A)

template fragment 5'-TTGCAGCTAGGACCTGACATTGAGACGAACTAACT-3'

+

adapters
A1: GATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCAC
A2: ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT

forward primer

fragment size (35 bp) < read length (50 bp)

ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTTTGCAGCTAGGACCTGACATTGAGACGAACTAACTGATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCAC

reverse primer

read 1   TTGCAGCTAGGACC**A**GACATTGAGA**G**GAACTAACTGA**G**CGGAA**A**GAGCACA
read 2 rc AGTTAGTTCGTCTCAATGT**T**AGGTCCTAGCTGCAAAGATCGG-AGA**C**CGT

B) adapter-match

read 1

GA**T**CGGAA-GAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCAC
TTGC...AACTGA**G**CGGAA**A**GAGCACA

read 2 rc

AGATCGGA**A**GAGA**G**CGTCGTGTAGGGAAAGAGTGT
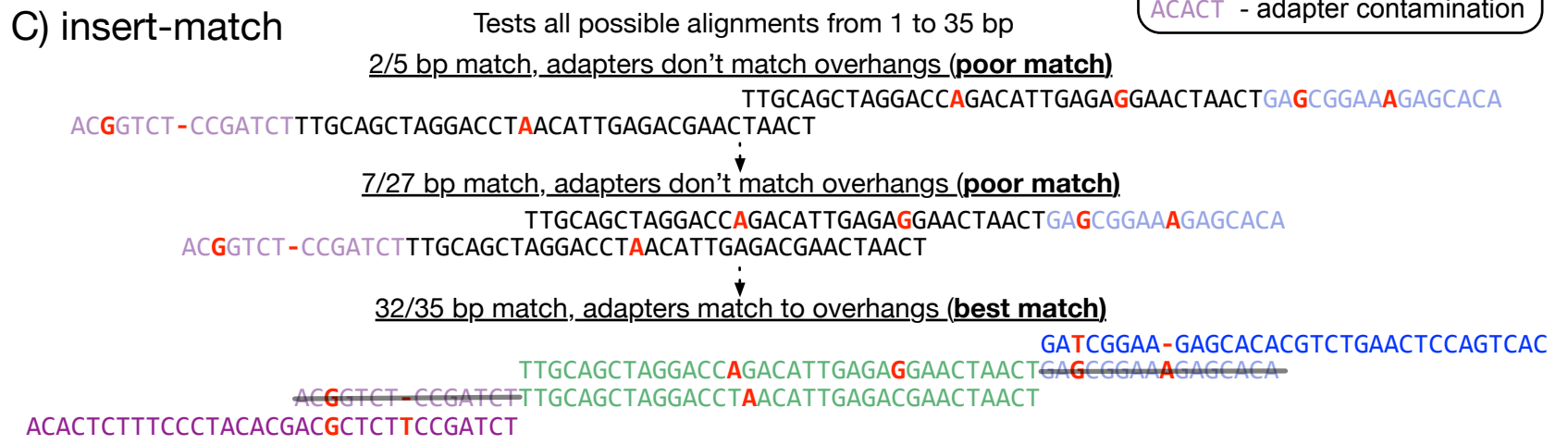AGTT...GCAAAGATCGG-AGA**C**CGT

Legend box:
TTGCA - template sequence
GAA**G**C - mismatch/error
GA-TC - gap (indel)
~~ACGCT~~ - trimmed sequence
read 1:
GATCG - adapter sequence
GATCG - adapter contamination
read 2:
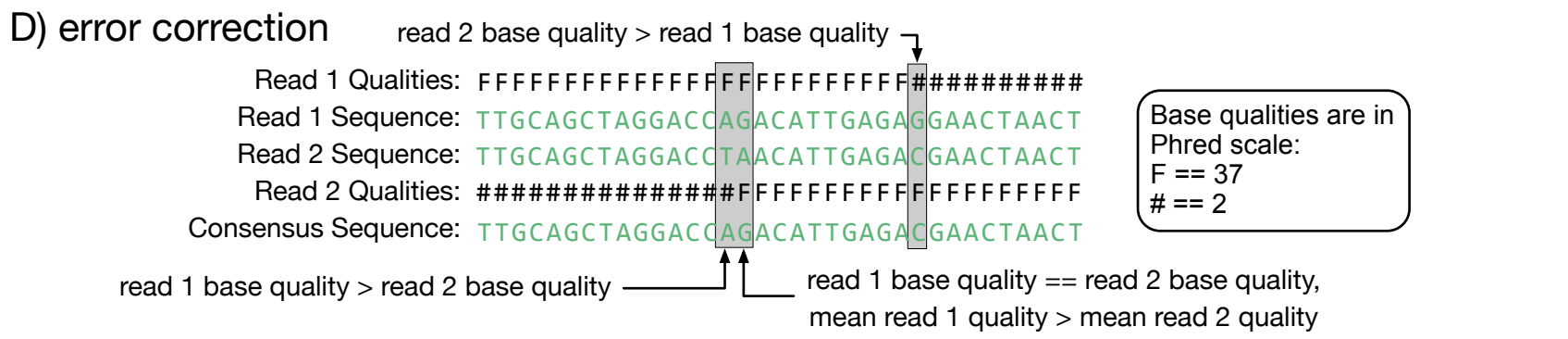ACACT - adapter sequence
ACACT - adapter contamination

C) insert-match

Tests all possible alignments from 1 to 35 bp

2/5 bp match, adapters don't match overhangs (**poor match**)

                                            TTGCAGCTAGGACC**A**GACATTGAGA**G**GAACTAACTGA**G**CGGAA**A**GAGCACA
AC**G**GTCT-CCGATCTTTGCAGCTAGGACCT**A**AACATTGAGACGAACTAACT

7/27 bp match, adapters don't match overhangs (**poor match**)

                    TTGCAGCTAGGACC**A**GACATTGAGA**G**GAACTAACTGA**G**CGGAA**A**GAGCACA
AC**G**GTCT-CCGATCTTTGCAGCTAGGACCT**A**AACATTGAGACGAACTAACT

32/35 bp match, adapters match to overhangs (**best match**)

                                            GA**T**CGGAA-GAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCAC
            TTGCAGCTAGGACC**A**GACATTGAGA**G**GAACTAACT~~GA**G**CGGAA**A**GAGCACA~~
~~AC**G**GTCT-CCGATCT~~TTGCAGCTAGGACCT**A**AACATTGAGACGAACTAACT
ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGAC**G**CTCT**T**CCGATCT

D) error correction

read 2 base quality > read 1 base quality

Read 1 Qualities: FFFFFFFFFFFFFF**FF**FFFFFFFFF**#**#########
Read 1 Sequence: TTGCAGCTAGGAC**A**GACATTGAGA**G**GAACTAACT
Read 2 Sequence: TTGCAGCTAGGACCT**A**ACATTGAGA**C**GAACTAACT
Read 2 Qualities: ##############**F**FFFFFFFFFF**F**FFFFFFFFF
Consensus Sequence: TTGCAGCTAGGAC**A**GACATTGAGA**G**GAACTAACT

Base qualities are in Phred scale:
F == 37
# == 2

read 1 base quality > read 2 base quality

read 1 base quality == read 2 base quality,
mean read 1 quality > mean read 2 quality

E) adapter-match after failed insert-match (*e.g.* adapter dimers)

GATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCAC
~~GATCGGAAGAGC**T**CACGTCTGAA**GG**CCAGTCACAAAAAAAAACNNNANC...~~
~~AGATCGGAAGAGCGTC-TGTAGGG**A**TAGAGTGTAAAAAAAAAAAANNTC...~~
AGATCGGAAGAGCGTCGTGTAGGGAAAGAGTGT

→ Discard read pair