

# *The future of genetic diagnostics*

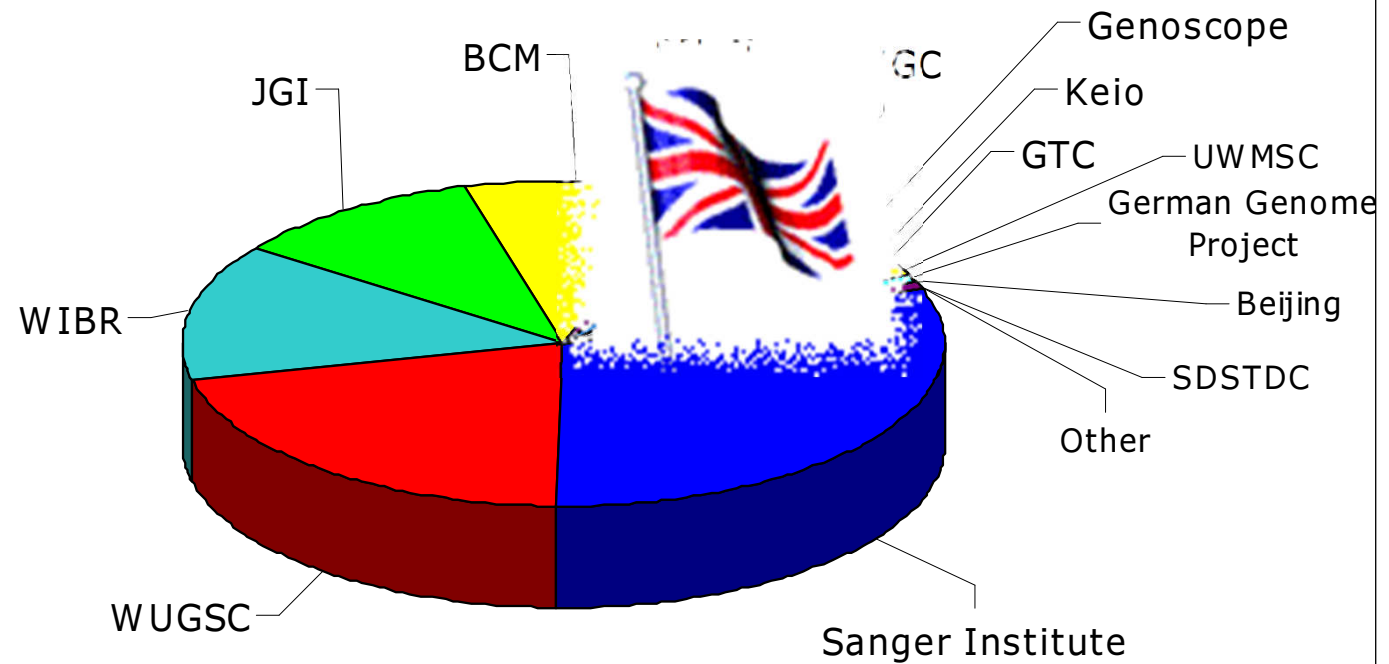
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# Human Genome Sequence Contributors



# Sanger Sequencing

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In the A tube, mix A's, C's, T's and G's plus dideoxyA  
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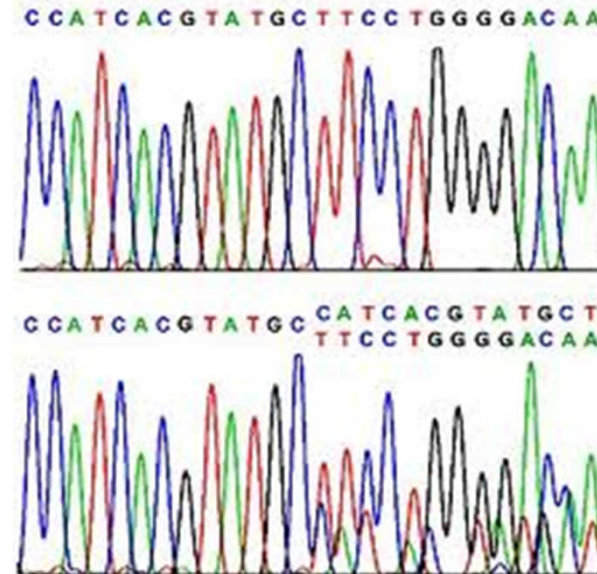
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# Sanger Institute



# Sequencing 2005

Using ABI 3730 XL\*



Washington University  
Genome Sequencing Center

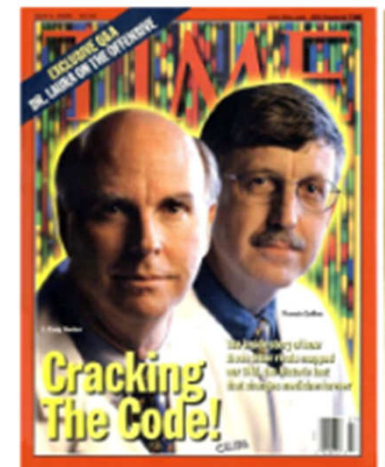
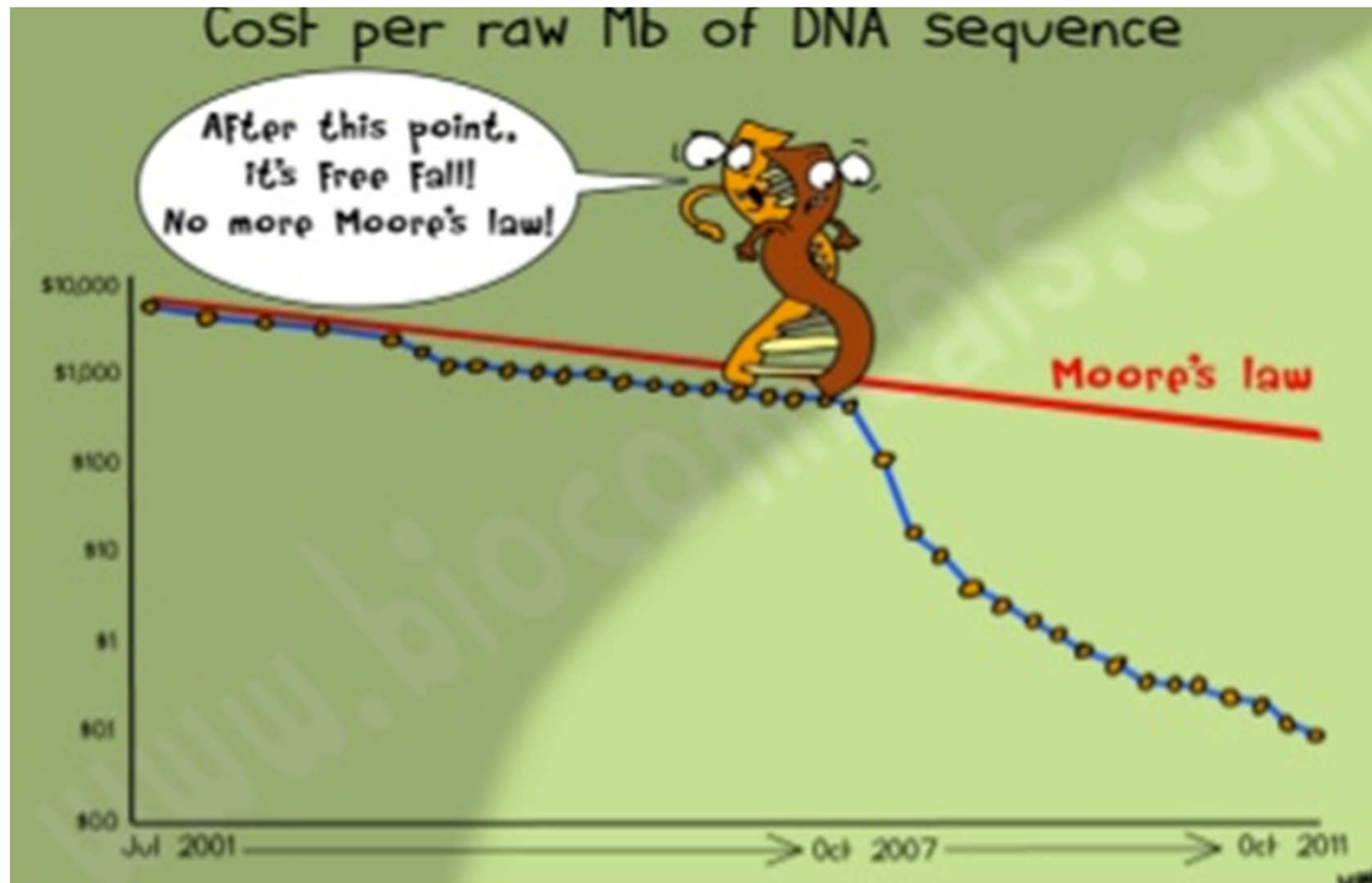


Baylor College of Medicine  
Human Genome Sequencing Center

\*fluorescent Sanger chemistry  
on capillary sequencers



# Penny drops



# HiSeq & MiSeq (Illumina)

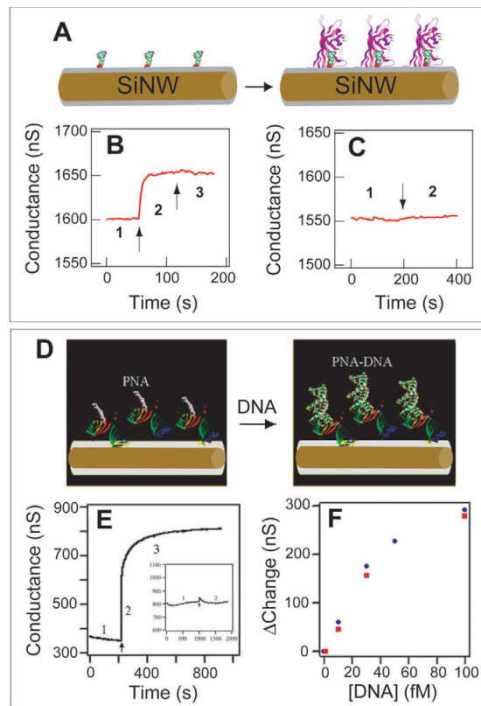


To be used in the  
100,000 Genomes  
Project



# Idea for a diagnostic handheld device

Cui, Y., Wei, Q.Q., Park, H.K. & **Lieber, C.M.**  
Nanowire nanosensors for highly sensitive and selective detection of biological and chemical species. *Science* 293, 1289–1292 (2001).



**“Devices based on nanowires are emerging as a powerful platform for the direct detection of biological and chemical species, including low concentrations of proteins and viruses.” 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006 *Analytic Chemistry***

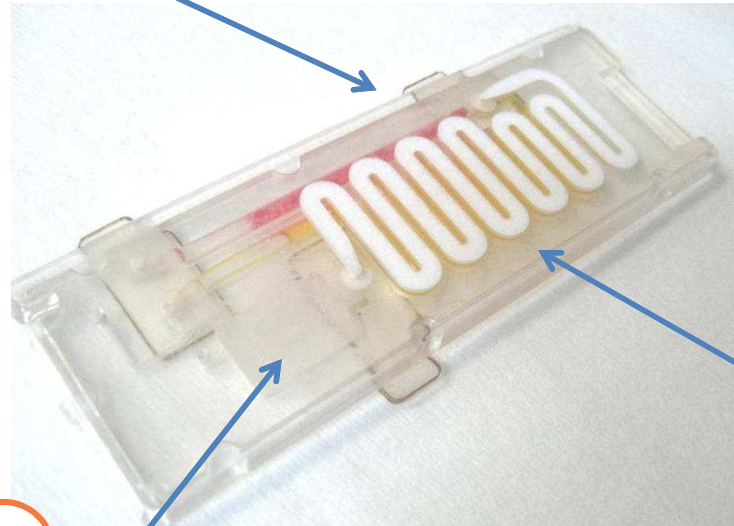


# DNA Extraction/Purification

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Sample in, DNA out

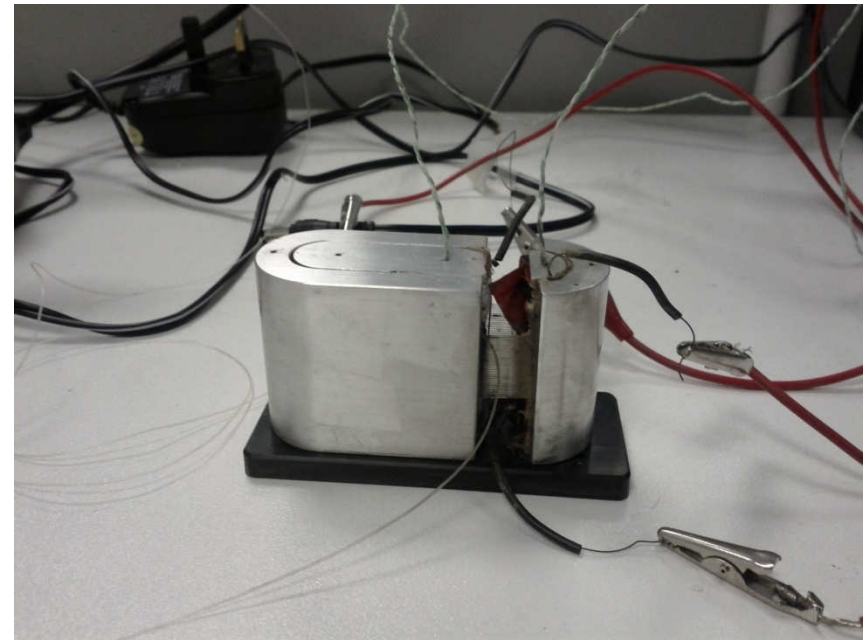
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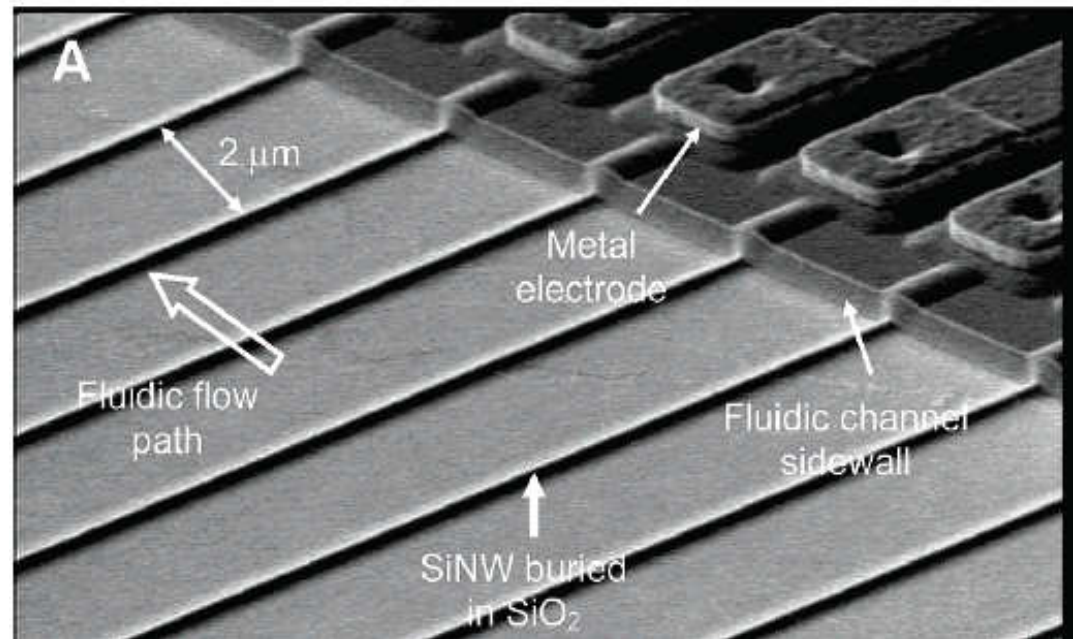
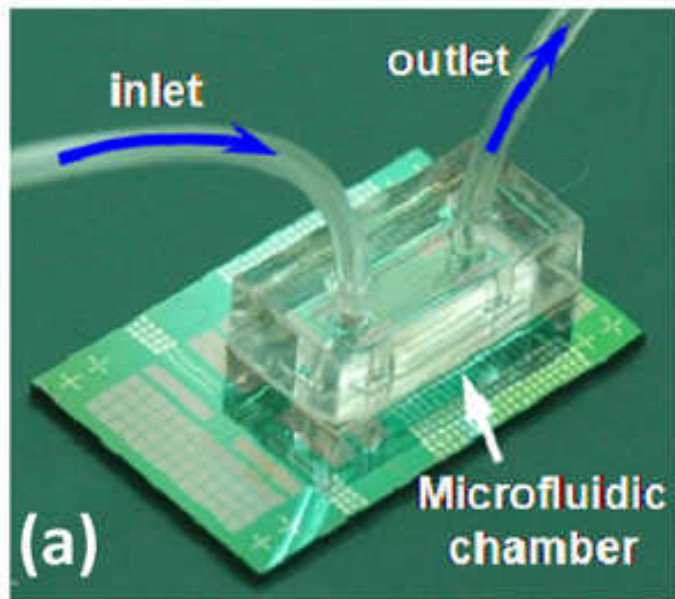
Sample  
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Sorbent  
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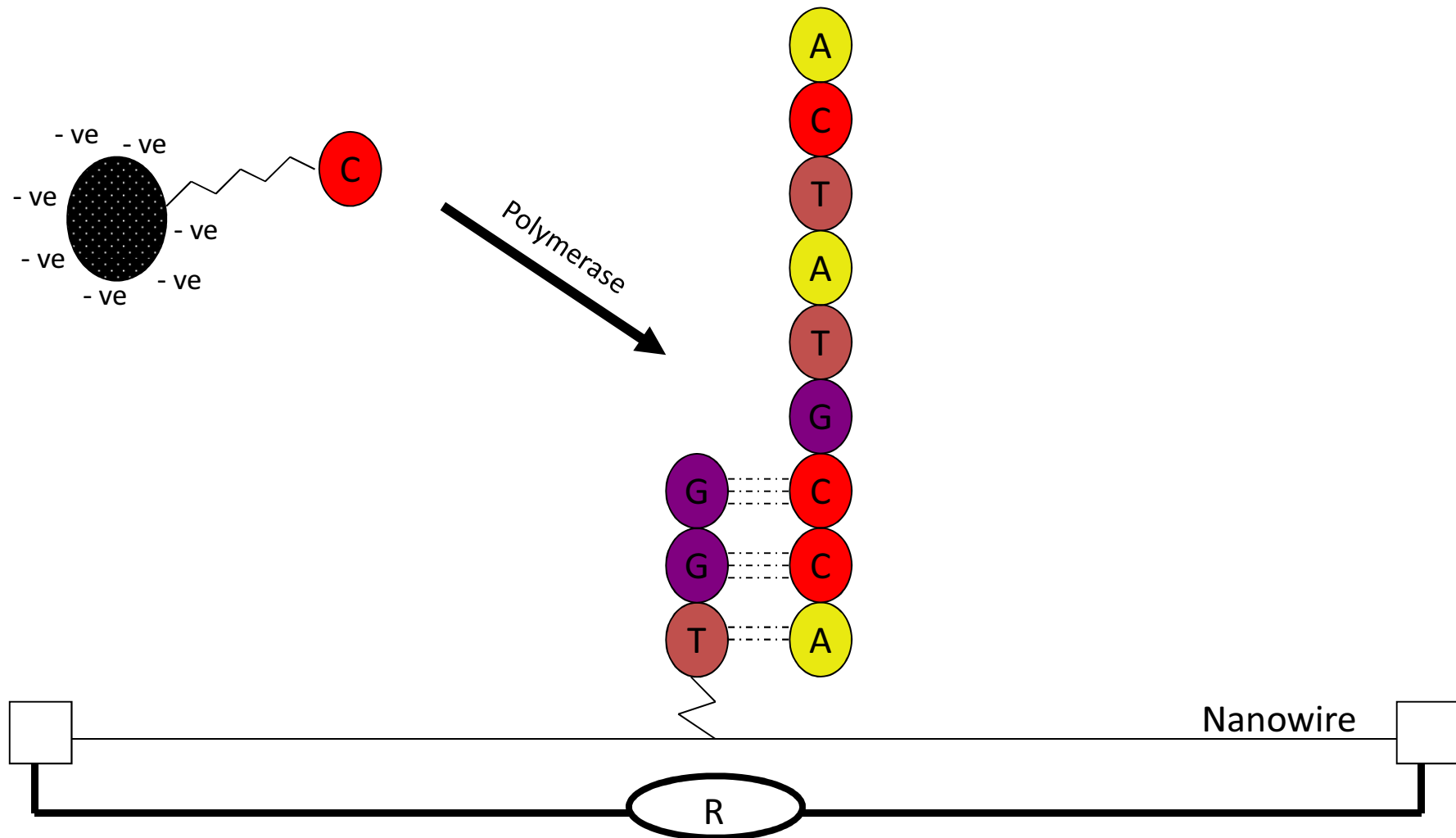


# The “cool” bit



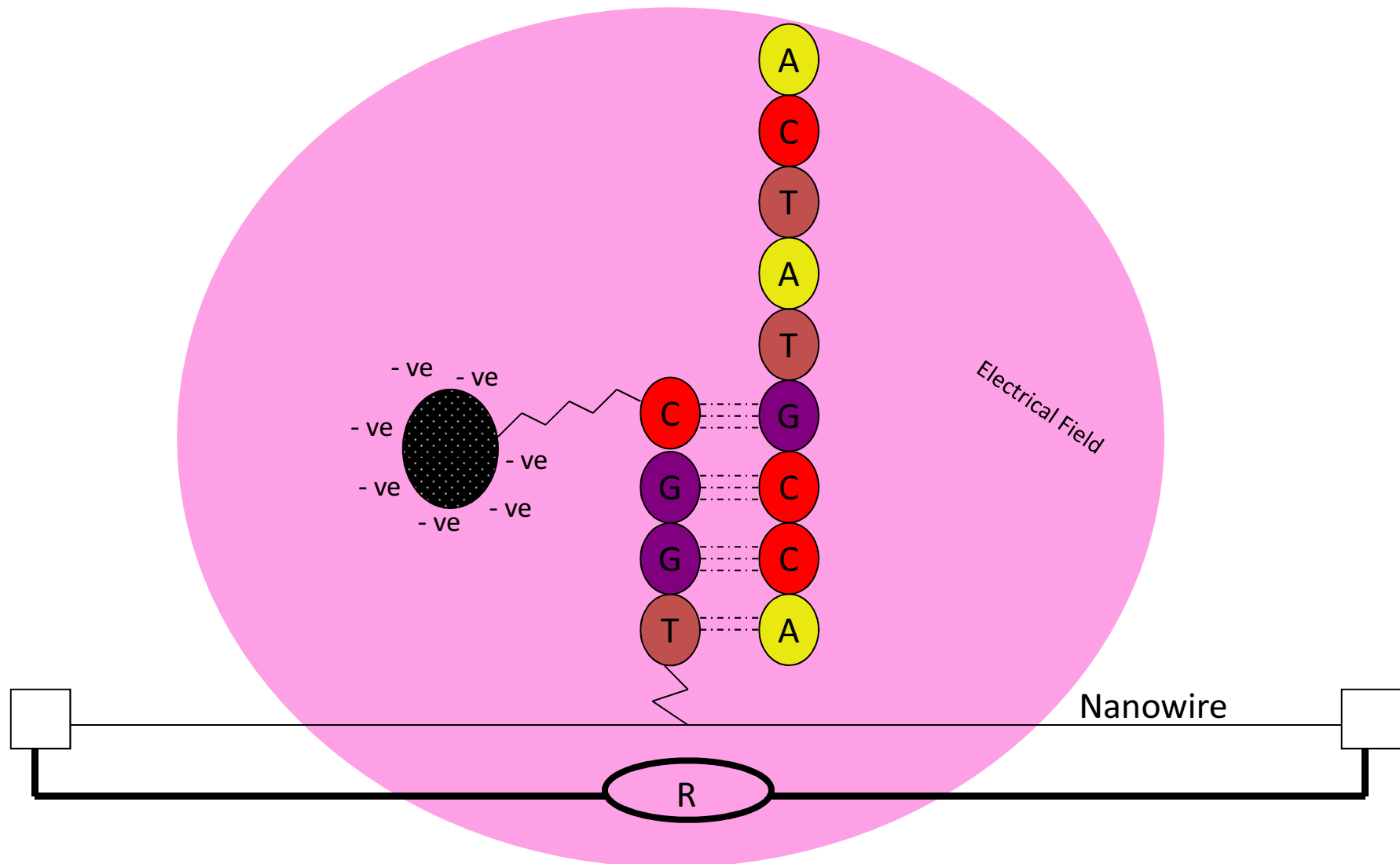
Your fingernails grew 30 nanometres while you were reading this slide

# Finding a mutation



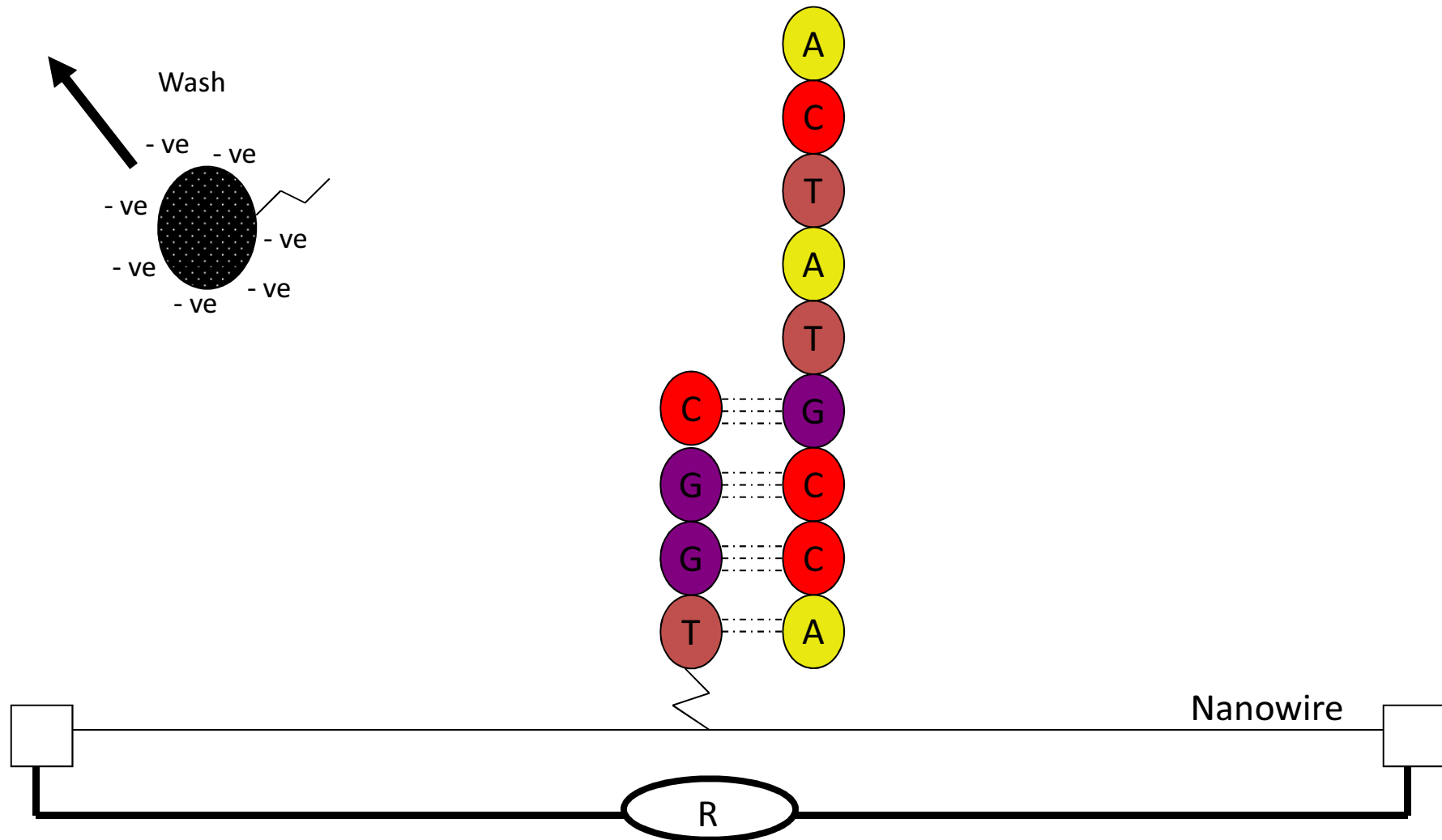
# Finding a mutation

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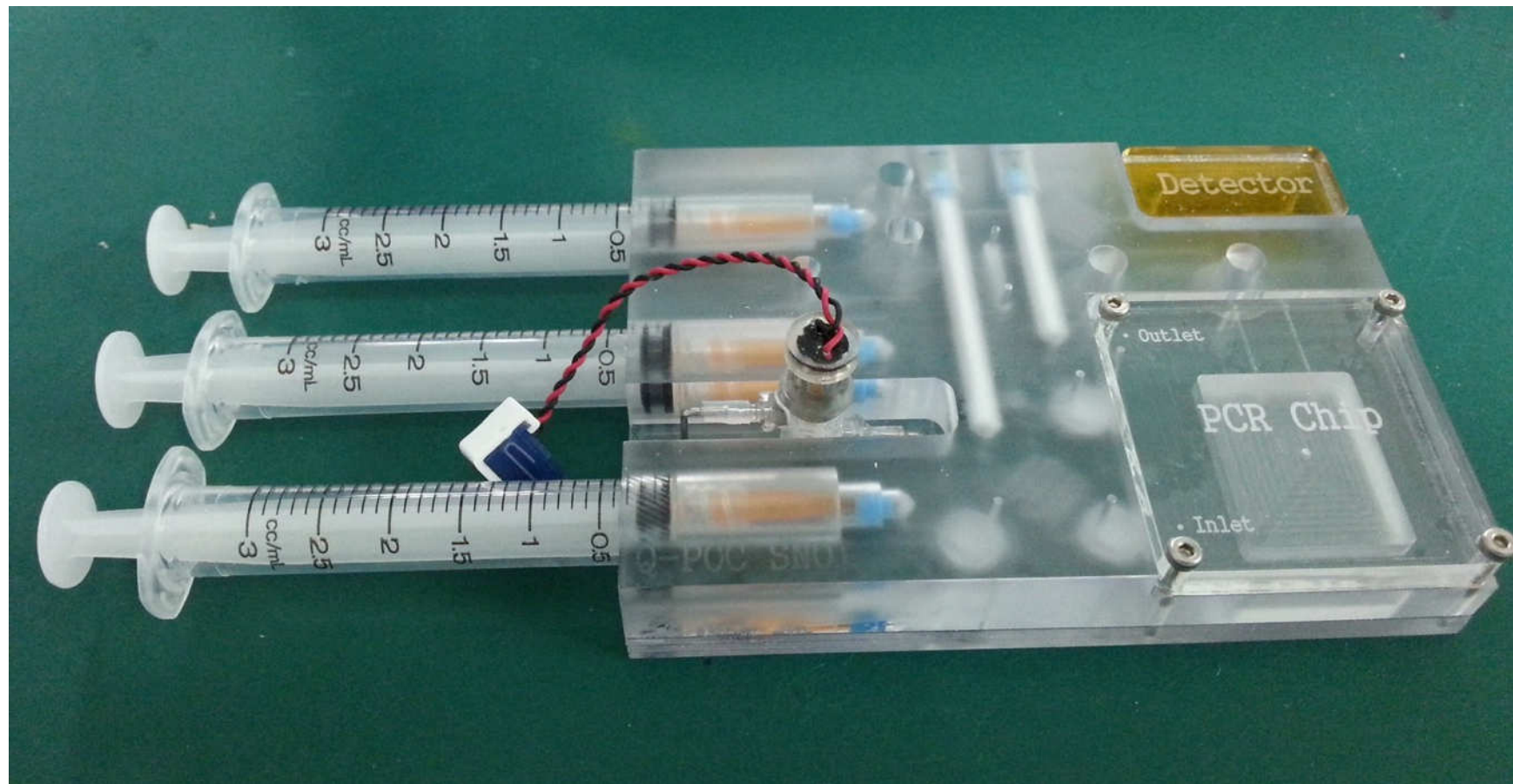




## Finding a mutation



# Born April 2014

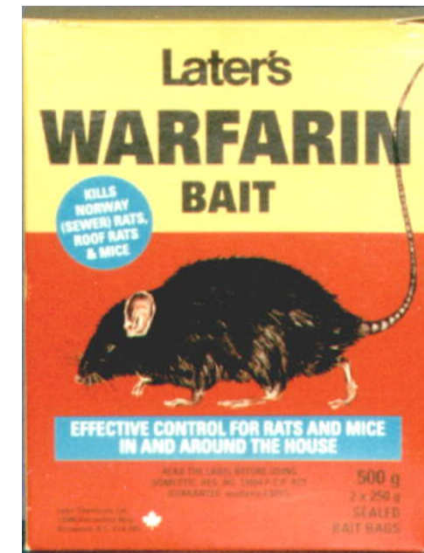


# “Handheld”





# Infectious diseases (TB & malaria), pharmacogenetics, Molecular pathology



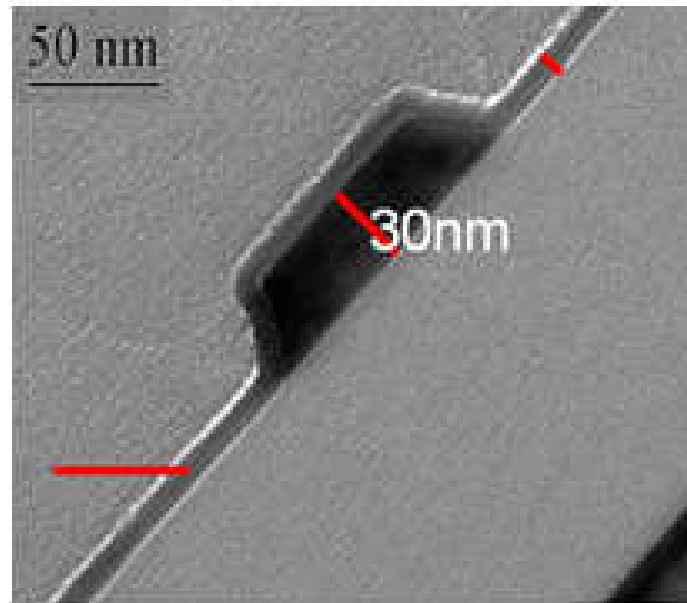


*Also Coming soon!*

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# Q Seq Nano-channel Sequencing

## Feeding whole DNA molecules into a nanowire-lined channel

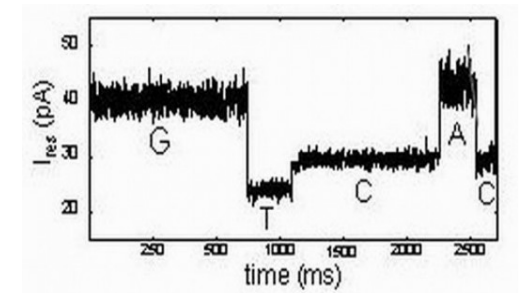
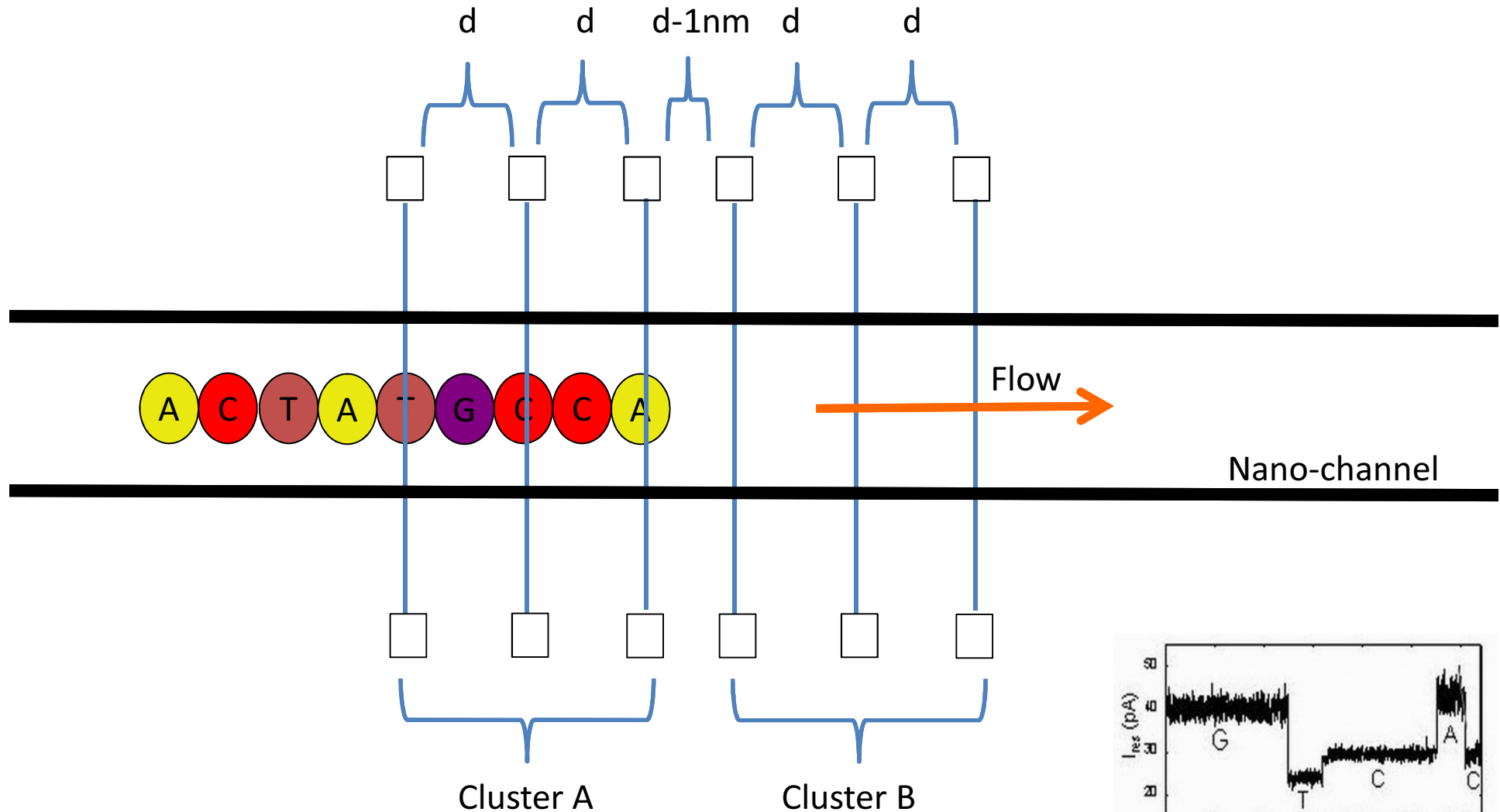


High resolution transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images for cross-sectional profile of nanochannel prepared by focused ion beam milling (FIB).

Drive intact DNA molecules

Past nanowire clusters sensitised to A,C,G or T

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# Summary

- Sequencing technology is getting faster and cheaper
- With better technology, we could diagnose the disease accurately and quickly
- The next best technology is being developed in Newcastle.... So watch the space!



# Thank you folks!

