

CPBS 7711 Course Review

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Topics Covered

- Databases
- Genetics
- Machine Learning
- Protein Folding
- Phylogenetic Trees
- Visualization
- And More...

MolBio Databases

- Biological data is very heterogeneous
 - Data is scattered among thousands of databases
 - Much of the data stored in redundant
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- Slides in this section from: Dr. Robin Dowell

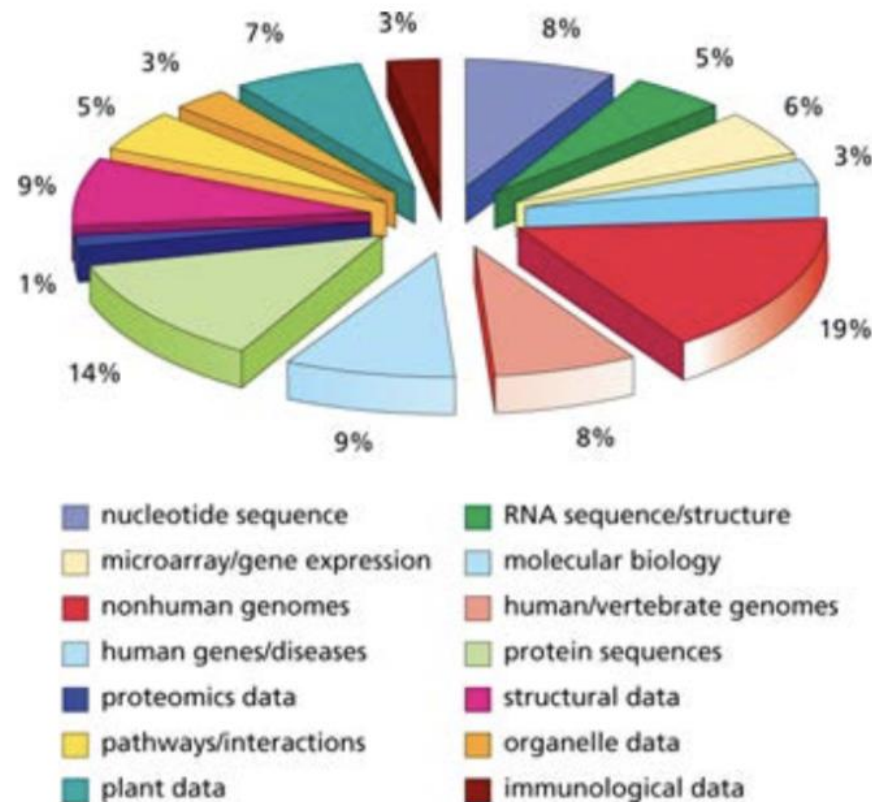
Some statistics

- More than 1000 different bio-databases
- Generally accessible through the web
(useful link: www.expasy.ch/alinks.html)
- Variable size: <100Kb to >10Gb
 - DNA: > 10 Gb
 - Protein: 1 Gb
 - 3D structure: 5 Gb
 - Other: smaller
- Update frequency: daily to annually

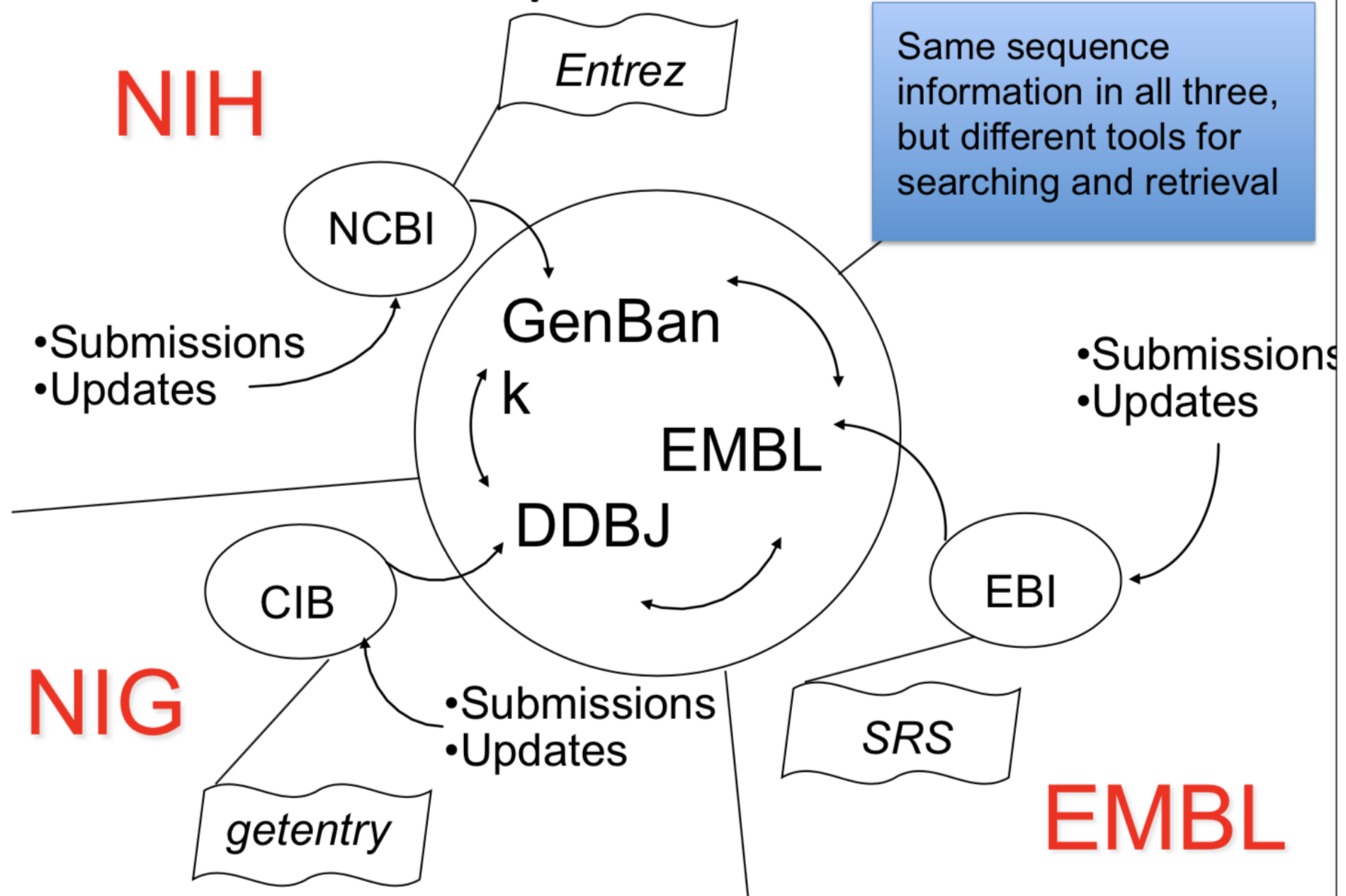


NAR Database Issue

- Online collection of biological databases:
<http://www.oxfordjournals.org/nar/database/c/>



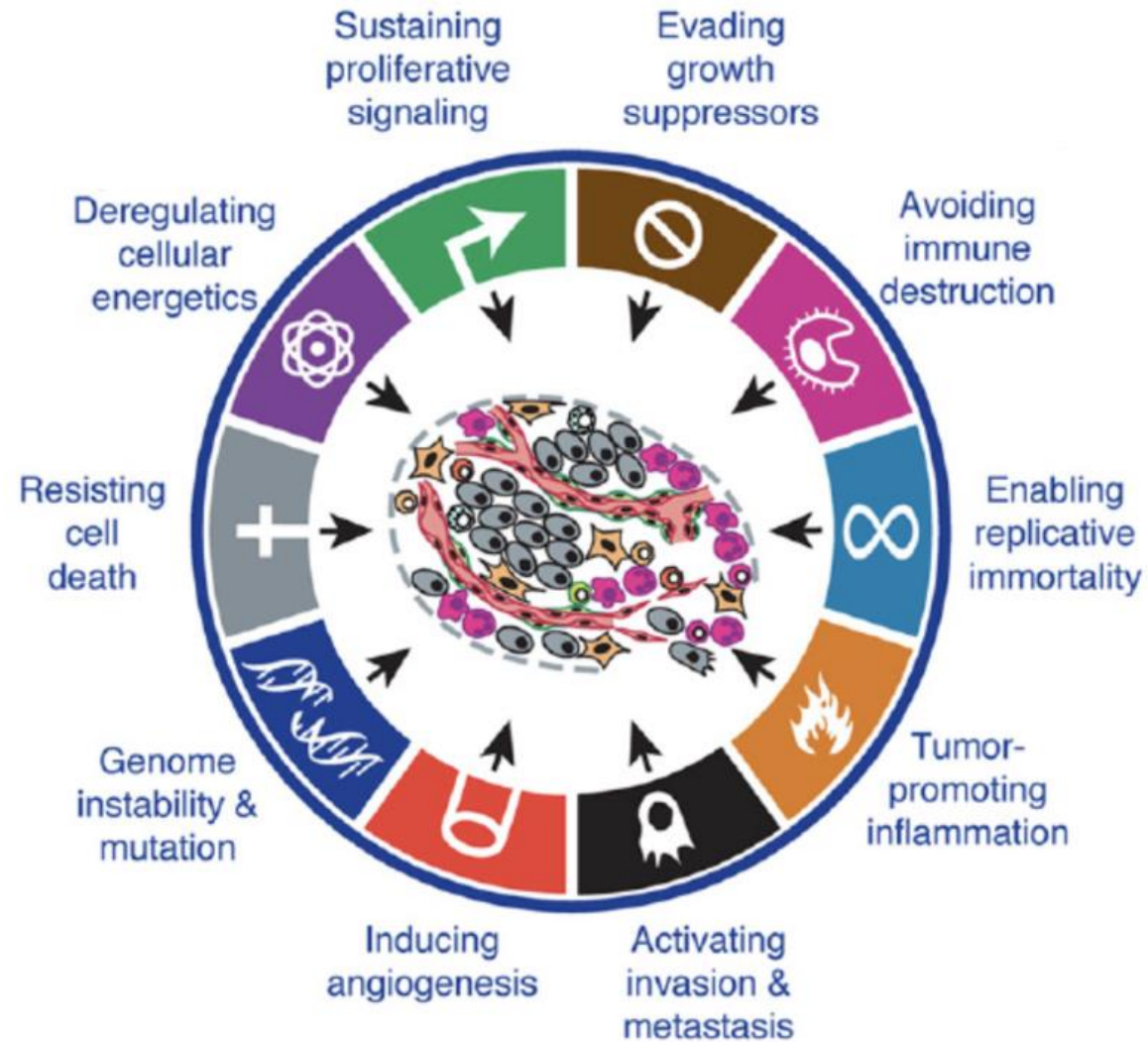
Public Sequence Databases



Cancer Genomics

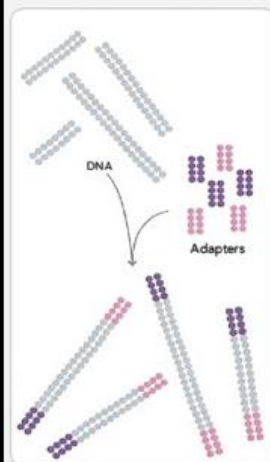
- Humans are adept at survival
 - Errors (mutations) in DNA are repaired (usually)
 - Redundant systems take over when errors occur
 - Cancerous cells are usually killed before becoming damaging
- Cancer is a complex disease
 - Many mutations must accumulate to cause cancer
 - There is no single way to treat cancer
- Slides in this section from Dr. James Costello

Hallmarks of Cancer



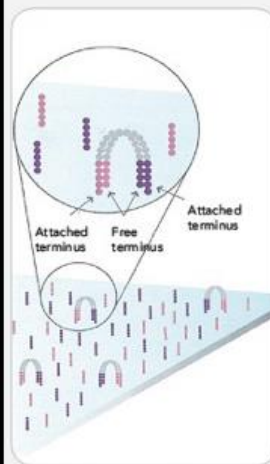
Illumina Sequencing

1. PREPARE GENOMIC DNA SAMPLE



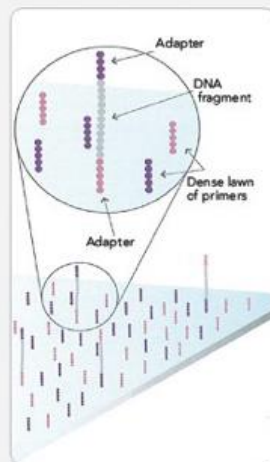
Randomly fragment genomic DNA and ligate adapters to both ends of the fragments.

4. FRAGMENTS BECOME DOUBLE STRANDED



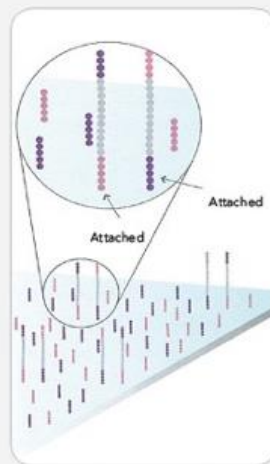
The enzyme incorporates nucleotides to build double-stranded bridges on the solid-phase substrate.

2. ATTACH DNA TO SURFACE



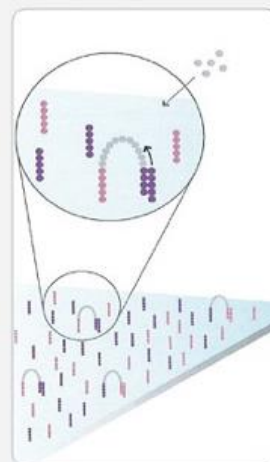
Bind single-stranded fragments randomly to the inside surface of the flow cell channels.

5. DENATURE THE DOUBLE-STRANDED MOLECULES



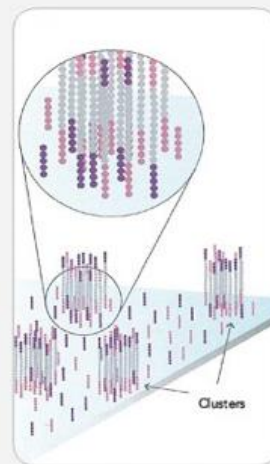
Denaturation leaves single-stranded templates anchored to the substrate.

3. BRIDGE AMPLIFICATION



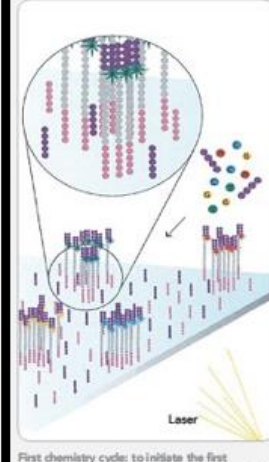
Add unlabeled nucleotides and enzyme to initiate solid-phase bridge amplification.

6. COMPLETE AMPLIFICATION



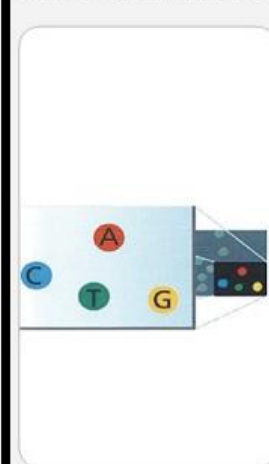
Several million dense clusters of double-stranded DNA are generated in each channel of the flow cell.

7. DETERMINE FIRST BASE



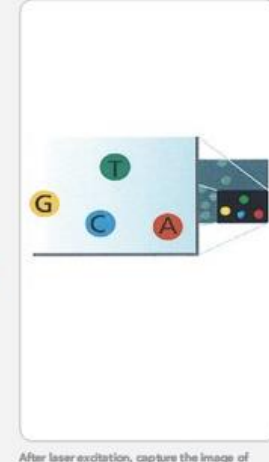
First chemistry cycle: to initiate the first sequencing cycle, add all four labeled reversible terminators, primers and DNA polymerase enzyme to the flow cell.

10. IMAGE SECOND CHEMISTRY CYCLE



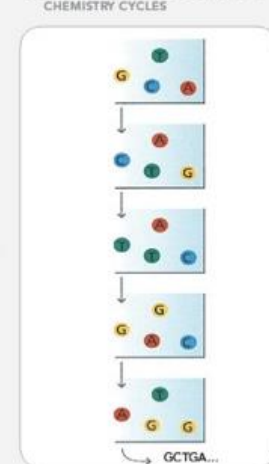
After laser excitation, collect the image data as before. Record the identity of the second base for each cluster.

8. IMAGE FIRST BASE



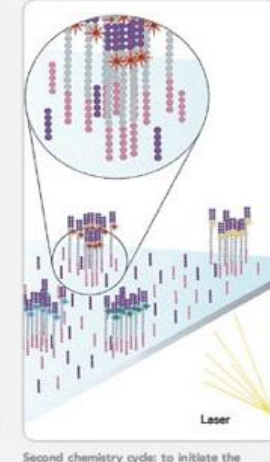
After laser excitation, capture the image of emitted fluorescence from each cluster on the flow cell. Record the identity of the first base for each cluster.

11. SEQUENCE READS OVER MULTIPLE CHEMISTRY CYCLES



Repeat cycles of sequencing to determine the sequence of bases in a given fragment a single base at a time.

9. DETERMINE SECOND BASE



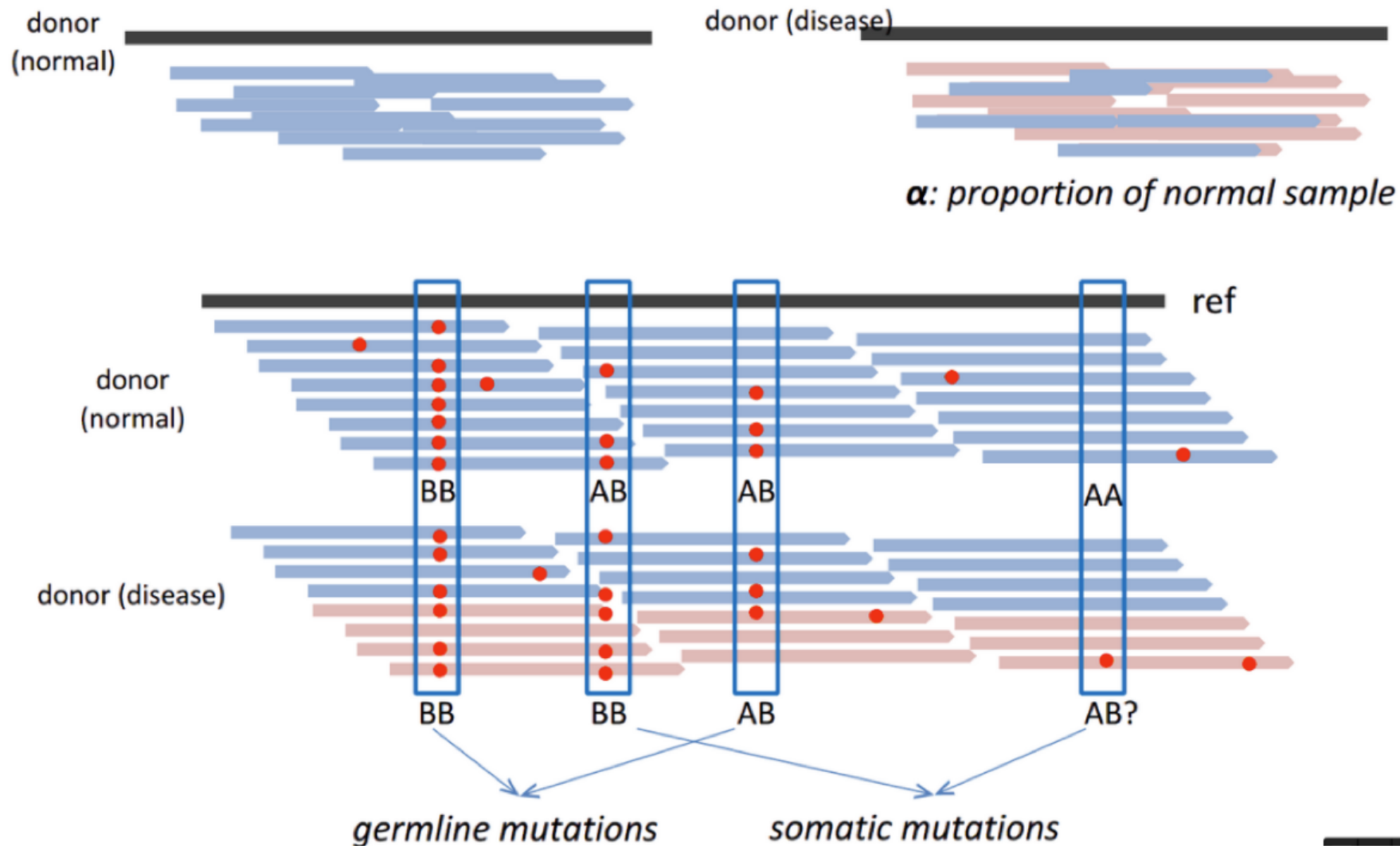
Second chemistry cycle: to initiate the next sequencing cycle, add all four labeled reversible terminators and enzyme to the flow cell.

12. ALIGN DATA

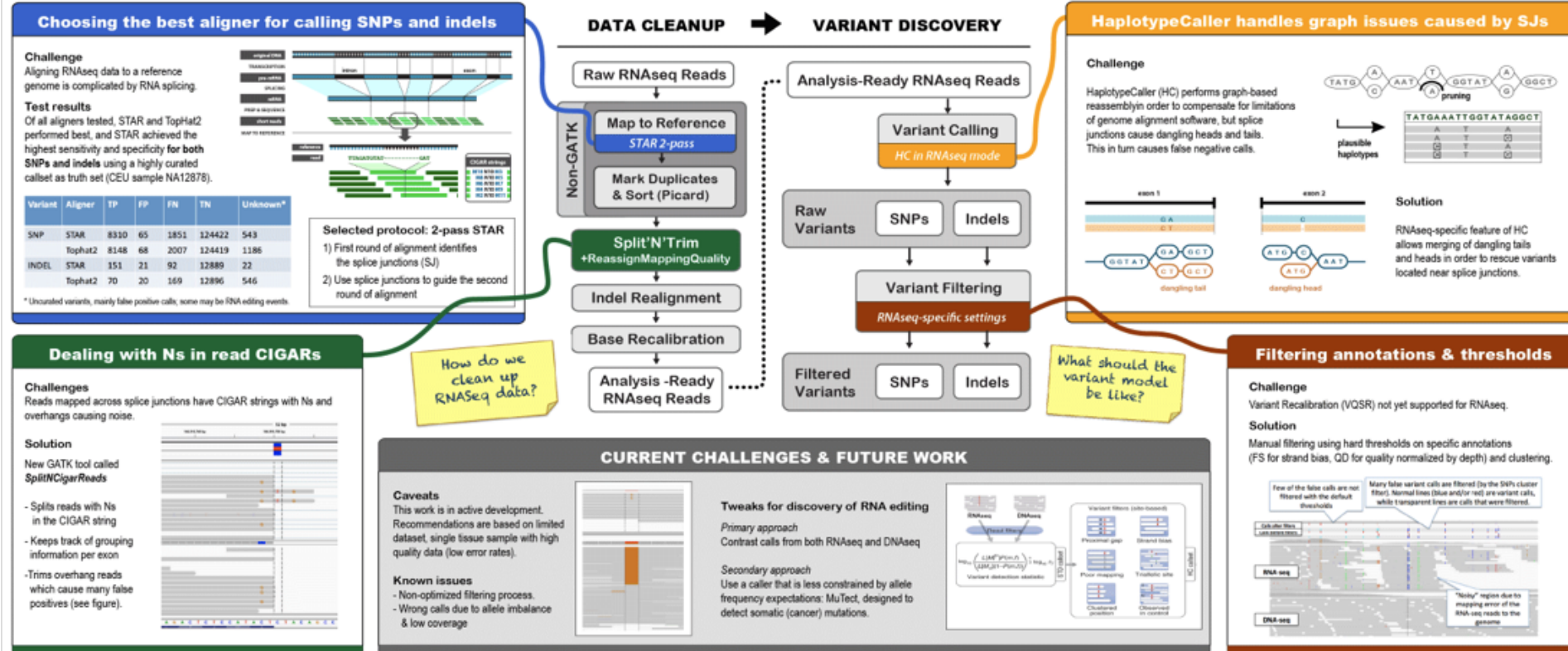


Align data, compare to a reference, and identify sequence differences.

Mutation Calling



Mutation Calling Pipeline



GATK Best Practices

Synthetic Lethality

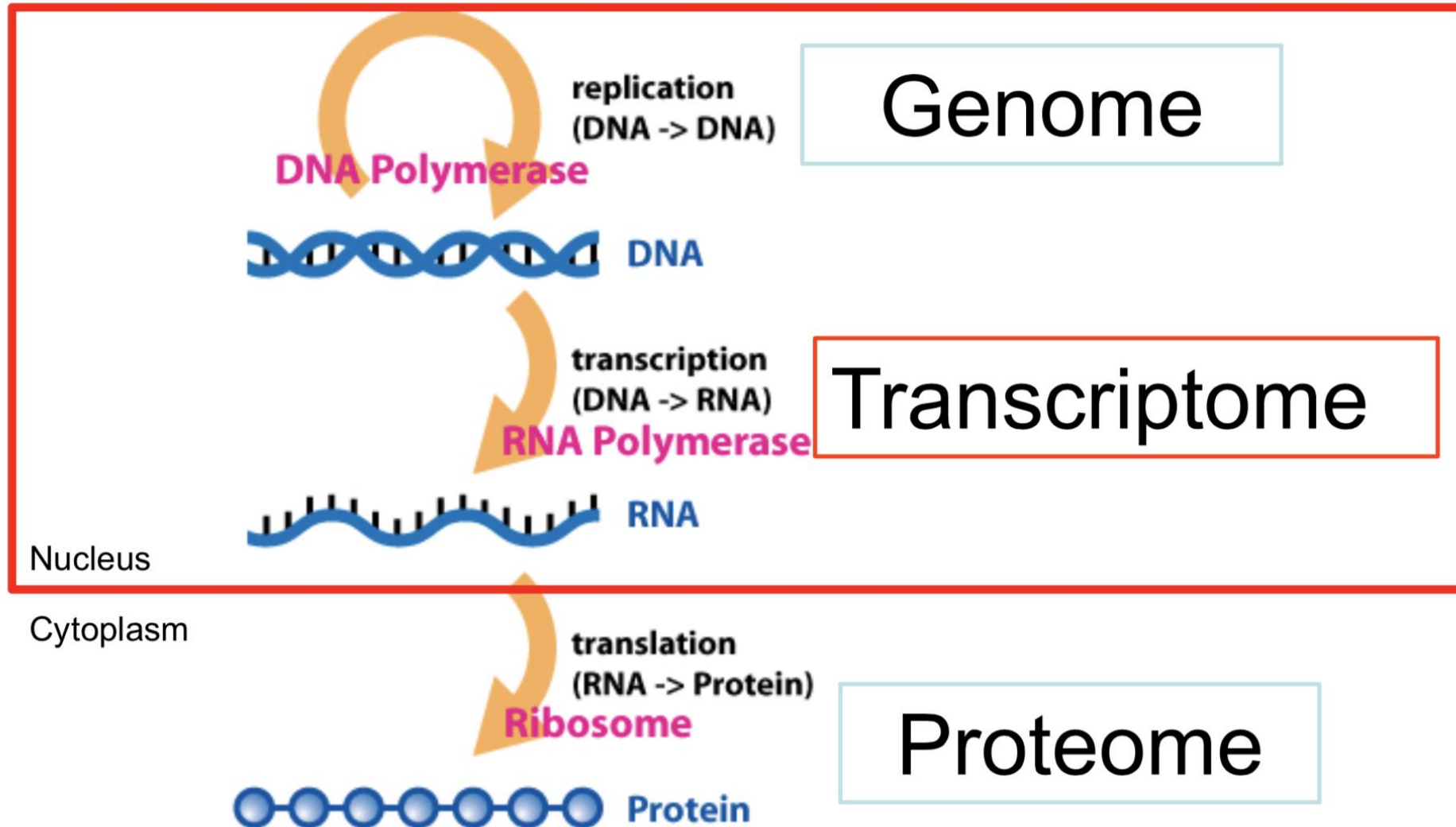
Gene A	Gene B	
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	Viable
<i>A</i>	<i>b</i>	Viable
<i>a</i>	<i>B</i>	Viable
<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	Lethal

Gene Expression Analysis

- Studying the transcriptome
 - Parts of the DNA that act like blueprints
 - Why cells with the same DNA can be entirely different

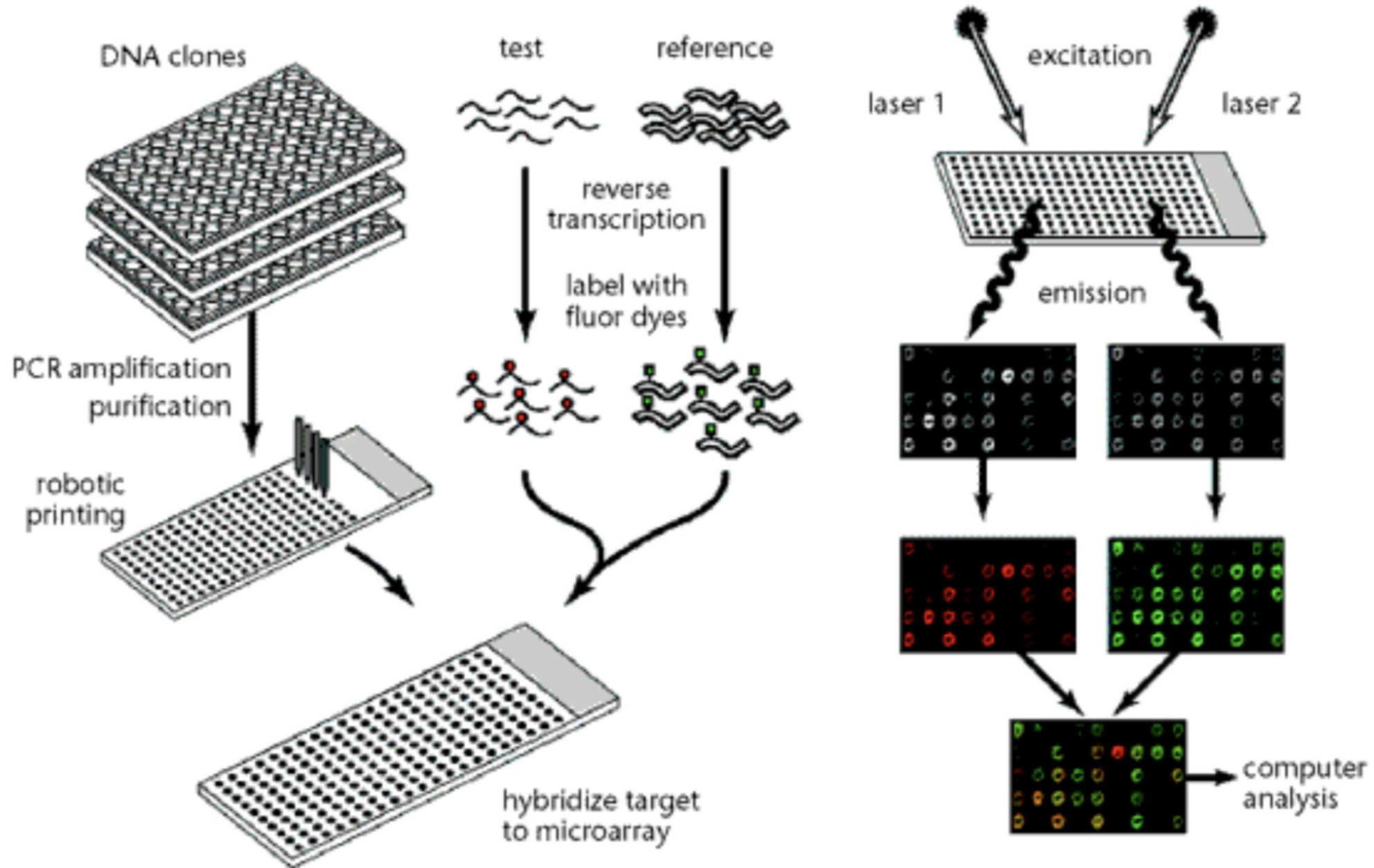
- Slides in this section from Dr. Aik Choon Tan

The Central Dogma of Molecular Biology

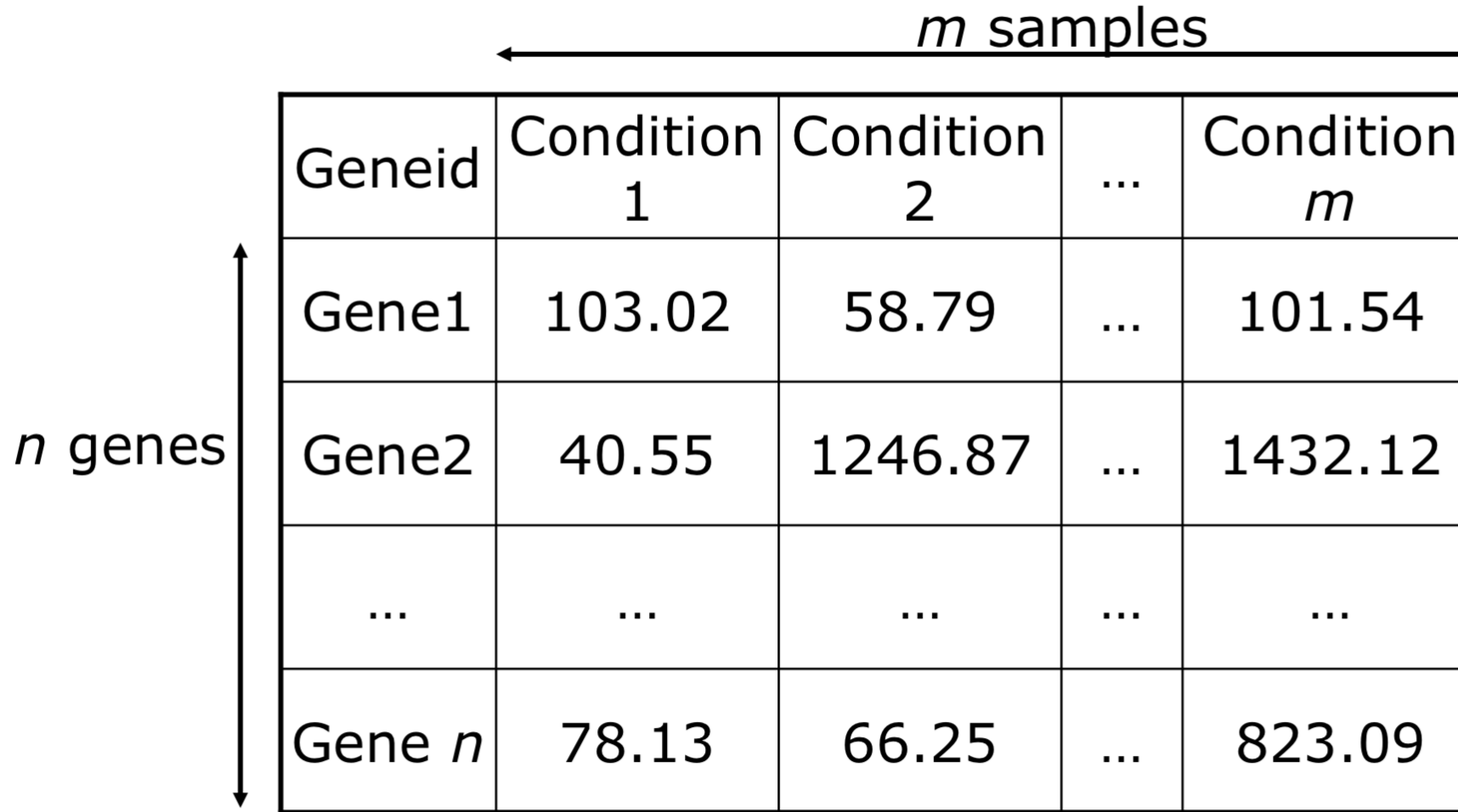


(From Wikipedia)

cDNA microarray schema



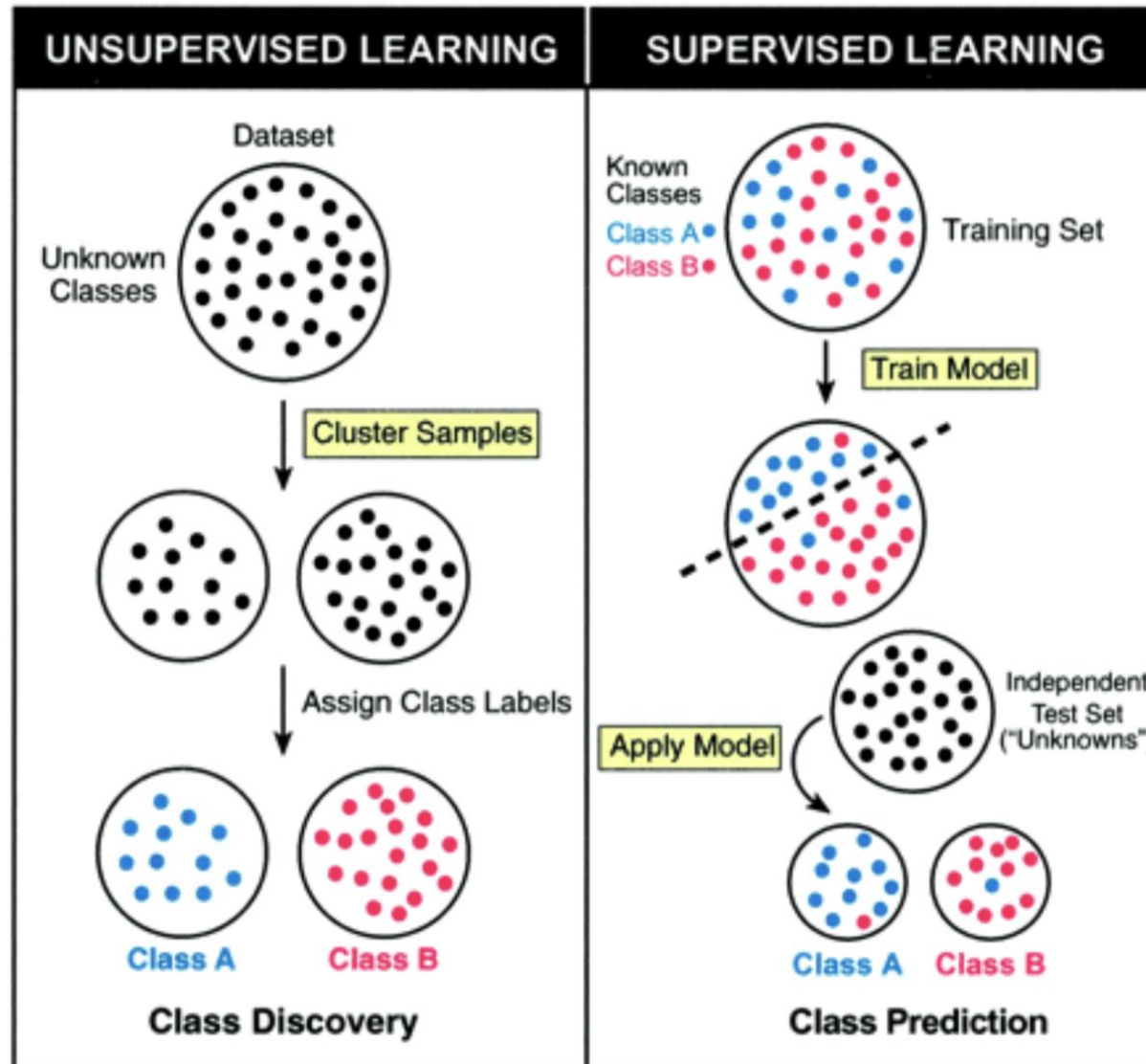
Gene Expression Profile



The diagram illustrates a Gene Expression Profile matrix. A horizontal double-headed arrow above the table is labeled m samples. A vertical double-headed arrow to the left of the table is labeled n genes. The table has 5 columns and 5 rows. The first column is labeled 'Geneid'. The subsequent columns are labeled 'Condition 1', 'Condition 2', '...', and 'Condition m '. The rows are labeled 'Gene1', 'Gene2', '...', and 'Gene n '. The data values are as follows:

Geneid	Condition 1	Condition 2	...	Condition m
Gene1	103.02	58.79	...	101.54
Gene2	40.55	1246.87	...	1432.12
...
Gene n	78.13	66.25	...	823.09

Gene expression data analysis



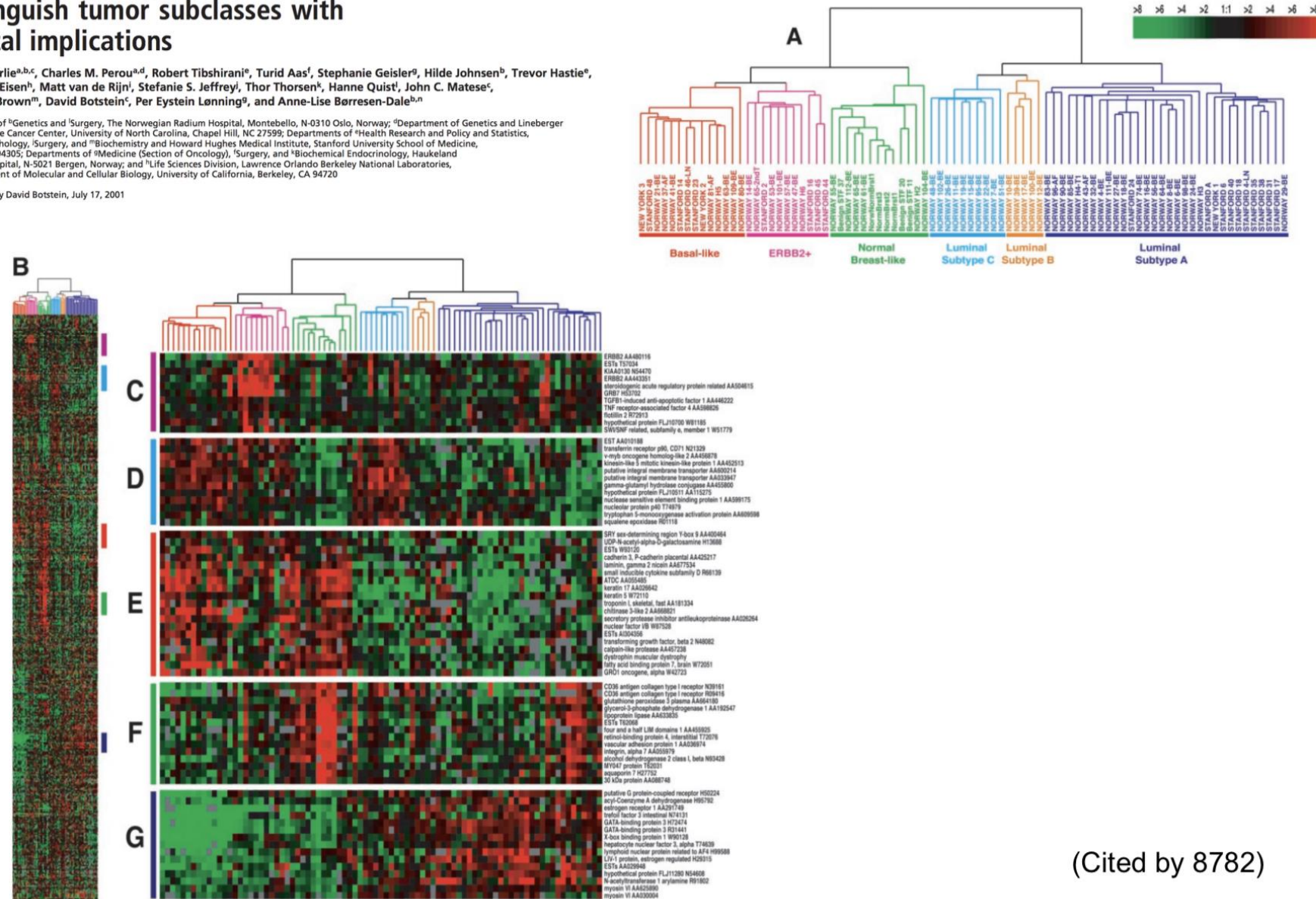
Gene Expression Clustering

Gene expression patterns of breast carcinomas distinguish tumor subclasses with clinical implications

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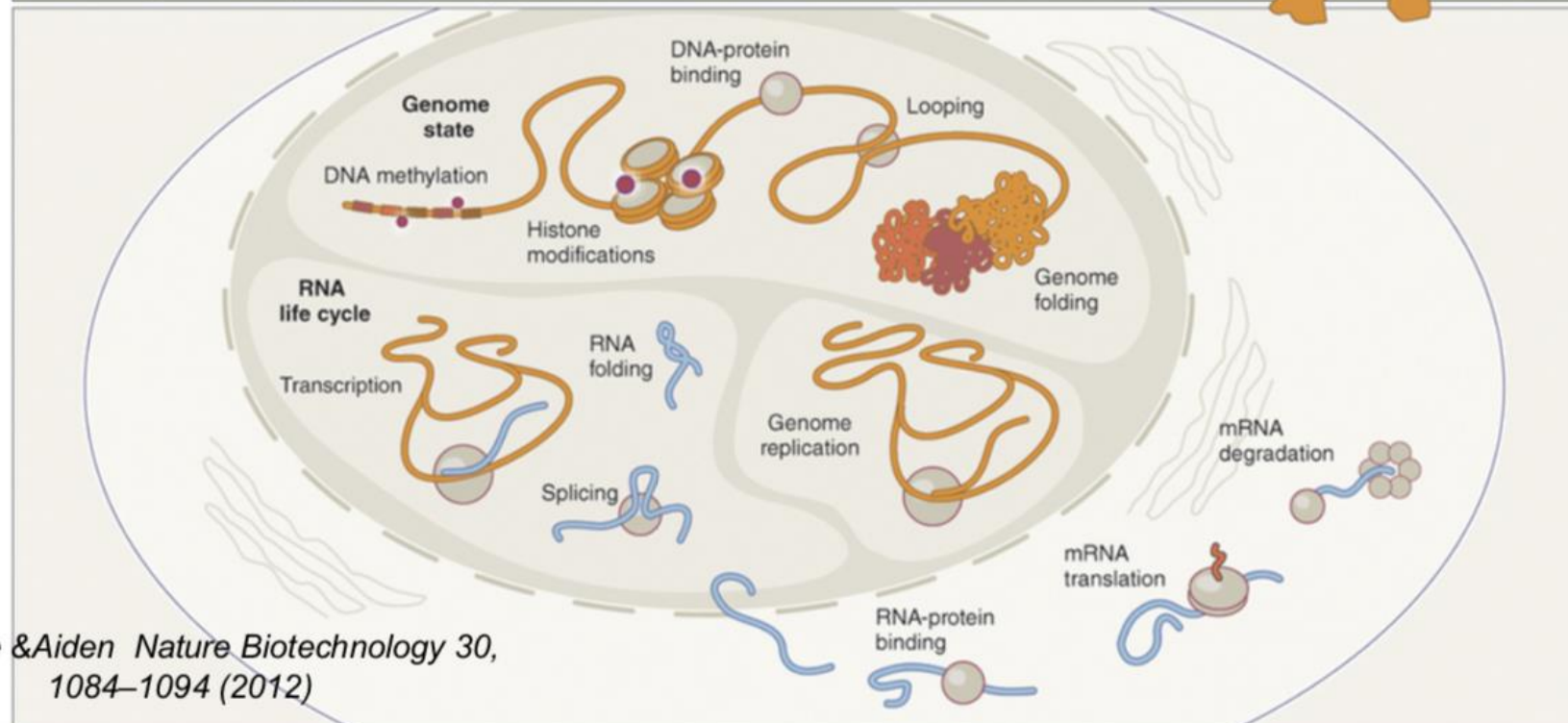
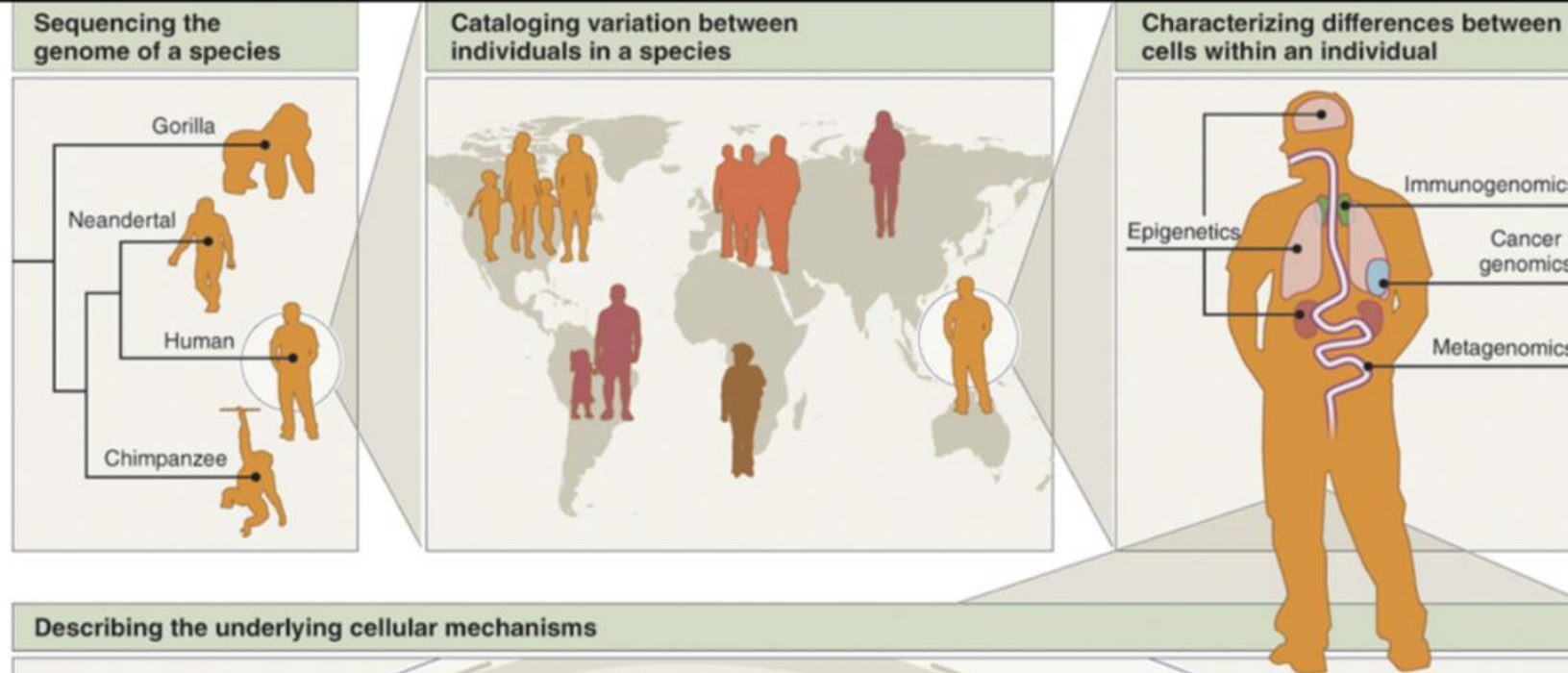
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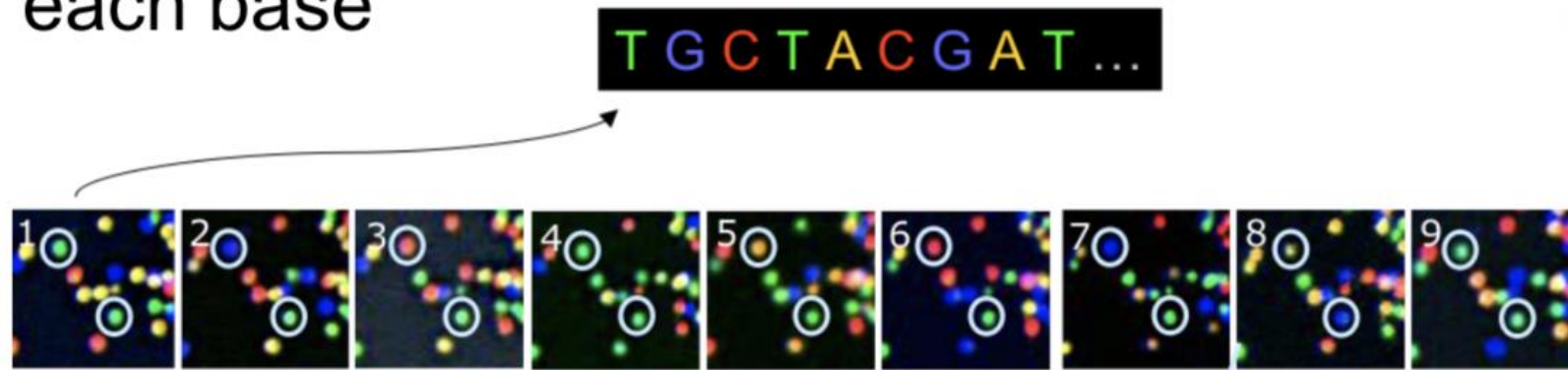
Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

- High throughput sequencers that produce many short sequences
 - Lower accuracy (than single sequence Sanger sequencing)
 - Requires processing data before use in analysis pipelines
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- Slides in this section from Dr. Katerina Kechris



Base-Calling

- Converts the fluorescence signals of four nucleotides for each cycle into sequence data
- Methods differ on correcting for cross-talk, phasing/prephasing, signal decay
- Return sequence read and quality score for each base



Quality Score Per Base

- Assess reliability of base call
- For each base, converts error probability (p) to integer score (rounded)

$$q = -10 \log_{10}(p)$$

q	p	Probability called base is correct
10	0.1	0.9
20	0.01	0.99
30	0.001	0.999
40	0.0001	0.9999

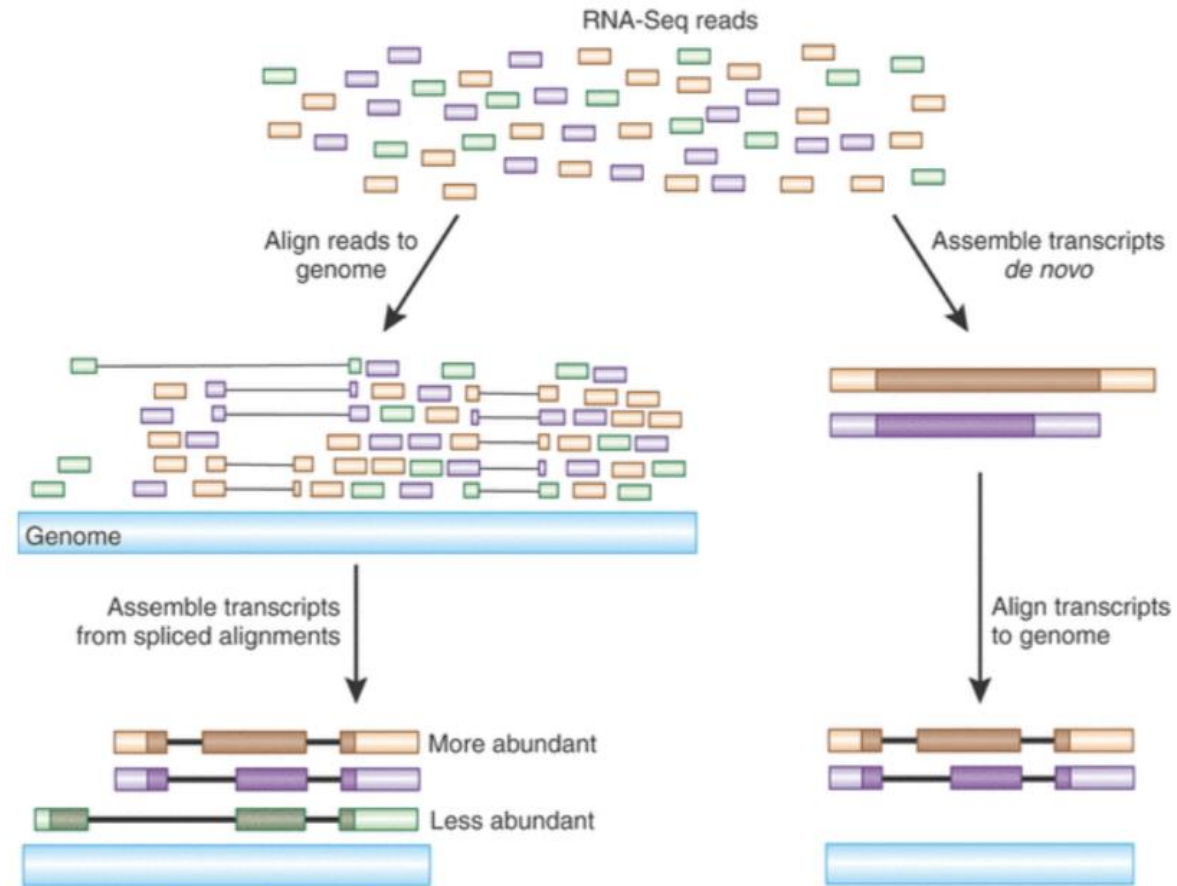
Output: FASTQ Format

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@SEQ_ID
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- ASCII text
- 4 lines per sequence
- Line 1 begins with the @ character, a sequence ID, and an optional description
- Line 2 is the sequence for the read
- Line 3 begins with the + character, followed by the same sequence ID, and another optional description
- Line 4 encodes quality values in hexadecimal format for the sequence letters in line 2
 - Must contain the same number of characters as the sequence in line 2
 - Hexadecimal – use single ASCII to represent up to 92 numeric value (save space)

Mapping & Reconstruction

1. Mapping:
Align reads to
reference
genome (read
mapping)
2. Reconstruct
transcriptome
(using
reference or
de novo)



Mapping Options

Align and then assemble

vs

Assemble and then align

Align to genome

vs

Transcriptome

Non-spliced vs Spliced

Challenges for Mapping

- Multiple hits
- Allowing mismatches
 - High error rate
- Paired-end reads
- Span exon-exon junctions
 - Align with gaps
- Very large number of reads
 - Storage & processing power

Pharmacogenomics & Personalized Medicine

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What is Personalized Medicine?

- Also known as “precision medicine.”
- Provide "the right patient with the right drug at the right dose at the right time."
- Tailor medical treatment to the individual characteristics, needs, and preferences of a patient during all stages of care.
- Identify genetic or protein biomarkers to predict drug response and side effects.

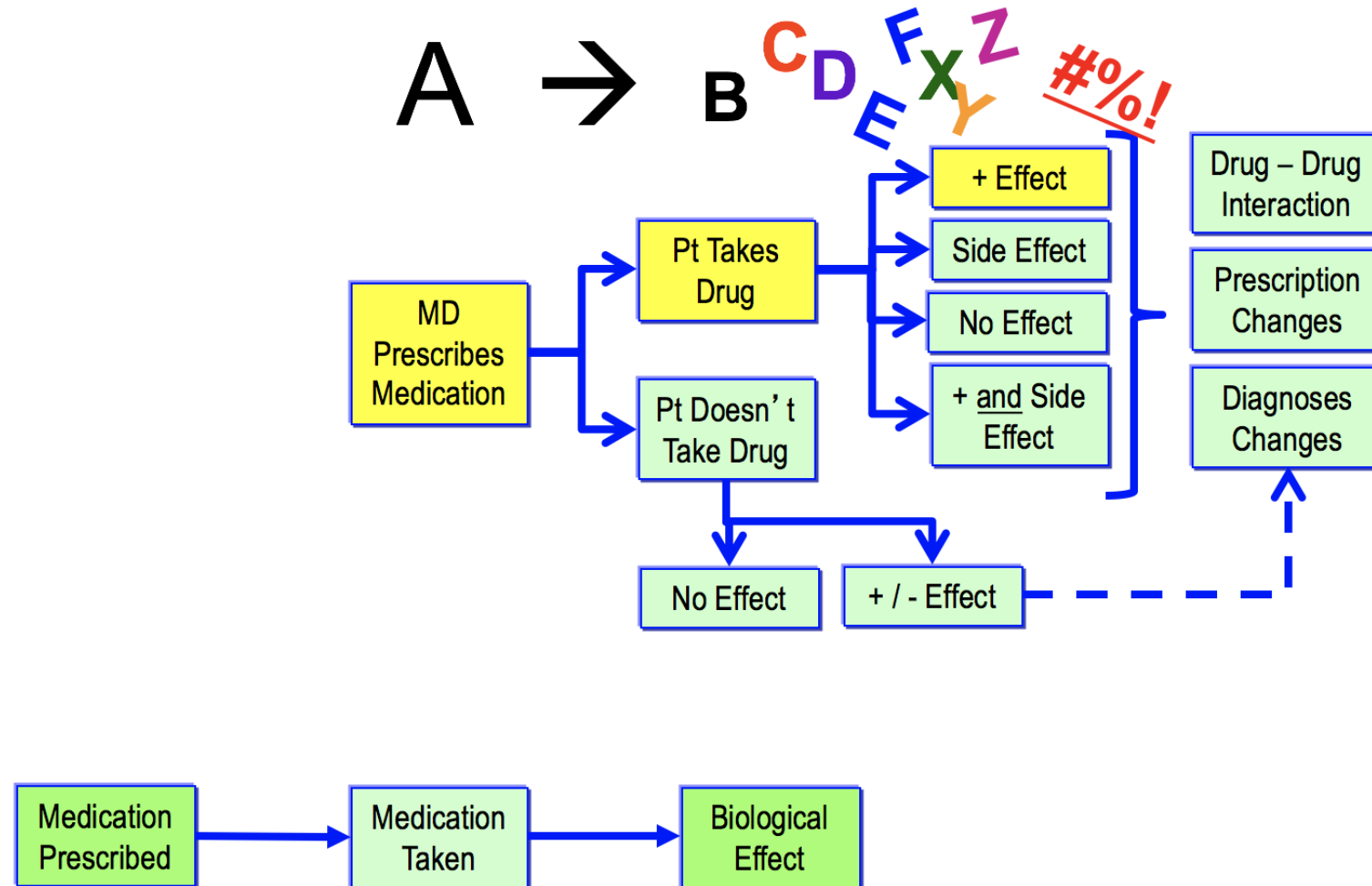
Pharmacogenetics Terminology

- A genetic variant is a difference in the DNA sequence compared with a reference sequence.
 - Polymorphism: A genetic variant that is common, often defined as $\geq 1\%$ in the population.
 - Mutation: A genetic variant that is rare, often defined as $<1\%$ in the population.

Examples of Types of Genetic Variants	Definition
Single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)	Difference in one nucleotide (base pair)
Insertion or deletion (<u>indel</u>)	Insertion or deletion of multiple consecutive nucleotides
Repeat polymorphism	Variable number of nucleotides that are repeated
Copy number variation (CNV)	Abnormal number of copies of one or more DNA regions (e.g., gene duplication or deletion)

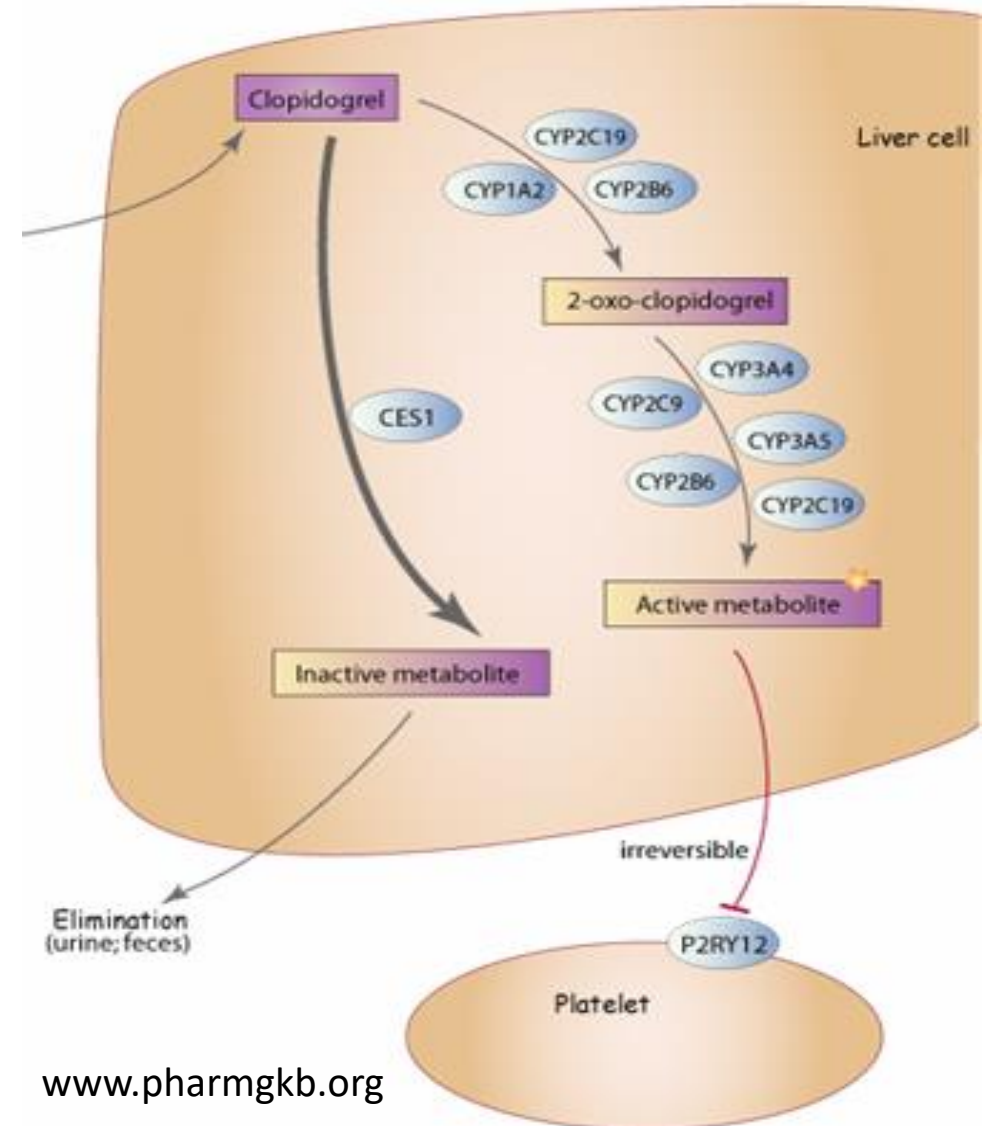
Realities of Drug Therapy

Physician Prescribes a Medication → **Anything goes**



Clopidogrel (Plavix)

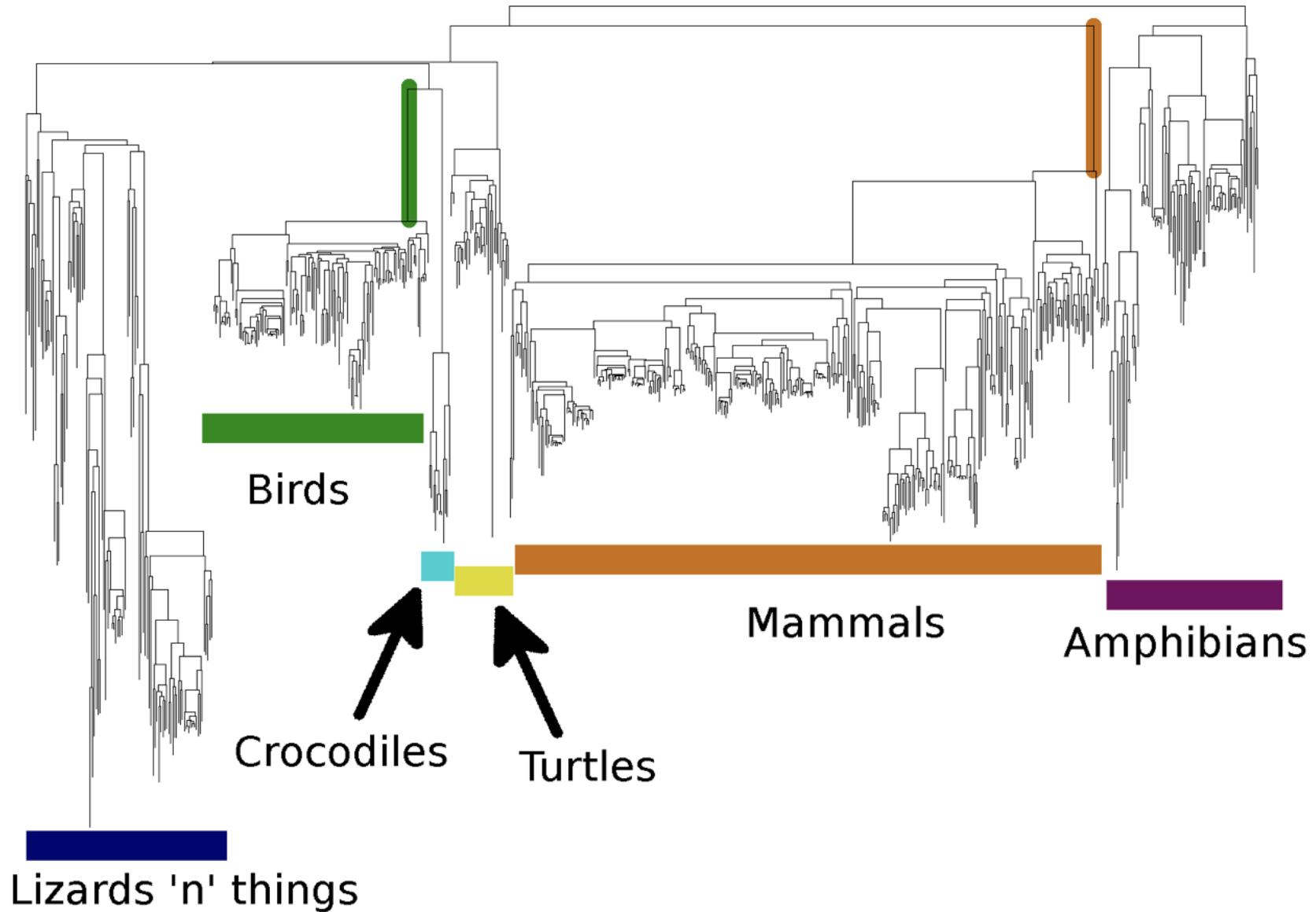
- Antiplatelet agent used to reduce the risk of atherosclerotic events.
- Metabolized to 2-oxo-clopidogrel and an active thiol metabolite by numerous CYP enzymes.
- CYP2C19 is the key enzyme involved in the formation of the active metabolite.
- The active metabolite binds to and inhibits P2Y₁₂ receptors on platelets, thereby inhibiting platelet activation and aggregation.



Computational Phylogeny

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Tetrapods

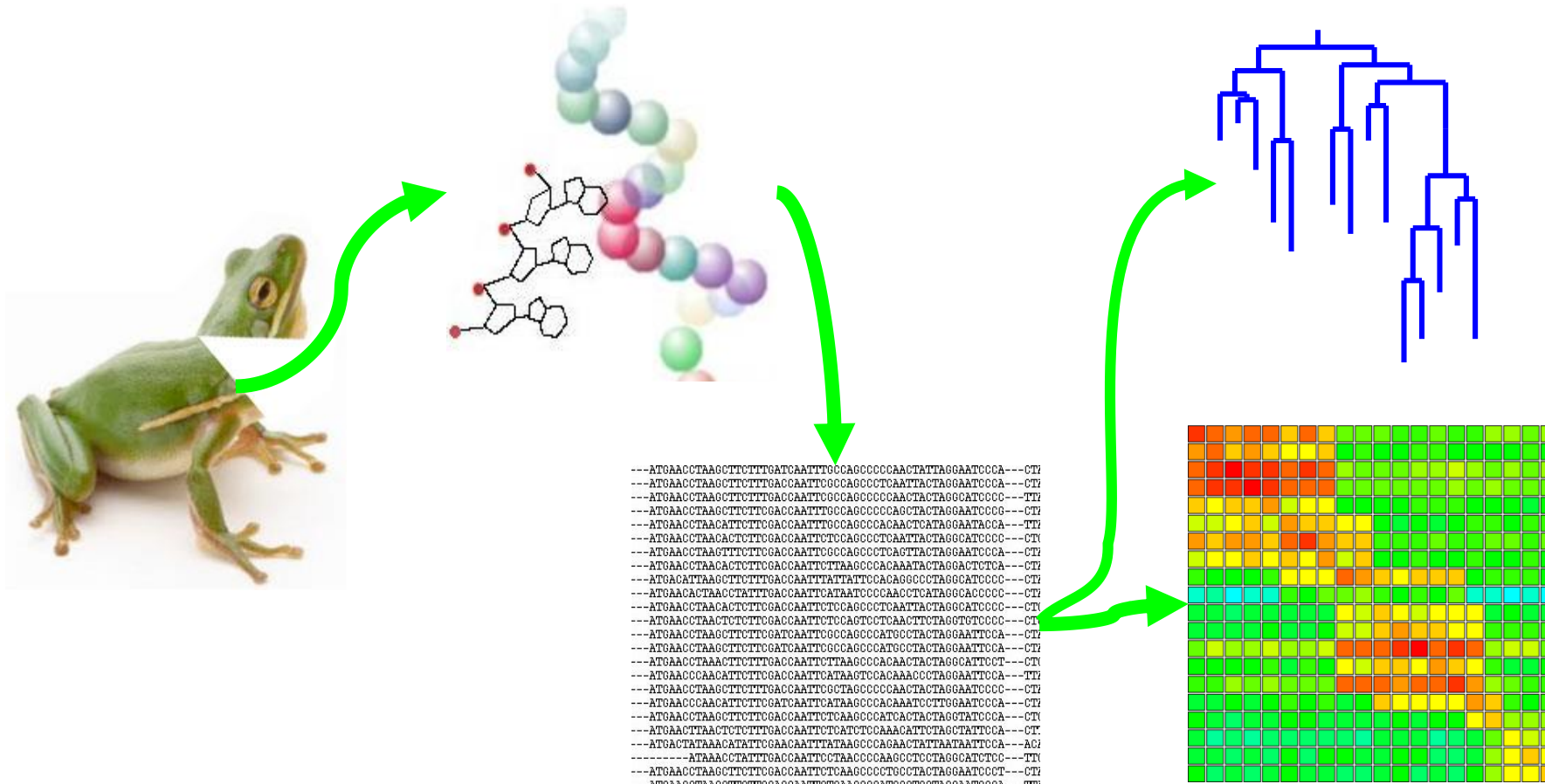


Cytochrome C Oxidase I Bayesian consensus tree

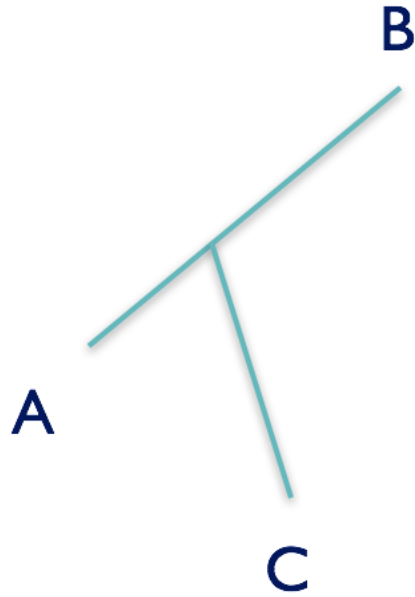
Why Phylogenetics?

- Resolve evolutionary history
 - Important for comparative analysis to account for correlations due to relatedness
- Disease origins, paths of infection
 - Influenza, HIV
- Origin of genes, systems, functions

Standard Empirical Models of Sequence Evolution



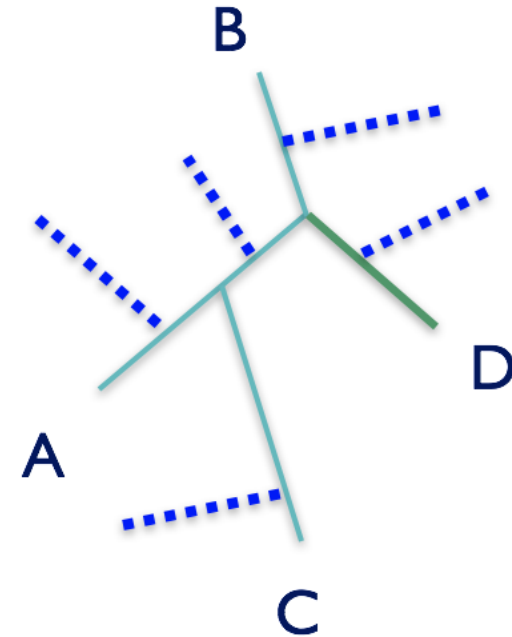
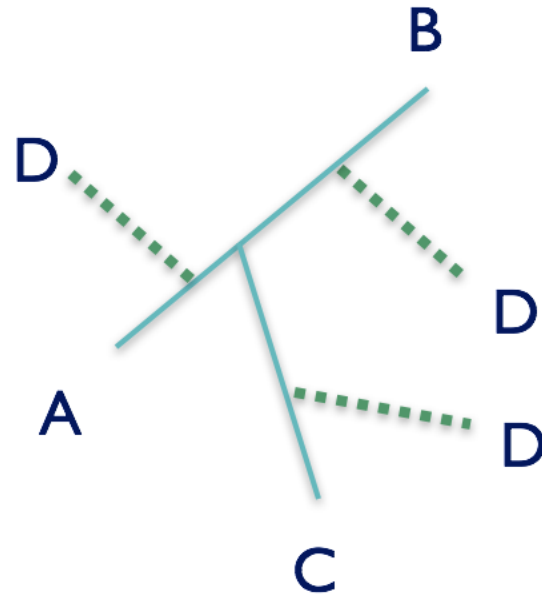
Topology Space



$$\prod_{i=3}^T (2i - 5)$$

Times branch
lengths

Need tree search
algorithm



Heuristic, Optimal, Posterior

- NP hard, so need tricks
- Distance
 - Estimate of amount of change separating two sequences (species)
 - Calculate analytically (limited), or ML
 - Requires a reversible model of evolution
- Parsimony
 - Minimal number of changes
 - Poorly specified model (but there is one)
 - Easy to calculate
- ML, Bayes
 - Model based, don't toss the data

Multiple Sequence Alignment

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Why MSA?

“Whether the ultimate aim is a ***phylogenetic*** analysis of several orthologues, the identification of a ***pattern*** for particular feature or motif, or the basis for ***structural modelling***, multiple sequence alignments allow the researcher to gather more biological information than a single sequence can offer”

“The importance of a residue for maintaining the structure and function of a protein can usually be inferred from how conserved it appears in a multiple sequence alignment of that protein and its homologues”

Valdar WS. Scoring residue conservation. Proteins. 2002 Aug 1;48(2):227-41. Review

Pre-requisite knowledge

Computational / Math / Statistics & Biochemistry

- Alphabets

DNA (n= 4)

RNA (n = 4)

Amino Acids (n = 20)

CODON (n=64)

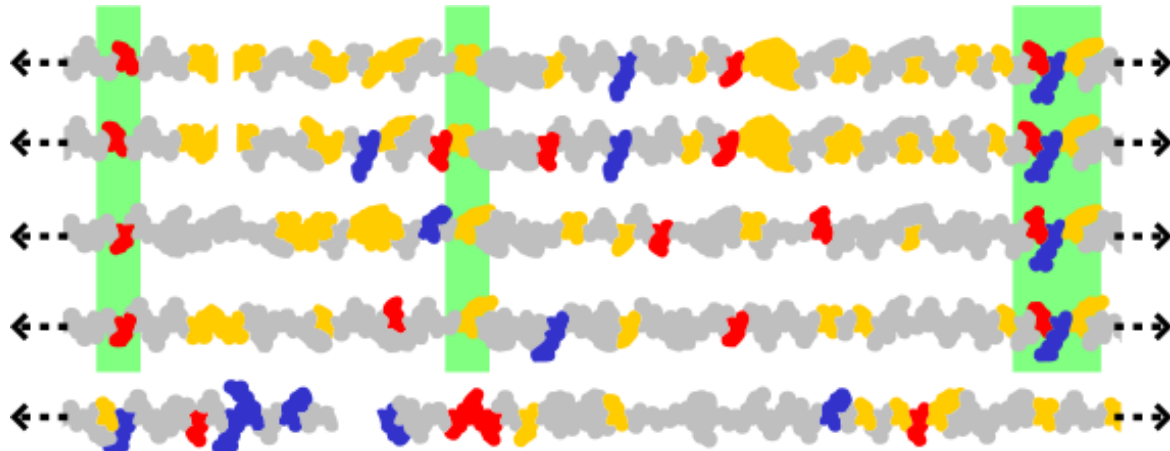
Table 3 - Codon usage of the *Arapaima gigas* mtDNA.

Amino acid (anticodon)	Codon group	Usage of codon ending in				Total	%
		A	C	G	T		
Ala (UGC)	GCN	94	108	4	88	294	7.53
Cys (GCA)	TGY	0	19	0	11	30	0.77
Asp (GUC)	GAY	0	37	0	39	76	1.95
Glu (UUC)	GAR	90	0	6	0	96	2.46
Phe (GAA)	TTY	0	120	0	127	247	6.33
Gly (UCC)	GGN	92	63	35	46	236	6.05
His (GUG)	CAY	0	66	0	45	111	2.84
Ile (GAU)	ATY	0	110	0	201	311	7.97
Lys (UUU)	AAR	82	0	5	0	87	2.23
Leu (UAG)	CTN+TTR	367	116	44	107	634	16.24
Met (CAU)	ATR	146	0	40	0	186	4.77
Asn (GUU)	AA Y	0	70	0	64	134	3.43
Pro (UGG)	CCN	122	36	7	43	208	5.33
Gln (UUG)	CAR	94	0	94	0	188	4.82
Arg (UCG)	CGN	44	12	4	12	72	1.84
Ser (UGA)	TCN+AGY	89	99	4	60	252	6.46
Thr (UGU)	ACN	139	86	8	81	314	8.05
Val (UAC)	GTN	86	35	12	54	187	4.79
Trp (UCA)	TGR	111	0	9	0	120	3.07
Tyr (GUA)	TAY	0	49	0	64	113	2.90
Stop (UUA)	TAR	5	0	1	0	6	0.15
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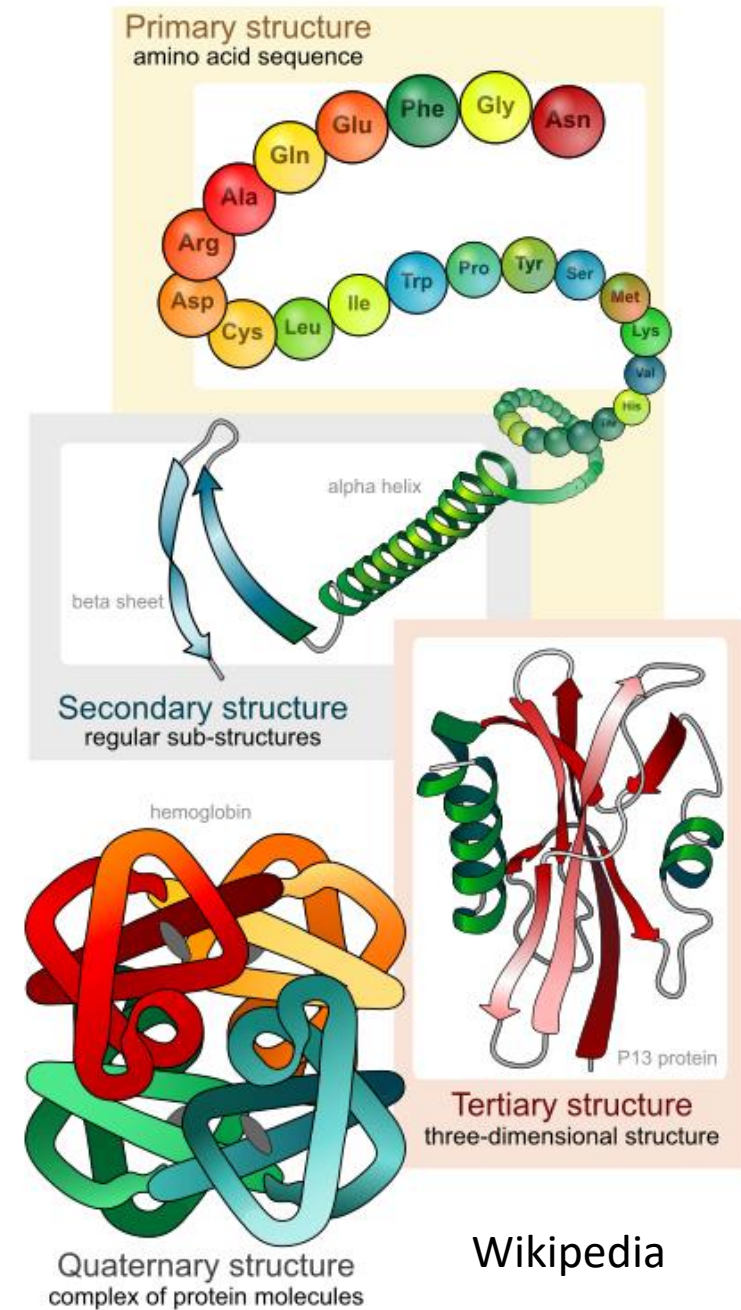
Pre-requisite knowledge

Biochemistry / Molecular Biology

- Mutation rates drive evolution
- Biophysical mechanisms produce mutation rates:
DNA / RNA Polymerase
- Insertion / Deletion : frameshift → altered CODON

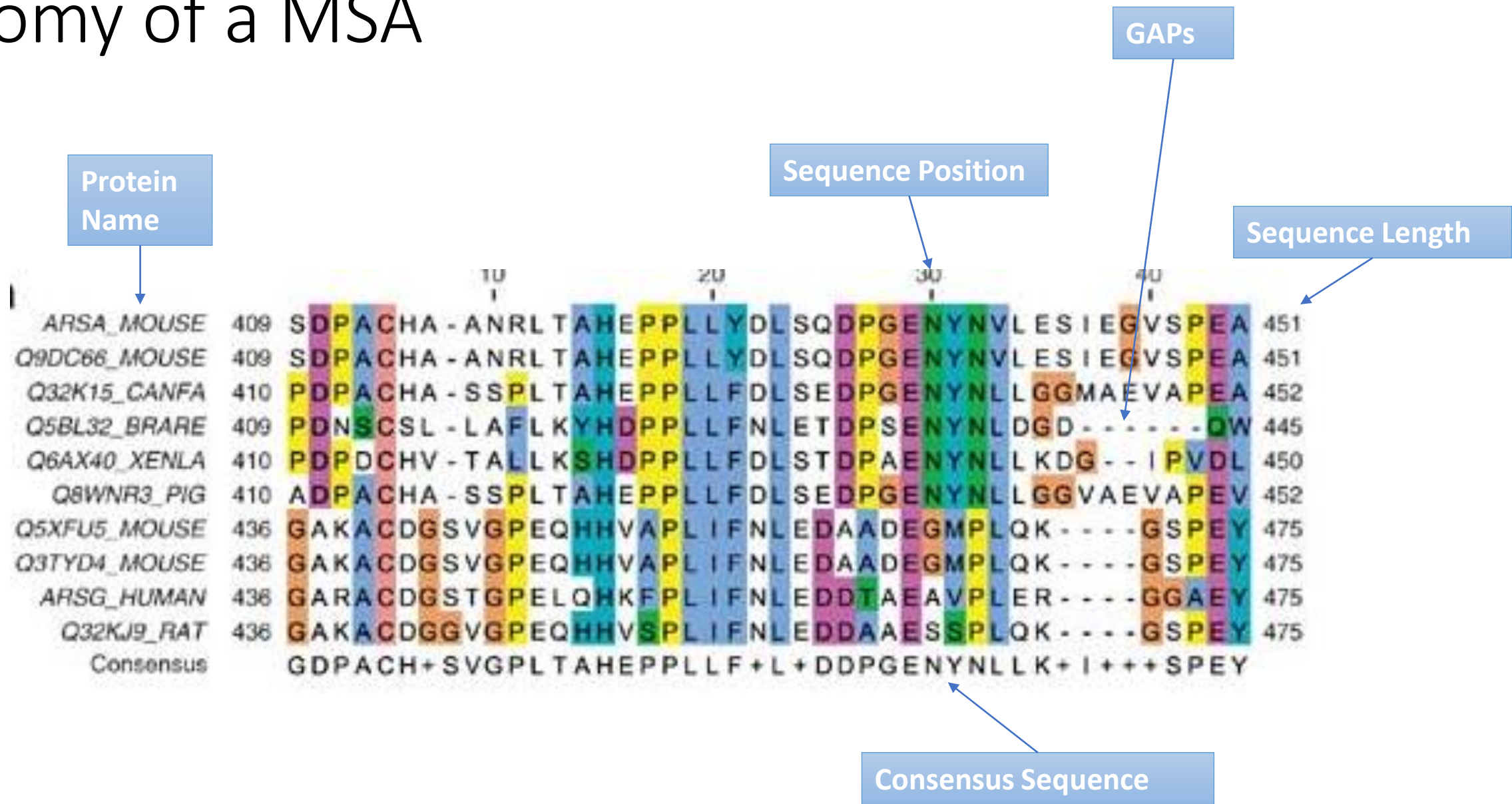


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Anatomy of a MSA



Protein Structure and Prediction

- Given a sequence of DNA can we compute:
 - The translated protein sequence?
 - The protein's shape?
 - The protein's functionality?

- Slides in this section from: Dr. Michael Strong

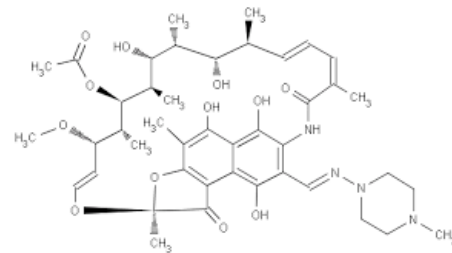
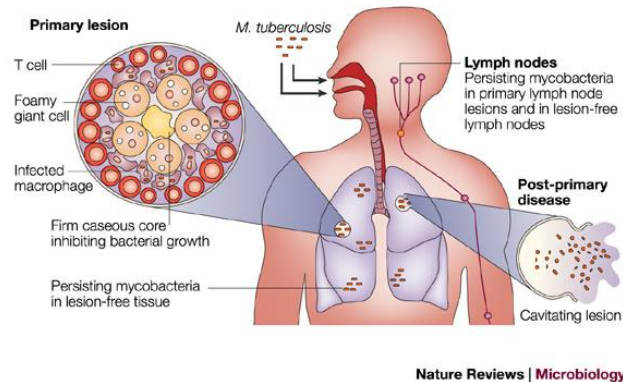
Why do we care about protein structures

Combining Structure and Genomic Information

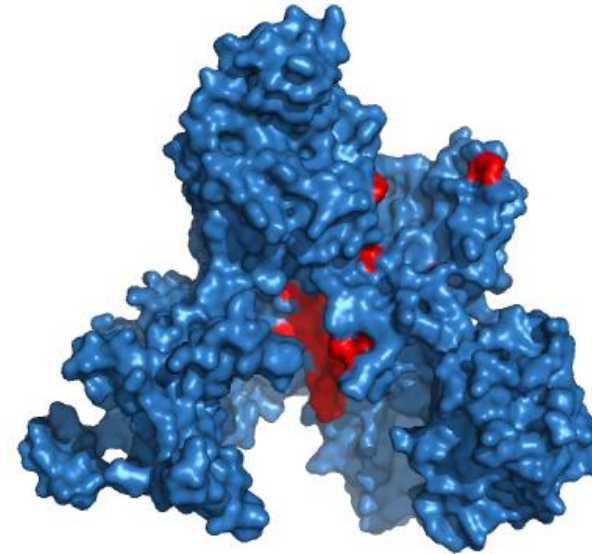
- Help us understand **implications of mutations**

Drug Resistance

Tuberculosis



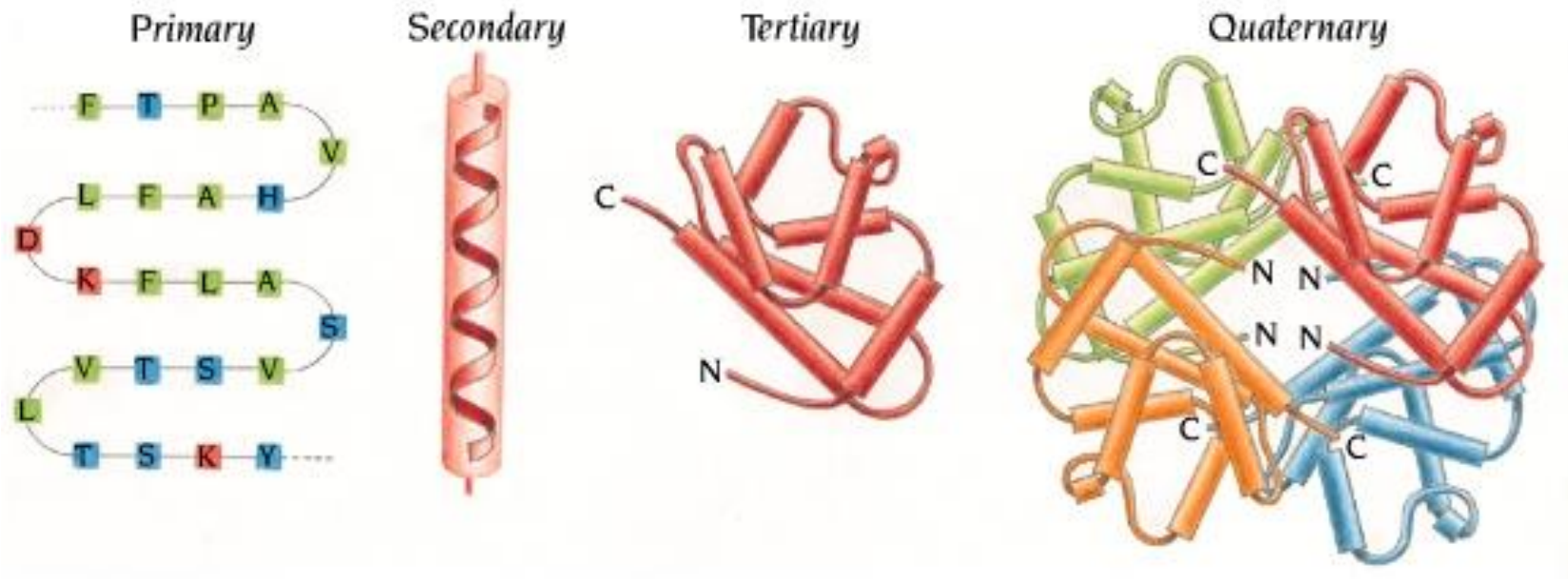
Rifampin



rpoB drug target

Most Proteins Spontaneously Fold

Important to Computational Biologists, because this suggests that all information relating to the correct folding of a protein is contained in it's primary amino acid sequence, **but** ...



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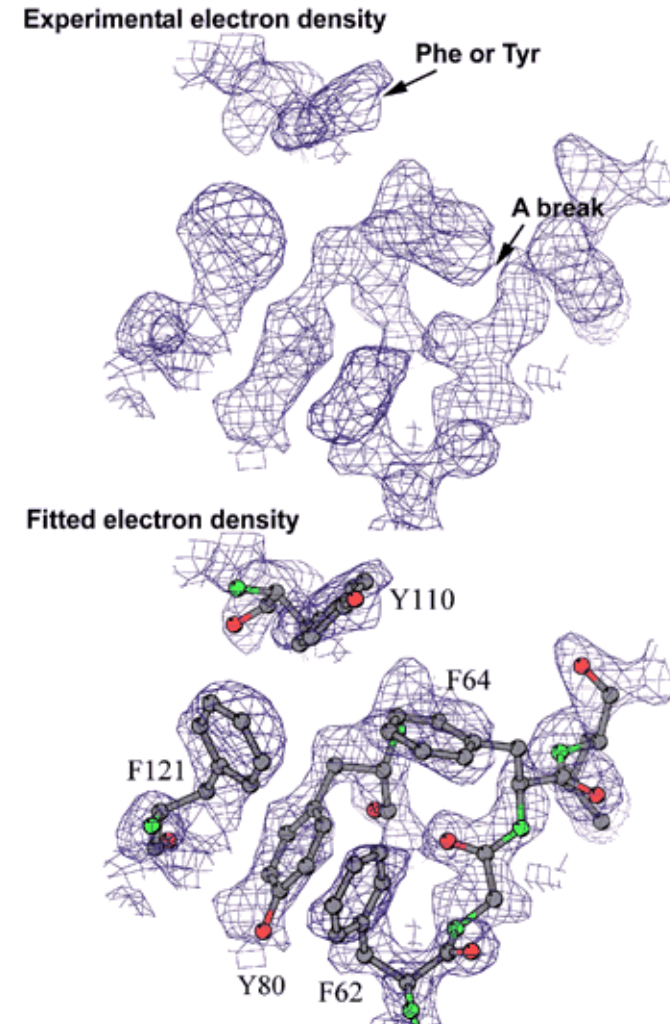
Experimental Methods of Structure Determination

X-ray crystallography

High resolution structure determination

- Intensities and phases of all reflections are combined in a Fourier transform to provide maps of electron density

Phases determined by using heavy metals or selenomethionine (MAD)



Experimental Methods of Structure Determination

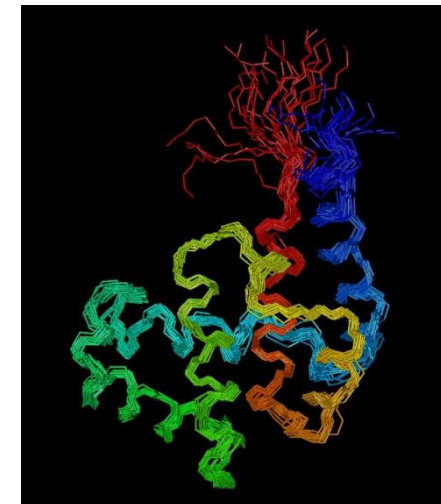
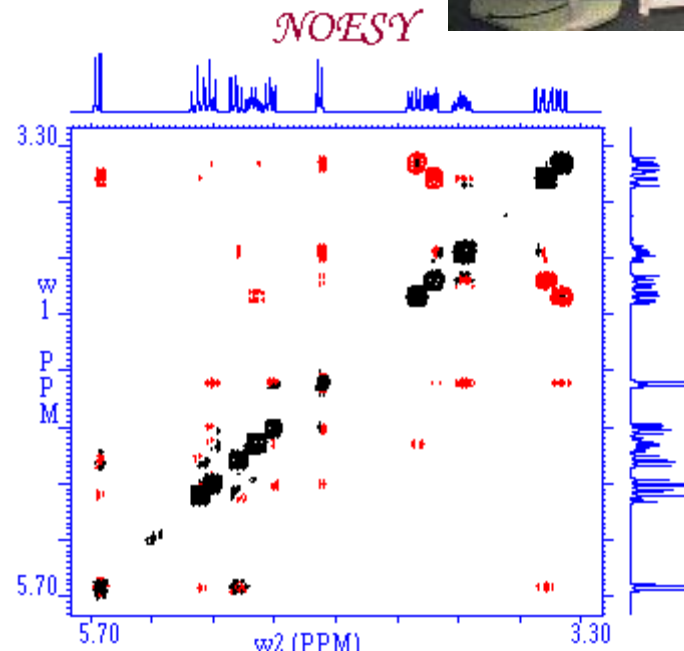
NMR – Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

High resolution structure determination

- Smaller Proteins than X-ray
- Distances between pairs of hydrogen atoms
- Lots of information about dynamics
- Requires soluble, non-aggregating material
- Assignment sometimes difficult



NOE cross-peak if they are within 5.0 Å

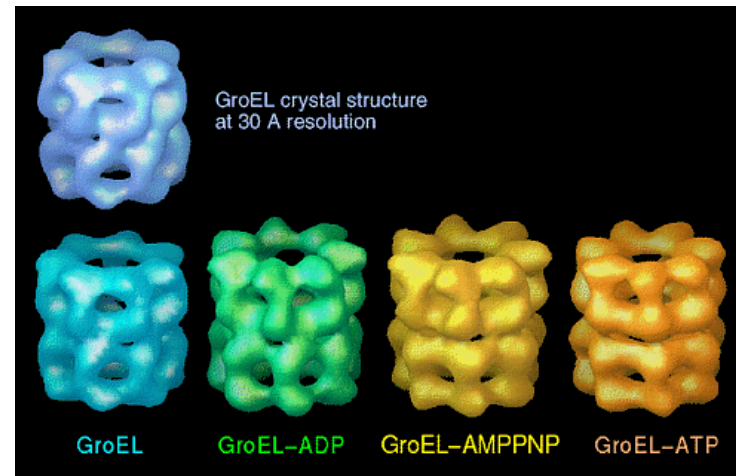
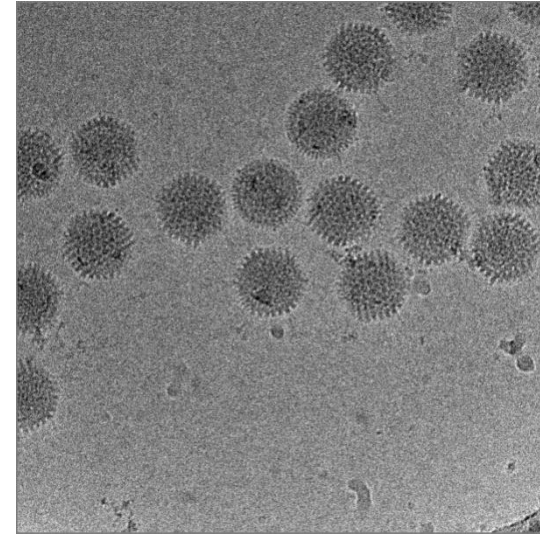


Experimental Methods of Structure Determination

Cryo Electron Microscopy

Low to medium resolution structure determination

- Medium resolution typically $\sim 10\text{-}15\text{\AA}$ (up to 3.8\AA in some special cases)
- Limited information about dynamics
- Can be used for very large molecules and complexes



Rosetta structure prediction

2 phases

1. Low-resolution phase – statistical scoring function and fragment assembly

- A. local structure conformations using info from PDB (3 and 9mer stretches)
- B. multiple fragment substitution simulated annealing – to find best arrangement of the fragments (Monte Carlo Search)
- C. low resolution ensemble of decoy conformations

2. Atomic refinement phase using rotamers and small backbone angle moves (in populated regions of Ramachandran plot)

- A. Refinement
- B. Then structures clustered based on RMSD
- C. Center of the Largest Clusters chosen as representative folds (likely to be correct fold)

The energy model

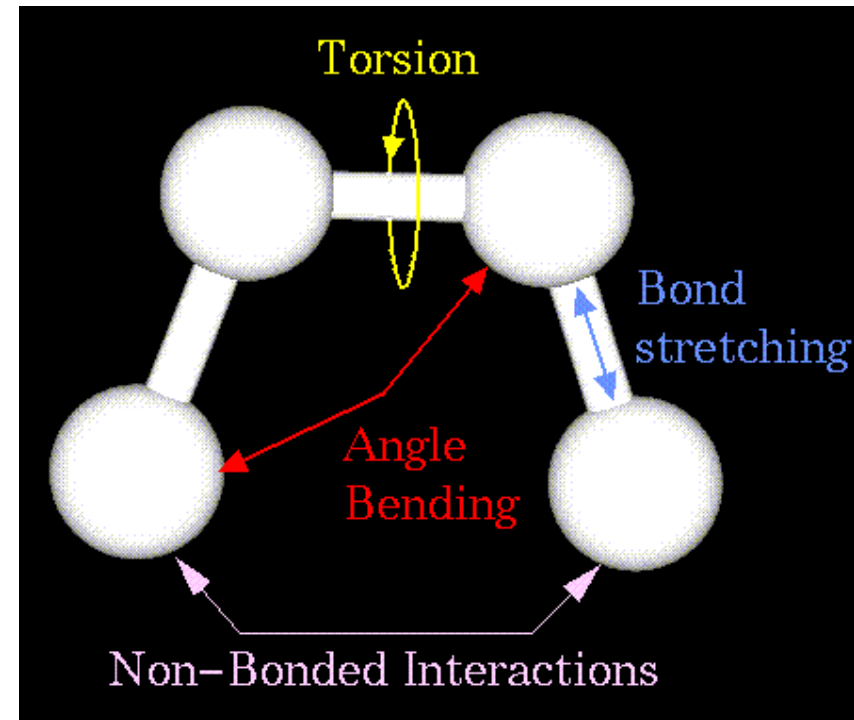
- Proposed by Linus Pauling in the 1930s
- Bond angles and lengths are almost always the same
- Energy model broken up into two parts:

Covalent terms

- Bond distances
- Bond angles
- Dihedral angles

Non-covalent terms

- Forces at a distance between all non-bonded atoms



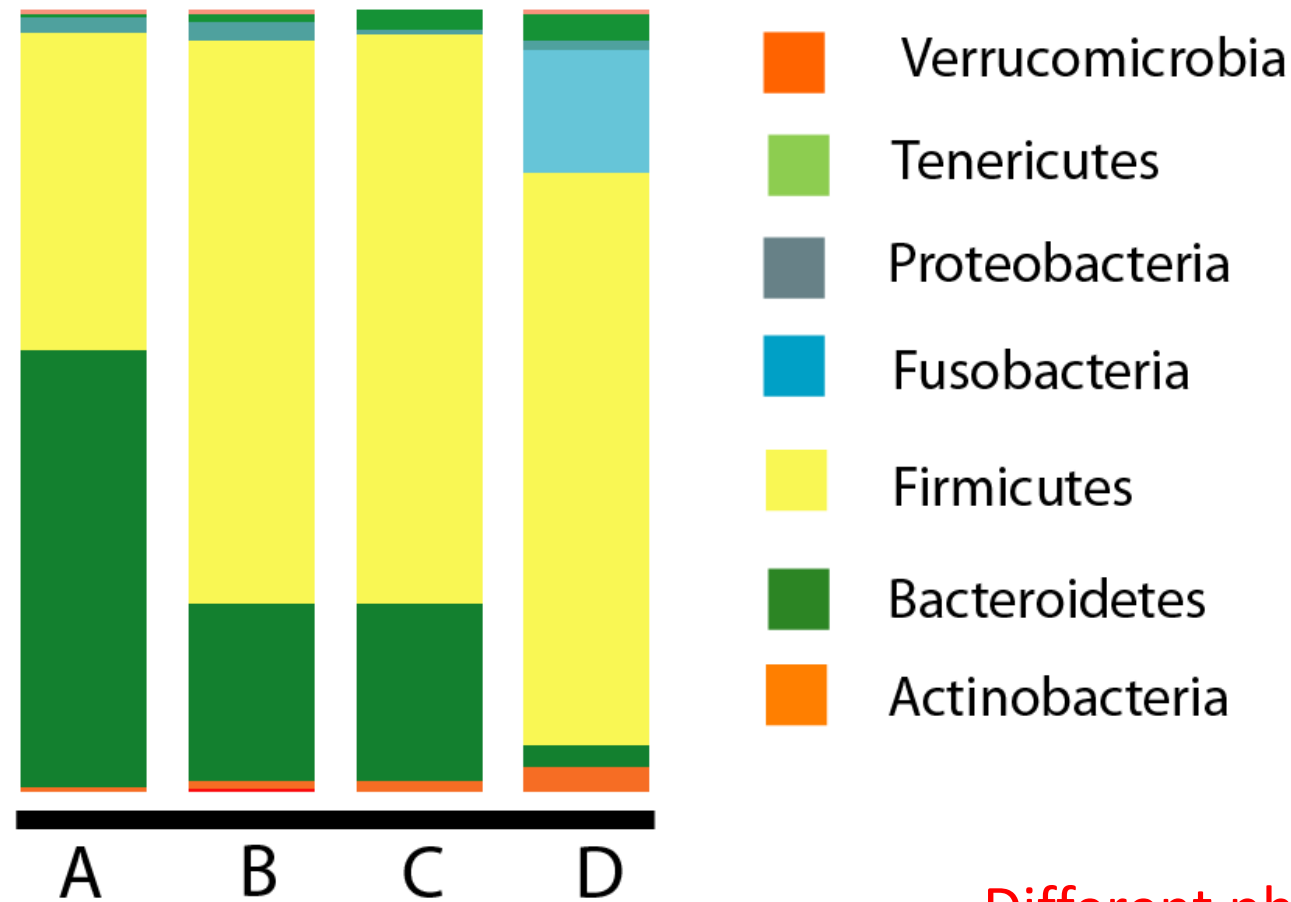
Microbiome & Metagenomics

- Microbiome: “The ecological community of commensal, symbiotic, and pathogenic microorganisms that share our body space”
- Metagenomics: In essence, using DNA sequences from a microbial sample to identify the species present
- Slides in this section from: Dr. Catherine Lozupone

What do we want to understand?

- What does a healthy microbiome look like?
 - How diverse is it?
 - What types of bacteria are there?
 - What is their function?
- How variable is the microbiome?
 - Over time within an individual?
 - Across individuals?
 - Functionally?
- What are driving factors of variability?
 - Age, culture, physiological state (pregnancy)
- How do changes affect disease?
 - What properties (taxa, amount of diversity) change with disease?
 - Cause or affect?
 - Functional consequences of dysbiosis
- Host Interactions
 - Evolution/adaptation to the host over time.
 - Immune system

Gut microbiota has simple composition at the phylum level

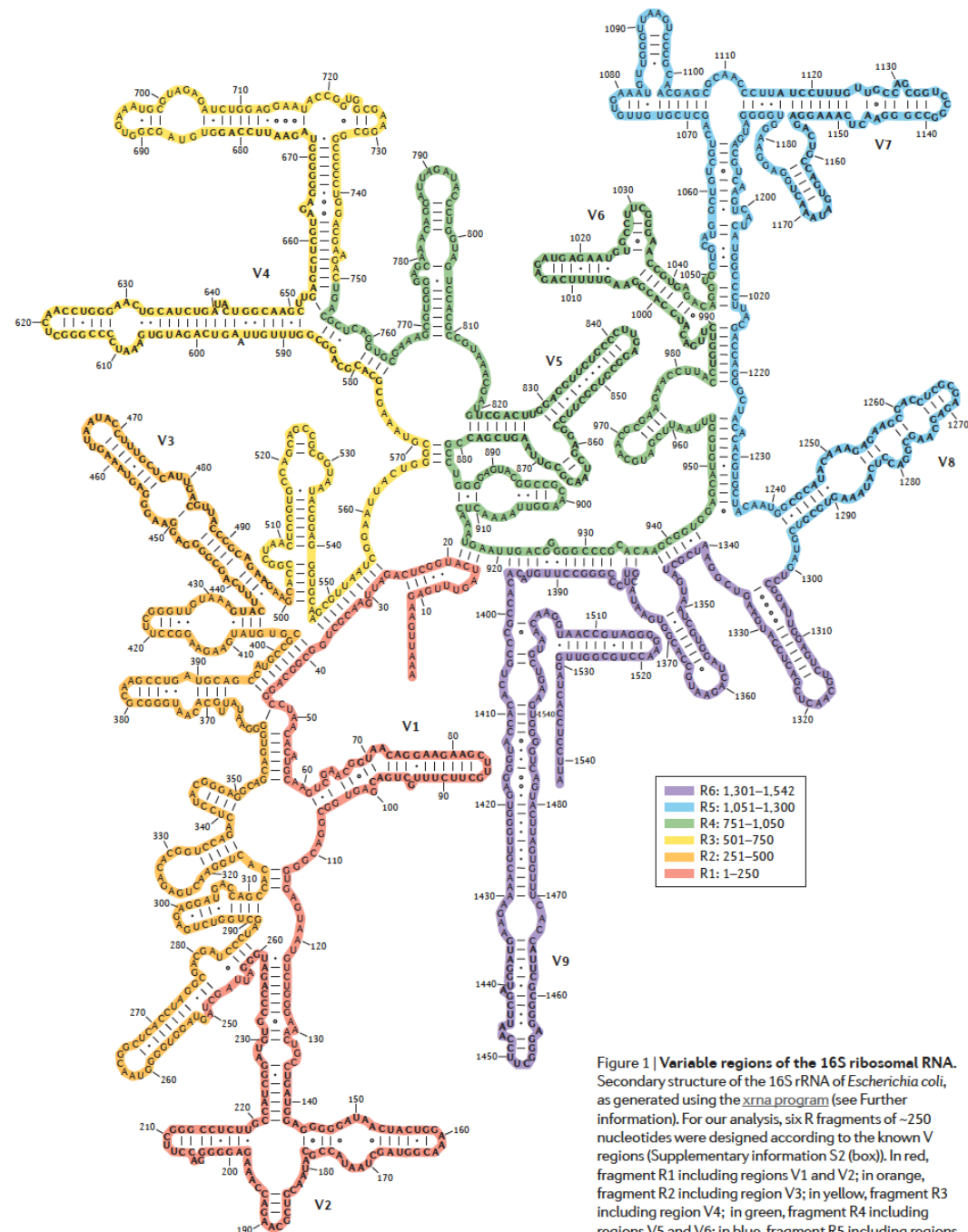


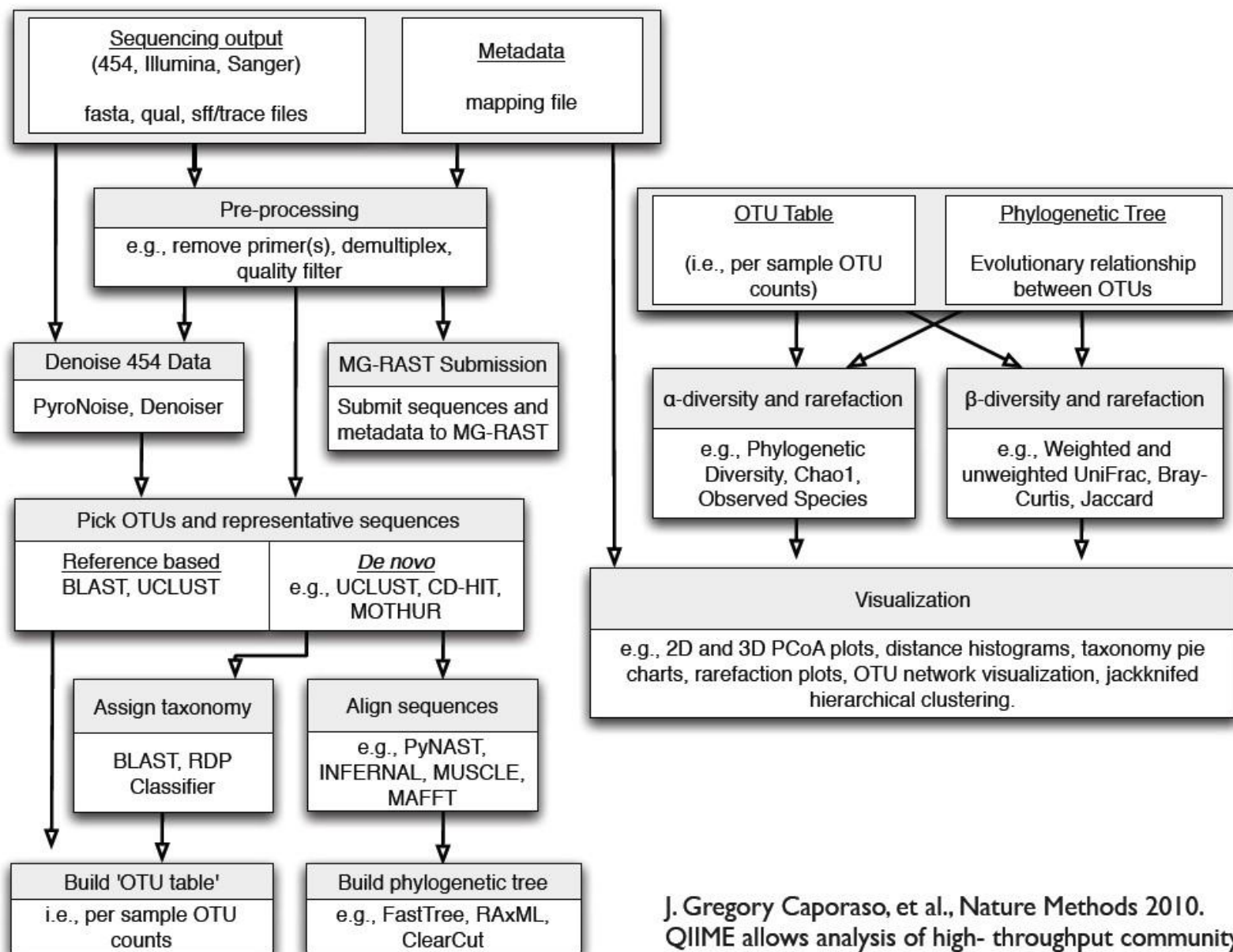
Different phyla: Animals
and plants

Data from: Yatsunenko *et. al.* 2012. Nature.

Small Subunit Ribosomal RNA

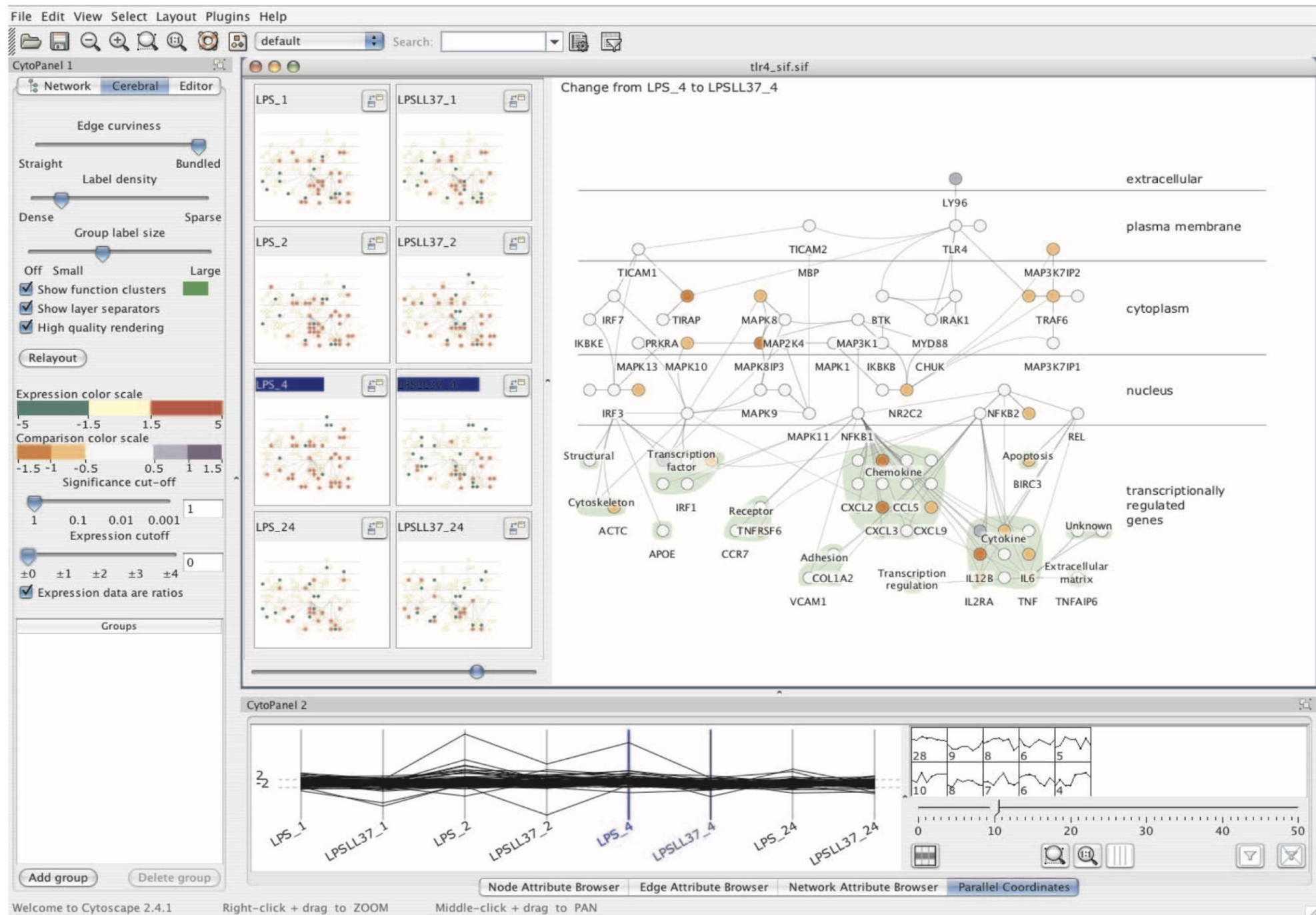
- Present in all known life forms
- Highly conserved
- Resistant to horizontal transfer events
- Big database!





BioViz

- How should one visualize all of this complex bio data?
 - Sequences/genes
 - Pathways
 - Multiple –omics
- Why visualize?
 - Help the patient understand their treatment
 - Help clinicians make critical decisions
 - Understand the data and transformations as a bioinformatist
- Information in this section from: Dr. Carsten Göerg



From Barsky, Aaron et. al. (2008)

Knowledge-based Analysis

- Doing a bio study is costly
 - Patient consent and the IRB (prepare to wait)
 - Chemicals (reagents) used in some experiments are expensive
 - How to avoid running redundant experiments and use existing data?
- Many databases exist for bio data
 - Many are small and specialized
- Many papers are submitted to PubMed each year
 - Difficult to parse all of them, even in a narrow field
- Slides in this section from Dr. Larry Hunter

Knowledge-based Analysis

- Build a database that crawls the existing works and builds a graph of **knowledge** about a certain keyword/phrase
- Aggregate the many data sources into one
- Link data through knowledge parsed from PubMed articles
- (Similar to W3's semantic web)



Analysis is the hard part

- “We are close to having a \$1,000 genome sequence, but this may be accompanied by a \$1,000,000 interpretation.”
 - Bruce Korf, president American College of Medical Genetics
- Not only is the cost of sequencing essentially free, but big computers and big storage are cheap, too. What will keep us busy for the next 50 years is understanding the data”
 - Russ Altman, chair of Biomedical Engineering at Stanford



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