

# NHMW Workshop IV

## De novo genome assembly



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## Hands-on

- Raw data QC
- Estimating the genome size
- Assembly with SPAdes and Flye
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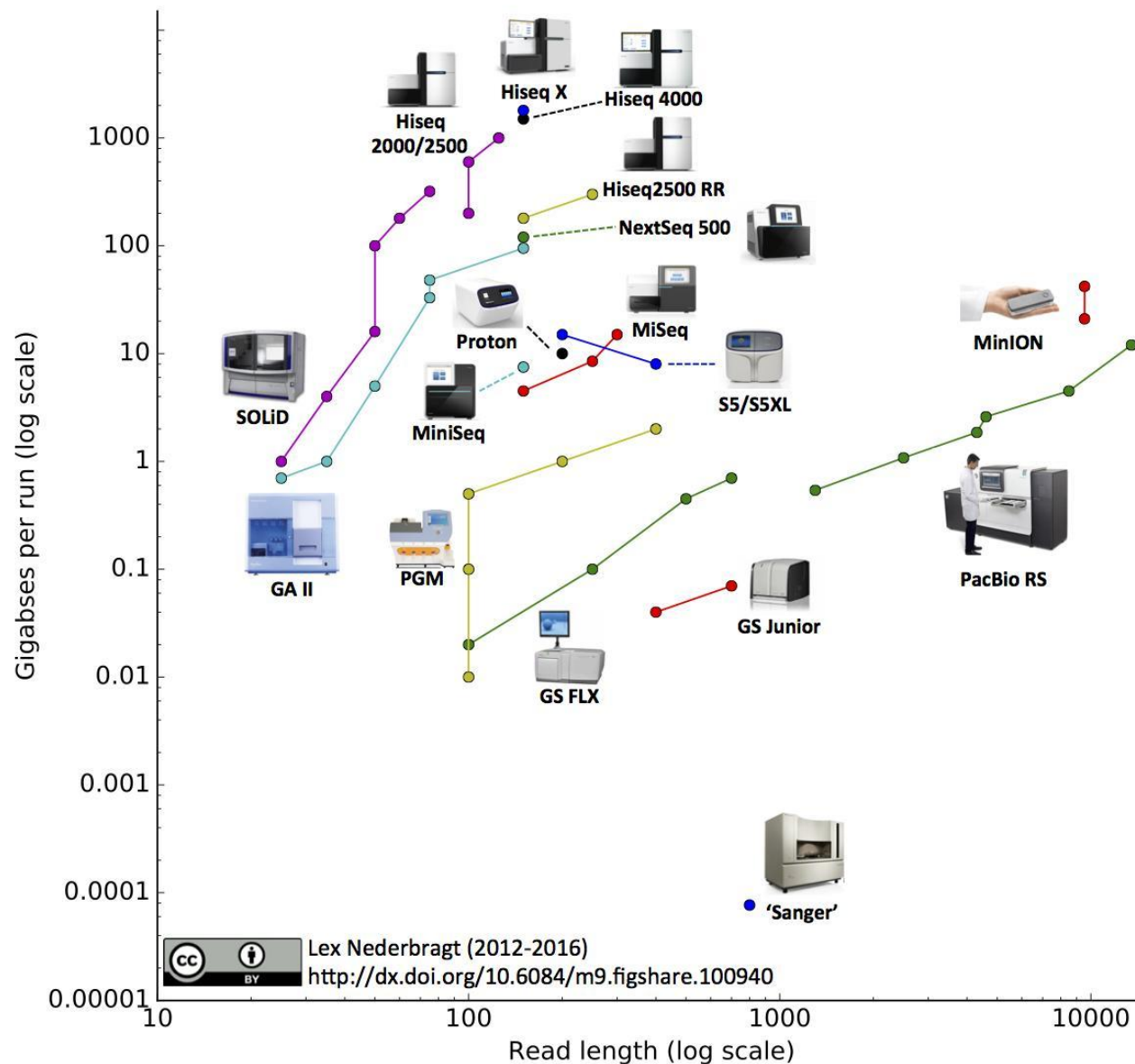
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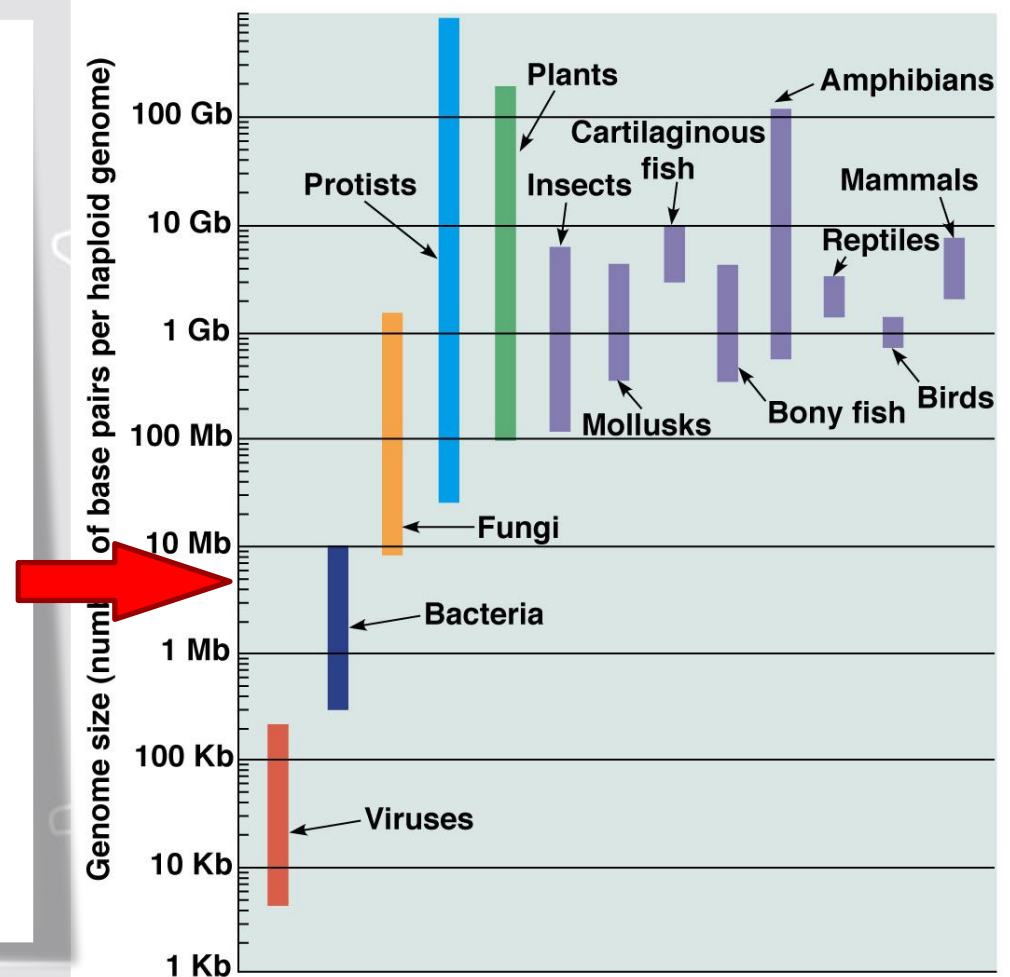
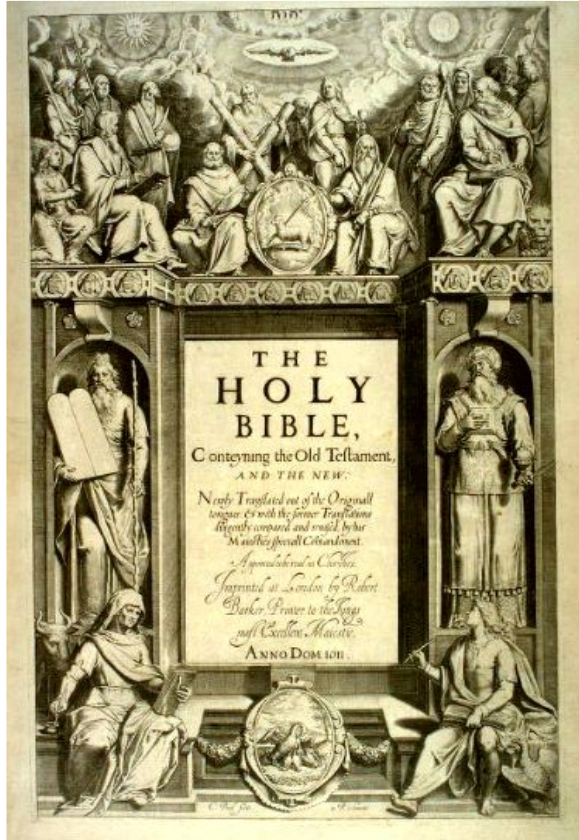
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**It's a bit like trying to do the hardest jigsaw puzzle you can imagine!**

# New Sequencing technologies



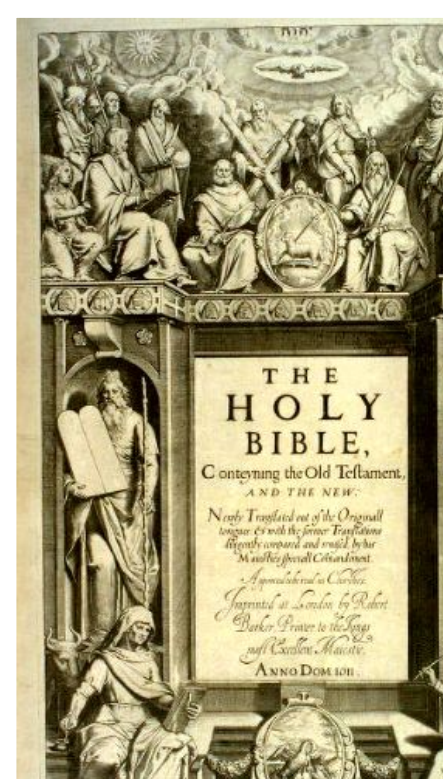
# Genome-size variation



The idea behind it



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# Next Generation Sequencing

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The Holy Bible: c. 3.5 million characters (excl. spaces)  
x 500,000 (!)



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GAATTCTTCAGGTAGCTTCCTAGGGTTTCCAAGGCAATACAA

AGGTAGCTTCCTAGGGTTTCCAAGGCAATACAAGAAGAATTTT

TTCTTCAGGTAGCTTCCTAGGGTTTCCAAGG

## Problem:

- numerous fragments of the same genomic region exist

## Benefit:

- numerous fragments of the same genomic region exist

Reference guided assembly (read mapping/resequencing)

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De-novo assembly

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## Single-End vs. Paired-End

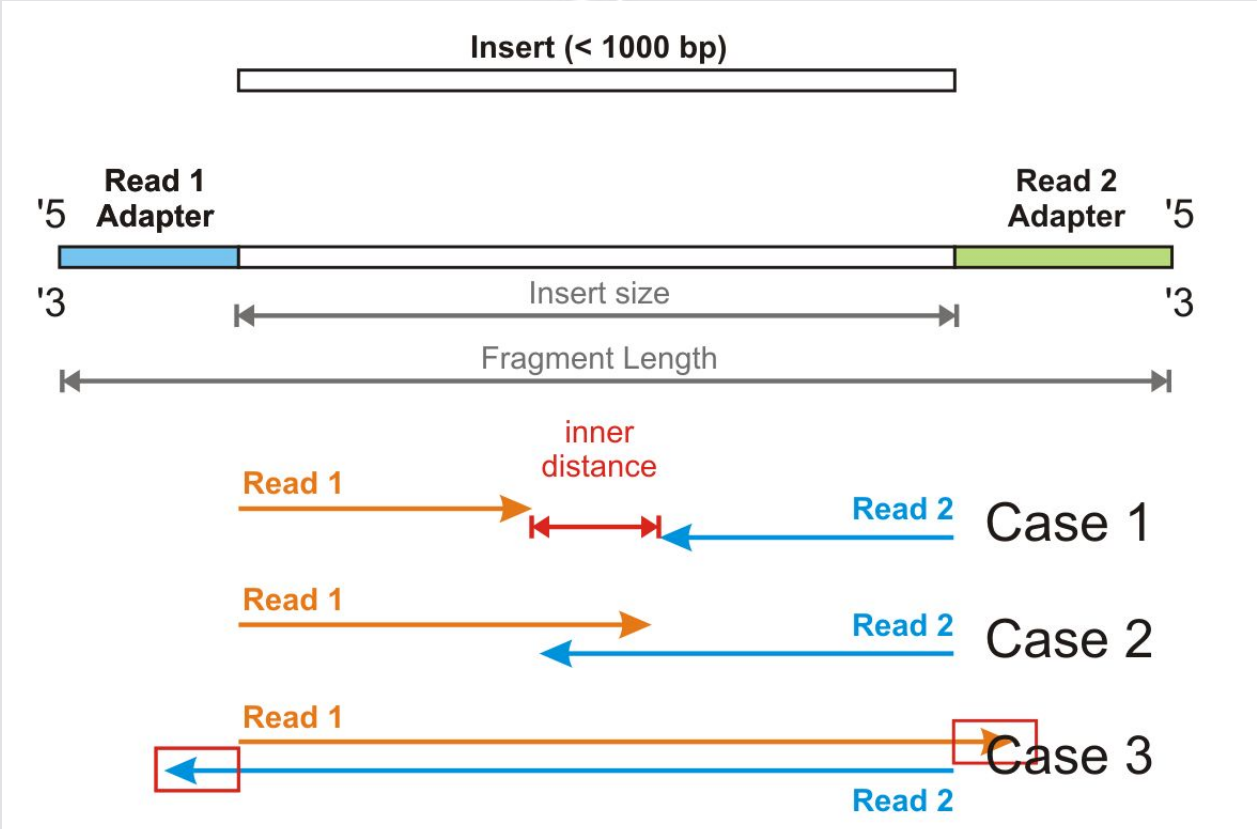
Figure 4. Paired-End Sequencing and Alignment

Read 1



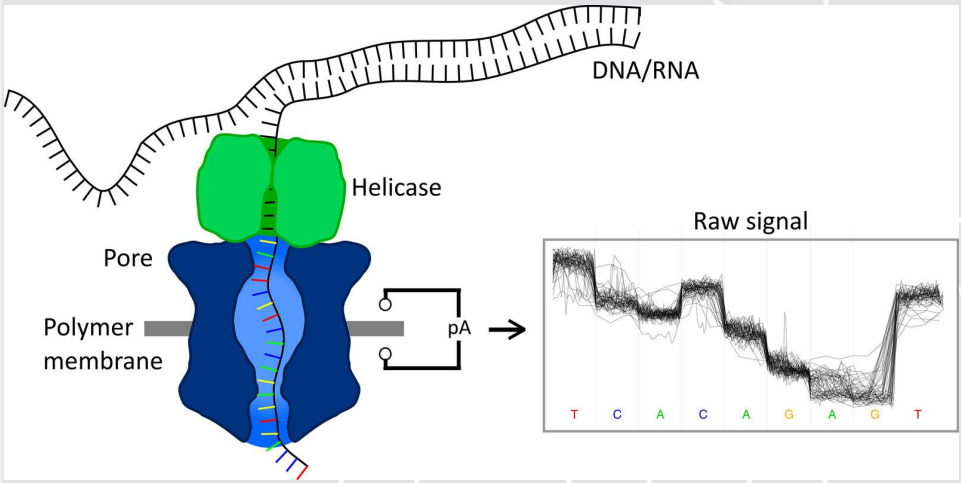
Paired-end sequencing enables both ends of the DNA fragment to be sequenced. Because the distance between each paired read is known, alignment algorithms can use this information to map the reads over repetitive regions more precisely. This results in much better alignment of the reads, especially across difficult-to-sequence, repetitive regions of the genome.

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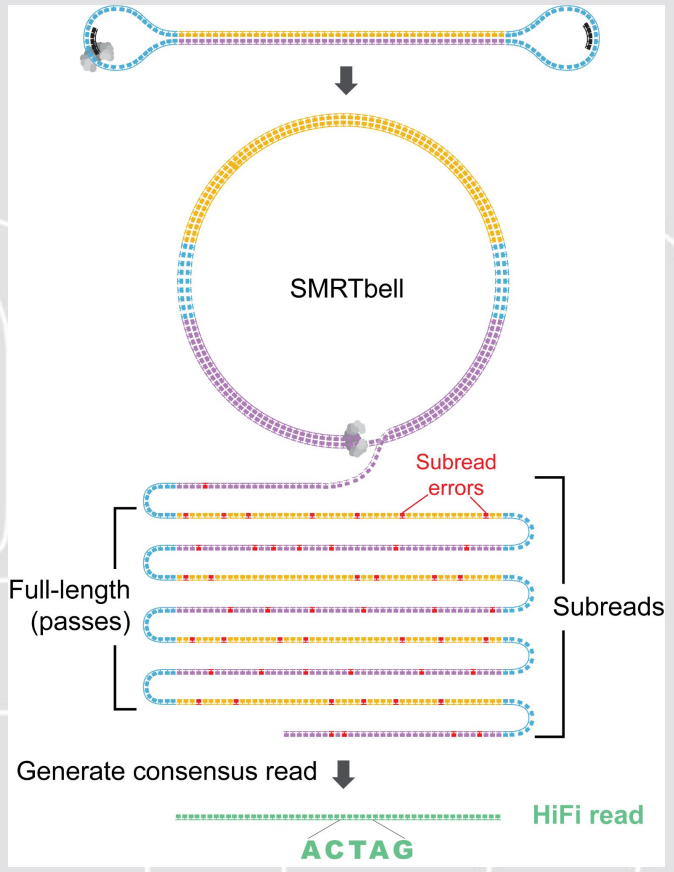


Single-End vs. Paired-End vs. **Single Molecule**

Oxford Nanopore

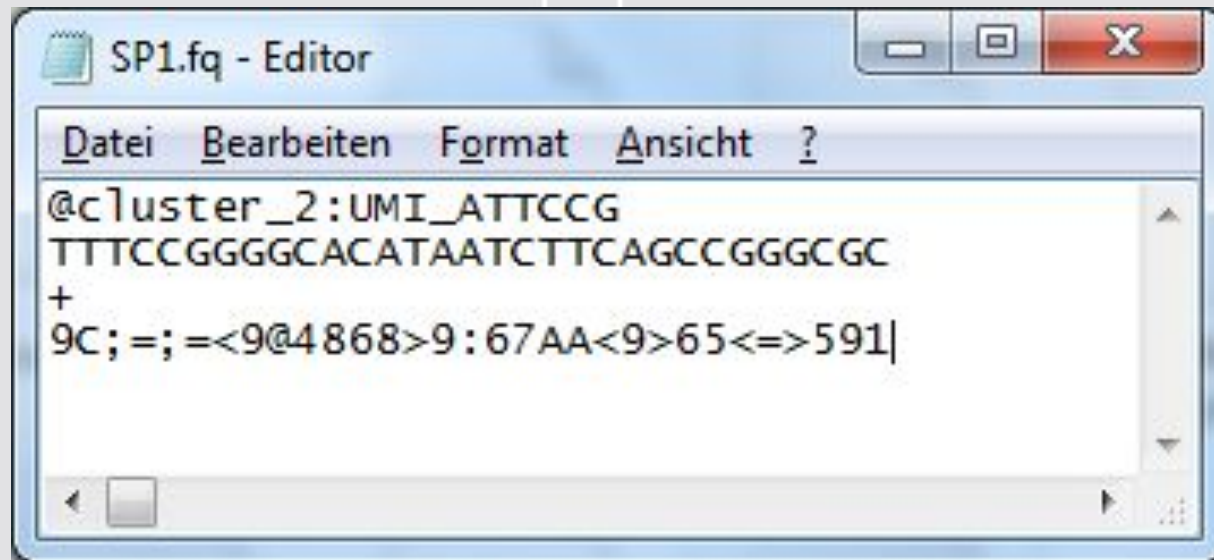


Pacific Biosciences



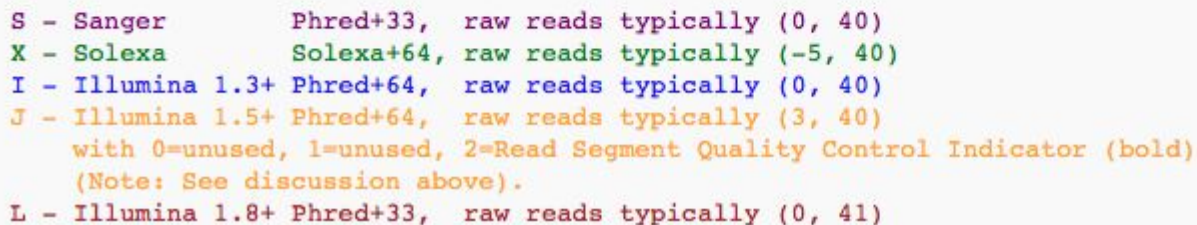
## Raw data

- (FASTA)
- FASTQ



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SP1.fq - Editor
Datei Bearbeiten Format Ansicht ?
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# Read Quality



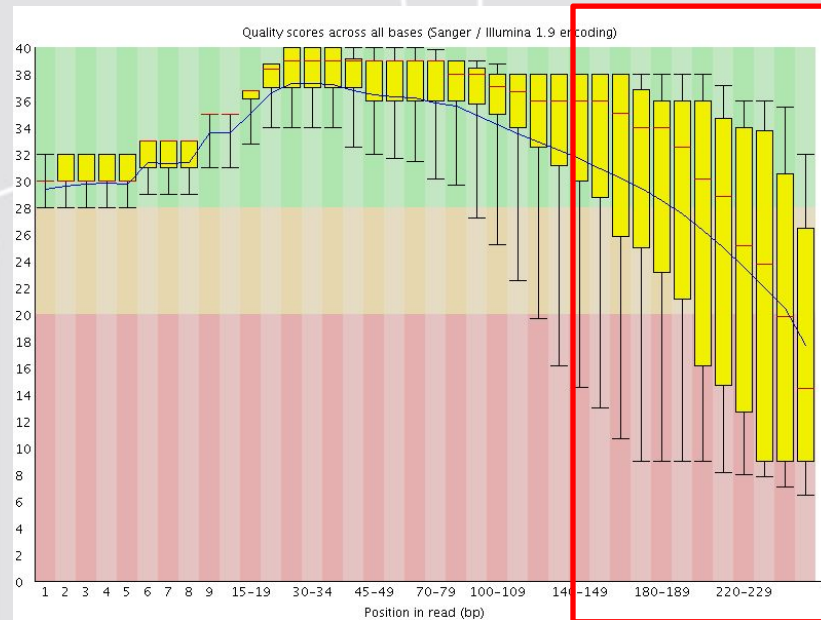
## Phred Quality Scores

**Table 1: Quality Scores and Base Calling Accuracy**

Phred Quality Score	Probability of Incorrect Base Call	Base Call Accuracy
10	1 in 10	90%
20	1 in 100	99%
30	1 in 1,000	99.9%
40	1 in 10,000	99.99%
50	1 in 100,000	99.999%

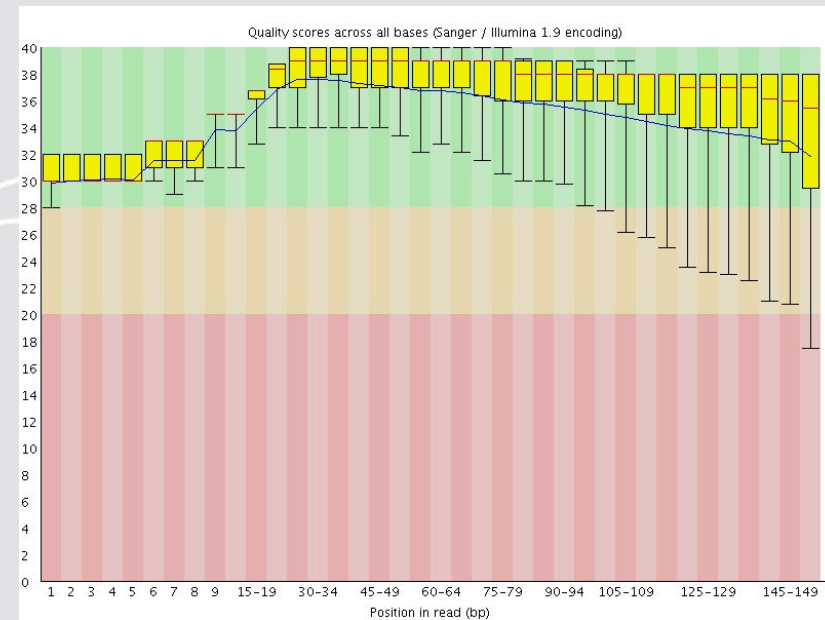
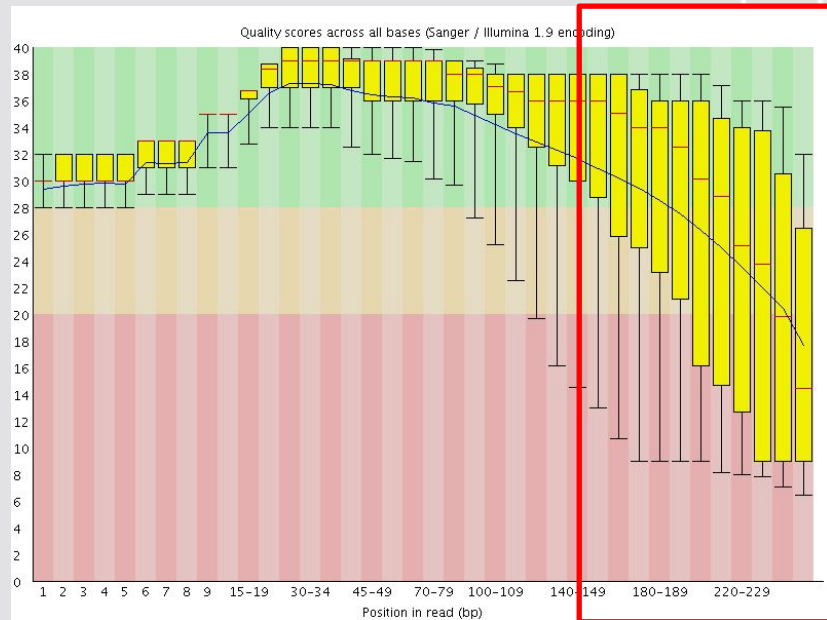
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150 bp □ 250 bp



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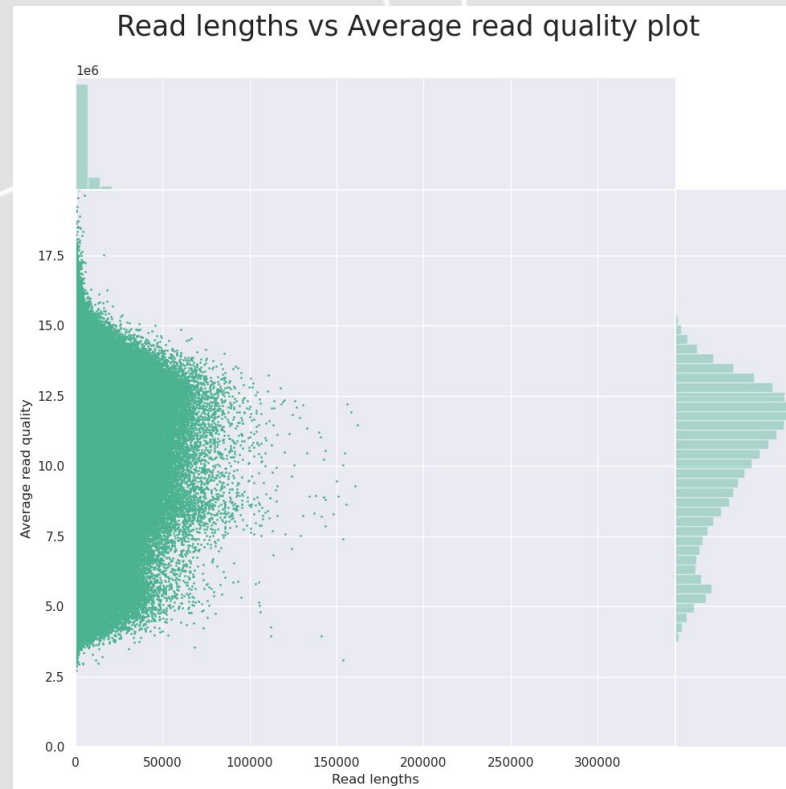
Quality trimming (removal of low qual bases; adapters)





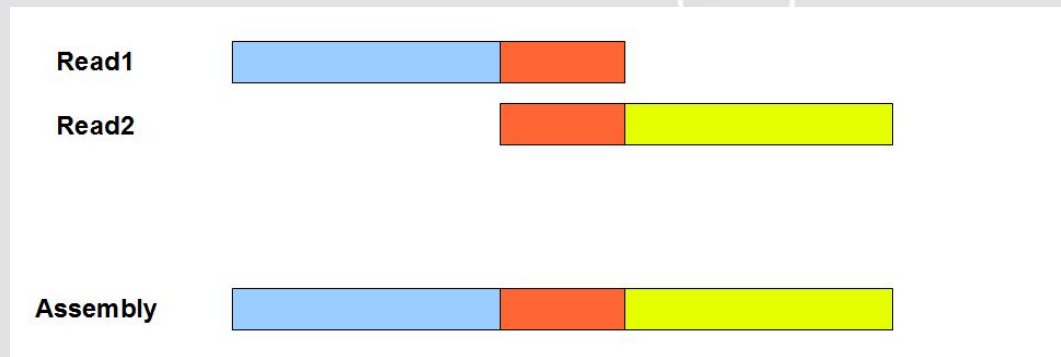
### Long reads

< 200,000bp



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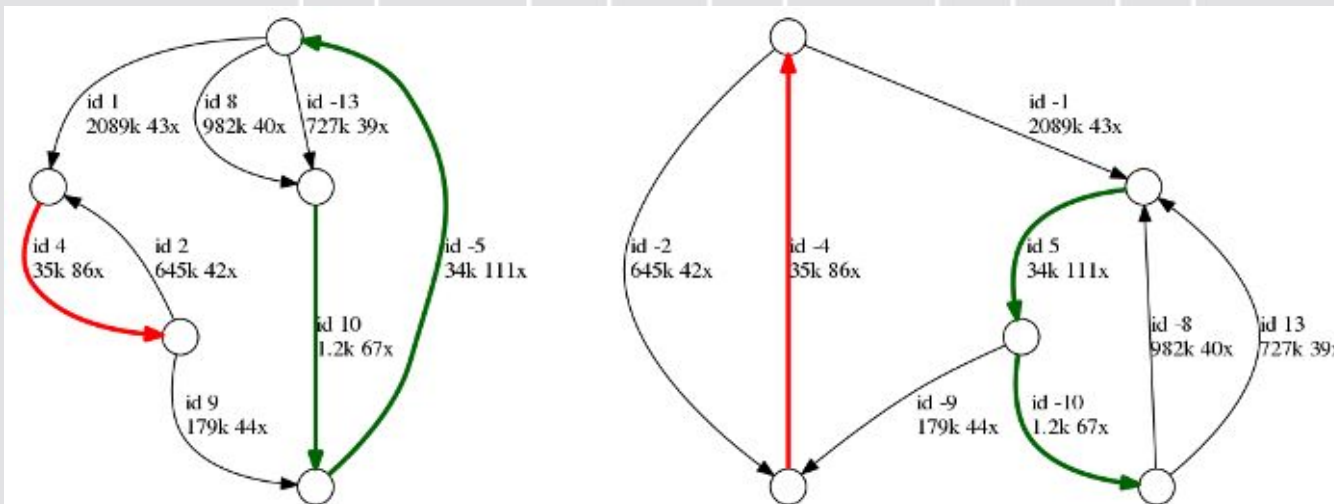
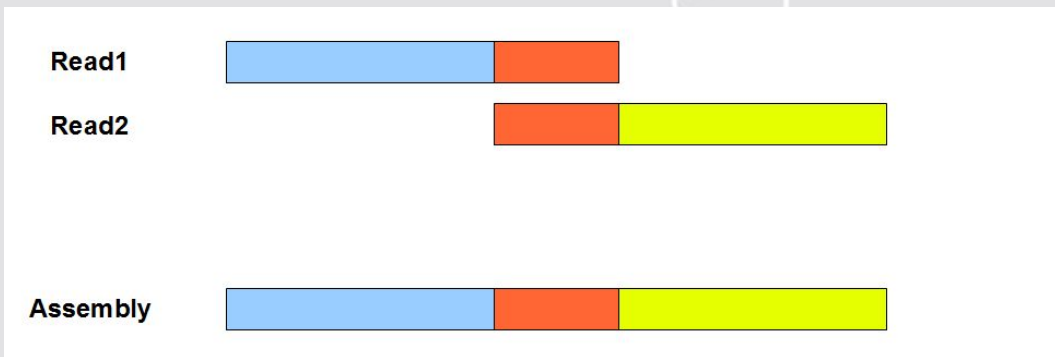
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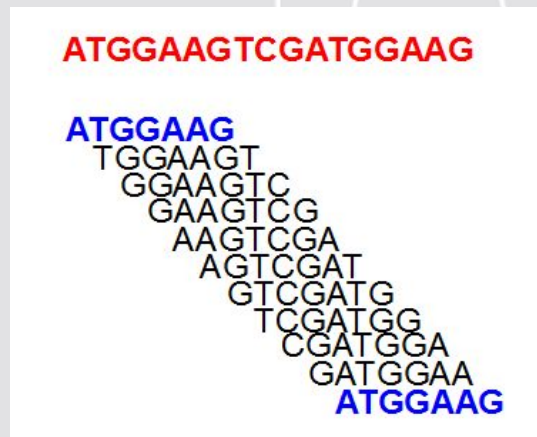


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### *K-mer*

The term k-mer refers to all the possible substrings of length k that are contained in a string



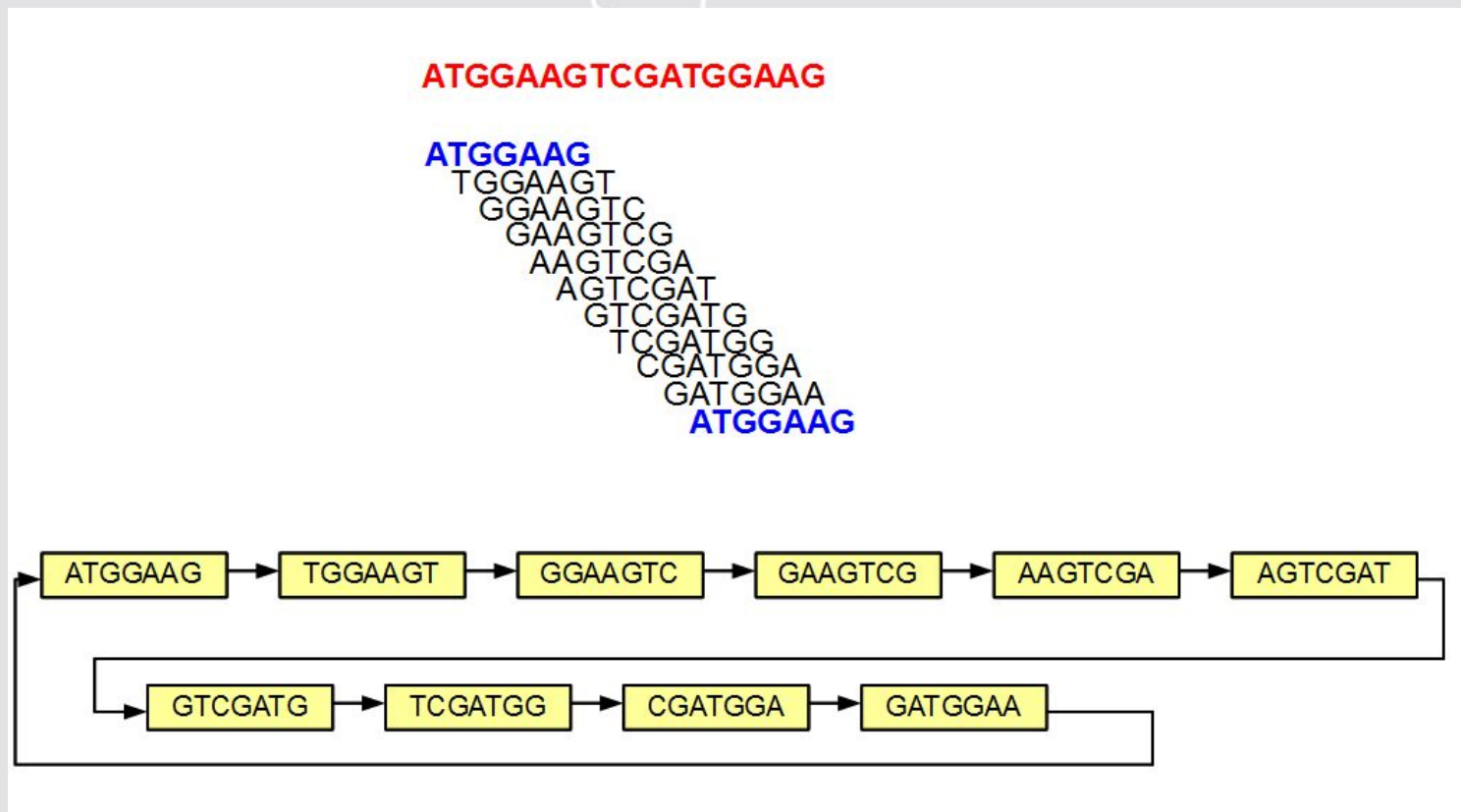
$$\# \text{ of overlapping k-mers} = s - k + 1$$

s = sequence length

k = k-mer length

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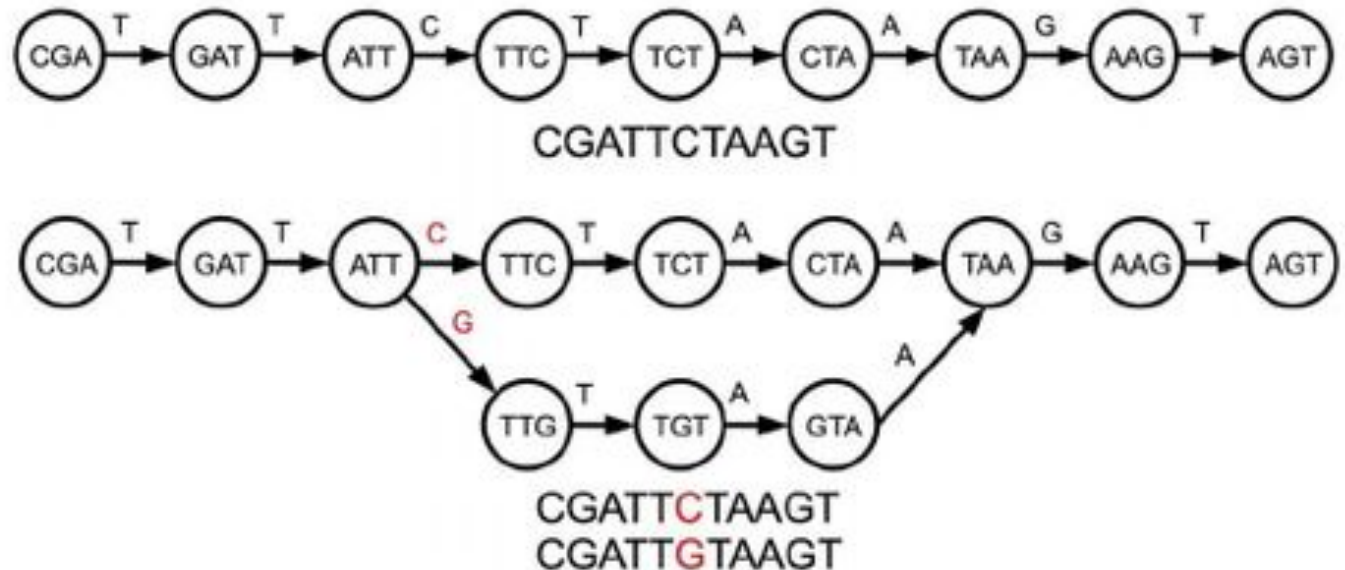
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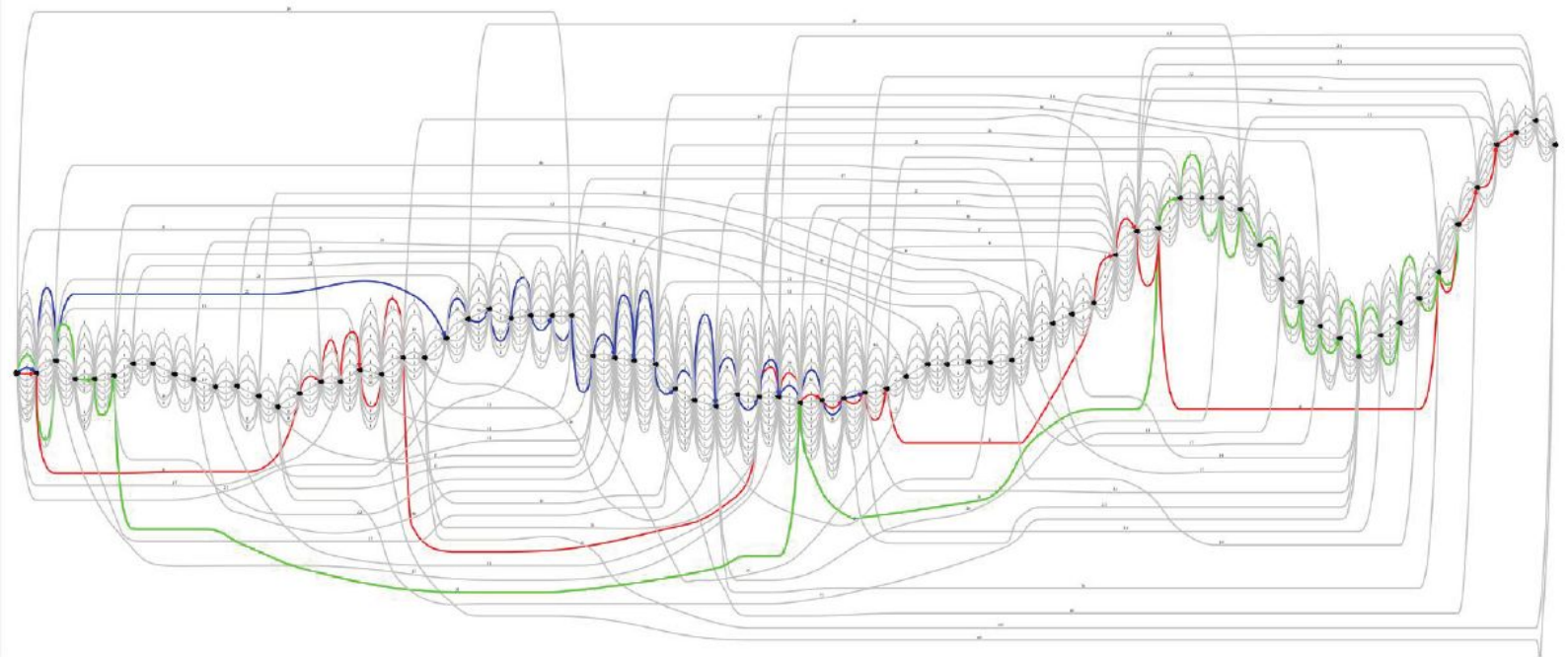
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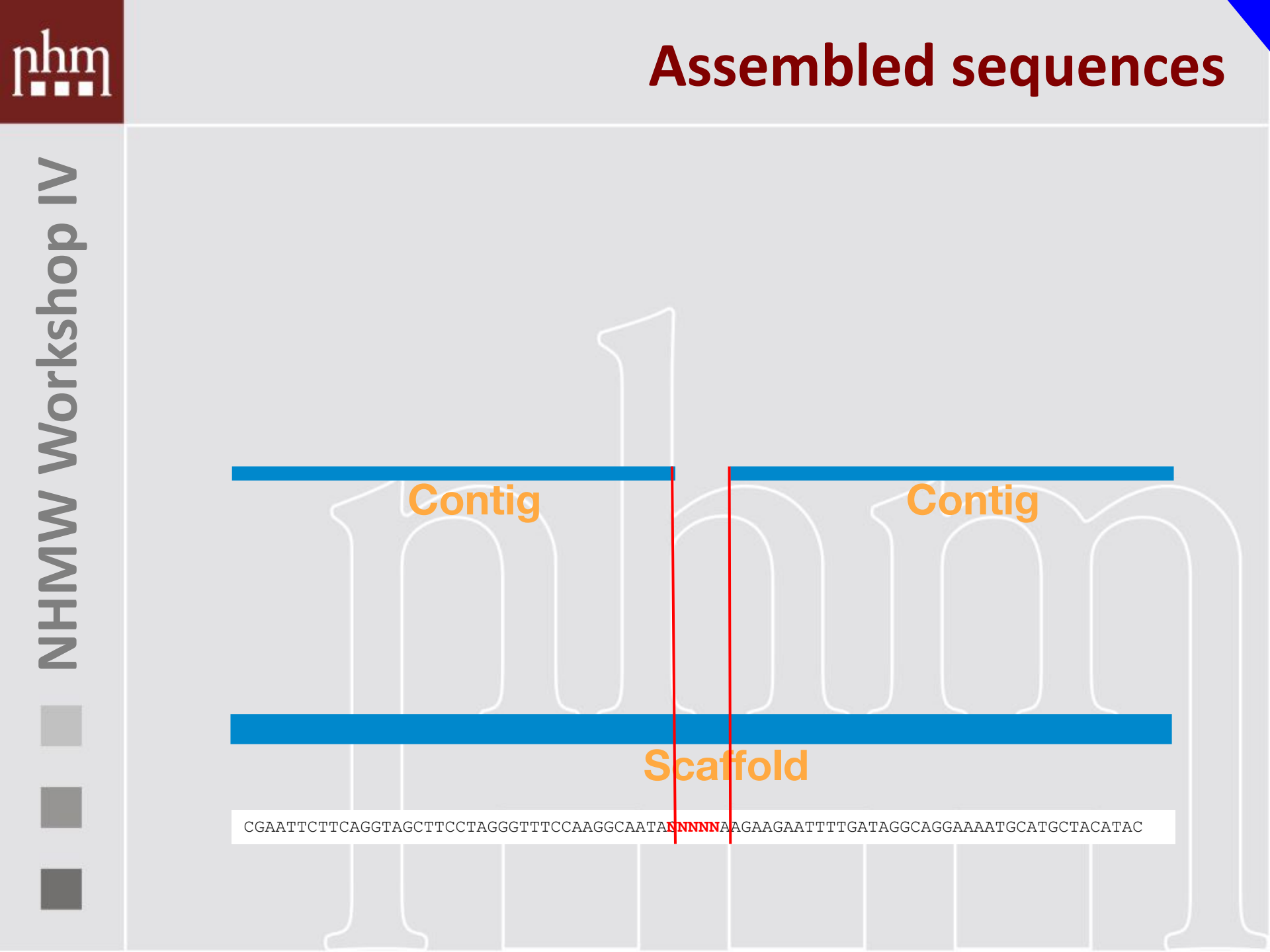
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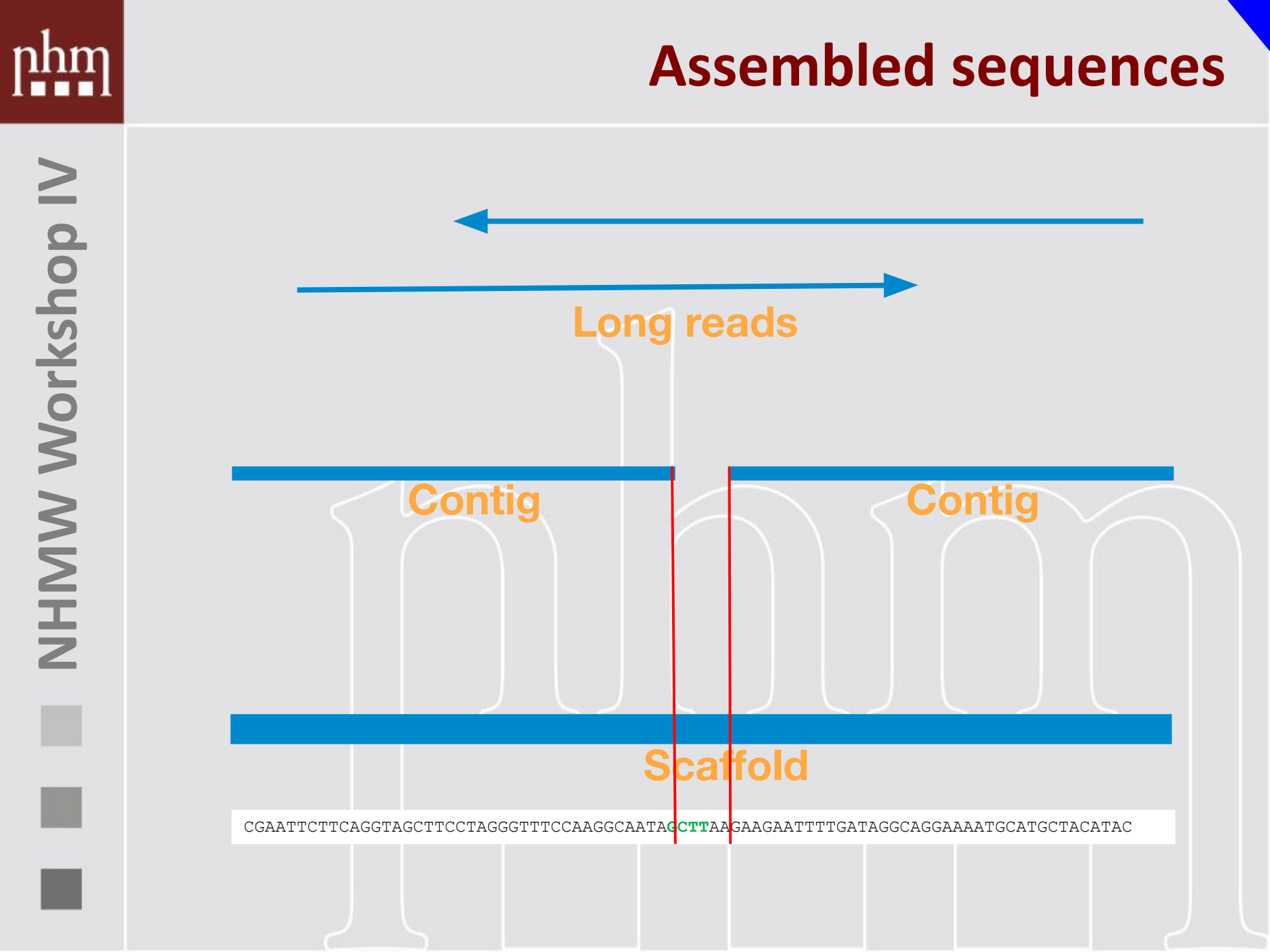


**Fig. S1.** A small subgraph of the A-Bruijn graph constructed from 76 (15,8)-mers appearing in segments of 55 reads covering a short 100-nucleotide region (starting at position 2,100,000 in *E. coli* genome). Three out of 55 read-paths are highlighted in blue, red, and green.



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## A relationship between k-mers and genome-size

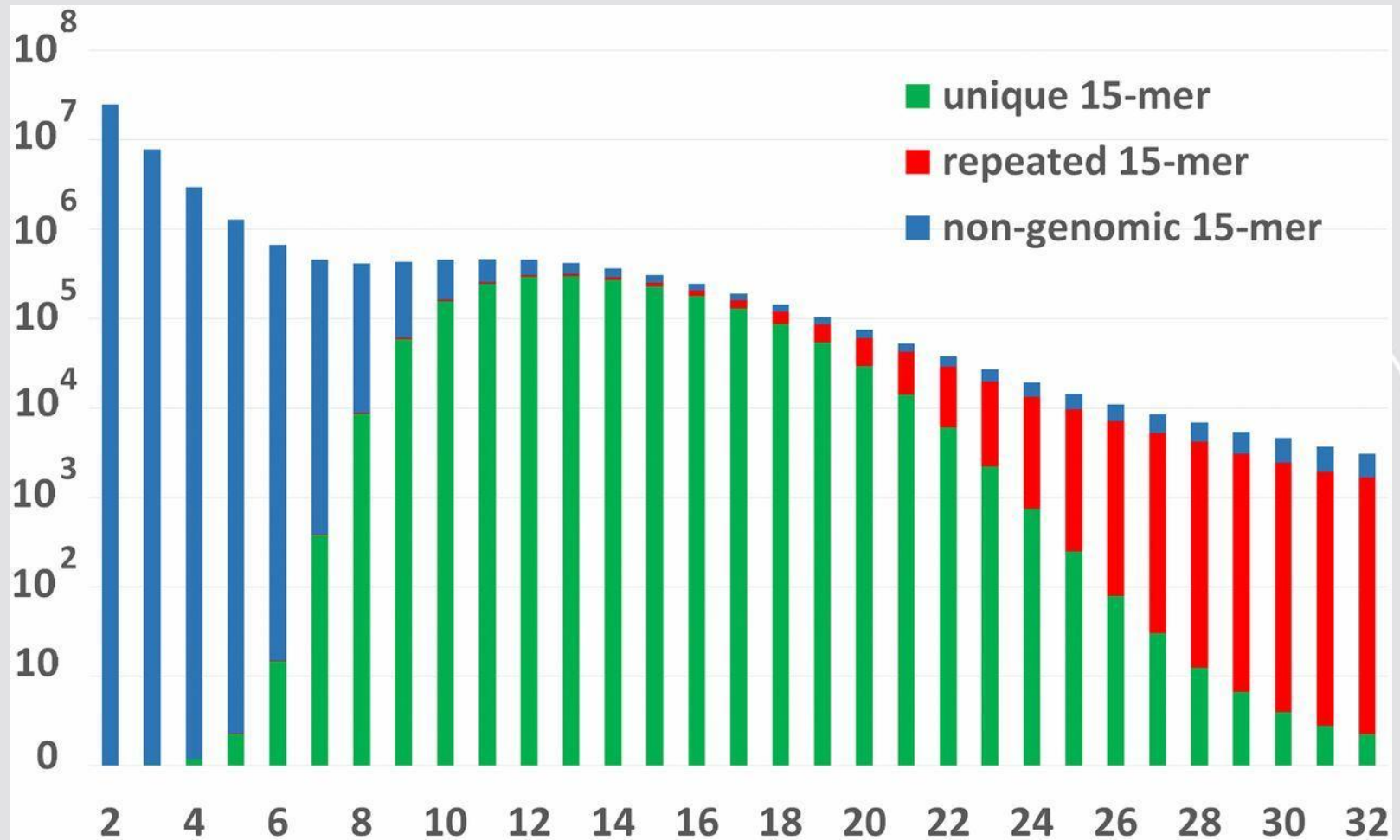
For sequences  $> 1\text{mb}$ :

$\# \text{ unique k-mers} \sim \text{sequence length}$

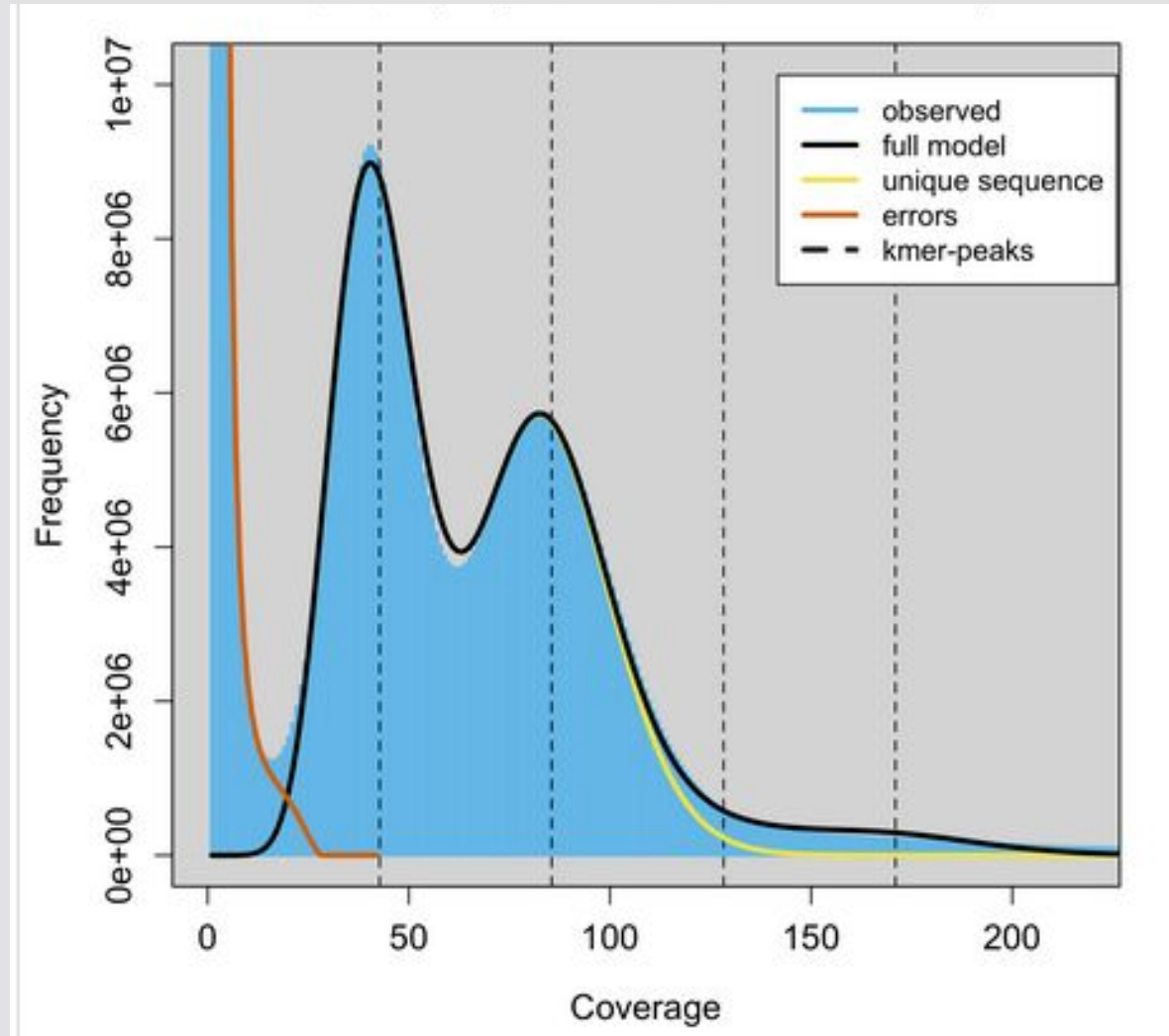
**$\text{Genomesize} \sim \# \text{unique k-mers} / \text{coverage}$**

**BUT, Read Error, Repeats & Heterozygosity!!**

## K-mer, Read Error, Repeats & Heterozygosity

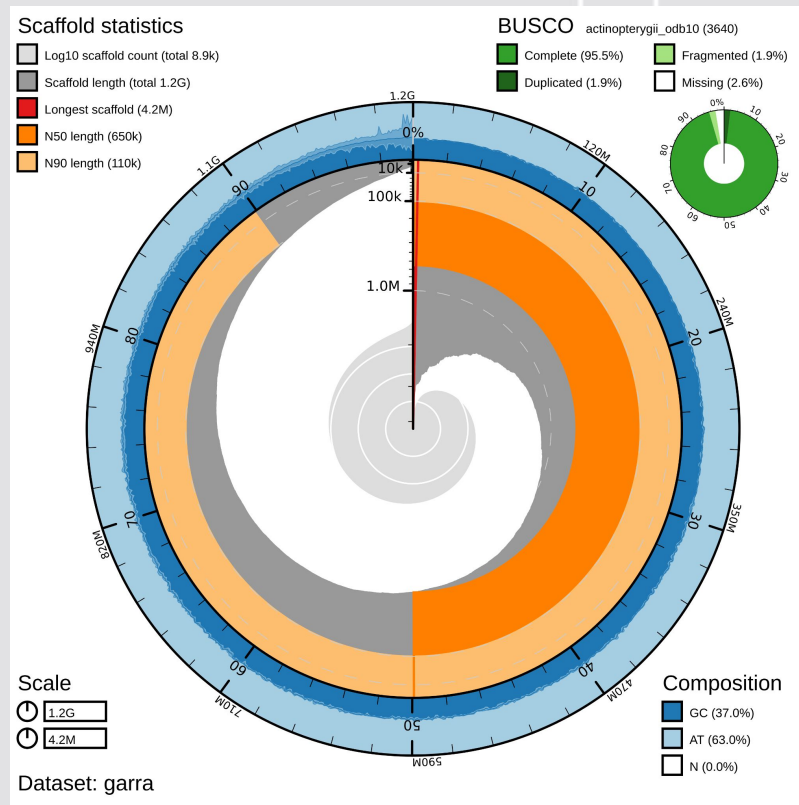


## Model-based estimate of genome-size with *Genomescope*



## Standard Metrics (QUAST):

- Longest Contig; longest Scaffold; N50; #contigs/scaffolds; (threshold)

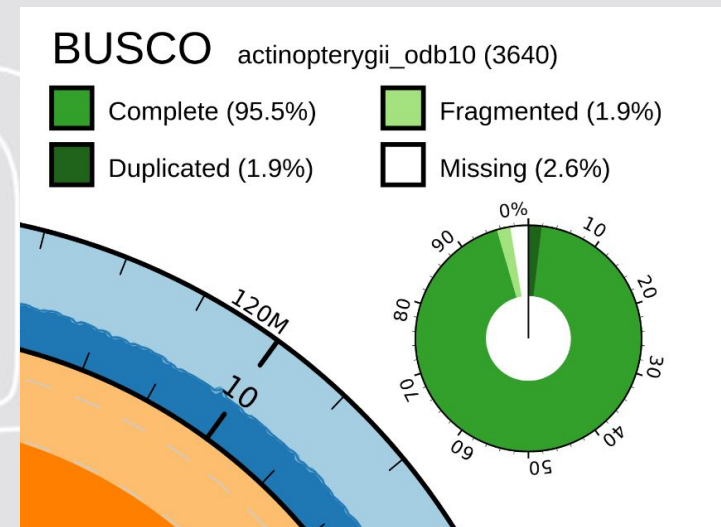
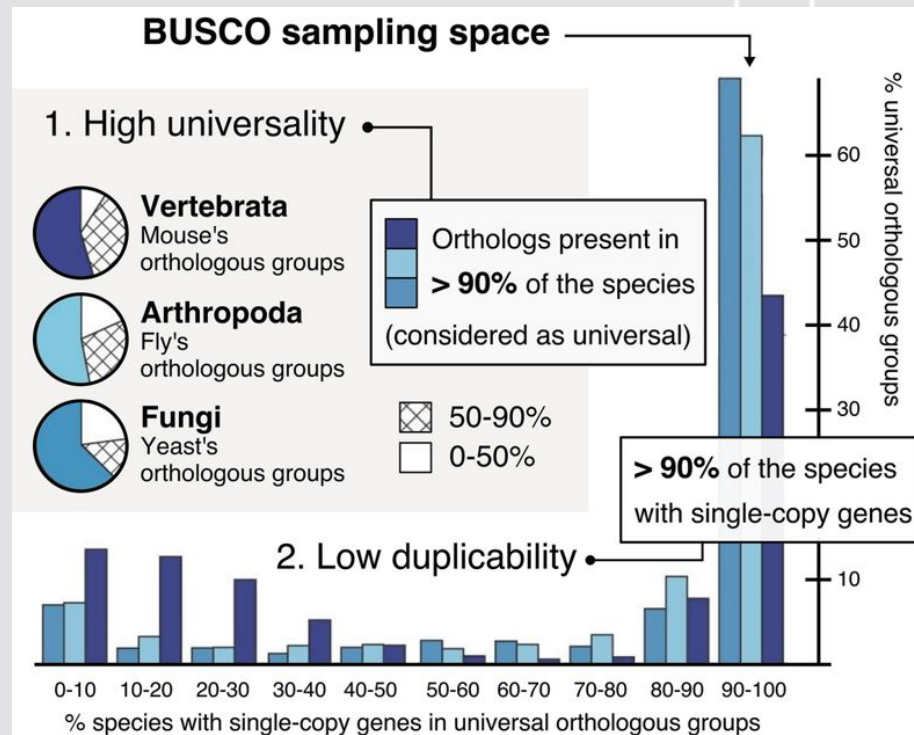


- light/dark blue: AT/GC content [%]
- light orange: N90 [y-axis: length]
- dark orange: N50 [y-axis: length]
- dark grey: [y-axis: scaffold lengths]
- light grey: [count of scaffolds]

# Assembly QC metrics

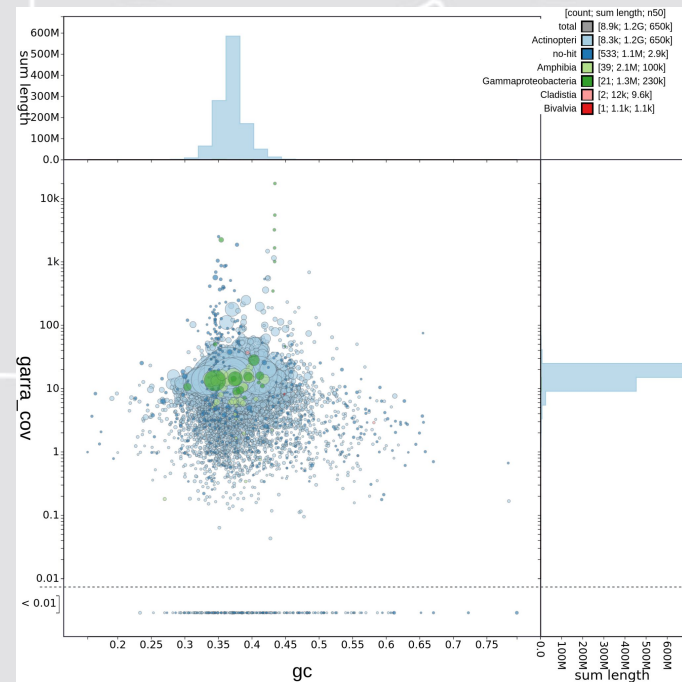
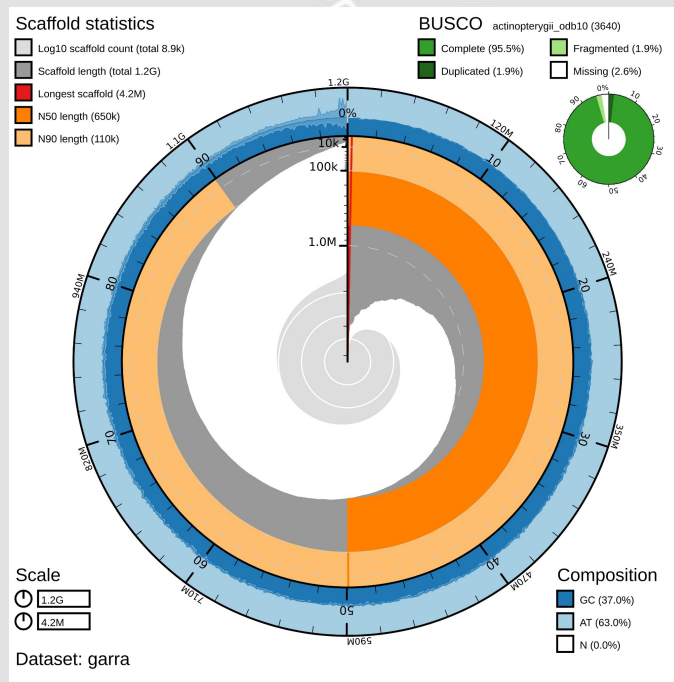
## Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologue (BUSCO)

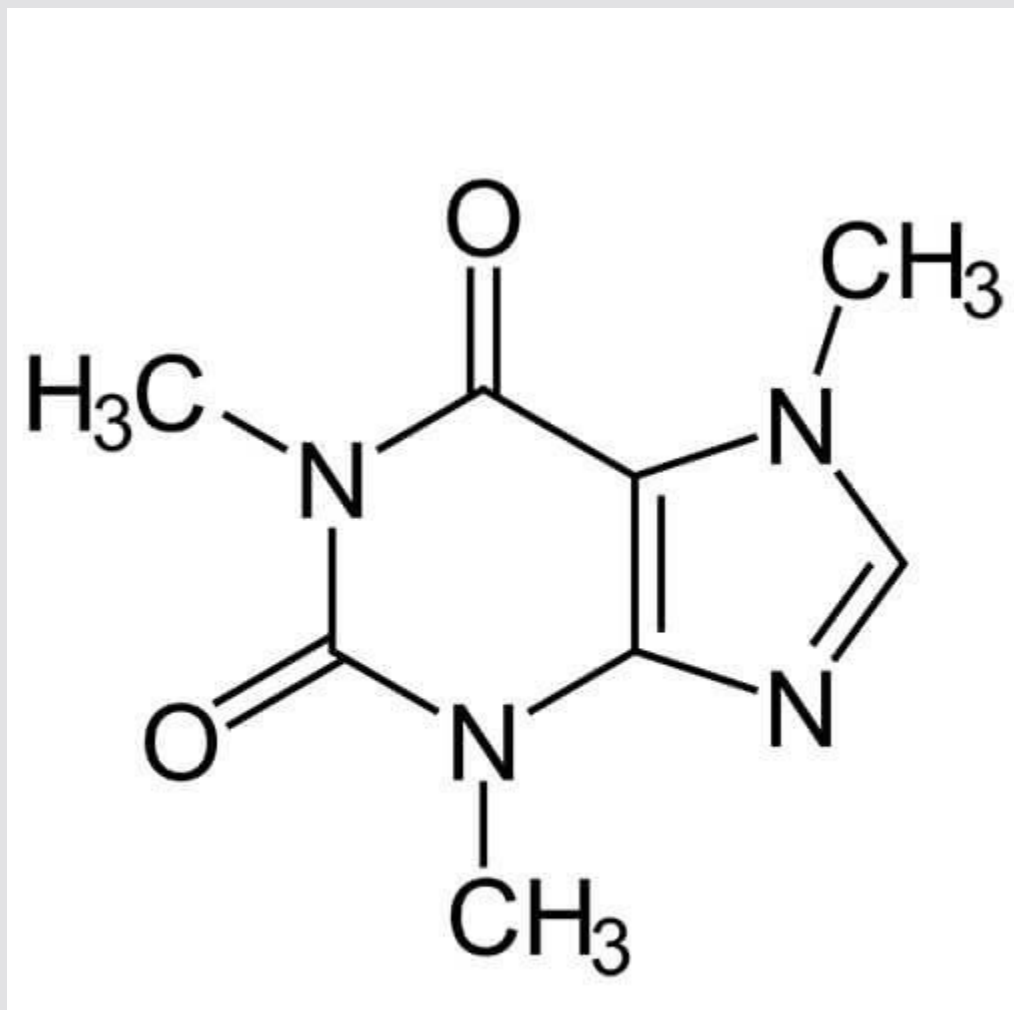
- Estimate assembly quality based on presence of conserved single copy genes.



# BLOBtools

- **Combines various assembly-QC analyses**
  - BLAST -> similarity of contigs to taxa
  - MAPPING -> coverage variation
  - BUSCO







## [https://github.com/nhmvienna/Workshop\\_IV\\_DeNovoAssembly](https://github.com/nhmvienna/Workshop_IV_DeNovoAssembly)

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### Workshop IV - De-novo assembly

- The slides to this Workshop can be found [here](#)
- The recordings of the Workshop can be found on the NHM intranet under `I:\Public\mkapun\FrontiersInMolecularSystematics\Workshop_IV_DeNovoAssembly`
- check out the [previous workshop](#) for instructions on how to work on the Phyloserver
- In your home directory on the server, clone this repository by typing the following command in your commandline

```
git clone https://github.com/nhmvienna/Workshop_IV_DeNovoAssembly
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- Then, follow the instruction in `shell/assembly_pipeline.sh`

For a fully automated Pipeline, see here: <https://github.com/nhmvienna/AutDeNovo>

