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# Phylogeny-guided Genome Assembly



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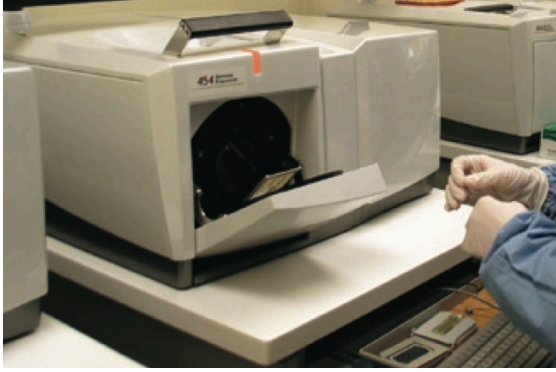
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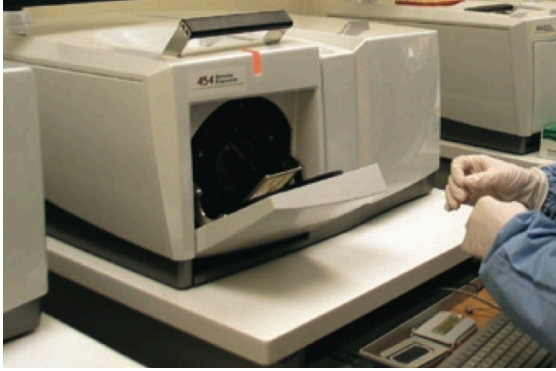
# Key Point

*We observe the emergence of new type of methods for genome assembly based on multiple reference genomes in their phylogenetic context.*



*Schuster, Nature Methods 2008*

## Sequencing



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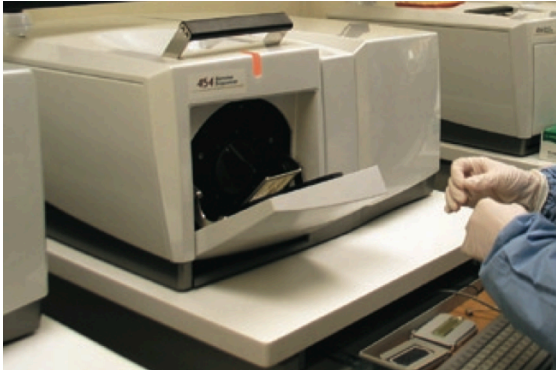
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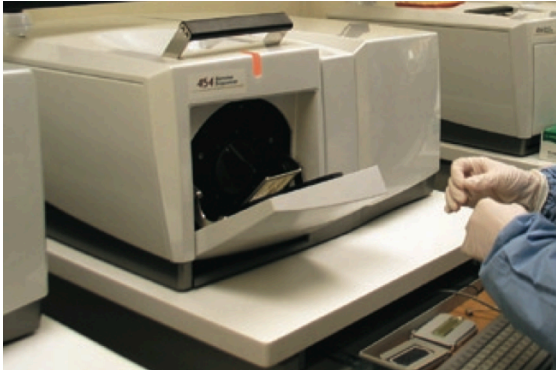
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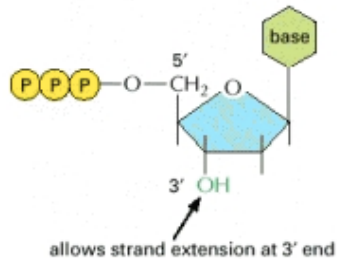
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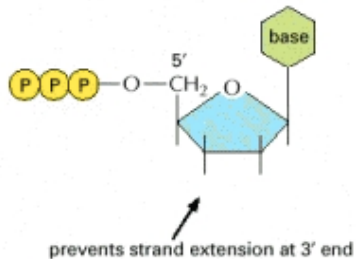
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# Sanger Sequencing

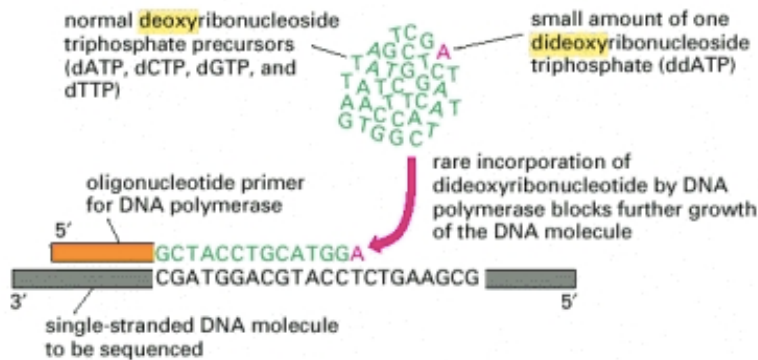
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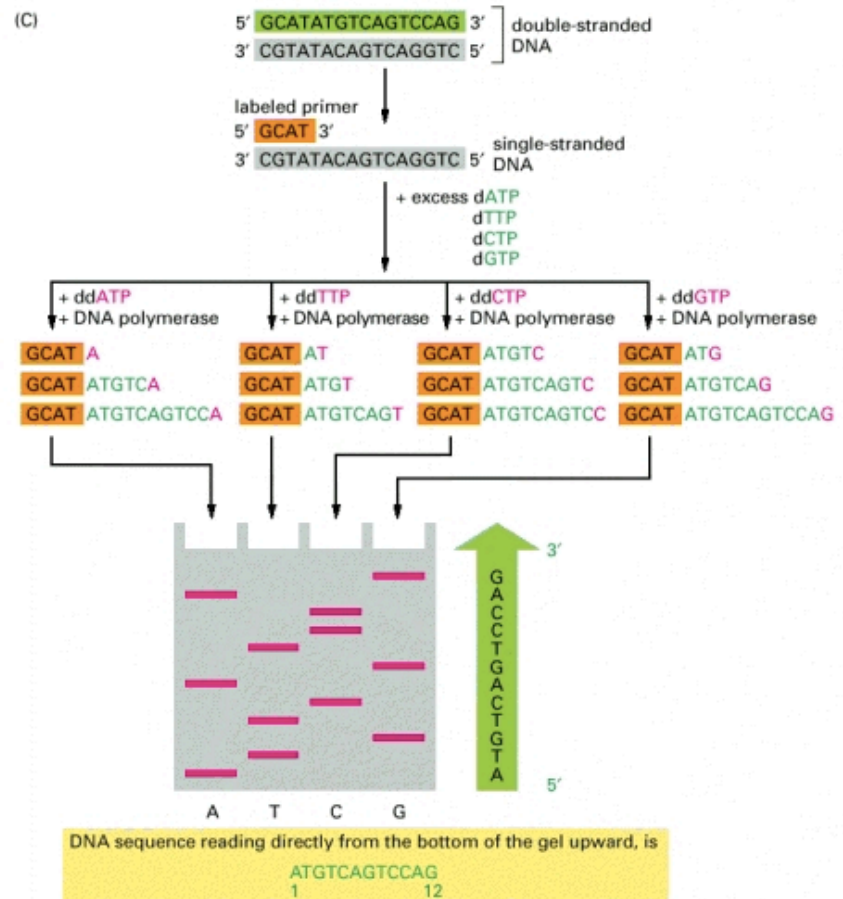
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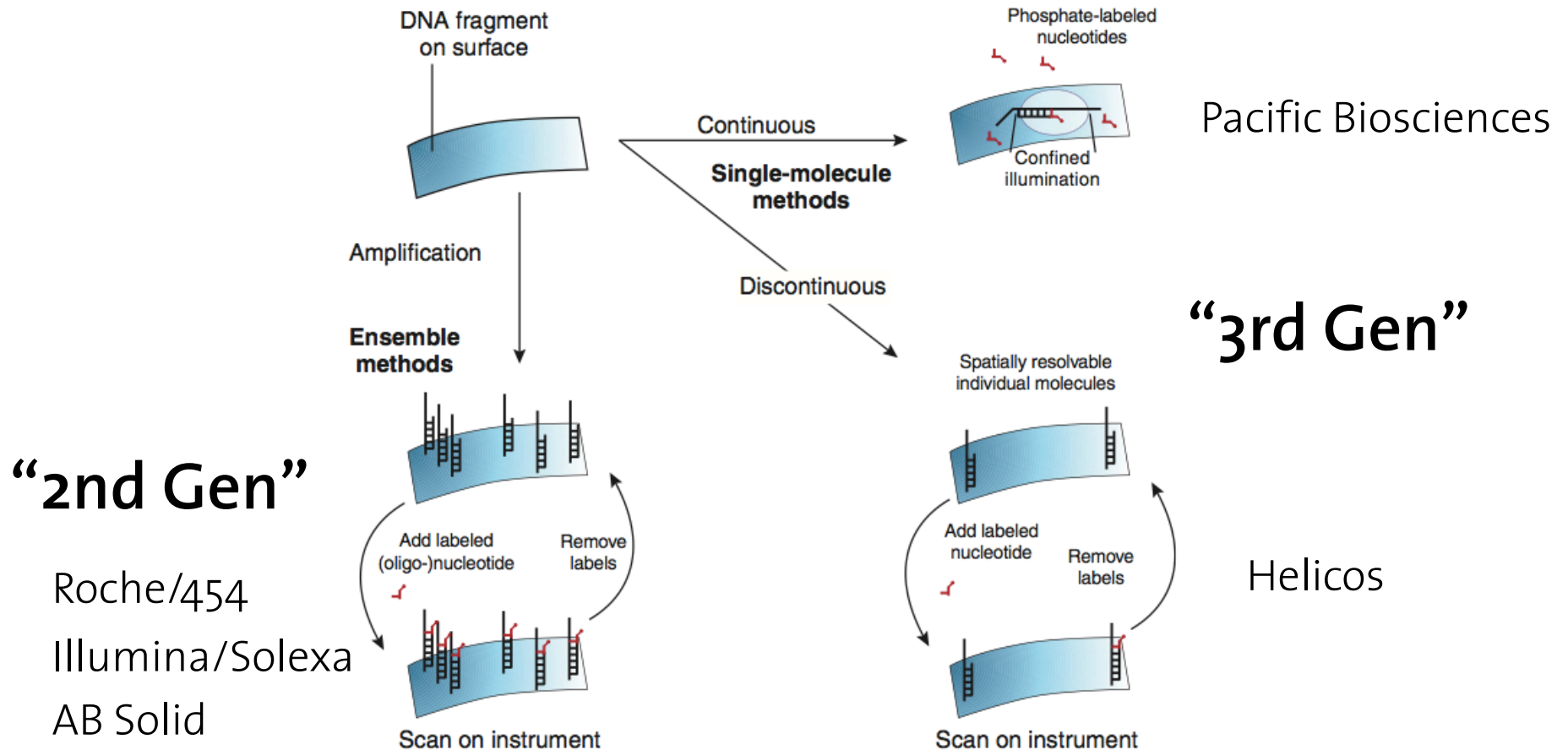
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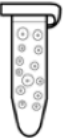


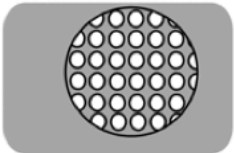

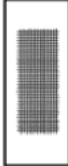
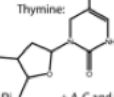


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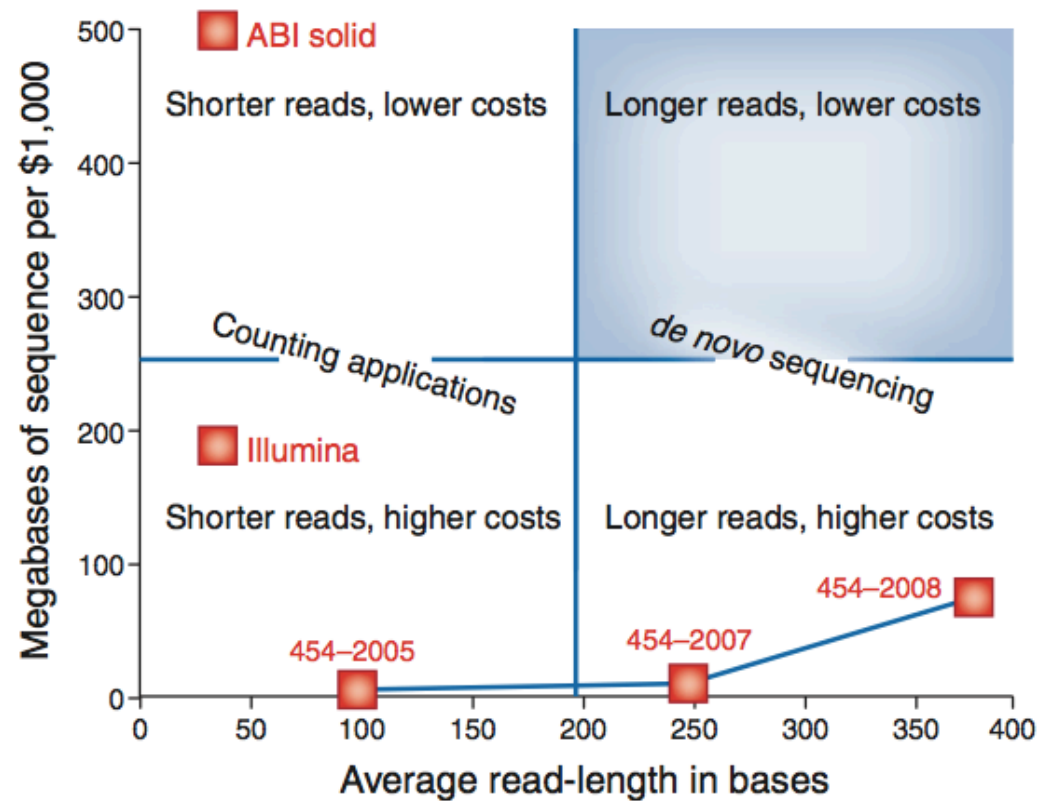
# Overview Next Gen.



	454 pyrosequencing	Solexa SBS sequencing	Agencourt / ABI SOLiD polony sequencing
All methods ligate single, randomly sheared DNA molecules to support			
DNA support	 25–36 μm bead	surface of flow cell 	 ~1 μm bead
Amplification	 emulsion-phase PCR	 <i>in situ</i> PCR on solid surface	 emulsion-phase PCR
Sequencing surface	 1 600 000 well plate one bead per well	 8-channel flow cell clusters of DNA randomly located	 Single slide imaged in panels beads random
Sequencing chemistry	<p>Nucleotide incorporation</p> <p>PP<sub>i</sub> → ADP + Sulfurylase → ATP → Luciferase → light</p> <p>pyrosequencing</p>	<p>Thymine:  + A, C and G</p> <p>Blocking group</p> <p>Fluor T cleavage site</p> <p>reversible-terminator sequencing by synthesis</p>	<p>Fluor G Fluor C Fluor A Fluor T</p> <p>Ligation of sequence- specific labeled oligos</p>
Sequence detection	Chemiluminescence (one channel)	Fluorescence (four channel)	Fluorescence (four channel)
Read length and number	100–400 bp > 2 × 10 <sup>5</sup> reads	35 bp ~ 4 × 10 <sup>7</sup> reads	25 bp (paired) > 10 <sup>7</sup> reads

Hudson. *Sequencing breakthroughs for genomic ecology and evolutionary biology*. Molecular Ecology Notes (2007) vol. 8 (1) pp. 3-17

# Read length vs. Cost

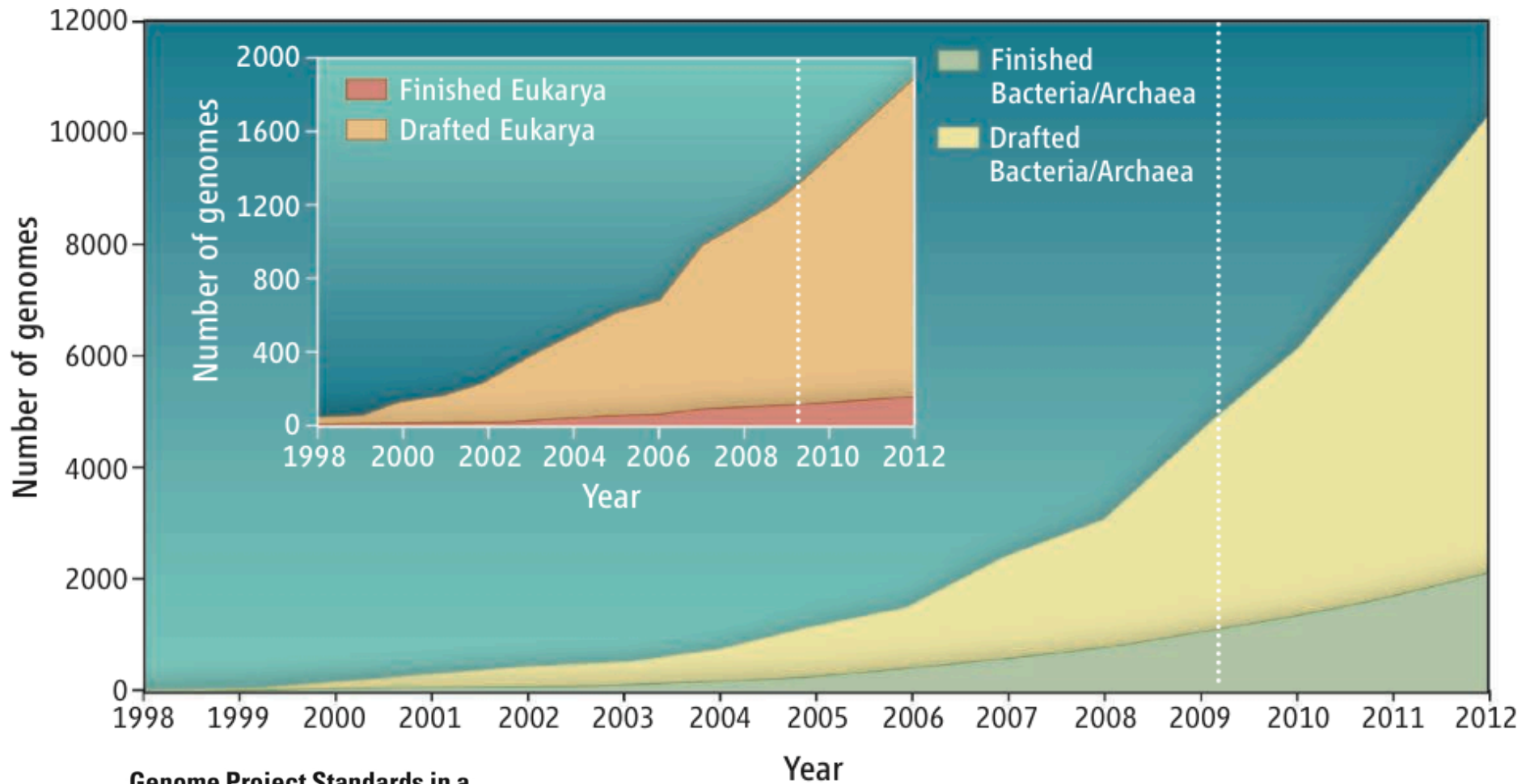


Rothberg and Leamon. The development and impact of 454 sequencing. Nat Biotechnol (2008) vol. 26 (10) pp. 1117-24

# What is different?

- **Much higher throughput / lower cost**
- **Sequence individual DNA fragments -> can deal with mixtures (environmental samples, etc.)**
- **Shorter reads**

# Genome assembly is hard



## Genome Project Standards in a New Era of Sequencing

P. S. G. Chain,<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> D. V. Grafham,<sup>1,5</sup> R. S. Fulton,<sup>1,6</sup> M. G. Fitzgerald,<sup>1,7</sup> J. Hostetler,<sup>1,8</sup> D. Muzny,<sup>1,9</sup> J. Ali,<sup>2</sup> B. Birren,<sup>2</sup> D. C. Bruce,<sup>1,10</sup> C. Buhay,<sup>1</sup> J. R. Cole,<sup>2</sup> Y. Ding,<sup>1</sup> S. Dugan,<sup>2</sup> D. Field,<sup>11</sup> G. M. Garrity,<sup>2</sup> R. Gibbs,<sup>1</sup> T. Graves,<sup>1</sup> C. S. Han,<sup>1,12</sup> S. H. Harrison,<sup>1,13</sup> S. Highlander,<sup>1</sup> P. Hugenholtz,<sup>1</sup> H. M. Khouri,<sup>2</sup> C. D. Kodira,<sup>1,14</sup> E. Kolker,<sup>1,15</sup> N. C. Kyrpides,<sup>1</sup> D. Lang,<sup>1,16</sup> A. Lapidus,<sup>1</sup> S. A. Malloff,<sup>1,17</sup> V. Markowitz,<sup>1</sup> T. Methas,<sup>1</sup> K. E. Nelson,<sup>1</sup> J. Parkhill,<sup>1</sup> S. Pitluck,<sup>1</sup> X. Qin,<sup>1</sup> Y. D. Read,<sup>1,18</sup> J. Schmutz,<sup>1</sup> S. Sothamannan,<sup>1</sup> P. Sterk,<sup>1</sup> R. L. Strausberg,<sup>1</sup> G. Sutton,<sup>1</sup> N. R. Thomson,<sup>1</sup> J. M. Tiedje,<sup>2</sup> G. Weinstock,<sup>1</sup> A. Wollam,<sup>1</sup> Genomic Standards Consortium Human Microbiome Project Jumpstart Consortium,<sup>1</sup> J. C. Detter<sup>1,19</sup>

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# Reviews on Read Mapping

NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY VOLUME 27 NUMBER 5 MAY 2009

## How to map billions of short reads onto genomes

Cole Trapnell & Steven L Salzberg

BRIEFINGS IN BIOINFORMATICS. VOL. 11. NO. 5. 473-483  
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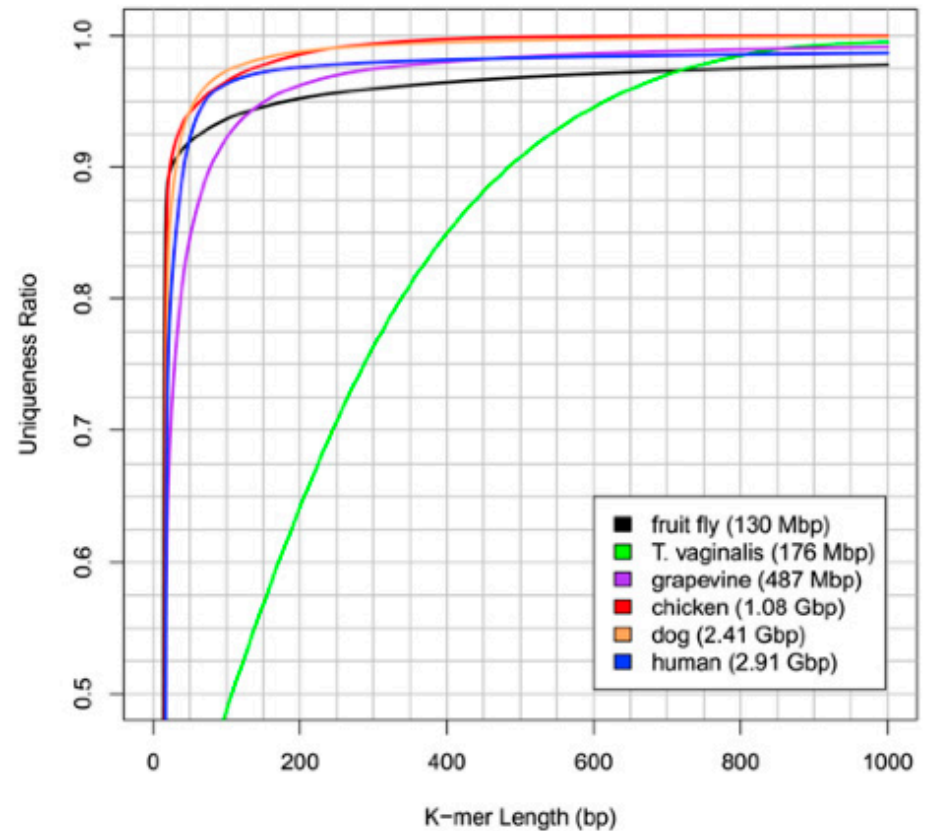
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## A survey of sequence alignment algorithms for next-generation sequencing

Heng Li and Nils Homer

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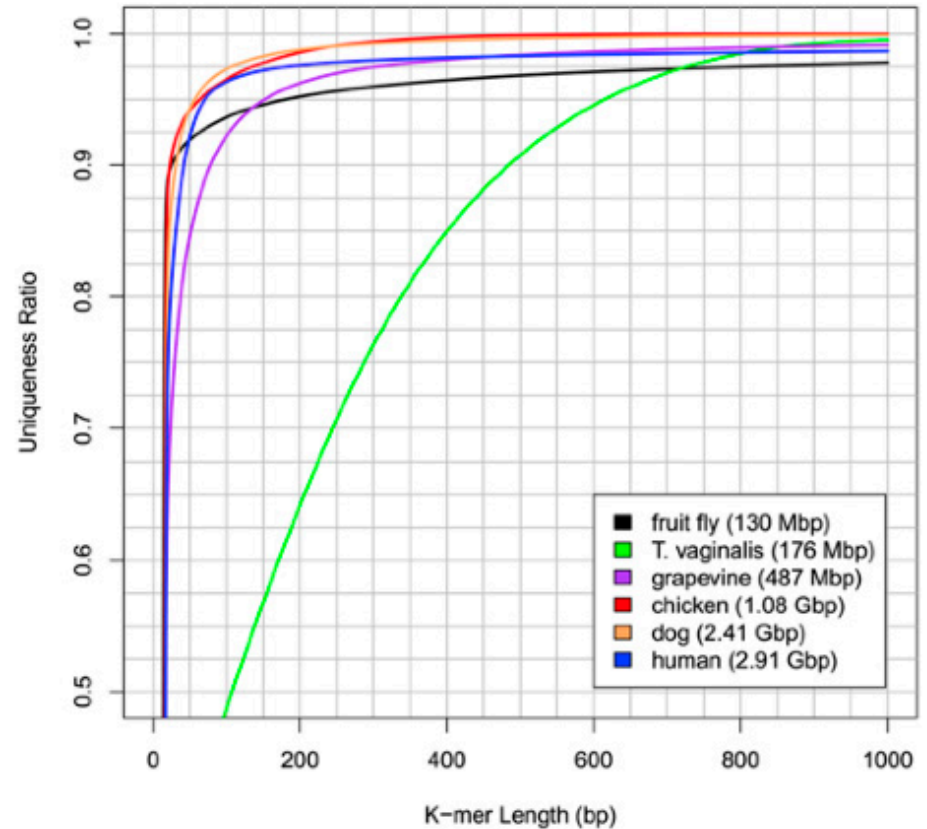
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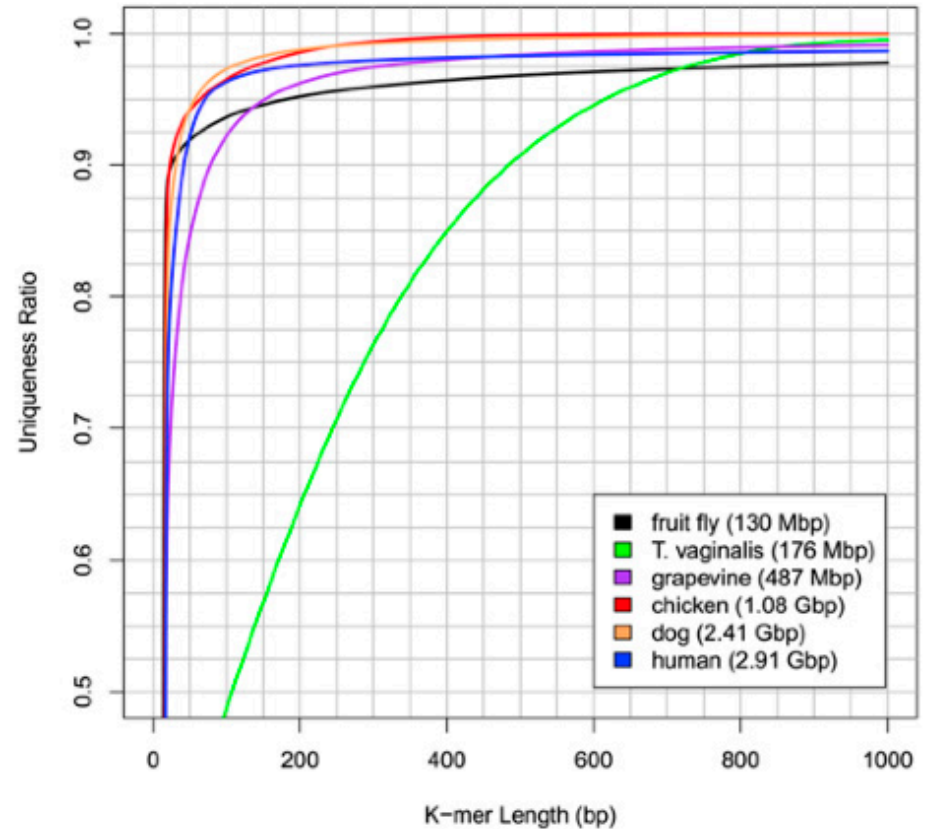
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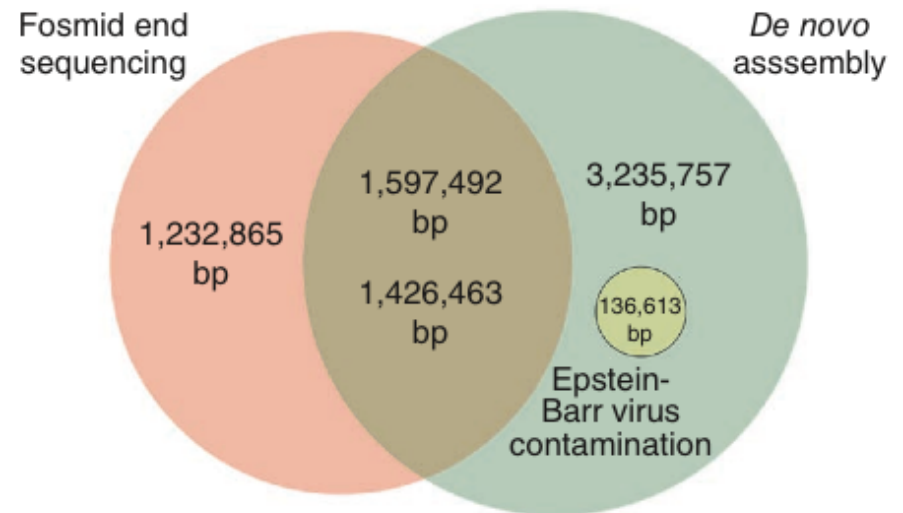
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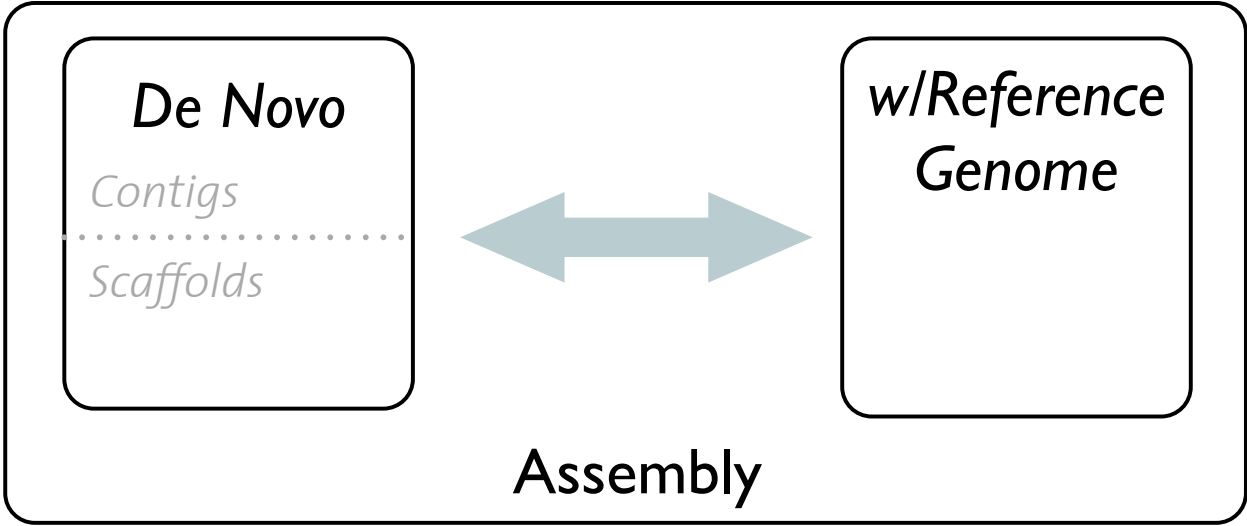
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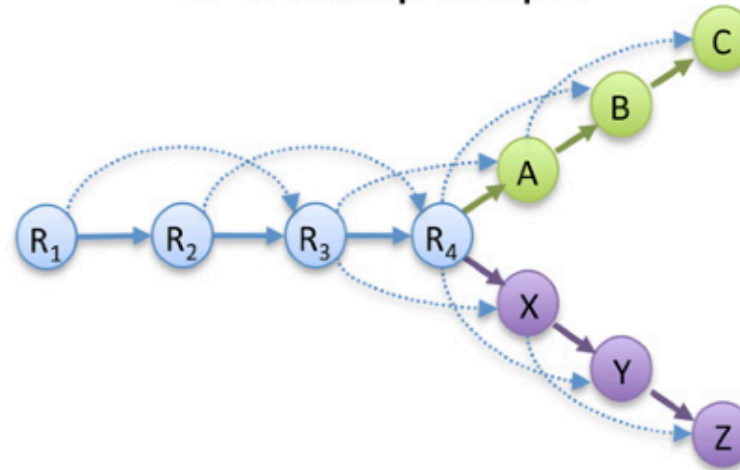


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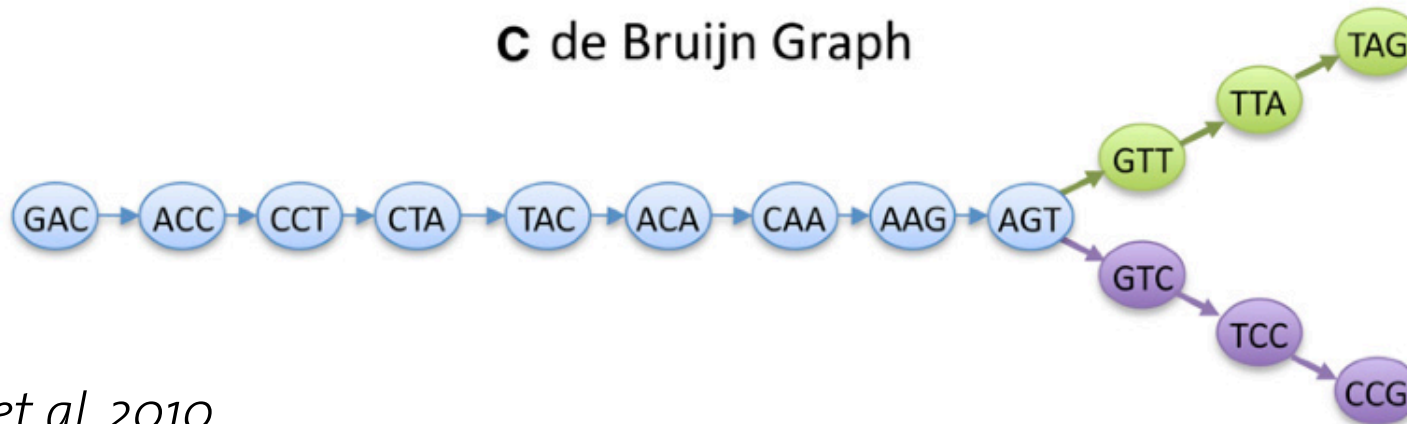
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R<sub>1</sub>: GACCTACA  
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R<sub>3</sub>: CCTACAAG  
R<sub>4</sub>: CTACAAGT  
A: TACAAGTT  
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C: CAAGTTAG  
X: TACAAGTC  
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Z: CAAGTCCG

**B** Overlap Graph

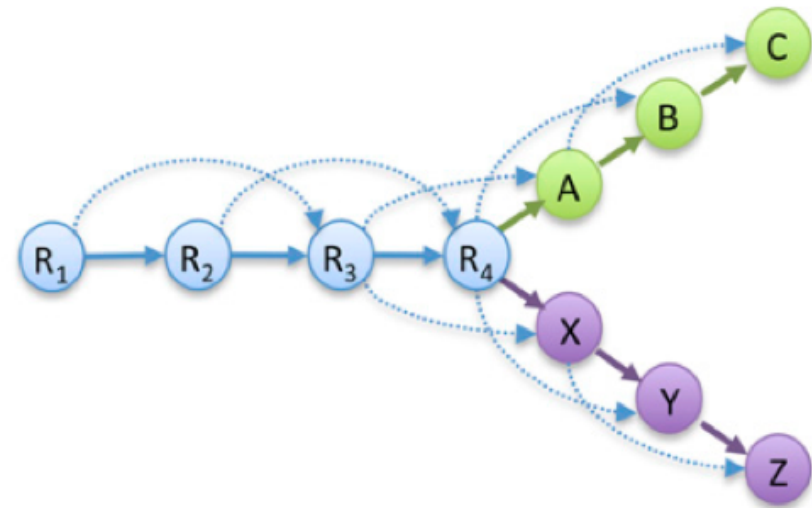


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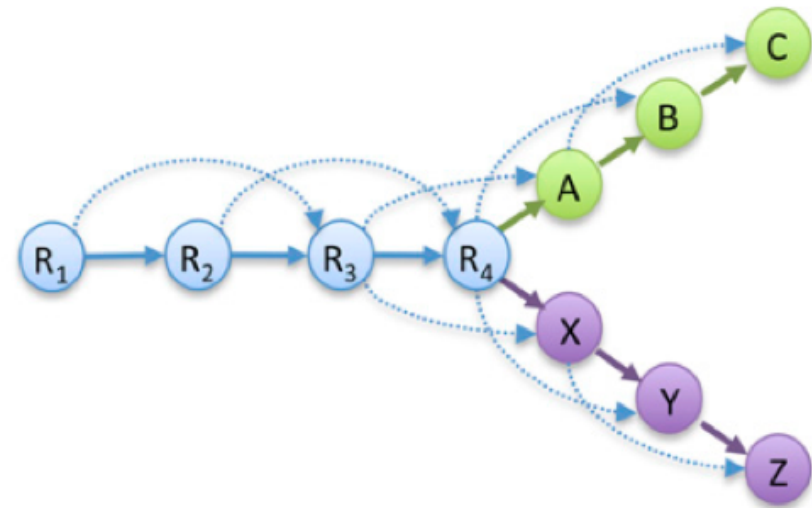
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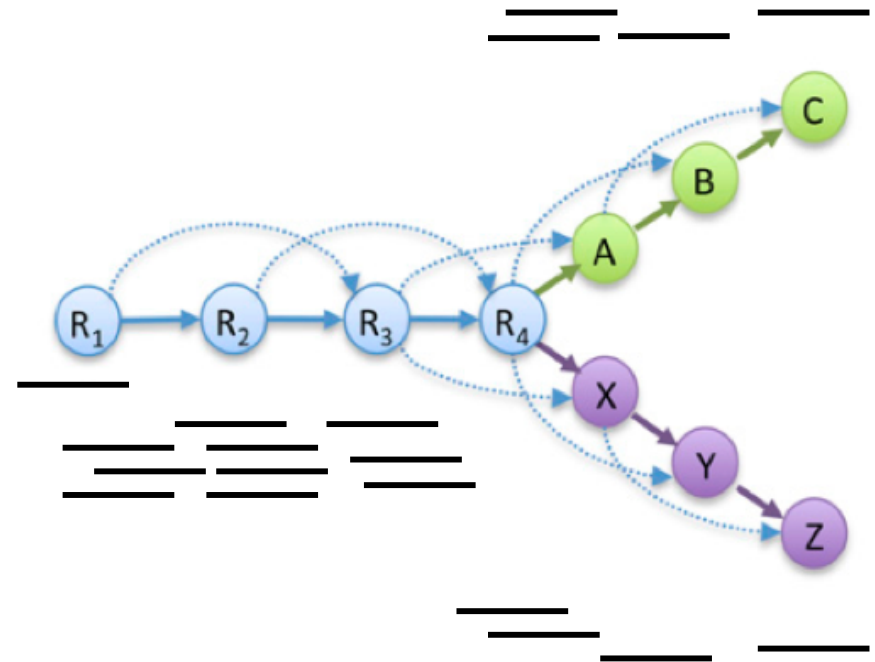
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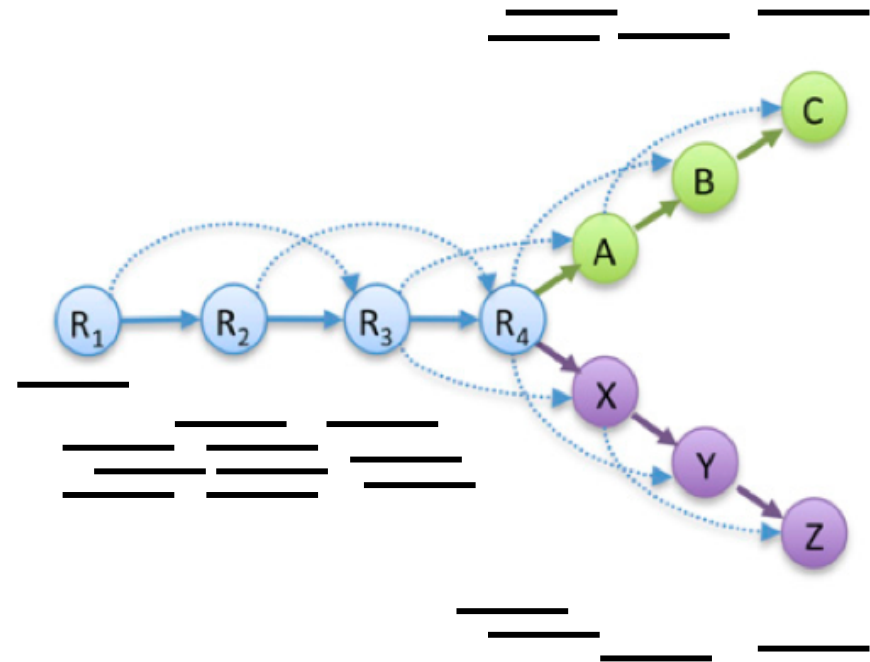
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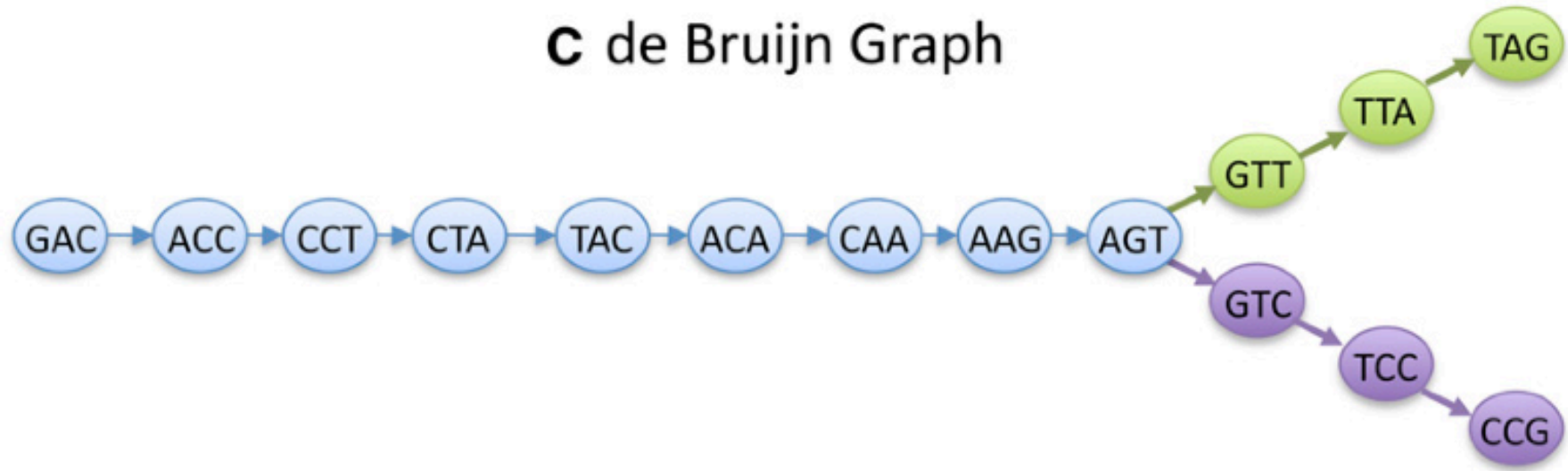
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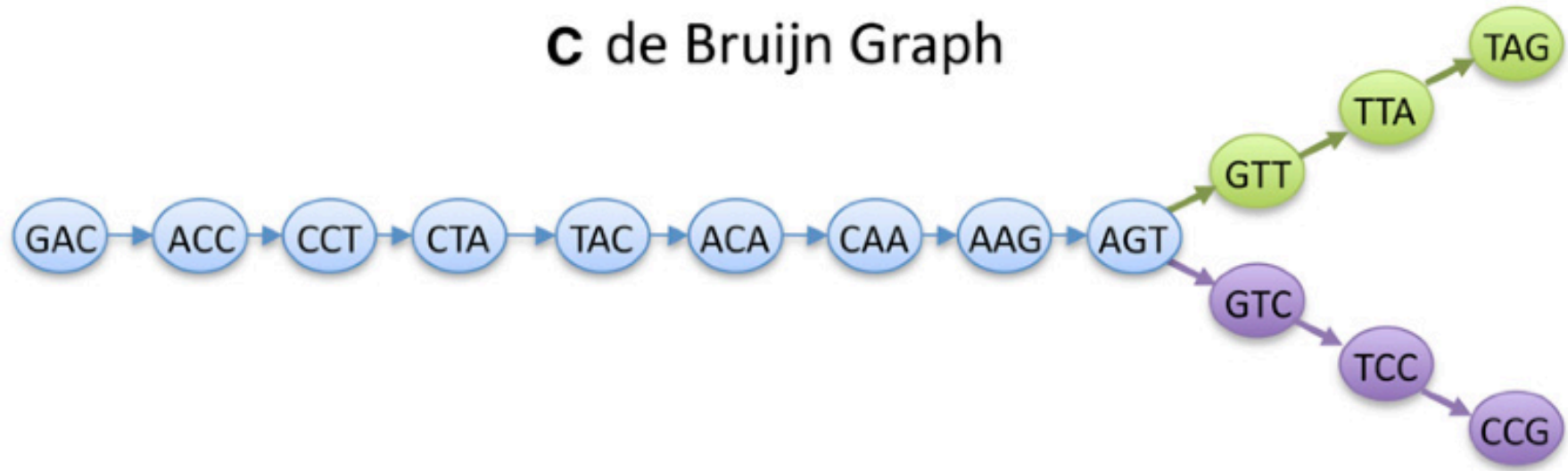


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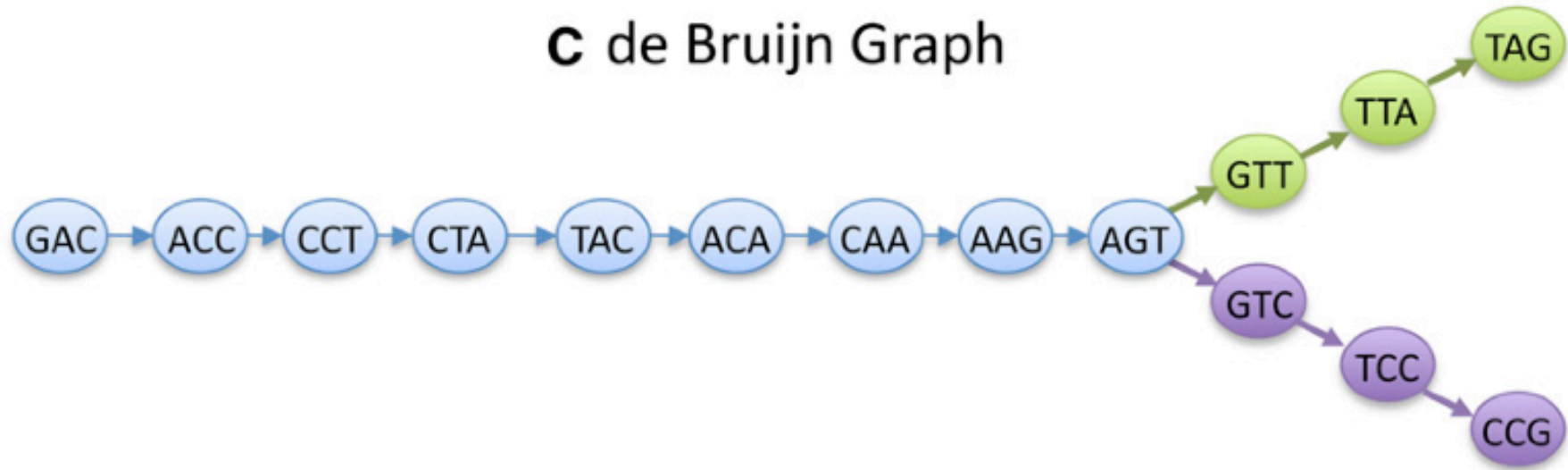


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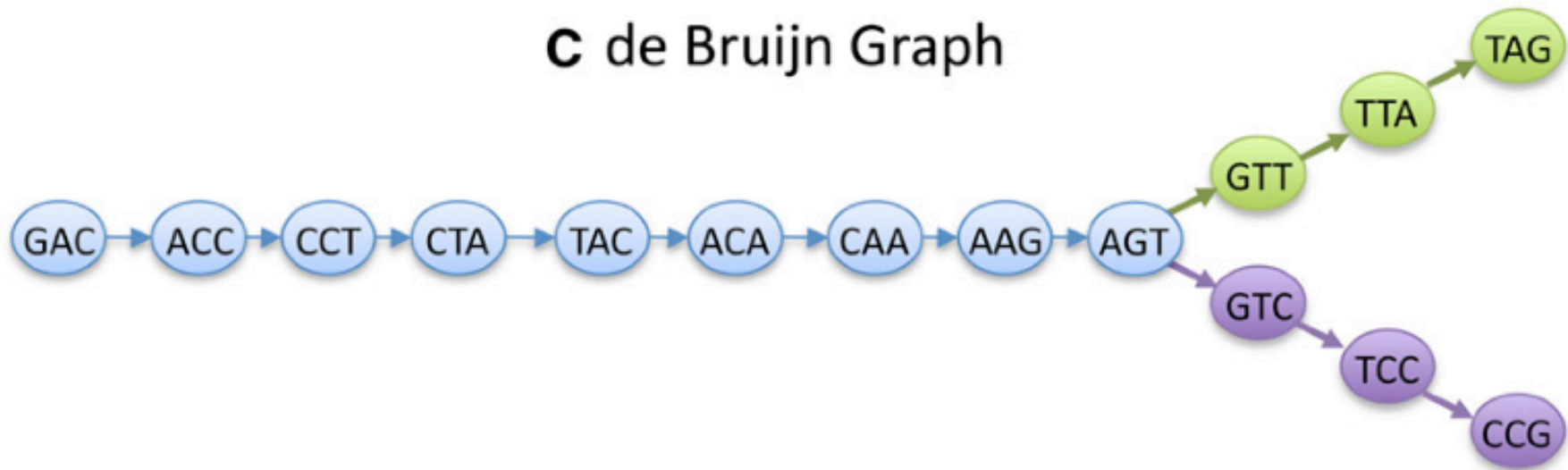
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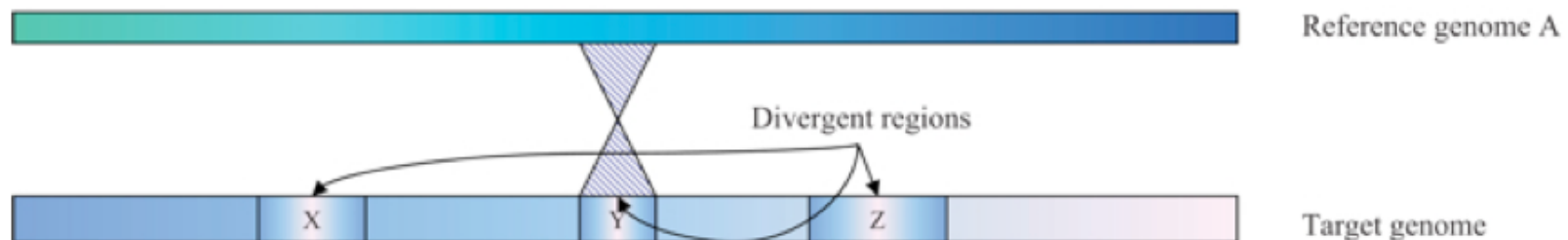
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- Identify *Eulerian path* (path which uses all edges)

# How to bridge gaps? (“Scaffolding”)

- Increase coverage
- Use mate-pairs
- Gap closing through PCR
- Use mRNA library



# Comparative Assembly: Map to Reference Genome

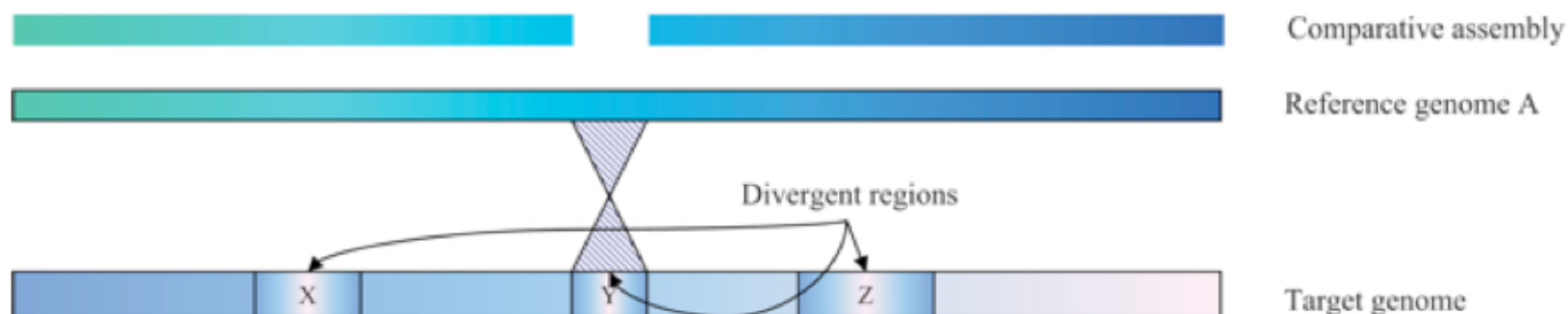


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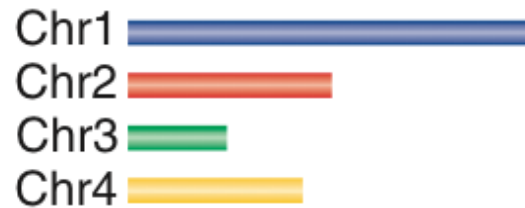
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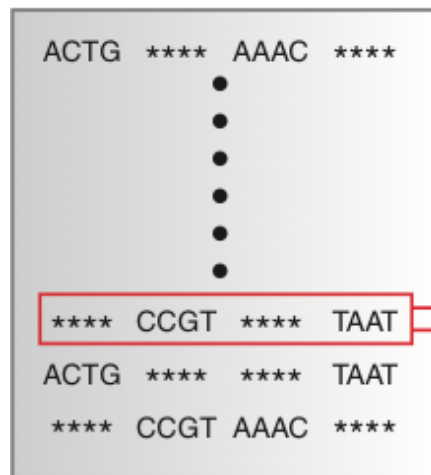
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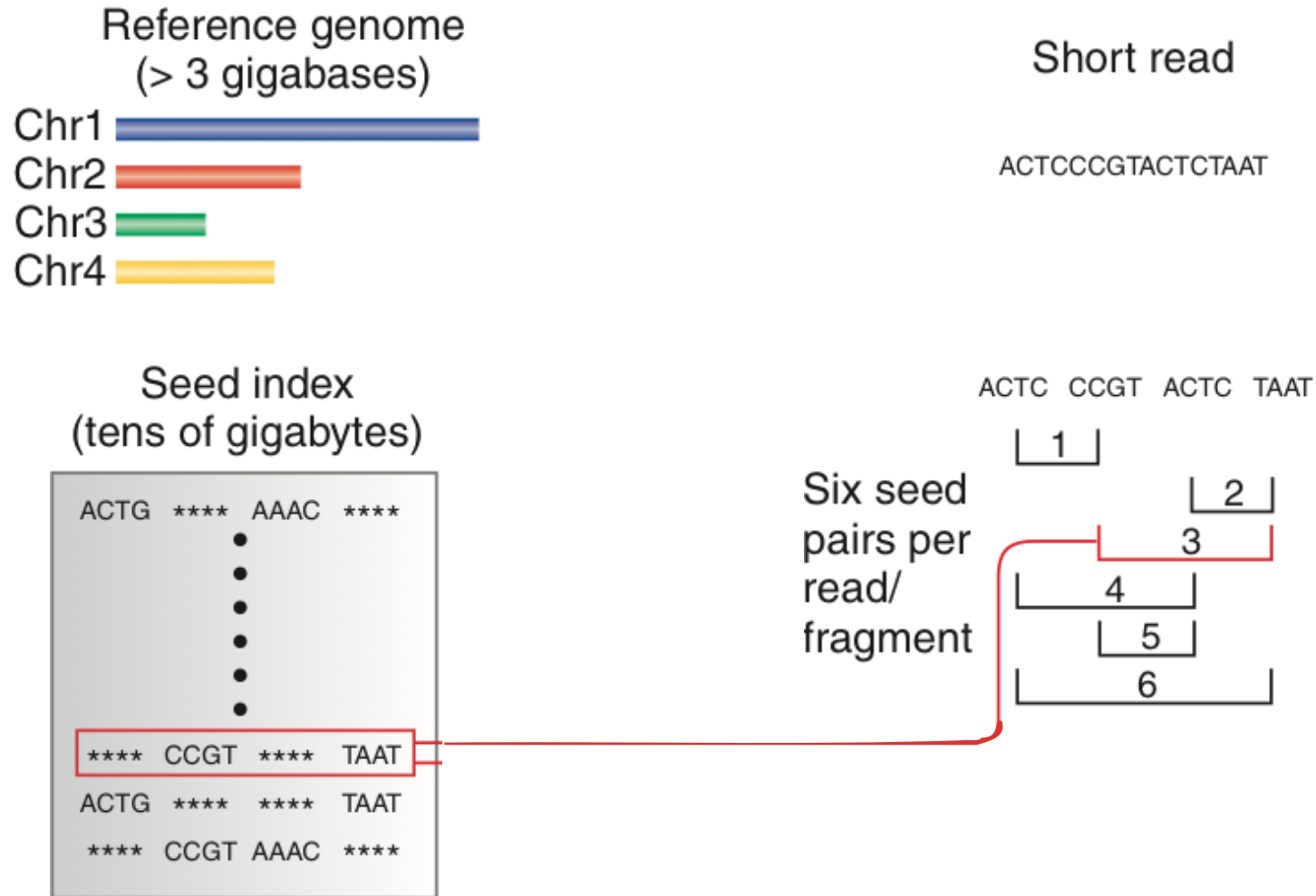
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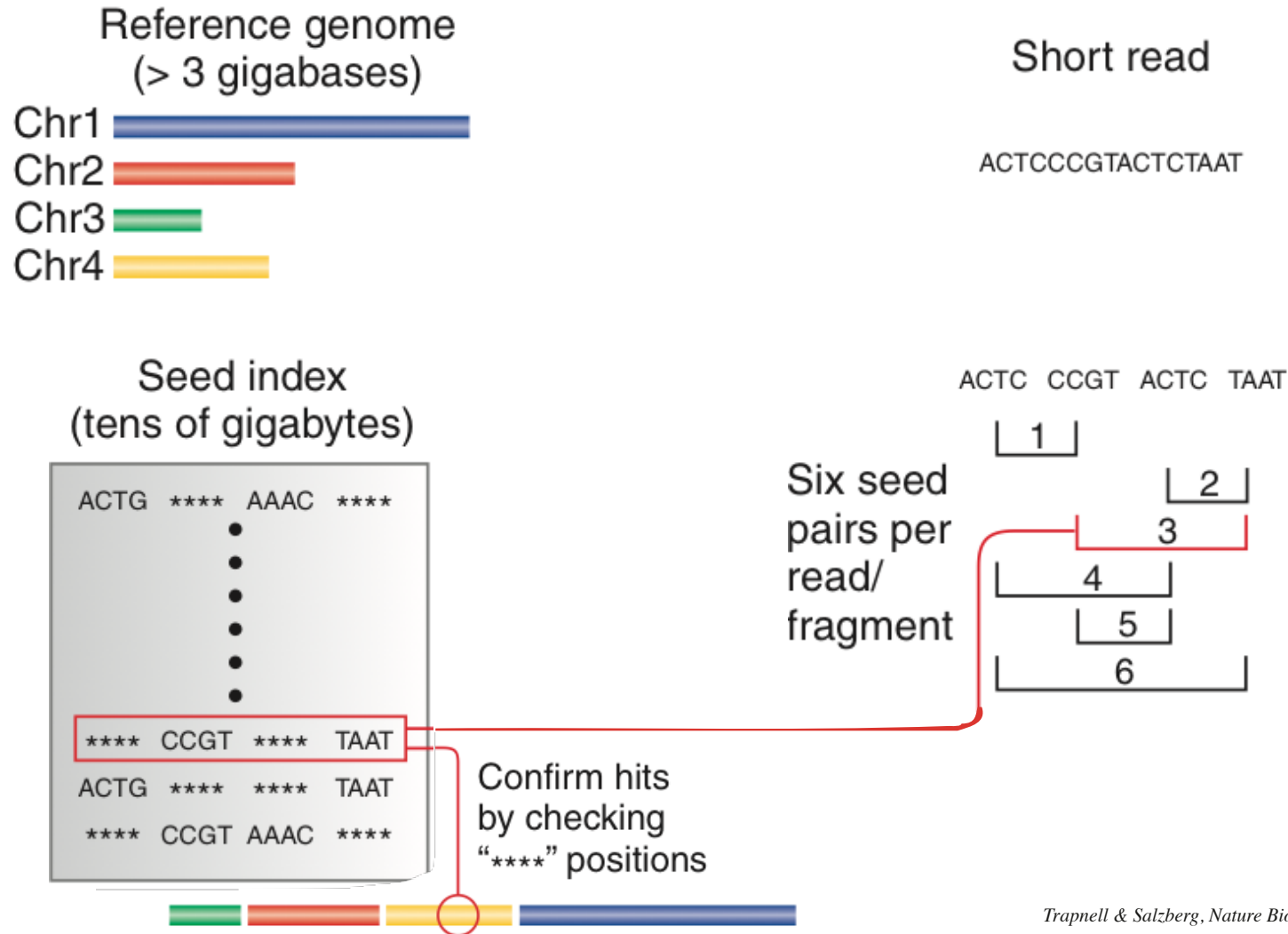
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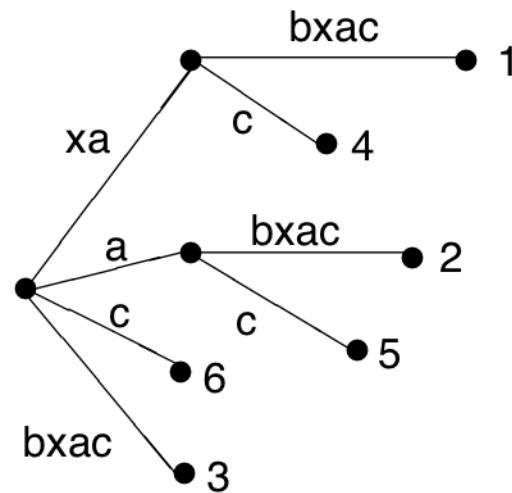
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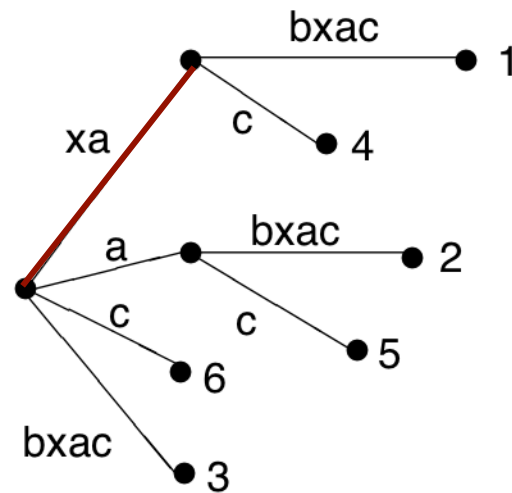


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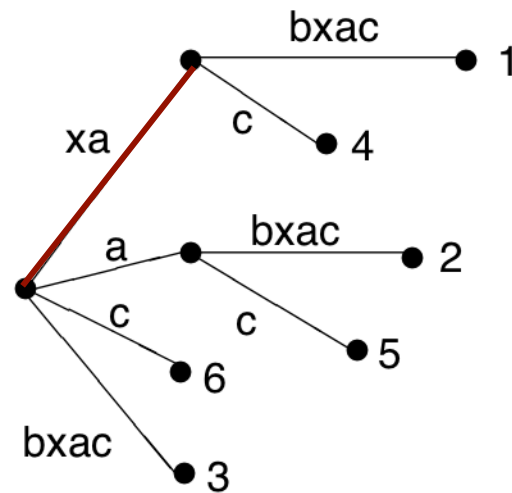


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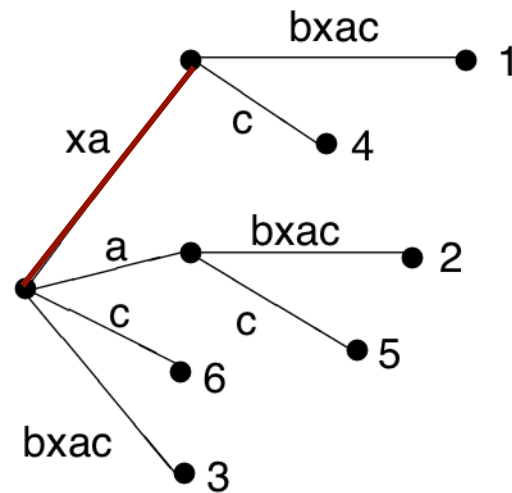
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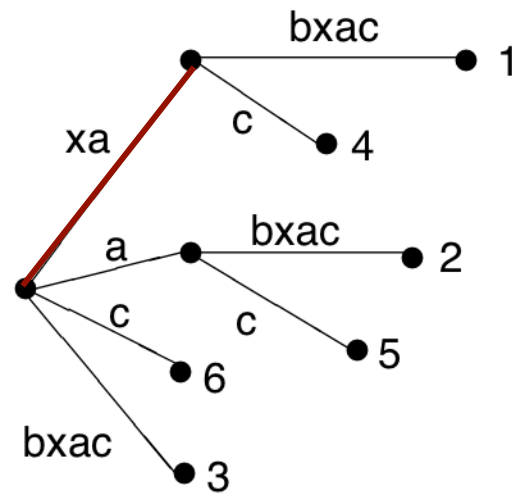
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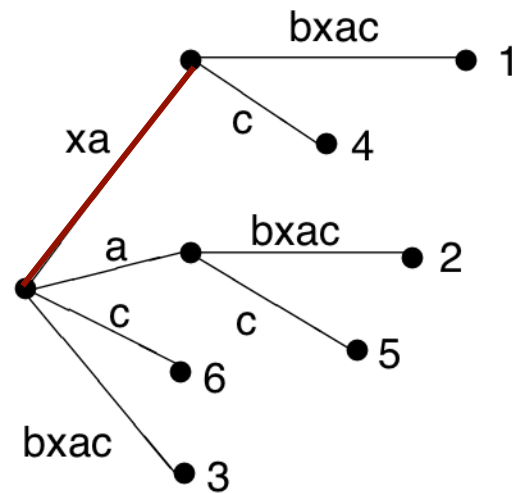
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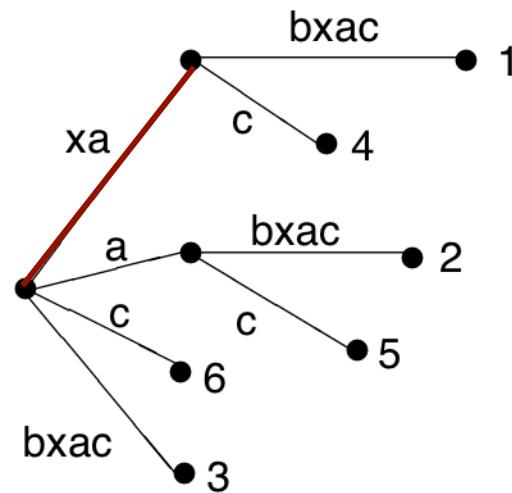
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(3 Gbase \* 64 bit = 24 Gbytes)



# Burrows-Wheeler Transform

Published: 4 March 2009

*Genome Biology* 2009, **10**:R25

Software

**Open Access**

**Ultrafast and memory-efficient alignment of short DNA sequences to the human genome**

Ben Langmead, Cole Trapnell, Mihai Pop and Steven L Salzberg

**BIOINFORMATICS ORIGINAL PAPER**

Vol. 25 no. 14 2009, pages 1754–1760  
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*Sequence analysis*

**Fast and accurate short read alignment with Burrows–Wheeler transform**

Heng Li and Richard Durbin\*

Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Cambridge, CB10 1SA, UK

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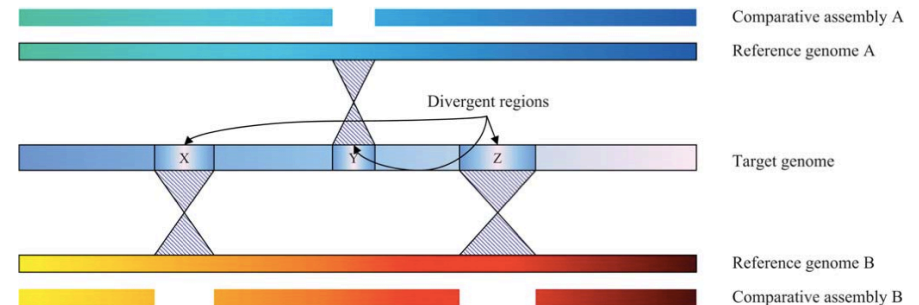
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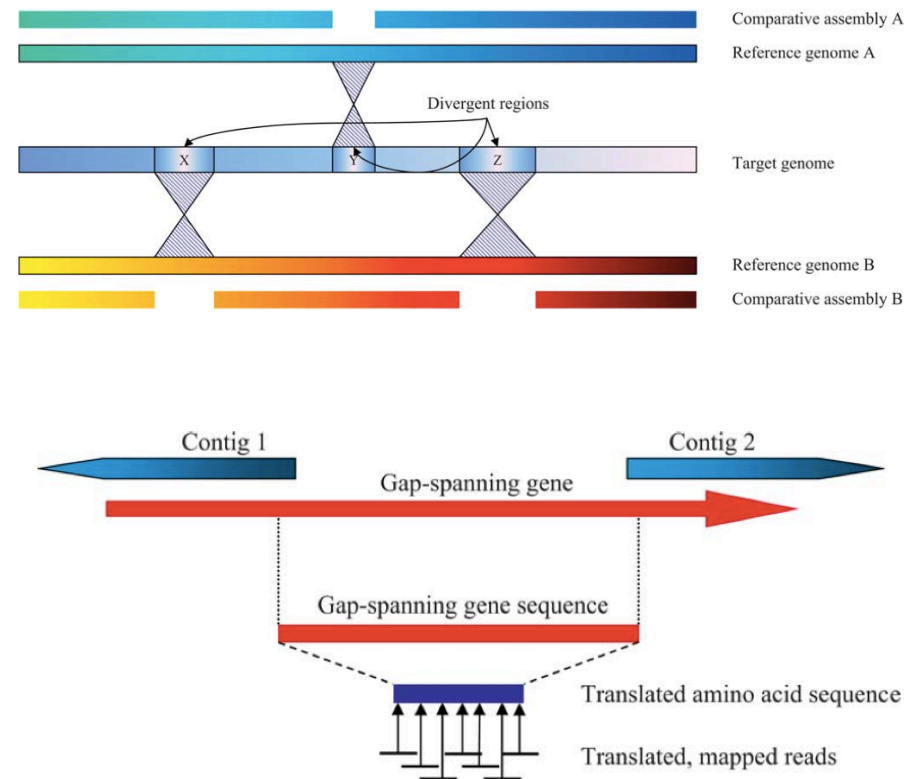


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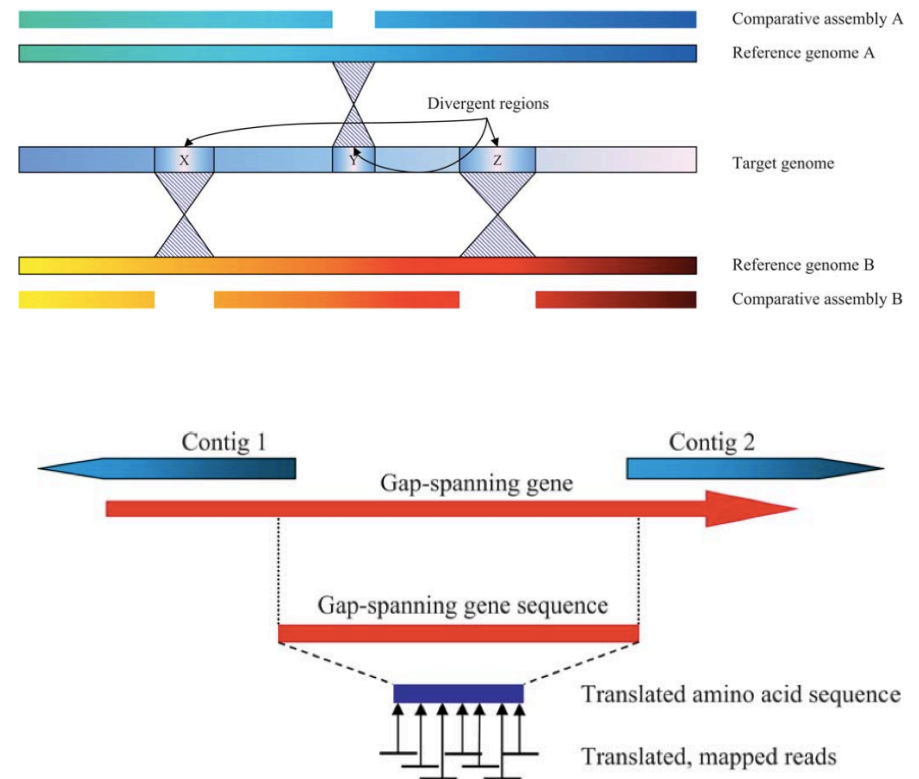


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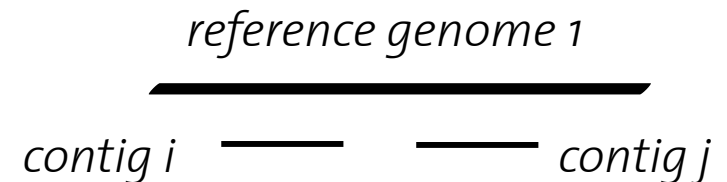
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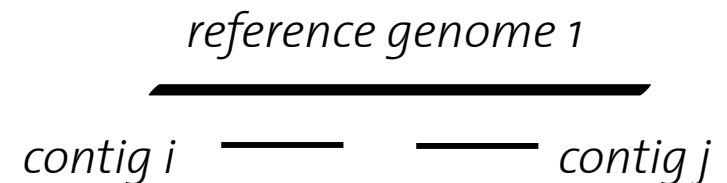
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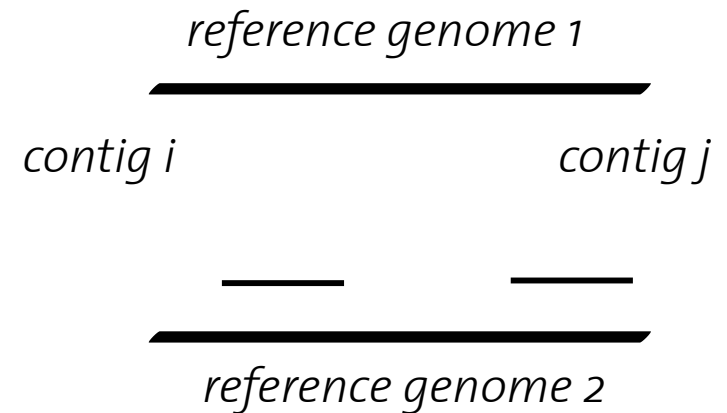
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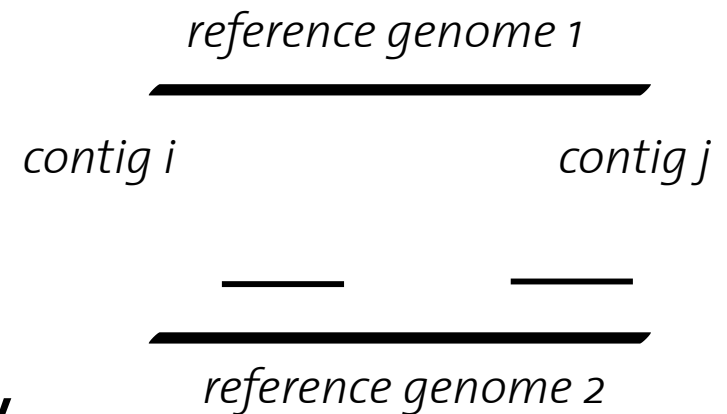
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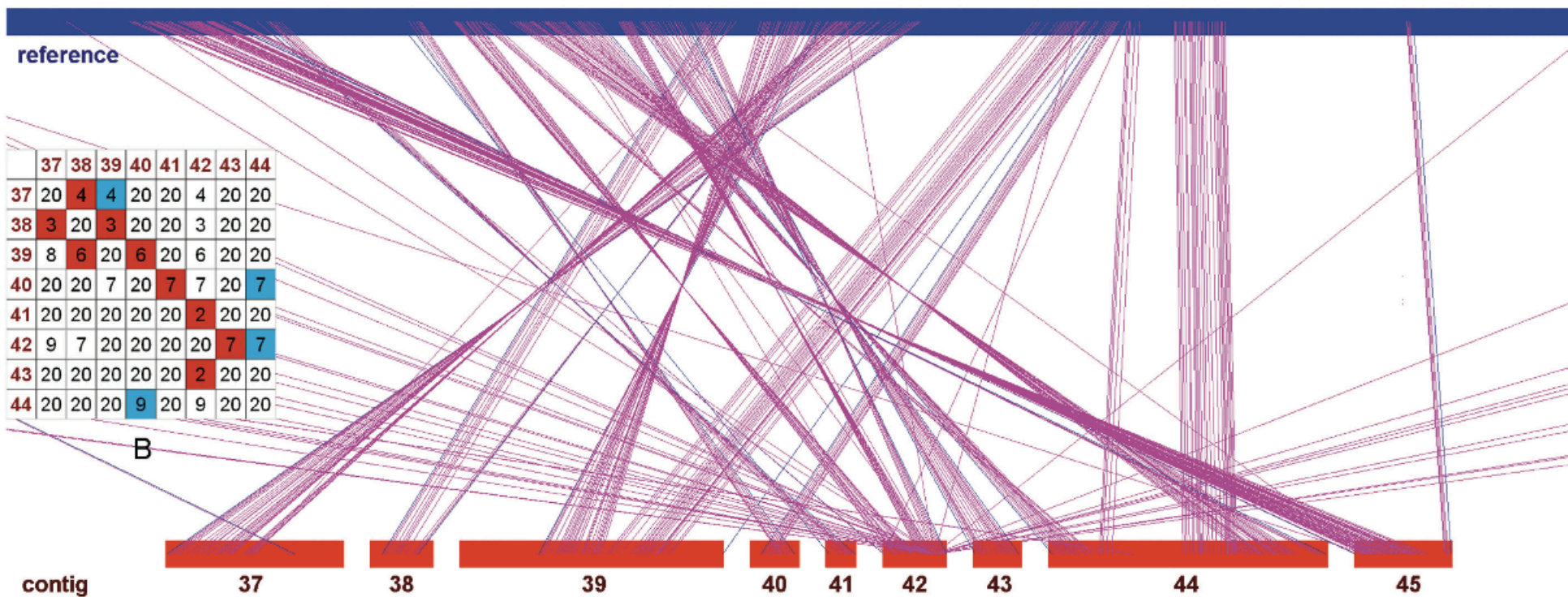
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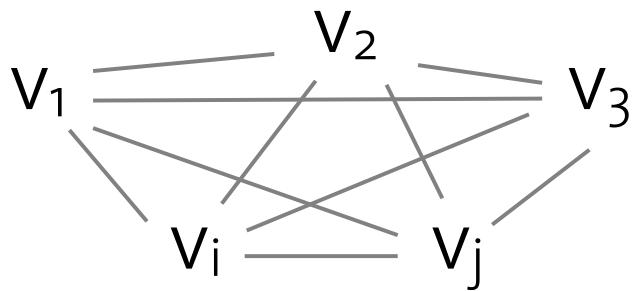


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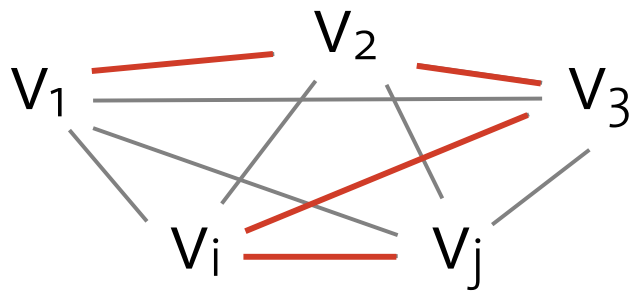


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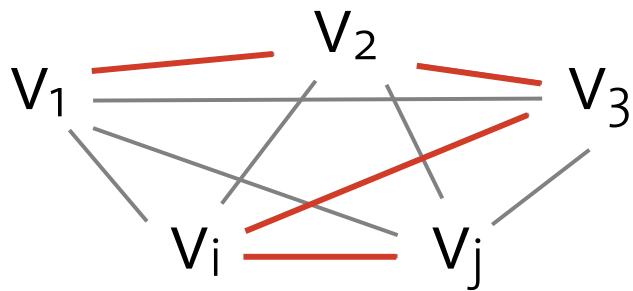
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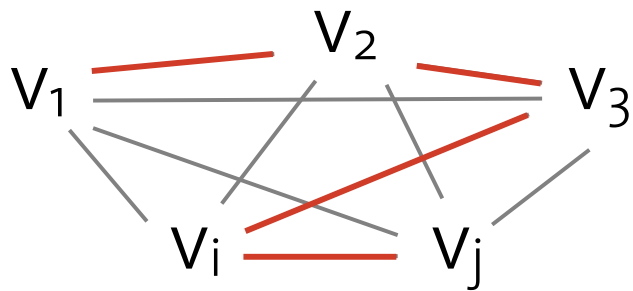
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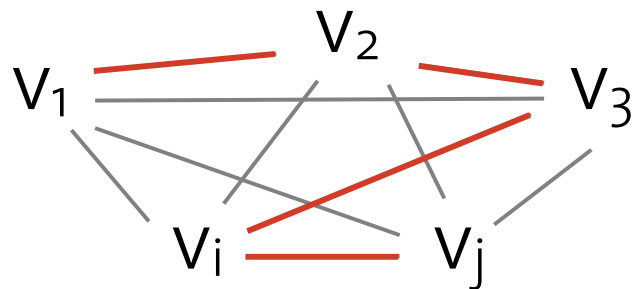
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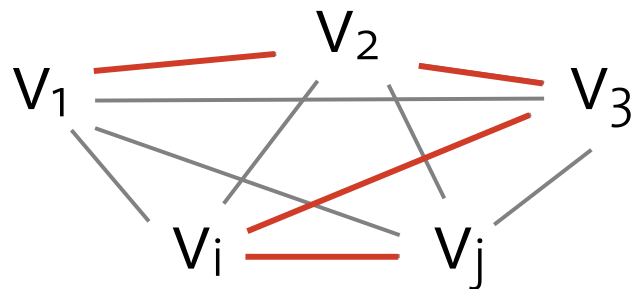
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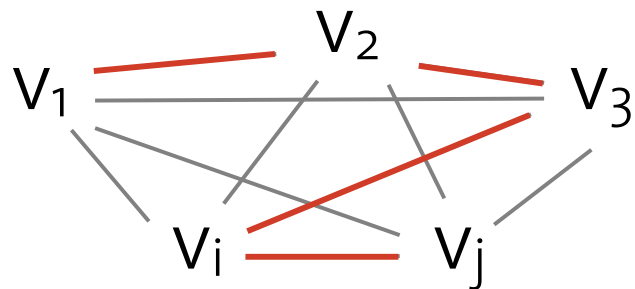
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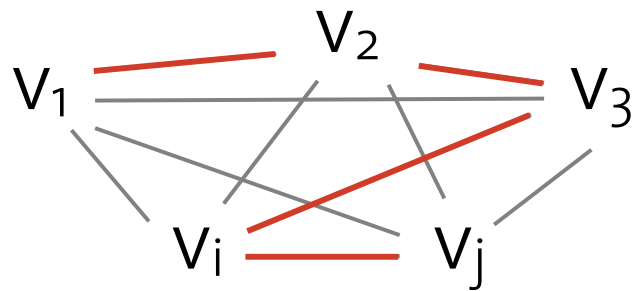
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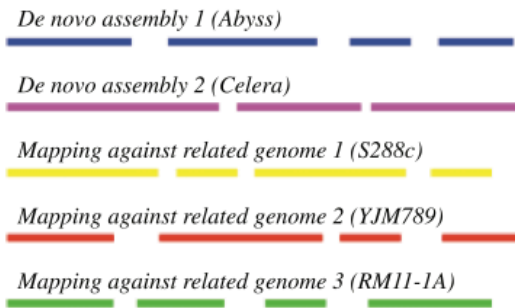
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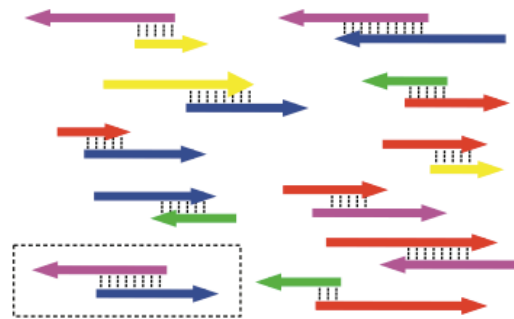
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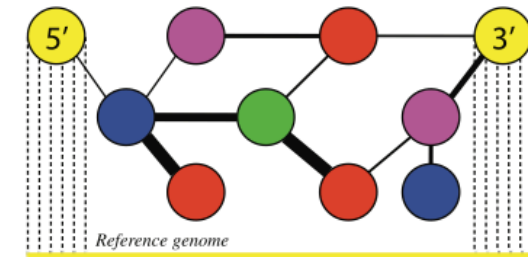
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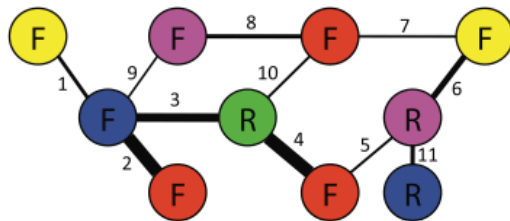
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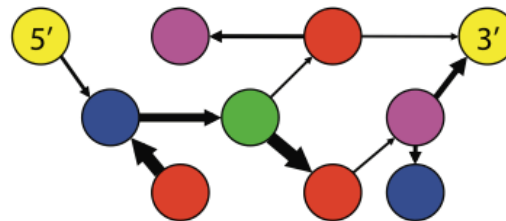
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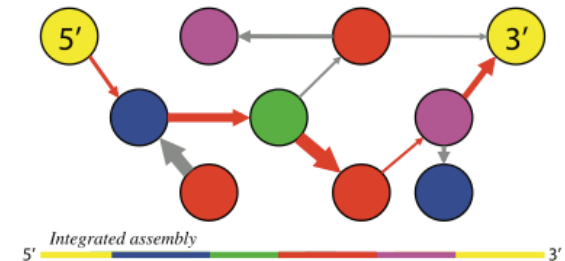
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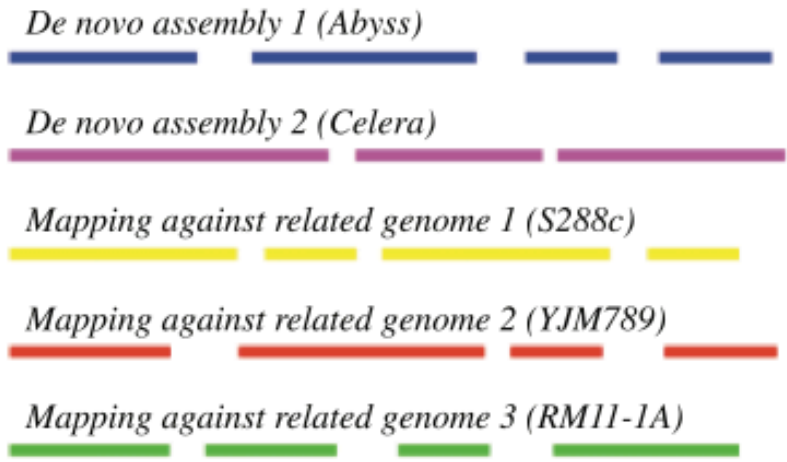
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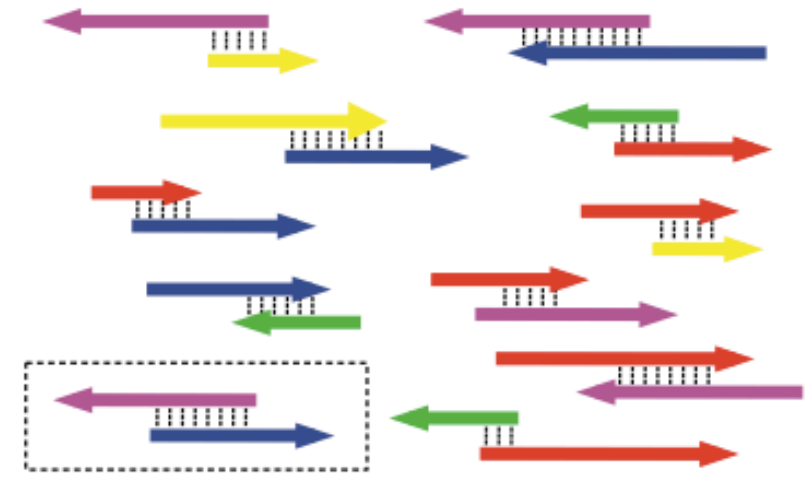
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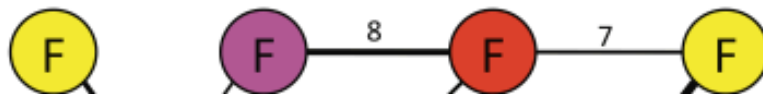
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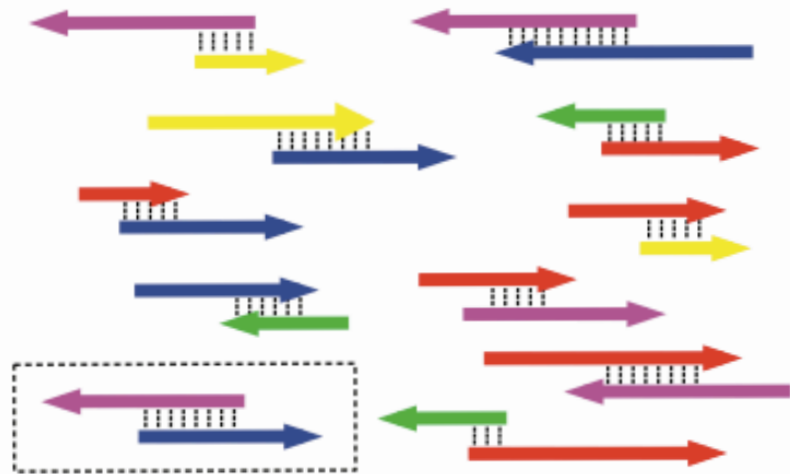
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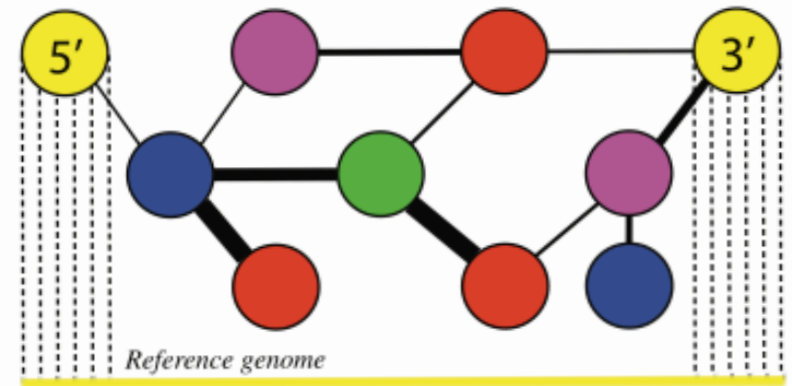
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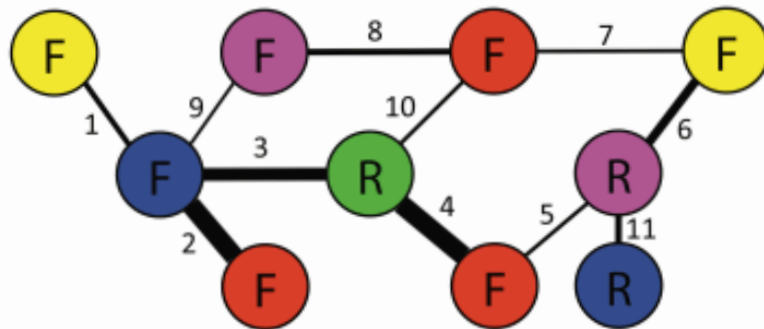
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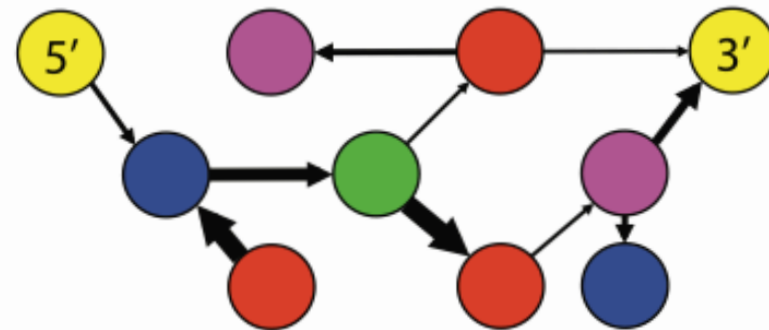
*Mapping against related genome 3 (RM11-1A)*



**D** Determine orientation by depth-first traversing the graph in order of weights



**E** Edge direction follows from end-to-end alignments



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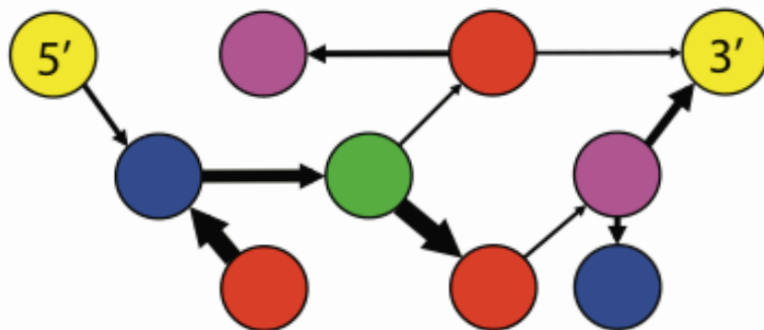
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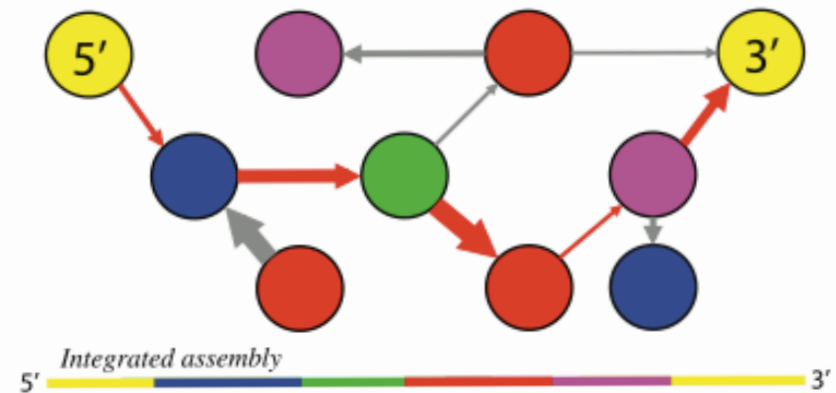
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**F** Find the highest scoring path using a Tabu search and call consensus



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Strategy	Assembly	Package	# contigs	Total size (Mb)	N50 (kb)	Mapped reads (%)
Single input	<i>De novo</i>	Abyss	1223	11.64	20	84.8
	<i>De novo</i>	Celera	4148	9.03	3	62.8
	Comparative (S288c)	Maq	375	12.06	162	96.9
	Comparative (YJM789)	Maq	907	11.77	44	90.8
	Comparative (RM11-1A)	Maq	795	11.54	41	78.2
Hybrid	<i>De novo</i>	Velvet	654	11.40	72	75.5
	<i>De novo</i> + comparative	Minimus	71	12.21	290	92.1
	<i>De novo</i> + comparative	MAIA	29	12.01	918	96.5

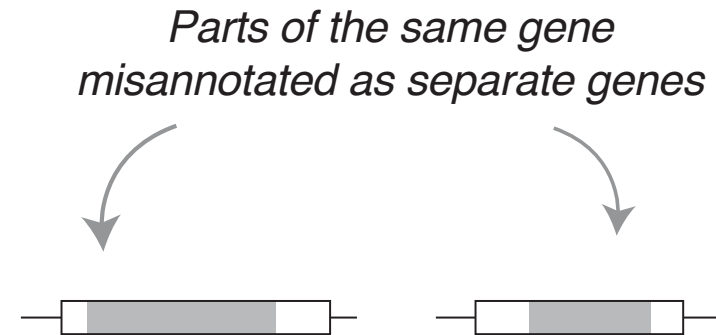
# Comparative genomics approaches

- Attempt to bridge contigs after assembly/annotations
- Ensembl Compara (unpublished)
- ESPRIT (Dessimoz *et al.*, in review)

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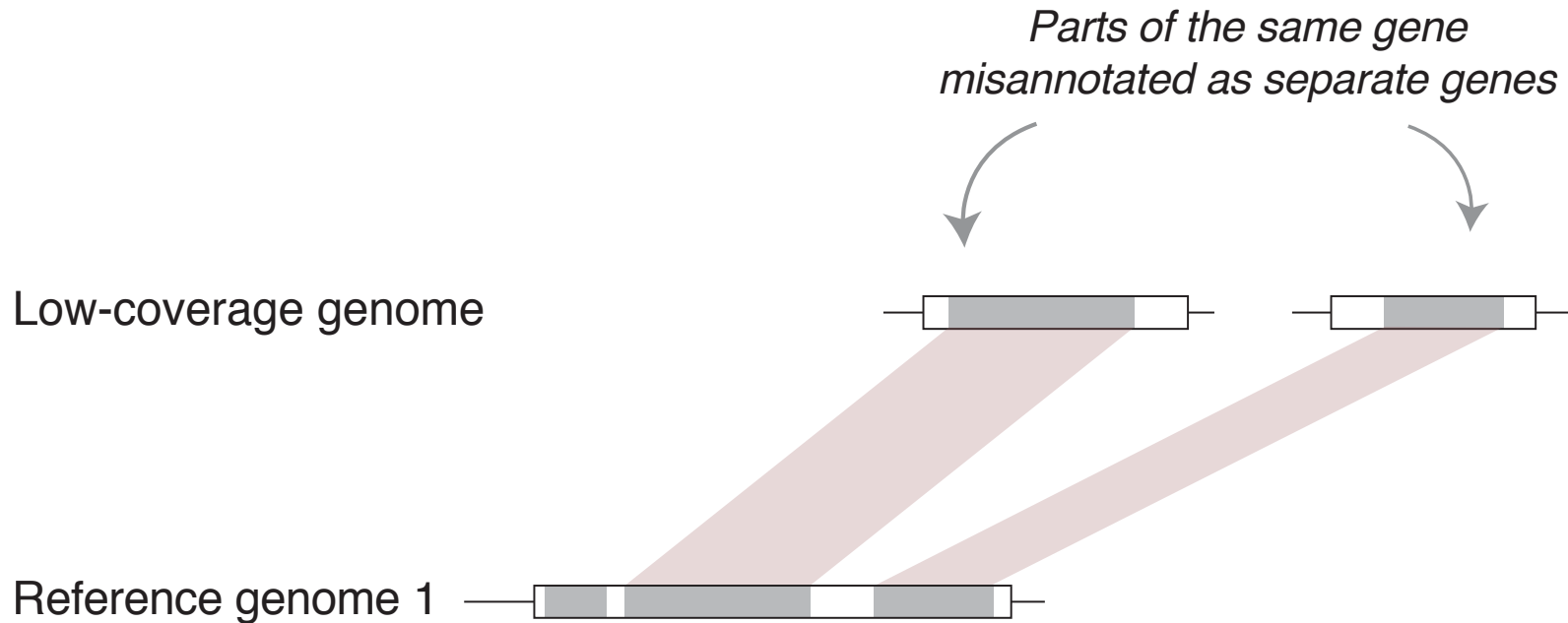
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Low-coverage genome



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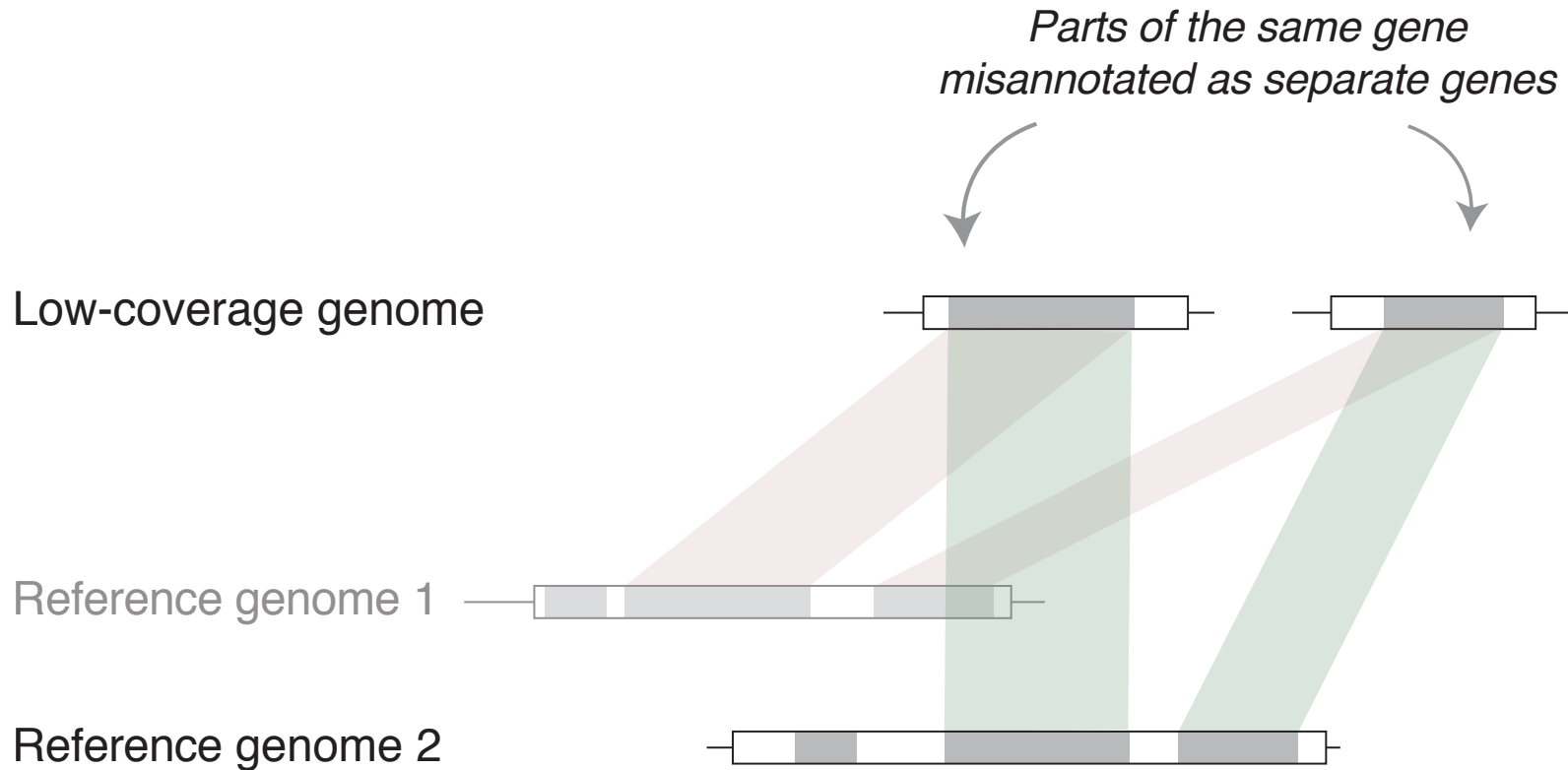
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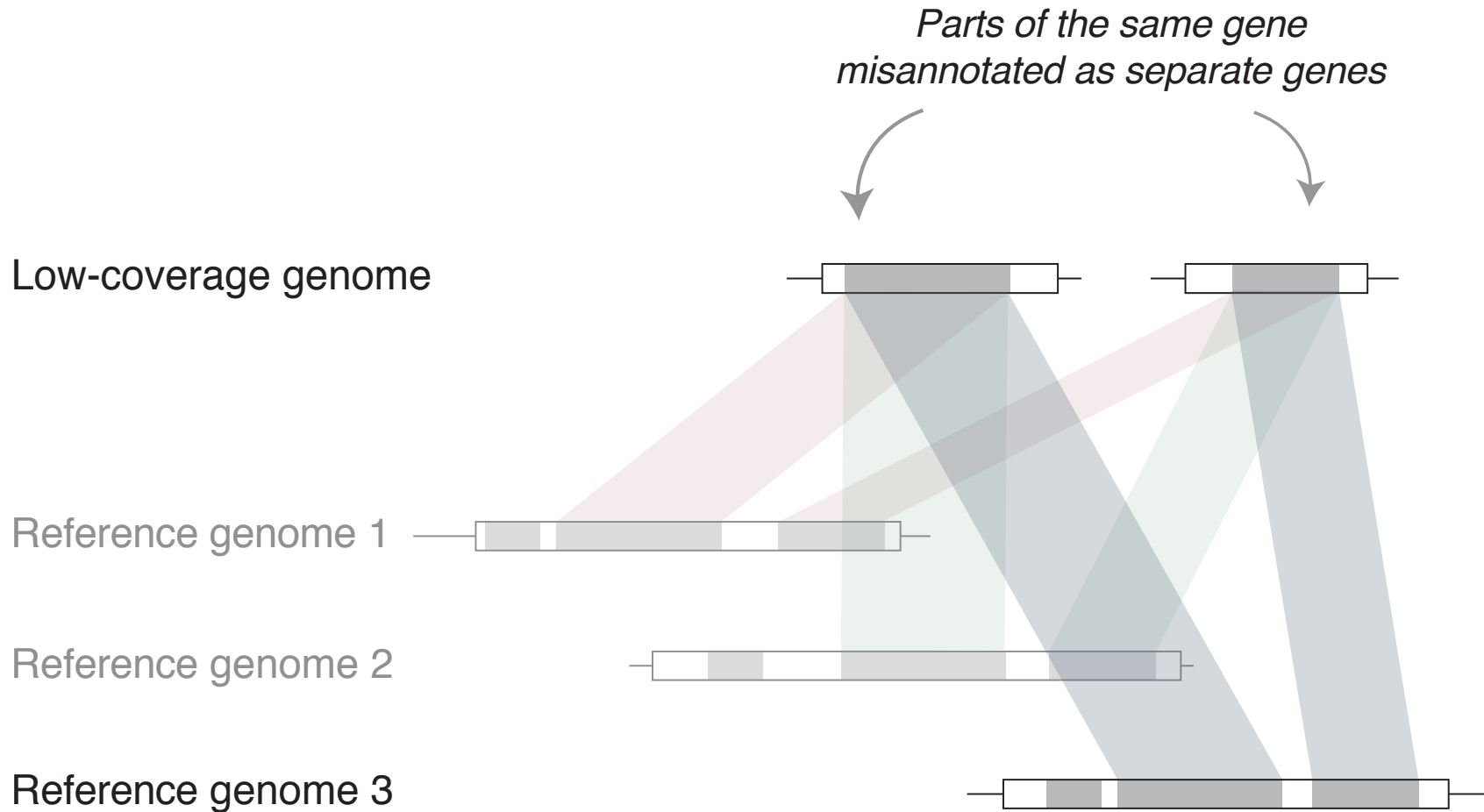
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# Open Challenges

- How to select & weight appropriate reference genomes.
- Duplications/repetitive sequences remain a challenge with these methods.

# Conclusions

- Recently, a new assembly approach has emerged: phylogeny-based assembly.
- It is complementary to *de novo* assembly and assembly based on a single reference alignment.
- It can be done as part of the assembly process itself (4 published methods reviewed) or after assembly/annotation (Ensembl compara, ESPRIT)