



# BGGN 213

## Genome Informatics

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# TODAYS MENU:

## ▶ **What is a Genome?**

- Genome sequencing and the Human genome project

## ▶ **What can we do with a Genome?**

- Comparative genomics

## ▶ **Modern Genome Sequencing**

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation sequencing

## ▶ **Workflow for NGS**

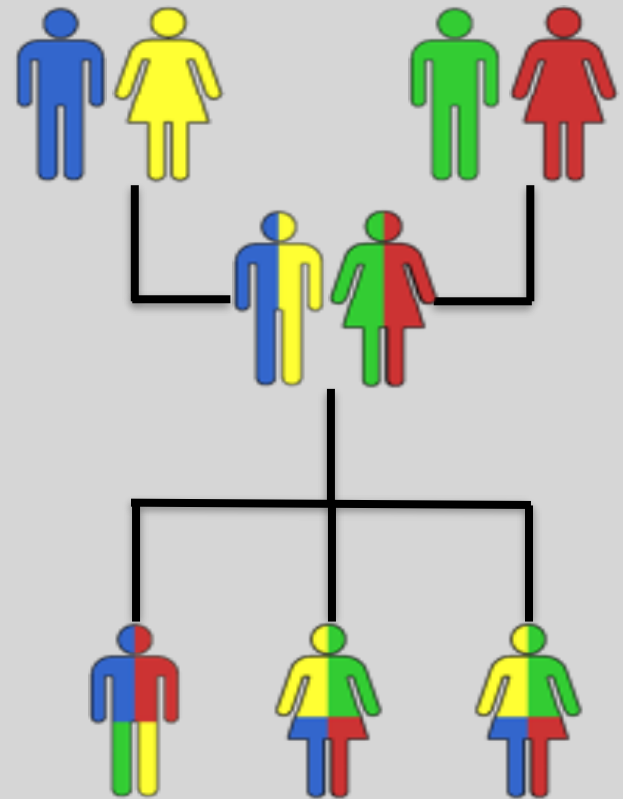
- RNA-Sequencing and Discovering variation

# Genetics and Genomics

- **Genetics** is primarily the study of individual genes, mutations within those genes, and their inheritance patterns in order to understand specific traits.
- **Genomics** expands upon classical genetics and considers aspects of the entire genome, typically using computer aided approaches.

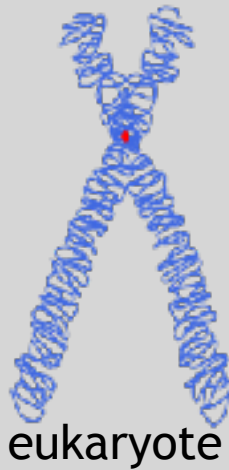
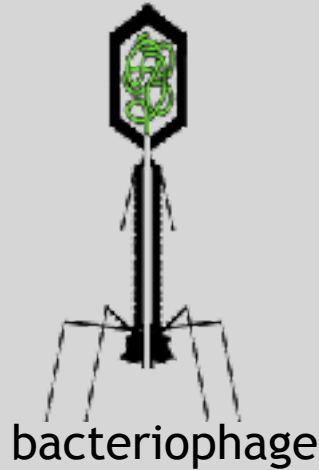
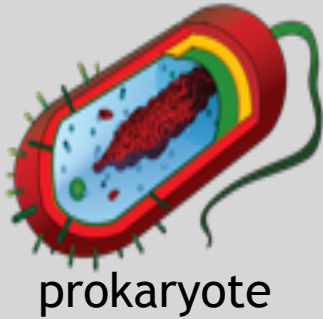
# What is a Genome?

The total genetic material of an organism by which individual traits are encoded, controlled, and ultimately passed on to future generations



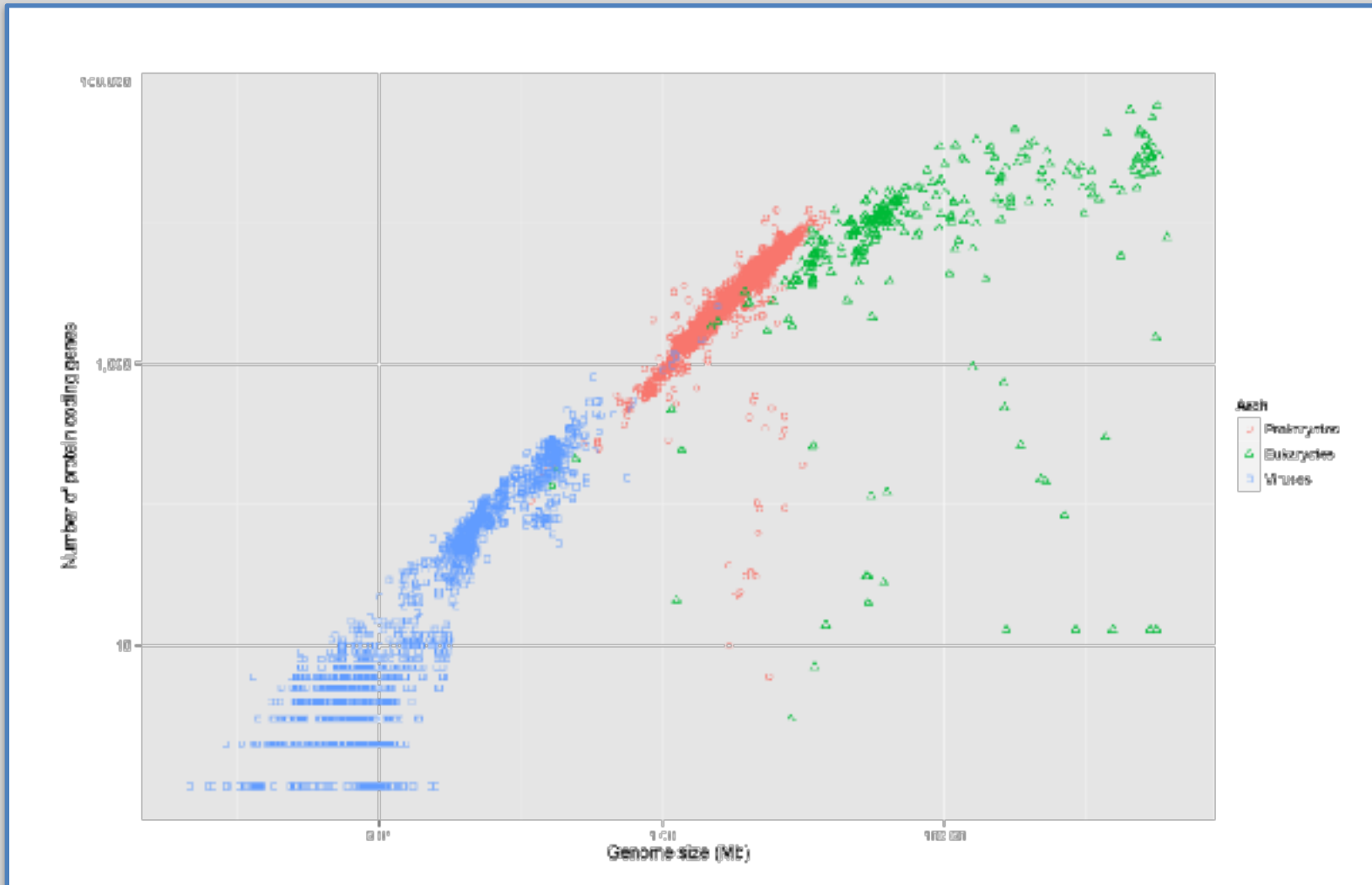


# Genomes come in many shapes



- Primarily DNA, but can be RNA in the case of some viruses
- Some genomes are circular, others linear
- Can be organized into discrete units (chromosomes) or freestanding molecules (plasmids)

# Genomes come in many sizes

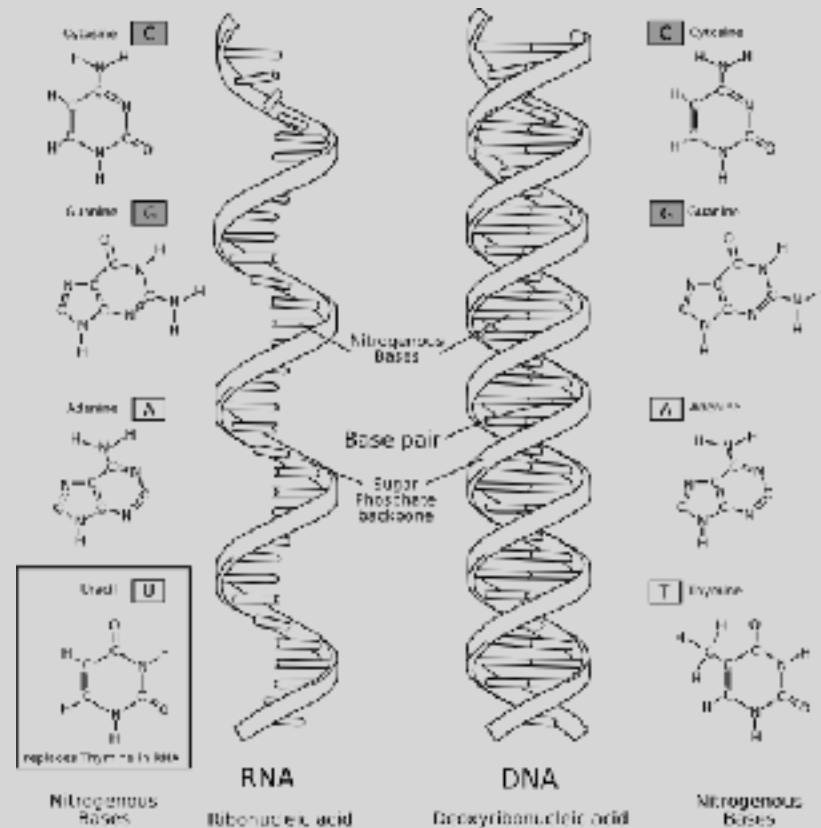




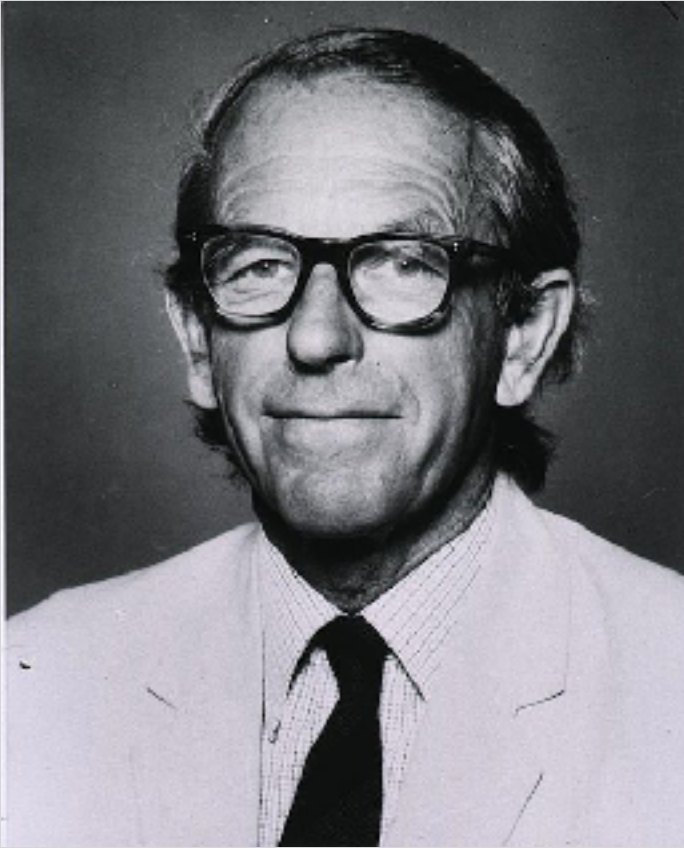
# Characteristics of Genomes

- All genomes are made up of nucleic acids
  - DNA and RNA: Adenine (A), Cytosine (C), Guanine (G)
  - DNA Only: Thymine (T)
  - RNA Only: Uracil (U)
- Typically (but not always), DNA genomes are double stranded (double helix) while RNA genomes are single stranded
- Genomes are described as long sequences of nucleic acids, for example:

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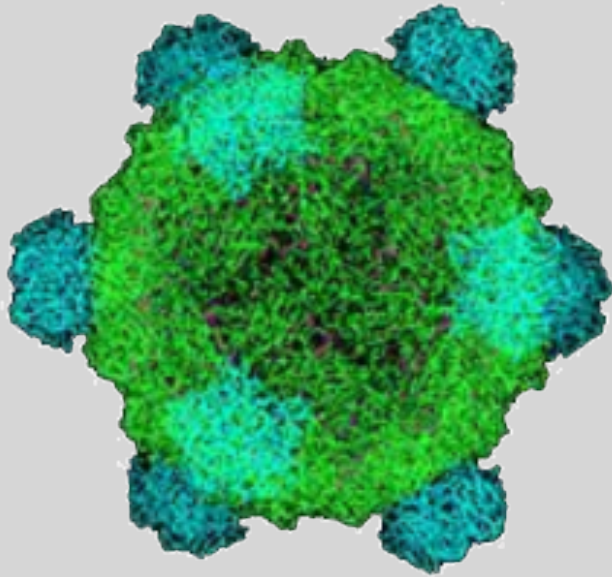


# Early Genome Sequencing



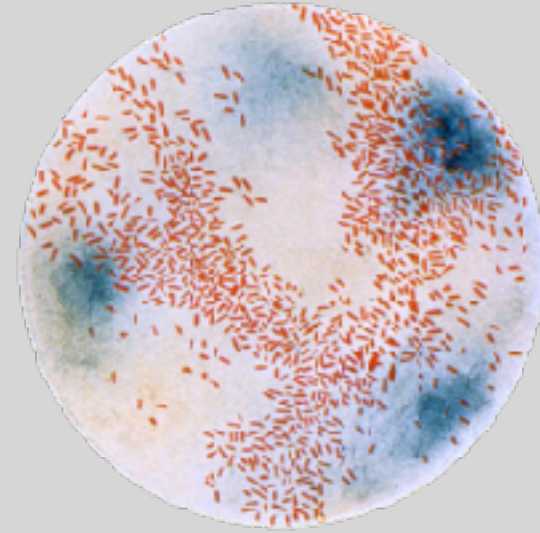
- Chain-termination “Sanger” sequencing was developed in 1977 by Frederick Sanger, colloquially referred to as the “Father of Genomics”
- Sequence reads were typically 750-1000 base pairs in length with an error rate of  $\sim 1 / 10000$  bases

# The First Sequenced Genomes



Bacteriophage  $\phi$ -X174

- Completed in 1977
- 5,386 base pairs, ssDNA
- 11 genes



Haemophilus influenzae

- Completed in 1995
- 1,830,140 base pairs, dsDNA
- 1740 genes



# The Human Genome Project

- The Human Genome Project (HGP) was an international, public consortium that began in 1990
  - Initiated by James Watson
  - Primarily led by Francis Collins
  - Eventual Cost: \$2.7 Billion
- Celera Genomics was a private corporation that started in 1998
  - Headed by Craig Venter
  - Eventual Cost: \$300 Million
- Both initiatives released initial drafts of the human genome in 2001
  - ~3.2 Billion base pairs, dsDNA
  - 22 autosomes, 2 sex chromosomes
  - ~20,000 genes



# What can we do with a Genome?

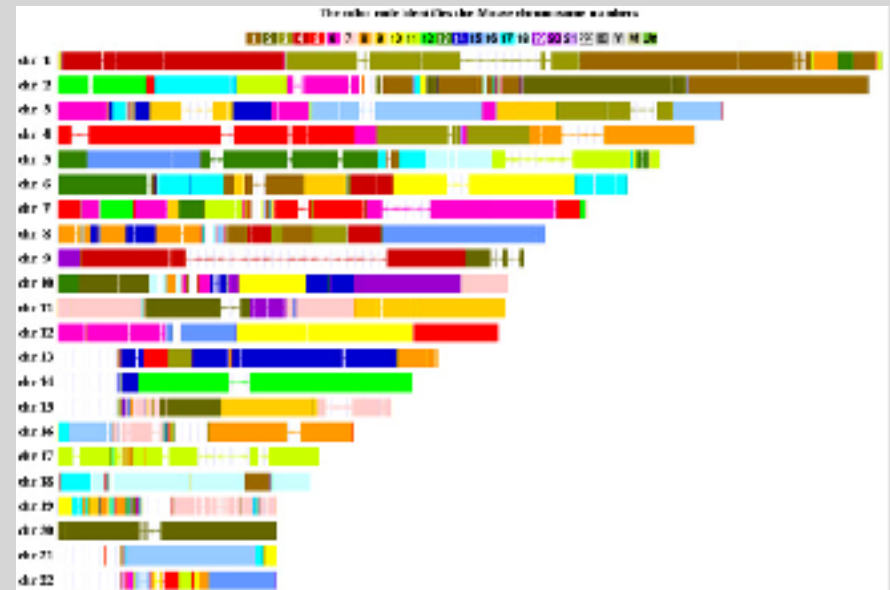
- We can *compare* genomes, both within and between species, to identify regions of variation and of conservation
- We can *model* genomes, to find interesting patterns reflecting functional characteristics
- We can *edit* genomes, to add, remove, or modify genes and other regions for adjusting individual traits

# Comparative Genomics

~6-7 million years

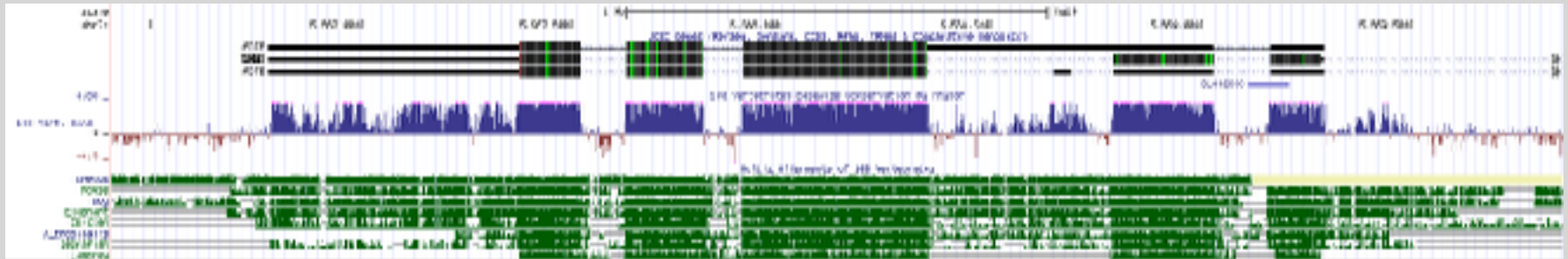


~60-70 million years



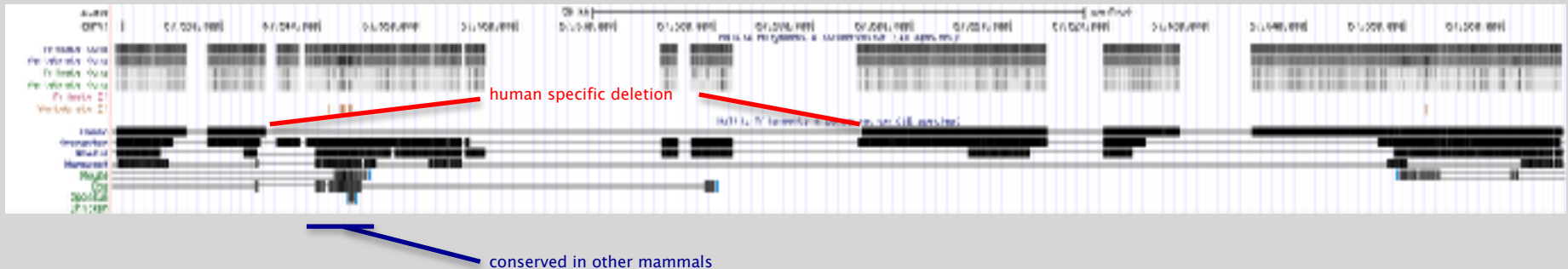
# Conservation Suggests Function

- Functional regions of the genome tend to mutate slower than nonfunctional regions due to selective pressures
- Comparing genomes can therefore indicate segments of high similarity that have remained conserved across species as candidate genes or regulatory regions



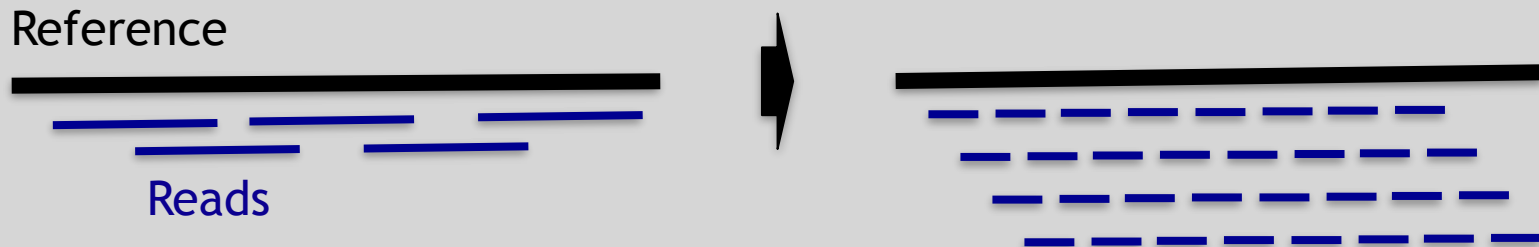
# Conservation Indicates Loss

- Comparing genomes allows us to also see what we have lost over evolutionary time
- A model example of this is the loss of “penile spines” in the human lineage due to a human-specific deletion of an enhancer for the androgen receptor gene (McLean et al, Nature, 2011)



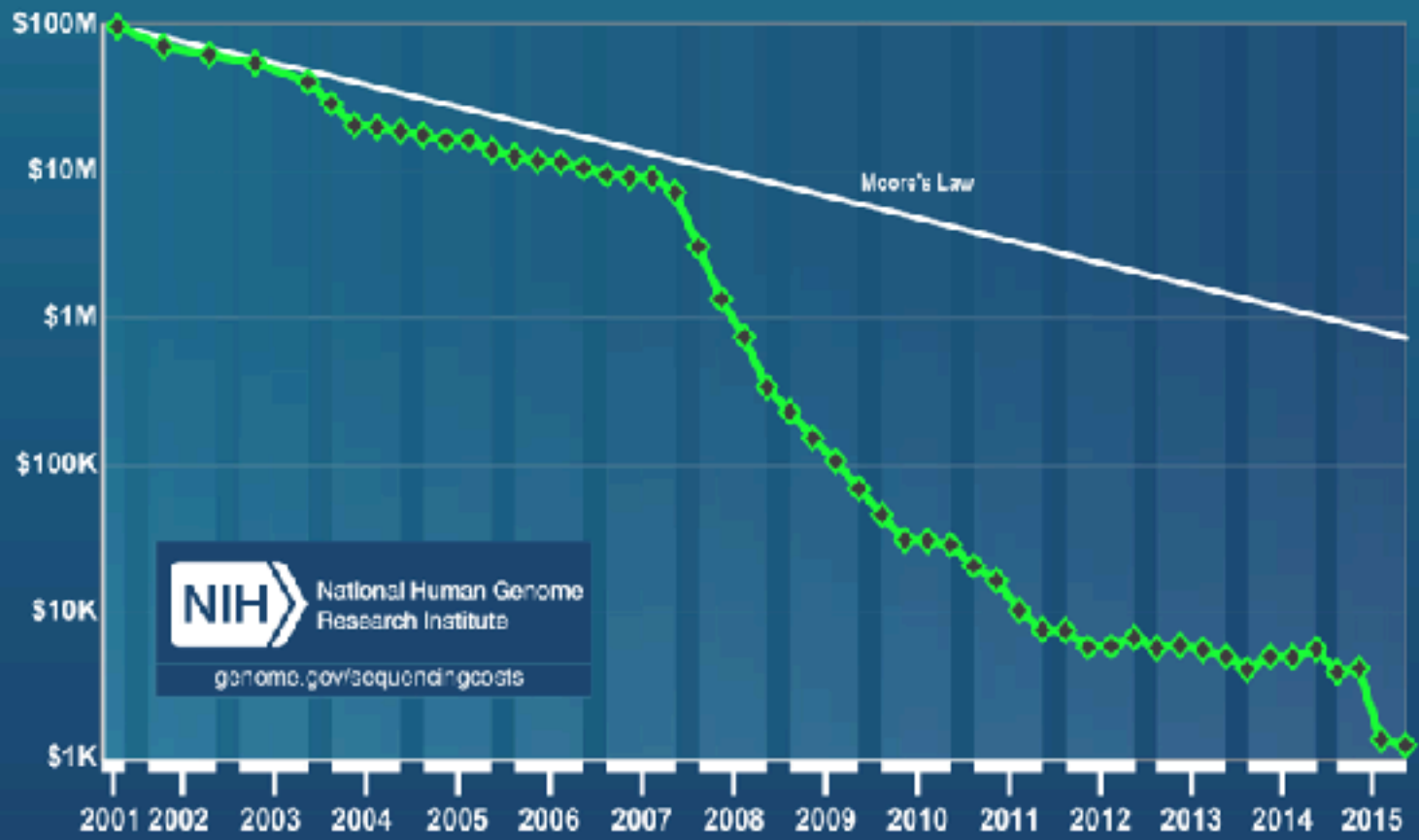
# Modern Genome Sequencing

- Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technologies have resulted in a paradigm shift from long reads at low coverage to short reads at high coverage
- This provides numerous opportunities for new and expanded genomic applications

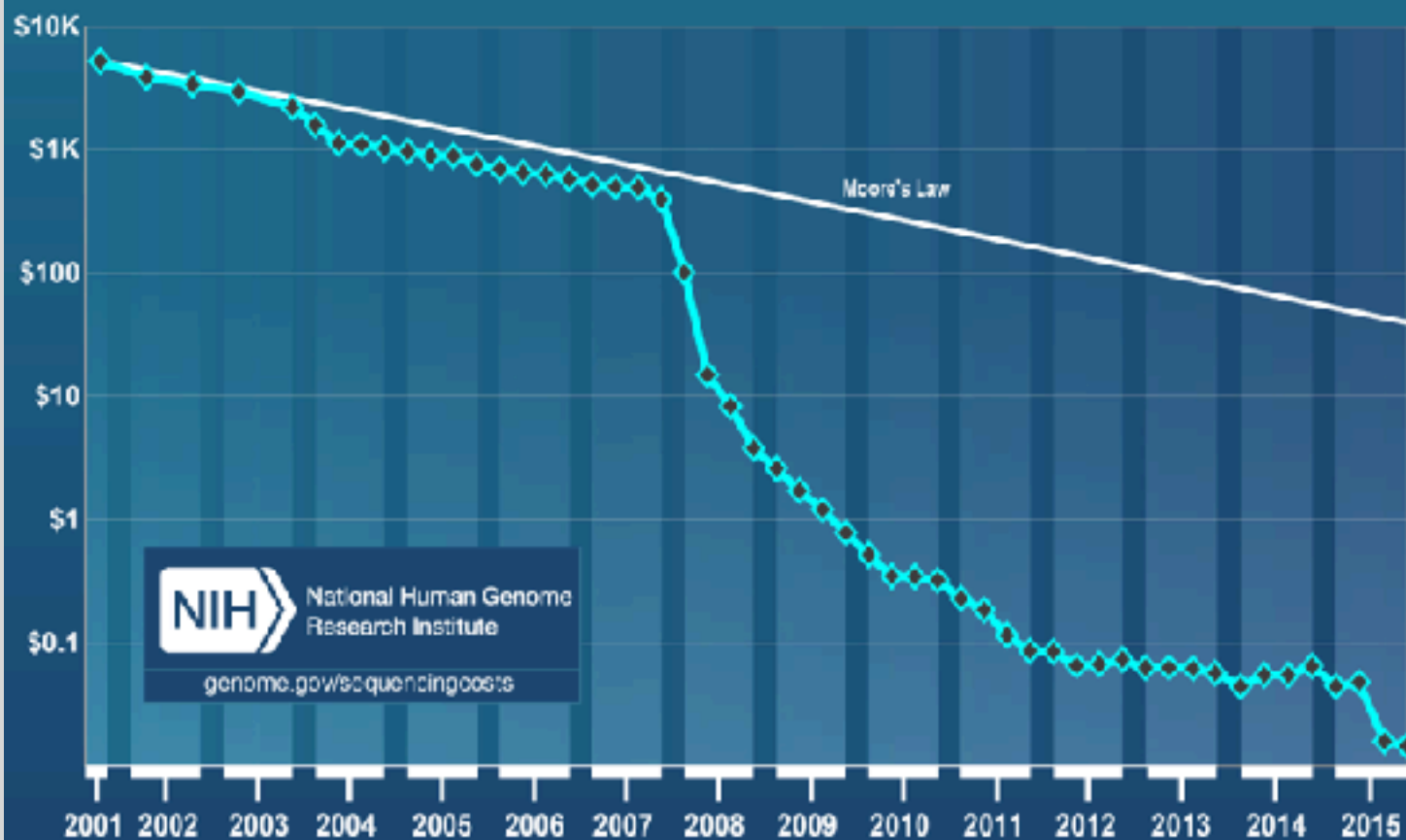




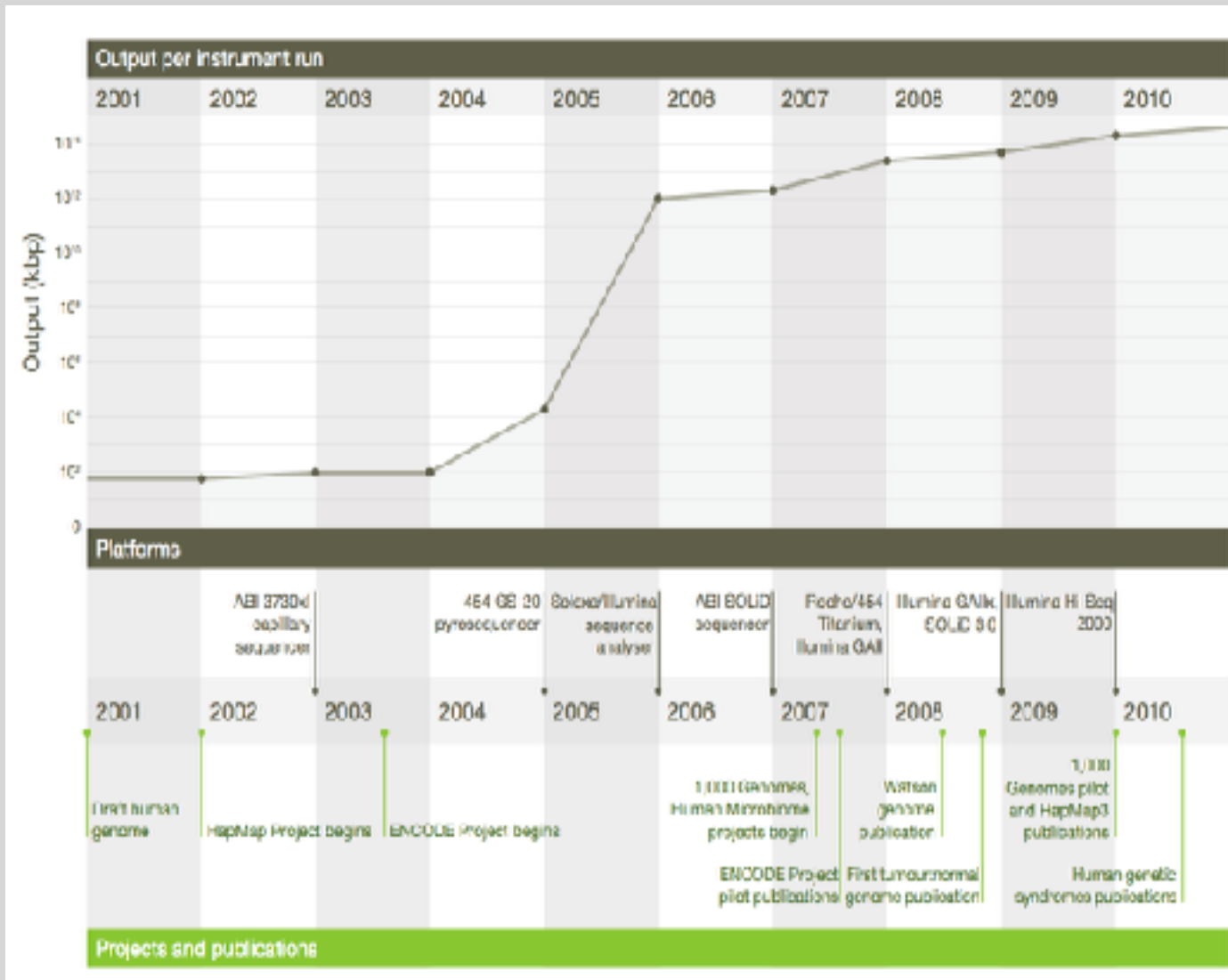
## Cost per Genome



## Cost per Raw Megabase of DNA Sequence



# Timeline of Sequencing Capacity



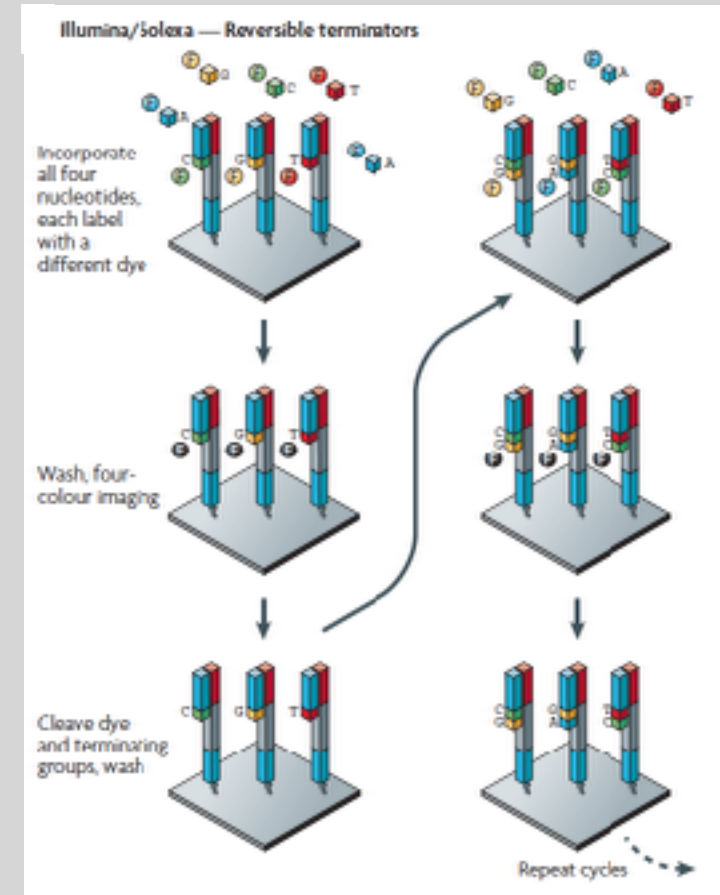
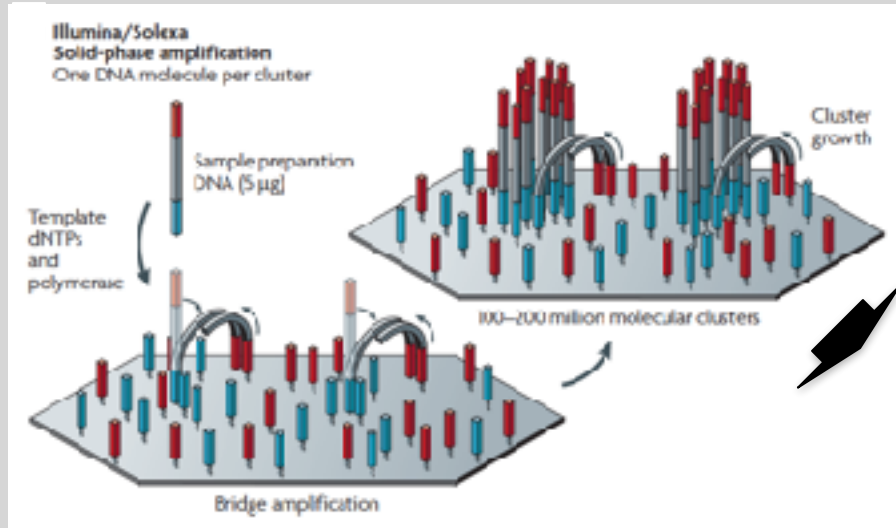
# DNA Sequencing Concepts

- **Sequencing by Synthesis:** Uses a polymerase to incorporate and assess nucleotides to a primer sequence
  - 1 nucleotide at a time
- **Sequencing by Ligation:** Uses a ligase to attach hybridized sequences to a primer sequence
  - 1 or more nucleotides at a time (e.g.ibase)

# Modern NGS Sequencing Platforms

	Roche/454	Life Technologies SOLiD	Illumina Hi Seq 2000
Library amplification method	emPCR* on bead surface	emPCR* on bead surface	Enzymatic amplification on glass surface
Sequencing method	Polymerase-mediated incorporation of unlabelled nucleotides	Ligase-mediated addition of 2-base encoded fluorescent oligonucleotides	Polymerase-mediated incorporation of end-blocked fluorescent nucleotides
Detection method	Light emitted from secondary reactions initiated by release of PPI	Fluorescent emission from ligated dye-labelled oligonucleotides	Fluorescent emission from incorporated dye-labelled nucleotides
Post incorporation method	NA (unlabelled nucleotides are added in base-specific fashion, followed by detection)	Chemical cleavage removes fluorescent dye and 3' end of oligonucleotide	Chemical cleavage of fluorescent dye and 3' blocking group
Error model	Substitution errors rare, insertion/deletion errors at homopolymers	End of read substitution errors	End of read substitution errors
Read length (fragment/paired end)	400 bp/variable length mate pairs	75 bp/50+25 bp	150 bp/100+100 bp

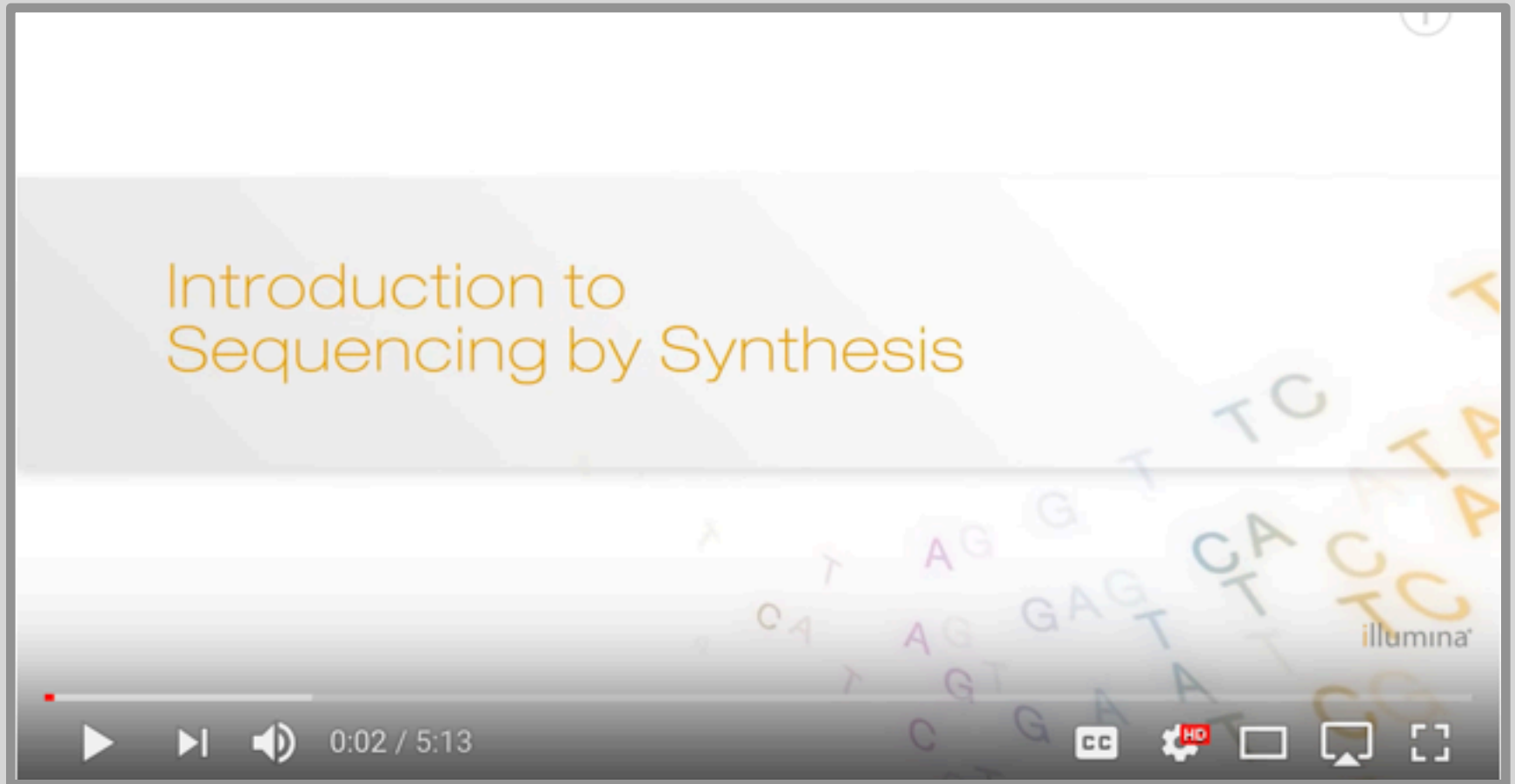
# Illumina - Reversible terminators



(other sequencing platforms summarized at end of slide set)



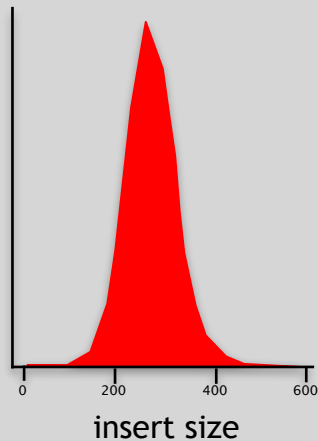
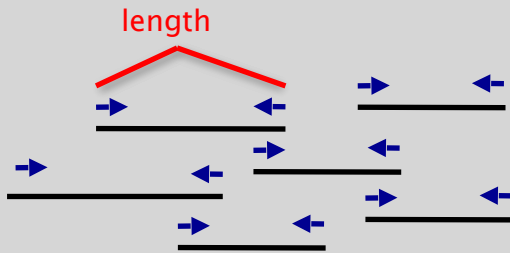
# Illumina Sequencing - Video



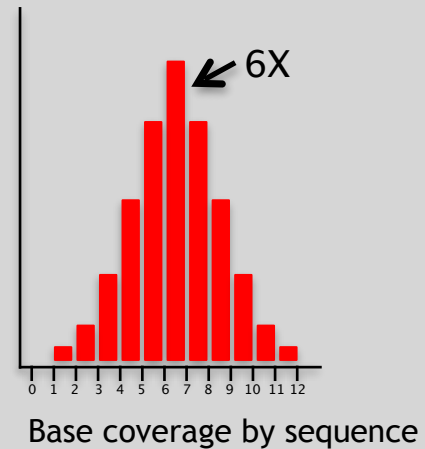
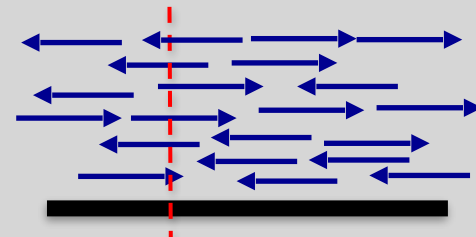
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# NGS Sequencing Terminology

Insert Size



Sequence Coverage



# Summary: “Generations” of DNA Sequencing

	First generation	Second generation <sup>a</sup>	Third generation <sup>b</sup>
Fundamental technology	Size separation of specifically end-labeled DNA fragments, produced by SBS or degradation	Wash-and-seq SBS	SBS, by degradation, or direct physical inspection of the DNA molecule
Resolution	Averaged across many copies of the DNA molecule being sequenced	Averaged across many copies of the DNA molecule being sequenced	Single-molecule resolution
Current raw read accuracy	High	High	Moderate
Current read length	Moderate (300–1000 bp)	Short, generally much shorter than Sanger sequencing	Long, 1000 bp and longer in commercial systems
Current throughput	Low	High	Moderate
Current cost	High cost per base Low cost per run	Low cost per base High cost per run	Low-to-moderate cost per base Low cost per run
RNA-sequencing method	cDNA sequencing	cDNA sequencing	Direct RNA sequencing and cDNA sequencing
Time from start of sequencing reaction to result	Hours	Days	Hours
Sample preparation	Moderately complex, PCR amplification not required	Complex, PCR amplification required	Ranges from complex to very simple depending on technology
Data analysis	Routine	Complex because of large data volumes and because short reads complicate assembly and alignment algorithms	Complex because of large data volumes and because technologies yield new types of information and new signal processing challenges
Primary results	Base calls with quality values	Base calls with quality values	Base calls with quality values, potentially other base information such as kinetics

# Third Generation Sequencing

- Currently in active development
- Hard to define what “3<sup>rd</sup>” generation means
- Typical characteristics:
  - Long (1,000bp+) sequence reads
  - Single molecule (no amplification step)
  - Often associated with nanopore technology
    - But not necessarily!



# Raw data usually in FASTQ format

```
@NS500177:196:HFTTTAFXX:1:11101:10916:1458 2:N:0:CGCGGCTG
ACACGACGATGAGGTGACAGTCACGGAGGATAAGATCAATGCCCTCATTAAAGCAGCCGGTGTA
+
AAAAAEEEEEEEEEEEE//AEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE/EE/<<EE/AEEEEEE///EEEEEEEEAEA<
```

**Each sequencing “read” consists of 4 lines of data :**

1. The first line (which always starts with ‘@’) is a unique ID for the sequence that follows
2. The second line contains the bases called for the sequenced fragment
3. The third line is always a “+” character
4. The fourth line contains the quality scores for each base in the sequenced fragment



# Generic Workflow for NGS

- There are many different ways to analyze sequences generated from NGS, depending on the specific question you are investigating
- For the analysis of genomic sequence data, a typical (if generic) approach is as follows



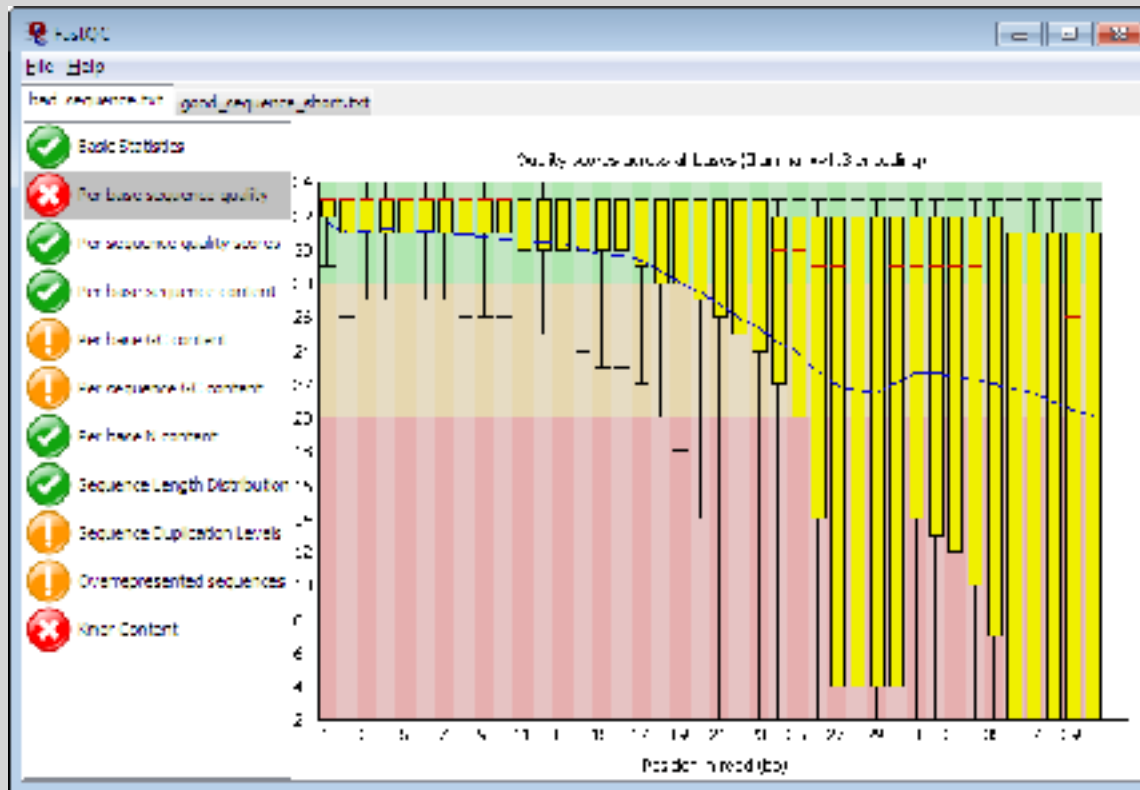
# Quality Control (QC)

- Quality checks of raw sequence data are *very* important
- Common problems can include:
  - Sample mix-up
  - Sample contamination
  - Machine interruption
  - DNA quality
- It is crucial that investigators examine their sequences upon first receipt before any downstream analysis is conducted

# FASTQC

FASTQC is one approach which provides a visual interpretation of the raw sequence reads

- <http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>



# Sequence Alignment

- Once sequence quality has been assessed, the next step is to align the sequence to a reference genome
- There are *many* distinct tools for doing this; which one you choose is often a reflection of your specific experiment and personal preference

BWA

Bowtie

SOAP2

Novoalign

mr/mrsFast

Eland

Blat

Bfast

BarraCUDA

CASHx

GSNAP

Mosiak

Stampy

SHRiMP

SeqMap

SLIDER

RMAP

SSAHA

etc

# SAM Format

- Sequence Alignment/Map (SAM) format is the almost-universal sequence alignment format for NGS
  - binary version is BAM
- It consists of a header section (lines start with '@') and an alignment section
- The official specification can be found here:
  - <http://samtools.sourceforge.net/SAM1.pdf>



# SAM Utilities

- **Samtools** is a common toolkit for analyzing and manipulating files in SAM/BAM format
  - <http://samtools.sourceforge.net/>
- **Picard** is a another set of utilities that can used to manipulate and modify SAM files
  - <http://picard.sourceforge.net/>
- These can be used for viewing, parsing, sorting, and filtering SAM files as well as adding new information (e.g. Read Groups)

# Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK)

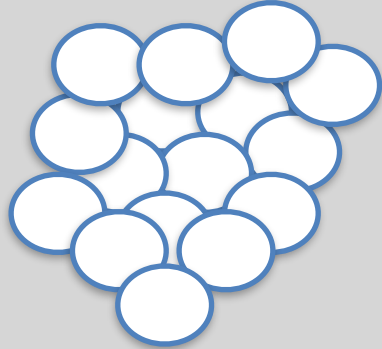
- Developed in part to aid in the analysis of 1000 Genomes Project data
- Includes many tools for manipulating, filtering, and utilizing next generation sequence data
- <http://www.broadinstitute.org/gatk/>



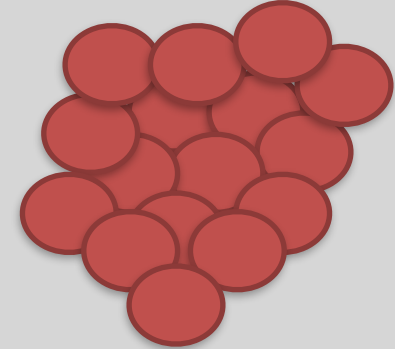
# RNA Sequencing

The absolute basics

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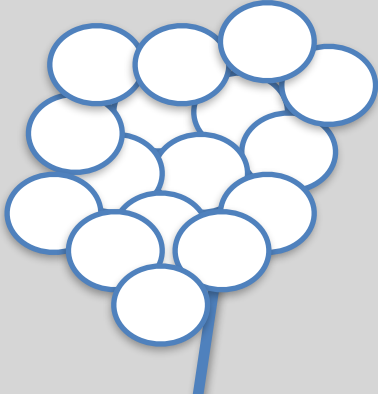


Mutated Cells

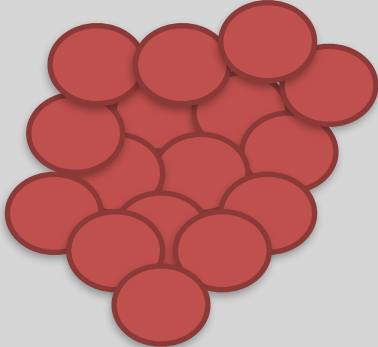


- The **mutated cells** behave differently than the **normal cells**
- We want to know what genetic mechanism is causing the difference
- One way to address this is to examine differences in gene expression via RNA sequencing...

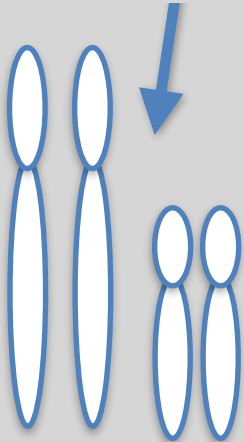
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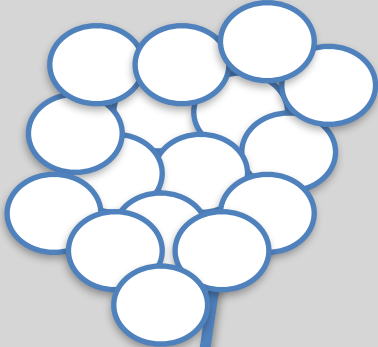
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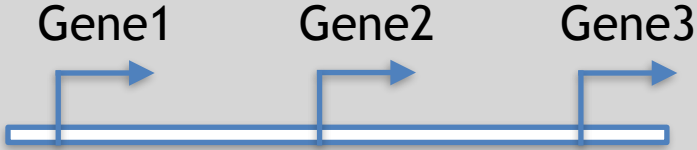
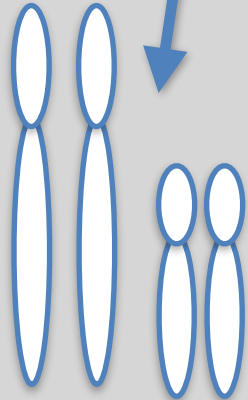
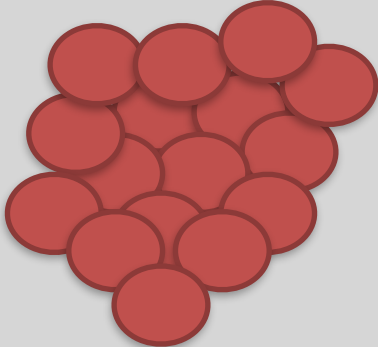
Each cell has a bunch of chromosomes



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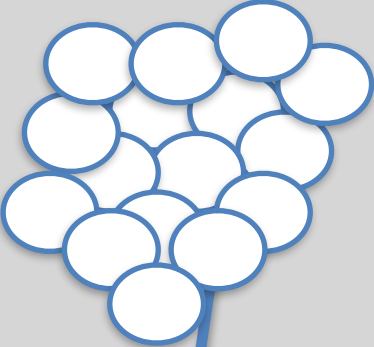


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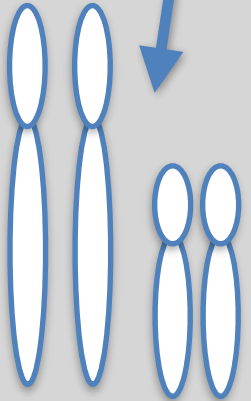
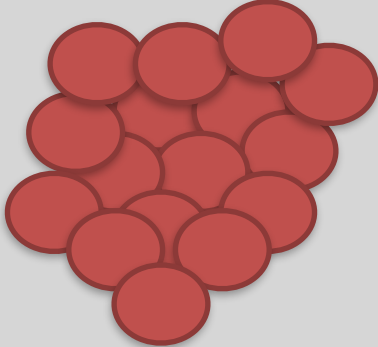


Each chromosome has a bunch of genes

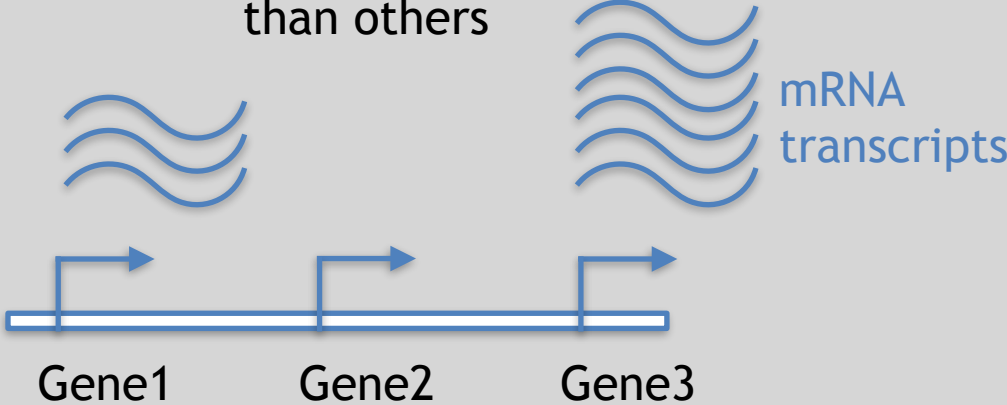
Normal Cells



Mutated Cells



Some genes are active more than others

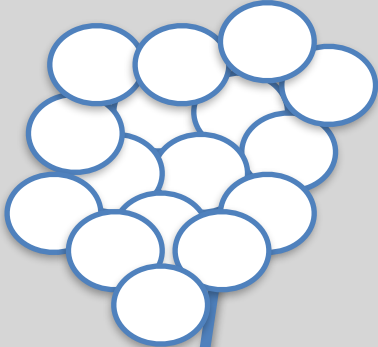


Gene1

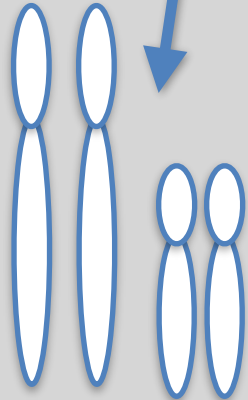
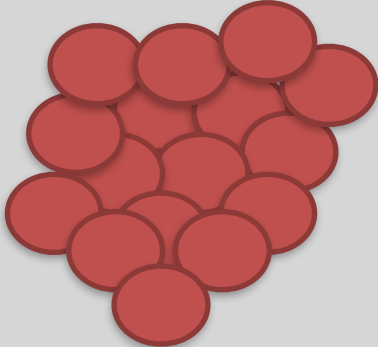
Gene2

Gene3

Normal Cells



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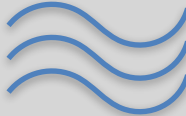


Gene1

Gene2

Gene3

Gene 2 is not active

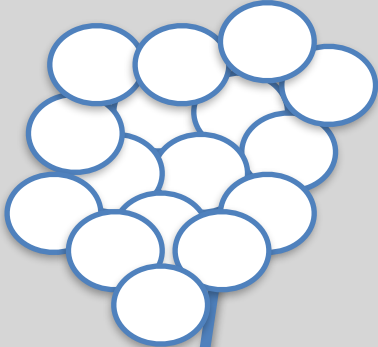


Gene 3 is the most active

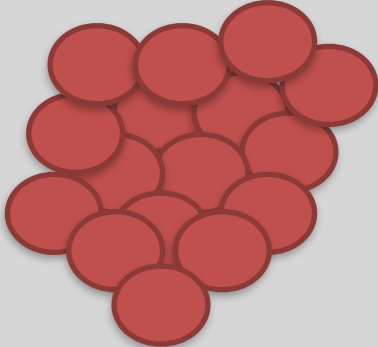


mRNA transcripts

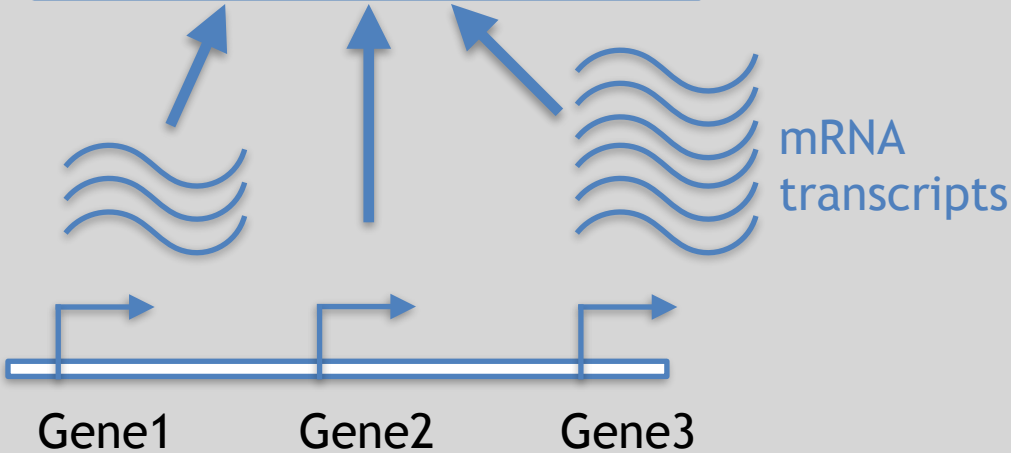
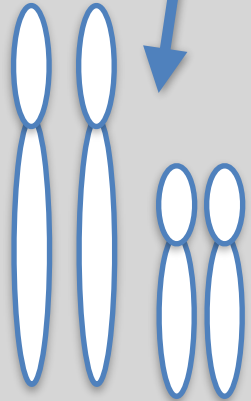
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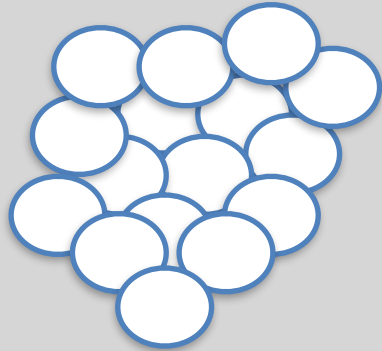
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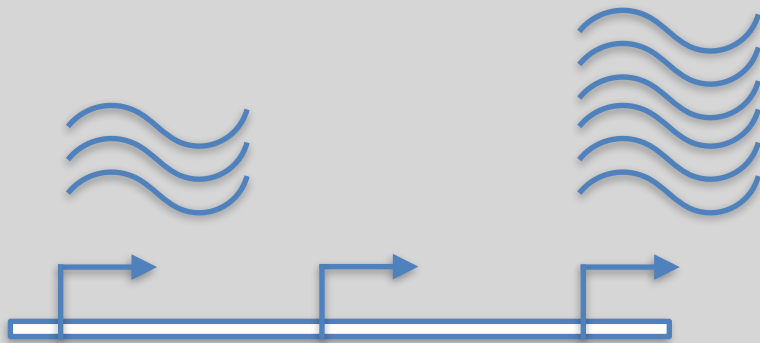
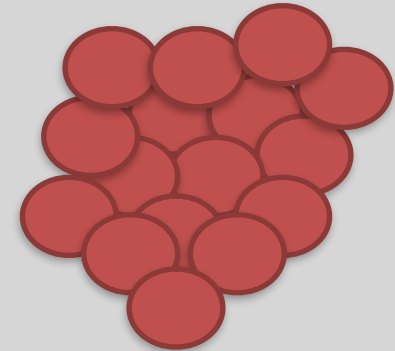
HTS tells us which genes are active, and how much they are transcribed!



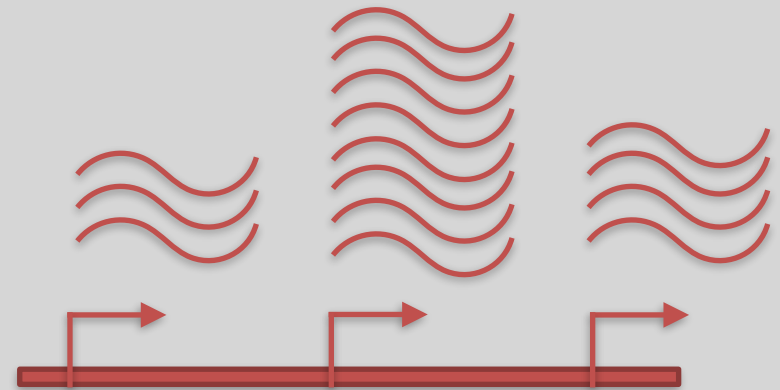
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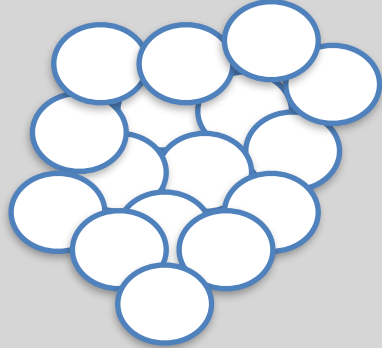
We use RNA-Seq to measure gene expression in normal cells ...



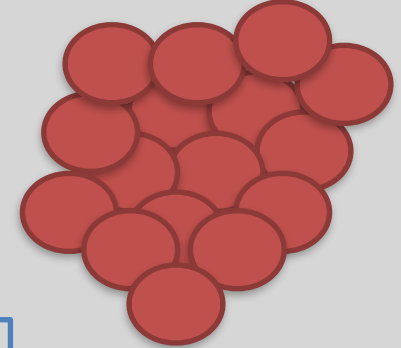
... then use it to measure gene expression in mutated cells



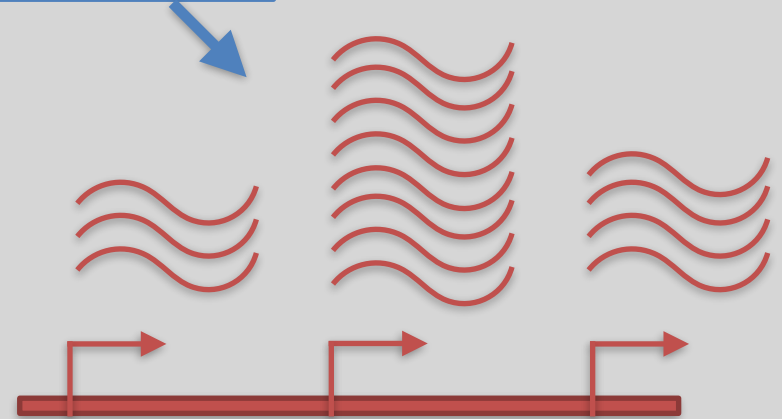
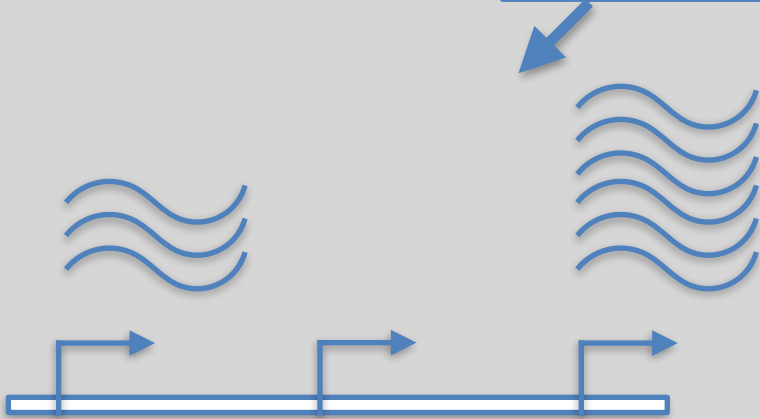
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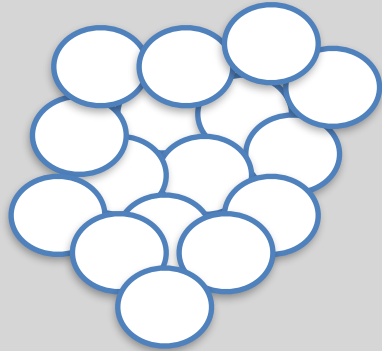
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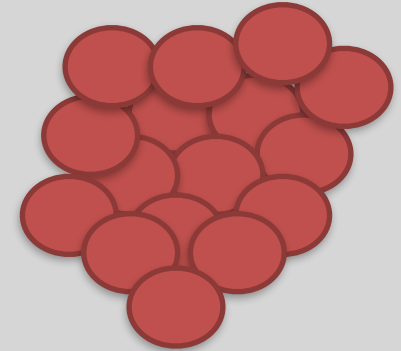
Then we can compare the two cell types to figure out what is different in the mutated cells!



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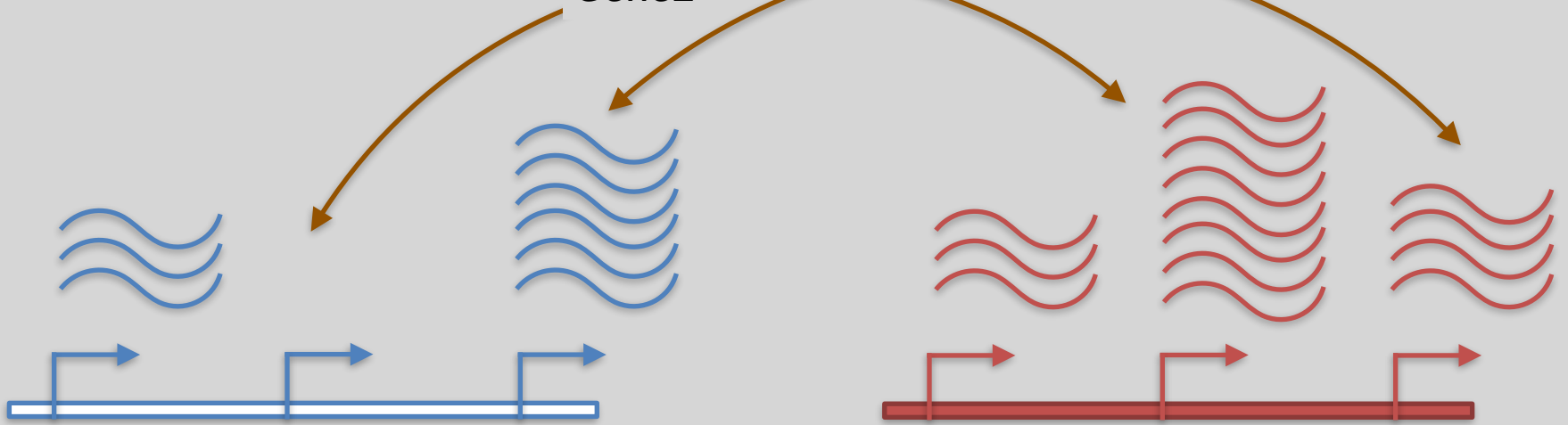


Mutated Cells



Gene2

Gene3



Differences apparent for Gene 2  
and to a lesser extent Gene 3

# 3 Main Steps for RNA-Seq:

## 1) Prepare a sequencing library

(RNA to cDNA conversion via reverse transcription)

## 2) Sequence

(Using the same technologies as DNA sequencing)

## 3) Data analysis

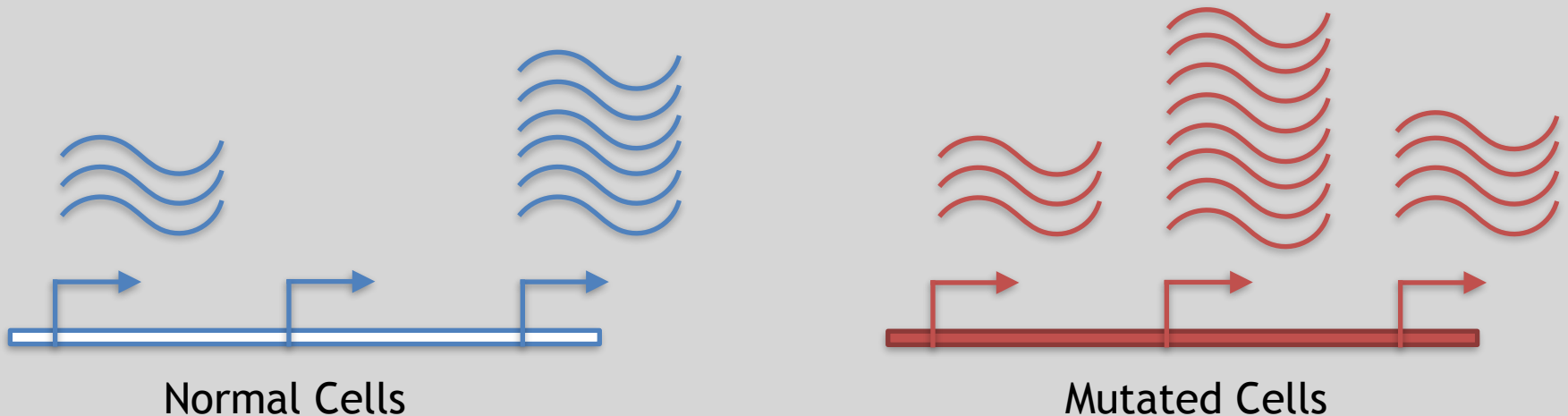
(Often the major bottleneck to overall success!)

We will discuss each of these steps in detail  
(particularly the 3rd) next day!

# Lets skip ahead to the start of step 3

Gene	WT-1	WT-2	WT-3	...
A1BG	30	5	13	...
AS1	24	10	18	...
...	...	...	...	...

We **sequenced**, **aligned**, **counted** the reads per gene in each sample and **normalized** to arrive at our data matrix



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- If there were only two genes, then plotting the data would be easy

<b>Gene</b>	<b>WT-1</b>	<b>WT-2</b>	<b>WT-3</b>
A1BG	30	5	13
AS1	24	10	18

Step 1 in any analysis is always the same:

## PLOT THE DATA!!

- If there were only two genes, then plotting the data would be easy

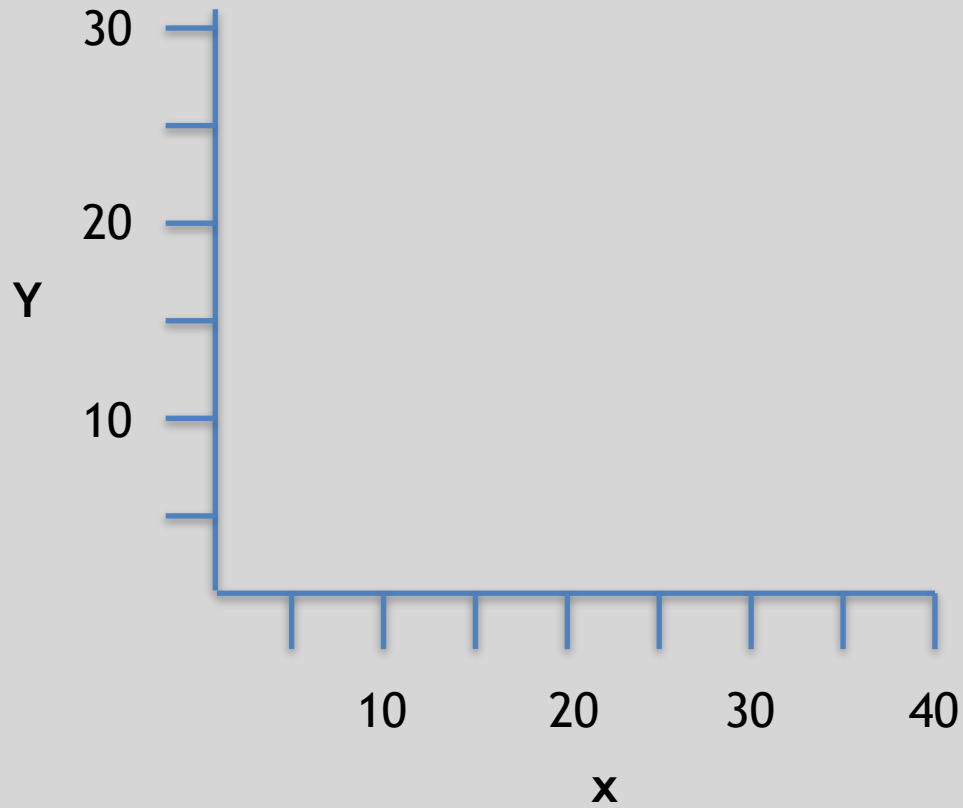
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<b>y</b>	24	10	18



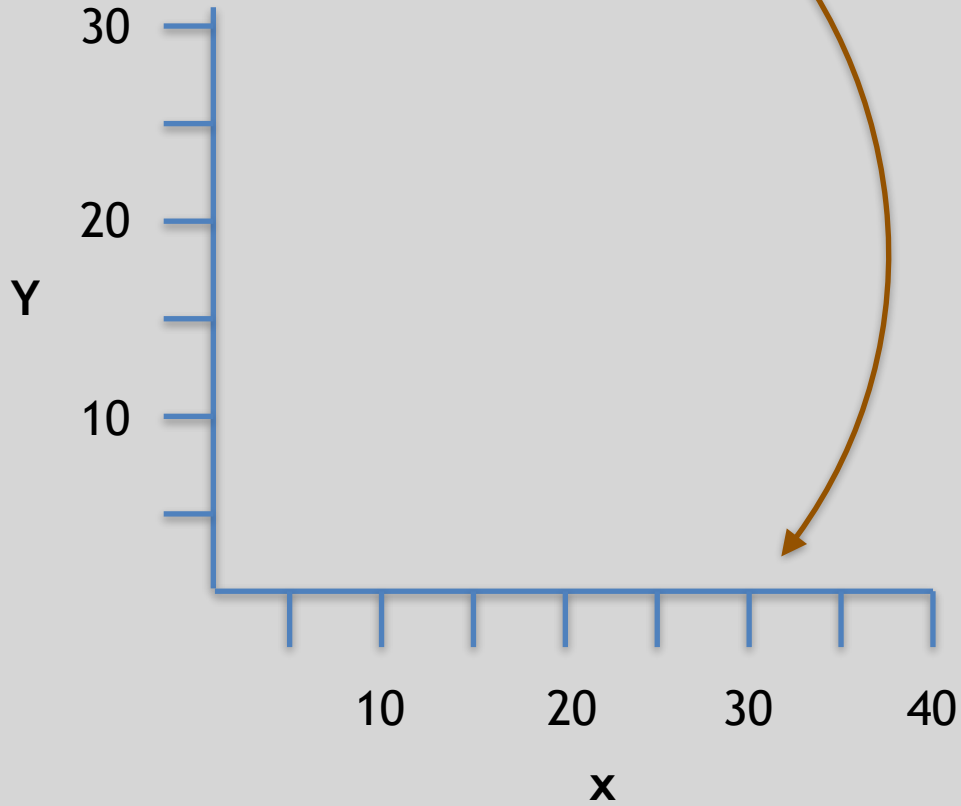
Just replace the gene names with “x” and “y” and plot!



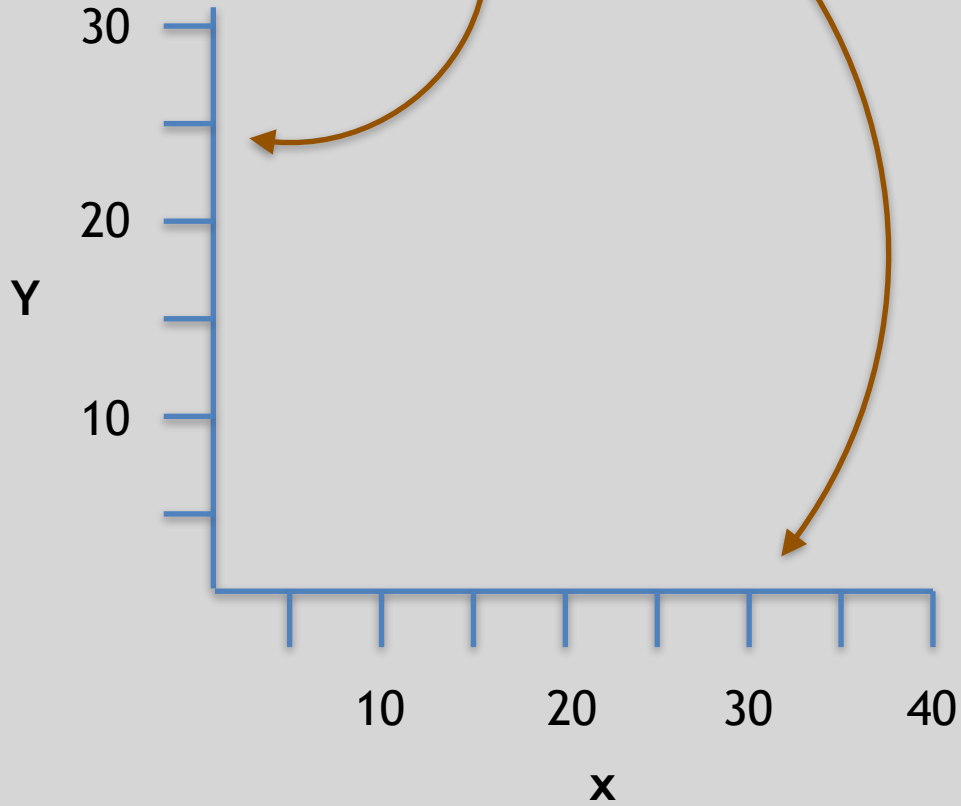
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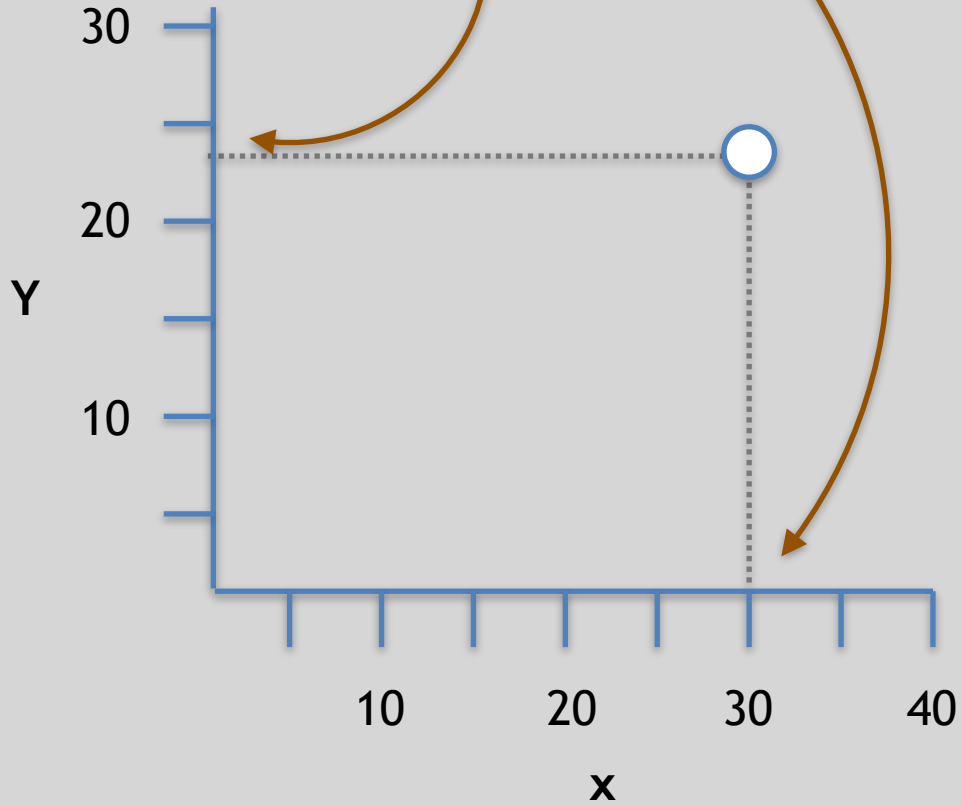
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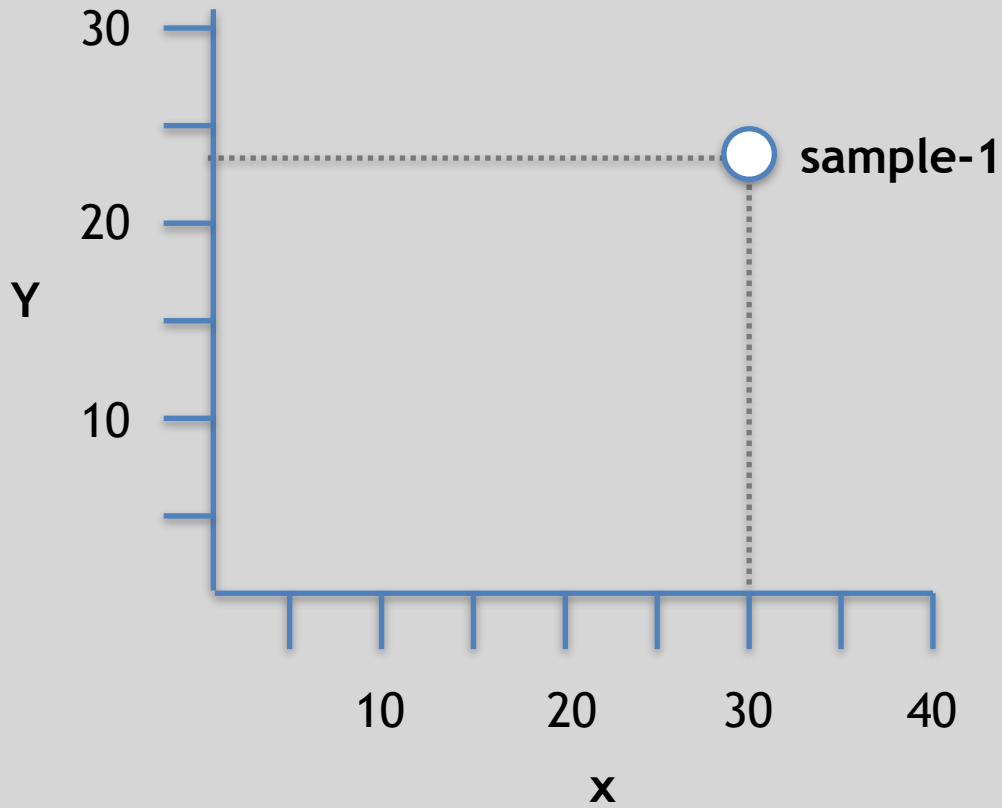
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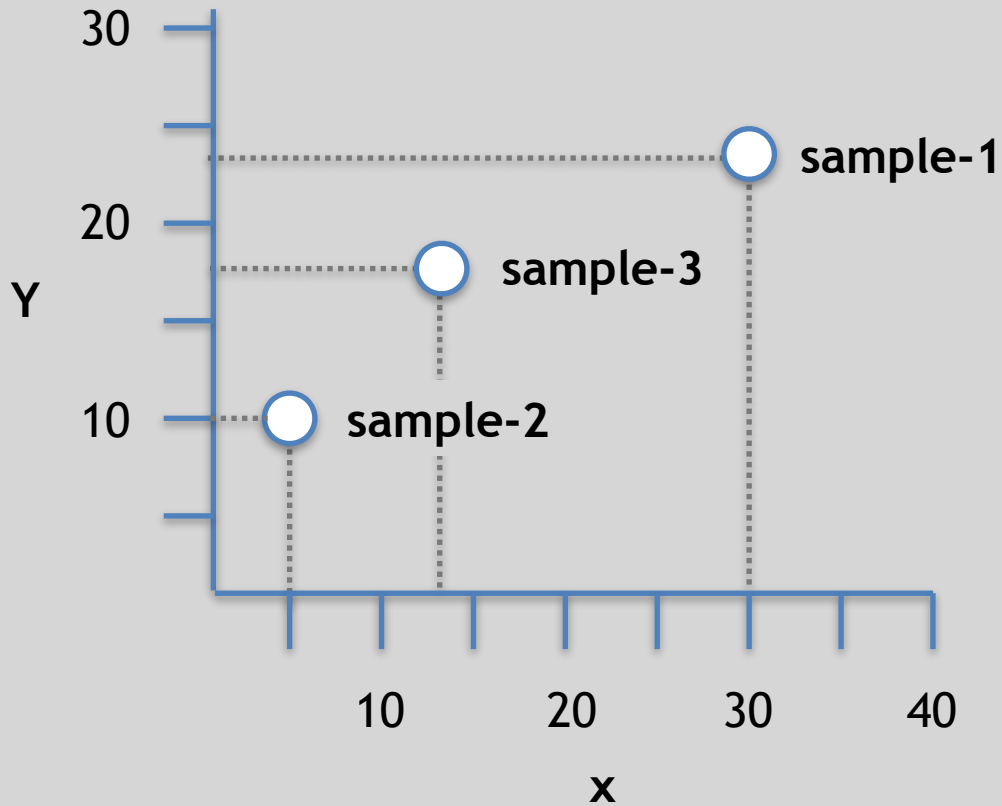
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<b>x</b>	30	5	13
<b>y</b>	24	10	18



	sample-1	sample-2	sample-3
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<b>x</b>	30	5	13
<b>y</b>	24	10	18



But we have 20,000 genes...

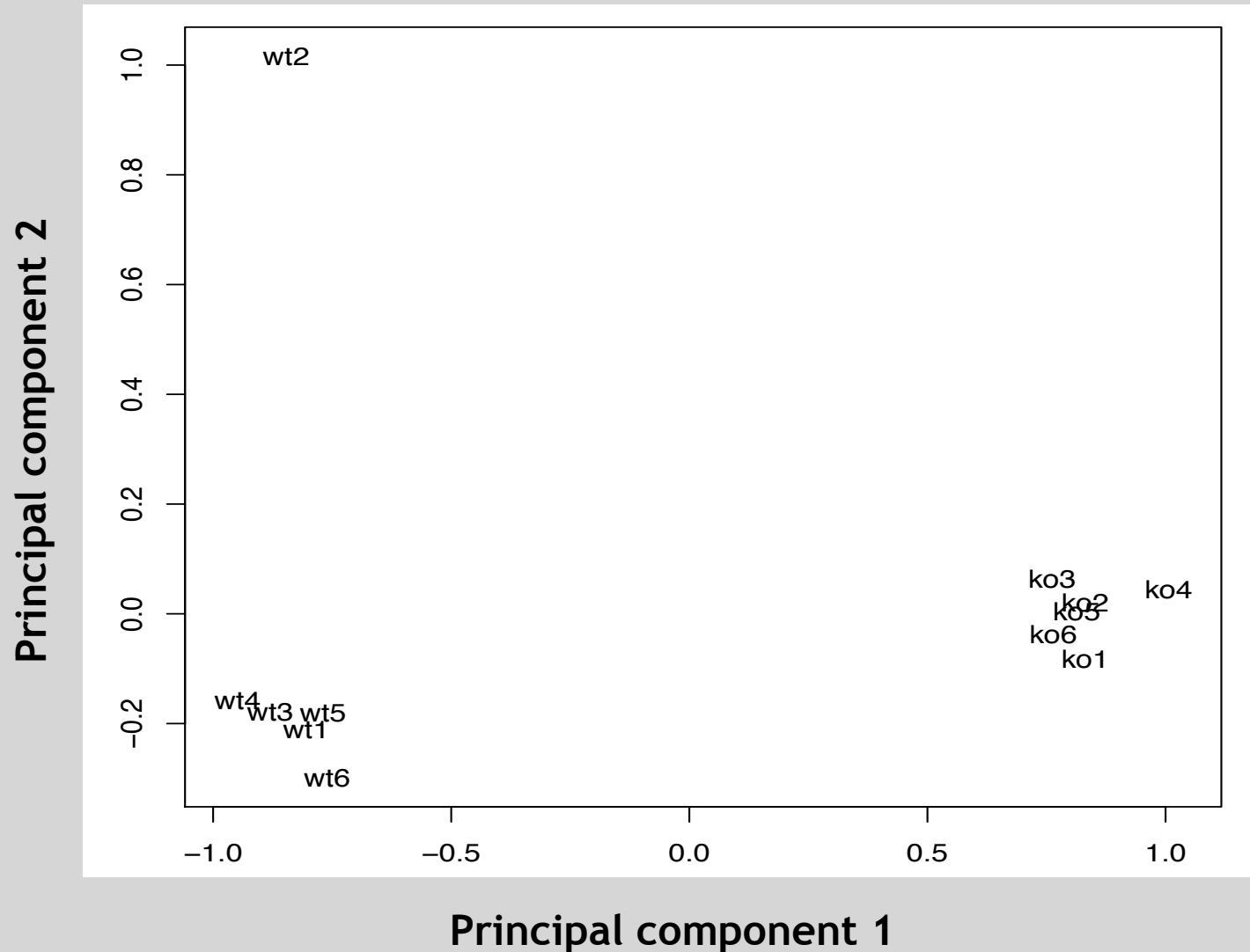
So we would need a graph with 20,000 axes to plot the data!

So we use PCA (principal component analysis) or something like it to plot this data.

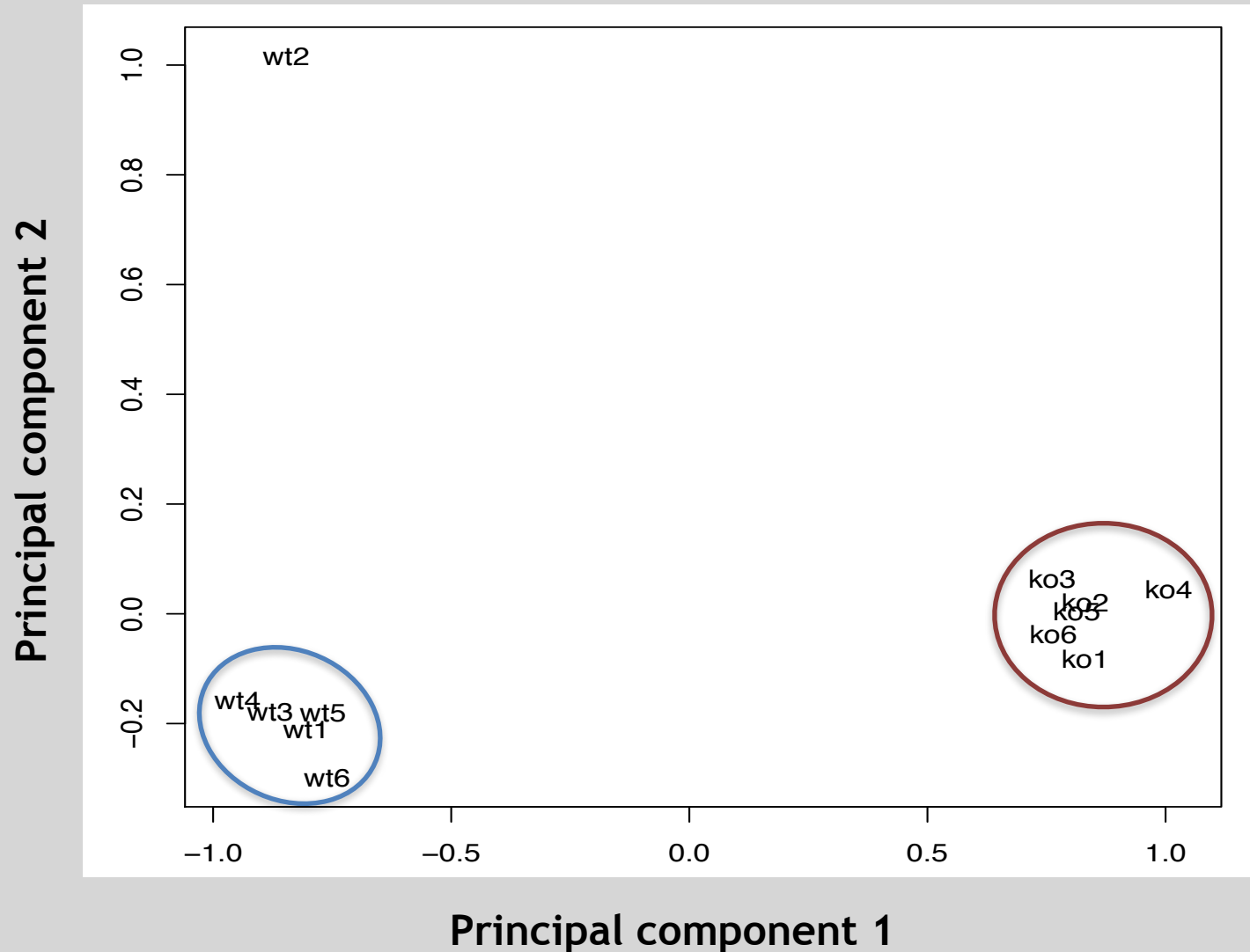
PCA reduces the number of axes you need to display the important aspects of the data.



This is a PCA plot from a real RNA-seq experiment done on neural cells. The “wt” samples are “normal”. The “ko” samples are samples that were mutated.



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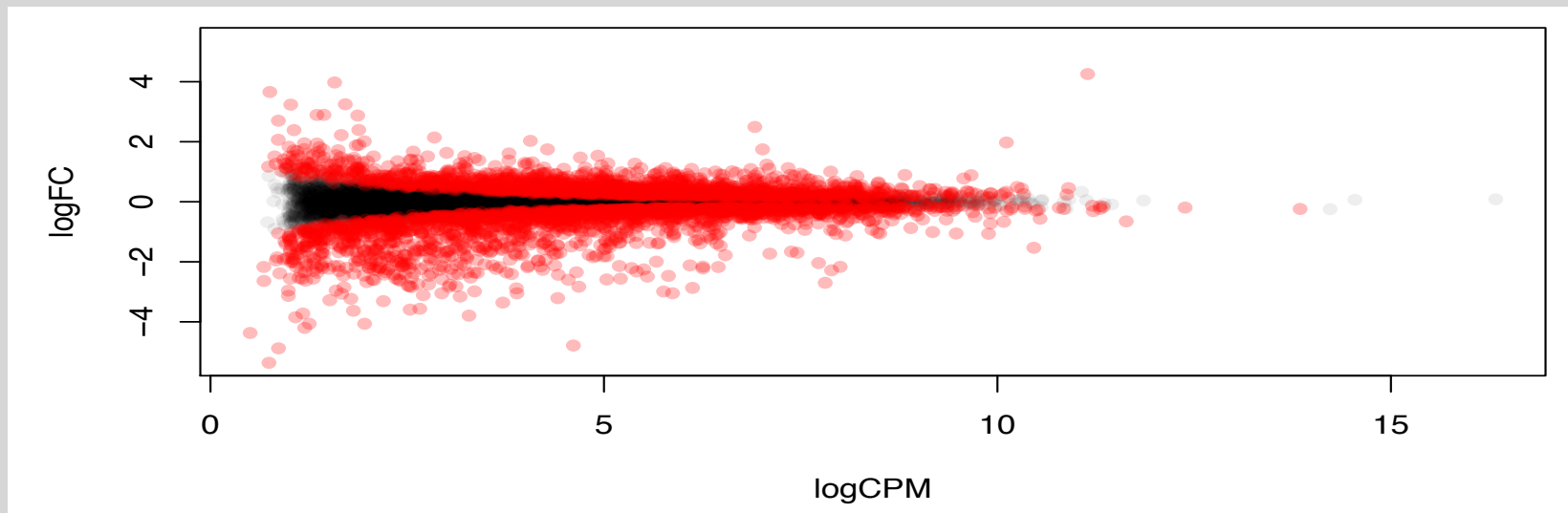


## Plotting the data:

- (1) Tells us if we can expect to find some interesting differences
- (2) Tells us if we should exclude some samples from any down stream analysis.

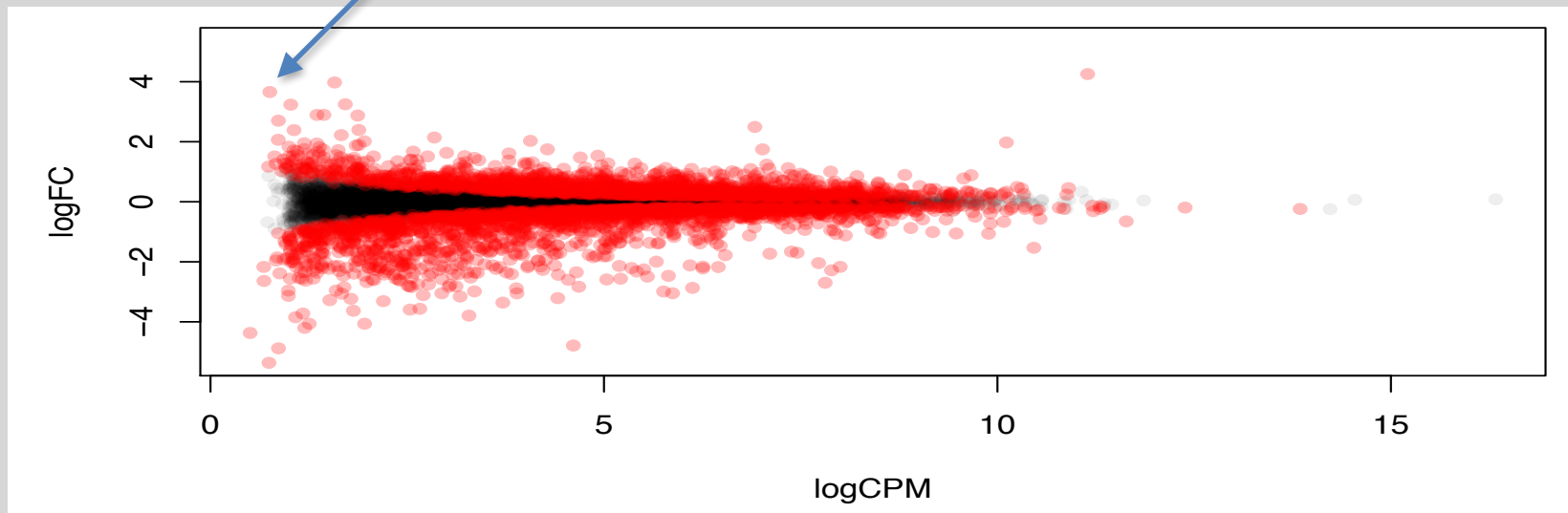
## Step 2: Identify differentially expressed genes between the “normal” and “mutant” samples

This is typically done using R with either the **edgeR** or **DESeq2** packages and the results are generally displayed using graphs like this one

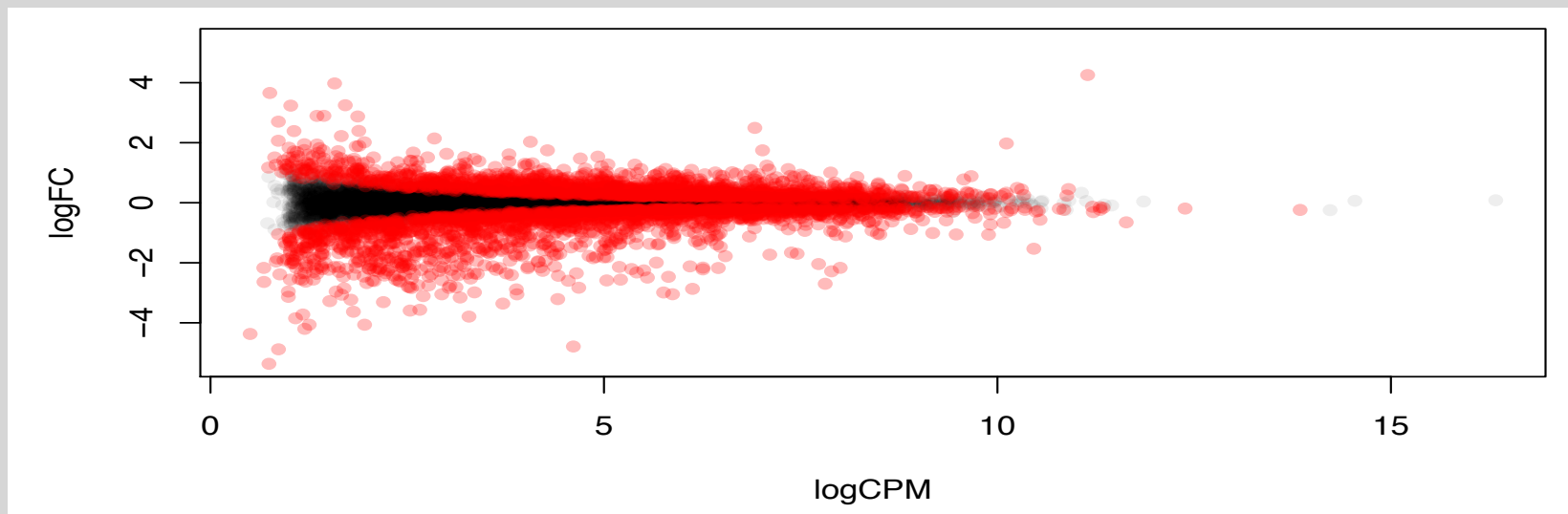


## Step 2: Identify differentially expressed genes between the “normal” and “mutant” samples

A **Red** dot is a gene that is different between “normal” and “mutant” samples (black dots are the same).



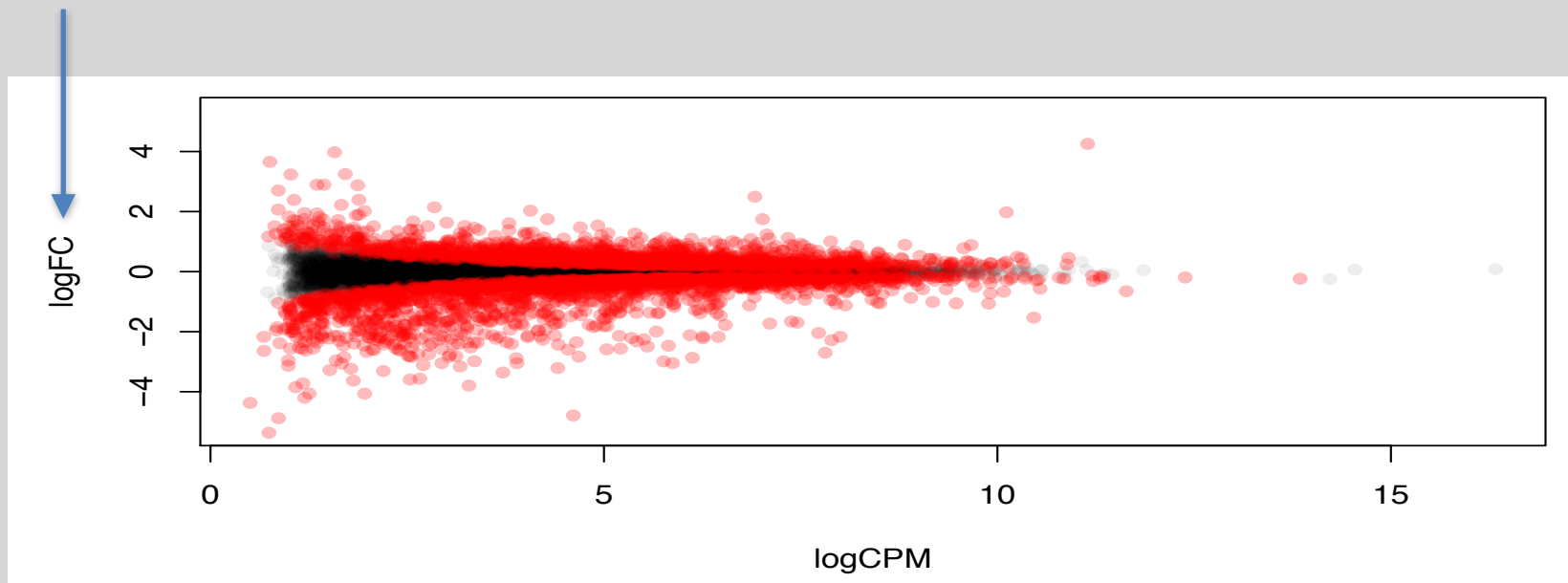
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The x axis tells us how much each gene is transcribed (CPM stands for Counts Per Million)

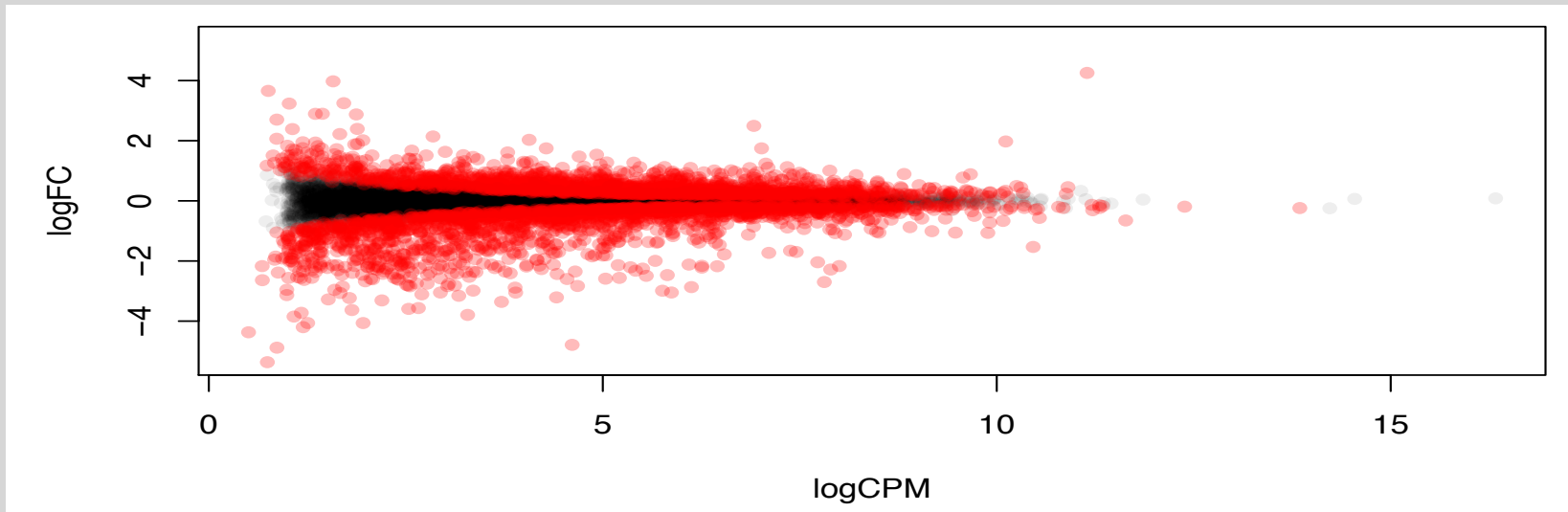
## Step 2: Identify differentially expressed genes between the “normal” and “mutant” samples

The y axis tells you how big the relative difference is between “normal” and “mutant” (FC stands for Fold change)



The x axis tells us how much each gene is transcribed (CPM stands for Counts Per Million)

## Step 3 and beyond: We've identified interesting genes, now what?



1. If you know what you're looking for, you can see if the experiment validated your hypothesis.
2. If you don't know what you're looking for, you can see if certain pathways are enriched in either the normal or mutant gene sets.





# Protected Data - dbGaP

NCBI Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP):

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra>

The screenshot shows the dbGaP website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'dbGaP' and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a banner with the dbGaP logo and a description: 'The database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP) was developed to archive and distribute the results of studies that have investigated the interaction of genotype and phenotype.' Below the banner, there are three main sections: 'Getting Started', 'Access dbGaP Data', and 'Important Links'. Each section contains several links. Below these sections, there is a 'Latest Studies' section with a table of studies. The table has columns for Study, Embargo Release, Details, Participants, Type of Study, Links, and Platform. The table lists five studies with their respective details and links.

Study	Embargo Release	Details	Participants	Type of Study	Links	Platform
<a href="#">phs0078.v1.v1</a> Comparative Analysis of Primary and Metastatic Colorectal Cancer	Version 1: 2015-01-29	<a href="#">V</a> <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">A</a> <a href="#">S</a>	4	Cohort	<a href="#">Link</a>	NCBI dbGaP
<a href="#">phs0088.v1.v1</a> Autosomal recessive TEP2 mutations cause a new human immunodeficiency	Version 1: 2015-13-18	<a href="#">V</a> <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">A</a> <a href="#">S</a>	8	Case-Control	<a href="#">Link</a>	Genome Analysis Kit
<a href="#">phs0082.v1.v1</a> FetalCPN	Version 1: 2015-04-28	<a href="#">V</a> <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">A</a> <a href="#">S</a>	1271	Multisite, Prospective, Observational, Cohort	<a href="#">Link</a>	illumina HiSeq
<a href="#">phs0007.v1.v1</a> Enrollment Cohort	Version 1: 2015-04-28 Version 2: 2015-04-28 Version 3: 2015-04-28 Version 4: 2015-04-28	<a href="#">V</a> <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">A</a> <a href="#">S</a>	15173	Longitudinal	<a href="#">Link</a>	illumina HiSeq, Affymetrix, Illumina, Affymetrix
<a href="#">phs0086.v1.v1</a> Whole Genome Sequencing of HBB and HBB2	Version 1: 2015-04-28	<a href="#">V</a> <a href="#">D</a> <a href="#">A</a> <a href="#">S</a>	3	Control Set	<a href="#">Link</a>	illumina HiSeq

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text: 'You are here: NCBI > Genetics & Medicine > Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP)' and 'Write to the Help Desk'.

# Today we will use Galaxy

- Galaxy is a useful web-based application for the manipulation of NGS data sets
  - <https://main.g2.bx.psu.edu/>
- It contains many common analysis utilities and provides a somewhat standardized approach to analyzing NGS data
- However, it requires the uploading of data to their server, which typically precludes its application to protected data sets (e.g. human samples) - Or you have to build your own server
- You are also limited to only those tools which have been incorporated into their system

# Galaxy Website

The screenshot displays the Galaxy website interface for the Bowtie tool. The top navigation bar includes 'Galaxy', 'Analyze Data', 'Workflow', 'Shared Data', 'Visualization', 'Cloud', 'Help', and 'User'. A 'Using OK' button is visible in the top right corner.

**Tools**

search tools

- Get Data
- Send Data
- ENCODE Tools
- Lift Over
- Text Manipulation
- Convert Formats
- FASTA manipulation
- Filter and Sort
- Join, Subtract and Group
- Extract Features
- Fetch Sequences
- Fetch Alignments
- Get Genomic Scores
- Operate on Genomic Intervals
- Statistics
- Graph/Display Data
- Regional Variation
- Multiple regression
- Multivariate Analysis
- Evolution
- motif Tools
- Multiple Alignments
- Metagenomic analyses
- Phenotype Association
- Genome Diversity
- EMBOSS
- NGS TOOLBOX BETA
- NGS: QC and manipulation
- NGS: Mapping
- NGS: SAM Tools

Built-ins were indexed using default options

Select a reference genome:  
Arabidopsis lyrata: Arab1  
if your genome of interest is not listed - contact Galaxy team

Is this library mate-paired?:  
Single-end

FASTQ file:  
Must have ASCII encoded quality scores

Bowtie settings to use:  
Commonly used  
For most mapping needs use Commonly used settings. If you want full control use Full parameter list

Suppress the header in the output SAM file:  
 Bowtie produces SAM with several lines of header information by default

**Execute**

**What it does**  
Bowtie is a short read aligner designed to be ultrafast and memory-efficient. It is developed by Ben Langmead and Cole Trapnell. Please cite: Langmead B, Trapnell C, Pop M, Salzberg SL. Ultrafast and memory-efficient alignment of short DNA sequences to the human genome. *Genome Biology* 10:R25

**Know what you are doing**  
⚠ There is no such thing (yet) as an automated gearshift in short read mapping. It's all like stick-shift driving in San Francisco. In other words - running this tool with default parameters will probably not give you meaningful results. A way to deal with this is to **understand** the parameters by carefully reading the [documentation](#) and experimenting. Fortunately Galaxy makes experimenting easy.

**Input formats**  
Bowtie accepts files in Sanger FASTQ format. Use the FASTQ Groomer to prepare your files.

**A Note on Built-in Reference Genomes**  
The default variant for all genomes is 'Full', defined as all primary chromosomes (or scaffolds/contigs) including mitochondrial plus

**History**  
0 bytes  
Your history is empty. Click 'Get Data' or the left pane to start

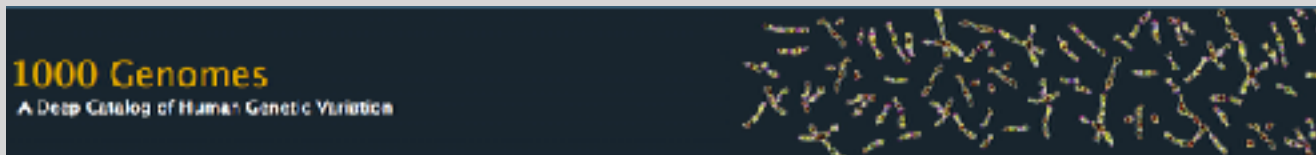
# Hands-on Time!

[https://bioboot.github.io/bggn213\\_f17/class-material/lecture14-BGGN213\\_F17.pdf](https://bioboot.github.io/bggn213_f17/class-material/lecture14-BGGN213_F17.pdf)

Additional Slides follow for Reference

# Population Scale Analysis

We can now begin to assess genetic differences on a very large scale, both as naturally occurring variation in human and non-human populations as well somatically within tumors



“Variety’s the very spice of life”

-William Cowper, 1785

“Variation is the spice of life”

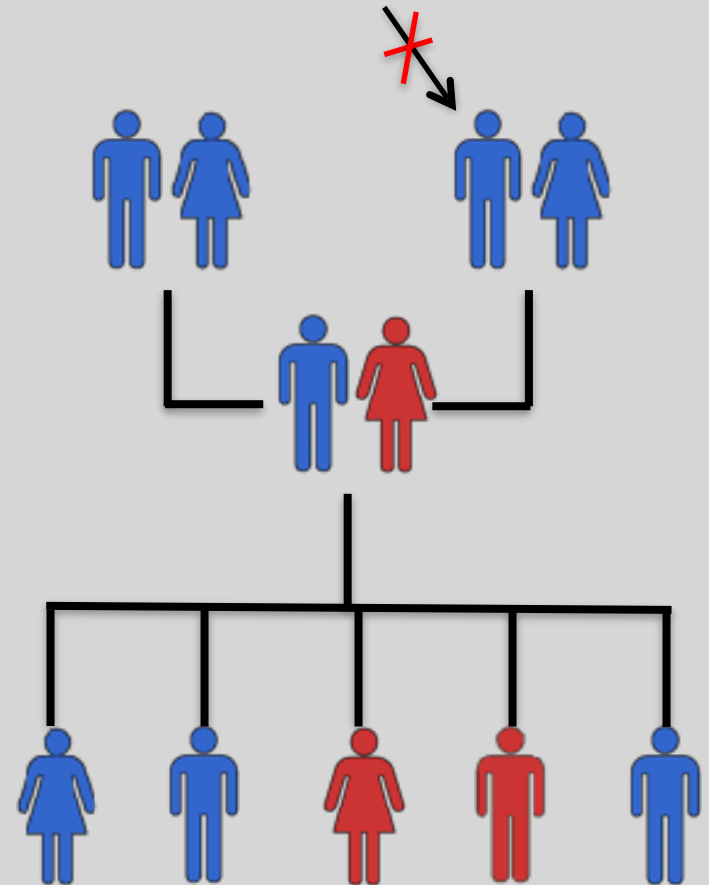
-Kruglyak & Nickerson, 2001

- While the sequencing of the human genome was a great milestone, the DNA from a single person is not representative of the millions of potential differences that can occur between individuals
- These unknown genetic variants could be the cause of many phenotypes such as differing morphology, susceptibility to disease, or be completely benign.

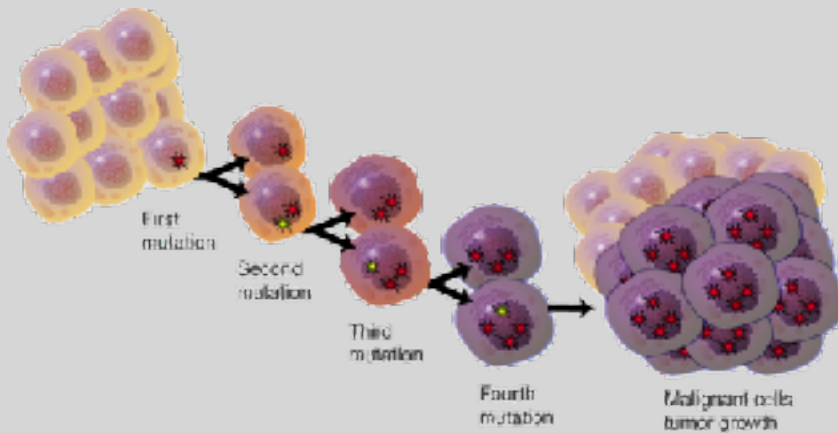


# Germline Variation

- Mutations in the germline are passed along to offspring and are present in the DNA over every cell
- In animals, these typically occur in meiosis during gamete differentiation



# Somatic Variation



- Mutations in non-germline cells that are not passed along to offspring
- Can occur during mitosis or from the environment itself
- Are an integral part in tumor progression and evolution

# Mutation vs Polymorphism

- A mutation must persist to some extent within a population to be considered polymorphic
  - >1% frequency is often used
- Germline mutations that are not polymorphic are considered rare variants

*“From the standpoint of the neutral theory, the rare variant alleles are simple those alleles whose frequencies within a species happen to be in a low-frequency range (0,q), whereas polymorphic alleles are those whose frequencies happen to be in the higher-frequency range (q, 1-q), where I arbitrarily take  $q = 0.01$ . Both represent a phase of molecular evolution.”*

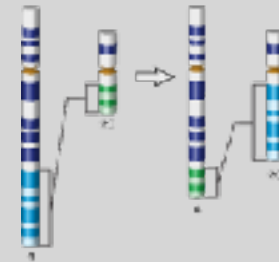
*-Motoo Kimura*

# Types of Genomic Variation

- Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) - mutations of one nucleotide to another
- Insertion/Deletion Polymorphisms (INDELs) - small mutations removing or adding one or more nucleotides at a particular locus
- Structural Variation (SVs) - medium to large sized rearrangements of chromosomal DNA

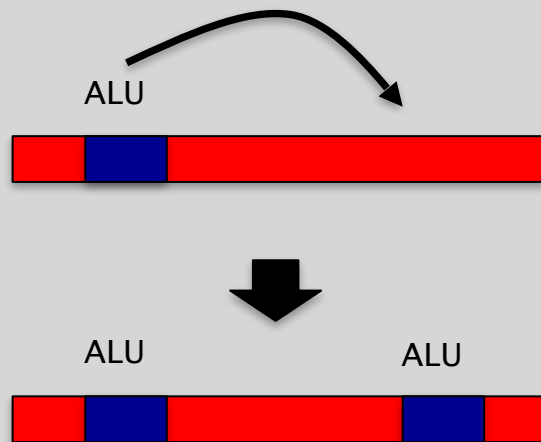
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AATCTGAGGCAT
AATCTCAGGCAT
```

```
AATCTGAAGGCAT
AATCT--AGGCAT
```



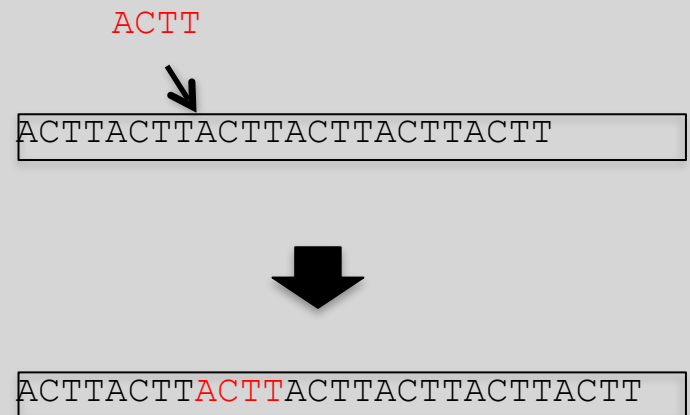
# Variant Subtypes: Repetitive Elements

## Mobile Elements / Retrotransposons

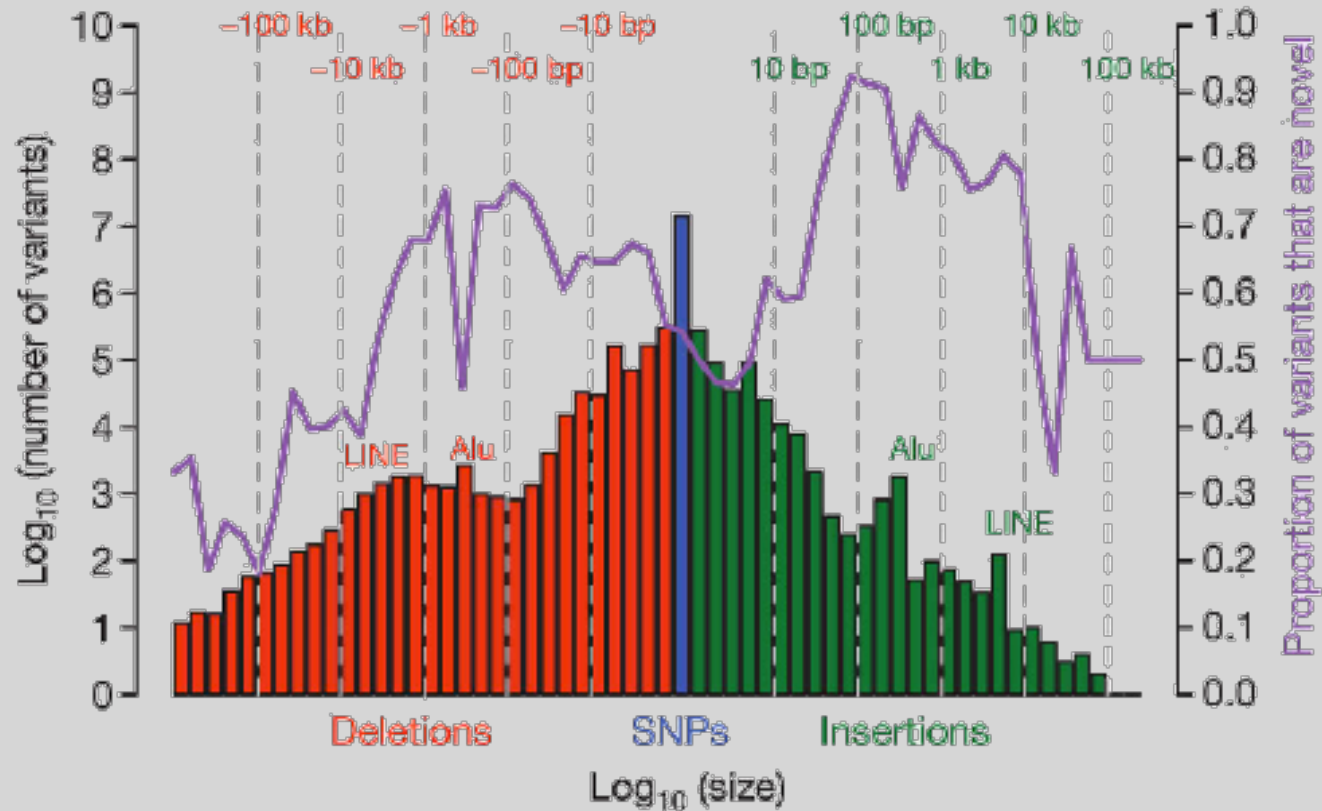


(in humans, primarily ALU, LINE, and SVA)

## Repeat Expansions



# Variant Length Distribution



# Differences Between Individuals

The average number of genetic differences in the germline between two random humans can be broken down as follows:

- 3,600,000 single nucleotide differences
- 344,000 small insertion and deletions
- 1,000 larger deletion and duplications

Numbers change depending on ancestry!

# Discovering Variation: SNPs and INDELS

- Small variants require the use of sequence data to initially be discovered
- Most approaches align sequences to a reference genome to identify differing positions
- The amount of DNA sequenced is proportional to the number of times a region is covered by a sequence read
  - More sequence coverage equates to more support for a candidate variant site



# Discovering Variation: SNPs and INDELS

SNP

```
ATCCTGATTTCGGTGAACGTTATCGACGATCCGATCGA
ATCCTGATTTCGGTGAACGTTATCGACGATCCGATCGA
  CCGTGAACGTTATCGACGATCCGATCGAACTGTCAGC
  GGTGAACGTTATCGACGTTCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCG
  TGAACGTTATCGACGTTCCGATCGAACTGTCATCGGC
  TGAACGTTATCGACGTTCCGATCGAACTGTCACCGGC
  TGAACGTTATCGACGTTCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGC
  GTTATCGACGATCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCT
  TTATCGACGATCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCT
```

sequencing error  
or genetic variant?

**ATCCTGATTTCGGTGAACGTTATCGACGATCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCTGATCGATCCGATCGATGCTAGTG**

reference genome

```
TTATCGACGATCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCT
TCGACGATCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCTGAT
  ATCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCTGATCG  CGAT
  TCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCTGATCG  CGATC
  TCCGATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCTGATCGATCGA
  GATCGAACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCTGATCG  CGATCGA
  AACTGTCAGCGGCAAGCTGATCG  CGATCGATGCTA
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  TCAGCGGCAAGCTGATCGATCGATCGATGCTAGTG
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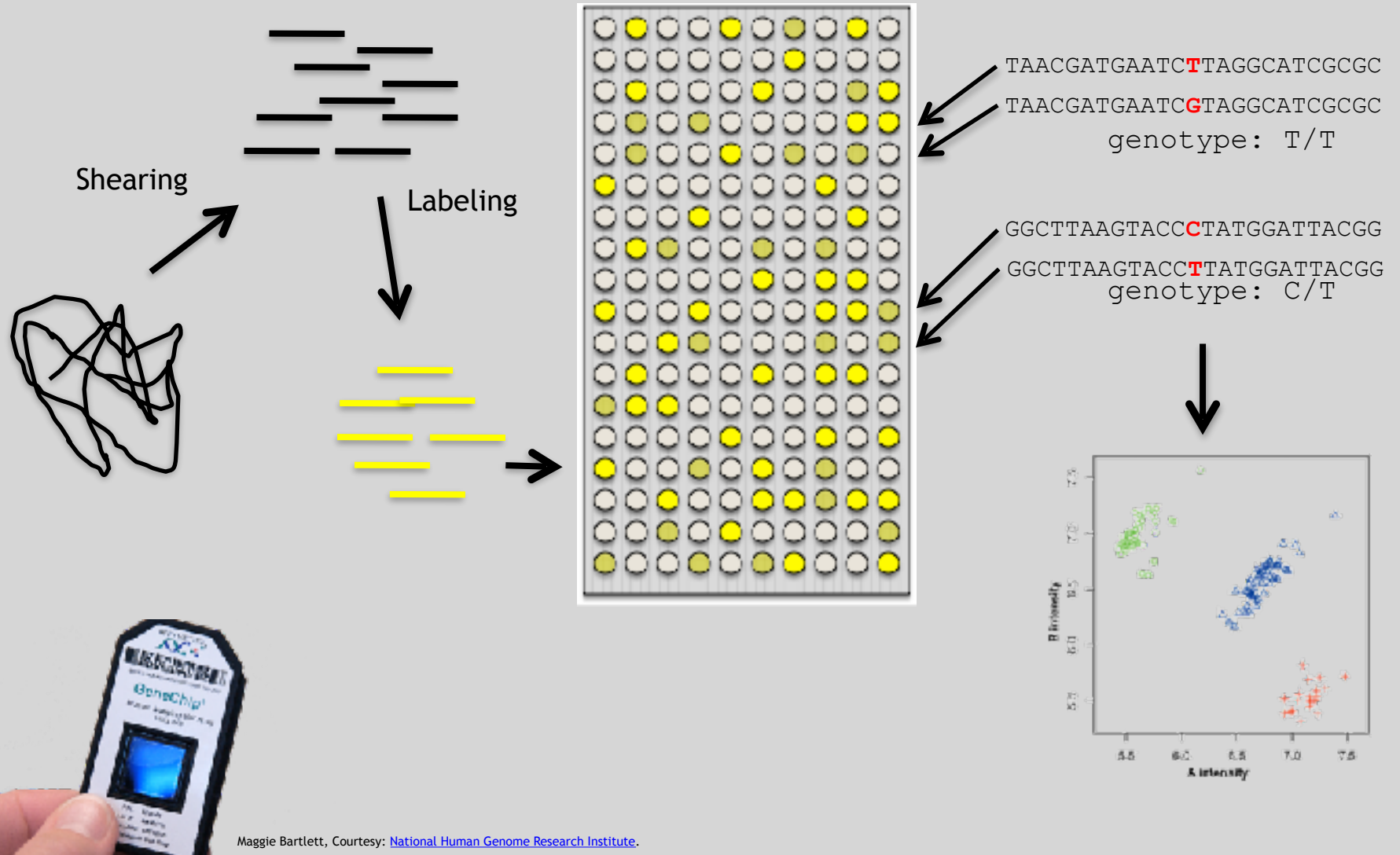
sequencing error  
or genetic  
variant?

INDEL

# Genotyping Small Variants

- Once discovered, oligonucleotide probes can be generated with each individual allele of a variant of interest
- A large number can then be assessed simultaneously on microarrays to detect which combination of alleles is present in a sample

# SNP Microarrays

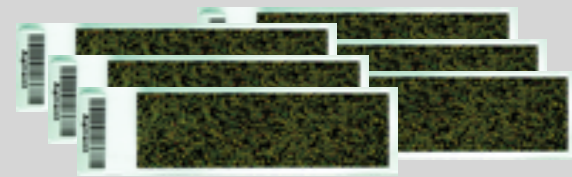
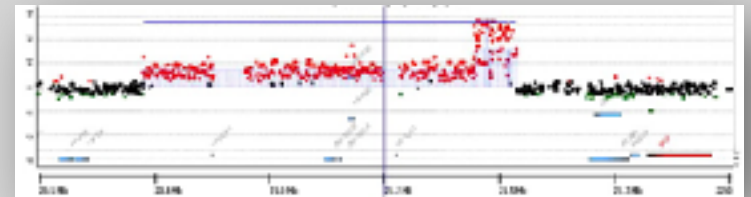
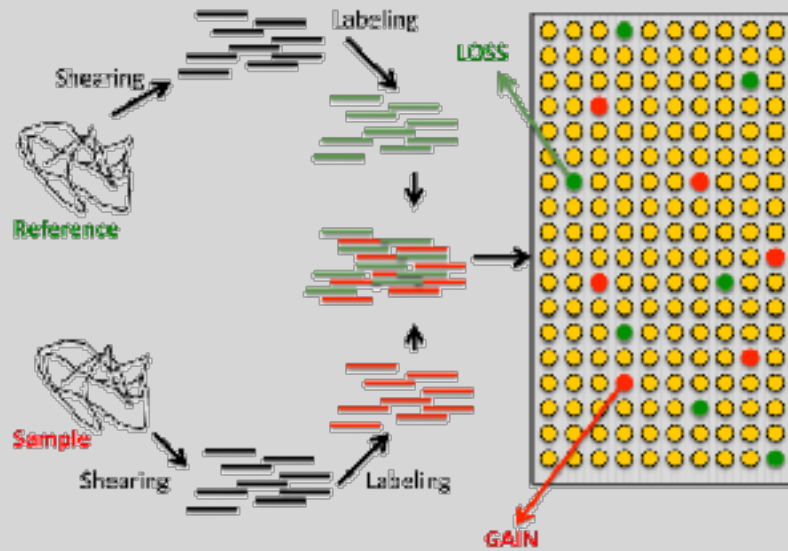


# Discovering Variation: SVs

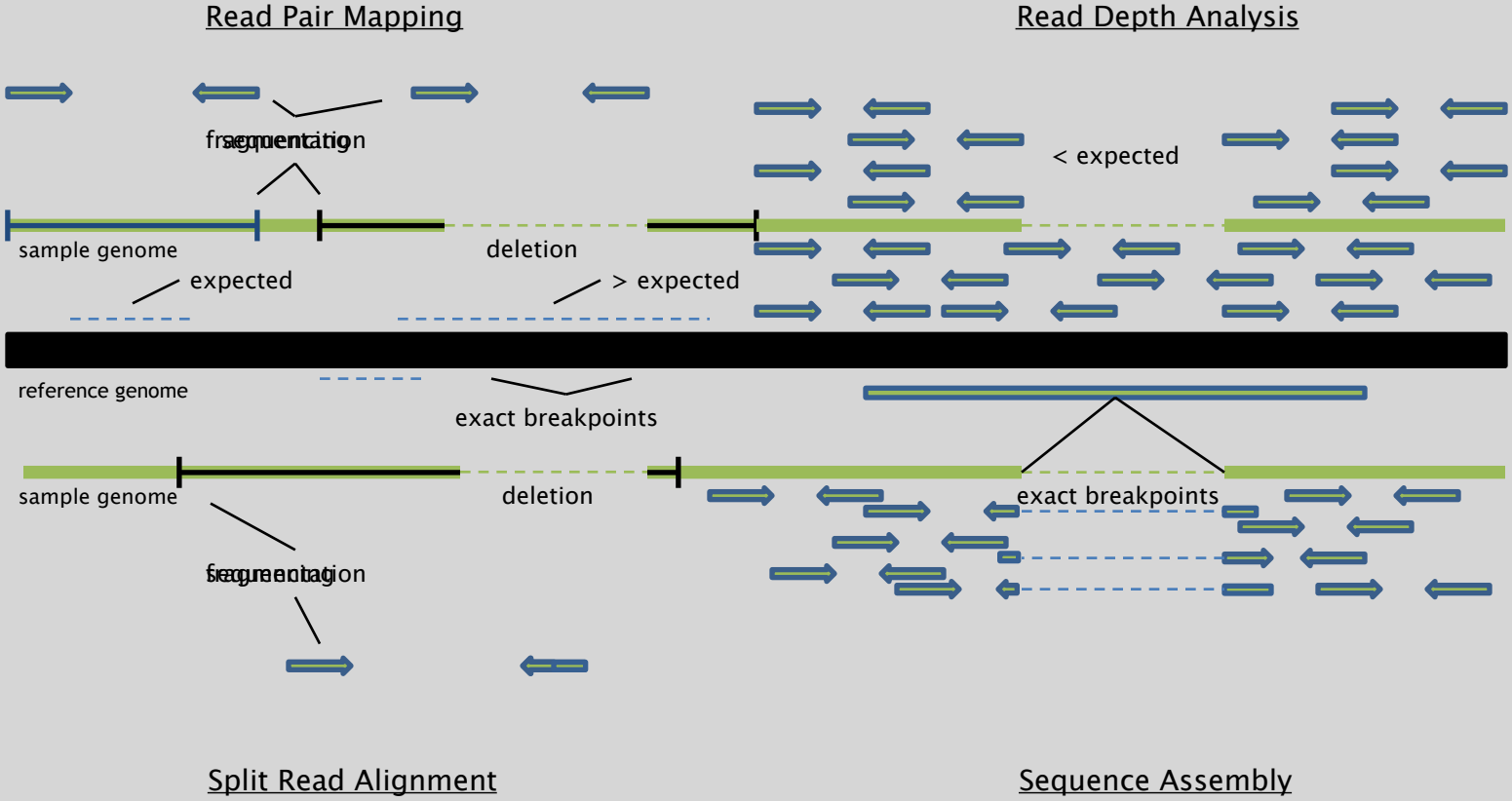
- Structural variants can be discovered by both sequence and microarray approaches
- Microarrays can only detect genomic imbalances, specifically copy number variants (CNVs)
- Sequence based approaches can, in principle, identify all types of structural rearrangements

# Microarray-based CNV Discovery

## Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH)



# Sequenced-based SV Discovery



# Variant Databases and Formats

- dbSNP - repository for SNP and small INDELS
  - <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP/>
- VCF - variant call format for reporting variation
  - <https://github.com/samtools/hts-specs>

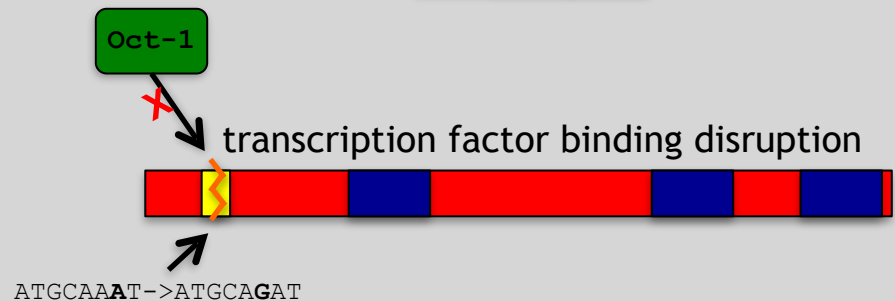
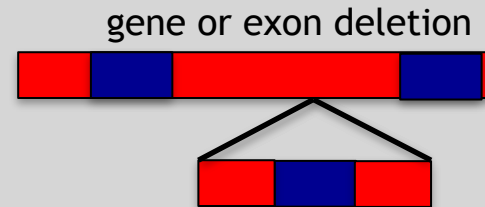
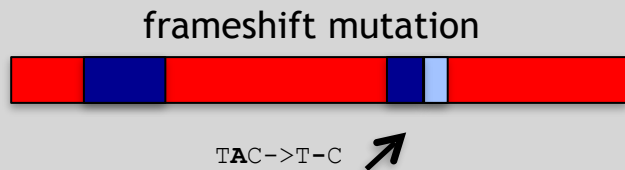
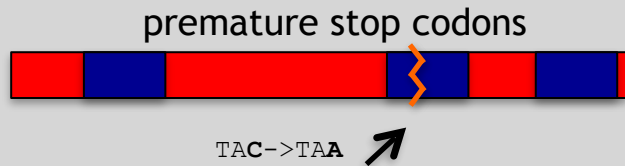
# VCF Format Example

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##source=myImputationProgramV3.1
##reference=file:///seq/references/1000GenomesPilot-NCBI36.fasta
##contig=<ID=20,length=62435964,assembly=B36,md5=f126cdf8a6e0c7f379d618ff66beb2da,species="Homo sapiens",taxonomy=x>
##phasing=partial
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#CHROM POS ID REF ALT QUAL FILTER INFO FORMAT NA00001 NA00002 NA00003
20 14370 rs6054257 G A 29 PASS NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2 GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:48:1:51,51 1|0:48:8:51,51 1/1:43:5:..
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20 1110696 rs6040355 A G,T 67 PASS NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB GT:GQ:DP:HQ 1|2:21:6:23,27 2|1:2:0:18,2 2/2:35:4
20 1230237 . T . 47 PASS NS=3;DP=13;AA=T GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:54:7:56,60 0|0:48:4:51,51 0/0:61:2
21 1234567 microsat1 GTC G,GTCT 50 PASS NS=3;DP=9;AA=G GT:GQ:DP 0/1:35:4 0/2:17:2 1/1:40:3
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# Impact of Genetic Variation

There are numerous ways genetic variation can exhibit functional effects



# Variant Annotation

- Variants are *annotated* based on their potential functional impact
- For variants falling inside genes, there are a number of software packages that can be used to quickly determine which may have a functional role (missense/nonsense mutations, splice site disruption, etc)
- A few examples are:
  - ANNOVAR (<http://www.openbioinformatics.org/annovar/>)
  - VAAST (<http://www.yandell-lab.org/software/vaast.html>)
  - VEP ([http://grch37.ensembl.org/Homo\\_sapiens/Tools/VEP](http://grch37.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/Tools/VEP))
  - SeattleSeq (<http://snp.gs.washington.edu/SeattleSeqAnnotation134/>)
  - snpEff (<http://snpeff.sourceforge.net/>)

# Variant Annotation Classes

## High Impact

- exon\_deleted
- frame\_shift
- splice\_acceptor
- splice\_donor
- start\_loss
- stop\_gain
- stop\_loss
- non\_synonymous\_start
- transcript\_codon\_change

## Medium Impact

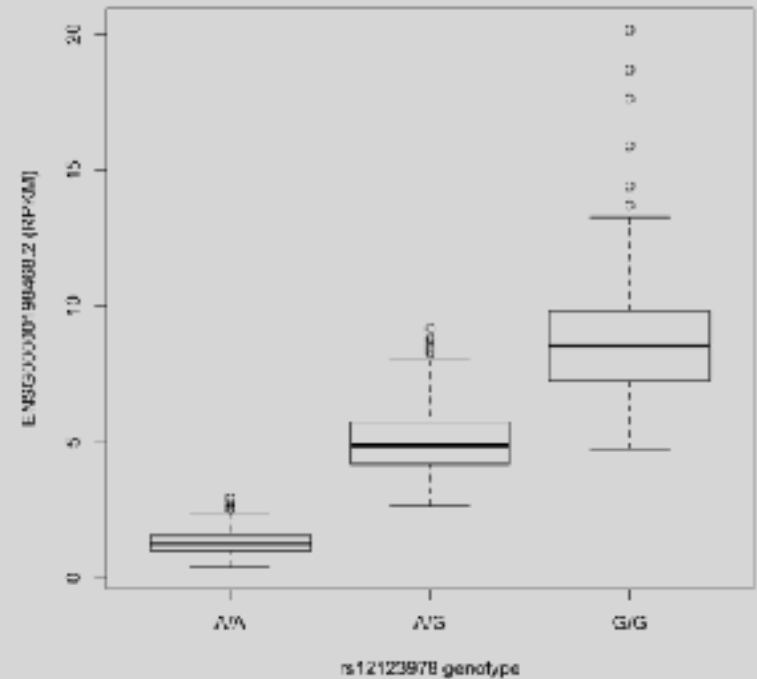
- non\_syn\_coding
- inframe\_codon\_gain
- inframe\_codon\_loss
- inframe\_codon\_change
- codon\_change\_del
- codon\_change\_ins
- UTR\_5\_del
- UTR\_3\_del
- other\_splice\_variant
- mature\_miRNA
- regulatory\_region
- TF\_binding\_site
- regulatory\_region\_ablation
- regulatory\_region\_amplification
- TFBS\_ablation
- TFBS\_amplification

## Low Impact

- synonymous\_stop
- synonymous\_coding
- UTR\_5\_prime
- UTR\_3\_prime
- intron
- CDS
- upstream
- downstream
- intergenic
- intragenic
- gene
- transcript
- exon
- start\_gain
- synonymous\_start
- intron\_conserved
- nc\_transcript
- NMD\_transcript
- transcript\_codon\_change
- incomplete\_terminal\_codon
- nc\_exon
- transcript\_ablation
- transcript\_amplification
- feature\_elongation
- feature\_truncation

# Variation and Gene Expression

- Expression quantitative trait loci (eQTLs) are regions of the genome that are associated with expression levels of genes
- These regions can be nearby (cis) or far away (trans) from the genes that they affect
- Genetic variants in eQTL regions are typically responsible through changes to regulatory elements



# Geuvadis Consortium

<http://www.geuvadis.org/web/geuvadis>

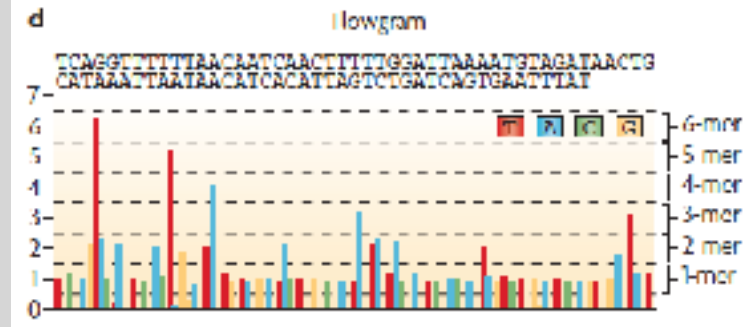
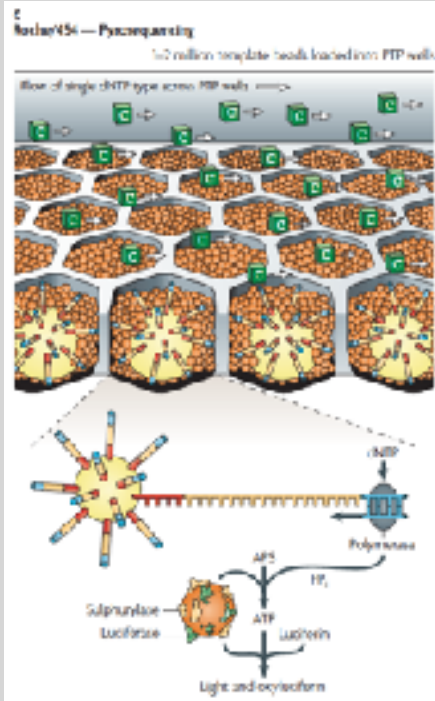
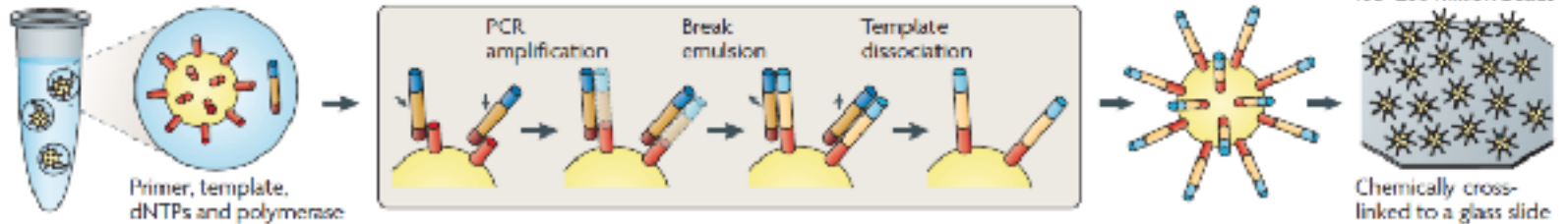
The screenshot shows the Geuvadis Consortium website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, Project, Partners, News & Events, Publications, Resources, Featured Projects, and PRIVATE. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with the Geuvadis Consortium logo, which features a stylized DNA double helix and the text 'GEUVADIS CONSORTIUM'. To the left of the banner is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a 'Log out' button. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a 'Log in' section with fields for 'Email address' and 'Password', and a 'Log in' button. Below this is a 'Log out' button. The central section features a large word cloud with the words 'sequencing', 'data', 'analysis', 'project', and 'research' prominently displayed. To the right of the word cloud is a 'Welcome!' section with a heading 'Welcome to the GEUVADIS website' and a paragraph of text. Below this is a 'Upcoming Geuvadis Events' section with a heading 'Genomic Medicine in the Mediterranean (GM<sup>2</sup>)' and a date 'October 2-5, 2013'. On the far right, there is a 'Latest News' section with several news items, each with a date and a brief description. The bottom of the page features a footer with the text '© 2013 Geuvadis Consortium' and 'All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the Geuvadis Consortium. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.'

# Additional Reference Slides on Sequencing Methods

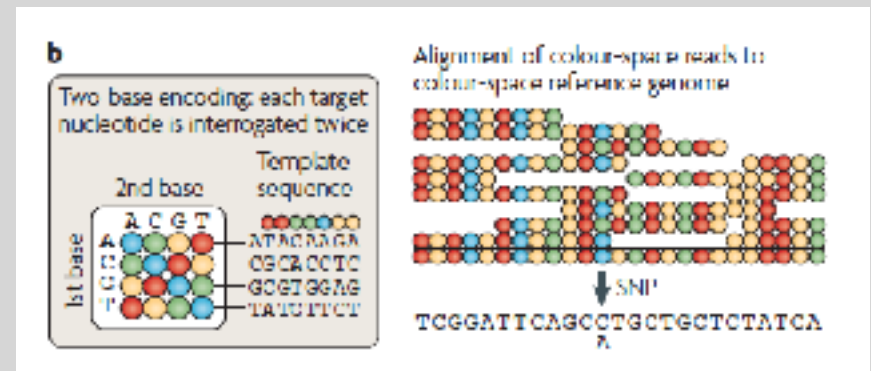
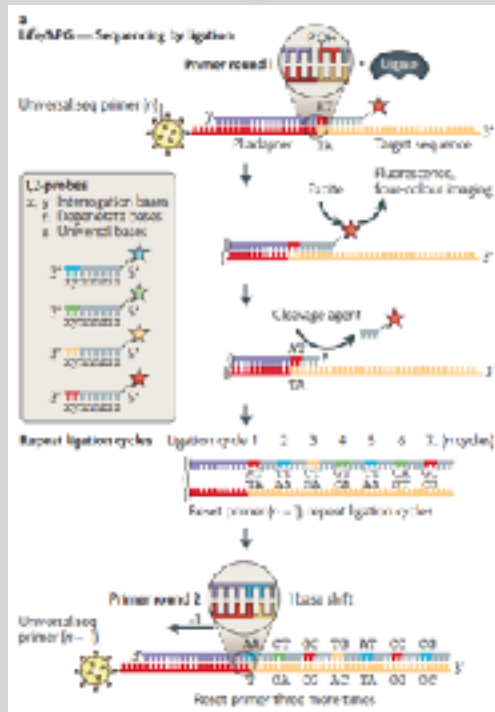
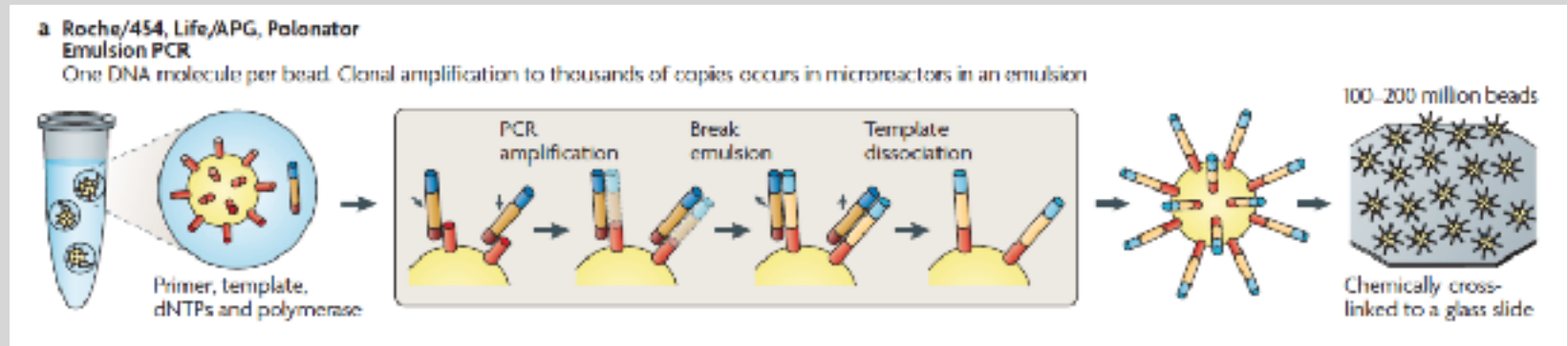
# Roche 454 - Pyrosequencing

## a Roche/454, Life/APG, Polonator Emulsion PCR

One DNA molecule per bead. Clonal amplification to thousands of copies occurs in microreactors in an emulsion



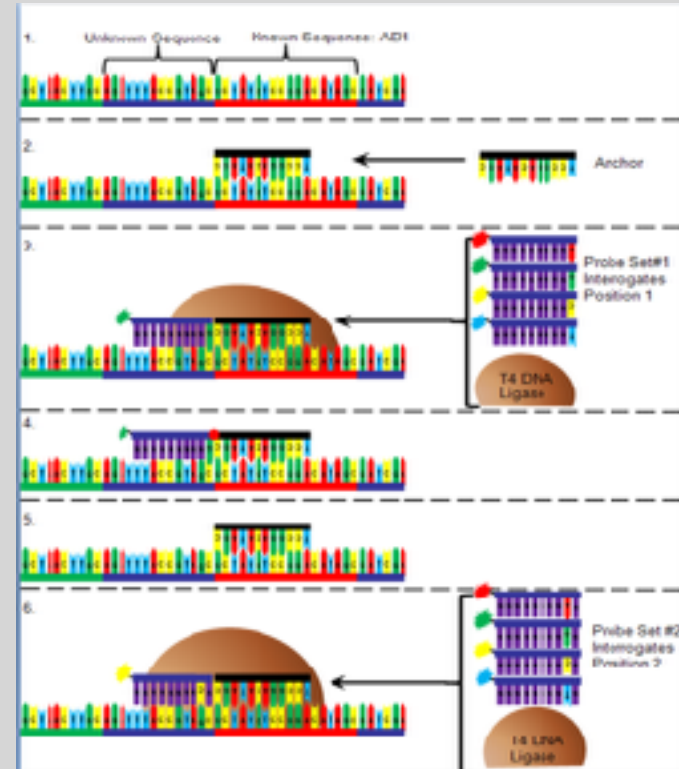
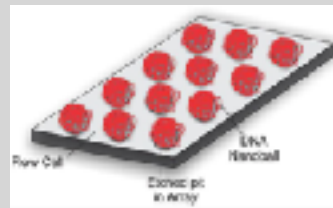
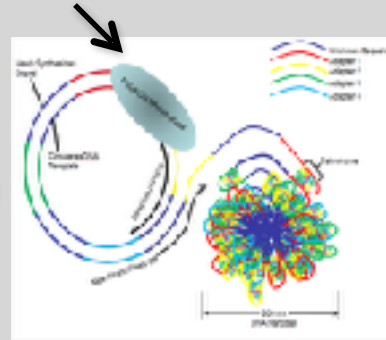
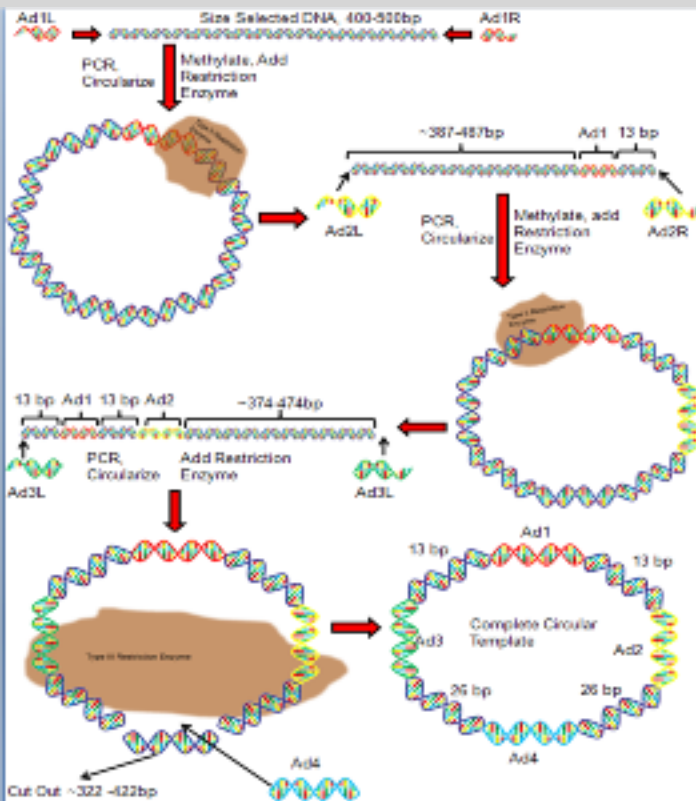
# Life Technologies SOLiD - Sequence by Ligation





# Complete Genomics - Nanoball Sequencing

Has proofreading ability!



# “Benchtop” Sequencers

- Lower cost, lower throughput alternative for smaller scale projects
- Currently three significant platforms
  - Roche 454 GS Junior
  - Life Technology Ion Torrent
    - Personal Genome Machine (PGM)
    - Proton
  - Illumina MiSeq

Platform	List price	Approximate cost per run	Minimum throughput (read length)	Run time	Cost/Mb	Mb/h
454 GS Junior	\$108,000	\$1,100	35 Mb (400 bases)	8 h	\$31	4.4
Ion Torrent PGM						
(314 chip)	\$80,490 <sup>a,b</sup>	\$225 <sup>c</sup>	10 Mb (100 bases)	3 h	\$22.5	3.3
(316 chip)		\$425	100 Mb <sup>d</sup> (100 bases)	3 h	\$4.25	33.3
(318 chip)		\$625	1,000 Mb (100 bases)	3 h	\$0.63	333.3
MiSeq	\$125,000	\$750	1,500 Mb (2 × 150 bases)	27 h	\$0.5	55.5

# PGM - Ion Semiconductor Sequencing

