



NORWEGIAN SEQUENCING CENTRE

## PacBio long read sequencing

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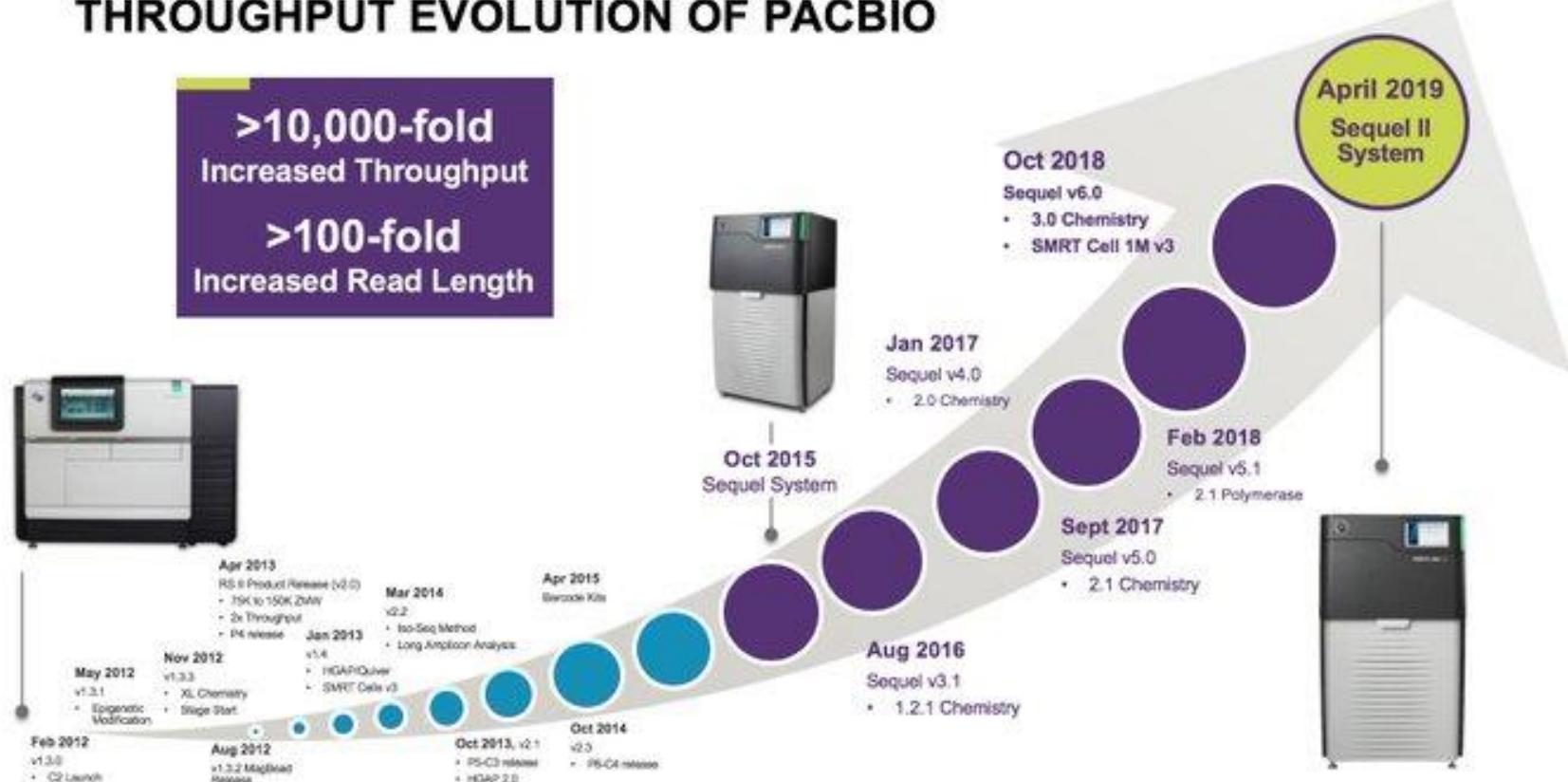


# PacBio sequencing since 2012



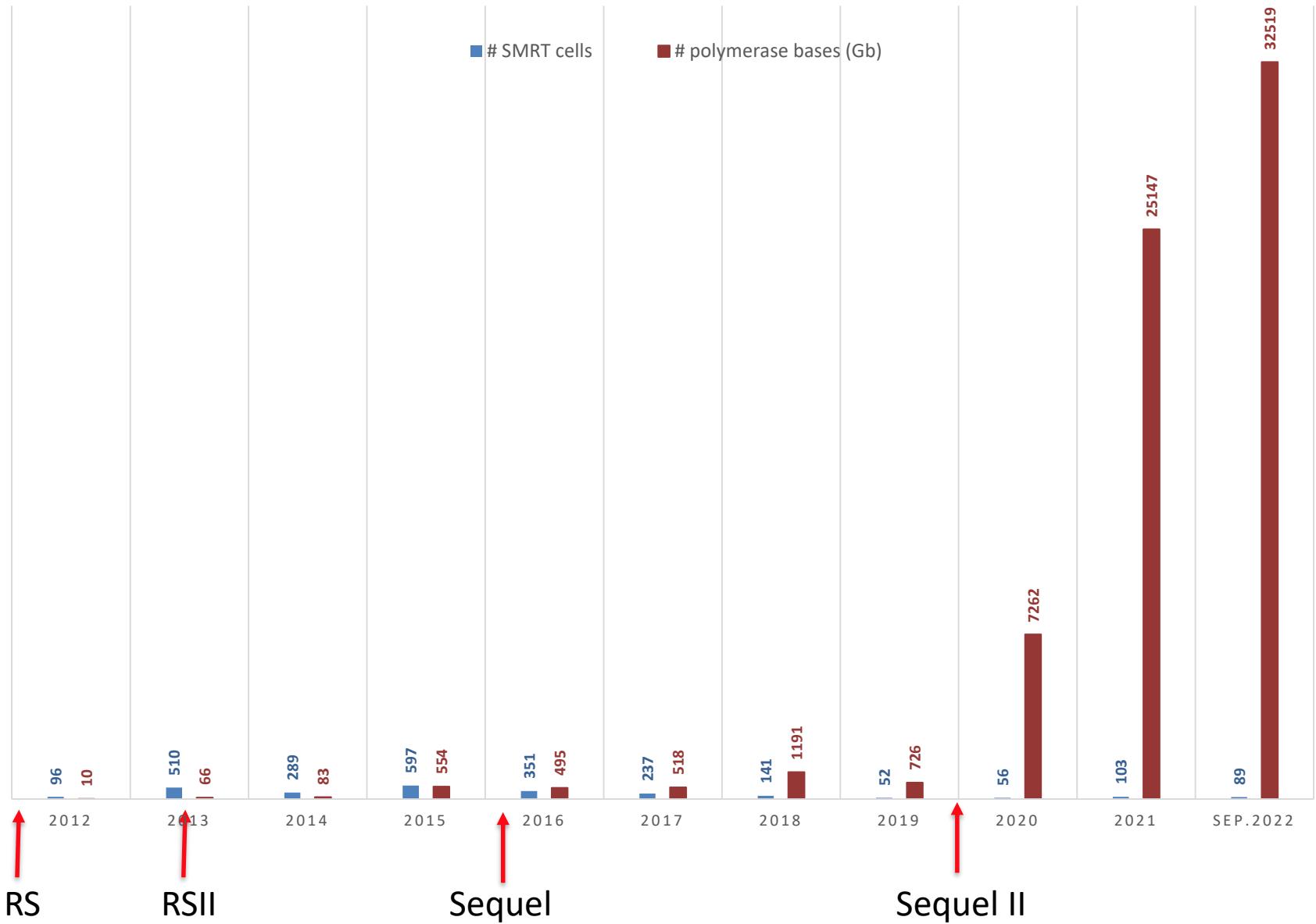
PACBIO®

## THROUGHPUT EVOLUTION OF PACBIO



Courtesy of Pacific Biosciences of California, Inc., Menlo Park, CA, USA

# Throughput evolution at NSC



# PacBio sequencing at NSC

2012 – Atlantic cod, fungi, bacteria

2013 – Atlantic cod, Atlantic salmon, fungi, bacteria

2014 – Northern pike, nine-spine stickleback, whale shark, Azara's night monkey, black tamarin, fungi, bacteria, amplicons

2015 – Atlantic cod, Arctic charr, banana, wrasse, coral, *Leishmania*, IsoSeq, amplicons, bacteria, sequence capture (gDNA, cod-fishes)

2016 – Lake whitefish, grayling, wrasse, raspberry, plaice, banana, bacteria, amplicon

2017 – Atlantic cod, coastal cod, polar cod, Arctic cod, capelin, bigeye tuna, sparrow, flatworms, pelagic tunicates (low DNA input), bacteria, yeast, amplicons

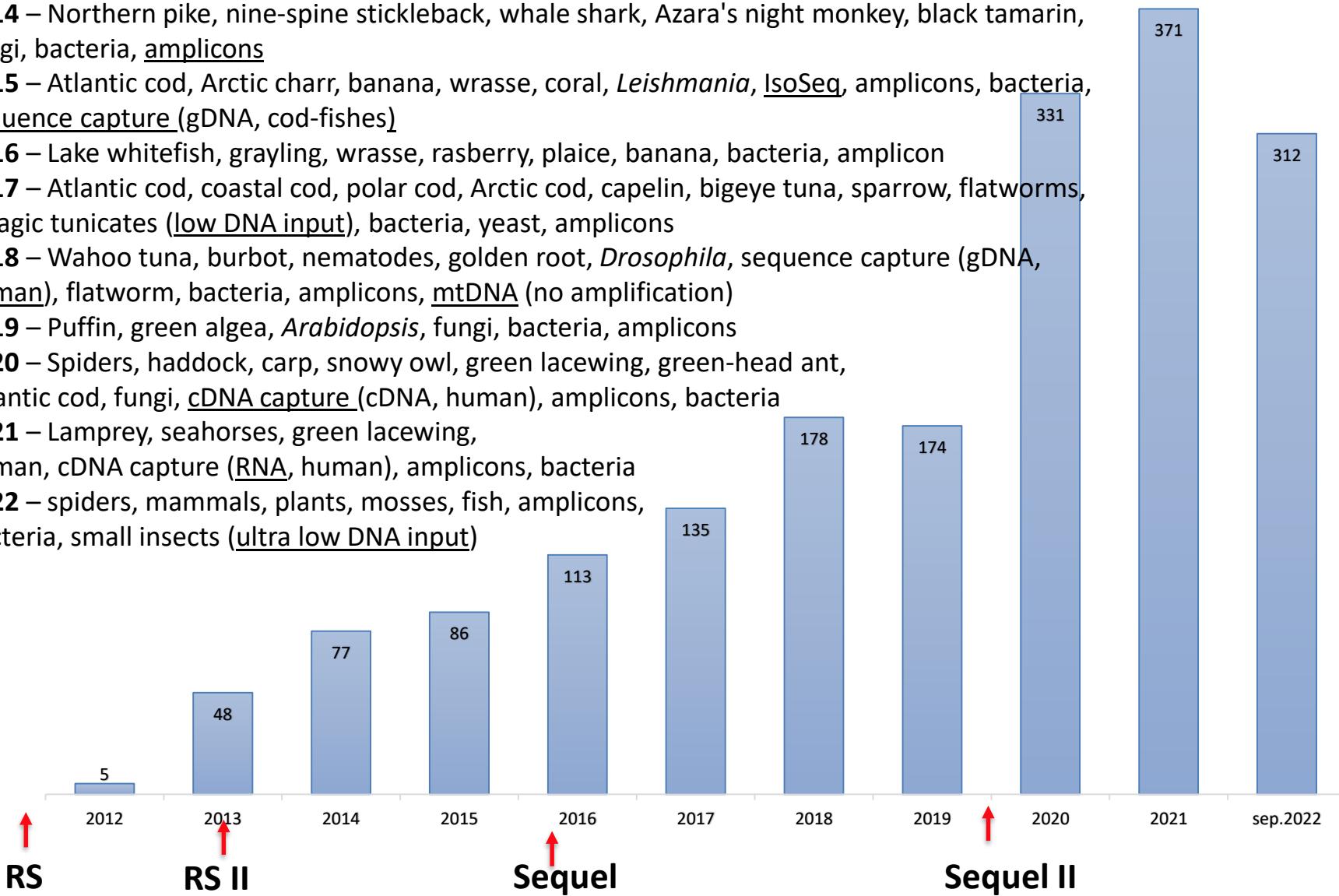
2018 – Wahoo tuna, burbot, nematodes, golden root, *Drosophila*, sequence capture (gDNA, human), flatworm, bacteria, amplicons, mtDNA (no amplification)

2019 – Puffin, green algea, *Arabidopsis*, fungi, bacteria, amplicons

2020 – Spiders, haddock, carp, snowy owl, green lacewing, green-head ant, Atlantic cod, fungi, cDNA capture (cDNA, human), amplicons, bacteria

2021 – Lamprey, seahorses, green lacewing, human, cDNA capture (RNA, human), amplicons, bacteria

2022 – spiders, mammals, plants, mosses, fish, amplicons, bacteria, small insects (ultra low DNA input)

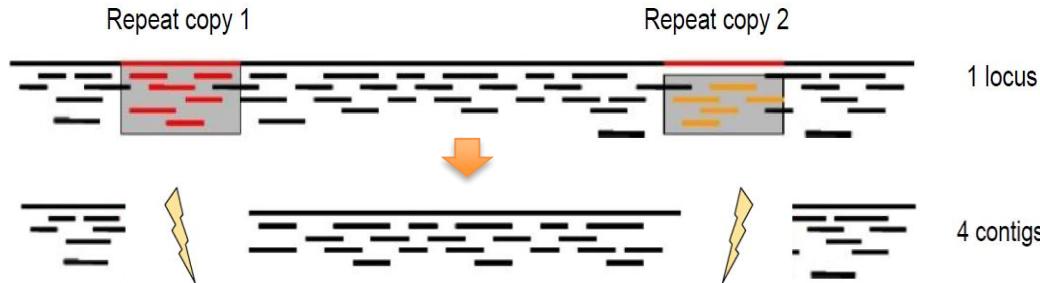


# Short read vs long read sequencing

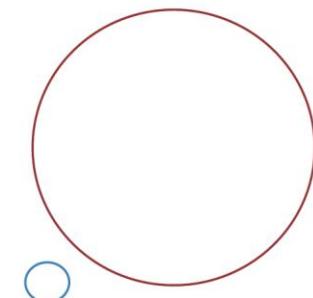
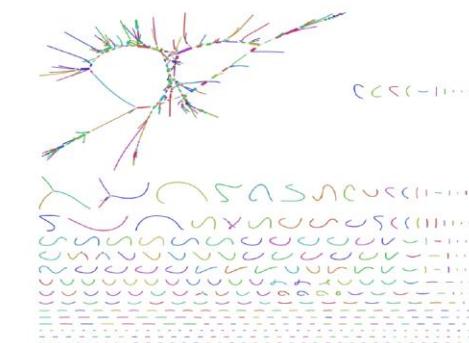
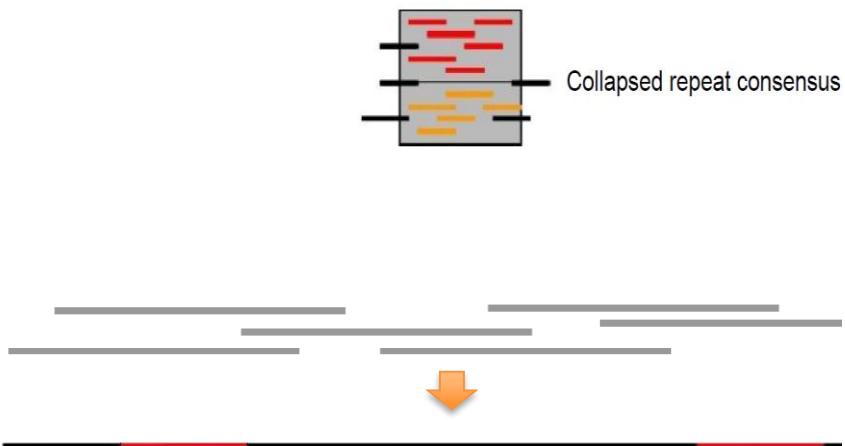
Short read sequencing	Long read sequencing
Amplification during sequencing	No amplification involved
High read accuracy	High consensus read accuracy
<b>DNA requirements</b>	
Works with almost any DNA sample	gDNA: pure HMW DNA needed
Fragmented DNA	DNA fragments at least 40-50 kb long
Low amount of DNA	High amount of DNA
	Low/Ultra-Low DNA input protocols available
<b>Per base price</b>	
Low	Medium/high

# Why long reads?

Long reads can span repeats



Complete genomes (small genomes)



Complete genomes (large genomes)

Contig Type	# Polished Contigs	Maximum Contig Length	N50 Contig Length	L50	Sum of Contig Lengths
Primary Contigs	698	29,198,342	12,301,043	20	684,461,580

# Draft vs reference quality genome



Type to search GoAT taxon index (e.g. Canidae) —

Rangifer tarandus

Include descendants  Off

include estimates  On

result columns

query builder

clear all

taxon record 9870

Rangifer tarandus (species)										9870
gc_percent	assembly_span	assembly_level	bioproject	biosample	contig_n50	assembly_date	scaffold_n50	nohit		
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Isolate: DF-B-001										
BioSample: SAMN07274499										
BioProject: PRJNA438286										
Submitter: Northwestern Polytechnical University										
Date: 2022/03/03										

## Lineage

Eukaryota Opisthokonta Metazoa Eumetazoa Bilateria Deuterostomia Chordata Craniata Vertebrata Gnathostomata Sarcopterygii Dipnotetrapodomorpha Tetrapoda Amniota Mammalia Theria Eutheria Boreoeutheria Laurasiatheria Al Cervidae Odocoileinae Rangifer

## Names

caribou - common name

Rangifer spitzbergensis - synonym

Rangifer tarar

Assembly level: Scaffold  
Genome representation: full  
GenBank assembly accession: GCA\_022457185.1 (latest)  
RefSeq assembly accession: n/a  
RefSeq assembly and GenBank assembly identical: n/a  
WGS Project: JAJJMQ01  
Assembly method: SOAPdenovo v. 2  
Expected final version: yes  
Genome coverage: 200.0x  
Sequencing technology: Illumina

# Draft vs reference quality genome II

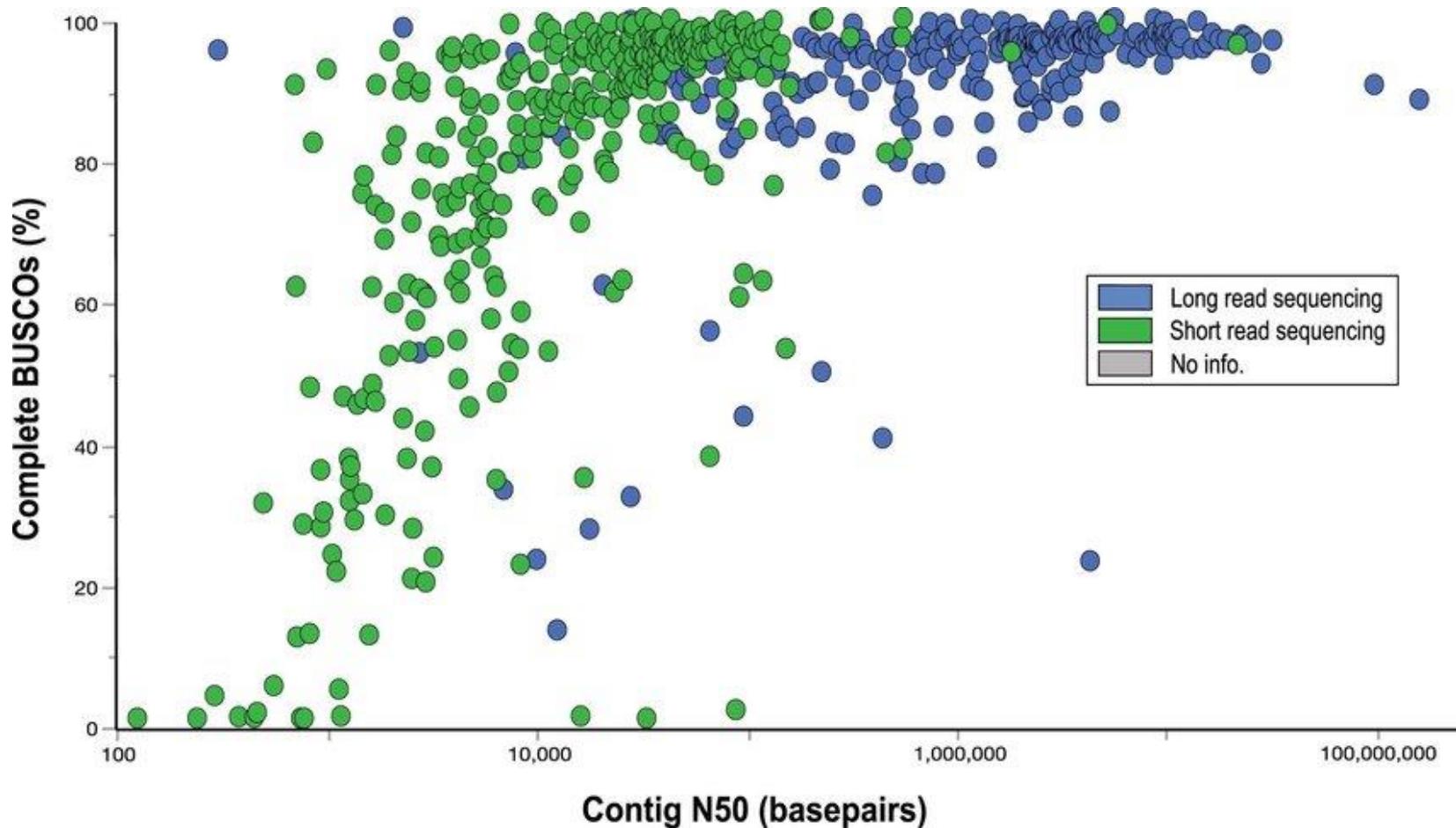
## EBP-Nor sequencing of reindeer from Svalbard:

- 30x PacBio HiFi reads
- 50x Arima Hi-C reads



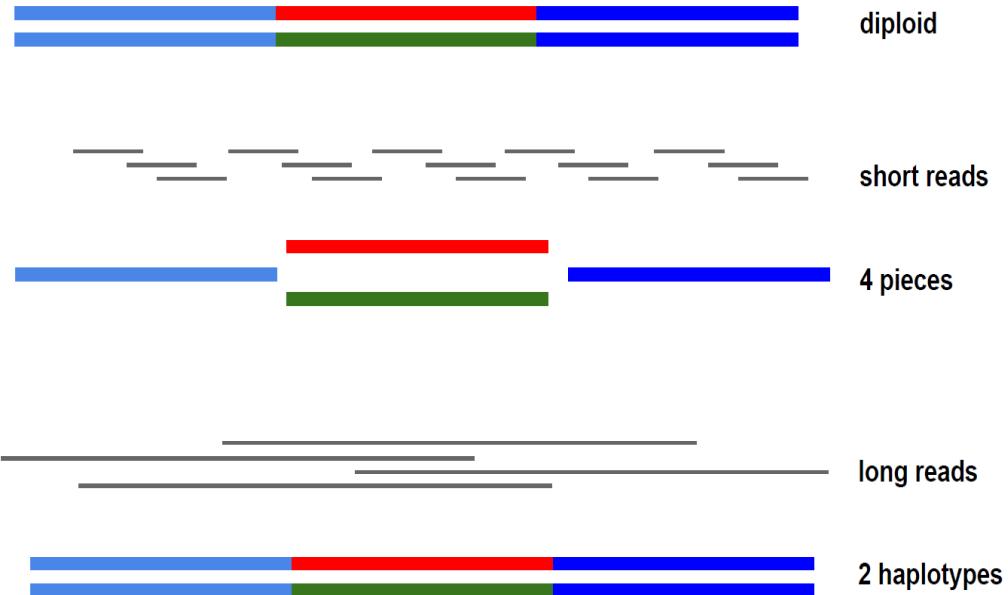
Assembly	Reinsdyr hap1 (incl X and Y chromosomes)	Reinsdyr hap2
# scaffolds	1395	1291
Total scaffold length:	2.97 Gb	2.82 Gb
Contig N50:	22.48 Mb	25.53 Mb
Scaffold N50:	69.83 Mb	64.92 Mb
Largest scaffold:	157.94 Mb	119.78 Mb
Scaffolds placed in chromosomes (%)	89.22%	82.25%
BUSCOs percentage complete	96.3%	94.1%
BUSCOs complete	8883	8686
BUSCOs single	8548	8381
BUSCOs duplicated	335	305
BUSCOs fragmented	89	81
BUSCOs missing	254	459
BUSCOs total	9226	9226

# Relationship between assembly contiguity and the percentage of complete BUSCOs

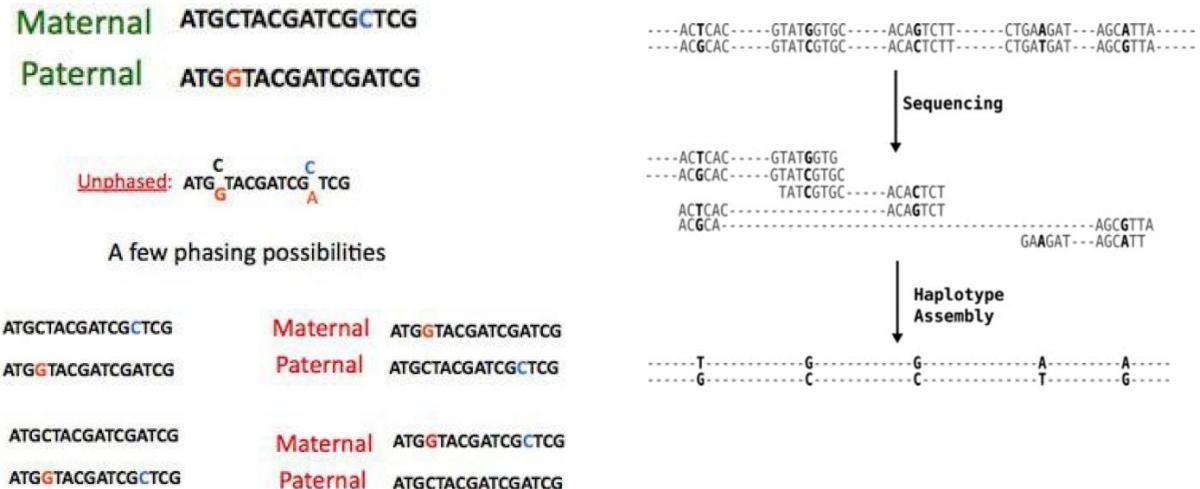


<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41477-021-01031-8>

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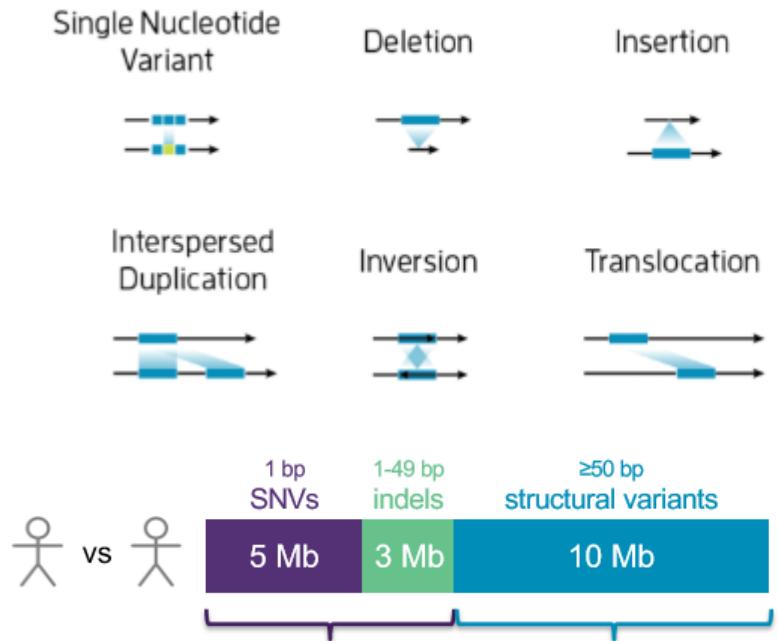
- **Genome assembly**



- **Shorter regions (for example HLA typing)**

# Why long reads?

## Structural variation – the missing heritability, not just SNVs



"Small variants":

- Single Nucleotide Variants (SNVs)
- Indels <50 bp

Structural Variants (SVs):

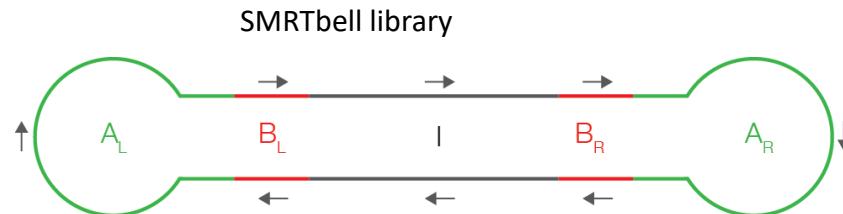
- Indels ≥50 bp
  - Duplications
  - Copy Number Variants (CNVs)
- Translocations
- Inversions



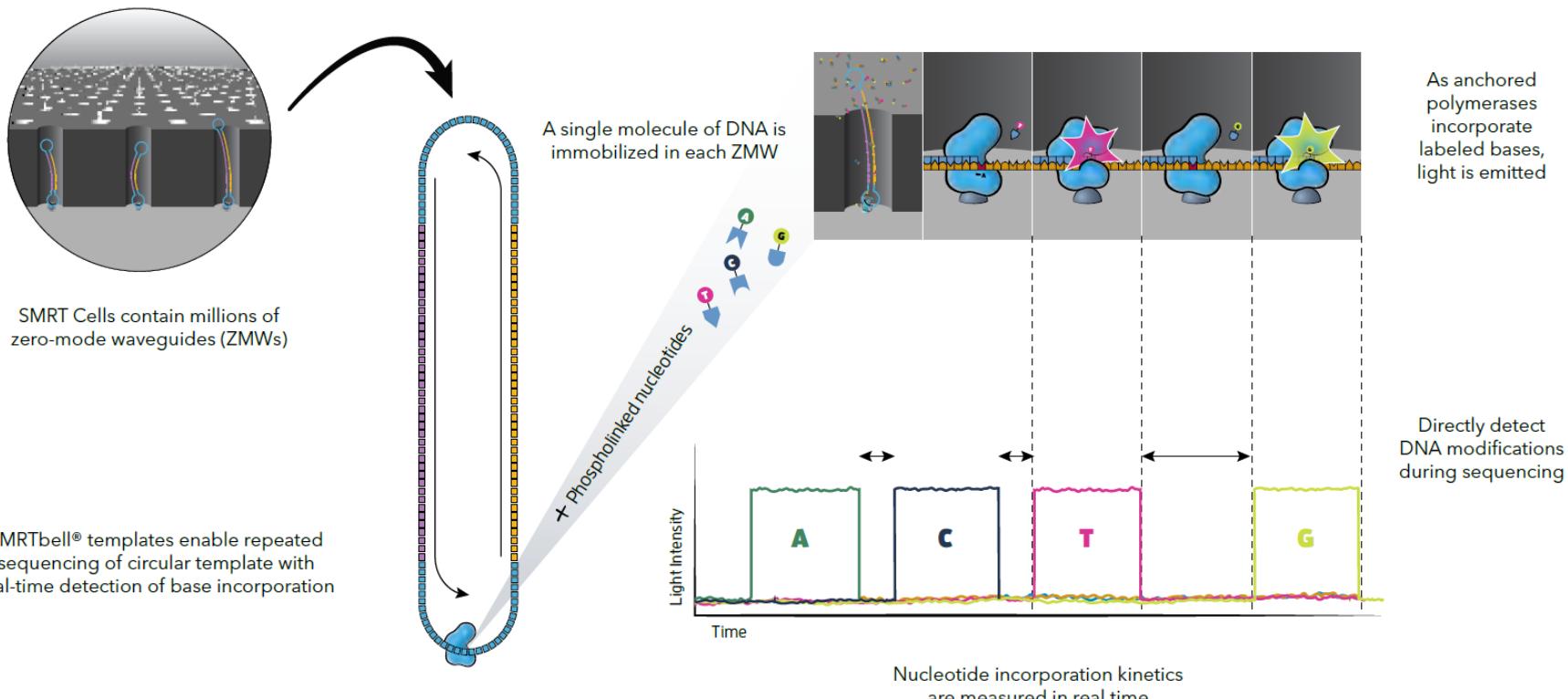
PacBio SMRT

1 bp SNVs	5 Mb	1-49 bp indels	3 Mb	≥50 bp structural variants	10 Mb
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# The PacBio sequencing technology



## How SMRT Sequencing Works



# Measuring DNA methylation

SMRTbell® library



Sequel® IIe system



5-base HiFi sequencing with A, C, G, T, +5mC



5mC encoded with standard BAM tags<sup>3</sup>

MM:Z:C+m,4,12,16,4,16,19,44,10

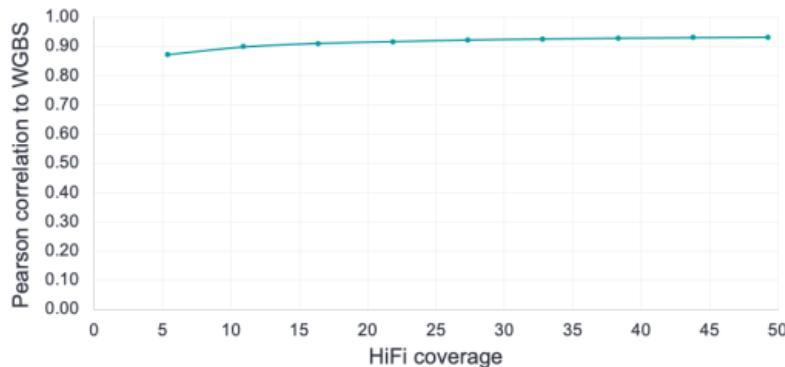
MLB:C,249,4,247,177,210,228,245,244

The Sequel IIe system directly outputs long, highly accurate HiFi reads with annotation of 5mC methylation at all CpG sites. No special library preparation like bisulfite treatment is required.



Nucleotide incorporation kinetics are measured in real time

## Coverage



Correlation of methylation calling in HiFi reads to whole-genome bisulfite sequencing (WGBS) of the human sample HG002.<sup>4,5,6</sup>

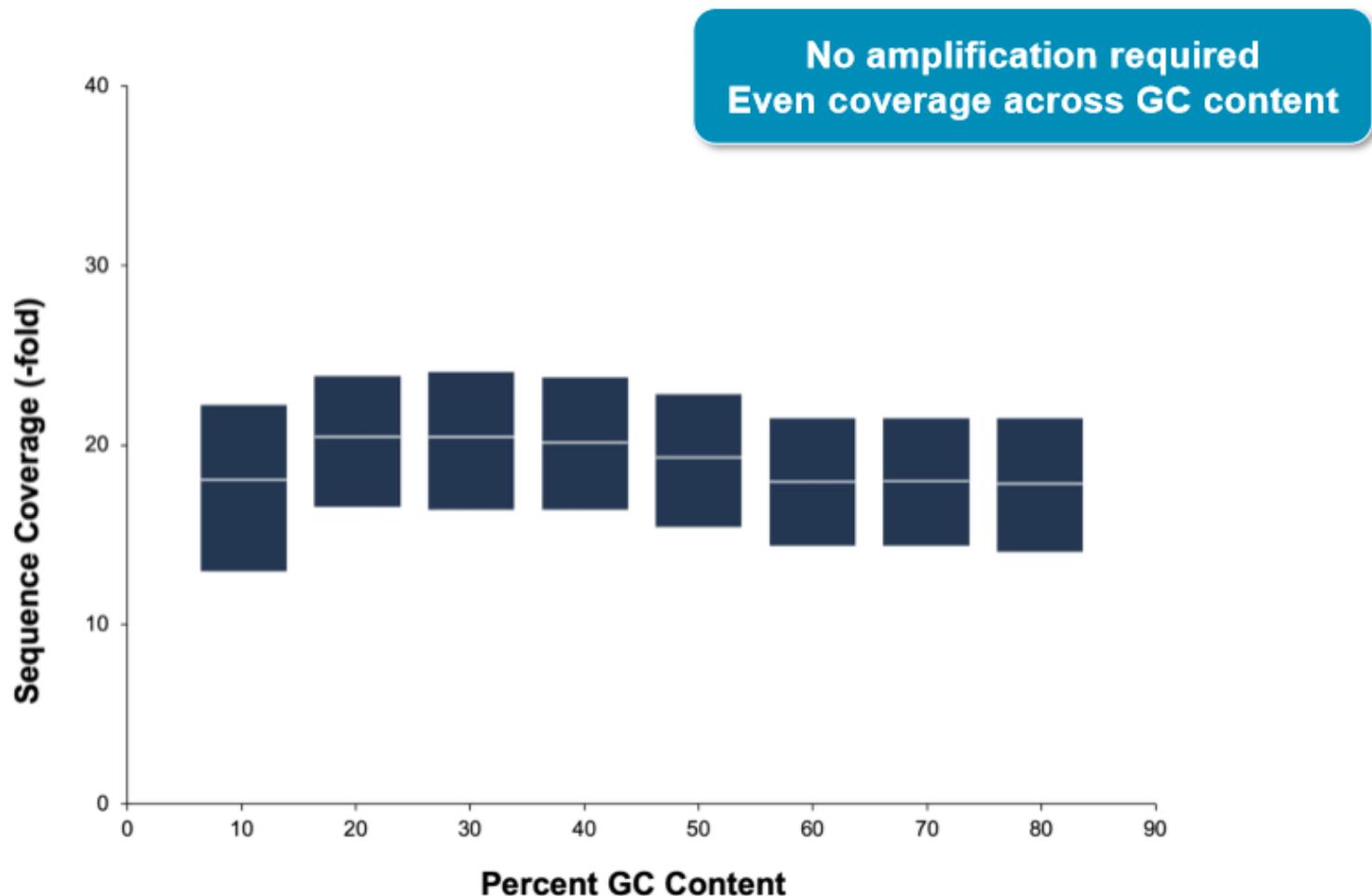
## Applicability

Methylation	Species	5-base HiFi sequencing
5mC at CpG sites	Human and other vertebrates	
5mC at various motifs	Other eukaryotes, including plants	Useful though partial view
4mC and 6mA	Microbes	Enabled through SMRT® Link microbial genome analysis

PacBio

# Sequence performance: uniformity

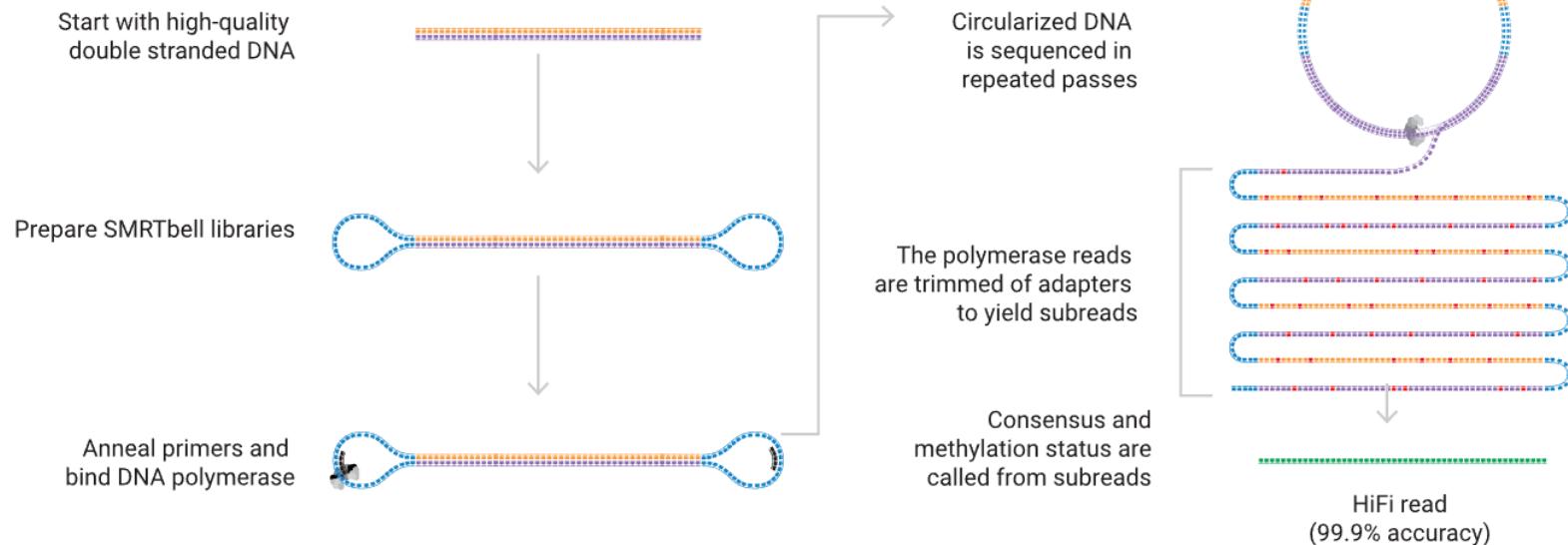
## UNIFORM COVERAGE



Mean coverage per GC window across a human sample. Data generated with a 15 kb human HiFi library on a Sequel II System using 2.0 Chemistry and Sequel II System Software v8.0

# HiFi sequencing:

How are HiFi reads generated?



# Hifi read – long and accurate!

19,820 bp HiFi read, predicted QV: 33

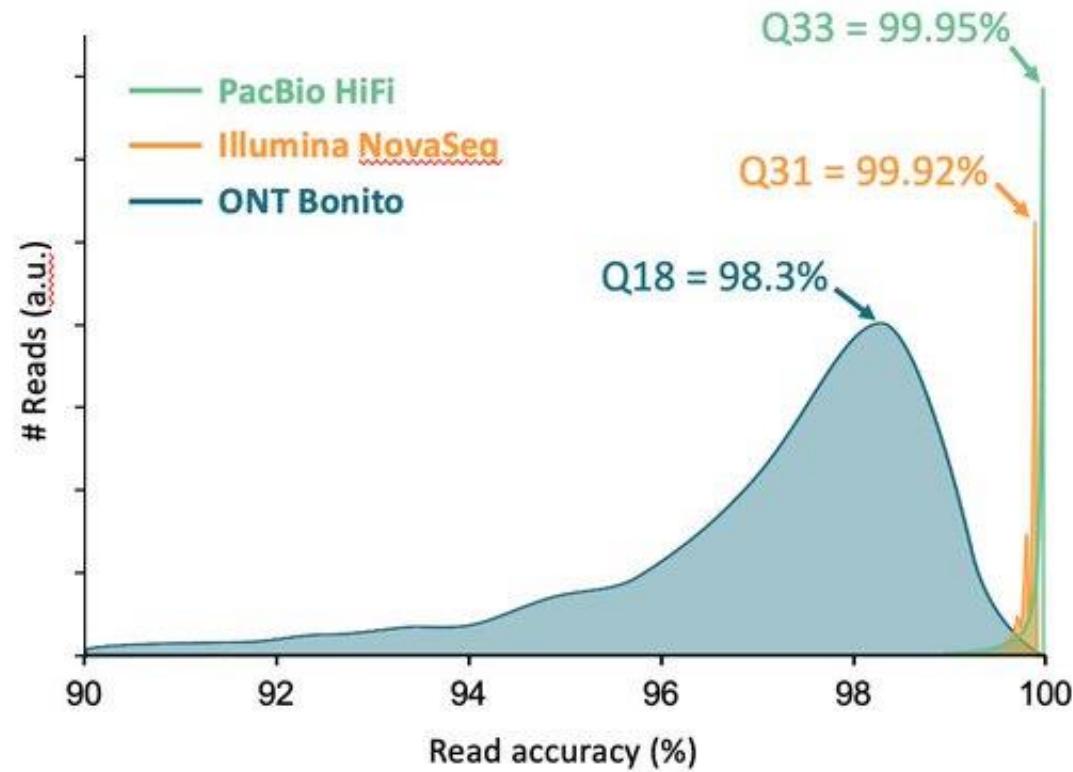
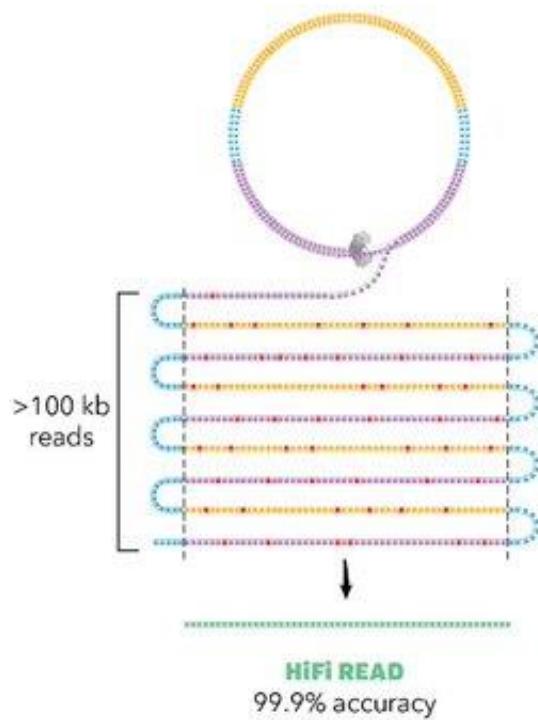
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99.96% accurate (QV34)

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# Read accuracy comparison between different sequencing platforms:

## PacBio HiFi Reads are Transforming Genomics



PacBio HiFi: HG003 18 kb library, Sequel II System Chemistry 2.0, [precisionFDA Truth Challenge V2](#)

Illumina: HG002 2×150 bp NovaSeq library, [precisionFDA Truth Challenge V2](#)

ONT: Bonito [NCM Nanopore Tech Update Dec. 2020](#) and [Bonito Basecalling with R9.4.1](#)

# Sequel II/Ile applications

## SEQUEL II SYSTEM KEY APPLICATIONS



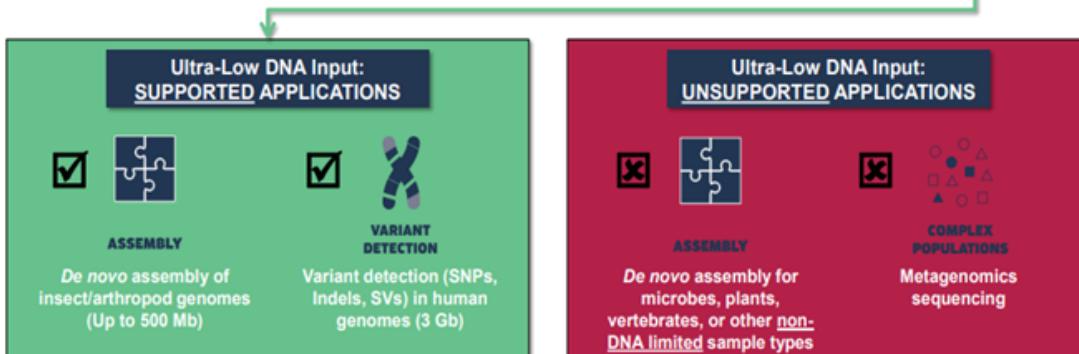
### Whole Genome Sequencing for *De novo* Assembly

- Single Molecule, Real-Time (SMRT) Sequencing on the Sequel II System enables easy and affordable generation of high-quality de novo assemblies. With megabase size contig N50s, accuracies >99.99%, and phased haplotypes, you can do more biology – capturing undetected SNVs, fully intact genes, and regulatory elements embedded in complex regions.

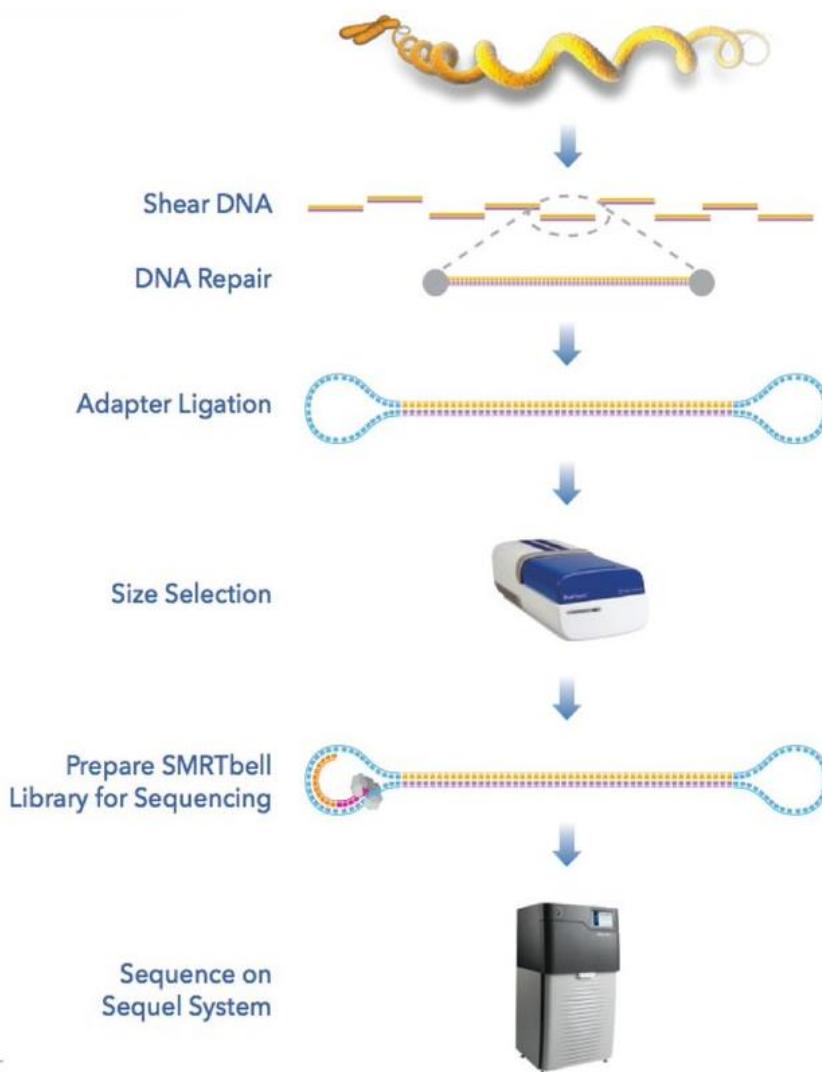
With one 8M SMRT cell you can:

- Produce reference quality assemblies for genomes around 1 Gb – HiFi reads (10- to 15-fold HiFi read coverage per haplotype)
- Produce reference quality assemblies for genomes up to 500 Mb – Ultra-Low DNA input (5-20 ng DNA)
- Sequence up to 96 microbes

SAMPLE & PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS	STANDARD HIFI SEQUENCING	LOW DNA INPUT SEQUENCING (2-PLEX)	LOW DNA INPUT SEQUENCING (SINGLE SAMPLE)	ULTRA-LOW DNA INPUT SEQUENCING
Minimum DNA Input	≥5 µg for a 3-Gb genome	300 ng for each genome	400 ng	5 ng
Amplification Based?	No	No	No	Yes
Genome Size Limit	N/A	600 Mb for each genome	1 Gb	500 Mb
Supported Applications	<i>De novo</i> Assembly Human Variant Detection	<i>De novo</i> Assembly	<i>De novo</i> Assembly	<i>De novo</i> Assembly Human Variant Detection



# Library prep for reference quality assemblies



gDNA

Fragmentation  
(88% > 10kb)

Library

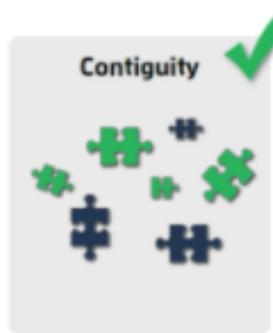
Final size selected library

Size (bp)

# Whole genome sequencing

## BUILDING BETTER GENOMES. ENABLING BREAKTHROUGH DISCOVERY.

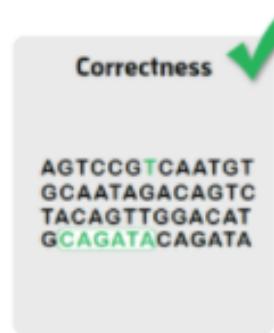
PacBio HiFi reads provide both long read lengths (up to 25 kb) and high accuracy (>99.9%) to quickly and affordably generate contiguous, complete, and correct *de novo* genome assemblies of even the most complex genomes.



High contig N50



No missing bases or fragmented genes



```
AGTC CGTCAATGT  
GCAATAGACAGTC  
TACAGTTGGACAT  
GCAGATA CAGATA
```

High base accuracy & phased alleles



Small file sizes & fast analysis time

✗ **HiFi reads + short reads:** no benefit for contig building or polishing

✗ **HiFi reads + long reads:** may have marginal benefit to contiguity, but no readily available tools

✓ **HiFi + scaffolding:** technologies like optical maps and HiC help assign your high-quality HiFi genome assemblies into chromosomes

What about hybrid approaches?

# HiFi assembly of large genomes - redwood

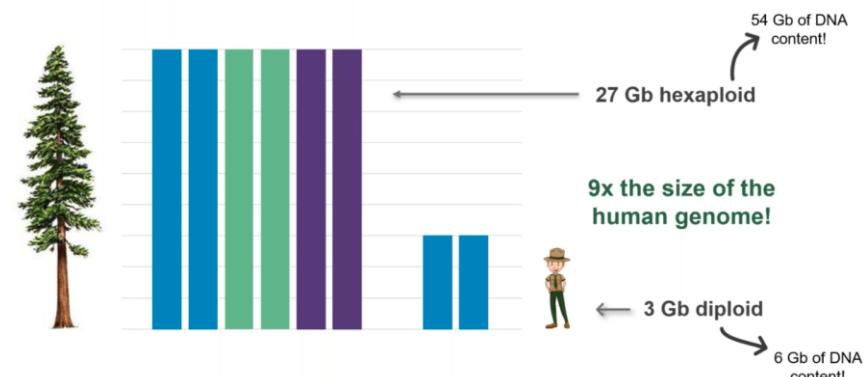
## THE CALIFORNIA (COASTAL) REDWOOD GENOME



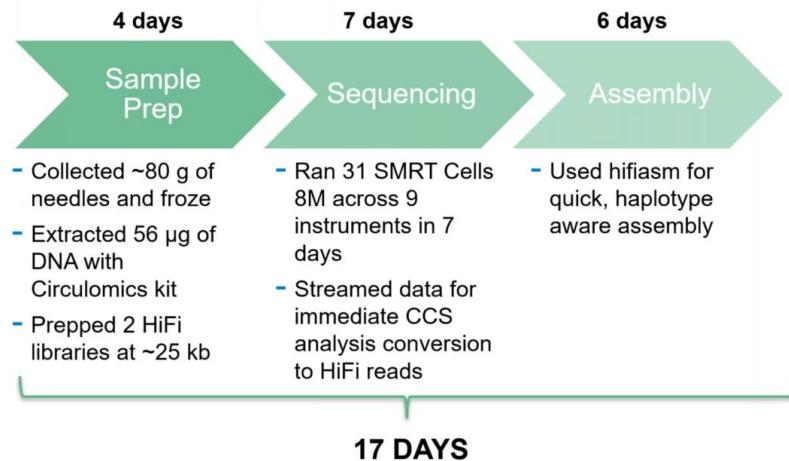
*Sequoia sempervirens*

- One of the world's fastest-growing conifers
- Live for thousands of years
- Only 5% of the original old-growth coast redwood forest remains
- 27 Gb hexaploid genome
- Genome assemblies by ONT in 2019 and PacBio in 2020

## THE REDWOOD GENOME IS LARGE AND COMPLEX



## THE PROJECT WORKFLOW



## RESULTING GENOME ASSEMBLY

- Standard running parameters – no iteration
- Run on 64 cores with 512 Gb of RAM – no specialized or particularly large compute cluster

### California Redwood Genome Assembly Results

Methodology	PacBio HiFi reads	ONT + short reads <sup>1</sup>
Genome Coverage	22-fold	23-fold + 122-fold
Assembly Size (Gb)	47.7	26.5
Contig N50 (Mb)	1.92	0.11
BUSCO Complete	59%	56%
Mapped transcripts with frameshift errors <sup>2</sup>	0.12%	1.97%

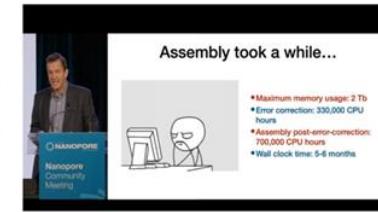
BUSCO does not work well in conifers due to very long introns

### PacBio HiFi reads<sup>1</sup>

- 64 cores with 512 Gb of RAM
- ~46,000 CPU hours for HiFi generation ("error correction")
- 6 days wall time, ~7,200 CPU hours for assembly

6 days vs 5-6 months of wall time for just genome assembly

### ONT + short reads<sup>2</sup>



# HiFi sequencing data available

## NEW HIFI DATASETS – “TRY BEFORE YOU BUY”

 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

**bioRxiv**  
THE PREPRINT SERVER FOR BIOLOGY

New Results

**Highly accurate long-read HiFi sequencing data for five complex genomes**

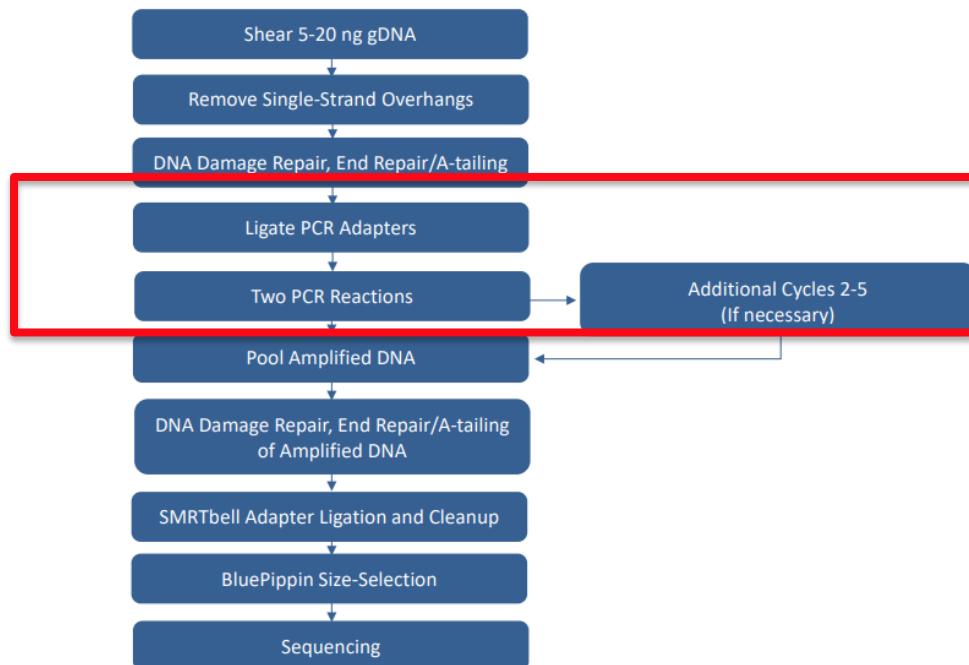
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## Procedure & Checklist - Preparing HiFi SMRTbell® Libraries from Ultra-Low DNA Input

Required gDNA Input Amount	Required Quality of Input gDNA	gDNA Shearing Method	Target Sheared Fragment Size Distribution Mode	Amplification Target Size Distribution Mode	Total Mass of Pooled PCR Product Required for Library Construction	Required SMRTbell Library Input for BluePippin Size-Selection
5-20 ng	Majority of gDNA >20 kb	Megaruptor or g-TUBE	10 kb sheared DNA is optimal	8-10 kb	≥500 ng	≥400ng



# Sequel II/Ile applications

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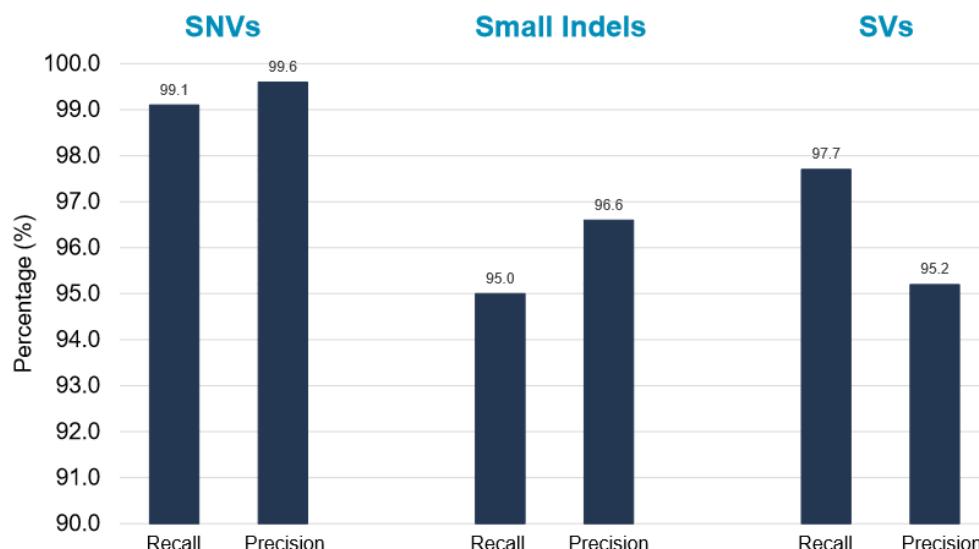


### Variant Detection Using Whole Genome Sequencing with HiFi Reads

- With highly accurate long reads (HiFi reads) from the Sequel II System, powered by SMRT Sequencing technology, you can comprehensively detect variants in a human genome. HiFi reads provide high precision and recall for single nucleotide variants (SNVs), indels, structural variants (SVs), and copy number variants (CNVs), including in difficult-to-map repetitive regions.



#### EXAMPLE: VARIANT CALLING WITH HIFI READS



- With two 8M SMRT Cells you can call SNVs, InDels, and SVs in a 3 Gb genome
- ≥15-fold HiFi read coverage of a human genome

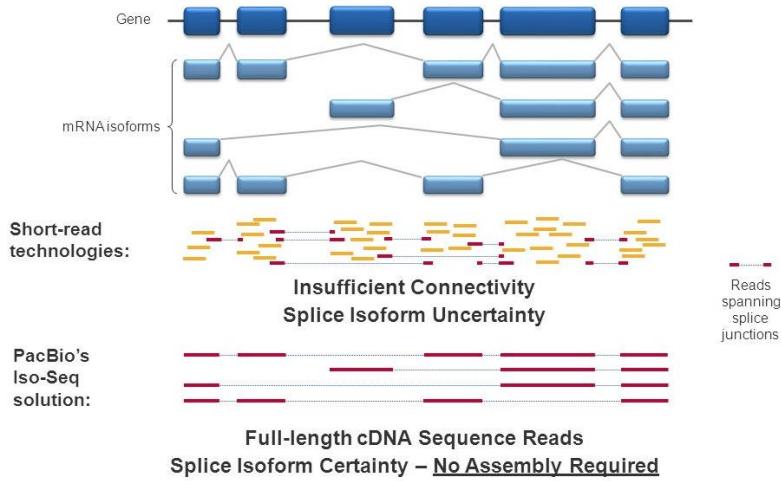
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### Long-Read RNA Sequencing (Iso-Seq Analysis)

- With SMRT Sequencing and the Sequel II System, you can easily and affordably sequence complete transcript isoforms in genes of interest or across the entire transcriptome. The Iso-Seq method allows users to generate full-length cDNA sequences up to 10 kb in length – with no assembly required – to confidently characterize full-length transcript isoforms.



Output: 2-4 M full length reads

- One human transcriptome per 8M SMRT Cell
- Multiplex up to 12 samples
- Single-Cell Iso-Seq:
  - 1000 unique reads/ single cell for 3000 cells
  - 10 000 unique reads/ single cell for 300 cells

cDNA capture - project for identification of novel isoforms/ splice sites of 35 genes (input: total RNA)

## Procedure & Checklist – Preparing Single-Cell Iso-Seq™ Libraries Using SMRTbell® Express Template Prep Kit 2.0

Intact (un-sheared) RT-PCR products initially generated using a third-party single-cell preparation system used as input.

- Although PacBio does not have a specific single-cell partner or system recommendation, in principle, practically **any single-cell platform should be compatible with single-cell Iso-Seq library preparation so long as that platform generates cDNA**.
  - For the Iso-Seq method to achieve full-length cDNAs, it is recommended to use a template-switching oligo (TSO). This is a common technique and is currently used in single-cell platforms and PacBio's current bulk Iso-Seq methods.
- For optimal analytical results, **PacBio recommends combining matching short-read and Iso-Seq datasets** (generated for the same exact single-cell library sample).
  - We recommend that the post-reamplification cDNA yield allow for parallel processing of both short-read sequencing and SMRT Sequencing.
  - The **Sequel System requires >80 ng of cDNA**, while the **Sequel II System requires >160 ng cDNA**. These are target DNA amounts for the PCR re-amplification steps for the Iso-Seq library construction workflow (see Page 4 of the procedure).

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### Metagenomic Sequencing of Complex Populations

- The ability to identify and understand the functions of the complex microbial populations living in, on, and around us requires comprehensive characterization of each community member. Highly accurate long reads – HiFi reads – with single-molecule resolution make SMRT Sequencing and the Sequel II System ideal for full-length 16S rRNA sequencing, long-read metagenomic profiling, and shotgun metagenomic assembly

With one 8M SMRT cell you can:

- Characterize up to 96 samples using full-length 16S rRNA with strain level resolution (8000 reads per sample)
- Generate near-complete assemblies of high-complexity sample(s) (e.g. gut microbiome) - up to 4 communities per 8M SMRT cell

# Metagenomics: 16S rRNA

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### High-resolution phylogenetic microbial community profiling

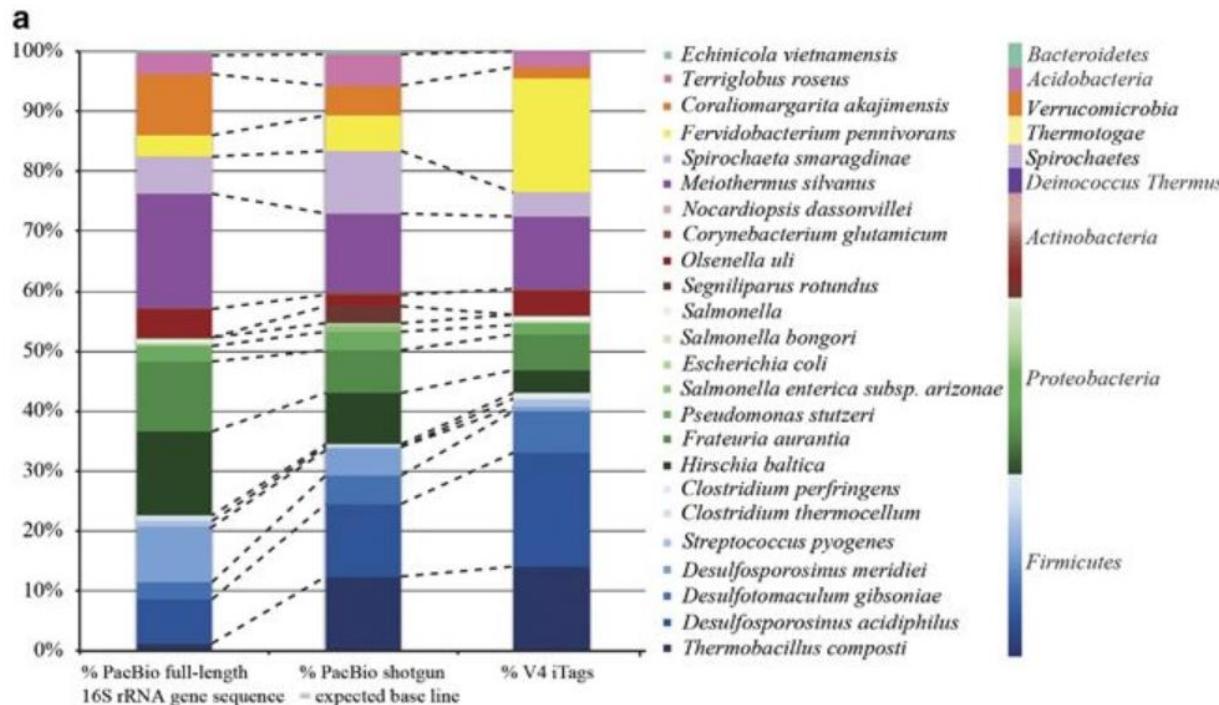
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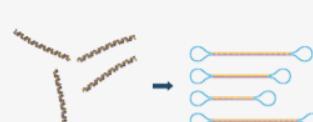
<sup>5</sup>Newcastle University, School of Biology, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK and <sup>6</sup>Australian Centre for Ecogenomics, School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences and Institute for Molecular Bioscience, The University of Queensland, St Lucia, QLD, Australia

- Study of **mock** community made up of 23 bacterial and 3 archaeal species and microbial community in Sakinaw Lake.
- **Conclusion:** Comparison with V4 iTag, using PacBio sequencing enables more accurate phylogenetic resolution of microbial communities and predictions on their metabolic potential.



# Sequel II/Ile applications – targeted sequencing

Application	Targeted Sequencing	
	Amplicon Sequencing	No-Amp Targeted Sequencing
With 1 SMRT Cell 8M you can:	Sequence 384 barcoded amplicons	Sequence 5 targeted regions in a multiplex of 10 samples
Minimum Recommended Coverage	30-fold $\geq$ Q20 CCS read coverage for variant detection 6,000-fold $\geq$ Q20 CCS read coverage for minor variant detection (1% sensitivity)	$\geq$ 100-fold $\geq$ Q20 CCS read coverage per target locus
Library Insert Size	500 bp - 15 kb	4-6 kb or larger
Minimum Input Amount	250-500 ng for 250-1000 bp 500-1000 ng for 1-3 kb bp 1000-2000 ng for 3-10 kb 3000 ng for 15 kb	5 to 10 $\mu$ g (represented by either a single sample or the total of multiple samples that will be multiplexed)
Multiplexing/SMRT Cell	Up to 1,000+ samples/ SMRT Cell 8M or SMRT Cell 1M	Up to 10 samples/SMRT Cell
Sequencing Mode	CCS	CCS



When targeting >50 kb genomic regions – use probe-based capture using DNA oligo hybridization.

Protocols available for:

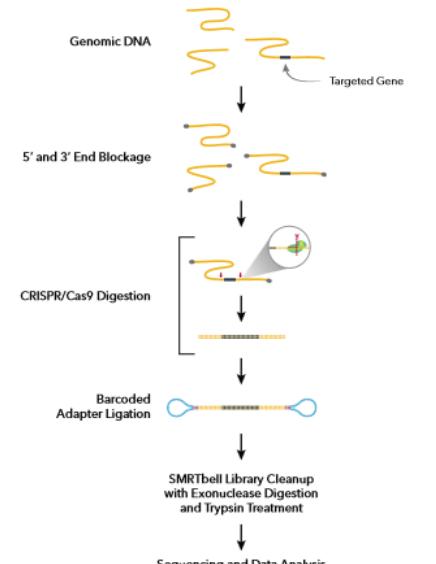
- IDT xGen Lockdown probes
- Nimbelgen SeqCap EZ



No-amplification targeted sequencing using CRISPR/Cas9 system:

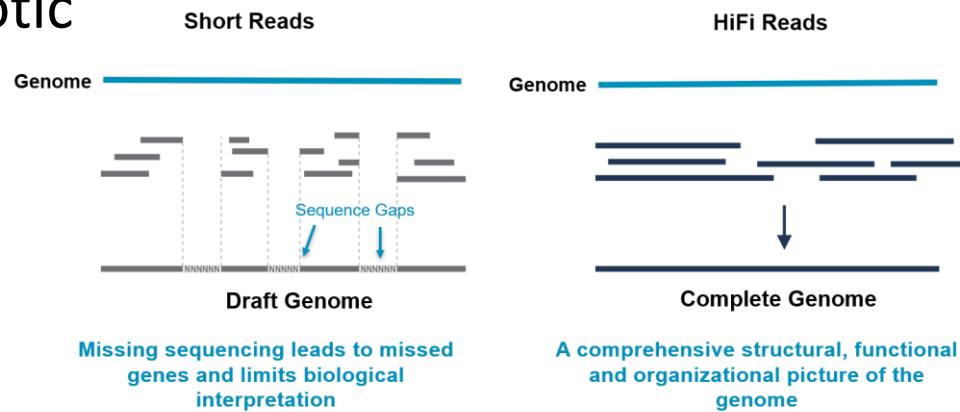
- Challenging regions for PCR amplification (repeat expansions, low complexity regions)
- No PCR bias
- Preserves epigenetic modification signals

FROM gDNA TO COMPLETE REPEAT EXPANSION SEQUENCE



# PacBio applications at NSC

- *de novo* sequencing of prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms –
  - Multiplexing up to 96 bacterial samples
  - Mostly HiFi library prep and sequencing for large genomes
- Sequencing of full-length transcriptomes – IsoSeq
  - Multiplexing up to 12 samples for genome annotation
- Targeted sequencing – amplicons and sequence capture



"The way we do RNA-seq now is... you take the transcriptome, you **blow it up into pieces** and then you try to figure out **how they all go back together again...** If you think about it, it's kind of a **crazy way to do things**"

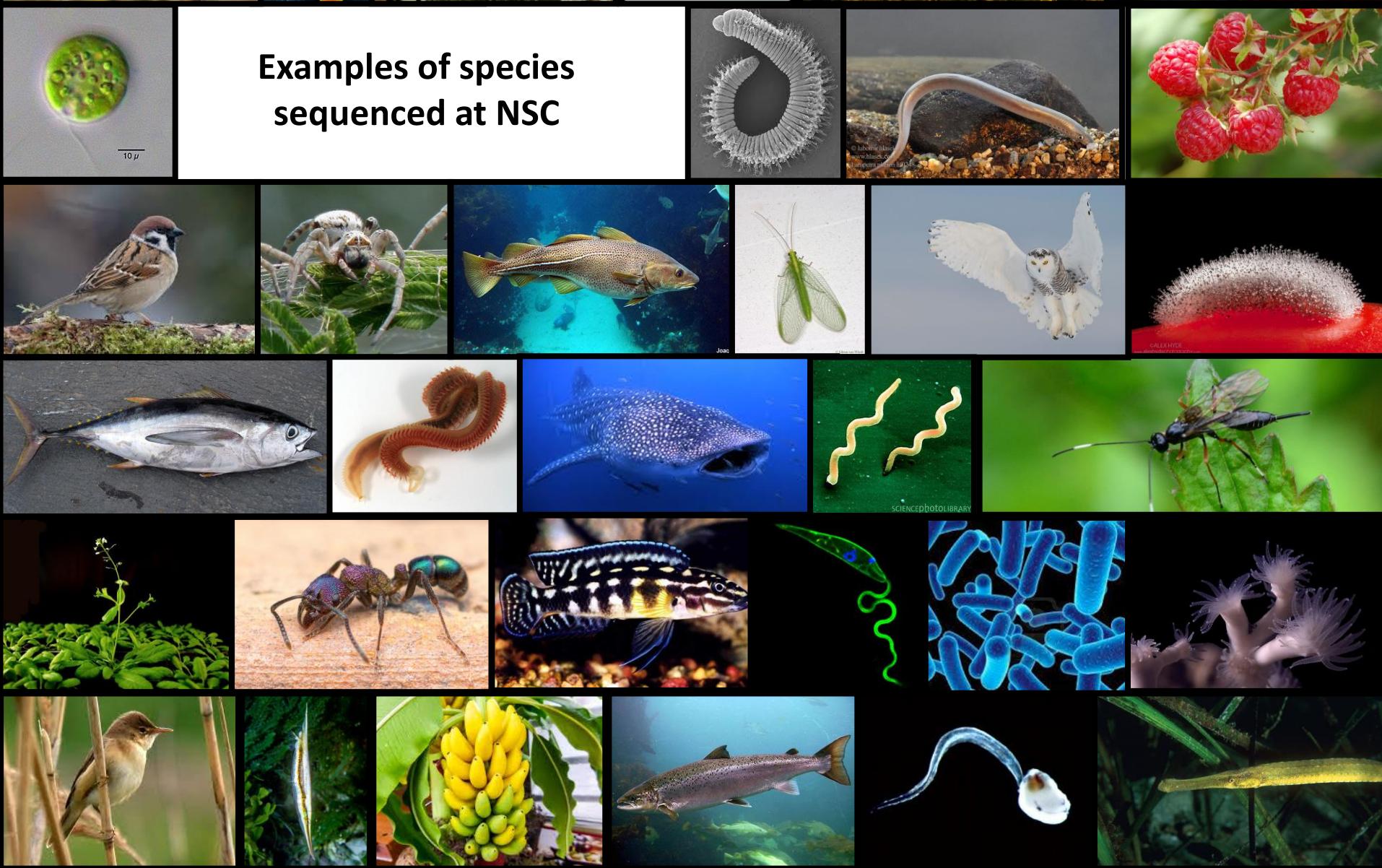
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Stanford University

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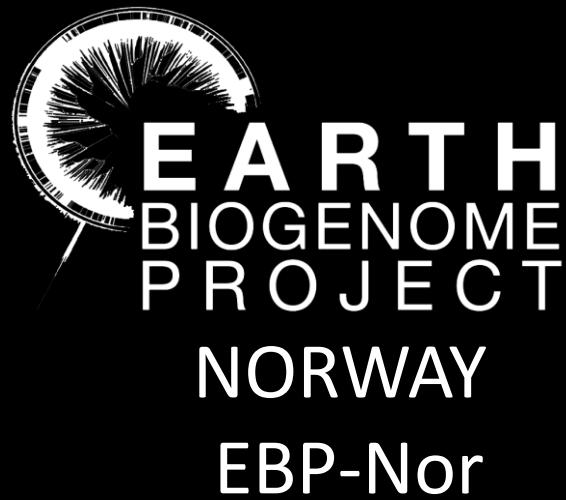
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## Examples of species sequenced at NSC



# Largest ongoing project: EBP-Nor



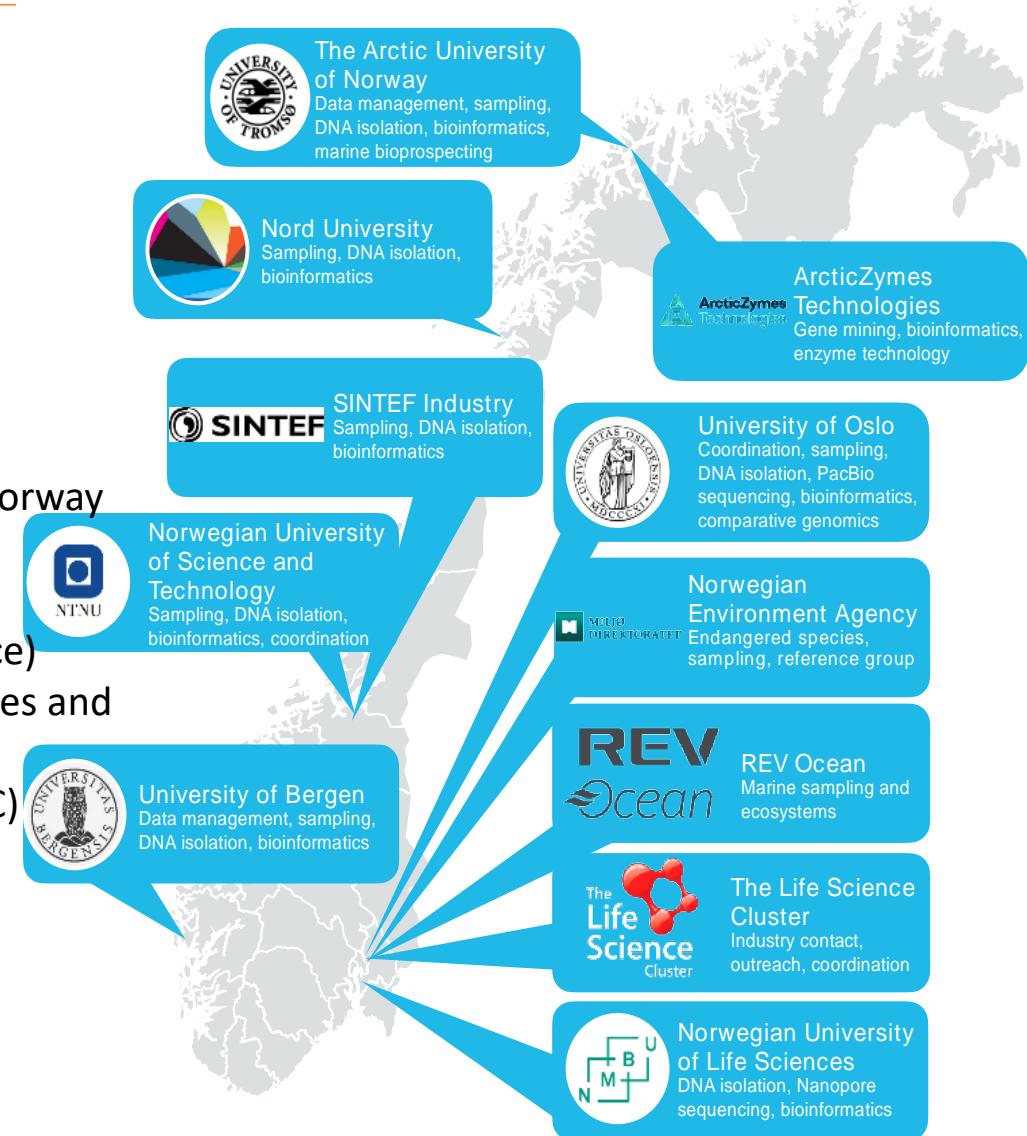
# The Norwegian EBP initiative (EBP-Nor)

Planned in 3 phases

Phase 1 2021-2024 (30 million NOK)

- Funded by the Research Council of Norway
- Planned 150 species
- Norwegian and arctic species
- Marine species (sampling competence)
- Coordination with the Nordic countries and ERGA (and EBP, VGP, DToL etc..)
- Several genomes underway (HiFi, HiC)

Preparation for 2 phase has begun



# The first EBP-Nor genomes are finished



Brook lamprey



River lamprey



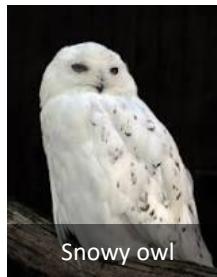
25 fungal species



4 moss species



Svalbard reindeer



Snowy owl

In progress: insects (bumble bee, lacewing), Atlantic puffin, cod and salmon (improved), bird cherry (*Prunus padus*), cloudberry ++

Conference in 2023:  
Norwegian Biodiversity &  
Genomics

Feb. 8, 2023 12:00 PM–Feb. 10, 2023 1:00 PM,  
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<https://www.ebpnor.org/>



## Meet the Award-Winning Sequel II System

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