

Quality assessment and control of sequence data

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fastq format

```
ubuntu@ip-10-110-9-174: ~/genomics_tutorial/strain3/illumina_reads
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
@Edited_EE41049_EE41534_E:0:0_0:0:0_1/1
AAAGTGGAGCAGCATTATTCGGTGTGCAATTGCTGTGTGTGGTGGGGCTGCTGCGTTCGGTGGGTAACCCGATTGGTTCGCTGCTGAT
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+
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strain3_read1.fastq
```

fasta

- Most basic file format to represent nucleotide or amino-acid sequences
- Each sequence is represented by:
 - A single description line (shouldn't exceed 80 characters):
 - Starts with ">"
 - Followed by the **sequence ID**, and a space, then
 - More information (**description**)
 - The sequence, over one or several lines (the number of characters per line is generally 70 or 80, but it does not matter)

```
>Protein1 Description of protein 1  
MTEITAAMVKELRESTGAGMMDCKNALSETNGDFDKAVQLLREKGLGK  
LVSVKVSDDFRTIAAMRPSYLSYEDLDMTFVENEYKALVAELEKENEER  
>DNA1 Description of dna segment 1  
AACTCTCGCGTAGCTCAGAGAAGAGCTTGATCGATCGTGCTGCTGCTA  
CCGCTAGTAGCTGTAGATCGTGCTAGTCAGCATCGATGCTAGCTAGCT
```

fastq

- same as fasta file but including quality scores
- contains 4 lines:
 - “@” and the sequence ID
 - the sequence
 - “+” (and the sequence ID)
 - the quality score

```
@HWI-ST0747:162:C03AJACXX:3:1108:19763:106771 1:N:0:  
TTTGTCTGCAGGGGACACGTCAAAGTCAAACGCAGGCAAGTTTGTGTTTATGTCCAGTGGATCTTTGATTTT  
+  
<?@DDDDDFHHFBB@GGIACFHGGHBGHGCDHBEAHACHI=@CH.=7ACAHHADECDBCC66(6>@C>5@CACCA
```

ASCII encoding of phred scores

- one number : one letter

40 : @

41 : A

42 : B

43 : C

44 : D

45 : E

... : ...

90 : Z

91 : [

92 : \

93 :]

94 : ^

95 : _

... : ...

141 : a

142 : b

143 : c

144 : d

145 : e

146 : f

... : ...

quality – Phred scores (Q)

- Most commonly used representation of qualities
- Related to the probability of errors (P) in a particular base

$$Q = -10 \log_{10} P$$

$$P = 10^{\frac{-Q}{10}}$$

| Quality Score | Probability of incorrect base call | Base call accuracy |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 10 | 1 in 10 | 90% |
| 20 | 1 in 100 | 99% |
| 30 | 1 in 1000 | 99.9% |
| 40 | 1 in 10000 | 99.99% |

You need to know the quality score encoding

STACKS:

- E: specify how quality scores are encoded, 'phred33' (Illumina 1.8+, Sanger, default) or 'phred64' (Illumina 1.3 - 1.5)

BOWTIE:

- phred33-quals input quals are Phred+33 (default)
- phred64-quals input quals are Phred+64 (same as --solexa1.3-quals)
- solexa-quals input quals are from GA Pipeline ver. < 1.3
- solexa1.3-quals input quals are from GA Pipeline ver. >= 1.3
- integer-quals qualities are given as space-separated integers (not ASCII)

Quality control is important

- Some of the artefacts/problems that can be detected with QC

- Sequencing

- Sequence quality

- Library preparation problems

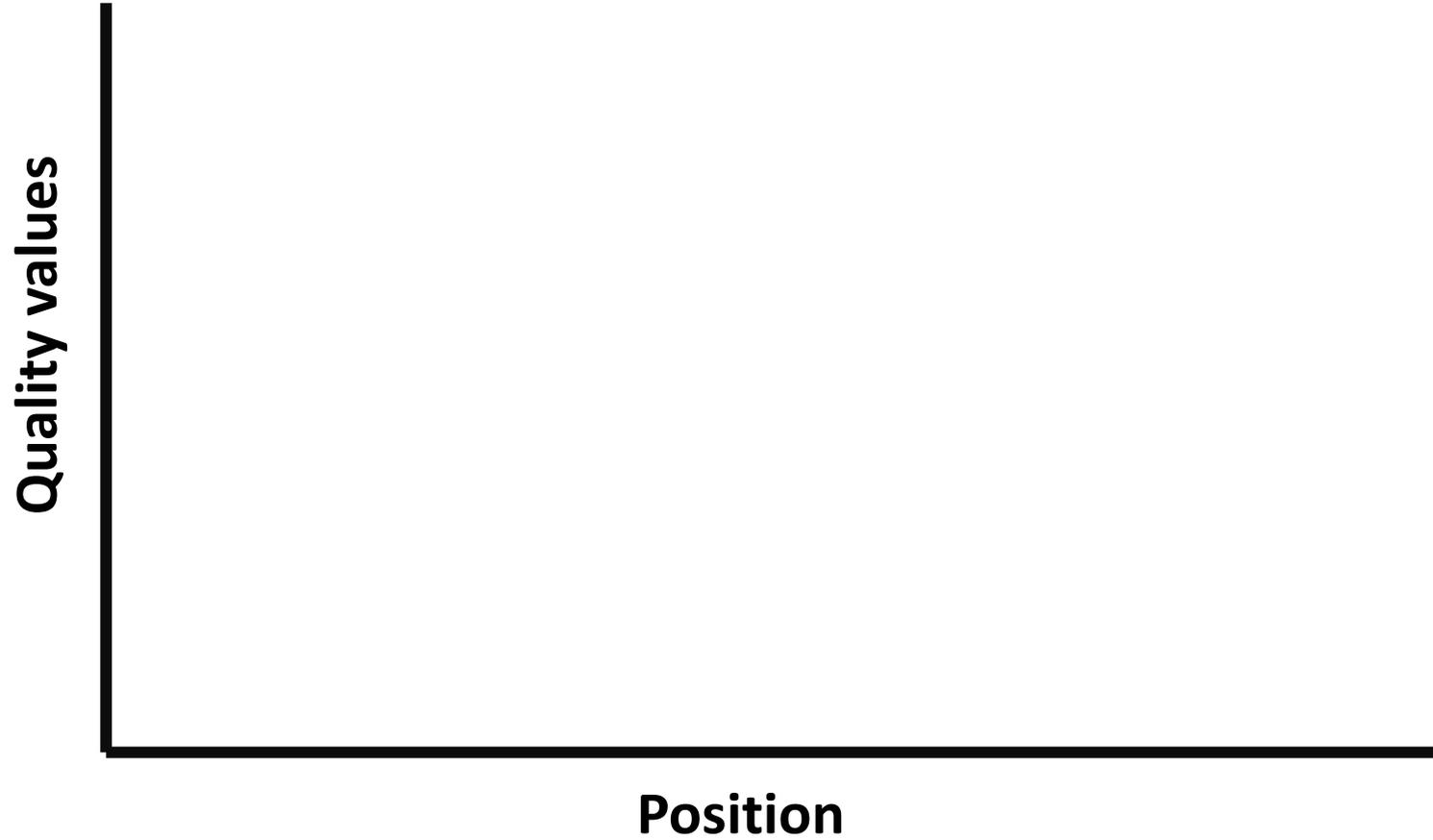
- Contaminations
- Overrepresented sequences
- Adaptor sequence presence
- ...

Sequence quality control

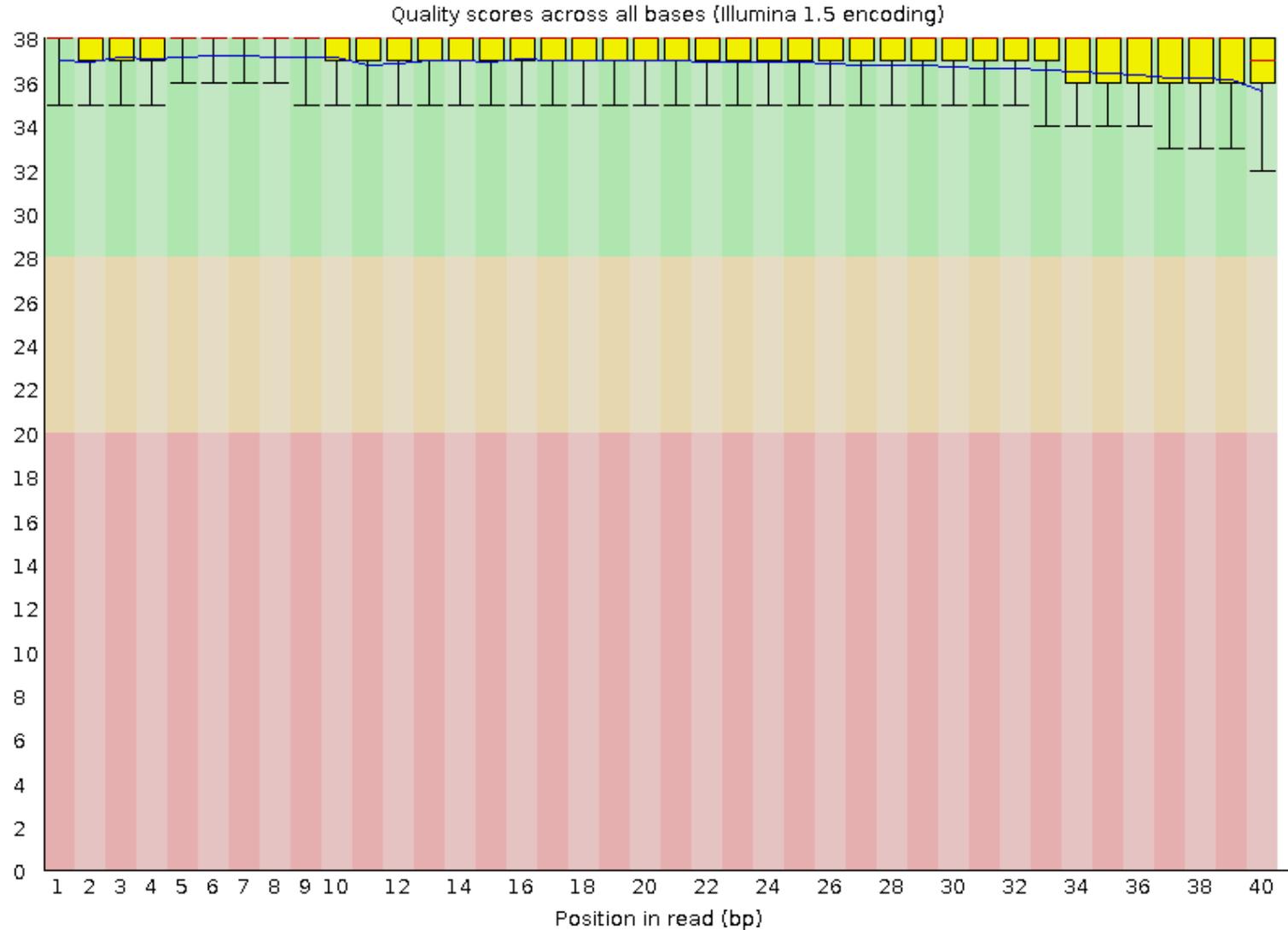
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Impossible to look at a >10 GB file to check if quality scores are adequate!

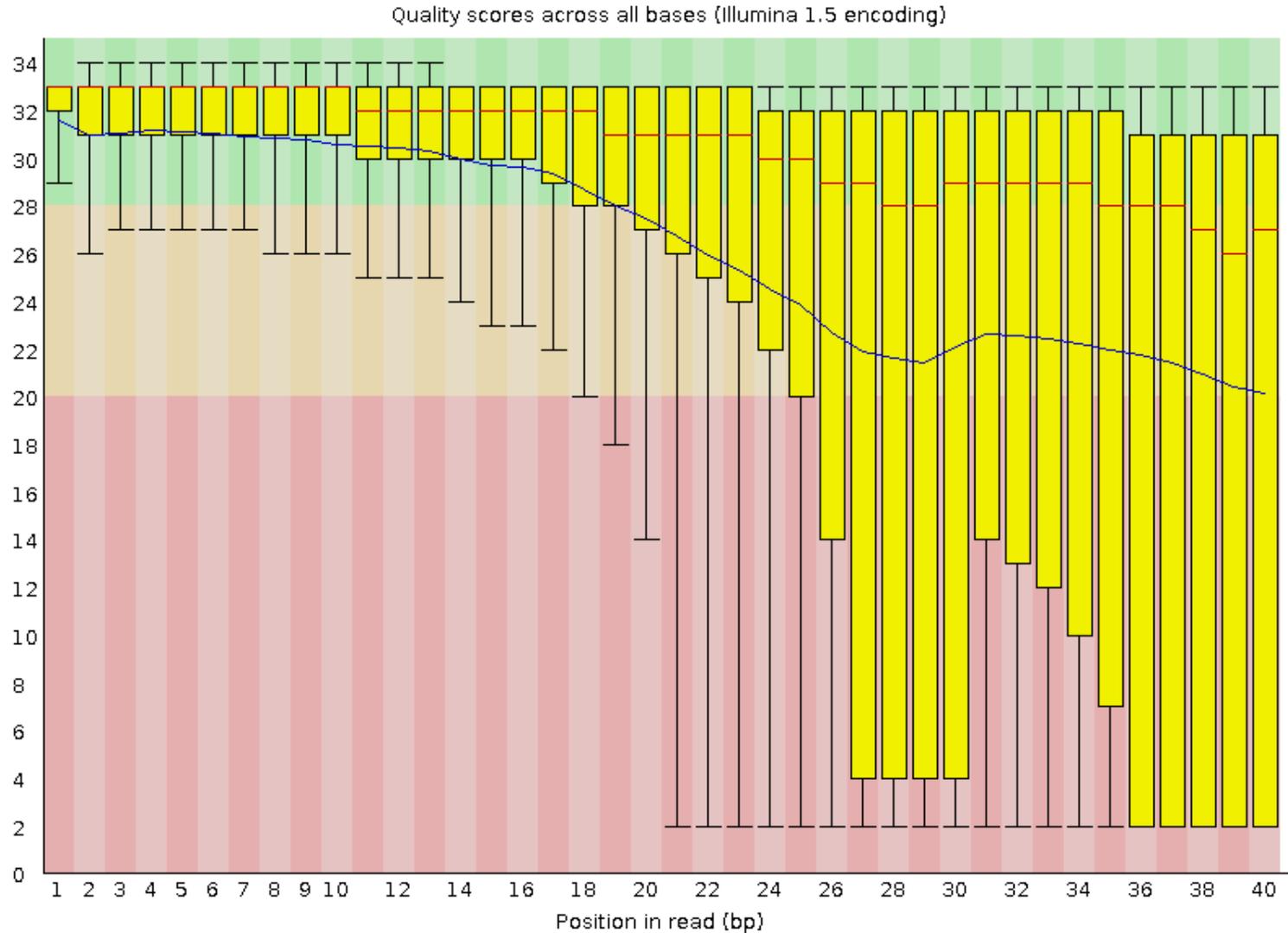
Quality plots



Sequence quality



Sequence quality



Sequence quality control

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2. Decide what to do:

Nothing (some programs take quality into account)

Clean:

- Trim all reads to a certain length

- Trim bad quality bases

- Discard bad quality reads

Data cleaning

Trimmomatic:

<http://www.usadellab.org/cms/?page=trimmomatic>

Fastx-toolkit:

http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/index.html

FastqMcf:

<http://code.google.com/p/ea-utils/wiki/FastqMcf>

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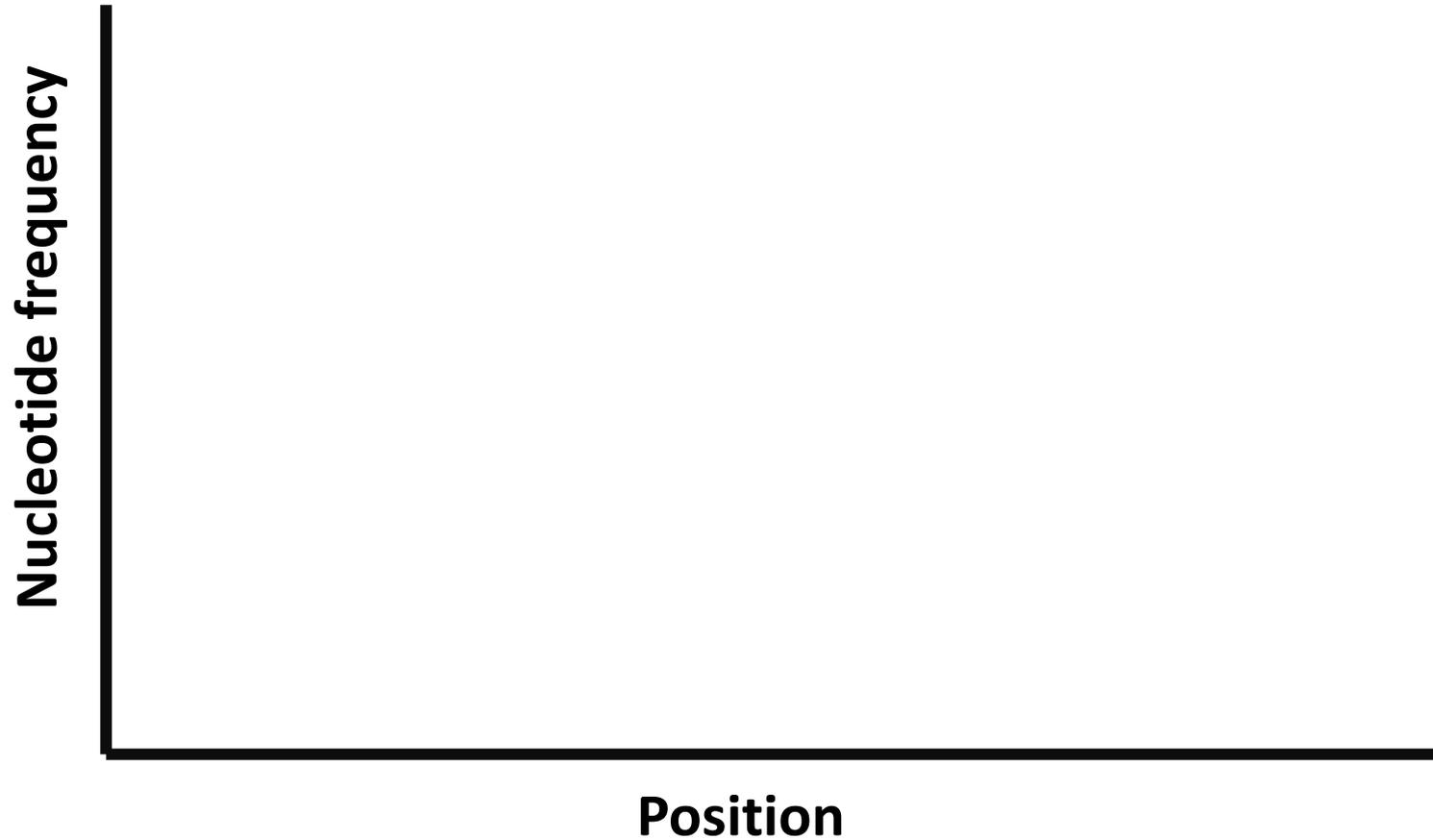
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Nucleotide composition

```
@ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:2771:1022#0/1
TGACATNAAGCACTGTAGCTCATCTCGTATGCCGTCTT
+ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:2771:1022#0/1
faaWa]B\)`^b`Vcdfd_f_cd_f[d_bfaSadddfb
@ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:3203:1022#0/1
TGAGATNAAGCACTGTAGCTCTATCTCGTATGCCGTCT
+ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:3203:1022#0/1
dcgga^BY_`^b]b`ggggffgeggdegggggegg
@ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:4878:1023#0/1
TGAGGTNGTAGGTTGTATAGTATCTCGTATGCCGTCTT
+ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:4878:1023#0/1
cdaed[BWa\Z]\\\ffffdffffdffffdffffdffff
@ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:5393:1022#0/1
TTCACNATGAGAGCATTGTTCTGAGCATCTCGTATGC
+ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:5393:1022#0/1
hhhhheBdeeffffchhhhhhhhhfgfhhfffefff
@ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:5523:1022#0/1
TGAGGTNGTAGGTTGTATAGTTATCTCGTATGCCGTCT
+ILLUMINA-GA_0000:1:1:5523:1022#0/1
ff]cf[B^X_bb^bbggggfgggg_ggfggcfcffaff
...
...
```

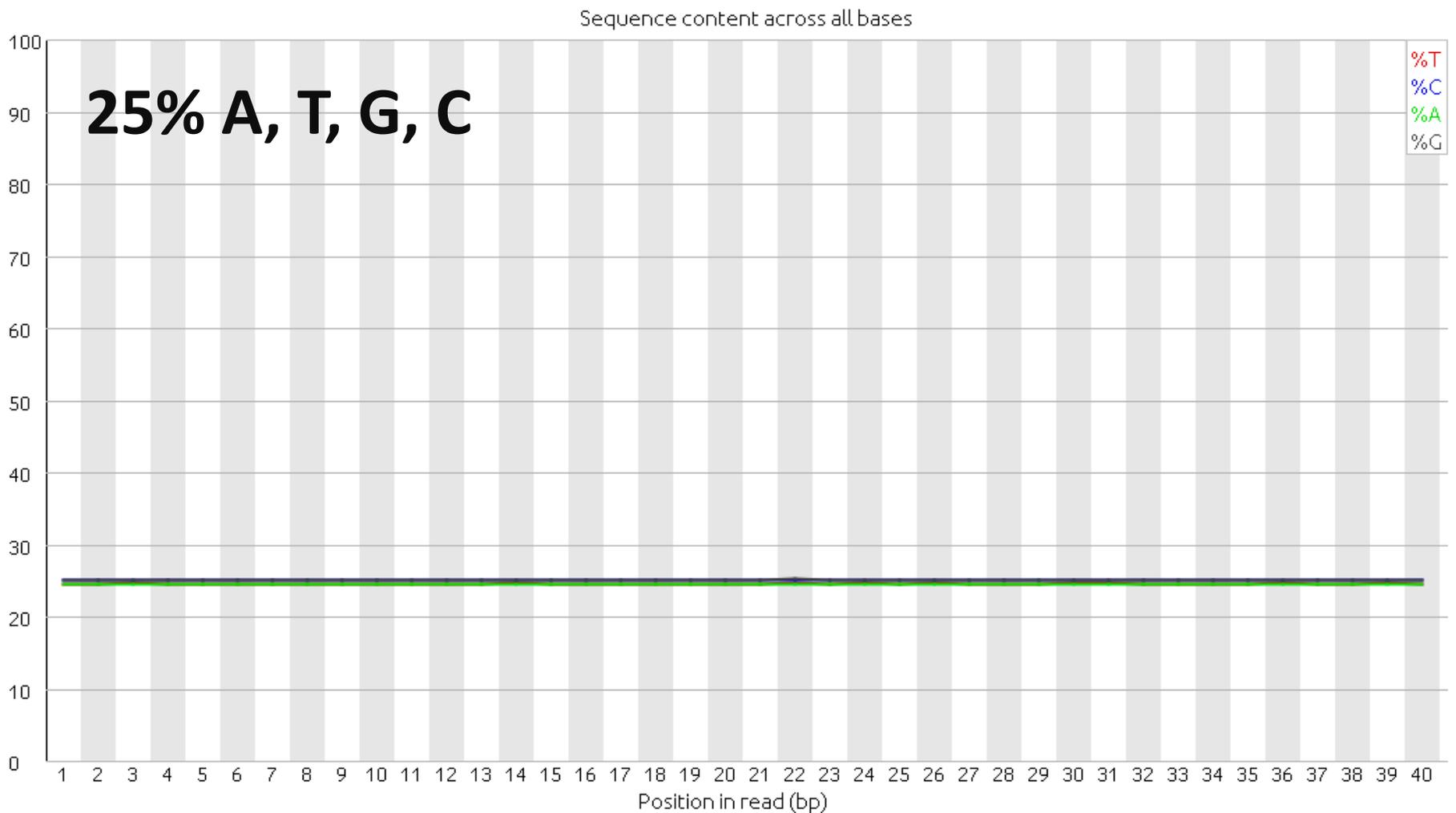
| pos | A_Count | C_Count | G_Count | T_Count |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 4184726 | 3636289 | 2993640 | 14529850 |
| 2 | 2493259 | 4490289 | 13722137 | 4661065 |
| 3 | 12276591 | 6845747 | 3622752 | 2625158 |
| 4 | 3611989 | 4517290 | 12764502 | 4476465 |
| 5 | 11248562 | 3968447 | 6464472 | 3688770 |
| 6 | 3094389 | 3153655 | 6099499 | 13022698 |
| 7 | 4923585 | 3544477 | 11822757 | 5079405 |
| 8 | 11866464 | 1042283 | 6207172 | 6254332 |
| 9 | 8870719 | 3488704 | 2745084 | 10252623 |
| 10 | 5375998 | 2761606 | 12917981 | 4314650 |
| 11 | 3043455 | 11638364 | 6835895 | 3852527 |
| 12 | 12629424 | 5073041 | 4632904 | 3034882 |
| 13 | 2545268 | 10564820 | 6711226 | 5548937 |
| 14 | 3752988 | 2794955 | 3207436 | 15614698 |
| 15 | 4694143 | 4729795 | 13525064 | 2420856 |
| 16 | 3859216 | 3854697 | 3303337 | 14352850 |
| 17 | 12274317 | 2566690 | 4261912 | 6267332 |
| 18 | 3047662 | 6016803 | 10623984 | 5675723 |
| 19 | 4562389 | 9049534 | 3894678 | 7842744 |

Nucleotide composition graphs



Nucleotide composition graphs

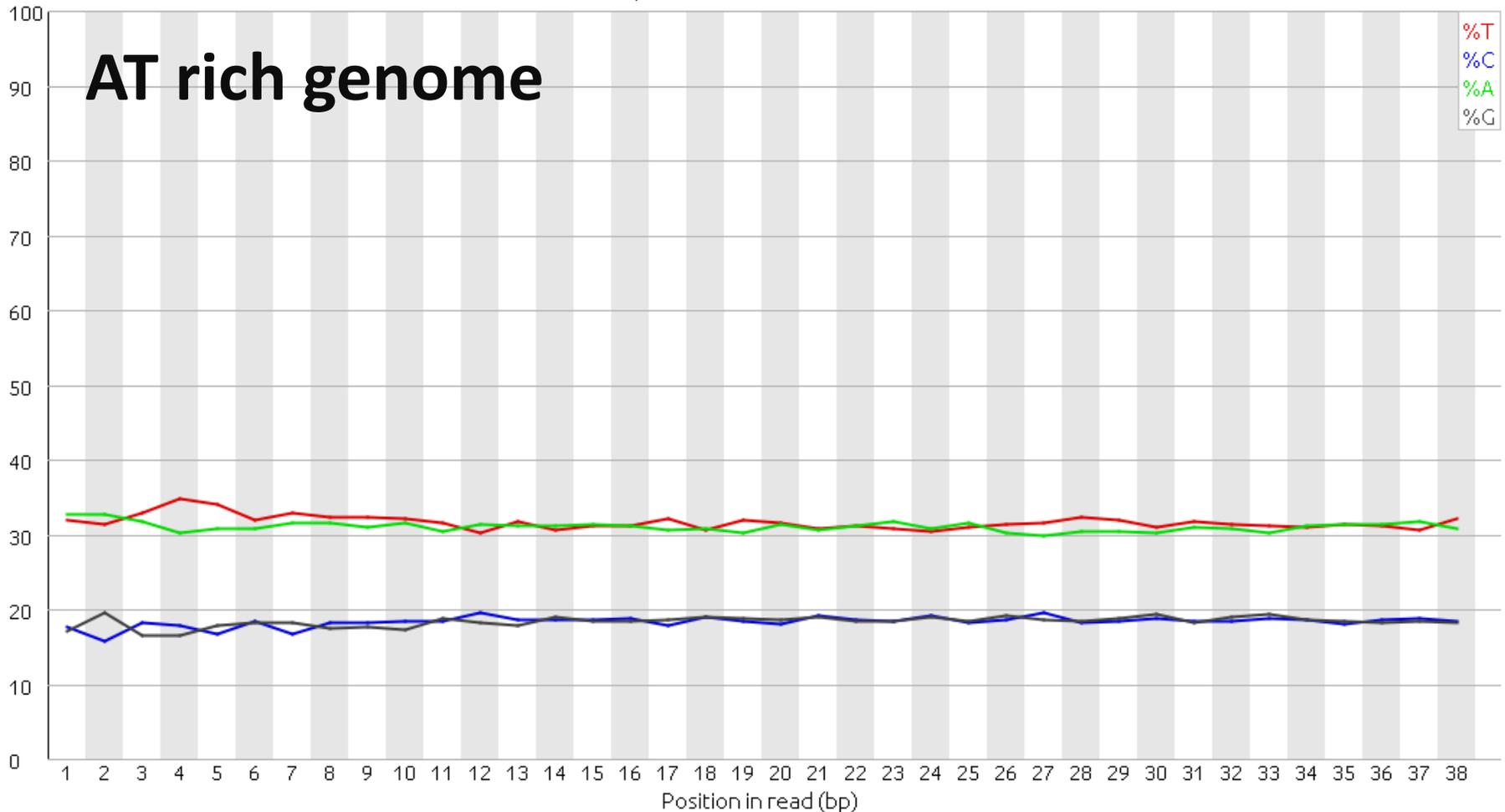
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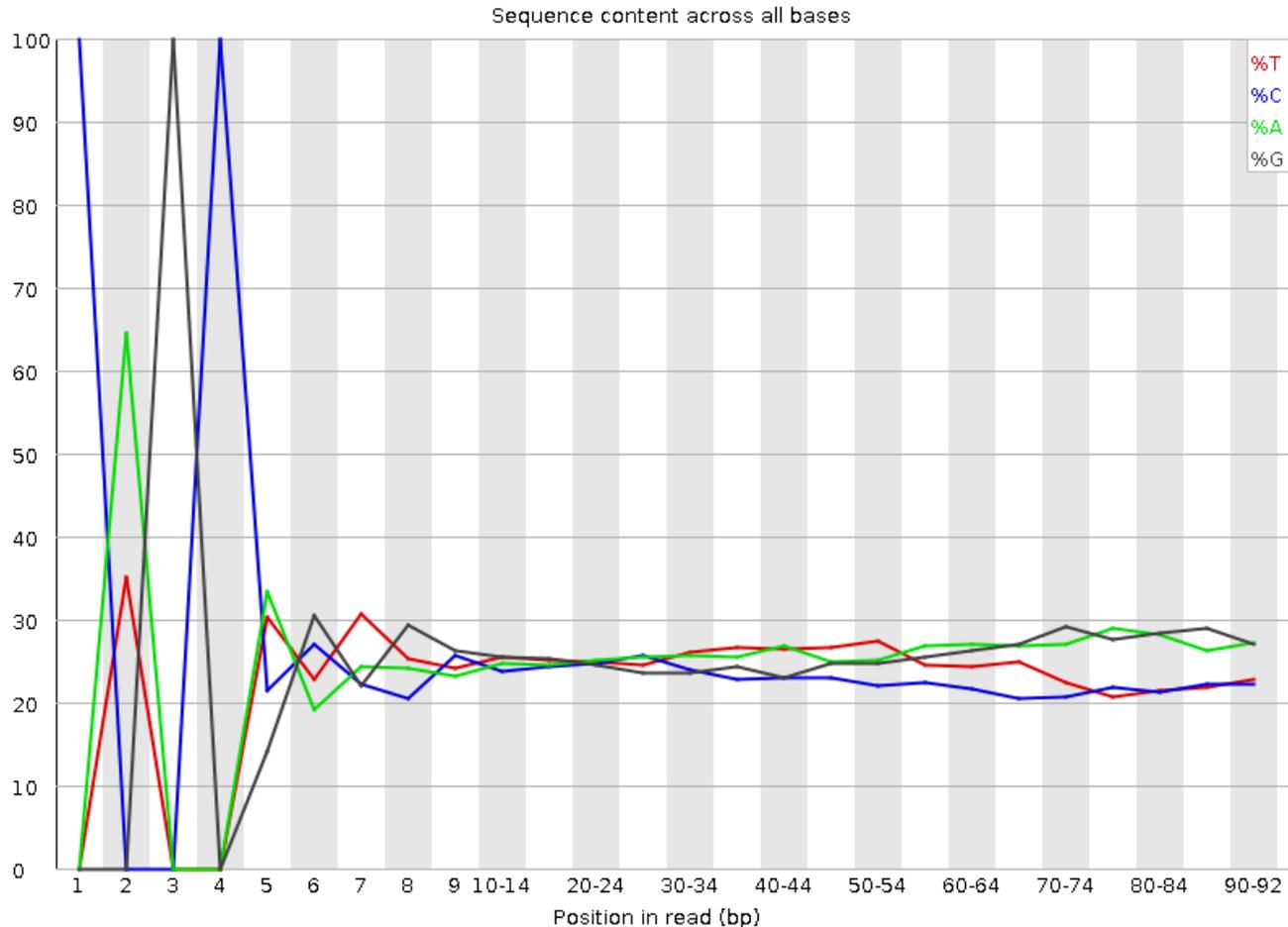
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Sequence content across all bases



Nucleotide composition graphs

Are they what you expect?



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DATASETS

- **DATASET 1:** Genome sequencing of *Bartonella*
- **DATASET 2:** Amplicon sequencing of 16S rRNA
- **DATASET 3:** RAD-sequencing data of 12 samples
- **DATASET 4:** Shotgun metagenomics sequencing
- **DATASET 5:** microRNA sequencing

PROGRAMS

- **fastqc:**
 - *User interface*
 - *Command line*
- **Trimmomatic:**
 - **Command line**

For command line, check synopsis!

Synopsis

How you call a program: `program_name [SOMETHING]`

```
fastqc [-o output dir] [--(no)extract] [-f fastq|bam|sam]
        [-c contaminant file] seqfile1 .. seqfileN
```

```
trimmomatic-0.32.jar PE [-threads <threads>] [-phred33|-
phred64] [-trimlog <trimLogFile>] [-basein <inputBase> |
<inputFile1> <inputFile2>] [-baseout <outputBase> |
(<outputFile1P> <outputFile1U> <outputFile2P> <outputFile2U>]
<trimmer1>...
```

or:

```
trimmomatic-0.32.jar SE [-threads <threads>] [-phred33|-
phred64] [-trimlog <trimLogFile>] <inputFile> <outputFile>
<trimmer1>...
```

Exercise

<http://evomics.org/learning/quality-assessment-and-control-of-sequence-data/>

Exercise 1: DATASET 1

- There are 10000 sequences of 38 nucleotides length. The total GC content is 37%.
- Quality score is ~37 (Q=37 → P = 1/5011)

$$P = 10^{-\frac{Q}{10}}$$

- The sequences are average good quality
- Sequences are AT rich – this is expected in Bartonella
- There is an adaptor contamination that is recognized by the program

Exercise 1: DATASET 2

- Conserved sequence at the beginning of the reads:
 - TACAGAGG
- Sequences from a conserved region of the 16S rRNA
- Some sequences are more frequent than others
 - Frequencies of the different bacteria in the sample are different

Exercise 1: DATASET 3

- fastqc -h
- RAD-tag



Exercise 2: Dataset 4

```
trimmomatic-0.32.jar PE -phred33 -trimlog sample1.log sample_1_R1.fastq \  
sample_1_R2.fastq sample_1_P1.fastq sample_1_U1.fastq sample_1_P2.fastq \  
sample_1_U2.fastq \  
SLIDINGWINDOW:size:score \  
LEADING:3 \  
TRAILING:3 \  
MINLEN:80
```

| | FR keep | F keep | R keep | FR drop |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| 4:35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| 4:32 | 83.6 | 8.9 | 6.7 | 0.7 |
| 10:35 | 43.5 | 20.8 | 23.9 | 11.7 |
| 10:32 | 96.6 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 0 |



Exercise 2: DATASET 5

- The quality of some sequences drops down towards the end of the read
- The per base sequence content plot show that there are sequences that are more frequent than others
- The sources of the overrepresented sequences are:
 - Illumina adaptor /sequencing primer sequences
 - microRNAs that are more frequent than others

Exercise 2: DATASET 5

```
trimmomatic-0.32.jar SE -phred33 -trimlog SRR026762.log \  
SRR026762-sample.fastq SRR026762-sample_trim.fastq \  
ILLUMINACLIP:adapters/microRNA.fa:2:30:10
```

ADAPTER:

Surviving: 98966 (98.97%) Dropped: 1034 (1.03%)

ADAPTER+SEQUENCING PRIMER

Surviving: 93163 (93.16%) Dropped: 6837 (6.84%)

ADAPTER+SEQUENCING PRIMER+POTENTIAL DIMER

Surviving: 70934 (70.93%) Dropped: 29066 (29.07%)

Exercise 2: DATASET 5

████████████████████ ATCTCGTATGCCGTCTTCTGCTTG
AGTTCTACAGTCCGACGATCTCGTATGCCGTCTTCTGCTTG
CGACAGGTTCAGAGTTCTACAGTCCGACGATCGA
████████████████████ CTCGTATGCCGTCTTCTGCTTG