



First decade of single-cell sequencing

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Milestones of single cell sequencing since 2009

Transcriptome

2009: scRNA-seq

 nature methods

Published: 06 April 2009

mRNA-Seq whole-transcriptome analysis of a single cell

Fuchou Tang, Catalin Barbacioru, Yangzhou Wang, Ellen Nordman, Clarence Lee, Nanlan Xu, Xiaohui Wang, John Bodeau, Brian B Tuch, Asim Siddiqui, Kaiqin Lao & M Azim Surani

Genome

2011: scWGS

 nature

Published: 13 March 2011

Tumour evolution inferred by single-cell sequencing

Nicholas Navin, Jude Kendall, Jennifer Troge, Peter Andrews, Linda Rodgers, Jeanne McIndoo, Kerry Cook, Asya Stepansky, Dan Levy, Diane Esposito, Lakshmi Muthuswamy, Alex Krasnitz, W. Richard McCombie, James Hicks & Michael Wigler

2012: scExome-seq

Cell

Single-Cell Exome Sequencing Reveals Single-Nucleotide Mutation Characteristics of a Kidney Tumor

Xun Xu^{1,4} • Yong Hou^{1,4} • Xuyang Yin^{1,4} • ... Michael Dean • Yingrui Li • Jun Wang

Epigenome

2013: scHi-C

 nature

Published: 25 September 2013

Single-cell Hi-C reveals cell-to-cell variability in chromosome structure

Takashi Nagano, Yaniv Lubling, Tim J. Stevens, Stefan Schoenfelder, Eitan Yaffe, Wendy Dean, Ernest D. Laue & Amos Tanay & Peter Fraser

2015: scChIP-seq

 nature biotechnology

Published: 12 October 2015

Single-cell ChIP-seq reveals cell subpopulations defined by chromatin state

Assaf Rotem, Oren Ram, Noam Shores, Ralph A Sperling, Alon Goren, David A Weitz & Bradley E Bernstein

2015: scATAC-seq

 nature

Published: 17 June 2015

Single-cell chromatin accessibility reveals principles of regulatory variation

Jason D. Buenrostro, Beijing Wu, Ulrike M. Litzenburger, Dave Ruff, Michael L. Gonzales, Michael P. Snyder, Howard Y. Chang & William J. Greenleaf

2017: scNOME-seq

Simultaneous measurement of chromatin accessibility, DNA methylation, and nucleosome phasing in single cells

Sebastian Pott*

2017: scCOOL-seq

 Cell Research

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Single-cell multi-omics sequencing of mouse early embryos and embryonic stem cells

Fan Guo • Lin Li, Jingyun Li, Xinglong Wu, Boqiang Hu, Ping Zhu, Lu Wen & Fuchou Tang

2015: scWGBS-seq

Cell Reports

Single-Cell DNA Methylome Sequencing and Bioinformatic Inference of Epigenomic Cell-State Dynamics

Mathias Farlik • Nathan C. Sheffield • Angelo Nuzzo • ... Andreas Schöregger • Johanna Khughammer • Christoph Bock • Show all authors • Show footnotes

2015: scDamID-seq

Cell

Genome-wide Maps of Nuclear Lamina Interactions in Single Human Cells

Jop Kind • Ludo Pagie • Sandra S. de Vries • ... Job Dekker • Alexander van Oudenaarden • Bas van Steensel • Show all authors • Show footnotes

2015: scDNase-seq

 nature

Published: 25 November 2015

Genome-wide detection of DNase I hypersensitive sites in single cells and FFPE tissue samples

Wenfei Jin, Qingsong Tang, Mimi Wan, Kairong Cui, Yi Zhang, Gang Ren, Bing Ni, Jeffrey Sklar, Teresa M. Przytycka, Richard Childs, David Levens & Keji Zhao

2018: scMNase-seq

 nature

Letter | Published: 26 September 2018

Principles of nucleosome organization revealed by single-cell micrococcal nuclease sequencing

Binbin Lai, Weiwu Gao, Kairong Cui, Wanli Xie, Qingsong Tang, Wenfei Jin, Gangqing Hu, Bing Ni & Keji Zhao

2019: scCUT&RUN

Cell

Profiling of Pluripotency Factors in Single Cells and Early Embryos

Sarah J. Hainer • Ana Rodkiewicz • Kuris N. McConnell • Oliver J. Rando • Thomas G. Fazzio • Show all authors • Show footnotes

Multomics

2015: scG&T (genome & transcriptome)

 nature methods

G&T-seq: parallel sequencing of single-cell genomes and transcriptomes

Iain C Macaulay, Wilfried Haerty, Parveen Kumar, Yang I Li, Tim Xiaoming Hu, Mabel J Teng, Mubeen Goolam, Nathalie Saurat, Paul Coupland, Lesley M Shirley, Miriam Smith, Niels Van der Aa, Ruby Banerjee, Peter D Ellis, Michael A Quail, Harold P Swardlow, Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz, Frederick J Livesey, Chris P Ponting & Thierry Voet

2018: scNMT-seq (transcriptome & epigenome)

 nature communications

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scNMT-seq enables joint profiling of chromatin accessibility DNA methylation and transcription in single cells

Stephen J. Clark, Ricard Argelaguet, Chantiriolnt-Andreas Kapourani, Thomas M. Stubbs, Heather J. Lee, Celia Alda-Catalinas, Felix Krueger, Guido Sanguinetti, Gavin Kelsey, John C. Marioni, Oliver Stegle & Wolf Reik

2017: scTrio-seq (genome & transcriptome & epigenome)

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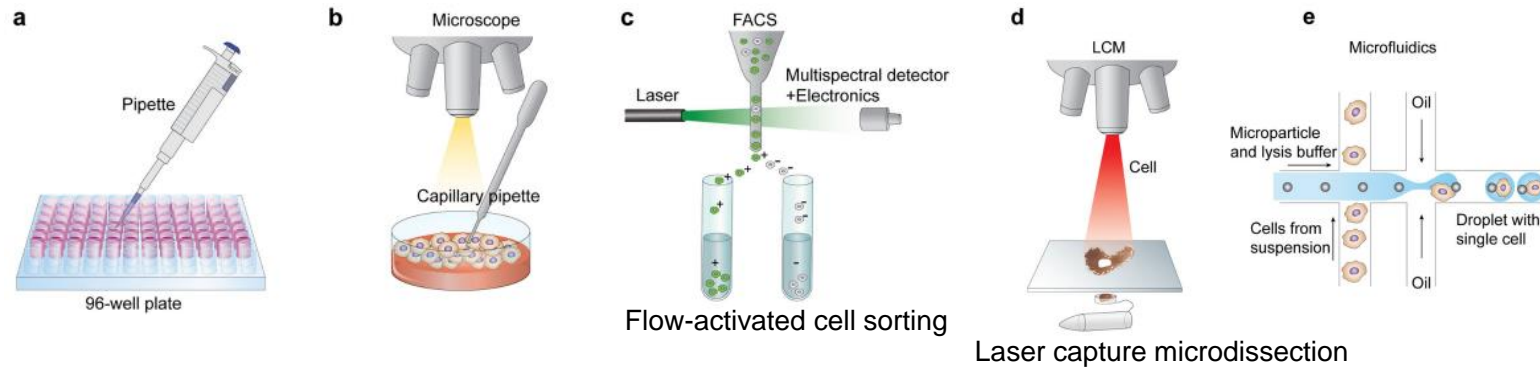
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Single-cell multi-omics sequencing of mouse early embryos and embryonic stem cells

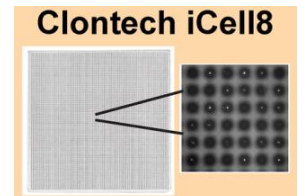
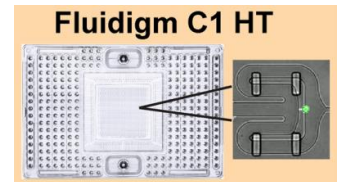
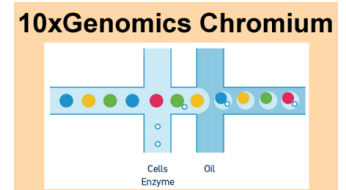
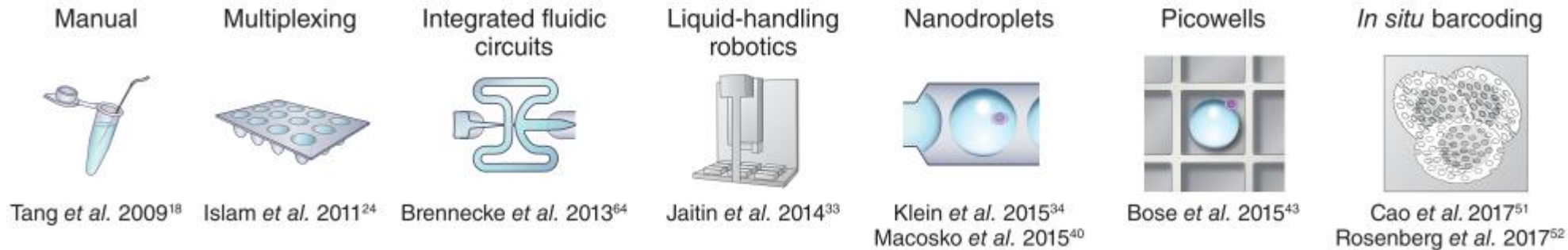
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Typical single-cell experimental/technical pipeline

Step 1: Single cell isolation



Step 2: Library preparation (cell capture and lysis, PCR-based barcoding)

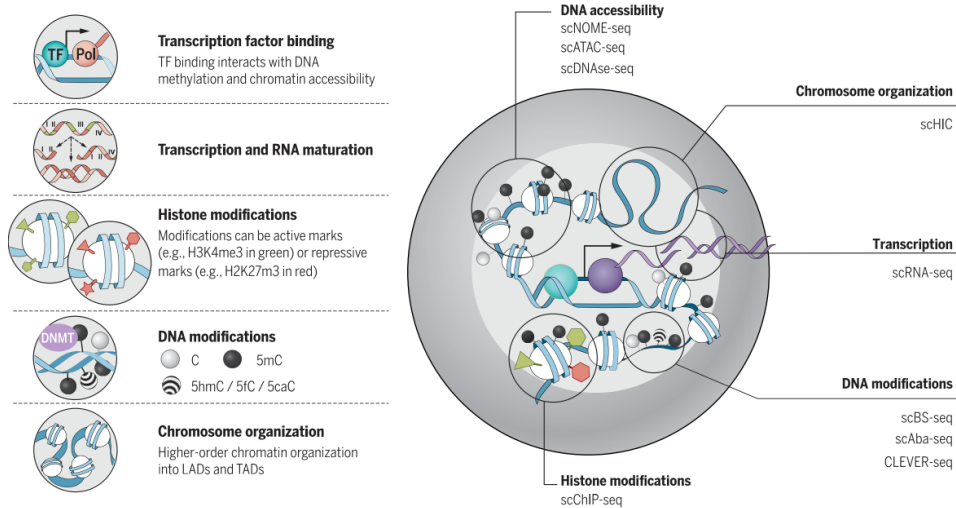


Step 3: Sequencing



Hwang, et al. *Exp Mol Med* (2018); Wang, et al. *bioRxiv* (2019); Svensson, et al. *Nat Protoc* (2018)

More challenges for single-cell genome/epigenome sequencing



- **A single diploid human cell (~3GB genome size)**
 - **DNA**
 - Two copies: paternal and maternal
 - ~6 pg
 - **RNA**
 - 360,000 mRNA molecules; 12,000 different transcripts
 - 10-30 pg total RNA, 1-5% of them are mRNA

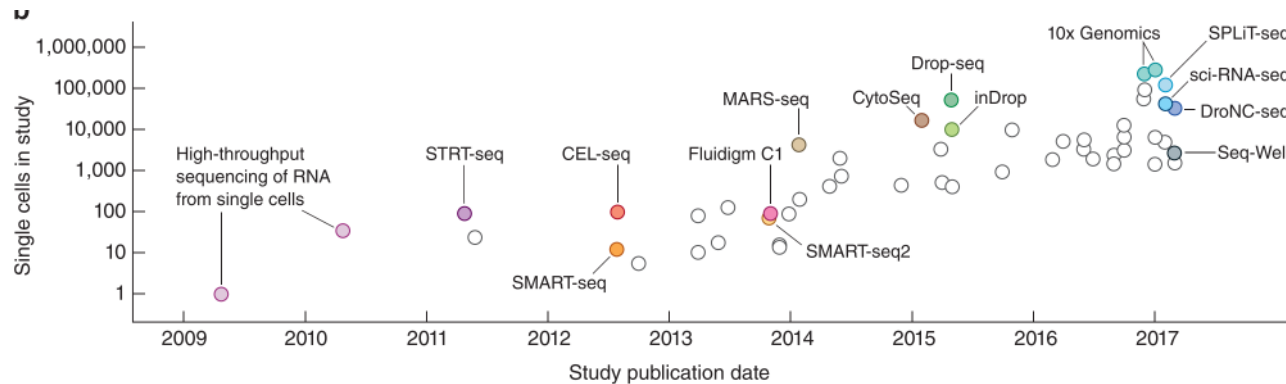
➤ **Sequencer**

- **Nanogram – microgram**

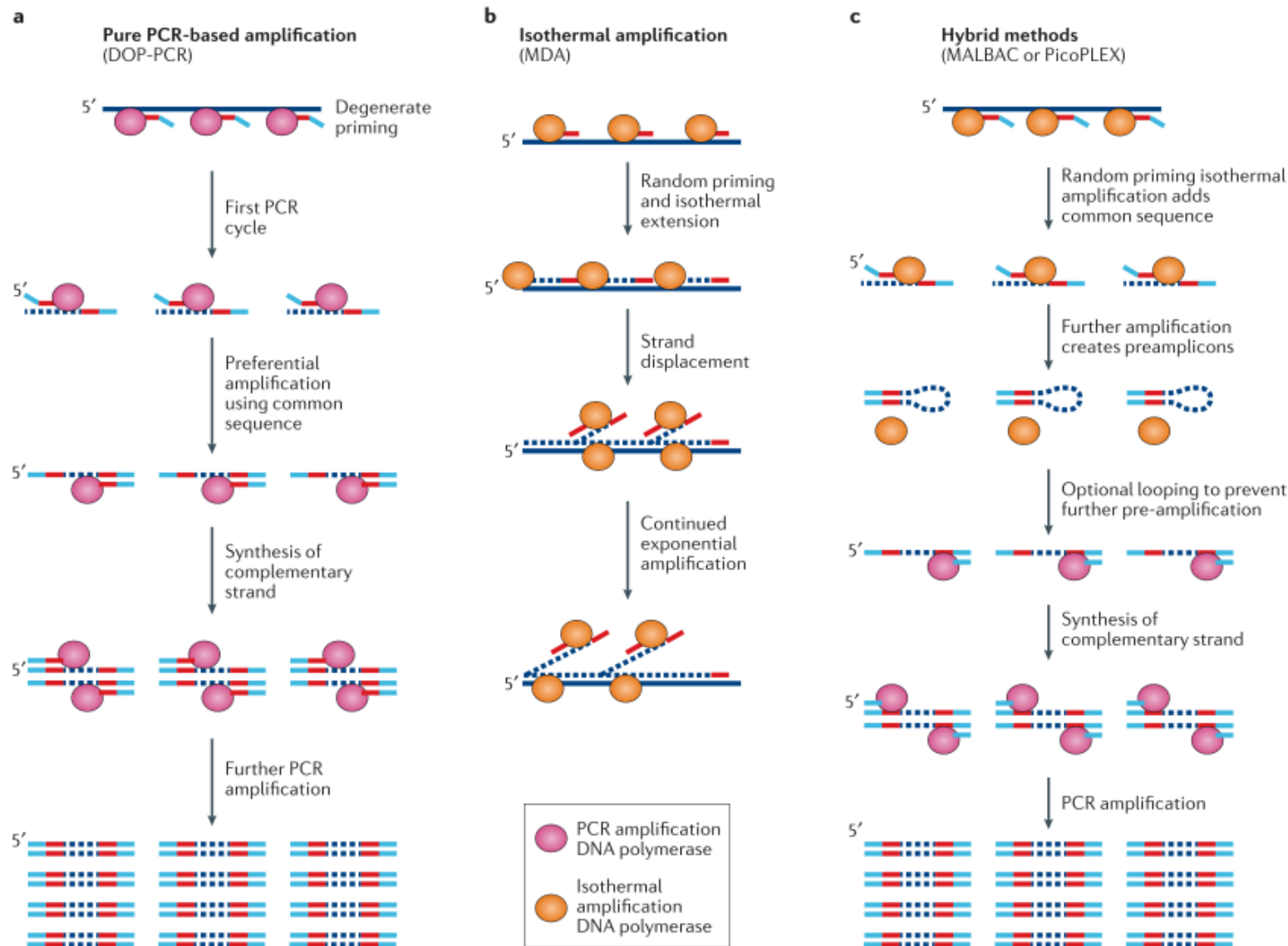
➤ **Solution**

- **PCR amplification**
- **Pool many single cells – cell barcoding**
 - **PCR-based barcoding**
 - **PCR-free barcoding (transposase)**

Development of scRNA-seq



Typical single-cell genome/epigenome sequencing: amplification first



	PCR-based (DOP-PCR)	Isothermal (MDA)	Hybrid (MALBAC or PicoPLEX)
False-negative rate (coverage and allelic dropout)	High	Low	Intermediate
Non-uniformity	Low	High	Low
False-positive rate (amplification error rate)	High	Low	Intermediate

Lähnemann et al. *Genome Biology* (2020) 21:31
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-020-1926-6>

Genome Biology

REVIEW

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Eleven grand challenges in single-cell data science

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➤ Errors/issues during WGA

- **Loss of coverage**
 - MDA: 84%
 - MALBAC: 72%
 - DOP-PCR: 39%
- **Decreased coverage uniformity**
- **Allelic imbalance/allelic dropout**
- **Errors during PCR amplification**

Single-cell genome sequencing with PCR-free barcoding

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Scalable whole-genome single-cell library preparation without preamplification

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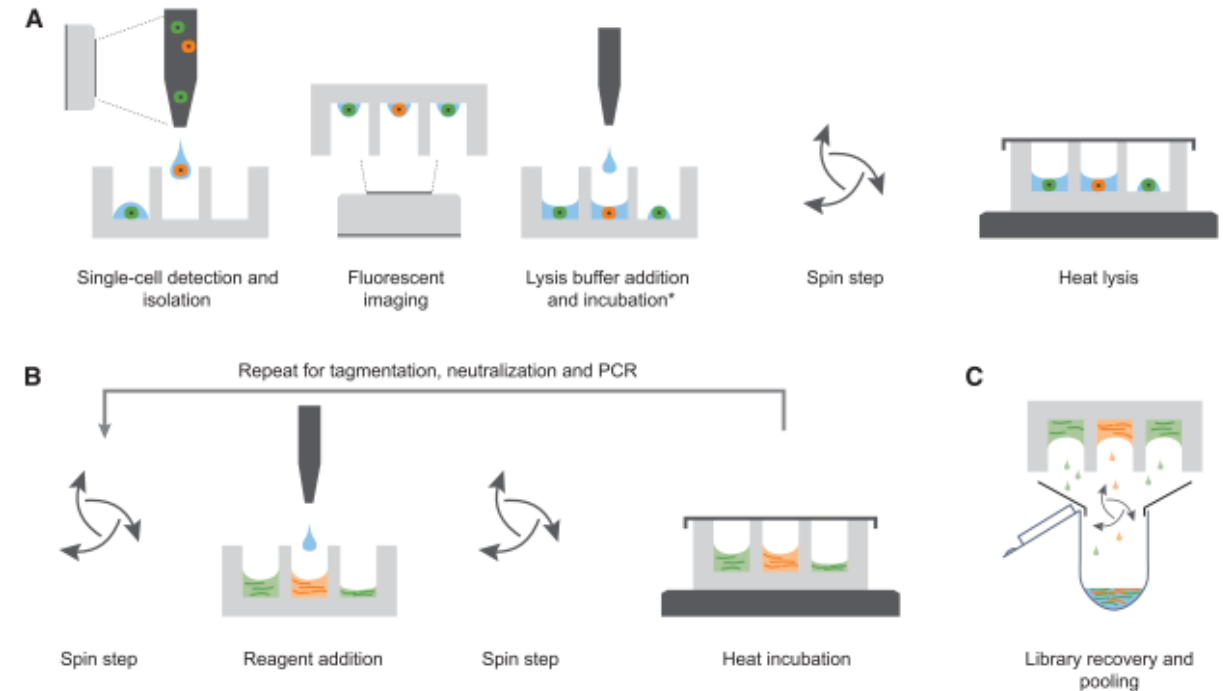
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Clonal Decomposition and DNA Replication States Defined by Scaled Single-Cell Genome Sequencing

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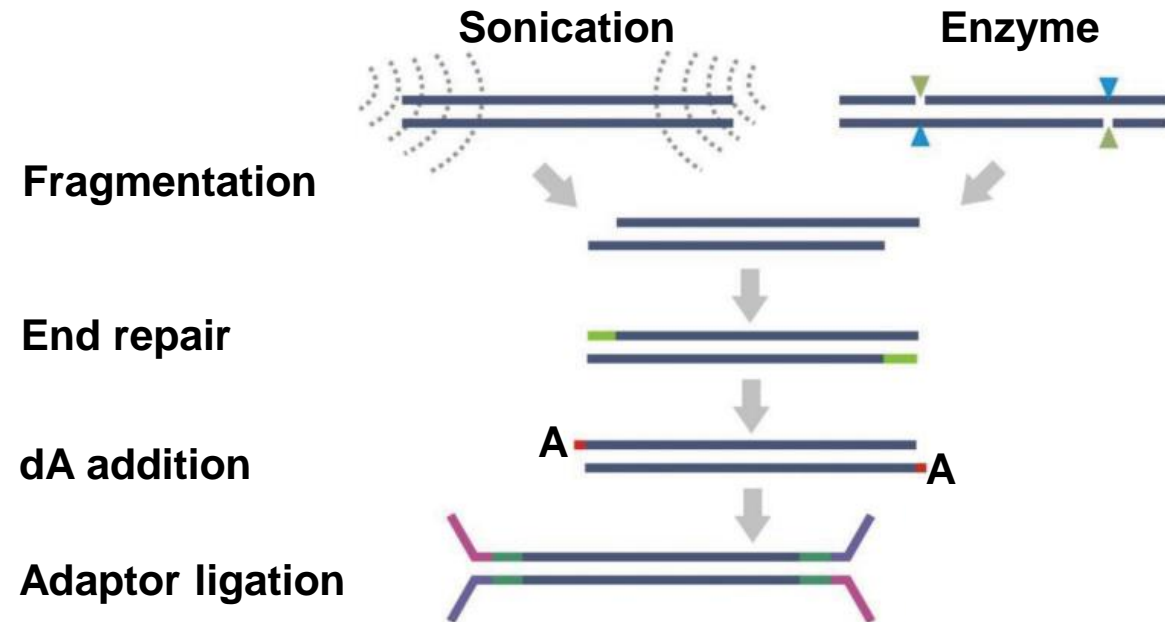
Barcoding first, then PCR amplification



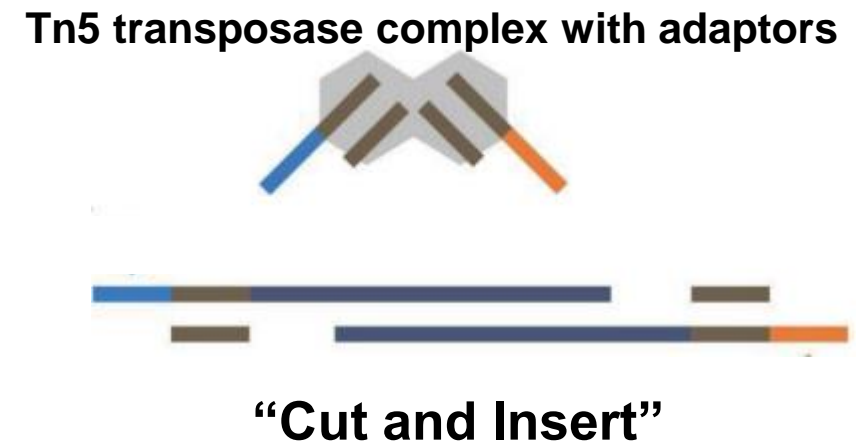
- Increase coverage uniformity compared to pre-amplification methods
 - Copy number variation analysis
- On average, <15% genome coverage per single cell

Two types of PCR-free barcoding methods

DNA ligase-based (more steps, low efficiency)



Transposase-based (simpler, faster, high efficiency)



➤ Single-cell single-molecule long-read sequencing (transposase-based barcoding + PacBio/ONT)

- An automatic platform (e.g., 10X): large cell number
- Cost: thousands of Tn5 complex with different barcodes

Thanks

Single-cell isolation

