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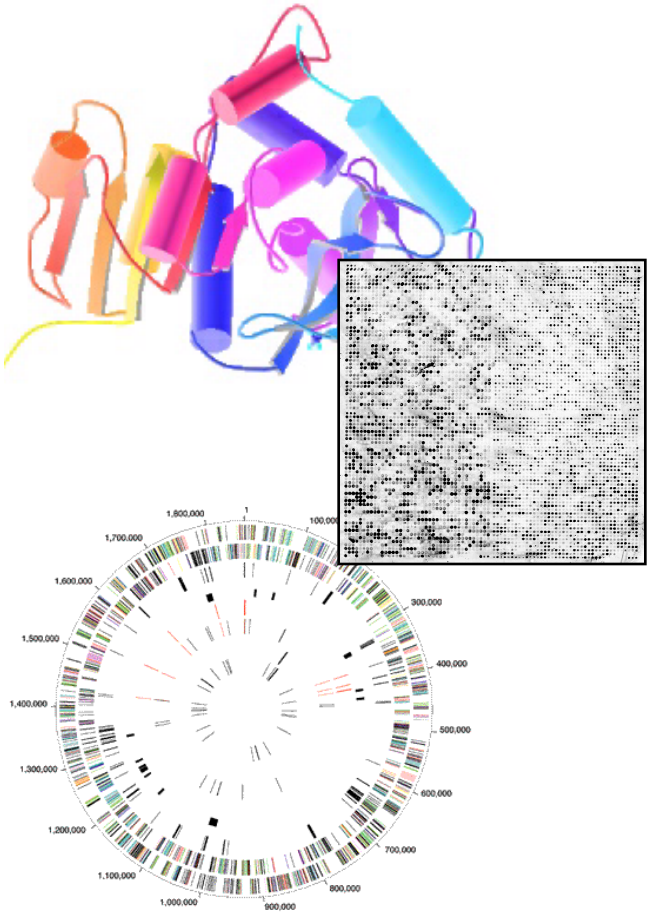

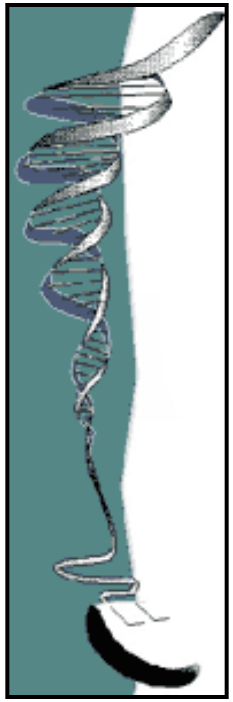

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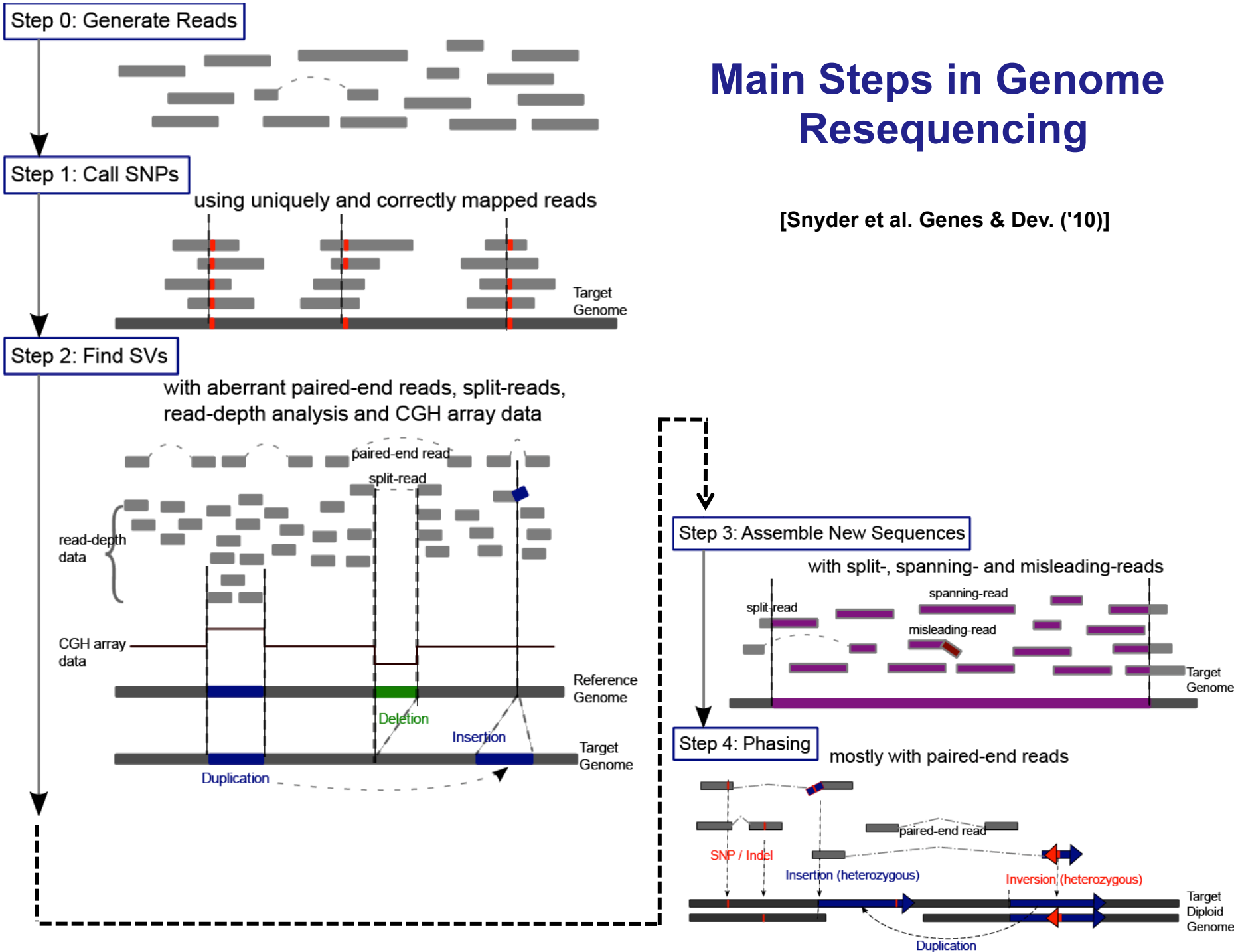

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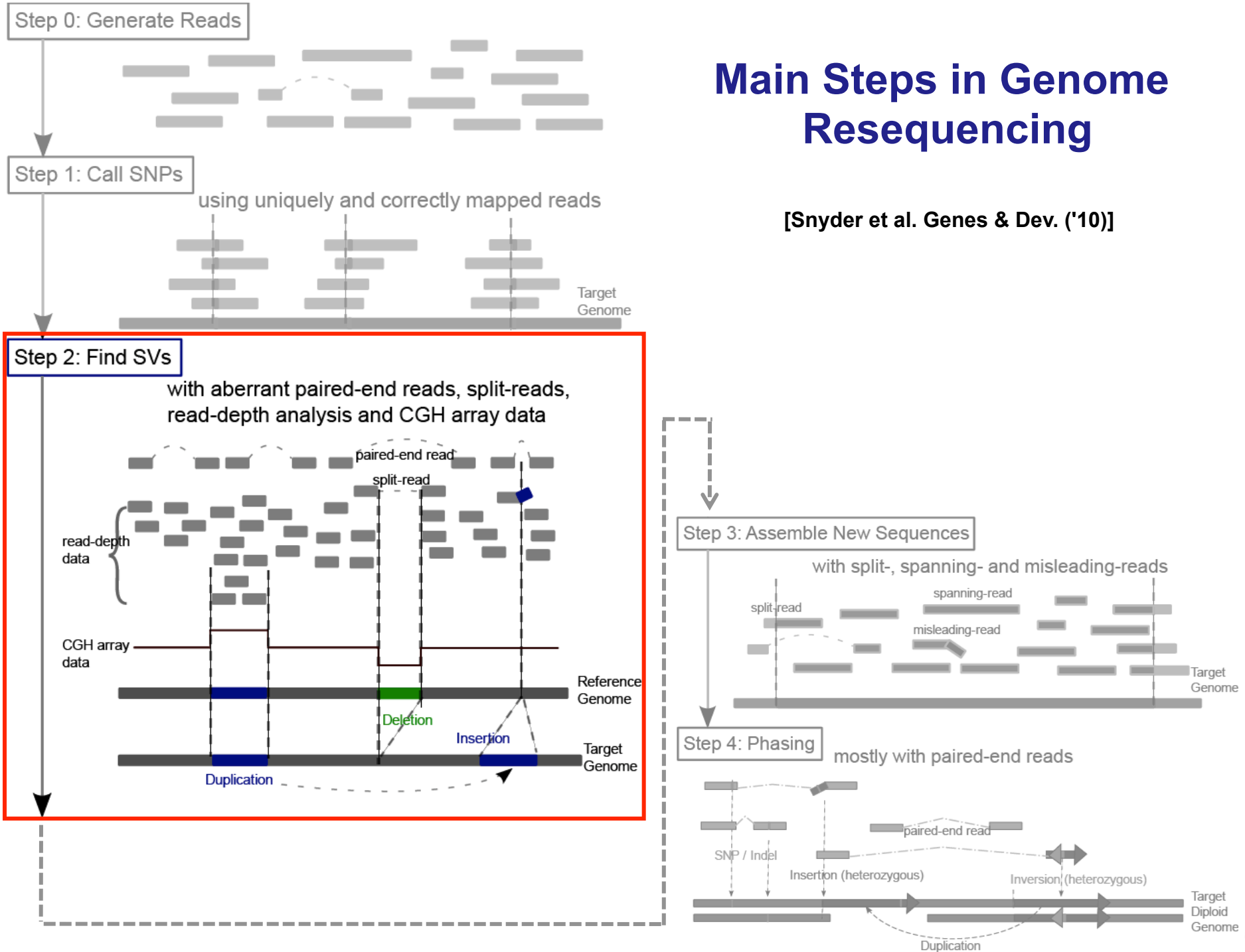

Methods to **Find SVs**

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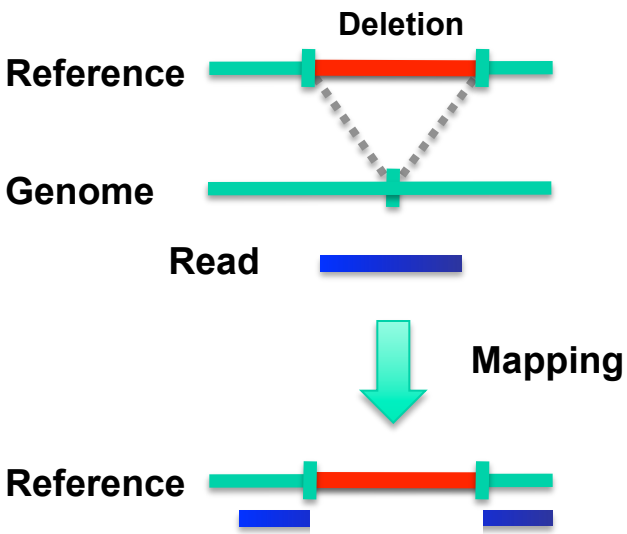
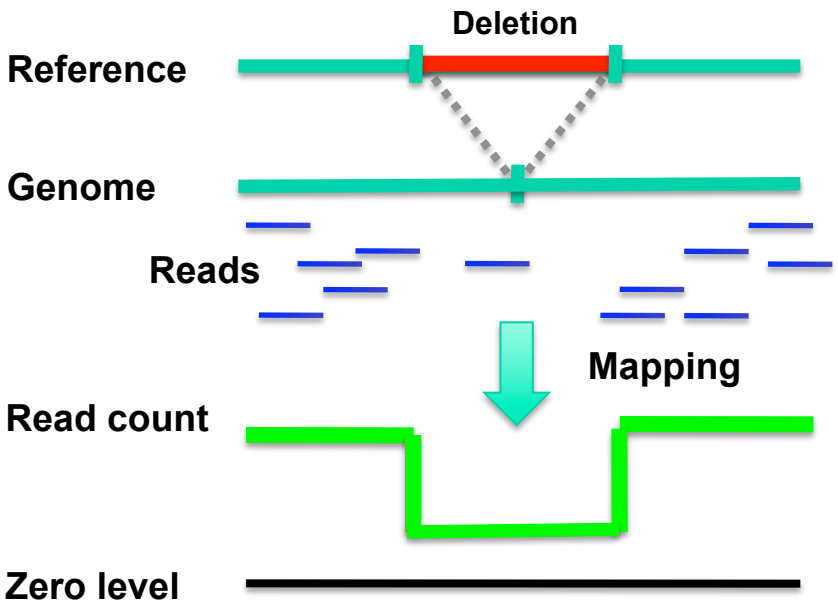
2. Split read



3. Read depth (or aCGH)



4. Local Reassembly

[Snyder et al. Genes & Dev. ('10)]

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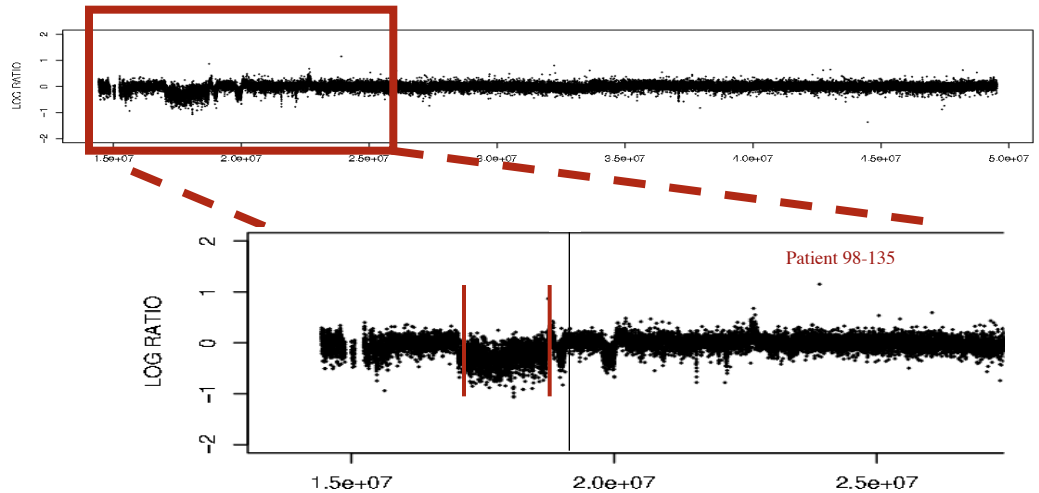
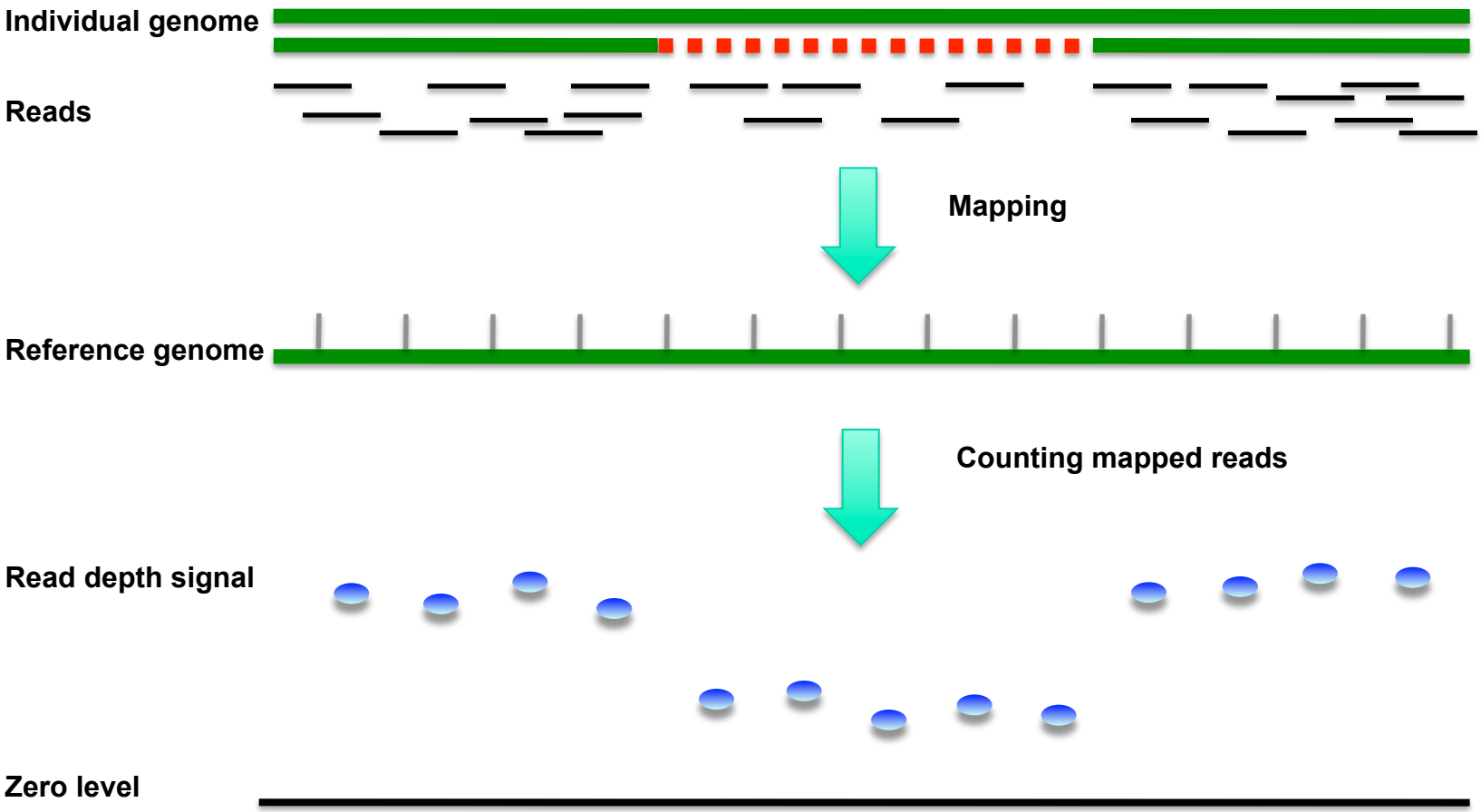


Array Signal

Read depth



[Urban et al. ('06) PNAS; Wang et al. Gen. Res. ('09); Abyzov et al. Gen. Res. ('11)]

Reads to Signal Track

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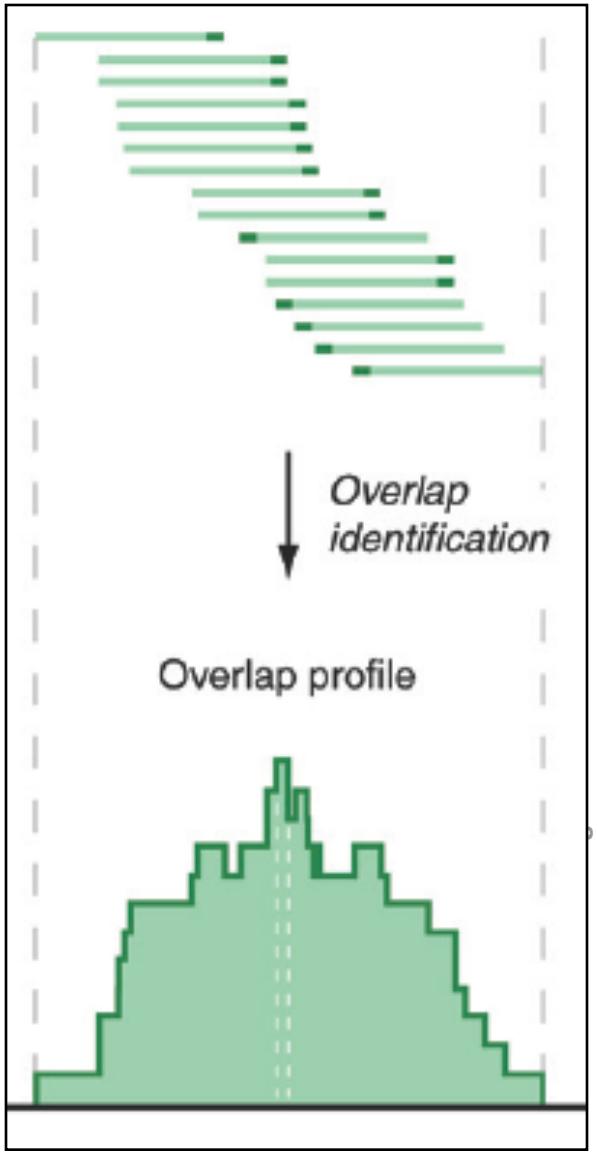


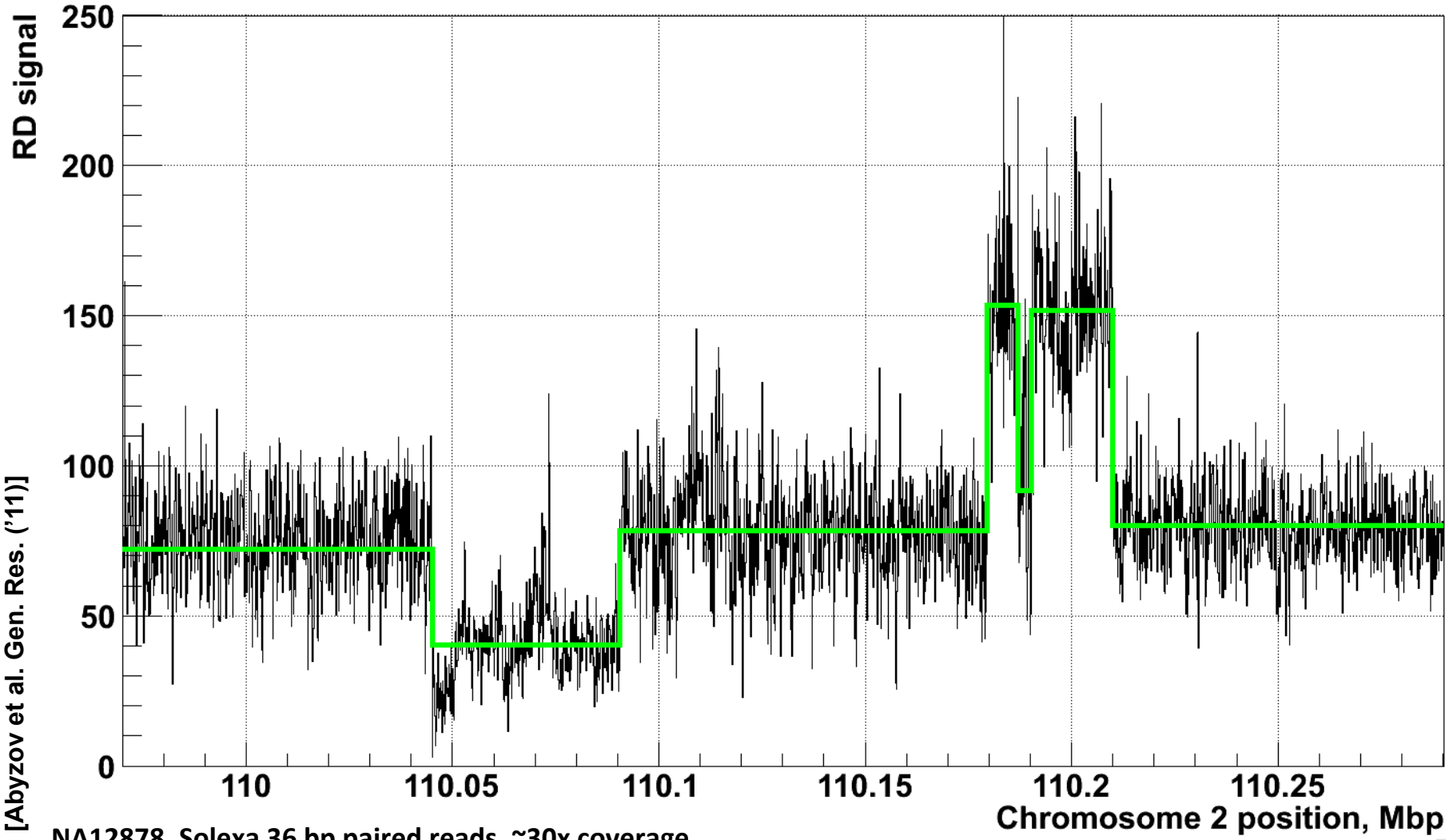
Reads (fasta)
+ quality scores (fastq)
+ mapping (BAM)

Reads => Signal (Intermediate file)

Accumulating @ >1 Pbp/yr (currently),
~20% of tot. HiSeq output

[*PLOS CB* 4:e1000158]

Example of Application to RD data

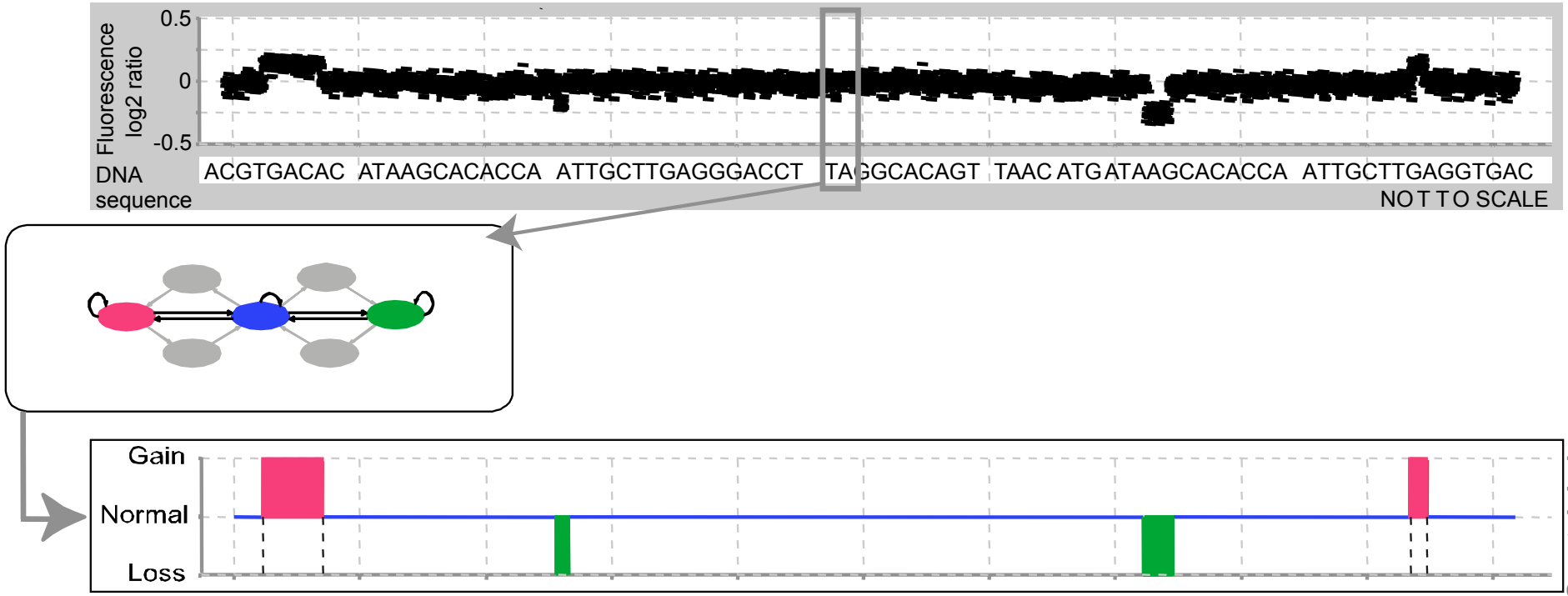


[Abyzov et al. Gen. Res. ('11)]

NA12878, Solexa 36 bp paired reads, ~30x coverage

HMM

- To get highest resolution on breakpoints need to smooth & segment the signal
- BreakPtr: prediction of breakpoints, dosage and cross-hybridization using a system based on Hidden Markov Models



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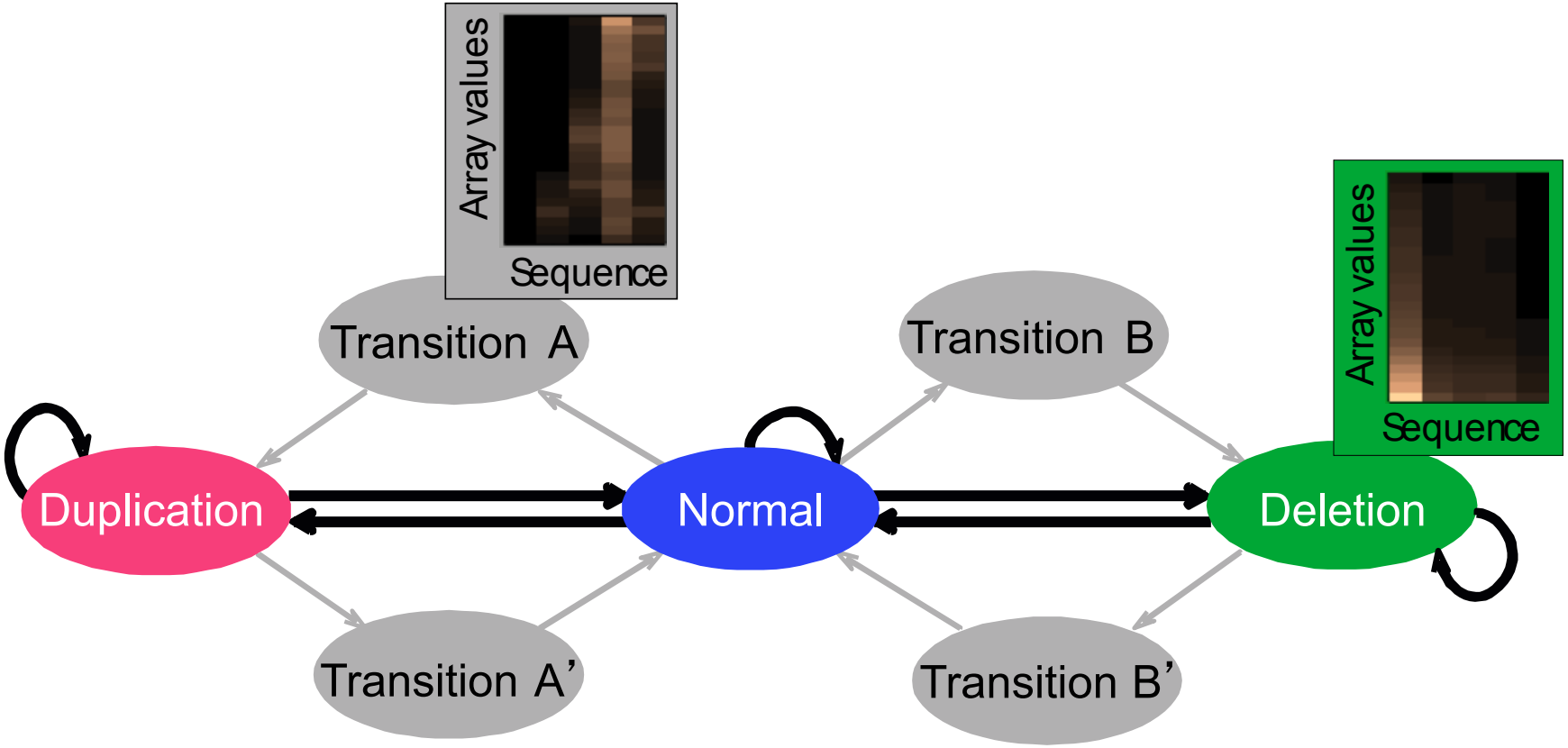
Statistically integrates array signal and DNA sequence signatures (using a discrete-valued bivariate HMM)



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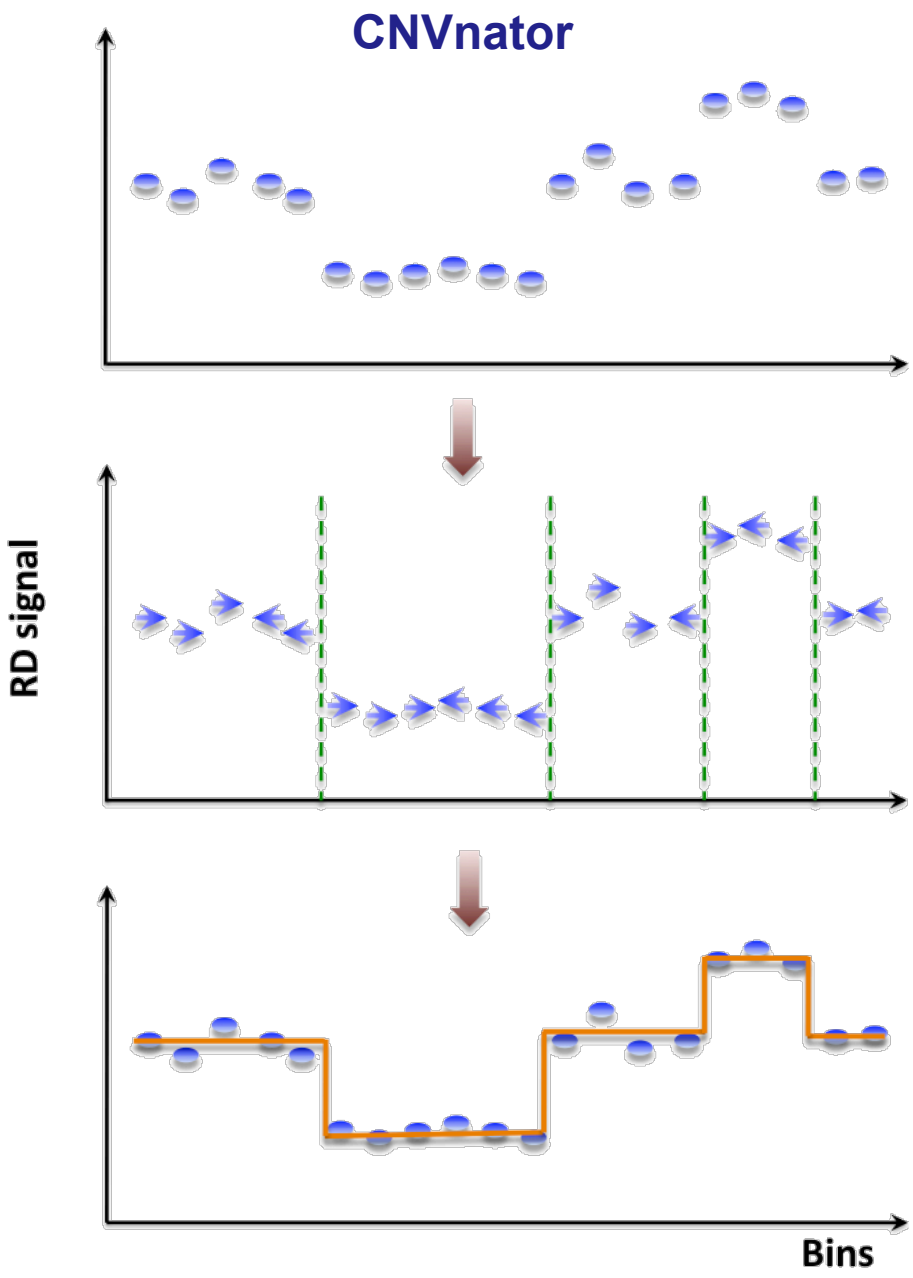
Mean-shift-based (MSB) segmentation: no explicit model

- For each bin attraction (mean-shift) vector points in the direction of bins with most similar RD signal
- No prior assumptions about number, sizes, haplotype, frequency and density of CNV regions
- Not Model-based (e.g. like HMM) with global optimization, distr. assumption & parms. (e.g. num. of segments).
- Achieves discontinuity-preserving smoothing
- Derived from image-processing applications



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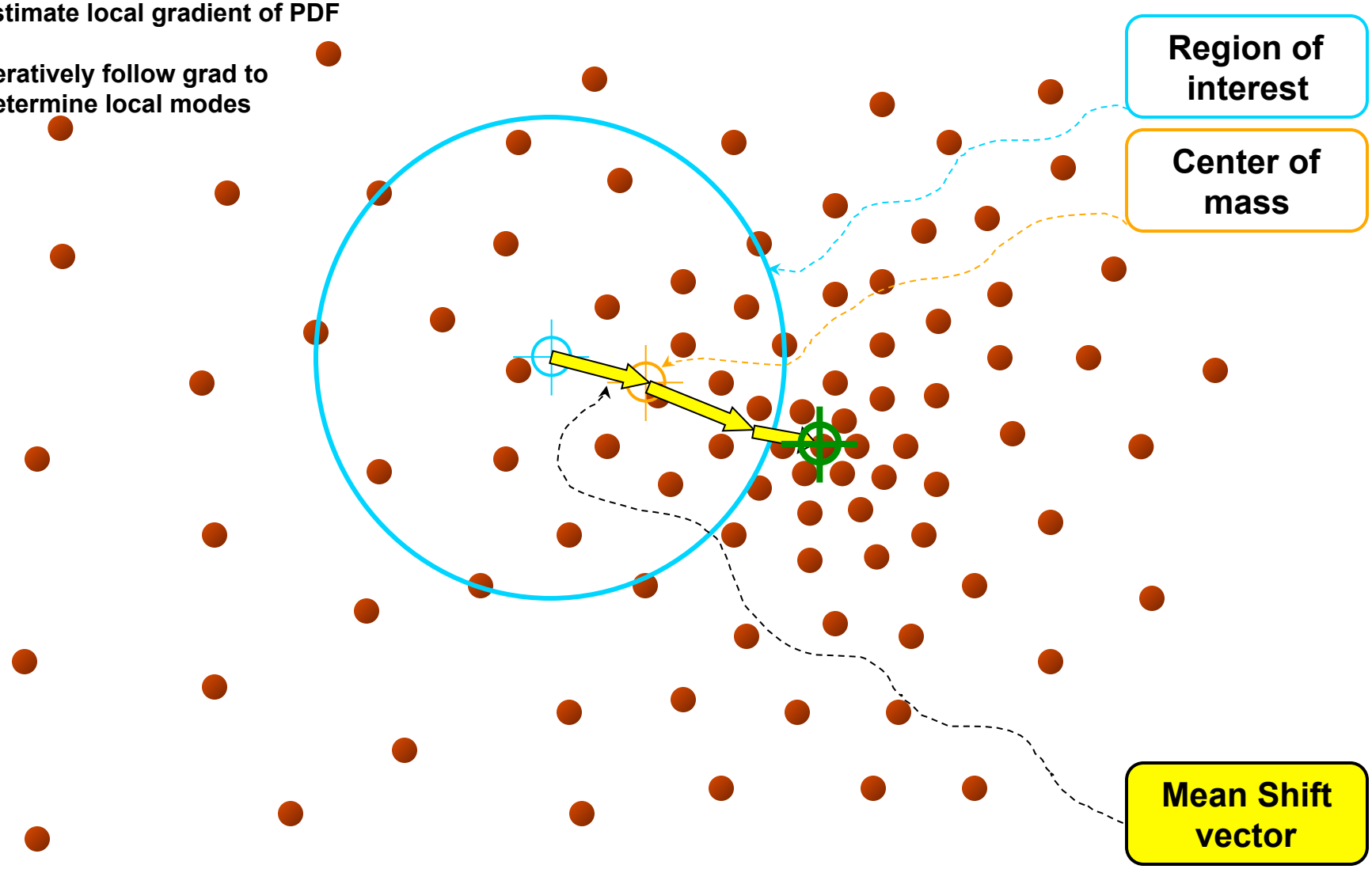
Intuitive Description of MSB

Observed depth of coverage counts as samples from PDF

Kernel-based approach to estimate local gradient of PDF

Iteratively follow grad to determine local modes



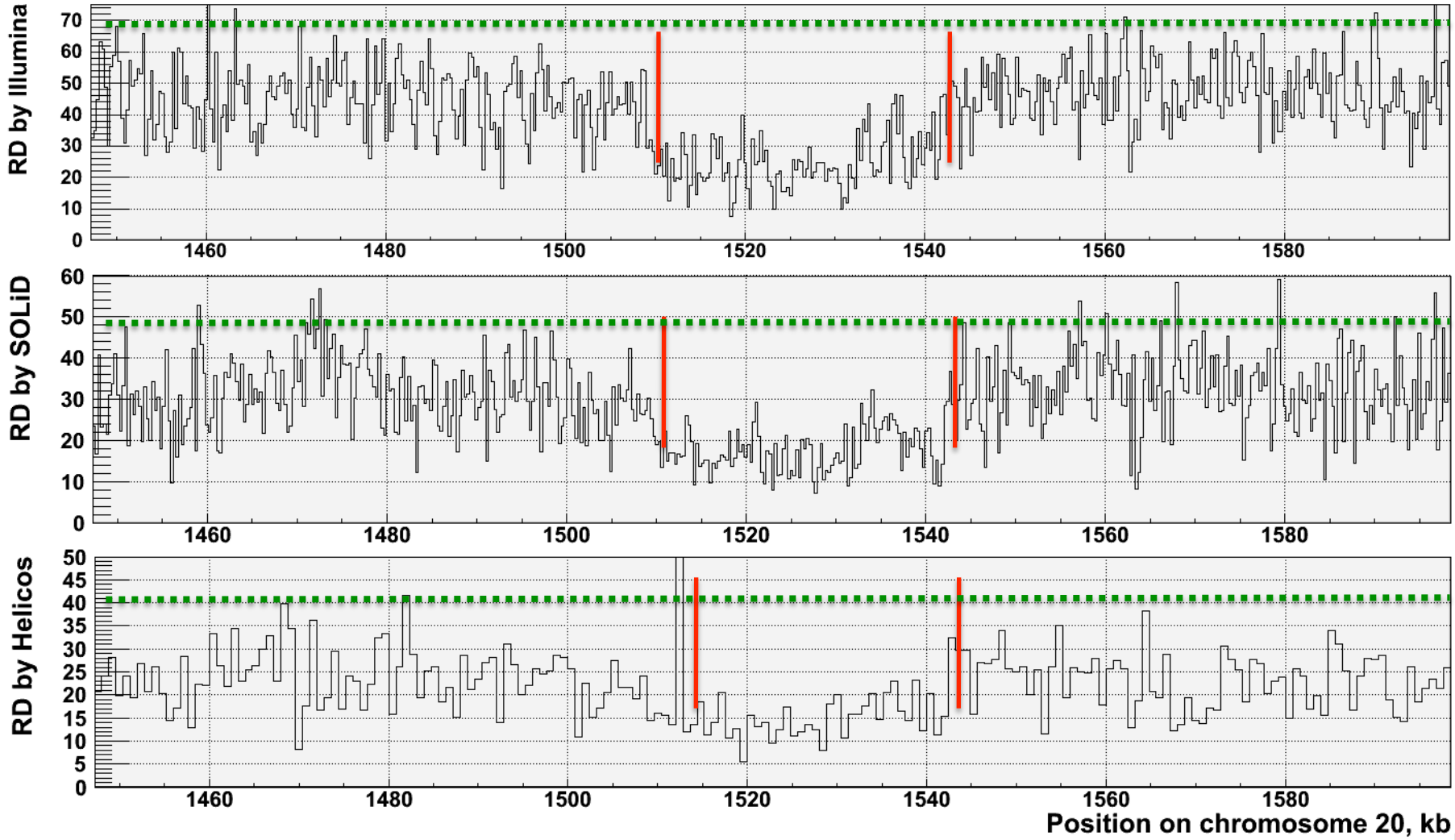
Objective : Find the densest region

Distribution of identical billiard balls

[Adapted from S Ullman et al. "**Advanced Topics in Computer Vision,**" www.wisdom.weizmann.ac.il/~vision/courses/2004_2]

Split Read

Read-depth works well on a variety of sequencing platforms but provides imprecise breakpoints



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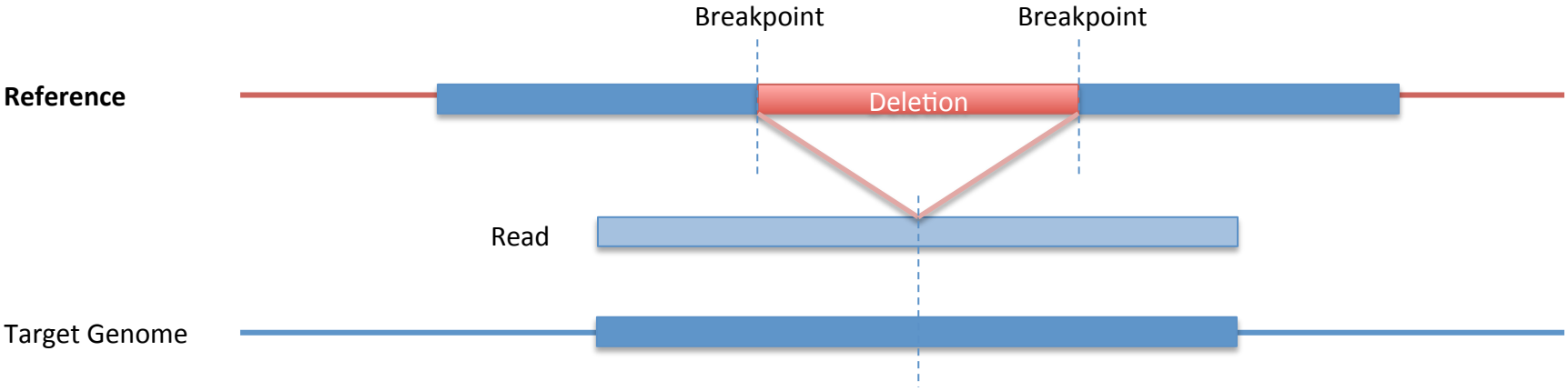
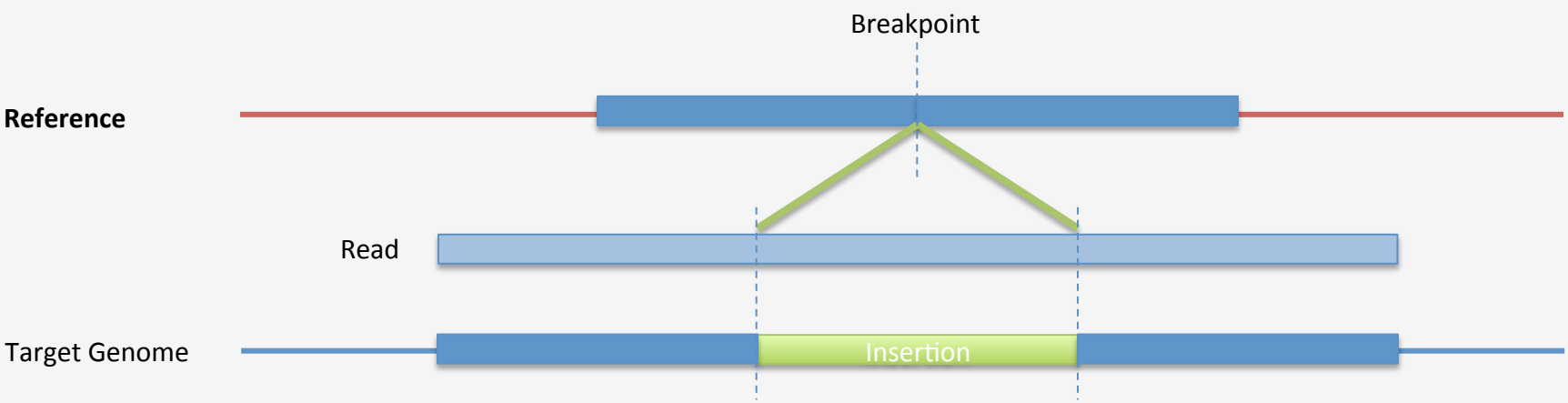
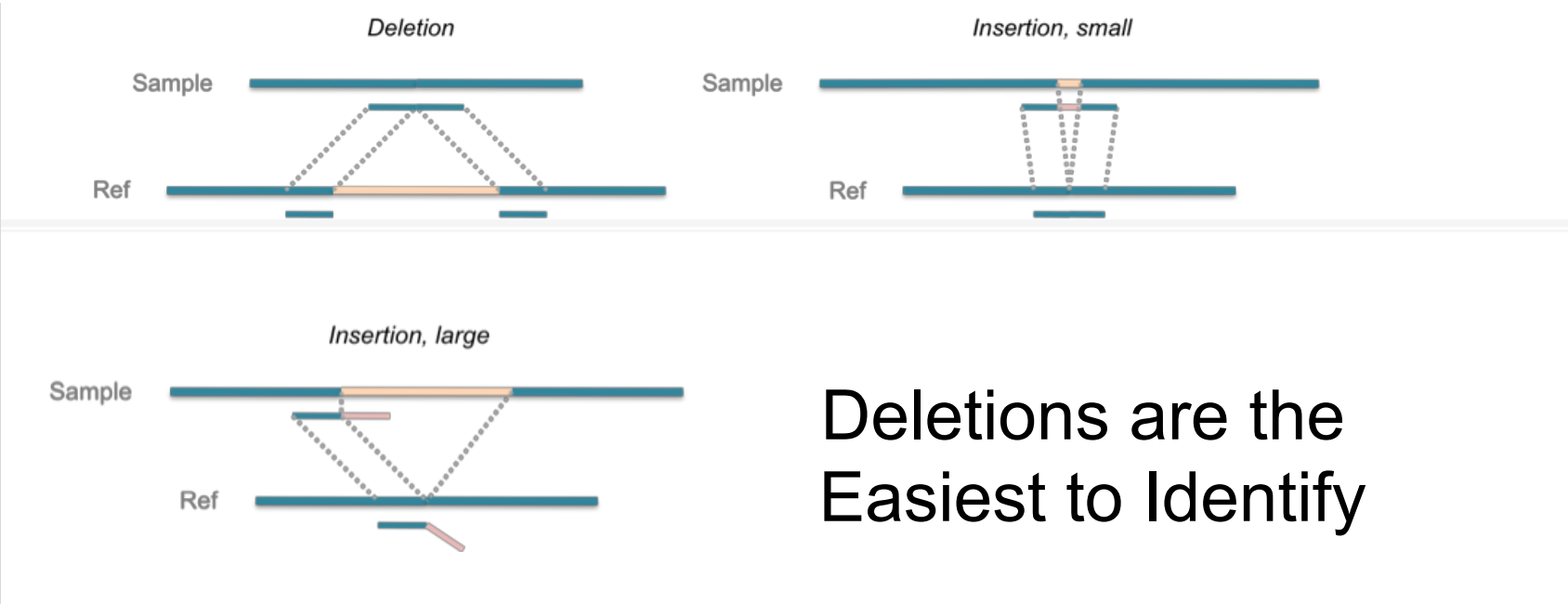
[NA18505]

Split-read Analysis



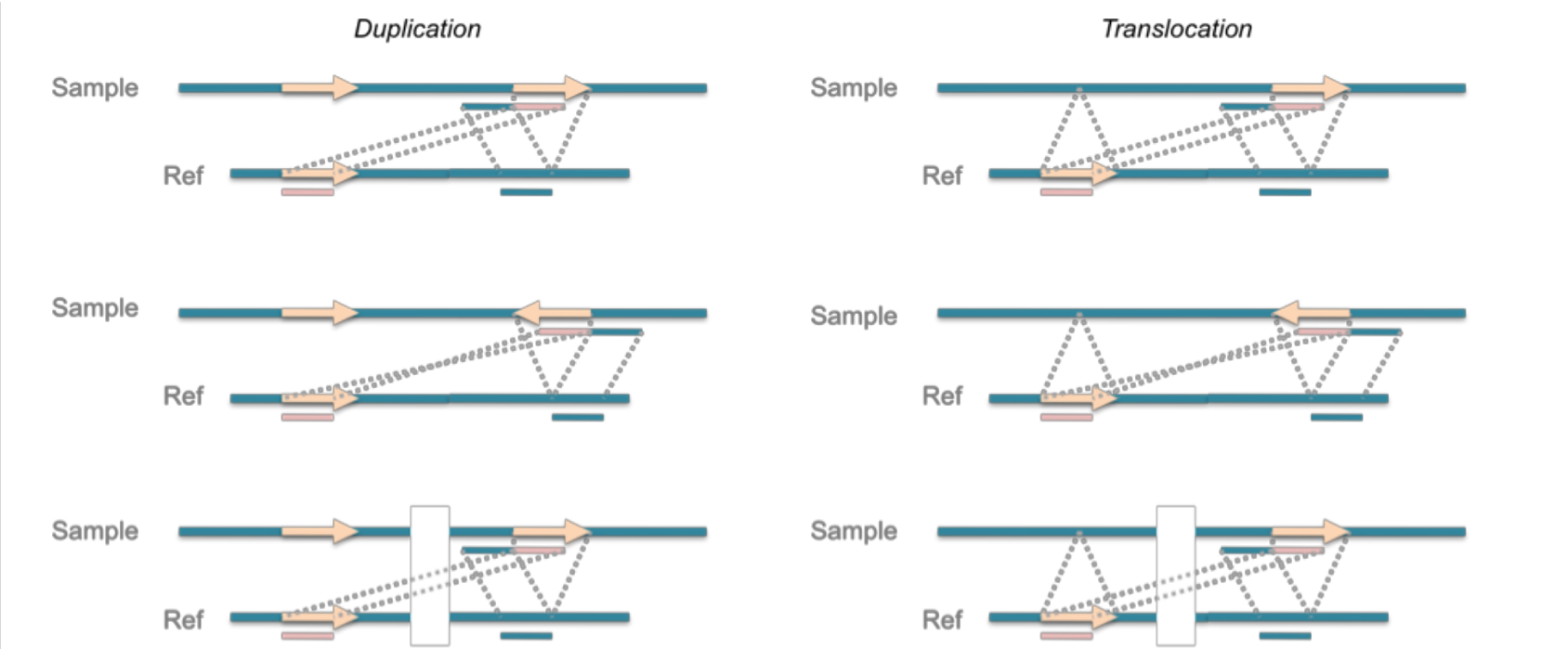


Simple SVs



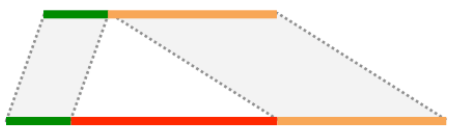
Deletions are the Easiest to Identify

Complex SVs



[Zhang et al. ('11) *BMC Genomics*]

Difficulties in Defining Exact Breakpoints



Optimal alignment

Small gap penalty | Large gap penalty

NW alignment

SW alignment

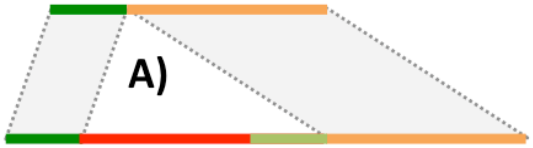
Optimal alignment

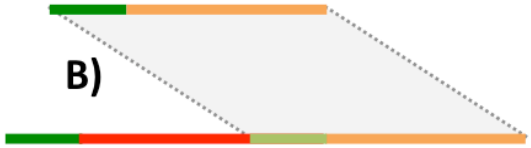
Small gap penalty | Large gap penalty

NW alignment

SW alignment

Optimal alignment | Local/global alignment at right | Local alignment at left

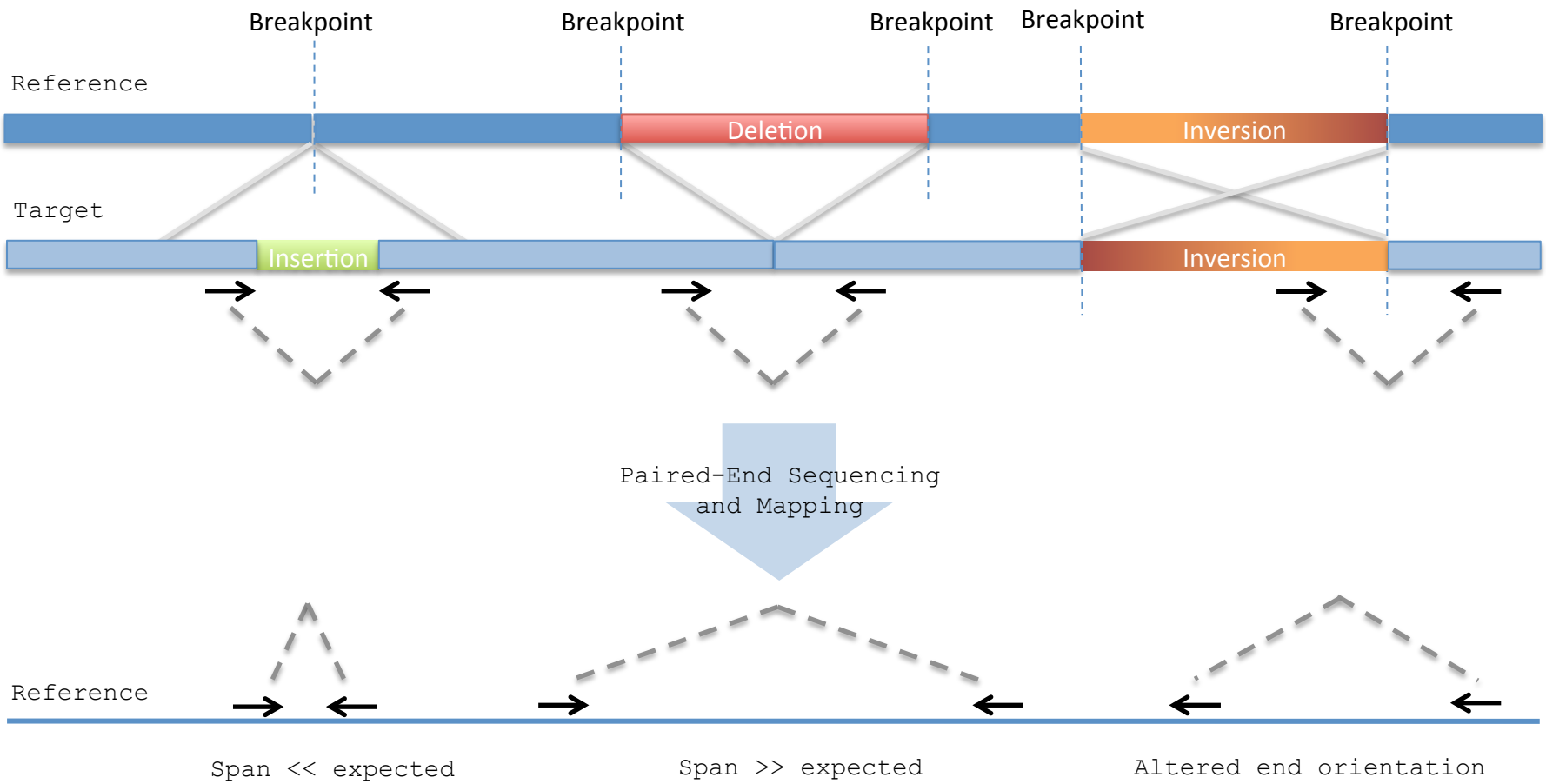




[Abyzov & Gerstein ('11) Bioinfo.]

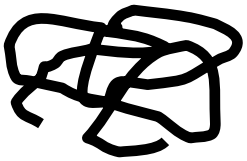
Paired-End

Paired-End Mapping



- Both paired-ends map within repeats.
- Limited the distance between pairs; therefore, neither large nor very small rearrangements can be detected

High-Resolution Paired-End Mapping (HR-PEM)

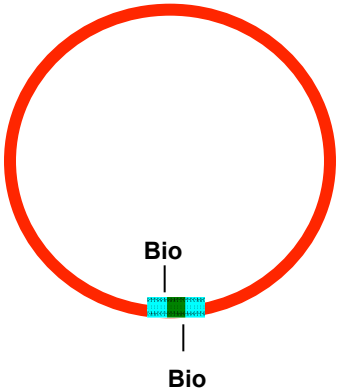


Genomic DNA

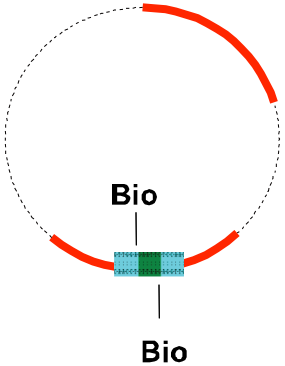
Shear to 3 kb
Adaptor ligation

Fragments

Circularize



Random Cleavage



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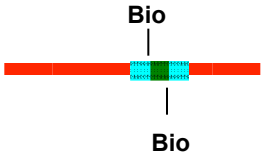
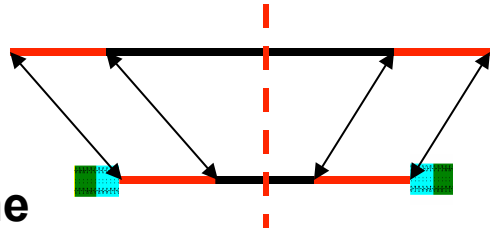


200-300bp

454 Massively Parallel Sequencing
(250bp/reads, 400k reads/run)

Map paired ends to human reference genome



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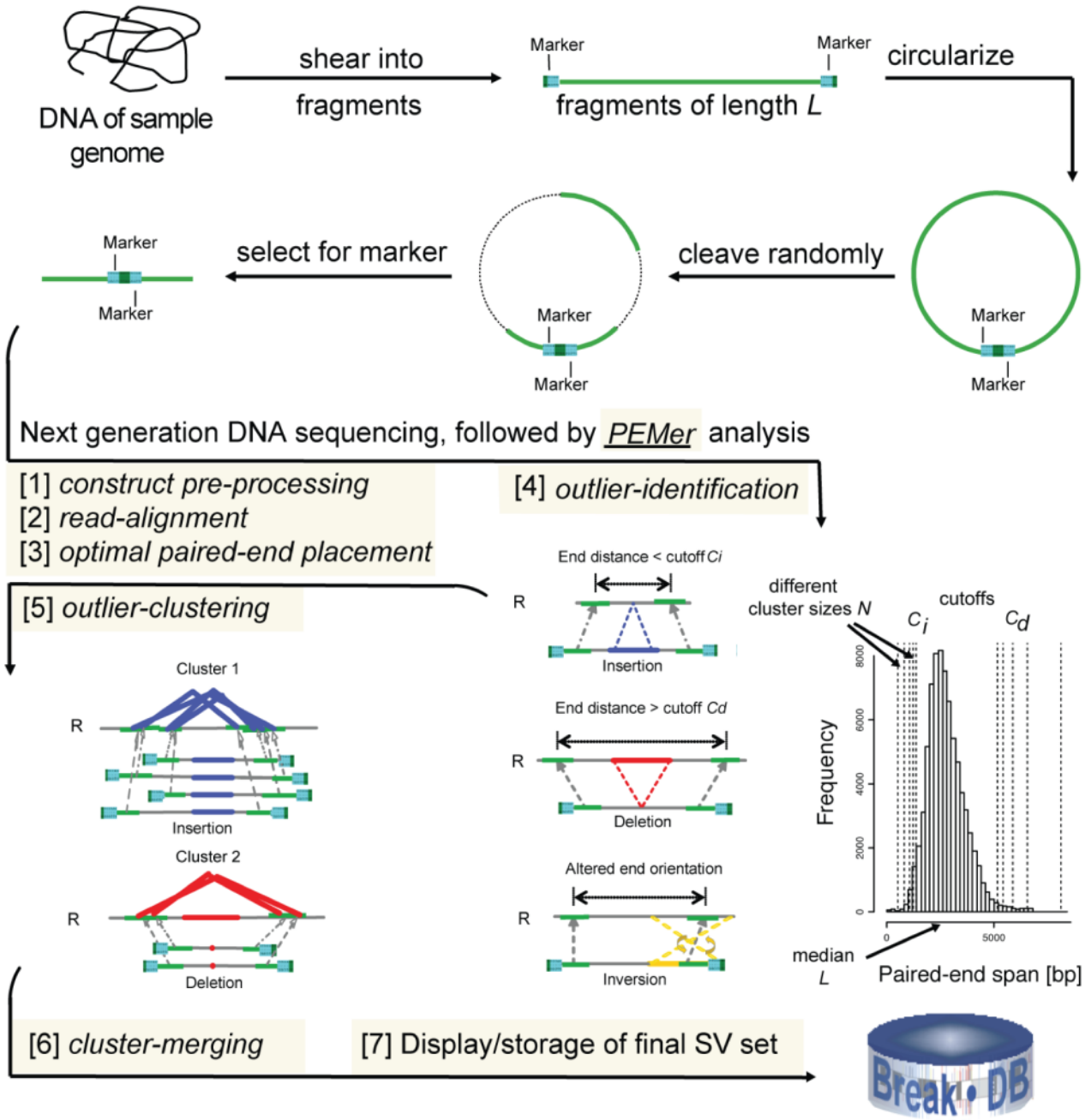
Korbel et al., 2007 *Science*

Overall Strategy for Analysis of NextGen Seq. Data to Detect Structural Variants



[Korbel et al., Science ('07); Korbel et al., GenomeBiol. ('09)]

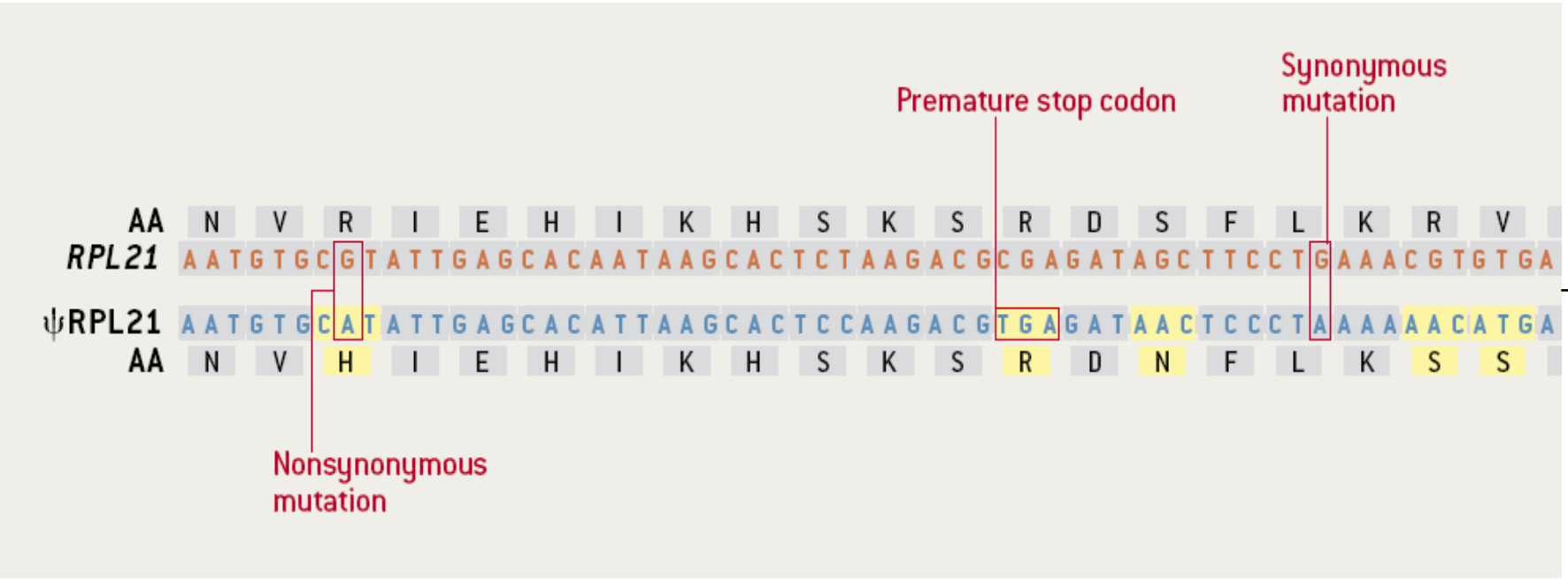
Pseudogenes & Genomic Duplications

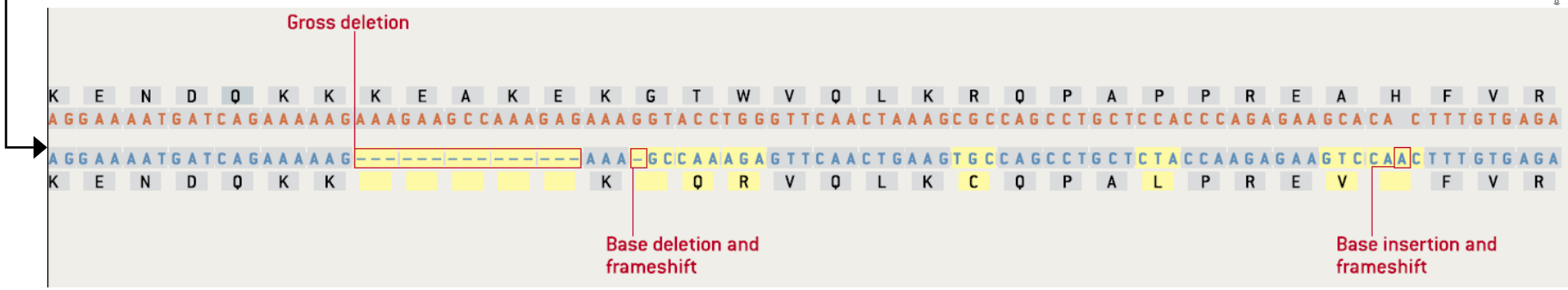
Pseudogenes are among the most interesting intergenic elements

- Formal Properties of Pseudogenes (ΨG)
  - Inheritable
  - Homologous to a functioning element – ergo a repeat!
  - Non-functional
    - No selection pressure so free to accumulate mutations
      - Frameshifts & stops
      - Small Indels
      - Inserted repeats (LINE/Alu)
    - **What does this mean?** no transcription, no translation?…

[Mighell et al. *FEBS Letts*, 2000]

Identifiable Features of a Pseudogene (ψRPL21)





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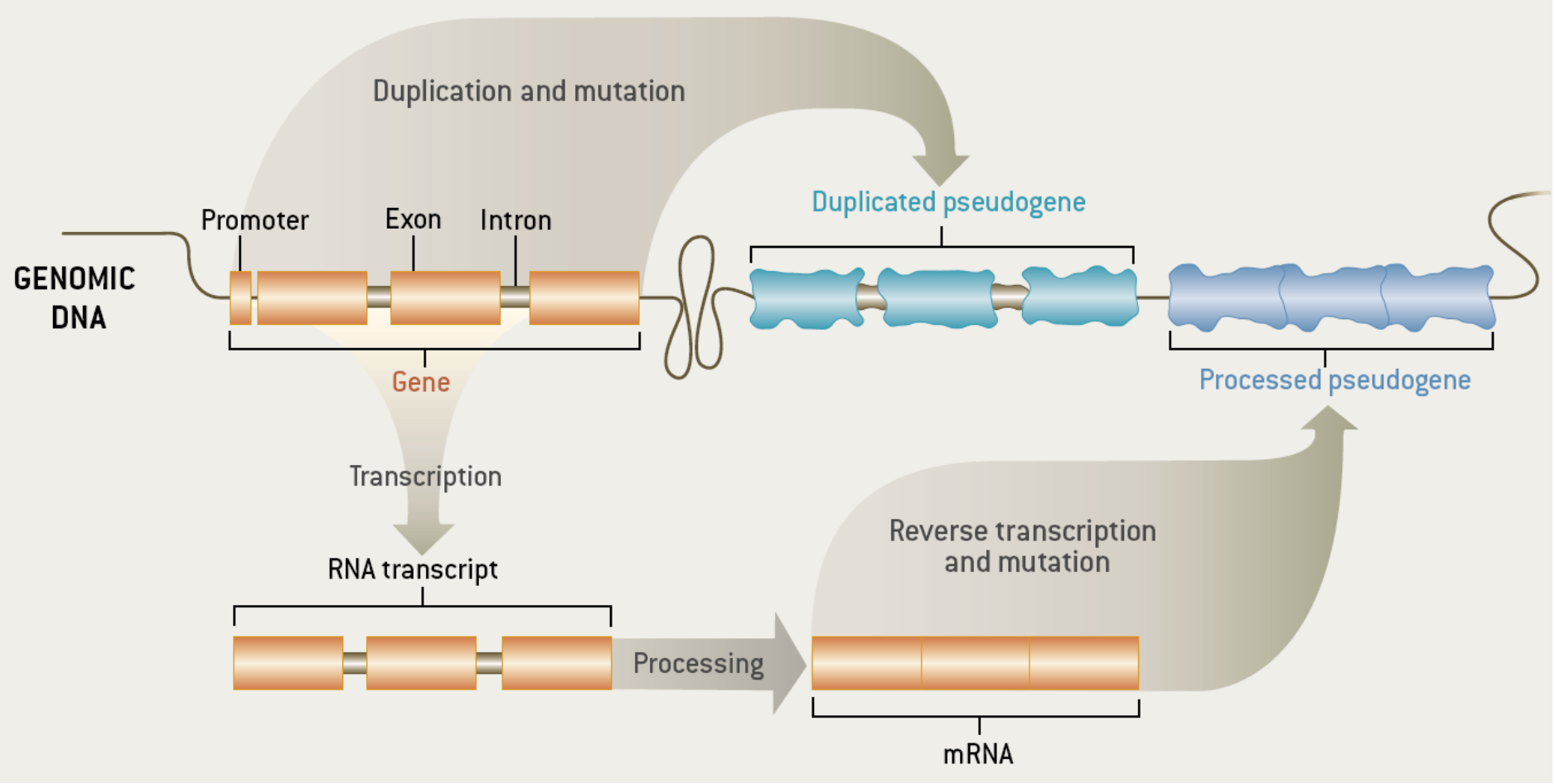
Two Major Genomic Remodeling Processes Give Rise to Distinct Types of Pseudogenes



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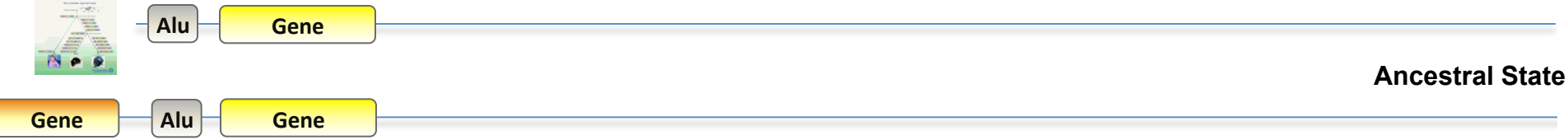
Impact of Genetic Variability: Loss-of-function

Gene **Polymorphic** **Pseudogene**

- - Truncating nonsense SNPs
- - Splice-disrupting SNPs
- - Frameshift-causing indels
- - Disrupting structural variants

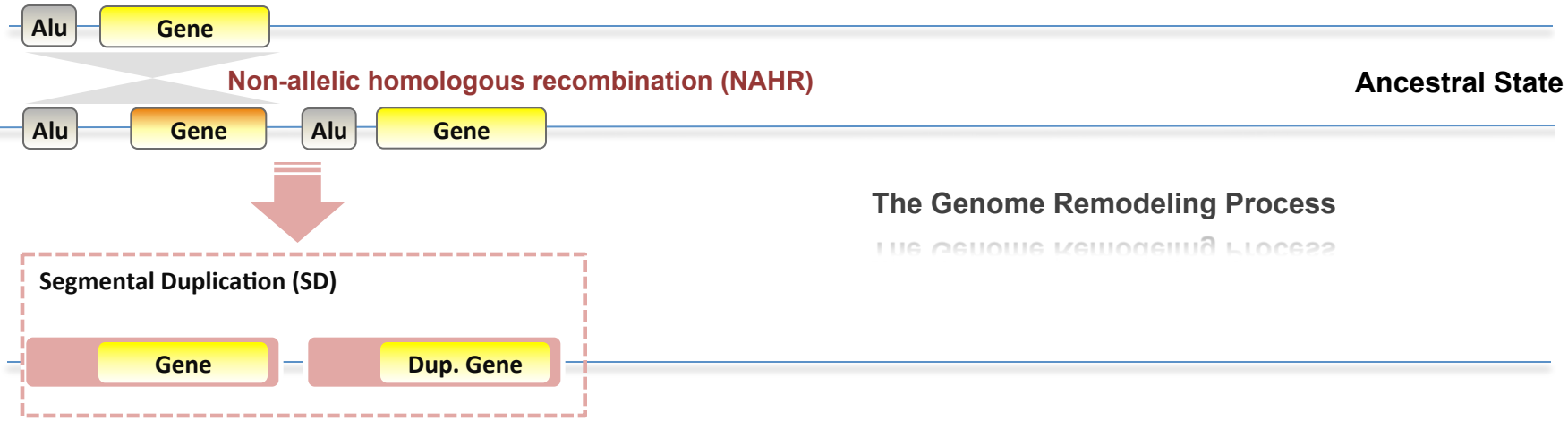
- Previous LoFs are considered as having high probability of being deleterious
- Surprisingly, ~ 100 LoF variants per genome, 20 genes are completely inactivated
- Among ~100 LoFs, we estimate 2 recessive, close to 0 dominant disease nonsense variants per healthy genome.

Genomic Variation



The Genome Remodeling Process

Genomic Variation



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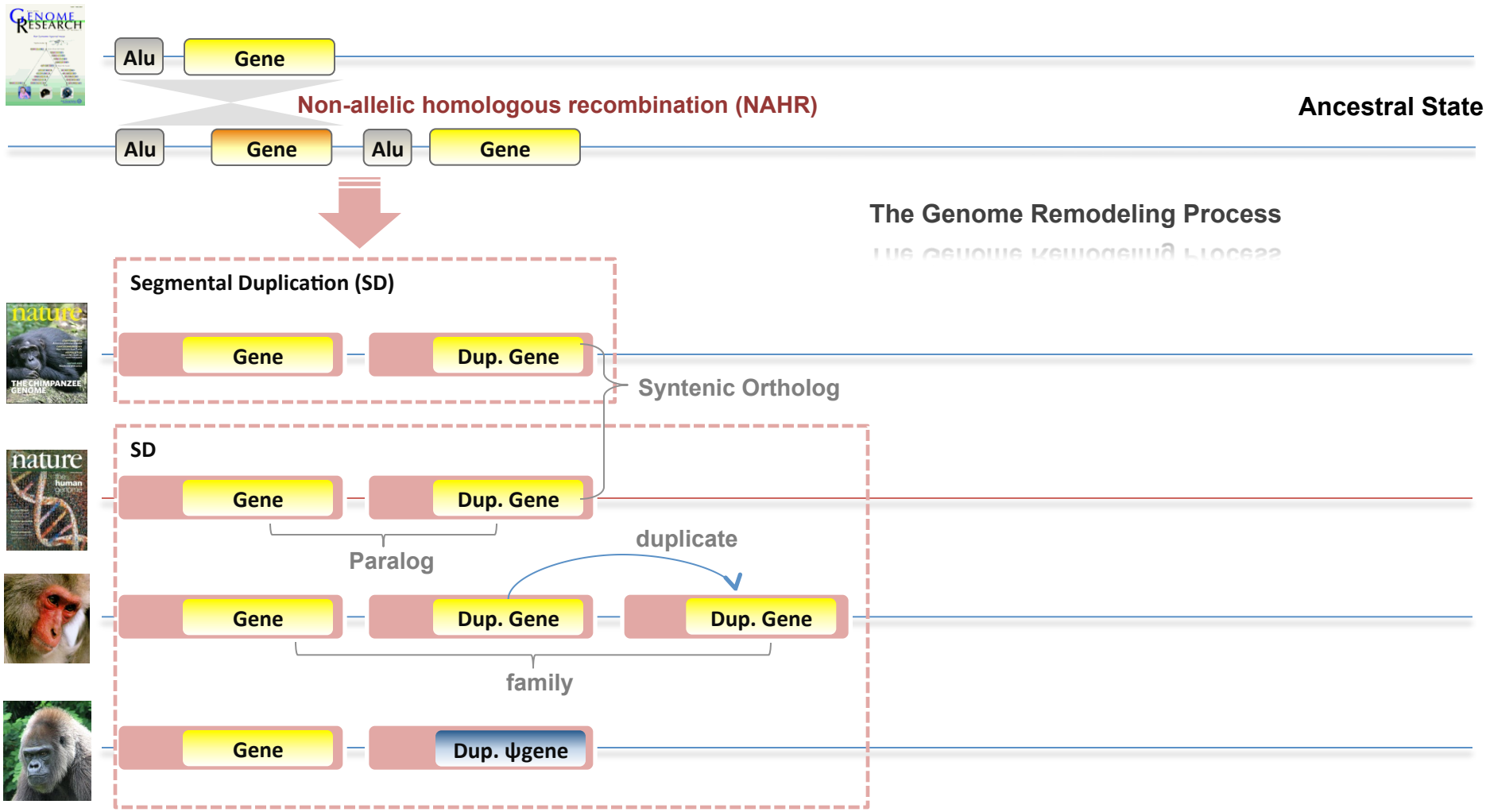

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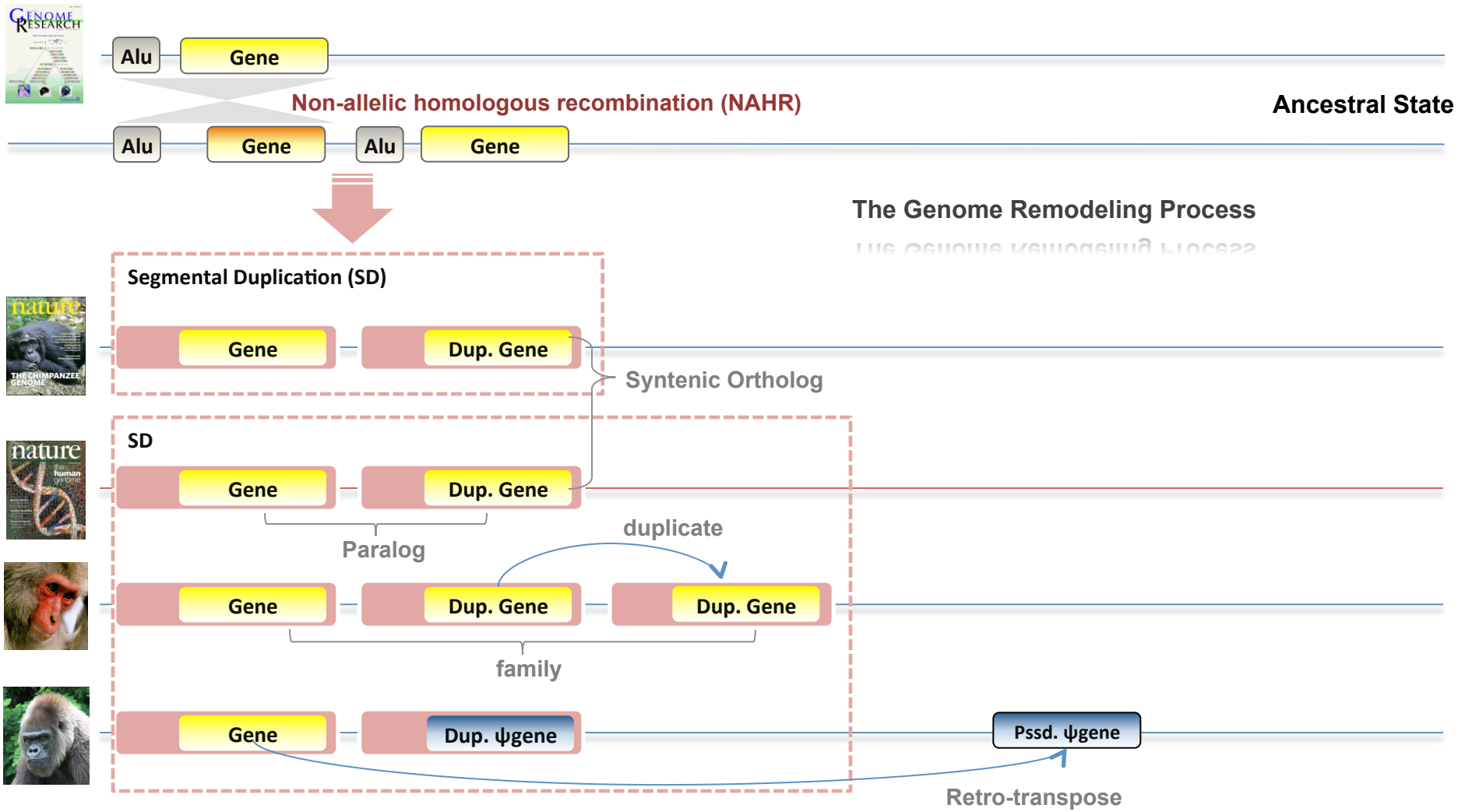

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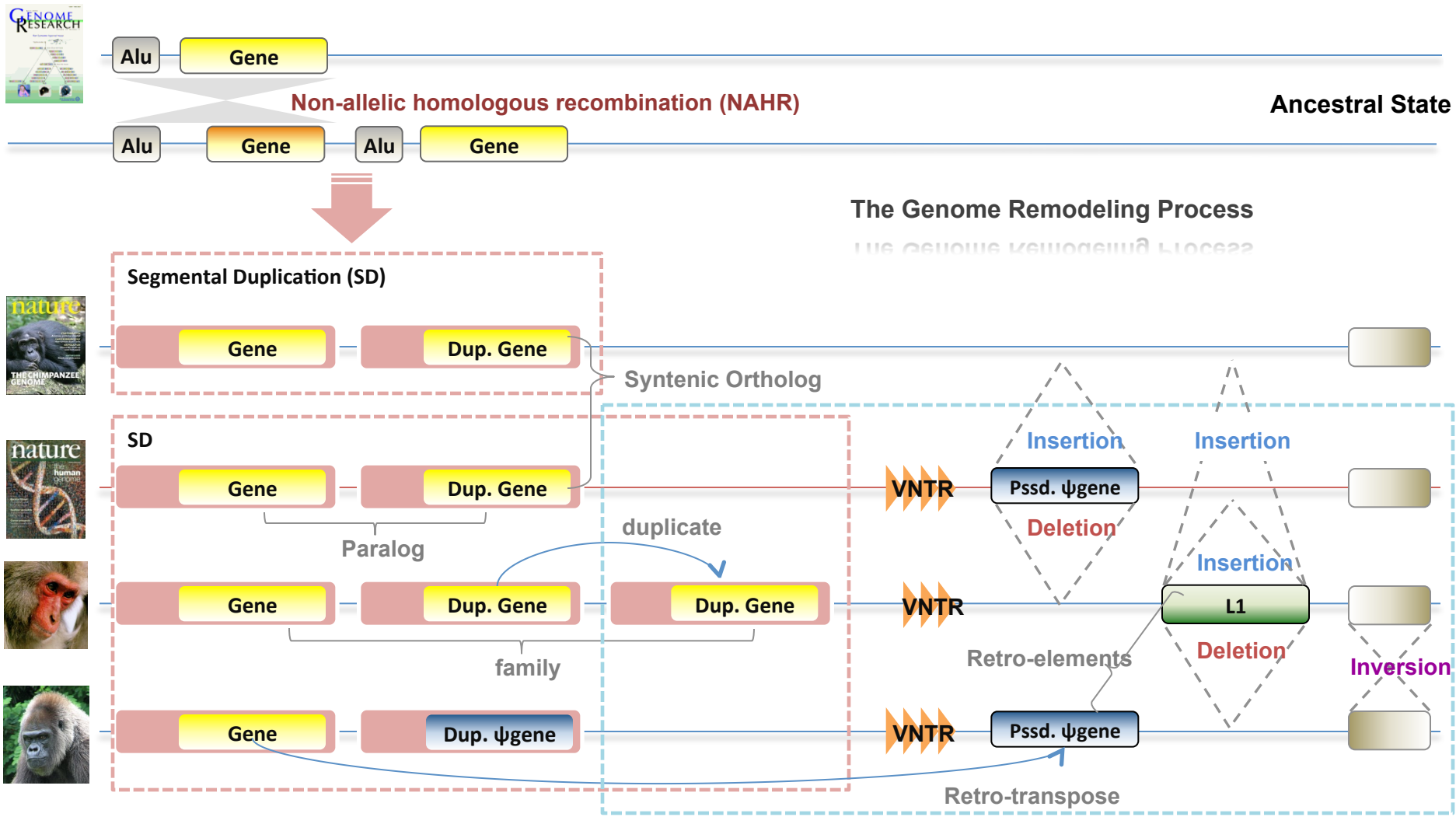

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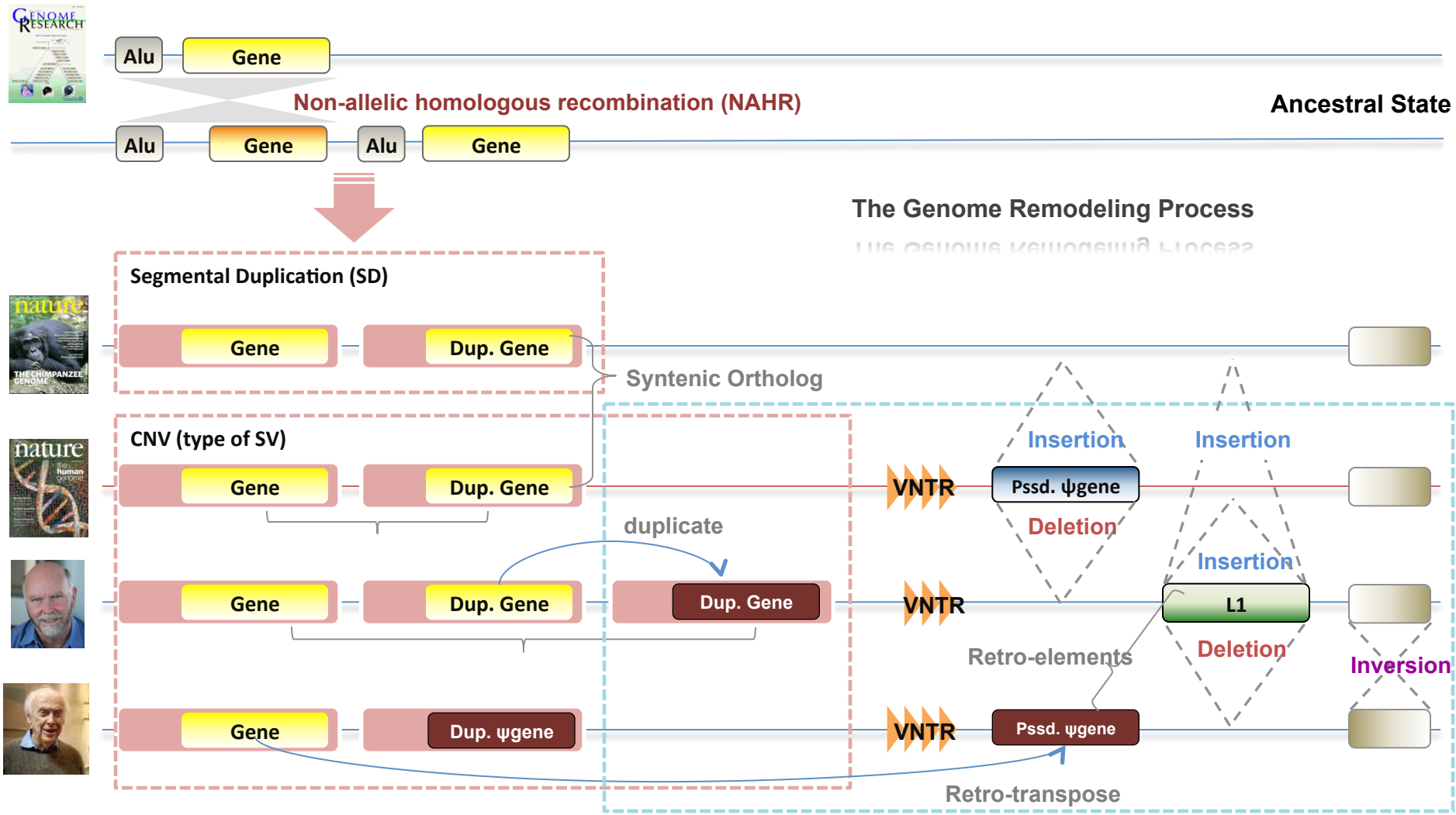
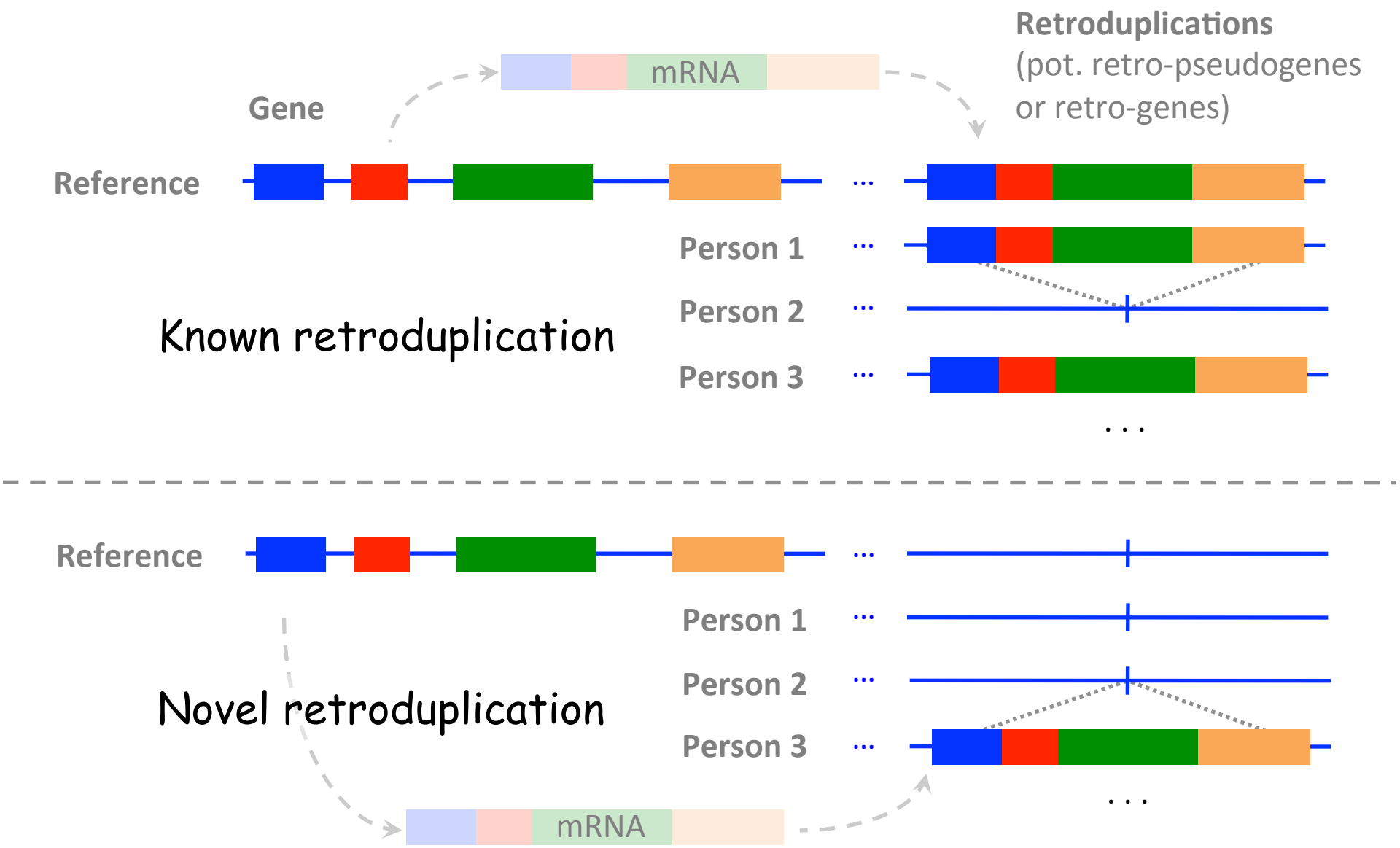


"Polymorphic" Genes & Pseudogenes

RDV & Mobile Elements

Retroduplication variation (RDV)



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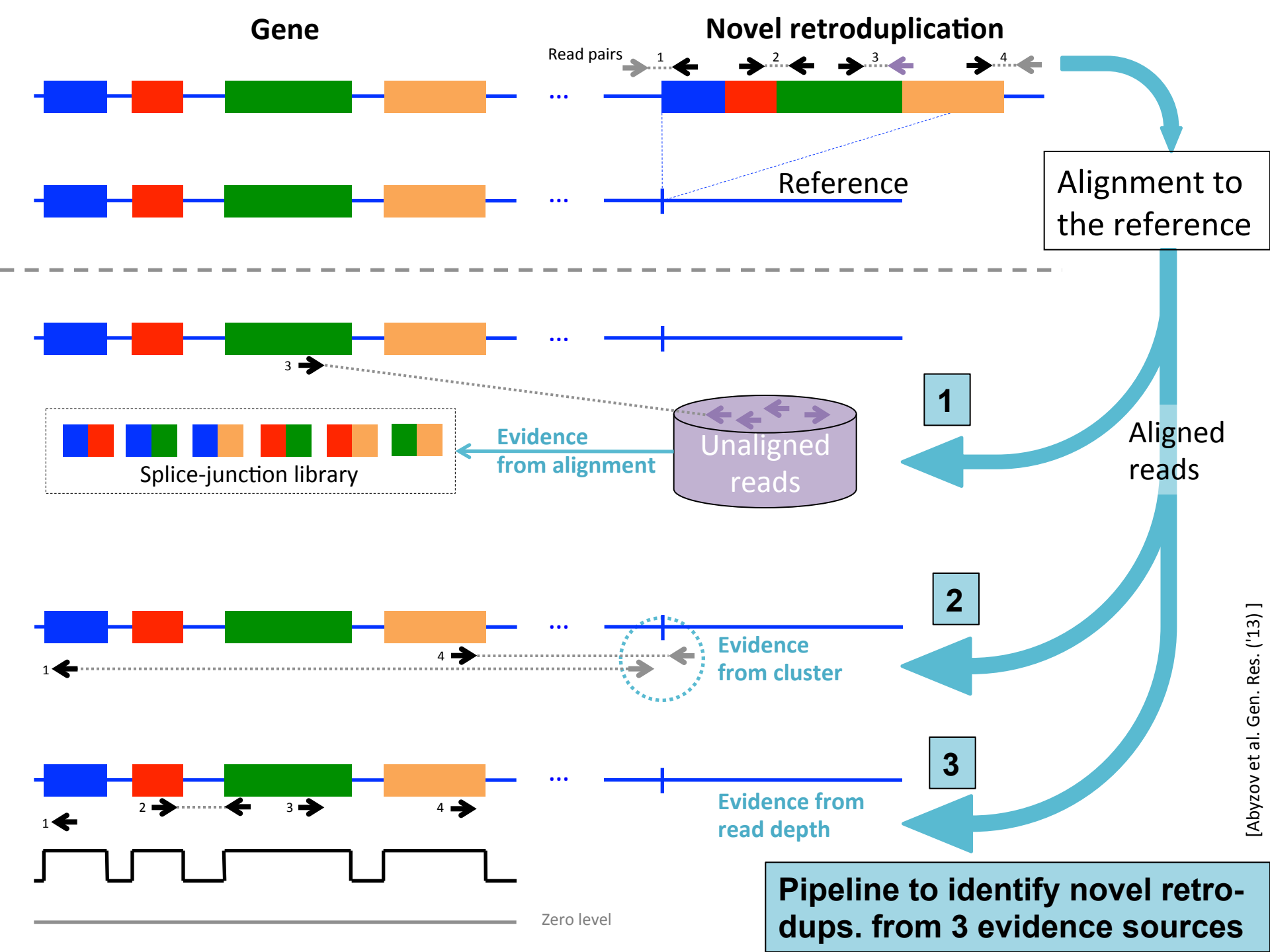
Gene
Novel retroduplication
Read pairs
1
2
3
4
Reference
Alignment to the reference
Aligned reads
1
Unaligned reads
Evidence from alignment
Splice-junction library
2
Evidence from cluster
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Evidence from read depth
Zero level
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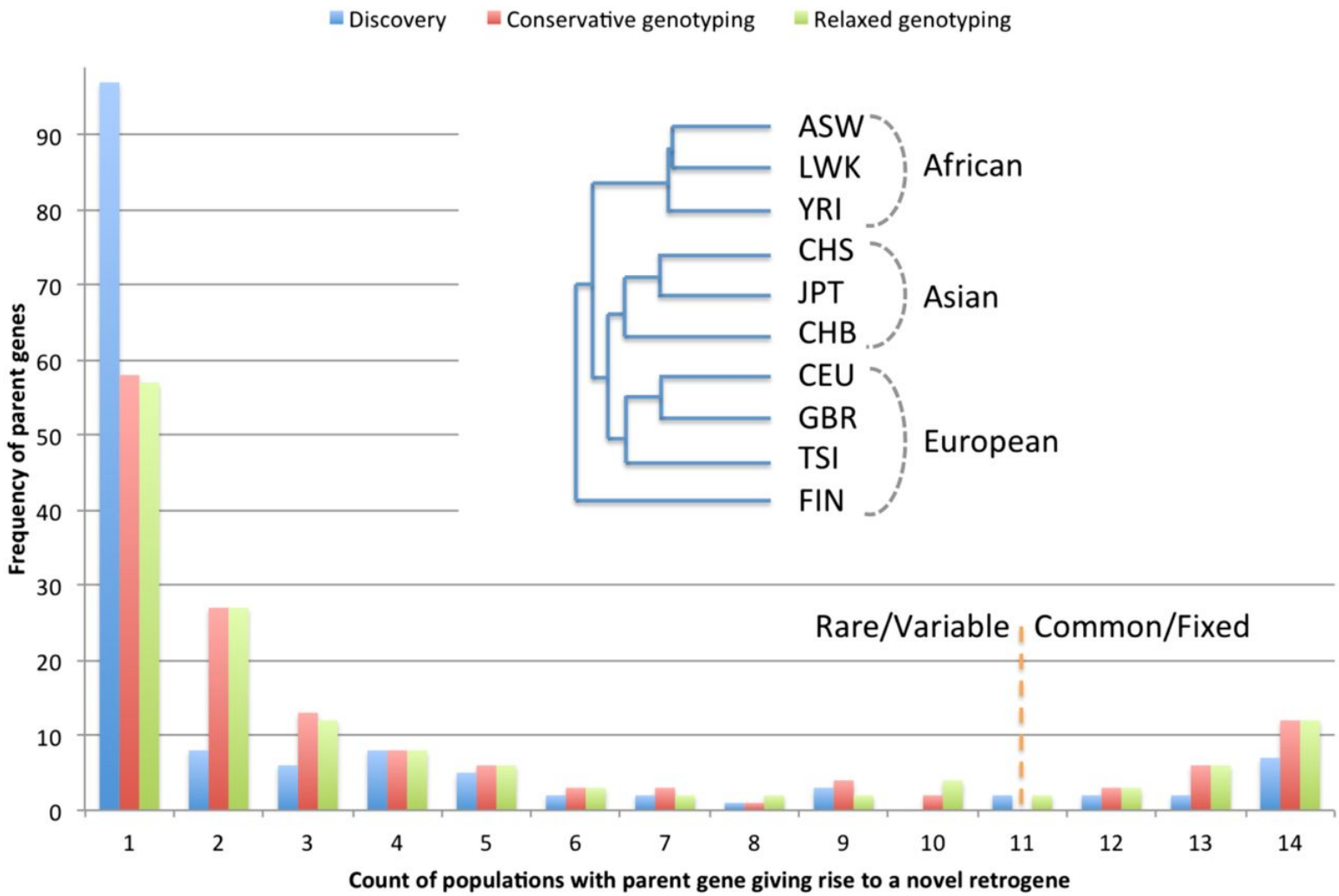
Pipeline to identify novel retro-dups. from 3 evidence sources

Frequency of novel retroduplications by populations.



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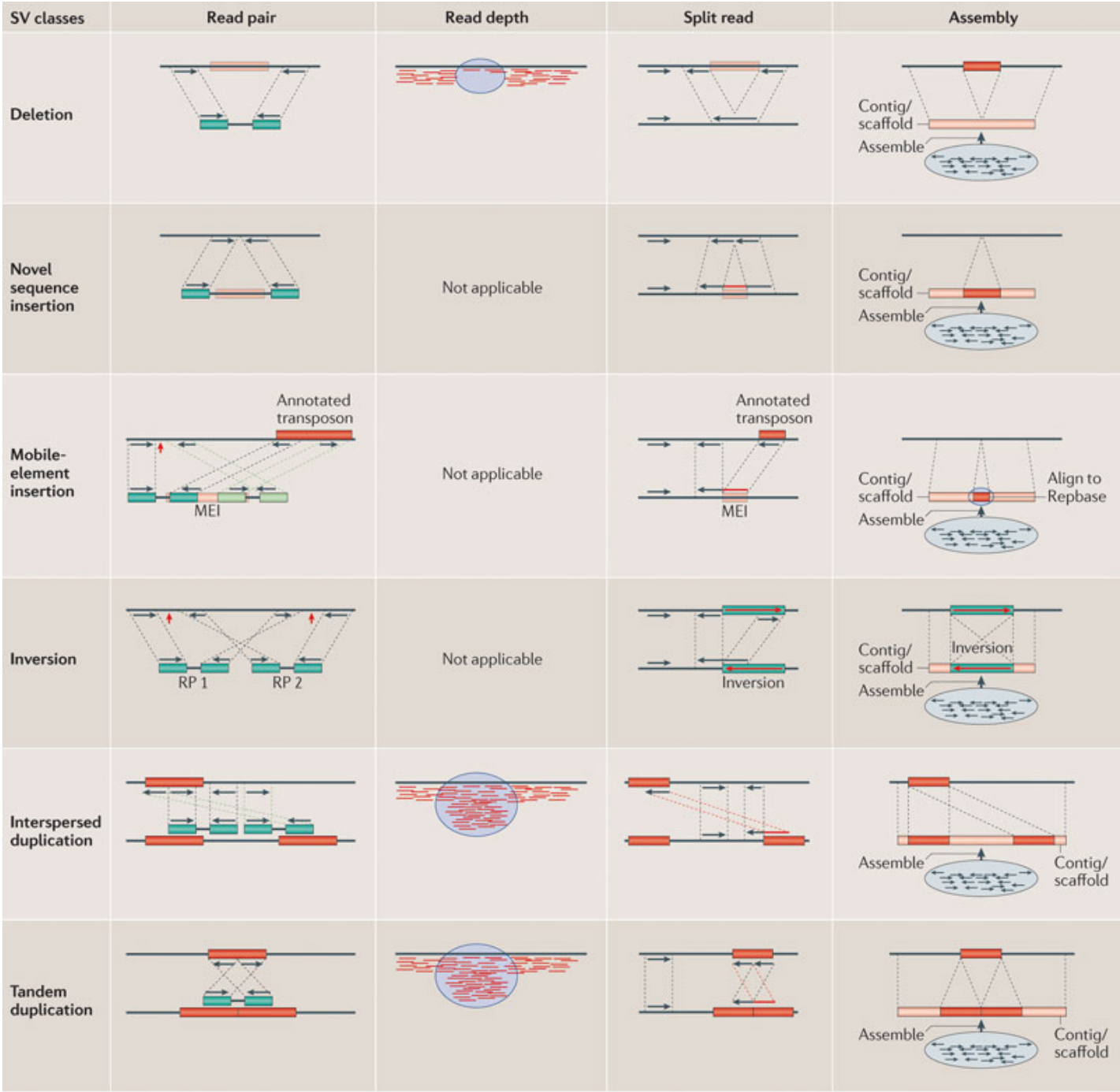


Can Alkan, Bradley P. Coe & Evan E. Eichler
Nature Reviews Genetics 12, 363-376 (May 2011)

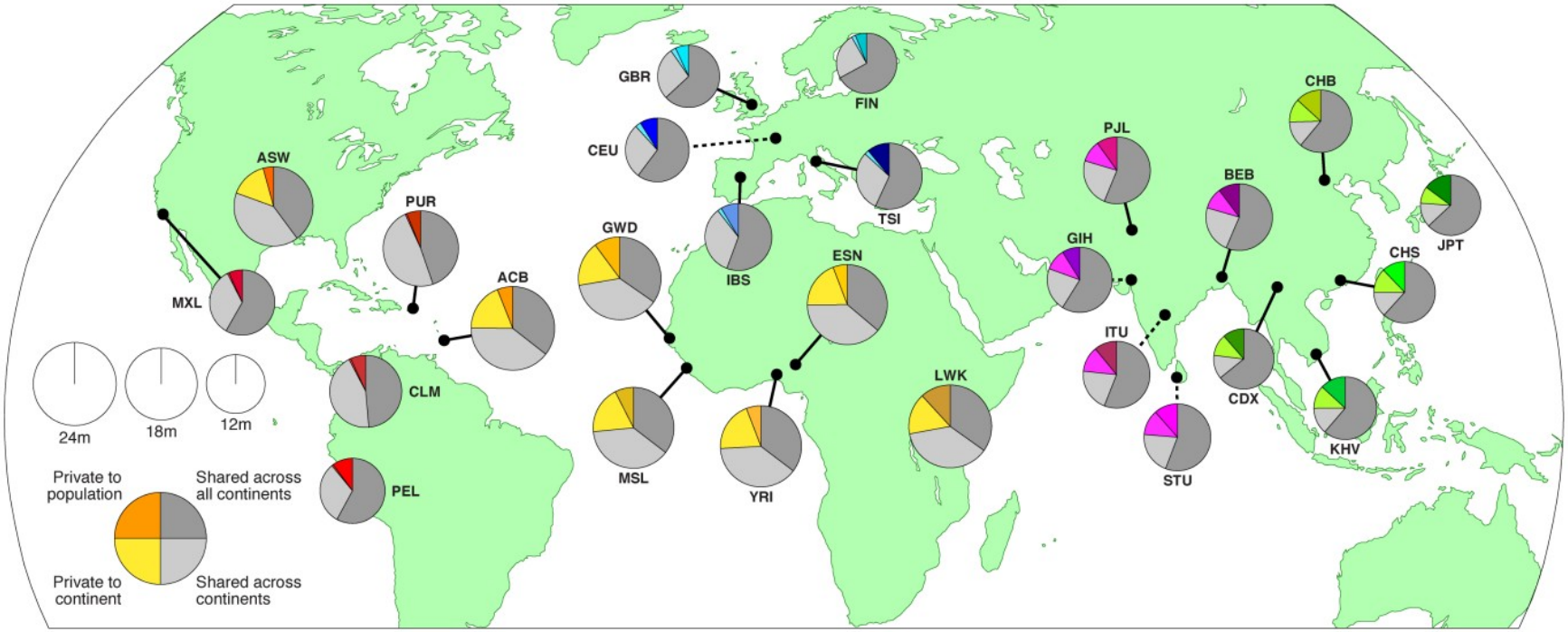
1000G summary

1000G SV
(Pilot, **Phase I** & III)

- **Many** different callers compared & used
  - including SRiC & CNVnator but also VariationHunter, Cortex, NovelSeq, PEMer, BreakDancer, Mosaik, Pindel, GenomeSTRiP, mrFast….
- Merging
- Genotyping (GenomeSTRiP)
- Breakpoint assembly (AGE & Tigra_SV)
- Mechanism Classification

[1000 Genomes Consortium, Nature (2010, 2012); Mills et al., Nature (2011)]

Summary Stats of 1000GP SV Phase3



- 68,818 SVs
- 2,504 unrelated individuals
- 26 populaSons
- 37,250 SVs with resolved breakpoints

[2] 1000GP Phase3 SV paper. Submid ed to Nature, 2015.
[3] 1000GP ConsorSu m. Submid ed to Nature, 2015.

Phase 3: Median Autosomal Variant Sites Per Genome

	AFR		AMR		EAS		EUR		SAS	
Samples	661		347		504		503		489	
Mean Coverage	8.2		7.6		7.7		7.4		8.0	
	Var. Sites	**Singletons**	**Var. Sites**	**Singletons**	**Var. Sites**	**Singletons**	**Var. Sites**	**Singletons**	**Var. Sites**	**Singletons**
SNPs	4.31M	14.5k	3.64M	12.0k	3.55M	14.8k	3.53M	11.4k	3.60M	14.4k
Indels	625k	-	557k	-	546k	-	546k	-	556k	-
Large Deletions	1.1k	5	949	5	940	7	939	5	947	5
CNVs	170	1	153	1	158	1	157	1	165	1
MEI (Alu)	1.03k	0	845	0	899	1	919	0	889	0
MEI (LINE1)	138	0	118	0	130	0	123	0	123	0
MEI (SVA)	52	0	44	0	56	0	53	0	44	0
MEI (MT)	5	0	5	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
Inversions	12	0	9	0	10	0	9	0	11	0
NonSynon	12.2k	139	10.4k	121	10.2k	144	10.2k	116	10.3k	144
Synon	13.8k	78	11.4k	67	11.2k	79	11.2k	59	11.4k	78
Intron	2.06M	7.33k	1.72M	6.12k	1.68M	7.39k	1.68M	5.68k	1.72M	7.20k
UTR	37.2k	168	30.8k	136	30.0k	169	30.0k	129	30.7k	168
Promoter	102k	430	84.3k	332	81.6k	425	82.2k	336	84.0k	430
Insulator	70.9k	248	59.0k	199	57.7k	252	57.7k	189	59.1k	243
Enhancer	354k	1.32k	295k	1.05k	289k	1.34k	288k	1.02k	295k	1.31k
TFBS	927	4	759	3	748	4	749	3	765	3
Filtered LoF	182	4	152	3	153	4	149	3	151	3
HGMD-DM	20	0	18	0	16	1	18	2	16	0
GWAS	2.00k	0	2.07k	0	1.99k	0	2.08k	0	2.06k	0
ClinVar	28	0	30	1	24	0	29	1	27	1

[3] 1000GP Consortium. Submitted to Nature, 2015.

A Typical Genome

- A typical genome differs from the reference genome at 4.09 – 5.02 million sites.
- The typical genome contains 2,100 – 2,500 SVs, covering ~20 million bases.
- A typical genome contains 149 – 182 sites with protein truncating variants, 10 – 12 thousand sites with peptide sequence altering variants, and 459 – 565 thousand variant sites overlapping regulatory regions.

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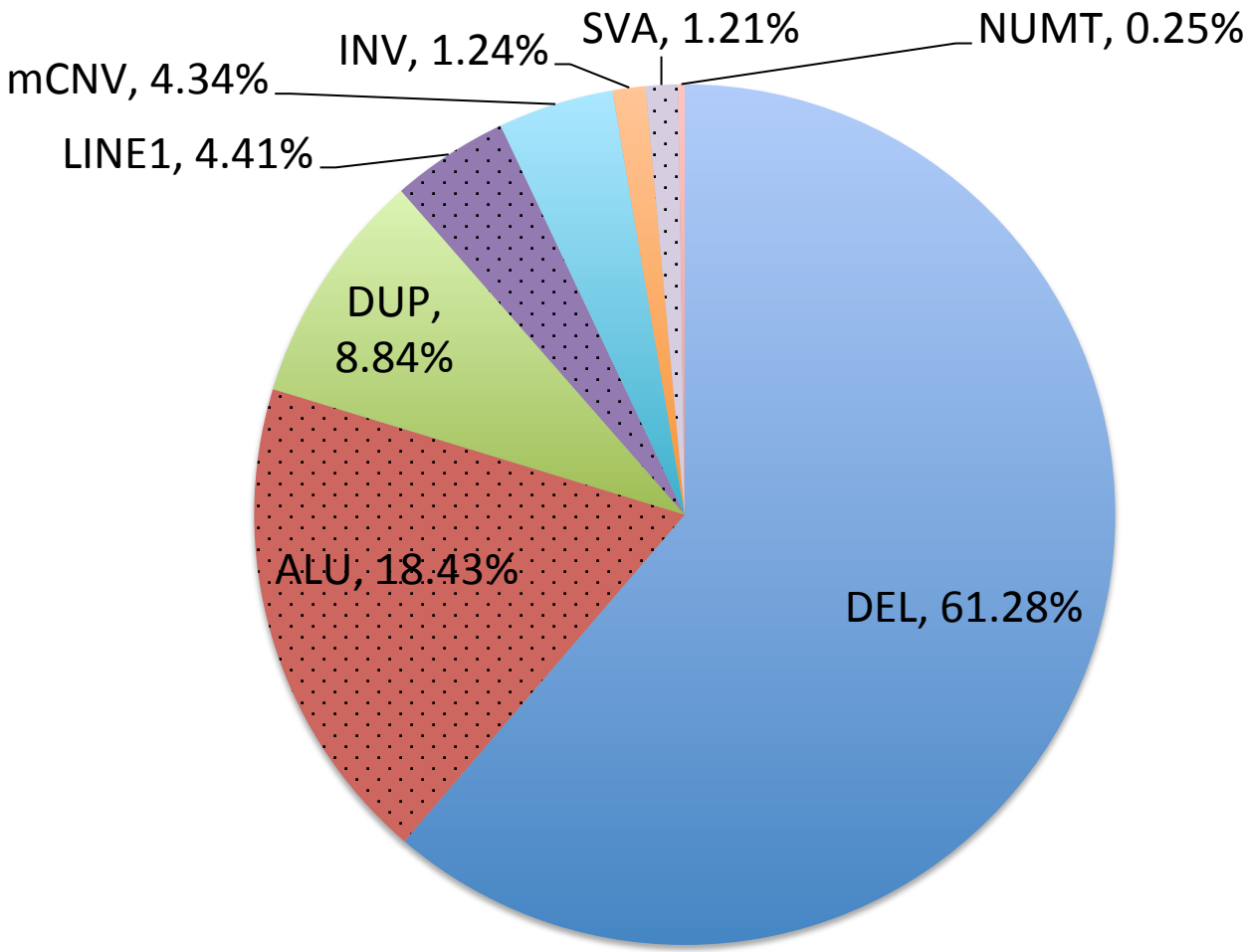
Structural Variations (SVs)

- SVs make up the majority of varying nucleotides among humans.

- More base pairs are altered as a result of SVs, than of single-nucleotide variations.
  - On the haploid reference assembly, a medium of 8.9 Mbp are affected by SVs, while 3.6 Mbp affected by SNPs.

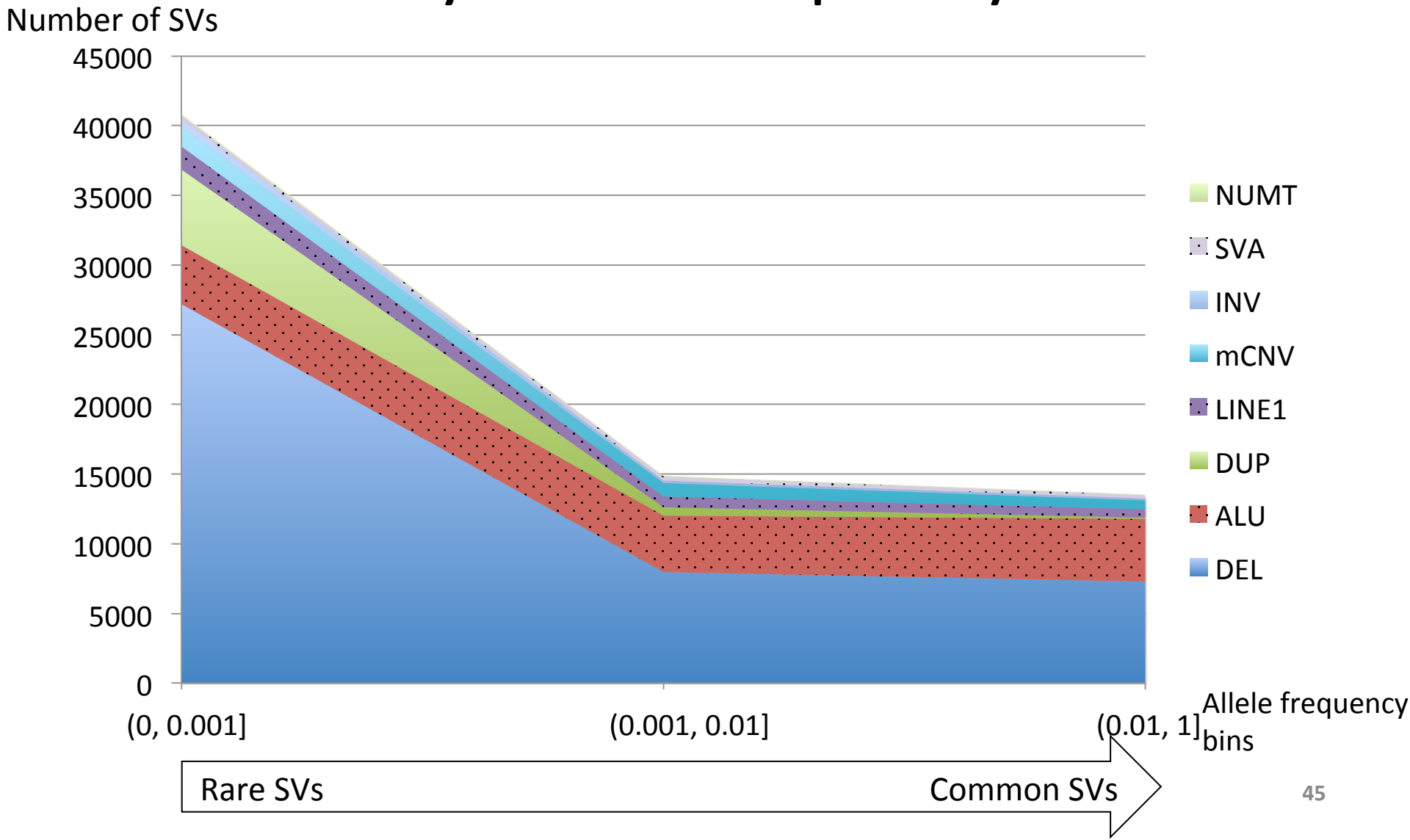
[1] Weischenfeldt J, et al. Nat Rev Genet, 2013.
[2] 1000GP Phase3 SV paper. Submitted to Nature, 2015.

Distribution of Different SVs in Normal Human Populations

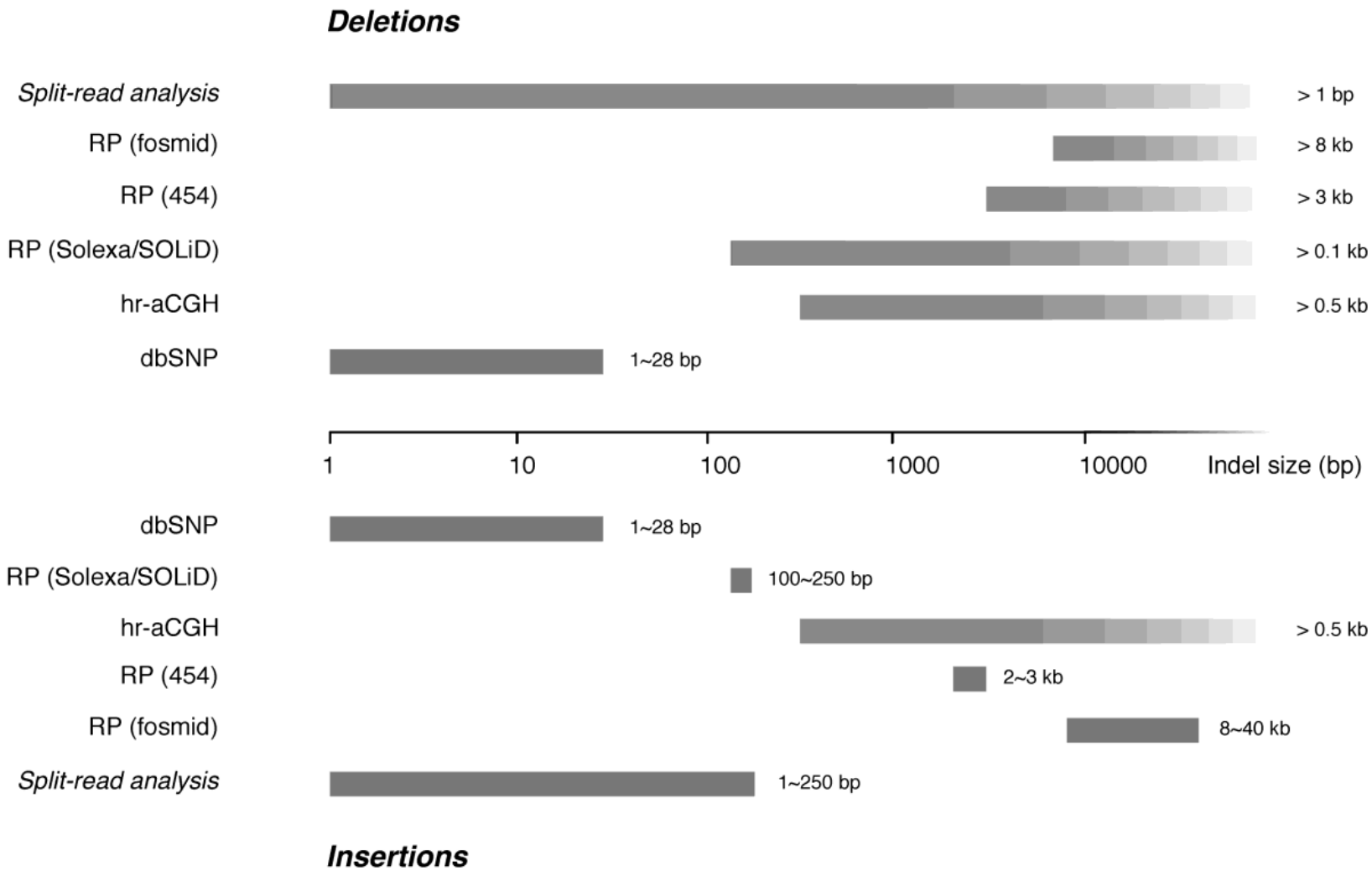


Total ~70K SVs from over 2,500 normal individuals (the 1000 Genomes Project)

Distribution of Different SVs Stratified by Allele Frequency

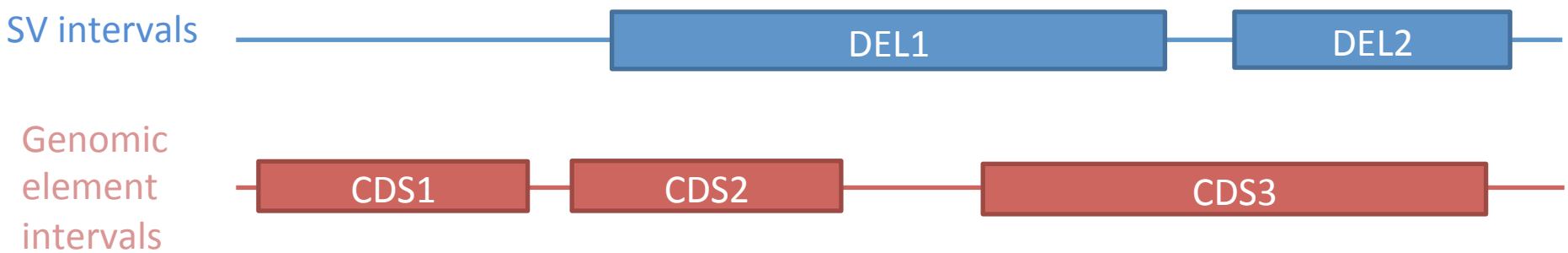


Different Approaches Work Differently on Different Events



[Zhang et al. ('11) *BMC Genomics*]

Measure of Overlap between SVs and Genomic Elements



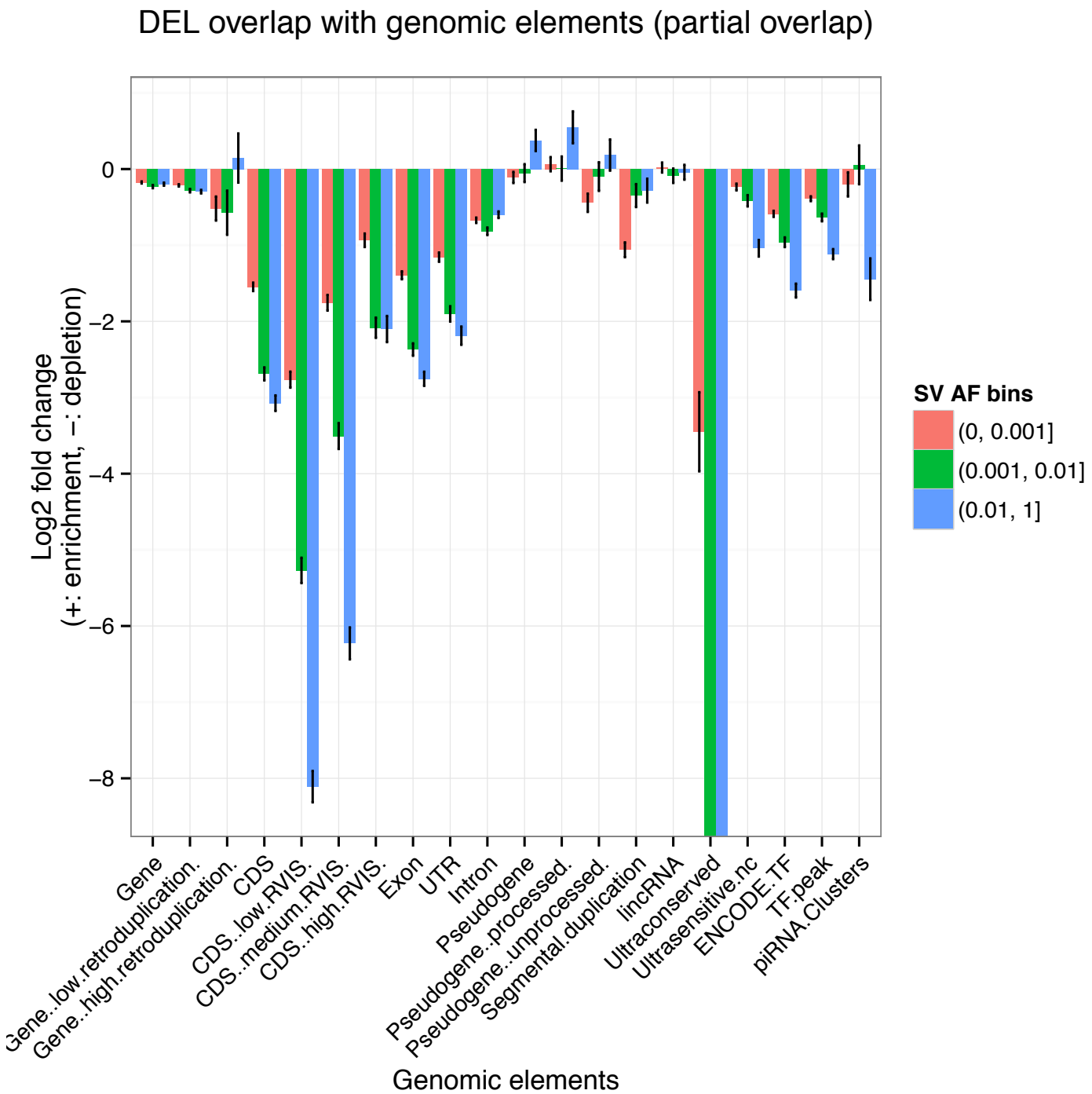
Partial overlap statistic:

Count the number of genomic elements that have at least 1 bp overlap with SVs.

Permutation Tests

- Permutation scheme
  - Randomly shuffle SV locations while maintaining the local structure
    - Same number of SVs, same length distribution
    - Shuffled SVs still locate on the same chromosome
    - Hg19 gap removed
  - Log2 fold change and empirical p-values

- Datasets
  - 8 types of SVs from the 1000 Genomes Project
  - 20 types of genomic elements from GENCODE, ENCODE, and other literature


DEL overlap with genomic elements (partial overlap)
Log2 fold change
(+: enrichment, −: depletion)
0
−2
−4
−6
−8
Gene
Gene..low.retroduplication.
Gene..high.retroduplication.
CDS
CDS..low.RVIS.
CDS..medium.RVIS.
CDS..high.RVIS.
Exon
UTR
Intron
Pseudogene
Pseudogene..processed.
Pseudogene..unprocessed.
Segmental.duplication
lincRNA
Ultraconserved
Ultrasensitive.nc
ENCODE.TF
TF.peak
piRNA.Clusters
Genomic elements
SV AF bins
(0, 0.001]
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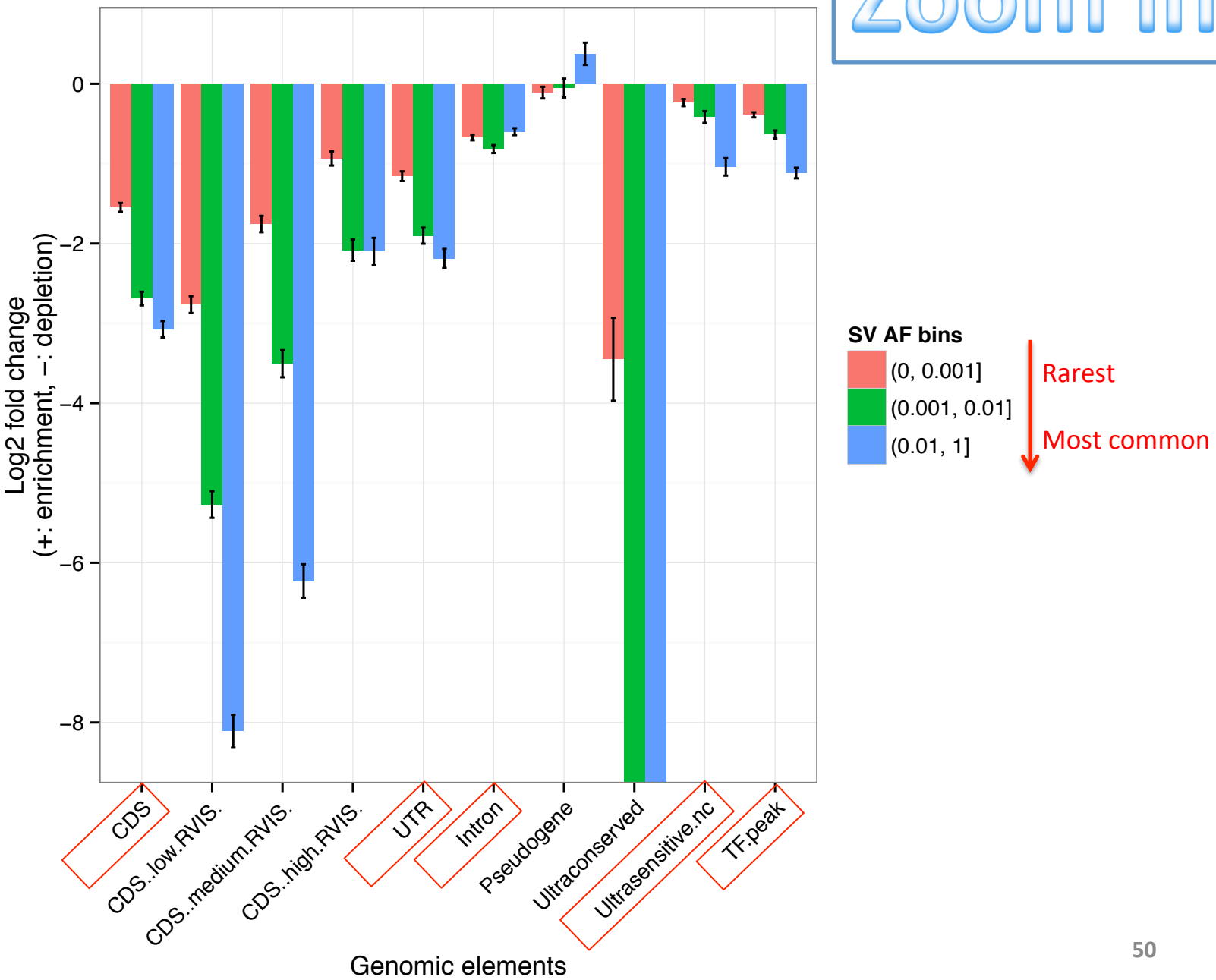
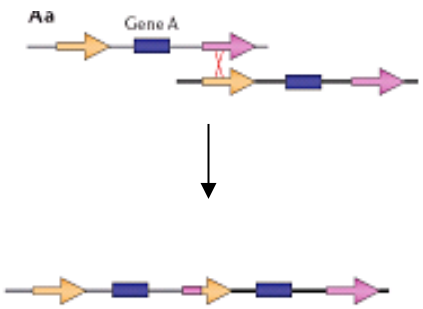
DEL overlap with genomic elements (partial overlap)

Zoom in



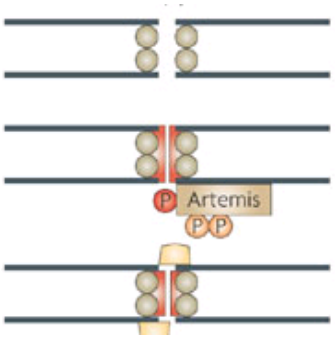
Exact Breakpoints & Mechanism Classification

4 mechanisms for SV formation



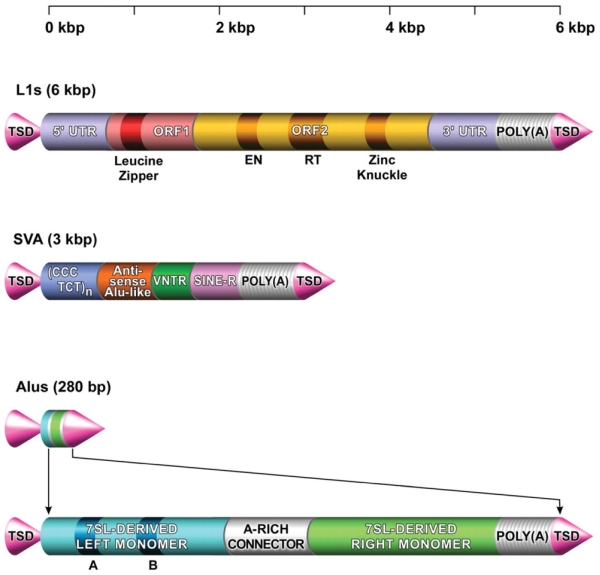
NAHR
(Non-allelic homologous recombination)

Flanking repeat
(e.g. Alu, LINE…)



NHEJ (NHR)
(Non-homologous-end-joining)

No (flanking) repeats.
In some cases <4bp microhomologies

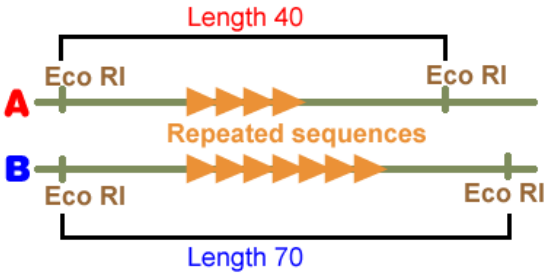


TEI
(Transposable element insertion)

L1, SVA, Alus

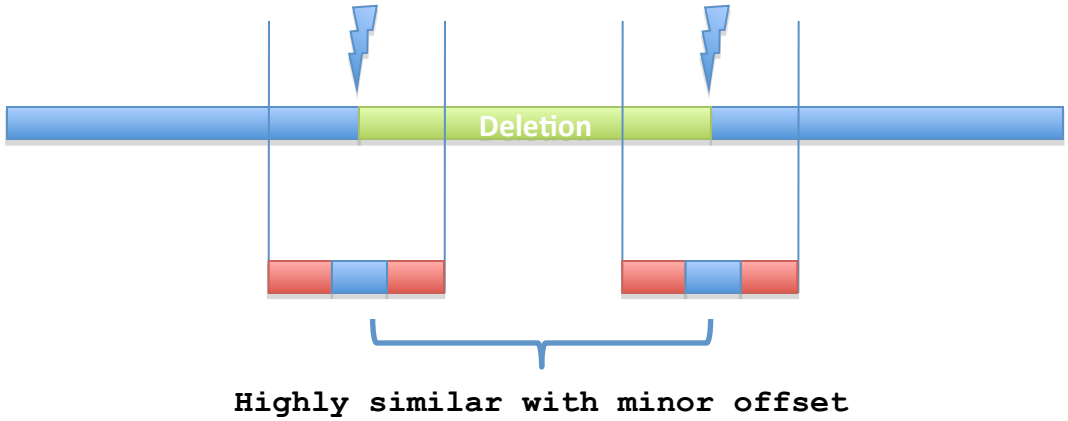
VNTR
(Variable Number Tandem Repeats)

Number of repeats varies between different people



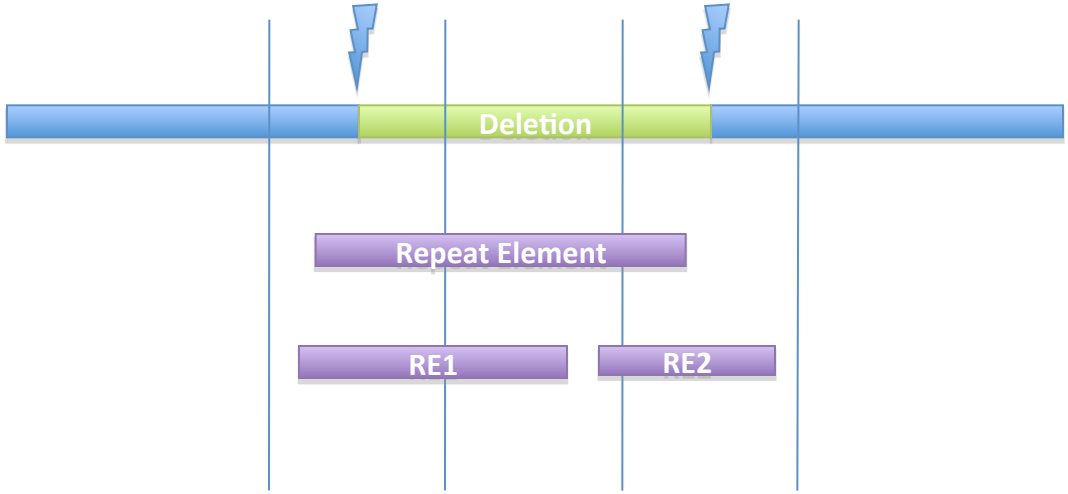
SV Mechanism Classification

NAHR



Single RETRO

Multiple RETRO



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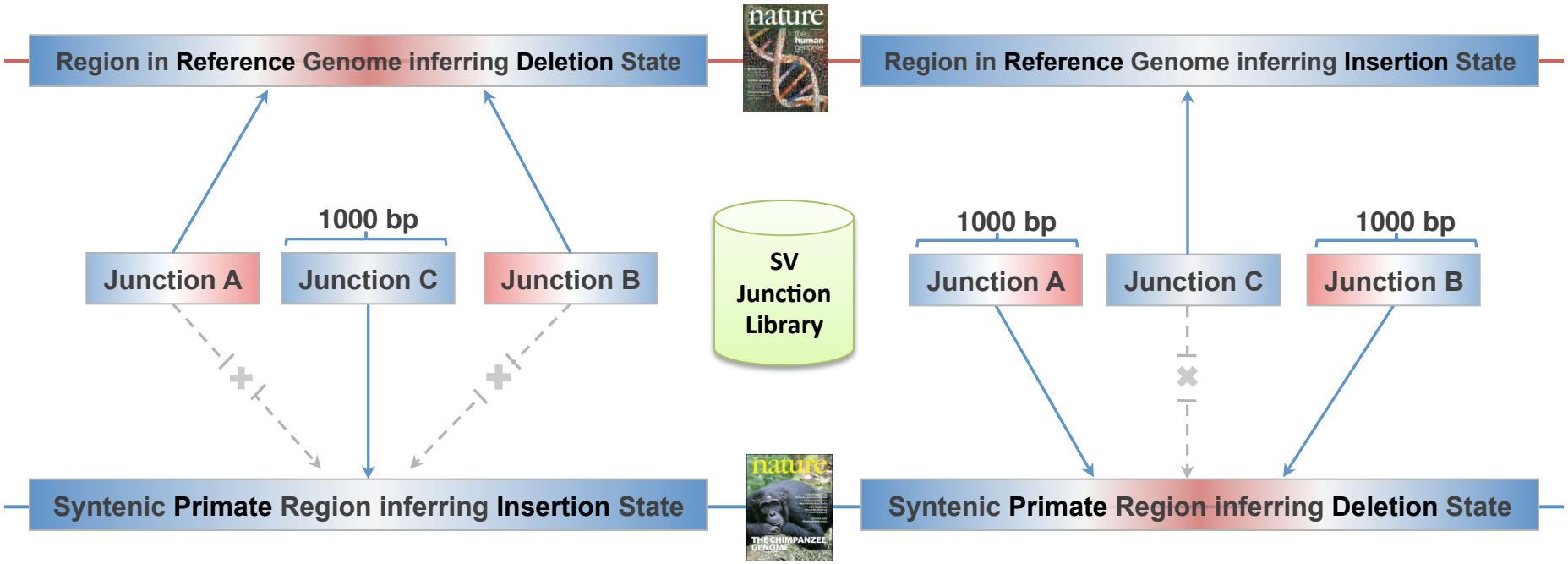
SV Ancestral State Analysis

Inferring Insertion according to Ancestral State

Inferring Deletion according to Ancestral State



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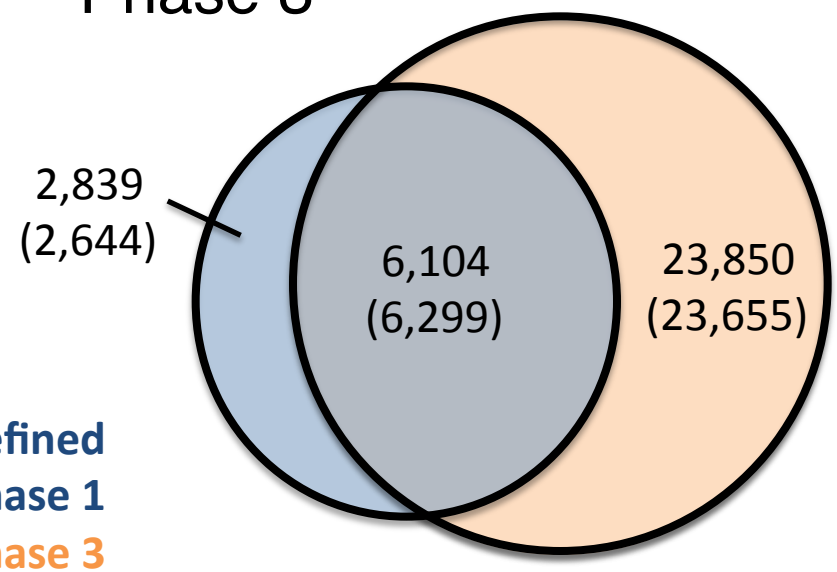
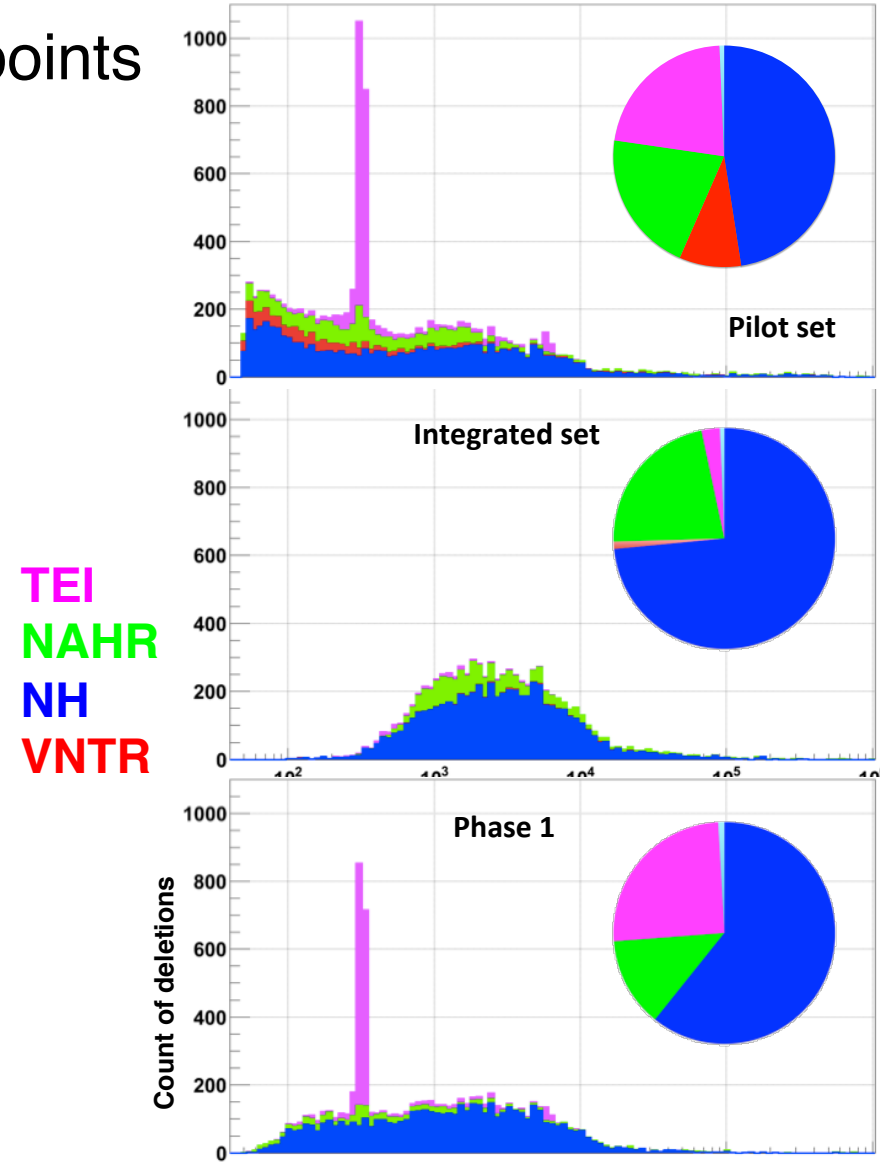
Breakpoint characterization in 1000G

- Breakseq #1 w/ ~2000 breakpoints [Lam et al. Nat. Biotech. ('10)]
- Pilot
- Phase 1 "Integrated" & Phase 1 refined
- Phase 3



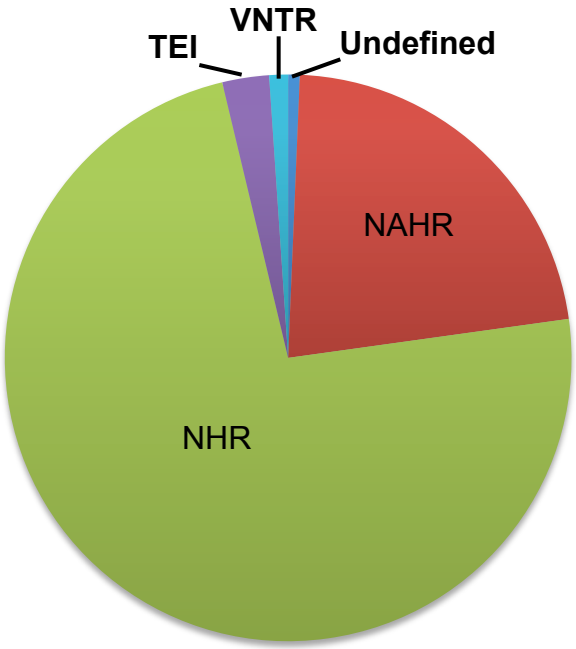
Refined
Phase 1
Phase 3

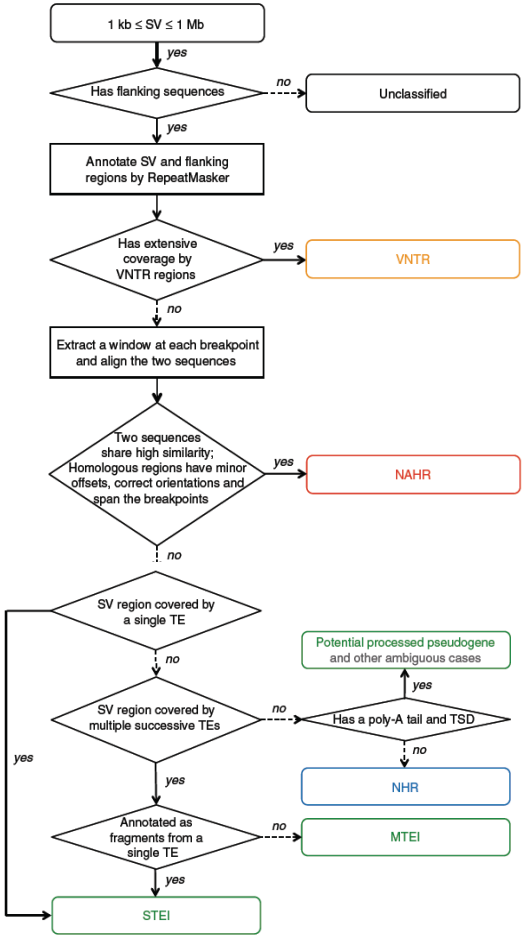
Exact match
Number in parentheses: >50% reciprocal match



[Abyzov et al. ('15) *Nature Comm.*]

Summary of Mechanism Classification of ~8900 Deletion Breakpoints in 1000G Phase I



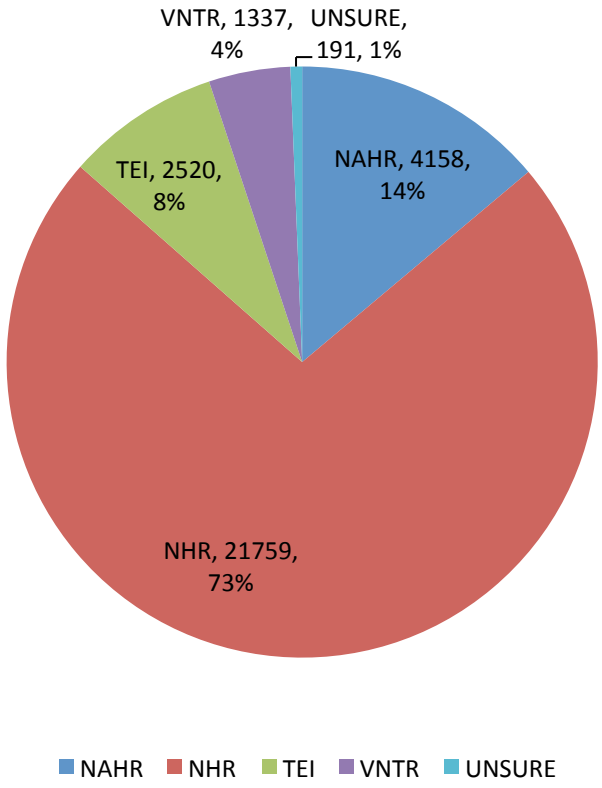


[1000 Genomes Consortium, Nature (2012)]
[Lam et al., ('10) *Nat. Biotech.*]

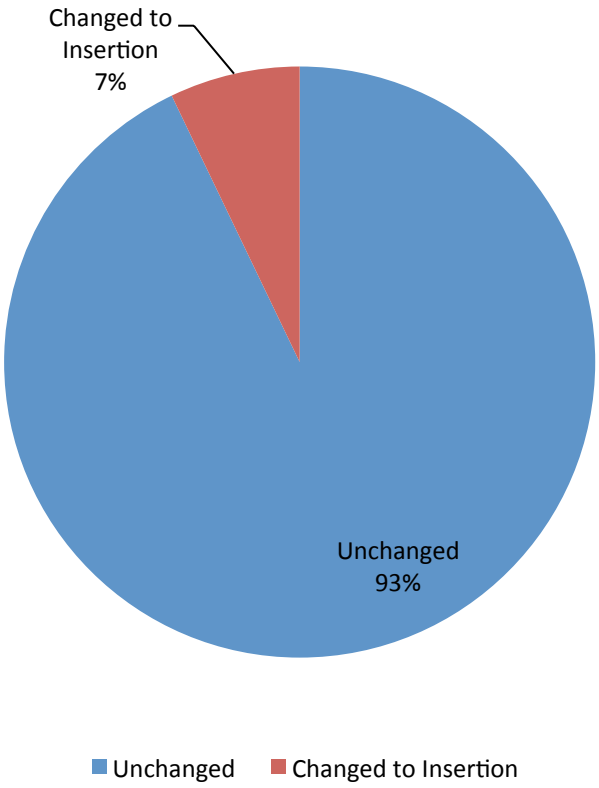
Mechanism	<500 bps	500-1000 bps	1-10 kbps	>10 kbps
NAHR	9 (2.6%)	294 (23.3%)	1420 (22.6%)	255 (24.7%)
NHR	284 (82.8%)	889 (70.4%)	4642 (73.7%)	748 (72.4%)
MEI	47 (13.7%)	67 (5.3%)	124 (2.0%)	0 (0%)
VNTR	2 (0.6%)	7 (0.6%)	64 (1.0%)	23 (2.2%)
Undefined	1 (0.3%)	6 (0.5%)	45 (0.7%)	7 (0.7%)
Total	343 (100%)	1263 (100%)	6295 (100%)	1033 (100%)

BreakSeq Annotation

Formation Mechanisms



Ancestral States



Remarks: There are 79 STEI_NAH events, i.e. 79 events were changed from NAHR to STEI based on our new criteria in the enhanced BreakSeq. Extended annotations from BreakSeq such as NAHR_EXT, STEI_NAH, etc are grouped into their corresponding mechanisms in the above.

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References

- **Depth-of-coverage**

  CNVnator (Abyzov et al., 2011)

- **Paired-end mapping**

  PEMer (Korbel et al., 2009): For discovery of CNVs and inversions; could also be implemented for translocations

  Breakdancer (Chen et al., 2009): For discovery of CNVs, inversions, and translocations

  GenomeSTRiP (Broad institute): whole-genome, integrating read depth, paired end; population level feature

- **Programs for analysis of longer reads that directly sequence breakpoints**

  CREST (Wang et. al., 2011): Detects small and large structural variants by direct sequencing of breakpoints.

  SRiC (Zhang et al., 2011): Similar to CREST

  Algorithm for strobe reads (Ritz et al., 2010)