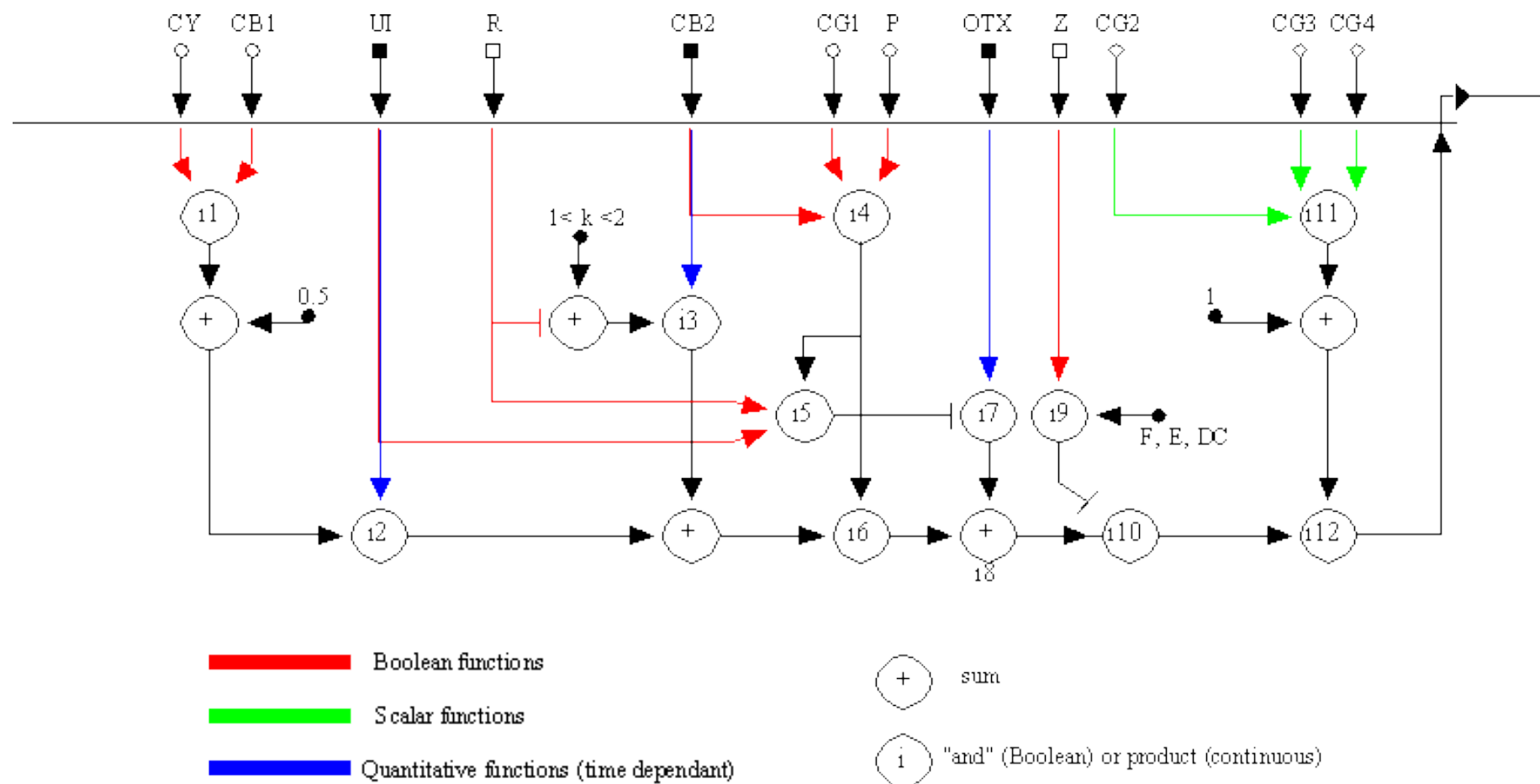
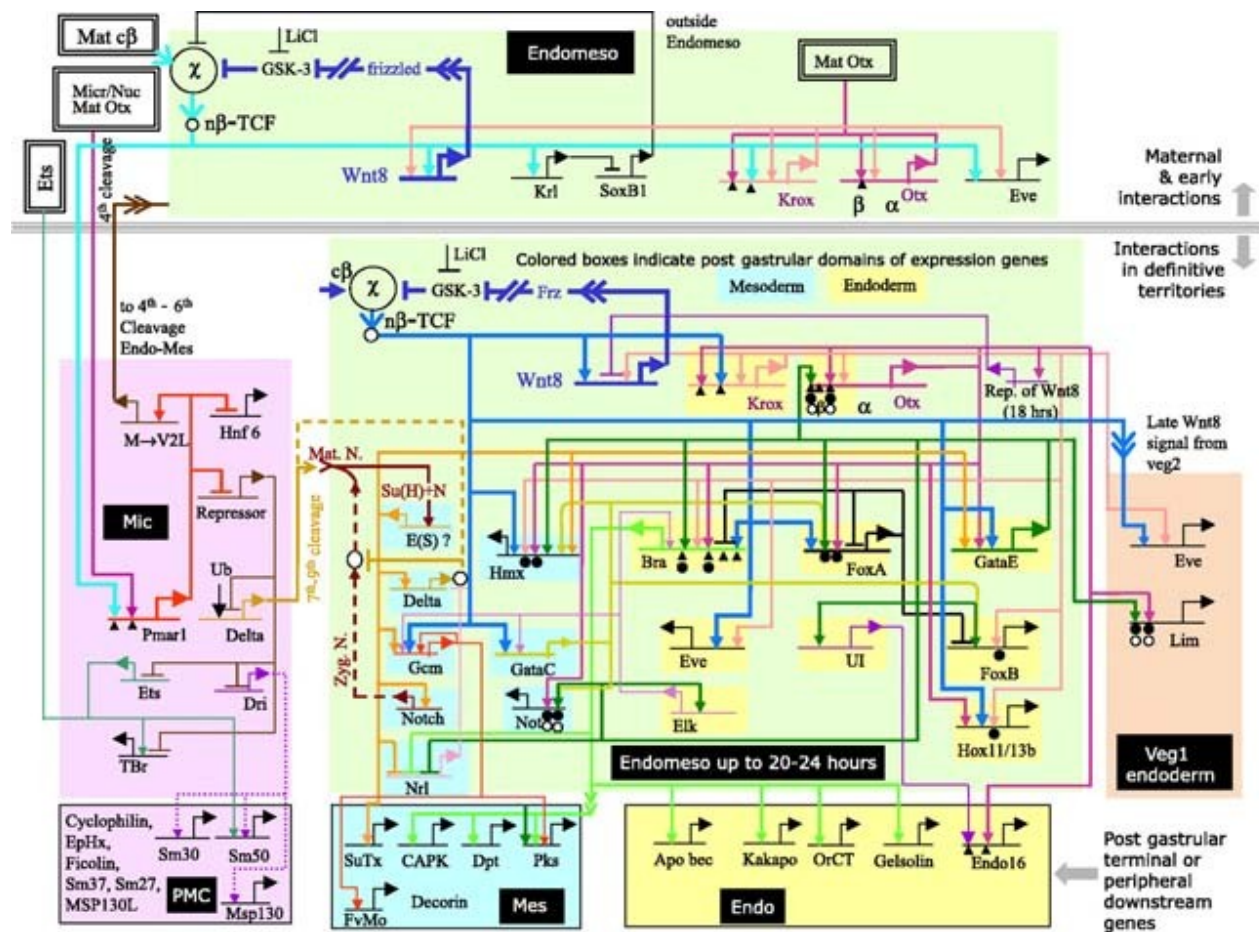


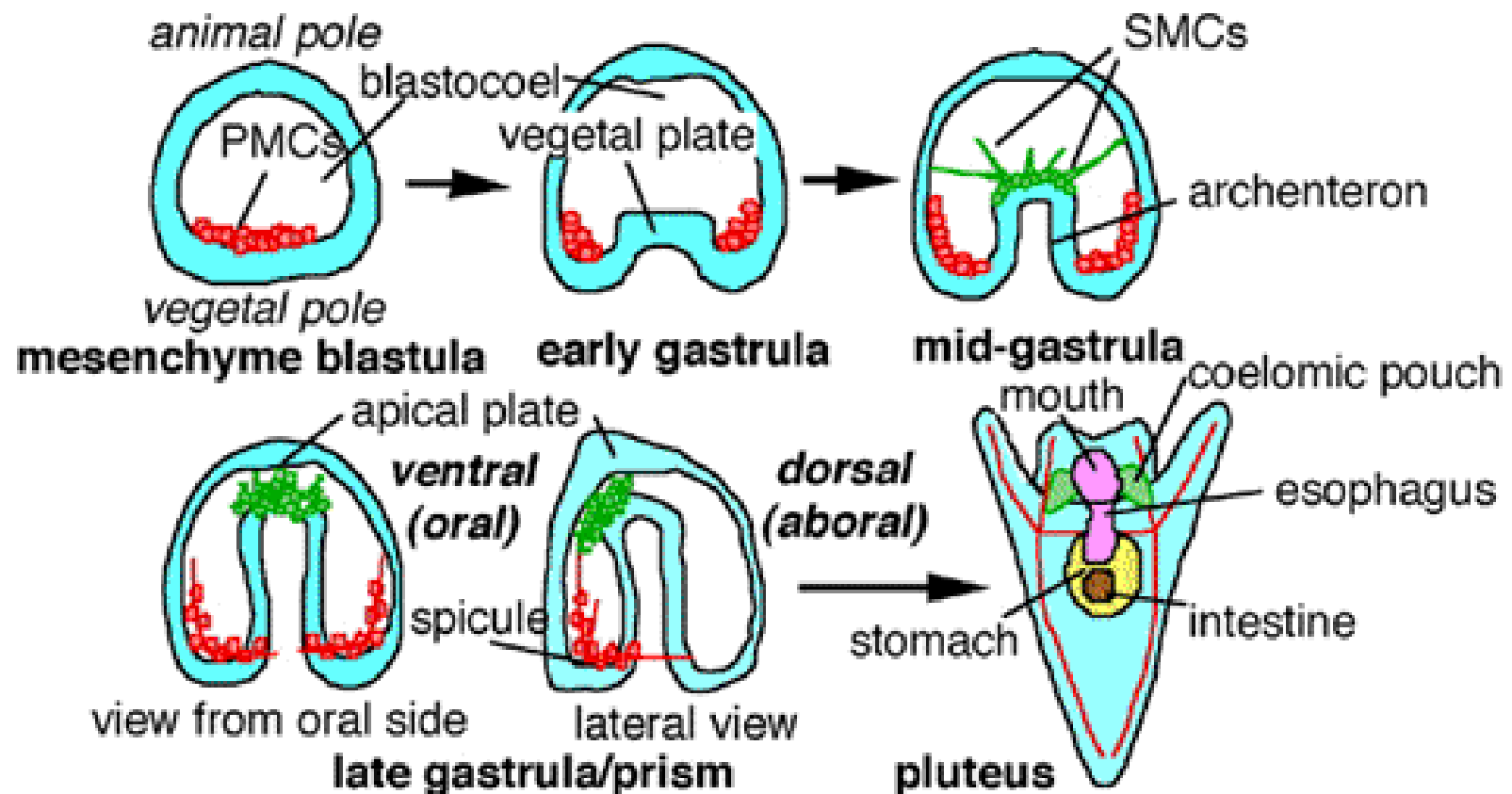
Biological networks

- Some links specified by regions of DNA
- Protein interactions, RNA/RNA, RNA/DNA, RNA/Protein, cell signalling
- Exhibit modular structure
 - Components
 - Scalability



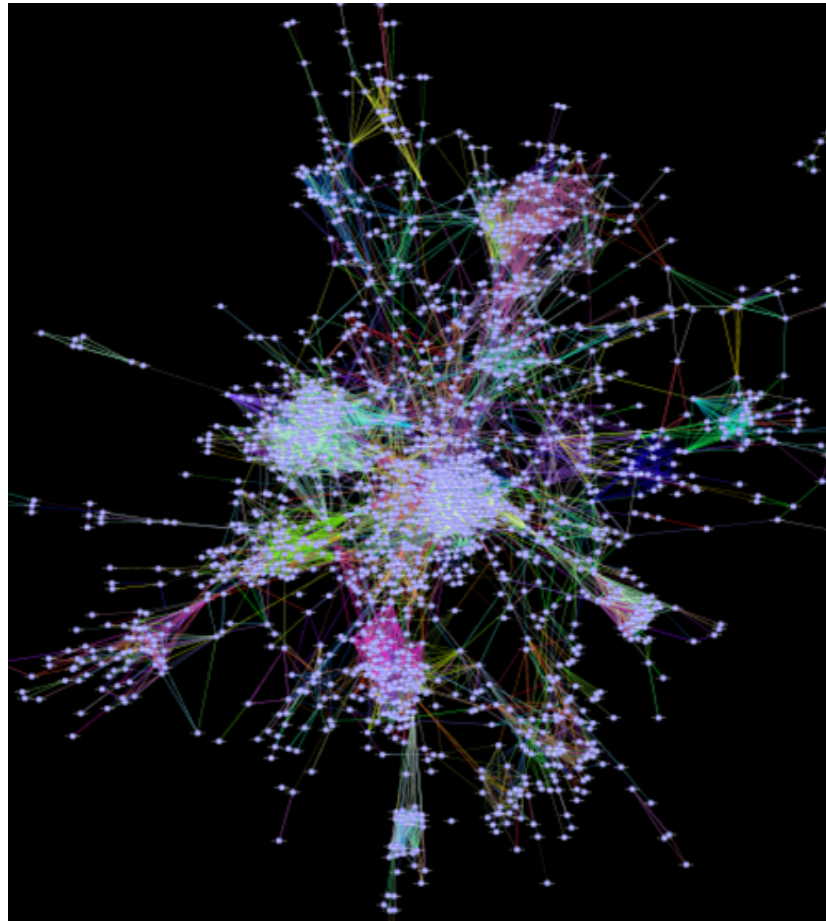


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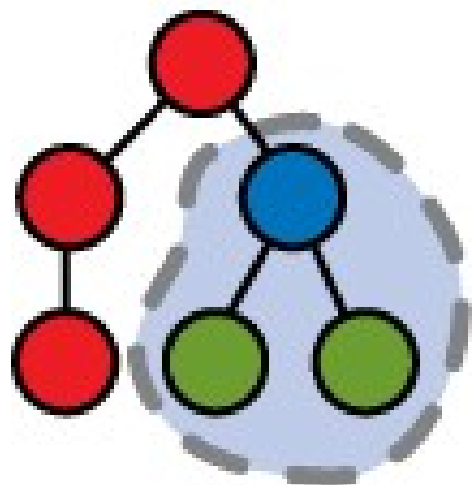


Modularity

- System built of components

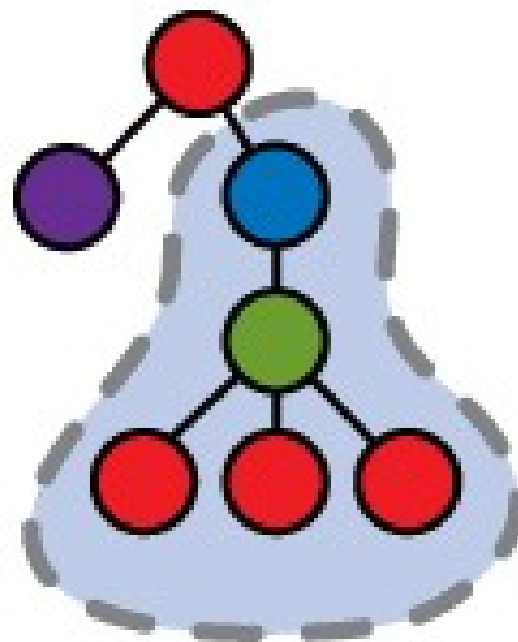


Father



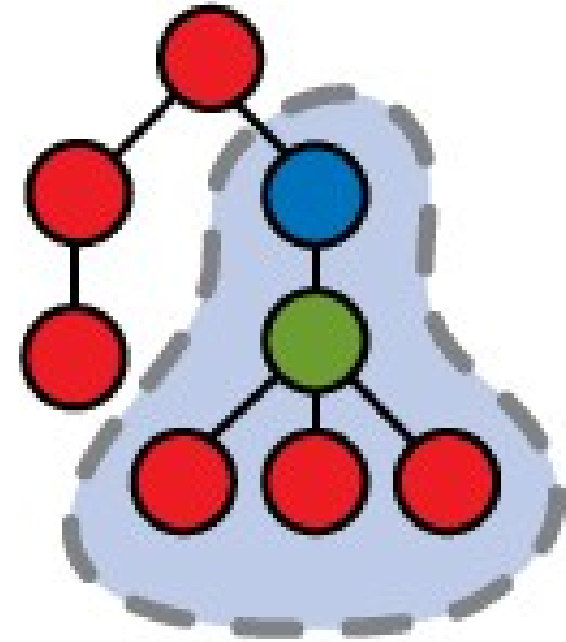
Randomly
Selected Subtree

Mother



Randomly
Selected Subtree

Offspring



Replace Old Subtree
With New Tree

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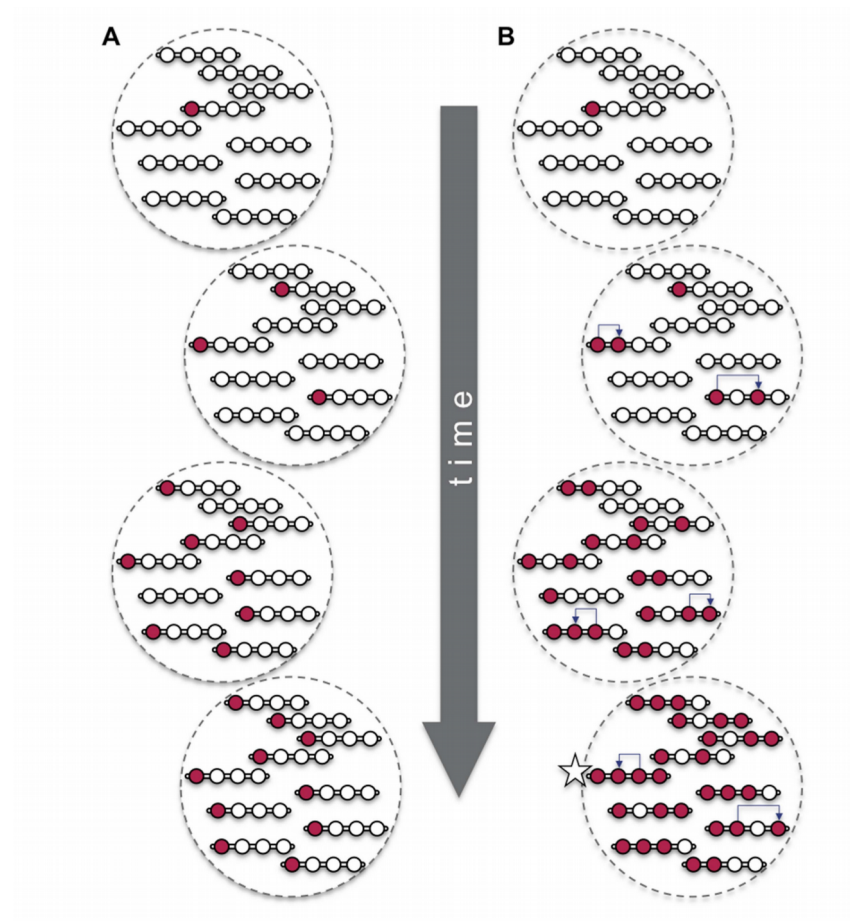
TensorFlow + 3D genome hackathon

Complexity and networks

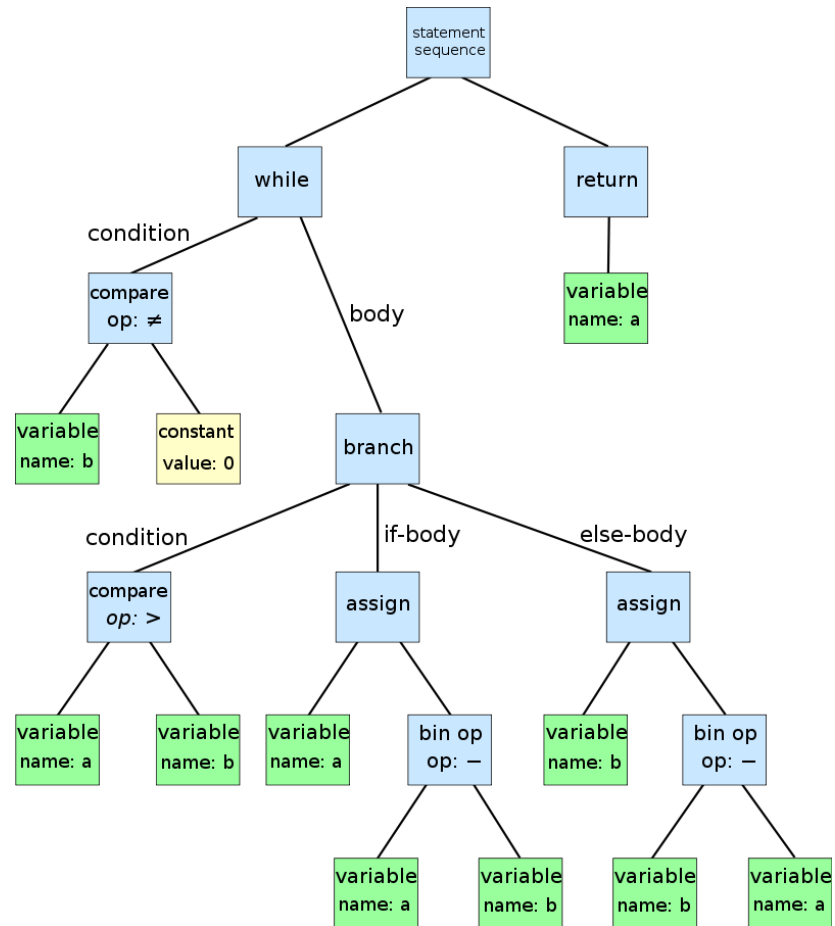
- Small simple networks can lead to complex structure/function = phenotype
- Network links swapped changes higher level behaviour
- Preferential swapping within modules allows scaling → more complex life

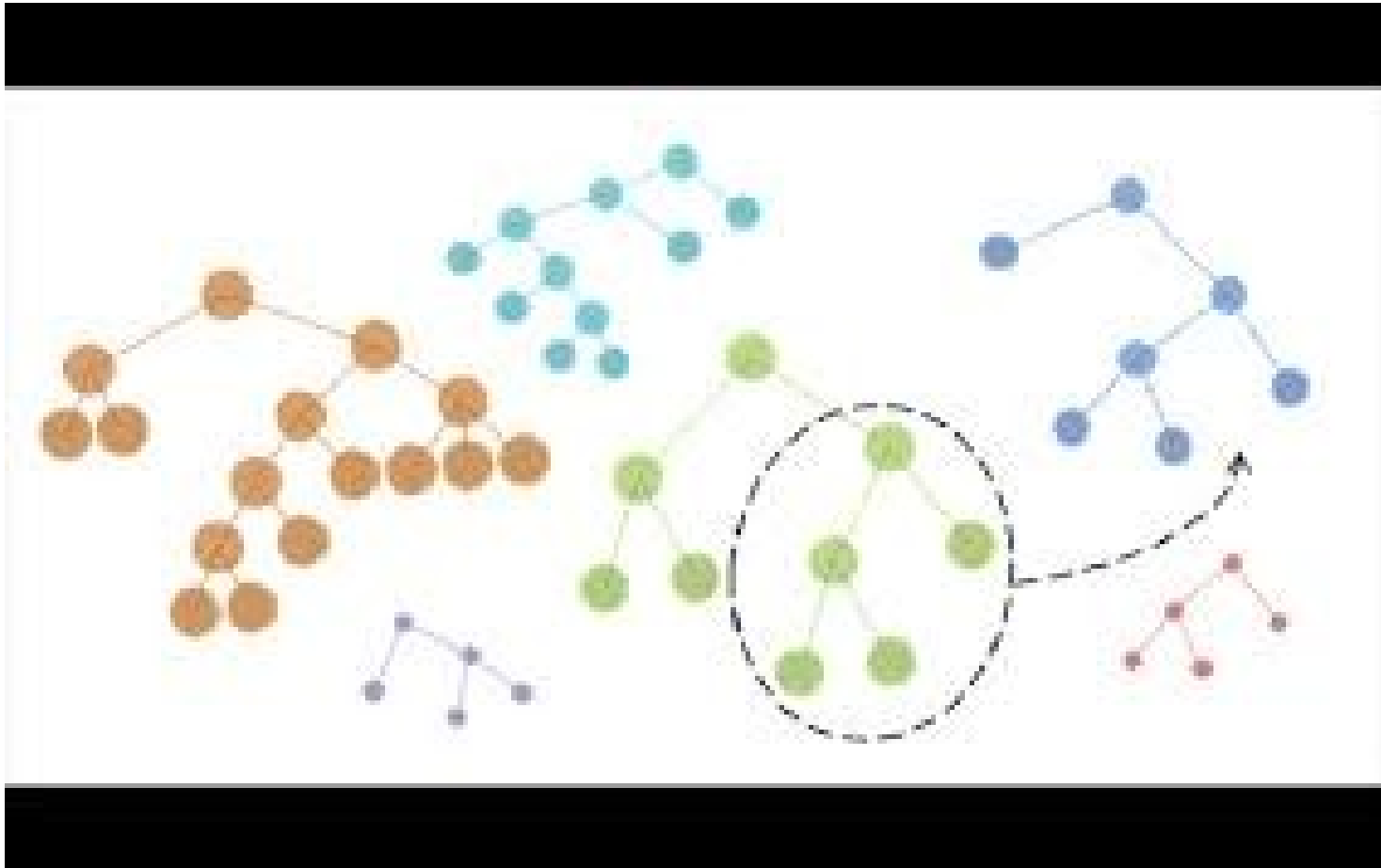
Genetic Programming

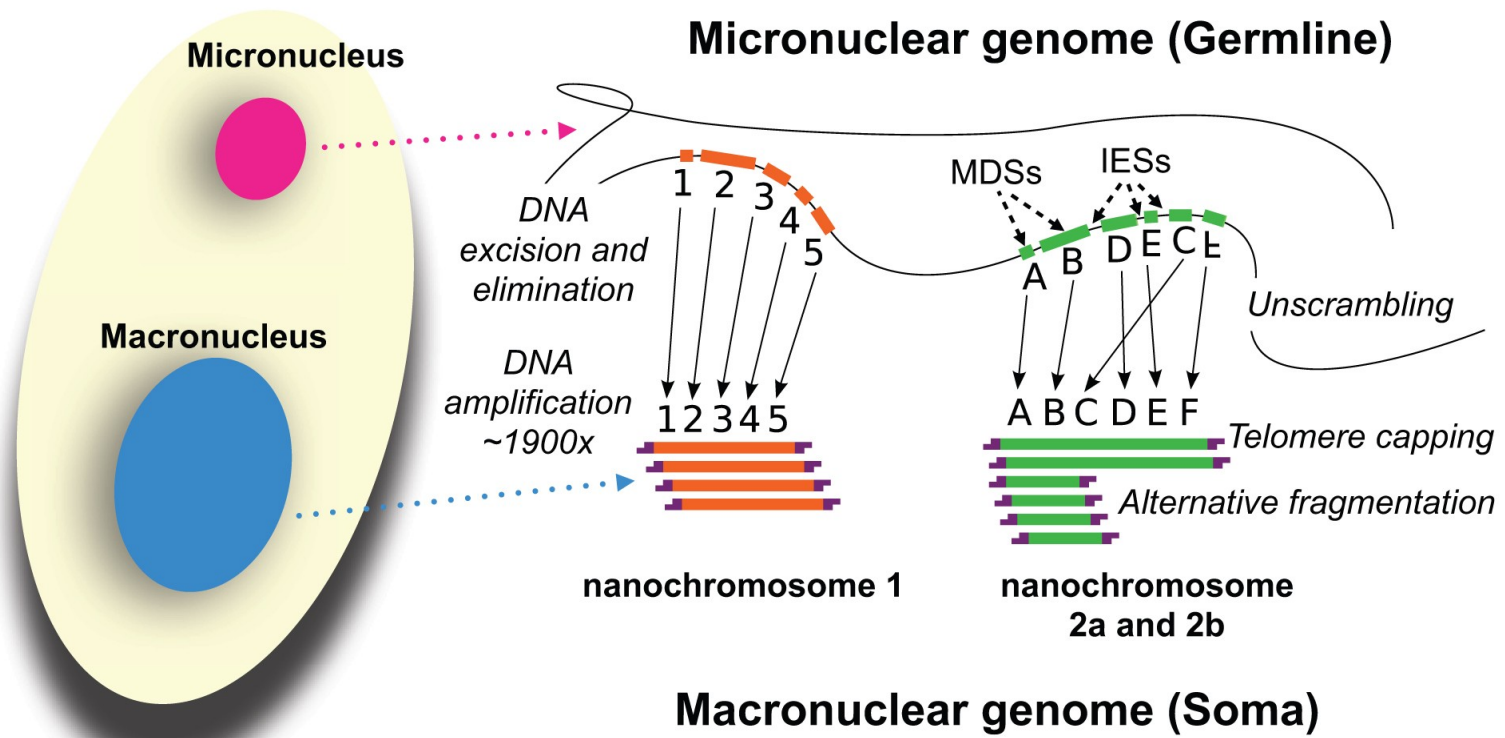
- One type of genetic algorithm
 - Populations of solutions
 - Evolve by natural selection inspired processes
 - Selection, mutation, recombination
- Represent solutions to problems as computational trees
- Human competitive for small systems
 - Breaks patents

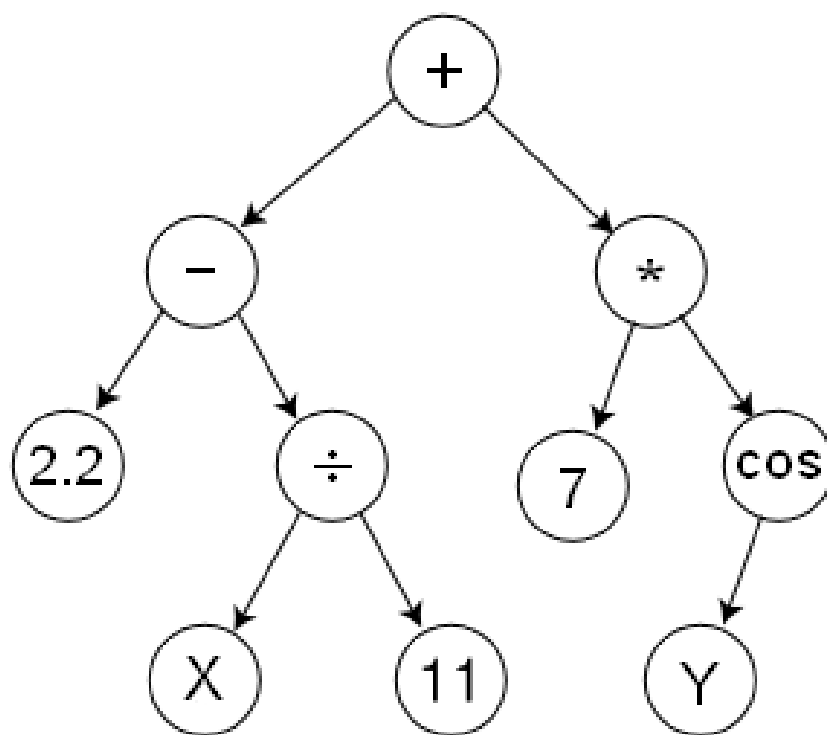


Program as tree





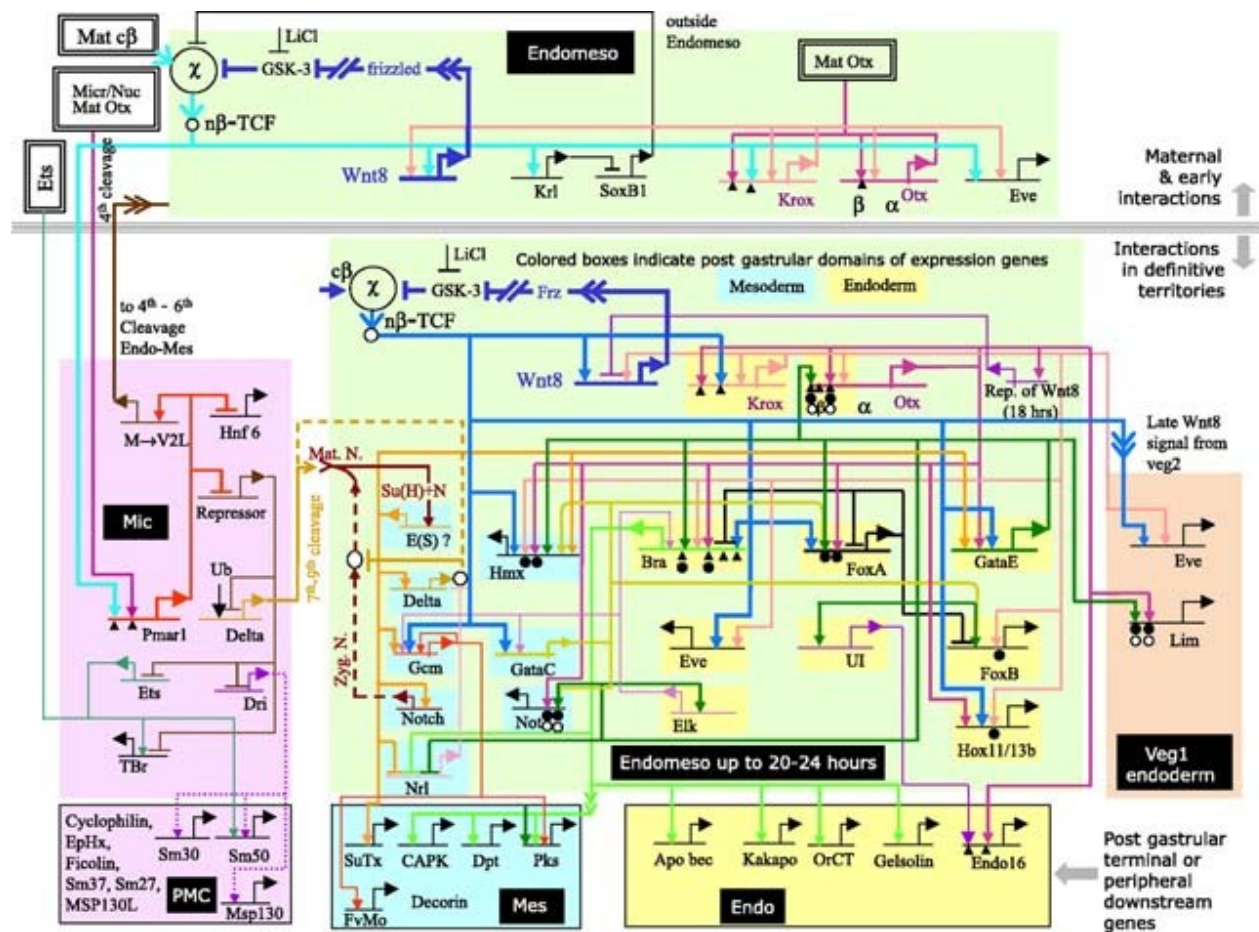


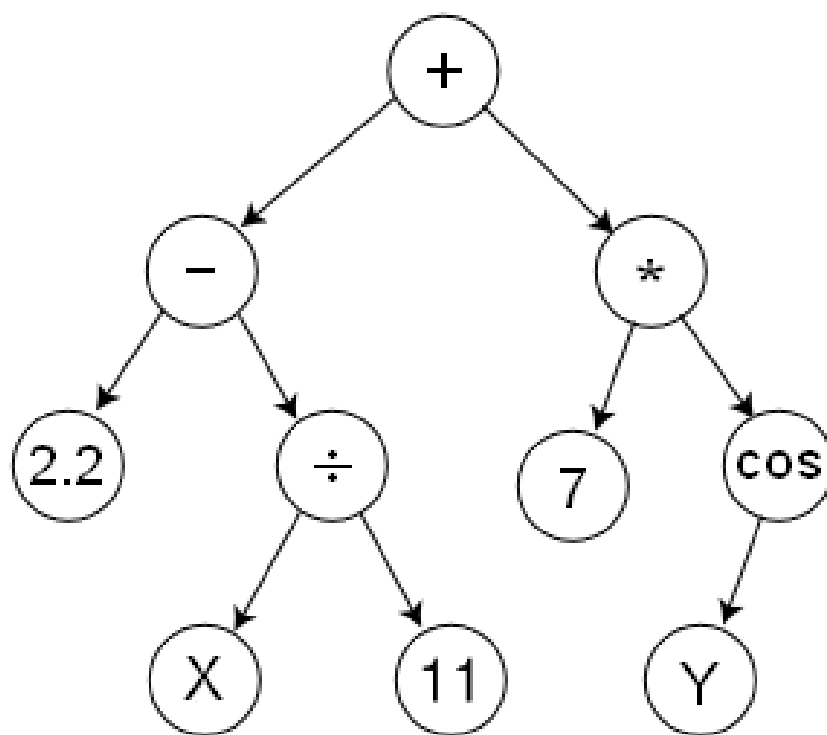


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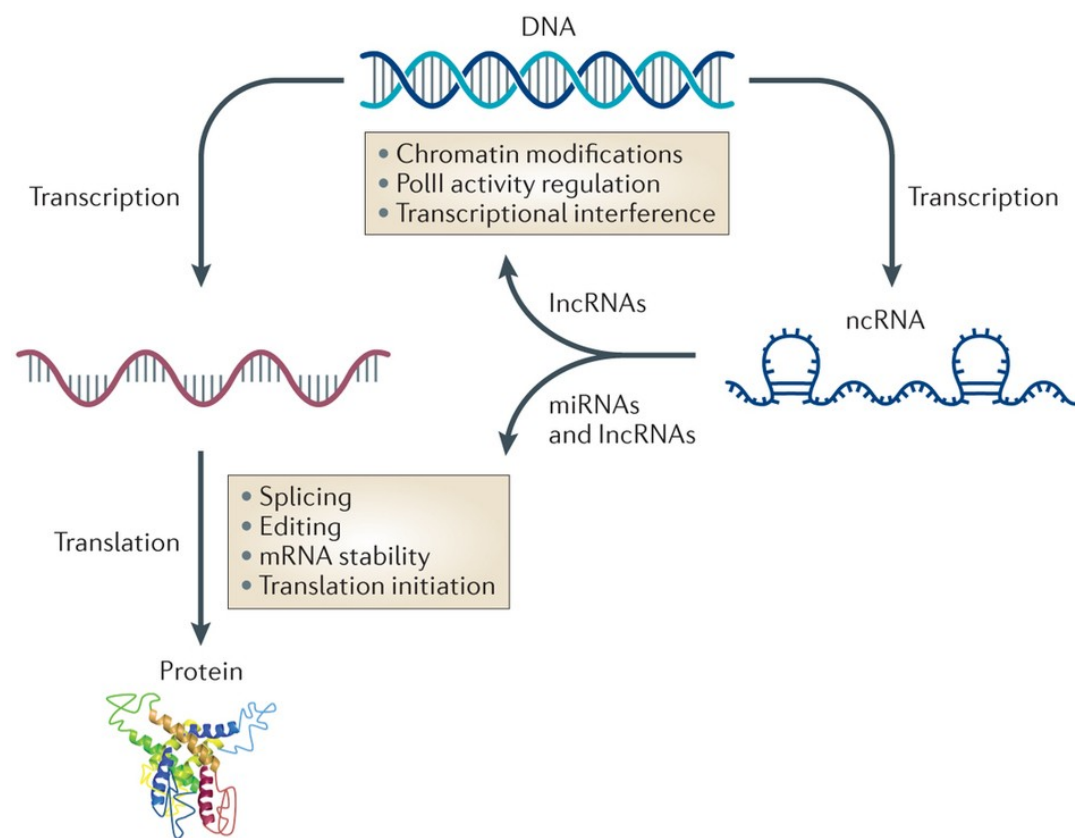
Scalability

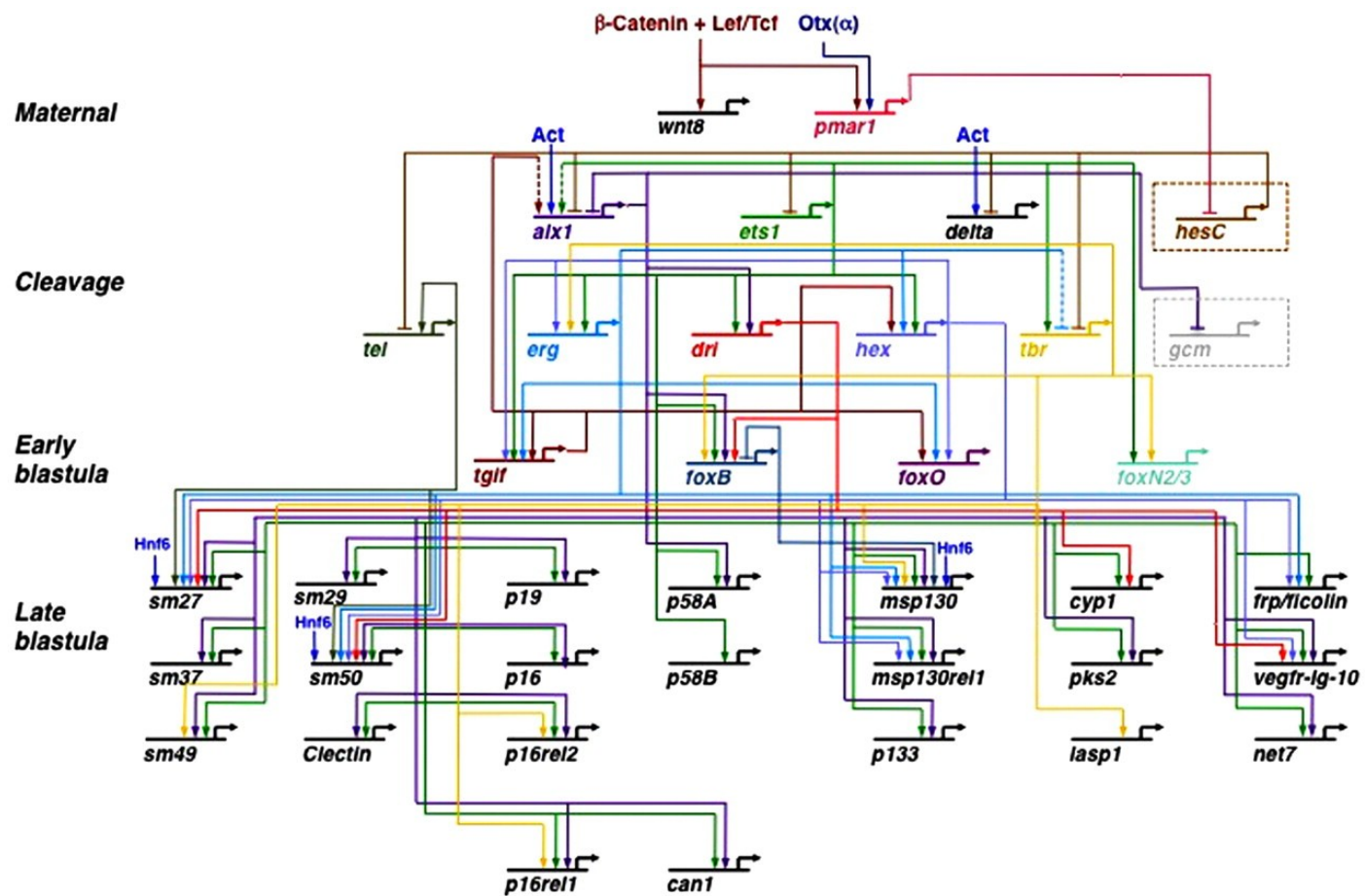
- GP not very scalable
- Specialisation in subtrees broken by swapping
- Network evolution
 - Network connectivity determines behaviour
- Modular evolvability
- How might the genome do this?

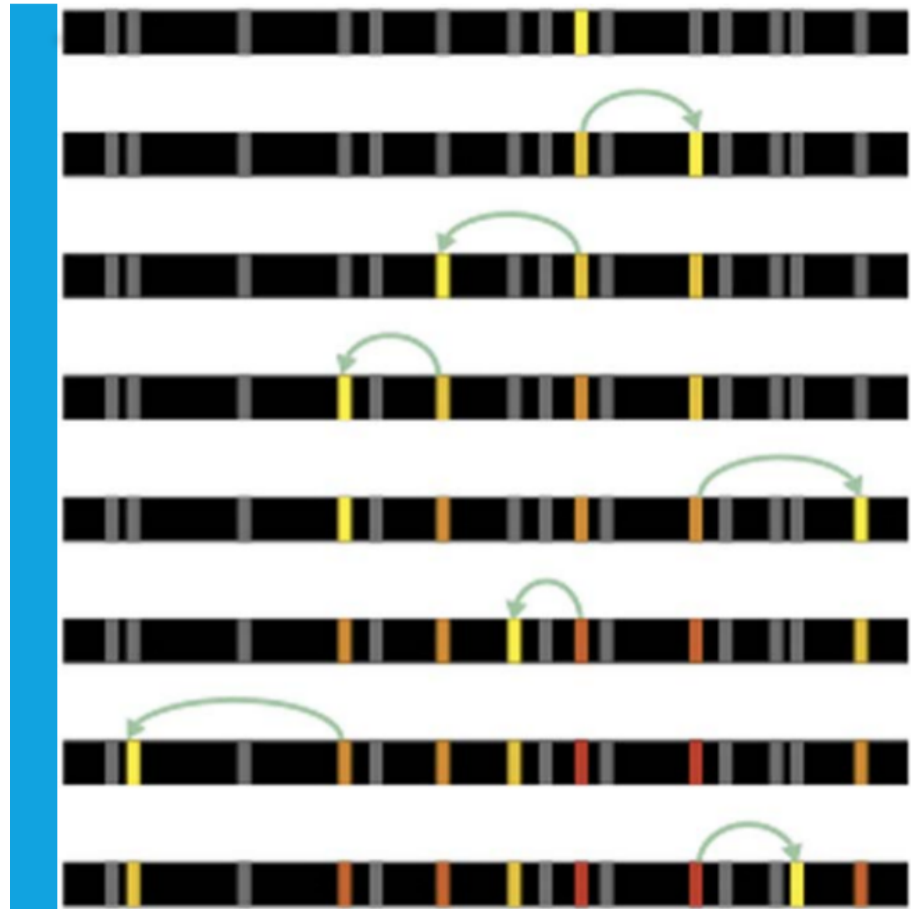




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Gene conversion and repeats

- Majority of genome repetitive sequence
- Provides template for exchange of DNA – network connections
- Maintained by short term selection on new links – hitchhiking homology
- Repetitive landscape conserved and evolves
- Links selected for increase linkage
 - Not the case if no selection