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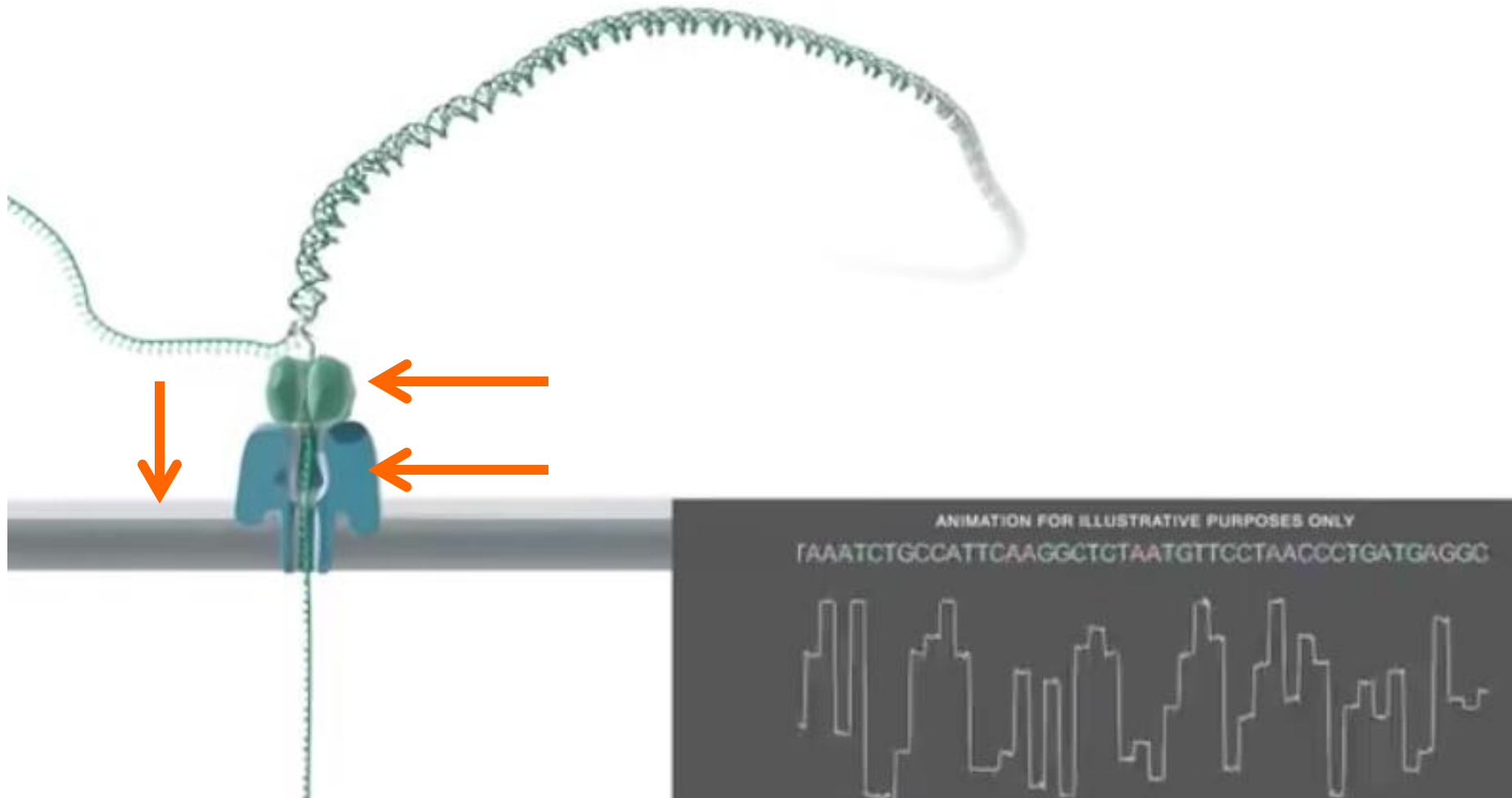


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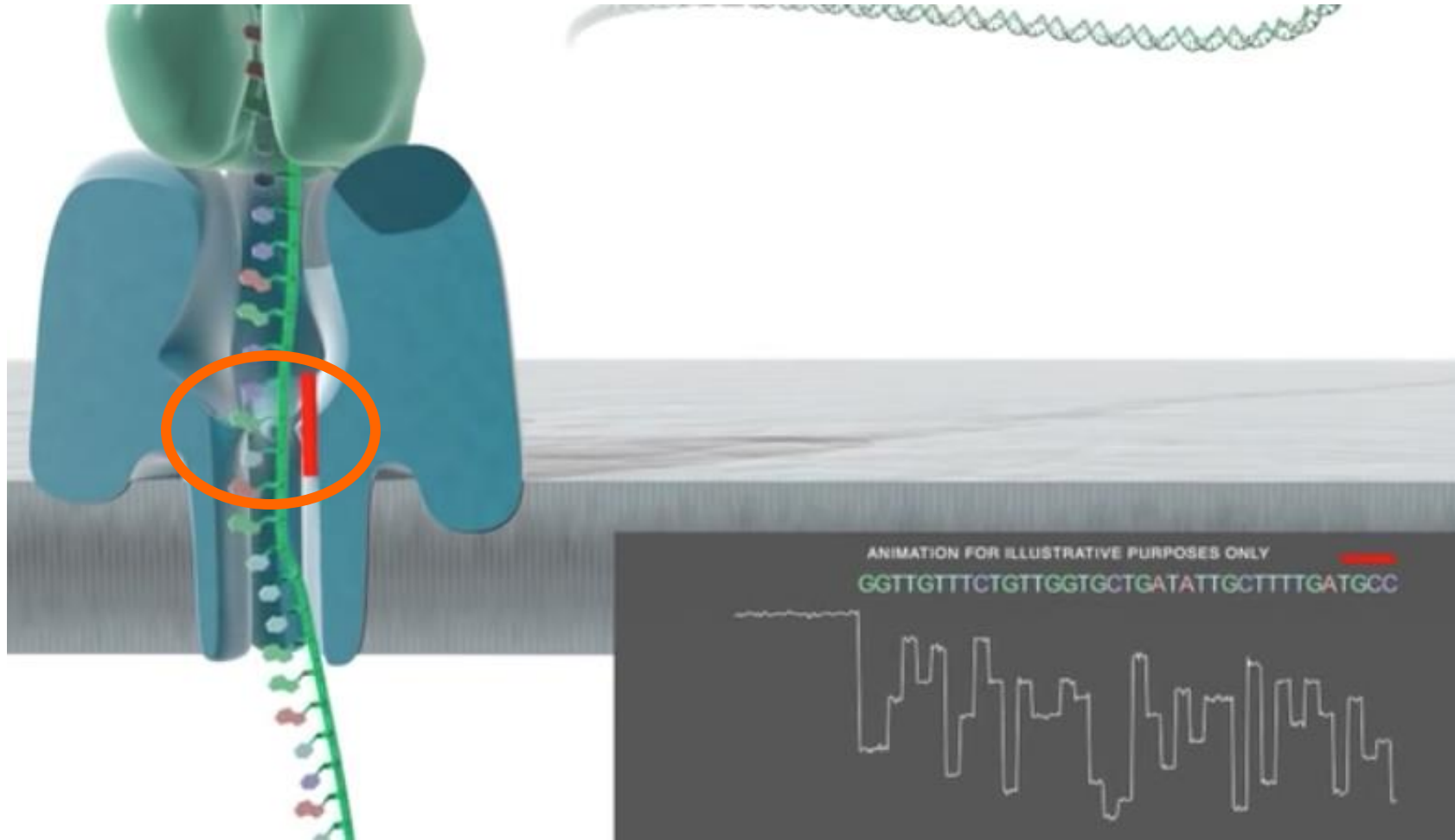


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Recent accuracy improvements



A double reader head

Longer, with more bases dominating the signal

Q20+

- Combination of latest Nanopore (R10.4.1) and Library Construction kit (“Kit 14”) will give single strand accuracy of “99.3%” and duplex (where both strands of DNA are basecalled) of “~99.9%”
- Duplex = methylation information & high quality basecalls from single strand – no need for consensus (which can obscure rare variants)
- This is currently in early access testing and not fully commercially available
- Some applications, e.g. Direct RNA sequencing, may not be available as quickly as others

N.B. Illumina NovaSeq stats suggest >75% reads at Q30 at 2x250 or >90% reads at Q30 at 2x50bp

<https://emea.illumina.com/systems/sequencing-platforms/novaseq/specifications.html>

Q10 = 90% Q20 = 99% Q30 = 99.9%

DNA Extraction Methods

Kit?

Phenol
Chloroform?

Nucleus
isolation?

Magnetic
beads?

Bead
beating?

You cannot get long reads from short fragments!

DNA extraction methods

The four S's!

Safety

Species

Suitable (cost, equipment)

Scale up (or size)

**What is the best
method for your
application?**

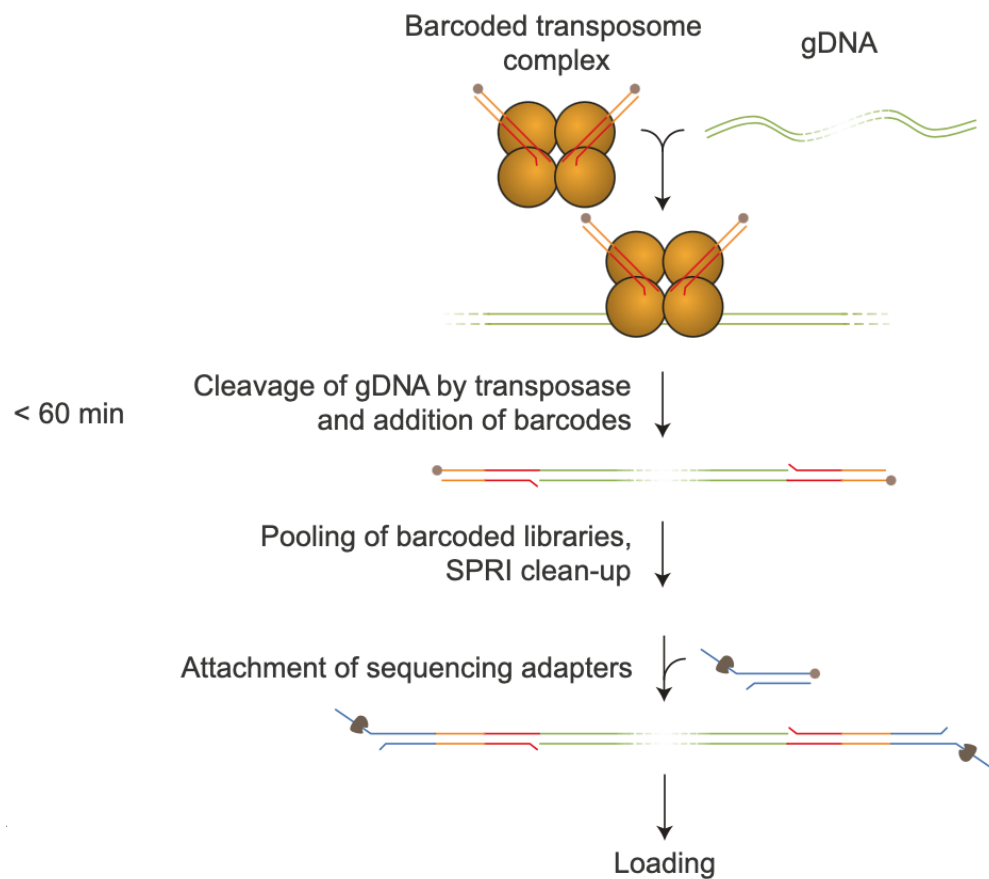
Assessing your DNA fragments

Purity → Nanodrop

Length → Tapestation or FemtoPULSE
or gel

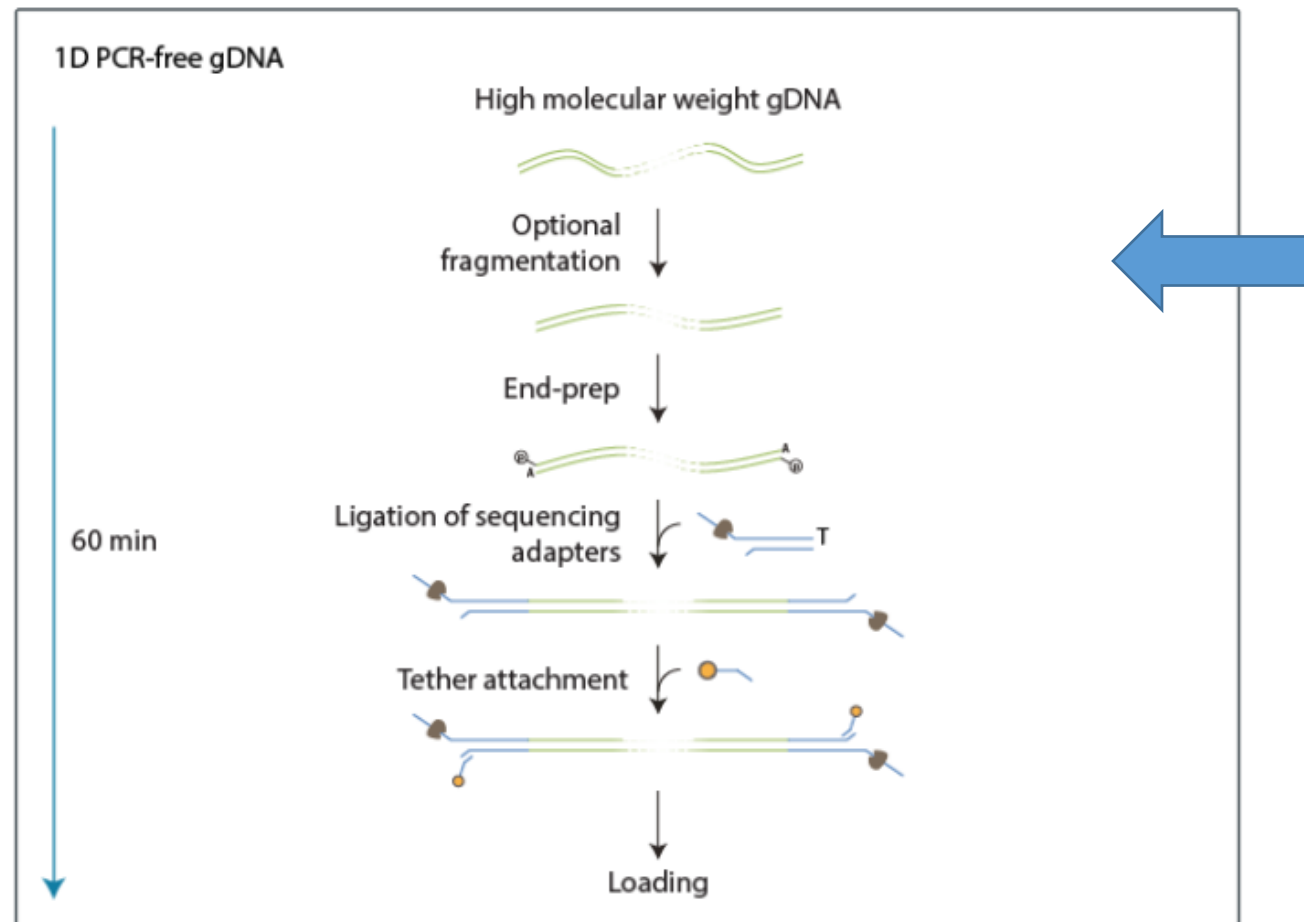
Amount → Qubit

Library construction



Rapid
Suited to fieldwork or ultralong sequencing

Image c/o Oxford Nanopore



Ligation
Suited to maximising data yield

Optional Fragmentation

Not recommended for some applications, e.g. short fragments, PCR products

Can be useful when some very long fragments are present but high throughput is priority

Options include G-TUBE (historically recommended by ONT), needle shearing, Megaruptor

Ligation vs Rapid

	Ligation	Rapid
Yield	Green	Red
Time	Red	Green
Cost	Green	Green
Data quality	Green	Green
Robustness	Green	Red

Multiplexing

Make best use of a flow cell capacity by combining >1 sample together

Each sample is “labelled” with a known DNA sequence

Oxford Nanopore barcodes are longer than Illumina, at 24 bases

This allows confidence despite the higher per-base error rate, and makes use of Oxford Nanopore’s long reads

Component	Sequence
NB01	AAGAAAGTTGTCGGTGTCTTTGTG
NB02	TCGATTCCGTTTGTAGTCGTCTGT
NB03	GAGTCTTGTGTCCCAGTTACCAGG
NB04	TTCGGATTCTATCGTGTTTCCCTA
NB05	CTTGTCCAGGGTTTGTGTAACCTT
NB06	TTCTCGCAAAGGCAGAAAGTAGTC
NB07	GTGTTACCGTGGGAATGAATCCTT
NB08	TTCAGGGAACAAACCAAGTTACGT
NB09	AACTAGGCACAGCGAGTCTTGGTT
NB10	AAGCGTTGAAACCTTTGTCCTCTC
NB11	GTTTCATCTATCGGAGGGAATGGA
NB12	CAGGTAGAAAGAAGCAGAATCGGA

Basecalling

Current or recently announced basecallers now allow:

- Real time methylation information
- Demultiplexing of samples
- Accurate sequencing of short fragments (>20bp)*



Oxford Nanopore Platforms and Products

Oxford Nanopore sequencing



MinION

Up to 50Gb



GridION

Up to 250Gb



PromethION

Up to 220Gb per flow cell
10.5Tb per instrument

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Images center and right c/o Oxford Nanopore

Why is it so small?



Other machines need to have cameras and lasers to take pictures of the DNA

They need to have moving parts to add chemicals to synthesise the DNA

The MinION measures electrical signals from DNA that is already present

MinION

Starter Pack

£900.00

[Configure package](#)

1x MinION Sequencing Device
MIN-101B

1x Control Expansion Kit
EXP-CTL001

1x Flow Cell Wash Kit
EXP-WSH004

1x Flow Cell (R9.4.1)
FLO-MIN106D

- or -

1x Flow Cell (R10.4.1)
FLO-MIN114

1x Sequencing kits

[Configure package](#)

Enhanced

£2,936.00

[Configure package](#)

1x MinION Sequencing Device
MIN-101B

1x Flow Cell Wash Kit
EXP-WSH004

1x Control Expansion Kit
EXP-CTL001

4x Flow Cell (R9.4.1)
FLO-MIN106D

- or -

4x Flow Cell (R10.4.1)
FLO-MIN114

1x Sequencing kits

[Configure package](#)

Don't forget cost
of computer!



Basic Starter Pack **£4,410.00**

[Configure package](#)

1x Flow Cell Wash Kit
EXP-WSH004

1x Control Expansion Kit
EXP-CTL001

1x MinION Mk1C
MIN-101C

6x Flow Cell (R9.4.1)
FLO-MIN106D

- or -

6x Flow Cell (R10.4.1)
FLO-MIN114

1x
Software Licence & Device warranty
- Mk1C
SLW12M

1x Sequencing kits

[Configure package](#)

Enhanced Starter Pack **£8,613.00**

[Configure package](#)

1x Flow Cell Wash Kit
EXP-WSH004

1x Control Expansion Kit
EXP-CTL001

1x MinION Mk1C
MIN-101C

12x Flow Cell (R9.4.1)
FLO-MIN106D

- or -

12x Flow Cell (R10.4.1)
FLO-MIN114

1x
Software Licence & Device warranty
- Mk1C
SLW12M

2x Sequencing kits

[Configure package](#)

CapEx **£8,370.00**

[Configure package](#)

1x MinION Mk1C
MIN-101C

1x
Software Licence & Device warranty
- Mk1C
SLW12M

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Covid Starter Pack **£8,168.00**

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1x Flow Cell Wash Kit
EXP-WSH004

2x Rapid Barcoding Kit 96
SQK-RBK110.96

1x MinION Mk1C
MIN-101C

6x Flow Cell (R9.4.1)
FLO-MIN106D

1x
Software Licence & Device warranty
- Mk1C
SLW12M

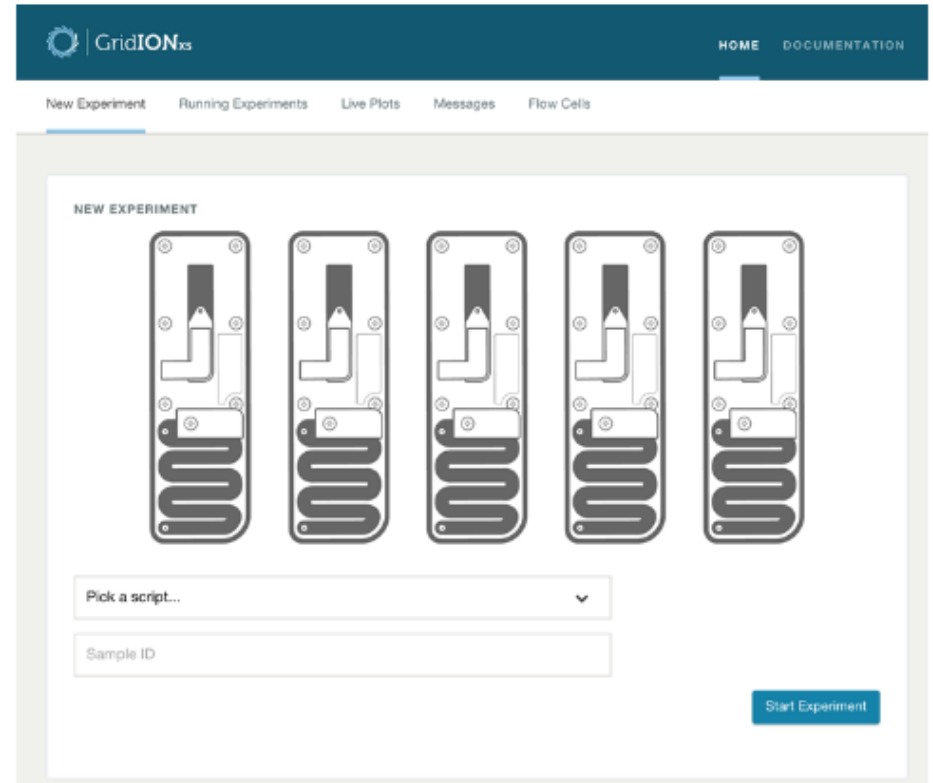
1x Sequencing kits

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GridION



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GridION



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Mk1 Starter Pack £44,960.00

[Configure package](#)

1x

GridION Mk1 Sequencing Device - Loan Device (12 months)

GRD-X5B003

1x

Assurance

ASSURANCE

1x

Control Expansion Kit

EXP-CTL001

5x

Flow Cell Wash Kit

EXP-WSH004

60x

Flow Cell (R9.4.1)

FLO-MIN106D

- or -

60x

Flow Cell (R10.4.1)

FLO-MIN114

1x

Software Licence & Device warranty - GridION

SLW12M-G

10x

Sequencing kits

[Configure package](#)

Mk1 CapEX

£62,960.00

[Configure package](#)

1x

Assurance

ASSURANCE

1x

GridION Mk1 Sequencing Device

GRD-X5B003

1x

Software Licence & Device warranty - GridION

SLW12M-G

[Configure package](#)

Mk1 Covid Starter Pack £72,821.00

[Configure package](#)

5x

Flow Cell Wash Kit

EXP-WSH004

1x

GridION Mk1 Sequencing Device - Loan Device (12 months)

GRD-X5B003

1x

Assurance

ASSURANCE

20x

Rapid Barcoding Kit 96

SQK-RBK110.96

60x

Flow Cell (R9.4.1)

FLO-MIN106D

1x

Software Licence & Device warranty - GridION

SLW12M-G

10x

Sequencing kits

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PromethION



Image c/o Oxford Nanopore

48 flow cells

Each flowcell
originally “50Gb”
now maximum is
290Gb

Up to 14Tb of
sequence

Rapidly evolving

PromethION

24 (A100) Starter Pack **£202,518.00**

[Configure package](#)

1x PromethION 24 Sequencing Unit
PRO-SEQ024

1x PromethION Data Acquisition Unit
PRO-PRCA100

1x PromethION Advanced Training
SUPP008

20x Flow Cell Wash Kit
EXP-WSH004

1x Control Expansion Kit
EXP-CTL001

48x PromethION Flow Cell Packs (R9.4.1)
FLO-PRO002

- or -

48x PromethION Flow Cell Packs (R10.4.1)
FLO-PRO114M

1x
Software License & Device warranty -
PromethION 24 A100
SLW12M-P24A100

42x Sequencing kits

[Configure package](#)

48 (A100) Starter Pack **£279,071.00**

[Configure package](#)

1x PromethION 48 Sequencing Unit
PRO-SEQ048

1x PromethION Data Acquisition Unit
PRO-PRCA100

1x PromethION Advanced Training
SUPP008

30x Flow Cell Wash Kit
EXP-WSH004

1x Control Expansion Kit
EXP-CTL001

72x PromethION Flow Cell Packs (R9.4.1)
FLO-PRO002

- or -

72x PromethION Flow Cell Packs (R10.4.1)
FLO-PRO114M

1x
Software License & Device warranty -
PromethION 48 A100
SLW12M-P48A100

48x Sequencing kits

[Configure package](#)

24 (A100) CapEX **£306,003.00**

[Configure package](#)

1x PromethION 24 Sequencing Unit
PRO-SEQ024

1x PromethION Data Acquisition Unit
PRO-PRCA100

1x PromethION Advanced Training
SUPP008

1x
Software License & Device warranty -
PromethION 24 A100
SLW12M-P24A100

[Configure package](#)

48 (A100) CapEX **£405,001.00**

[Configure package](#)

1x PromethION 48 Sequencing Unit
PRO-SEQ048

1x PromethION Data Acquisition Unit
PRO-PRCA100

1x PromethION Advanced Training
SUPP008

1x
Software License & Device warranty -
PromethION 48 A100
SLW12M-P48A100

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A “mini”
PromethION

Also as “solo” model –
plugs into GridION or
computer



Flongle



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@NanoporeConf

Following

GS: We are going to pursue regulatory approval for diagnostics for Flongle (Flow Cell Dongle), SmidglON [#nanoporeconf](#) [@nanopore](#)



RETWEETS

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LIKES

42



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Adapts MinION to take cheap,
low throughput flow cells

Q Line

ISO 9001:2015 certified manufacturing process

12 months guaranteed supported software & consumables

Clearly mapped out upgrades

Same price as standard devices & consumables

Allows in house validation of assays for long term use



Q Line

Ligation (& barcoding) kit
Rapid (& barcoding) kit
GridION

Recommended for environmental & veterinary diagnostics, forensics,
and clinical research.

Not licenced for human diagnostic use



Where has Oxford Nanopore been used?



MUSE/Science Museum of Trento

The MinION device can sequence small genomes, such as those of bacteria and viruses, displaying the results as they are generated.

<http://www.nature.com/news/pint-sized-dna-sequencer-impresses-first-users-1.17483>







Image c/o NASA, USA



📷 Instead of shipping samples to fully-equipped laboratories for analysis, the MinION device can send sample data via a USB. This information can then be sequenced and analysed within 24 hours, instead of the weeks it usually takes. Photograph: Tommy Trenchard/EMLabs



Image from The Guardian Online

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2016/feb/03/from-ebola-to-zika-tiny-mobile-lab-gives-real-time-dna-data-on-outbreaks>



SARS-CoV-2



Concluding thoughts

Oxford Nanopore sequencing



Advantages	Disadvantages
Portable	Can require highly pure DNA
Rapid	Can require large amounts of input DNA
Low start up costs	Less supported analysis
Native DNA sequencing	
Long read	
Multiplexing options	
Fleet of sequencers	

Floatation

Oxford Nanopore Technologies floated on the London Stock Exchange



London
Stock Exchange

Currently valued at ~£2.2 billion (\$2.72 billion – for comparison Illumina ~\$31.6 billion)

What does this mean for your science?

- very little
- perhaps greater visibility of how the company is performing

Additional technologies



Base4



press.office@sanger.ac.uk



- All scripts/software = open source
- Slides & links available on your course webpage
- Questions?



kj6@sanger.ac.uk



@kim_judge_

Analysis session

Objective

Assemble bacterial data generated using the latest Oxford Nanopore Chemistry
(as used this morning)

Check completeness of assembly

Investigate downsampling data to get the best – or fastest – assembly

Each genome can have many assemblies!



1. Install minimap2 and miniasm

Search for the website

<https://github.com/lh3/miniasm>

Copy the commands into your terminal

```
git clone https://github.com/lh3/minimap2 && (cd minimap2 && make)
```

```
git clone https://github.com/lh3/miniasm && (cd miniasm && make)
```

2. Run the overlap

```
minimap2/minimap2 -x ava-ont /path/to/barcode1.fastq /path/to/barcode1.fastq > barcode1.paf
```

3. Run the assembly

```
miniasm/miniasm -f /path/to/barcode1.fastq barcode1.paf > barcode1.gfa
```

Minimap2 & miniasm will work with compressed (zipped) data files, so you can try running:

```
minimap2/minimap2 -x ava-ont /path/to/reads.fq /path/to/reads.fq | gzip -1 > reads.paf.gz  
miniasm/miniasm -f reads.fq reads.paf.gz > reads.gfa
```

4. Assess the assembly

Process the assembly to get fasta format

```
awk '$1=="S" {print ">"$2"\n"$3}' sample1.gfa > sample1.fa
```

Then Try:

head

wc -l

tail

ls -l

assembly-stats

5. Try on other samples



Use chopper to filter the reads to downsample, or "throw away" data

What happens when you downsample too much?

What happens if you don't downsample?

Use `chopper -h` or `--help` to see options

To use chopper:

```
cat /path/to/barcode2.fastq | chopper -q 7 -l 500 > barcode2_filtered.fastq
```

Round up and final questions