

# What is Big Data?

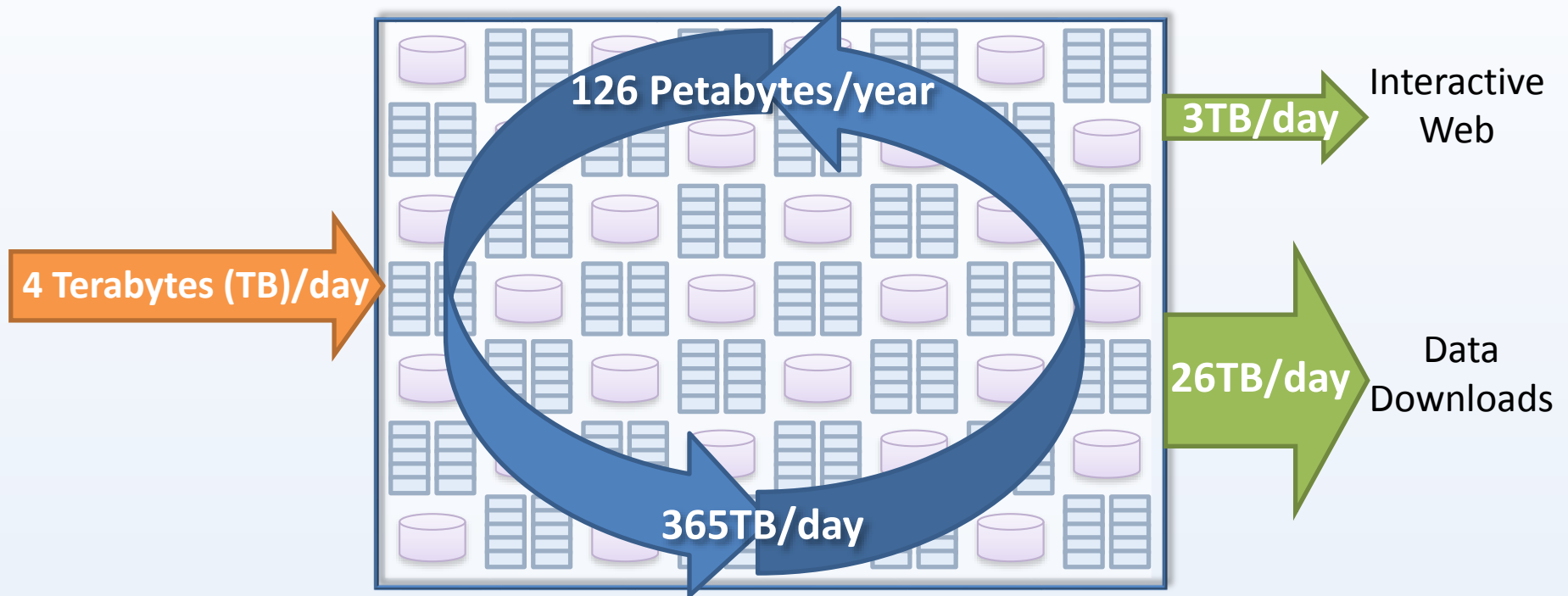
- Information Retrieval *not* Big Data
- Computing across TB's of data (Higgs boson) *is* Big Data
- Computing across credit card data to detect possible fraud is Big Data



& Diapers == *Predictive Analytics*

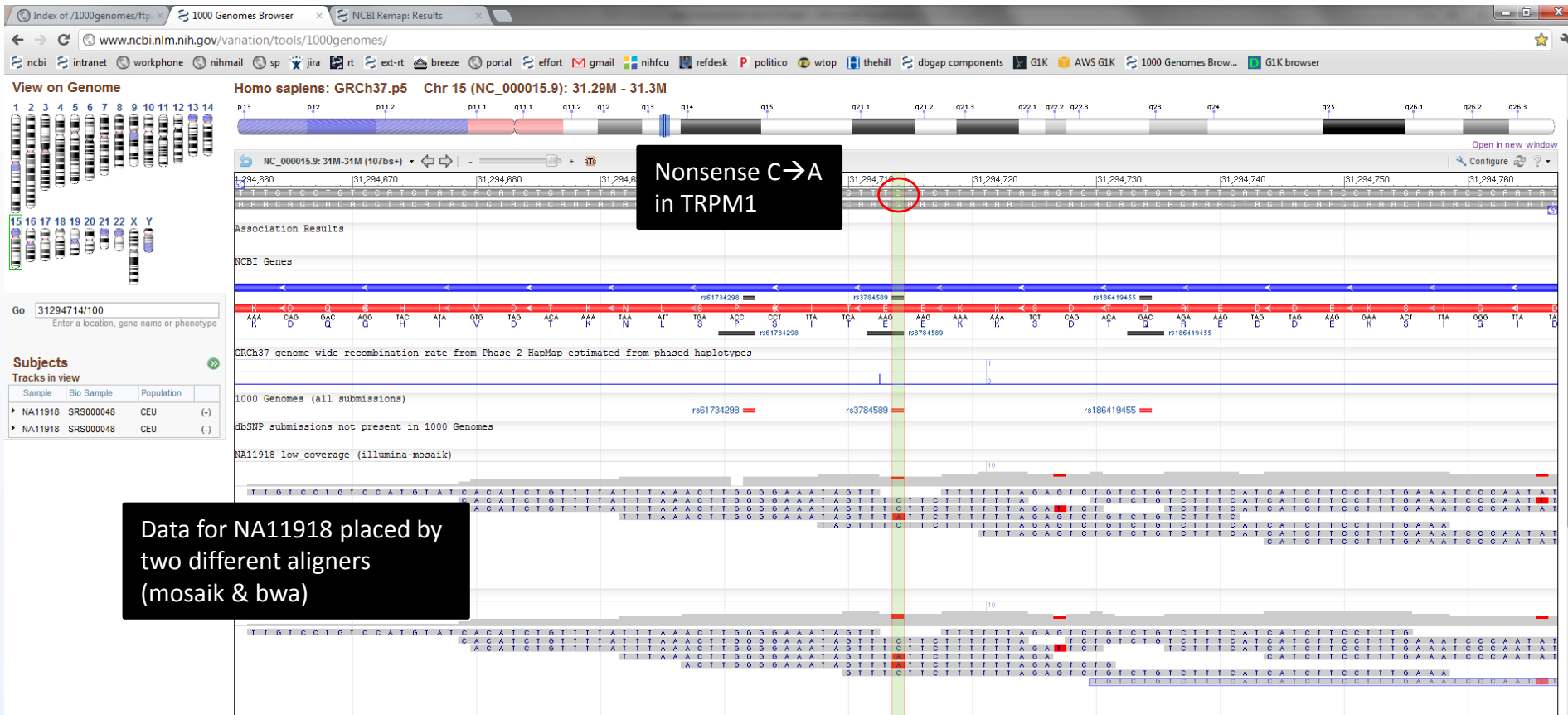
<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/19/magazine/shopping-habits.html?smid=pl-share>

# Daily Data Processing at NCBI



2012 data...

# Stationary night blindness due to premature termination in TRPM1



Genotypes

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Click or Shift-click the ruler to select a column. Alt-click or Shift-Alt-click to show on sequence.

Go to Selection

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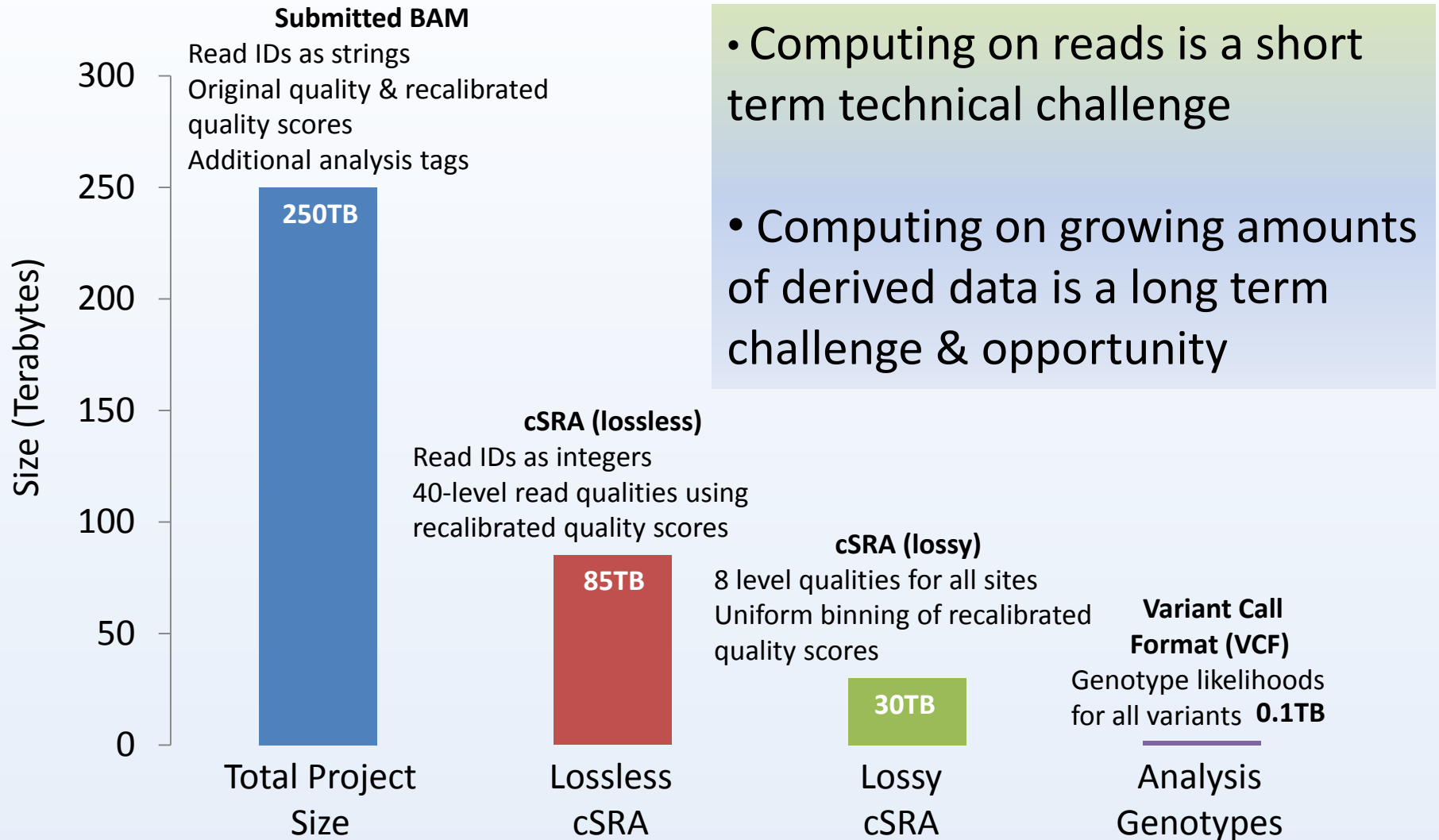
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All individual genotypes  
For rs3784589

# What is the Big Data Problem in Biology?

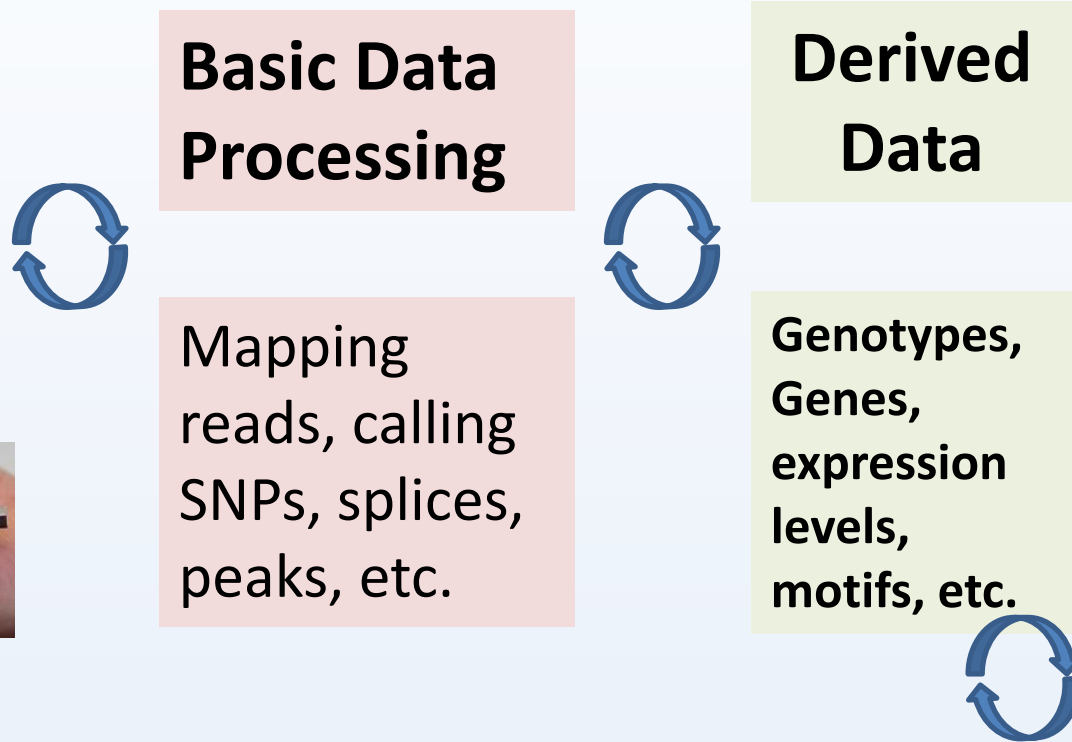
## Example: Reducing the 1000 Genome Dataset



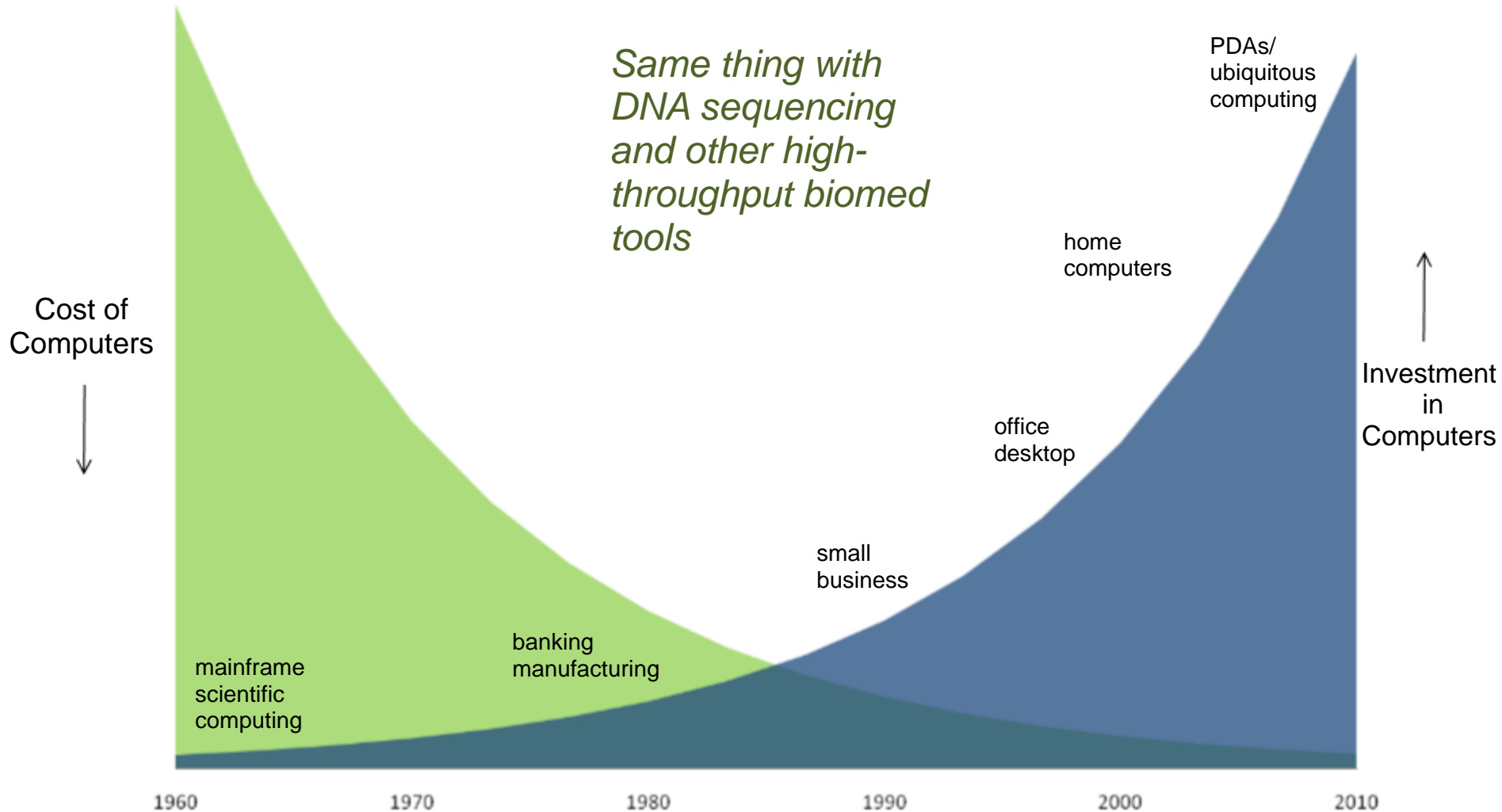
# NextGen Churn



Etc....



As cost of computers decreased,  
overall investments increased...



# Economics of NextGen

*Grantees want to maximize impact of budget*

*Sequencing will continue to increase if **total cost** continues to drop:*

*sample prep + raw sequencing + IT*

# Big Data:

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## What mess?

When

BIG DATA meets Small Signal

the signal has to be **teased out** of the data

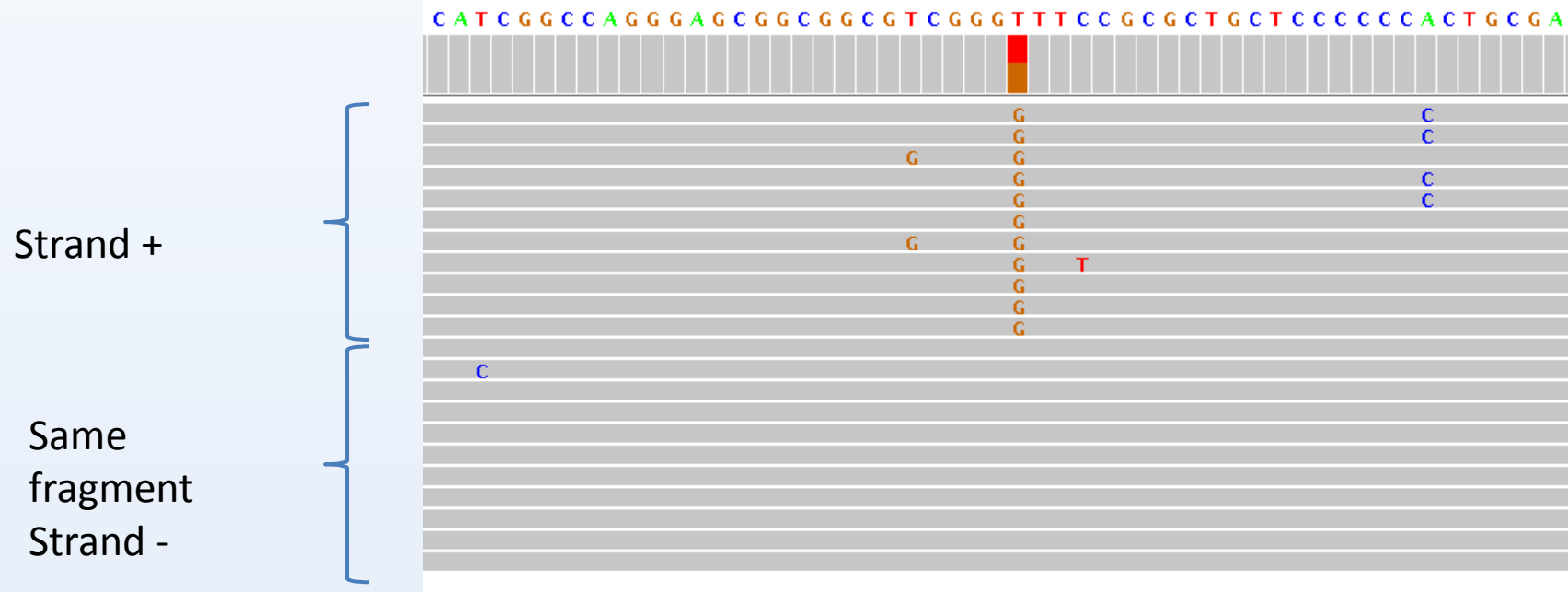
- There are many ways to do this: a **small change** in the analysis details can cause a **large change** in the results.
- It is too easy to distort your findings, either by **fooling yourself** or **on purpose**.



# Systematic errors are routinely observed and have been reported in many papers

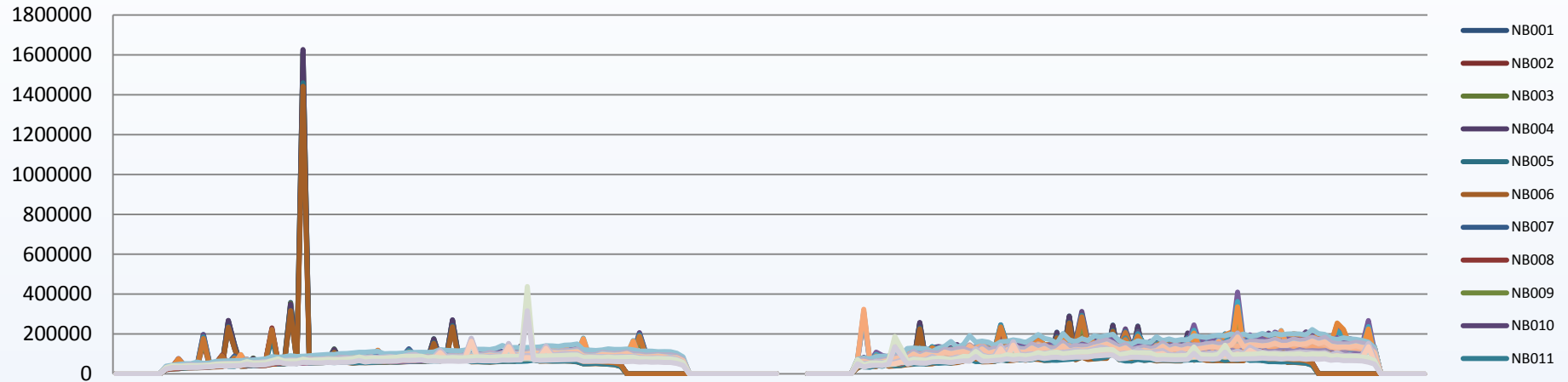
- Identification and correction of systematic error in high-throughput sequence data by Frazer Meacham, Dario Boffelli, Joseph Dhahbi, David IK Martin, Meromit Singer and Lior Pachter  
BMC Bioinformatics, 2011 Nov 21;12:451

This paper shows the existence of systematic errors, even at high coverage, often strand dependent but not always

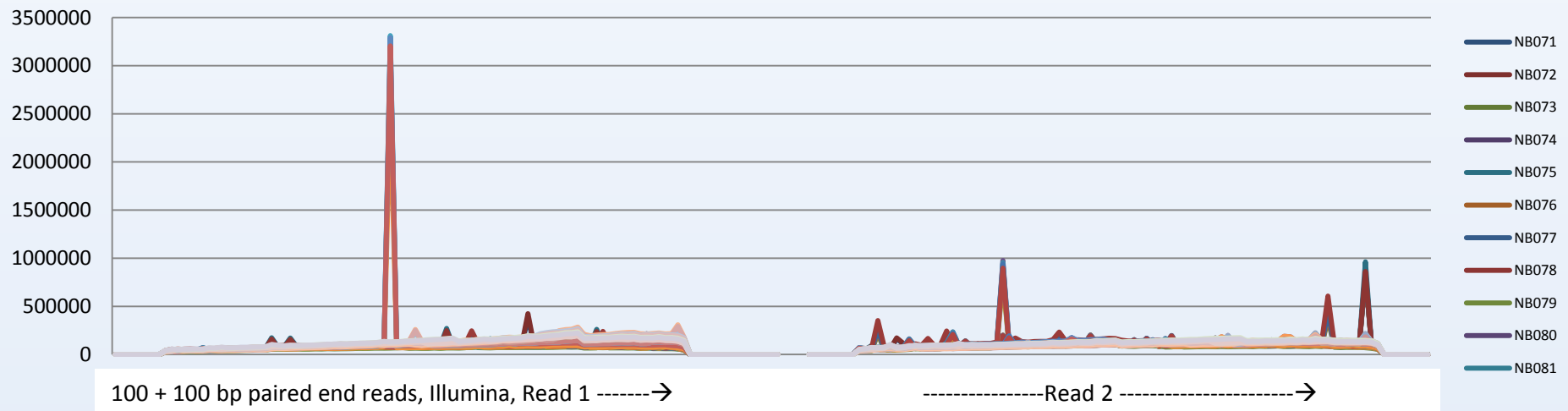


Mismatch profiles are dominated by 'spikes' occurring at particular sequencing cycles (sequencing batch effect). Furthermore, each problematic cycle has a specific limited profile of mismatch types, adding to the bias

mismatches per base position NB1 to NB70

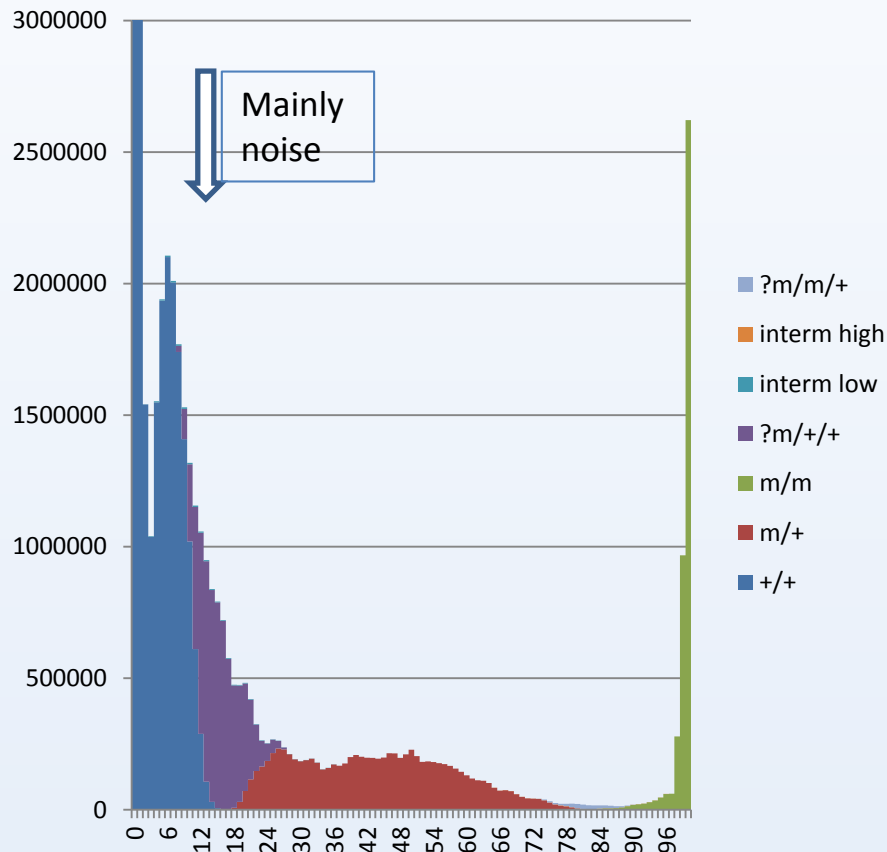


**This effect on Illumina HiSeq is sequencing lane dependent**



Systematic errors generate noise in the low to intermediate allele fraction (1 to 30%), making identification of true SNPs hard in that area, even at high coverage

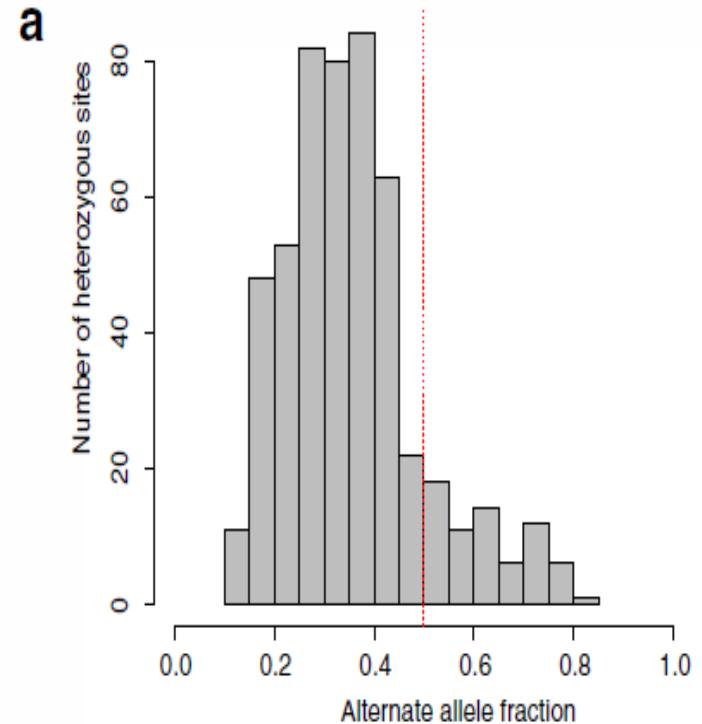
**Histogram of candidate variant allele fraction before filtering: massive presence of SNP candidates with low to intermediate variant allele fraction values**



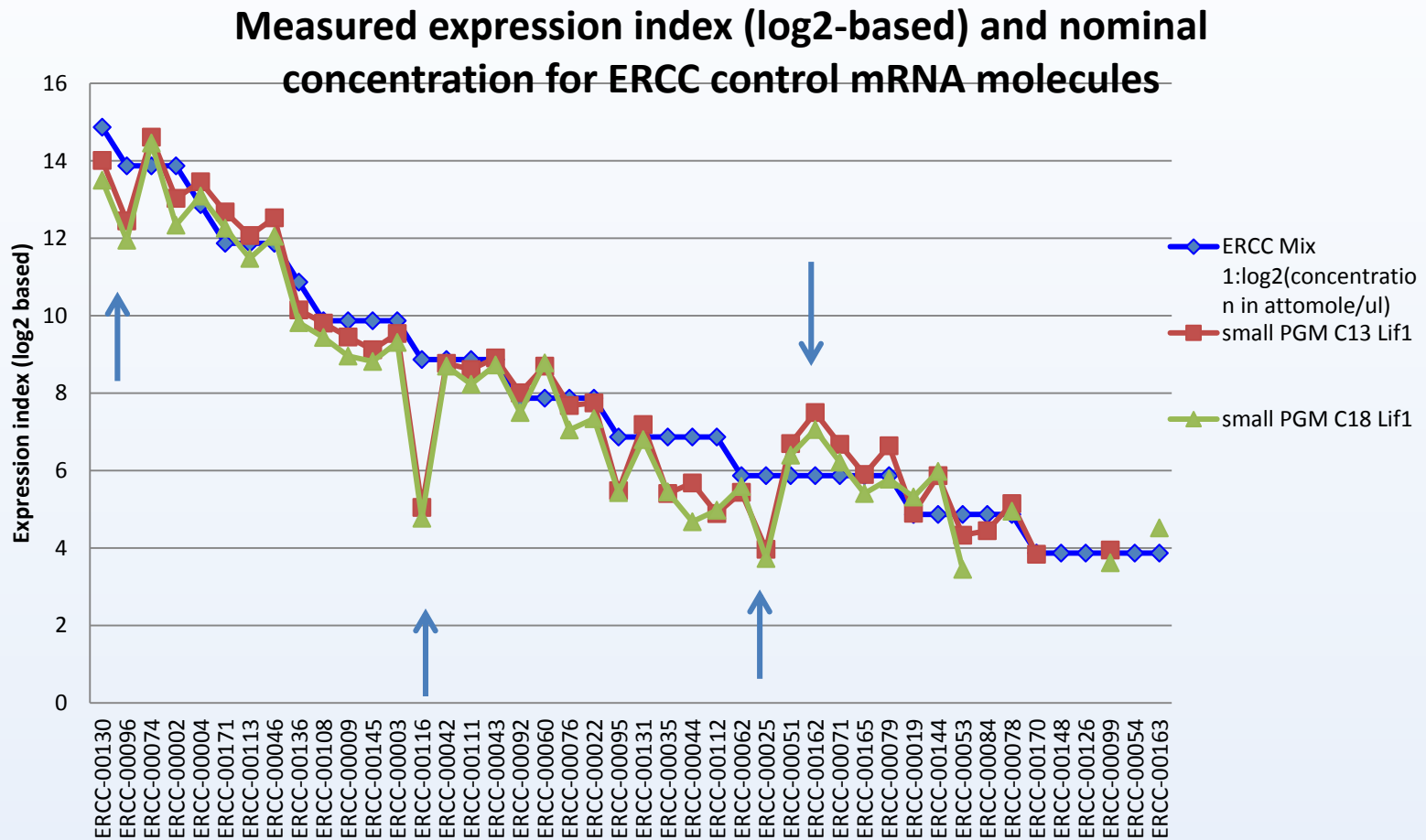
**Pacific biosciences sequencing technology for genotyping and variation discovery in human data**

Mauricio O Carneiro, Carsten Russ, Michael G Ross, Stacey B Gabriel, Chad Nusbaum and Mark A DePristo

*BMC Genomics* 2012, 13:375



RNA-Seq often differs from 'true' concentration by a factor 2 or more. This affects all platforms, in particular Illumina and PGM/Proton/Solid



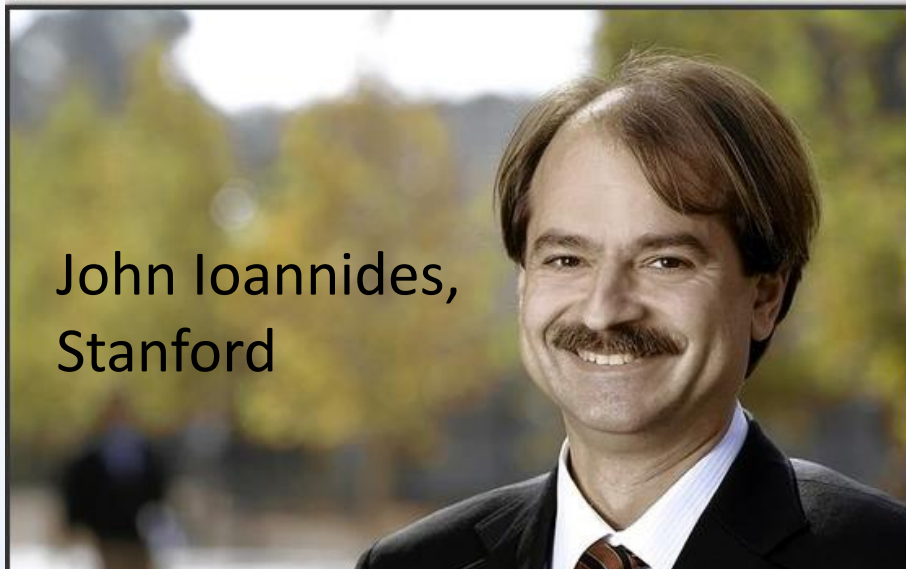
The two red and green runs should be superimposed on the blue nominal concentration. Yet some specific ERCC molecules are vastly different, e.g. ERCC116 is measured 16 fold below nominal.

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## Analytical Trend Trou

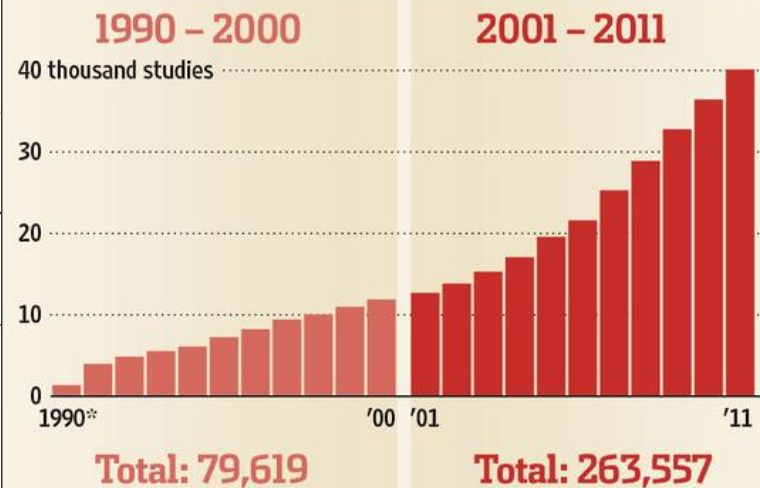


John Ioannides,  
Stanford

“That partly explains why observational studies in general can be replicated only 20% of the time, versus 80% for large, well-designed randomly controlled trials, says Dr. Ioannidis. Dr. Young, meanwhile, pegs the replication rate for observational data at an even lower 5% to 10%.”

## Studying Up

While increasingly popular, observational studies often yield spurious results.



Number of studies coded as corrections in 1990 - 2000

**185**  
(.23%)

Number of studies coded as corrections in 2001 - 2011

**881**  
(.33%)

### Top five fields that use observational studies

Public, environmental, and occupational health

**10,585 studies**

Medicine, general and internal

**8,958**

Oncology

**5,356**

Psychology

**5,315**

Surgery

**4,785**

### Top five fields that use observational studies

Public, environmental, and occupational health

**27,240 studies**

Medicine, general and internal

**23,545**

Neurosciences and neurology

**19,613**

Oncology

**17,522**

Cardiovascular and cardiology

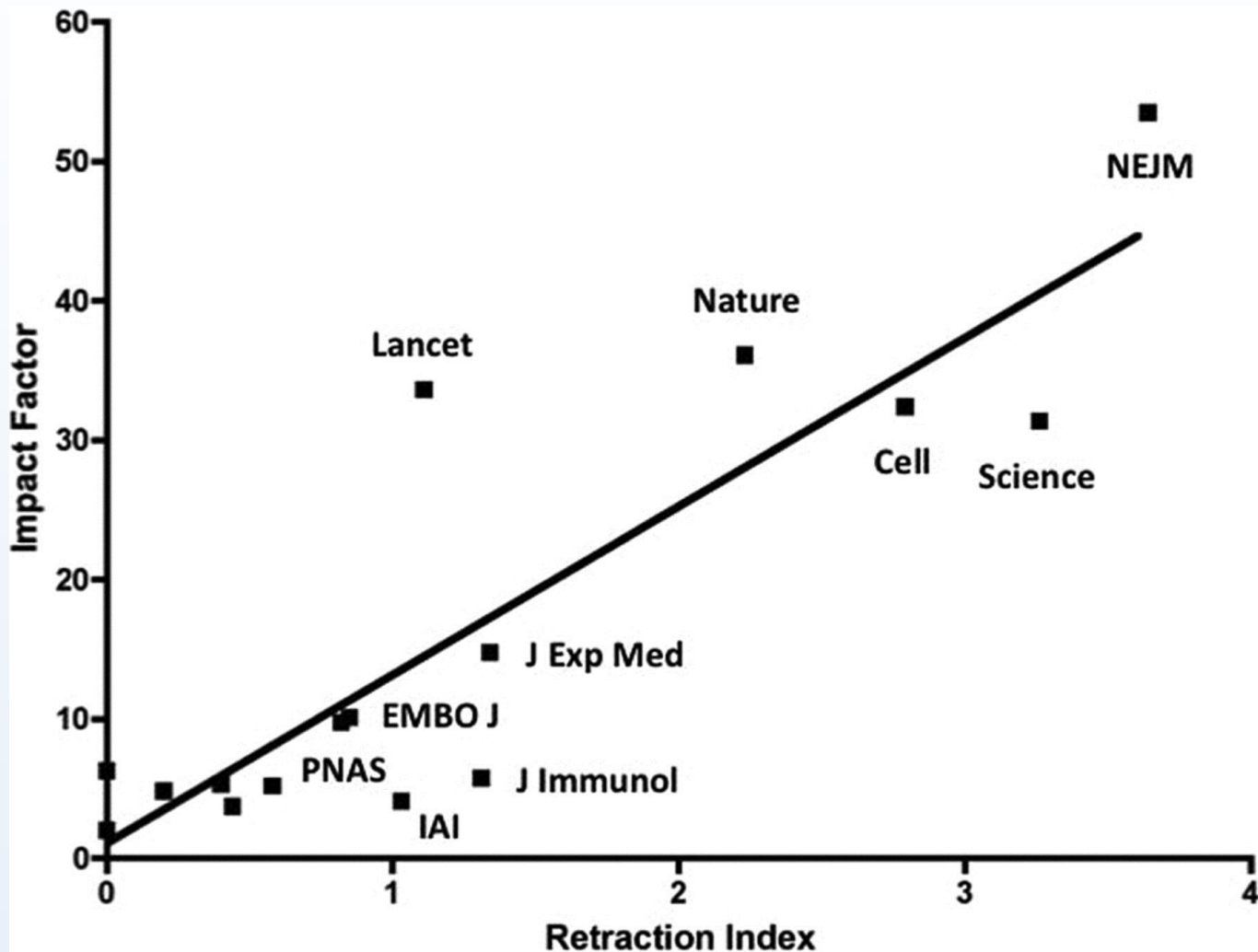
**16,141**

\*Abstracts of indexed studies were not started until 1991, therefore 1990 is an undercount

Source: Thomson Reuters Web of Science, an index of peer-reviewed journals

The Wall Street Journal

## Correlation between impact factor and retraction index.

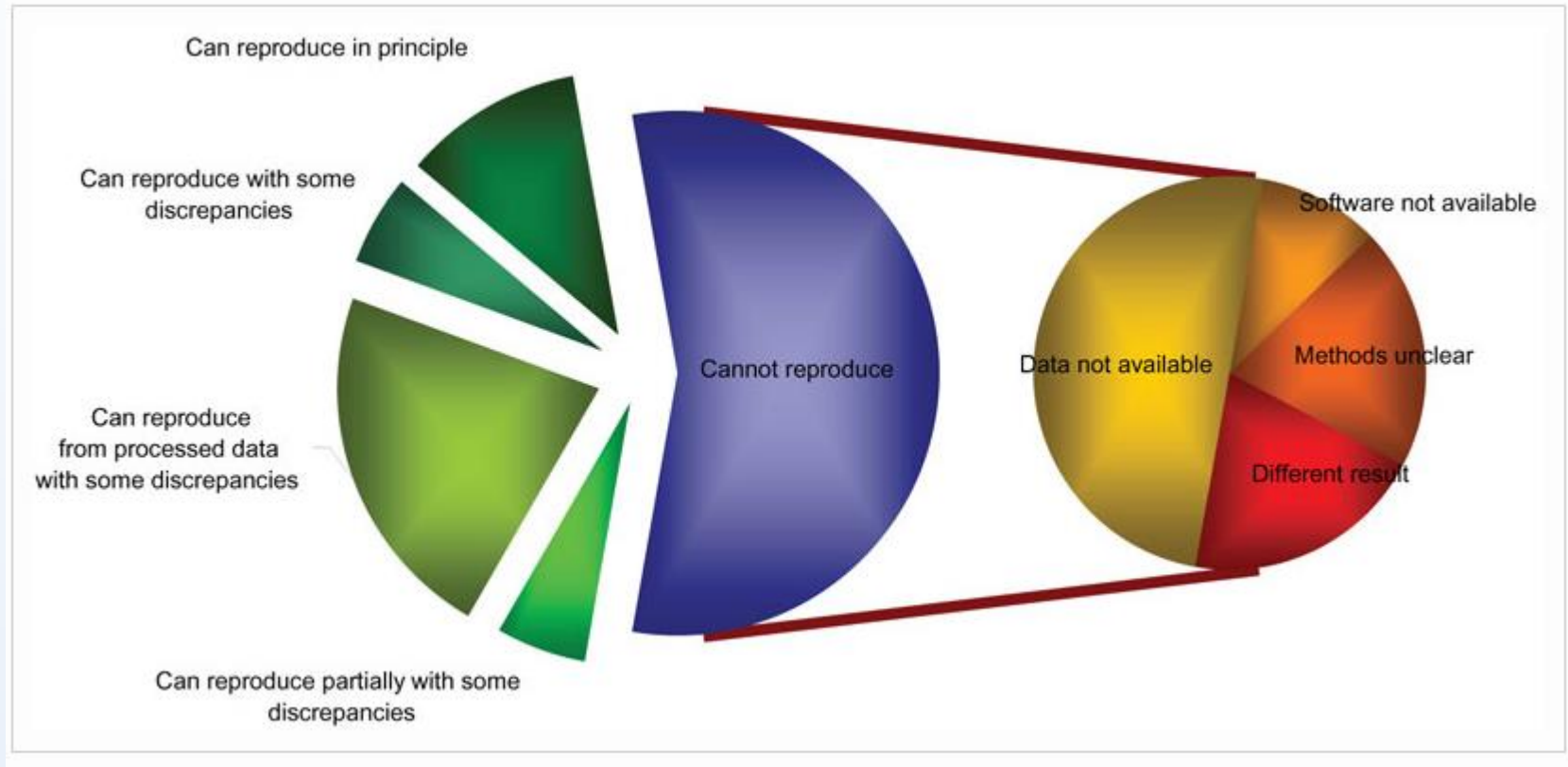


Fang F C , Casadevall A Infect. Immun. 2011;79:3855-3859

Infection and Immunity

# Repeatability of published microarray gene expression analyses

Ioannidis et al. *Nature Genetics* **41**, 149 - 155 (2009)



# “Preclinical research generates many secondary publications, even when results cannot be reproduced”

From  
**Drug development: Raise standards for preclinical cancer research**

C. Glenn Begley & Lee M. Ellis

*Nature* 483, 531–533 (29 March 2012) | doi:10.1038/483531a

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**Table 1: Reproducibility of research findings**

**Preclinical research generates many secondary publications, even when results cannot be reproduced.**

Journal impact factor	Number of articles	Mean number of citations of non-reproduced articles*	Mean number of citations of reproduced articles
>20	21	248 (range 3–800)	231 (range 82–519)
5–19	32	169 (range 6–1,909)	13 (range 3–24)

Results from ten-year retrospective analysis of experiments performed prospectively. The term 'non-reproduced' was assigned on the basis of findings not being sufficiently robust to drive a drug-development programme.

\*Source of citations: Google Scholar, May 2011.

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- Biomarkers – most highly cited studies overestimated effect sizes (*JAMA* 2011; 305(21): 2200-2210)
- Faculty & Trainee survey at MD Anderson – 50% had experienced at least one case of irreproducibility (PLOS One 2013 May 15; 8(5))
- More first-in-class small molecule drugs approved between 1999-2008 identified by “classical” methods than genomics approaches (*J. Biomol Screen* 2013 Dec; 18(10): 1143-55)
- “Koch’s Postulates” for assigning causality between genetic variants & disease phenotypes (*Cell* 2013 Sep 26; 155(1) : 21-6)

# Lab Mistakes Hobble Cancer Studies But Scientists Slow to Take Remedies

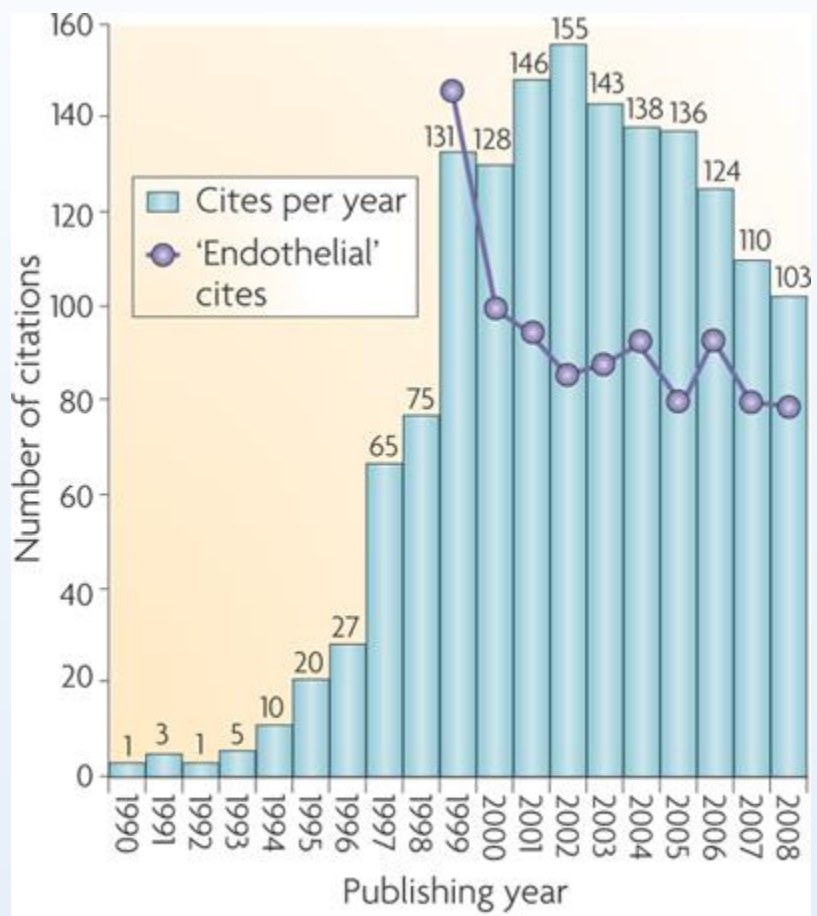
WSJ April 20, 2012 AMY DOCKSER MARCUS

“Cancer experts seeking to solve the problem have found that a fifth to a third or more of cancer cell lines tested were mistakenly identified—with researchers unwittingly studying the wrong cancers, slowing progress toward new treatments and wasting precious time and money.”

“...Dr. Masters, in a study of scientific papers published between 2000 and 2004, found nearly a 1,000 citations of the same contaminated cancer lines revealed in Dr. Gartler's 1966 findings, which have since been replicated many times using more advanced techniques.”

Citations of T24 bladder cancer cells referred to as normal endothelial cells.

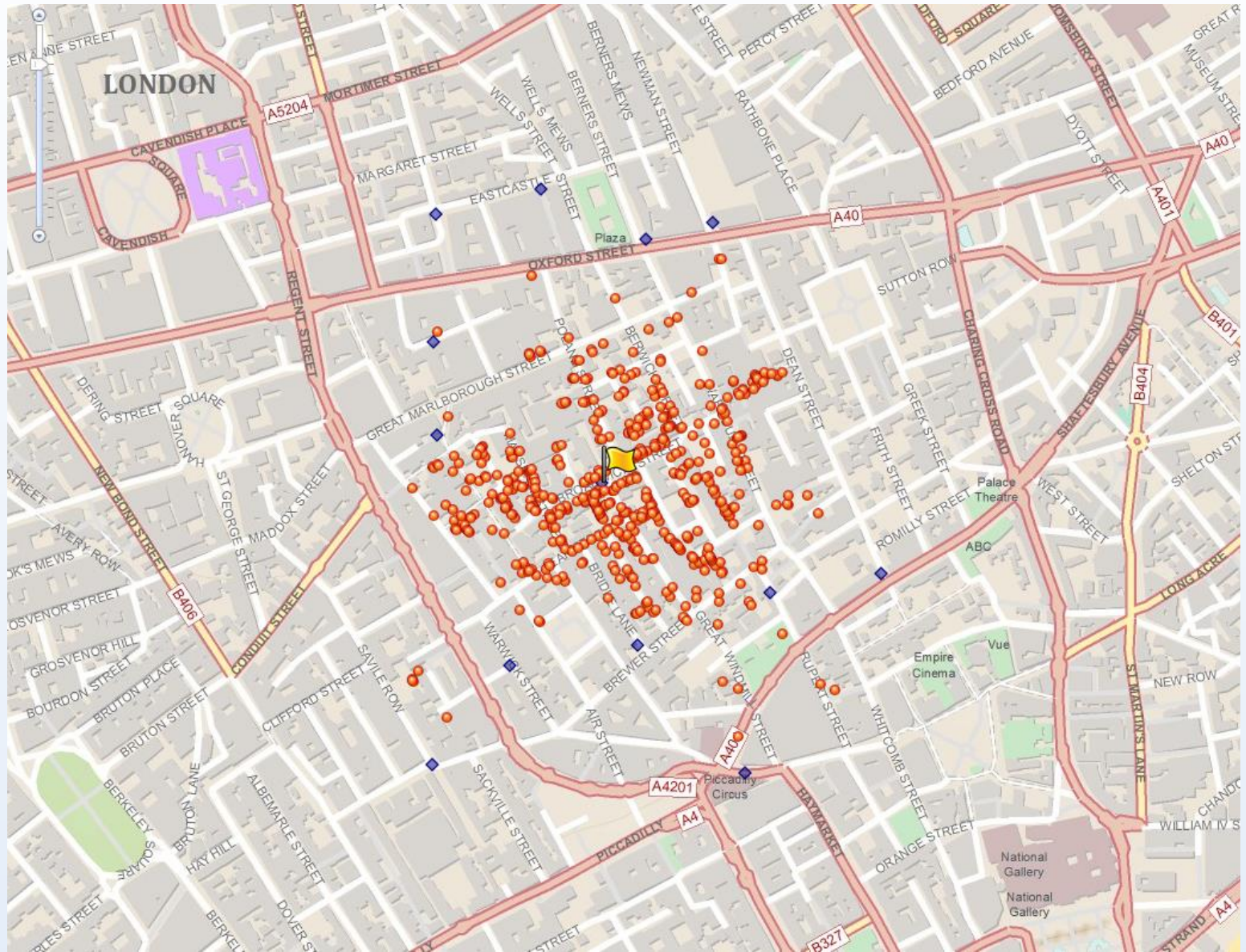
*Nature Reviews Cancer* **10**, (June 2010) | doi:10.1038/nrc2852







# Dr. John Snow - location of pumps and cholera deaths, London, England, 1854







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Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru, USA



#### CUCUMBERS

Canada, Honduras, India, Mexico, Spain, USA



#### FETA CHEESE

Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Turkey, UK, USA



#### VINAIGRETTE

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#### OLIVES

Greece, Israel, Mexico, Spain, USA



#### SPROUTS

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#### CROUTONS

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, India, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Uruguay, USA, Vietnam



#### TOMATOES

Canada, Dominican Republic, Holland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, USA



#### ONIONS

Canada, China, Germany, India, USA



#### MANDARIN ORANGES

Israel, Mexico, Morocco, South Africa, Spain



## The Well-Traveled Salad. Do You Know Where Your Food Has Been?

As consumers, many of us fail to recognize that even our domestic and local food supplies are part of a global network. The daily activity of consuming food directly links our health as humans to the health of crops and produce, food animals, and the environments in which they are produced.

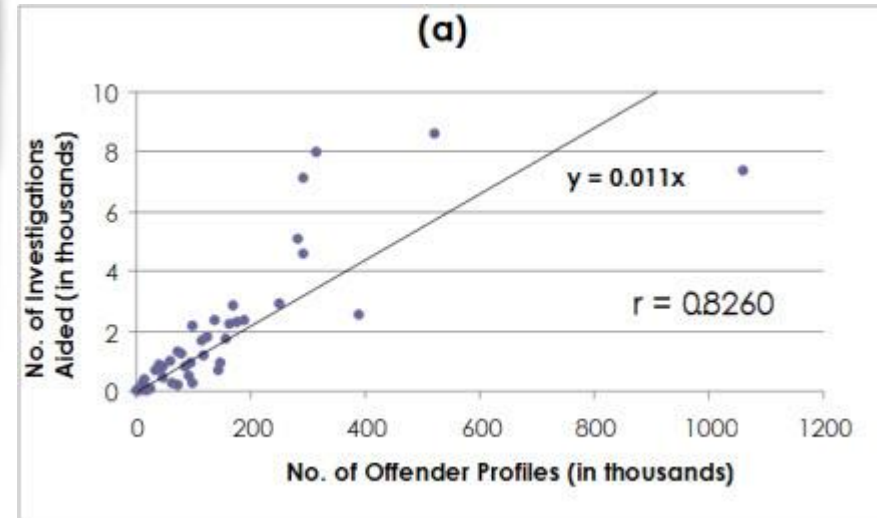
A "One Health" approach to food safety—bringing together expertise and resources from the clinical, veterinary, wildlife health, and ecology communities—has the potential to reveal the sources, pathways, and factors driving the outbreaks of foodborne illness and possibly prevent them from occurring in the first place.

NOTE: Countries are listed in alphabetical order and not by volume of export.

# Foodborne Illness

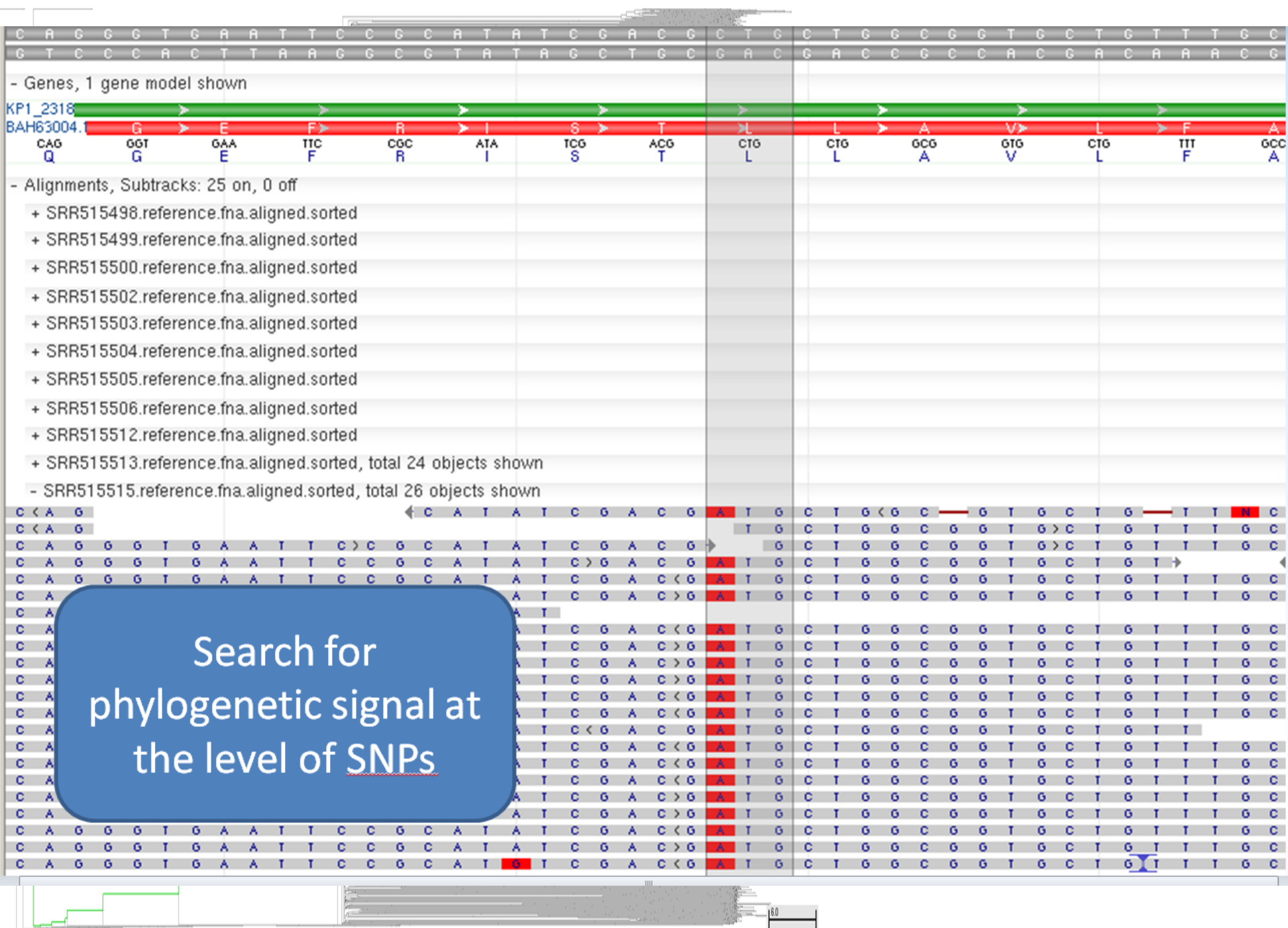
- ~48 million US cases annually (CDC)
  - 128,000 hospitalized
  - 3,000 deaths
- Trends show little evidence of progress

# DNA Forensics...



Functional prediction can be developed and refined more slowly from this base.

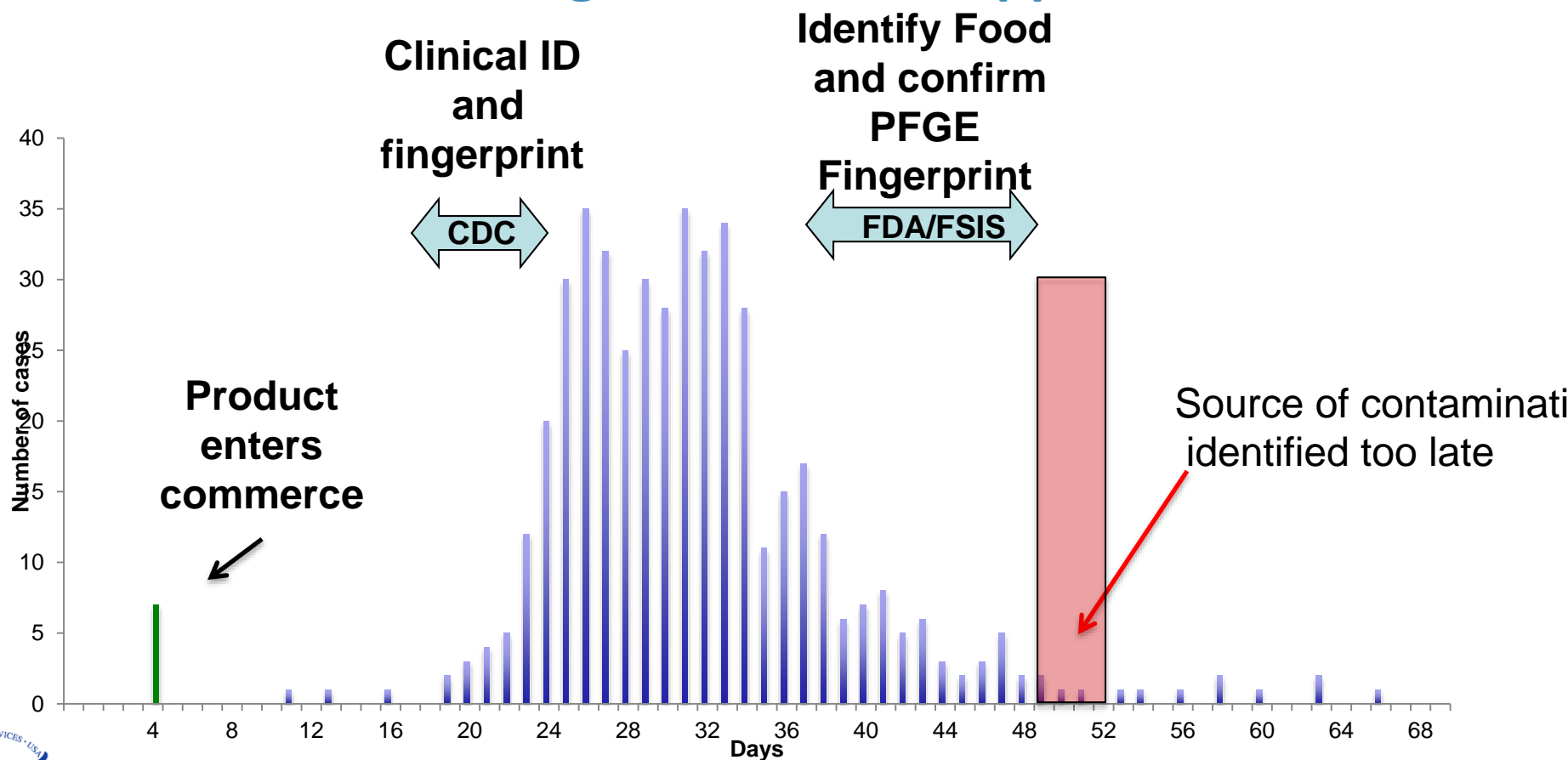
*A Pathogen Genome Is The Fingerprint*



Search for  
phylogenetic signal at  
the level of SNPs

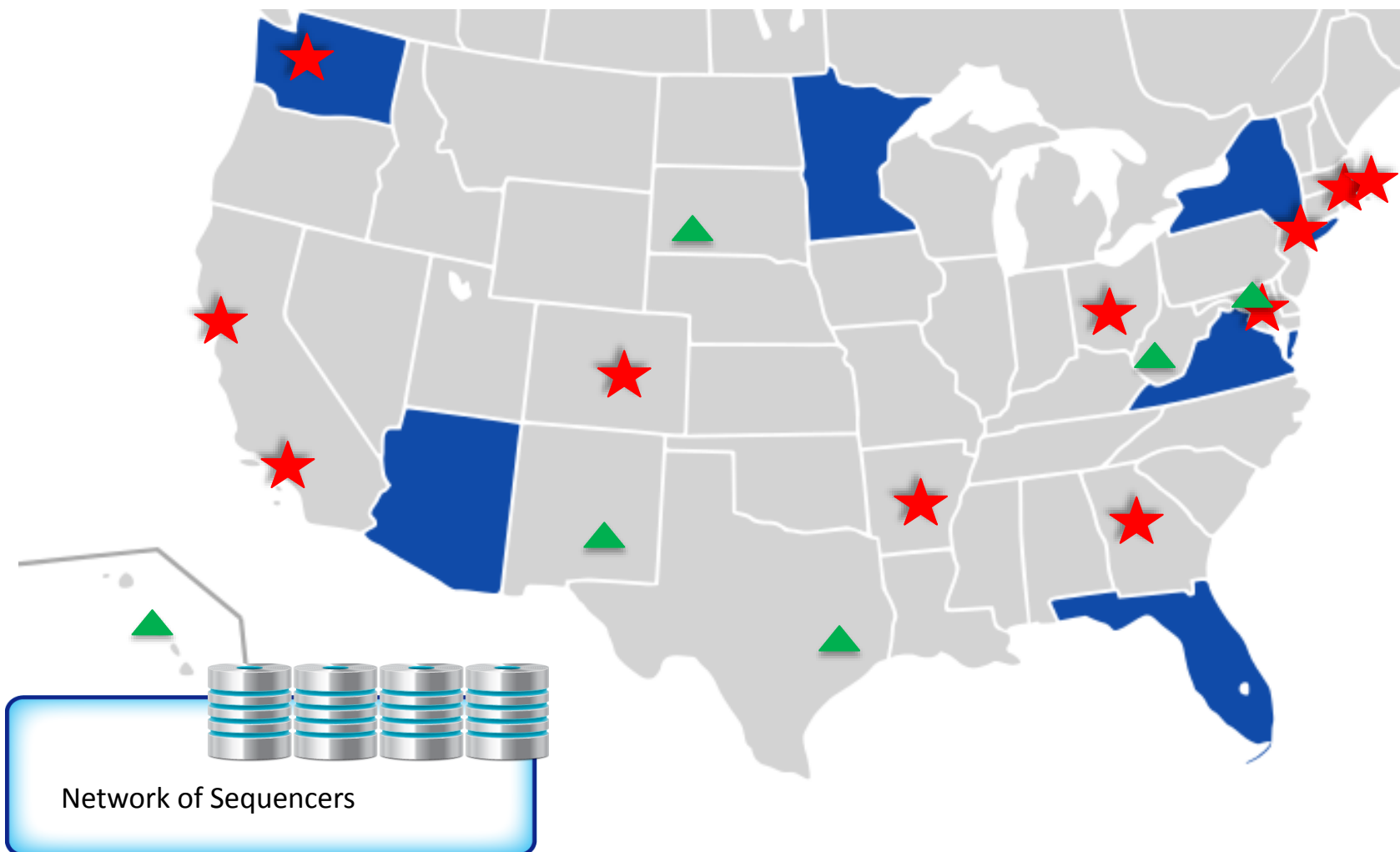


# Why do we need WGS? To Shift the Paradigm from a “low resolution” Public Health Approach to A Real-Time “high resolution” Approach



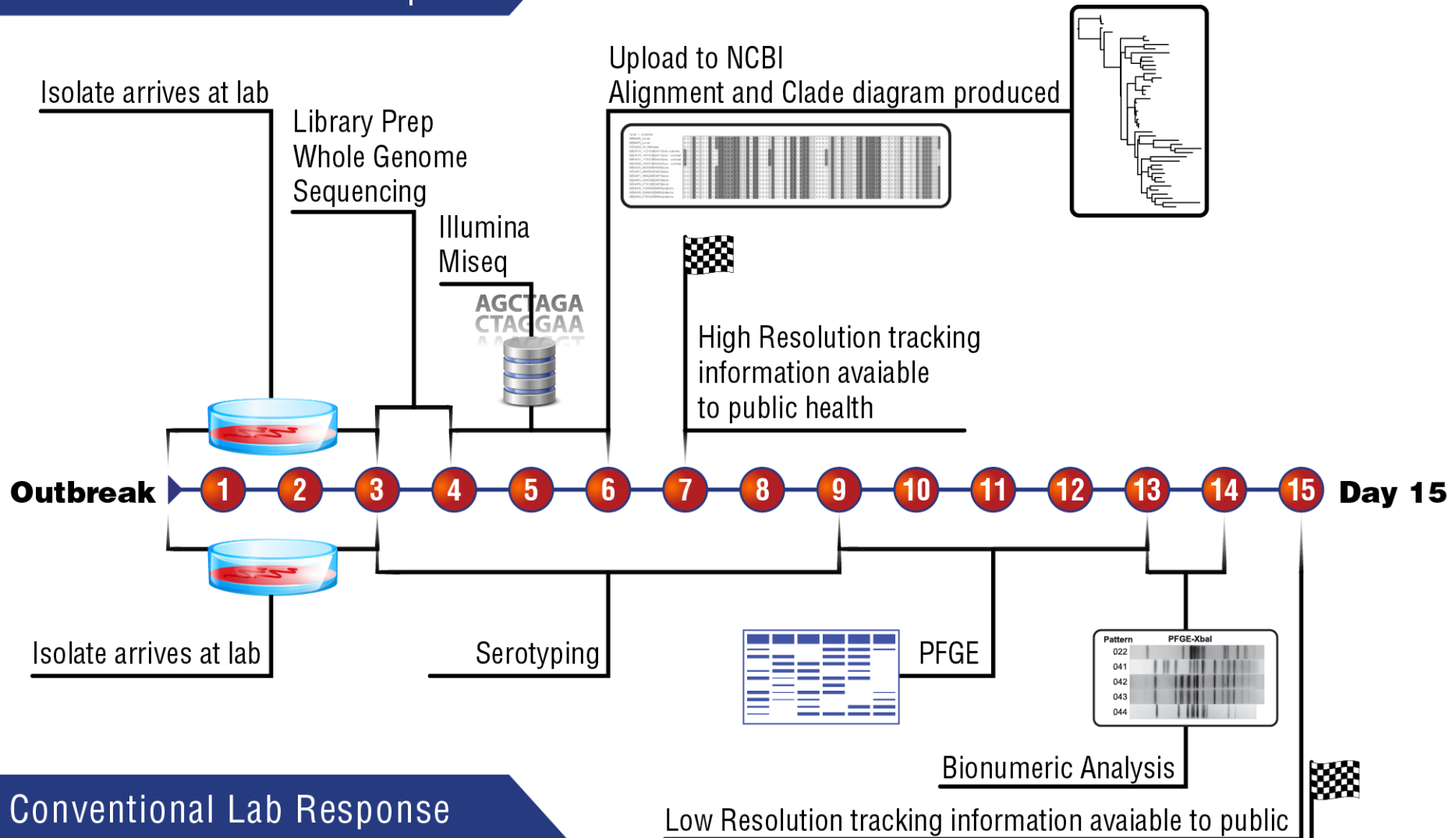
# Current Genometraker network

## 7 state Laboratories + 11 FDA-ORA



# Next-Generation Lab Response vs. Conventional Lab Response

## Next-Generation Lab Response



## Conventional Lab Response

## WGS In its First Official Regulatory Action

**First use of Genometraker network and WGS approach to support regulatory action and positive public health outcome in real-time *Listeria monocytogenes* project with CDC, FDA, NCBI, USDA March 2014**

**> 6 SNPs** →



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CFSAN010093\_Environmental (swab) DE  
CFSAN010098\_Environmental (swab) DE  
CFSAN010758\_Fresh\_Cheese\_Curd\_VA  
CFSAN010088\_Environmental (swab) DE  
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Isolates from  
cheese facility,  
distributed  
product, and  
patients who  
consumed  
product

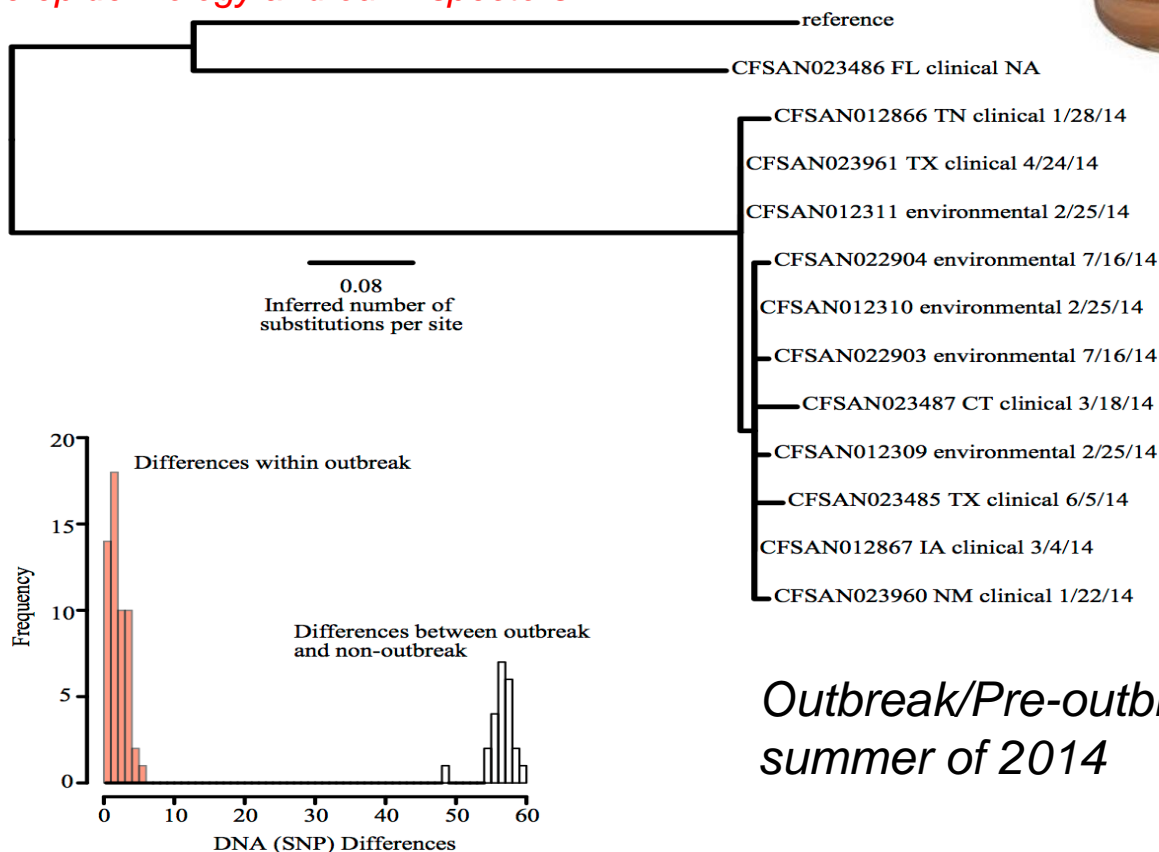


## And it gets even better....

An increased degree of certainty that comes with matching strains of pathogens through whole genome sequencing allowed for detection of this *Salmonella* contamination event in nut butter across several states with low level contamination and a widely distributed product. *In this case, WGS identifies the link and preempts an outbreak even w/o availability of food - it informs the epidemiology and our inspectors.*



Photo courtesy of the MaraNatha website



*Outbreak/Pre-outbreak  
summer of 2014*



## Health and Economic Impact of Active WGS-based Surveillance

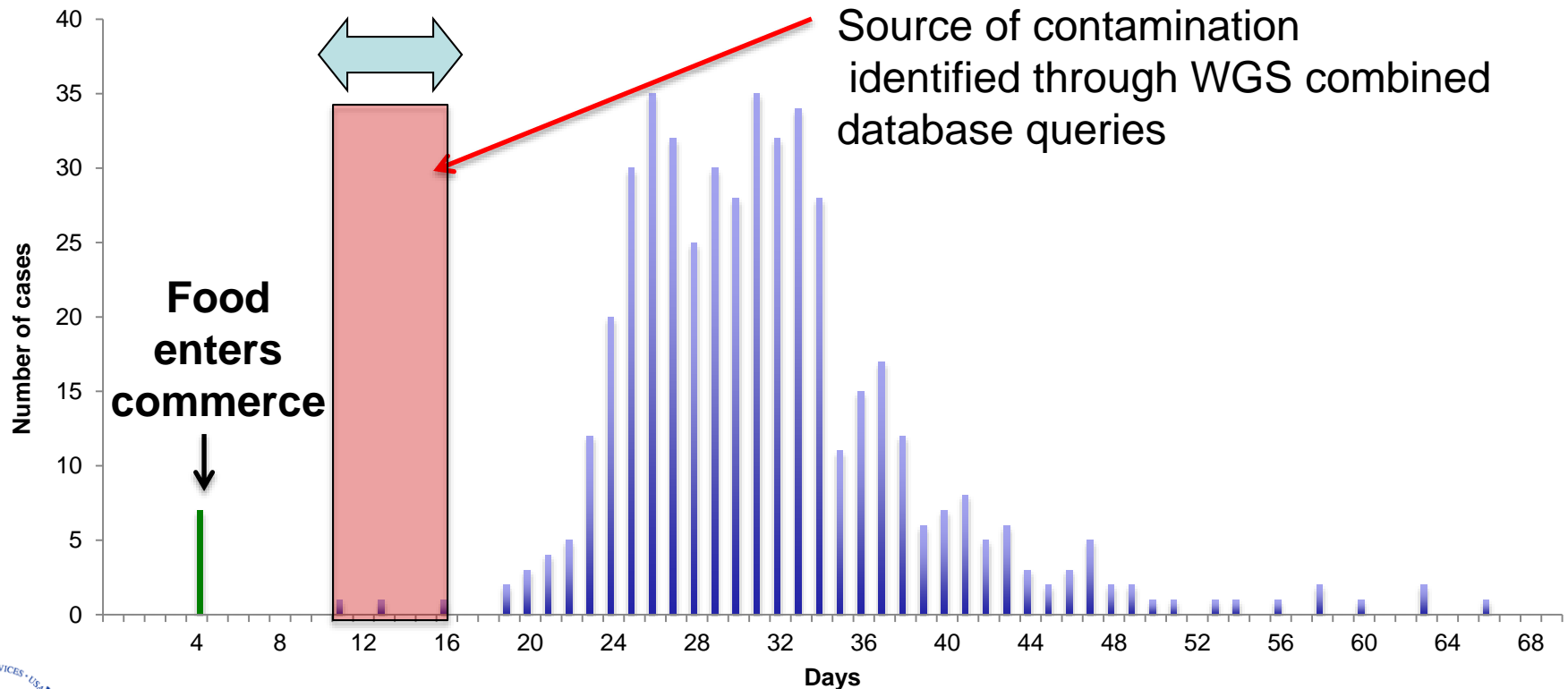
### **Comparison of Nspired and Sunland contamination events.**

- ☐ **Similar facilities – broad domestic distribution.**
- ☐ **Sunland 42 cases and 10 hospitalizations with as many as 1,260 illnesses unreported (Fall 2012)**
- ☐ **Nspired – 4 confirmed cases, 1 hospitalization (Summer 2014)**
- ☐ **WGS informed investigation prevented significant illness and hospitalizations**
  - lower illness rate and treatment cost (\$3000-\$9000) + fraction of longterm and chronic onset complications associated with Salmonella infection (ie, Reiter's syndrome, GBS)**



# The New Microbiology Approach to Public Health

**Clinical ID WGS in real-time and in parallel  
food and environmental WGS  
FDA, CDC, FSIS, States**



# National Digital Immune system: Big Data?

- WGS + metadata
- PulseNet - ~50,000 isolates per year + Hospital based infections (AMR strains) 50-500K per year (??) + Environmental samples
- Ecology & population genetics of pathogens...