

From DNA Synthesis on Chips to DNA Data Storage

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Twist's Breakthrough: DNA Synthesis on Silicon



Established Market

Synthetic Biology Precision at Scale

Genomics Efficient NGS Target Enrichment

Current Initiative

Novel Therapeutics Drug Discovery Library of Libraries



In Development

DNA Data Storage

Universal Read/Write Media Inspired by Nature



DNA Data Storage Workflow







- Compact: Holds the promise to meet the projected data storage scaling needs
- Longevity: 1000+ year shelf life without needing migration
- Low power: Zero power consumption during storage
- Data resilience: Error correction coded data assures very low bit error rate



Technology	Speed	Capacity	Copies	Format	Archive	TCO*
DNA	24 hrs.	Configurable	Free	Universal	1,000+ yrs.	\$
Таре	1 hr.	Fixed	\$/copy	Media specific	Data migration	\$\$
Hard Disk Drive	5 ms	Fixed	\$/copy	Media specific	Data migration	\$\$\$
Solid State Drive	50 us	Fixed	\$/copy	Media specific	Data migration	\$\$\$\$

* TCO: Total cost of ownership

• High-density 2D device array enables massively-parallel synthesis



1TB DNA Pool Contains Large Number of Indexed Oligos

- Writing 1TB of data in DNA
 - Synthesize **5 x 10¹⁰** *unique* oligos
 - 1,000 copies per unique oligo
- Storing 1TB of data in DNA
 - Oligos are washed off chip into small container
 - After freeze drying, oligo volume is (150 um)³



Oligonucleotide "Oligo" Sequence



High Density Chip-Based DNA Synthesis System



Modular Chip Design

	GEN 1 Alpha	GEN 2 Beta	GEN 3 Enterprise
Chip width (cm)	4	4	4
Chip length (cm)	3	3	3
Oligos	3.E+09	1.E+10	5.E+10
Data (GB)	62.5	250	1,000

Modular Fluid Delivery System

Modules	4	8	16
Chips per module	2	4	8
Chips per system	8	32	128
Capacity (TB) / run	1	8	128



Lowering the Cost of DNA Synthesis

- Fixed costs
 - System
 - Runs per day $\rightarrow 4X$
 - Chips
 - Reuse \rightarrow 100X
- Variable costs
 - Reagents
 - Supply chain / reuse \rightarrow 10X
 - Volume per reaction
 - High density \rightarrow 40X

Other Elements required for DNA Data Storage

- Storage
 - Off-the-shelf, hermetic solution exists
 - Reconfigurable to match use case



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- Sequencing
 - Molecular electronics
 - Multiple companies working on low-cost solution



Path to Commercialization

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- Technology development
- System development
- Quality Management System development
- Ship products

Basic Product Options

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- End-to-end system
- Synthesis / sequencing as a service



- DNA is a high-performance storage solution
 - Robust when properly stored
 - Multiple copies produced during write process, and DNA pools are easily copied
- DNA Data Storage is coming sooner than you think
 - POC system is imminent
 - Production systems to follow
- This is just the beginning
 - Multiple groups working on basic compute functions
 - Neuromorphic computing on large data sets is on the horizon

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DNA Data Storage