

# Graphs and Genomes

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# Dynamic Programming Matrix

Compute the optimal alignment of ABC...XY..N and DEF...UV...M

	<b>0</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>0</b>	0	1	2	3		X	X+1		N
<b>D</b>	1								
<b>E</b>	2								
<b>F</b>	3								
<b>...</b>									
<b>U</b>	U								
<b>V</b>	U+1								
<b>...</b>									
<b>M</b>	M								

Top row and first column are easy: it takes L-edits to transform an empty string into a length L string

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0	0	1	2	3		X	X+1		N
D	1								
E	2								
F	3								
...									
U	U					$\gamma$	$\alpha$		
V	U+1					$\beta$	$\Omega$		
...									
M	M								

$$\Omega = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{“Up”} + 1 & \alpha+1 \\ \text{“Left”} + 1 & \beta+1 \\ \text{“Diagonal”} + 0/1 & \gamma+1 \end{array} \right.$$

Up

ABC...XY-

DEF...UV

$\alpha$

Left

ABC...XY

DEF...UV-

$\beta$

Diagonal

ABC...XY

DEF...UV

$\gamma$

# Biological Networks

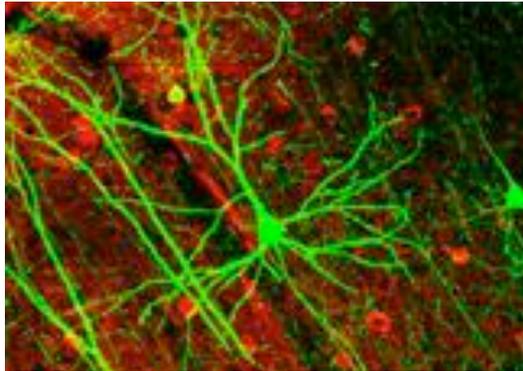
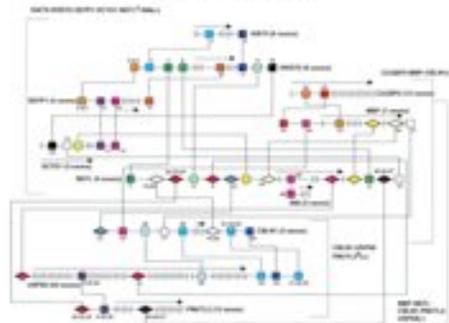
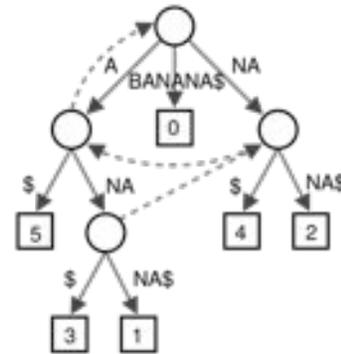
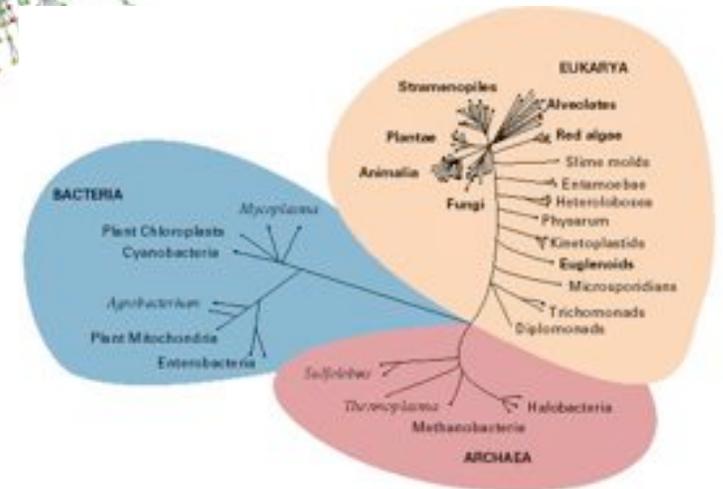
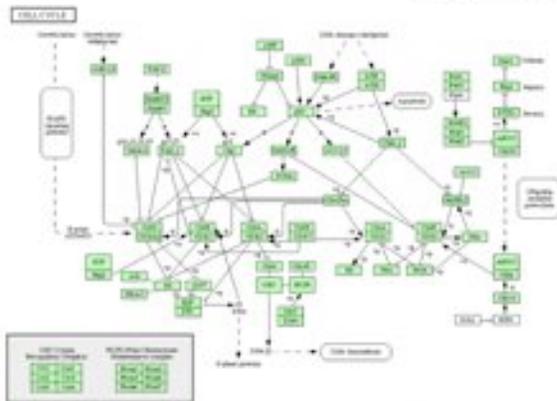
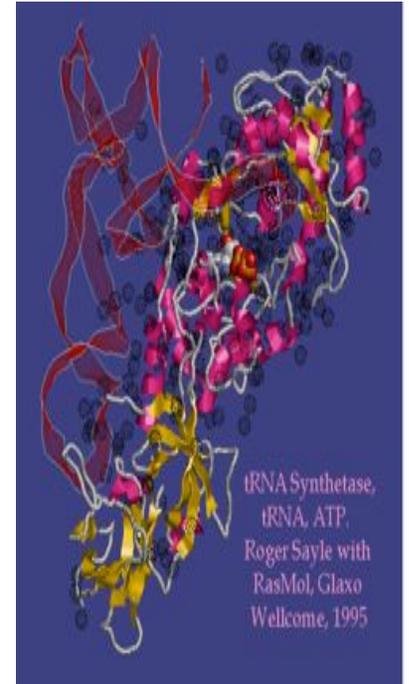
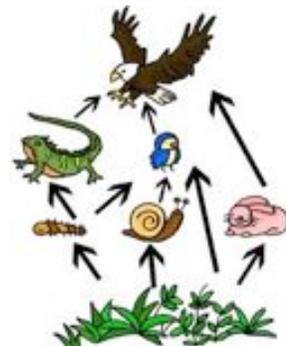
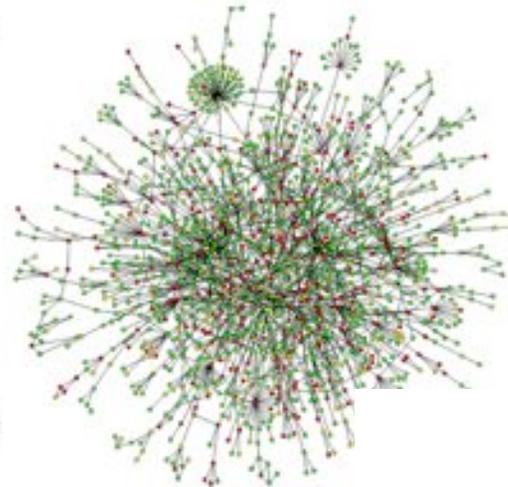


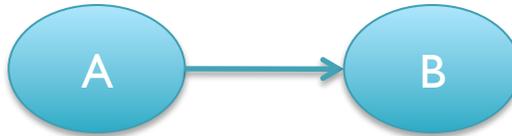
Figure 5 Putative regulatory elements shared between groups of correlated and anticorrelated genes



Vanessa M. Brown et al. Genome Res. 2002, 12: 868-884



# Graphs

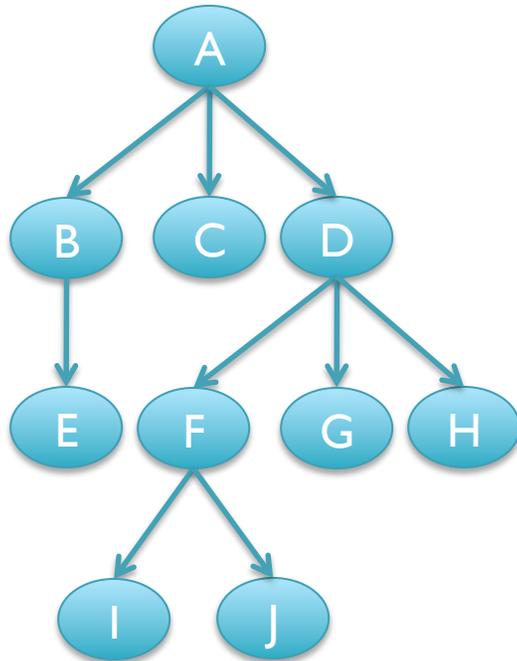


- Nodes
  - People, Proteins, Genes, Neurons, Sequences, Numbers, ...
- Edges
  - A is connected to B
  - A is related to B
  - A regulates B
  - A precedes B
  - A interacts with B
  - A activates B
  - ...

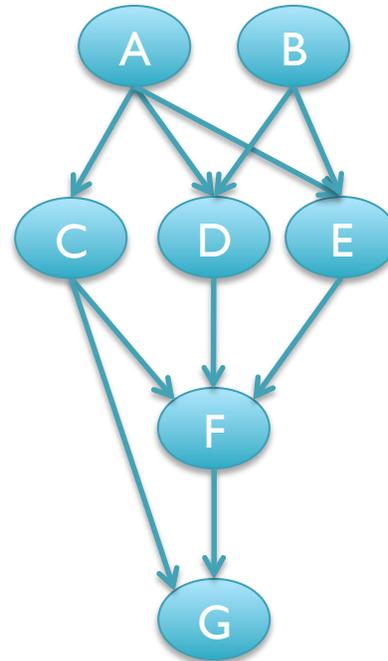
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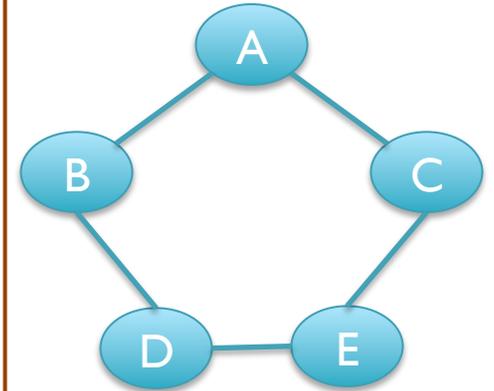
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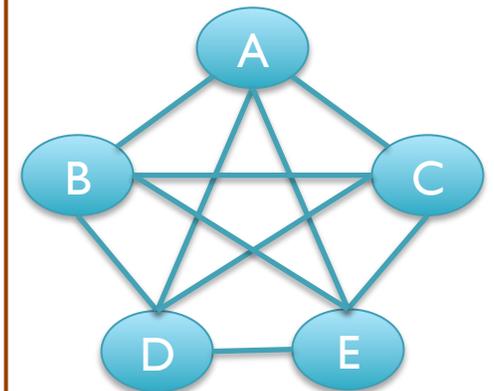
Tree



Directed  
Acyclic  
Graph

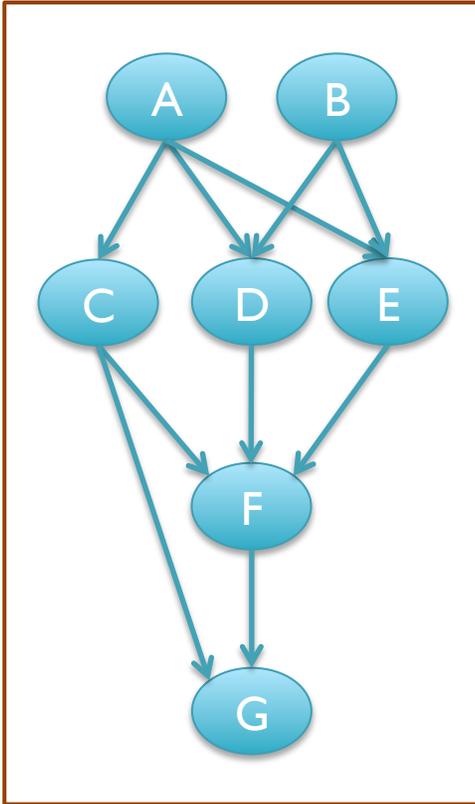


Cycle



Complete

# Representing Graphs



**Adjacency Matrix**  
Good for dense graphs  
Fast, Fixed storage:  $N^2$  bits

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A							
B							
C							
D							
E							
F							
G							

**Adjacency List**  
Good for sparse graphs  
Compact storage: 4 bytes/edge

A: C, D, E	D: F
B: D, E	E: F
C: F, G	G:

**Edge List**  
Easy, good if you (mostly) need  
to iterate through the edges  
8 bytes / edge

A,C	B,C	C,F
A,D	B,D	C,G
A,E	B,E	D,F
E,F	F,G	

**Tools**

**Matlab:** <http://www.mathworks.com/>

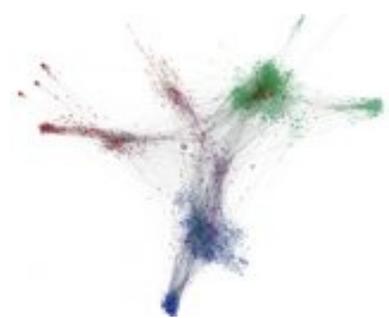
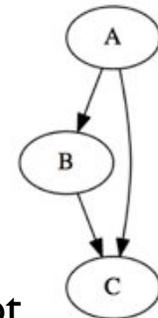
**Graphviz:** <http://www.graphviz.org/>

**Gephi:** <https://gephi.org/>

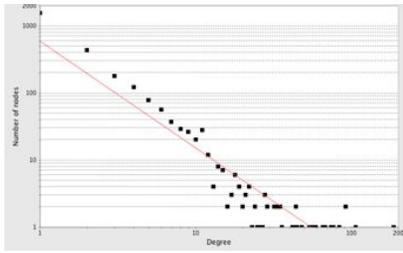
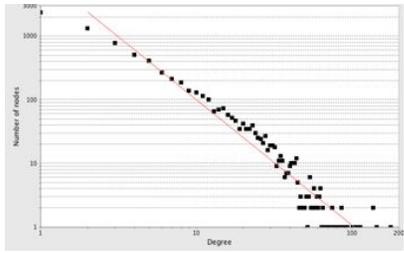
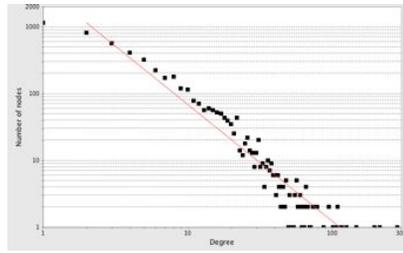
**Cytoscape:** <http://www.cytoscape.org/>

```
digraph G {
    A->B
    B->C
    A->C
}
```

```
dot -Tpdf -og.pdf g.dot
```



# Network Characteristics

	<i>C. elegans</i>	<i>D. melanogaster</i>	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>
# Nodes	2646	7464	4965
# Edges	4037	22831	17536
Avg. / Max Degree	3.0 / 187	6.1 / 178	7.0 / 283
# Components	109	66	32
Largest Component	2386	7335	4906
Diameter	14	12	11
Avg. Shortest Path	4.8	4.4	4.1
Data Sources	2H	2x2H, TAP-MS	8x2H, 2xTAP, SUS
Degree Distributions			

**Small World:** Avg. Shortest Path between nodes is small

**Scale Free:** Power law distribution of degree – preferential attachment

# Network Motifs

- Network Motif
  - Simple graph of connections
  - Exhaustively enumerate all possible 1, 2, 3, ... k node motifs
- Statistical Significance
  - Compare frequency of a particular network motif in a real network as compared to a randomized network
- Certain motifs are “characteristic features” of the network

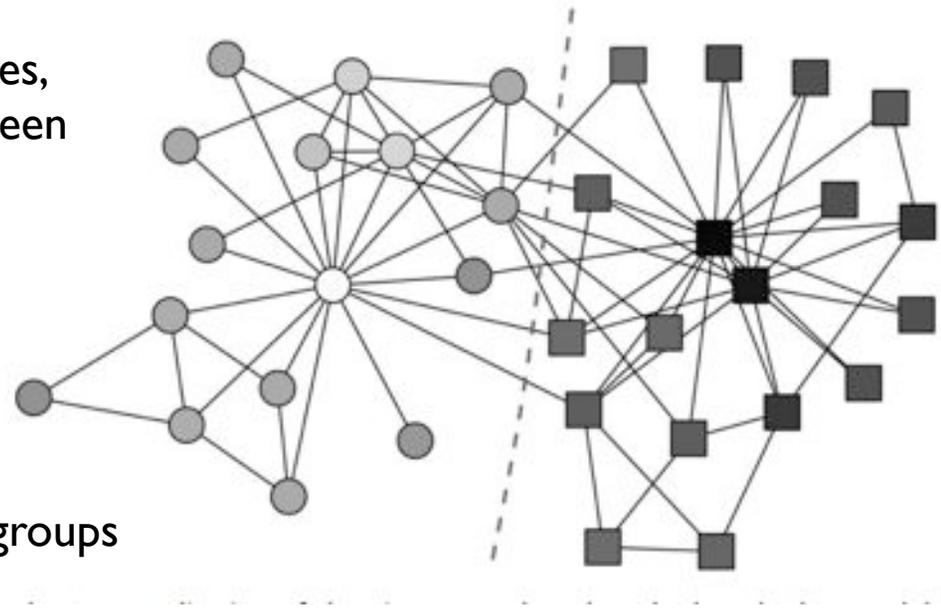
Network	Nodes	Edges	$N_{real}$	$N_{rand} \pm SD$	Z score	$N_{real}$	$N_{rand} \pm SD$	Z score	$N_{real}$	$N_{rand} \pm SD$	Z score
Gene regulation (transcription)				Feed-forward loop			Bi-fan				
<i>E. coli</i>	424	519	40	7 ± 5	10	203	47 ± 12	13			
<i>S. cerevisiae</i> *	685	1,052	70	11 ± 4	14	1812	300 ± 40	41			
Neurons				Feed-forward loop			Bi-fan			Bi-parallel	
<i>C. elegans</i> †	252	509	125	90 ± 10	3.7	127	55 ± 13	5.3	227	35 ± 10	20
Food webs				Three chain			Bi-parallel				
Little Rock	92	984	3219	3120 ± 50	2.1	7295	2220 ± 210	25			
Ythan	83	391	1182	1020 ± 20	7.2	1357	230 ± 50	23			
St. Martin	42	205	469	450 ± 10	NS	382	130 ± 20	12			
Chesapeake	31	67	80	82 ± 4	NS	26	5 ± 2	8			
Coschella	29	243	279	235 ± 12	3.6	181	80 ± 20	5			
Skipwith	25	189	184	150 ± 7	5.5	397	80 ± 25	13			
B. Hood	25	104	181	130 ± 7	7.4	267	30 ± 7	32			
Electronic circuits (forward logic chips)				Feed-forward loop			Bi-fan			Bi-parallel	
s15850	10,383	14,240	424	2 ± 2	285	1040	1 ± 1	1200	480	2 ± 1	335
s38584	20,717	34,204	413	10 ± 3	120	1739	6 ± 2	800	711	9 ± 2	320
s38417	23,843	33,661	612	3 ± 2	400	2404	1 ± 1	2550	531	2 ± 2	340
s9234	5,844	8,197	211	2 ± 1	140	754	1 ± 1	1050	209	1 ± 1	200
s13207	8,651	11,831	403	2 ± 1	225	4445	1 ± 1	4650	264	2 ± 1	200
Electronic circuits (digital fractional multipliers)				Three-node feedback loop			Bi-fan			Four-node feedback loop	
s208	122	189	10	1 ± 1	9	4	1 ± 1	3.8	5	1 ± 1	5
s420	252	399	20	1 ± 1	18	10	1 ± 1	10	11	1 ± 1	11
s838†	512	819	40	1 ± 1	38	22	1 ± 1	20	23	1 ± 1	25
World Wide Web				Feedback with two mutual dyads			Fully connected triad			Uplinked mutual dyad	
ml.edu§	325,729	1,4666	1.1e5	2e3 ± 1e2	900	6.8e6	5e4 ± 4e2	15,000	1.2e6	1e4 ± 2e2	5000

## Network Motifs: Simple Building Blocks of Complex Networks

Milo et al (2002) *Science*. 298:824-827

# Modularity

- Community structure
  - Densely connected groups of vertices, with only sparser connections between groups
  - Reveals the structure of large-scale network data sets
- Modularity
  - The number of edges falling within groups minus the expected number in an equivalent network with edges placed at random
  - Larger positive values => Stronger community structure
  - Optimal assignment determined by computing the eigenvector of the modularity matrix



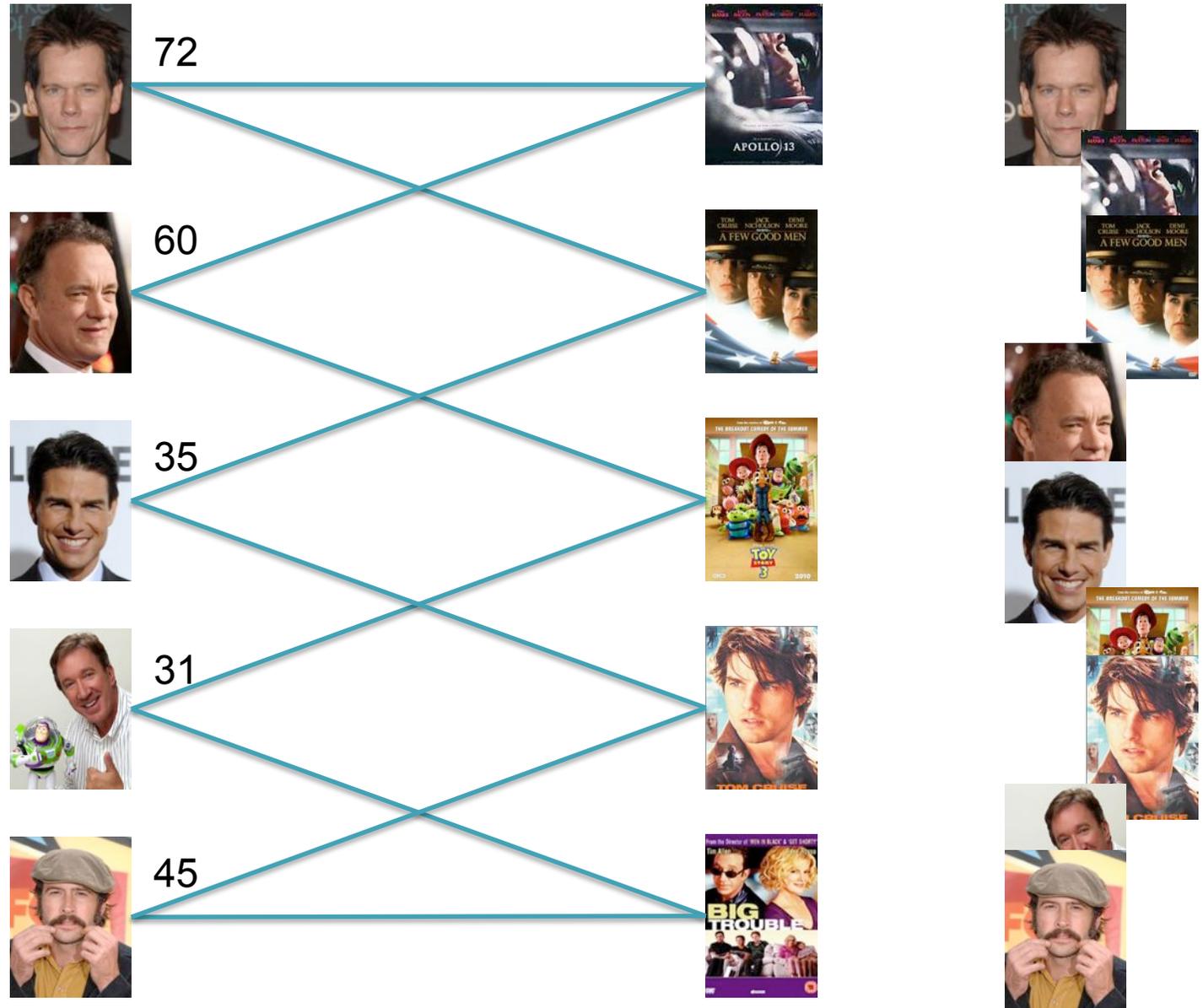
$$Q = \frac{1}{4m} \sum_{ij} \left( A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right) (s_i s_j + 1)$$

↑ Normalization factor
 ↑ Adjacency matrix
 ↑ Random Prob. (product of degrees)
 ↑ Indicates same group

**Modularity and community structure in networks.**  
 Newman ME (2006) *PNAS*. 103(23) 8577-8582

# Kevin Bacon and Bipartite Graphs

Find the **shortest** path from Kevin Bacon to Jason Lee



Breadth First Search:  
4 hops

Bacon Distance:  
2

# BFS

## BFS(start, stop)

```
// initialize all nodes dist = -1
start.dist = 0
list.addEnd(start)
while (!list.empty())
  cur = list.begin()
  if (cur == stop)
    print cur.dist;
  else
    foreach child in cur.children
      if (child.dist == -1)
        child.dist = cur.dist+1
        list.addEnd(child)
```

0

A,B,C

B,C,D,E

C,D,E,F,L

D,E,F,L,G,H

E,F,L,G,H,I

F,L,G,H,I,J

L,G,H,I,J,X

G,H,I,J,X,O

H,I,J,X,O

I,J,X,O,M

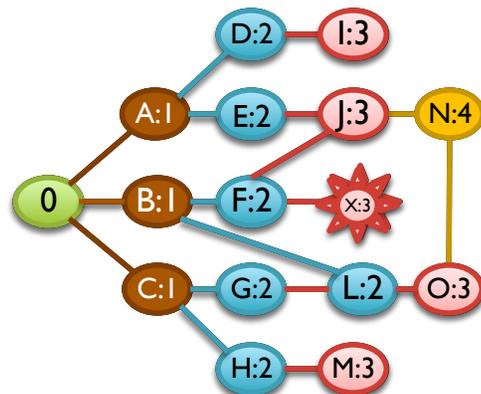
J,X,O,M

X,O,M,N

O,M,N

M,N

N



[How many nodes will it visit?]

[What's the running time?]

[What happens for disconnected components?]

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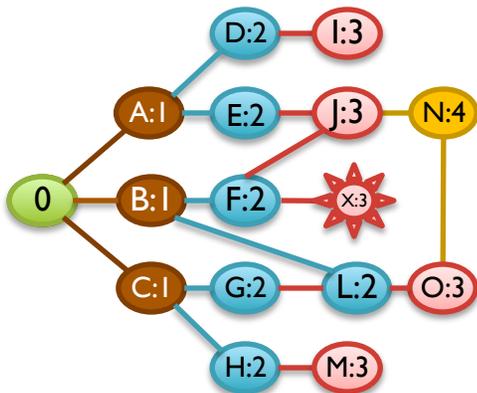
0

A,B,C  
B,C,D,E  
C,D,E,F,L

D,E,F,L,G,H  
E,F,L,G,H,I  
F,L,G,H,I,J  
L,G,H,I,J,X  
G,H,I,J,X,O  
H,I,J,X,O

I,J,X,O,M  
J,X,O,M  
X,O,M,N  
O,M,N  
M,N

N



# DFS

## DFS(start, stop)

```
// initialize all nodes dist = -1
start.dist = 0
list.addEnd(start)
while (!list.empty())
  cur = list.end()
  if (cur == stop)
    print cur.dist;
  else
    foreach child in cur.children
      if (child.dist == -1)
        child.dist = cur.dist+1
        list.addEnd(child)
```

0

A,B,C

A,B,G,H  
A,B,G,M

A,B,G

A,B,L

A,B,O

A,B,N

A,B,J

A,B,E,F

A,B,E,K

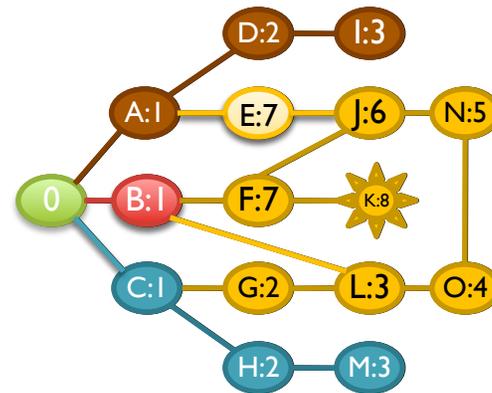
A,B,E

A,B

A

D

I



# BFS and TSP

- BFS computes the shortest path between a pair of nodes in  $O(|E|) = O(|N|^2)$
- What if we wanted to compute the shortest path visiting every node once?
  - Traveling Salesman Problem

$$\text{ABDCA: } 4+2+5+3 = 14$$

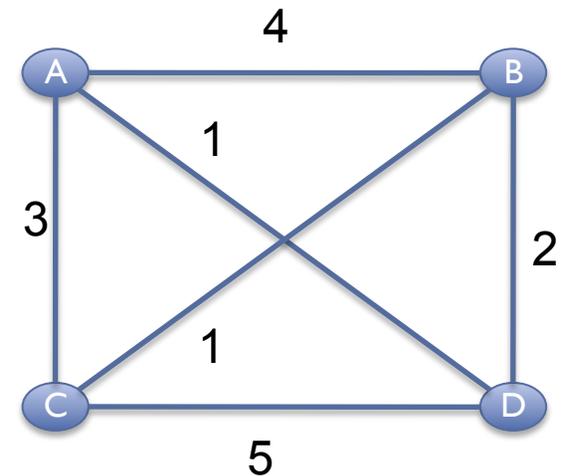
$$\text{ACDBA: } 3+5+2+4 = 14^*$$

$$\text{ABCD A: } 4+1+5+1 = 11$$

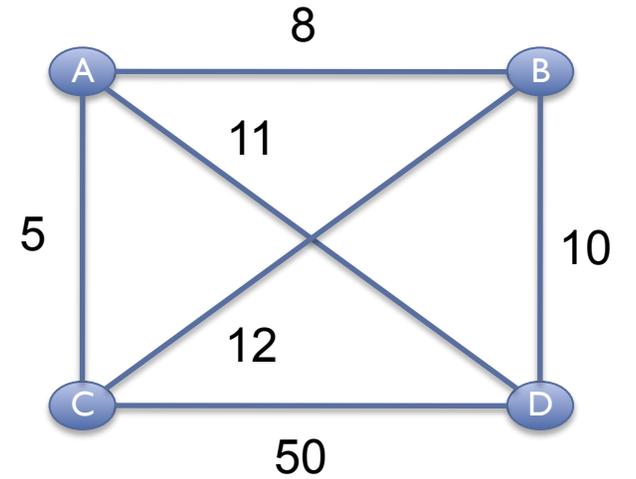
$$\text{ADCBA: } 1+5+1+4 = 11^*$$

$$\text{ACBDA: } 3+1+2+1 = 7$$

$$\text{ADBCA: } 1+2+1+3 = 7^*$$



# Greedy Search



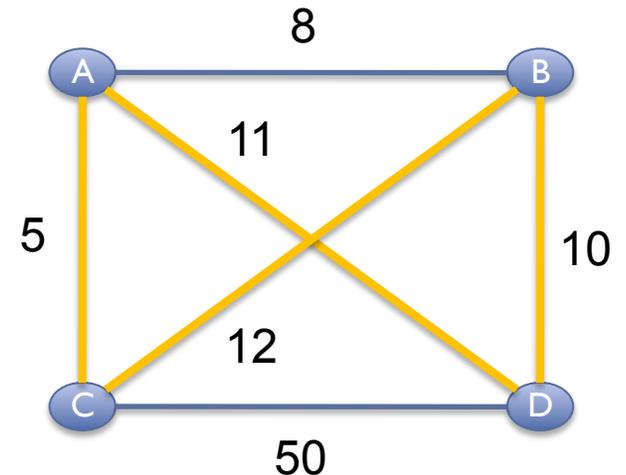
# Greedy Search

## **Greedy Search**

```
cur=graph.randNode()  
while (!done)  
    next=cur.getNextClosest()
```

Greedy:  $ABDCA = 5+8+10+50= 73$

Optimal:  $ACBDA = 5+11+10+12 = 38$



Greedy finds the global optimum only when

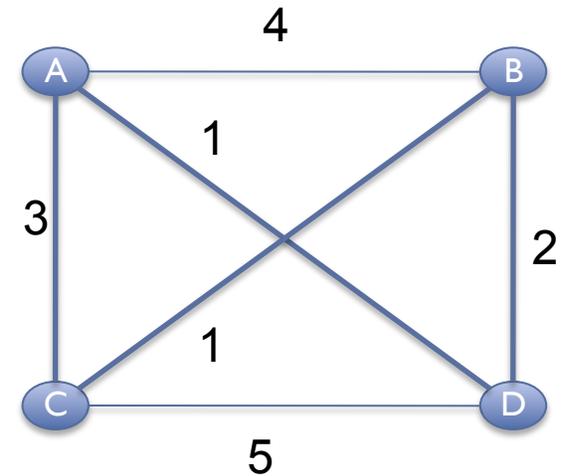
1. Greedy Choice: Local is correct without reconsideration
2. Optimal Substructure: Problem can be split into subproblems

Optimal Greedy: Making change with the fewest number of coins

# TSP Complexity

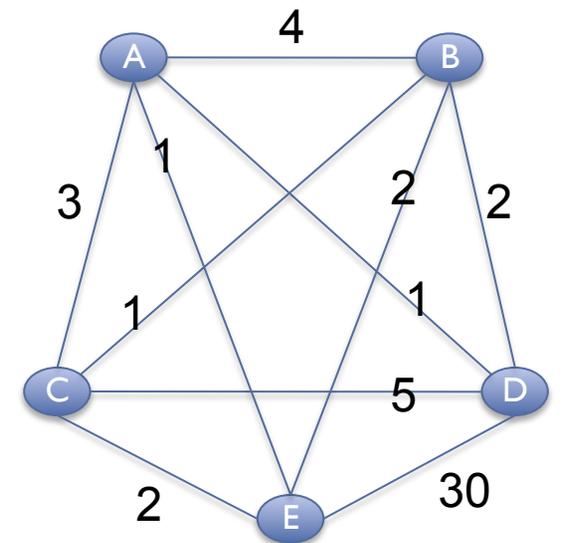
- No fast solution
  - Knowing optimal tour through  $n$  cities doesn't seem to help much for  $n+1$  cities

[How many possible tours for  $n$  cities?]



- Extensive searching is the only provably correct algorithm

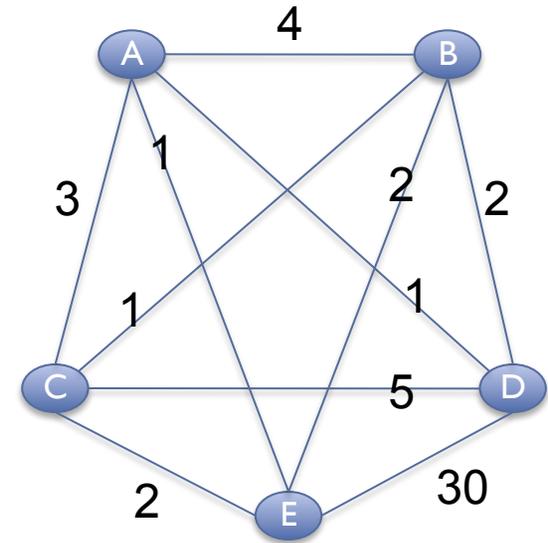
- Brute Force:  $O(n!)$ 
  - ~20 cities max
  - $20! = 2.4 \times 10^{18}$



# Branch-and-Bound

- Abort on suboptimal solutions as soon as possible

- $ADBECA = 1+2+2+2+3 = 10$
- $ABDE = 4+2+30 > 10$
- $ADE = 1+30 > 10$
- $AED = 1+30 > 10$
- ...



- Performance Heuristic

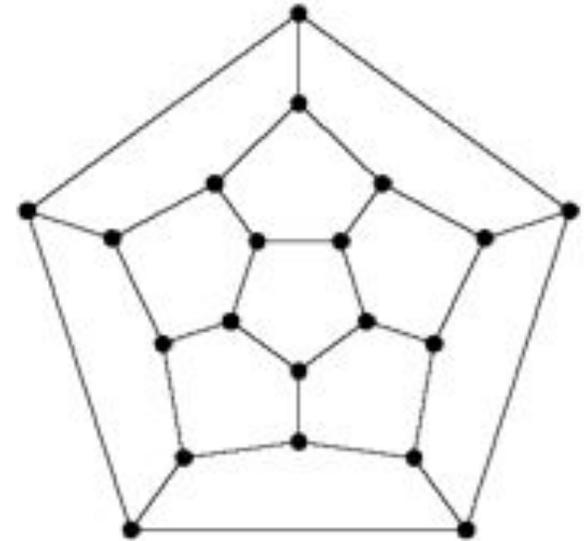
- Always gives the optimal answer
- Doesn't always help performance, but often does
- Current TSP record holder:

- 85,900 cities
- $85900! = 10^{386526}$

[When not?]

# TSP and NP-complete

- TSP is one of many extremely hard problems of the class NP-complete
  - Extensive searching is the only way to find an exact solution
  - Often have to settle for approx. solution



- **WARNING:** Many biological problems are in this class
  - Find a tour that visits every node once (Genome Assembly)
  - Find the smallest set of vertices covering the edges (Essential Genes)
  - Find the largest clique in the graph (Protein Complexes)
  - Find the highest mutual information encoding scheme (Neurobiology)
  - Find the best set of moves in tetris
  - ...
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_NP-complete\\_problems](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_NP-complete_problems)

# Break



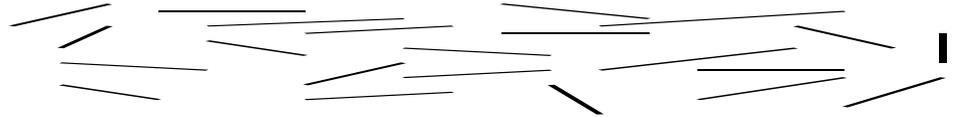
# What is your genome?



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

# Sequencing a Genome

## 1. Shear & Sequence DNA



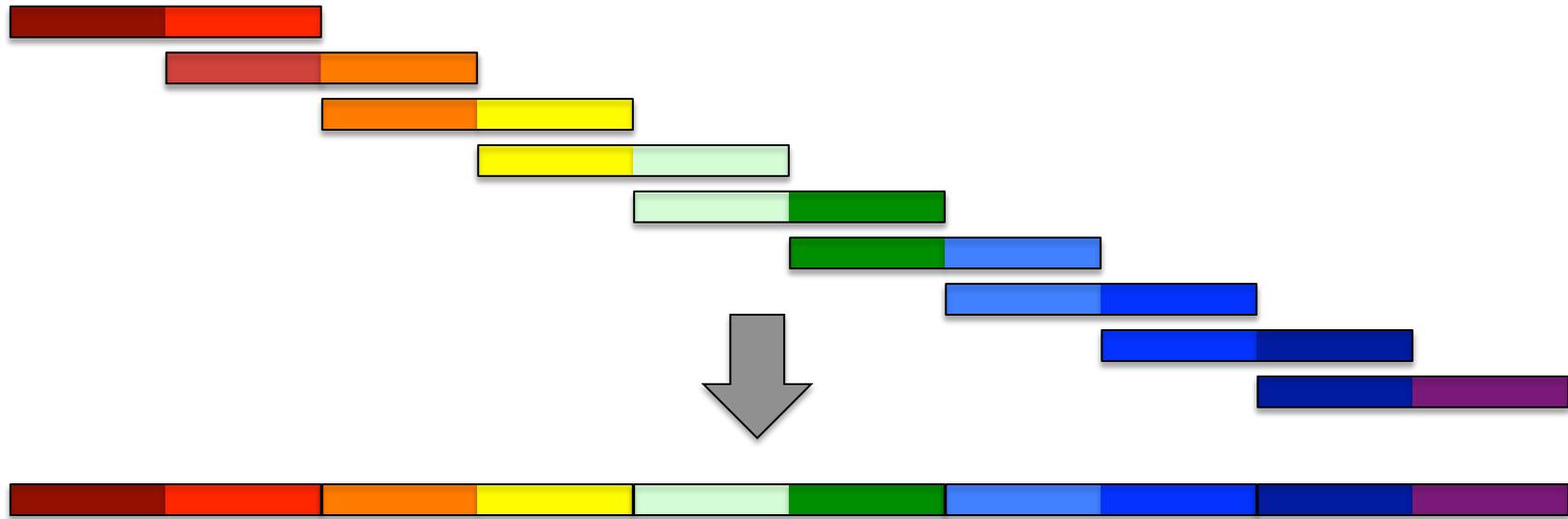
## 2. Construct assembly graph from overlapping reads

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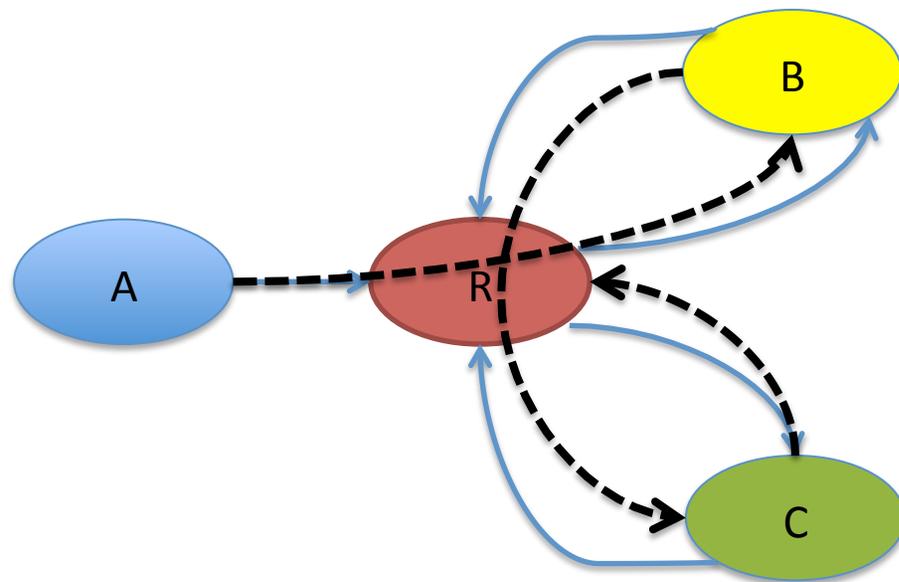
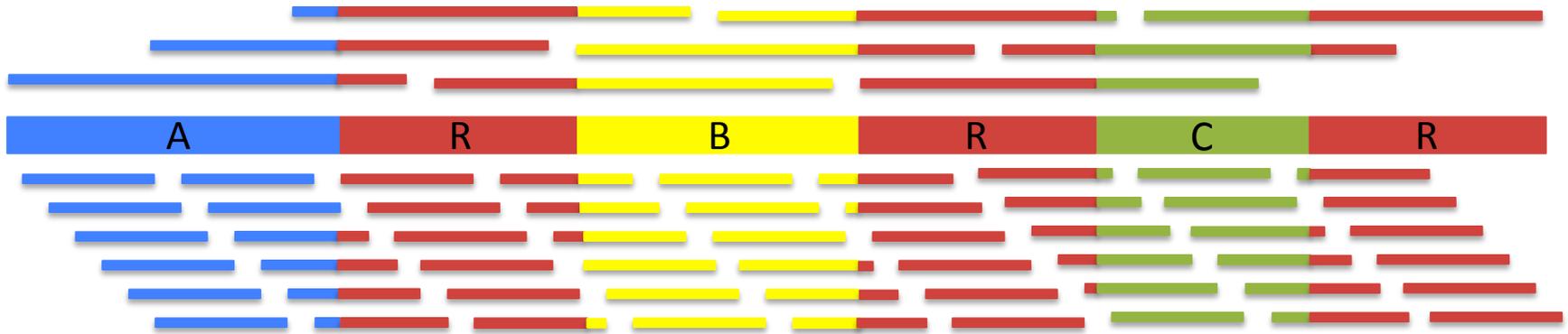
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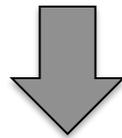
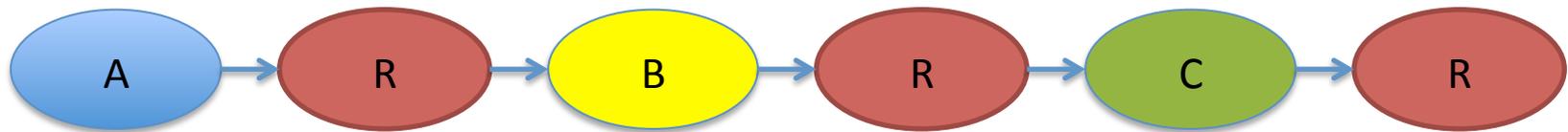
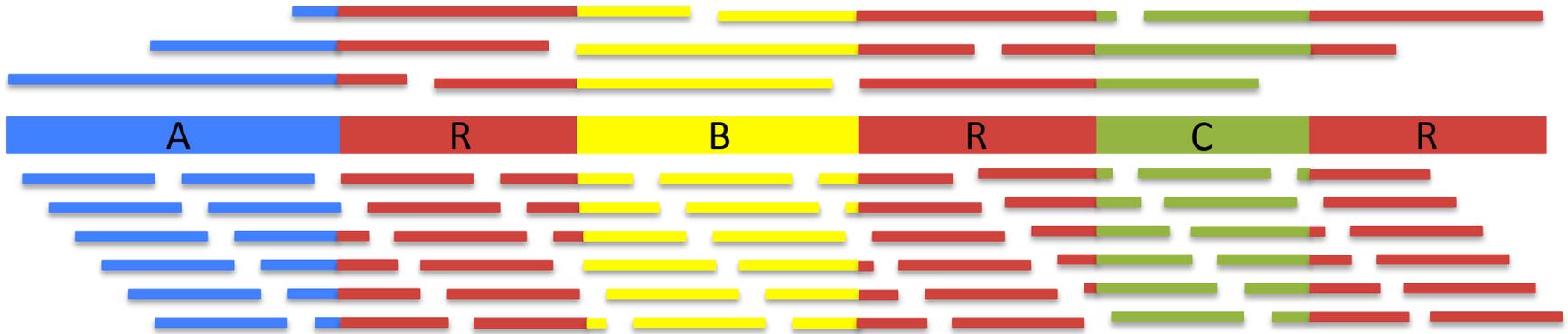
## 3. Simplify assembly graph



# Assembly Complexity



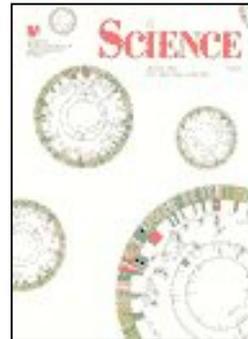
# Assembly Complexity



**The advantages of SMRT sequencing**

Roberts, RJ, Carneiro, MO, Schatz, MC (2013) *Genome Biology*. 14:405

# Milestones in Genome Assembly



# Assembly Applications

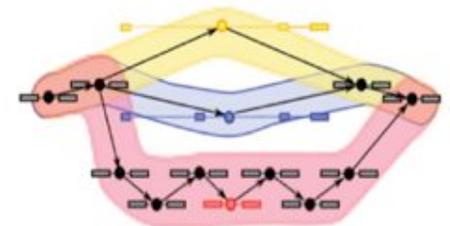
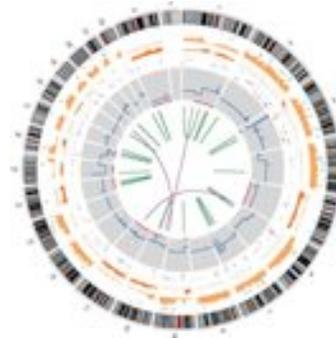
- Novel genomes



- Metagenomes

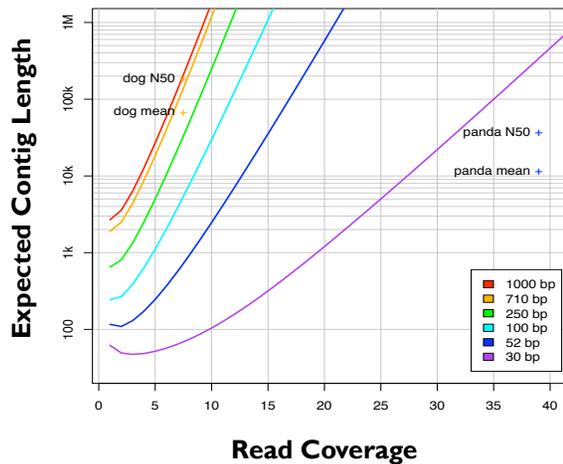


- Sequencing assays
  - Structural variations
  - Transcript assembly
  - ...



# Ingredients for a good assembly

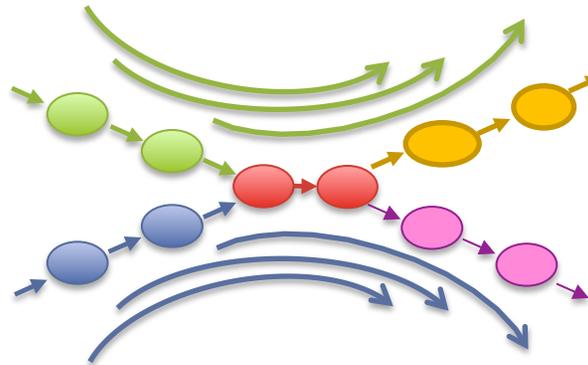
## Coverage



### High coverage is required

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

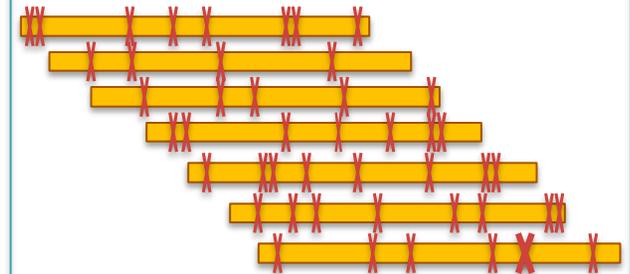
## Read Length



### 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



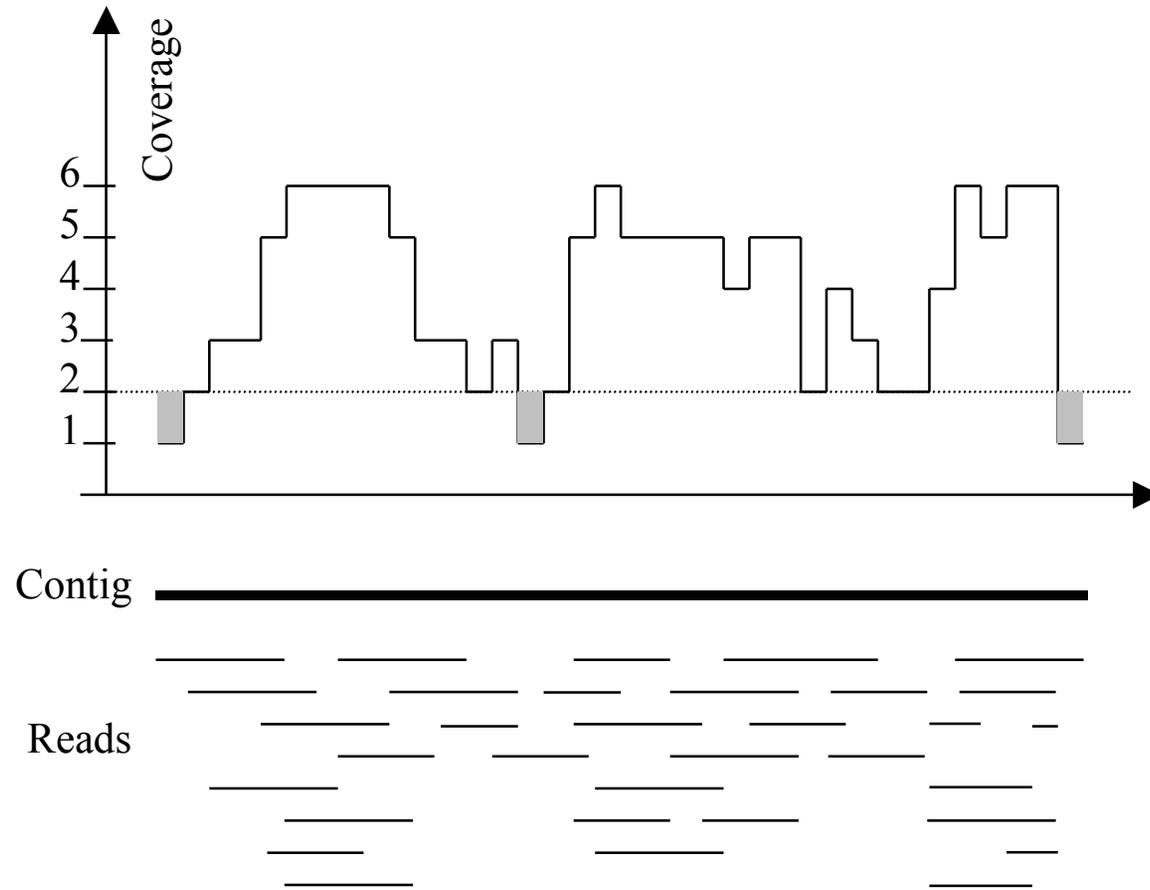
### Errors obscure overlaps

- 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

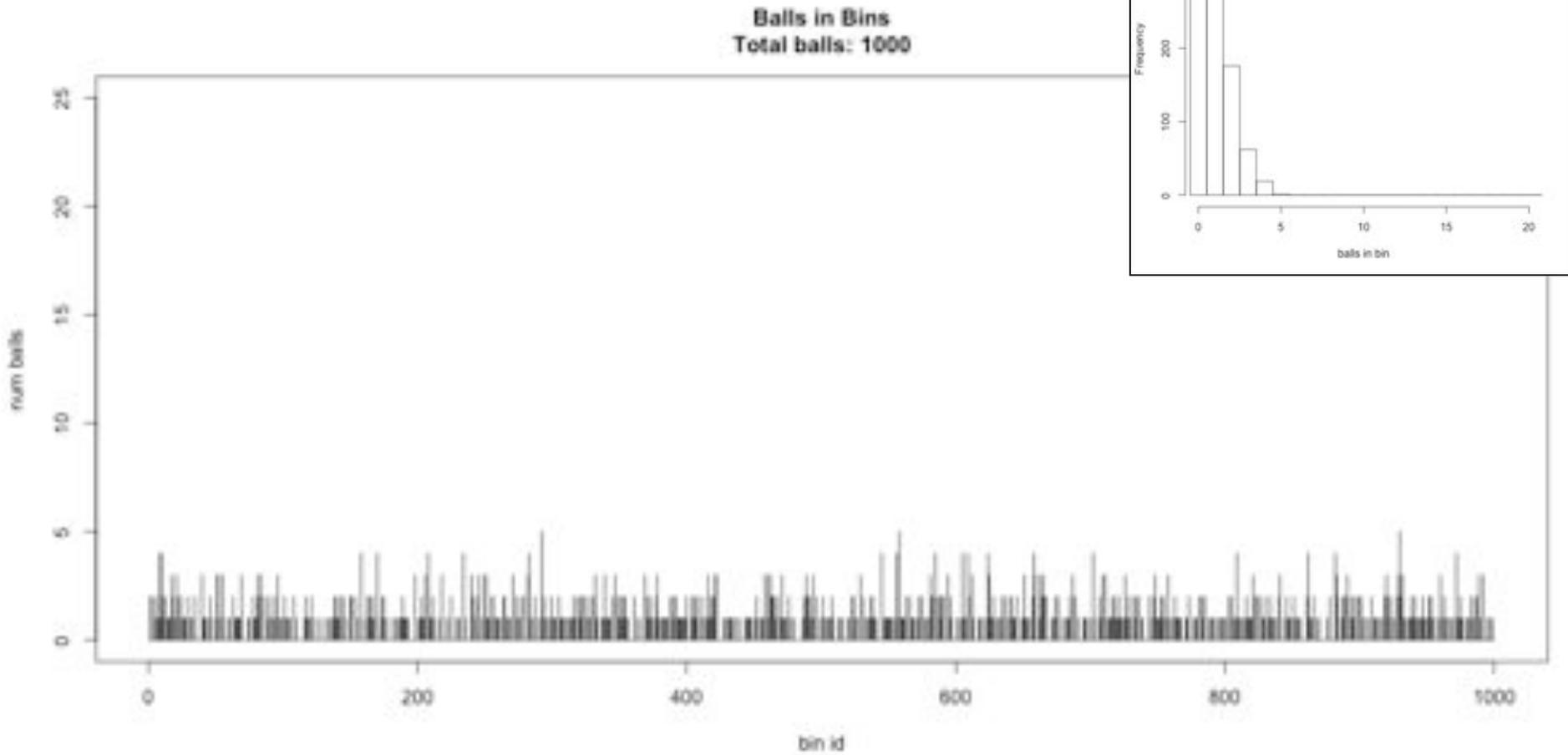
# Typical sequencing coverage



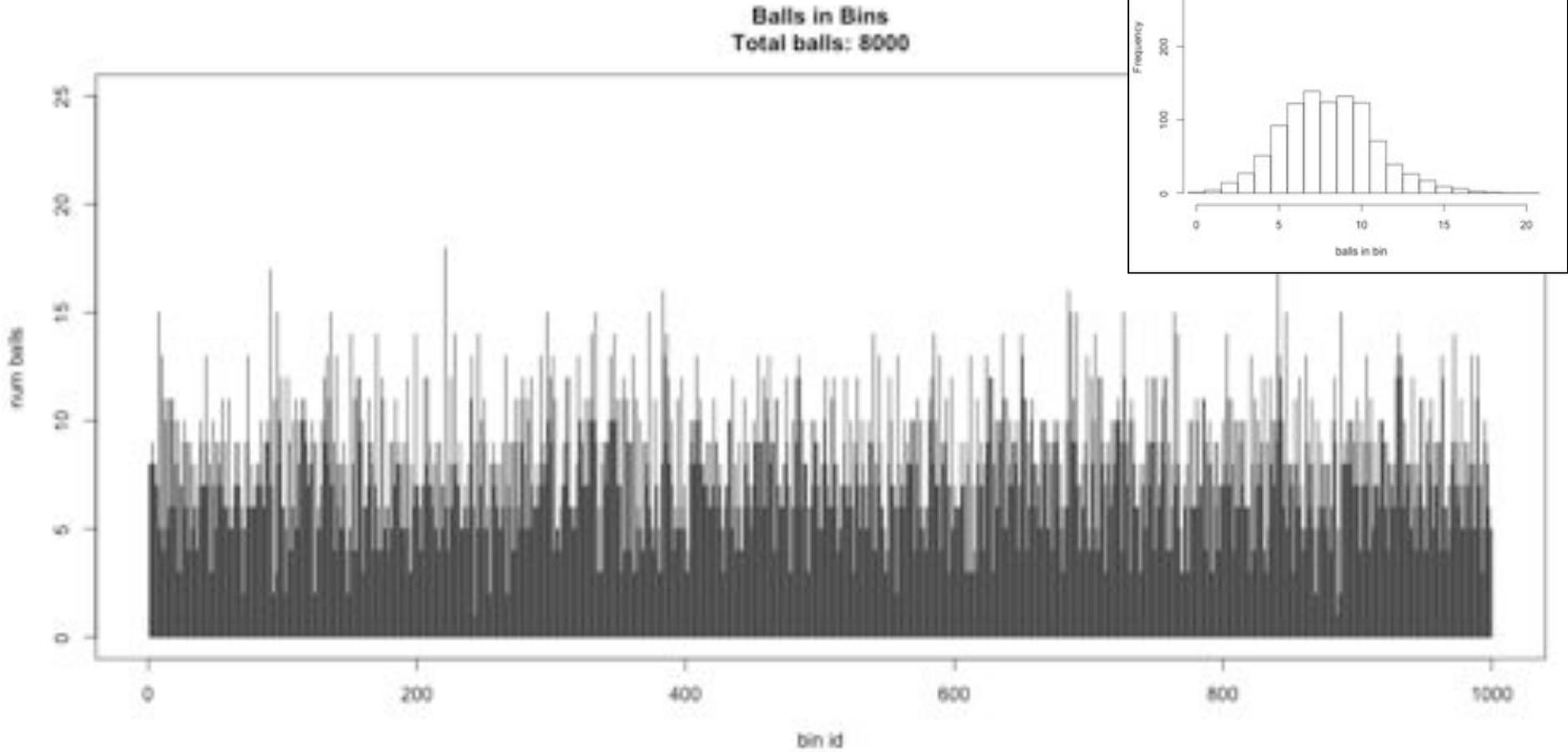
Imagine raindrops on a sidewalk

We want to cover the entire sidewalk but each drop costs \$1

# Ix sequencing



# 8x sequencing



# Poisson Distribution

The probability of a given number of events occurring in a fixed interval of time and/or space if these events occur with a known average rate and independently of the time since the last event.

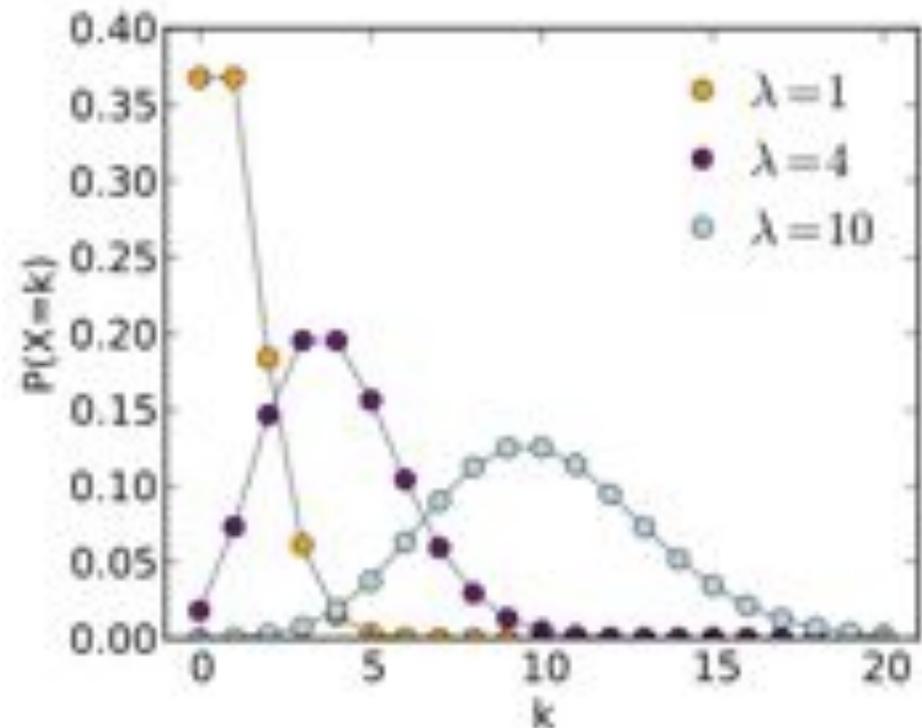
Formulation comes from the limit of the binomial equation

Resembles a normal distribution, but over the positive values, and with only a single parameter.

**Key property:**

- ***The standard deviation is the square root of the mean.***

$$P(k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$$



# 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

Pevzner, Tang, Waterman, 2001

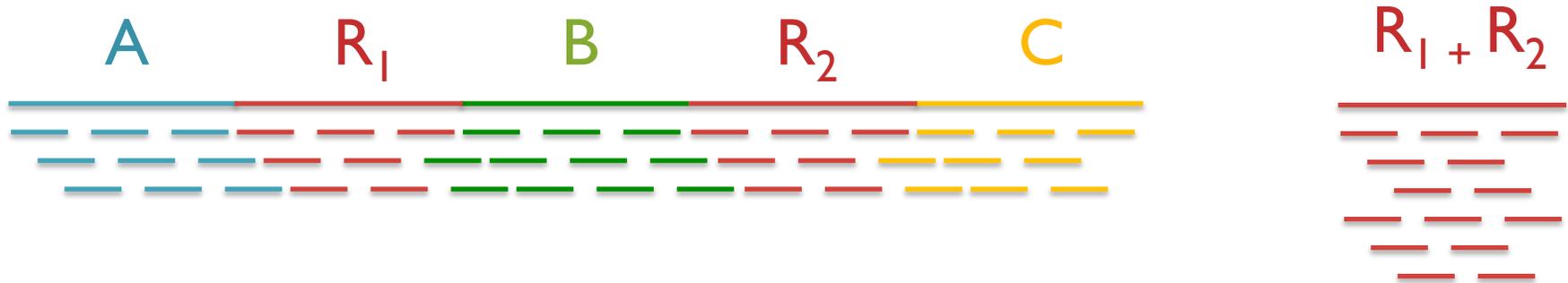


# Repetitive regions

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

# 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

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

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

## The fragment assembly string graph

Myers, EW (2005) Bioinformatics. 21(suppl 2): ii79-85.

# Paired-end and Mate-pairs

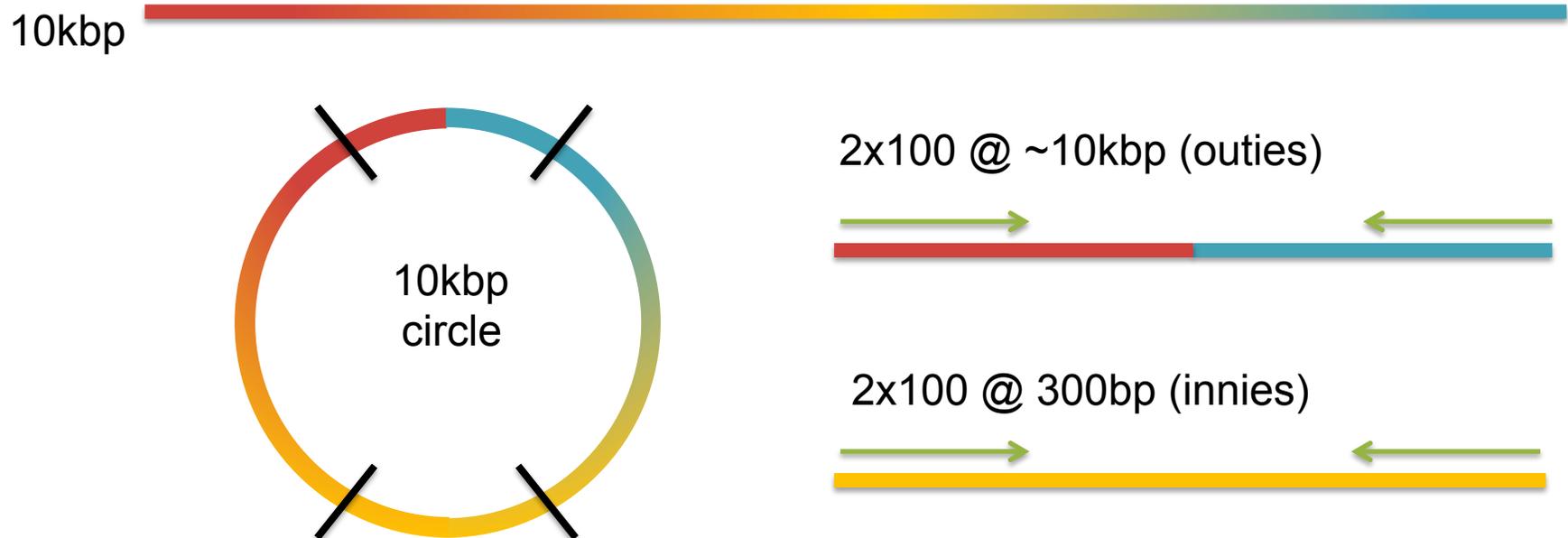
## **Paired-end sequencing**

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



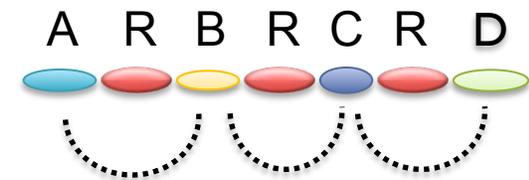
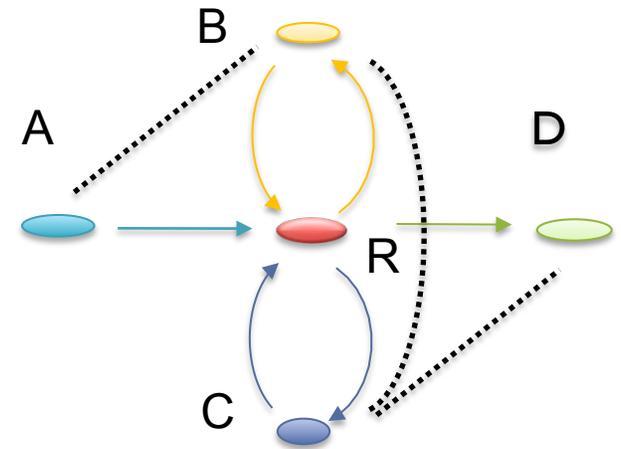
## **Mate-pair sequencing**

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



# Scaffolding

- Initial contigs (*aka* unipaths, unitigs) terminate at
  - *Coverage gaps*: especially extreme GC
  - *Conflicts*: errors, repeat boundaries
- Use mate-pairs to resolve correct order through assembly graph
  - Place sequence to satisfy the mate constraints
  - Mates through repeat nodes are tangled
- Final scaffold may have internal gaps called sequencing gaps
  - We know the order, orientation, and spacing, but just not the bases. Fill with Ns instead



# N50 size

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

Example: 1 Mbp genome



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

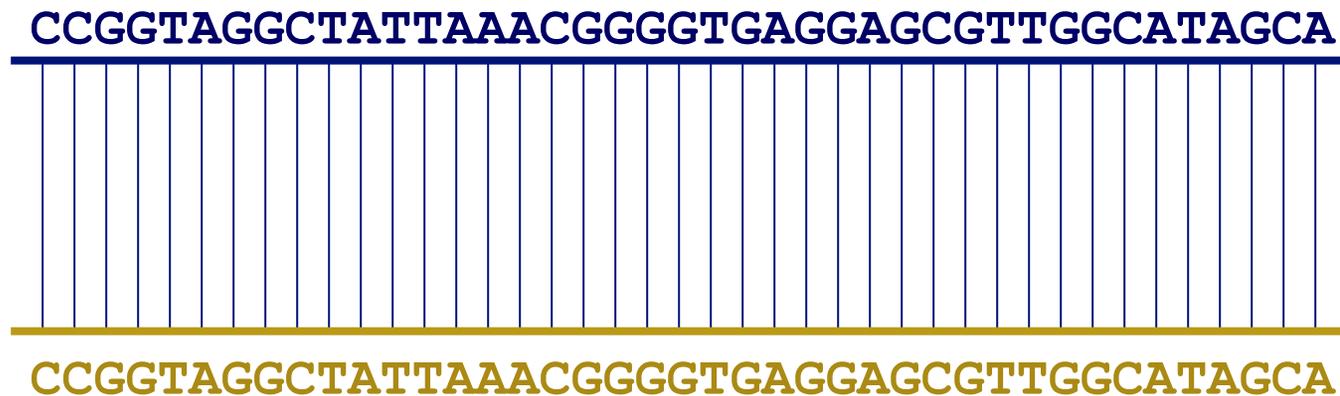


# Whole Genome Alignment with MUMmer

Slides Courtesy of Adam M. Phillippy  
University of Maryland

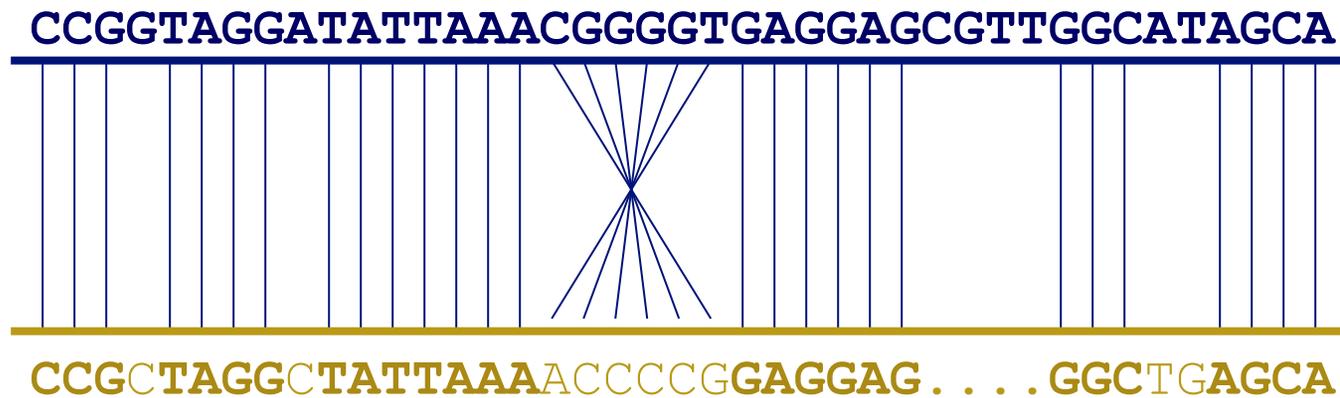
# Goal of WGA

- For two genomes,  $A$  and  $B$ , find a mapping from each position in  $A$  to its corresponding position in  $B$



# Not so fast...

- Genome *A* may have insertions, deletions, translocations, inversions, duplications or SNPs with respect to *B* (sometimes all of the above)



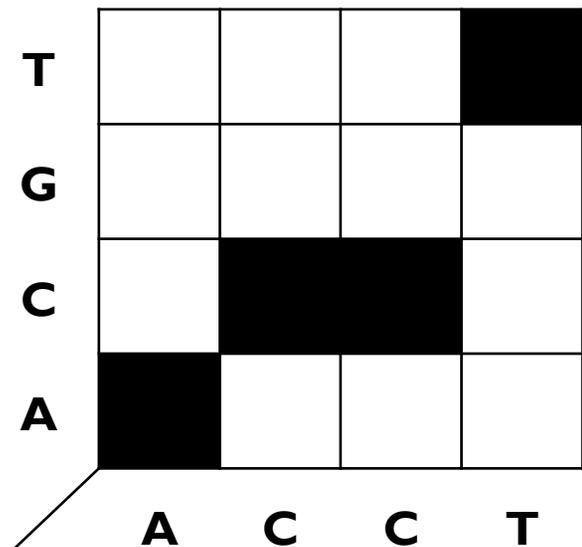
# WGA visualization

- How can we visualize *whole* genome alignments?

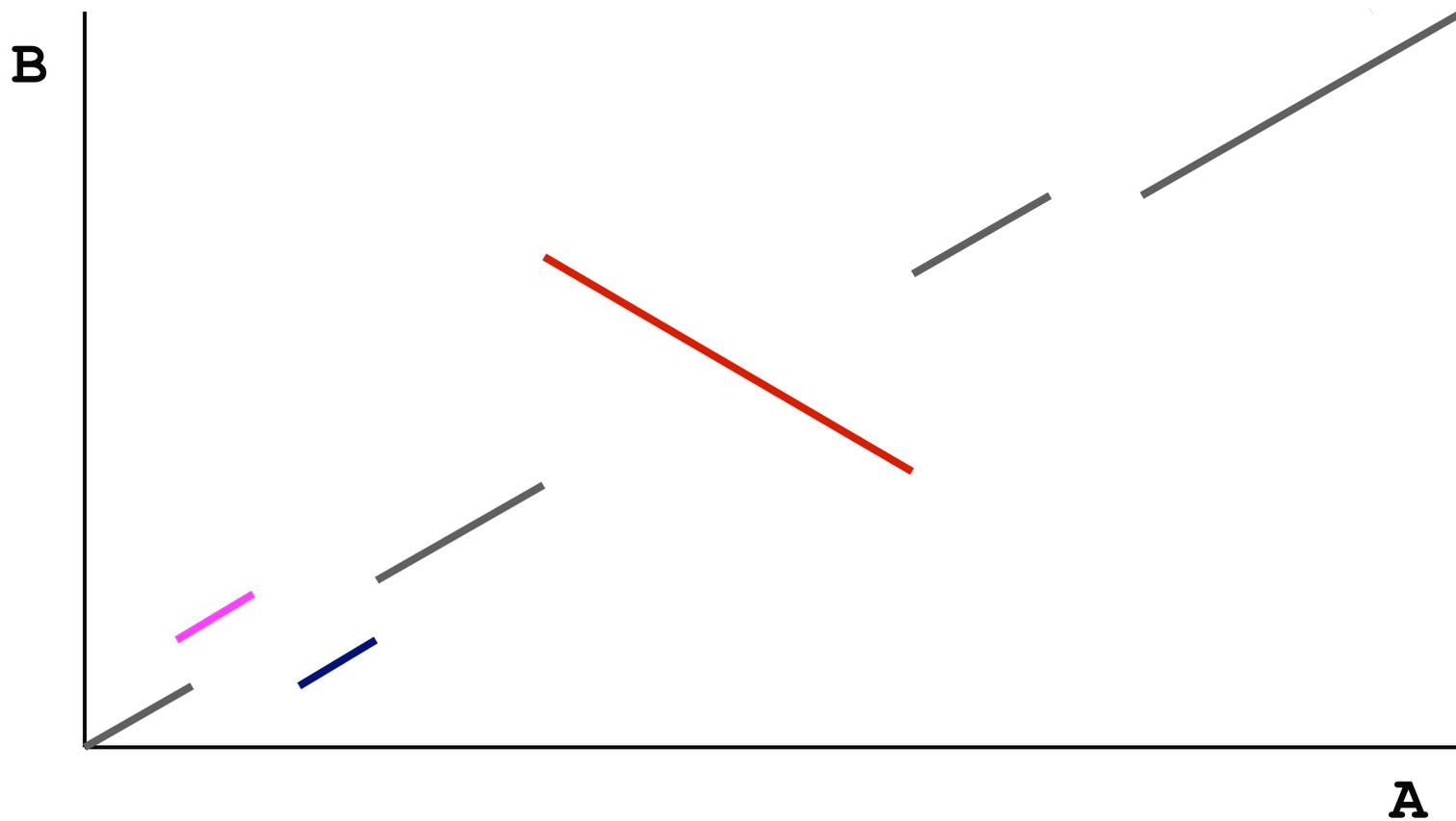
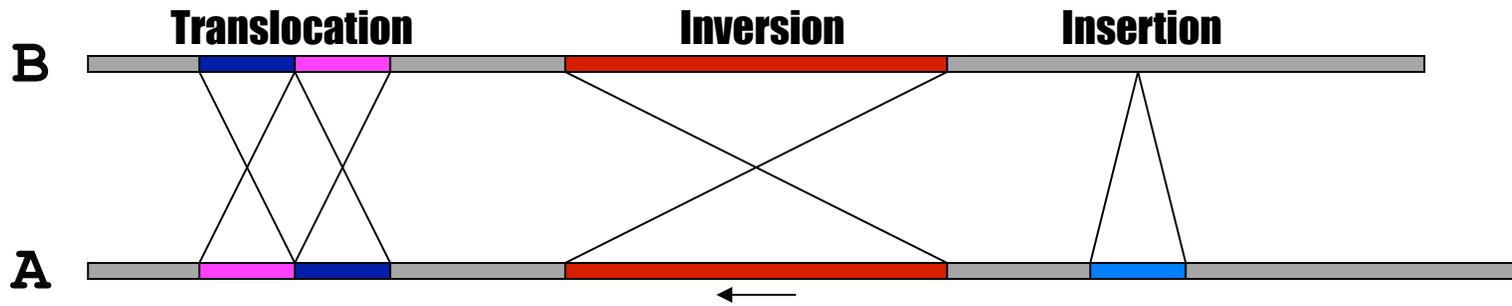
- With an alignment dot plot

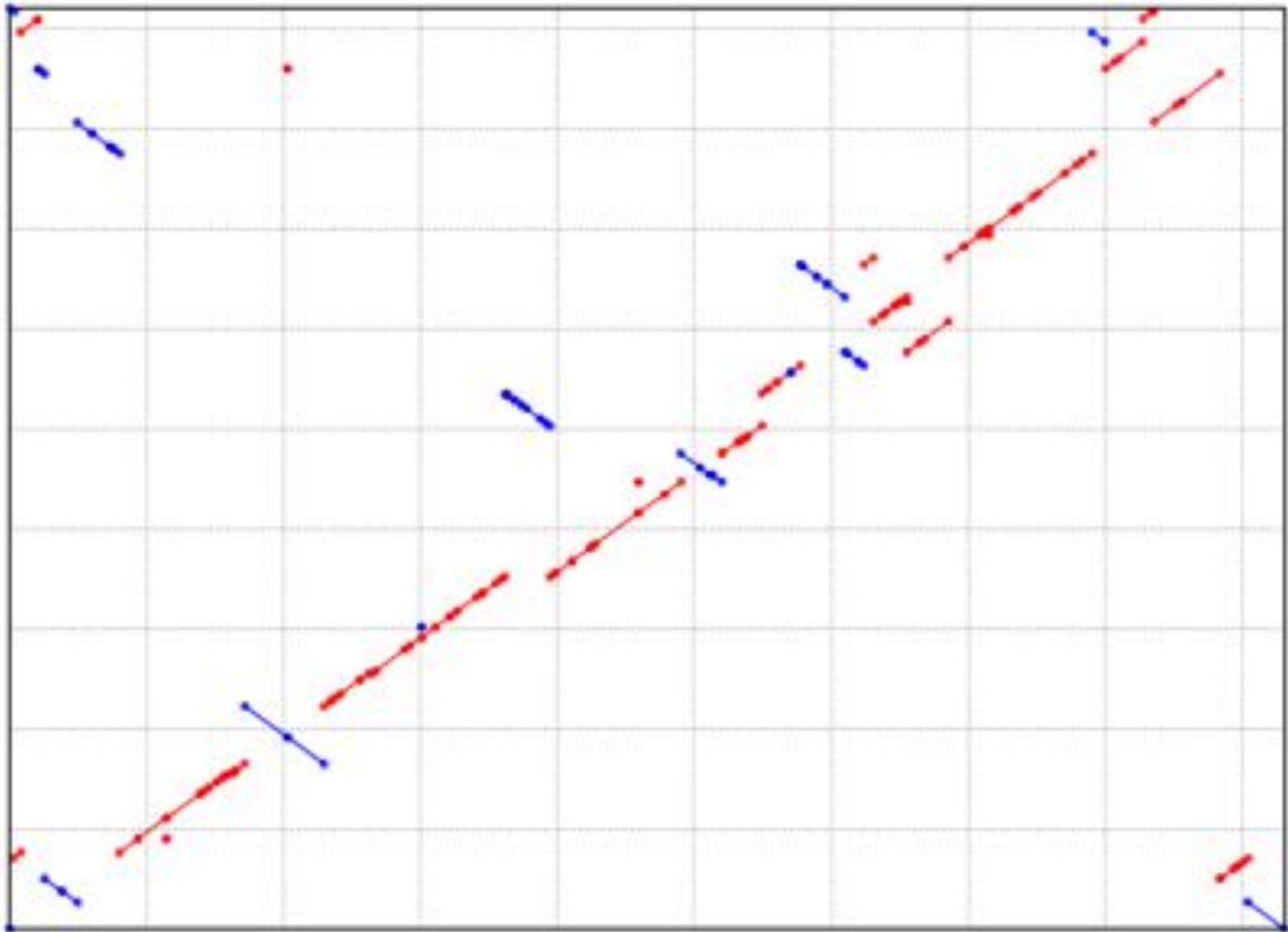
- $N \times M$  matrix

- 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



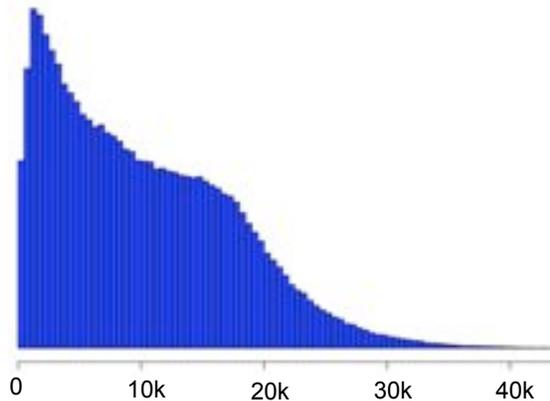


**Alignment of 2 strains of *Y. pestis***

<http://mummer.sourceforge.net/manual/>

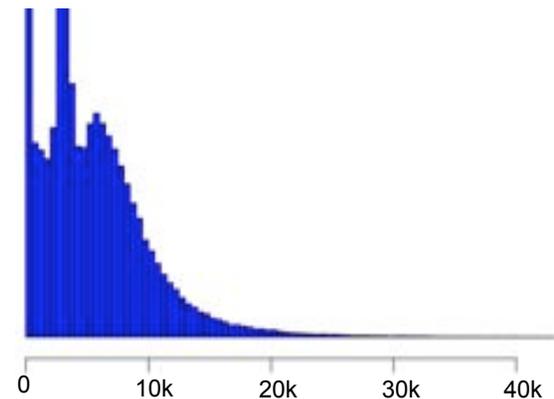
# 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Long Read Sequencing

## PacBio RS II



CSHL/PacBio

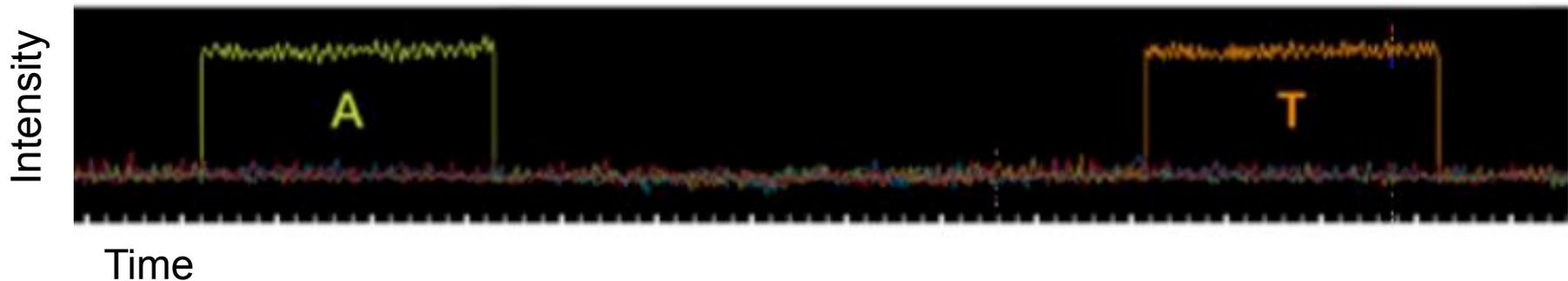
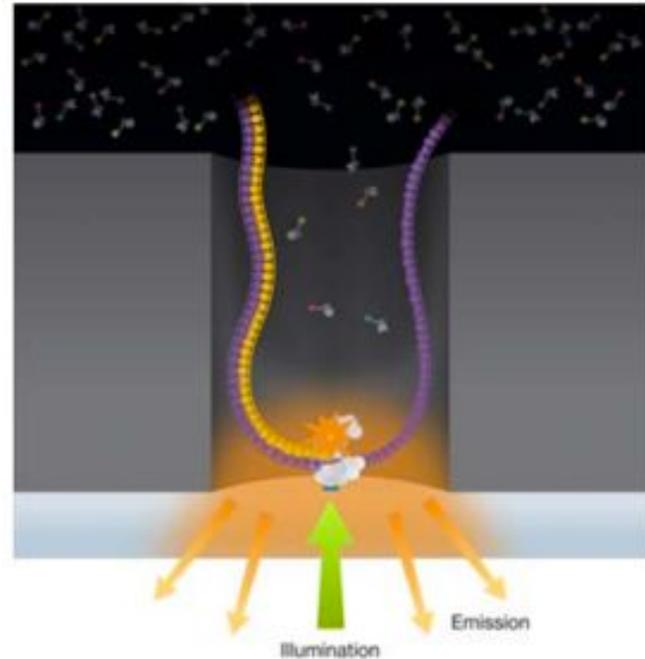
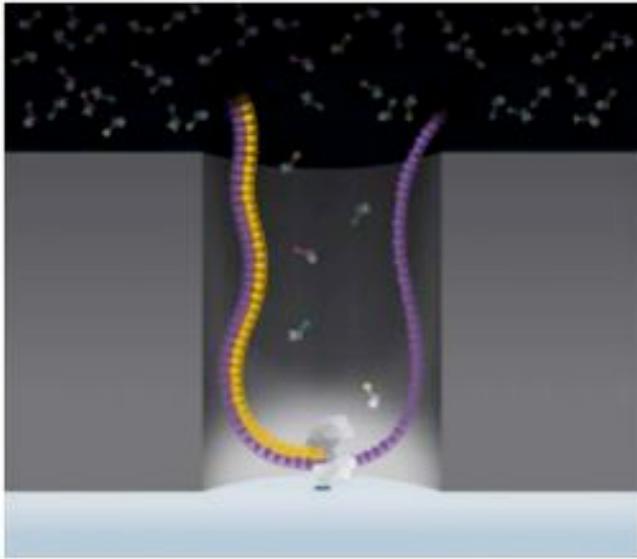
## Oxford Nanopore



CSHL/ONT

# PacBio SMRT Sequencing

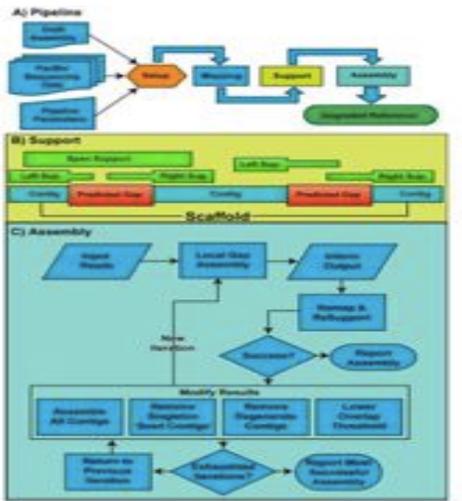
Imaging of fluorescently phospholinked labeled nucleotides as they are incorporated by a polymerase anchored to a Zero-Mode Waveguide (ZMW).





# PacBio Assembly Algorithms

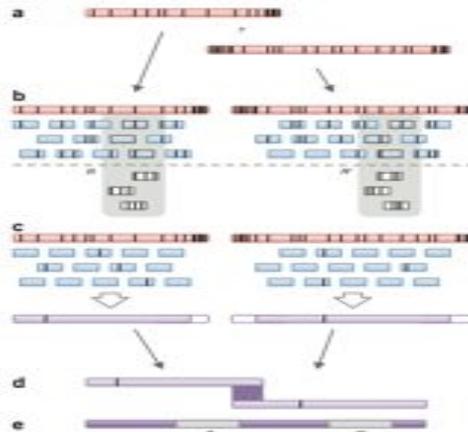
## PBJelly



**Gap Filling  
and Assembly Upgrade**

English *et al* (2012)  
*PLOS One*. 7(11): e47768

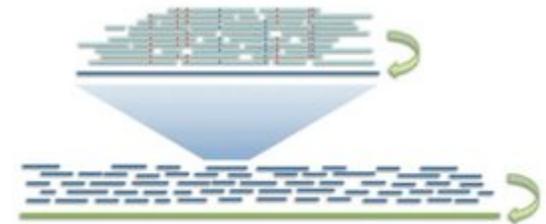
## PacBioToCA & ECTools



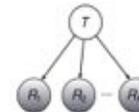
**Hybrid/PB-only Error  
Correction**

Koren, Schatz, *et al* (2012)  
*Nature Biotechnology*. 30:693–700

## HGAP & Quiver



$$\Pr(\mathbf{R} | T) = \prod_k \Pr(R_k | T)$$



Quiver Performance Results Comparison to Reference Genome ( <i>M. ruber</i> ; 3.1 MB; SMRT® Cells)		
QV	Initial Assembly 43.4	Quiver Consensus 54.5
Accuracy	99.99540%	99.99964%
Differences	141	11

**PB-only Correction &  
Polishing**

Chin *et al* (2013)  
*Nature Methods*. 10:563–569

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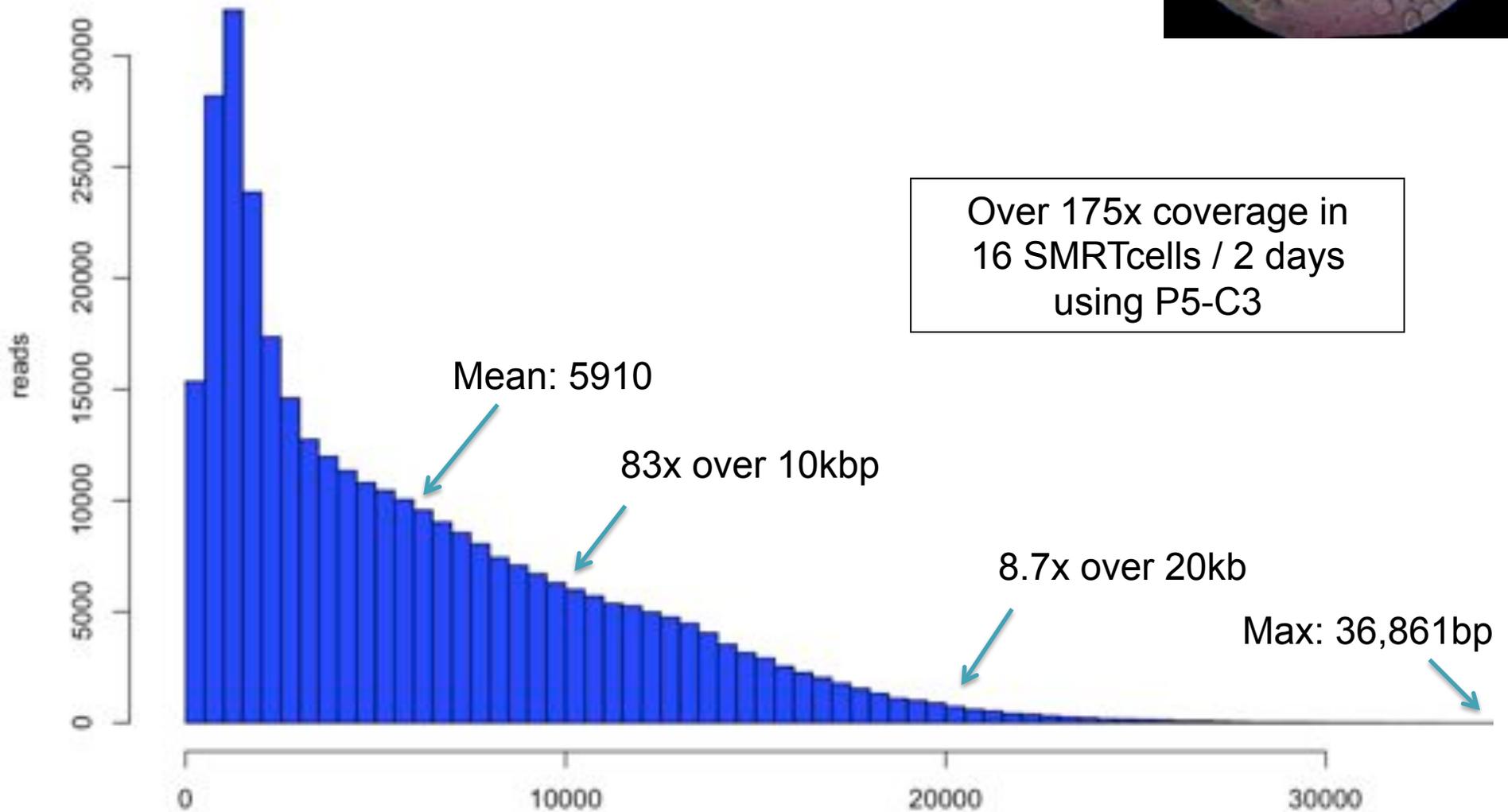
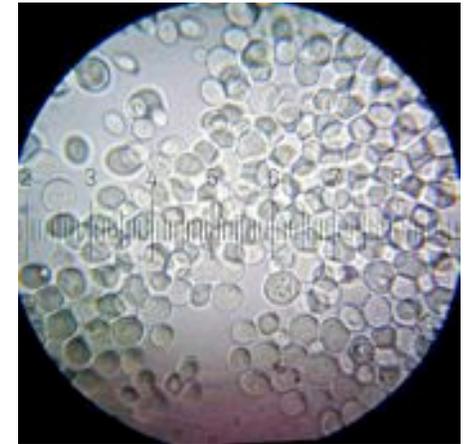
PacBio Coverage

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# S. cerevisiae W303

PacBio RS II sequencing at CSHL in the McCombie Lab

- Size selection using an 7 Kb elution window on a BluePippin™ device from Sage Science



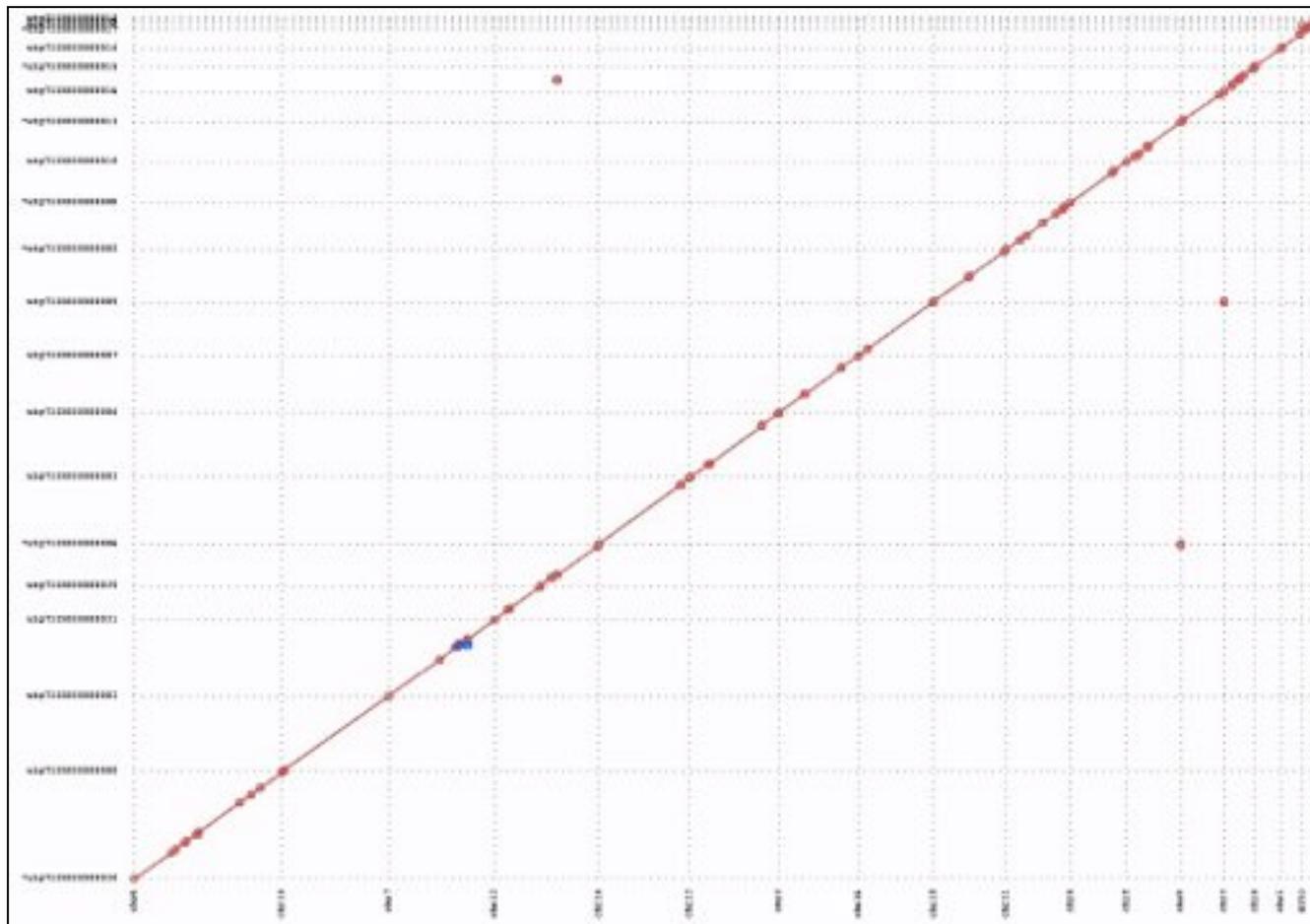
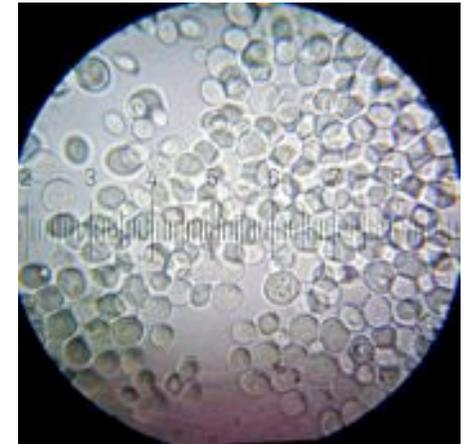
# S. cerevisiae W303

S288C Reference sequence

- 12.1Mbp; 16 chromo + mitochondria; N50: 924kbp

PacBio assembly using HGAP + Celera Assembler

- 12.4Mbp; 21 non-redundant contigs; N50: 811kbp; >99.8% id



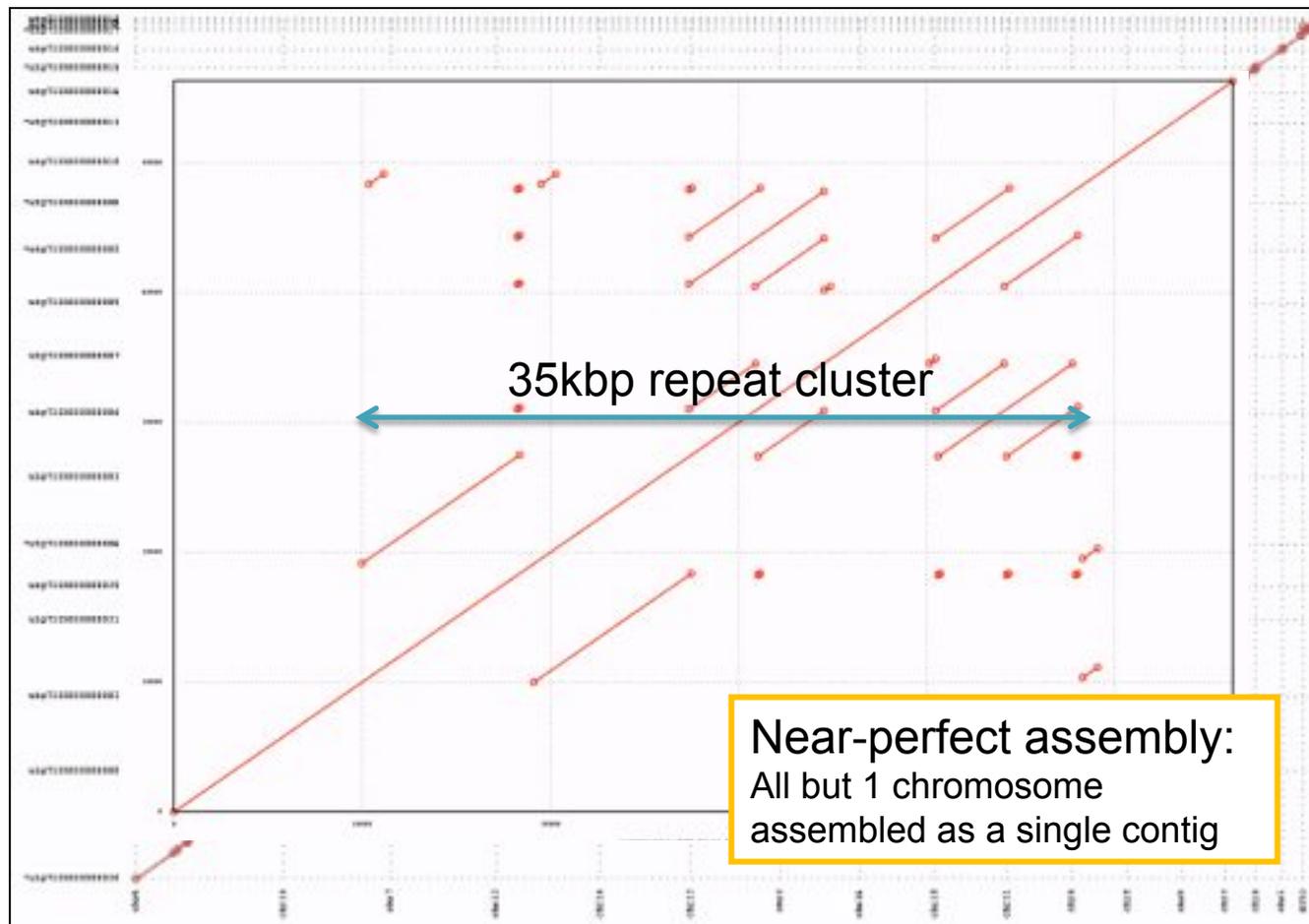
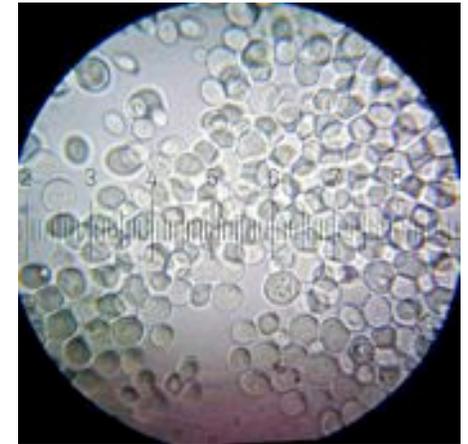
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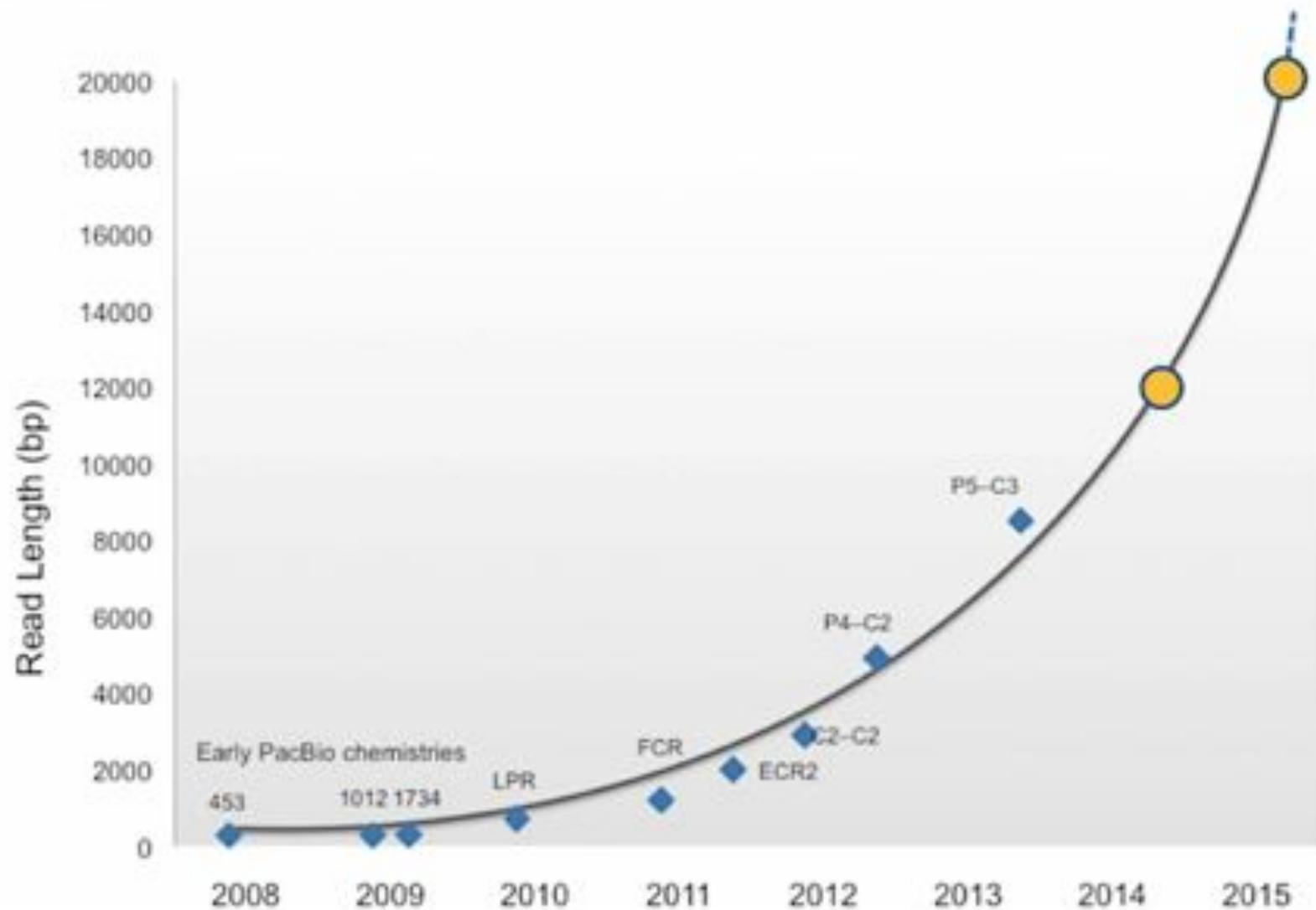
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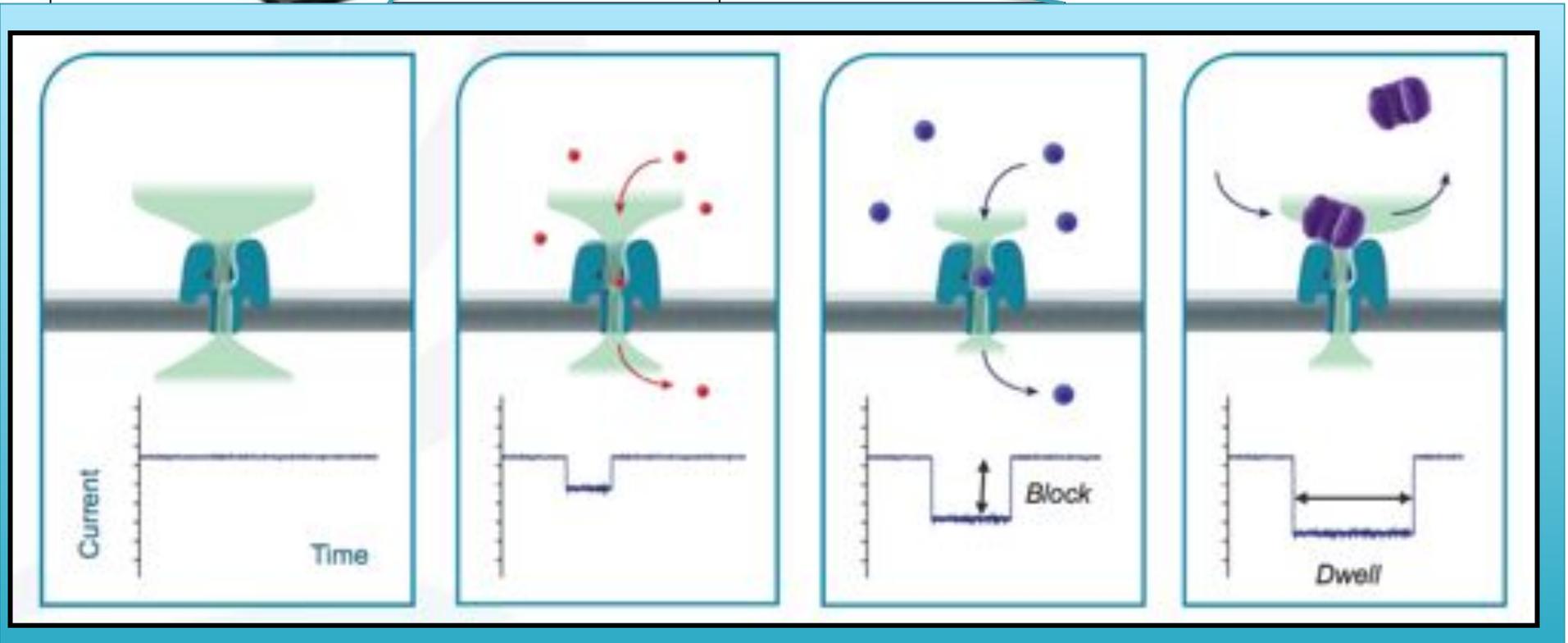
# PacBio® Advances in Read Length



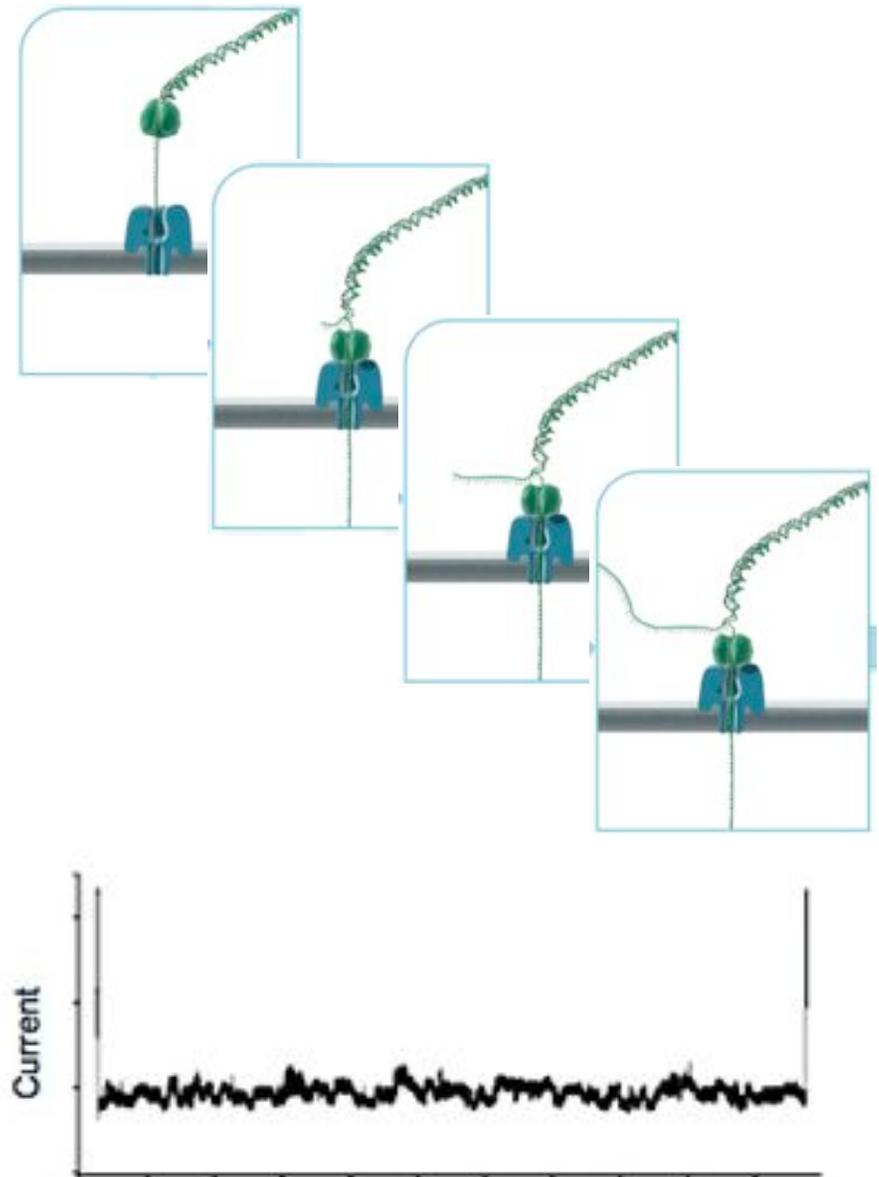
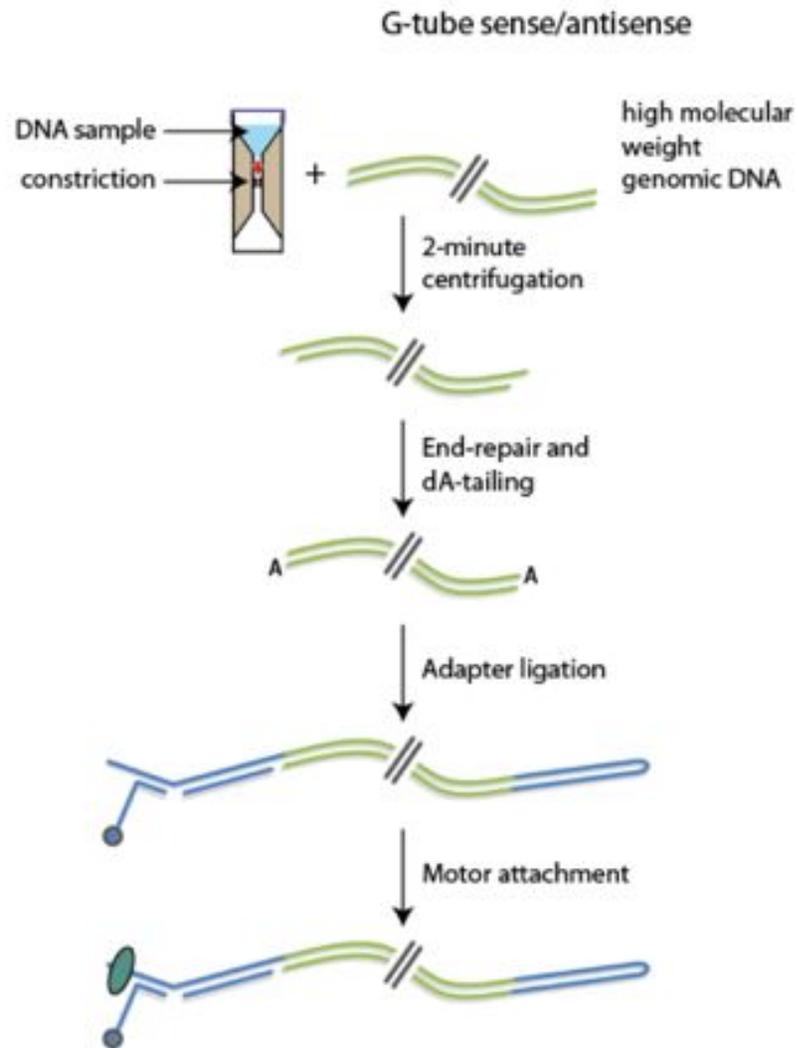
# Oxford Nanopore MinION



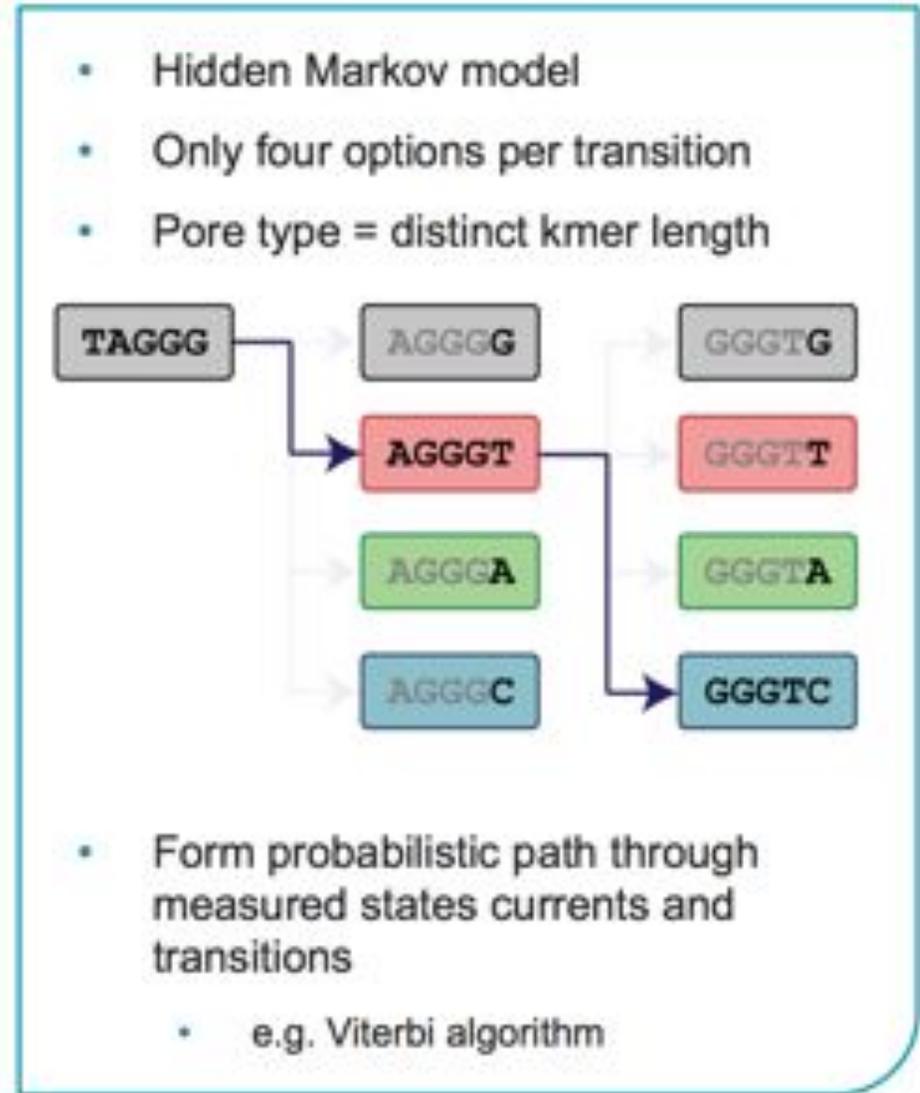
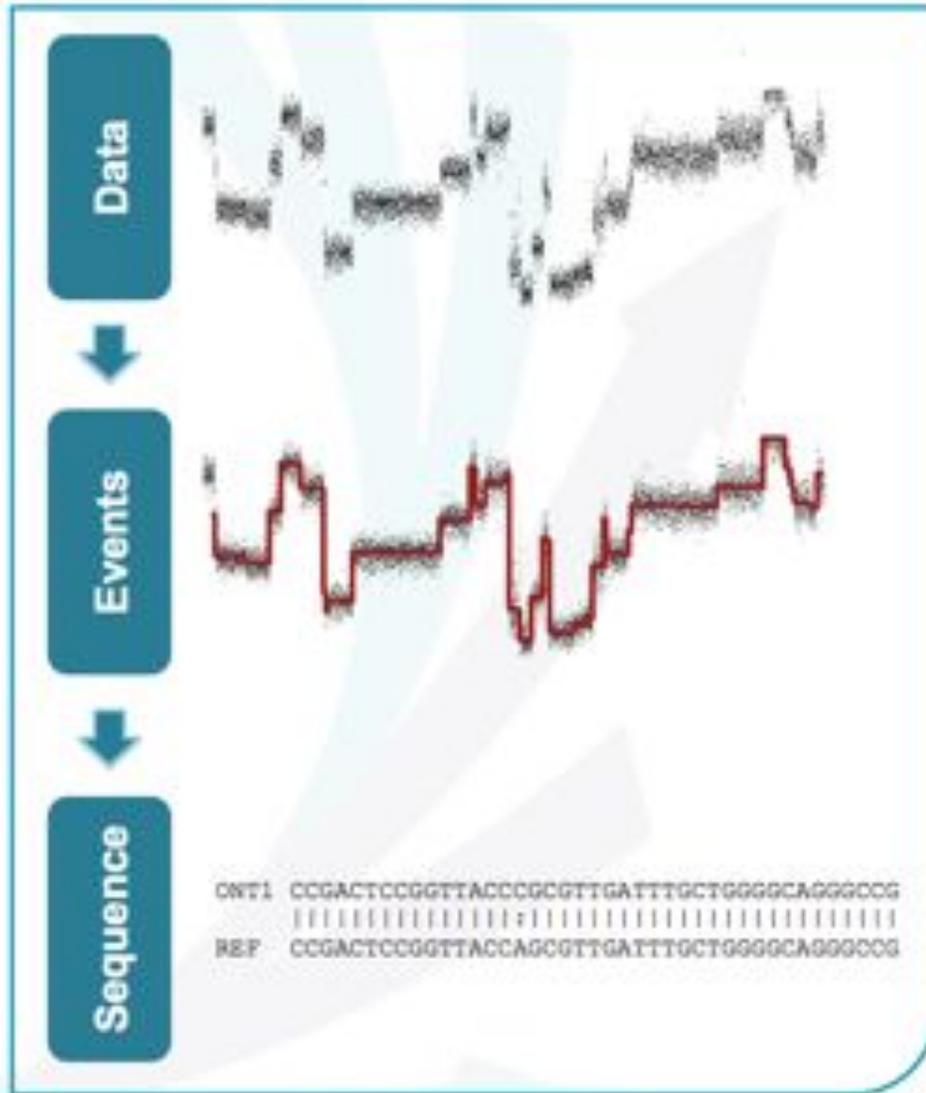
- Thumb drive sized sequencer powered over USB
- Capacity for 512 reads at once
- Senses DNA by measuring changes to ion flow



# Nanopore Sequencing

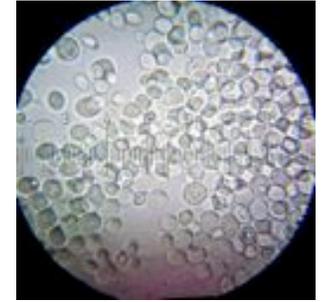


# Nanopore Basecalling



Basecalling currently performed at Amazon with frequent updates to algorithm

# Nanopore Readlengths



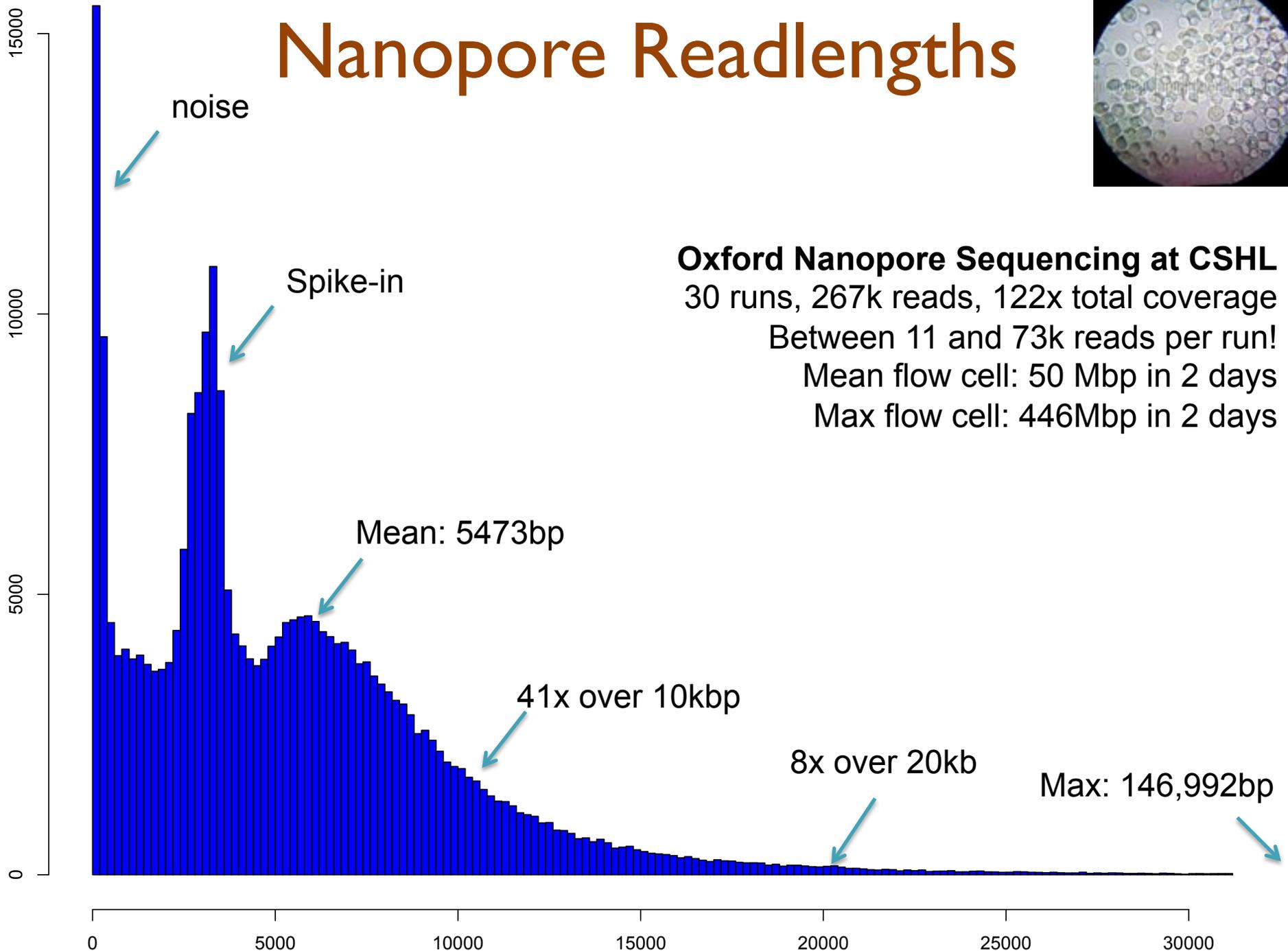
## Oxford Nanopore Sequencing at CSHL

30 runs, 267k reads, 122x total coverage

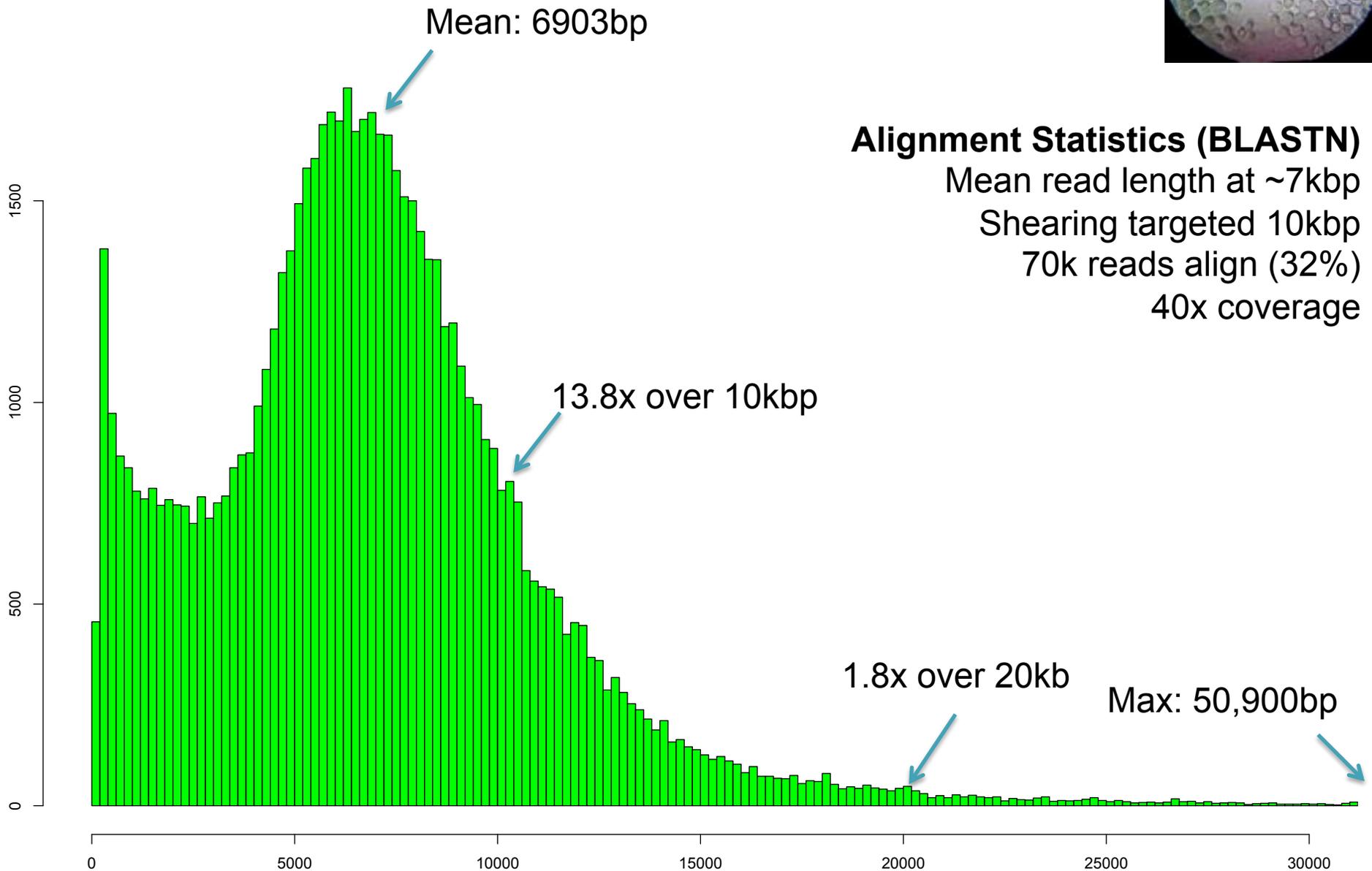
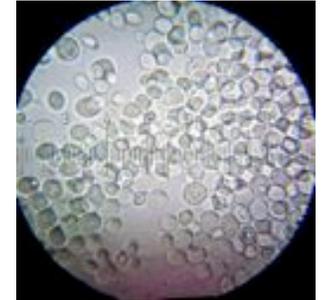
Between 11 and 73k reads per run!

Mean flow cell: 50 Mbp in 2 days

Max flow cell: 446Mbp in 2 days



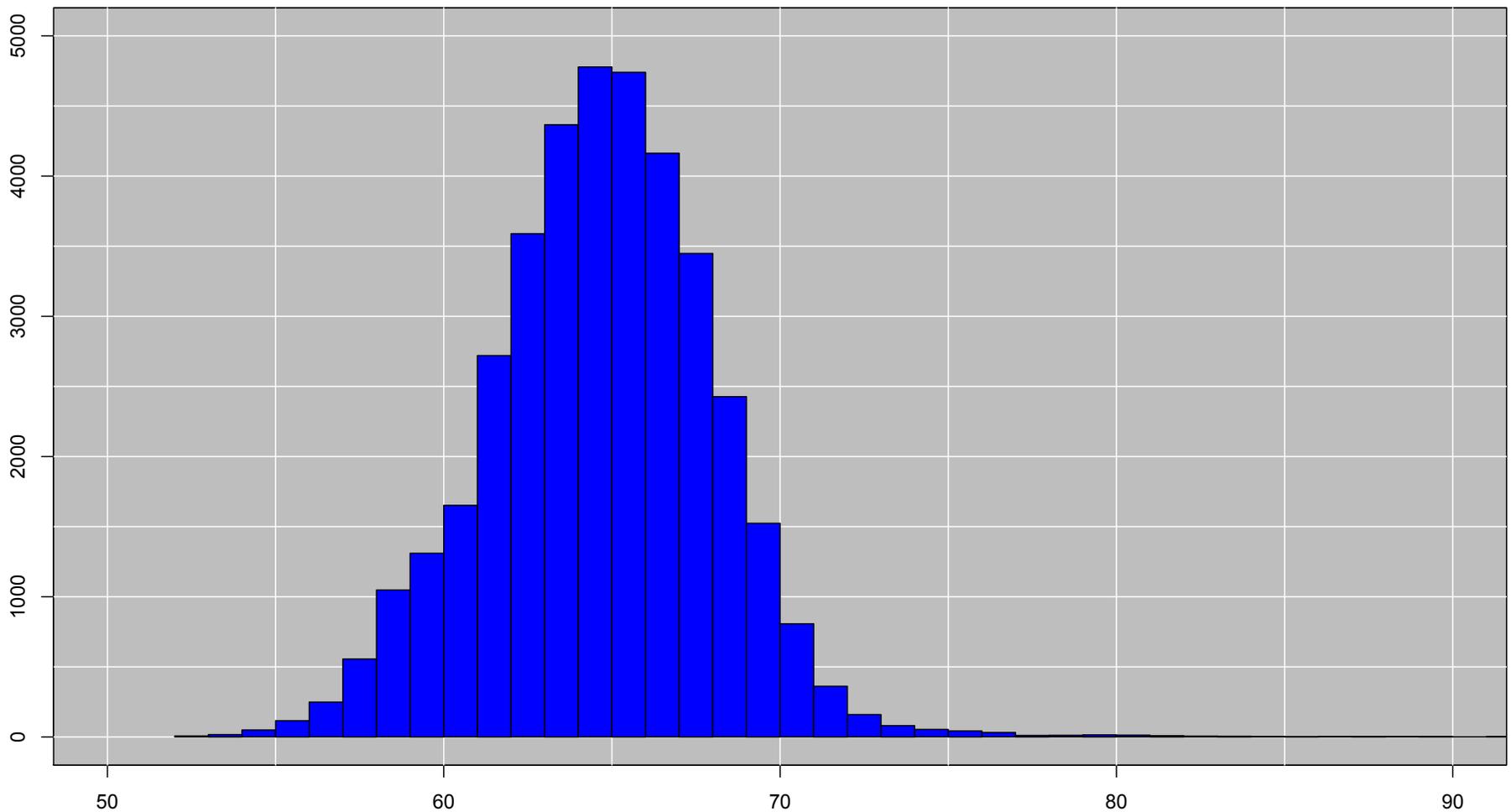
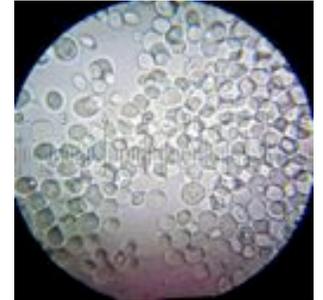
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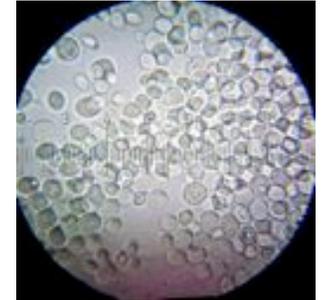
# Nanopore Accuracy

## Alignment Quality (BLASTN)

Of reads that align, average ~64% identity



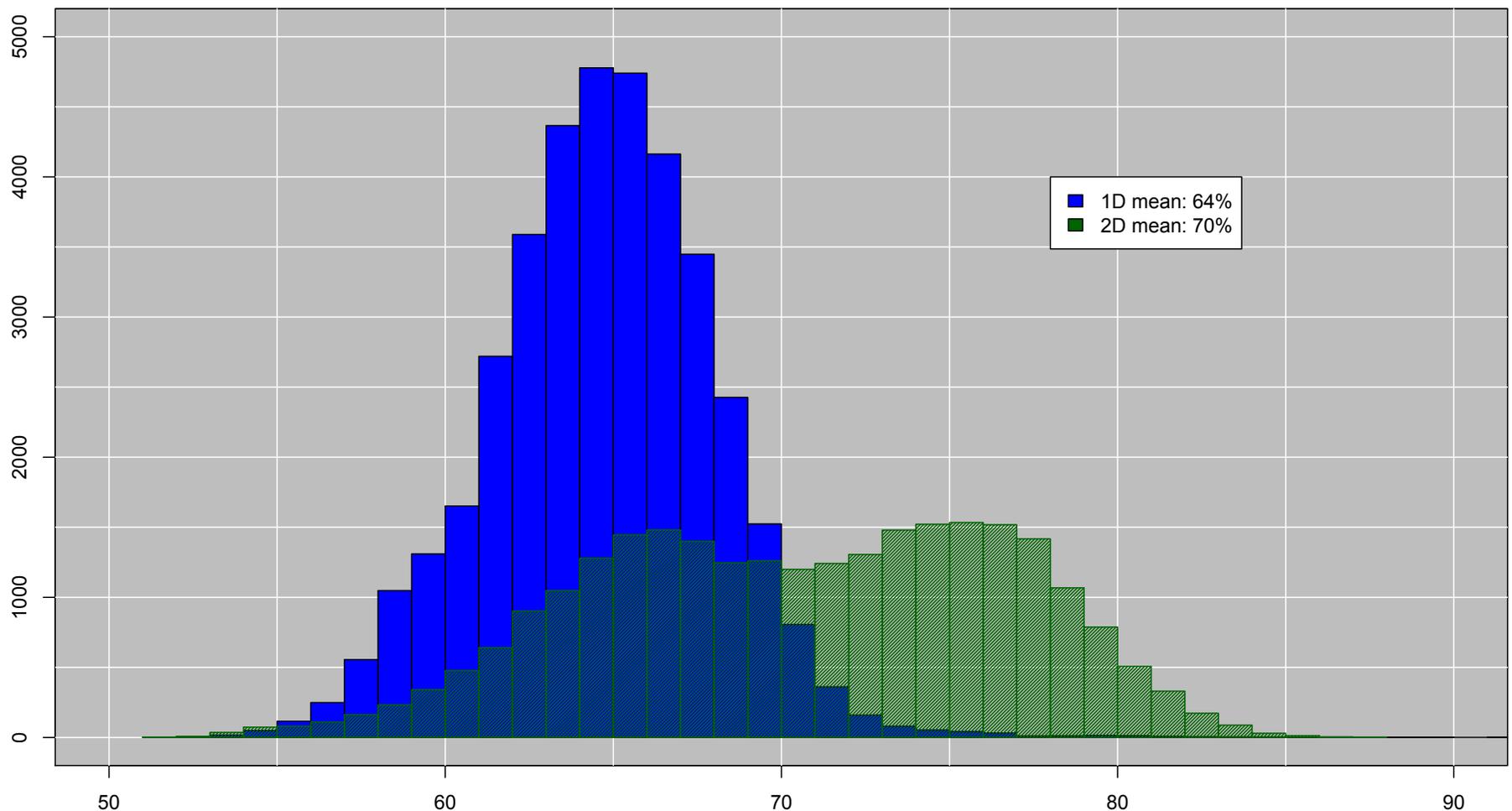
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“2D base-calling” improves to ~70% identity

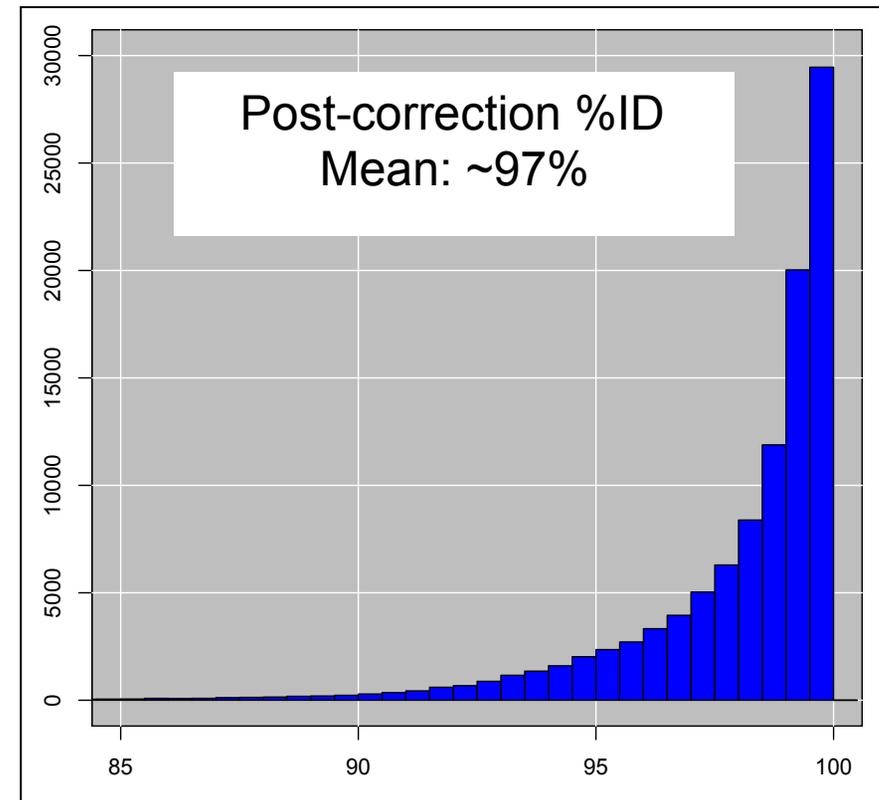


# NanoCorr: Nanopore-Illumina Hybrid Error Correction

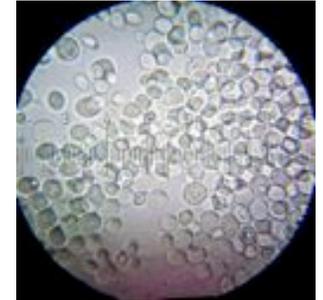


<https://github.com/jgurtowski/nanocorr>

1. BLAST Miseq reads to all raw Oxford Nanopore reads
2. Select non-repetitive alignments
  - First pass scans to remove “contained” alignments
  - Second pass uses Dynamic Programming (LIS) to select set of high-identity alignments with minimal overlaps
3. Compute consensus of each Oxford Nanopore read
  - Currently using Pacbio’s pbdagcon



# Long Read Assembly



## S288C Reference sequence

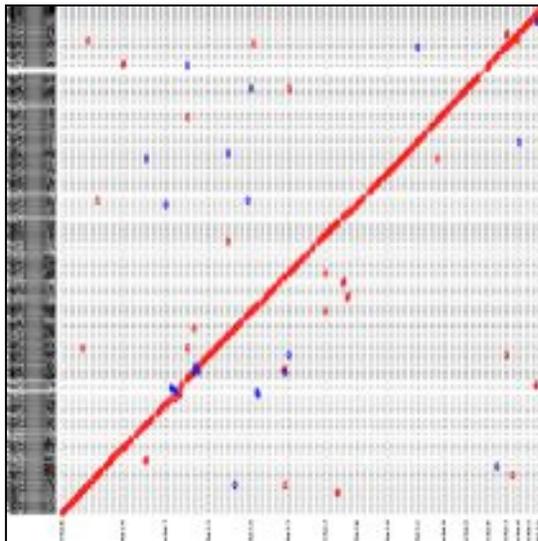
- 12.1Mbp; 16 chromo + mitochondria
- Chromosome N50: 924kbp

### **Illumina MiSeq**

30x, 300bp PE (Flashed)

Celera Assembler

- 6953 non-redundant contigs
- N50: 59kb >99.9% id



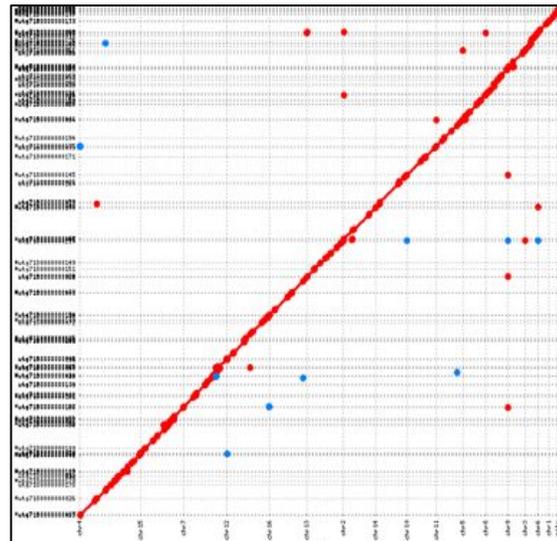
### **Oxford Nanopore**

30x corrected reads > 6kb



NanoCorr + Celera Assembler

- 234 non-redundant contigs
- N50: 362kbp >99.78% id



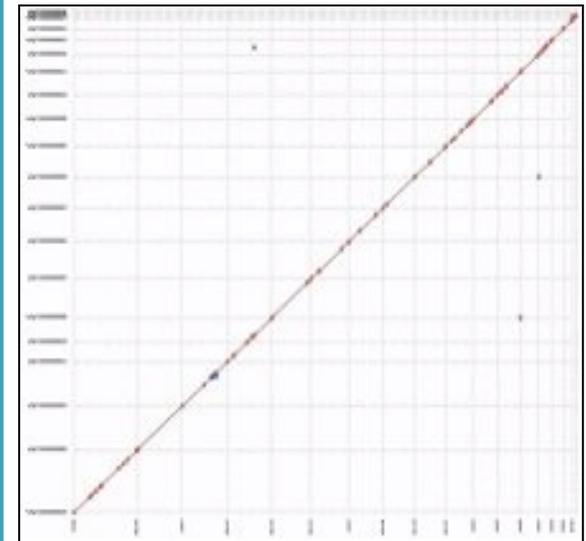
### **Pacific Biosciences**

25x corrected reads > 10kb

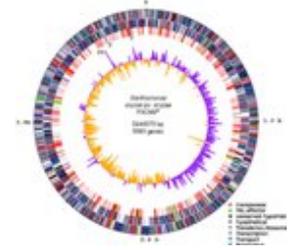


HGAP + Celera Assembler

- 21 non-redundant contigs
- N50: 811kb >99.8% id



# 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, starting from individual reads, build high confidence contigs/unitigs, incorporate the mates to build scaffolds
    - Extensive error correction is the key to getting the best assembly possible from a given data set
  - Watch out for collapsed repeats & other misassemblies
    - Globally/Locally reassemble data from scratch with better parameters & stitch the 2 assemblies together

# Thank You



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