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## **Introduction to NGS technology**

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# Outline

- 2nd generation NGS
- Illumina movietime!
- Your turn to basecall
- 3rd generation NGS

## 2 main types of approaches

1) Amplify and sequence one base at a time

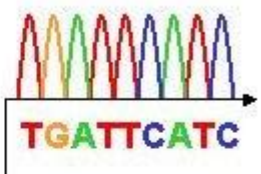
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# 2nd generation

1977    1985    1989    1995    2001    2006    2012    2018    2024



Sanger

ILLUMINA SITS ON  
80% OF THE  
MARKET (2022)



Illumina



Ion Torrent



Element Bio

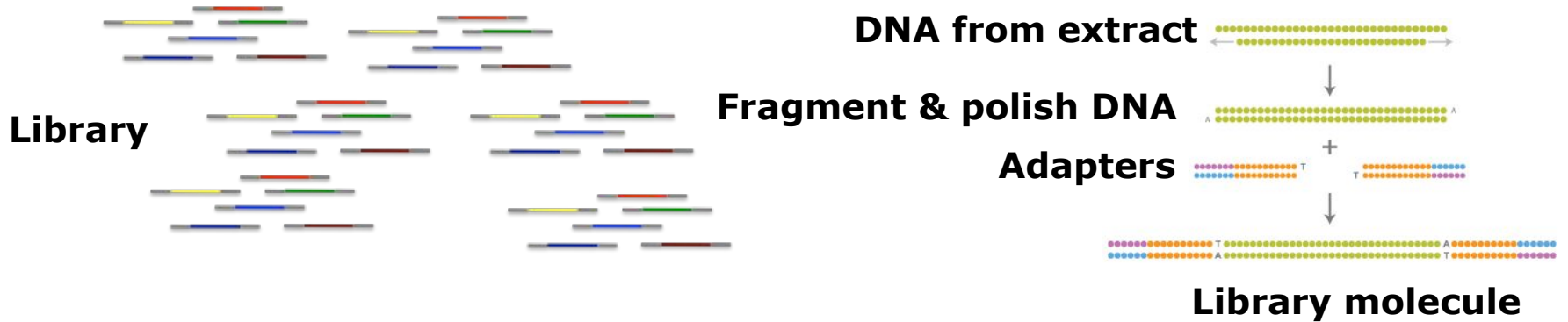


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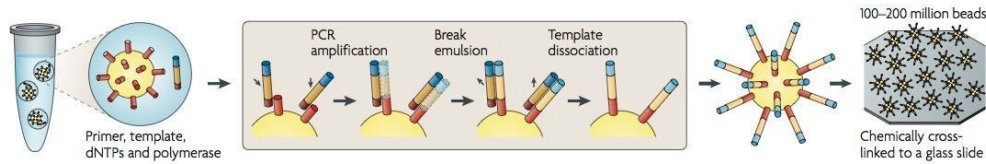
# General library preparation steps

1. Create library molecules
2. Amplification (PCR)
3. Massive parallel sequencing (strength over Sanger)



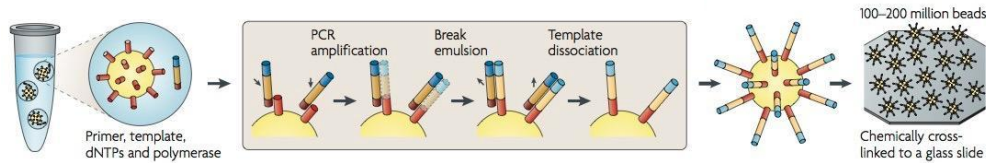
# What is common: Amplification and immobilization

- Emulsion PCR (454, SOLiD, IonTorrent): Water, oil, beads, one DNA template/droplet

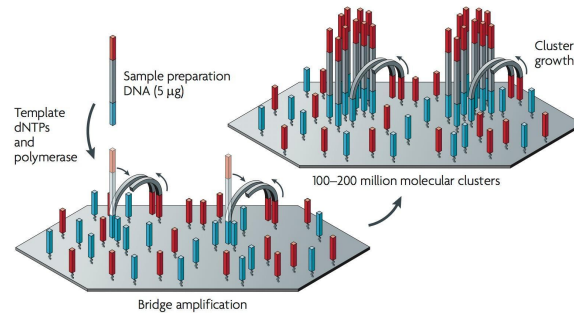


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Bridge PCR (Illumina): One DNA template/cluster, primers on surface, grow by bridging primers





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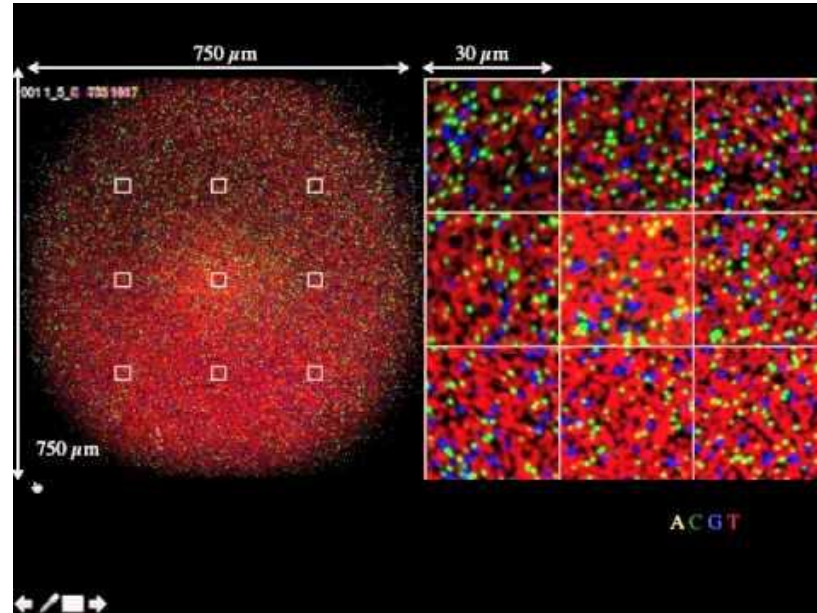
# Illumina sequencing

corporate propaganda:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMyCqWhwB8E>

# Amplicon sequencing on Illumina

- Why can't you just fill your Illumina flow cell with amplicon libraries (i.e. the same sequence over and over)?



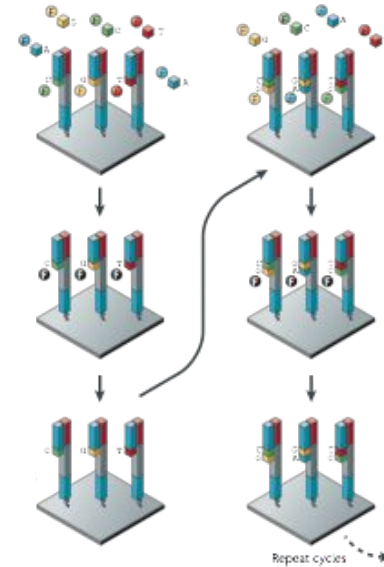
# Fluorescence detection

Illumina - Cyclic reversible termination

Add all dNTPs labelled w.  
diff dye

Create four-color image

Cleave dye and repeat next  
cycle



# 2G: Imaging



Illumina 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Illumina 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2G: Imaging Answers!



Illumina 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Illumina 2: \_\_\_\_\_

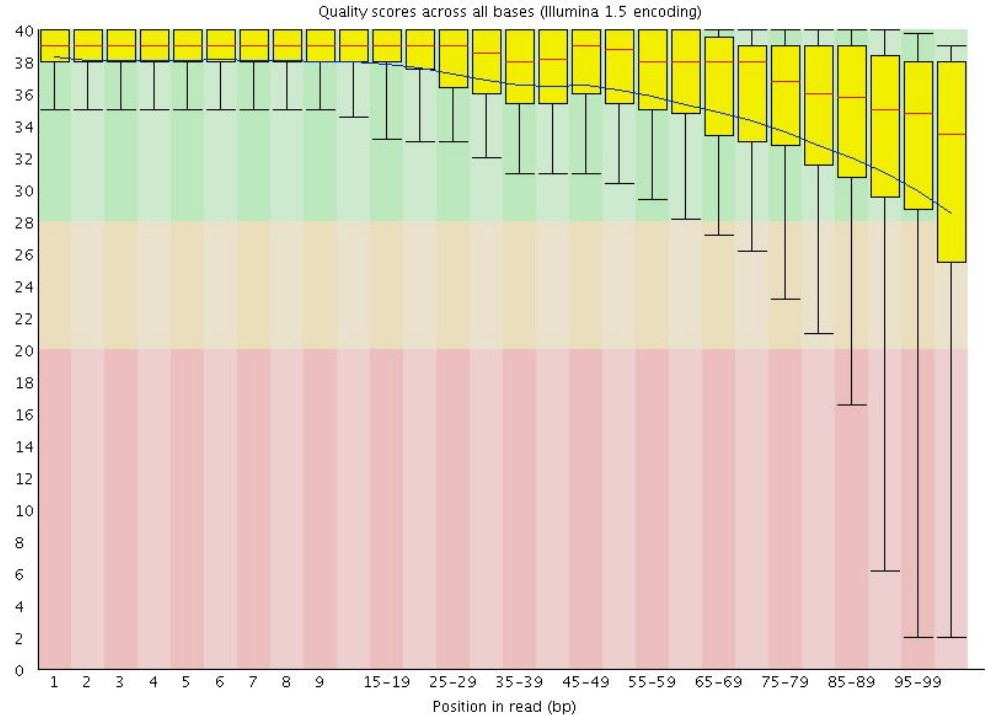
TOP: **CATCGT**

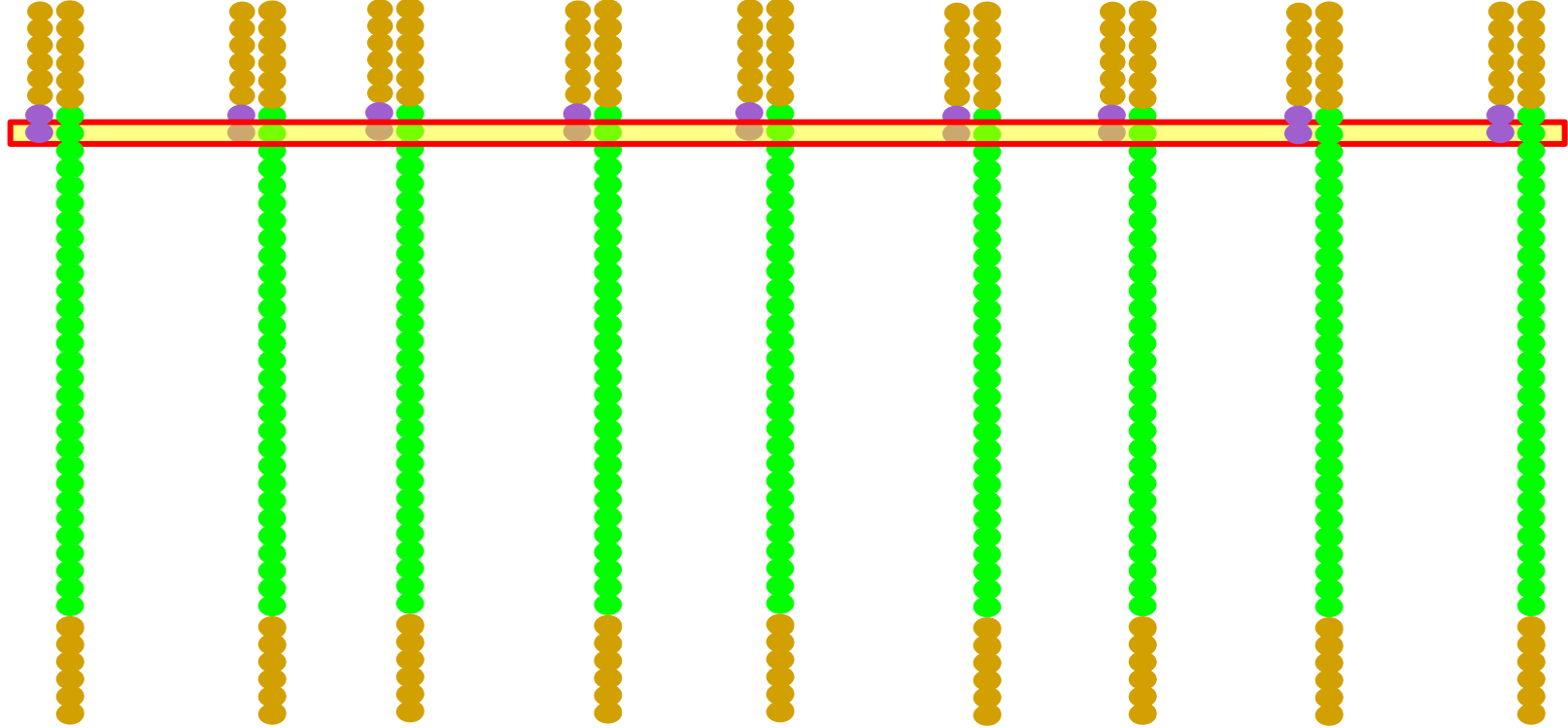
BOTTOM: **CCCCC**

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# Illumina: Quality deterioration

- Quality goes down
- Especially 2<sup>nd</sup> read
- Can you think of why?

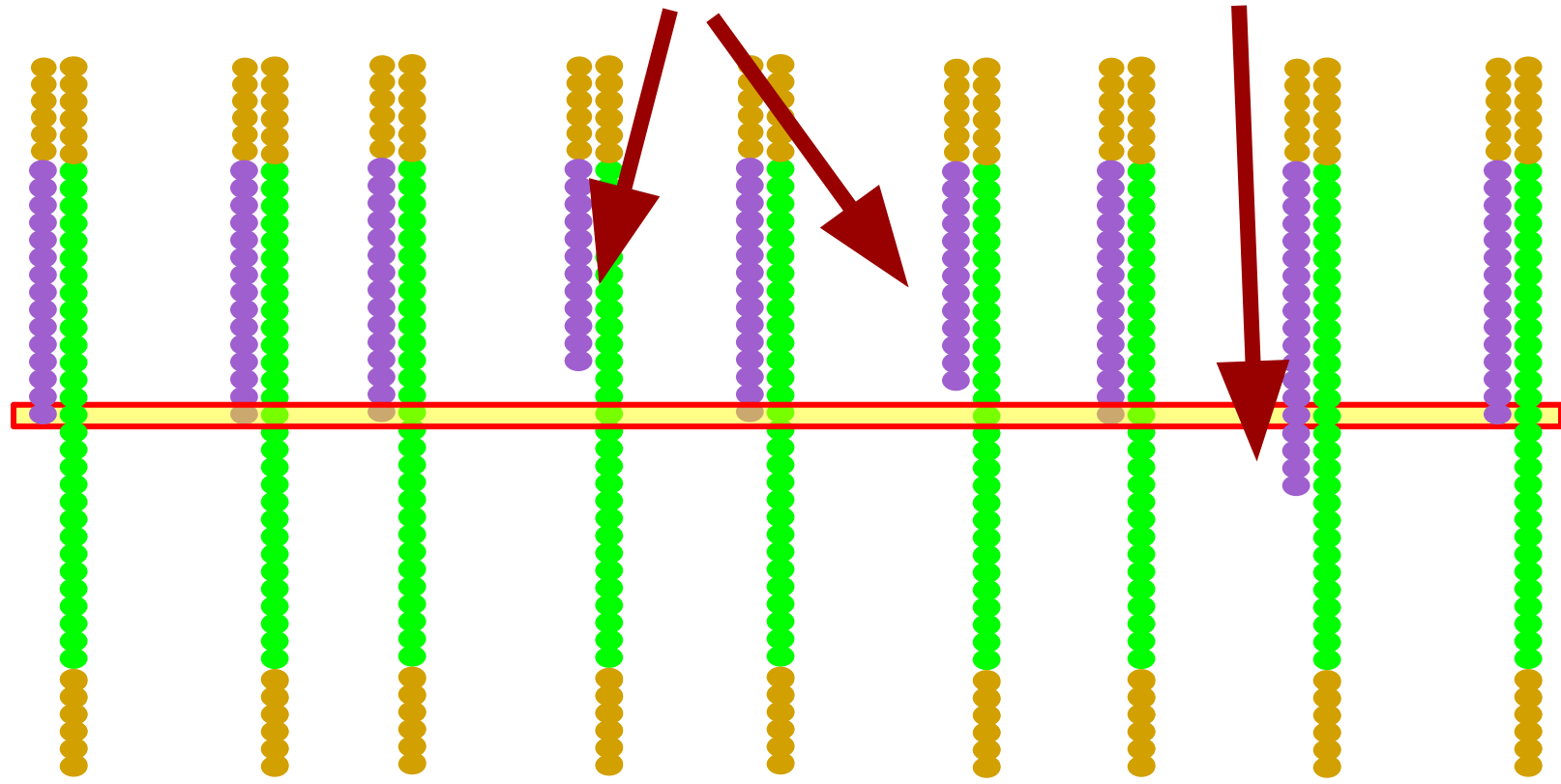






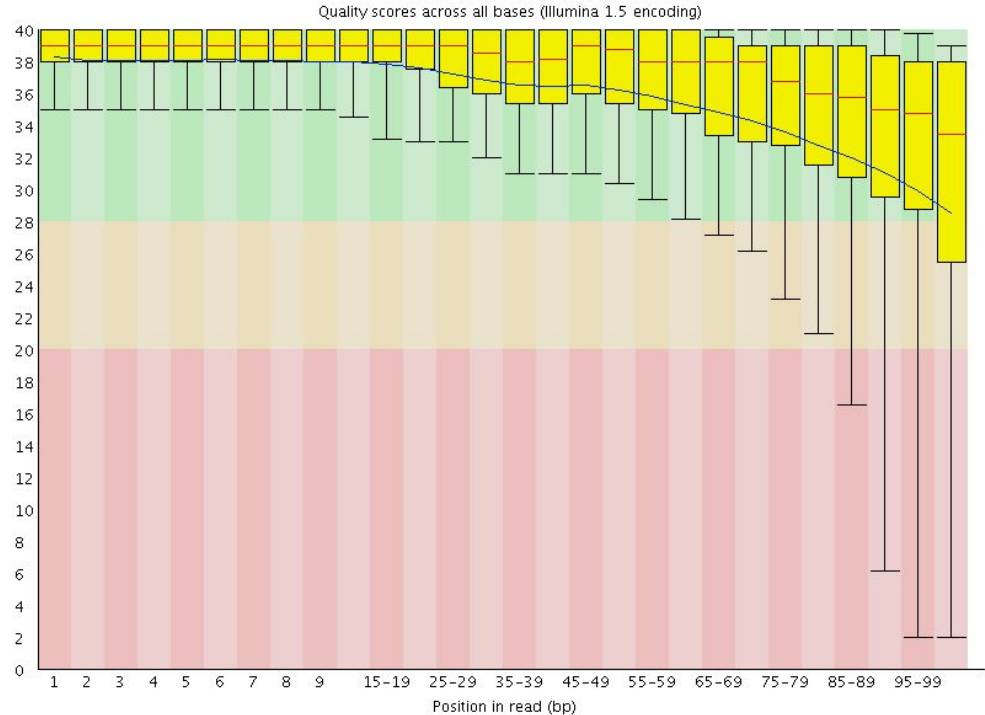
# Phasing

# Prephasing



# Illumina: Quality deterioration

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- Efficiency of incorporation
- Phasing
- Prephasing



## **Brief side note about multiplexing/demultiplexing**

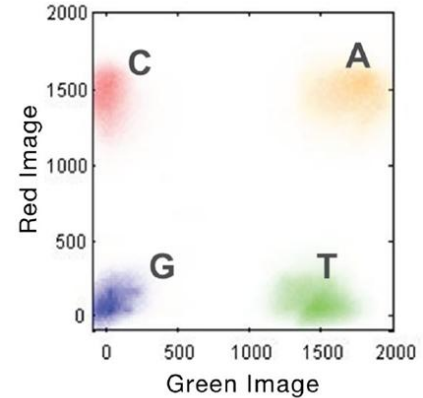
- If we sequence a small virus (ex: bacteriophage Phi-X174 with a genome size of 5386 nucleotides), do we need 1B reads?
- Idea to save costs: pool multiple samples together on the same run

## **Brief side note about spike-in**

- How to know if the sequencing run was successful (low error rate)?
- Idea: Let's spike-in a small virus (ex: bacteriophage Phi-X174 with a genome size of 5386 nucleotides)

# NextSeq/NovaSeq (2015-)

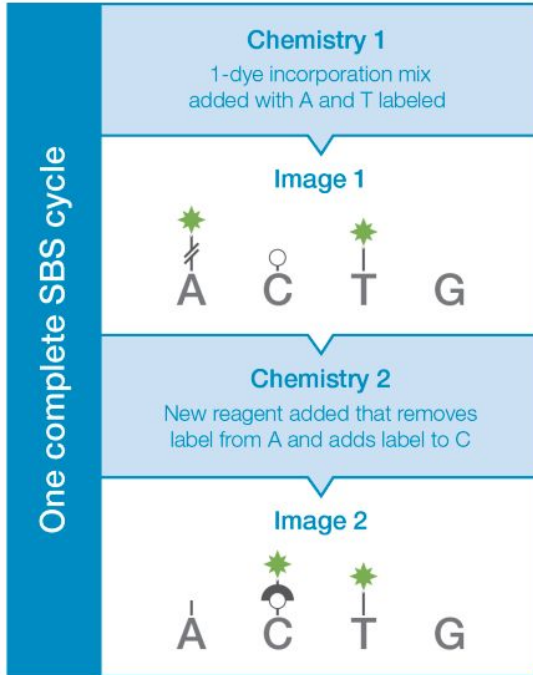
- Chemistry is not based 4 dyes (as before) but 2 dyes
  - T (green), C (red), A (both) and G (none = “dark”)
  - Faster processing rate and cheaper reagents
  - Slightly increases error rate
  - Problem with G stretches because G is not dyed



source: Illumina

# 1 dye, 2 images

A.



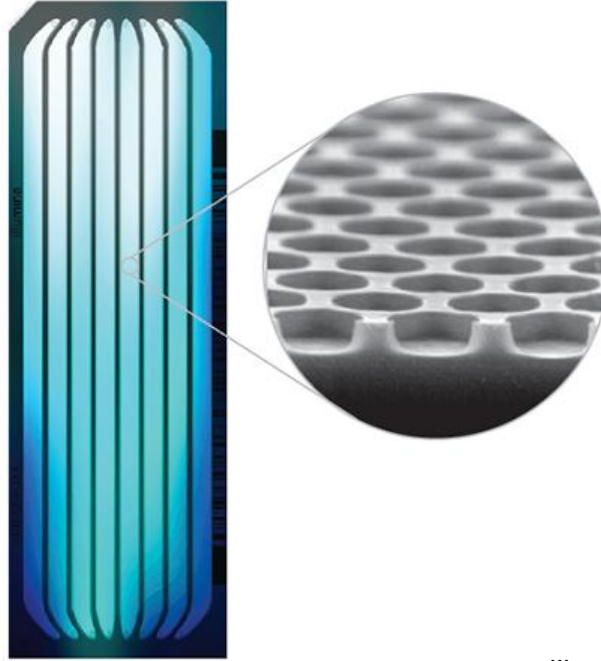
B.

Image 1	Image 2	Result
ON	OFF	A
OFF	ON	C
ON	ON	T
OFF	OFF	G

source: Illumina

# Patterned flowcell

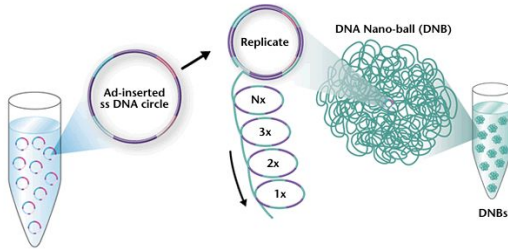
- Patterned wells
- Solves overloading flowcell
- More duplicates



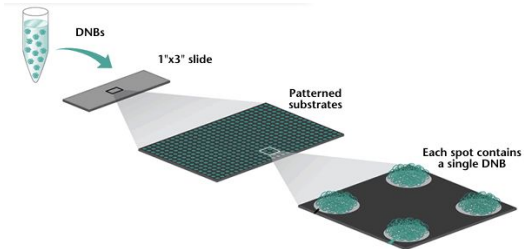
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# BGI-Seq

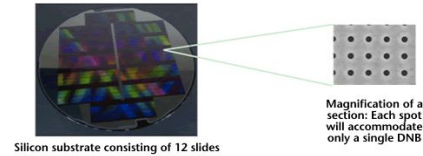
ssDNA -> DNA nanoballs



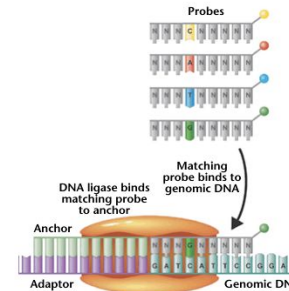
Place DNBs into each spot



Use silicon chips with sticky spots



Sequence using ligase and fluorescent labeled probes





# BGI-Seq

2020

PLOS ONE

RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Comparative analysis of novel MGISEQ-2000 sequencing platform vs Illumina HiSeq 2500 for whole-genome sequencing

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### Abstract

The MGISEQ-2000 developed by MGI Tech Co. Ltd. (a subsidiary of the BGI Group) is a new competitor of such next-generation sequencing platforms as NovaSeq and HiSeq (Illumina). Its sequencing principle is based on the DNB and the cPAS technologies, which were also used in the previous version of the BGISeq-500 device. However, the reagents for MGISEQ-2000 have been refined and the platform utilizes updated software. The cPAS method is an advanced technology based on the cPAL previously created by Complete Genomics. In this paper, the authors compare the results of the whole-genome sequencing of a DNA sample from a Russian female donor performed on MGISEQ-2000 and Illumina HiSeq 2500 (both PE150). Two platforms were compared in terms of sequencing quality, number of errors and performance. Additionally, we performed variant calling using four different software packages: Samtools mpileup, Strelka2, Sentieon, and GATK. The accuracy of SNP detection was similar in the data generated by MGISEQ-2000 and HiSeq 2500, which was used as a reference. At the same time, a separate indel analysis of the overall error rate revealed similar FPR values and lower sensitivity. It may be concluded with confidence that the data generated by the analyzed sequencing systems is characterized by comparable magnitudes of error and that MGISEQ-2000 and HiSeq 2500 can be used interchangeably for similar tasks like whole genome sequencing.

2021

## Comparative Performance of the MGISEQ-2000 and Illumina X-Ten Sequencing Platforms for Paleogenomics

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The MGISEQ-2000 sequencer is widely used in various omics studies, but the performance of this platform for paleogenomics has not been evaluated. We here compare the performance of MGISEQ-2000 with the Illumina X-Ten on ancient human DNA using four samples from 1750 BCE to 60 CE. We found there were only slight differences between the two platforms in most parameters (duplication rate, sequencing bias,  $\theta$ ,  $\delta S$ , and  $\lambda$ ). MGISEQ-2000 performed well on endogenous rate and library complexity although X-Ten had a higher average base quality and lower error rate. Our results suggest that MGISEQ-2000 and X-Ten have comparable performance, and MGISEQ-2000 can be an alternative platform for paleogenomics sequencing.



DATA NOTE

## Comparative analysis of 7 short-read sequencing platforms using the Korean Reference Genome: MGI and Illumina sequencing benchmark for whole-genome sequencing

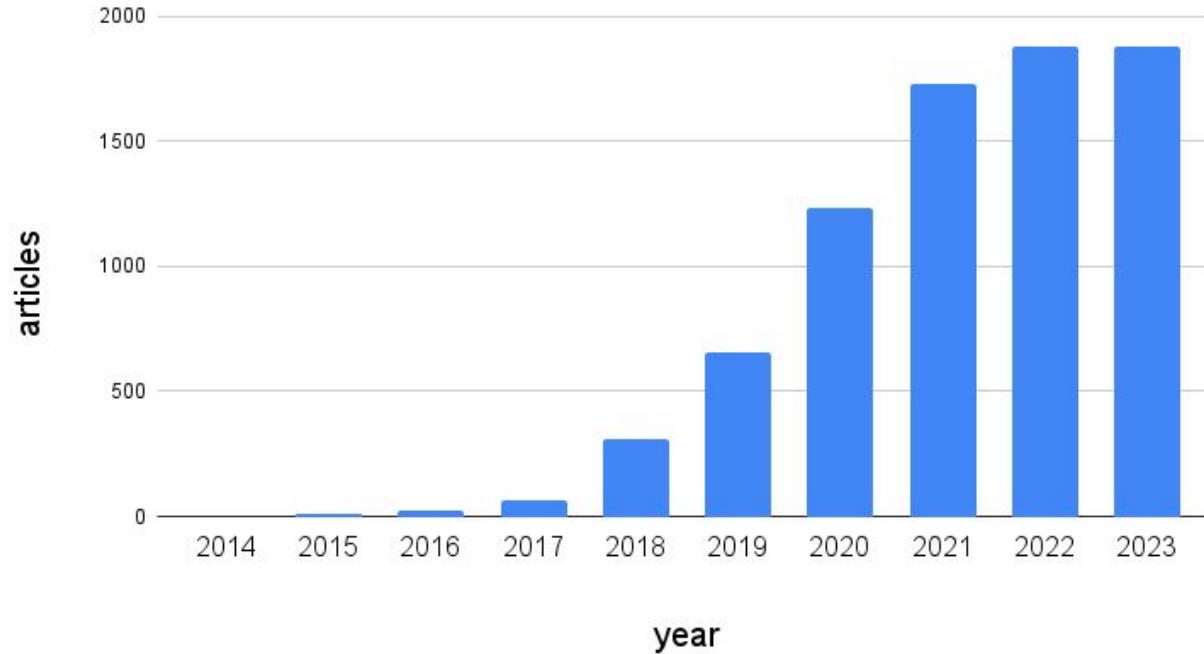
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Conclusion: BGI = Illumina in terms of errors but cheaper

# BGI-Seq

Google scholar articles on BGISeq/MGISEQ per year



# Avidity sequencing (new 2022/2023)

 Element  
Biosciences



JOURNAL ARTICLE ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPT

## Low-pass sequencing plus imputation using avidity sequencing displays comparable imputation accuracy to sequencing by synthesis while reducing duplicates

Jeremiah H Li , Karrah Findley, Joseph K Pickrell, Kelly Blease, Junhua Zhao, Semyon Kruglyak

G3 Genes|Genomes|Genetics, jkad276, <https://doi.org/10.1093/g3journal/jkad276>

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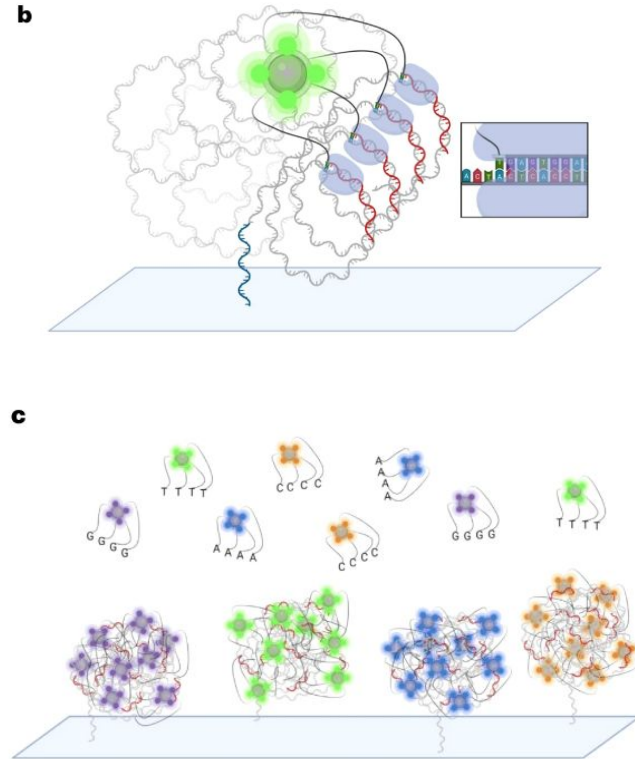
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### Abstract

Low-pass sequencing with genotype imputation has been adopted as a cost-effective method for genotyping. The most widely used method of short-read sequencing uses sequencing by synthesis (SBS). Here we perform a study of a novel sequencing technology—avidity sequencing. In this short note, we compare the performance of imputation from low-pass libraries sequenced on an Element AVITI system (which utilizes avidity sequencing) to those sequenced on an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 (which utilizes SBS) with an SP flow cell for the same set of biological samples across a range of genetic ancestries. We observed dramatically lower optical duplication rates in the data deriving

# Avidity sequencing (new 2022/2023)

 Element  
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Claims to:

- Less errors than Illumina
- Cheaper than Illumina



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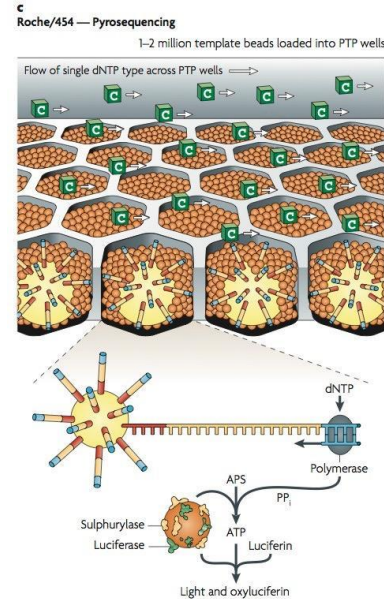
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# 454: Pyrosequencing

1. Load template beads into wells
2. Flow one dNTP across wells
3. Polymerase incorporates nucleotide
4. Release of PP<sub>i</sub> leads to light
5. Light intensity= # of bases
6. Imaging, next dNTP



## 2G: Imaging handout



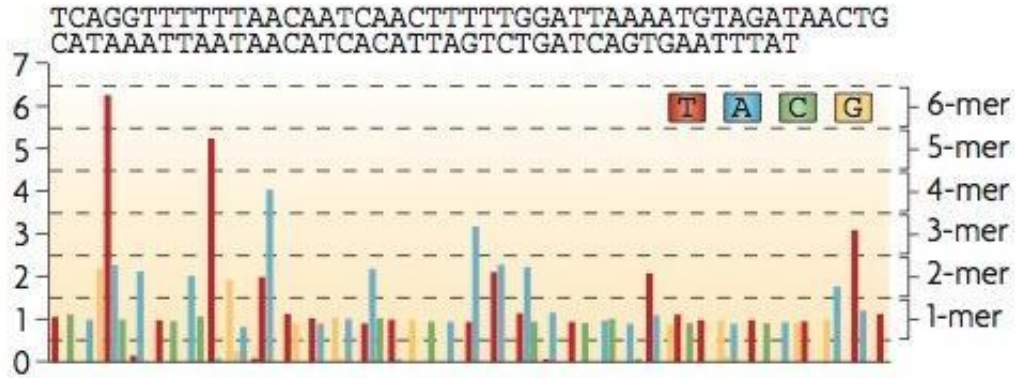
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# 2G: Imaging handout Answers!



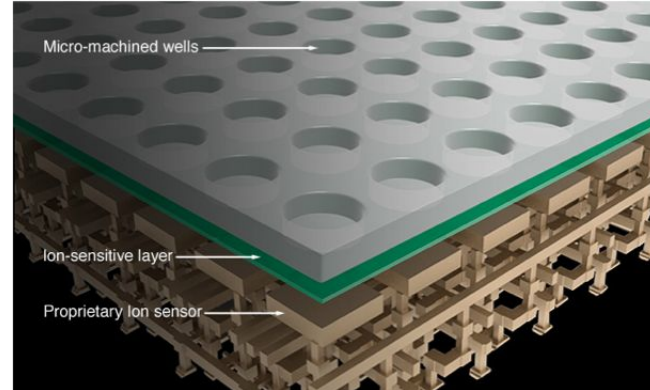
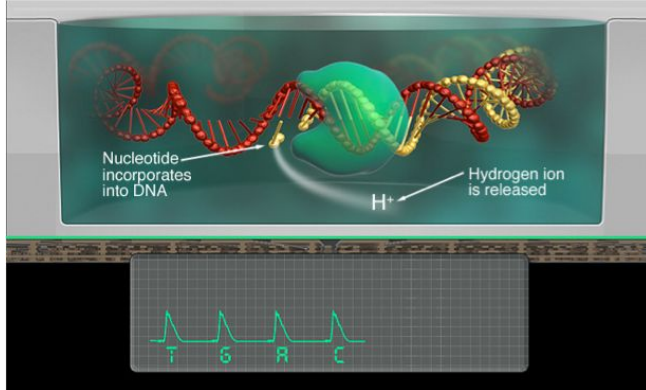
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# Ion Torrent

- Similar principle to 454
- Library: Emulsion PCR
- Based on semiconductors
- Detection is based on H ions (pH) changes



## Let's remember the types of errors

mismatch

AGCAATCTCAATTACAAATATACACCAACAAA

AGCAATCTCAATTACAGATATACACCAACAAA

insert

AGCAATCTCAATTACA-~~A~~ATATACACCAACAA

AGCAATCTCAATTACACAATATACACCAACAA

deletion

AGCAATCTCAATTACAAATATACACCAACAA

AGCAATCTCAATTACA-ATATACACCAACAA



Quiz!

**Which of the the 2 main types of approaches would be more prone to indels?**

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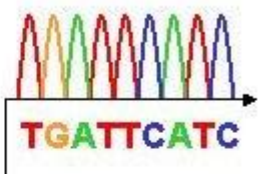
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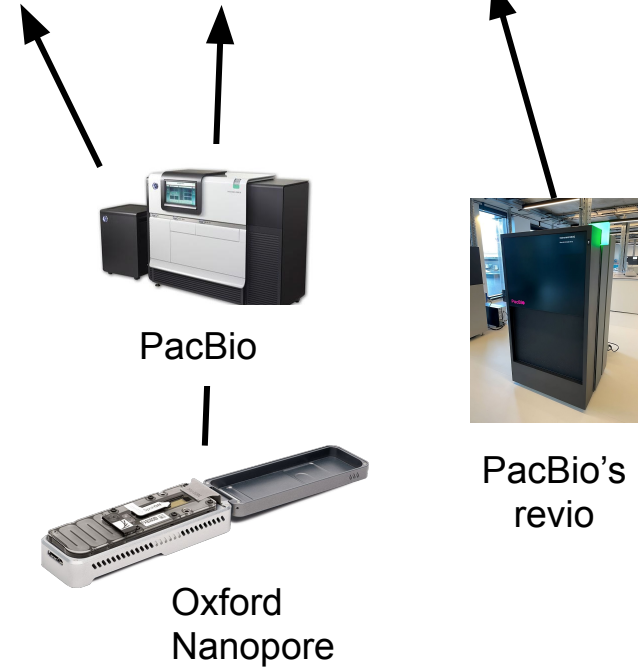
Technology	read length	# of reads	errors?
Sanger	400 to 900 bp	96	mm 0.01%
Illumina MiSeq	2x 200-300bp	20-30 M per flow cell	mm 0.1-0.2%
Illumina NextSeq	2x 100-150bp	~400M-1G per flow cell	mm 0.1-0.2%
Illumina NovaSeq	2x 100-250bp	~20G per flow cell	mm 0.1%?
MGI-DNBSEQ-T7	2x 100-200bp	~20G per flow cell	<mm 0.1%
AVITI	2x150 bp	1G reads?	<mm 0.1%?

# 3rd generation

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PacBio

Oxford Nanopore

PacBio's revio

# 3rd generation

- Single-molecule sequencing
- No amplification -> less bias -> observations are more independent



Helicos



PacBio

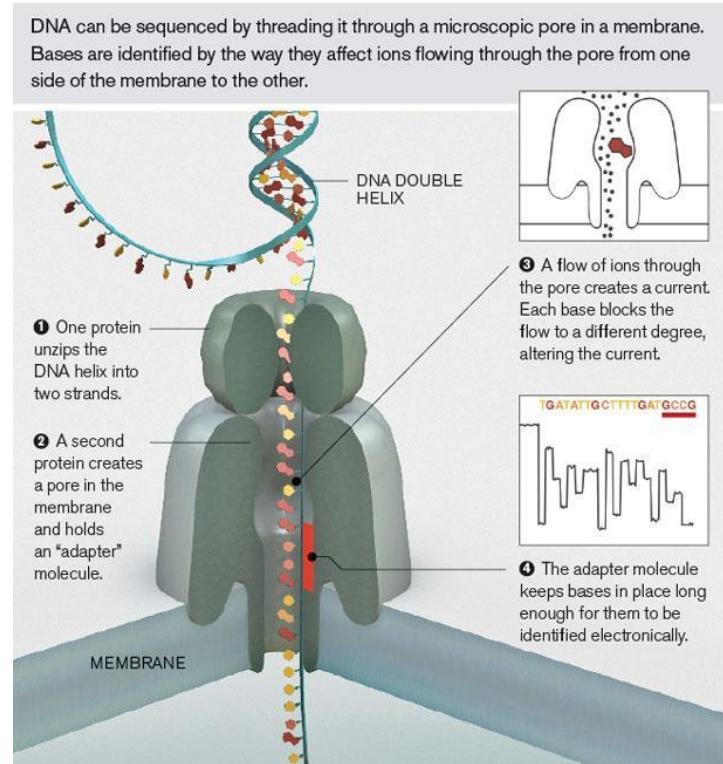


Oxford Nanopore

# Oxford Nanopore

- Literal nanopores
- Current per base
- Non-random errors
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RcP85JHLmnl>
- Very high error rate

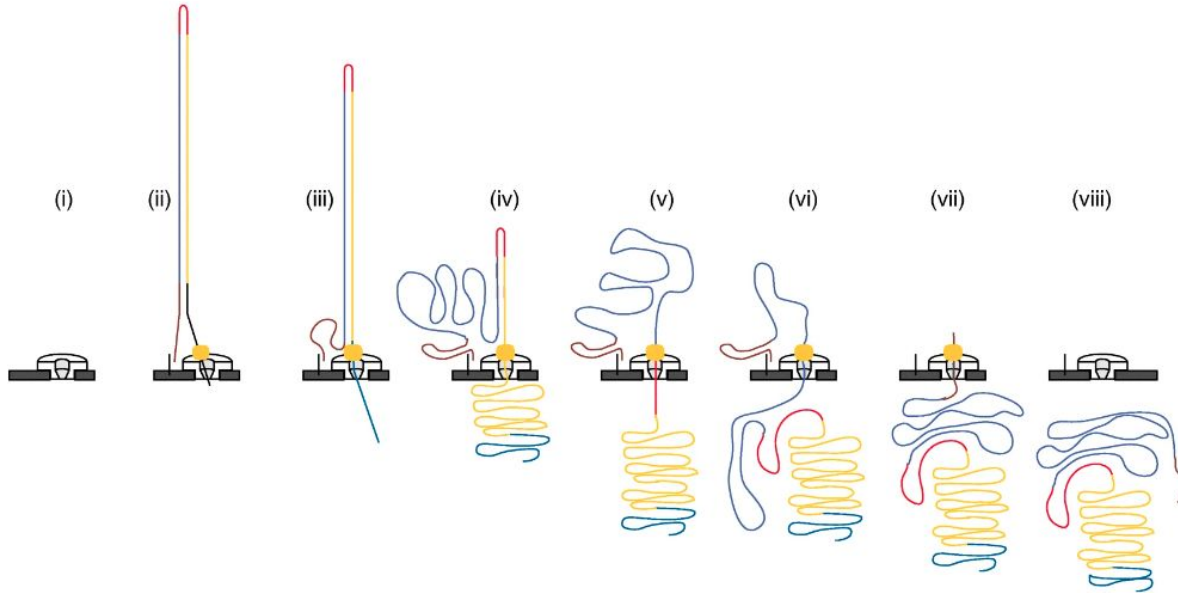
“If a nanopore was the size of a fist, a 1MB strand of DNA passing through that nanopore would be 2 miles (3.2 km) long”  
-Adam Philippy, NHGRI





# Oxford Nanopore

- Hairpin allows double sequencing (2D)



Jain, M., Olsen, H.E., Paten, B. et al. The Oxford Nanopore MinION: delivery of nanopore sequencing to the genomics community. *Genome Biol* 17, 239 (2016). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-016-1103-0>

# Cheap & mobile

- Long reads, low quality
- Low establishment and maintenance costs
- Portability



# PacBio: Single-molecule real-time (SMRT) sequencing

- Expensive machinery
- Not very portable



# PacBio

- Flexibility
  - Long but low quality or shorter but better reads
  - Robust
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_ID8JyAbwEo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ID8JyAbwEo)
  - 2019: HiFi read same fragment multiple times
  - New 2022: Revio
    - “Revio is designed to provide customers with the ability to sequence up to 1,300 human whole genomes per year at 30-fold coverage for less than \$1,000 per genome. “

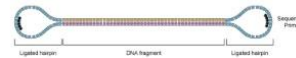


## High-throughput sequencing



### Library preparation

SMRTbell 'template'



Standard 'Sequencing'



Large Insert Sizes



Single pass

Circular 'Consensus' Sequencing'



Small Insert Sizes



Multiple passes

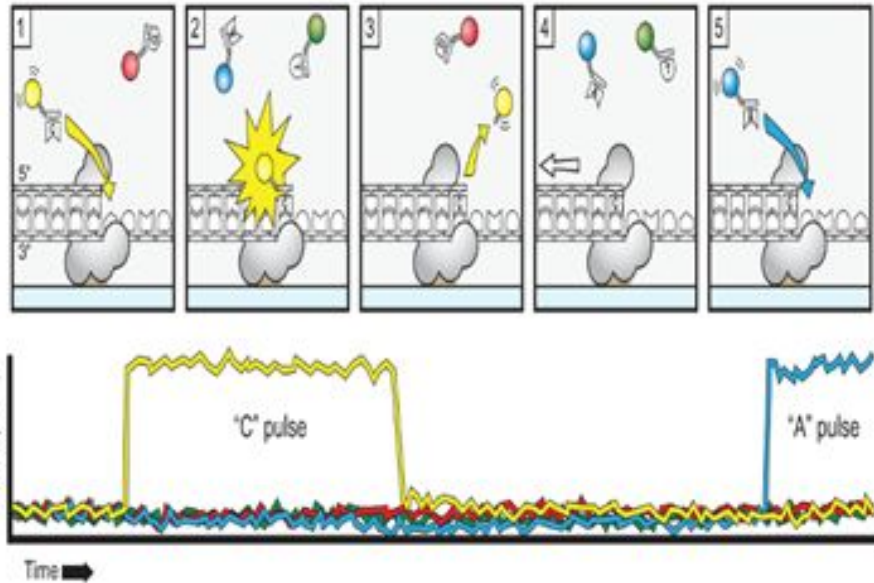
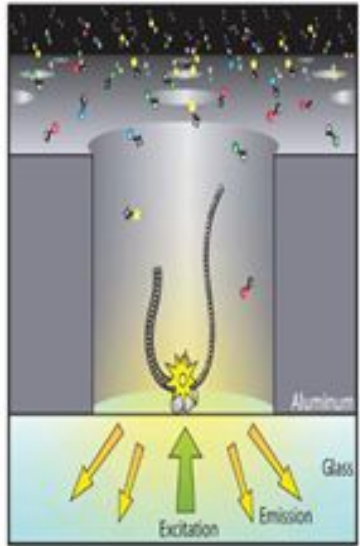
Continued generations of reads



NORWEGIAN SEQUENCING CENTRE

# Tiny wells

- 1 million wells per cell
- Hit the lights



Technology	read length	# of reads	errors?
Oxford Nanopore	avg. 2 kbp-20 kbp	2M-6G	2022 update: ~1-3% 1D: indel+mm 20% 2D: indel+mm 7%
PacBio	10-20 kbp	500k-4M	indel+mm 13-15% HiFi: indel 1%+mm 0.1%
PacBio's REVIO	10-20 kbp	6M+	indel 1%+mm 0.1%

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## Performance assessment of DNA sequencing platforms in the ABRF Next-Generation Sequencing Study

[Jonathan Foox](#), [Scott W. Tighe](#), [...] [Christopher E. Mason](#) 

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### Abstract

Assessing the reproducibility, accuracy and utility of massively parallel DNA sequencing

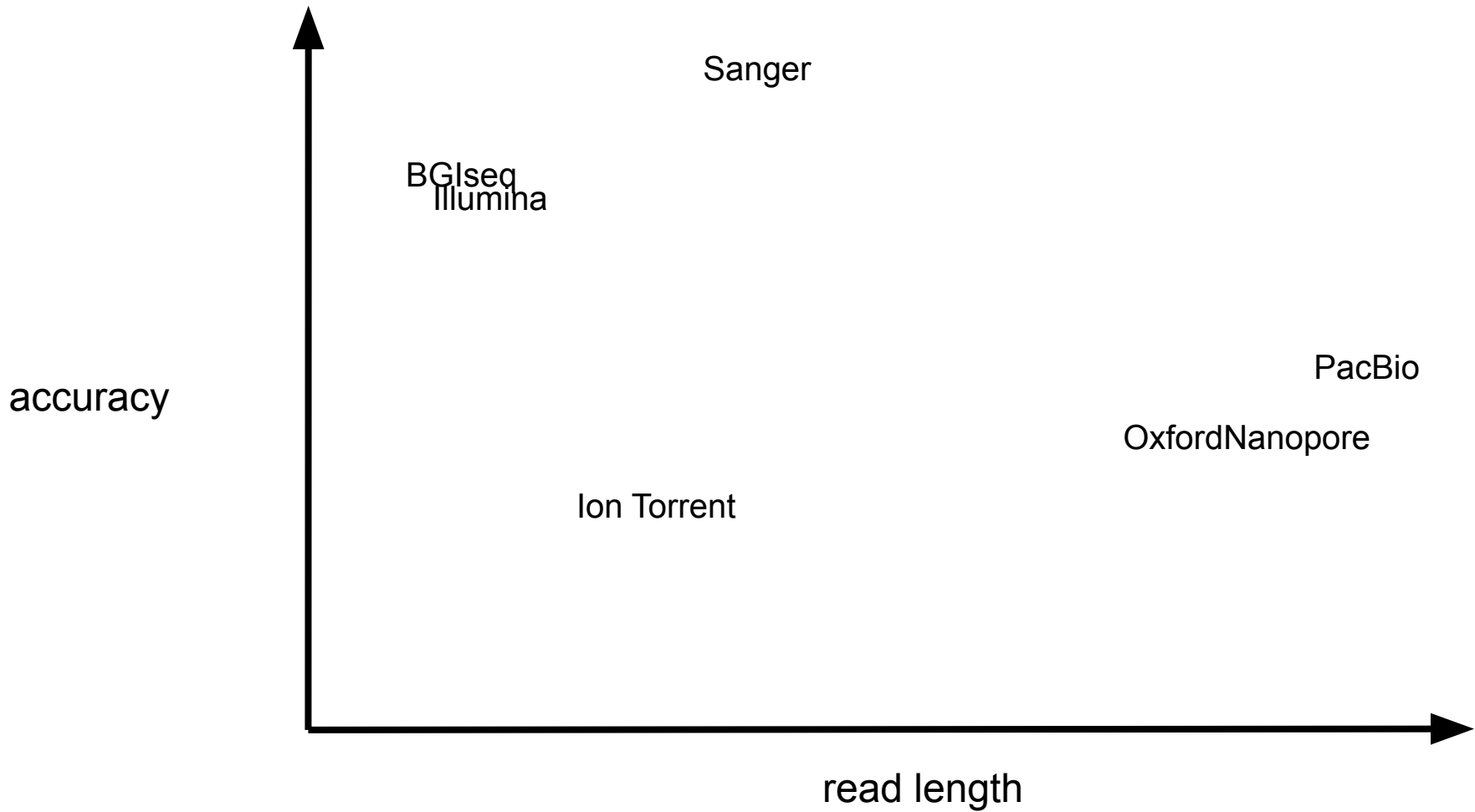
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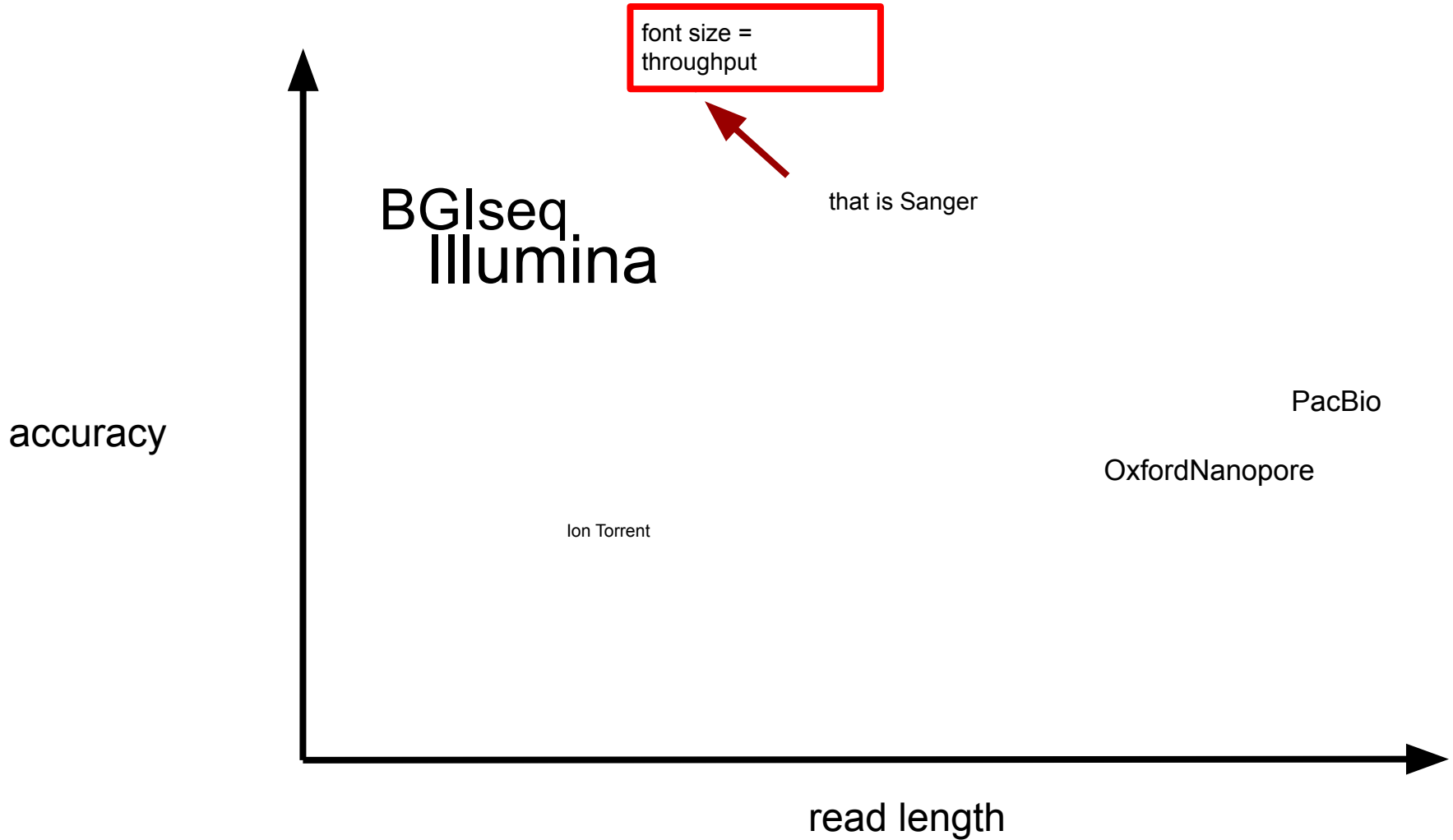
- Illumina cheapest
- BGI most accurate

### Long reads:

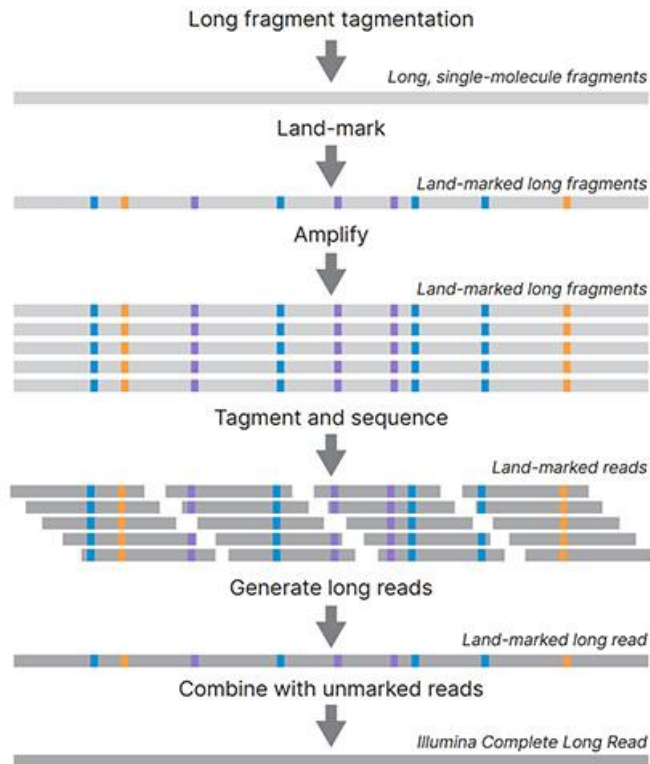
- Most mapping with PacBio
- Oxford/Pacbio good with repeats







# New in 2023: Long read and accurate?



Products > LoopSeq

## LoopSeq™ for AVITI™

LoopSeq for AVITI prepares libraries for long-read sequencing on the short-read Element AVITI System, a portfolio of capabilities that is exclusive to Element. To support a variety of long-read applications, we offer two versatile library preps:

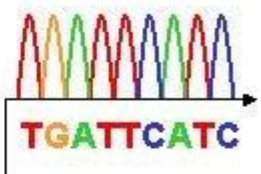
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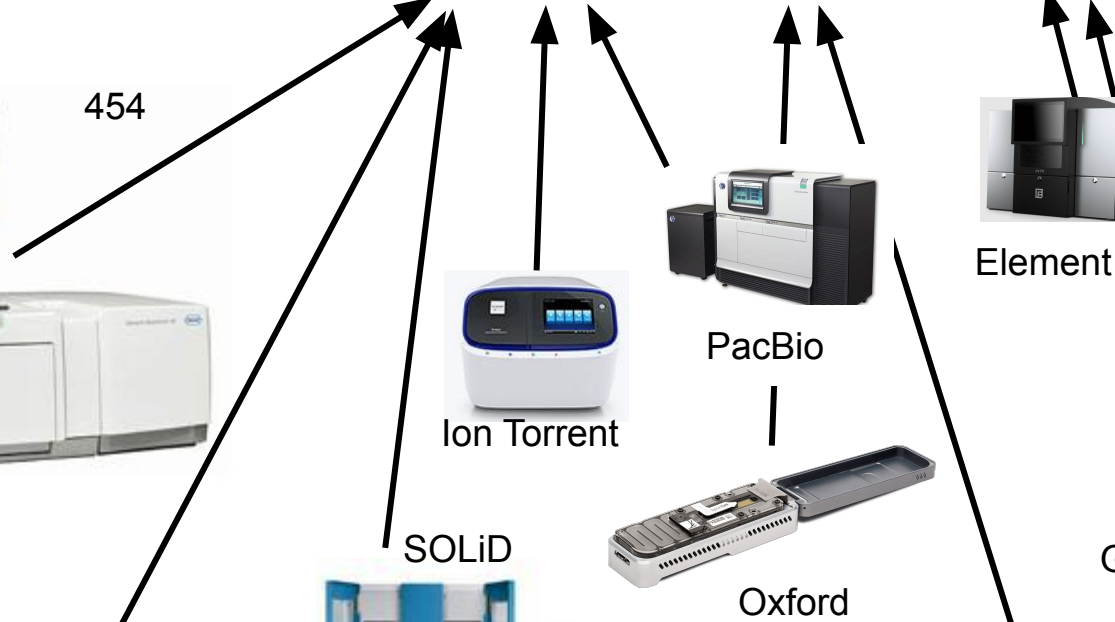
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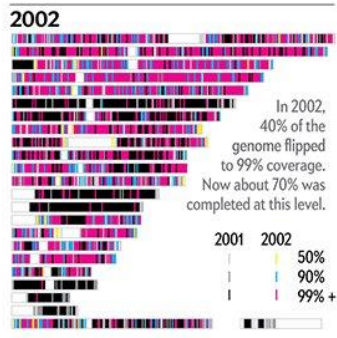
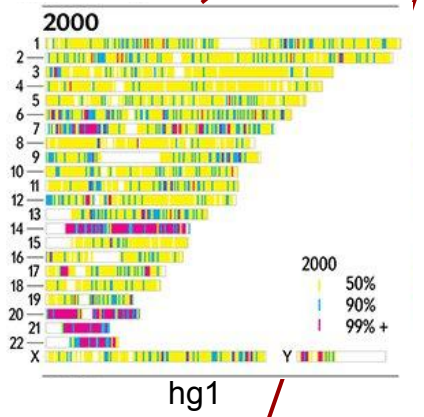
**DOE Holds First Human Genome Contractor/Grantee Workshop**

*Genome Data To Spark Expansion in Biological Research*

At the first Contractor/Grantee Workshop for the DOE Human Genome Program, Benjamin J. Barnhart, Program Manager, told participants that data generated by the inter-

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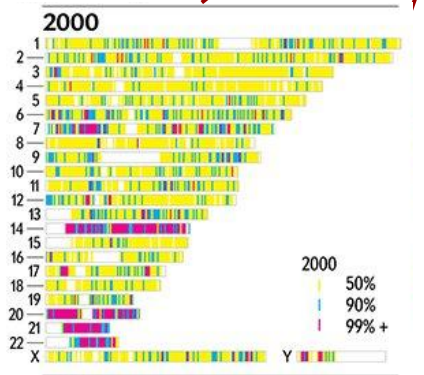
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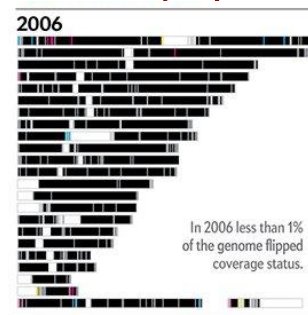
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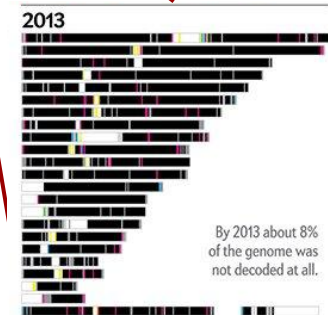
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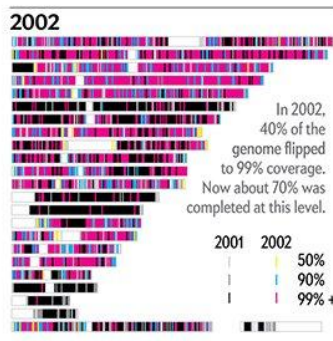
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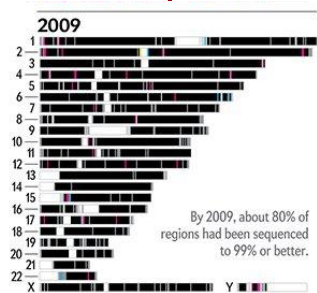
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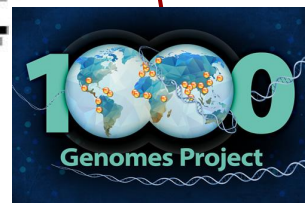
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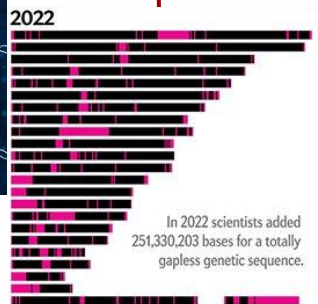
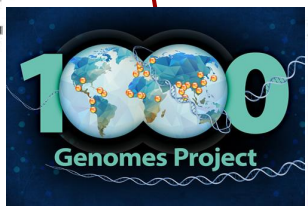
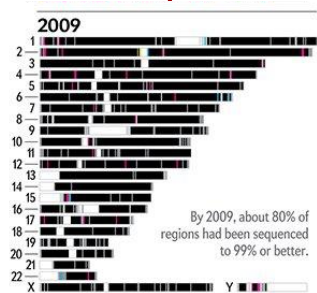
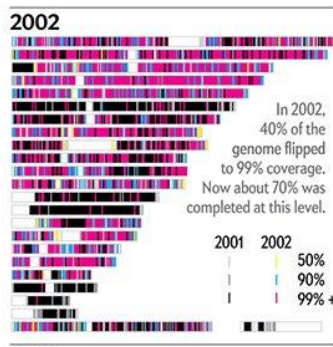
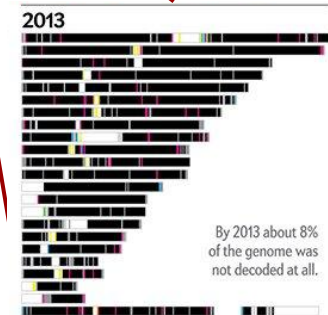
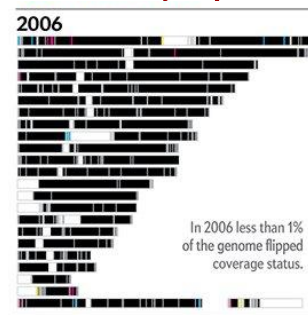
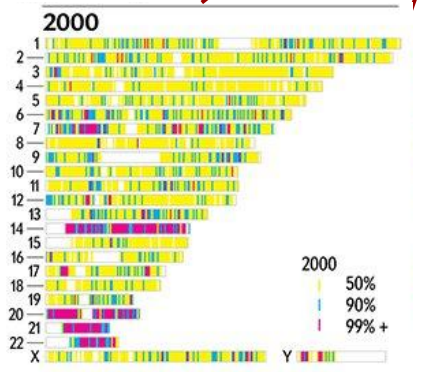
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- I did not mention a very important factor: **cost**
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- Each tech has advantages, pick the most appropriate for your question
- Illumina is the current workhorse
  - Great for many applications
- Long read technology
  - Adding information
  - Resolves difficult regions during genome assembly

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Since its initial release in 2000, the human reference genome has covered only the euchromatic fraction of the genome, leaving important heterochromatic regions unfinished. Addressing the remaining 8% of the genome, the Telomere-to-Telomere (T2T) Consortium presents a complete 3.055 billion–base pair sequence of a human genome, T2T-CHM13, that includes gapless assemblies for all chromosomes except Y, corrects errors in the prior references, and introduces nearly 200 million base pairs of sequence containing 1956 gene predictions, 99 of which are predicted to be protein coding. The completed regions include all centromeric satellite arrays, recent segmental duplications, and the short arms of all five acrocentric chromosomes, unlocking these complex regions of the genome to variational and functional studies.

