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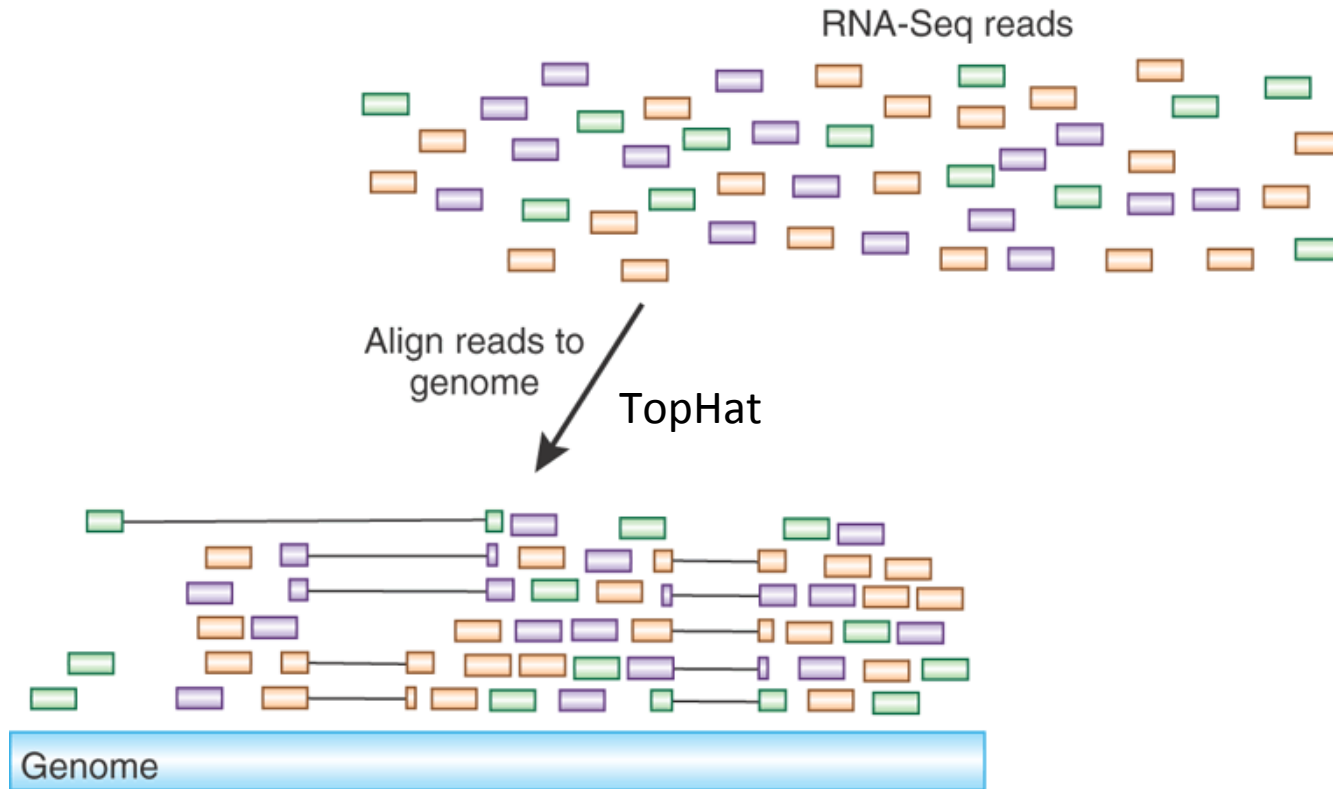
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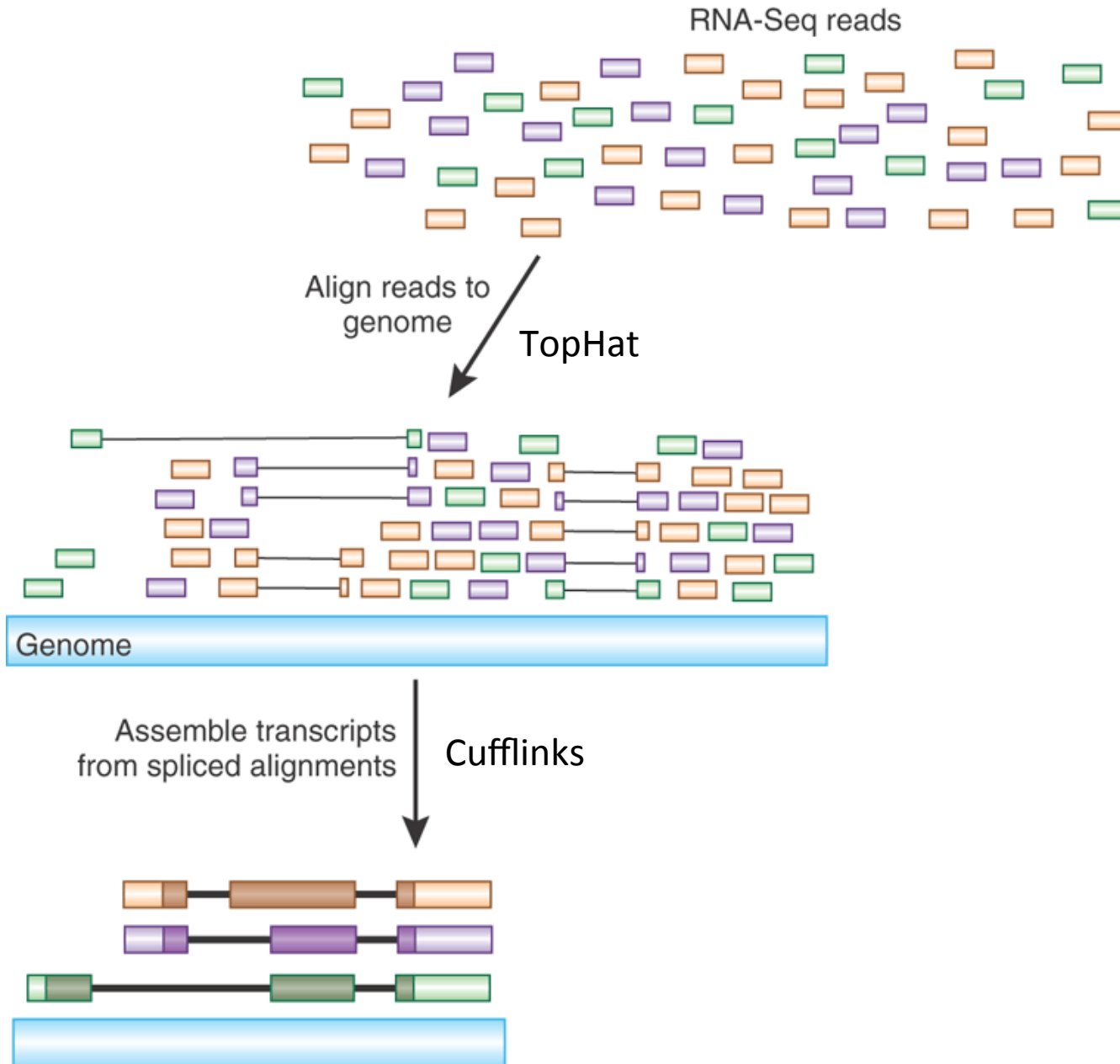
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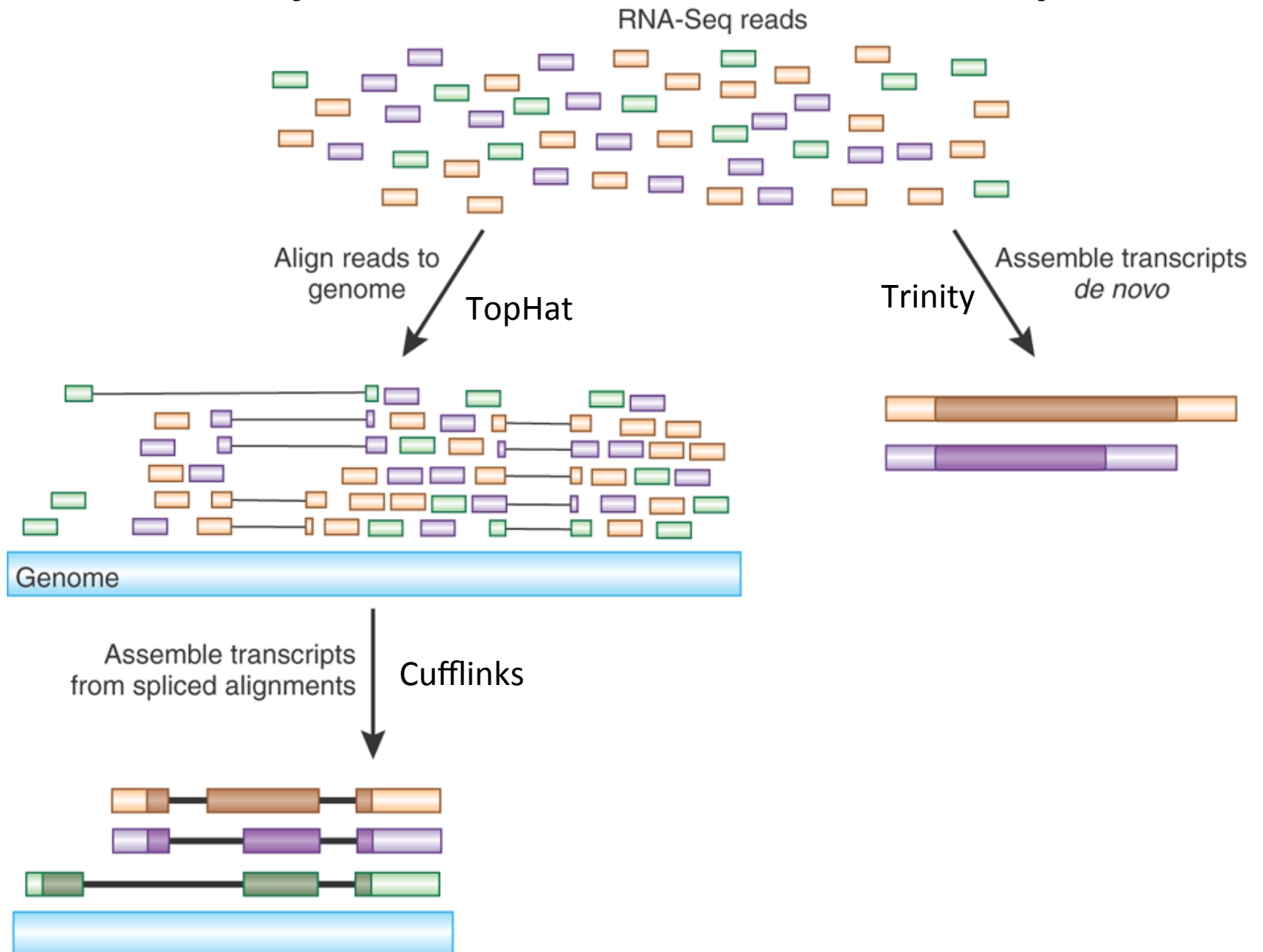
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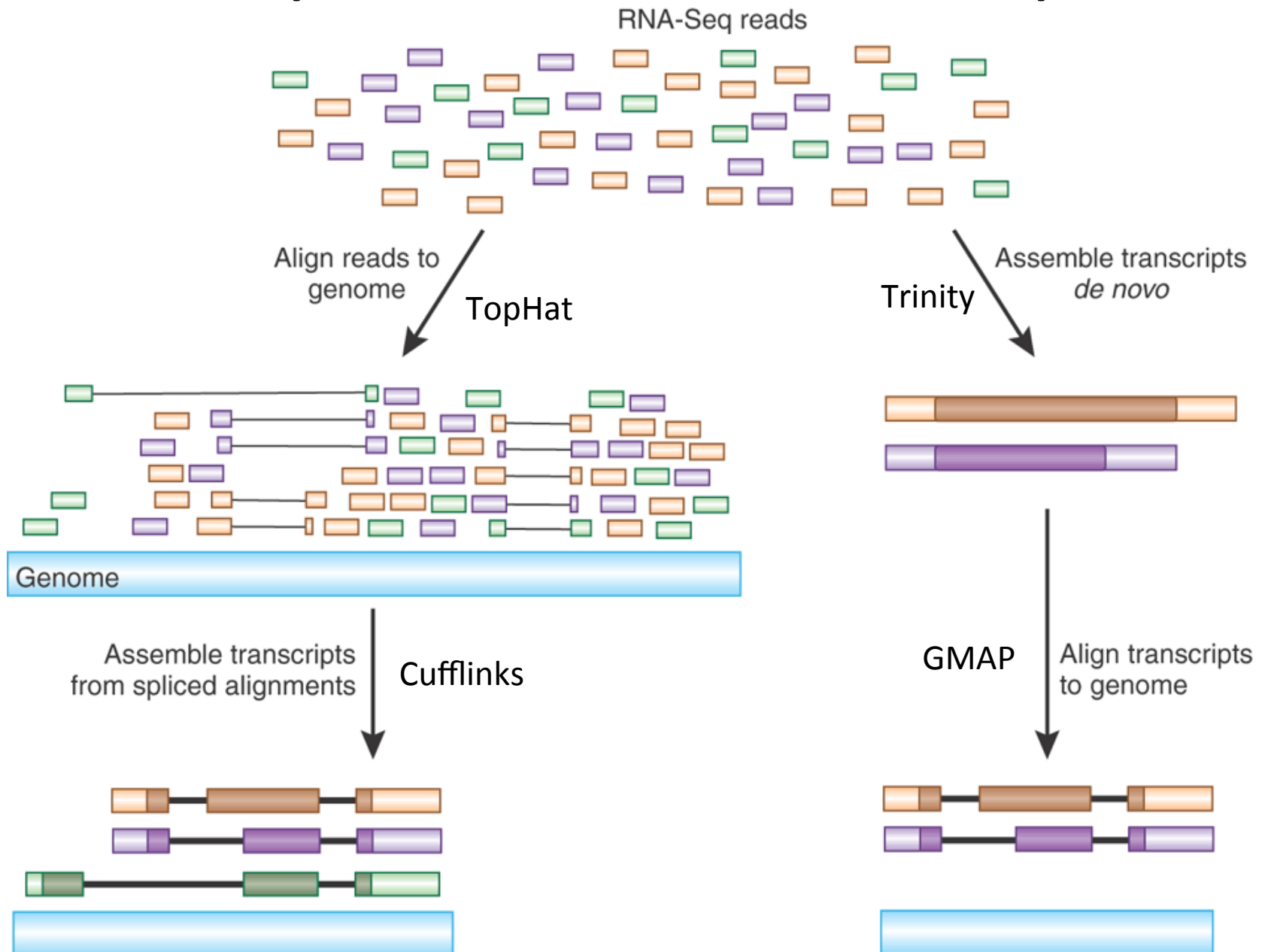
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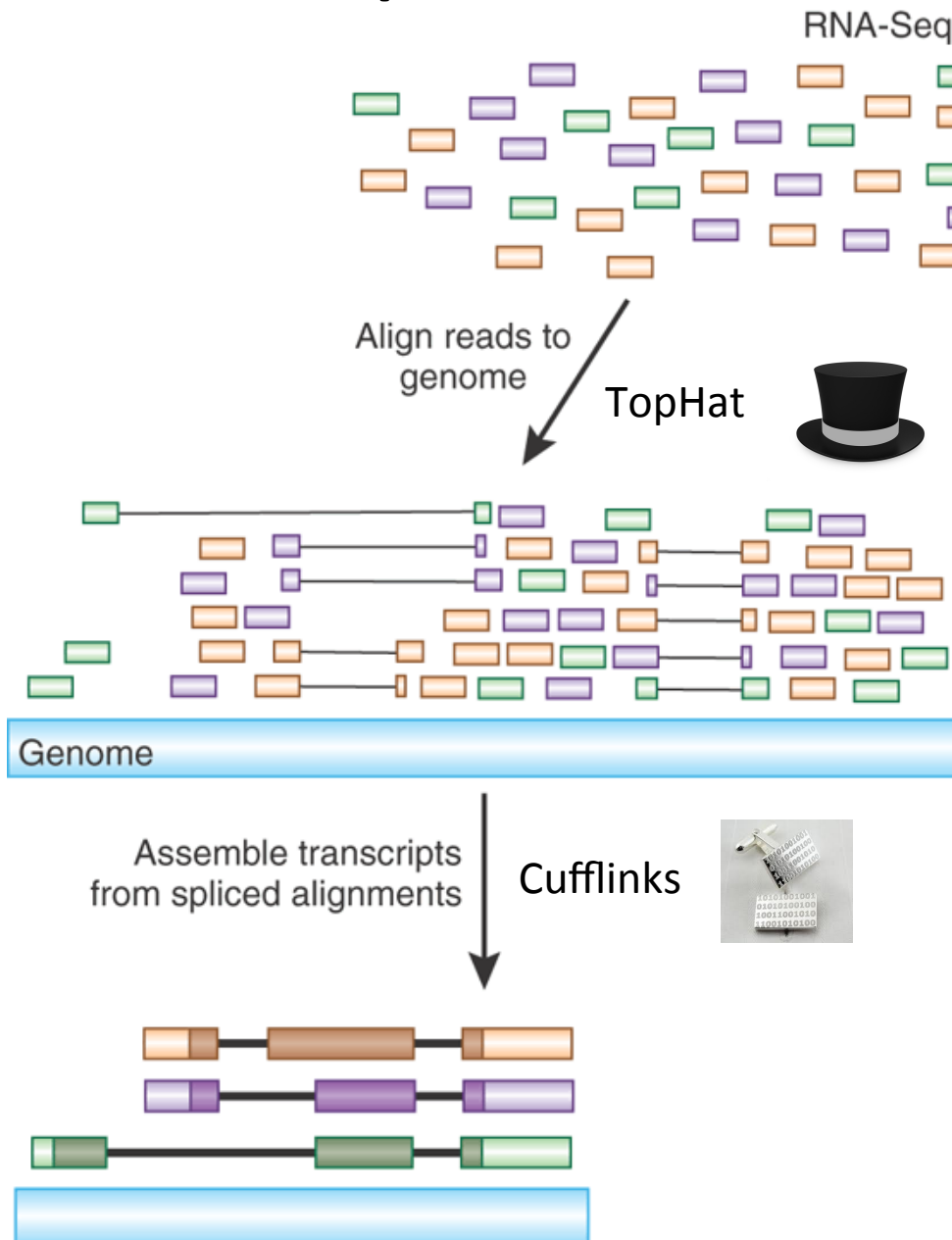
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The Tuxedo Suite: End-to-end Genome-based RNA-Seq Analysis Software Package

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Differential gene and transcript expression analysis of RNA-seq experiments with TopHat and Cufflinks

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Overview of the Tuxedo Software Suite

Bowtie (fast short-read alignment)

TopHat (spliced short-read alignment)



Cufflinks (transcript reconstruction from alignments)



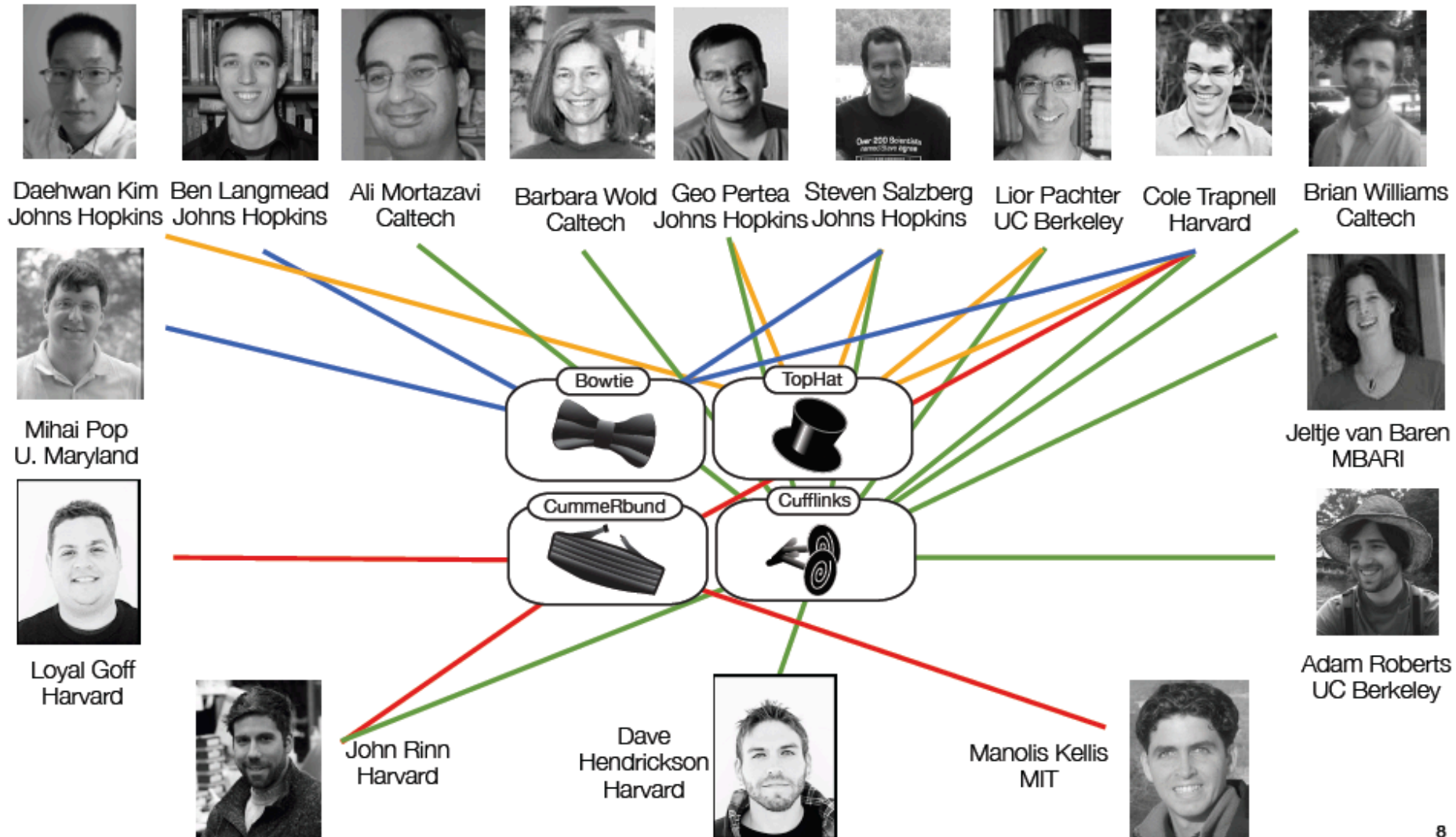
Cuffdiff (differential expression analysis)



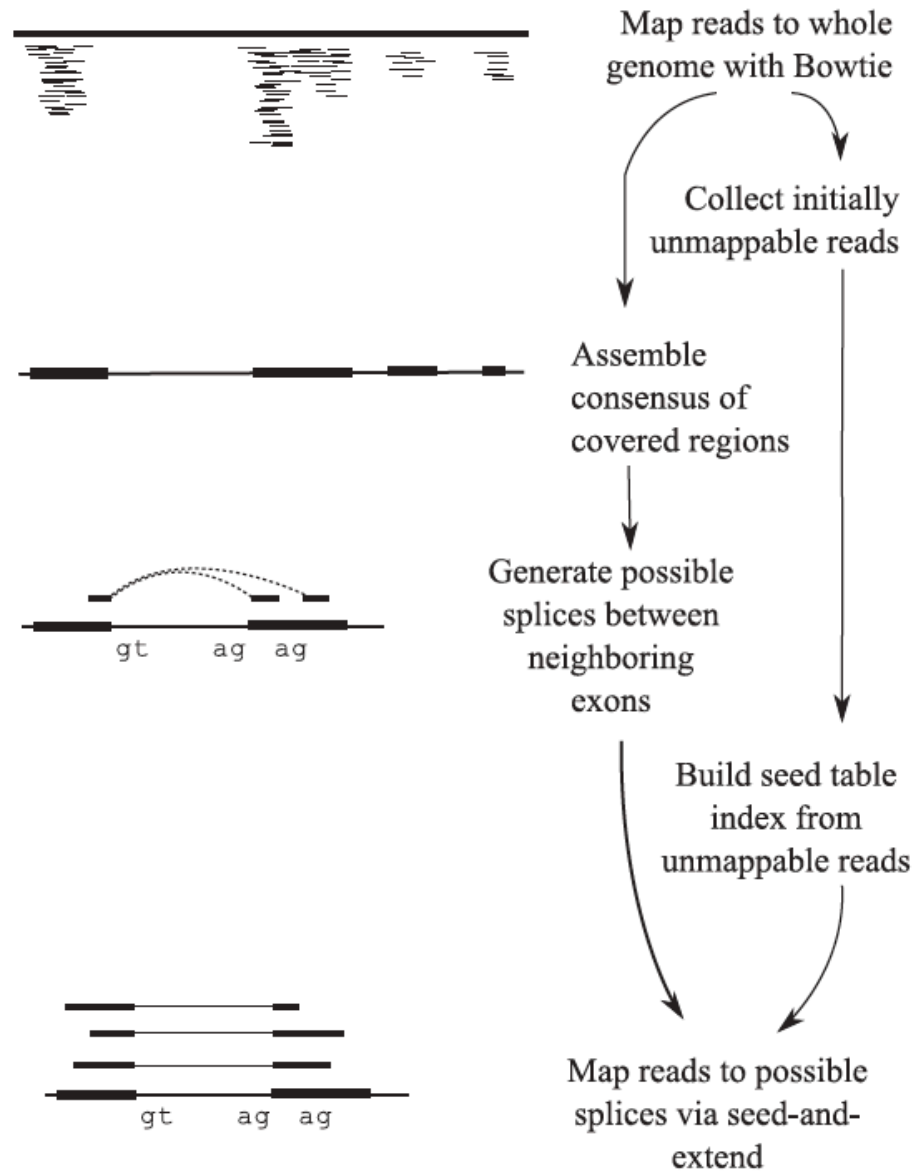
CummeRbund (visualization & analysis)



Tuxedo development team



The TopHat Pipeline



Alignments are reported in a compact representation: SAM format

```
0      61G9EAAXX100520:5:100:10095:16477
1      83
2      chr1
3      51986
4      38
5      46M
6      =
7      51789
8      -264
9      CCCAAACAAGCCGAAGCTGATTTGGCTCGTAAAGACCCGGAAA
10     ###CB?=ADDBCBCDEEFFDEFFFDEFFGDBEFGEDEGCFGFGGGGG
11     MD:Z:67
12     NH:i:1
13     HI:i:1
14     NM:i:0
15     SM:i:38
16     XQ:i:40
17     X2:i:0
```

Alignments are reported in a compact representation: SAM format

```
0      61G9EAAXX100520:5:100:10095:16477 (read name)
1      83 (FLAGS stored as bit fields; 83 = 00001010011 )
2      chr1 (alignment target)
3      51986 (position alignment starts)
4      38
5      46M (Compact description of the alignment in CIGAR format)
6      =
7      51789
8      -264 (read sequence, oriented according to the forward alignment)
9      CCCAAACAAGCCGAAGTAGCTGATTTGGCTCGTAAAGACCCGGAAA
10     ###CB?=ADDBCBCDEEFFDEFFFGDBEFGEFGGFGGGGG
11     MD:Z:67 (base quality values)
12     NH:i:1
13     HI:i:1
14     NM:i:0
15     SM:i:38 (Metadata)
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```

Still not compact enough...
Millions to billions of reads takes up a lot of space!!

Convert SAM to binary – BAM format.

```
15      SM:i:38 (metadata)
16      XQ:i:40
17      X2:i:0
```

Samtools

- Tools for
 - converting SAM <-> BAM
 - Viewing BAM files (eg. `samtools view file.bam | less`)
 - Sorting BAM files, and lots more:

```
Program: samtools (Tools for alignments in the SAM format)
Version: 0.1.18 (r982:295)

Usage:  samtools <command> [options]

Command: view      SAM<->BAM conversion
            sort    sort alignment file
            mpileup  multi-way pileup
            depth   compute the depth
            faidx    index/extract FASTA
            tview   text alignment viewer
            index    index alignment
            idxstats BAM index stats (r595 or later)
            fixmate  fix mate information
            flagstat simple stats
            calmd    recalculate MD/NM tags and '=' bases
            merge    merge sorted alignments
            rmdup    remove PCR duplicates
            reheader replace BAM header
            cat       concatenate BAMs
            targetcut cut fosmid regions (for fosmid pool only)
            phase     phase heterozygotes
```

Visualizing Alignments of RNA-Seq reads

Text-based Alignment Viewer

% samtools tview alignments.bam target.fasta

```

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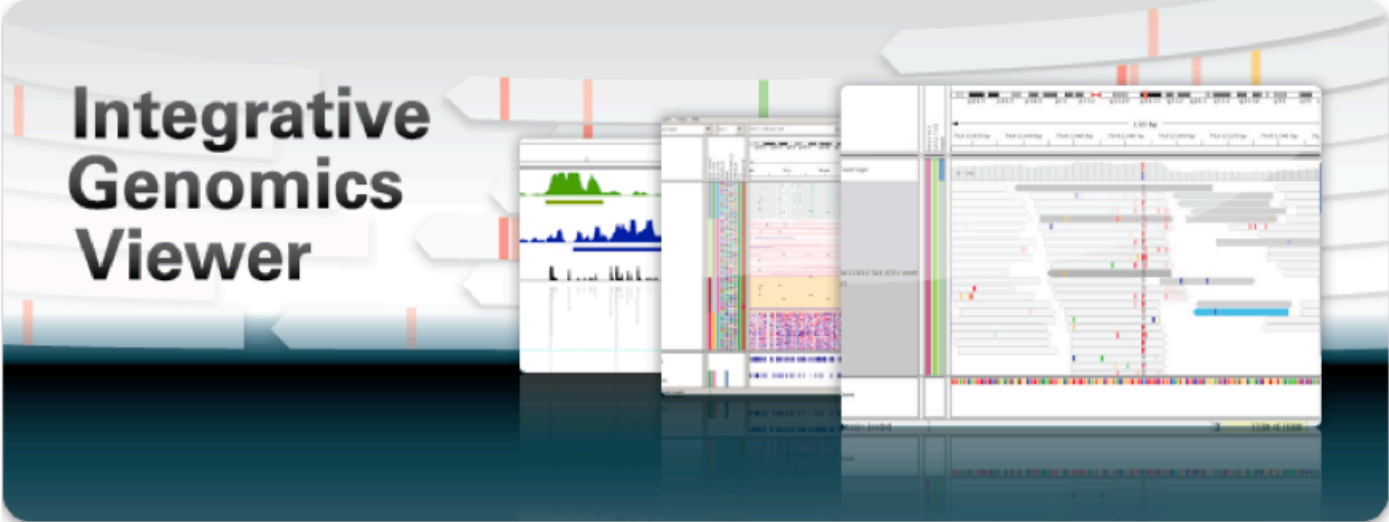
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What's New



July 3, 2012. Soybean (*Glycine max*) and Rat (*rn5*) genomes have been updated.

April 20, 2012. IGV 2.1 has been released. See the [release notes](#) for more details.

April 19, 2012. See our new [IGV paper](#) in Briefings in Bioinformatics.

Overview

Citing IGV

To cite your use of IGV in your publication:

James T. Robinson, Helga Thorvaldsdóttir, Wendy Winckler, Mitchell Guttman, Eric S. Lander, Gad Getz, Jill P. Mesirov. [Integrative Genomics Viewer](#). *Nature Biotechnology* 29, 24–26 (2011), or

Helga Thorvaldsdottir, James T. Robinson, Jill P. Mesirov. [Integrative Genomics Viewer \(IGV\): high-performance genomics data visualization and exploration](#).

IGV: Viewing Tophat Alignments



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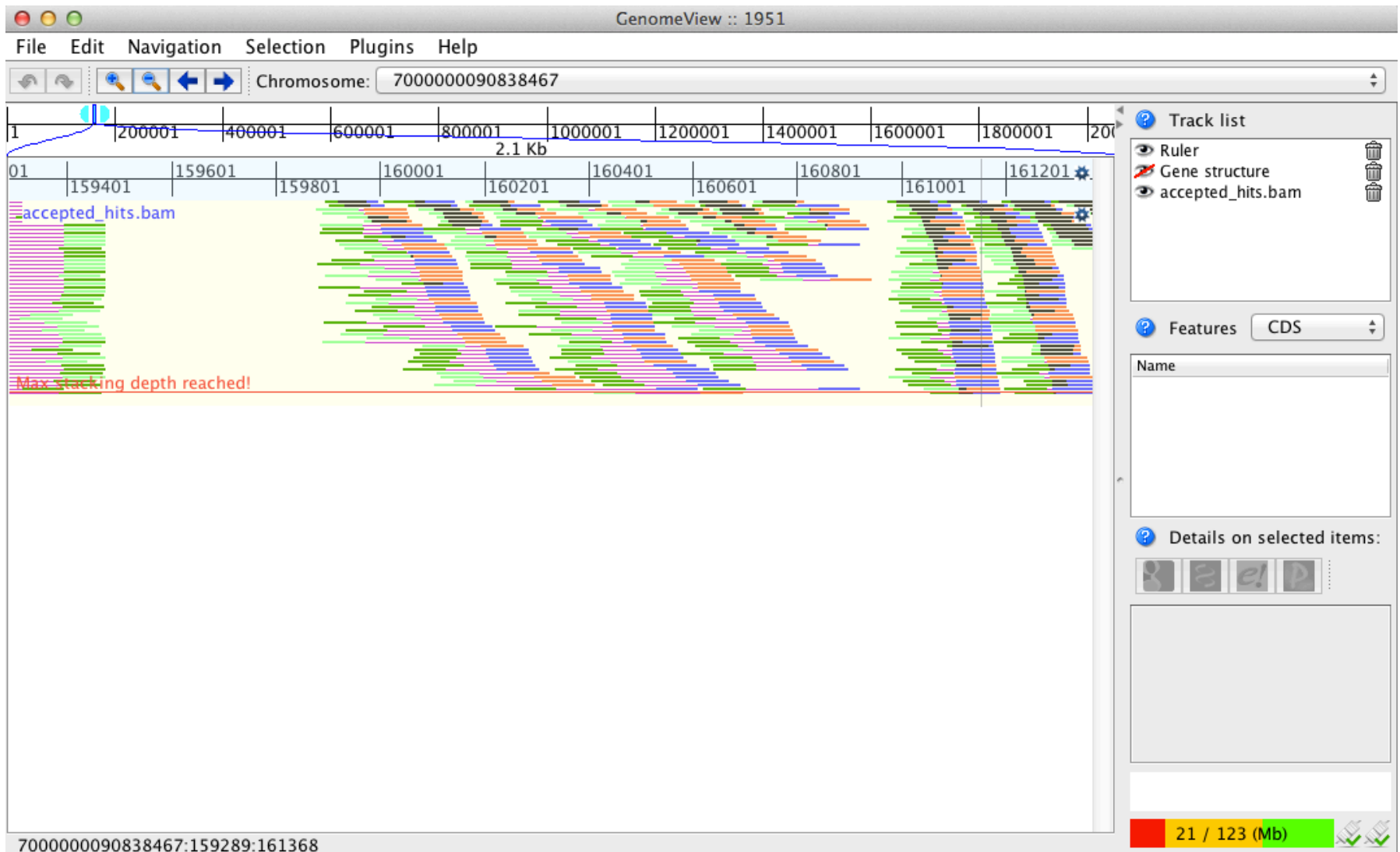
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Most creative visualization award @ Illumina iDEA challenge 2011

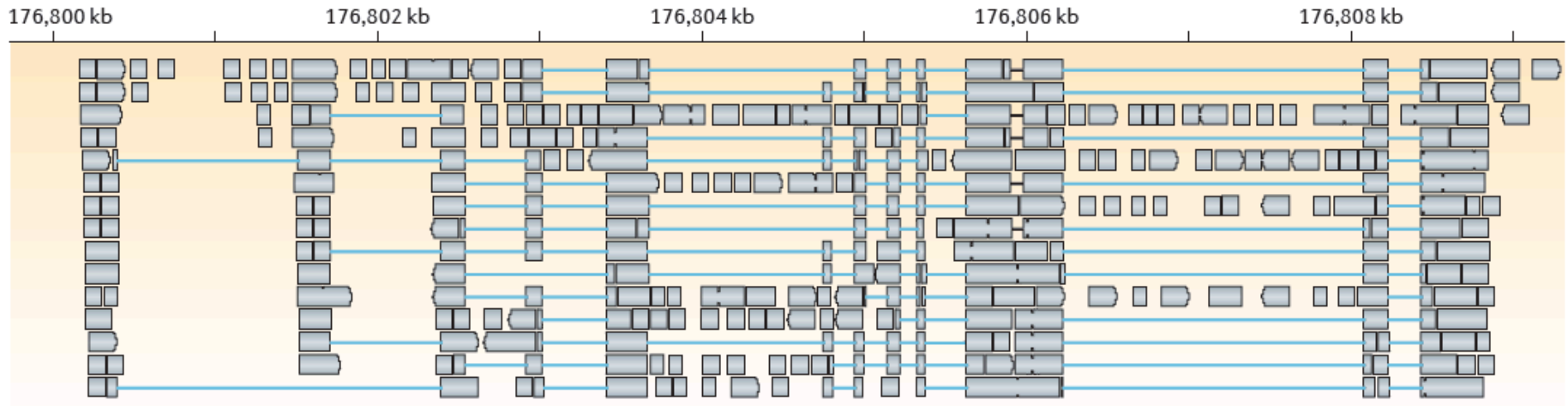


GenomeView: viewing TopHat alignments



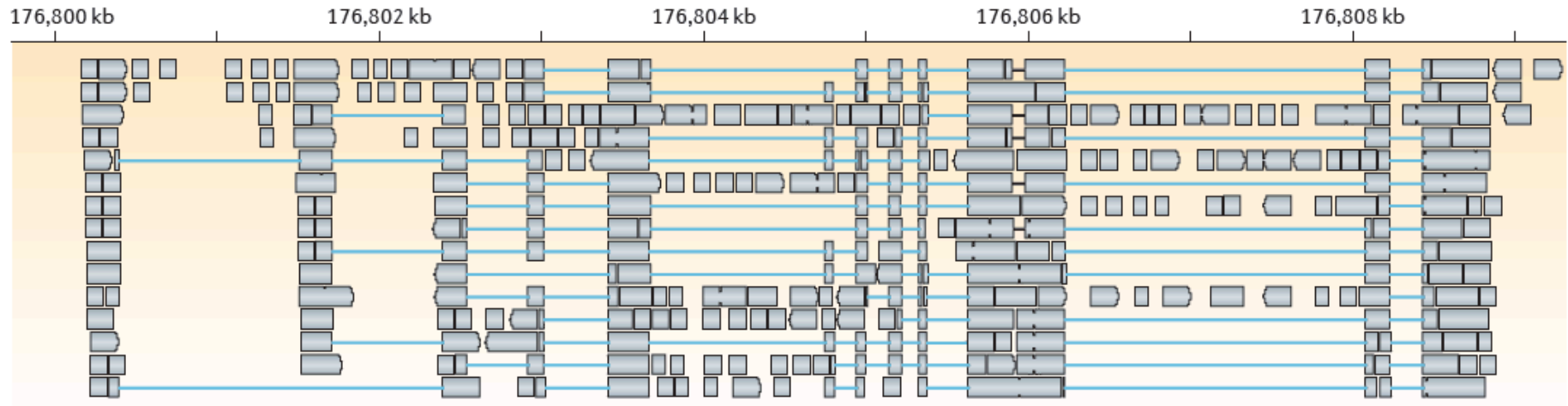
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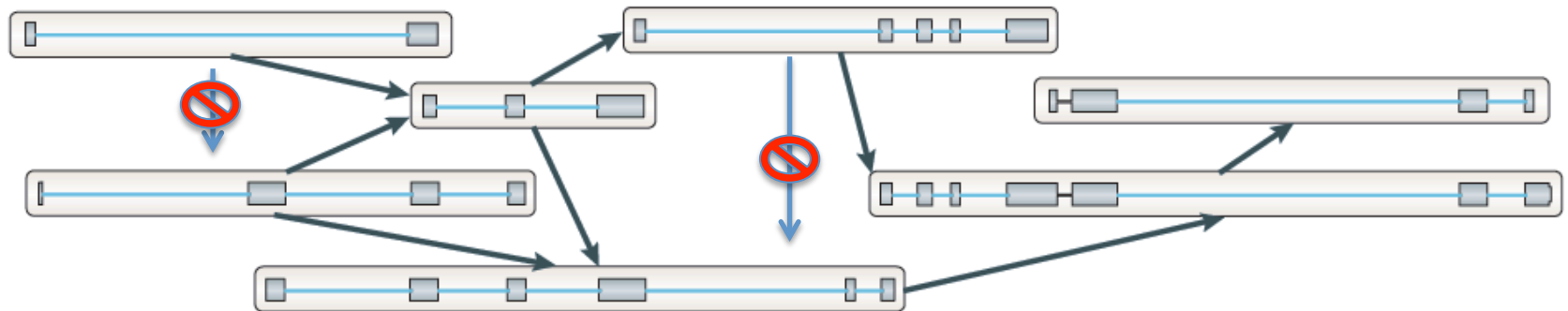


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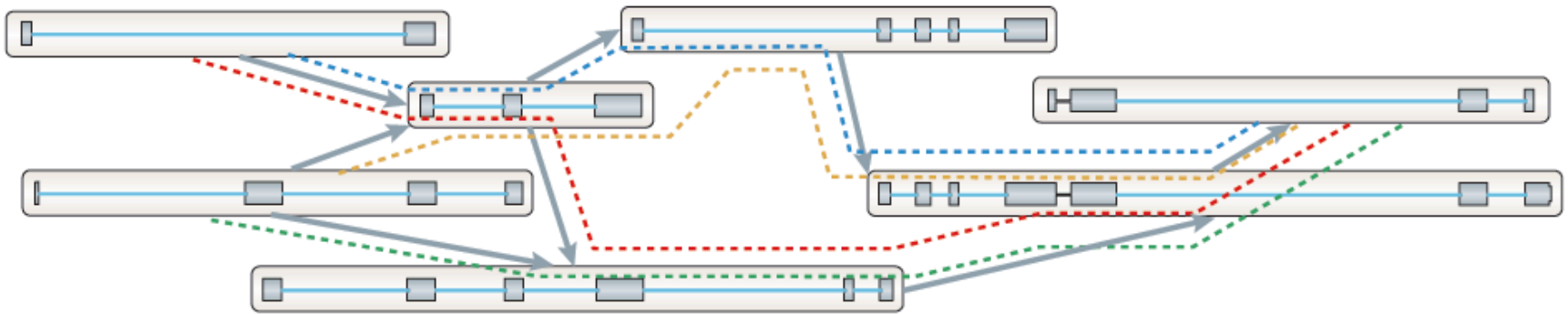


b Build a graph representing alternative splicing events

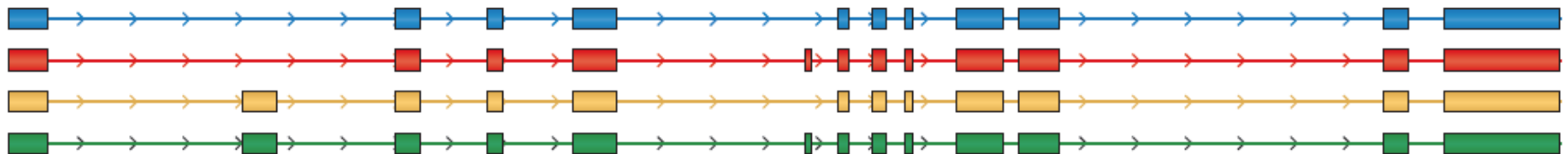


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c Traverse the graph to assemble variants



d Assembled isoforms



Transcript Structures in **GTF** Format

(tab-delimited fields per line shown transposed to a column format here)

```
0 70000000090838467 (genomic contig identifier)
1 Cufflinks
2 transcript
3 101 (left coordinate)
4 5716 (right coordinate)
5 1000
6 + (strand)
7 .
8 gene_id "CUFF.1"; transcript_id "CUFF.1.1"; FPKM "378.0239937260" (annotations)
```

```
0 70000000090838467
1 Cufflinks
2 exon
3 101
4 5716
5 1000
6 +
7 .
8 gene_id "CUFF.1"; transcript_id "CUFF.1.1"; exon_number "1"; FPKM "378.0239937260"
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De novo transcriptome assembly

No genome required

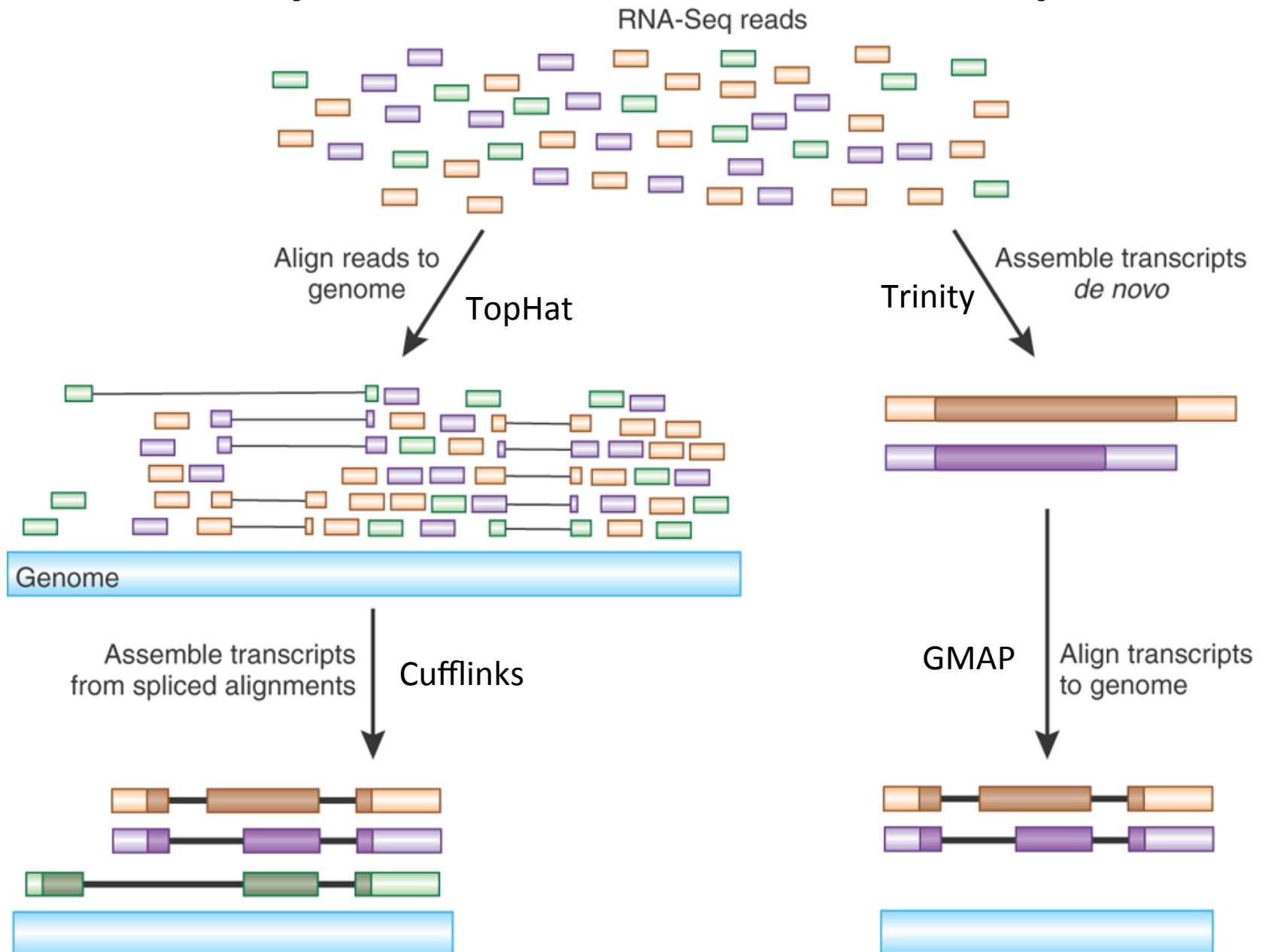
Empower studies of non-model organisms

expressed gene content

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Assemble transcripts
de novo



Grabherr, Haas, &
Yassour et al., Nature
Biotechnology, 2011



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Align transcripts
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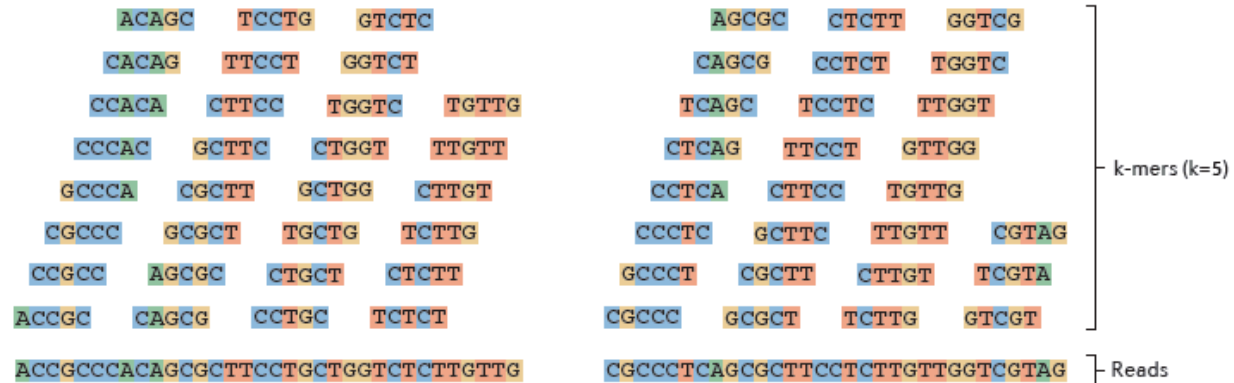


- How it works.
- Applications of interest.

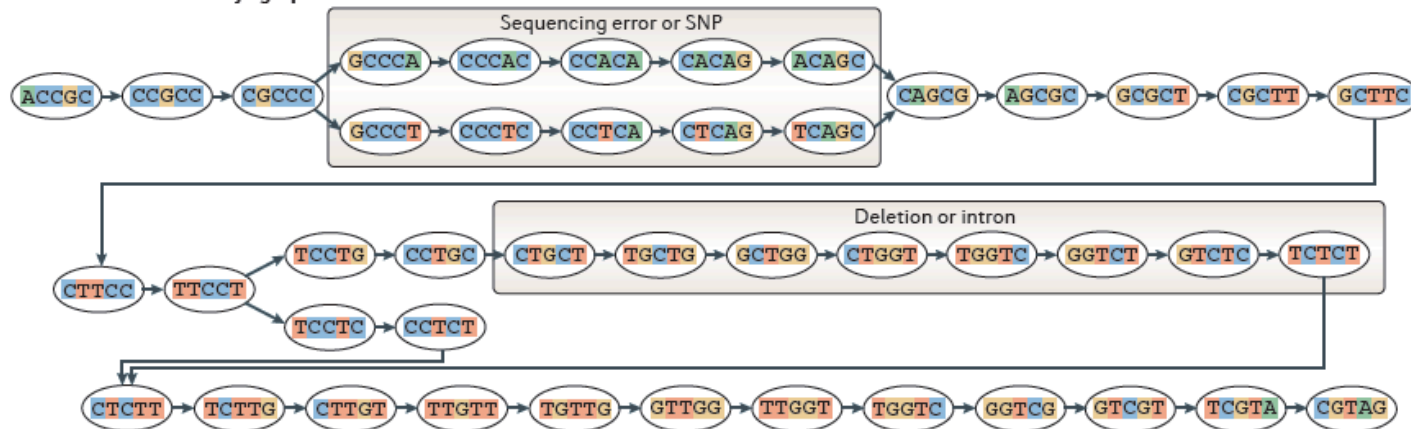
The General Approach to
De novo RNA-Seq Assembly
Using De Bruijn Graphs

Sequence Assembly via De Bruijn Graphs

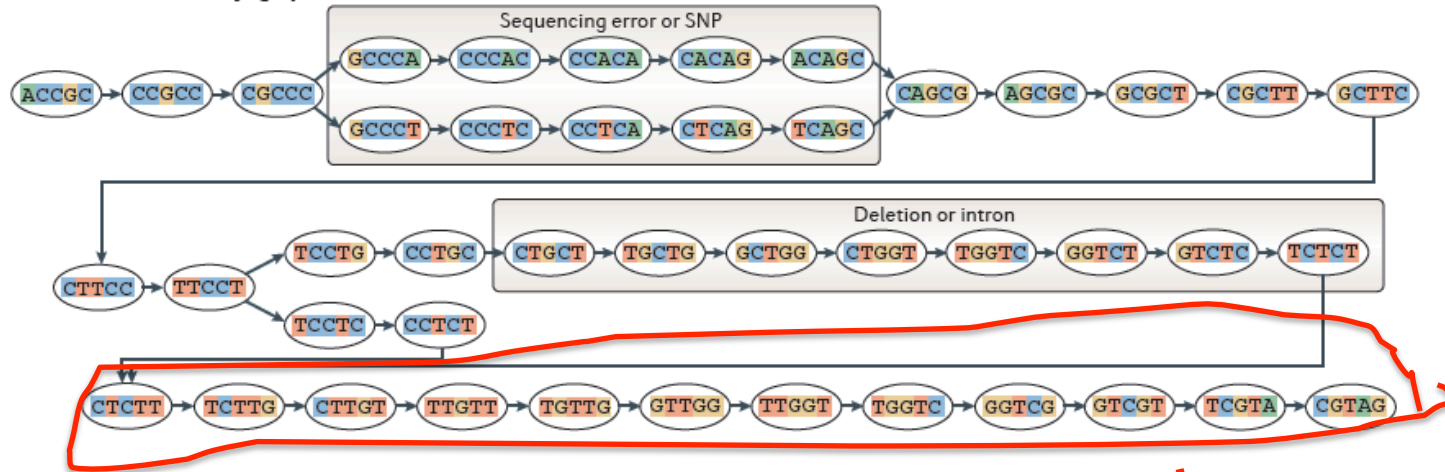
- a** Generate all substrings of length k from the reads



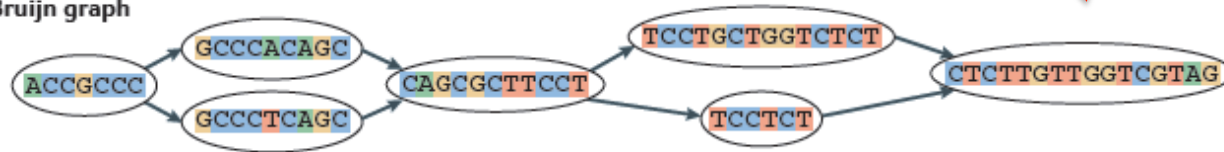
- b** Generate the De Bruijn graph



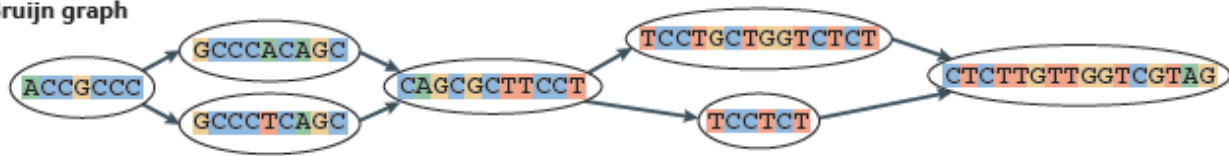
b Generate the De Bruijn graph



c Collapse the De Bruijn graph



c Collapse the De Bruijn graph



d Traverse the graph



e Assembled isoforms

- - - - - ACCGCCCACAGCGCTTCCTGCTGGTCTCTTGTTGGTCGTAG
 - - - - - ACCGCCCACAGCGCTTCCT - - - - - CTTGTTGGTCGTAG
 - - - - - ACCGCCCTCAGCGCTTCCT - - - - - CTTGTTGGTCGTAG
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Contrasting Genome and Transcriptome Assembly

Genome Assembly

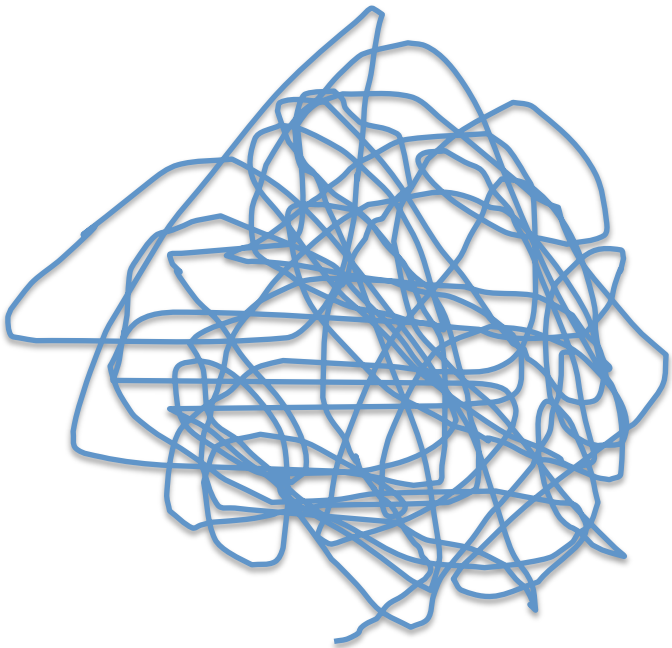
Transcriptome Assembly



Trinity Aggregates Isolated Transcript Graphs

Genome Assembly

Single Massive Graph



Entire chromosomes represented.

Trinity Transcriptome Assembly

Many Thousands of Small Graphs



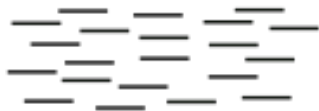
Ideally, one graph per expressed gene.



Linear contigs

de-Bruijn graphs

Transcripts + Isoforms



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>a121:len=5845
>a122:len=2560
>a123:len=4443
>a124:len=48
>a125:len=8876
>a126:len=66
```



...CTTCGCAA...TGATCGGAT...
...ATTCGCAA...TCATCGGAT...

Thousands of disjoint graphs

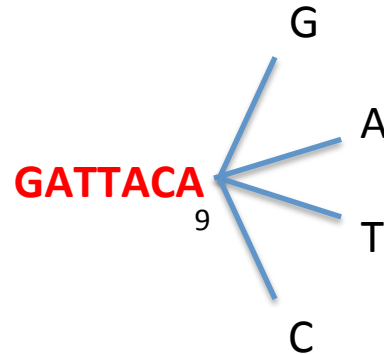


Inchworm Algorithm

Decompose all reads into overlapping Kmers (25-mers)

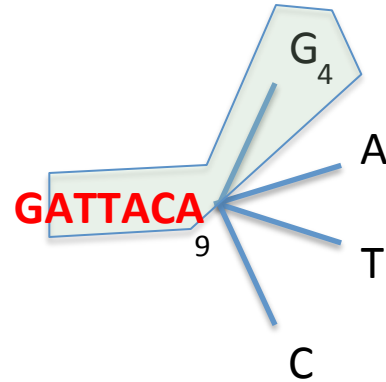
Identify seed kmer as most abundant Kmer, ignoring low-complexity kmers.

Extend kmer at 3' end, guided by coverage.



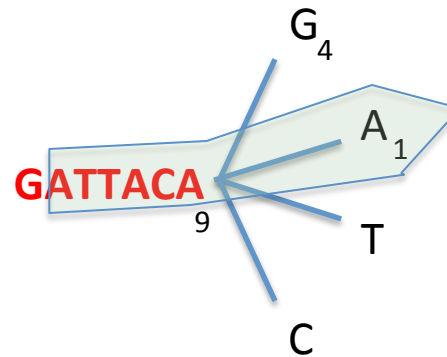


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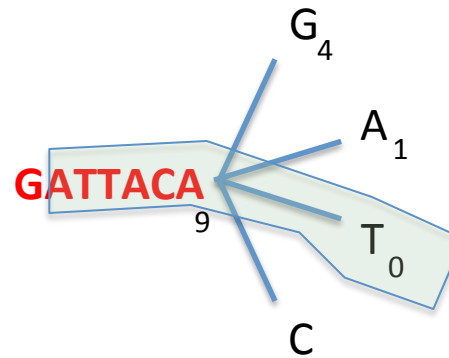


Inchworm Algorithm



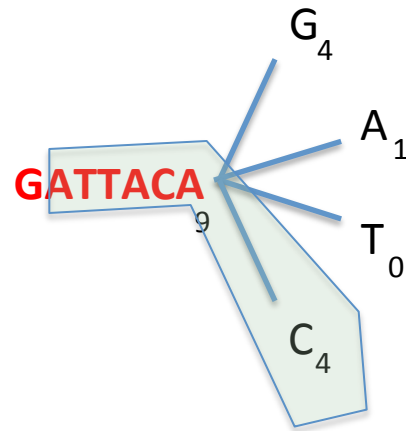


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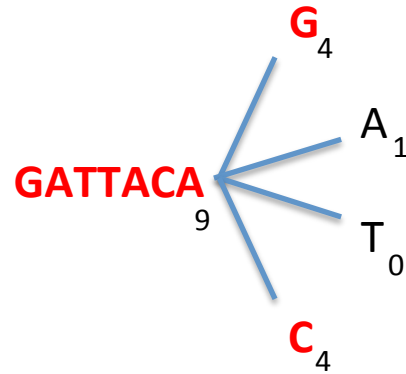


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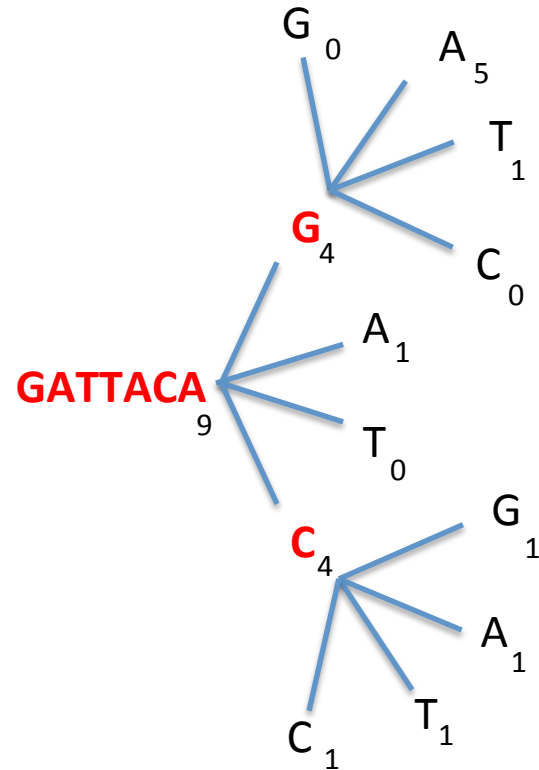


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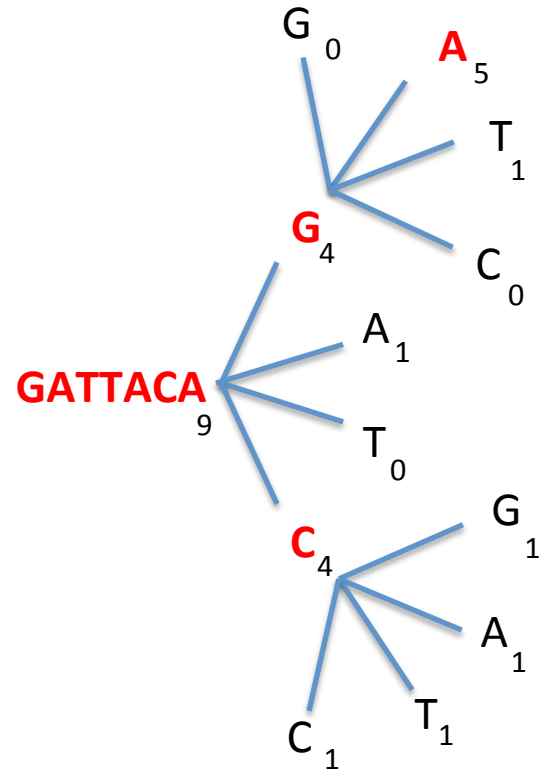


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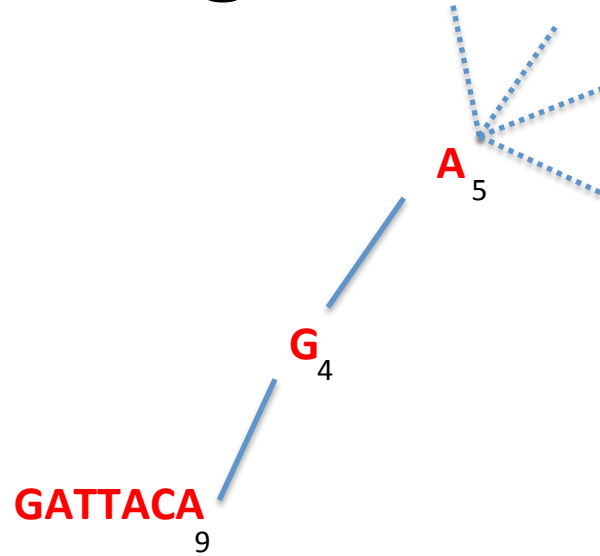


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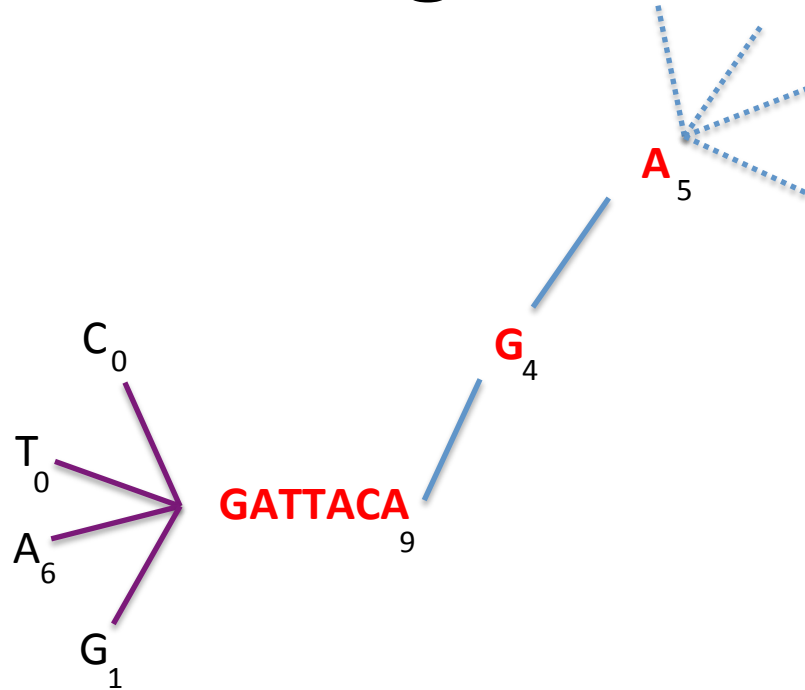


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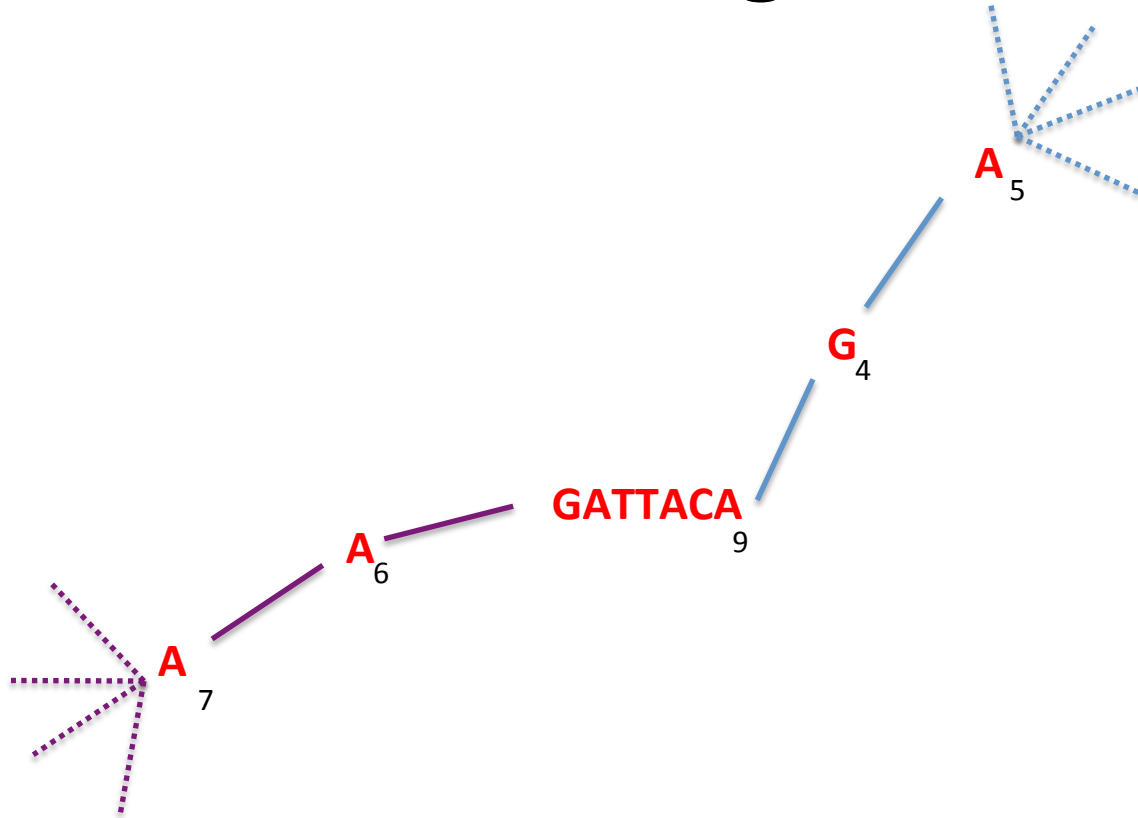


Inchworm Algorithm





Inchworm Algorithm



Report contig:**AAGATTACAGA**....

Remove assembled kmers from catalog, then repeat the entire process.



Inchworm Contigs from Alt-Spliced Transcripts

Expressed isoforms





Inchworm Contigs from Alt-Spliced Transcripts

Expressed isoforms

Expression



Graphical
representation



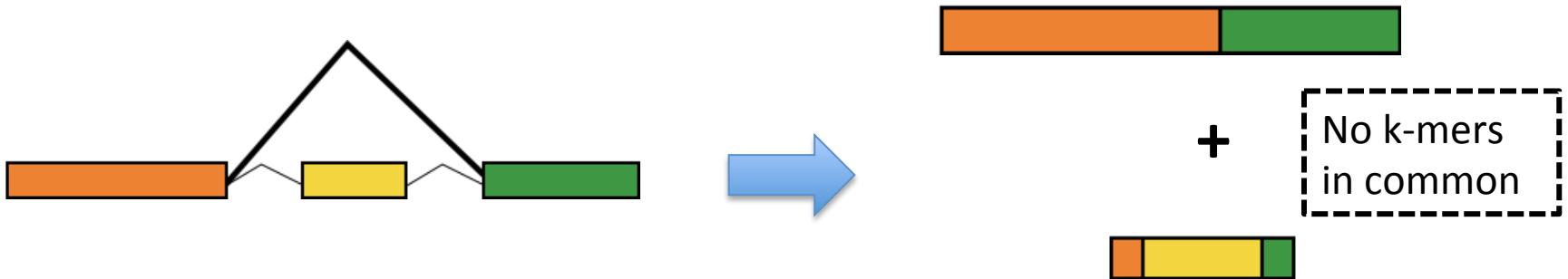


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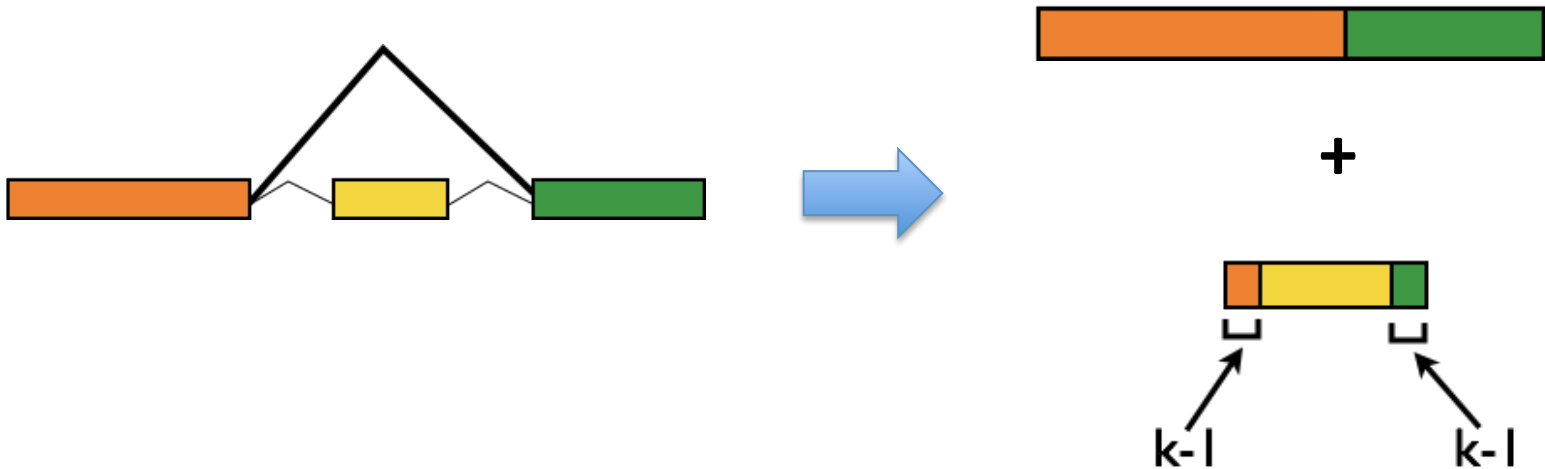


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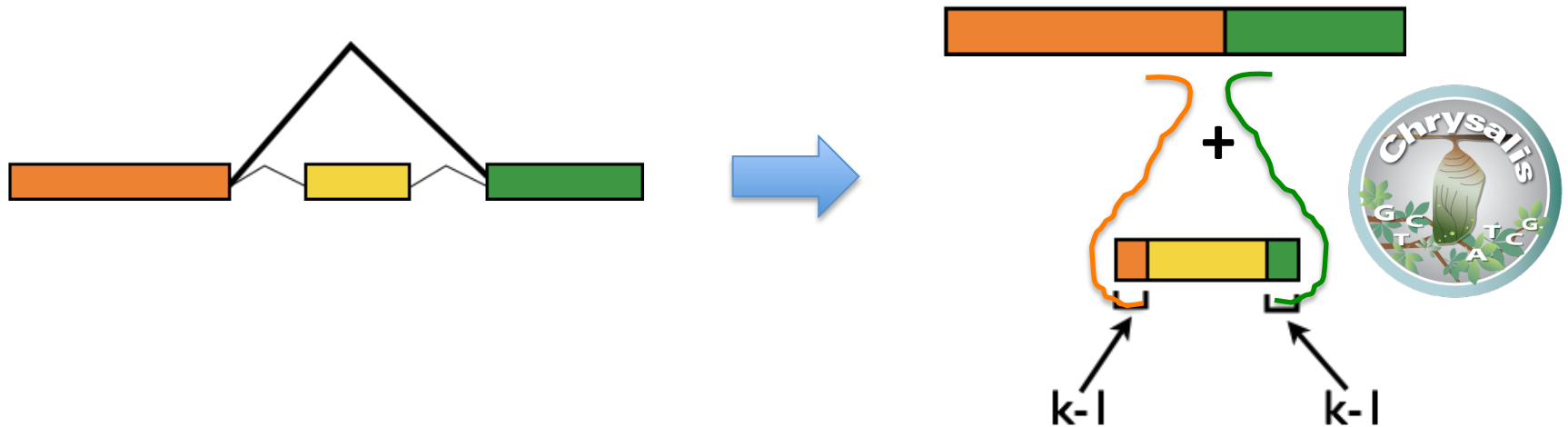




Inchworm Contigs from Alt-Spliced Transcripts



Chrysalis Re-groups Related Inchworm Contigs



Chrysalis uses (k-1) overlaps and read support to link related Inchworm contigs

Chrysalis

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>a122:len=2560

>a123:len=4443

>a124:len=48

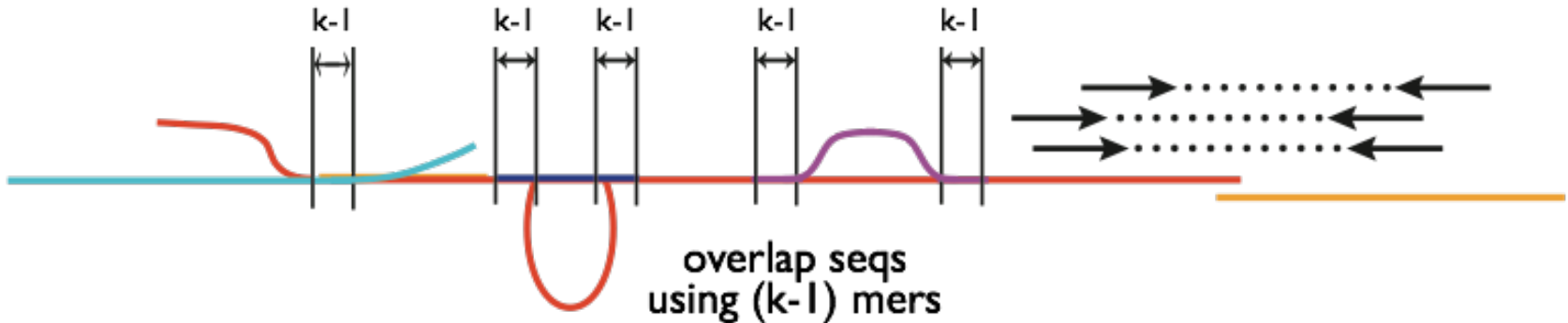
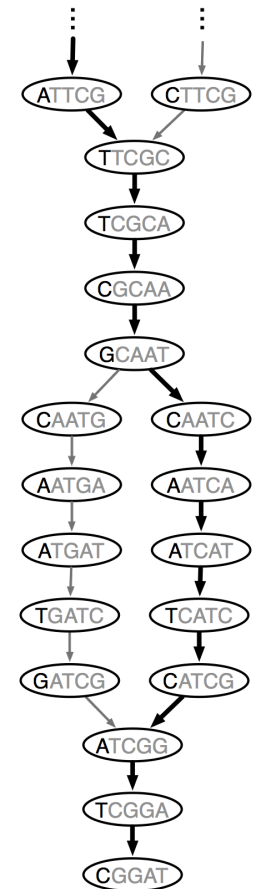
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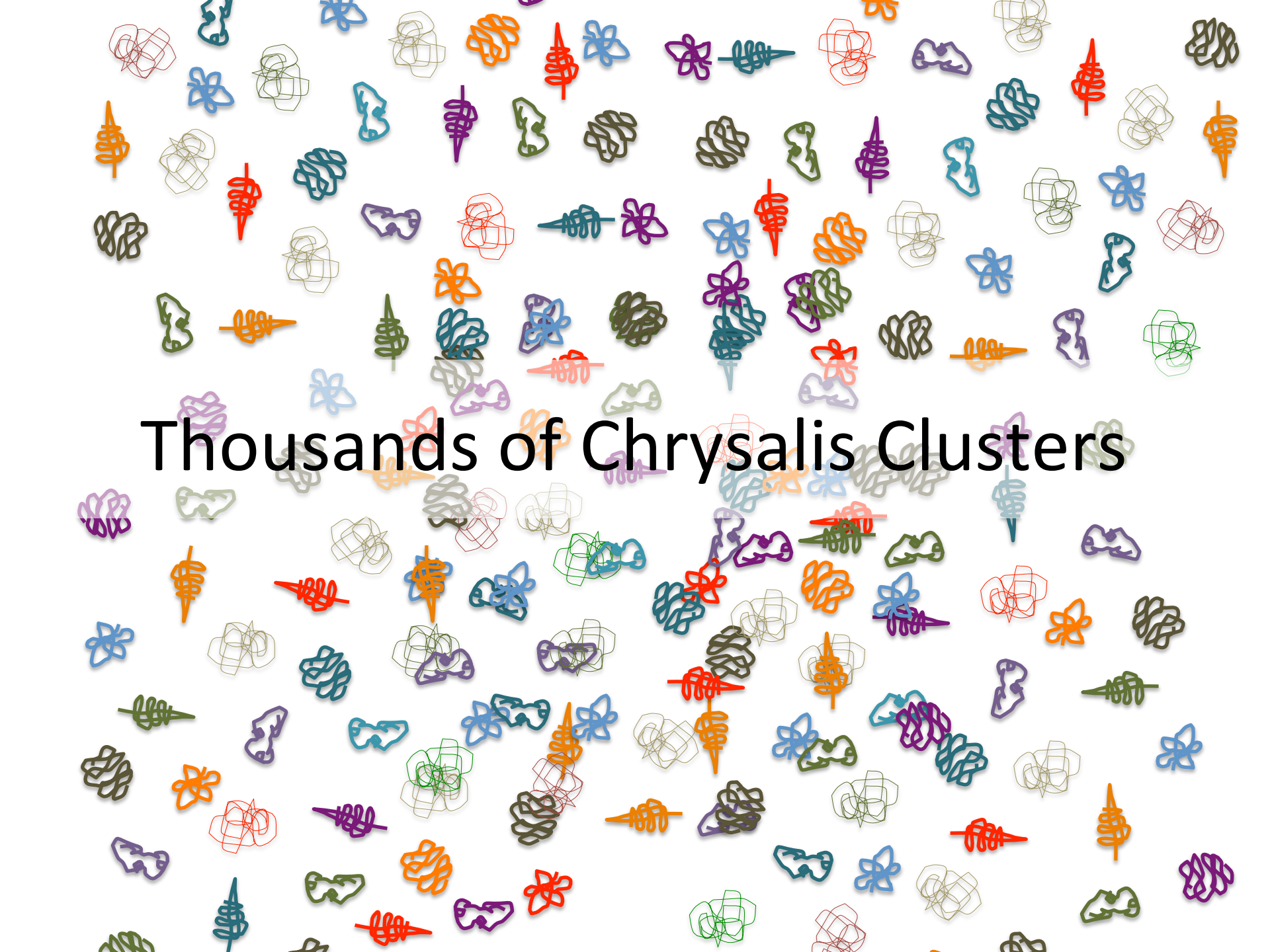
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Integrate isoforms
via $k-1$ overlaps

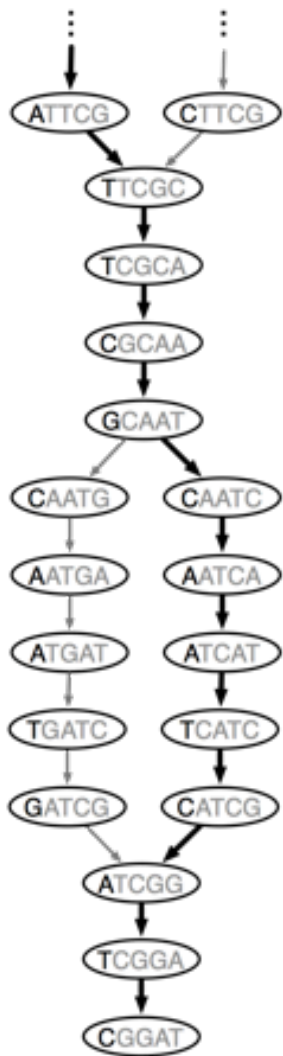
Build de Bruijn Graphs
(ideally, one per gene)



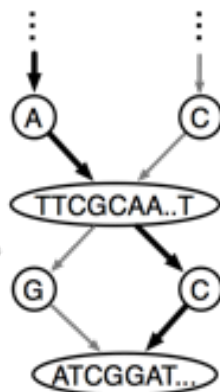


Thousands of Chrysalis Clusters

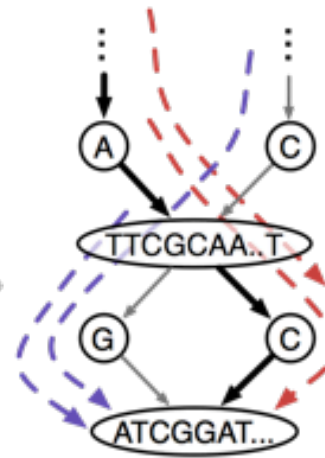
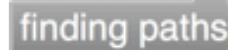
Butterfly



de Bruijn
graph



compact
graph



compact
graph with
reads

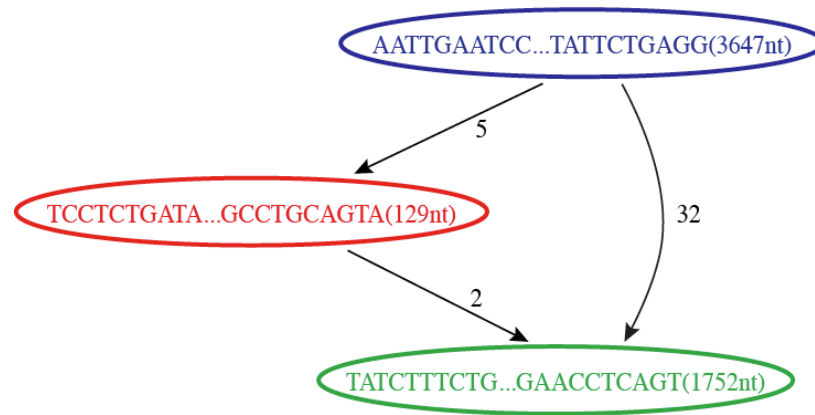


..CTTCGCAA..TGATCGGAT..
..ATTGCAA..TCATCGGAT..

sequences
(isoforms and paralogs)

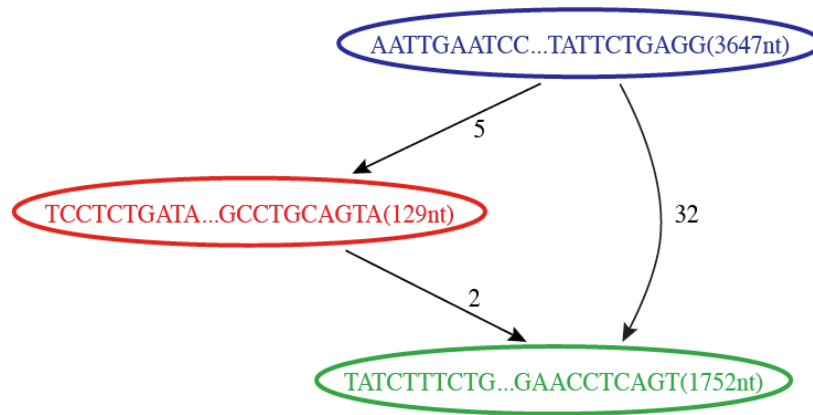
Butterfly Example 1: Reconstruction of Alternatively Spliced Transcripts

Butterfly's Compacted
Sequence Graph



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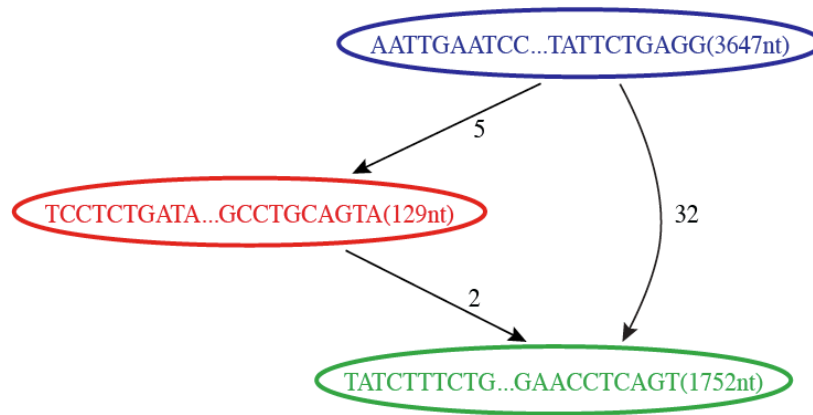


Reconstructed Transcripts



Reconstruction of Alternatively Spliced Transcripts

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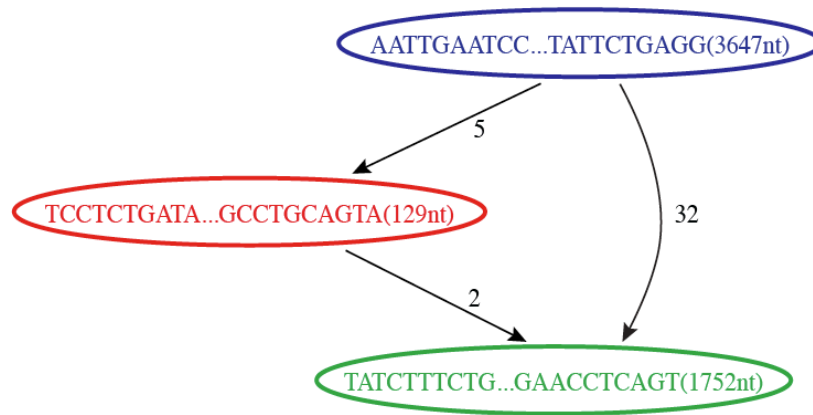


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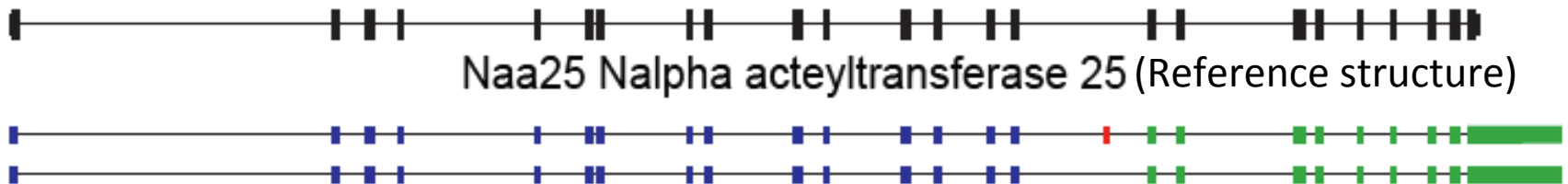
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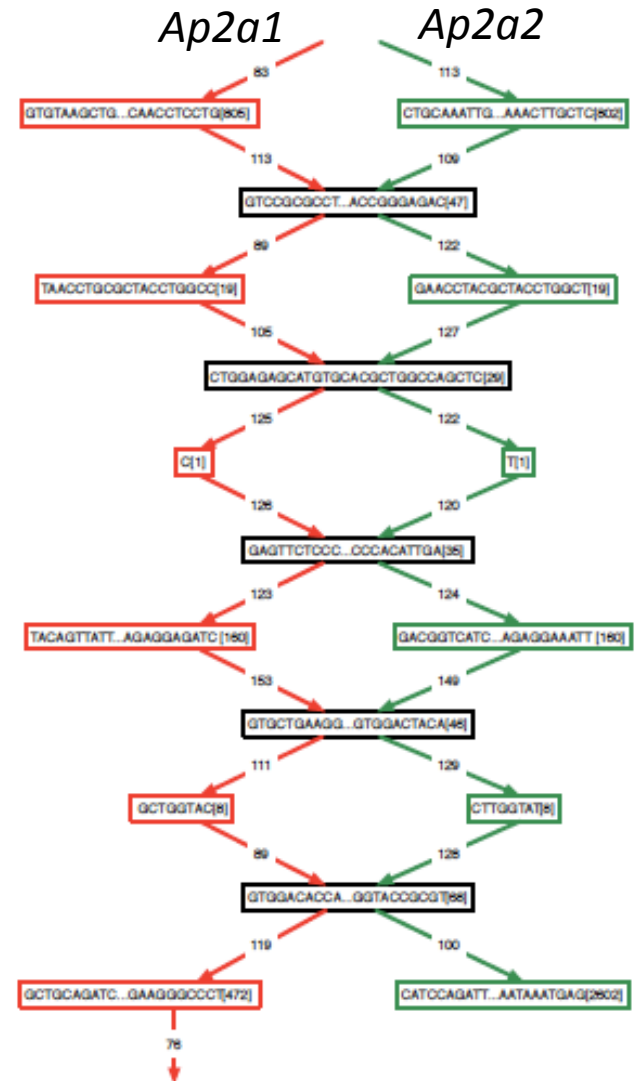
Reconstructed Transcripts



Aligned to Mouse Genome



Butterfly Example 2: Teasing Apart Transcripts of Paralogous Genes



Teasing Apart Transcripts of Paralogous Genes

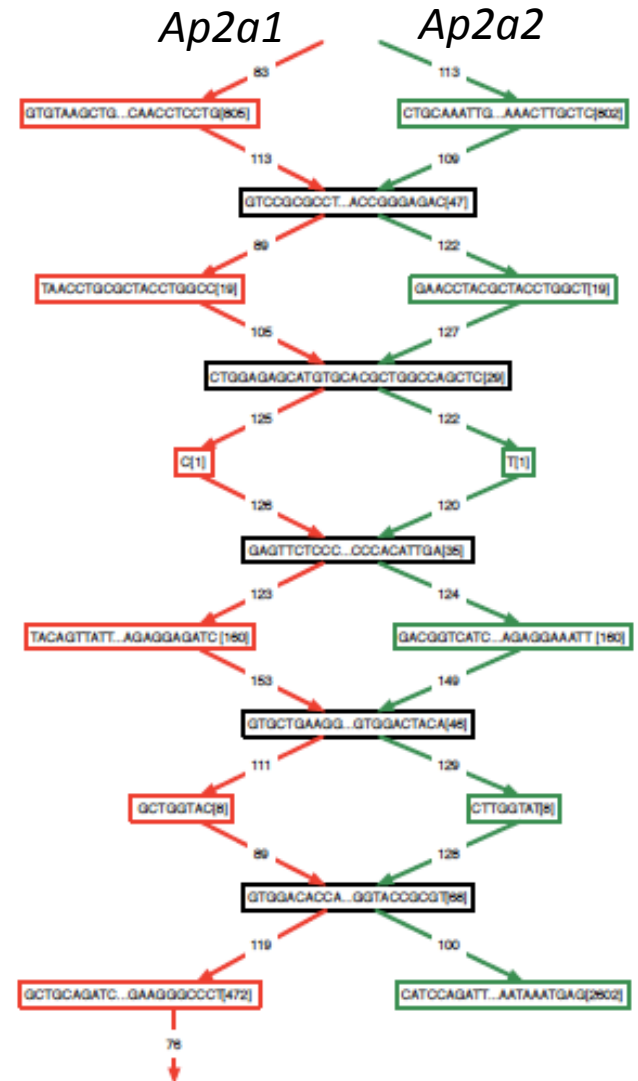
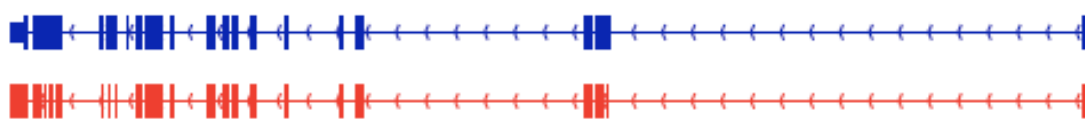
chr7:148,744,197-148,821,437

NM_007459; Ap2a2 adaptor protein complex AP-2, alpha 2 subunit



chr7:52,150,889-52,189,508

NM_001077264; Ap2a1 adaptor protein complex AP-2, alpha 1 subunit



Strand-specific RNA-Seq is Preferred

Computationally: fewer confounding graph structures:

ex. Forward != reverse complement

(GGAA != TTCC)

Biologically: separate sense vs. antisense transcription

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Comprehensive comparative analysis of strand-specific RNA sequencing methods

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Strand-specific, massively parallel cDNA sequencing (RNA-seq) is a powerful tool for transcript discovery, genome annotation

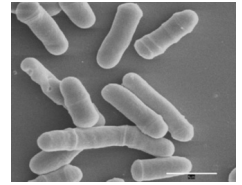
Nevertheless, direct information on the originating strand can substantially enhance the value of an RNA-seq experiment. For

'dUTP second strand marking' identified as the leading protocol

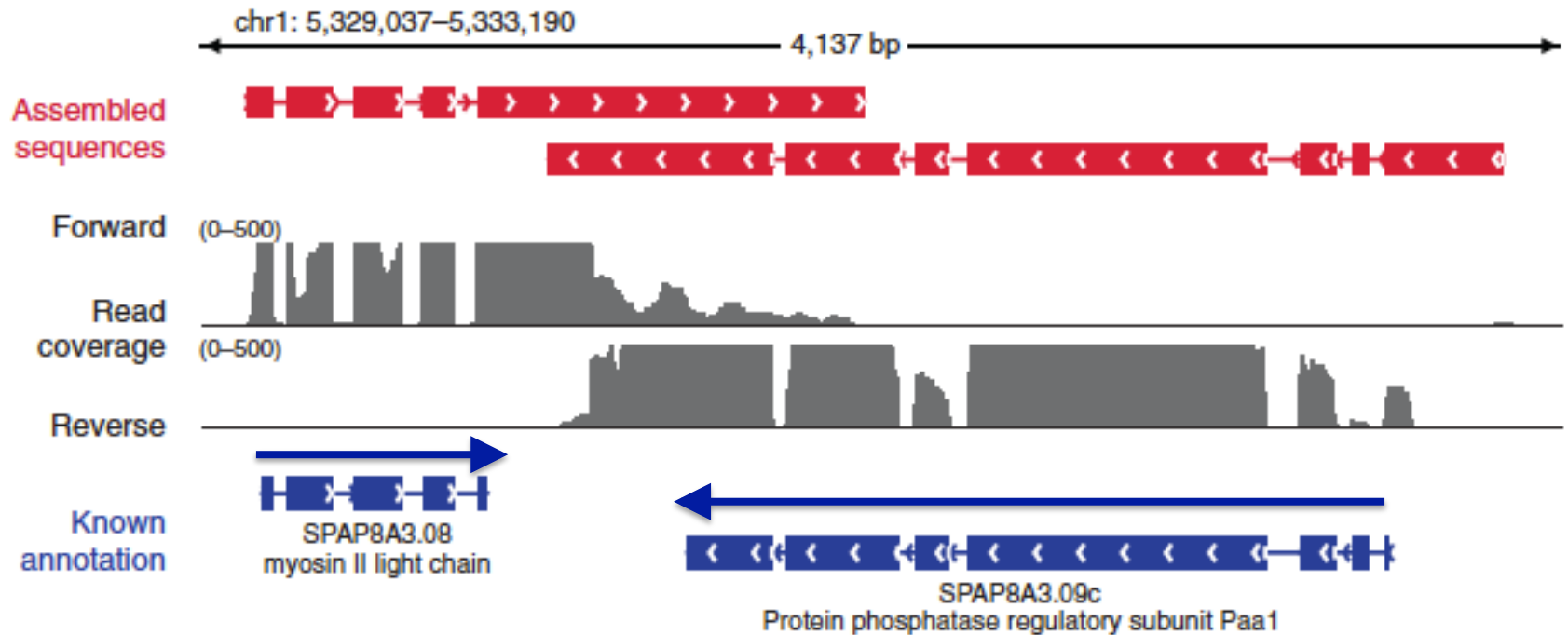
to choose between them, here we developed a comprehensive computational pipeline to compare library quality metrics from any RNA-seq method. Using the well-annotated *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* transcriptome as a benchmark, we compared seven library-construction protocols, including both published and

transcribed strand or other noncoding regions; demarcate the exact boundaries of adjacent genes transcribed on opposite strands and resolve the correct expression levels of coding or noncoding overlapping transcripts. These tasks are particularly challenging in small microbial genomes, prokaryotic and eukaryotic, in which

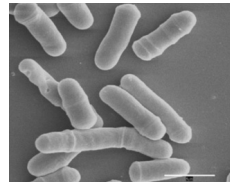
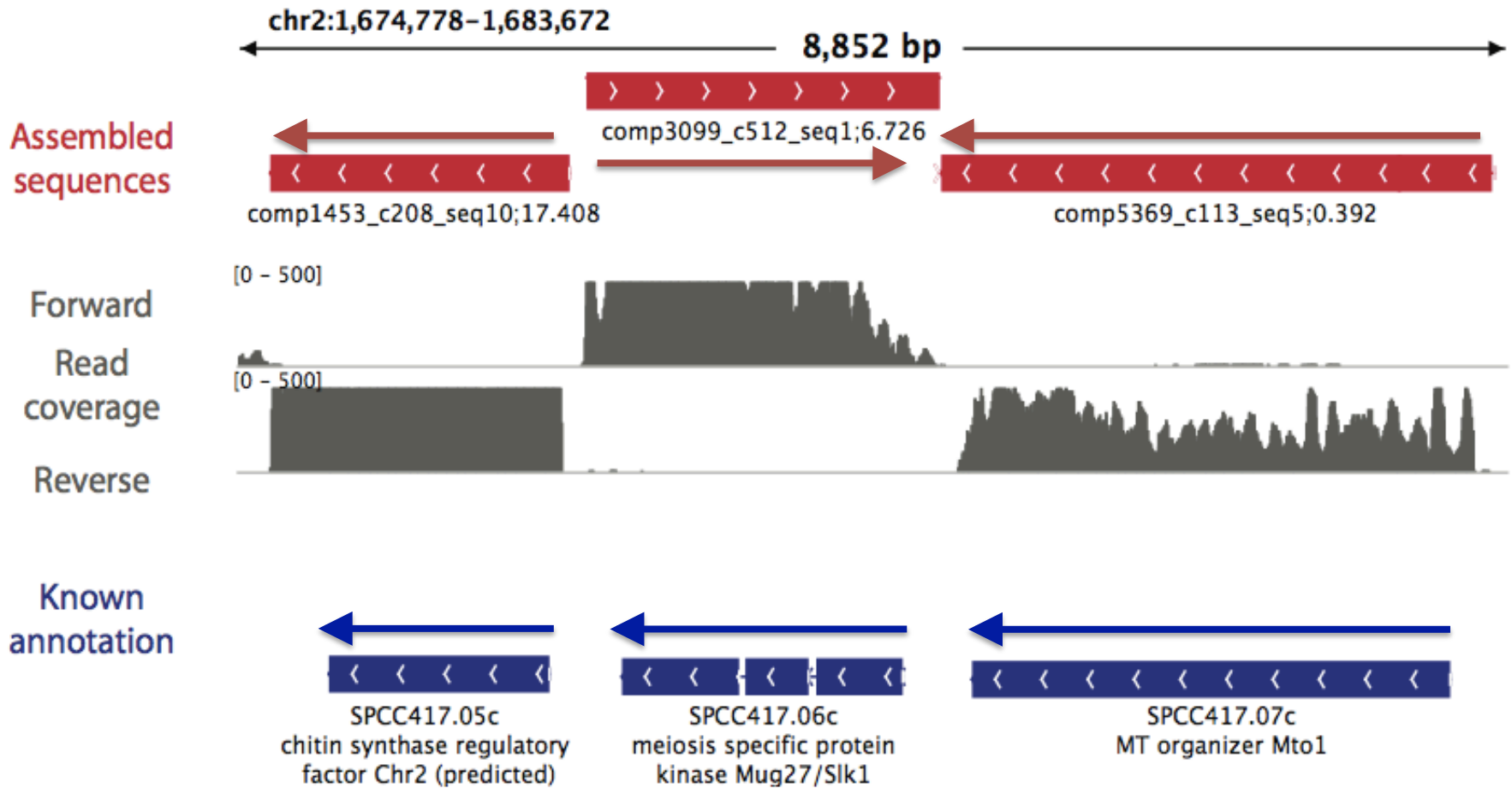
Overlapping UTRs from Opposite Strands



Schizosacharomyces pombe
(fission yeast)



Antisense-dominated Transcription




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>comp0 c0 seq1 len=5528 path=[1:0-3646 10775:3647-3775 3648:3776-5527]
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[illegible]

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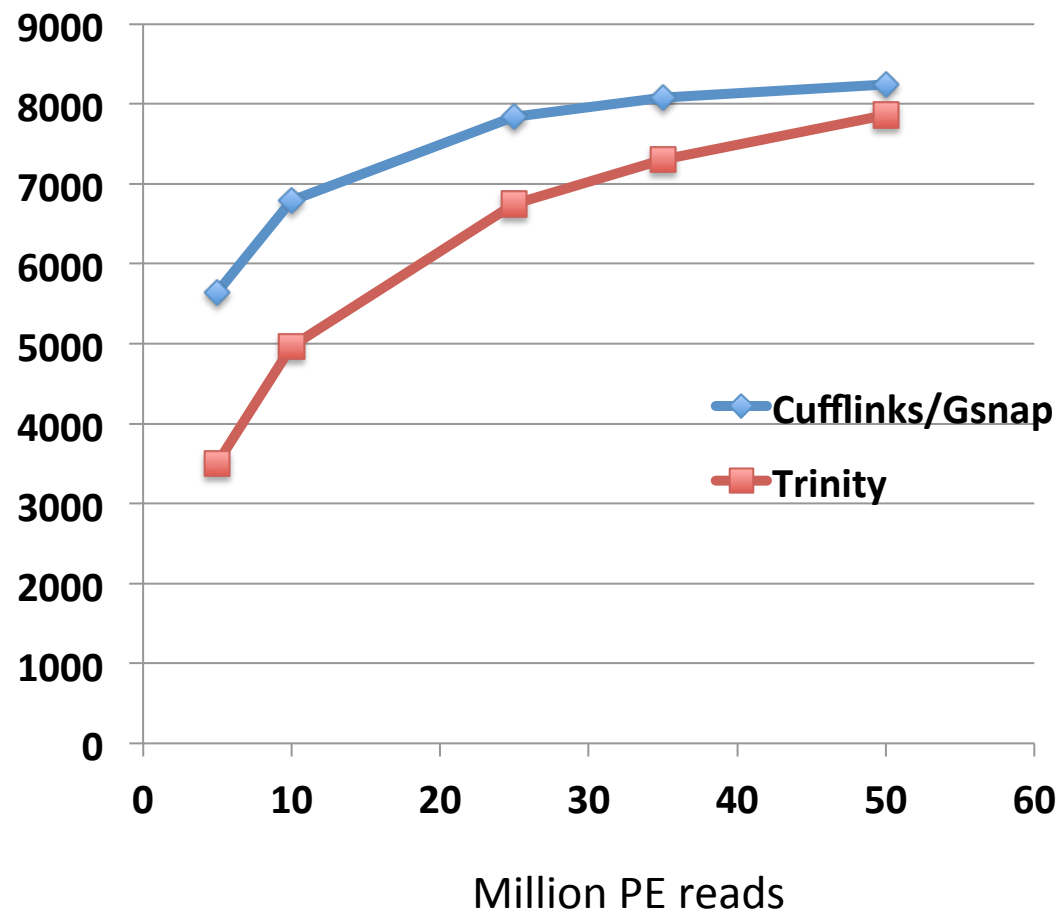
Can align Trinity transcripts to genome scaffolds to examine intron/exon structures

(Trinity transcripts aligned using GMAP)



Improved reconstruction with deeper sequencing depth and

Genome-based reconstruction is
more sensitive than de novo methods



Genes w/ fully
reconstructed
transcripts



Mouse data

Summary

- Two paradigms for transcript reconstruction
 - Rna-seq alignment assembly
 - Tuxedo (tophat, cufflinks)
 - genome-free de novo read assembly
 - Trinity
- Best to pursue both strategies
 - Maximize sensitivity for genome-based transcript reconstruction + capture missing or ill-represented transcripts via de novo assembly.

Software Links

- Tuxedo
 - Tophat: <http://tophat.cbcb.umd.edu/>
 - Cufflinks: <http://cufflinks.cbcb.umd.edu/>
- Trinity
 - <http://trinityrnaseq.sourceforge.net/>
- Visualization
 - IGV: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/igv/>
 - Genomeview: <http://genomeview.org>
- GMAP
 - <http://research-pub.gene.com/gmap/>
- Samtools
 - <http://samtools.sourceforge.net/>

Papers of Interest

- Next generation transcriptome assembly
 - <http://www.nature.com/nrg/journal/v12/n10/full/nrg3068.html>
- Tuxedo protocol
 - <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3334321/>
- Trinity
 - <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3571712/>