



## A strategy to assemble a reference sequence of the 1 Gb wheat chromosome 3B

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# TGAC/ESF-LESC workshop

*Strategies for de novo assemblies of complex crop genomes*

Norwich, Oct-9-2012

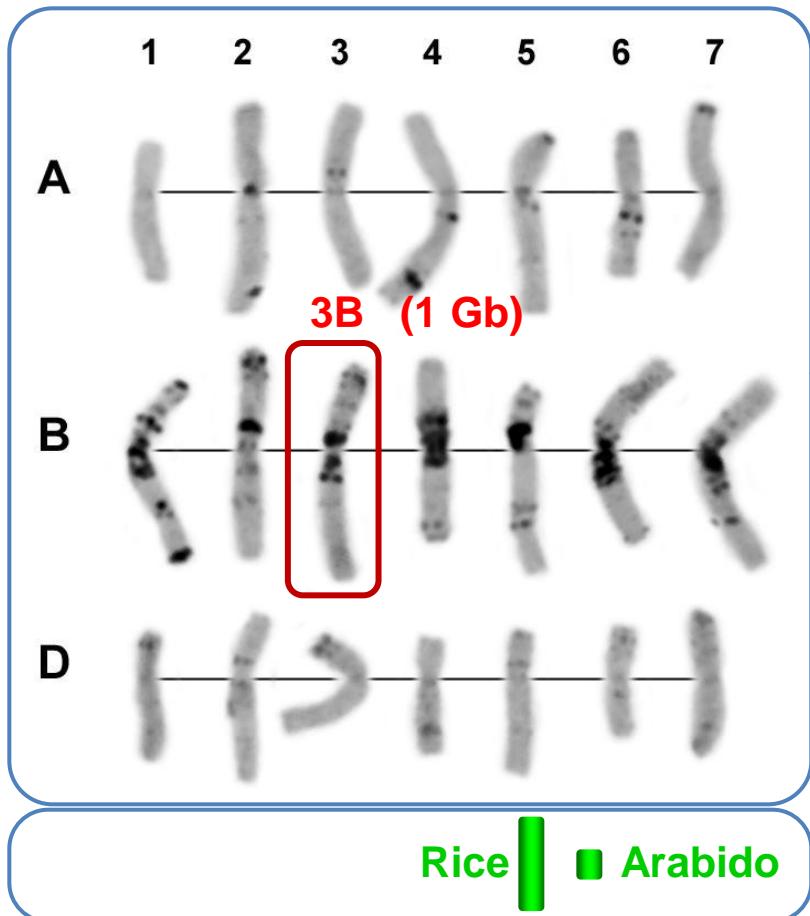


## Sequencing and assembling wheat chromosome 3B

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# The bread wheat genome



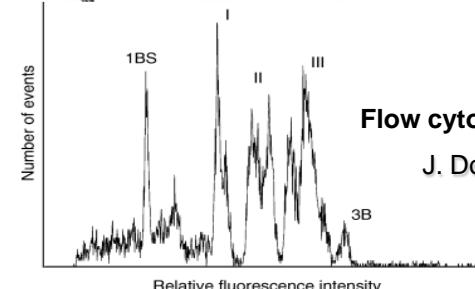
- ✓ Allohexaploid (A, B & D)
- ✓ 17 Gb
- ✓ 85% of sequences derived from TEs

WGS  
5x @ [www.cerealsdb.uk.net](http://www.cerealsdb.uk.net)

Chromosome-by-Chromosome

→ Survey Seq. chr arms

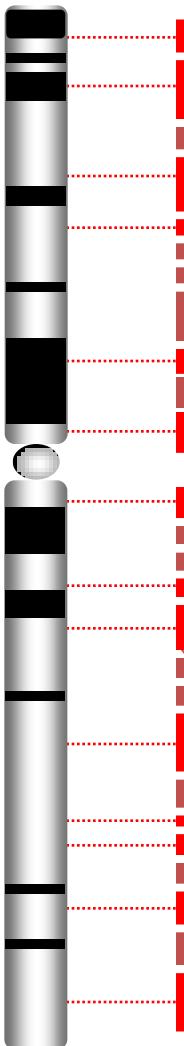
→ BAC libraries



# An integrative map of chromosome 3B

Paux et al. *Science* 2008

chr 3B  
1000 Mb



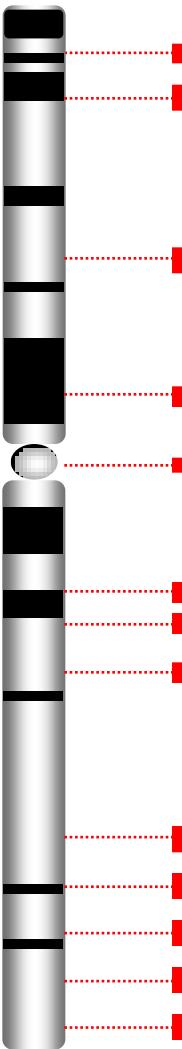
## Physical map

- Fingerprinted BACs 132,000 (19x)
- #contigs 1282
- #MTP BACs 8448
- Markers anchored 4463

64L02~	TaaCsp3BF302C03~	TaaCsp3BF069M13~	TaaCsp3BF082J17
77K16~	TaaCsp3BF381A10*	TaaCsp3BF064B20	TaaCsp3BF132M22
p3BF036B24	TaaCsp3BF352E22	TaaCsp3BF191J18~	TaaCsp3BF169J21~
87G16*	TaaCsp3BF384D02*	TaaCsp3BF218B22~	TaaCsp3BF366P23
104I05	TaaCsp3BF261M19~	TaaCsp3BF237K01*	TaaCsp3BF102N04*
6 06~	TaaCsp3BF339K16*	TaaCsp3BF204F19	TaaCsp3BF300E
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17*	TaaCsp3BF179K19	TaaCsp3BF354O03	TaaCsp3BF251
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83G20~	TaaCsp3BF112K02	TaaCsp3BF128G13~	TaaCsp3BF251

# 3B Pilot (2007-2010)

chr 3B    **13 contigs**  
1000 Mb    **152 BACs**



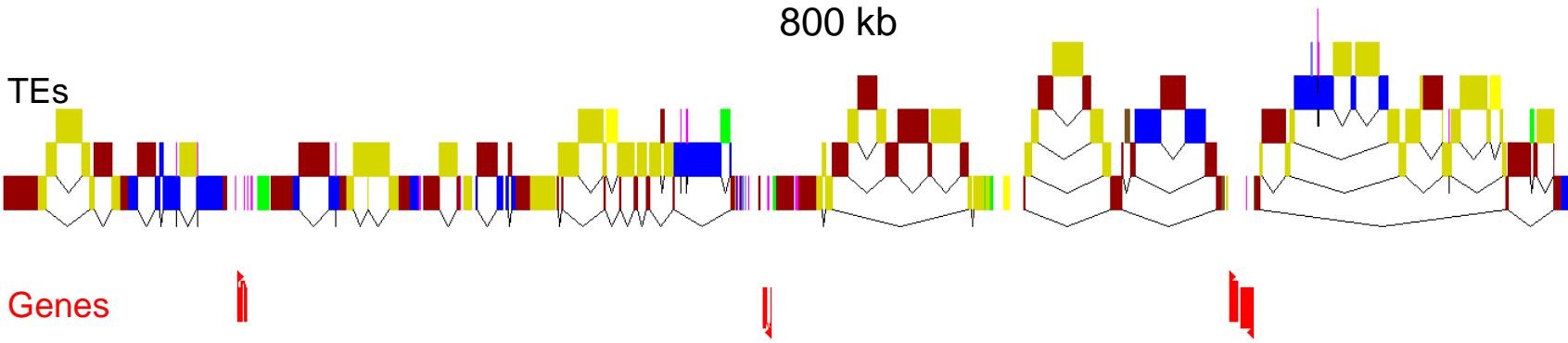
*Choulet et al. Plant Cell 2010*

**18 Mb (2% of the 3B)**  
First set of large contiguous seq.

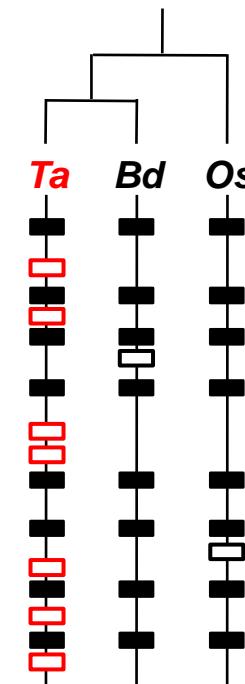
~3000 TEs  
~200 protein-coding genes



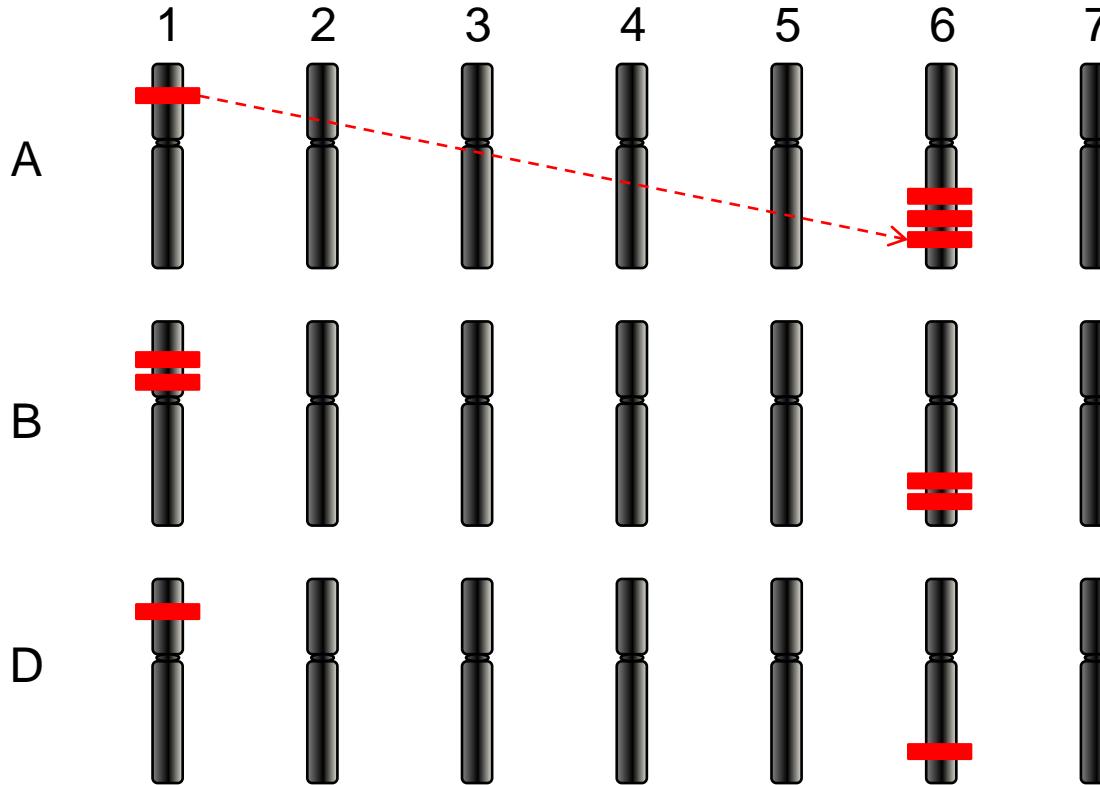
# Main results



- 85% **TEs** highly **nested** and still **complete**
- 25% of **pseudogenes**
- 33% of **duplicates**
- No big **gene islands**
- Unexpected **high number of genes**  
(8400 versus 5500 expected based on synteny)
- 45% **non-syntenic** genes



# Gene redundancy



3 **homoeologous** copies (ABD)

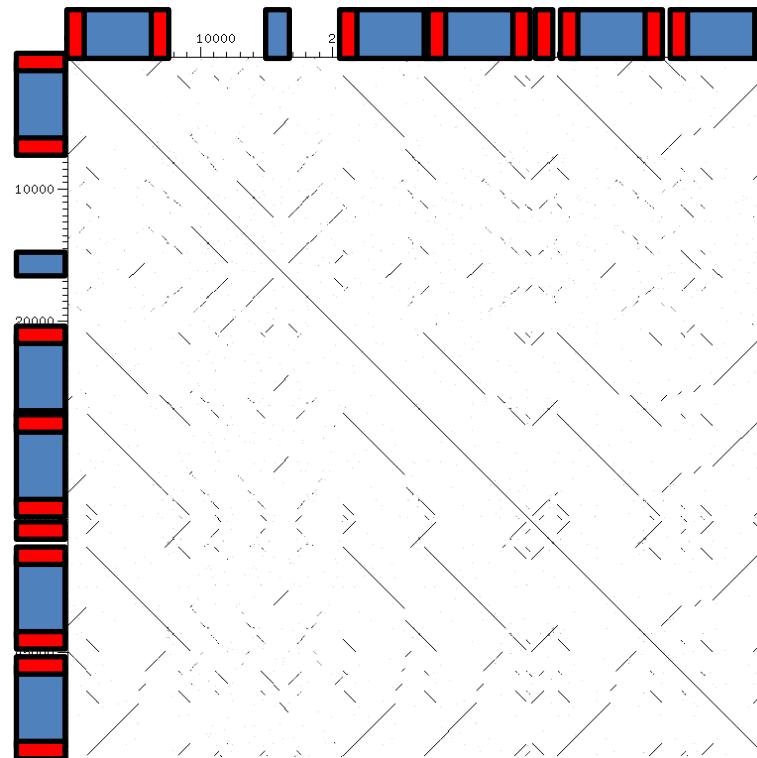
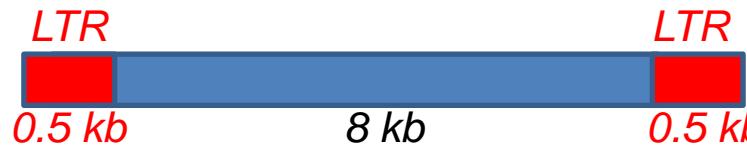
+ paralogs created by **interchromosomal duplication**

+ paralogs created by **tandem duplication**

/\ assembly /\

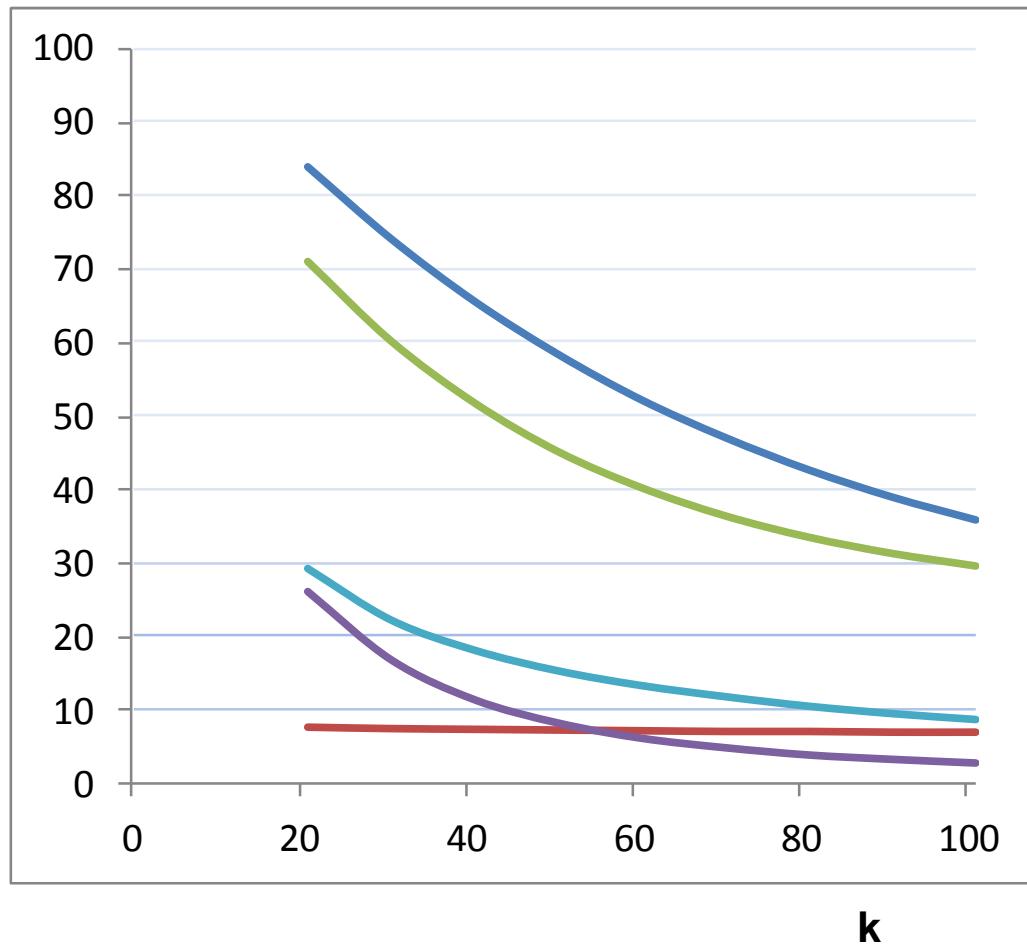
# Repeats

- Genes are repeated
- 85% TEs != 85% repeats
- TEs are made of repeats...



# kmers

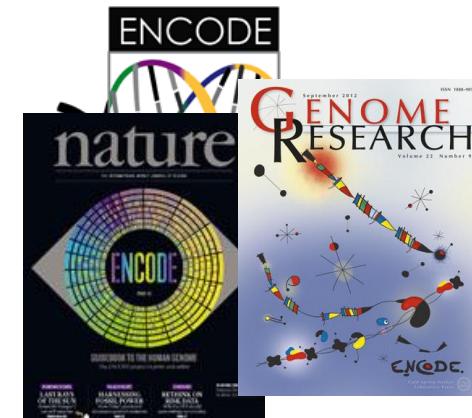
% non-unique  
kmers



Wheat genome (17 Gb)  
Wheat 3B (1 Gb)  
Rice genome (400 Mb)  
*E. coli* genome (4 Mb)  
Wheat BAC contig (4 Mb)

# A reference sequence? What for?

- Distinguish homoeologous + paralogous copies of gene families
- Solving the assembly of tandem duplicates (e.g. NBS-LRR involved in resistance)
- Study CNVs
- Study genome structure organization & impact on gene expression
- Identify genes under QTLs
- Distinguish genes vs pseudogenes  
pseudogenes in cv. Chinese Spring can be functional in others
- Assess what is behind the gene catalog!!!

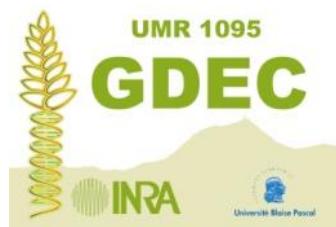




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# Sequencing the 3B

## □ Whole 3B Shotgun (Illumina)

Flow sorted DNA of 3B  
contaminations



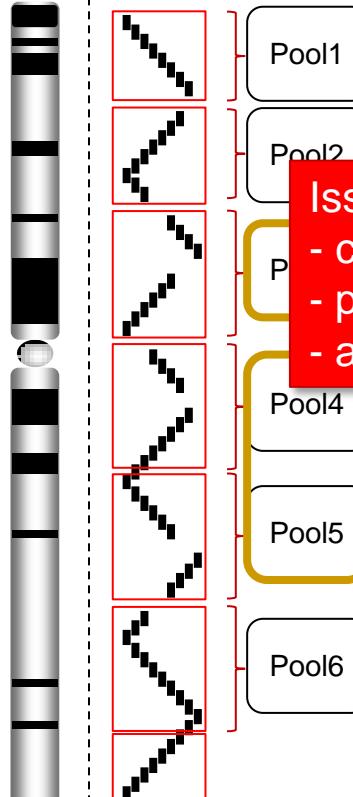
Multiple Displacement  
Amplification  
bias



Illumina HiSeq2000  
845 M reads (2x108) PE 0.5kb  
→ 82X  
assembly

## □ MTP Sequencing (Roche/454)

8448 BACs



928 pools of 8-12 BACs  
928 libraries: LPE 8 kb

Issues:

- cost & time
- physical map is incomplete
- amount of work to assemble

~150 runs GSFLX



→ 40x  
coverage

## □ BAC-Ends of the MTP

# Sequencing the 3B

Whole 3B Shotgun  
(Illumina)

De novo assembly with **ABYSS** (k=71)

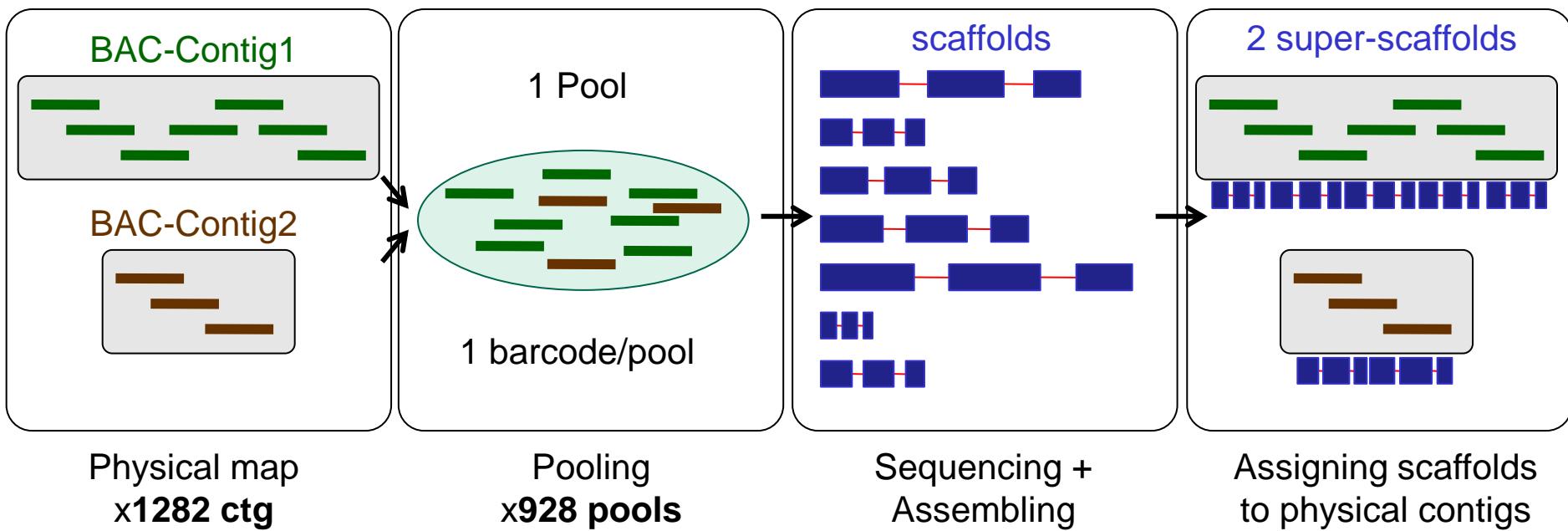


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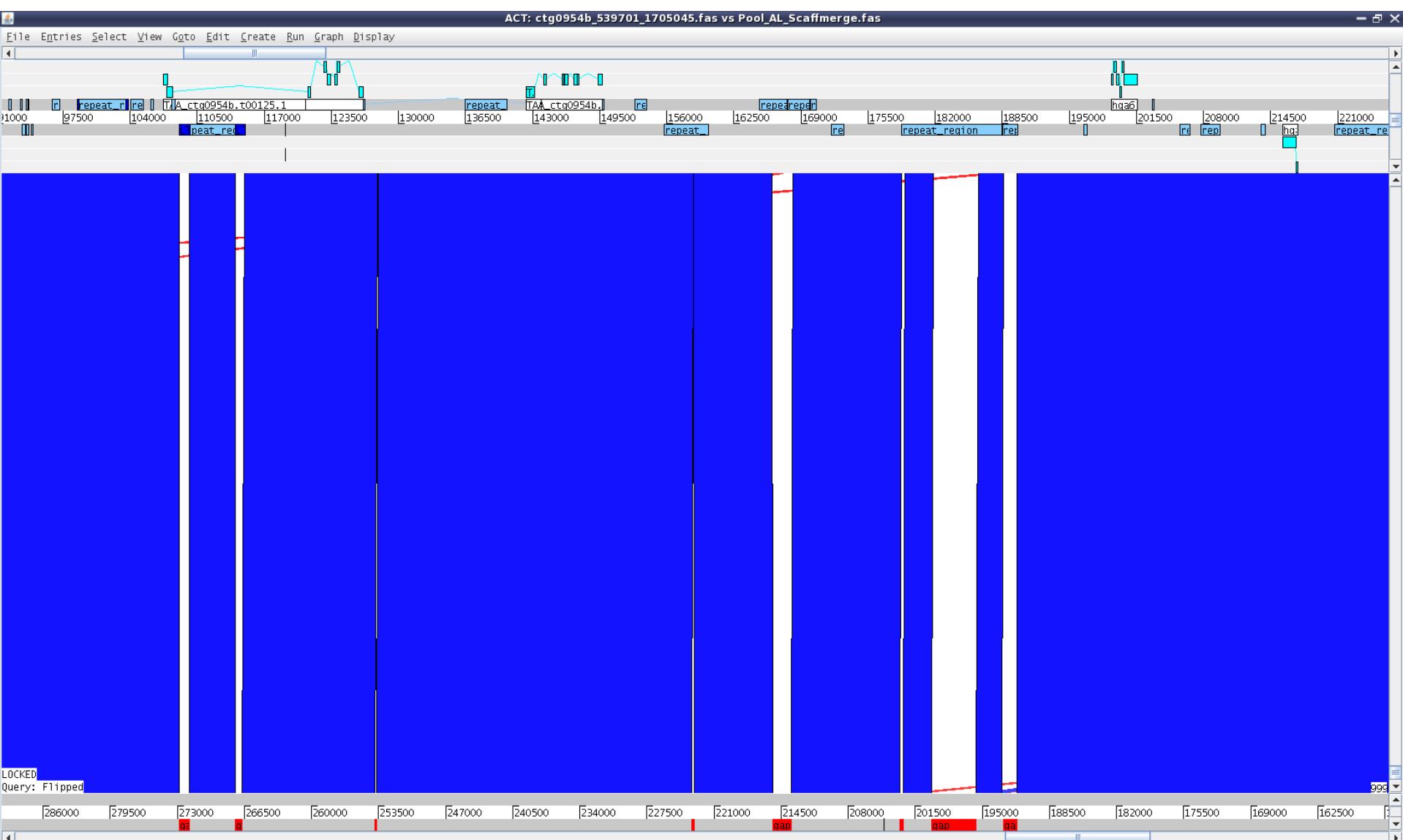
	<u>Contigs &gt;200bp</u>	<u>After Masking TEs</u>
# Contigs	<b>546 , 922</b>	<b>60 , 319</b>
# bp	<b>639 Mb</b>	<b>125 Mb</b>
N50	<b>2 . 7 kb</b>	<b>6 . 7 kb</b>
Max ctg size	<b>48 kb</b>	<b>48 kb</b>

# Sequencing the 3B

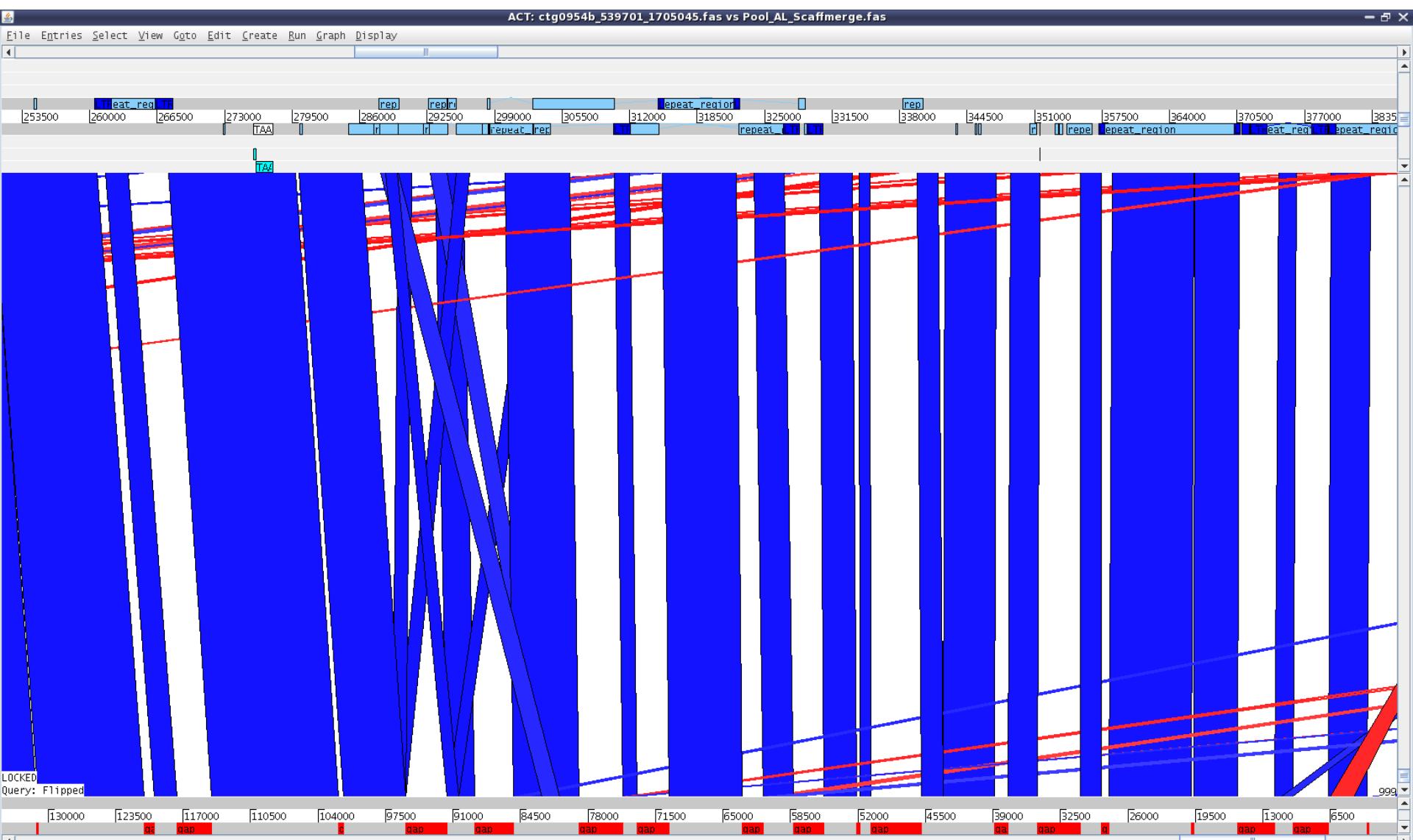
□ MTP Sequencing  
(Roche/454)



# Mapping on reference sequence



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# What is missing in the 454-MTP-seq?

- How many sequences present on **Illumina-shotgun contigs** are missing in **MTP scaffolds**?

- *mask TEs in Illumina contigs*
- *similarity search against 454 assembly*

✓ Match	x%
✓ Absent	x%

- ➔ Gaps in the physical map (5-10%)
- ➔ Contamination when flow sorting of 3B chromosomes (5-10%)

# What is missing in the Illumina assembly?

- How many sequences present on **MTP scaffolds** are missing in **Illumina-shotgun contigs**?

- extract ~33000 coding exons annotated on 454-scaffolds
- similarity search against Illumina contigs>200 bp

✓ Full	x%
✓ Partial	x%
✓ Absent	x%

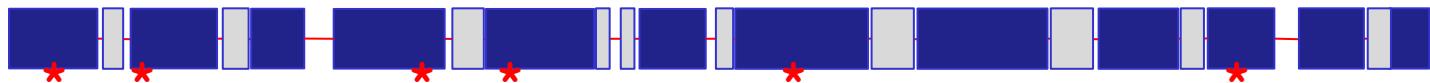
➔ Despite 82X Illumina coverage, x% of coding exons are absent/partial

# Improve scaffolding by manual curation

v2.1



v3 (finishing)



## Curation of the scaffolding (for the entire project [16000 scaffolds])

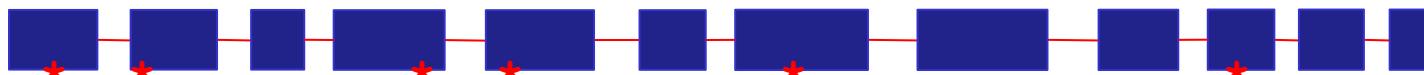
- Automated parsing of Newbler outputs to flag regions showing ambiguous / nonambiguous pairs
- Decision taken by a curator

**!!! Time consuming !!!**

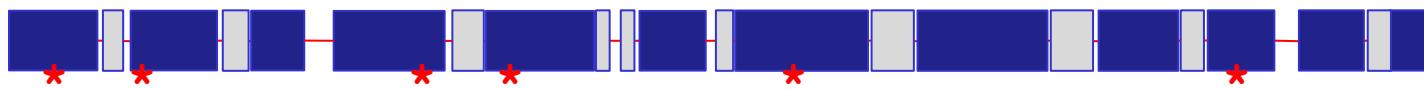


# Improve 454 assembly with Ill reads

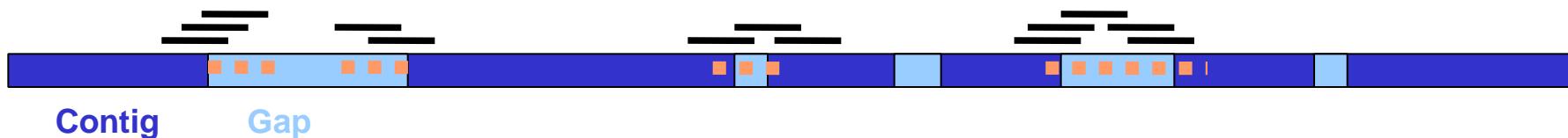
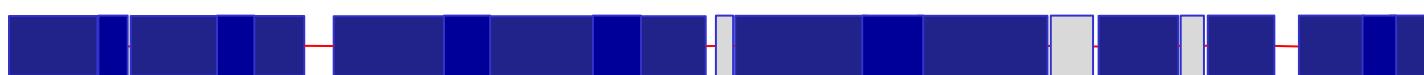
v2.1



v3 (finishing)



v4  
(gapCloser  
+ ssrCorrection)



Contig

Gap

- close gaps in the scaffolds  
With **gapCloser** (JM. Aury et al.)

Gaps:  
 $18\% \rightarrow x\%$

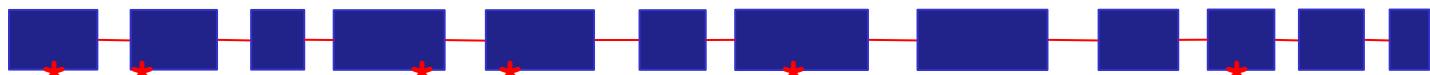
- correct homopolymer errors and mismatches

xxxxxx bases  
corrected  
(0.1% of low copy  
regions)

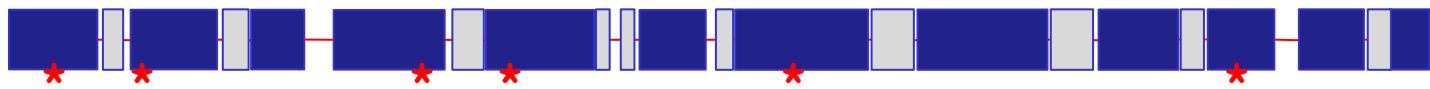


# Improve scaffolding

v2.1

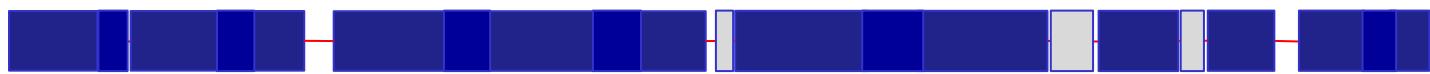


v3 (finishing)



v4

(gapCloser  
+ ssrCorrection)



V2.1

V4

#scaff

16136 scaff

xxxx scaff

x1/3

Cumul. size

1040 Mb

xxx Mb

Gaps

18 %

x %

N50

275 kb

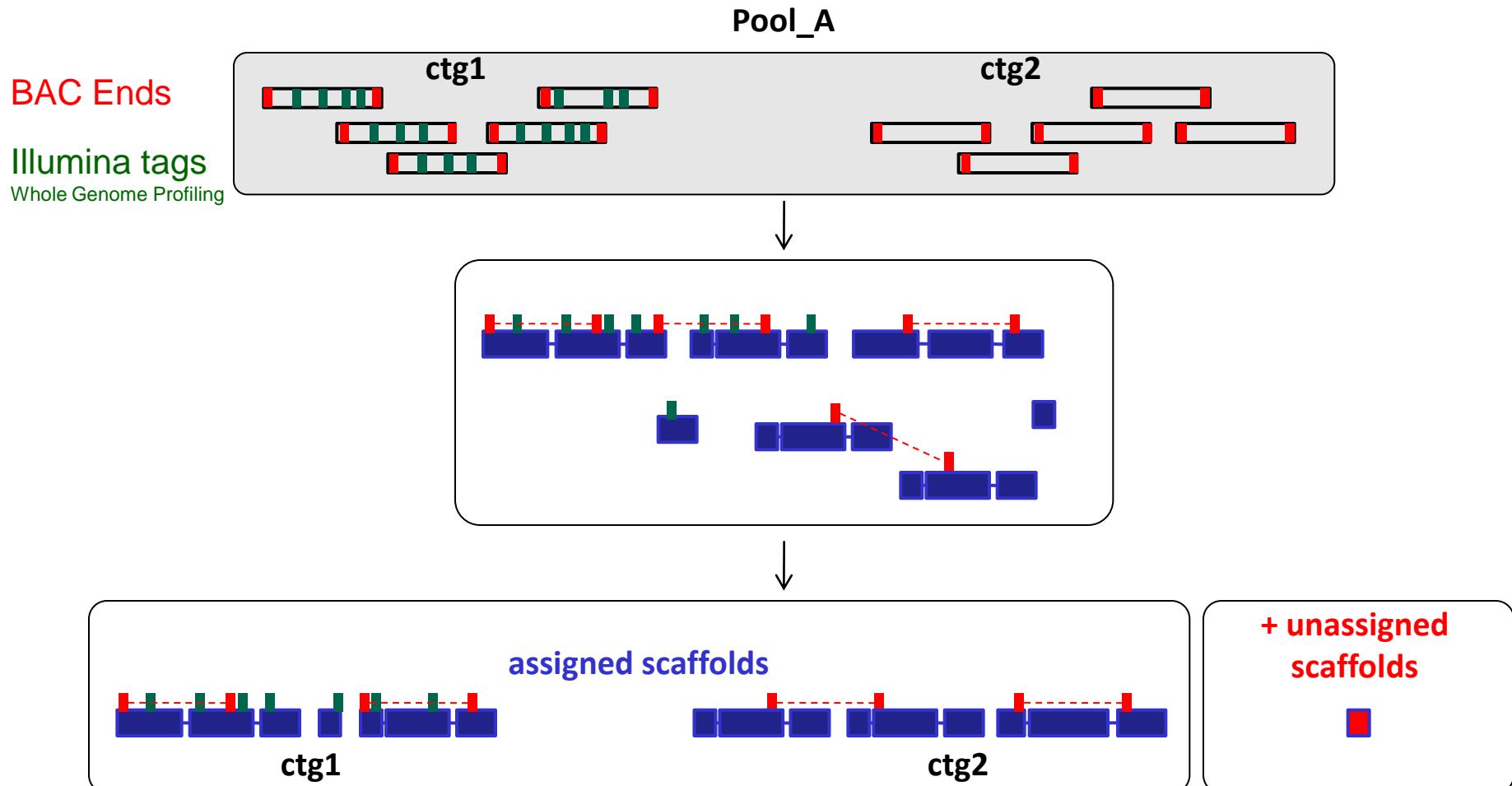
xxx kb

+70%



Route towards a pseudomolecule

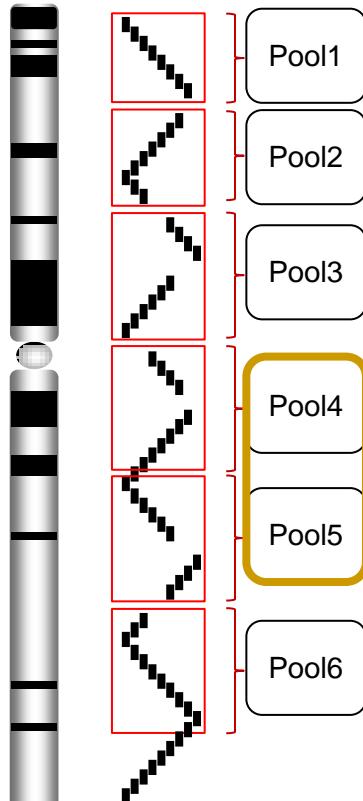
# Assignment scaffolds ↔ BAC-contigs



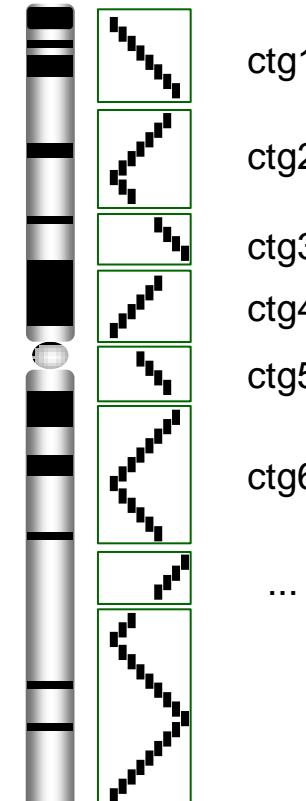
# Assignment scaffolds ↔ BAC-contigs

Assigned: xxx Mb

Unassigned: xx Mb



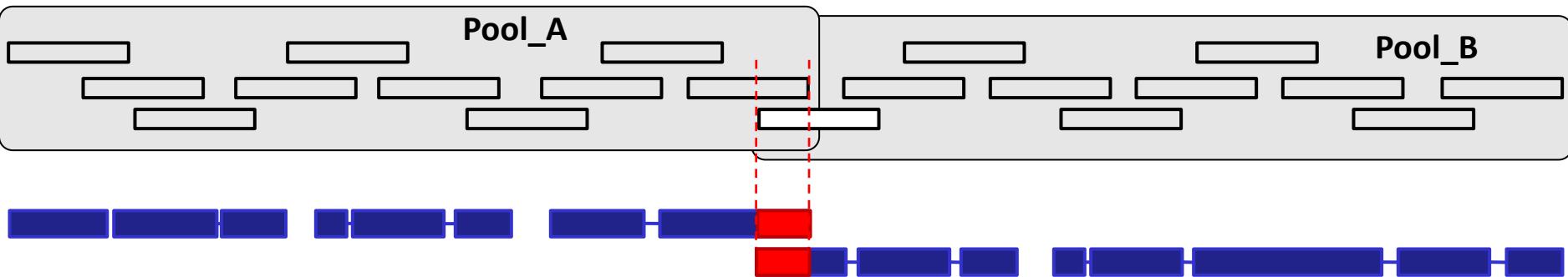
xxxx scaffolds



x scaff / BAC-contig

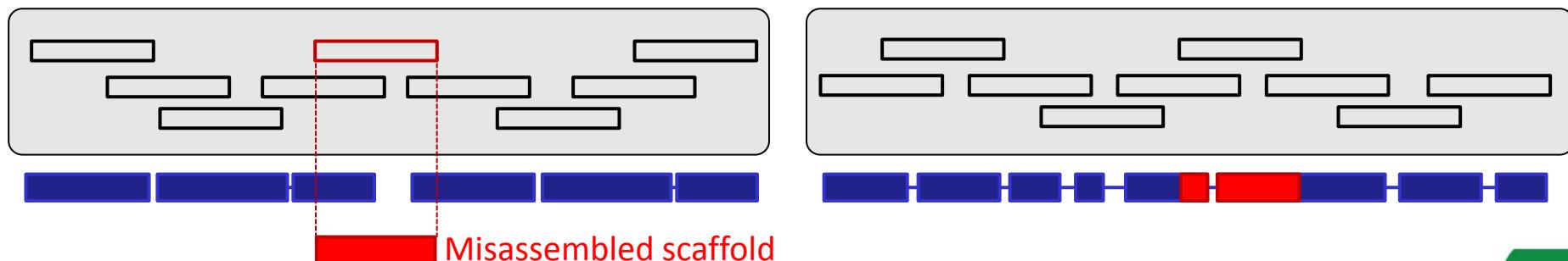
# Detect & assemble overlapping scaffolds

## Overlapping BAC-contigs



- *Expected overlap:* 525 pools
- *Unexpected overlap:* ???

## Misassembled BAC clones



# Using *scaffAssembler* (S. Theil)



- BLAT --extendThroughNs
- Parse with 99%id & >10kb overlap at extremities
- Merge

1. Merge scaffolds between pools with expected overlap

2. Search for overlap between BAC-contigs anchored in the same region

V4

V4.2

V4.3

#scaff      xxxx scaff

xxxx scaff

xxx scaff

Cumul. size      xxx Mb

xxx Mb

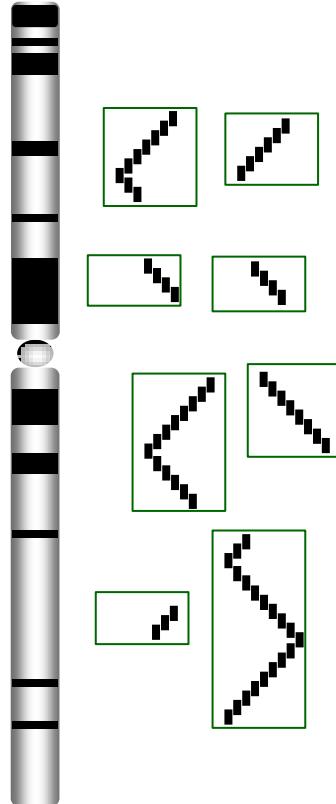
xxx Mb

N50      xxx kb

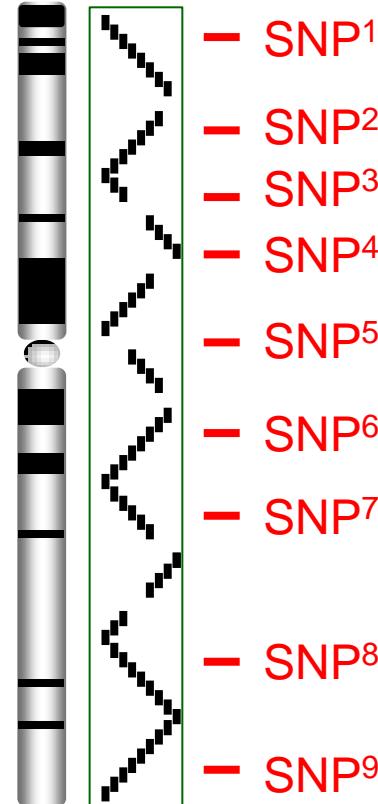
xxx kb (xxx scaff)

xxx kb (xxx scaff)

# Order/Orientate scaffolds with markers



Our objective



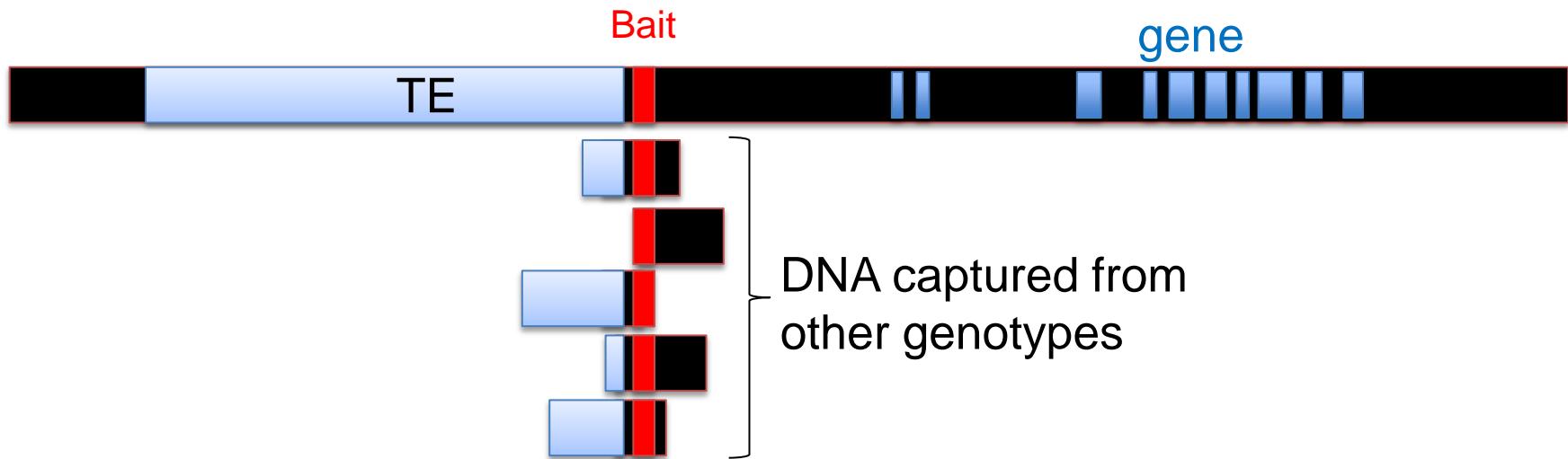
- Unordered BAC-contigs  
assembled into **xxxx** scaffolds

- 1 pseudomolecule

# Order/Orienteate scaffolds

- SNP discovery with SureSelect® Seq. Capture

(*E. Paux, N. Cubizolles, E. Rey*)



- **xxxxx** SNPs found on scaffolds accounting for **xxx Mb**
- **xxxx** chr-wide SNPs chosen for genotyping

# Biological analyses undertaken

- ❑ Annotation with TriAnnot
  - ❑ Comparative genomics
  - ❑ TE dynamics
  - ❑ RNASeq data analyses
  - ❑ CNVs
  - ❑ Recombination/LD studies
- + 15 map-based cloning projects on 3B

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