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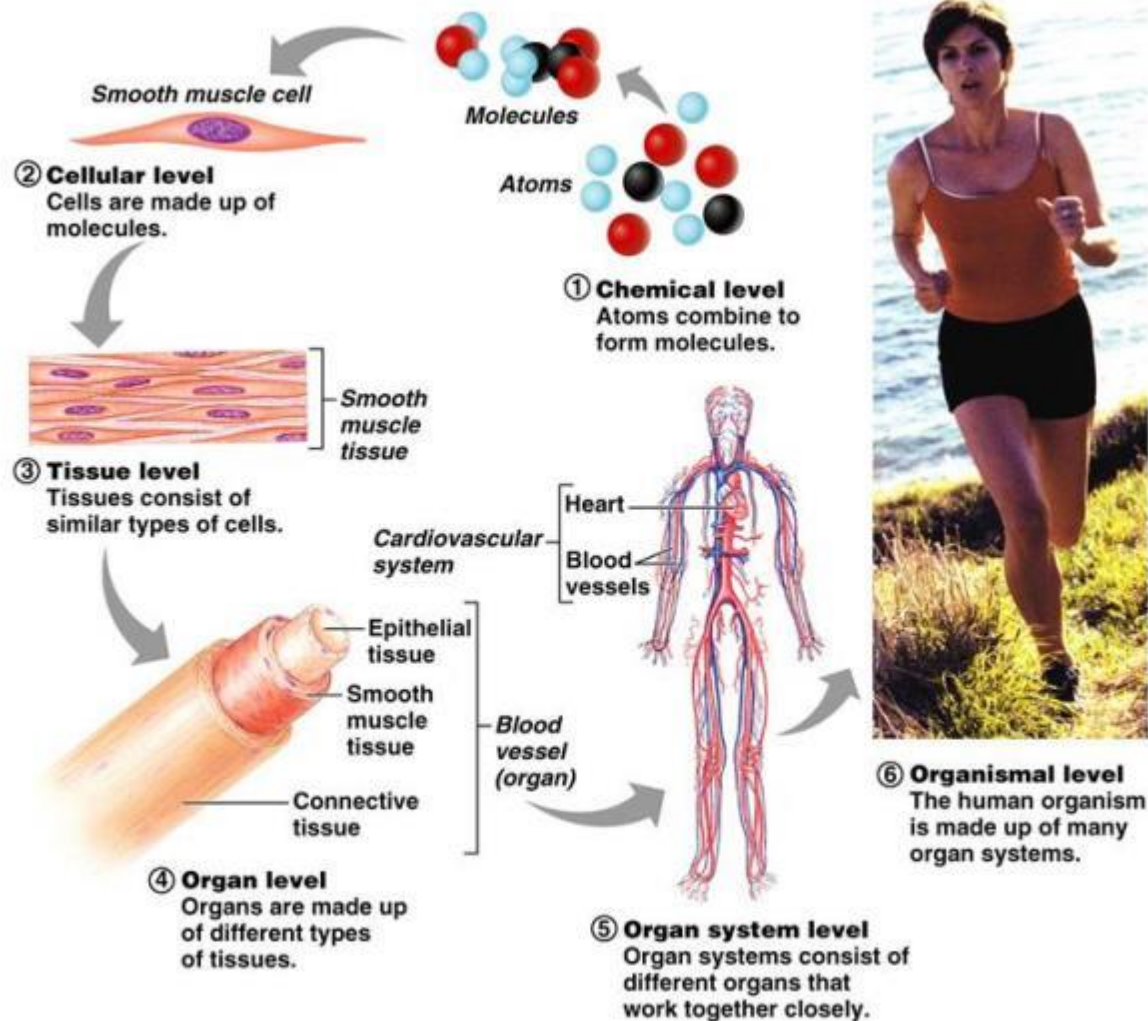
# What happens with the human body when you are running?



# Organ systems work together

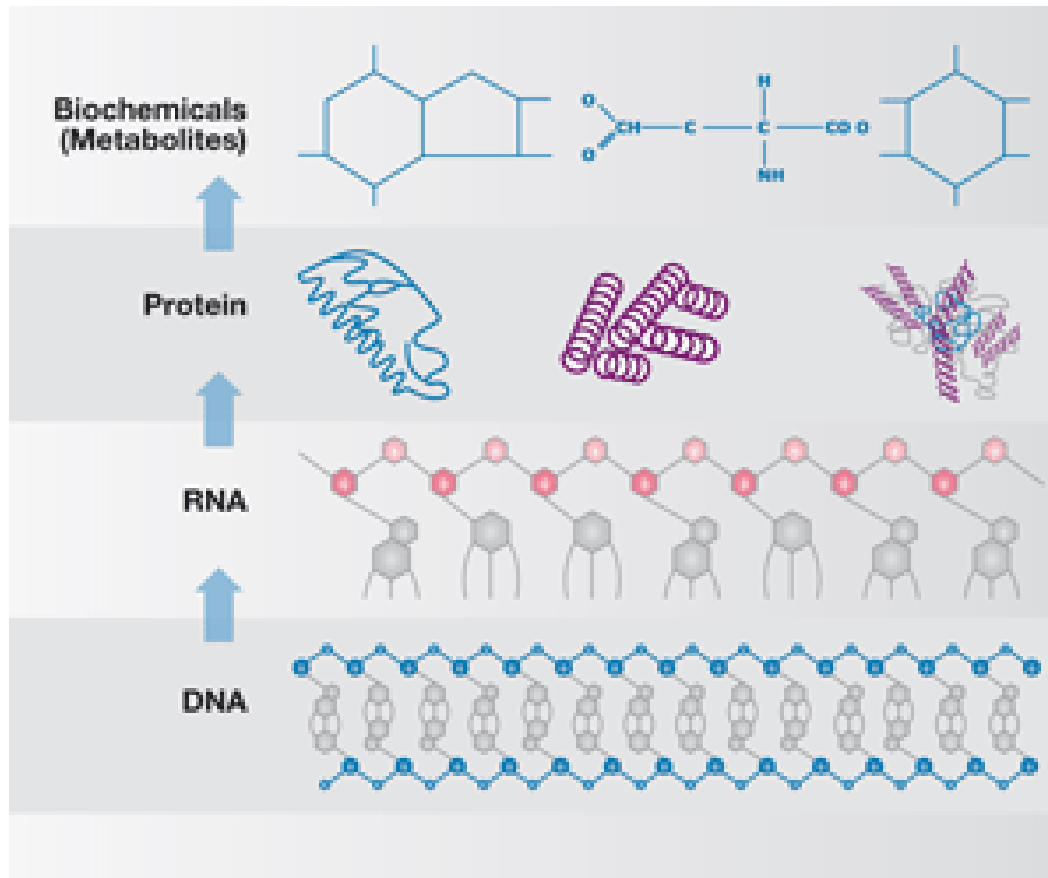
- Muscular system - pulls on the bones to enable you to move
- Respiratory system - makes sure your muscles have enough oxygen for respiration
- Cardiovascular system- provides oxygen and glucose to the skeletal muscle cells
- Nervous system – controls your movements and heart rate

# Human body structure

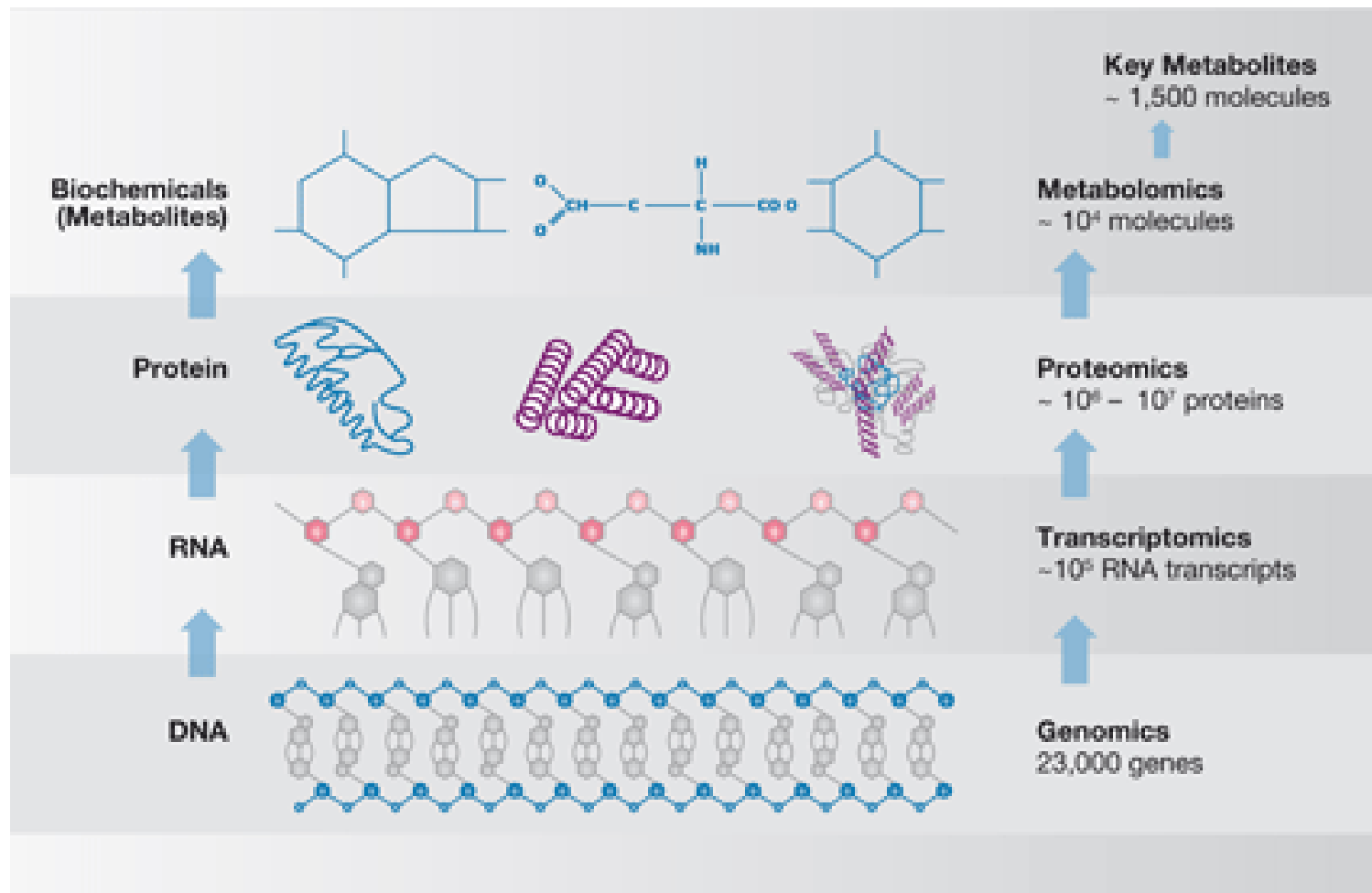


# (Bio)Molecules

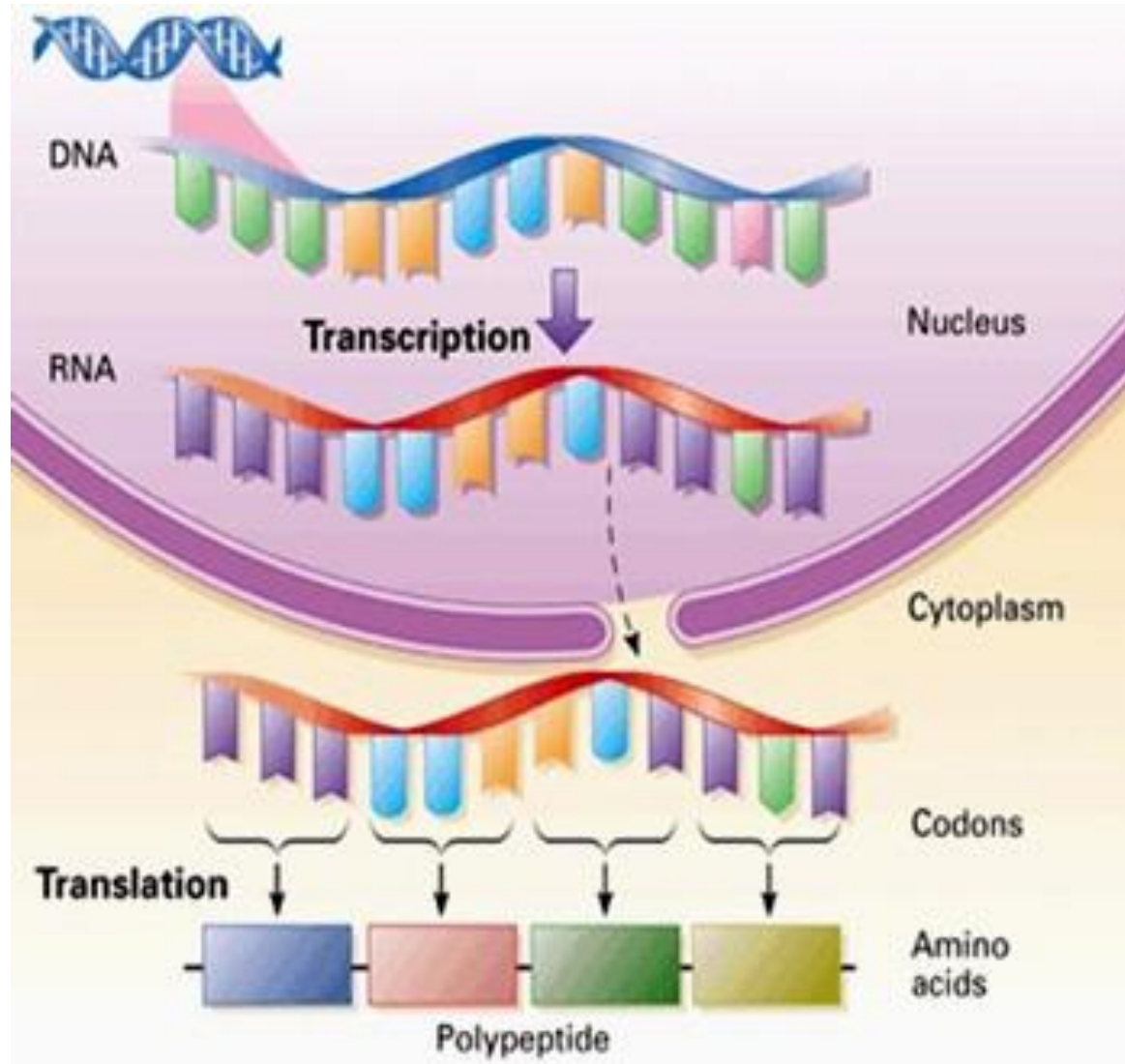
## Individual players are important



# Heaps of knowledge on biomolecules online available.

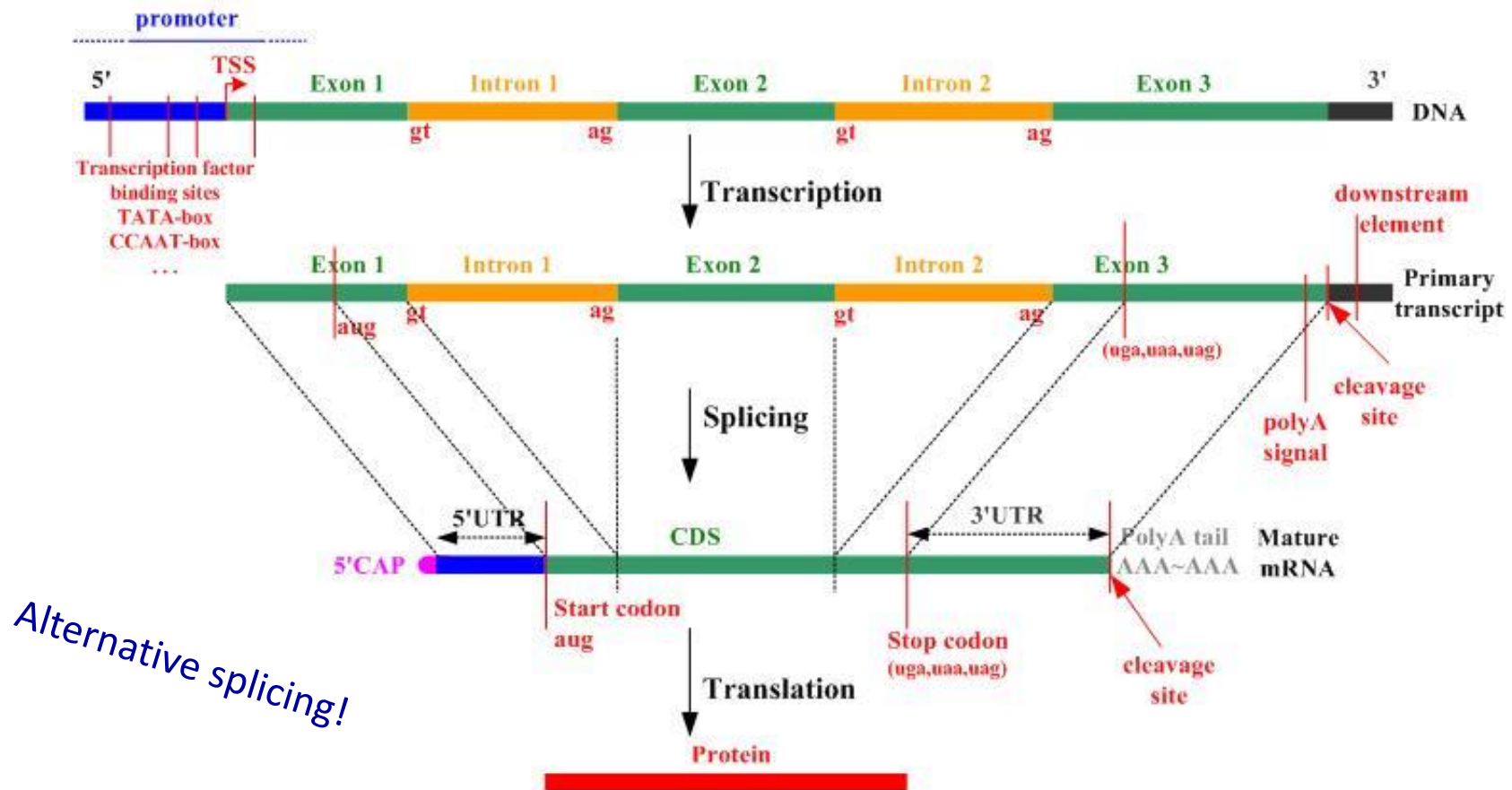


# Protein synthesis





# Gene structure



CDS = Coding DNA Sequence  
UTR = UnTranslated region

# GOAL

To understand biological sequence databases

- Which biological sequence databases are available?
- How can you find information in these databases?
- What is the content of the databases?
- Two projects aimed at deciphering the content of the human genome, the human genome project & ENCODE.
- What is Gene Ontology?

# What is a database

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfT7EGibry0>

(till 2:58)

# Genes in stead of persons

Name	Identifier	Sequence	Synonyms	Chromosomal location	Disease	Many more
Gene 1	2456	AGTCCCGT	DAH, HSD	4q12	Cancer	.....
Gene 2	4333	CGGTAACT	HGR	7p10	Diabetes	.....
Gene 3	6799	AGTCGGCGGG				
etc						



All the available information is stored in databases!

# Biological sequence databases

Originally – just a storage place for sequences.

Currently – the databases are bioinformatics work bench which provide many tools for retrieving, comparing and analyzing sequences.

## 1. Global nucleotide/protein sequence storage databases:

- GenBank of NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information)
- The European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) database
- The DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ)

## 2. Genome-centered databases

- NCBI genomes
- Ensembl Genome Browser
- UCSC Genome Bioinformatics Site

## 3. Protein Databases

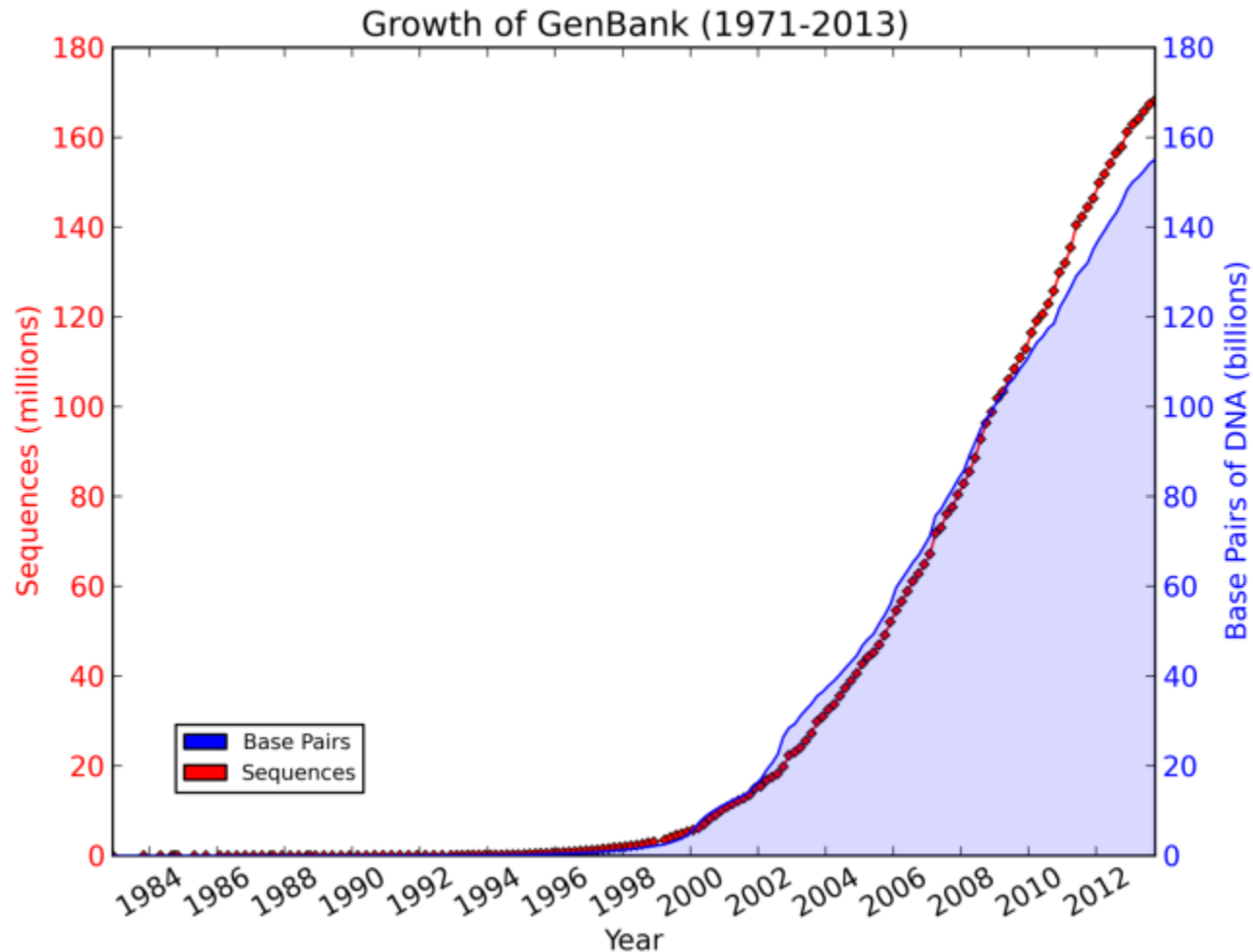
- UniProt

Lecture protein structures

# NCBI nucleotide databases

- GenBank
  - Individual submissions (DNA, mRNA, eiwit)
  - Bulk submissions (Genome centers)
    - High throughput sequencing (DNA)
    - Expressed Sequence Tags (mRNA)
- RefSeq
  - Curated subset of GenBank
  - “Reference” sequence
  - Single sequence per locus / molecule

# Growth of GenBank

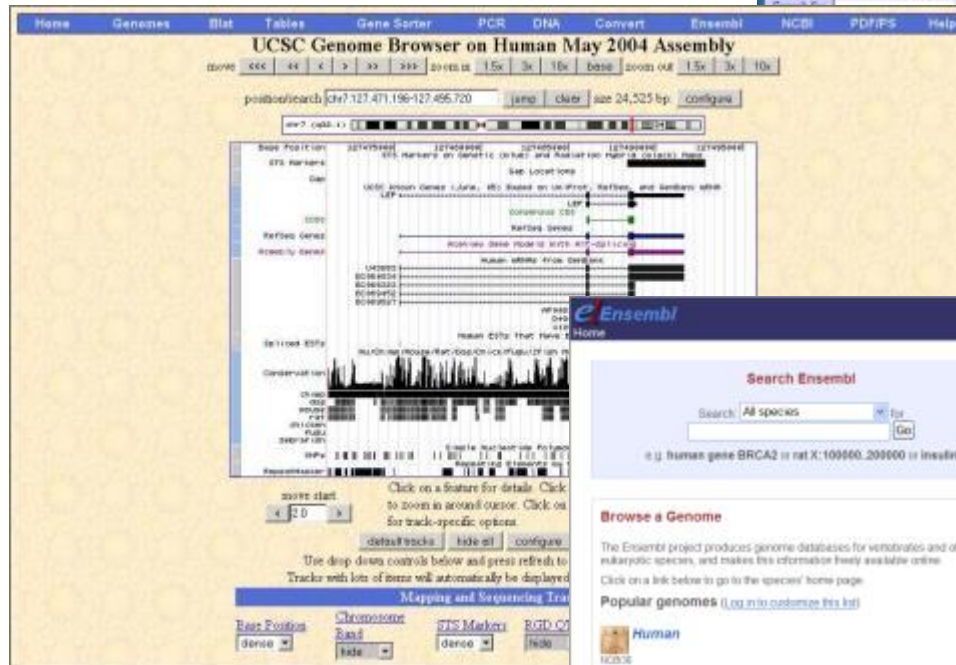


# Genome-centered databases

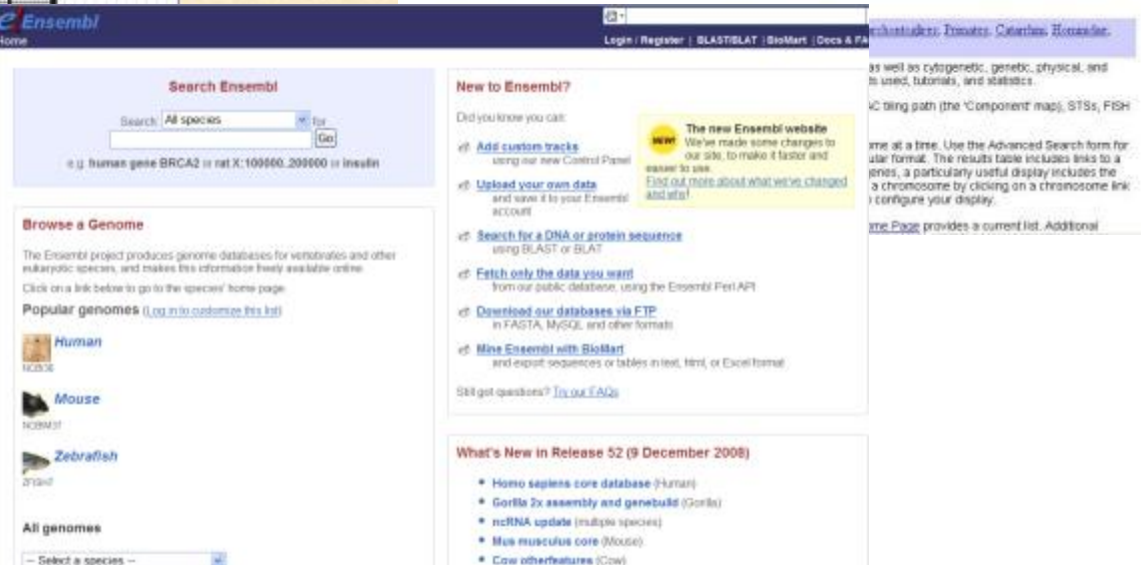
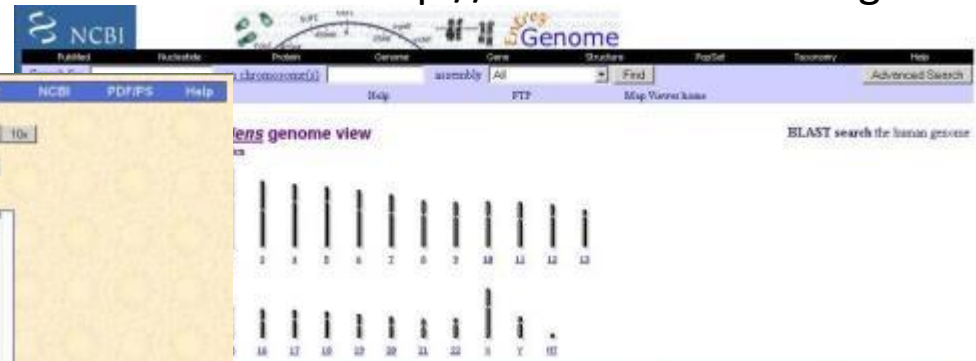
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NCBI

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>



<http://genome.ucsc.edu/>



Ensembl

<http://www.ensembl.org/>



# NCBI homepage

The screenshot shows the NCBI homepage with a red circle highlighting the 'All Databases' dropdown menu. The menu is open, showing a list of databases including Assembly, BioSample, BioSystems, Books, ClinVar, Clone, Conserved Domains, dbGaP, dbVar, EST, Gene, Genome, GEO DataSets, GEO Profiles, GSS, GTR, HomoloGene, and MedGen. The main content area features sections for Submit, Download, Learn, Develop, Analyze, and Research. The right sidebar contains Popular Resources, NCBI Announcements, and a link to More.

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**NCBI Announcements**

NCBI to host genomics hackathon March 20-22

02 Feb 2017

From March 20th to 22nd, the NCBI will host a genome hackathon on the NIH

Multiple Sequence Alignment Viewer 1.3 is now available

31 Jan 2017

The new version of the Multiple Sequence Alignment Viewer (MSA Viewer) has

February 8th NCBI Minute: Finding Gene, Protein and Chemical Names, Aliases and Synonyms


31 Jan 2017

Next Wednesday February 8th MCB

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# NCBI Global Cross-database search

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gquery/>

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**Search NCBI databases** [Help](#)

### Literature

<a href="#">Books</a>	books and reports
<a href="#">MeSH</a>	ontology used for PubMed indexing
<a href="#">NLM Catalog</a>	books, journals and more in the NLM Collections
<a href="#">PubMed</a>	scientific & medical abstracts/citations
<a href="#">PubMed Central</a>	full-text journal articles

### Health

<a href="#">ClinVar</a>	human variations of clinical significance
<a href="#">dbGaP</a>	genotype/phenotype interaction studies
<a href="#">GTR</a>	genetic testing registry
<a href="#">MedGen</a>	medical genetics literature and links
<a href="#">OMIM</a>	online mendelian inheritance in man
<a href="#">PubMed Health</a>	clinical effectiveness, disease and drug reports

### Genomes

<a href="#">Assembly</a>	genome assembly information
<a href="#">BioProject</a>	biological projects providing data to NCBI
<a href="#">BioSample</a>	descriptions of biological source materials
<a href="#">Clone</a>	genomic and cDNA clones
<a href="#">dbVar</a>	genome structural variation studies
<a href="#">Genome</a>	genome sequencing projects by organism
<a href="#">GSS</a>	genome survey sequences
<a href="#">Nucleotide</a>	DNA and RNA sequences
<a href="#">Probe</a>	sequence-based probes and primers
<a href="#">SNP</a>	short genetic variations
<a href="#">SRA</a>	high-throughput DNA and RNA sequence read archive
<a href="#">Taxonomy</a>	taxonomic classification and nomenclature catalog

### Genes

<a href="#">EST</a>	expressed sequence tag sequences
<a href="#">Gene</a>	collected information about gene loci
<a href="#">GEO Data Sets</a>	functional genomics studies
<a href="#">GEO Profiles</a>	gene expression and molecular abundance profiles
<a href="#">HomoloGene</a>	homologous gene sets for selected organisms
<a href="#">PopSet</a>	sequence sets from phylogenetic and population studies
<a href="#">UniGene</a>	clusters of expressed transcripts

### Proteins

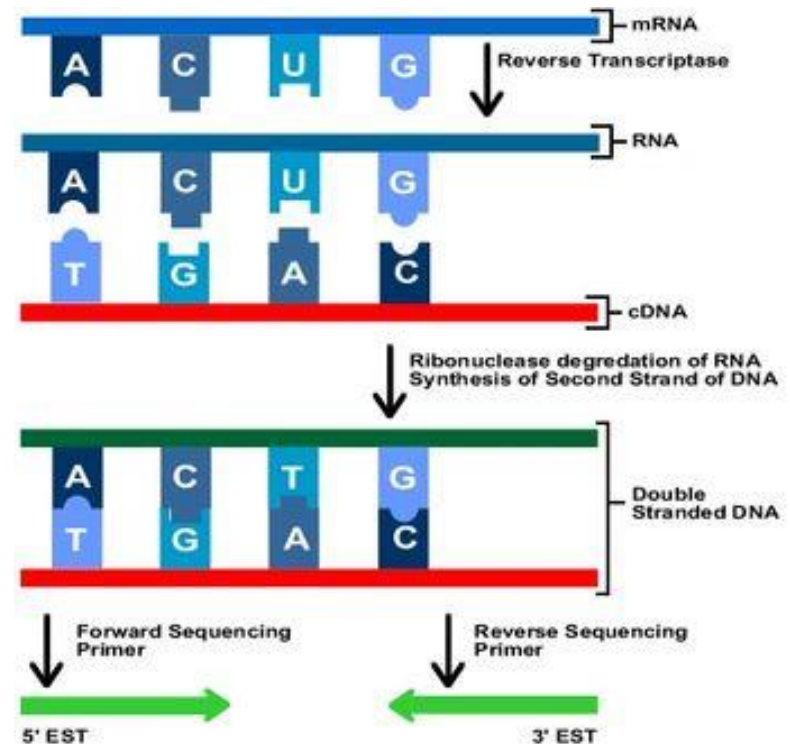
<a href="#">Conserved Domains</a>	conserved protein domains
<a href="#">Protein</a>	protein sequences
<a href="#">Protein Clusters</a>	sequence similarity-based protein clusters
<a href="#">Structure</a>	experimentally-determined biomolecular structures

### Chemicals

<a href="#">BioSystems</a>	molecular pathways with links to genes, proteins and chemicals
<a href="#">PubChem BioAssay</a>	bioactivity screening studies
<a href="#">PubChem Compound</a>	chemical information with structures, information and links
<a href="#">PubChem Substance</a>	deposited substance and chemical information

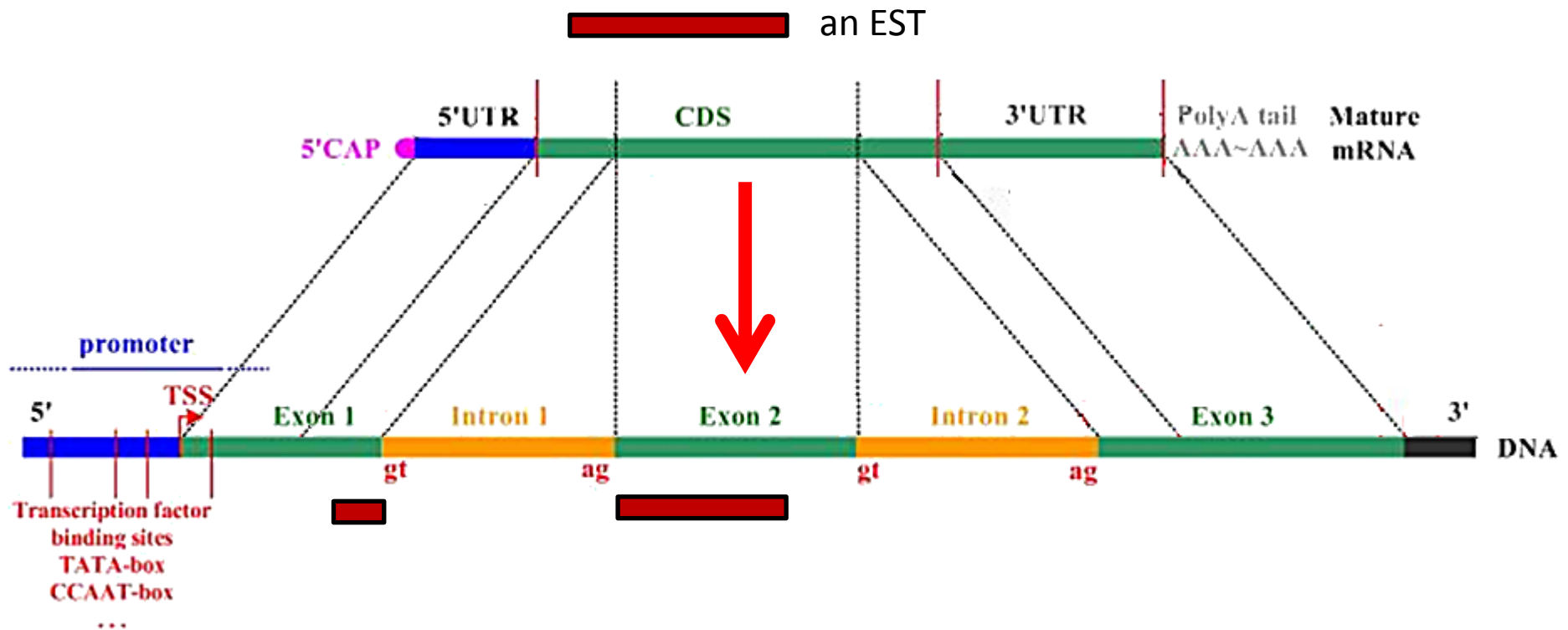
# UniGene

- EST (=expressed sequence tag):
  - DNA sequence corresponding to mRNA from expressed gene
  - ~500 base pairs long
  - Sequenced from a cDNA library

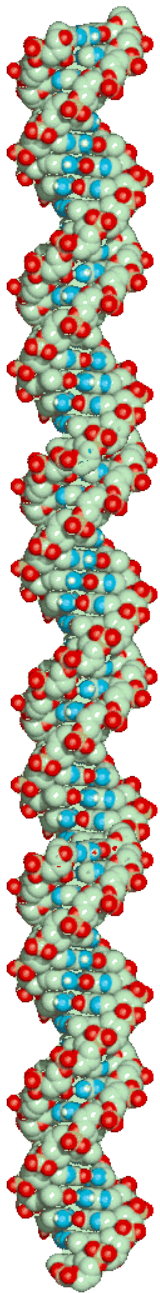


- Predict genes based on ESTs.
- Cluster ESTs from many cDNA libraries to predict distinct genes

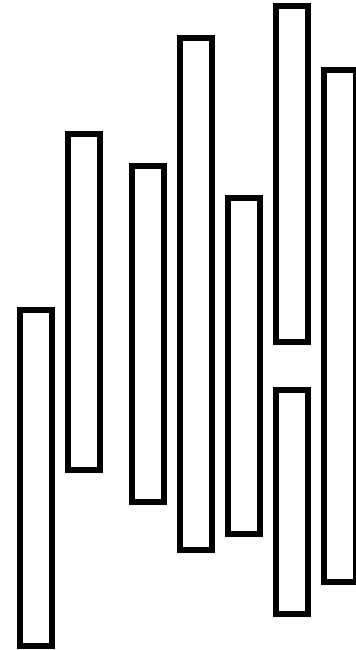
# Map mRNA (EST) back to DNA



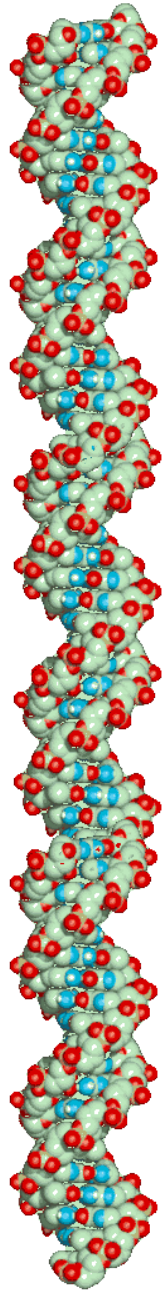
# EST clusters



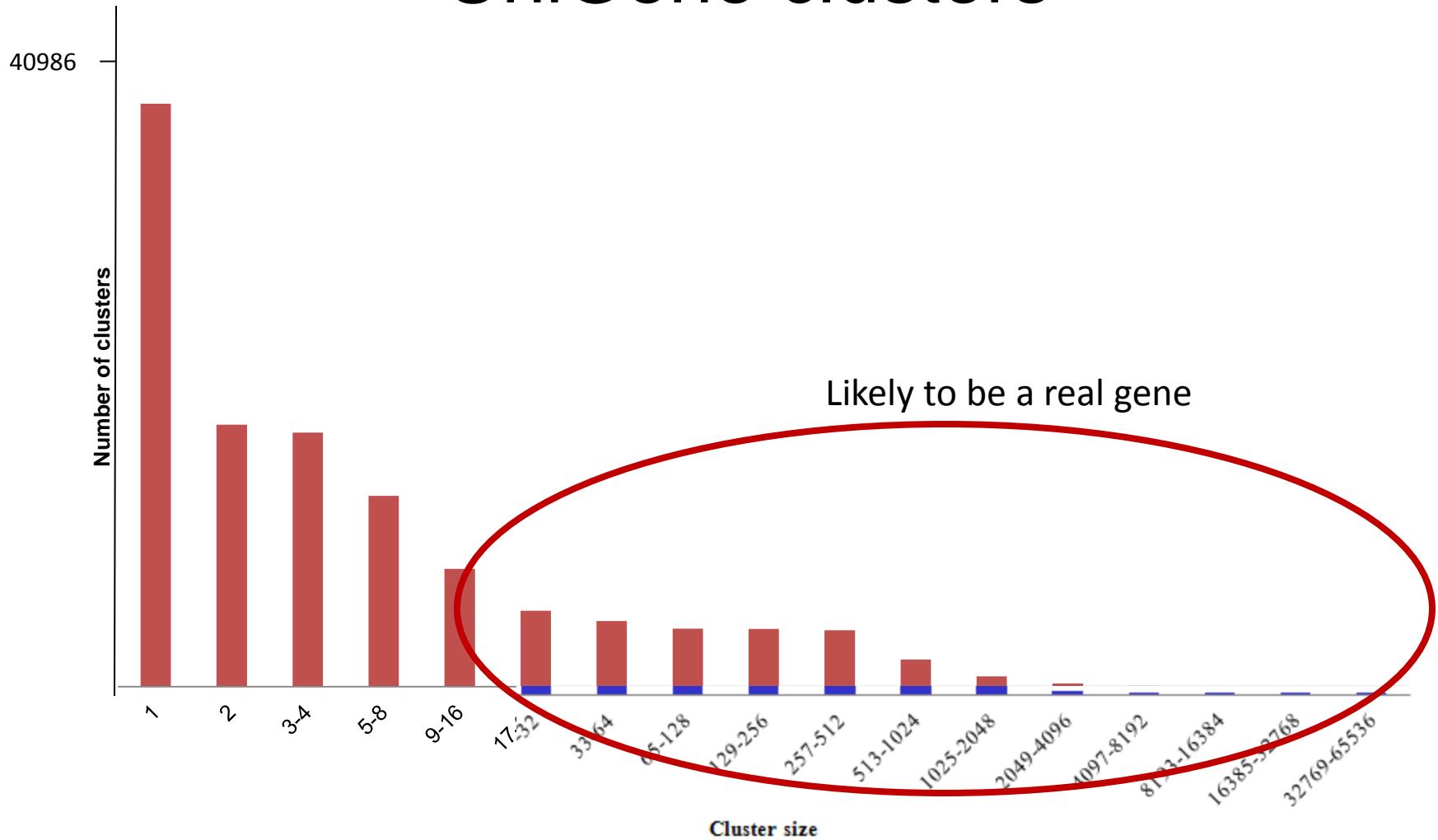
**This is a gene with  
1 EST associated;  
the cluster size is 1**



**This is a gene with  
10 ESTs associated;  
the cluster size is 10**



# UniGene clusters



# Gene (NCBI)

## DHH as example

The screenshot displays the NCBI Gene database entry for the **DHH** gene (desert hedgehog) in *Homo sapiens*. The page is viewed in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The top navigation bar includes links for NCBI, Resources, and How To. The main header shows the gene name and a search bar. Below the header, the 'Summary' section provides key information: Official Symbol (DHH), Official Full Name (desert hedgehog), Primary source (HGNC:2865), See related (Ensembl, ENSG00000138548, HPRD, 05884, MIM, 605423, Vega, OTTHUM00000170408), Gene type (protein coding), RefSeq status (REVIEWED), Organism (Homo sapiens), Lineage (Eukaryota, Metazoa, Chordata, Craniata, Vertebrata, Euteleostomi, Mammalia, Eutheria, Euarchontoglires, Primates, Haplorhini, Catarrhini, Hominidae, Homo), and Also known as (GDIYM, HHG-3, SRXY7). A detailed summary paragraph describes the gene's function in morphogenesis and its association with minifascicular polyneuropathy. The 'Genomic context' section shows the gene's location on chromosome 12 (NC\_000012.11) and a genomic map. The 'Genomic regions, transcripts, and products' section provides the genomic sequence and links to reference sequence details, nucleotide, graphics, FASTA, and GenBank. A right-hand sidebar offers a 'Table of contents' with links to various sections like Summary, Genomic context, and Bibliography, as well as 'Related information' such as cDNA clones, 3D structures, and bioassays.

**DHH desert hedgehog [ *Homo sapiens* ]**  
Gene ID: 50846, updated on 6-Jan-2013

**Summary**

**Official Symbol** DHH provided by HGNC  
**Official Full Name** desert hedgehog provided by HGNC  
**Primary source** HGNC:2865  
**See related** Ensembl: ENSG00000138548, HPRD: 05884, MIM: 605423, Vega: OTTHUM00000170408  
**Gene type** protein coding  
**RefSeq status** REVIEWED  
**Organism** *Homo sapiens*  
**Lineage** Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi; Mammalia; Eutheria; Euarchontoglires; Primates; Haplorhini; Catarrhini; Hominidae; Homo  
**Also known as** GDIYM; HHG-3; SRXY7  
**Summary** This gene encodes a member of the hedgehog family. The hedgehog gene family encodes signaling molecules that play an important role in regulating morphogenesis. This protein is predicted to be made as a precursor that is autocatalytically cleaved; the N-terminal portion is soluble and contains the signalling activity while the C-terminal portion is involved in precursor processing. More importantly, the C-terminal product covalently attaches a cholesterol moiety to the N-terminal product, restricting the N-terminal product to the cell surface and preventing it from freely diffusing throughout the organism. Defects in this protein have been associated with partial gonadal dysgenesis (PGD) accompanied by minifascicular polyneuropathy. This protein may be involved in both male gonadal differentiation and perineurial development. [provided by RefSeq, May 2010]

**Genomic context**

**Location:** 12q13.1  
**Sequence:** Chromosome: 12, NC\_000012.11 (49483204..49488602, complement)

See DHH in [Epigenomics](#), [MapViewer](#)

**Genomic regions, transcripts, and products**

**Genomic Sequence** NC\_000012.11: 49483204..49488602 (7,000bp) C + Find on Sequence

Go to [reference sequence details](#)  
Go to [nucleotide](#) [Graphics](#) [FASTA](#) [GenBank](#)

NC\_000012.11: 49483204..49488602 (7,000bp) C + Find on Sequence

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**Related information**

- Order cDNA clone
- 3D structures
- BioAssay
- BioProjects
- BioSystems
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# OMIM (NCBI)

## Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man

\*605423

Table of Contents

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Contributors

Creation Date

Edit History

\* 605423

DESERT HEDGEHOG; **DHH**

*HGNC Approved Gene Symbol: **DHH***

*Cytogenetic location: 12q13.12    Genomic coordinates (GRCh38): 12:49,086,655-49,094,818 (from NCBI)*

Gene-Phenotype Relationships

Location	Phenotype	Phenotype MIM number	Inheritance	Phenotype mapping key
12q13.12	46XY partial gonadal dysgenesis, with mitofascicular neuropathy	607080		3a
	46XY sex reversal 7	233420	AR	3a

TEXT

▼ Description

The hedgehog gene family encodes signaling molecules that play an important role in regulating morphogenesis. Mammalian hedgehog genes share striking homology to the *Drosophila* segment polarity gene hedgehog, a key regulator of pattern formation in the embryonic and adult fly.

▼ Cloning and Expression

Tate et al. (2000) found that the human **DHH** gene encodes a 396-amino acid polypeptide (GenBank AB010994). 🔗

Bitgood and McMahon (1995) and Parmantier et al. (1999) showed that during development in the mouse, **Dhh** mRNA shows a very restricted distribution, being expressed primarily in Sertoli cells of developing testes and in Schwann cells of peripheral nerves. 🔗

▼ External Links

▶ Genome

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GWAS Central

HGMD

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PharmGKB

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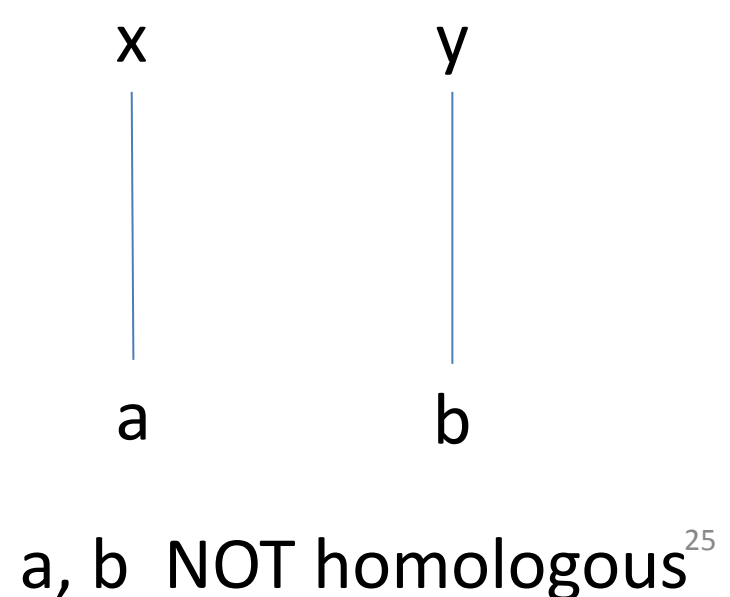
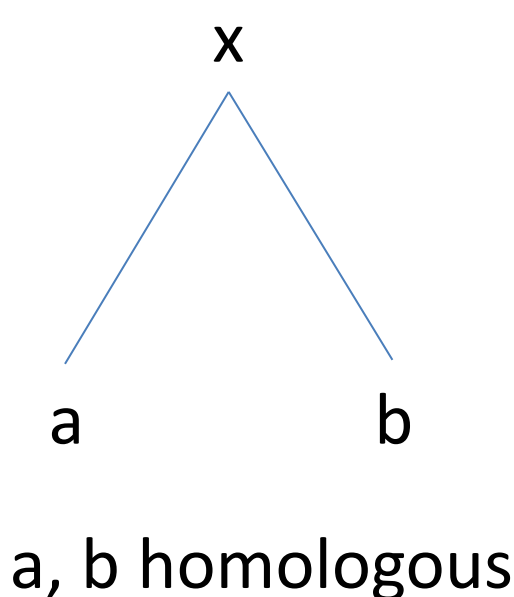
▶ Cellular Pathways

An Online Catalog of Human Genes  
and Genetic Disorders



# Homology

- Homologous protein or DNA sequences share common ancestry.
- Homology need not imply similar function.
- A pair of sequences is either homologous or not homologous.



# HomoloGene (NCBI)

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HomoloGene HomoloGene

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## HomoloGene:22431. Gene conserved in Eutheria

### Genes

Genes identified as putative homologs of one another during the construction of HomoloGene.

-  DHH, *H.sapiens*  
desert hedgehog
-  DHH, *C.lupus*  
desert hedgehog
-  DHH, *B.taurus*  
desert hedgehog
-  Dhh, *M.musculus*  
desert hedgehog
-  Dhh, *R.norvegicus*  
desert hedgehog

### Protein Alignments

Protein multiple alignment, pairwise similarity scores and evolutionary distances.

[Show Multiple Alignment](#)

### Proteins

Proteins used in sequence comparisons and their conserved domain architectures.

-  NP\_066382.1   
396 aa
-  XP\_003640009.1   
391 aa
-  XP\_002687352.1   
396 aa
-  NP\_031883.1   
396 aa
-  NP\_445819.1   
396 aa

### Conserved Domains

Conserved Domains from CDD found in protein sequences by rpsblast searching.

[Hint \(pfam01079\)](#)

 Hint module.

# PubMed (NCBI)

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- Genetics & Medicine
- Genomes & Maps
- Homology
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- Sequence Analysis
- Taxonomy

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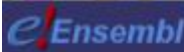
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- Reference Sequences
- Map Viewer
- Human Genome
- Mouse Genome
- Influenza Virus
- Primer-BLAST
- Sequence Read Archive

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# Ensembl homepage



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**Browse a Genome**

The Ensembl project produces genome databases for vertebrates and other eukaryotic species, and makes this information freely available online.

**Popular genomes**


**Human**  
GRCh37


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NCBI37


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Zv9

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**Find SNPs and other variants for my gene**




**Retrieve gene sequences**




**Compare genes across species**



**Use my own data in Ensembl**



**Learn about a disease or phenotype**



**What's New in Release 74 (December 2013)**

- [ncRNA secondary structure now displayed on the Gene Summary page](#)
- [New mouse configuration for RNASeq models](#)
- [New species: shrew \(Ovis aries\), cow fish \(Astyanax mexicanus\) and spotted gar \(Lepisosteus oculatus\)](#)
- [Updated patches for the human assembly \(GRCh37.p12\) and mouse assembly \(NCBI37.p2\)](#)

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- 01 Jan 2014: [Computing Ensembl's New Regulatory Annotation](#)
- 26 Dec 2013: [The New Ensembl Regulatory Annotation](#)

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# Ensembl example DHH (human)

Ensembl genome browser 70: Homo sapiens

www.ensembl.org/Homo\_sapiens/LocationView?db=core;g=ENSG00000295492;t=12:49483204-49488602;e=ENST00000266991

Human (GRCh37) Location: 12:49,483,204-49,488,602 Gene: DHH Transcript: DHH-001

**Transcript-based displays**

- Transcript summary
- Supporting evidence (6)
- Sequence
  - Exons (3)
  - cDNA
  - Protein
- External References
  - General identifiers (26)
  - Oligo probes (21)
- Ontology
  - Ontology graph (16)
  - Ontology table (16)
- Genetic Variation
  - Variation table
  - Variation image
  - Population comparison
  - Comparison image
- Protein Information
  - Protein summary
  - Domains & features (21)
  - Variations (46)
- External data
  - Personal annotation
  - History
    - Transcript history
    - Protein history

**Transcript: DHH-001** ENST00000266991

**Description** desert hedgehog [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:2865]

**Location** [Chromosome 12: 49,483,204-49,488,602](#) reverse strand

**Gene** This transcript is a product of gene [ENSG00000139542](#) - This gene has 1 transcript

Show/hide columns Filter

Name	Transcript ID	Length (bp)	Protein ID	Length (aa)	Biotype	CCDS
DHH-001	ENST00000266991	1936	ENSP00000266991	396	Protein coding	CCDS8272

**Transcript and Gene level displays**

Views in Ensembl are separated into gene based views and transcript based views according to which level the information is more appropriately associated with. This view is a transcript level view. To flip between the two sets of views you can click on the Gene and Transcript tabs in the menu bar at the top of the page.

**Transcript summary**

Reverse strand

Statistics Exons: 3 Coding exons: 3 Transcript length: 1,936 bps Translation length: 396 residues

CCDS This transcript is a member of the Human CCDS set: [CCDS8272](#)

Ensembl version ENST00000266991.2

Type Known protein coding

Prediction Method Transcript where the Ensembl genebuild transcript and the [Vega](#) manual annotation have the same sequence, for every base pair. See [article](#).

Alternative transcripts This transcript corresponds to the following database identifiers:  
Transcript having exact match between ENSEMBL and HAVANA: [OTTHUMT00000408973](#) (version 1)

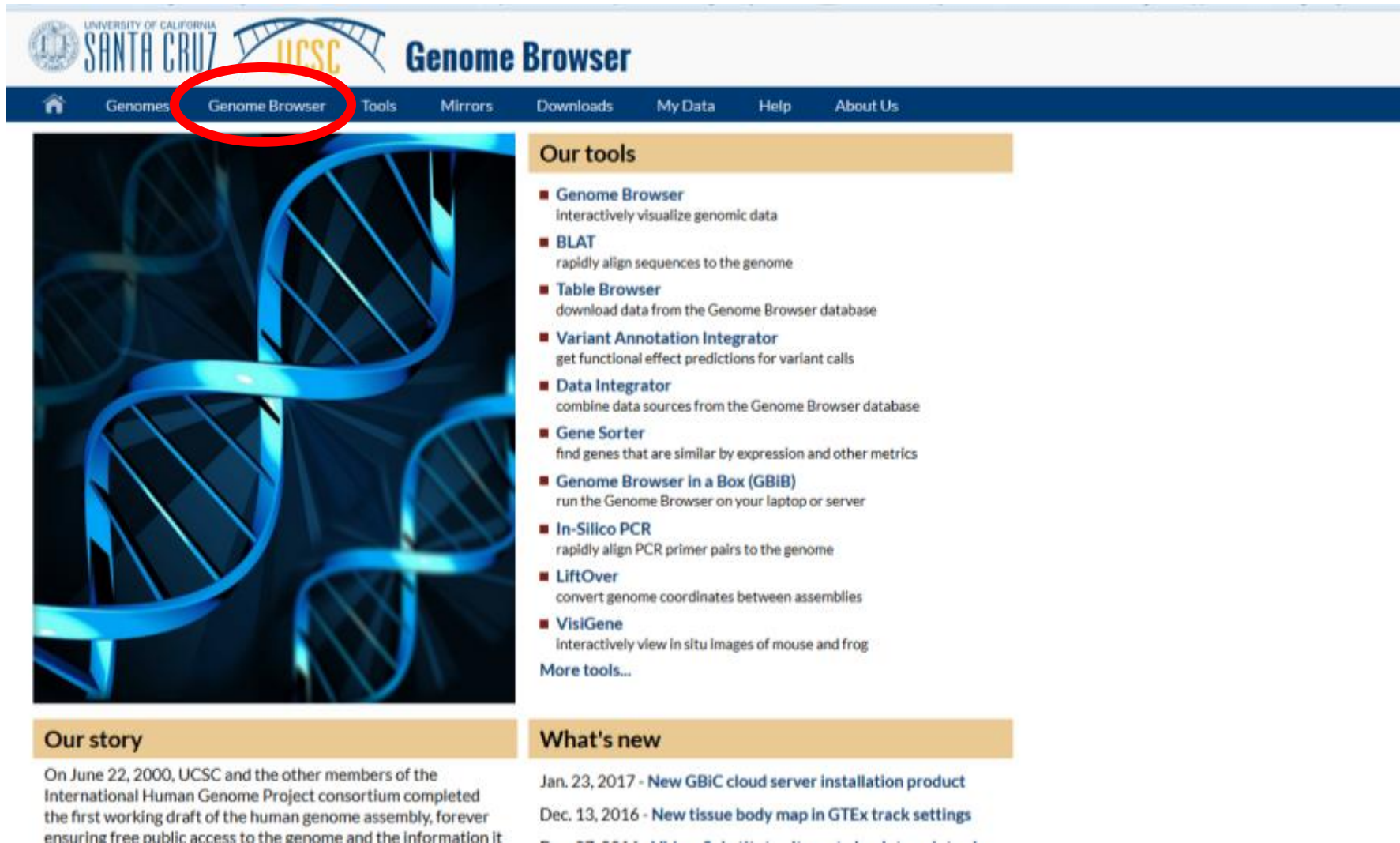
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# UCSC homepage



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rapidly align sequences to the genome
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download data from the Genome Browser database
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get functional effect predictions for variant calls
- **Data Integrator**  
combine data sources from the Genome Browser database
- **Gene Sorter**  
find genes that are similar by expression and other metrics
- **Genome Browser in a Box (GBiB)**  
run the Genome Browser on your laptop or server
- **In-Silico PCR**  
rapidly align PCR primer pairs to the genome
- **LiftOver**  
convert genome coordinates between assemblies
- **VisiGene**  
Interactively view in situ images of mouse and frog

[More tools...](#)

### Our story

On June 22, 2000, UCSC and the other members of the International Human Genome Project consortium completed the first working draft of the human genome assembly, forever ensuring free public access to the genome and the information it

### What's new

Jan. 23, 2017 - [New GBiC cloud server installation product](#)  
Dec. 13, 2016 - [New tissue body map in GTEx track settings](#)

# UCSC: Entry page (DHH)

Human chr12:49,483,206-49,488,602 - UCS...

genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTracks?position=chr12:49483206-49488602&hgid=324895909&knownGene=pack&hgFind.matches=uc001rf.3

Genomes Genome Browser Tools Mirrors Downloads My Data About Us View Help

### UCSC Genome Browser on Human Feb. 2009 (GRCh37/hg19) Assembly

move <<< << < > >> >>> zoom in 1.5x 3x 10x base zoom out 1.5x 3x 10x

chr12:49,483,206-49,488,602 enter position, gene symbol or search terms go

Scale chr12: 49,483,500 49,484,000 49,484,500 49,485,000 49,485,500 49,486,000 49,486,500 49,487,000 49,487,500 49,488,000 49,488,500

RefSeq Genes

Human mRNAs

Spliced ESTs

Layered H3K27Ac

Digital DNaseI Hypersensitivity Clusters in 125 cell types from ENCODE

Transcription Factor ChIP-seq from ENCODE

Placental Mammal Baseuse Conservation by PhylP

Multiz Alignments of 46 Vertebrates

Simple Nucleotide Polymorphisms (dbSNP 137) Found in >= 1% of Samples

Repeating Elements by RepeatMasker

move start < 2.0 > move end < 2.0 >

Click on a feature for details. Click or drag in the base position track to zoom in. Click side bars for track options. Drag side bars or labels up or down to reorder tracks. Drag tracks left or right to new position.

track search default tracks default order hide all add custom tracks track hubs configure reverse resize refresh

collapse all expand all

Use drop-down controls below and press refresh to alter tracks displayed. Tracks with lots of items will automatically be displayed in more compact modes.

#### Mapping and Sequencing Tracks

refresh

Base Position dense	Chromosome Band hide	STS Markers hide	FISH Clones hide	Recomb Rate hide	deCODE Recomb hide
ENCODE Pilot hide	Map Contigs hide	Assembly hide	GRC Map Contigs hide	Gap hide	Publications hide
BAC End Pairs hide	Fosmid End Pairs hide	GC Percent hide	GRC Patch Release hide	Hg18 Diff hide	GRC Incident hide
Hi Seq Depth hide	Wiki Track hide	BU ORChID hide	Mapability hide	Short Match hide	Restr Enzymes hide

#### Phenotype and Disease Associations

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GAD View hide	DECIPHER hide	OMIM AV SNPs hide	OMIM Genes hide	OMIM Pheno Loci hide	COSMIC hide
GWAS Catalog ISCA	Coriell CNVs	RGD Human SNPs	RGD Rat QTL	MGI Mouse Genes	

# Search for genomic information using identifiers

How can you store genes with a unique name?

- Regular gene names are not suited
- Structured identifiers
- These are different for different databases



# NCBI identifiers

- RefSeq:
  - Chromosome: NC\_
  - mRNA: NM\_
  - Protein: NP\_
- Genbank:
  - Many types of IDs
- NCBI (Entrez) gene ID:
  - Number
- OMIM ID:
  - Number
- Pubmed ID:
  - Number

# Ensembl identifiers

- ENS**G**####      Ensembl **G**ene ID
  - EN**S**T####      Ensembl **T**ranscript ID
  - ENS**P**####      Ensembl **P**eptide ID
  - ENS**E**####      Ensembl **E**xon ID
- 
- For other species than human a suffix is added:

MUS (*Mus musculus*) for mouse: ENS**MUS**G####

DAR (*Danio rerio*) for zebrafish: ENS**DAR**G####, etc.

# Where does all this information come from?

- Submissions (e.g. Sequences)
- Literature
- Curators and contributors
- Automated generation by computer tools
- High-throughput lab screenings
- Individual contributions and large scale contributions

# Functional genomics

## Single biomolecules

DNA



RNA



PROTEIN

*Sequencing and gene  
identification*

*Sequencing and gene  
expression*

*Identification and  
structure determination*

## High throughput

GENOME



TRANSCRIPTOME



PROTEOME

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## 'Wegenkaart' menselijk DNA gepubliceerd



AMSTERDAM – Een gecoördineerde massapublicatie van 30 wetenschappelijke artikelen, waarvan zes in Nature, doet deze week vrijwel alle functies van het menselijk DNA uit de doeken.



Foto: ANP

Elk van onze cellen bevat bijna drie meter aan minutieus opgevouwen DNA. Slechts één procent daarvan doet dienst als gen. Lange tijd was dan ook de vraag: wat is het nut van al het overige, zogenaamde junk-DNA?

Het antwoord daarop wordt deze week gegeven door ENCODE (Encyclopedia of DNA Elements), een internationaal

samenwerkingsverband tussen 440 onderzoekers uit 32 laboratoria.

### Junk-DNA

De belangrijkste vondst is dat in het menselijk 'junk-DNA' maar liefst vier miljoen genetische schakelaars liggen besloten. Deze schakelaars bepalen of een gen meer of minder actief wordt, zoals de dimmer op een schemerlamp. Het systeem van genetische schakelaars blijkt extreem complex. De computerberekeningen om de data te analyseren duurden bij elkaar opgeteld meer dan 300 jaar.

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ENCODE is een vervolg op het Human Genome Project, één van de grootste wetenschappelijke projecten uit de geschiedenis. Hiermee werd in 2003 het bijna volledige menselijke DNA uitgelezen. ENCODE ging vervolgens op zoek naar alle functionele elementen daarin. Ze vonden dat ten minste 80 procent van ons DNA een biologische functie vervult.

De resultaten vormen een doorbraak in de biologie en wellicht ook de geneeskunde. Experts vergelijken het met de wegenkaart van het menselijk DNA. Het schept enorme potentie voor de ontwikkeling van nieuwe medicatie voor een veelvoud aan ziektes. Al moet daar, gezien de complexiteit, nog wel een slag om de arm worden gehouden.

Door: NU.nl/Kevin Janssen



# HGP and ENCODE



- We will now discuss these two major projects that contributed a lot of data
- The **Humane Genome Project** (1990-2003)
  - Sequencing of the human genome
  - Characterizing the genes on the DNA sequence
- The **ENCODE** project (2003-2012)
  - Focuses on regulatory elements on the DNA

# the Human Genome Project

AGTCCGCGGAATACAGGCTCGGT

movie

*International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium, Finishing the euchromatic sequence of the human genome. Nature 431, 931-945 (21 October 2004).*

# The human genome project

**HGP aim:** sequence the entire human genome and provide the data free to the world.

First major global collaboration of its kind and the largest biological research project ever undertaken, involving thousands of staff in institutes across the globe.

By assigning different portions of the genome to different research groups in a coordinated and efficient way, the HGP researchers were able to overcome this challenge.





#### Africans

- 1 Bantu
- 2 Mandenka
- 3 Yoruba
- 4 San
- 5 Mbuti pygmy
- 6 Biaka
- 7 Mozabite

#### Europeans

- 8 Orcadian
- 9 Adygei
- 10 Russian
- 11 Basque
- 12 French
- 13 North Italian
- 14 Sardinian
- 15 Tuscan

#### Western Asians

- 16 Bedouin
- 17 Druze
- 18 Palestinian

#### Central and Southern Asians

- 19 Balochi
- 20 Brahui
- 21 Makrani
- 22 Sindhi
- 23 Pathan
- 24 Burusho
- 25 Hazara
- 26 Uygur
- 27 Kalash

#### Eastern Asians

- 28 Han (S. China)
- 29 Han (N. China)
- 30 Dai
- 31 Daur
- 32 Hezhen
- 33 Lahu
- 34 Miao
- 35 Oroqen
- 36 She
- 37 Tujia
- 38 Tu
- 39 Xibo
- 40 Yi
- 41 Mongola
- 42 Naxi
- 43 Cambodian
- 44 Japanese
- 45 Yakut

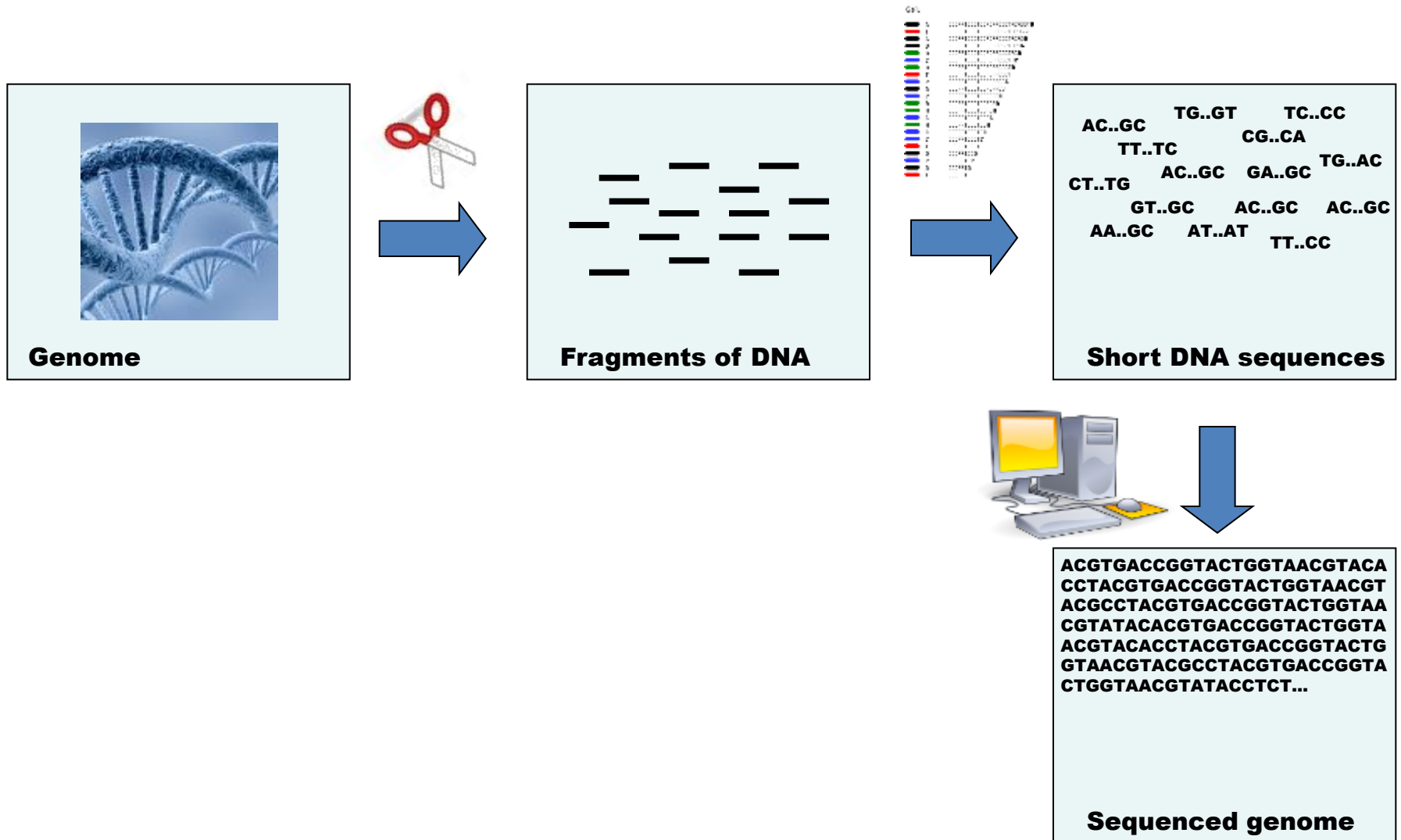
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- 47 Papuan

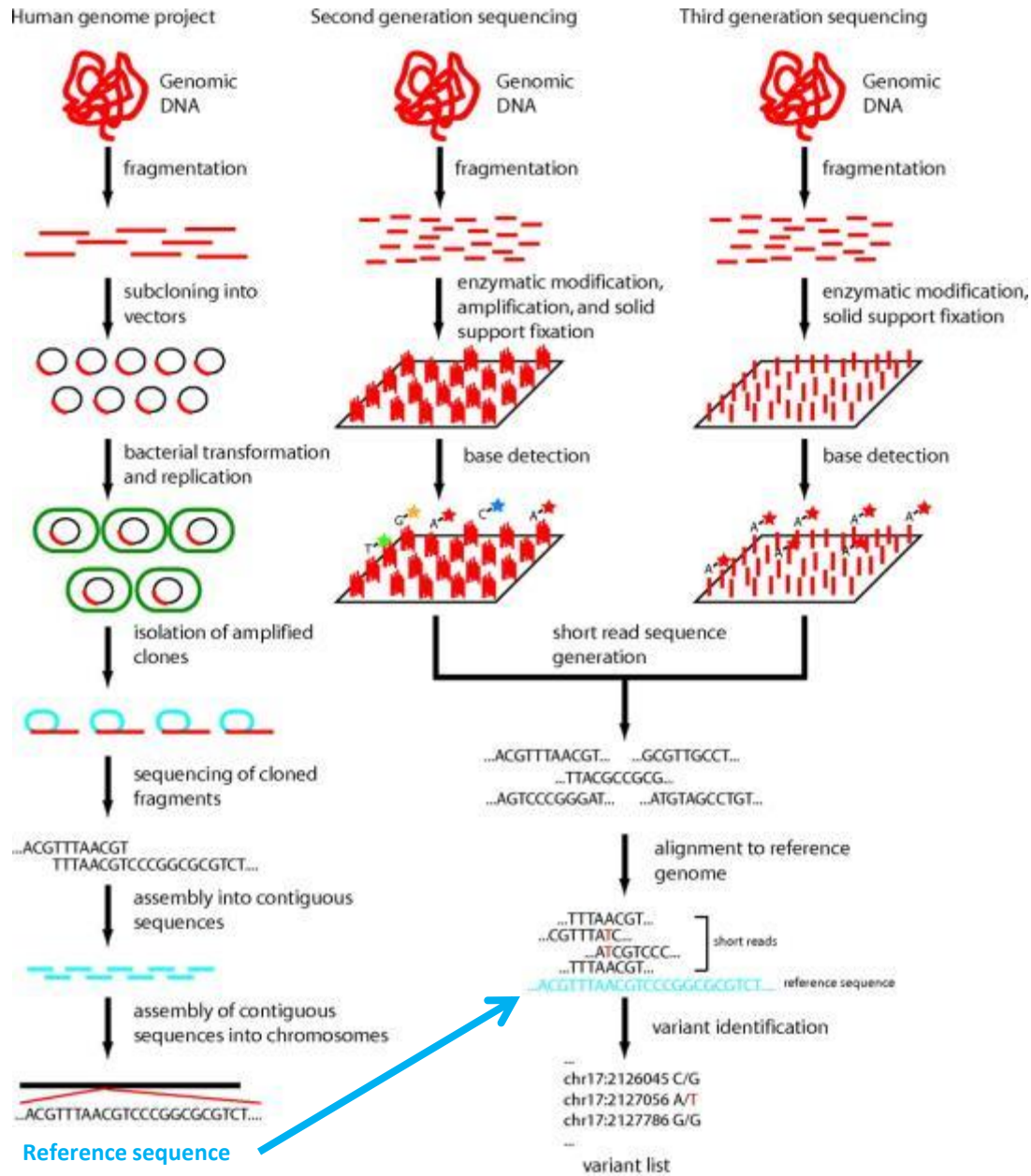
#### Native Americans

- 48 Karitiana
- 49 Surui
- 50 Colombian
- 51 Maya
- 52 Pima

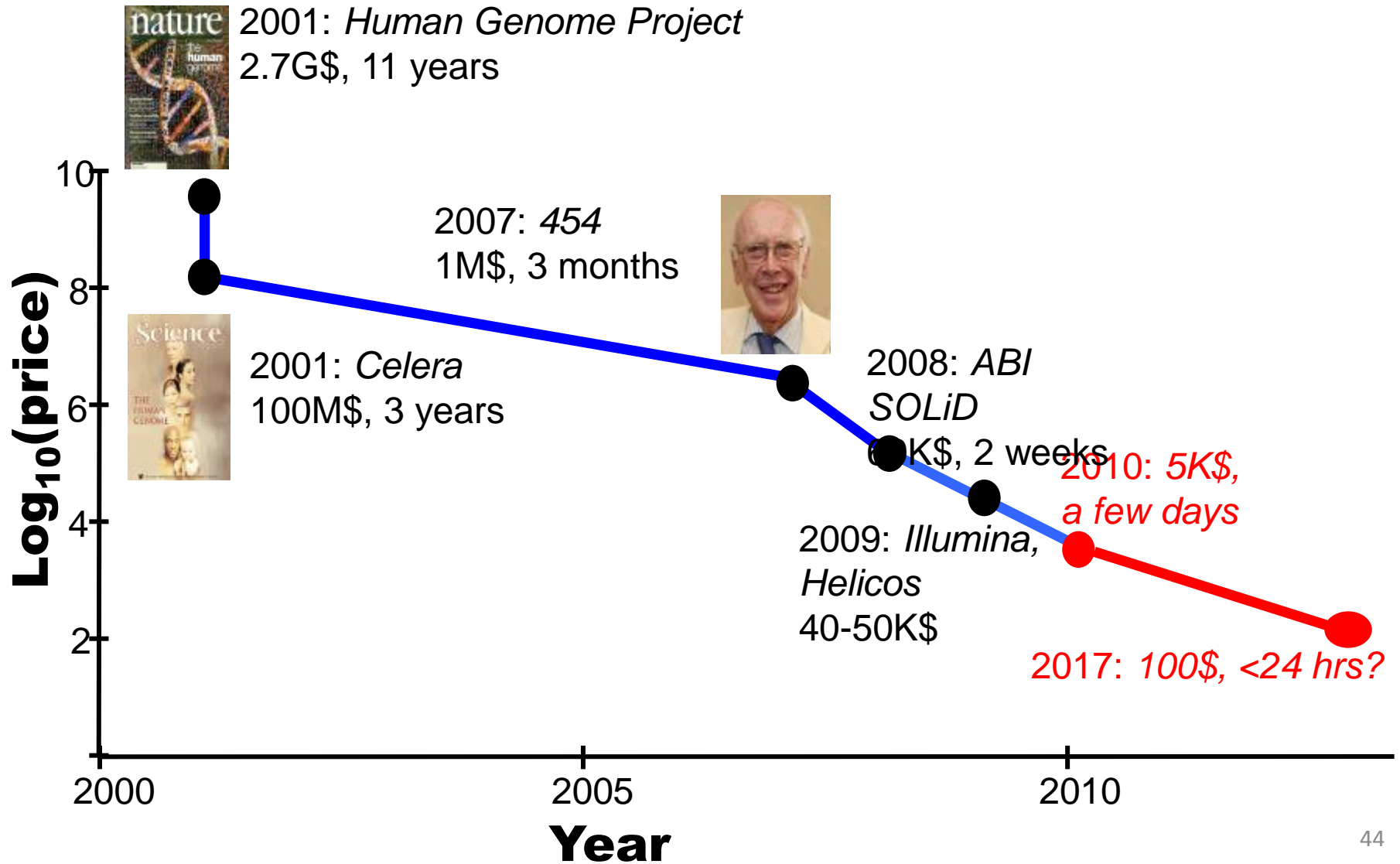
# Genome sequencing: general principle



# How was the human genome sequenced?



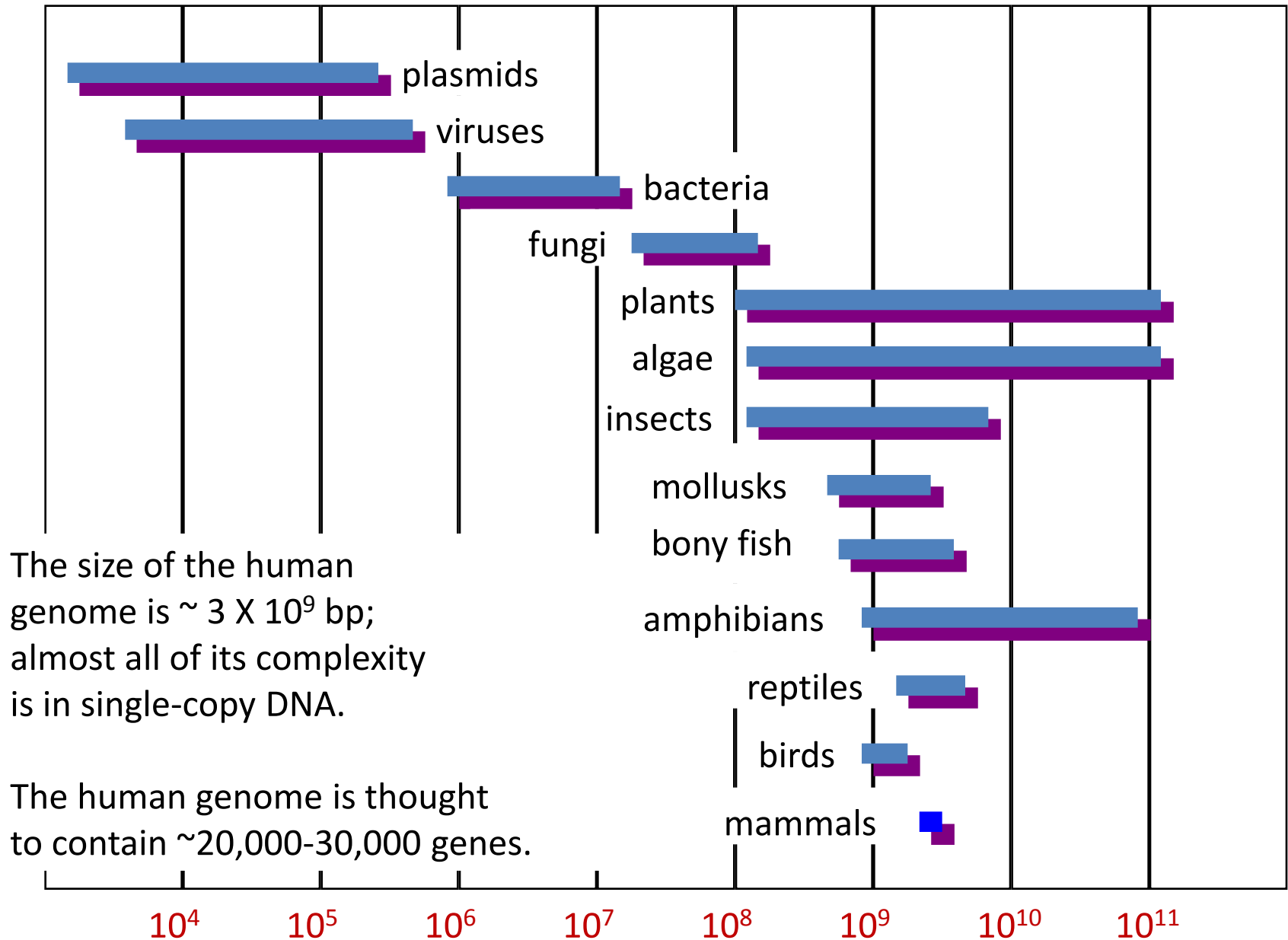
# Costs of sequencing the human genome



# When has a genome been fully sequenced?

- *N*-fold coverage
  - A typical goal is to obtain five to ten-fold coverage.
  - With next-generation sequencing typically even more, like 30-fold coverage
  - Mostly both strands are sequenced
- Finished sequence
  - Usually no gaps in the sequence
  - High quality standard; error rate <0.01%.

# Genome sizes in nucleotide base pairs (log scale)



Species List - Mozilla Firefox


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Species List

www.ensembl.org/info/about/species.html


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**Collared flycatcher** ([preview - assembly only](#))  
*Ficedula albicollis*  
FicAlb\_1.4




**Cow**  
*Bos taurus*  
UMD3.1




**Dog**  
*Canis lupus familiaris*  
CanFam3.1




**Dolphin**  
*Tursiops truncatus*  
turTru1




**Duck** ([preview - assembly only](#))  
*Anas platyrhynchos*  
duck1




**Elephant**  
*Loxodonta africana*  
loxAfr3




**Ferret**  
*Mustela putorius furo*  
MusPutFur1.0




**Fruitfly**  
*Drosophila melanogaster*  
BDGP5




**Mouse**  
*Mus musculus*  
GRCm38




**Mouse Lemur**  
*Microcebus murinus*  
micMur1




**Opossum**  
*Monodelphis domestica*  
BROAD05




**Orangutan**  
*Pongo abelii*  
PPYG2




**Painted Turtle** ([preview - assembly only](#))  
*Chrysemys picta bellii*  
ChrPicBel3.0.1




**Panda**  
*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*  
ailMel1




**Pig**  
*Sus scrofa*  
Sscrofa10.2




**Pig FPC\_map** ([preview - assembly only](#))  
*Sus scrofa map*  
MAP




**Tilapia**  
*Oreochromis niloticus*  
Orenil1.0




**Tree Shrew**  
*Tupaia belangeri*  
TREESHREW




**Turkey**  
*Meleagris gallopavo*  
UMD2




**Wallaby**  
*Macropus eugenii*  
Meug\_1.0



**Xenopus**  
*Xenopus tropicalis*  
JGI\_4.2



**Zebra Finch**  
*Taeniopygia guttata*  
taeGut3.2.4



**Zebrafish**  
*Danio rerio*  
Zv9

[Credits page for species images](#)

### Other Metazoa

Additional metazoan genomes (initially insect vectors and nematodes) are available from [EnsemblMetazoa](#)

### Plants and Fungi

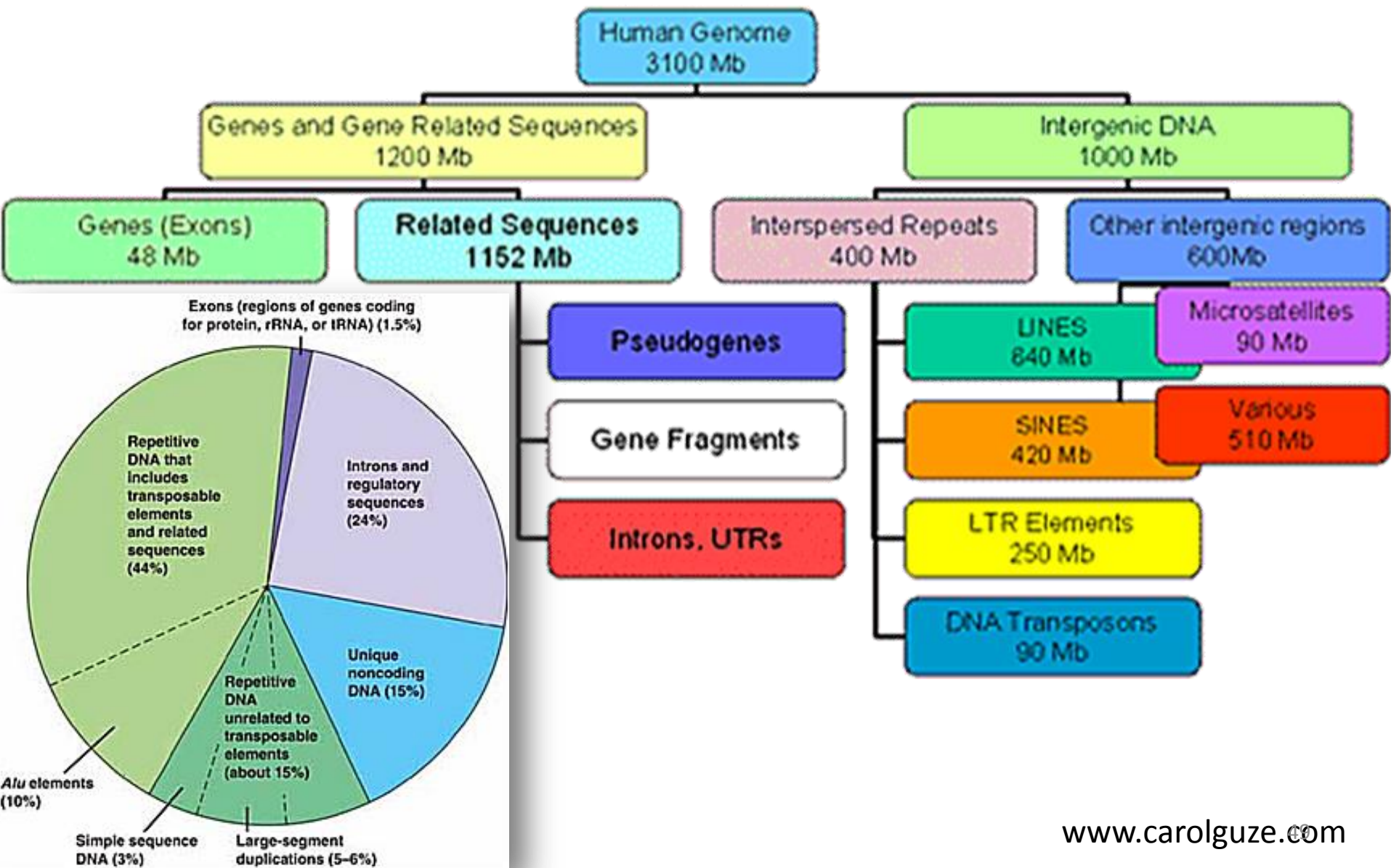
# Number of genes

Species and Common Name	Estimated Total Size of Genome (bp)*	Estimated Number of Protein-Encoding Genes*
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> (unicellular budding yeast)	12 million	<b>6,000</b>
<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>	160 million	<b>60,000</b>
<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> (unicellular malaria parasite)	23 million	<b>5,000</b>
<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> (worm)	95.5 million	<b>18,000</b>
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> (fruit fly)	170 million	<b>14,000</b>
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> (mustard; thale cress)	125 million	<b>25,000</b>
<i>Oryza sativa</i> (rice)	470 million	<b>51,000</b>
<i>Gallus gallus</i> (chicken)	1 billion	<b>20,000-23,000</b>
<i>Canis familiaris</i> (domestic dog)	2.4 billion	<b>19,000</b>
<i>Mus musculus</i> (laboratory mouse)	2.5 billion	<b>30,000</b>
<i>Homo sapiens</i> (human)	2.9 billion	<b>20,000-25,000</b>

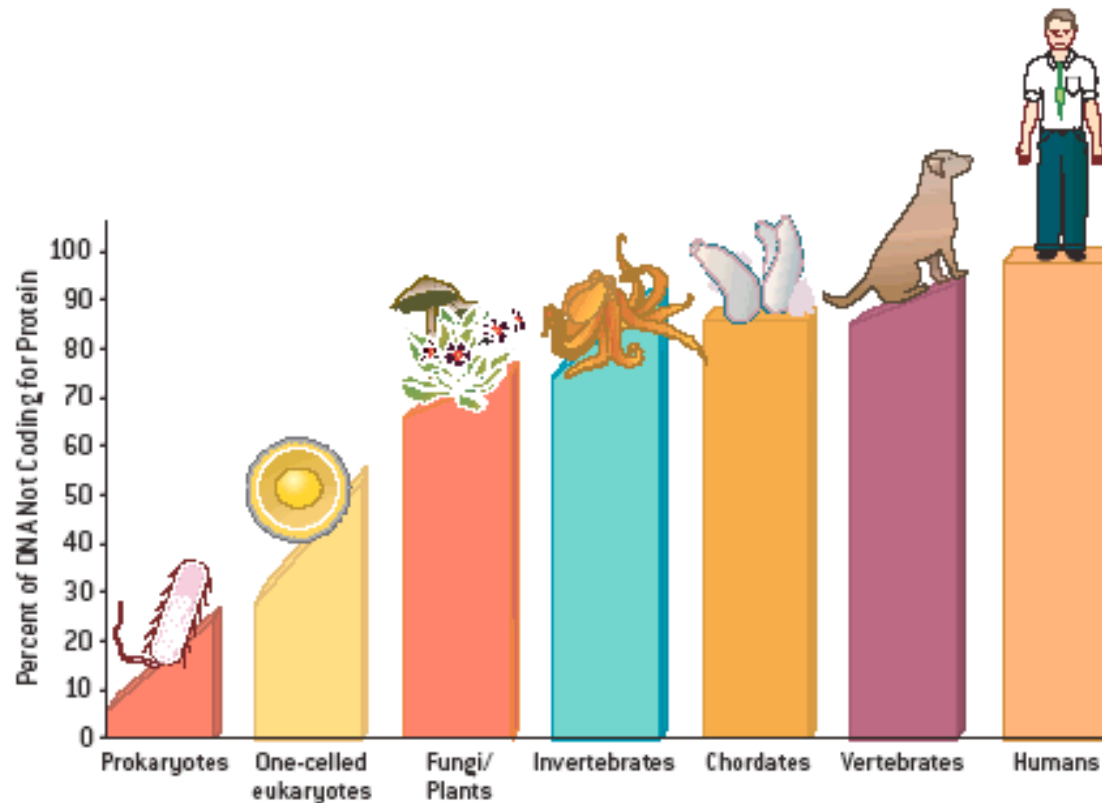
Plants and amphibians with huge genomes (not in table) do not have huge amounts of genes



# Organization of the human genome



# Non-Protein coding DNA



NONPROTEIN-CODING SEQUENCES make up only a small fraction of the DNA of prokaryotes. Among eukaryotes, as their complexity increases, generally so, too, does the proportion of their DNA that does not code for protein. The noncoding sequences have been considered junk, but perhaps it actually helps to explain organisms' complexity.

# The ENCODE Project: ENCyclopedia Of DNA Elements

A public research consortium

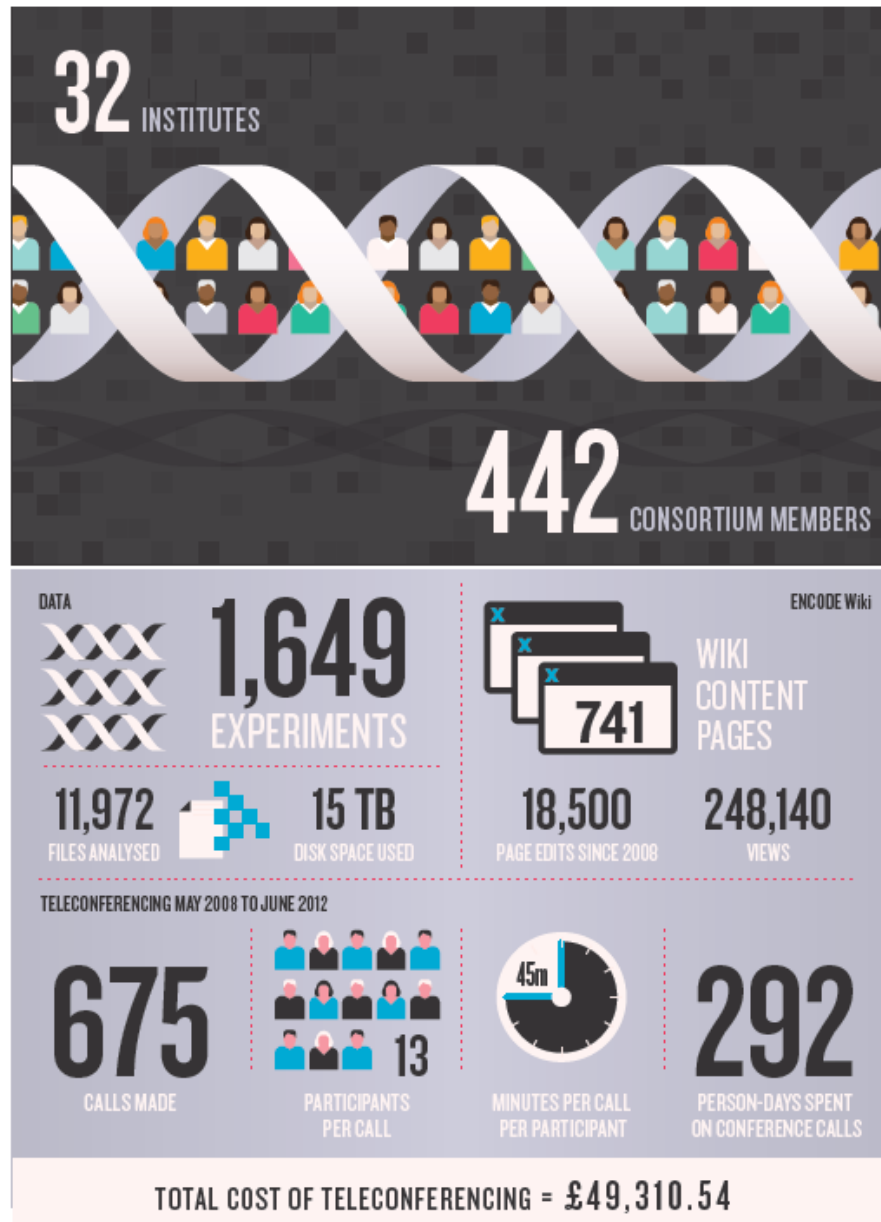


Launched: September 2003, upgraded to the entire genome September 2007.

Goal: to carry out a project to identify all the functional elements in the human genome sequence.

# BY THE NUMBERS

The ENCODE project involved hundreds of people from around the world, and a lot of editing, disk space and phone calls.



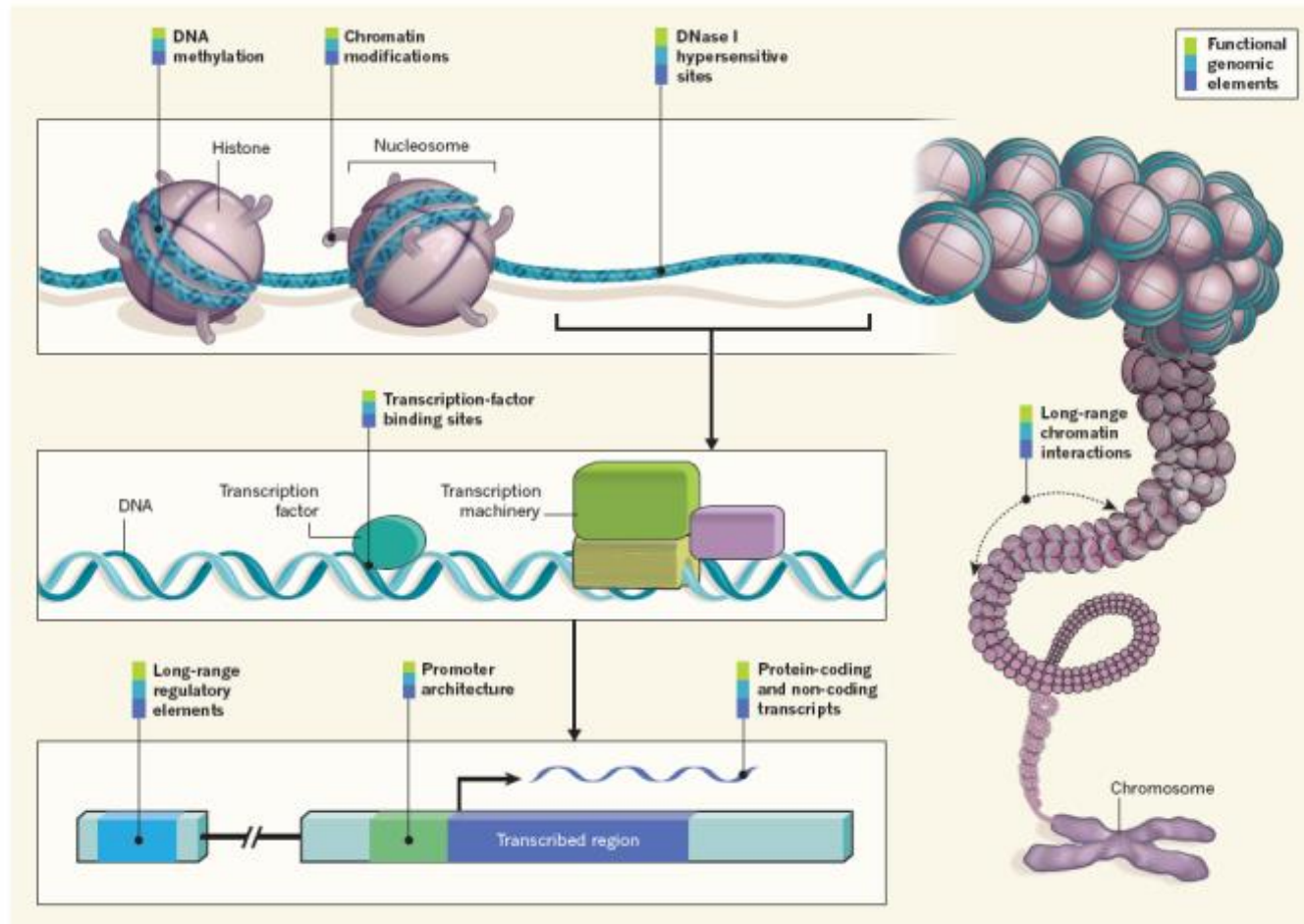
Understanding of the human genome is far from complete. We are missing knowledge on:

1. non-coding RNA
2. Alternatively spliced transcripts
3. Regulatory sequences

The making of ENCODE: Lessons for big-data projects. Birney E.

Nature. 2012 Sep 6;489(7414):49-51

# Data retrieved from ENCODE project



# ENCODE data in Ensembl

 [BLAST/BLAT](#) | [BioMart](#) | [Tools](#) | [Downloads](#) | [Help & Documentation](#) | [Blog](#) | [Mirrors](#)

Search:  for

[Go](#)

e.g. [BRCA2](#) or [rat X:100000-200000](#) or [primary heart disease](#)

### Browse a Genome

The Ensembl project produces genome databases for vertebrates and other eukaryotic species, and makes this information freely available online.

### Popular genomes

**Human**  
GRCh37

**Mouse**  
GRCm38

**Zebrafish**  
Zv9

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### ENCODE data in Ensembl



### Gene expression in different tissues



[Retrieve gene sequence](#)

### Variant Effect Predictor



### Find SNPs and other variants for my gene

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GTATATACATTC
CTTAAAAGTCTT
CTTCTAAATTCT
GTAACATTTTCC
```

[Compare genes across](#)

# Gene Ontology

- Built for a very specific purpose:  
“annotation of genes and proteins in genomic and protein databases”
- Applicable to all species



- GO covers 'normal' functions and processes
  - No pathological processes
  - No experimental conditions

# The 3 Gene Ontologies

- **Molecular Function** = elemental activity/task
  - the tasks performed by individual gene products; examples are *carbohydrate binding* and *ATPase activity*
- **Biological Process** = biological goal or objective
  - broad biological goals, such as *mitosis* or *purine metabolism*, that are accomplished by ordered assemblies of molecular functions
- **Cellular Component** = location or complex
  - subcellular structures, locations, and macromolecular complexes; examples include *nucleus*, *telomere*, and *RNA polymerase II holoenzyme*

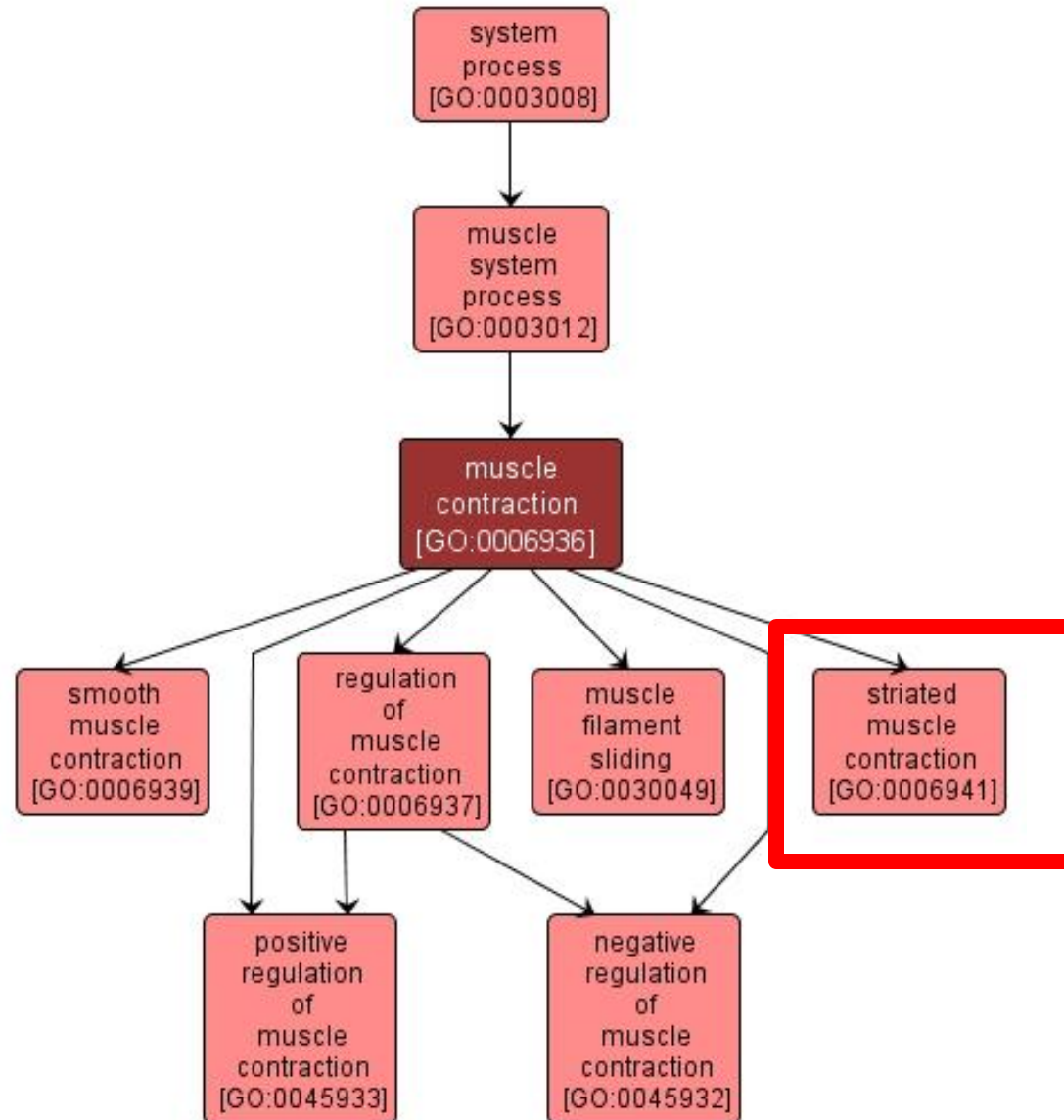


# GO muscle contraction – tree view

The screenshot displays the Gene Ontology (GO) tree view for muscle contraction. The interface includes a navigation bar with tabs: "Ancestors and Children", "Inferred Tree View" (selected), "Graph View", "Other Views", "Downloads", and "Mappings". The tree structure is as follows:

- GO:0008150 biological\_process [500154 gene products]
  - GO:0032501 multicellular organismal process [60501 gene products]
    - GO:0044699 single-organism process [237780 gene products]
      - GO:0044707 single-multicellular organism process [57987 gene products]
        - GO:0003008 system process [14138 gene products]
          - GO:0003012 muscle system process [1789 gene products]
            - GO:0006936 muscle contraction [1553 gene products]**
              - GO:0030049 muscle filament sliding [81 gene products]
              - GO:0045932 negative regulation of muscle contraction [130 gene products]
              - GO:0045933 positive regulation of muscle contraction [259 gene products]
              - GO:0006937 regulation of muscle contraction [878 gene products]
              - GO:0006939 smooth muscle contraction [572 gene products]
              - GO:0006941 striated muscle contraction [673 gene products]

# GO muscle contraction – tree view



# Gene products - Striated muscle contraction (GO:0006941)

## striated muscle contraction

Term associations Term information Term lineage External references

### Gene Product Associations to striated muscle contraction ; GO:0006941 and children

Download all association information in: [gene association format](#) [RDF/XML](#)

#### Filter associations displayed

Filter by Gene Product

Gene Product Type	Data source	Species
All	All	All
complex	ASAP	Arabidopsis thaliana
gene	AspGD	Aspergillus fumig.
gene product	CGD	Aspergillus fumig.

Filter by Association

Evidence Code
All
IEA
IKR
IRD

View associations

☒ All ☐ Direct associations

Set filters

Remove all filters

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ... 17 View all results

#### striated muscle contraction ; GO:0006941 [\[show def\]](#) [\[view in tree\]](#)

	Symbol, full name	Information	Qualifier	Evidence	Reference	Assigned by
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Aldoa</a> aldolase A, fructose-bisphosphate	15 associations protein from <i>Mus musculus</i>		ISO With <a href="#">UniProtKB:P04075</a>	<a href="#">MGI:MGI:4834177</a>	MGI
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				ISO With <a href="#">RGD:736823</a>	<a href="#">RGD:1624291</a>	RGD
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# Searching and Browsing GO

- Gene Ontology consortium:  
<http://geneontology.org/>
- AmiGO 2  
<http://amigo.geneontology.org/amigo>

# Practical session

- Ensembl tutorials
- Ensembl genome browser



- Several NCBI databases
  - Gene
  - OMIM



- Gene Ontology

# Questions

