

Illuminating the Dark Genome: evaluation of technologies to assess medically relevant dark spots

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Emerging technologies improve genomes

Technology	Yield/flow cell	Read Length/Range
PacBio Sequel	~10 Gbp	~15 kbp *
ONT MINion	~10-12 Gbp	~30 kbp *
ONT Promethion	~80 Gbp	~30 kbp *
10x Linked Reads	~30x	100bp paired end/ 100kbp



REVIEWS

COMPUTATIONAL TOOLS

Piercing the dark matter:
bioinformatics of long-range
sequencing and mapping

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BRIEF REPORT | Genetics in Medicine

**Long-read genome sequencing identifies causal structural
variation in a Mendelian disease**

Jason D. Merker, MD, PhD^{1,2}, Aaron M. Wenqer, PhD³, Tam Sneddon, DPhil²,



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New Results

**Detection of GBA missense mutations and other variants using the Oxford
Nanopore MinION**

Melissa Leija-Salazar, Fritz J Sedlazeck, Katya Mokretar, Stephen Mullin, Marco Toffoli, Maria Athanasopoulou,

New Results

**Multi-platform discovery of haplotype-resolved structural variation in human
genomes**

Mark J.P. Chaisson, Ashley D. Sanders, Xuefang Zhao, Ankit Malhotra, David Porubsky, Tobias Rausch, Eugene J.

New Results

**Complex rearrangements and oncogene amplifications revealed by long-read
DNA and RNA sequencing of a breast cancer cell line**

Maria Nattestad, Sara Goodwin, Karen Ng, Timour Baslan, Fritz J. Sedlazeck, Philipp Rescheneder, Tyler Garvin,

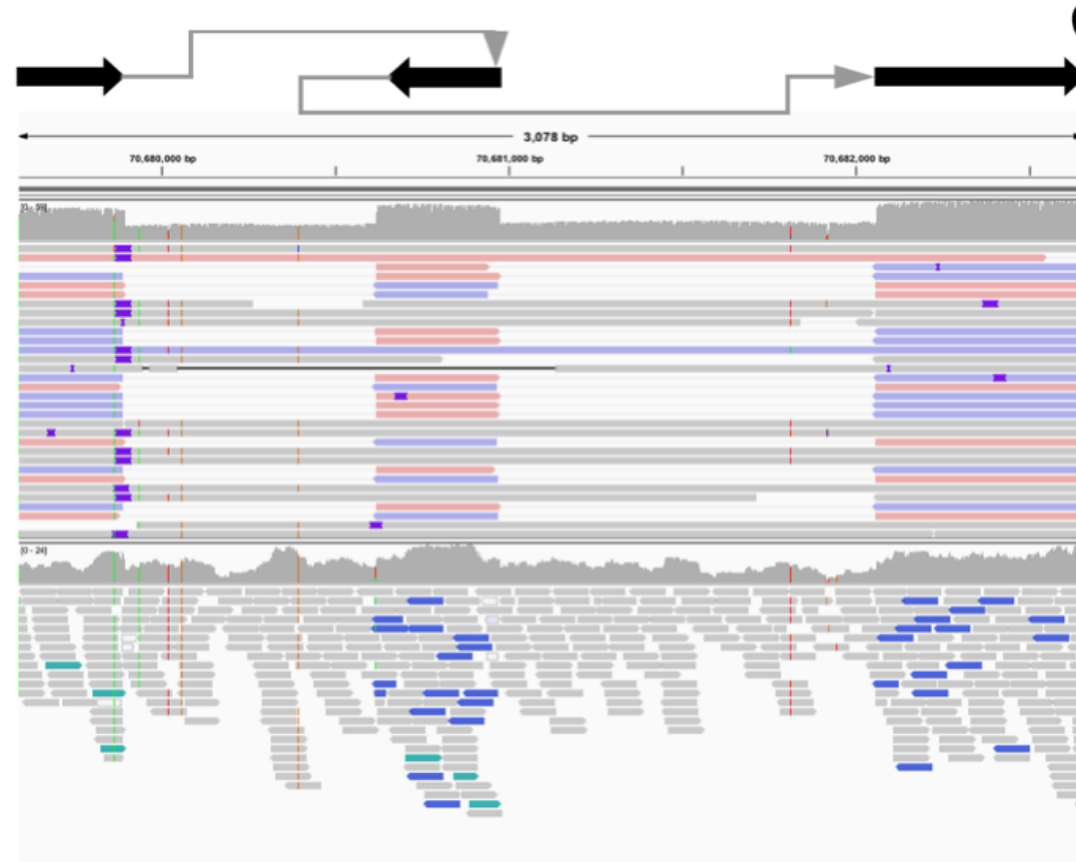
Identification of complex SVs with long reads

Long reads:

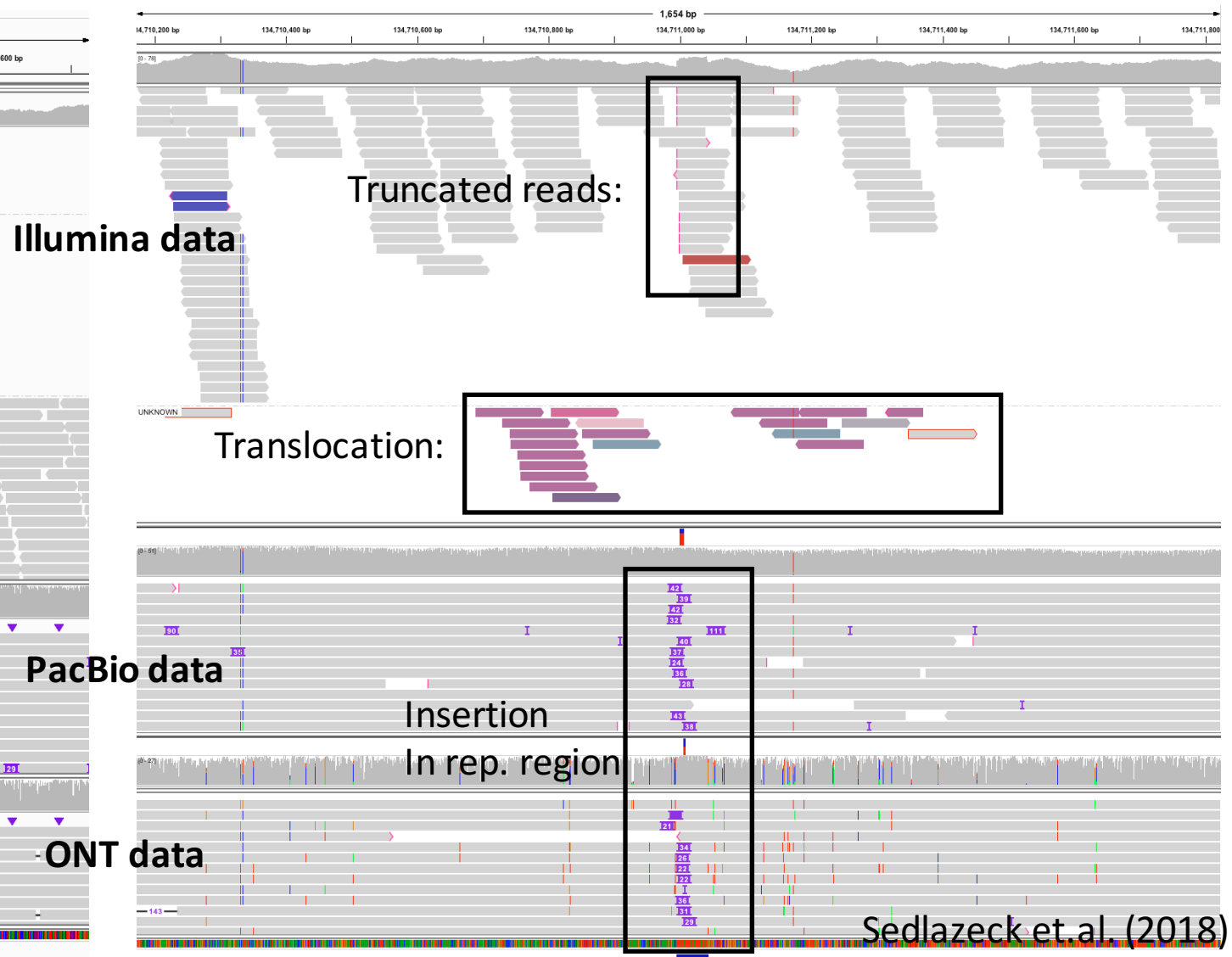
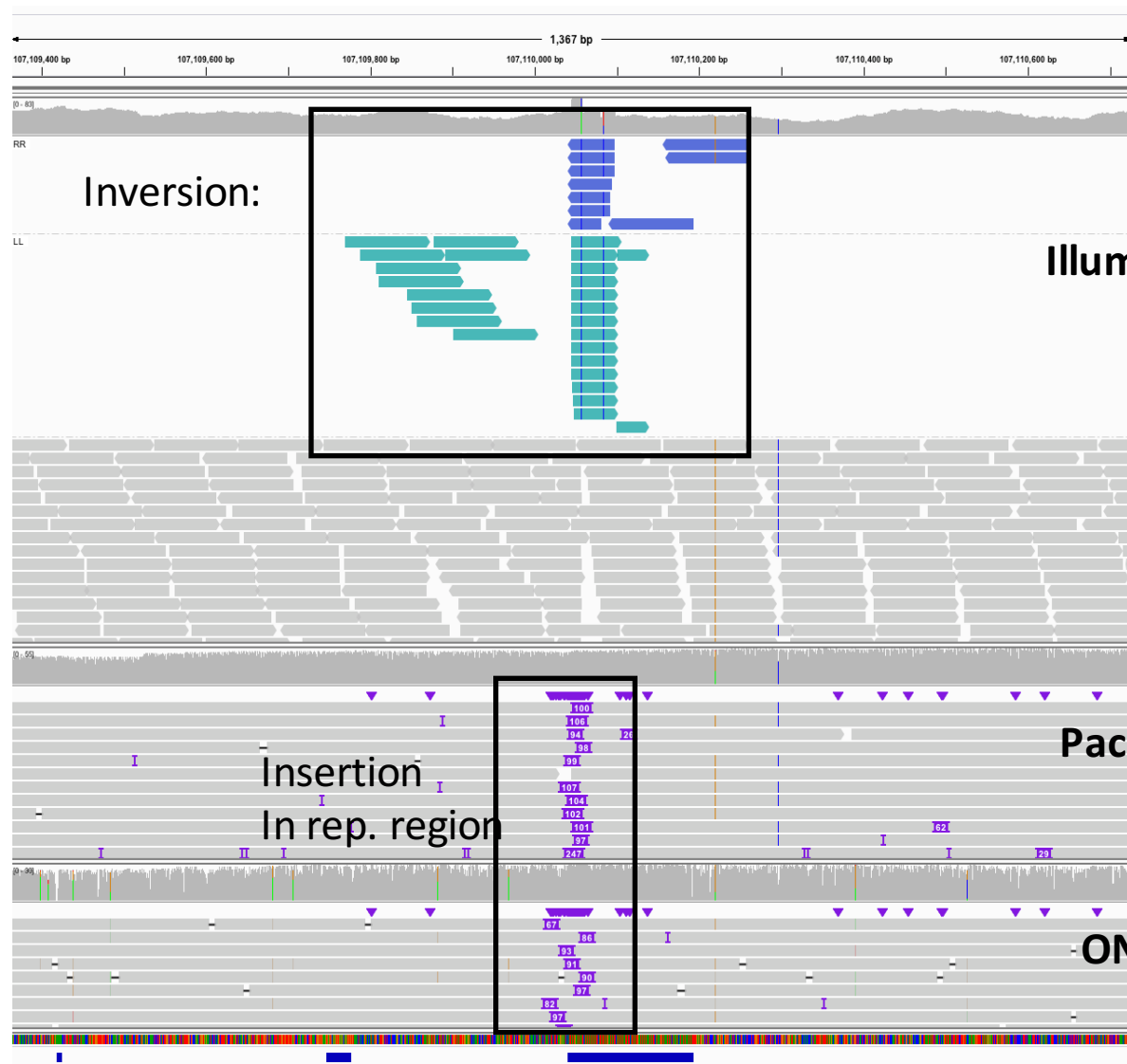
- (+) SVs in repetitive regions
- (+) Span SVs
- (+) Uniform coverage
- (+) Can identify more complex SVs

Inversion flanked by deletions:

- Haemophilia A
- Only found over long range PCR!
(2007)

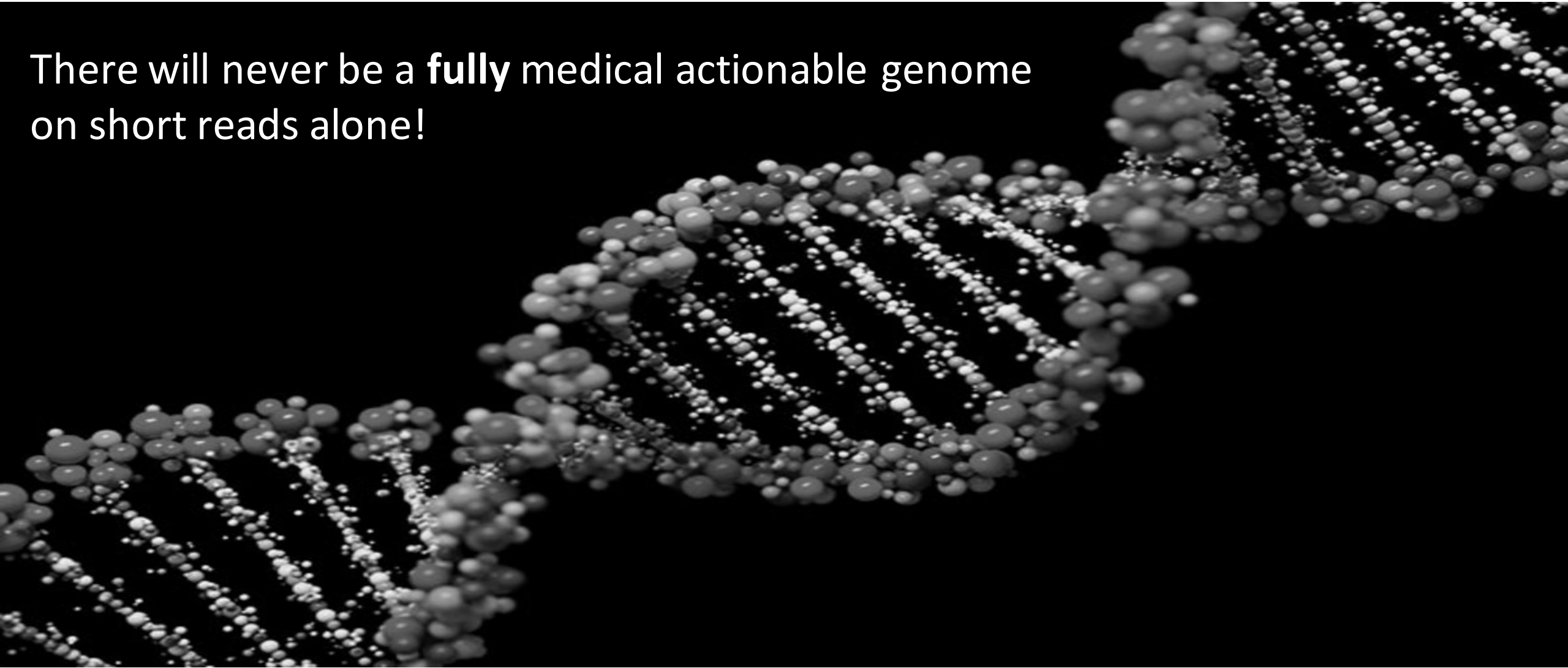


Identification of false positive signals.



The dark genome

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on short reads alone!



Comprehensive Genomes Pilot: CCDG

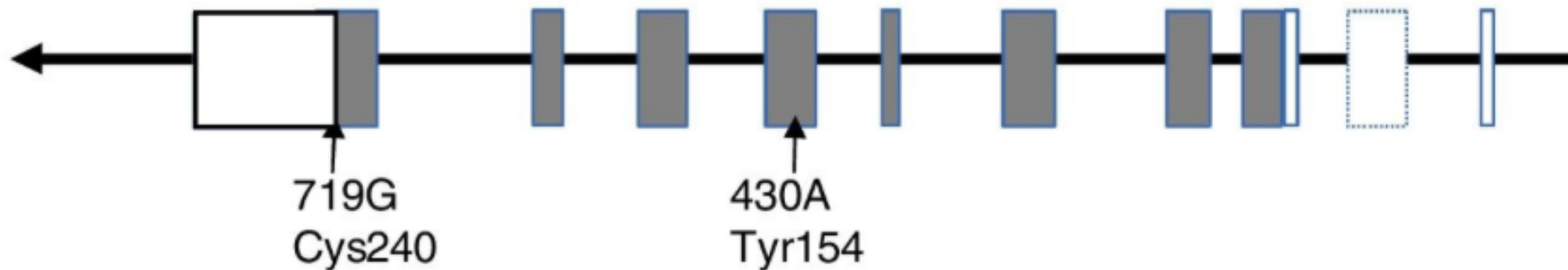
Family Study	Illumina, PCR-Free	PacBio	Oxford Nanopore	10X Genomics	RNA-Seq (Read-pairs – M)
Ashkenazi Jewish trio	38x	18x	11x	30x	50
HGSC Control Trio	>100x	19x	14x	56x	68
HapMap CEU Trio	>100x	40x	25x	30x	35

@HGSC

External

TPMT

- TPMT gene - encodes the enzyme that metabolizes thiopurine drugs
- 3 drugs: azathioprine, mercaptopurine, thioguanine
 - Chemotherapy for pediatric leukemia
- Two variants, rs1800460 and rs1142345 (>8000 bases apart)
 - cis: TPMT*1/*3A diplotype (intermediate metabolizer)
 - trans: TPMT*3B/*3C diplotype (poor metabolizer)
 - *1/*3A diplotype is more common but less severe than *3B/*3C



IGV viewer

Coordinates
Coverage

Reads

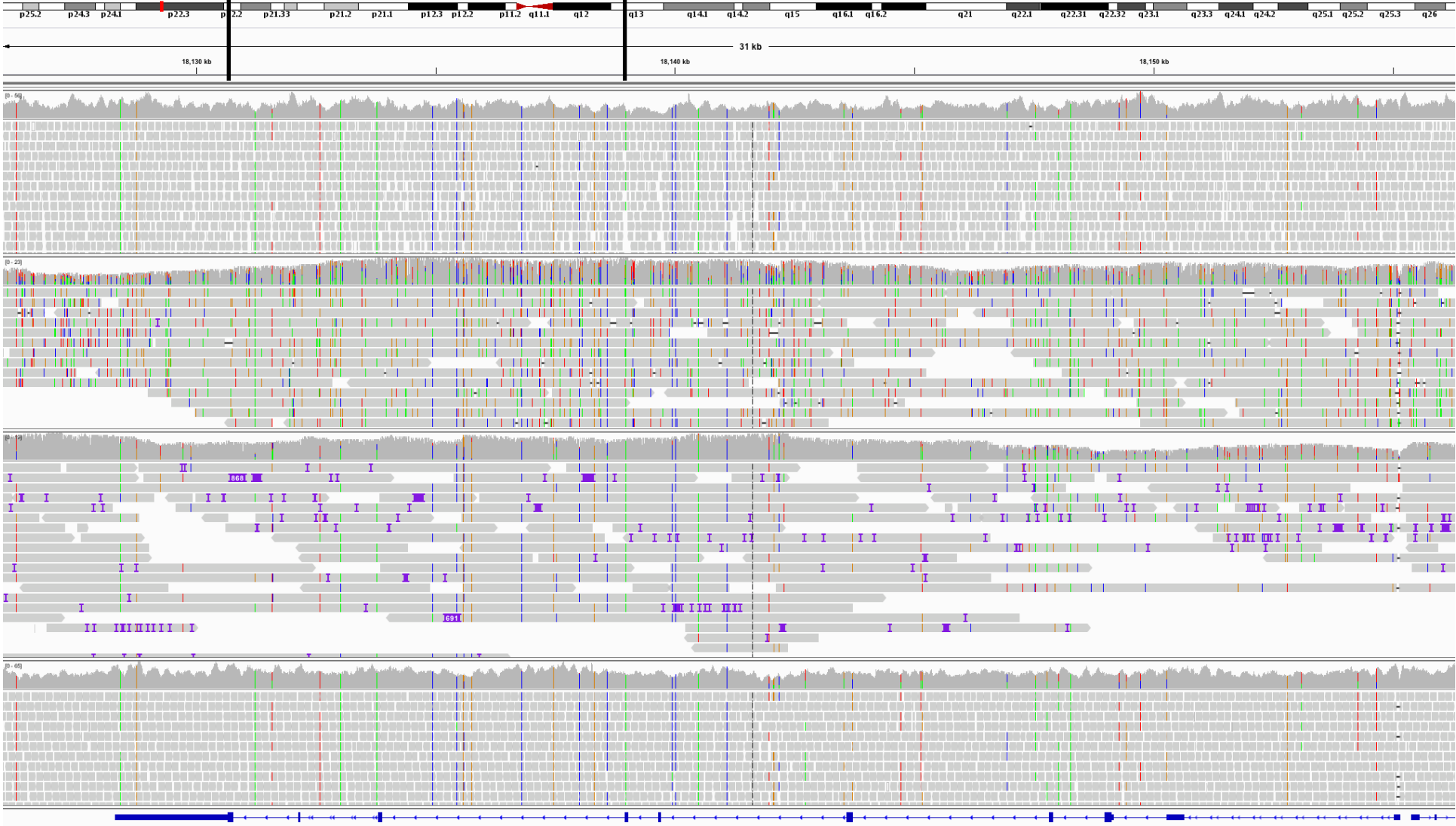


Genome

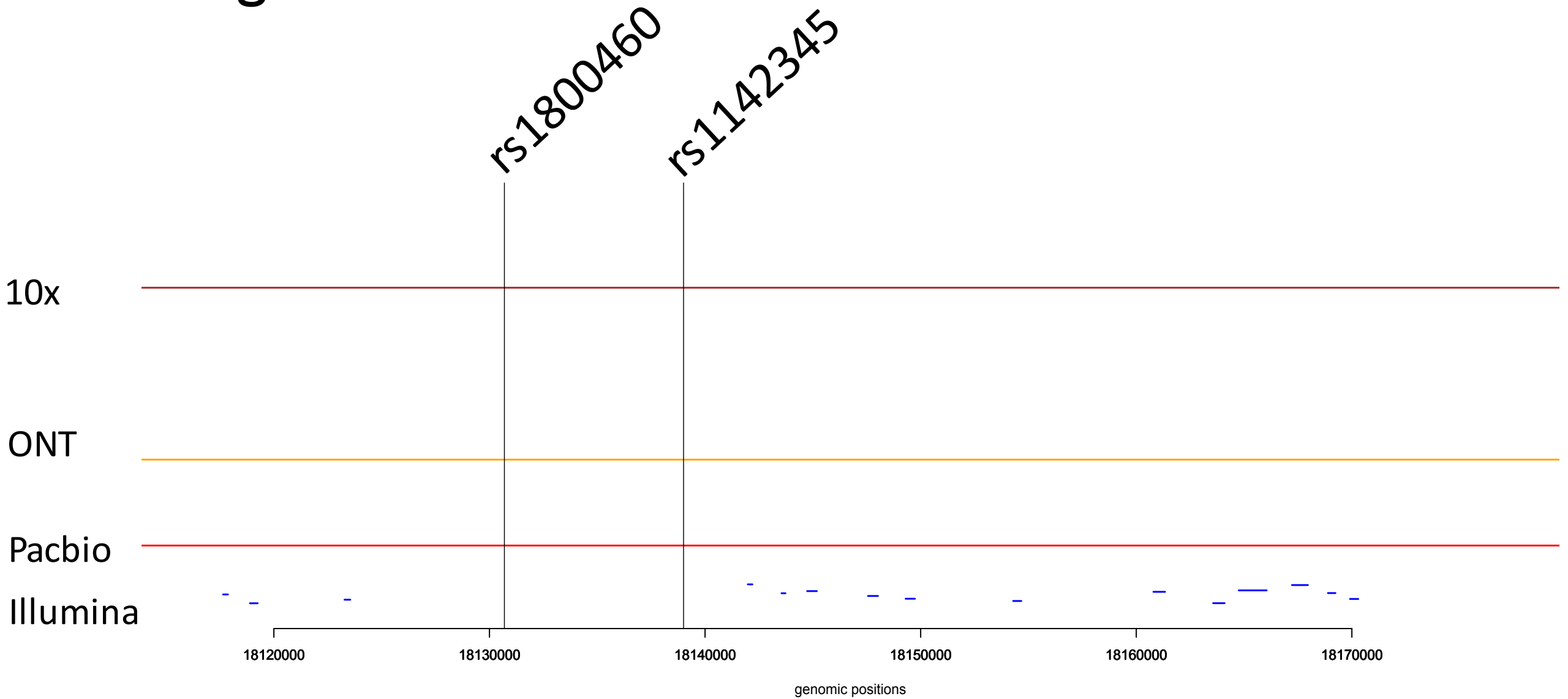
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rs1800460

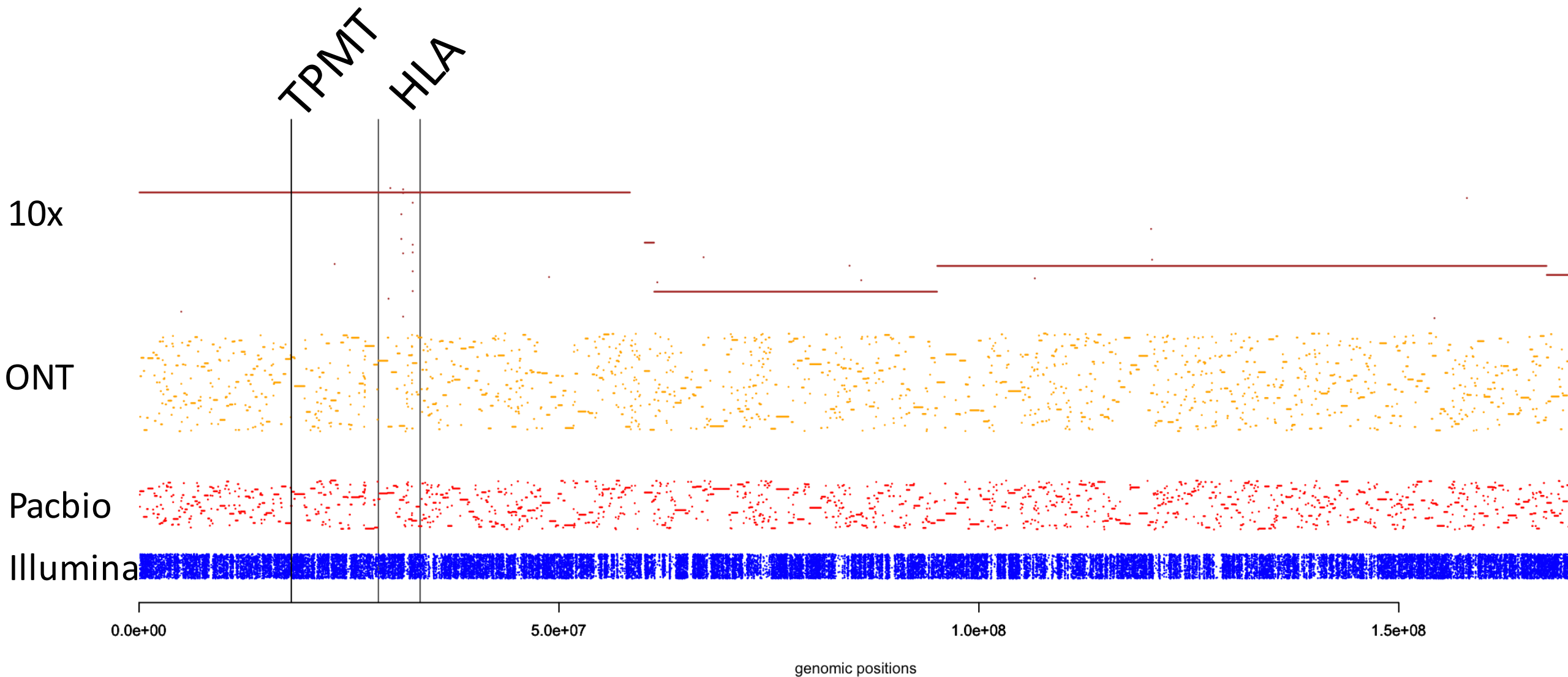
rs1142345



Phasing: TPMT



Phasing: Chr6



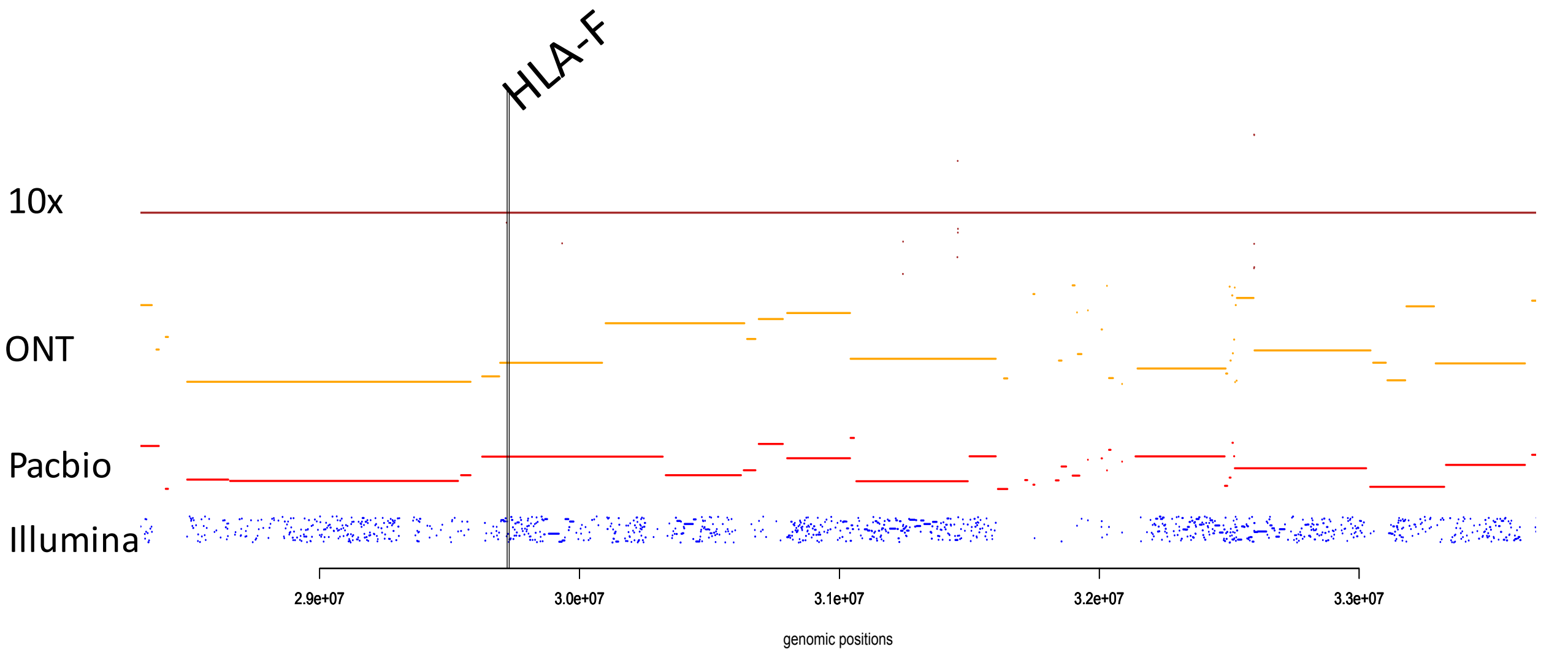
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Phasing:

Long reads: Gene body phasing
10x genomics: Chr wide phasing.

Phasing: HLA



HLA-F

- Non-classical HLA class I heavy chain paralogues
- HLA-F regulates the immune system in pregnancy, infection, and autoimmunity by signaling through NK-cell receptors
- Important for cancer and tumors¹
- Several diseases: hepatitis B, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, and Type 1 diabetes (T1D).¹

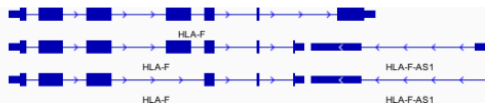
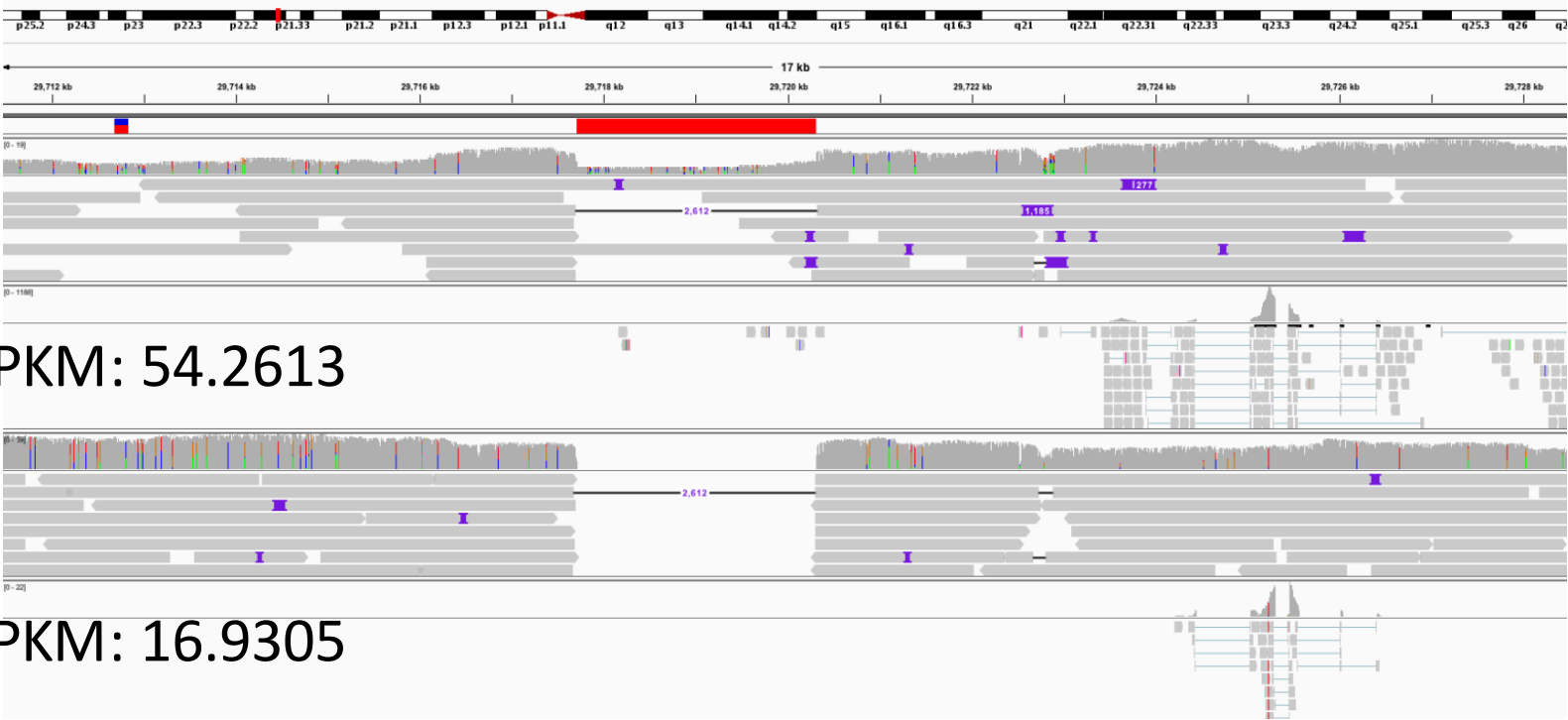
HLA-F deletion

PacBio:
HS-1011

RNA-Seq
HS-1011 FPKM: 54.2613

PacBio:
NA12878

RNA-Seq
NA12878 FPKM: 16.9305



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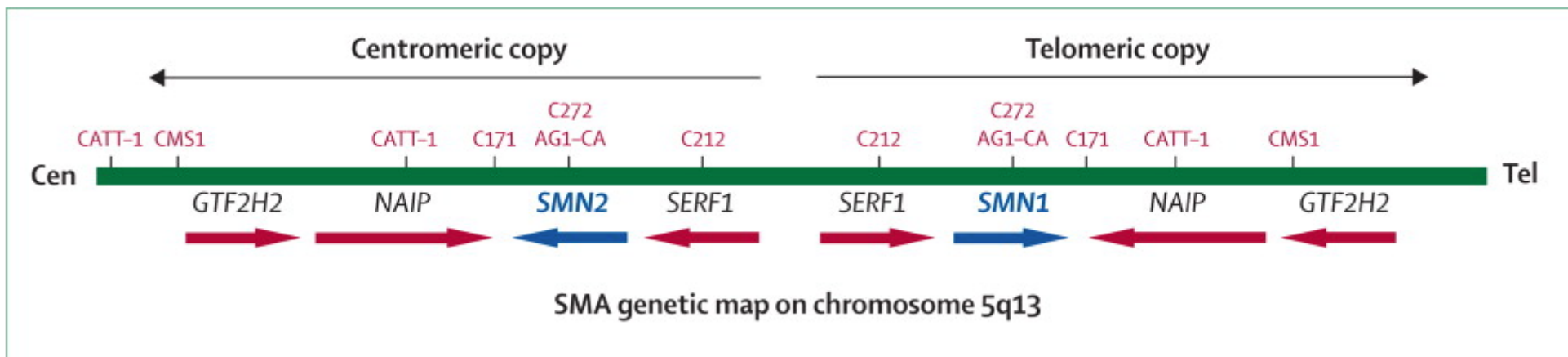
SV detection:

Long reads: Great

10x genomics: lacking of good software.

SMA: spinal muscular atrophy

- SMN1 and SMN2 are highly similar and are ~850kbp apart.
 - 5 bases distinguish them
- 95% of individuals with spinal muscular atrophy have homozygous deletions of exon 7 in SMN1



SMN1 + SMN2

10x

ONT

PacBio

Illumina



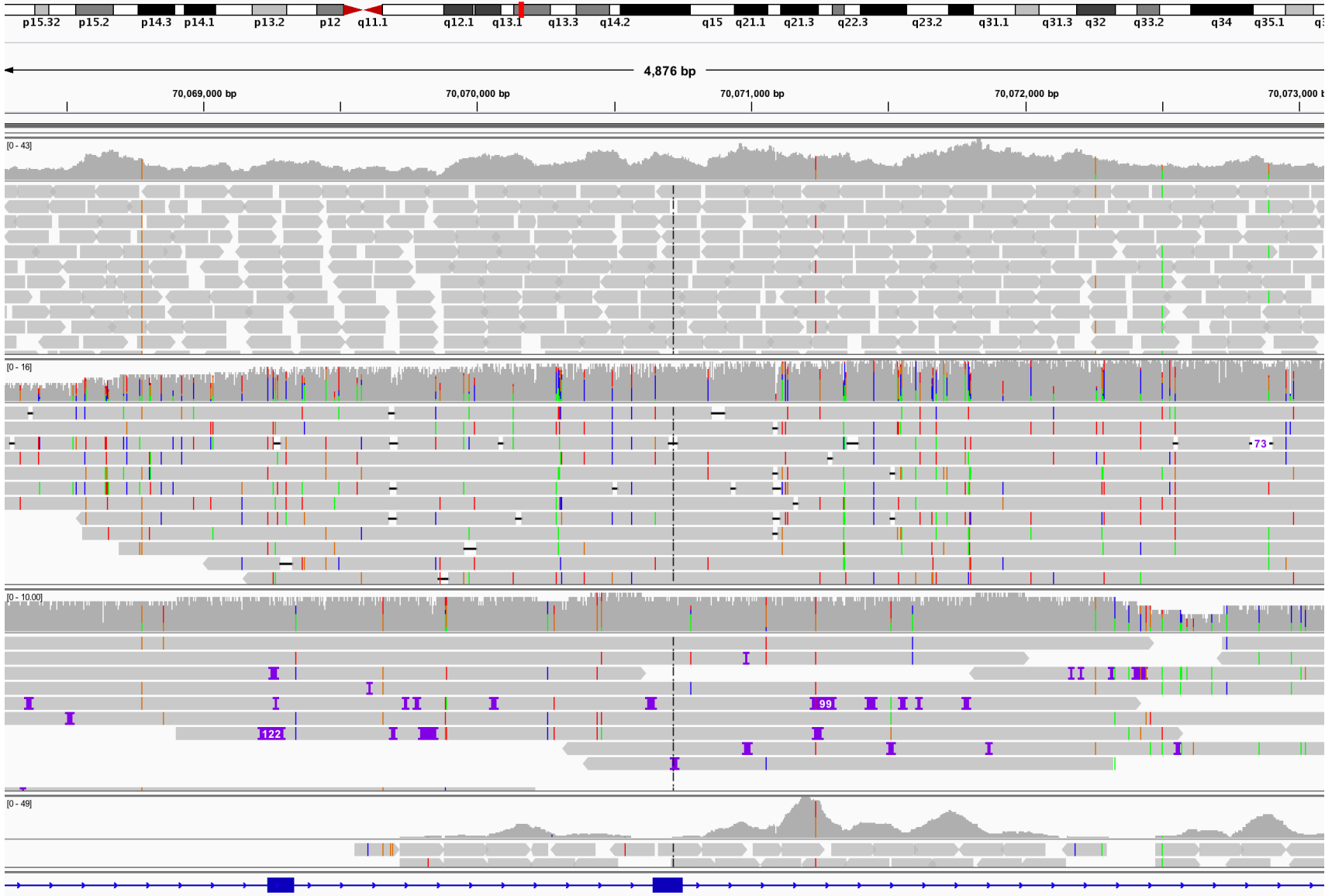
SMN1 exon7

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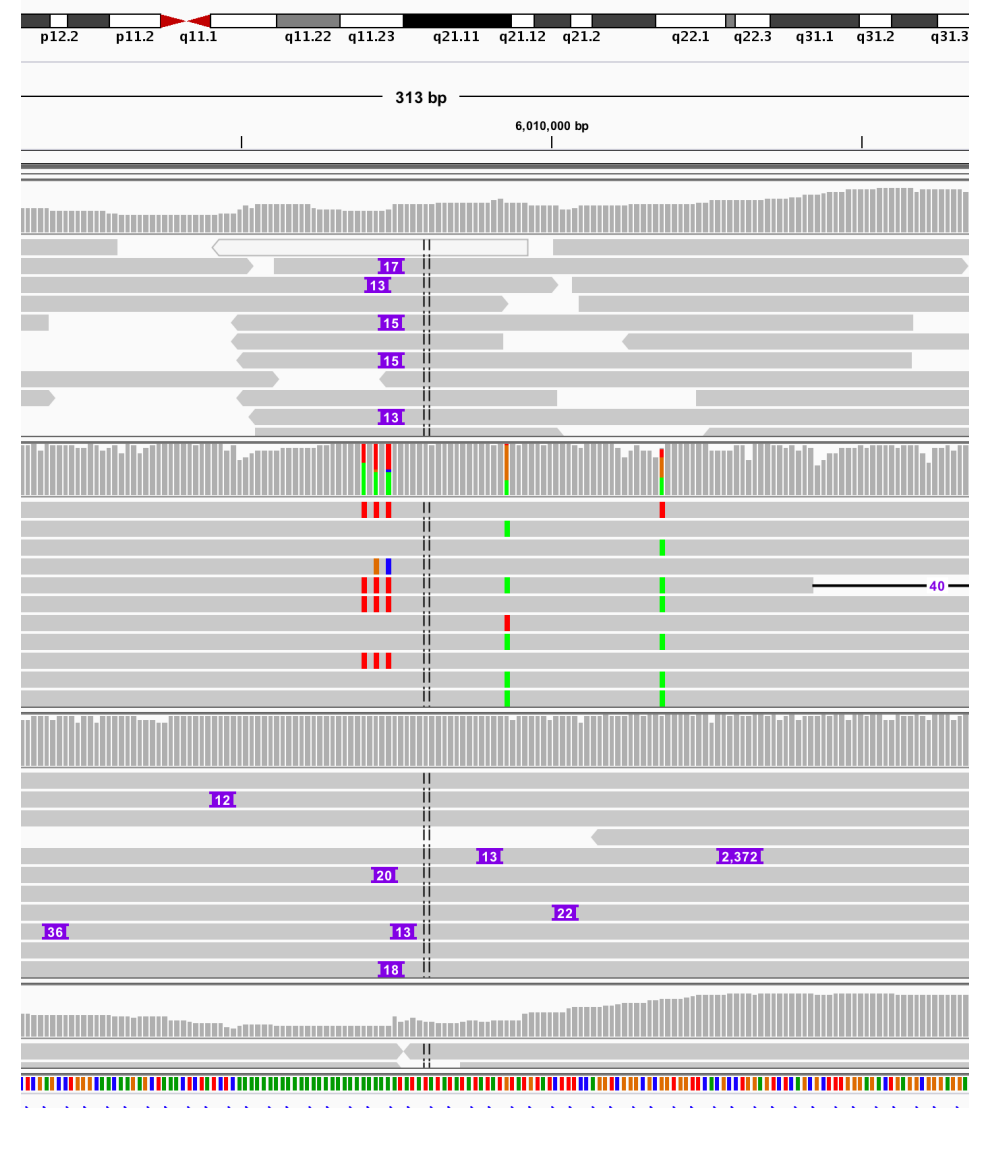
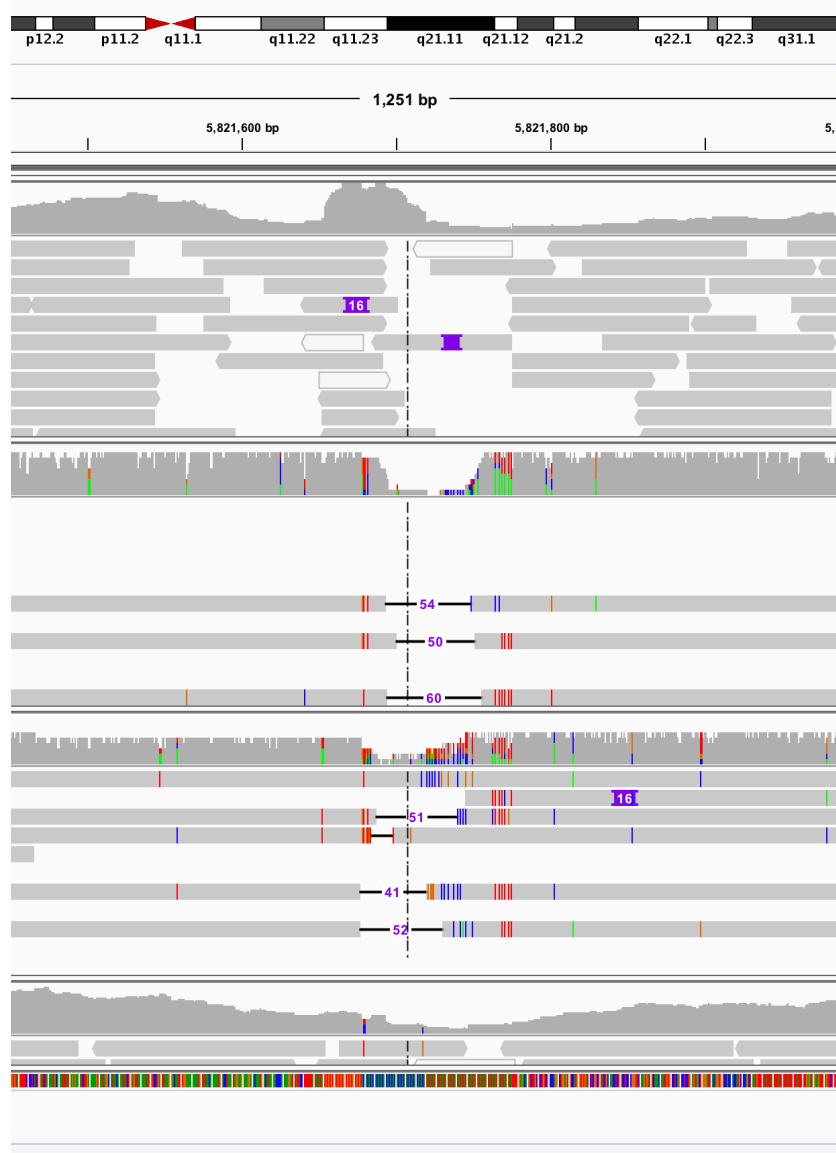
Repeat expansion/contraction

10x

ONT

PacBio

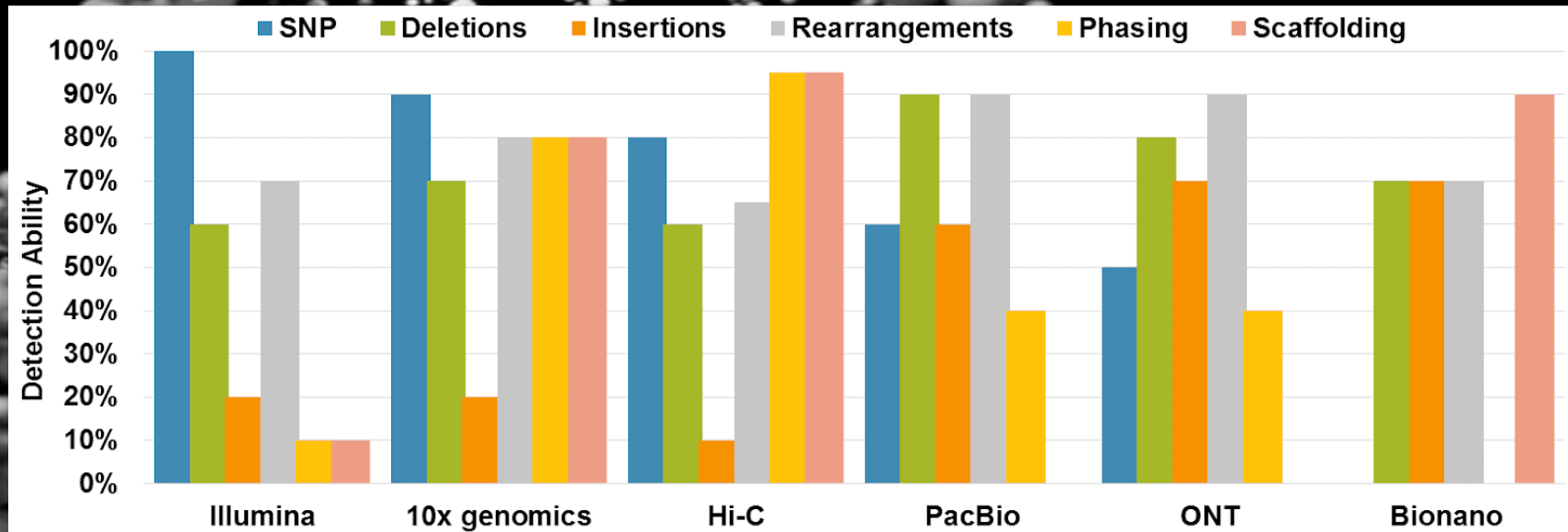
Illumina



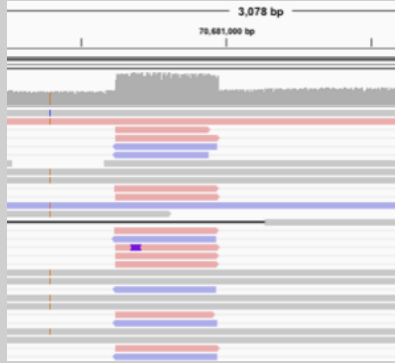
The dark genome: conclusion

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What to choose?



Software



NGMLR Sedlazeck et. al. (2018)

- Convex gap model
- Improved split reads
- Oxford Nanopore + PacBio
- github.com/philres/ngmlr



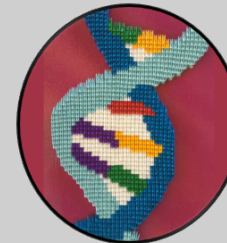
Sniffles Sedlazeck et. al. (2018)

- Detection of all SV types
- Also nested/adjacent events
- Oxford Nanopore+ PacBio
- github.com/fritzsedlazeck/Sniffles



Clairvoyante Lou et. al. (in review)

- Neural Network based SNP calling
- Illumina+ Oxford Nanopore + PacBio
- github.com/aquaskyline/Clairvoyante



Crosstich Kirsche et.al.(in prep)

- Phases SV + SNPs
- Local assembly
- Uses HapCut2 (SNPs) + Sniffles(SVs)
- github.com/schatzlab/crosstitch

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