Sequencing Types and Sequence Quality

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An (incomplete) sequencing survey



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Declining accuracy towards end of reads: dephasing.

Read-through into adapter sequences: see below.

polyG tails in 2-color chemistries: G = no signal.







<u>Overlapping</u>

Read-length < DNA length < 2 x Read-length



<u>Overhang</u>

Read-length > DNA length



<u>Separated</u>

2 x Read-length < DNA length

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* that the speaker has been able to identify

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\$\$: Higher per-base costs.



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Indels:



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Homopolymers: Signal not 1-1 with nucleotide, see below. Indels: Signal not 1-1 with nucleotide, see below.



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Improving ONT Error Rates

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0.3 Nanopore R10.4 Nanopore R9.4.1 Probability density function 0.2 0.1 0 86 90 92 94 96 88 98 100 Read accuracy (%)

Base-calling and chemistry has substantially improved. Error rates are down to ~2% in the latest versions.

Sereika, Nature Methods, 2022.

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If it looks like a swear word — #\$!!%& — it's bad quality!

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	CACGATTCACAAGGTACCACAAGGTAACATAGCTCC		
	ATTAACCCCTTATAACCAGAGTACGAATACCGAACA		
	ATTAACGAGATTATAACCAGAGAGAGAATACCGAAC		
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	GGGAACTACAATCTCTAAGGTGAAGTCTCAGTCTAT		
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Lactobacillus crispatus	1300	5	0	882	596
Ureaplasma urealytica	15	0	220	0	0
Gardnerella vaginalis	22	0	1	0	412
Prevotella intermedia	0	0	8	12	0

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Community Sequencing



Berman, BJOG 2020.

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Marker-gene Sequencing

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More info: Happy Belly Bioinformatics, https://astrobiomike.github.io

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