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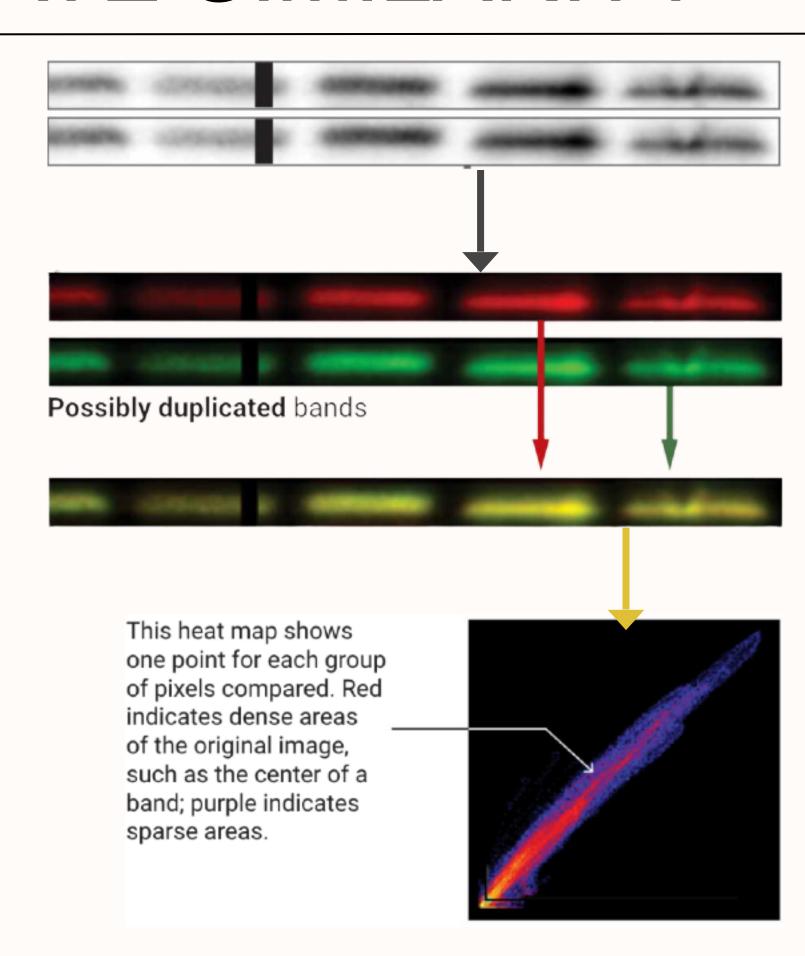
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Schrag then calculated the correlation coefficient, showing the strength of the relationship between the merged bands. Identical images show a correlation of 1, and display as a straight 45° angle line. These bands show a 0.98 correlation, highly improbable to occur by chance.



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These images examine dissimilar bands using the same process. In the merged image, clear differences display in green or red — as expected when comparing naturally produced bands. A degree of correlation is expected, but far lower than in duplicated bands.

