

# *High Throughput Sequencing and Multi-omics Bioinformatics*

## *From Data to Knowledge*

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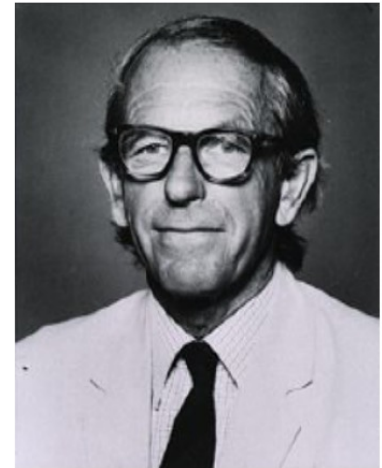
# Sequencing is becoming a **commodity**

- Sequencing a whole genome allows to identify variation (SNVs)
- Sequencing and characterizing the mRNA (RNA content of a cell allows to identify – expression level, isoforms)
- Sequencing different tissues enables comparison of expression pattern amongst tissues
- Sequencing different microorganisms enables the characterization of communities of bacteria in the environment, our gut, or other human body cavities.
- Sequencing pathogenic virus allows to follow their evolution (applied nowadays to the SARS-Cov2)

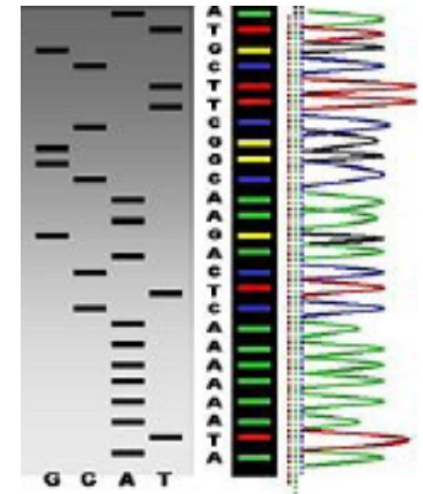
**High Throughput Analysis is not yet**

# Last century sequencing

- Originally with a radiolabeled ( $P^{32}/S^{35}$ ) nucleotides which was incorporated by DNA synthesis and subsequently used in electrophoretic gels.
- Four radiolabelled nucleotides we used and loaded separately in each « lane »
- Around 150-300bp(when you had good eyes) could be read through
- Slow painfull **(1/3 of my PhD thesis sequencing immunoglobulin and T cell clones...)**
- Improvement introduced capillary electrophoresis



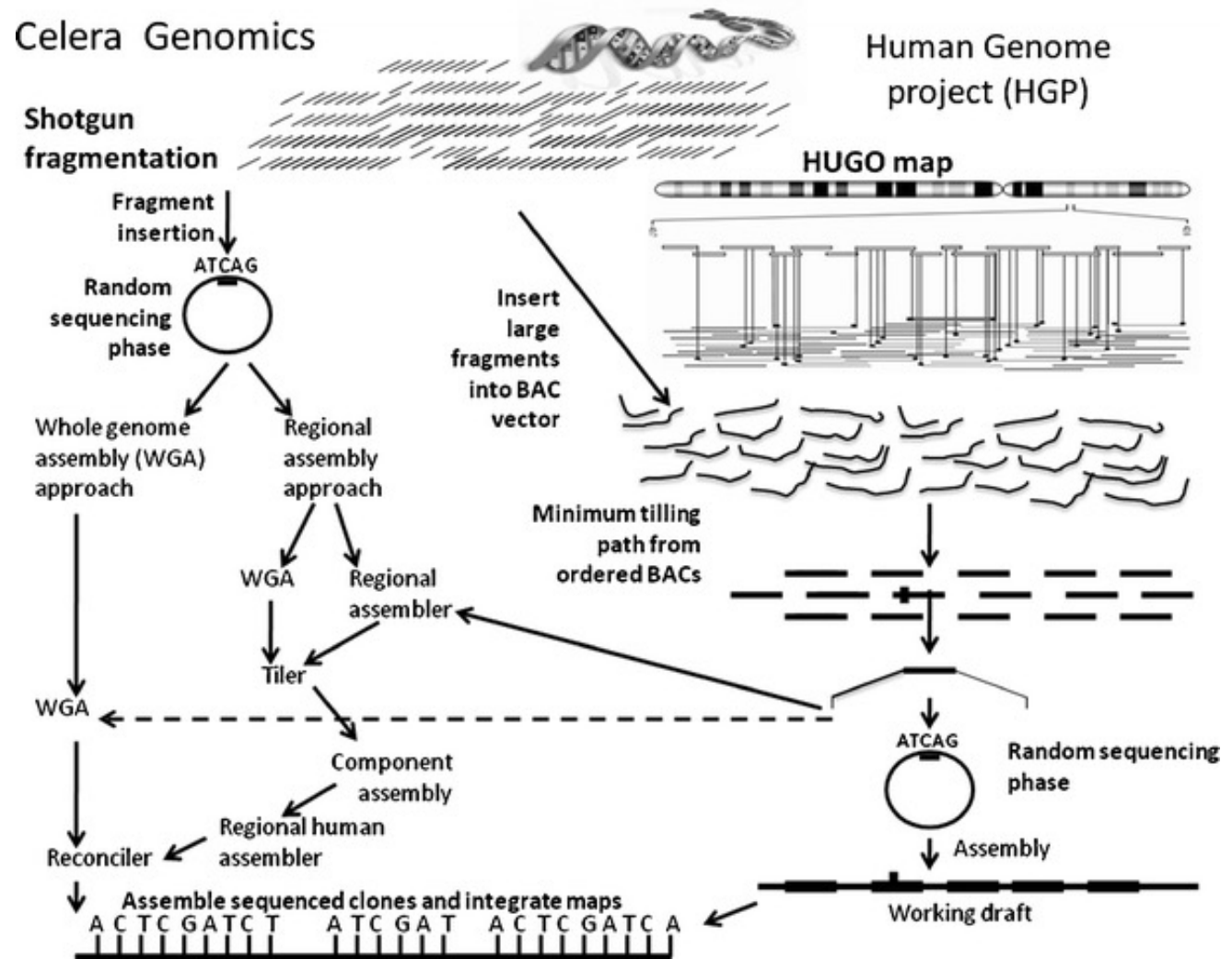
Frederick Sanger  
Nobel Prize (1980)







# How was the Human genome done



# Technologies for sequencing DNA/RNA short/long read , single-cell and optical mapping



# All these machines have an intrinsic sequencing errors

Phred quality scores  $Q$  are defined as a property which is logarithmically related to the base-calling error probabilities  $P$ .<sup>[2]</sup>

$$Q = -10 \log_{10} P$$

or

$$P = 10^{\frac{-Q}{10}}$$

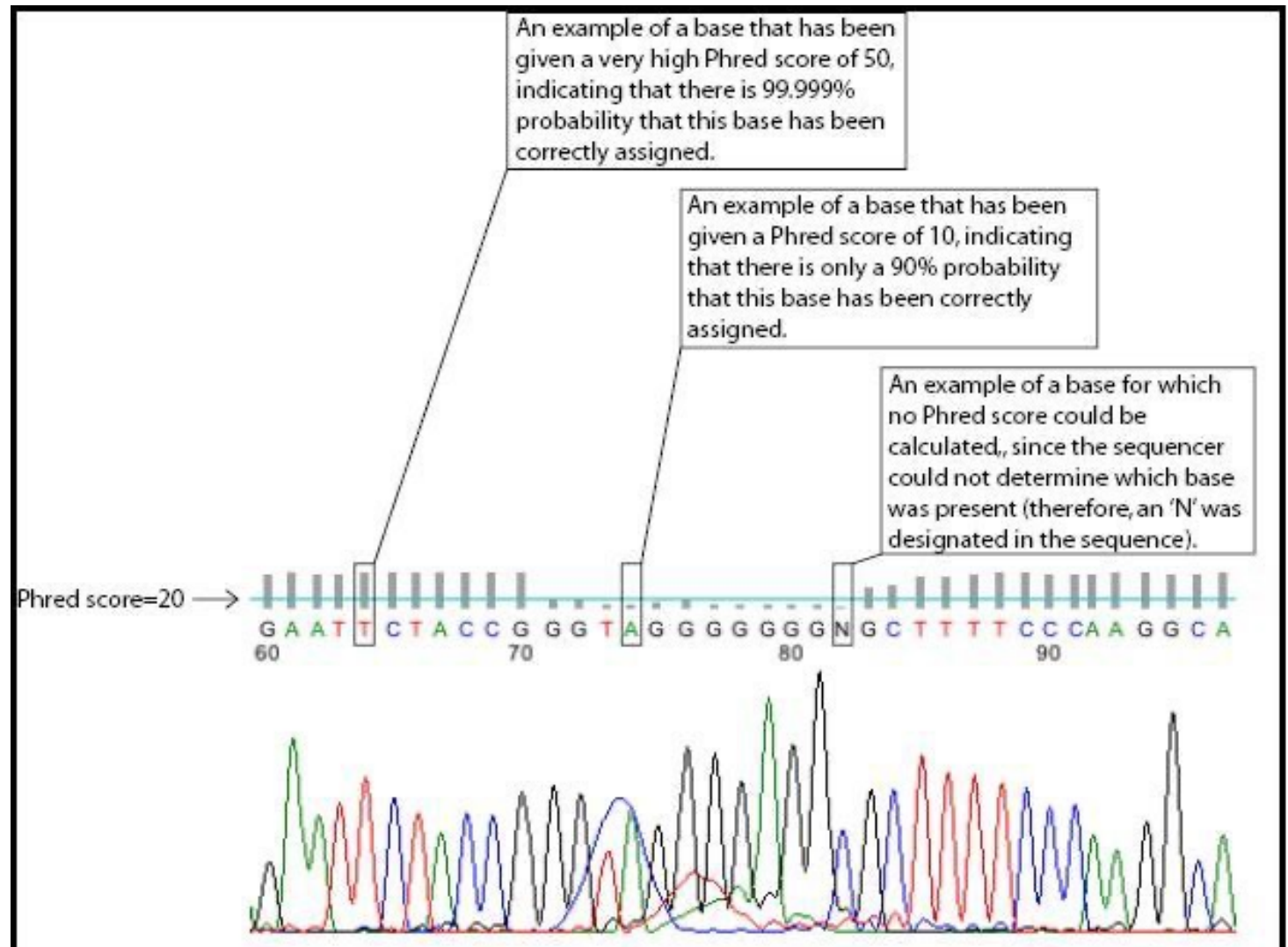
For example, if Phred assigns a quality score of 30 to a base, the chances that this base is called incorrectly are 1 in 1000.

**Phred quality scores are logarithmically linked to error probabilities**

Phred Quality Score	Probability of incorrect base call	Base call accuracy
10	1 in 10	90%
20	1 in 100	99%
30	1 in 1000	99.9%
40	1 in 10,000	99.99%
50	1 in 100,000	99.999%
60	1 in 1,000,000	99.9999%
70	1 in 10,000,000	99.99999%
80	1 in 100,000,000	99.999999%
90	1 in 1,000,000,000	99.9999999%

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phred\\_quality\\_score](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phred_quality_score)

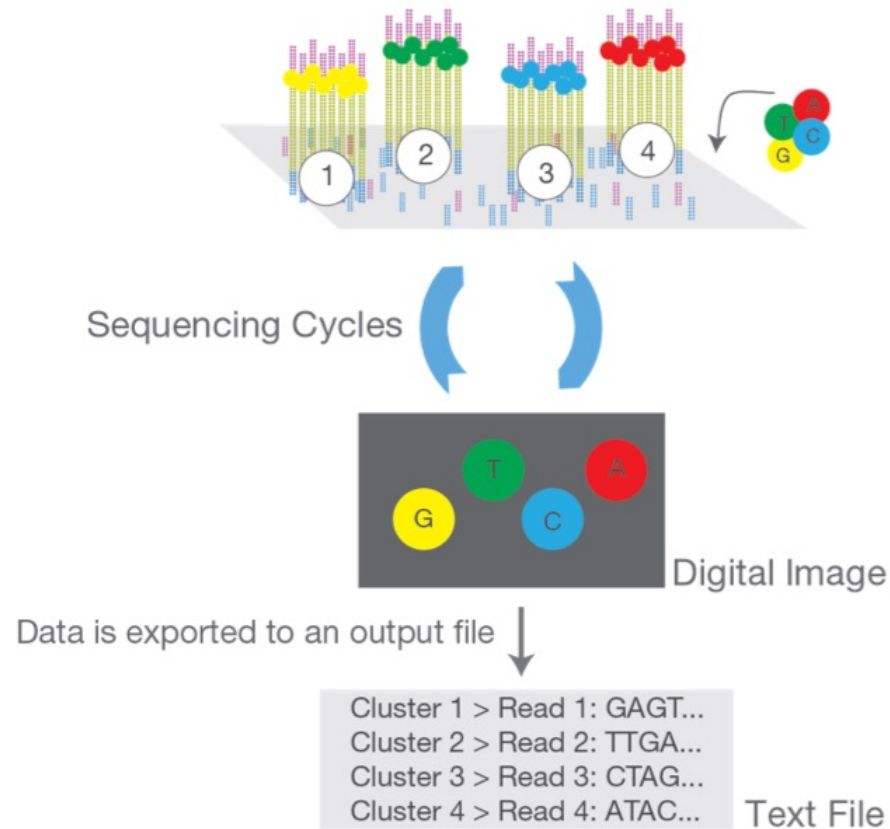
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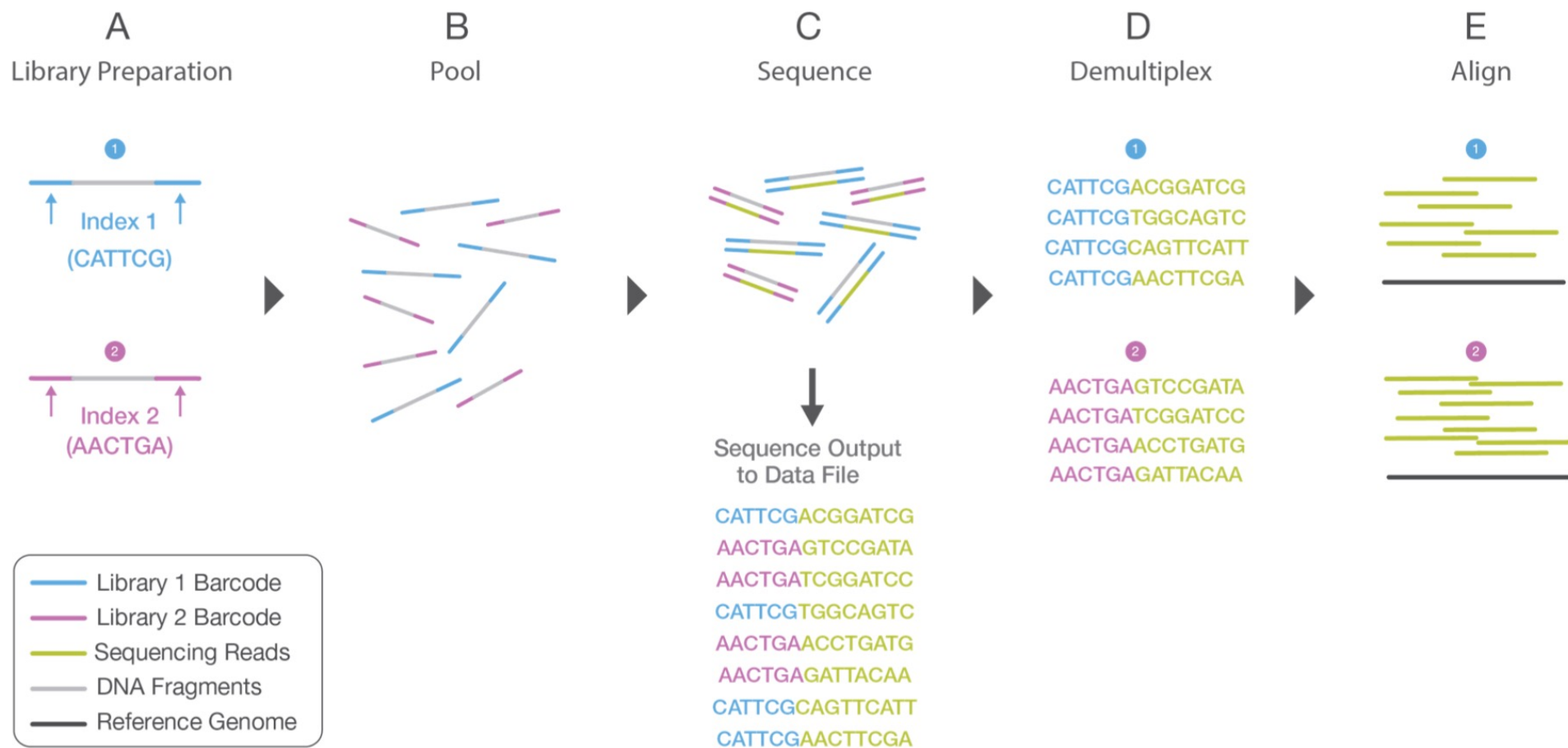




# Short read sequencing (example Illumina)

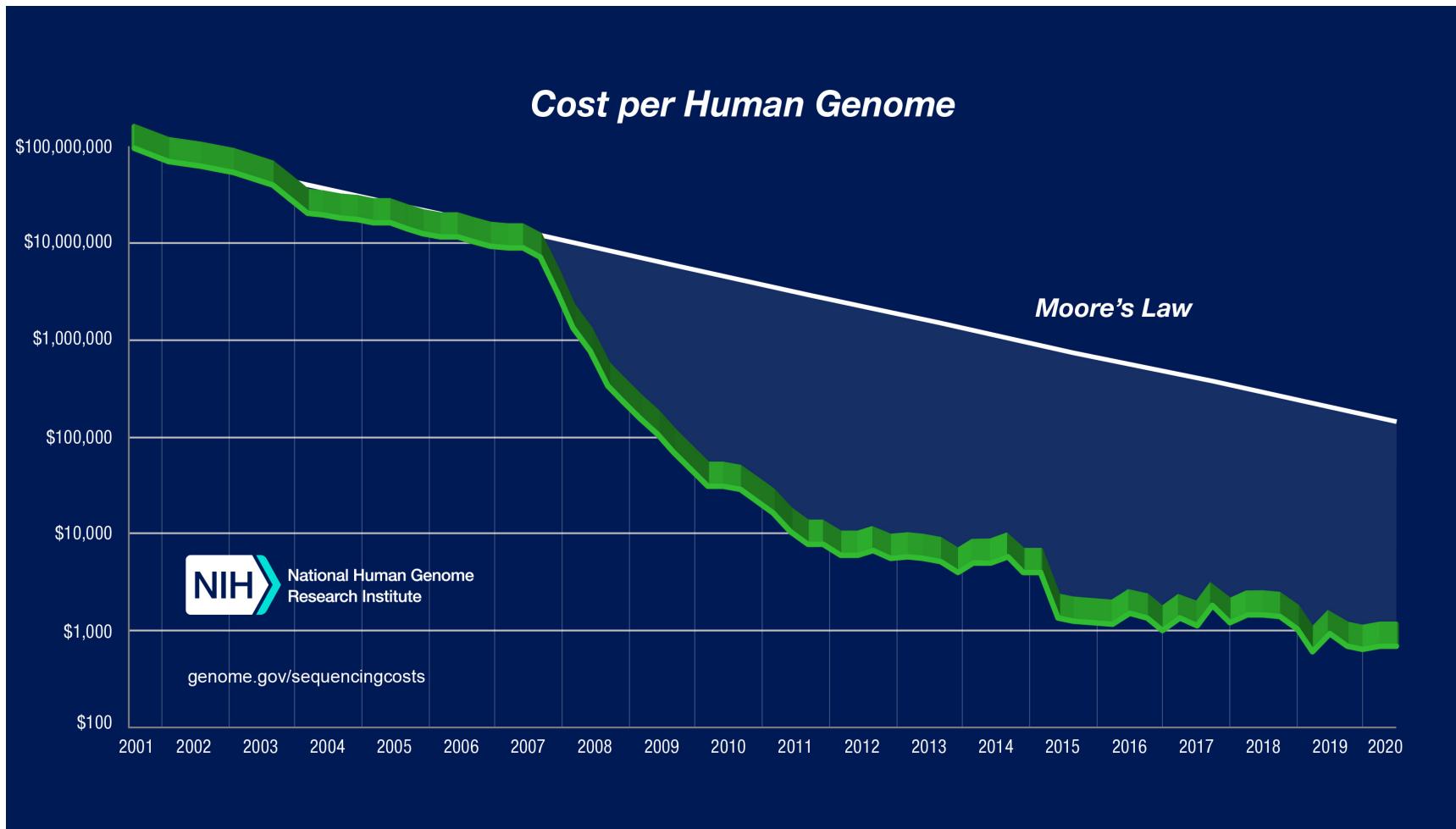
## C. Sequencing





**Up to 384 unique barcode can be used per library**

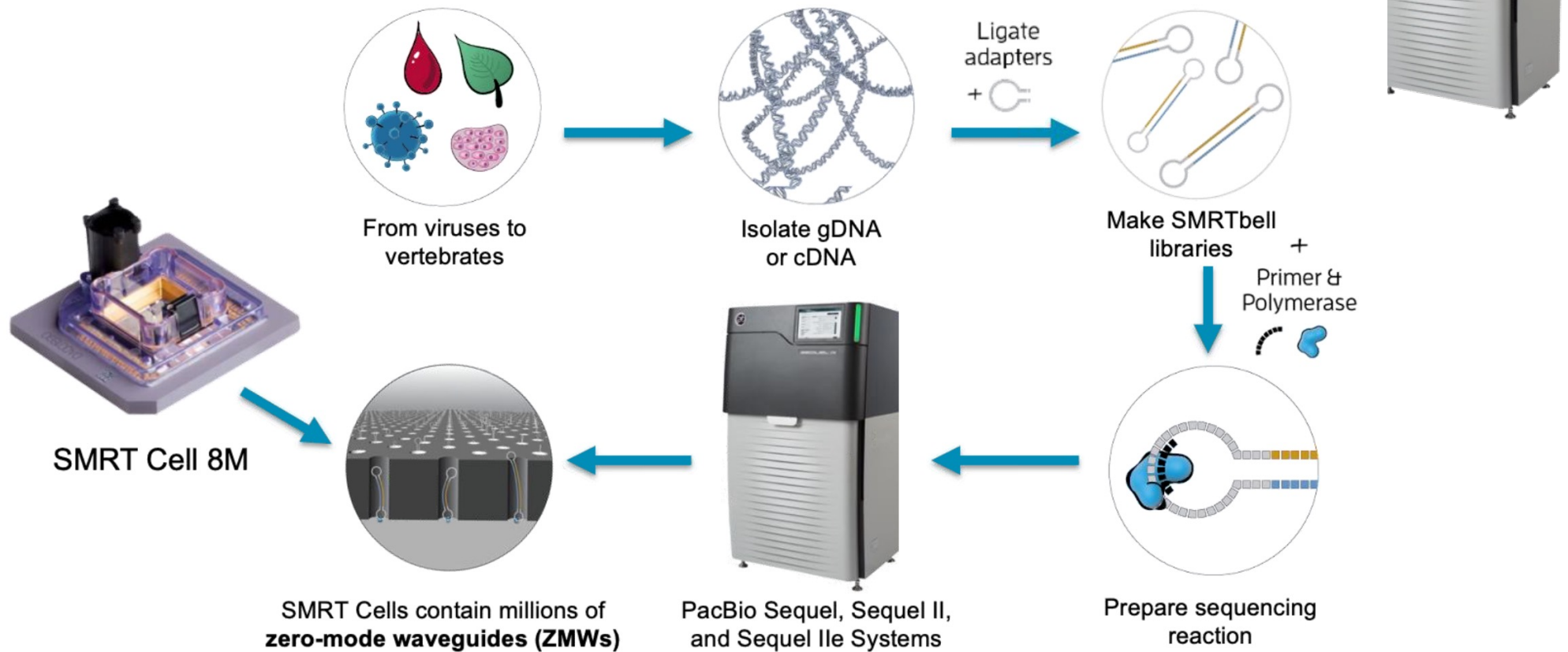
# Cost per base and per genome over time



Health2030  
Genome Center  
850 CHF  
(2021)

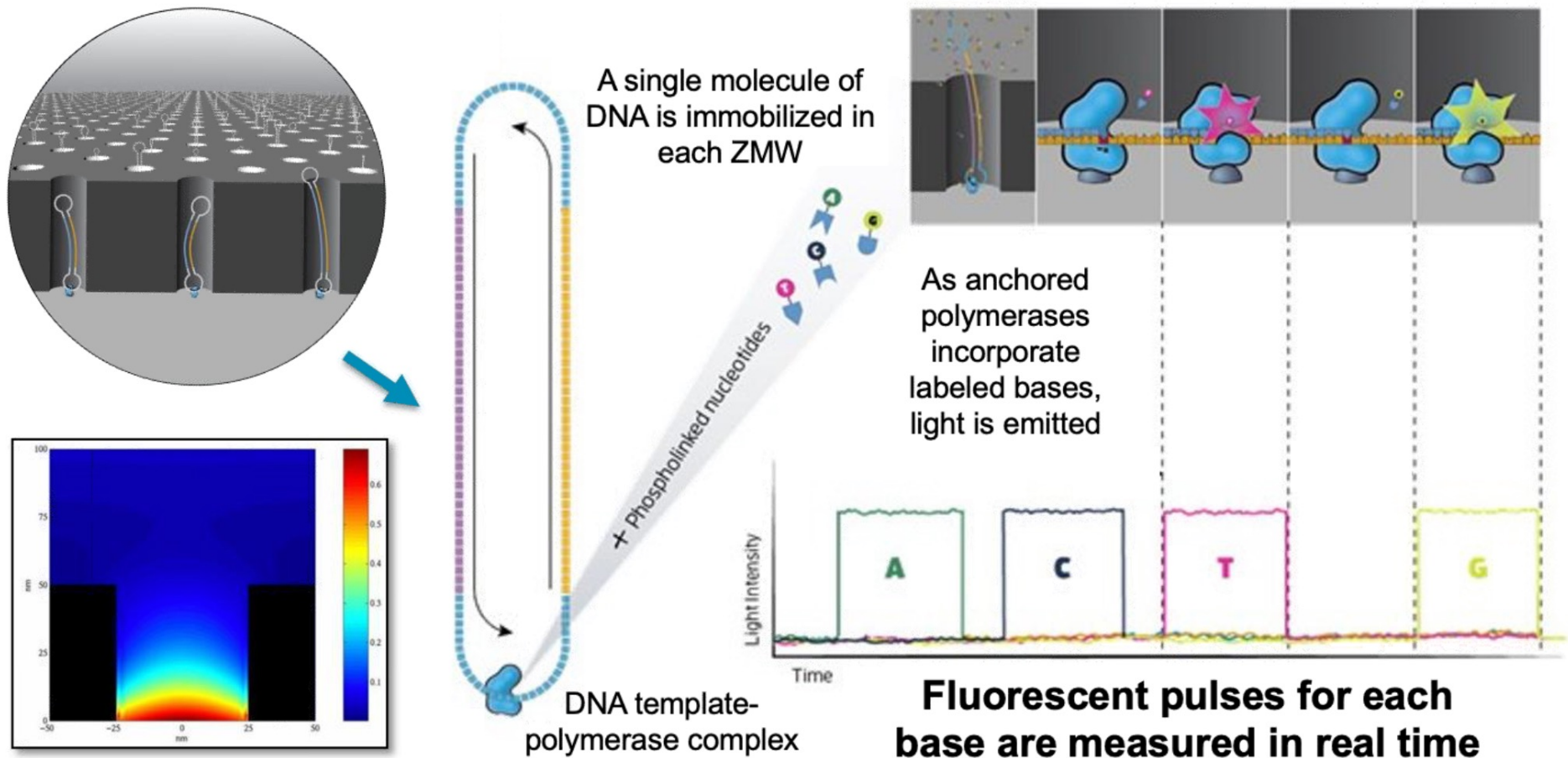
2023 down  
to **150 CHF**

# Long read PacBio





# Watching the movie a DNA molecule



## SMRTbell Template (Insert/Fragment)



### Polymerase Reads



#### Definition:

- Linear sequence of nucleotides incorporated by polymerase while reading a SMRTbell template
- Includes adapters
- 1 molecule → 1 polymerase read

### Subreads



#### Definition:

- Set of linear sequences of nucleotides in forward or reverse strand of SMRTbell template
- Adapters removed (scraps)
- 1 molecule →  $\geq 1$  subreads

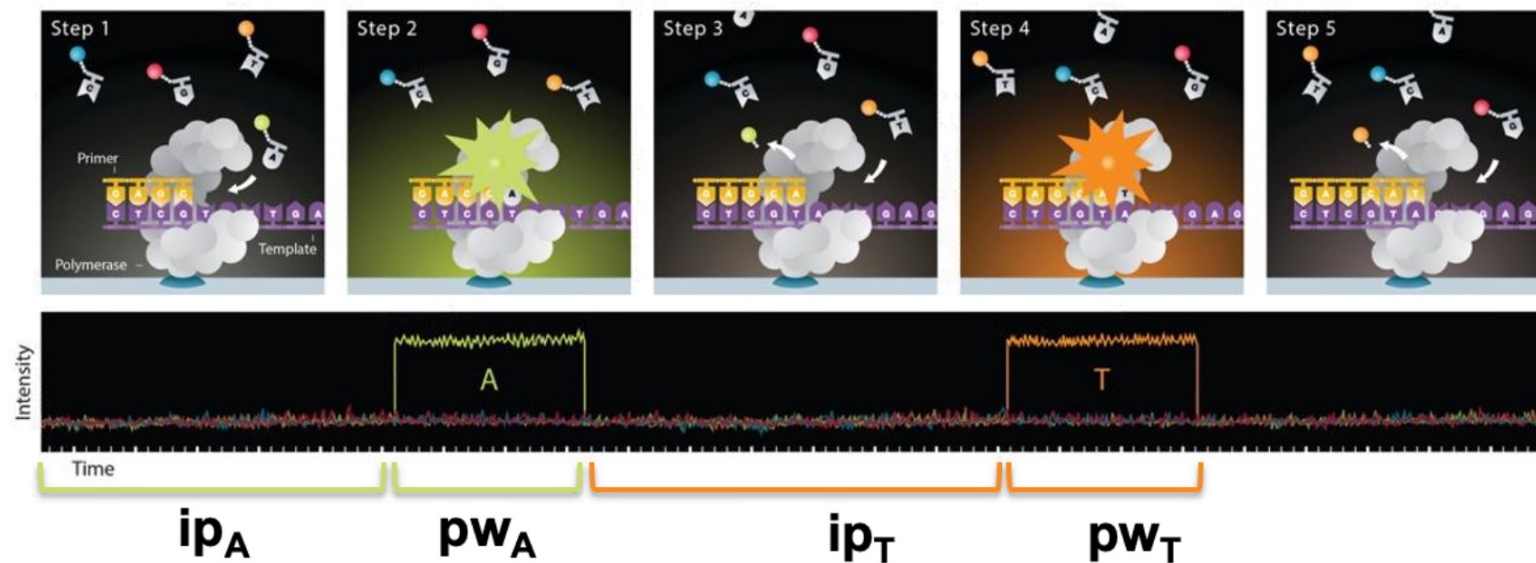
### Circular Consensus Sequence (CCS) Reads



#### Definition:

- Linear sequence of nucleotides calculated by consensus of subreads for single molecule
- **HiFi reads:  $\geq Q20$  read quality**
- 1 molecule → 1 CCS read

# PacBio capture the DNA bases modifications



- **Per-base kinetics** encoded as frames in tags **ip & pw** (comma-separated values)
- Mean Polymerase Rate: ~2 bases per second (stochastic)
- Image Capture Rate: 100 frames per second (up to 30 hours)
  - 0.01 seconds per frame (up to 952 frames per base)

Frames	Encoding
0 .. 63	0, 1, .. 63
64, 66, .. 190	64, 65, .. 127
192, 196 .. 444	128, 129 .. 191
448, 456, .. 952	192, 193 .. 255

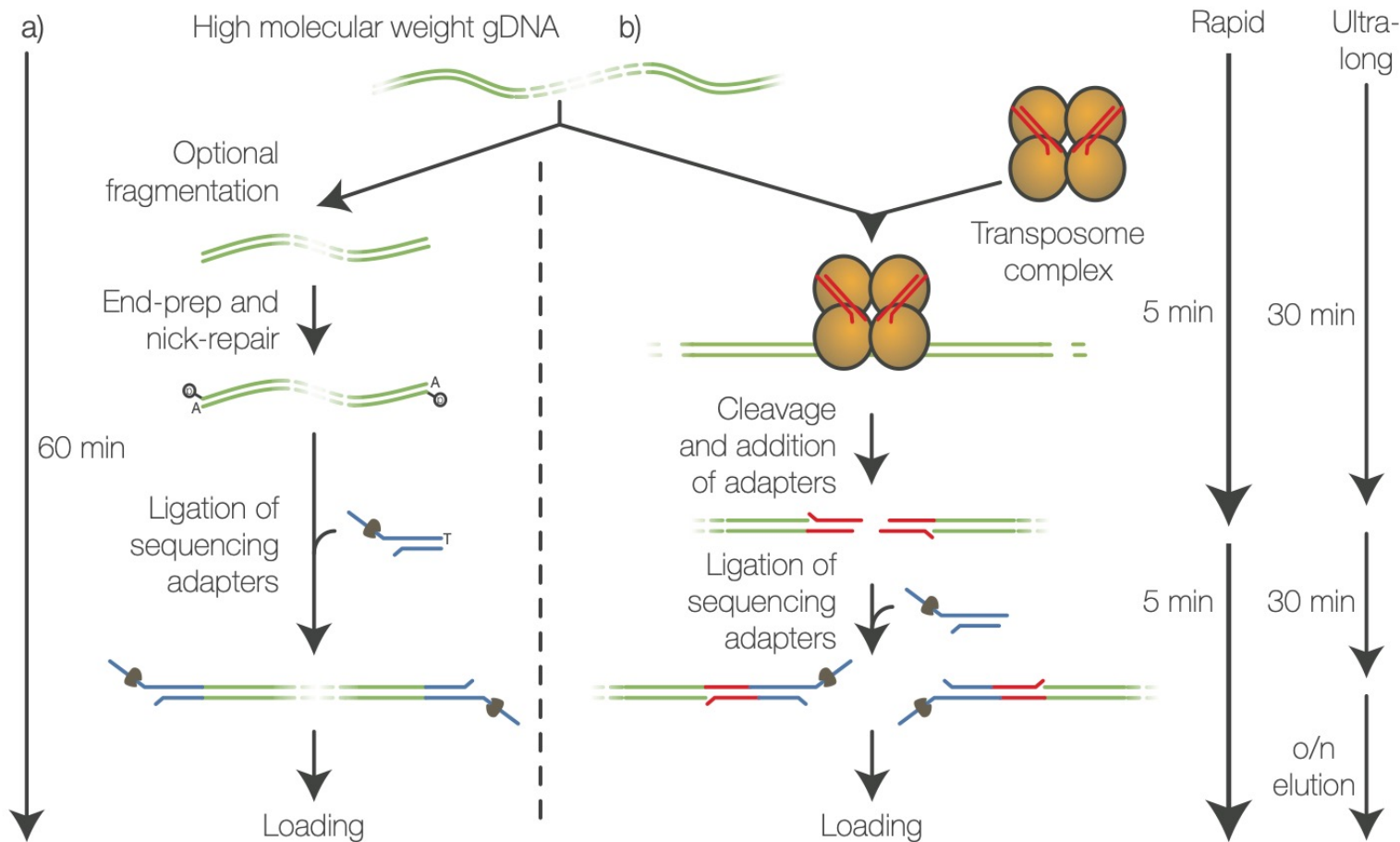
# Long and Ultra Long read nanopore

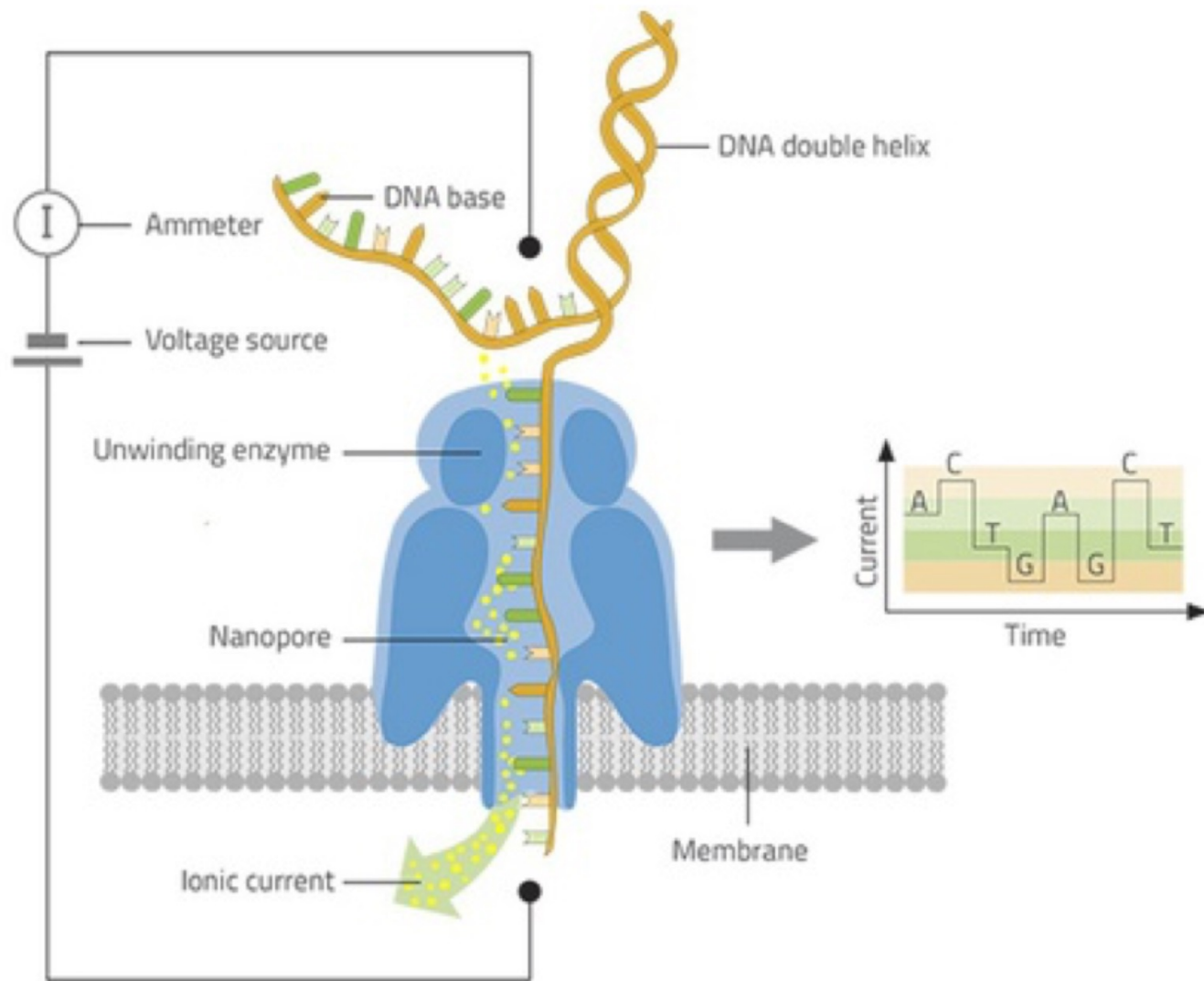
- Small
- No imaging- just an *ammeter*
- Low power can be used in the field (e.g Antarctica)
- Can be send in space ☺...
- Ultra long read >100kbp
- Sequence Zika (Brasil), Ebola in (Africa)
- SARS-Cov2 (UK)





# Long read nanopore (portable/sma





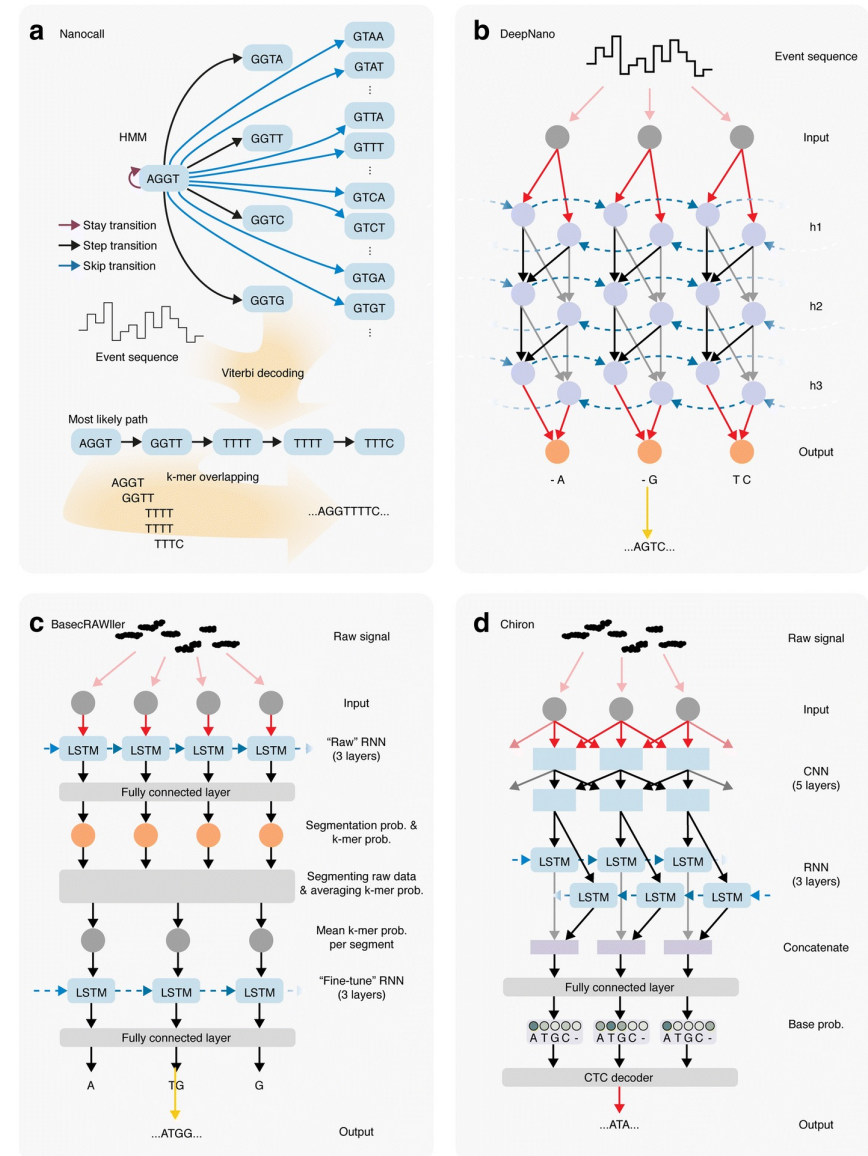
Clarke J. Nature Nanotechnology 4, 265 - 270 (2009)

As the signal is a  
« trace »

Computational method to call a  
nucleotide/modified or not is more  
« tricky »

than fluorescence based nucleotide

Latest use of Neural Network for base  
calling(2018 and onward)



# Optical genome mapping (non sequencing based metho



- Requires High molecular weight DNA
- A restriction enzyme (typically EcoRI other can be used too)
- Create a restriction map of a given from bacteria to human

## **Concept:**

Digest *in silico* with EcoRI the human genome reference and compare the theoretical map with bionano observed map

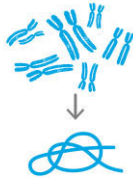


Customer Sample

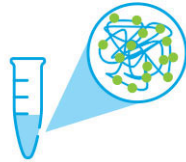
- Blood
- Cells
- Tissue
- Microbes



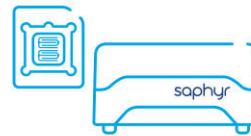
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High Molecular  
Weight DNA



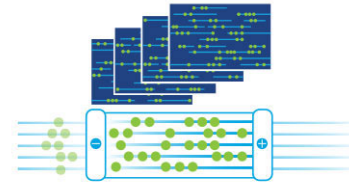
Label Specific  
Sequences Across  
the Entire Genome



Transfer Labeled DNA  
into Cartridge  
for Scanning

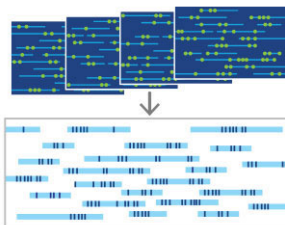


Load, Linearize & Image Labeled  
DNA in Repeated Cycling  
to Scan Whole Genome



High-throughput, High-resolution Imaging of Megabase Length Molecules

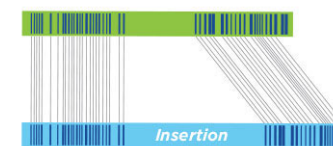
Algorithms  
Convert Images  
into Molecules



Assembly Algorithms Align  
Molecules *de novo* to Construct  
Consensus Genome Maps

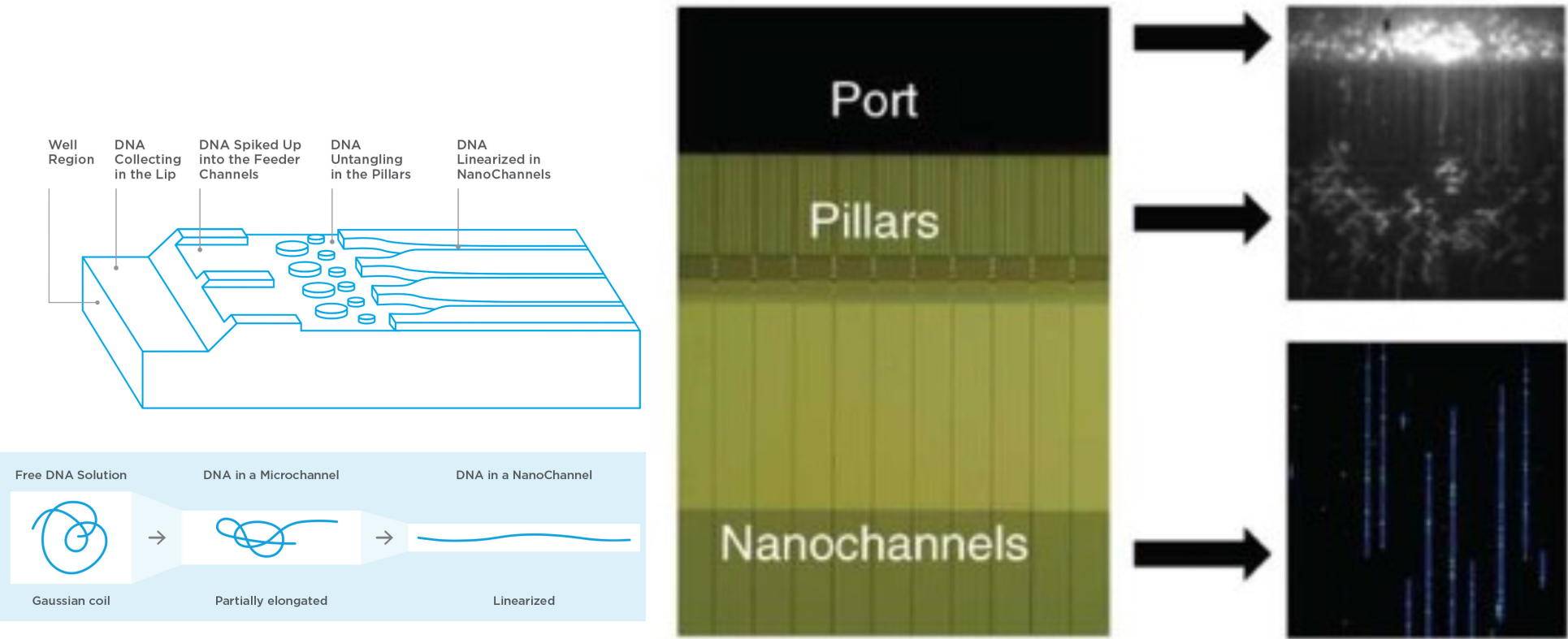


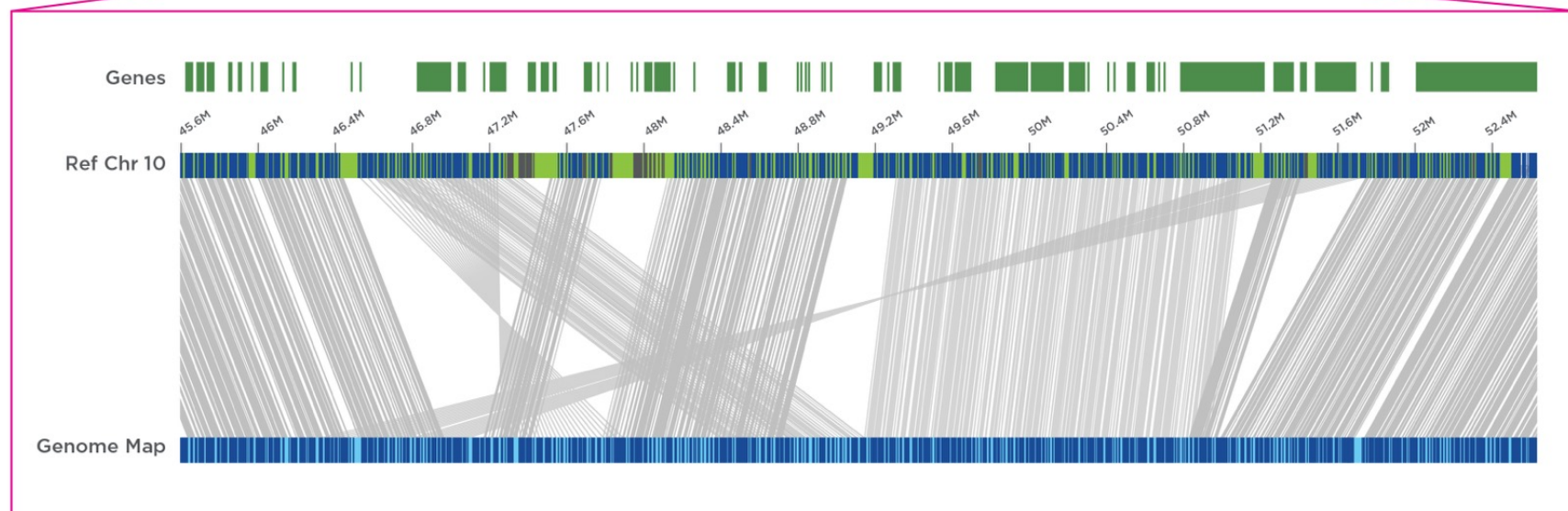
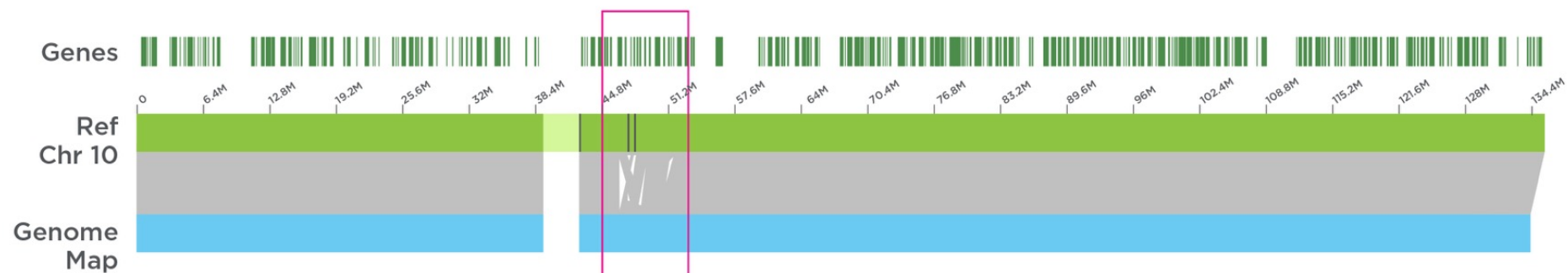
Cross-Mapping Across  
Multiple Samples or  
to a Reference



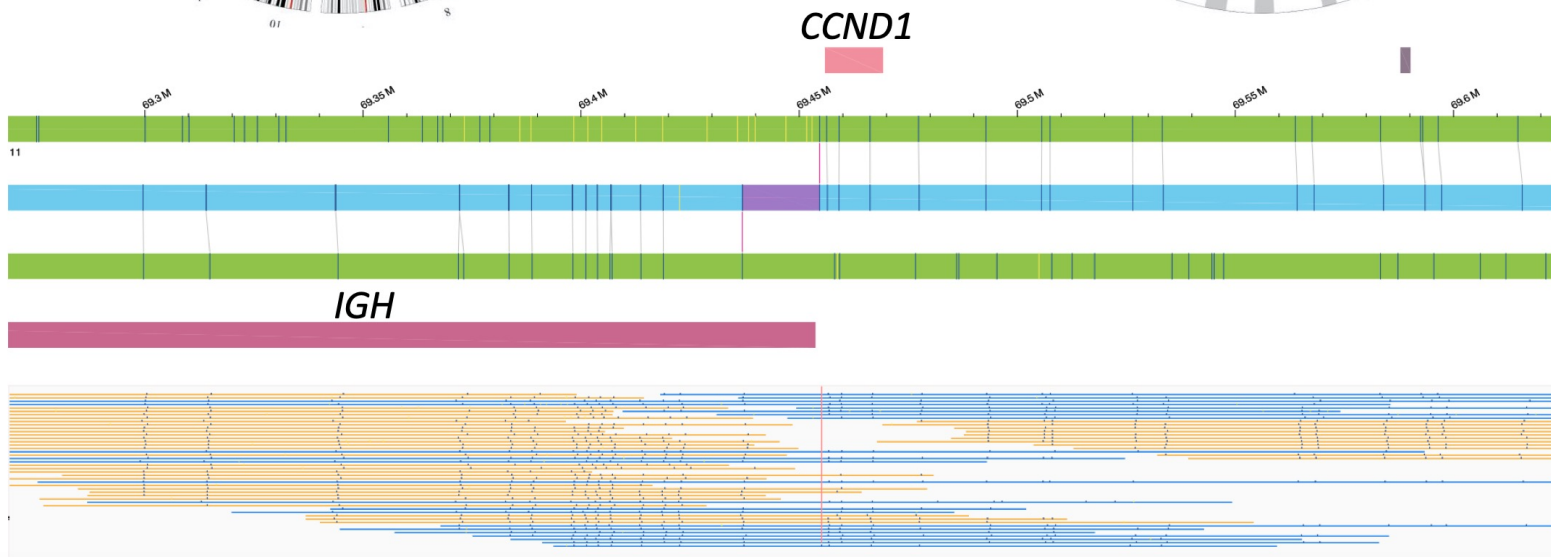
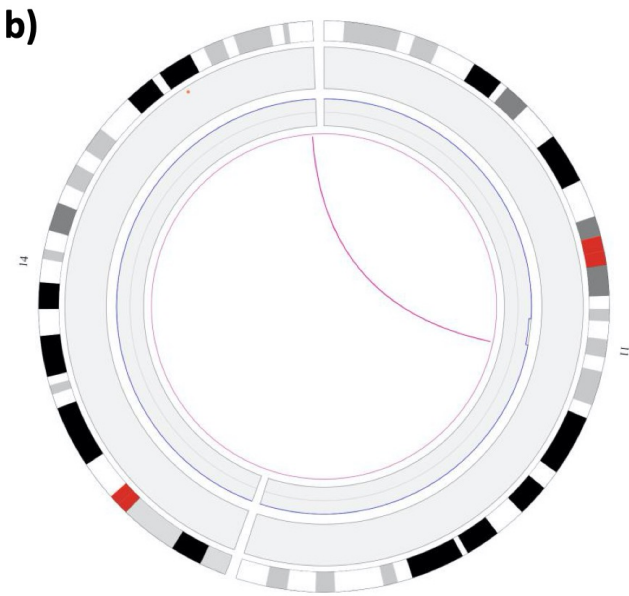
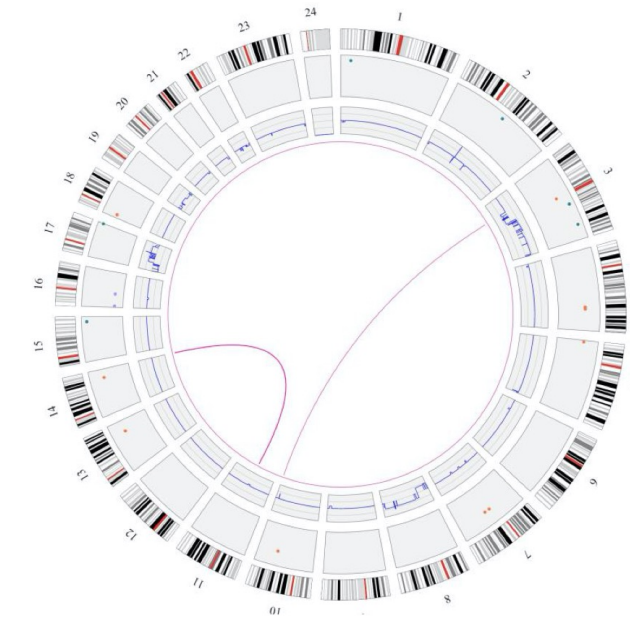
- Automated SV Detection
- Scaffolding

Gel-like to nano-channel threading of DNA –one molecule per channel

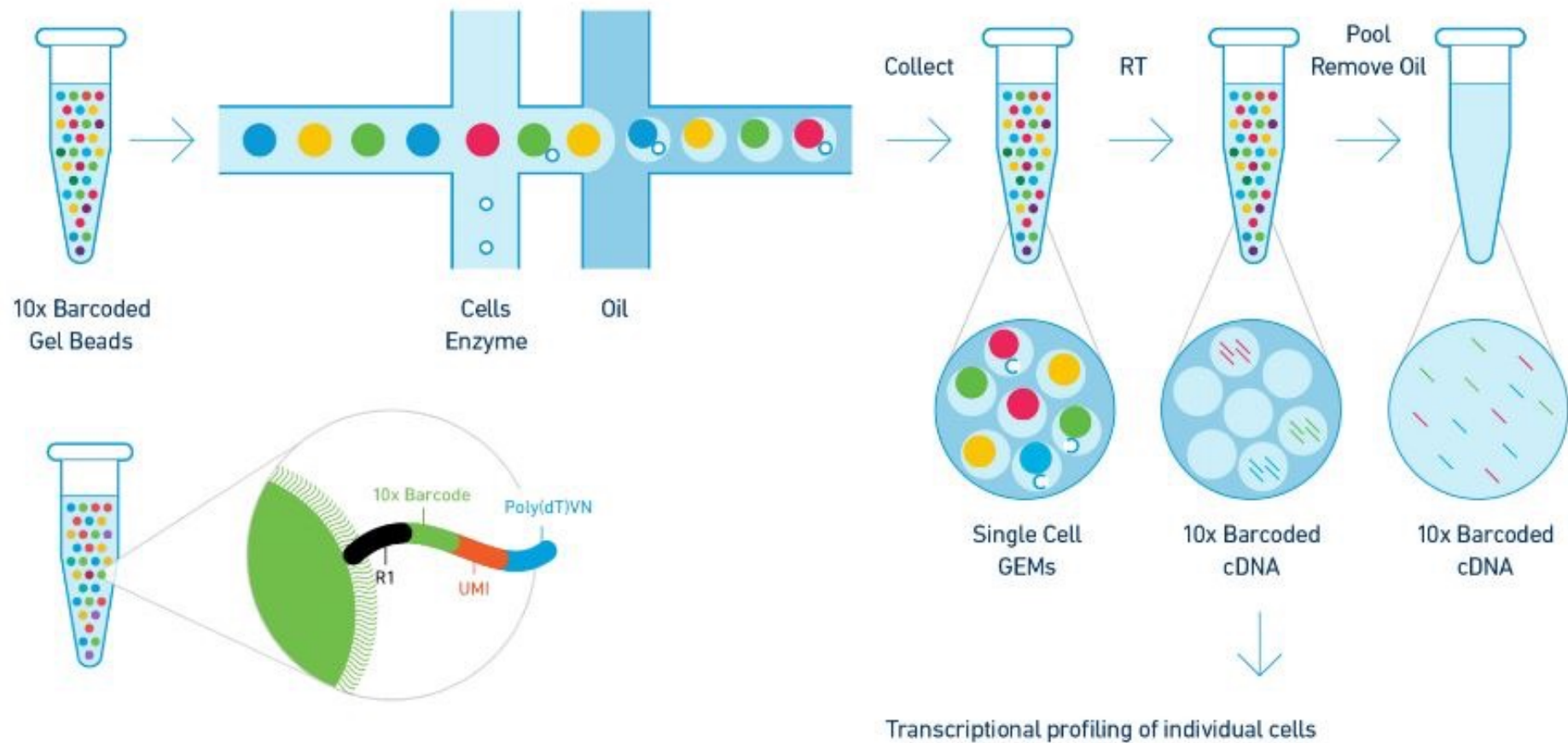




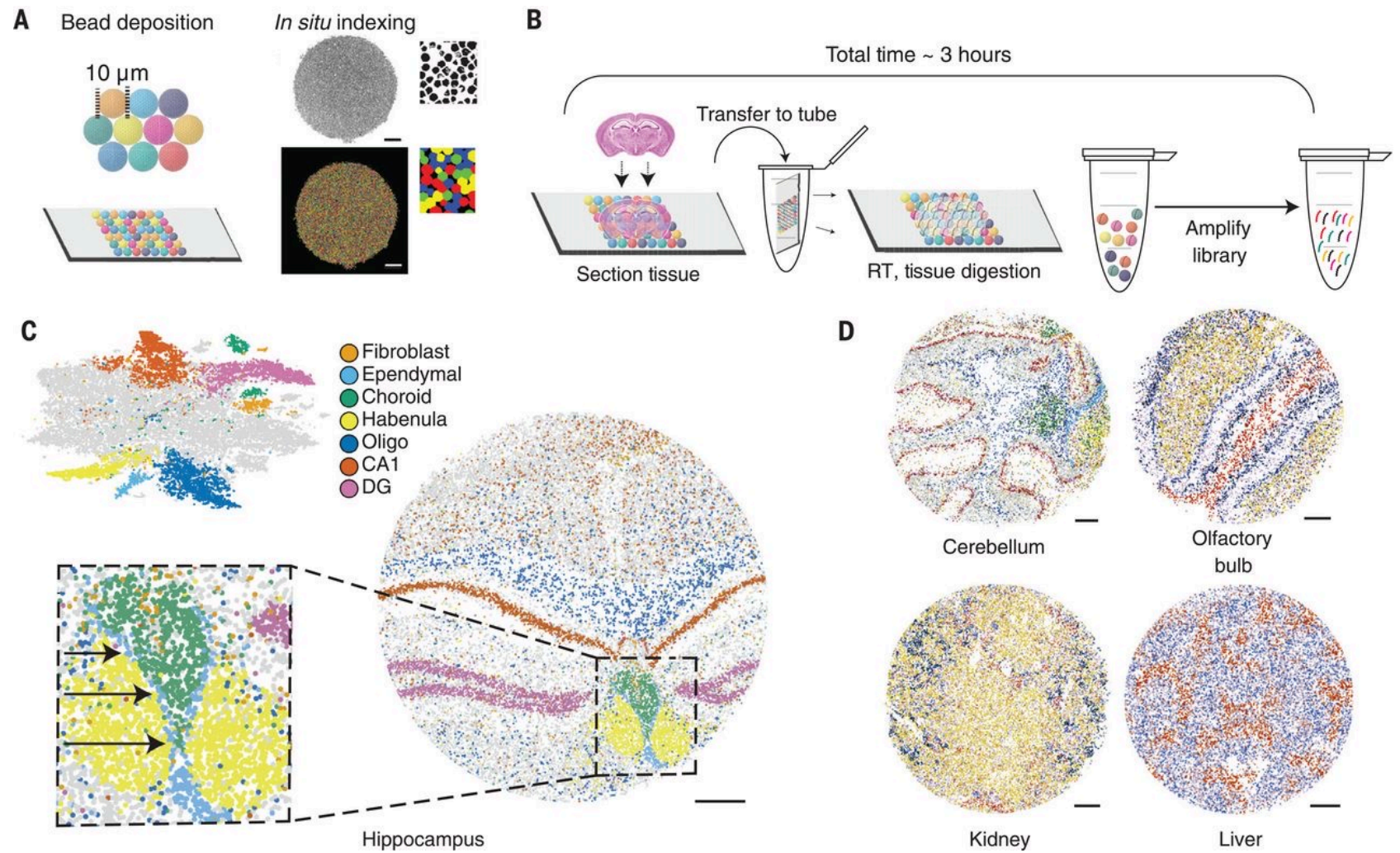
Balanced  
Chromosomal  
Translocation



# Single cell preparation (non adherent cells)







Rodriguez et al. Science, 2019, Slide-Seq

# Mixing technologies the only way forward

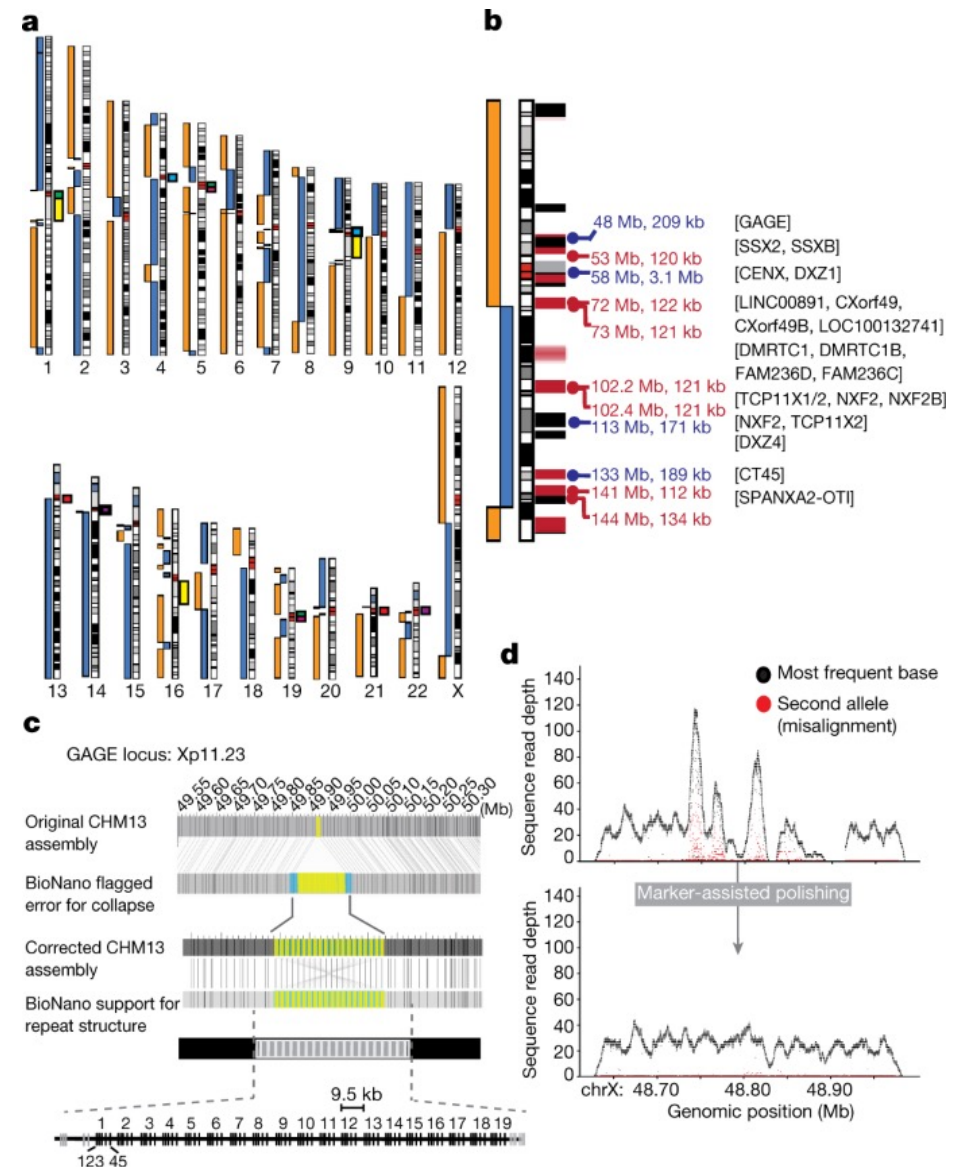
Producing a  
telomere

To telomere

Human genome is  
the next frontier

*Example here the  
X chromosome*

Miga et al. 2020 Nature : Telomere to Telomere



# Sequencing technology summary

- Short – long read – optical mapping – single cell biology are ways to **understand better biology**, to map structure and capture the complexity of life
- It is use in research and more and more clinical setting and can potentially with time become part of day to day life (monitoring, alerting)
- Use to follow pathogene is one of the real life example

**Non invasive**

**Prenatal**

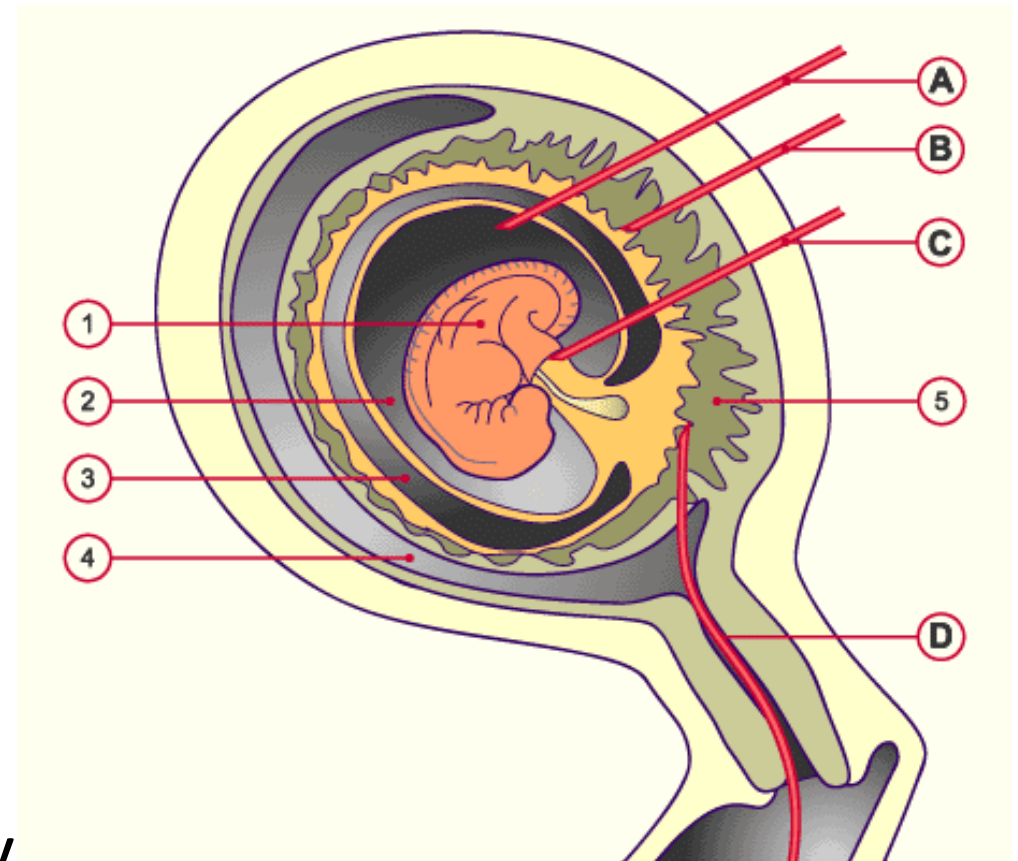
**Diagnostic**

**(NIPT)**

**Disruptive nature of sequencing**

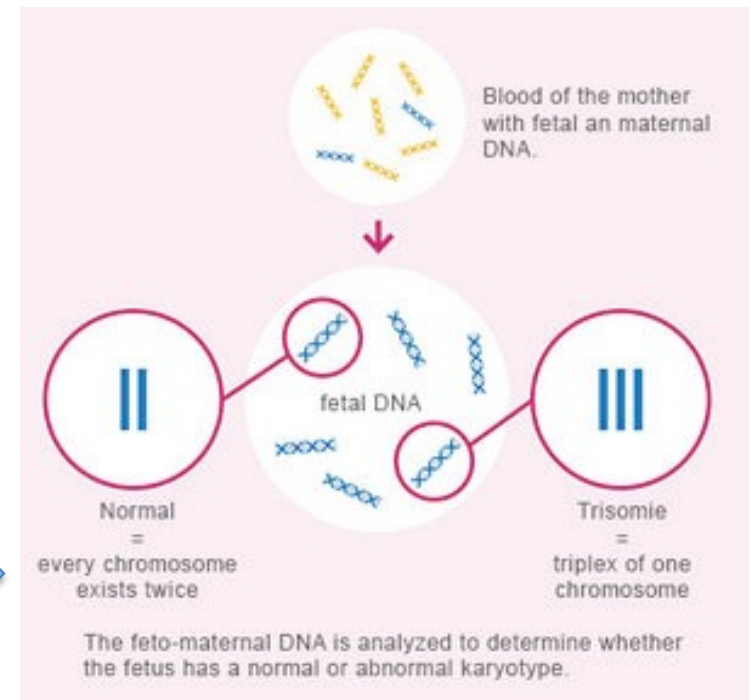
# Invasive detection of T21

1. Embryo
  2. Amniotic cavity
  3. Chorion cavity
  4. Uterine cavity
  5. Chorion frondosum
- A. Amniocentesis  
B. Chorion biopsy  
C. Umbilical blood sampling  
D. Transvaginal chorion biopsy





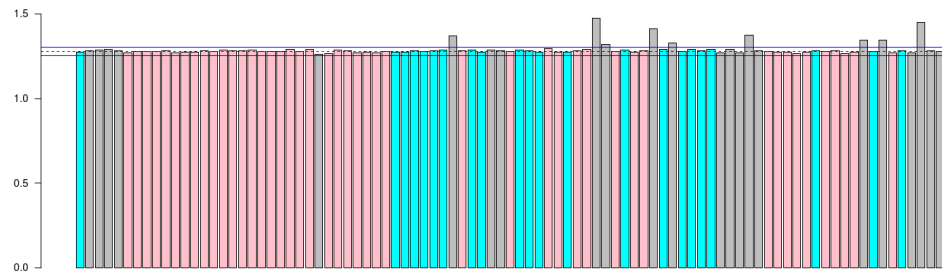
# Non-invasive detection



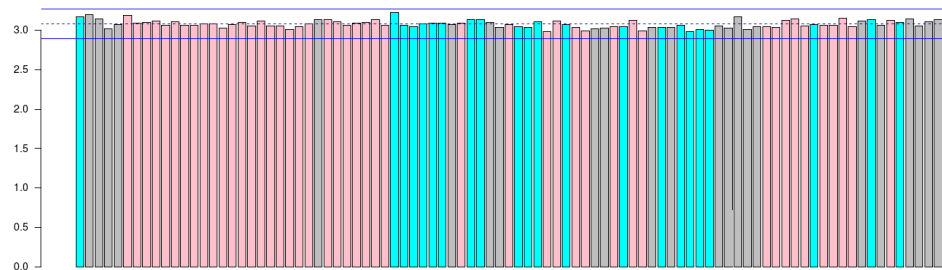
# Evaluation of the state of the art

Our findings showed that although T21 is relatively easy to detect with published algorithms, other aneuploidies are more difficult to detect in a robust way

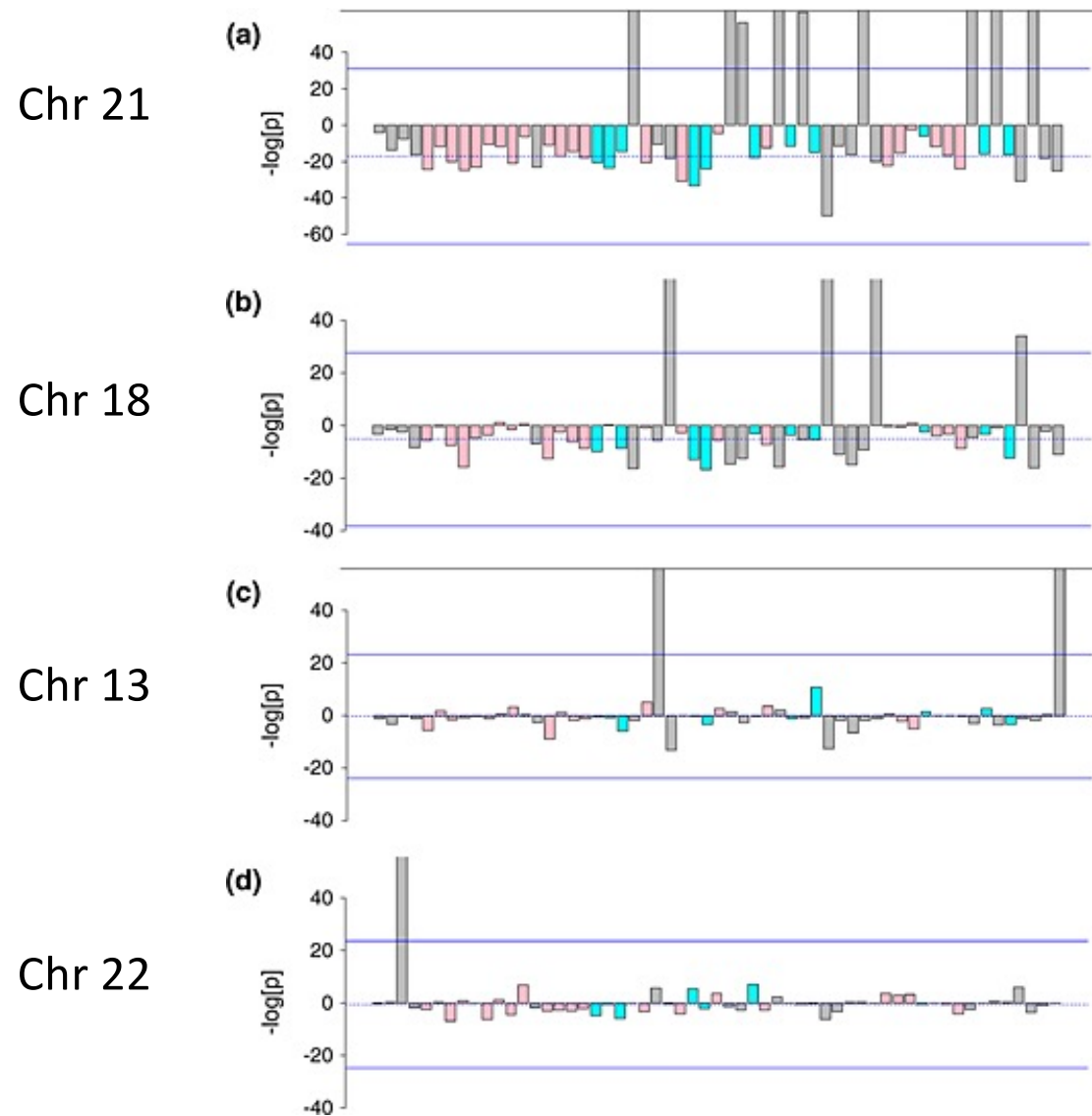
T21



T13



# Novel algorithm development

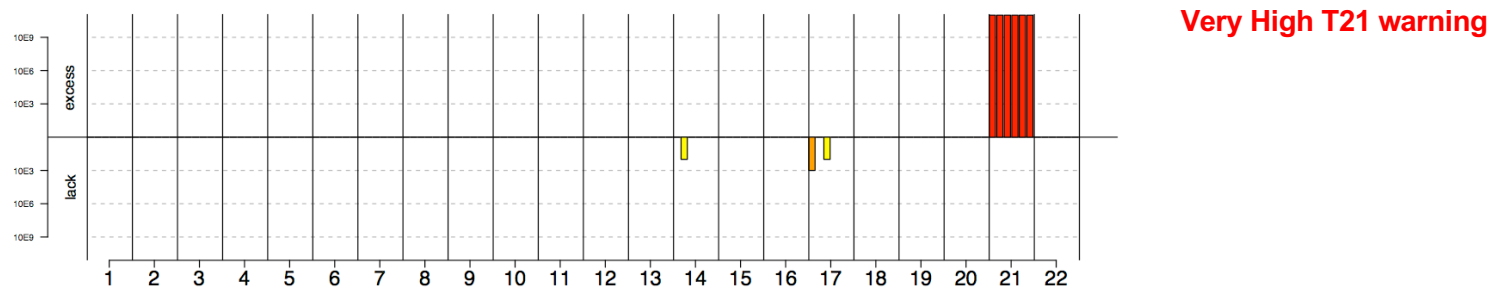


# Double Blind -Clinical Trial Results

(Guex N. et al, *Prenat Diagn.* 2013 Jul;33(7):707-10)

Aneuploidy	Sensitivity	Specificity
Trisomy 21 ( $n = 39$ )	39 (100%, 95% CI 88.8–100)	237/237 (100%, 95%CI 98.0–100)
Trisomy 18 ( $n = 24$ )	23 (95.8%, 95%CI 76.8–99.7)	252/252 (100%, 95%CI 97.0–100)
Trisomy 13 ( $n = 15$ )	15 (100%, 95%CI 74.6–100)	261/261 (100%, 95%CI 98.1–100)
Trisomy 16 ( $n = 1$ )	1 (100%, 95%CI 5.4–100)	275/275 (100%, 95%CI 98.2–100)
Trisomy 22 ( $n = 2$ )	2 (100%, 95%CI 19.7–100)	274/274 (100%, 95%CI 98.2–100)
45,X ( $n = 15$ )	15 (100%, 95%CI 74.6–100)	261/261 (100%, 95%CI 98.1–100)
47,XXX ( $n = 5$ )	5 (100%, 95%CI 46.2–100)	271/271 (100%, 95%CI 98.2–100)

# Trisomy 21 example



When no warnings are reported, the fetus is assumed to be normal.

Think about the situation where the fraction of circulating fetal DNA is very low...



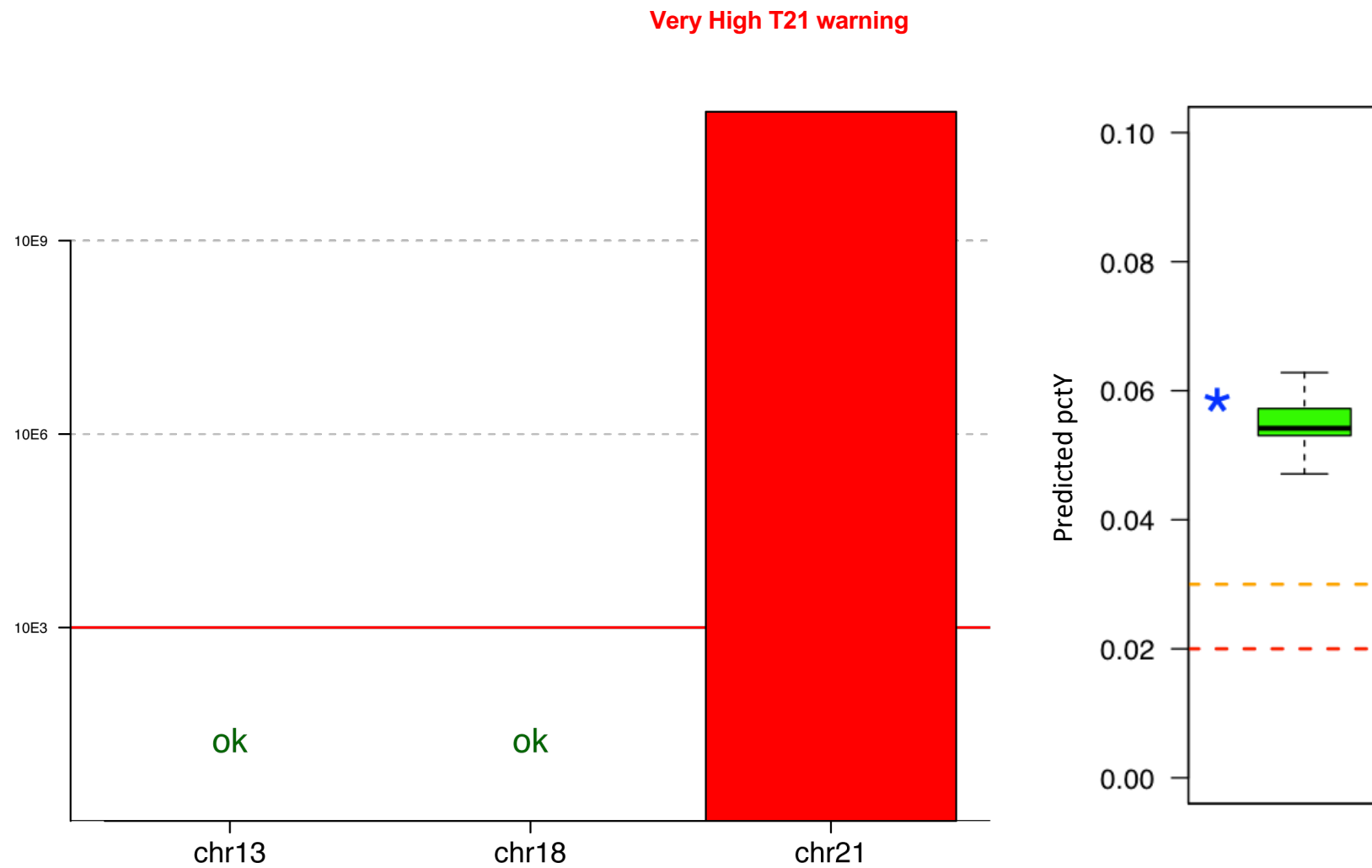
# Evaluation of Fetal Fraction

- Percentage of total tags mapping on chrY is theoretically proportional to the fetal fraction (for males)
- Equivalent measure does not exist for females

## Goal:

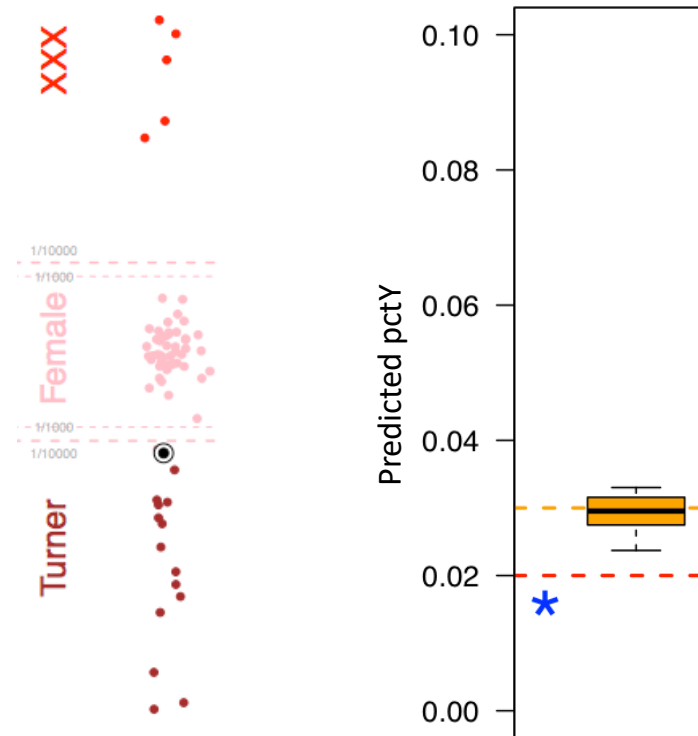
- Identify a “universal” measure derived from autosomes that reflects the fetal fraction

# known T21 male with high Fetal Fraction



Example: female, borderline 46,XX – 45,X

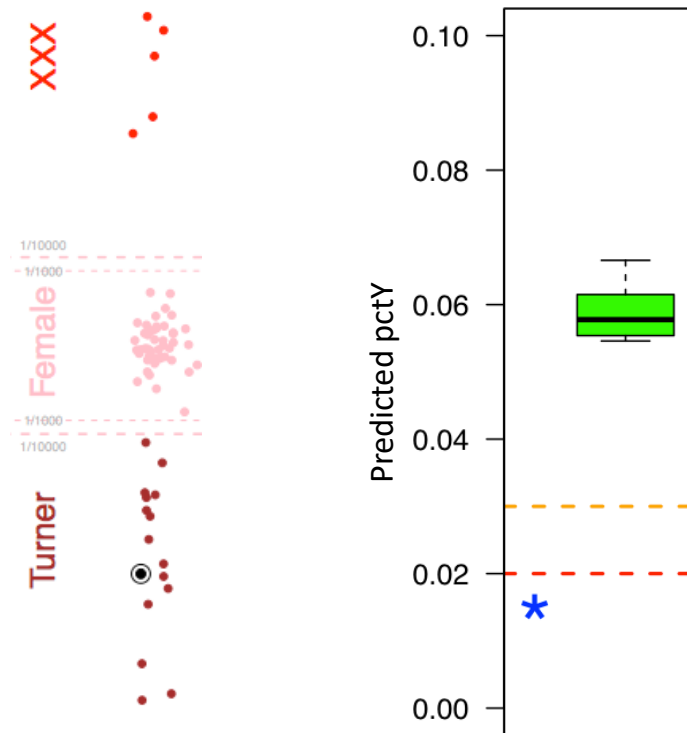
blood sample taken at **11 week** of pregnancy



Low Monosomy X warning

# Same pregnancy

blood sample taken at **13 weeks** of pregnancy



High Monosomy X warning






## **PrenDia – Prenatal Trisomy Detection: development timelines**

- **June 2012** – approached by medisupport
- October 2012 – calibrate new method on known samples
- December 2012 – validate by double blind experiment
- March 2013 – announce new test
- April 2013 – CE marking
- **May 2013** – on the market (PrenDia by GeneSupport)
- June 2014 – fetal Fraction detection in production
- July 2014 – Reimbursed by the LaMal



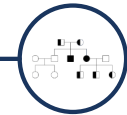
**Rapid  
Whole Genome Sequence in  
Intensive Care Unit  
(Genetic Disease/Rare Variants)  
And  
Pediatric Oncology**

# Rapid whole genome sequencing impacts care and resource utilization in infants with congenital heart disease

Nathaly M. Sweeney <sup>1,2,3</sup>✉, Shareef A. Nahas<sup>1</sup>, Shimul Chowdhury<sup>1</sup>, Sergey Batalov <sup>1</sup>, Michelle Clark <sup>1</sup>, Sara Caylor<sup>1</sup>, Julie Cakici <sup>1,4</sup>, John J. Nigro<sup>2,5</sup>, Yan Ding<sup>1</sup>, Narayanan Veeraraghavan <sup>1</sup>, Charlotte Hobbs<sup>1</sup>, David Dimmock <sup>1</sup> and Stephen F. Kingsmore <sup>1</sup>

Congenital heart disease (CHD) is the most common congenital anomaly and a major cause of infant morbidity and mortality. While morbidity and mortality are highest in infants with underlying genetic conditions, molecular diagnoses are ascertained in only ~20% of cases using widely adopted genetic tests. Furthermore, cost of care for children and adults with CHD has increased dramatically. Rapid whole genome sequencing (rWGS) of newborns in intensive care units with suspected genetic diseases has been associated with increased rate of diagnosis and a net reduction in cost of care. In this study, we explored whether the clinical utility of rWGS extends to critically ill infants with structural CHD through a retrospective review of rWGS study data obtained from inpatient infants < 1 year with structural CHD at a regional children's hospital. rWGS diagnosed genetic disease in 46% of the enrolled infants. Moreover, genetic disease was identified five times more frequently with rWGS than microarray ± gene panel testing in 21 of these infants (rWGS diagnosed 43% versus 10% with microarray ± gene panels,  $p = 0.02$ ). Molecular diagnoses ranged from syndromes affecting multiple organ systems to disorders limited to the cardiovascular system. The average daily hospital spending was lower in the time period post blood collection for rWGS compared to prior ( $p = 0.003$ ) and further decreased after rWGS results ( $p = 0.000$ ). The cost was not prohibitive to rWGS implementation in the care of this cohort of infants. rWGS provided timely actionable information that impacted care and there was evidence of decreased hospital spending around rWGS implementation.

# Service development: Rapid WGS in critically ill infants



"I have never seen a diagnostic tool that's made such huge impact in intensive care medicine in all my years of practice"

Mario Rojas, MD  
NICU Medical Director Valley Children's Hospital

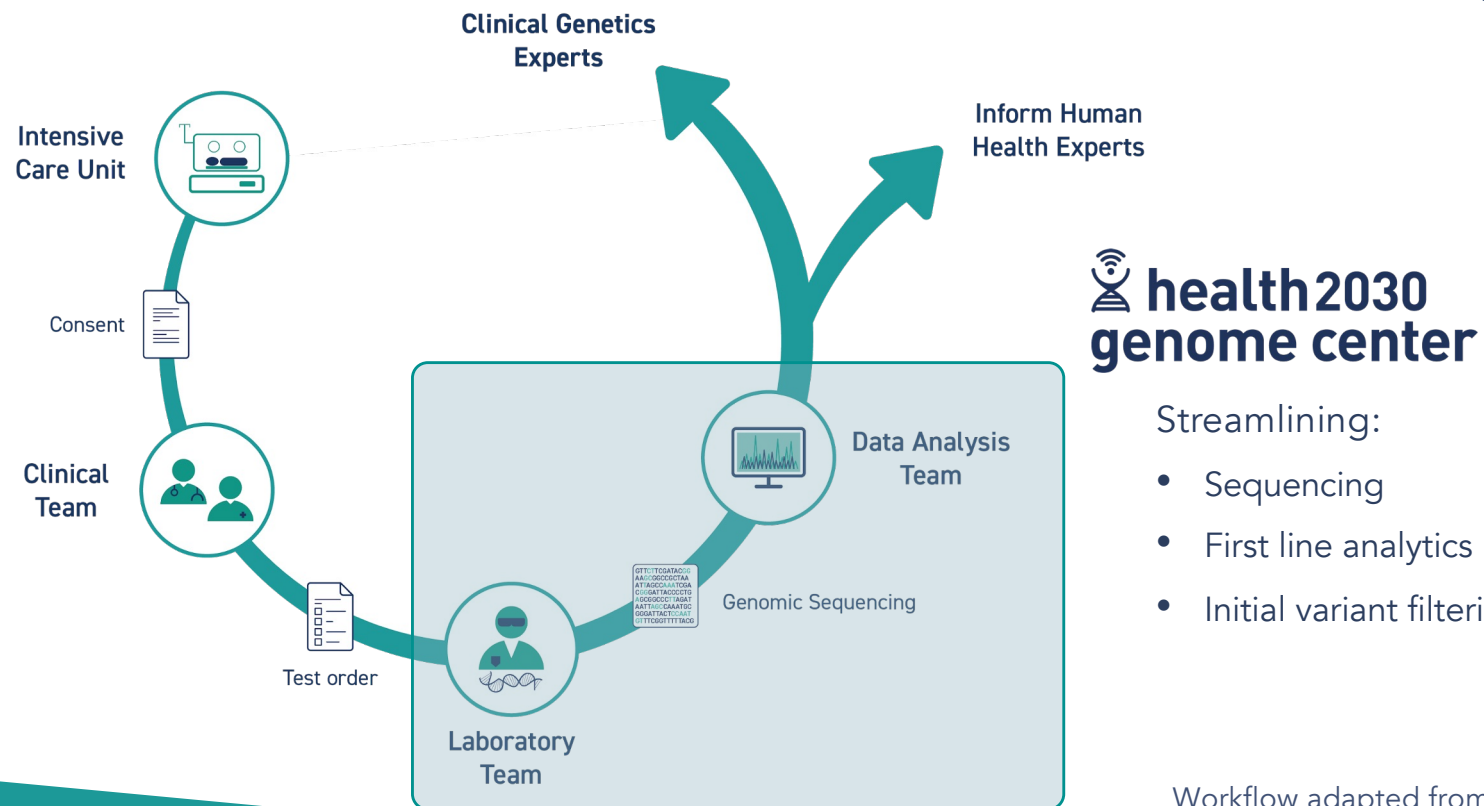
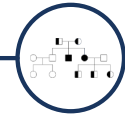


# Predicted number of PICU patients for rWGS

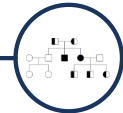
	Estonia	Switzerland
Population	1.329 Mio	8.698 Mio
Number of live births (2021)	13,272	89,644
Number of patients in Level III PICUs (per year)	520-550	3,406-3,602
Newborns among the PICU patients	Approx. 210-230 (40-45%)	Approx. 1,375-1,507
Newborns with suspected genetic disease in PICU	Approx. 88 (38-41%)	Approx. 576
Number of newborn PICU patients considered for rWGS (per year)	50-75	328-491

Data kindly shared by Prof. Tuuli Metsvaht, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Tartu University Hospital, Estonia

# Automated and standardized rapid WGS workflow



# Development and validation of the rWGS workflow



nature metabolism



Article

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## Singleton analysis of three unrelated patients with known MMA variants

- Filters: MAF  $\leq 0.1$ ; Consequences
- HP:0012120 Methylmalonic aciduria
- Genomics England PanelApp:
  - Inborn errors of metabolism
  - Sever Paediatric Disorders (only Green genes, high evidence)

## Results:

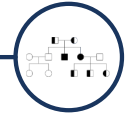
### All expected genes found in the 3 samples by Congenica AI

- MMA017: *MUT* (ranked #1)
- MMA185: *SUCLA2* (ranked #1)
- MMA196: *ACSF3* (ranked #3)

Congenica AI prioritizes expected variants and drastically reduces the number of variants to interpret



# Development and validation of the rWGS workflow



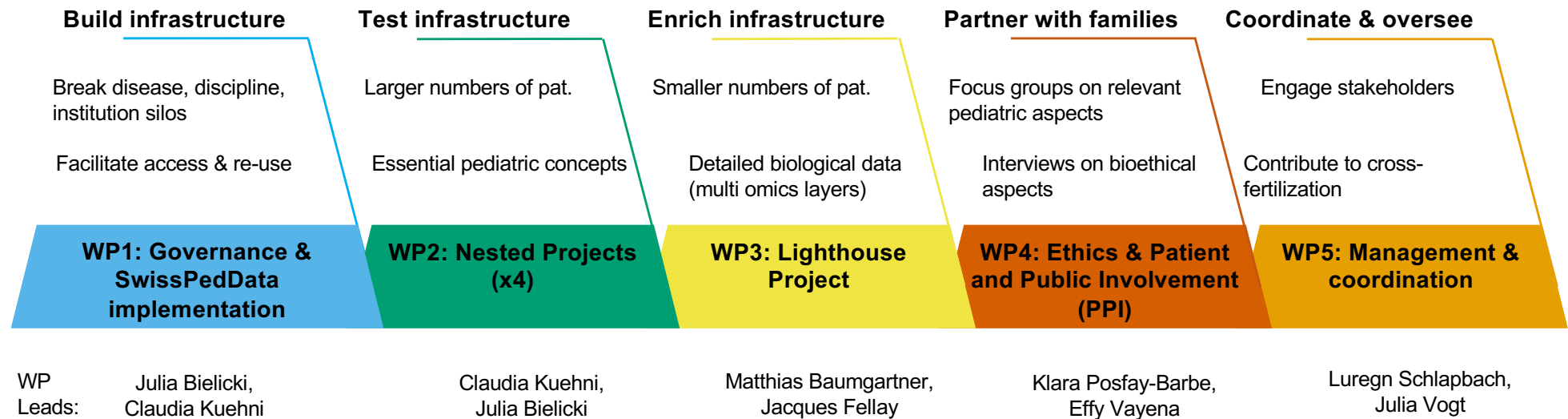
Trio analysis of three PICU patients with unknown or blinded variants

Prof. Dr. Matthias Baumgartner

Prof. Dr. Johannes Häberle

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	Congenica AI filtered SNVs/genes	WGS at the Genome Center	Previously performed WES
Patient 1	16/14	<b>Clinically relevant variant</b>	No variants to report
Patient 2	17/15	<b>Clinically relevant variant</b>	Clinically relevant variant
Patient 3	10/10	No variants to report	No variants to report



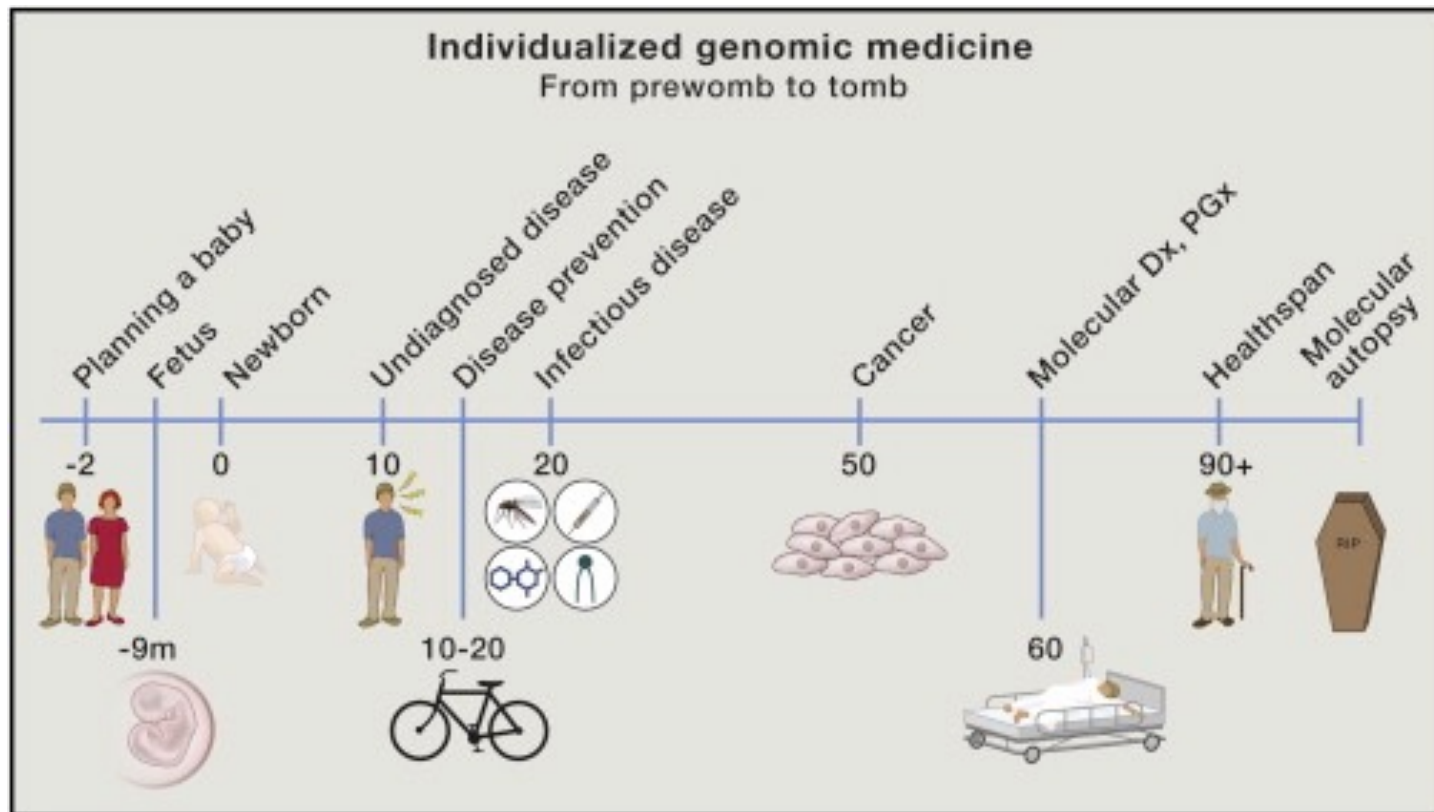
We aim to make routine data from children's hospitals interoperable, harmonized and quality-controlled using a **modular and scalable approach**

Slide credit: Sean Froese & Rebeca Mozun

**What is the future  
of high throughput  
Bioinformatics and medicine**

# Sequencing over the entire life

- Cell free DNA can be used as indicator of what type of treatment or disease the person will have



# Repertoire of (*longitudinal*) 'omics data available

