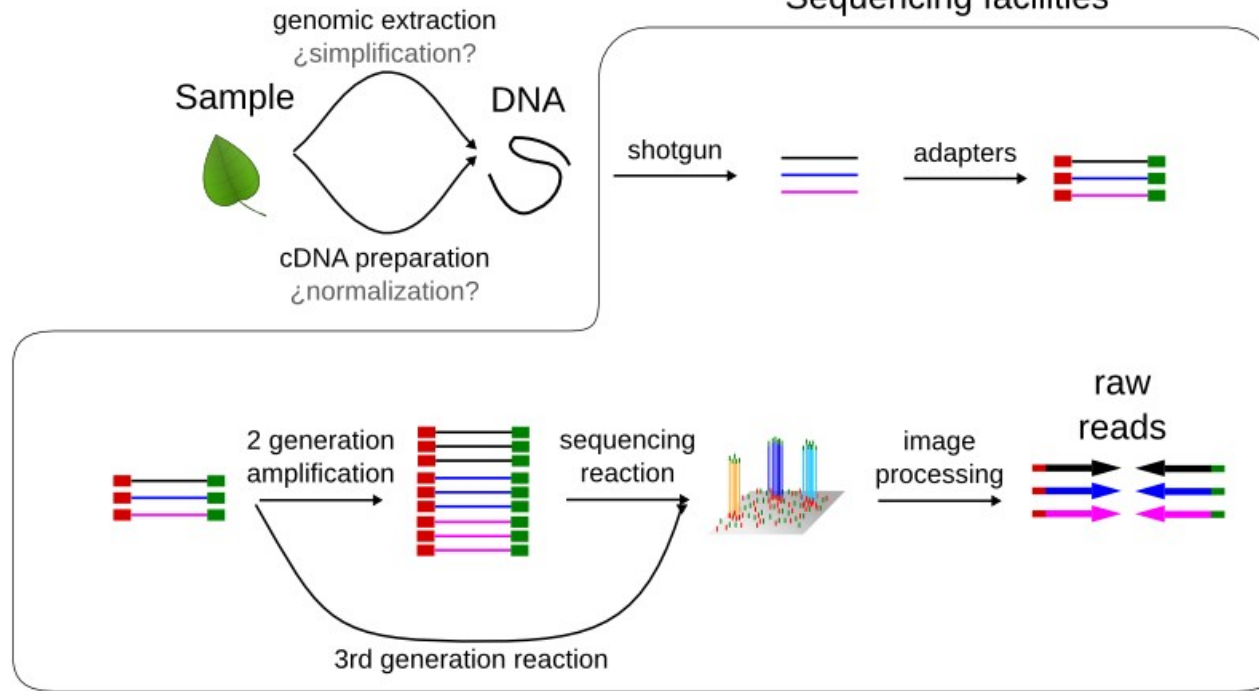


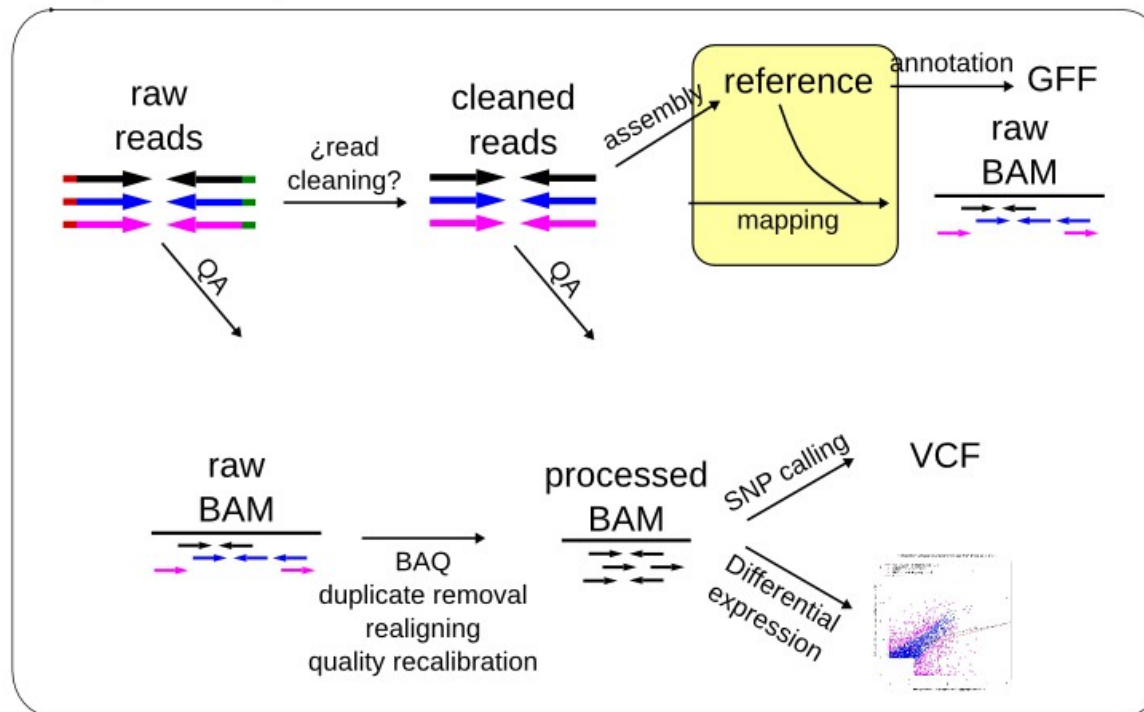
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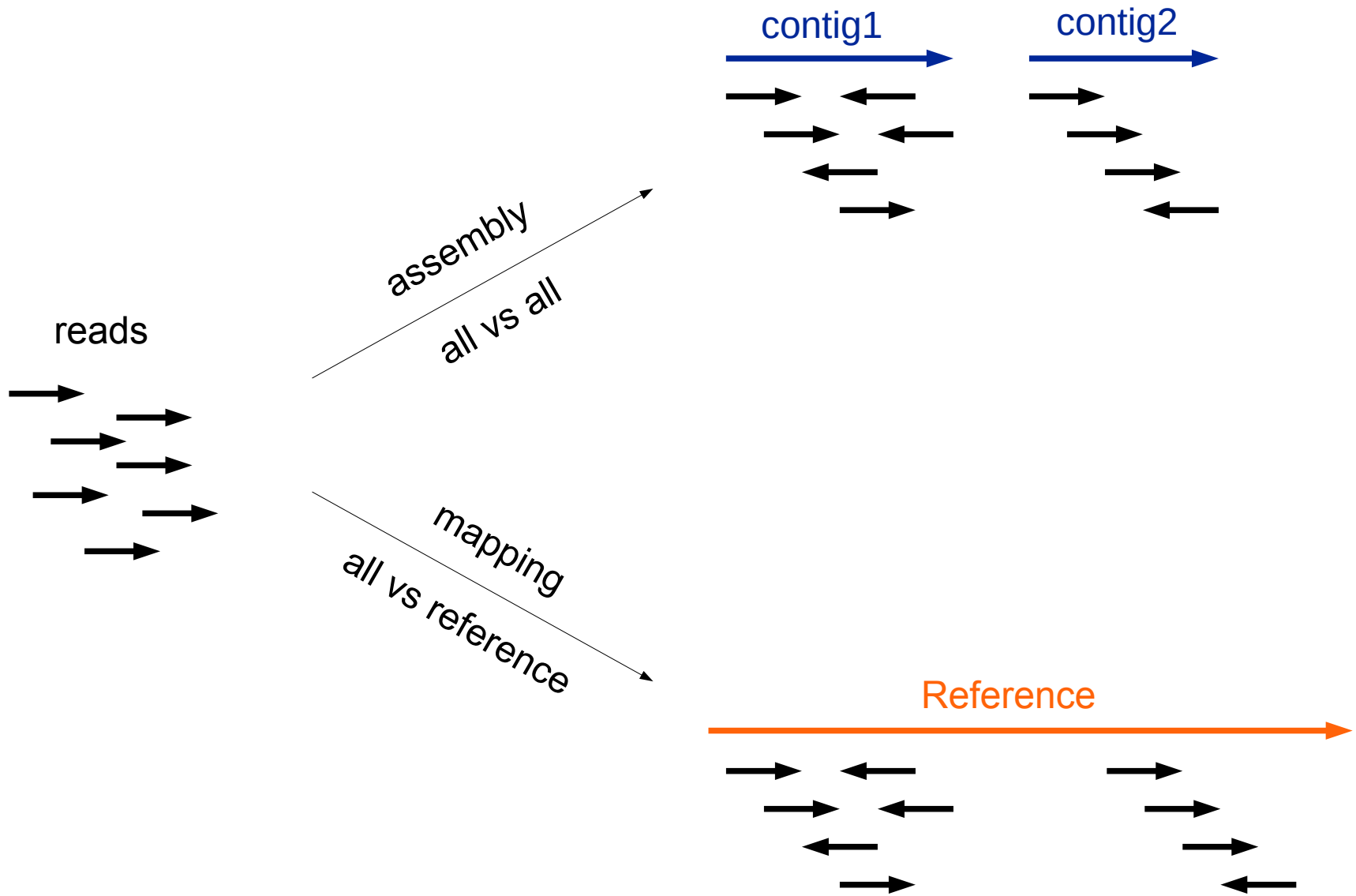
Sequencing facilities



Sequence analysis



Assembly vs mapping



Mapping

Reference genome / transcriptome

...GTGGGCCGGCAATTCGATATCGCGCATATATTTTCGGCGCATGCTTAGC...

Reads
(unmapped)

- 1 GCATATATTT
- 2 GCATATATTT
- 3 TGGGCCGGCA
- 4 ATTCGATATC
- 5 ATATTTTCGGC
- 6 CCGGCAATTC
- 7 TCGCGCATAT
- 8 CATGCTTAGC
- 9 GATATCGCGC

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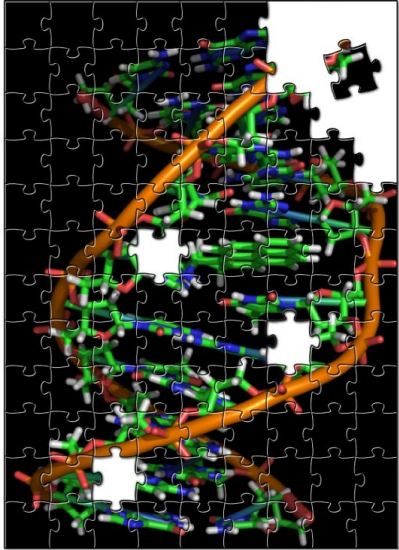
Reads

TCGCGCATAT

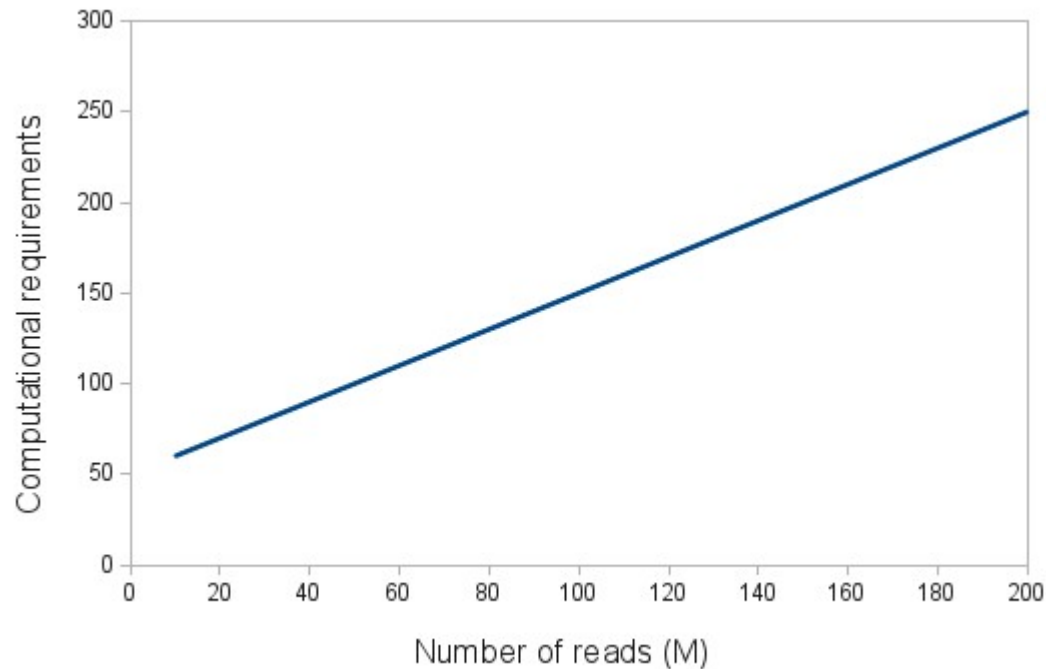
(mapped)

GATATCGCGC

Computational requirements



wikipedia



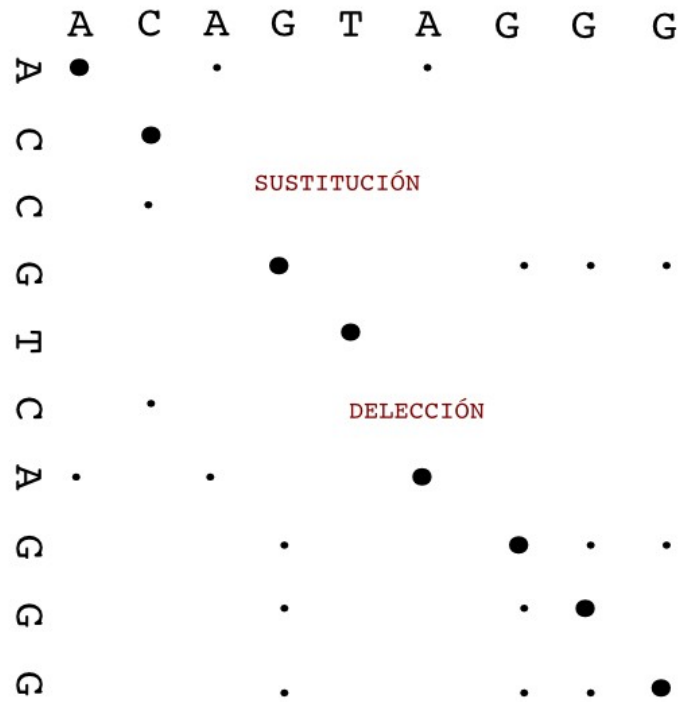
Main requirements:

- Hard drive.
- Time.



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Alignment algorithms

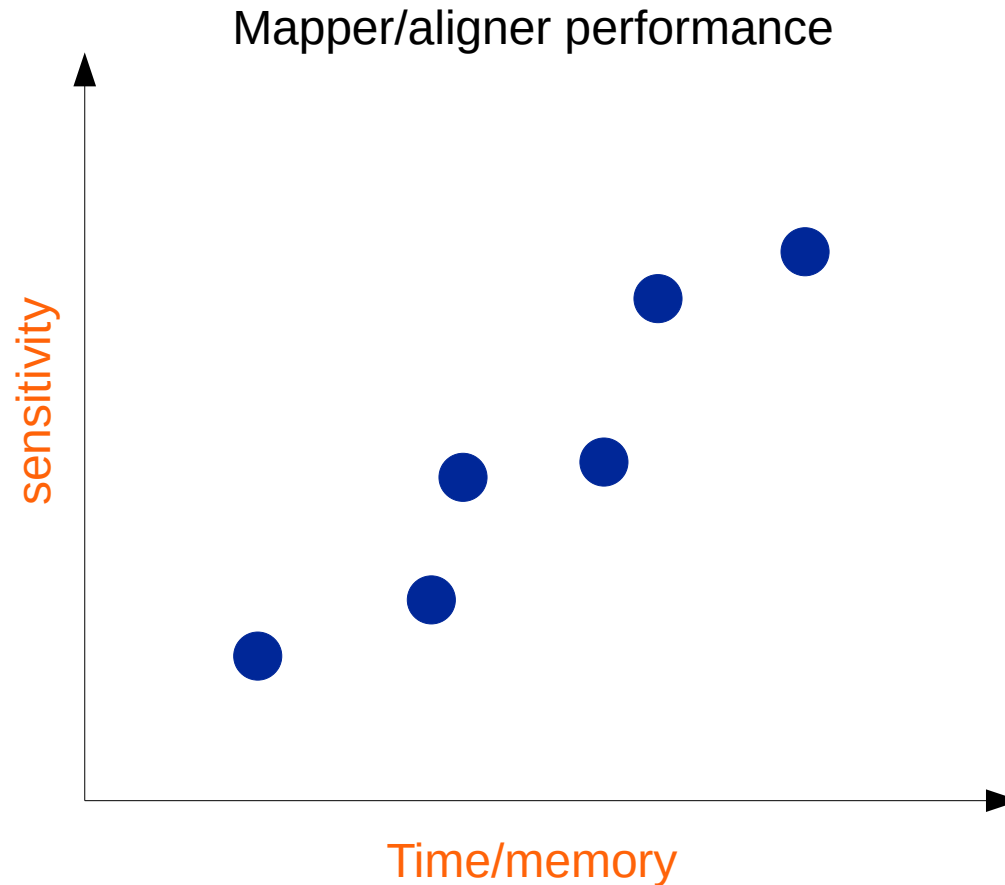


dotplot

Smith and Waterman:

- guaranteed to find the **optimal** local alignment (sensitive)
- Requires $O(nm)$ time (**too slow**)
- Usually used to refine alignments

Mapping sensitivity



Not all reads that should be mapped (aligned) will be mapped.

Highly polymorphic regions or large insertions or deletions are difficult to detect.

NGS alignment algorithms

Seed/hash methods:

- Used by BWA mem
- Methodology:
 - find matches for short subsequences assuming that at least one seed in a read will perfectly match
 - Align with a sensitive method like SW
- Tend to be more sensitive than BWT

Burrows Wheeler Transform:

- Used by BWA and Bowtie
- Faster than hash methods at the same sensitivity level
- compact the genome into a data structure that is very efficient when searching for perfect matches
- performance decreases exponentially with number of mismatches

BWA vs Bowtie2 vs minimap2

BWA mem

- Reads from 70 bp up to few megabases
- Seeded algorithm plus Smith and Waterman
- Local alignment
- Allows gaps up to tens of bp in 100 bp reads and split alignment
- Reports chimeric alignments
- Fast, even for long reads
- Paired-end

Bowtie2

- One of the fastest alignment software for short reads (< 500pb)
- Gapped alignment, but not long gaps
- Global or local
- Paired-end

minimap2

bwa-mem replacement (same author)

- Li, H. (2018). Minimap2: pairwise alignment for nucleotide sequences. *Bioinformatics*, 34:3094-3100. doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/bty191

Hash seed algorithm

It does split-read alignment

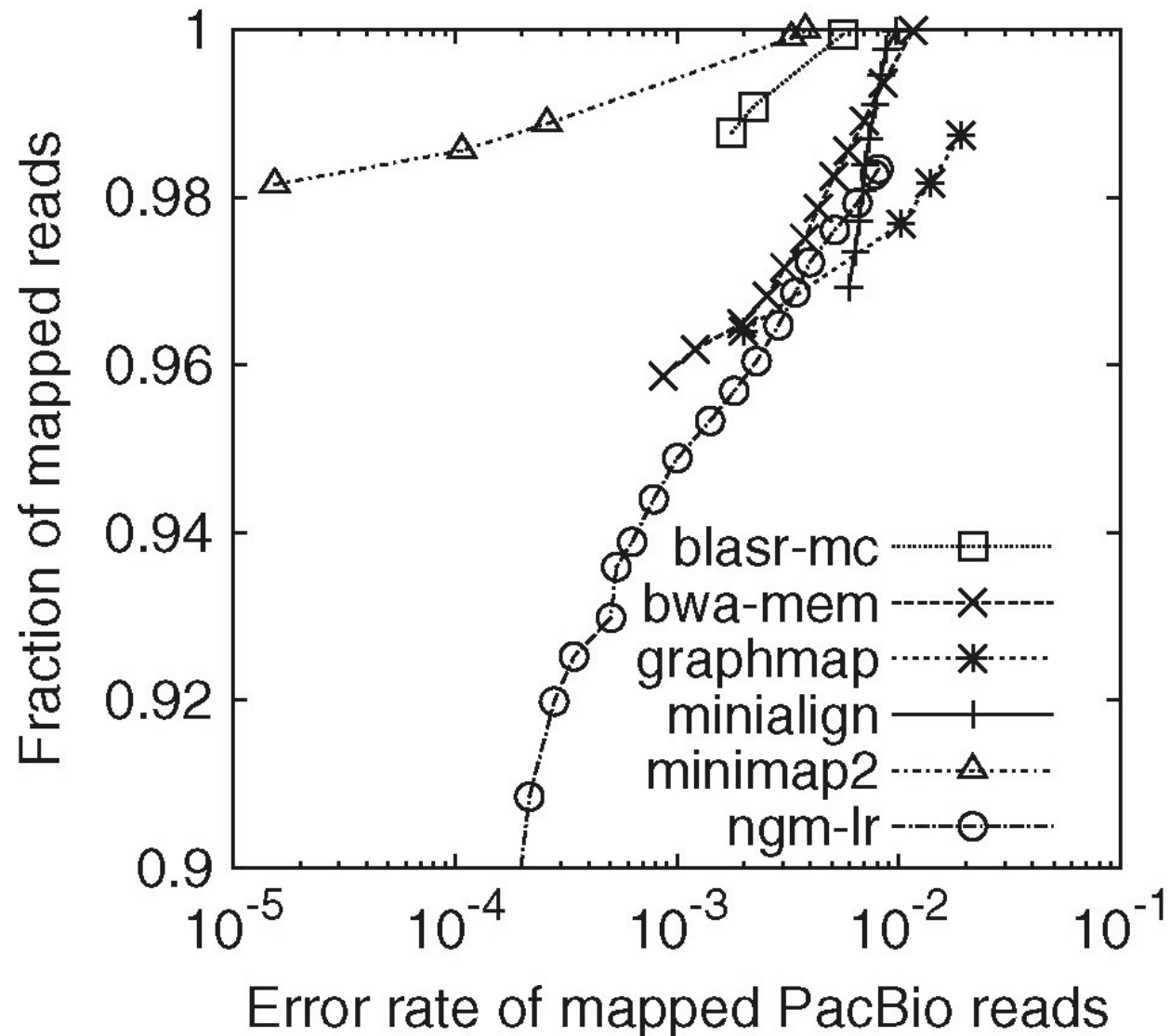
General-purpose:

- Noisy PacBio or Oxford Nanopore reads
- Illumina single- or paired-end reads
- splice-aware alignment of PacBio Iso-Seq or Nanopore cDNA or Direct RNA reads against a reference genome
- finding overlaps between long reads with error rate up to ~15%
- full-genome alignment between two closely related species with divergence below ~15%.

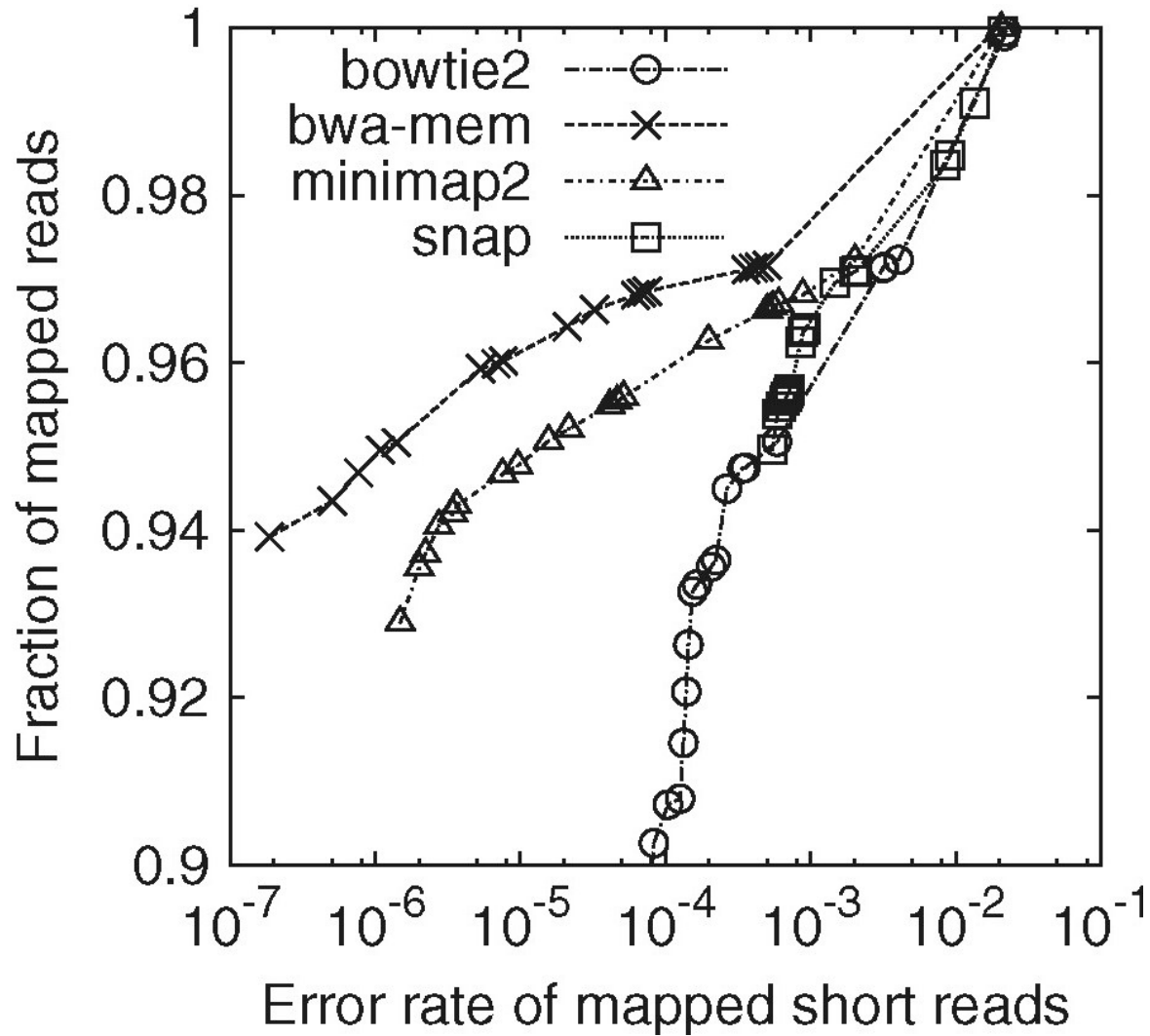
Same base algorithm for all applications, but different parameters

minimap2 long reads

tens of times faster than mainstream long-read mappers such as BLASR, BWA-MEM, NGMLR and GMAP

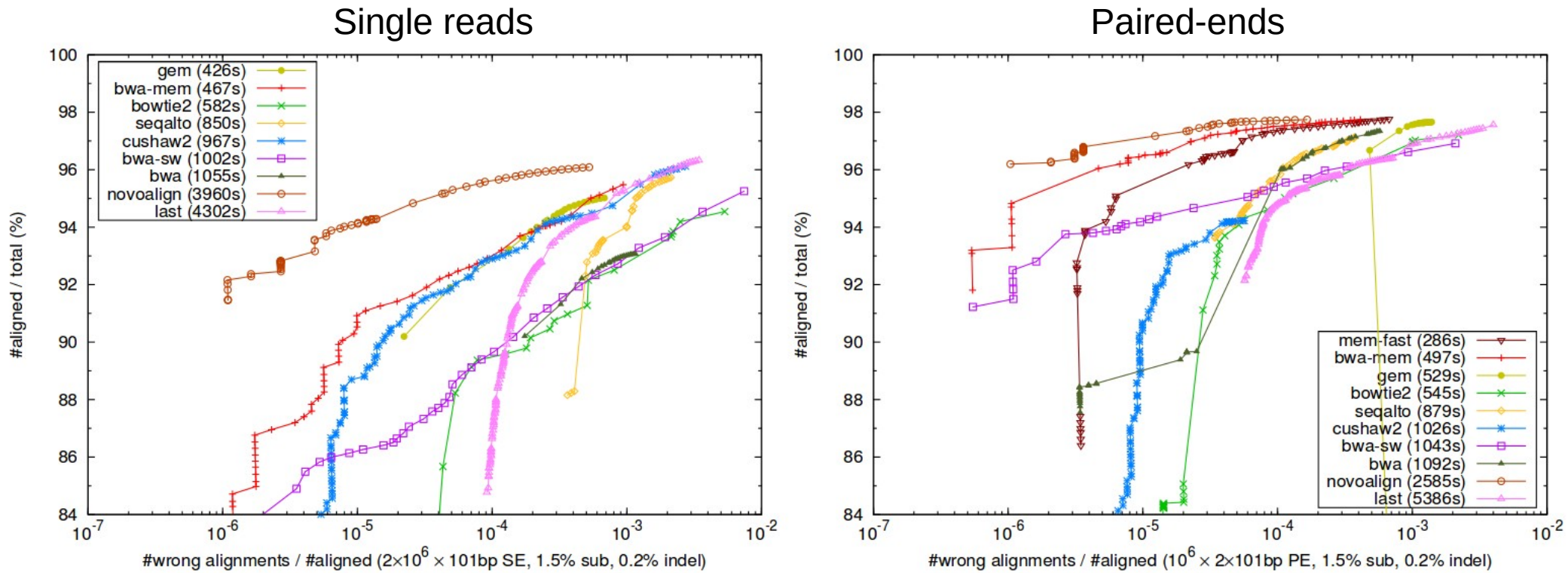


minimap2 Illumina reads



Less accurate than bwa-mem, but that might be fixed in newer versions

Mappers comparison



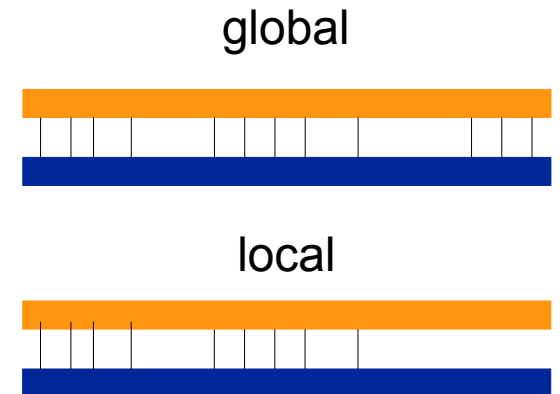
From bwa mem paper Li, H.
Simulated reads from human genome. 1.5% substitutions and 0.2% indels

Global vs local alignment

If the mapper does global alignments some alignments can be missed.

Features affecting global alignments:

- Bad quality tracks (common at the end of the reads).
- Non removed adapter or vector .
- EST read spanning a splice junction.
- Read spanning a re-arrangement event.

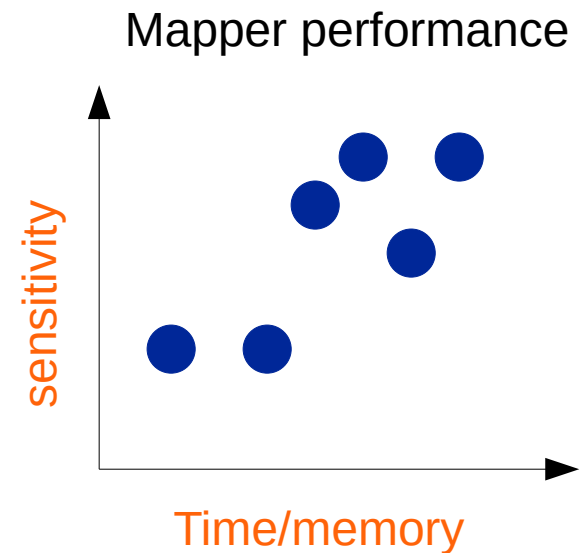


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Reference . . .ATCGACTGCGTCTAGTTACGATACGTTTCATCGTATCGAT . . .  
Read      tcaACGACTAGTTACGATACGTTacg
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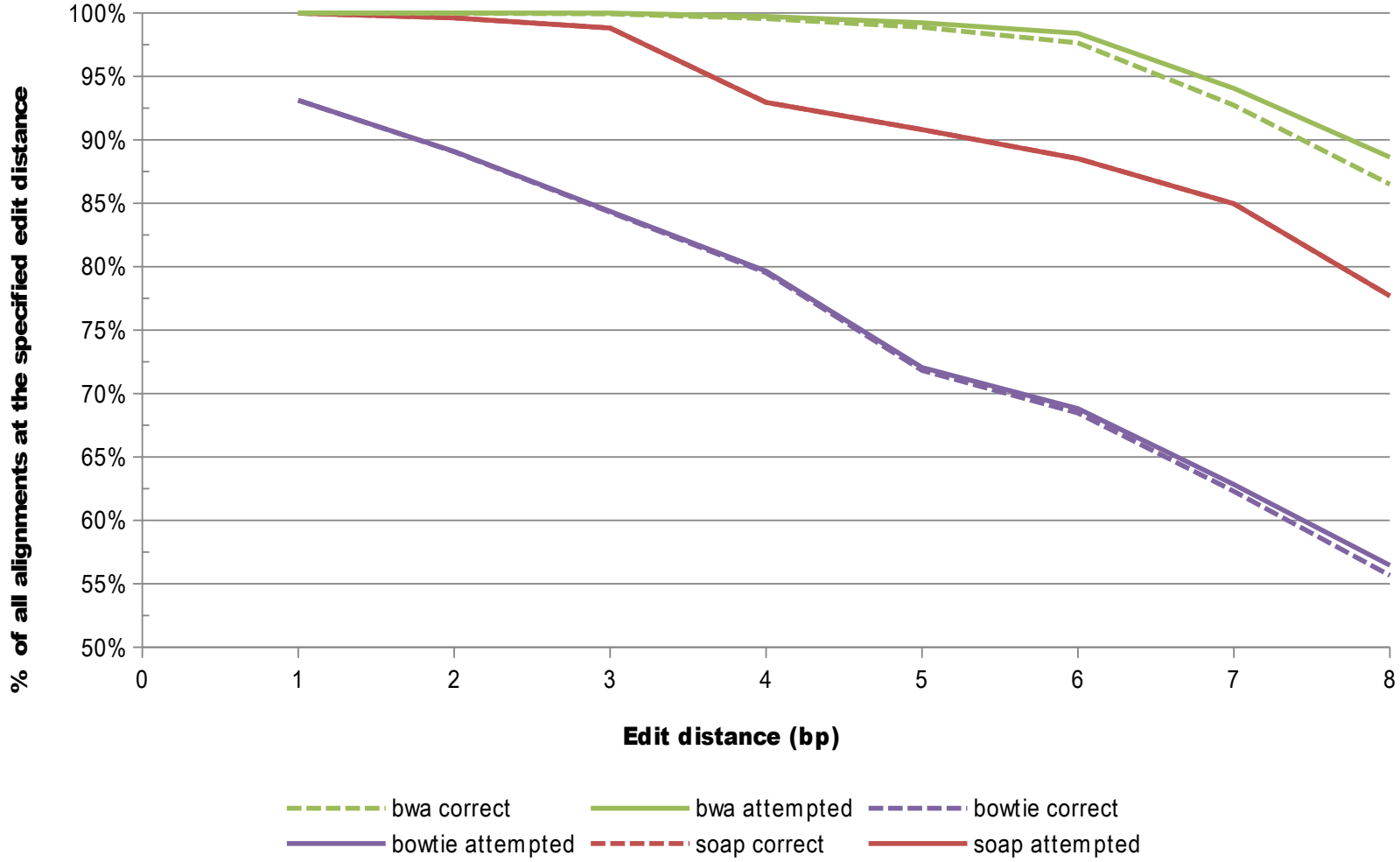
Mapping sensitivity

Sensitivity related mapper characteristics:

- Algorithm
- maximum edit distance (num. Mismatches)
 - Highly polymorphic regions are difficult to align
 - Interspecific mappings could be problematic
- allow large gaps
 - Introns
 - Structural variants



Sensitivity vs edit distance



Sensitivity

Mapping against *A. thaliana* col. as reference

Species	Accession	SRA	% Mapped Reads
<i>A. thaliana</i>	Col	SRR513732	75%
	Ler	SRR392121	71%
	C24	SRR392124	72%
<i>A. lyrata</i>		SRR072809	69%
<i>Brassica rapa</i>		ERR037339	20%

Reads were preprocessed with Q20 L30. Mapping tool: Bowtie2

One alignment?

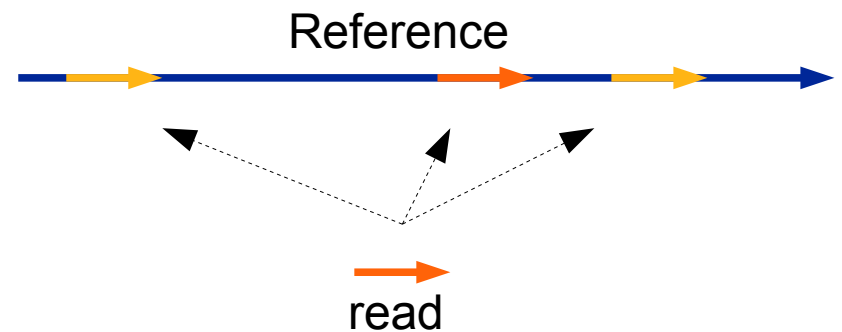
A read might be aligned to 0, 1 or more regions in the genome.

When several alignment are found we could classify them in two groups.

- Best alignments: alignments with best score
- Other alignments.

We can choose to report:

- All alignments.
- All best alignments.
- One of the best alignments at random.
- All alignments above a score threshold



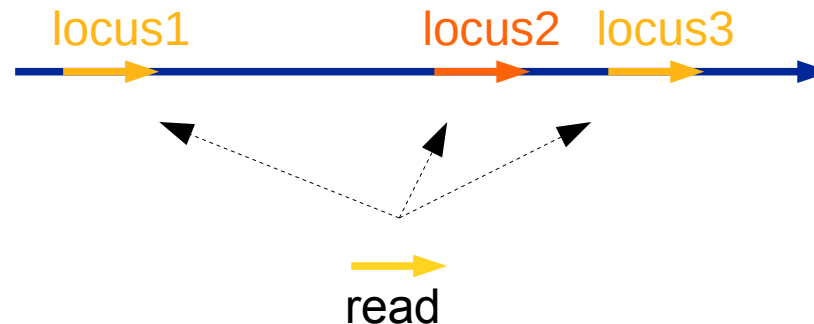
Mapping score (MAPQ)

MAPQ reflects the probability that the read originated from the region of the genome where it maps.

The mapping score of one alignment depends on:

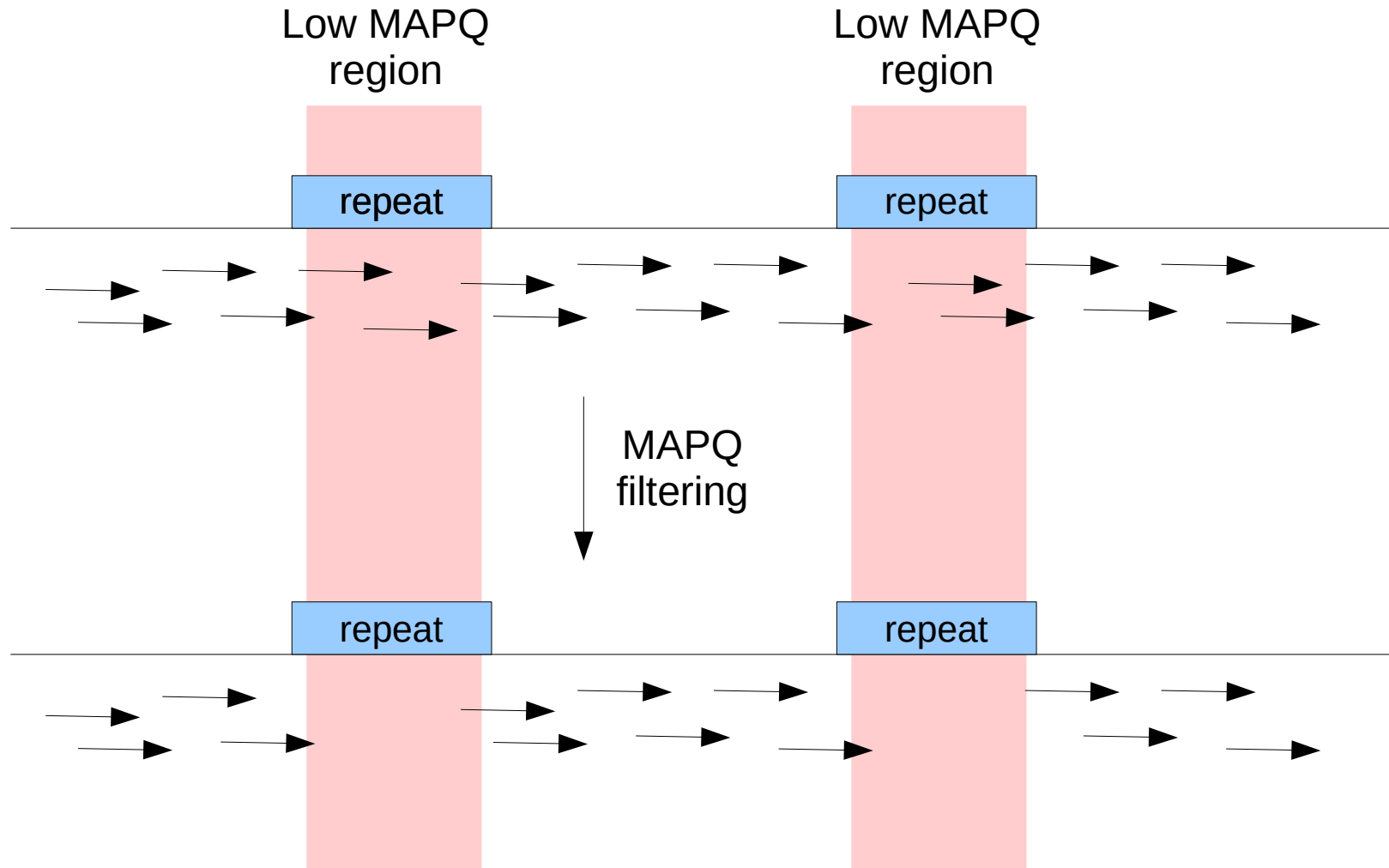
- how similar the read is to the reference and,
- how many alignments have been found.

The mapping score is usually given as a phred score.



Read	ACGTCTAGTTACGATACGTT	
Locus1	ACG A CTAGTTACGATACGTT	→ score1
Locus2	ACGTCTAG C TACG C TAG G TT	→ score2
Locus3	ACG A CTAGTTACGATACGTT	→ score1

MAPQ aims at removing duplicated regions



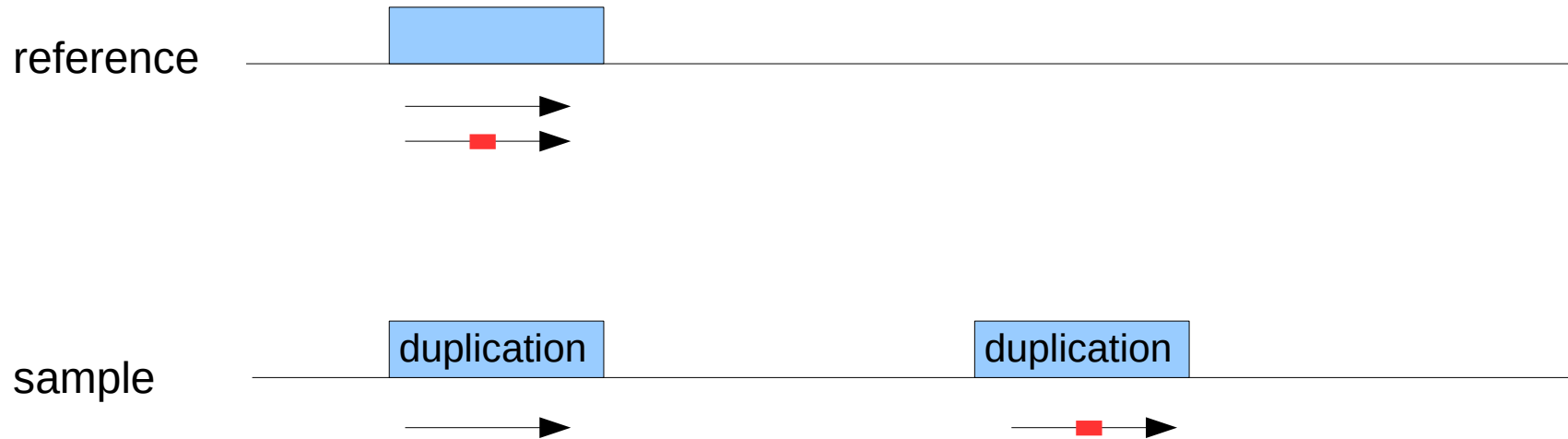
Repeat blindness

Duplicated regions are usually not analyzed:

- Repetitive elements (transposons, retrotransposons)
- Gene families
- Genes with pseudo-genes

This problem can be alleviated using pair-ends

MAPQ depends on the reference



Structrual Variants

Do not map against a region of the genome

Regions not found in the reference

Reads that correspond to regions not found in the reference won't be mapped

- Incomplete genome reference
 - Specially relevant in transcriptomes
- Insertions in the sample relative to the reference
- Pathogens infecting the sample
- Chloroplast and mitochondrion
- Contamination

Many alignments vs multiple alignment

Mappers do many alignments, but they do not do multiple alignments.

Doing many pairwise alignments is computationally more feasible.

There's one drawback.

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Read3    .....ttataaaacAAATaattaagtctaca.....
read4    CaaaT****aattaagtctacagagcaac.....
read5    aaT****aattaagtctacagagcaact.....
read6    T****aattaagtctacagagcaacta.....
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read4    CaaaT****aattaagtctacagagcaac.....
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Read2    ...ggttttataaaacAAATaatt
Read3    .....ttataaaacAAATaattaagtctaca.....
Read4    cAAATaattaagtctacagagcaac.....
read5    AATaattaagtctacagagcaact.....
read6    Taattaagtctacagagcaacta...
```

Many alignments vs multiple alignment

Strategies to mitigate this problem:

- Fix the problem.
 - GATK, GLIA realignment.
 - It realigns the problematic regions (lots of SNPs or some indels).
 - Computationally slow.
 - It does not fix all problems.
- Avoid using the misaligned positions.
 - Samtools BAQ (calmd).
 - For each position It calculates the probability of being misaligned.
- Most problematic regions are:
 - Low complexity
 - At the ends of reads

SAM format

Sequence Alignment/Map (<http://samtools.sourceforge.net/>)

File describing reads aligned to a reference genome.

Standard file format.

Not meant for human consumption, although can be opened with a text editor:
Its binary version is more common (BAM)

Input for genome browsers (e.g., IGV) and SNP callers.

It is usually found with the reads sorted along the reference

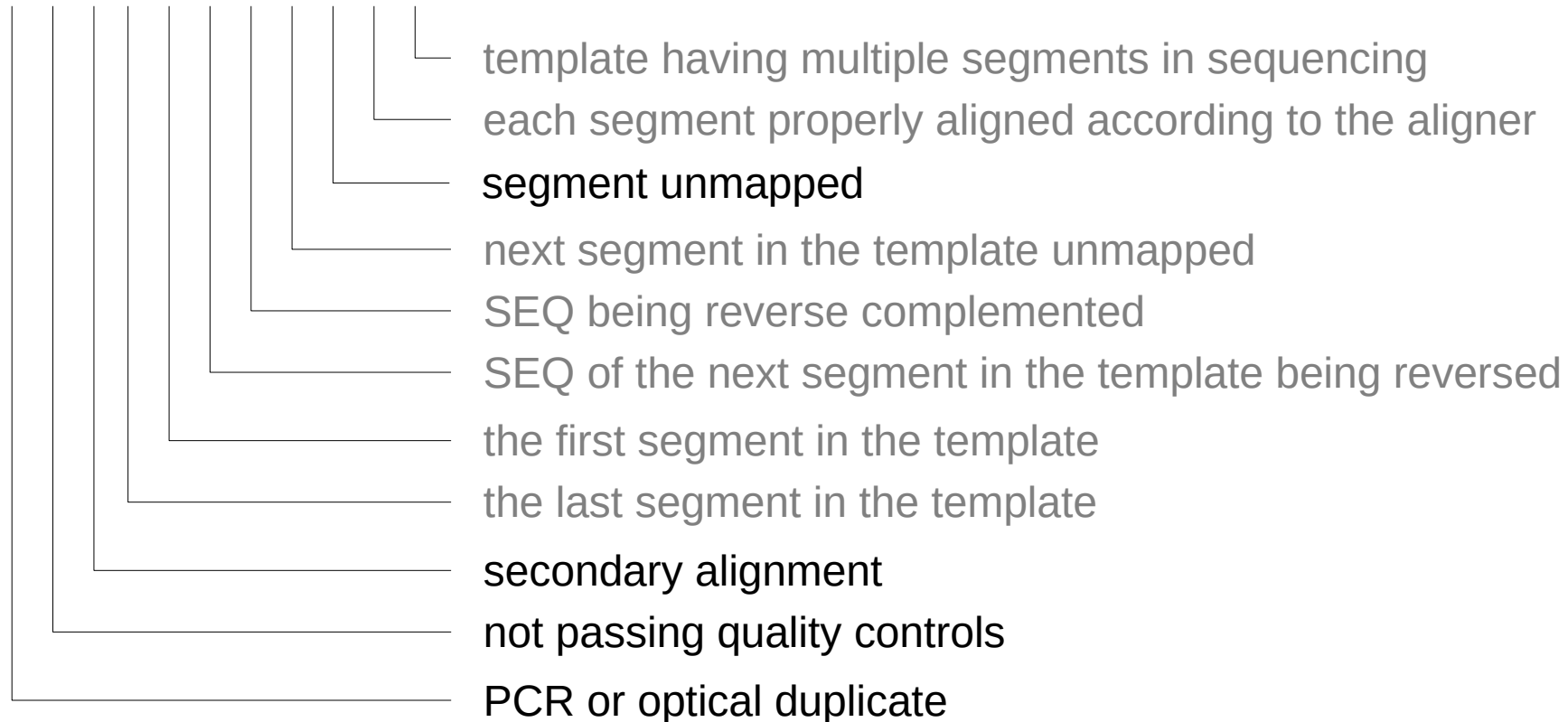
There are some differences in the output between mappers. For instance bwa represent multiple hits with an optional tag (XA) and bowtie with multiple lines (one per hit).

Alignment section fields

Col	Field	Brief description
1	QNAME	Query template NAME
2	FLAG	bitwise FLAG
3	RNAME	Reference sequence NAME
4	POS	1-based leftmost mapping POSition
5	MAPQ	MAPping Quality
6	CIGAR	CIGAR string
7	RNEXT	Ref. Name of the mate/next read
8	PNEXT	Position of the mate/next read
9	TLEN	Observed Template LENgth
10	SEQ	segment SEQUENCE
11	QUAL	ASCII of Phred-scaled base QUALity+33

SAM flag

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1



Template: DNA/RNA which is sequenced on a sequencing machine or assembled from raw sequences.

Segment: contiguous (sub)sequence on a template which is sequenced or assembled.

Read: raw sequence that comes off a sequencing machine. A read may consist of multiple segments.

SAM QA

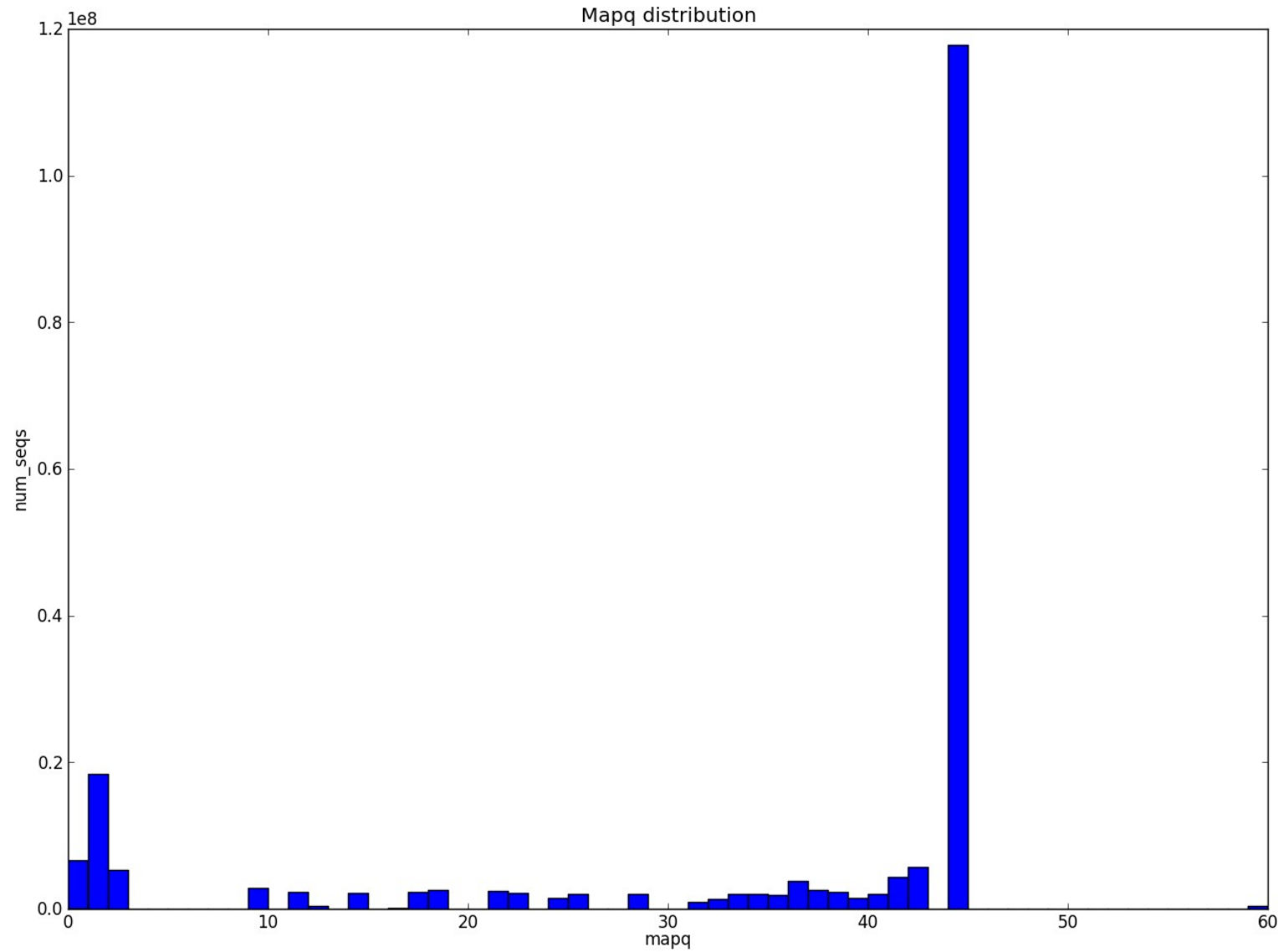
Flag statistics (samtools flagstats):

- Number of mapped and unmapped reads per read group

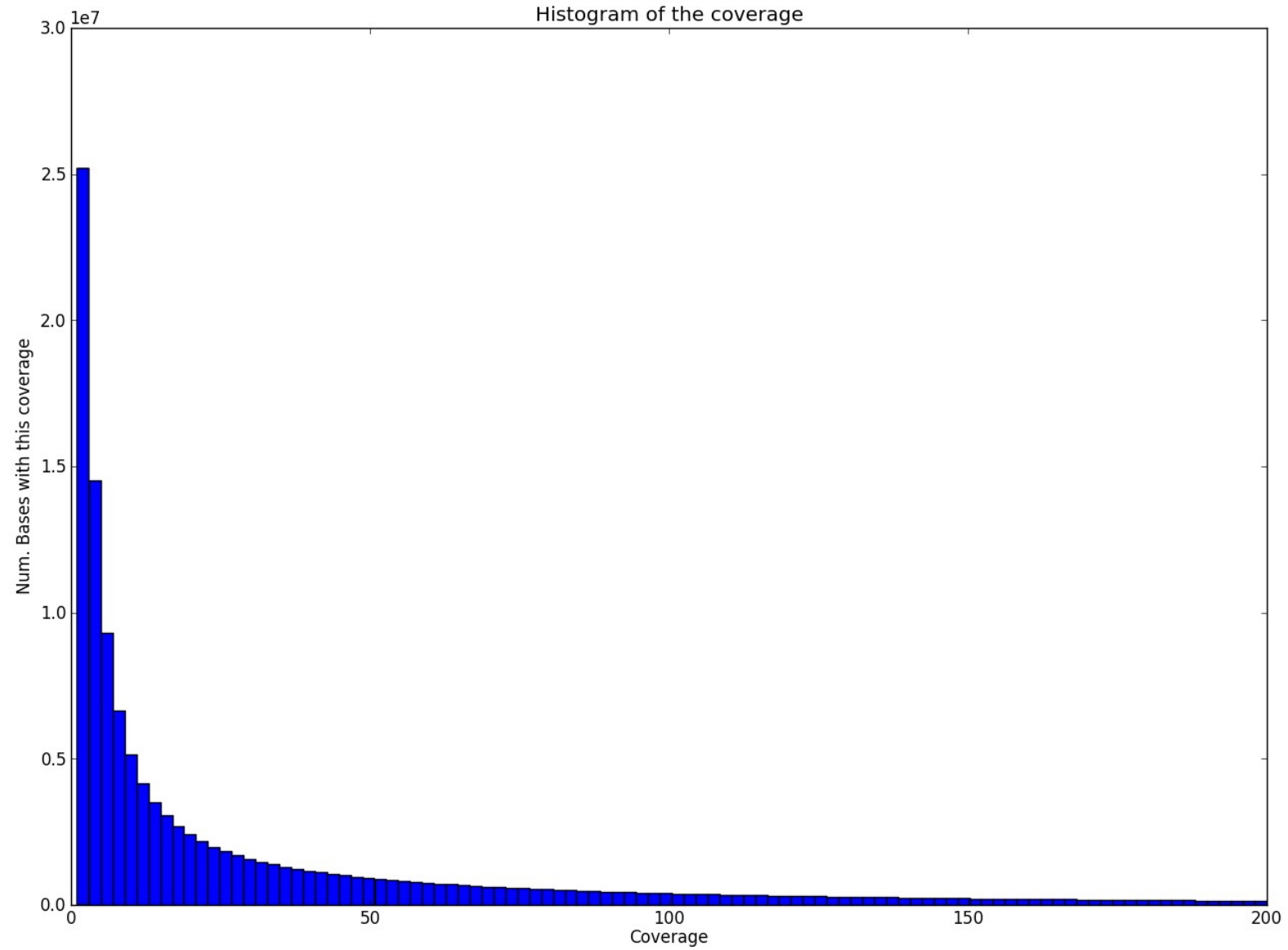
MAPQ distribution

Coverage distribution

MAPQ distribution



Coverage



SAM processing

Algorithms:

- Sorting
- Indexing
- Filtering
- Merging
- Read group modifications
- Duplicate location and removal
- Realignment
- BAQ

Software:

- Samtools
- Picard
- GATK

IGV viewer

Visualization tool for interactive exploration of large, integrated datasets.

Supports a wide variety of data types including: alignments, microarrays, and genomic annotations.



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