

# The Resurgence of Reference Quality Genomes using 3rd Gen Sequencing

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# Outline

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1. Assembly by analogy
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# Shredded Book Reconstruction

- Dickens accidentally shreds the first printing of A Tale of Two Cities
  - Text printed on 5 long spools

It was	the	best	of	times,	it	was	the	worst	of	times,	it	was	the	age	of	wisdom,	it	was	the	age	of	foolishness,	...	
It was	the	best	of	times,	it	was	the	worst	of	times,	it	was	the	age	of	wisdom,	it	was	the	age	of	foolishness,	...	
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- How can he reconstruct the text?
  - 5 copies x 138,656 words / 5 words per fragment = 138k fragments
  - The short fragments from every copy are mixed together
  - Some fragments are identical

# Greedy Reconstruction

It was the best of  
age of wisdom, it was  
best of times, it was  
it was the age of  
it was the age of  
it was the worst of  
of times, it was the  
of times, it was the  
of wisdom, it was the  
the age of wisdom, it  
the best of times, it  
the worst of times, it  
times, it was the age  
times, it was the worst  
was the age of wisdom,  
was the age of foolishness,  
was the best of times,  
was the worst of times,  
wisdom, it was the age  
worst of times, it was

It was the best of  
was the best of times,  
the best of times, it  
best of times, it was  
of times, it was the  
of times, it was the  
times, it was the worst  
times, it was the age

The repeated sequence make the correct reconstruction ambiguous

- It was the best of times, it was the [worst/age]

Model the assembly problem as a graph problem

# de Bruijn Graph Construction

- $D_k = (V, E)$ 
  - $V =$  All length- $k$  subfragments ( $k < l$ )
  - $E =$  Directed edges between consecutive subfragments
    - Nodes overlap by  $k-1$  words

Original Fragment

It was the best of

Directed Edge

It was the best → was the best of

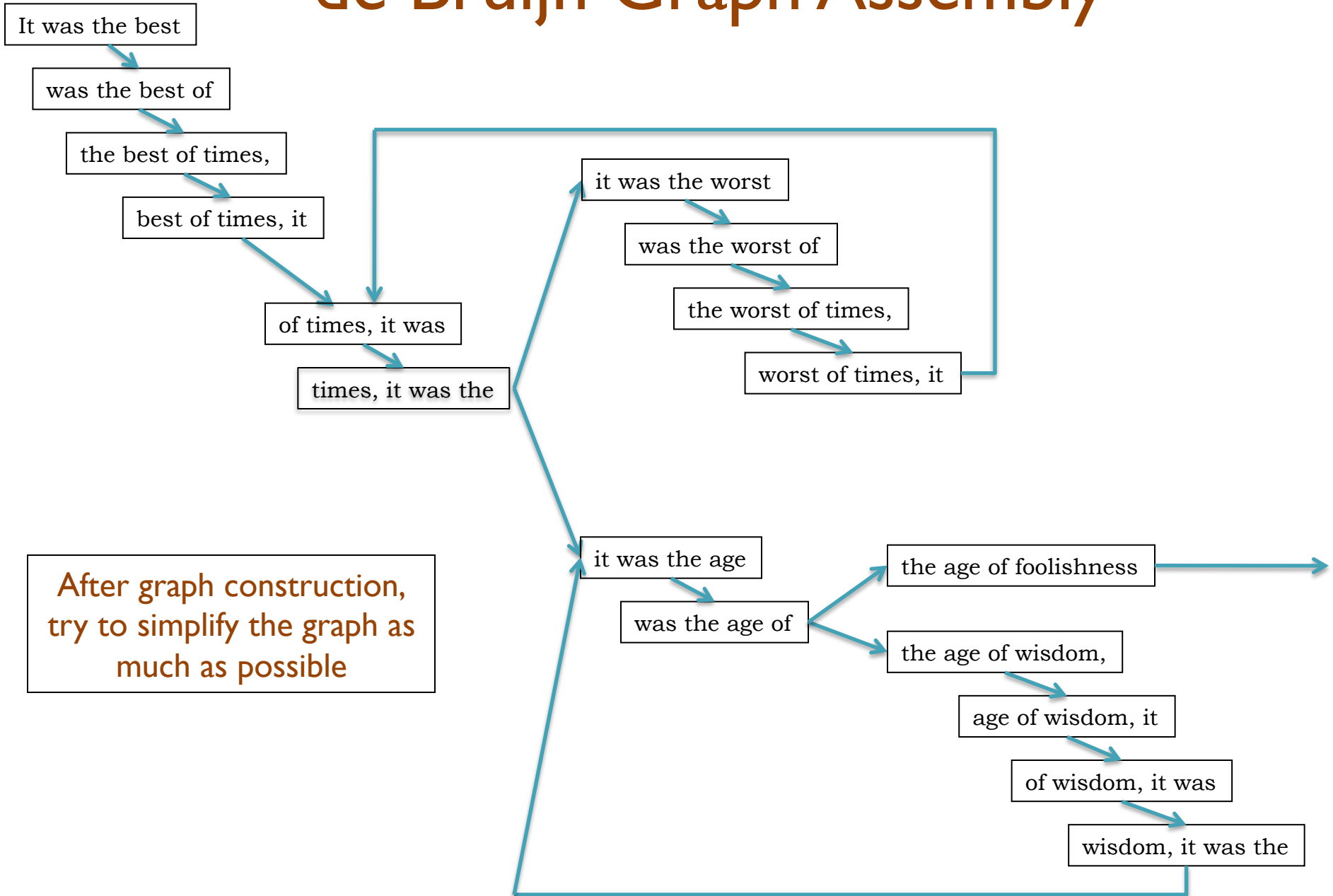
- Locally constructed graph reveals the global sequence structure
  - Overlaps between sequences implicitly computed

de Bruijn, 1946

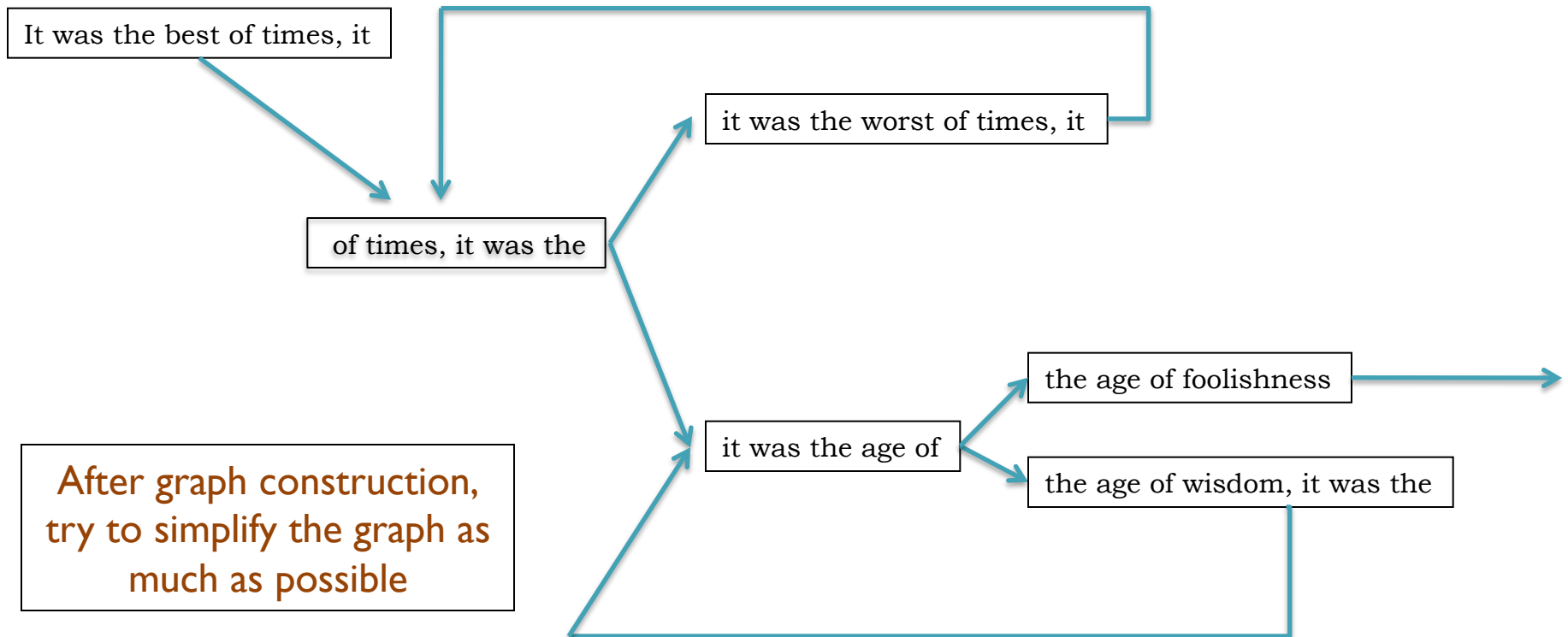
Idury and Waterman, 1995

Pevzner, Tang, Waterman, 2001

# de Bruijn Graph Assembly

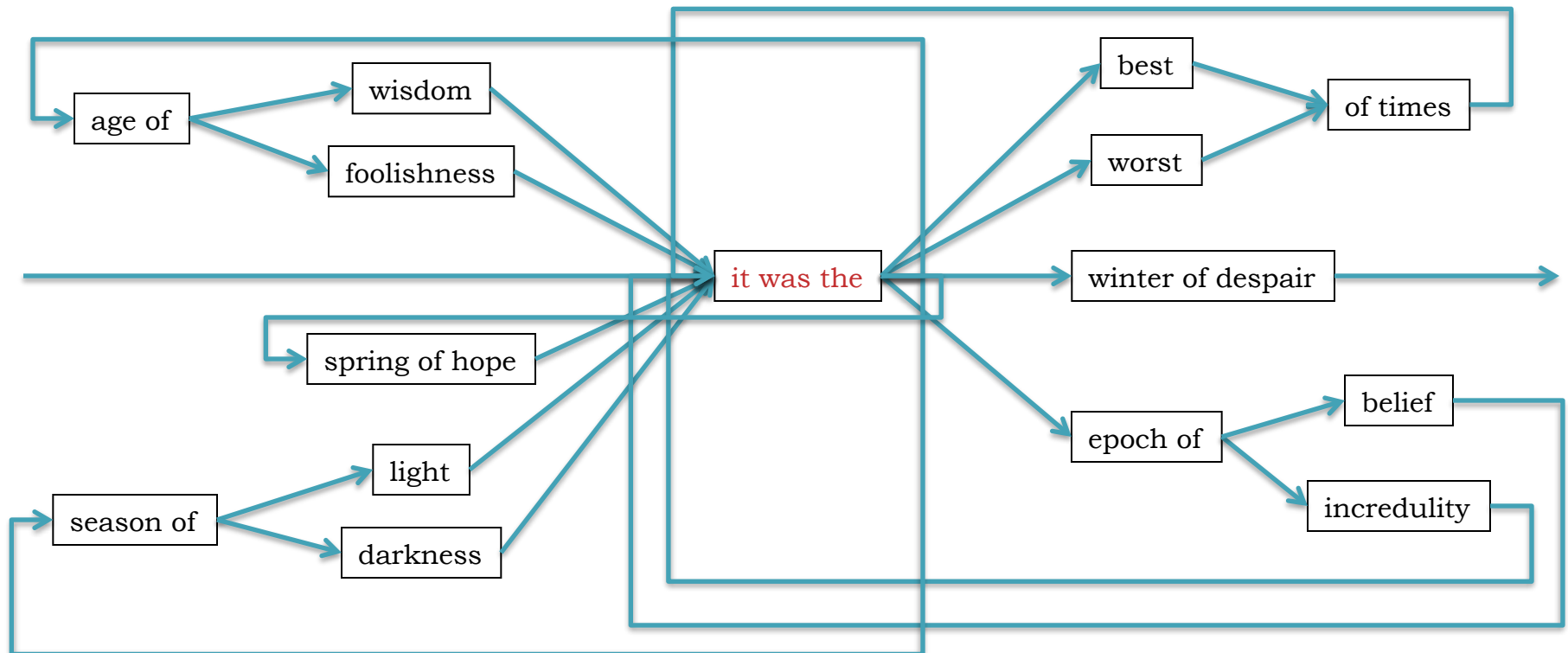


# de Bruijn Graph Assembly



# The full tale

... it was the best of times it was the worst of times ...  
... it was the age of wisdom it was the age of foolishness ...  
... it was the epoch of belief it was the epoch of incredulity ...  
... it was the season of light it was the season of darkness ...  
... it was the spring of hope it was the winter of despair ...





# N50 size

Def: 50% of the genome is in contigs as large as the N50 value

Example: 1 Mbp genome

50%



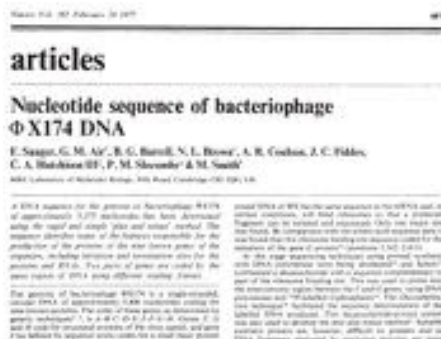
N50 size = 30 kbp

(300k+100k+45k+45k+30k = 520k  $\geq$  500kbp)

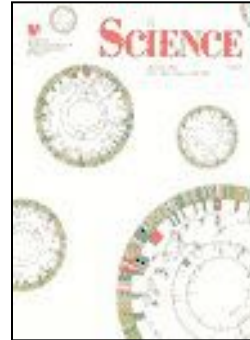
***A greater N50 is indicative of improvement in every dimension:***

- Better resolution of genes and flanking regulatory regions
- Better resolution of transposons and other complex sequences
- Better resolution of chromosome organization
- Better sequence for all downstream analysis

# Milestones in Genome Assembly



1977. Sanger *et al.*  
1<sup>st</sup> Complete Organism  
5375 bp



1995. Fleischmann *et al.*  
1<sup>st</sup> Free Living Organism  
TIGR Assembler. 1.8Mbp



1998. C.elegans SC  
1<sup>st</sup> Multicellular Organism  
BAC-by-BAC Phrap. 97Mbp



2000. Myers *et al.*  
1<sup>st</sup> Large WGS Assembly.  
Celera Assembler. 116 Mbp



2001. Venter *et al.*, IHGSC  
Human Genome  
Celera Assembler/GigaAssembler. 2.9 Gbp



2010. Li *et al.*  
1<sup>st</sup> Large SGS Assembly.  
SOAPdenovo 2.2 Gbp

Like Dickens, we must computationally reconstruct a genome from short fragments

# Assembly Applications

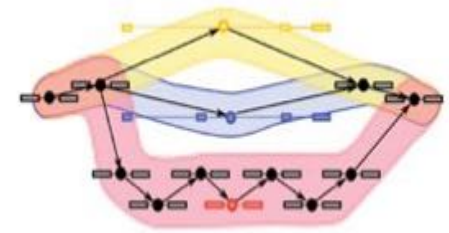
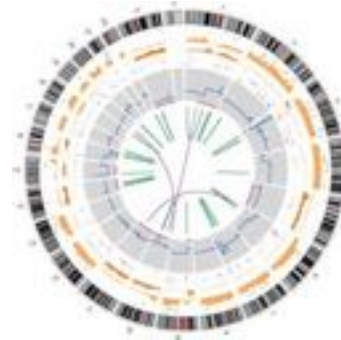
- Novel genomes



- Metagenomes

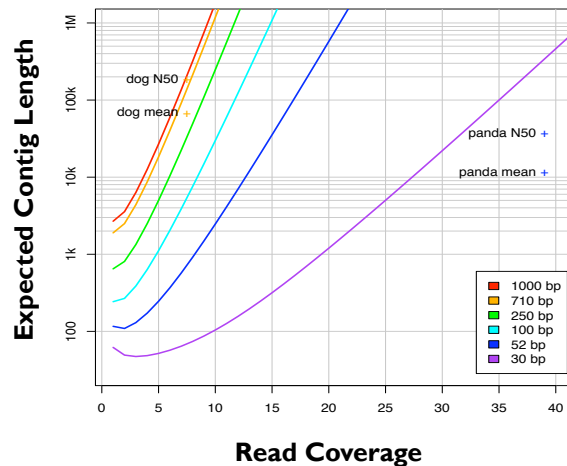


- Sequencing assays
  - Structural variations
  - Transcript assembly
  - ...



# Ingredients for a good assembly

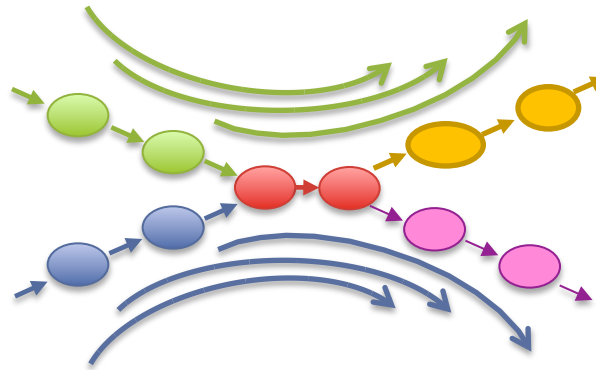
## Coverage



### High coverage is required

- Oversample the genome to ensure every base is sequenced with long overlaps between reads
- Biased coverage will also fragment assembly

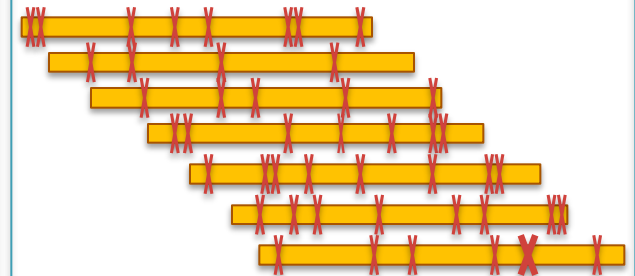
## Read Length



### Reads & mates must be longer than the repeats

- Short reads will have **false overlaps** forming hairball assembly graphs
- With long enough reads, assemble entire chromosomes into contigs

## Quality



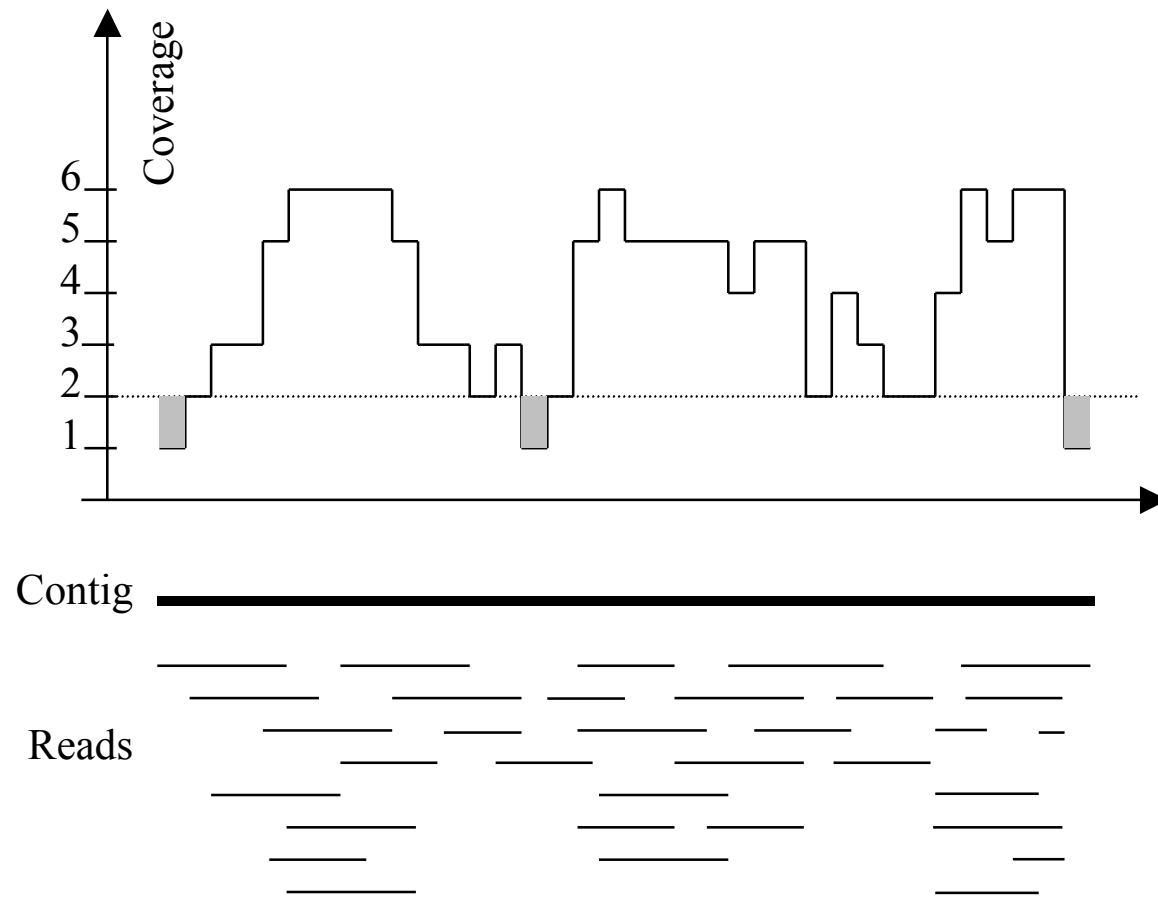
### Errors obscure overlaps

- Reads are assembled by finding kmers shared in pair of reads
- High error rate requires very short seeds, increasing complexity and forming assembly hairballs

## Current challenges in *de novo* plant genome sequencing and assembly

Schatz MC, Witkowski, McCombie, VWR (2012) *Genome Biology*. 12:243

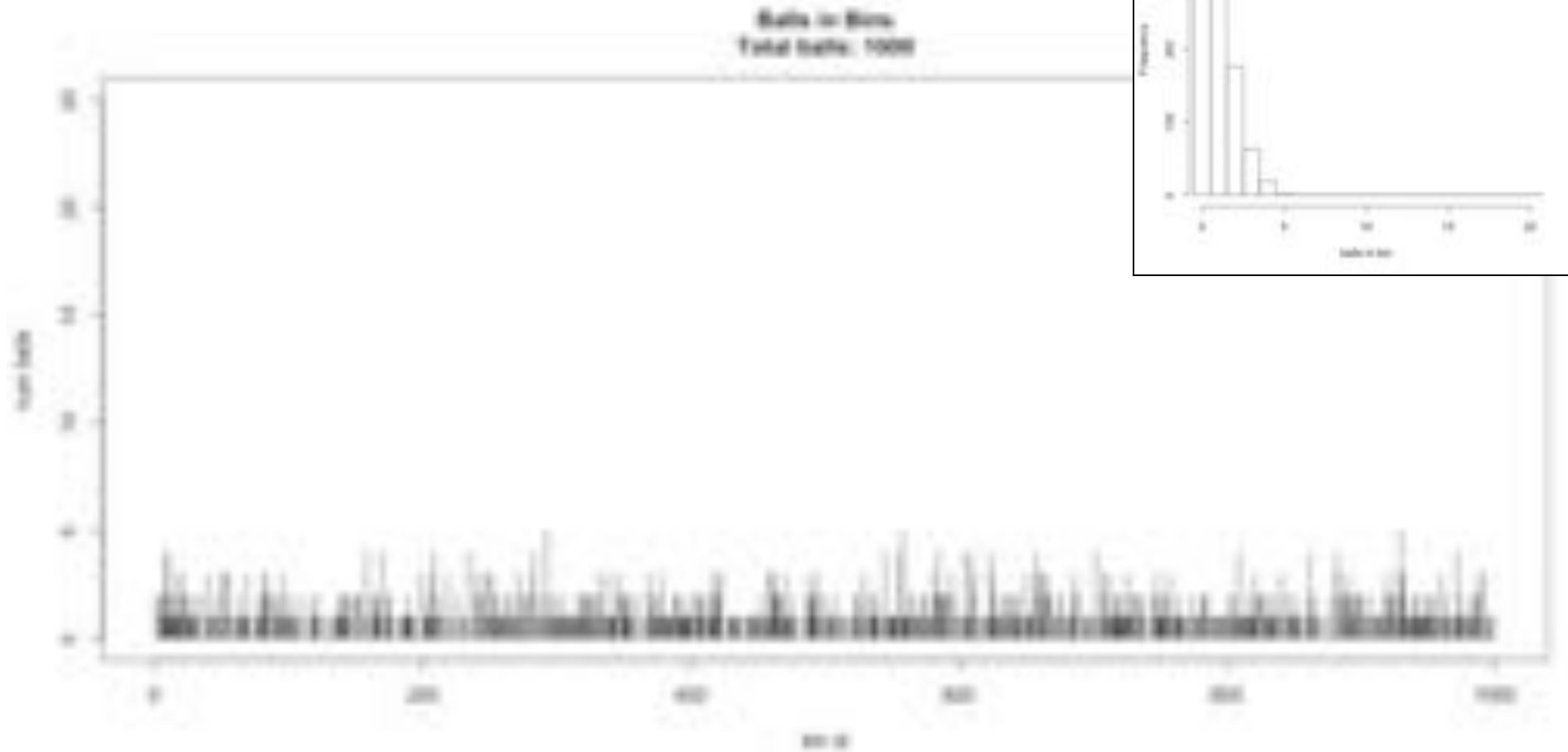
# Typical sequencing coverage



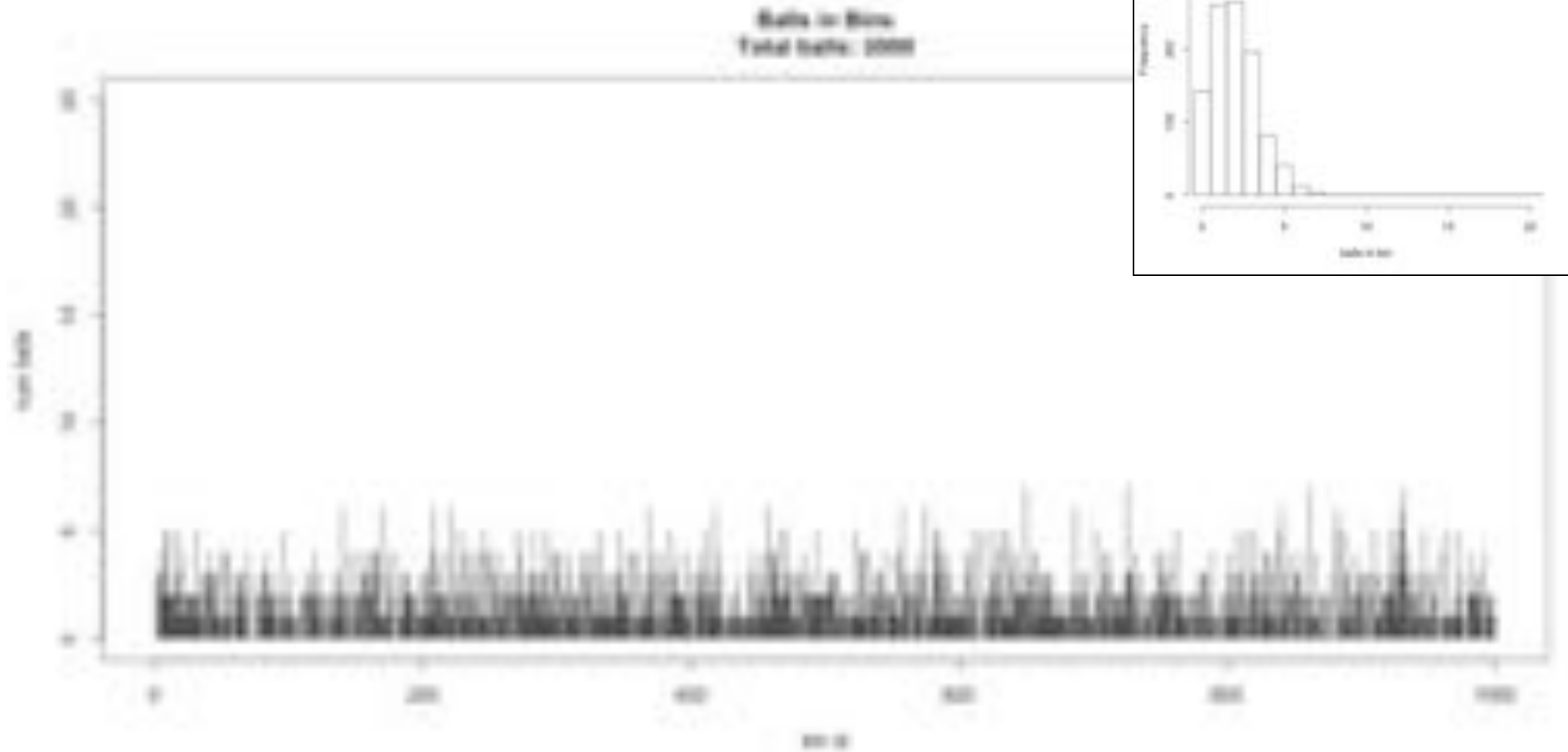
Imagine raindrops on a sidewalk

We want to cover the entire sidewalk but each drop costs \$1

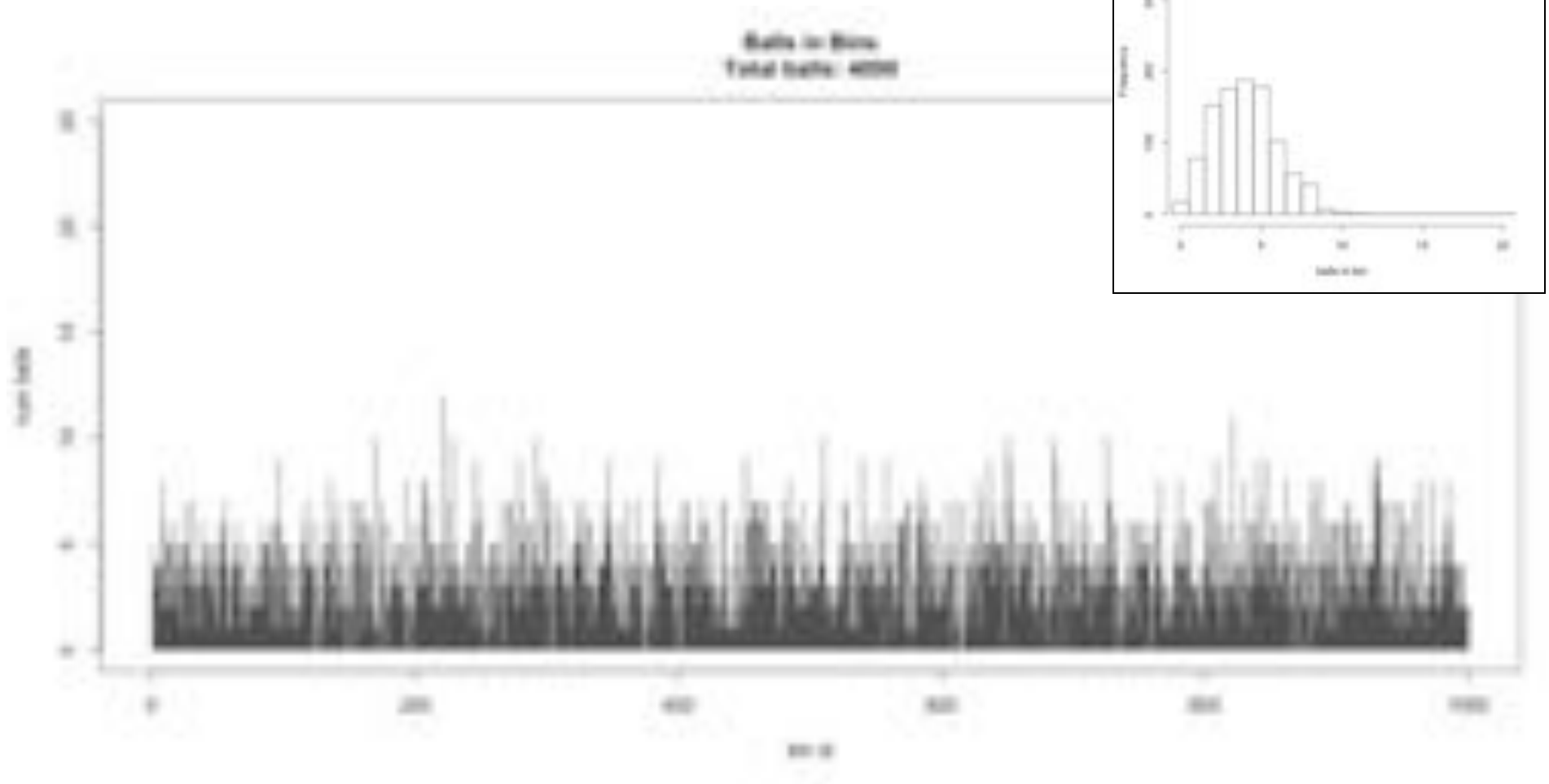
# Ix sequencing



# 2x sequencing

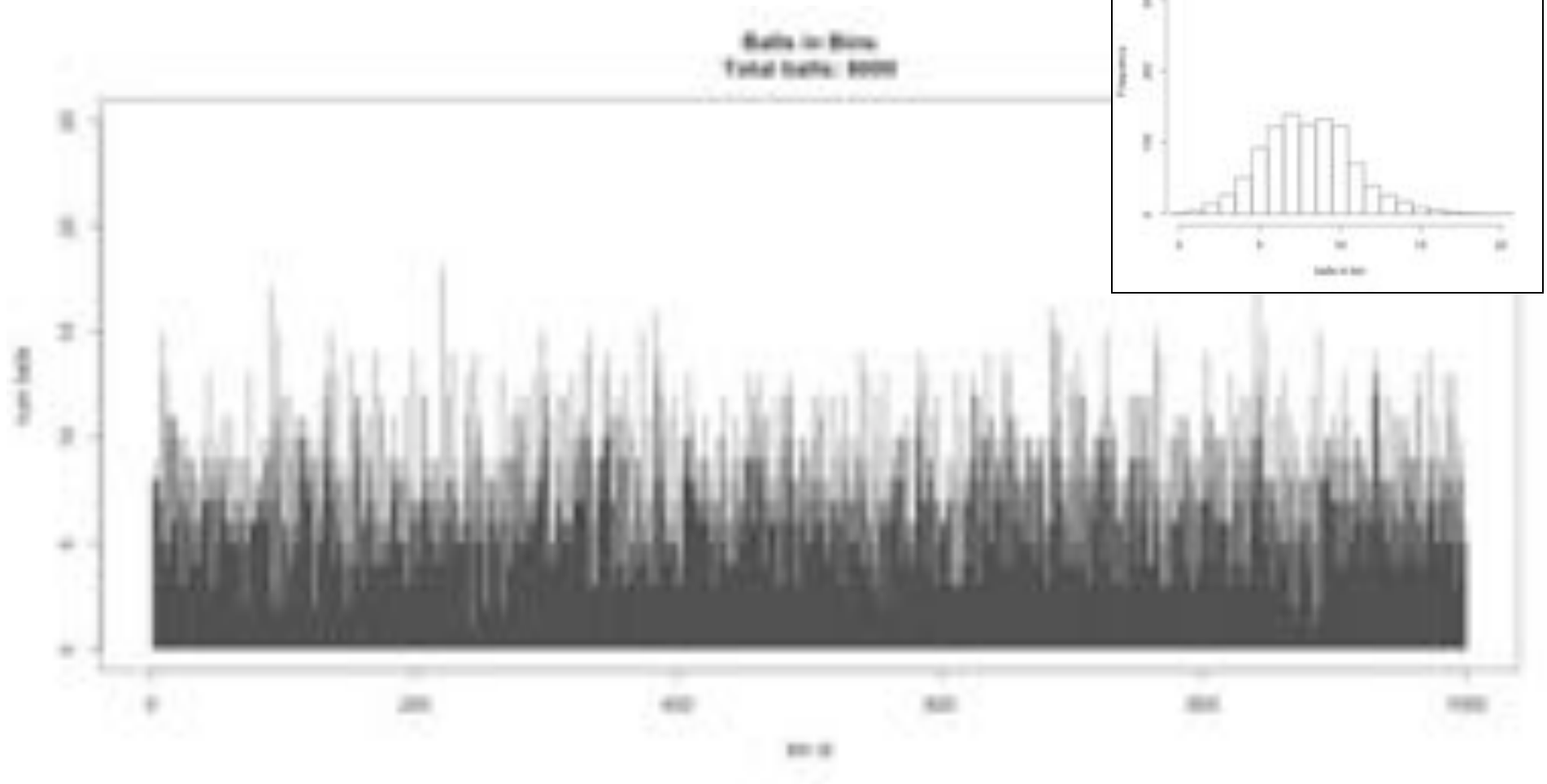


# 4x sequencing

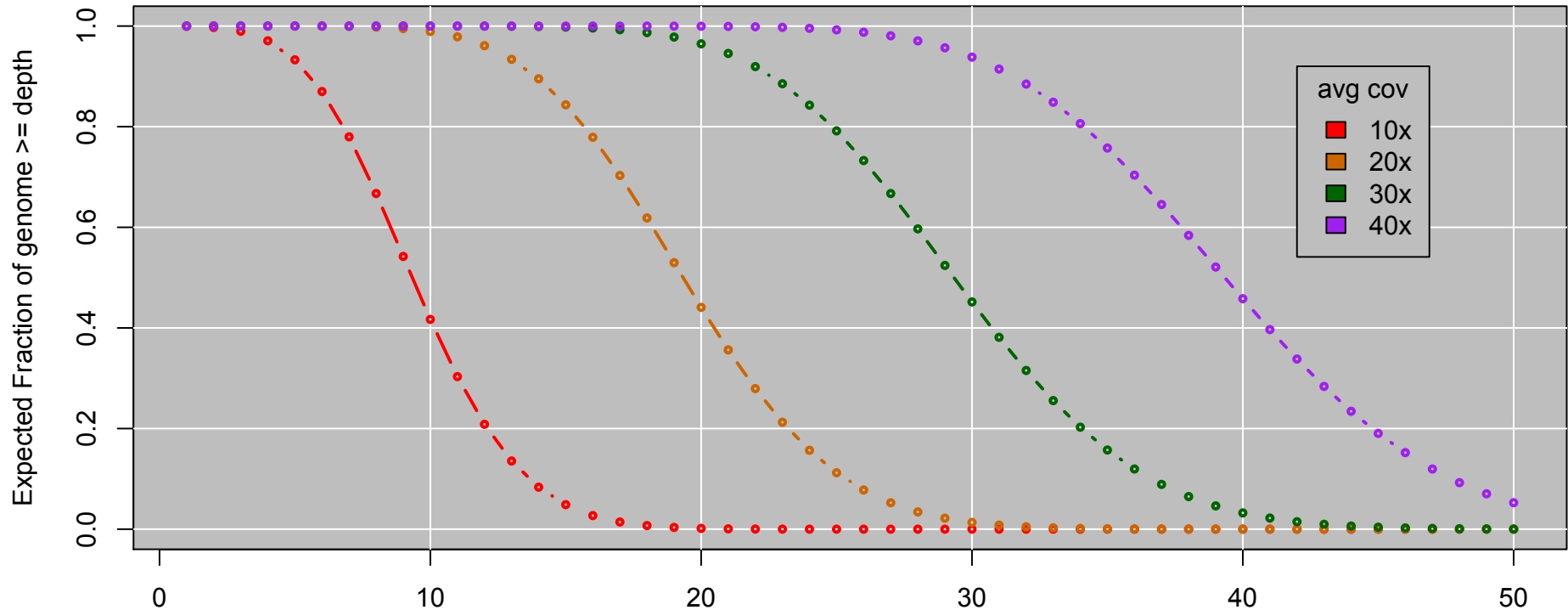




# 8x sequencing



# Genome Coverage Distribution



Expect Poisson distribution on depth

- Standard Deviation =  $\sqrt{\text{cov}}$

This is the mathematical model => reality may be much worse

- Double your coverage for diploid genomes
- Can use somewhat lower coverage in a population to find common variants

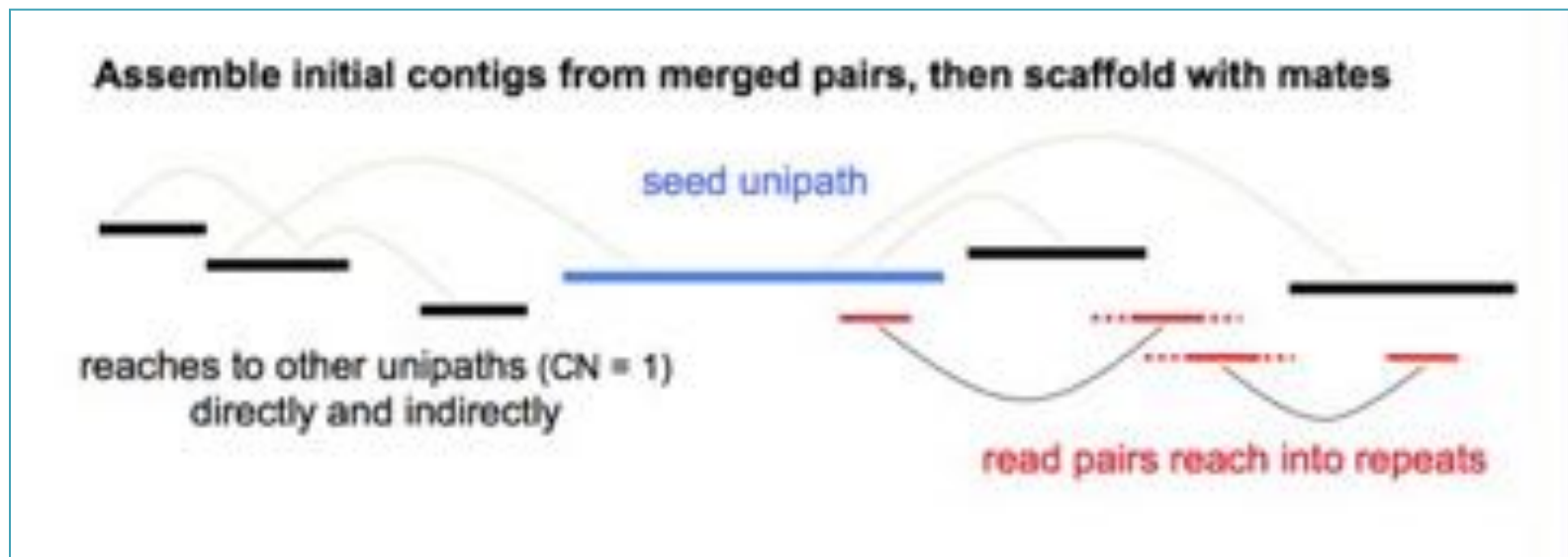
## Initial Assembly Attempts with early Illumina sequencers circa 2007-2008

(older Illumina PE70 library with small insert size ~150bp)

Assembler	Contig set	N50 contig size	Max contig size	Total assembly size
Velvet	25X Nipponbare	1049bp	21830bp	305.8 Mbp
Velvet	50X Nipponbare	4716bp	23094bp	421.6 Mbp
Abyss	25X Nipponbare	1853bp	12684bp	286.4 Mbp
Abyss	50X Nipponbare	2847bp	34800bp	317.4 Mbp
Abyss	30X peach	2123bp	27079bp	187.2 Mbp

# Short Read Assembly with ALLPATHS

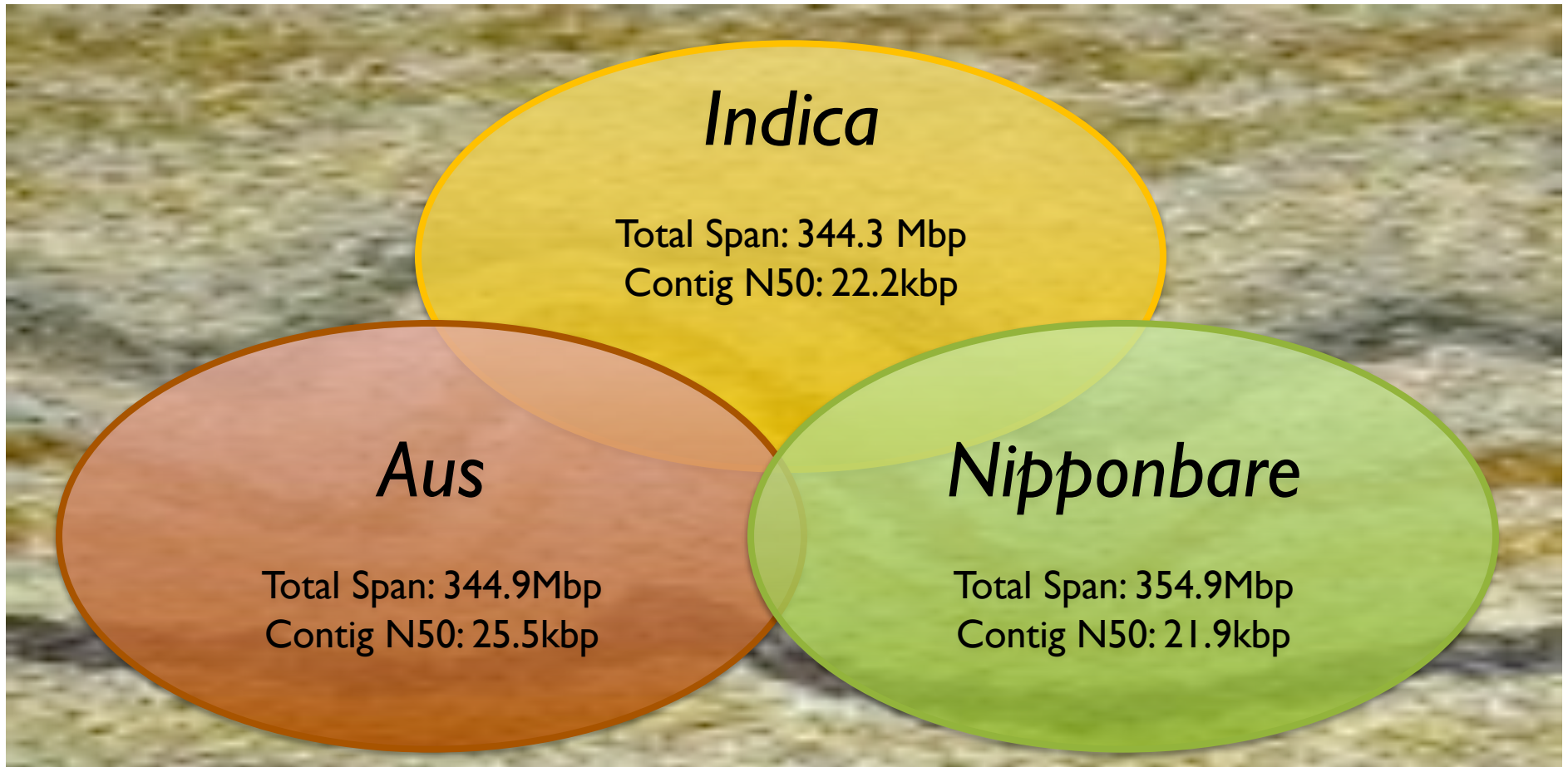
Libraries (insert types)	Fragment size (bp)	Read length (bases)	Sequence coverage (x)	Required
Fragment	180*	$\geq 100$	45	yes
Short jump	3,000	$\geq 100$ preferable	45	yes
Long jump	6,000	$\geq 100$ preferable	5	no**
Fosmid jump	40,000	$\geq 26$	1	no**



**High-quality draft assemblies of mammalian genomes from massively parallel sequence data**

Gnerre et al (2010) *PNAS*. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1017351108

# Population structure of *Oryza sativa*

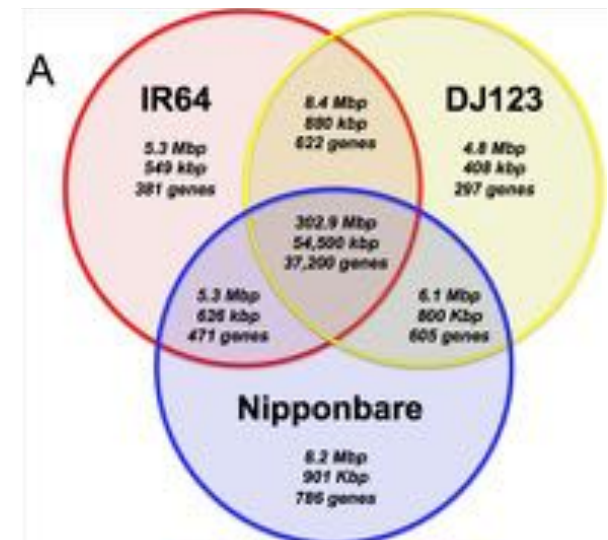


**Whole genome de novo assemblies of three divergent strains of rice (*O. sativa*) documents novel gene space of *aus* and *indica***

Schatz, Maron, Stein et al (2014) *Genome Biology*. 15:506 doi:10.1186/s13059-014-0506-z

# *Oryza sativa* Gene Diversity

- Very high quality representation of the “gene-space”
  - Overall identity ~99.9%
  - Less than 1% of exonic bases missing
- Genome-specific genes enriched for disease resistance
  - Reflects their geographic and environmental diversity
- Assemblies fragmented at (high copy) repeats
  - Difficult to identify full length gene models and regulatory features



## Overall sequence content

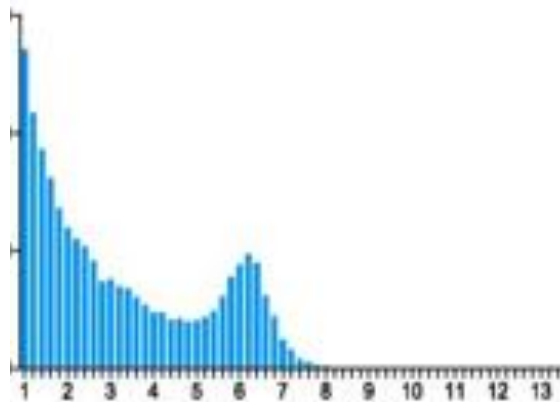
In each sector, the top number is the total number of base pairs, the middle number is the number of exonic bases, and the bottom is the gene count. If a gene is partially shared, it is assigned to the sector with the most exonic bases.



# Long Read Sequencing Technology

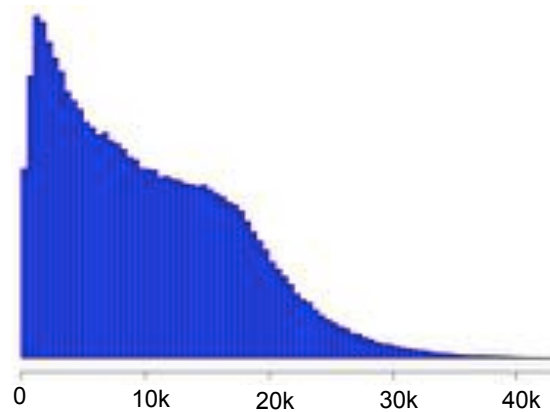
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illumina  
moleculo



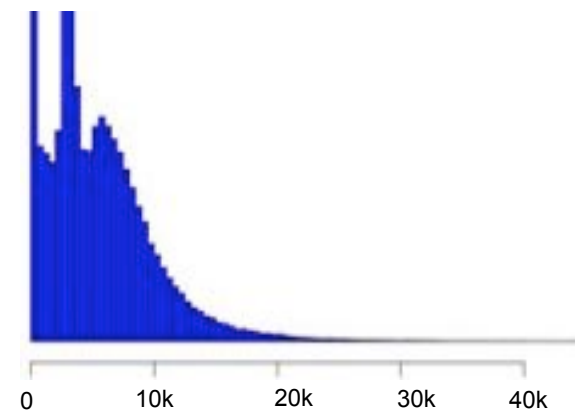
(Voskoboynik et al. 2013)

PacBio RS II



CSHL/PacBio

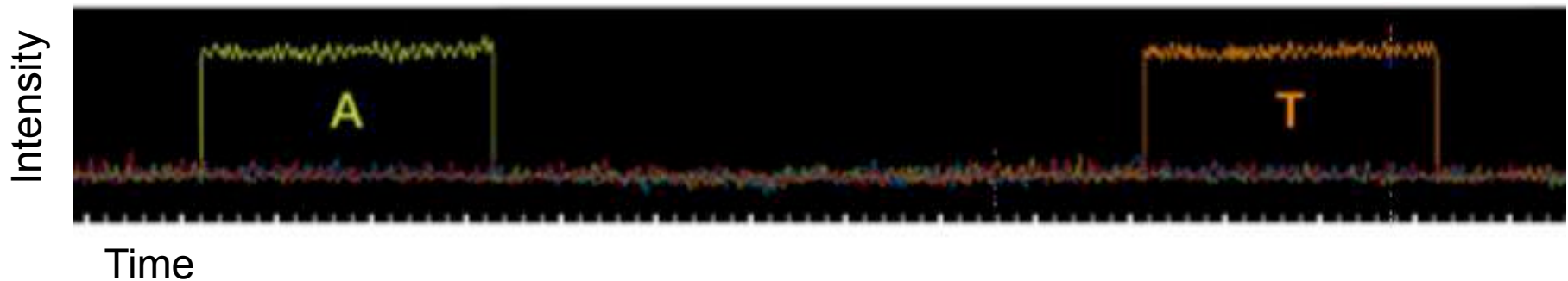
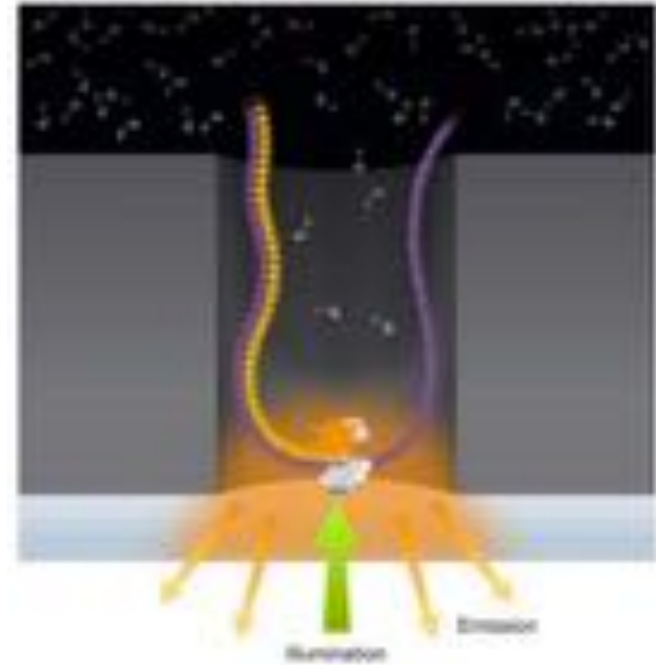
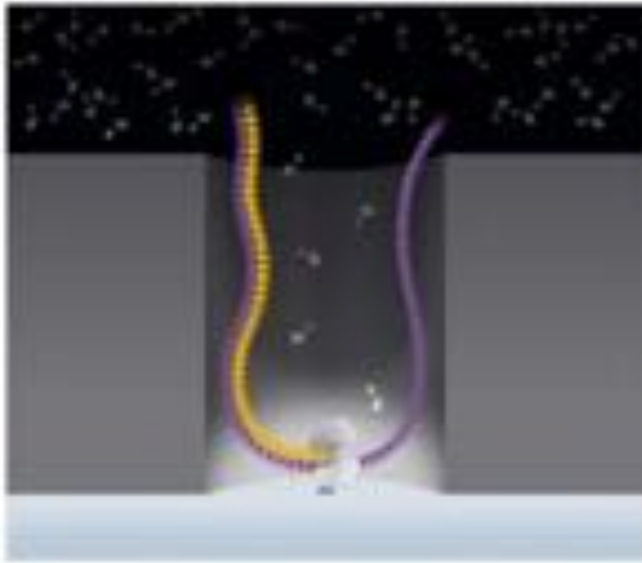
Oxford Nanopore



CSHL/ONT

# PacBio SMRT Sequencing

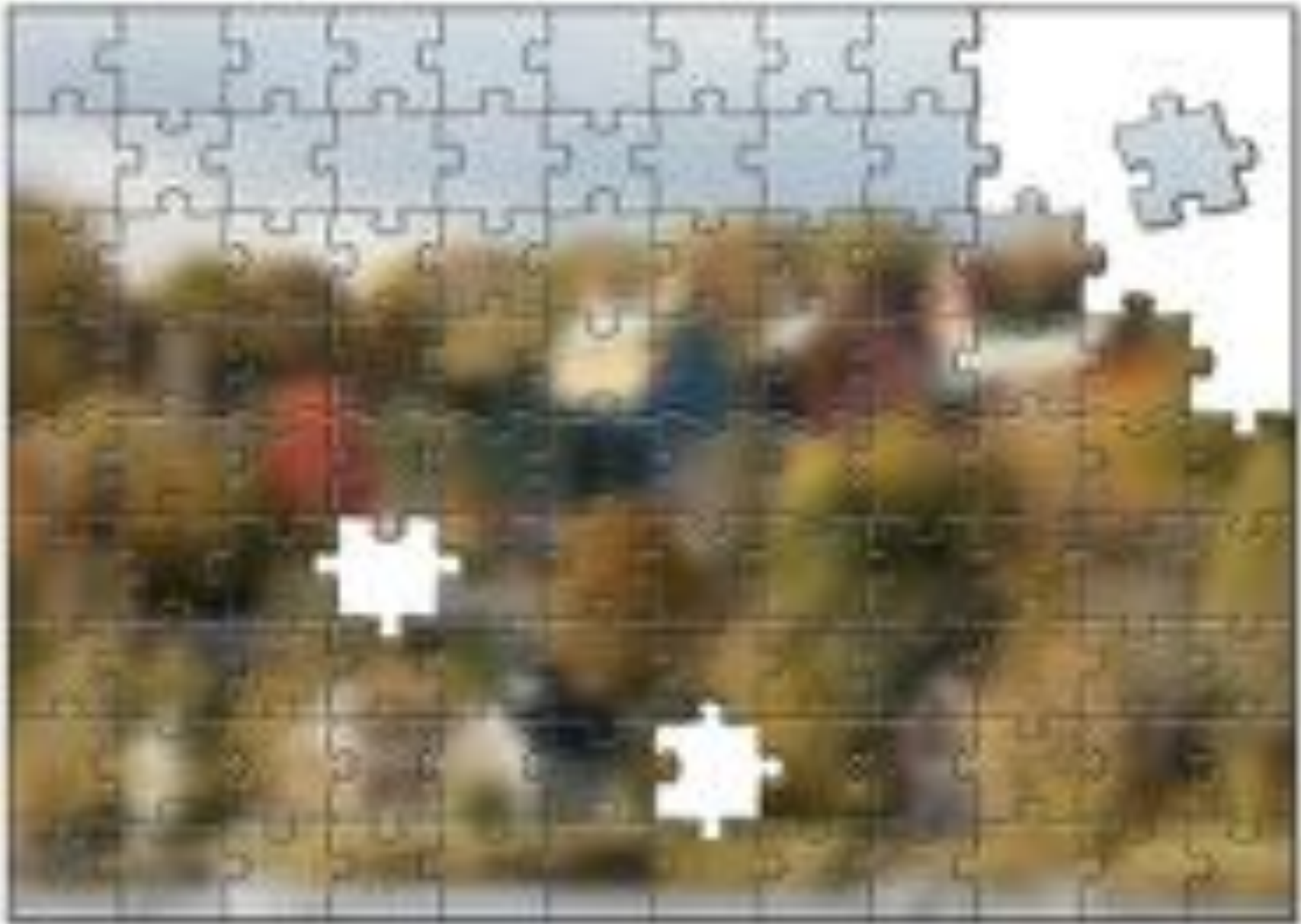
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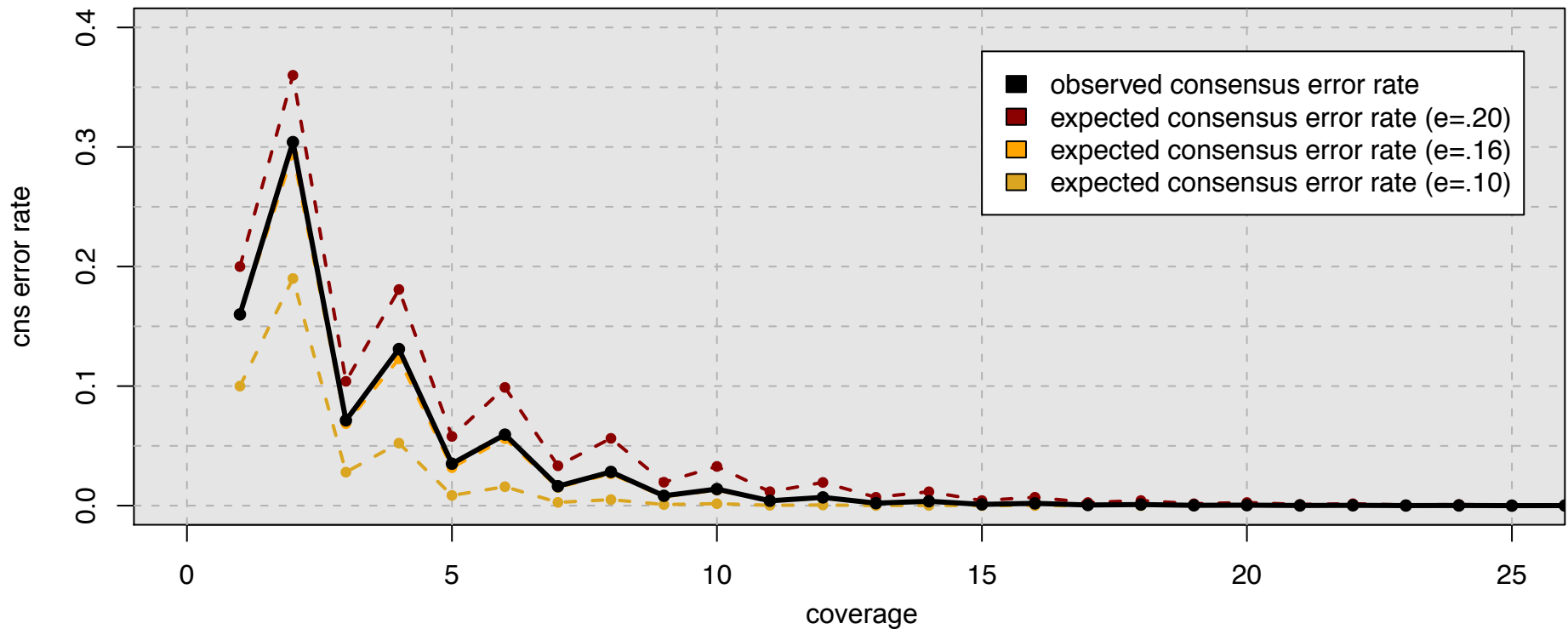
# Single Molecule Sequencing



# “Corrective Lens” for Sequencing



# Consensus Accuracy and Coverage



## Coverage can overcome random errors

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

Koren, Schatz, et al (2012)  
*Nature Biotechnology*. 30:693–700

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



# PacBio Assembly Algorithms

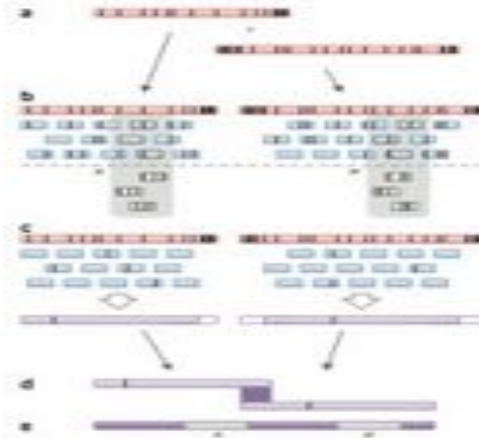
## PBJelly



**Gap Filling  
and Assembly Upgrade**

English *et al* (2012)  
*PLOS One*. 7(11): e47768

## PacBioToCA & ECTools



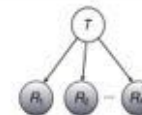
**Hybrid/PB-only Error  
Correction**

Koren, Schatz, *et al* (2012)  
*Nature Biotechnology*. 30:693–700

## HGAP & Quiver



$$\Pr(\mathbf{R} | T) = \prod_k \Pr(R_k | T)$$



Quiver Performance Results Comparison to Reference Genome ( <i>M. ruber</i> ; 3.1 MB; SMRT® Cells)		
	Initial Assembly	Quiver Consensus
QV	43.4	54.5
Accuracy	99.99540%	99.99964%
Differences	141	11

**PB-only Correction &  
Polishing**

Chin *et al* (2013)  
*Nature Methods*. 10:563–569

< 5x

PacBio Coverage

> 50x

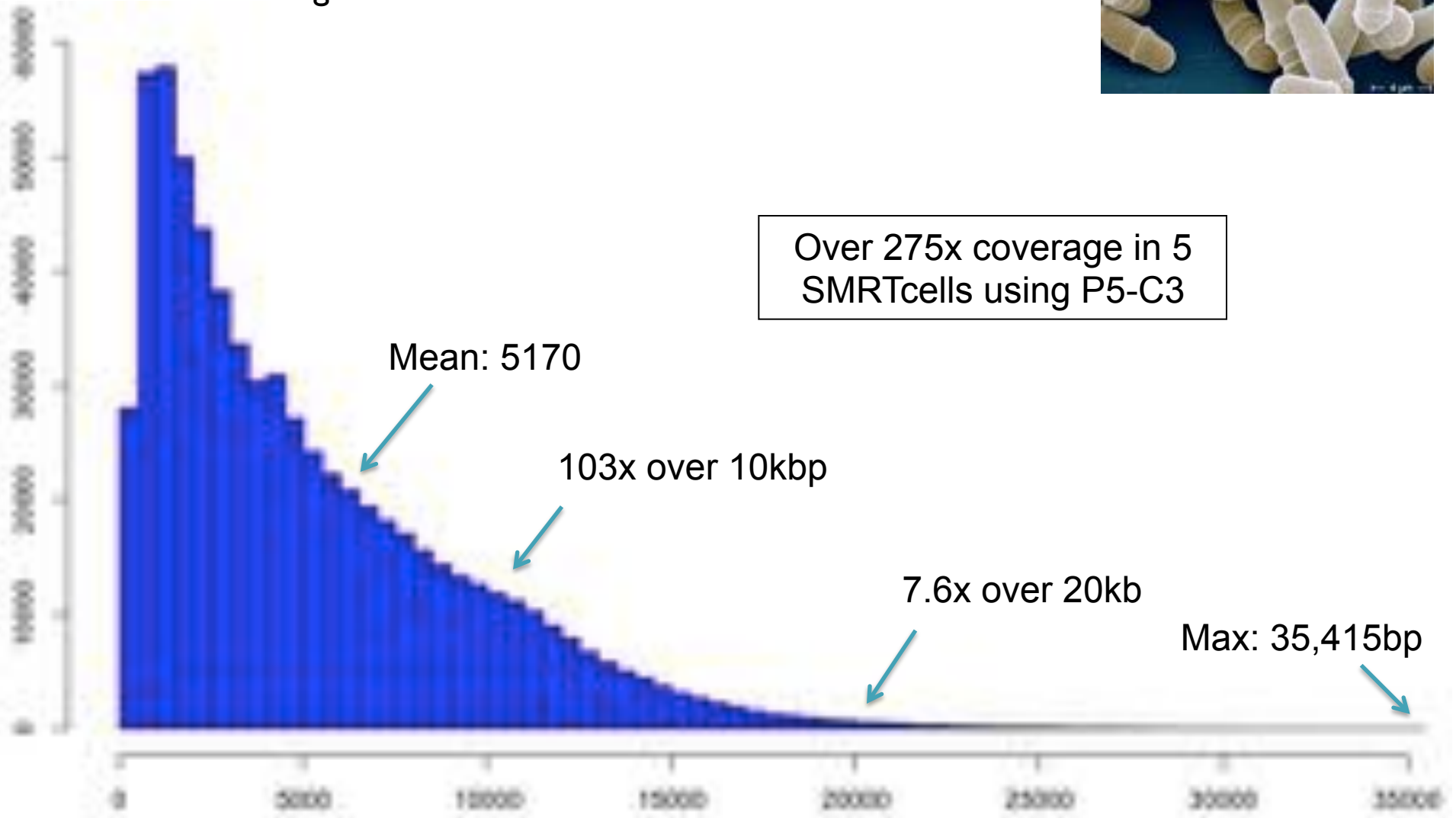
# S. pombe dg2 I

PacBio RS II sequencing at CSHL

- Size selection using a 7 Kb elution window on a BluePippin™ device from Sage Science



Over 275x coverage in 5 SMRTcells using P5-C3



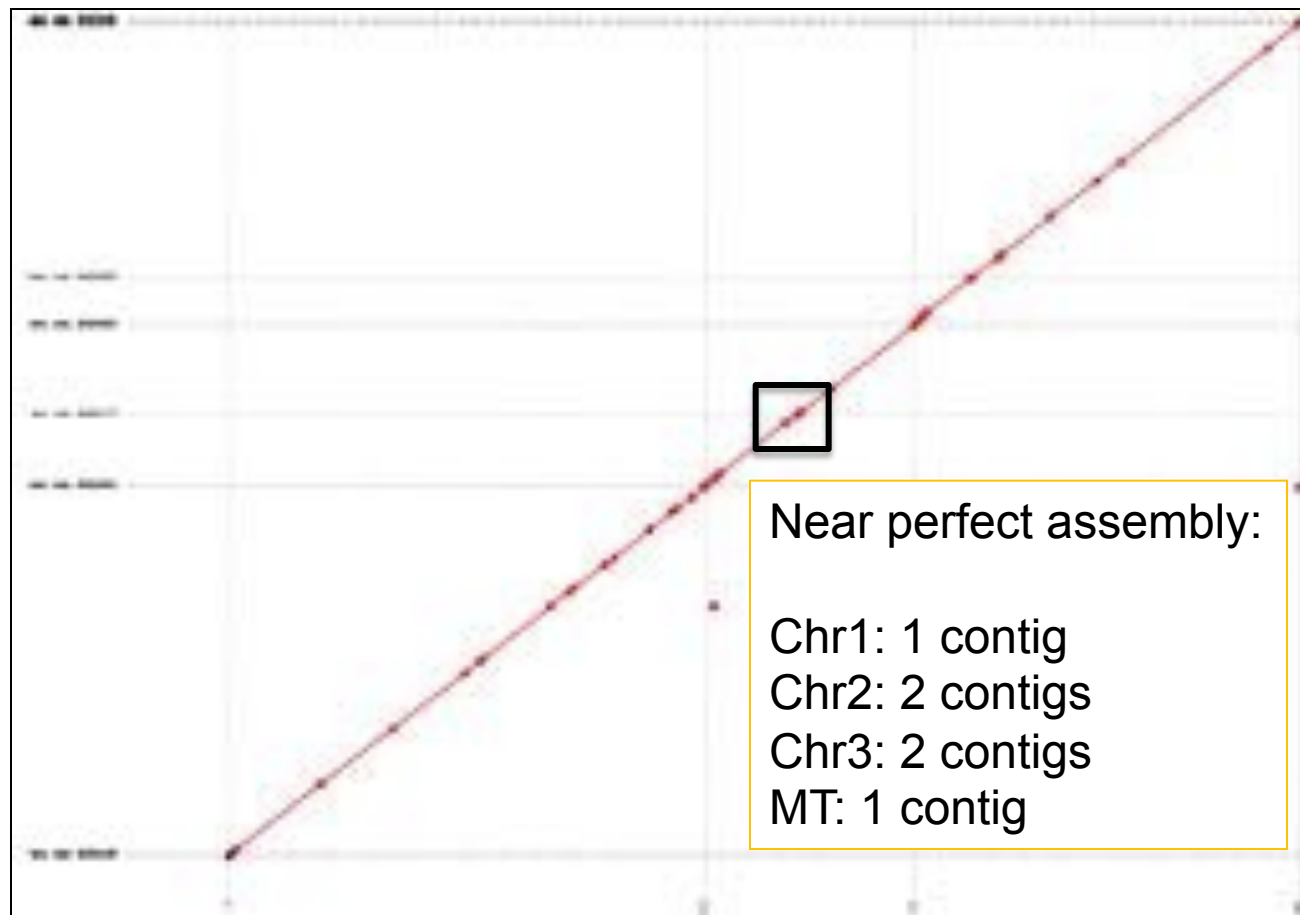
# S. pombe dg2 I

ASM294 Reference sequence

- 12.6Mbp; 3 chromo + mitochondria; N50: 4.53Mbp

PacBio assembly using HGAP + Celera Assembler

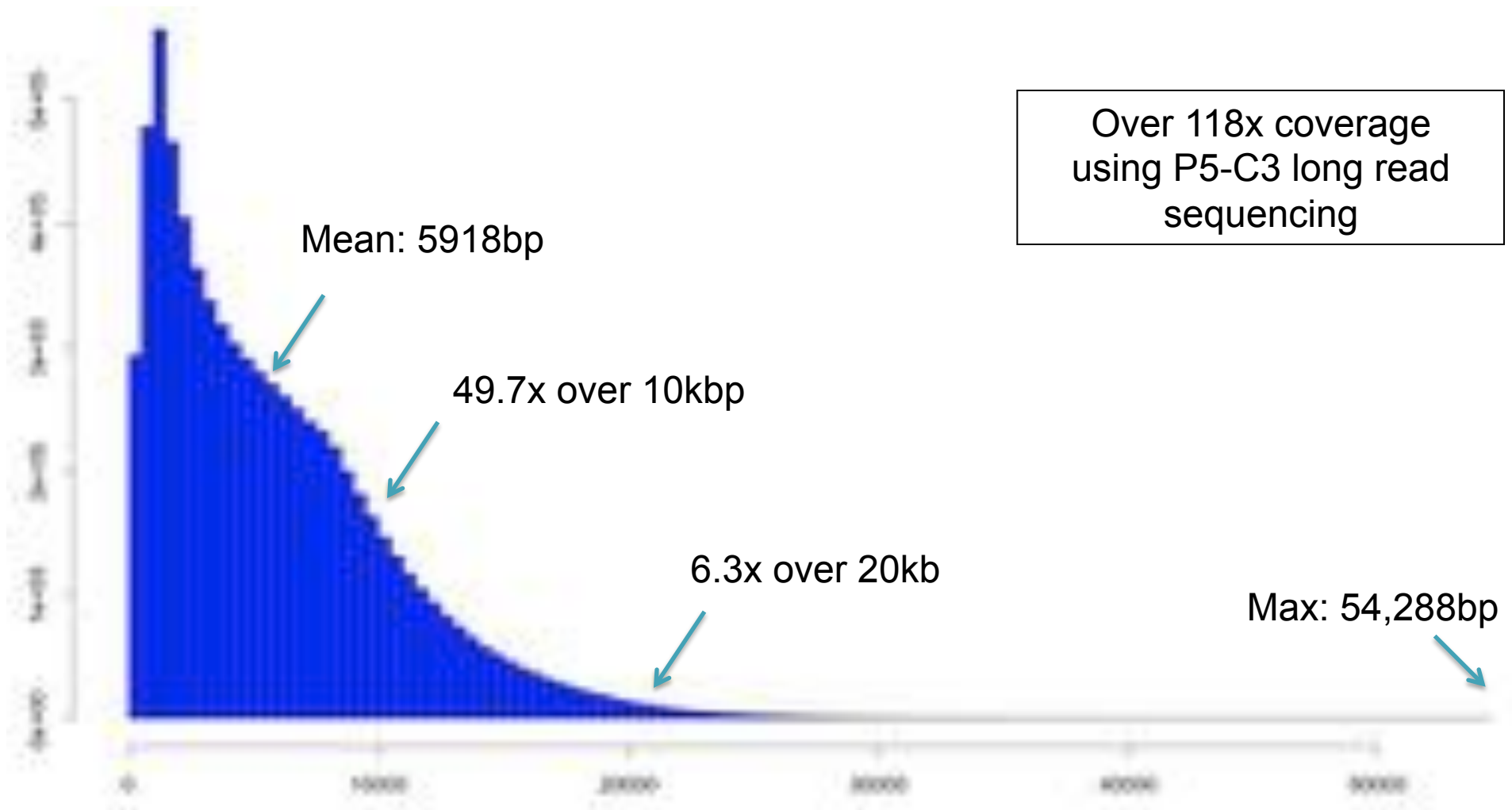
- 12.7Mbp; 13 non-redundant contigs; N50: 3.83Mbp; >99.98% id



# O. sativa pv Indica (IR64)

PacBio RS II sequencing at PacBio

- Size selection using an 10 Kb elution window on a BluePippin™ device from Sage Science



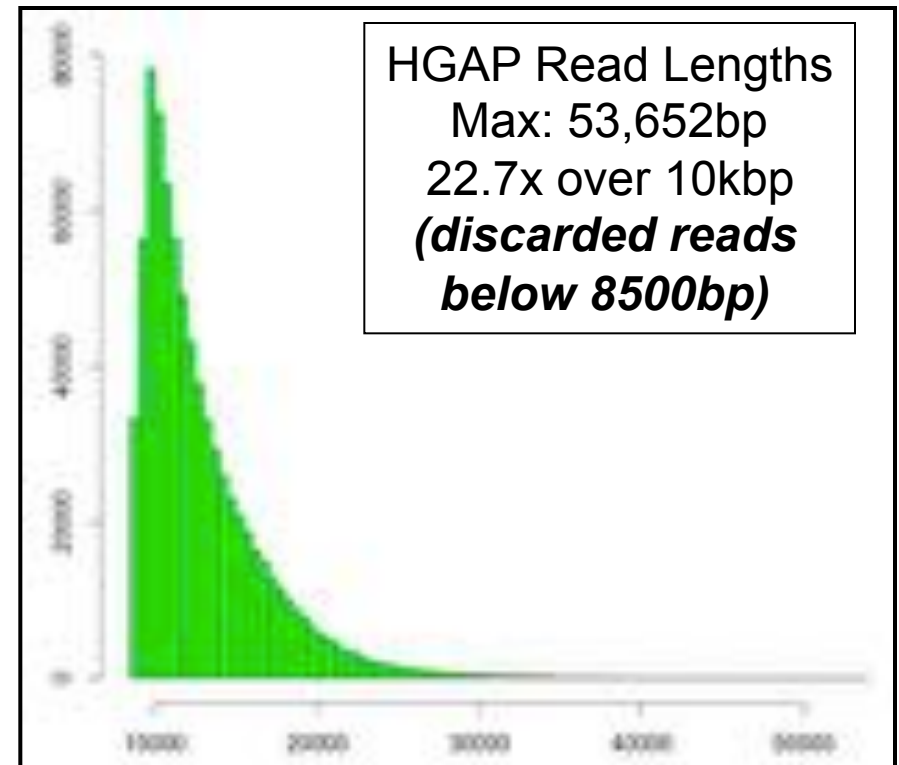


# O. sativa pv Indica (IR64)

Genome size: ~370 Mb  
Chromosome N50: ~29.7 Mbp



Assembly	Contig NG50
MiSeq Fragments 25x 456bp (3 runs 2x300 @ 450 FLASH)	19 kbp
“ALLPATHS-recipe” 50x 2x100bp @ 180 36x 2x50bp @ 2100 51x 2x50bp @ 4800	18 kbp
HGAP + CA 22.7x @ 10kbp	4.0 Mbp
Nipponbare BAC-by-BAC Assembly	5.1 Mbp



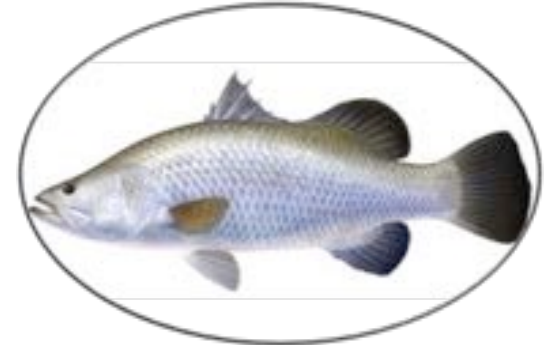
# Current Collaborations



***Pinapple***  
UIUC



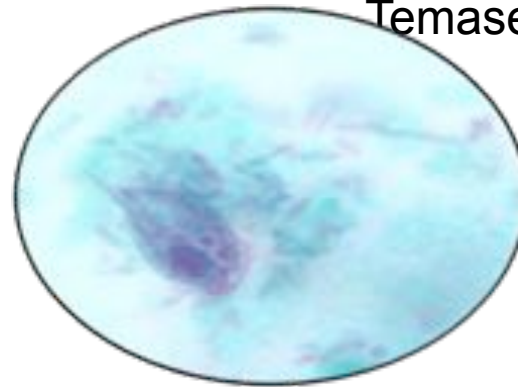
***Human***  
CSHL/OICR/PacBio



***Asian Sea Bass***  
Temasek Life Sciences

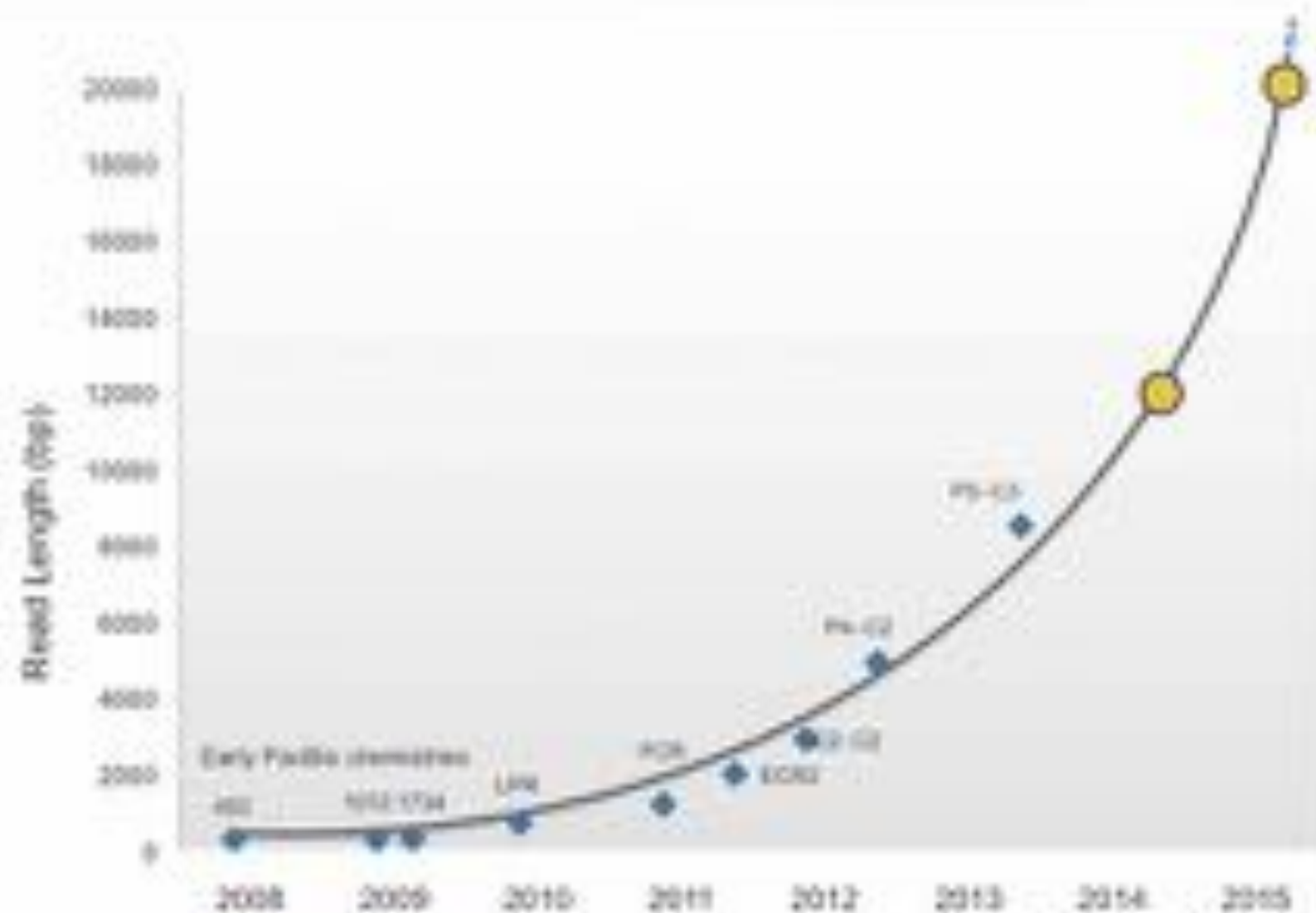


***M. ligano***  
Hannon

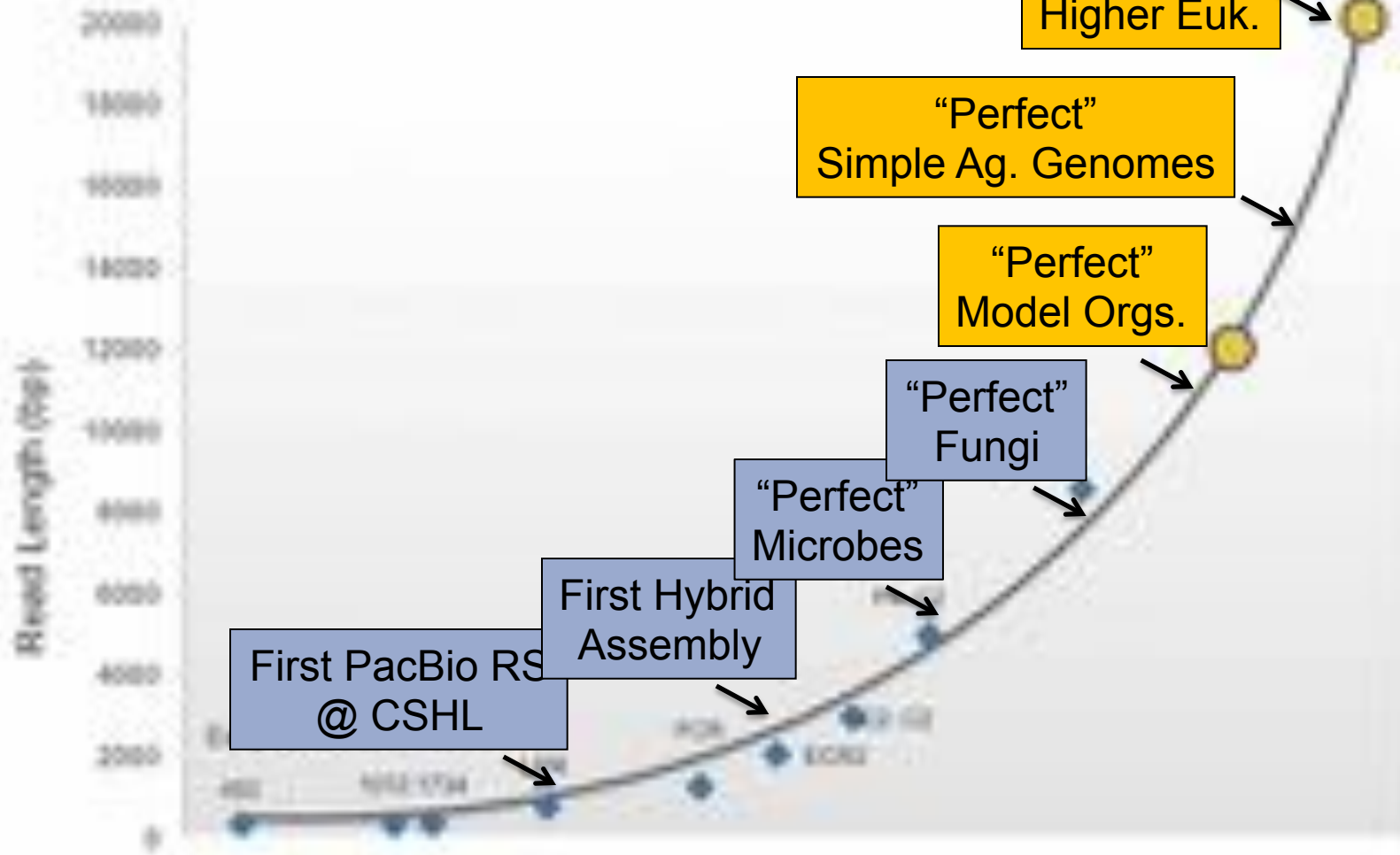


***P. hominis***  
NYU

## PacBio<sup>®</sup> Advances in Read Length



# Advances in Assembly



**Error correction and assembly complexity of single molecule sequencing reads.**

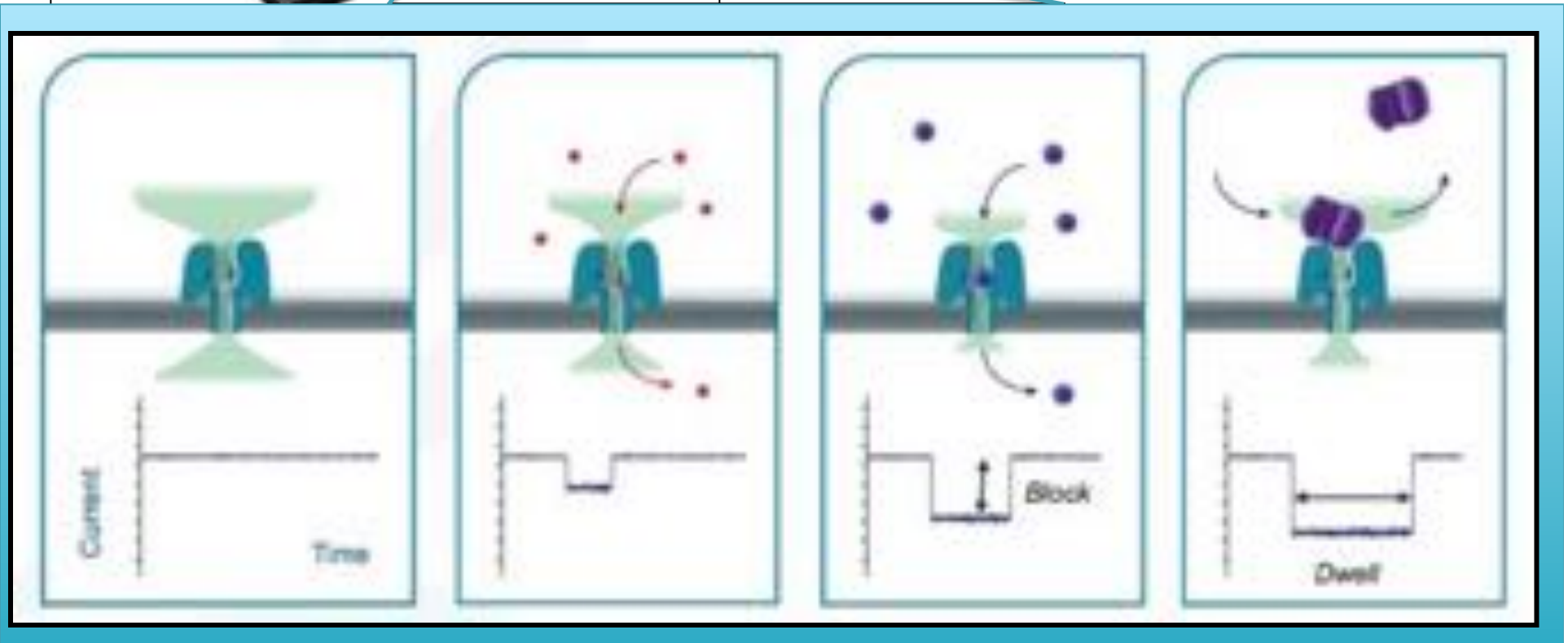
Lee, H\*, Gurtowski, J\*, Yoo, S, Marcus, S, McCombie, WR, Schatz, MC

<http://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2014/06/18/006395>

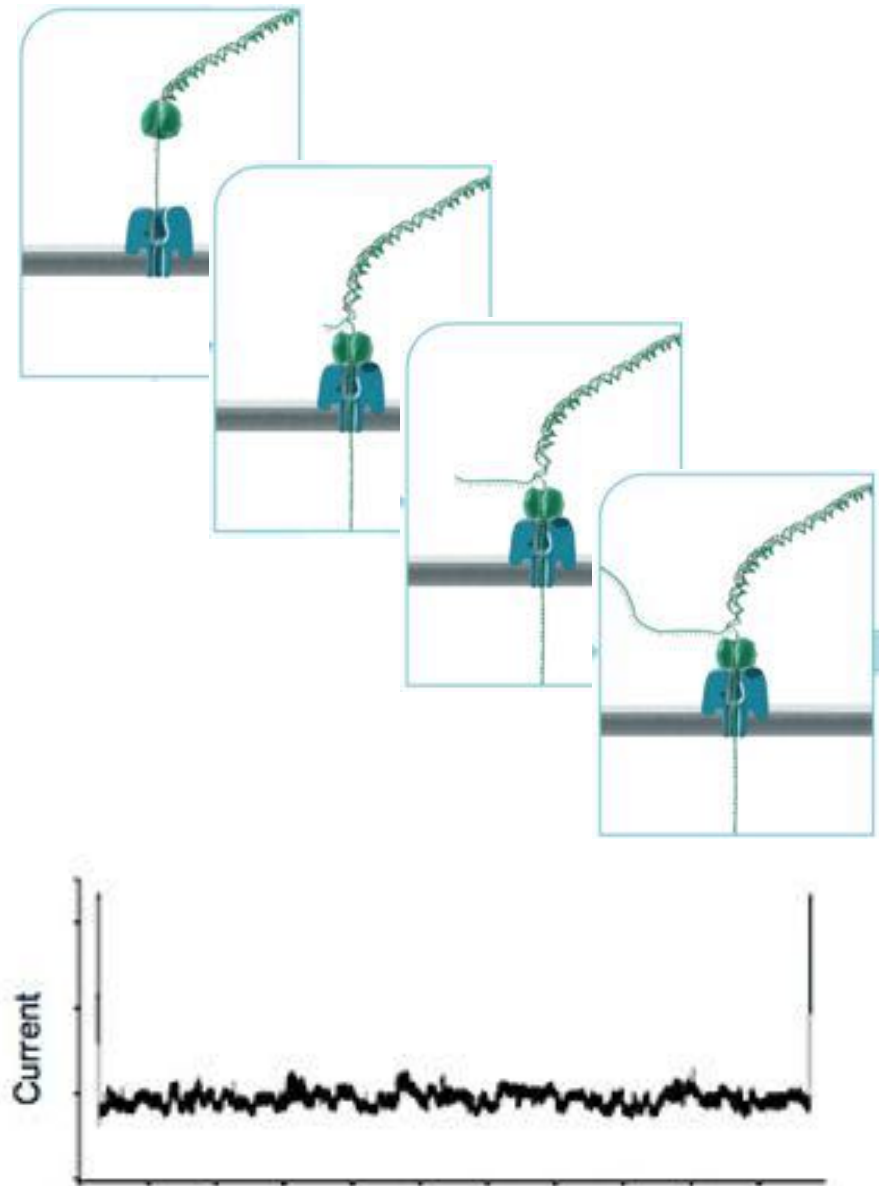
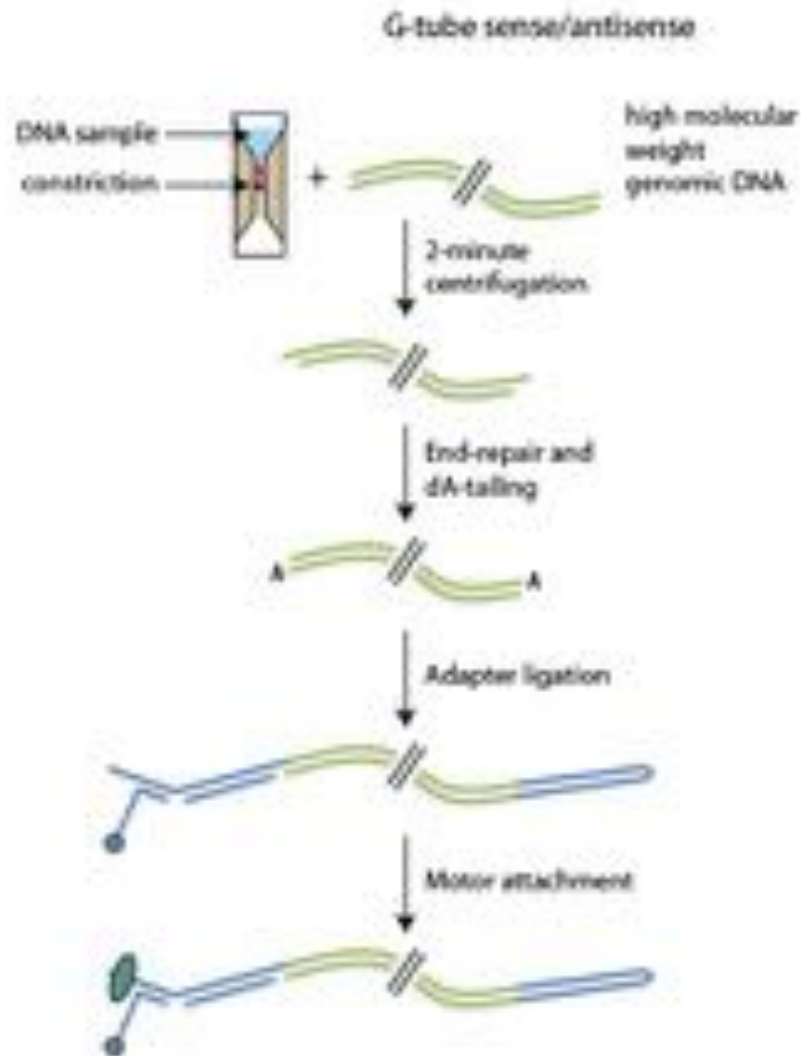
# Oxford Nanopore MinION



- Thumb drive sized sequencer powered over USB
- Capacity for 512 reads at once
- Senses DNA by measuring changes to ion flow



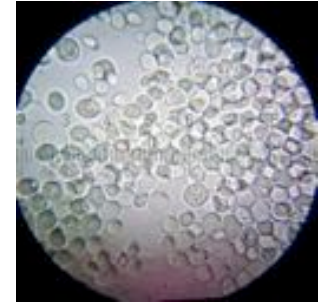
# Nanopore Sequencing







# Nanopore Readlengths



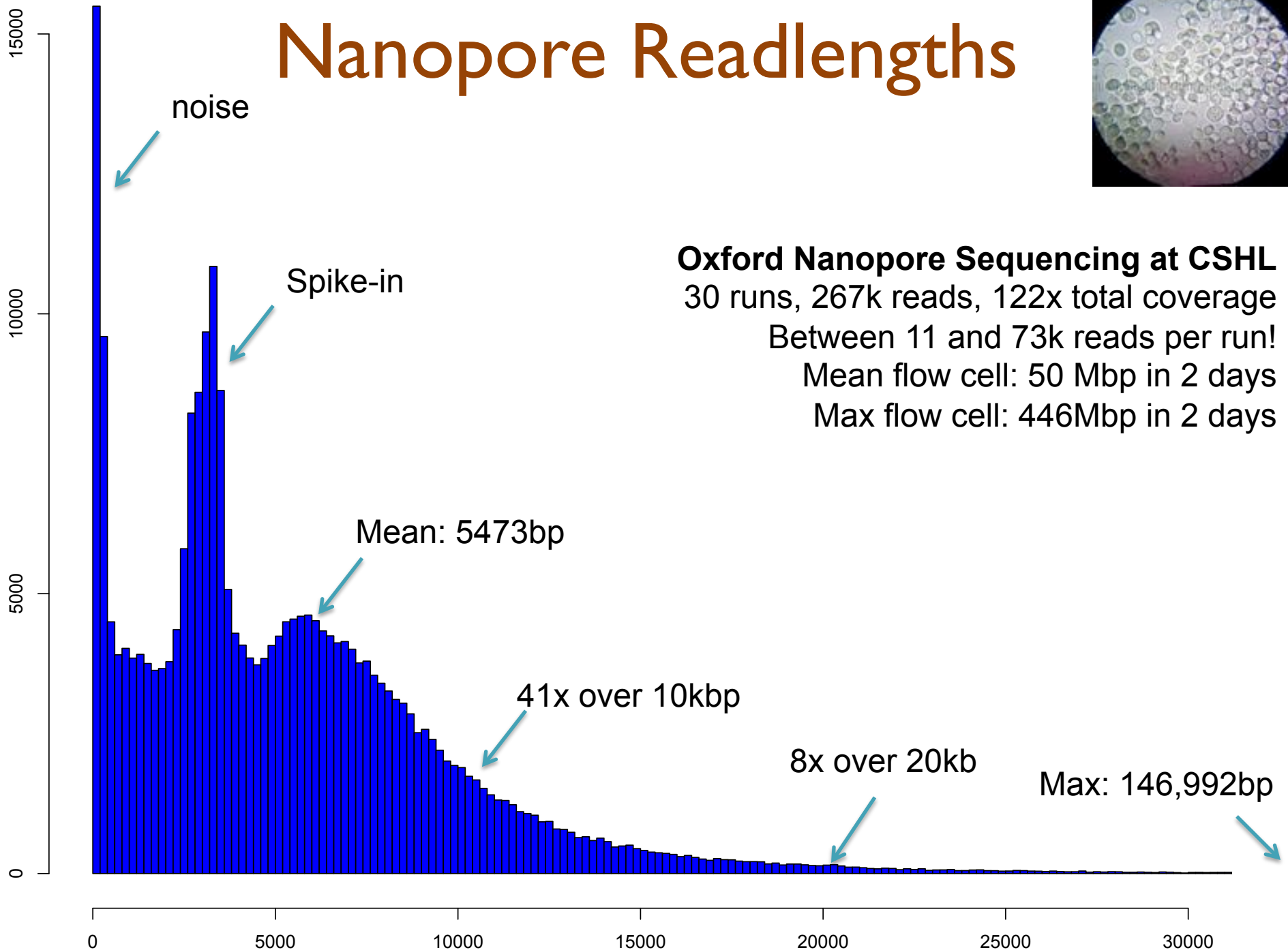
## Oxford Nanopore Sequencing at CSHL

30 runs, 267k reads, 122x total coverage

Between 11 and 73k reads per run!

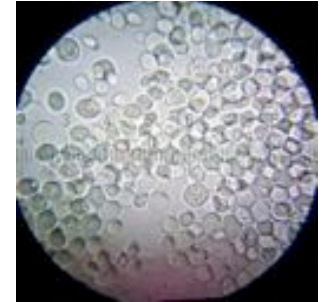
Mean flow cell: 50 Mbp in 2 days

Max flow cell: 446Mbp in 2 days





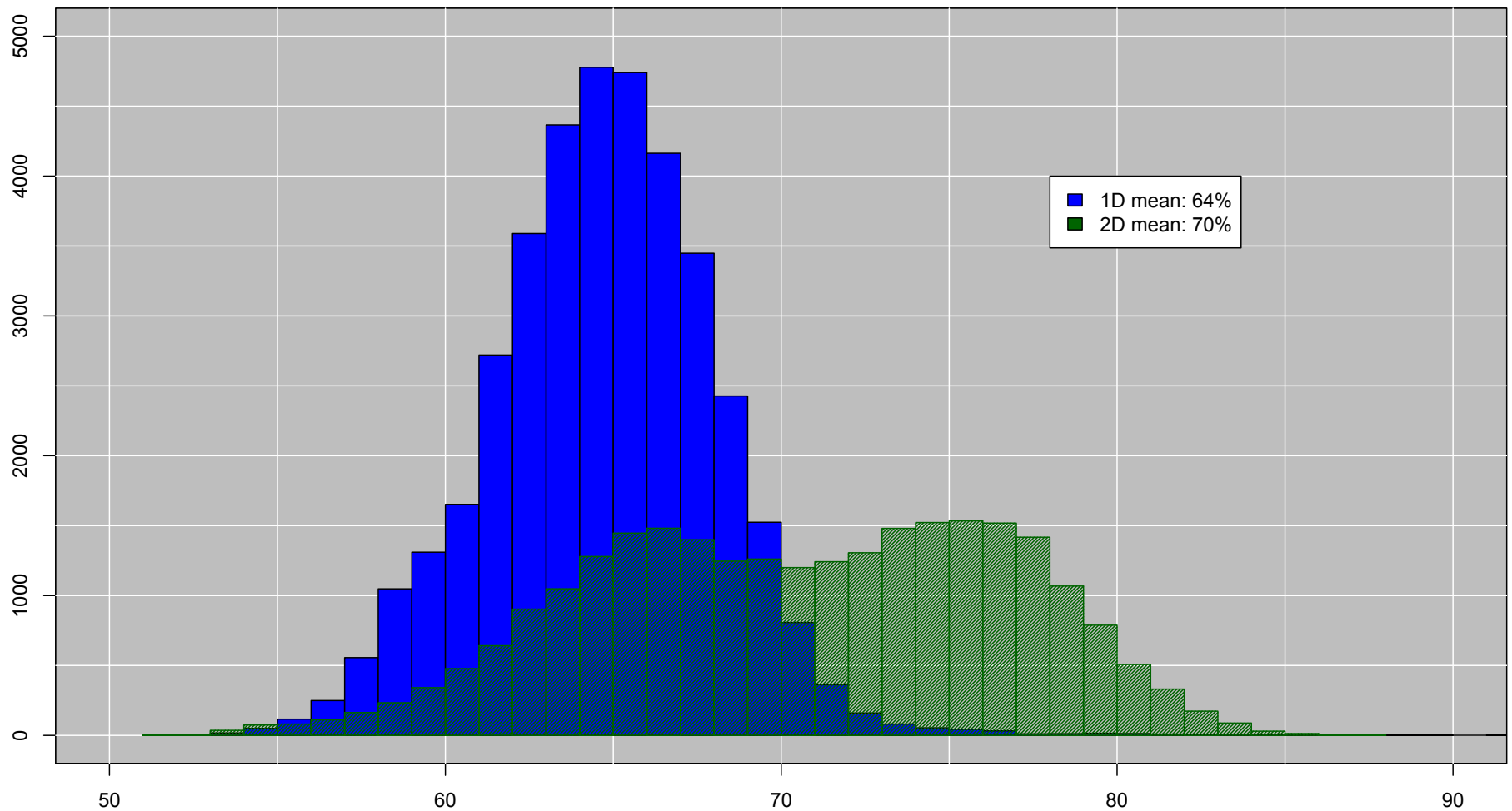
# Nanopore Accuracy



## Alignment Quality (BLASTN)

Of reads that align, average ~64% identity

“2D base-calling” improves to ~70% identity

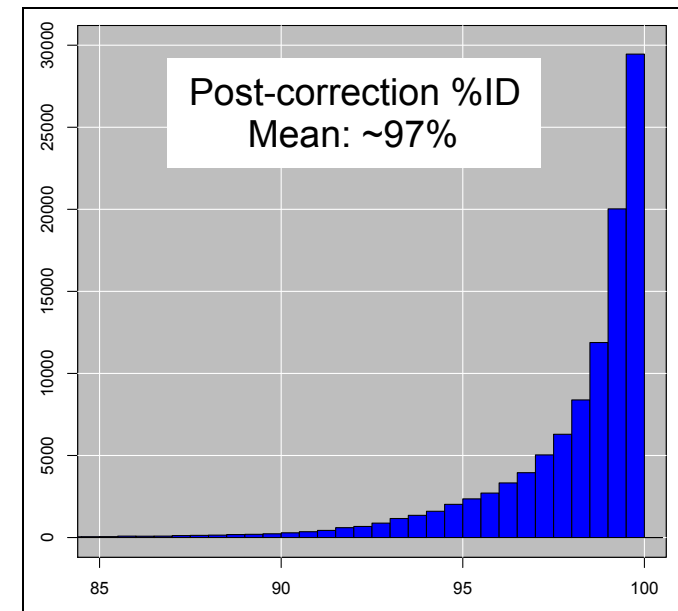


# NanoCorr: Nanopore-Illumina Hybrid Error Correction

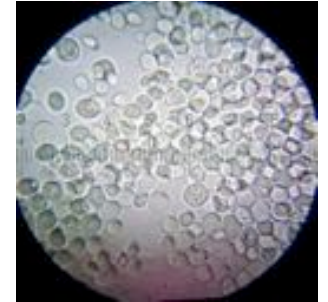


<https://github.com/jgurtowski/nanocorr>

1. BLAST Miseq reads to all raw Oxford Nanopore reads
2. Select non-repetitive alignments
  - First pass scans to remove “contained” alignments
  - Second pass uses Dynamic Programming (LIS) to select set of high-identity alignments with minimal overlaps
3. Compute consensus of each Oxford Nanopore read
  - Currently using Pacbio’s pbdagcon



# Long Read Assembly



S288C Reference sequence

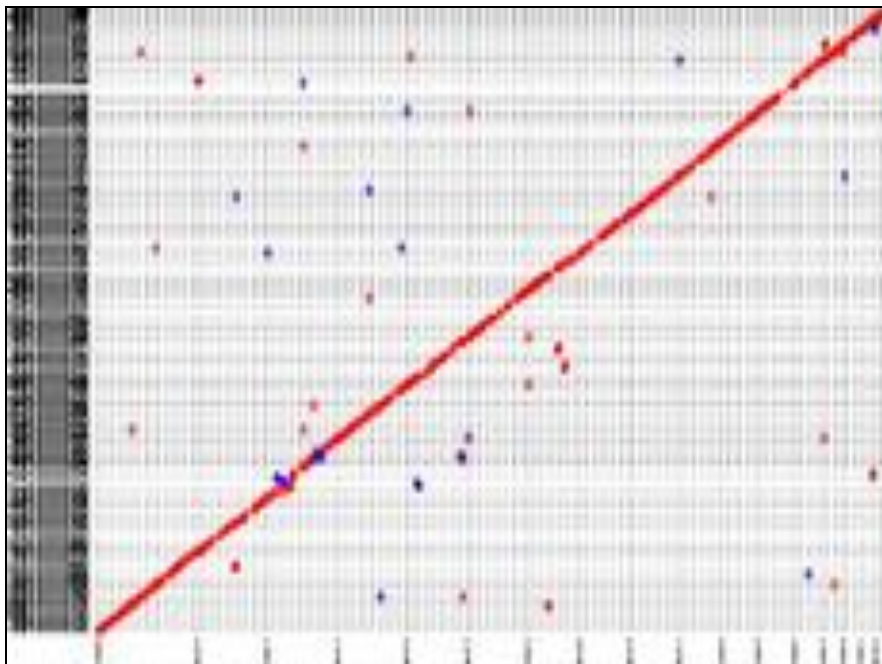
- 12.1Mbp; 16 chromo + mitochondria; N50: 924kbp

## ***Illumina MiSeq***



30x, 300bp PE (Flashed)

- 6953 non-redundant contigs
- N50:59kbp >99.9% id

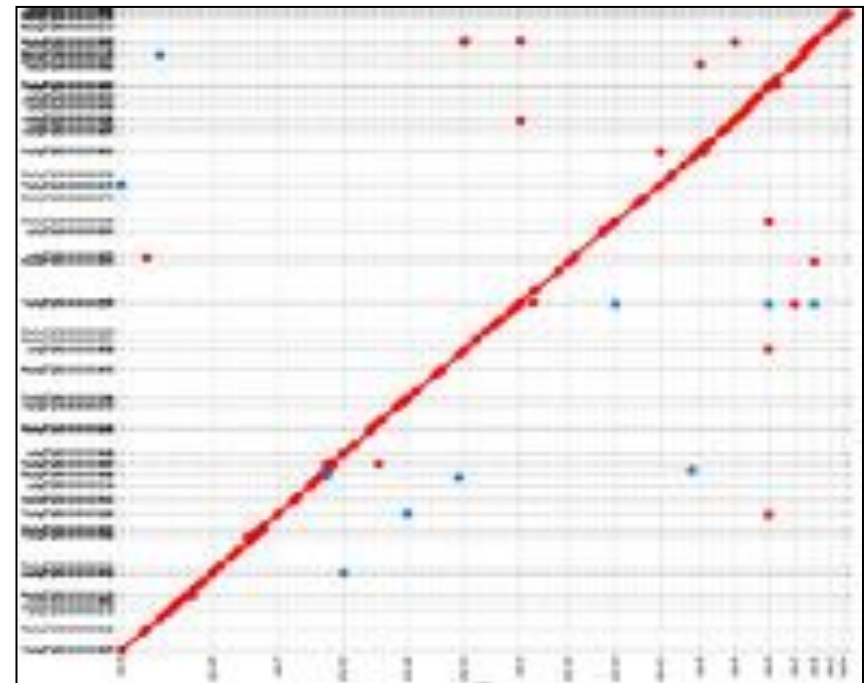


## ***Oxford Nanopore***



NanoCorr + Celera Assembler

- 214 non-redundant contigs
- N50: 472kbp >99.78% id



# Genomic Futures?



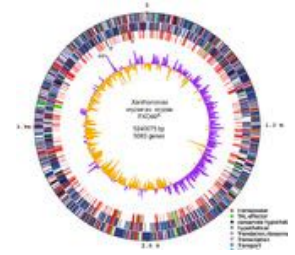
Zamin Iqbal and 5 others retweeted

**GenomeWeb InSequence** @InSequence · Oct 20

Oxford Nanopore shows off Promethion at ASHG, #ASHG14 #nanopore



# Assembly Summary



Assembly quality depends on

1. **Coverage**: low coverage is mathematically hopeless
  2. **Repeat composition**: high repeat content is challenging
  3. **Read length**: longer reads help resolve repeats
  4. **Error rate**: errors reduce coverage, obscure true overlaps
- Assembly is a hierarchical, starting from individual reads, build high confidence contigs/unitigs, incorporate the mates to build scaffolds
    - Extensive error correction is the key to getting the best assembly possible from a given data set
  - Watch out for collapsed repeats & other misassemblies
    - Globally/Locally reassemble data from scratch with better parameters & stitch the 2 assemblies together



# What should we expect from an assembly?

**Analysis of dozens of genomes from across the tree of life with real and simulated data**

## ***Summary & Recommendations***

- < 100 Mbp: HGAP/PacBio2CA @ 100x PB C3-P5  
expect near perfect chromosome arms
- < 1GB: HGAP/PacBio2CA @ 100x PB C3-P5  
high quality assembly: contig N50 over 1Mbp
- > 1GB: hybrid/gap filling  
expect contig N50 to be 100kbp – 1Mbp
- > 5GB: Email [mschatz@cshl.edu](mailto:mschatz@cshl.edu)



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