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Challenges analysing modern genomics data

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Today

- Who are we?
- What are our skills?
- What do we work on?
- Current challenges...

Our Research Focus

- Multivariate statistics :: large biologically relevant datasets :: manageable & meaningful results
 - Gene expression microarray data
 - Affymetrix gene expression arrays
 - Whole genome (ie: large) genotyping data
 - Affymetrix Single Nucleotide Polymorphism arrays
- Statistical modelling of biological data
 - Gene expression outlier detection
 - Raw SNP probe data modelling
 - Genome wide Copy Number Variant (CNV) detection
- New methods (computational and statistical) for Gigabase sequencing data
 - QC
 - Getting more from the data

Our collaborations

Preventative Health flagship

- A focus on array technologies (transcription, SNPs, tiling)
- Statistical modelling, machine learning / Bayesian approaches
- $P \gg n$ analyses (multivariate statistics, classification methods)
- Experimental design

Others

- High throughput sequence analysis
 - No assembly
 - metagenomics
- Sequence Space Arrays

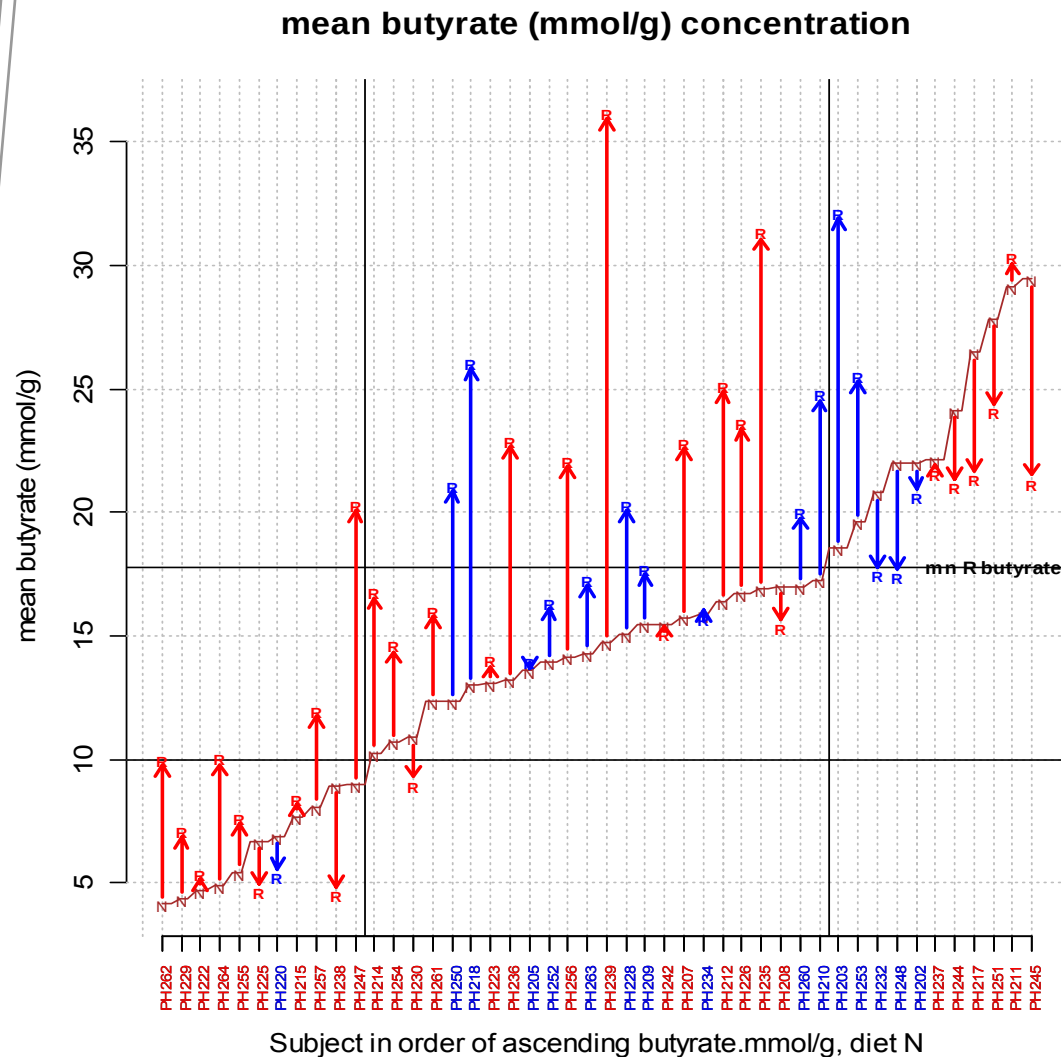
In Future

- Closer work with bench scientists
- Mutually beneficial collaborations

Cutting edge solutions
for modern molecular data

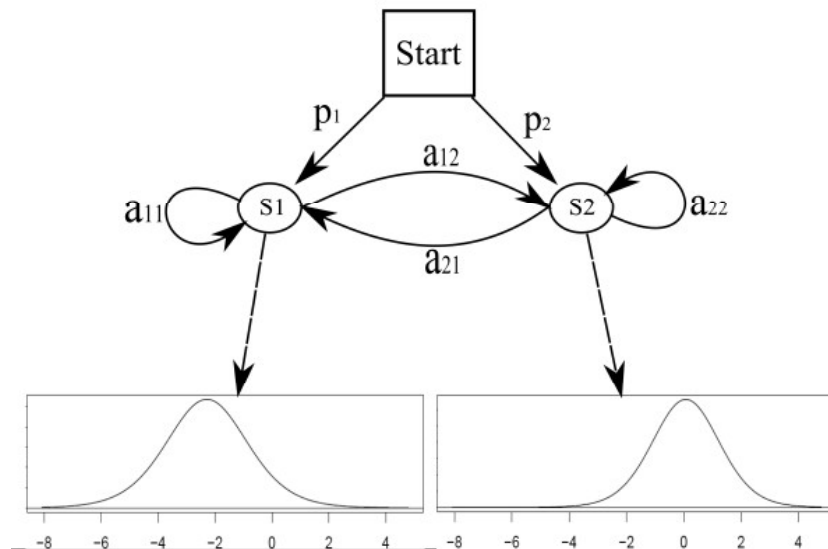


Butyrate variation in Humans

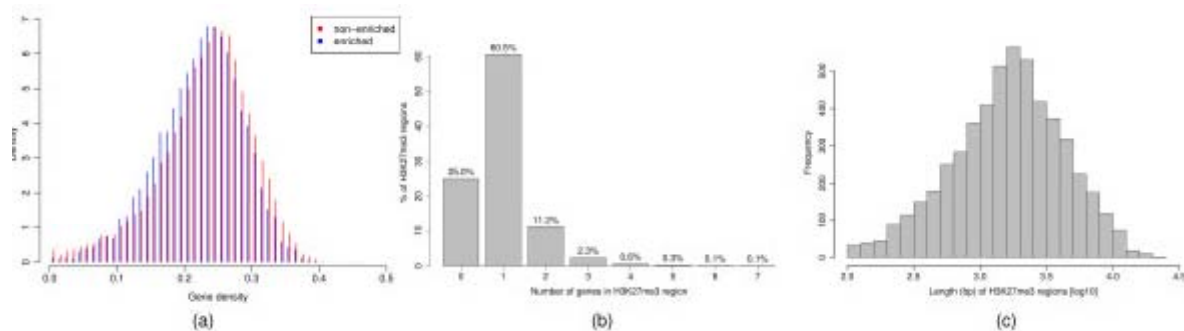


- Link between apoptosis (cell death) and [butyrate]
- Produced by bacteria in the gut fermenting starch
- Relationship to diet
- Relationship to weight
- Changes with resistant starch diets

Nucleosome positioning

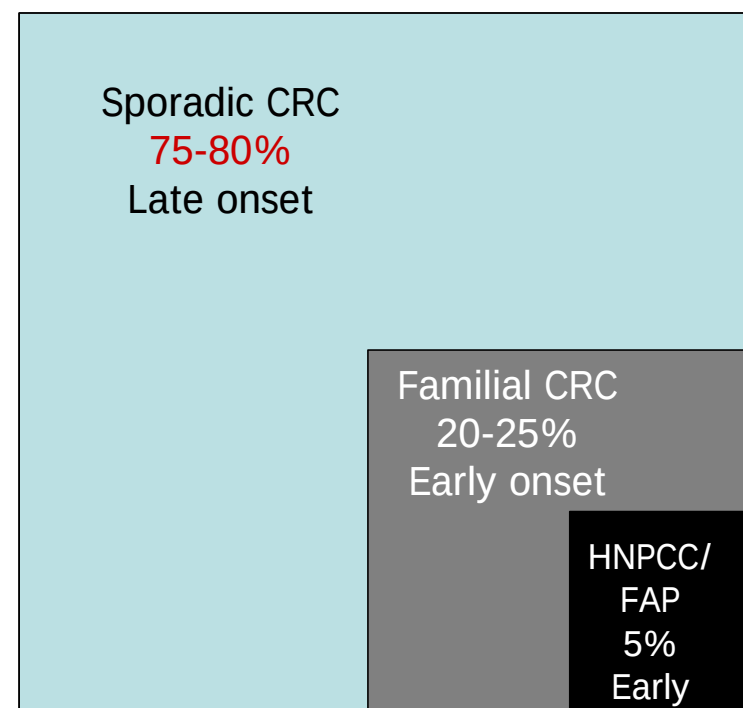


- Can sequence data be used to identify nucleosome positioning on DNA?
- Use positional information to correlate gene expression during biological processes



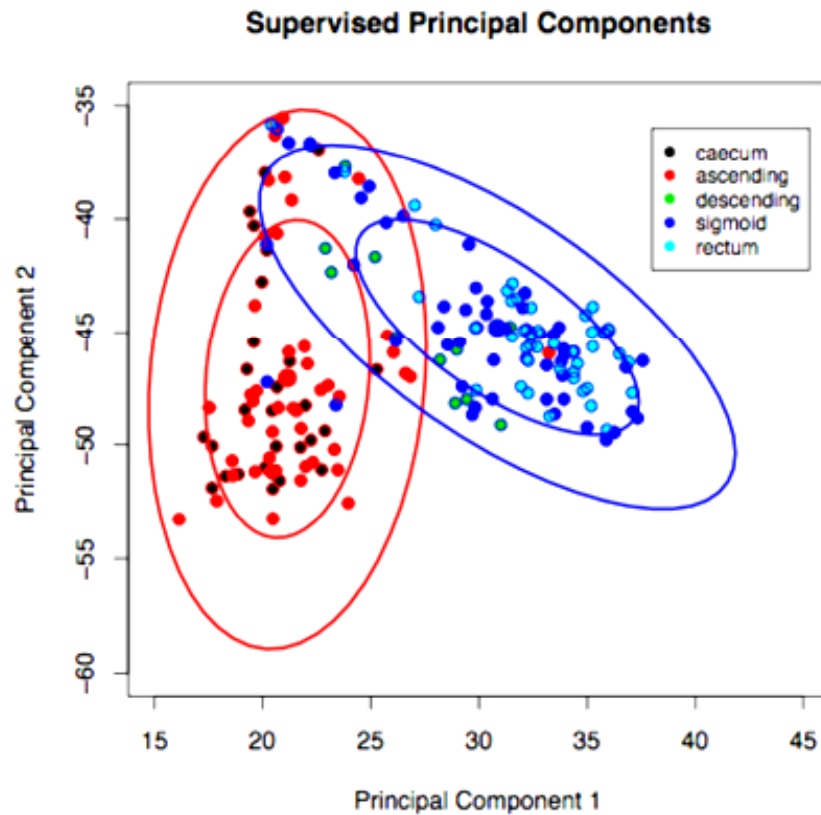
Colorectal Cancer

- About 25% of CRCs are in younger (<55) individuals or with a family history of CRC, suggesting a heritable susceptibility.
- If CRC is caught early enough it is almost completely curable



- J.P. Terdiman *et al.* (1999) AJG 94, 2344-2356.

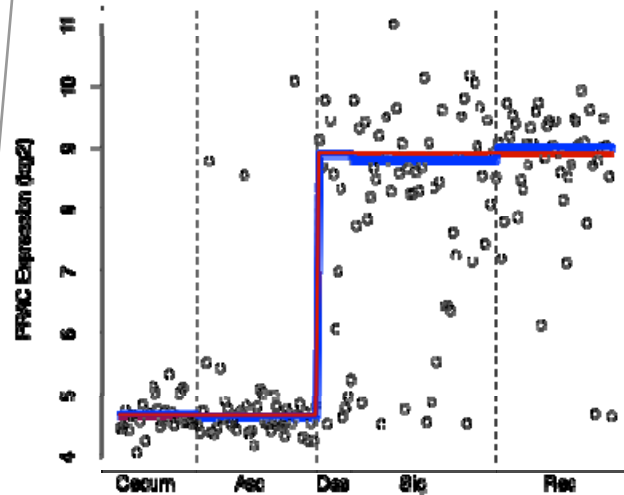
Our analysis - Data Structure



- Analysis of gene expression in the colon
- Based on gene expression from 23000 probesets, the left and right colon appear to be quite different

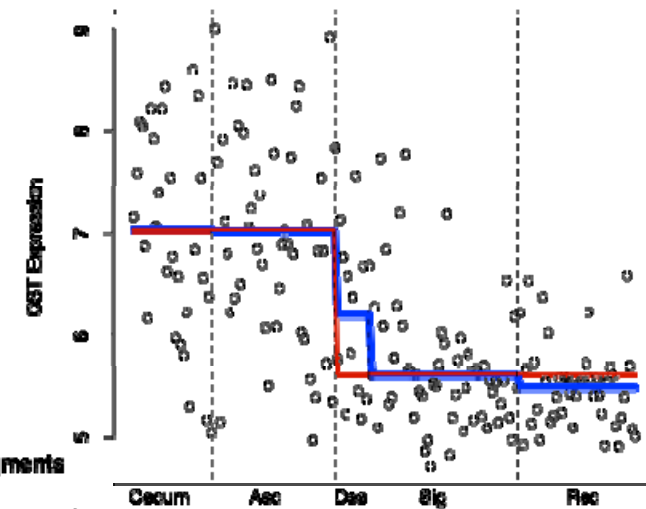
Gene expression in the colon

PRAC Model Comparison 2v5 segments



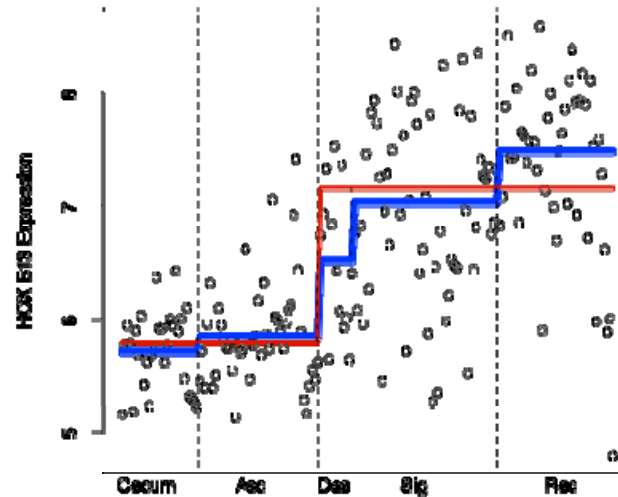
Tissue Location (Ordered by segment)

Organic Solute Transporter



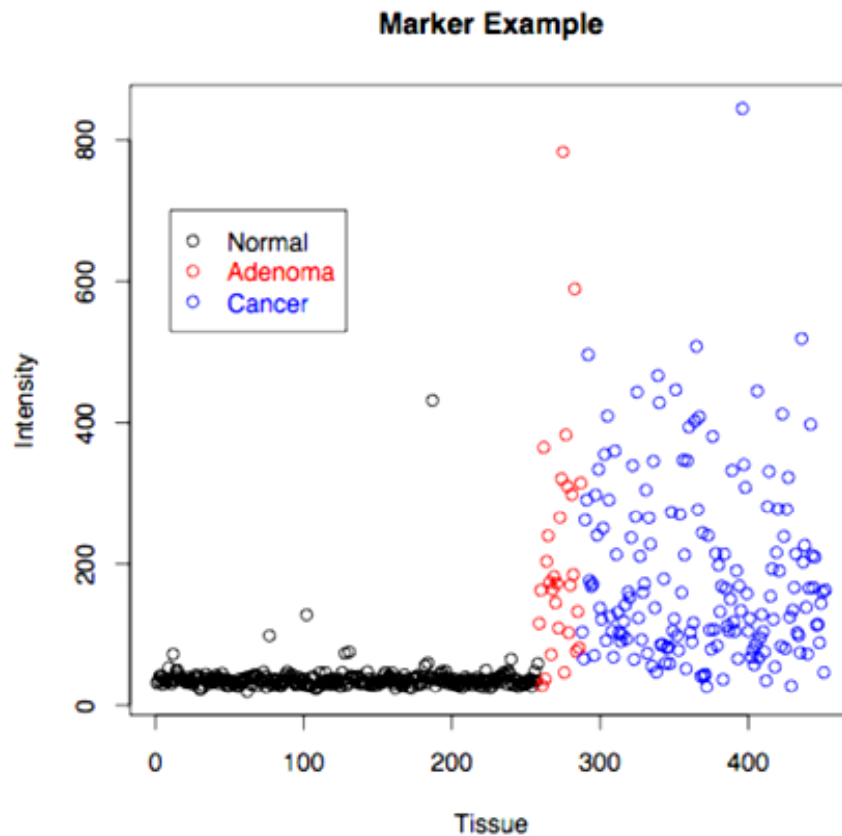
Tissue Location (Ordered by segment)

Homeobox B13 Model Comparison 2v5 segments



Tissue Location (Ordered by segment)

Our analysis - Marker Discovery



- Analysis of gene expression in the colon
 - A molecular marker for disease?
 - This gene separates adenomas from normal tissue ... but not adenomas from cancer.

SNP array data can be used for copy number

- **Genotyping**

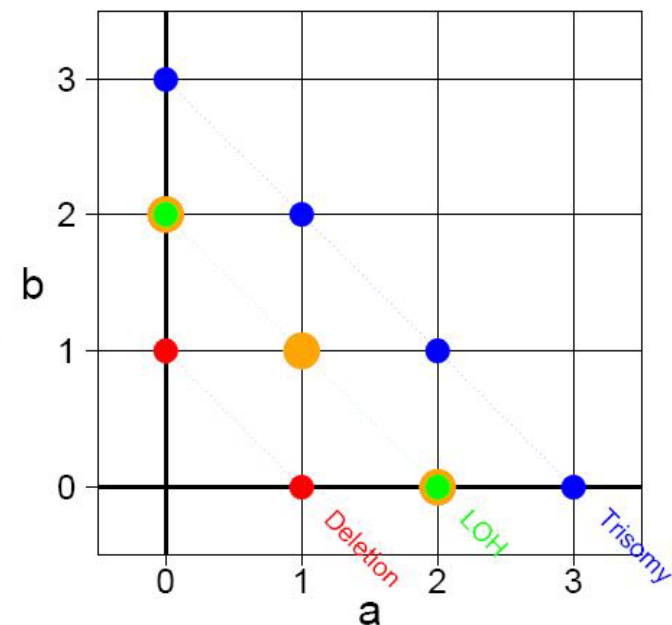
- AA
- AB/BA
- BB
- Identification of alleles, but not number of copies

Objective:

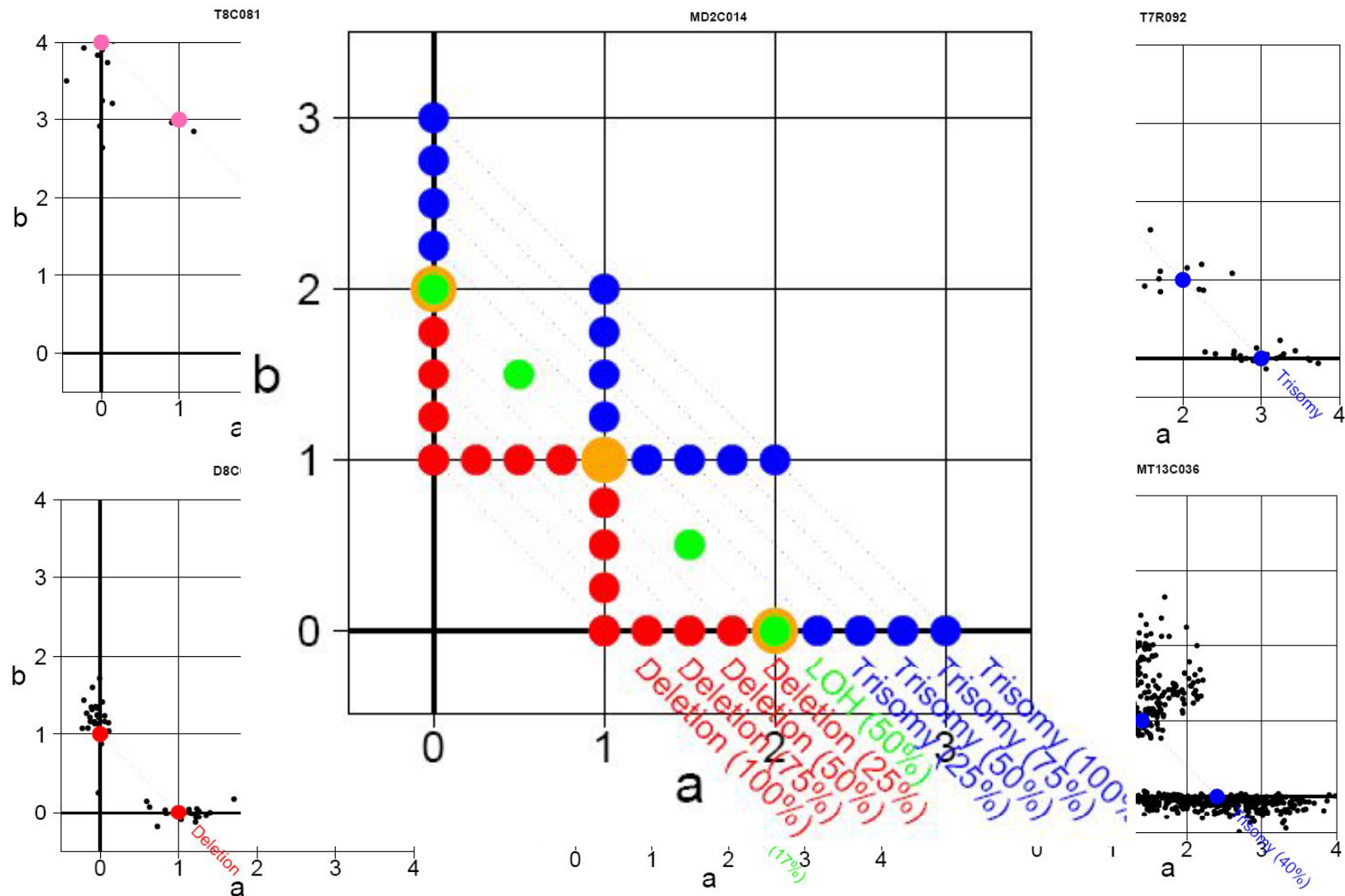
Automatically detect copy number changes for small stretches of DNA

- **Copy Number**

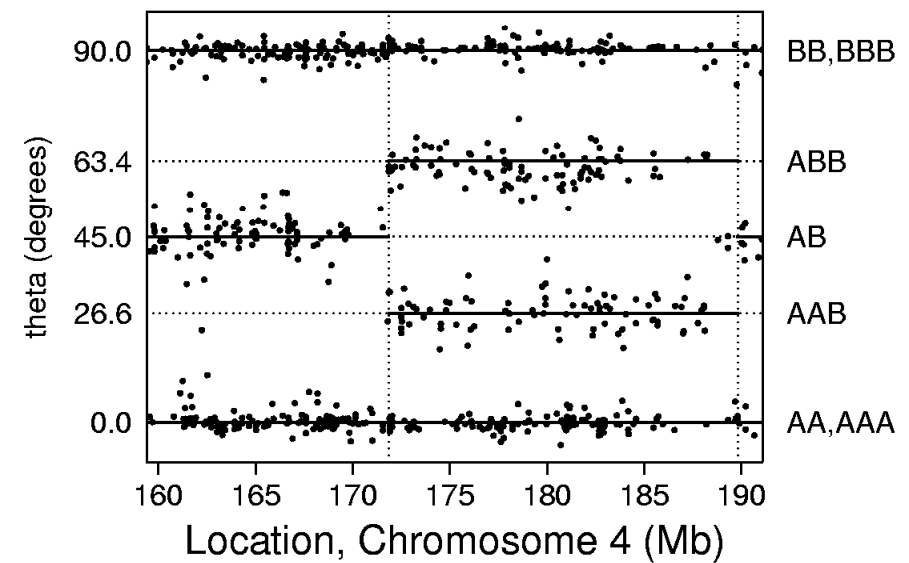
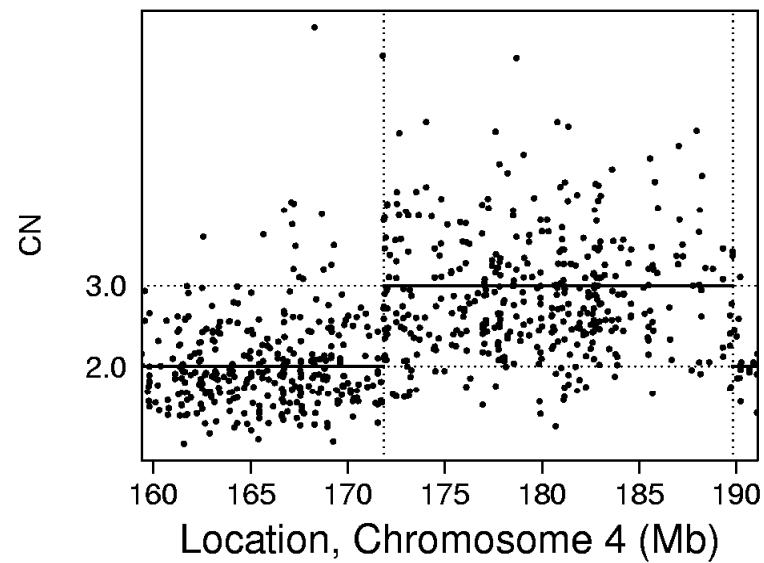
- 1
- 2 (normal)
- 3



Copy Number Variants in real data



Copy number – genome scanning



Understanding high throughput sequencing

Next generation sequencing

- New sequencing technologies produce Gb of sequencing data.
- Short reads, 35-70bp.
- Few to many errors.
 - Some error models
- Problems with storage.
 - Raw image files, extracted sequences.
- The 'problem' is just getting worse.
 - Better data, longer reads, more capacity
- Human genome resequencing efforts.
 - Genetic loci associated with disease
- Bacterial adaptation to environment
 - Cheese production
- Understanding metagenomic communities
 - Gut health
 - Biodiversity
 - Energy production - coal, oil

What does real data look like?

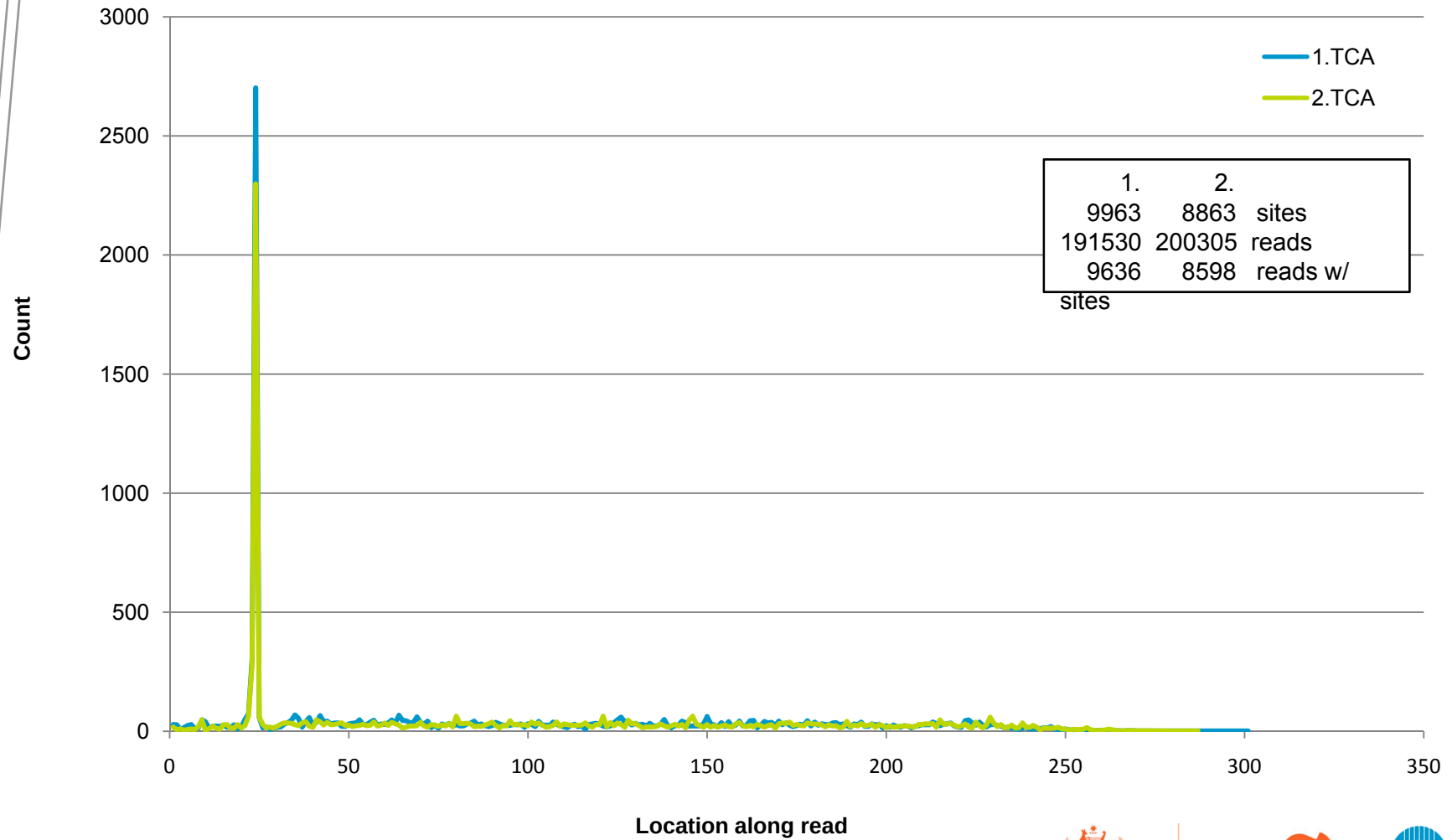
- 454 sequence data

- Emulsion method.
- Long reads 100bp+
- Error prone, especially homopolymeric runs
- Look at mRNA in tissue.

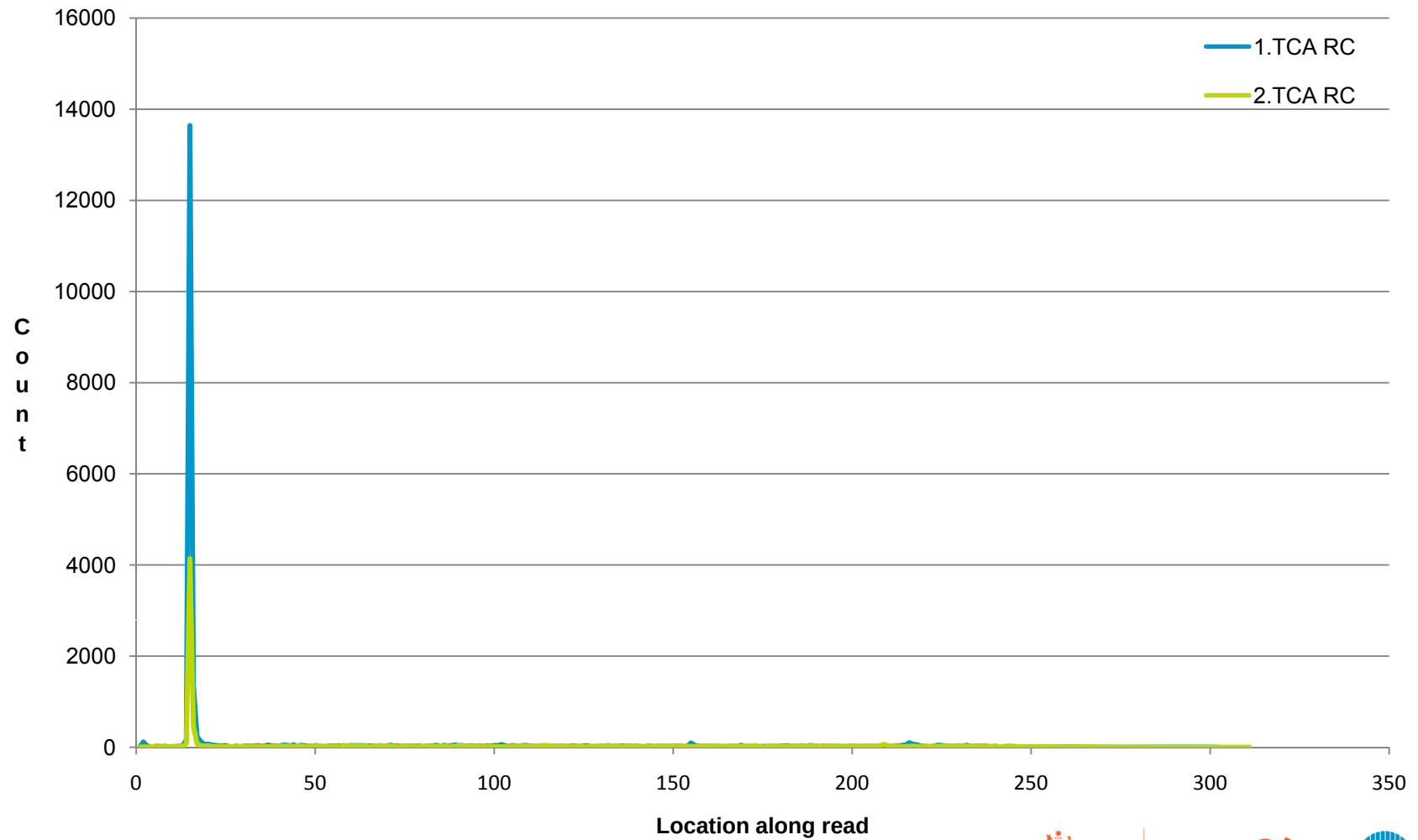
- Sequencing strategy

- Use a primer with a restriction site.
- Isolate mRNA
- Add linker to end of mRNA
- PCR of primer
- Restriction digest
- Sequence
- Publish!
- Two samples sequenced
- Low coverage, low number of contigs
- What does it look like at 25mer scale?

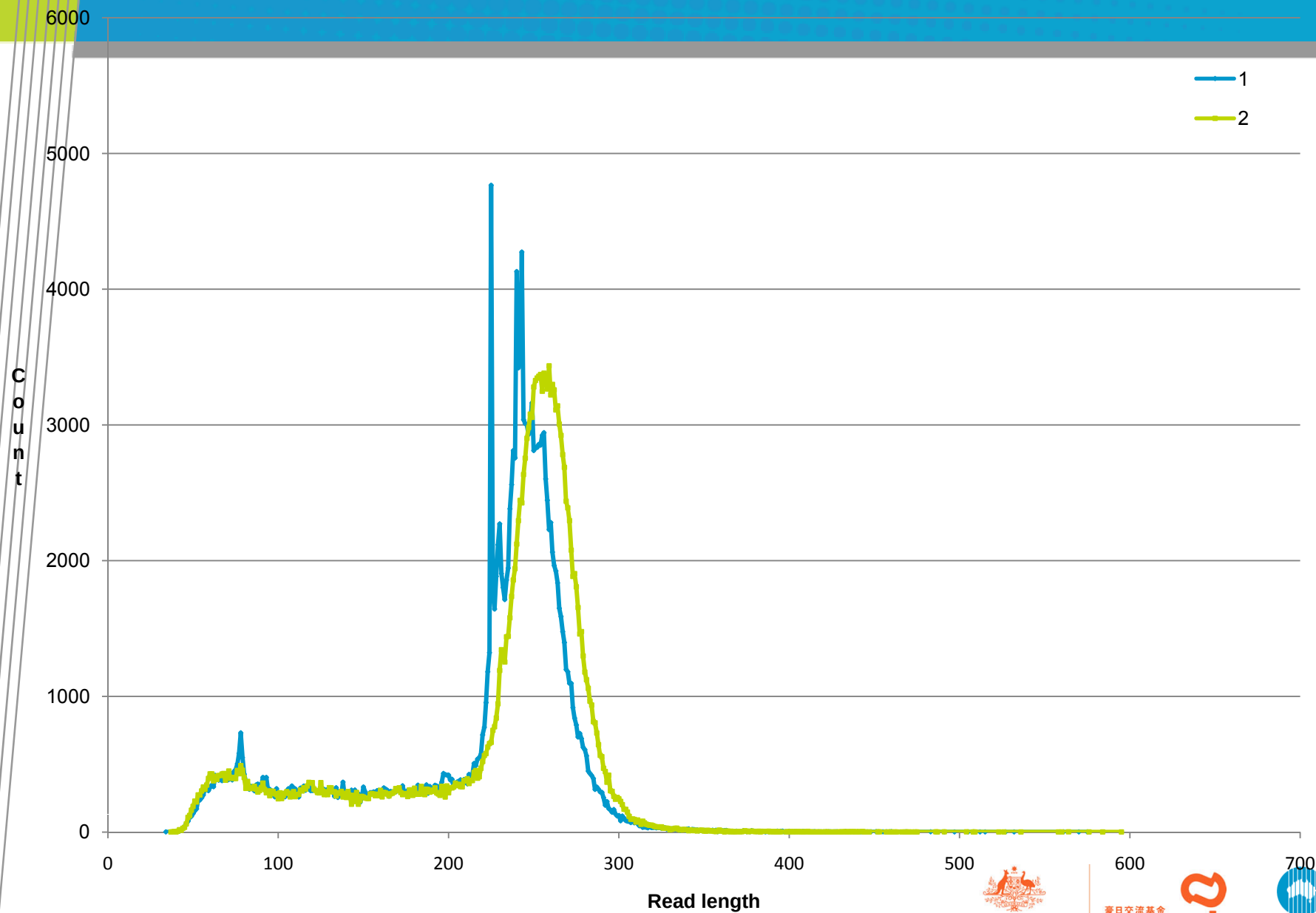
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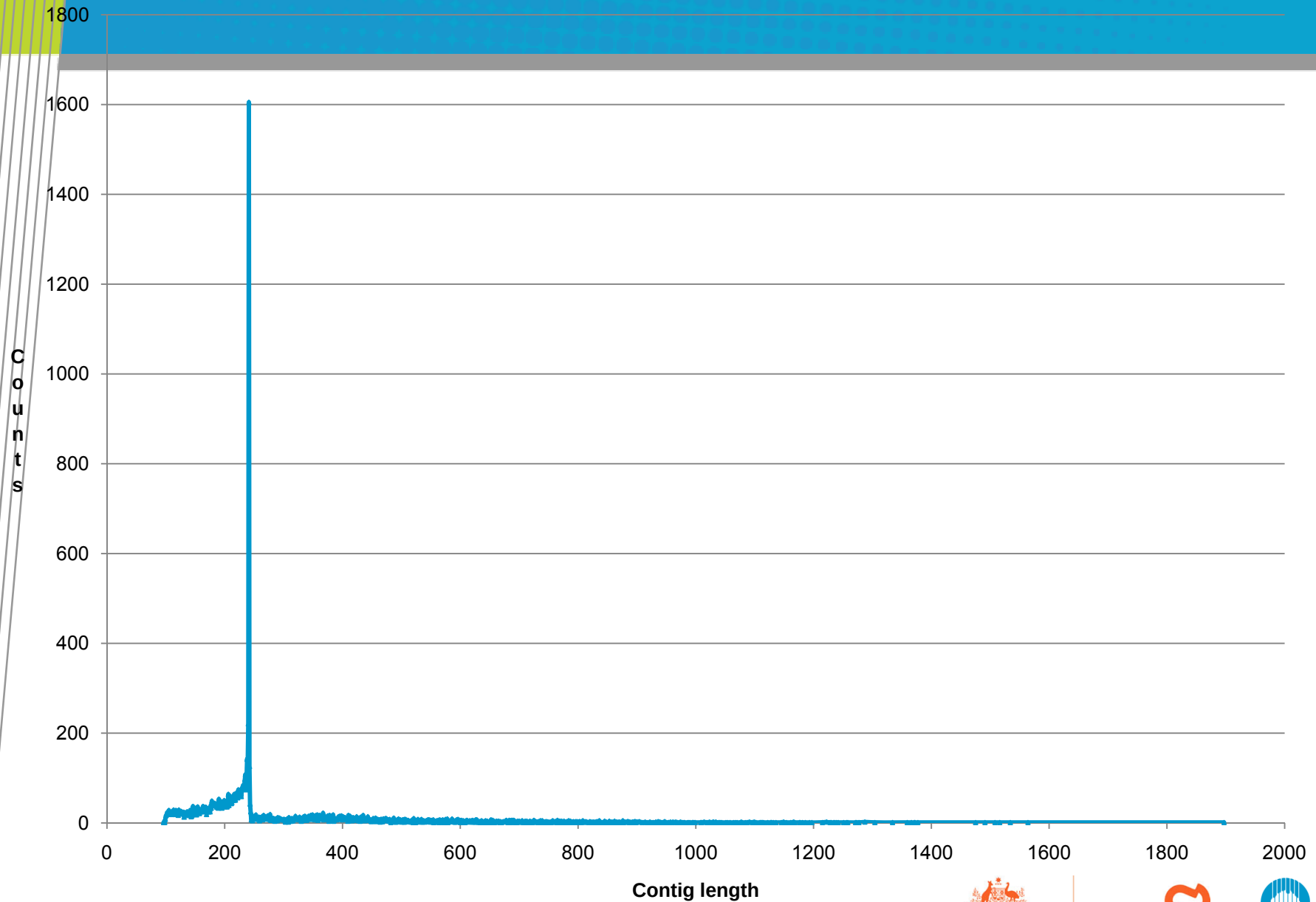
Locations of CTCCAG



454 Read Lengths



Contigs by length



A new way of analysing the data

- **Cut up sequence data to 25mers**
 - $\pm$ unique in genome sequences, even Humans
 - This spreads the error to many sequences
 - All possible 25mers $4^{25} \approx 10^{15}$
 - Would take 158 thousand years years to read.
- **Use pattern matching at 100%**
 - No mismatching problems
- **Look at frequency of 25mers**
 - QC, annotations
- **Clever techniques**
 - Assembly
 - Annotation
 - SNP detection
 - Sample comparisons

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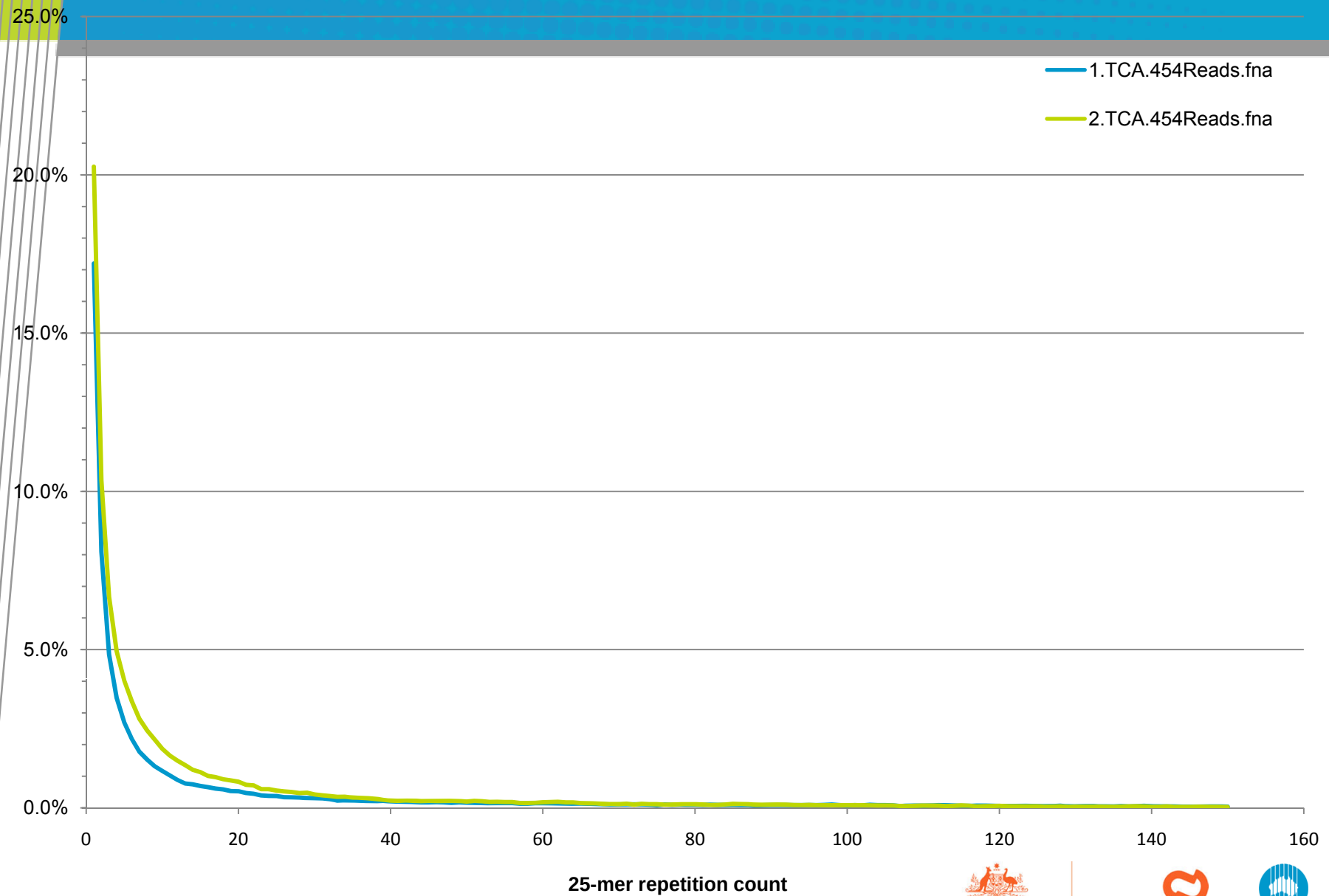
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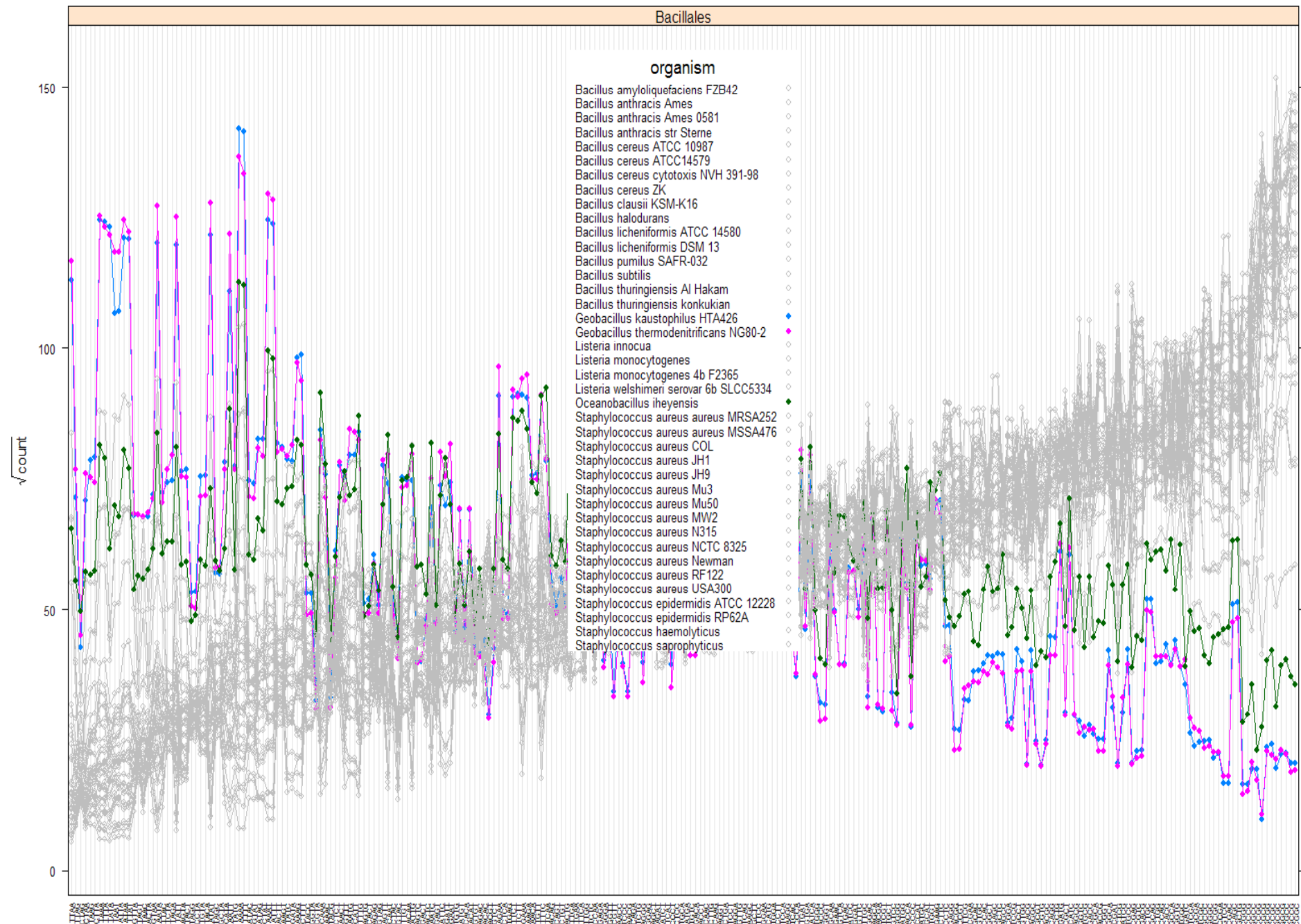
Tiled 25-mers from 454 data



HTS! What are the issues?

What do bacterial genomes look like?

- Take 700 bacterial genomes
- Cut up into 25mers
 - Very sparse data
- Make 100% comparisons, graph
 - Data visualisation
 - Bin data for visualisation
 - Creates a 'spectrum' for each 'species'
- Bacterial clades have most similarity
- Highly conserved sequences are identifiable
- New relationships discovered
- Novel insights into identifying bacterial in mixtures



Comparing all bacteria

- Take all bacterial genomes and compare to each other
- Look at overlap
- Very sparse matrix
- Bacteria are more different than Vertebrates
- Use this information for analysis!!

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4526838	0.12%	100.99%	0.01%	0.01%	3.59%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%	3.59%	3.57%	0.01%
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65906	44.44%	0.45%	102.00%	0.02%	1.70%	0.02%	0.00%	100.89%	1.69%	1.69%	101.11%
102309	0.15%	0.36%	0.01%	103.11%	10.94%	88.20%	9.60%	3.43%	10.72%	10.72%	3.43%
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Yersinia_pestis_Antiqua											
8442	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	116.39%	45.82%	45.91%	100.00%	22.89%	45.82%	45.83%	22.87%
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Yersinia_pestis_biovar_Mediaevals											
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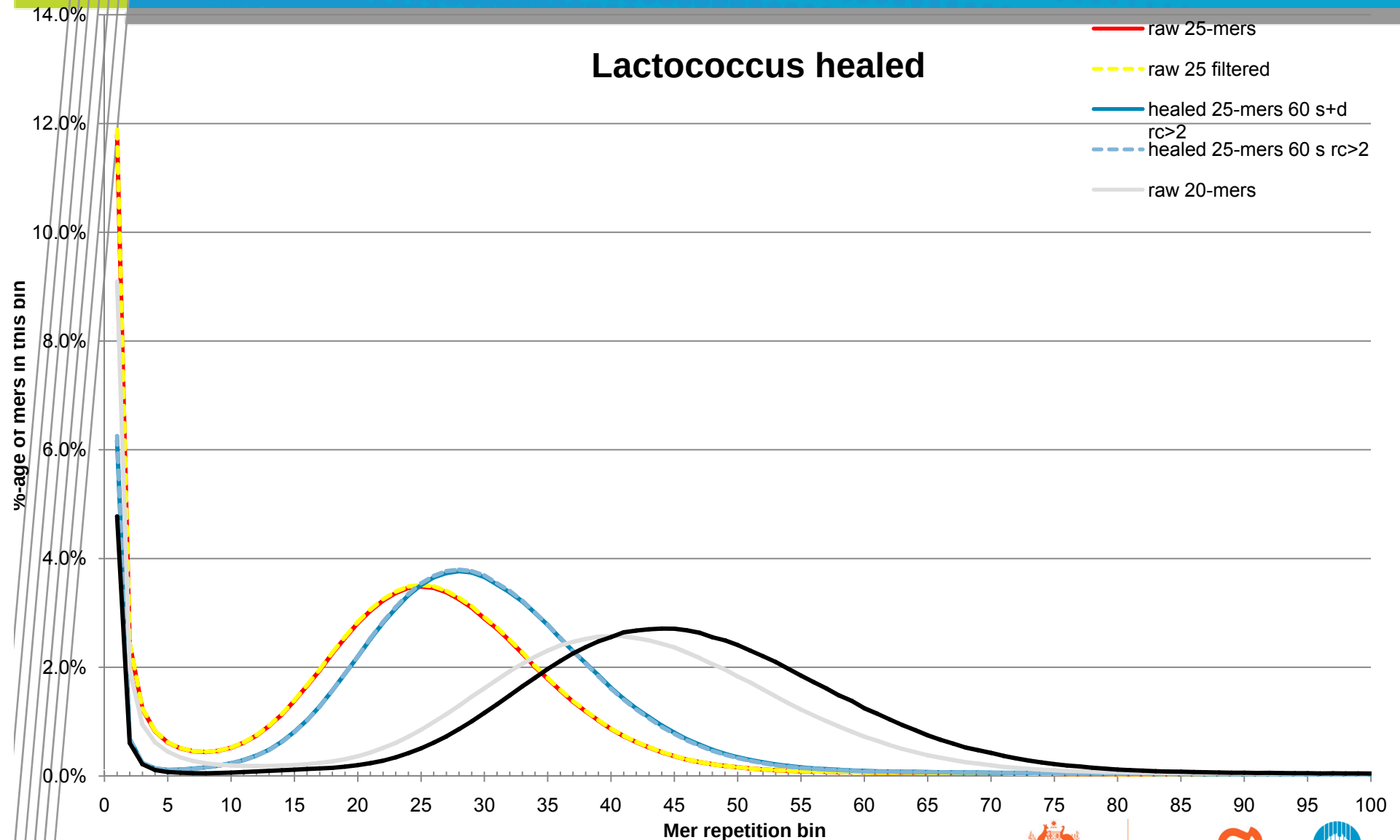
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What do real bacterial genomes look like?

- Generate Illumina data, 35mers
- Create library of all 25mers
 - Spread the errors
- Bin these based on first 4-mers
- Graph and compare for different species.
- Produces a frequency curve for each dataset.
- Identify contaminations, and sequence errors
- Can errors be healed?
- Where is the real data??
- Modeling data
- Next steps ...

Real sequence data

Lactococcus healed



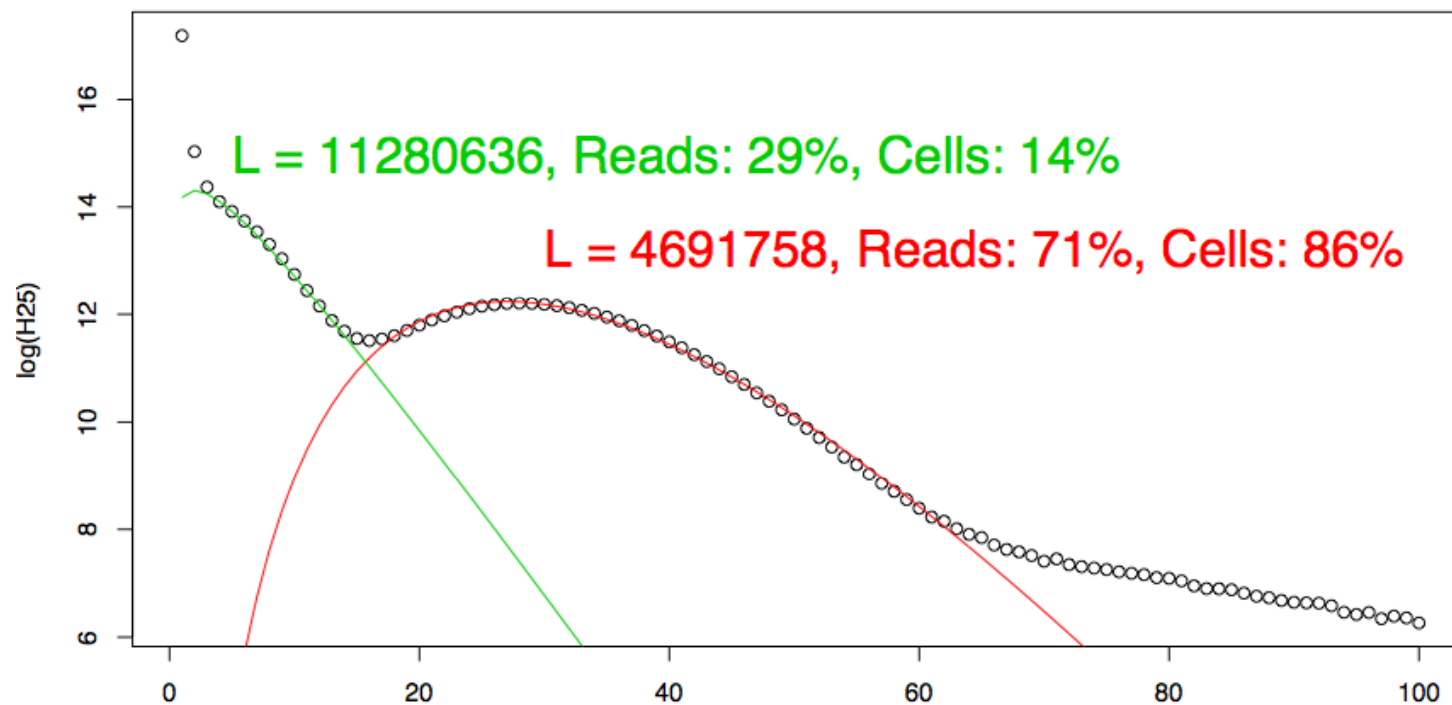
How to model this data? Real data!

- Look at frequency of all 25mers per sequencing run.
- Fast to compare, requires some disk space.
- Applicable to QC.
 - Quality of sequences
 - Shows biases in data collection
 - allows us to make better assemblies and gene annotations.
 - Applicable to SNP detection
- Take a random selection from some genome DNA
- Look at frequency distribution,
- Try to model
- What happened??
- A real example

Modeling contamination

- Green: 11Mbp genome
- Red: 4.8Mbp genome
- Present in sample at different proportions
- Fit a gamma model
 - Works better than Poisson

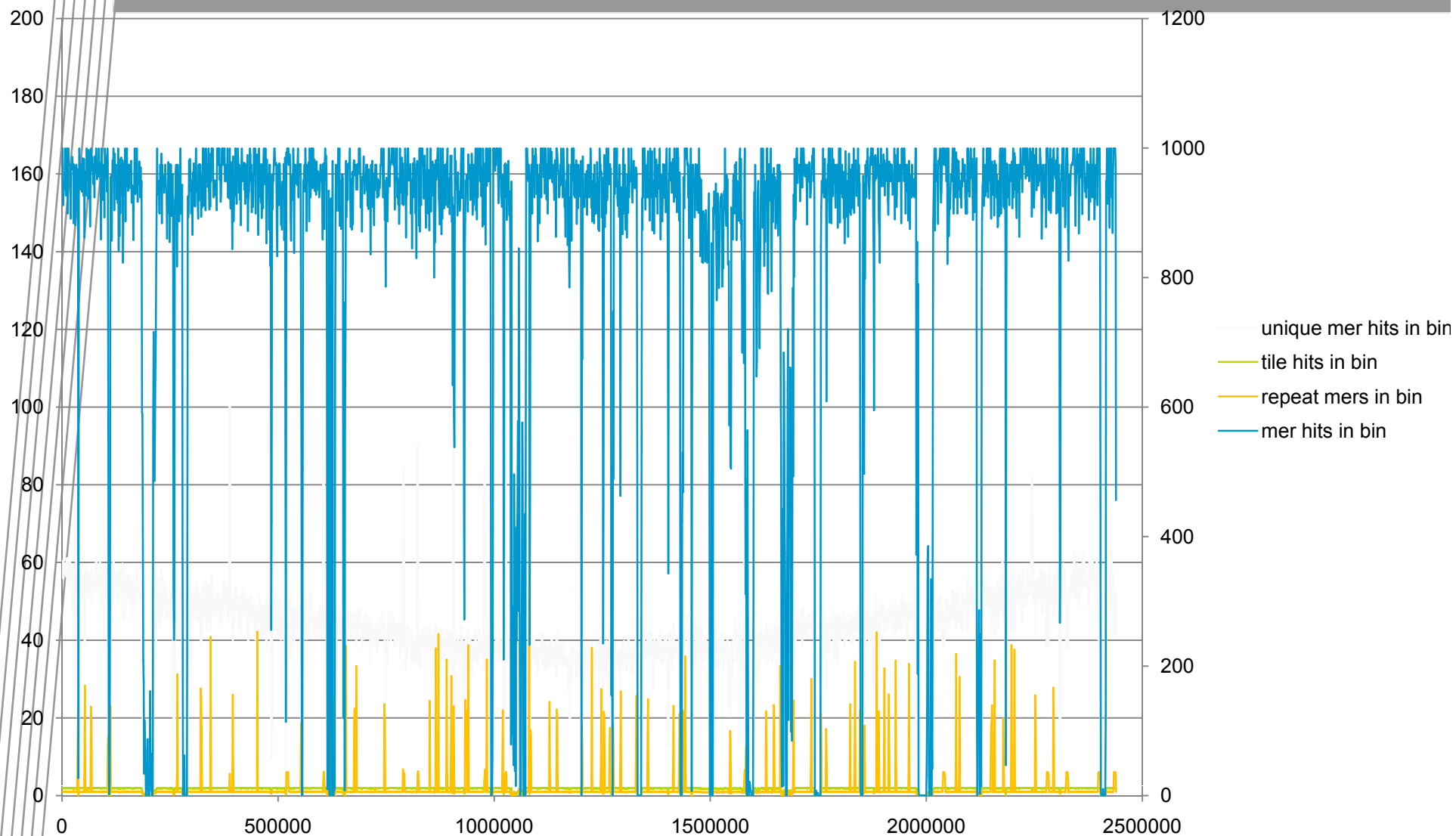
Data: "SL12346.csv" ... 25-mers



What's happening at the genome level?

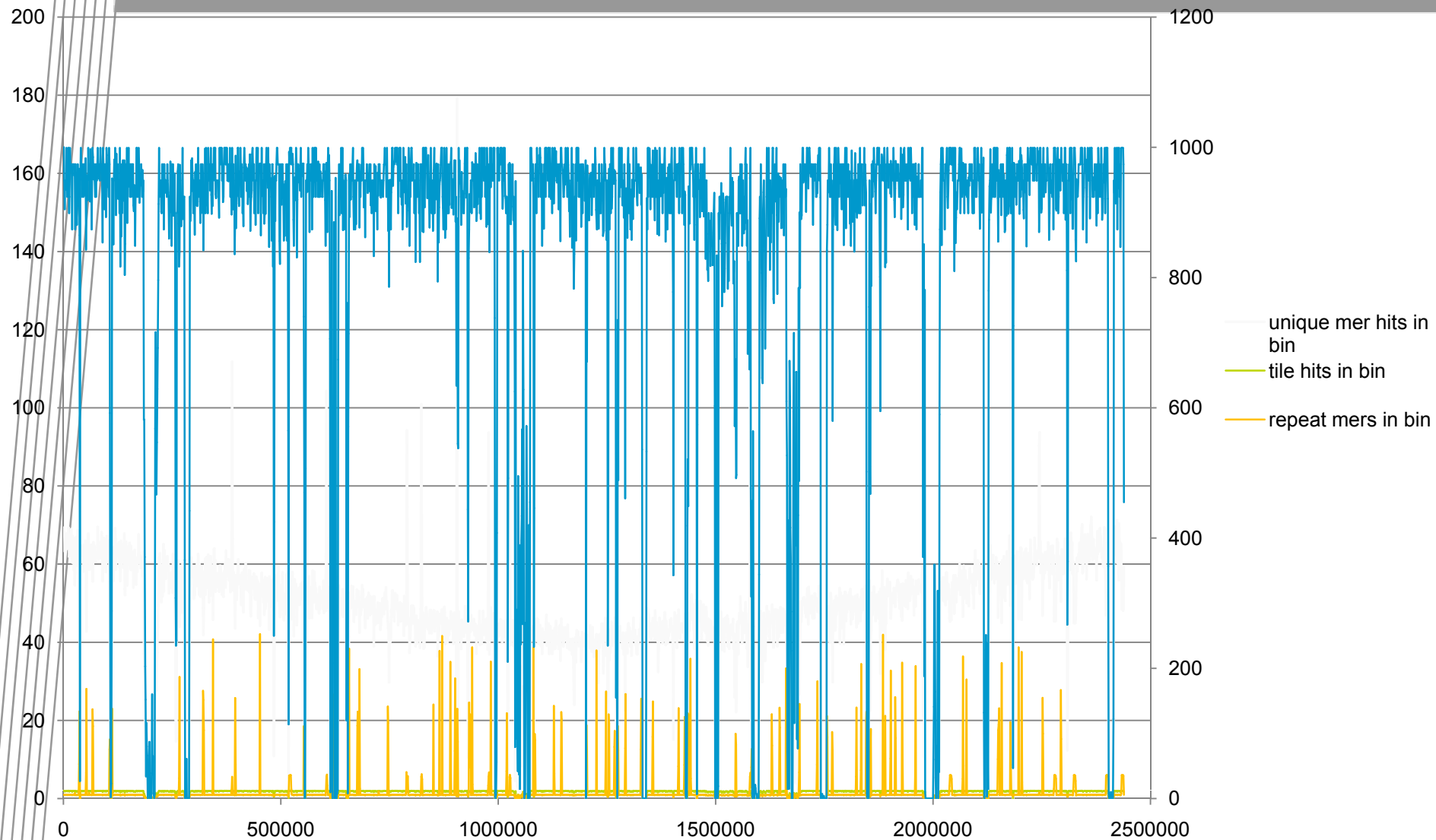
- We can see the frequencies of 'hits', where do they come from?
- Map reads to a physical 'reference' genome
- Is there unequal sampling of the genome?
- Look at differences between raw and 'healed' data.
- Are some regions over or under represented?

Unhealed *Lactococcus cremoris* SK11 raw 1K

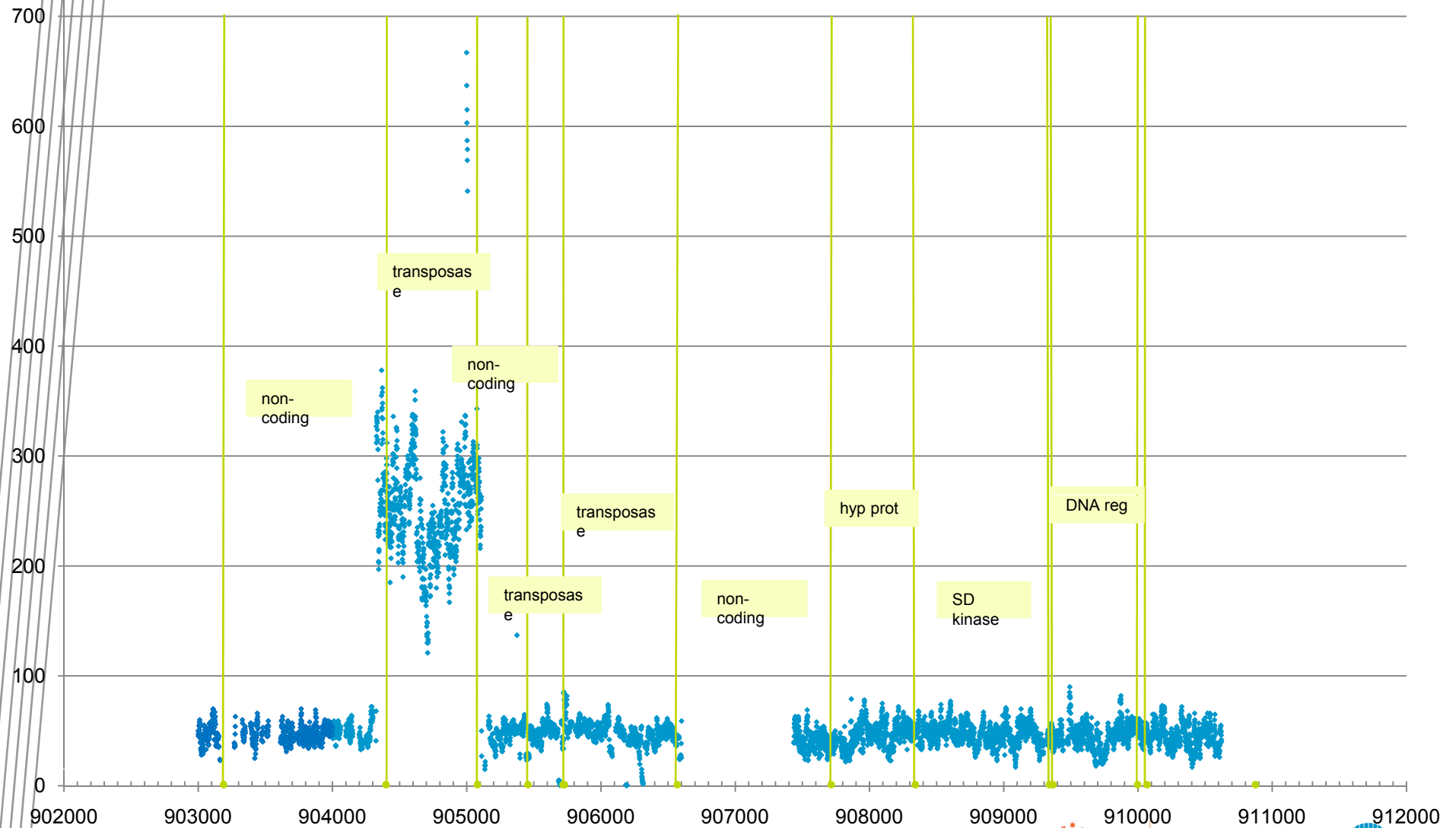


Healed

Lactococcus cremoris SK11 healed 1K

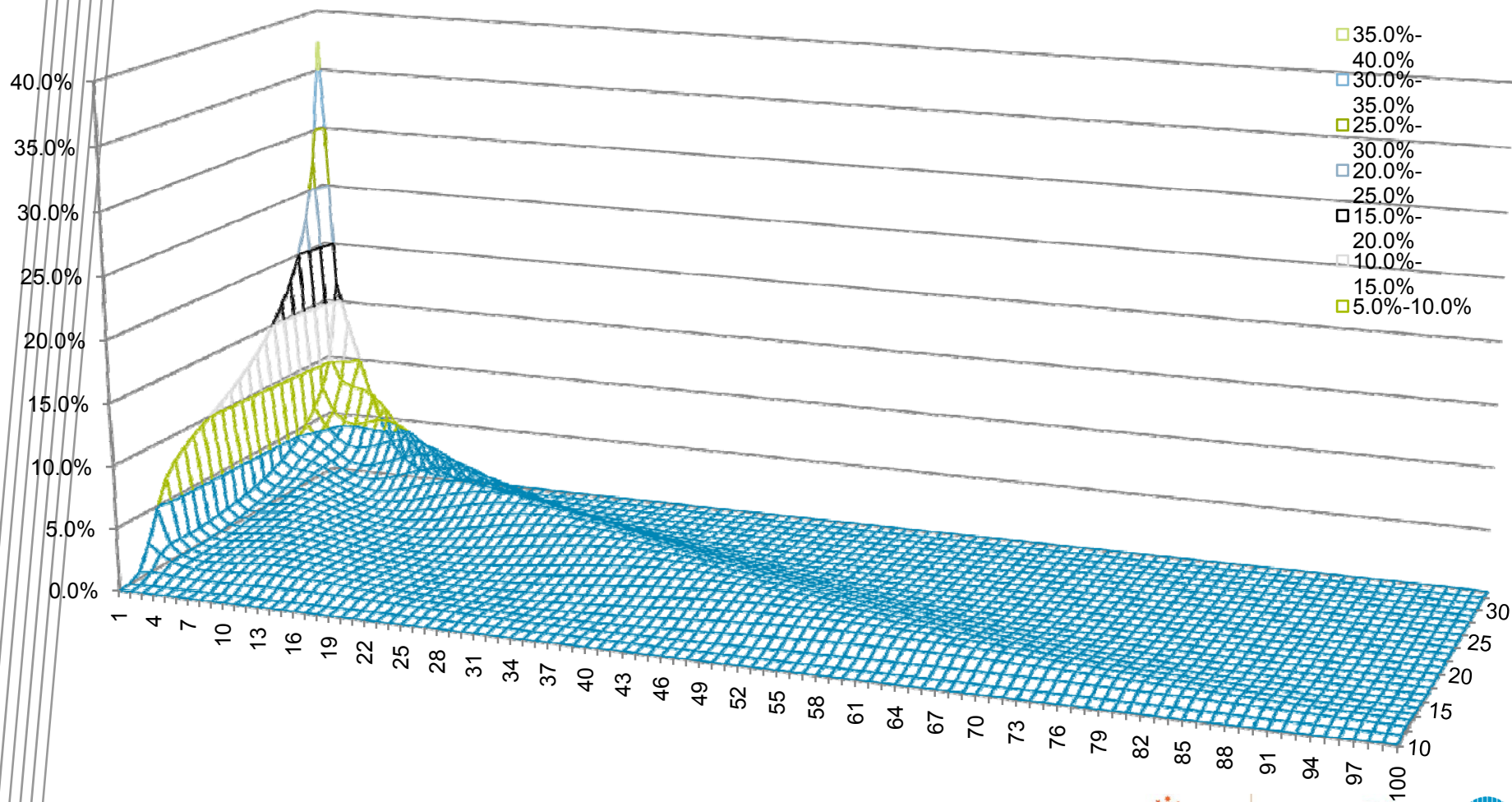


Which sequences are over represented?



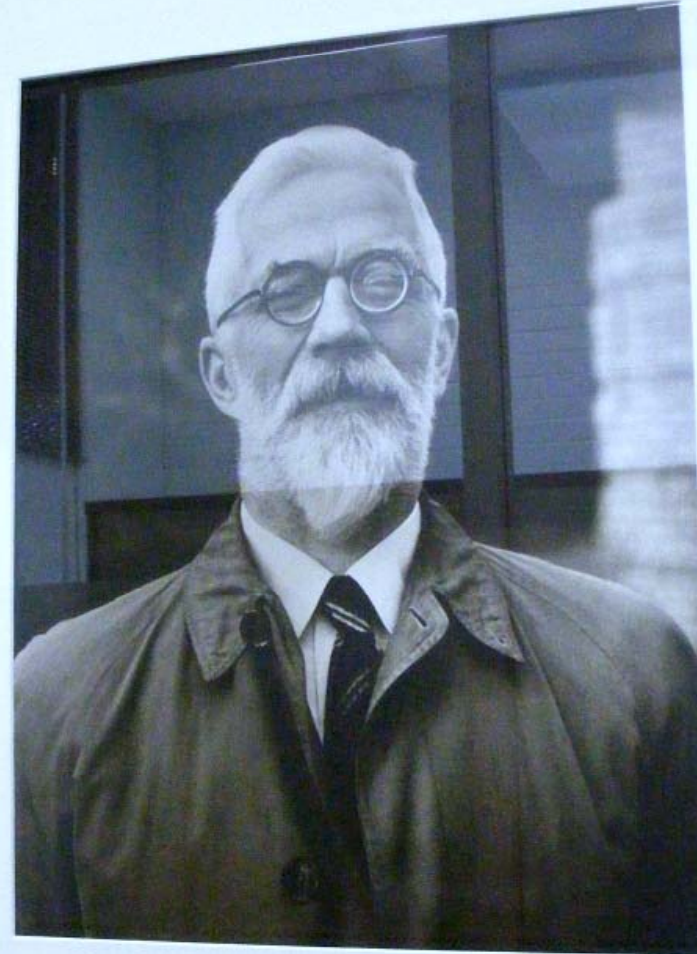
What do mixtures look like?

SL12346 33 raw



Future?

- Sequencing analysis is in a paradigm mud-pit
 - Pattern matching
 - Little statistics
- There are some interesting alternatives coming out in the literature.
 - De Bruijn graphs.
- How can statistics help?
- Turning the high throughput sequencing problem into a statistical problem



Sir Ronald Aylmer Fisher ^{FRS} 1890-1962

To call on the statistician after the experiment is done may be no more than asking him to perform a post-mortem examination: he may be able to say what the experiment died of.

Eminent researcher widely recognised for his fundamental contributions to both statistics and genetics. Senior Research Fellow CSIRO Division of Mathematical Statistics 1960-1962; close colleague of Dr Alf Cornish, after whom this building is named.



Thank you

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