

# Structural Variants (SVs) and Copy Number Variants (CNVs) using short-read

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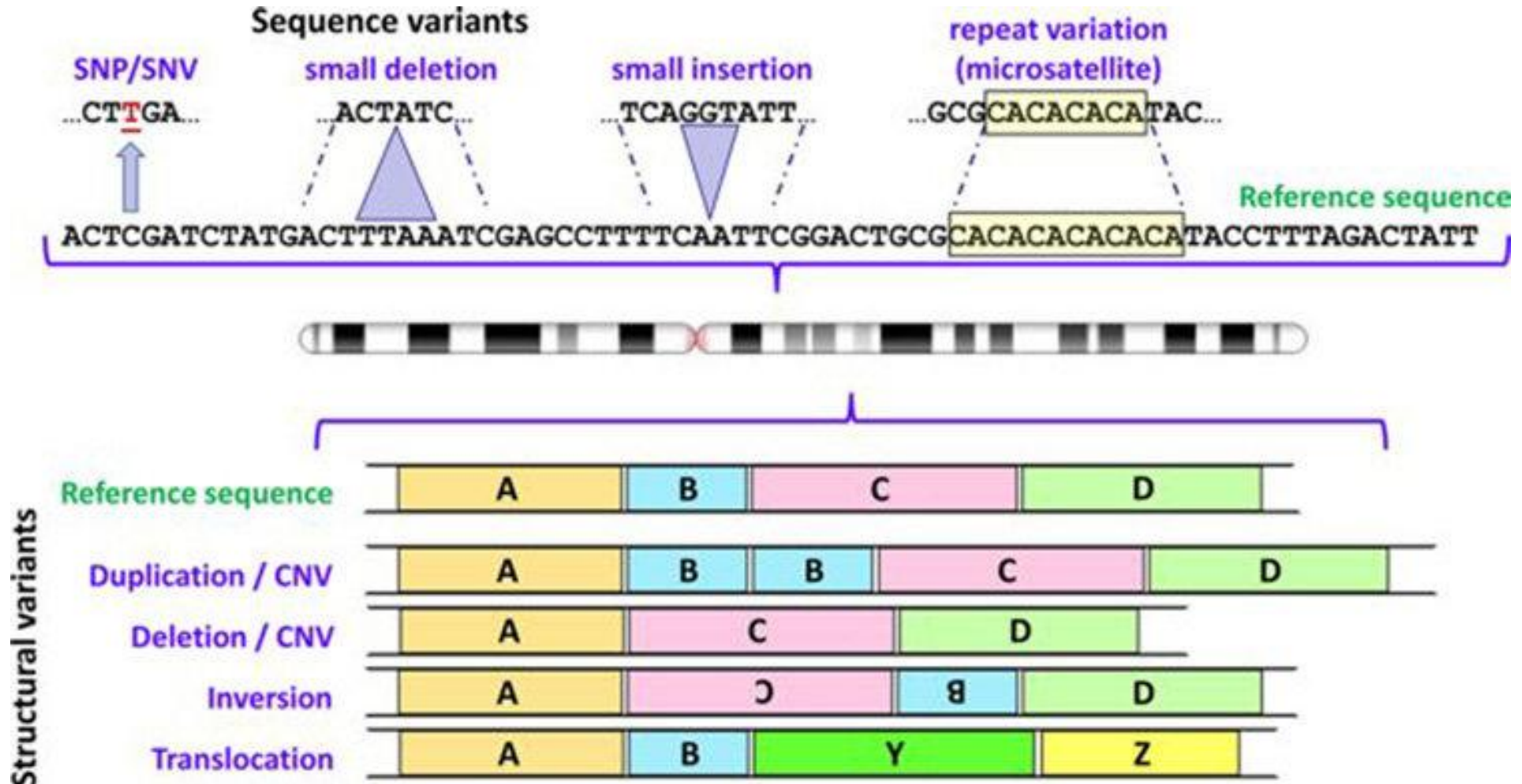
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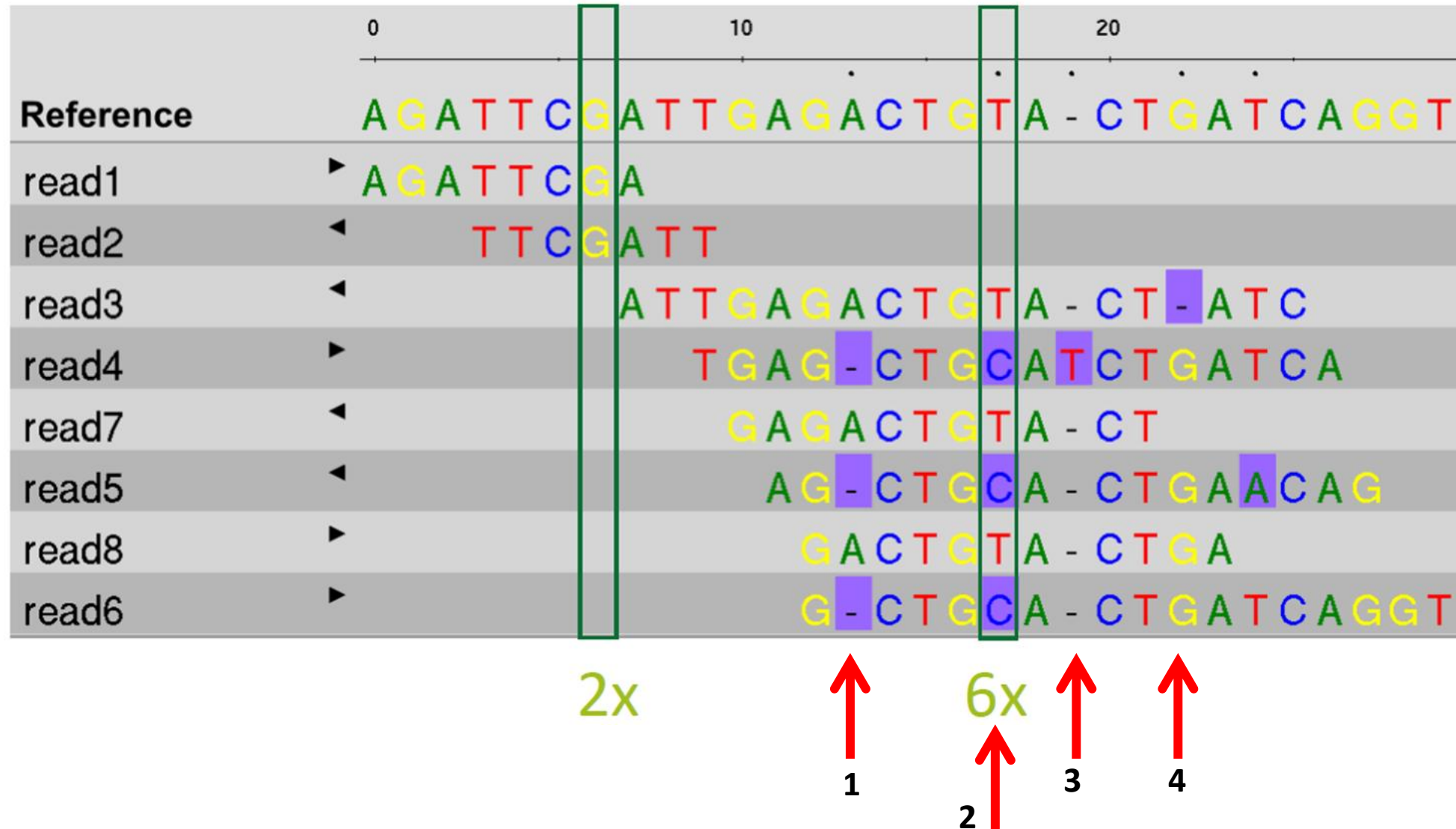
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# Type of variants

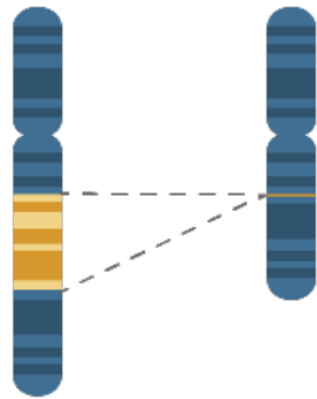


# SNP and SNV

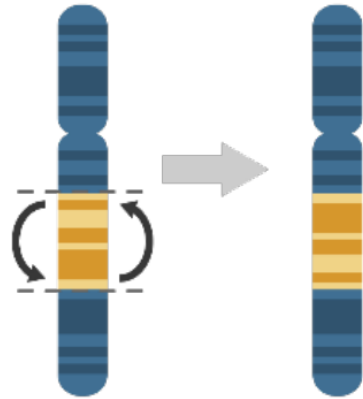


# Somatic and Germline Structural Variants (SVs)

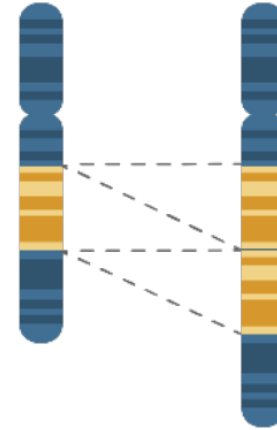
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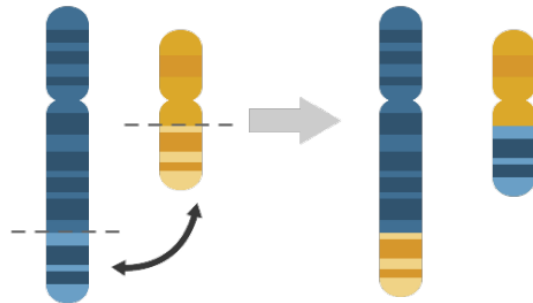
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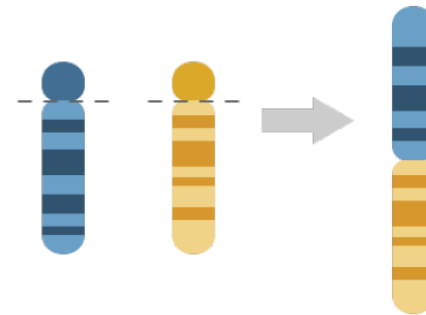
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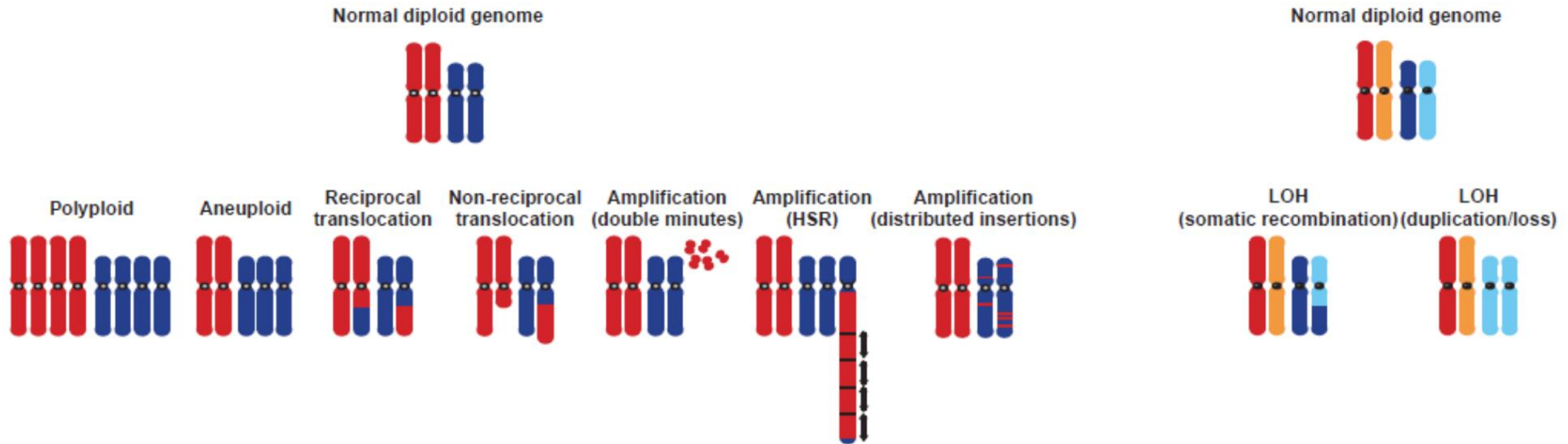
Reciprocal translocation



Robertsonian translocation



# Cancers harbour a wide Range of Chromosome Aberrations



Chromosome aberrations in solid tumors. Albertson et al., Nat Genet. 2003 Aug;34(4):369-76.

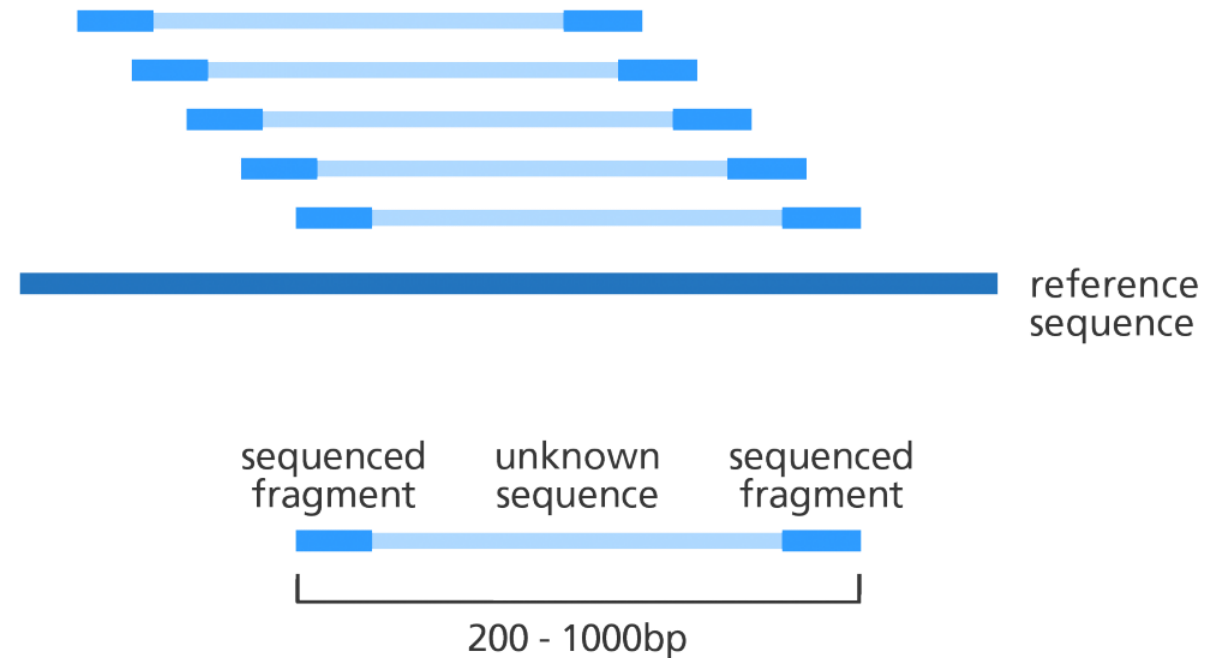
## ➤ Structural Variants (SVs)

# Single-End vs Paired-End Sequencing

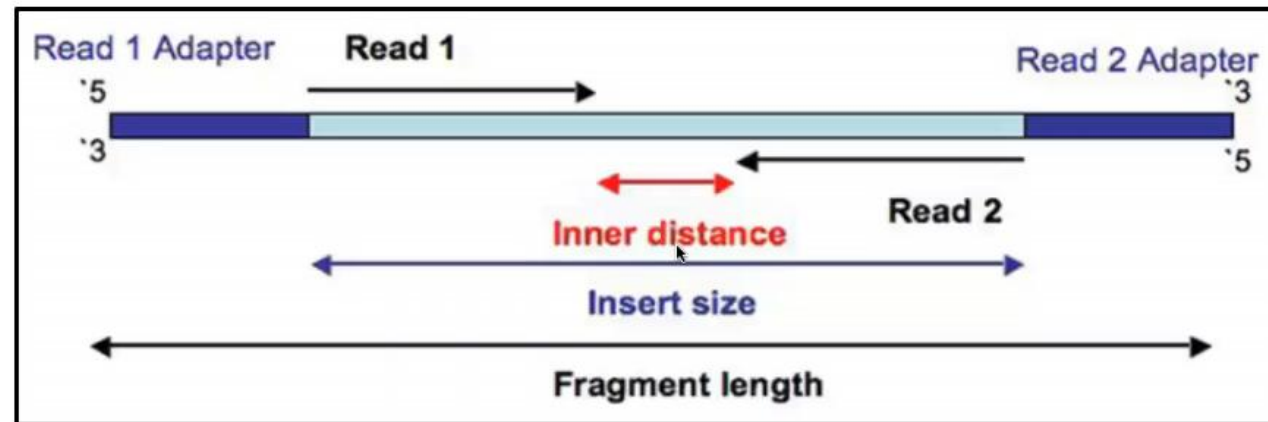
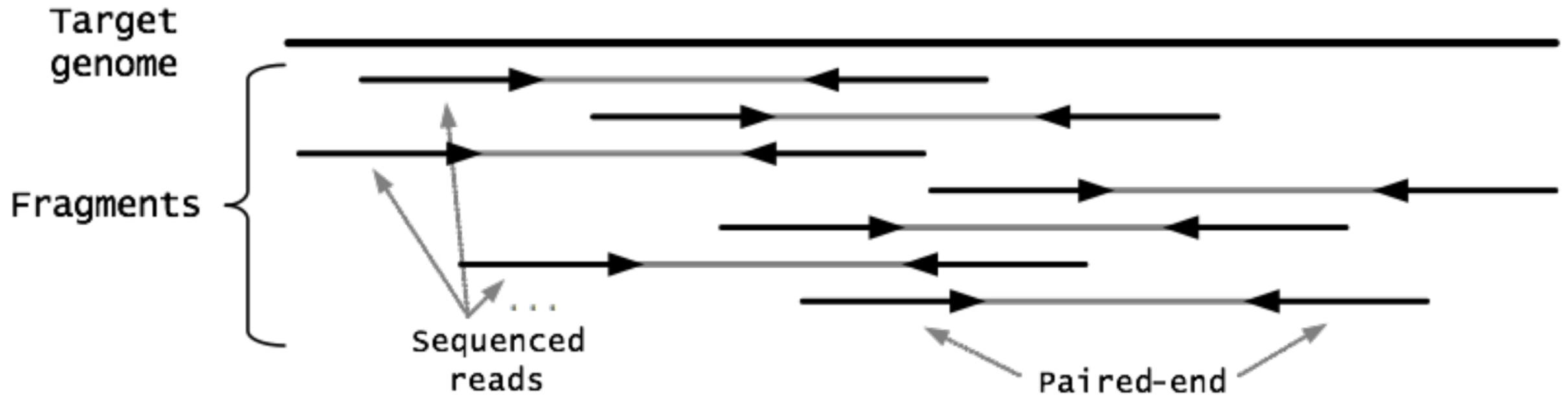
Single-end reads



Paired-end reads

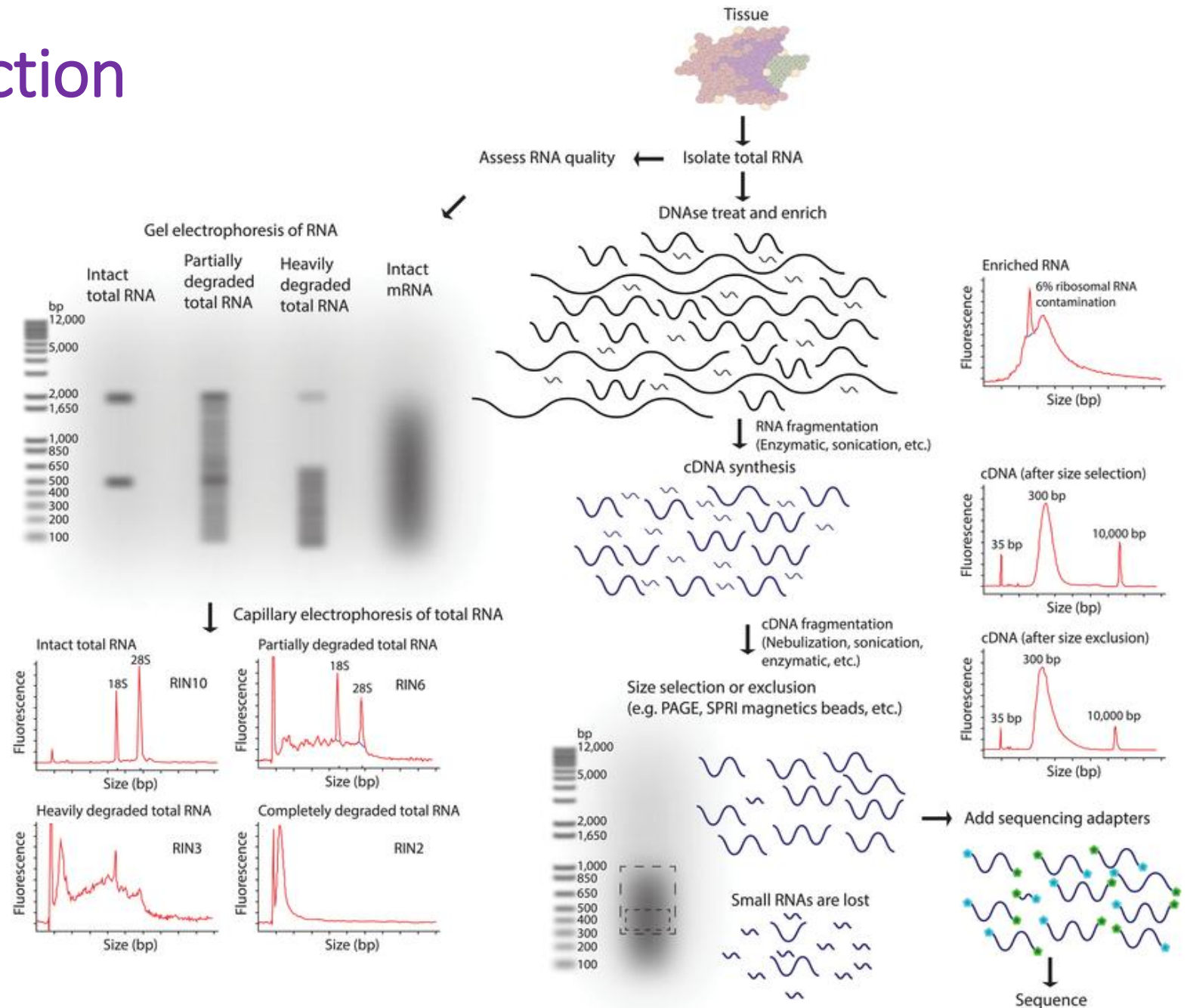


# Paired-End Sequencing

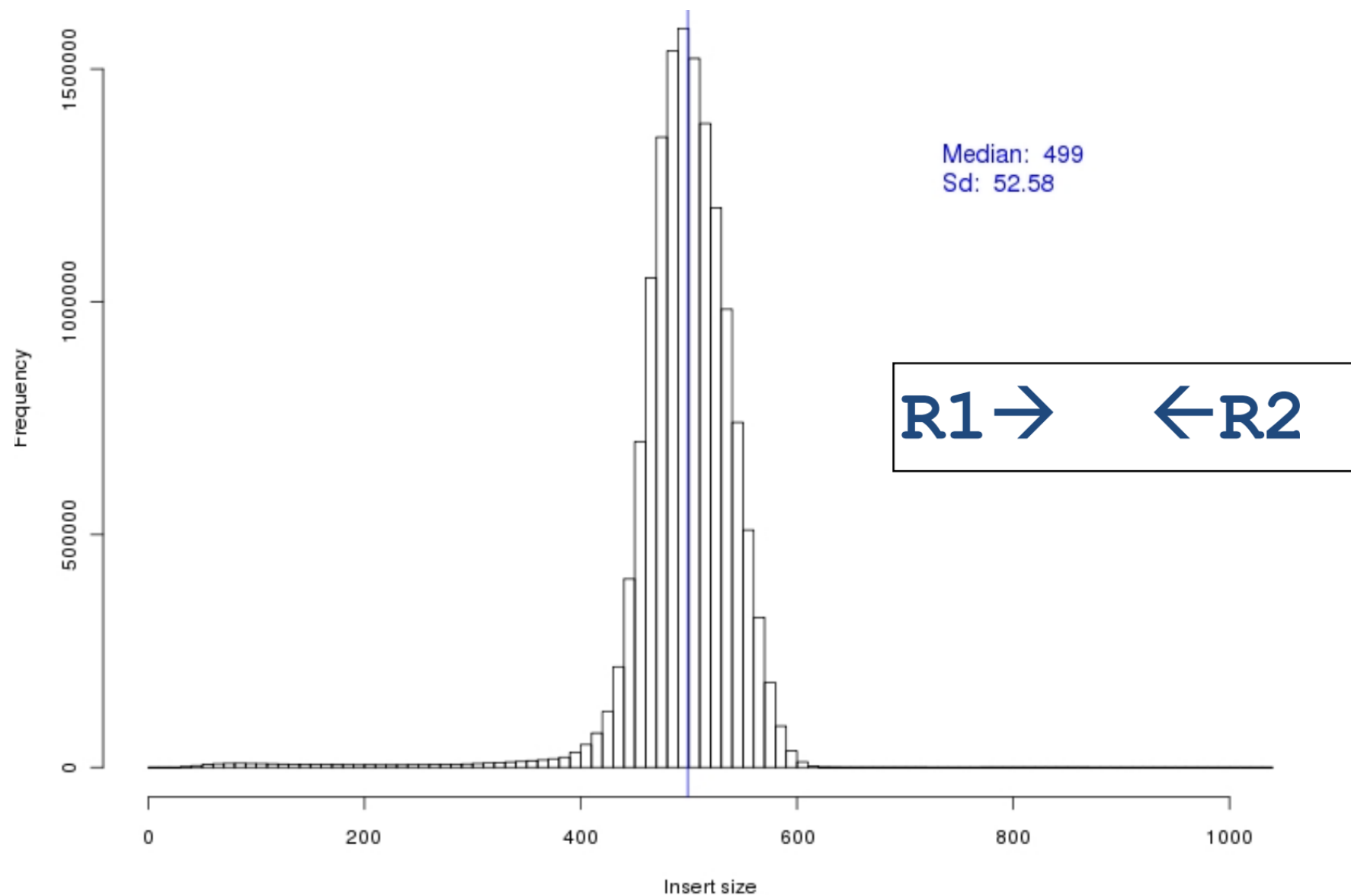




# Fragment Size Selection

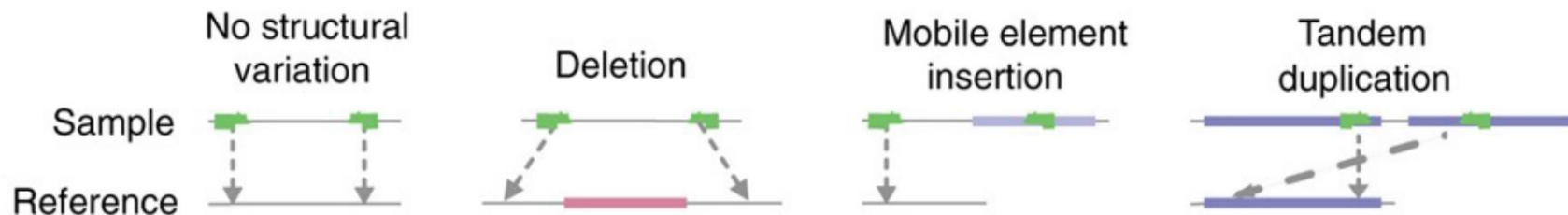


# Paired-End Libraries

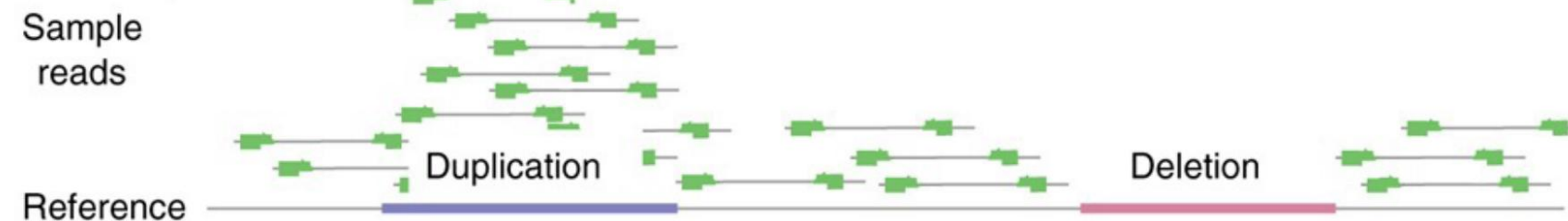


# SV Discovery Approaches

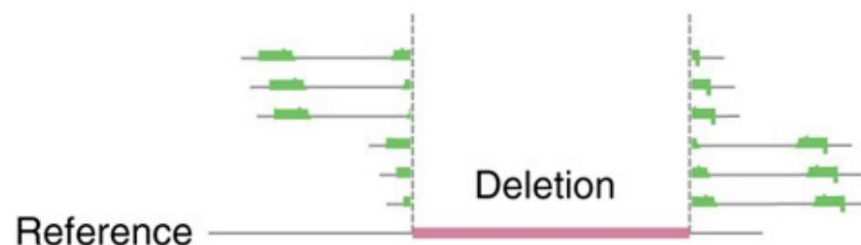
## Read pairs



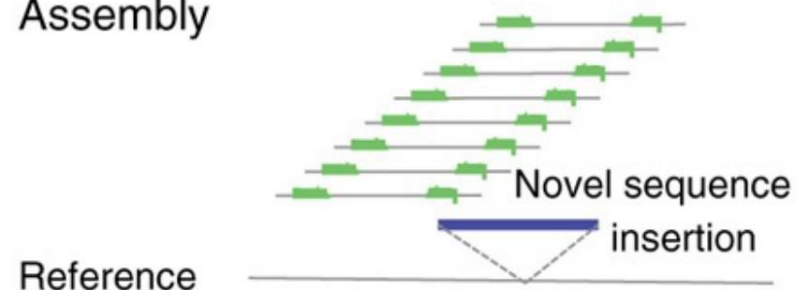
## Read depth



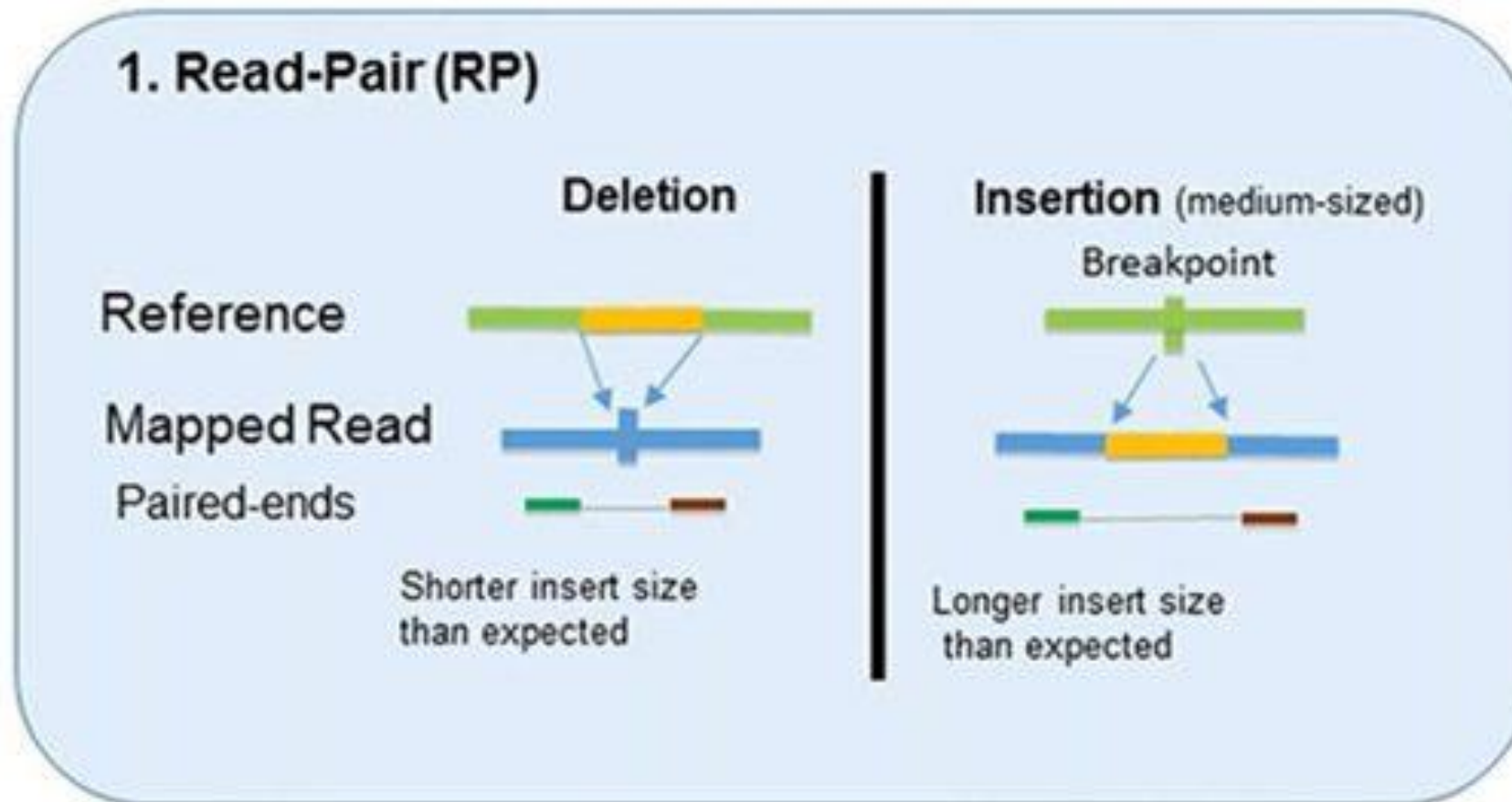
## Split reads



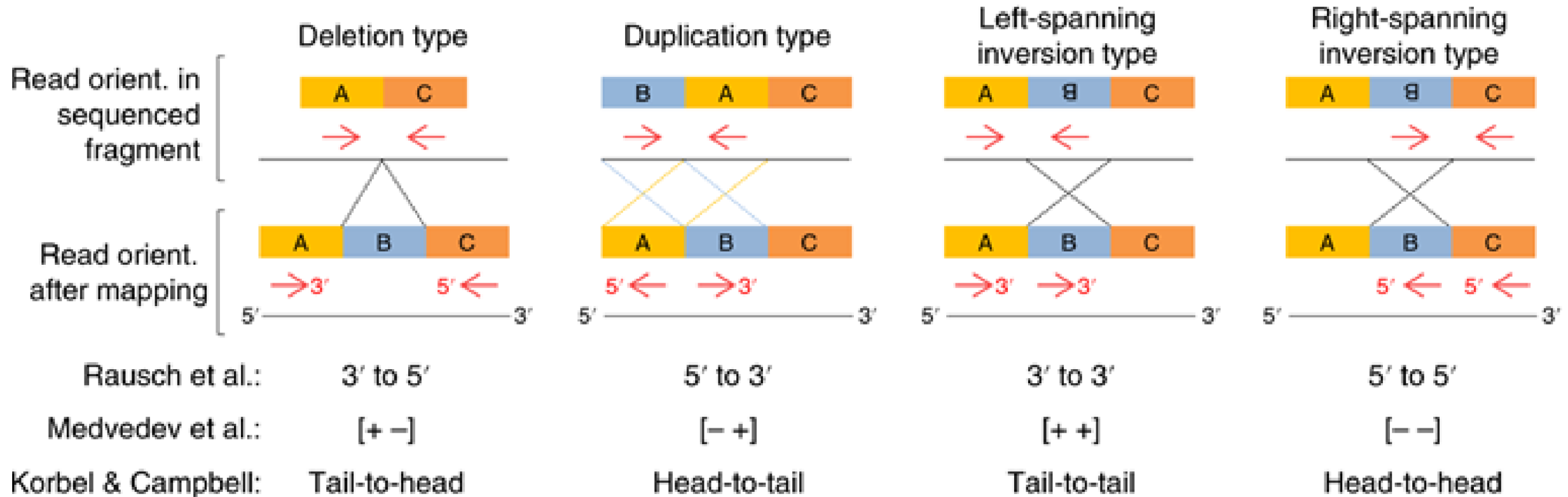
## Assembly



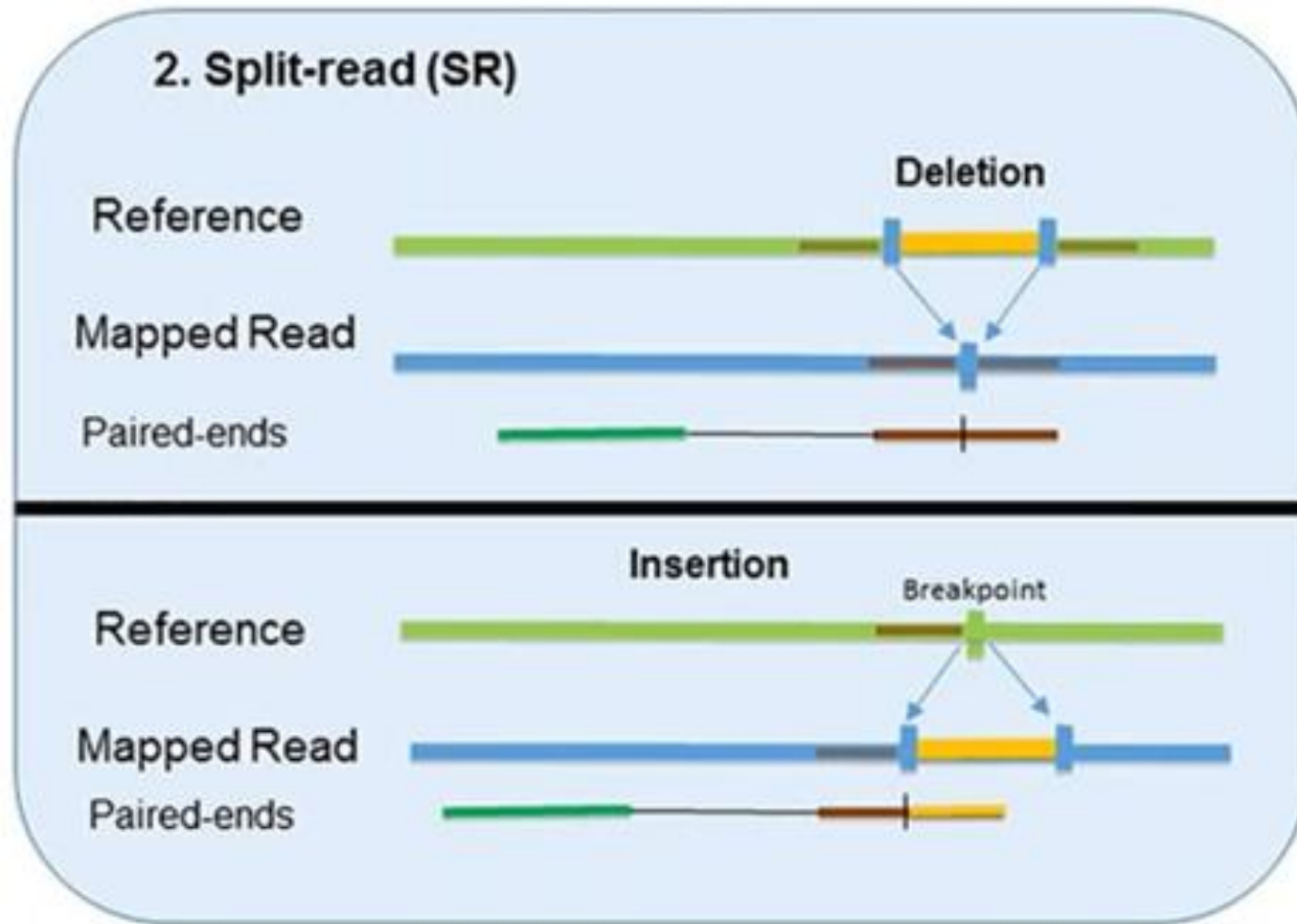
# Read Pairs for detection of SVs



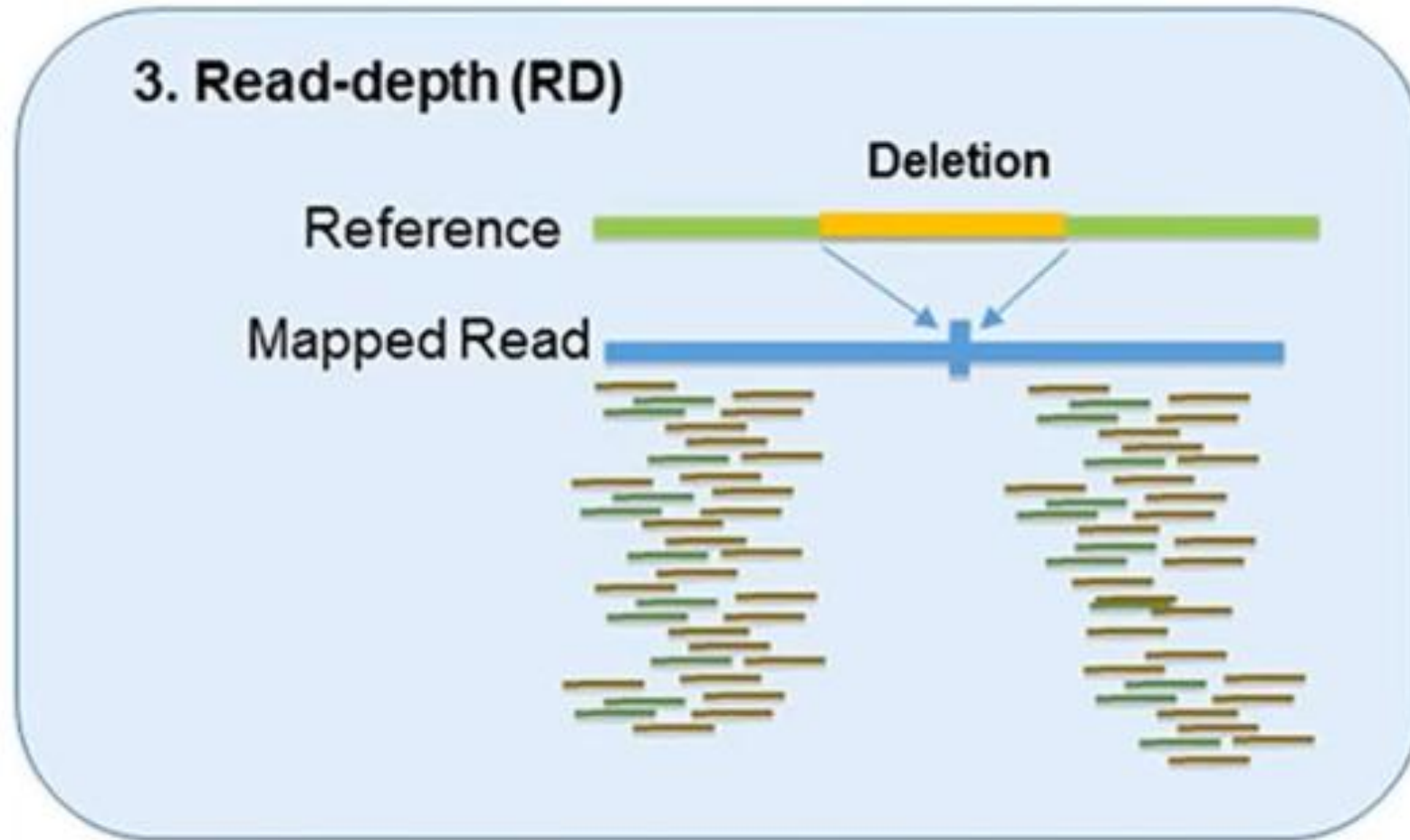
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# Read Split for detection of SVs

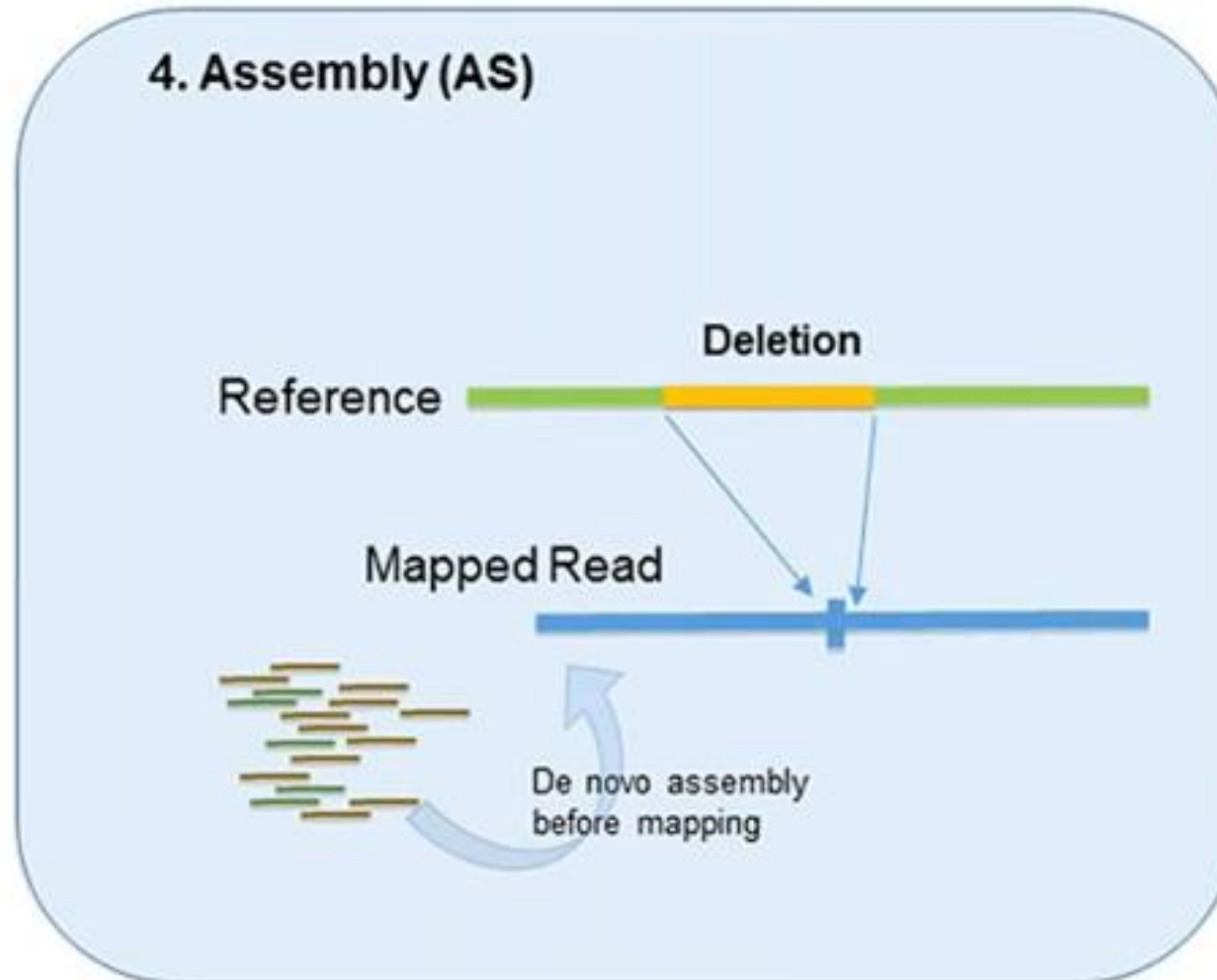


# Read Depth for detection of SVs



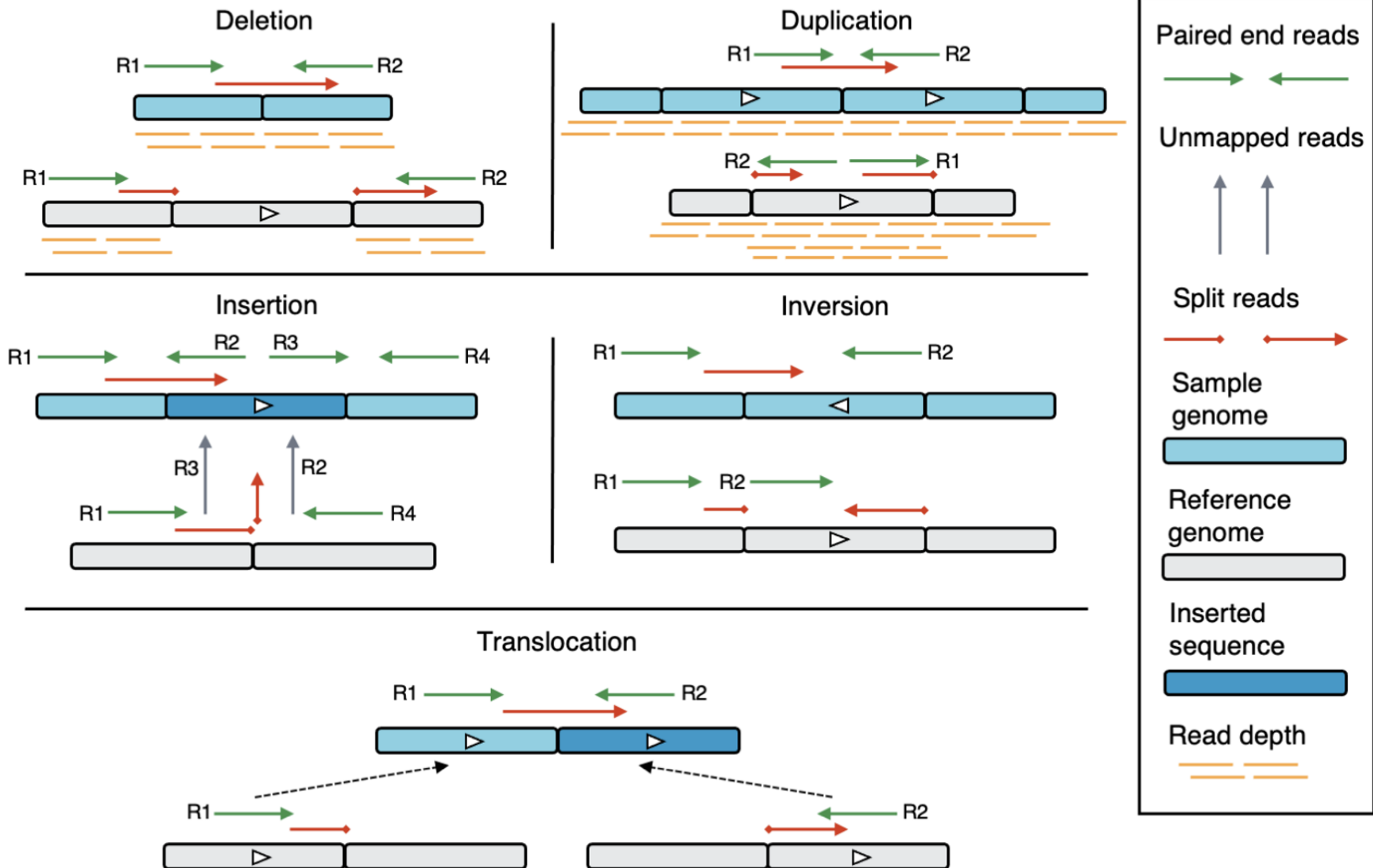


# Denovo Assembly for detection of SVs

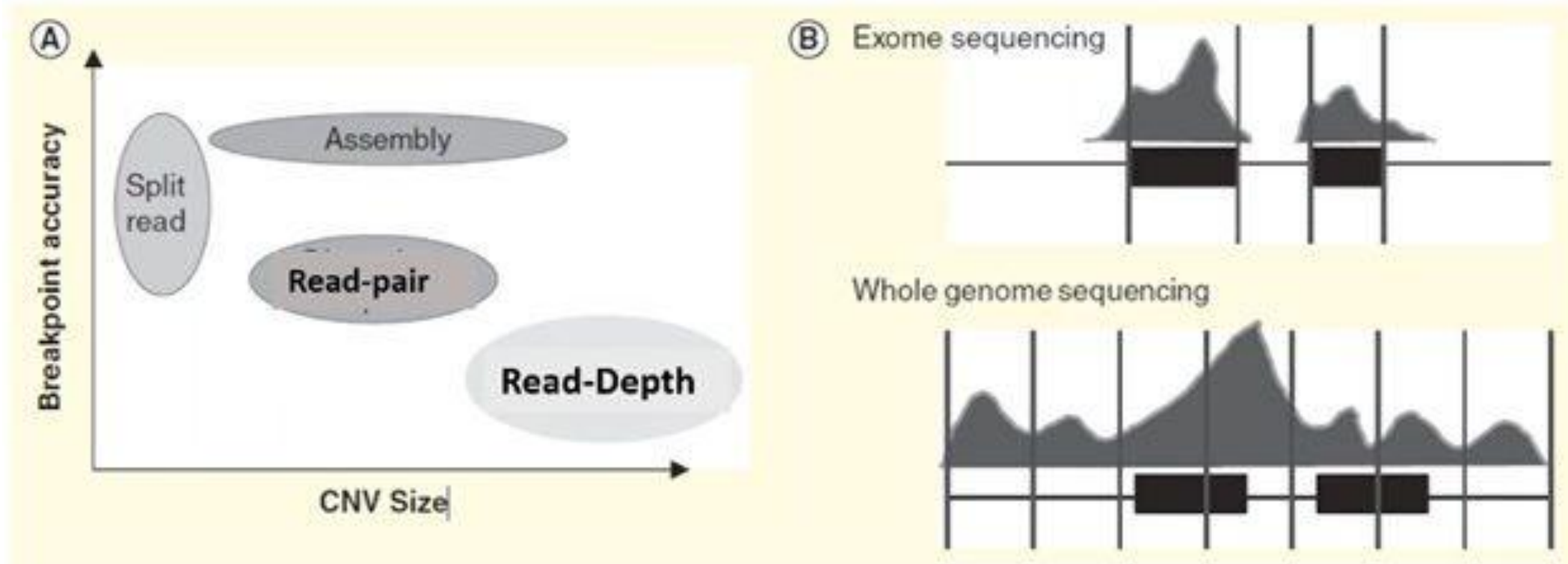




# Short read signatures of structural variants



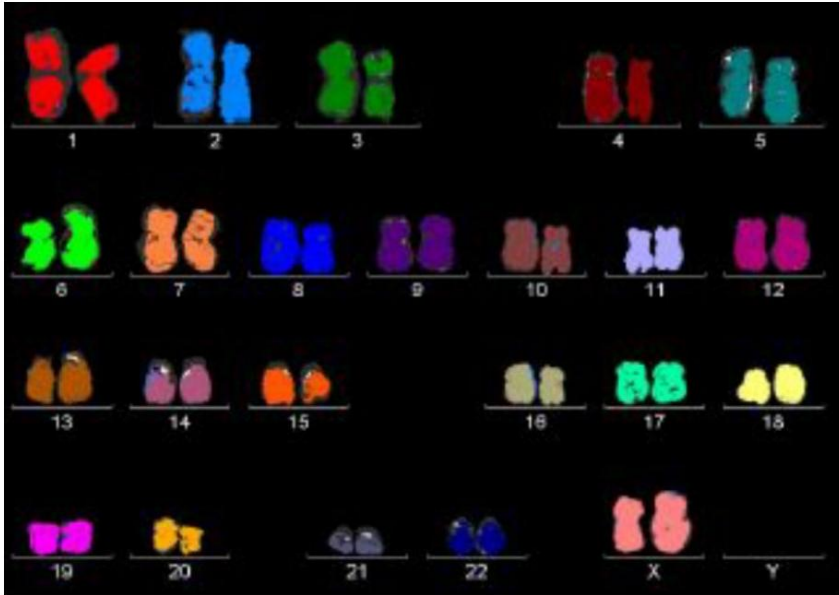
# Methods for detection of SVs: CNV size vs Breakpoint Accuracy



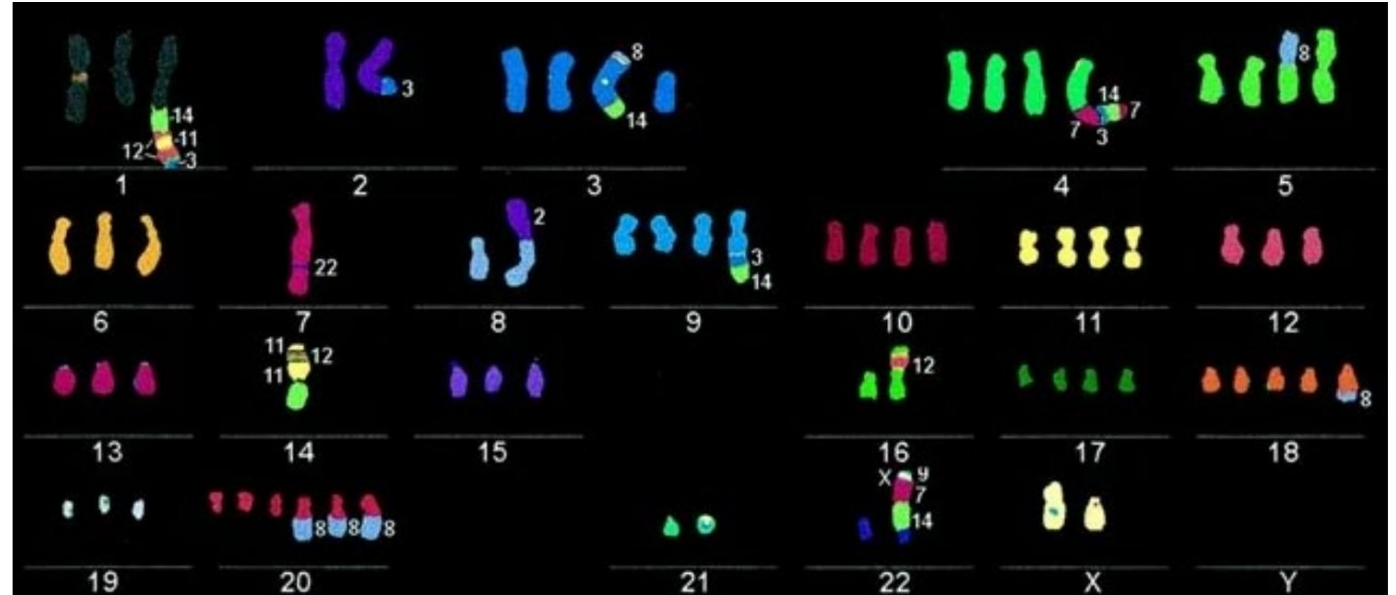
## ➤ Copy Number Variants (CNVs)

# Human karyotype: Normal vs Cancer

## Normal Karyotype

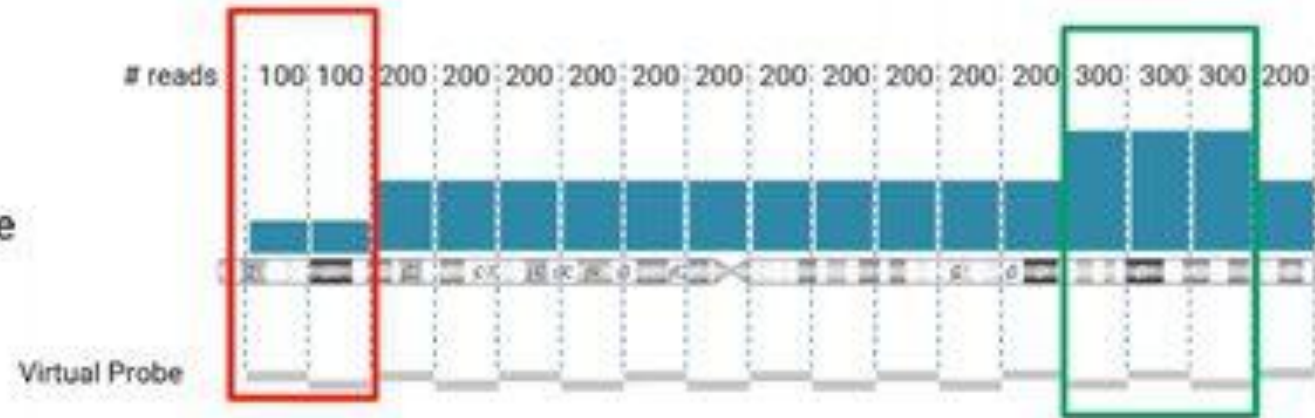


## Cancer Karyotype (NSCLC cell line D117)

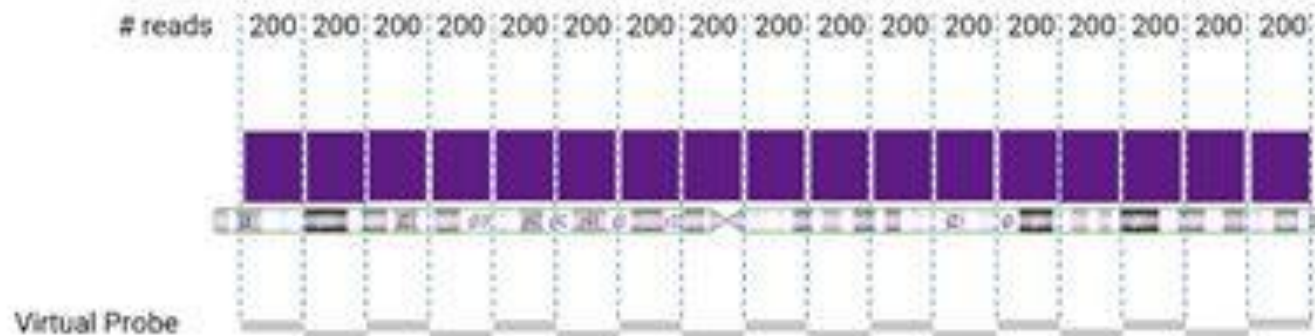


# CNV detection: Normal vs Cancer

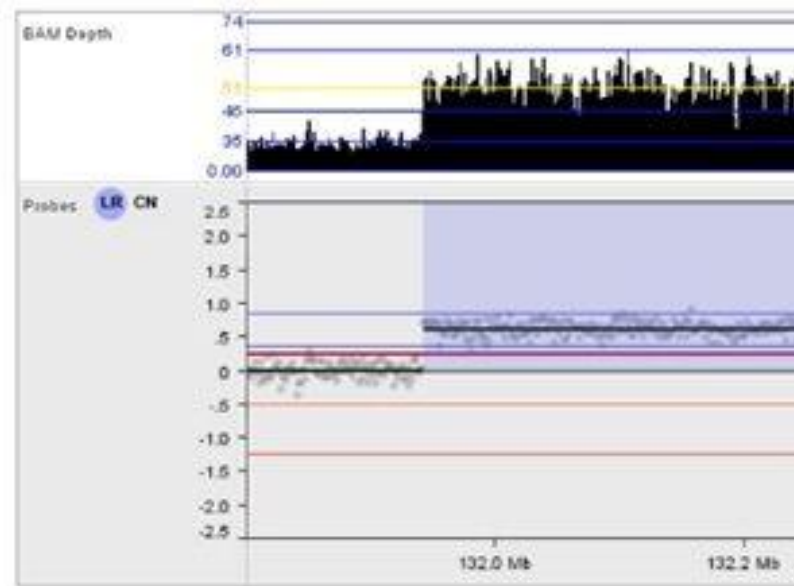
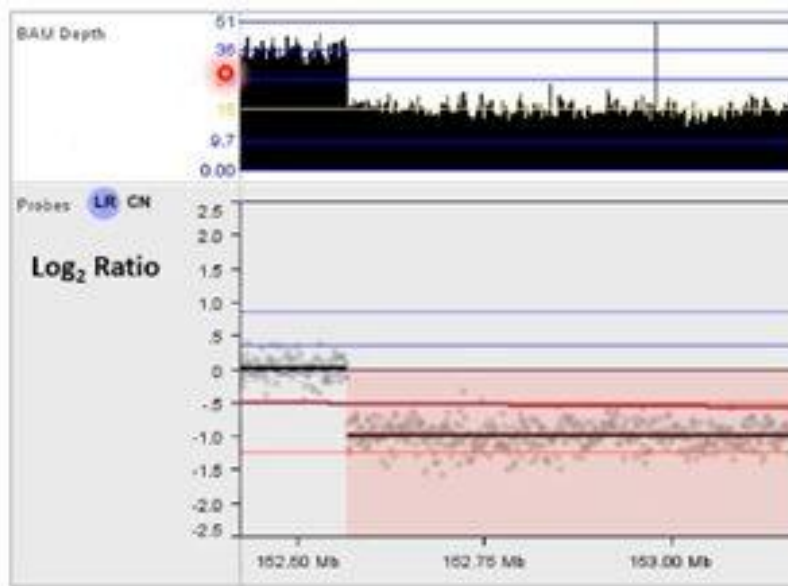
**Patient Sample**  
Compare # reads in each probe  
with reference set



**Reference Set**  
Normal males & females



# CNV detection: Normal vs Cancer



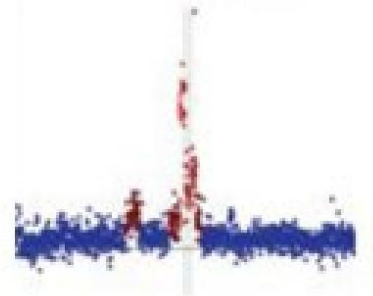
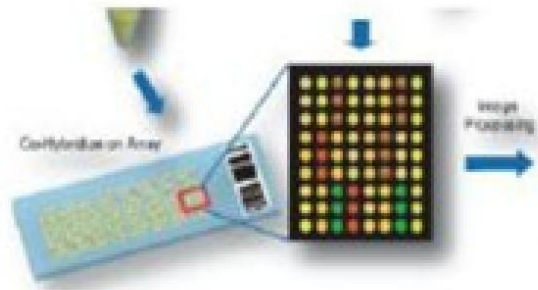
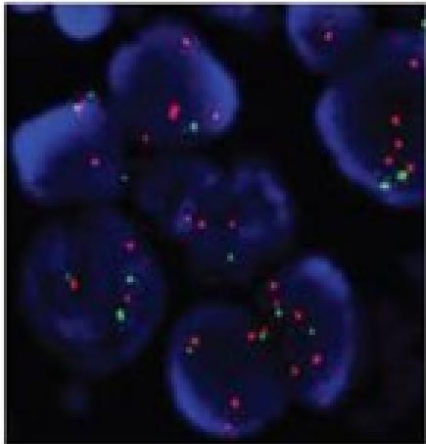
Probe Location	Patient # Reads	Reference # Reads	Ratio	Copy Number
Chr 1: Probe A	150	100	3/2	3 (dup)
Chr 1: Probe B	100	100	2/2	2 (norm)
Chr 1: Probe C	50	100	1/2	1 (del)



# CNV detection technologies

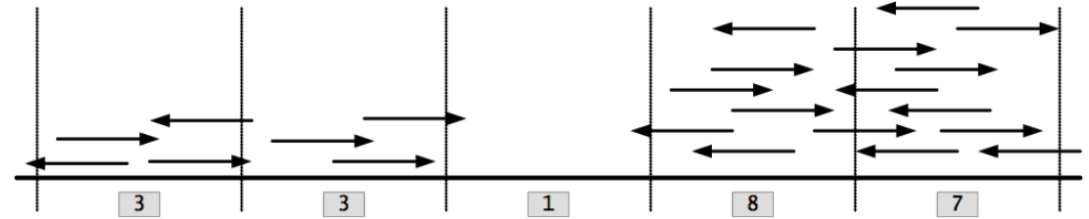
<b>Tech:</b>	<b>FISH</b>	<b>Array CGH</b>	<b>Genotype arrays</b>	<b>WGS</b>
<b>#:</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>	<b>30-100K</b>	<b>100K-2M</b>	<b>3G!</b>

Resolution



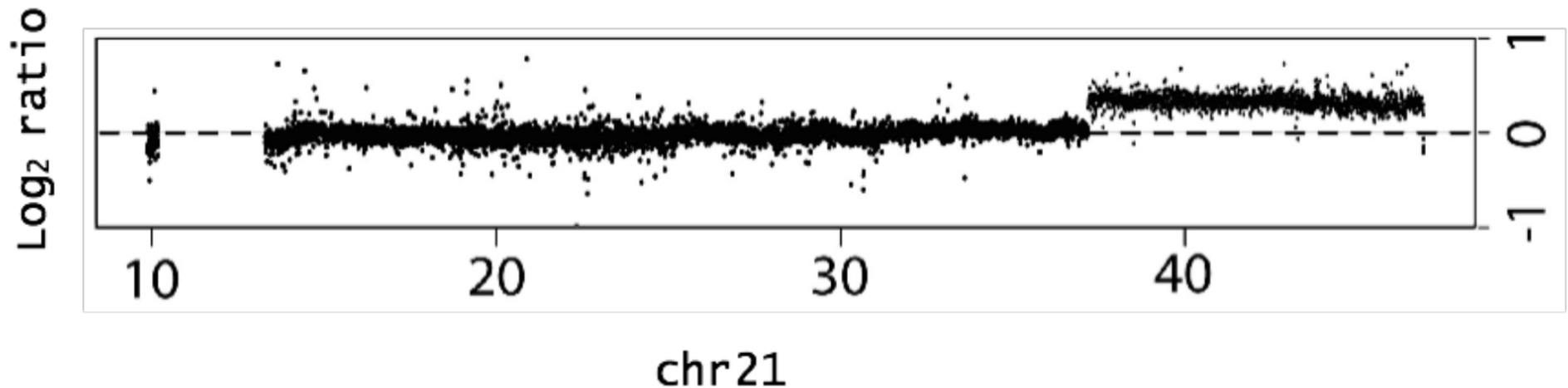
# Tumor / Normal Read-Depth Ratio

- Read counting in windows for tumor and normal data



- Log2 ratio for each window
- Chromosome-wide plot

$$\log_2 \frac{\# \text{Reads}_{Disease}}{\# \text{Reads}_{Normal}}$$

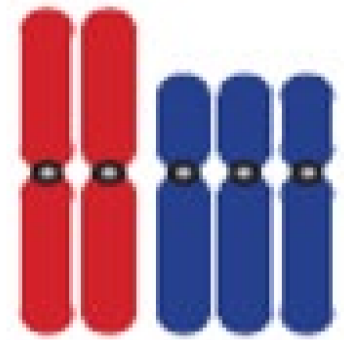




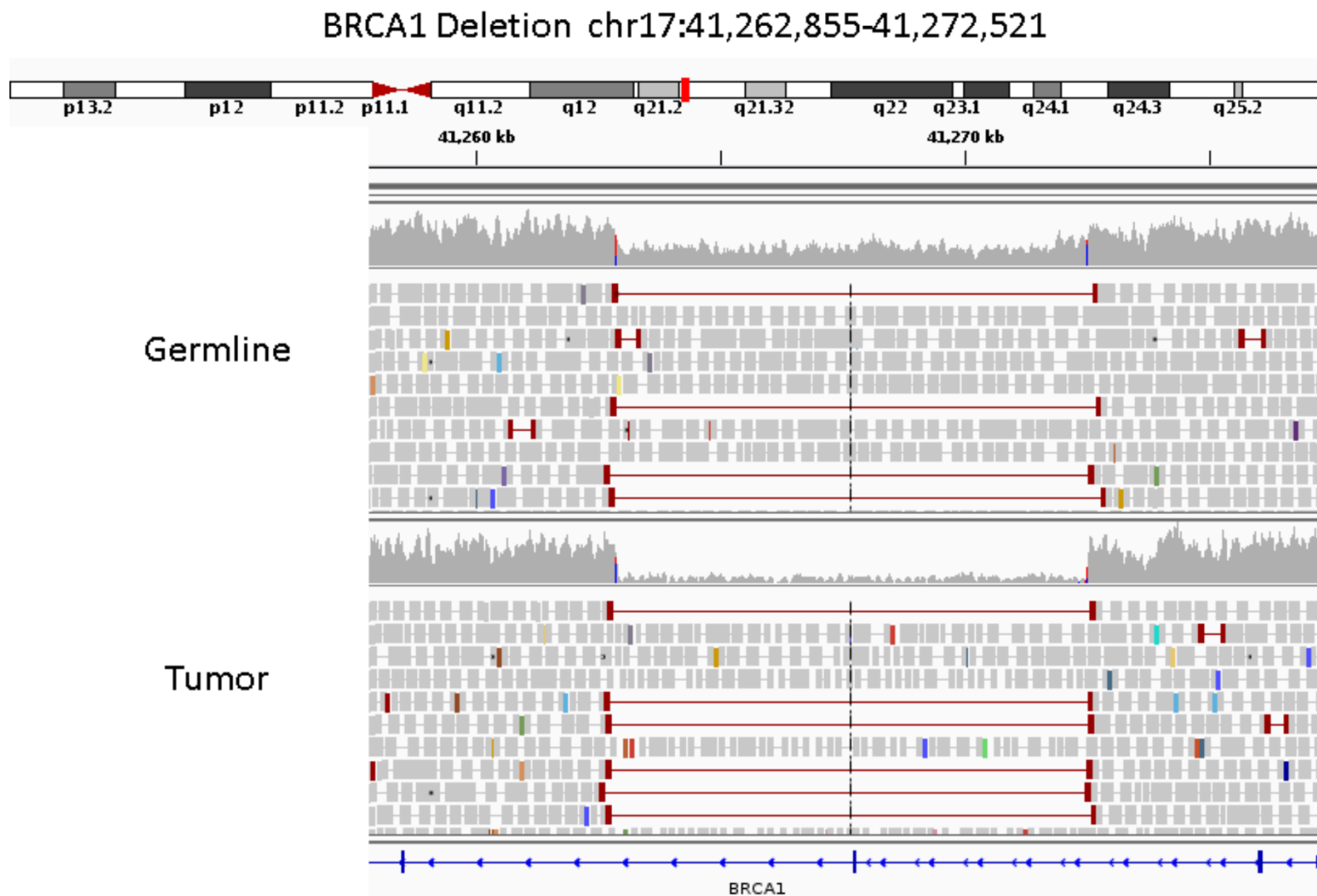
# Copy Number Variants (CNVs)

- Can vary the gene dosage of a tumor suppressor or oncogene
- Aneuploidy or non-reciprocal translocations are one form of CNV
- Rare pathogenic germline CNVs can affect known cancer predisposition genes
- Recurrent deletions or duplications indicate a selective advantage

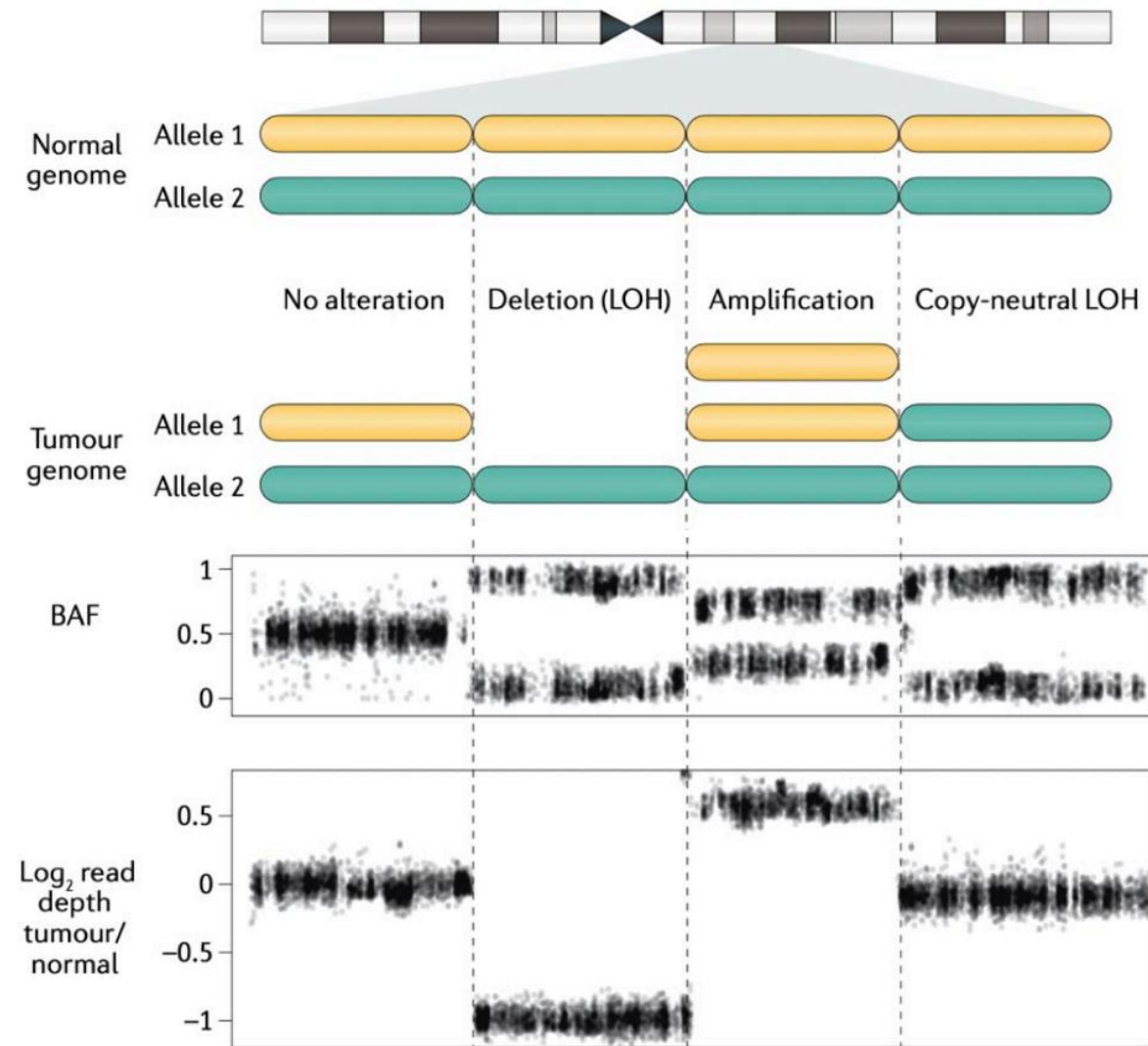
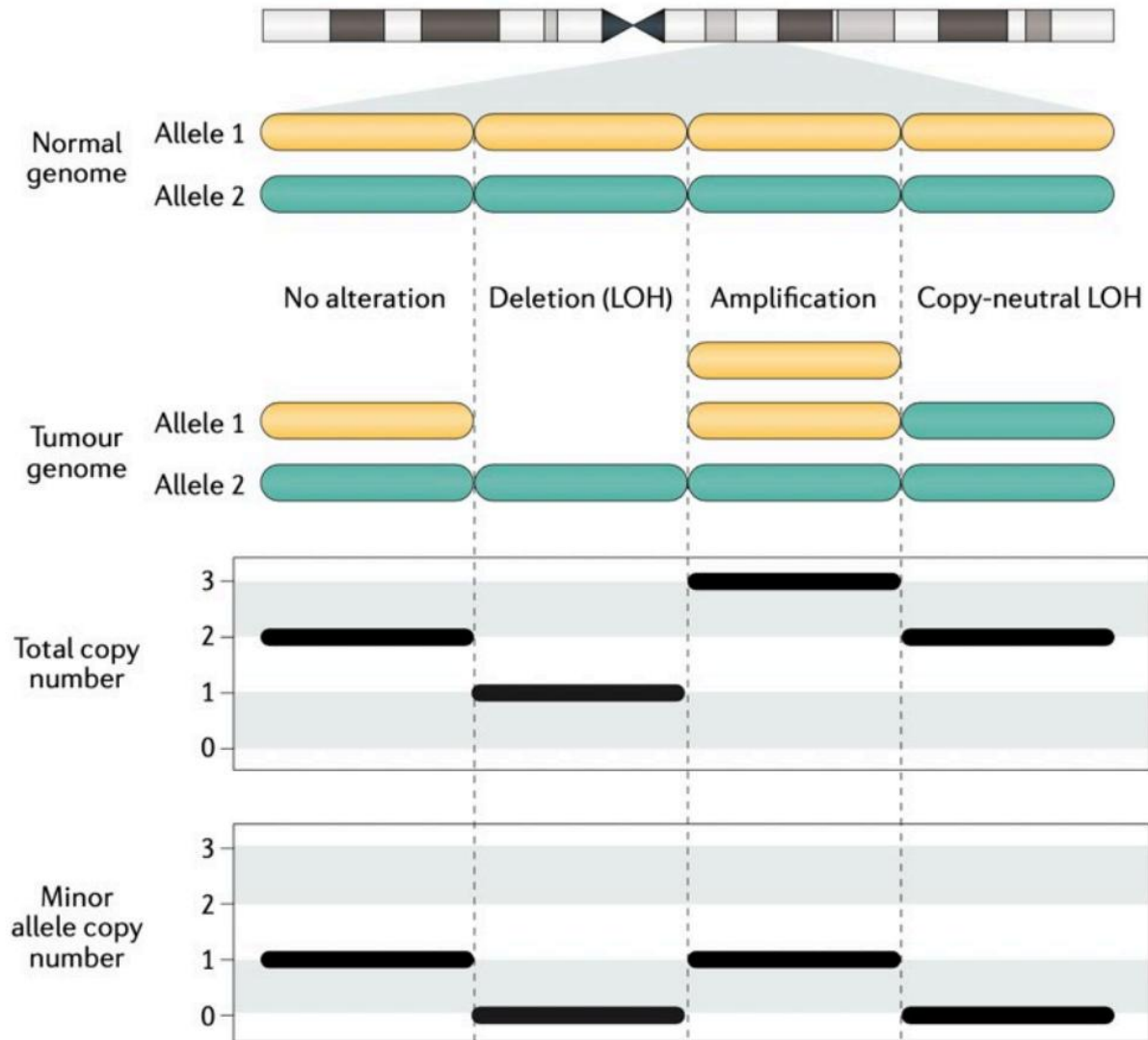
Aneuploid



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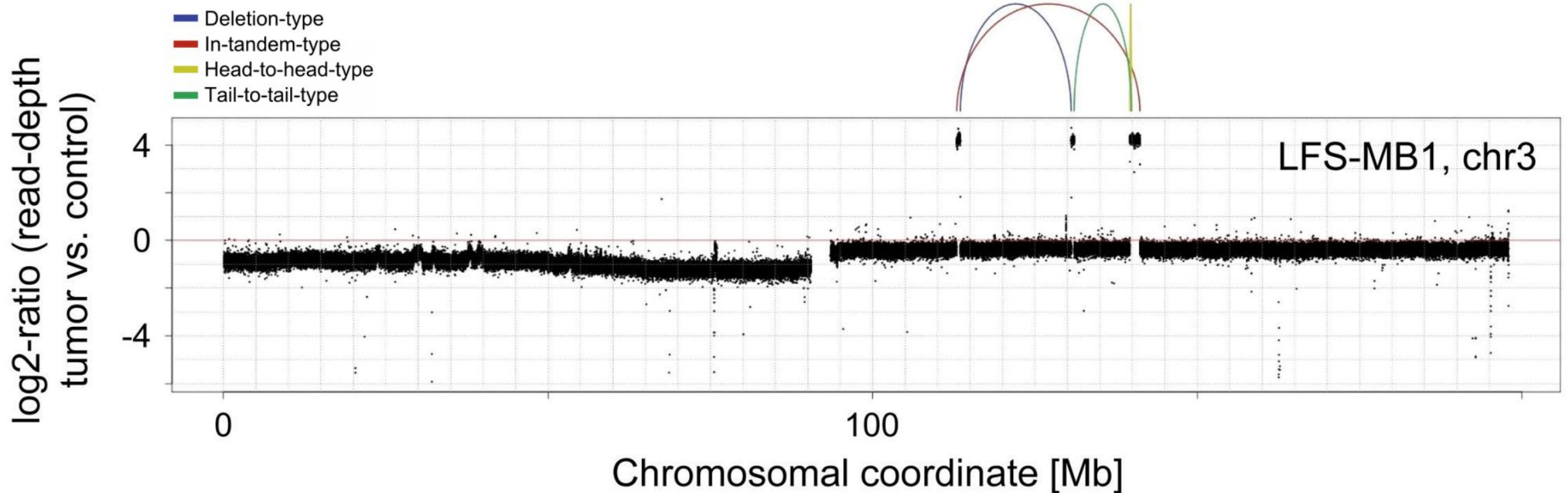
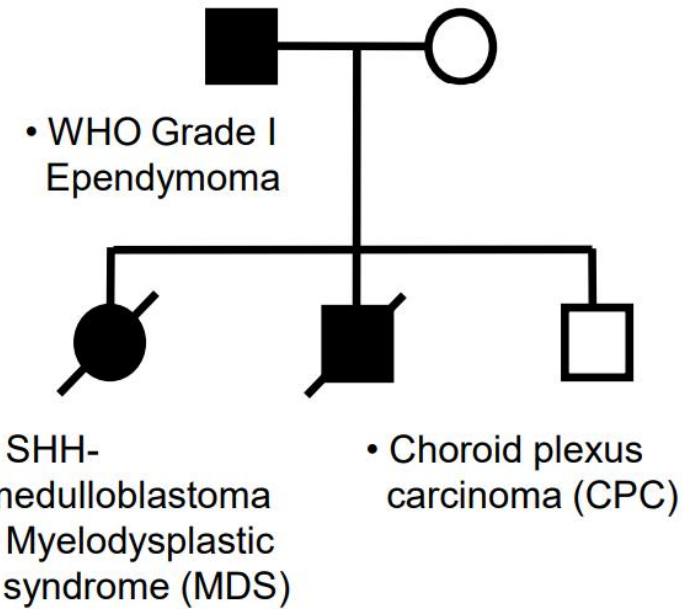
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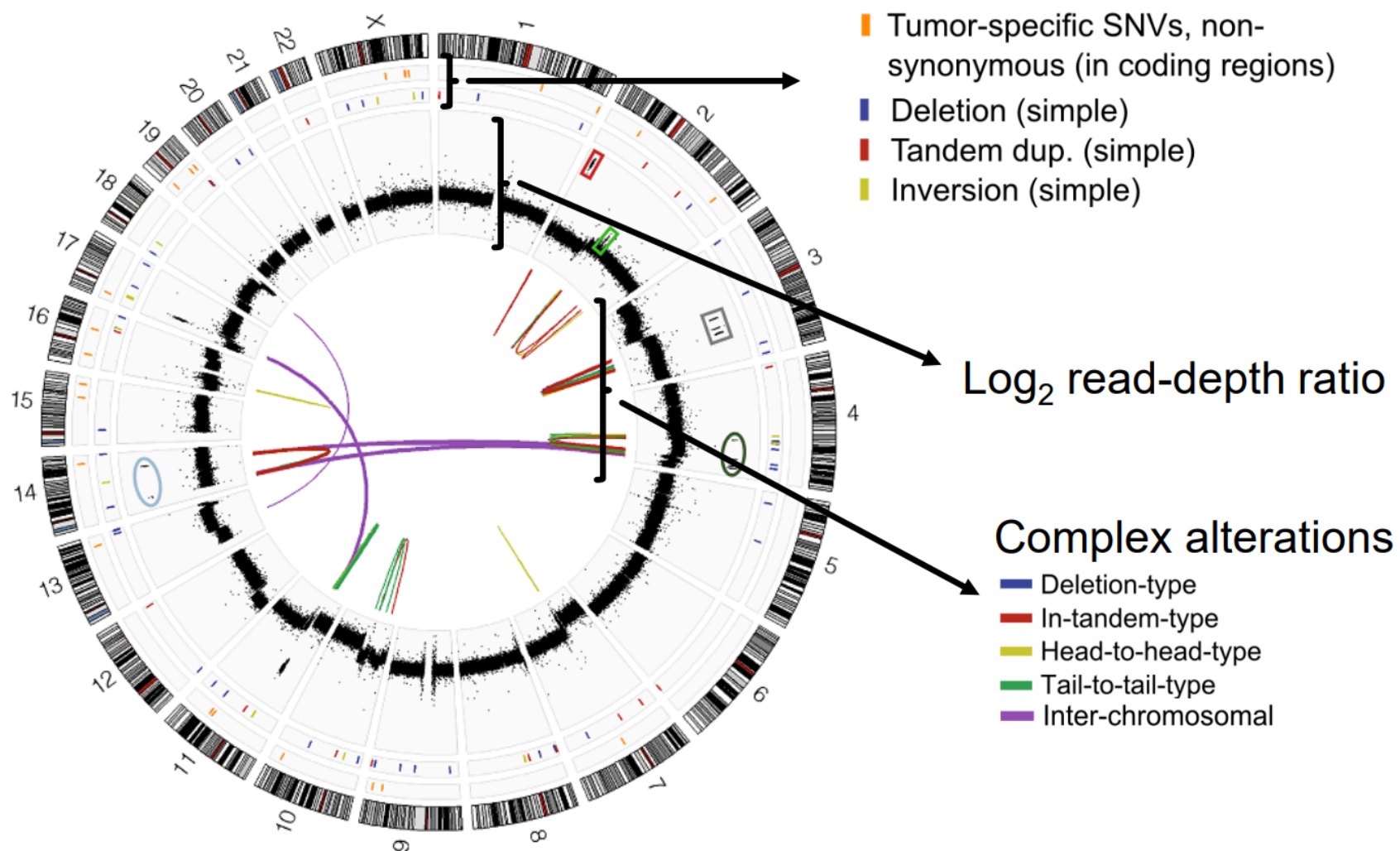
## ➤ Somatic Structural Variants

# Childhood Brain Tumor Medulloblastoma

- Li-Fraumeni syndrome
  - Germline TP53 mutation

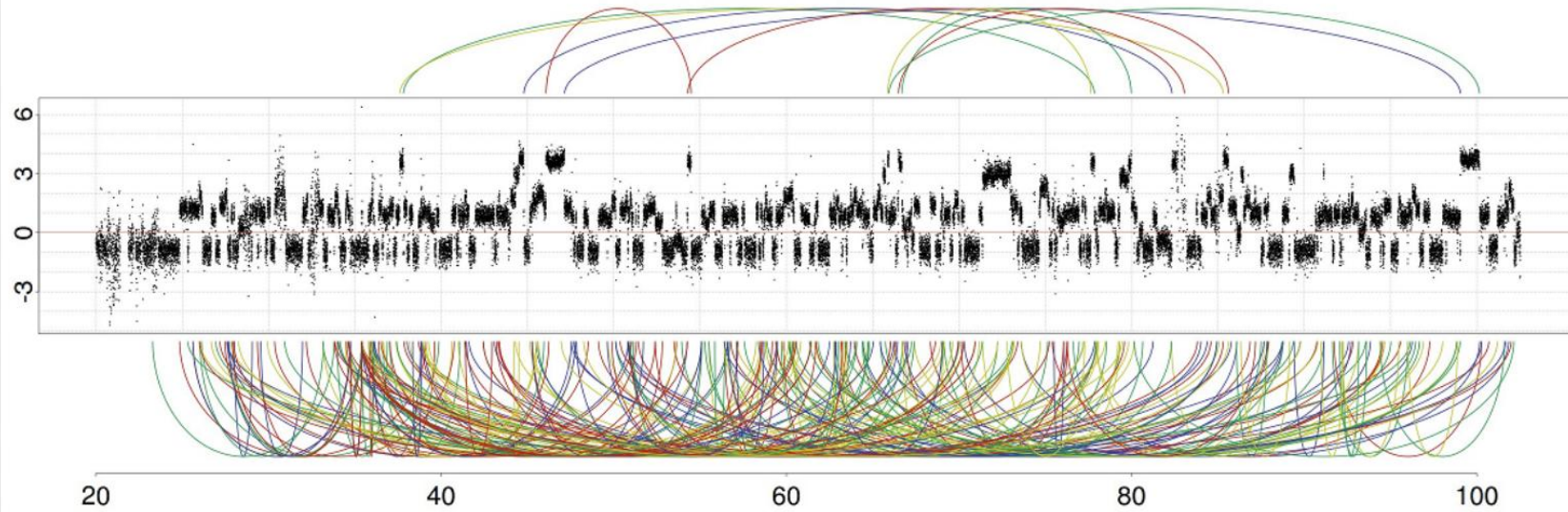
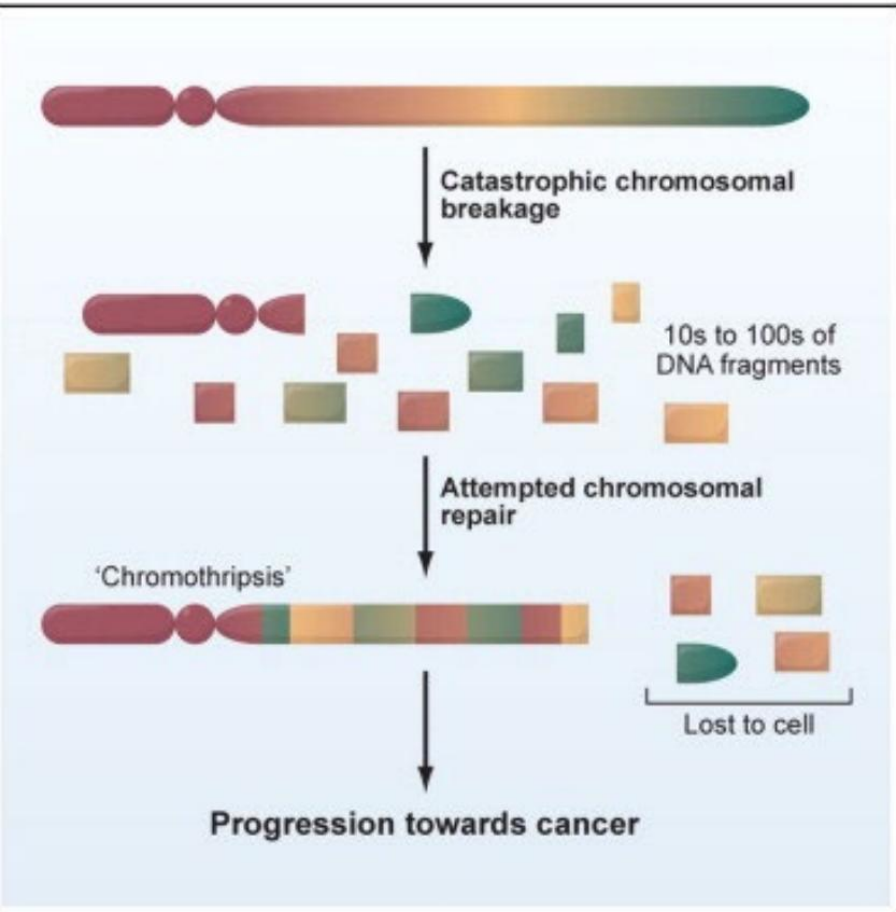


# Somatic DNA alterations

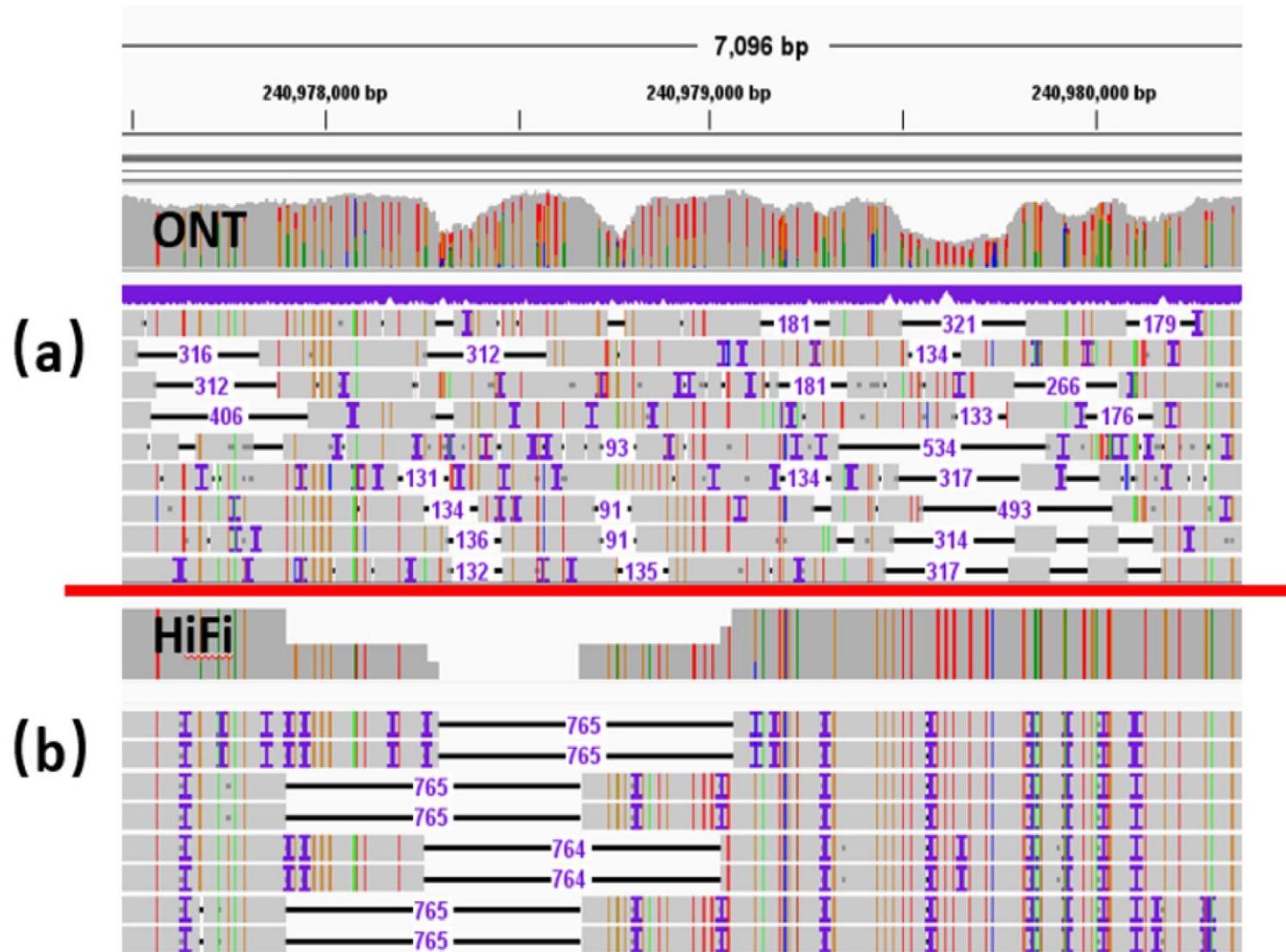




# Chromothripsis



# Pacbio vs ONT





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