

# DNA Sequencing and Data Analysis

---

Prof Noam Shomron  
Hadas Volkov

Lecture 12, January 20, 2023

# DNA Sequencing and Data Analysis

---

Friday 8:45 AM to 11:15 AM  
Arazi-Ofer Building, C.L03

[nshomron@gmail.com](mailto:nshomron@gmail.com)

[hadas.volkov@post.runi.ac.il](mailto:hadas.volkov@post.runi.ac.il)

# DNA Sequencing and Data Analysis

---

Introduction to Third Generation Sequencing

Class	Title	Content/assignments	Activity, location
1, 4.11	Introduction to Cells and DNA	Basic knowledge of biology	In the lecture hall, Noam
2, 11.11	DNA Sequencing past and present	Basic knowledge of molecular DNA	In the lecture hall, Noam
3, 18.11	Genomics technologies	DNA, RNA, technologies	In the lecture hall, Noam
4, 25.11	Introduction to Bioinformatics challenges in reading DNA	Focus on three methods: WES/WGS, RNA-seq, cell-free DNA	In the lecture hall, Noam
5, 2.12	Modern DNA Sequencing, 2nd wave File Formats, tools.	Analysis approaches for WES/WGS, RNA-seq, cell-free DNA	In the lecture hall, Hadas and Noam
6, 9.12	De novo Shotgun Assembly	The algorithms and methods behind the assembly problem	In computer class, Hadas and Noam
7, 16.12	Sequence Mapping and Alignment	The algorithms behind mapping and alignment, fast and heuristics	In computer class, Hadas and Noam
8, 23.12	Variant Calling and Somatic Variant Analysis	The bioinformatics behind discovery of novel mutations in cancer	In computer class, Hadas and Noam
9, 30.12	RNA-Seq	The bioinformatics behind RNA-Seq and Differential Gene Expression	In computer class, Hadas and Noam
10, 6.1	Practice molecular biology techniques	Pipetting, transferring small amounts of fluids, running a dry Nanopore experiment	In biology class, Meitar and Noam
11, 13.1	Nanopore DNA sequencing	Nanopore DNA sequencing, experimental run	In biology class, Meitar, Hadas
12, 20.1	<b>Nanopore data analysis introduction</b>	<b>Nanopore DNA analysis, experimental run</b>	<b>In computer class, Hadas and Noam</b>
13, 27.1	Nanopore data analysis and presentations	Groups present their results	In the lecture hall, Hadas and Noam

# HW 8 - Variant Calling

---

```
gatk FilterMutectCalls -R genome.fa -V somatic.vcf.gz -O somatic_filtered.vcf.gz
```

```
(base) └─hadas at HADASTAU in /mnt/c/Users/hadas/Documents/Projects/RUNI/CompGenomicsWS/Lesson8-VC/output on main✓  
└─.: zcat somatic_filtered.vcf.gz | grep -v ^# | awk -v OFS='\t' '{print $1,$2,$4,$5,$7}' | head  
chr1    926008    C        A        PASS  
chr1    944021    C        A        PASS  
chr1    965175    C        A        PASS  
chr1    979160    C        A        strand_bias;weak_evidence  
chr1    980456    C        A        PASS  
chr1    1047656   C        A        strand_bias  
chr1    1049316   C        A        PASS  
chr1    1234903   C        T        PASS  
chr1    1254707   C        A        PASS  
chr1    1260983   C        A        PASS
```

Q8: How many filtered candidates are present in the final VCF?

```
(base) └─hadas at HADASTAU in /mnt/c/Users/hadas/Documents/Projects/RUNI/CompGenomicsWS/Lesson8-VC/output on main✓  
└─.: zcat somatic_filtered.vcf.gz | grep -v ^# | awk -v OFS='\t' '{print $1,$2,$4,$5,$7,$8}' | wc -l  
10701
```

Q9: Are all mutations found in the database are also present in our current case? Give one assumption on why this is so?

```
(base) └─hadas at HADASTAU in /mnt/c/Users/hadas/Documents/Projects/RUNI/CompGenomicsWS/Lesson8-VC/output on main✓
└─.: zcat somatic_filtered.vcf.gz | grep -v ^# | awk '{print $1,$2,$4,$5}' > coords.txt
(base) └─hadas at HADASTAU in /mnt/c/Users/hadas/Documents/Projects/RUNI/CompGenomicsWS/Lesson8-VC/output on main✓
└─.: ipython
Python 3.9.15 | packaged by conda-forge | (main, Nov 22 2022, 15:55:03)
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 8.7.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.

In [1]: import pandas as pd

In [2]: vcf = pd.read_csv('coords.txt', sep=' ', header=None)

In [3]: cosmic = pd.read_csv('../hg38_cosmic70_cervix.txt', sep='\t', header=None)

In [4]: vcf
Out[4]:
```

	0	1	2	3
0	chr1	926008	C	A
1	chr1	944021	C	A
2	chr1	965175	C	A
3	chr1	979160	C	A
4	chr1	980456	C	A
...	...	...	..	..
10696	chrUn_GL000224v1	55511	CA	GC
10697	chrUn_GL000224v1	55515	A	T
10698	chrUn_GL000224v1	55562	A	G
10699	chrUn_KI270746v1	33494	G	T
10700	chrUn_KI270746v1	33500	C	G

```
[10701 rows x 4 columns]

In [5]: cosmic
Out[5]:
```

	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	926010	926010	G	C	ID=COSM460103;OCCURENCE=1(cervix)
1	1	1267918	1267918	C	G	ID=COSM458661;OCCURENCE=1(cervix)
2	1	1267963	1267963	C	T	ID=COSM395758;OCCURENCE=1(lung),1(cervix)
3	1	1636742	1636742	C	T	ID=COSM458535;OCCURENCE=1(cervix)
4	1	1636952	1636952	G	T	ID=COSM458534;OCCURENCE=1(cervix)
...	..	...	...	..	..	...
4693	X	155261217	155261217	G	A	ID=COSM462274;OCCURENCE=1(cervix),1(large_inte...
4694	X	155774100	155774100	C	T	ID=COSM462273;OCCURENCE=1(cervix)
4695	X	156004525	156004525	G	T	ID=COSM1645589,COSM1645588,COSM462272;OCCURENC...
4696	X	156010055	156010055	G	A	ID=COSM462271,COSM1645590;OCCURENCE=1(cervix)
4697	Y	13422363	13422363	A	G	ID=COSN177308,COSN177319;OCCURENCE=1(cervix),3...

```
[4698 rows x 6 columns]
```



Q9: Are all mutations found  
in the database are also  
present in our current case?  
Give one assumption on why  
this is so?

Exome

Low frequency mutations

Variant caller

```
In [31]: vcf[0] = vcf[0].str.split("chr").str[-1]

In [32]: cosmic = cosmic[[0,1,3,4]].rename(columns={0:0,1:1,3:2,4:3})

In [33]: vcf
Out[33]:
```

	0	1	2	3
0	1	926008	C	A
1	1	944021	C	A
2	1	965175	C	A
3	1	979160	C	A
4	1	980456	C	A
...	...	...	..	..
10696	Un_GL000224v1	55511	CA	GC
10697	Un_GL000224v1	55515	A	T
10698	Un_GL000224v1	55562	A	G
10699	Un_KI270746v1	33494	G	T
10700	Un_KI270746v1	33500	C	G

```
[10701 rows x 4 columns]

In [34]: cosmic
Out[34]:
```

	0	1	2	3
0	1	926010	G	C
1	1	1267918	C	G
2	1	1267963	C	T
3	1	1636742	C	T
4	1	1636952	G	T
...	..	...	..	..
4693	X	155261217	G	A
4694	X	155774100	C	T
4695	X	156004525	G	T
4696	X	156010055	G	A
4697	Y	13422363	A	G

```
[4698 rows x 4 columns]

In [35]: pd.merge(vcf, cosmic, how='inner', on=[0,1,2,3])
Out[35]:
```

	0	1	2	3
0	3	38001750	G	T
1	20	34768494	C	A

# Lesson Goals

---

Be familiar with the main 3<sup>rd</sup> generation sequencing technologies:

- PacBio SMRT sequencing
- ONT sequencing
- 10X linked reads

Understand various applications of long and linked reads

- RNA-seq
- De novo assembly
- Structural variant calling



# What is 3rd Gen Sequencing

---

Sequencing technologies other than Illumina sequencing

Focus on producing **long-distance** information

- **Long reads**
- **Linked reads**

Developed or matured in the last decade

Actively being developed

Main technologies:

- Pacific Biosciences SMRT sequencing - **PacBio**
- Oxford Nanopore Technology - **ONT**
- 10X Genomics Chromium - **10X**

# PacBio SMRT Sequencing



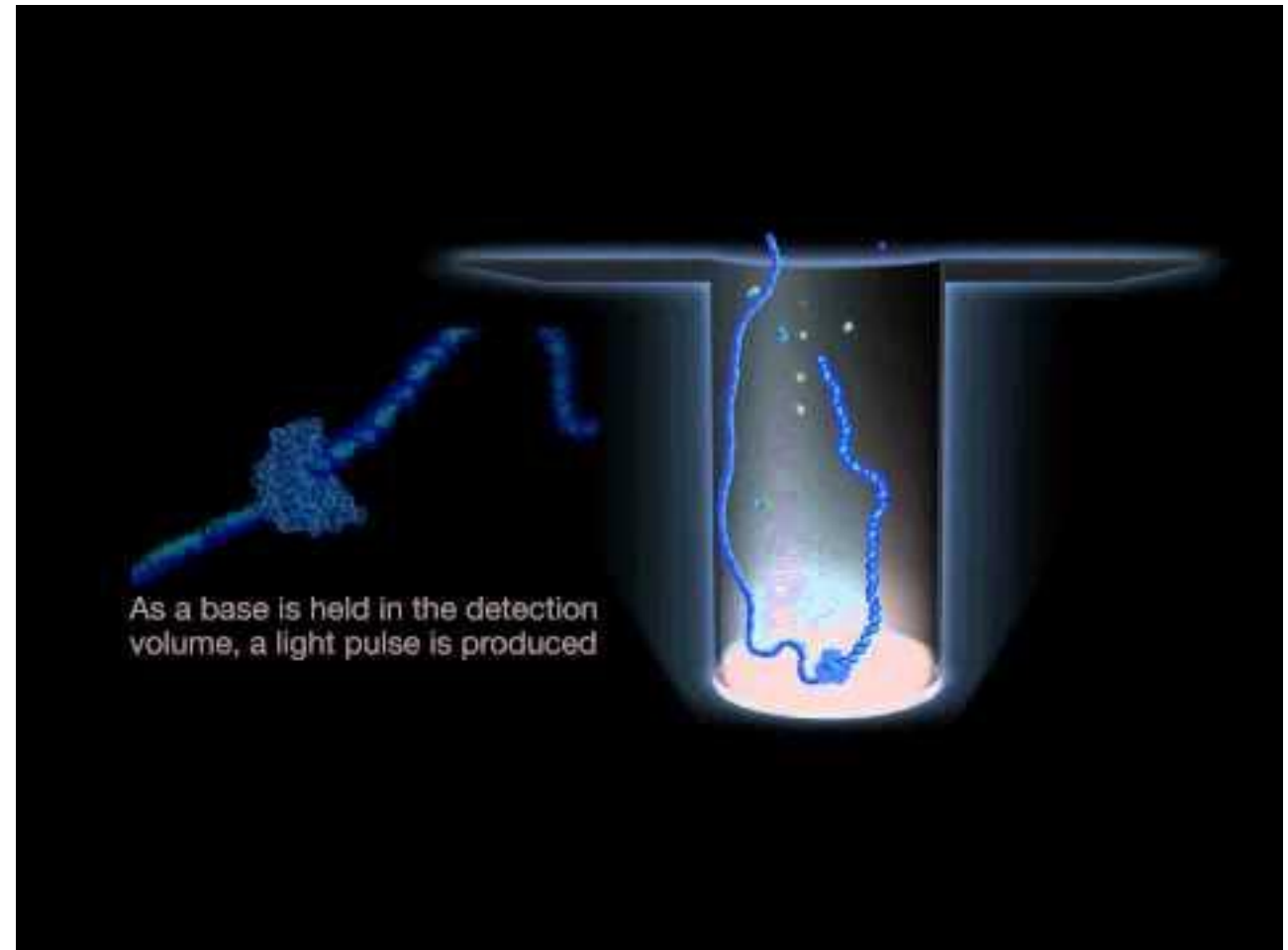
## Single Molecule Real Time

No amplification step

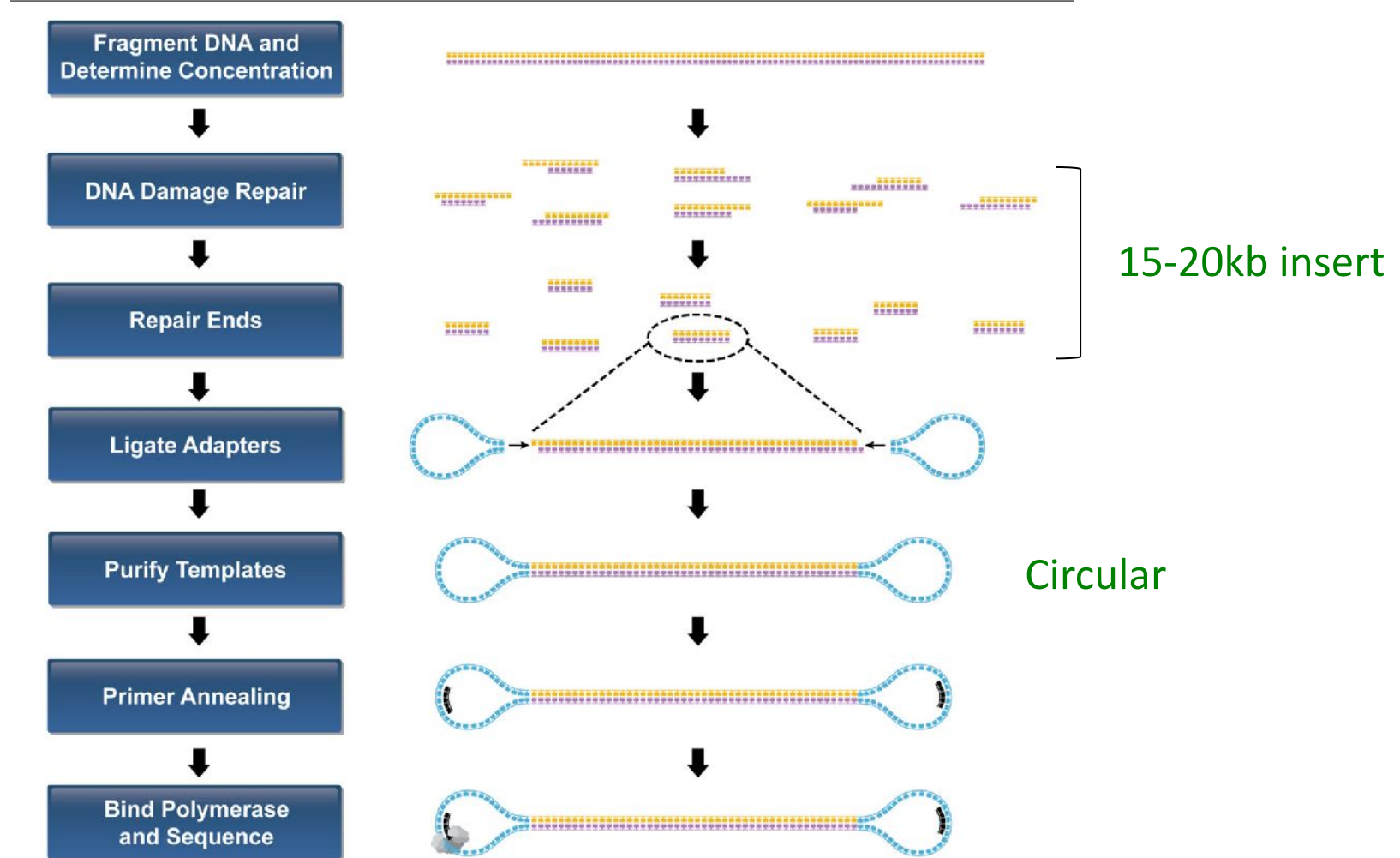
Based on the ability to analyze  
very small volumes

Sequencing by synthesis

Sequel II

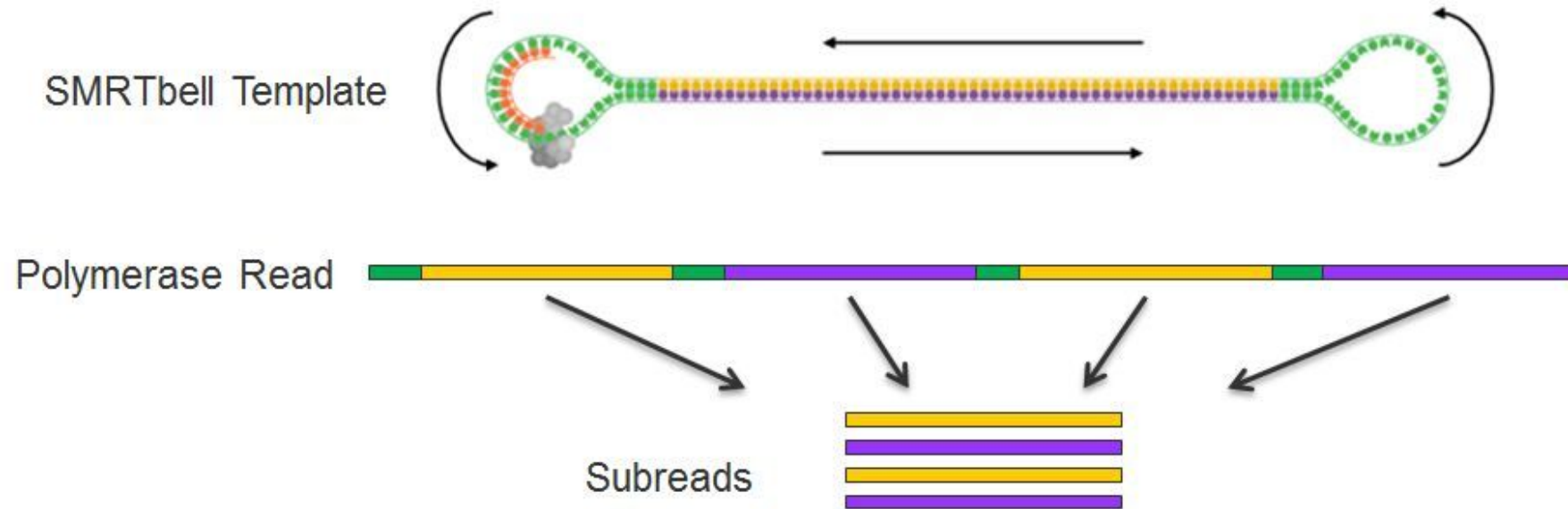


# PacBio Library Prep



# PacBio Sequencing

---



# Properties of PacBio Sequencing

---

## Read length

- Non-uniform
- Depends on selected insert size
- Usually 10-100kb

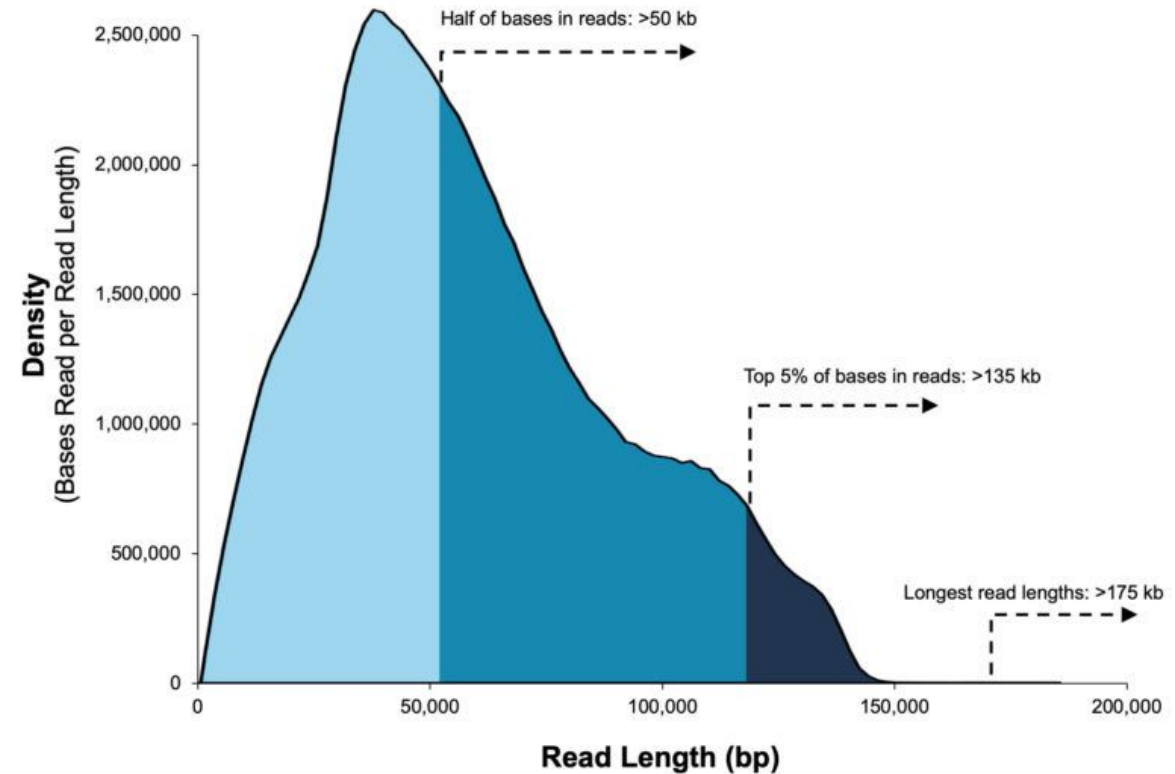
No paired-end option

One run can produce 4-5M reads -  
~40Gb

Runs take several hours

Mostly uniform coverage - no  
GC-content bias

Raw reads error rate - **~10%**





# Dealing With High Error Rates

---

Working with 10% error rate is impractical

## Option 1:

Polymerase Read



**CLR** - continuous long read

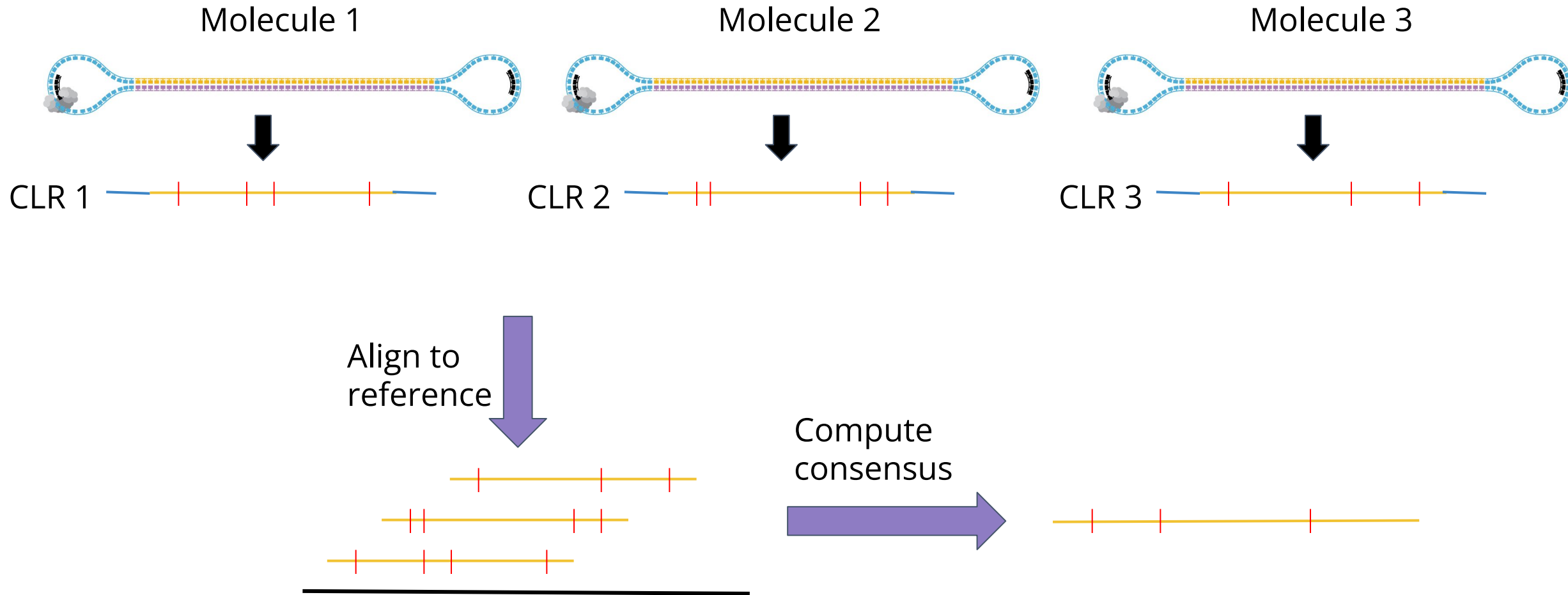
Polymerase read length  $\sim$  sub-read length

Align CLRs to a reference genome and correct errors

Find the consensus of multiple molecules

Accuracy increases with sequencing depth

# CLR Error Correction



# Dealing With High Error Rates

---

## Option 2:

**CCS** - circular consensus read

Also called **HiFi reads**

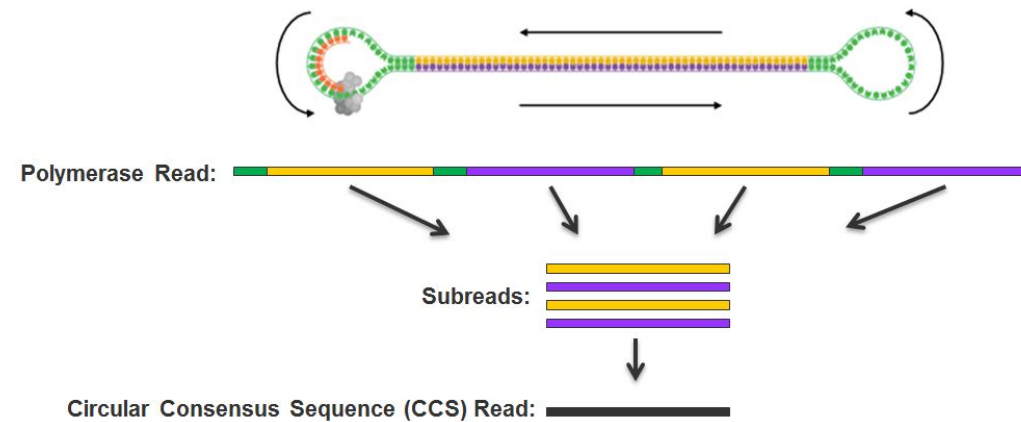
Polymerase read length > sub-read length

Align CCSs to one another and correct errors

Find the consensus of a single molecule

Accuracy >99%

Shorter reads (<20kb)



# Accuracy CLR consensus Vs. CCS

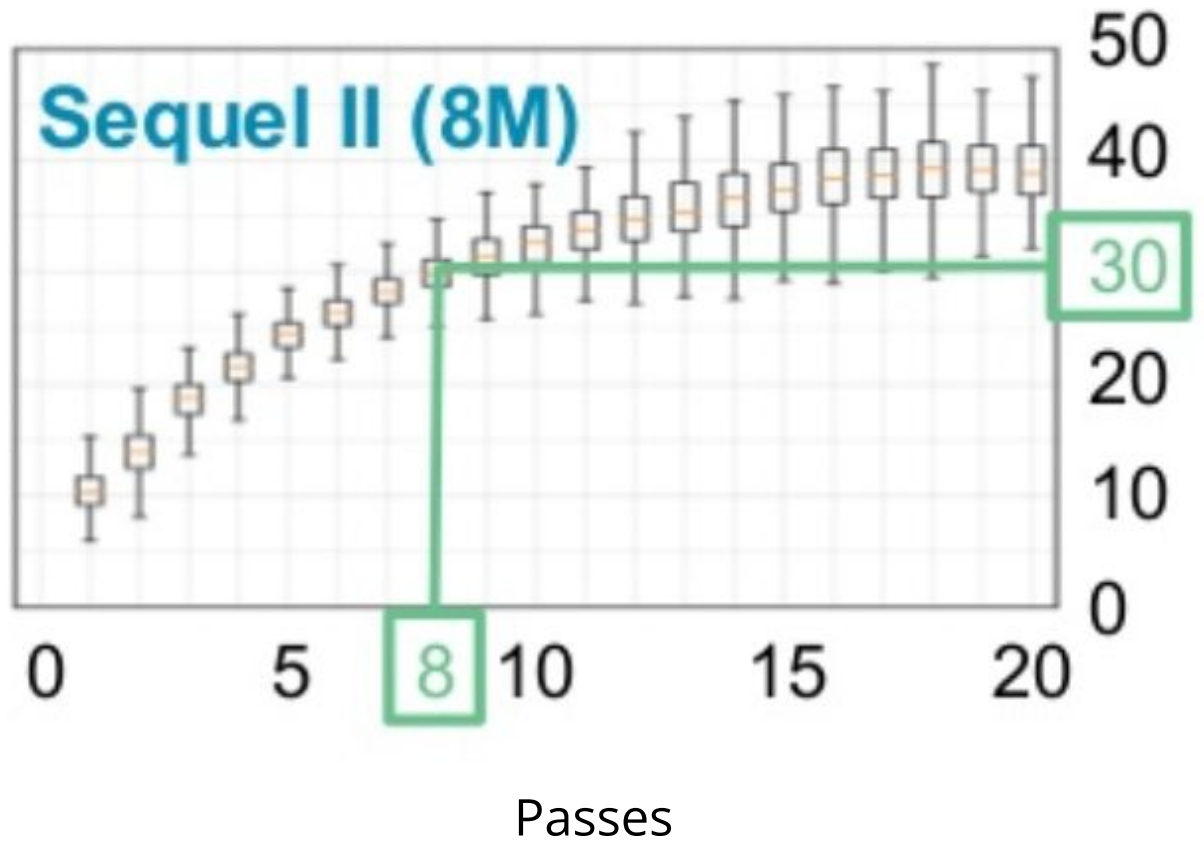
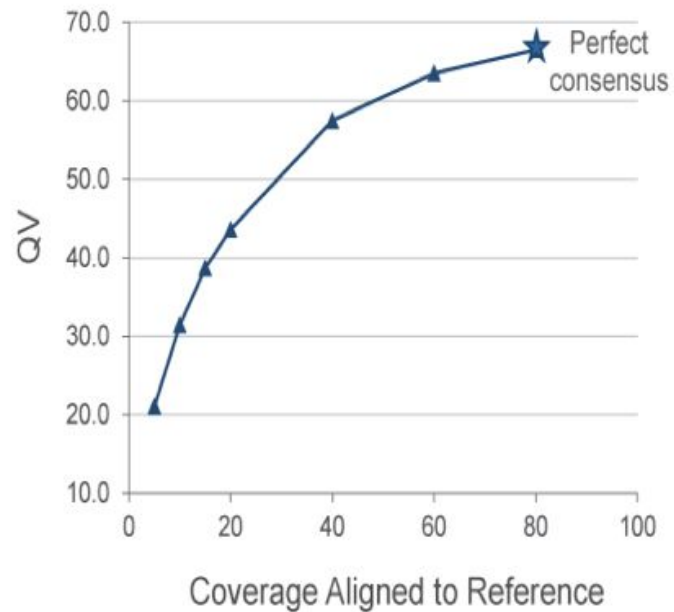
CLR consensus



CCS



Accuracy



# Oxford Nanopore Sequencing (ONT)



Single molecule

Real time

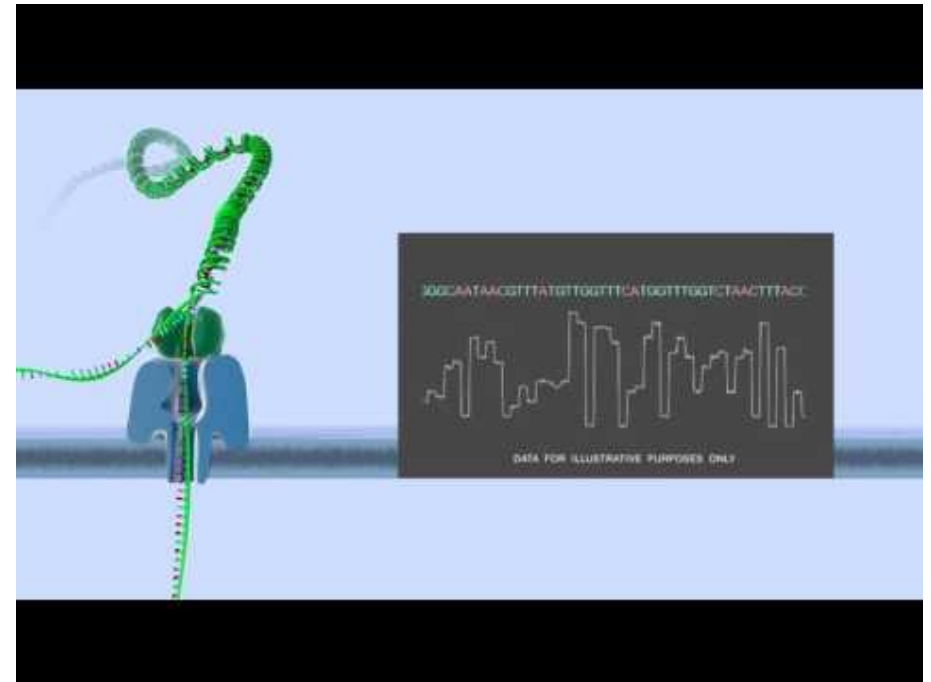
**Not** SBS

Palm-sized machine



MinION Mk1: portable, real time biological analyses

MinION





# Properties of ONT Sequencing

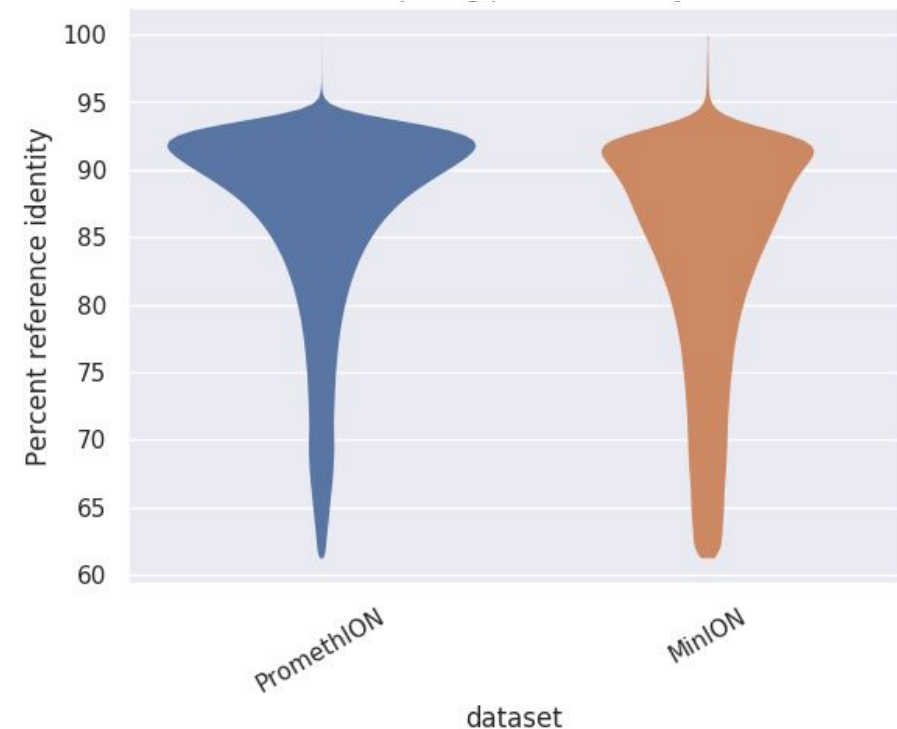
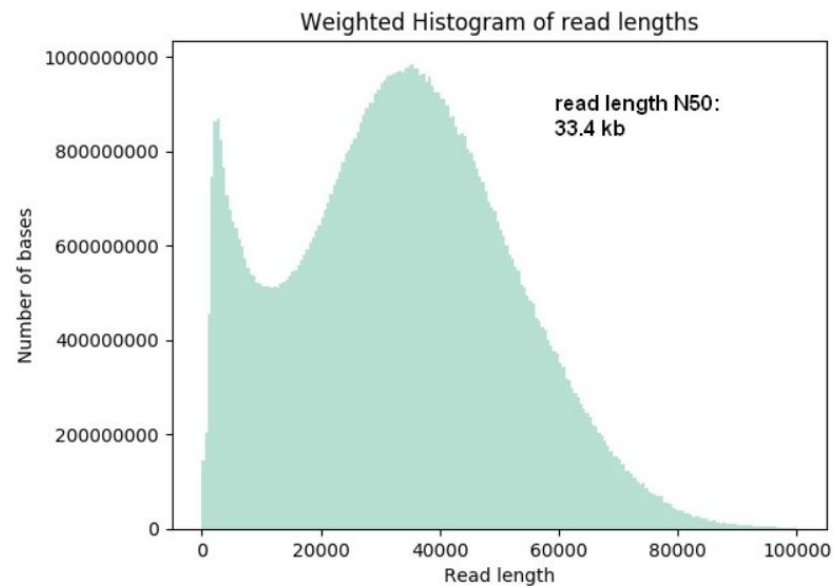
---

Read length - theoretically unlimited

In practice depends on DNA fragmentation - can produce reads  $> 2\text{Mb}$

Yield - depends on machine model - 50Gb to 10Tb

Accuracy -  $\sim 10\%$  error



# Comparing Technologies

---

	<b>Illumina</b>	<b>PacBio CLR</b>	<b>PacBio CCS</b>	<b>ONT</b>
Read length	150-250 bp	50 kb	30 kb	10-30 kb
Overall error rate	0.1 %	10-15 %	<1 %	<5 %
Mismatch	~ 100 %	37 %	4 %	41 %
InDel	~ 0 %	63 %	96 %	59 %
Cost	\$29/Gb	\$85/Gb		\$30/Gb*
Throughput	7 Gb/h	2.5 Gb/h		0.5 Gb/h*

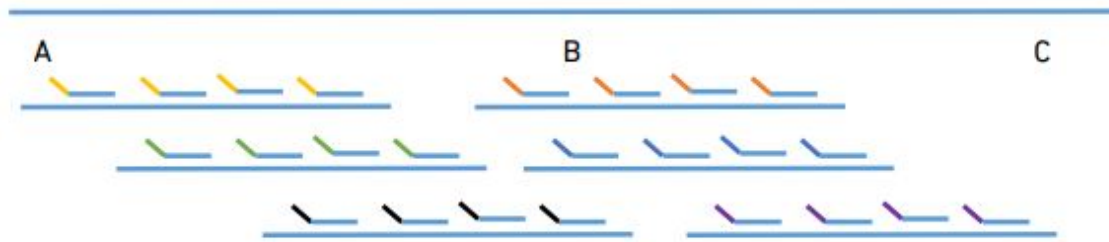
# 10X Genomics

---

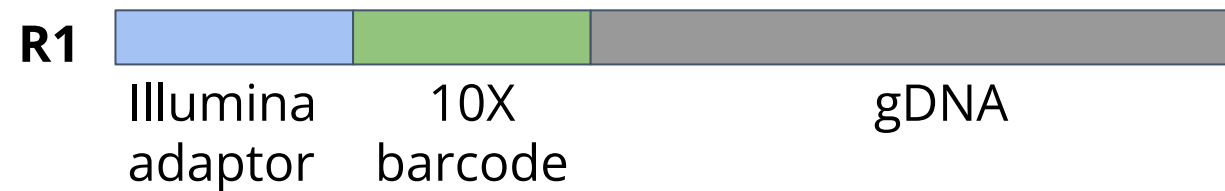
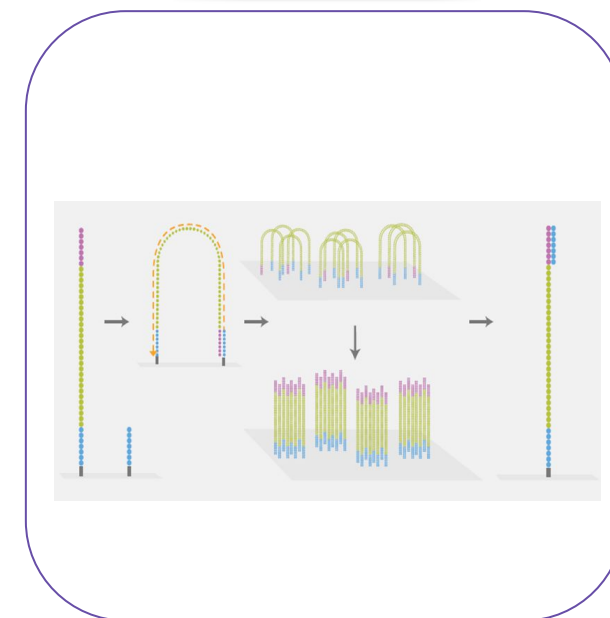
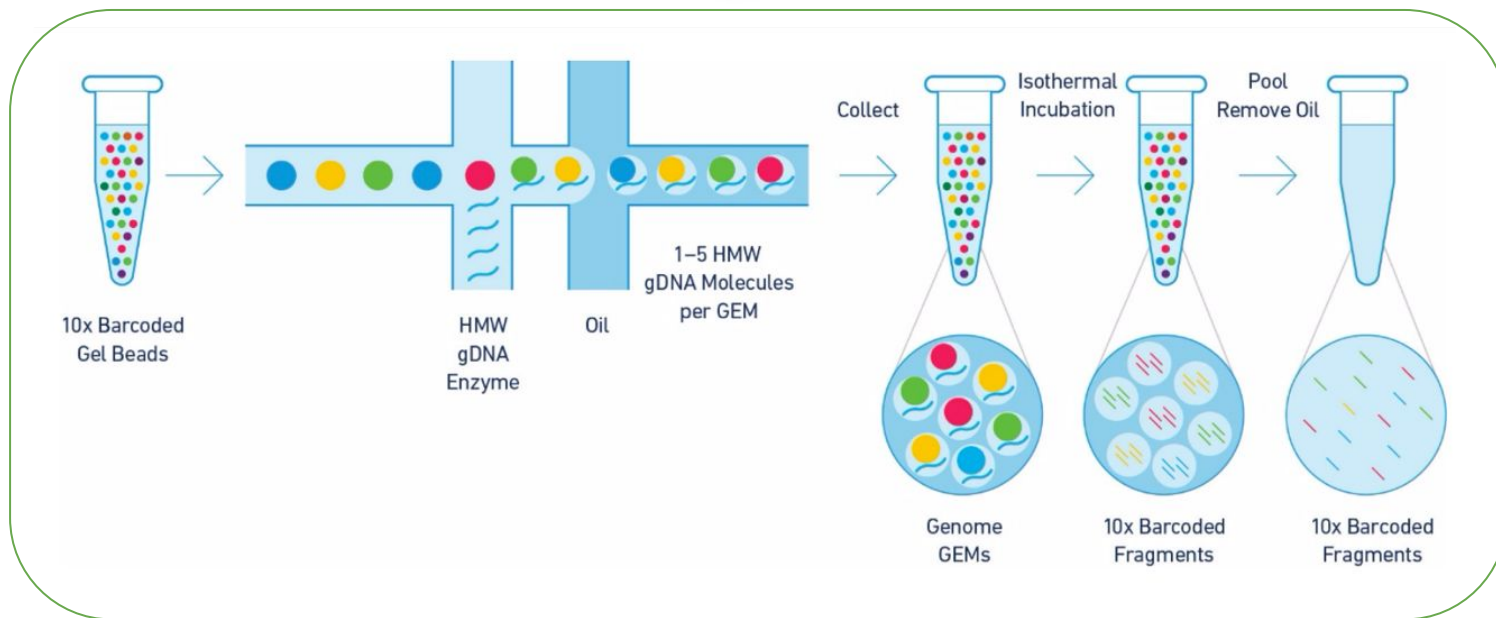
Not a long read technology

But provides long-range information through **linked reads**

Short reads originating from the same long molecule



Based on standard short read Illumina technology



# Linked Reads

---

Reads with the same barcode likely come from the same gDNA fragment

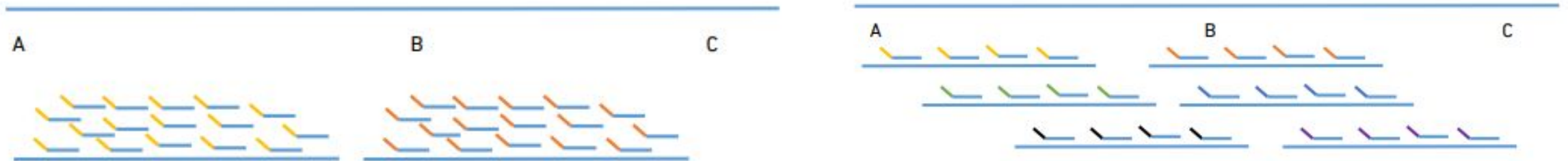
gDNA fragment size is usually 50-60kb

If  $\sim x3$  depth is used - we can produce “synthetic long reads”

Usually each molecule is sequenced at  $\sim x0.2$

We can still get useful long-range information

Non-trivial computational analysis is needed





# Applications of 3rd Gen Sequencing

---

Transcriptomics

Genome assembly

Structural variation detection

# RNA-Seq and Long Reads

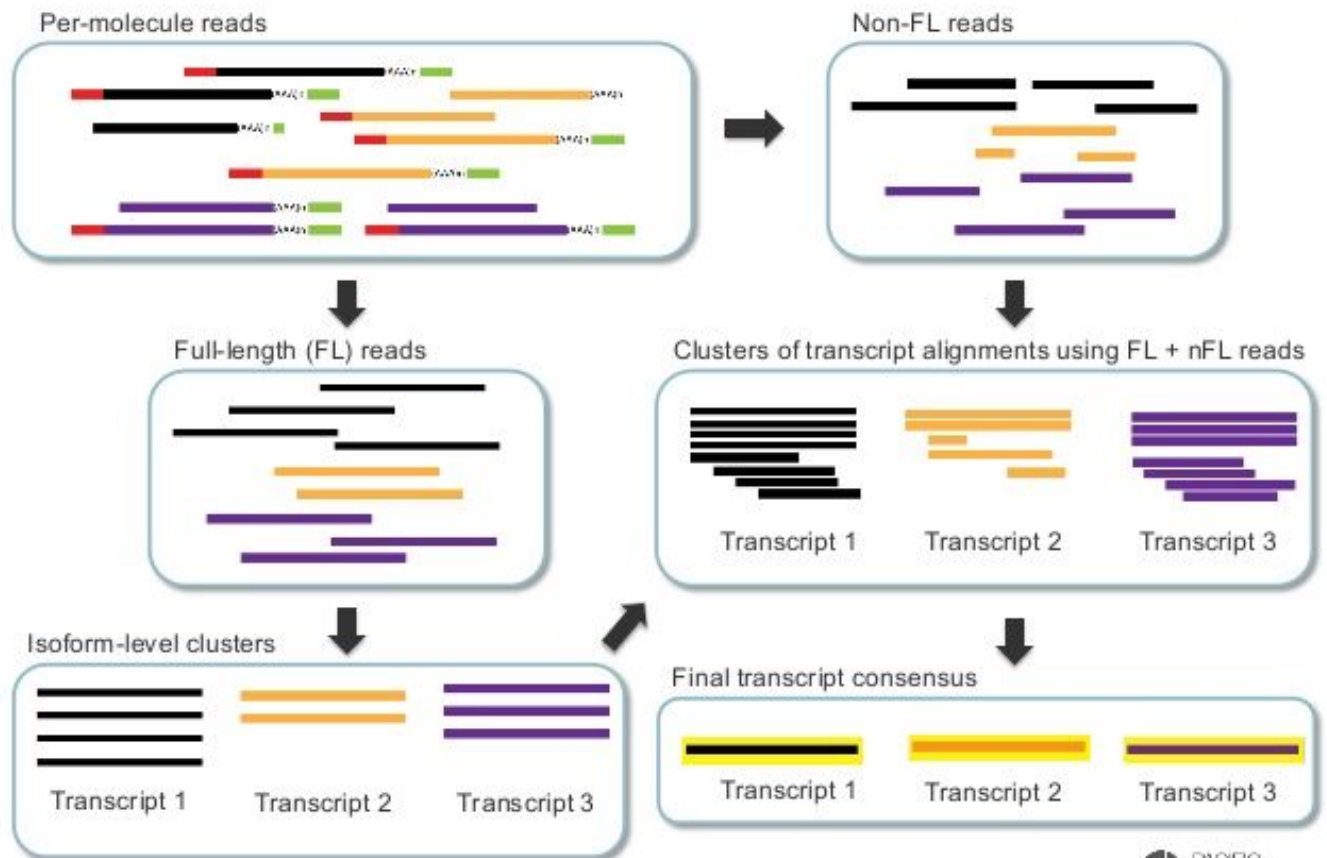
Read length is usually  
larger than mRNA size

Full-length transcripts

No transcript assembly is  
needed

Easier to detect and  
quantify isoforms

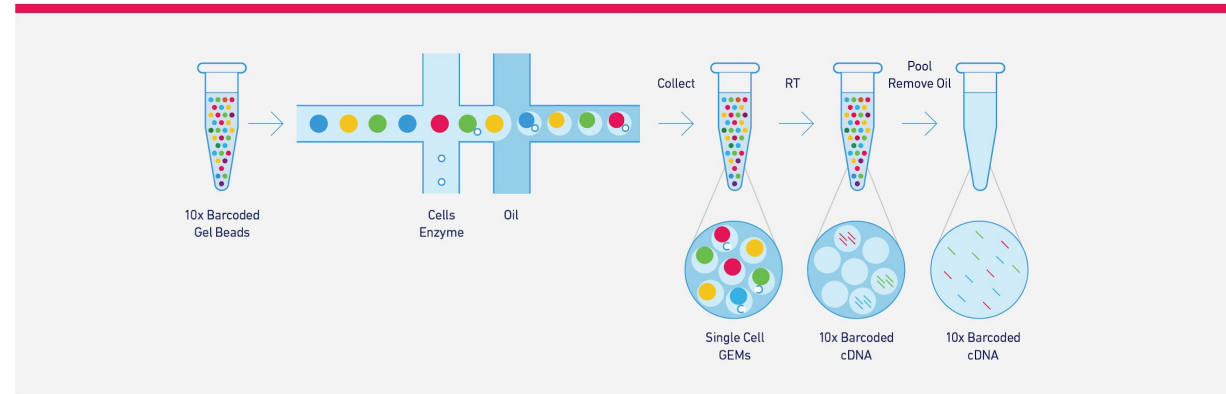
## Iso-Seq Informatics Pipeline



# 10X for Single Cell RNA-Seq

## GemCode™ Technology for Single Cell Partitioning

Utilize an efficient droplet-based system to encapsulate up to 100-80,000+ cells in a single 10-minute run.



## Single Cell Digital Gene Expression

Enable digital quantification of transcripts in every cell, for single cell digital gene expression analysis.



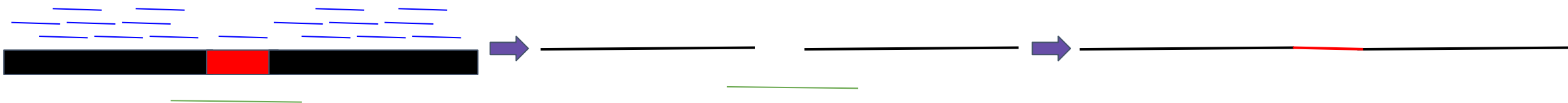
# Long and Linked Reads in Genome Assembly

Many modern assemblers can work with 3<sup>rd</sup> generation reads

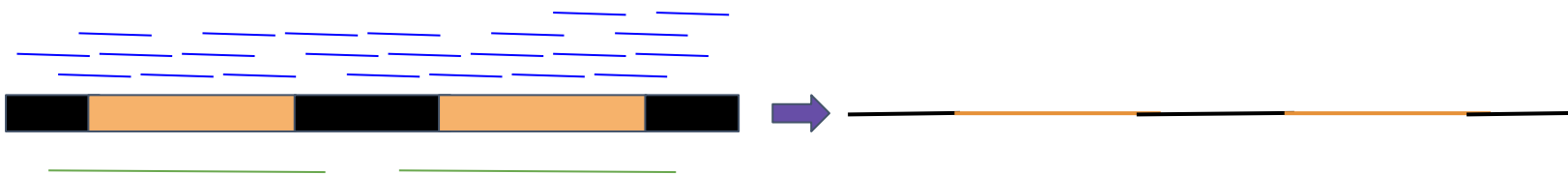
- Falcon - PacBio reads
- Canu, SPAdes - PacBio and ONT reads
- Supernova - 10X reads

Most assemblers take a “hybrid” approach - long + short reads

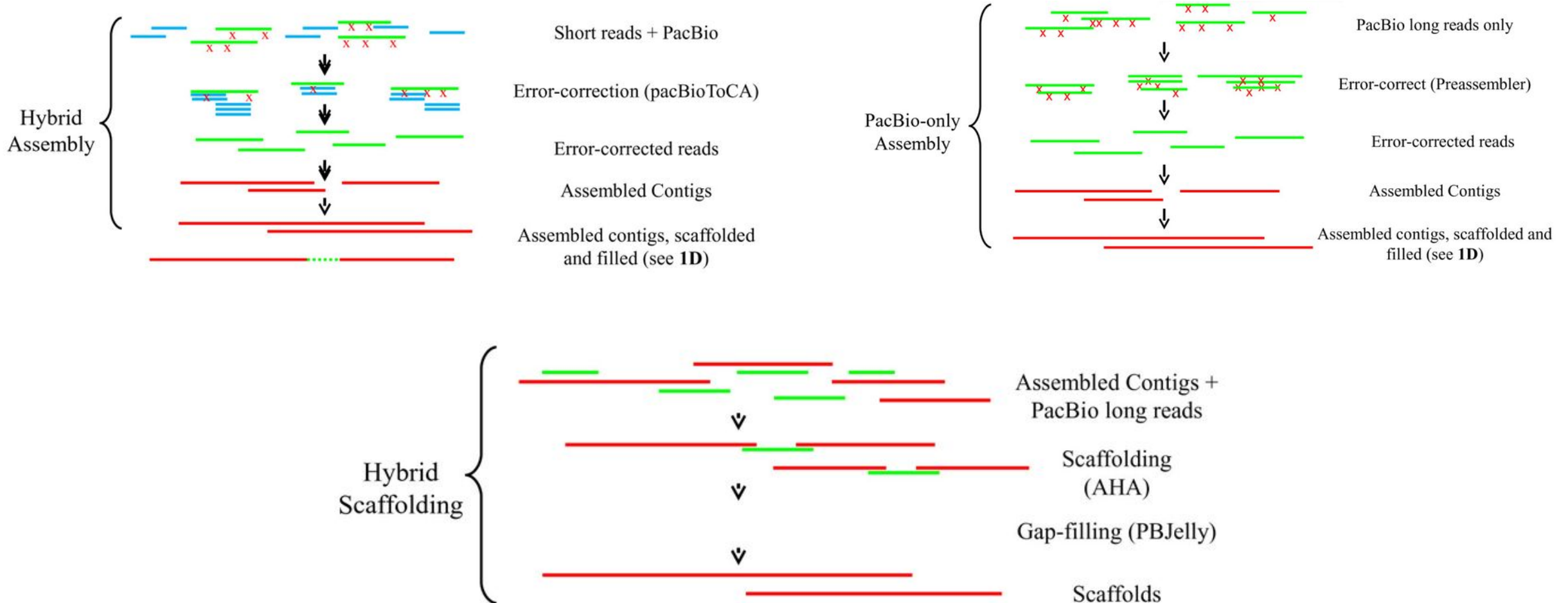
Long/linked reads can help link contigs by bridging over difficult regions



Long reads can help solve long repeats



# Different Assembly Strategies





# Haplotype Phasing

---

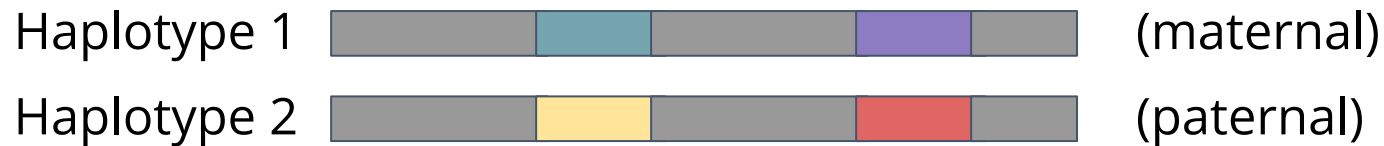
Many interesting eukaryote genomes are diploid or polyploid

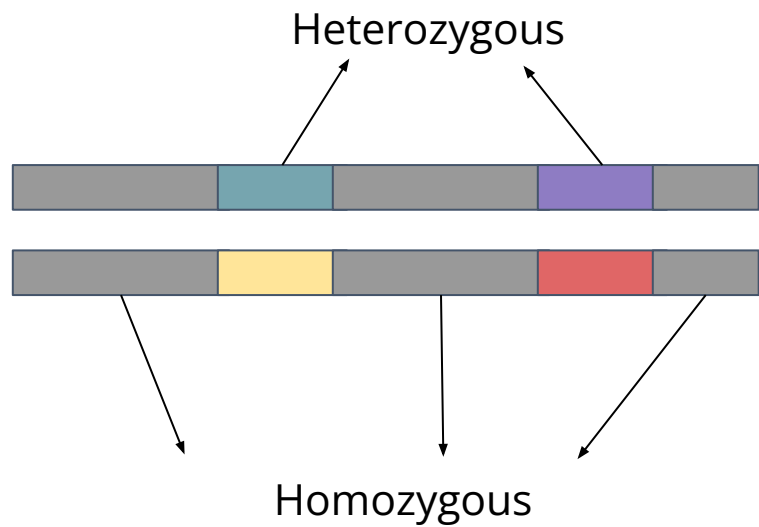
Still, most assemblies are haploid

Heterozygosity is “squished” into consensus sequences

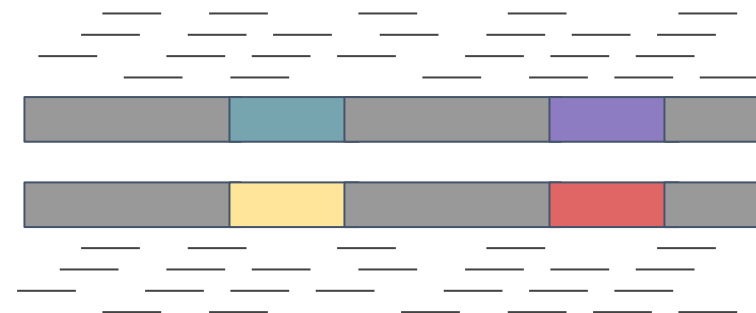
A **haplotype** is a group of alleles arising from the same molecule

Splitting an assembly into haplotypes is called **phasing**

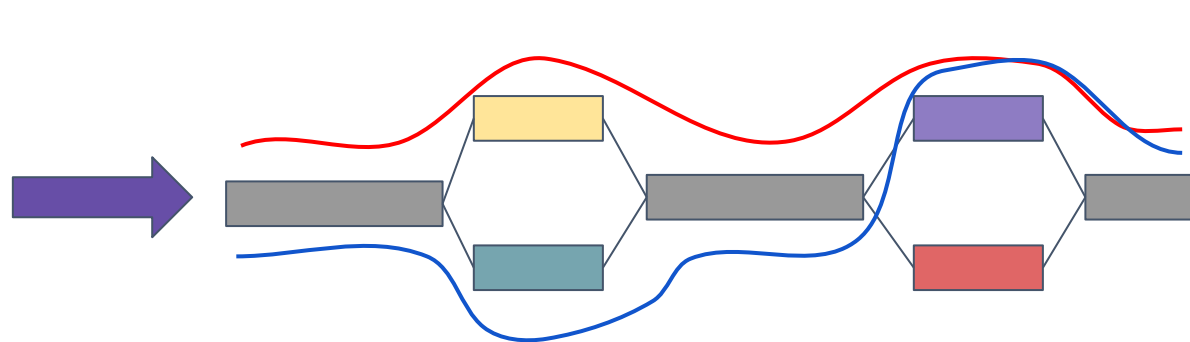
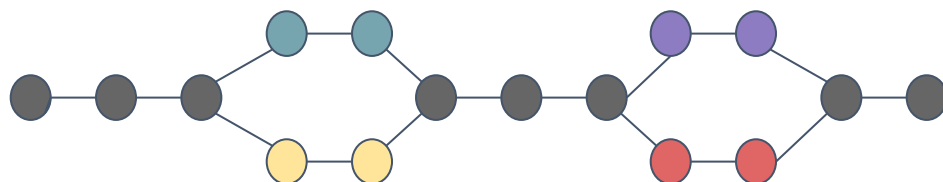




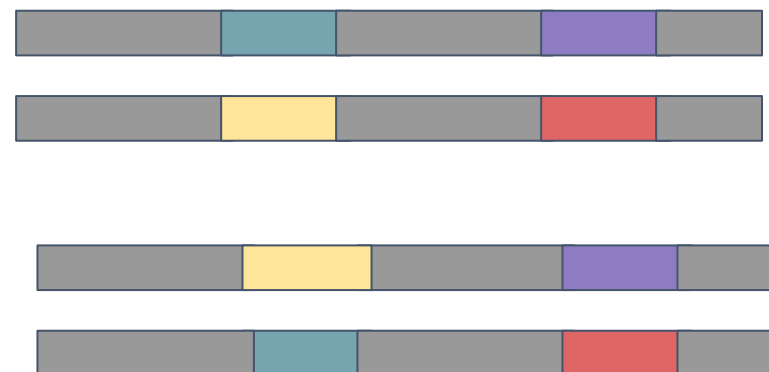
Short read sequencing



De Bruijn graph



?



# Structural Variant Detection

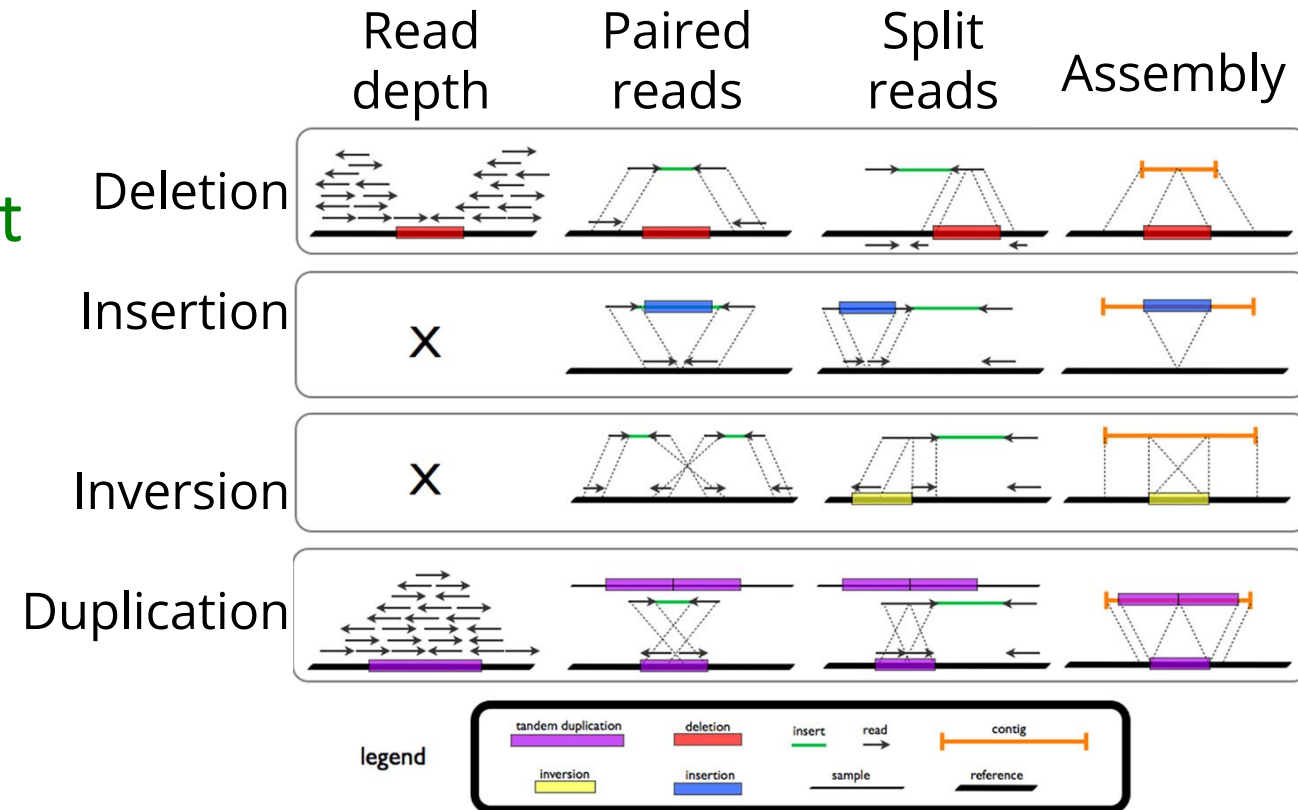
SVs are generally hard to detect with short reads

Many SVs are located in regions that are hard to sequence

SV detection is usually based on mapping reads to a reference

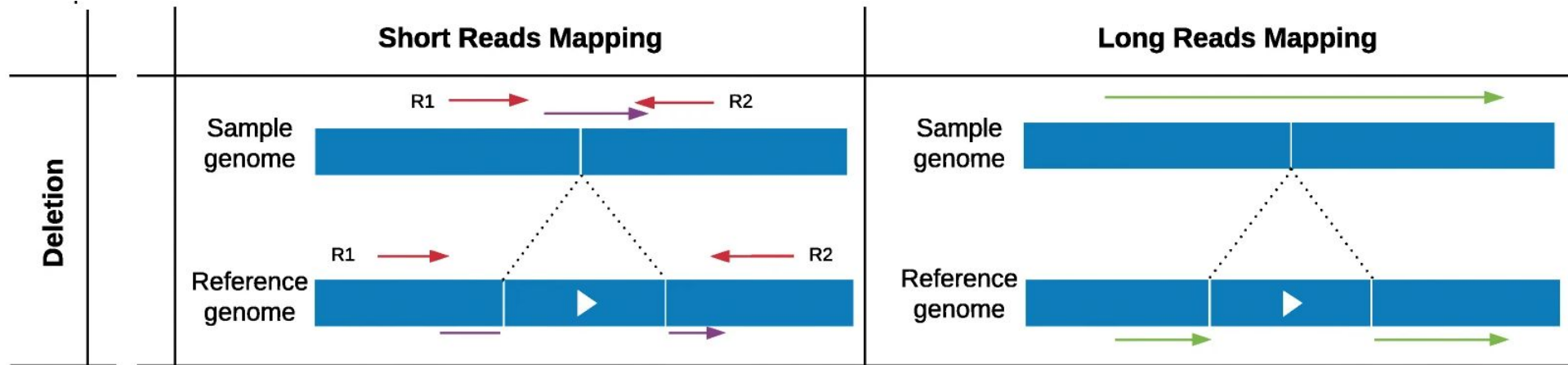
Long reads are useful because:

- They can cross long repeats
- They are not affected by GC-bias
- They can span large insertions



1. Tattini, L., D'Aurizio, R., & Magi, A. (2015). Detection of genomic structural variants from next-generation sequencing data. *Frontiers in bioengineering and biotechnology*, 3, 92.

# How Do we Detect Variants



	Sequencing	Mapping	Variant calling
SNP	short reads	BWA	GATK
SV	short reads	BWA	Manta
	long reads	Minimap2	Sniffles

# Read Mapping With Minimap2

---

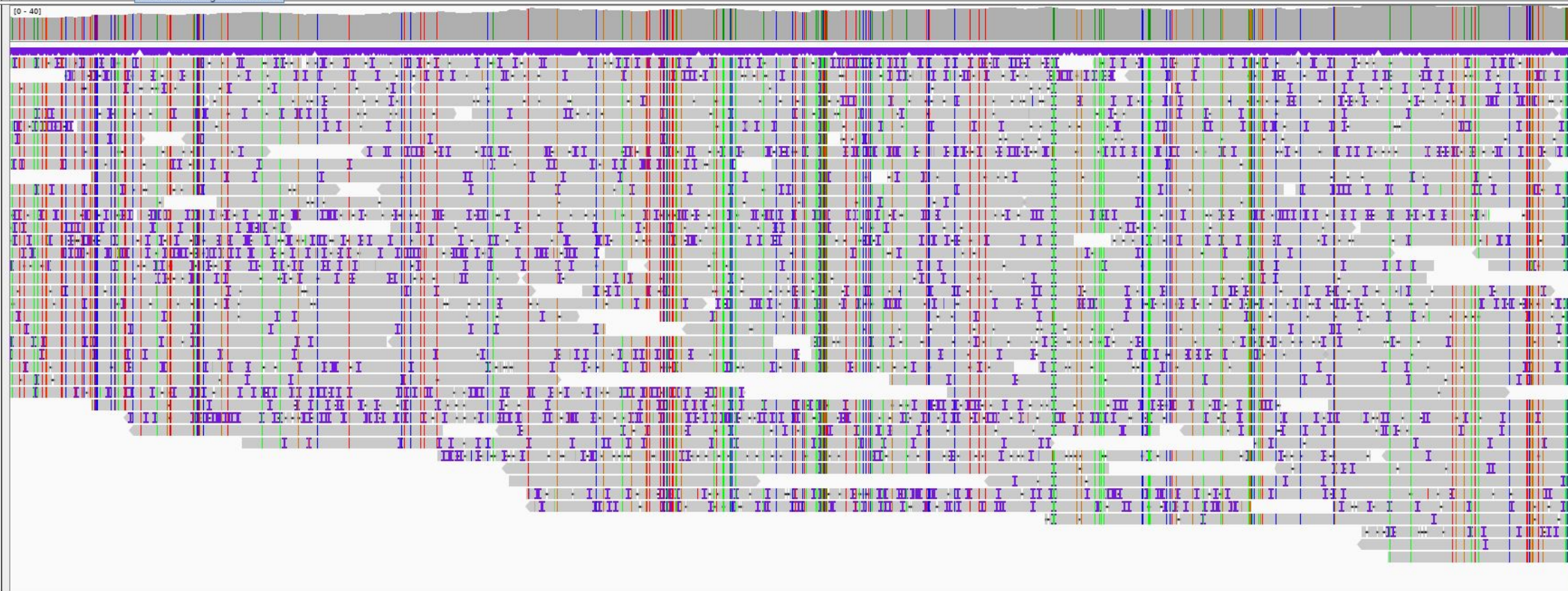
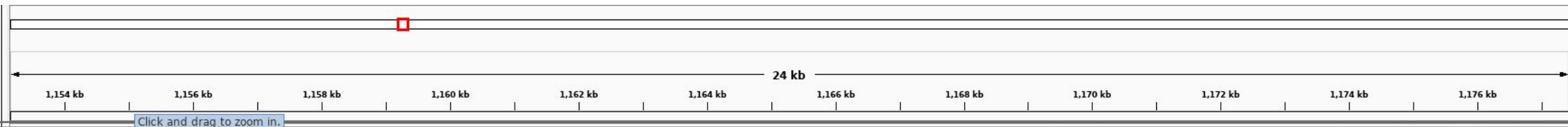
Minimap2 is a generic sequence mapping software

There are various mapping modes like:

- PacBio CLR to genome
- PacBio CCS to genome
- cDNA / PacBio Iso-Seq (transcripts) to genome
- ONT reads to genome
- PacBio reads to PacBio reads
- Short reads to genome (alternative to BWA)

Modes accounts for the specific biases of each technology

Input format is fasta/fastq





# HYPE!

---

In recent years there have been **lots** of talk about long (an linked) reads

Many publications about data analysis and dedicated tools

Long reads are great! ... **for some things**

Don't trust everything you read

Always read the “small letters” (usually supplementary materials)

Vast majority of sequencing is still done with short reads

**One technology can't solve all problems in biology!**