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Research Progress Summary

Peiyong Jiang and his team continue the efforts to identify new biological properties of cell-free DNA such as plasma DNA end motifs, jagged ends, and circular cell-free DNA molecules, and develop new diagnostic tools based on sequencing technologies. They established the academic collaboration with the Broad Institute

of MIT and Harvard, published a study related to single-cell meta-analysis of SARS-CoV-2 entry genes across tissues and demographics in *Nature Medicine*. They continue the collaboration with Wayne Luk, from the Department of Computing at Imperial College London. They filed two patent applications in 2021.



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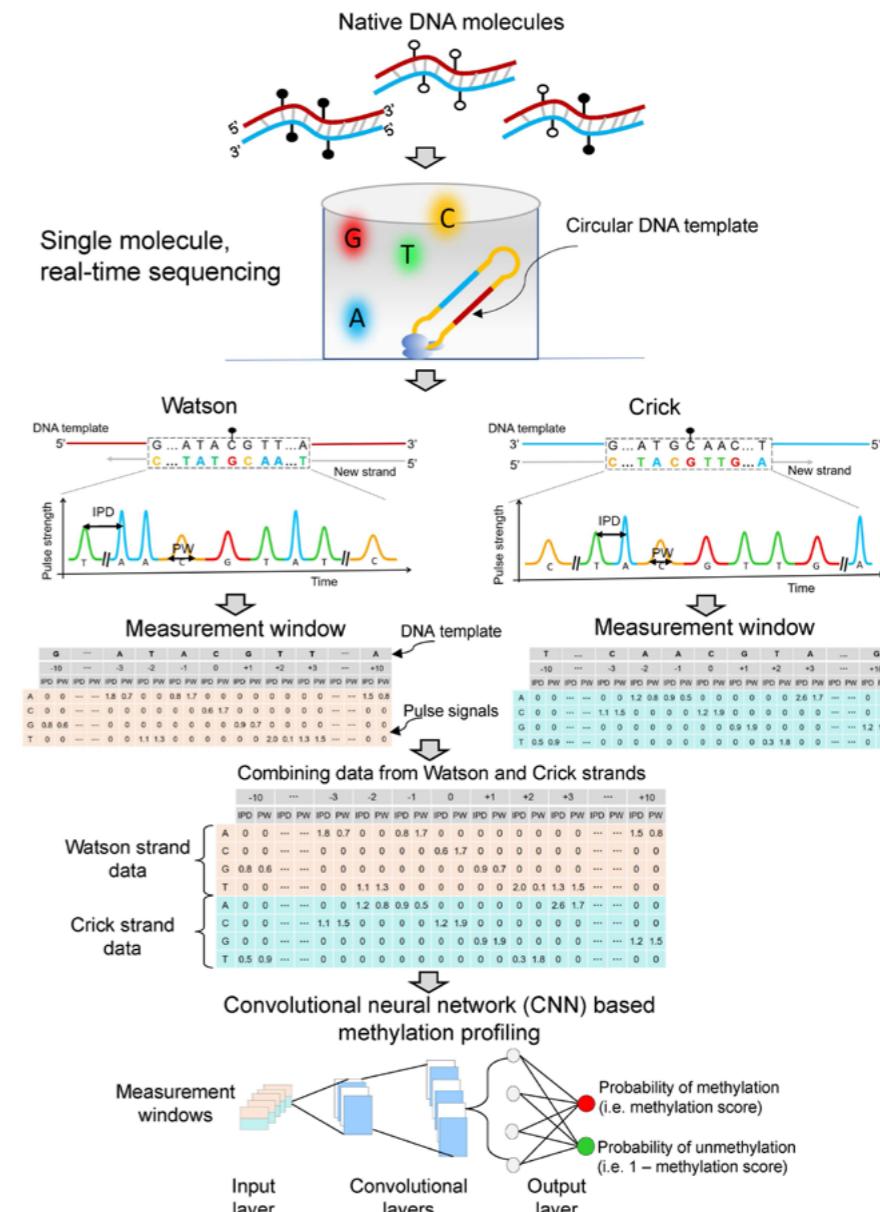


Fig. 1

Schematic 5mC detection using single molecule sequencing and the HK model

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