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Introduction to Next Generation Sequencing

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Outline

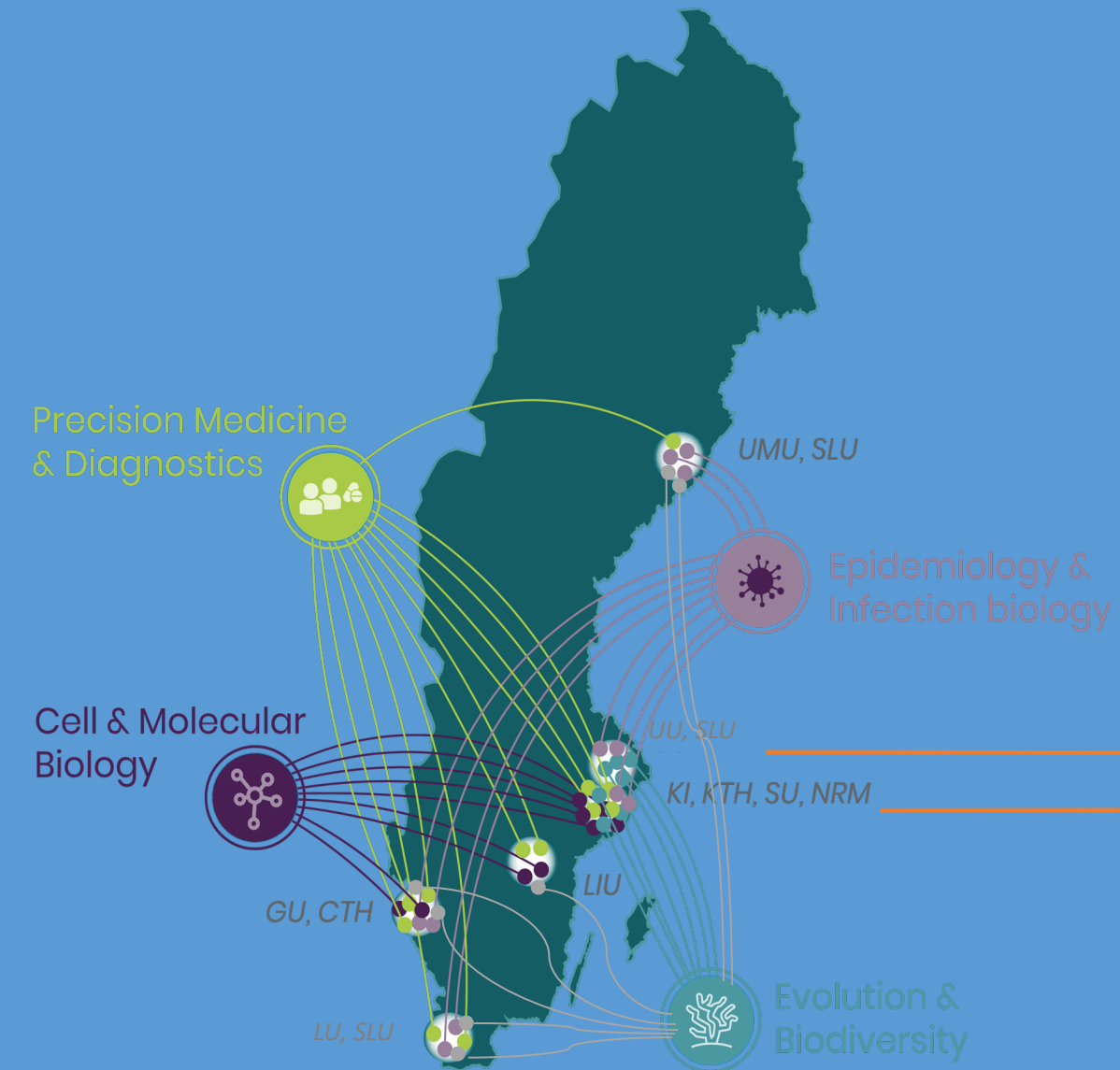
- Brief history of Genomics
- What is sequencing?
- Glossary
- How do sequencing technologies work?
 - Short reads: Illumina, Ion, MGI, Element Biosciences (Aviti), Roche
 - Long reads: PacBio and ONT



Where am I from: SciLifeLab



Sweden's national center for
molecular biosciences



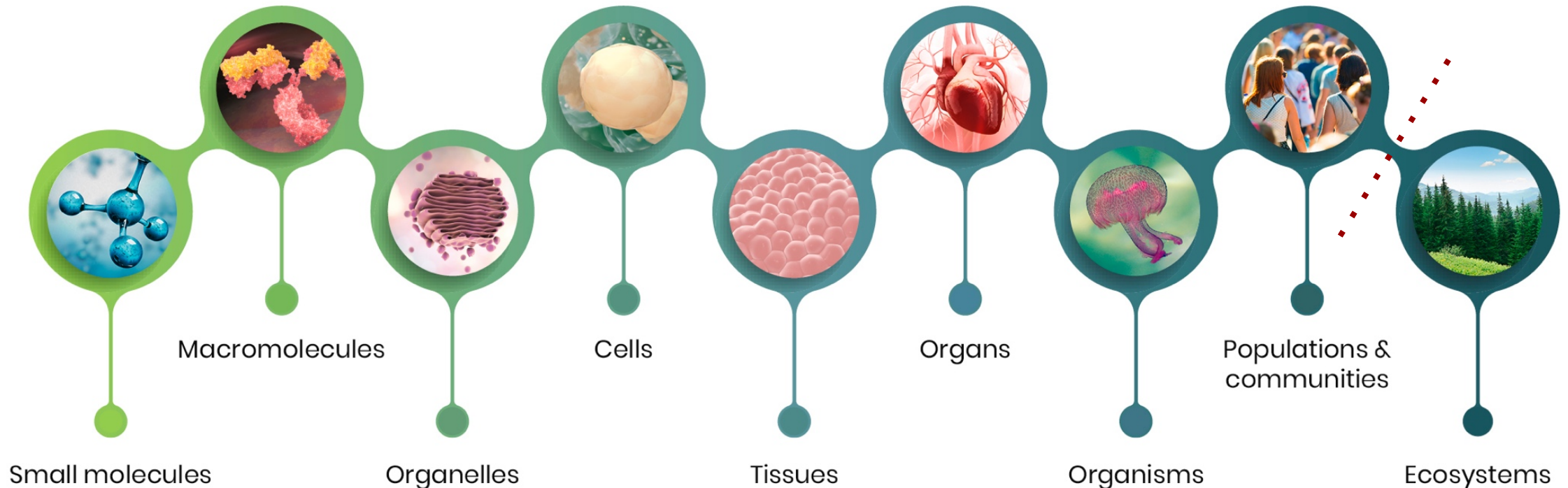
Connecting strong research
environments

Enabling research across the full spectrum of life science



SciLifeLab infrastructure technologies:

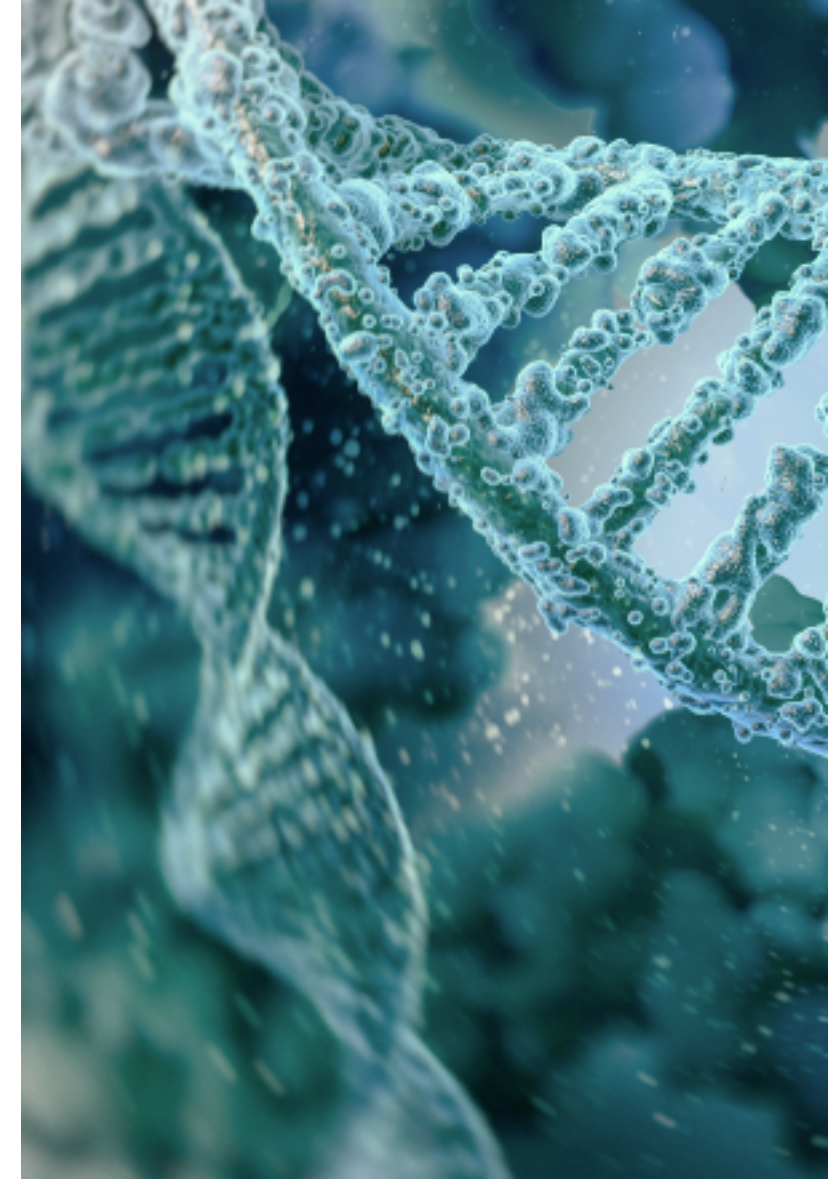
- Can be used to study the molecular aspects of life **ranging from the atomic scale up to entire ecosystems**
- Are applicable across a **large spectrum of disciplines and research fields** in life science
- Are **available to all academic researchers in Sweden** on equal terms
- Are available to **healthcare and industry** all over the country, as well as international users



SciLifeLab Genomics Platform



- Consists of:
 - **National Genomics Infrastructure** – 3rd largest NGS core in Europe
 - Ancient DNA facility
- Advanced user support (even without previous NGS experience):
 - ✓ Project design
 - ✓ Choice of sequencing technology and methodology
 - ✓ Sample requirements and experimental design
 - ✓ DNA and RNA extraction for reference genome sequencing
 - ✓ Ancient DNA extraction and library construction
 - ✓ Sequencing
 - ✓ Primary data analysis





Brief history of Genomics and NGS

It all begun in late 19th century...



Johannes Friedrich Miescher

(13 August 1844 – 26 August 1895)

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Die Spermatozoen einiger Wirbelthiere.

Ein Beitrag zur Histochemie*)

von

F. Miescher.

Hiezu Tafel I.

Bekanntlich wird in Basel der Fang des Rheinlachs (Salmo Salar) ziemlich lebhaft betrieben. Während der Laichzeit, im November, kann man zuweilen diese stattlichen Fische in grosser Zahl auf dem Markte sehen. Die reifen Geschlechtsprodukte dieser Thiere sind dabei als Abfall in beträchtlicher Menge zu erhalten. Die grosse Anstalt für künstliche Fischzucht in dem benachbarten Hünningen bezieht ihren ganzen Bedarf an Lachseiern, im Betrage von mehreren Millionen jährlich, von Herrn Friedrich Glaser, dem Besitzer der bedeutendsten hiesigen Fischhandlung.

Besonders verlockend ist hier für den Physiologen die Gelegenheit zur Gewinnung von Sperma. Von der rahmigen Flüssigkeit, die man als „Lachsmilch“ bezeichnet, habe ich zuweilen mit Erlaubniss der Verkäufer fast einen Schoppen auf einmal als blendend weisse Crème lebenden Fisch; bei todter Galle, Harn oder Blut mit

Der Samen der Fische vor andern werthvoll. Keine ihre Produkte dem Sekret

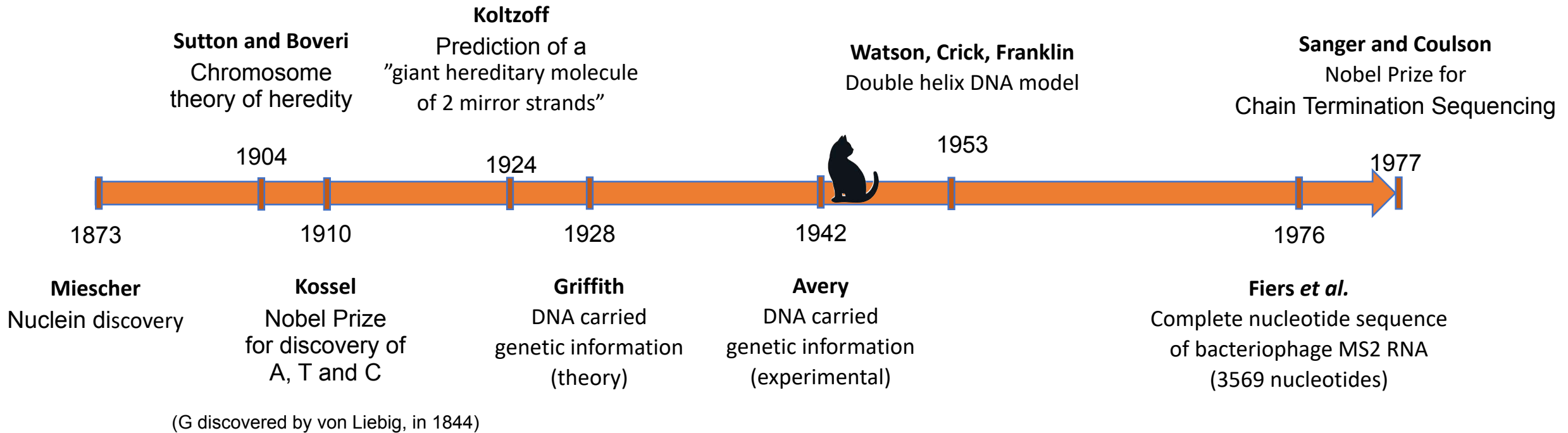
brechung der Spermatozooköpfe erkennbar sind, ist auch das Protamin nachzuweisen.

Das Nuclein.

Der Rückstand nach Extraction mit Salzsäure zeigt unter dem Mikroskop noch Hülle und Inhalt und gibt die Millon'sche Reaction. In Kochsalzlösung quillt er nicht mehr, dagegen etwas in destillirtem Wasser.

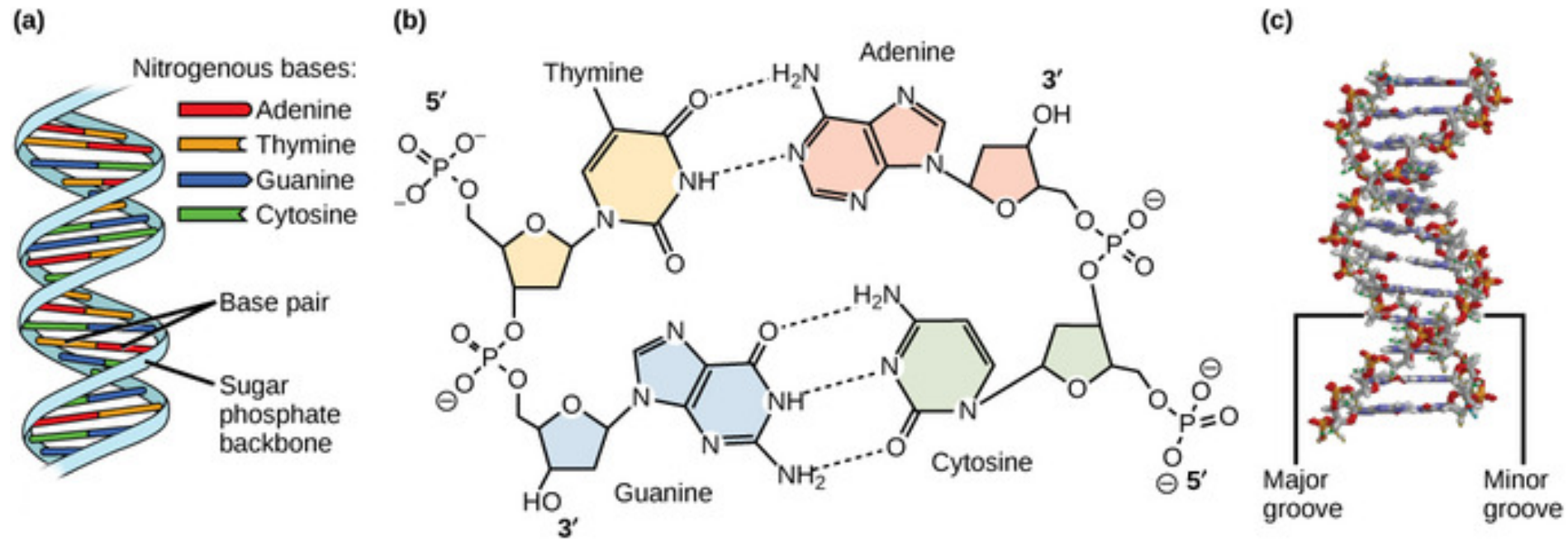
*) Nach Vorträgen, gehalten 1873.

From Miescher to Sanger



1944, **Schrödinger**:
Heredity must be carried by a solid, large,
stable molecular structure - aperiodic crystal

What is sequencing?



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Sequencing is the process of arranging items, steps, or elements in a specific, logical order



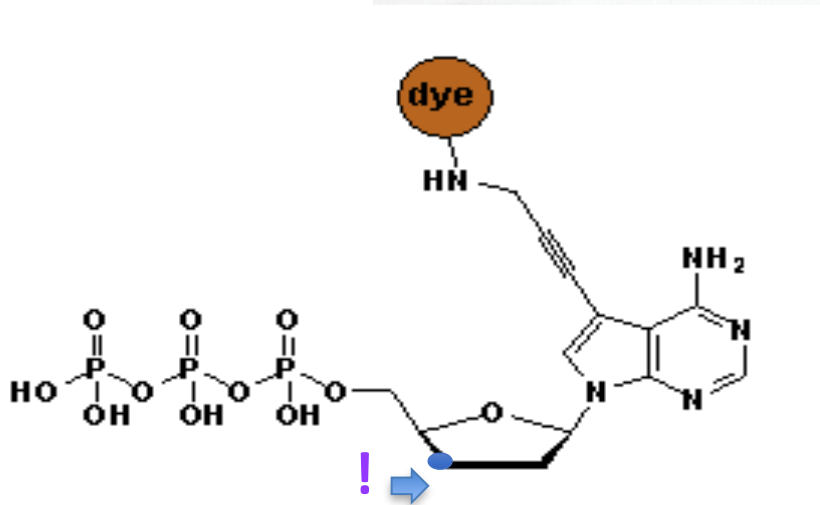
Once upon a time...

- Fredrik Sanger and Alan Coulson

Chain Termination Sequencing (1977)

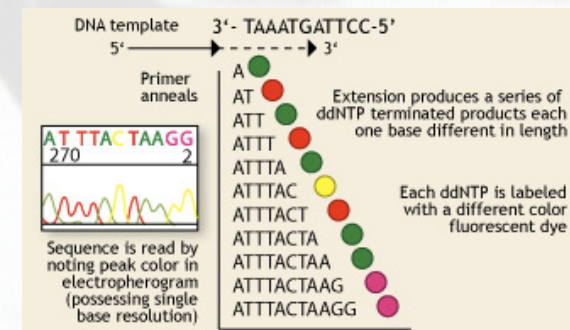
Nobel prize 1980

Principle:



Lack of OH-group at 3' position of deoxyribose

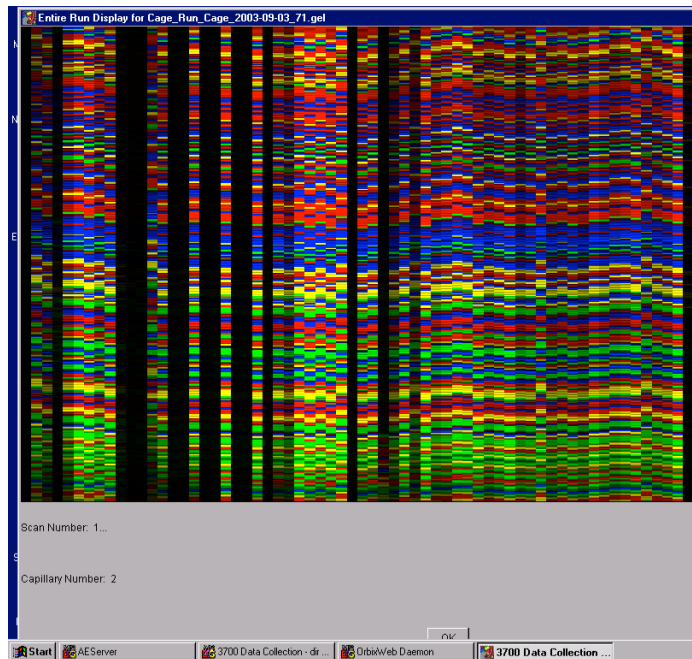
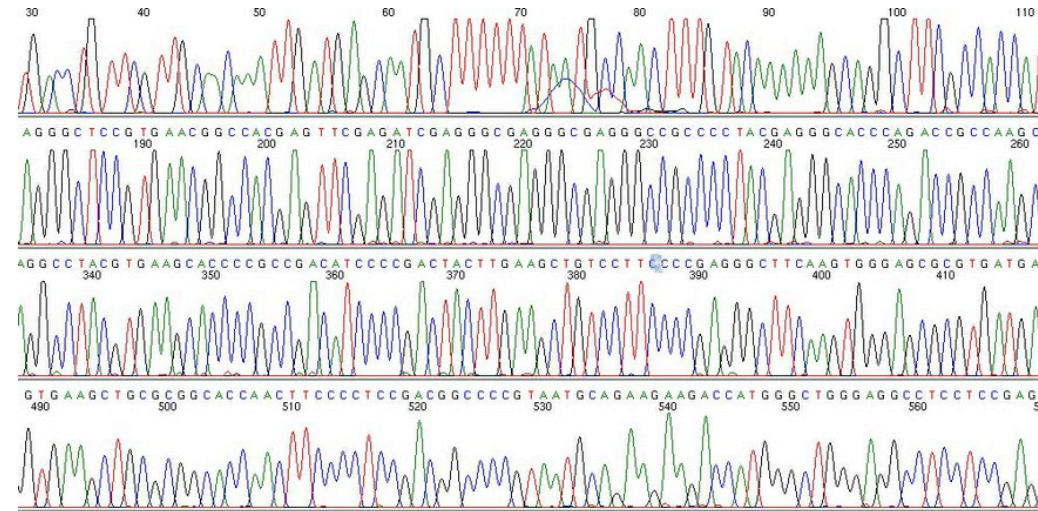
SYNTHESIS of DNA is randomly **TERMINATED** at different points
Separation of fragments that are 1 nucleotide different in size



1 molecule sequenced at a time = 1 read

Capillary sequencer: 384 reads per run

Sanger sequencing



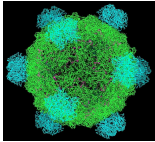
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Chromatogram file size: c:a 250 kb

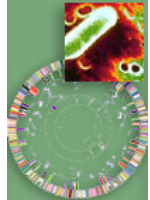
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Prerequisite: amplified DNA

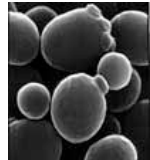
At the very beginning of genome sequencing era...



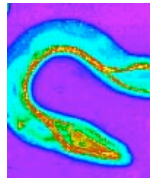
- First DNA genome: virus ϕ X 174 - 5 368 bp (1977)



- First organism: *Haemophilus influenzae* - 1.5 Mb (1995)



- First eukaryote: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* - 12.4 Mb (1996)



- First multicellular organism: *Cenorhabditis elegans* - 100 MB (1998)



- First plant: *Arabidopsis thaliana* - 157 Mb (2000)

The Yeast Genome project



Life with 6000 Genes

A. GOFFEAU, B. G. BARRELL, H. BUSSEY, R. W. DAVIS, B. DUJON, H. FELDMANN, F. GALIBERT, J. D. HOEISEL, C. JACQ, [...] AND S. G. OLIVER

[& Affiliations](#)

SCIENCE • 25 Oct 1996 • Vol 274, Issue 5287 • pp. 546-567 • DOI: 10.1126/science.274.5287.546



*“The genome of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has been completely sequenced through **an international effort involving some 600 scientists in Europe, North America, and Japan.** It is the largest genome to be completely sequenced so far (a record that we hope will soon be bettered) and is the first complete genome sequence of a eukaryote.”*

*“New graduate students are already wondering how we all managed in the “dark ages” before the sequence was completed. We must now tackle a much larger challenge, that of elucidating the function of all of the novel genes revealed by that sequence. **As with the sequencing project itself, functional analysis will require a worldwide effort.** In Europe, a new research network called EUROFAN [for European Functional Analysis Network has been established to undertake the systematic analysis of the function of novel yeast genes. Parallel activities are underway in Germany, Canada, and Japan. In the United States, the National Institutes of Health has recently sent out a request for applications for “Large-Scale Functional Analysis of the Yeast Genome.” “*



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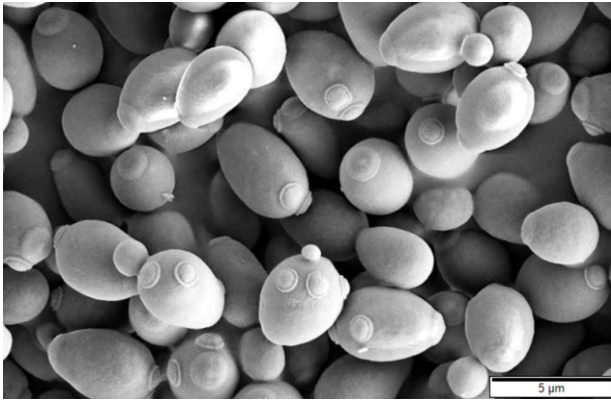
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The Modest Beginnings of One Genome Project

[David B. Kaback¹](#)

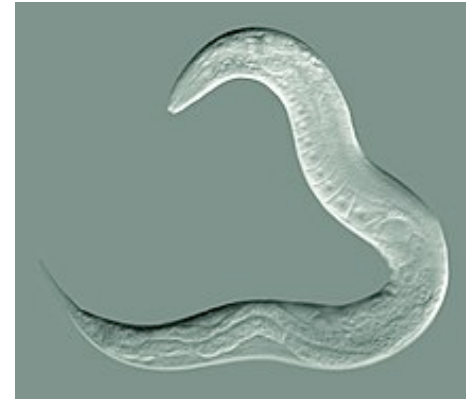
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First genomic references



1/3 of genes related to human by homology

Basic cell functions



Human disease gene discovery

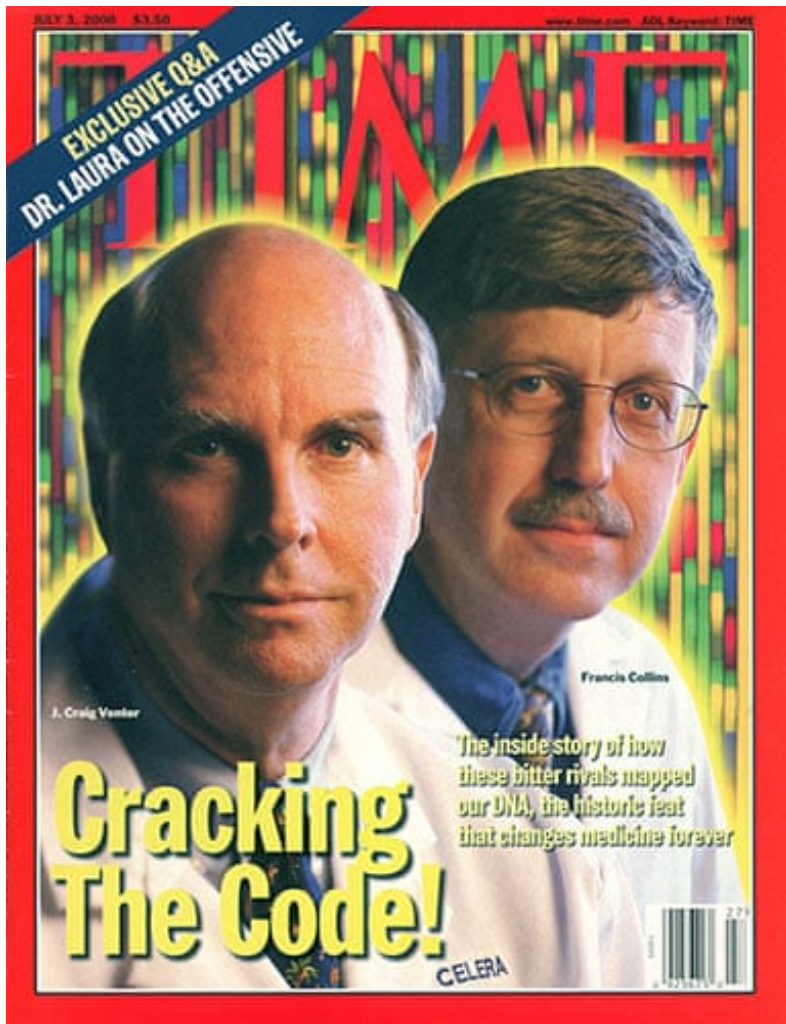


Phenotypical traits



Plant genome structure and function

But it was not enough...



GENOME SEQUENCING WORKSHOP

MARCH 3 & 4, 1986

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HOST

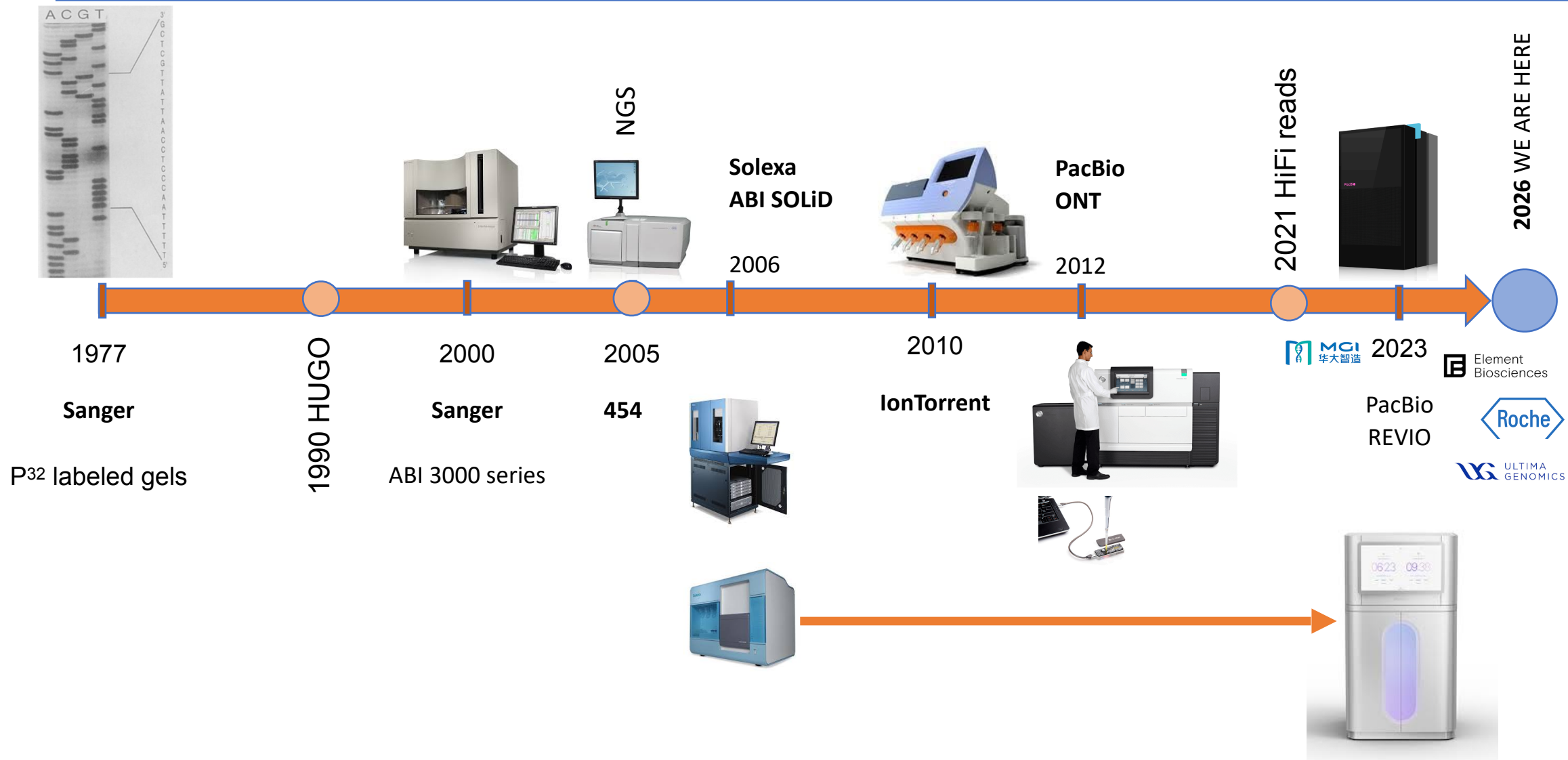
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It is thus important that we identify here what real benefits and liabilities might emerge from the contemplated sequencing activity, which would aim at capturing the entire human genome in a period of 10 or 12 years. Do we have the technologies necessary to do this, and do we have the computational power and algorithms needed to integrate and analyze this data? Will this information provide both clinical and basic benefits of such magnitude to warrant an accelerated effort?



An outcome of HUGO – Genomic Revolution





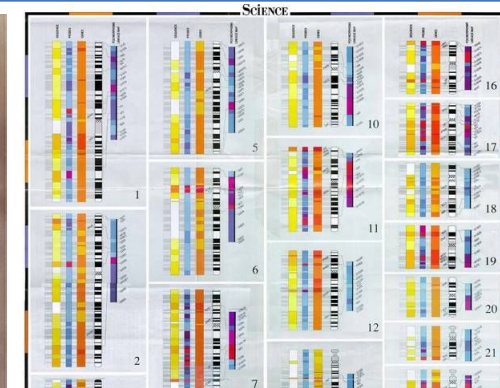
Just a comparison

1990 - 2003

HUGO

Sanger traditional

\$2.7 bln

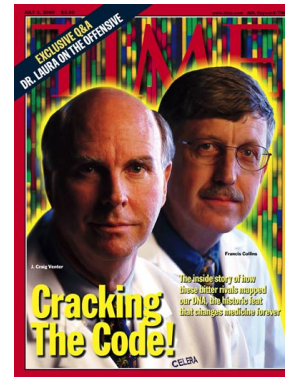


2007

Craig Venter's genome

Sanger ABI 3730

\$300 mln



2008

Jim Watson's genome

454 FLX

\$1 mln



TODAY

any human

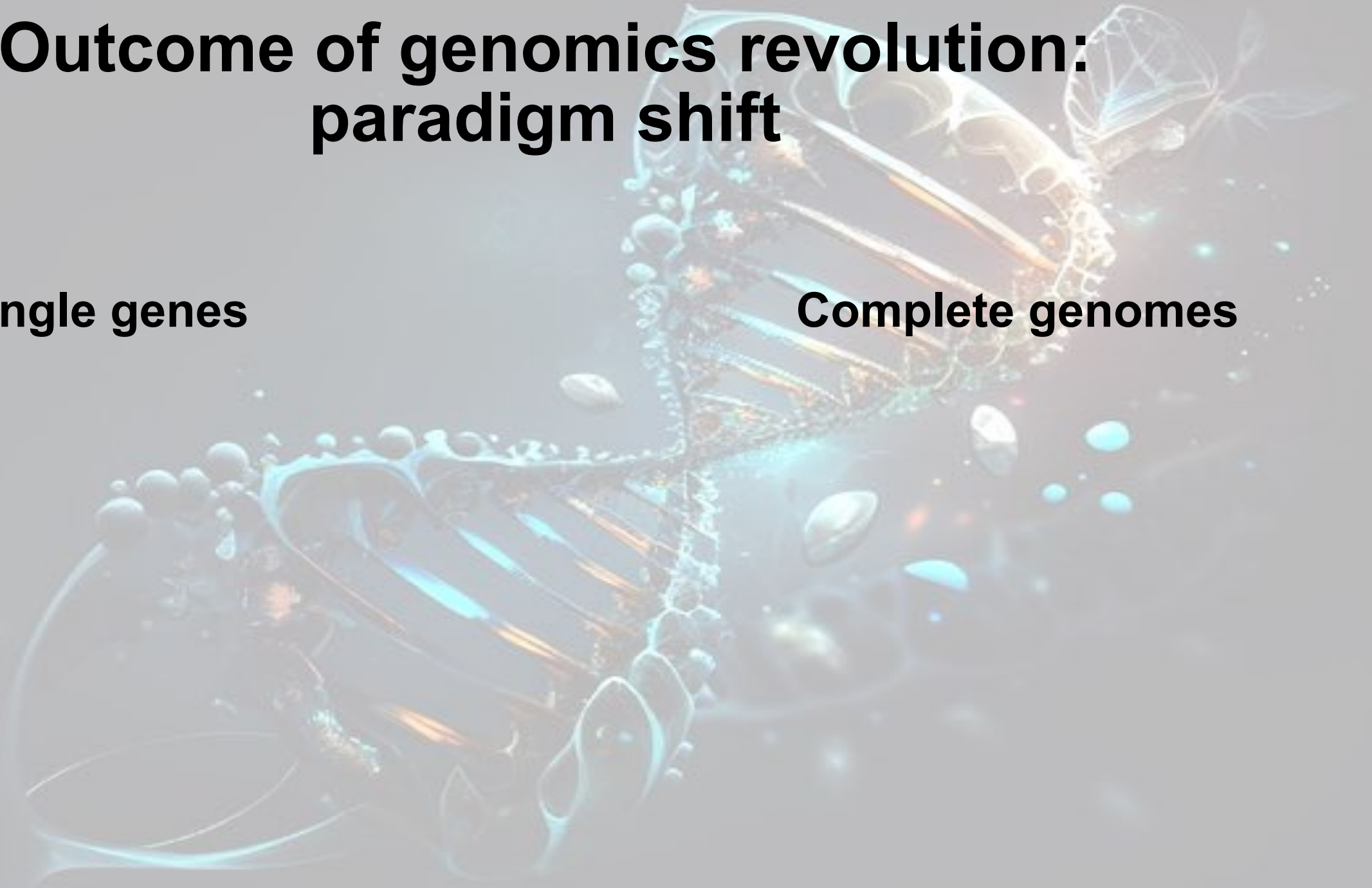
\$200-600 with short reads

\$1-3k with long reads

Outcome of genomics revolution: paradigm shift

Single genes

Complete genomes



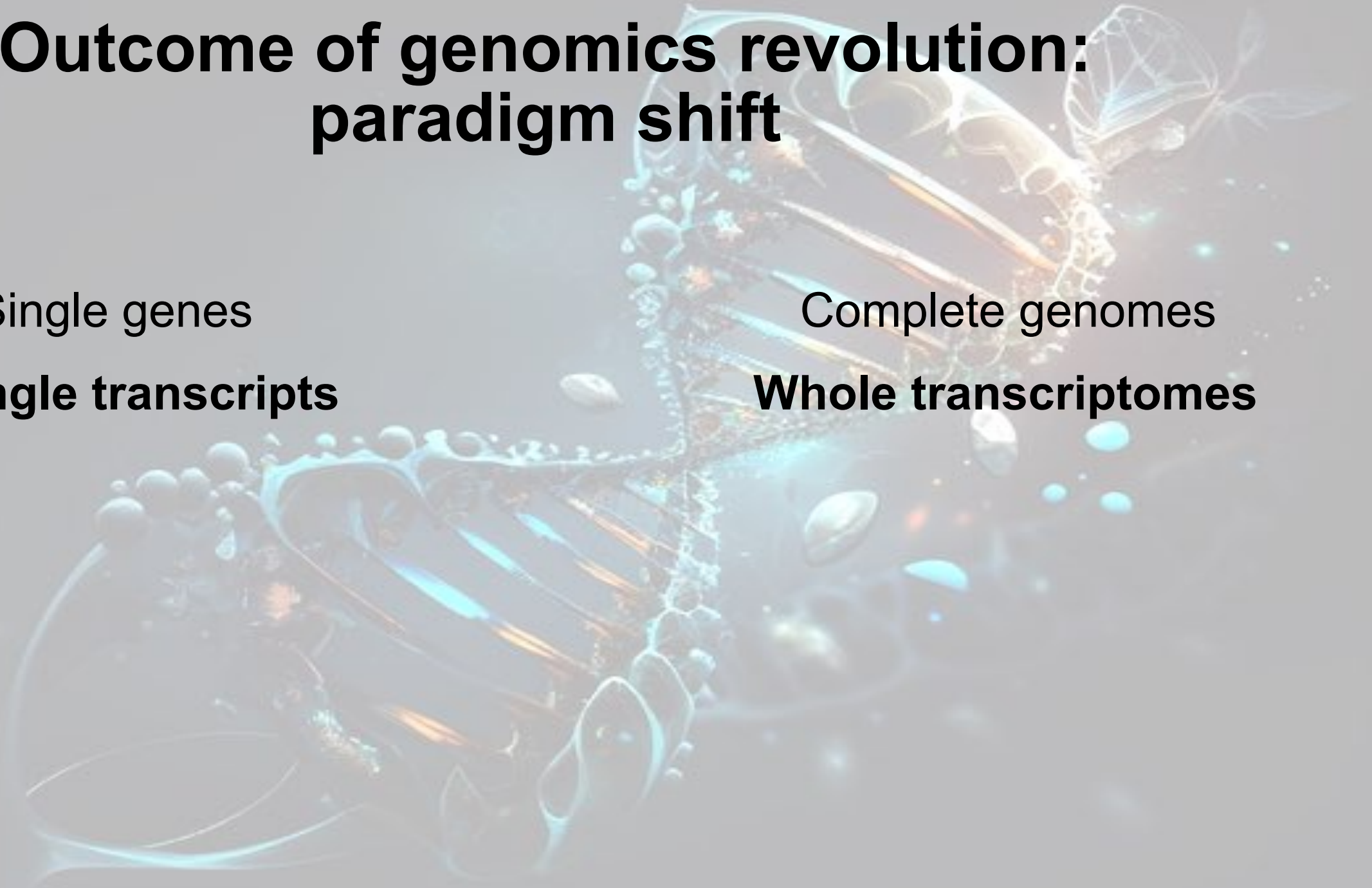
Outcome of genomics revolution: paradigm shift

Single genes

Complete genomes

Single transcripts

Whole transcriptomes



Outcome of genomics revolution: paradigm shift

Single genes

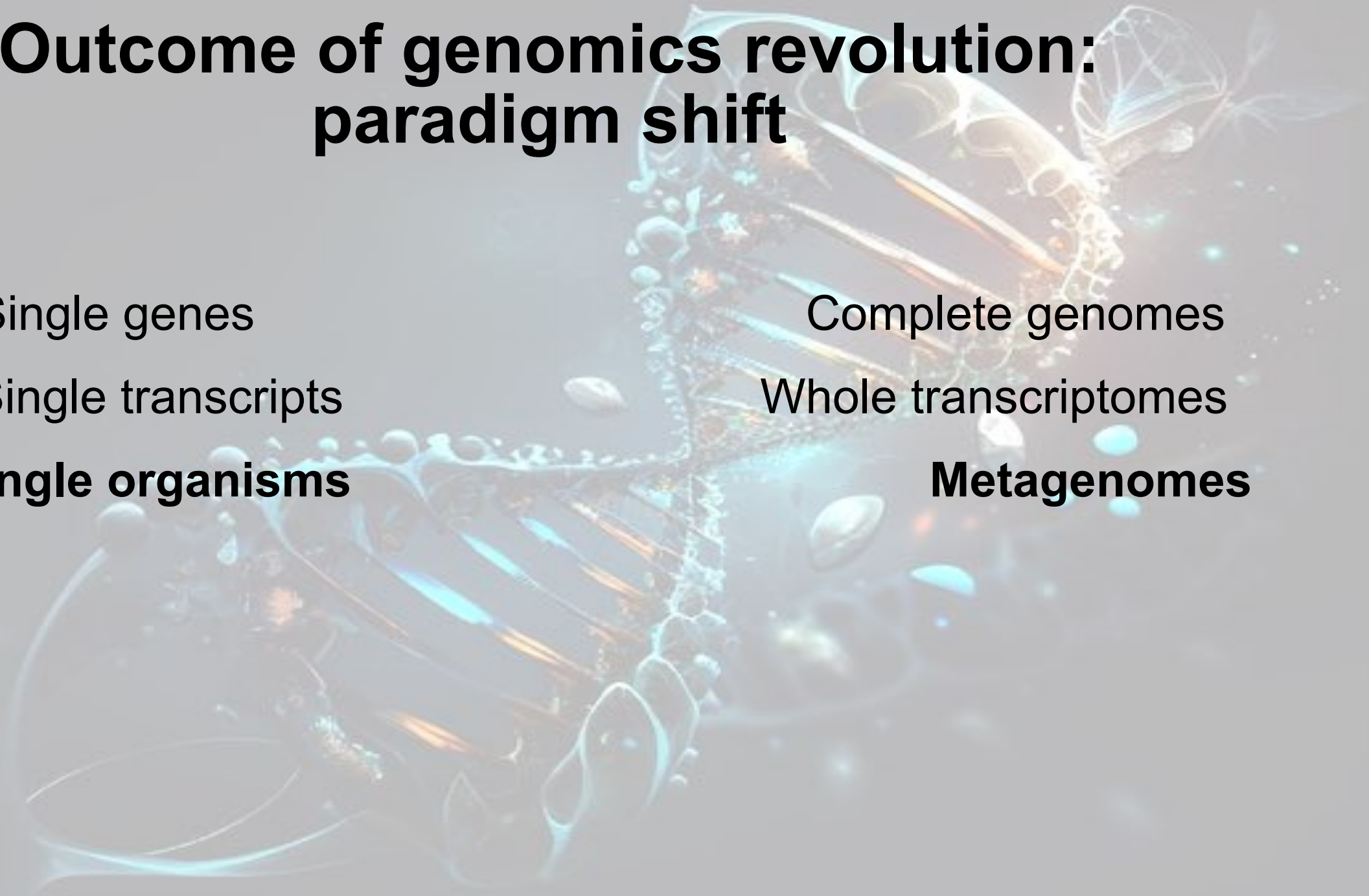
Single transcripts

Single organisms

Complete genomes

Whole transcriptomes

Metagenomes



Outcome of genomics revolution: paradigm shift

Single genes

Single transcripts

Single organisms

Model organism

Complete genomes

Whole transcriptomes

Metagenomes

Any species

Outcome of genomics revolution: paradigm shift

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Single transcripts

Single organisms

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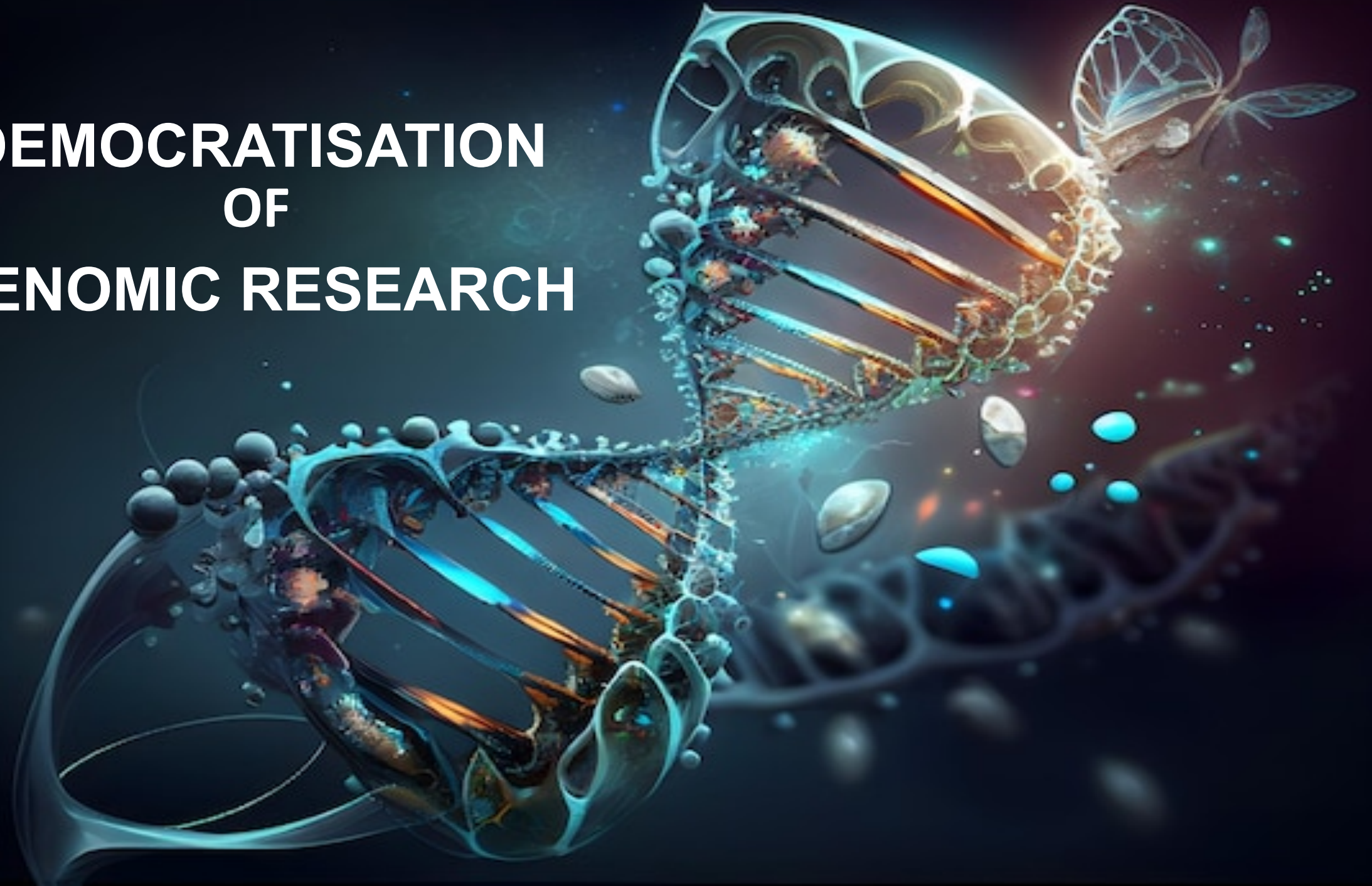
Metagenomes

Any species

Available to highly specialized labs

Available to anyone

DEMOCRATISATION OF GENOMIC RESEARCH

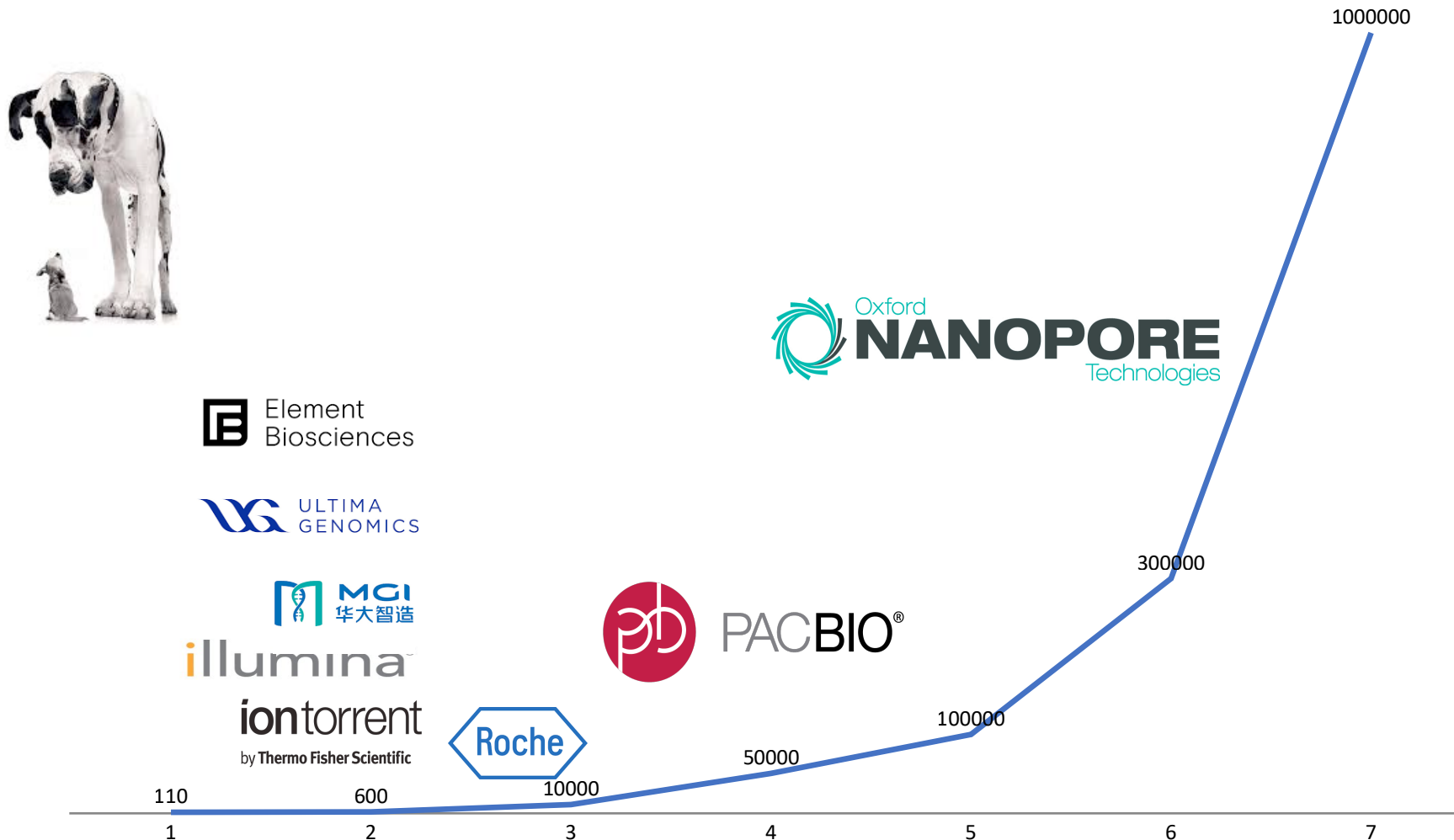




Sequencing technologies: theory and principles



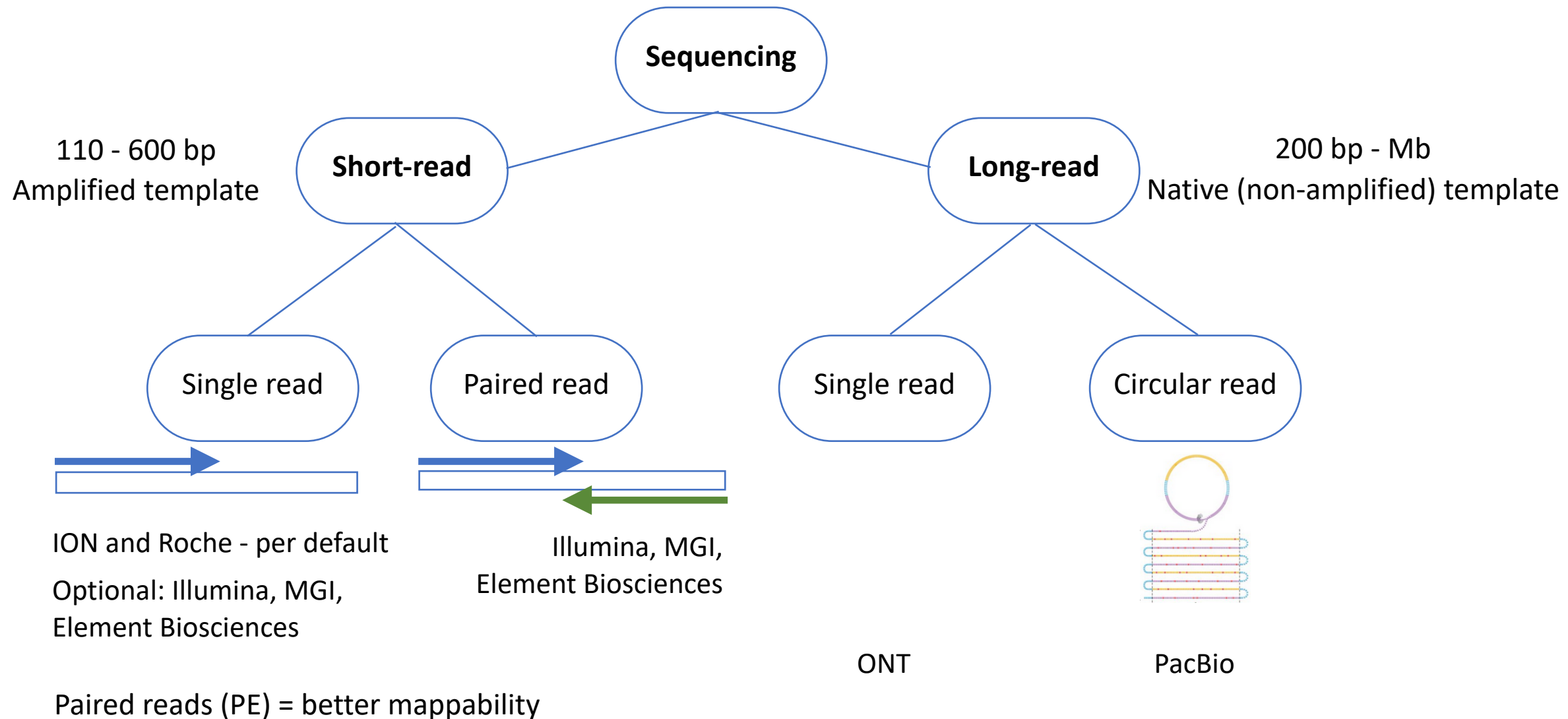
NGS market overview / Read length



Before going into details, let's understand the main principles.



Types of sequencing by **read length**





Any NGS starts with a library

Template (aka “insert”)



Adaptor ligation



Tells the reaction
where to start

OR:

Barcode and
adaptor ligation



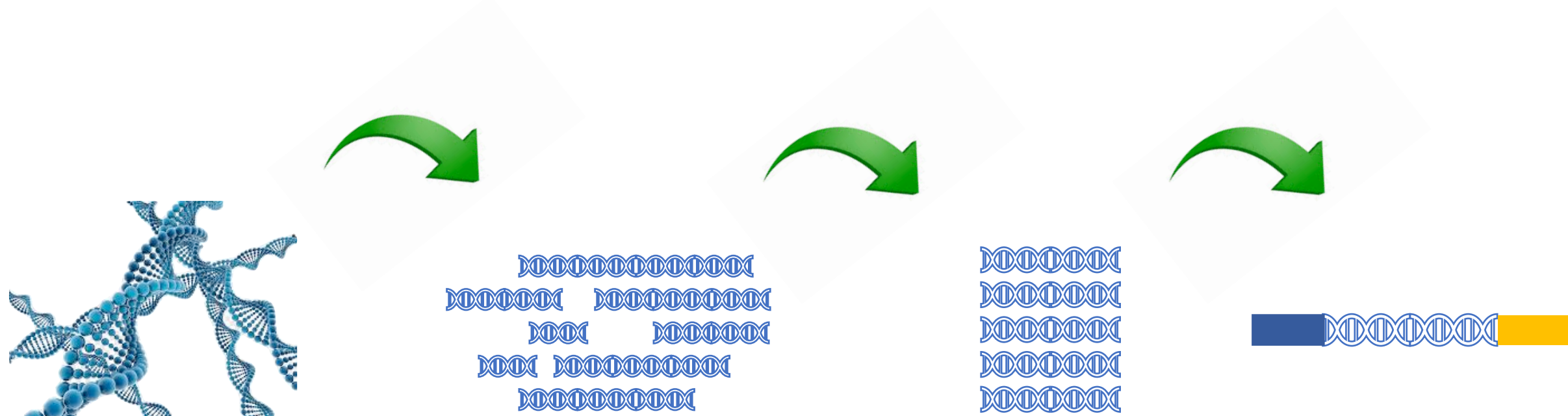
Barcodes different
samples for pooling

Type of adaptor, primer and insert size are technology- and application-specific



For **all** short-read technologies: libraries have to be amplified

NGS library construction procedure



Library construction steps ->

DNA fragmentation

Size selection

**End repair and
adaptor ligation**

Quality control steps ->

Sizing
Quantification

Sizing
Quantification

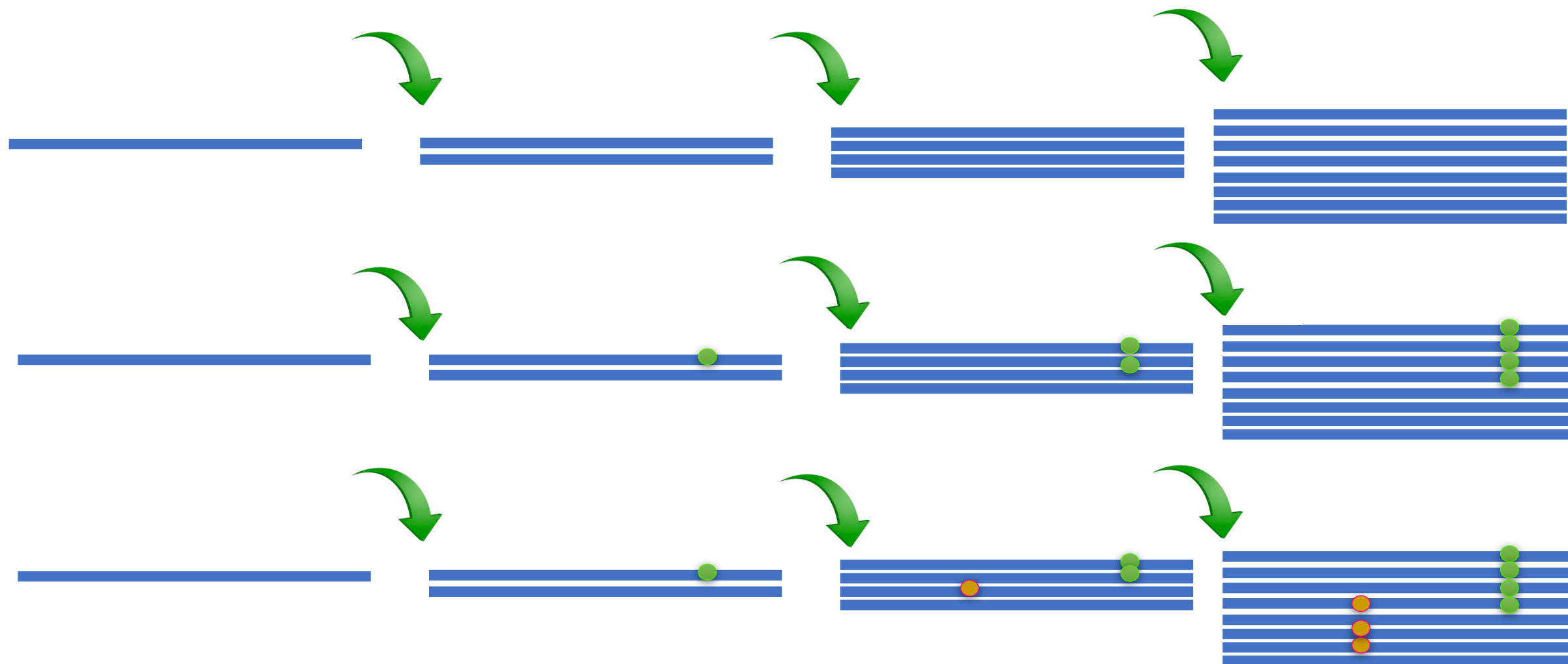
Sizing
Quantification
Purification



Up to 40% of material is lost in each step



Amplification: PCR (Copy of a copy)



Sanger, ION, Illumina

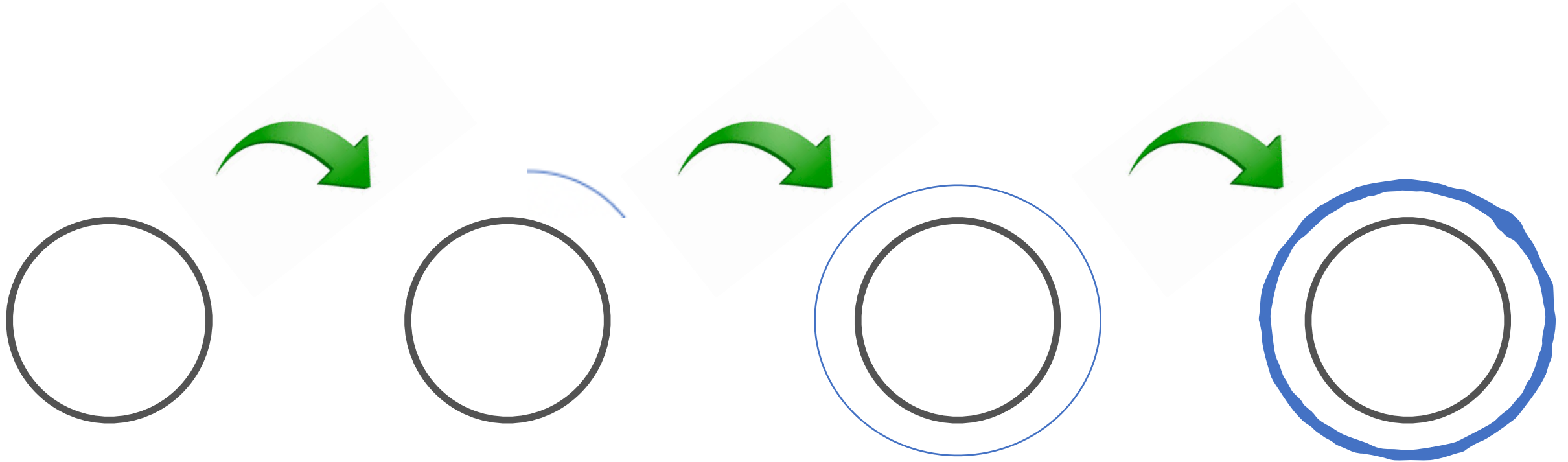


Is it a SNP or a PCR artifact?



Amplification: Rolling circle (RCA)

(Copy of the same molecule)



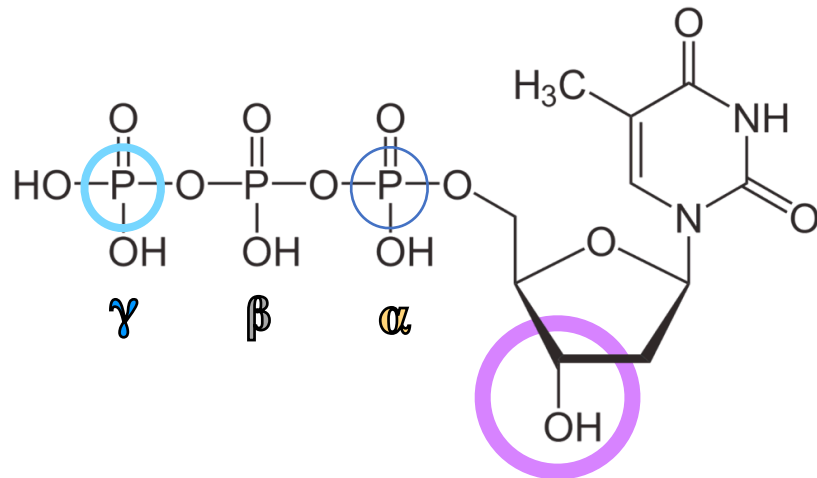


DNA synthesis - Back to school!

SBS-sequencing by synthesis

Sequencing fuel:

Deoxyribonucleoside triphosphates (dNTP)



Phosphate groups

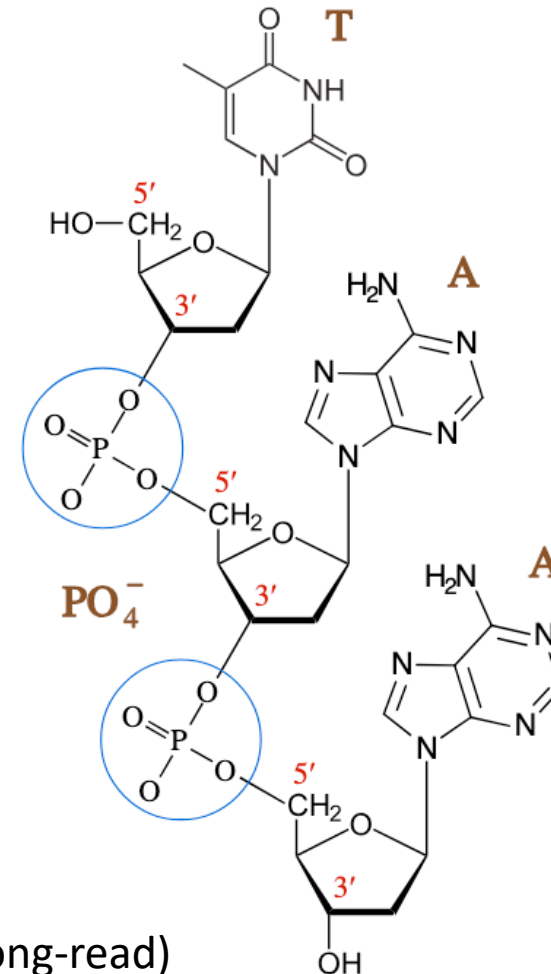
3' position of deoxyribose

α Gets attacked to form a bond

γ Where "dye" is attached

Present = reaction happens (long-read)

Blocked = reaction stops (most short-read)



DNA polymerization:

Pyrophosphate is released
(and with that - **color signal**)

O of 3'-OH stays put
H is released as a proton, **H+**

Nucleotide incorporation

Short reads: 1 at a time (cycle)

Long reads: constant flow

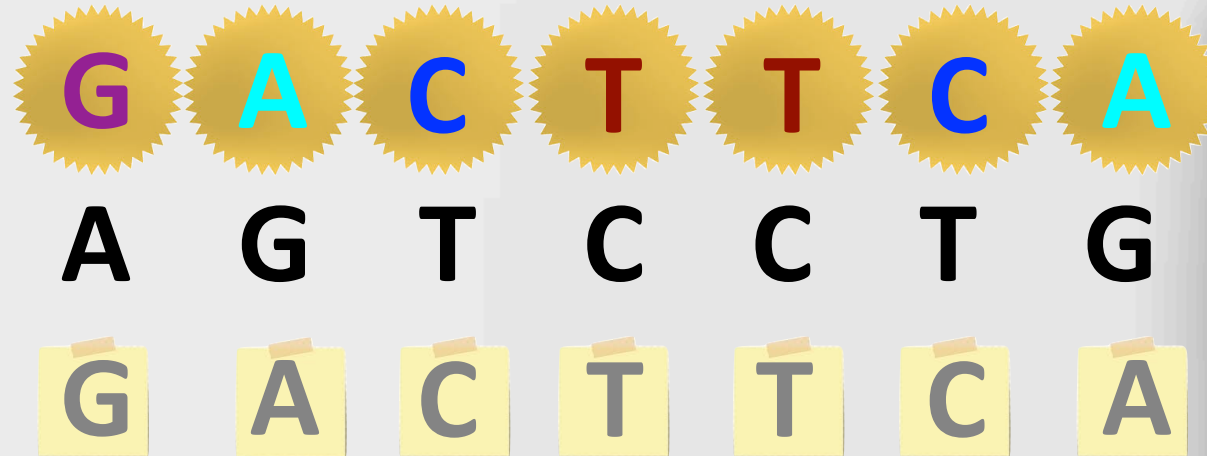
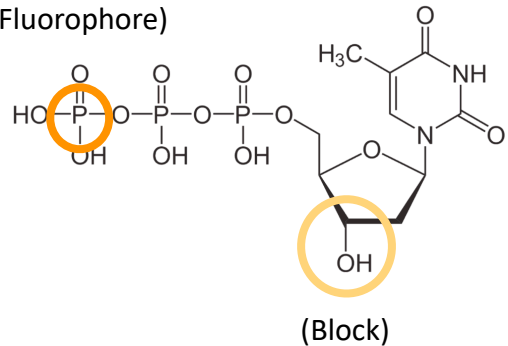


Mode of sequencing: SBS and SBB

Sequencing by Synthesis

dNTP* is **BOUND**

(Fluorophore)



Sequencing by Binding

dNTP* **presented, removed**, and then a **native** nucleotide is bound



SBB is gentler than SBS



SBS and SBB comparison

| Traits: | SBS | SBB |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Core differences | Detection = incorporation Modified nucleotides Errors locked in | Detection -> incorporation Natural nucleotides Errors can reset |
| Quality drop with cycle | Steep | Shallow |
| Read accuracy | Lower | Higher |
| End-of-read noise | Common | Reduced |
| Phasing errors | Common | Rare |



SBS is prone to phasing errors



Q-score

Q (quality) score - measurement of machine confidentiality that the base (A, G, T, C) was correctly identified

| Q-Score | Accuracy | Error Rate | Probability of a Wrong Call |
|---------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Q10 | 90% | 1 in 10 | 10% chance of error |
| Q20 | 99% | 1 in 100 | 1% chance of error |
| Q30 | 99.9% | 1 in 1,000 | 0.1% chance of error |
| Q40 | 99.99% | 1 in 10,000 | 0.01% chance of error |
| Q50 | 99.999% | 1 in 100,000 | 0.001% chance of error |

Why it matters? Example:

Looking for a rare mutation (SNP), appears 1 in 5000 DNA molecules

Q30 = 1 error per 1 000 bases -> the somatic mutation will be drowned in the noise of incorporated errors

To correctly call a 1:5000 rare SNP, one needs a technology with Q40 or higher



Types of sequencing errors

Indels: Insertions and deletions - machine sees something that is not there

Insertion

Actual: A T G C

Read: A T **T** G C

Deletion

Actual: A T G C

Read: A T **_** C

Substitutions: incorporation of wrong bases

Actual: A T G C

Read: A T **A** C

Homopolymers: stretches of the same nucleotide

Actual: A A A A

Read1: A A A A

Read2: A A A

Read3: A A A A A



All technologies have their own error profiles



Short break and then:

Finally, the technologies...

| Instrument | Run time | Max output | Max reads/run | Max read length, bp |
|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| iSeq | 9.5 – 19 hrs | 1.2 Gb | 4 mln | PE 150 |
| MiniSeq | 4-24 hrs | 7.5 Gb | 25 mln | PE 150 |
| MiSeq | 4-55 hours | 15 Gb | 25 mln | PE 300 |
| NextSeq series | 12-48 hours | 120-300 Gb | 0.4 – 1 bln | PE 150 |
| NovaSeq 6000 | 13-44 hours | 6 Tb | 26 bln | PE 250 |
| NovaSeq X Plus | 15-18 hrs | 16 Tb | 52 bln | PE 150 |

Technology highlight: bridge amplification

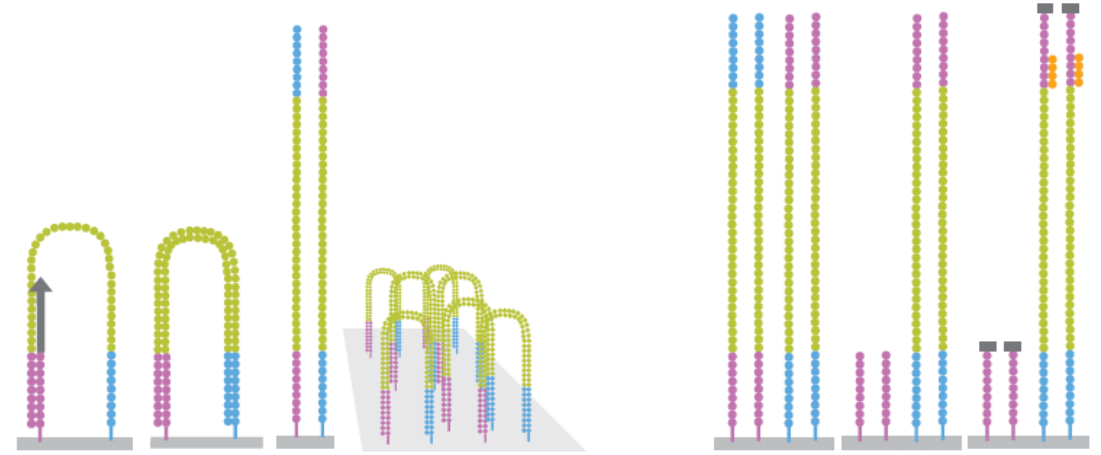
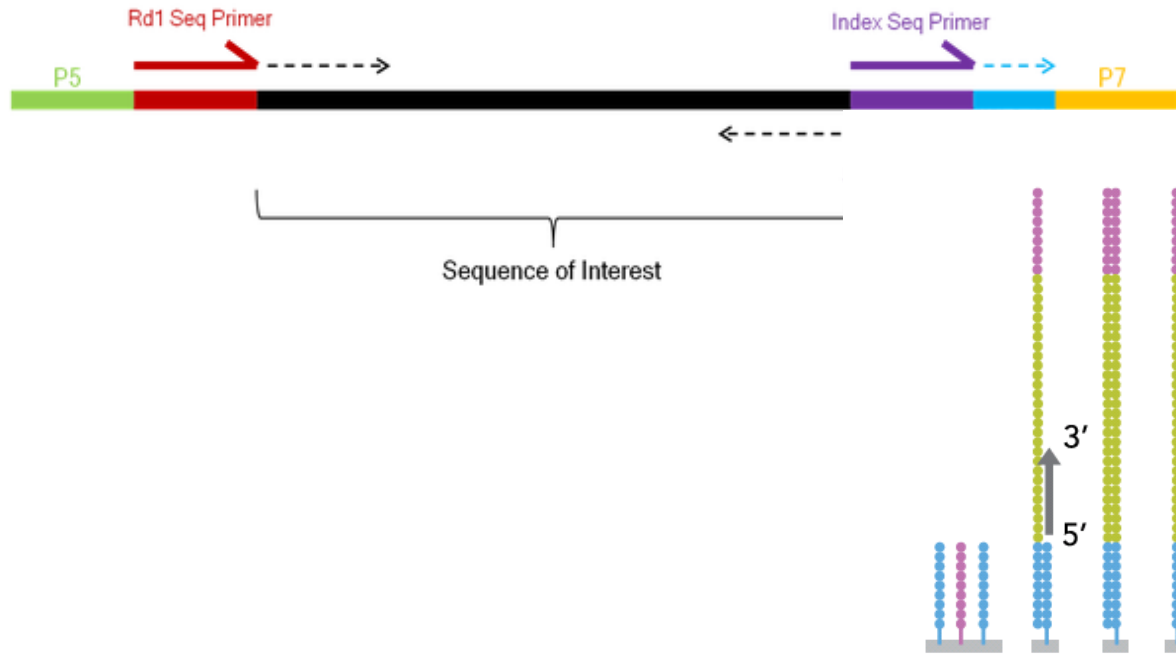
Used for: everything

Strength: cheap; robust data analysis pipelines

Weakness: more bias than people think, GC-bias



Illumina: bridge amplification



| 4-Channel Chemistry | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | A | G | T | C |
| Image 1 | ● | | | |
| Image 2 | | ● | | |
| Image 3 | | | ● | |
| Image 4 | | | | ● |
| Result | A | G | T | C |

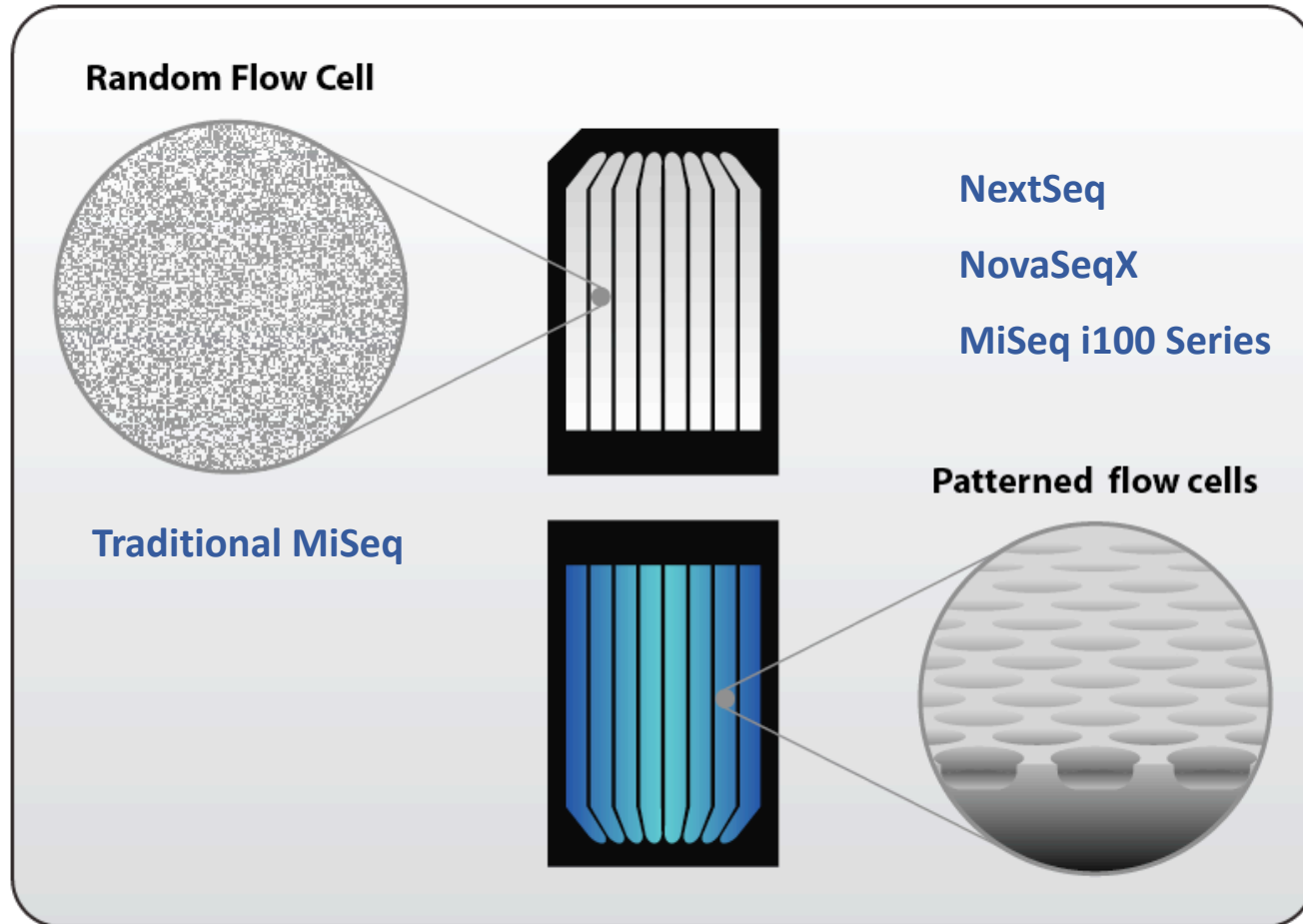
| 2-Channel Chemistry | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | A | G | T | C |
| Image 1 | ● | | ● | |
| Image 2 | ● | | | ● |
| Result | A | G | T | C |

| 1-Channel Chemistry | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | A | G | T | C |
| Image 1 | ● | | ● | |
| Image 2 | | | ● | ● |
| Result | A | G | T | C |

--- Intermediate chemistry step

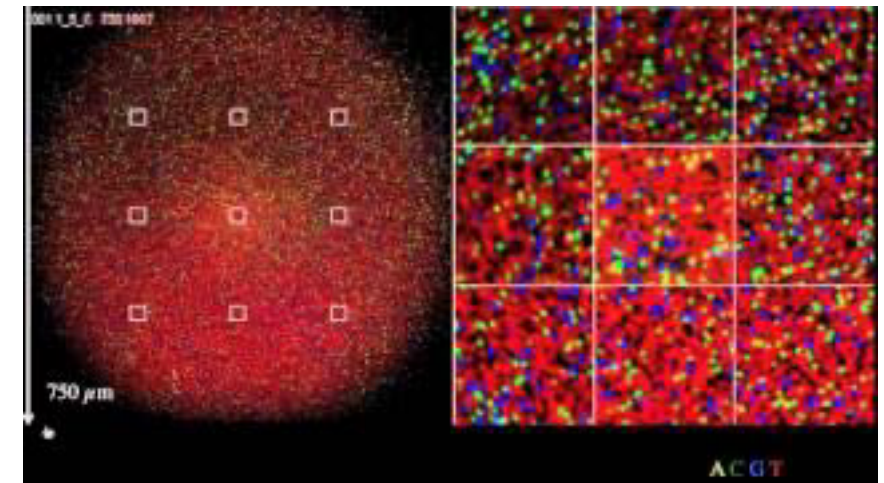


Illumina flow cells: important differences



Random

Patterned



1 flow cell per run



ION (ThermoFischer)

ThermoFisher
S C I E N T I F I C

| Instrument | Run time | Max output | Max reads/run | Max read length, bp |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Gene Studio S5 | 3 - 24 hrs | 50 Gb | 150 mln | SE 600 |
| Genexus | 14-24 hrs | 20 Gb | 60 mln | SE 400 |

Technology highlight: H⁺ ion-sensitive field effect transistors

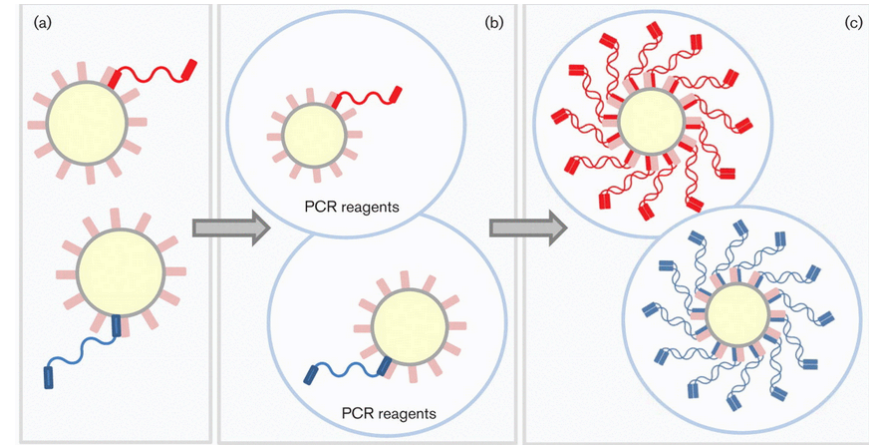
Used for: gene panels, advantage in clinical setting

Strength: scalable, very fast turn-around, inbuilt analysis software

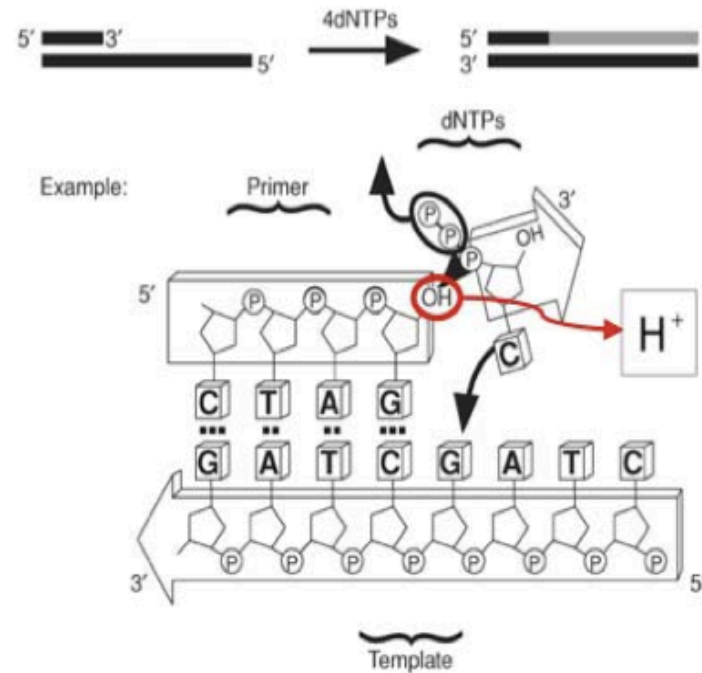
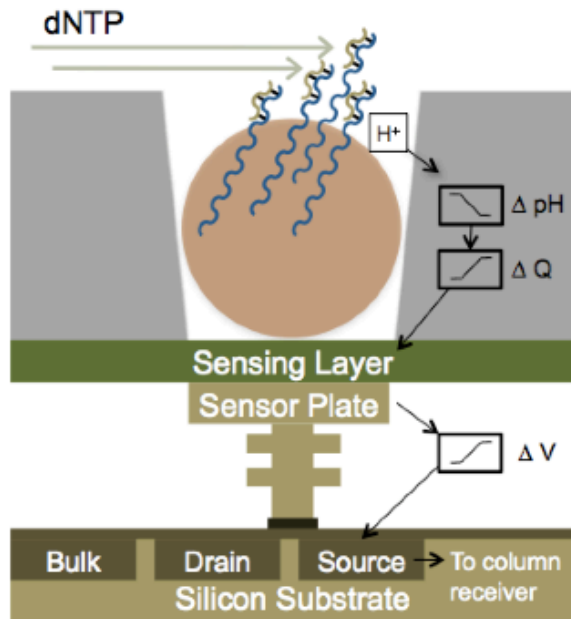
Weakness: limited number of applications, AT-bias, (homopolymers bias)



Ion Torrent: H^+ ion-sensitive field effect transistors



<https://doi.org/10.1099/vir.0.043182-0>





Ion technology: scalability



Ion 510™ Chip
2–3 M reads



Ion 520™ Chip
3–6 M reads



Ion 530™ Chip
15–20 M reads



Ion 540™ Chip
60–80 M reads



New
Ion 550™ Chip
100–130 M reads

1 chip per run



| Instrument | Run time | Max output | Max reads/run | Max read length, bp |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| UG 100 | 12 - 14 hrs | 2.4 Tb | 6-8 bln | SE 300 |
| UG 100 Solaris | 14 hrs | 3.6 Tb | 10-12 bln | SE 300 |
| UG Solaris Boost | 24 hrs | unspecified* | 100 bln/day | SE 300 |

* based on 100 billion reads/day

Technology highlight: no flow cell, lots of AI

Used for: potentially - everything, still new on the market

Strength: very cheap but accurate

Weakness: Few analysis pipelines available, GC-bias, analysis bias

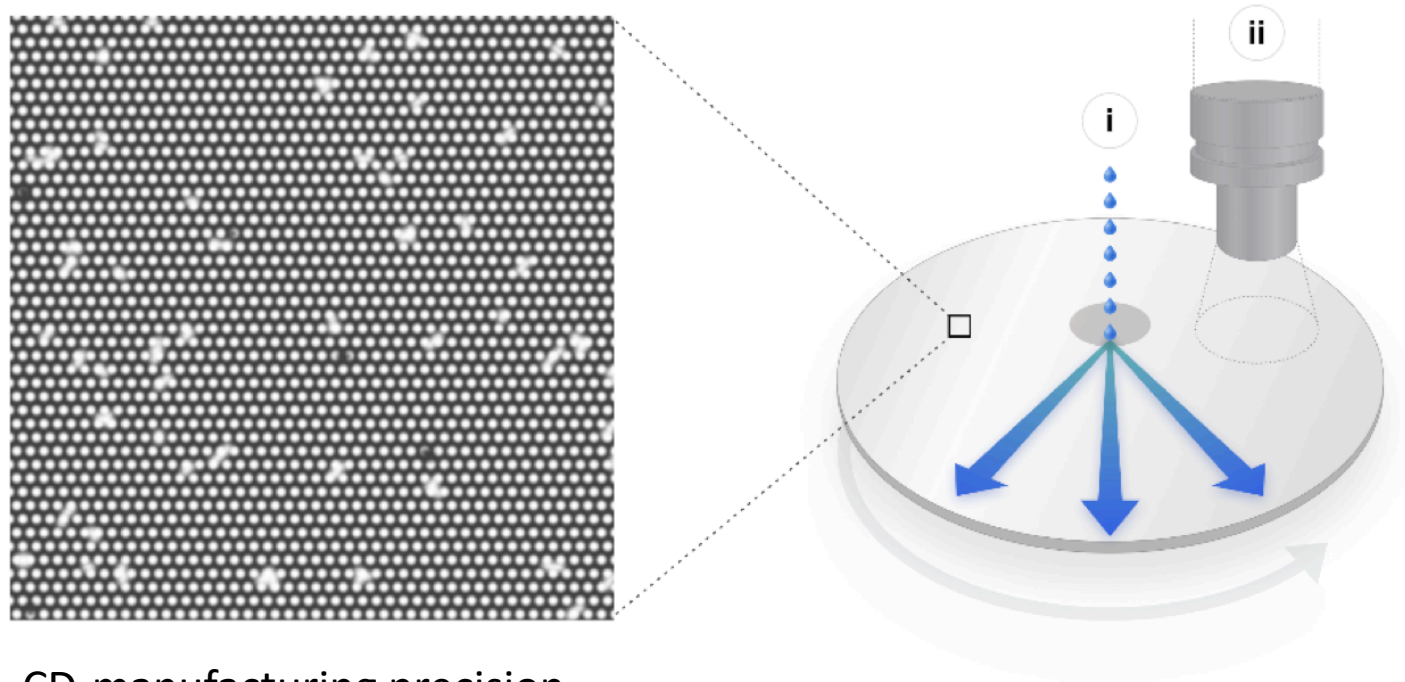
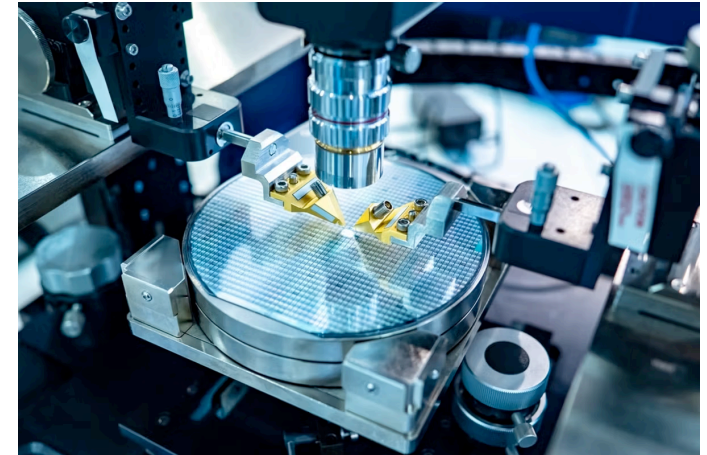




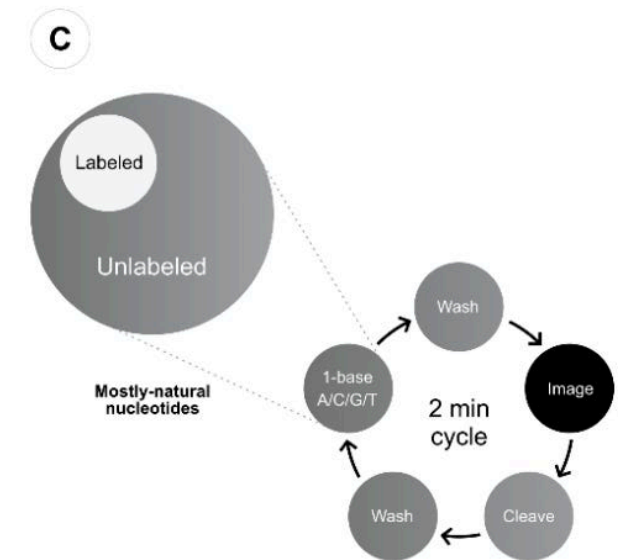
Ultima technology

No more flow cells, chips and SMRT cells - introduced wafers

Library: emulsion PCR, similar to ION technology

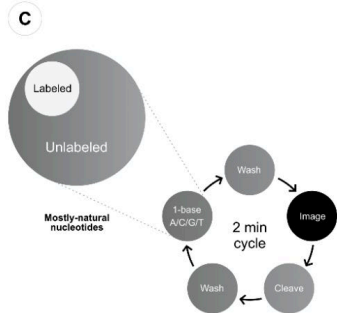


CD-manufacturing precision



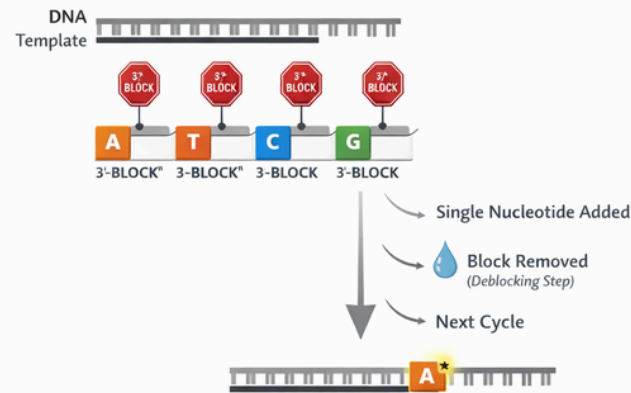


Ultima technology



Traditional SBS (3'-OH Blockers)

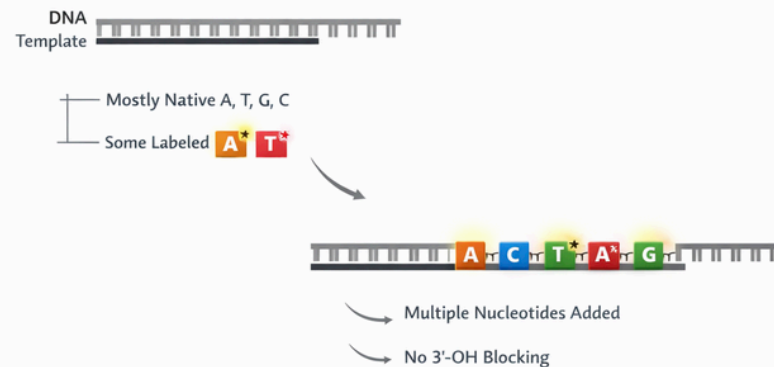
One Base at a Time Per Cycle



VS

Ultima Genomics (Mixed Nucleotides)

Continuous Extension



Continuous extension: **higher speed and throughput** (avoiding repetitive chemical de-blocking steps).

Mix of fluorescent and native dNTPs: **signal events are rare**

Pro: High speed - no need to resolve every single base individually.

Con: weaker fluorescent signal

Hence - machine learning for base calling

| Instrument | Run time | Max output | Max reads/run | Max read length, bp |
|-------------|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| DNBSEQ-T7 | 5.5 - 24 hrs | 7 Tb | 23 bln | PE 150 |
| DNBSEQ-G400 | 13-109 hrs | 1.4 Tb | 3.6 bln | PE 300 |
| DNBSEQ-G99 | 11 hrs | 0.24 Tb | 0.2 mln | PE 150 |
| DNBSEQG-50 | 9-40 hrs | 150 Gb | 500 mln | PE 150 |
| DNBSEQ-T1+ | 24 hrs | 1.5 Tb | 12 bln | PE 150 |

Technology highlight: DNA nanoballs (RCA)

Used for: high-throughput projects

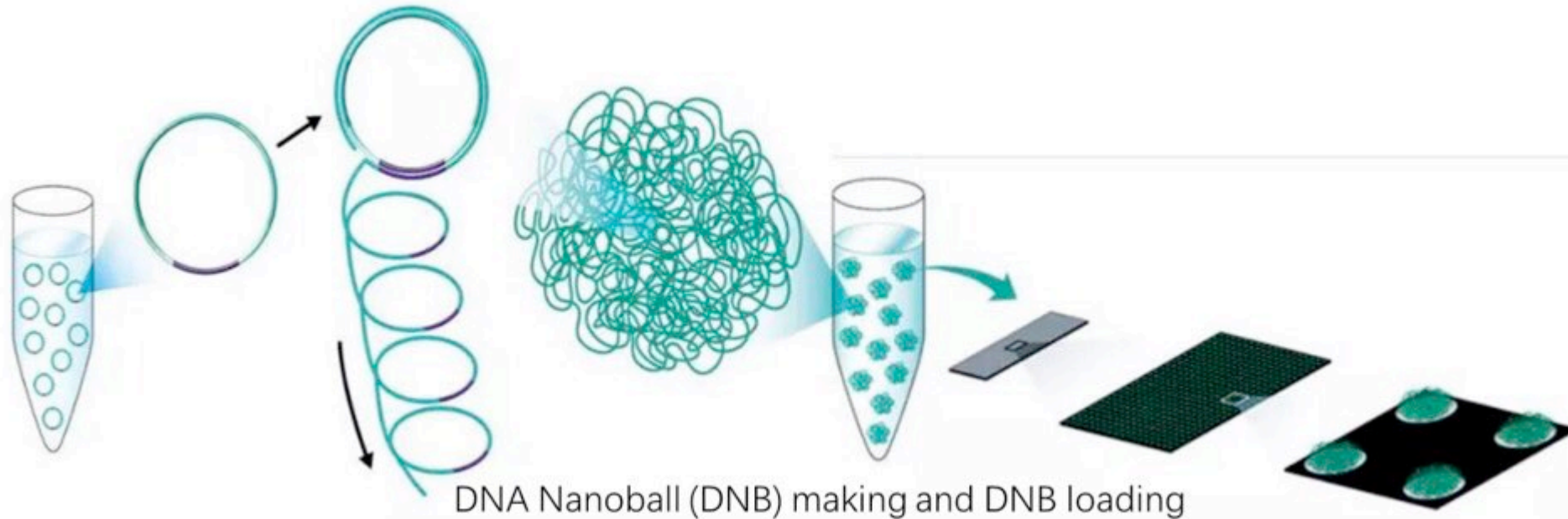
Strength: high accuracy and throughput, coupled with automatization

Weakness: labour-intensive, GC bias, software limitations





MGI: DNA nanoball (DNB) technology



Crucial step: library circularization,
followed by rolling-circle amplification.

Result: *negatively charged* nanoballs.

Physical confinement to patterned nanoarrays
(nanowell of 200-300 nm):

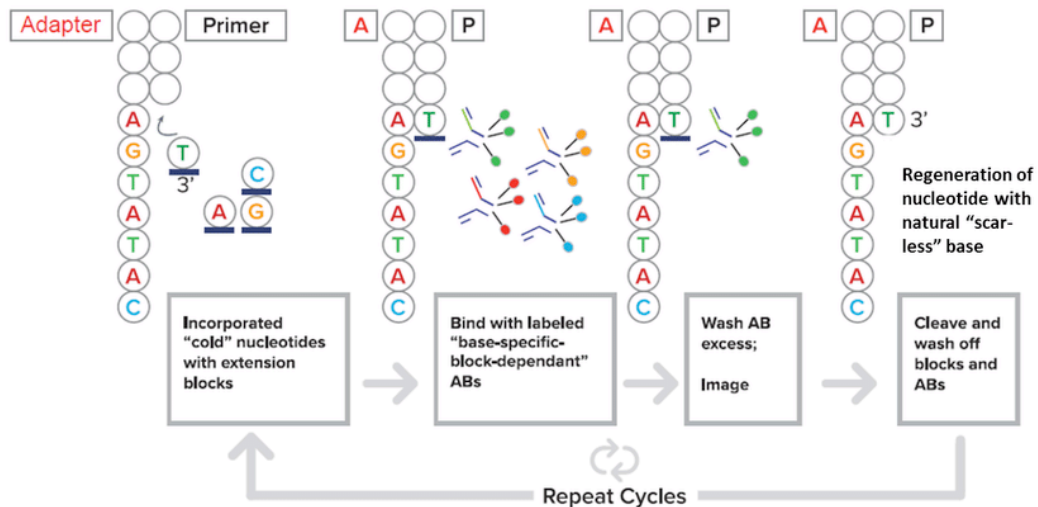
- No competition for primers
- No runaway amplification
- No bias towards shorter fragments



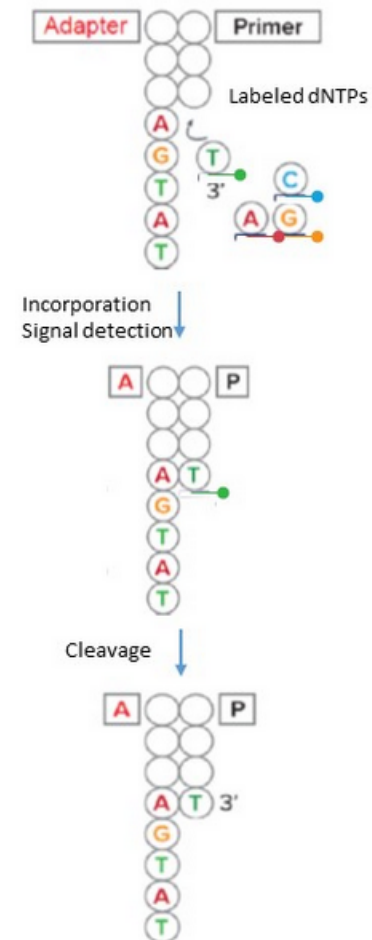
MGI chemistry: cPAS

Combinatorial Probe-Ancor Synthesis

Cool



Hot



| Feature | Cool Mode | Hot Mode |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Temperature | Lower | Higher |
| Cycle time | Longer | Shorter |
| Accuracy | Higher | Slightly lower |
| Throughput/day | Lower | Higher |
| Typical applications | WGS, clinical | RNA-seq, large cohorts |
| Error profile | Lower substitution rate | Slightly higher substitution rate |



Element Biosciences

SBB



| Instrument | Run time /cell | Output /cell | Max reads /cell | Max read length, bp* |
|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| AVITI™ | 24-60 hrs | 300 Gb | 1 bln | PE 300 |
| AVITI24™ | 24-60 hrs | 450 Gb | 1.5 bln | PE 300 |
| AVITI LT™ | 17-51 hrs | 150 Gb | 500 mln | PE 300 |

Technology highlight: DNA colonies (colonies), multiomics

Used for: everything + single cell multiomics

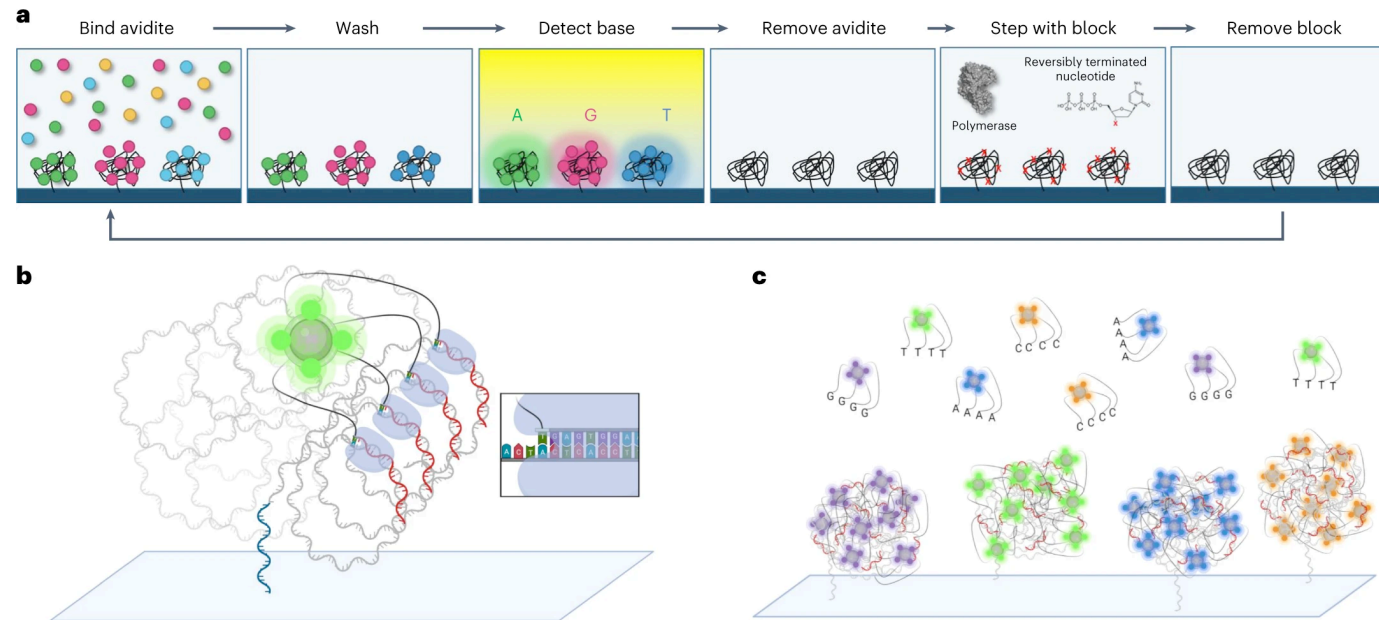
Strength: low cost, few artifacts, multi-omics on the same sample,
Illumina-library compatible

Weakness: throughput limitations, GC homopolymers





Avidities and polonies



Polony = polymerase colony

Avidite = *multivalent* labelled probe, recognizes the incorporated nucleotide in a polony.

Reusable, reversible, strong signal.

Library is Illumina-compatible (P5 & P7 adaptors)

Similar to Illumina: amplification on a slide

Similar to MGI: **RCA**

Patterned flow cell

Decoupled incorporation and detection = low error rates

Avidities

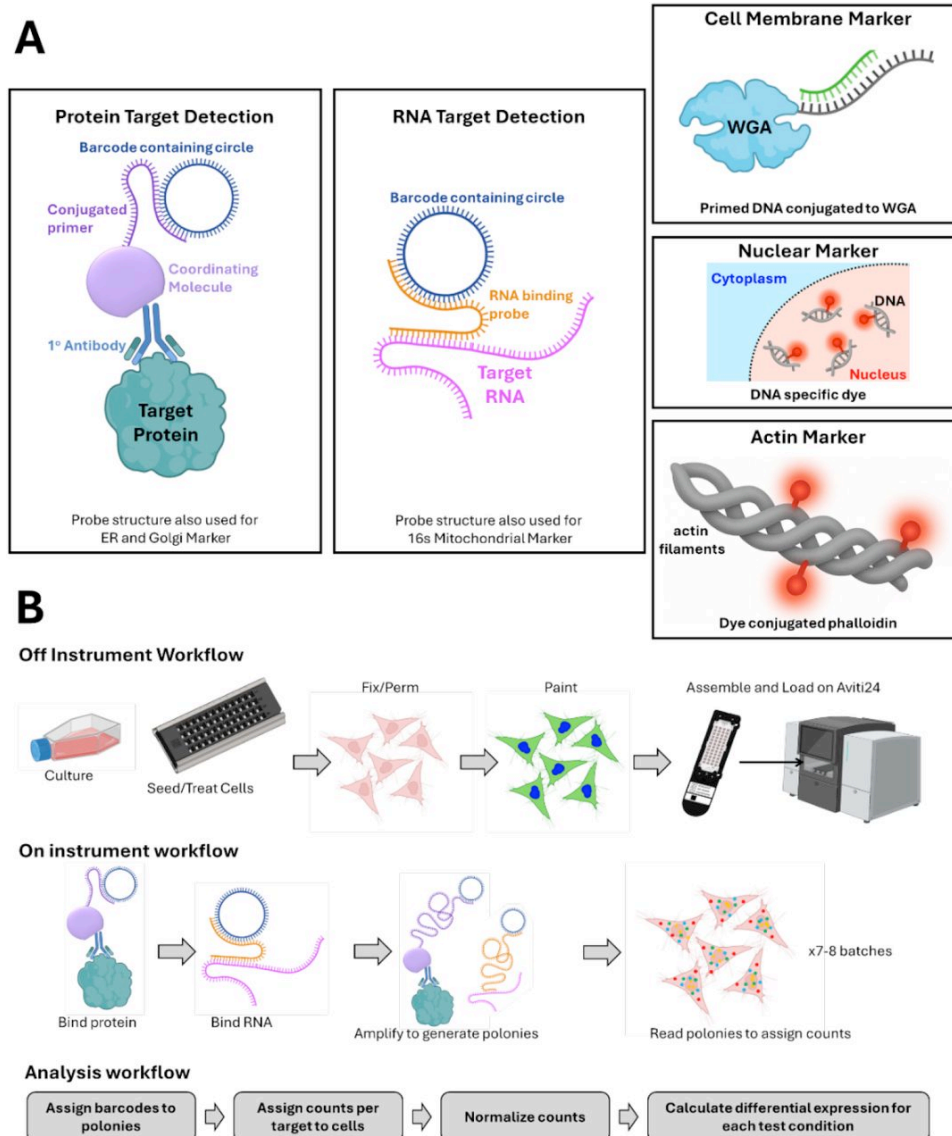
Polonies



Think of Velcro



Multomics on AVITI



Teton™ CytoProfiling

- Simultaneous detection of RNA, proteins and morphology in cells - *in situ* profiling approach
- Provides spatial information

Cells fixed on a slide > target probes hybridized > colonies formed > avidities added > signal detected.

RNASeq: ~350 transcripts with seq-specific probes
Spatial & single cell differential expression

Protein profiling: ~50 markers in the same cell

Cell morphology is scanned



PACBIO®



| Instrument | Run time /cell | Output /cell | Max reads /cell | Max read length, bp* |
|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Sequel II | 12-30 hr | 30* | 4 M* | 20 k, circular consensus HiFi |
| Revio | 12-30 hr | 100-120 Gb* | 7 M* | 20 k, circular consensus HiFi |
| Onso | 48 hr | 150 Gb | 800-1000 M | PE 150 |

* What company tells you (achievable mainly on fresh human samples)

Technology highlight Revio: Single Molecule Real Time (SMRT) sequencing

Used for, Revio: everything where long reads are needed

Technology highlight Onso: SBB

Used for, Onso: “needle in the stack” applications

Strength: very high quality of reads

Weakness, Revio: sensitivity to DNA quality, GA bias

Weakness, Onso: higher cost, low throughput, new technology



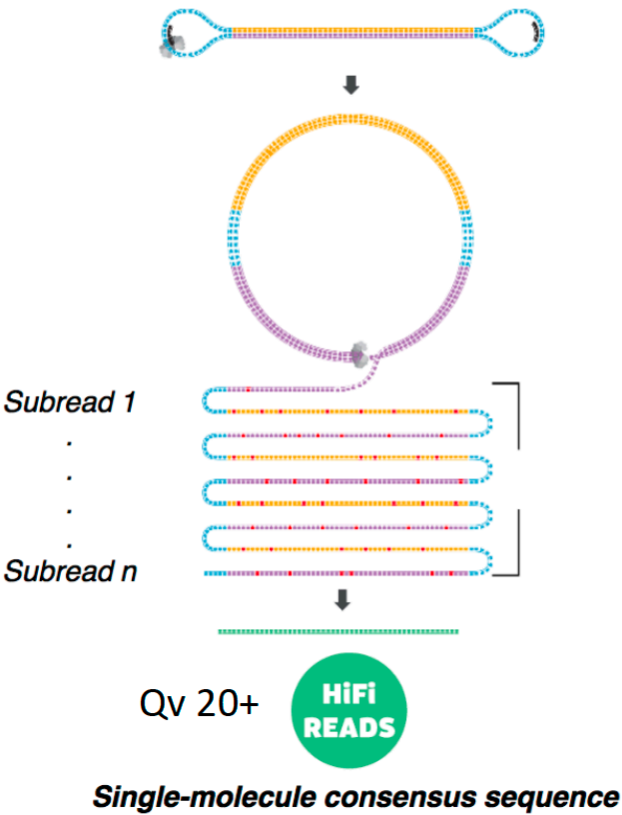
PacBio HiFi: SMRT - technology



TWO MODES OF SMRT SEQUENCING

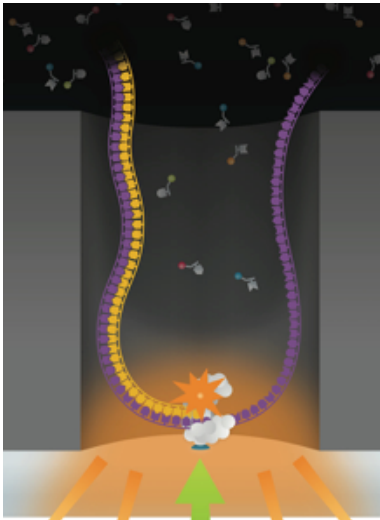
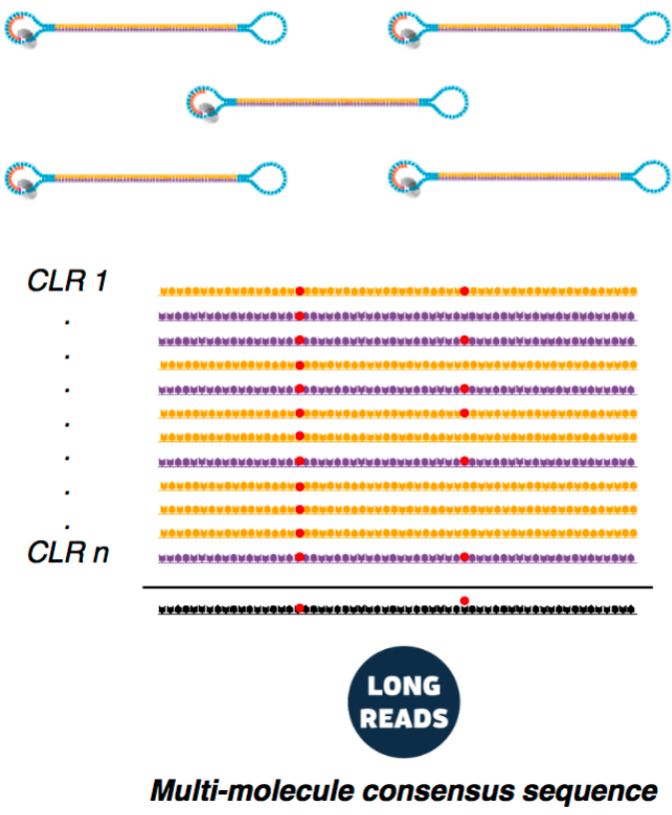
Circular Consensus Sequencing (CCS) Mode

Inserts 10-20 kb



Continuous Long Read (CLR) Sequencing Mode

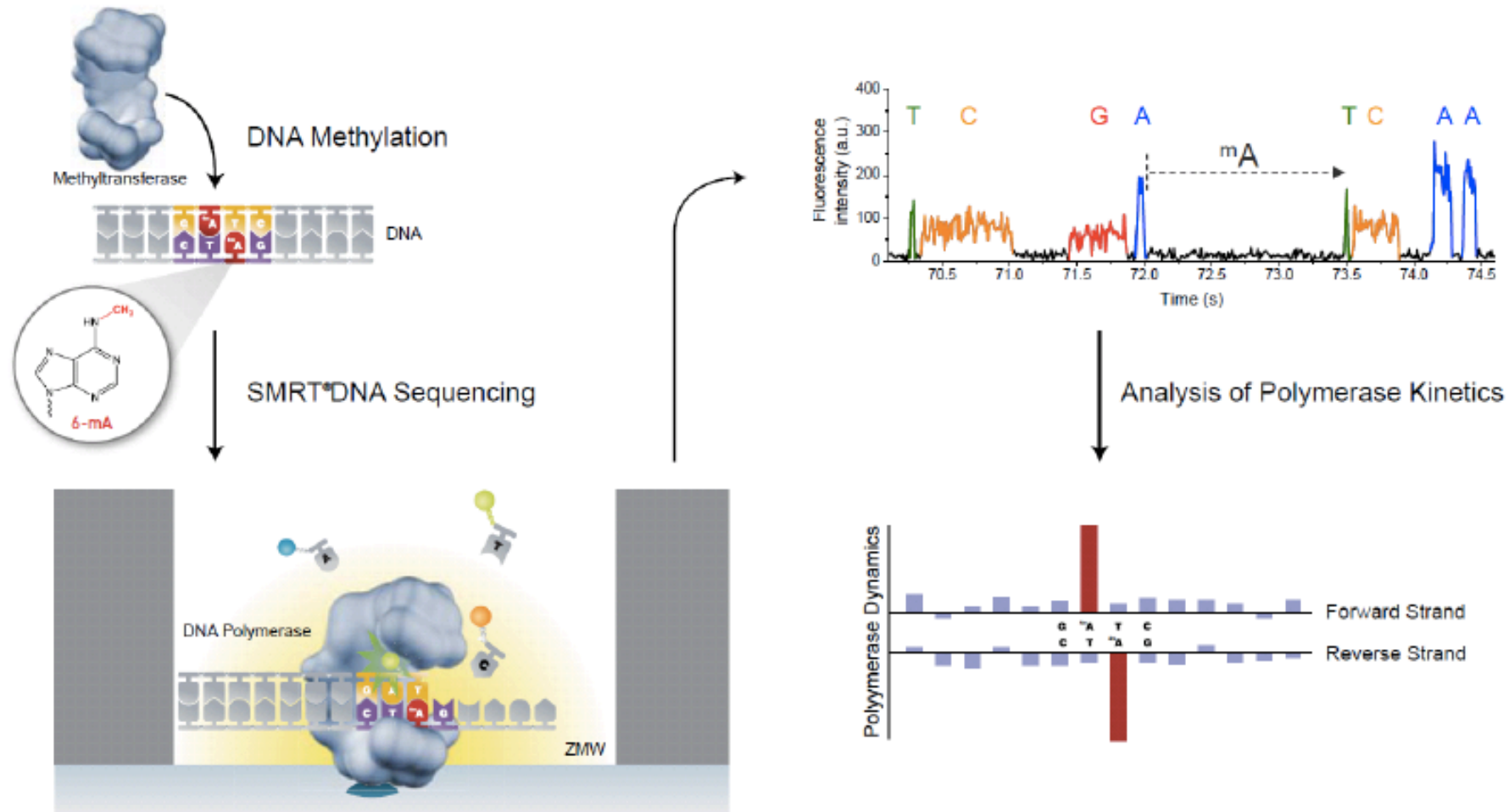
Inserts >25 kb, up to 175 kb



HiFi Q-score up to 50+



Base Modification: Discover the Epigenome



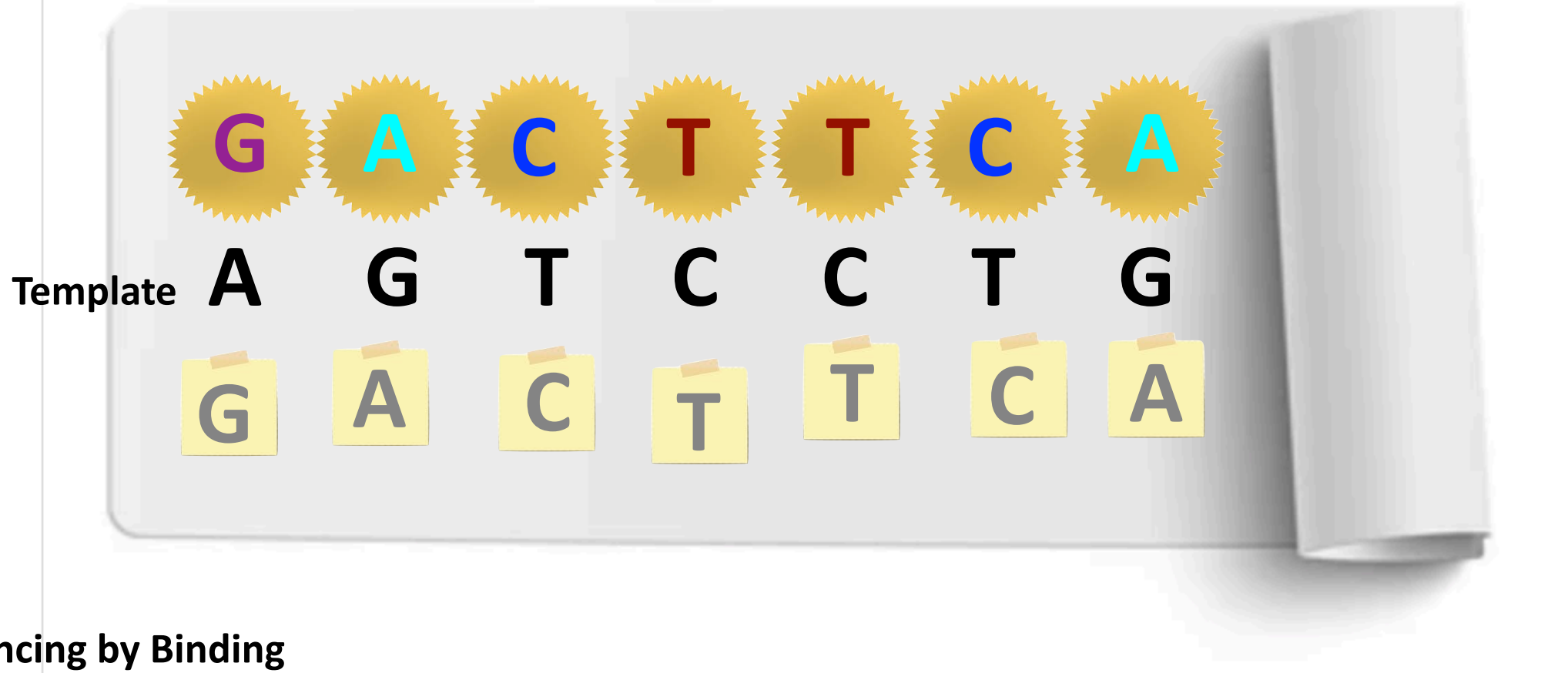
Detect base modifications using the kinetics of the polymerization reaction during normal sequencing



PacBio Onso: SBB reminded

Sequencing by Synthesis

dNTP* bound



Sequencing by Binding

dNTP* presented, then native nucleotide is bound



Comparison Illumina vs Onso

Onso utilizes a proprietary cluster generation technology, non-patterned flow cell

| Feature | Sequencing by Synthesis (Illumina) | Sequencing by Binding (Onso) |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Detection | Fluorescent labeled nucleotides | Transient binding probes |
| Incorporation | Modified nucleotides | Native nucleotides |
| Accuracy | High (Q30–Q40) | Ultra-high (Q40+) |
| Error type | Phasing errors common | Very low phasing issues |
| Read type | Short reads | Short but ultra-accurate |



| Instrument | Run time /FC | Output / FC | Nr of pores | Max read length |
|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Flongle | 16 hrs | 1 Gb | 126 | 1 Mb |
| MinION | 24 hrs | 2-15 Gb | 512 | 1 Mb |
| GridION | 24 hrs | 2-15 Gb | 512 | 1 Mb |
| PromethION | 72 hrs | 10 – 150 Gb | 3 000 | 2 Mb |

Technology highlight: nanopores, no fluorescence, ultra-long reads, native RNA

Used for: reference genomes, SV detection

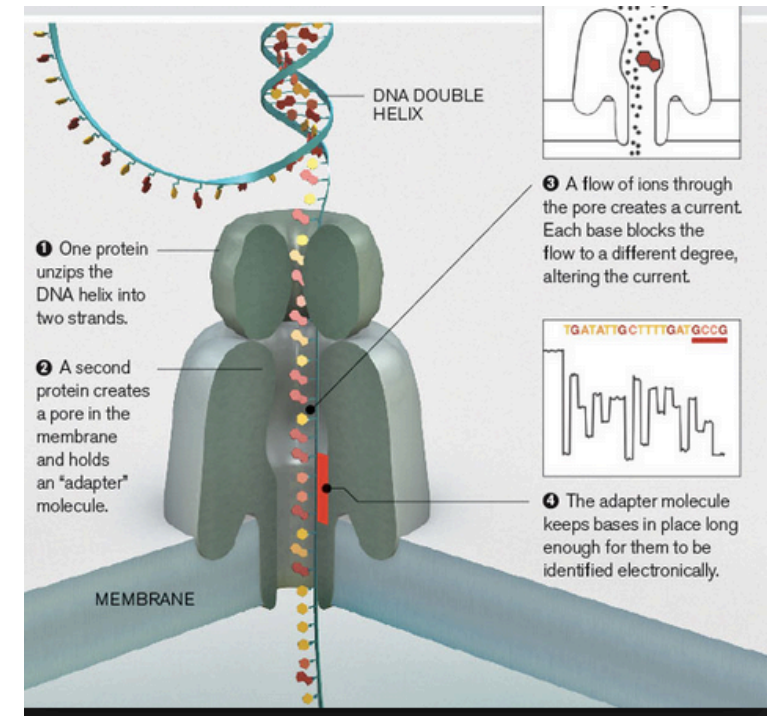
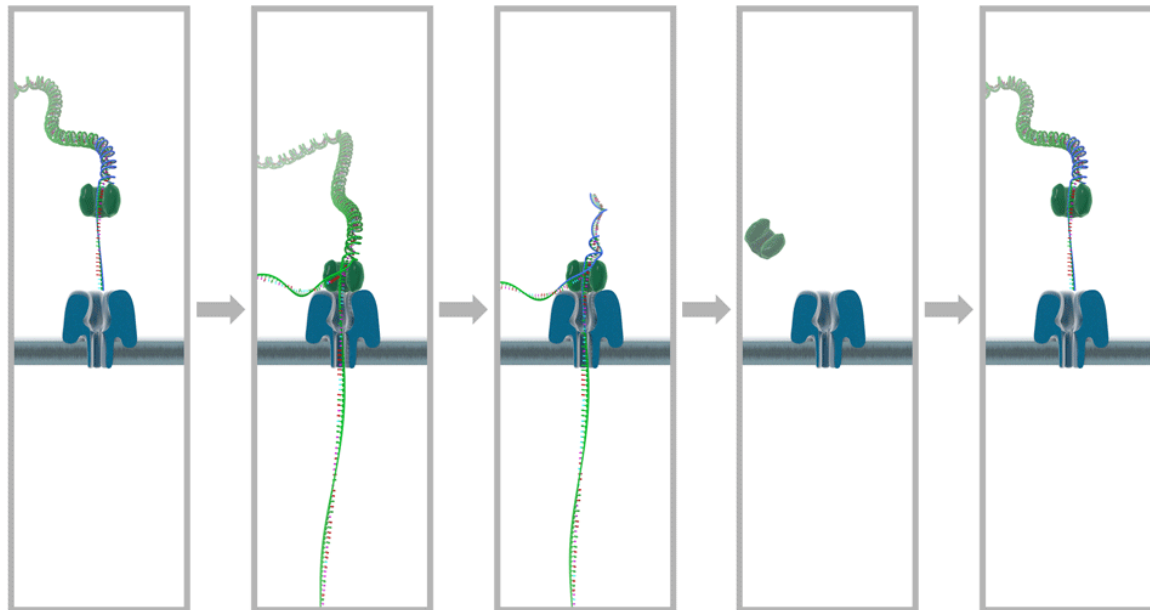
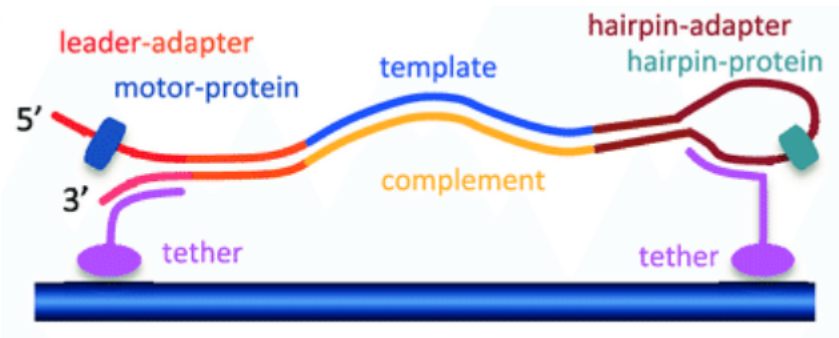
Strength: size and portability

Weakness: sample-sensitive, software limitations, lower Q-score than PacBio





ONT: DNA + Motor + Pore





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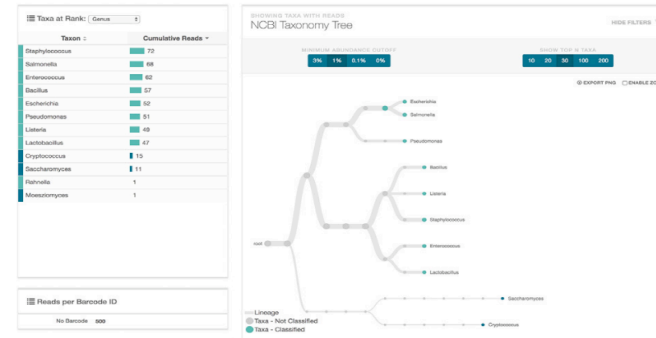


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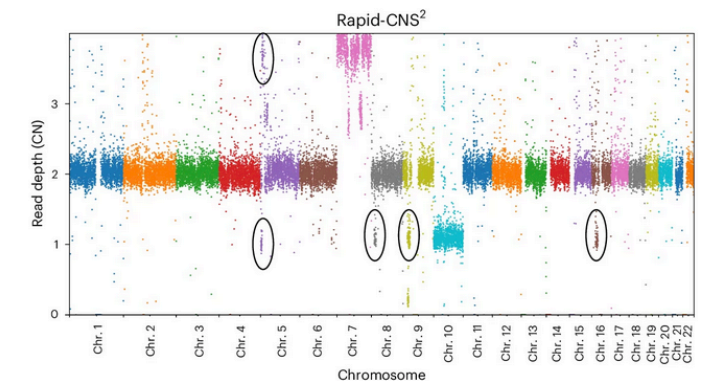


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Roche

Sequencing by expansion



| Instrument | Run time /cell | Output /cell | Max reads /cell | Max read length, bp* |
|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| AXELIOS | 500 mln bp/sec | 5 bln/hour | 75-90 bln | SE 1 kb |

Technology highlight: novel sequencing by expansion, uses nanopores

Used for: massive sample size, high sensitivity, poor quality samples

Strength: highest speed on the market, very high accuracy

Weakness: high running costs, labor-intensive, software limitations





Sequencing by expansion (SBX)



Xpandomer - synthetic molecule
50x longer than the template

Standard NGS library construction

SBX encoding: from template to Xpandomers - proprietary expandable nucleotides (X-NTPs)

Single molecule detection by CMOS sensor array (Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor)

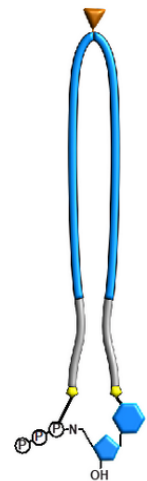
X-A, X-G, X-C, X-T carry a **reporter code** - later will produce a high-signal readout

Translocation control elements - movement through a nanopore

Enhancer - robust synthesis

Acid-cleavable bonds - allow polymer expansion after synthesis

Enzyme: XP synthase + help from polymerase enhancers (PEMs)



No amplification



Xpandomers, CMOS and nanopores

Xpandomers make the electronic signal easy to read

CMOS detect Xpandomer units, not bases

Each Xpandomer = large, base-specific reporter structure

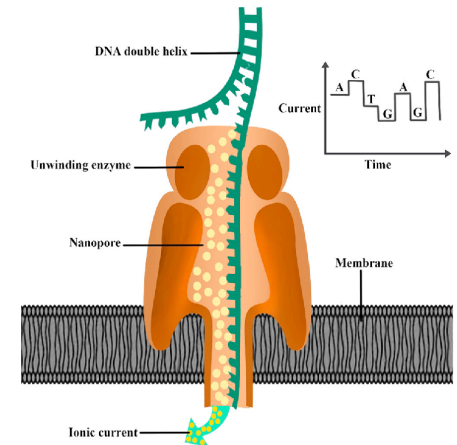
X-A, X-G, X-C and X-T have unique engineered electrical signatures

1 Xpandomer passes the pore at a time (unlike constant stream in ONT)

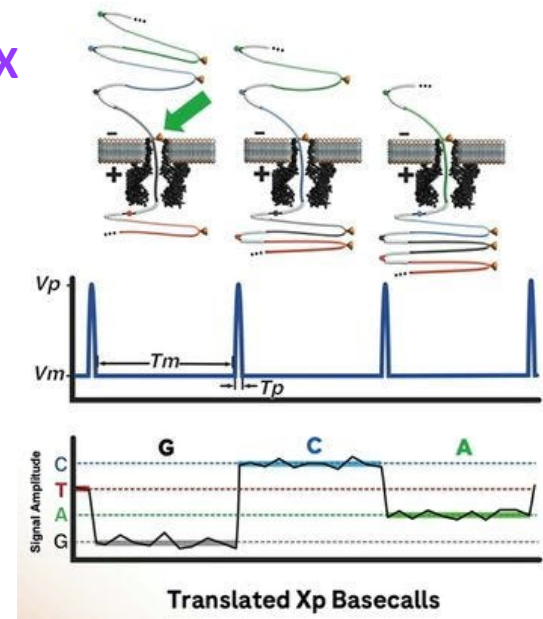
Signal is strong, base-specific and time-separated

Homopolymers: each Xpandomer is read separately, but long stretches is always an issue

ONT



SBX

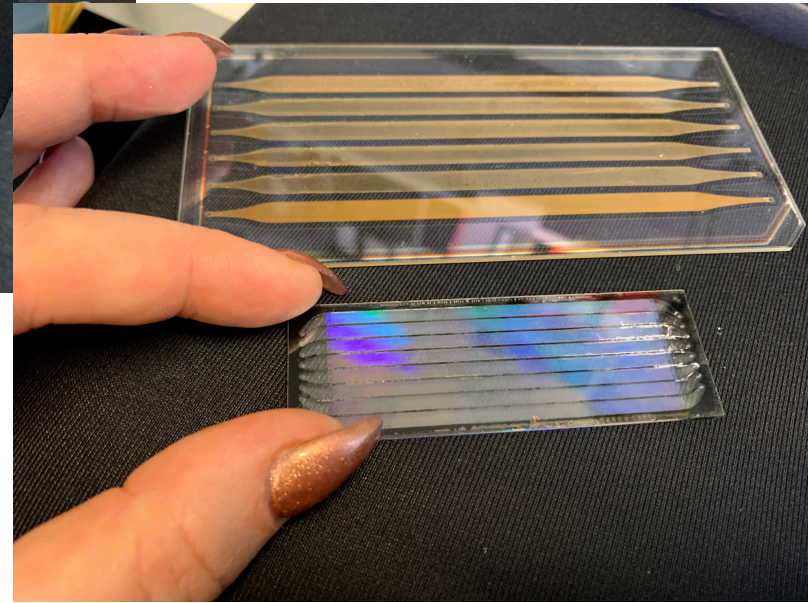




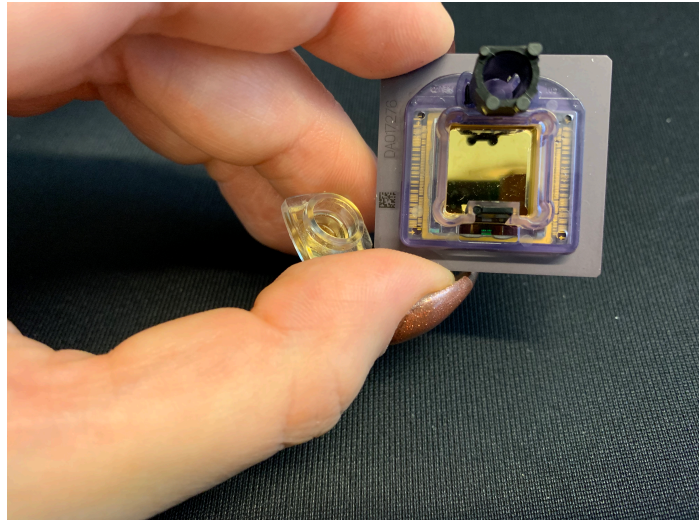
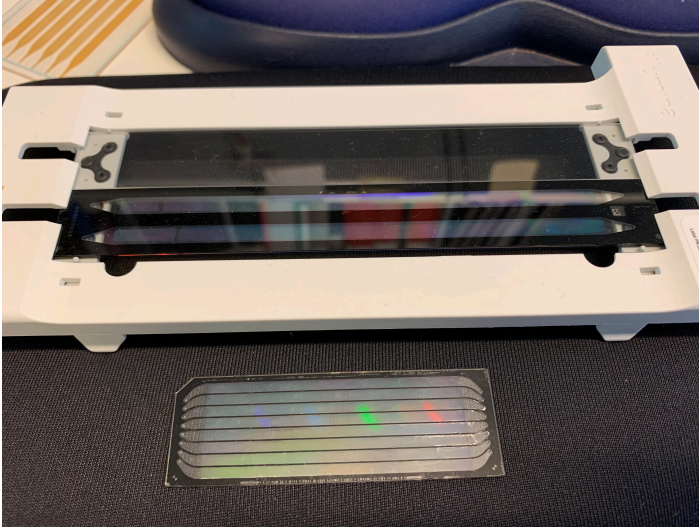
Let's compare all the short reads

| Platform | Sequencing type | Library / amplification | Signal detection | Main advantage | Main disadvantage | Error profile | Q score | Best uses |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Illumina | SBS, optical | Bridge PCR | Fluorescence | Accurate, common | Old? | Substitutions | Q30-40 | WGS, RNA |
| Utima | SBS, flow-based | Emulsion PCR | Fluorescence | Throughput, cost | Homopolymers, repeats | Substitutions, homopolymers | Q30-35 | High-throughput |
| Element | SBB with avidities | RCA polonies | Fluorescence | High accuracy | Small ecosystem | Low substitutions | Q40+ | Variant calling |
| MGI | SBS with DNB | RCA nanoballs | Fluorescence | High accuracy | Complex, loading issues | Low substitutions | Q30-35 | High-throughput |
| ION | Semiconductor pH | Emulsion PCR | pH change | Fast, simple Inbuilt analysis | Homopolymers, single-end | Indels in homopolymers | Q30 | Gene panels |
| Roche | SBE | Xpandomers | Electronic | Ultra-fast | Higher cost/base, new tech | New tech | Q40+ | Fast, rare variant detection |
| PacBio ONSO | SBB | ? | Fluorescence | High accuracy, superb in homopolymers | Higher cost/base, lower output | ? | Q40-50+ | Rare variant detection |

How it looked yesterday

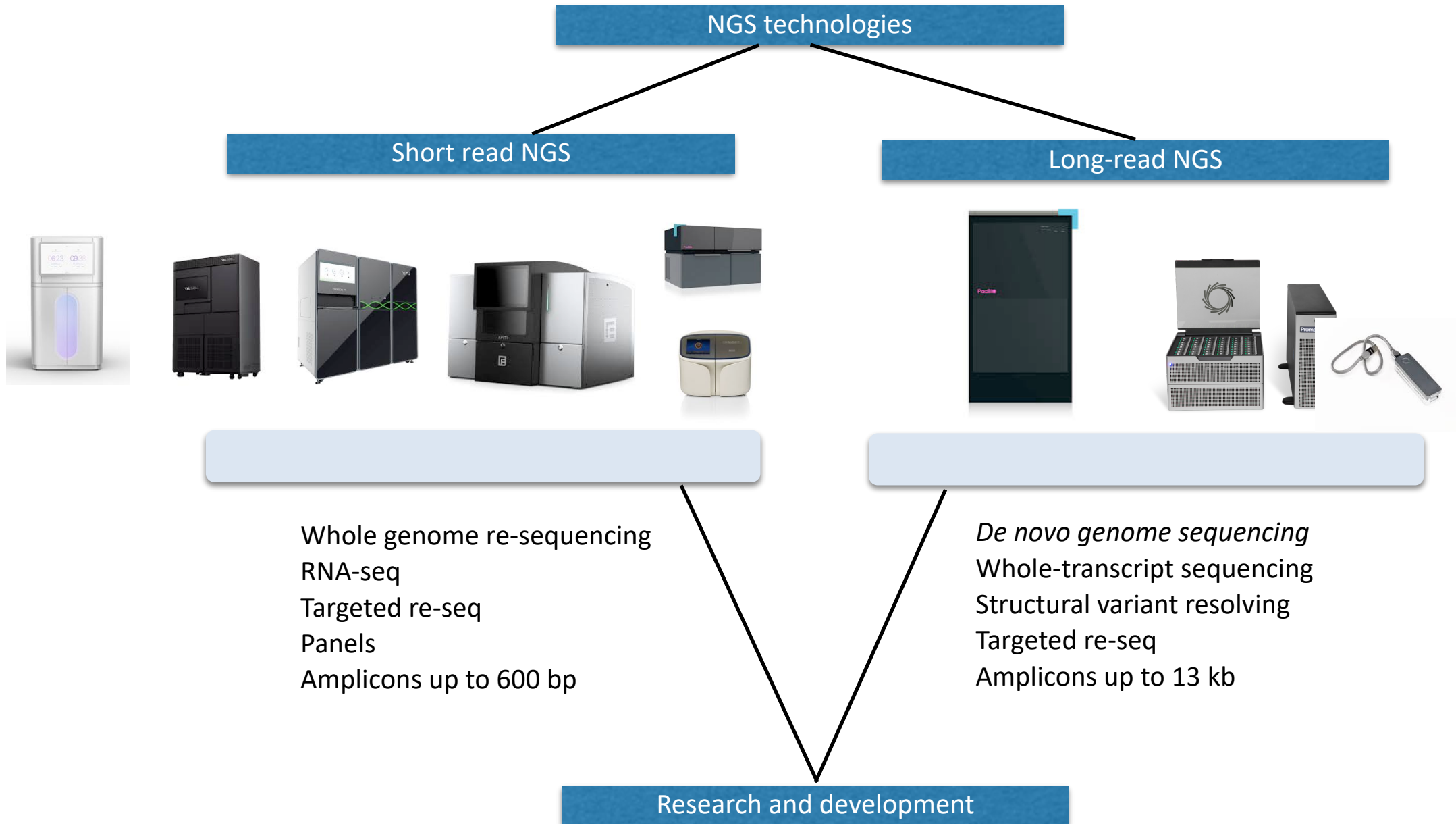


How it looks now: technology progress



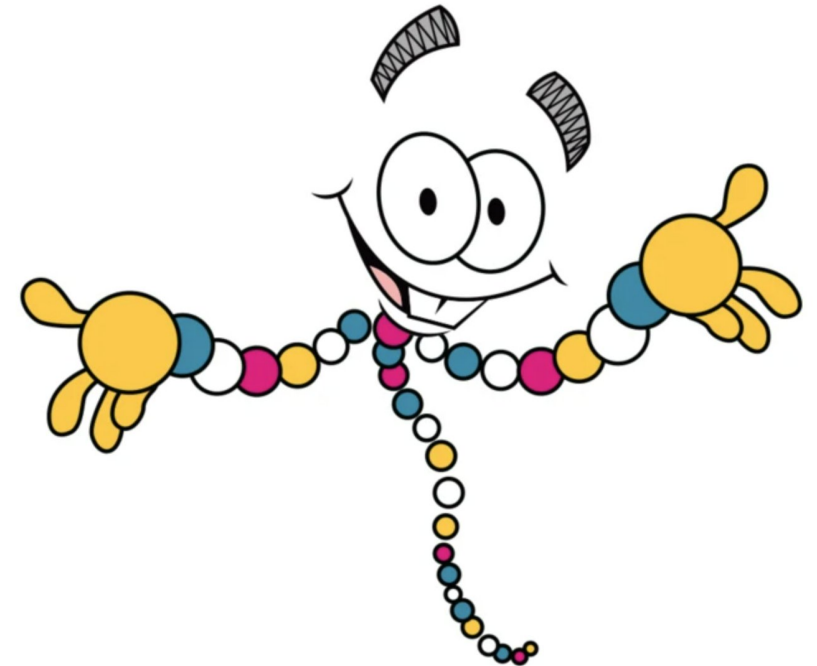
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NGS Technologies and Applications





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