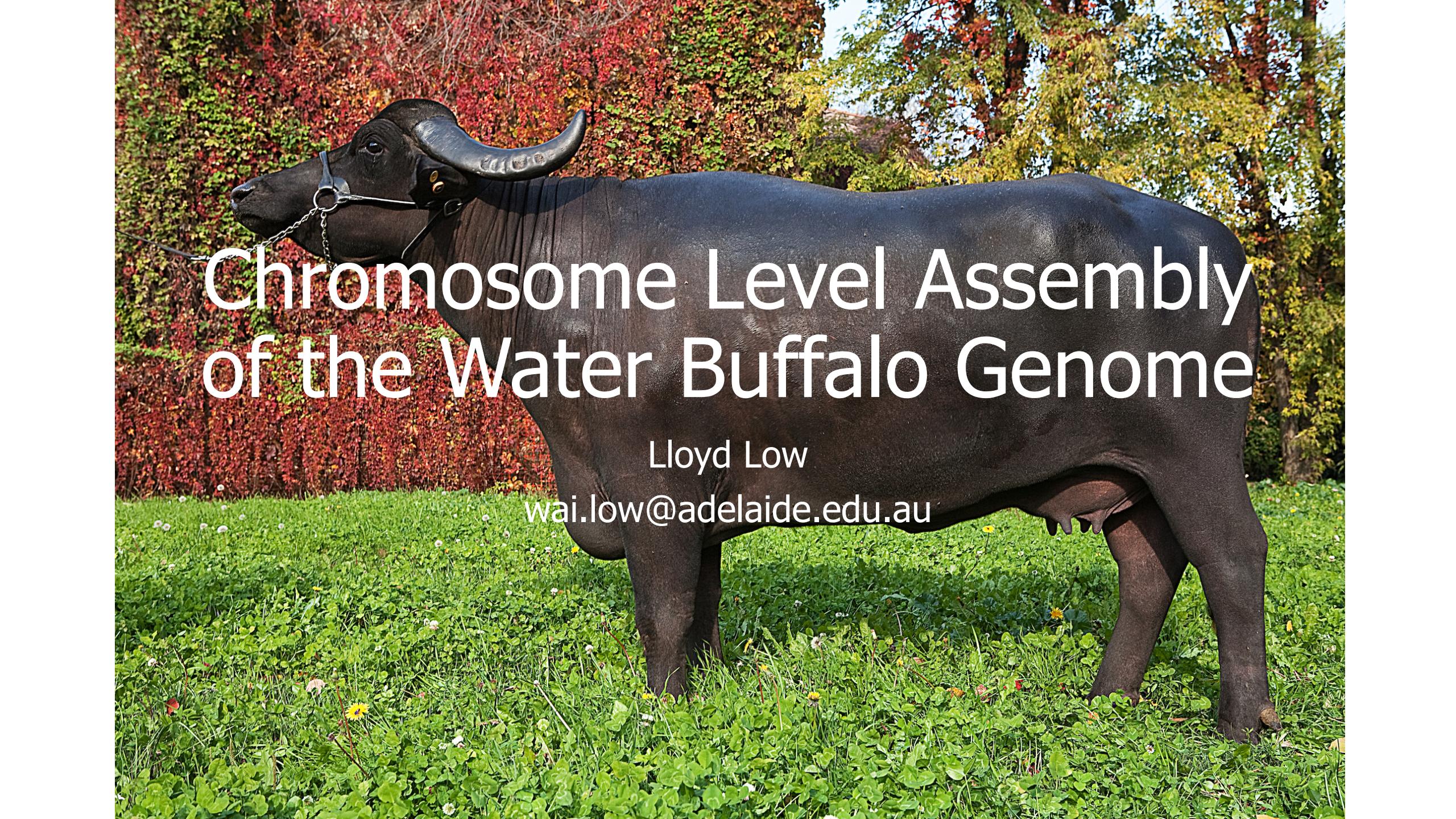




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A black water buffalo stands in a grassy field, facing left. It has large, curved horns and is wearing a halter and chain. The background features a wall covered in red and orange autumn leaves, with green trees above.

Chromosome Level Assembly of the Water Buffalo Genome

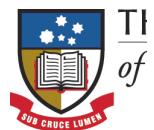
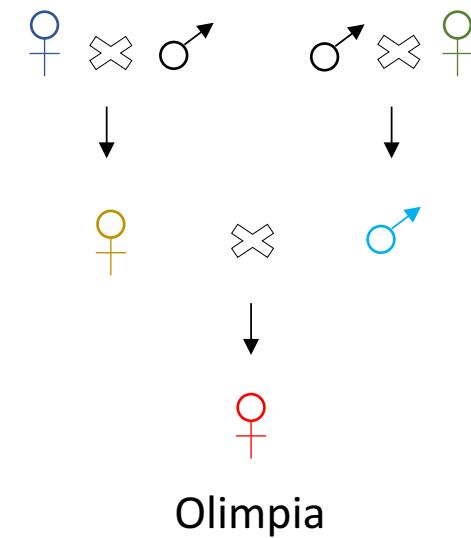
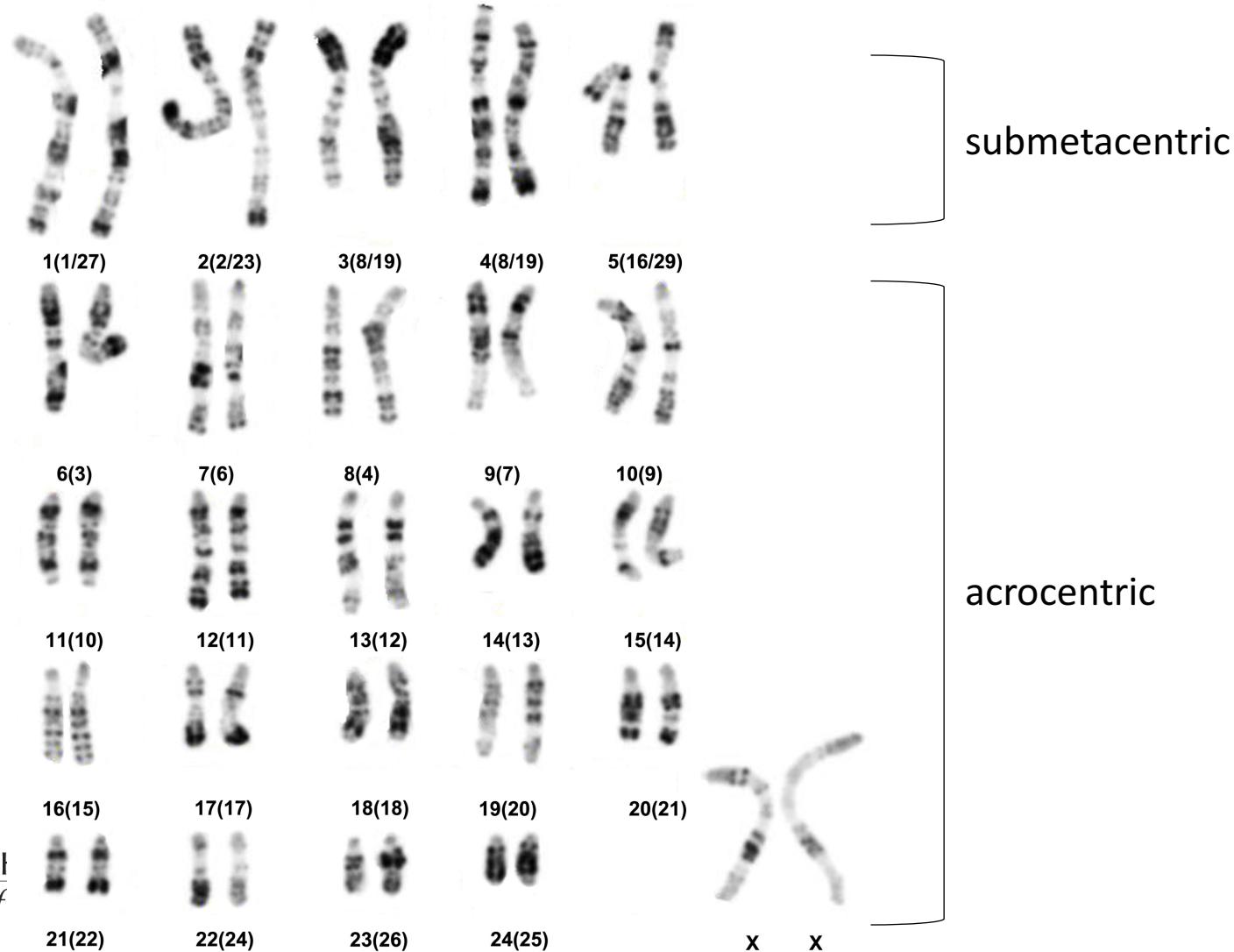
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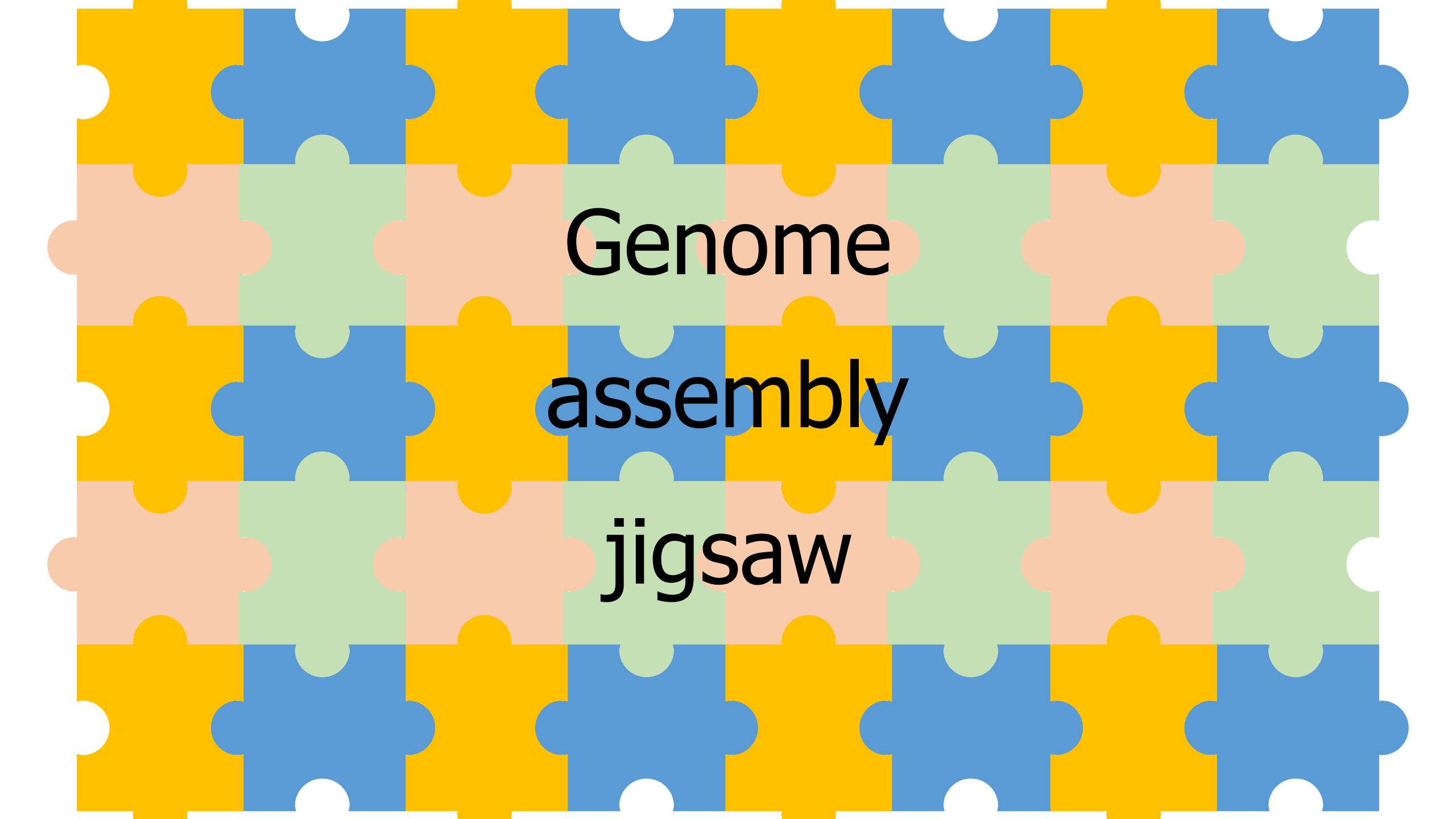
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Reference buffalo genome – why?

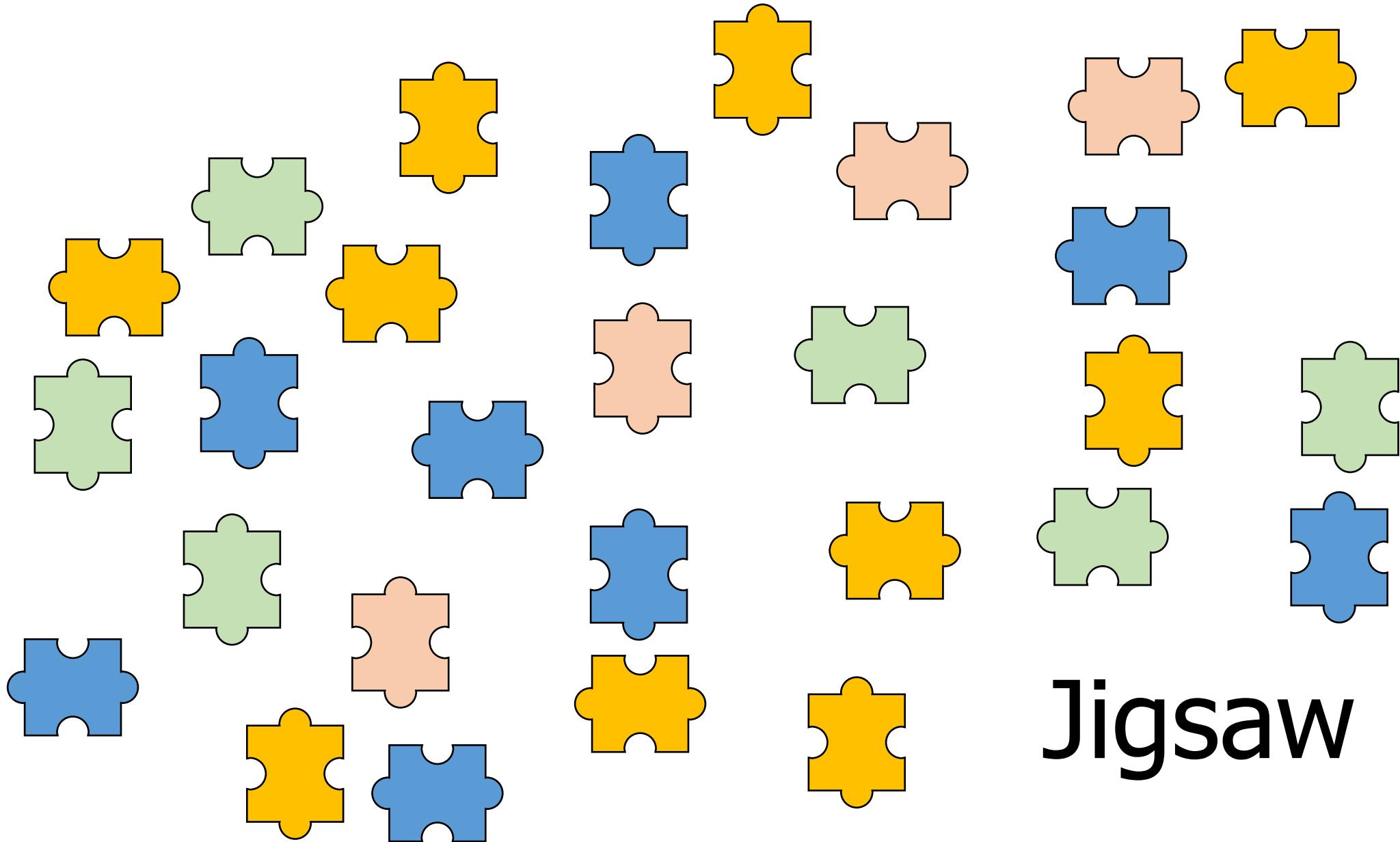
- Apply genome-based selection method for genetic improvement
 - Dairy
 - Meat
 - Draught animal
- Manage genetic diversity
- Uncover interesting biology of the species
- Comparative genomics (mammal and ~96 MYA divergence with human)

Karyotype and pedigree

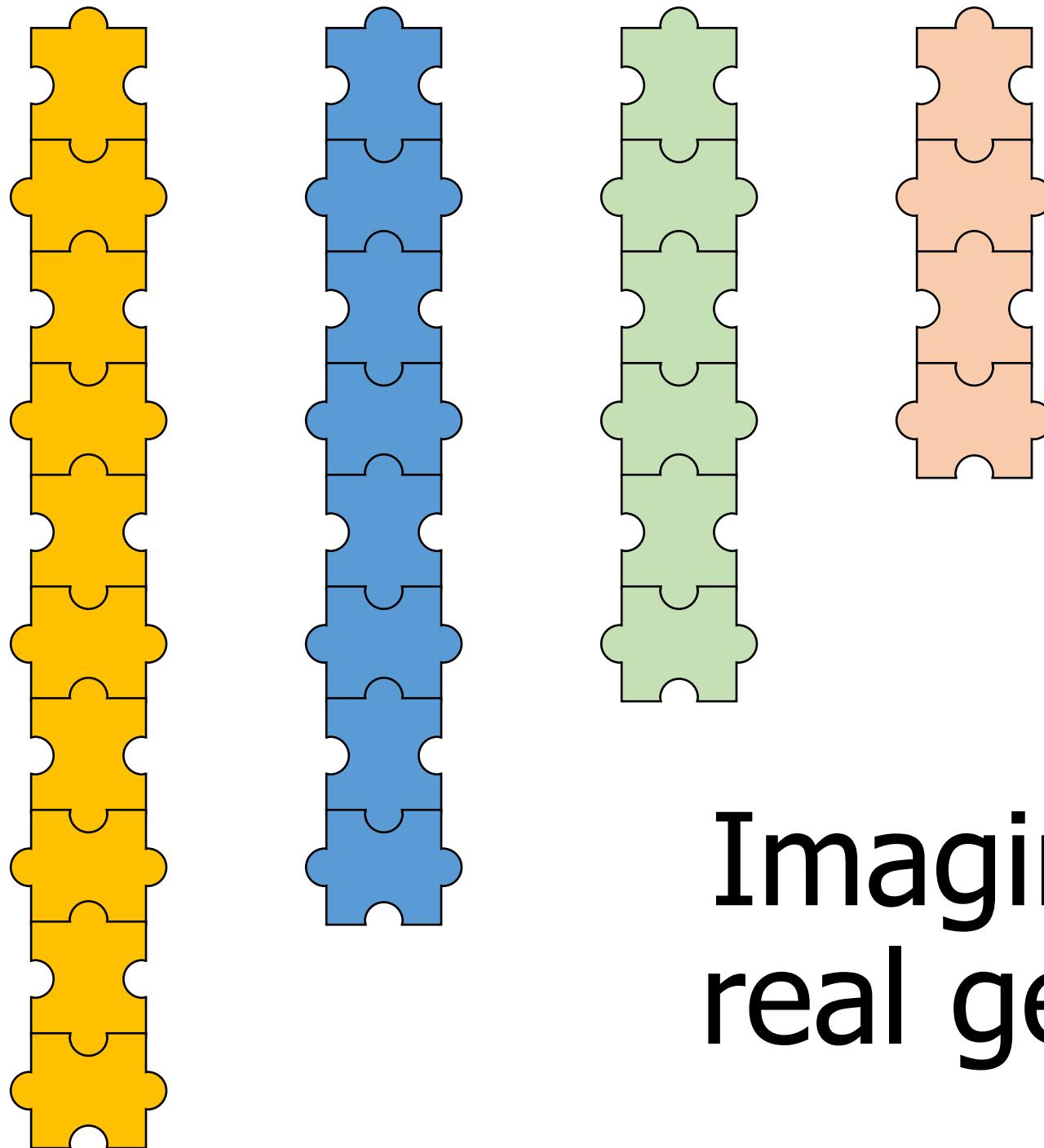




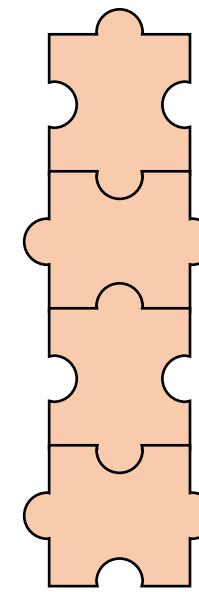
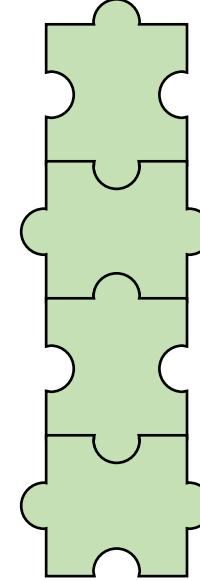
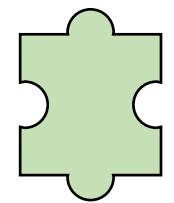
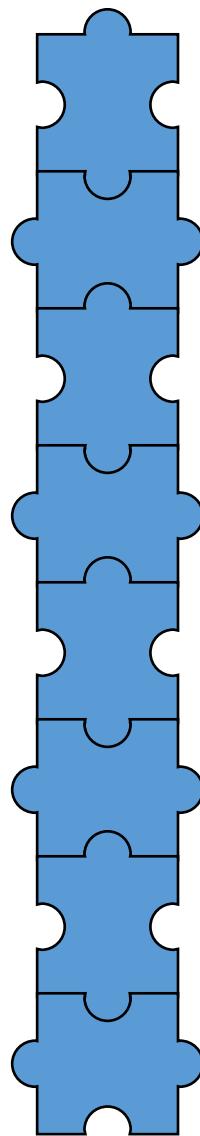
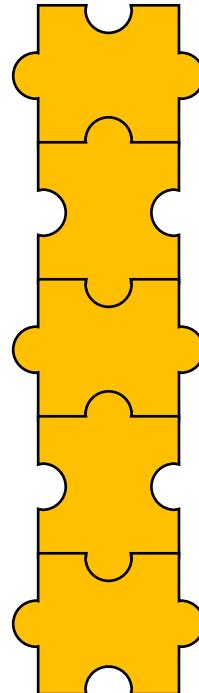
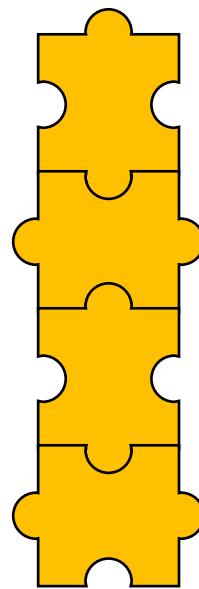
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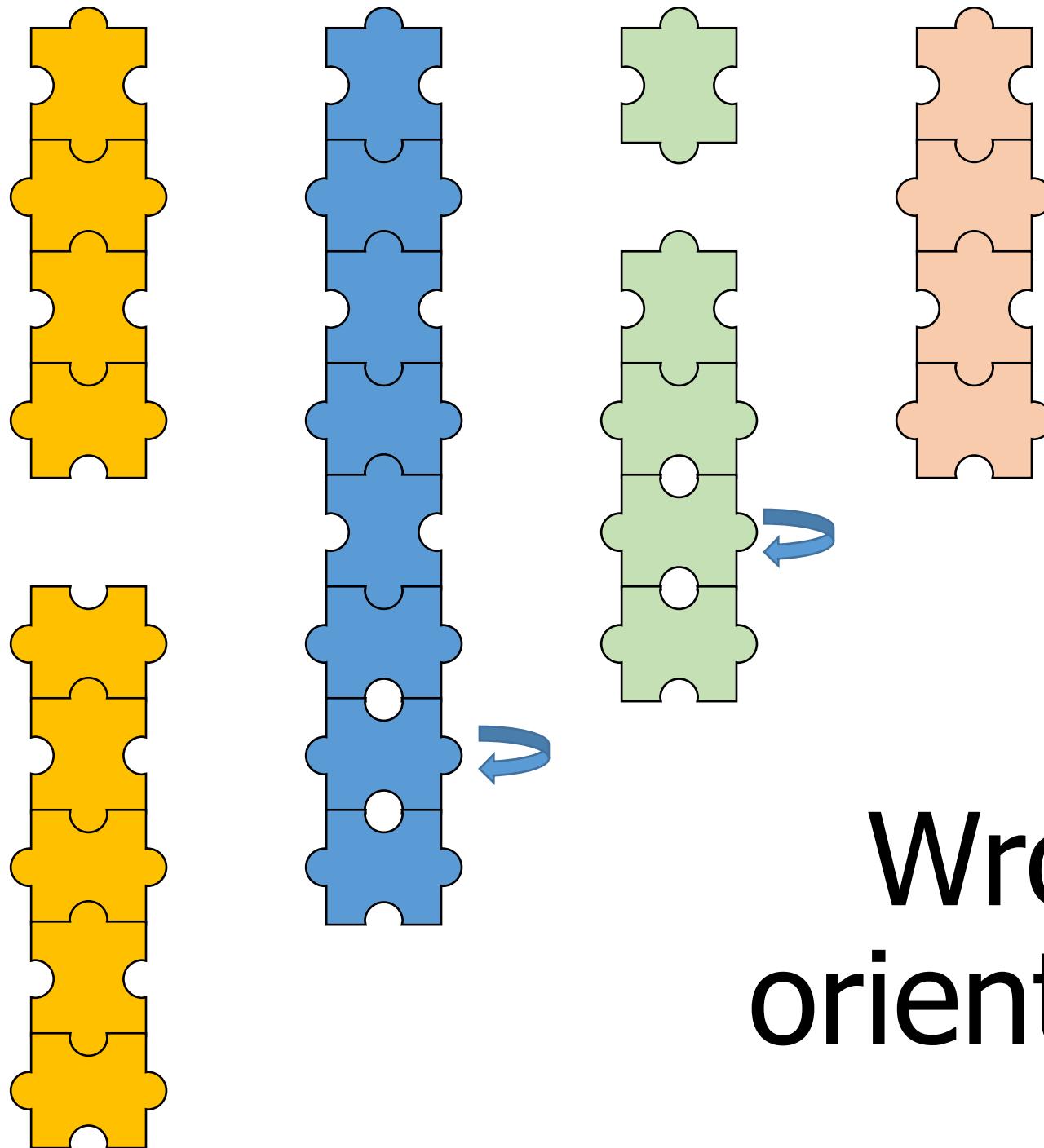
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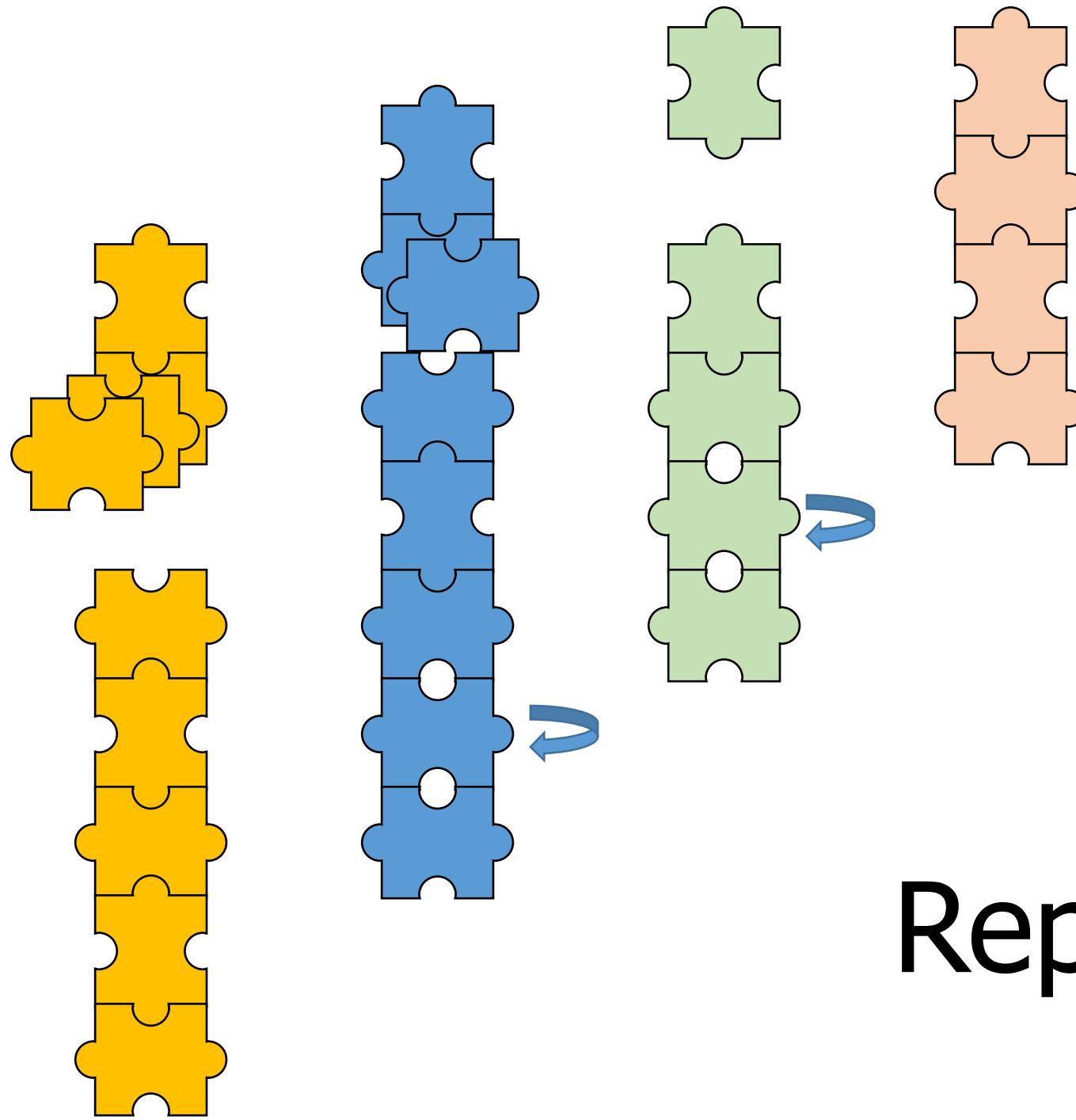
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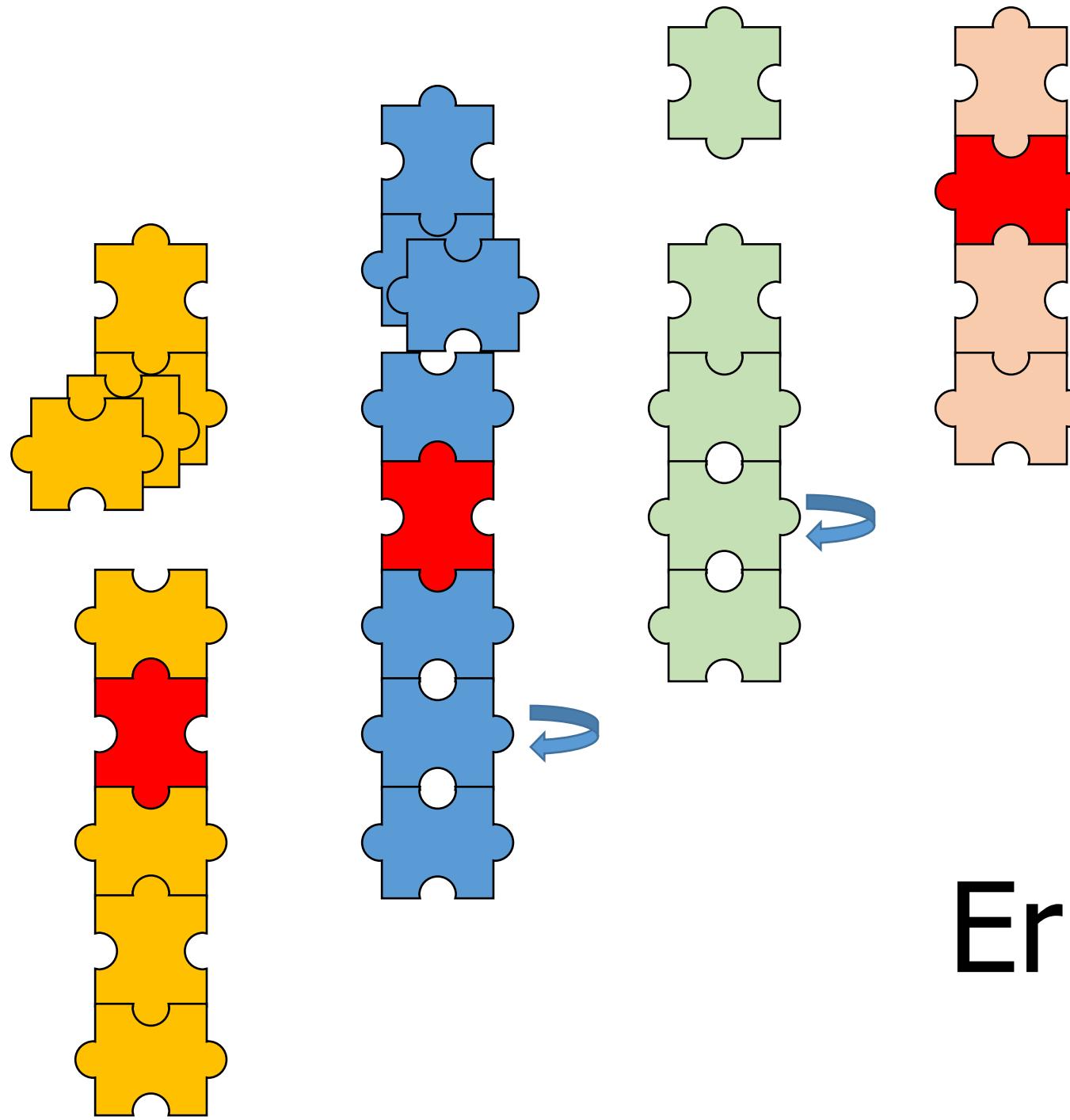
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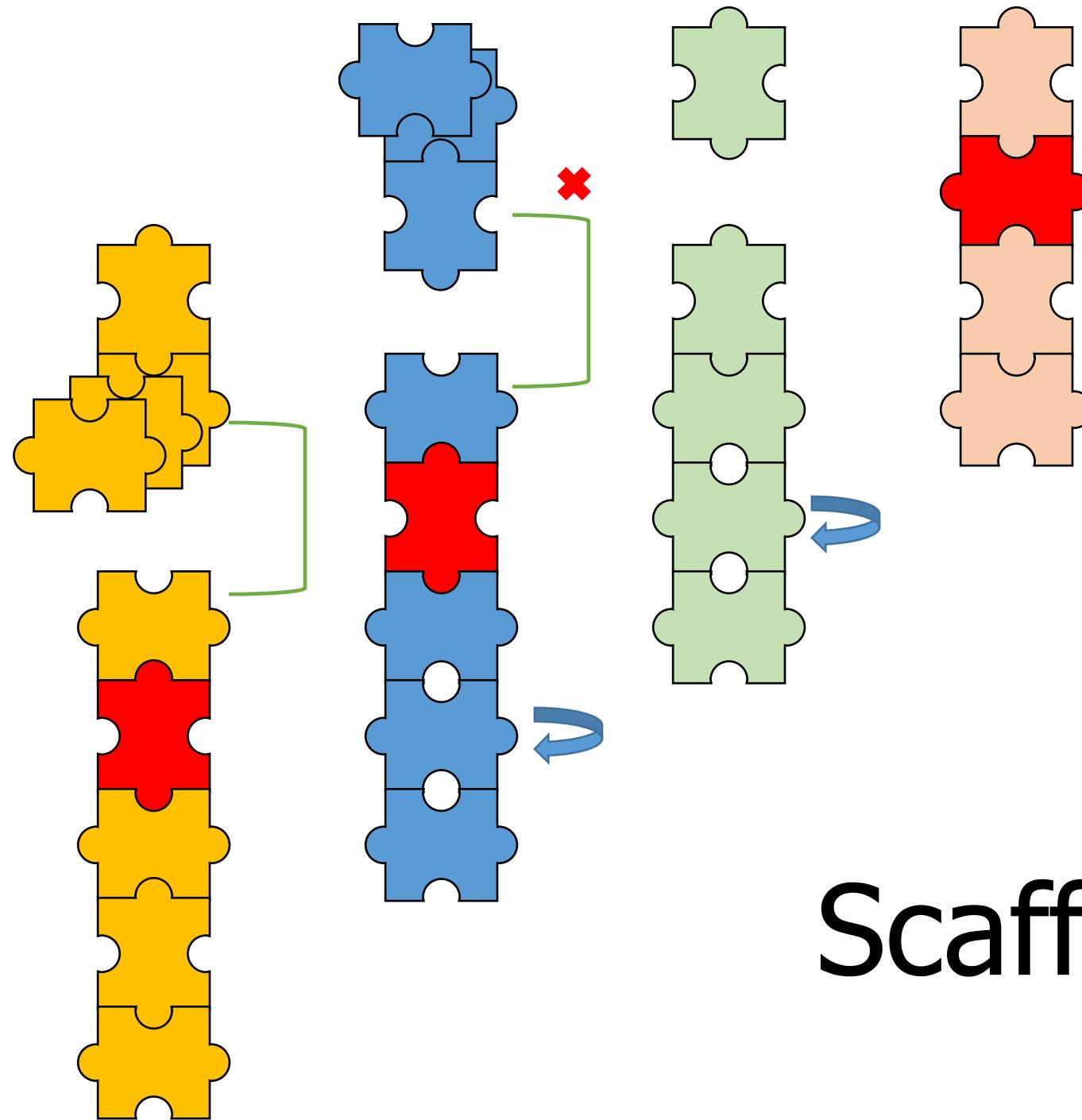
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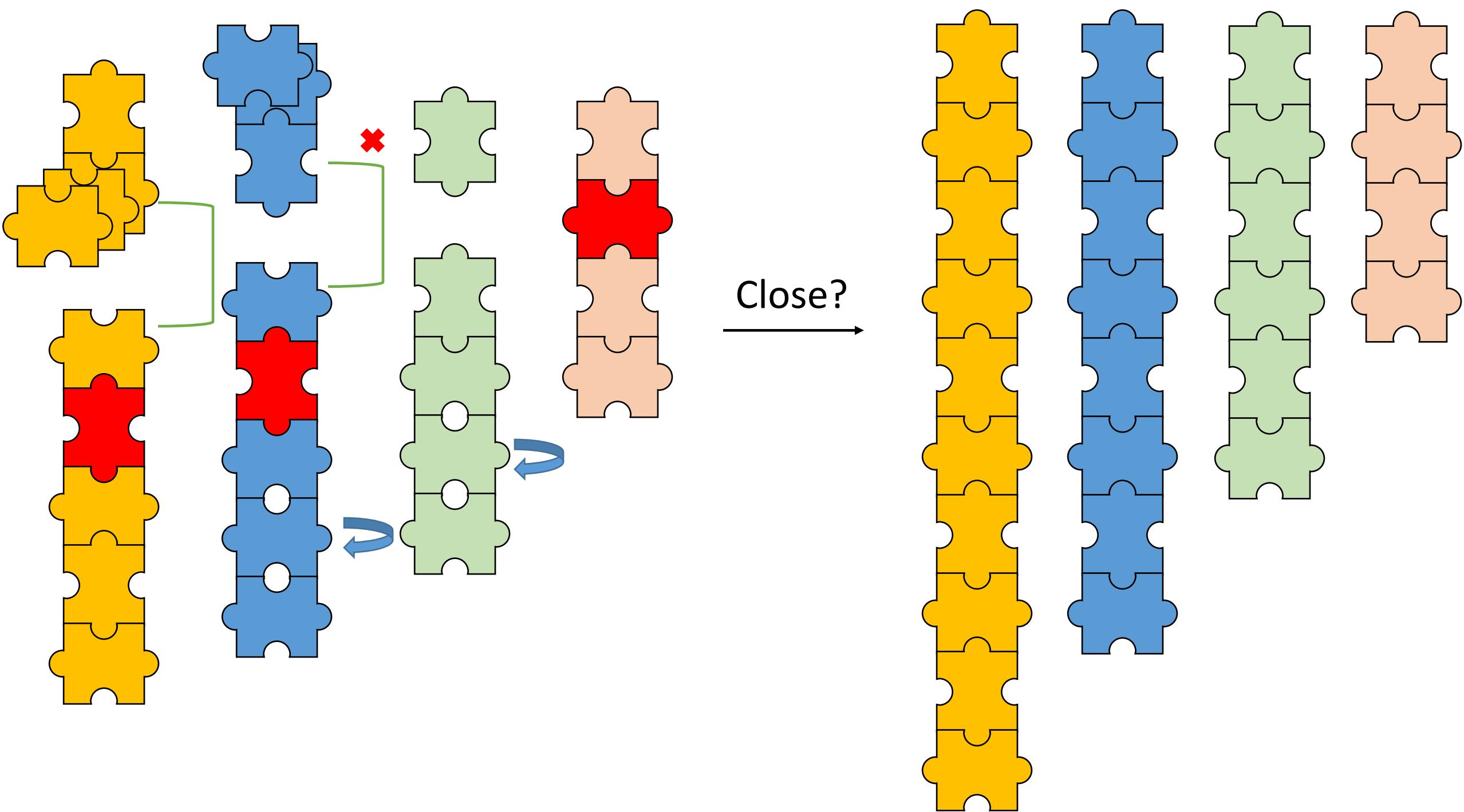
Repeats



Errors



Scaffolding



Published water buffalo assembly

Description	Published assembly
Total sequence length (bp)	2,836,166,969
Total assembly gap length (bp)	74,388,041
Number of contigs	630,368
Contig N50 (bp)	21,938
Contig L50	35,881
Number of scaffolds	366,983
Scaffold N50 (bp)	1,412,388
Scaffold L50	581

Genome assembly and transcriptome resource for river buffalo, *Bubalus bubalis* ($2n = 50$) ♂

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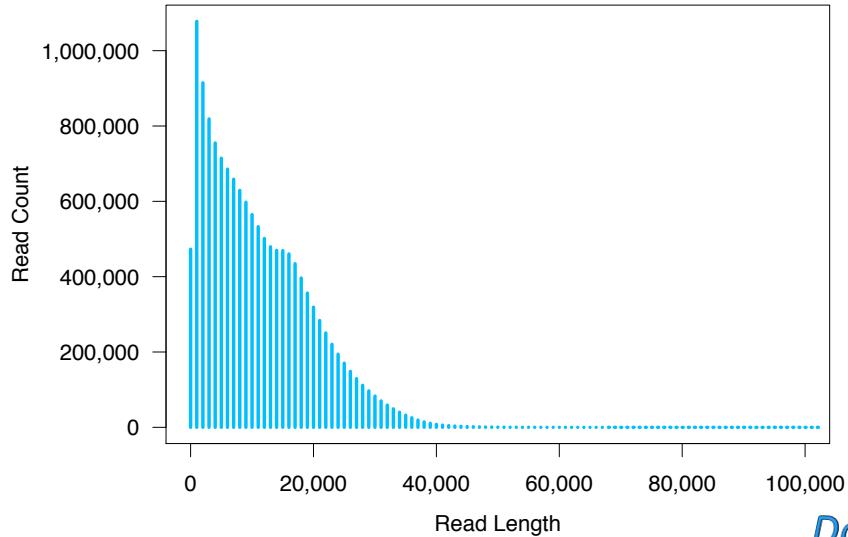
Sequenced data

- PacBio (~69X)
- Chicago (~22X)
- HiC (~53X)
- Illumina PE (~80X)

PacBio sequences

SEQUENCING DATA	
Libraries	7
Sequel Cells	57
RS II Cells	8
Sequel Yield	191 Gb
RSII Yield	8.0 Gb
Total Yield	199 Gb

	Raw Reads	Raw Bases	Mean Read L	Read N50
Sequel Data	14,350,446	164 Gb	11.5 kb	17 kb
RS II Data	1,421,854	8 Gb	5.8 kb	16 kb
All Data	14,870,495	171 Gb	11.5 kb	17 kb



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Assembly of contigs

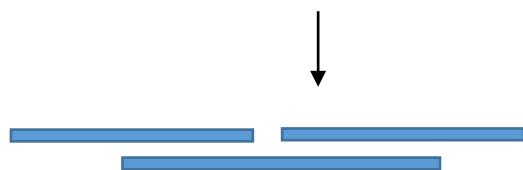
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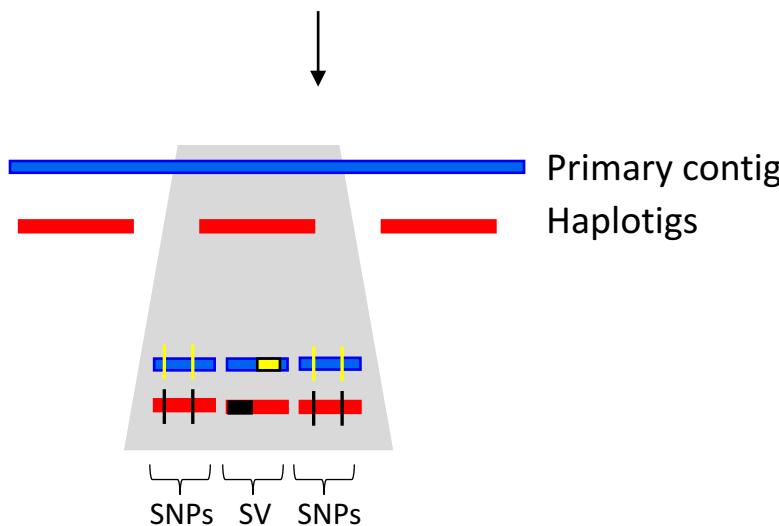
Create pre-assembled reads



Assemble pre-assembled reads



Falcon-Unzip haplotype resolved assembly



Polish with BLASR/Arrow



Chin et al (2016)

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Contigs

FALCON ASSEMBLY

CONTIG TYPE	NUMBER	LENGTH	N50	LONGEST
Primary	1694	2.66 Gb	18.7 Mb	88.5 Mb
Secondary (i.e. Associate)	5205	0.218 Gb	0.044 Mb	0.402 Mb



FALCON-UNZIP ASSEMBLY

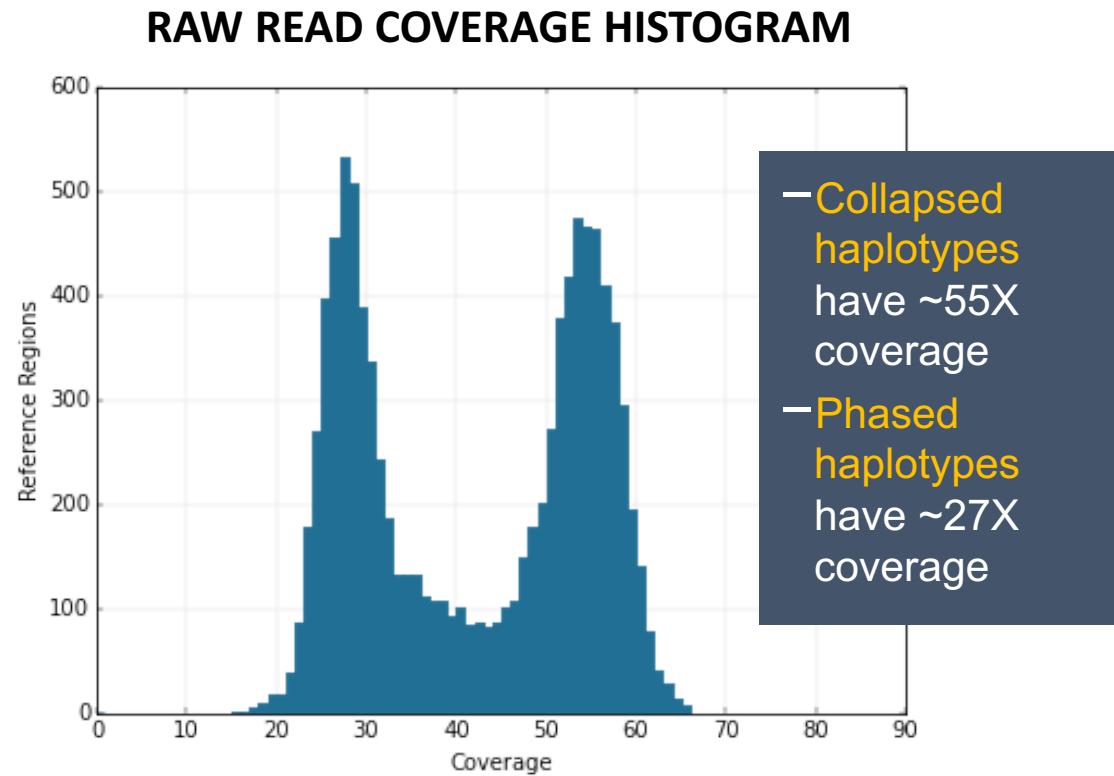
CONTIG TYPE	NUMBER	LENGTH	N50	LONGEST
Primary	953	2.65 Gb	18.8 Mb	88.9 Mb
Secondary (i.e. Haplotigs)	7956	1.53 Gb	0.394 Mb	2.77 Mb

Comparison of FALCON and FALCON-UNZIP

CONTIG TYPE	FALCON	FALCON-UNZIP
Primary length	2.66 Gb	2.65 Gb
Primary N50	18.7 Mb	18.8 Mb
Secondary length	0.218 Gb	1.53 Gb
Proportion phased	8.2%	58%

Polishing - contigs

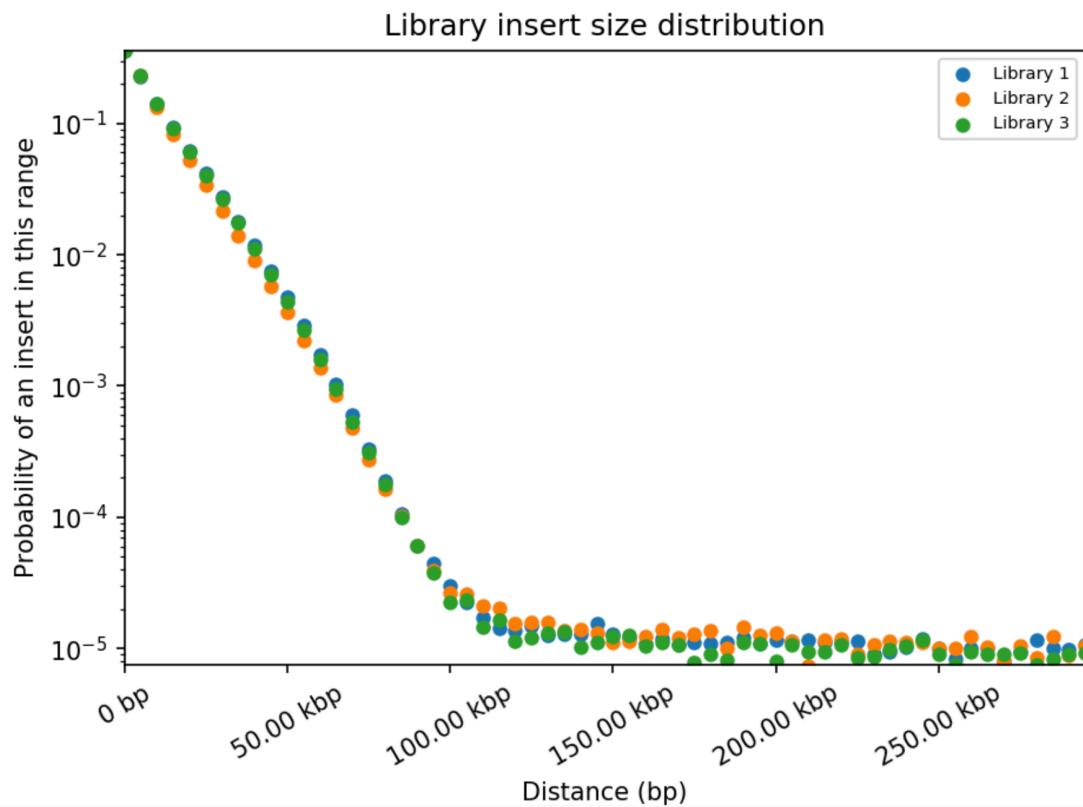
- ROUND ONE
 - polishing with phased reads within Unzip Module
- ROUND TWO
 - polishing with all reads mapped to combined reference (primary contigs plus haplotigs)
 - resequencing pipeline on SMRTlink



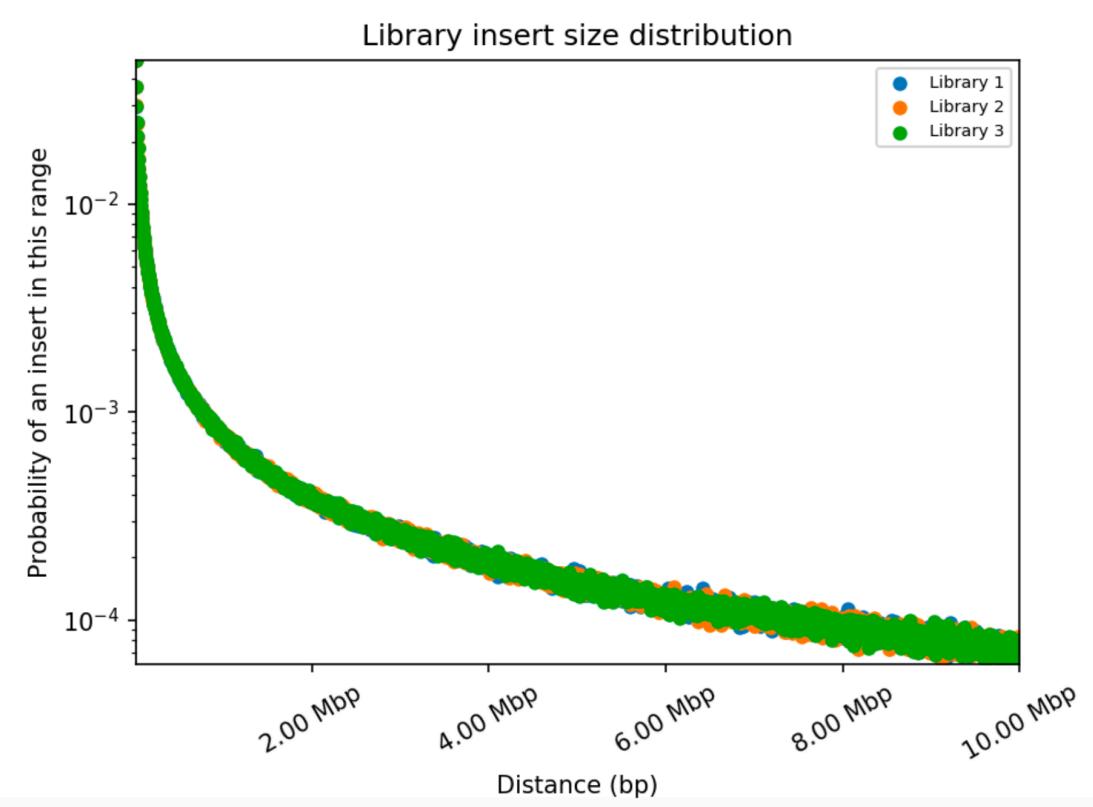
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Chicago



HiC



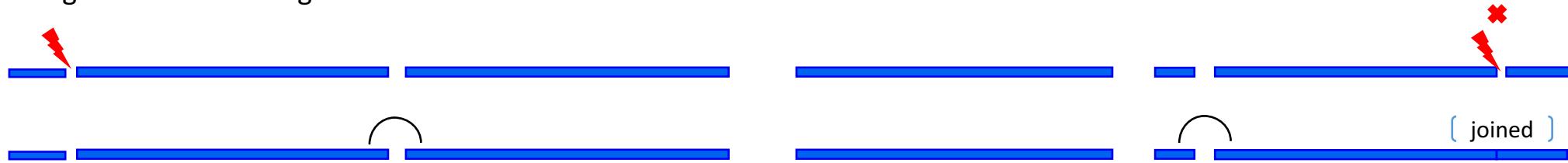
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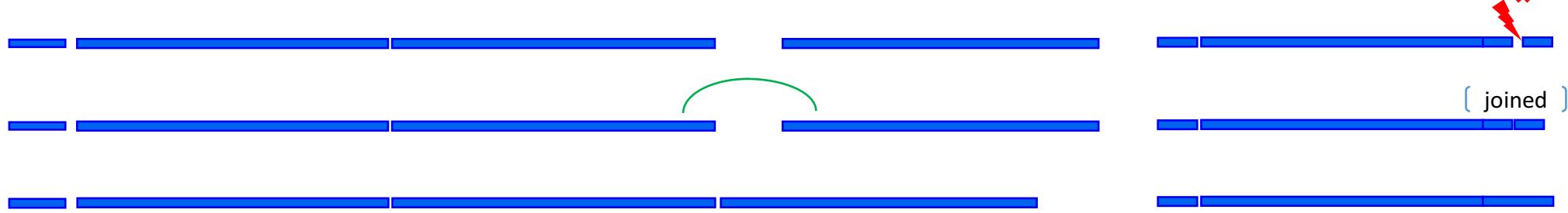
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Scaffolding

Chicago reads scaffolding



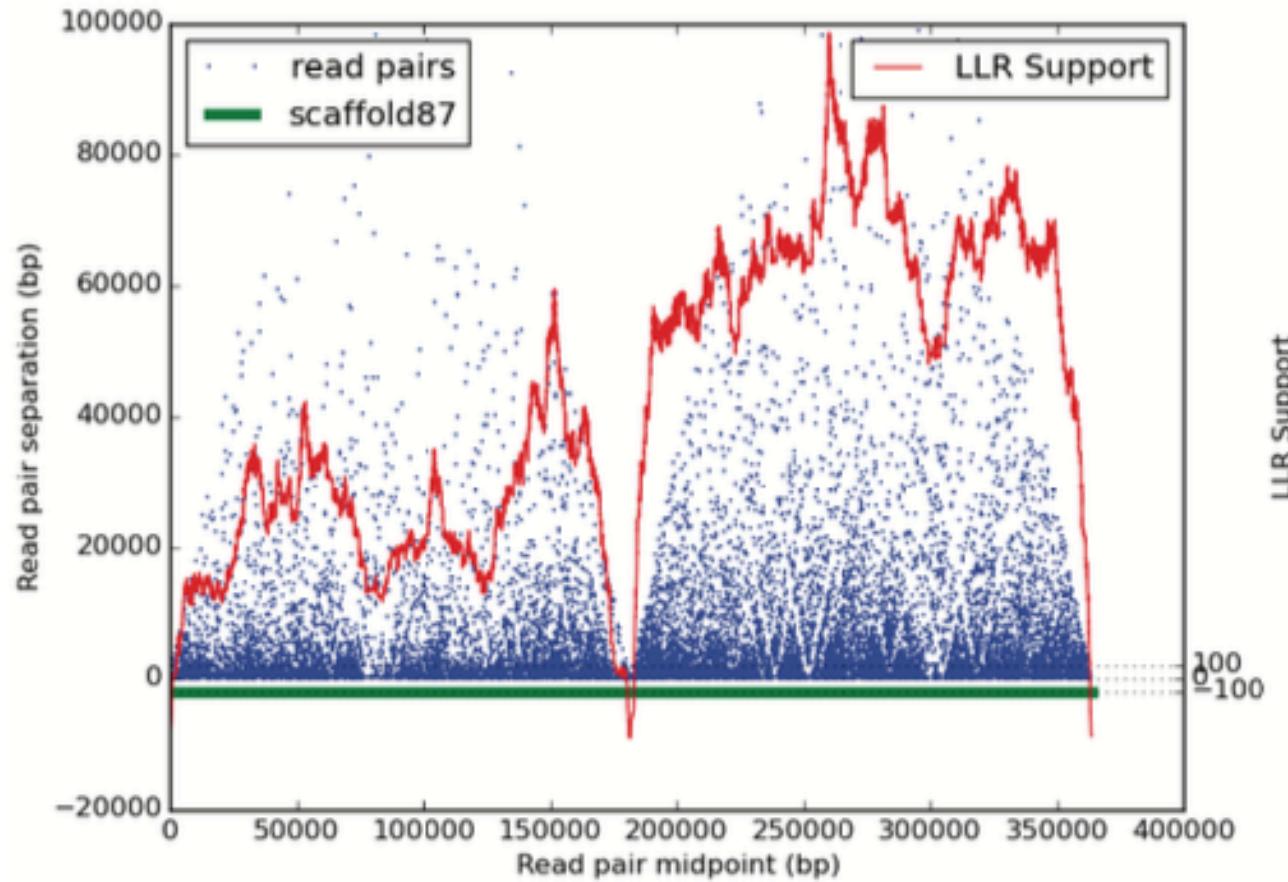
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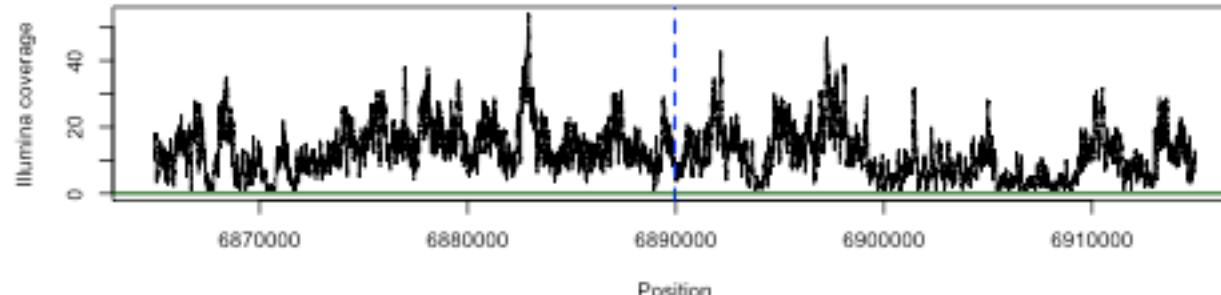
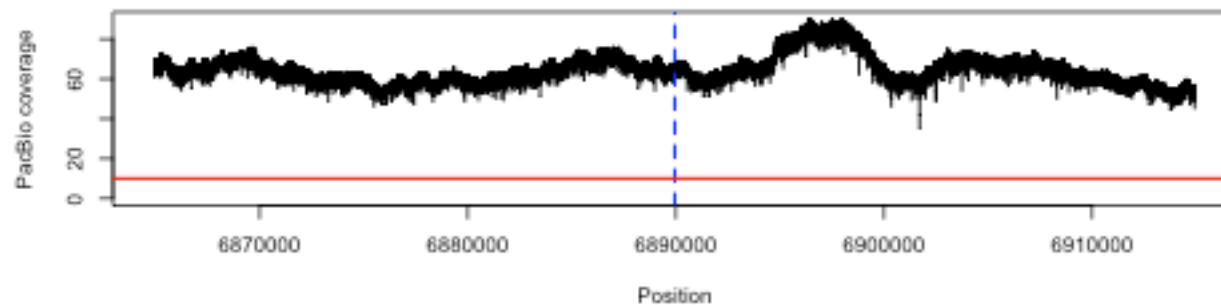
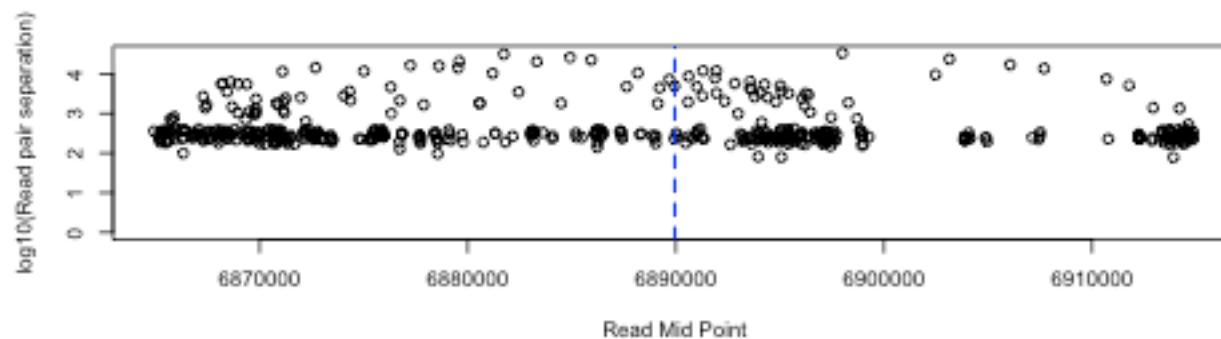
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Range of HiC: 10-10,000 kb

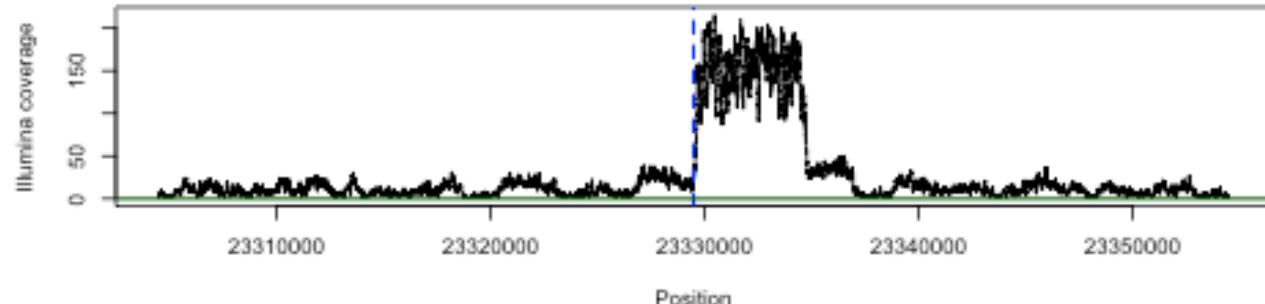
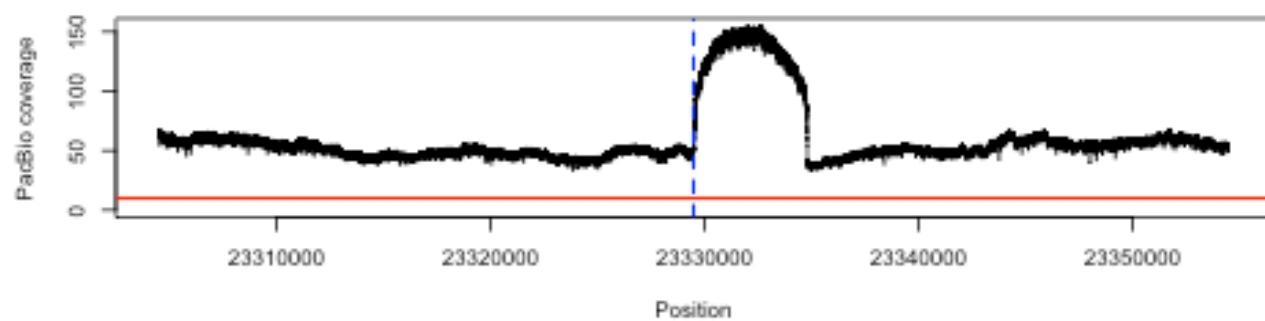
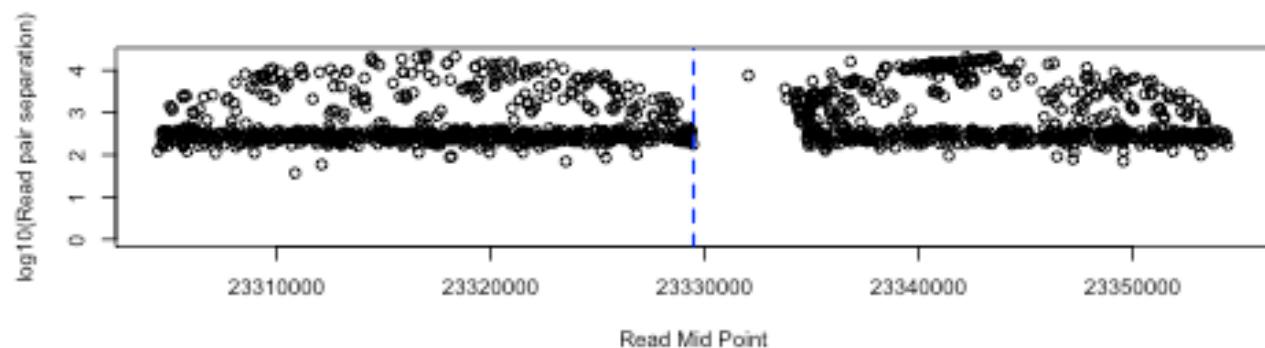
HiRise breaks



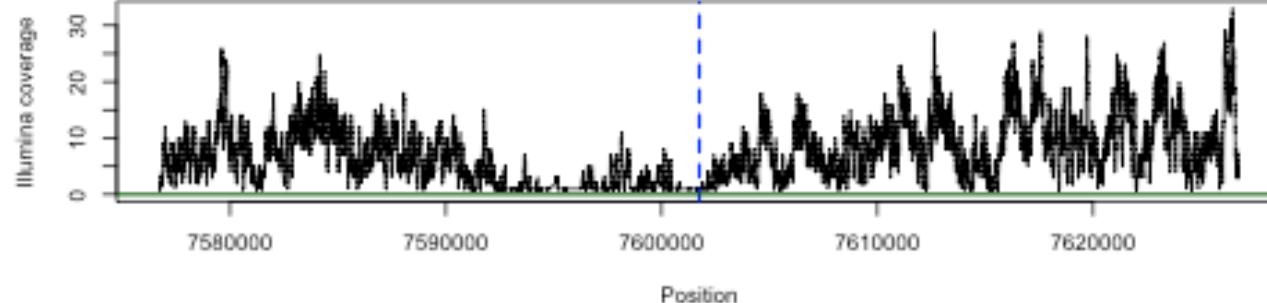
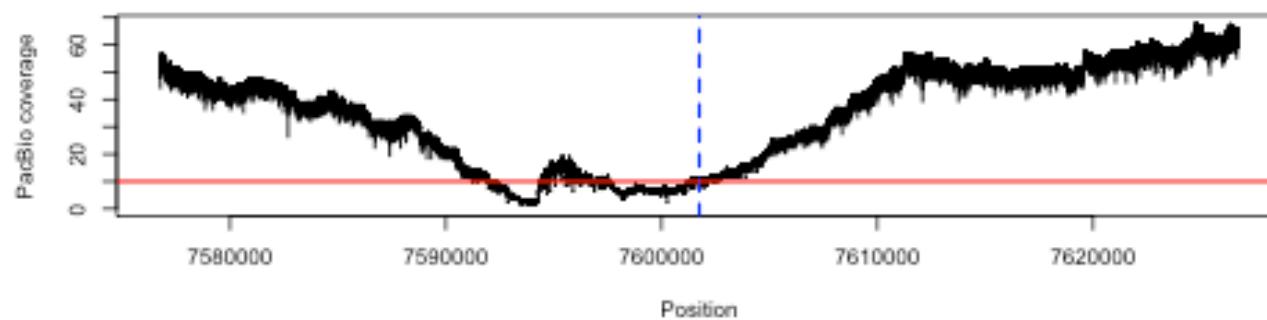
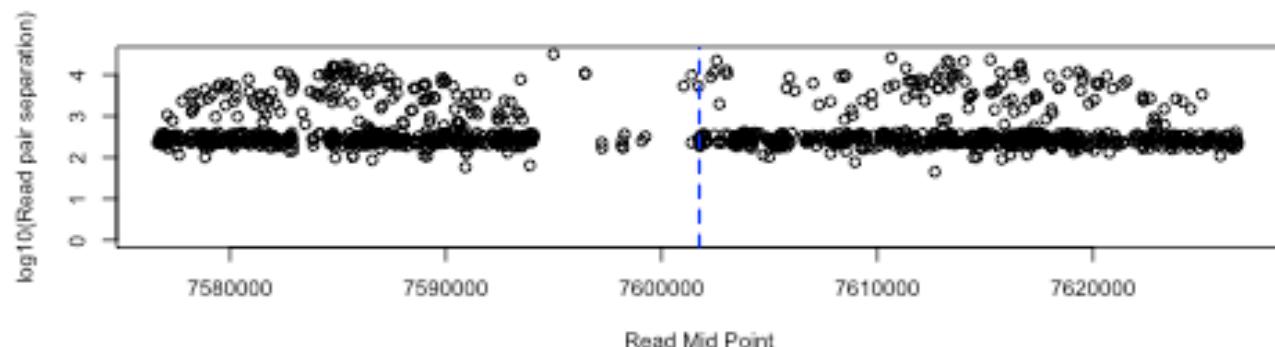
Case 1: PacBio coverage seems good but a breakpoint is given by HiRise



Case 2: Breakpoint
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by PacBio reads

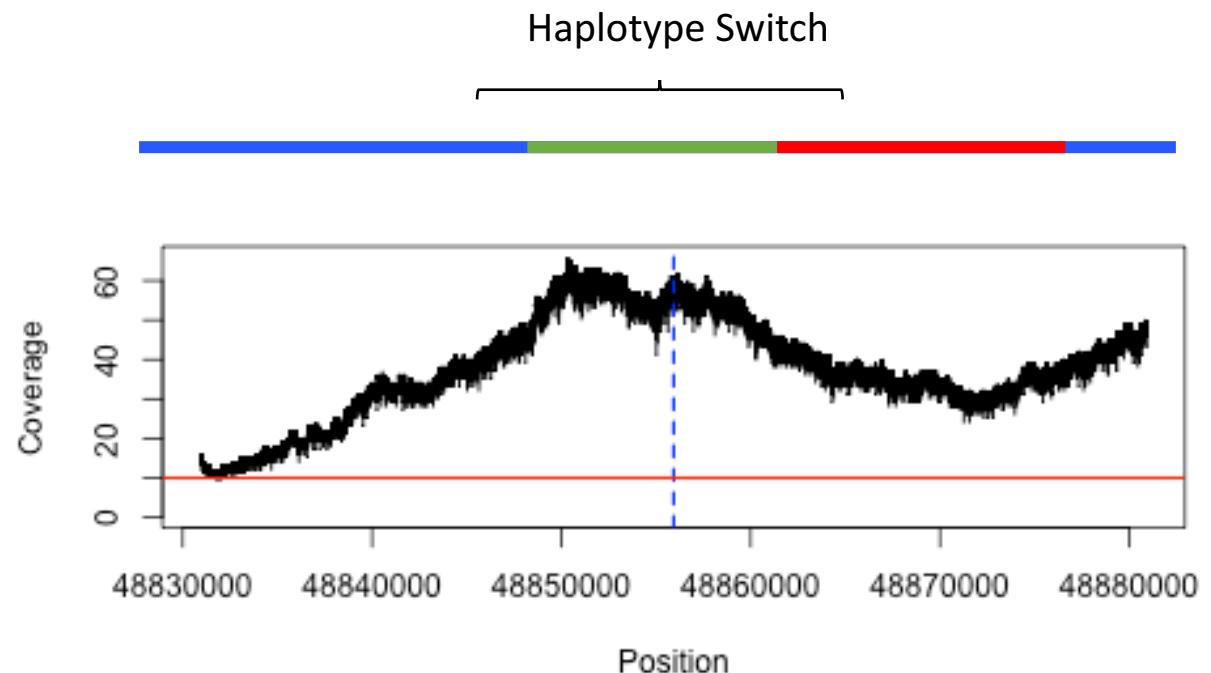


Case 3: HiRise
breaks at low
PacBio coverage
region

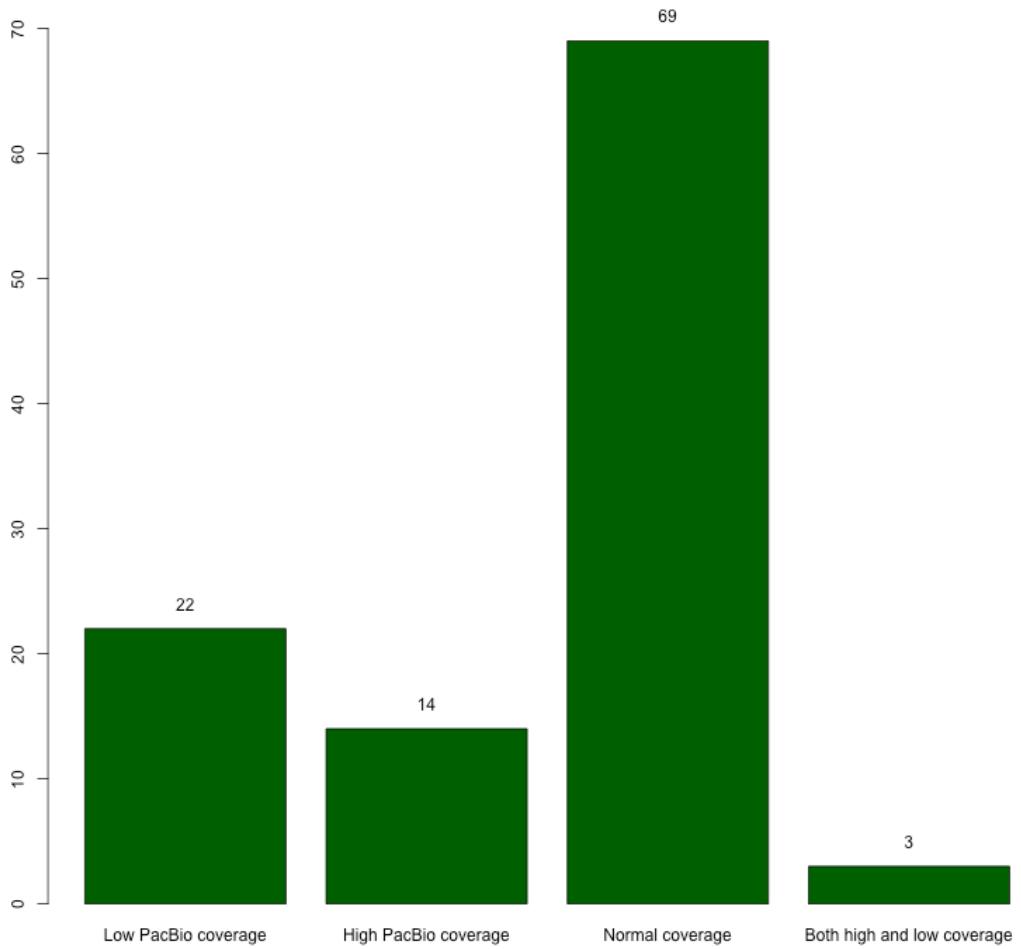


Issues with false breaks

- Total 108 HiRise breaks on the primary contigs
- One explanation is haplotype switches
- Paired-end read mapping has no alternate haplotypes as targets

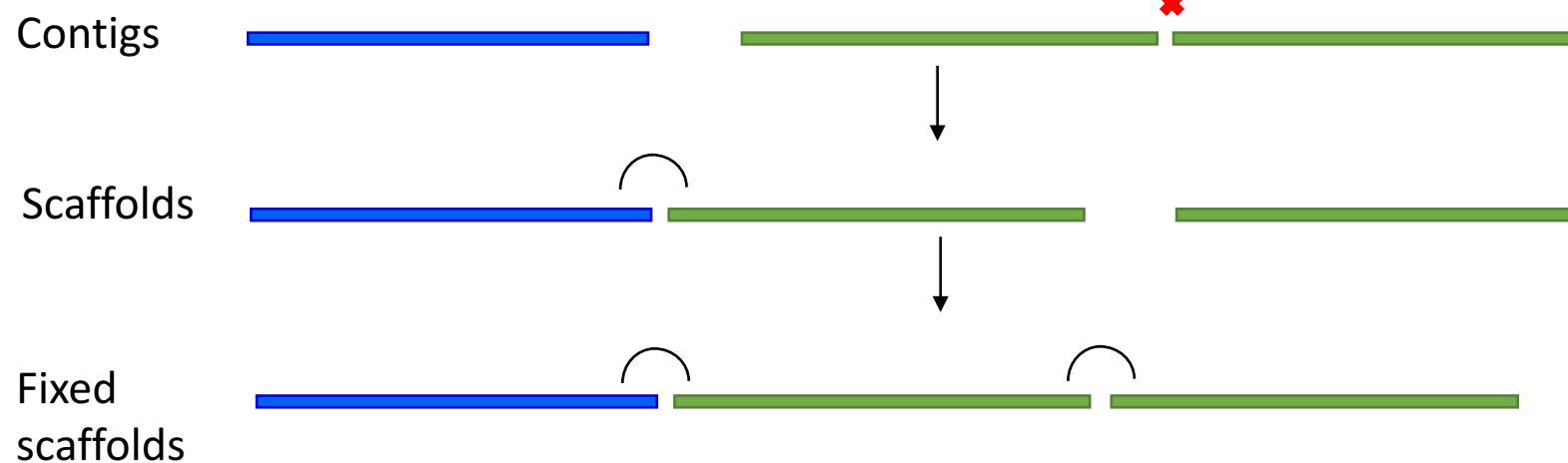


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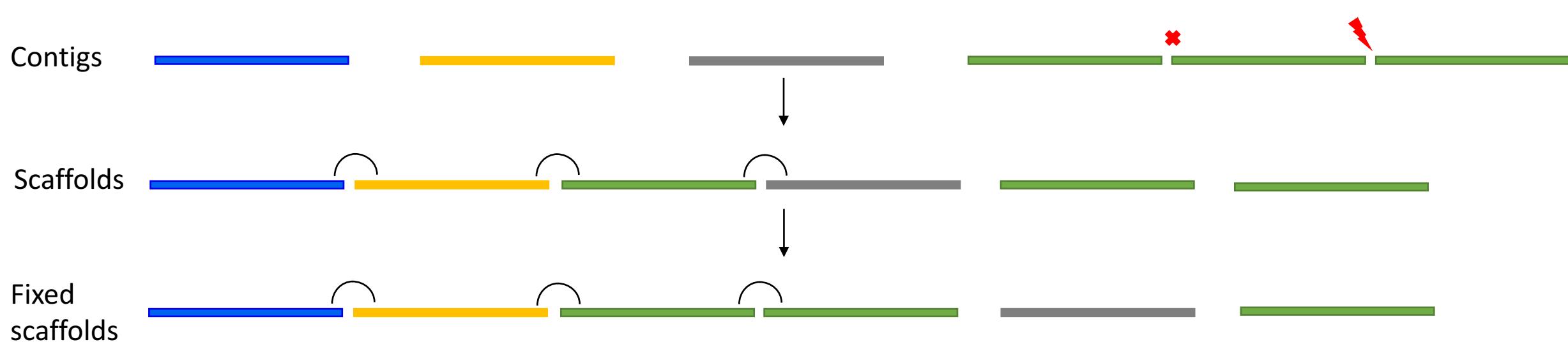
Remove false breaks

Simple scenario



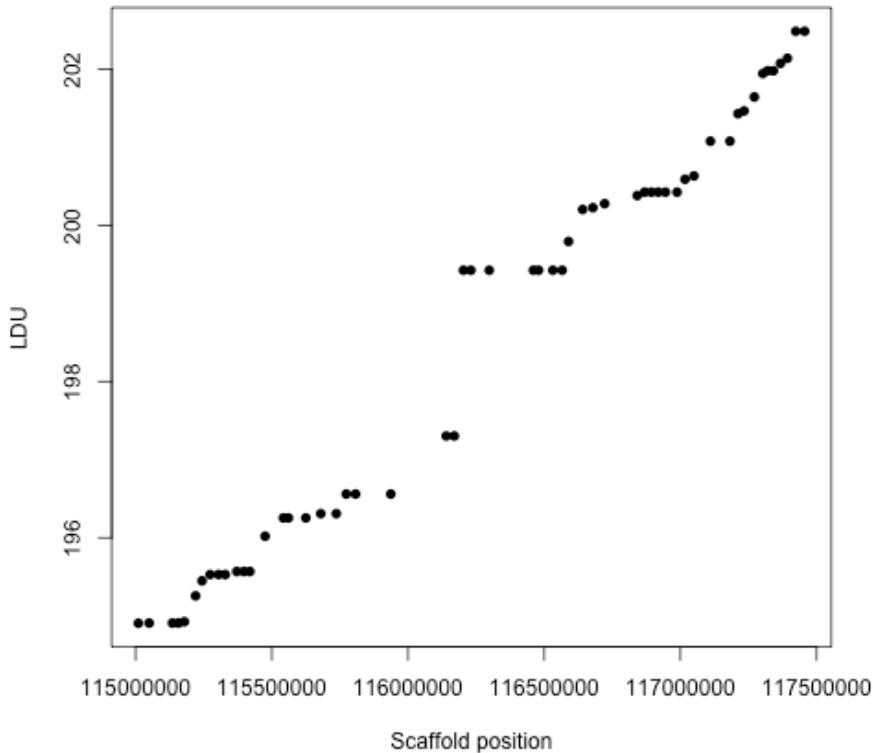
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Slightly more complicated scenario

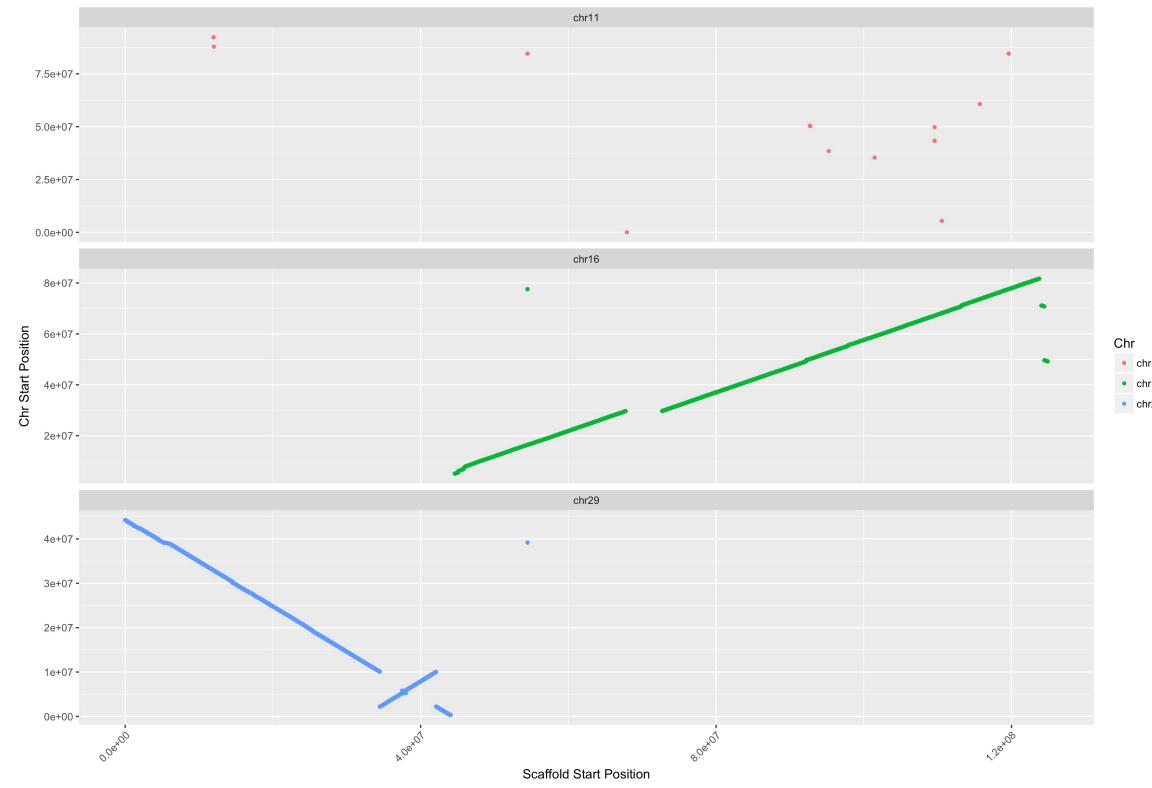


Scaffold conflict resolution

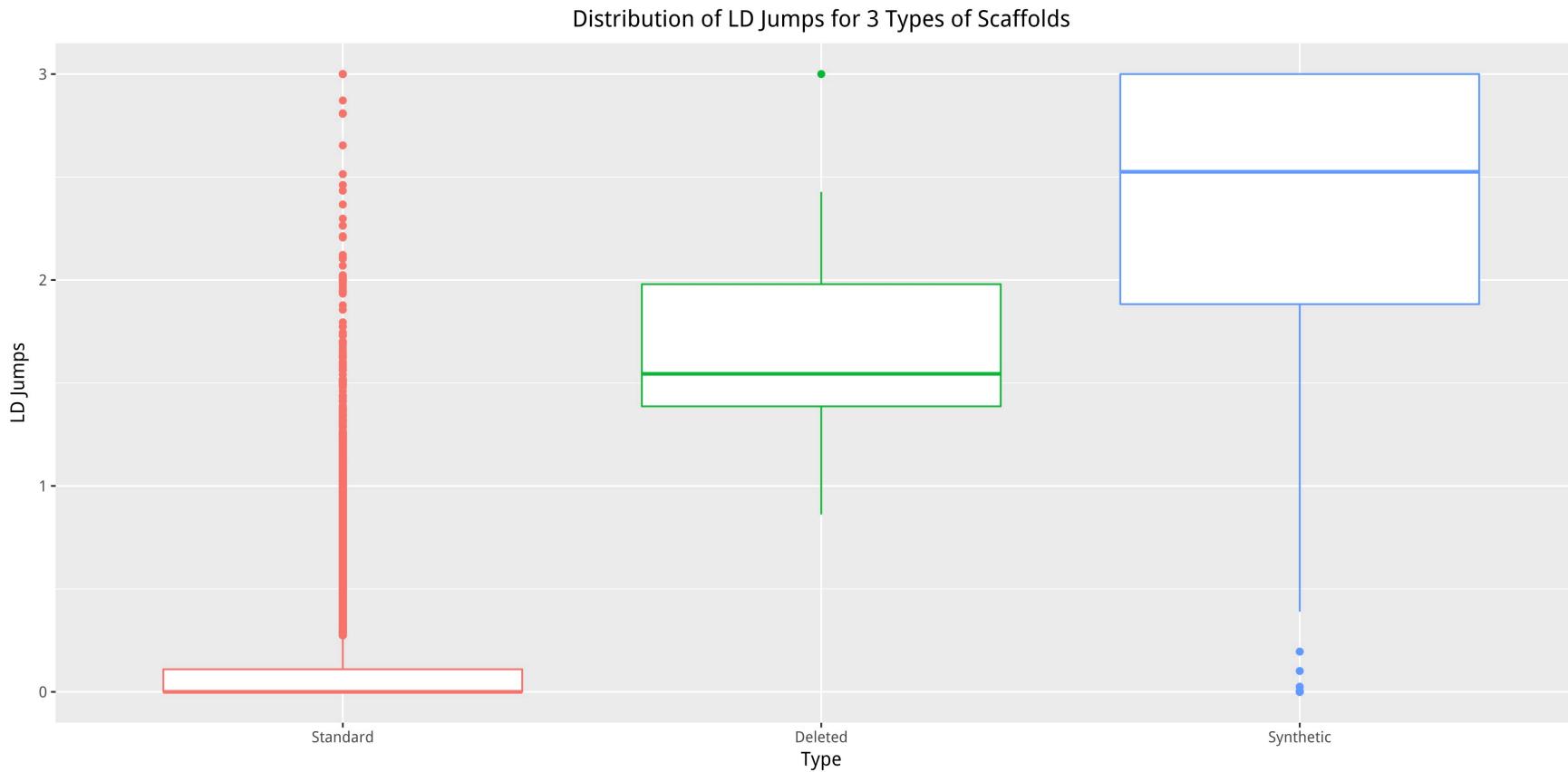
Linkage disequilibrium map



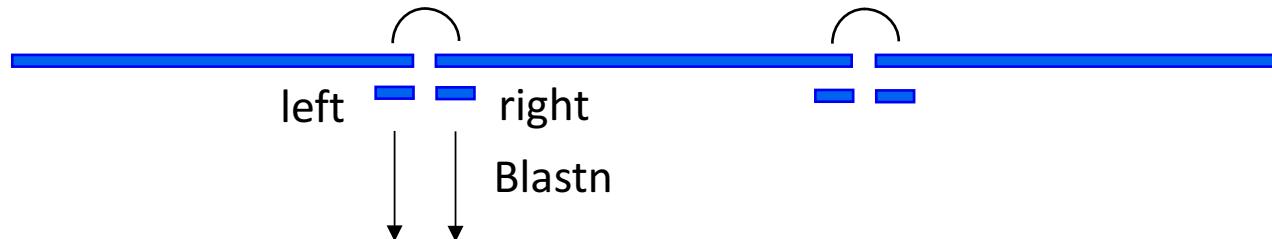
Conservation of synteny



Scaffold conflict resolution - LD



Scaffold conflict resolution - synteny

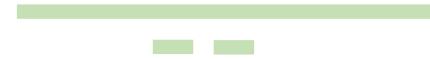


Cattle



- Left and right sequences match the same subject chromosome

Goat



- No inversion
- Left and right sequences are within 1 Mb

Scaffold conflict resolution

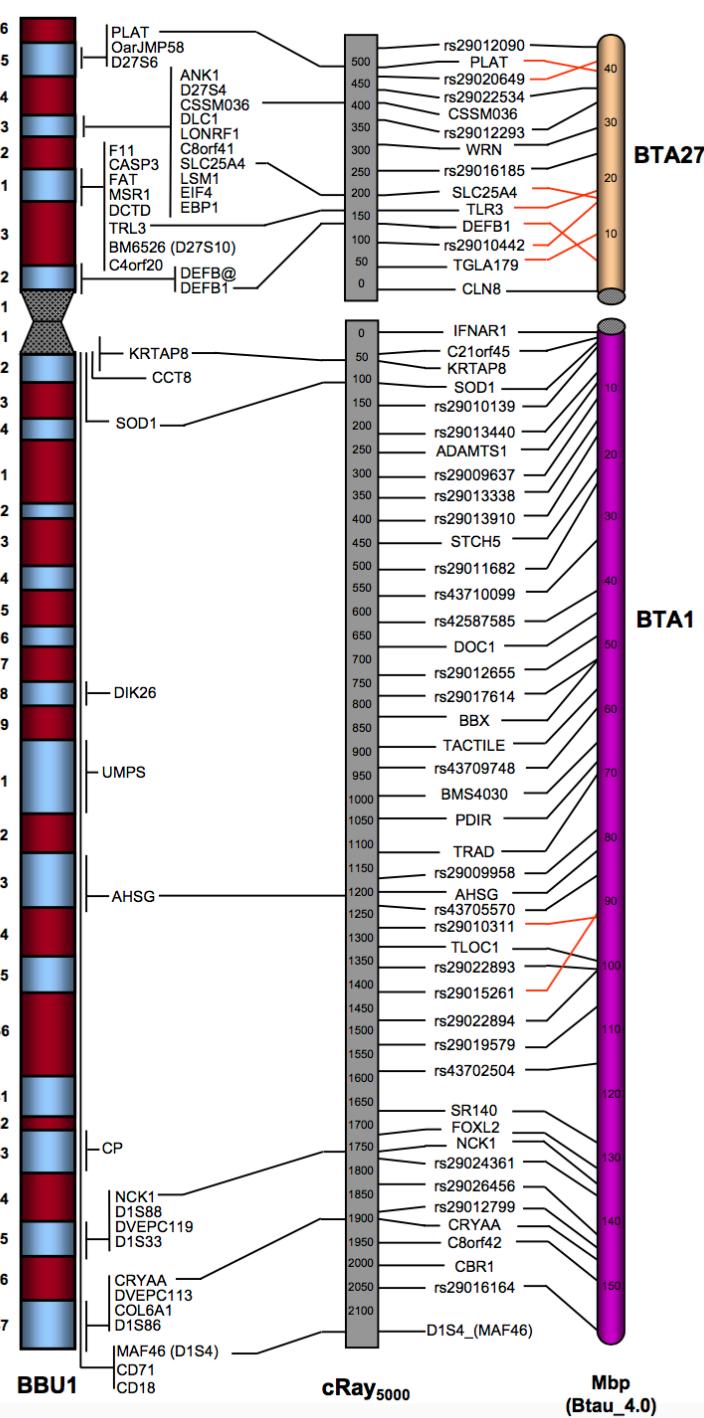
- Total 484 gaps, major scaffolds contains 457 gaps

Conservation of synteny with cattle	LD jump		
	False	True	Not available
False	158	153	16
True	81	42	7

Conservation of synteny with goat	
False	143
True	26

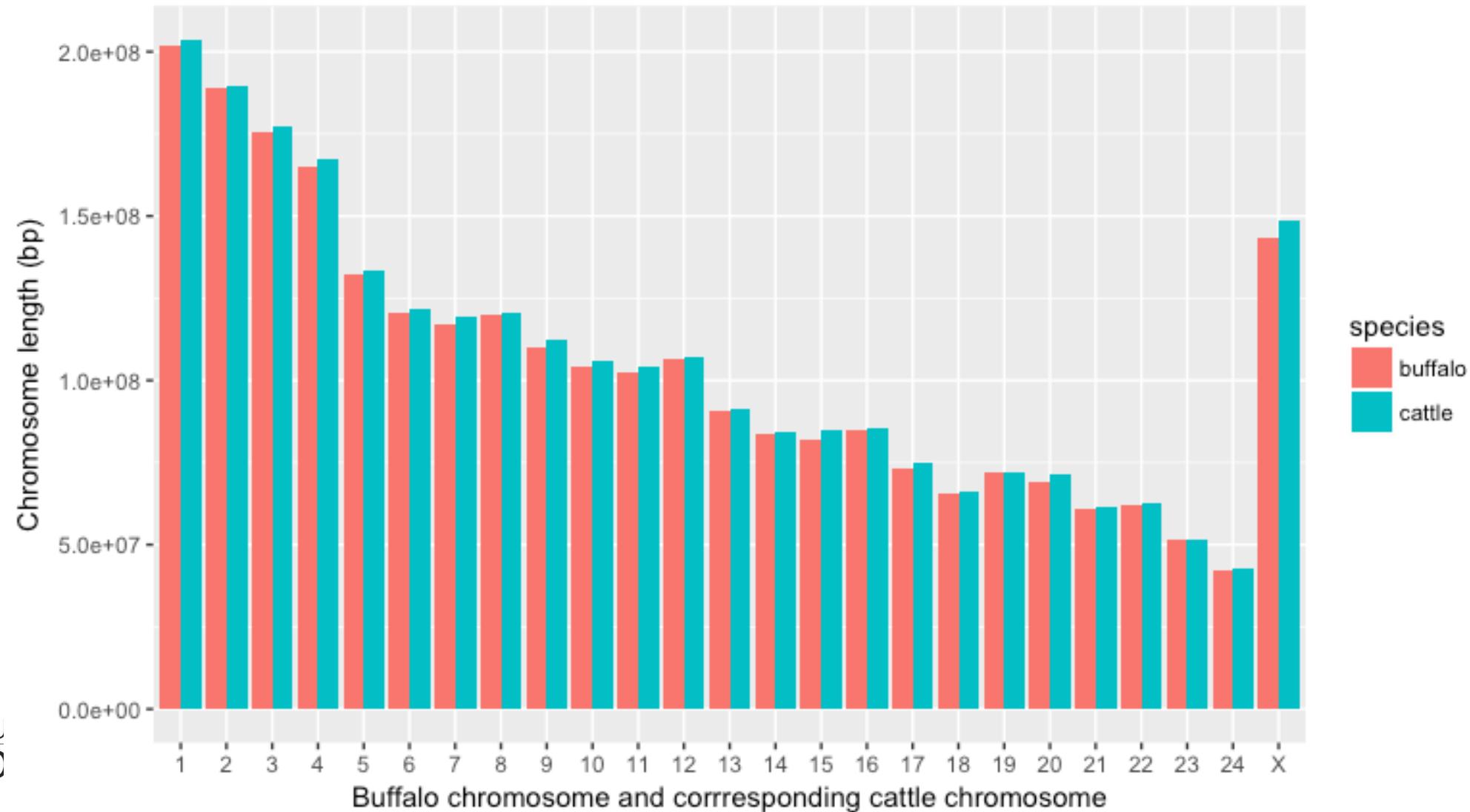
- 3 pairs of scaffolds are further joined based on synteny and LD data
- 8 scaffolds are further corrected on suspicious contigs joins

RH Map



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Comparison with cattle



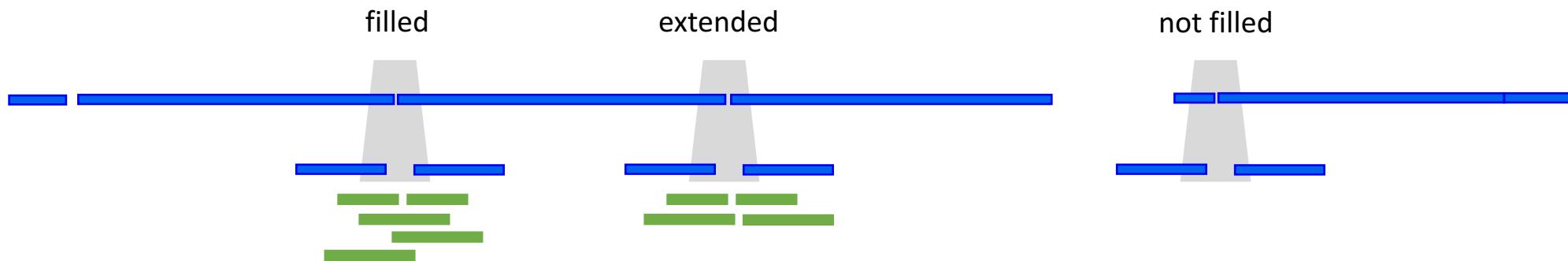
Buffalo chromosome	Cattle chromosome	Post filter aligned cattle sequences (bp)	Aligned buffalo chromosome sequences (bp)	Proportion of aligned buffalo chromosome in corresponding cattle chromosome
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chr2	chr23 + chr2	80,454,600	78,916,878	0.9809
chr3	chr19 + chr8	78,479,786	76,730,536	0.9777
chr4	chr28 + chr5	69,215,103	67,515,827	0.9754
chr5	chr29 + chr16	55,206,967	53,479,067	0.9687
chr6	chr3	51,521,713	50,784,560	0.9857
chr7	chr6	41,661,618	41,119,539	0.987
chr8	chr4	49,376,403	48,676,612	0.9858
chr9	chr7	46,778,549	46,139,263	0.9863
chr10	chr9	41,281,480	40,445,643	0.9798
chr11	chr10	45,577,025	44,587,309	0.9783
chr12	chr11	48,089,325	47,281,056	0.9832
chr13	chr12	34,705,169	33,351,805	0.961
chr14	chr13	37,138,042	36,163,781	0.9738
chr15	chr14	35,469,423	34,443,725	0.9711
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chr17	chr17	30,473,860	29,988,091	0.9841
chr18	chr18	31,490,276	30,944,184	0.9827
chr19	chr20	29,265,525	28,912,705	0.9879
chr20	chr21	31,028,704	29,017,488	0.9352
chr21	chr22	29,563,981	29,035,737	0.9821
chr22	chr24	27,688,622	26,847,733	0.9696
chr23	chr26	23,404,542	22,731,039	0.9712
chr24	chr25	21,212,092	20,796,988	0.9804
chrX	chrX	42,150,076	40,174,442	0.9531

Masked repeats
Aligned length > 100bp
Percent identity > 90%

← min

Gap fill

Gap fill with PBJelly



GAP STATUS	NUMBER
Over filled	195
Filled	162
Minimum read failed	63
Single extended	16
Double extended	14
Not filled	38

Polishing - scaffolds

Polish with BLASR/Arrow



Error correction with PILON



Improvement over published assembly

Description	Published assembly	Current assembly	Improvement
Total sequence length (bp)	2,836,166,969	2,654,063,837	
Total assembly gap length (bp)	74,388,041	484,000	
Number of contigs	630,368	953	
Contig N50 (bp)	21,938	18,784,635	+856 fold
Contig L50	35,881	42	-854 fold
Number of scaffolds	366,983	510	
Scaffold N50 (bp)	1,412,388	117,187,264	+83 fold
Scaffold L50	581	9	-65 fold

Top ranked mammalian assemblies

Description	Human	Mouse	Goat	Water buffalo
Total sequence length (bp)	3,253,848,404	2,818,974,548	2,922,813,246	2,654,063,837
Total assembly gap length (bp)	161,368,351	79,435,572	38,187	484,000
Number of contigs	1,519	885	30,399	953
Contig N50 (bp)	56,413,054	32,273,079	26,244,591	18,784,635
Contig L50	19	26	32	42
Number of scaffolds	858	336	29,907	510
Scaffold N50 (bp)	59,364,414	52,589,046	87,277,232	117,187,264
Scaffold L50	17	18	13	9

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