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Modern Approaches to Sequencing

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Review of Sanger Sequencing



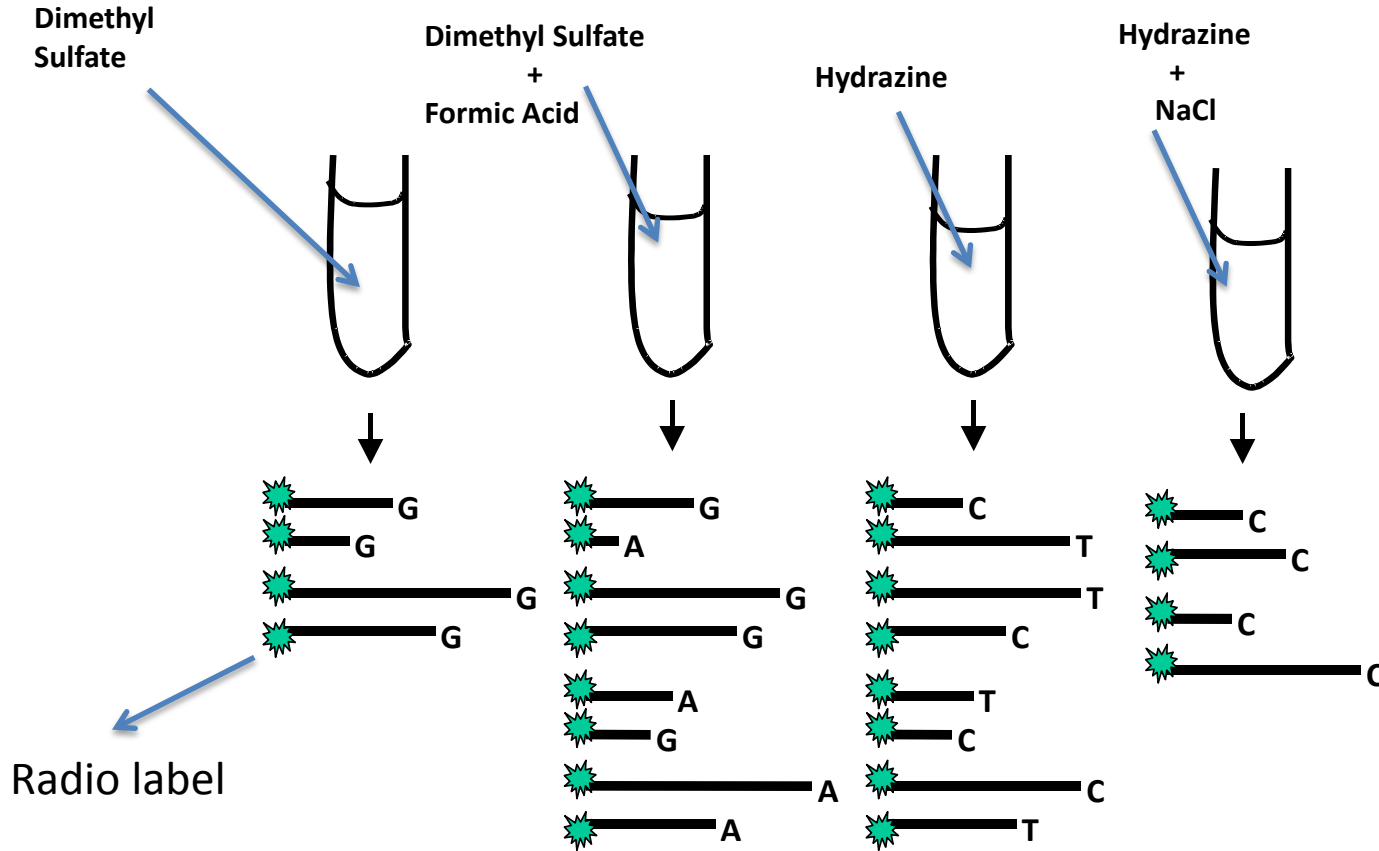


Dr. Fred Sanger

Double Nobel laureate and developer of the dideoxy sequencing method, first published in December 1977. [Credit: Wellcome Images]

"Fred Sanger is a quiet giant, whose discoveries and inventions transformed our research world." (A. Bradley, WTSI.)

Maxam-Gilbert Sequencing



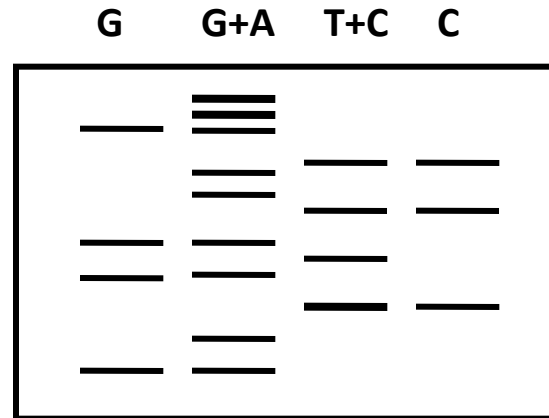
Maxam-Gilbert sequencing is performed by **chain breakage** at specific nucleotides.

Maxam-Gilbert Sequencing

Longer fragments



Shortest fragments

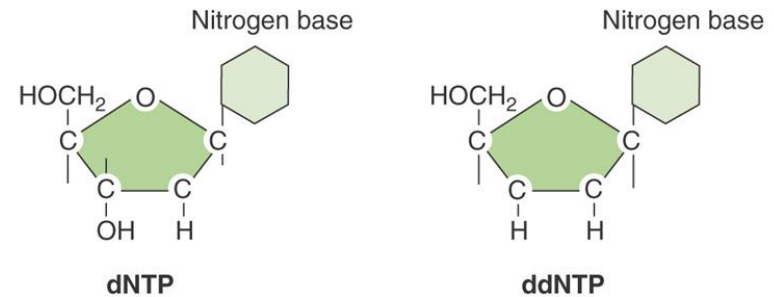


3'
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5'

Sequencing gels are read from **bottom to top** (5' to 3').

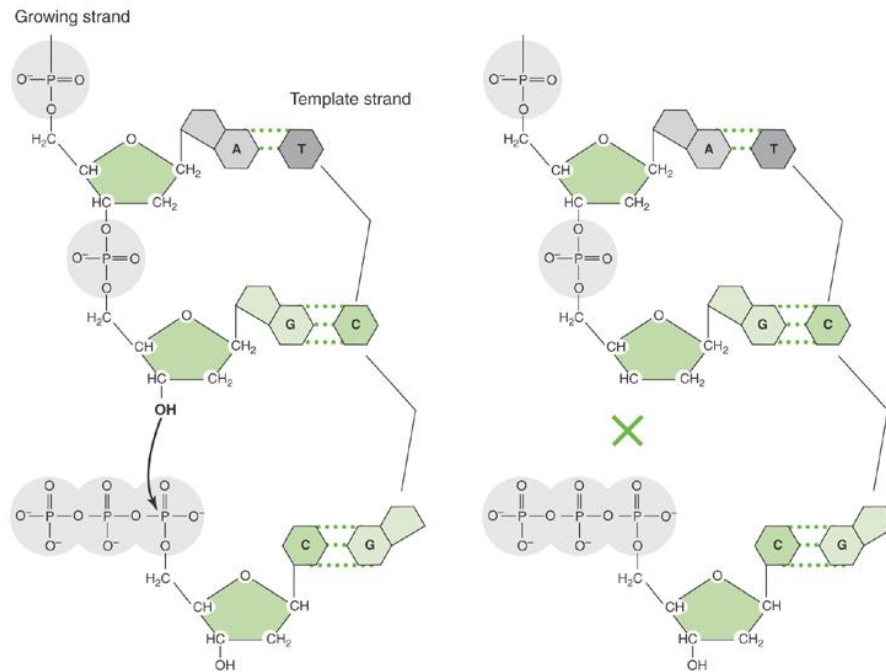
Chain Termination (Sanger) Sequencing

- A modified DNA replication reaction.
- Growing chains are terminated by **dideoxynucleotides**.



Chain Termination (Sanger) Sequencing

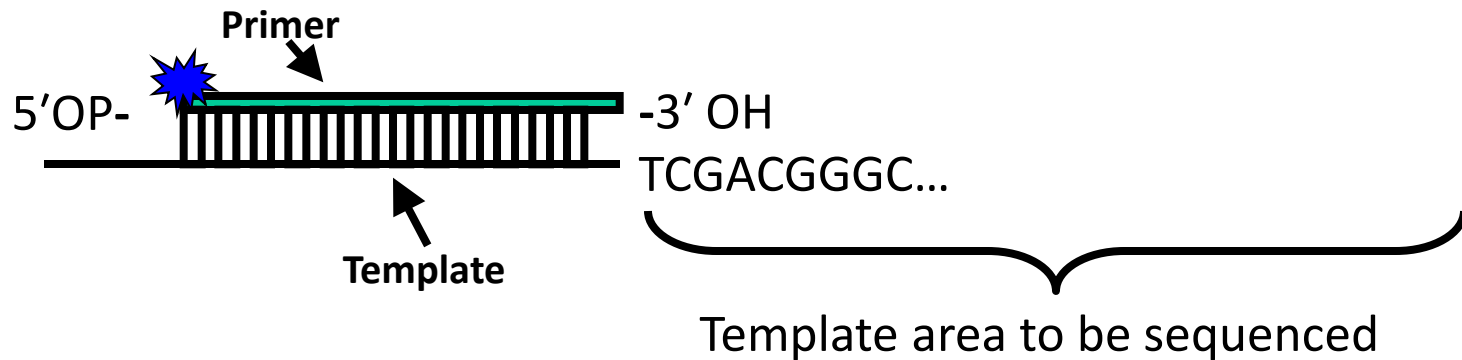
The 3'-OH group necessary for formation of the phosphodiester bond is missing in ddNTPs.



Chain terminates
at ddG

Chain Termination (Sanger) Sequencing

- A sequencing reaction mix includes labeled primer and template.



- Dideoxynucleotides are added separately to each of the four tubes.

Chain Termination (Sanger) Sequencing

AGCTGCCCCG



ddATP +
four dNTPs

ddA
dAdGdCdTdGdCdCdCdG



ddCTP +
four dNTPs

dAdG**ddC**
dAdGdCdTdG**ddC**
dAdGdCdTdGdC**ddC**
dAdGdCdTdGdCd**ddC**



ddGTP +
four dNTPs

dA**ddG**
dAdGdCdT**ddG**
dAdGdCdTdGdCdCd**ddG**



ddTTP +
four dNTPs

dAdGdC**ddT**
dAdGdCdTdGdCdCdCdG

Chain Termination (Sanger) Sequencing

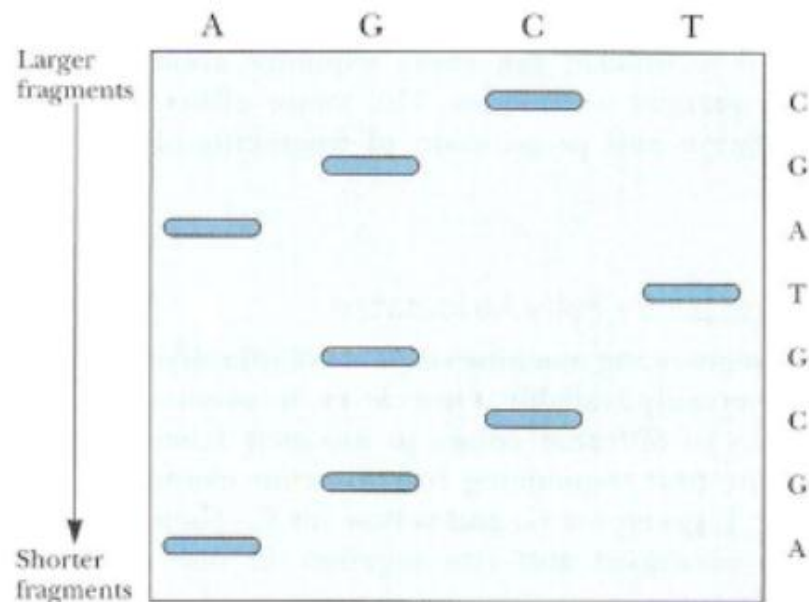
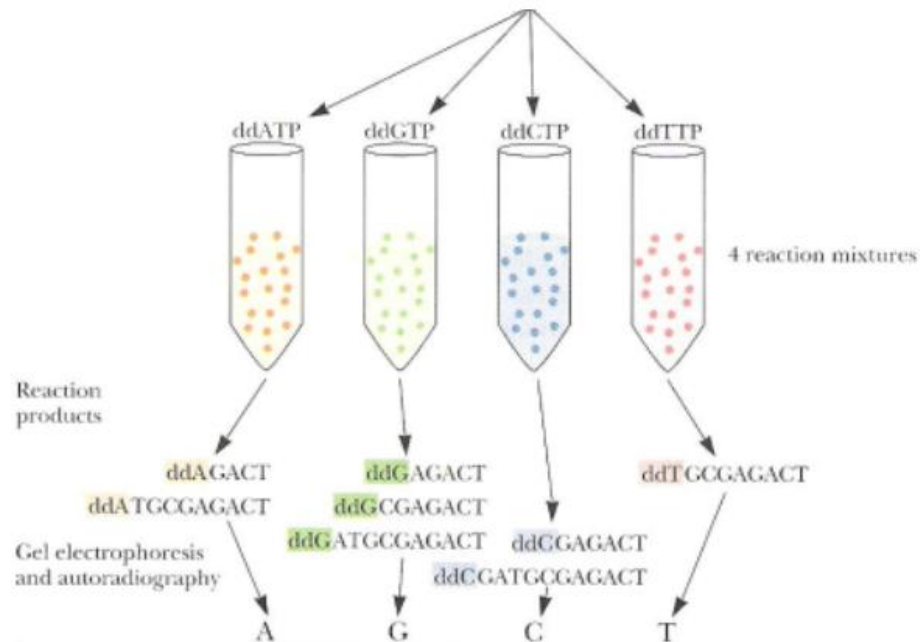
- With addition of enzyme (DNA polymerase), the primer is extended until a ddNTP is encountered.
- The chain will end with the incorporation of the ddNTP.
- With the proper dNTP:ddNTP ratio, the chain will terminate throughout the length of the template.
- All terminated chains will end in the ddNTP added to that reaction.

Chain Termination (Sanger) Sequencing

- The collection of fragments is a **sequencing ladder**.
- The resulting terminated chains are resolved by electrophoresis.
- Fragments from each of the four tubes are placed in four separate gel lanes.

Dideoxy Method

- Run four separate reactions each with different ddNTPs
- Run on a gel in four separate lanes
- Read the gel from the bottom up



Cycle Sequencing

- Cycle sequencing is chain termination sequencing performed in a thermal cycler.
- Cycle sequencing requires a heat-stable DNA polymerase.

Fluorescent Dyes

- Fluorescent dyes are multicyclic molecules that absorb and emit fluorescent light at specific wavelengths.
- Examples are fluorescein and rhodamine derivatives.
- For sequencing applications, these molecules can be covalently attached to nucleotides.

Fluorescent Dyes

- In **dye primer** sequencing, the primer contains fluorescent dye–conjugated nucleotides, labeling the sequencing ladder at the 5' ends of the chains.



- In **dye terminator** sequencing, the fluorescent dye molecules are covalently attached to the dideoxynucleotides, labeling the sequencing ladder at the 3' ends of the chains.



Dye Terminator Sequencing

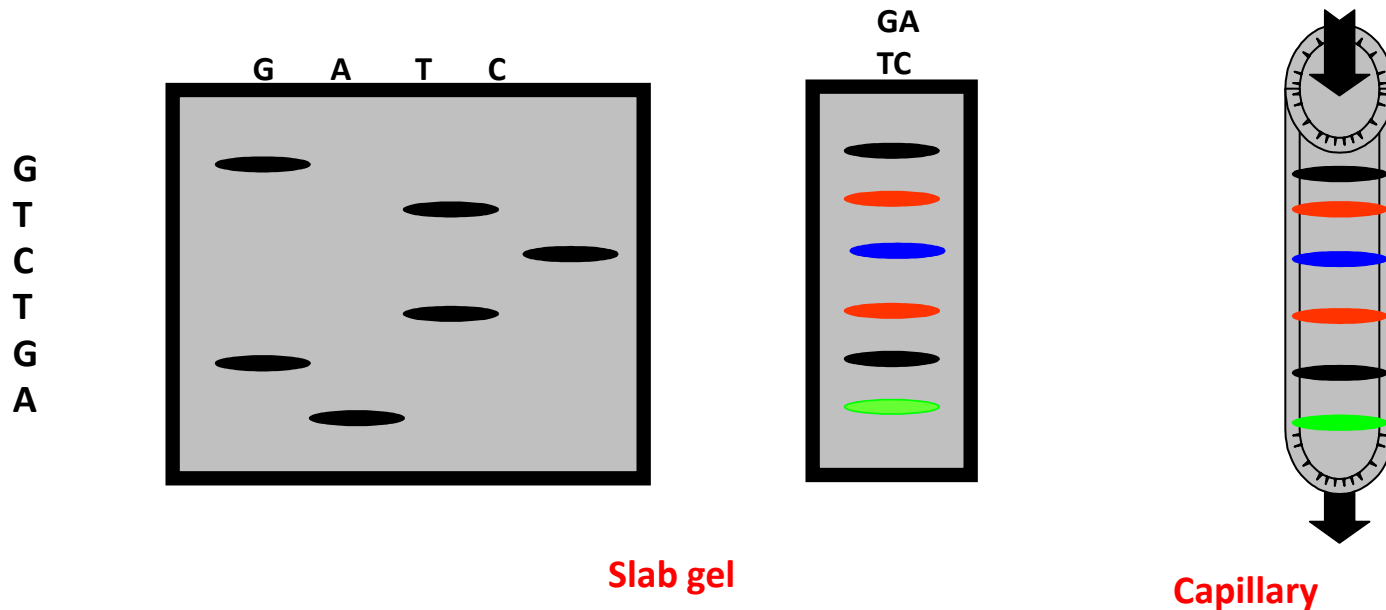
- A distinct dye or “color” is used for each of the four ddNTP.
- Since the terminating nucleotides can be distinguished by color, all four reactions can be performed in a single tube.



The fragments are distinguished by size and “color.”

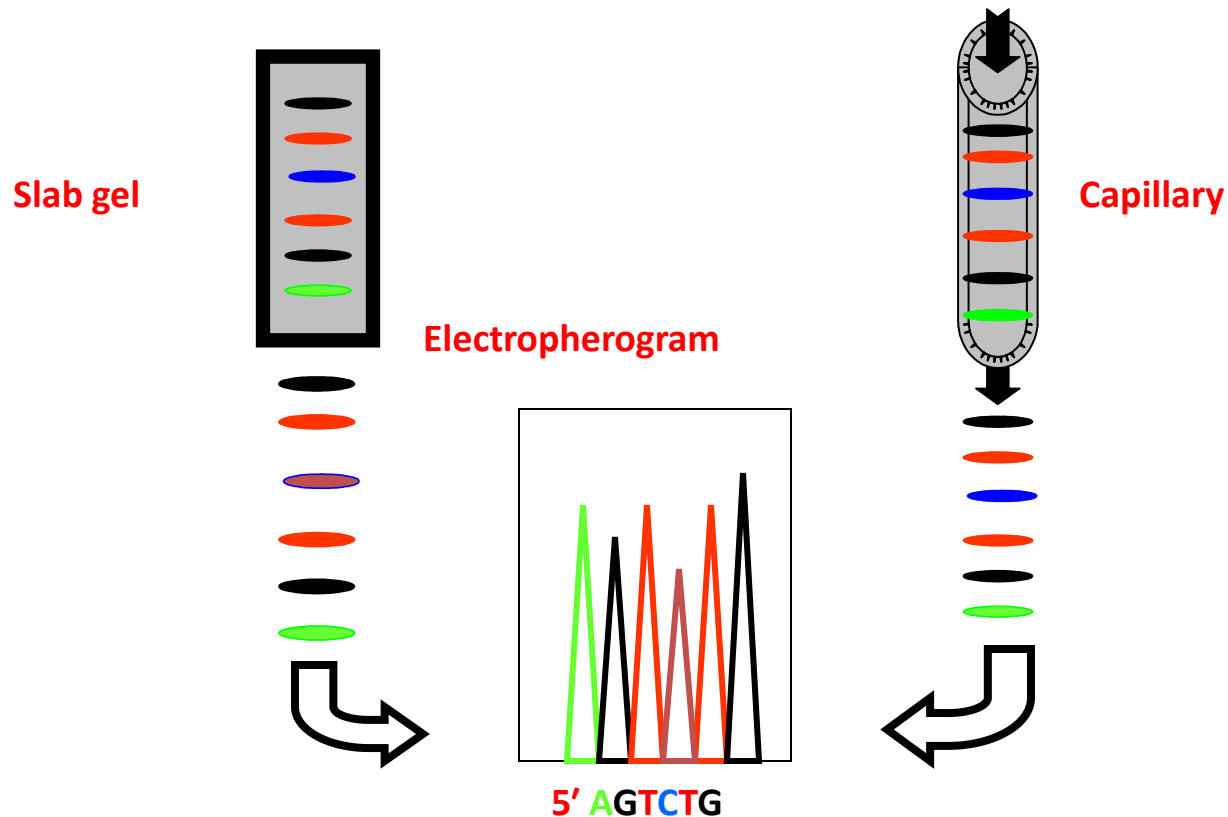
Dye Terminator Sequencing

The DNA ladder is resolved in one gel lane or in a capillary.

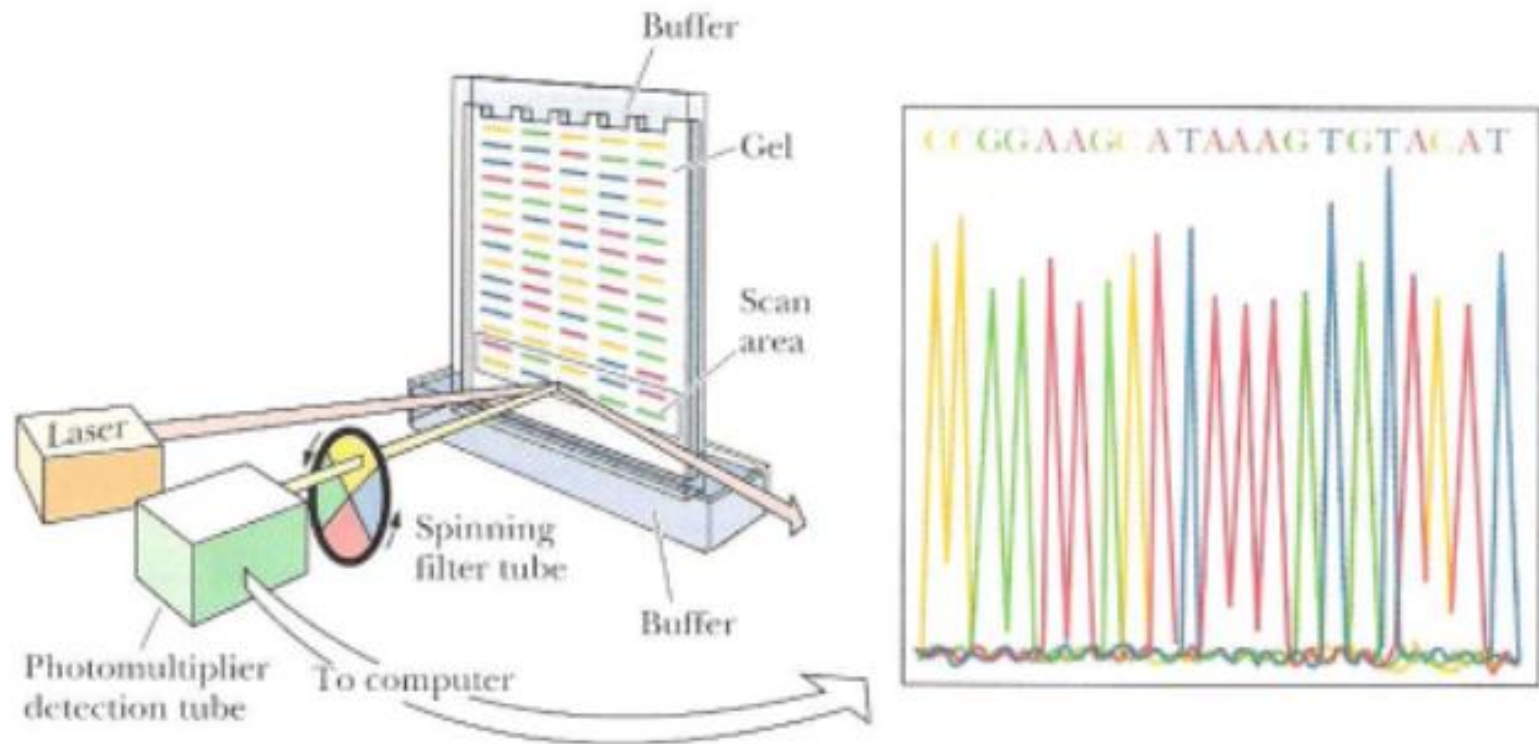


Dye Terminator Sequencing

- The DNA ladder is read on an **electropherogram**.

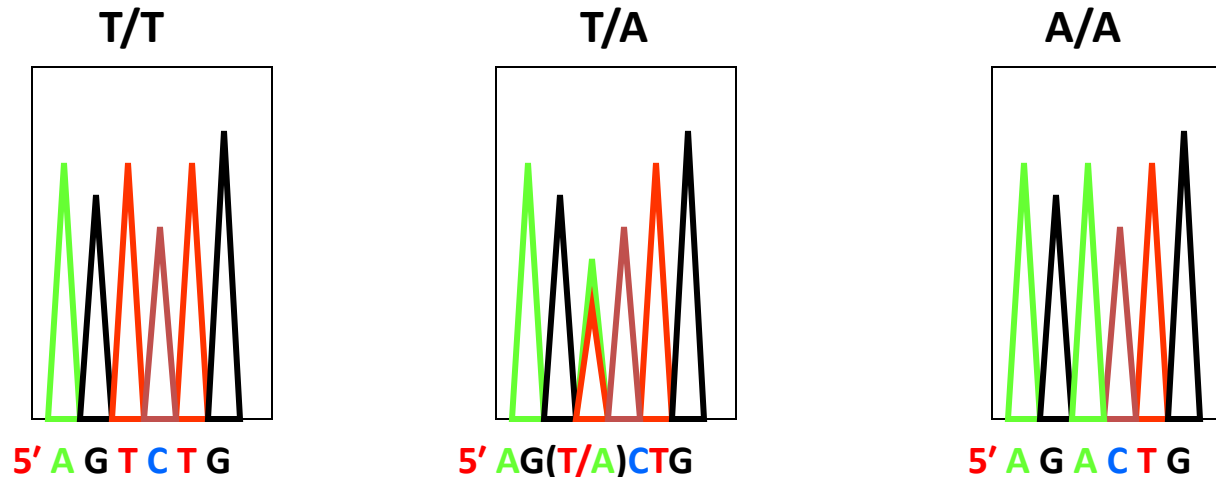


Automated Version of the Dideoxy Method



Automated Sequencing

- Dye primer or dye terminator sequencing on capillary instruments.
- Sequence analysis software provides analyzed sequence in text and electropherogram form.
- Peak patterns reflect mutations or sequence changes.



First generation (Sanger) sequencing

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| throughput | 50-100kb, 96 sequences per run |
| read length | 0.5-1.1kbp |
| accuracy | high quality bases - 99%: ~900bp very high quality bases - 99.9%: ~600bp 99.999%: 400-500bp |
| price per raw base | ~400k€/Gb |

Sanger Sequencing

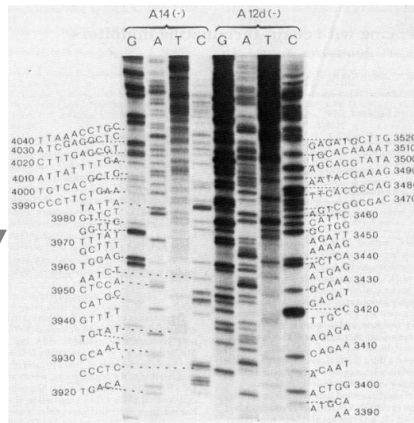
Useful videos

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91294ZAG2hg&feature=related>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEFLBf5WEtc&feature=fvwrel>

Timeline

1972: sequencing of the first gene from RNA by Walter Fiers

1976: sequencing of the first complete genome by Fiers (Bacteriophage MS2 which infects *E.coli*)



1977: Maxam AM, Gilbert W. "A new method for sequencing DNA".

1977: Sanger F, Nicklen S, Coulson AR. "DNA sequencing with chain-terminating inhibitors"

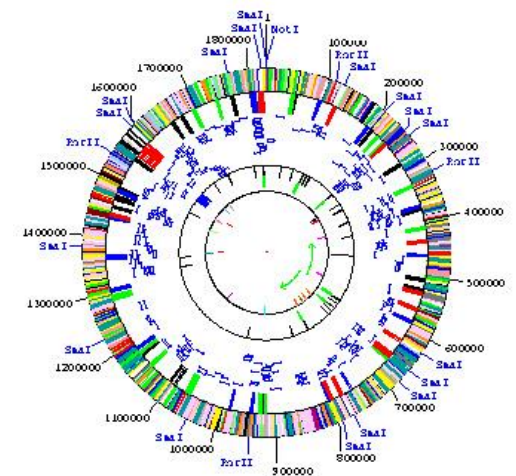
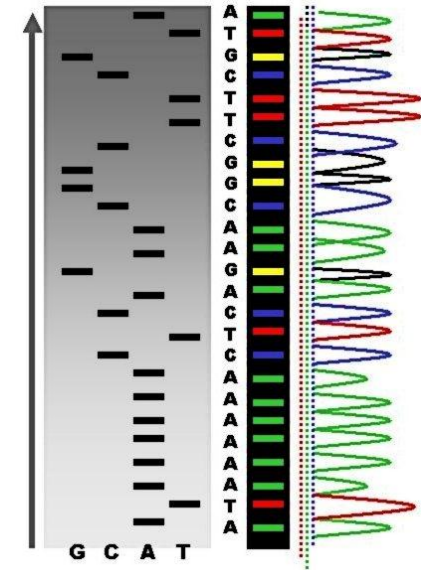
Timeline

1985-86: Leroy Hood use fluorescently labeled ddNTPs, set the stage for automated sequencing

1987: Applied Biosystems markets first automated sequencing machine (ABI 370)

1990: National Institutes of Health (NIH) begins large-scale sequencing trials (\$0.75/base) Human Genome Project (HGP) begins, \$3-billion and 15 years

1995: Craig Venter at TIGR published the *Haemophilus influenzae* genome. First use of whole-genome shotgun sequencing



Timeline

1998: Green & Ewing publish “phred” base caller/scorer

2000: Sydney Brenner and Lynx Therapeutics publishes “MPSS”, parallelized bead-base sequencing tech, launches “Next-Gen”

2001: HGP/Celera draft assembly published in Nature/Science

2003: HGP “complete” genome released

2004: 454 releases pyrosequencer, costs 6-fold less than automated Sanger sequencing



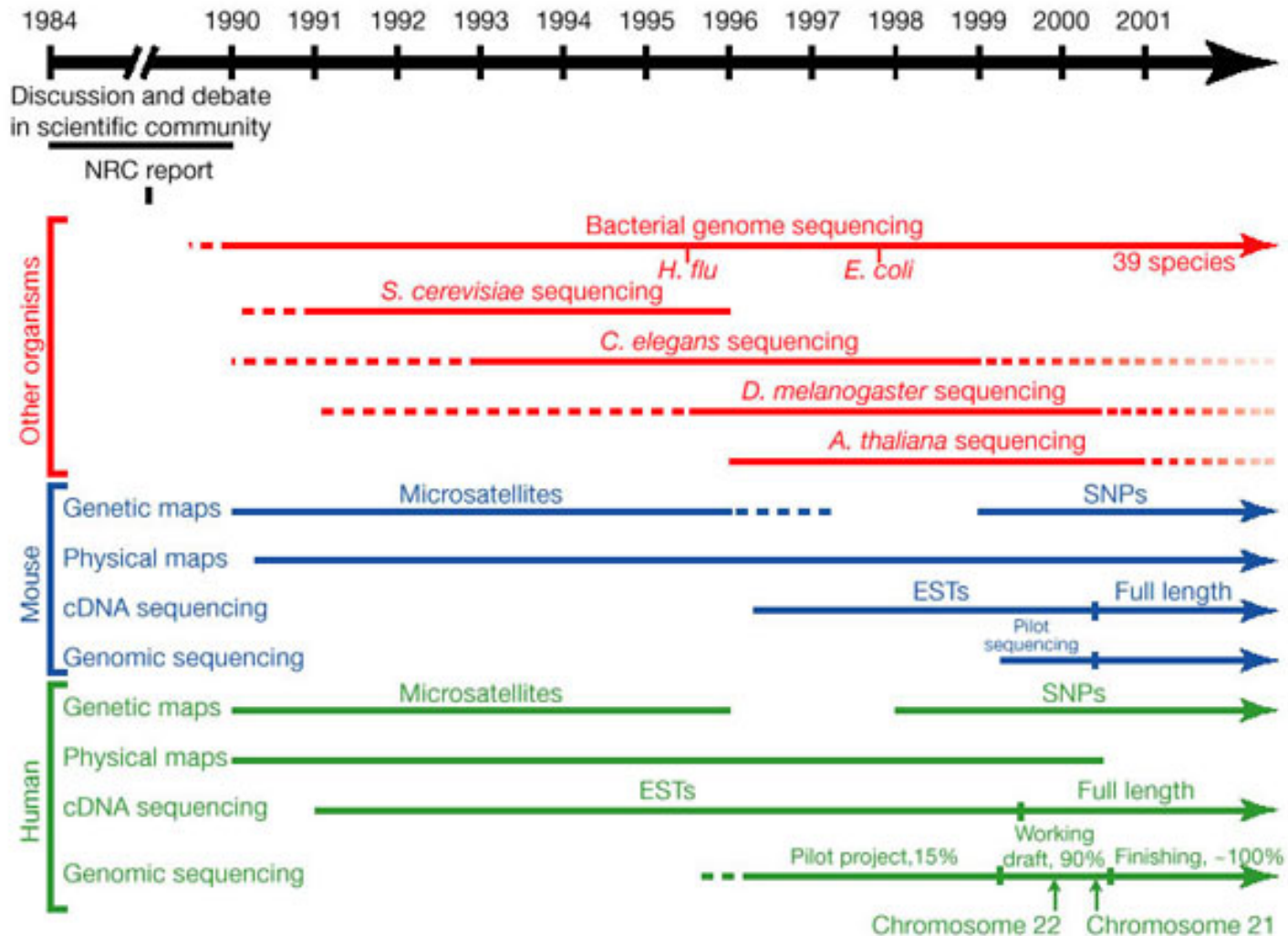
Human genome project



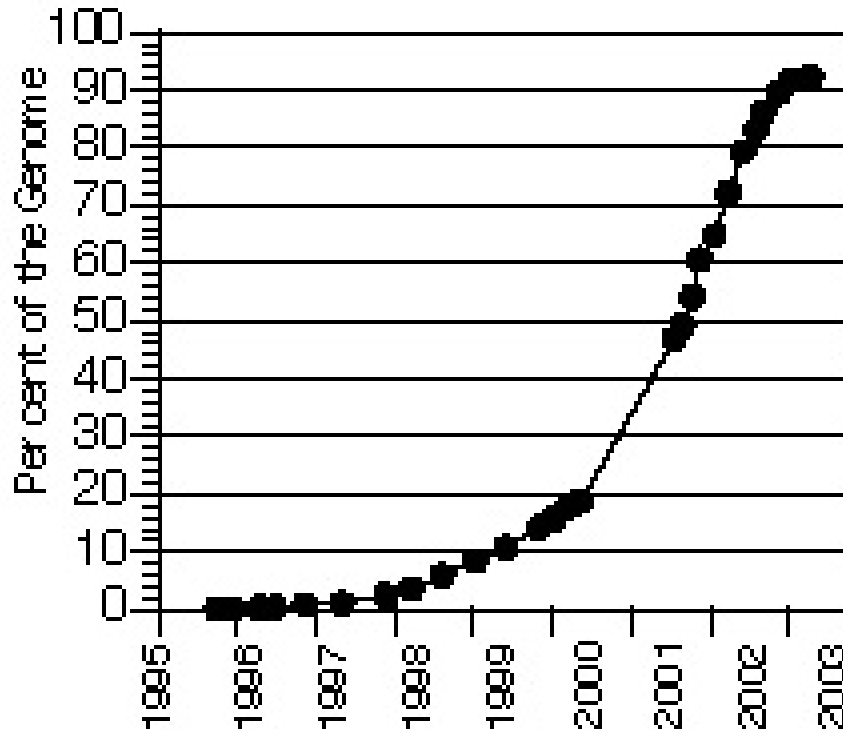
Human Genome Project

- One of the largest scientific endeavors
 - Target accuracy 1:10,000 bases
 - Started in 1990 by DoE and NIH
 - \$3Billion and 15 years
 - Goal was to identify 25K genes and 3 billion bases
- Used the Sanger sequencing method
- Draft assembly done in 2000, complete genome by 2003, last chromosome published in 2006

Human Genome Project



Human Genome Project

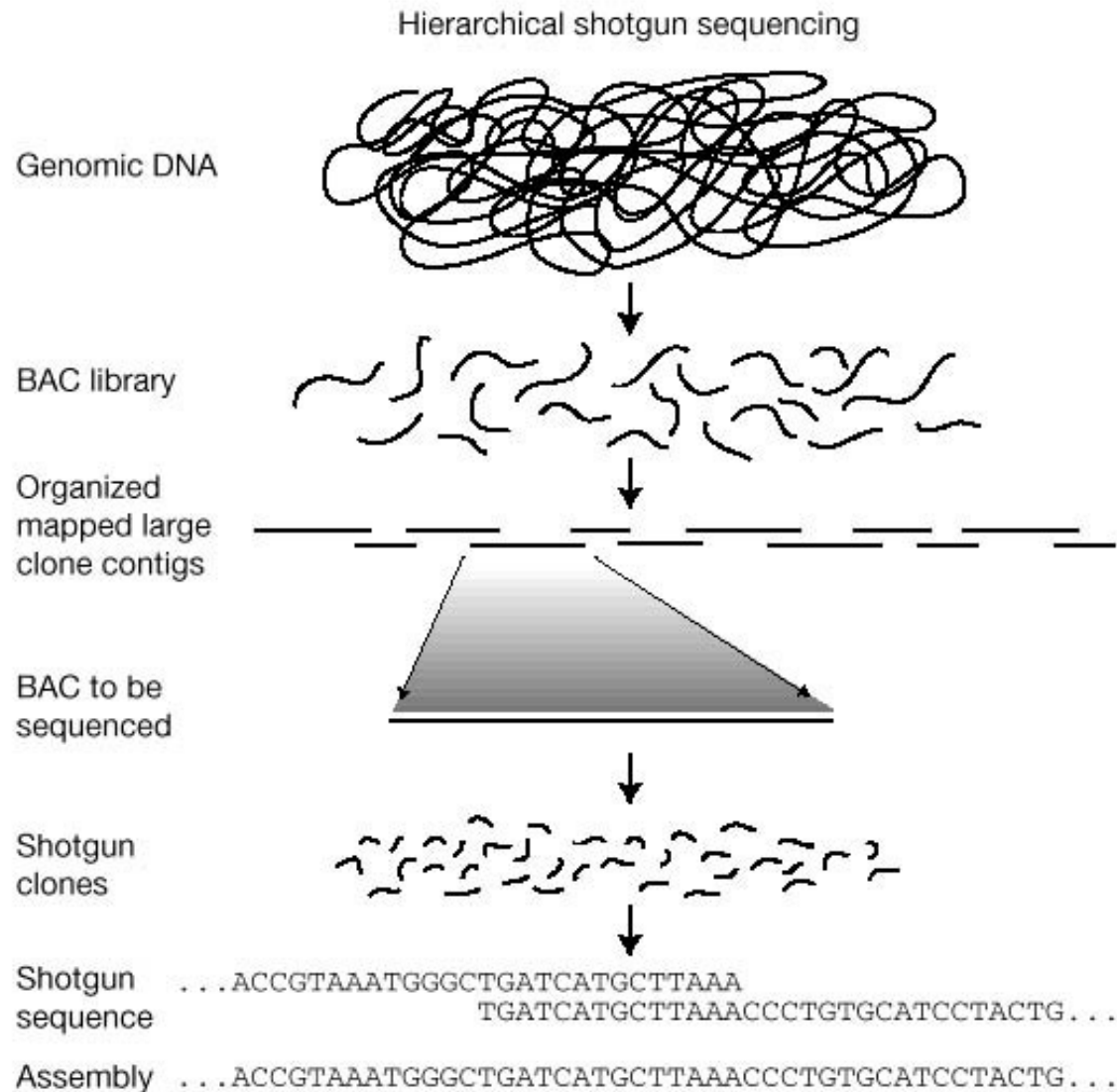


This blog post indicates ~2.86Gbase/3.1Gbase of the non-redundant genome has been sequenced in hg18 or ~**92%** centromeres, telomeres, and highly repetitive regions left

How it was Accomplished

- Public Project
 - Hierarchical shotgun approach
 - Large segments of DNA were cloned via BACs and located along the chromosome
 - These BACs were shotgun sequenced
- Celera
 - Pure shotgun sequencing
 - Used public data (released daily) to help with assembly

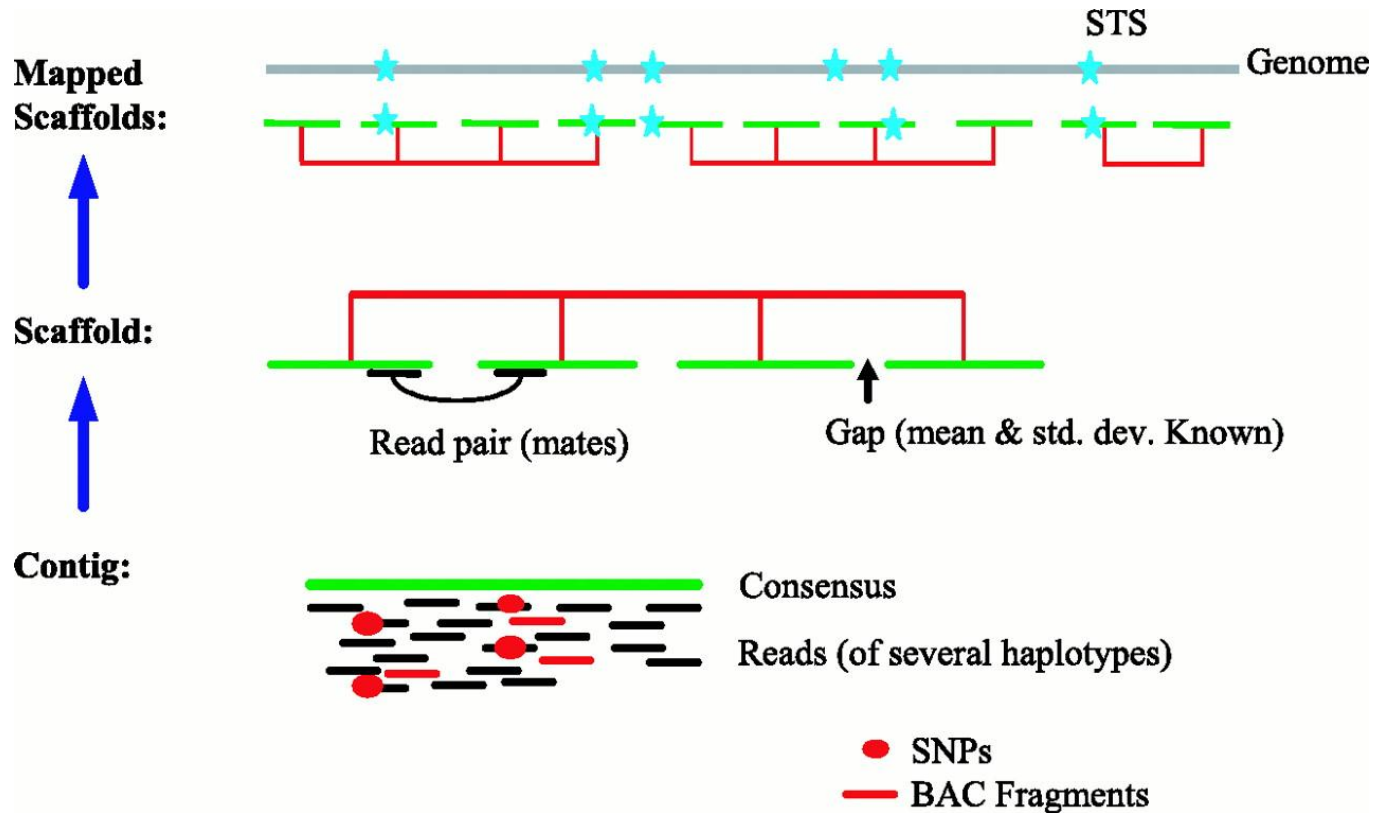
Hierarchical Shotgun Sequencing



Shotgun Sequencing

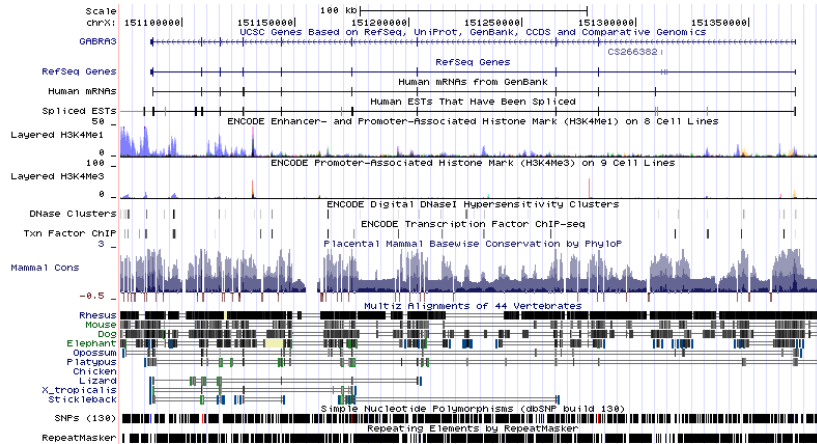
- Celera
 - Started in Sept 1999, goal was to do in \$300M and 3 years what the public project was doing for \$3B and 15 years!
 - Whole-genome shotgun sequencing
 - Used both whole-genome assembly and regional chromosome assembly
 - Incorporated data from the public project
 - Raised ethical concerns about the ownership of the human genome and patentability of genes

Celera Shotgun Sequencing



- Used paired-end strategy with variable insert size: 2, 10, and 50kbp

HGP Data Access



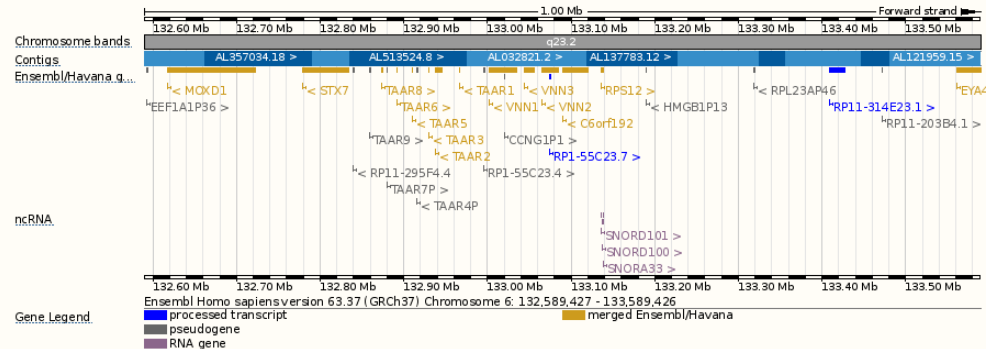
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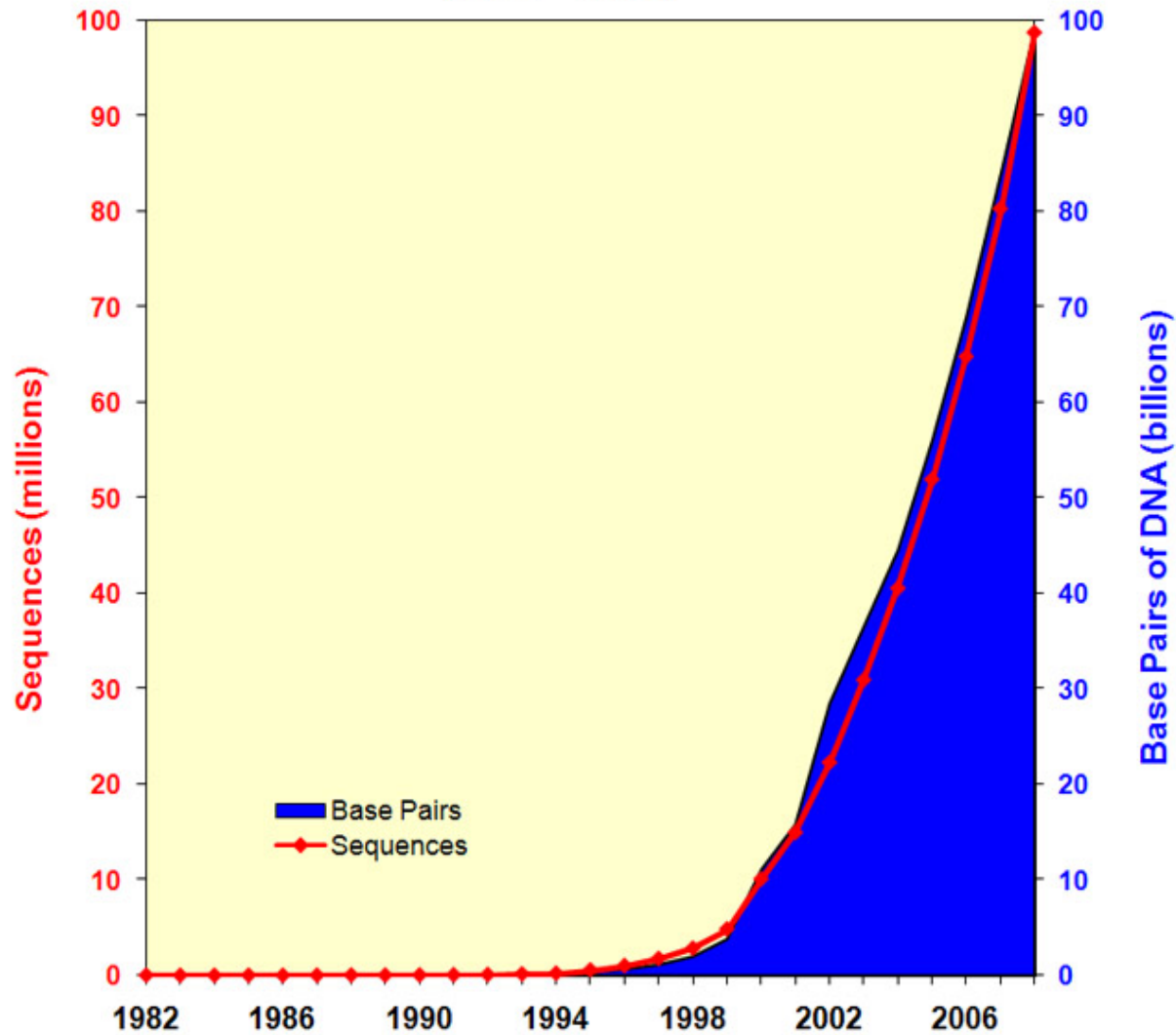
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Results in GenBank, UCSC, Ensembl & others

Growth of GenBank (1982 - 2008)



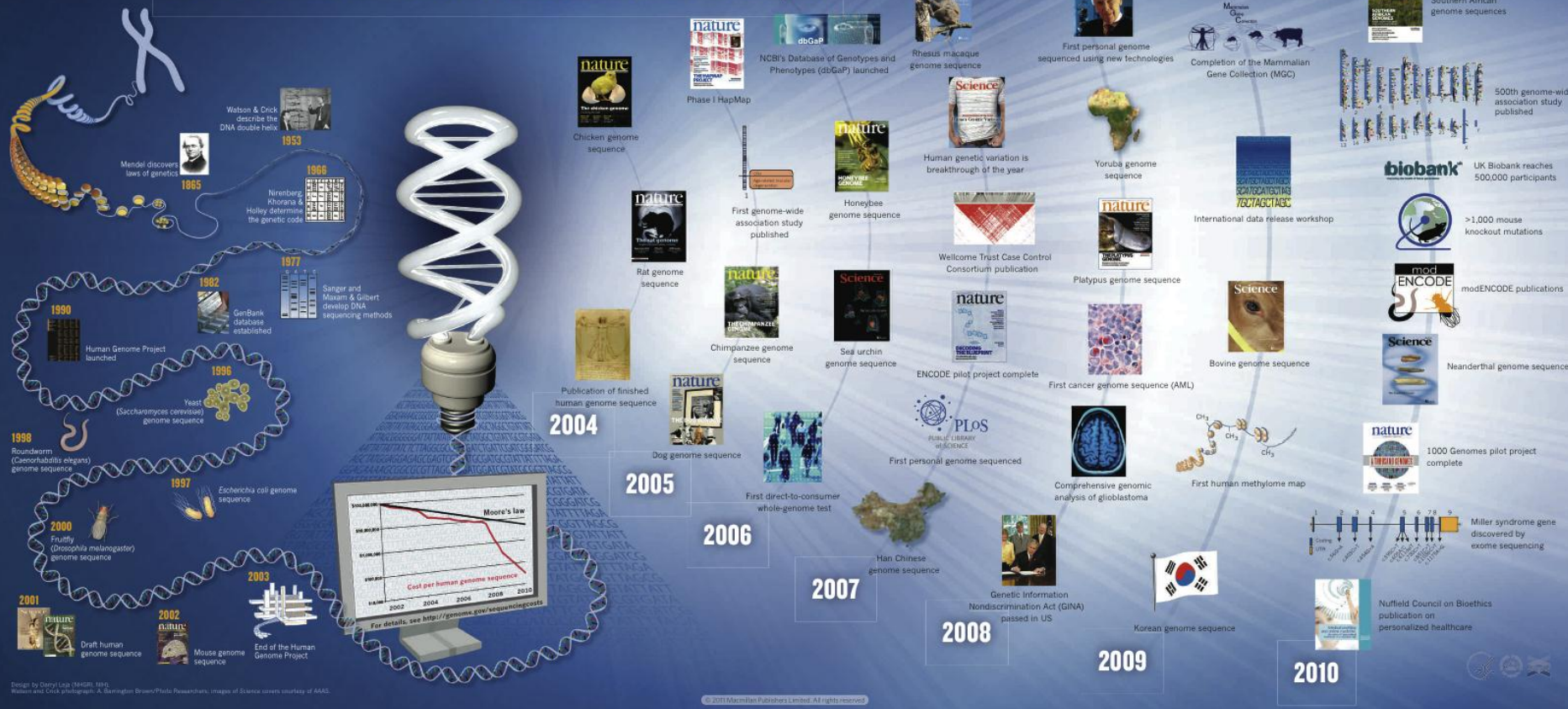
June 2011 Release 129,178,292,958 bases

Outcome of the HGP

- Spurred the sequencing of other organisms
 - 36 “complete” eukaryotes (~250 in various stages)
 - 1704 “complete” microbial genomes
 - 2685 “complete” viral genomes
- Enabled a multitude of related projects:
 - Encode, modEncode
 - HapMap, dbGAP, dbSNP, 1000 Genomes
 - Genome-Wide Association Studies, WTCCC
 - Medical testing, GeneTests, 23AndMe, personal genomes
 - Cancer sequencing, COSMIC, TCGA, ICGC
- Provided a context to organize diverse datasets

Achievements Since the HGP

Genomic achievements since the Human Genome Project



Economic Impact of the Project

- Battelle Technology Partnership Practice released a study in May 2011 that quantifies the economic impact of the HGP was **\$796 billion!**
- Genomics supports:
 - >51,000 jobs
 - Indirectly, 310,000 jobs
 - Adds \$67 billion to the US economy

Second generation sequencing tech

Second generation sequencing definition

“Synchronized reagent wash of nucleotide triphosphates followed by optical imaging” – *Niedringhaus, T. et al, Reviews Analytical Chemistry, 2011, 83 4327-4341*

Illumina HiSeq



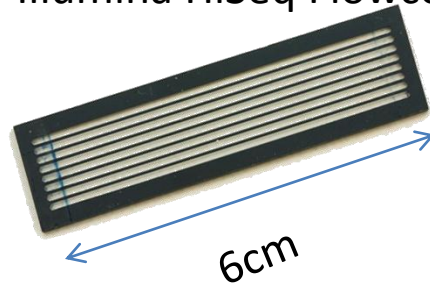
ILLUMINA HiSeq KEY FEATURES

- Advantages
 - Large volume of data (300Gb per run)
 - Short run time (< 1 day)
 - Straightforward sample prep
 - Well established open source software community
- Disadvantages
 - Requires pooling of large numbers of samples to achieve lowest costs
 - Short reads (36-150bp)

Illumina Sequence By Synthesis

- Produces approximately 1.6 billion short reads (18bp-150bp) per flowcell
- Each run takes 2-9 days depending on the configuration
- Each flowcell is divided into either 2 or 8 separate lanes (channels)

Illumina HiSeq Flowcell

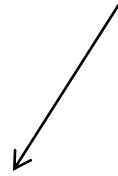
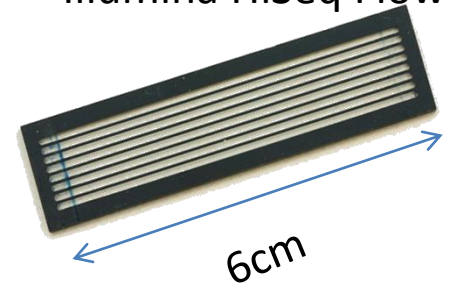


Illumina HiSeq setup

Automated sample preparation



Illumina HiSeq Flowcell

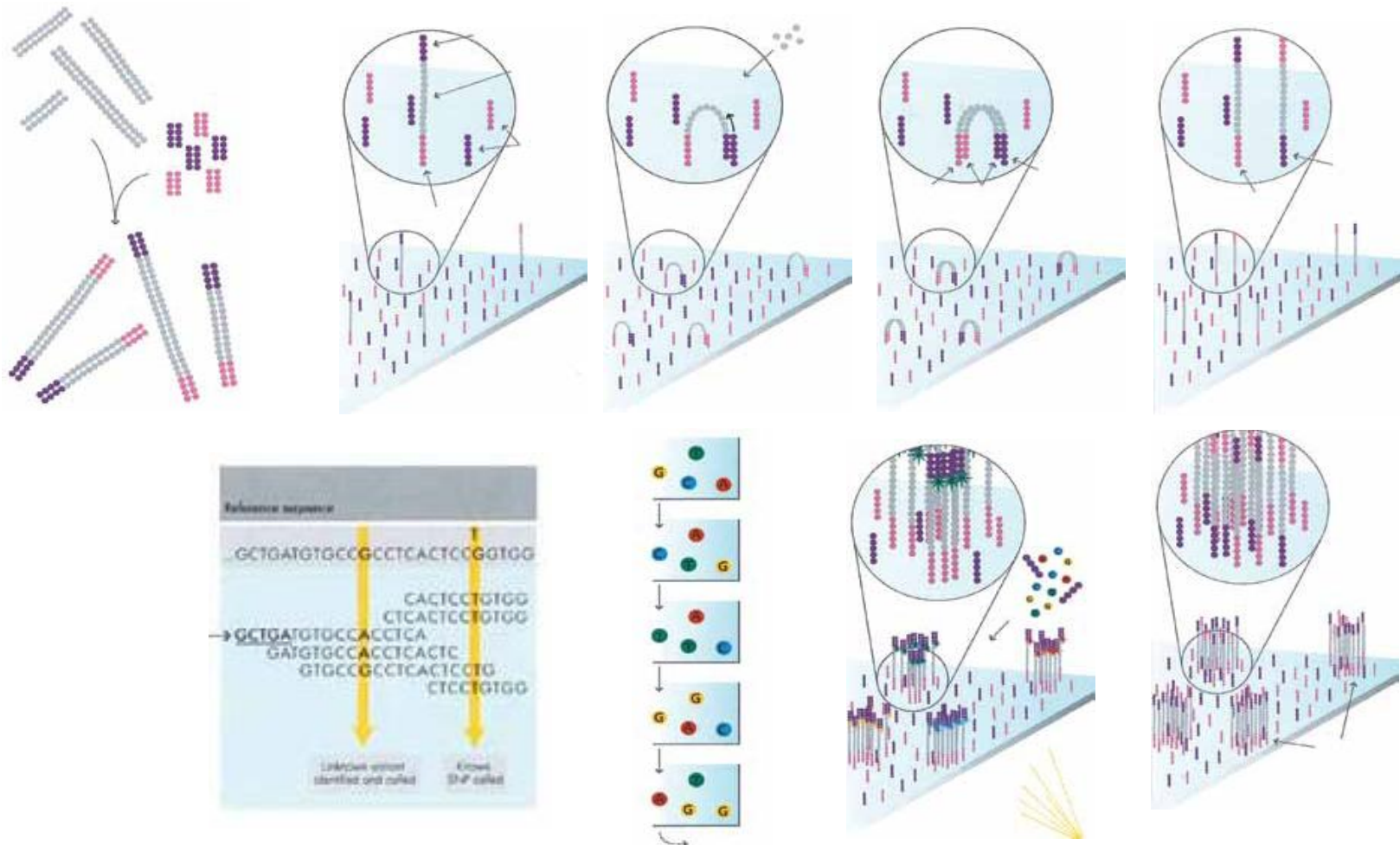


cBot Cluster generation



HiSeq 2500

Illumina Sequencing

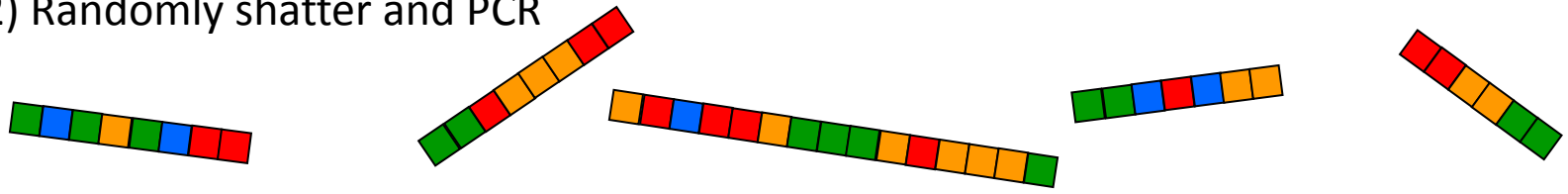


DNA sample preparation (over-simplified)

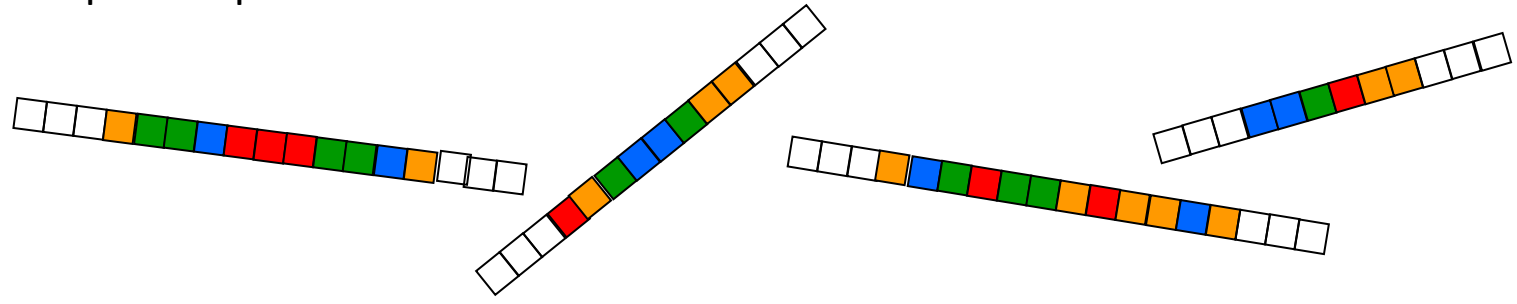
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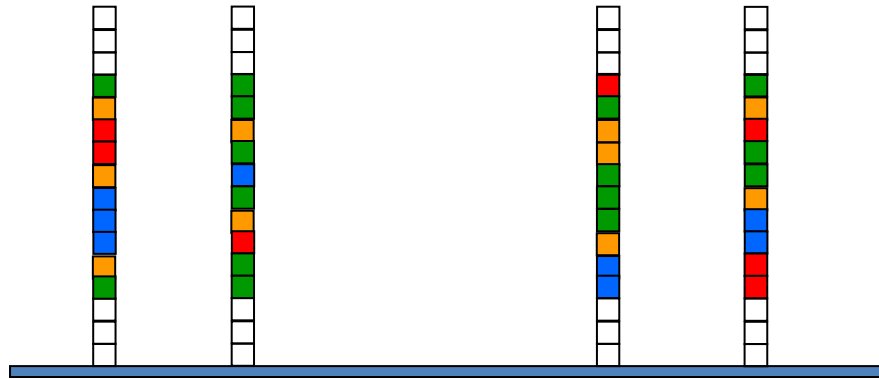
2) Randomly shatter and PCR



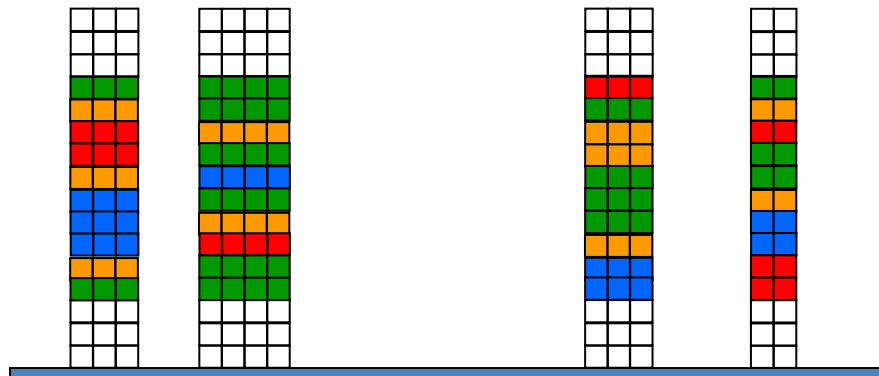
3) Attach adapter sequence



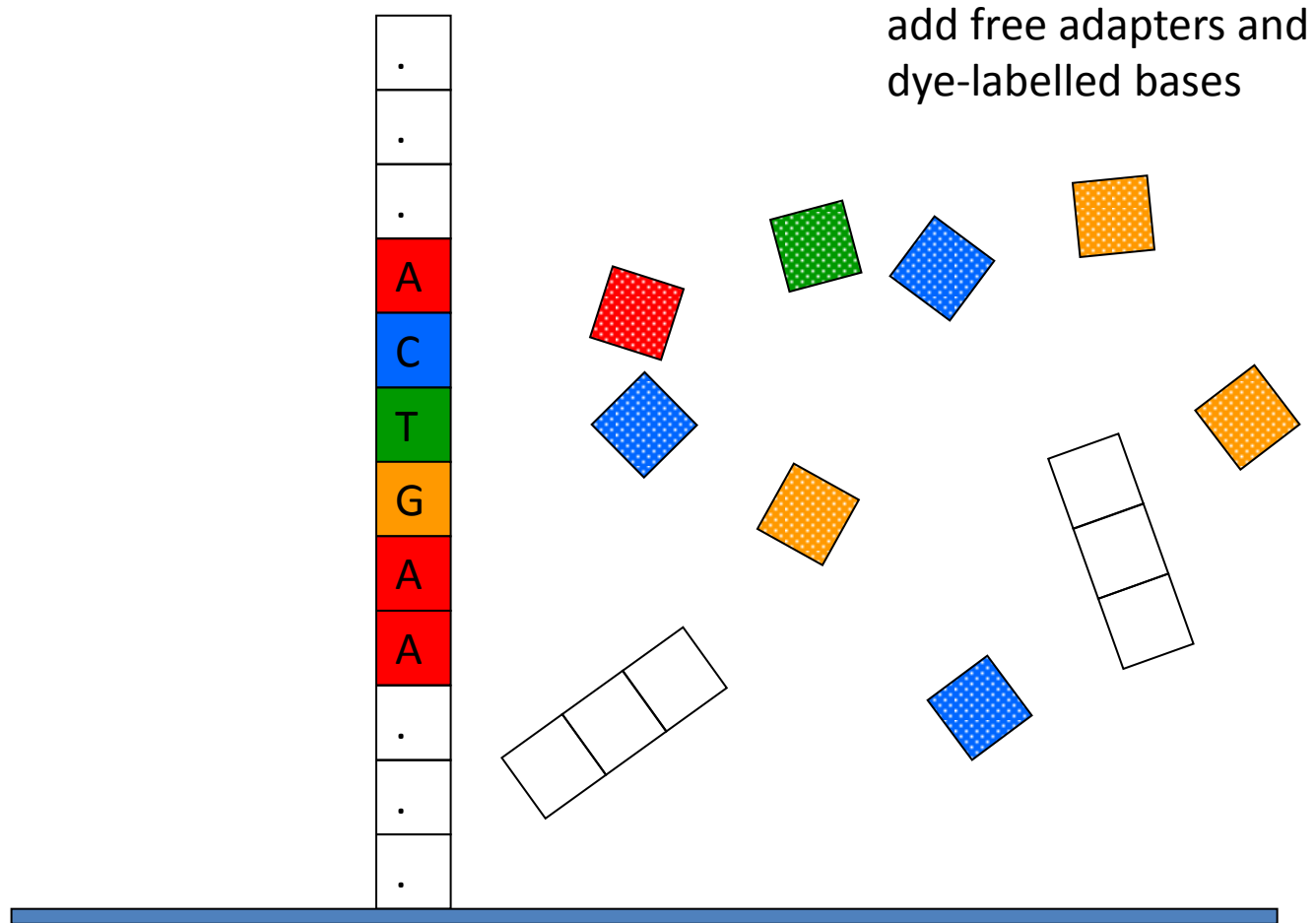
4) Attach to flow-cell surface



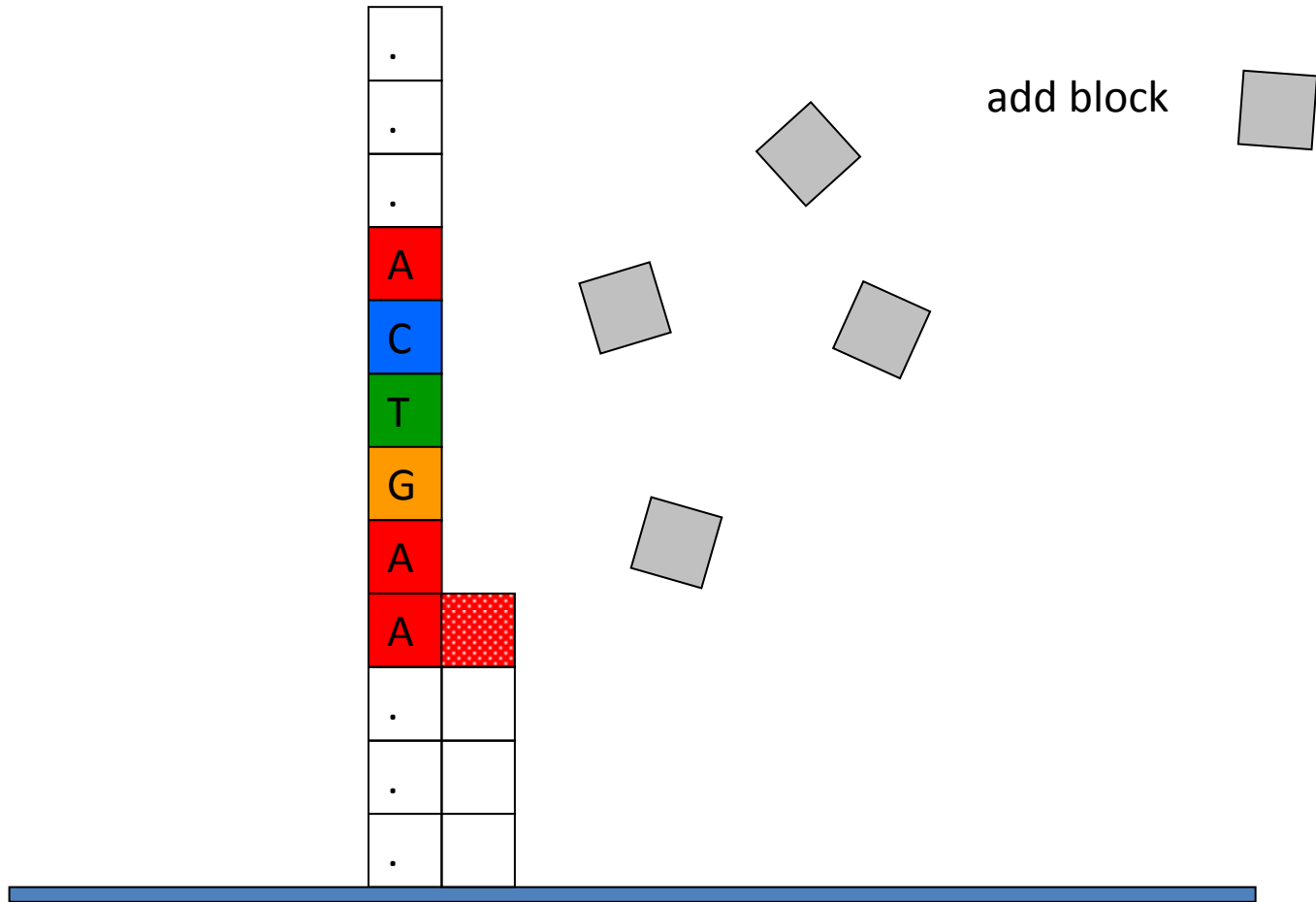
5) PCR-amplify into clusters



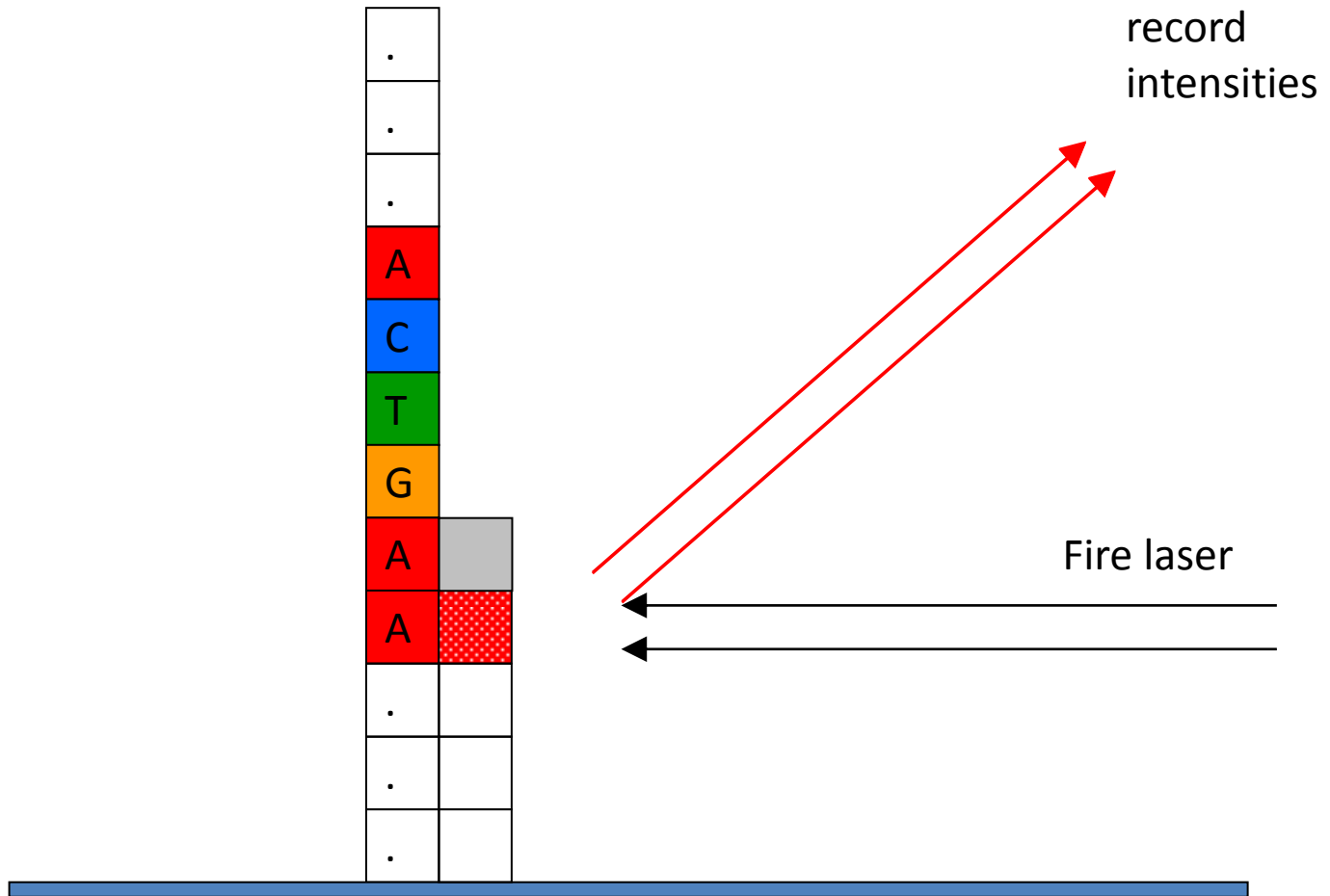
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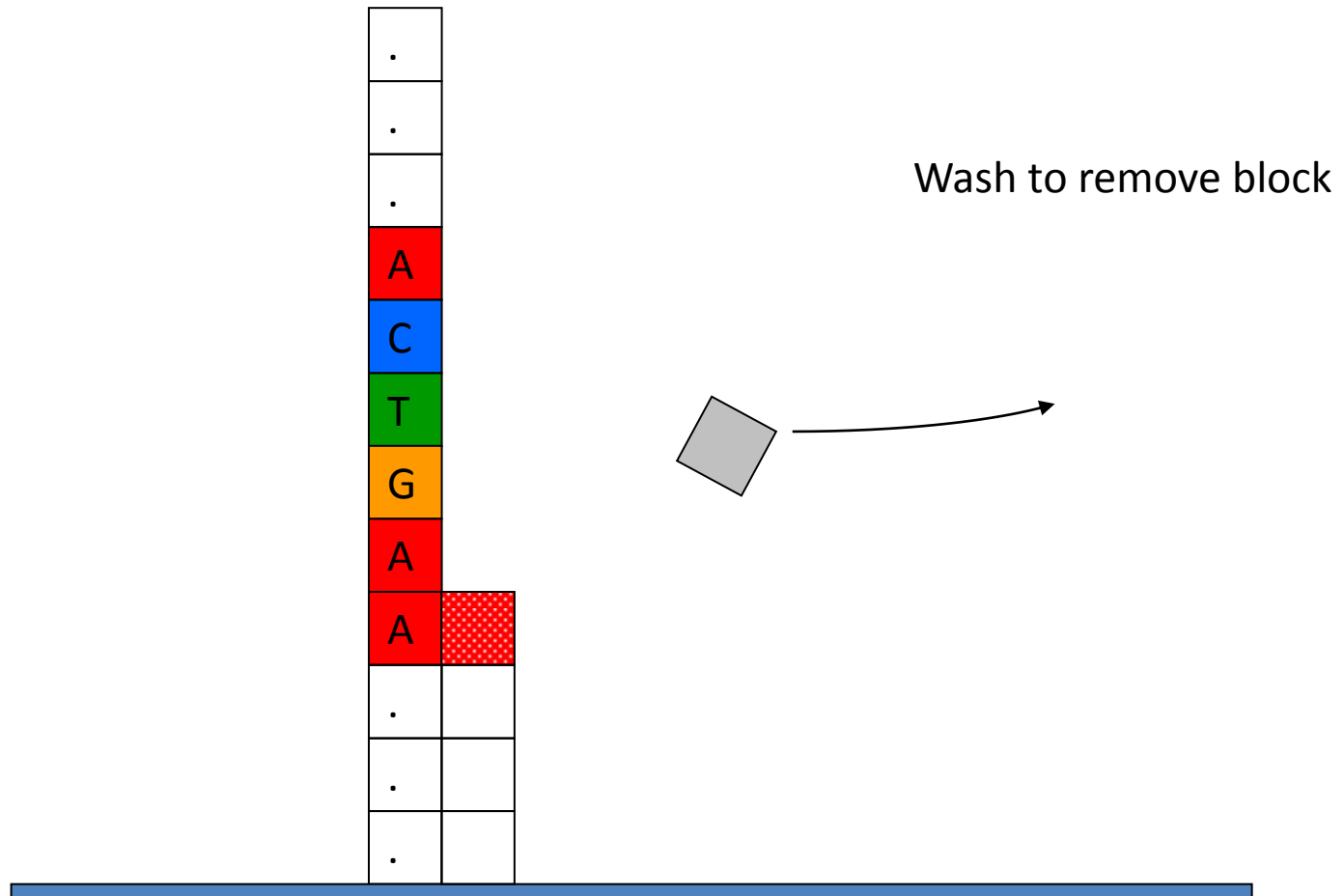
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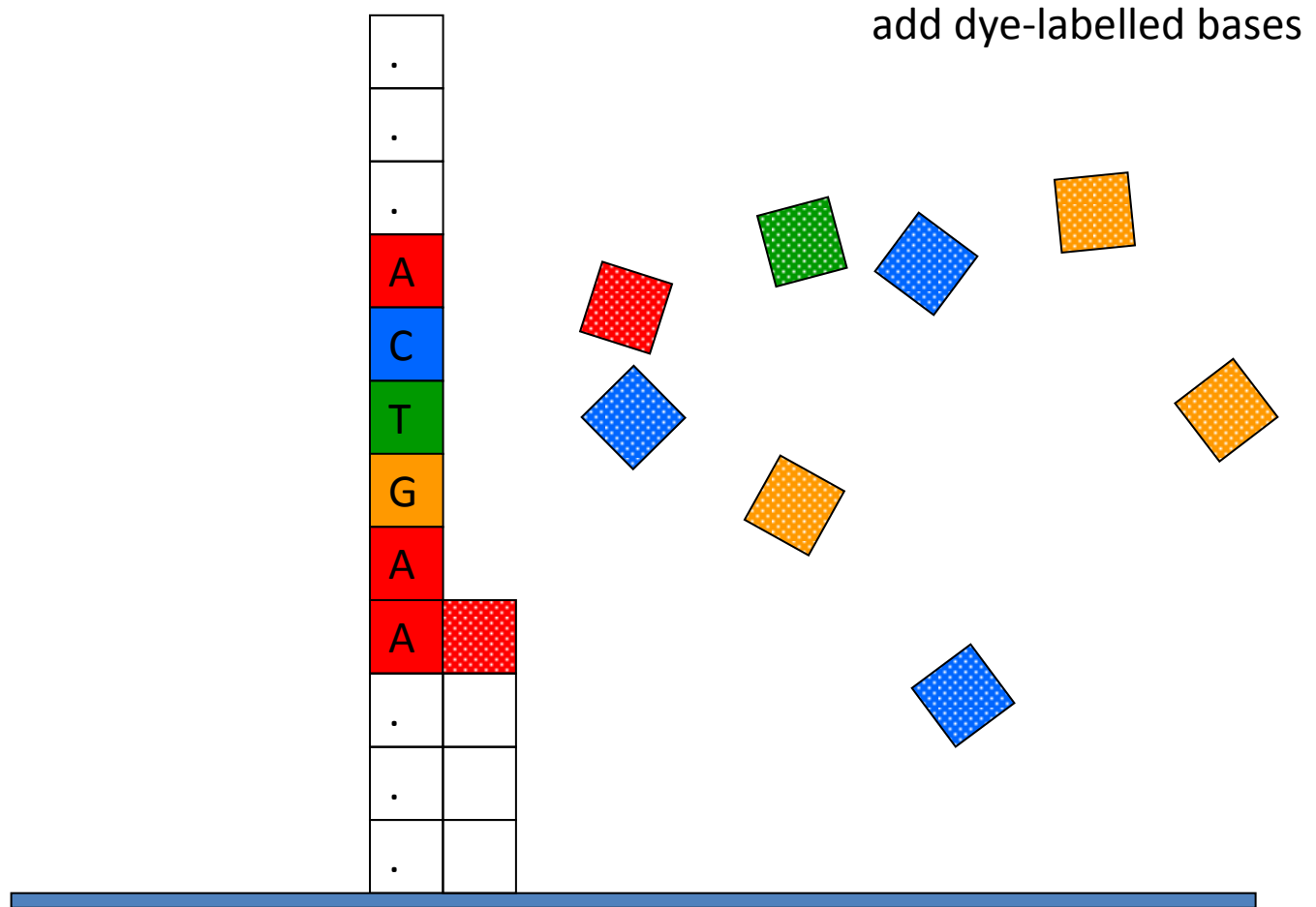
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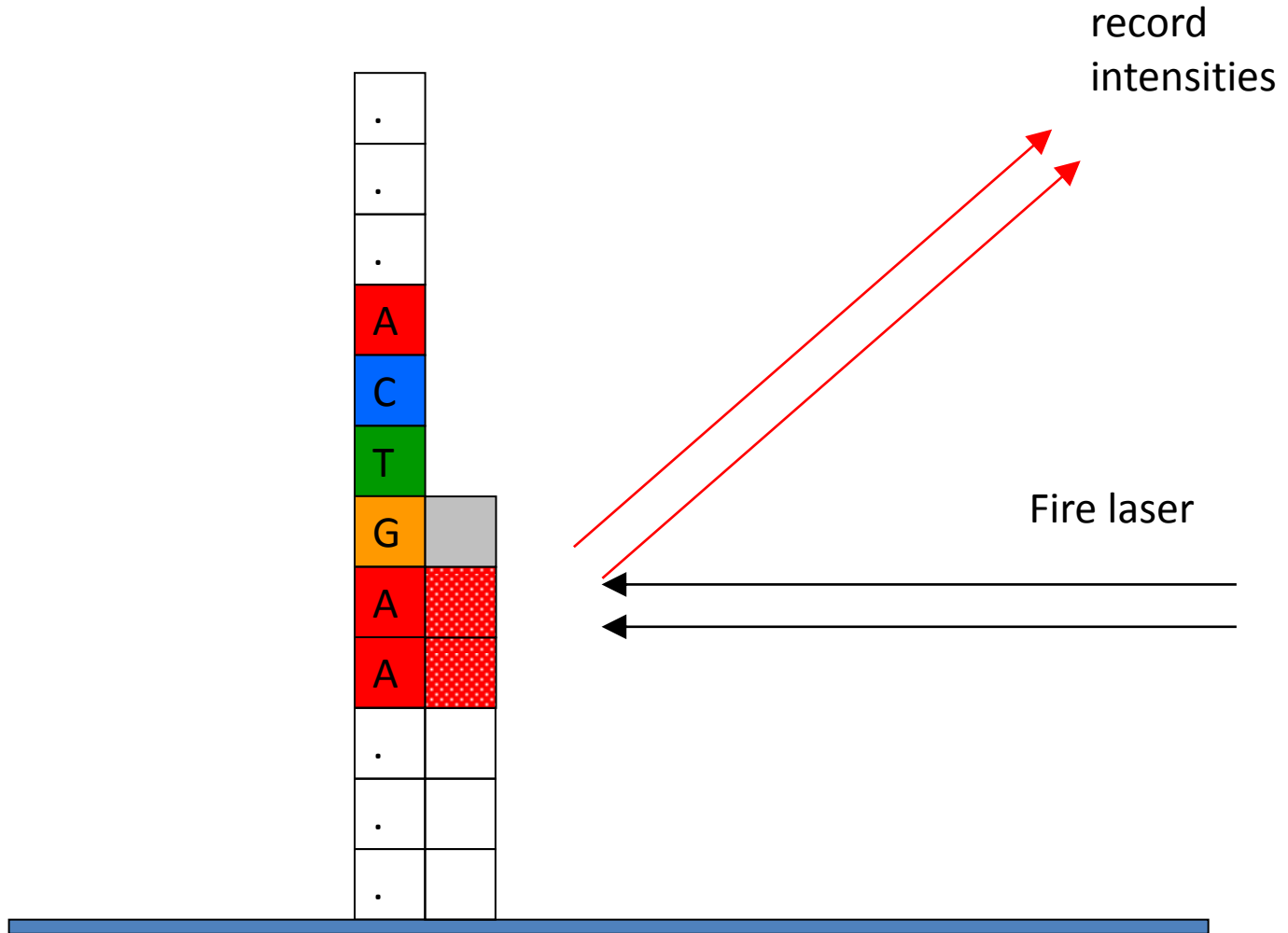
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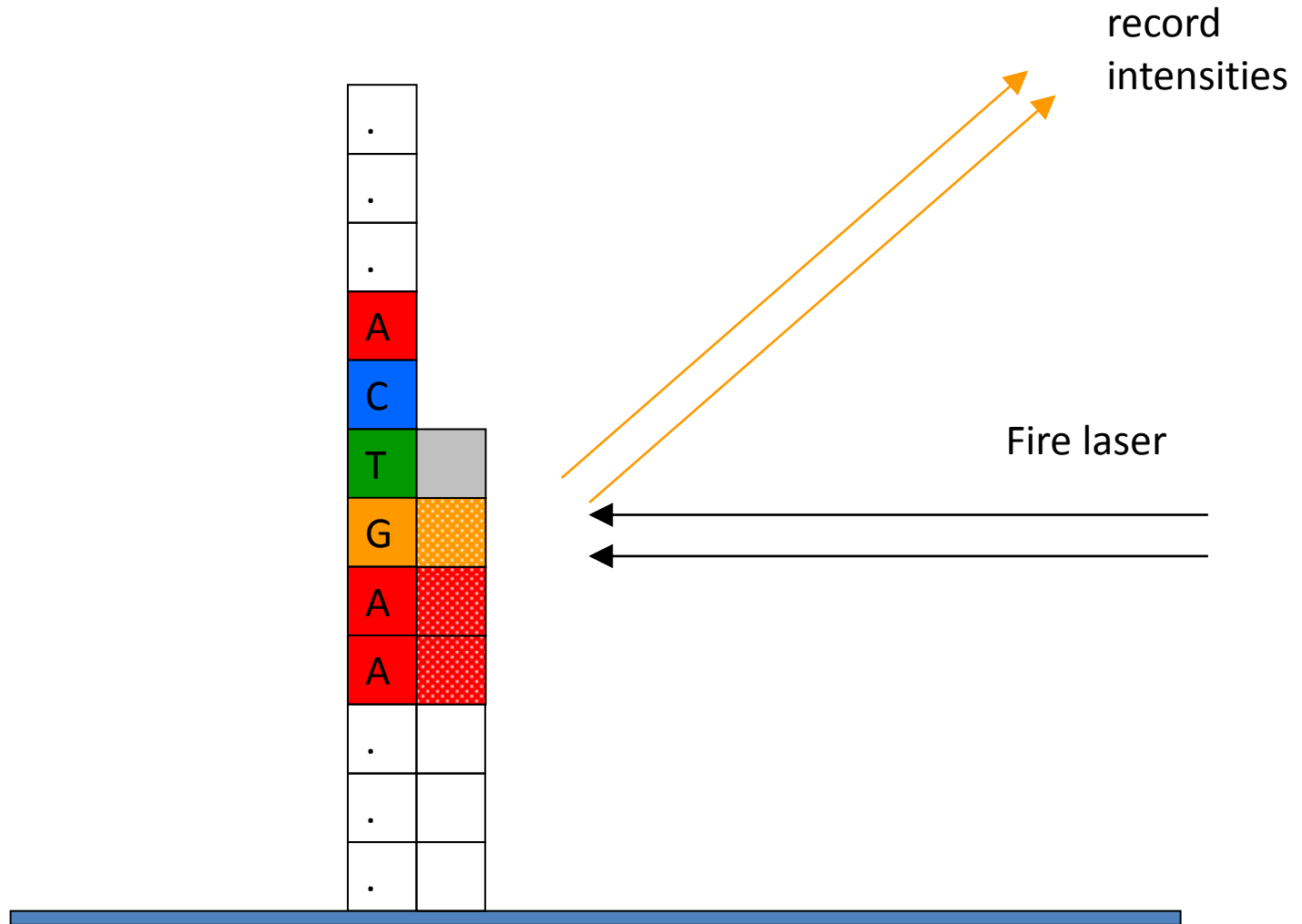
Sequencing cycle 2



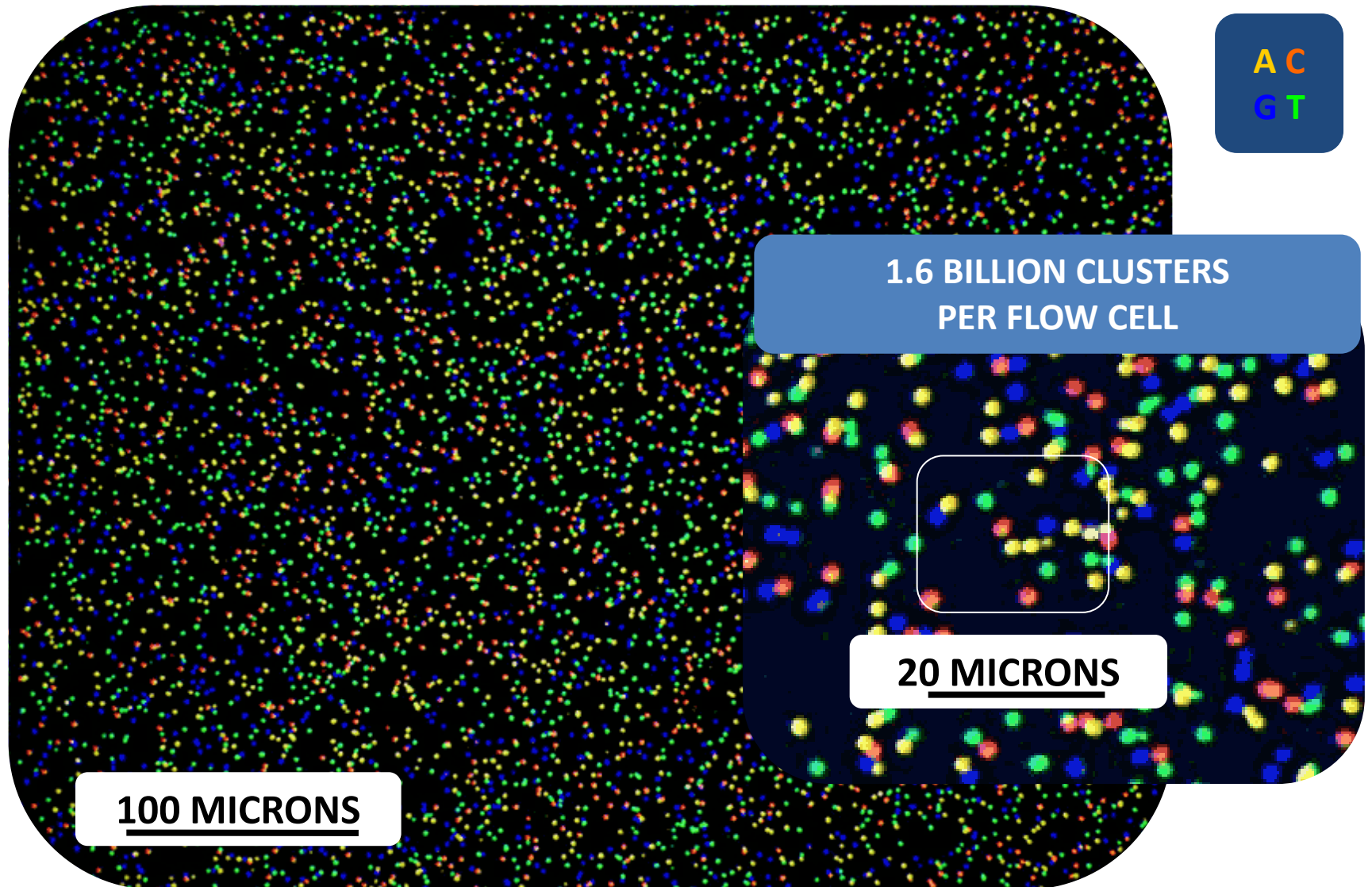
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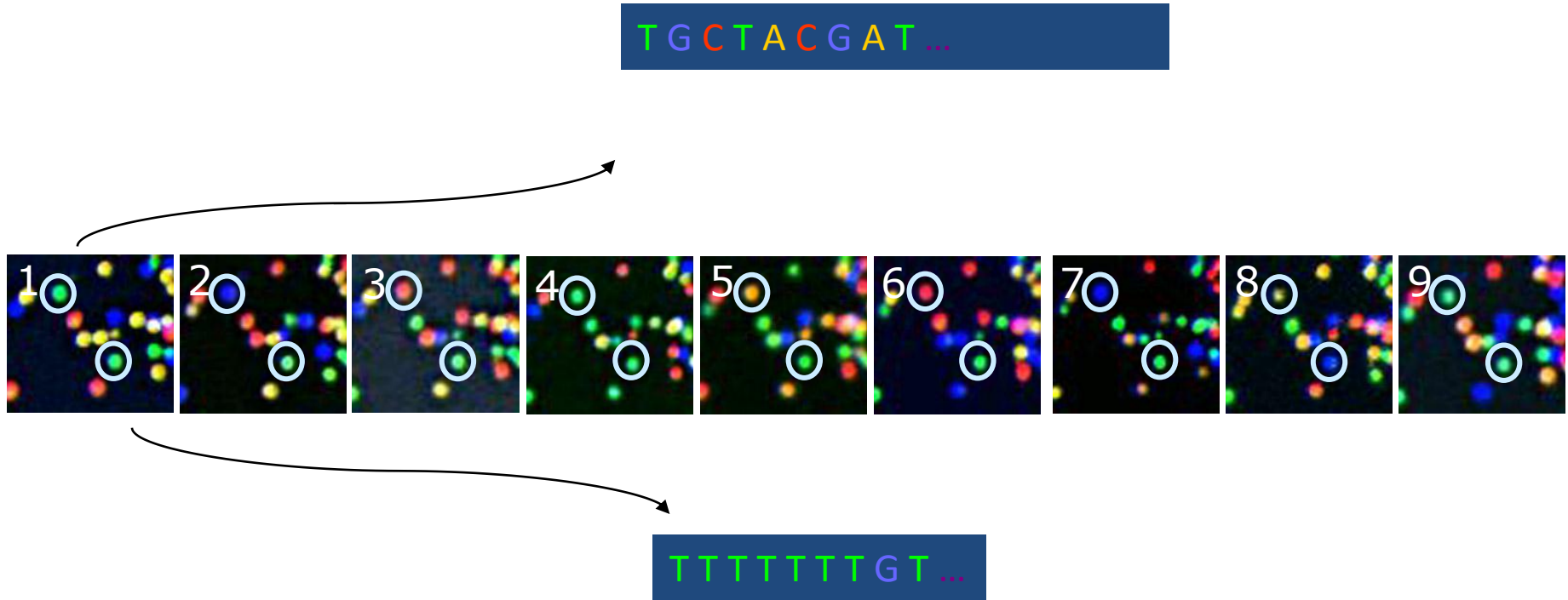
Sequencing cycle 3



Illumina Sequencing : How it looks



Base calling from raw data



The identity of each base of a cluster is read off from sequential images.

Current read lengths = 36-150 nt

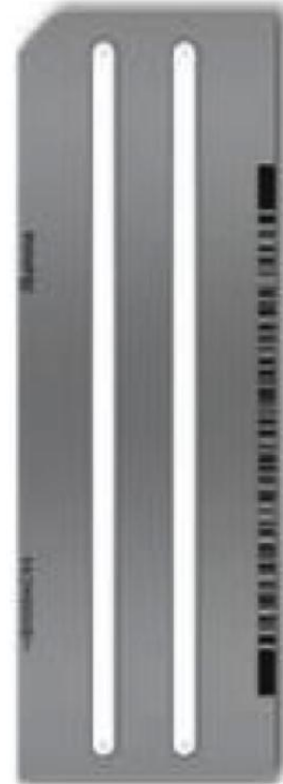
Total sequence data for 1 paired-end run with 100bp = 300Gb!

HiSeq 2000 vs 2500 flowcells



HiSeq 2000
8 lanes

12 day run time



HiSeq 2500
2 lanes

2 day run time

Comparison

APPLICATION **RAPID RUN MODE** **HIGH OUTPUT MODE**

**ChIP-Seq
Transcription Factor**

40 Samples
7 Hours

200 Samples
2 Days

1 x 36 bp

mRNA-Seq

24 Samples
16 Hours

120 Samples
5 Days

2 x 50 bp

**TruSeq Exome Seq
62 MB Region
100x Coverage
2 x 100 bp**

15 Samples
27 Hours

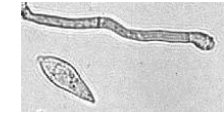
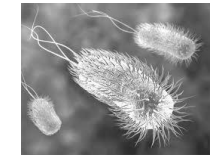
85 Samples
12 Days

**Human Whole Genome
>30x Coverage
2 x 100 bp**

1 Sample
27 Hours

5 Samples
12 Days

What does this mean?



| | Rapid run | Slow run |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 48 genomes (£250 per sample) | 48 genomes/lane (£210 per sample) |
| | 10 genomes (£510 per sample) | 10 genomes/lane (£350 per sample) |
| | 8 genomes (£590 per sample) | 8 genomes/lane (£400 per sample) |
| | 1 genome (£3400) | 1 genome (£4000) |

Other equipment required (optional)



**Agilent Bravo liquid handling
robot
£85k**



**Agilent Tapestation
£30k**

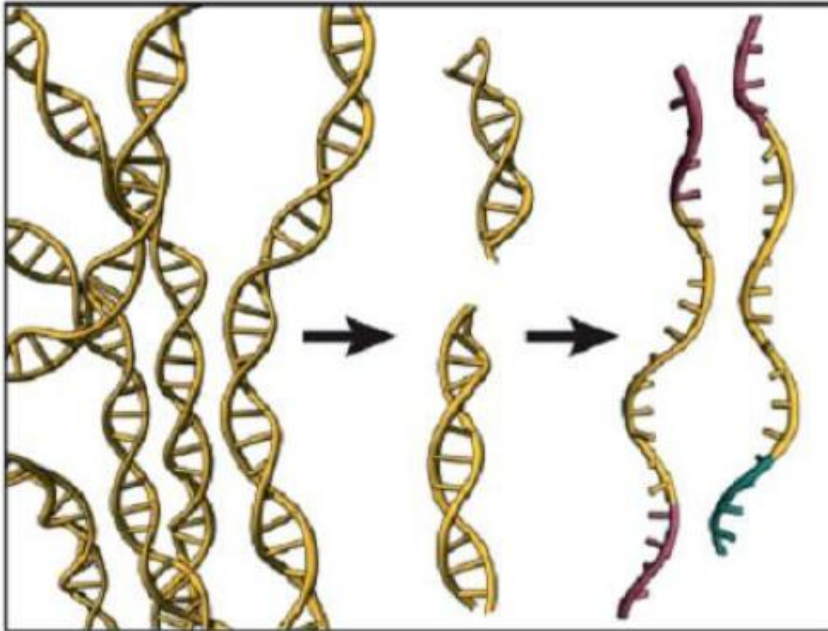


**Covaris 96-well sonicator
£90k**

Roche 454 Key Features

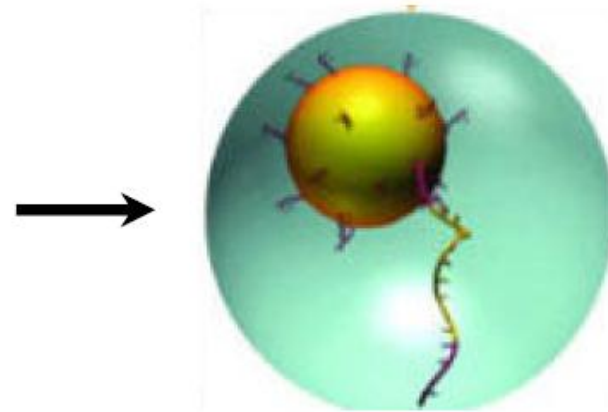
- Advantages
 - Long read lengths (200-1000bp)
 - Multiple samples possible
 - Short run time (< 1 day)
- Disadvantages
 - Relatively expensive (~£8k per run)
 - Low volume of sequence data (100Mb-1Gb)
 - Complex sample prep

454 Step 1: Sample preparation



1. Genomic DNA is isolated and fragmented.
2. Adaptors are ligated to single stranded DNA
3. This forms a library

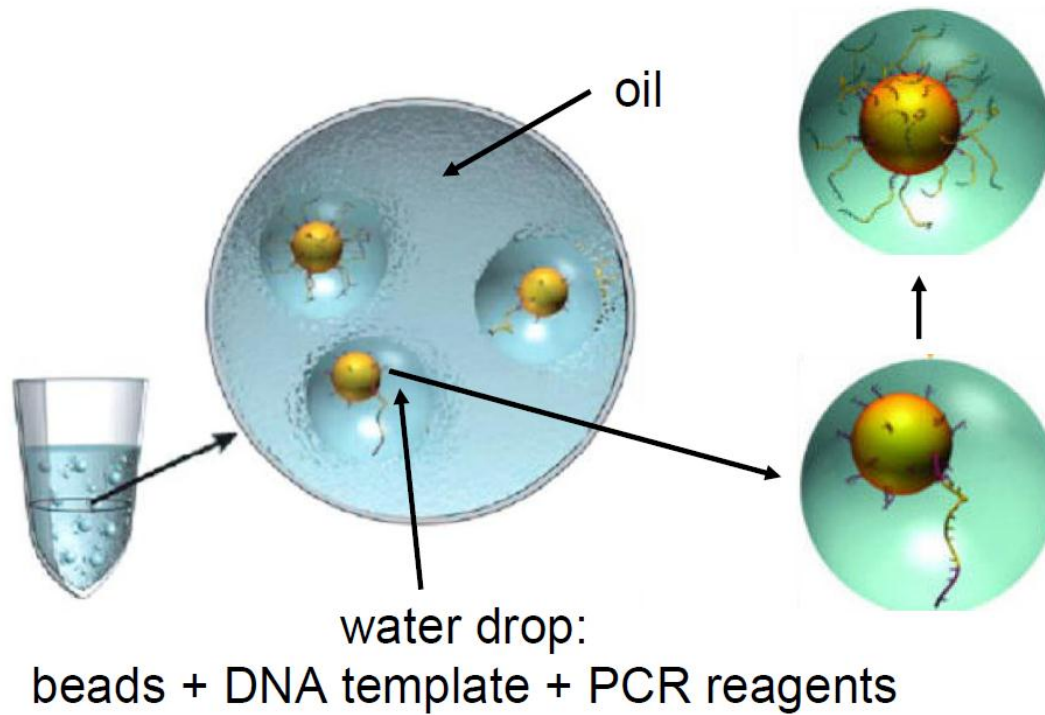
One Fragment = One Bead



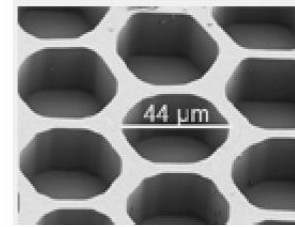
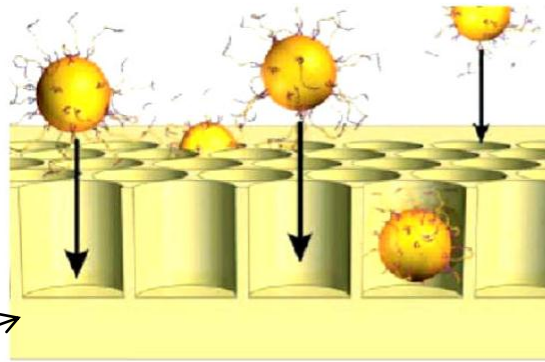
4. The single stranded DNA library is immobilised onto proprietary DNA capture beads

454 Step 2: Amplification

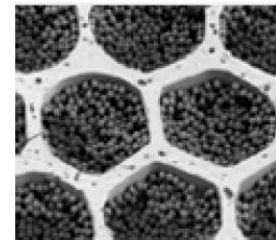
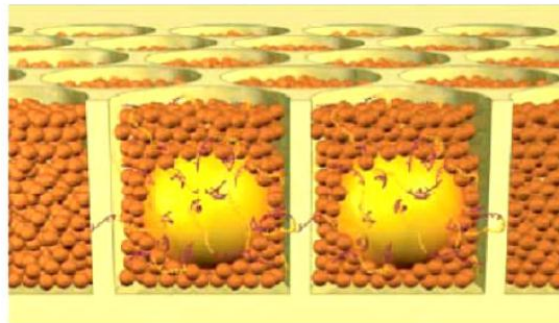
Water-based emulsion PCR



454 Step 3: Load emPCR products

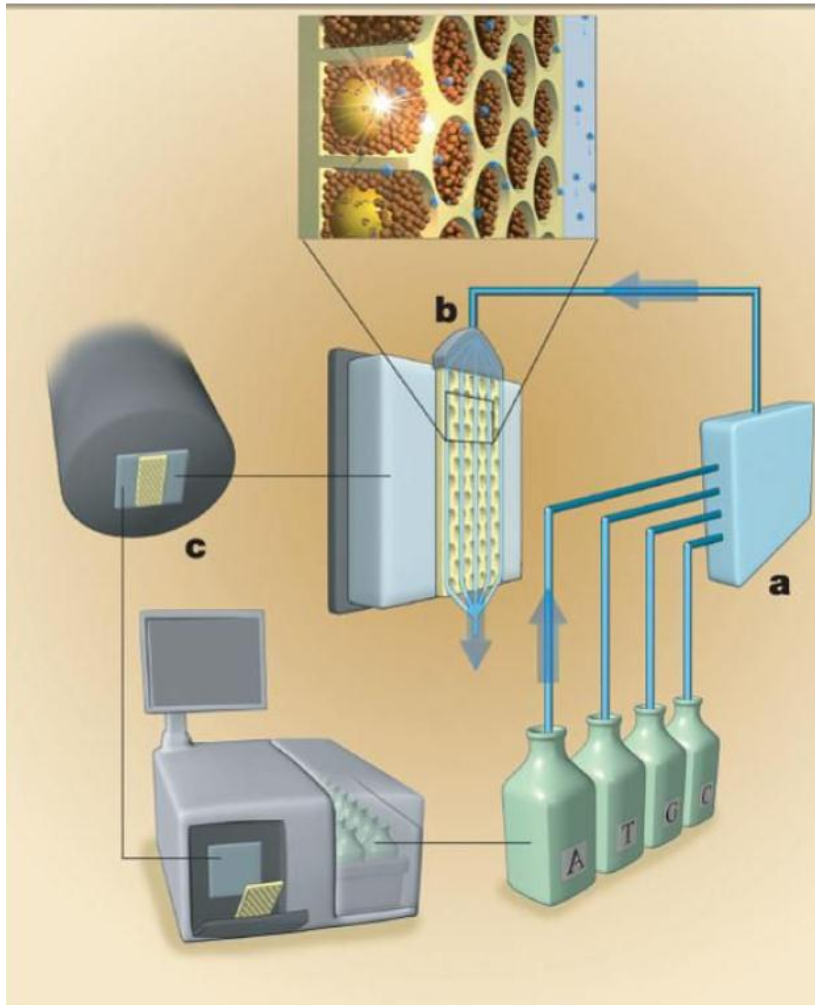


- enrich for DNA + beads
- diameter of the wells allows for only 1 bead/well



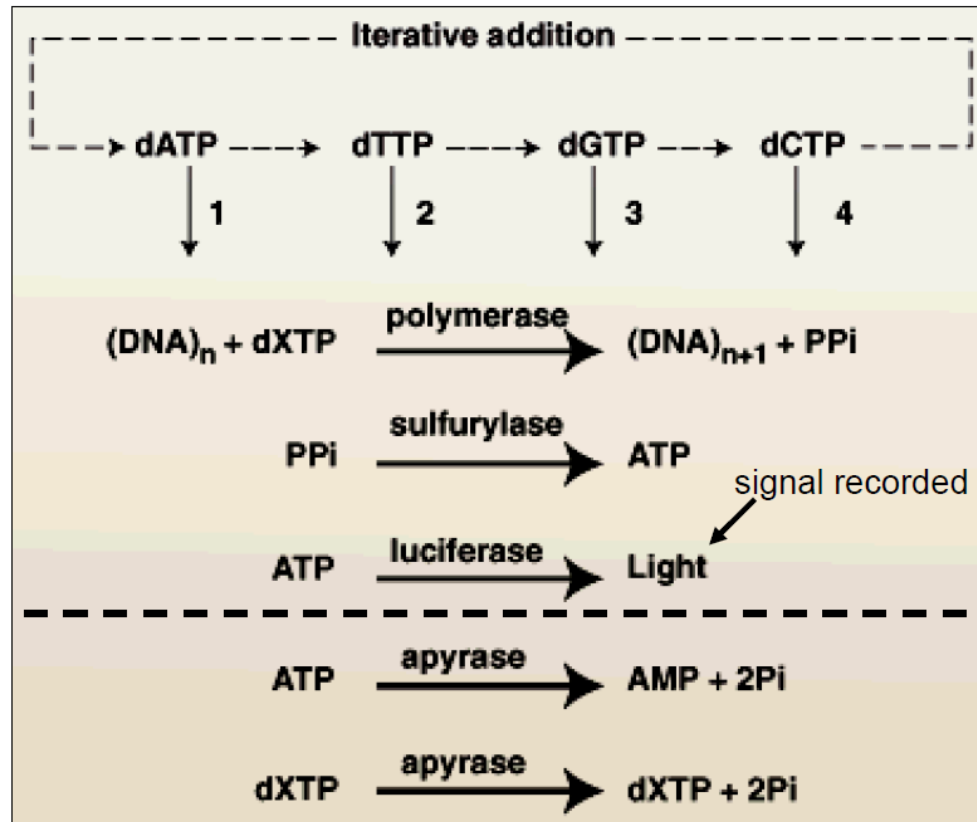
Smaller beads (red) carrying immobilized enzymes required for pyrophosphate sequencing are deposited into each well.

454 Step 4: Pyro-sequencing



1. Nucleotides are pumped sequentially across the plate
2. ~ 1 million reads obtained during 1 run
3. Addition of nucleotides to DNA on a particular bead generates a light signal

454 Chemistry



SOLiD

- Differs from Illumina and 454
 - No dXTP reagents are used
 - Oligonucleotide primer-based sequencing is used
 - Two bases are read at a time
 - High accuracy

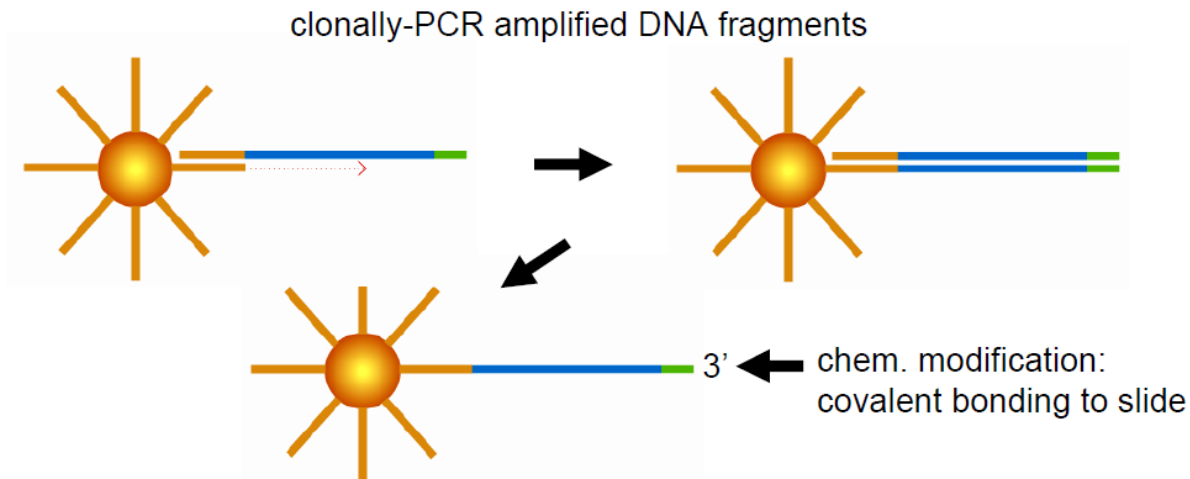
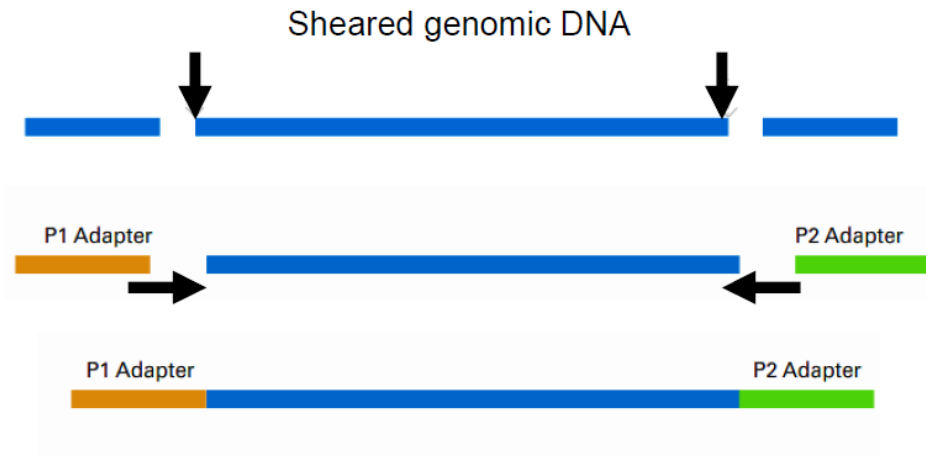
BUT – Only one colour is emitted

Need several sequencing steps to convert colour to a sequence

Life Technologies SOLiD

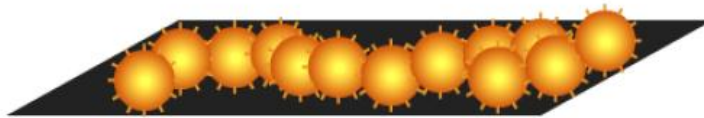
- Advantages
 - Two base encoding system
 - Every base read twice
 - Large volume of sequence data (270Gb per run possible)
- Disadvantages
 - Short read lengths (30-80bp)
 - Complex sample prep
 - Bioinformatics support less comprehensive
 - Paired-end reads more complex than Illumina or 454

SOLiD: Step 1 Sample Prep

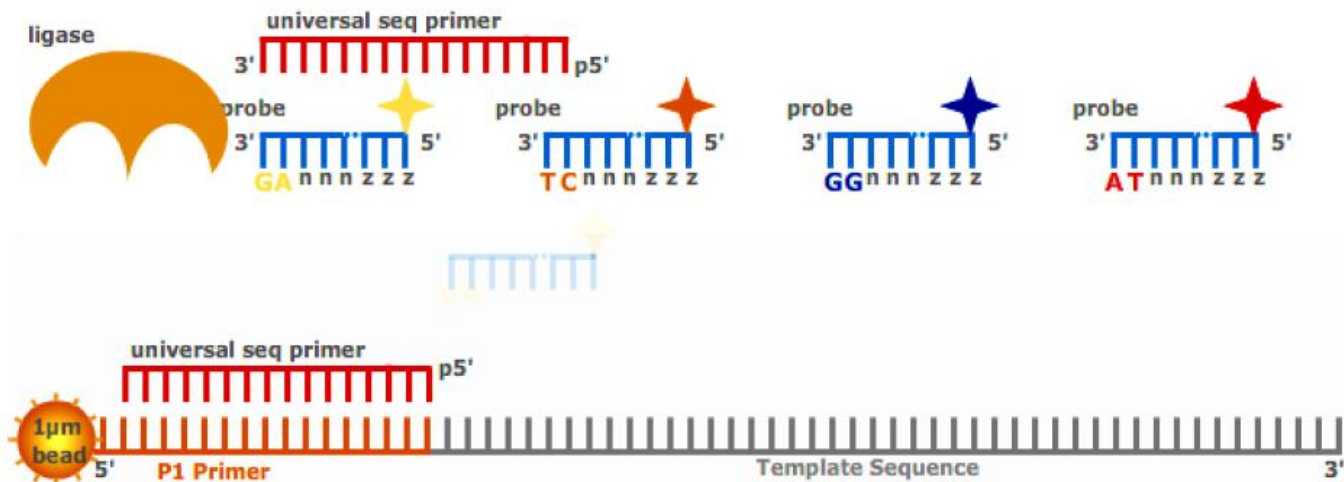


SOLiD: Step 2 Attach beads

3'-modified beads
deposited onto glass slide

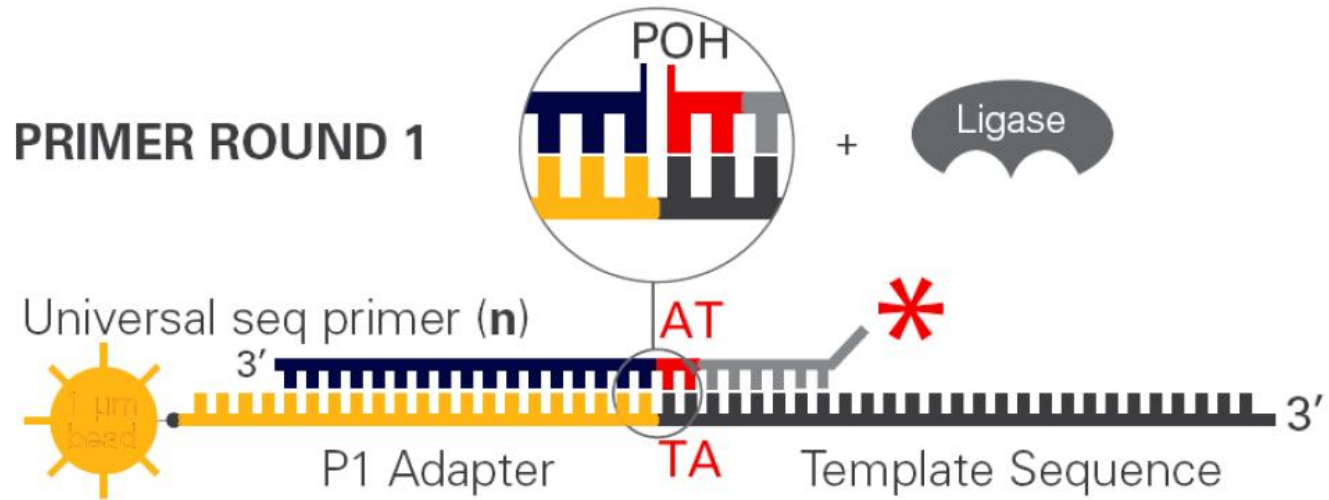


Sequential ligation with dye-labeled **oligonucleotides**



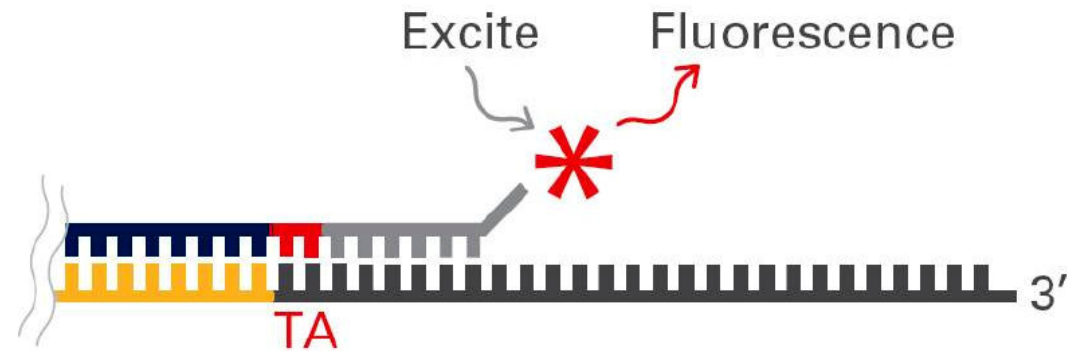
SOLiD: Step 3 Sequencing 1

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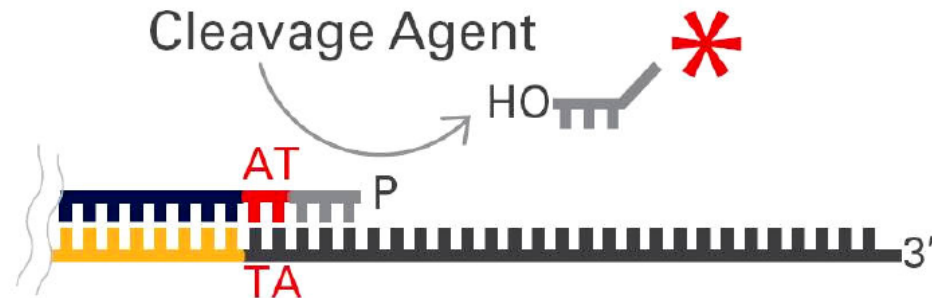


SOLiD: Step 3 Sequencing 2

2. Image



3. Cleave off Fluor



SOLiD Step 3 Sequencing 3

4. Repeat steps 1-4 to Extend Sequence

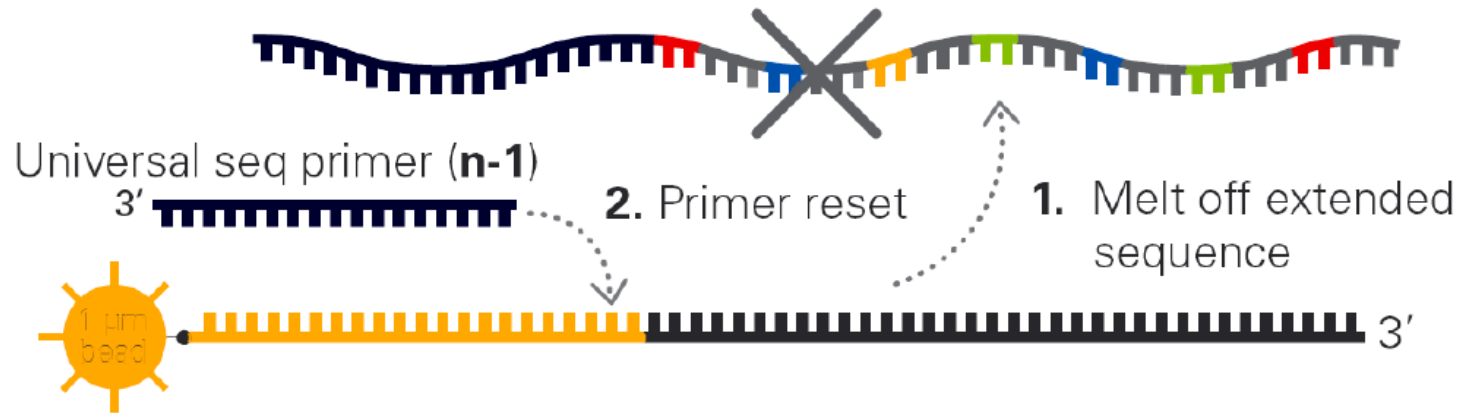
Ligation cycle 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ... (n cycles)



A random primer is ligated to the template only when the labeled nucleotide complements the fifth nucleotide on the template, counting from the end of the previously ligated primer.

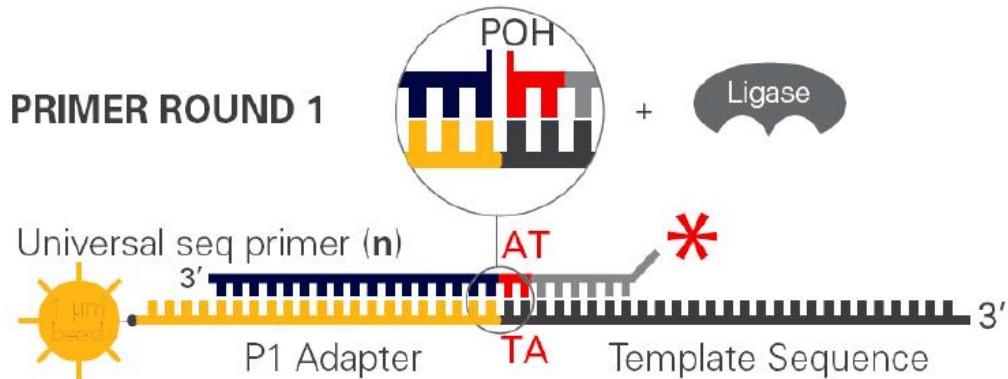
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5. Primer Reset

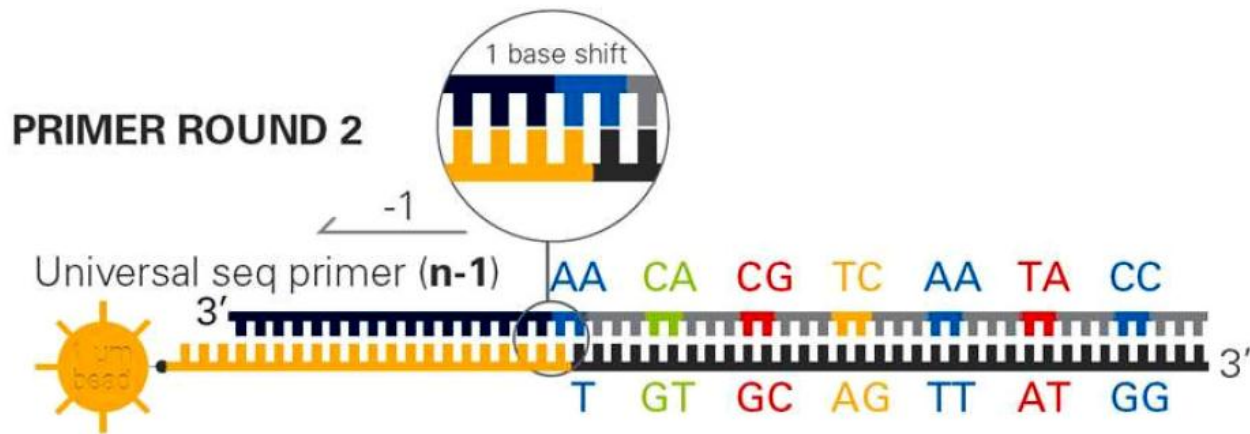


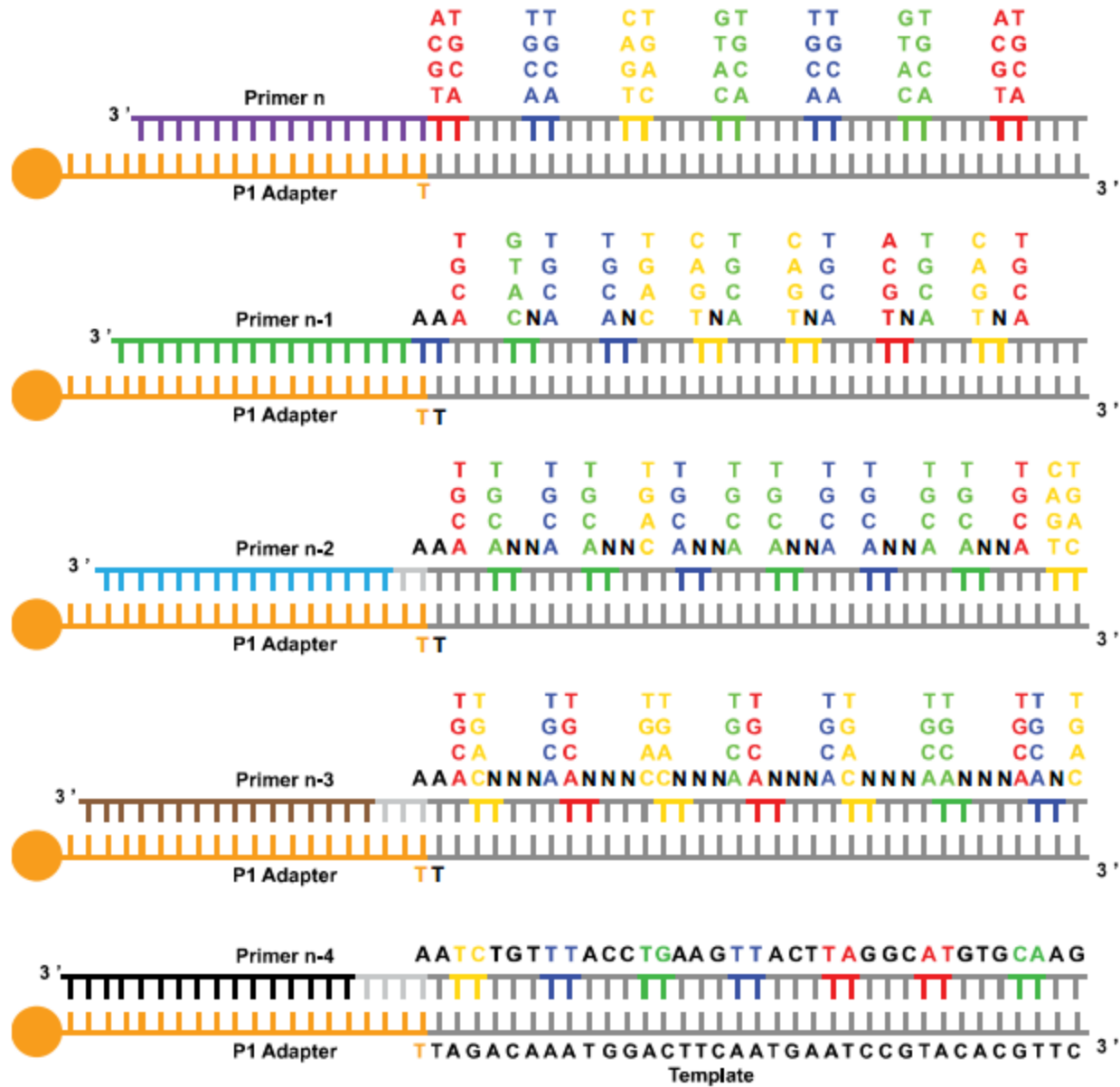
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1. Prime and Ligate



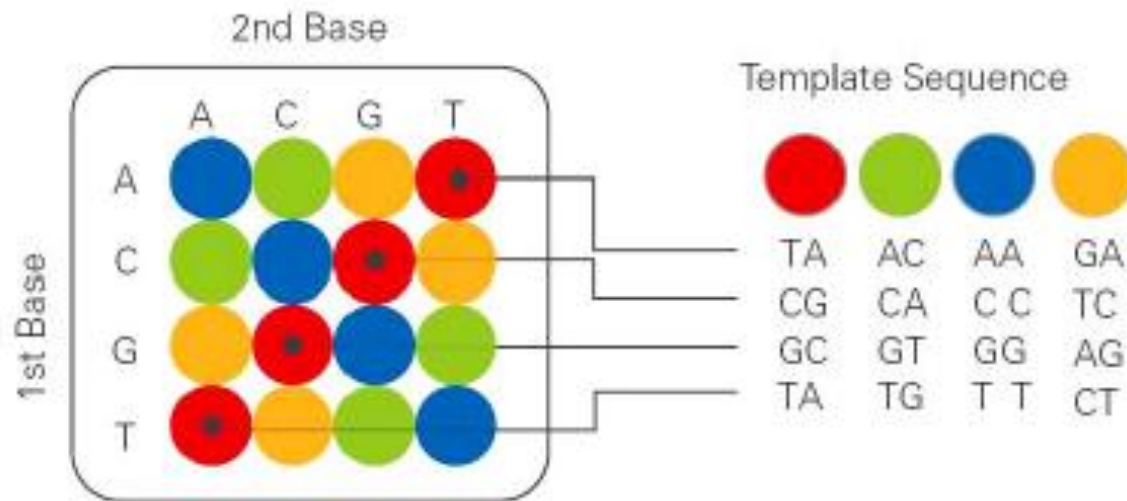
6. Repeat steps 1-5 with new primer





SoLID Colour space

Possible dinucleotides encoded by each color



Common features

- All 3 platforms share the following:
 - Adaptor sequences to fix probes to a surface/bead
 - Amplification
 - Use of fluorescent probes and CCD devices
 - Capable of paired-end reads
 - Post-processing software to determine image quality
 - Shorter read lengths compared to traditional capillary based sequencers
 - Much higher data volumes (~Gb)
 - Sequence a human genome in a matter of days

Common features

Images

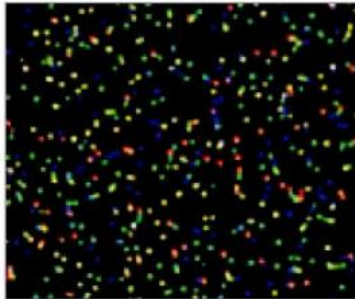


Image Analysis

| Row No. | X | Y | Cycle 1 - R G C T | Cycle 2 - R G C T |
|---------|----|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
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| 0 | 12 | 779 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 |
| 0 | 12 | 143 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 |
| 0 | 12 | 308 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 |
| 0 | 12 | 1107 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 |
| 0 | 12 | 1674 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 |
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| 0 | 12 | 828 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 |
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| 0 | 12 | 807 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 |

Base Calling

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CTAGTTTCGATTACGATCGATCGTTG
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TACGATCGATCGTTGCATGCTGGGGT
TCGATCGTTGCATGCTGGGGTAGTGC
TCGATTACGATCGATCGTTGCATGCTG
CGATTACGATCGATCGTTGCATGCTGC
TAGTTTCGATTACGATCGATCGTTGC
CGATTACGATCGATCGTTGCATGCTGG
ACGATCGATCGTTGCATGCTGGGGTAG
    
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Aligned Reads



Phred Score

- Phred program:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phred_base_calling
- $Q = -10 \log_{10}(P)$
- $P = 10^{(-Q/10)}$

Phred quality scores are logarithmically linked to error probabilities

| Phred Quality Score | Probability of incorrect base call | Base call accuracy |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 10 | 1 in 10 | 90 % |
| 20 | 1 in 100 | 99 % |
| 30 | 1 in 1000 | 99.9 % |
| 40 | 1 in 10000 | 99.99 % |
| 50 | 1 in 100000 | 99.999 % |

Bioinformatics implications

- 100-10,000 fold increase in data volumes
- Tool development
- Data quality is poorer
- Less bioinformatics manpower available per sequencing project
- Finished genomes are usually of poorer quality than Sanger 'gold-standard' genomes
- Due to data volume, other applications have become feasible
- E.g. RNA-seq, ChIP-seq, Meth-Seq.

Benchmark sequencers

The NGS Market

- Currently dominated by Illumina (60% instruments)
- Market splitting into:
 - Low throughput but fast: clinical applications and sequencer for individual labs
 - Very high throughput: genome centers and large-scale projects
- E.g Illumina HiSeq 2000 vs. MiSeq
 - 300Gbase per 10 day run vs 7 Gbase in 48 hours

Niedringhaus, T. P., Milanova, D., Kerby, M. B., Snyder, M. P., & Barron, A. E. (2011). Landscape of next-generation sequencing technologies. *Analytical chemistry*, 83(12), 4327–41. doi:10.1021/ac2010857

Benchtop sequencers

- Roche 454 Junior, Illumina Miseq are essentially miniature versions of the 454 and HiSeq
- Life Technologies Ion Torrent and Ion Proton are benchtop sequencers derived from 454 pyrosequencing
- Designed for individual groups
- Typical instrument cost is \$150k (inc 3 year service contract)
- Typical run cost in consumables: \$1000/run (at maximum output)

Illumina MiSeq

- Same technology and chemistry as HiSeq
- 2X250bp
- 7.5 Gbase/run
- Run 48 hours
- **\$800 / run**
- **\$100K instrument**
- **\$50k for additional 2 year service contract**
- No additional wet-lab equipment required
- Capable of sequencing 20-30 bacterial genomes per run
- RNA-seq of up to 6 samples
- Libraries compatible with HiSeq



Roche 454 Junior

- Same chemistry
 - 100K reads, 700bp
 - 70 Mbases/run
 - Focus on clinical, 510K validated assays
 - **\$1000 per run**
 - **\$100K instrument**
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- Now uncompetitive – Roche reviewing prices



Life Technologies Ion Torrent

454-like chemistry without dye-labelled nucleotides

- No optics, CMOS chip sensor
- Up to 400bp reads (single-end)
- 2 hour run-time (+5 hours on One Touch)
- Output is dependent on chip type (314, 316 or 318)
- 318 (11M wells) >1Gbase in 3 hours
- **\$700 per run**
- **\$50K for the instrument, plus \$75k for additional One Touch station and Server**
- **Libraries not compatible with Ion Proton**

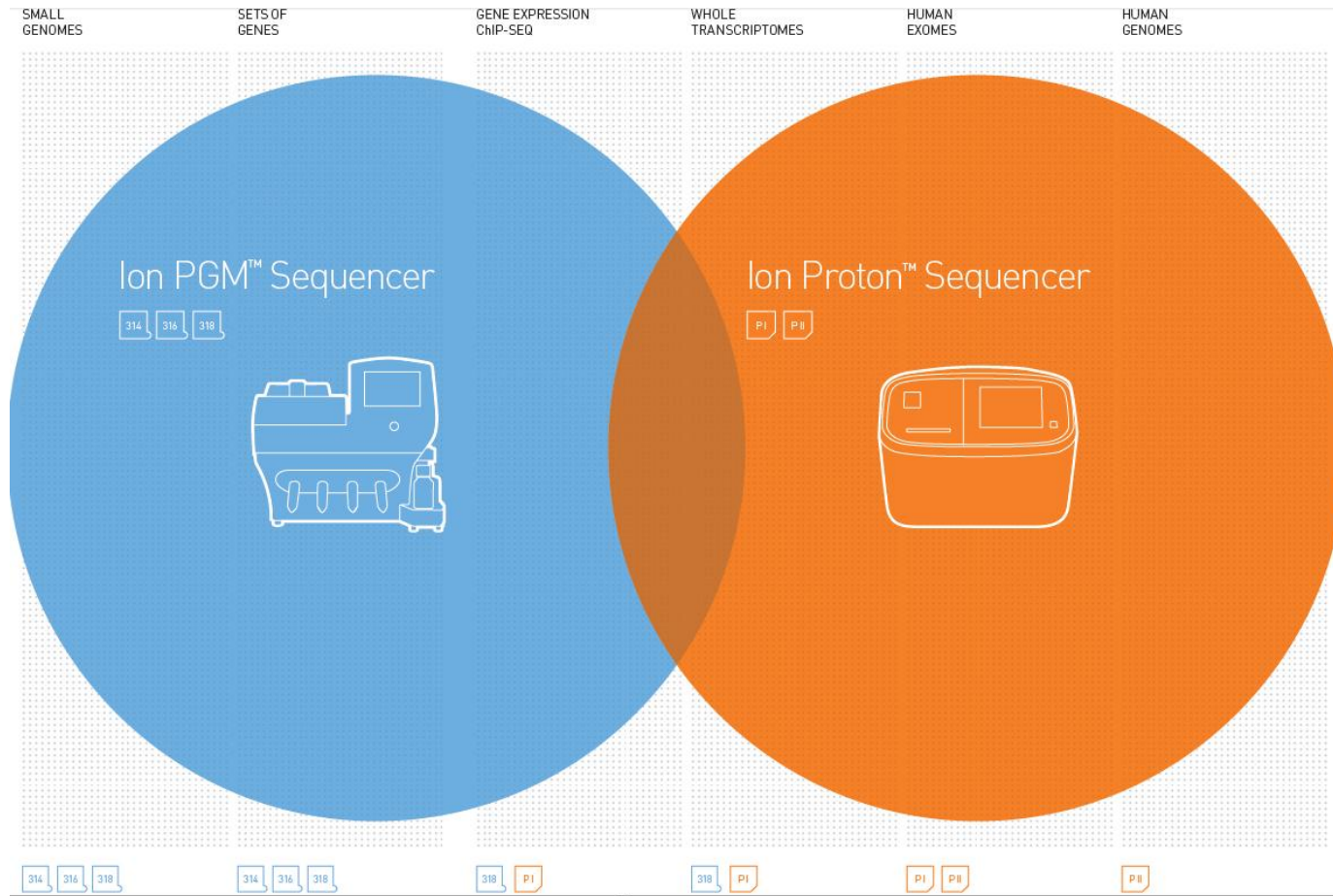


Life Technologies Ion Proton

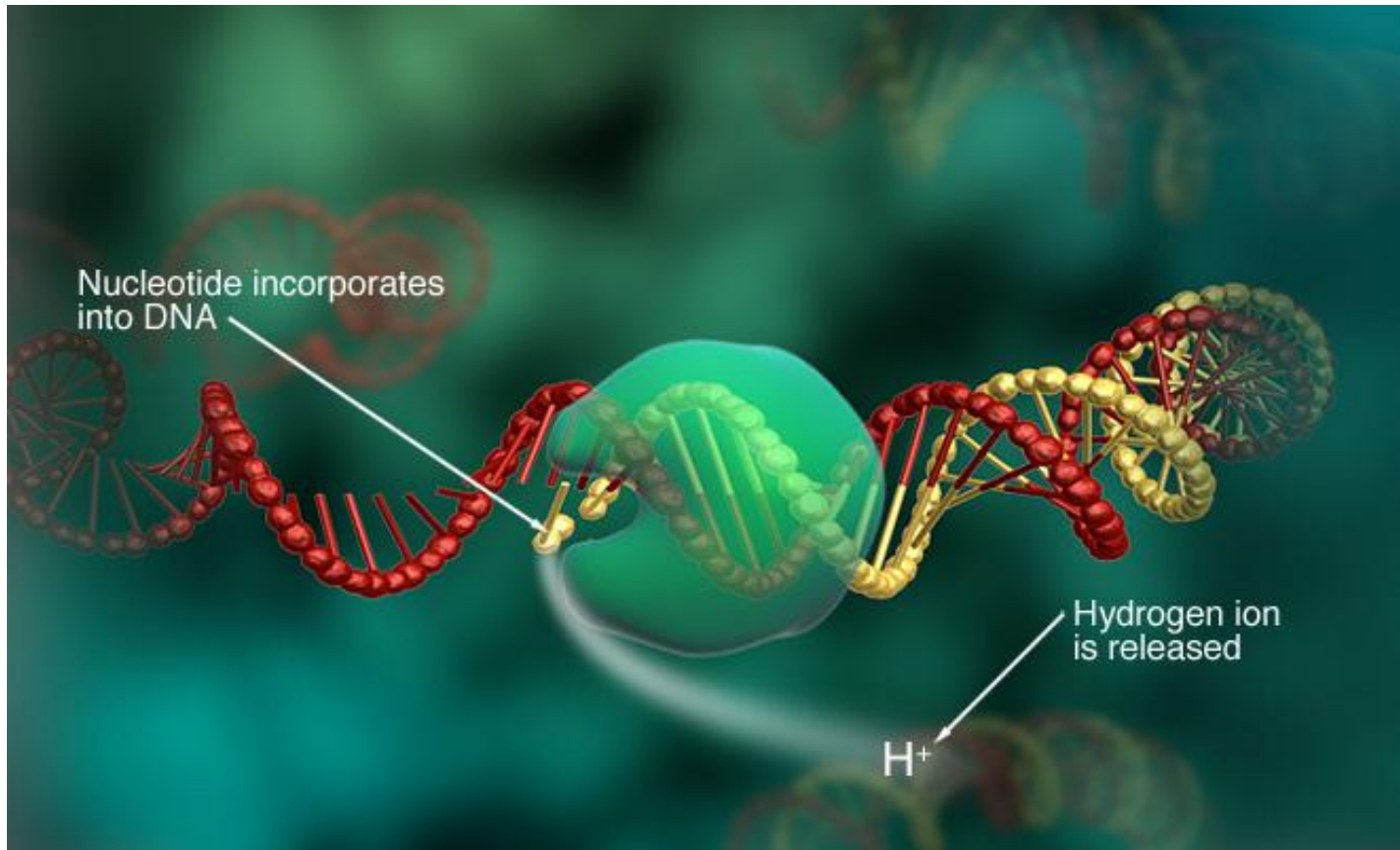
- 454-like chemistry without dye-labelled nucleotides
 - No optics, CMOS chip sensor
 - Up to 200bp reads (single-end)
 - 2 hour run-time (+8 hours on One Touch)
 - Output is dependent on chip type (P1 or P2 coming soon)
 - 60-80 million reads (P1)
 - **\$1500 per run**
 - **\$150K for the instrument, plus \$75k for additional One Touch station and Server**
 - **Libraries not compatible with Ion Torrent**



Ion Torrent vs Ion Proton

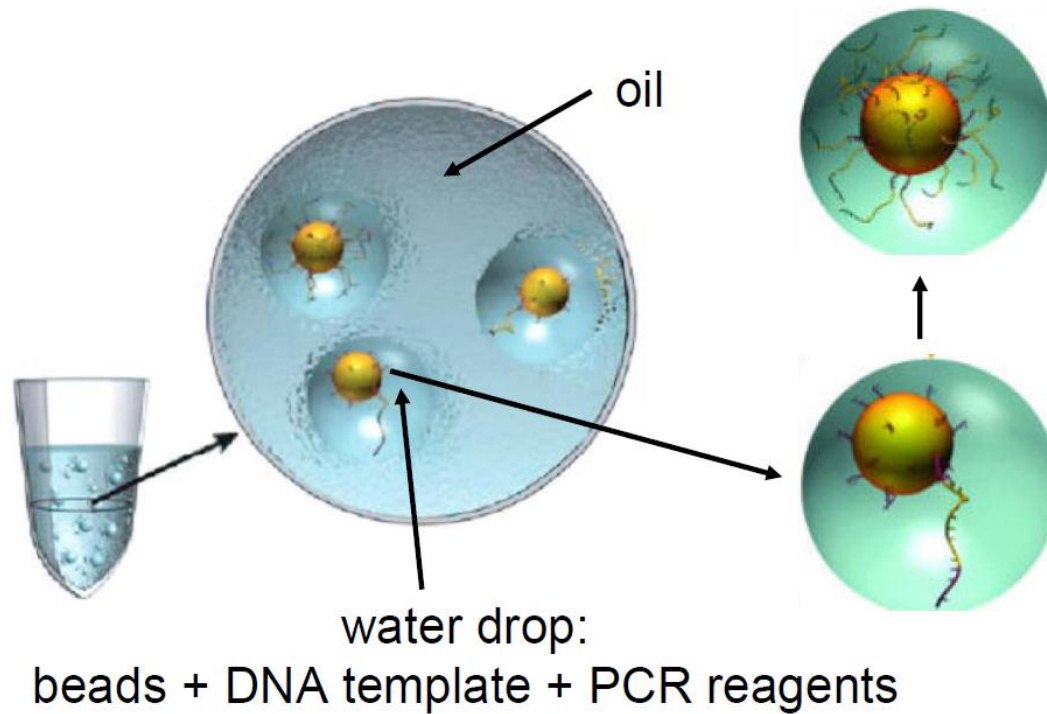


Ion Torrent

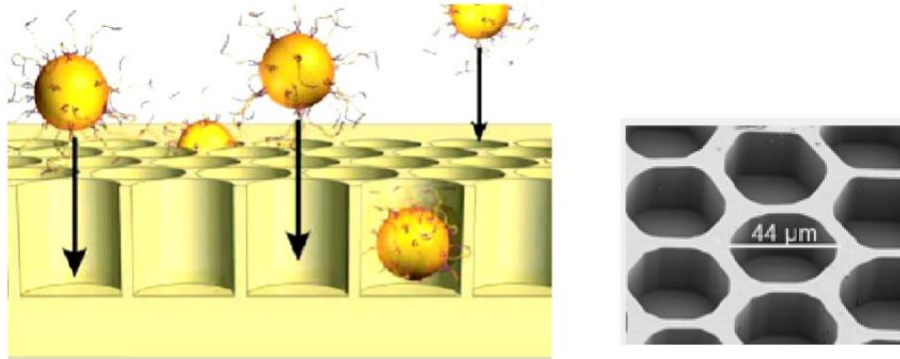


Library prep

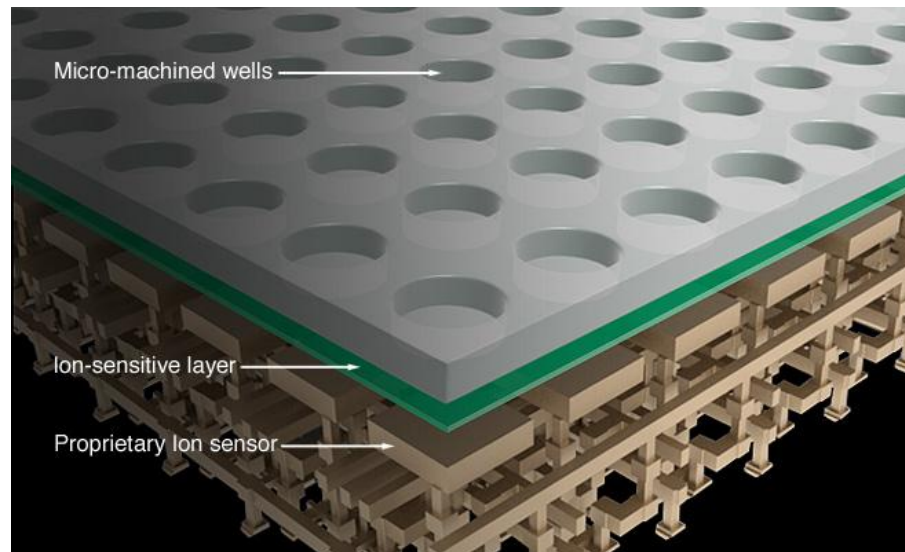
- 454 style library using emulsion PCR



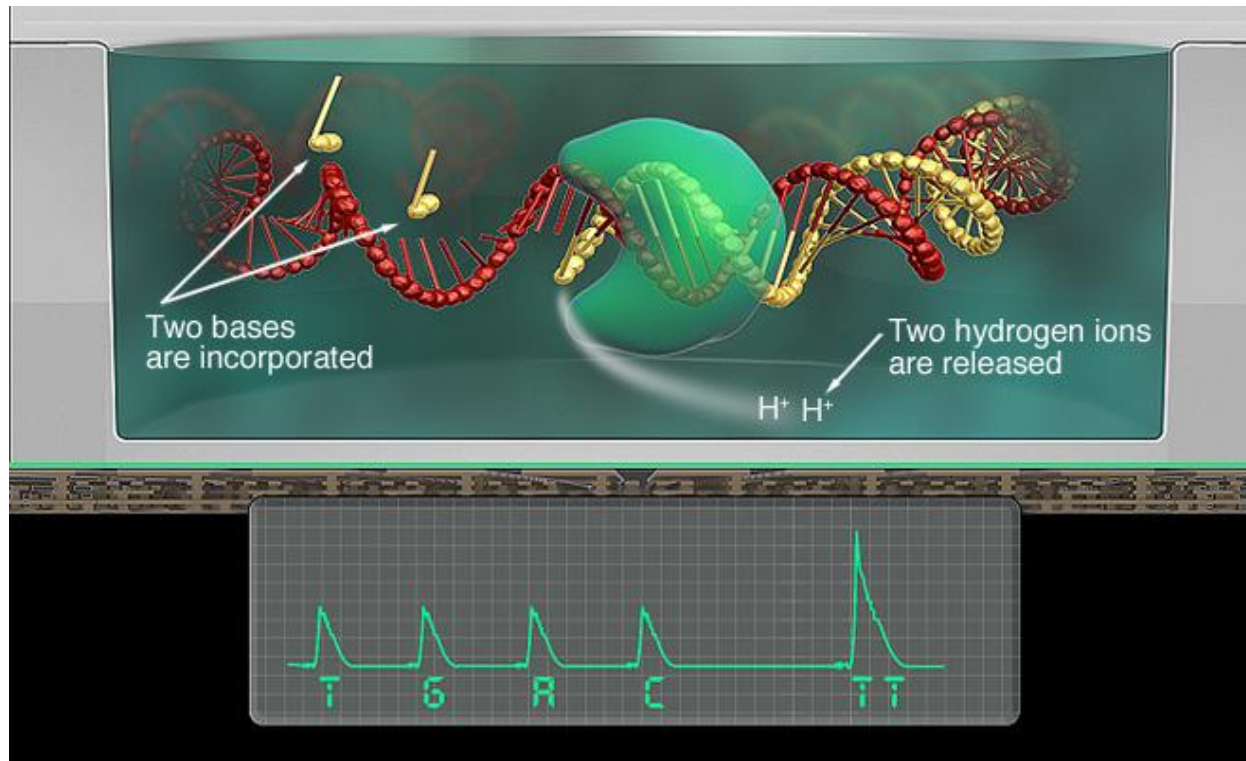
Ion Torrent



- enrich for DNA + beads
- diameter of the wells allows for only 1 bead/well



Ion System



Benchtop sequencers



Ion Proton (P1 chip)

- 60-80M reads
- Up to single-end 200 base pair runs
- 16Gb/run
- 4 hour run time
- \$???:run
- \$???:K instrument
- One touch system required



Illumina MiSeq

- 30M reads
- 2X250bp
- 7.5 Gbase/run
- Run 36 hours
- **\$800 / run**
- **\$100K instrument**
- No additional equipment required



Roche 454 Junior

- Same chemistry
- 100K reads, 700bp
- 70 Mbases/run
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- **\$100K instrument**

Useful benchtop review papers

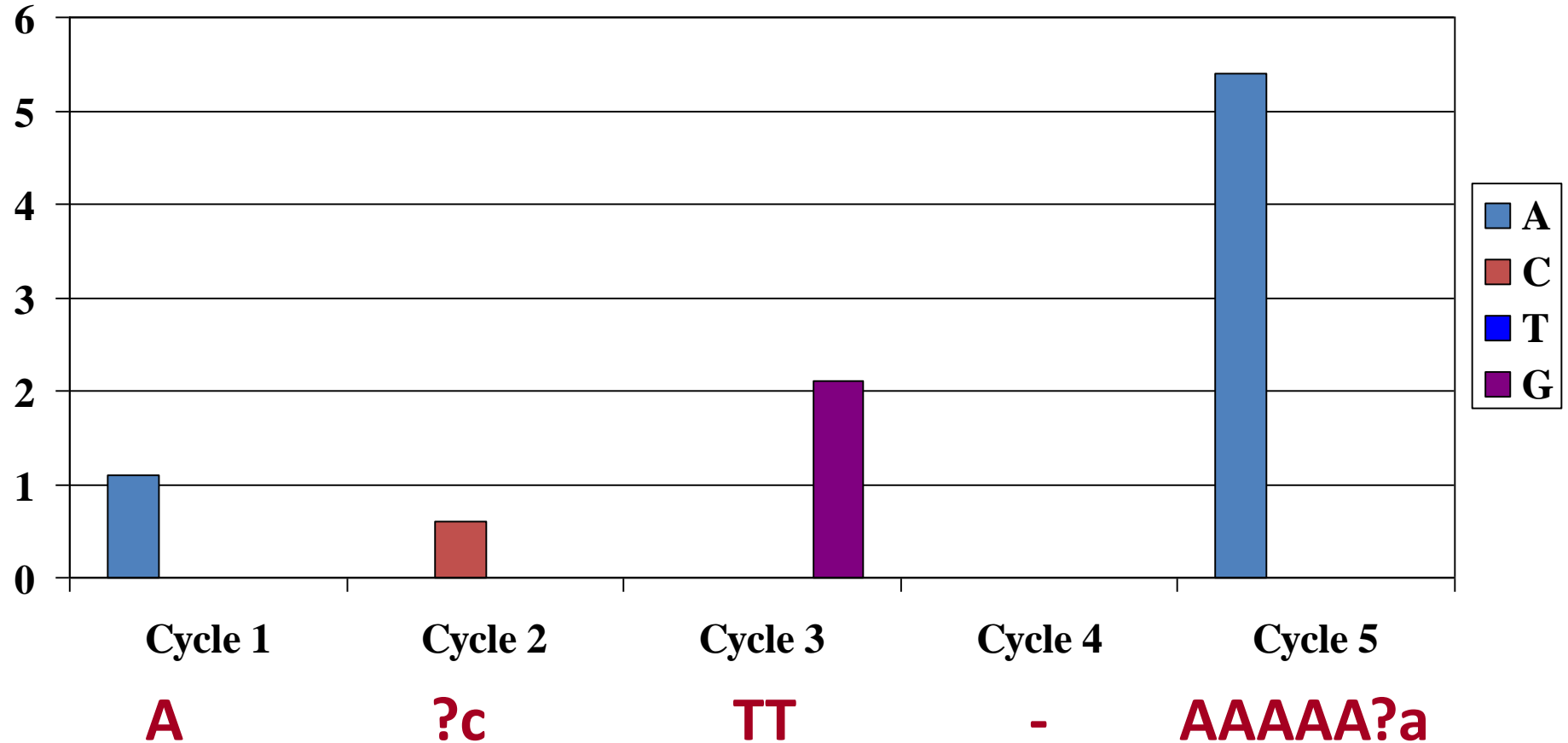
- Loman, N. J., Misra, R. V, Dallman, T. J., Constantinidou, C., Gharbia, S. E., Wain, J., & Pallen, M. J. (2012). Performance comparison of benchtop high-throughput sequencing platforms. *Nature biotechnology*, 30(5), 434–9. doi:10.1038/nbt.2198

Possible problems

- These are common to all platforms
 - Biases introduced by sample preparation
 - Errors in base-calling
 - High GC/AT biases can cause difficulties
- 454 and Ion Torrent have difficulty sequencing homopolymeric tracts accurately
- Illumina also has specific motifs which are difficult to sequence

Nakamura, K., Oshima, T., Morimoto, T., Ikeda, S., Yoshikawa, H., Shiwa, Y., Ishikawa, S., et al. (2011). Sequence-specific error profile of Illumina sequencers. Nucleic acids research, gkr344–. Retrieved from <http://nar.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/gkr344v1>

Homopolymer errors



- Different between signal of 1 and signal of 2 = **100%**.
- Different between signal of 5 and 6 is **20%** so errors more likely after eg. AAAAA.

Third generation sequencers

Third generation sequencers

- My definition: Single-molecule sequencing
- Currently only PacBio RS is commercially available
- Others include Oxford Nanopore, GnuBio, Raindance

Pacific Biosciences RS

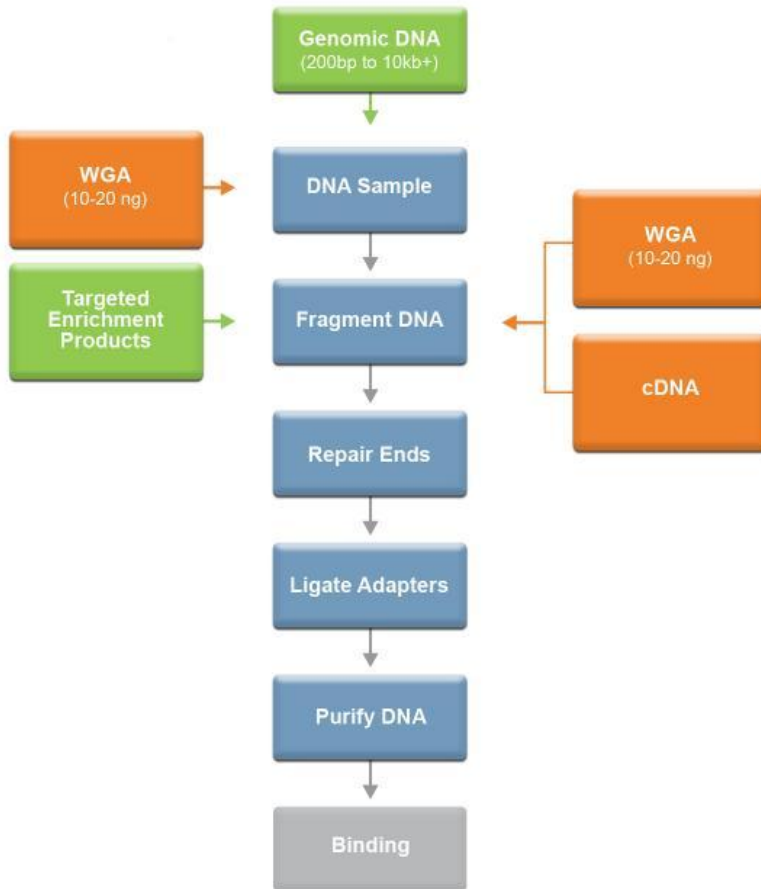


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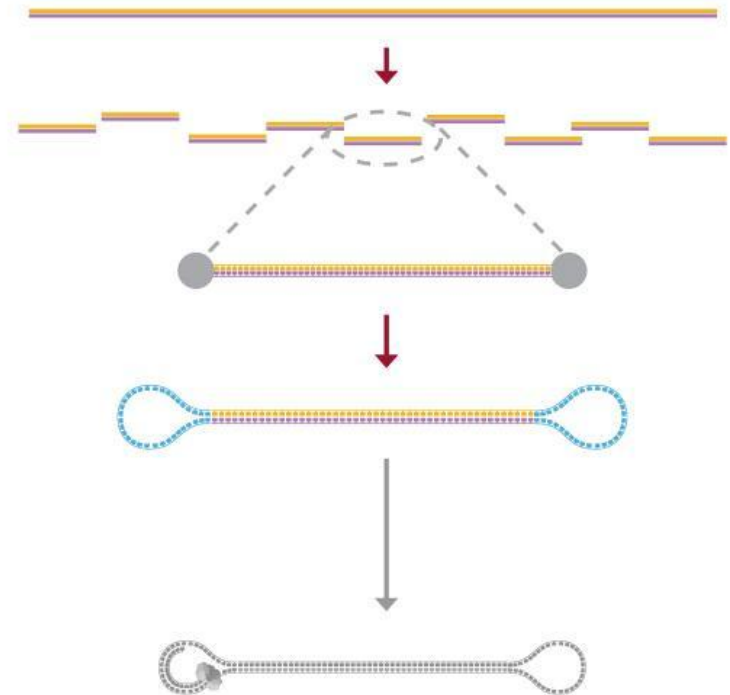
- Based on monitoring a single molecule of DNA polymerase within a zero mode waveguide (ZMW)
- Nucleotides with fluorophore attached to phosphate (rather than base) diffuse in and out of ZMW (microseconds)
- As polymerase attaches complementary nucleotide, fluorescent label is cleaved off
- Incorporation excites fluorescent label for milliseconds -> nucleotide recorded

Library prep

Sample Preparation

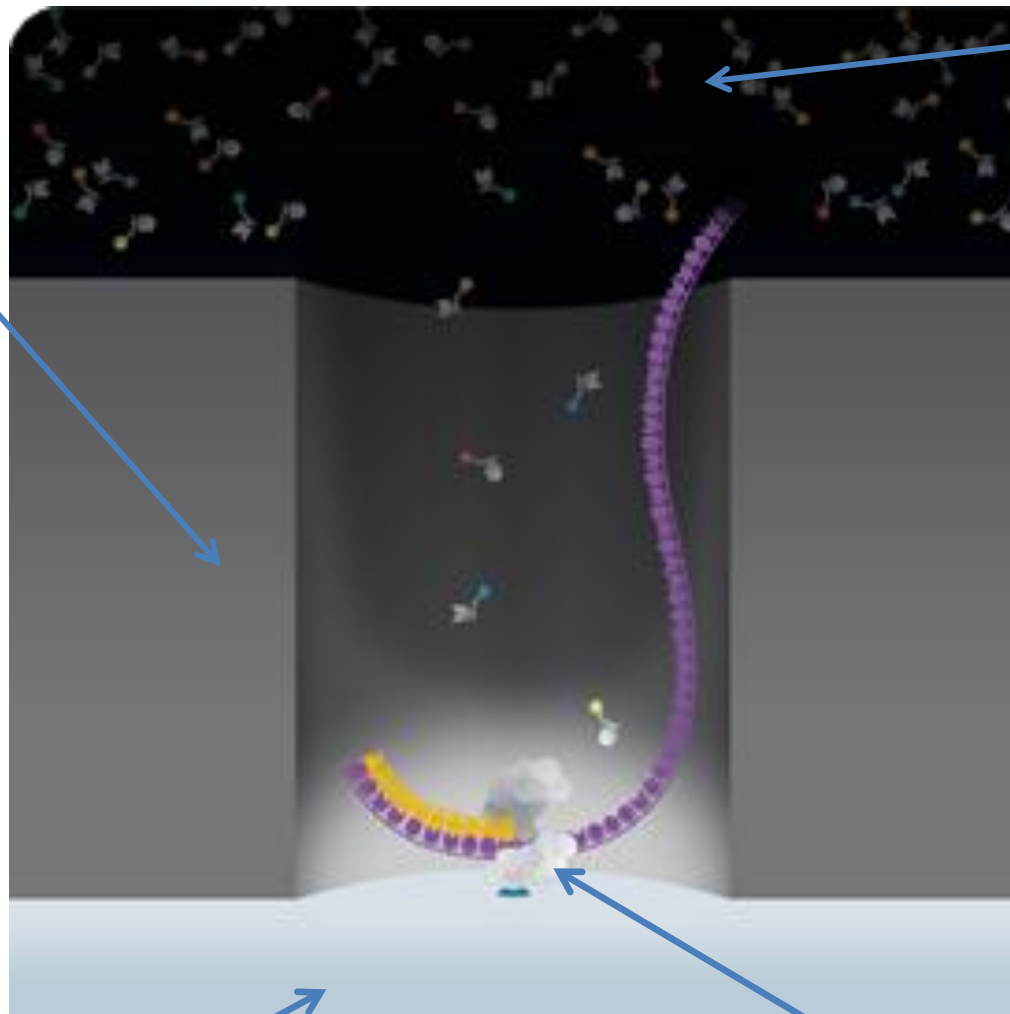


Building of SMRTbell



Zero mode waveguide

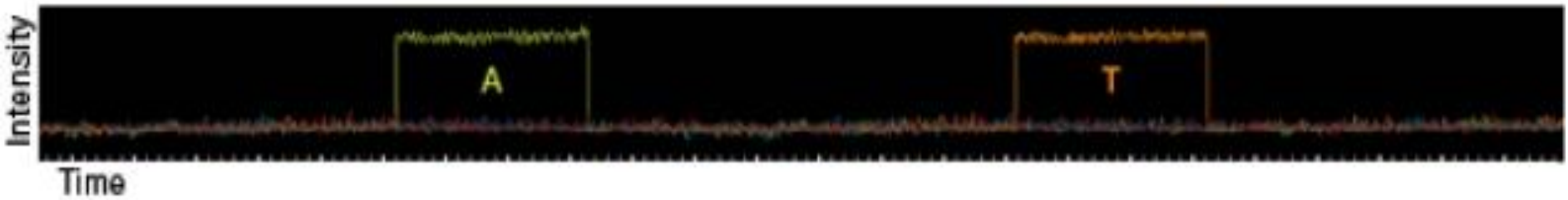
Free nucleotides



Laser and detector

Immobilised DNA polymerase

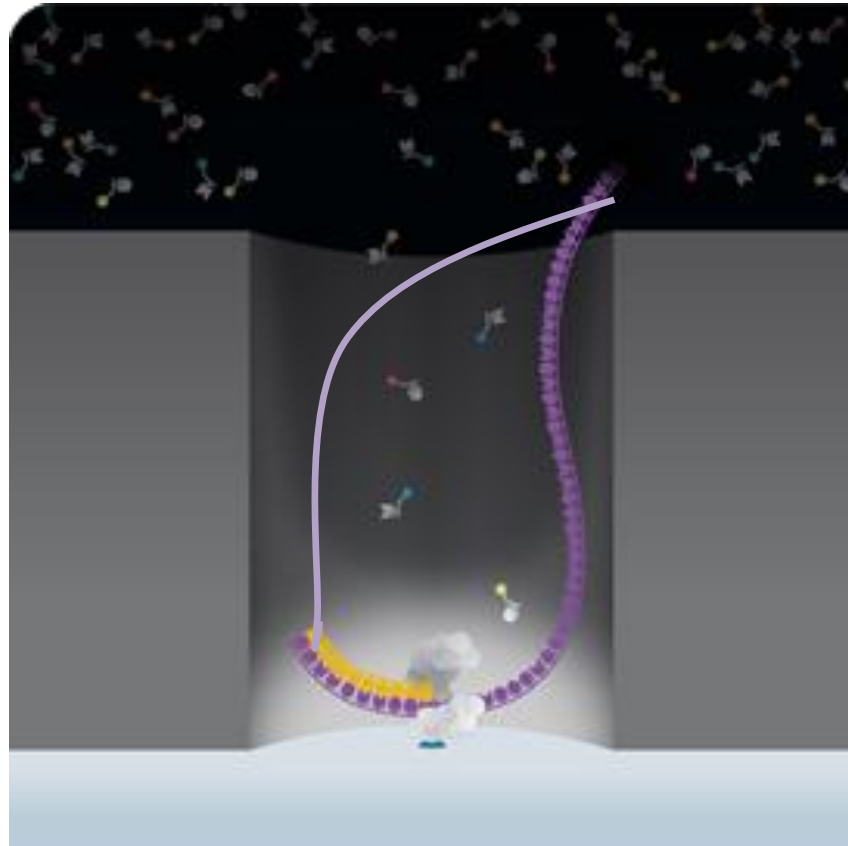
Observing a single polymerase



Novel applications

- Epigenetic changes (e.g. Methylation) affect the amount of time a fluorophore is held by the polymerase
- Circularise each DNA fragment and sequence continuously

Circular sequencing



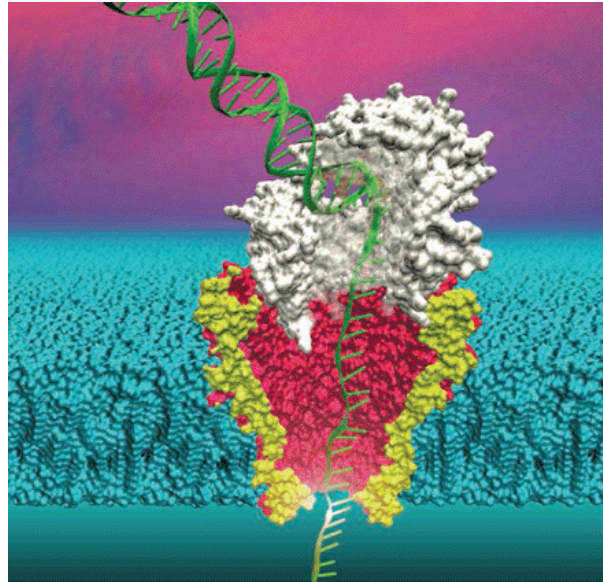
Pacific Biosciences

- Advantages
 - Longer reads lengths (200bp-10kb) (but only 200-500bp initially)
 - 40 minute run time
 - Same molecule can be sequenced repeatedly
 - Epigenetic modifications can be detected
- Disadvantages
 - Library prep required (but only 10-20ng needed)
 - Enzyme based
 - Only 20k-75k reads per run initially (~10-100Mb yield)
 - High (15%) error rate per run (but multiple runs reduce this)
 - \$750k machine plus expensive reagents

Bioinformatics Implications

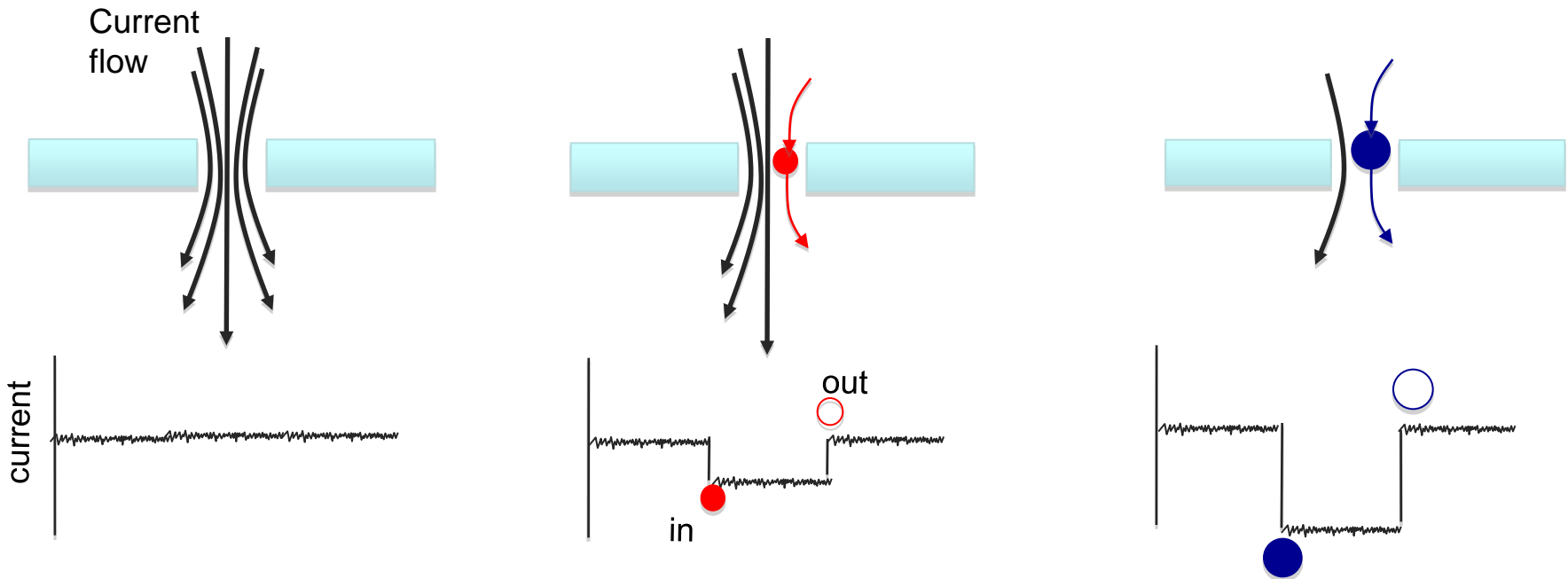
- Relatively low data output limits practical widespread use
- Can obtain some 10kb fragments
- Best used in conjunction with Illumina reads to correct high error rate

Nanopore sequencing



What is a nanopore?

- Nanopore = ‘very small hole’
- Electrical current flows through the hole
- Introduce analyte of interest into the hole → identify “analyte” by the disruption or block to the electrical current

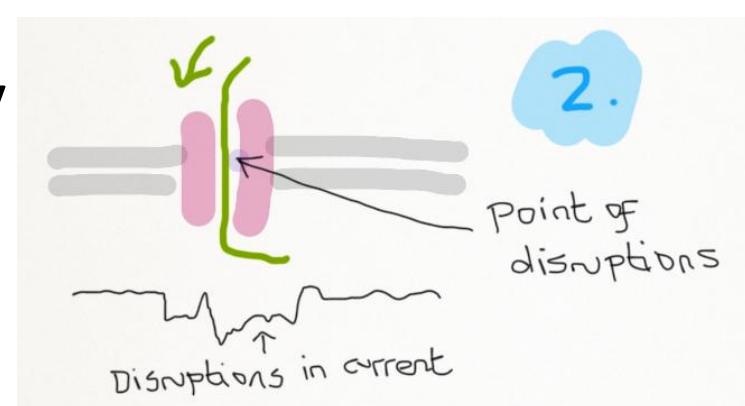
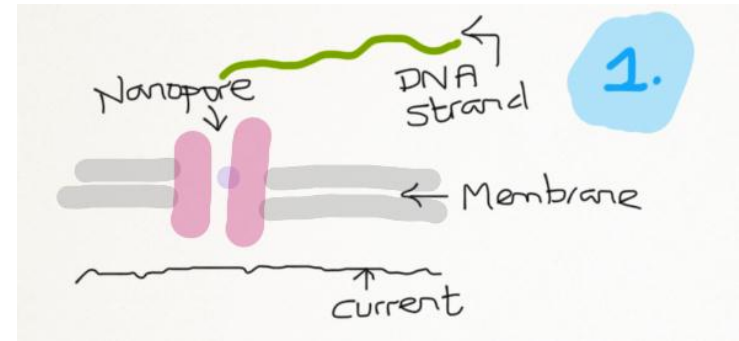


What is a nanopore?

- Either biological or synthetic
- Biological
 - Lipid bilayers with alpha-haemolysin pores
 - Best developed
 - Pores are stable but bilayers are difficult to maintain
- Synthetic
 - Graphene, or titanium nitride layer with solid-state pores
 - Less developed
 - Theoretically much more robust

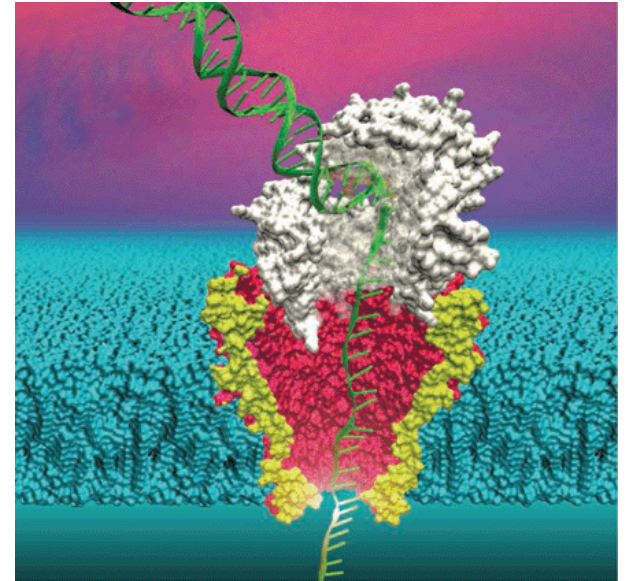
Nanopore sequencing

- Theory is quite simple
- Feed a 4nm wide DNA molecule through a 5nm wide hole
- As DNA passes through the hole, measure some property to determine which base is present
- Holds the promise of no library prep and enormously parallel sequencing



Nanopore sequencing

- In practice, it is much harder
- Problems:
 - DNA moves through the pore quickly
 - Holes are difficult/impossible to design to be thin enough so that only one base is physically located within the hole
 - DNA bases are difficult to distinguish from each other without some form of labelling
 - Electrical noise and quantum effects make signal to noise ratios very low



Approaches to simplify nanopore sequencing

- Slow down movement of bases through nanopore
 - Use an enzyme to chop DNA up and sequence individual bases as they pass through a pore
 - And/or use an enzyme to slow the progress of DNA through a pore
 - Monitor capacitance changes in the bilayer
- Hybridize labels to single stranded DNA
 - Force the labels to disassociate as they pass through the pore
 - Detect the labels

Oxford nanopore

- Company which appears closest to commercialisation
- Two approaches to sequencing
 - Strand sequencing
 - Exo-nuclease sequencing
- Both use synthetic membranes compatible with alpha-haemolysin derived pores

Nucleotide Recognition

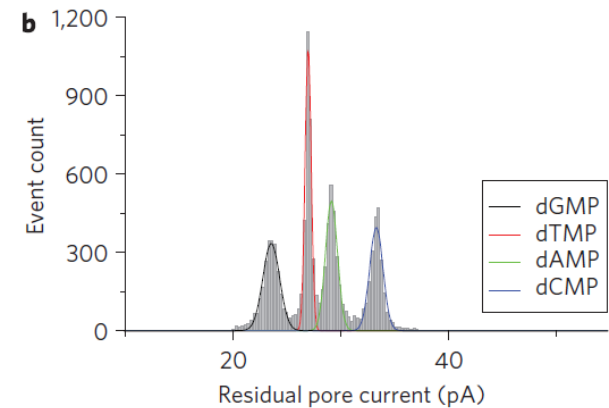
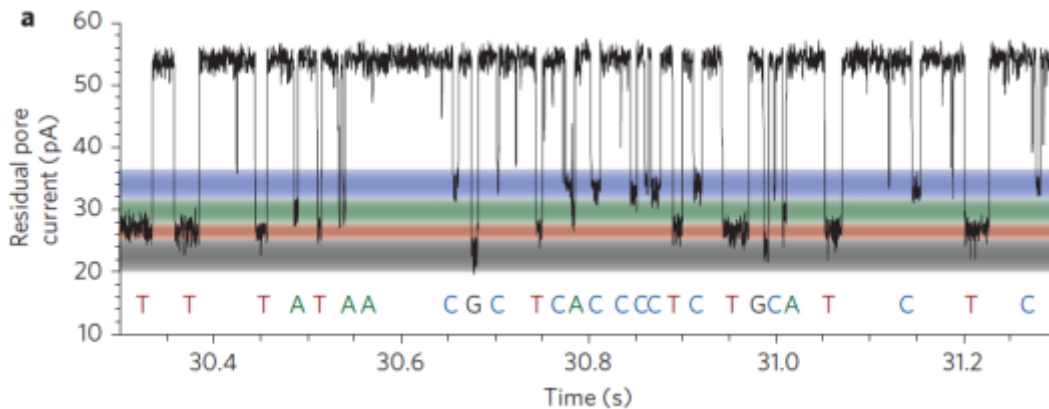
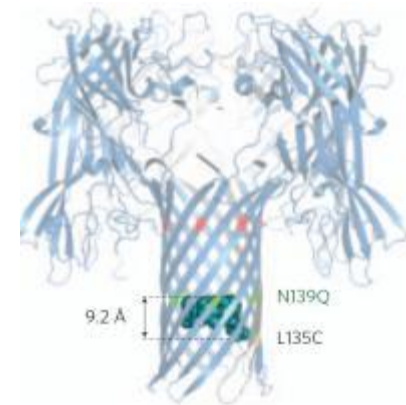
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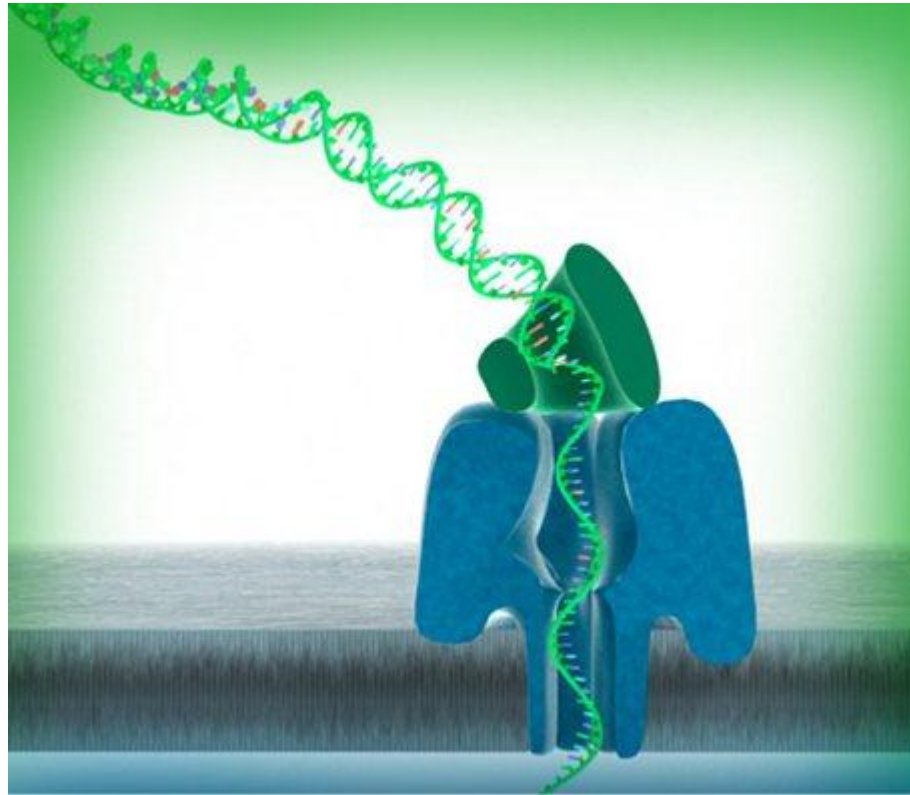
Continuous base identification for single-molecule nanopore DNA sequencing

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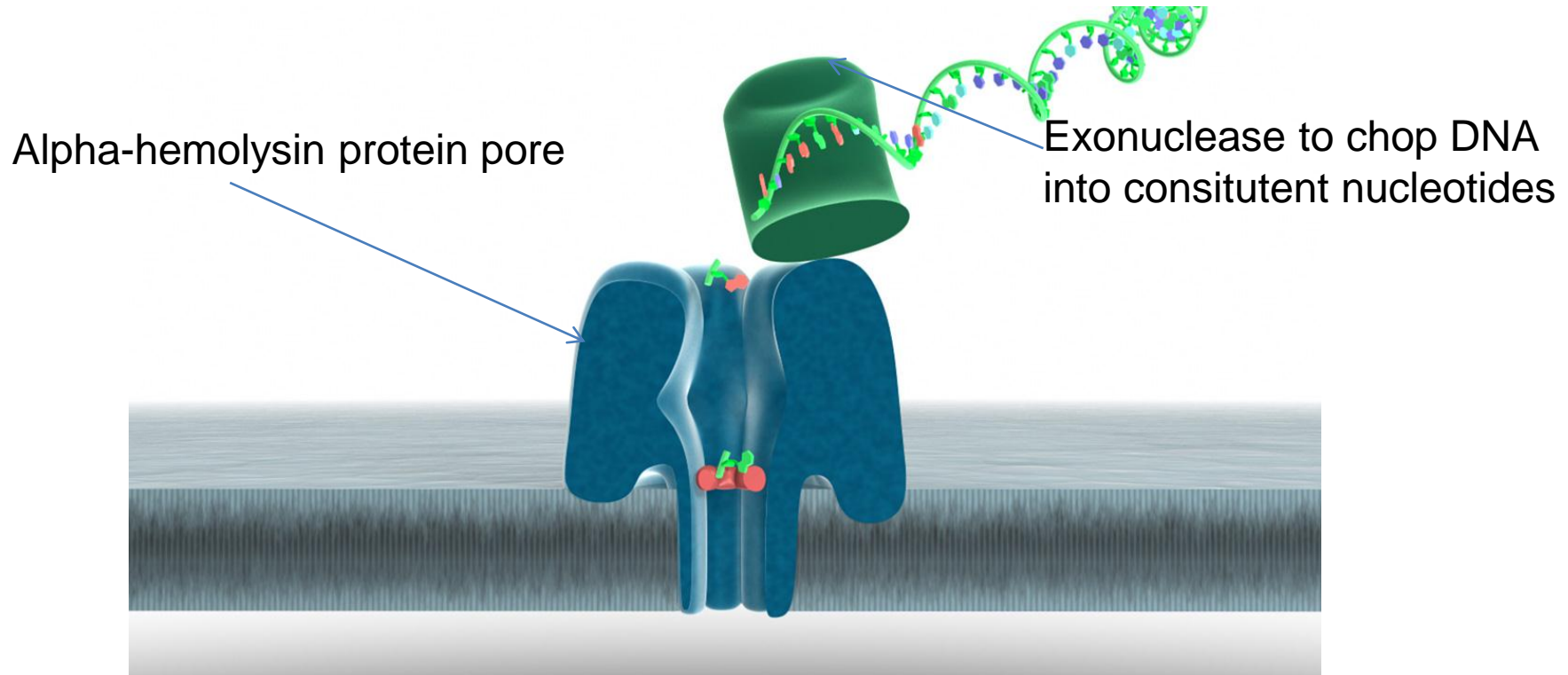


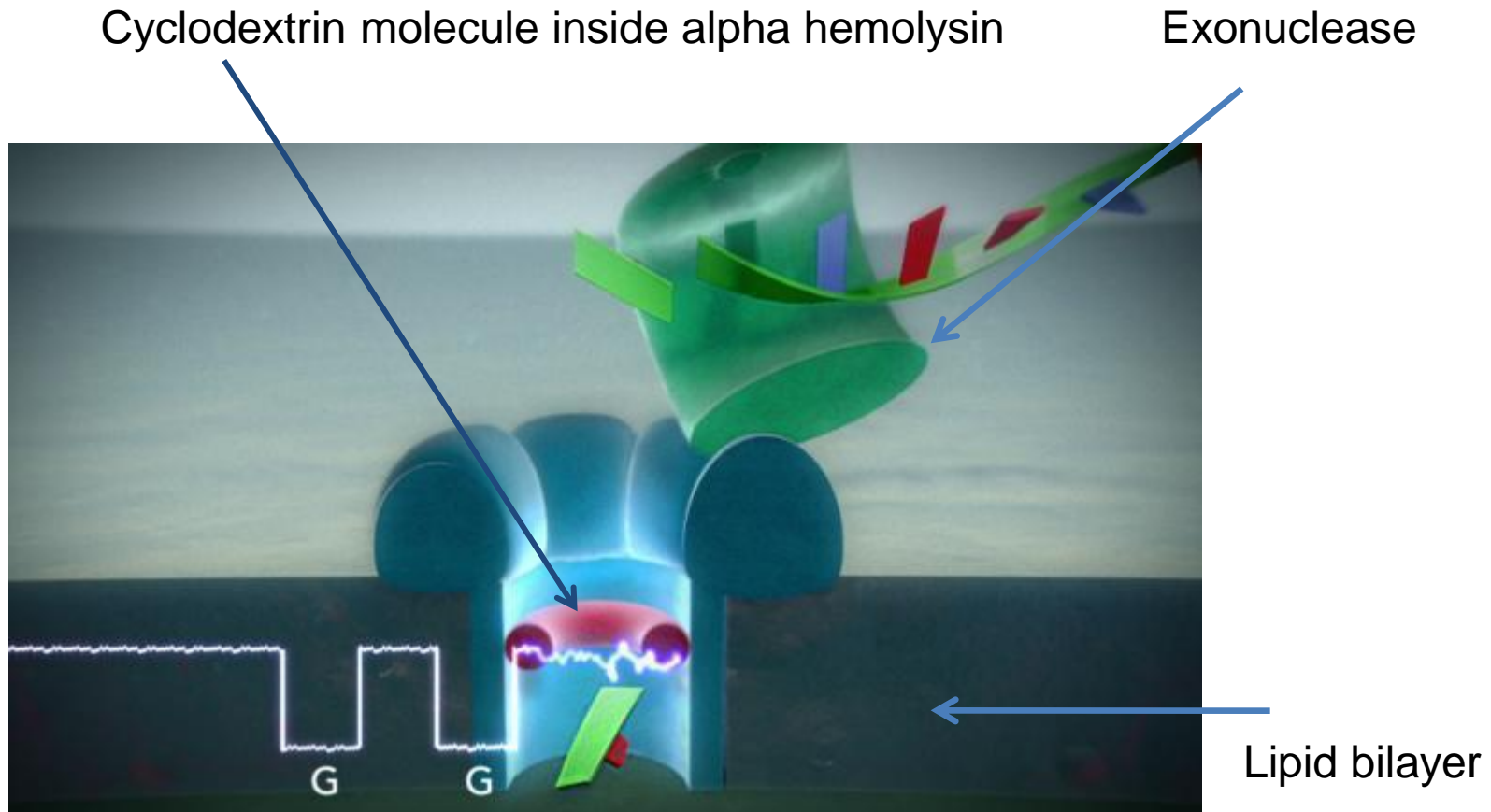
Strand-sequencing

- Used in the recently advertised GRIDION and Minlon systems



Exonuclease sequencing





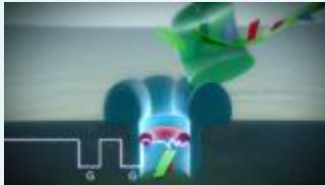
- Cyclodextrin inside alpha-hemolysin transiently binds to DNA base
- Interrupts the current through the pore
- Signal is indicative of base

Novel applications

Application Specific

Adaptable protein nanopore:

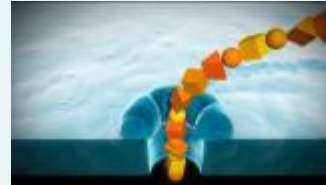
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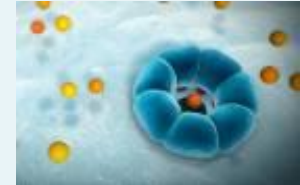
Proteins



Polymers



Small Molecules



Generic Platform

Sensor array chip: many nanopores in parallel



Electronic read-out system

Platforms

- GridION for sequencing centres
 - Human genome in 2 hours for around \$1000
 - No estimated pricing of instrument



- MinIon for individuals
 - \$900 for 2000 pore chip
 - Assuming 10kb reads – 20Mb
 - 4% error rate in trials



Oxford nanopore

- Advantages
 - No library prep required
 - Long reads lengths (1kb-100kb)
 - Protein → solid-state upgrades may eliminate reagent costs (3-5 years)
 - Fast turn around
 - Could measure epigenetic modifications and other molecules
- Disadvantages
 - Potentially non-stochastic errors (i.e. some sequences harder to sequence accurately)
 - Difficult to see how the same molecule could be sequenced repeatedly

Bioinformatics Implications

- Could prove to be yet another step change as with 2nd generation sequencing
- Can obtain >10kb fragments
- Error profiles will be crucial to determining success
- Longer read lengths may make alleviate some bioinformatics headaches
- ...it may lead to different bottlenecks

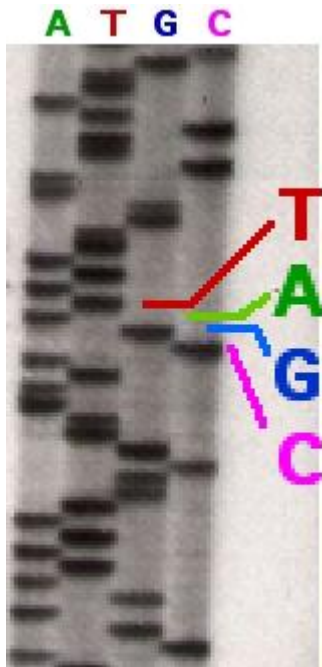
Useful papers/videos

- <http://www.nanoporetech.com/technology/analytes-and-applications-dna-rna-proteins/dna-an-introduction-to-nanopore-sequencing>

Sequencing – back on the benchtop

Full circle

- 1980



- 2000



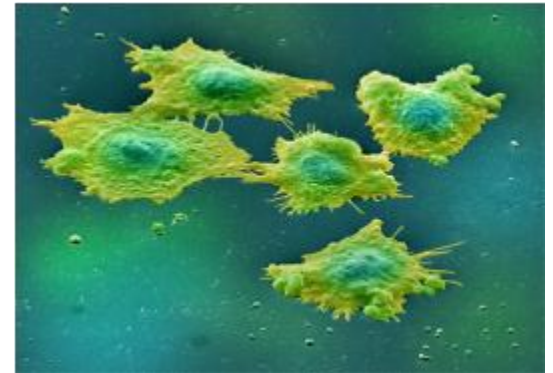
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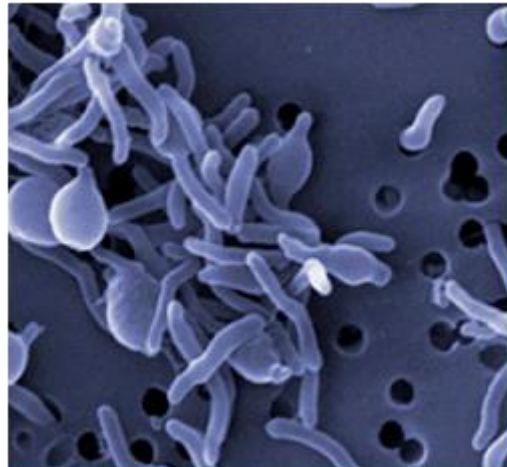
Ultimately: will we sequence every person?



Every cancer:
Accurate diagnosis and
targeted treatment?



Every baby:
Lifetime 'baseline' resource,
disease prevention?



Every infectious agent:
Control of disease
spread and resistance

Final note

- Sequencing means nothing without biological and environmental context
- The current revolution in sequencing may reveal that personalised medicine may not be the cure-all

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