

# Whole Genome Assembly and Alignment

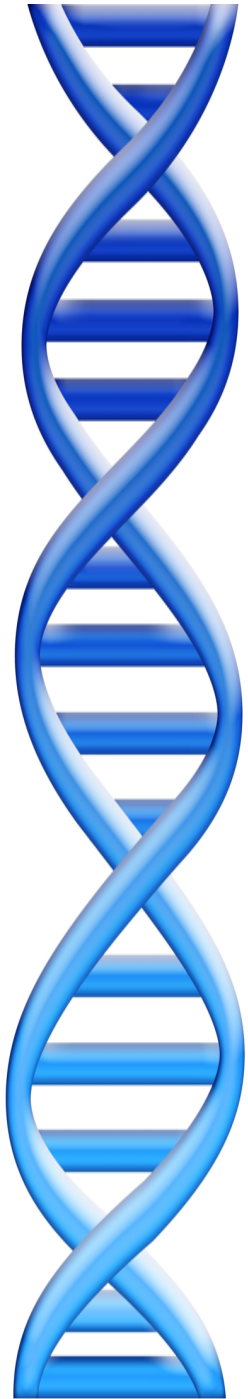
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# Stories from the Supplement

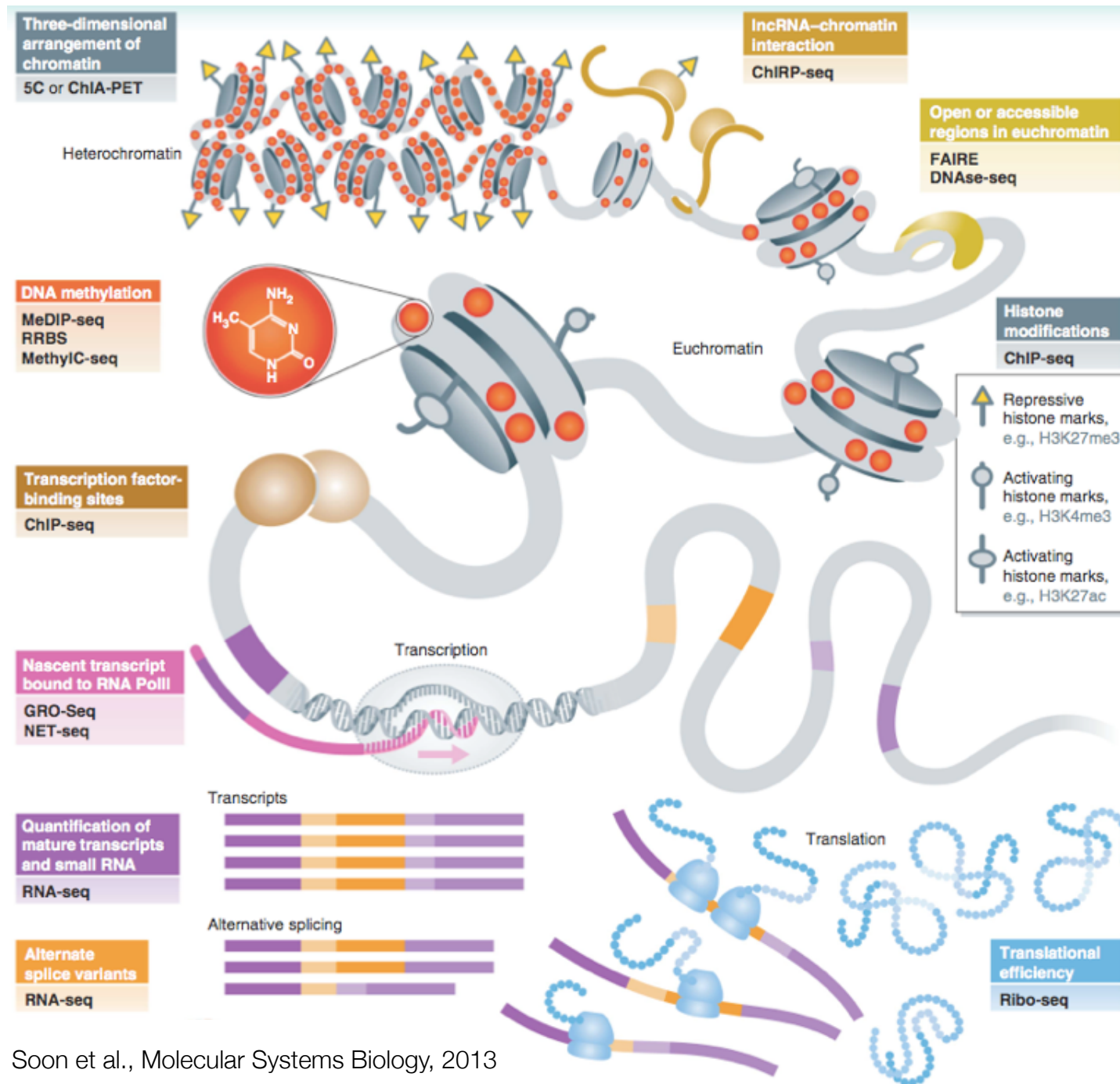
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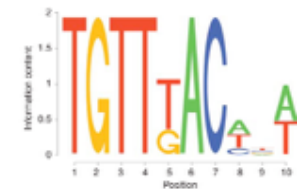
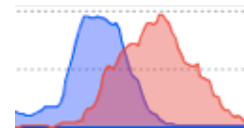
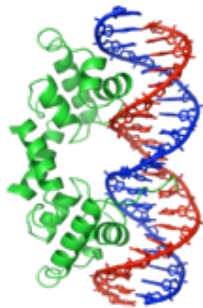
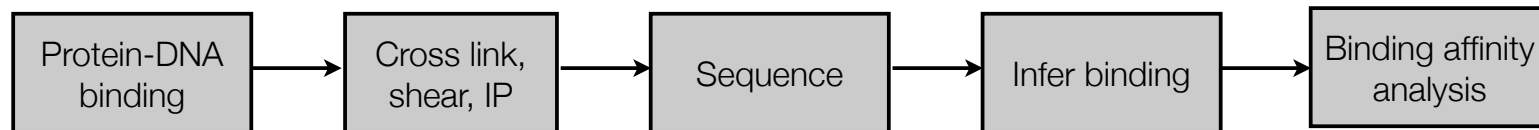
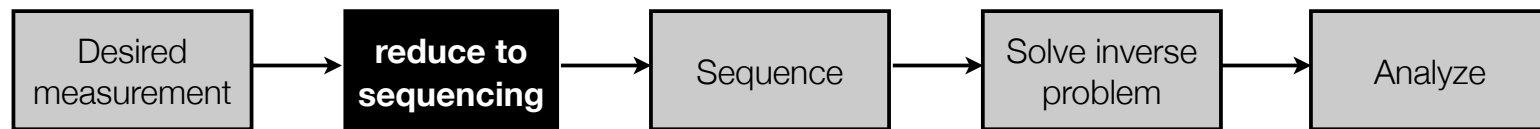
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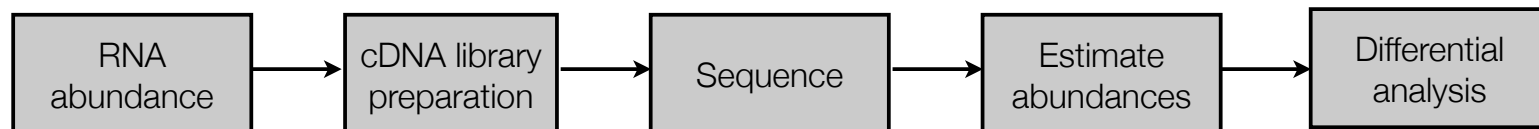
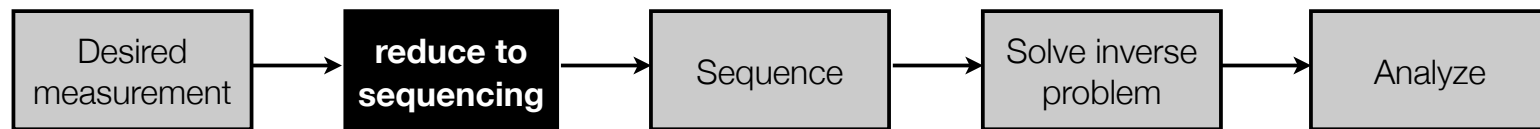




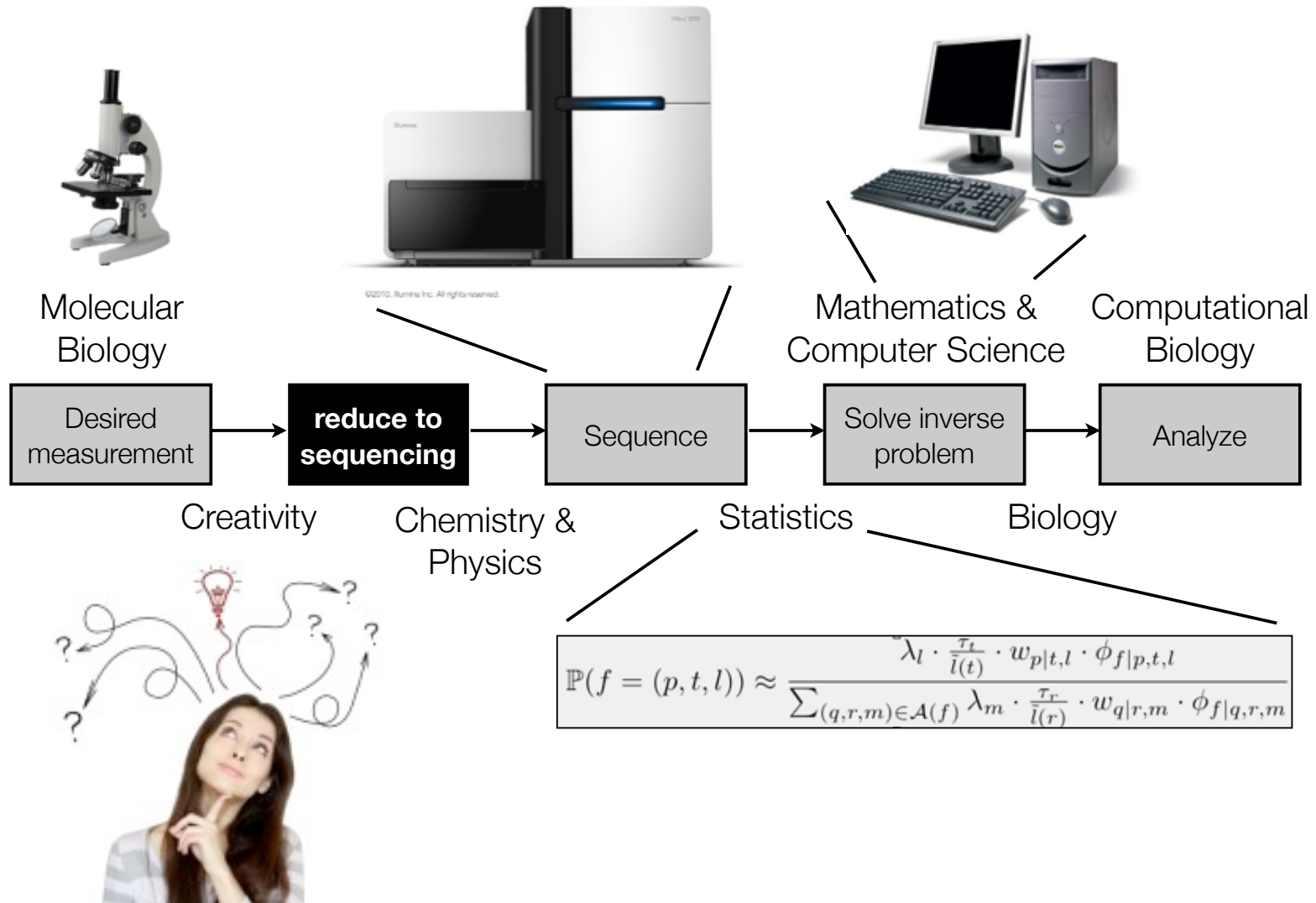
# First \*Seq assay: ChIP-Seq



# Most popular \*Seq assay: RNA-Seq



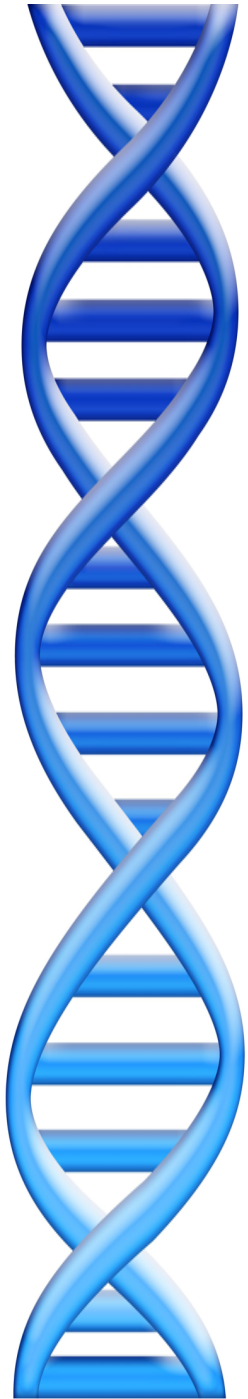
# What is a \*Seq assay?



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# Shredded Book Reconstruction

- Dickens accidentally shreds the first printing of A Tale of Two Cities
  - Text printed on 5 long spools

It was	the	best	of	times,	it	was	the	worst	of	times,	it	was	the	age	of	wisdom,	it	was	the	age	of	foolishness,	...	
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- How can he reconstruct the text?
  - 5 copies x 138,656 words / 5 words per fragment = 138k fragments
  - The short fragments from every copy are mixed together
  - Some fragments are identical

# Greedy Reconstruction

It was the best of  
age of wisdom, it was  
best of times, it was  
it was the age of  
it was the age of  
it was the worst of  
of times, it was the  
of times, it was the  
of wisdom, it was the  
the age of wisdom, it  
the best of times, it  
the worst of times, it  
times, it was the age  
times, it was the worst  
was the age of wisdom,  
was the age of foolishness,  
was the best of times,  
was the worst of times,  
wisdom, it was the age  
worst of times, it was

It was the best of  
was the best of times,  
the best of times, it  
best of times, it was  
of times, it was the  
of times, it was the  
times, it was the worst  
times, it was the age

The repeated sequence make the correct reconstruction ambiguous

- It was the best of times, it was the [worst/age]

Model the assembly problem as a graph problem

# de Bruijn Graph Construction

- $D_k = (V, E)$ 
  - $V =$  All length- $k$  subfragments ( $k < l$ )
  - $E =$  Directed edges between consecutive subfragments
    - Nodes overlap by  $k-1$  words

Original Fragment

It was the best of

Directed Edge

It was the best → was the best of

- Locally constructed graph reveals the global sequence structure
  - Overlaps between sequences implicitly computed

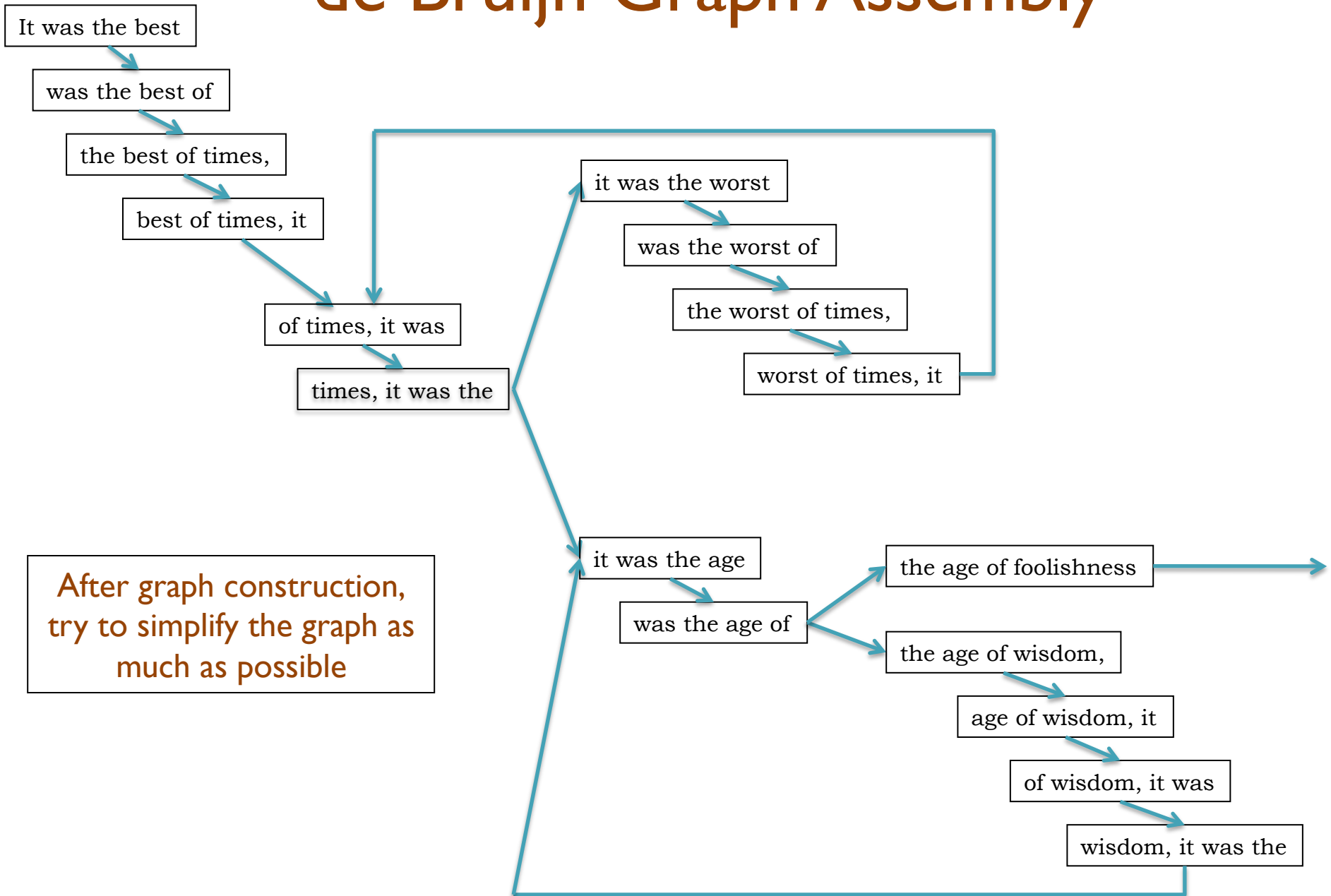
de Bruijn, 1946

Idury and Waterman, 1995

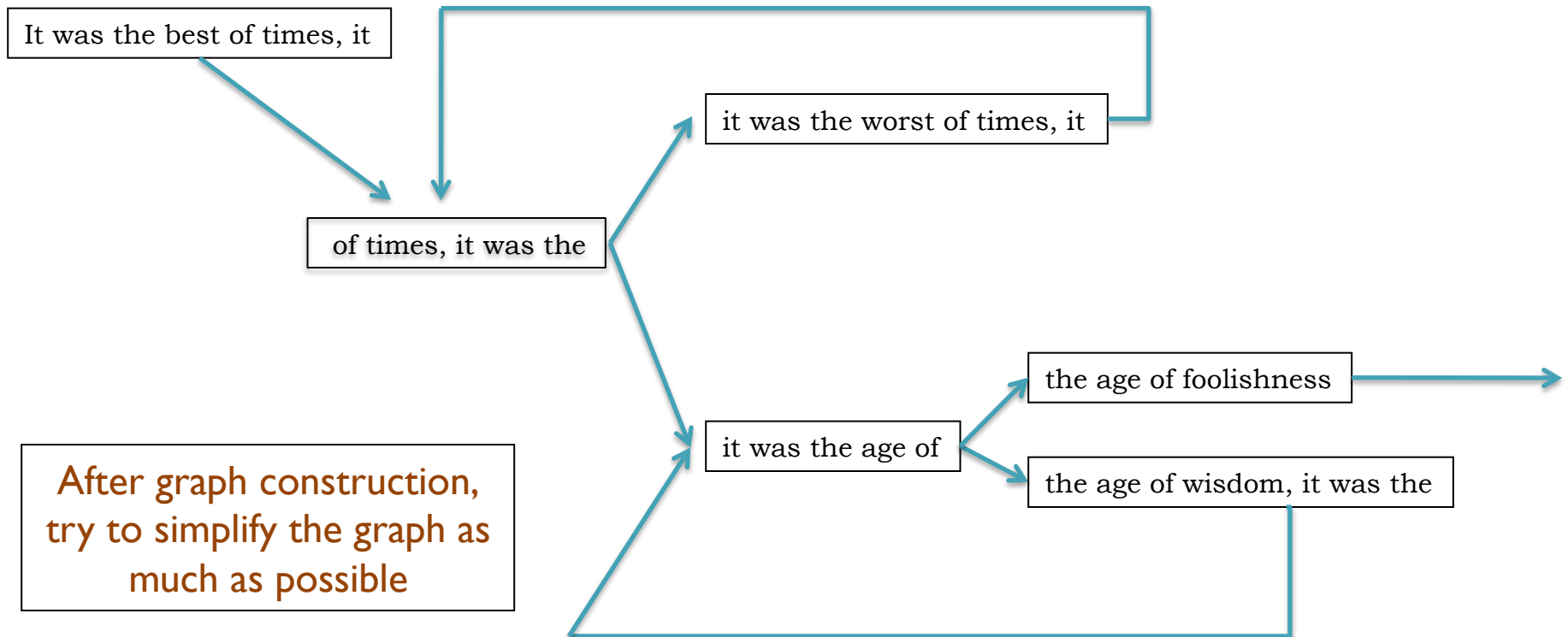
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# de Bruijn Graph Assembly

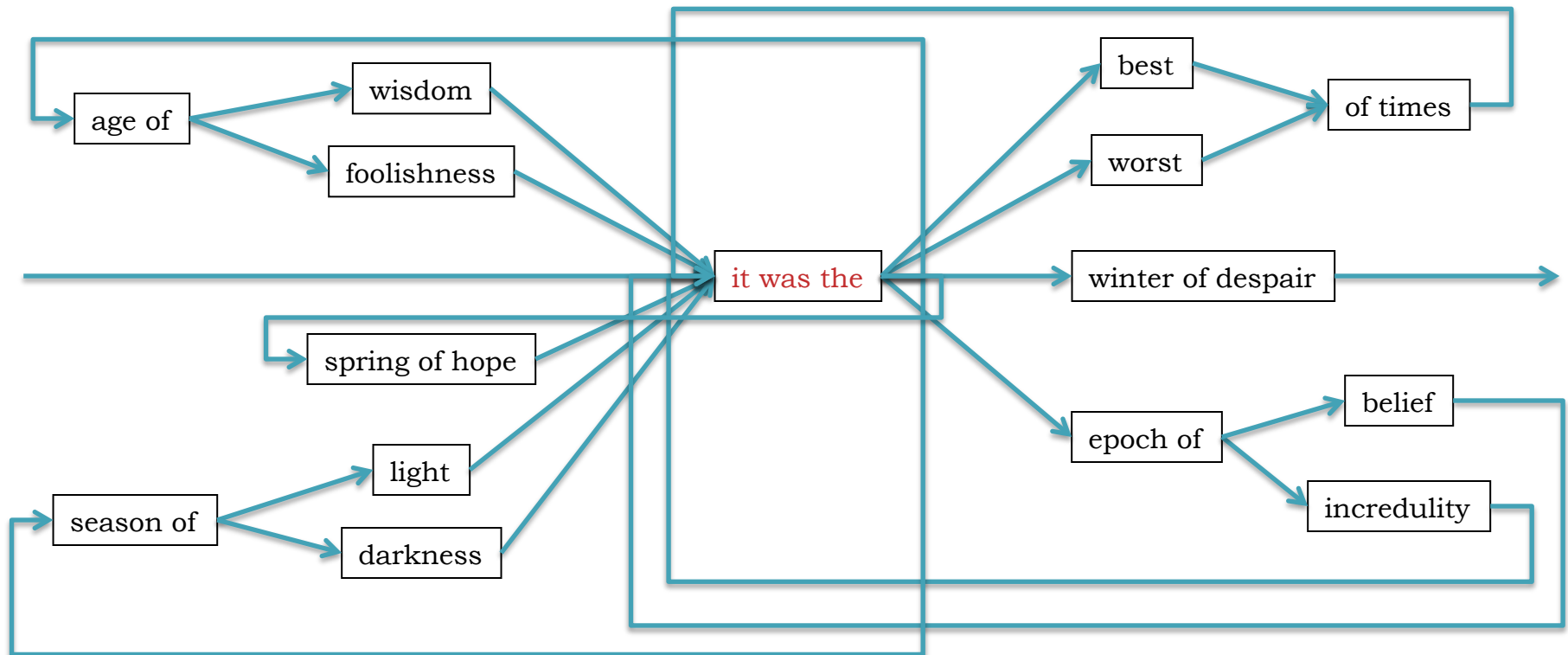


# de Bruijn Graph Assembly



# The full tale

... it was the best of times it was the worst of times ...  
... it was the age of wisdom it was the age of foolishness ...  
... it was the epoch of belief it was the epoch of incredulity ...  
... it was the season of light it was the season of darkness ...  
... it was the spring of hope it was the winter of despair ...



# N50 size

Def: 50% of the genome is in contigs as large as the N50 value

Example: 1 Mbp genome

50%



N50 size = 30 kbp

$(300k + 100k + 45k + 45k + 30k = 520k \geq 500kbp)$

Note:

N50 values are only meaningful to compare when base genome size is the same in all cases

# Milestones in Genome Assembly

Nature Vol. 265 February 24 1977

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## articles

### Nucleotide sequence of bacteriophage $\Phi$ X174 DNA

F. Sanger, G. M. Air\*, B. G. Barrell, N. L. Brown\*, A. R. Coulson, J. C. Fiddes, C. A. Hutchison III\*, P. M. Slocombe\* & M. Smith\*

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A DNA sequence for the genome of bacteriophage  $\Phi$ X174 of approximately 5,375 nucleotides has been determined using the rapid and simple 'plus and minus' method. The sequence identifies many of the features responsible for the production of the proteins of the nine known genes of the organism, including initiation and termination sites for the proteins and RNAs. Two pairs of genes are coded by the same region of DNA using different reading frames.

The genome of bacteriophage  $\Phi$ X174 is a single-stranded, circular DNA of approximately 5,400 nucleotides coding for nine known proteins. The order of these genes, as determined by genetic techniques<sup>1,2</sup>, is  $\theta$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\beta'$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $\zeta$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\xi$ . Genes  $\theta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\xi$  code for structural proteins of the virus capsid, and gene  $\zeta$  (as defined by sequence work) codes for a small basic protein

strand DNA of  $\Phi$ X has the same sequence as the mRNA and, in certain conditions, will bind ribosomes so that a protected fragment can be isolated and sequenced. Only one major site was found. By comparison with the amino acid sequence data it was found that this ribosome binding site sequence coded for the initiation of the gene  $\zeta$  protein<sup>3</sup> (positions 2,362-2,413).

At this stage sequencing techniques using primed synthesis with DNA polymerase were being developed<sup>4</sup> and Schost<sup>5</sup> synthesized a deca-nucleotide with a sequence complementary to part of the ribosome binding site. This was used to prime into the intergenic region between the  $\gamma$  and  $\zeta$  genes, using DNA polymerase and <sup>32</sup>P-labelled triphosphates<sup>6</sup>. The ribo-substitution technique<sup>7</sup> facilitated the sequence determination of the labelled DNA produced. This dicarboxy-terminated system was also used to develop the plus and minus method<sup>8</sup>. Suitable synthetic primers are, however, difficult to prepare and as



1977. Sanger et al.

1<sup>st</sup> Complete Organism

5375 bp

1995. Fleischmann et al.

1<sup>st</sup> Free Living Organism

TIGR Assembler. 1.8Mbp

1998. C.elegans SC

1<sup>st</sup> Multicellular Organism

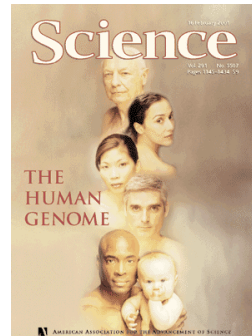
BAC-by-BAC Phrap. 97Mbp



2000. Myers et al.

1<sup>st</sup> Large WGS Assembly.

Celera Assembler. 116 Mbp



2001. Venter et al., IHGSC

Human Genome

Celera Assembler/GigaAssembler. 2.9 Gbp



2010. Li et al.

1<sup>st</sup> Large SGS Assembly.

SOAPdenovo 2.2 Gbp

Like Dickens, we must computationally reconstruct a genome from short fragments

# Assembly Applications

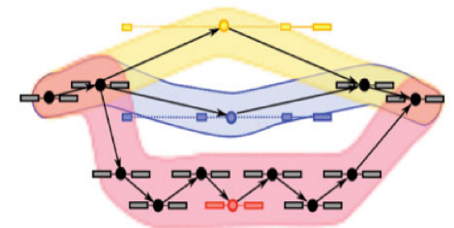
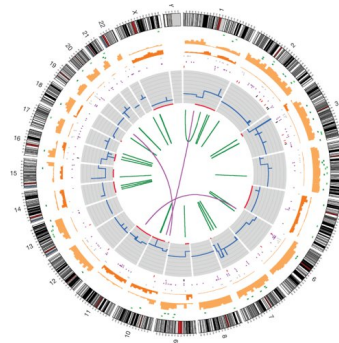
- Novel genomes



- Metagenomes

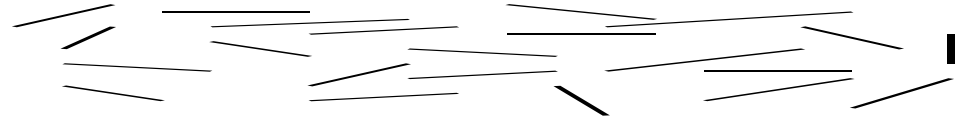


- Sequencing assays
  - Structural variations
  - Transcript assembly
  - ...



# Assembling a Genome

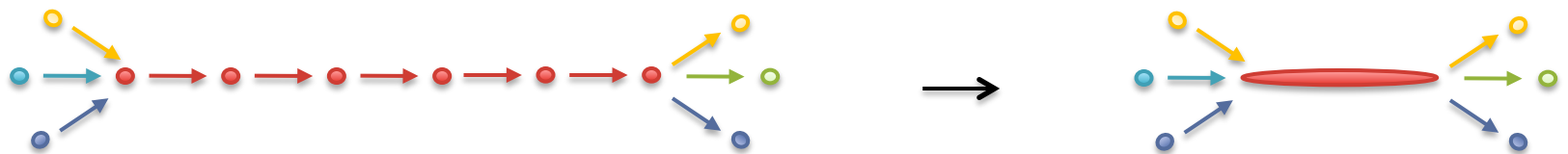
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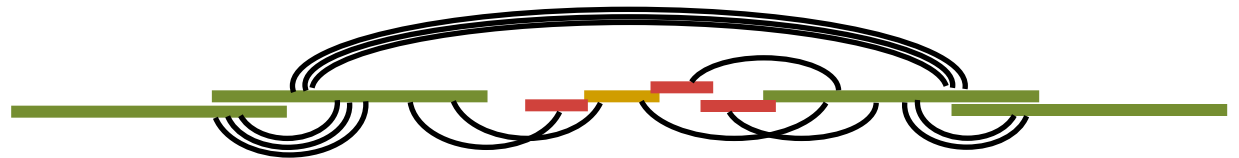
2. Construct assembly graph from overlapping reads

...AGCCTAGACCTACAGGATGCGCGACACGT  
GGATGCGCGACACGTTCGCATATCCGGT...

3. Simplify assembly graph



4. Detangle graph with long reads, mates, and other links





# Why are genomes hard to assemble?

## **1. Biological:**

- (Very) High ploidy, heterozygosity, repeat content

## **2. Sequencing:**

- (Very) large genomes, imperfect sequencing

## **3. Computational:**

- (Very) Large genomes, complex structure

## **4. Accuracy:**

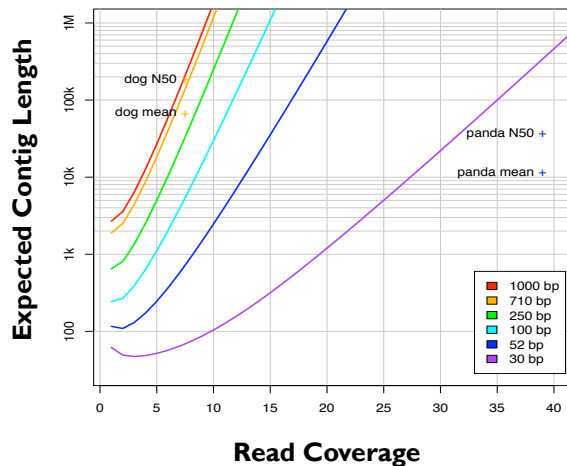
- (Very) Hard to assess correctness





# Ingredients for a good assembly

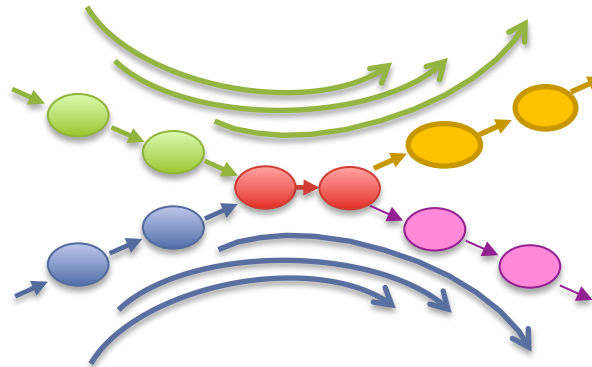
## Coverage



### High coverage is required

- Oversample the genome to ensure every base is sequenced with long overlaps between reads
- Biased coverage will also fragment assembly

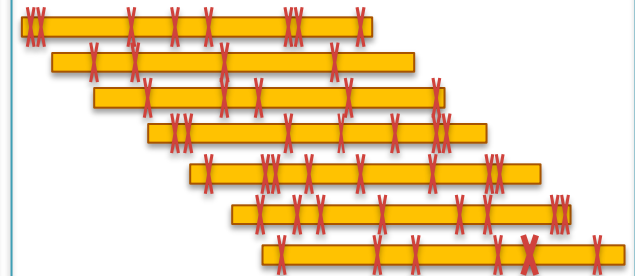
## Read Length



### Reads & mates must be longer than the repeats

- Short reads will have **false overlaps** forming hairball assembly graphs
- With long enough reads, assemble entire chromosomes into contigs

## Quality



### Errors obscure overlaps

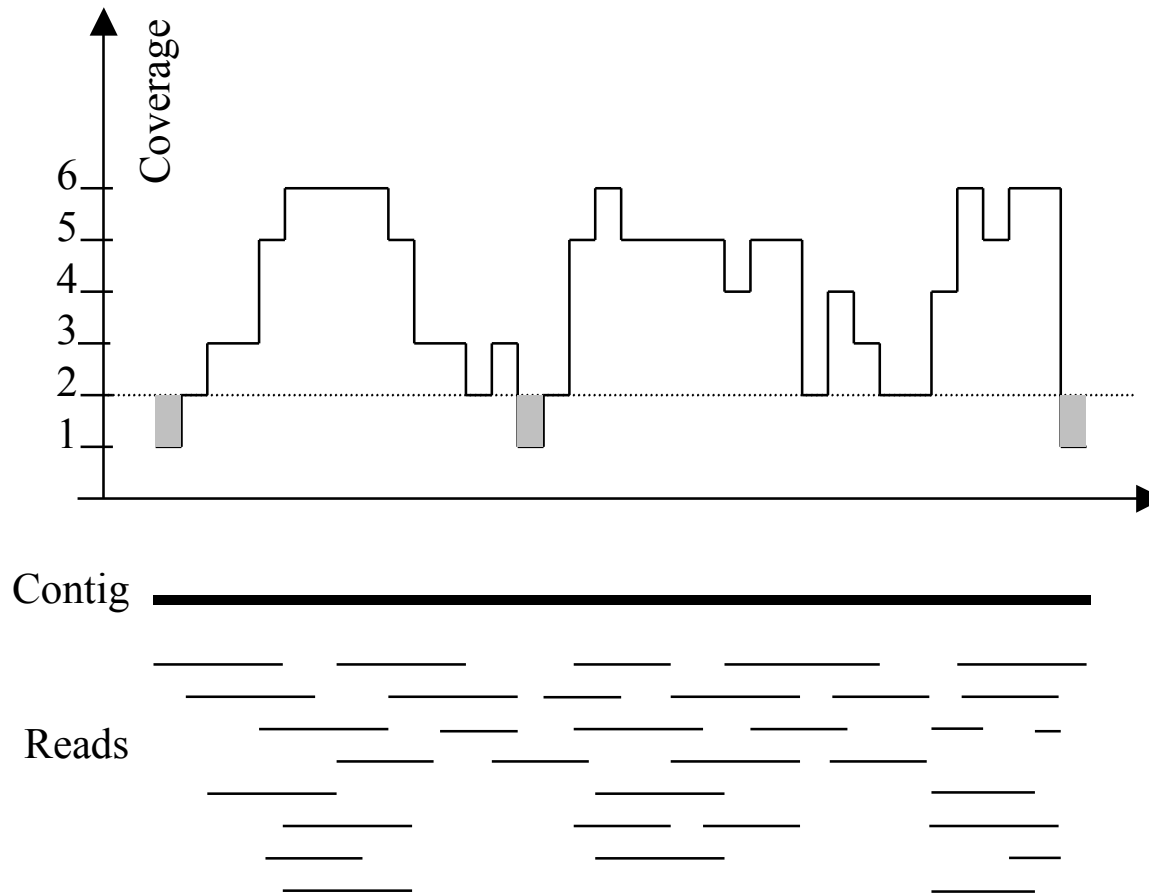
- Reads are assembled by finding kmers shared in pair of reads
- High error rate requires very short seeds, increasing complexity and forming assembly hairballs

## Current challenges in *de novo* plant genome sequencing and assembly

Schatz MC, Witkowski, McCombie, WVR (2012) *Genome Biology*. 12:243

Coverage

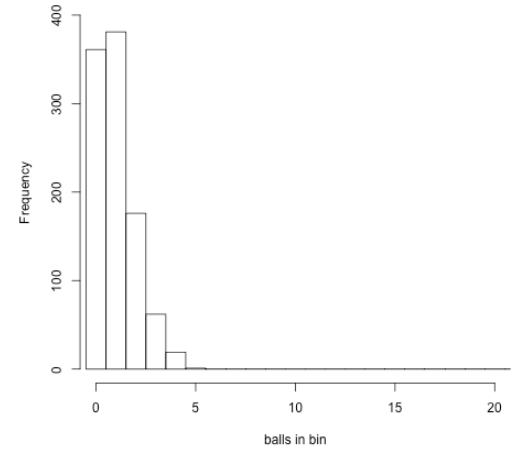
# Typical contig coverage



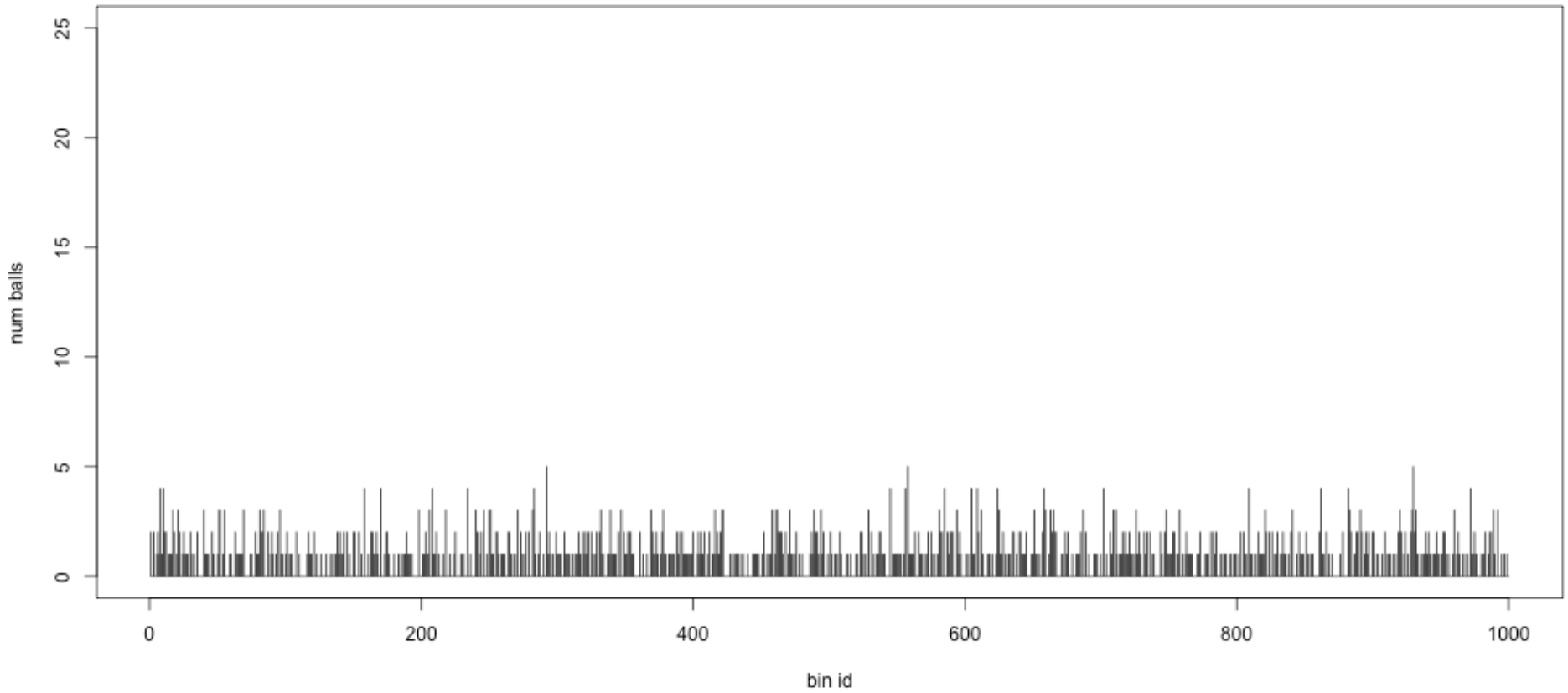
Imagine raindrops on a sidewalk

# Balls in Bins Ix

Histogram of balls in each bin  
Total balls: 1000 Empty bins: 361

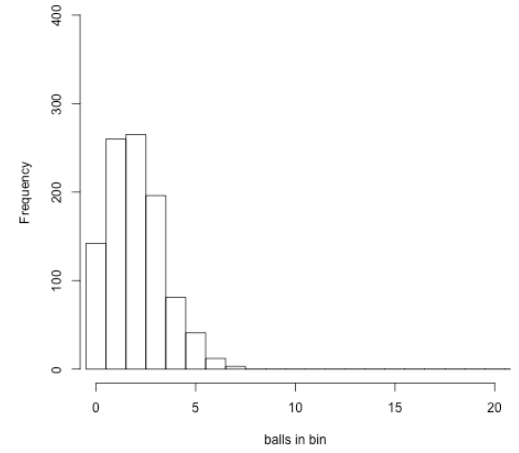


Balls in Bins  
Total balls: 1000

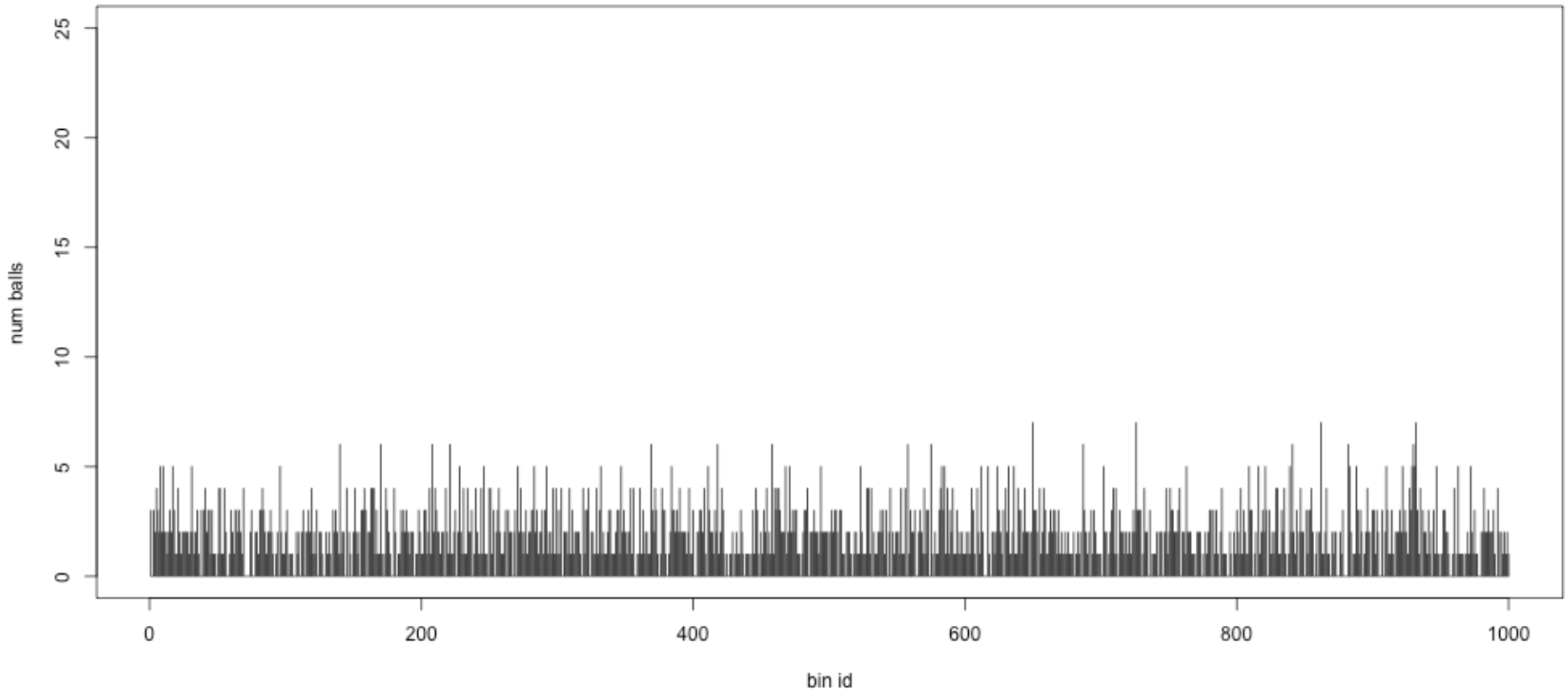


# Balls in Bins 2x

Histogram of balls in each bin  
Total balls: 2000 Empty bins: 142

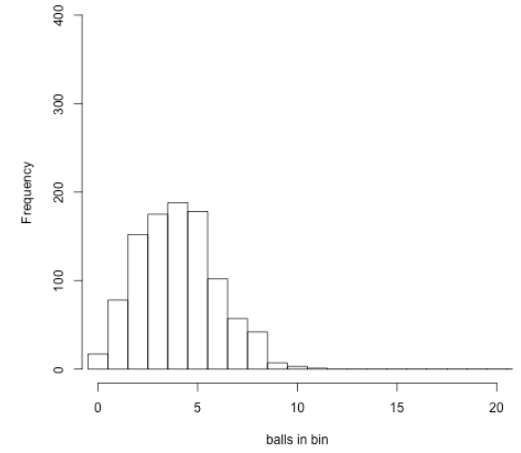


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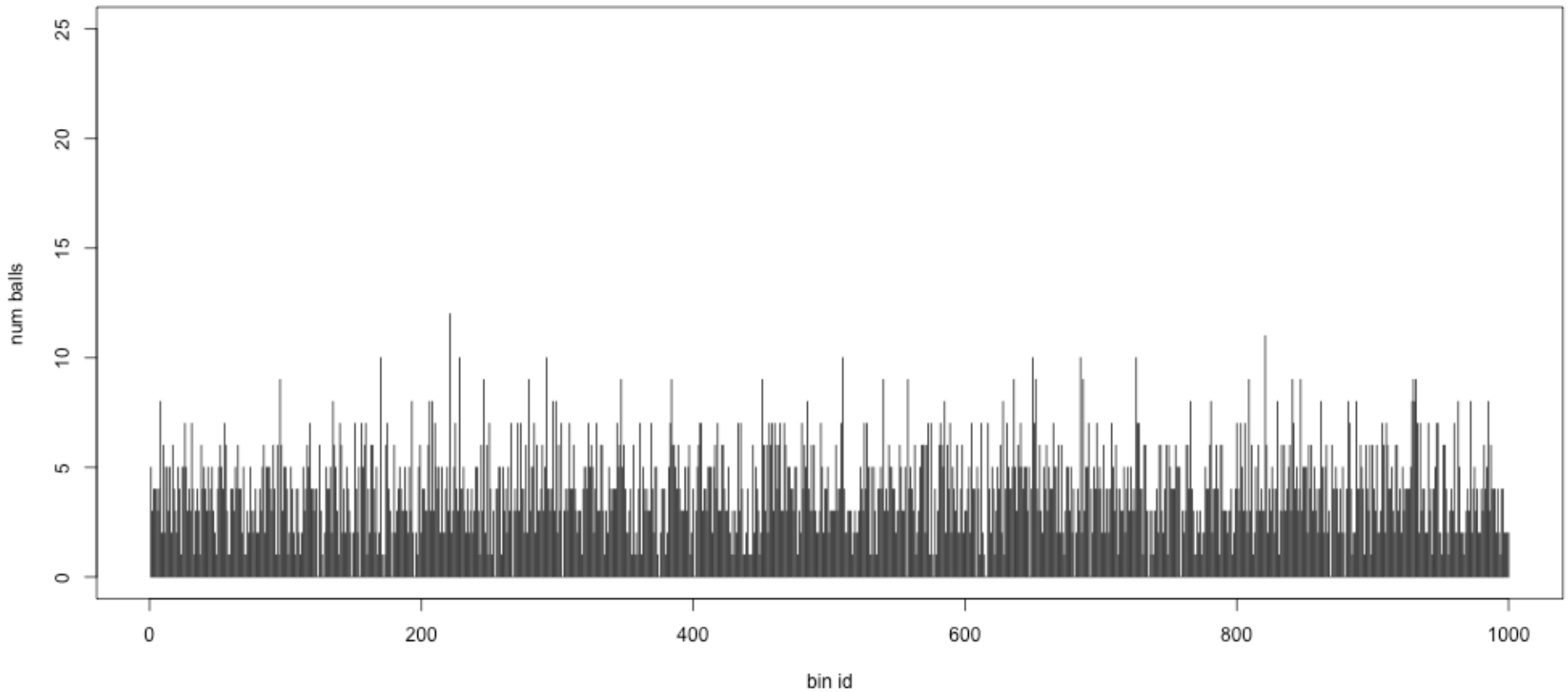


# Balls in Bins 4x

Histogram of balls in each bin  
Total balls: 4000 Empty bins: 17

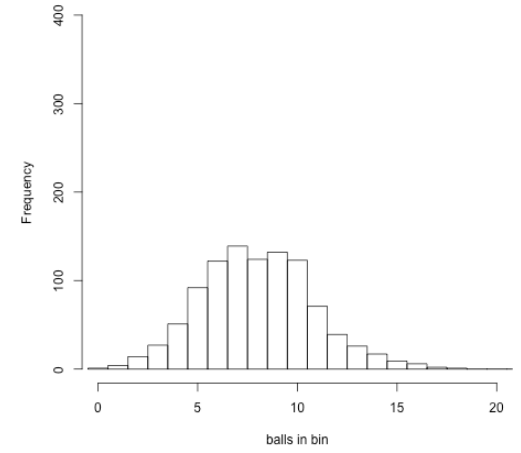


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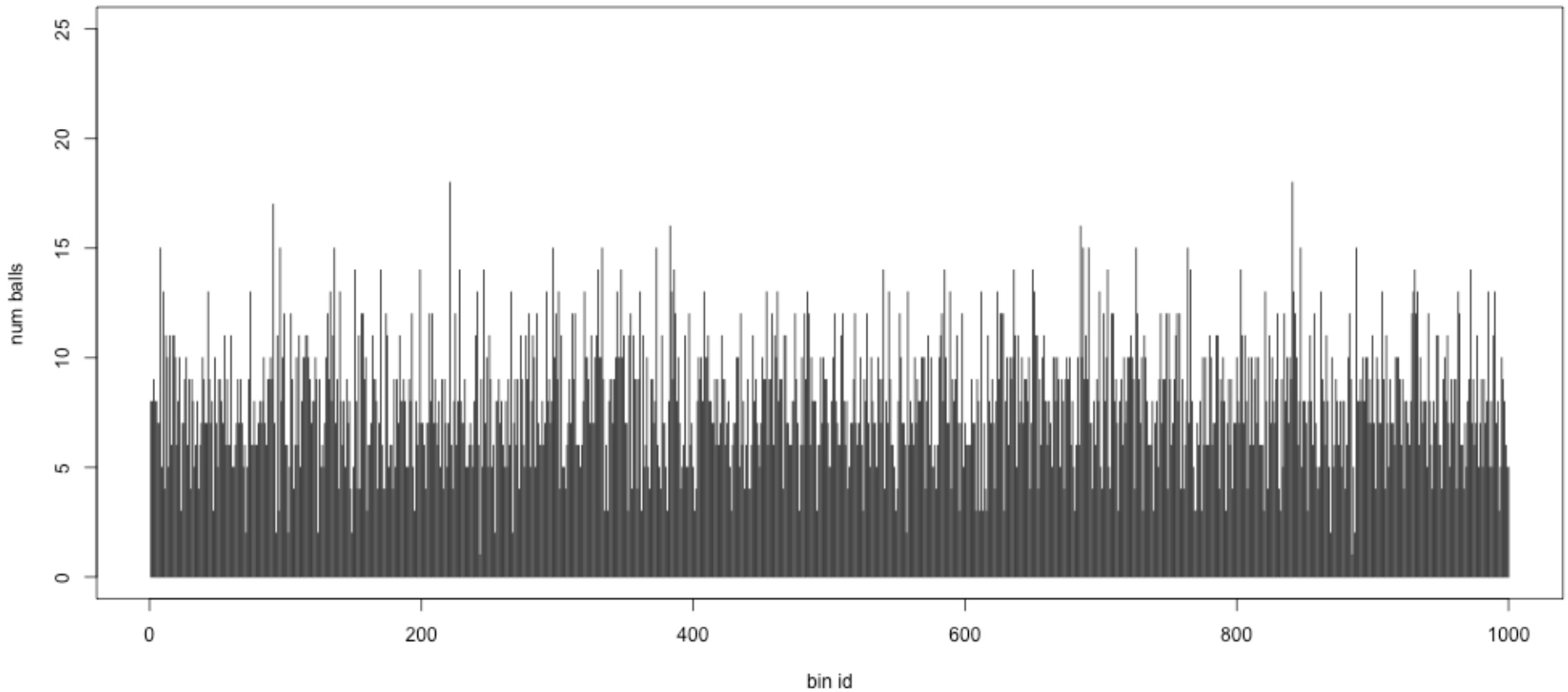


# Balls in Bins 8x

Histogram of balls in each bin  
Total balls: 8000 Empty bins: 1



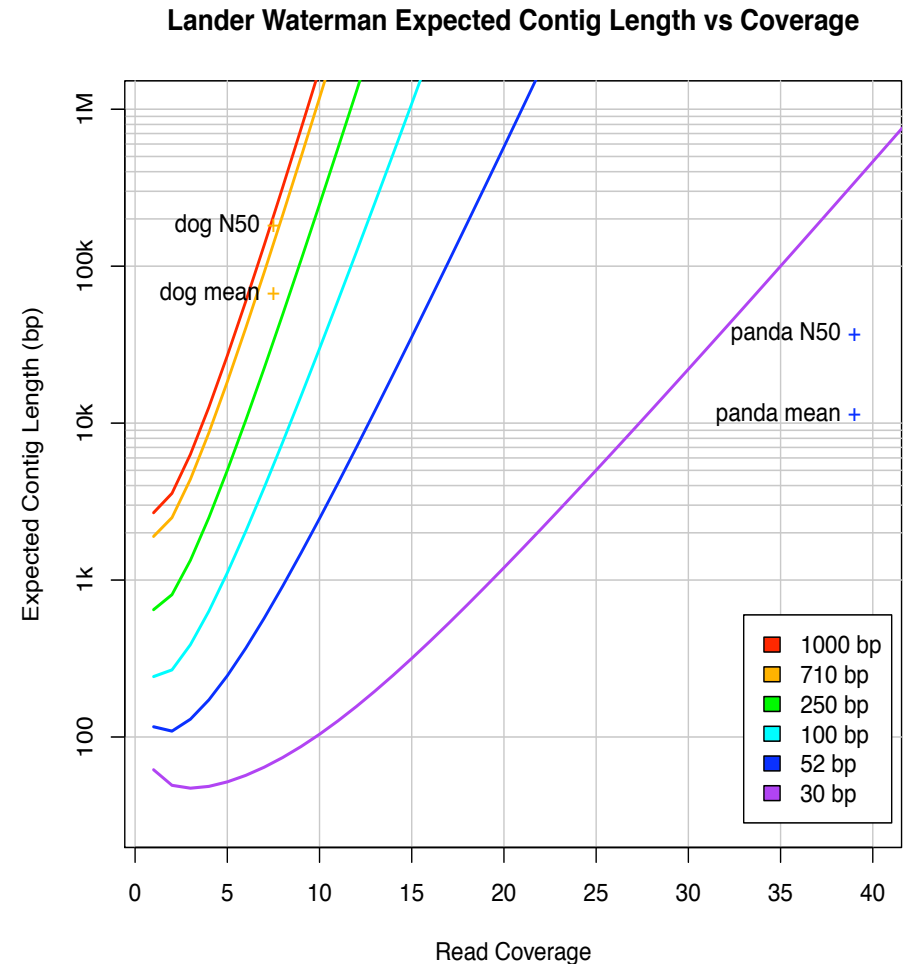
Balls in Bins  
Total balls: 8000



# Coverage and Read Length

## Idealized Lander-Waterman model

- Reads start at perfectly random positions
- Contig length is a function of coverage and read length
  - Short reads require much higher coverage to reach same expected contig length
- Need even high coverage for higher ploidy, sequencing errors, sequencing biases
  - Recommend 100x coverage

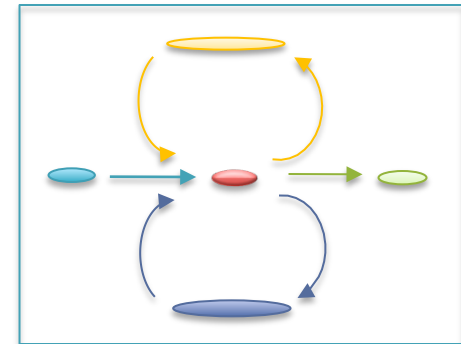
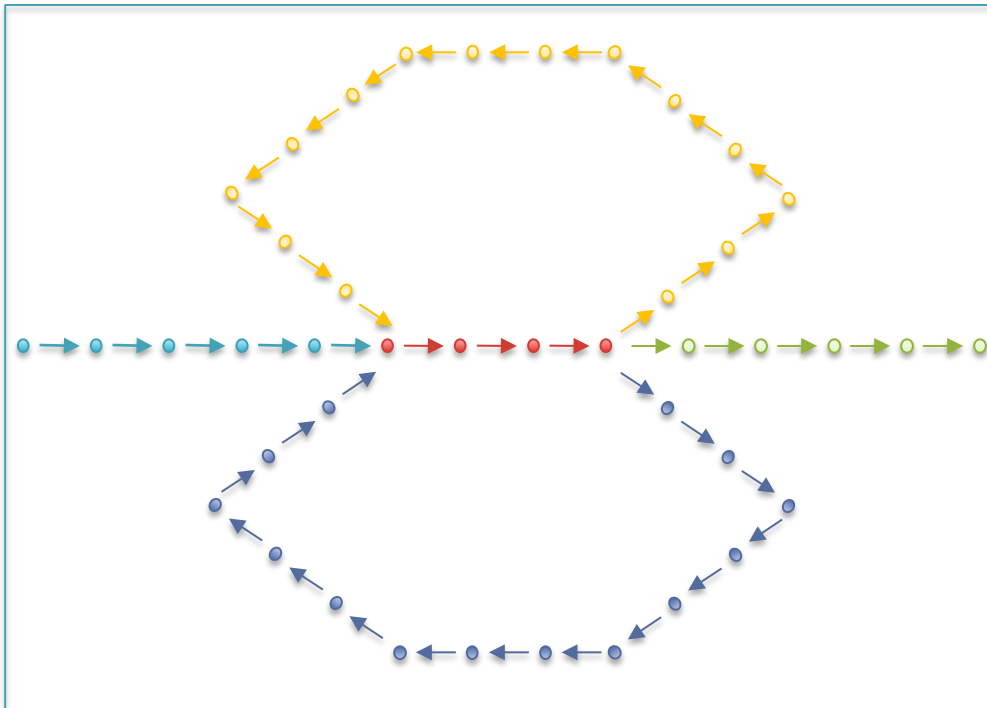


## Assembly of Large Genomes using Second Generation Sequencing

Schatz MC, Delcher AL, Salzberg SL (2010) *Genome Research*. 20:1165-1173.

# Unitigging / Unipathing

- After simplification and correction, compress graph down to its non-branching initial contigs
  - Aka “unitigs”, “unipaths”
  - Unitigs end because of (1) lack of coverage, (2) errors, and (3) repeats





# Repetitive regions

Repeat Type	Definition / Example	Prevalence
Low-complexity DNA / Microsatellites	$(b_1b_2\dots b_k)^N$ where $1 \leq k \leq 6$ CACACACACACACACACA	2%
SINEs (Short Interspersed Nuclear Elements)	<i>Alu</i> sequence (~280 bp) Mariner elements (~80 bp)	13%
LINEs (Long Interspersed Nuclear Elements)	~500 – 5,000 bp	21%
LTR (long terminal repeat) retrotransposons	Ty1-copia, Ty3-gypsy, Pao-BEL (~100 – 5,000 bp)	8%
Other DNA transposons		3%
Gene families & segmental duplications		4%

- Over 50% of mammalian genomes are repetitive
  - Large plant genomes tend to be even worse
  - Wheat: 16 Gbp; Pine: 24 Gbp

# Paired-end and Mate-pairs

## **Paired-end sequencing**

- Read one end of the molecule, flip, and read the other end
- Generate pair of reads separated by up to 500bp with inward orientation

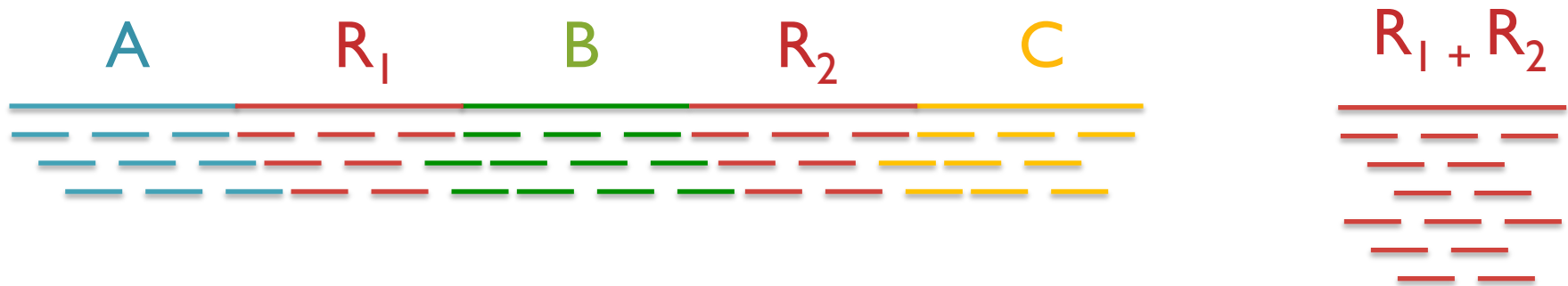


## **Mate-pair sequencing**

- Circularize long molecules (1-10kbp), shear into fragments, & sequence
- Mate failures create short paired-end reads



# Repeats and Coverage Statistics



- If  $n$  reads are a uniform random sample of the genome of length  $G$ , we expect  $k = n \Delta / G$  reads to start in a region of length  $\Delta$ .
  - If we see many more reads than  $k$  (if the arrival rate is  $> \lambda$ ), it is likely to be a collapsed repeat

$$\Pr(X - copy) = \binom{n}{k} \left( \frac{X\Delta}{G} \right)^k \left( \frac{G - X\Delta}{G} \right)^{n-k}$$

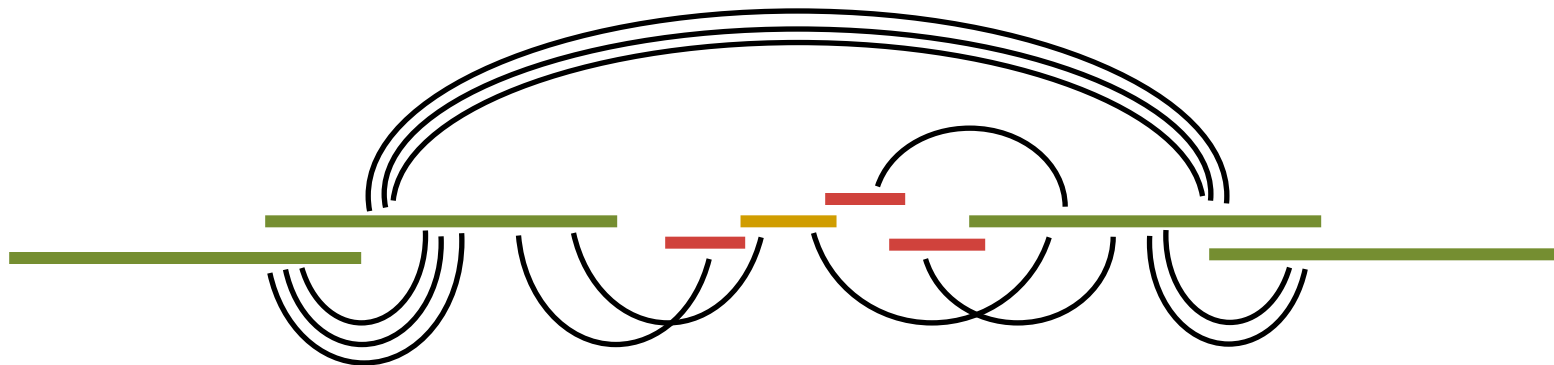
$$A(\Delta, k) = \ln \left( \frac{\Pr(1 - copy)}{\Pr(2 - copy)} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{\frac{(\Delta n / G)^k e^{-\frac{\Delta n}{G}}}{k!}}{\frac{(2\Delta n / G)^k e^{-\frac{2\Delta n}{G}}}{k!}} \right) = \frac{n\Delta}{G} - k \ln 2$$

## The fragment assembly string graph

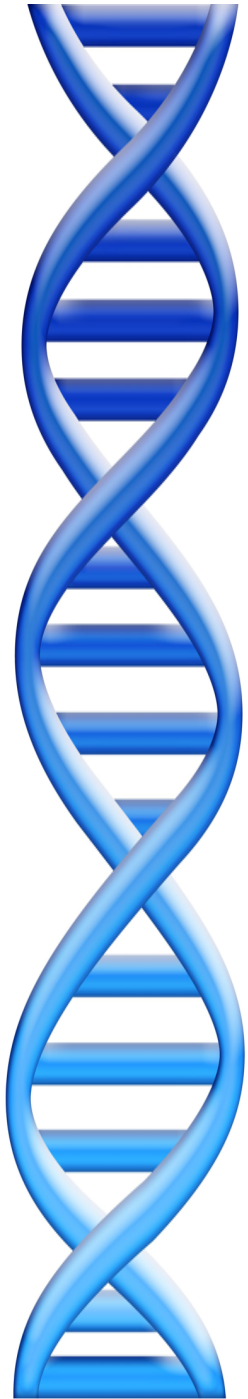
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# Scaffolding

- Initial contigs (*aka* unipaths, unitigs) terminate at
  - *Coverage gaps*: especially extreme GC regions
  - *Conflicts*: sequencing errors, repeat boundaries
- Iteratively resolve longest, ‘most unique’ contigs
  - Both overlap graph and de Bruijn assemblers initially collapse repeats into single copies
  - Uniqueness measured by a statistical test on coverage

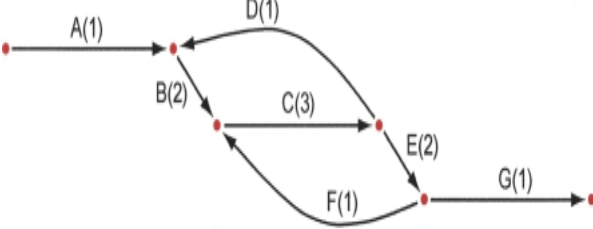
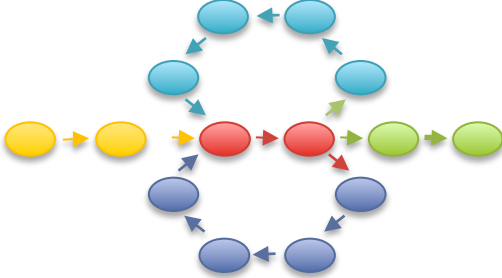



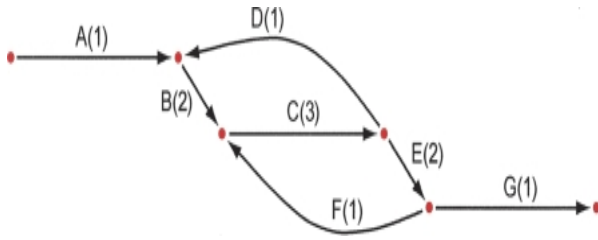
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# Assembly Algorithms

ALLPATHS-LG	SOAPdenovo	Celera Assembler
		
<p>Broad's assembler (Gnerre et al. 2011)</p>	<p>BGI's assembler (Li et al. 2010)</p>	<p>JCVI's assembler (Miller et al. 2008)</p>
<p>De bruijn graph Short + PacBio (patching)</p>	<p>De bruijn graph Short reads</p>	<p>Overlap graph Medium + Long reads</p>
<p>Easy to run if you have compatible libraries</p>	<p>Most flexible, but requires a lot of tuning</p>	<p>Supports Illumina/454/PacBio Hybrid assemblies</p>
<p><a href="http://www.broadinstitute.org/software/allpaths-lg/blog/">http://www.broadinstitute.org/ software/allpaths-lg/blog/</a></p>	<p><a href="http://soap.genomics.org.cn/soapdenovo.html">http://soap.genomics.org.cn/ soapdenovo.html</a></p>	<p><a href="http://wgs-assembler.sf.net">http://wgs-assembler.sf.net</a></p>



# Genome assembly with ALLPATHS-LG

Iain MacCallum

## ALLPATHS-LG sequencing model

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Libraries (insert types)	Fragment size (bp)	Read length (bases)	Sequence coverage (x)	Required
Fragment	180*	$\geq 100$	45	yes
Short jump	3,000	$\geq 100$ preferable	45	yes
Long jump	6,000	$\geq 100$ preferable	5	no**
Fosmid jump	40,000	$\geq 26$	1	no**

\*See next slide.

\*\*For best results. Normally not used for small genomes.  
However essential to assemble long repeats or duplications.

Cutting coverage in half still works, with some reduction in quality of results.

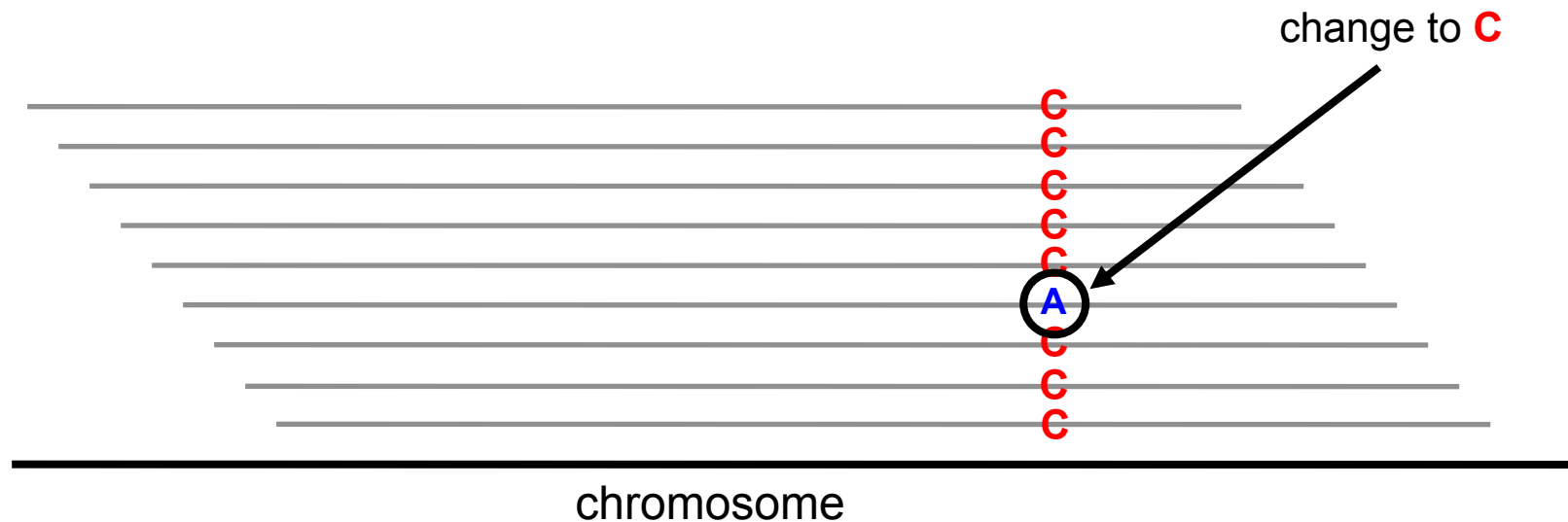
All: protocols are either available, or in progress.



## Error correction

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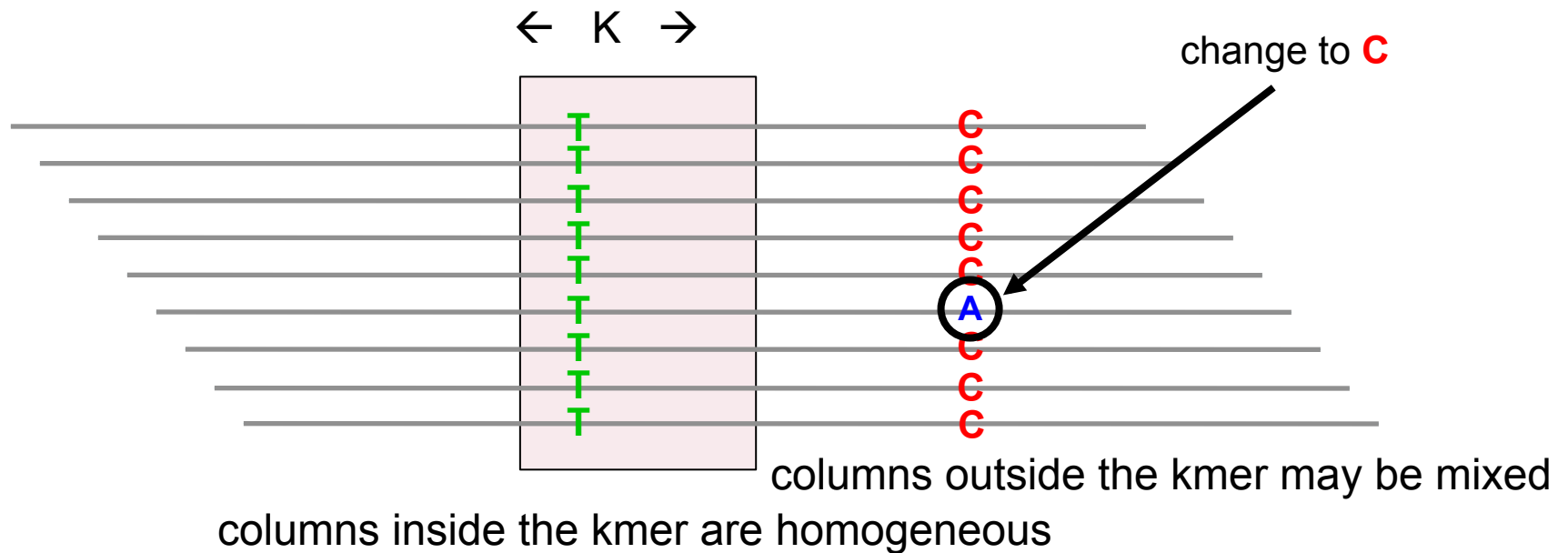
Given a crystal ball, we could stack reads on the chromosomes they came from (with homologous chromosomes separate), then let each column 'vote':



But we don't have a crystal ball....

## Error correction

ALLPATHS-LG. For every K-mer, examine the stack of all reads containing the K-mer. Individual reads may be edited if they differ from the overwhelming consensus of the stack. If a given base on a read receives conflicting votes (arising from membership of the read in multiple stacks), it is not changed. (K=24)

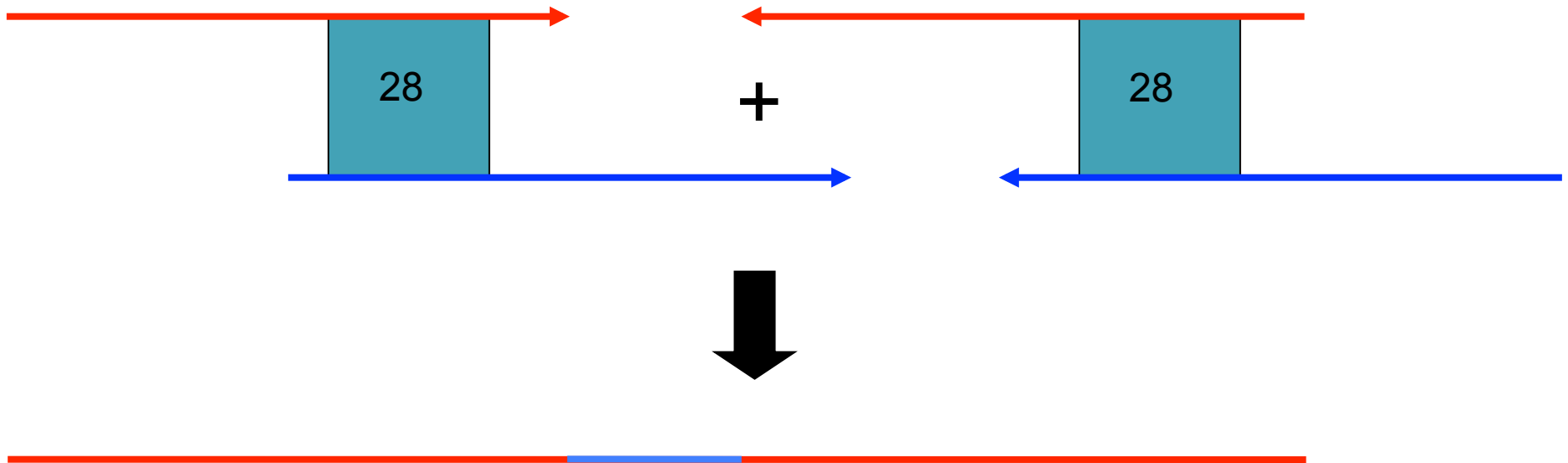


Two calls at Q20 or better are enough to protect a base

## Read doubling

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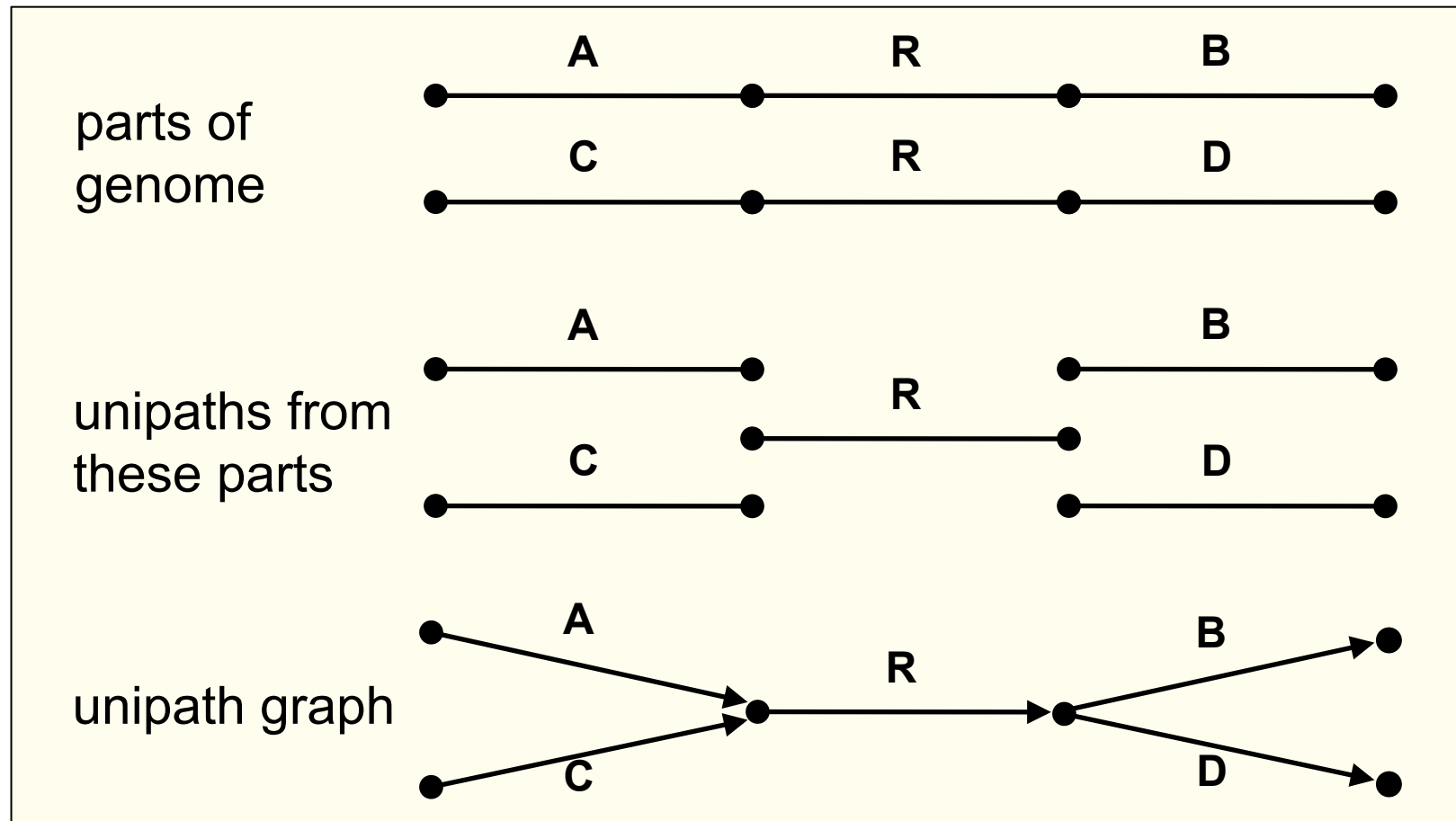
To close a read pair (red), we require the existence of another read pair (blue), overlapping perfectly like this:



More than one closure allowed (but rare).

# Unipaths

*Unipath*: unbranched part of genome – squeeze together perfect repeats of size  $\geq K$



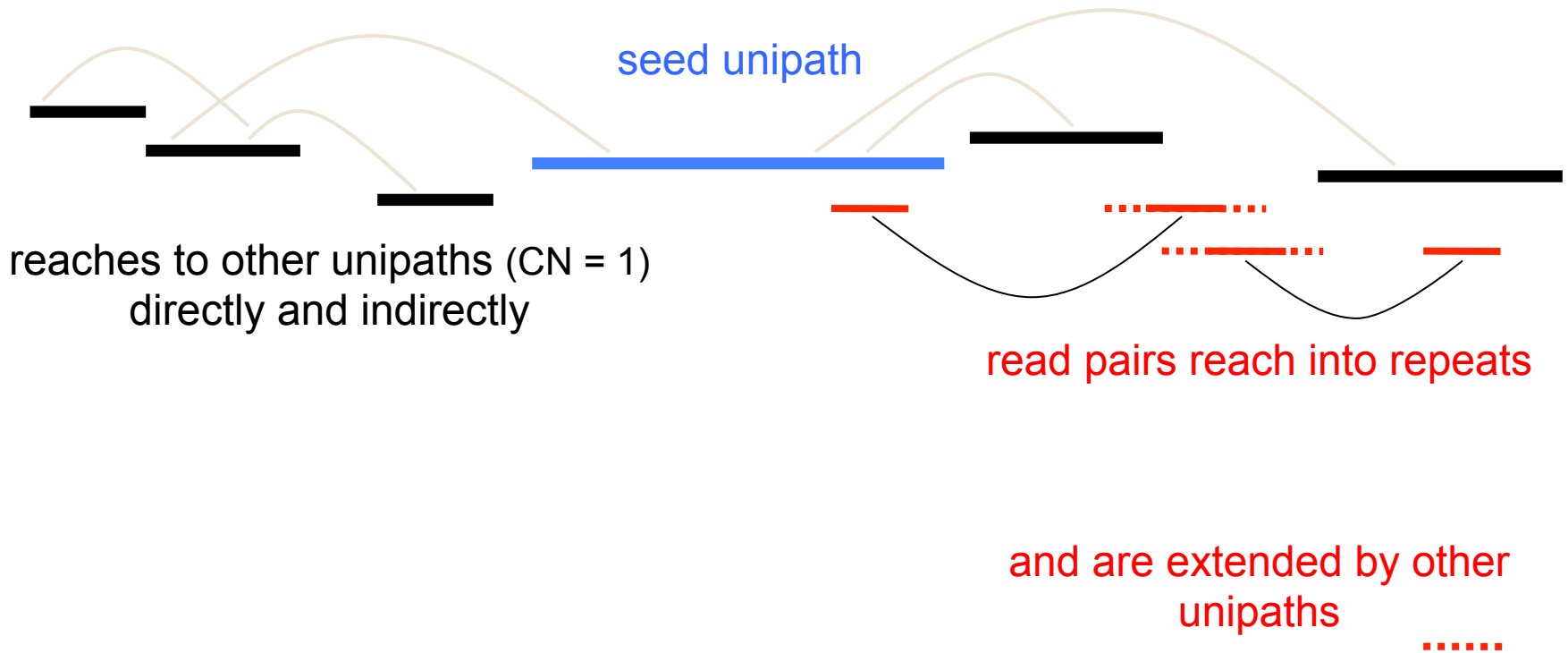
Adjacent unipaths overlap by  $K-1$  bases

# Localization

I. Find 'seed' unipaths, evenly spaced across genome  
(ideally long, of copy number  $CN = 1$ )

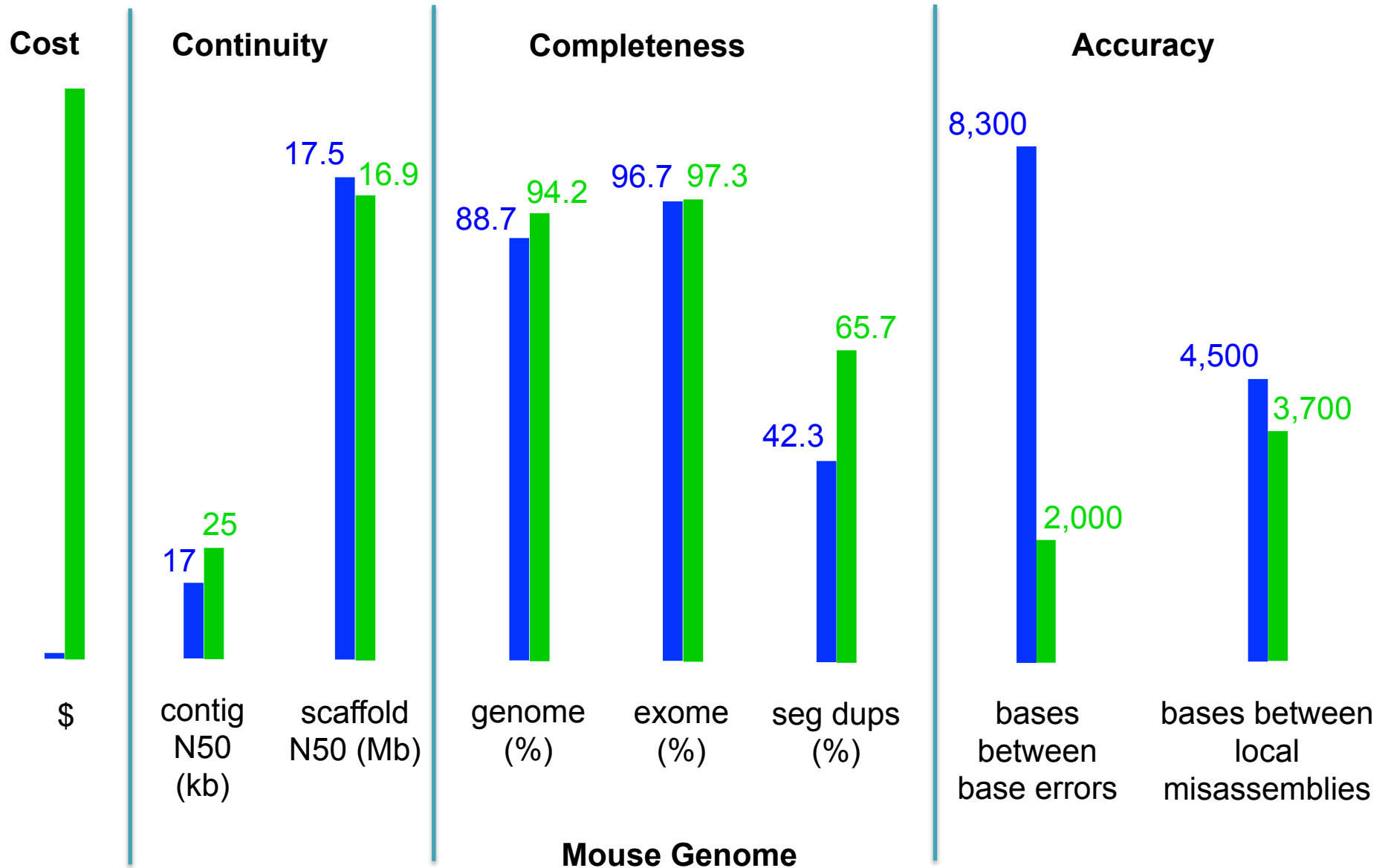


II. Form neighborhood around each seed





# Large genome recipe: ALLPATHS-LG vs capillary



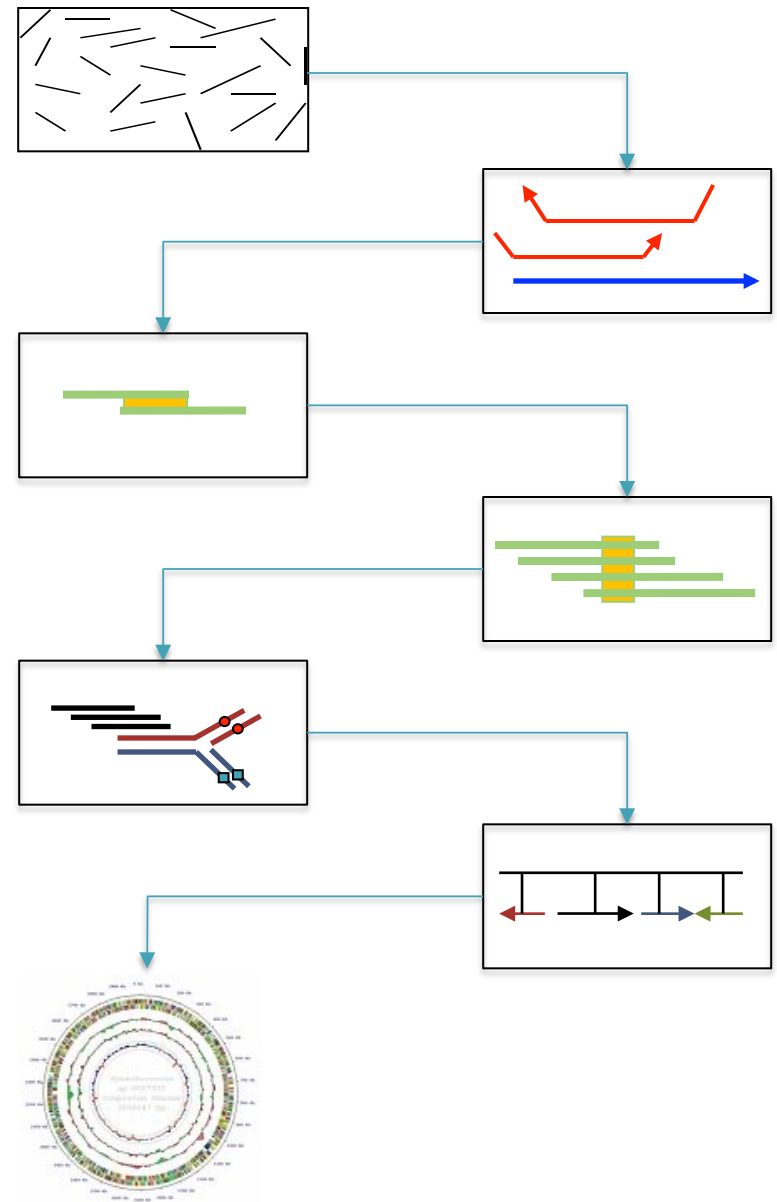


## **Genome assembly with the Celera Assembler**

# Celera Assembler

<http://wgs-assembler.sf.net>

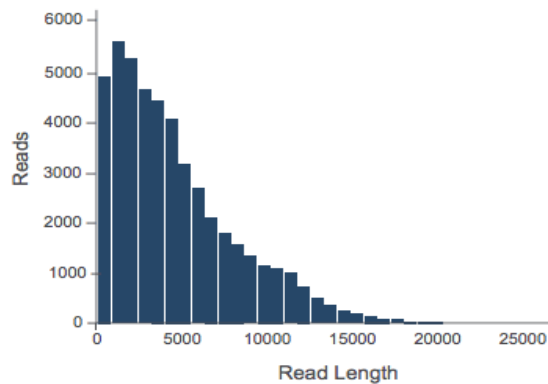
1. Pre-overlap
  - Consistency checks
2. Trimming
  - Quality trimming & partial overlaps
3. Compute Overlaps
  - Find high quality overlaps
4. Error Correction
  - Evaluate difference in context of overlapping reads
5. Unitigging
  - Merge consistent reads
6. Scaffolding
  - Bundle mates, Order & Orient
7. Finalize Data
  - Build final consensus sequences



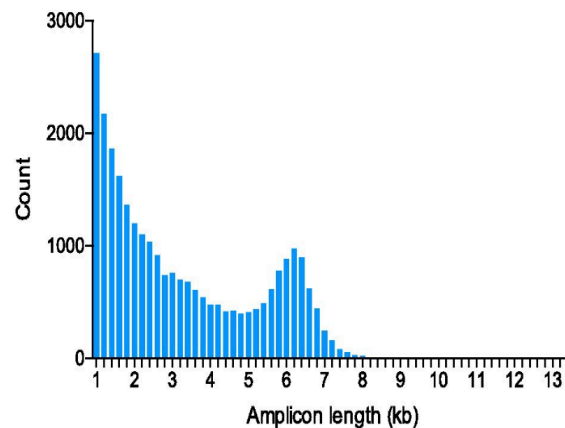


# Single Molecule Sequencing Technology

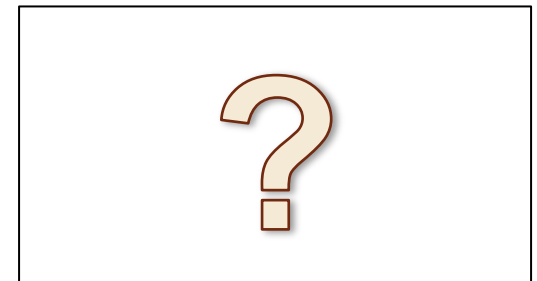
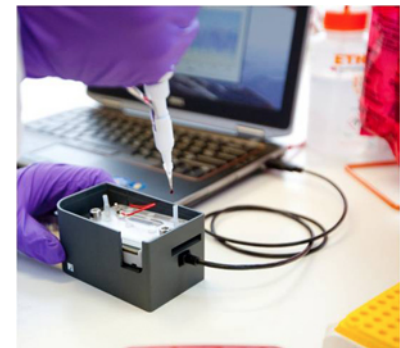
## PacBio RS II



## Moleculo



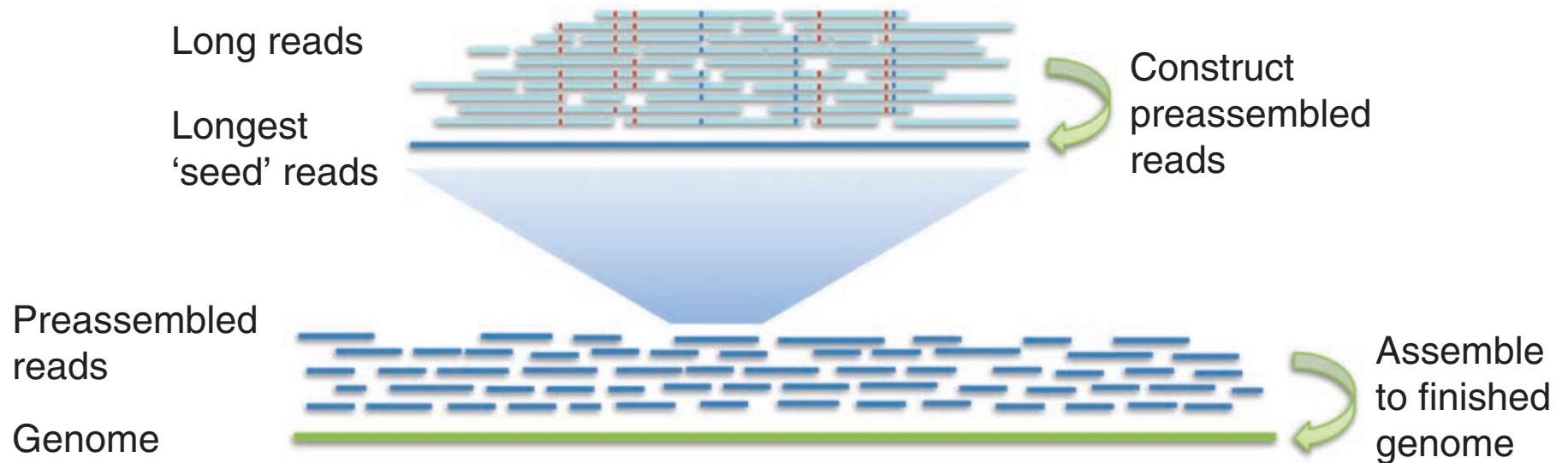
## Oxford Nanopore



**Clive G. Brown** @Clive\_G\_Brown 9 Oct  
I've reluctantly rejoined twitter purely so that I can make one tweet  
- when the appropriate time arises ...  
Expand



# PacBio Error Correction: HGAP



- With 50-100x of Pacbio coverage, virtually all of the errors can be eliminated
  - Works well for Microbial genomes: single contig per chromosome routinely achieved
  - Difficult to scale up for use with eukaryotic genomes

**Nonhybrid, finished microbial genome assemblies from long-read SMRT sequencing data**  
Chin, CS *et al.* (2013) *Nature Methods*. 10: 563-569

# Hybrid Sequencing



## **Illumina**

*Sequencing by Synthesis*

High throughput (60Gbp/day)

High accuracy (~99%)

Short reads (~100bp)



## **Pacific Biosciences**

*SMRT Sequencing*

Lower throughput (1Gbp/day)

Lower accuracy (~85%)

Long reads (5kbp+)

# Hybrid Error Correction: PacBioToCA

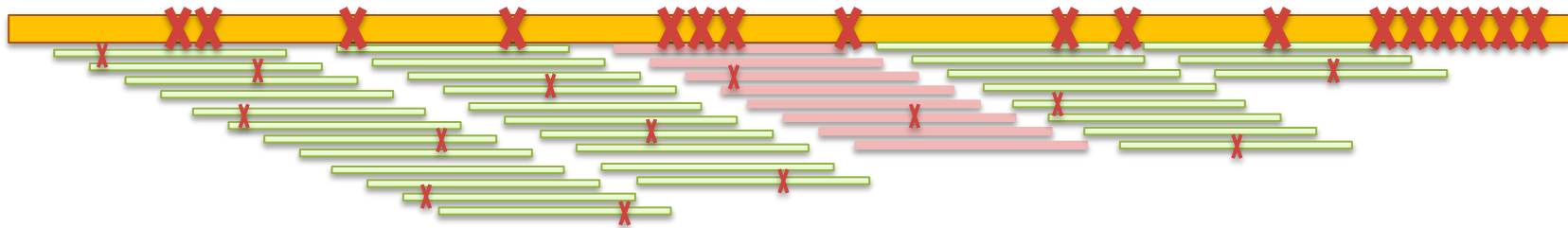
<http://wgs-assembler.sf.net>

## I. Correction Pipeline

1. Map short reads to long reads
2. Trim long reads at coverage gaps
3. Compute consensus for each long read



## 2. Error corrected reads can be easily assembled, aligned



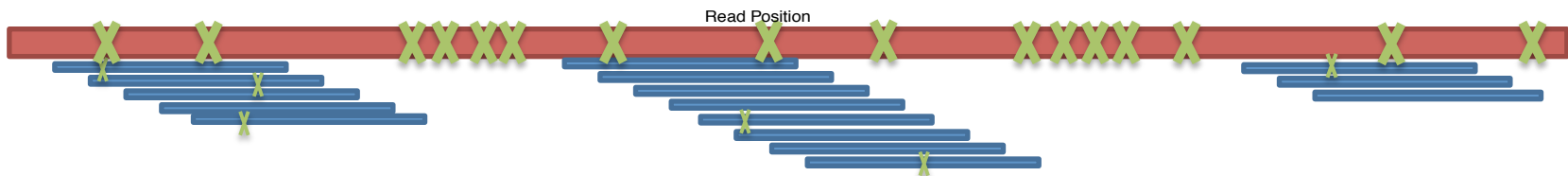
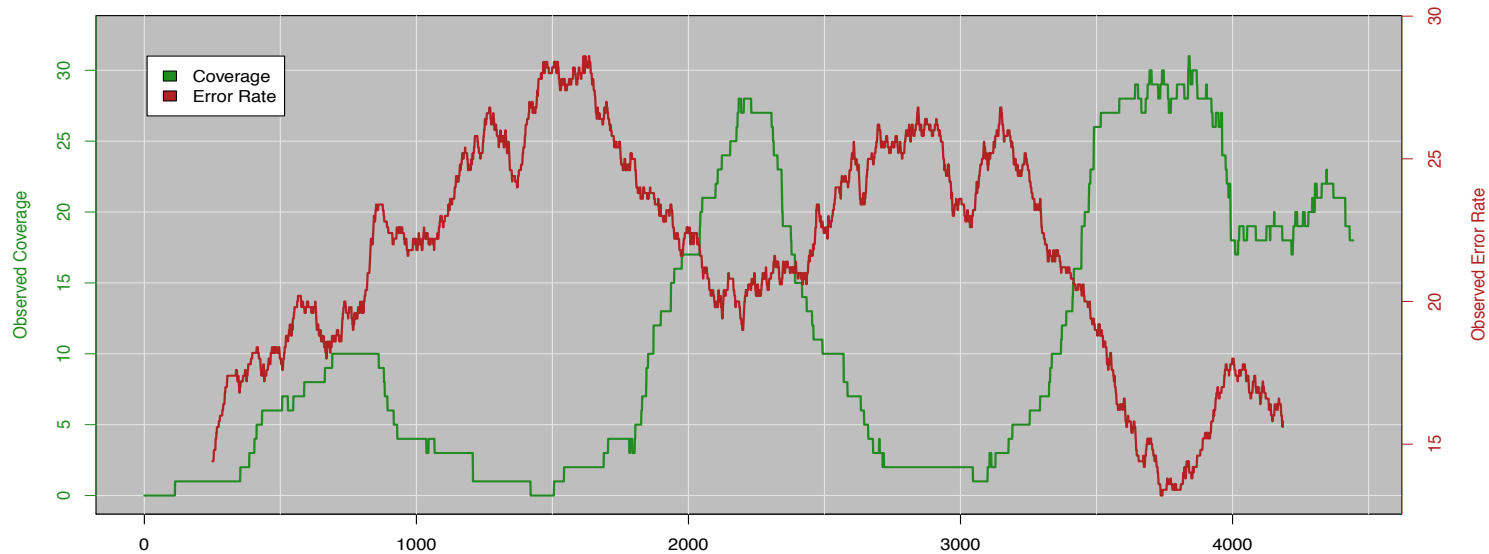
**Hybrid error correction and de novo assembly of single-molecule sequencing reads.**

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# Enhanced PacBio Error Correction

## PacBioToCA fails in complex regions

1. Simple Repeats – Kmer Frequency Too High to Seed Overlaps
2. Error Dense Regions – Difficult to compute overlaps with many errors
3. Extreme GC – Lacks Illumina Coverage

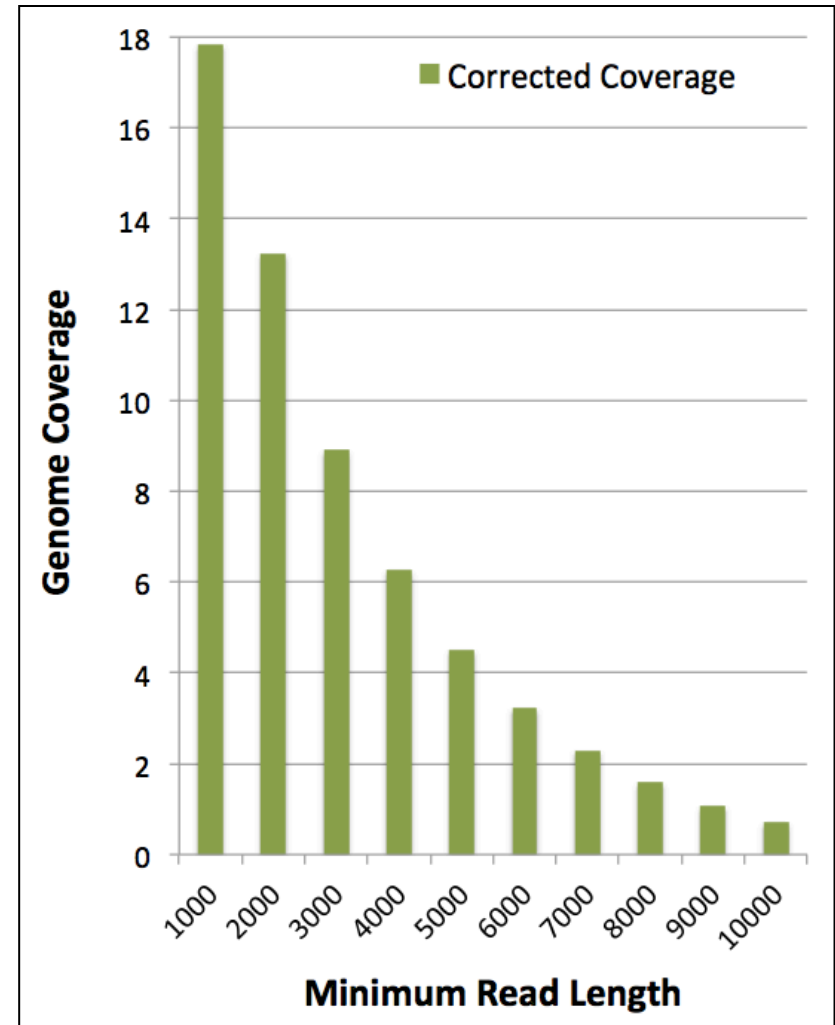


## Assembly complexity of long read sequencing

Lee, H\*, Gurtowski, J\*, Yoo, S, Marcus, S, McCombie, VWR, Schatz MC et al. (2013) *In preparation*

# Preliminary Rice Assemblies

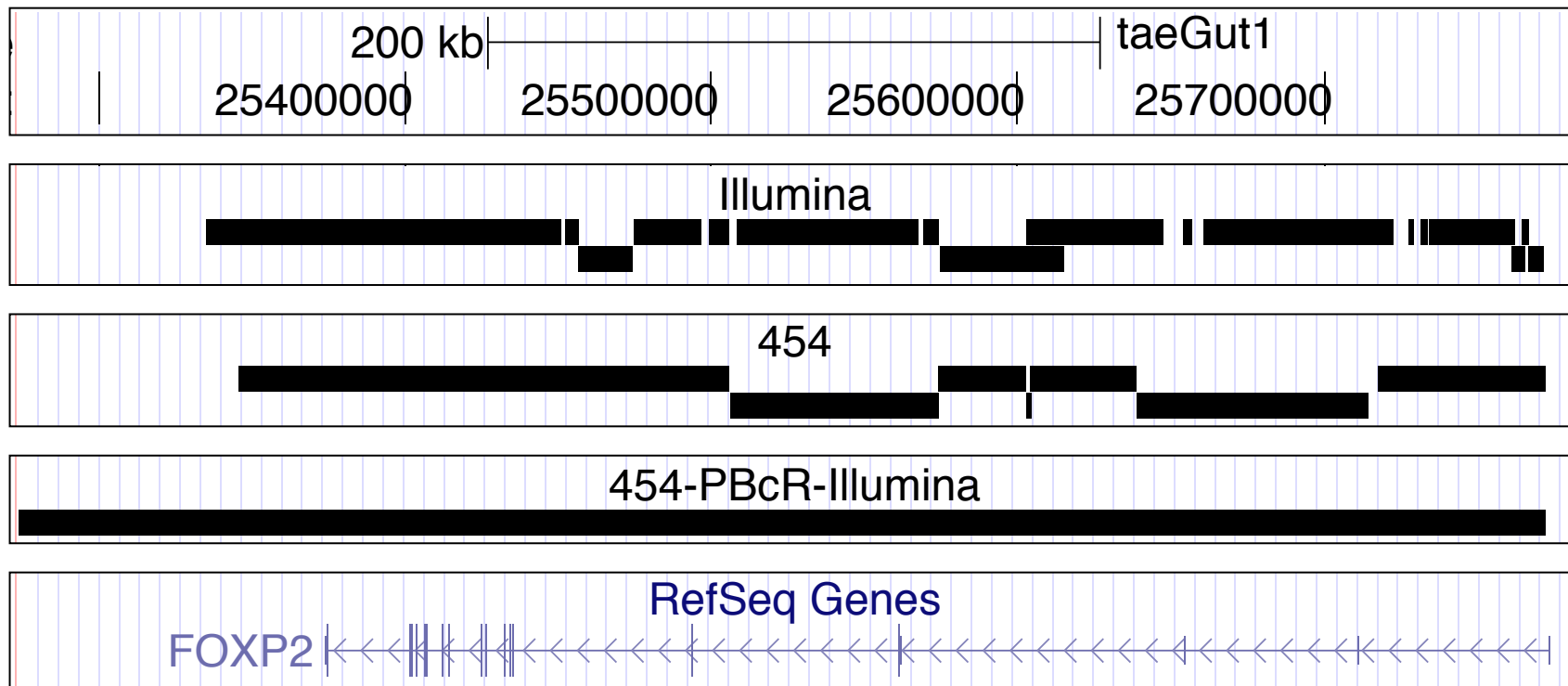
Assembly	Contig NG50
HiSeq Fragments 50x 2x100bp @ 180	3,925
MiSeq Fragments 23x 459bp 8x 2x251bp @ 450	6,332
“ALLPATHS-recipe” 50x 2x100bp @ 180 36x 2x50bp @ 2100 51x 2x50bp @ 4800	18,248



In collaboration with McCombie & Ware labs @ CSHL

# Improved Gene Reconstruction

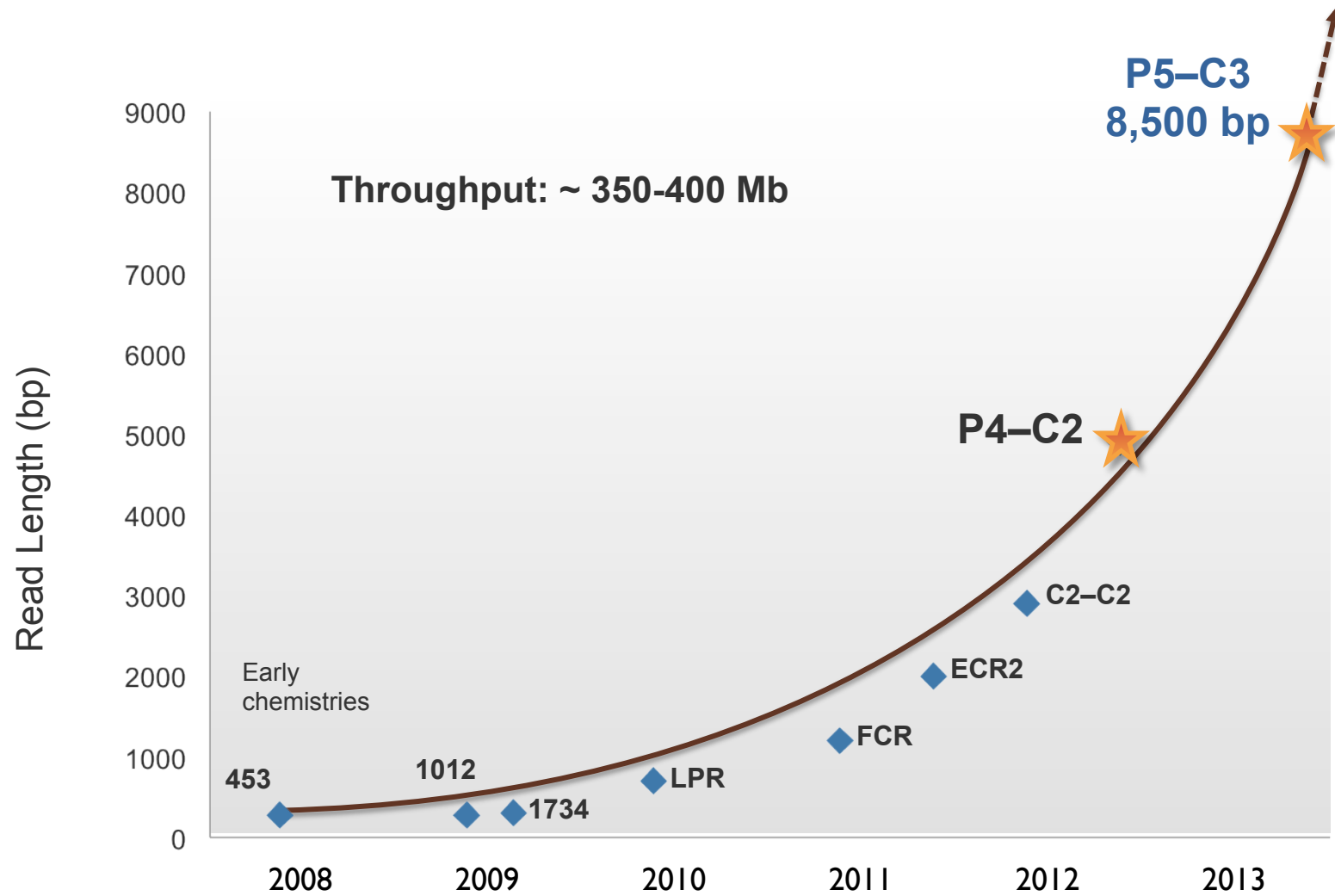
FOXP2 assembled in a single contig in the PacBio parrot assembly



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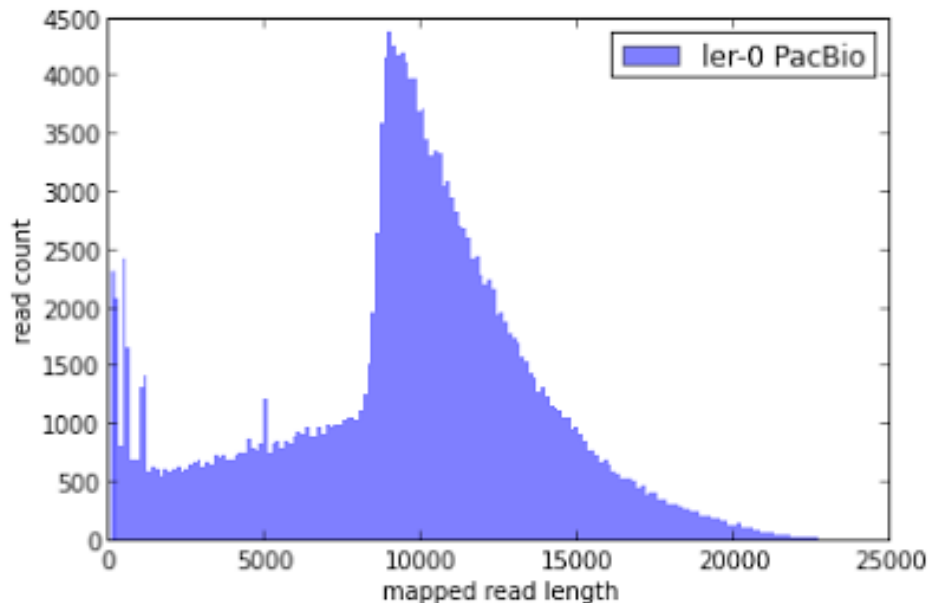


# P5-C3 Chemistry Read Lengths



# De novo assembly of Arabidopsis

<http://blog.pacificbiosciences.com/2013/08/new-data-release-arabidopsis-assembly.html>



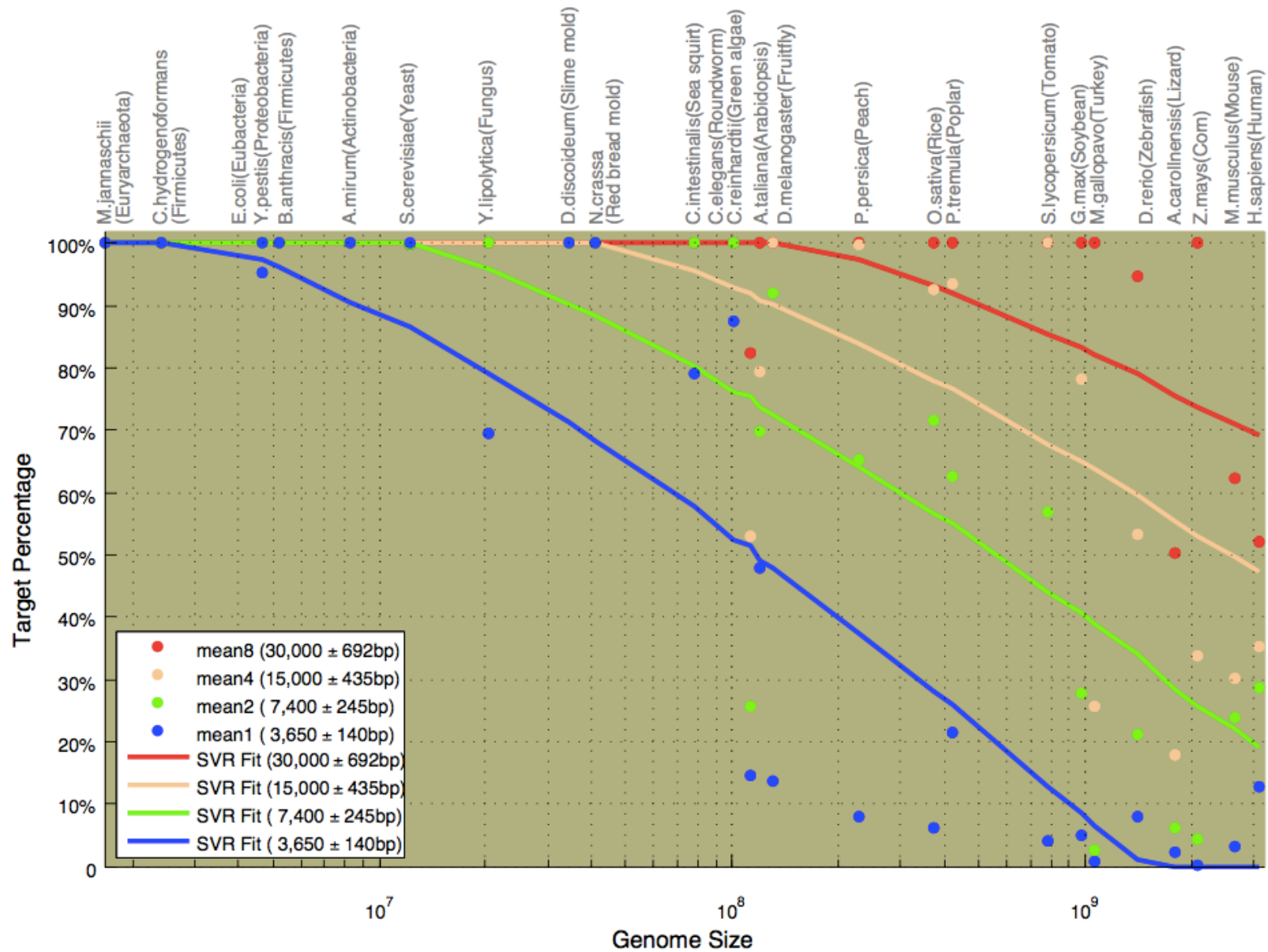
## *A. thaliana* Ler-0 sequenced at PacBio

- Sequenced using the latest P4 enzyme and C2 chemistry
- Size selection using an 8 Kb to 50 Kb elution window on a BluePippin™ device from Sage Science
- Total coverage >100x

Genome size: 124.6 Mb  
GC content: 33.92%  
Raw data: 11 Gb  
Assembly coverage: 15x over 9kbp

Sum of Contig Lengths: 149.5Mb  
Number of Contigs: 1788  
Max Contig Length: 12.4 Mb  
N50 Contig Length: 8.4 Mb

# Assembly Complexity of Long Reads

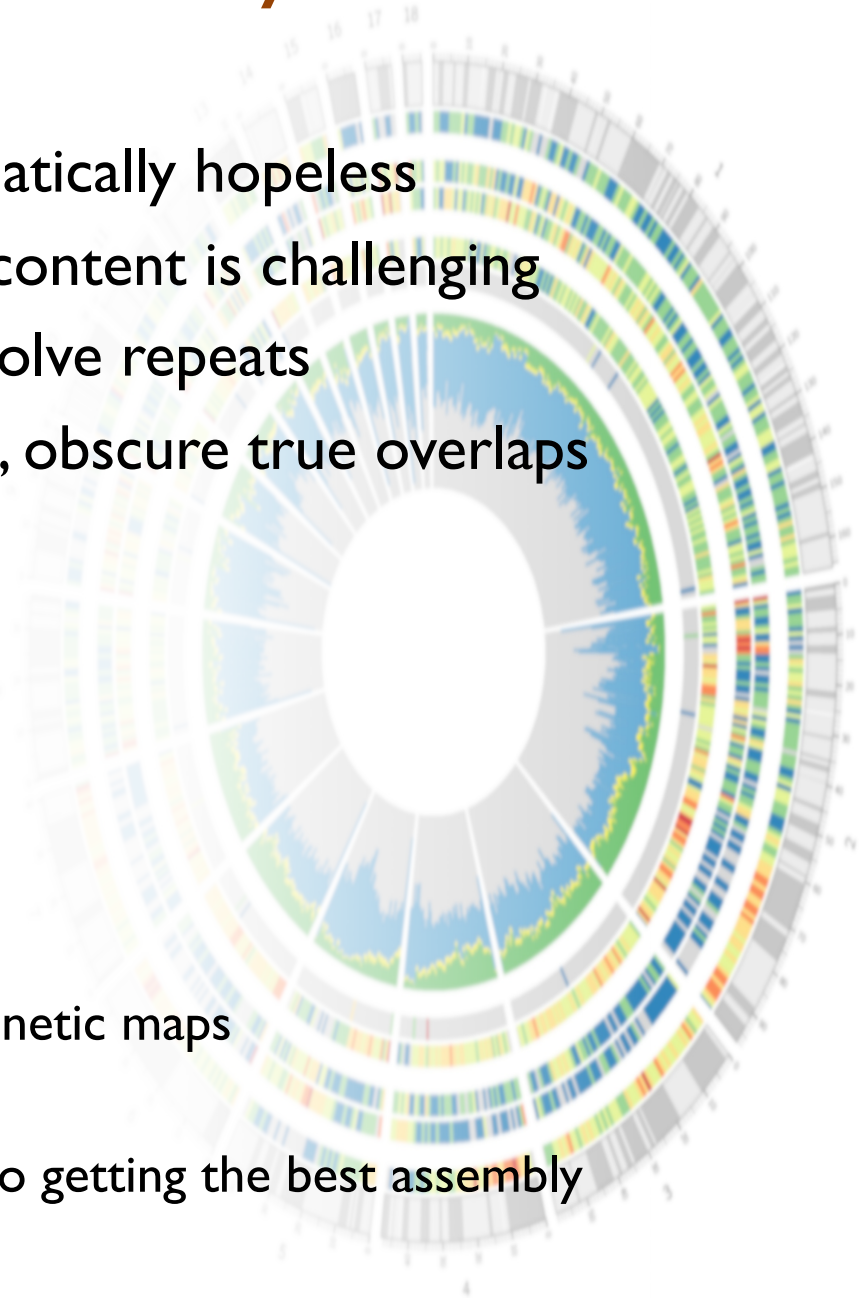


# Assembly Summary

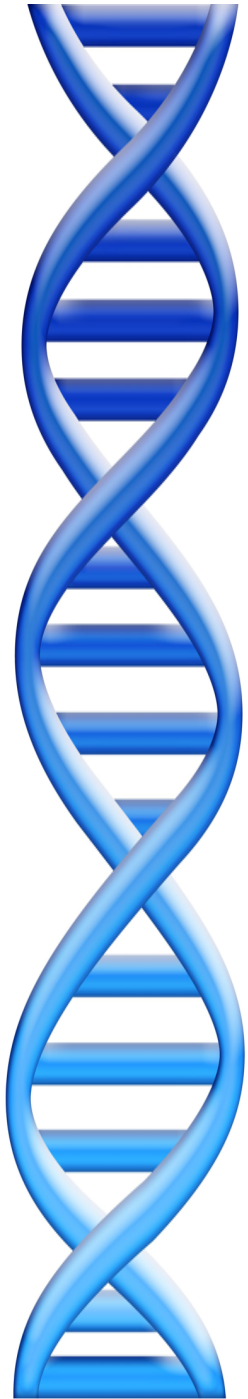
Assembly quality depends on

1. **Coverage**: low coverage is mathematically hopeless
2. **Repeat composition**: high repeat content is challenging
3. **Read length**: longer reads help resolve repeats
4. **Error rate**: errors reduce coverage, obscure true overlaps

- Assembly is a hierarchical
  - Reads
    - > unitigs
    - > mates
    - > scaffolds
      - > optical / physical / genetic maps
      - > chromosomes
  - Extensive error correction is the key to getting the best assembly possible from a given data set



# Outline



1. \*-seq review
2. Assembly theory
  1. Assembly by analogy
  2. De Bruijn and Overlap graph
  3. Coverage, read length, errors, and repeats
3. Genome assemblers
  1. ALLPATHS-LG
  2. Celera Assembler
4. Whole Genome Alignment with MUMmer



# Whole Genome Alignment with MUMmer

Slides Courtesy of Adam M. Phillippy

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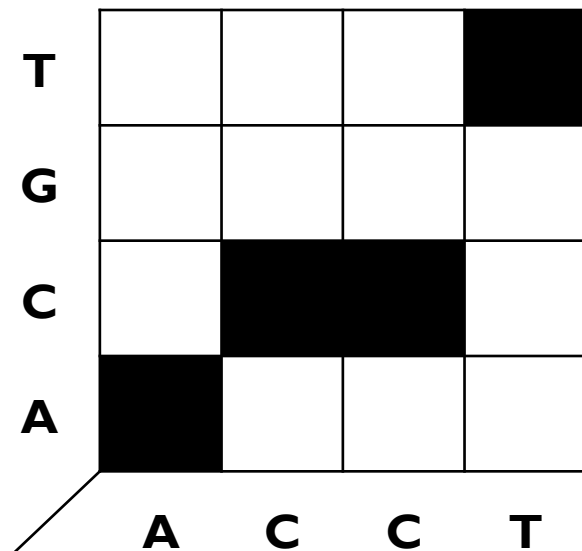
# WGA visualization

- How can we visualize *whole* genome alignments?

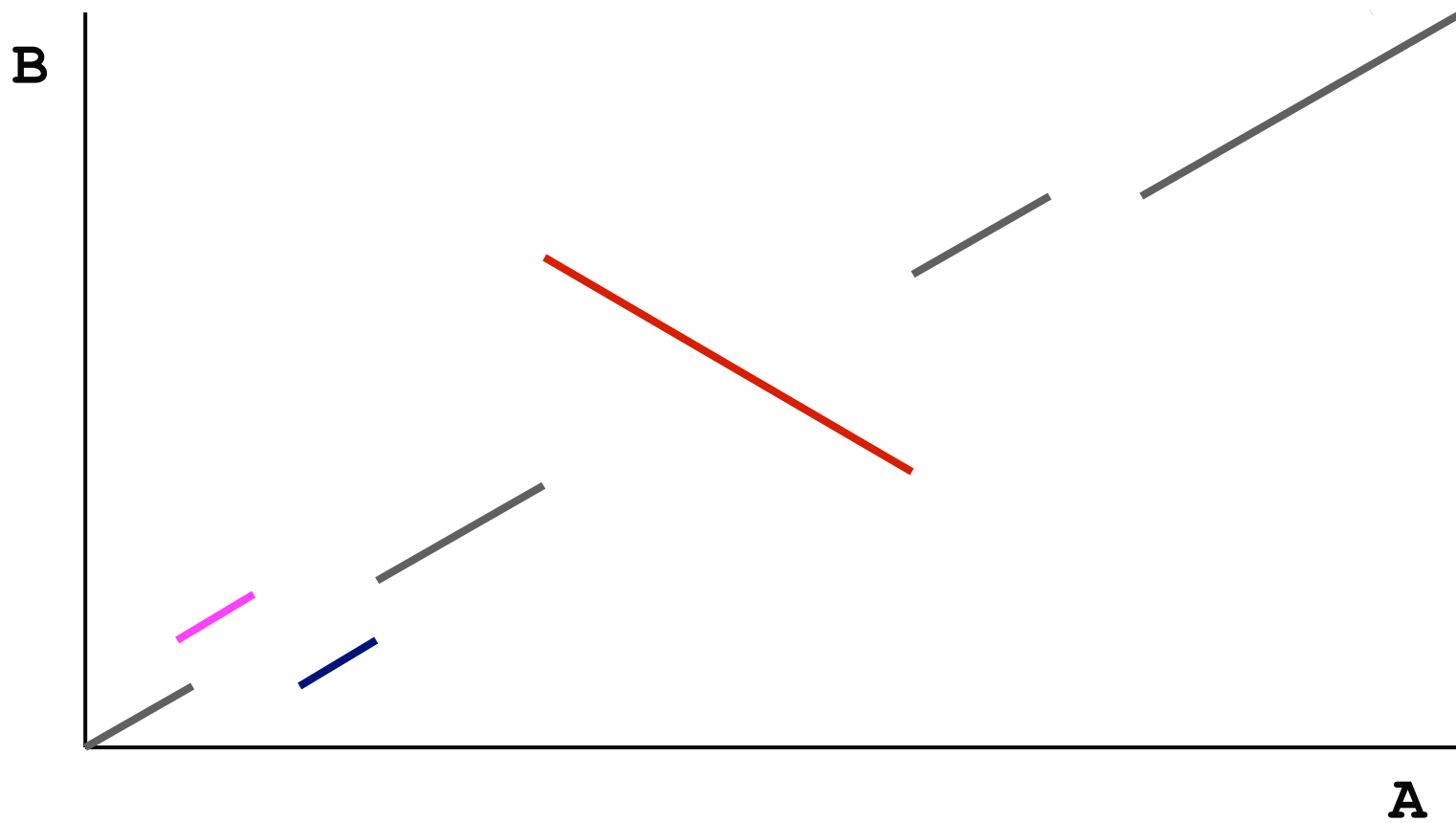
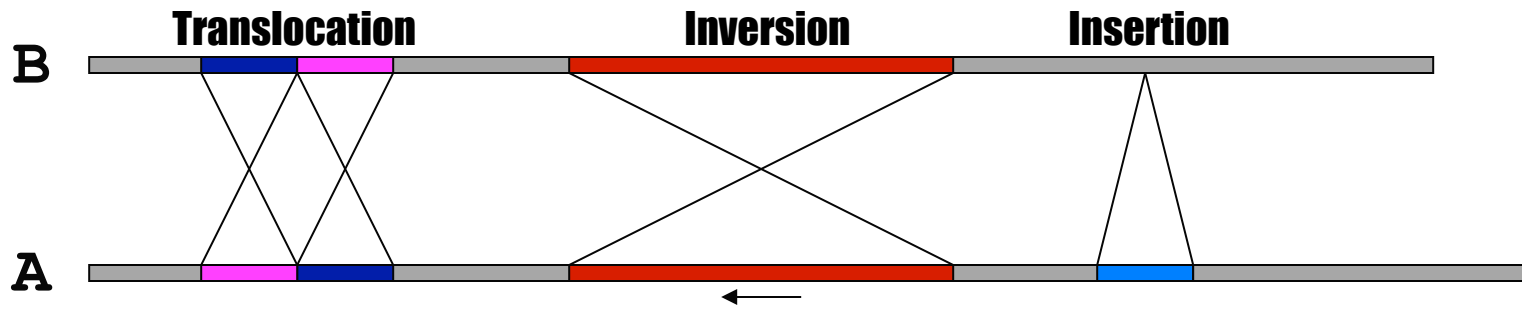
- With an alignment dot plot

- $N \times M$  matrix

- Let  $i$  = position in genome  $A$
    - Let  $j$  = position in genome  $B$
    - Fill cell  $(i,j)$  if  $A_i$  shows similarity to  $B_j$



- A perfect alignment between  $A$  and  $B$  would completely fill the positive diagonal

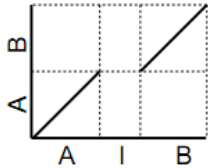




# SV Types

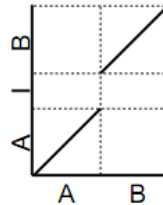
Insertion into Reference

R: AIB  
Q: AB



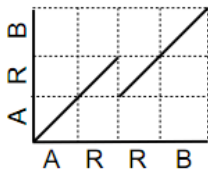
Insertion into Query

R: AB  
Q: AIB



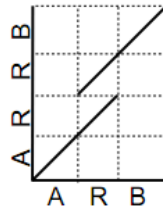
Collapse Query

R: ARRB  
Q: ARB



Collapse Reference

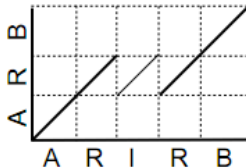
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Q: ARRB



Collapse Query  
w/ Insertion

R: ARIRB  
Q: ARB

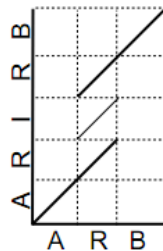
Exact tandem  
alignment if I=R



Collapse Reference  
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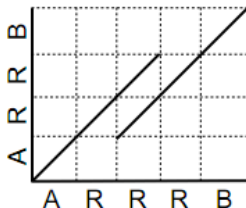
R: ARB  
Q: ARIRB

Exact tandem  
alignment if I=R



Collapse Query

R: ARRRB  
Q: ARRB



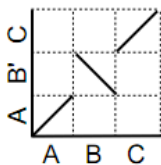
Collapse Reference

R: ARRB  
Q: ARRRB



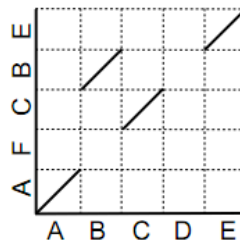
Inversion

R: ABC  
Q: AB'C



Rearrangement  
w/ Disagreement

R: ABCDE  
Q: AFCBE



- Different structural variation types / misassemblies will be apparent by their pattern of breakpoints
- Most breakpoints will be at or near repeats
- Things quickly get complicated in real genomes

<http://mummer.sf.net/manual/AlignmentTypes.pdf>

# Seed-and-extend with MUMmer

How can quickly align two genomes?

## 1. Find maximal-unique-matches (MUMs)

- ◆ Match: exact match of a minimum length
- ◆ Maximal: cannot be extended in either direction without a mismatch
- ◆ Unique
  - ◆ occurs only once in both sequences (MUM)
  - ◆ occurs only once in a single sequence (MAM)
  - ◆ occurs one or more times in either sequence (MEM)

## 2. Cluster MUMs

- ◆ using size, gap and distance parameters

## 3. Extend clusters

- ◆ using modified Smith-Waterman algorithm

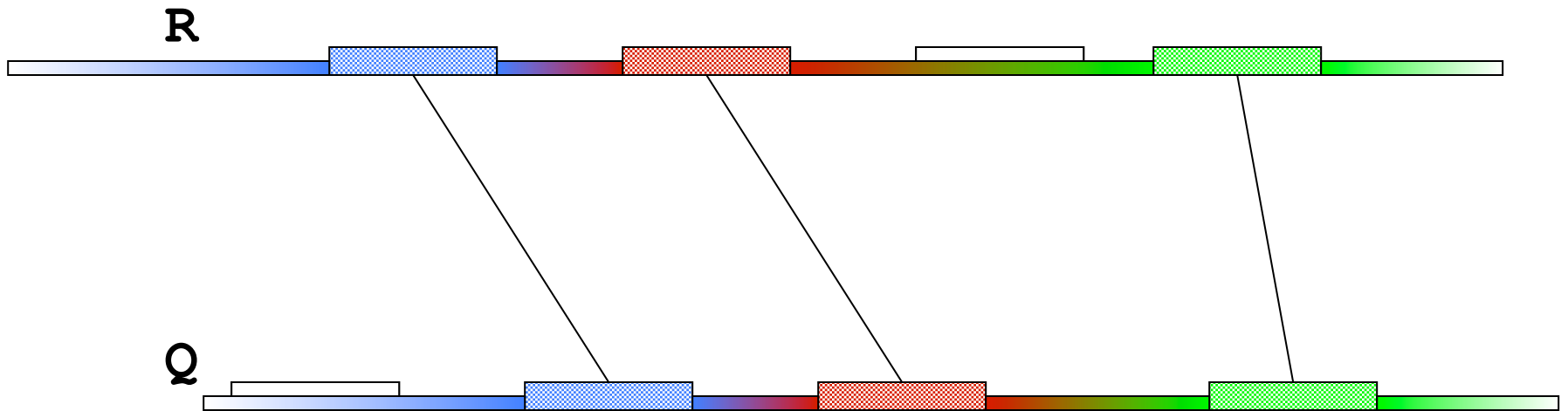
# Seed and Extend

visualization

**FIND** all MUMs

**CLUSTER** consistent MUMs

**EXTEND** alignments



# WGA example with **nucmer**

- *Yersina pestis* CO92 vs. *Yersina pestis* KIM
  - High nucleotide similarity, 99.86%
    - Two strains of the same species
  - Extensive genome shuffling
    - Global alignment will not work
  - Highly repetitive
    - Many local alignments

# WGA Alignment

**nucmer -maxmatch C092.fasta KIM.fasta**

-maxmatch Find maximal exact matches (MEMs)

**delta-filter -m out.delta > out.filter.m**

-m Many-to-many mapping

**show-coords -r out.delta.m > out.coords**

-r Sort alignments by reference position

**dnadiff out.delta.m**

Construct catalog of sequence variations

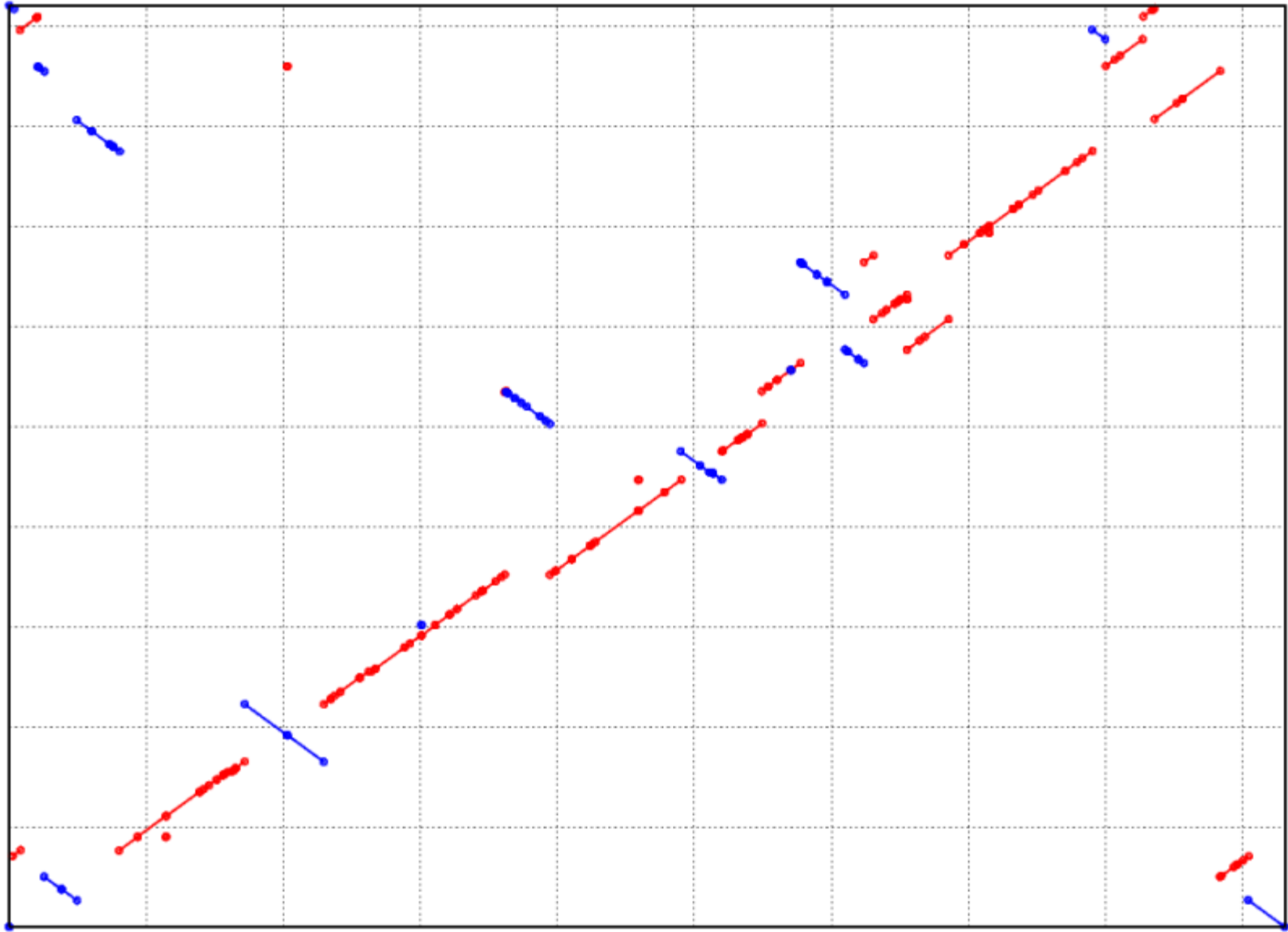
**mummerplot --large --layout out.delta.m**

--large Large plot

--layout Nice layout for multi-fasta files

--x11 Default, draw using x11 (--postscript, --png)

\*requires gnuplot



# Resources



- **Assembly Competitions**

- Assemblathon: <http://assemblathon.org/>
- GAGE: <http://gage.cbc.umd.edu/>

- **Assembler Websites:**

- ALLPATHS-LG: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/software/allpaths-lg/blog/>
- SOAPdenovo: <http://soap.genomics.org.cn/soapdenovo.html>
- Celera Assembler: <http://wgs-assembler.sf.net>

- **Tools:**

- MUMmer: <http://mummer.sourceforge.net/>
- Quake: <http://www.cbc.umd.edu/software/quake/>
- AMOS: <http://amos.sf.net>

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