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1. What is GATB ?

Motivation

NGS technologies produce terabytes of data. Efficient and fast NGS algorithms are essential to analyze them.

Objective

The Genome Assembly Tool Box (GATB)

- ▶ is an open-source software
- ▶ provides an easy way to develop efficient and fast NGS tools
- ▶ is based on data structure with a very low memory footprint
- ▶ allows complex genomes to be processed on desktop computers



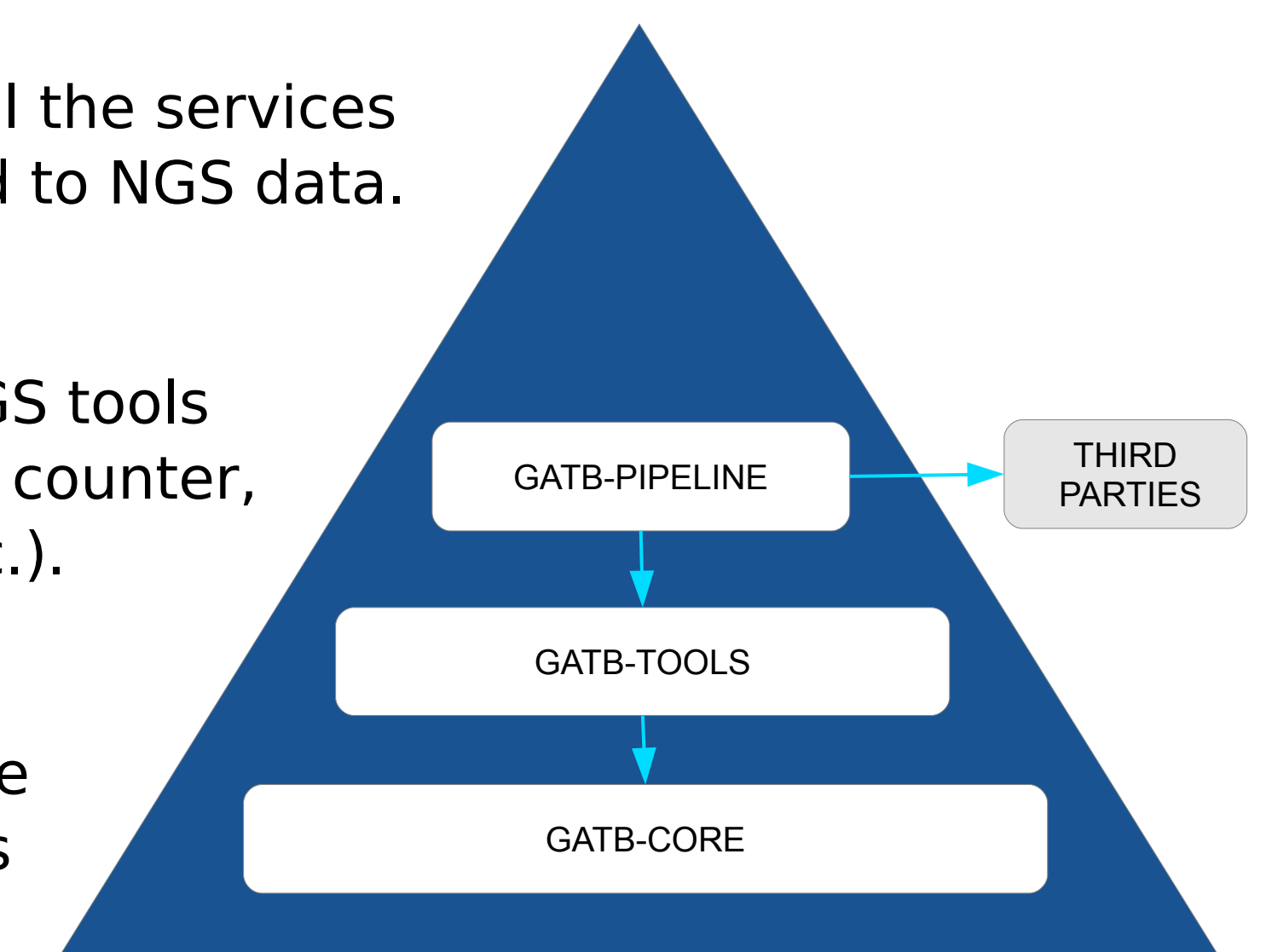
2. Software Solution

The GATB philosophy proposes a 3-layer construction to analyze NGS datasets

1. **GATB-CORE**: a C++ library holding all the services needed for developing software dedicated to NGS data.

2. **GATB-TOOLS**: a set of elementary NGS tools mainly built upon the GATB library (k-mer counter, contiger, scaffolder, variant detection, etc.).

3. **GATB-PIPELINE**: a set of NGS pipeline that links together tools from the previous layer.

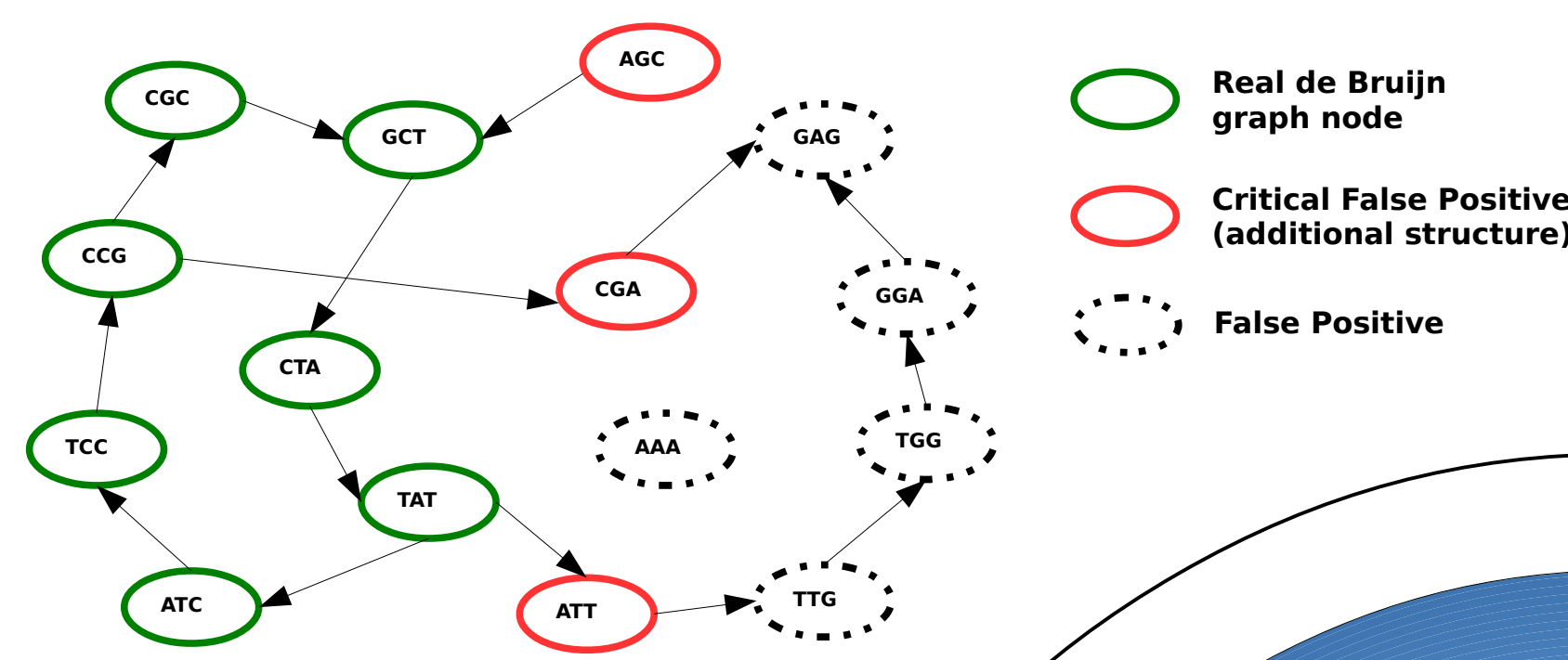


3. Compact de Bruijn graph data structure

The core data structure of GATB is a de Bruijn graph that encodes the main information from the sequencing reads.

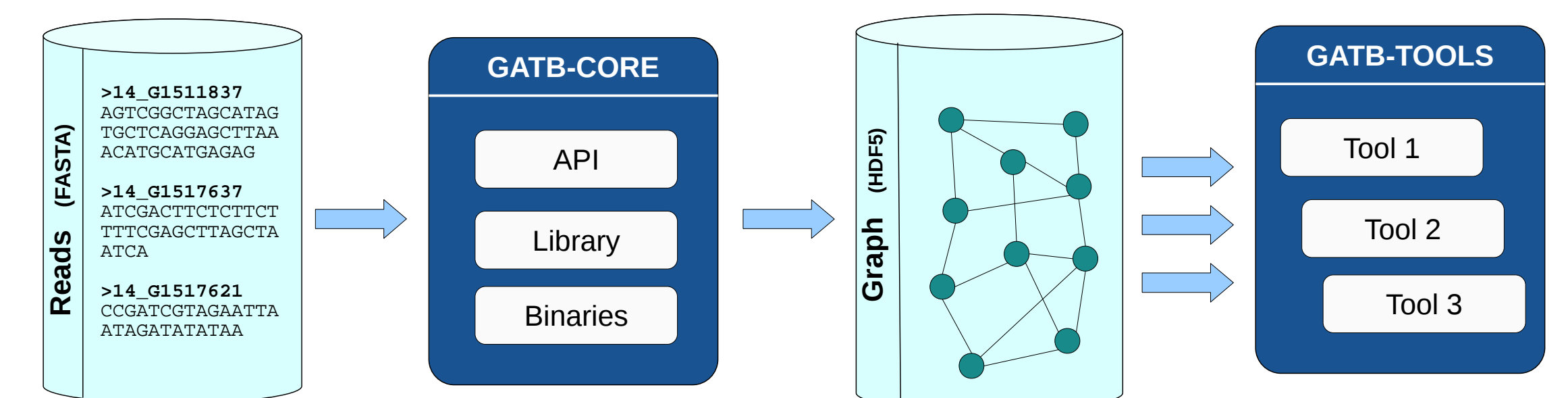
Strength of GATB

GATB makes this graph compact by using a Bloom filter (a space efficient probabilistic data structure) and by using a CFP additional structure that avoids false positive answers from the Bloom filter due to its probabilistic nature.



4. Workflow

Here is a typical workflow when working with GATB



GATB-CORE transforms the reads into a de Bruijn graph, saves it in a HDF5 file that can be opened by other tools developed with the GATB-CORE API.

5. GATB helps you as a NGS user

GATB's de Bruijn graph: a basis for families of tools

- ▶ **Data error correction**
 - ▶ **Assembly**
 - ▶ **Biological motif detection**
- a whole human genome sequencing reads can be handled with 5 GBytes of memory

Several tools based on GATB are already available

- Blooco** K-mer spectrum based read error corrector for large datasets
- Minia** Short read assembler based on a de Bruijn graph. Results are of similar contiguity and accuracy to other de Bruijn assemblers (e.g. Velvet)
- DiscoSNP** Discover Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) from non-assembled reads
- TakeABreak** Detects inversion breakpoints without a reference genome by looking for fixed size topological patterns in the de Bruijn graph

6. GATB helps you as a NGS developer

The GATB C++ library gives you the opportunity to quickly develop new NGS tools that fit your needs.

Major facts about the GATB C++ library

- ▶ Object Oriented Design
- ▶ Simple and powerful graph API
- ▶ Simple and powerful multithreading model
- ▶ HDF5 usage for data storage
- ▶ Fully documented with numerous code samples
- ▶ Complete test suite

How to Analyze Complex Genomes on a Simple Desktop Computer ?

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