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BIO392
Bioinformatics of Genome Variations

Genomes: Core of "Personalized Health" & "Precision Medicine"

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BIO392: Course Schedule

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09:00 - 10:00	* Room information * Administrative - discuss times/days - exam		Jiahui: Terminal / Unix / Files	Hangjia: R enviroment introduction	Michael: Genoomic Resources & Data Sharing		Feifei: Sequence analysis practical. FastQC, trimmomatic, BWA-MEM2, SAMtools, GangSTR, BCFtools	Michael: Genomic Data & Privacy		Feifei & Ziying: survival	Feifei: population structure		Exam
10:00 - 11:00	Tina Siegenthaler: technical introduction (room, computer, accounts)		Jiahui: Terminal / Unix / Files	Hangjia: R exercise	Michael: Genoomic Resources & Data Sharing		Feifei:: Sequence analysis practical	Michael: Genomic Data & Privacy		Feifei & Ziying: survival	Feifei: population structure		Discussion
11:00 - 12:00	* explore course site * create Github accounts and forward to bio392@compbiozurich.org *feifei&jiahui: overall schedule of the course		jiahui: SIB online introduction to Unix		Michael: Genoomic Resources & Data Sharing		Feifei:: Sequence analysis practical	Michael: Genomic Data & Privacy		Feifei: survival	Feifei: population structure		
13:00 - 14:00	jiahui: Github	Michael: Introduction	Jiahui & Ziying: Python	Hangjia: CNV paper reading	Hangjia: Clinvar and Clingen	Feifei: Sequence analysis introduction. Overview of pipeline from raw reads -> variant calling & interpretation	Feifei:: STR reading up		Feifei:: analysis & interpretation. Parsing VCF (cyvcf2), UCSD genome browser, ENSEMBL variant effect predictor	Feifei: population structure	Feifei & others: Presentation & Discussion	Exam revision, Q&A	
14:00 - 15:00	jiahui: Github&Git exercise	Michael: Introduction	Exercise	Hangjia: Progenetix as tool for CNV frequencies etc.	Hangjia: blast	Feifei: Sequence analysis introduction	Feifei:: STR reading up		Feifei:: analysis & interpretation.	Feifei: population structure	Feifei & others: Presentation & Discussion		
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Genomic File Formats

Types | Sizes | Use Cases

What is a PB, for human genomes?

It depends...

- 2 bits per base are sufficient to encode TCGA
  - using 00, 01, 10, 11
  - [TCGA]{3’000’000’000}
  - 2 * 3 * 10^9b = 6, 000, 000, 000 b
  - perfect genome (no overhead): ~715 MB
  - 1PB => ~1’400’000 genomes
- according to Swiss online store (Sep 2021) ~35'000CHF (65x16TB á CHF550)
- this is less than a PhD position per year in Switzerland …
- (real costs are 2x that, + duplication, facilities, service … => ~500’000CHF)
- **However: A single 30x BAM file => 100GB**
- Still: 500’000CHF => 1PB => 10’000 genomes => 50CHF/genome (BAM format)

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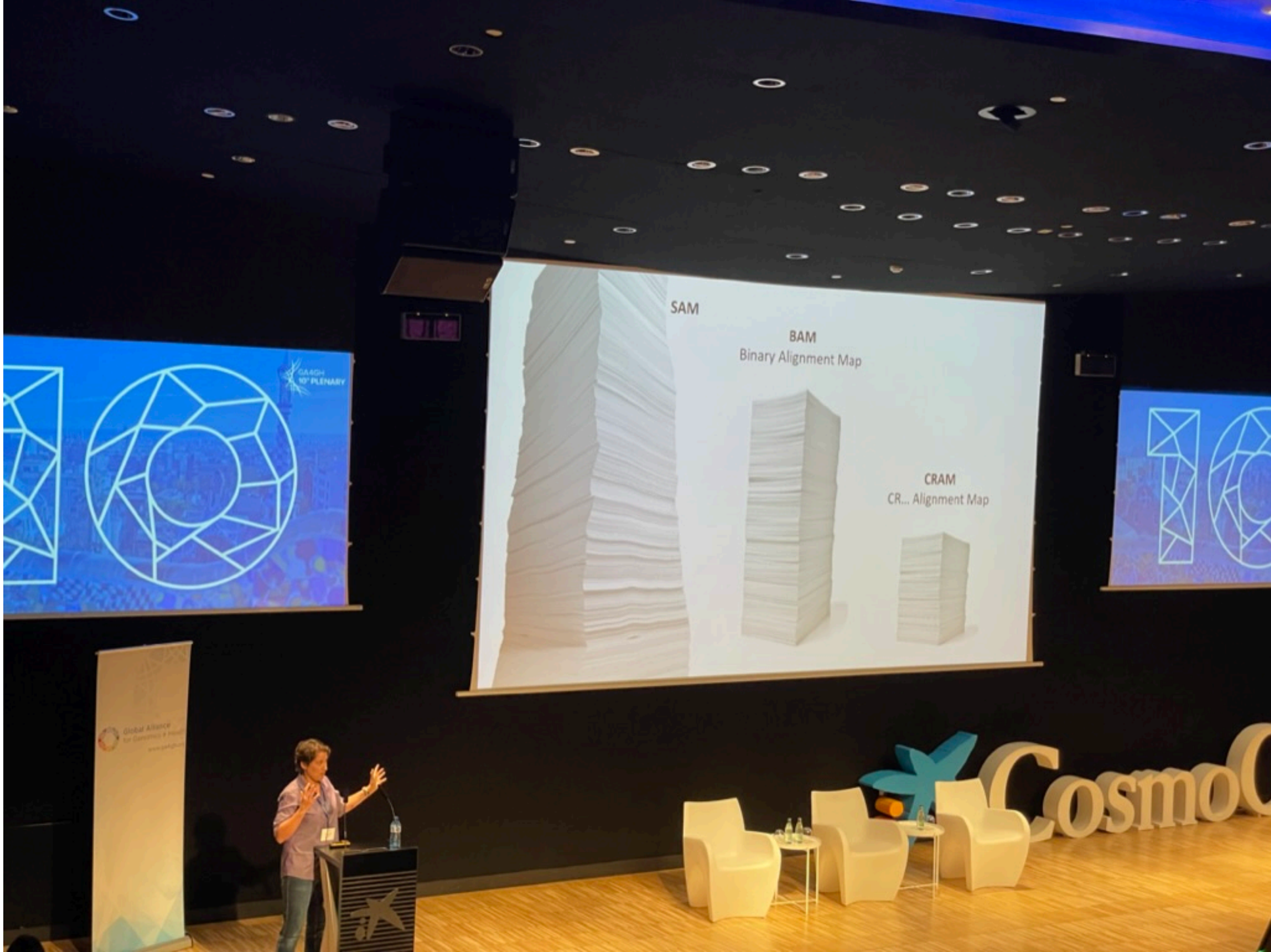
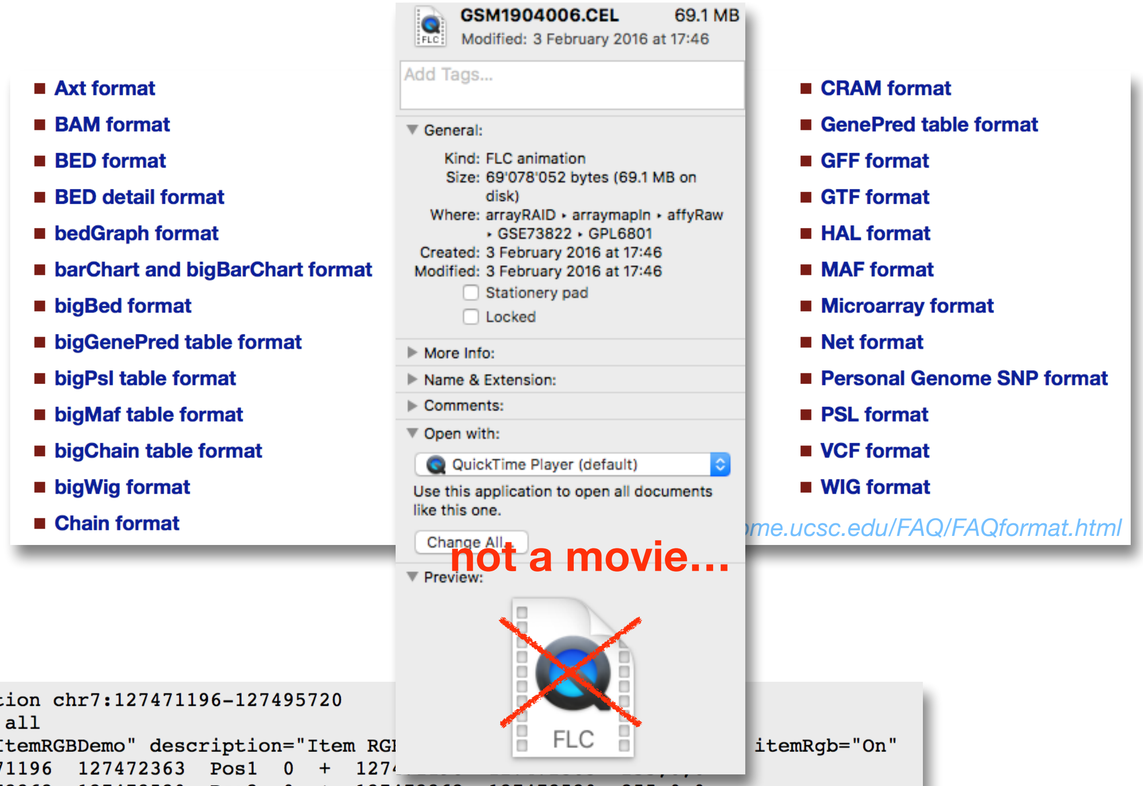


Genomic File Formats

- **text** or **binary** file formats, optimised for specific types of biological data
- examples from genomics:
  - **BAM** - binary version of Sequence Alignment/Map (SAM)
  - CRAM - compressed version of BAM with multiple optimization and differential access options
  - **BED** (Browser Extensible Data) -flexible way to define the data lines in an genome browser annotation tracks
  - **VCF** (Variant Call Format)

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chr7    127473530  127474697  Pos3  0  +  127473530  127474697  255,0,0
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chr7    127480532  127481699  Neg4  0  -  127480532  127481699  0,0,255
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BED file example

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SAM/BAM and related specifications

These documents are maintained by the Large Scale Genomics work stream of the Global Alliance for Genomics & Health (GA4GH). Information on GA4GH procedures and how to get involved is available here. Lists of contributors and acknowledgements can generally be found in each individual specification document.

https://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/

Specifications:

- SAM v1
- SAM tags
- CRAM v2.1
- CRAM v3.x
- CRAM codecs
- BCF v1
- BCF v2.1
- CSI v1
- Tabix
- VCF v4.1
- VCF v4.2
- VCF v4.3
- VCF v4.4
- BED v1
- crypt4gh
- Htsget
- Refget

Alignment data files

SAMv1.tex is the canonical specification for the SAM (Sequence Alignment/Map) format, BAM (its binary equivalent), and the BAI format for indexing BAM files. **SAMtags.tex** is a companion specification describing the predefined standard optional fields and tags found in SAM, BAM, and CRAM files. These formats are discussed on the samtools-devel mailing list.

CRAMv3.tex is the canonical specification for the CRAM format, while **CRAMv2.1.tex** describes its now-obsolete predecessor. **CRAMcodecs.tex** contains details of the CRAM custom compression codecs. Further details can be found at ENA's CRAM toolkit page and GA4GH's CRAM page. CRAM discussions can also be found on the samtools-devel mailing list.

The **tabix.tex** and **CSIv1.tex** quick references summarize more recent index formats: the tabix tool indexes generic textual genome position-sorted files, while CSI is htslib's successor to the BAI index format.

Unaligned sequence data files

We do not define or endorse any dedicated unaligned sequence data format. Instead we recommend storing such data in one of the alignment formats (SAM, BAM, or CRAM) with the unmapped flag set. However for completeness, we list the commonest formats below with external links.

FASTA is an early sequence-only format originally defined by William Pearson's tool of the same name.

FASTQ was designed as a replacement for FASTA, combining the sequence and quality information in the same file. It has no formal definition and several incompatible variants, but is described in a paper by Cock et al.

Variant calling data files

VCFv4.4.tex is the canonical specification for the Variant Call Format and its textual (VCF) and binary (BCF) encodings, while **VCFv4.1.tex**, **VCFv4.2.tex** and **VCFv4.3.tex** describe their predecessors. These formats are discussed on the vcftools-spec mailing list.

BCFv1_qref.tex summarizes the obsolete BCF1 format historically produced by samtools. This format is no longer recommended for use, as it has been superseded by the more widely-implemented BCF2.

BCFv2_qref.tex is a quick reference describing just the layout of data within BCF2 files.

Discrete genomic feature data files

BEDv1.tex is the canonical specification for the GA4GH Browser Extensible Data (BED) format.

File encryption

crypt4gh.tex is the canonical specification of the crypt4gh format which can be used to wrap existing file formats in an encryption layer.

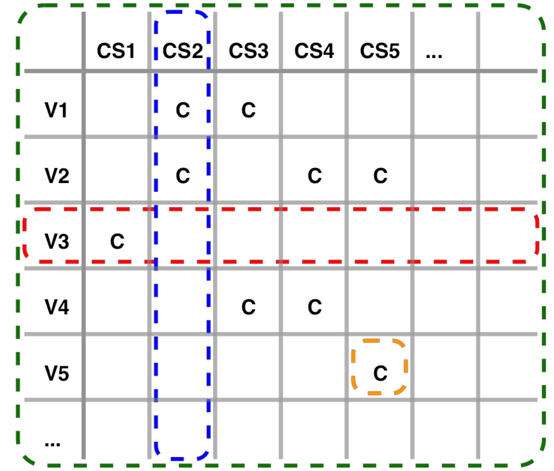
Transfer protocols

Htsget.md describes the *hts-get* retrieval protocol, which enables parallel streaming access to data sharded across multiple URLs or files.

Refget.md enables access to reference sequences using an identifier derived from the sequence itself.

The VCF file format

Standard for genomic variant representation



Example

VCF header

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##fileformat=VCFv4.0
##fileDate=20100707
##source=VCFtools
##reference=NCBI36
##INFO=<ID=AA,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Ancestral Allele">
##INFO=<ID=H2,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="HapMap2 membership">
##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Genotype Quality (phred score)">
##FORMAT=<ID=GL,Number=3,Type=Float,Description="Likelihoods for RR,RA,AA genotypes (R=ref,A=alt)">
##FORMAT=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Read Depth">
##ALT=<ID=DEL,Description="Deletion">
##INFO=<ID=SVTYPE,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Type of structural variant">
##INFO=<ID=END,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="End position of the variant">
```

Body

#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT	SAMPLE1	SAMPLE2
1	1	.	ACG	A,AT	.	PASS	.	GT:DP	1/2:13	0/0:29
1	2	rs1	C	T,CT	.	PASS	H2;AA=T	GT:GQ	0|1:100	2/2:70
1	5	.	A	G	.	PASS	.	GT:GQ	1|0:77	1/1:95
1	100		T	<DEL>	.	PASS	SVTYPE=DEL;END=300	GT:GQ:DP	1/1:12:3	0/0:20

Mandatory header lines

Optional header lines (meta-data about the annotations in the VCF body)

Reference alleles (GT=0)

Alternate alleles (GT>0 is an index to the ALT column)

Phased data (G and C above are on the same chromosome)

Deletion

SNP

Large SV

Insertion

Other event

Variant Call Format

- stores the results of a single or multiple interpretations of genome sequencing datasets, in comparison to a reference genome
- standard format for file-based storage of human genome variants

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Task: Estimate Storage Requirements for 1000 Genomes

- How much computer storage is required for 1000 Genomes
  - WES & WGS
  - Different file formats
    - SAM
    - BAM
    - CRAM
    - VCF
    - FASTA
  - Associated costs
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Please provide 1-page size estimates and reasoning for the use of the different file types (i.e. which would you use for storing called variants, which for full archival purposes, browser visualisation), for 3-5 formats.
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  ➡specification in article collection

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Task: Reading up on Genome Technologies

- General NGS technologies
- count based vs. intensity based as principle
- long and short read technologies
  - advantages/applications for either
- dig deeper for some (molecular)-cytogenetic techniques:
  - banding analysis, SKY, M-FISH
  - SNP, aCGH arrays
  - chromosomal CGH

➡ notes about usage (research, clinical, historical vs. current)

- "T2T genome"
  - What technologies enabled this?
- Graph Genomes
  - Principles?

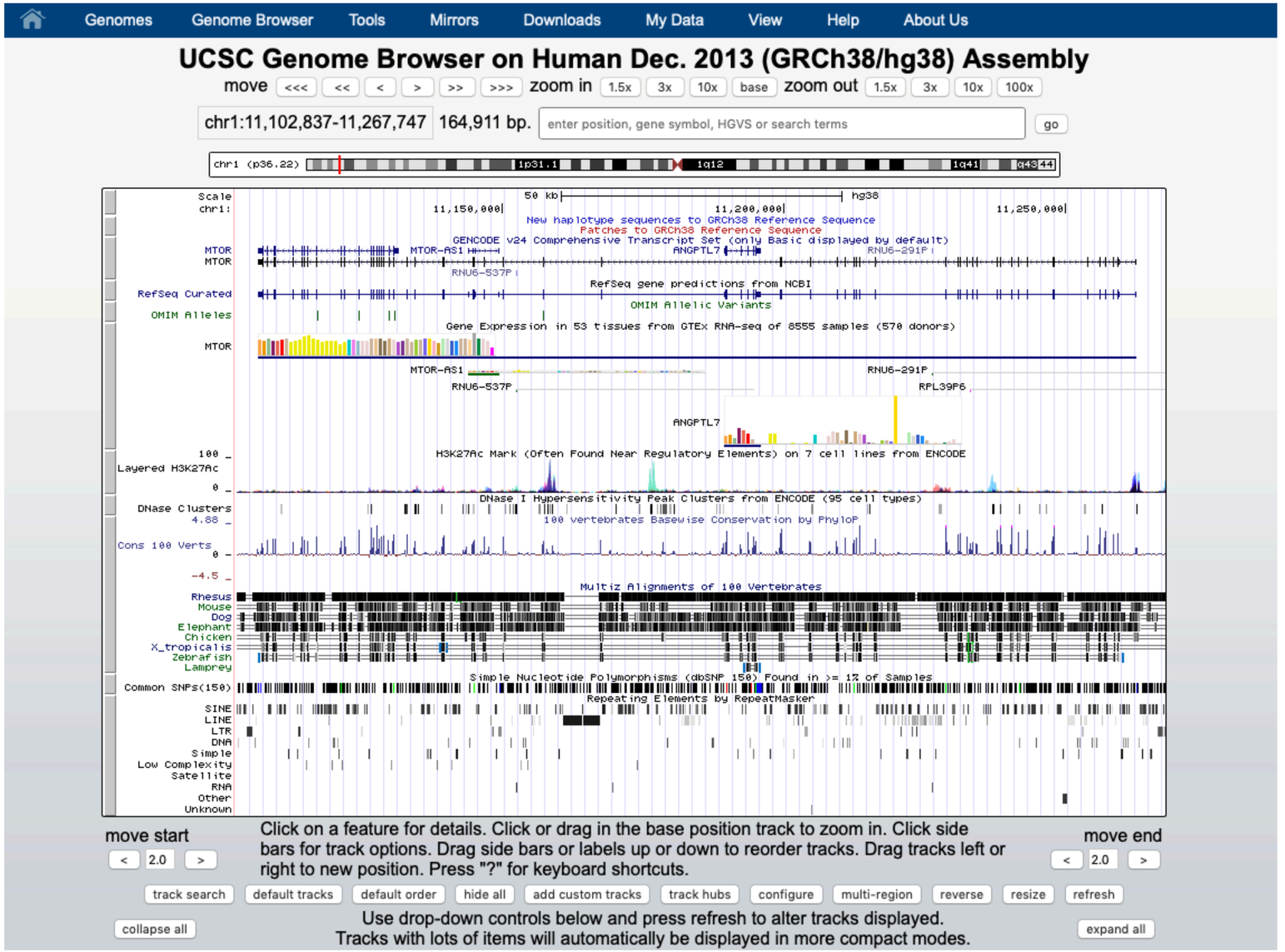
Genome Resources

Sequences | Variants | Interpretations

RESOURCES FOR GENOMICS: UCSC GENOME BROWSER

- Originated from the Human Genome Project
- Most widely used general genome browser
- many default tracks
- many species
- customization with "BED" files

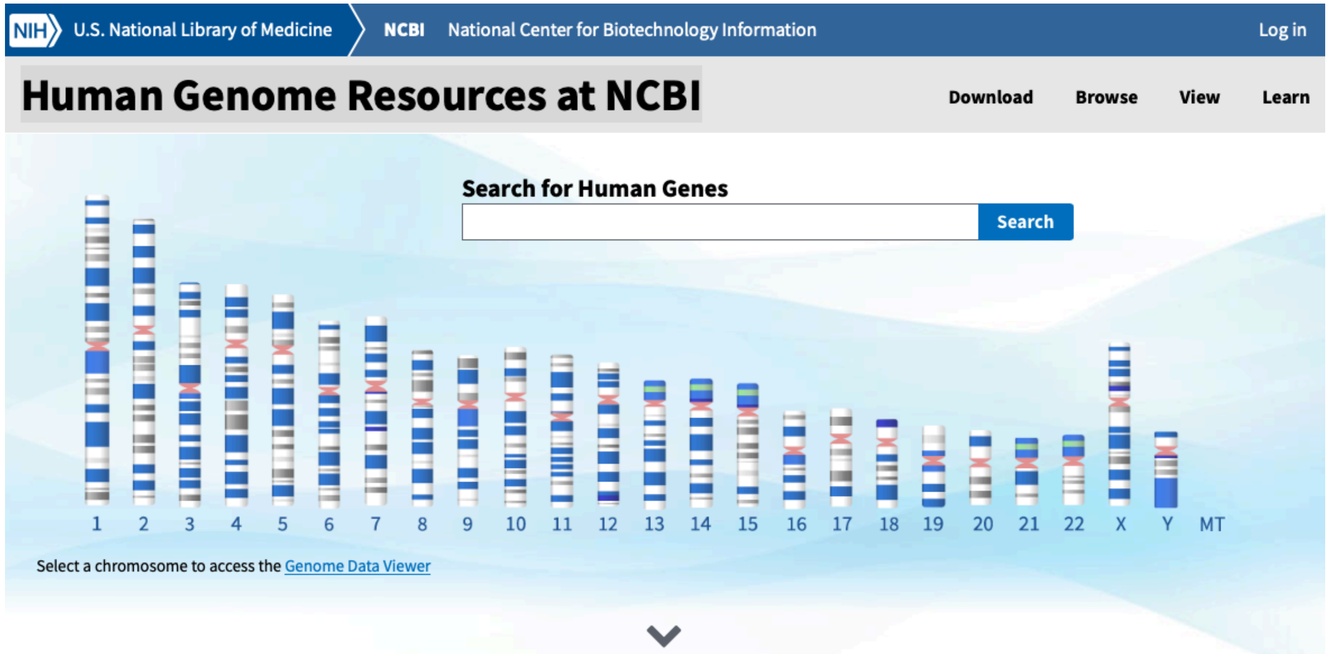
genome.ucsc.edu



RESOURCES FOR GENOMICS: HUMAN GENOME RESOURCES AT NCBI

- Entry point for genome reference data
- Human genome assemblies
- Human variant collections (dbVar, ClinVar, dbSNP) for download

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/genome/guide/human/



Download	GRCh38	GRCh37
Reference Genome Sequence	Fasta	Fasta
RefSeq Reference Genome Annotation	gff3	gff3
RefSeq Transcripts	Fasta	Fasta
RefSeq Proteins	Fasta	Fasta
ClinVar	vcf	vcf
dbSNP	vcf	vcf
dbVar	vcf	vcf

Where to find genome *variant* data ...

Reference Resources for Human Genome Variants

NCBI:dbSNP

- single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and multiple small-scale variations
- including insertions/deletions, microsatellites, non-polymorphic variants

NCBI:dbVAR

- genomic structural variation
- insertions, deletions, duplications, inversions, multinucleotide substitutions, mobile element insertions, translocations, complex chromosomal rearrangements

NCBI:ClinVar

- aggregates information about genomic variation and its relationship to human health

EMBL-EBI:EVA

- open-access database of all types of genetic variation data from all species

Ensembl

- portal for many things genomic...

RESOURCES FOR CANCER GENOMICS

COSMIC
Catalogue of somatic mutations in cancer

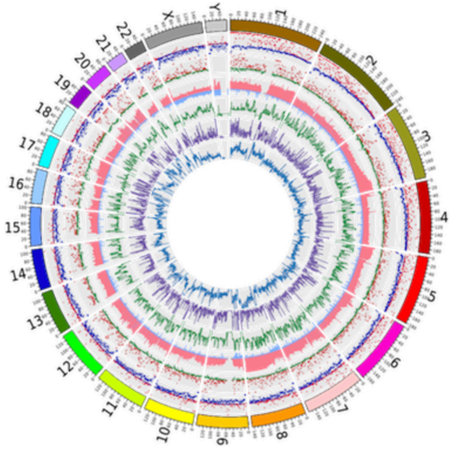
Home ▼ | Resources ▼ | Curation ▼ | Tools ▼ | Data ▼ | News ▼ | Help ▼ | About ▼ | Search COSMIC... | Login ▼

COSMIC v79, released 14-NOV-16

COSMIC, the Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer, is the world's largest and most comprehensive resource for exploring the impact of somatic mutations in human cancer.

Start using COSMIC by searching for a gene, cancer type, mutation, etc. below, or by browsing a region of the human genome using the map to the right.

eg: Braf, COLO-829, Carcinoma, V600E, BRCA-UK, Campbell SEARCH



Browse the **genomic landscape** of cancer

R Resources

Key COSMIC resources

Cell Lines Project
COSMIC
Whole Genomes
Cancer Gene Census
Drug Sensitivity
Mutational Signatures
GRCh37 Cancer Archive

T Tools

Additional tools to explore COSMIC

Cancer Browser
Genome Browser
GA4GH Beacon
CONAN

C Expert Curation

High quality curation by expert postdoctoral scientists

Drug Resistance New
Cancer Gene Census
Curated Genes
Gene Fusions
Genome-Wide Screens

D Data

Further details on using COSMIC's content

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Cancer Gene Census Update

7 genes have been added to the Cancer Gene Census -

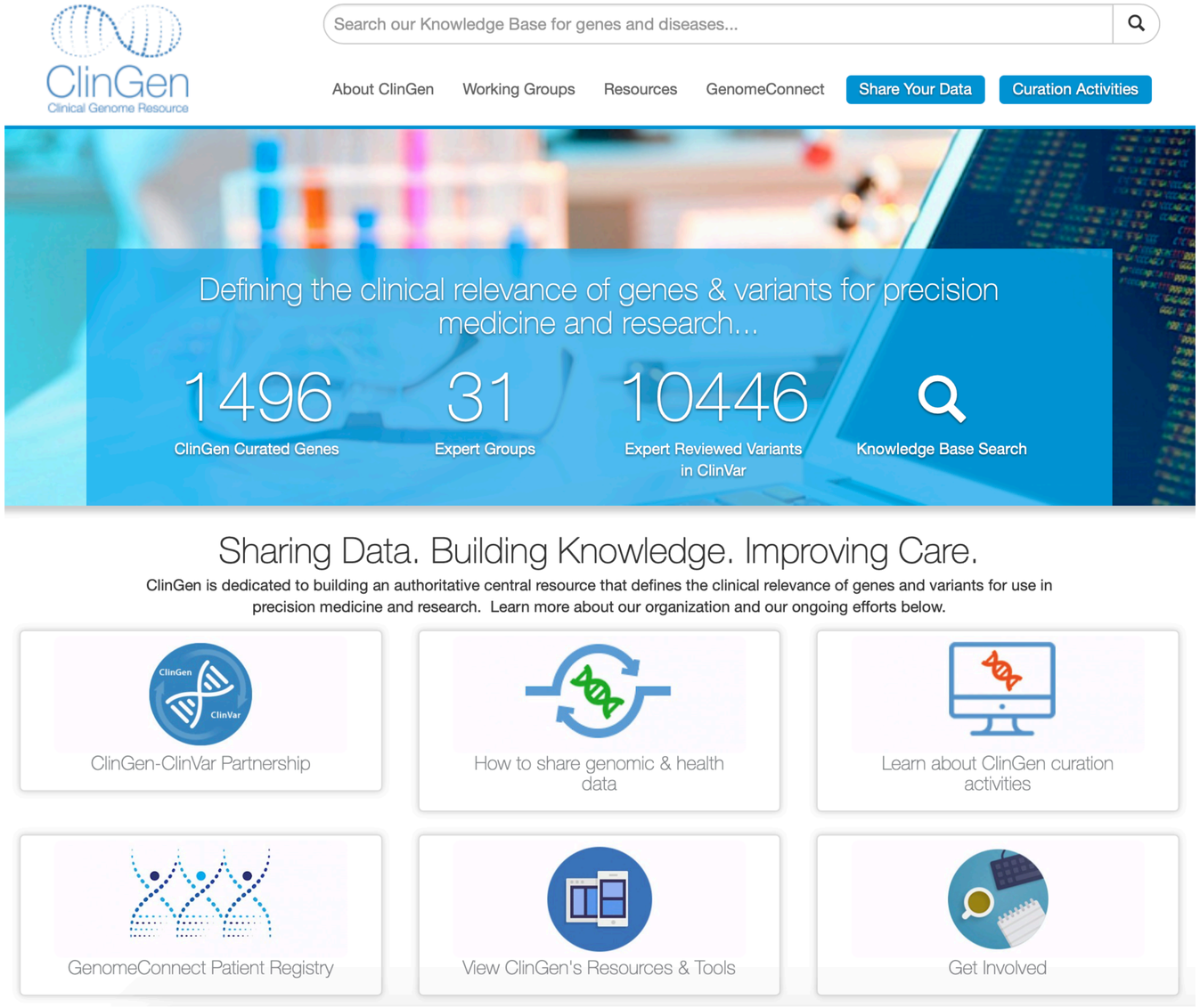
EPAS1 - Endothelial PAS domain protein 1.
PTPRT - Protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type T.
PPM1D - Protein phosphatase, Mg2+/Mn2+ dependent 1D.
BTK - Bruton tyrosine kinase.
PREX2 - Phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-trisphosphate dependent Rac exchange factor 2.
TP63 - Tumour protein p63.
QKI - QKI, KH domain containing RNA binding.

For full details, see the Datasheet.

RESOURCES FOR GENOMICS: CLINGEN

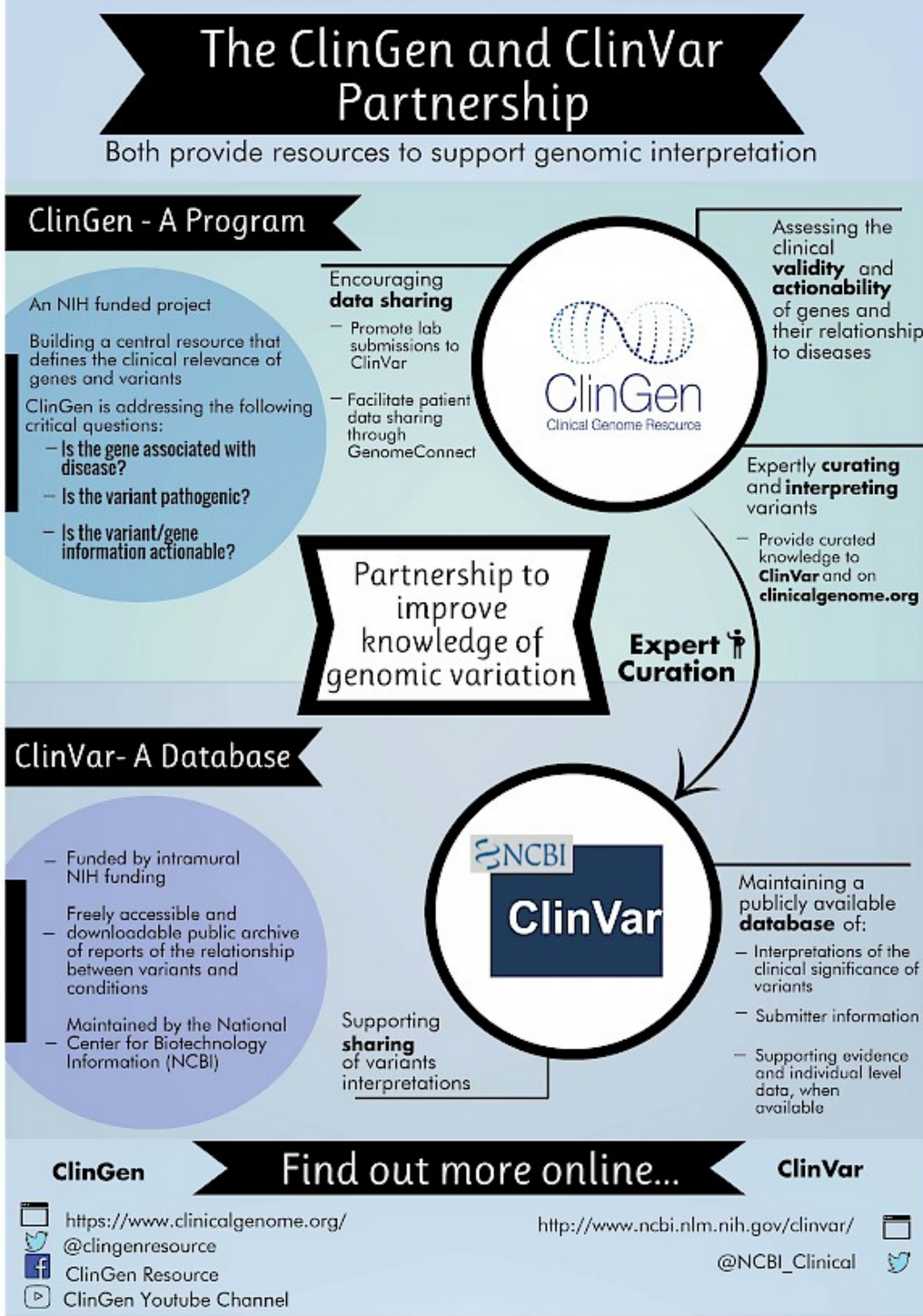
- "The Genomic Variant WG brings together representatives from the Sequence and Structural Variant communities for focused discussions on resolving discrepancies in variant interpretation and creating consistent curation guidelines."
- Interpreted genome variants with disease association

clinicalgenome.org



- ClinVar (an NCBI database/ resource) is used as basis for curated variant <-> disease associations in ClinGen
- ClinGen - a funded project (application/funding limited)
- ClinVar - an internal NIH resource (dependent on political "goodwill")

clinicalgenome.org



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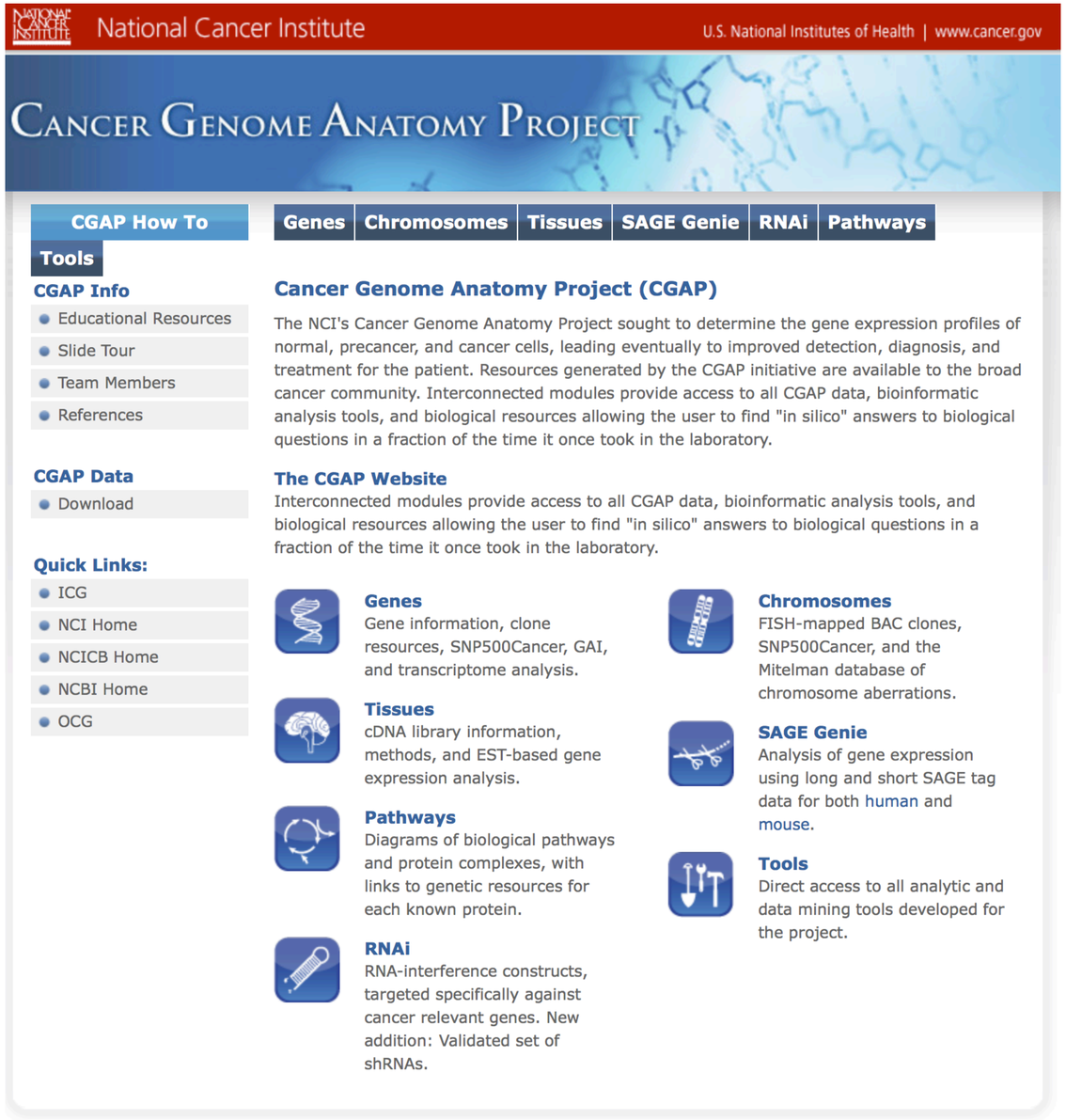
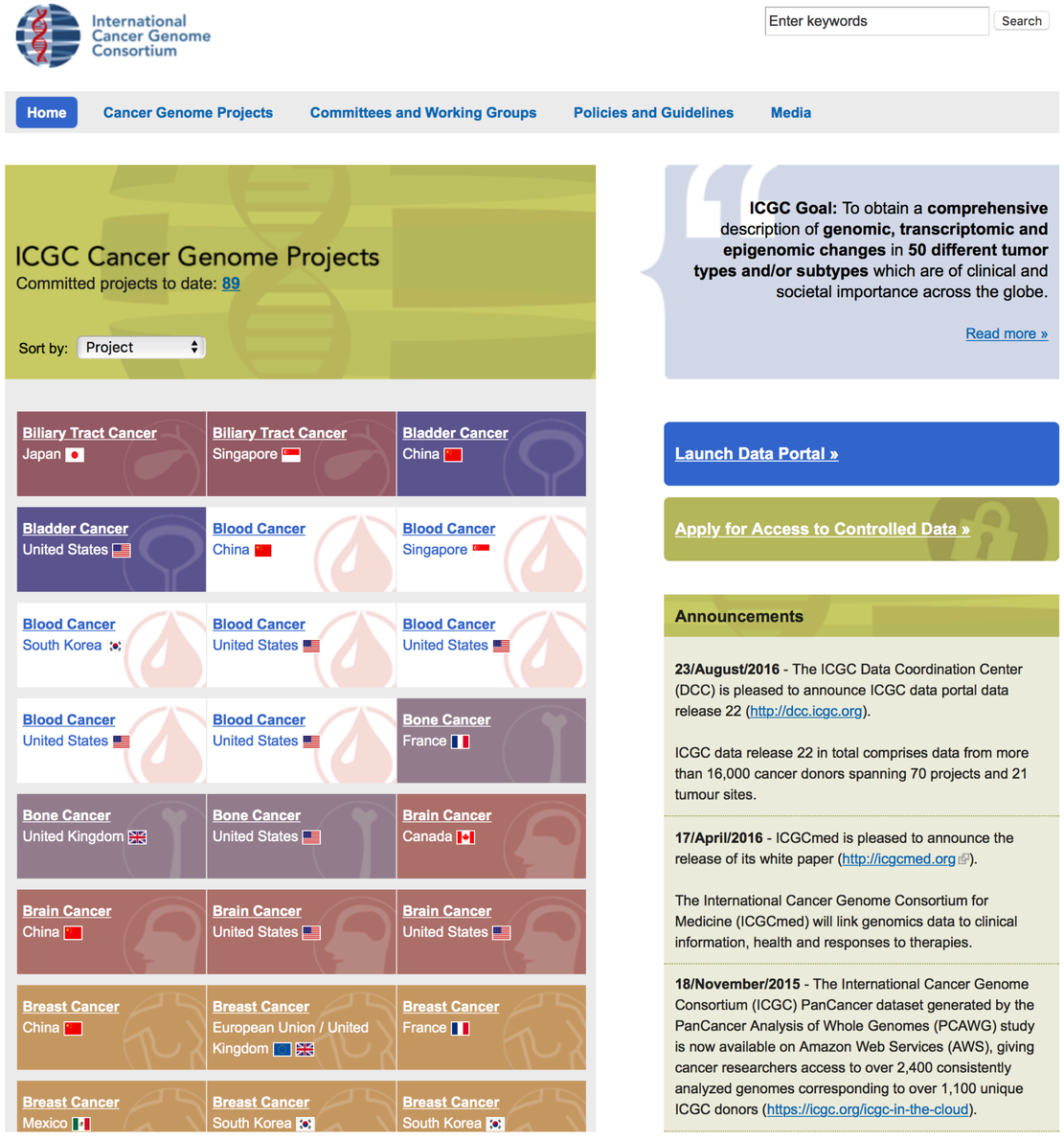


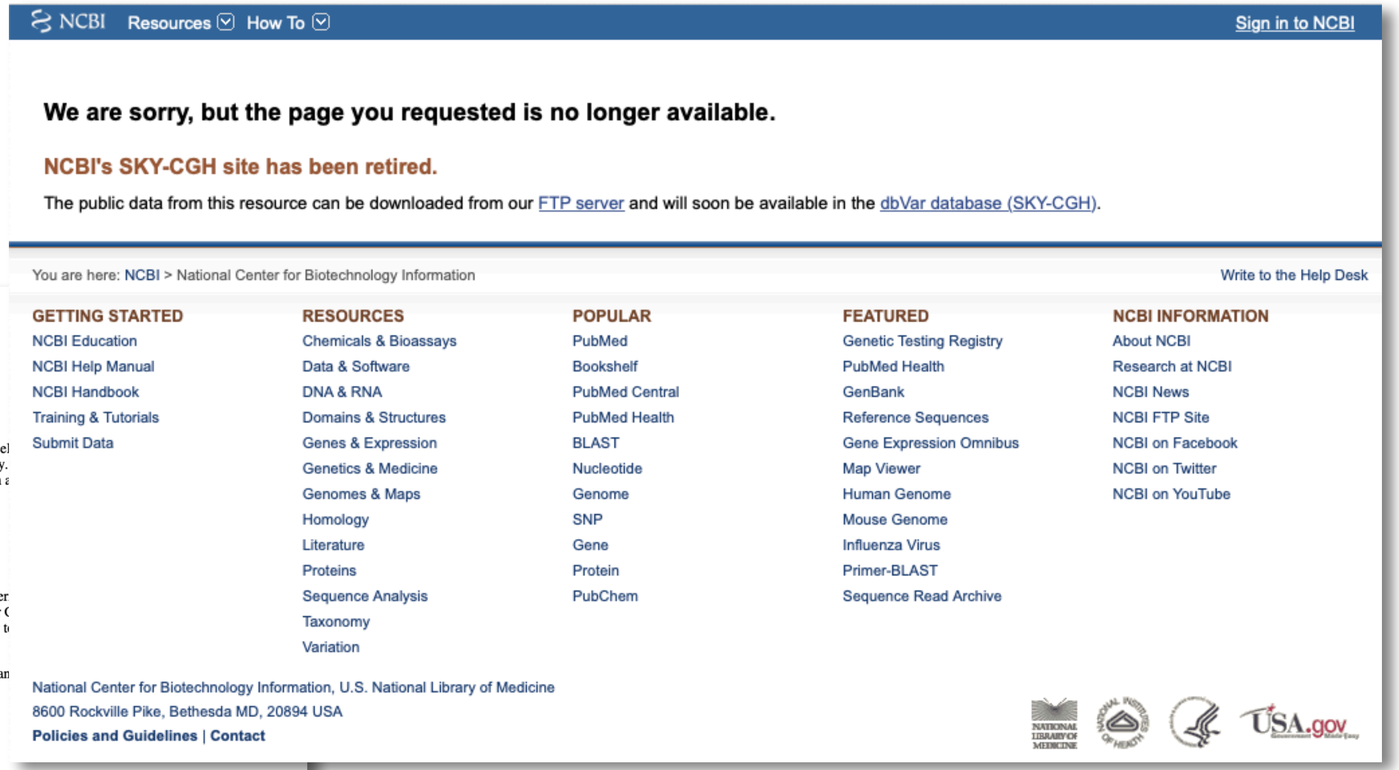


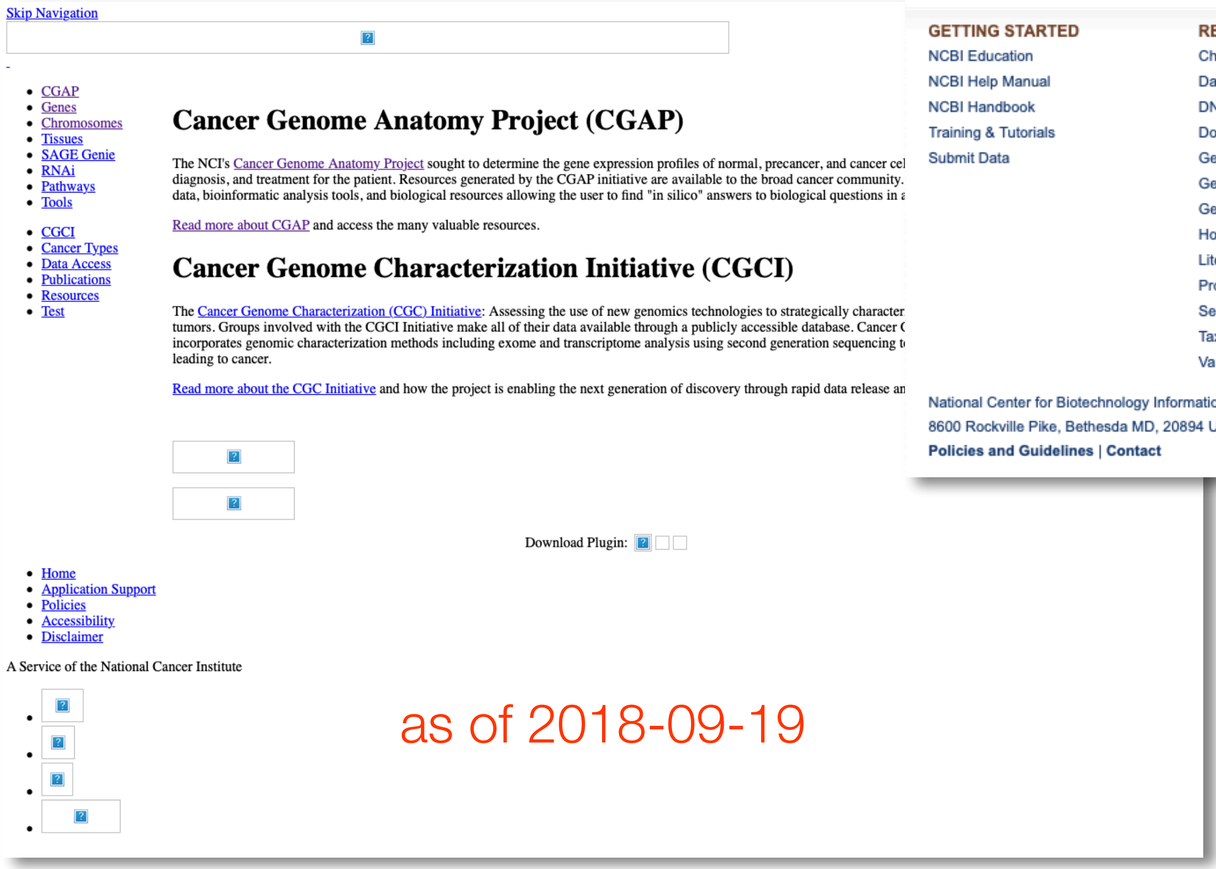
VARIANT RESOURCES FOR CANCER GENOMICS

Resource name	Primary institute	Constituent Knowledge base	Cancer focused	Therapeutic evidence	Predisp. evidence	Diagnostic evidence	Prognostic evidence	Variant emphasis	URL
Cancer Genome Interpreter (CGI)	Institute for Research in Biomedicine, Barcelona, Spain	x	x	x				Somatic	https://www.cancergenomeinterpreter.org/home
Clinical Interpretation of Variants in Cancer (CIViC)	Washington University School of Medicine (WashU)	x	x	x	x	x	x	All variants	www.civicdb.org
JAX Clinical Knowledgebase (CKB)	The Jackson Laboratory	x	x	x	x	x	x	Somatic	https://ckb.jax.org/
Molecular Match	Molecular Match	x	x	x			x	Somatic	https://app.molecularmatch.com/
OncoKB	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	x	x	x				Somatic	http://oncokb.org/#/
Precision Medicine Knowledgebase (PMKB)	Weill Cornell Medical College	x	x	x	x	x	x	Somatic	https://pmkb.weill.cornell.edu/
BRCA exchange	GA4GH	x	x		x			Germline	http://brcaexchange.org/
Cancer Driver Log (CanDL)	Ohio State University (OSU) / James Cancer Hospital		x	x				Somatic	https://candl.osu.edu/
Gene Drug Knowledge Database	Synapse		x	x		x	x	Somatic	https://www.synapse.org/#!Synapse:syn2370773/wiki/62707
MatchMiner	Dana-Farber Cancer Institute		x					Somatic	http://bcb.dfci.harvard.edu/knowledge-systems/
COSMIC Drug Resistance Curation	Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute		x	x				Somatic	http://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic/drug_resistance
My Cancer Genome	Vanderbilt University		x	x		x	x	Somatic	https://www.mycancergenome.org/
NCI Clinical Trials	National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health		x					Somatic	www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials
Personalized Cancer Therapy Database	MD Anderson Cancer Center		x	x	x	x	x	Somatic	https://pct.mdanderson.org/#/home
ClinGen Knowledge Base	ClinGen				x			Germline	https://www.clinicalgenome.org/resources-tools/
ClinVar	National Center for Biotechnology Information			x	x			All variants	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/
Pharmacogenomics Knowledgebase (PharmGKB)	Stanford University			x				Germline	https://www.pharmgkb.org/
The Human Gene Mutation Database (HGMD)	Institute of Medical Genetics in Cardiff				x			Germline	http://www.hgmd.cf.ac.uk

Wagner et al. A harmonized meta-knowledgebase of clinical interpretations of cancer genomic variants. Nature Genetics (under review 2018)

RESOURCES FOR GENOMICS - THEY MAY BREAK SOMETIMES ...





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Beyond a Single Resource: Federation

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Commentary

International federation of genomic medicine databases using GA4GH standards

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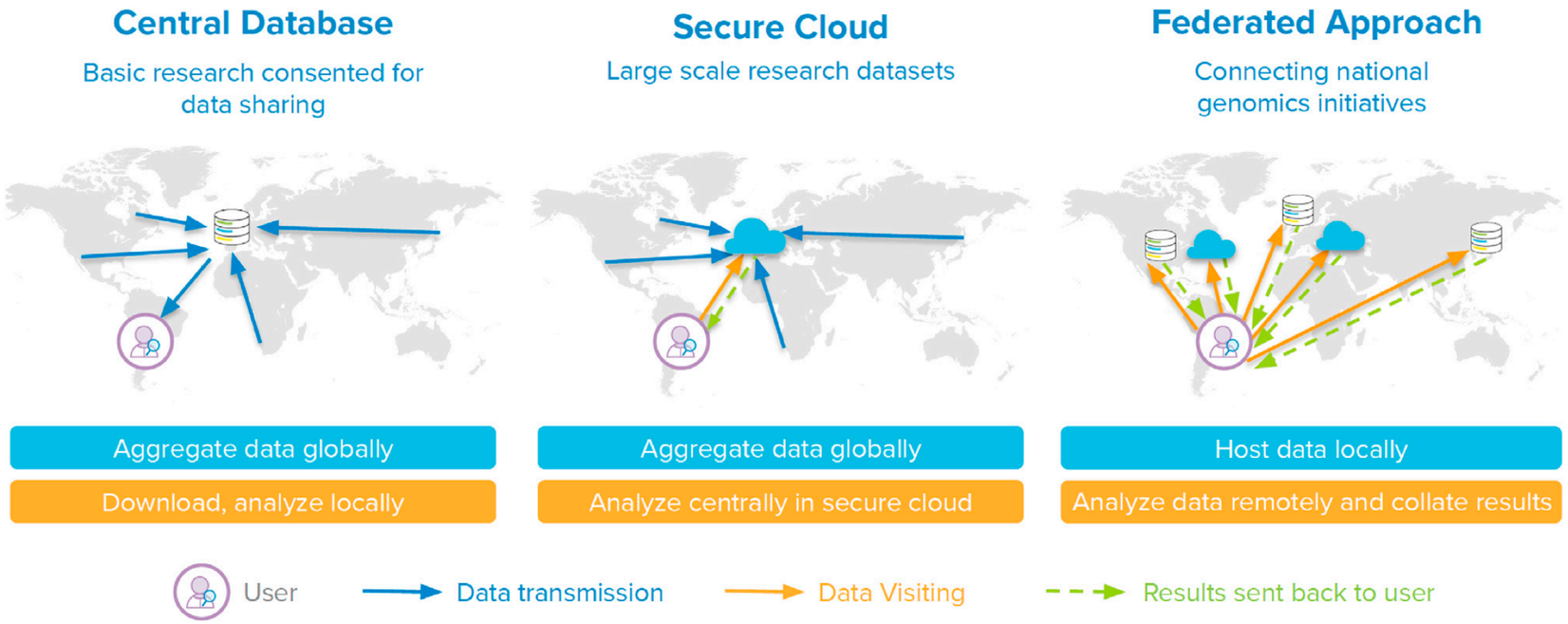

Figure 1. Data sharing approaches: Central database, secure cloud, and federated

Central database: Data from multiple sources are pooled in a central database. Researchers download copies of data and analyze them in their own computing environment.

Secure cloud: Data from multiple sources are pooled in a central cloud environment. Researchers remotely visit data and run their analyses in the cloud and download the result.

Federation: Data remain within locally controlled databases and computing environments, which may be cloud environments. Researchers remotely visit data, run their analyses at each site, and receive a local result, which can then be aggregated.

Task: Exploring Genome Resources

- primary deposition databases
- interpreted databases (e.g. variant annotations...)
- suggestion: VICC paper (Wagner et al.)
  - Wagner et al (2020): A harmonized meta-knowledgebase of clinical interpretations of somatic genomic variants in cancer
- make some notes about different genome resources and their primary use

  ➡Don't think only "human" ¯_(ツ)_/¯

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10:00 - 11:00	Tina Siegenthaler: technical introduction (room, computer, accounts)		Jiahui: Terminal / Unix / Files	Hangjia: R exercise	Michael: Genoomic Resources & Data Sharing		Feifei:: Sequence analysis practical	Michael: Genomic Data & Privacy		Feifei & Ziying: survival	Feifei: population structure		Discussion
11:00 - 12:00	* explore course site * create Github accounts and forward to bio392@compbiozurich.org *feifei&jiahui: overall schedule of the course		jiahui: SIB online introduction to Unix		Michael: Genoomic Resources & Data Sharing		Feifei:: Sequence analysis practical	Michael: Genomic Data & Privacy		Feifei: survival	Feifei: population structure		
13:00 - 14:00	jiahui: Github	Michael: Introduction	Jiahui & Ziying: Python	Hangjia: CNV paper reading	Hangjia: Clinvar and Clingen	Feifei: Sequence analysis introduction. Overview of pipeline from raw reads -> variant calling & interpretation	Feifei:: STR reading up		Feifei:: analysis & interpretation. Parsing VCF (cyvcf2), UCSD genome browser, ENSEMBL variant effect predictor	Feifei: population structure	Feifei & others: Presentation & Discussion	Exam revision, Q&A	
14:00 - 15:00	jiahui: Github&Git exercise	Michael: Introduction	Exercise	Hangjia: Progenetix as tool for CNV frequencies etc.	Hangjia: blast	Feifei: Sequence analysis introduction	Feifei:: STR reading up		Feifei:: analysis & interpretation.	Feifei: population structure	Feifei & others: Presentation & Discussion		
15:00 - 16:30		Michael: Introduction			Hangija: Blast exercise				Feifei:: analysis & interpretation.	Feifei: population structure	Feifei & others: Presentation & Discussion		