

# Resequencing at the JGI

Nicole Johnson  
JGI User Meeting  
March 23, 2015

# What is resequencing?

Reference

ACCGGTTCACATCTACGATTC



Resequencing

ACCGGTT...

...CACATCT...

...ACGATTC

# What is resequencing?

Reference

ACCGGTTACATCTACGATTC

Resequencing

ACAGGTT...

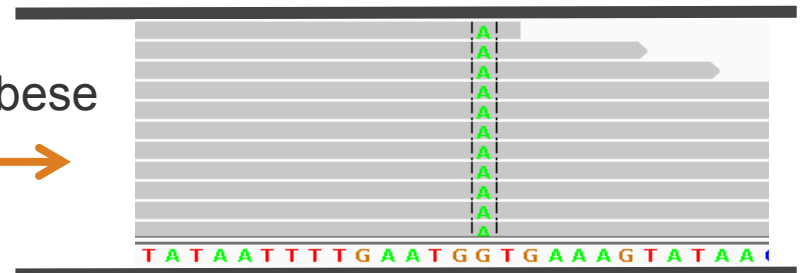
...CTCATCT...

...ACGAGTC

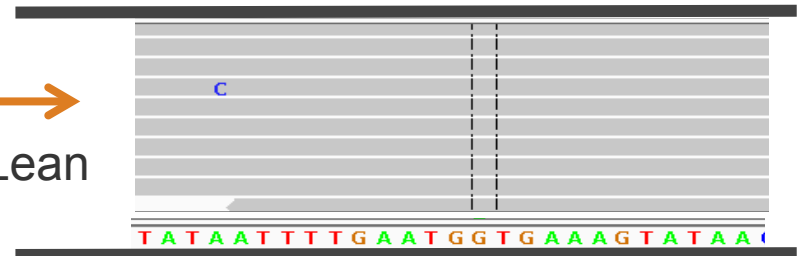
genotype -> phenotype



Obese



Lean



# Resequencing projects at the JGI

Causative mutations contributing  
to unique phenotypes



Wild type



Tangerine

*Neurospora crassa* classical mutants

Genetic diversity relative to disease



Wild poplar

Impact of mutations on  
biological processes



*Arabidopsis thaliana*

# Resequencing of *A. thaliana*

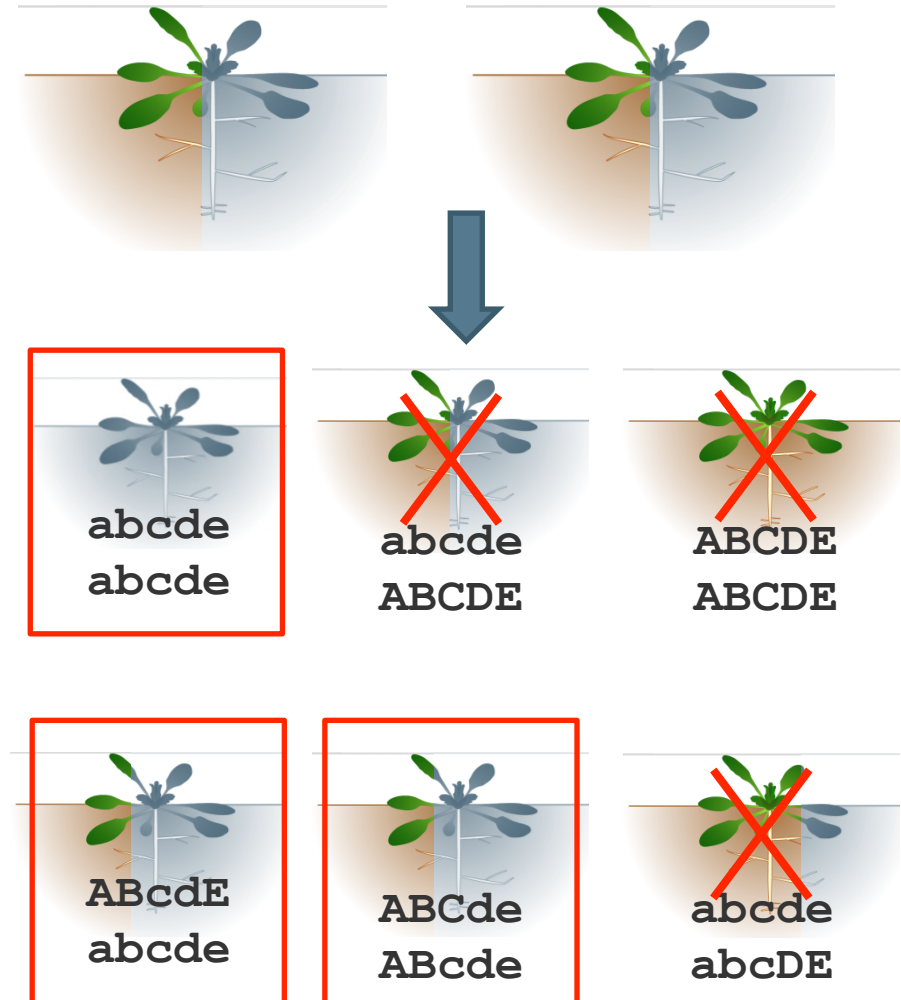
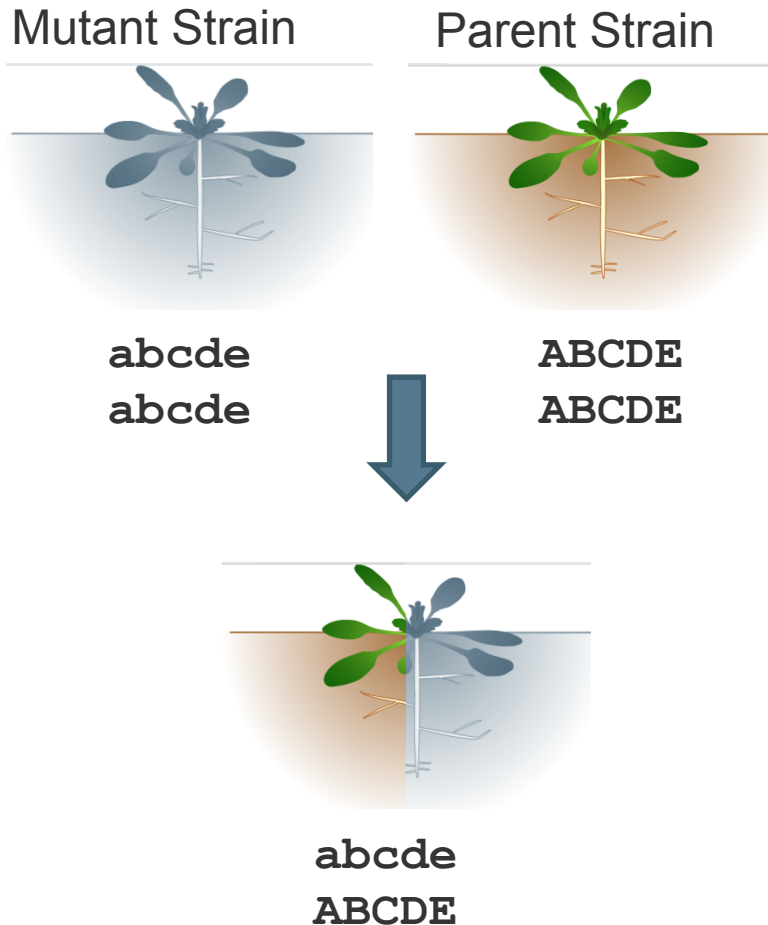
Goal: To better understand the composition of plant cell walls to uncover the utility of Arabidopsis plants as a biofuel source



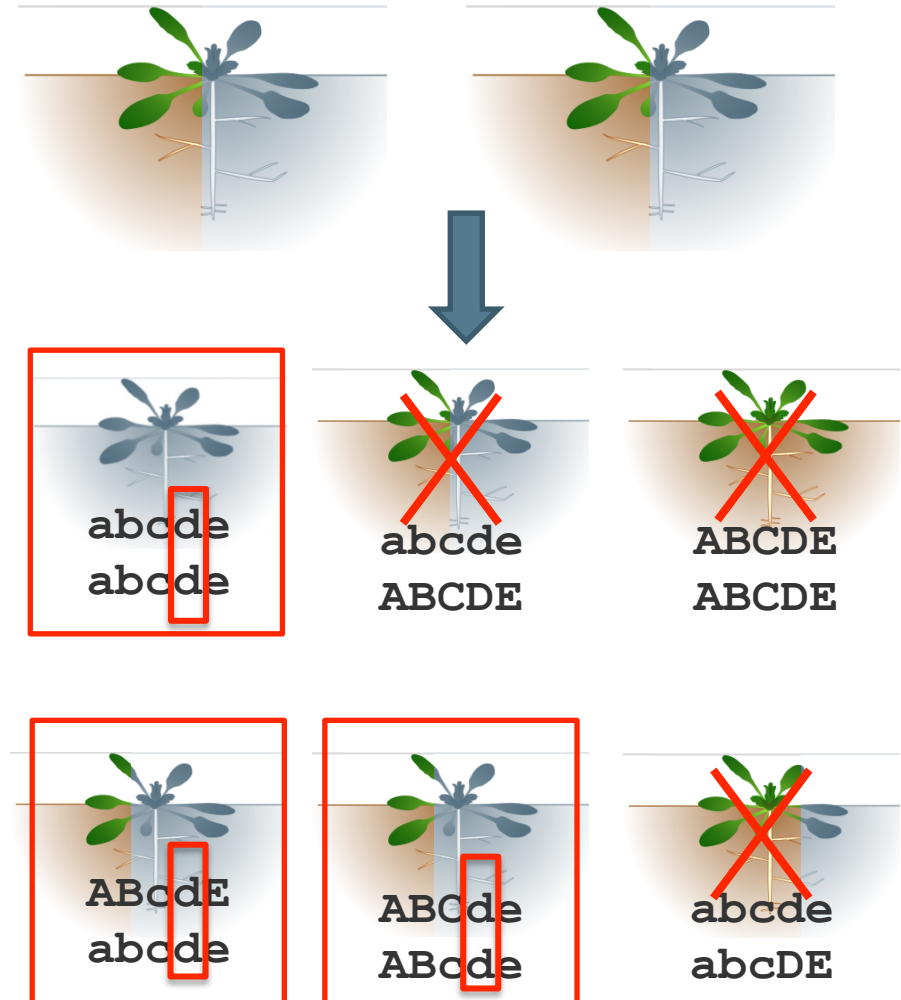
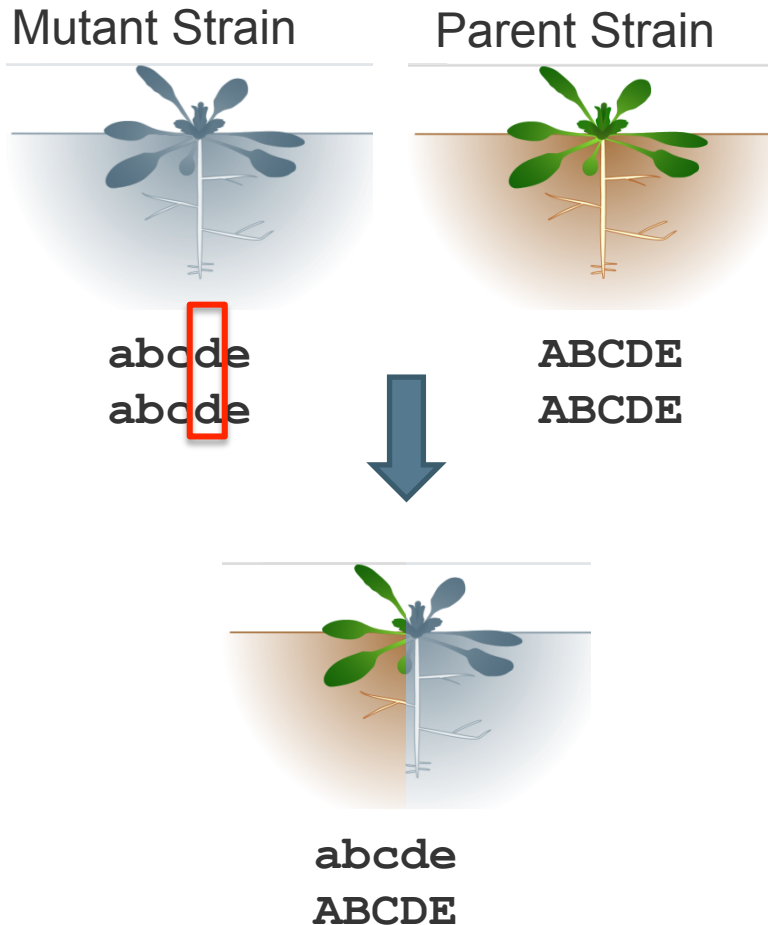
Mutant  
selection



# Mutant selection via phenotype

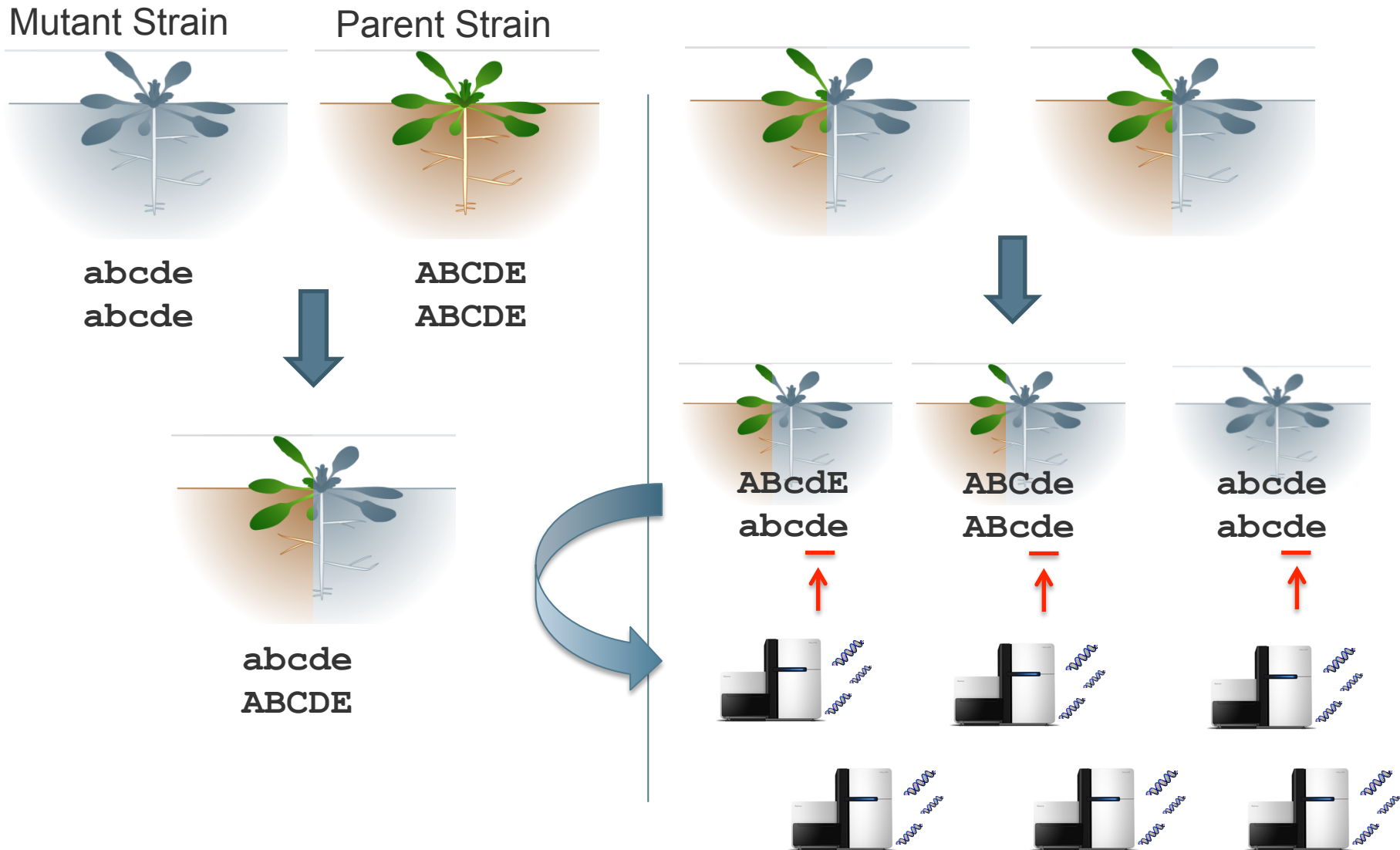


# Mutant phenotype reflected in the genotype



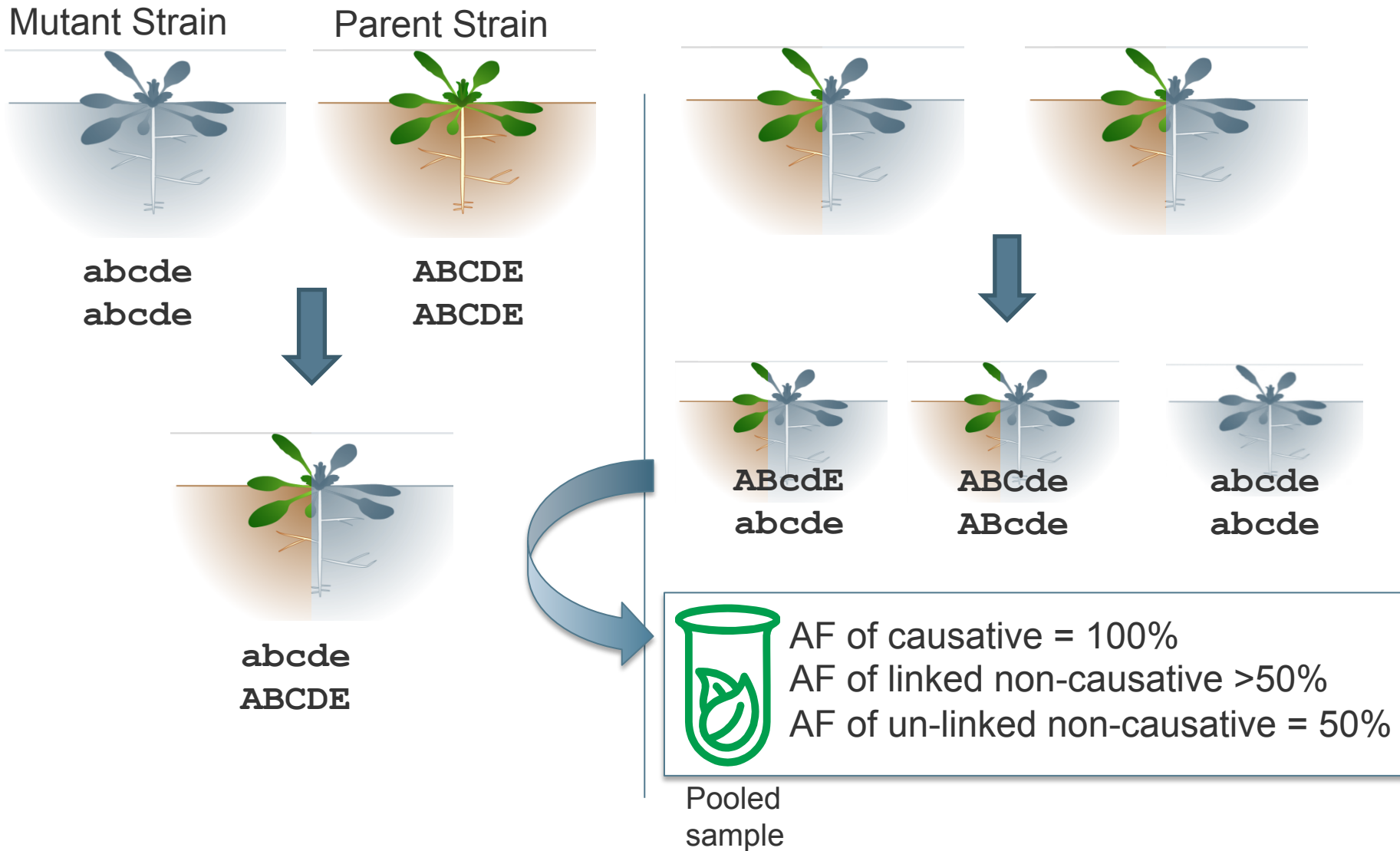


# Resequencing of mutant progeny





# Resequencing of mutant progeny



# Identification of causative mutations

Pooled mutant  
DNA (leaf)



1,000's of mutations



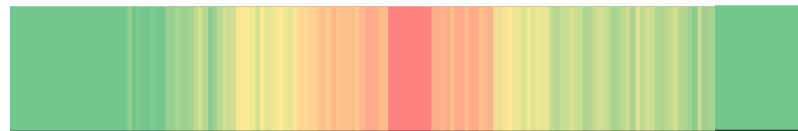
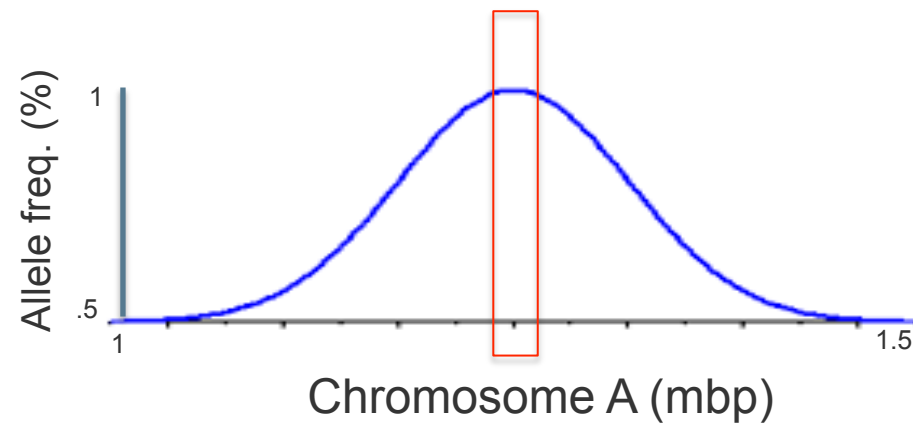
**How do we find the needle in the haystack?**

# Identification of causative mutations



Sample  
pool

Causal mutation



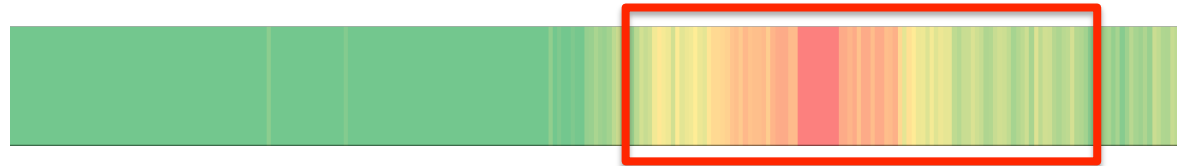
Gene

# First attempt at finding the mutation...



Sample  
Pool 1

Chromosome A



Max AF = ~100%



Sample  
Pool 2

Chromosome B



Max AF = ~90%



Sample  
Pool 3

Chromosome C



Max AF = ~80%



# Problem solving...

JGI?  
Analysis?

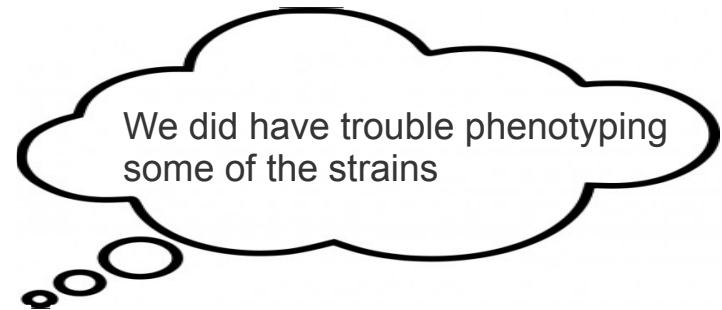


Group lead

Program broken?



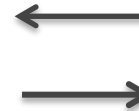
Analyst



PI

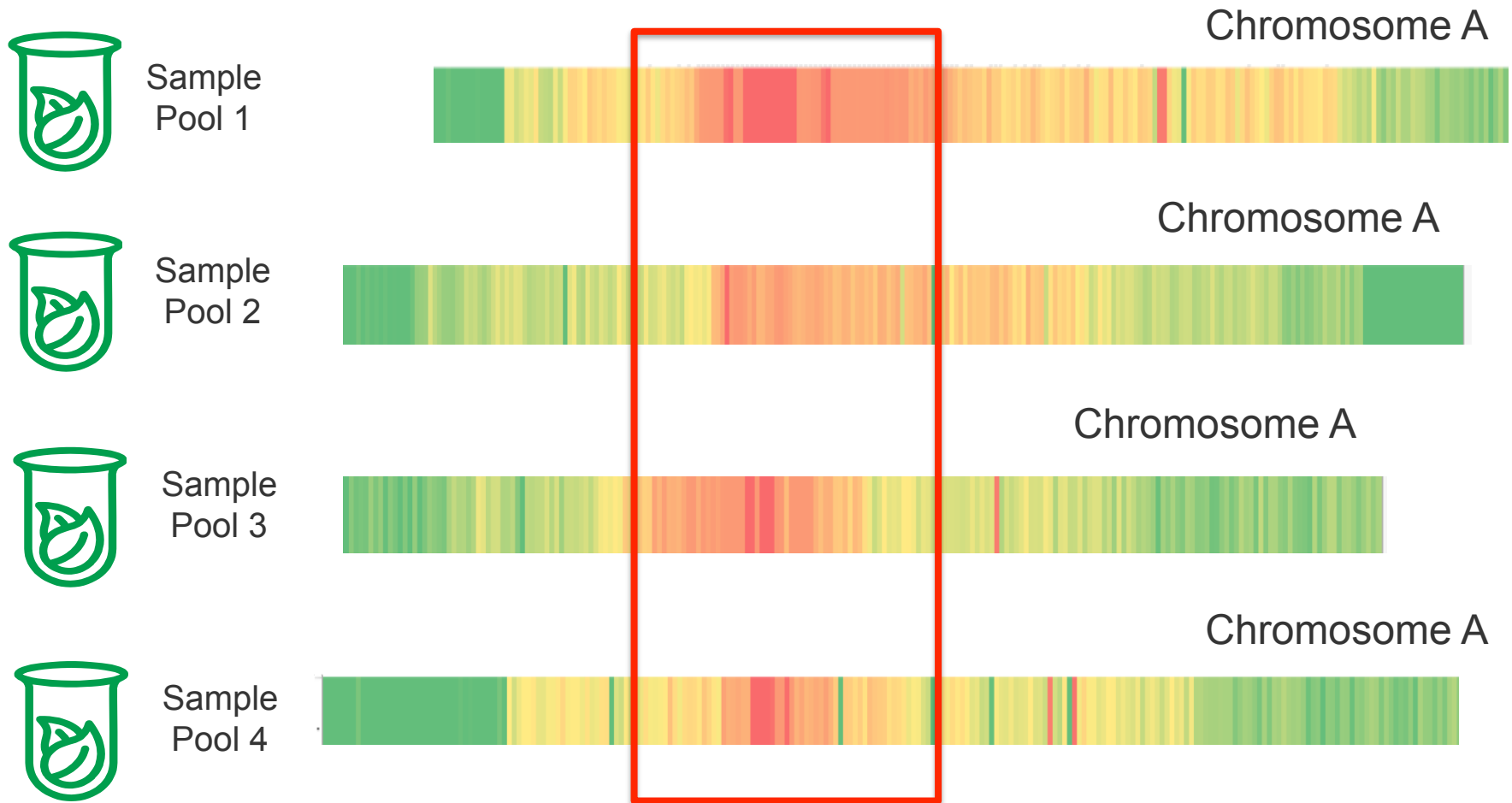


Post-doc



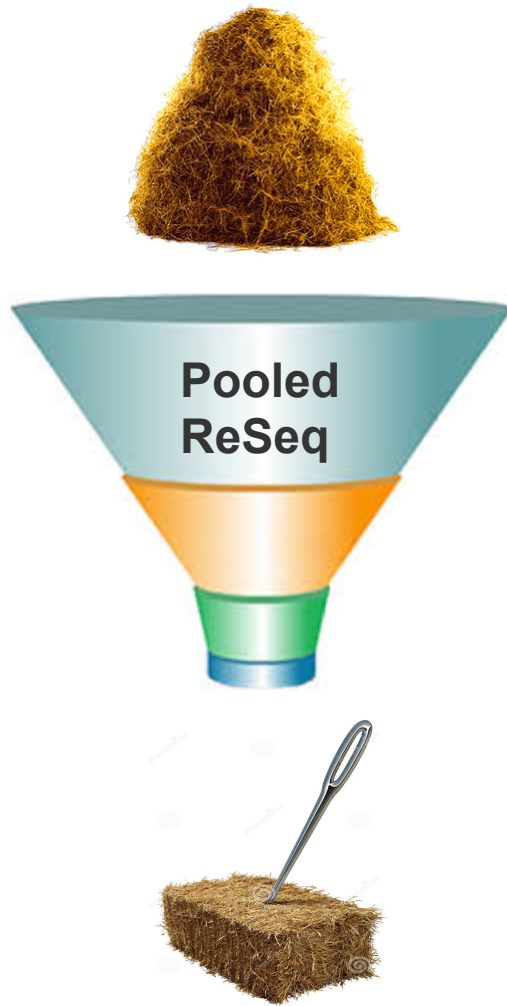
Graduate student

# Second attempt to find the mutation...



3 out of 4 causative mutations hit the same gene!





- Pooled resequencing is a time and cost effective way to detect causative variants
- Even with a small number of sample pools, it is possible to detect causative mutations
- Given the data, it can confirm or refute the phenotyping of the individuals



# Acknowledgements

- **JGI ReSeq team**
  - Wendy Schackwitz
  - Joel Martin
  - Anna Lipzen
- **Collaborators**
  - Henrik Scheller lab



- **Want to discuss your existing or future data?**  
[wsschackwitz@lbl.gov](mailto:wsschackwitz@lbl.gov)  
[nicolevjohnson@lbl.gov](mailto:nicolevjohnson@lbl.gov)
- **Or come find us!**