Computer Science and Genetics

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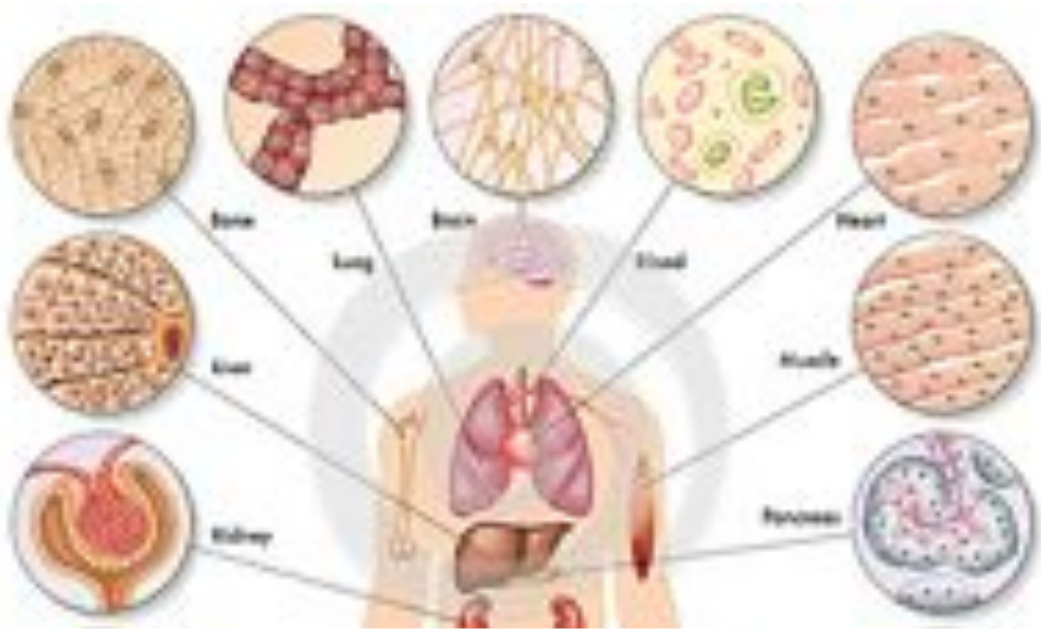
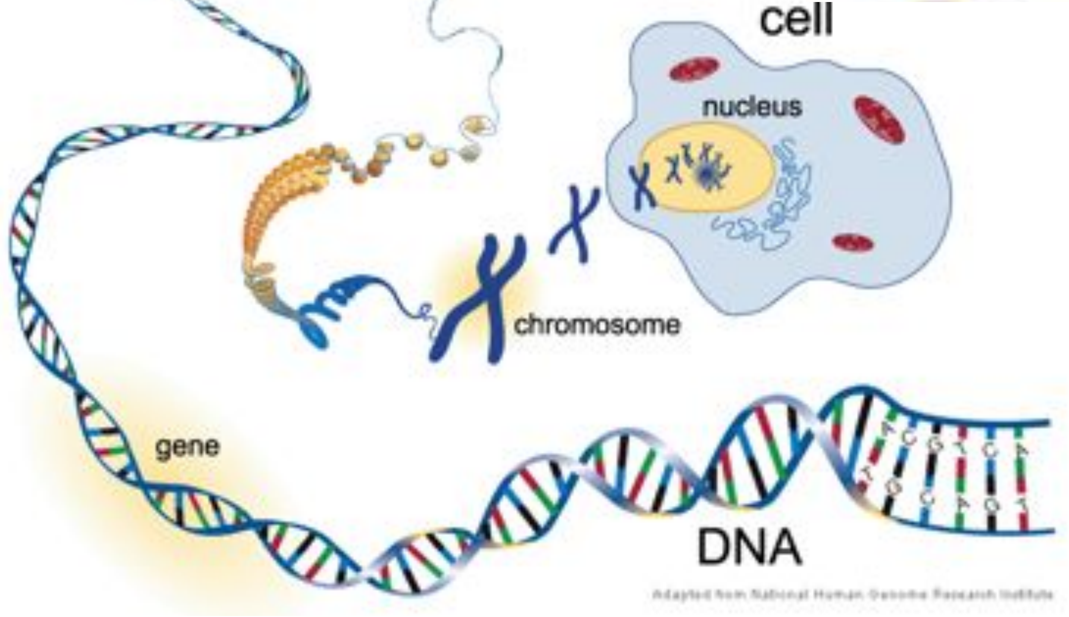
Why do you look like your parents?
How is that information stored, transmitted, and executed?

Cells & DNA

Your body is made of ~100 trillion different cells of ~300 different types

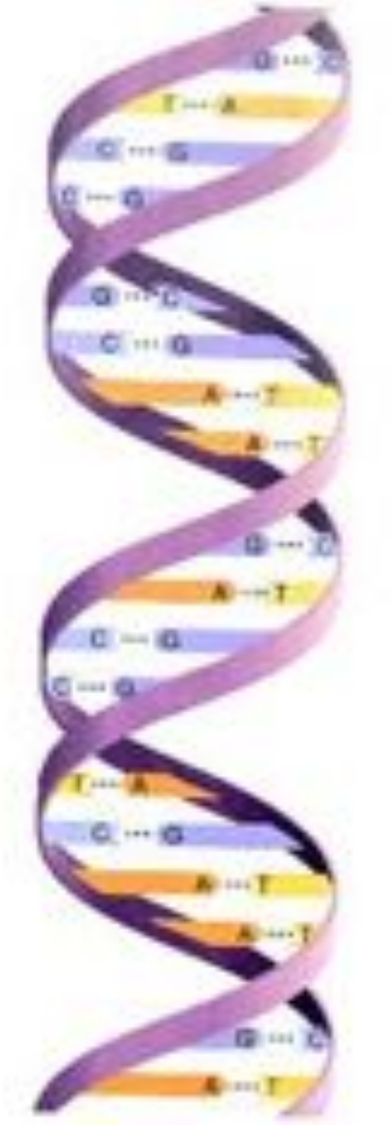




Adapted from National Human Genome Research Institute

As you zoom into each cell, you'll find each contains an exact copy of a special molecule called DNA

Structure of DNA



The double helix structure makes two important properties possible:

Base-pairing: A always pairs with T, C always pairs with G. Therefore, a single strand of the molecule can be used as a template to make copies

Genetic code: Any sequence of nucleotides can be "spelled out" along the double helix. The cell can recognize those patterns as use it as a "recipe" for building cells and organizing your body.

Your genome is a 2x3B nucleotides long
in 23 pairs of chromosomes

Genotype to Phenotype

The particular sequence of your genome (along with your environment and experiences) shapes who you are:

- Height
- Hair, eye, skin color
- Amount of body hair
- Broad/narrow, small/large nose
- Acne prone or clear complexion
- Susceptible to disease
- Response to drug treatments

Physical traits tend to be genetic, social characteristics tend to be environmental, and everything else is a combination

DNA Sequencing

Illumina HiSeq 2000

>60Gbp / day

One human genome

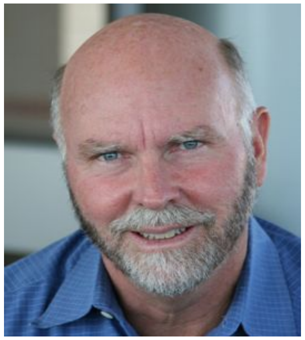
~20 DVDs / genome

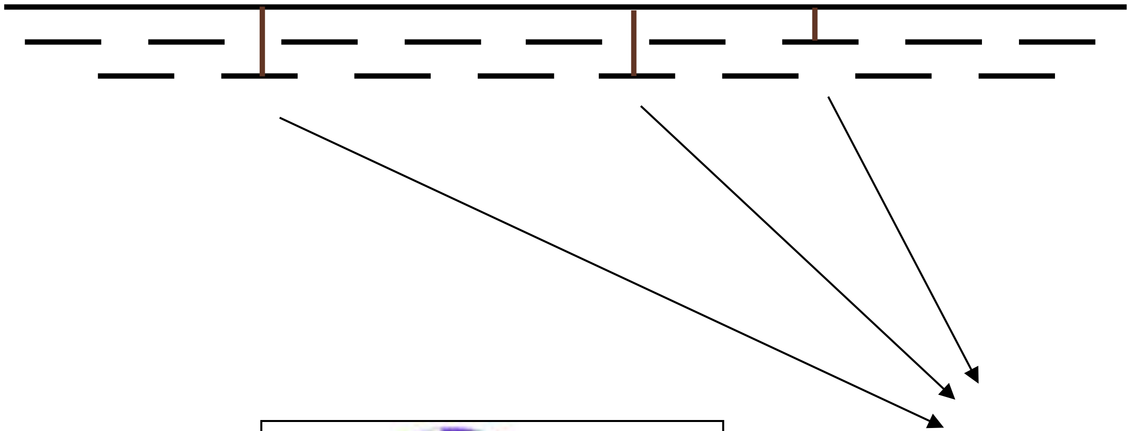
World Wide Capacity

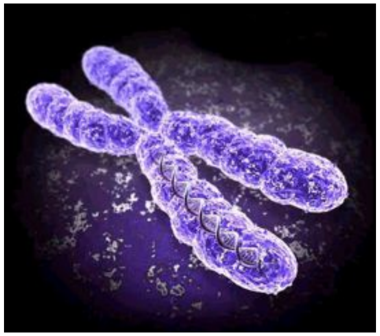
>2 miles tall

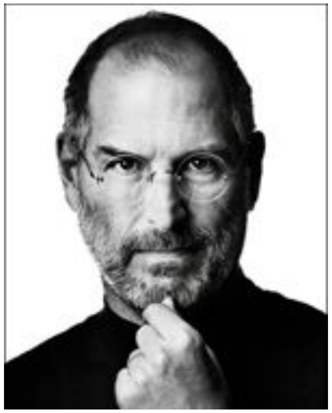
Personal Genomics

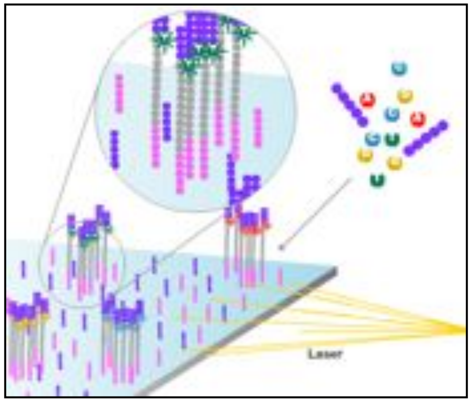
How does your genome compare to the reference?











Heart Disease

Cancer

Creates magical technology

Searching for GATTACA

- Where is GATTACA in the human genome?
- Strategy 1: Brute Force

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	…
T	G	A	T	T	A	C	A	G	A	T	T	A	C	C	…
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Match at offset 2

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		G	A	T	T	A	C	A	…						

No match at offset 3…

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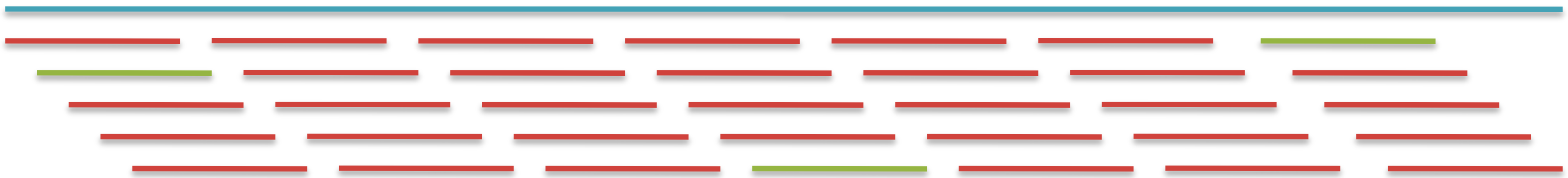
No match at offset 9 <- Checking each possible position takes time

Brute Force Analysis



- Brute Force:
  - At every possible offset in the genome:
    - Do all of the characters of the query match?

- Analysis
  - Simple, easy to understand
  - Genome length = n [3B]
  - Query length = m [7]
  - Comparisons: (n-m+1) * m [21B]

- Overall runtime: O(nm)

[How long would it take if we double the genome size, read length?]

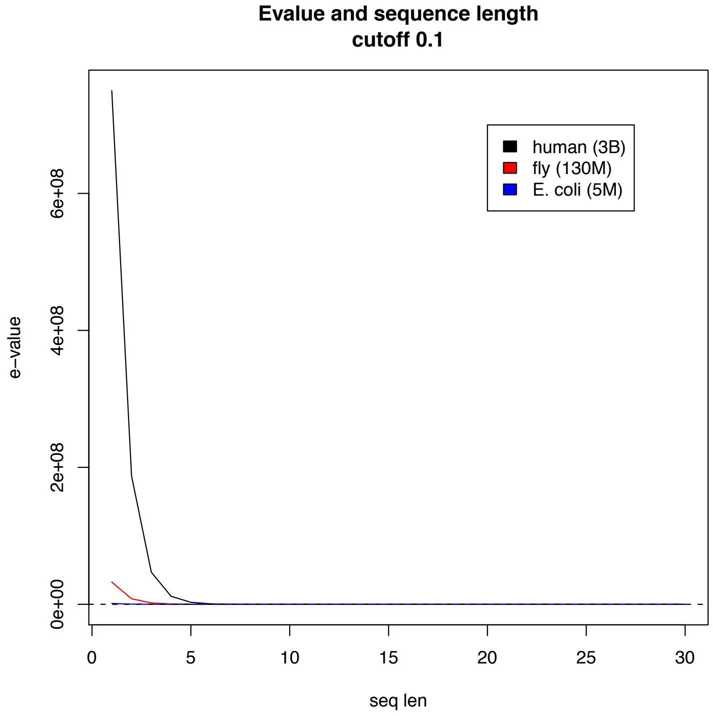
[How long would it take if we double both?]

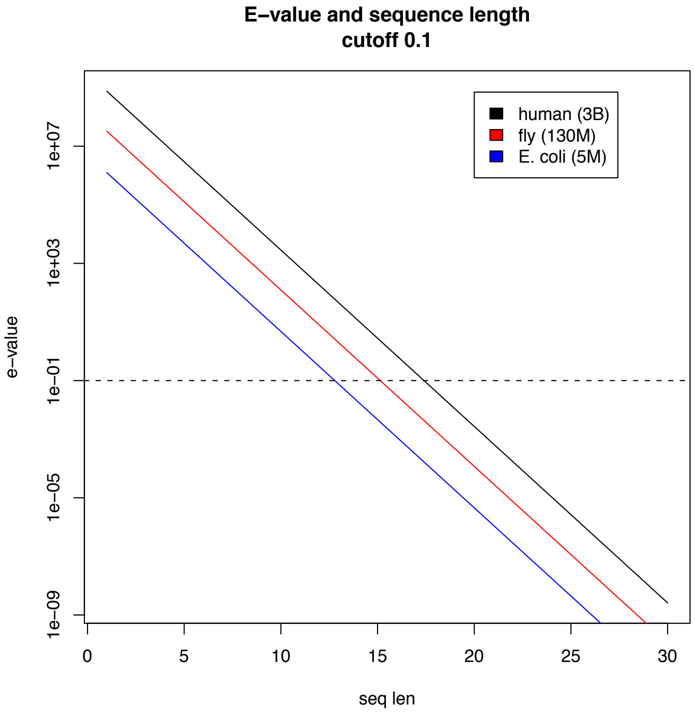
Expected Occurrences

The expected number of occurrences (e-value) of a given sequence in a genome depends on the length of the genome and inversely on the length of the sequence

- 1 in 4 bases are G, 1 in 16 positions are GA, 1 in 64 positions are GAT, …
- 1 in 16,384 should be GATTACA
- E=n/(4^m) [183,105 expected occurrences]

[How long do the reads need to be for a significant match?]





Brute Force Reflections

Why check every position?

- GATTACA can't possibly start at position 15 [WHY?]

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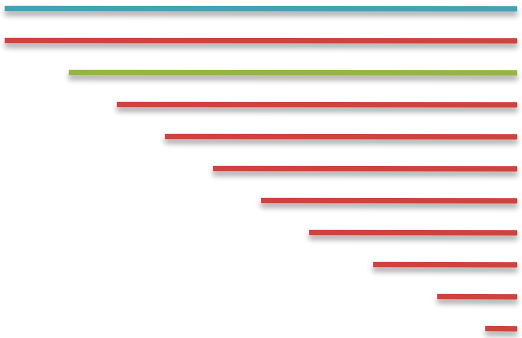
T	G	A	T	T	A	C	A	G	A	T	T	A	C	C	…
								G	A	T	T	A	C	A	

- Improve runtime to O(n + m) [3B + 7]
  - If we double both, it just takes twice as long
  - Knuth-Morris-Pratt, 1977
  - Boyer-Moyer, 1977, 1991
- For one-off scans, this is the best we can do (optimal performance)
  - We have to read every character of the genome, and every character of the query
  - For short queries, runtime is dominated by the length of the genome

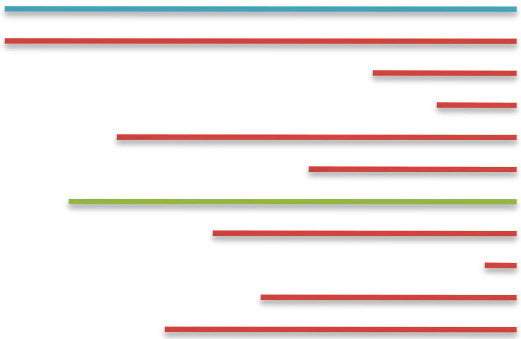
Suffix Arrays: Searching the Dictionary

- What if we need to check many queries?
  - We don't need to check every page of the dictionary to find ’DNA'
  - Sorting alphabetically lets us immediately skip 96% (25/26) of the book *without any loss in accuracy*

- Sorting the genome: Suffix Array (Manber & Myers, 1991)
  - Sort every suffix of the genome



Split into n suffixes



Sort suffixes alphabetically

[Challenge Question: How else could we split the genome?]

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Hi →	15	TTACC…	11

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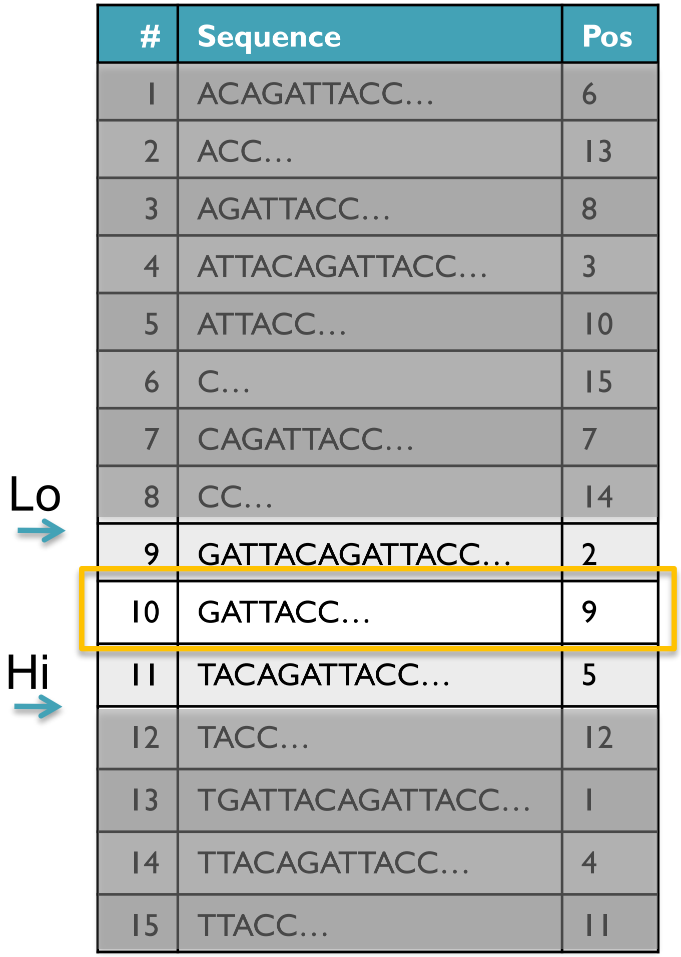

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  - Middle = Suffix[9] = GATTACA…
    => Match at position 2!

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Binary Search Analysis

- Binary Search

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    Initialize search range to entire list
        mid = (hi+lo)/2; middle = suffix[mid]
        if query matches middle: done
        else if query < middle: pick low range
        else if query > middle: pick hi range
    Repeat until done or empty range                    [WHEN?]
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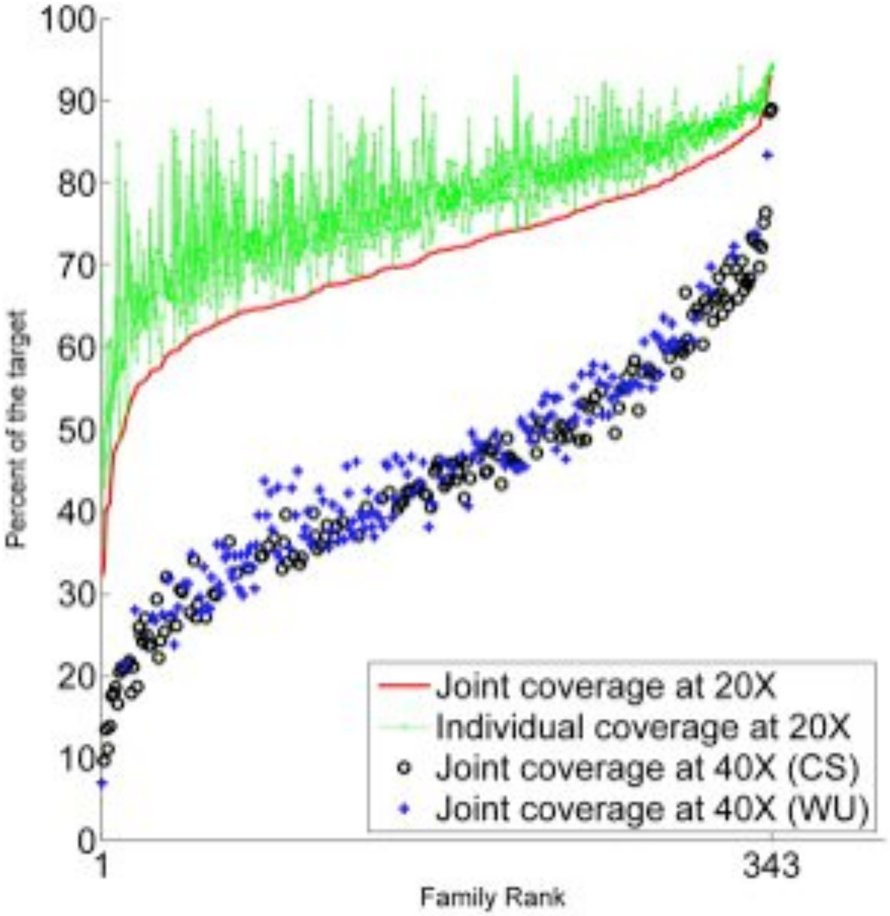
- Analysis
  - More complicated method
  - How many times do we repeat?
    - How many times can it cut the range in half?
    - Find smallest x such that: $n/(2^x) \leq 1$; $x = \lg_2(n)$ [32]

- Total Runtime: O(m lg n)
  - More complicated, but much faster!
  - Looking up a query loops 32 times instead of 3B

[How long does it take to search 6B or 24B nucleotides?]

Genetics of Autism



Sequencing of 343 families from the Simons Simplex Collection

- Parents plus one child with autism and one non-autistic sibling
- Enriched for higher-functioning individuals

Families prepared and captured together to minimize batch effects

- Exome-capture performed with NimbleGen SeqCap EZ Exome v2.0 targeting 36 Mb of the genome.
- ~80% of the target at >20x coverage with ~93bp reads

De novo gene disruptions in children on the autism spectrum
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Scalpel: Haplotype Microassembly

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Micro-assembly pipeline for accurate detection and validation of *de novo* mutations (SNPs and indels)

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Ref:     ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...

Father1: ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...
Father2: ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...

Mother1: ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...
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Sib1:    ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...
Sib2:    ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...

Aut1:    ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTAGCCAACTACCAGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...
Aut2:    ...TCAGAACAGCTGGATGAGATCTTACC------CCGGGAGATTGTCTTTGCCCGGA...
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6bp heterozygous deletion at chr13:25280526 ATP12A

De novo mutations in Autism

- In 343 families analyzed so far, we see significant enrichment in de novo ***likely gene killers*** in the autistic kids
  - Overall rate basically 1:1 (432:396)
  - 2:1 enrichment in nonsense mutations
  - 2:1 enrichment in frameshift indels
  - 4:1 enrichment in splice-site mutations
  - Most de novo originate in the paternal line in an age-dependent manner (56:18 of the mutations that we could determine)

- Observe strong overlap with the 842 genes known to be associated with fragile X protein FMPR
  - Related to neuron development and synaptic plasticity
  - Suggests avenues for early interventions and possible treatments

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Unsolved Questions in Biology

There is tremendous interest to sequence:

- What is your genome sequence?
- How does your genome compare to my genome?

- Where are the genes and how active are they?
- How does gene activity change during development?
- How does splicing change during development?

- How does methylation change during development?
- How does chromatin change during development?
- How does is your genome folded in the cell?
- Where do proteins bind and regulate genes?

- What virus and microbes are living inside you?
- How do your mutations relate to disease?
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Answering these questions requires specialized software & quantitative analysis

Challenges of Modern Science

The foundations of science will continue to be *observation*, *experimentation*, and *interpretation*

– Technology will continue to push the frontier

– Measurements will be made *digitally* over large populations, at extremely high resolution, and for diverse applications

Rise in Quantitative and Computational Demands

1. *Experimental design*: selection, collection & metadata
2. *Observation*: measurement, storage, transfer, computation
3. *Integration*: multiple samples, assays, analyses
4. *Discovery*: visualizing, interpreting, modeling

Ultimately limited by the human capacity to execute extremely complex experiments and interpret results

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