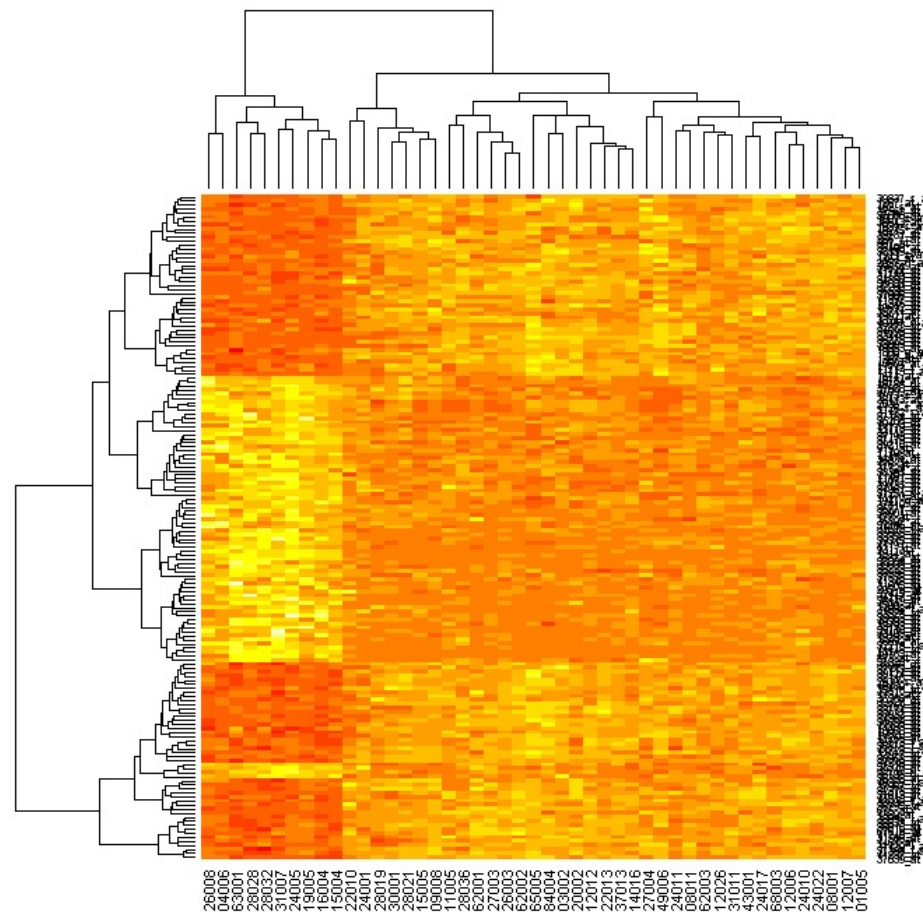
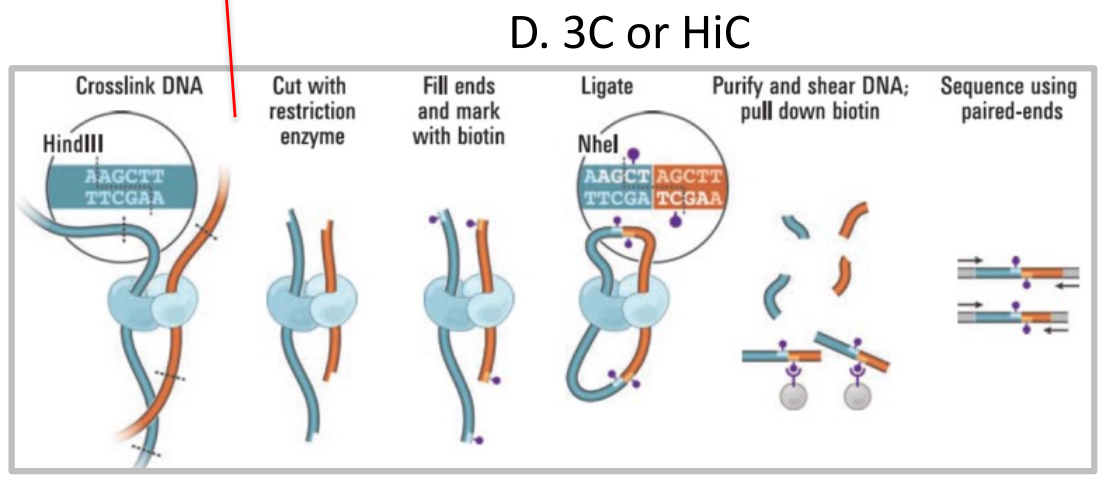
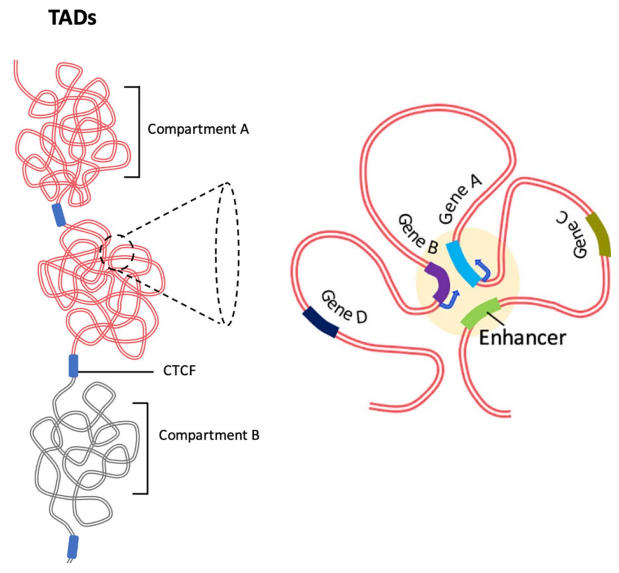
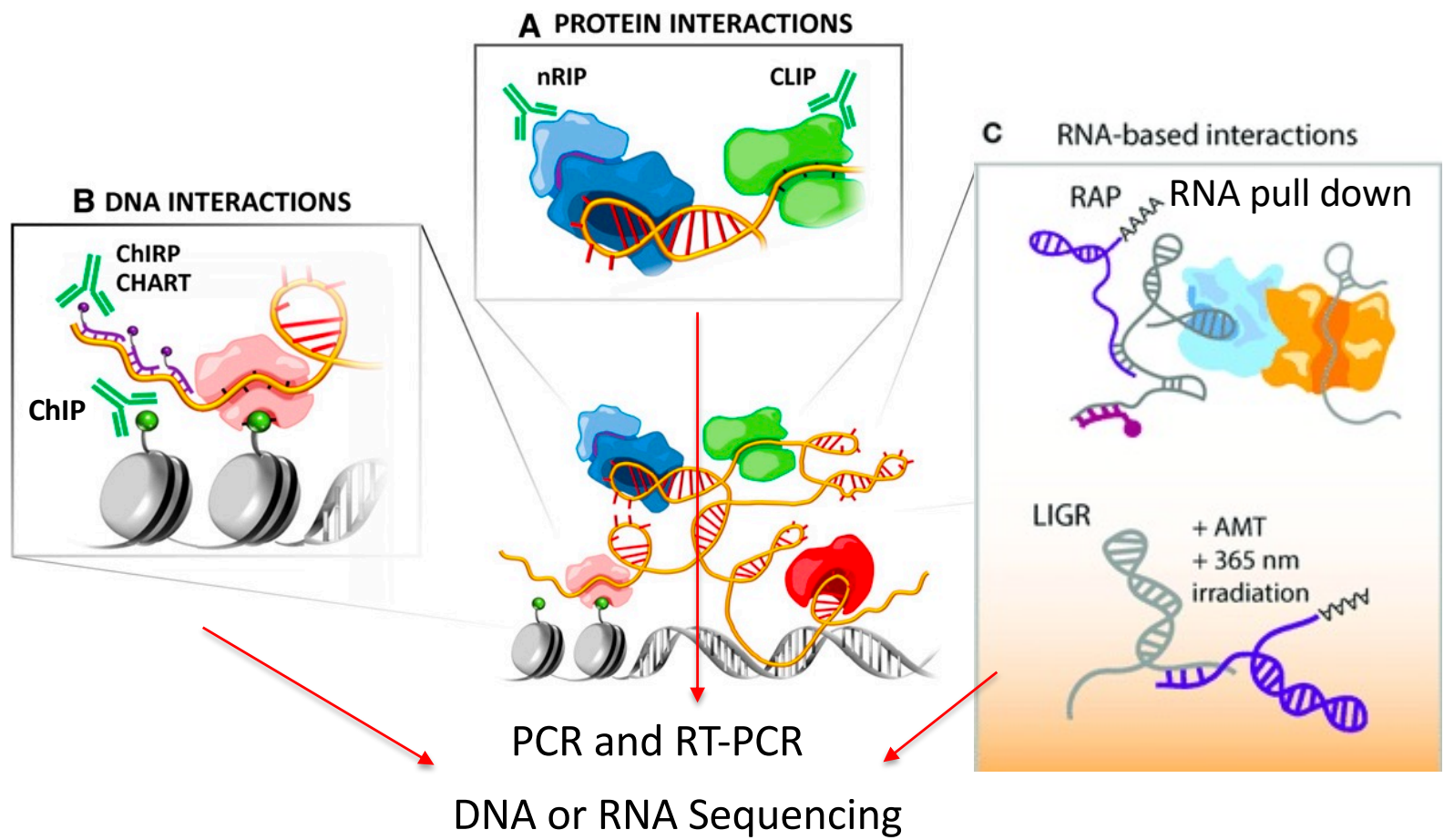
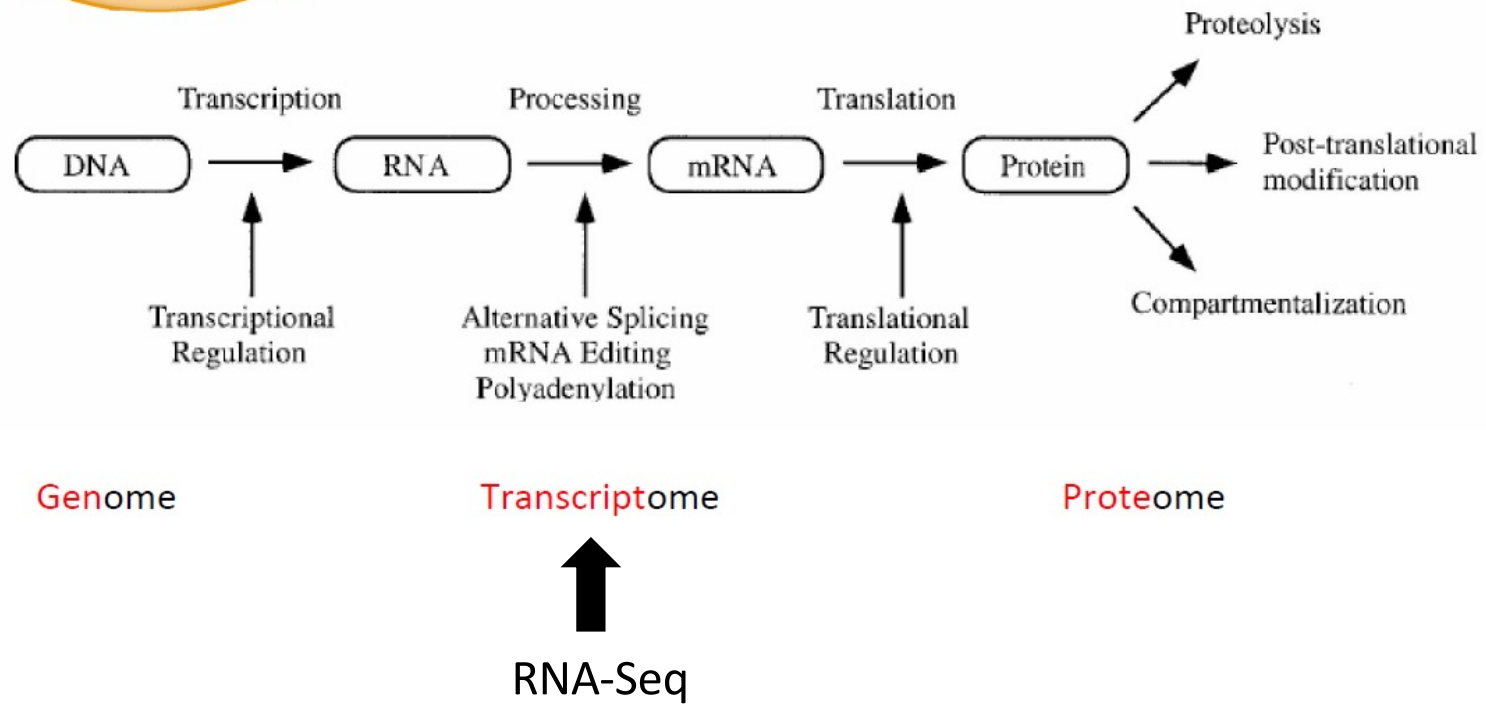
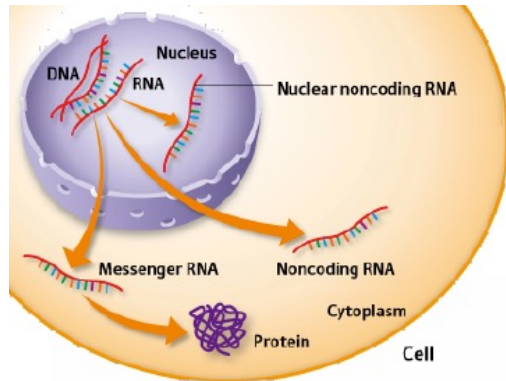


RNA-Seq: experimental procedures and data analysis





STEPS THAT ARE ANALYZED BY -OMICS



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Issues in the studies of Transcriptome



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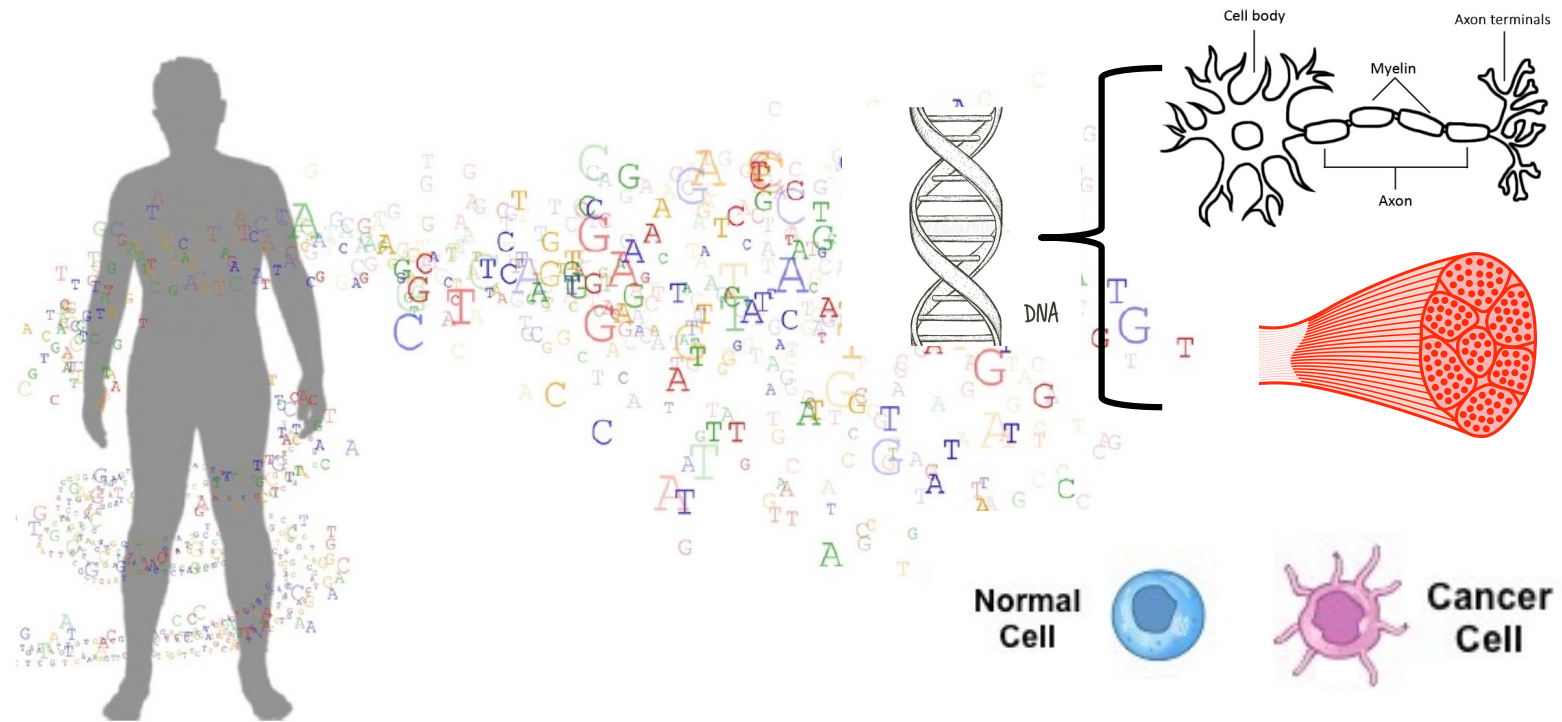


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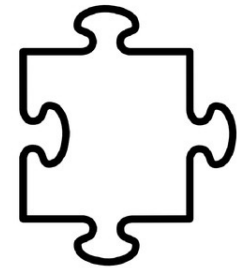
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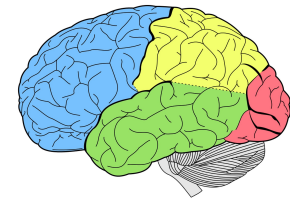
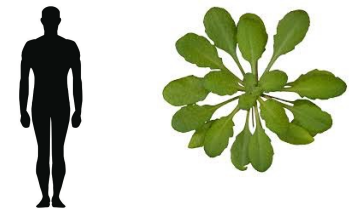
BOTTOM-UP (Classical):

Detailed analysis of single gene/proteins. Step by step assembly of results to get an overview about processes within cells/organisms.



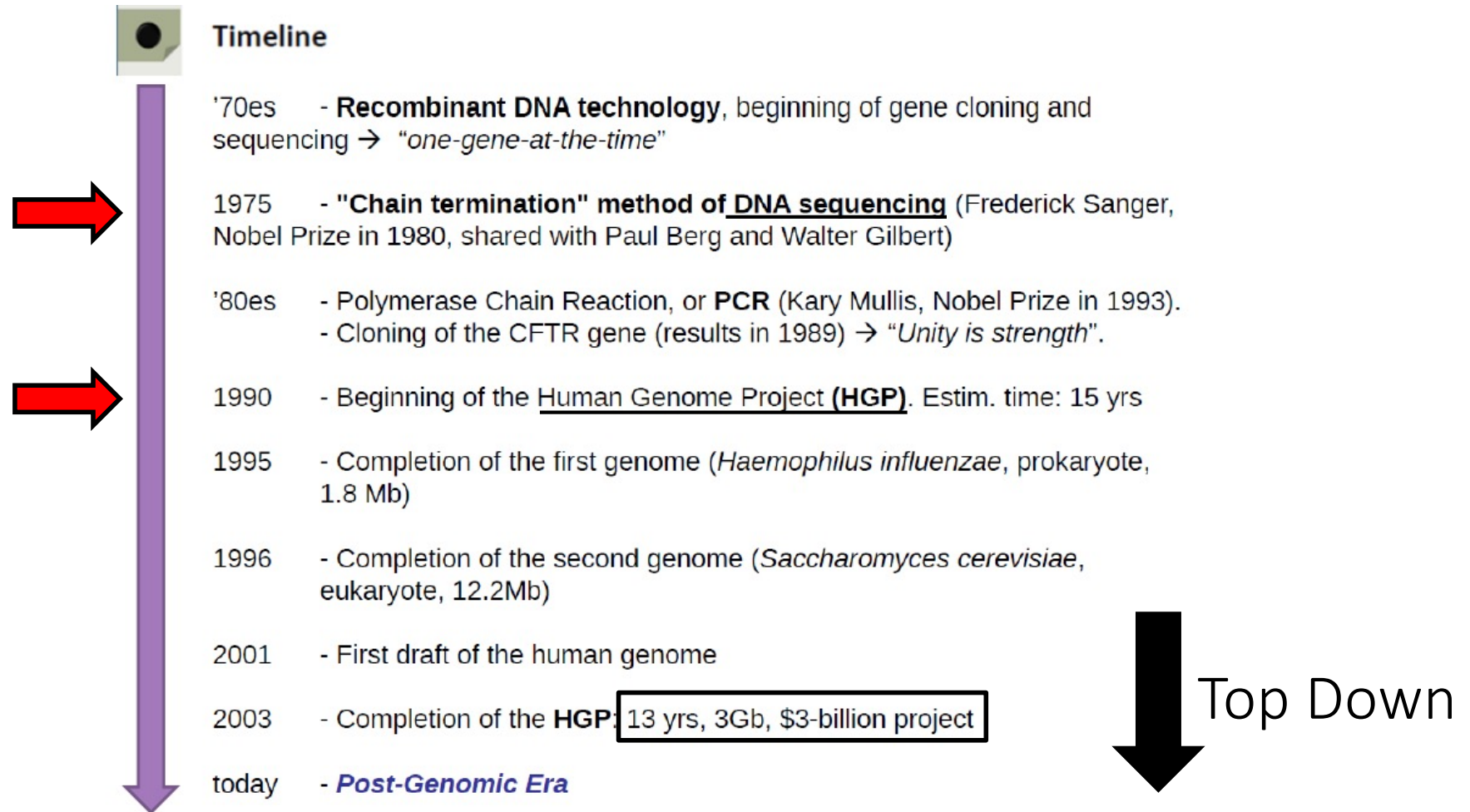
TOP-DOWN (Modern):

Analysis of complete systems (cells/tissues/organisms).



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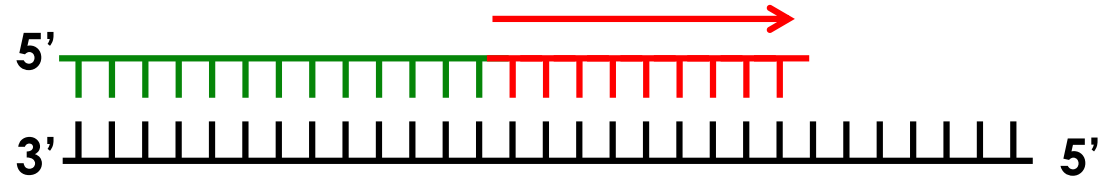
Pre-NGS era



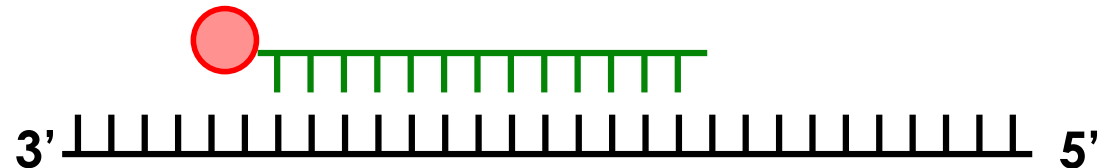
TRANSCRIPTOME ANALYSIS: HOW?

How to detect something that is unknown?

PCR / qPCR /
classic sequencing

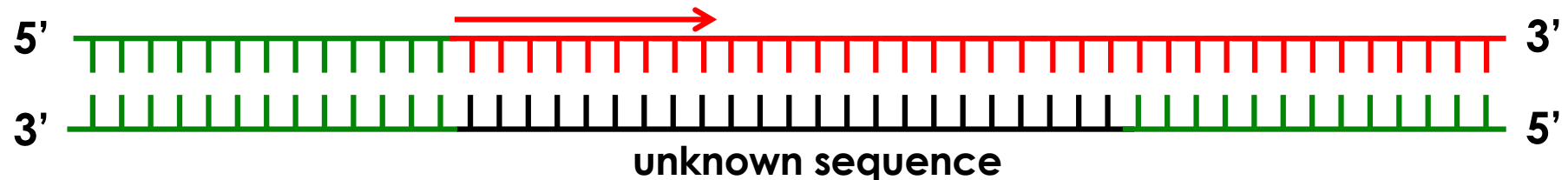


Northern blot /
Southern blot



We need to make detectable something that is not known

Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS)



SANGER METHOD FOR DNA SEQUENCING

History of Sequencing: Sanger method for DNA sequencing

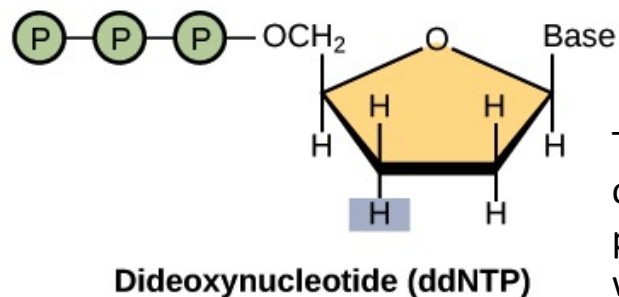
DNA Polymerase can add free nucleotides only to the 3' end of the newly forming strand. This results in elongation of the newly forming strand in a 5'-3' direction. No known DNA polymerase is able to begin a new chain (de novo). DNA polymerase can add a nucleotide only on to a pre-existing 3'-OH group, and, therefore, needs a primer at which it can add the first nucleotide.

DNA Polymerase

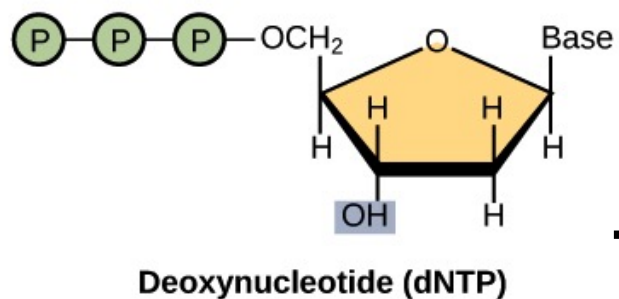
5' – TGAGACGAATCGATGCGGAC**GGATCGATT**CGATCTGATCGATGCATT
3' – ACTCTGCTTAGCTACGCCTGCCTAGCTAAGCTAGACTAGCTACGTAA – 5'

SANGER METHOD FOR DNA SEQUENCING

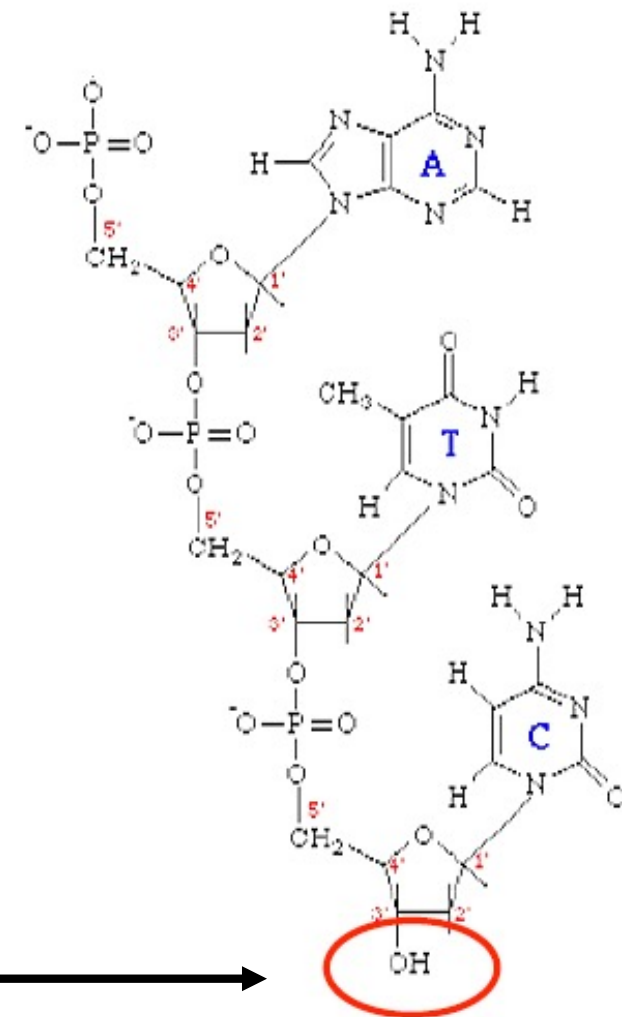
- **"Sanger Sequencing"** developed by Fred Sanger *et al.* in the mid 1970's
- Uses dideoxynucleotides for "chain termination", generating fragments of different lengths ending in ddATP, ddGTP, ddCTP or ddTTP



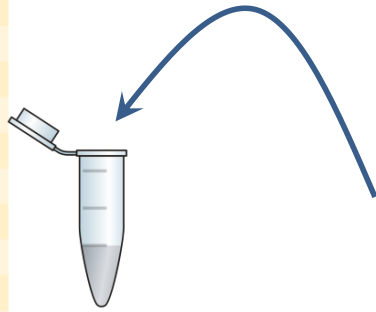
The dideoxynucleotide cannot form the phosphodiester bond with the next nucleotide



L'OH al 3' è richiesto per formare il legame fosfodiesterico con il nucleotide successivo

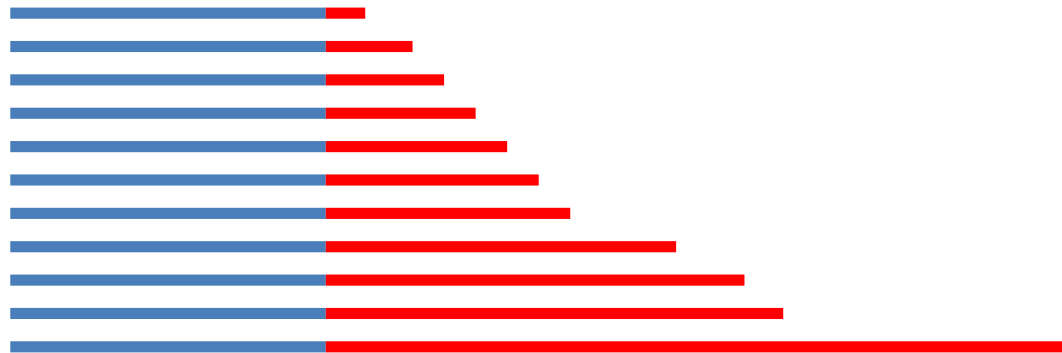


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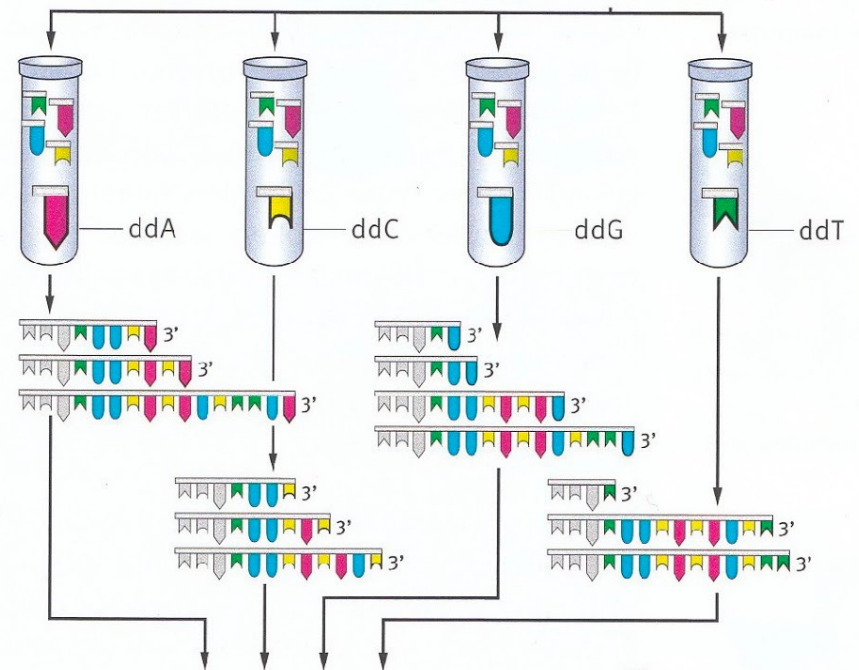
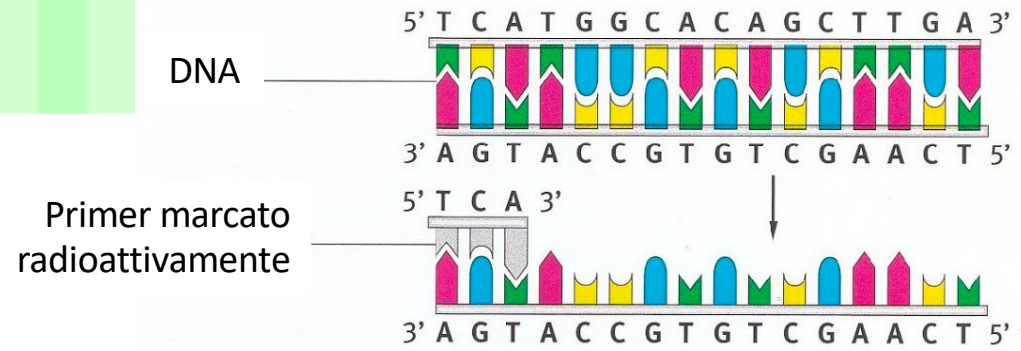
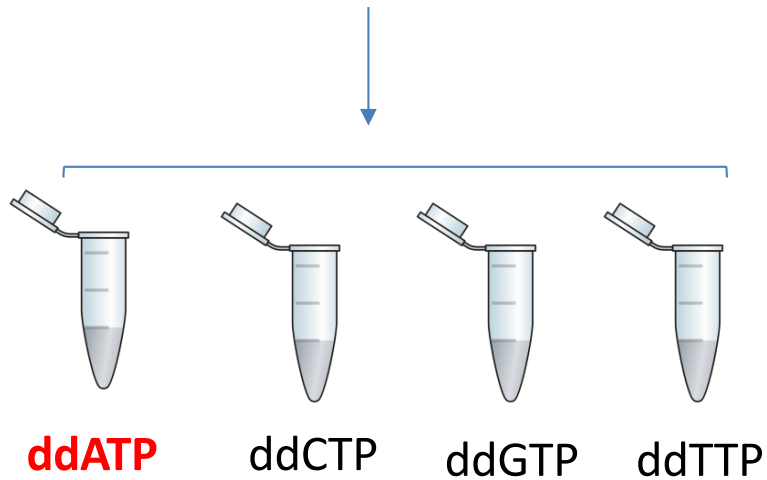
- Template DNA
- DNA Polymerase
- Primer
- dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP
- **ddATP** (or ddCTP, ddGTP, ddTTP)

→ **A**T**A**A**A**A**A**CTC**A**G**A**ACGGCTTCGTA
GACTGACTGACTATTTTTTTGAGTCTTGCCGAAGCAT

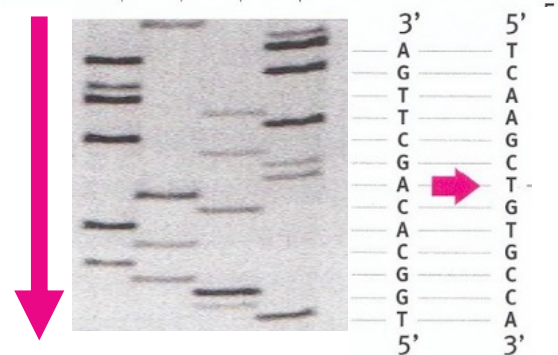


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Elettroforesi su gel di acrilamminde

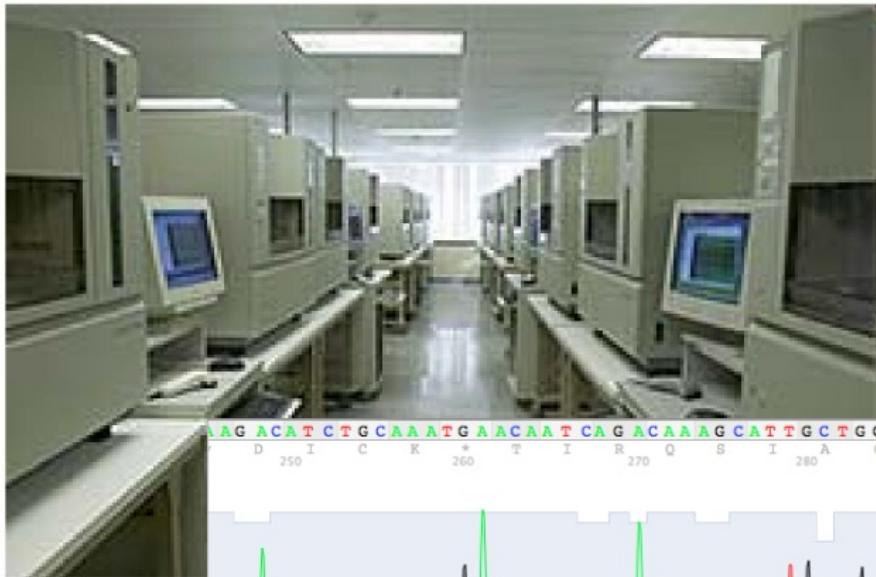


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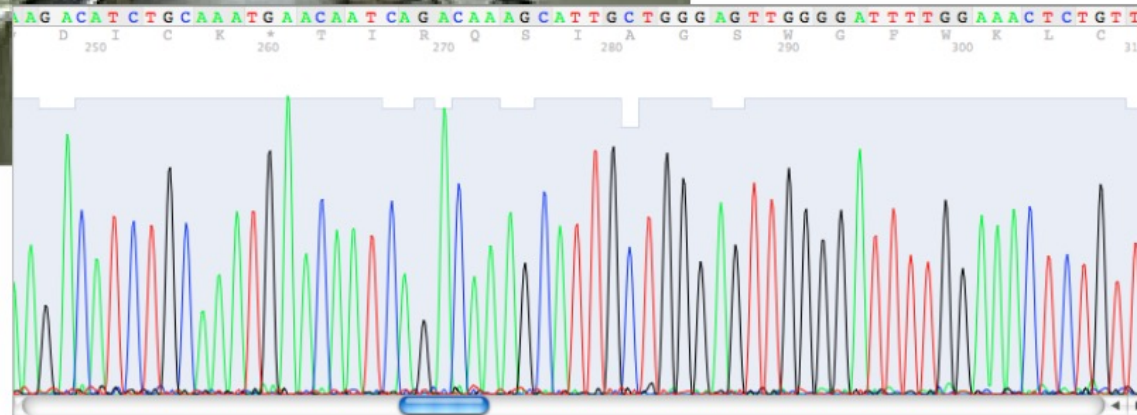


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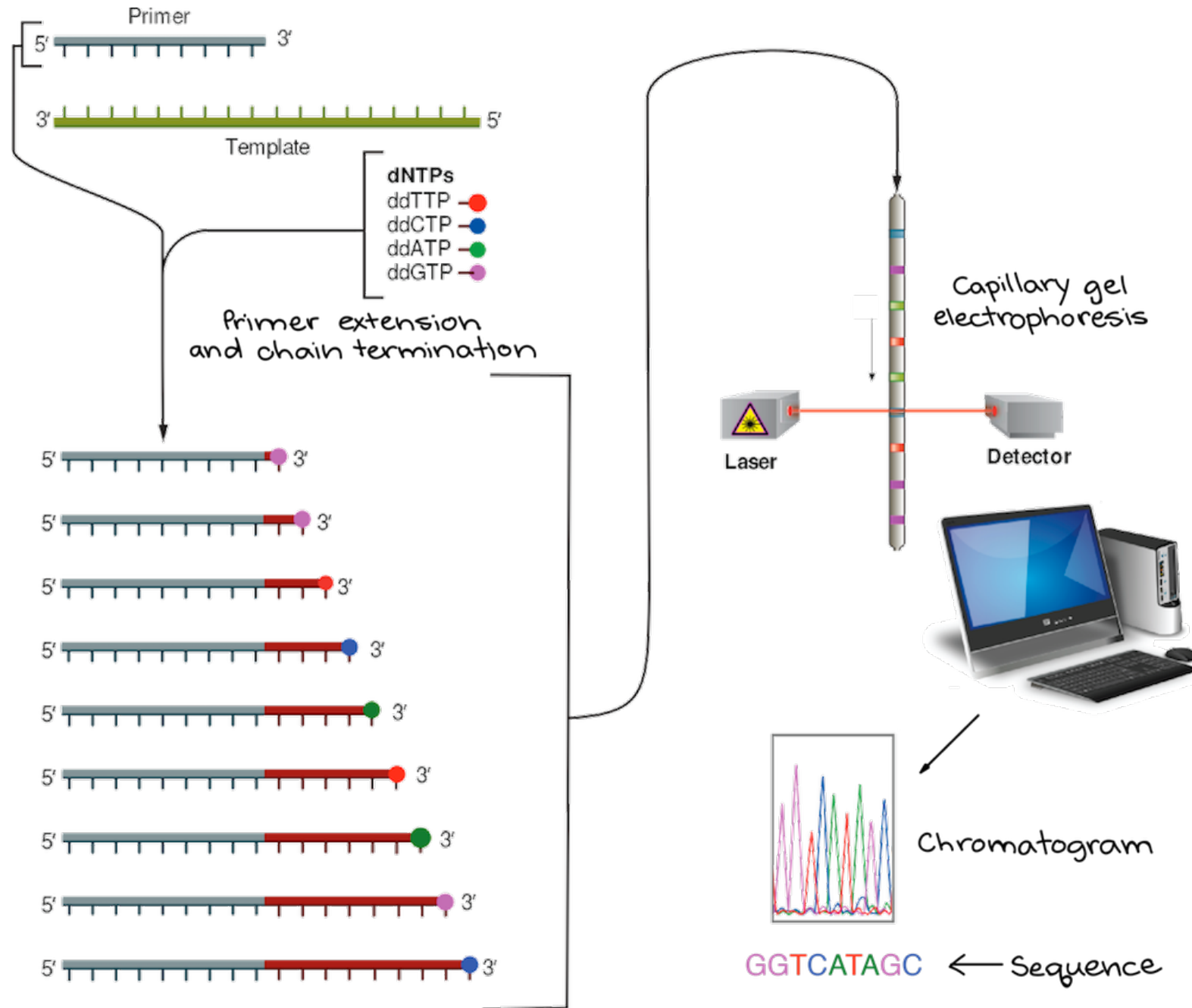
Automated Sequencing



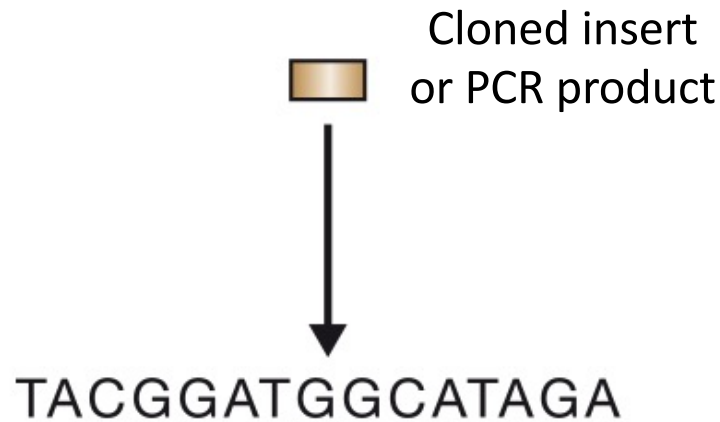
- Sequencing technology was improved in the late 1980s by Leroy Hood who developed fluorescent color labels for the 4 terminator nucleotide bases.
- This allowed all 4 bases to be sequenced in a single reaction and sorted in a single gel lane



Metodo SANGER per il sequenziamento del DNA

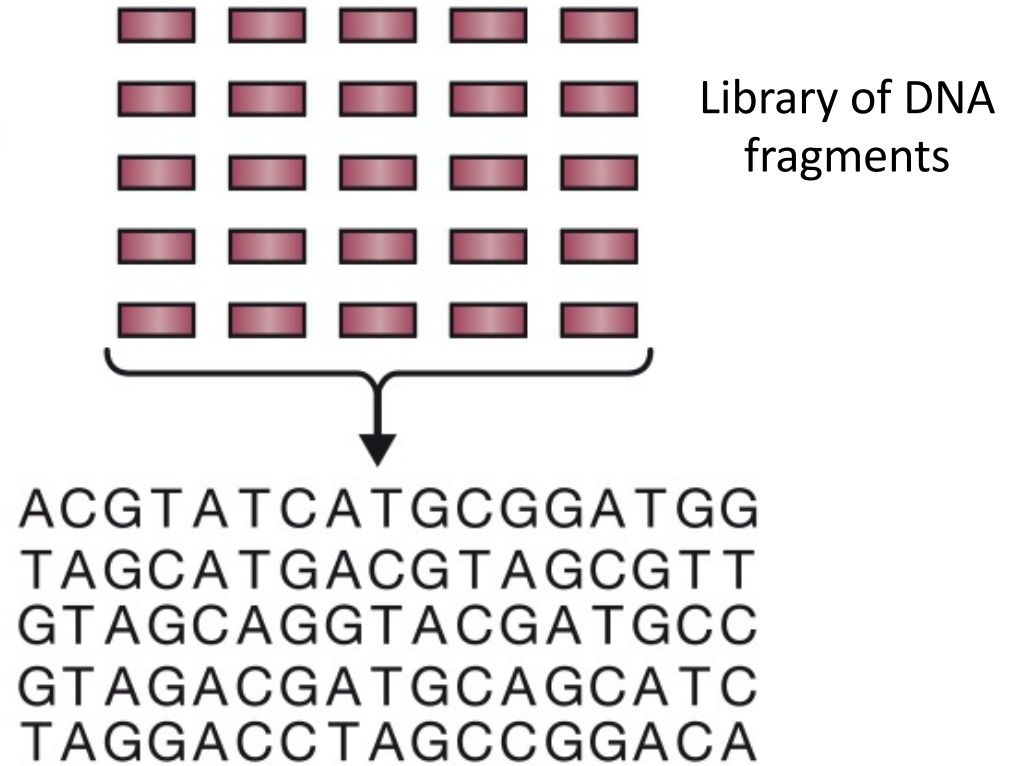


Chain-Termination Sequencing



A single DNA sequence is generated

Second-Generation Sequencing



Many fragments are sequenced

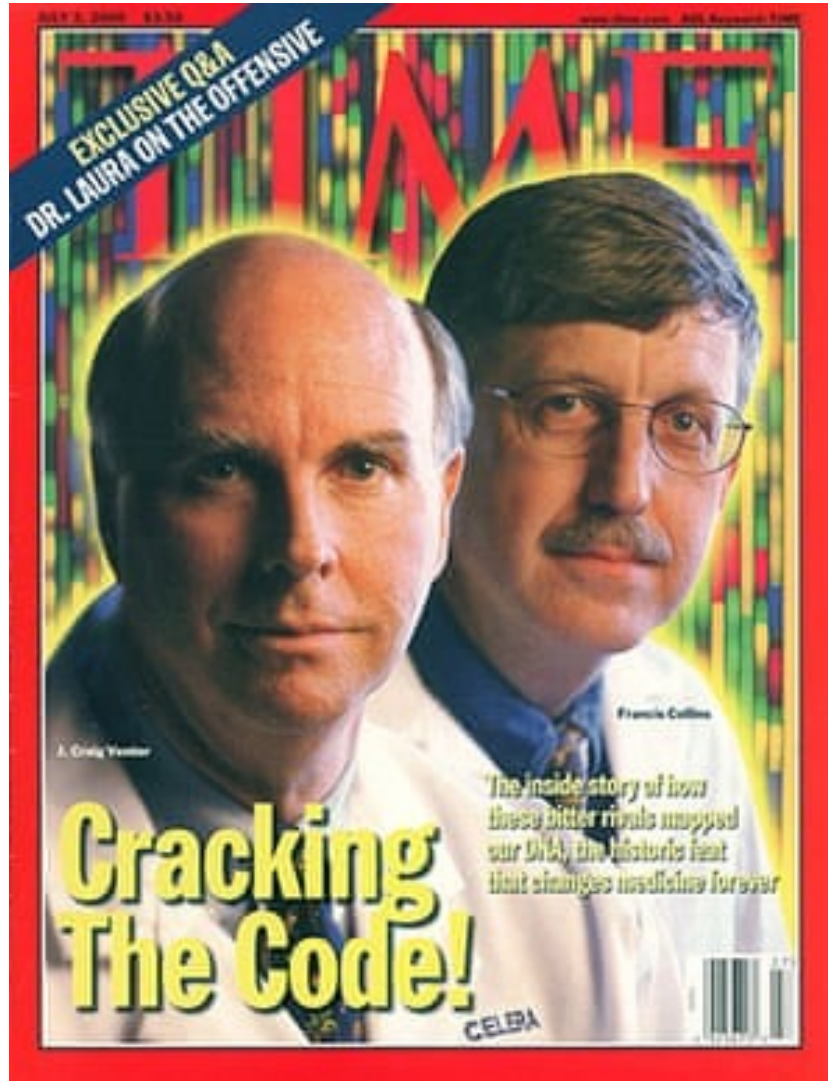
HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

Craig Venter

Celera Genomics

- Private company
- start in 1998
- 300 Million \$

***No public access
to data***



Francis Collins

**International
Consortium**

- 20 groups from USA, UK, China, Japan, Germany and France
- more than 1000 scientists
- start in 1990
- 2.7 billion \$

***Public access to
data***

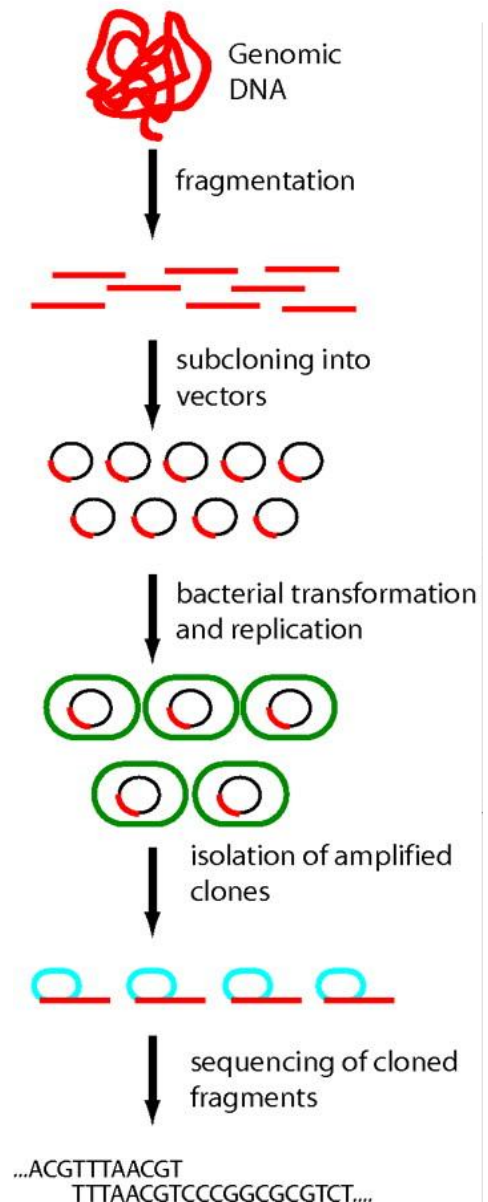
Strategies

- Hierarchical shotgun approach
 - International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium (IHGSC)
- Whole-genome shotgun approach
 - Celera Genomics

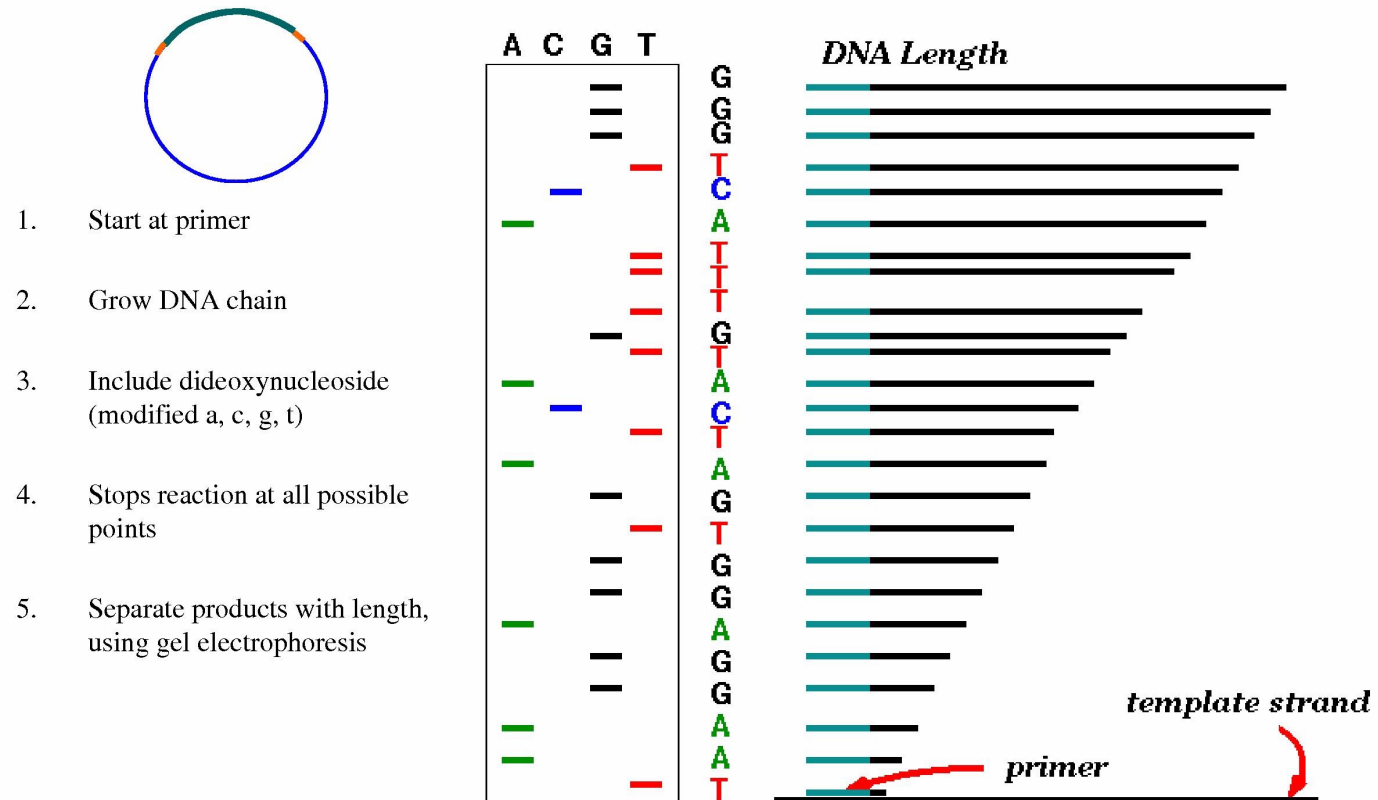
HUMAN GENOME PROJECT: SHOTGUN SEQUENCING

- Sequencing technology allows for obtaining a sequence of about 800 bp at a time.
- Genomic DNA must be fragmented into small pieces for sequencing and then reassembled like a giant puzzle.
- Fragments of 150–350 kb are inserted into bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs), which are then transformed into bacterial cells and replicated.
- The clones are fragmented into subclones of smaller sizes (4,000–6,000 bp) and reinserted into bacteria for amplification.
- DNA is extracted from the colonies.
- Sequenced using the Sanger method

Human genome project



HUMAN GENOME PROJECT: SHOTGUN SEQUENCING



- Can produce DNA fragments 700-900bp long, but it's slow
- Lots of other problems including clone library generation and low-throughput
- The Human Genome Project used Sanger sequencing, completion took over 10 years

HUMAN GENOME PROJECT: SHOTGUN SEQUENCING

The principle is to obtain a series of overlapping DNA fragments that can be connected into a continuous map.

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ATACATGTCCACGATGAGGA

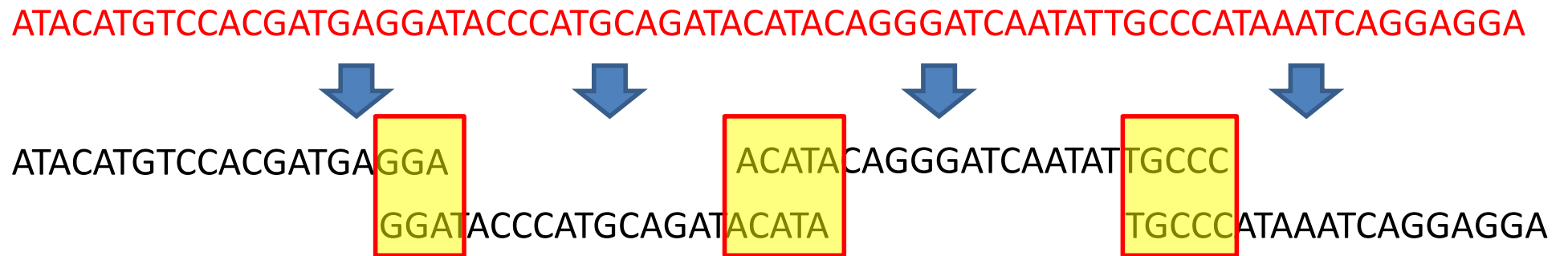
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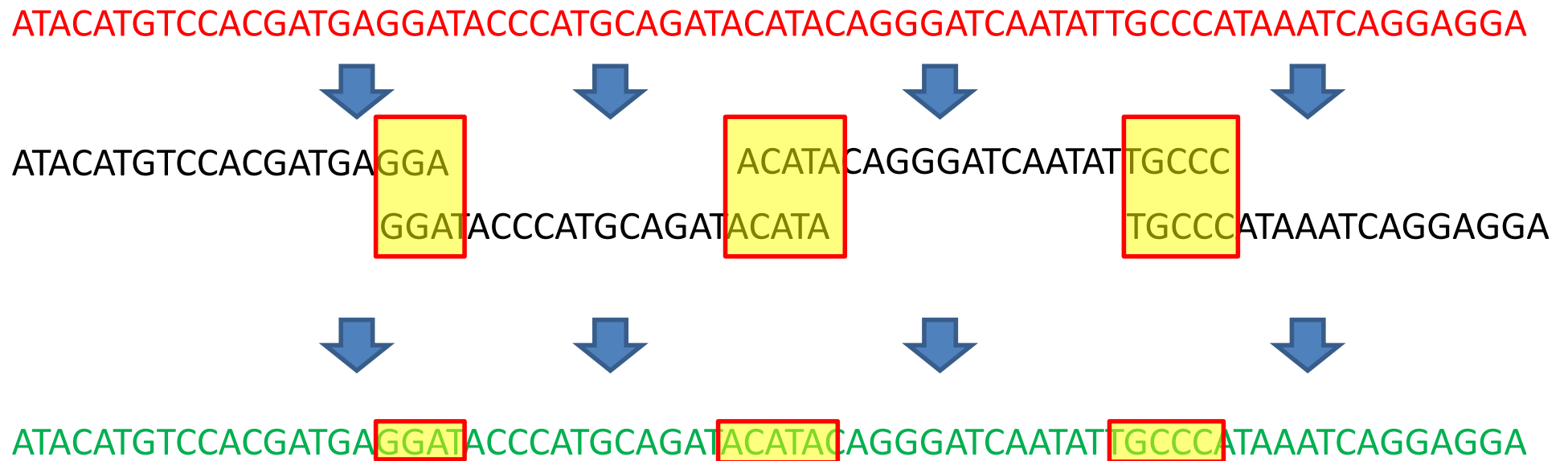
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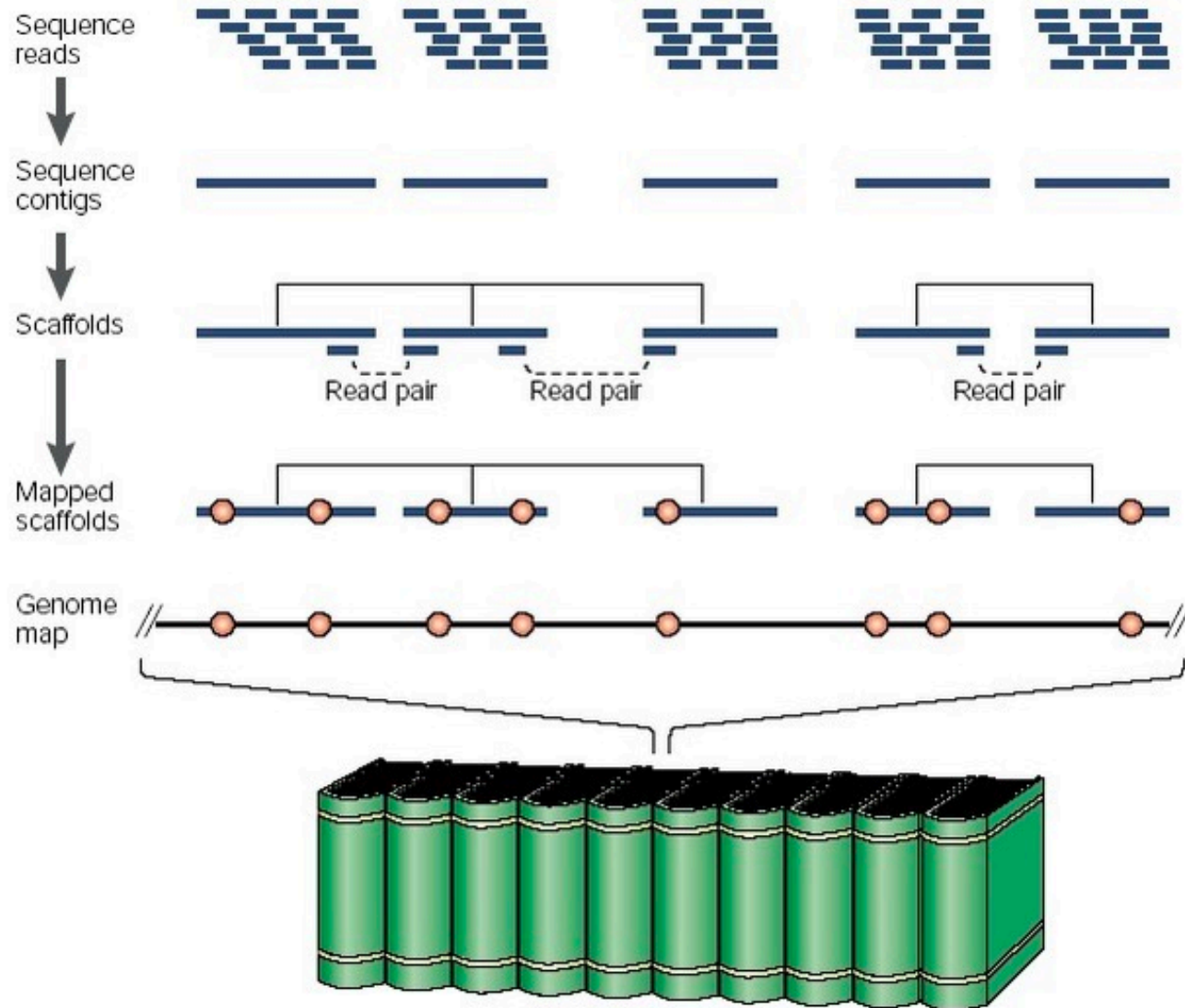


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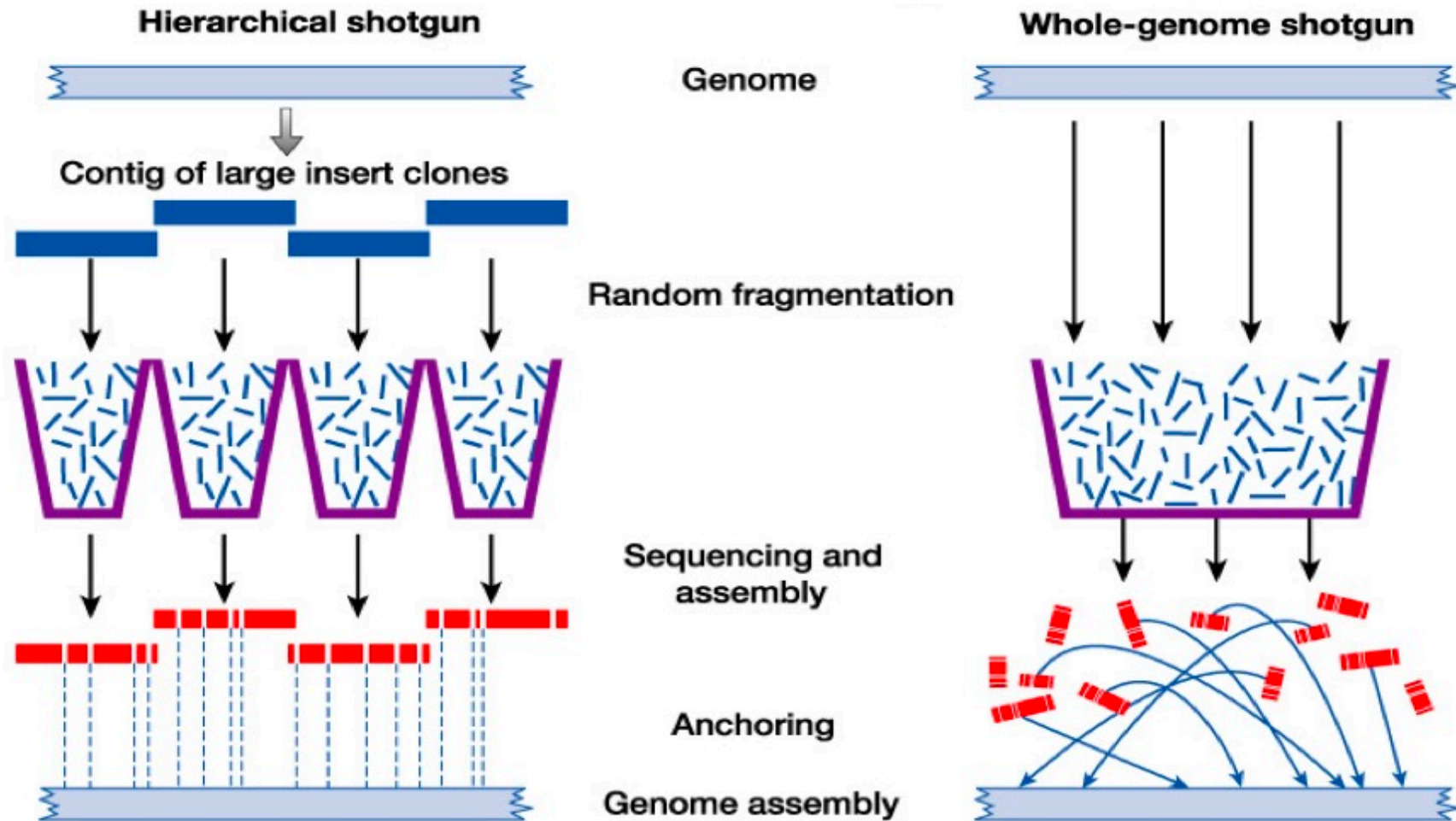


HUMAN GENOME PROJECT: SHOTGUN SEQUENCING



- “paired ends” sequencing
- Sequence contigs from computational homology search
- “Scaffolds” use information from paired-end sequencing (not clone maps)
- More suitable for small genomes and/or those with few repetitive elements.

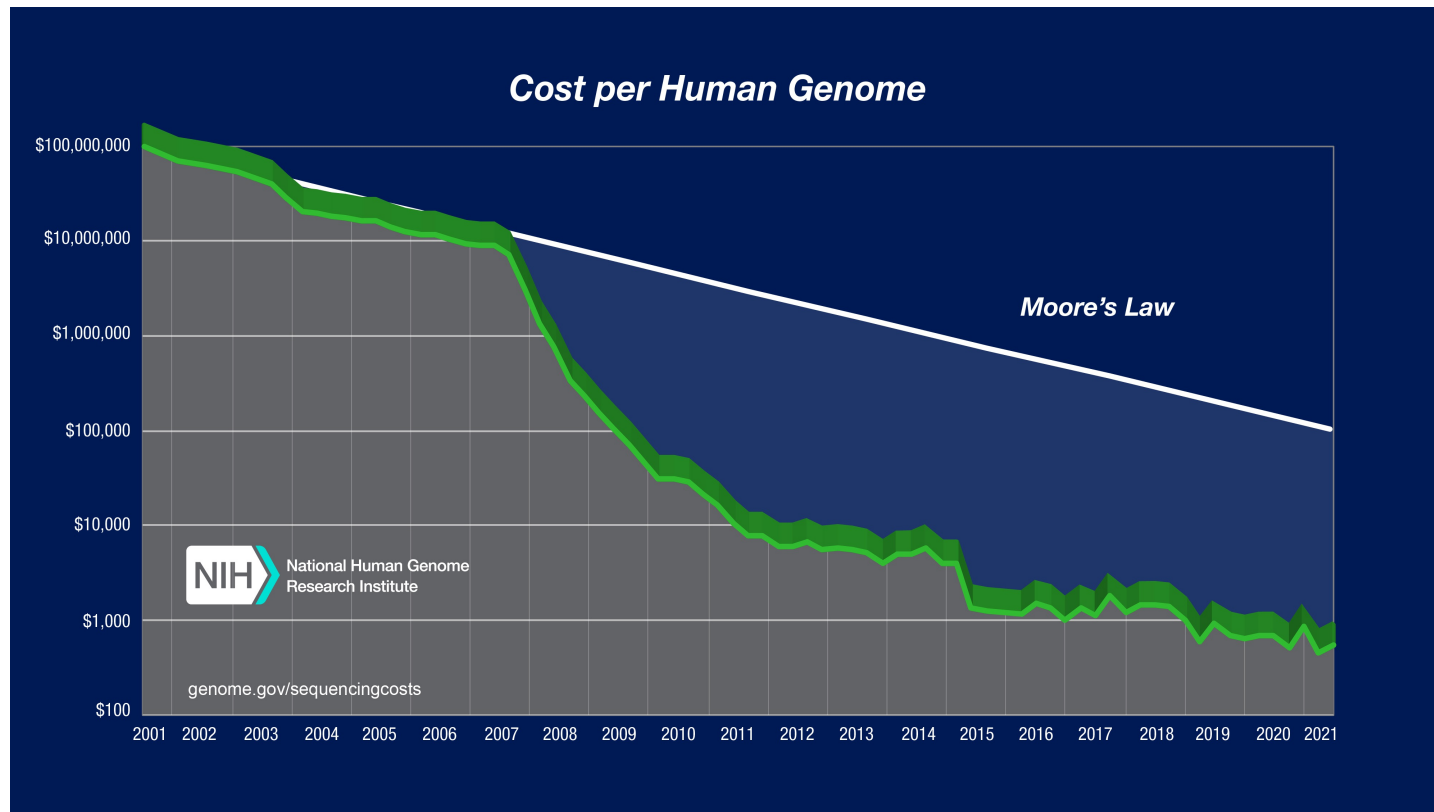
HUMAN GENOME PROJECT



The whole-genome shotgun approach simplifies and speeds up the preparation of a genomic library, making it more cost-effective. However, it requires more intensive computational processing. This has become feasible due to advancements in bioinformatic techniques and increased computational power.

SEQUENCING A HUMAN GENOME (3,2 BILLION BP)

300 million \$



1000 \$/genome

SEQUENCING A HUMAN GENOME (3,2 BILLION BP)

Costs and time for sequencing a human genome (3,2 billion bp)

| | | | |
|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2001 | First human genome | 13 years | 300 million \$ |
| 2005 | Technology review | 6 months | 20-30 million \$ |
| 2005 | 454 Roche | 1 month | 900'000 \$ (1X coverage) |
| 2009 | Solexa (Illumina) | 6 months | 50'000 \$ (30X coverage) |
| 2010 | Illumina | | 19'500 \$ (30X coverage) |
| | | ↓ | |
| Today | Personalized medicine | Today 300\$ (30x coverage) | |

<https://www.longdom.org/open-access/generations-of-sequencing-technologies-from-first-to-next-generation-0974-8369-1000395.pdf>

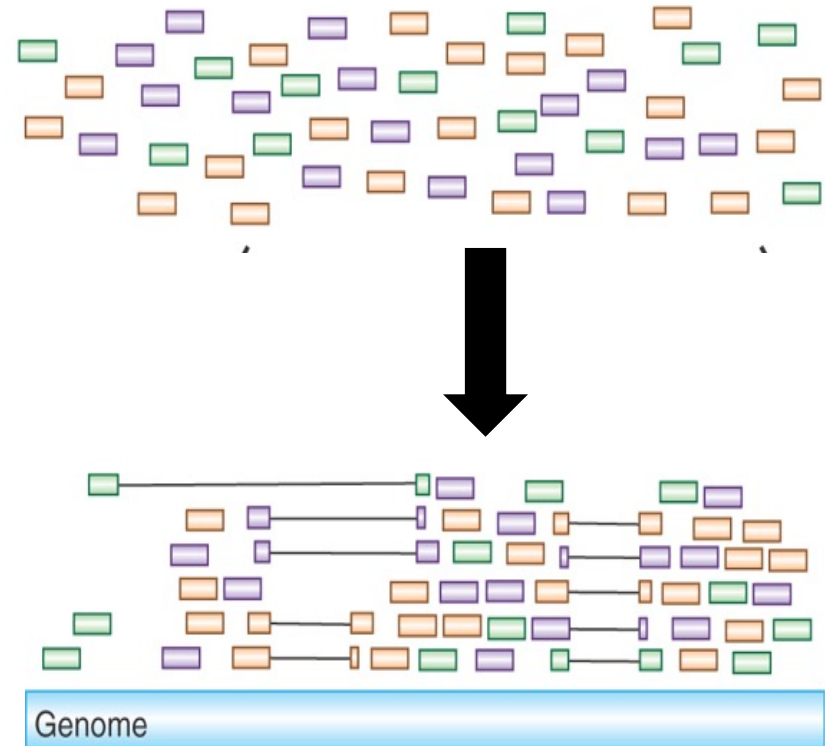
NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING

What is it?

Set of new high throughput technologies:

- Allow millions of short DNA sequences from a biological sample to be “read” or sequenced in a rapid manner
- Computational power is then used to assemble or align the “reads” to a reference genome, allowing biologists to make comparisons and interpret various biological phenomena

- Due to high depth of coverage (30-100x), accurate sequencing is obtained much faster and cheaper compared to traditional Sanger/Shotgun sequencing



NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING

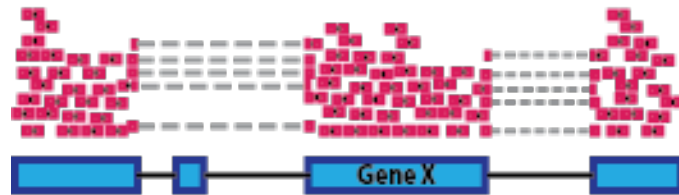
Just DNA sequencing or something more...

- ◆ Mutation and SNP identification or analysis (genome re-sequencing)
- ◆ Gene/Disease Linkage (genome re-sequencing)
- ◆ Pathogen identification (de novo sequence assembly or re-sequencing)
- ◆ DNA methylation study (medip-seq)
- ◆ Chromatin study (**ChIPseq**)
- ◆ Transcription factor study (ChIPseq)
- ◆ Genome structure (HiC)
- ◆ Transcriptome analysis (**RNAseq**)
- ◆ miRNAs, siRNA, piRNA, tRF, etc... (**small RNA seq**)
- ◆ Single cell transcriptome analysis

NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING

Deep sequencing → **Qualitative** information
→ **Quantitative** information

Sample A Reads



Sample B Reads



Example: RNA-Seq

RNA-Seq

What is RNA-seq?

- RNA-seq is essentially **massively parallel sequencing of RNA** (or, in fact, the corresponding cDNA) and has heralded the second technical revolution in transcriptomics.
- It is **based on next-generation sequencing (NGS) platforms** that were initially developed for high-throughput sequencing of genomic DNA.
- Typically, **all the RNA molecules in a sample are reverse transcribed into cDNA**, and depending on the platform to be used, the **cDNA molecules may (amplification-based sequencing) or may not (single-molecule sequencing (SMS)) be amplified before deep sequencing.**
- After the sequencing reaction has taken place, **the obtained sequence stretches (reads) are mapped onto a reference genome** to deduce the structure and/or expression state of any given transcript in the sample.

NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING

Sequencing Depth

How many reads to produce from a sample

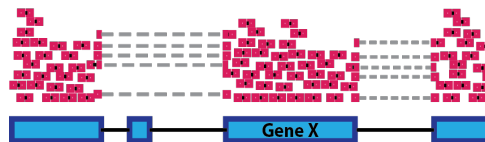


High resolution



many information

many published human RNA-Seq experiments have been sequenced with a sequencing depth **between 20 M - 50 M reads per sample**



Low resolution



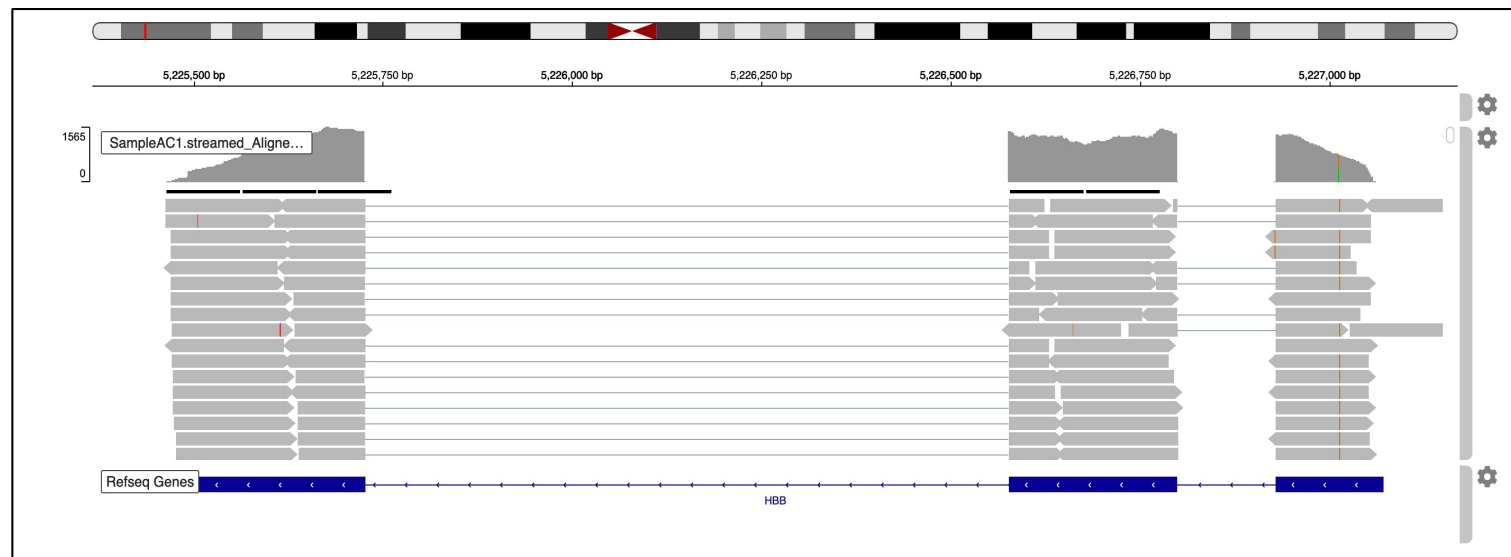
few information

RNA-Seq

- Example of reads aligned to the reference genome

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AACAAATGAGACGCTGTGCAATTGCTGA
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AACAAATGAGACGCTGTGCAATTGCTGAGTACCGTA
ATGAGACGCTGTGCAATTGCTGAGTACCGT
CTGTGCAATTGCTGAGTACCGTAGGTAGAAC
CTGTGCAATTGCTGAGTACCGTAGGTAGAAC
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reference genome

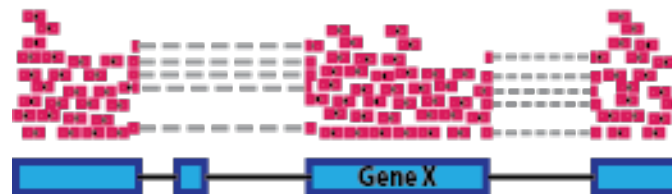


RNA-Seq



RNA-Seq provides the ability to look at:

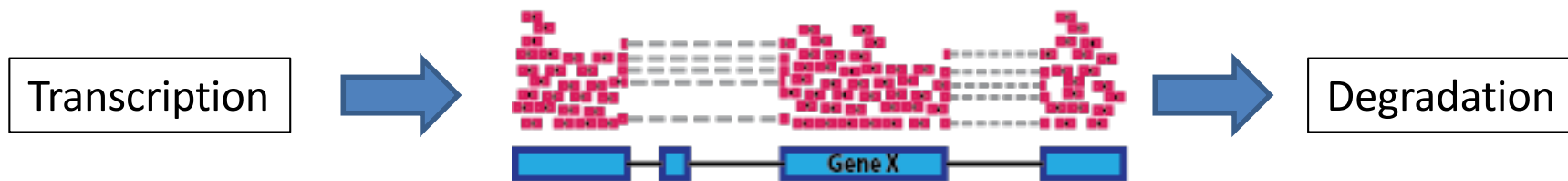
- changes in **gene expression**
- **alternatively spliced transcripts**, alternative promoters and polyA sites
- **post-transcriptional changes**
- **gene fusions**
- In addition to mRNA transcripts, RNA-Seq can look at **different populations of RNA (tRNA, miRNA)**
- **exon/intron boundaries**
- verify or amend previously annotated 5' and 3' gene boundaries.



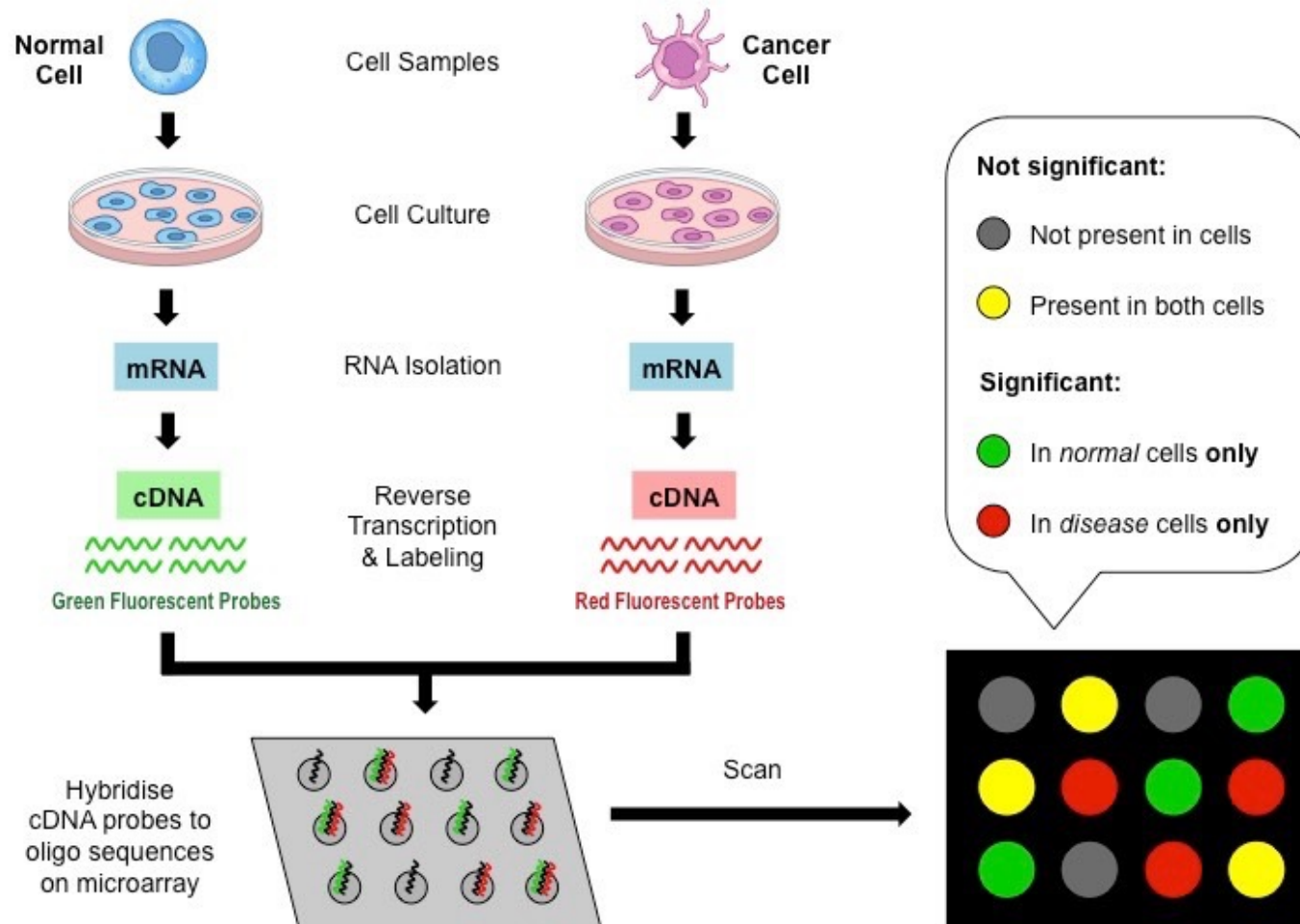
RNA-Seq

Deep sequencing → **Qualitative** information
→ **Quantitative** information

RNA expression detected in a standard RNA-Seq is a
«Steady state»



RNA-Seq VS Microarray (what is it?)

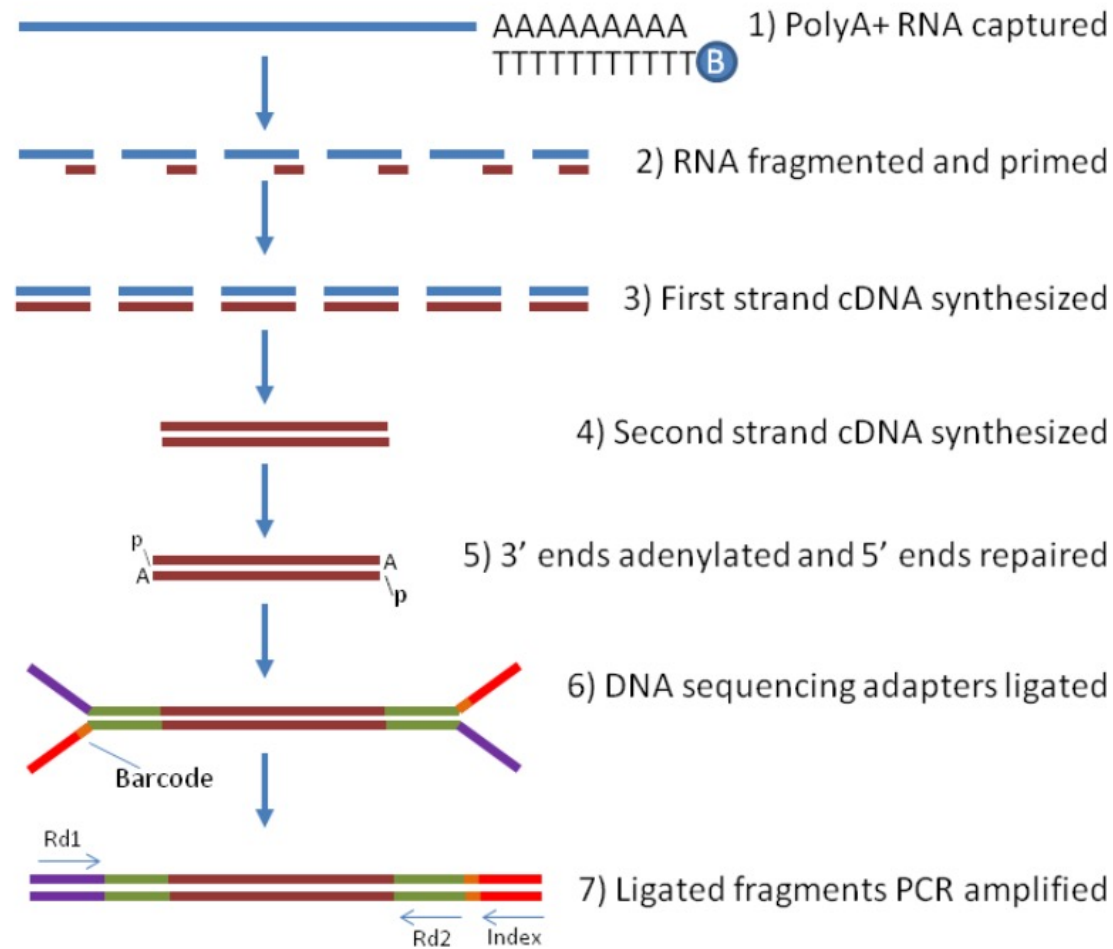


RNA-Seq VS Microarray

- **RNA-Seq has a wider dynamic range**, which depends on the sequencing depth. Microarrays show saturation at high expression levels and loss of signal at low expression levels.
- **RNA-Seq is more sensitive than microarrays**: it is able to identify more genes.
- RNA-Seq is able to **identify and quantify novel splicing variants**.
- RNA-Seq allows to **identify new SNPs and editing**.
- Microarray are cheaper and easier to analyze.
- Arrays still have a place for targeted identification of already known common allele variants, making them ideal for regulatory diagnostics.
- <https://bioinformagician.wordpress.com/2014/01/28/rna-seq-vs-microarray-what-is-the-take/comment-page-1/>

RNA-Seq: LIBRARY PREPARATION

Example of library preparation: Illumina Truseq



RNA-Seq: LIBRARY PREPARATION

coding RNAs

mRNA

RNA-seq

non-coding RNAs

large

rRNA

Xist
lincRNA
Pseudogenes
circular RNAs
.....

small

tRNA

snRNAs
snoRNAs
scrRNAs
gRNAs
miRNAs
siRNAs
rasiRNAs
piRNAs
.....

translation
splicing
modification
transl. control
editing
transl. control
RNA stability
chromatin
genome stability

Small RNA-seq

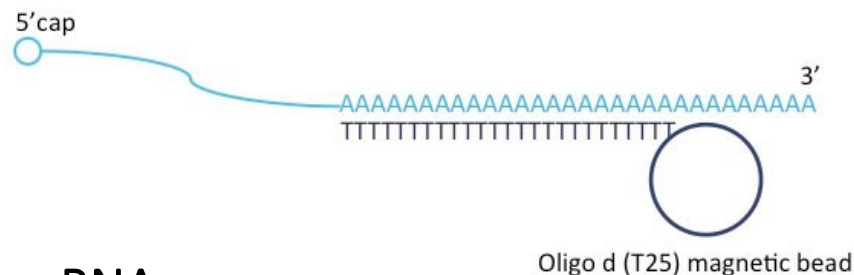
rRNA + tRNA → ~ 95%

RNA-Seq: LIBRARY PREPARATION

Two ways to isolate long RNA molecules:

1a - Purify and Fragment mRNA

This process purifies the poly-A containing RNA molecules (mainly mRNA) using poly-T oligo-attached magnetic beads.



1b - Remove rRNA

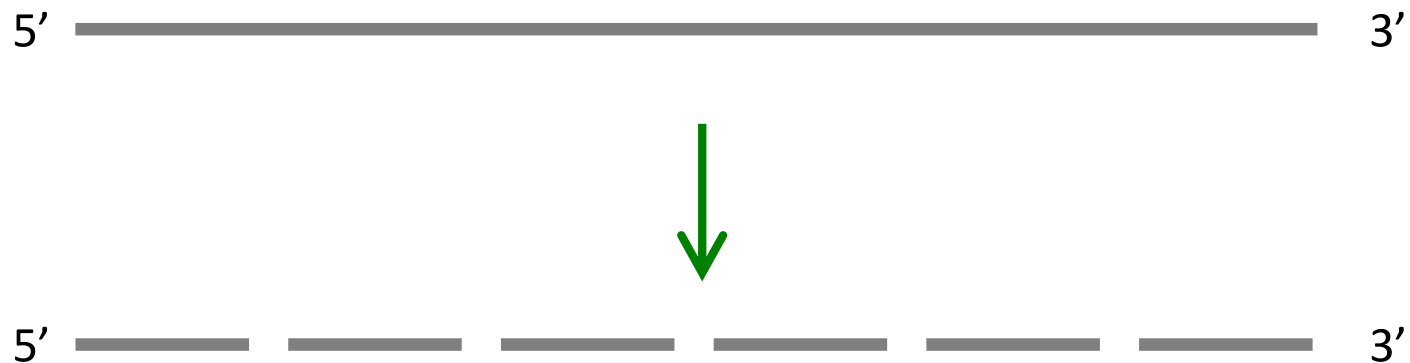
After the ribosomal RNA is depleted, the remaining RNA (not only mRNA) is purified, fragmented and primed for cDNA synthesis. rRNA is removed using a hybridization-based technique.



RNA-Seq: LIBRARY PREPARATION

2 - RNA fragmentation

RNA molecules are fragmented into small pieces using divalent cations under elevated temperature

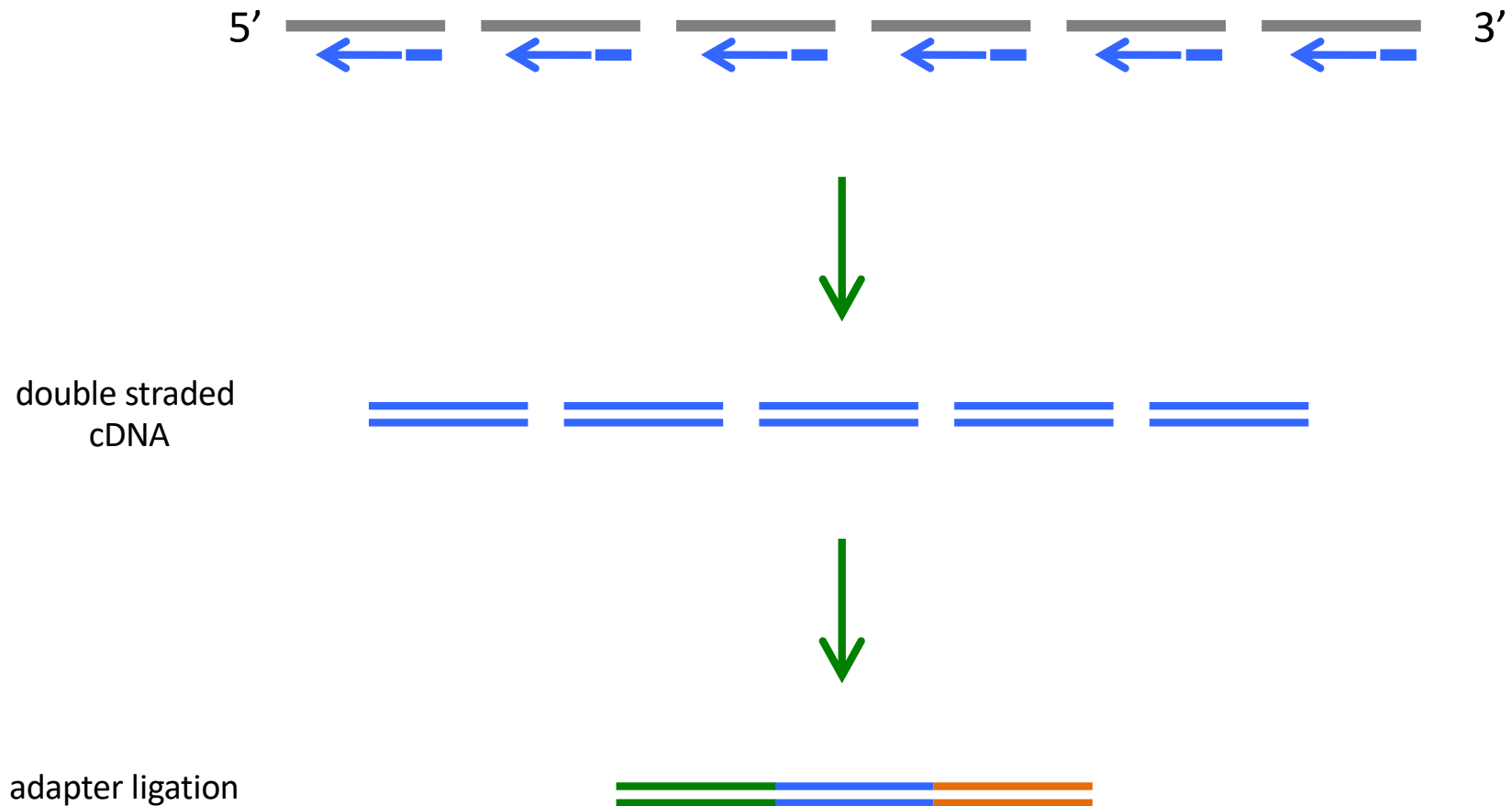


Range of fragments length: **120-225 bp**

RNA-Seq: LIBRARY PREPARATION

3 - Synthesize First Strand cDNA

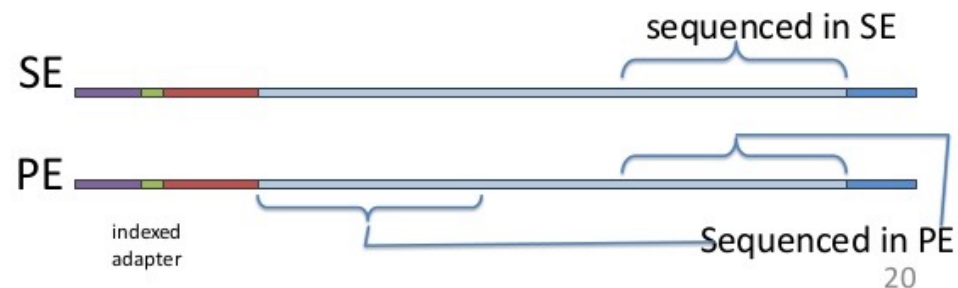
This process reverse transcribes the cleaved RNA fragments that were primed with random hexamers into first strand cDNA using reverse transcriptase and random primers.



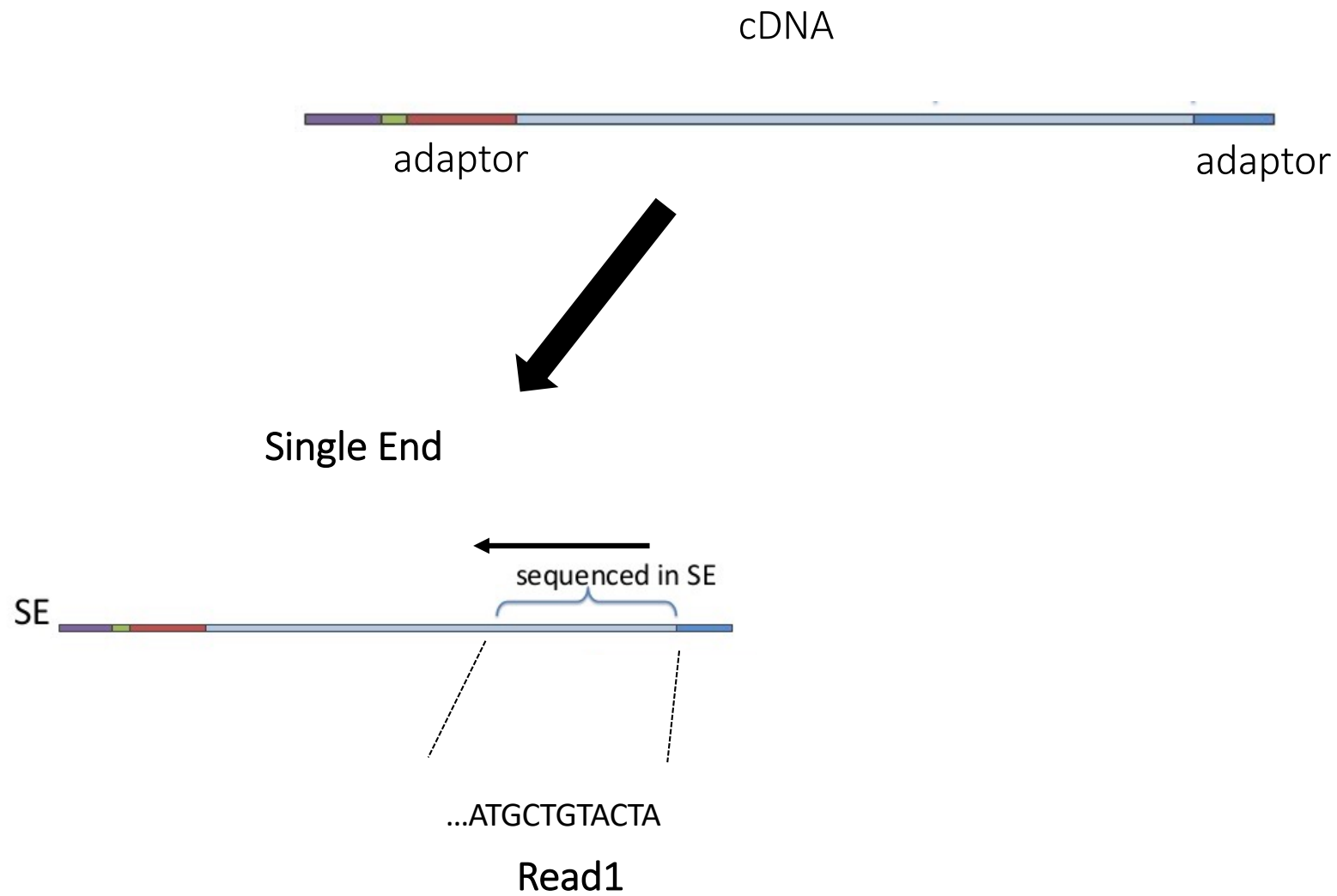
RNA-Seq: LIBRARY PREPARATION

Single-end VS paired-end sequencing

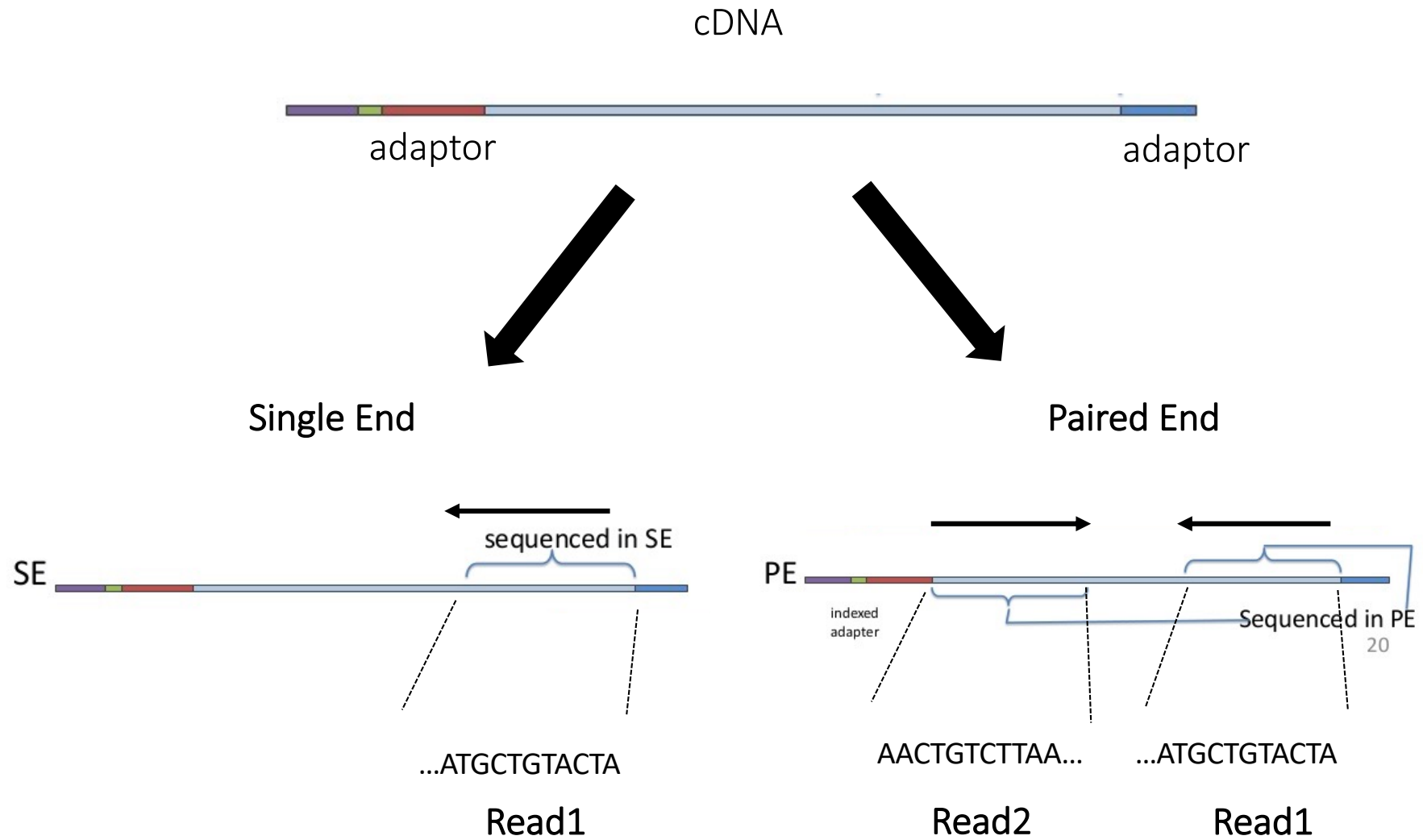
- **Single-end sequencing (SE)**, involves sequencing of the fragment from only one end.
- **Paired-end sequencing (PE)**, involves sequencing both ends of a fragment, resulting in the production of read pairs. This allows to improve the alignment, to better identify and quantify splicing variants, and to detect rearrangements such as insertions, deletions, and inversions.



RNA-Seq: LIBRARY PREPARATION



RNA-Seq: LIBRARY PREPARATION



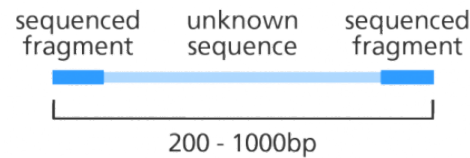
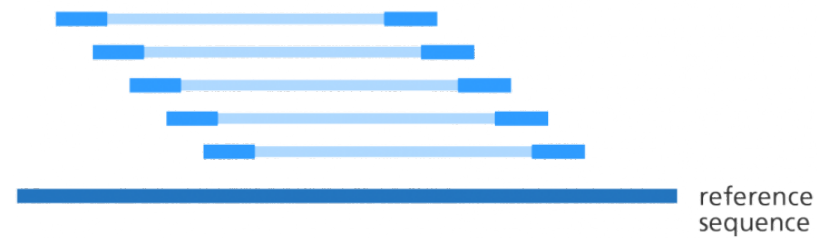
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Single-end VS paired-end sequencing

Single-end reads



Paired-end reads



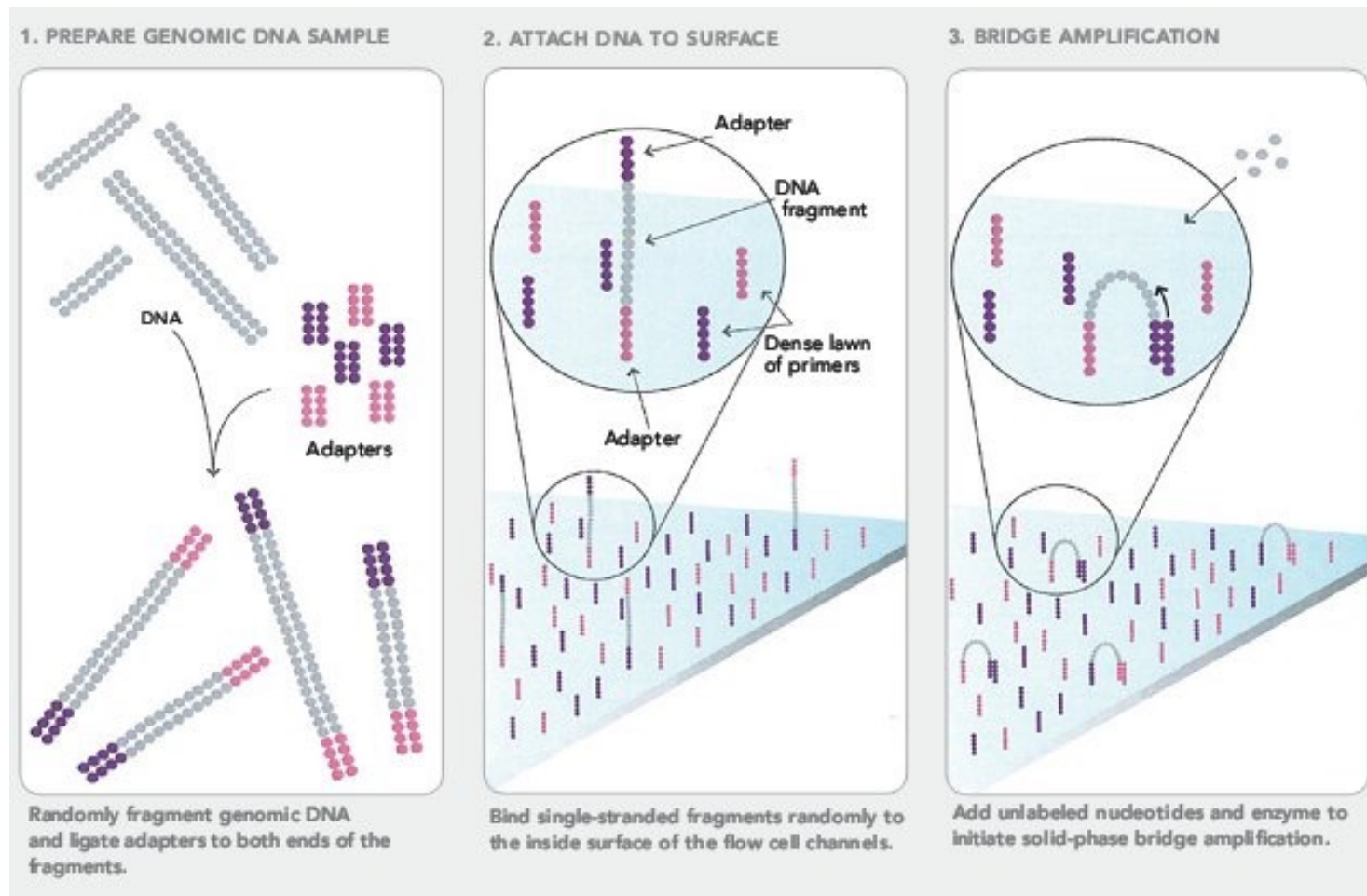
RNA-Seq: SEQUENCING REACTION



| Sequencer | 454 GS FLX | HiSeq 2000 | SOLiDv4 | Sanger 3730xl |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Sequencing mechanism | Pyrosequencing | Sequencing by synthesis | Ligation and two-base coding | Dideoxy chain termination |
| Read length | 700 bp | 50SE, 50PE, 101PE | 50 + 35 bp or 50 + 50 bp | 400~900 bp |
| Accuracy | 99.9%* | 98%, (100PE) | 99.94% *raw data | 99.999% |
| Reads | 1 M | 3 G | 1200~1400 M | — |
| Output data/run | 0.7 Gb | 600 Gb | 120 Gb | 1.9~84 Kb |
| Time/run | 24 Hours | 3~10 Days | 7 Days for SE 14 Days for PE | 20 Mins~3 Hours |
| Advantage | Read length, fast | High throughput | Accuracy | High quality, long read length |
| Disadvantage | Error rate with polybase more than 6, high cost, low throughput | Short read assembly | Short read assembly | High cost low throughput |
| Instrument price | Instrument \$500,000, \$7000 per run | Instrument \$690,000, \$6000/(30x) human genome | Instrument \$495,000, \$15,000/100 Gb | Instrument \$95,000, about \$4 per 800 bp reaction |
| CPU | 2* Intel Xeon X5675 | 2* Intel Xeon X5560 | 8* processor 2.0 GHz | Pentium IV 3.0 GHz |
| Memory | 48 GB | 48 GB | 16 GB | 1 GB |
| Hard disk | 1.1 TB | 3 TB | 10 TB | 280 GB |
| Automation in library preparation | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Other required device | REM e system | cBot system | EZ beads system | No |
| Cost/million bases | \$10 | \$0.07 | \$0.13 | \$2400 |

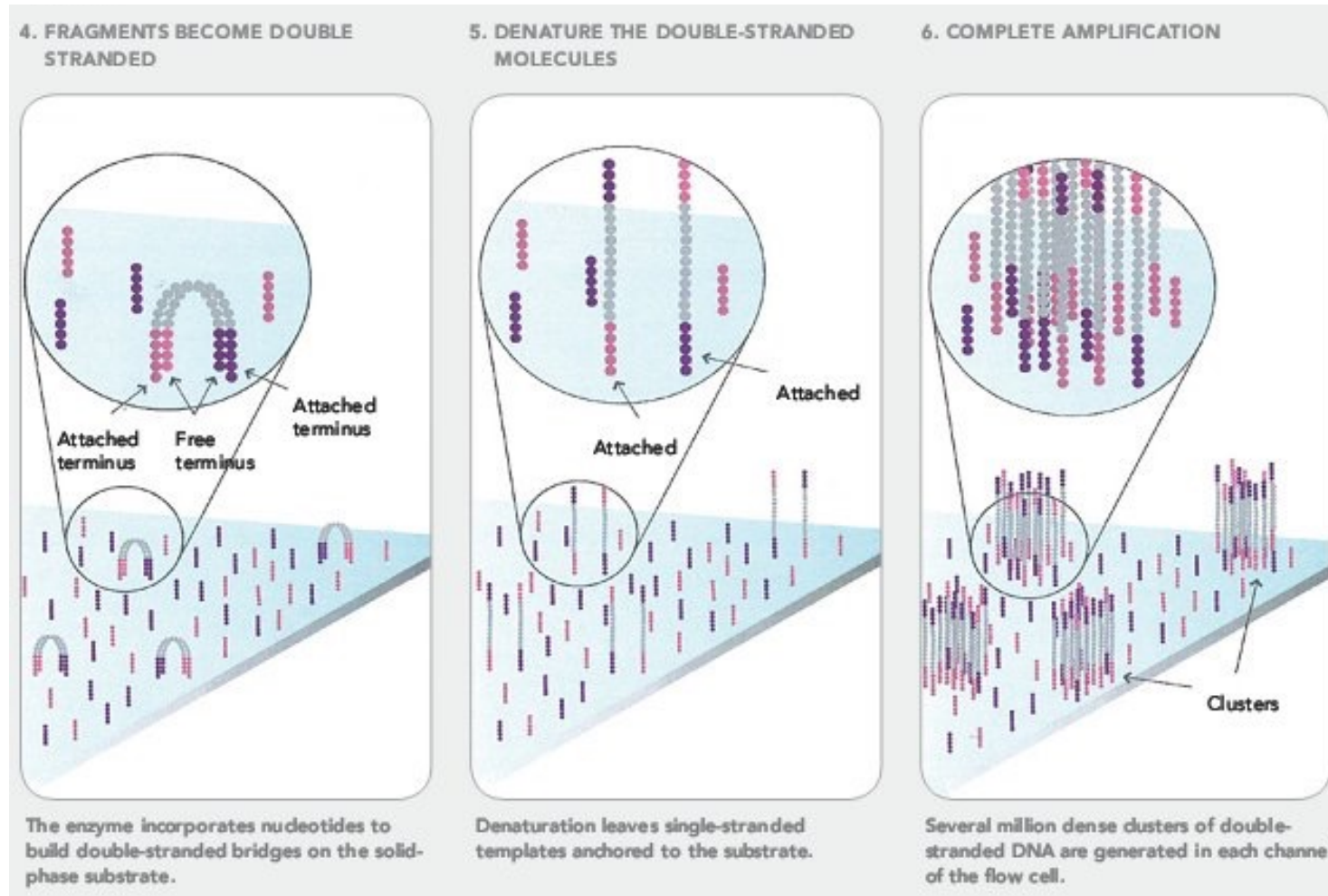
RNA-Seq: SEQUENCING REACTION

Illumina platform: Sequencing by Synthesis



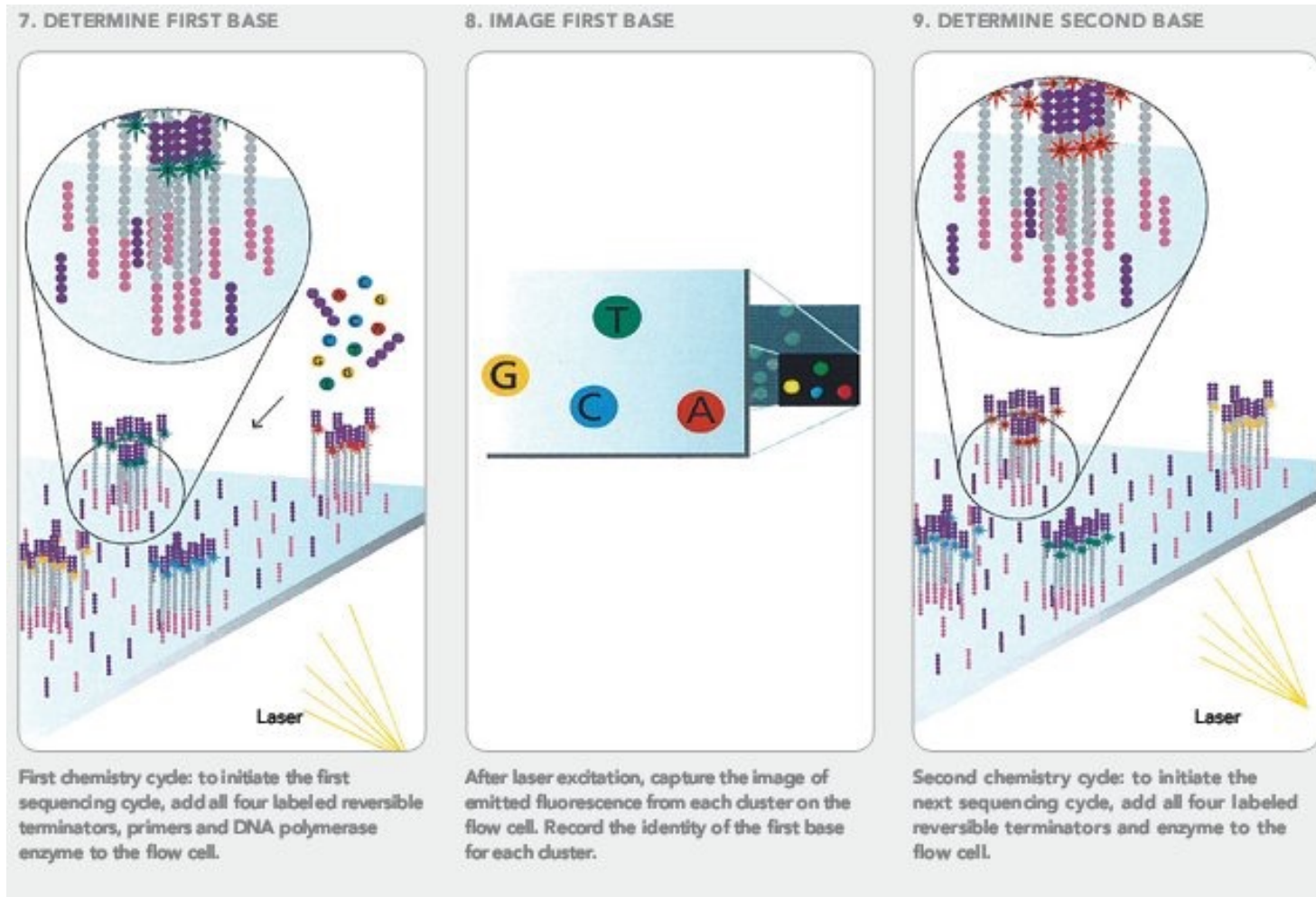
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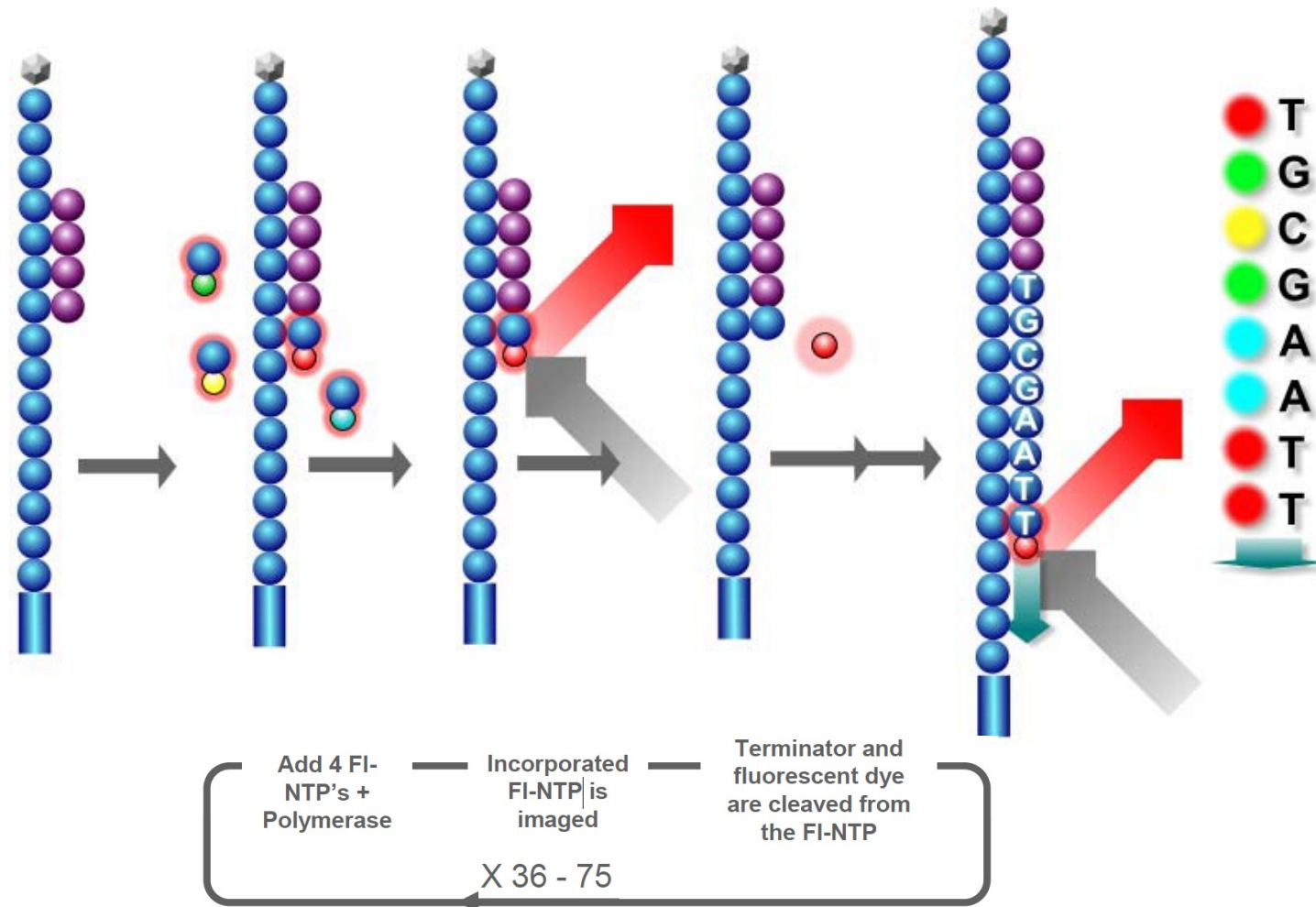
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TOTAL READS NUMBER = Number of clusters in flow cell

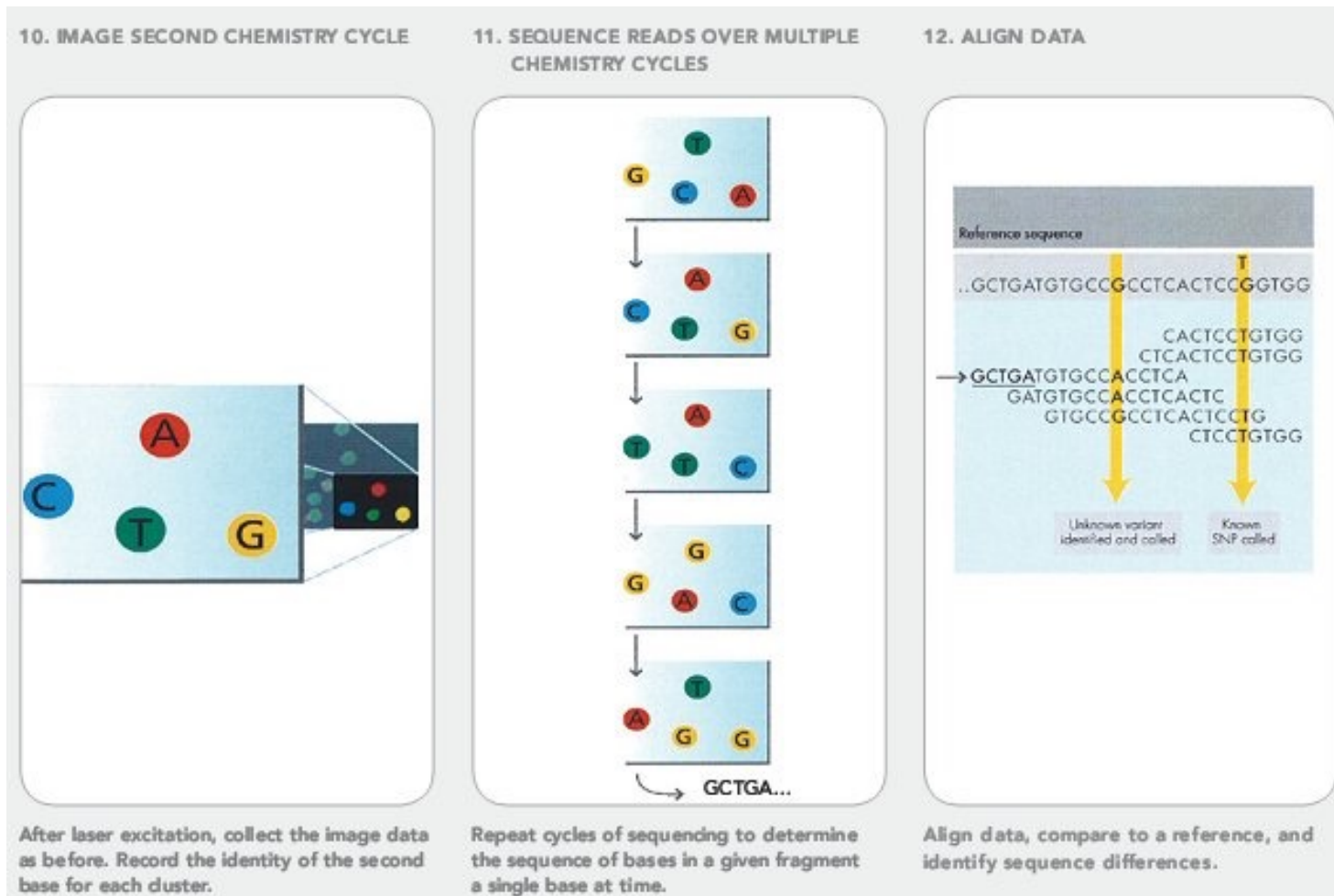
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READ LENGTH = Number of reaction cycles

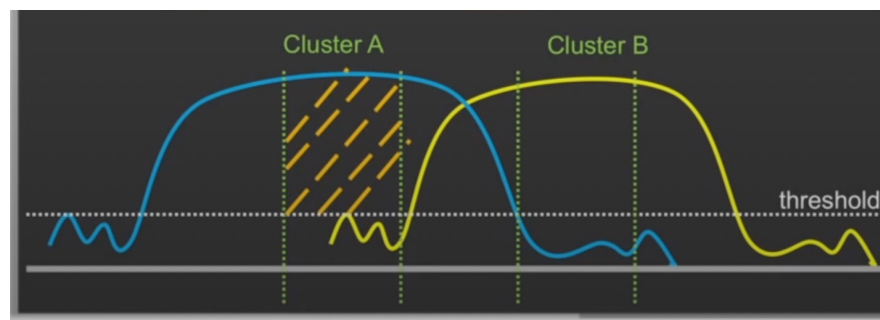
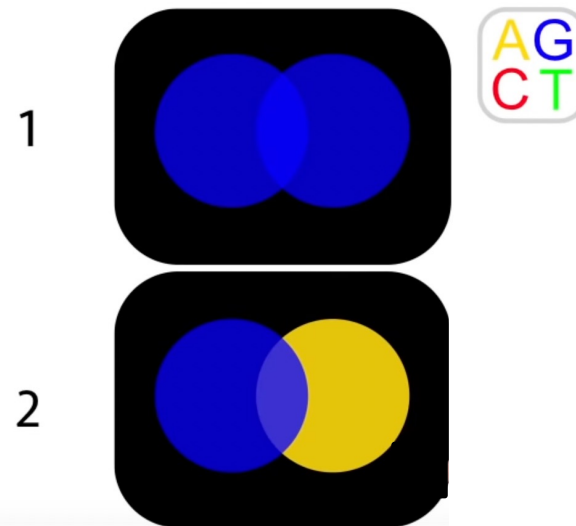
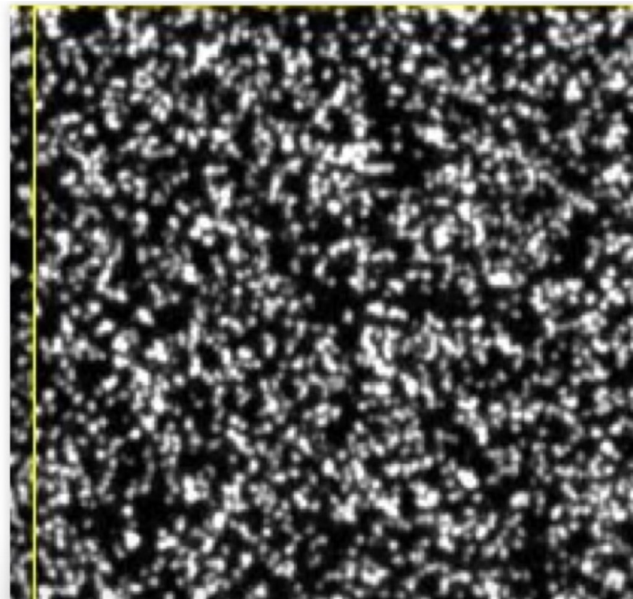
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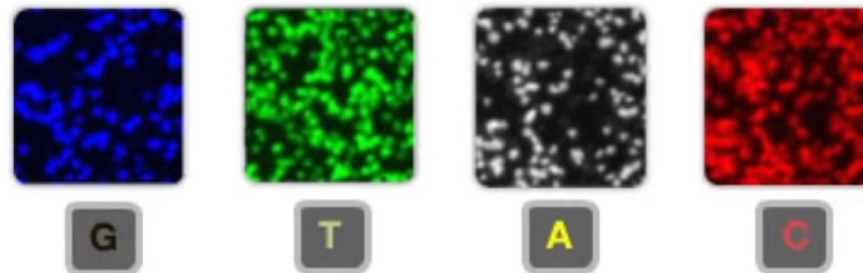
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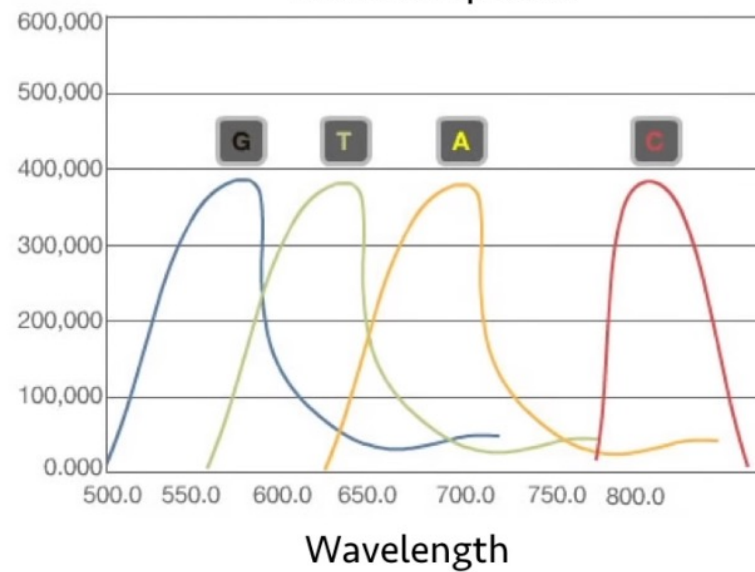


RNA-Seq: SEQUENCING REACTION

4 colour chemistry



Emission spectra



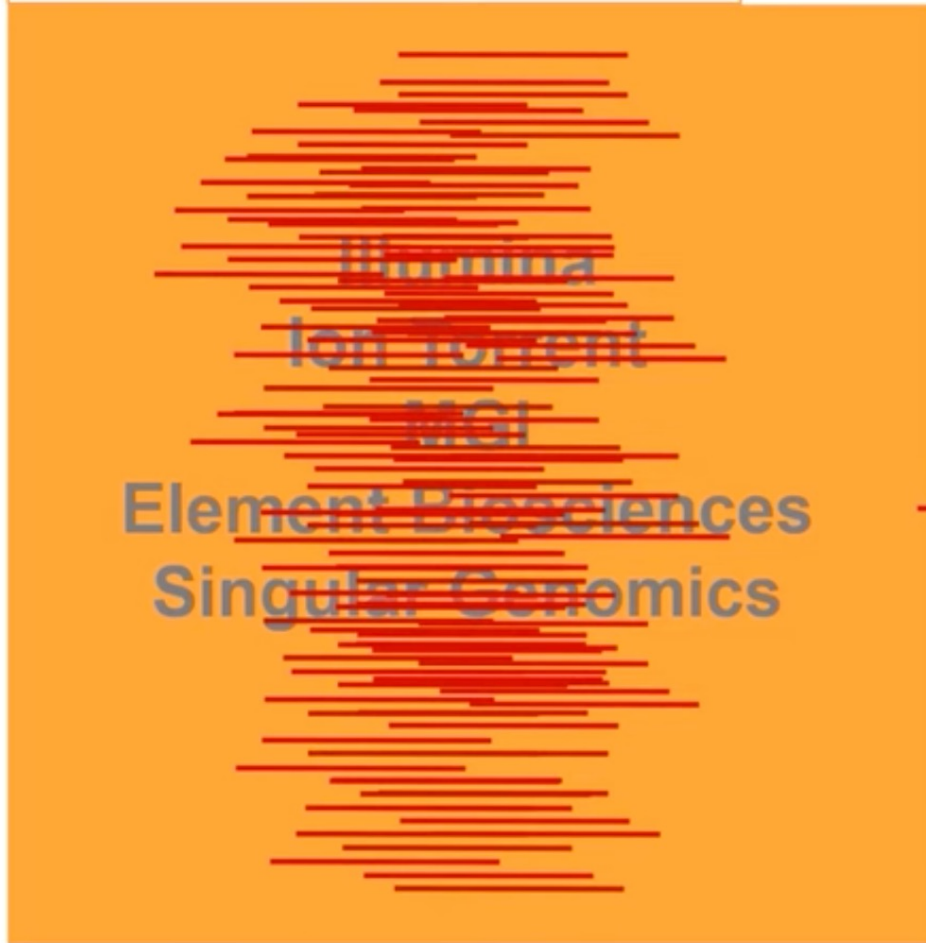
Illumina sequencing

Video:

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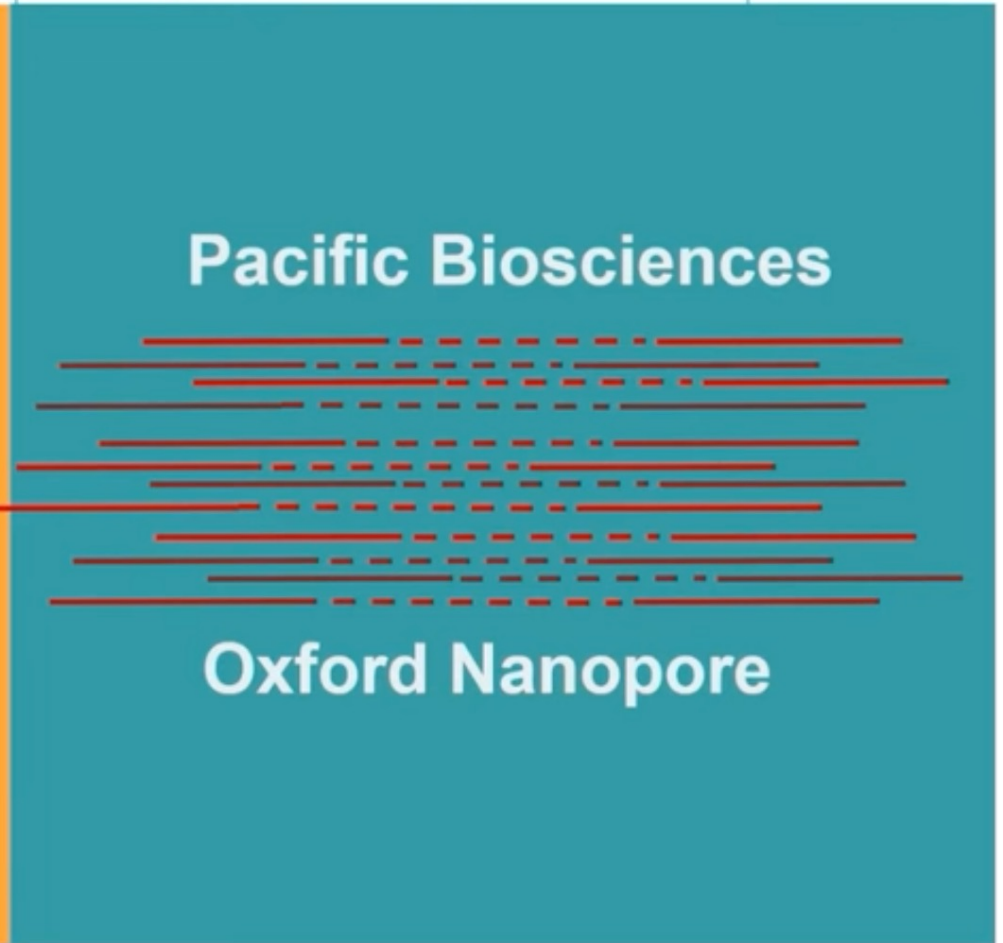
Short reads vs Long reads

Short Read Sequencers

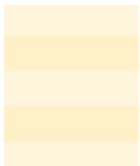


short but many reads

Long Read Sequencers

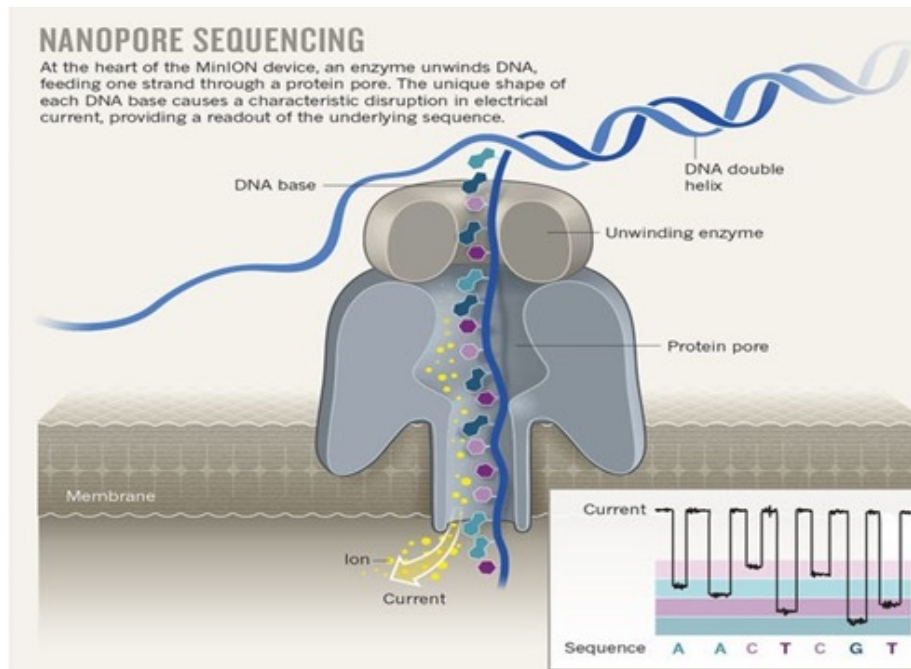


extremely long but not many reads



NANOPORE

- **MinIon** Oxford Nanopore



- High error rates (10-15%)

- Biased errors

- Really long reads (2 Mb)

- Can directly sequence RNA

- Maybe proteins in the future?

Easy sample preparation

Fast (450bases/sec) and cheap

Realtime data

Oxford nanopore: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9-Rm5AoZGw>

NANOPORE

Nanopore is extremely portable



Nature **521**, 15–16 (07 May 2015)

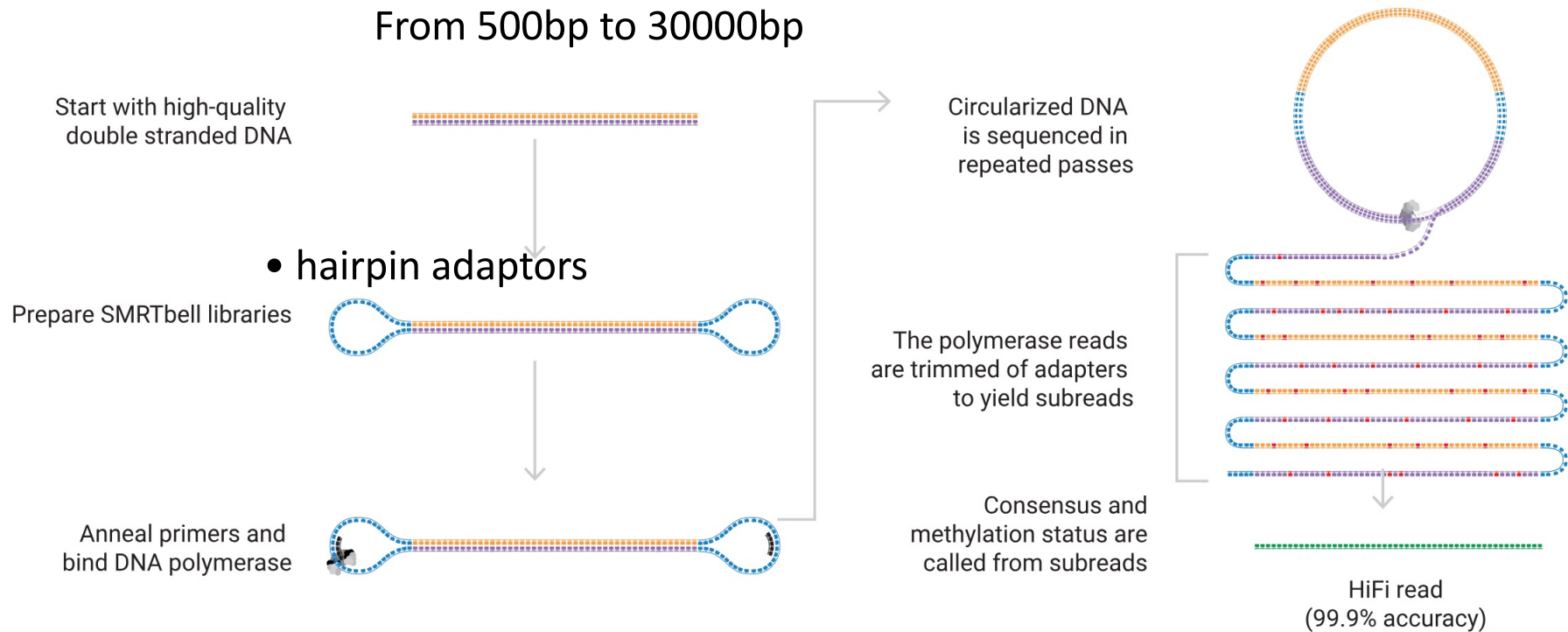
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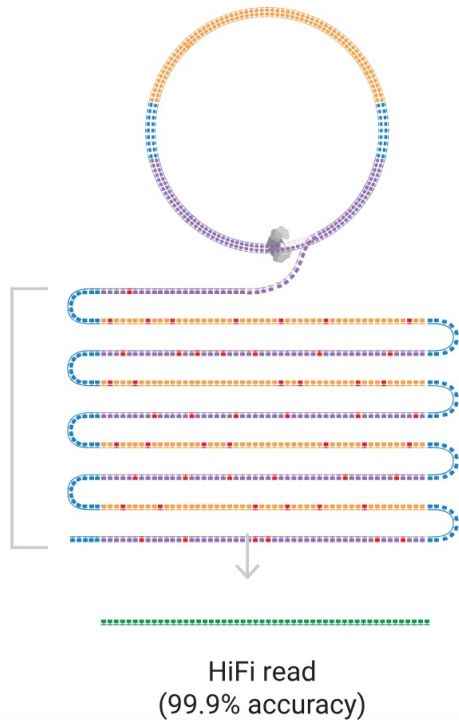
MinION: **field deployable**



PACIFIC BIOSCIENCE SEQUENCING



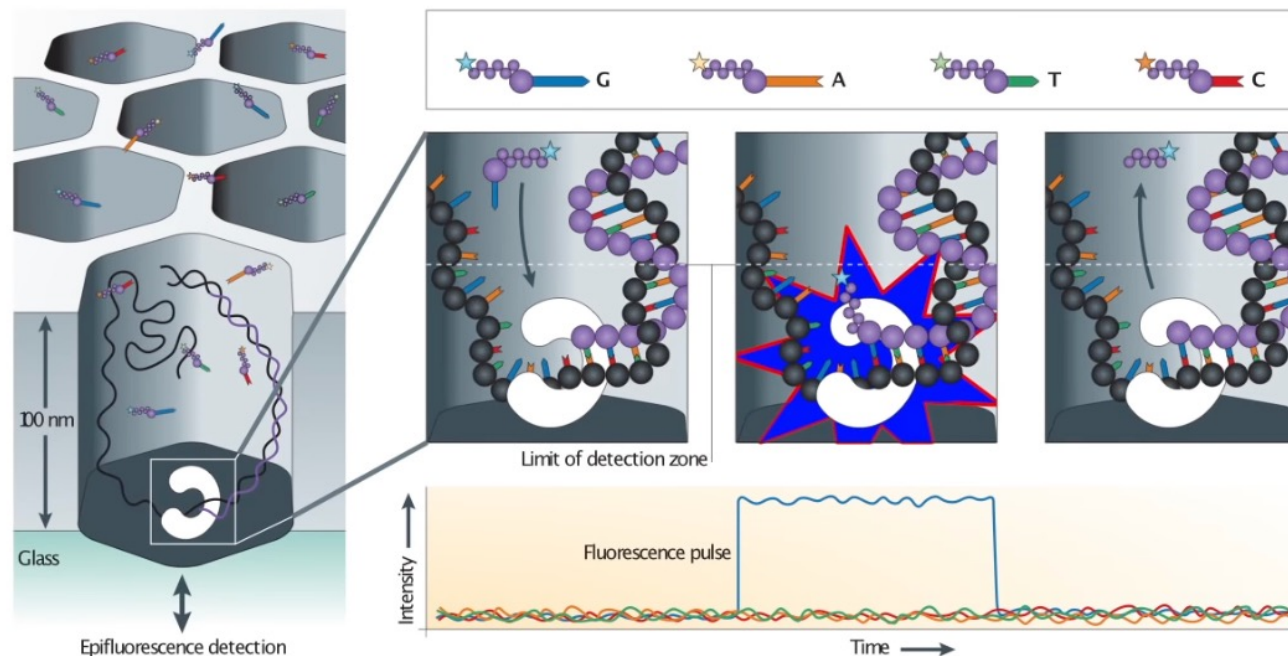
- many sequencing cycles



- distinguish mutations and random errors

PACIFIC BIOSCIENCE SEQUENCING

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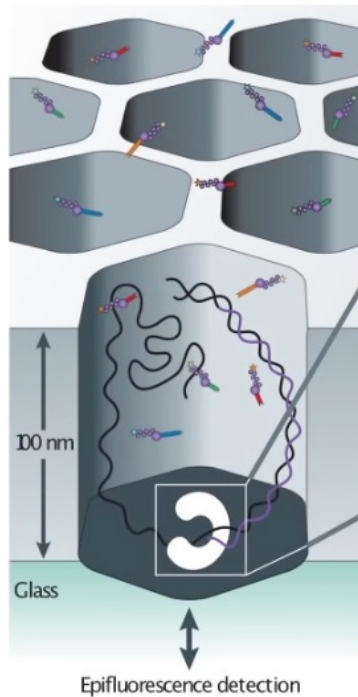


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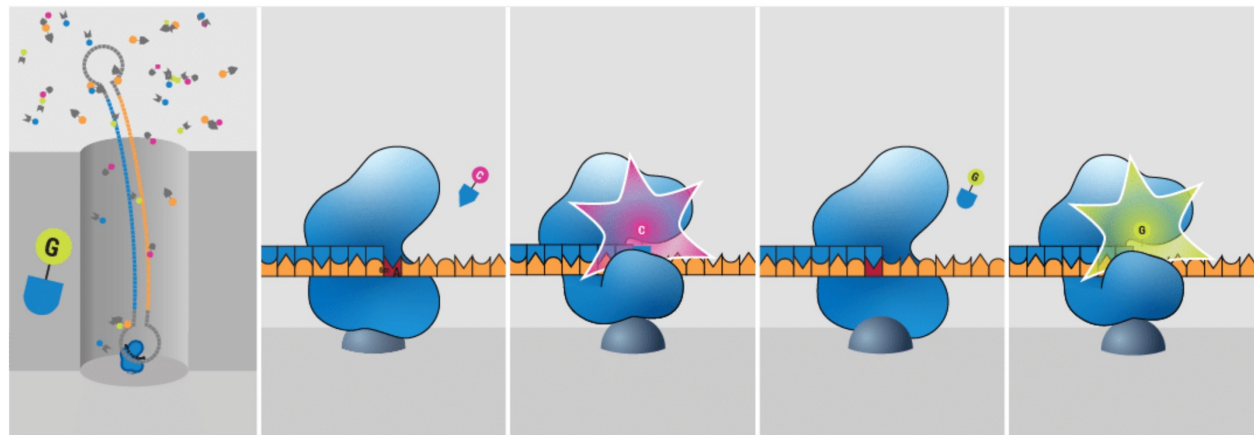
Nature Reviews Genetics **11**, 31–46 (2010)

PACIFIC BIOSCIENCE SEQUENCING

Pacific Bioscience sequencing



- Long reads (100kB)
- High error rates (10-15%)
 - Errors are random - Good thing!



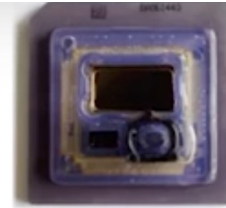
As the polymerase incorporates fluorescently labeled nucleotides, the unique fluorescent signal of each base (A, T, C, or G) is detected and recorded. The continuous observation of the polymerase allows for long reads, making it particularly useful for sequencing large and complex genomes and for detecting structural variants

PACIFIC BIOSCIENCE SEQUENCING

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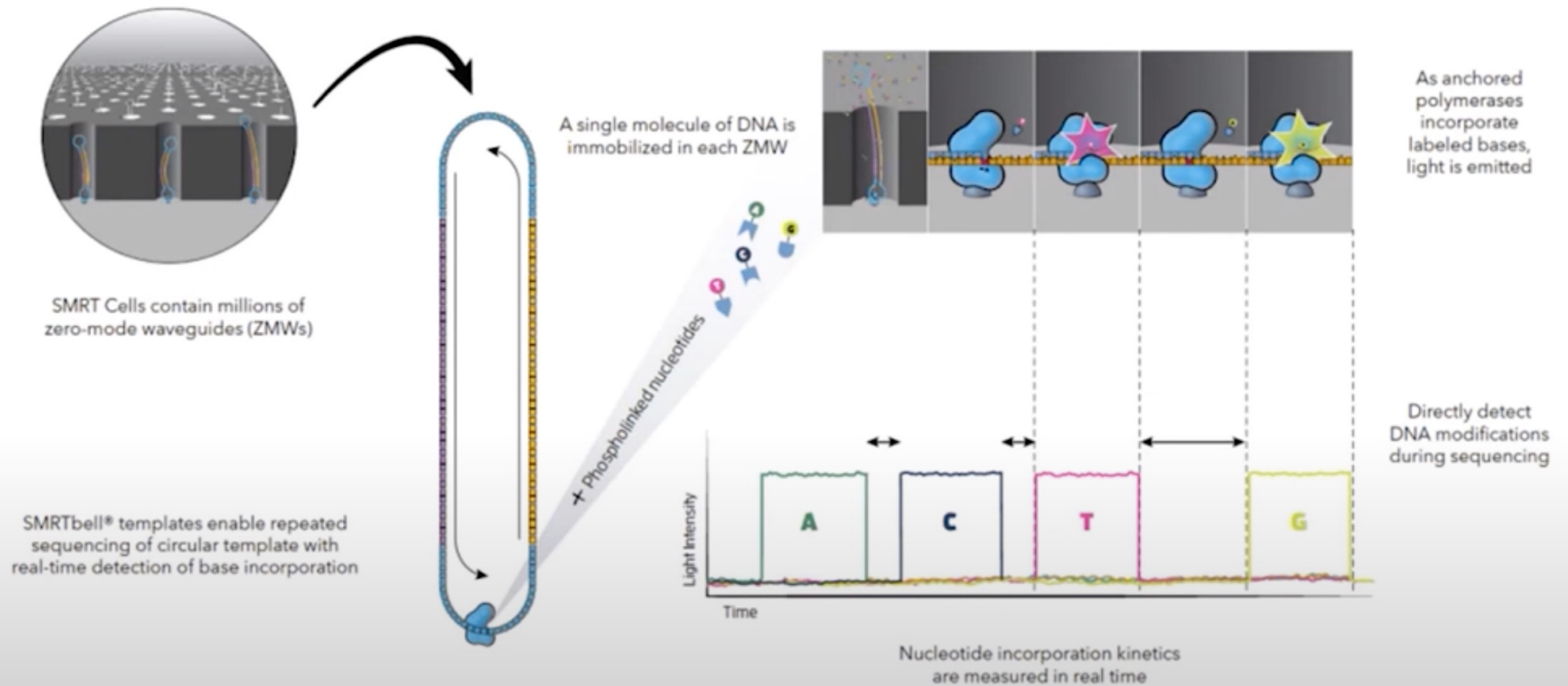
PACIFIC BIOSCIENCE SEQUENCING vs ILLUMINA

PacBio SMRT sequencing



The SMRT™ Cell

INTE



Speed: PacBio: 2 base incorporations / second (Illumina: 1 base incorporation / hour)

PACIFIC BIOSCIENCE SEQUENCING vs OXFORD NANOPORE



PacBio Sequel IIe



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Long Read Sequencing

PacBio vs ONT in a nutshell

PacBio Sequencing:

- Long read lengths up to tens of kilobases for improved genome assembly and structural variant detection.
- High accuracy with HiFi sequencing technology.
- Capable of detecting DNA modifications for epigenetic analysis.
- Minimal GC bias and reduced impact of repetitive sequences.

Oxford Nanopore Sequencing:

- Portability and real-time analysis suitable for fieldwork and rapid surveillance.
- Ultra-long read lengths up to hundreds of kilobases spanning for comprehensive genome assemblies.
- Minimal sample preparation and rapid turnaround time for time-sensitive applications.
- Direct RNA sequencing without reverse transcription or amplification steps.
- Single-molecule sensitivity for detecting rare variants