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## Appendix: Identifying the ancestry of segments of the human genome reference sequence

To compare Neandertal to present-day human haplotypes for the purpose of population genetic analysis, we needed to have long haploid sequences from present-day humans that were of known ancestry. To identify such segments, we took advantage of the fact that the human reference sequence is haploid over scales of tens of kilobases, because it is comprised of a tiling-path of Bacterial Artificial Chromosomes (BACs) or other clone types that are of typical size 50-150 kb (S92). We do not know of any other substantial source of high quality human haploid sequences of the requisite size.

### Determining the ancestries of the libraries in the human genome reference sequence using HAPMIX

It is crucial to know the 'ancestry' of a clone to use it in a meaningful population genetic analysis. In what follows, we define 'ancestry' as the geographic region in which a clone's ancestor lived 1,000 years ago, inferred based on its genetic proximity to other individuals from that region today. This definition allows us to classify clones from Chinese Americans as "East Asian," from European Americans as "European", and from African Americans as either "West African" or "European".

To identify the ancestries of the libraries comprising most of the human genome reference sequence, we used a list of 26,558 clones tiling the great majority of the genome, most of which we were able to assign to a library of origin. Restricting to the autosomes, we identified 21,156 clones that seemed to fall into 9 libraries based on the naming scheme: CTA (n=199), CTB (n=356), CTC (n=452), CTD (n=1,426), RPCI-1 (n=740), RPCI-3 (n=456), RPCI-4 (n=716), RPCI-5 (n=802) and RPCI-11 (n=16,009). (In a subsequent re-examination, we identified additional clones that we likely could have classified into libraries, including 953 from RPCI-11, 632 from RPCI-1, and 490 from another library RPCI-13.) The median span of the 21,156 clones we analyzed was 112 kb, and 80% are >50kb in size. About 2/3 came from a single library, RPCI-11.

1. **RPCI-11 is an African American:** RPCI-11, the individual who contributed most of the human genome reference sequence, is consistent with having African American ancestry, with 42% of the clones of confident West African ancestry and 42% of the clones of confident European ancestry, and the ancestry of the remaining clones less confidently inferred. The finding of likely African American ancestry for RPCI-11 was previously reported in a study of the ancestry of RPCI-11 clones spanning the Duffy blood group locus (S93), and here we confirm this finding, and also expand the inference to the whole genome.
2. **CTD is an East Asian:** The majority of clones from CTD, the second largest library in its contribution to the human genome sequence, is likely an East Asian. In a HAPMIX analysis with CEU (European) - CHB+JPT (East Asian) as the proposed ancestral populations, the majority of clones are of confident East Asian origin, and there is no secondary mode of confident European ancestry, as might be expected from a Latino or South Asian individual.
3. **The remaining 7 libraries are European:** The remaining libraries (CTA, CTB, CTC, RPCI-1, RPCI-3, RPCI-4 and RPCI-5) are inferred to be of European ancestry, since they all have consistent distributions of inferred clone ancestries, with the majority of clones of confident European ancestry in both our HAPMIX analyses and no secondary modes.

## A Draft Sequence of the Neandertal Genome

Green et al (2010) Science. DOI: 10.1126/science.1188021

Supplemental Note 16 (pg 145-146)

Pieter de Jong, RPCI

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## *E pluribus unum*

**If the human reference genome is to reflect more of the actual genomic diversity in humans, community participation is needed.**

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The human genome is ten years old. We acknowledge its reference assembly as an invaluable resource essential for many purposes such as the assembly of short reads from high-throughput sequencing platforms into chromosome context during resequencing projects. At the same time, we think necessary improvement of the reference genome depends on the willingness of the research community to provide data for the genome's less accessible regions.

First published in 2001, the human reference genome has, since 2007, been in the hands of the Genome Reference Consortium (GRC) a small group of fewer than 20 scientists from the European Bioinformatics Institute, the US National Center for Biotechnology Information, The Sanger Institute and The Genome Center at Washington University in St. Louis, who have committed to the improvement and completion of this reference, with very little financial support.

The reference genome is now in its 19<sup>th</sup> rendition, and probably the best measure of its improvement over the last ten years is the number of fragments it consists of. The very first version had ~150,000 gaps; the most recent build, GRCh37, has only around 250 gaps.

The only other publicly accessible *de novo* assembly of a human genome that contains chromosome sequences is HuRef. Obtained by traditional capillary sequencing, HuRef is the diploid genome of Craig Venter. It comes in 4,500 pieces and, like any individual genome, it contains many rare alleles.

GRCh37, in contrast, is a mosaic haploid genome derived from about 13 people. It still contains rare alleles, but the GRC recently decided to convert these to common haplotypes. Deciding which alleles are common and which are rare is proving challenging, and the GRC members are collaborating with members of the 1000 Genomes project to collect enough data to make these decisions.

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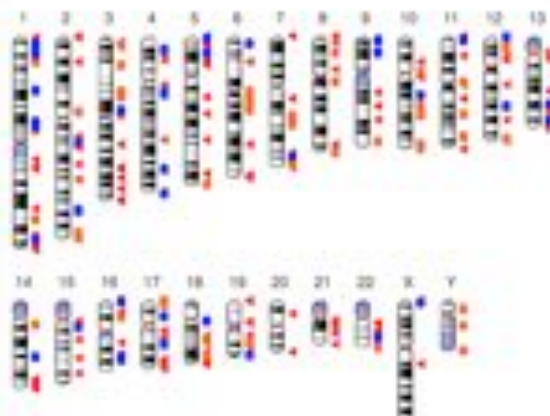
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## Human Genome Overview

Information about the continuing improvement of the human genome



- Region containing alternate loci
- Region containing fix patches
- Region containing novel patches

Karyogram of the latest human assembly, GRCh38.p11

The GRC is working hard to provide the best possible reference assembly for human. We do this by both generating multiple representations (*alternate loci*) for regions that are too complex to be represented by a single path. Additionally, we are releasing regional fixes known as *patches*. This allows users who are interested in a specific locus to get an improved representation without affecting users who need chromosome coordinate stability.

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### Next assembly update

The next assembly update (GRCh38.p12) will be a minor (patch) release in winter 2017.

### GRC News

[GRCh38.p11: Clinically Relevant Updates to SLC39A4](#) Sep 13, 2017

[GRCh38.p11: Update to GCNT2](#) Jul 11, 2017  
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### Resolved Human Issues

[HG-2435](#) Nov 3, 2017  
Formid AC207366.2 contains an approximately 6.7kb insertion relative to NC\_000003.12 component AC008180.15

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## GRCh38.p11

Release date: June 14, 2017

Release type: minor

Release notes: GRCh38.p11 is the eleventh patch release for the GRCh38 reference assembly. No chromosome coordinates changed. This release includes 11 FIX patches and 10 NOVEL patch. The total number of patch scaffolds is now: 64 FIX and 59 NOVEL.

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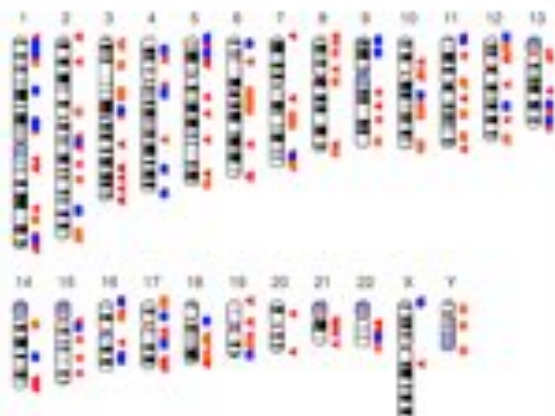
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# Importance of Personal Genomes

**Current standard is to align your data to the “reference” human genome.**

**But the “reference” isn’t really the genome for *any* human and potentially biases the results in many ways:**

- **Genome:** biased read mapping, causing false positive and false negative mutations
- **Transcriptome:** mutations of splice sites, stop codons or branch point change gene models, CNVs modulate expression levels, gene fusions create new transcripts
- **Epigenome:** *cis* versus *trans* effects, *allele-specific expression*, *allele-specific binding*

**Same issues apply to most “reference” genomes**





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*Because it is important, complex, and personal*

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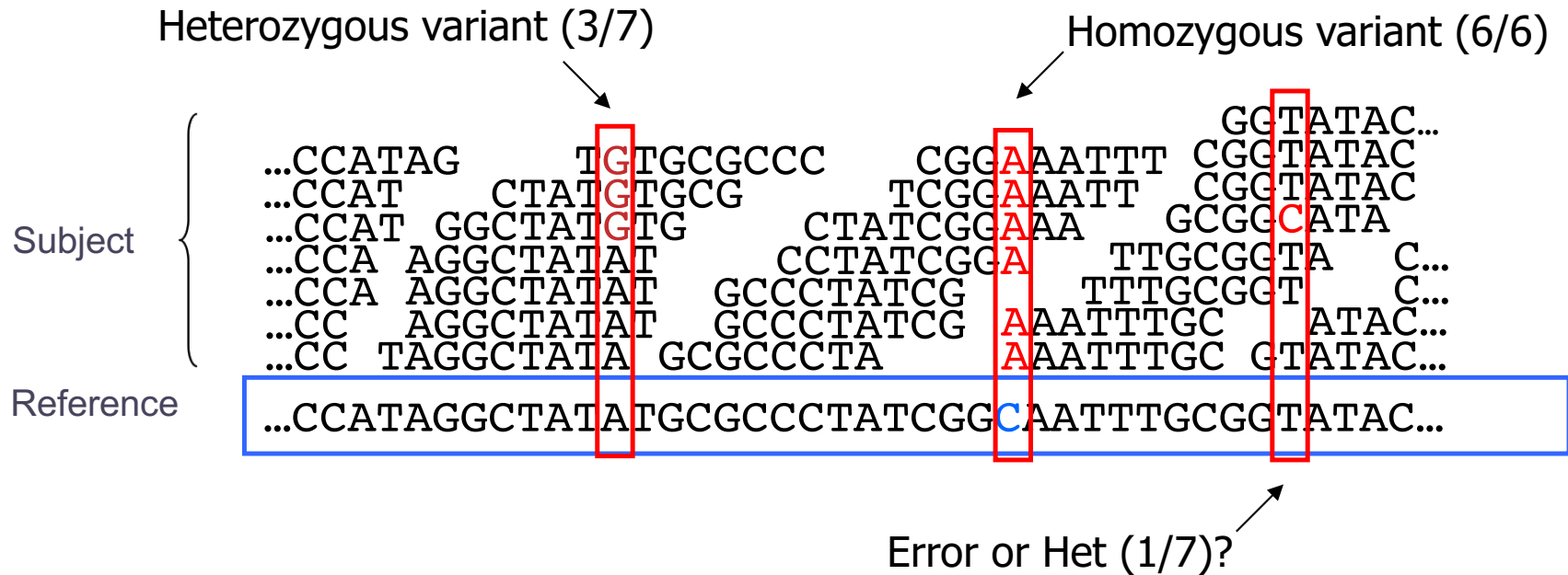
# **I. Correctness:**

Is the genome faithfully represented?



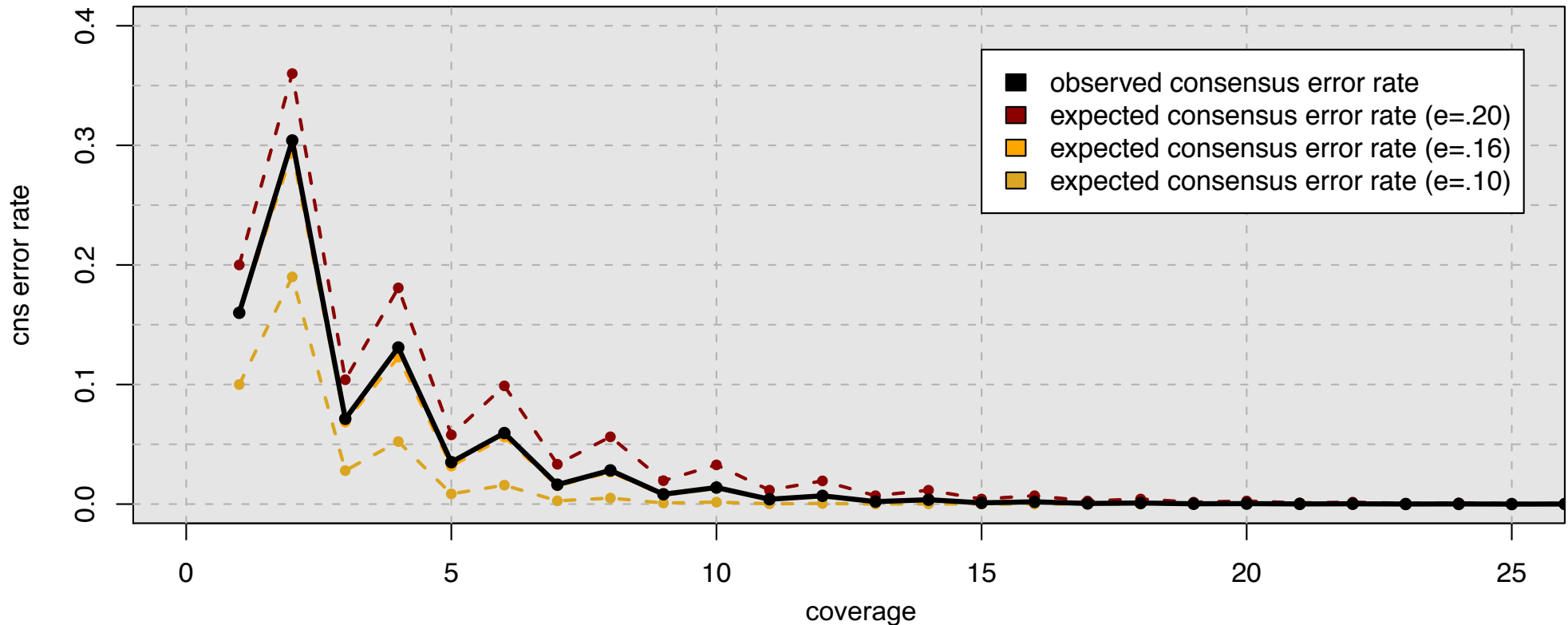


# Genotyping Theory



- If there were no sequencing errors, identifying SNPs would be trivial:
  - Any time a read disagrees with the reference, it must be a variant!
- A single read of many differing from the reference is probably just an error, but it becomes more likely to be real as we see it multiple times
  - Use binomial test to evaluate prob. of heterozygosity vs. prob of error
  - Coverage (oversampling) is our main tool to improve accuracy

# Consensus Accuracy and Coverage



## Coverage can overcome **random** errors

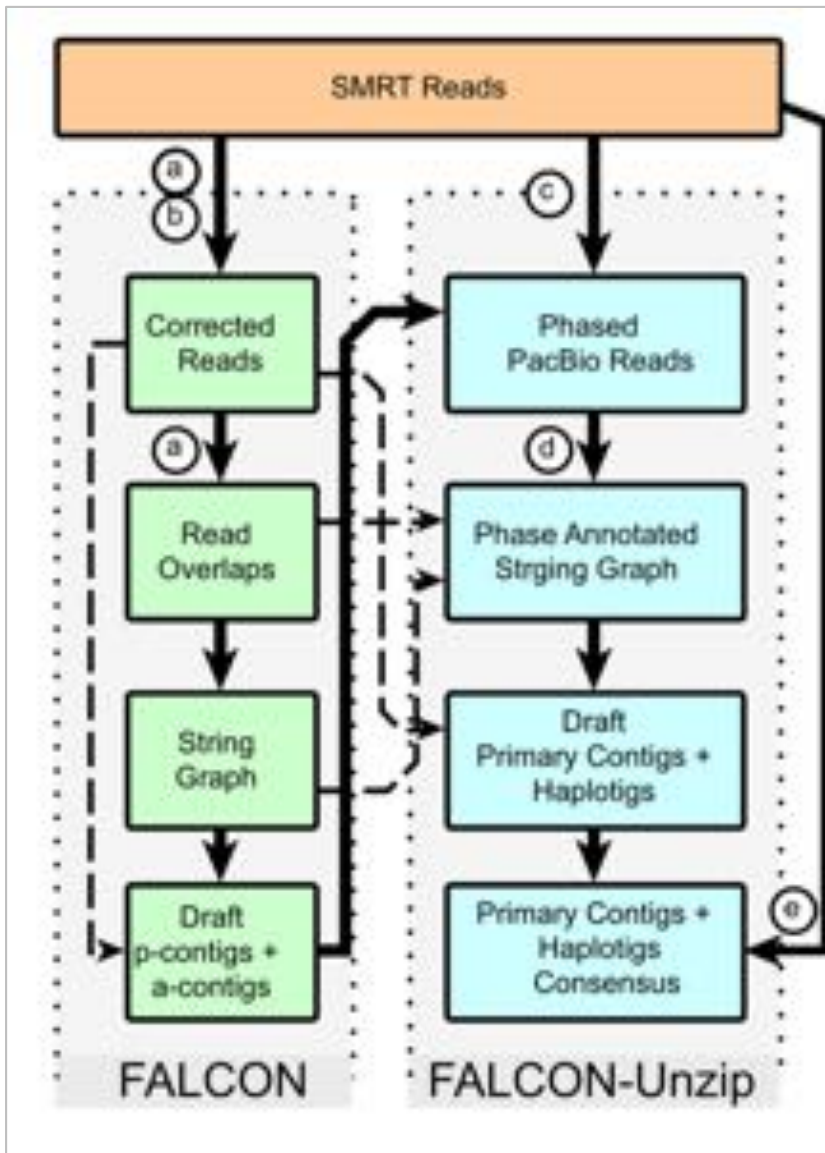
- Dashed: error model from binomial sampling
- Solid: observed accuracy

$$CNS\ Error = \sum_{i=\lfloor c/2 \rfloor}^c \binom{c}{i} (e)^i (1-e)^{n-i}$$

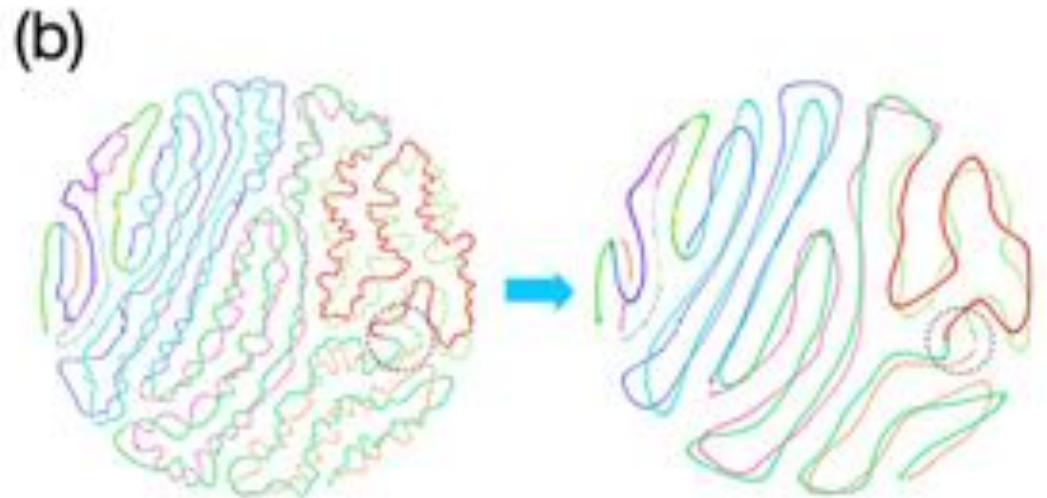
**Hybrid error correction and de novo assembly of single-molecule sequencing reads.**

Koren, Schatz et al (2012) *Nature Biotechnology*. doi:10.1038/nbt.2280

# FALCON Accuracy



**"The overall base-to-base concordance rate is about 99.99% (QV40 in Phred scale) in the F1 FALCON-Unzip assembly. The insertion and deletion (indel) concordances to the parental lines were lower (about QV40) than the SNP concordance rate (about QV50), with most residual errors concentrated in long homopolymer sequences"**



**Phased Diploid Genome Assembly with Single Molecule Real-Time Sequencing**

Chin et al (2016) *Nature Methods*. doi:10.1038/nmeth.4035.



## **2. Completeness:**

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***“88% of GWAS SNPs are intronic or intergenic of unknown function”***

ENCODE Consortium (2012) Nature

# Non-coding Somatic SNVs in PDAC

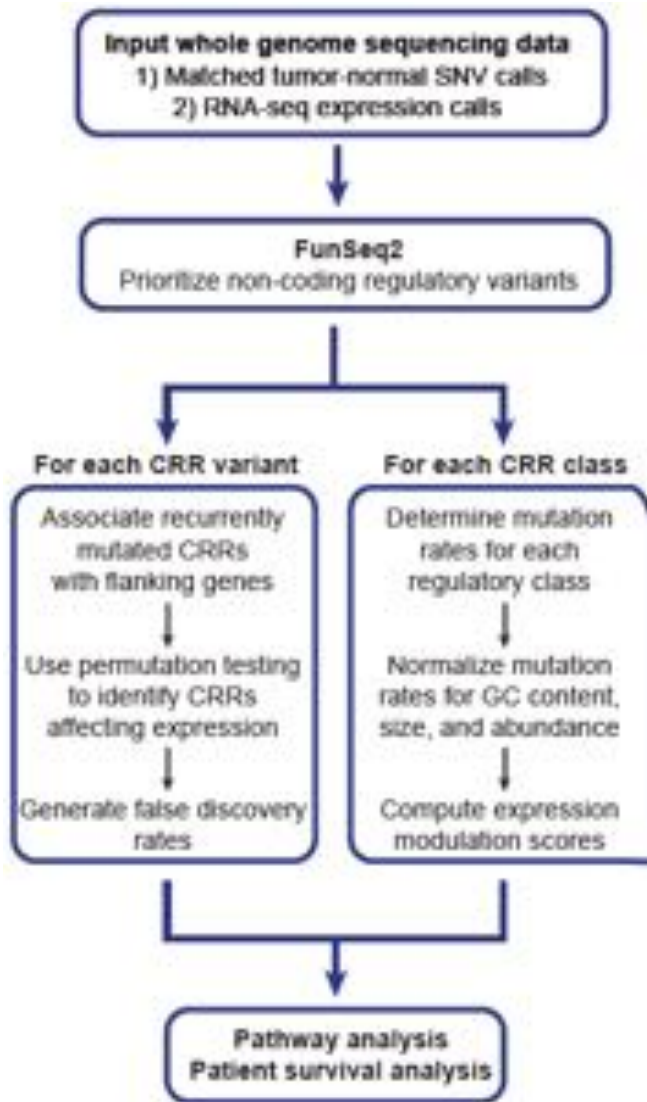


***Coding alterations of PDAC are now fairly well established but non-coding mutations (NCMs) largely unexplored***

- Developed GECCO to analyze the thousands of somatic mutations observed from hundreds of tumors to find potential drivers of gene expression and pathogenesis

- NCMs are enriched in known and novel pathways
- NCMs correlate with changes in gene expression
- NCMs can demonstrably modulate gene expression
- NCMs correlate with novel clinical outcomes

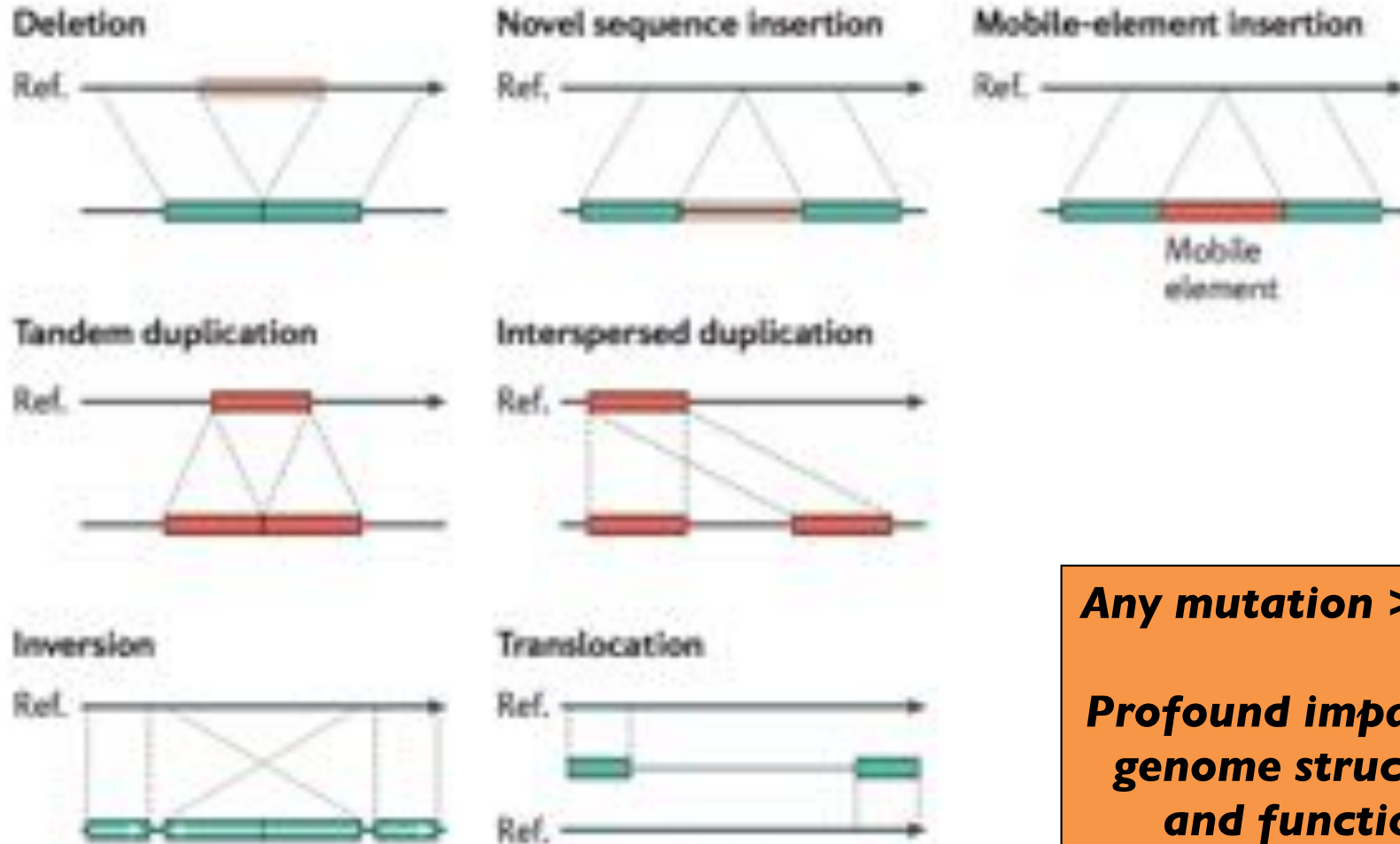
***NCMs are an important mechanism for tumor genome evolution***



**Recurrent noncoding regulatory mutations in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma**

Feigin, M, Garvin, T et al. (2017) Nature Genetics. doi:10.1038/ng.3861

# Structural Variations






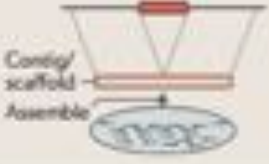


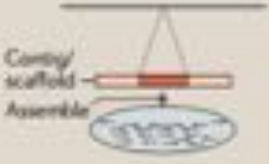
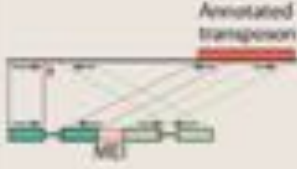
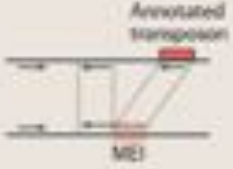
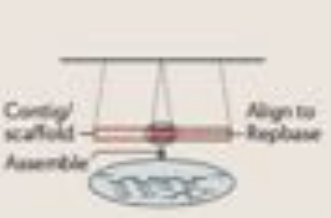
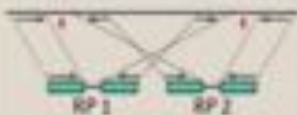
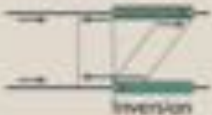
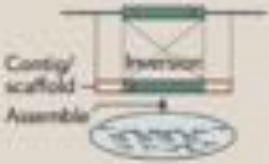



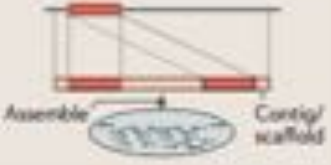



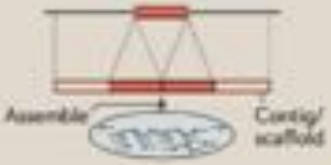
**Any mutation >50bp**

**Profound impact on  
genome structure  
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## Genome structural variation discovery and genotyping

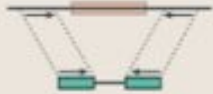


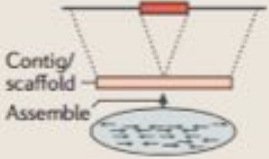
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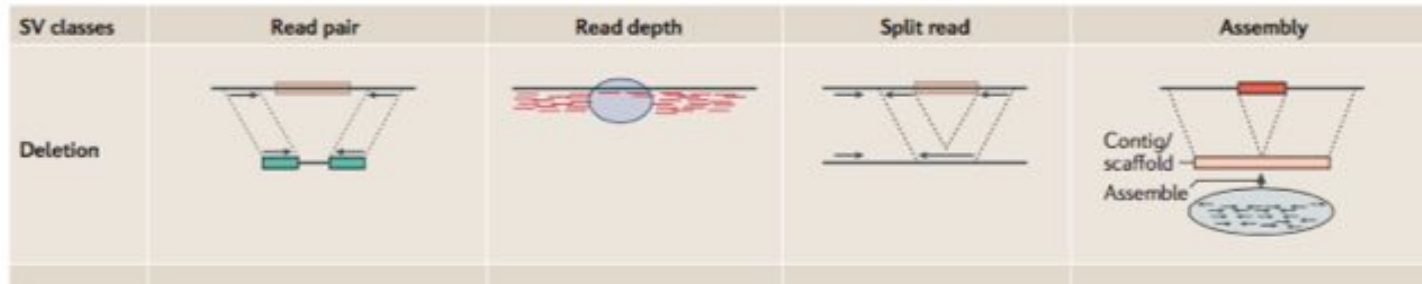
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Mobile-element insertion		Not applicable		
Inversion		Not applicable		
Interspersed duplication				
Tandem duplication				



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**PacBio Sequel**



**Oxford Nanopore MinION**

## **Long Read Single Molecule Sequencing**

*No Amplification Artifacts*

*Improved Mapping & De novo assemblies*

*Complete Genomes with all variant types*

# NGMLR + Sniffles

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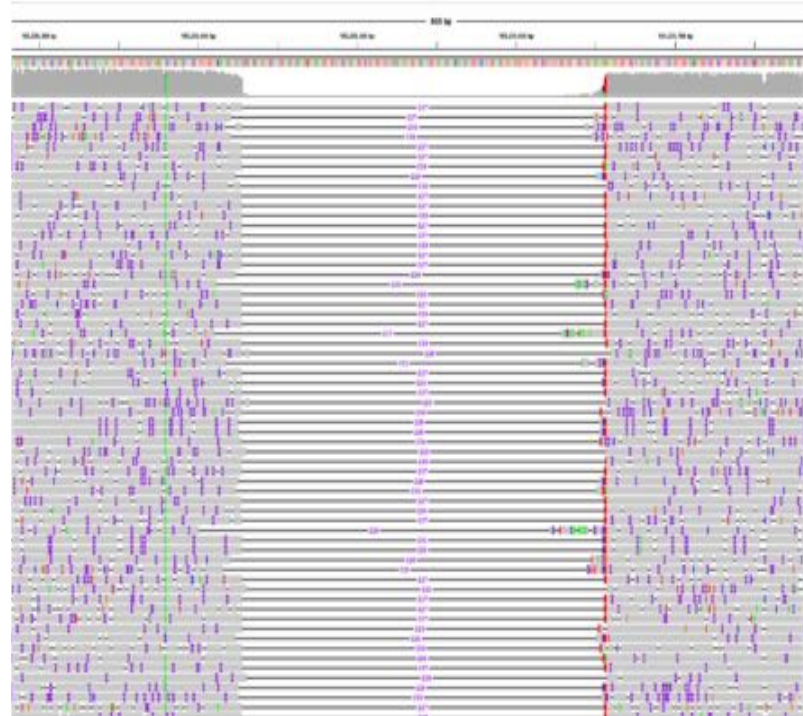
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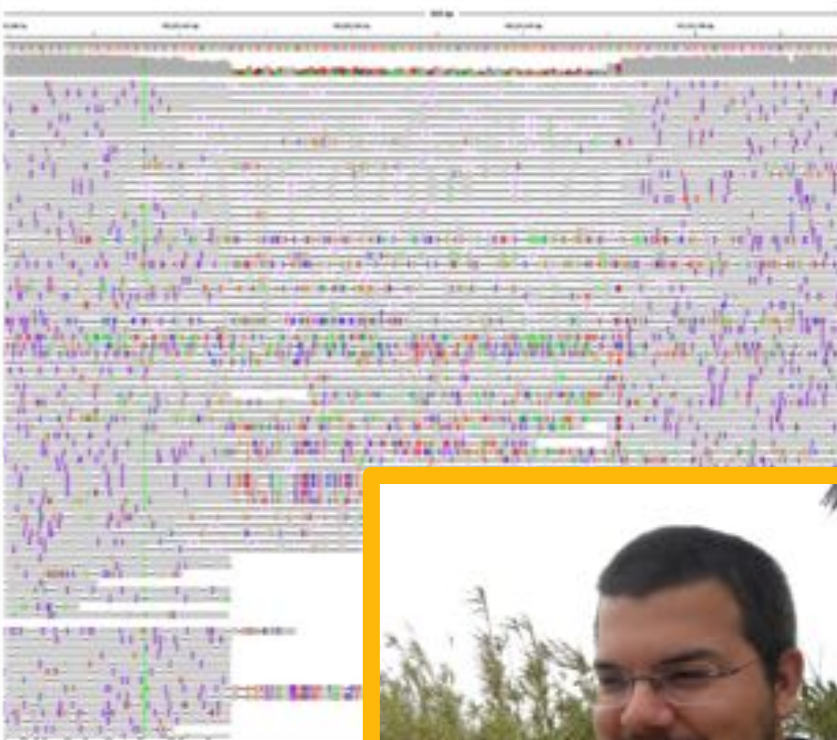


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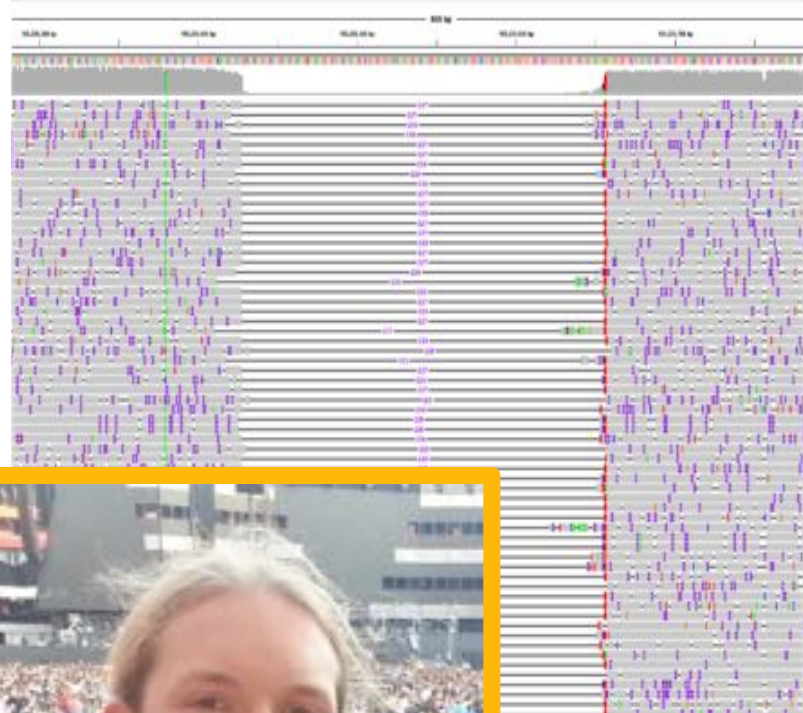


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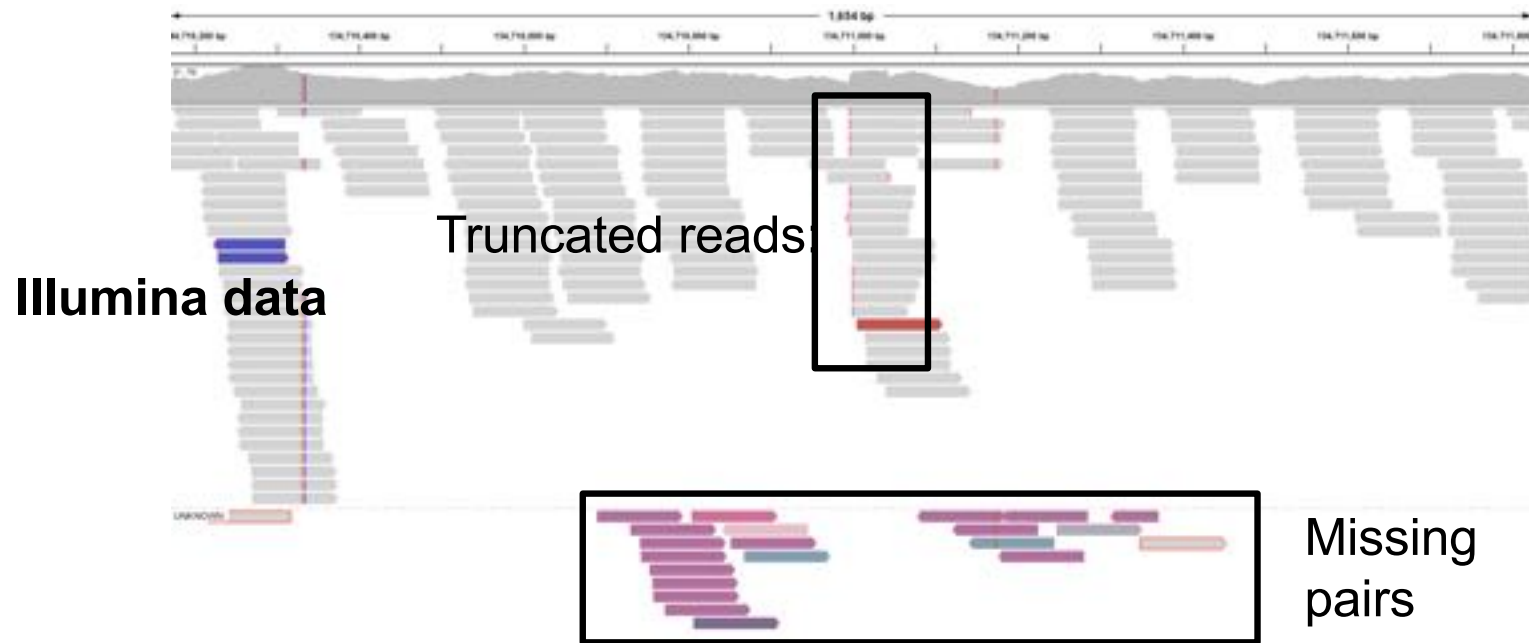


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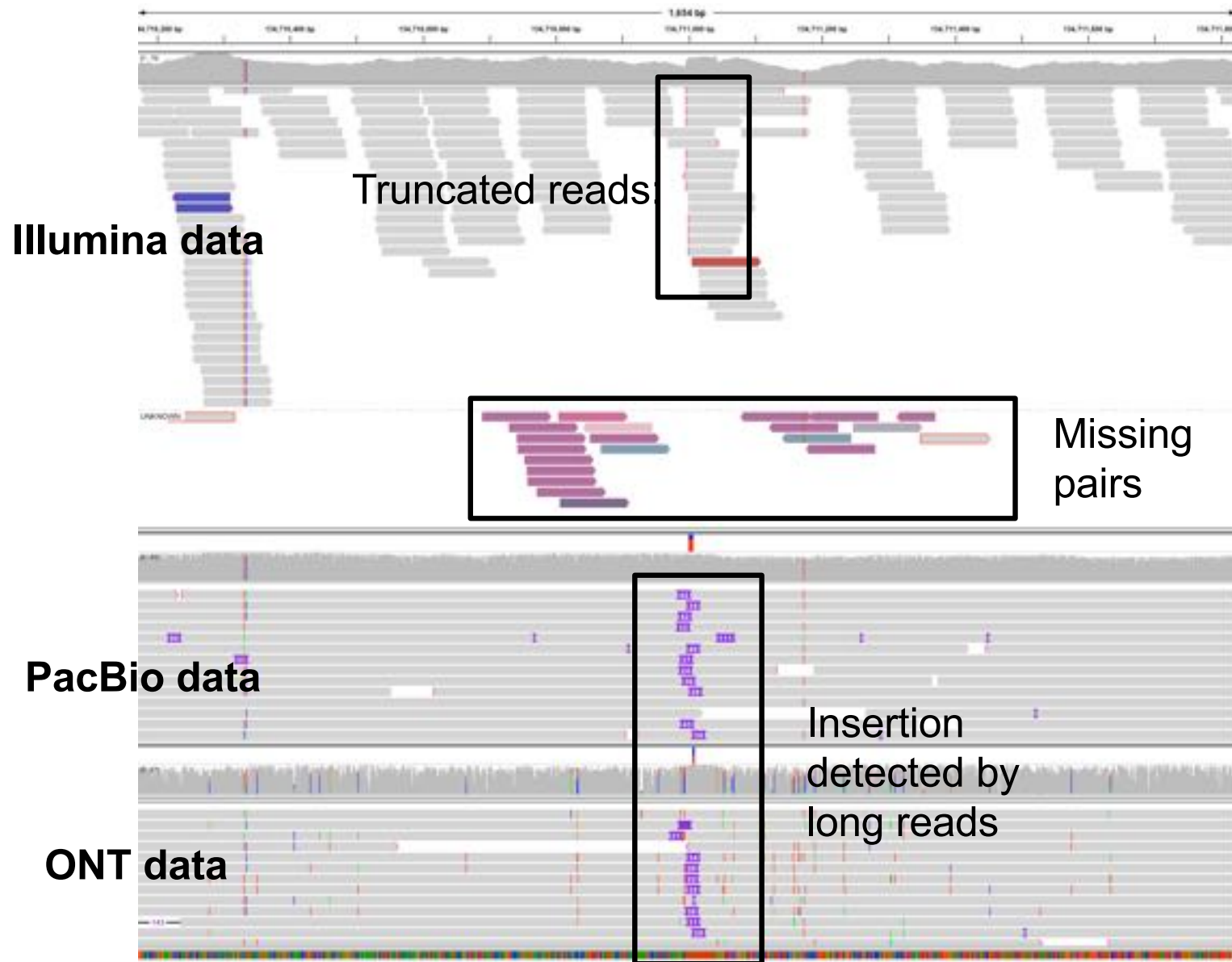
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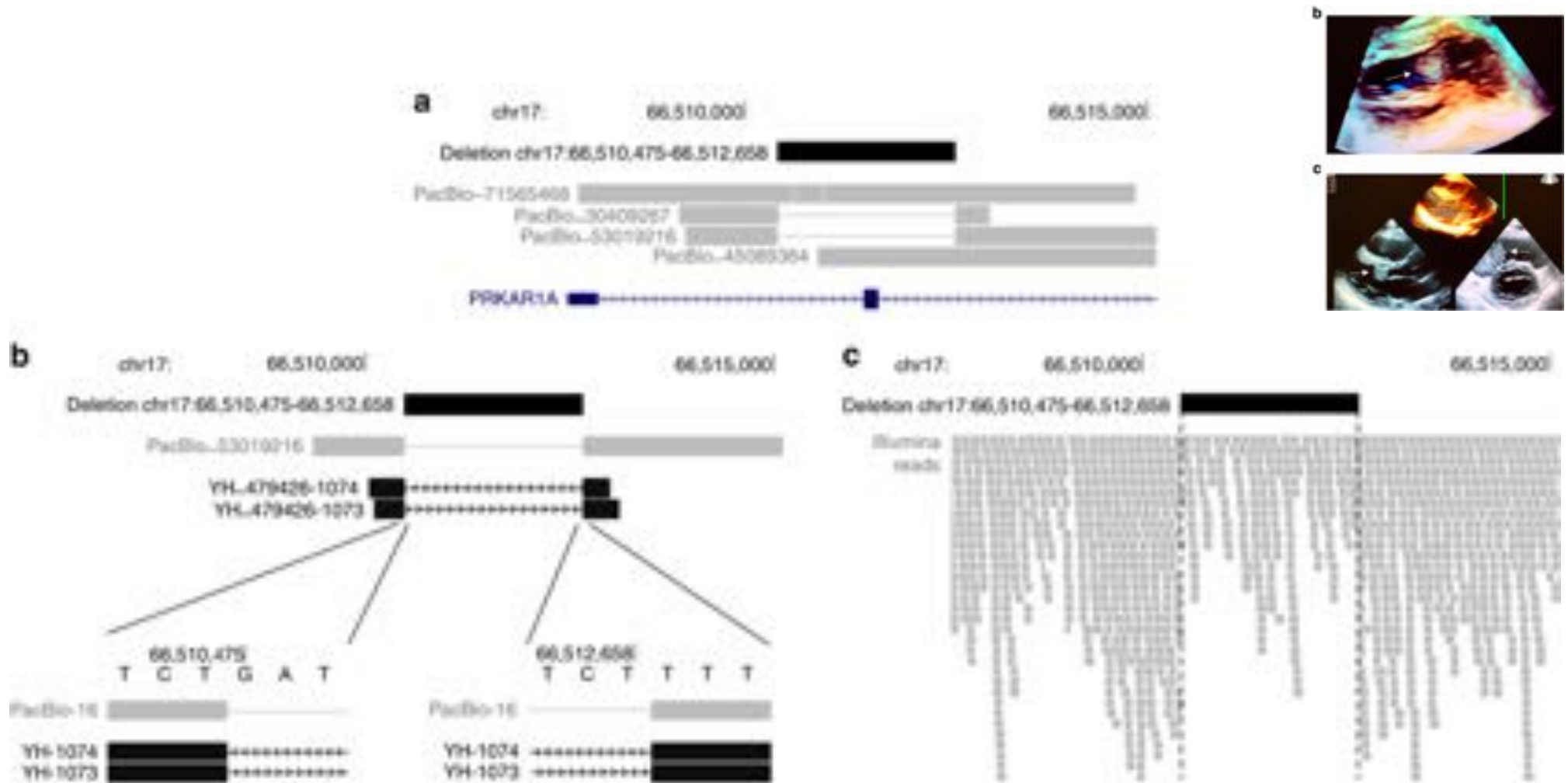
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# Structural Variations in Mendelian Disease

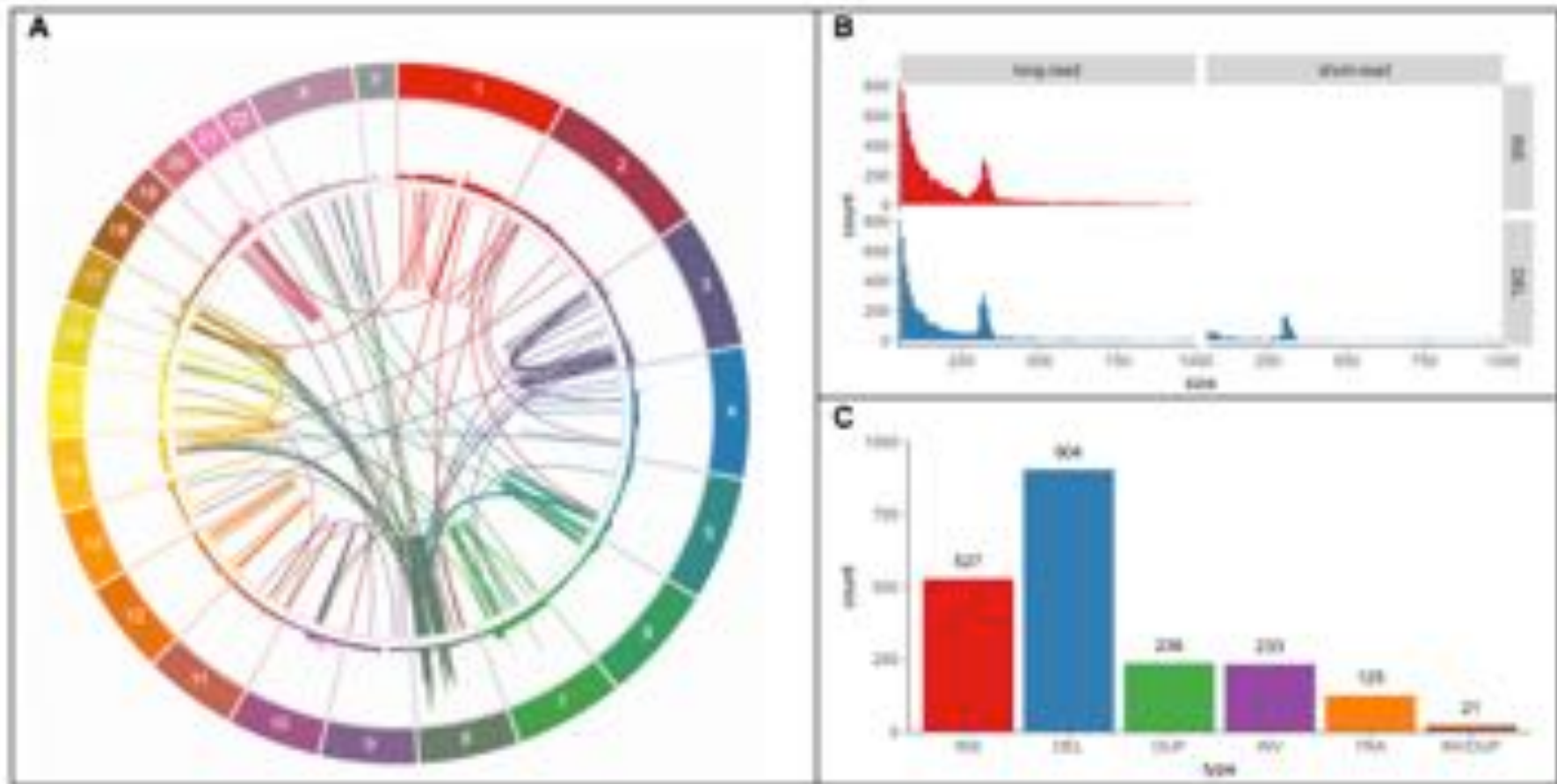


**Long-read genome sequencing identifies causal structural variation in a Mendelian disease**

Merker et al (2017) *Genetics in Medicine*. doi:10.1038/gim.2017.86



# Structural Variations in Breast Cancer



**Figure 1** | Variants found in SK-BR-3 with PacBio long-read sequencing. (A) Circos plot showing long-range (larger than 10 kbp or interchromosomal) variants found by Sniffles from split-read alignments, with read coverage shown in the outer track. (B) Variant size histogram of deletions and insertions from size 50 bp up to 1 kbp found by log-read (Sniffles) and short-read (Survivor 2-caller consensus) variant-calling, showing similar size distributions for insertions and deletions from long reads but not for short reads where insertions are entirely missing. (C) Sniffles variant counts by type for variants above 1 kbp in size, including translocations and inverted duplications.

***Complex rearrangements and oncogene amplifications revealed by long-read DNA and RNA sequencing of a breast cancer cell line***

Nattestad, M et al (2017) bioRxiv <https://doi.org/10.1101/174938>

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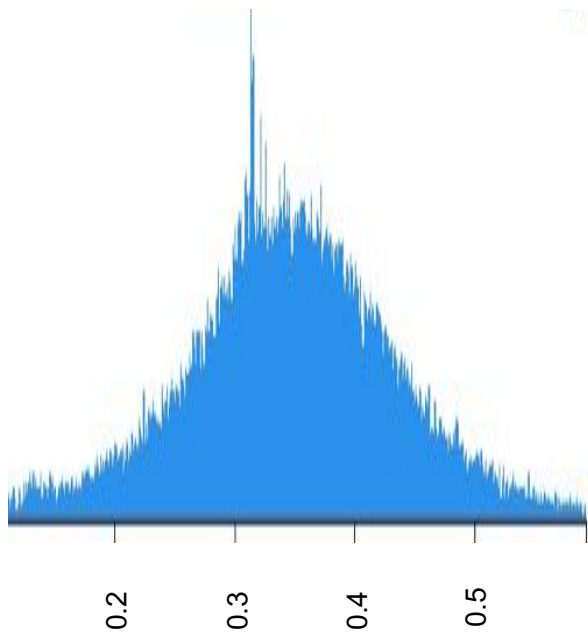
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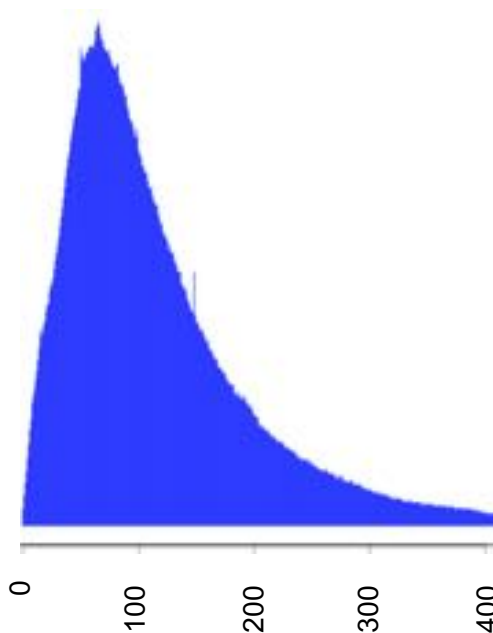
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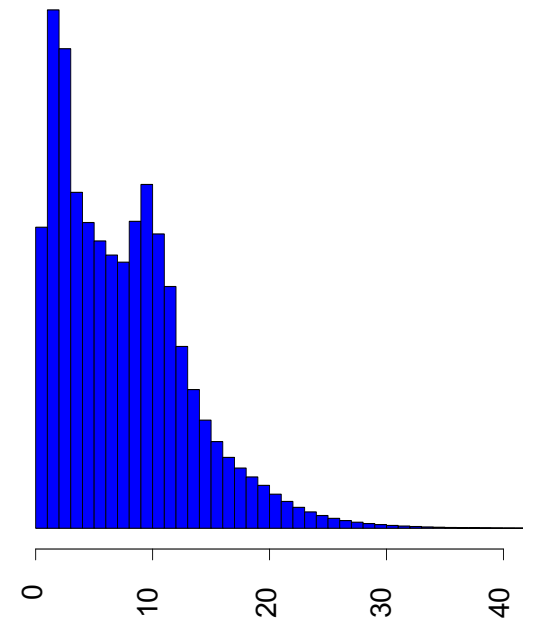
## 10X Genomics



Molecule Length (kbp)

**35x Linked Reads**  
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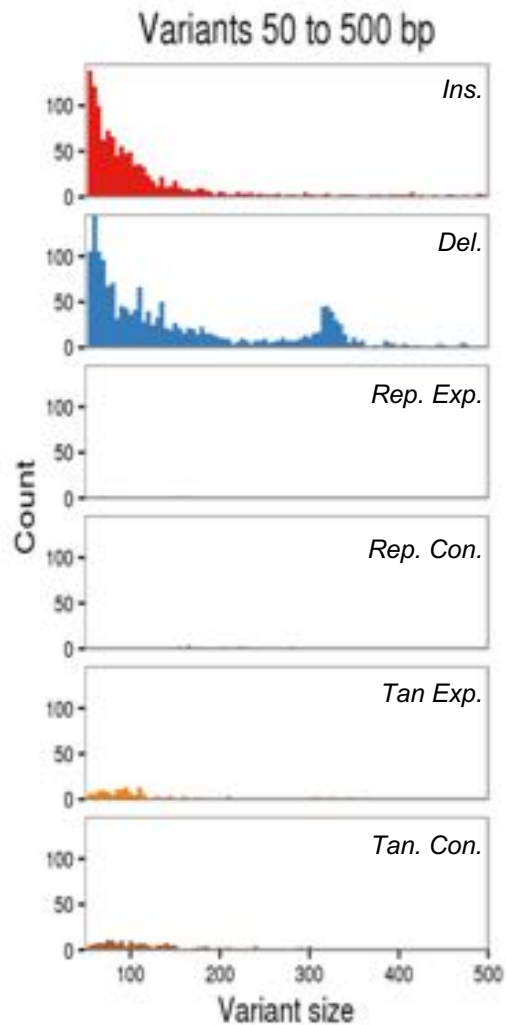
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 $\mu=7.5\text{kbp}$



# Missing Insertions from Short and Linked Read?

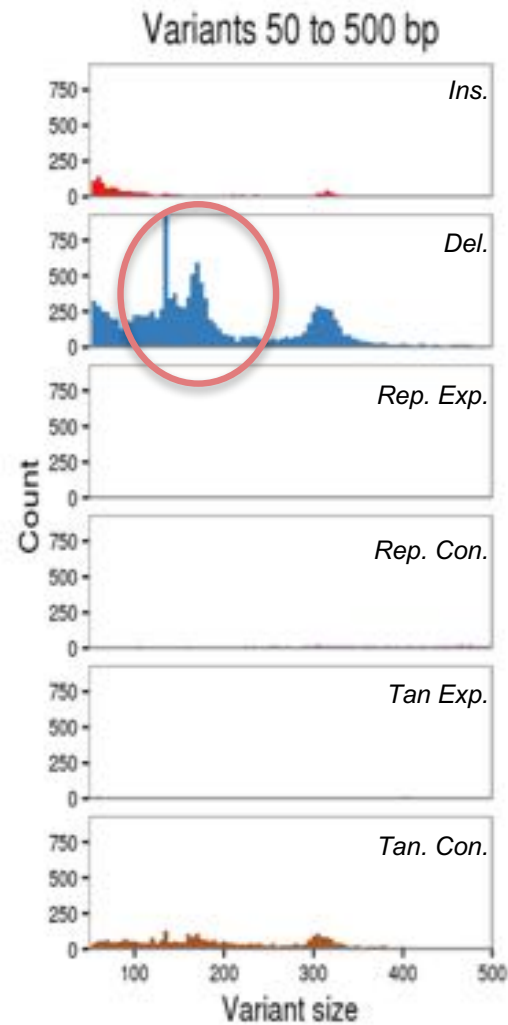
## Illumina

13kbp contig N50



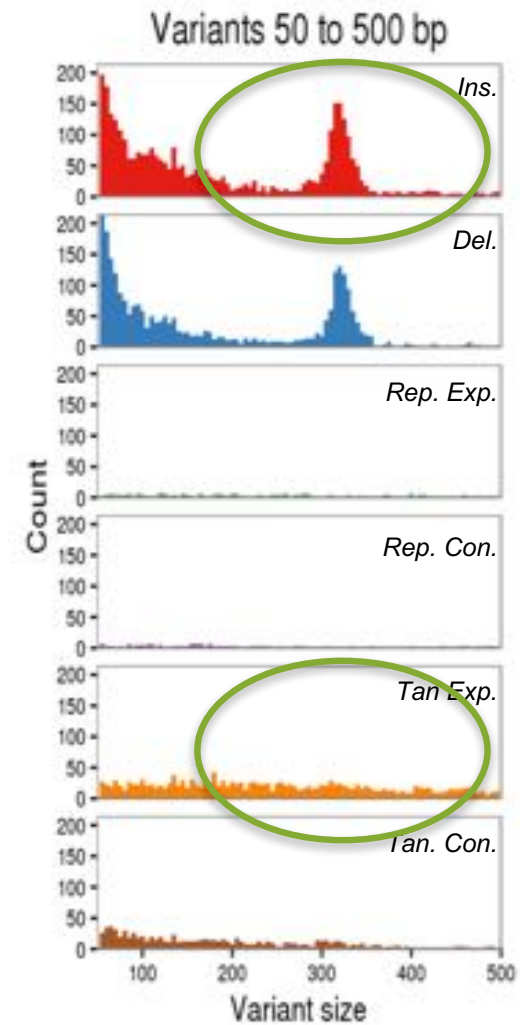
## 10X Genomics

50kbp contig N50



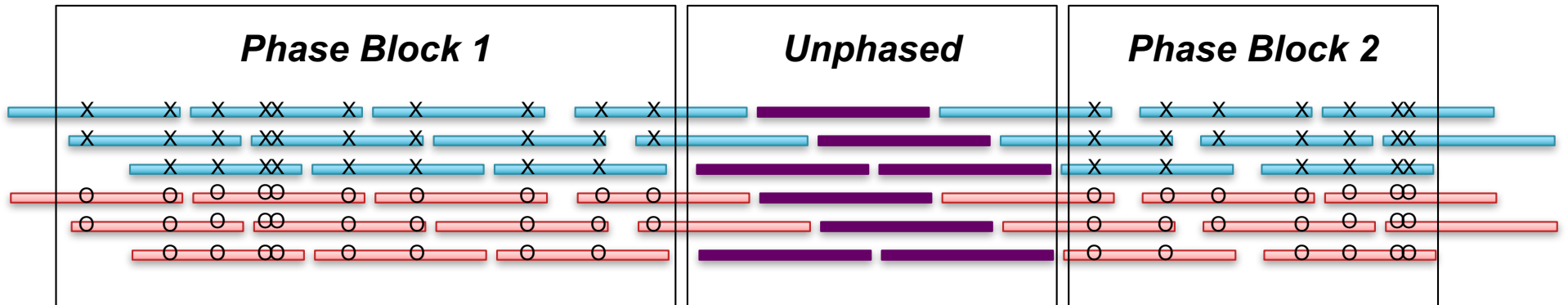
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7Mbp contig N50

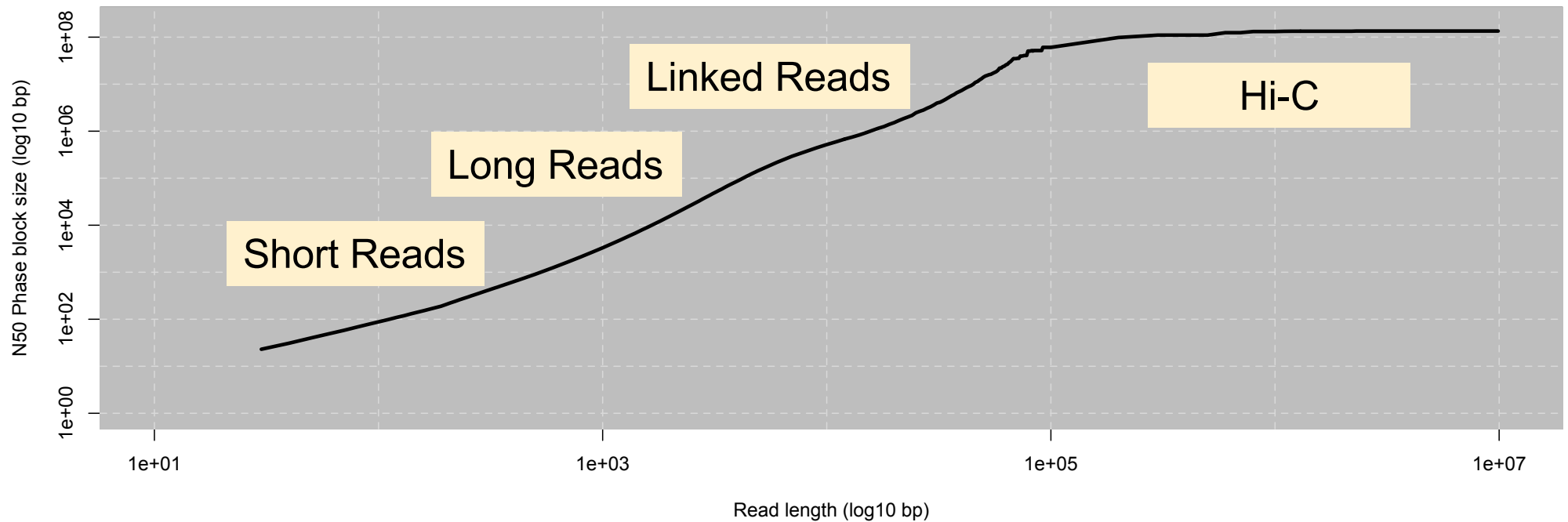




# Phasing Results



NA12878 Optimal phase block length increases with read length

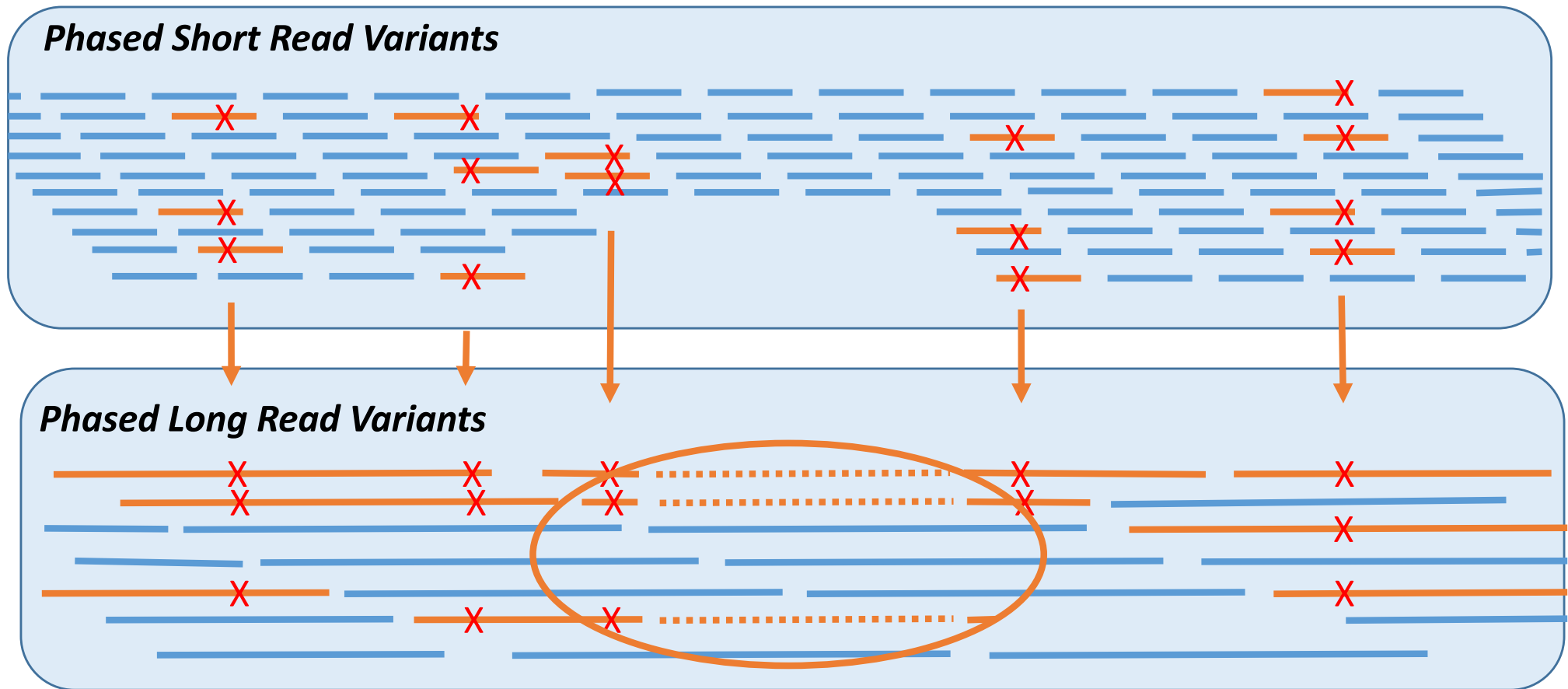


**Piercing the dark matter: Bioinformatics for third generation sequencing**  
Sedlazeck et al (2017) Under Review

# Hybrid Phasing of Structural Variations



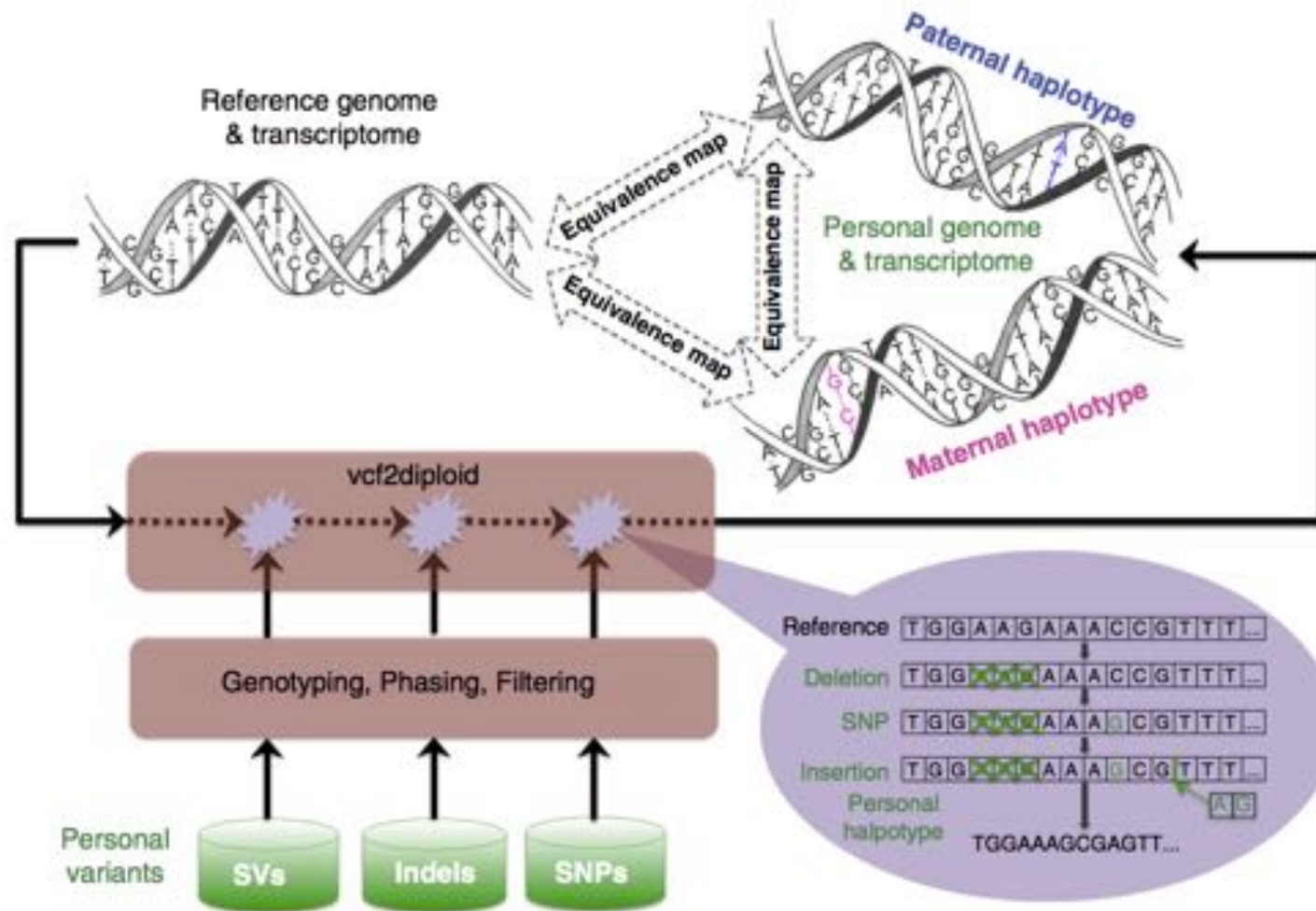
Use the phased short read variants to phase the long reads  
The phased long reads allow the SVs to be phased



Deletion must be on the orange haplotype!



# Creating a “Perfect” Phased Diploid Genome



(J Rozowsky et al, 2011)

***vcf2diploid inserts phased variants from a VCF file into the reference genome to create a pair of phased chromosome fasta files***

# In pursuit of perfect genome sequencing

1. Why “Perfect”?
2. What is “Perfect”?
3. **How will we achieve it?**  
***Lonnnnnng reads + Looooong mates :-)***
4. When will we achieve it?

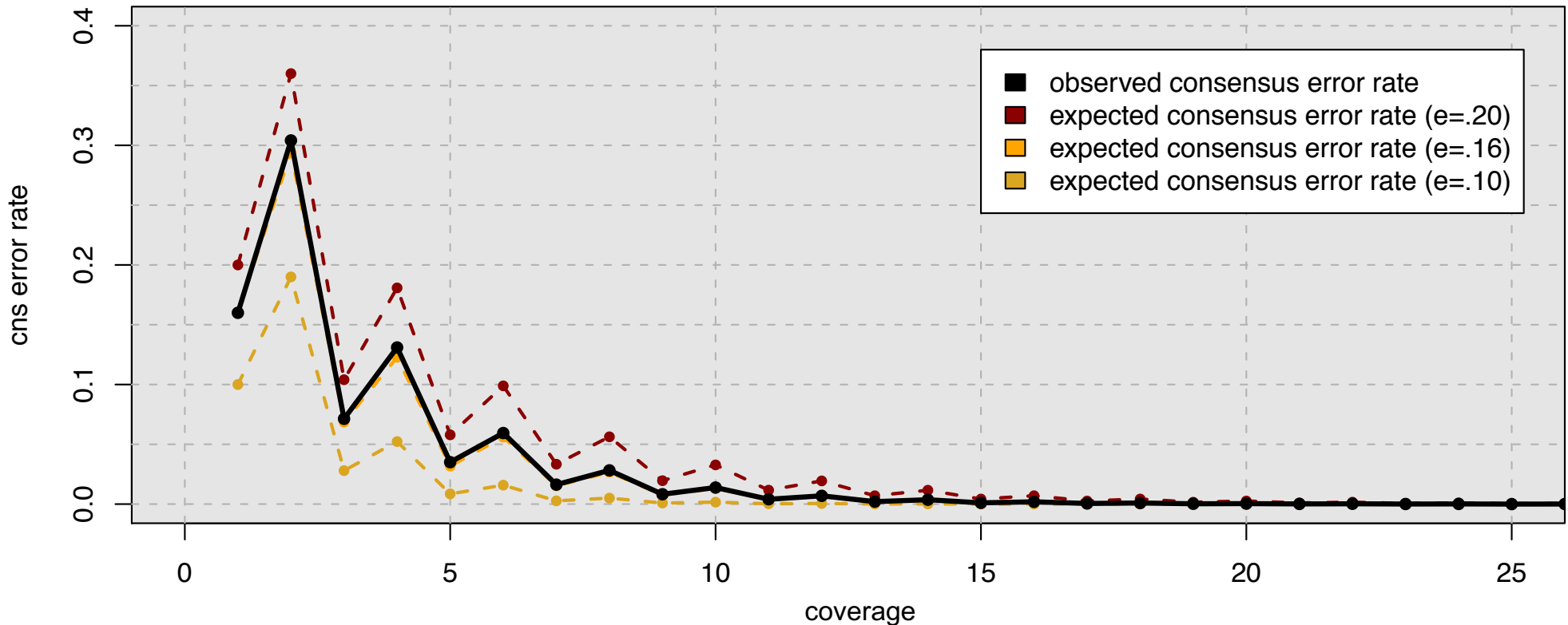


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# Consensus Accuracy and Coverage



## Coverage can overcome **random** errors

- Dashed: error model from binomial sampling
- Solid: observed accuracy

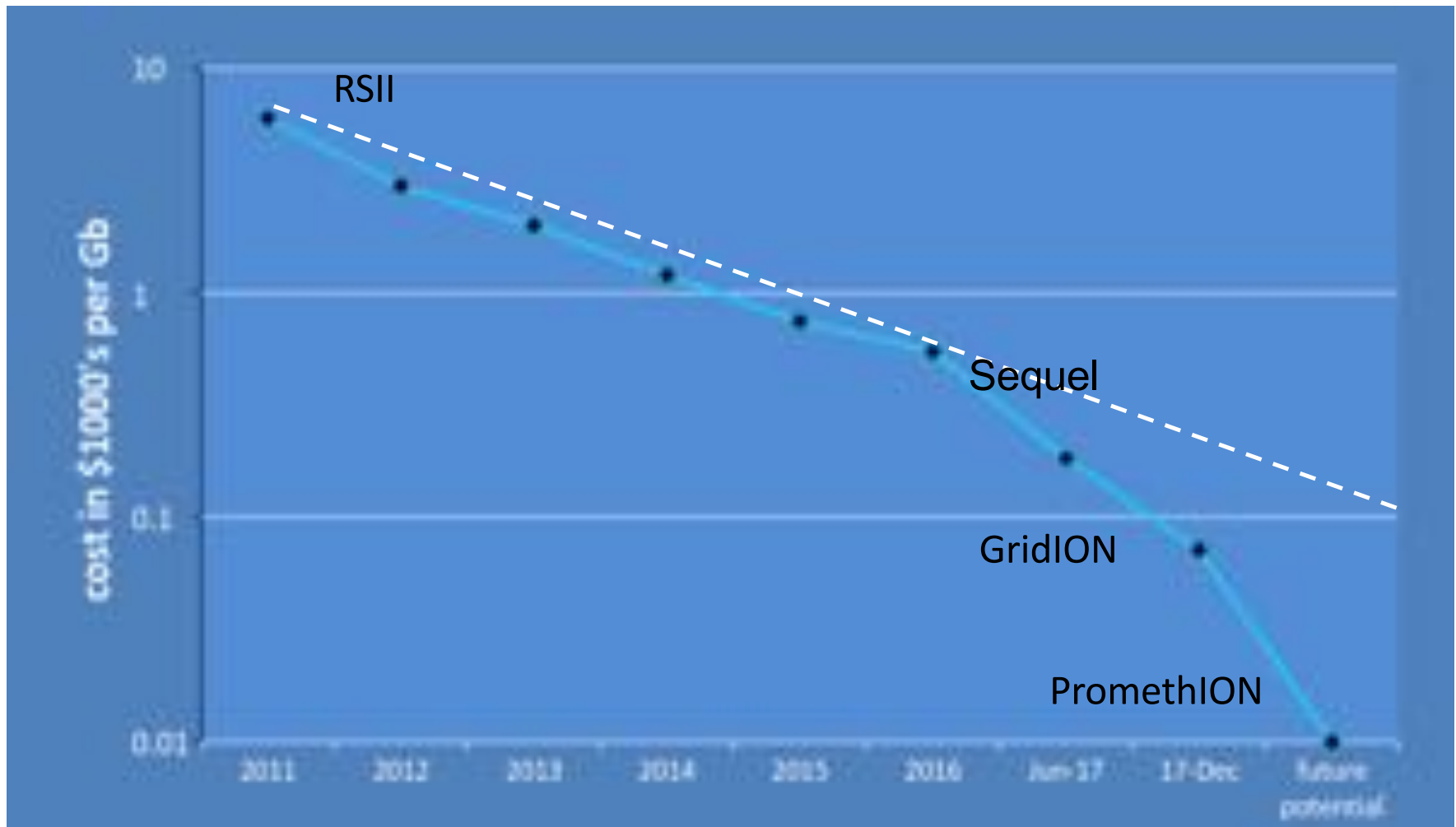
$$CNS\ Error = \sum_{i=\lfloor c/2 \rfloor}^c \binom{c}{i} (e)^i (1-e)^{n-i}$$

**Hybrid error correction and de novo assembly of single-molecule sequencing reads.**

Koren et al (2012) *Nature Biotechnology*. doi:10.1038/nbt.2280

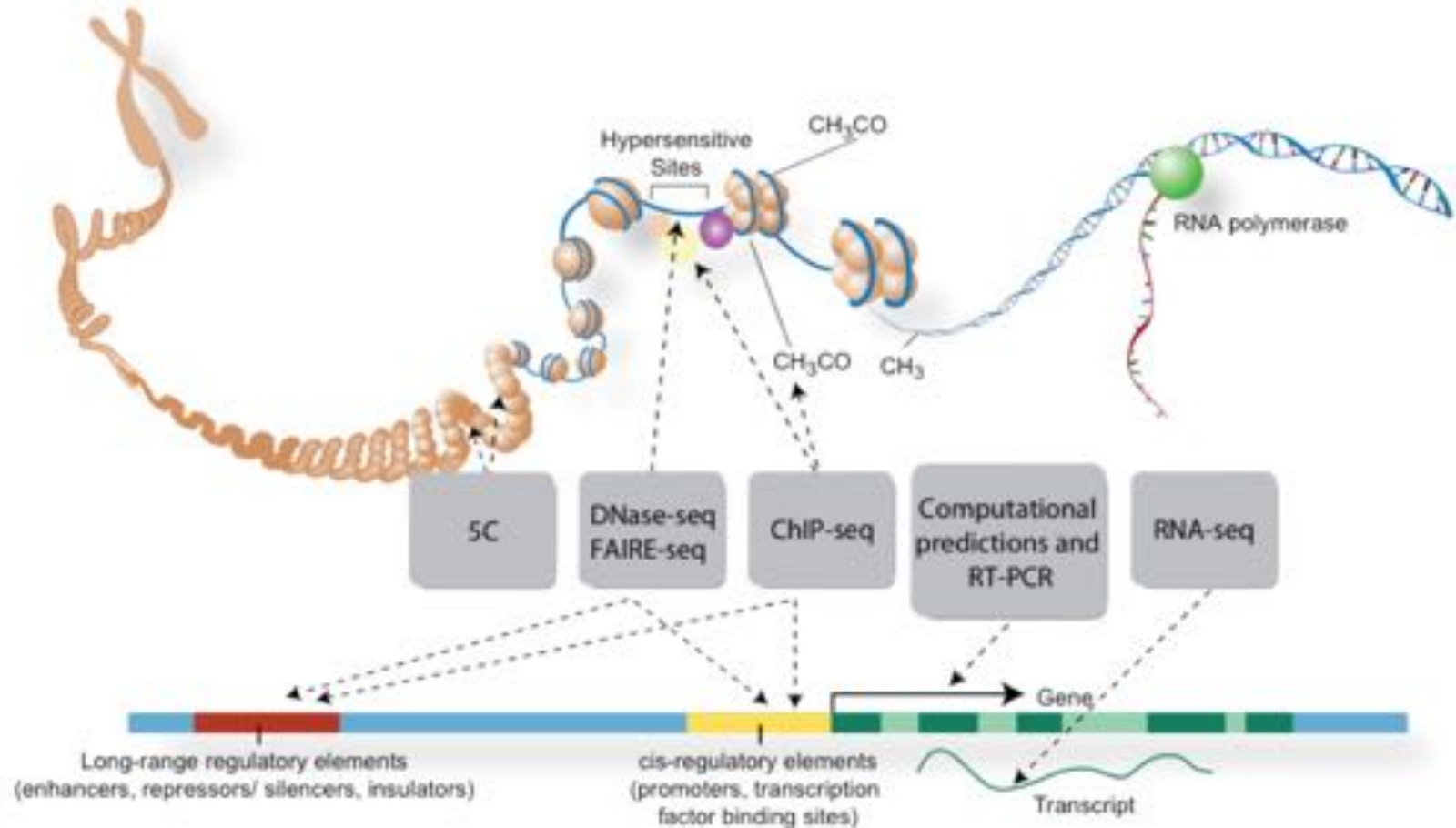


# Costs for Long Read Sequencing



Sara Goodwin, CSHL

# “Perfect” Genome Projects



## ***ENCODE + CancerCODE***

Illumina + PacBio/ONT + 10X  
RNA-seq, ChipSeq, Hi-C, etc  
4 healthy + 10 Organoids

## ***MaizeCode***

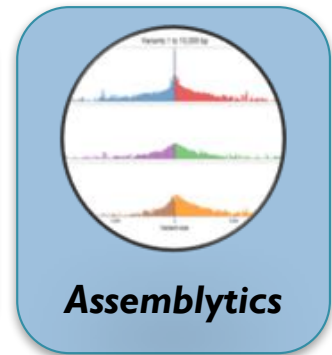
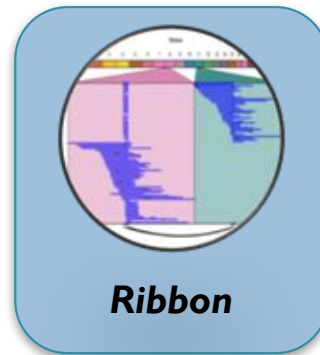
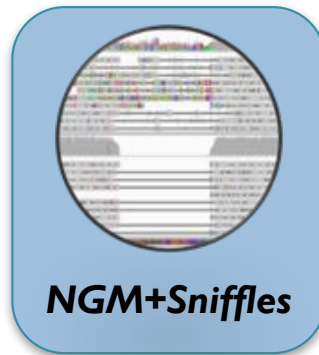
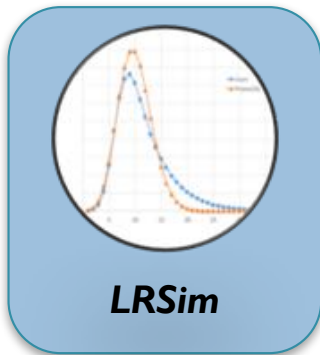
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RNA-seq, ChipSeq, MNase-seq  
2 maize + 2 teosinte

## ***Tomato Diversity***

PacBio/ONT + 10x  
RNA-seq  
50 accessions

# In pursuit of perfect genome sequencing

- **Strive for Perfection: 100% Correct and 100% Complete**
  - The key for perfect genomes is lonnnnnnnnnng reads 😊
  - Expect new insights on the causes of diseases, forces of evolution
- **Multiple sequencing technologies & approaches needed**
  - *PacBio*: Best Resolution of SVs
  - *De novo*: Best Resolution of small SVs
  - *10X/HIC*: Best Phasing
  - *Mapping*: Best resolution of large SVs
- **We have just begun to explore the universe of variants present**
  - Tens of thousands of SVs per person, many megabases of variation
  - Also need to push these ideas into single cell and population scale analysis



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