

# ***Studying Genetic Variation I: Laboratory Techniques***

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## ***Genetic variation in other lectures***

- Population genetics, patterns of human genetic variation, linkage disequilibrium, HapMap, genome-wide association studies - Lynn Jorde
- Linkage analysis, genome-wide linkage studies, haplotype analysis, susceptibility to cancer- Elaine Ostrander
- Origins of genetic variants, types of variants, discovery methods, use of databases, HapMap, linkage disequilibrium - Jim Mullikan

## ***Human Genetic Variation***

- Types of variants
- Methods for scoring variants
- Genome-wide scoring of SNPs
- Structural variants

## ***Human Genetic Variation***

- Sequence repeats
- Single nucleotide polymorphisms
- Insertions and deletions
- Other structural variation

# ***Microsatellite***

## Example dinucleotide marker named AFM059XA9 and D3S1262

# *Microsatellites*

- Many alleles, highly informative
  - >50,000 in human genome
  - Relatively high mutation rate
  - Used to build first framework map

## **Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)**

GAATAAATTATGTTTCTCCCTCCTATTGTCTTACTCAATTATATTATTTGAGACGGAGTTCACTCTTG  
TGCACAACTGGAGTCAGTGGCTGACCTCAGGCTACTCGCACACTCGGTTCTCGCTGACCTCTGAGTCGGACTACA  
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GTGGCTCTGGAGTGTGAAATAGTGAAGGAAACACAGGAAATTCTGAAAAA  
TTTTAAATGCACTGATAGAAGAATTATTTGAGTCACTATGTA

Three SNPs are located at positions 49,752,348, 49,752,721 and 49,754,018 (hg17).

# SNPs

- Less polymorphic/informative
  - More stable inheritance
  - ~1 SNP with frequency greater than 1% per 300 nucleotides (10 million in genome)
  - Mutation at CpG 10-fold higher rate
  - Exist in coding regions

## *Deletion/insertion polymorphisms (indels)*

- One to many nucleotides present or not
- Example:

AGTATCTTCACAGAAATGACCATA  
AGTATCTTCACA**A**GAAATGACCATA

AGTATCTTCACA[-/A]GAAATGACCATA

## *Indel polymorphisms*

Another example:

CAGACTCAATAAGCATGTTTACAGACTCAATA**AGCATGTTT**  
**TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTGAGACGGAGTCGCTCTGCGCCA**  
**GGCTGGAGTCAGTGGCGCGATCTCGGCTCACTGCAAGCTC**  
**CGCCTCCCGGGTTCACGCCATTCTCCTGCCTCAGCCTCCGA**  
**GTAGCTGGGACTACAGGCTCCGCCACCA****CGCCCCGGCTAAT**  
**TTTTGTATTTTAGTAGAGACGGGGTTAGCATGTTTT**

CAGACTCAATA**[LARGE INSERTION/-]**AGCATGTTTT

## ***Structural variation***

- Includes deletions, insertions, duplications, inversions, translocations
- ~1 million > 1 bp, at least 1500 > 1kb
- Many small indels are in linkage disequilibrium with nearby SNPs
- Some deletions and rearrangements recur between repeated sequences

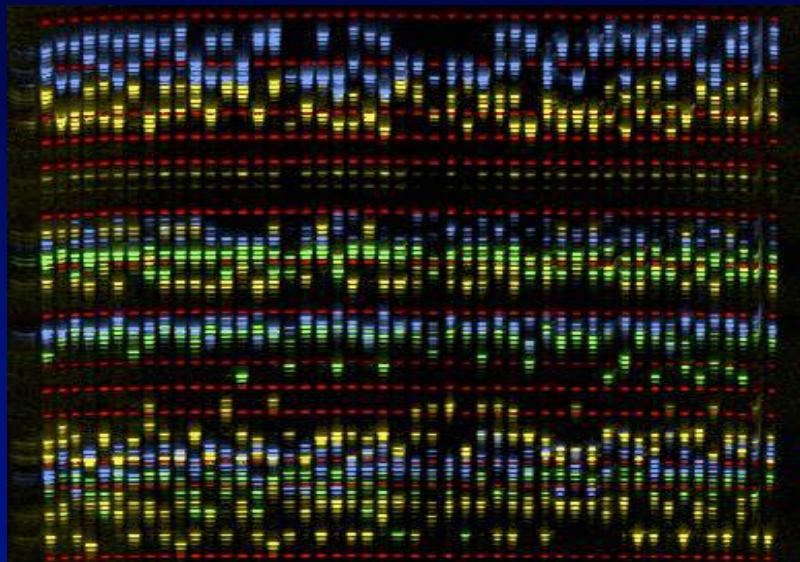
## ***Human Genetic Variation***

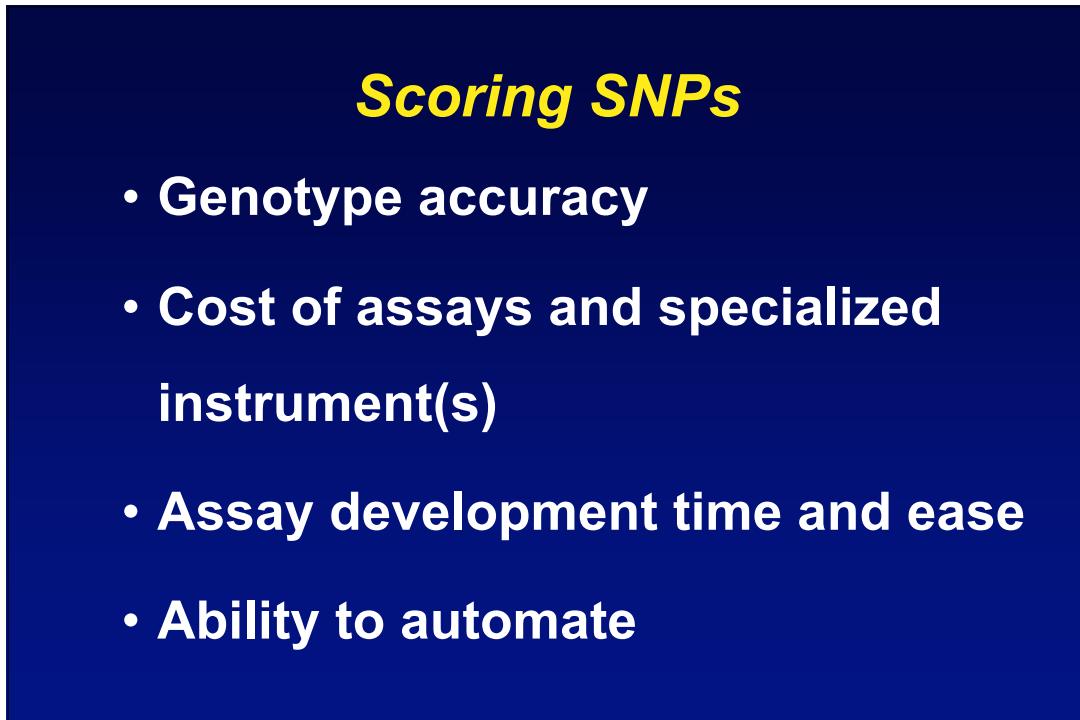
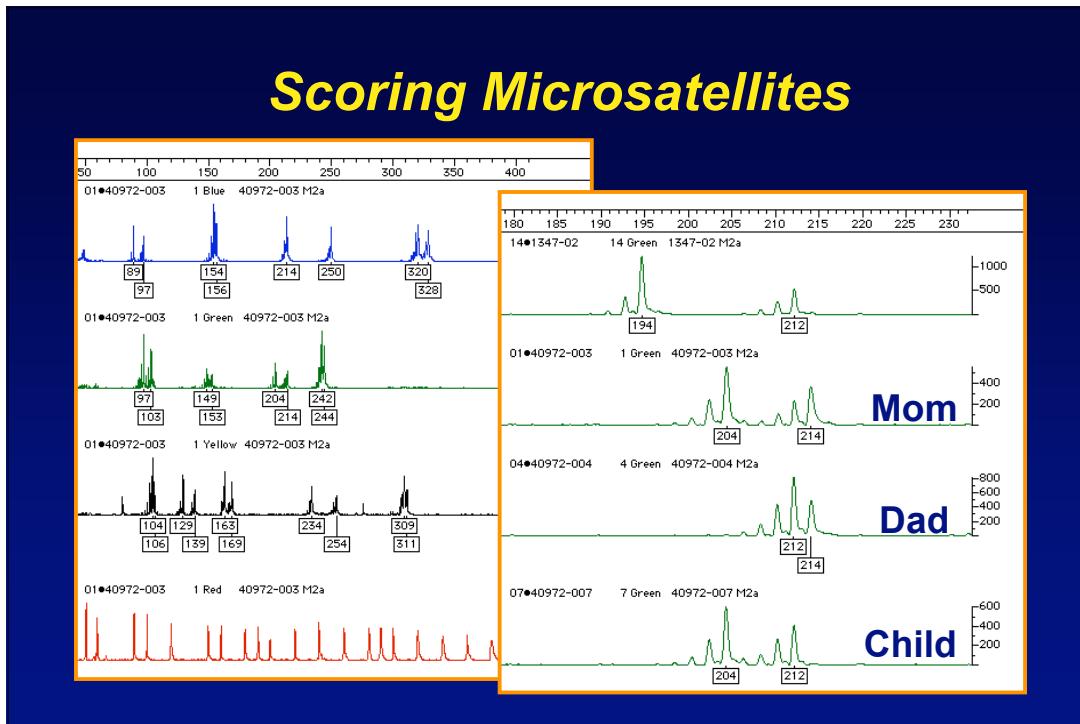
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## ***Scoring variants***

- Scoring = genotyping = typing
- Laboratory technique depends on
  - Type of variant
  - Fixed or custom set of variants
  - Number of variants
  - Number of samples

## ***Scoring Microsatellites***

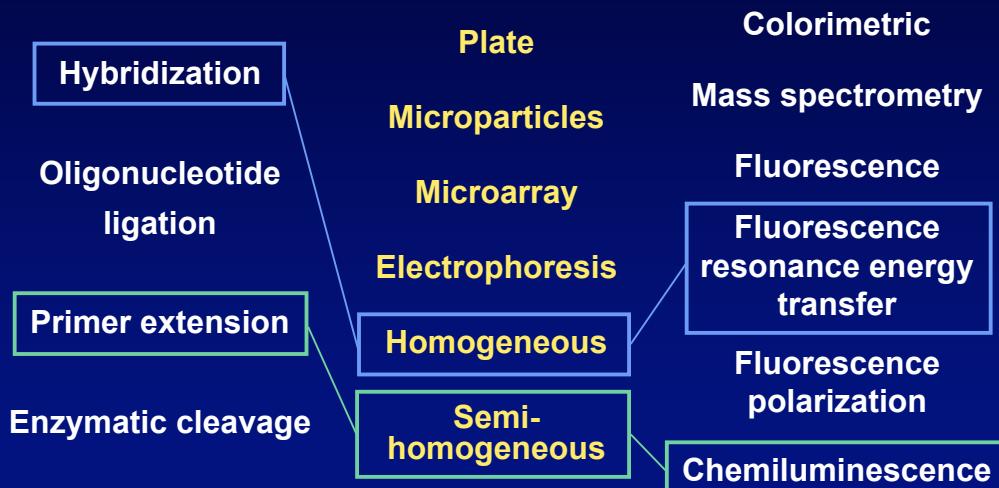




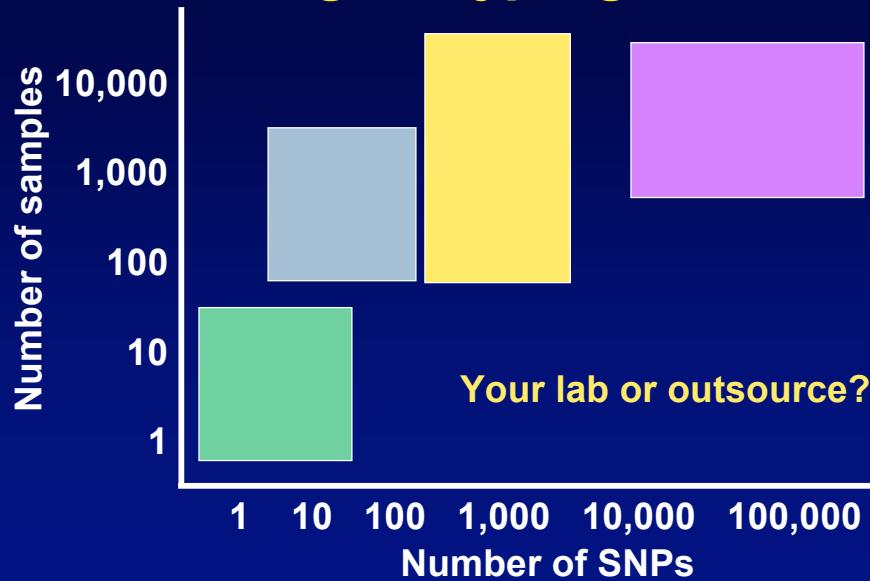
## ***Scoring SNPs (2)***

- Time to perform assays
- Ability to multiplex
- Data accumulation and analysis
- Allele frequency quantification

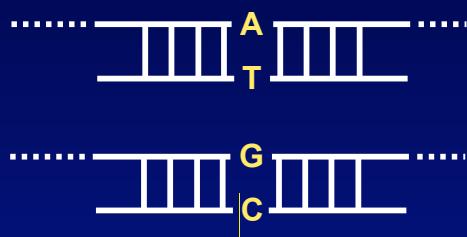
## ***Overview of SNP typing methods***



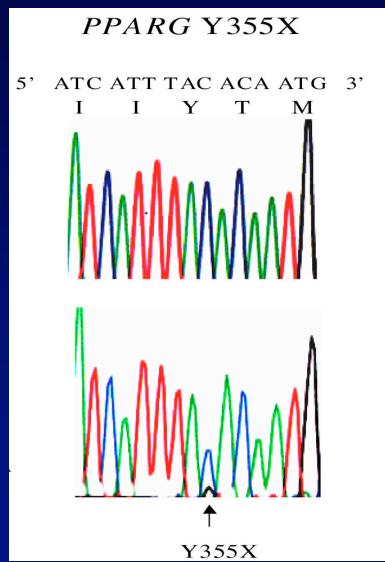
## *Which SNP genotyping method?*



## *Example SNP*



## *Sequencing*



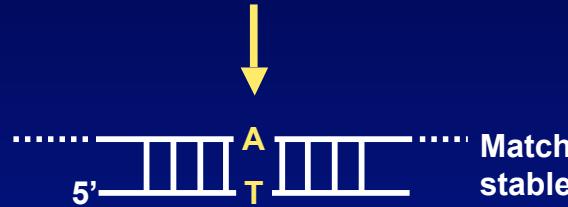
Francis et al. 2006 BMC Med Gen 7:3

## *Sequencing*

- **Advantages:**
  - Instrumentation widely available
  - Easy and fast for small studies
- **Disadvantages**
  - Expensive for many SNPs or samples
  - Local sequence affects success

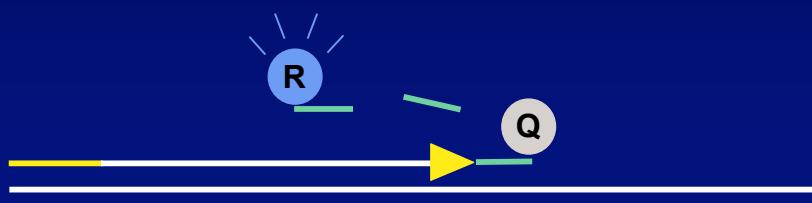
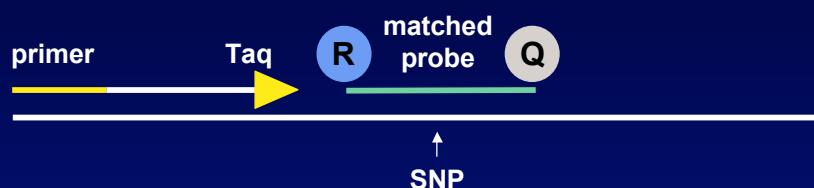
## Hybridization

5' — T —  
5' — C —  
Allele-specific  
oligonucleotide  
probes

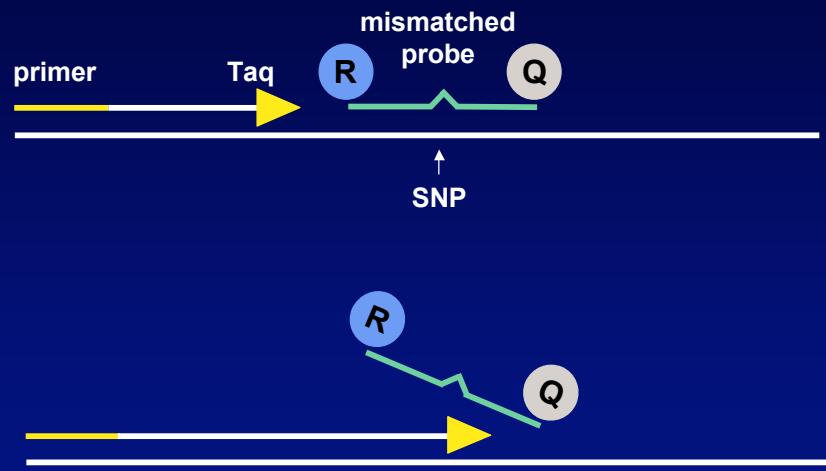


5' — G —  
5' — T —  
Mismatch,  
unstable

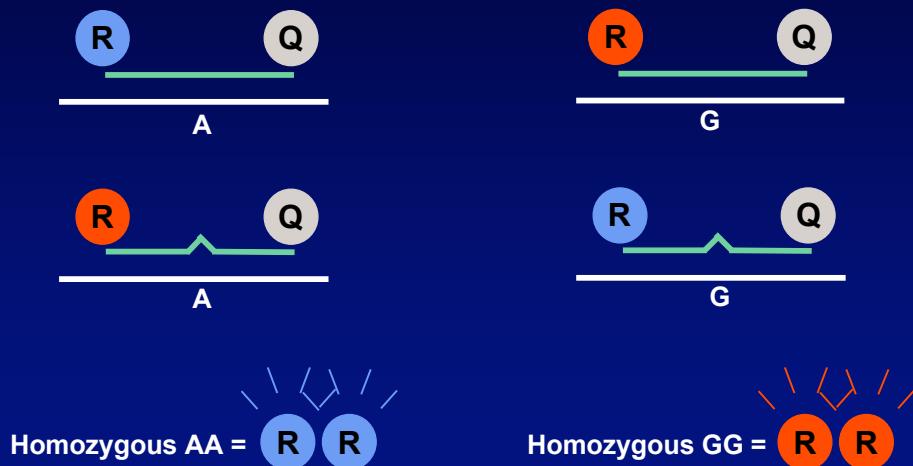
## Fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET)



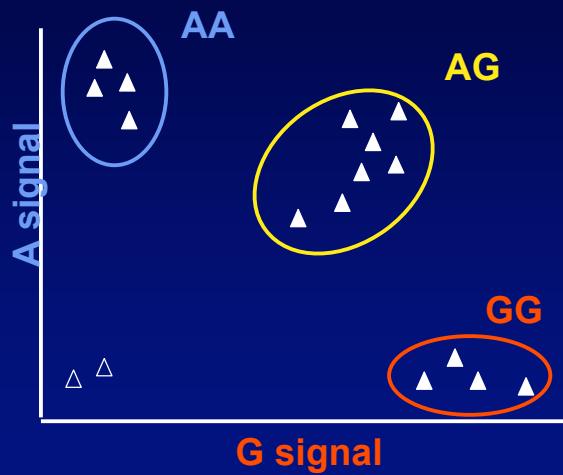
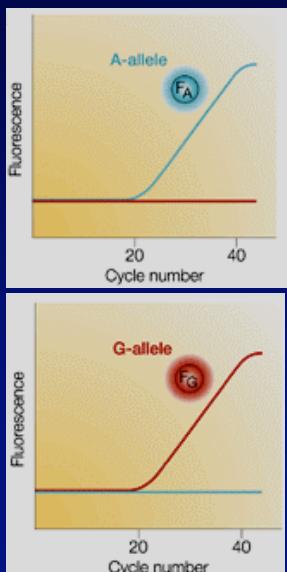
## Fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET)



## TaqMan competing probes



## *TaqMan genotype scoring*

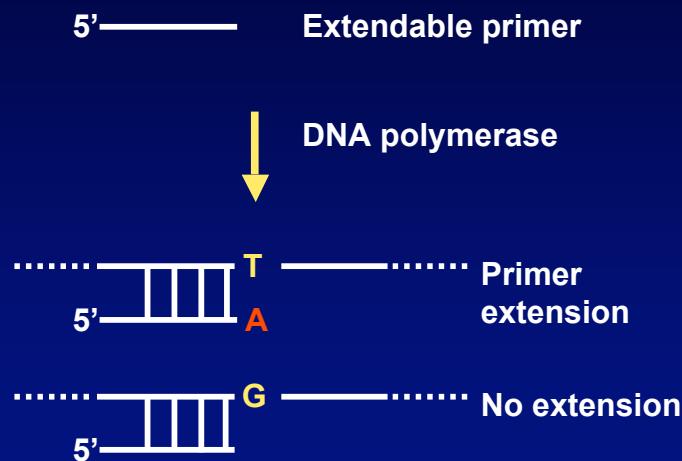


## *TaqMan*

- **Advantages:**
  - Simple to perform
  - Closed-tube system
  - Accurate quantification
- **Disadvantages**
  - Expensive probes
  - No multiplexing
  - Assays require optimization

[appliedbiosystems.com](http://appliedbiosystems.com)

## ***Primer extension = Minisequencing***



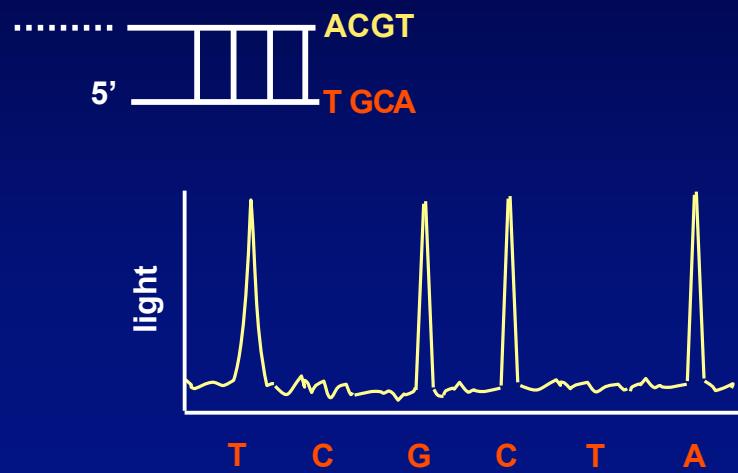
## ***Pyrosequencing***

- Four enzymes
  - DNA polymerase
  - ATP sulfurylase--converts pyrophosphate to ATP
  - Luciferase--converts ATP to light
  - Apyrase--degrades excess nucleotides
- Nucleotides added sequentially

[pyrosequencing.com](http://pyrosequencing.com)

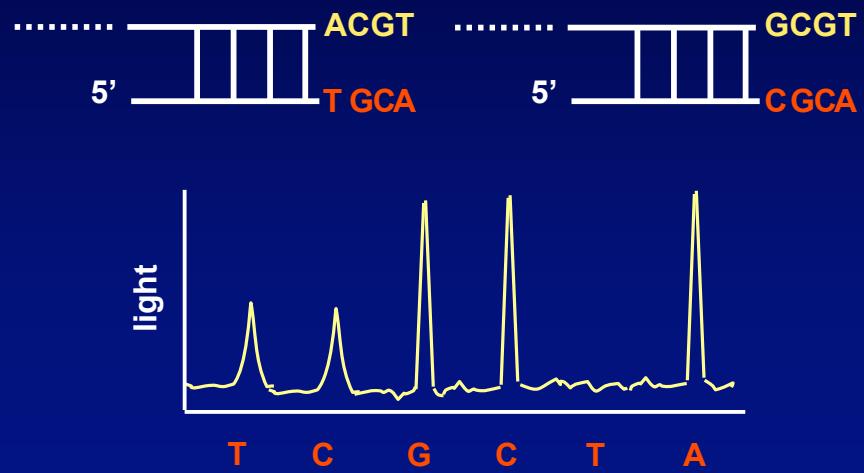
## *Pyrosequencing*

...[A/G]CGT...



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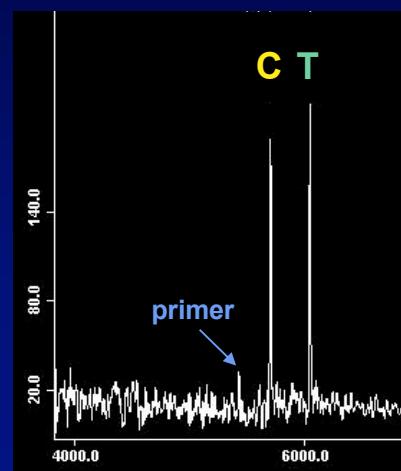
- Advantages:
  - Accurate
  - Accurate allele frequency estimation
  - Robust for closely spaced SNPs
- Disadvantages
  - Expensive reagents
  - Requires post-PCR processing

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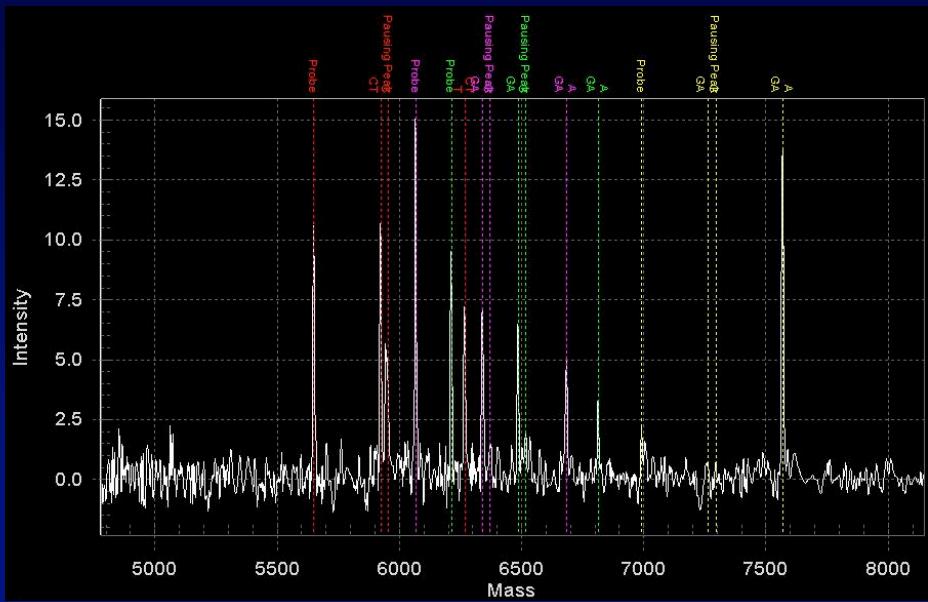
## *Primer extension mass spectrometry*

Primer extension reactions  
designed to generate  
different sized products

Mass in Daltons	
GGACCTGGAGCCCCCACC	5430.5
GGACCTGGAGCCCCCACCC	5703.7
GGACCTGGAGCCCCCACCTG	6047.9



## *Mass spectrometry multiplexing*

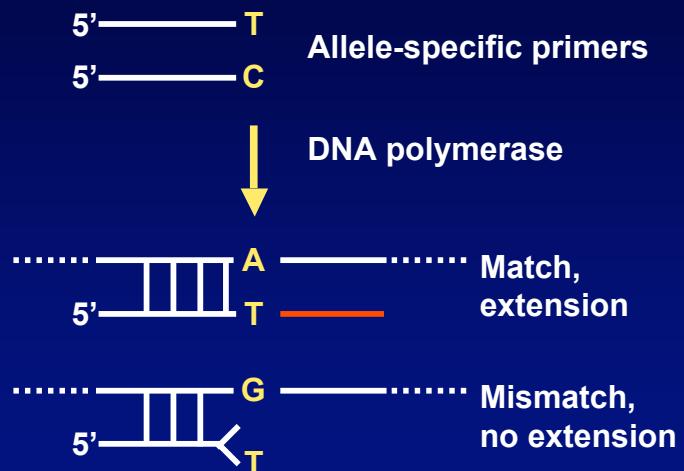


## *Primer extension mass spectrometry*

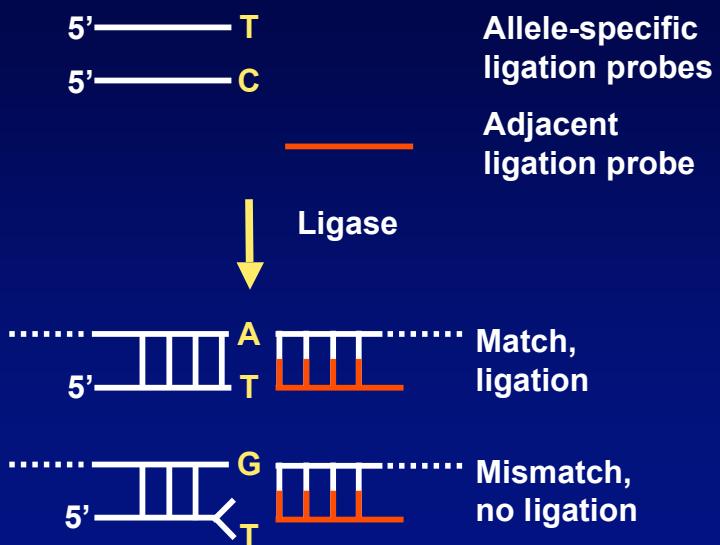
- **Advantages:**
  - Accurate
  - Automated assay design
  - Fast automated data collection
  - Multiplexing capacity
- **Disadvantages**
  - Expensive instruments, consumables
  - Extensive post-PCR processing

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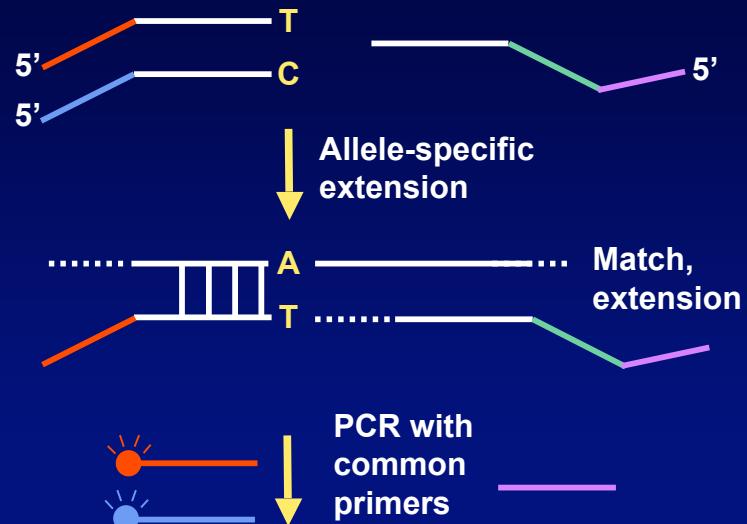
## Allele-specific PCR



## Oligonucleotide Ligation Assay (OLA)

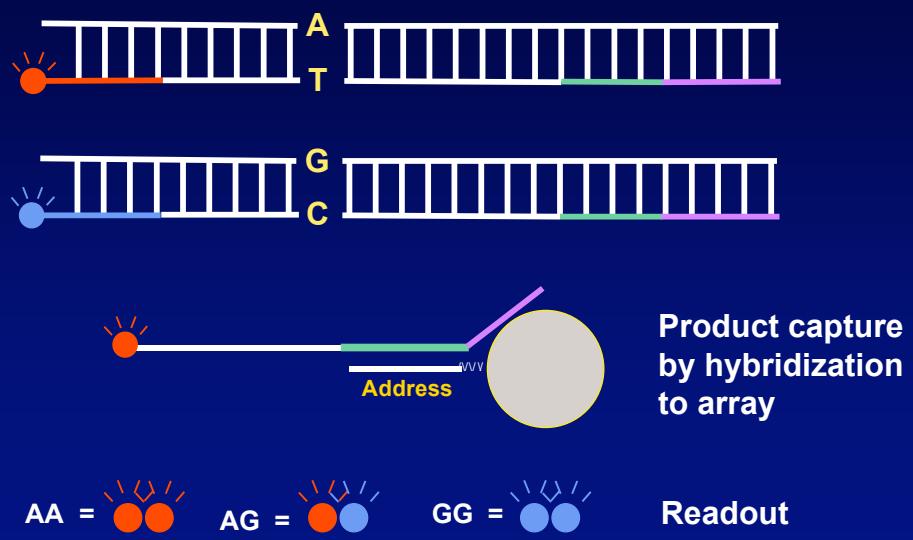


## *GoldenGate: Allele-specific extension*

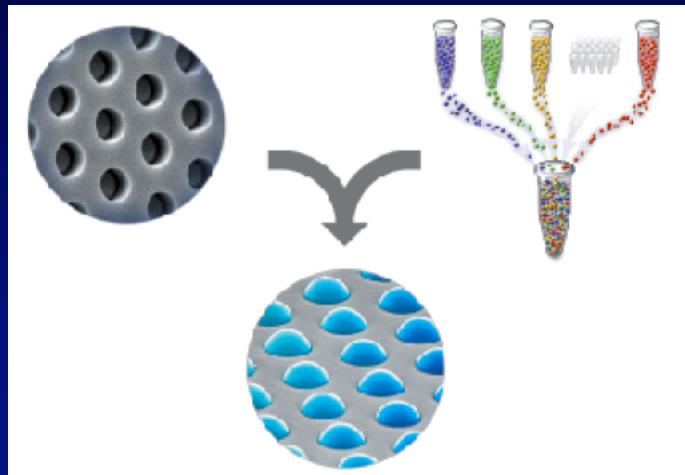


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## *GoldenGate: Allele-specific extension*



## *GoldenGate genotyping technology*



### *Illumina GoldenGate*

- **Advantages:**
  - Very highly multiplexed
  - Accurate
  - Low cost per genotype
- **Disadvantages**
  - Not cost-effective for small studies
  - Limits to SNPs that can be designed

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## ***Quality control of genotype data***

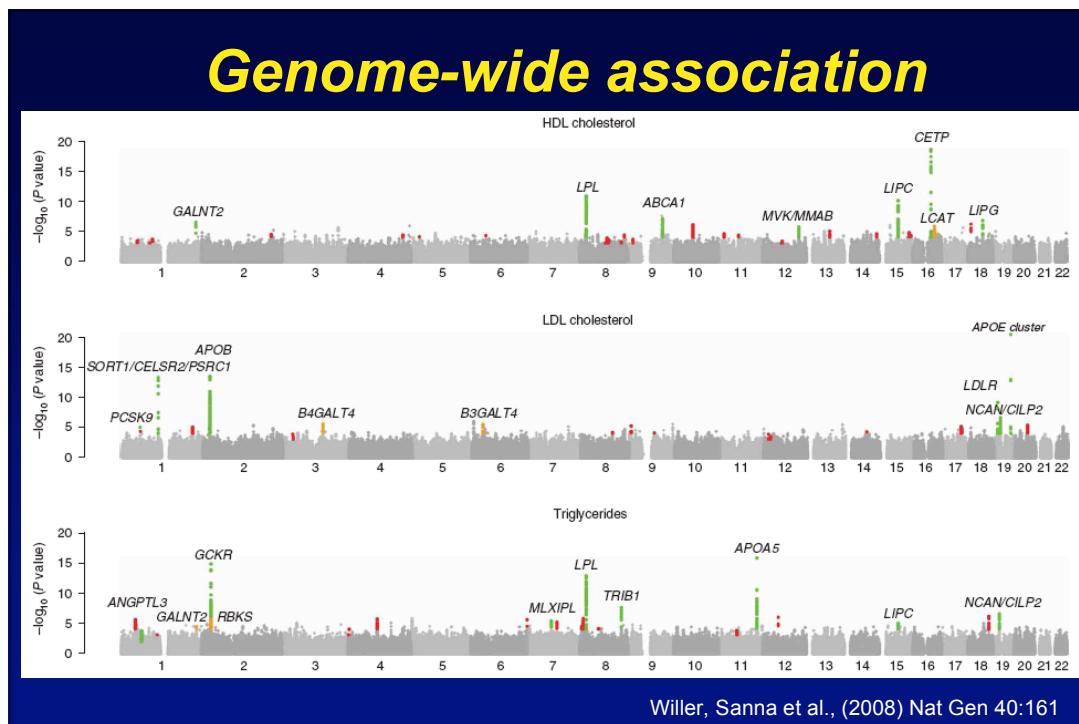
- High genotype success
- Accurate duplicate genotypes
- No genotypes in no DNA controls
- Allele frequencies similar to databases
- Accurate on a second platform

## ***Quality control of genotype data***

- Test whether data are consistent with Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium (HWE):  $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$
- Calculate observed frequencies p and q
- Use p and q to calculate expected genotype frequencies
- Compare observed and expected genotype frequencies by  $\chi^2$  test with 1 degree of freedom

## **Human Genetic Variation**

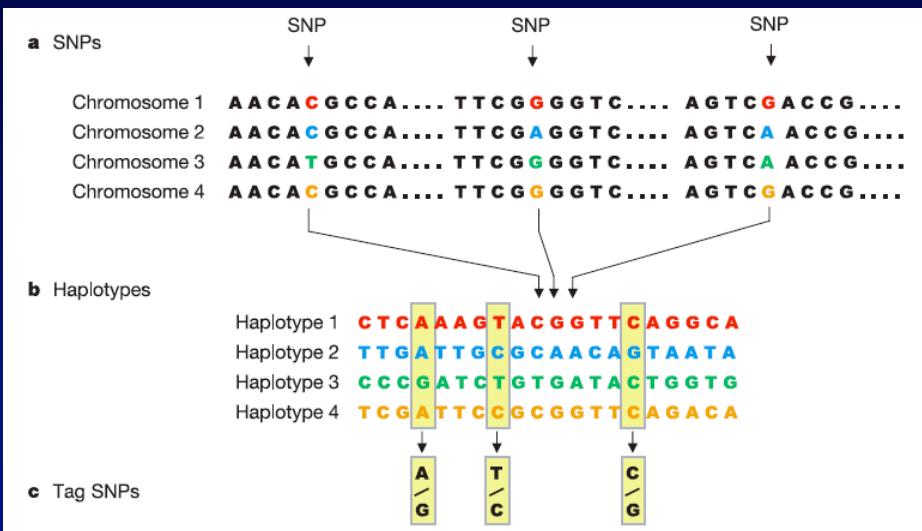
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## Genome-wide SNP panels

- 10,000 - 1 million SNPs per experiment
- Affymetrix, Illumina, Perlegen
  - Random SNPs
  - Selected haplotype tag SNPs
  - Coding or nonsynonymous SNPs

## Selecting 'haplotype tag' SNPs



International HapMap Consortium (2003) Nature 426:789

## Haplotype map project

Genotype data on ~4 million SNPs

269 samples from four populations

- Utah Caucasians with ancestry in N & W Europe (CEU)
- Han Chinese from Beijing (CHB)
- Japanese from Tokyo (JPT)
- Yoruban from Ibadan, Nigeria (YRI)



[www.hapmap.org](http://www.hapmap.org)

## Affymetrix GeneChip Array

Figure 1: GeneChip® Mapping Assay Overview.

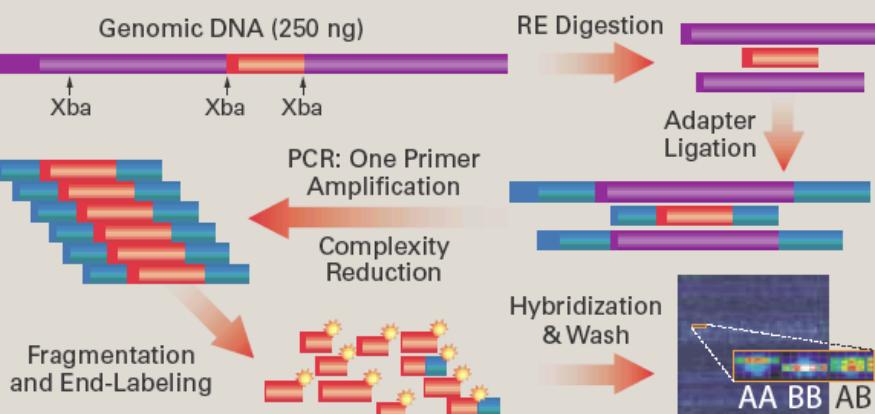
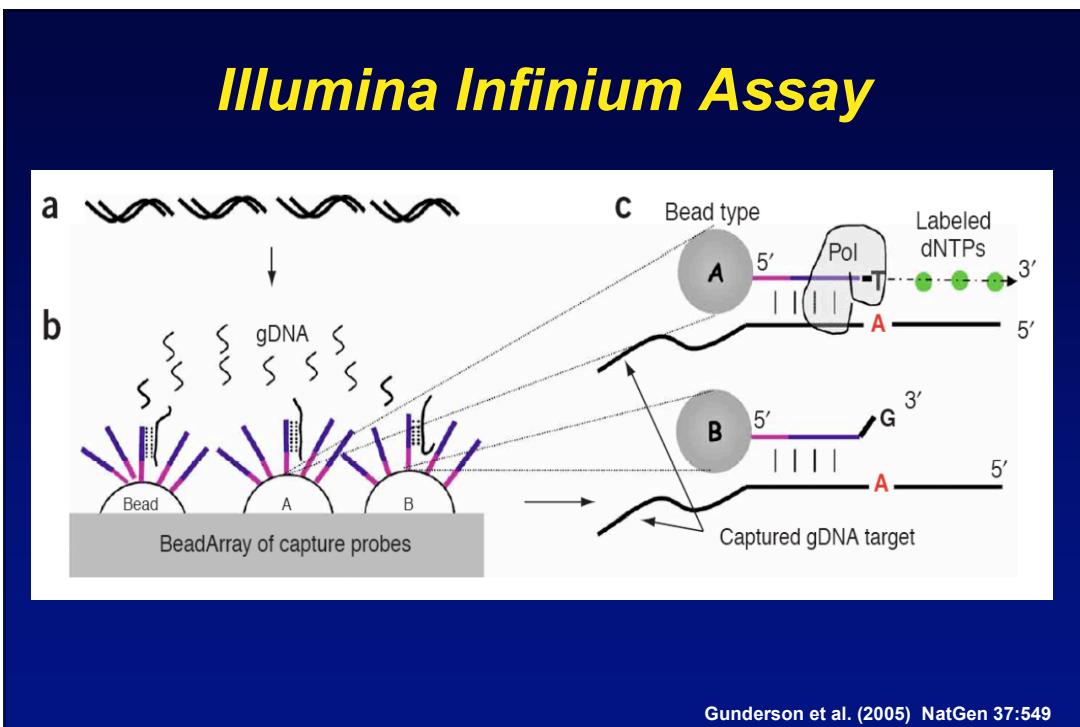
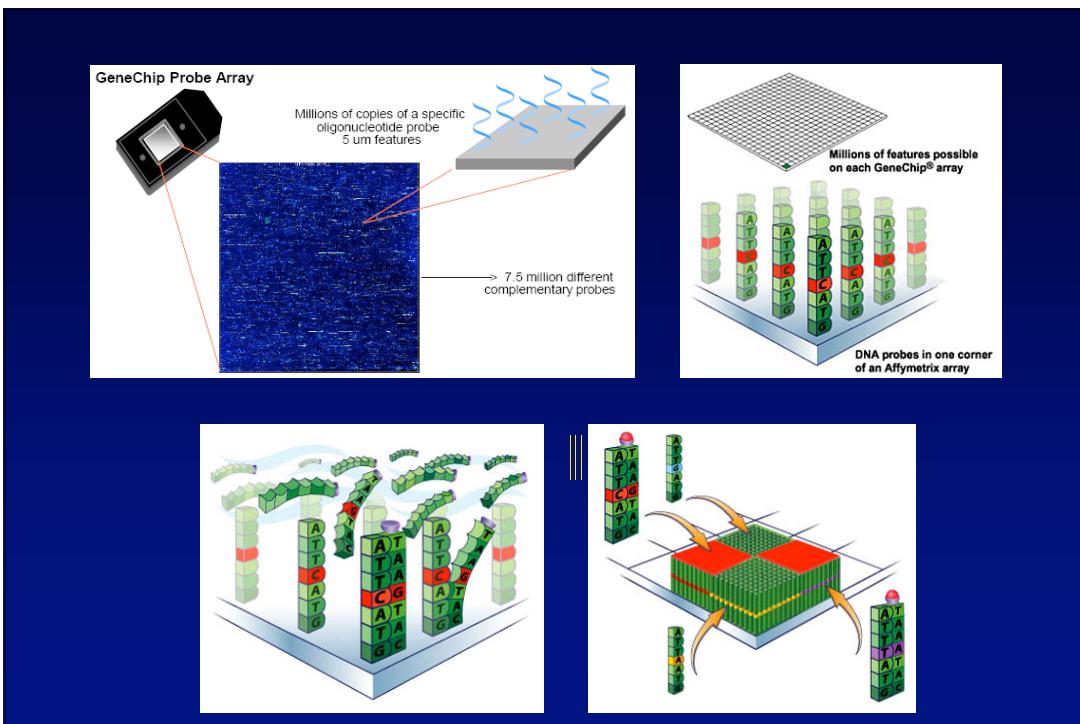
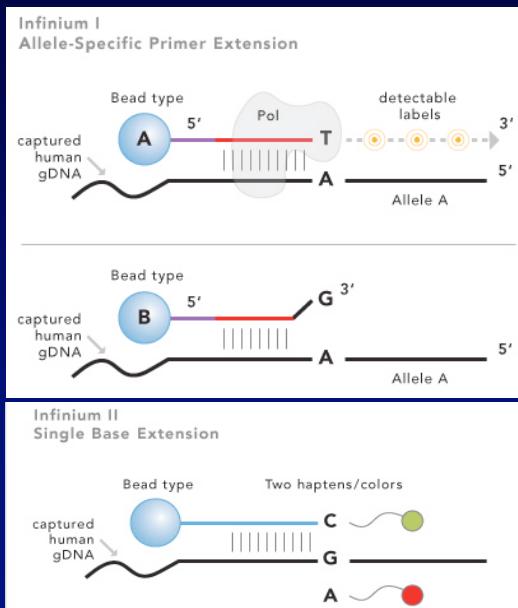


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## Illumina Infinium Assays



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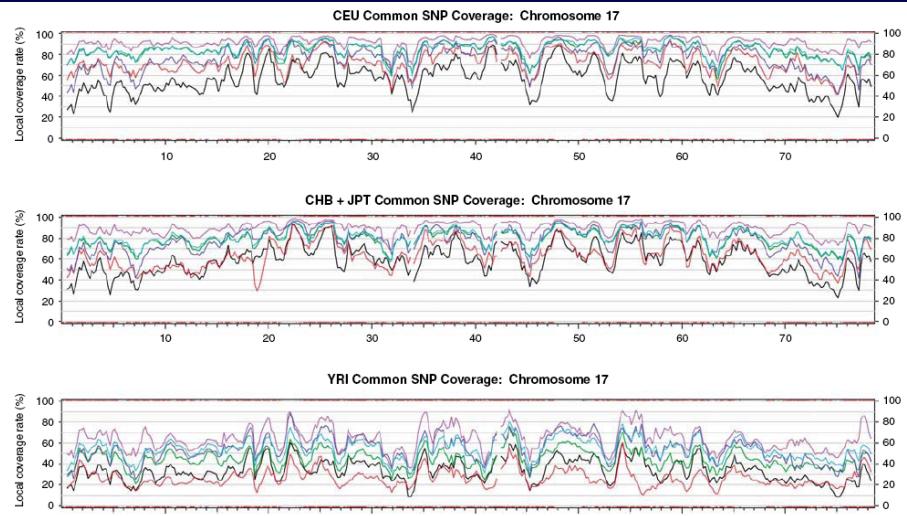
## Global genomic coverage

**Table 1** Global coverage (%) by SNP chips

SNP chip	CEU	CHB+JPT	YRI
SNP Array 5.0	64	66	41
SNP Array 6.0	83	84	62
HumanHap300	77	66	29
HumanHap550	87	83	50
HumanHap650Y	87	84	60
Human1M	93	92	68

Li et al. (2008) EJHG advance online publication

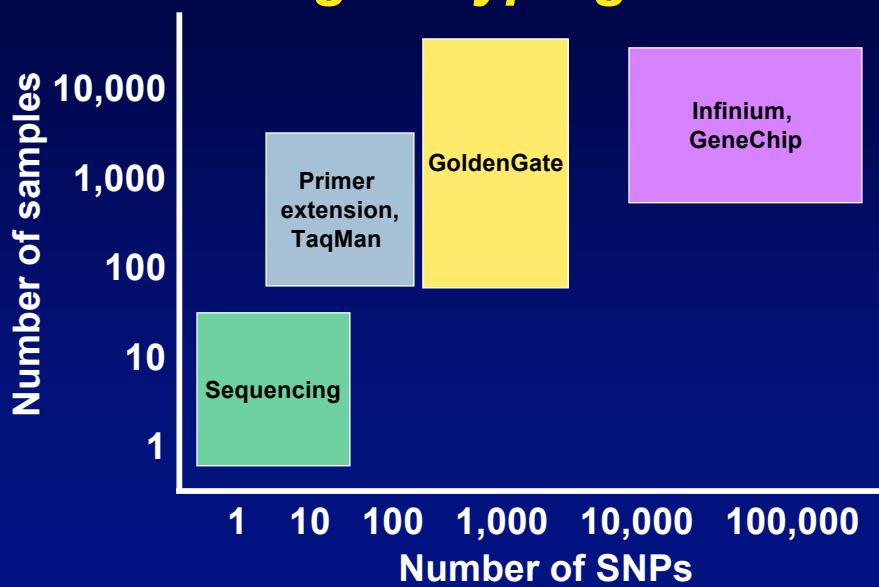
## Local genomic coverage



**Figure 1** Local coverage map for each HapMap population for chromosome 17. The six SNP chips that were evaluated are SNP Array 5.0 (black), SNP Array 6.0 (blue), HumanHap300 (red), HumanHap550 (green), HumanHap650Y (cyan), and Human1M (purple). The red bars at the top and bottom indicate the transcription regions of known protein coding genes.

Li et al. (2008) EJHG advance online publication

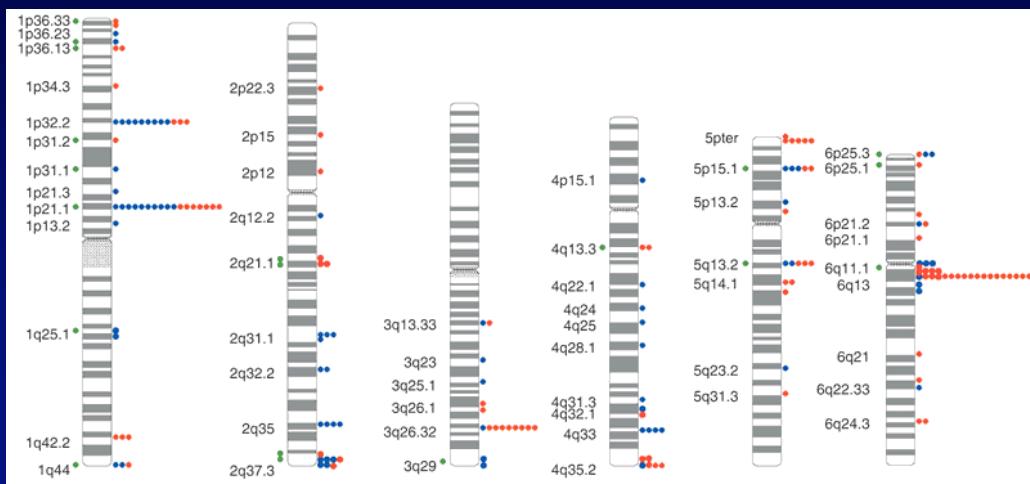
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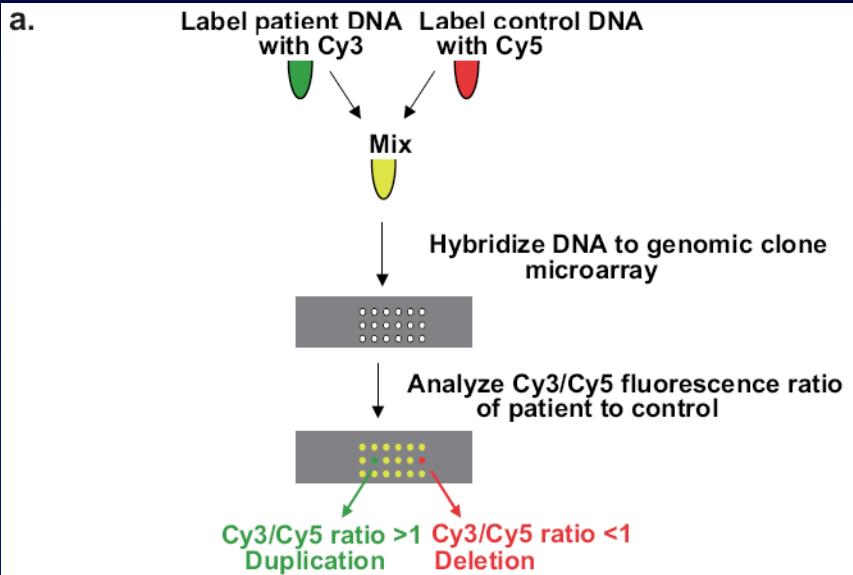
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### ***Structural variants span the genome***



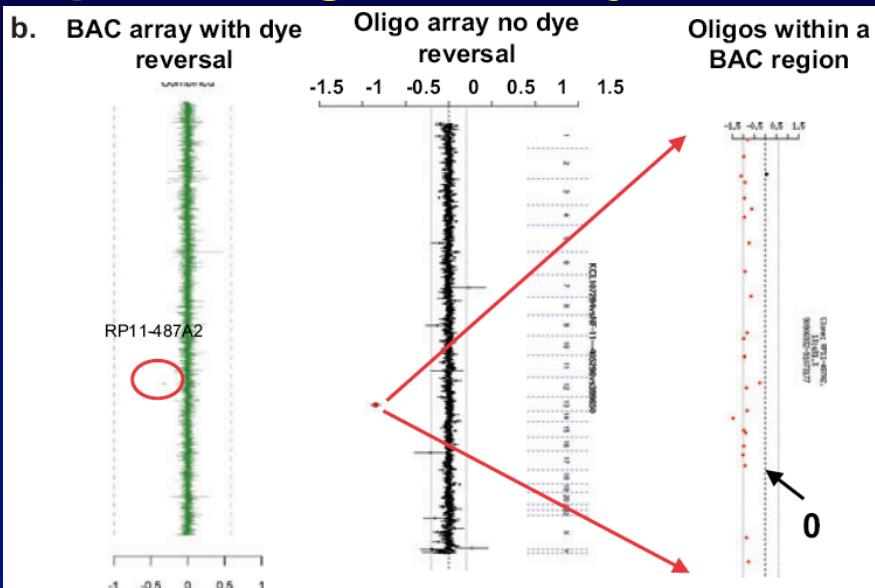
Iafrate et al. (2004) NatGen 36:949

## Comparative genomic hybridization



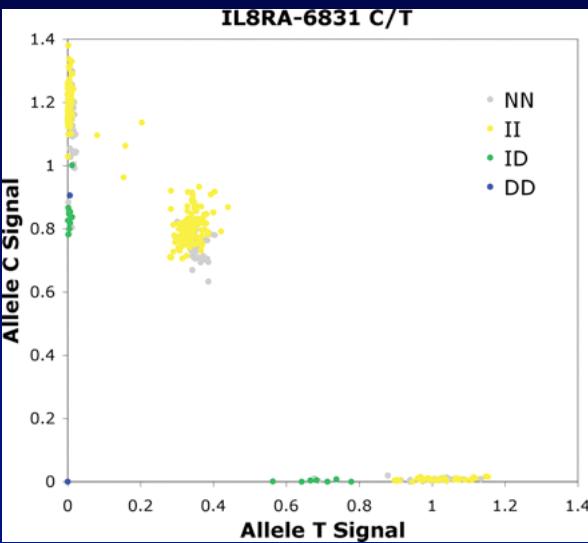
Beaudet & Belmont (2008) Annu Rev Med 59:113-129

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## **Allele intensity in SNP genotyping**



Carlson et al. (2006) HMG 15:1931

## **Future**

- Faster, cheaper, easier genotyping
- Next generation sequencing as genotyping
- Genome maps of structural variants
- Discovery of new susceptibility genes for complex traits