NGS-Indel Coder v.1.0.0 Manual

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NGS-Indel Coder was developed to detect and omit false positive indels inferred from assemblies of short read sequence data. This tool, divided in five parts proposed several options. This pipeline used several tools including 2MATRIX (Salinas and Little 2014) to code indels as binary characters and BLAST to detect exon positions (Altschul et al. 1990). Output files were generated for IQ-TREE software (Nguyen et al. 2015, Chernomor et al. 2016). Nevertheless, NGS-Indel Coder output fasta files can be used with any software coding indels using aligned fasta files.

List of python scripts:

1-parsing_Samtools_depth-files.py
2-Indel_validation.py
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11-Delete_small_partitions.py

When using NGS-Indel Coder please cite:

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II. Downloading NGS-Indel Coder, getting help

NGS-Indel Coder scripts can be downloaded from juboutte/NGS-Indel_Coder/ - GitHub.

Mac OSX, Windows, and Linux environment are supported.
NGS-Indel Coder scripts require **python 2.7.12**.
2MATRIX software requires **perl**.

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III. Input files format

NGS-Indel Coder required several input files. At least one fasta file containing *n* aligned sequences and *n* read depth files (one read depth file per sequence in each aligned fasta file). More generally, NGS-Indel Coder used many aligned fasta files and one read depth file per sample studied. Aligned fasta files contained not necessary the same number of sequences.

Warning: Users can't delete any nucleotide in the sequences after generating read depth files, but they can replace a nucleotide by a 'N' character. It is also possible to modify the alignment before using NGS-Indel Coder. Sequences can be modified prior to the creation of read depth files and aligned fasta files.

Example:

Considering 3 loci (locus_1, locus_2, locus_3) and 5 species (species_A, species_B, species_C, species_D, species_E).

locus_1 contains species_A, species_B, species_C and species_D
locus_2 contains species_B, species_C and species_D
locus_3 contains species_A, species_B, species_C , species_D and species_E

Number of input files: (4+3+5) + 3 = 15 files corresponding to three aligned fasta files and 12 read depth files.

Read depth files can be generated using Samtools (Li et al. 2009). Command lines example is given part IV.

IV. NGS-Indel Coder command lines and options

Relationships between the different parts of the pipeline are presented Figure 1.

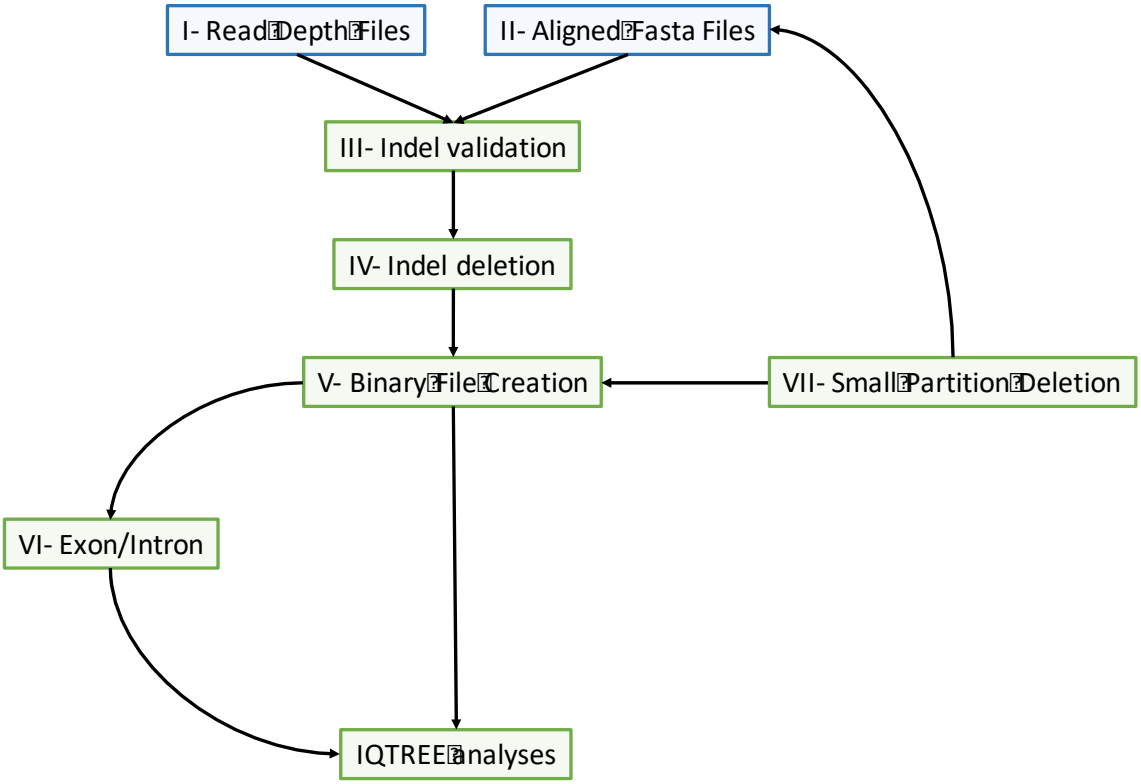

Figure 1: Relationships between the different parts of the NGS-Indel Coder pipeline

i) Read Depth Files

Boutte et al. (2019) used BWA v.0.7.12 (Johnson et al. 2016), Samtools v.1.3.1 (Li et al. 2009) and Picard v.1.131 (http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/) tools to create read depth files. The command lines are presented below.

```
bwa index Example_species_A.fasta
bwa mem Example_species_A.fasta Example_species_A_1P.fastq
Example_species_A_2P.fastq > Example_species_A.sam

java -jar /opt/picard-tools/1.131/picard.jar NormalizeFasta \
    I= Example_species_A.fasta \
    O= Example_species_A_cleaned.fasta
```

```
samtools faidx Example_species_A_cleaned.fasta

java -jar /opt/picard-tools/1.131/picard.jar CreateSequenceDictionary R=
Example_species_A_cleaned.fasta O= Example_species_A_cleaned.dict

java -jar /opt/picard-tools/1.131/picard.jar SortSam \
        VALIDATION_STRINGENCY=LENIENT \
        I= Example_species_A.sam \
        O= Example_species_A.bam \
        SORT_ORDER=coordinate

java -jar /opt/picard-tools/1.131/picard.jar AddOrReplaceReadGroups \
    I= Example_species_A.bam \
    O= Example_species_A_cleaned.bam \
    RGID=4 \
    RGLB=lib1 \
    RGPL=illumina \
    RGPU=unit1 \
    RGSM=20

java -jar /opt/picard-tools/1.131/picard.jar BuildBamIndex \
    I= Example_species_A_cleaned.bam

samtools depth -a Example_species_A_cleaned.bam" > Example_species_A_infos.txt
```

The **Example_species_A_infos.txt** file contained all read depth information for the two samples of the species_A (see part III). Users can parse this file using 1-parsing_Samtools_depth-files.py program. Usage: python 1-parsing_Samtools_depth-files.py Example_species_A_infos.txt.

Example_species_A.fasta contained HybPiper supercontig sequences of the species_A.
Example_species_A_1P.fastq and **Example_species_A_2P.fastq** correspond to cleaned paired reads.

It is possible to use single reads and references not generated by HybPiper (see BWA, Samtools and Picard manual or other software manuals that can produce read depth file).

ii) Aligned Fasta files

This pipeline accepted any nucleotide aligned fasta files. However, sequences included in the aligned fasta files need to correspond to sequences used for the creation of read depth files. Nucleotides cannot be deleted. If users want to modify fasta files, please modify them prior to read depth file creation and alignment file creation.

Warning (Part III - reminder): Users cannot delete any nucleotide in the sequences after generating read depth files, but they can replace a nucleotide by a 'N' character. It is also possible to modify the alignment before using NGS-Indel Coder. Sequences can be modified prior to the creation of read depth files and aligned fasta files.

iii) Indel validation

This part includes four python scripts that will generate a final file necessary to generate temporary fasta files (see part iv). Command lines, temporary files, input files and outputfiles are indicated in the Example part.

Example:

python Scripts/2-Indel_validation.py Example/I-input_files/fasta_files/Example.fasta Example/I-input_files/depth_files/
output file: temp_part1.txt
move temp_part1.txt to Example/II-temporary_files
python Scripts/3-Indel_validation.py Example/II-temporary_files/temp_part1.txt
output file: temp_part2.txt
move temp_part2.txt to Example/II-temporary_files
python Scripts/4-Indel_validation.py Example/II-temporary_files/temp_part2.txt 20
output file: MRD2_MRD3_T20.txt
move MRD2_MRD3_T20.txt to /II-temporary_files

iv) Indel deletion

To create indel binary files, NGS-Indel Coder generate temporary fasta files. These fasta files are only used to create indel binary files. They must not be used for phylogenomic analyses.

Warning: Fasta files are used only during the part v of the pipeline.

The script 5-indel_deletion.py generates a temporary fasta file within which false putative indels are deleted.

Input files:

An aligned fasta file
MRD2_MRD3_TX.txt (generated during the Part iii, X=threshold selected)

Output file:

A temporary fasta file

Example:

python Scripts/5-indel_deletion.py Example/II-temporary_files/MRD2_MRD3_T20.txt Example/I-input_files/fasta_files/
output file: Example_temp.fasta
move Example_temp.fasta to Example/II-temporary_files

v) Binary file creation

When the temporary fasta files is generated (part iv), it is possible to run 2MARTIX (Salinas and Little 2014) software to generate binary character files. Then, several python scripts are used to modify and generate final nexus and phylip files.

Input file:

The temporary fasta file generated during step iv.

Output file:

Three output files corresponding to IQTREE input files (.nex and .phy files).

Example:

perl 2matrix-master/2matrix.pl -i Example/II-temporary_files/Example_temp.fasta -n Example -o p
output file: Example.part and Example.phy
move Example.part and Example.phy to Example/II-temporary_files
Warning: Example.part and Example.phy files are temporary files.
python Scripts/6-IQTREE_binary_matrices_creation.py Example/II-temporary_files /Example.phy Example/II-temporary_files/Example.part
output file: Example_indel.phy
Example_indel.phy is one of the three final files used by IQTREE software.
move Example_indel.phy to Example/II-temporary_files if necessary.
perl 2matrix-master/2matrix.pl -i Example/I-input_files/fasta_files/Example.fasta -n Example2 -o p
output file: Example2.part and Example2.phy
move Example2.part and Example2.phy to Example/II-temporary_files
python Scripts/7-IQTREE_DNA_matrices_creation.py Example/II-temporary_files/Example2.phy Example/II-temporary_files/Example2.part
output file: Example2_dna.phy
move Example2_dna.phy to Example/II-temporary_files if necessary.
Example2_dna.phy is one of the three final files used by IQTREE software.
python Scripts/8-nexus_files_creation.py Example/II-temporary_files/Example2_dna.phy Example/II-temporary_files/Example_indel.phy MyFolder_T20/
Comment: MyFolder_T20/ corresponds to the folder that will contain Example2_dna.phy and Example_indel.phy when user will run IQTREE. This option is optional.
output file: Example2.nex
Example2.nex is one of the three final files used by IQTREE software.

move Example2.nex to Example/II-temporary_files if necessary.

IQTREE command line example:

iqtree –nt 1 –bb 10000 –spp Example2.nex –m MFP+MERGE -AICc
Comment: Example2_dna.phy and Example_indel.phy are in the folder: MyFolder_T20

```
Iqtree_analyses/
        Example2.nex
        MyFolder_T20/
                Example2_dna.phy
                Example_indel.phy
```

vi) Exon/Intron

It is possible to identify intron and exon boundaries using a custom approach (using BLASTN results) to run a partitioned IQTREE analysis. This part of NGS-Indel Coder will replace the nexus file created step v.

Input file:

Output BLASTN result (database: transcript sequences used to create probes, query: the fasta file (part i)).
The X_.nexus file created step v.
The aligned fasta file.

Output file:

A X.nexus output file (.nex file).

Example:

makeblastdb -in Example/II-temporary_files/Example_transcripts.fasta -out transcript_db -dbtype nucl
blastn -query Example/I-input_files/fasta_files/Example.fasta -db transcript_db -outfmt 7 -out res_blastn.txt
Warning: Example_transcripts.fasta is not available in the example folder but res_blastn.txt is available.
output file: res_blastn.txt
move res_blastn.txt to Example/II-temporary_files/
python Scripts/9-identification_boundaries.py Example/II-temporary_files/res_blastn.txt Example
Comment: Example correspond to the name of your file (without extension, i.e. Example.fasta => Example)
output file: exon_positions.txt
move exon_positions.txt to Example/II-temporary_files/

python Scripts/10-partitioned_nexus_files_creation.py Example/II-temporary_files/exon_positions.txt Example/I-input_files/fasta_files/Example.fasta Example/II-temporary_files/Example2.nex
output file: Example_partition.nex
move Example_partition.nex to Example/II-temporary_files/
Example_partition.nex replaces Example2.nex. It is one of the three final files used by IQTREE software.

IQTREE command line example:

iqtree –nt 1 –bb 10000 –spp Example_partition.nex –m MFP+MERGE -AICc
Comment: Example2_dna.phy and Example_indel.phy are in the folder: MyFolder_T20

Iqtree_analyses/
Example_partition.nex
MyFolder_T20/
Example2_dna.phy
Example_indel.phy

vii) Small partition deletion

Prior to run step vi, it is possible to delete small partitions ≤ x bp (100 bp by default). In this case, it is necessary to generate a new DNA phylip file (Example2_dna.phy) and/or a new Binary phylip file.

Input file:

Output BLASTN result (database: transcript sequences used to create probes, query: the fasta file (part i)).
Initial fasta file

Output file:

An aligned fasta file cleaned (small partitions deleted).

Example:

makeblastdb -in Example/II-temporary_files/Example_transcripts.fasta -out transcript_db -dbtype nucl
blastn -query Example/I-input_files/fasta_files/Example.fasta -db transcript_db -outfmt 7 -out res_blastn.txt
Warning: Example_transcripts.fasta is not available in the example folder but res_blastn.txt is available.
mv res_blastn.txt to Example/II-temporary_files/
python Scripts/9-identification_boundaries.py Example/II-temporary_files/res_blastn.txt Example

Comment: Example correspond to the name of your file (without extension, i.e. Example.fasta => Example)
move exon_positions.txt to Example/II-temporary_files/
Comment: if users already ran step vi, it is possible to start line: python Scripts/ 11-Delete_small_partitions.py Example/II-temporary_files/exon_positions.txt Example/I-input_files/fasta_files/Example.fasta.
11-Delete_small_partitions.py Example/II-temporary_files/exon_positions.txt Example/I-input_files/fasta_files/Example.fasta Example_partitioned.fasta 100
Comments: Example_partitioned.fasta is the name of the new fasta created (don't forget ".fasta"). 100 is the length to consider a partition as a small partition.
output file: Example_partitioned.fasta
move Example_partitioned.fasta to Example/II-temporary_files/

This new fasta file could be used as the initial fasta file (user can restart steps i to v/vi). Users can also replace only the DNA .phy file and the .nex file associated and conserve the Binary .phy file create prior to delete small partition (recommended).

V. Output files

NGS-Indel Coder pipeline generates several output files. The most important files correspond to two .phy and one .nex files to run IQ-TREE analyses. See part IV. NGS-Indel Coder command lines and options.

VI. Example

The Example folder contains input files, intermediate files and output files generated using one threshold: T_{20}. All the example command lines are indicated part IV.

Input files:

Aligned fasta file:
Example.fasta

Read depth files:
Asclepiasaffstandleyi1321-10025.txt, Asclepiasquadrifolia1387-10025.txt, Asclepiasalbicans003-10025.txt, Asclepiasscaposa977-10025.txt, Asclepiasamplexicaulis1401-10025.txt, Asclepiassolanoana256-10025.txt, Asclepiasarenaria1322-10025.txt , Asclepiasstenophylla1417-10025.txt, Asclepiascoulteri823-10025.txt, Asclepiassubulata423-10025.txt, Asclepiascurtissii609-10025.txt, Asclepiastuberosa1403-10025.txt, Asclepiaselata856-10025.txt, Asclepiasvirletii476-10025.txt, Asclepiasemoryi952-10025.txt, Gomphocarpusphysocarpus957-10025.txt, Asclepiaserosa70-10025.txt, Stathmostelmafornicatum72012-10025.txt, Asclepiashirtella1399-10025.txt, euphorbiifolia72014-10025.txt, Asclepiaslongifolia940-10025.txt, linaria720006-10025.txt,

Asclepiasnyctaginifolia584-10025.txt, puberula72004-10025.txt, Asclepiasoenotheroides1325-10025.txt, viridis72007-10025.txt, Asclepiasperennis500-10025.txt

Output files (temporary files included, names chosen during example phase). Final files are indicated in red:

Example.part	Example2_dna.phy	res_blastn.txt
Example.phy	Example_indel.phy	temp_part1.txt
Example_partitioned.fasta	Example_partition.nex	temp_part2.txt
Example2.nex	Example_temp.fasta	
Example2.part	MRD2_MRD3_T20.txt	
Example2.phy	exon_positions.txt	

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