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# LONG-READ SEQUENCING

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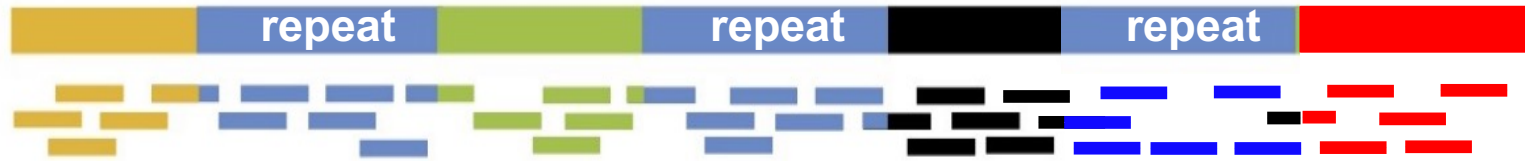
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Method of the Year 2022:  
Long-read sequencing

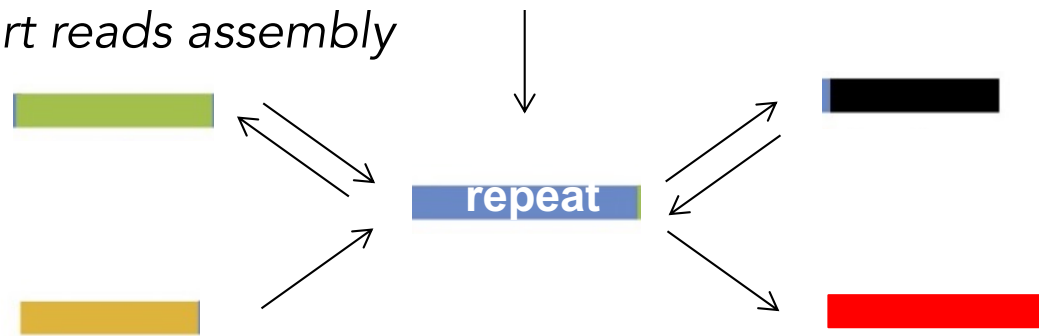


# LONG-READS VERSUS SHORT-READS

Assembly of DNA fragments with repeated sequences



*NGS short reads assembly*



Several contigs → incomplete assembly, underestimation of repeats

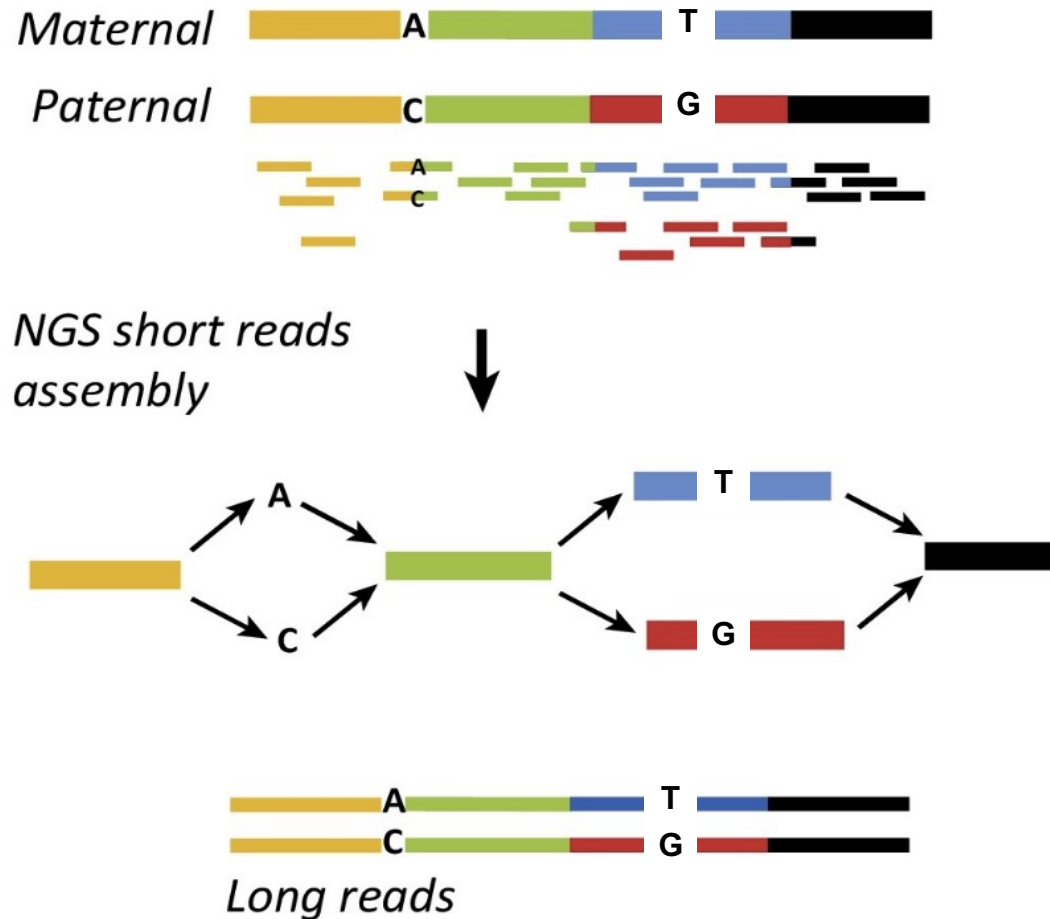
*Long reads assembly*



Long-reads (1- 200 kb) allow assembly of large repeat-rich regions  
(centromeres, telomeres...)

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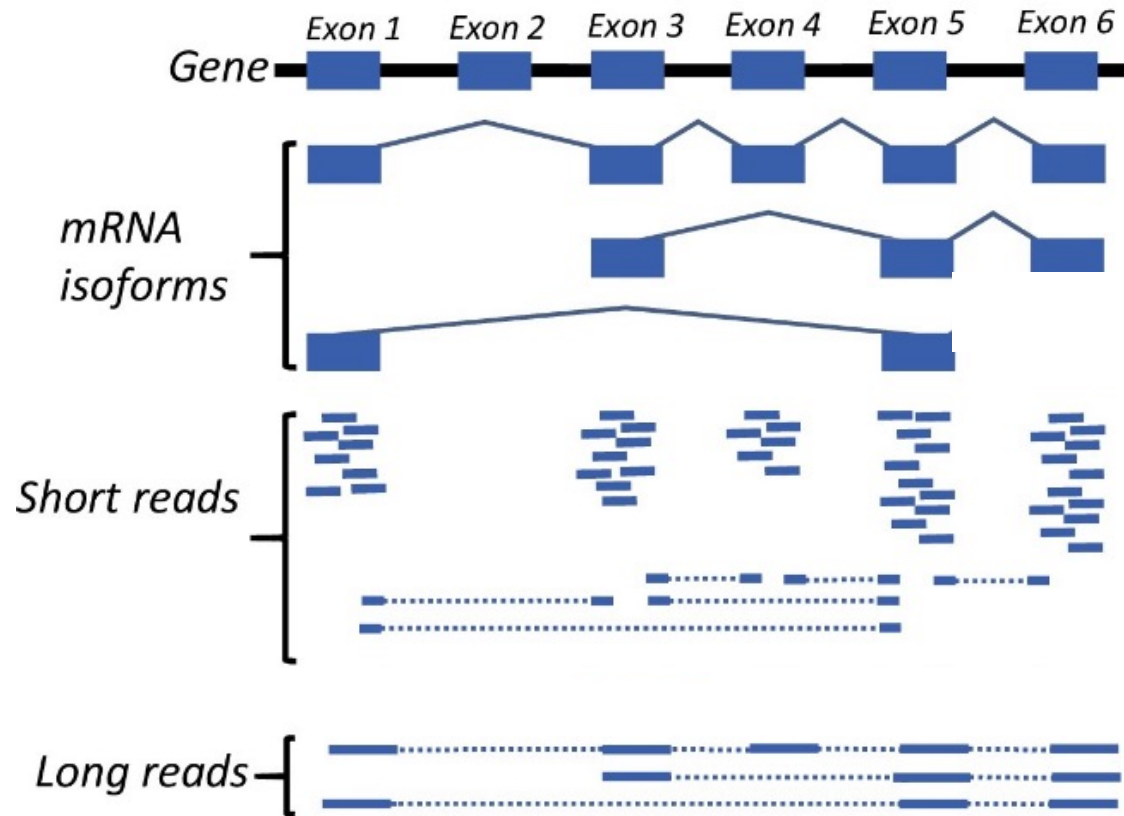
## Haplotype phasing



Long-reads facilitate phasing of maternal and paternal haplotypes

# LONG-READS VERSUS SHORT-READS

## Detection of splicing isoforms



Long-reads allow identification of multiple splicing events along mRNAs

# The 3rd generation winning technologies

## Pacific Biosciences



### Sequel – Revio

Single molecules  
Up to 200 kbp long

## Oxford Nanopore

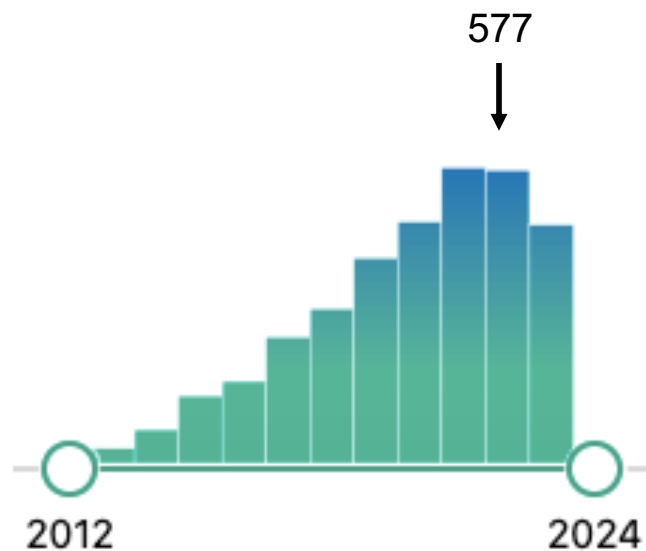


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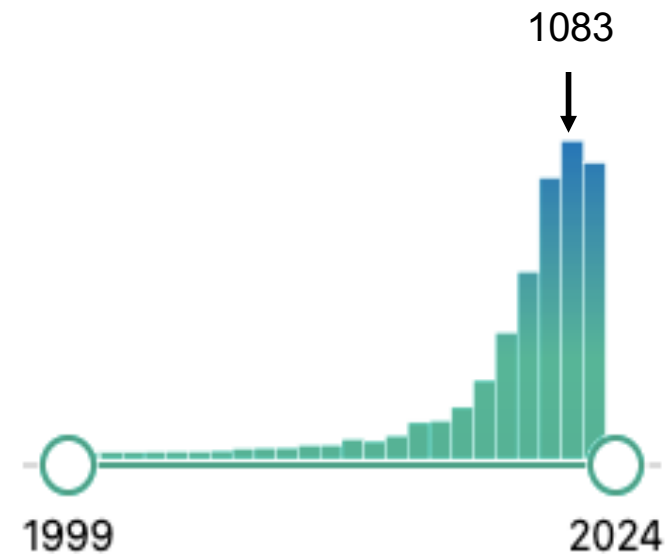
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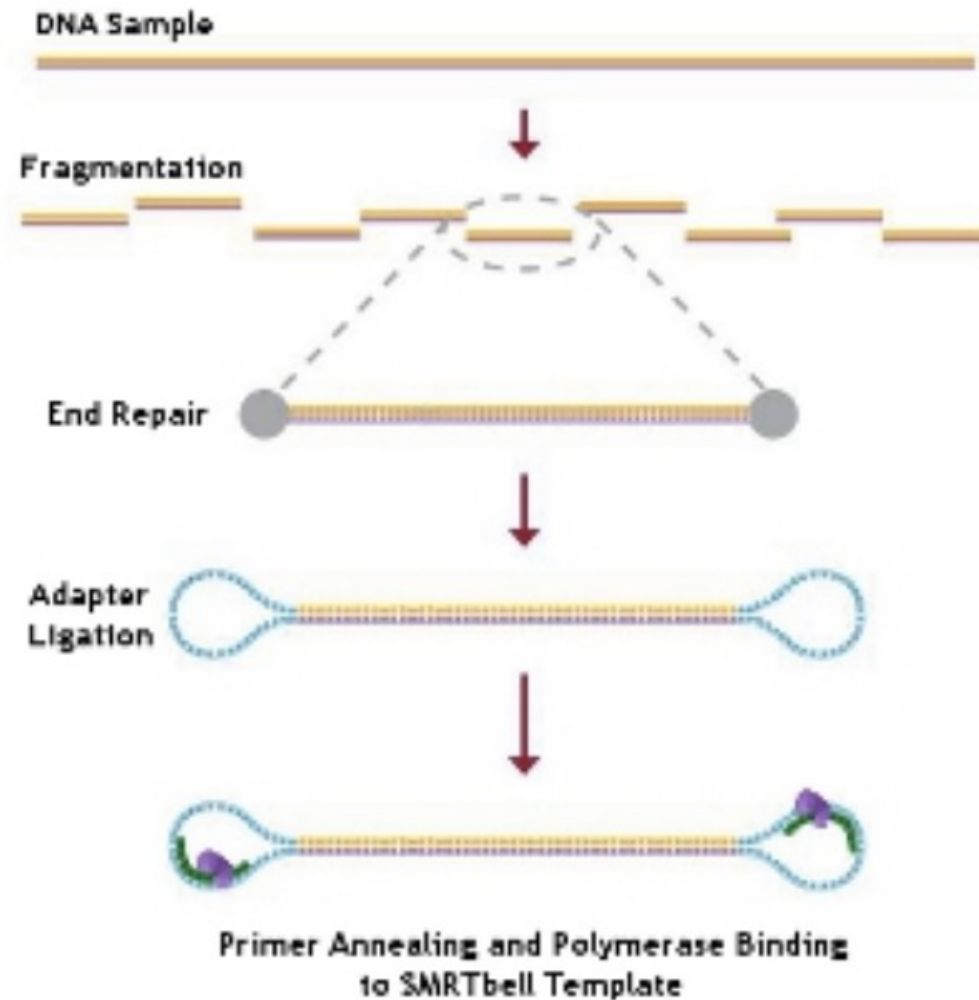


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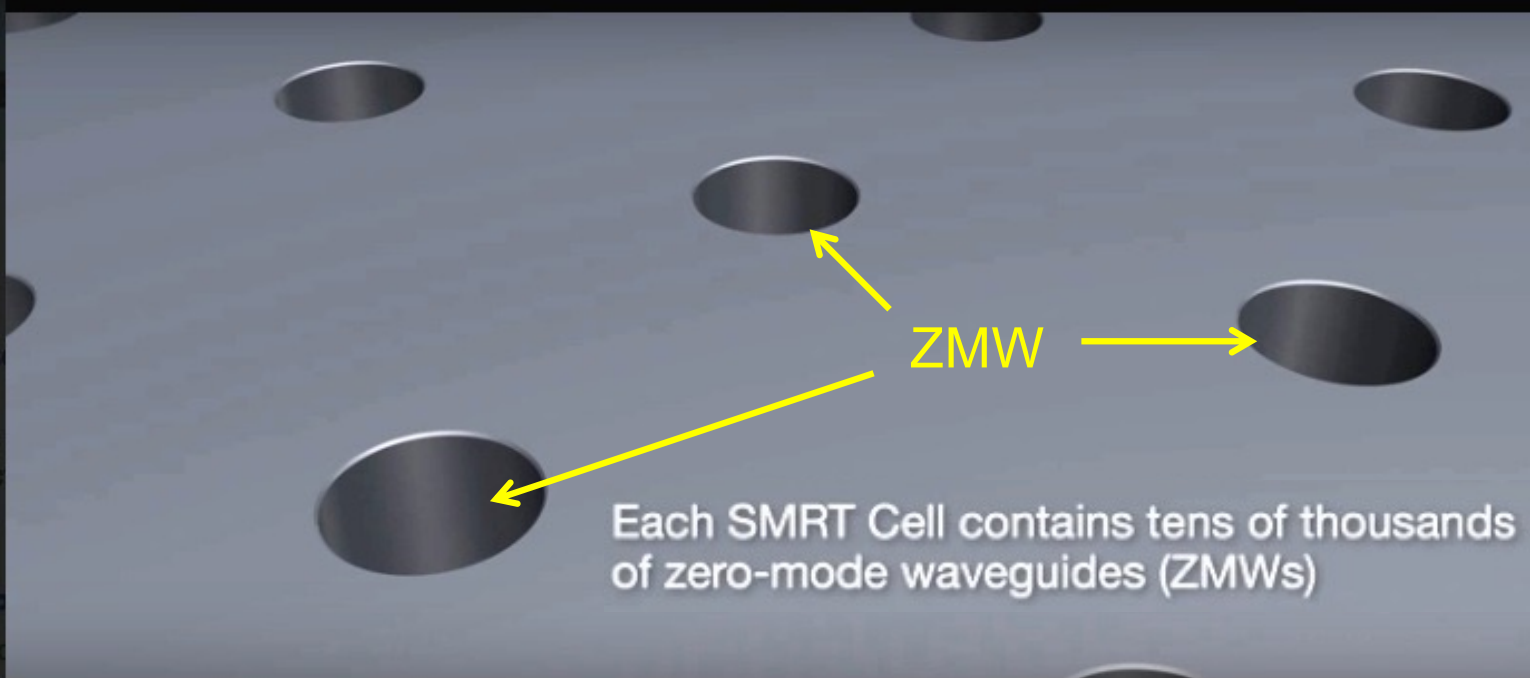
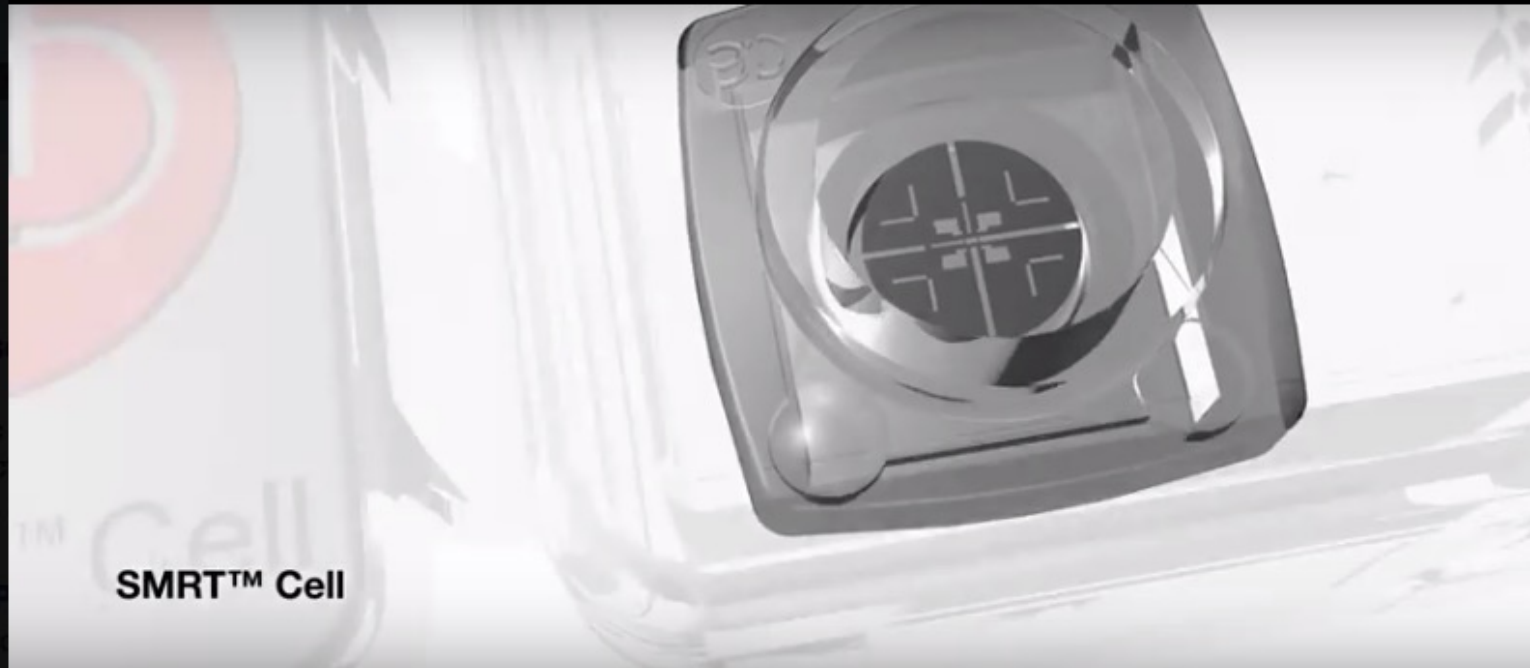
# PacBio : Single Molecule Real Time (SMRT) sequencing

## PacBio DNA-seq library





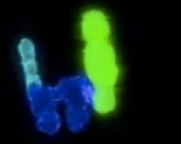
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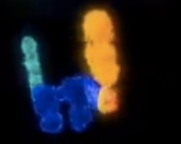
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## Phospholinked Nucleotides

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C



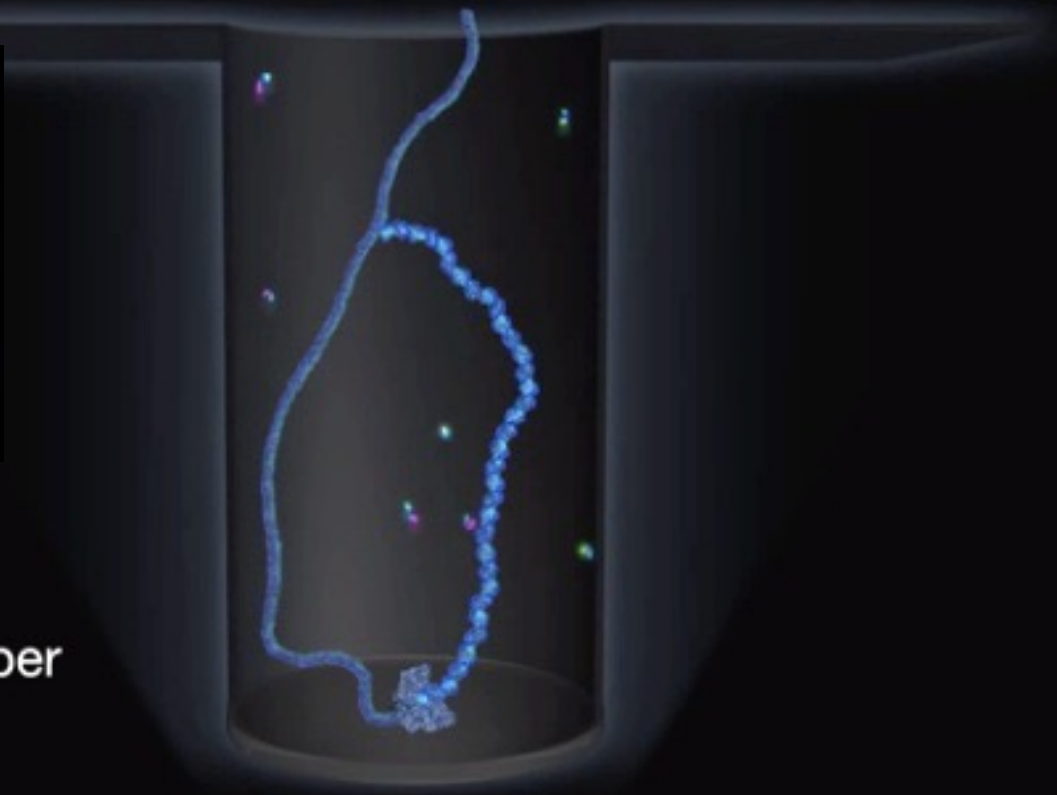
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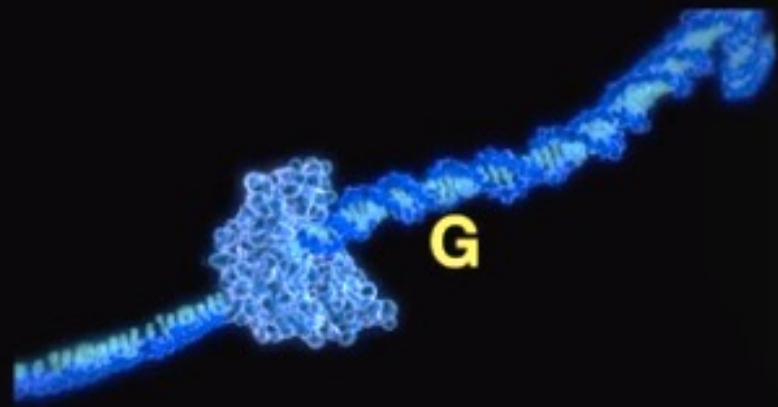
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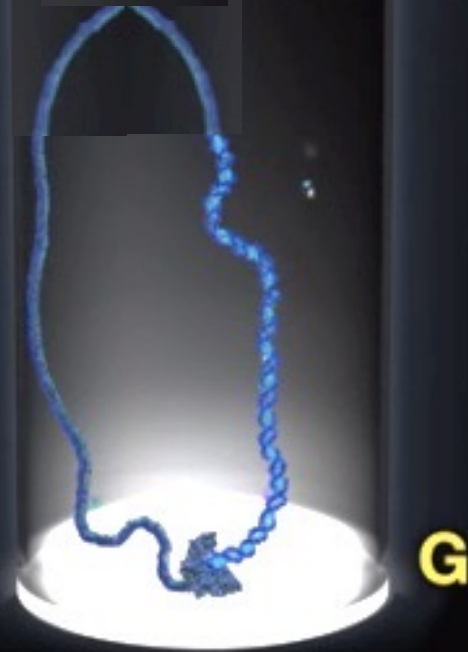
Phospholinked nucleotides are introduced into the ZMW chamber



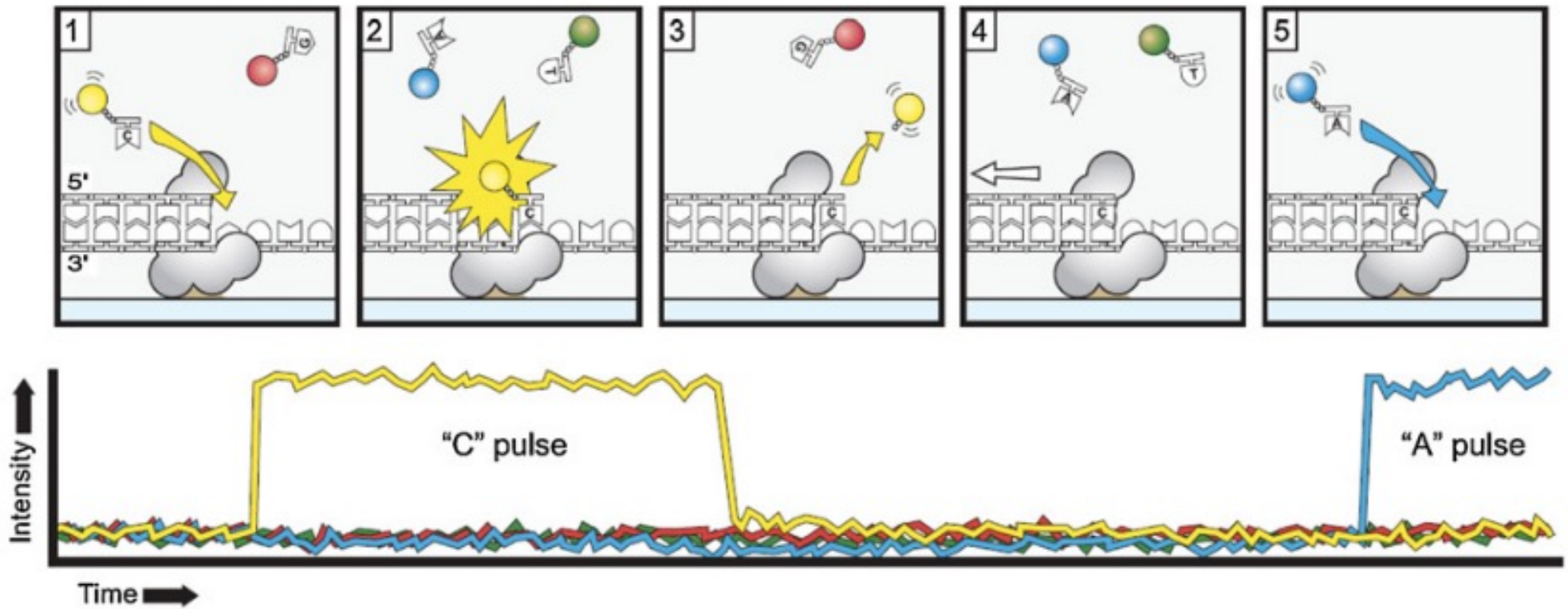
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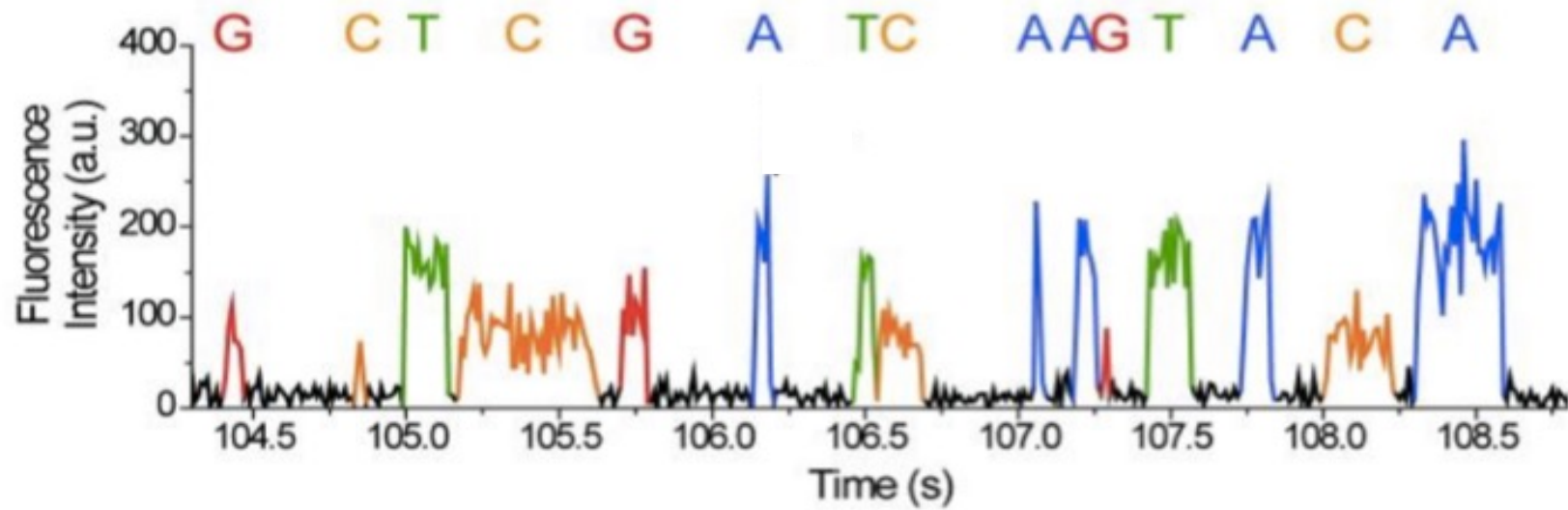
As a base is held in the detection volume, a light pulse is produced



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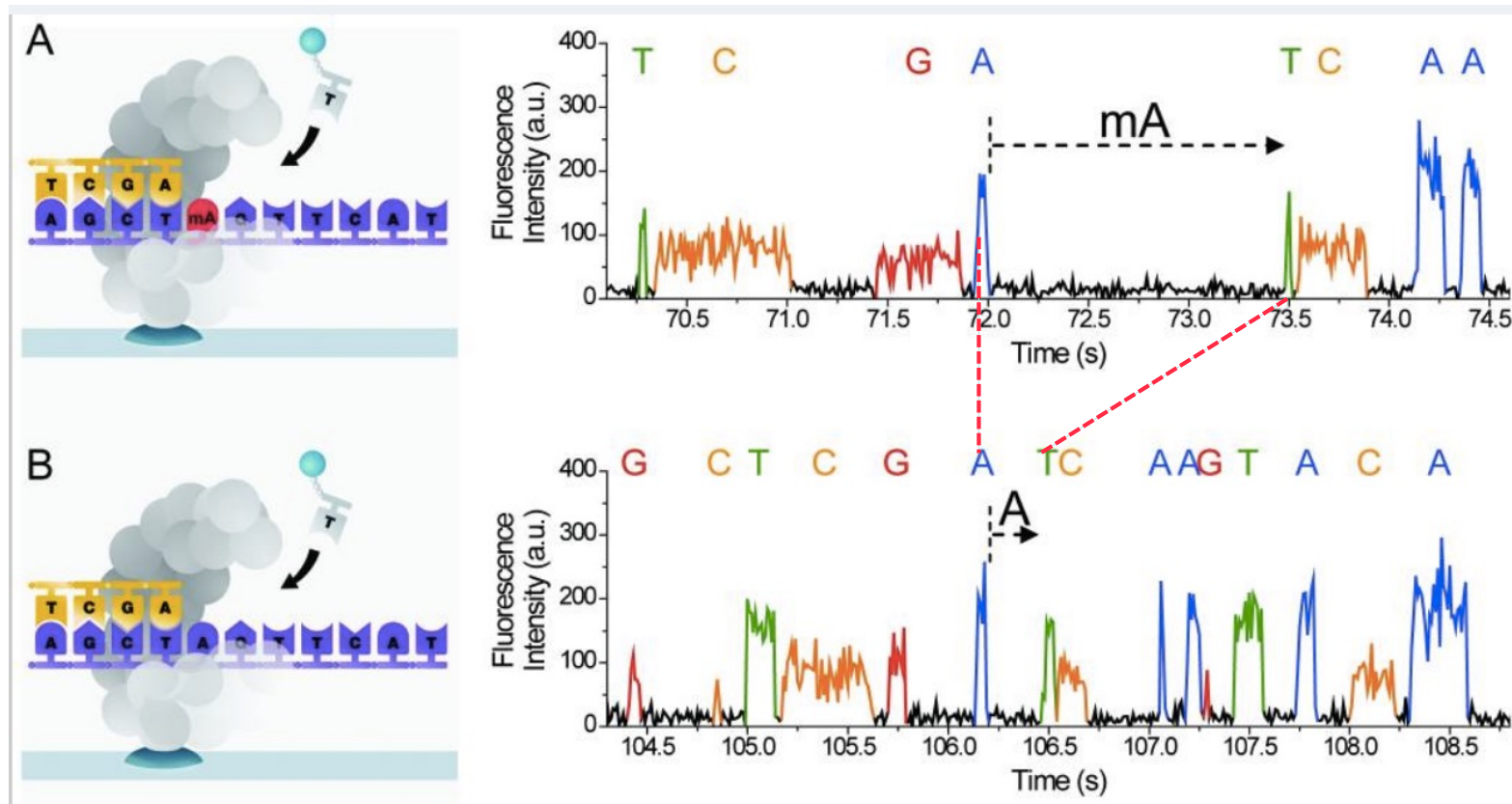


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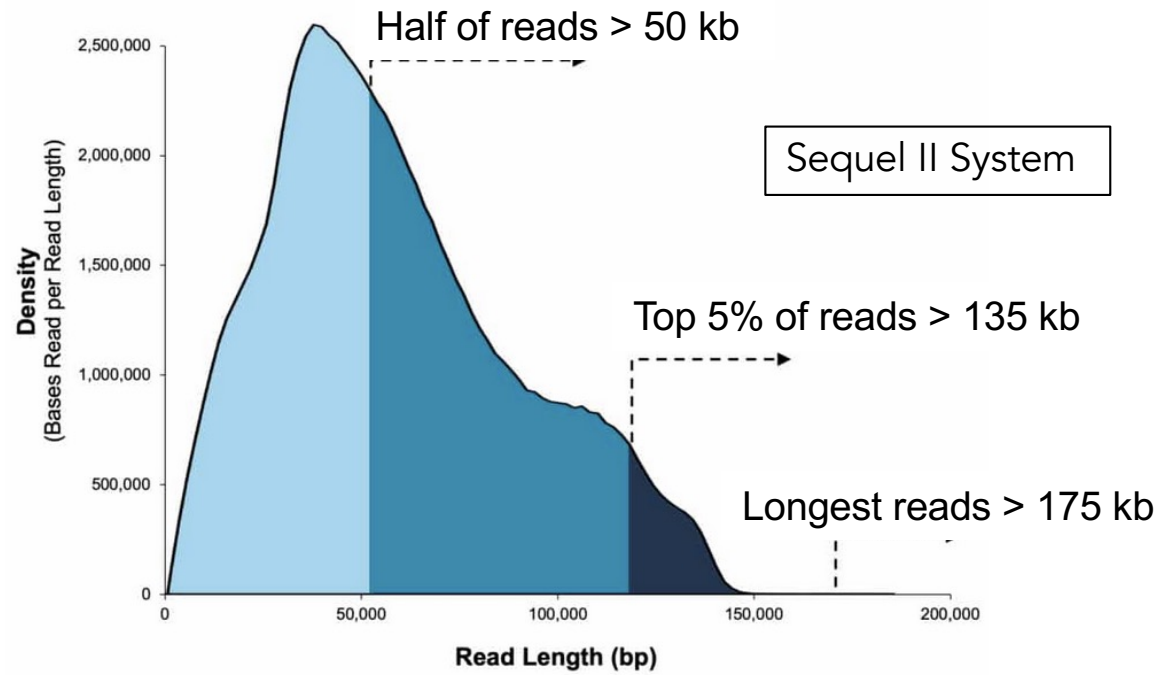
High error rate : 10% - 15%

# DETECTION OF MODIFIED DNA BASES

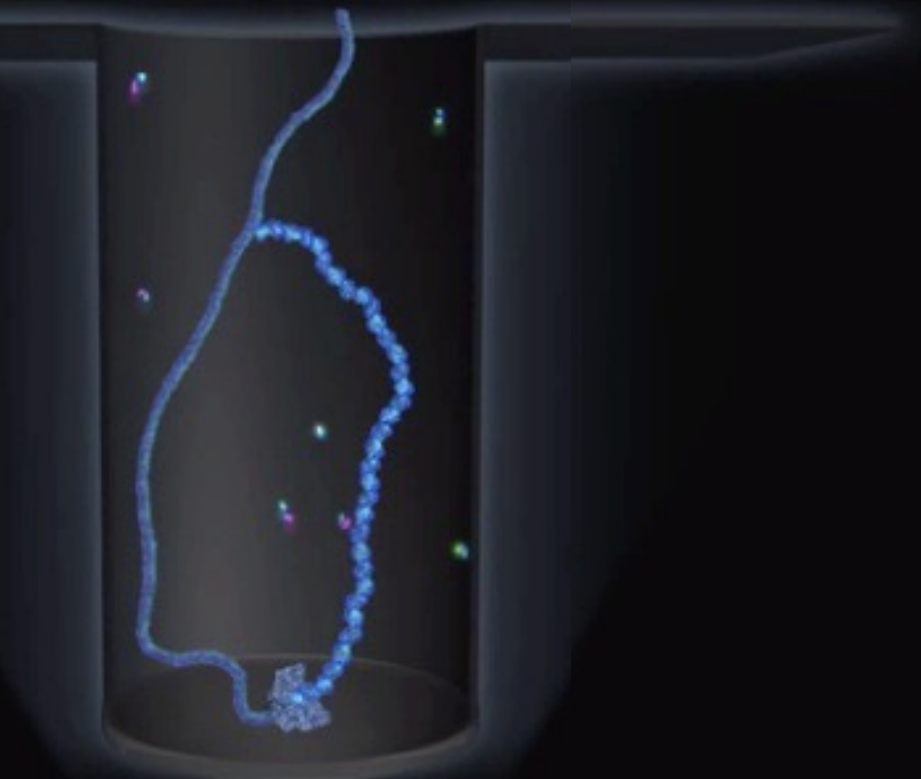
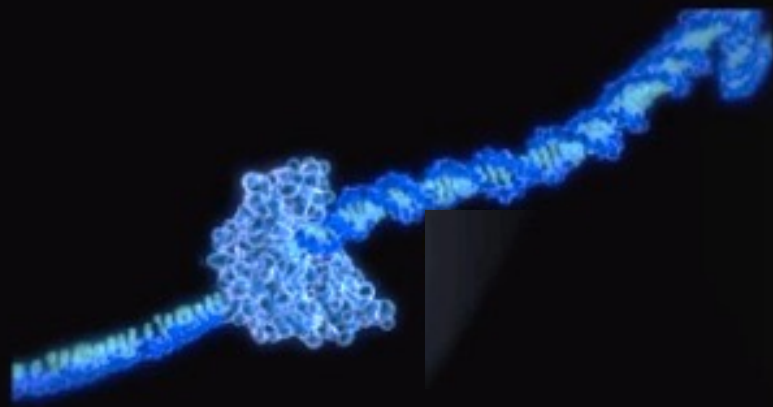


Signal modification depends on the neighbor nucleotides (sequence context)

# LENGTH OF PACBIO READS



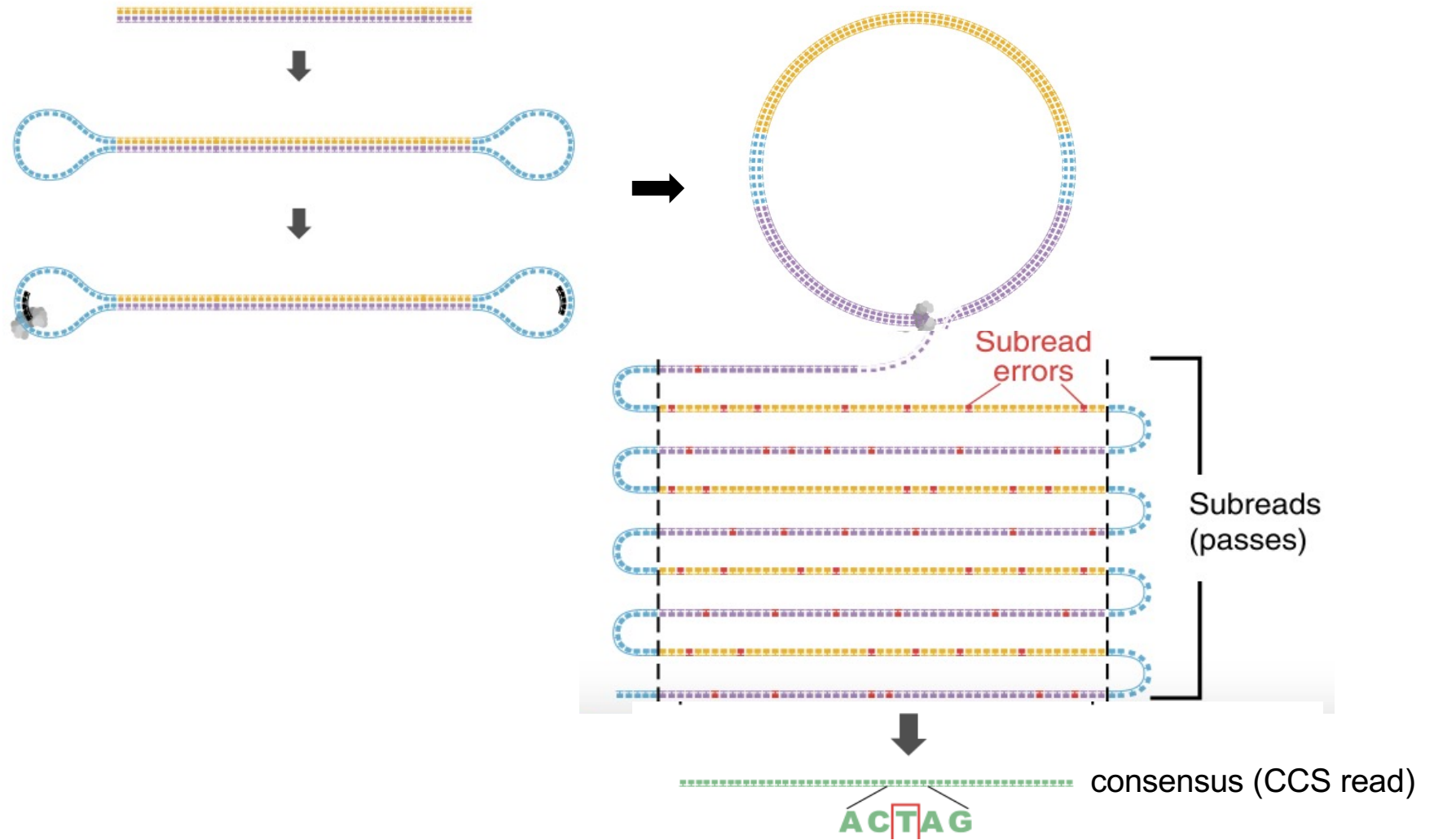
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Circular consensus sequencing (CCS) reads are obtained when the SMRT bell template is replicated several times by the polymerase

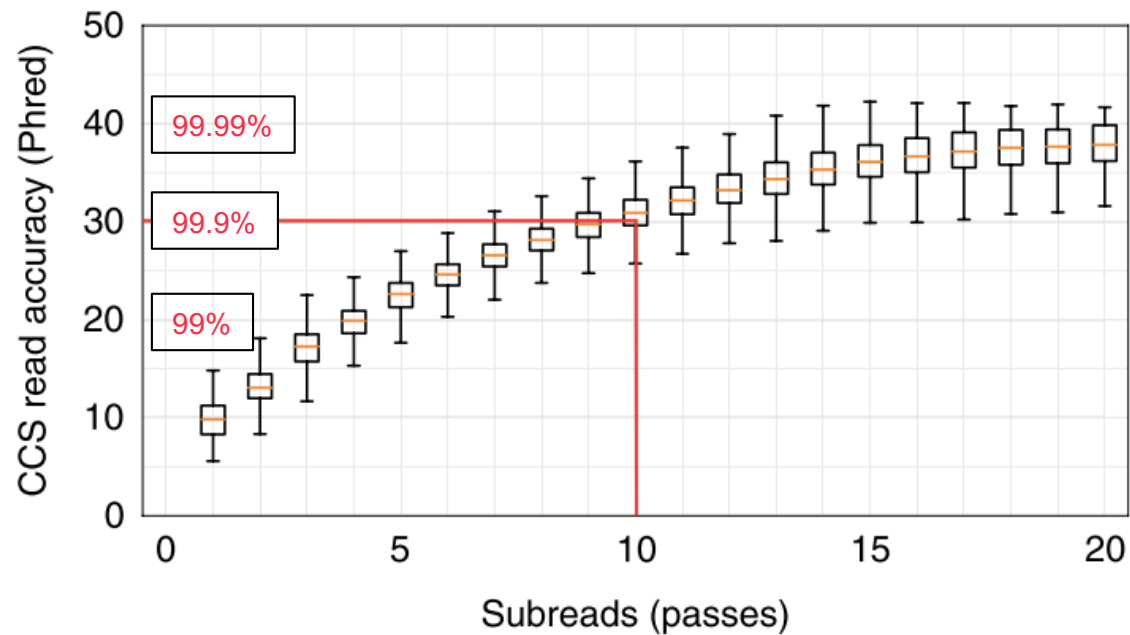
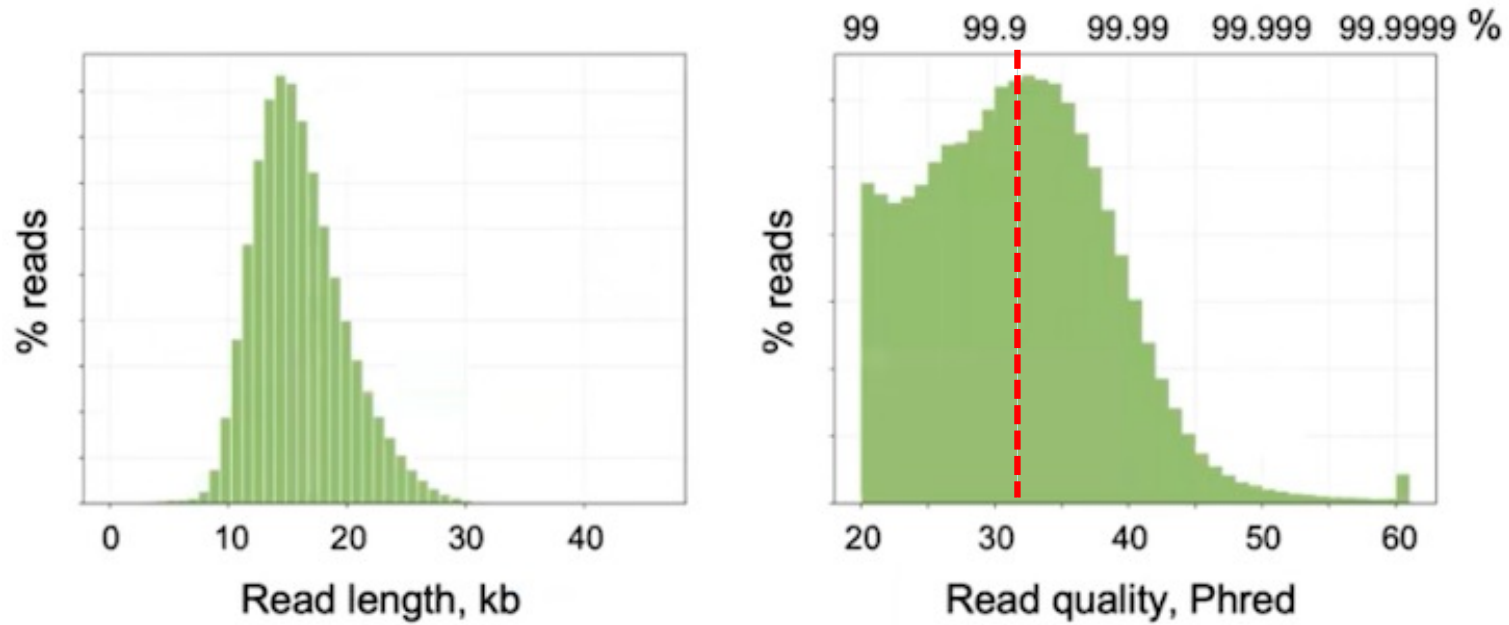


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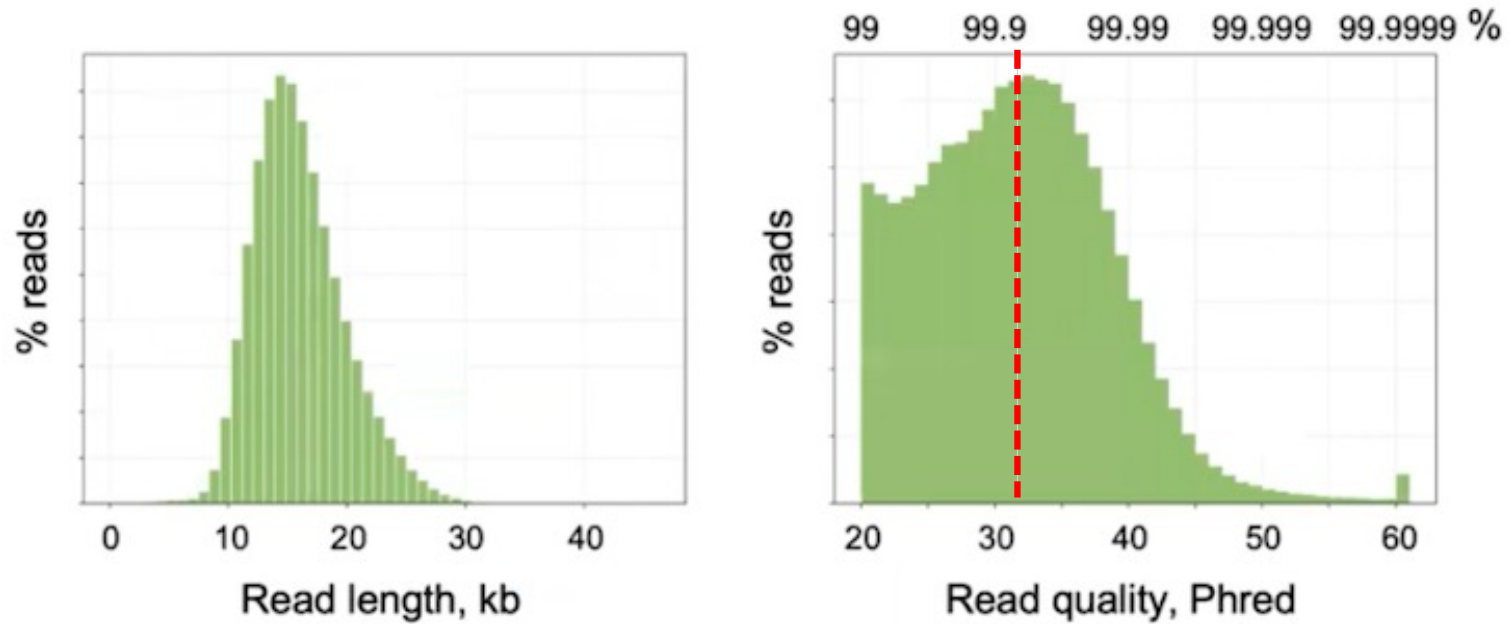


Randomly positioned errors → they can be corrected

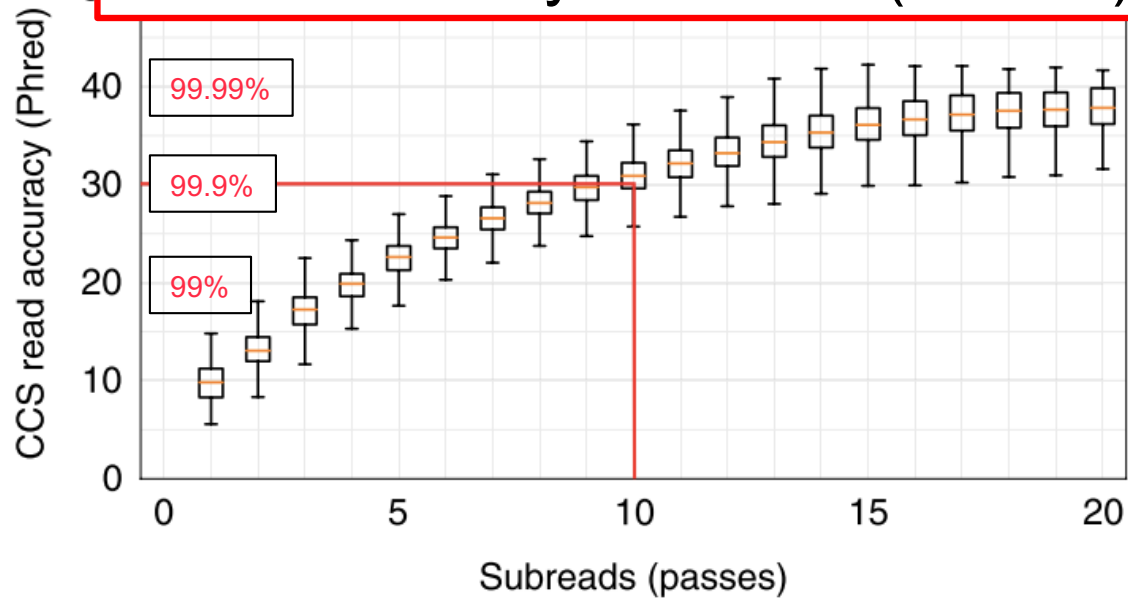
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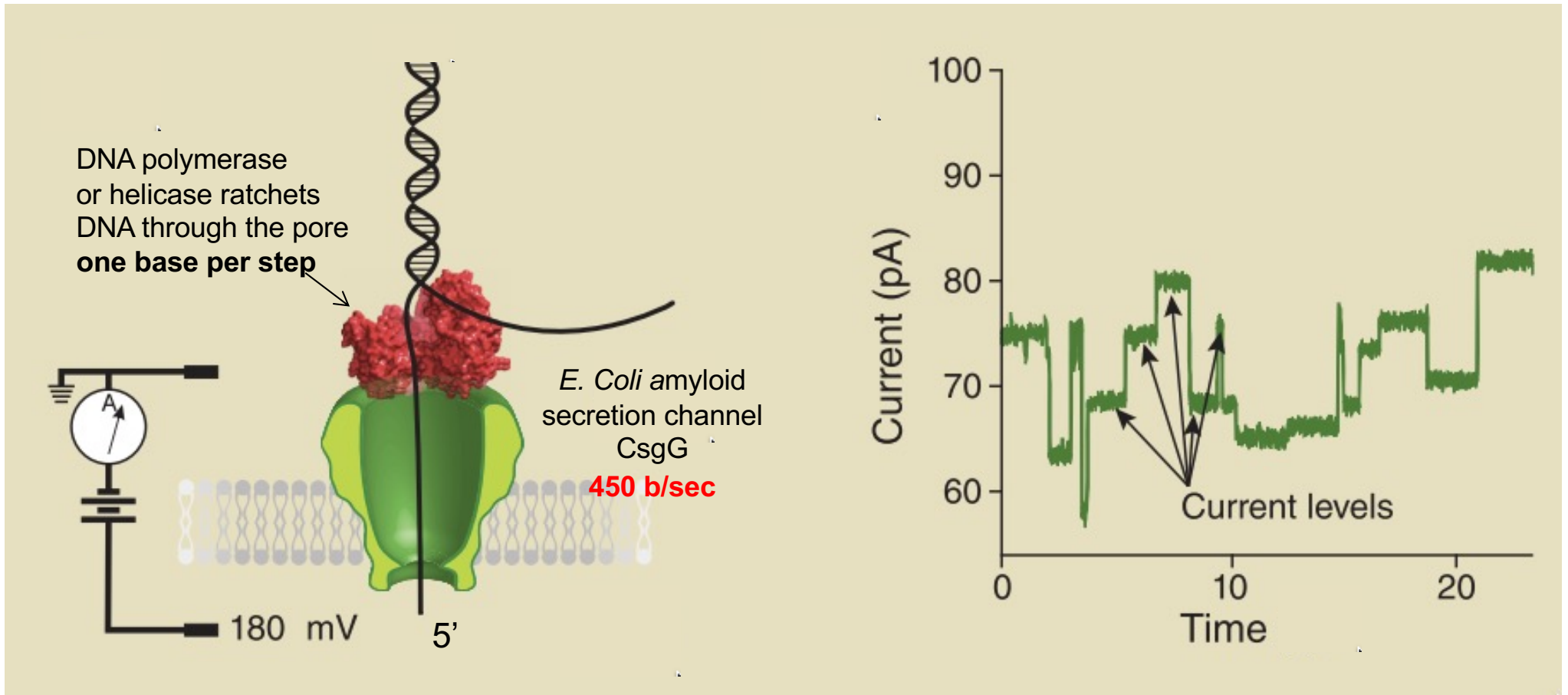
Mean accuracy > 99.9 % (Q > 30)



# Next Generation Sequencing



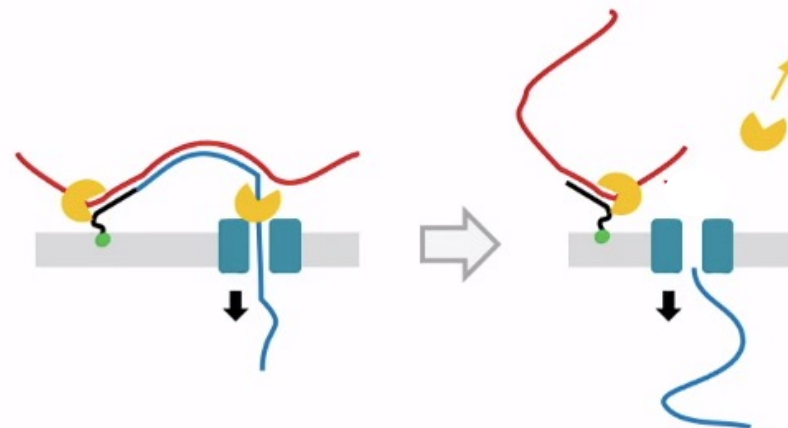
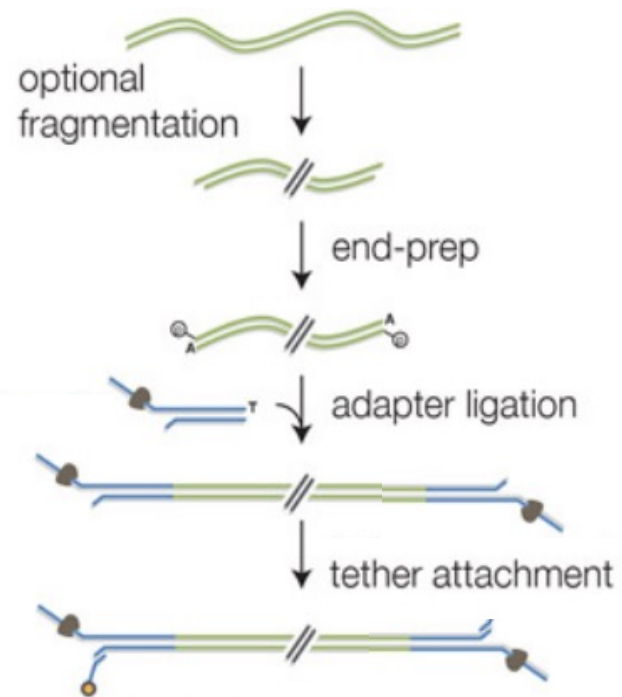
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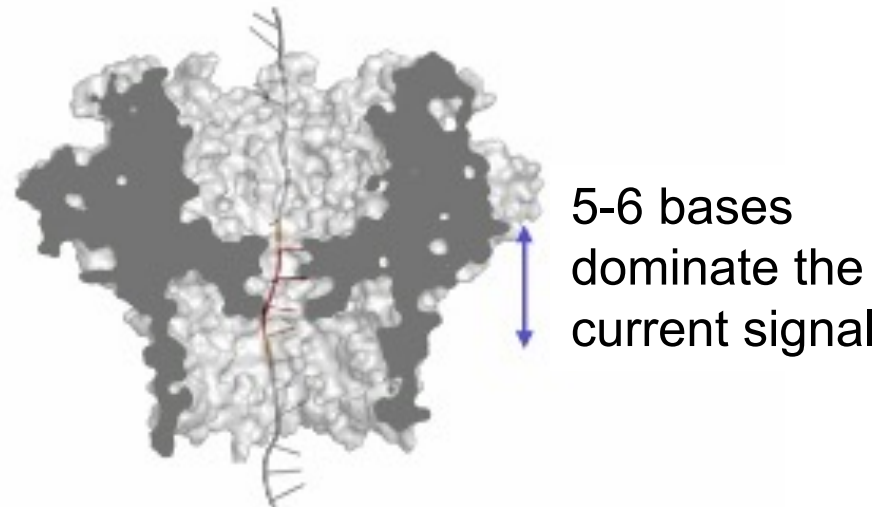
# SEQUENCING PROCESS

SEQUENCING

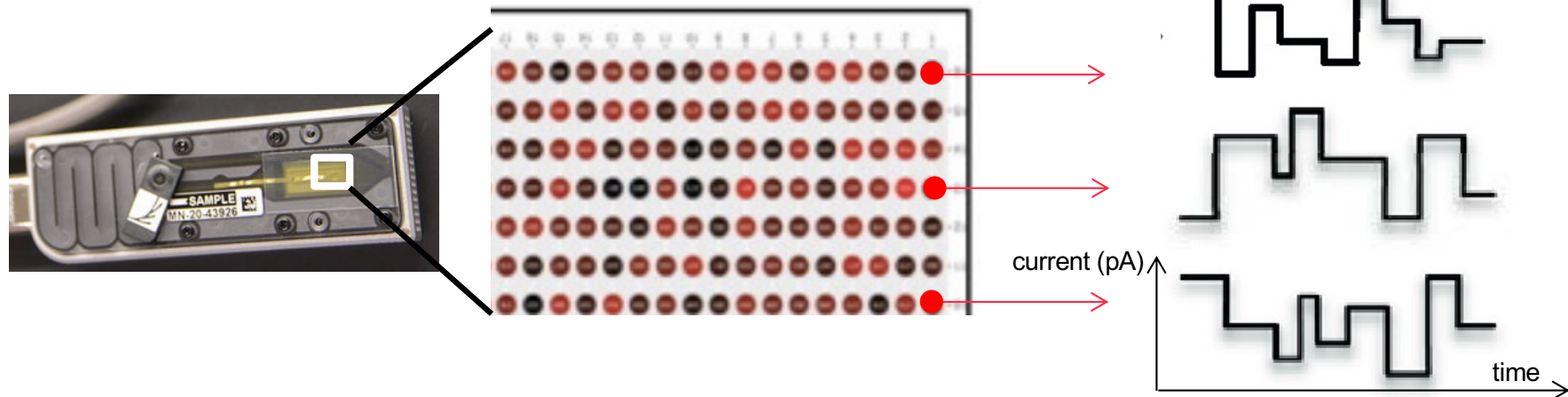
Library preparation



# SEQUENCING PROCESS : MinION FLOW CELL

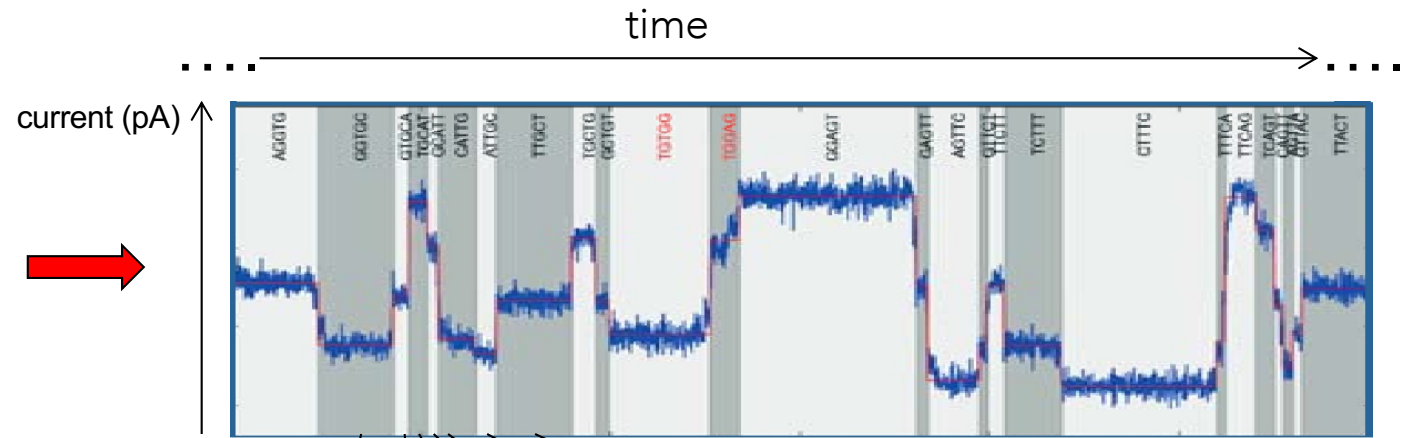
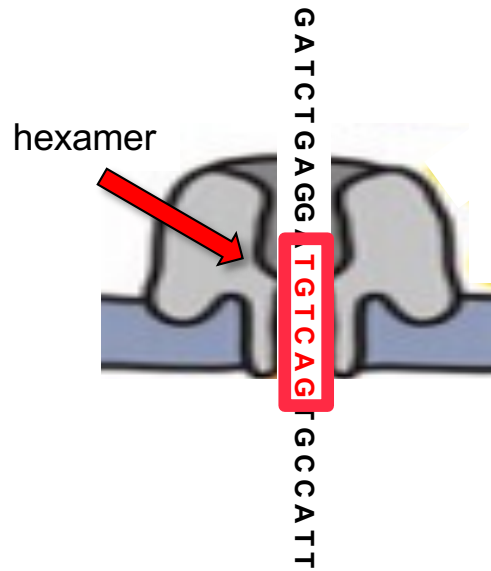


MinION : 1 flow cell → 512 pores

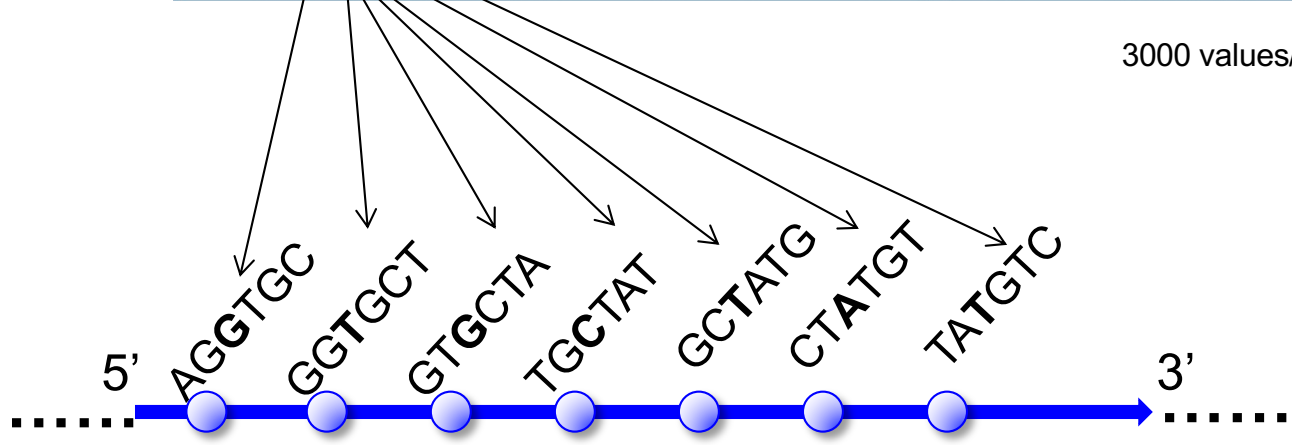


PromethION : 1 flow cell → 3000 pores (48 flow cells)

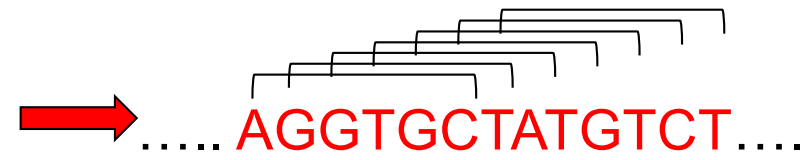
# BASE CALLING



3000 values/s



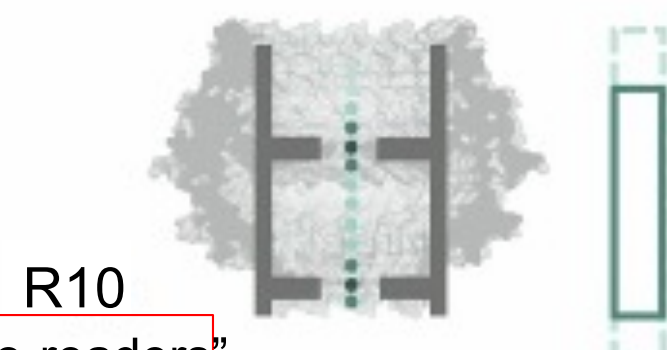
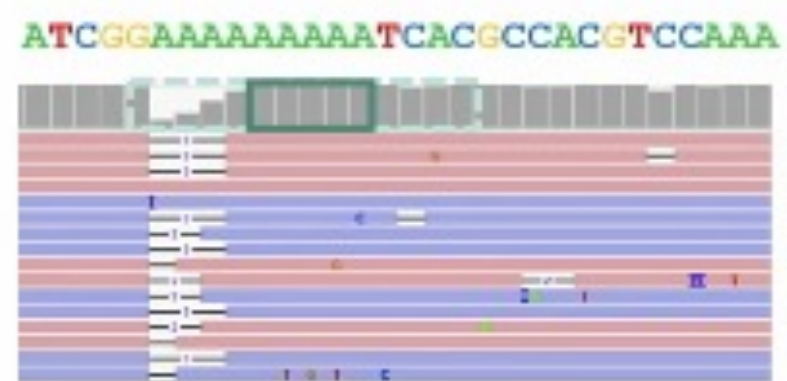
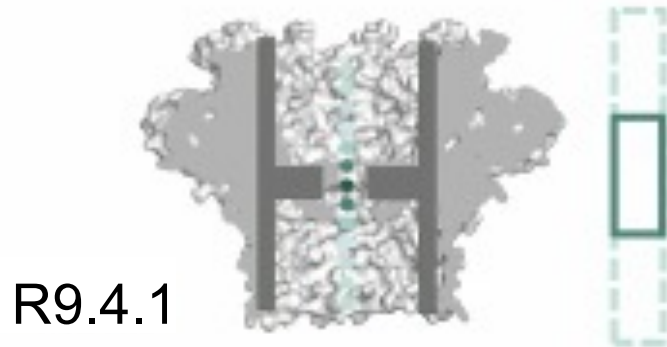
Basecalling : finding the optimal path of successive 6-mers





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"One-reader" pore has difficulty to read homopolymers

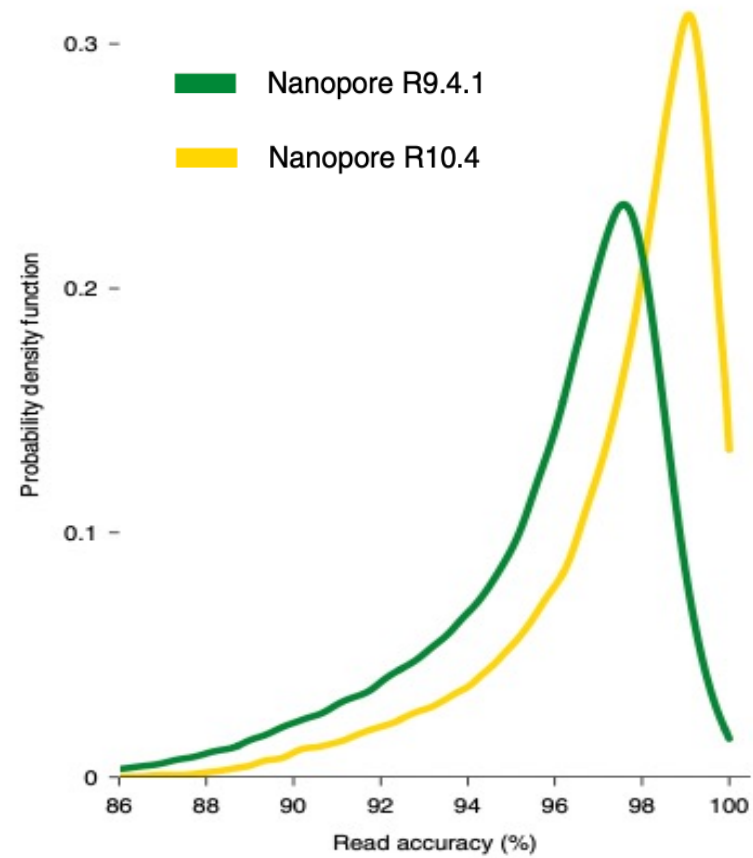
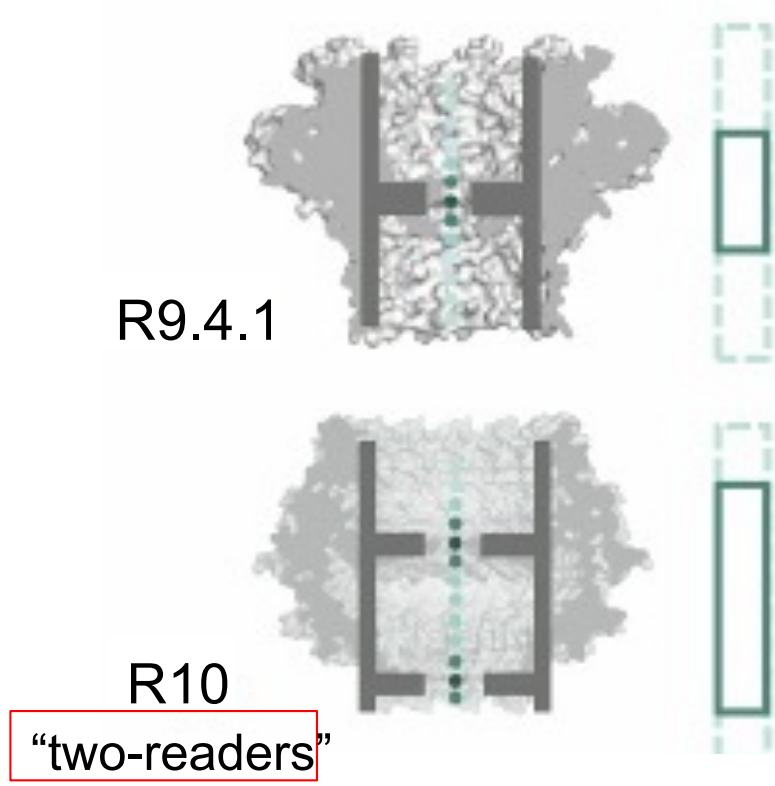


Sereika et al. *Nature Methods*, 2022

Long homopolymers are better "seen" by the pore and can be decoded with higher accuracy

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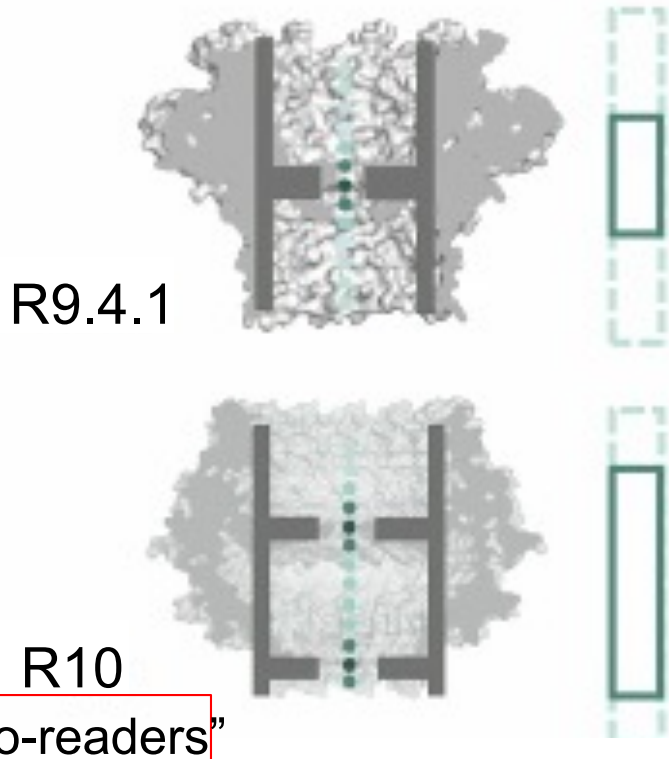


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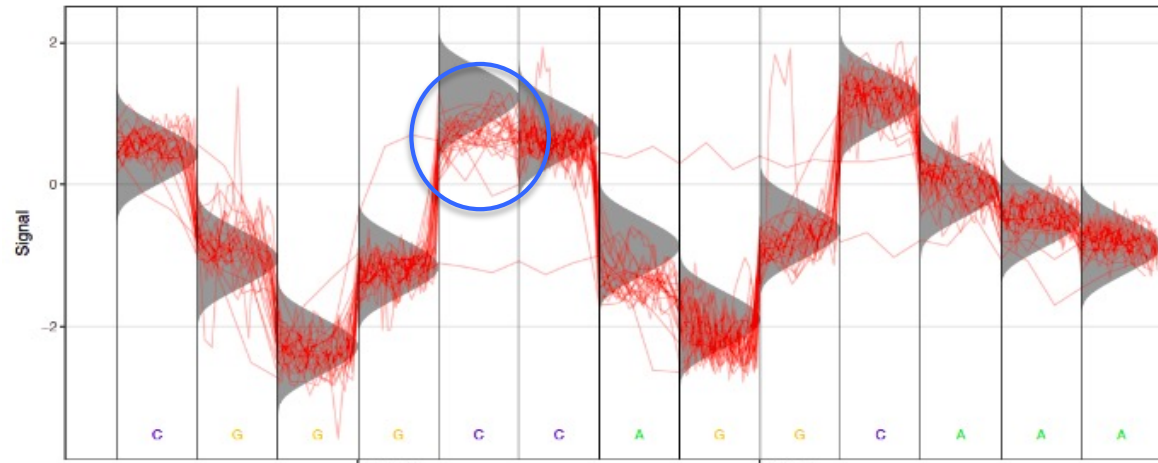
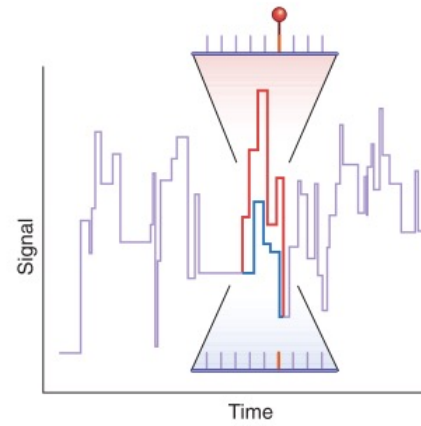
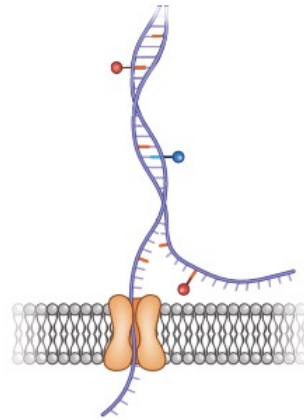


Benchmark	HG002 R9	HG002 R10 kit V14
Assembly benchmarks		
Asm. size	2.896 Gb	<b>2.927 Gb</b>
Asm. NG50	<b>21.4 Mb</b>	14.9 Mb
Asm. phase block N50	1.010 Mb	0.99 Mb
Asm. SNP switch	0.00165	0.0015
Asm. QV	34.3	<b>42.8</b>
Asm. SNP recall / precision	0.9795 / 0.9528	<b>0.9851 / 0.9856</b>
Small variant calls benchmarks (recall / precision)		
SNP (GIAB Tier 1)	0.997 / 0.9982	0.9979 / 0.998
Indel (GIAB Tier 1)	0.7217 / 0.8715	<b>0.8495 / 0.8991</b>
Indel (no homopol. or tandem repeats)	0.9609 / 0.9807	<b>0.9970 / 0.9969</b>
Indel (RefSeq CDS)	0.9121 / 0.9342	<b>0.9948 / 0.9748</b>
Structural variant benchmarks (recall / precision)		
SV (GIAB Tier1)	0.9782 / 0.9557	0.975 / 0.9595
SV (HPRC non-Cen non-SD)	0.9689 / 0.9685	<b>0.9764 / 0.9835</b>
SV (HPRC only SD)	0.4921 / 0.6064	<b>0.5277 / 0.6355</b>

Kolmogorov et al. *bioRxiv.* (2023)

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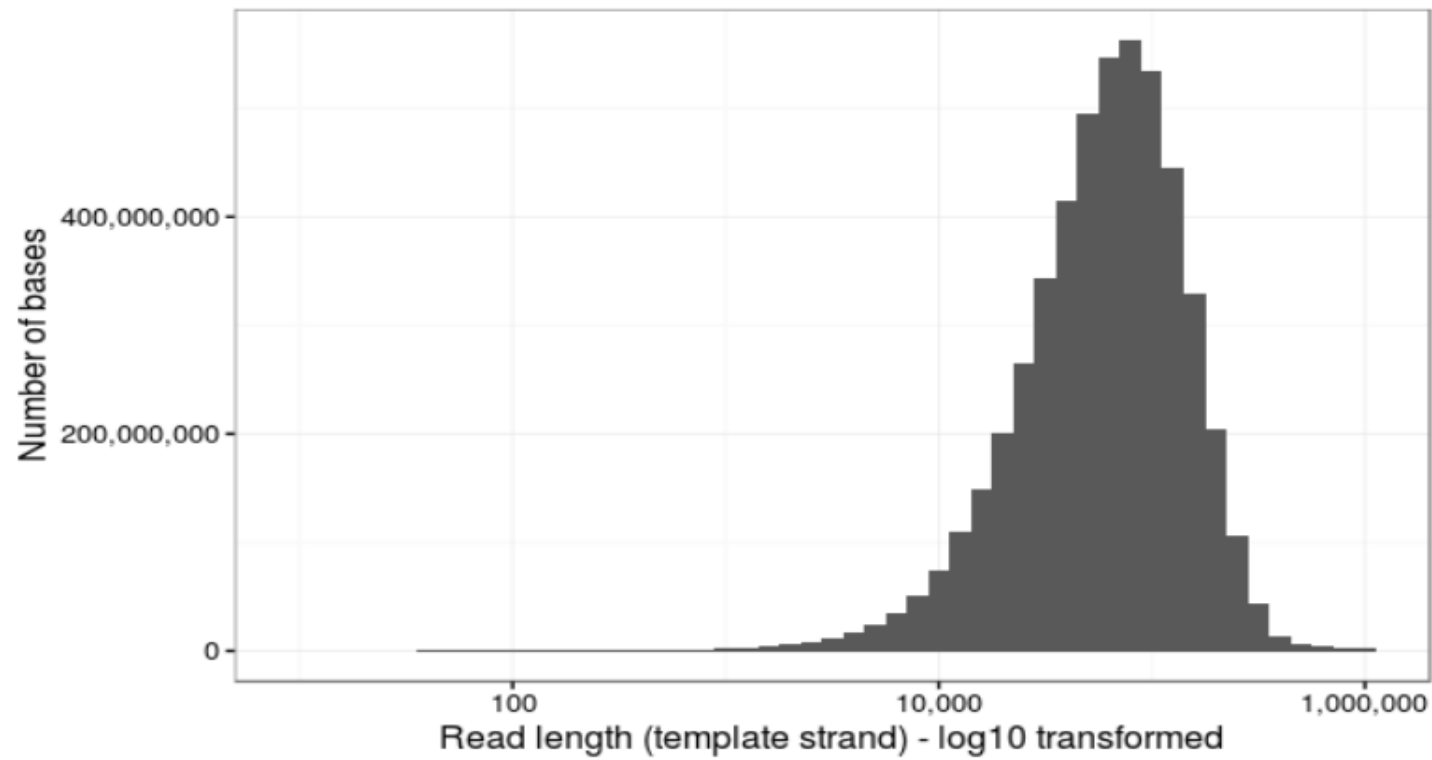
# DETECTION OF MODIFIED DNA BASES



— Electric signal  
▶ Canonical base distribution

# LENGTH OF NANOPORE READS

“Ultra long” reads  
(lab.loman.net, March 2017)



Size of the longest read > 1 Mb

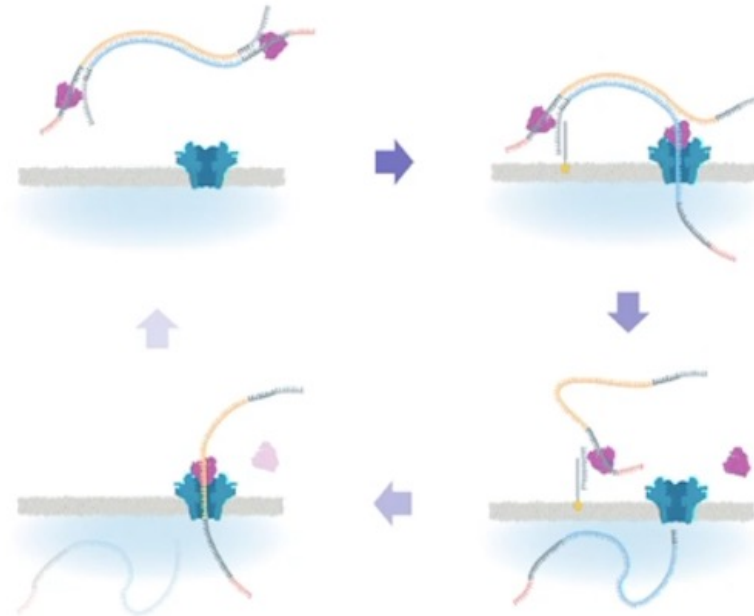
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Reading both strands

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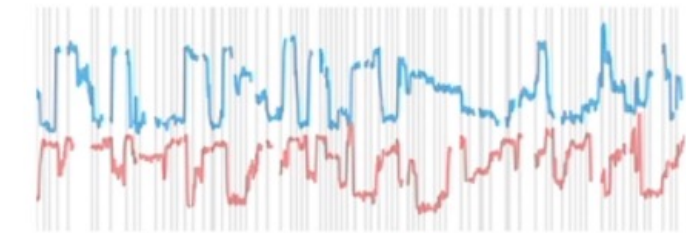
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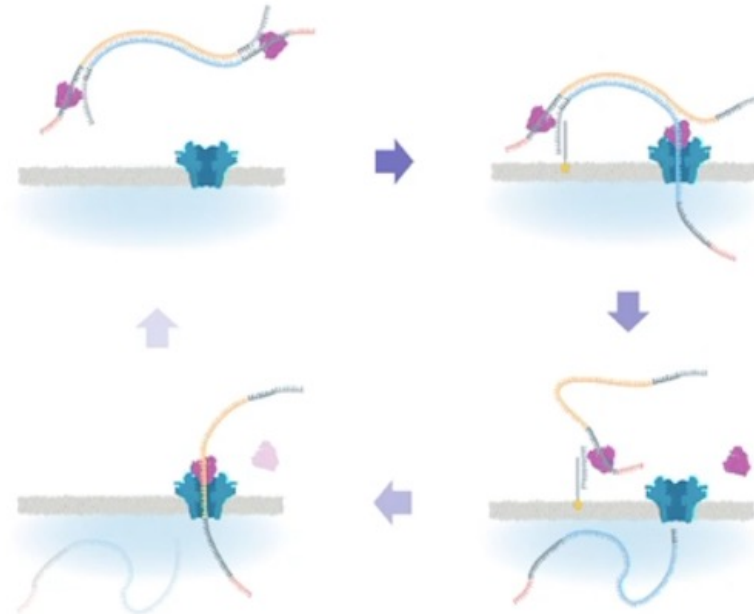
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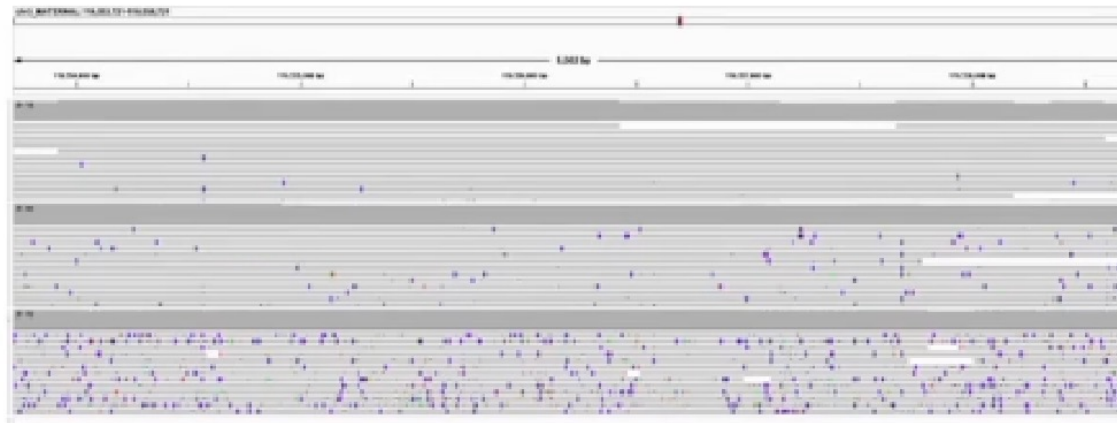
"Stereo" base caller



ATCCTAGATGCGTC



Duplex  
Simplex



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Kir14

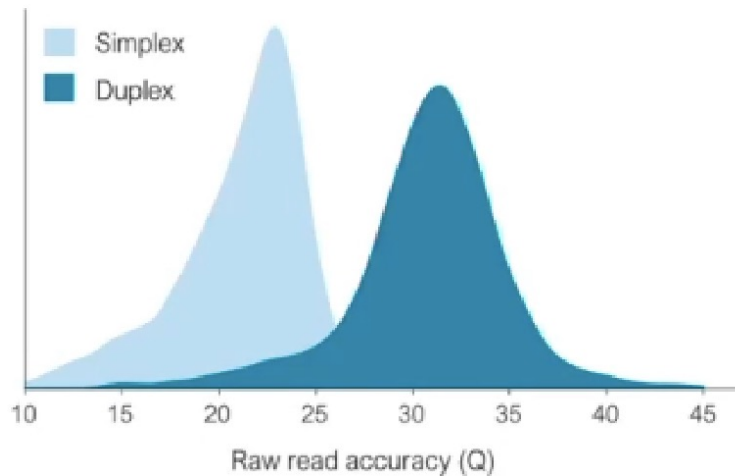
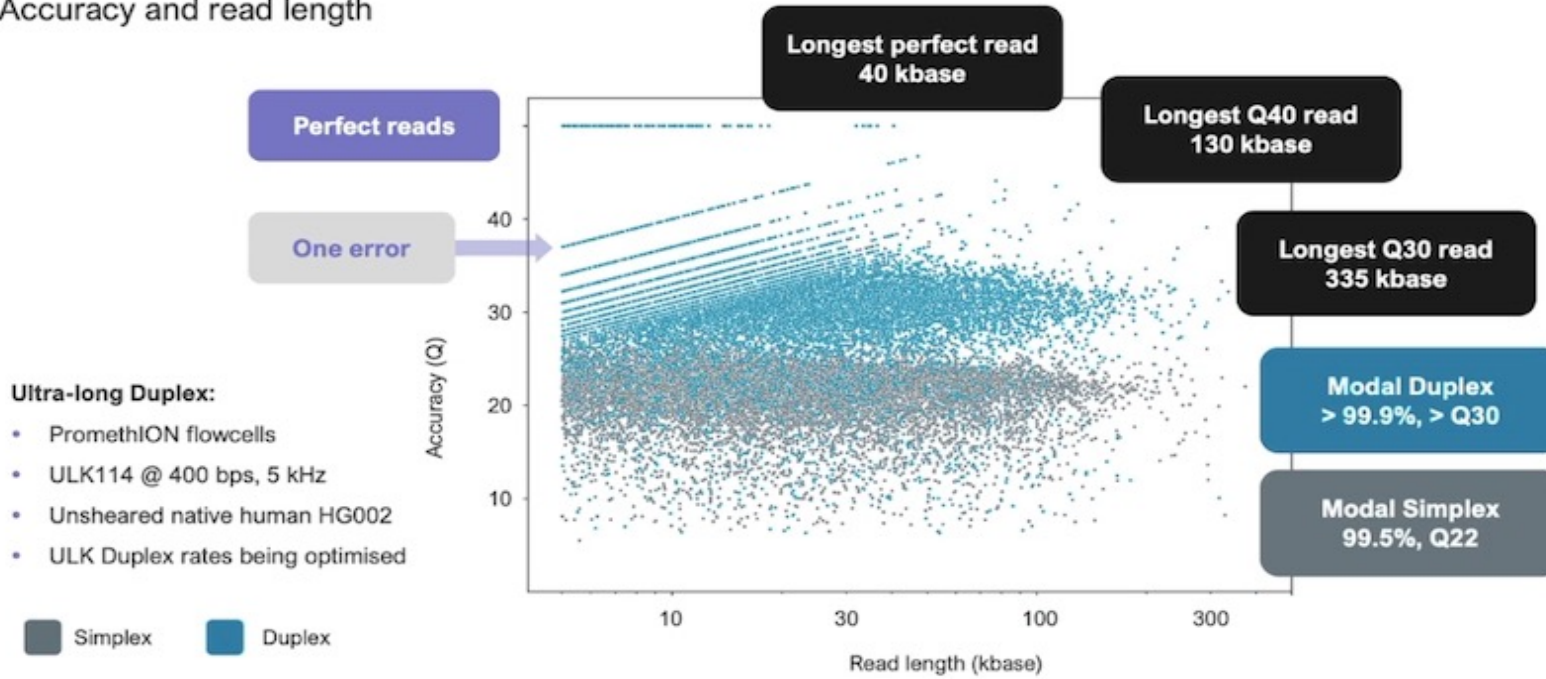
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# DUPLEX SEQUENCING

## Duplex

Accuracy and read length



**Duplex mean accuracy > Q30**

### Duplex outputs

- Outputs rates of Duplex greatly increased recently
- Now achieving > **50 Gb Duplex** from a single PromethION flowcell

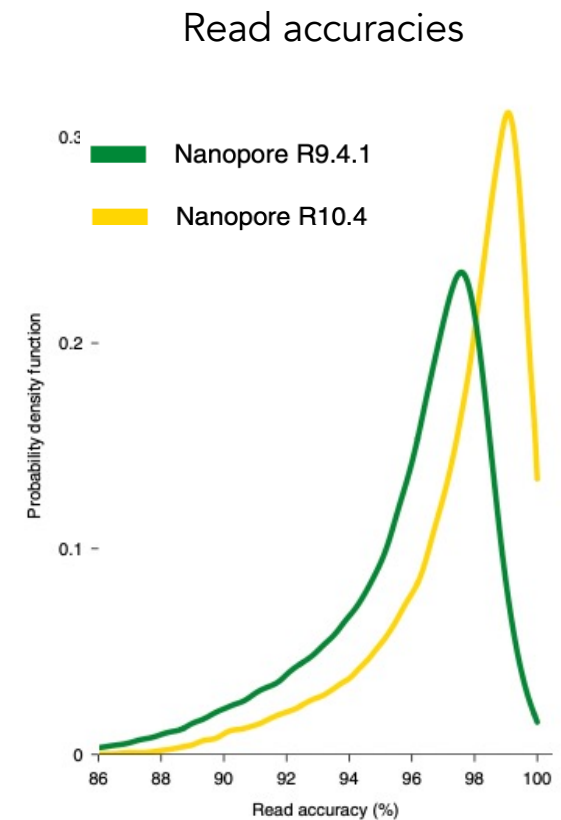


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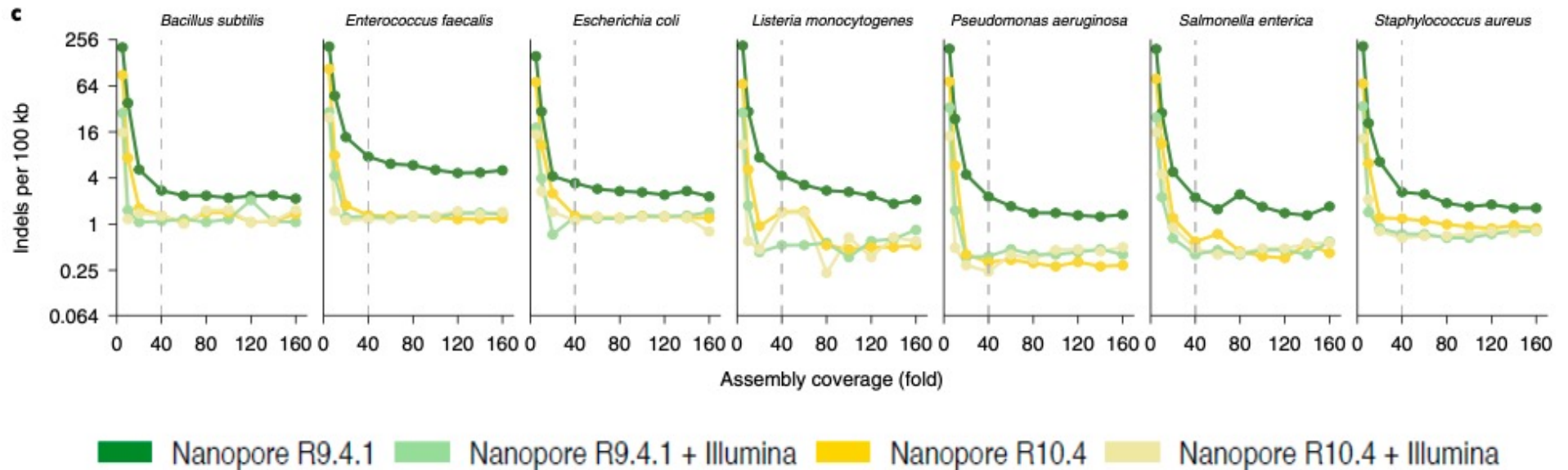
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- Samples :
  - Seven bacteria
  - *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
  - Metagenome : anaerobic digester
- Sequenced with :
  - Illumina MiSeq (2 × 300 bp)
  - PacBio Sequel II HiFi
  - Oxford Nanopore R9.4.1 (MinION) and R10.4 (PromethION)
- Read processing
  - reads assembled with Flye



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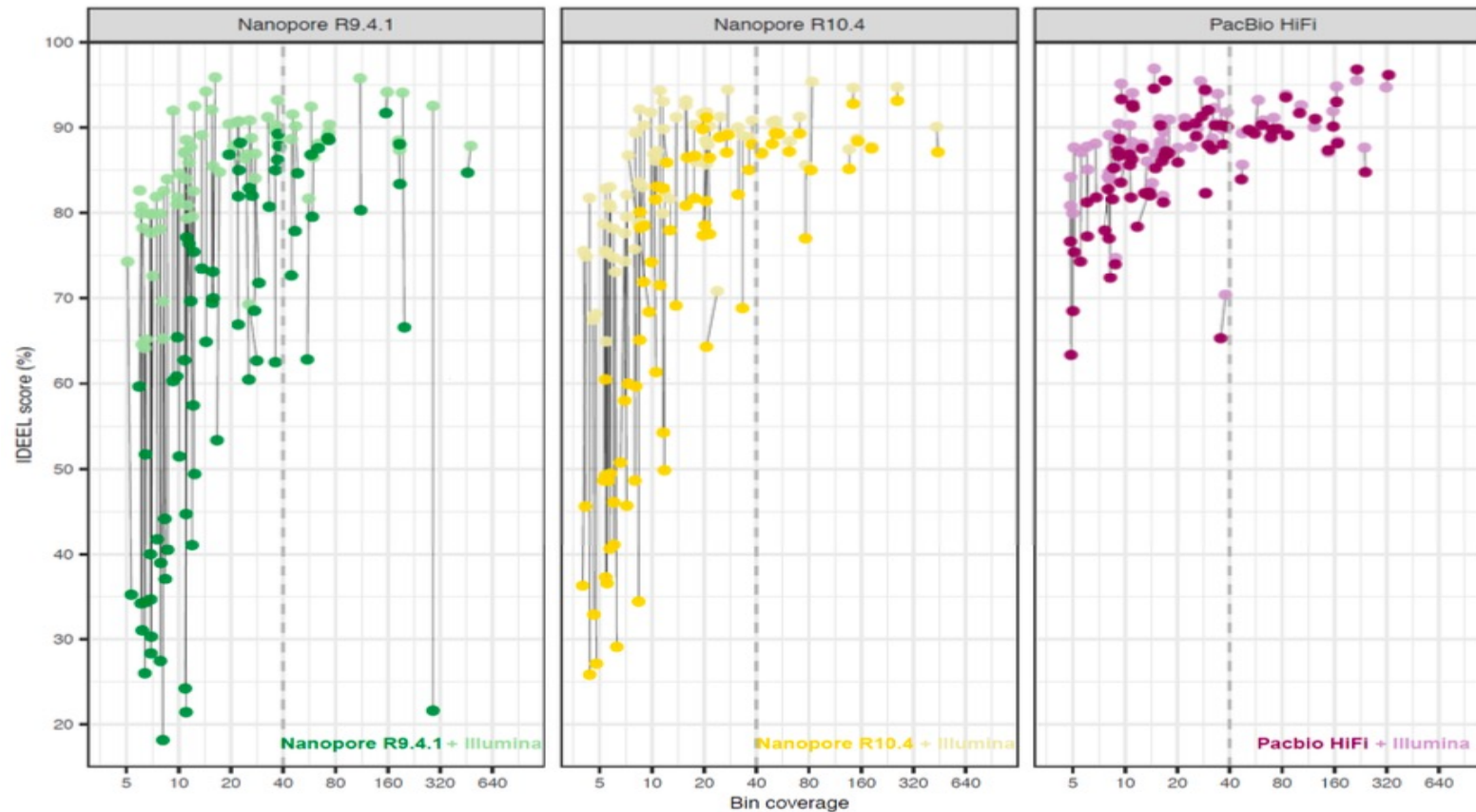
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Metagenome-assembled genome (MAG) from the anaerobic digester sample



IDEEL score : proportion of predicted proteins that are  $\geq 95\%$  the length of their best-matching known protein in a database

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## *Conclusions*

- HiFi reads : very low error rate, best genome assembly
- Nanopore reads : the improvement in assembly accuracy from R9.4.1 to R10.4 is largely due to an improved ability to call homopolymers
- No significant improvement for R10.4 by the addition of Illumina polishing
- -> Near-finished microbial reference genomes can be obtained from R10.4 data alone at a coverage of approximately 40-fold
- ONT more cost-effective than PacBio

# DNA MODIFICATIONS

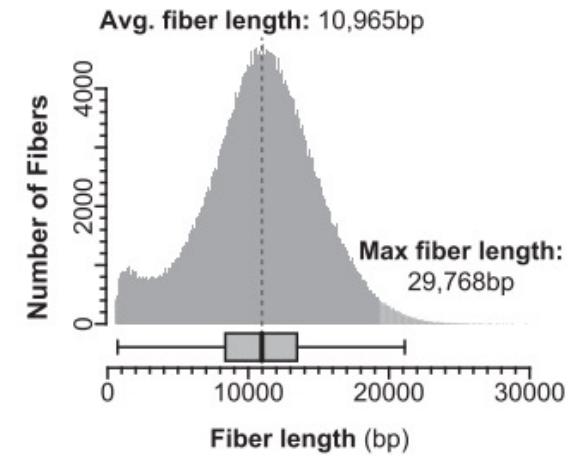
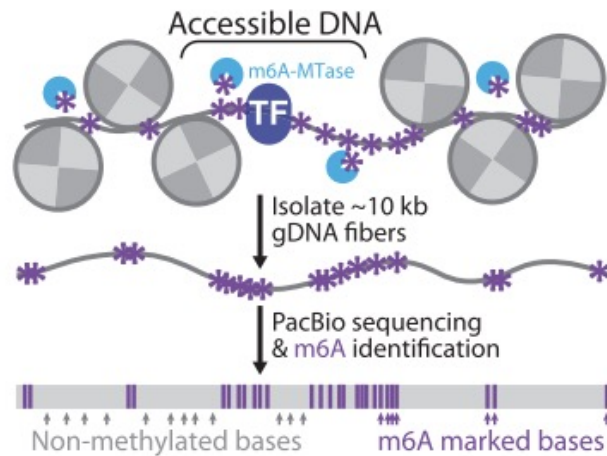
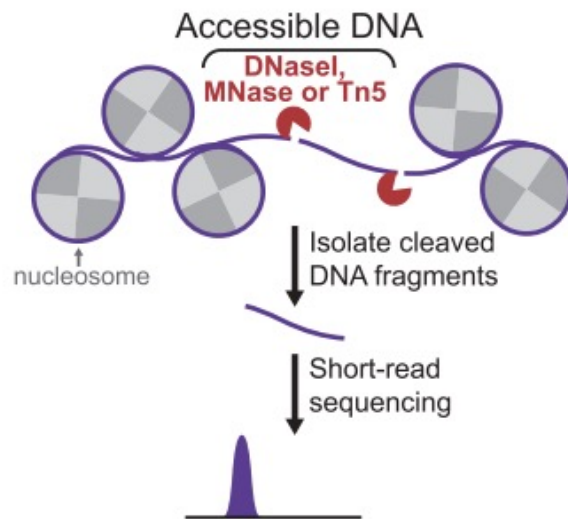
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Stergachis et al. *Science* (2020)

DnaseI-seq.

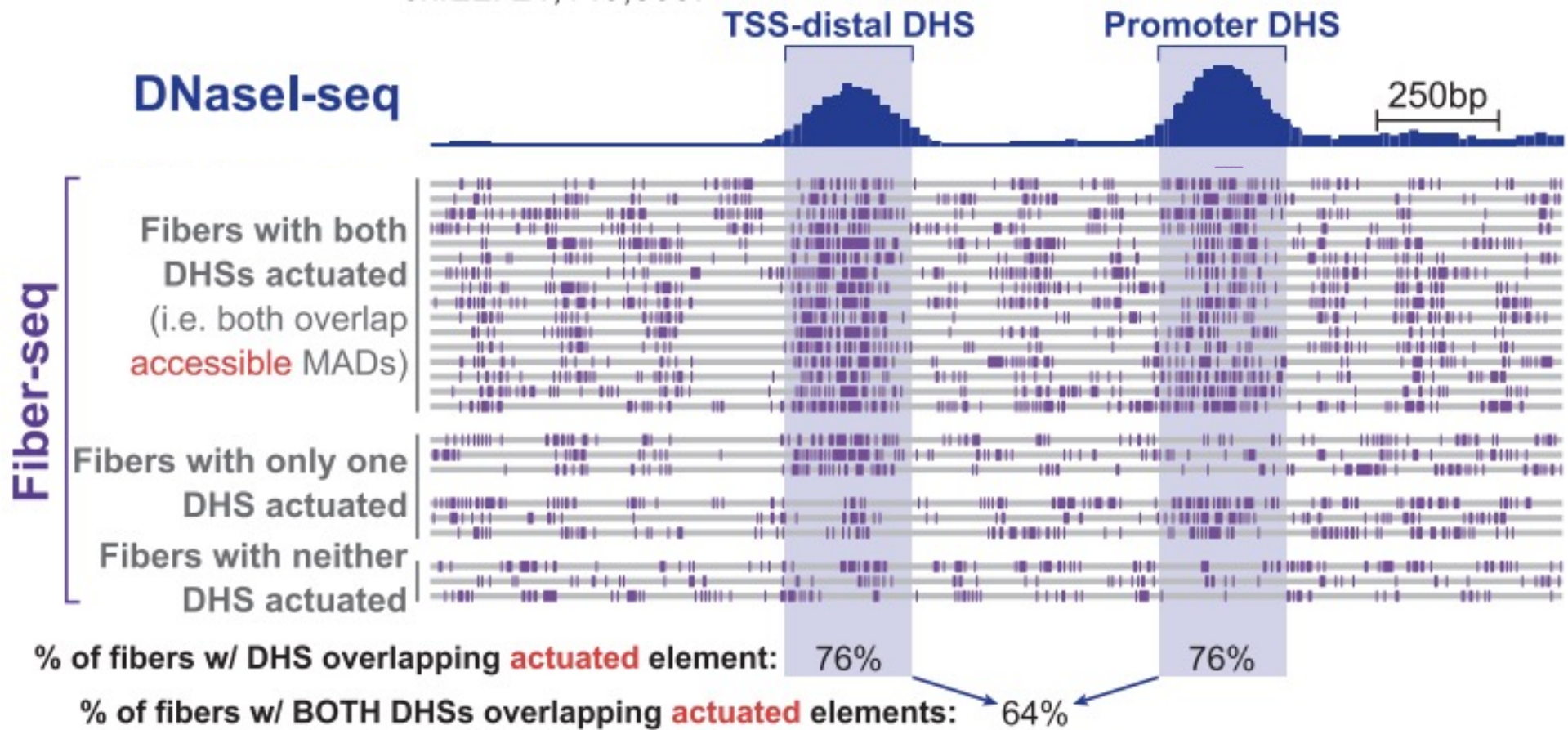
Fiber-seq.

Cleavage-based assay:



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# DETECTION OF DNA 5mCpG WITH NANOPORE

**Robust methylation-based classification of brain tumours using nanopore sequencing**  
**Kuschel et al. *Neuropathol Appl Neurobiol.* 2023**

DNA methylation profiling (5mC) of human brain tumours → profound impact on clinical neuro-oncology

Hybridisation microarrays :

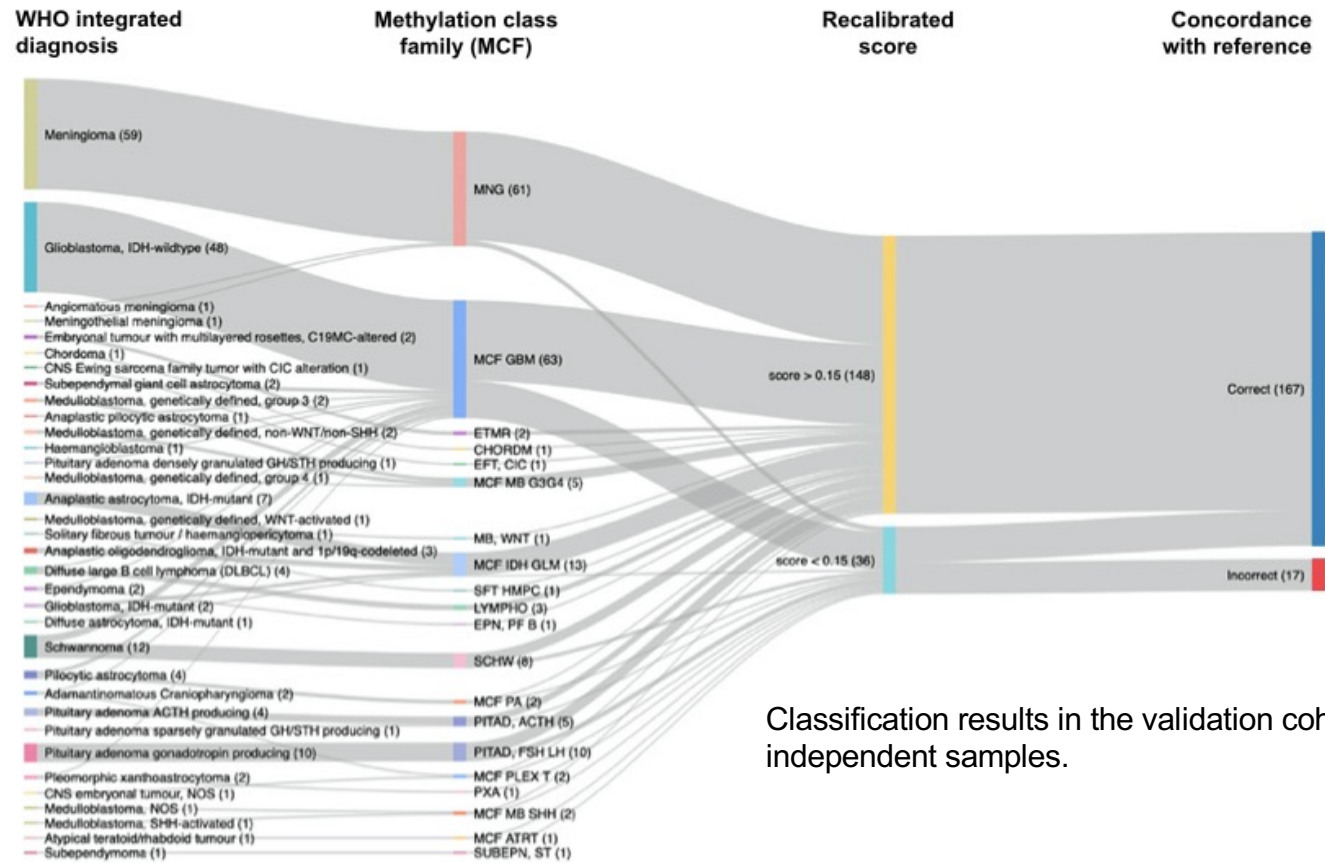
- time consuming
- costly

Nanopore genome sequencing (R9.4.1 flow cell) :

- 382 tissue samples
- 46 brain tumour (sub)types
- Bootstrap sampling in a cohort of 55 cases :
  - classification by ad hoc random forests
  - sensitivity 80.4%

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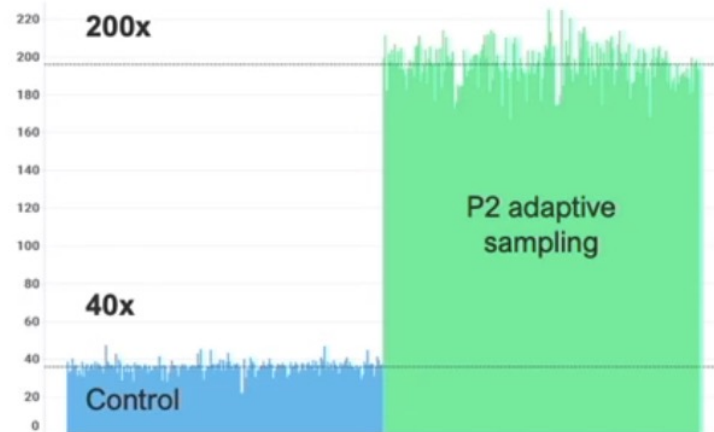
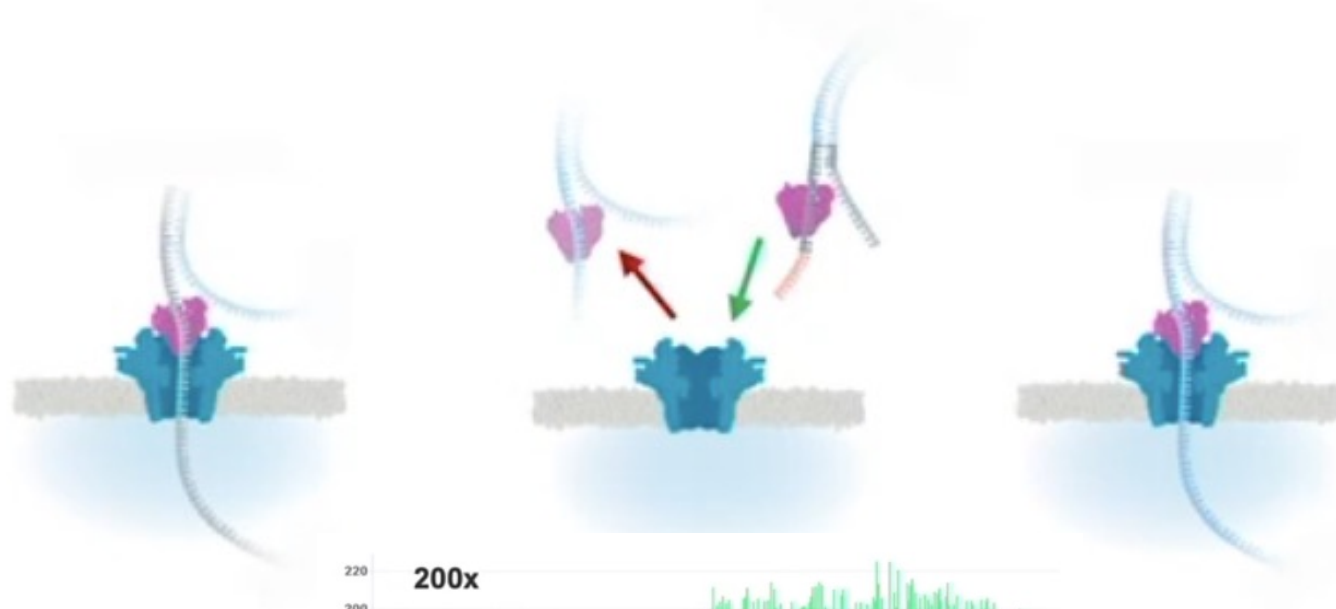
Nanopore sequencing → DNA methylation-based classification in brain tumour diagnostics :

- rapid and cost-effective
- shorten the time to diagnosis
- augment neuropathological decision making
- improve diagnostic precision

# TARGETED SEQUENCING

# NANOPORE ADAPTIVE SAMPLING

- Specification of target regions
- Real time basecalling
- Mapping of ~ 500 first bases
- Before the molecule is fully sequenced : If it differs from target -> reversion of polarity and ejection




Cancer gene panel – 202 target regions

# NANOPORE ADAPTIVE SAMPLING

Adaptive nanopore sequencing to determine pathogenicity of *BRCA1* exonic duplication  
Filser et al. *J. Med. Genet.* Jun. 2023

## Patient with a breast tumor : Initial molecular analysis

- germline DNA extracted from blood cells -> sequenced with Illumina
- NGS panel (HBOC) -> duplication encompassing *BRCA1* exons 18–20
- But :
  - NGS data could not demonstrate that reading frame of *BRCA1* transcript was altered
  - ie, that the event was a tandem duplication
  -  further cDNA analysis required to confirm pathogenicity
  - but RNA is not routinely available
  - and the technique is very time-consuming (~2 months for analysis)



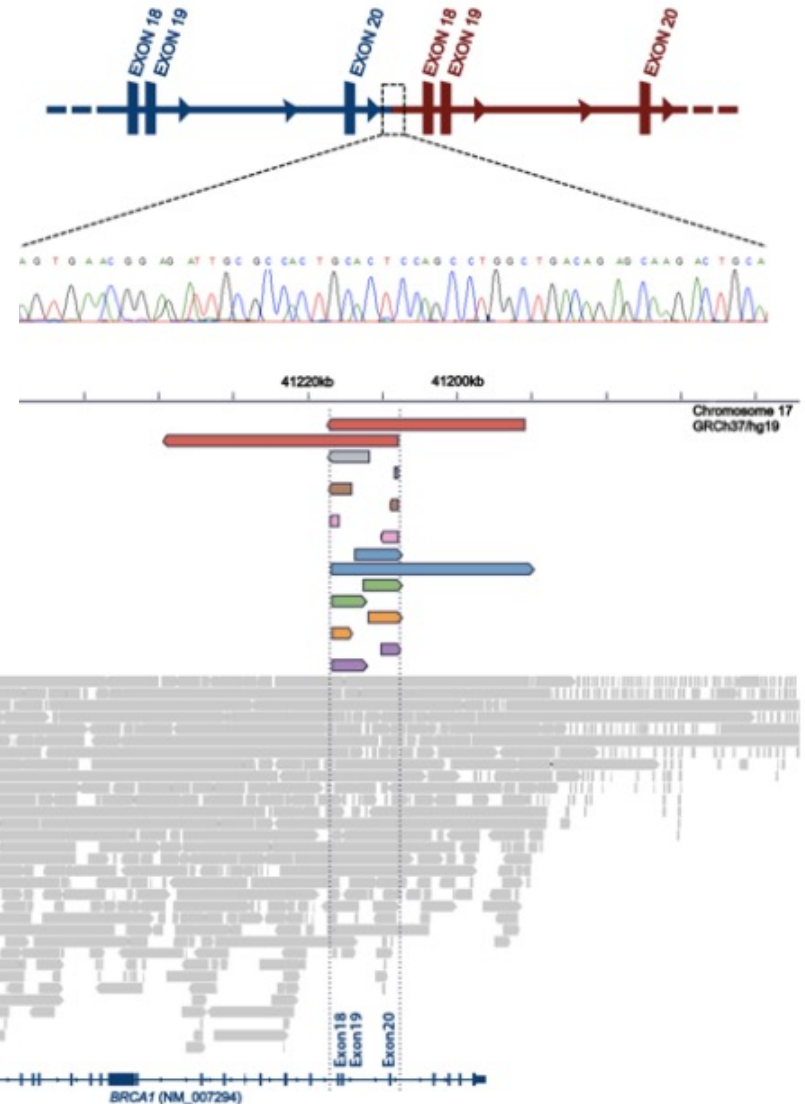
Decision of Nanopore sequencing with adaptive sampling

# NANOPORE ADAPTIVE SAMPLING

## Adaptive nanopore sequencing to determine pathogenicity of *BRCA1* exonic duplication Filser et al. *J. Med. Genet.* Jun. 2023

Nanopore sequencing with adaptive sampling

- Depth of coverage: 24x
- 10 times higher in the targeted genomic region than in other regions
- SV breakpoints located in two Alu RE sharing 74% of identity
- -> supports that this SV was mediated by non-allelic homologous recombination
- Fast (library preparation - sequencing : 48h, analyses : 10 days)



### Conclusions

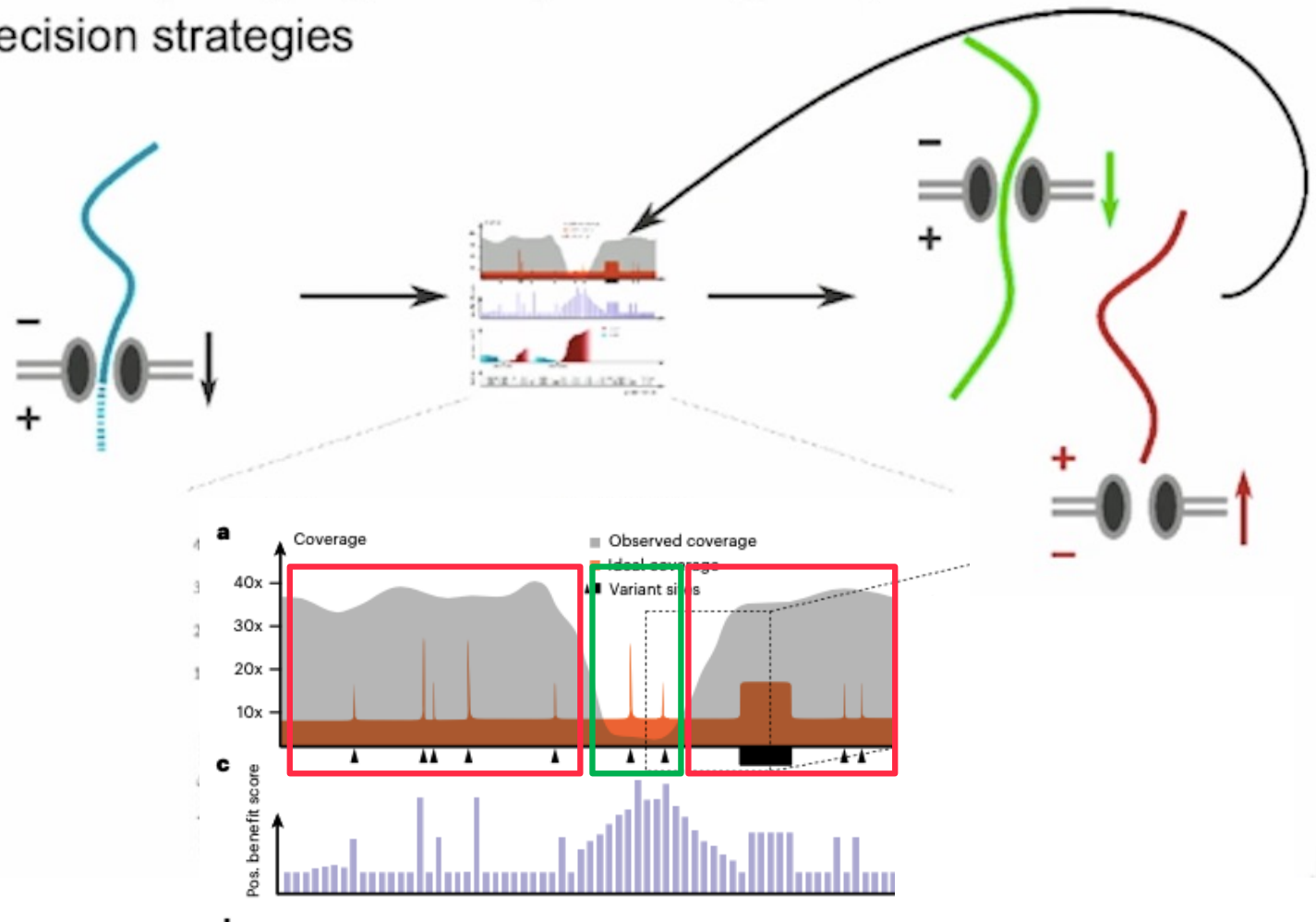
- Accurate resolution of an intragenic duplications of *BRCA1*
- Classification as a pathogenic variant
- Ultimately guiding the clinician's decision

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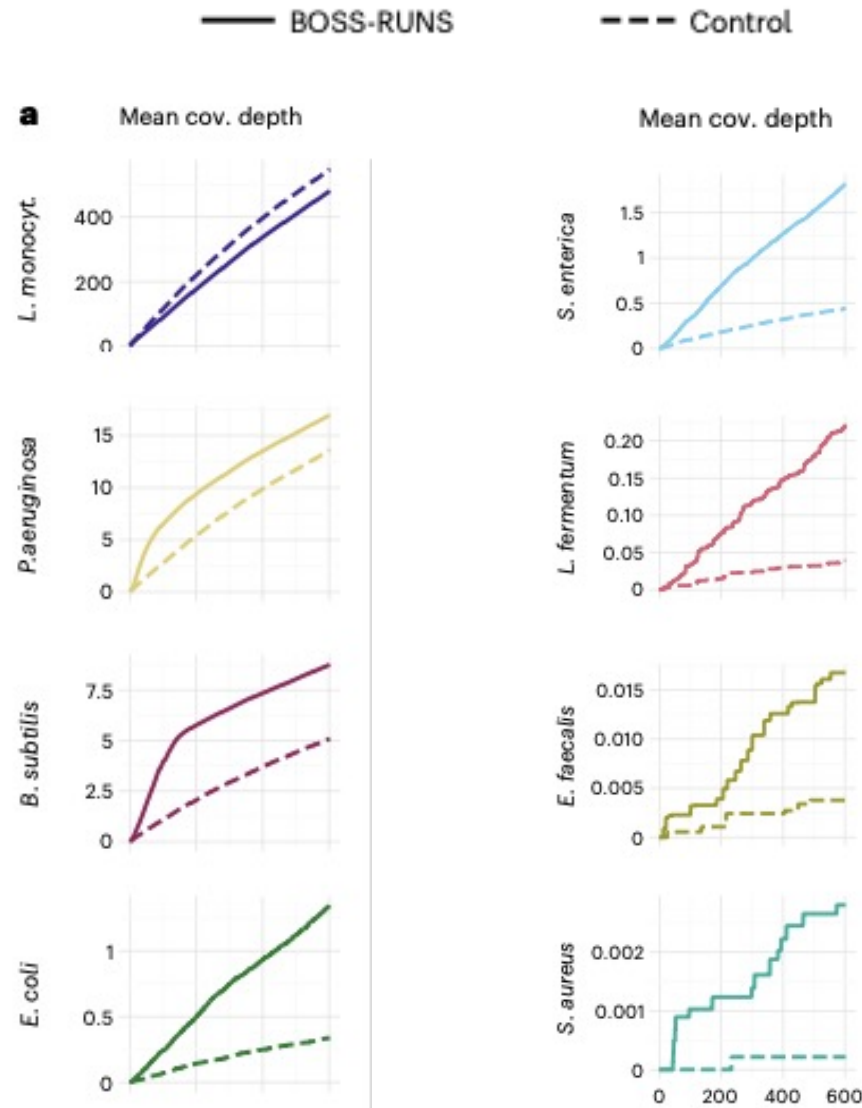
Real-time updates to decision strategies

BOSS-RUNS software



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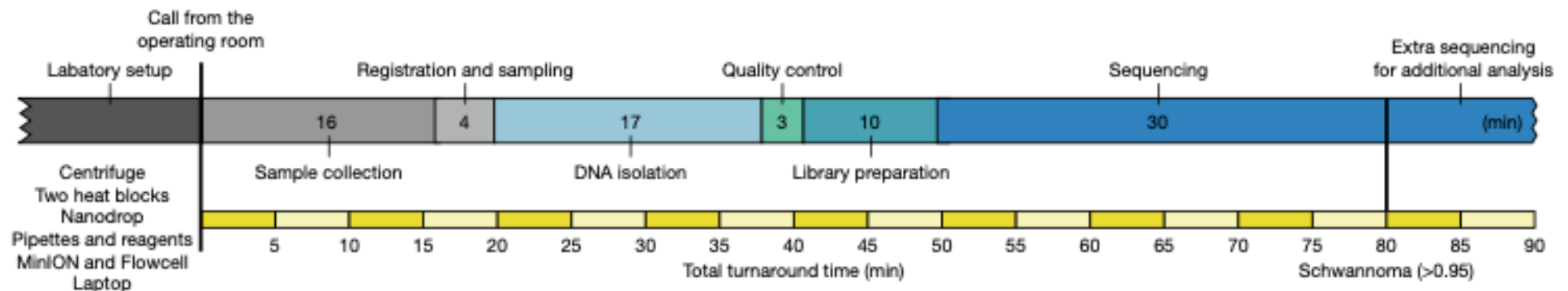
## Ultra-fast deep-learned CNS tumour classification during surgery Vermeulen et al. *Nature Oct. 2023*

Using nanopore adaptive sampling to obtain a methylation profile (5mCpG sites) during surgery :

- Development of Sturgeon software
- patient-agnostic transfer-learned neural network
- enables molecular subclassification of central nervous system tumours based on such profiles

Sturgeon delivered :

- Diagnosis within 40 minutes after starting sequencing
- **Diagnostic turnaround time of less than 90 min**
- Accurate diagnosis in 45 out of 50 retrospectively sequenced samples
- Applicability in real time during 25 surgeries
- Of these, **18 (72%) diagnoses were correct**



# LARGE GENOME ASSEMBLY

# VERY BRIEF SUMMARY OF HUMAN GENOME ASSEMBLY

- 2001: Celera Genomics and International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium :
  - initial drafts of the human genome
- But many complex regions were left unfinished or incorrectly assembled for over 20 years :
  - they represent 8% of the genome



T2T : telomere to telomere assembly: largest addition of new content to human genome in the past 20 years

1 - The complete sequence of a human genome

Nurk et al. *Science* 2022

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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### HUMAN GENOMICS

## The complete sequence of a human genome

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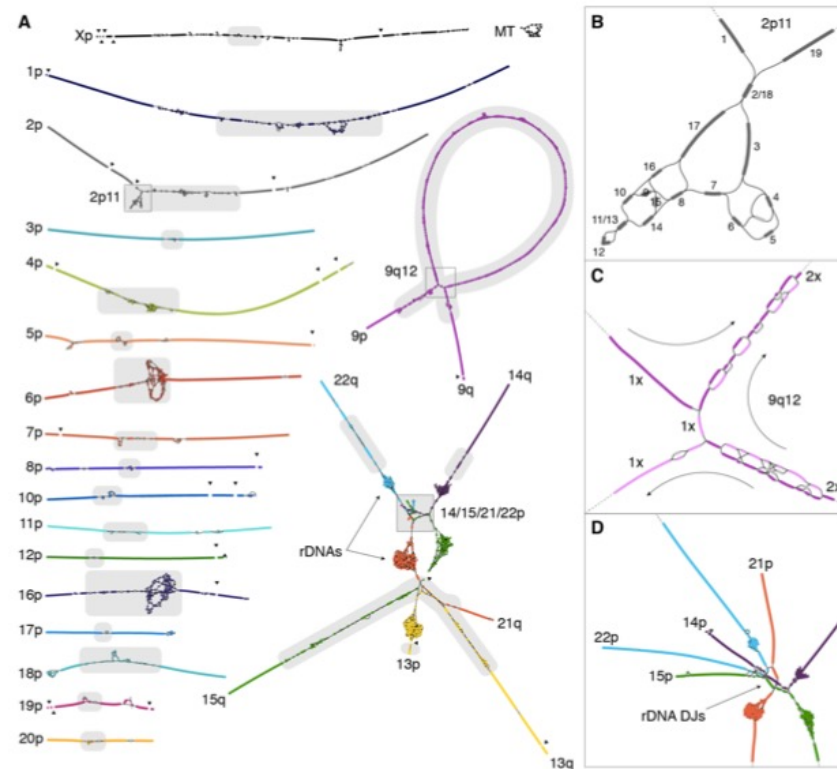
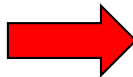
## SEQUENCING

Data were obtained with a “complete hydatidiform mole” (CHM13) cell line (homozygous with a 46,XX karyotype) :

- 30× PacBio HiFi
- 120× Nanopore ultra-long read
- BioNano optical maps
- 70× Hi-C
- 100× Illumina PCR-Free sequencing

## WHOLE GENOME ASSEMBLY

1. HiFi-based graph construction
2. ONT-based tangle resolution
3. Gap filling
4. Polishing

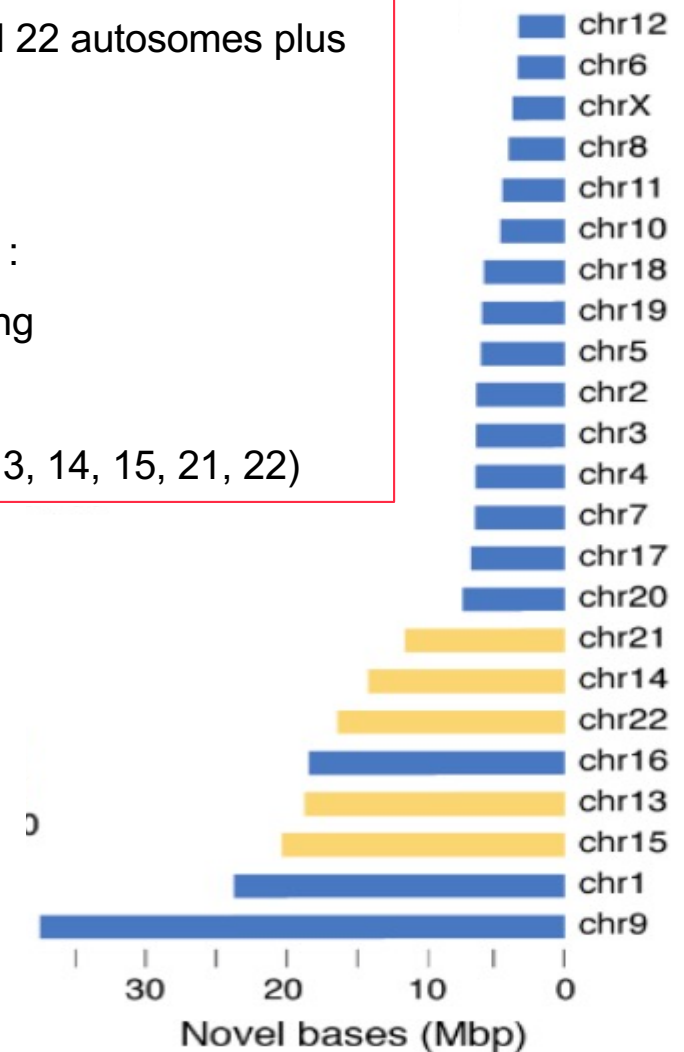


## The complete sequence of a human genome Nurk et al. *Science* 2022

- 8% of the genome completed by this T2T assembly including all 22 autosomes plus

Chromosome X :

- Corrects numerous errors
- Introduces **200 million bp of novel sequence** containing :
  - 1956 gene predictions, 99 predicted as protein coding
  - all centromeric regions
  - entire short arms (p) of acrocentric chromosomes (13, 14, 15, 21, 22)



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Recent Telomere-to-Telomere (T2T) human genome assembly

- this assembly has evidence of small errors and structural misassemblies
- **polishing strategy :**
  - ✓ Make corrections in large repeats without over-correction
  - ✓ Ultimately fixing 51% of errors and improving the assembly QV to 73.9
  - ✓ **show sequencing biases in PacBio HiFi and ONT reads that cause errors that can be corrected**



- **1,457 corrections :**
  - ✓ replacing a total of 12,234,603 bp with 10,152,653 bp
  - ✓ ultimately leading to the first complete human genome ever assembled

# LARGE GENOME ASSEMBLY

**The complete sequence of a human Y chromosome**  
**Rhie et al. *Nature* Sept. 2023**

- HG002 diploid genome
- PacBio HiFi reads (60 × haploid genome coverage)
- ONT ultralong reads (90 × in reads > 100 kb)



- last chromosome completed from telomere to telomere
- Addition of T2T-Y with previous assembly of the CHM13 genome



**T2T-chm13**

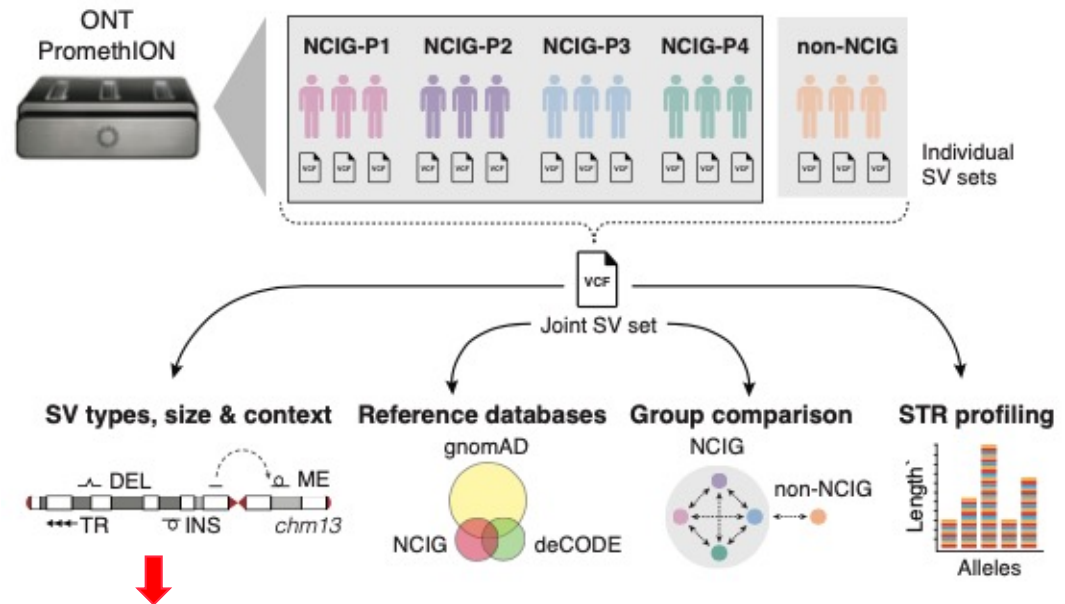
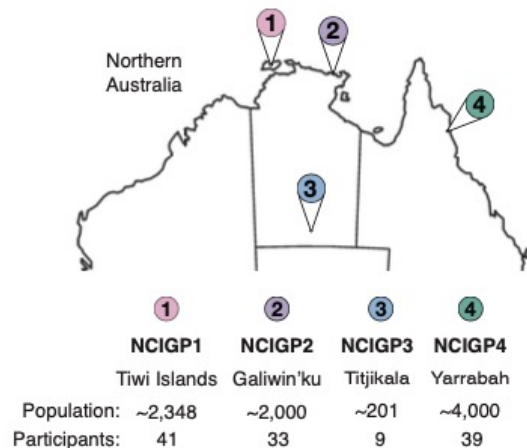
**Complete and comprehensive reference sequence for all 24 human chromosomes**



# The landscape of genomic structural variation in Indigenous Australians

Reis et al. *bioRxiv*, Oct. 2023

Genome sequencing  
4 Aboriginal communities in Australia :



Samples : 121 Australian Indigenous + 18 non-indigenous

- Sequenced on Promethion flow cells R10.4.1
- ~30-fold genome coverage ; ~9.2 kb read-length
- T2T Consortium -> **T2T-chm13 chosen as reference genome** for mapping and structure variant detection
- By comparison to hg38 : —> T2T-chm13 affords additional ~125 Mbases accessible to analysis

- abundance of large indels (n=136,797) structural variants (n=159,912)
- 73% not previously annotated
- large fraction (30%) exclusive to Indigenous Australians

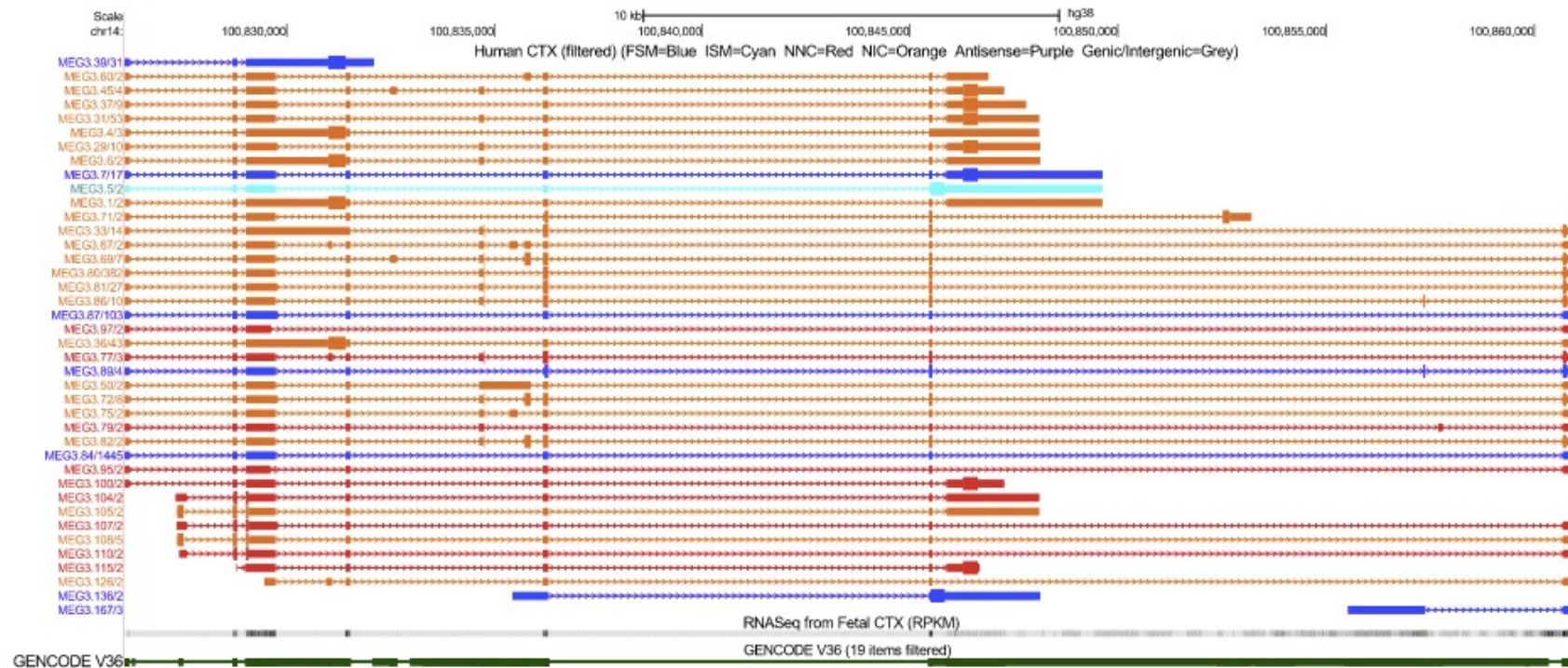
- Large diversity of genomic structural variation within Aboriginal communities

# LONG READ cDNA SEQUENCING

# PacBio cDNA SEQUENCING

**Full-length transcript sequencing of human and mouse cerebral cortex identifies widespread isoform diversity and alternative splicing**  
Leung et al. *Cell Report* 2021

Transcripts annotated to MEG3 gene in the human cortex  
(blue = FSM; cyan = ISM; red = NIC; orange = NNC)



- 11,913 novel transcripts associated with 5,327 genes mean size = 2.84 kb, mean number of exons =11.1
- “novel in catalog” (NIC: n=8,721) contain a combination of known donor and acceptor splice sites
- “novel not in catalog” (NNC: n=3021) with at least one novel donor or acceptor site
- Novel transcripts are generally less abundant than annotated and presumably harder to detect using standard RNA-seq
- They are longer with more exons
- Our data confirm the **importance of alternative splicing in the cortex**, dramatically increasing transcriptional diversity and representing an **important mechanism underpinning gene regulation in the brain**

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Increasing interest in the role of AS (alternative splicing) in human disease :

- correction of AS deficits has therapeutic benefit in several disorders including spinal muscular atrophy.
- AS impacts neurodevelopment and key neural functions
- AS is a common feature of many neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative diseases with recent studies highlighting splicing differences associated with autism

Transcripts mapping to disease-associated genes in human

Description	Human Cortex		
	AD	SZ	Autism
Disease-associated genes	62	339	393
Detected disease-associated genes ("Detected")	33	288	317
Total Number of Transcripts	128	967	1042
Number and % of Annotated Transcripts	72 (56.25%)	558 (57.7%)	669 (64.2%)
Number and % of Novel Transcripts	56 (43.75%)	409 (42.3%)	373 (35.8%)
FSM	50	424	412
ISM	22	134	257
NIC	43	313	288
NNC	13	96	85

# SINGLE CELL SEQUENCING

Single-cell transcriptome :

- 10 000 to 50 000 reads / single-cell

PacBio system Sequel II :

- ~ 8 million Hi-Fi reads -> hundreds of single-cell transcriptomes

PromethION :

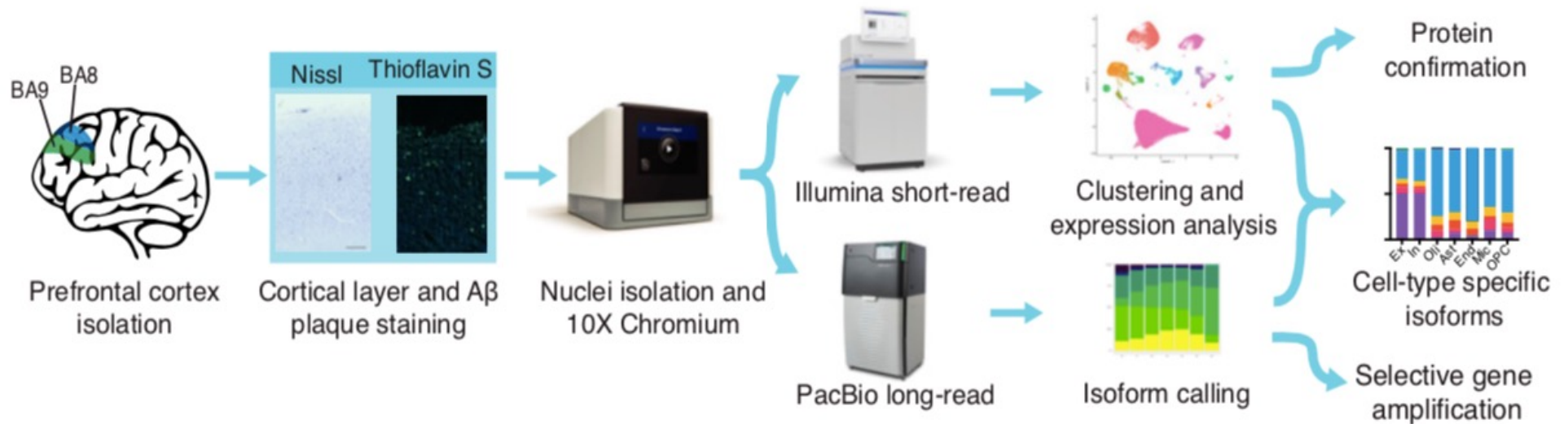
- ~ 100 million reads / flow cell -> thousands of single-cell transcriptomes

# SINGLE CELL PacBio SEQUENCING

Altered cell and RNA isoform diversity in aging Down syndrome brains  
Palmer et al. *PNAS* 2021

Down syndrome (trisomy 21) :

- single-nucleus long read RNA sequencing
- >170,000 cells from 29 aging DS and control brains



New splicing isoforms :

- new splice sites
- novel exon junctions
- entirely new exons
- intron retention

Control brains

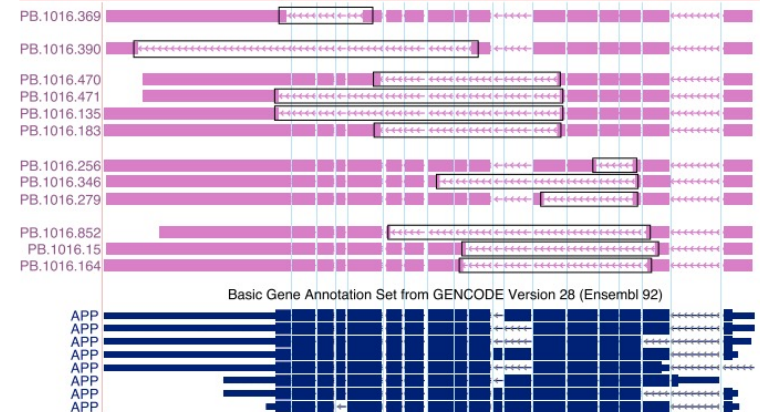
Down syndrome brains

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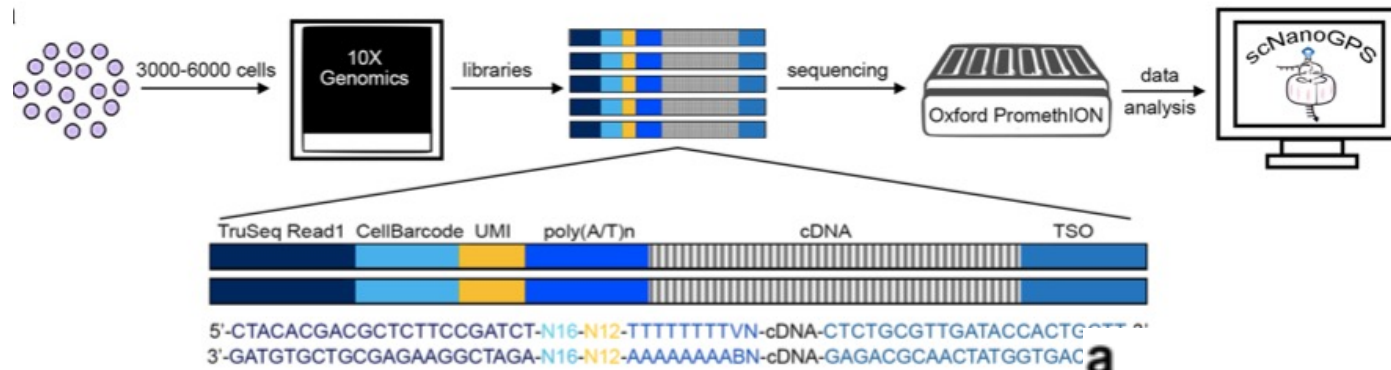
Amyloid precursor protein (Alzheimer's disease gene)



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Schiau et al. *Nature Communications* July 2023

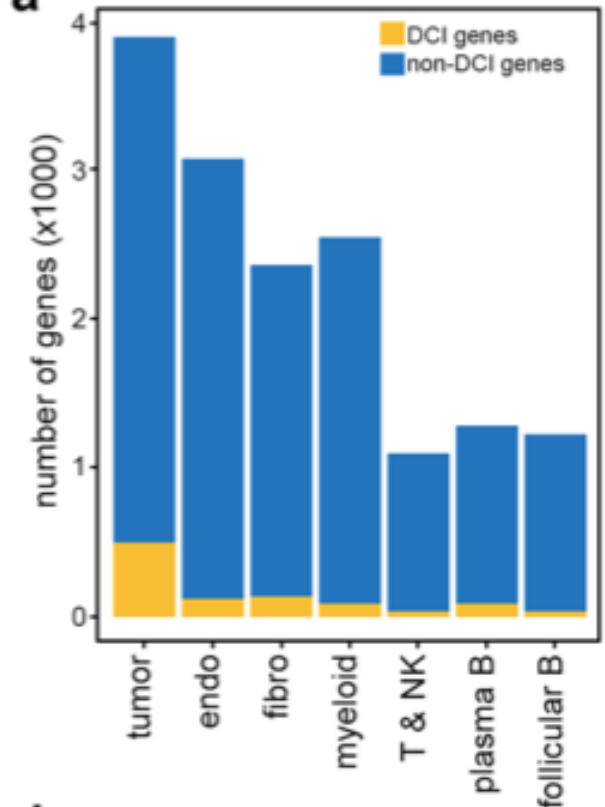


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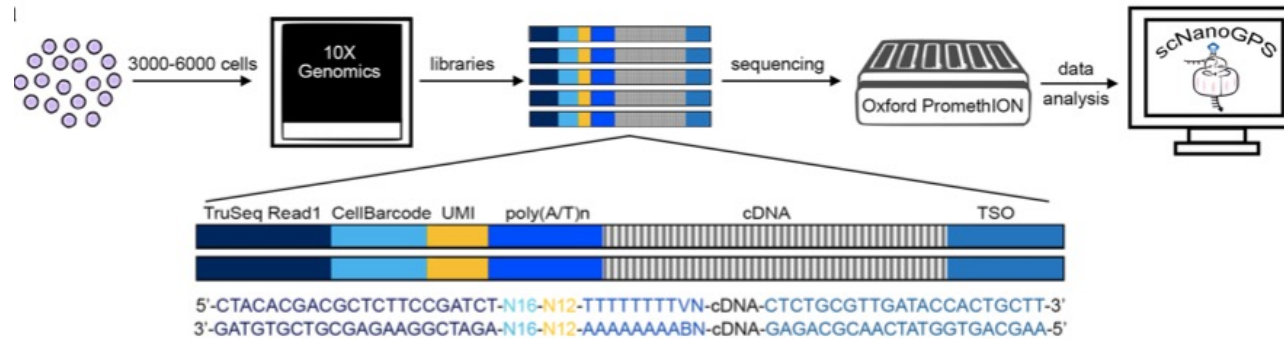
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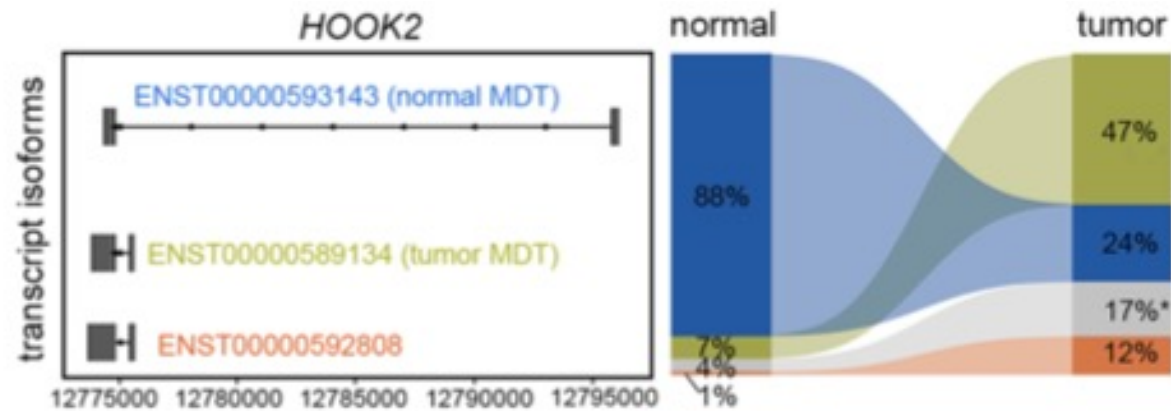


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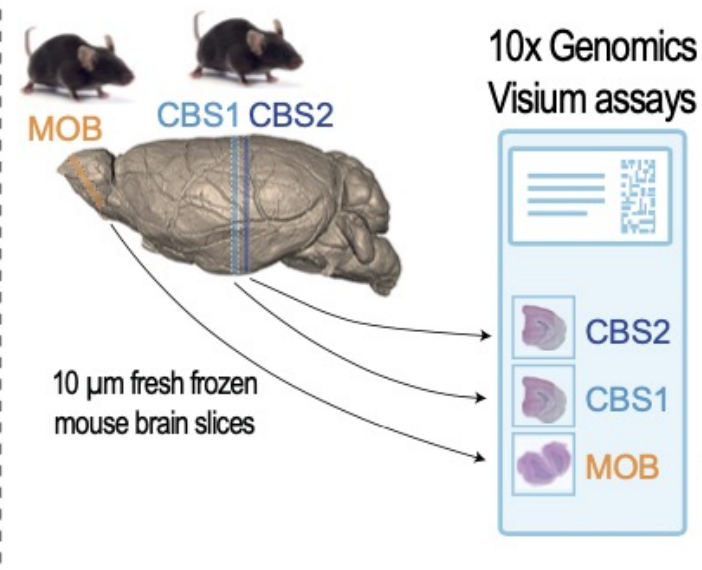
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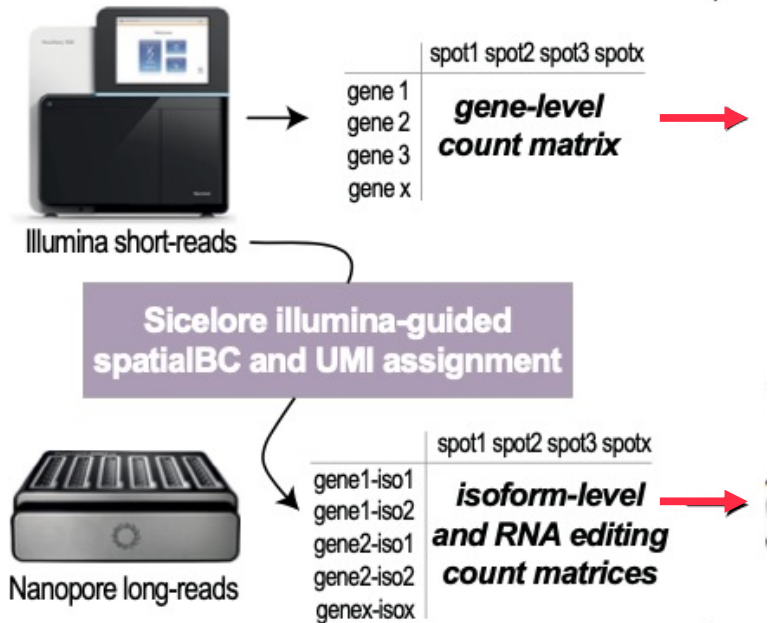
Tissue preparation and generation of spatially barcoded cDNA



Fragmentation and 3' library preparation

Full-length cDNA

Sequencing and features counting of same molecules



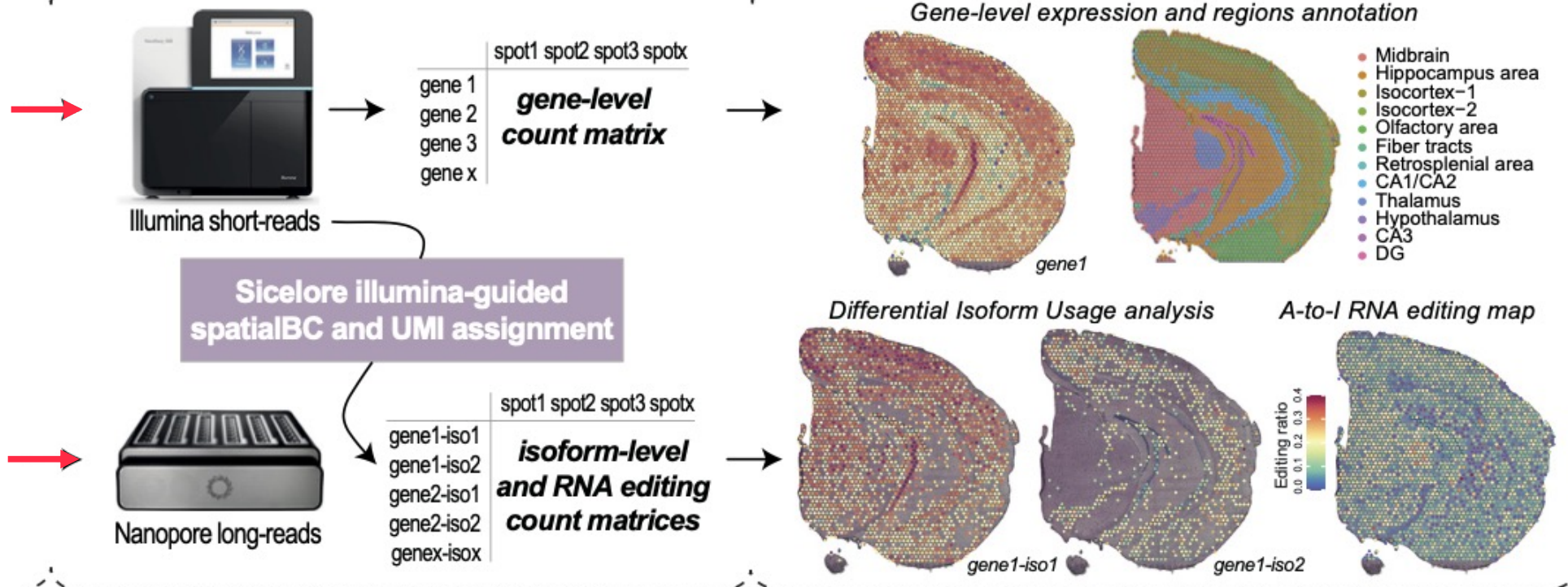
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Sequencing and features  
counting of same molecules

Multi-levels statistical analysis



Spatial isoform transcriptomics (SiT) combines :

- short-read sequencing of cDNA -> **spatial gene expression**
- long-read sequencing -> **spatial full-length isoforms and sequence data**

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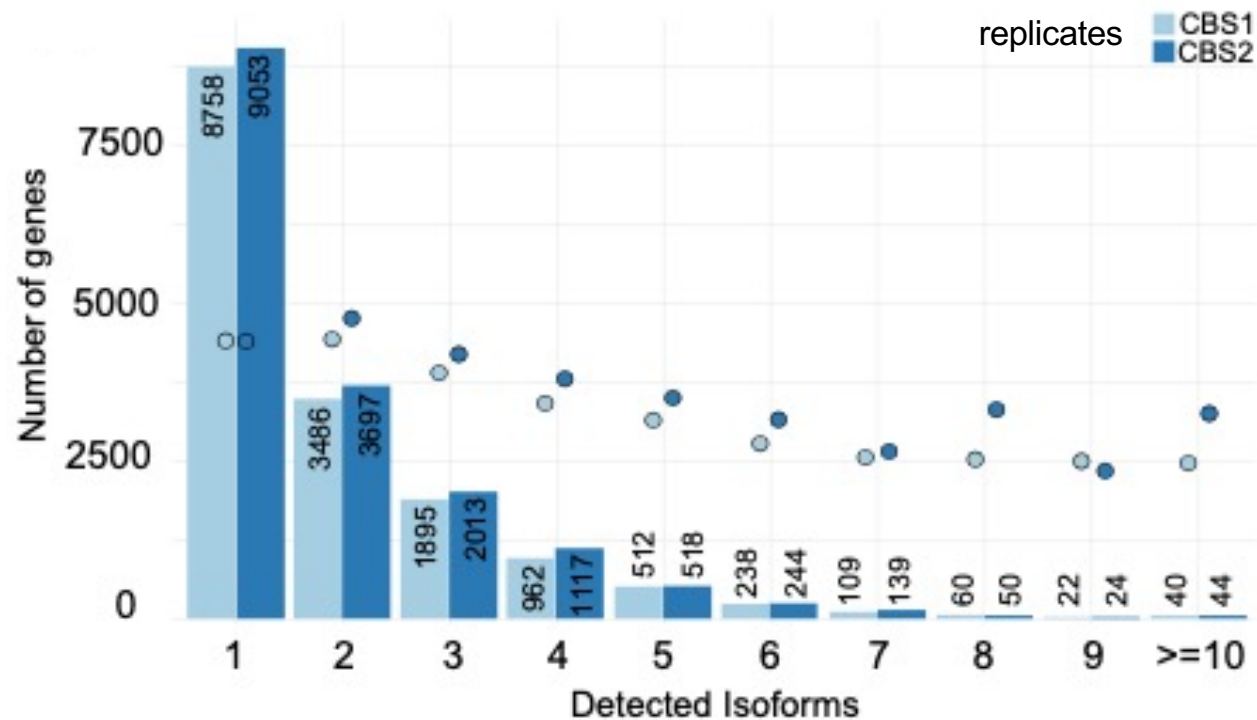
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Coronal brain sections :

10 million UMIs assigned to a precise isoform

➔ **33097 isoforms** encoded by **16899 genes**

126 genes present regional isoform switching

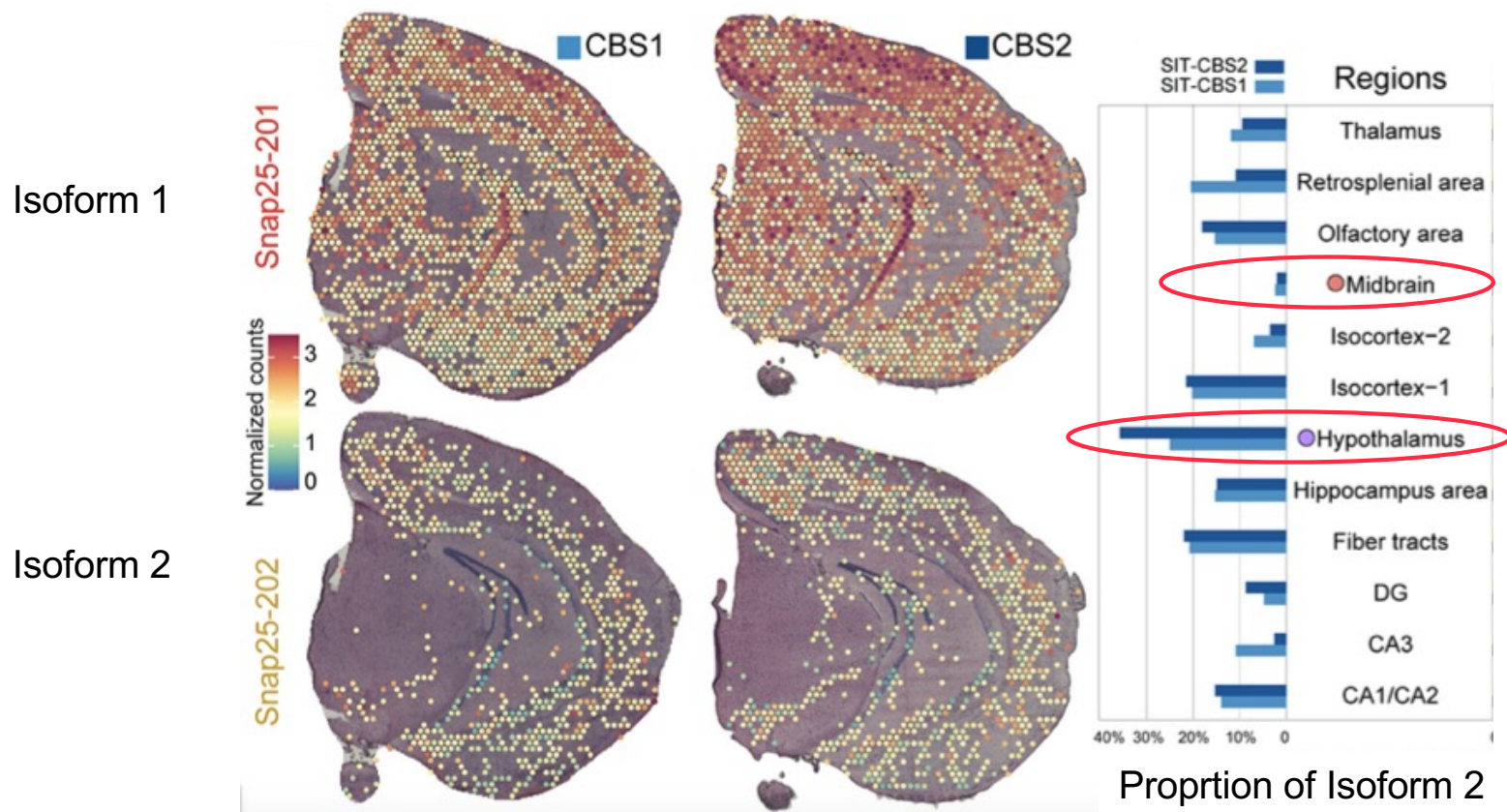


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Regional isoform switching gene *Snap25* : codes 2 isoforms (role in synaptic plasticity)



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## Conclusion

1 Nanopore flowcell (100 millions reads) is sufficient to :

- explore the spatial landscape of mRNA isoform expression in a typical Visium experiment
- resolve spatially the expression of pathological isoforms (e.g. fusion transcripts) and cancer mutations
- better characterize the heterogeneity of tumor biopsies

DIRECT RNA SEQUENCING  
DETECTION OF MODIFICATIONS

# MODIFIED RNA

RNA modifications (> 150) play important roles in regulating RNA fate :

- RNA folding and structure
- base pairing
- recruitment of RNA-binding proteins
- *can be dynamic and reversible*

In mRNAs (translation, stability, splicing..)

- *6mA* most abundant and better characterized
- *pseudo U*
- *2'O-methyl*
- ....

Also found in ncRNAs

- microRNAs (miRNAs)
- long non-coding RNAs (lncRNAs)
- circular RNAs (circRNAs)

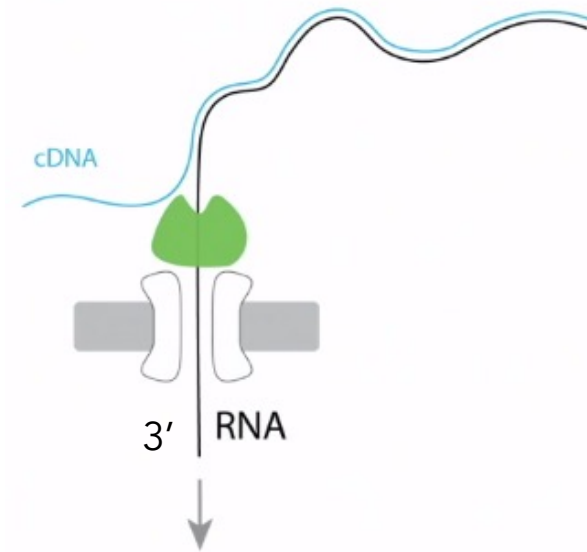
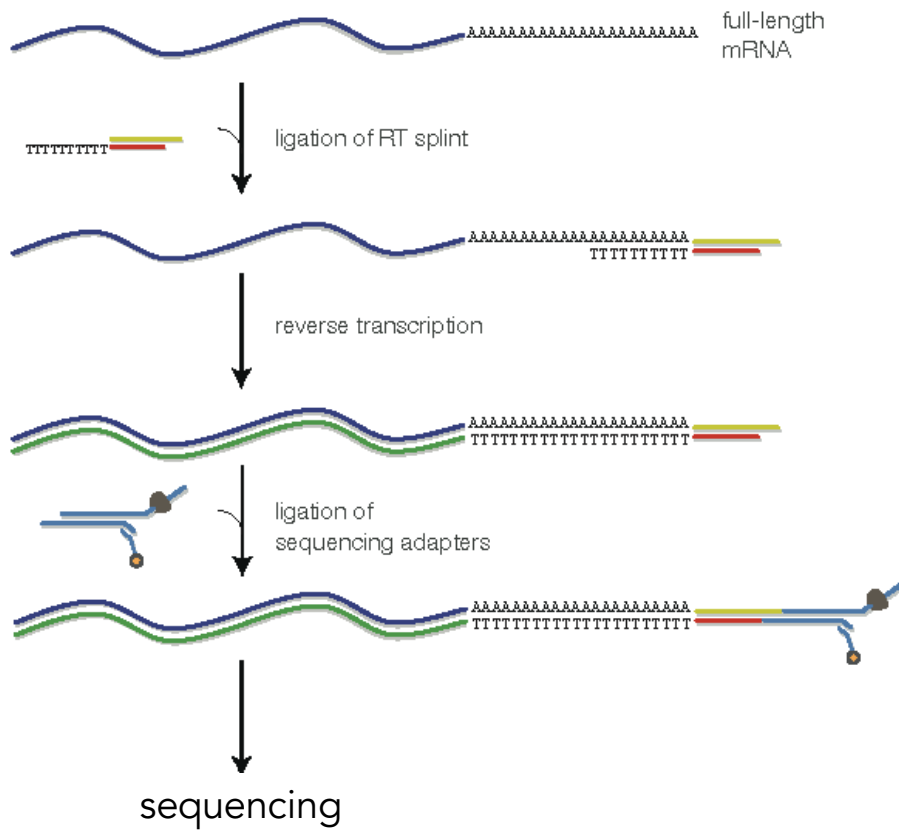
Viral RNAs contain high levels of modifications (modulate virus cycle)

- HIV RNA rich in *6mA*



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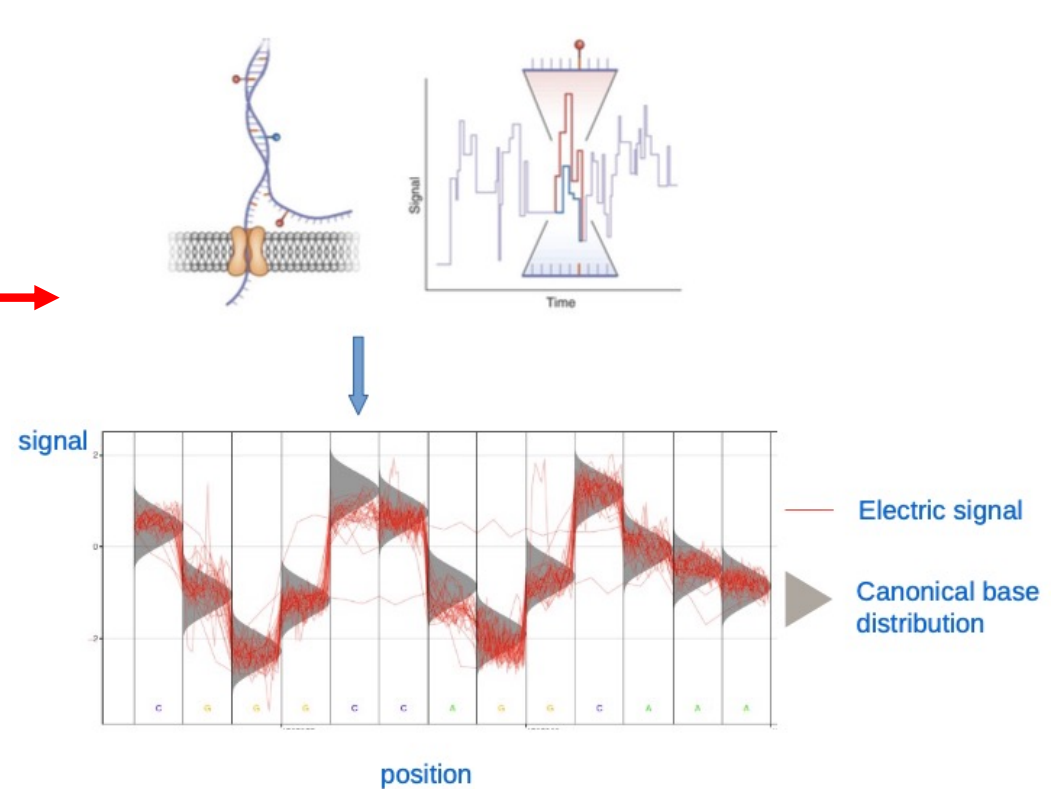
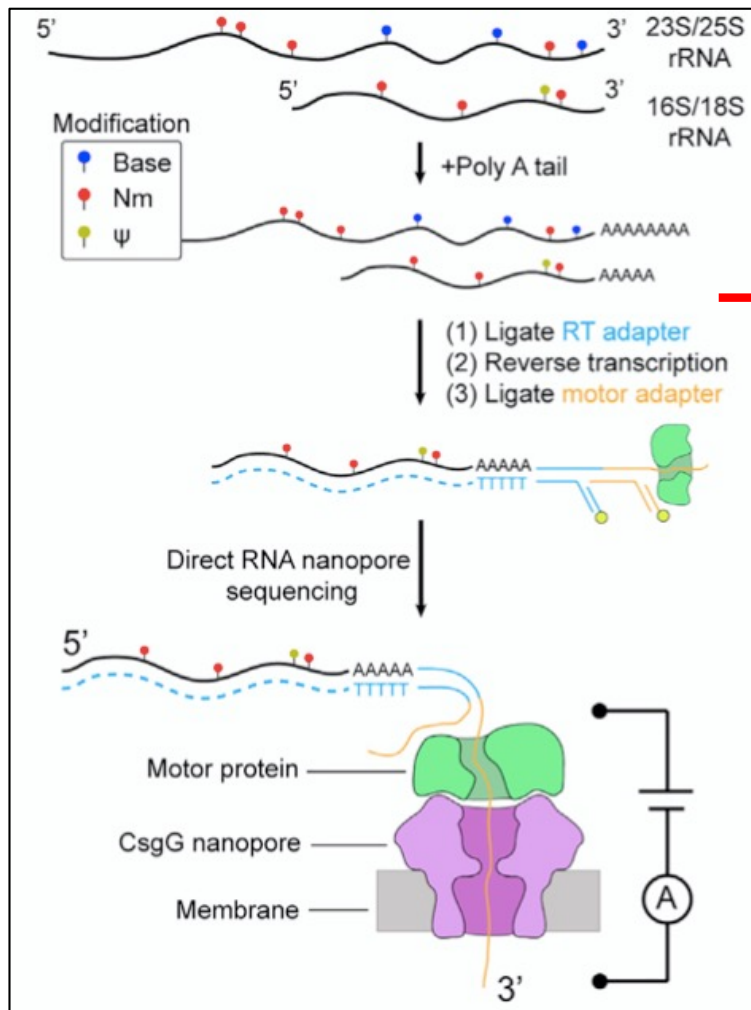
## Library preparation



RNA directly sequenced in nanopore

- No PCR bias
- Quantitative

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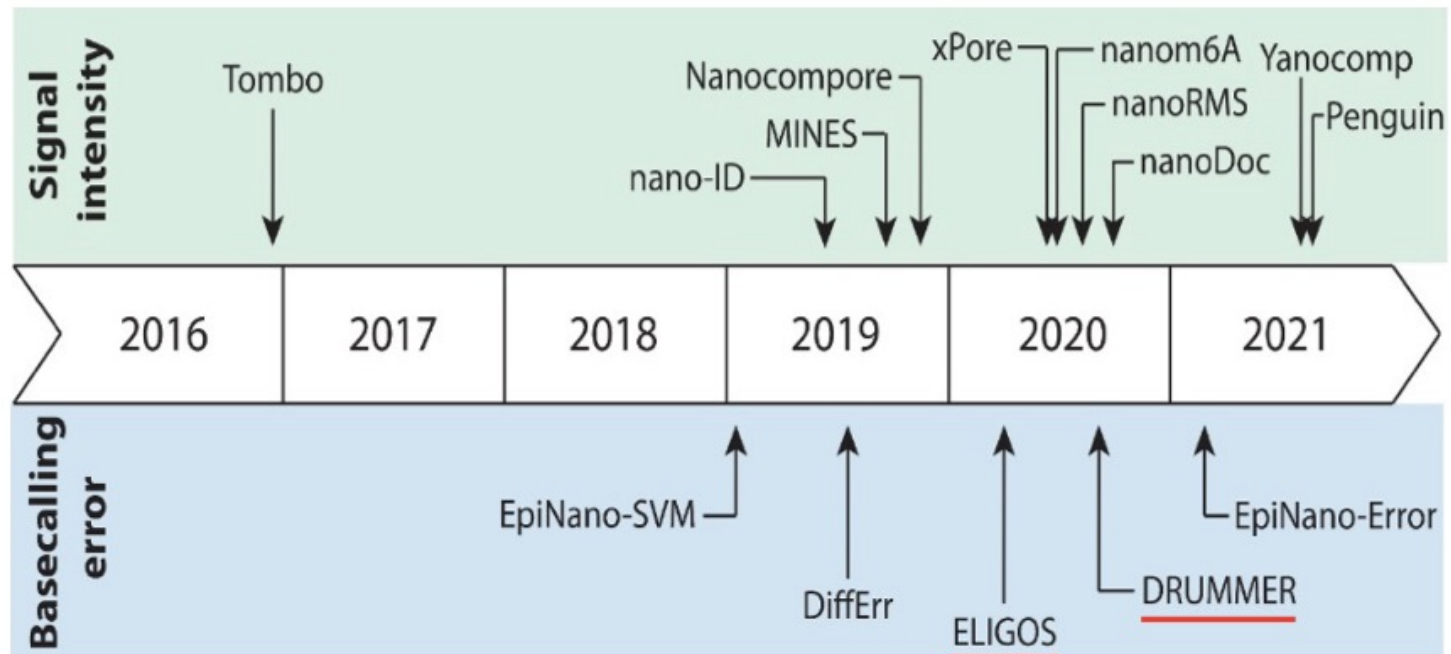


## Base-calling

- analysis of **FAST5/POD5** features (signal intensity)
- analysis of **base-called** 'error' features

# DIRECT RNA SEQUENCING : DETECTION OF MODIFICATIONS

## DIFFERENT TOOLS



*Furlan et al, RNA Biology, 2021.*

# DIRECT RNA SEQUENCING : DETECTION OF MODIFIED RNA

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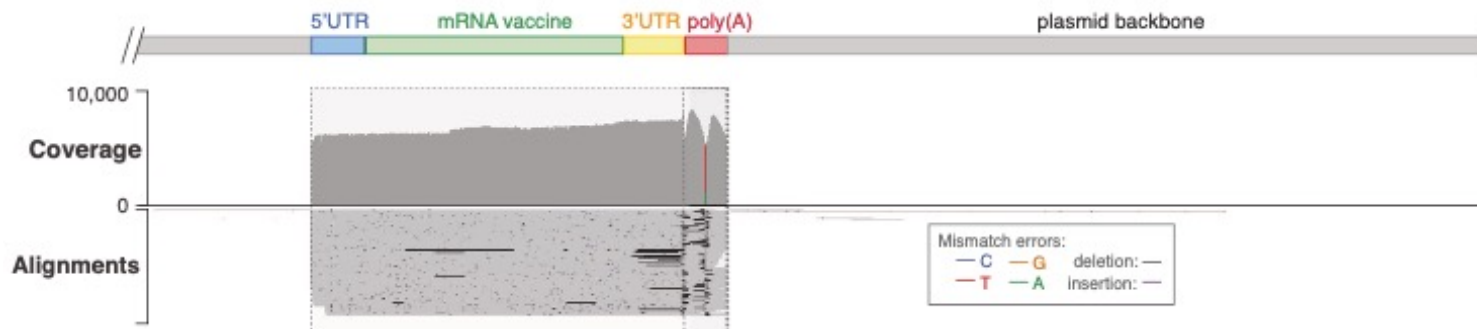
mRNA vaccines must be rigorously analyzed :

- to measure their integrity
- detect contaminants that reduce their effectiveness and induce side-effects
- Currently, mRNA vaccines and therapies are analysed using time-consuming and costly methods
- This work describes a how to analyse mRNA vaccines using long-read nanopore sequencing.

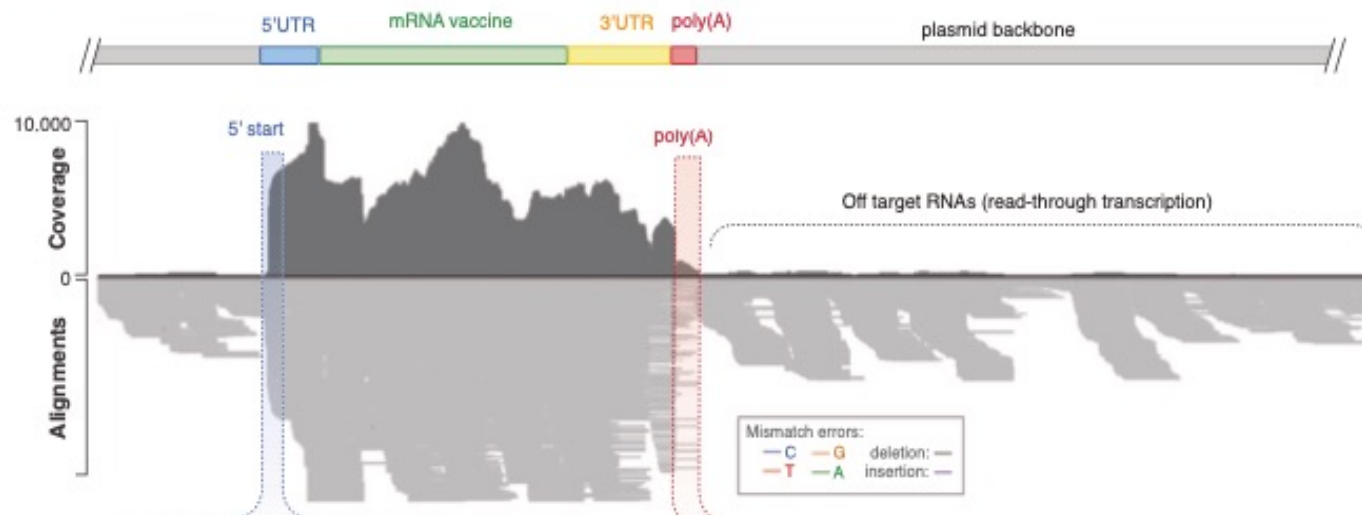
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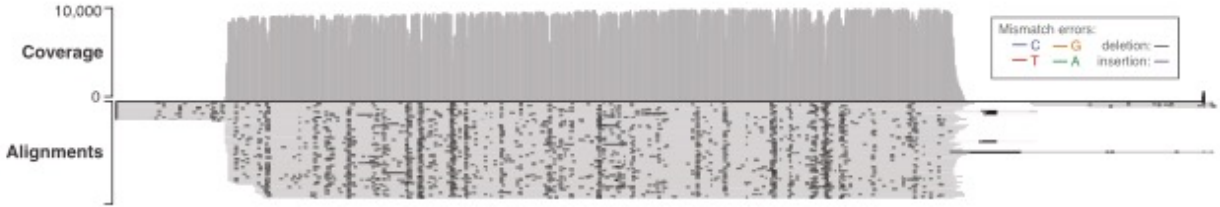
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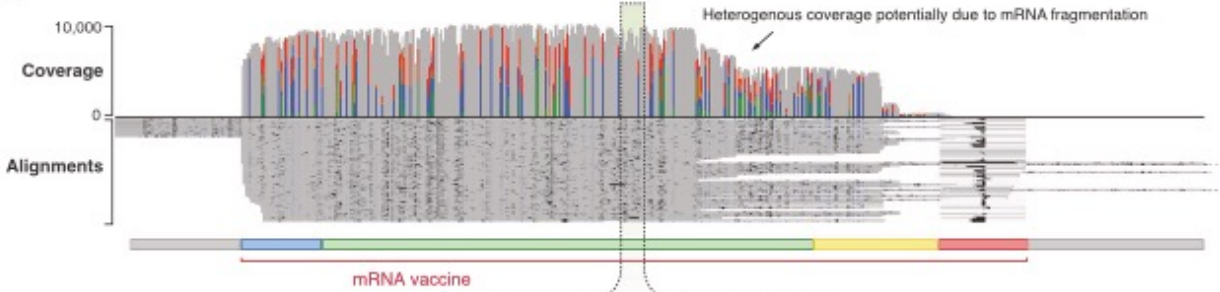
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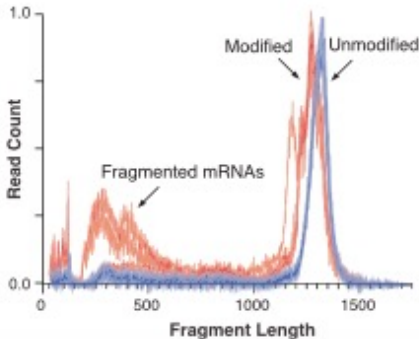
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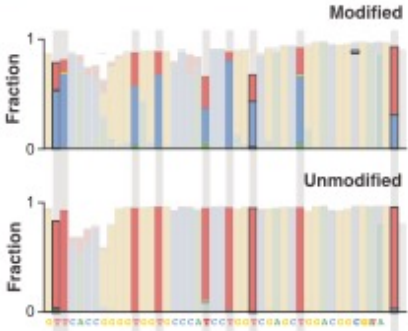
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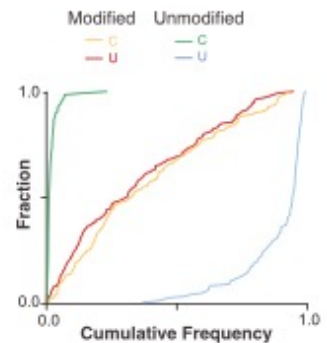
**c.** mRNA length



**d.** Detail of modified bases



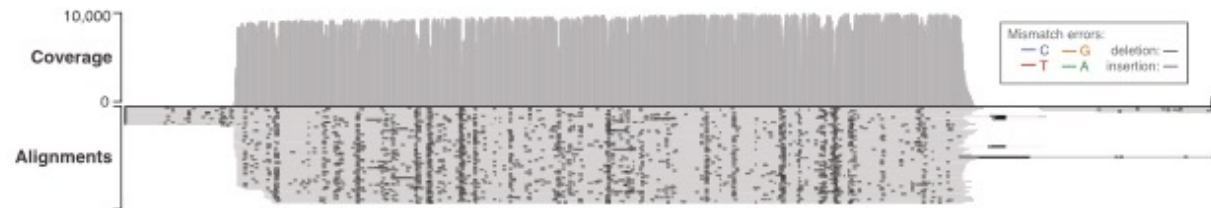
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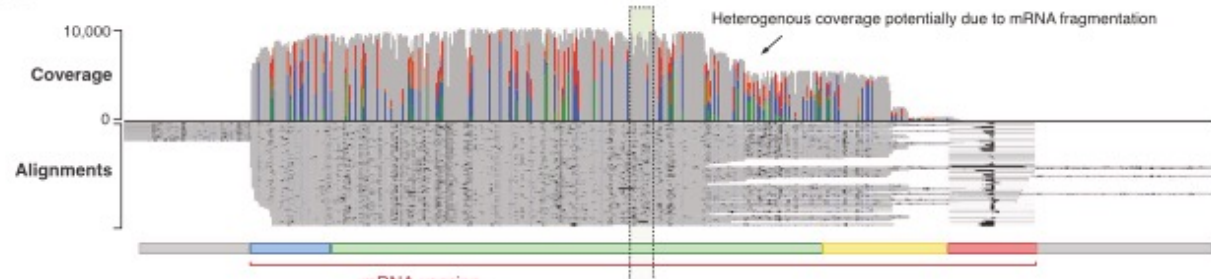
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Compared to other industry-standard techniques, VAX-seq can comprehensively measure key mRNA vaccine quality attributes, including sequence, length, integrity, and purity.

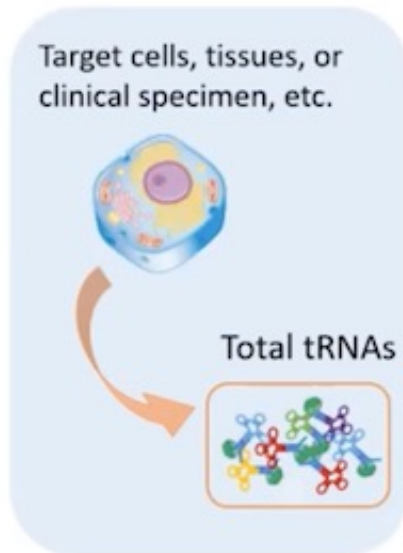
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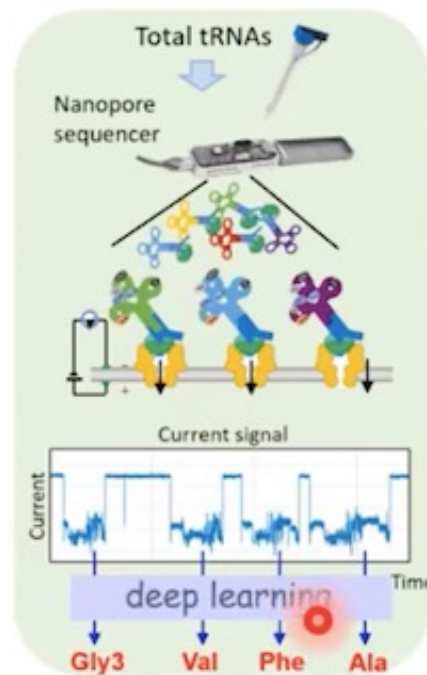
**tRNA profiling using Nanopore sequencer**  
**Tsutomu Suzuki, London Calling Nanopore meeting 2023**

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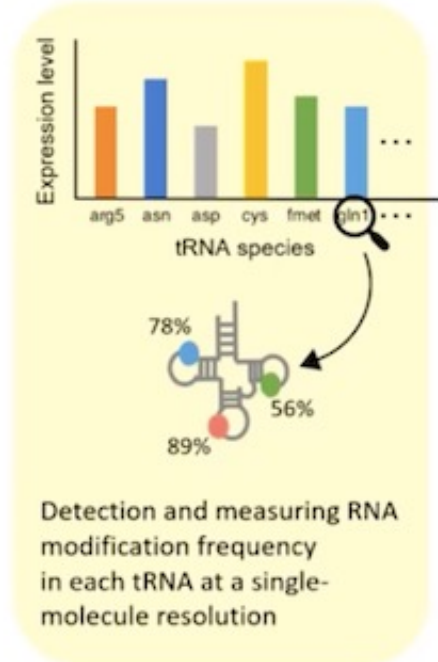
➤ Extract total tRNAs from target specimens



➤ Profiling total tRNAs by Nanopore sequencing



➤ Measuring frequencies of tRNA modifications



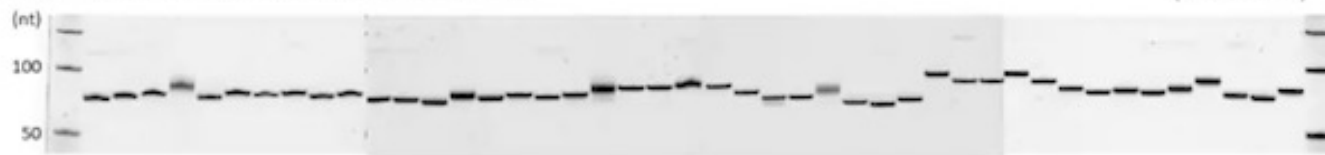


# DIRECT RNA SEQUENCING : DETECTION OF MODIFIED RNA

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## Development of "classifier" for *E. coli* tRNA

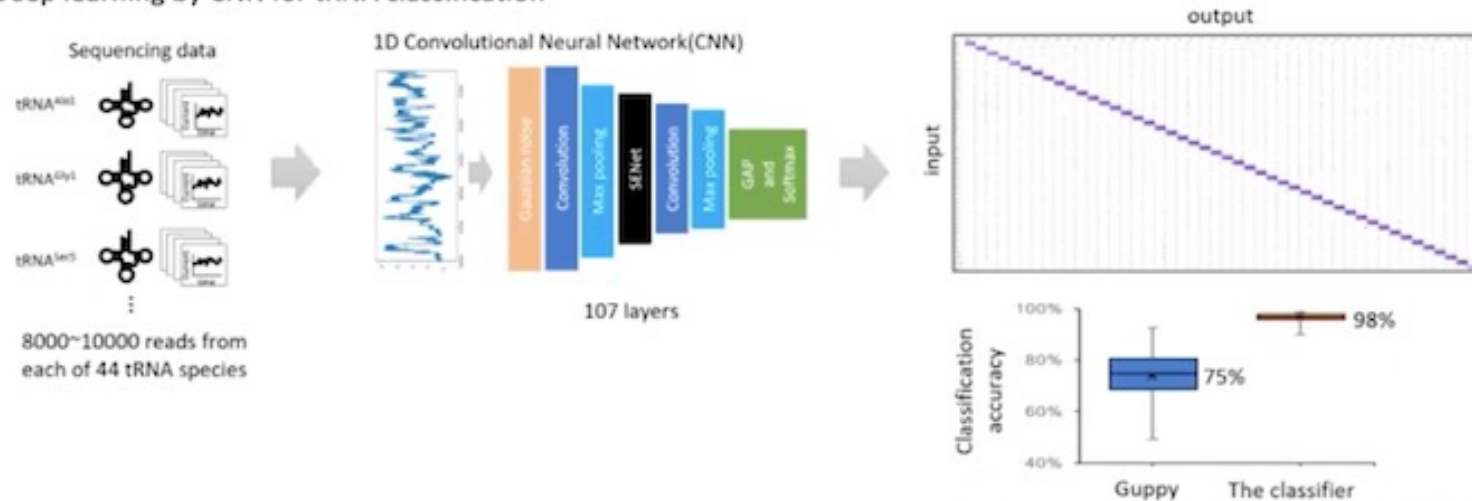
Isolation of all 44 species of *E. coli* tRNAs by RCC



Adapter ligation and nanopore sequencing



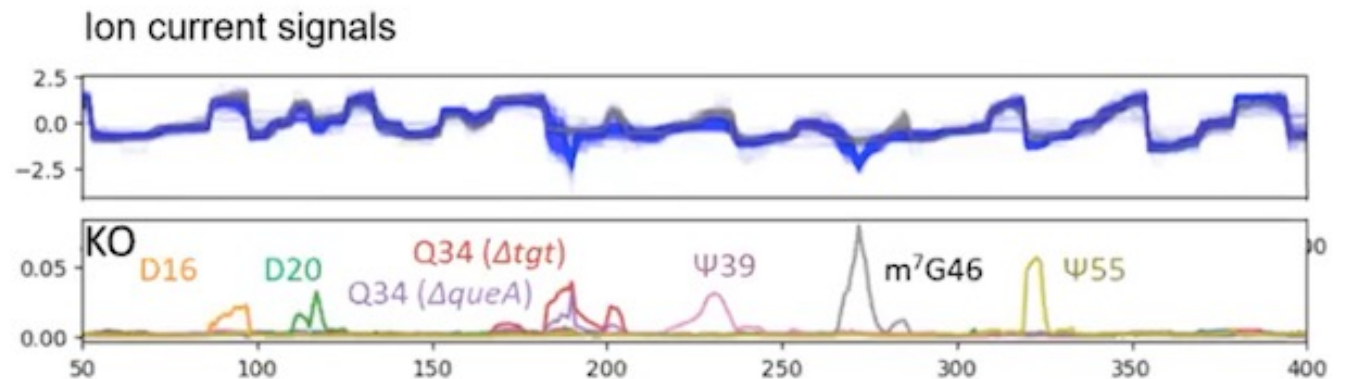
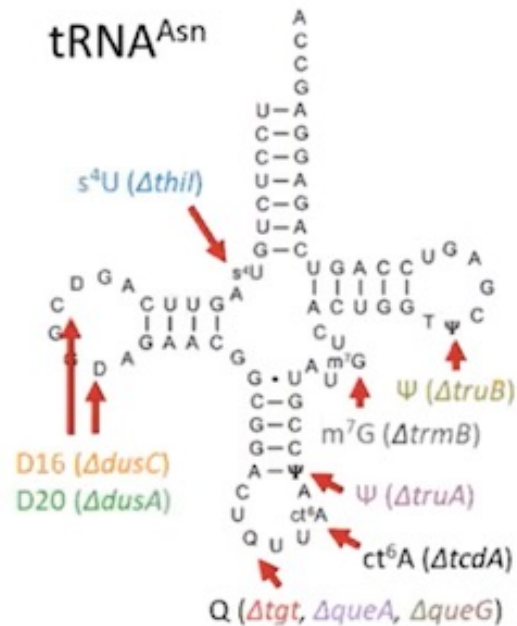
Deep learning by CNN for tRNA classification



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Signal-based approach successfully detects most of tRNA modifications

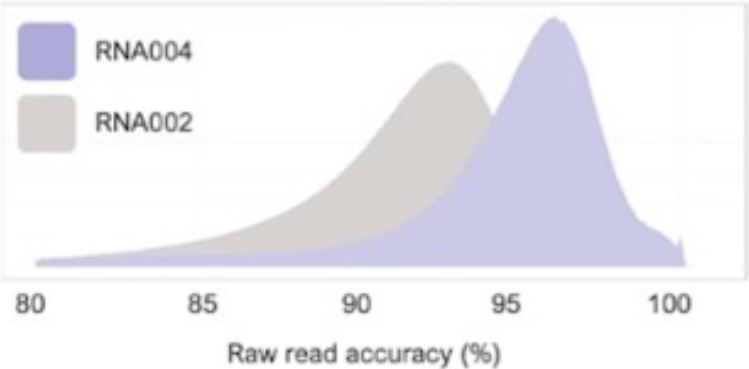
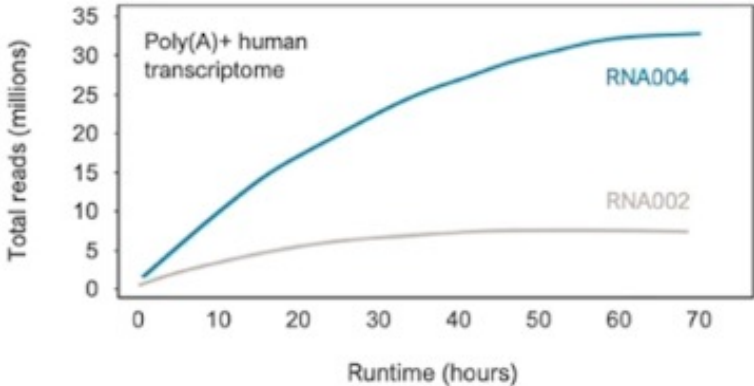
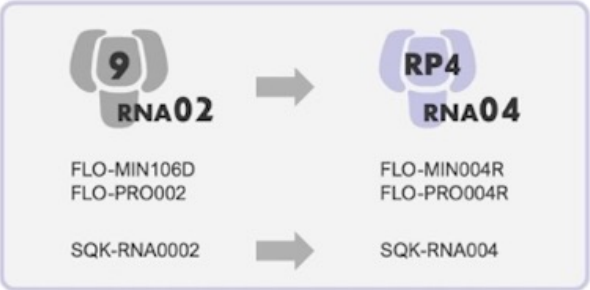


# DIRECT RNA SEQUENCING : DETECTION OF MODIFIED RNA

## Future improvements

RNA enzyme motor developed for better speed and output

- Now averaging speed of 125 bps (~2x improvement)
- Hitting outputs of 30 million reads from PromethION flowcell



# LARGE SEQUENCING PROJECTS

# VERTEBRATE GENOMES PROJECT (VGP)

## Towards complete and error-free genome assemblies of all vertebrate species Rhie et al. *Nature* 2021

International effort to generate high-quality, complete reference genomes :

- For all of the roughly 70,000 extant vertebrate species
- To enable a new era of discovery across the life sciences

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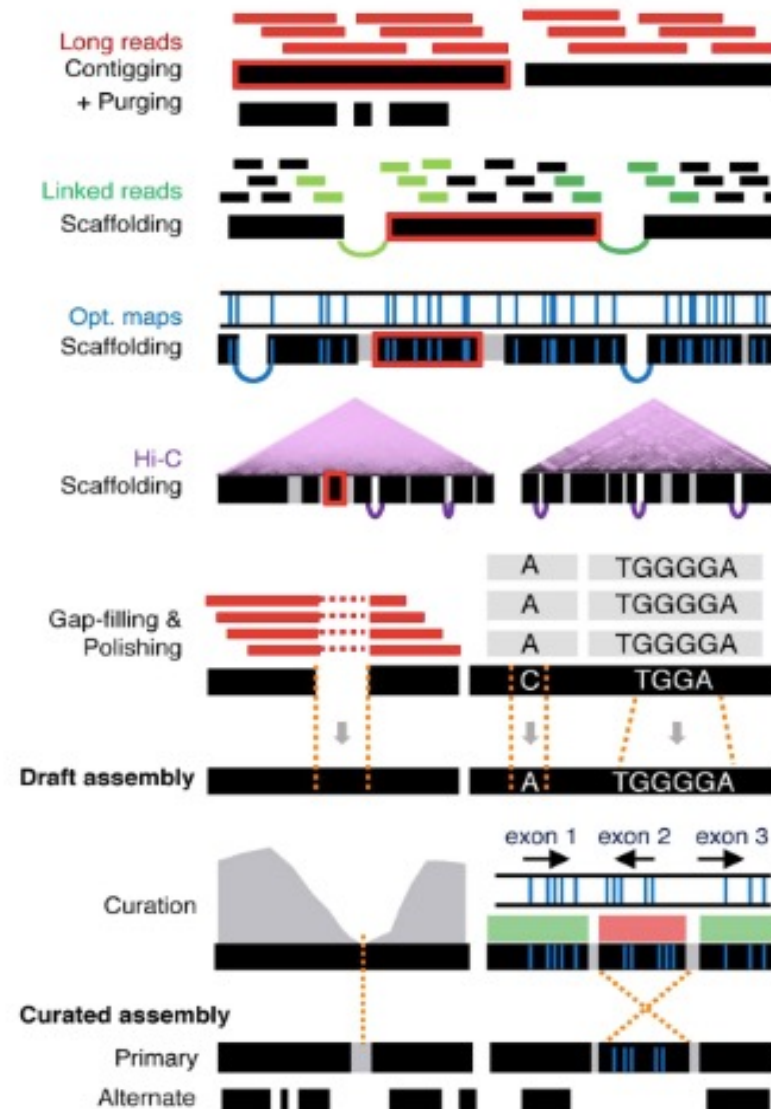
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## VGP assembly pipeline applied across multiple species

Obtain high-quality cells or tissue that would yield high-molecular-weight DNA :

- for long-read sequencing (PacBio and ONT)
- optical mapping (Bionano)

“We will take advantage of continuing improvements in genome sequencing technology, assembly, and annotation, including advances in PacBio HiFi reads, Oxford Nanopore reads, and replacements for 10XG reads”



## Perspective

# The Human Pangenome Project: a global resource to map genomic diversity

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# THE HUMAN PANGENOME PROJECT

**Table 1 | Summary of sequencing and assembly approaches tested**

ID	Pipeline	Technologies	Contigs	Scaffolders	Team
<b>Diploid contig and scaffold assemblies</b>					
asm23a,b	Trio VGP	CLR, 10X, BN and Hi-C	Trio Canu	Trio based: Scaff10x, Bionano solve and Salsa	Rockefeller
asm10a,b	DipAsm	HiFi and HiC	Peregrine	DipAsm, 3D-DNA, HapCUT2 and Whatshap	UCPH
asm2a,b	DipAsm HiRise	HiFi and HiC	Peregrine	HiRise and HapCUT2	Dovetail
asm22a,b	DipAsm Salsa	HiFi and HiC	Peregrine	Salsa and HapCUT2	Dovetail
asm14a,b	PGAS	HiFi and Strand-seq	Peregrine	SaaRclust	HHU + UW
asm17a,b	CrossStitch	HiFi, ONT-UL and HiC	CrossStitch	Ref-based to GRCh38 and HapCUT2	JHU
<b>Diploid contig assemblies</b>					
asm6a,b	Trio Flye ONT std	ONT	Trio Flye	NA	NHGRI
asm7a,b	Trio Flye ONT-UL	ONT-UL more than 100 kb	Trio Flye	NA	NHGRI
asm19a,b	Trio HiCanu	HiFi	Trio HiCanu	NA	NHGRI
asm20a,b	Trio HiPeregrine	HiFi	Trio Peregrine	NA	NHGRI
asm9a,b	Trio hifiasm	HiFi	Trio hifiasm	NA	DFCI Harvard
asm11a,b	DipAsm HiRise	HiFi and HiC	Peregrine	NA	UCPH
asm3a,b	Peregrine HiFi 25 kb	HiFi long	Peregrine	NA	FBDS
asm4a,b	Peregrine HiFi 20 kb	HiFi	Peregrine	NA	FBDS
asm16a,b	FALCON Unzip	HiFi	FALCON unzip	NA	PacBio
asm8a,b	HiCanu	HiFi	HiCanu and Purge_dups	NA	NHGRI
<b>Merged haploid contig and scaffold assemblies</b>					
asm5	Flye ONT	ONT and HiFi	Flye	Flye	UCSD
asm18	Shasta ONT HiRise	ONT-UL and Hi-C	Shasta	HiRise	UCSC-CZI
asm21	Shasta ONT Salsa	ONT-UL and Hi-C	Shasta	Salsa2	UCSC-CZI
asm15	MaSuRCA Flye ONT	ONT-UL more than 120kb and HiFi	Flye	Reference based to GRCh38 and MaSuRCA	JHU
asm1	MaSuRCA Combo	Old ONT, Ill and HiFi	MaSuRCA	Reference based to GRCh38 and MaSuRCA	JHU
<b>Merged haploid contig assemblies</b>					
asm3a	Peregrine HiFi 25K	HiFi long	Peregrine	NA	FBDS
asm4a	Peregrine HiFi	HiFi	Peregrine	NA	FBDS
asm13	wtdbg2 HiFi	HiFi and Ill	wtdbg2	NA	CAAS-AGIS
asm12	NECAT ONT	ONT (no UL)	NECAT	NA	Clemson
<b>Final diploid</b>					
HPRC mat.pat	Trio HPRC v1.0	HiFi, ONT-UL, BN and Hi-C	Trio hifiasm	Trio based: Bionano Solve, Salsa, gap fill and curated	HPRC

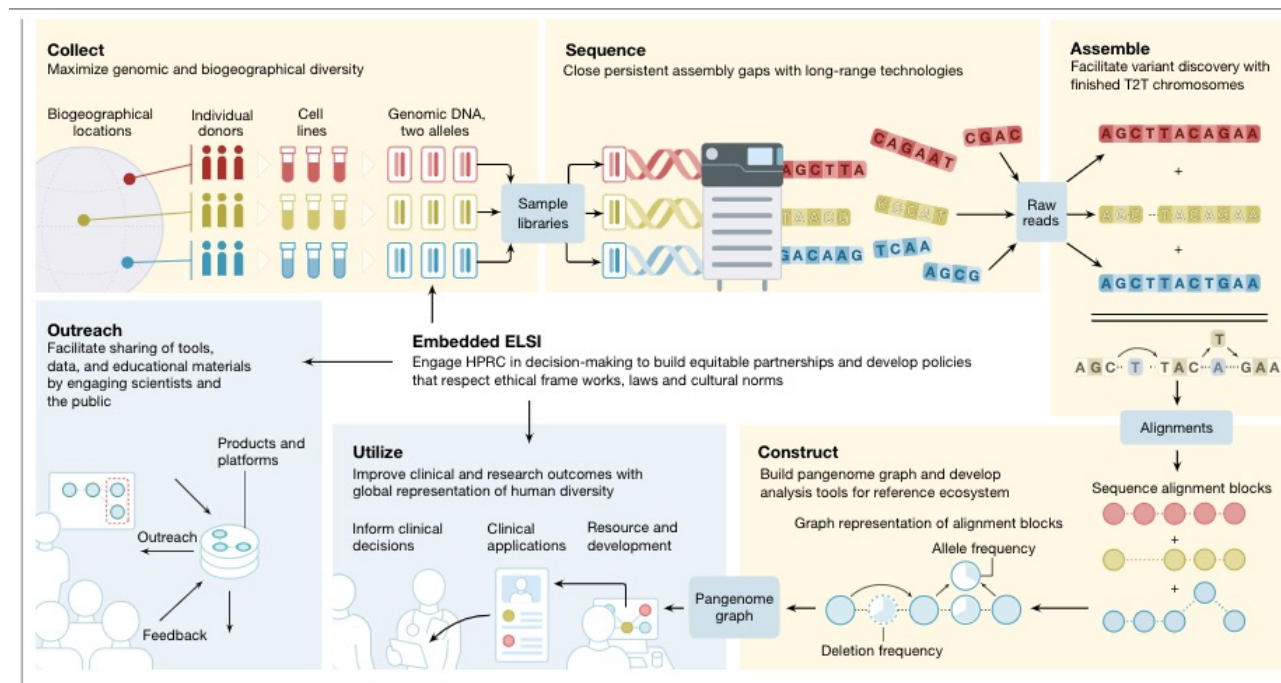


# THE HUMAN PANGENOME PROJECT

Wang et al. The Human Pangenome Project: a global resource to map genomic diversity. *Nature* 2022

## Goals of the Human Pangenome Project

- To generate the highest quality phased genomes possible, prioritize the use of long-read and long-range technologies for assemblies, with haplotype-aware algorithms
- As long-read sequencing costs fall and pangenome methods evolve, we predict that patient samples will probably be sequenced using long-read technology.



# Summary

## *PacBio*

- Maximum read length : 200 kb
- CCS sequencing (HiFi reads) :
  - Very low error rate, best genome assembly
  - Sequencing of cDNAs (resolution of alternative splicing)
  - Detection of modified DNA (6mA > 5mC)
  - cDNA :
    - RNA-seq
    - Efficient for splicing isoforms detection

## *Nanopore*

- Very light sequencing system - portability
- Very long reads : maximum length > 1 Mb
- 10.4.1 flow cells: low error rate, accurate genome assembly
- Duplex sequencing may allow higher accuracy and challenge HiFi reads
- Detection of modified DNA (5mC, 6mA)
- Direct sequencing of RNA :
  - Direct RNA sequencing :
    - RNA-seq
    - splicing isoforms detection
    - Detection of modified RNA (6mA, pseudo U, etc..)

