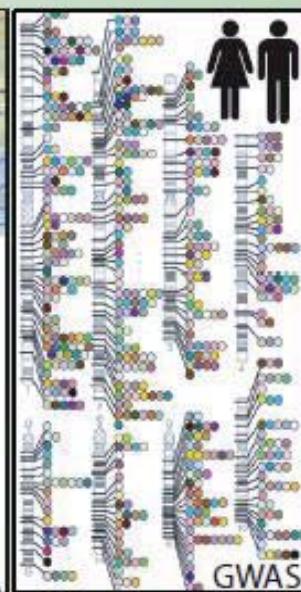
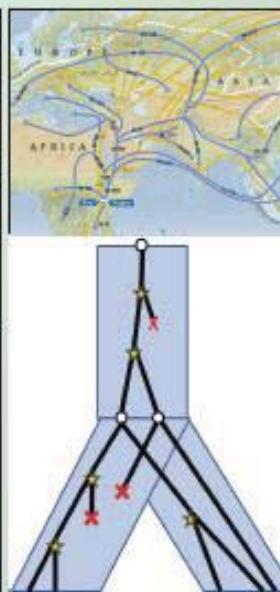
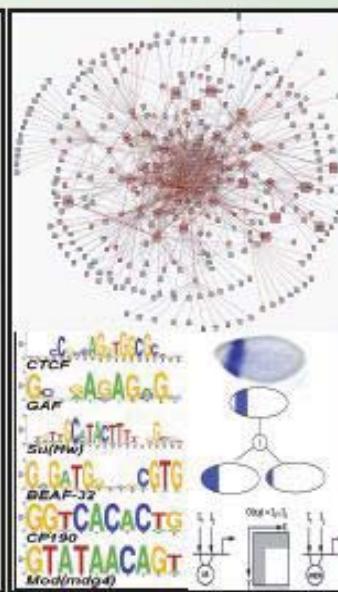
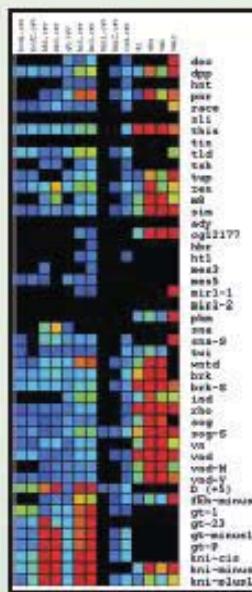
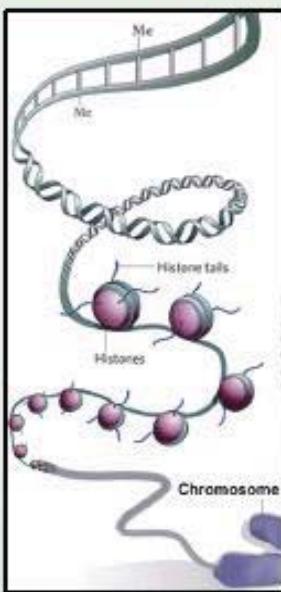
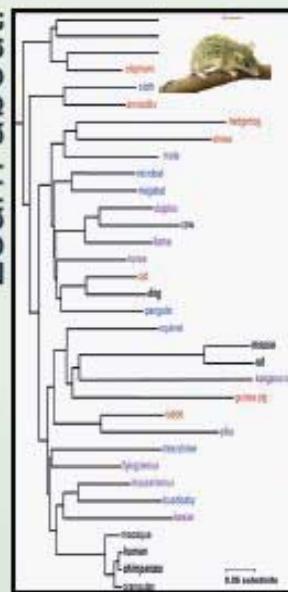


# Computational Biology

## Genomes - Networks - Evolution

Learn about:



... and much more

Comparative genomics

Epigenomics

Functional genomics

Motifs &amp; networks

Phylogenomics

Personal genomics

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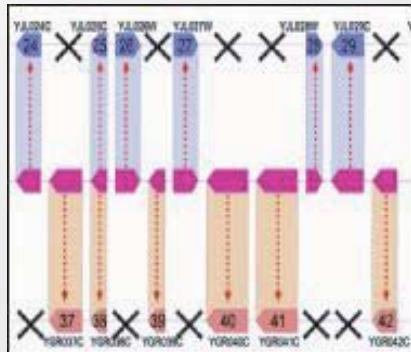
# Computational Biology: Genomes, Networks, Evolution

Rapid database search

**MIT 6.047 / 6.878  
HSPH IMI.231  
HST.507**

Protein interaction network

**Prof. Manolis Kellis**



## **I. Administrivia**

Introduction to the course and its goals

Course organization and content

Homework and Quiz

Term Project

# Introductions

- **Lecturer**

- Manolis Kellis  
(MIT CSAIL, Computational Biology, Broad Institute)
- My own research:  
Comparative genomics, Gene Regulation, Evolution,  
Epigenomics, Phylogenomics, etc

# Course Information

- Lectures
  - TR 1pm – 2:30
- Recitations:
  - On Friday at 3pm
  - Recitations at MIT (HST/HSPH students can join)
  - All handouts, lectures, notes, etc will be posted here.
- Course calendar:
  - On Google, add public calendar: “6.047 Lectures” and “6.047 due dates”

# Goals for the term

- Introduction to computational biology
  - Fundamental problems in computational biology
  - Algorithmic/machine learning techniques for data analysis
  - Research directions for active participation in the field
  - Understanding *how* methods work
- Ability to tackle research
  - Problem set questions: algorithmic rigorous thinking
  - Programming assignments:
    - hands-on experience w/ real datasets
  - Final project experience:
    - propose and carry out independent original research
    - present findings in conference format (written, oral)

# **Course content**

# Computation & Biology | Foundations & Frontiers

- Duality #1 (x-axis): Computation and Biology
  - **Important, relevant, current biology:**  
→ Important biological problems
  - **Fundamental computer science:**  
→ General techniques, principles
- Duality #2 (y-axis): Foundations and Frontiers
  - **Foundations:**
  - well-defined problems, general methodologies
  - ‘The classics’ of the field
  - **Frontiers:**
  - in-depth look at complex, current problems, open questions
  - combine techniques learned
  - opens to projects, research directions

# **Course organized around bio/comp modules**

- Each module corresponds to an active area of research
  - 1: Comparative genomics: Align/model genomes, DP, HMMs
  - 2: Genes and Transcripts: RNA-seq, clustering, structure
  - 3: Regulation: Epigenomics, TFs, Motifs, Network inference
  - 4: Variation: Genetics, Human history, heritability, eQTLs
  - 5: Evolution: Phylogeny, evolutionary sigs, WGD, assembly
  - 6: Frontiers: Personal/Disease, 3D genomes, Pharma, Synth
- For each module: First half  $\Leftrightarrow$  the foundations
  - Dynamic programming, string matching, hashing, HMMs, EM, Gibbs Sampling, Clustering, Classification, Feature selection, SVMs, CRFs, Context-Free Grammars, phylogenetics, gene / species trees, evolutionary models, GWAS, disease mapping
- For each module: Second half  $\Leftrightarrow$  the frontiers
  - Evolutionary signatures, Transcript analysis, lincRNAs, Network inference and analysis, Epigenomics, Recent human selection and ancestry, chromatin regulation, Missing heritability, 3D

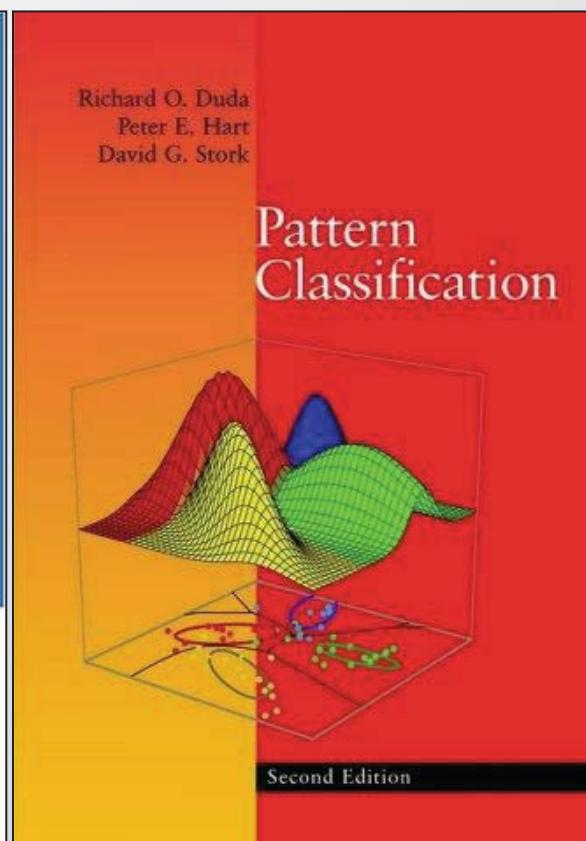
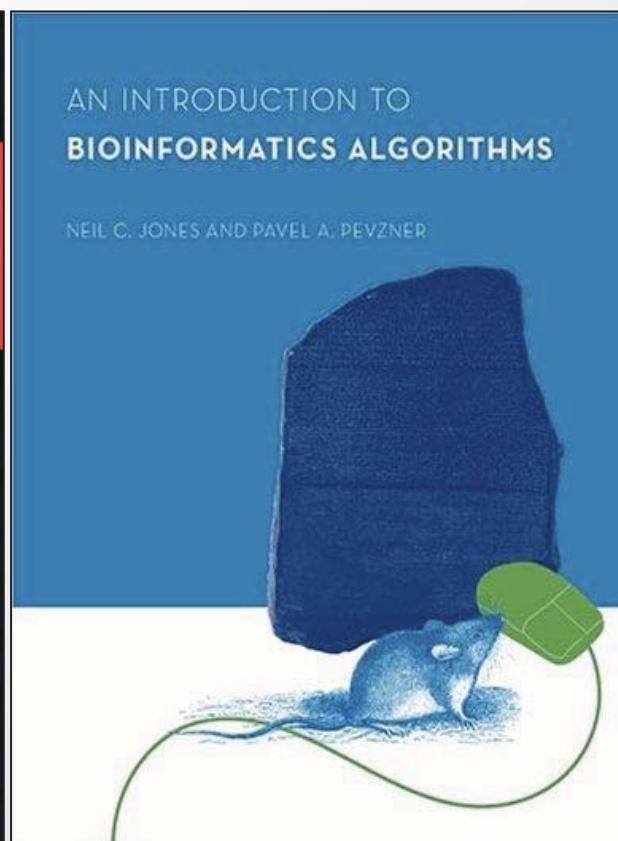
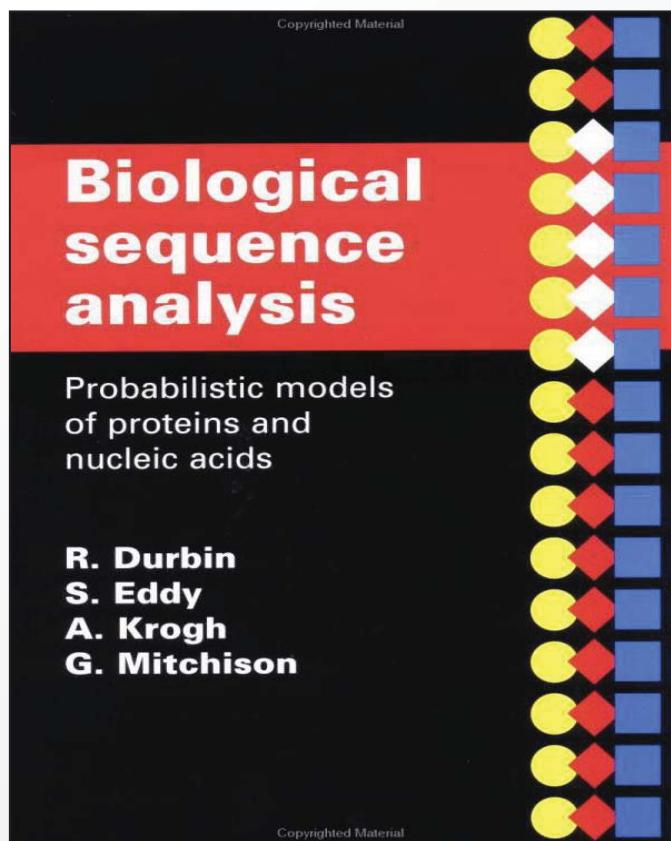
Project	Psets	Week	Date	Topic	Lec	Topic	Read*		
Describe your previous research, areas of interest in computational biology, type of project that best fits your interests. Post in a profile that lets your classmates know you and find potential partners. <b>Project profile due Tue 9/29</b>	PS1 out on:L1-L5  due Tue 9/29	1	Thu, Sep 10	Introduction	L1	Intro: Biology, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Course Overview	1		
			Fri, Sep 11		R1	Recitation 1: Biology and Probability Review			
		2	Tue, Sep 15	Module I: Aligning and Modeling Genomes	L2	Alignment I: Dynamic Programming, Global and local alignment	2		
			Thu, Sep 17		L3	Alignment II: Database search, Rapid string matching, BLAST, BLOSUM	3		
			Fri, Sep 18		R2	Recitation 2: Deriving Parameters of Alignment, Multiple Alignment			
		3	Tue, Sep 22		L4	Hidden Markov Models Part 1: Evaluation/Parsing, Viterbi, Forward algorithms	7		
			Thu, Sep 24		L5	Hidden Markov Models Part 2: Posterior Decoding, Learning, Baum-Welch	8		
			Fri, Sep 25		No classes - student holiday				
			Fri, Sep 25	Project Intro: about the projects, self introductions, mentor intro, example projects, teamwork 32D-507					
Identify previous project proposals, recent papers, and potential partners that match your areas of interest. List initial project ideas and partners. <b>Project area/team due Tue 10/6</b>	PS2 out on:L6-R4  due Tue 10/13	4	Tue, Sep 29	Module II: Gene Expression and Networks	L6	Transcript structure: GenScan, RNA-seq, Mapping, De novo Assembly, Diff Expr	12,3		
			Thu, Oct 1		L7	Expression Analysis: Clustering/Classification, K-means, Hierarchical, Bayesian	15,16		
			Fri, Oct 2		R3	Recitation 3: Affinity Propagation Clustering and Random Forest Classification			
		5	Tue, Oct 6		L8	Networks I: Bayesian inference, deep learning, network dynamics	20,21		
			Thu, Oct 8		L9	Networks II: Network learning, structure, spectral methods	20,21		
			Fri, Oct 9		R4	Recitation 4: Small and Large Regulatory RNAs: lncRNA, miRNA, piRNA...			
			Fri, Oct 9	Project Planning: research areas, initial ideas, type of project, mentor matching, finding partners 32D-507					
		6	Tue, Oct 13	Module III: Gene Regulation & Epigenomics	No Classes - Monday Schedule - October 13, 2015				
			Thu, Oct 15		L10	Regulatory Motifs: Discovery, Representation, PBMs, Gibbs Sampling, EM	17		
			Fri, Oct 16		R5	Recitation 5: Gapped Motif Discovery, DNASHape, PBMs, Selex			
Form teams of two, specify project goals, division of work, milestones, datasets, challenges Prepare slide presentation for the class and the mentors. <b>Project proposal due Tue 10/20. Presented on Fri 10/23</b>	PS3 out on:L10-R6  due Tue 10/27	7	Tue, Oct 20		L11	Epigenomics: ChIP-Seq, Read mapping, Peak calling, IDR, Chromatin states	19		
			Thu, Oct 22		L12	RNA modifications: RNA editing, Translation regulation, Splicing regulation	11		
			Fri, Oct 23		R6	Recitation 6: Dimensionality Reduction			
			Fri, Oct 23	Project feedback: Prepare 2-3 slide presentation of your term project for your mentor. 32D-507 at 4-5pm					
		8	Tue, Oct 27	Module IV: Population and Disease Genetics	L13	Resolving human ancestry and human history from genetic data	29		
			Thu, Oct 29		L14	Disease Association Mapping, GWAS, organismal phenotypes	31		
			Fri, Oct 30		R7	Recitation 7: Robinson-Foulds Distance and Coalescent Process			
		9	Fri, Oct 30		Panel Discussion: reconciling critiques, strategies for improvement, feedback to author 32D-507				
			Tue, Nov 3		L15	Quantitative trait mapping, molecular traits, eQTLs	32		
			Thu, Nov 5		L16	Missing Heritability, Complex Traits, Interpret GWAS, Rank-based enrichment	33		
Evaluate/discuss three peer proposals, NIH review format. <b>Review Panels Fri 10/30 Reviews back Tue 11/3</b>	PS4 out on:L13-R8  due Tue 11/10		Fri, Nov 6		R8	Recitation 8: Suffix Trees and Arrays			
	10	Tue, Nov 10	Module V: Comparative Genomics and Evolution	No lecture, veterans day holiday - Monday/Tuesday					
		Thu, Nov 12		L17	Comparative genomics and Evolutionary signatures	4			
		Fri, Nov 13		R9	Recitation 9: Review of Phylogeny and Molecular Evolution				
	11	Tue, Nov 17		L18	Phylogenetics: Molecular evolution, Tree building, Phylogenetic inference	27			
		Thu, Nov 19		L19	Phylogenomics: Gene/species trees, reconciliation, recombination graphs	28			
		Fri, Nov 20		R10	Recitation 10: Linkage Disequilibrium, Haplotype Phasing, and Genotype Imputation				
Continue making substantial progress on proposed milestones. Write outline of final report. <b>Midcourse report due Thu 11/19. Score projection 11/24</b>	PS5 out on:L17-R10  due Tue 12/1	12	Tue, Nov 24	Module VI: Current Research Directions	In Class Quiz (the only quiz - the class has no final exam) - covers L1-R11				
			Thu, Nov 26		No lecture, thanksgiving break - Thu Nov 26, 2015				
			Fri, Nov 27		No recitation, thanksgiving break				
		13	Tue, Dec 1		L20	Personal Genomics, Disease Epigenomics: Systems approaches to disease	34,36		
			Thu, Dec 3		L21	Three-dimensional chromatin interactions: 3C, 5C, HiC, ChIA-Pet	30		
			Fri, Dec 4		R11	Recitation 11: Project Tips - Write-up, Slides, Final Presentation in 32D-507			
		14	Tue, Dec 8		L22	Genome Engineering with CRISPR/Cas9 and related technologies			
			Thu, Dec 10		Final Presentations - Part I (1pm). 32-141				
			Thu, Dec 10		Final Presentations - Part II (3pm). 32D-507				
Conference format slide pres. <b>Talks on Thu 12/10</b>	No more psets! (work on your final project)								

\* readings refer to chapters in compiled 2014 scribe notes, available in the materials folder

\*\* recitation topics will be adjusted to respond to lecture and student needs

**Textbook / class notes / resources**

# (Optional) Books for the Course



Durbin, Eddy, Krogh, Mitchison

Jones, Pevzner

Duda, Hart, Stork

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Neil C. Jones, and Pavel Pevzner, An introduction to bioinformatics algorithms. Published by The MIT Press, ©MIT 2004. Used with permission.

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Availability: BU Coop, amazon.com (~\$40-60)

All three books on reserve at the MIT and BU Engineering libraries

# New this year!! Book for the Course

**Computational Biology:  
Genomes, Networks, Evolution**

MIT Course 6.047/6.878

**Manolis Kellis & all of you!**

... being compiled this year  
by students like you!  
... actually, including you!

Availability: Online PDF

# Lectures and Scribing

- Each lecture will have a dedicated scribe who will take notes on the lecture
  - Please sign up to scribe for lecture on the sheet being passed around
- Build on notes from previous years
  - Available on course website
- Complete draft of scribe notes: before prev. lecture
  - Unless it's not there from previous year (this is rare)
- Final draft of scribe notes due 6 days after lecture
  - Your grade depends on the improvement from previous year and completeness
- Some lectures need more work: multiple scribes
- Some tasks are better-suited to you than just scribing
  - E.g. figures, references, layout, macros, let us know!

# Scribing details – DropBox 6047\_book LaTeX

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  - Lecture03\_SequenceAlignment
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  - Lecture05\_ComparativeGenomicsI
  - Lecture06\_BacterialGenomics
  - Lecture07\_HMMsI
  - Lecture08\_HMMsII
  - Lecture09\_GeneFinding
  - Lecture09B\_RNAModifications
  - Lecture10\_RNAstructure
  - Lecture11\_LargeIntergenicRNAs
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  - Lecture24\_MedicalGenetics
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  - Lecture25\_MissingHeritability
  - Lecture25B\_Variation2
  - Lecture25C\_GenomeEditing
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Sep. 15	Alignment 1: Dynamic Programming, Global and local alignment	2	Jesse Tordoff, Thrasivoulos Karydis
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Sep. 22	Hidden Markov Models Part 1: Evaluation / Parsing, Viterbi/Forward algorithms	7	Anastasiya Belyaeva
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	Slides	Audio	Notes	Video1	Video2	
Module I: Comparative Genomics						
						<b>Lecture 1 - Intro and Overview</b> Administrivia, Genomes, Inf
						<b>Lecture 2 - Dynamic Programming / Sequence Alignment</b> Dynamic Programming, Sequence Alignment
						<b>Lecture 3 - Hashing, Database Search, BLAST algorithm</b> Sequence alignment II, review local vs. global alignment, semi-numerical string matching, BLAST algorithm, probabilistic interpretation of score matrices <i>(addendum - Linear-time deterministic string matching)</i>
						<b>Lecture 4 - Comparative Genomics I - Evolutionary Signatures1</b> Evolutionary signatures of protein-coding genes
						<b>Lecture 5 - Comparative Genomics II - Evolutionary Signatures2</b> Evolutionary signatures for diverse classes of functional elements
						<b>Lecture 5 - Comparative Genomics III - Evolution</b> Mechanisms of evolutionary change, Genome Duplication
Module II: Coding and Non-coding Genes						
						<b>Lecture 6 - Hidden Markov Models I - Generation, Evaluation, Parsing</b> Intro to HMMs
						<b>Lecture 7 - Hidden Markov Models II: Posterior Decoding, Learning</b> Increasing state space, Posterior decoding, Supervised/Unsupervised Learning
						<b>Lecture 8 - Gene Identification: Gene structure, Semi-Markov, CRFs</b> Capturing gene structure, Semi-Markov models, Conditional Random Fields, Emerging lines of evidence
						<b>Lecture 9 - RNA structure</b> RNA world, folding algorithms, DP nussinov, energy models, probabilistic models, genomics of ncRNAs
Module III: Networks and Gene Regulation						
						<b>Lecture 10A - Expression Clustering</b> Module III intro, Gene regulation, Microarrays, Expression Clustering, K-means, Fuzzy K-means, Expectation Maximization, Hierarchical Clustering, Hypergeometric
						<b>Lecture 10B - Classification</b> Clustering reprise, Bayesian Classification, Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines
						<b>Lecture 11 - Regulatory Motif Discovery</b> TF binding, EM, EM extensions, Gibbs Sampling, Information Content, DNA/protein motifs
						<b>Lecture 12 - Regulatory Genomics</b> De novo motif discovery using comparative genomics, target prediction and motif instance identification, microRNA hairpin prediction, mature microRNA prediction
						<b>Lecture 13 - Regulatory Networks</b> Network structure, network inference, network-based prediction
						<b>Lecture 14 - Epigenomics and chromatin states</b> Using combinations of chromatin marks to interpret the human genome
Module IV: Evolution						
						<b>Lecture 15 - Phylogenetics, Evolutionary Models, Tree Building</b> Introduction to phylogenetics, models of evolution, and tree building algorithms
						<b>Lecture 16 - Phylogenomics</b> Studying phylogenetics at the genome level, gene/species tree reconciliation, coalescence
						<b>Lecture 17 - Population genetics</b> Statistical genetics and human disease mapping
						<b>Lecture 18 - Population genetics and recent selection</b>
						<b>Lecture 19 - Population history</b> Population genomics and recent human history
Frontiers						
						<b>Lecture 20 - Metabolic modeling</b> Systems biology for modeling metabolism and regulation
						<b>Lecture 21 - Bacterial Genomics and Microbiomics</b> Systems biology for modeling metabolism and regulation
						<b>Lecture 22 - Large intergenic non-coding RNAs</b> Genome regulation by large intergenic non-coding RNAs
						<a href="http://compbio.mit.edu/teaching.html#compbioF10">http://compbio.mit.edu/teaching.html#compbioF10</a>

## Lecture feedback:

1. Your interest in the overall topic: 1-5
2. The material actually presented 1-5
3. Quality of presentation
  - Quality of slides 1-5
  - Clarify of explanations 1-5
  - Usefulness of lecture notes 1-5
  - Were questions adequately answered 1-5
4. Pace:
  - Difficulty of the material: too easy - just right - too hard
  - Amount of material covered: too little - just right - too much
  - Pace of the lecture: too slow - just right - too fast
5. Comprehension (for each topic)
  - <20%, 20-40%, 40-60%, 60-80%, >80%

## **Homeworks and quiz**

## Details on Problem sets

- Each problem emphasizes one lecture (or two)
  - Practical problem: gain experience in techniques, write code, download datasets, carry out analysis, interpret your results, learn about behavior of problem/method
  - Theoretical problem: pen/paper, explore algorithmic / statistical / machine learning aspect in detail/depth.  
(Typically additional advanced problem for 6.878)
- Due Tuesdays at 8pm
  - Late policy: we are flexible, give or take a few hours
  - If more than a few hours, need prior arrangements, extensions typically not granted, except special circ.
- Submit all homeworks online
  - No solutions distributed. If you've solved them, you know what you needed to learn/discover/achieve.

# Details on the in-class quiz

- It's not a midterm, and it's not a final exam
  - It's a quiz, friendly, fun, interesting, cute, fuzzy
- Demonstrate mastery of the material in 4 modules
  - Understand key points emphasized in lecture
  - Understand subtleties revealed in the psets
  - Ability to apply new skills to solve practical problems
- Types of questions
  - Knowledge questions: T/F justify, multiple choice
  - Deeper understanding questions: short answers
  - Practical problems: work through simple algorithm
  - Design problem(s): new/modified algorithm, need both knowledge and new idea, argue correctness

# **Final Project**

# Final Project: Original Research in Comp Bio

- A major aspect of the course is preparing you for original research in computational biology.
  - Framing a biological problem computationally
  - Gathering relevant literature and datasets
  - Solving it using new algorithms, machine learning
  - Interpreting the results biologically
- Also ability to present your ideas and research
  - Crafting a research proposal (fellowships/grants)
  - Working in teams of complementary skill sets
  - Review peer proposals, find flaws, suggest imprvmts
  - Receiving feedback and revising your proposal
  - Writing up your results in a scientific paper format
  - Presenting a research talk to a scientific audience
- Term project experience mirrors this process

## **It's a team project**

- Please make an effort to meet your peers!
- Form teams early with complementary expertise

# Final Project at a Glance

## Project execution

## Project planning

Project	Psets	Week	Date	Topic	
Describe your previous research, areas of interest in computational biology, type of project that best fits your interests. Post in a profile that lets your classmates know you and find potential partners. <b>Project profile</b> <b>Due Mon 9/23 with PS1</b>	PS1 out on:L1-L5  due <b>Mon 9/23</b>	1  2  3  4  5  6  7	Thu, Sep 04  Fri, Sep 05  Tue, Sep 10  Thu, Sep 12  Fri, Sep 13  Tue, Sep 17  Thu, Sep 19  Fri, Sep 20  Fri, Sep 20	Introduction  Module I: Aligning and Modeling Genomes  Frontiers  Project Intro:	Assignment due
Identify previous project proposals, recent papers, and potential partners that match your areas of interest. List initial project ideas and partners. <b>Project area/team</b> <b>Due Mon 10/7 with PS2</b>	PS2 out on:L6-R5  due <b>Mon 10/7</b>		Tue, Sep 24  Thu, Sep 26  Fri, Sep 27  Tue, Oct 01  Thu, Oct 03  Fri, Oct 04  Fri, Oct 04		Feedback rec'd
Form teams of two, specify project goals, division of work, milestones, datasets, challenges. Prepare slide presentation for the class and the mentors. <b>Presented on 10/18.</b> Formal Project Proposal, in form of NIH proposal.	PS3 out on:L10-R8  due <b>Mon 10/21</b>		Tue, Oct 08  Thu, Oct 10  Fri, Oct 11  <b>Tue, Oct 15</b>  Thu, Oct 17  Fri, Oct 18  Thu, Oct 17		Foundations
Evaluate/discuss three peer proposals, NIH review format. <b>Reviews / Panel Discussion</b> <b>Mon 10/26. Written reviews due</b>	PS4 out on:L15-R10  due <b>Mon 11/04</b>		Tue, Oct 22  Thu, Oct 24  Fri, Oct 25  <b>Fri, Oct 26</b>  Tue, Oct 29  Thu, Oct 31  Fri, Nov 01	Module III: Regulation, Epigenomics, Networks  Module IV: Evolution and Phylogenetics	Foundations  Frontiers  Project feedback
Address peer evaluations, revise aims, scope, list of final deliverables / goals. Revised					Panel Discussion
Continue making substantial progress on proposed milestones. Write outline of final report. <b>Midcourse progress report Due on Mon 11/18.</b> <b>Project final score projection from course staff by Friday</b>	PS5 out on:L15-R10  due <b>Mon 11/18</b>		Tue, Nov 05  Thu, Nov 07  Fri, Nov 08  <b>Tue, Nov 12</b>  <b>Thu, Nov 14</b>  <b>Fri, Nov 15</b>  <b>Fri, Nov 15</b>		Foundations  Frontiers  Progress feed
Complete your milestones, finalize results, figures, write-up in conference publication format. As part of report, comment on your overall project experience. <b>Final written report Due 12/7</b>	No more psets! (work on your final project)		Tue, Nov 19  Thu, Nov 21  Fri, Nov 22  <b>Tue, Nov 26</b>  <b>Thu, Nov 28</b>  <b>Fri, Nov 29</b>  Mon, Dec 02  Tue, Dec 03  Thu, Dec 05  Fri, Dec 06  Tue, Dec 10  Tue, Dec 10	Module V: Population Genetics and Demography  Module VI: Current Research Directions  Final Presentations	Quiz  Frontiers  One-on-one m  Frontiers
Conference format slide presentation. <b>Talks on 12/10</b>					

Assignment due  
 Feedback rec'd

# **Details on the final project**

- Milestones ensure sufficient planning / feedback
  - Set-up: find project matching your skills and interests
  - Team: common interests and complementary skills
  - Inspiration: last year's projects, and recent papers
  - Proposal: establish milestones, deliverables, expectations
  - Midcourse: see endpoint, outline report, methods, figures
- Periodic mentoring sessions
  - Senior students and postdocs can serve as your mentors
  - Group discussions to share ideas, guidance, feedback
  - Peer-review: think critically about peer proposals, receive feedback/suggestions, respond to critiques, adjust course
- Real-world experience, condensed in a single term
  - Grant/fellowships proposals, peer review, yearly reports, budget time/effort, collaboration, paper writing, give talk

# Finding a research mentor / research advisor

- Chance to meet faculty at MIT/Broad/Harvard:
  - Through guest lectures and mentoring
  - Topics and papers covered in the lectures
  - Experts on: (1) human comparative genomics, (2) lincRNAs, (3) metabolic modeling, (4) disease mapping, selection, evolution and ecology (following four modules)
- Chance to meet senior students and postdocs:
  - On: coding genes, ncRNAs, regulatory motifs, networks, epigenomics, phylogenomics (again on each module)
  - Mentorship sessions with entire MIT CompBio group
- Your own personal research experience:
  - collaborators, datasets
  - learn active research directions, frontiers
  - living, breathing changing field

## **Putting it all together**

# Course Grading

- **Grading:**

Problem sets 30%	Final Project 40%	Midterm 20%	Scrib10%
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- **4 problem sets:**

- Each problem set: 7-10%, covers 3-4 lectures, contains 3-4 problems.
- Algorithmic problems and programming assignments (PS1 out now)
- Graduate version includes additional problem on current research

- **Final project**

- Introduction to research in computational biology (7 weeks!)
- Includes peer-reviewed NIH-style proposal and much feedback

- **Quiz**

- In-class quiz (Tue Nov 15). No final exam.

- **Collaboration policy**

- Collaboration allowed, but you must:
  - Work independently on each problem before discussing it
  - Write solutions on your own
  - Acknowledge sources and collaborators. No outsourcing.

## **Why Computational Biology ?**

# **Why Computational Biology: Last year's answers**

- Lots of data (\* lots of data)
- There are rules
- Pattern finding
- It's *all* about data
- Ability to visualize
- Simulations, temporal relationships
- Guess + verify (generate hypotheses for testing)
- Propose mechanisms / theory to explain observations
- Networks / combinations of variables
- Efficiency (reduce experimental space to cover)
- Informatics infrastructure (ability to combine datasets)
- Correlations, higher-order relationships
- Cycle from hypothesis generation to testing condensed
- Life itself is digital. Understand cellular instruction set

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## Genes



Encode  
proteins

## Regulatory motifs

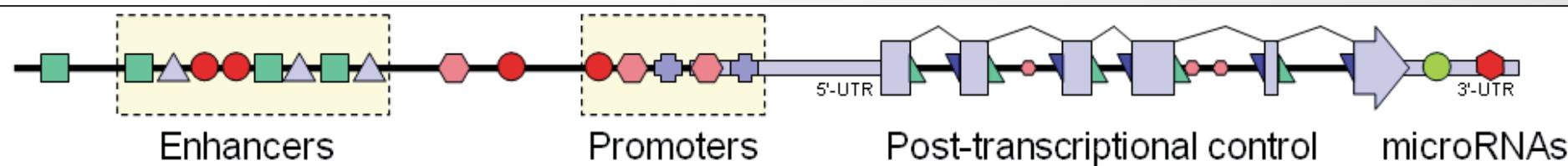


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# Extracting signal from noise

# The components of genomes and gene regulation



**Goal: A systems-level understanding of genomes and gene regulation:**

- The genome: Map reads, align genes/genomes, assembly strategies
- The genes: Protein-coding exons, introns, non-coding RNA, RNA folding
- The control regions: Promoters, enhancers, insulators, chromatin states
- The actual words: Regulatory motifs, high-resolution accessibility maps
- The regulators: Transcription factors, chromatin modifiers, nucleosomes
- The dynamics: Changing maps between cell types, across development
- The networks: regulator → enhancer → target, ChIP-seq, correlated activity
- The grammars: TF/motif/mark combinations, predictive models
- Human variation: Human diversity, population genomics, linkage maps
- Evolution: Phylogenetics, phylogenomics, coalescent, human ancestry
- GWAS/QTLs: Genome variation ↔ organismal/molecular phenotypes
- Disease: Personal (epi)genomics, pharmacogenomics, synthetic biology

Project	Psets	Week	Date	Topic	Lec	Topic	Read*
Describe your previous research, areas of interest in computational biology, type of project that best fits your interests. Post in a profile that lets your classmates know you and find potential partners. <b>Project profile due Tue 9/29</b>	PS1 out on:L1-L5  due Tue 9/29	1	Thu, Sep 10	Introduction	L1	Intro: Biology, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Course Overview	1
			Fri, Sep 11		R1	Recitation 1: Biology and Probability Review	
			Tue, Sep 15	Module I: Aligning and Modeling Genomes	L2	Alignment I: Dynamic Programming, Global and local alignment	2
		2	Thu, Sep 17		L3	Alignment II: Database search, Rapid string matching, BLAST, BLOSUM	3
			Fri, Sep 18		R2	Recitation 2: Deriving Parameters of Alignment, Multiple Alignment	
		3	Tue, Sep 22		L4	Hidden Markov Models Part 1: Evaluation/Parsing, Viterbi, Forward algorithms	7
			Thu, Sep 24		L5	Hidden Markov Models Part 2: Posterior Decoding, Learning, Baum-Welch	8
			Fri, Sep 25		No classes - student holiday		
			Fri, Sep 25	Project Intro: about the projects, self introductions, mentor intro, example projects, teamwork 32D-507			
Identify previous project proposals, recent papers, and potential partners that match your areas of interest. List initial project ideas and partners. <b>Project area/team due Tue 10/6</b>	PS2 out on:L6-R4  due Tue 10/13	4	Tue, Sep 29	Module II: Gene Expression and Networks	L6	Transcript structure: GenScan, RNA-seq, Mapping, De novo Assembly, Diff Expr	12.3
			Thu, Oct 1		L7	Expression Analysis: Clustering/Classification, K-means, Hierarchical, Bayesian	15,16
			Fri, Oct 2		R3	Recitation 3: Affinity Propagation Clustering and Random Forest Classification	
		5	Tue, Oct 6		L8	Networks I: Bayesian inference, deep learning, network dynamics	20,21
			Thu, Oct 8		L9	Networks II: Network learning, structure, spectral methods	20,21
			Fri, Oct 9		R4	Recitation 4: Small and Large Regulatory RNAs: lncRNA, miRNA, piRNA...	
			Fri, Oct 9	Project Planning: research areas, initial ideas, type of project, mentor matching, finding partners 32D-507			
		6	Tue, Oct 13	Module III: Gene Regulation & Epigenomics	No Classes - Monday Schedule - October 13, 2015		
			Thu, Oct 15		L10	Regulatory Motifs: Discovery, Representation, PBMs, Gibbs Sampling, EM	17
			Fri, Oct 16		R5	Recitation 5: Gapped Motif Discovery, DNAShape, PBMs, Selex	
			Tue, Oct 20		L11	Epigenomics: ChIP-Seq, Read mapping, Peak calling, IDR, Chromatin states	19
			Thu, Oct 22		L12	RNA modifications: RNA editing, Translation regulation, Splicing regulation	11
			Fri, Oct 23		R6	Recitation 6: Dimensionality Reduction	
Form teams of two, specify project goals, division of work, milestones, datasets, challenges Prepare slide presentation for the class and the mentors. <b>Project proposal due Tue 10/20. Presented on Fri 10/23</b>	PS3 out on:L10-R6  due Tue 10/27	7	Fri, Oct 23	Project feedback: Prepare 2-3 slide presentation of your term project for your mentor. 32D-507 at 4-5pm			
			Tue, Oct 13	L13	Resolving human ancestry and human history from genetic data	29	
			Thu, Oct 15	L14	Disease Association Mapping, GWAS, organismal phenotypes	31	
			Fri, Oct 16	R7	Recitation 7: Robinson-Foulds Distance and Coalescent Process		
			Tue, Oct 20	L15	Quantitative trait mapping, molecular traits, eQTLs	32	
			Thu, Oct 22	L16	Missing Heritability, Complex Traits, Interpret GWAS, Rank-based enrichment	33	
		8	Fri, Oct 23	R8	Recitation 8: Suffix Trees and Arrays		
			Fri, Oct 30	Module IV: Population and Disease Genetics	L17	No lecture, veterans day holiday - Monday/Tuesday	
			Fri, Oct 30		R9	Comparative genomics and Evolutionary signatures	4
Evaluate/discuss three peer proposals, NIH review format. <b>Review Panels Fri 10/30 Reviews back Tue 11/3</b>	PS4 out on:L13-R8  due Tue 11/10	9	Tue, Nov 3		R10	Recitation 9: Review of Phylogeny and Molecular Evolution	
			Thu, Nov 5		L18	Phylogenetics: Molecular evolution, Tree building, Phylogenetic inference	27
			Fri, Nov 6		L19	Phylogenomics: Gene/species trees, reconciliation, recombination graphs	28
		10	Tue, Nov 10		R10	Recitation 10: Linkage Disequilibrium, Haplotype Phasing, and Genotype Imputation	
			Thu, Nov 12		L20	In Class Quiz (the only quiz - the class has no final exam) - covers L1-R11	
			Fri, Nov 13		L21	No lecture, thanksgiving break - Thu Nov 26, 2015	
			Tue, Nov 17	Module V: Comparative Genomics and Evolution	R11	No recitation, thanksgiving break	
		11	Thu, Nov 19		L20	Personal Genomics, Disease Epigenomics: Systems approaches to disease	34,36
			Fri, Nov 20		L21	Three-dimensional chromatin interactions: 3C, 5C, HiC, ChIA-Pet	30
Continue making substantial progress on proposed milestones. Write outline of final report. <b>Midcourse report due Thu 11/19. Score projection 11/24</b>	PS5 out on:L17-R10  due Tue 12/1	12	Tue, Nov 24		R11	Recitation 11: Project Tips - Write-up, Slides, Final Presentation in 32D-507	
			Thu, Nov 26		L22	Genome Engineering with CRISPR/Cas9 and related technologies	
			Fri, Nov 27		Final Presentations - Part I (1pm). 32-141		
		13	Tue, Dec 1	Module VI: Current Research Directions	Final Presentations - Part II (3pm). 32D-507		
			Thu, Dec 3				
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\* readings refer to chapters in compiled 2014 scribe notes, available in the materials folder

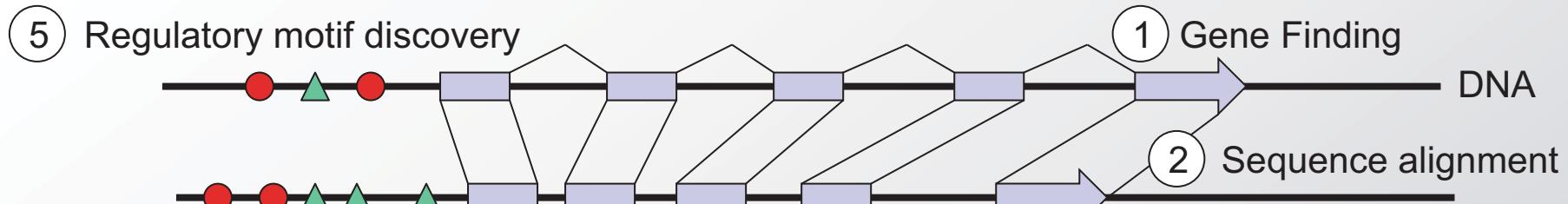
\*\* recitation topics will be adjusted to respond to lecture and student needs

# Coupling each topic with foundational CS tools

Lect	Fundamental bio problem	Foundational comp. tool
1	Introduction	
2	Sequence alignment	Dynamic programming
3	Database search	Hashing
4,5	Modeling biological signals	HMMs/Modeling/Learning/EM
6,7	Transcriptome analysis	Clustering / EM
8,9	Regulatory networks	Graph algorithms, spectral analysis
10	Regulatory motifs	Information/Gibbs Sampling/EM
11	Epigenomics	Classification / Modeling
13-16	Population Genetics	Statistical modeling and inference
18-19	Gene trees and species trees	Phylogenetics/Bayesian inference

## **Overview of the 5 modules**

# Challenges in Computational Biology



⑥ Comparative Genomics

TCATGCTAT  
TCGGATAAA  
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TTATCATAT  
TTATGATT

A sequence alignment example showing five lines of DNA sequence. The first four lines are grouped by a bracket, while the fifth line is aligned separately below them.

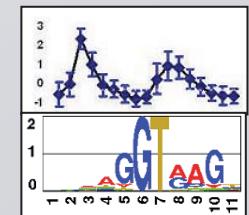
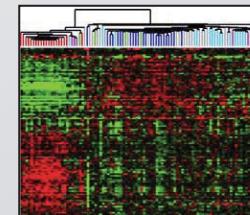
⑦ Evolutionary Theory

③ Database lookup

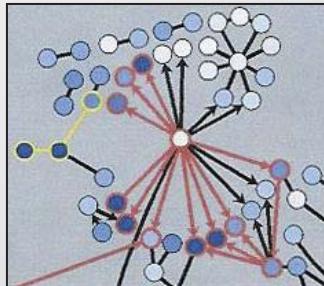
A blue cylinder icon representing a database.

⑧ Gene expression analysis

A wavy blue arrow labeled "RNA transcript" pointing from the gene expression analysis section towards the cluster discovery section.

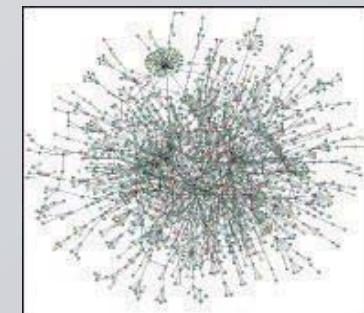


⑪ Protein network analysis



⑫ Metabolic modelling

⑬ Emerging network properties

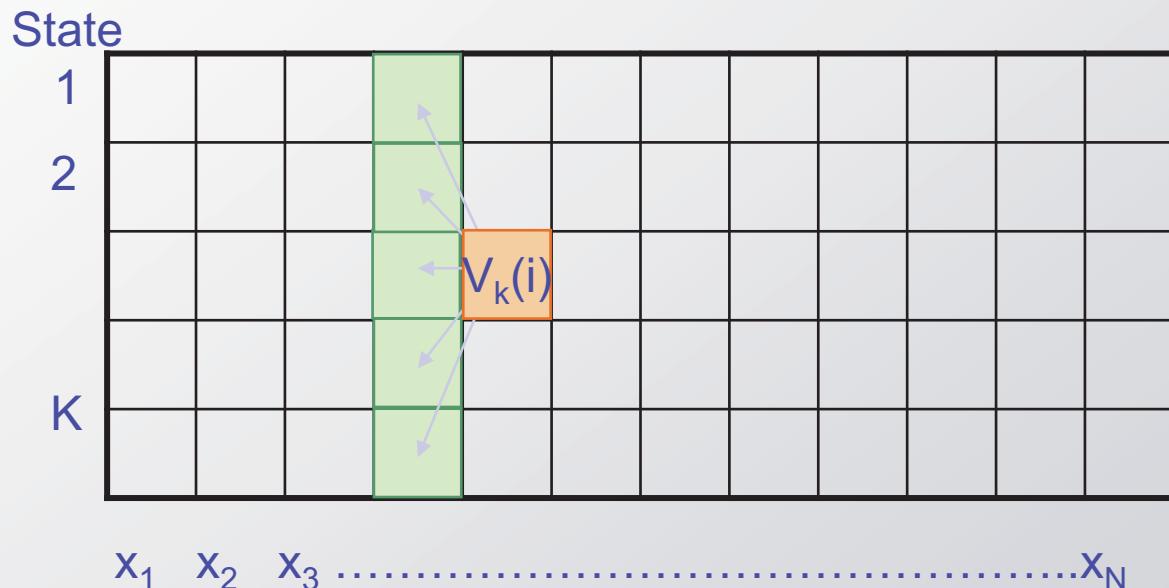
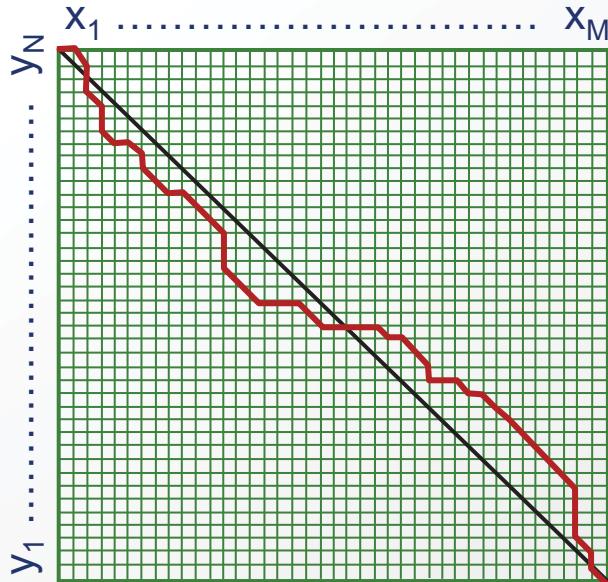


# Module 1: Aligning and Modeling Genomes

1	Thu, Sep 10	Introduction		L1	Intro: Biology, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Course Overview	1
	Fri, Sep 11			R1	Recitation 1: Biology and Probability Review	
2	Tue, Sep 15	Module I: Aligning and Modeling Genomes	Foundations	L2	Alignment I: Dynamic Programming, Global and local alignment	2
	Thu, Sep 17			L3	Alignment II: Database search, Rapid string matching, BLAST, BLOSUM	3
	Fri, Sep 18			R2	Recitation 2: Deriving Parameters of Alignment, Multiple Alignment	
3	Tue, Sep 22	Module I: Aligning and Modeling Genomes	Frontiers	L4	Hidden Markov Models Part 1: Evaluation/Parsing, Viterbi, Forward algorithms	7
	Thu, Sep 24			L5	Hidden Markov Models Part 2: Posterior Decoding, Learning, Baum-Welch	8
	Fri, Sep 25				No classes - student holiday	
	Fri, Sep 25			Project Intro: about the projects, self introductions, mentor intro, example projects, teamwork 32D-507		

- Foundations vs. frontiers
  - Foundations: Classical computational methods / biological topics
  - Frontiers: Latest developments, open questions, research areas
  - Duality for each: basic problems / fundamental techniques
- Sequence alignment:
  - Local/global alignment: infer nucleotide-level evolutionary events
  - Database search: scan for regions that may have common ancestry
- Hidden Markov Models
  - Hidden Markov Models (HMMs): Central tool in CS
  - Decoding, evaluation, parsing, likelihood, scoring

# Dynamic Programming Algorithms: Align, HMMs



- Sequence alignment
- DP: Core computational technique
  - Pervasive in computer science, and computational biology
  - Fully explore exponential search spaces in poly time!
  - Greedy algorithms will not work, back-tracking, saving soln
  - Special requirements: Optimal substructure
  - Found in: alignment, HMMs, phylogeny, genetics, pop gen...
- Hidden Markov Models

# Module II: Gene expression analysis and transcripts

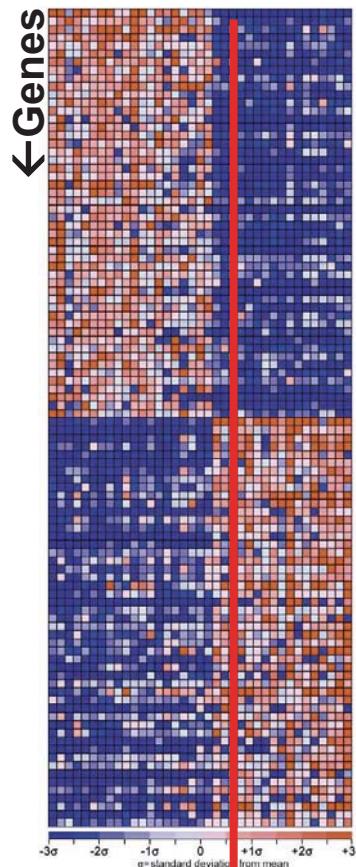
PS2 out on:L6-R4	due Tue 10/13	4	Tue, Sep 29	Module II: Gene Expression and Networks	Foundations	L6	Transcript structure: GenScan, RNA-seq, Mapping, De novo Assembly, Diff Expr	12.3
			Thu, Oct 1			L7	Expression Analysis: Clustering/Classification, K-means, Hierarchical, Bayesian	15,16
			Fri, Oct 2			R3	Recitation 3: Affinity Propagation Clustering and Random Forest Classification	
		5	Tue, Oct 6		Frontiers	L8	Networks I: Bayesian inference, deep learning, network dynamics	20,21
			Thu, Oct 8			L9	Networks II: Network learning, structure, spectral methods	20,21
			Fri, Oct 9			R4	Recitation 4: Small and Large Regulatory RNAs: lincRNA, miRNA, piRNA...	
		6	Fri, Oct 9		Project Planning: research areas, initial ideas, type of project, mentor matching, finding partners			
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- Computational foundations:
  - Unsupervised Learning: Expectation Maximization
  - Supervised learning: generative/discriminative models
  - Read mapping, significance testing, splice graphs
- Biological frontiers:
  - PS2: Modeling conservation, GC content, CpG islands
  - L6/L7: Genome annotation and parsing
  - L8: Gene expression analysis: cluster genes/conditions
  - L9: Regulatory motif discovery: EM, gibbs sampling, info

# Natural 1<sup>st</sup> step: group similar rows/columns

## Clustering

→ Similar cell types  
Conditions →

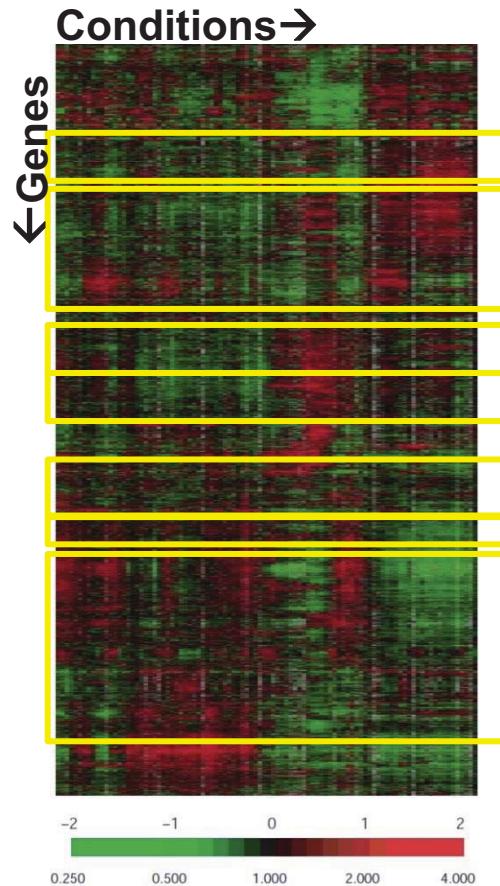


Armstrong, Nature Gen 2002

Reveal common  
'conditions'

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→ Similarly-behaving groups of genes



Alizadeh, Nature 2000

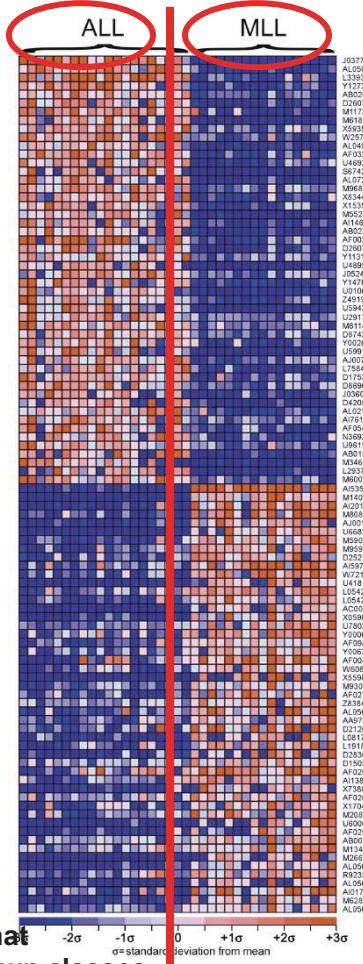
Reveal common gene behaviors

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# If labels are known: find more of same type

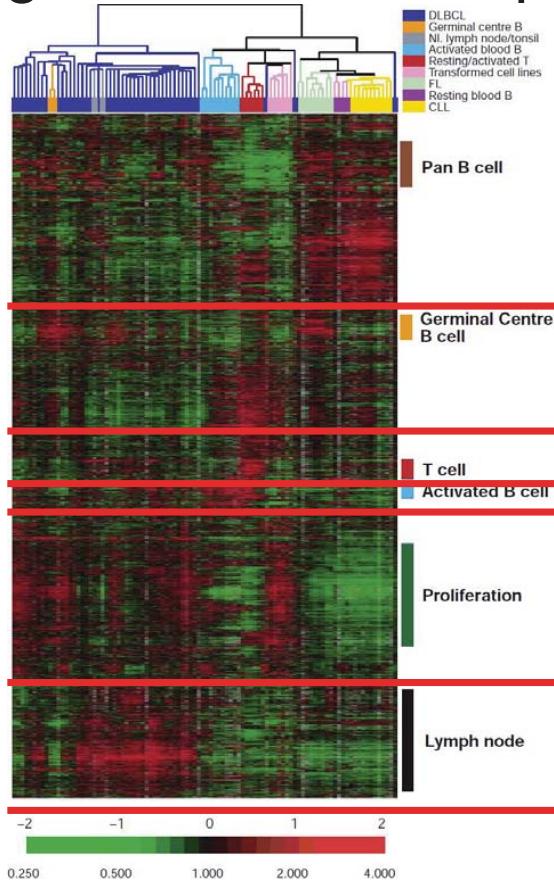
# Classification

→ Classify diseases → Classify genes in different pathways



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CD10  
L320  
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AL07277 Unknown (cDNA)  
SP72000 (Spectrin-β)  
X83441 LIG4 (DNA ligase IV)  
MS5294 NFKB1 (NF-κB1 receptor)  
PRKCH (CK2ε)  
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MADH1 (Gm1d1)  
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## Find additional members of existing gene classes Predict function of uncharacterized genes

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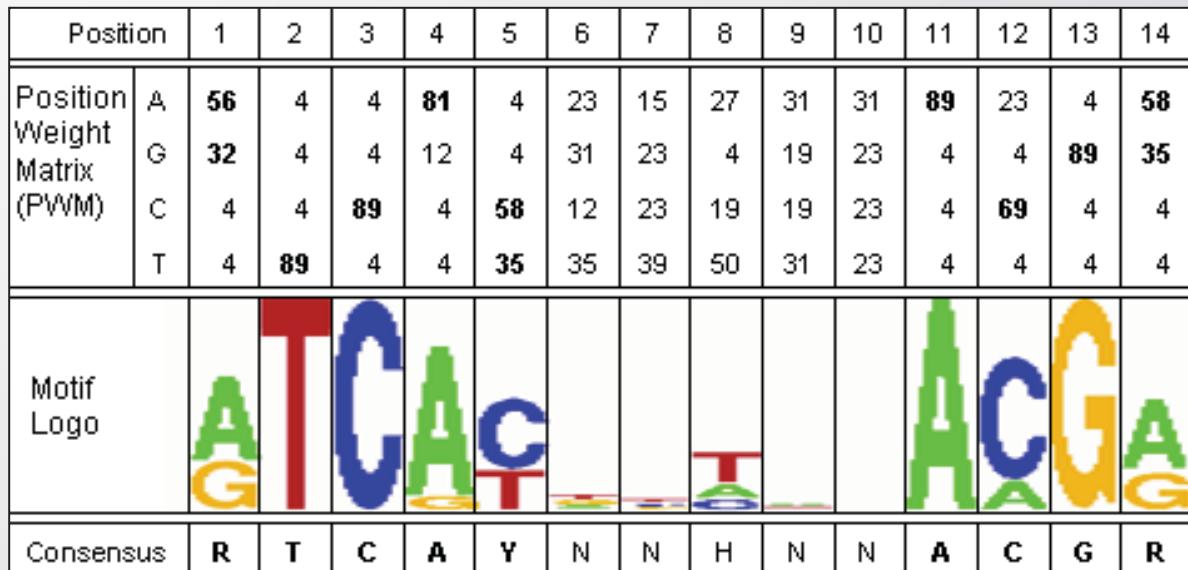
# Module III: Epigenomics and gene regulation

6	Tue, Oct 13	Module III: Gene Regulation & Epigenomics	Foundations	No Classes - Monday Schedule - October 13, 2015	
	Thu, Oct 15			L10 Regulatory Motifs: Discovery, Representation, PBMs, Gibbs Sampling, EM	17
	Fri, Oct 16		R5 Recitation 5: Gapped Motif Discovery, DNAShape, PBMs, Selex		
7	Tue, Oct 20	Frontiers	L11 Epigenomics: ChIP-Seq, Read mapping, Peak calling, IDR, Chromatin states		19
	Thu, Oct 22		L12 RNA modifications: RNA editing, Translation regulation, Splicing regulation		11
	Fri, Oct 23		R6 Recitation 6: Dimensionality Reduction		
	Fri, Oct 23		Project feedback: Prepare 2-3 slide presentation of your term project for your mentor. 32D-507 at 4-5pm		

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# Motifs summarize TF sequence specificity

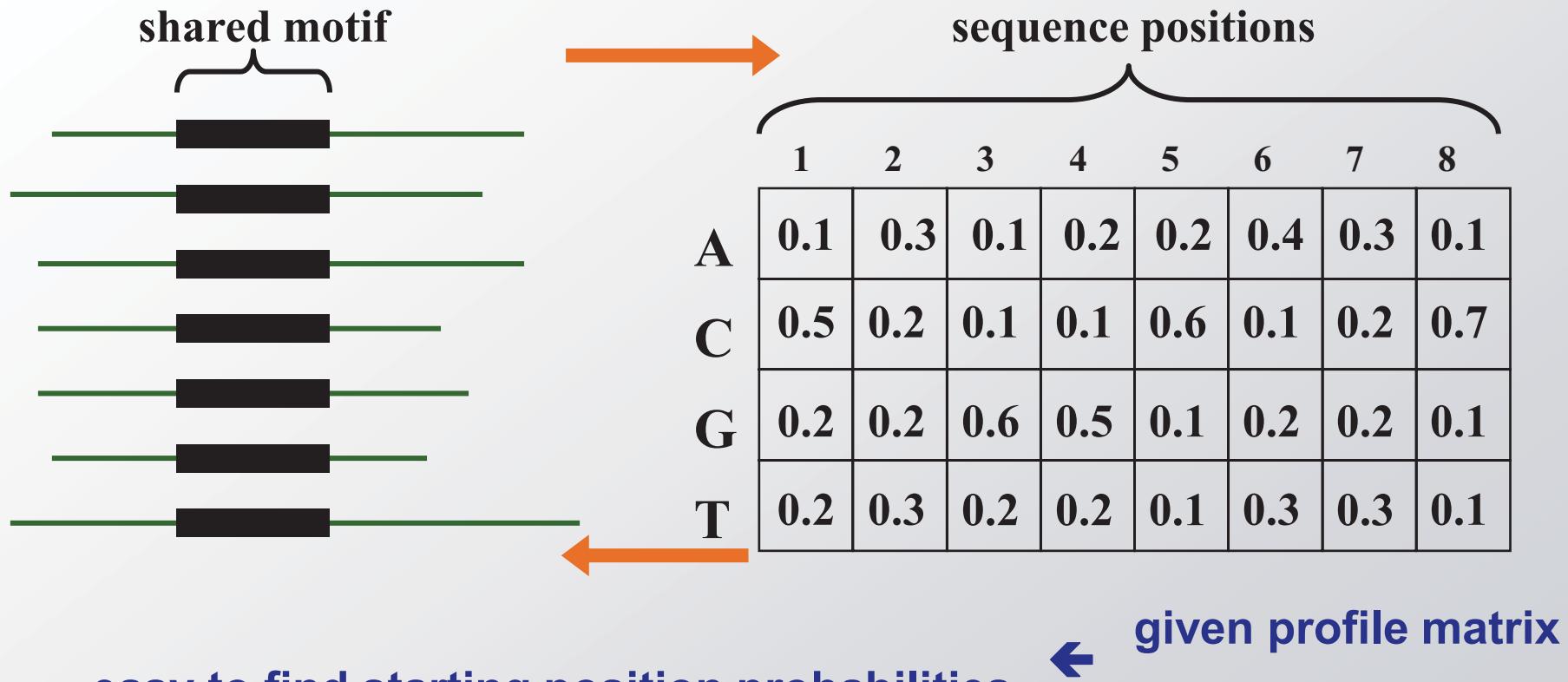
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CHA1	catabolic L-serine dehydratase	-280	-254	A  ATCACCGCGAACG  GA	
ENO2	Enolase	-470	-461	ggcgttat  GTCACTAACGACG  tgcacca	
HMR	silencer	-256	-283	ATCAATAC  ATCATAAAATACG  AACGATC	
LPD1	lipoamide dehydrogenase	-288	-300	gat  ATCAAAATTAAACG  tag	
LPD1	lipoamide dehydrogenase	-301	-313	gat  ATCACCGTTGACG  tca	
PGK	phosphoglycerate kinase	-523	-496	CAAACAA  ATCACGAGCGACG  GTAATTTC	
RPC160	RNA pol III/C 160 kDa subunit	-385	-349	ATCACTATATAACG  TGAA	
RPC40	RNA pol III/C 40 kDa subunit	-137	-116	GTCACTATAAAACG	
rPL2	ribosomal protein L2	-185	-167	TAAT  aTCACgtcACACG  AC	
SPR3	CDC3/10/11/12 family homolog	-315	-303	ATCACTAAATACG	
YPT1	TUB2	-193	-172	CCTAG  GTCACTGTACACG  TATA	



- Summarize information
- Integrate many positions
- Measure of information
- Distinguish motif vs. motif instance
- Assumptions:
  - Independence
  - Fixed spacing

# Starting positions $\leftrightarrow$ Motif matrix

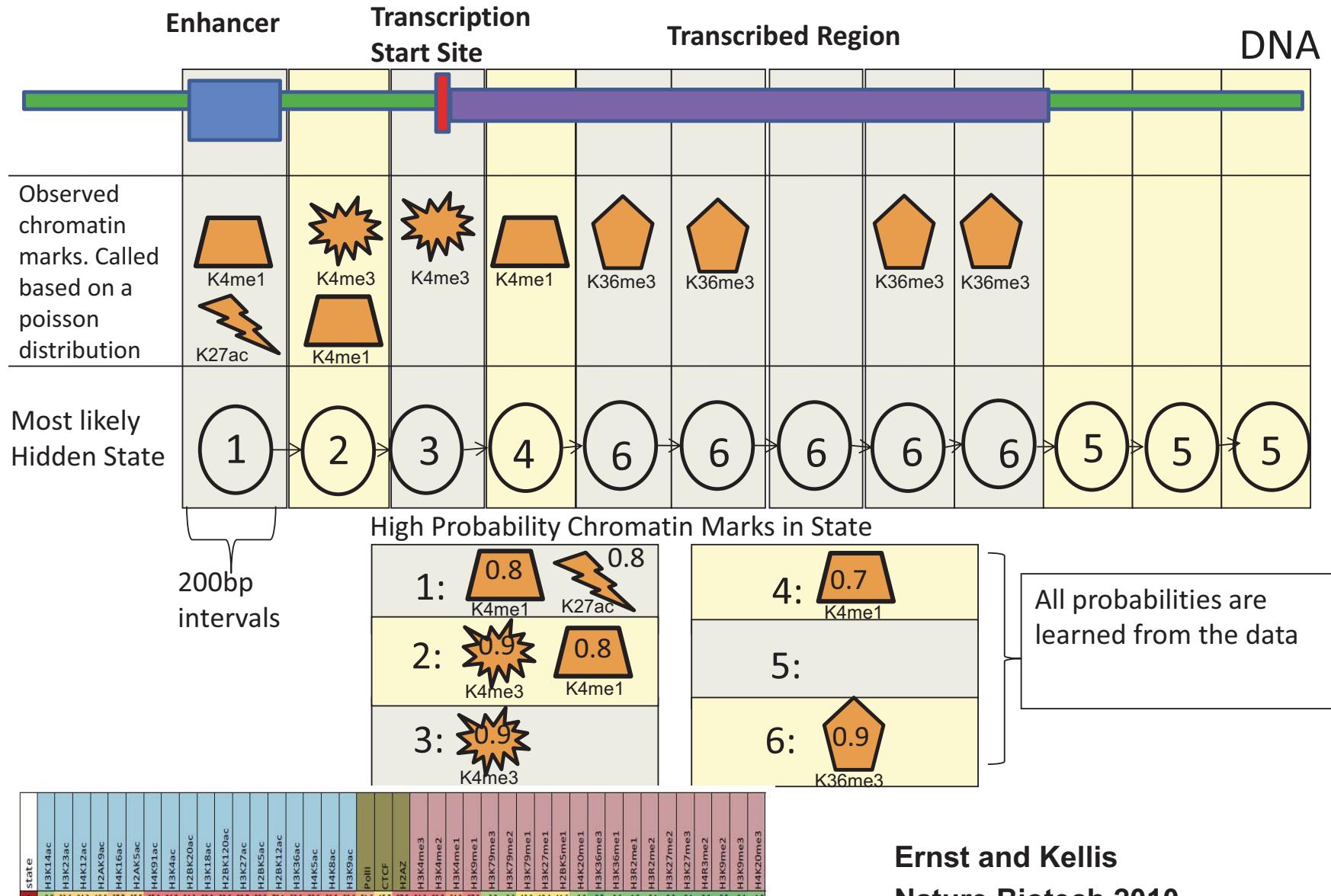
- given aligned sequences  $\rightarrow$  easy to compute profile matrix



Key idea: Iterative procedure for estimating both, given uncertainty

(learning problem with hidden variables: the starting positions)

# Multivariate HMM for Chromatin States



Ernst and Kellis  
Nature Biotech 2010

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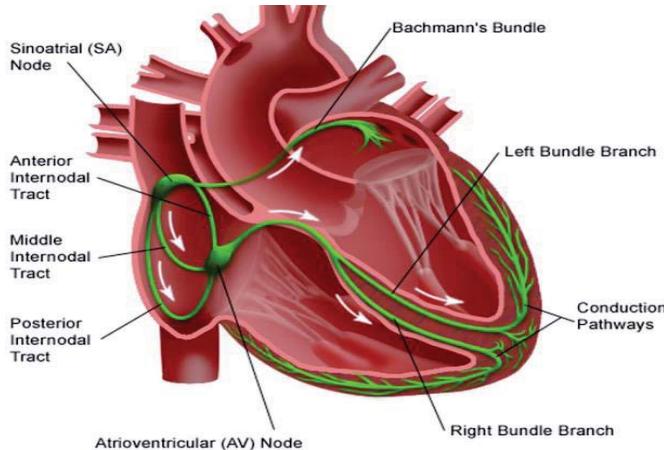
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# Modules IV and V: Evolution/phylogeny/populations

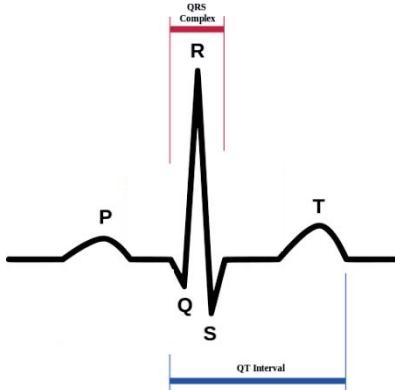
	Tue, Oct 27	Module IV: Population and Disease Genetics	L13	Resolving human ancestry and human history from genetic data	29	
8	Thu, Oct 29		L14	Disease Association Mapping, GWAS, organismal phenotypes	31	
	Fri, Oct 30		R7	Recitation 7: Robinson-Foulds Distance and Coalescent Process		
Panel Discussion: reconciling critiques, strategies for improvement, feedback to author 32D-507						
9	Fri, Oct 30		L15	Quantitative trait mapping, molecular traits, eQTLs	32	
	Tue, Nov 3	Frontiers	L16	Missing Heritability, Complex Traits, Interpret GWAS, Rank-based enrichment	33	
	Thu, Nov 5		R8	Recitation 8: Suffix Trees and Arrays		
10	Fri, Nov 6			No lecture, veterans day holiday - Monday/Tuesday		
	Tue, Nov 10	Module V: Comparative Genomics and Evolution	L17	Comparative genomics and Evolutionary signatures	4	
	Thu, Nov 12		R9	Recitation 9: Review of Phylogeny and Molecular Evolution		
11	Fri, Nov 13		L18	Phylogenetics: Molecular evolution, Tree building, Phylogenetic inference	27	
	Tue, Nov 17	Frontiers	L19	Phylogenomics: Gene/species trees, reconciliation, recombination graphs	28	
	Thu, Nov 19		R10	Recitation 10: Linkage Disequilibrium, Haplotype Phasing, and Genotype Imputation		
Fri, Nov 20						

- **Phylogenetics / Phylogenomics**
  - Phylogenetics: Evolutionary models, Tree building, Phylo inference
  - Phylogenomics: gene/species trees, reconciliation, coalescent, pops
- **Population genetics:**
  - Learning population history from genetic data (David Reich)
  - Statistical genetics: disease mapping in populations (Mark Daly)
  - Measuring natural selection in human populations (Pardis Sabeti)
  - The missing heritability in genome-wide associations (Yaniv Erlich)
- **And we're done! Last pset Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, In-class quiz on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**
  - No lab 4! Then entire focus shifts to projects, Thanksgiving, Frontiers

# Characterizing sub-threshold variants in heart arrhythmia

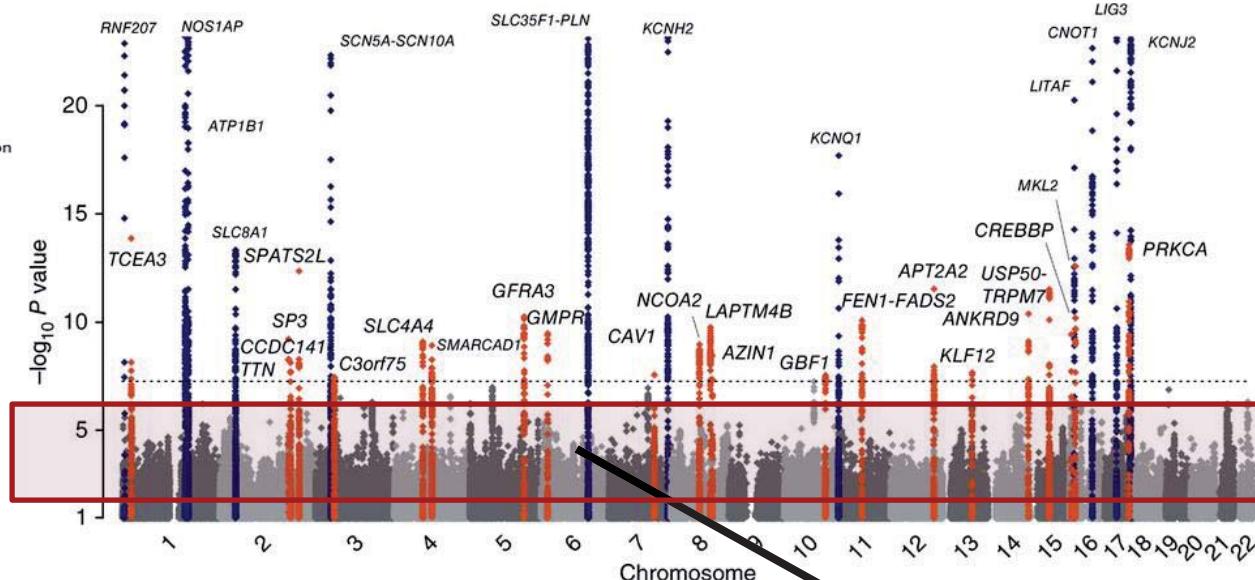


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Trait: QRS/QT interval

- (1) Large cohorts, (2) many known hits
- (3) well-characterized tissue drivers

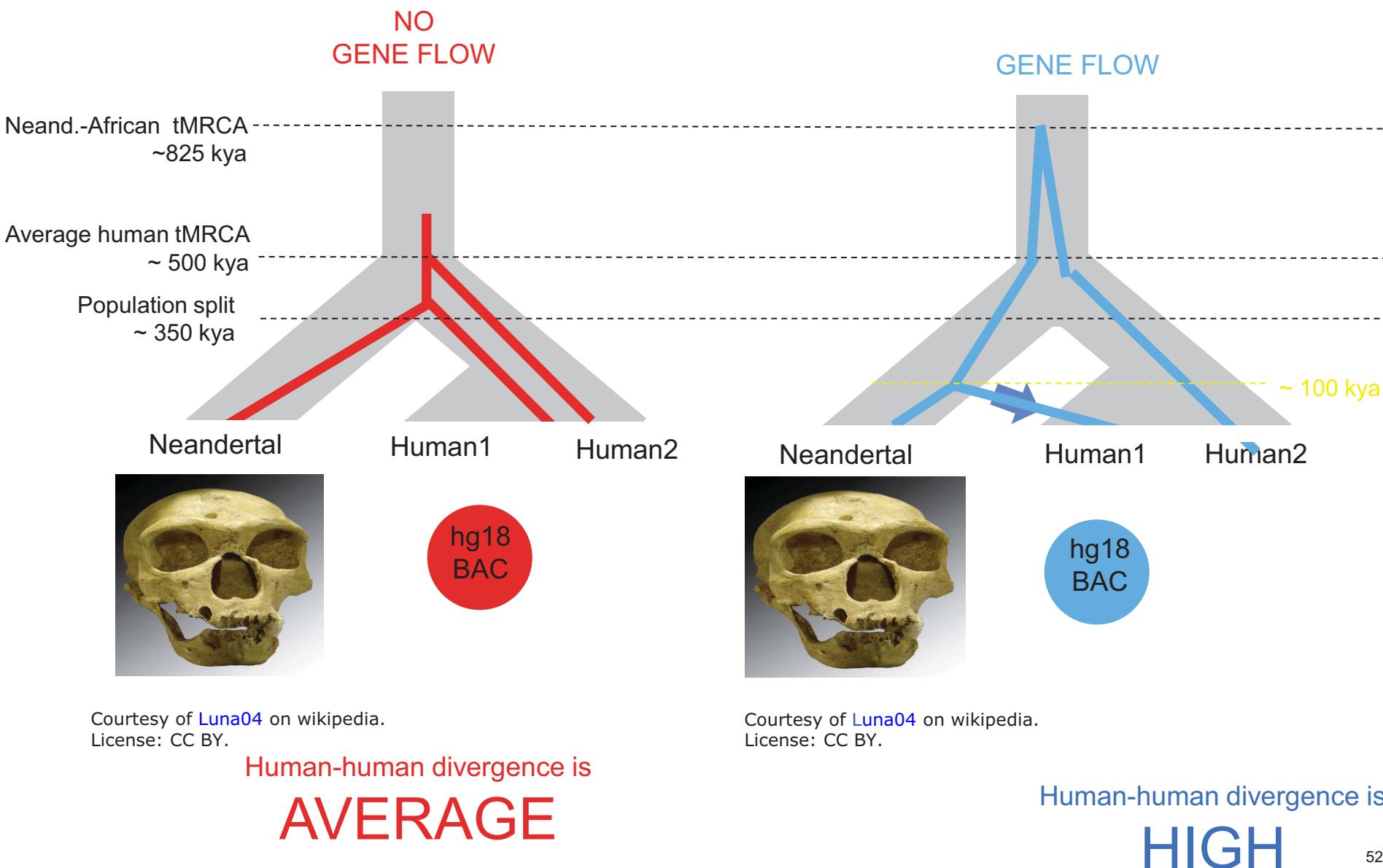


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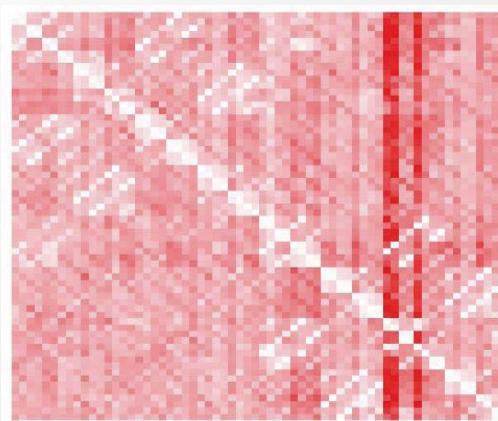
**Focus on sub-threshold variants  
(e.g. rs1743292  $P=10^{-4.2}$ )**

# Evidence of Neanderthal→Human gene flow

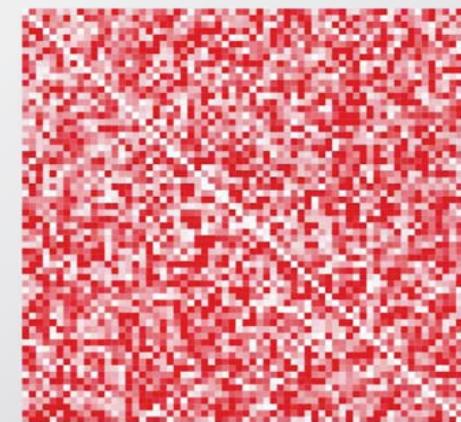


# Structure of genetic code $\leftrightarrow$ evolutionary signatures

- Substitutions that preserve AA properties tolerated in coding exons
- Leads to specific evolutionary signatures associated with protein-coding genes
- The code itself could be rediscovered simply based on observed substitution patterns



$Q_C$  estimated from known coding regions



$Q_N$  estimated from non-coding regions

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These specify different rates of codon substitution, which in turn lead to different probabilities of any given alignment:

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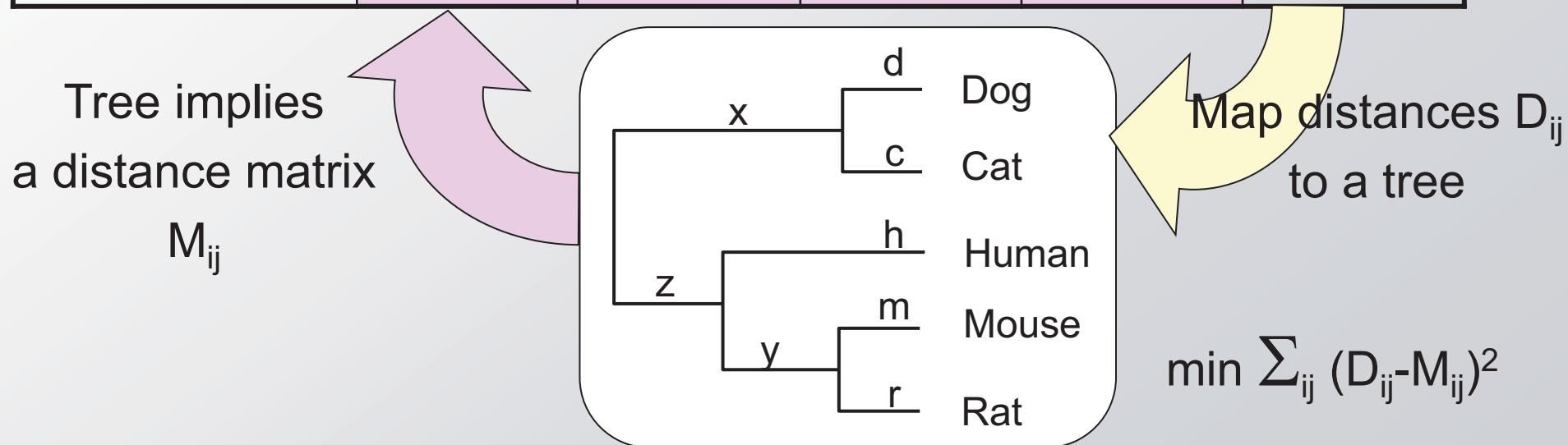
$$\Pr(\text{Leaves}; \mathbf{Q}_N, \underline{t}) = \frac{1}{10^{152}}$$

$$\Pr(\text{Leaves}; \mathbf{Q}_C, \underline{t}) = \frac{1}{10^{275}}$$

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# Distance matrix $\leftrightarrow$ Phylogenetic tree

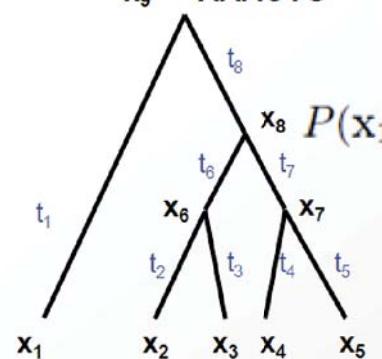
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Mouse	h.y.m	0	3	8	5
Rat	h.y.r	m.r	0	9	7
Dog	h.z.x.d	m.y.z.x.d	r.y.z.x.d	0	2
Cat	h.z.x.c	m.y.z.x.c	r.y.z.x.c	d.c	0



Goal:

Minimize discrepancy between observed distances and tree-based distances

$x_9 = "AAACTG"$



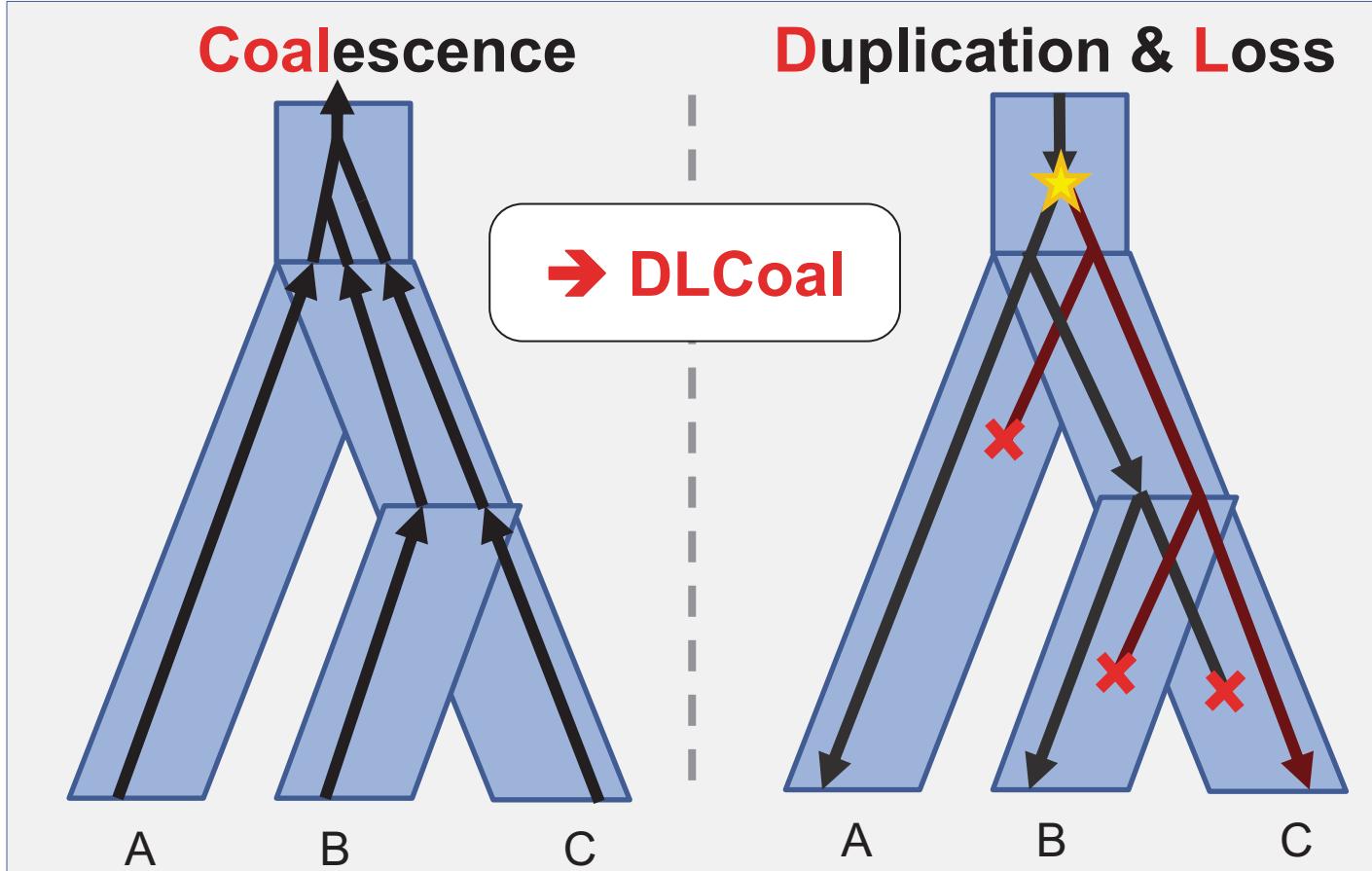
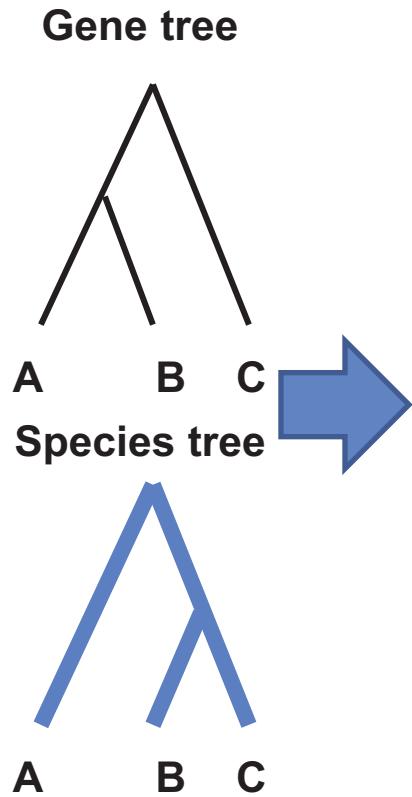
## 'Peeling' algorithm for $P(D|B,T)$ term

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1} | T, t) &= P(x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_{2n-1}, T, t)P(x_2 | x_3, \dots, x_{2n-1}, T, t) \dots P(x_{2n-1} | T, t) \\
 &= P(x_1 | x_{\text{parent}(1)}, t_1)P(x_2 | x_{\text{parent}(2)}, t_2) \dots P(x_{2n-1}) \\
 &= P(x_{2n-1}) \prod_{i=1}^{2n-2} P(x_i | x_{\text{parent}(i)}, t_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

1. Assume sites j evolve independently.

- Treat each column of the alignment in isolation
- 2. Assume branch independence, conditioned on parent
  - Expand total joint probability into prod of  $P(x_i | x_{\text{parent}}, t_i)$
  - Only  $P(x_{2n-1})$  remains, root prior, background nucl. freq.
- 3. We know how to compute  $P(x_i | x_{\text{parent}}, t_i)$  for fixed pair
  - Defined by our sequence model (JC, K2P, HKY, etc)
  - Easily calculate for any given assignment of internal nodes
- 4. As internal node values are not known → marginalize
  - Sum over all possible values of all internal/root nodes
  - Let  $x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{2n-1}$  represent seqs of n-1 internal nodes

# Two types of gene-tree species-tree reconciliation



- **Coalescent models of alleles in populations**  
Deal with 1-to-1 orthologs  
Estimate divergence times, pop sizes, etc  
Models move backward in time  
Cannot cope with duplication and loss

- **DL models of genes in species**  
Deal with paralogous families  
Estimate birth death rates  
Models move forward in time  
Cannot cope with incomplete lineage sorting

Project	Psets	Week	Date	Topic	Lec	Topic	
Describe your previous research, areas of interest in computational biology, type of project that best fits your interests. Post in a profile that lets your classmates know you and find potential partners. <b>Project profile due Tue 9/29</b>	PS1 out on:L1-L5  due Tue 9/29	1	Thu, Sep 10	Module I: Aligning and Modeling Genomes	L1	Intro: Biology, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Course Overview	
			Fri, Sep 11		R1	Recitation 1: Biology and Probability Review	
		2	Tue, Sep 15		L2	Alignment I: Dynamic Programming, Global and local alignment	
			Thu, Sep 17		L3	Alignment II: Database search, Rapid string matching, BLAST, BLOSUM	
			Fri, Sep 18		R2	Recitation 2: Deriving Parameters of Alignment, Multiple Alignment	
		3	Tue, Sep 22		L4	Hidden Markov Models Part 1: Evaluation/Parsing, Viterbi, Forward algorithms	
			Thu, Sep 24		L5	Hidden Markov Models Part 2: Posterior Decoding, Learning, Baum-Welch	
			Fri, Sep 25		No classes - student holiday		
			Fri, Sep 25		Project Intro: about the projects, self introductions, mentor intro, example projects, teamwork 32D-507		
Identify previous project proposals, recent papers, and potential partners that match your areas of interest. List initial project ideas and partners. <b>Project area/team due Tue 10/6</b>		PS2 out on:L6-R4  due Tue 10/13	Tue, Sep 29		Module II: Gene Expression and Networks	L6 Transcript structure: GenScan, RNA-seq, Mapping, De novo Assembly, Diff Expr	
			Thu, Oct 1			L7 Expression Analysis: Clustering/Classification, K-means, Hierarchical, Bayesian	
			Fri, Oct 2			R3 Recitation 3: Affinity Propagation Clustering and Random Forest Classification	
			Tue, Oct 6			L8 Networks I: Bayesian inference, deep learning, network dynamics	
			Thu, Oct 8			L9 Networks II: Network learning, structure, spectral methods	
			Fri, Oct 9			R4 Recitation 4: Small and Large Regulatory RNAs: lncRNA, miRNA, piRNA...	
			Fri, Oct 9			Project Planning: research areas, initial ideas, type of project, mentor matching, finding partners 32D-507	
			Tue, Oct 13			No Classes - Monday Schedule - October 13, 2015	
			Thu, Oct 15			L10 Regulatory Motifs: Discovery, Representation, PBMs, Gibbs Sampling, EM	
			Fri, Oct 16			R5 Recitation 5: Gapped Motif Discovery, DNAShape, PBMs, Selex	
Form teams of two, specify project goals, division of work, milestones, datasets, challenges Prepare slide presentation for the class and the mentors. <b>Project proposal due Tue 10/20. Presented on Fri 10/23</b>	PS3 out on:L10-R6  due Tue 10/27	6	Tue, Oct 20	Module III: Gene Regulation & Epigenomics		L11 Epigenomics: ChIP-Seq, Read mapping, Peak calling, IDR, Chromatin states	
			Thu, Oct 22			L12 RNA modifications: RNA editing, Translation regulation, Splicing regulation	
			Fri, Oct 23			R6 Recitation 6: Dimensionality Reduction	
			Fri, Oct 23			Project feedback: Prepare 2-3 slide presentation of your term project for your mentor. 32D-507 at 4-5pm	
Evaluate/discuss three peer proposals, NIH review format. <b>Review Panels Fri 10/30</b> <b>Reviews back Tue 11/3</b>		PS4 out on:L13-R8  due Tue 11/10	Tue, Oct 27	Module IV: Population and Disease Genetics	L13 Resolving human ancestry and human history from genetic data		
			Thu, Oct 29		L14 Disease Association Mapping, GWAS, organismal phenotypes		
			Fri, Oct 30		R7 Recitation 7: Robinson-Foulds Distance and Coalescent Process		
			Fri, Oct 30		Panel Discussion: reconciling critiques, strategies for improvement, feedback to author 32D-507		
Address peer evaluations, revise aims, scope, list of final deliverables / goals. <b>Response due Thu 11/12</b>			Tue, Nov 3		L15 Quantitative trait mapping, molecular traits, eQTLs		
			Thu, Nov 5		L16 Missing Heritability, Complex Traits, Interpret GWAS, Rank-based enrichment		
			Fri, Nov 6		R8 Recitation 8: Suffix Trees and Arrays		
Continue making substantial progress on proposed milestones. Write outline of final report. <b>Midcourse report due Thu 11/19. Score projection 11/24</b>	PS5 out on:L17-R10  due Tue 12/1	10	Tue, Nov 10		Module V: Comparative Genomics and Evolution		No lecture, veterans day holiday - Monday/Tuesday
			Thu, Nov 12				L17 Comparative genomics and Evolutionary signatures
			Fri, Nov 13				R9 Recitation 9: Review of Phylogeny and Molecular Evolution
		11	Tue, Nov 17				L18 Phylogenetics: Molecular evolution, Tree building, Phylogenetic inference
			Thu, Nov 19				L19 Phylogenomics: Gene/species trees, reconciliation, recombination graphs
			Fri, Nov 20				R10 Recitation 10: Linkage Disequilibrium, Haplotype Phasing, and Genotype Imputation
Complete your milestones, finalize results, figures, write-up in conference publication format. As part of report, comment on your overall project experience. <b>Written report due Sun 12/6</b>		No more psets! (work on your final project)	Tue, Nov 24	Module VI: Current Research Directions	In Class Quiz (the only quiz - the class has no final exam) - covers L1-R11		
			Thu, Nov 26		No lecture, thanksgiving break - Thu Nov 26, 2015		
			Fri, Nov 27		No recitation, thanksgiving break		
			Tue, Dec 1		L20 Personal Genomics, Disease Epigenomics: Systems approaches to disease		
			Thu, Dec 3		L21 Three-dimensional chromatin interactions: 3C, 5C, HiC, ChIA-Pet		
			Fri, Dec 4		R11 Recitation 11: Project Tips - Write-up, Slides, Final Presentation in 32D-507		
Conference format slide pres. <b>Talks on Thu 12/10</b>			Tue, Dec 8		L22 Genome Engineering with CRISPR/Cas9 and related technologies		
			Thu, Dec 10		Final Presentations - Part I (1pm). 32-141		
			Thu, Dec 10		Final Presentations - Part II (3pm). 32D-507		

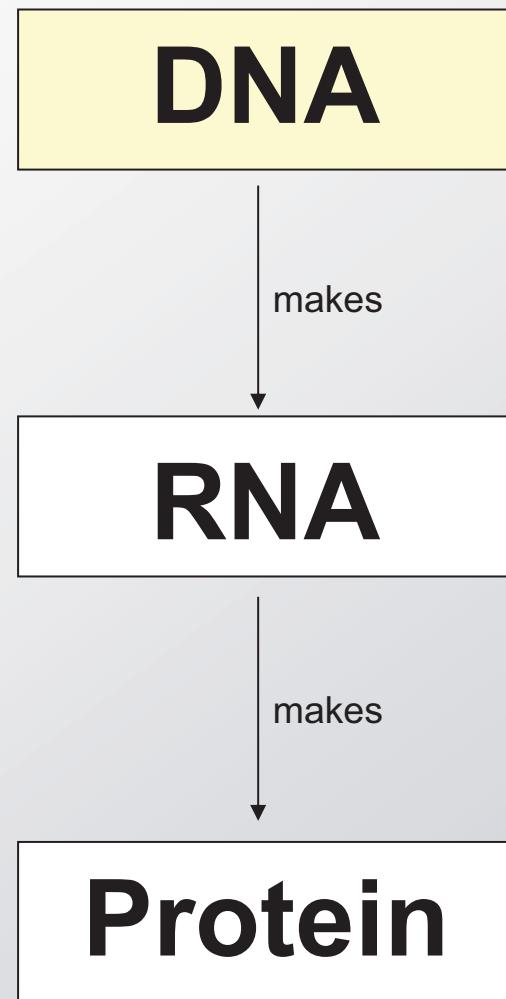
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# **Biology primer**

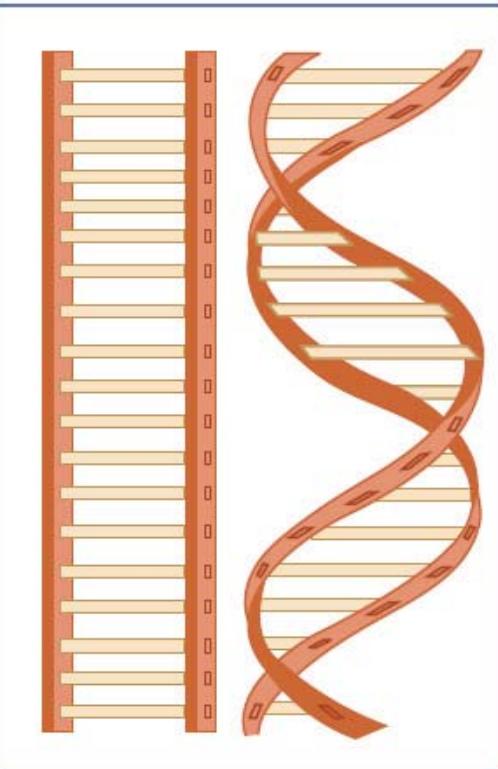
Quick introduction to molecular biology  
and information transfer within the cell

# “Central dogma” of Molecular Biology



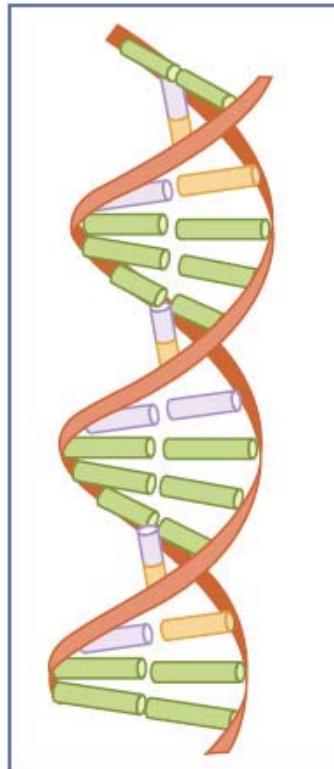
# DNA: The double helix

- The most noble molecule of our time

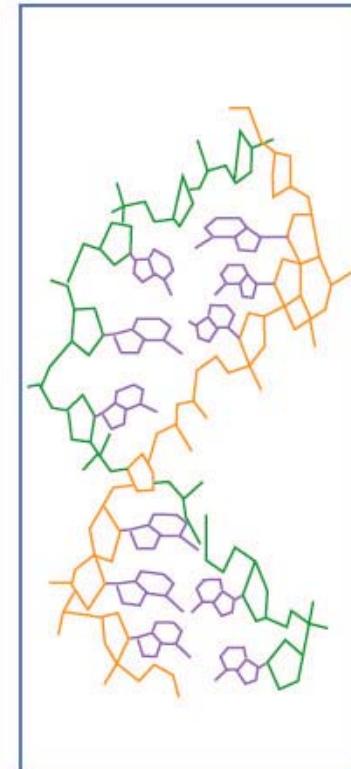


In fact, the two DNA strands are twisted around each other to make a double helix.

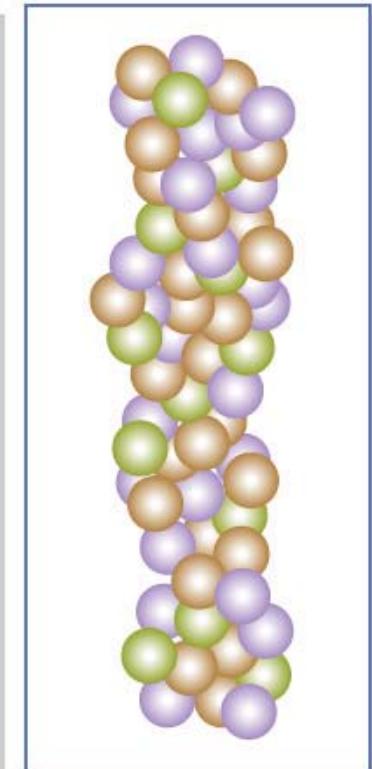
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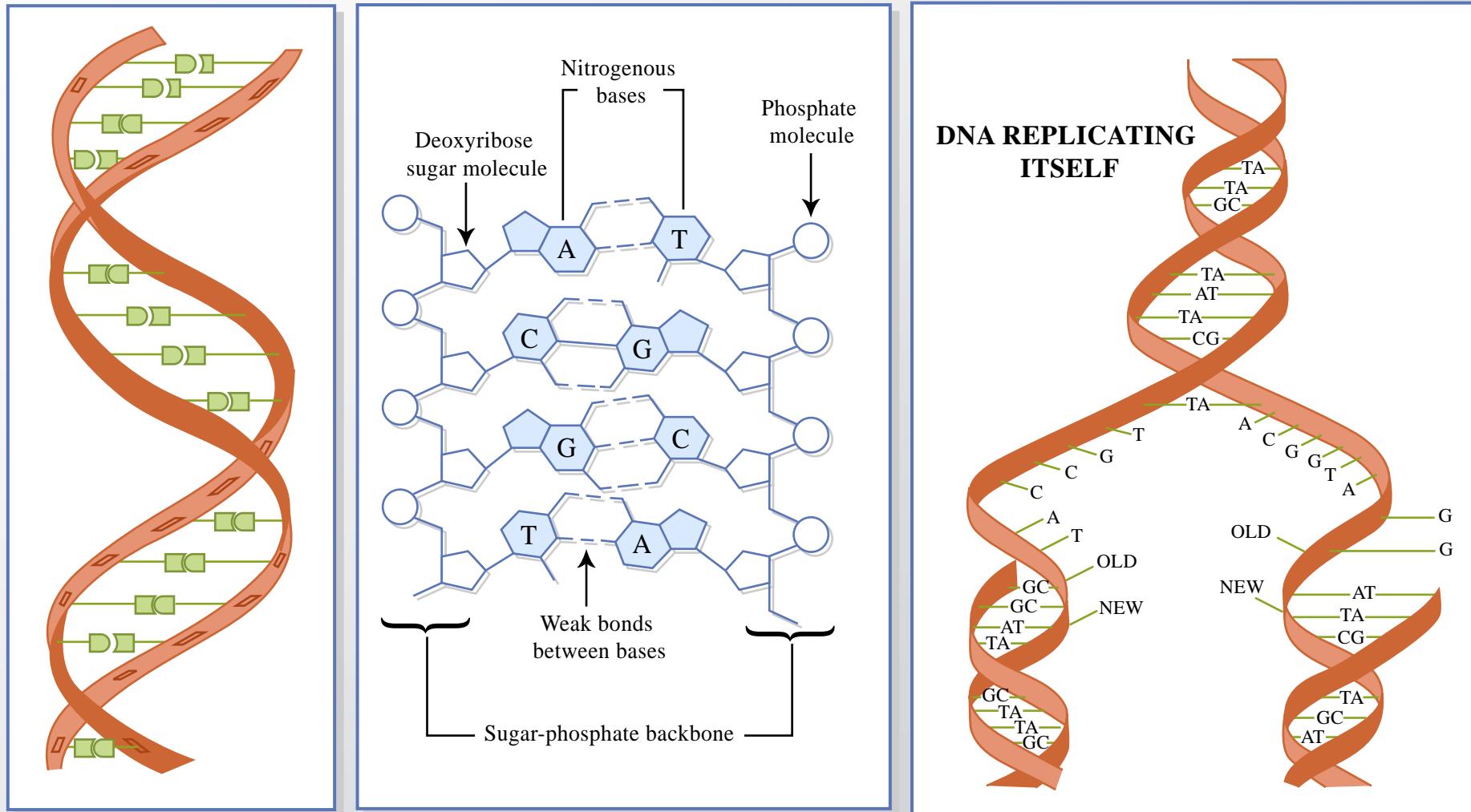


Atomic

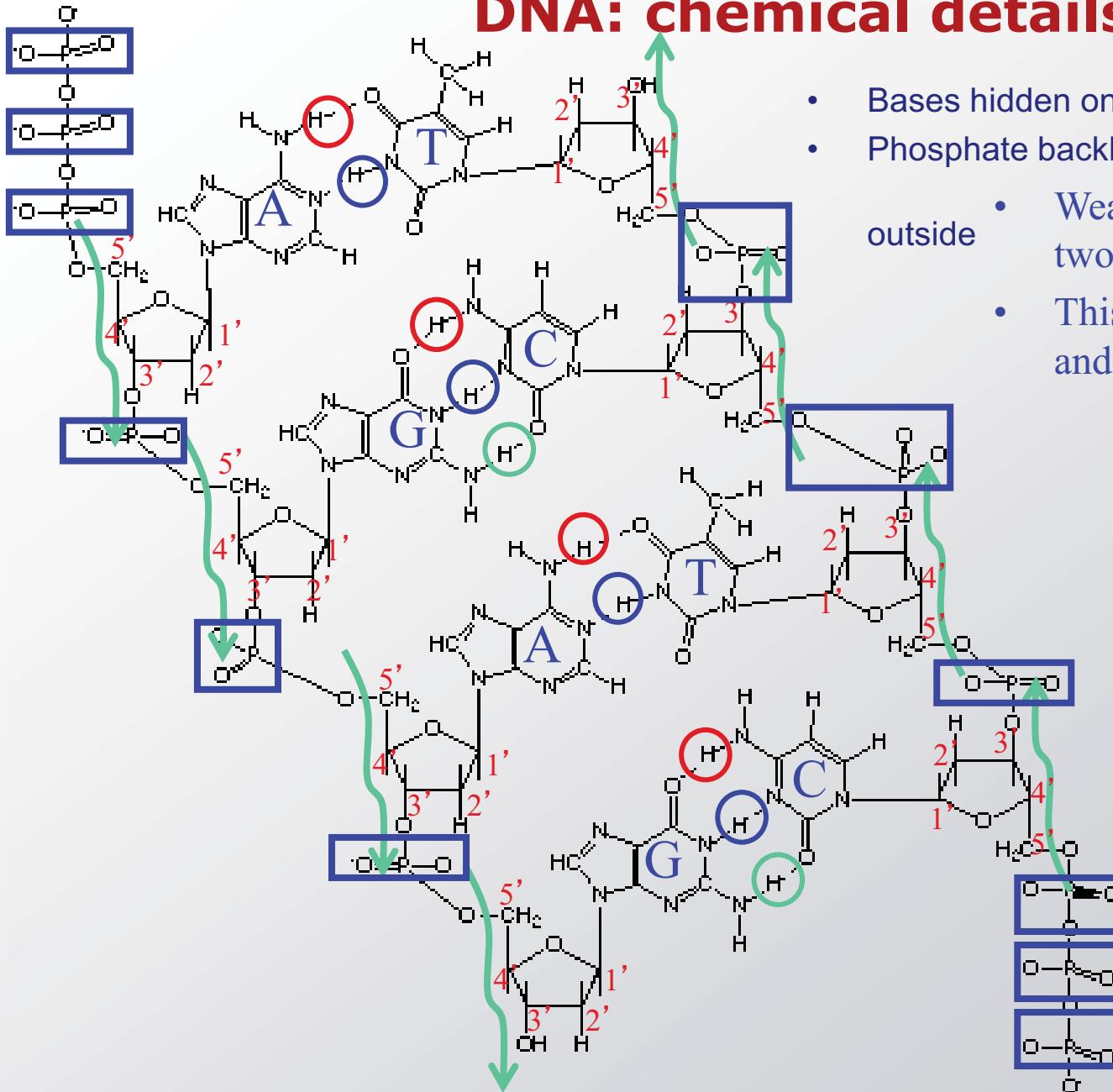
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# DNA: the molecule of heredity

- Self-complementarity sets molecular basis of heredity
  - Knowing one strand, creates a template for the other
  - “It has not escaped our notice that the specific pairing we have postulated immediately suggests a possible copying mechanism for the genetic material.” Watson & Crick, 1953



# DNA: chemical details



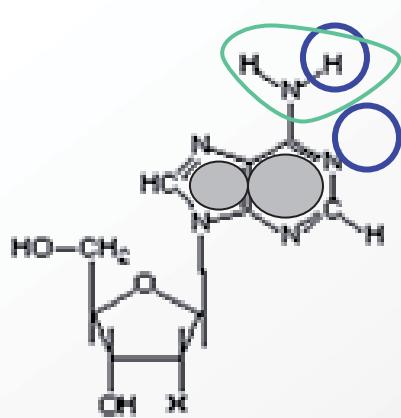
- Bases hidden on the inside
- Phosphate backbone outside
- Weak hydrogen bonds hold the two strands together
- This allows low-energy opening and re-closing of two strands
- Anti-parallel strands
- Extension  $5' \rightarrow 3'$  tri-phosphate coming from newly added nucleotide

The only pairings are:

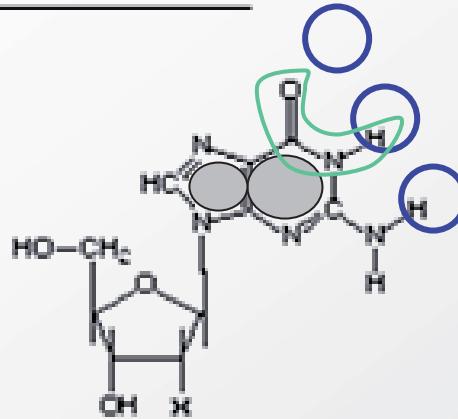
- A with T
- C with G

# DNA: the four bases

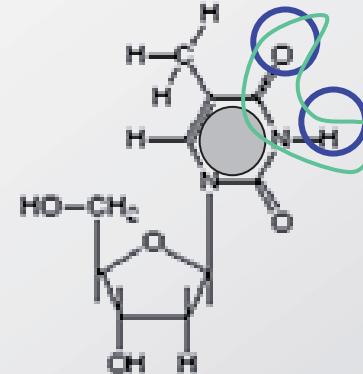
## The Nucleotides of DNA



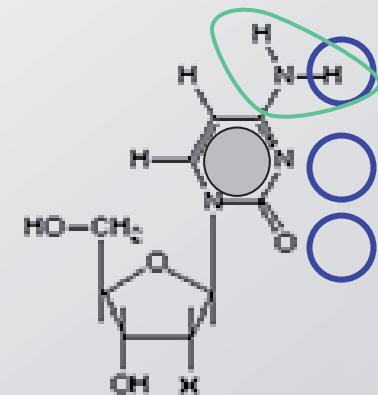
Adenine



Guanosine



Thymine



Cytosine

Purine

Purine

Pyrimidine

Pyrimidine

Weak

Weak

Strong

Amino

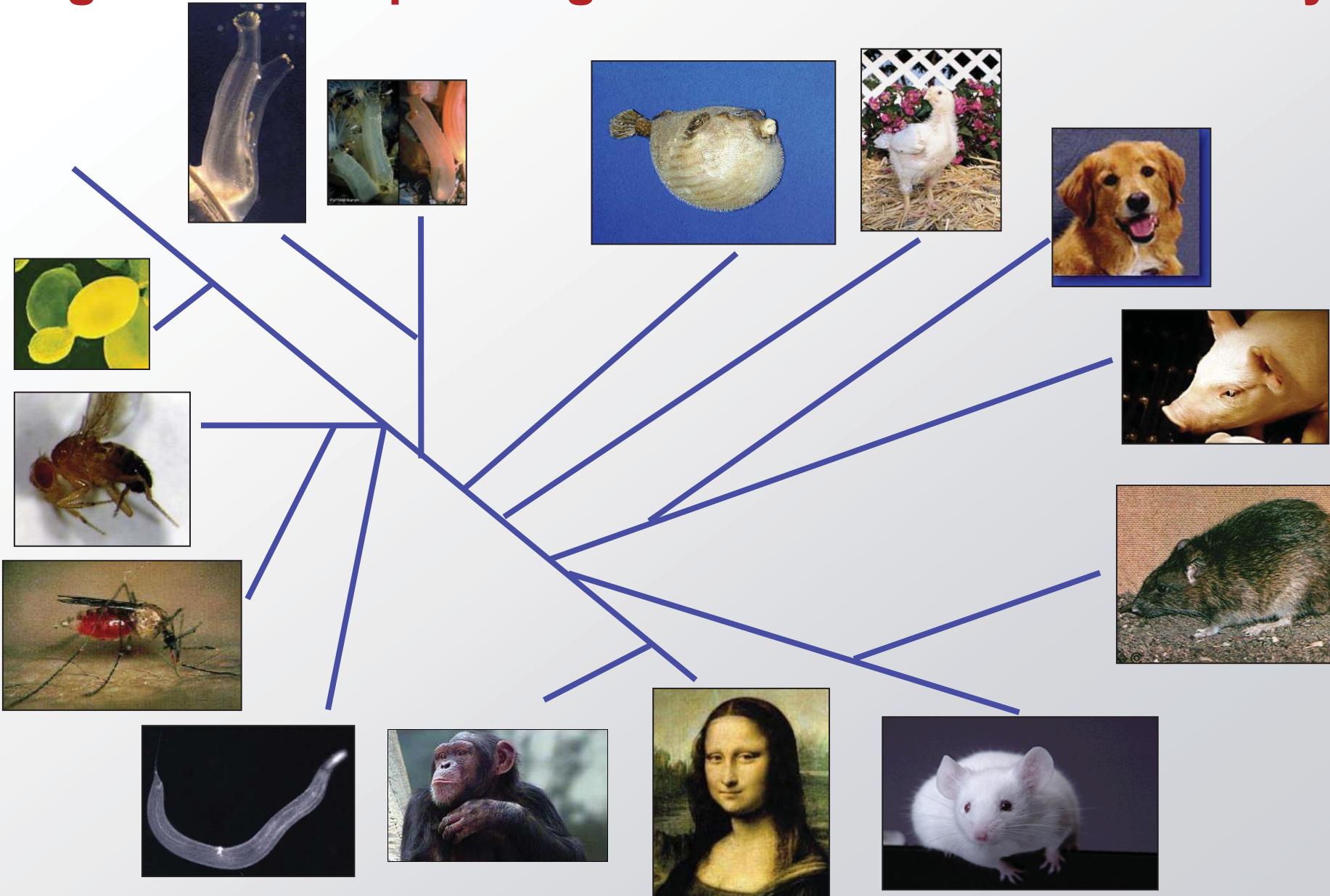
Strong

Amino

Keto

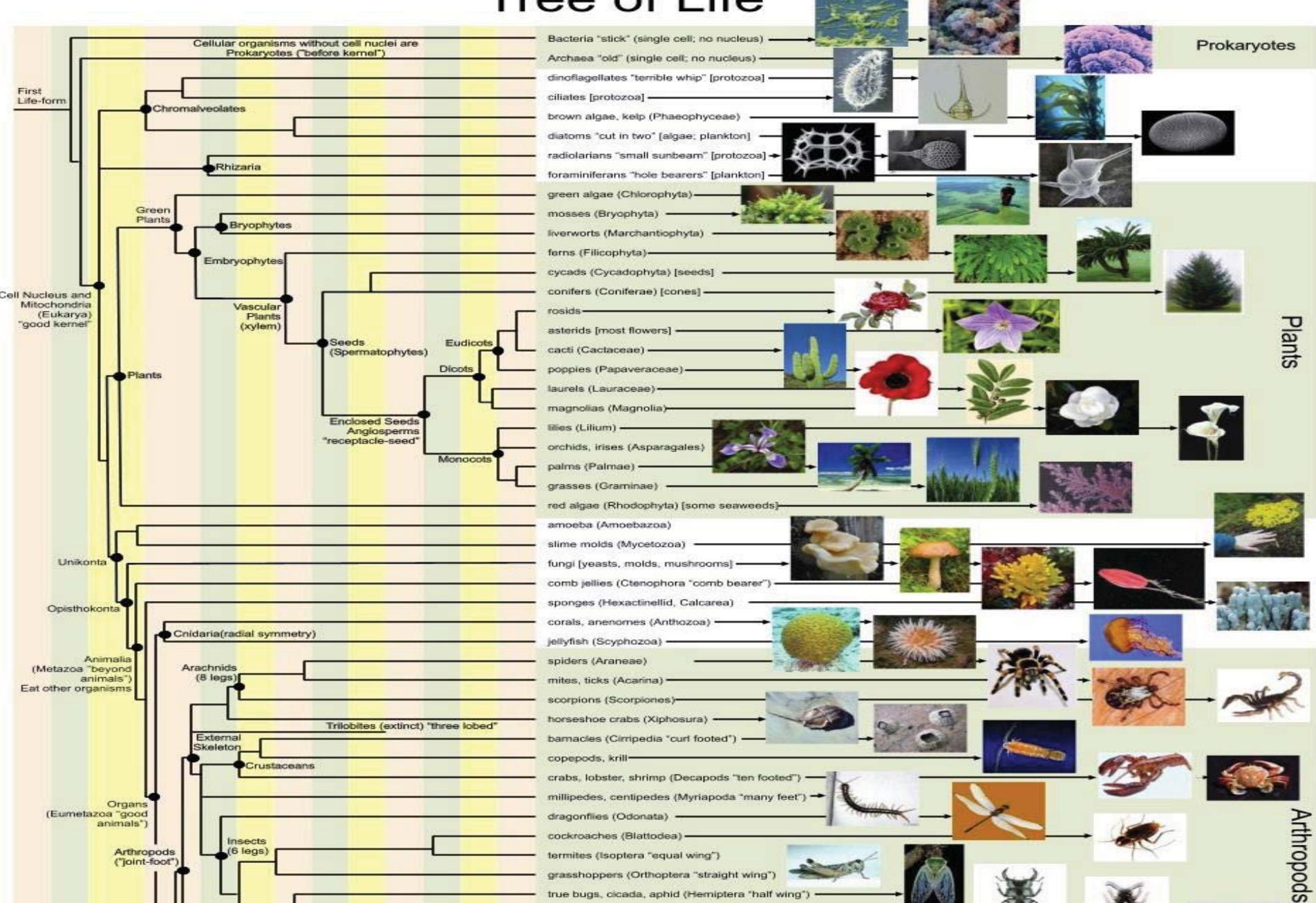
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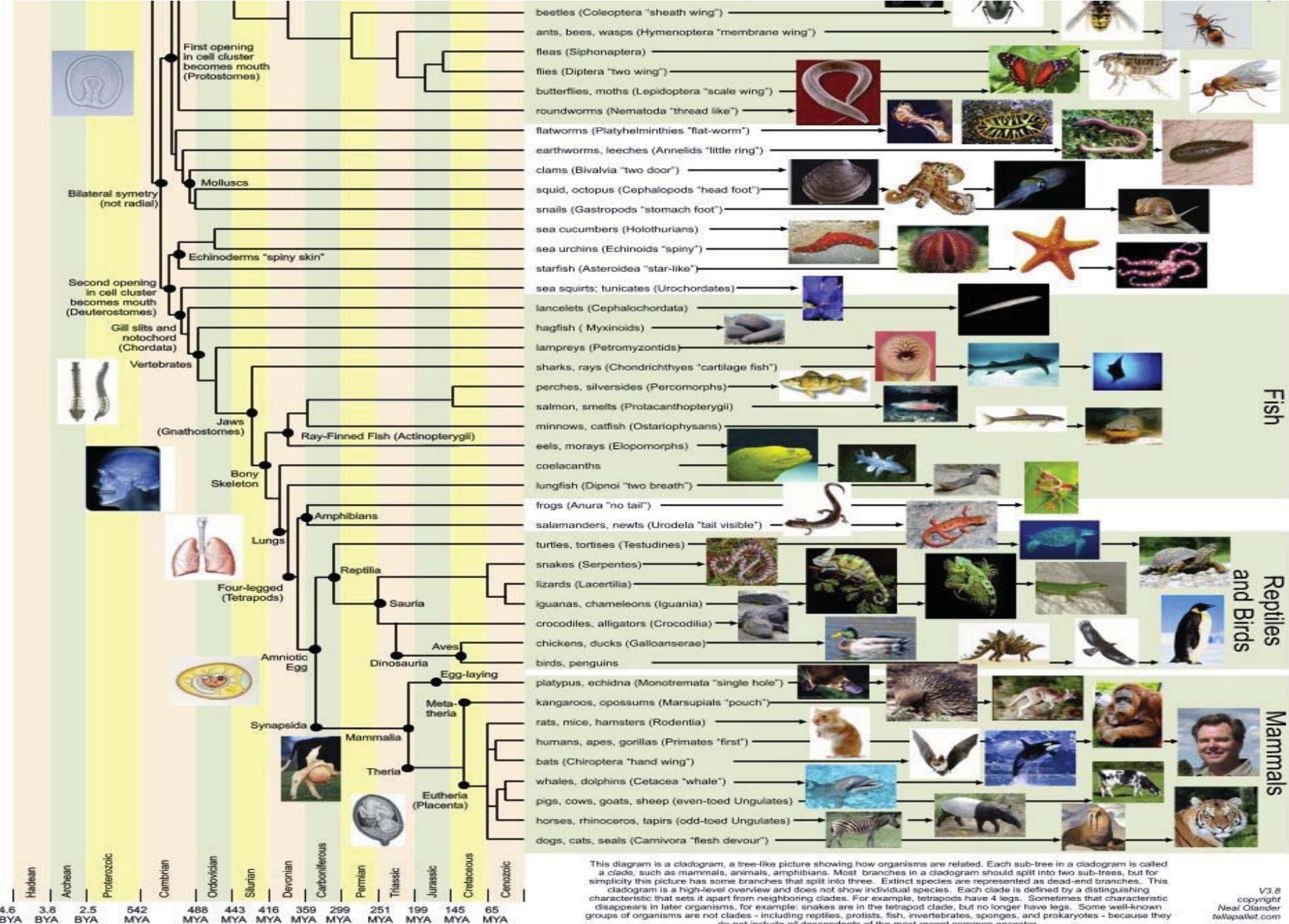
# Alignment: all species/genes share common ancestry



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# Tree of Life





# Extinctions part of life

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# Phylogenetics

## General Problem:

Infer complete ancestry of a set of '**objects**' based on knowledge of their '**traits**'

**'Objects'** can be: Species, Genes, Cell types, Diseases, Cancers, Languages, Faiths, Cars, Architectural Styles

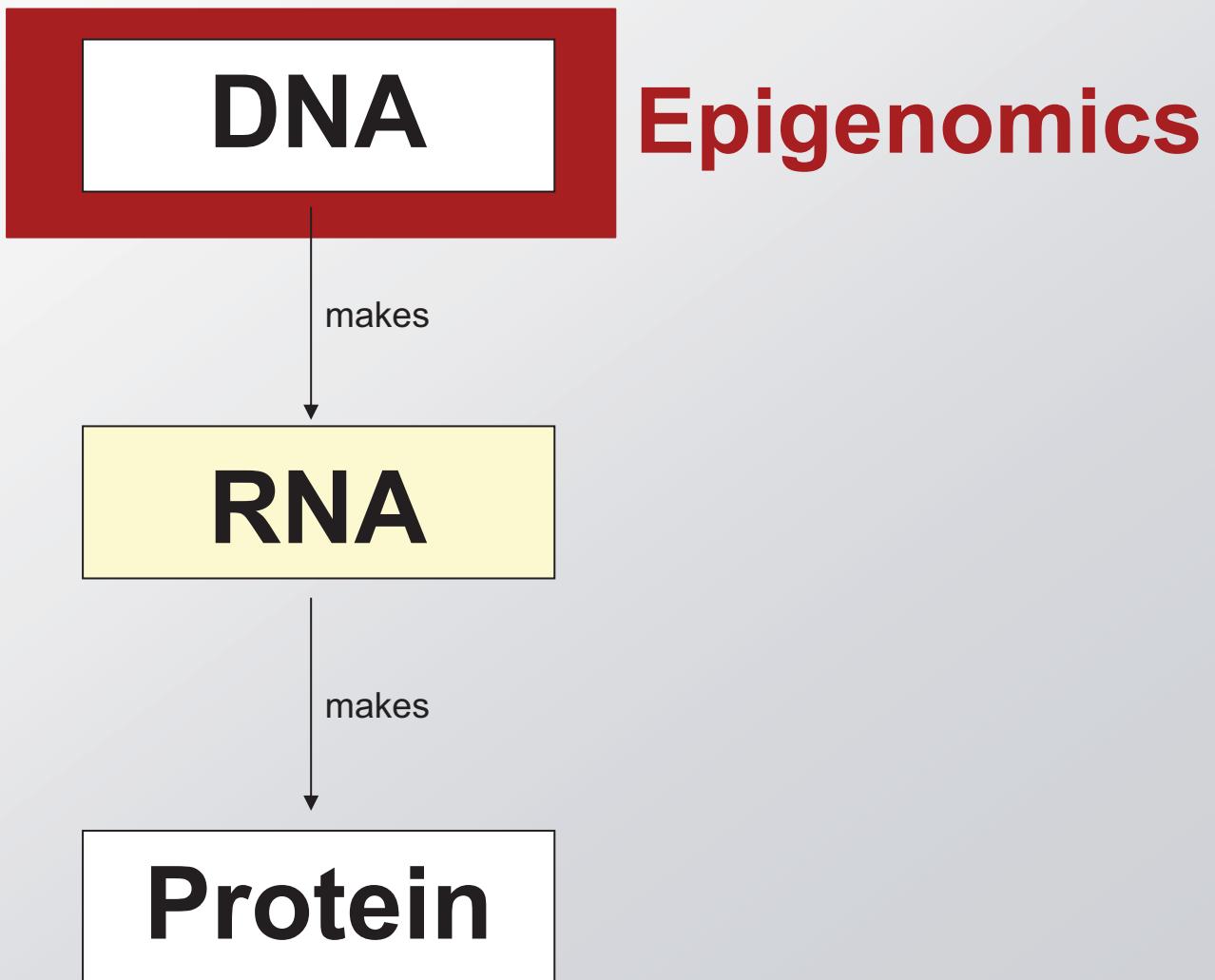
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**'Traits'** can be: Morphological, molecular, gene expression, TF binding, motifs, words...

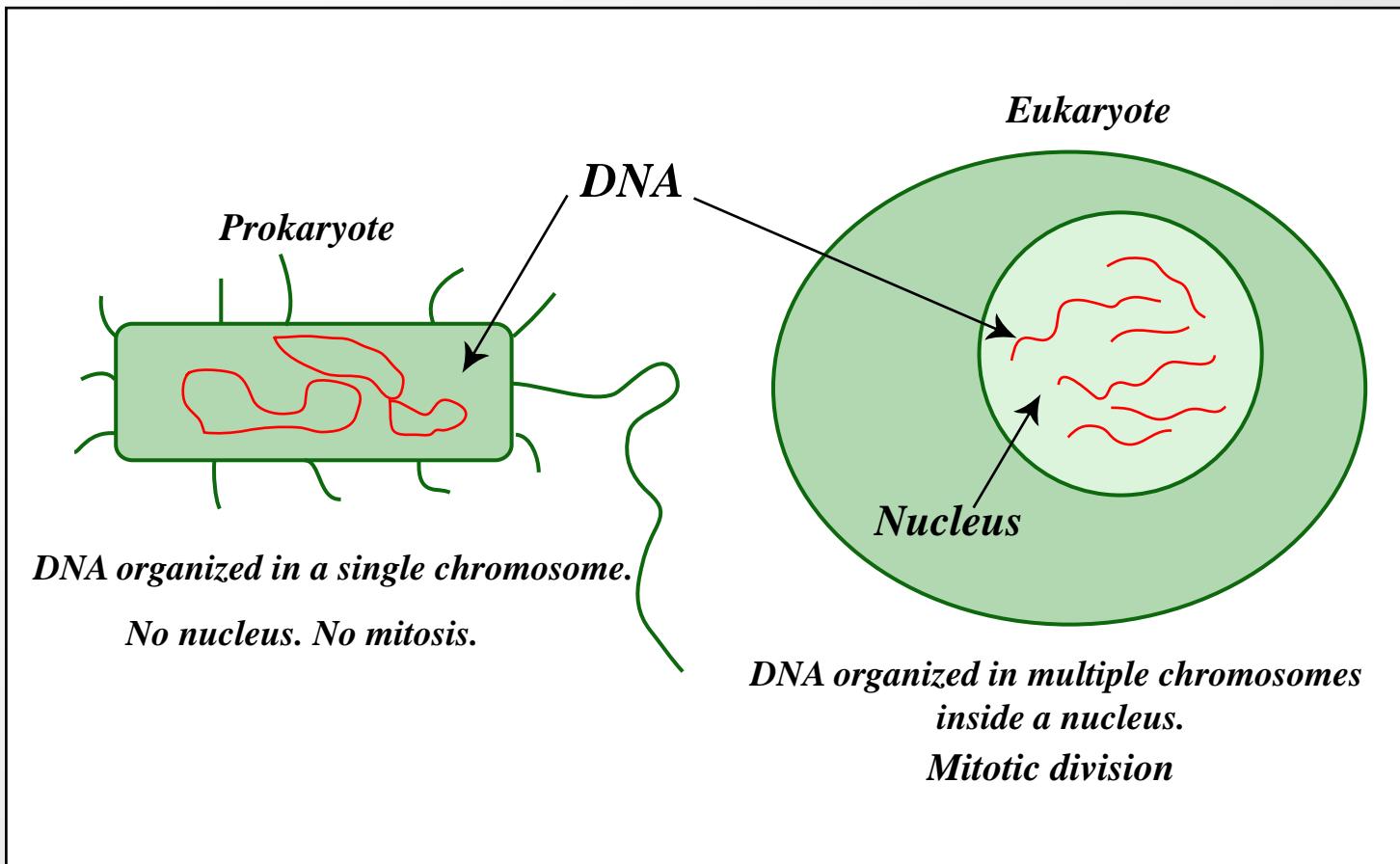
**Historical record varies:** Fossils, imprints, timing of geological events, 'living fossils', sequencing of extinct species, paintings, stories.

**Today:** Phylogenies using only extant species data  
→ **gene trees** (paralog / ortholog / homolog trees)

# “Central dogma” of Molecular Biology



# Chromosomes inside the cell



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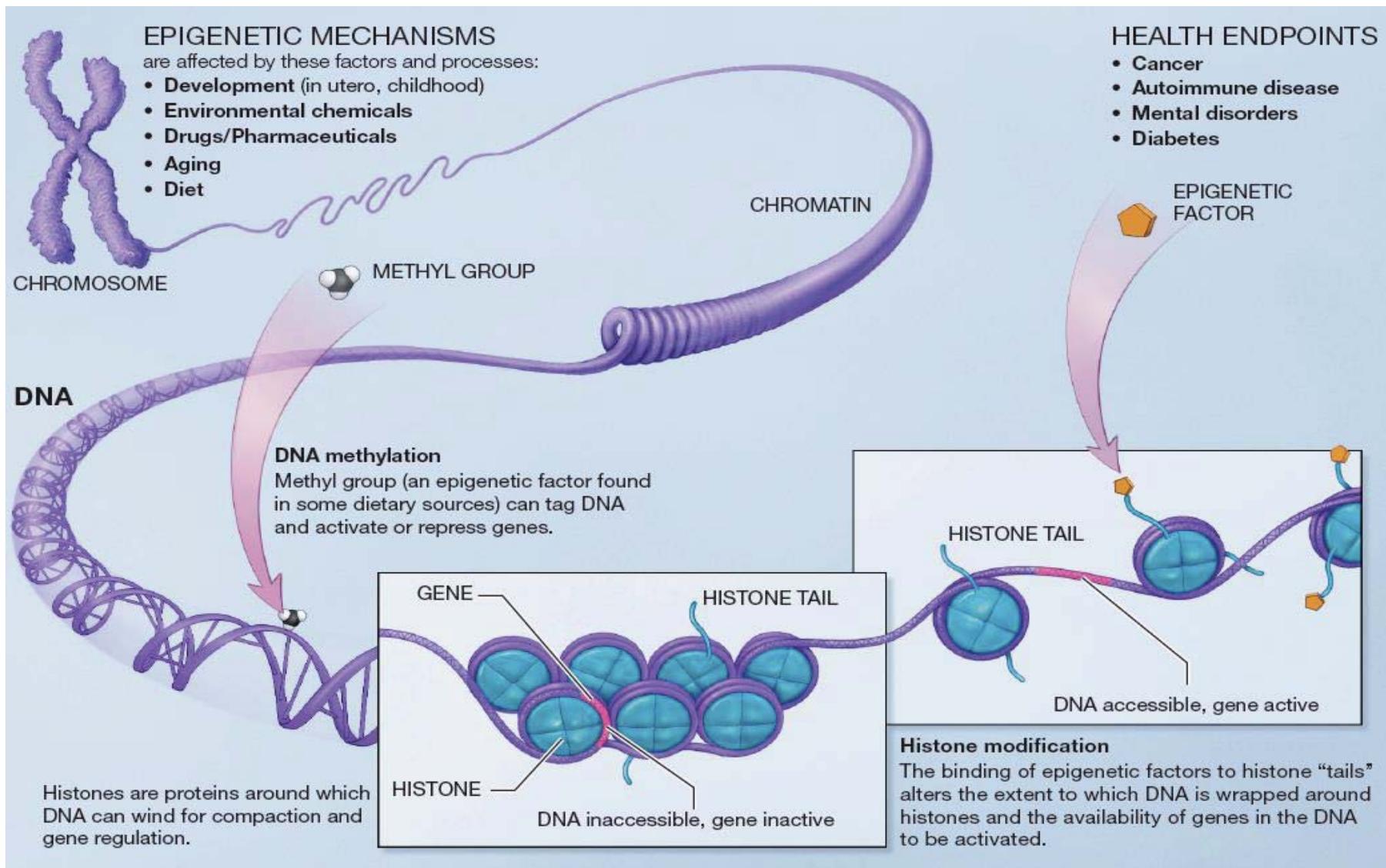
# DNA packaging

- Why packaging
  - DNA is very long
  - Cell is very small
- Compression
  - Chromosome is 50,000 times shorter than extended DNA
- Using the DNA
  - Before a piece of DNA is used for anything, this compact structure must open locally
- Now emerging:
  - Role of accessibility
  - State in chromatin itself
  - Role of 3D interactions

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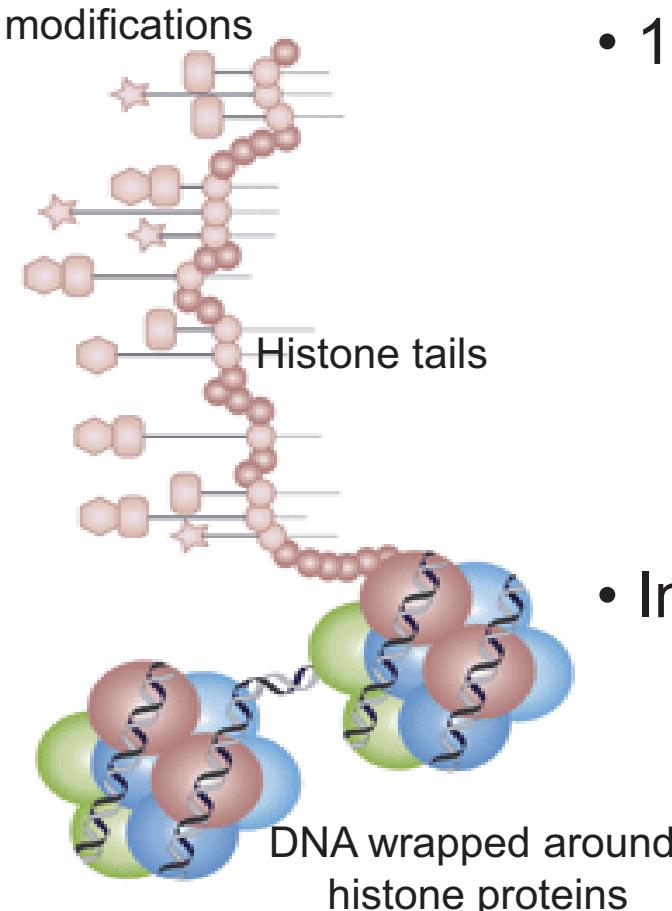
# Diverse epigenetic modifications



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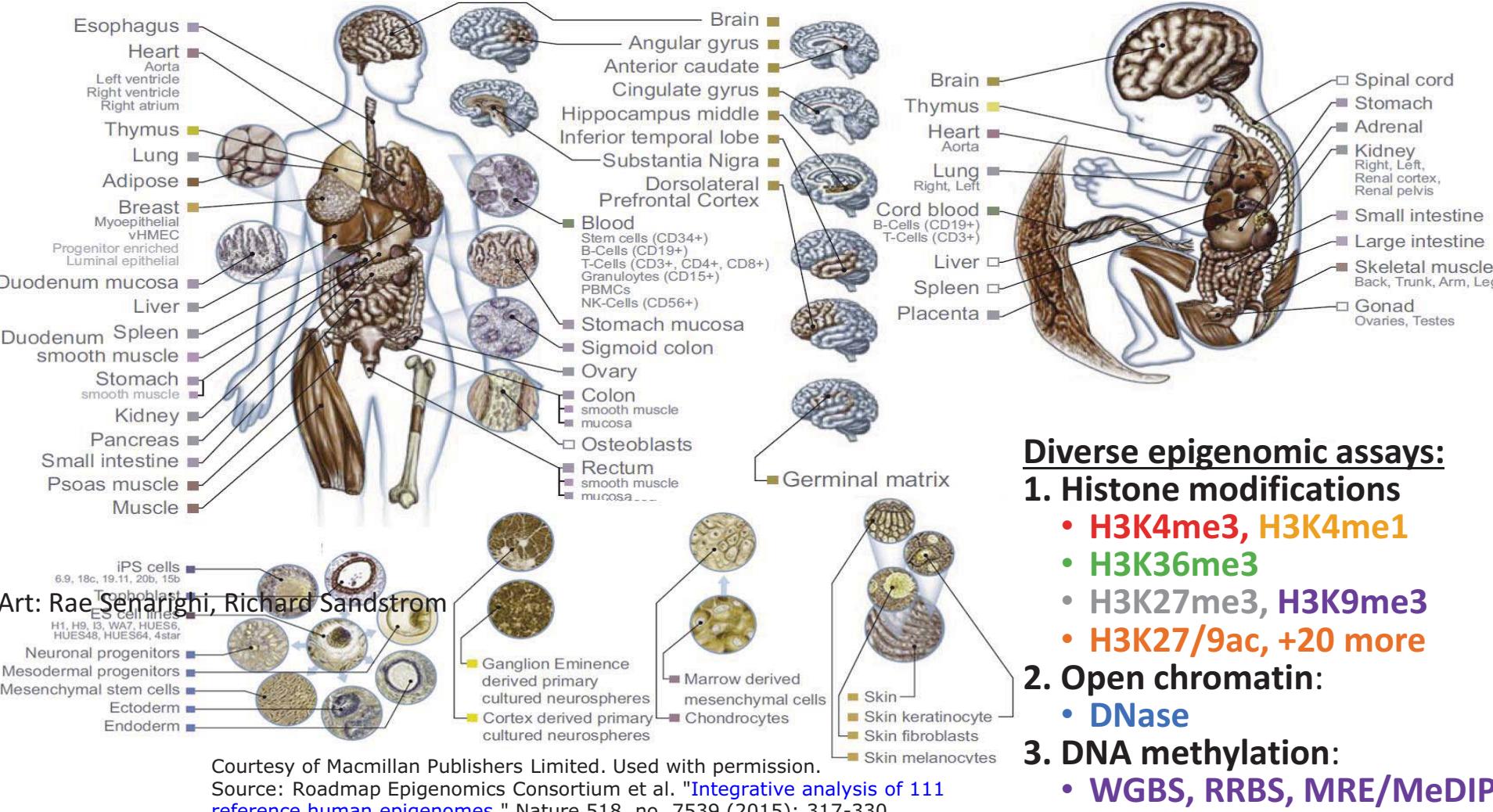
# Diversity of epigenetic modifications



- 100+ different histone modifications
  - Histone protein → H3/H4/H2A/H2B
  - AA residue → Lysine4(K4)/K36...
  - Chemical modification → Met/Pho/Ubi
  - Number → Me-Me-Me(me3)
  - Shorthand: H3K4me3, H2BK5ac
- In addition:
  - DNA modifications
  - Methyl-C in CpG / Methyl-Adenosine
  - Nucleosome positioning
  - DNA accessibility
- The constant struggle of gene regulation
  - TF/histone/nucleo/GFs/Chrom compete

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# Epigenomics Roadmap across 100+ tissues/cell types



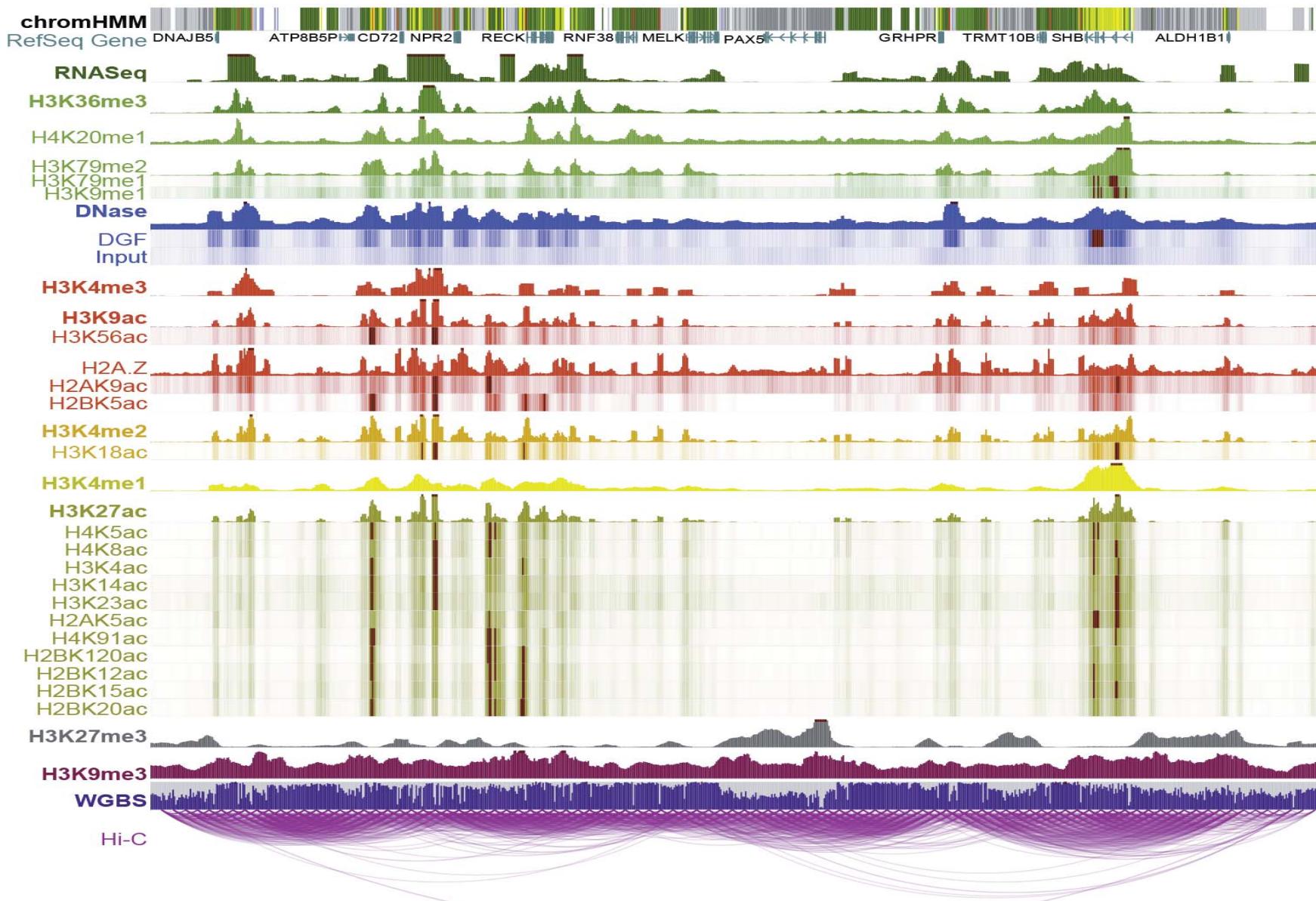
## Diverse epigenomic assays:

- 1. Histone modifications**
  - H3K4me3, H3K4me1
  - H3K36me3
  - H3K27me3, H3K9me3
  - H3K27/9ac, +20 more
- 2. Open chromatin:**
  - DNase
- 3. DNA methylation:**
  - WGBS, RRBS, MRE/MeDIP
- 4. Gene expression**
  - RNA-seq, Exon Arrays

## Diverse tissues and cells:

- 1. Adult tissues and cells** (brain, muscle, heart, digestive, skin, adipose, lung, blood...)
- 2. Fetal tissues** (brain, skeletal muscle, heart, digestive, lung, cord blood...)
- 3. ES cells, iPS, differentiated cells** (meso/endo/ectoderm, neural, mesench, trophobl)

# Deep sampling of 9 reference epigenomes (e.g. IMR90)

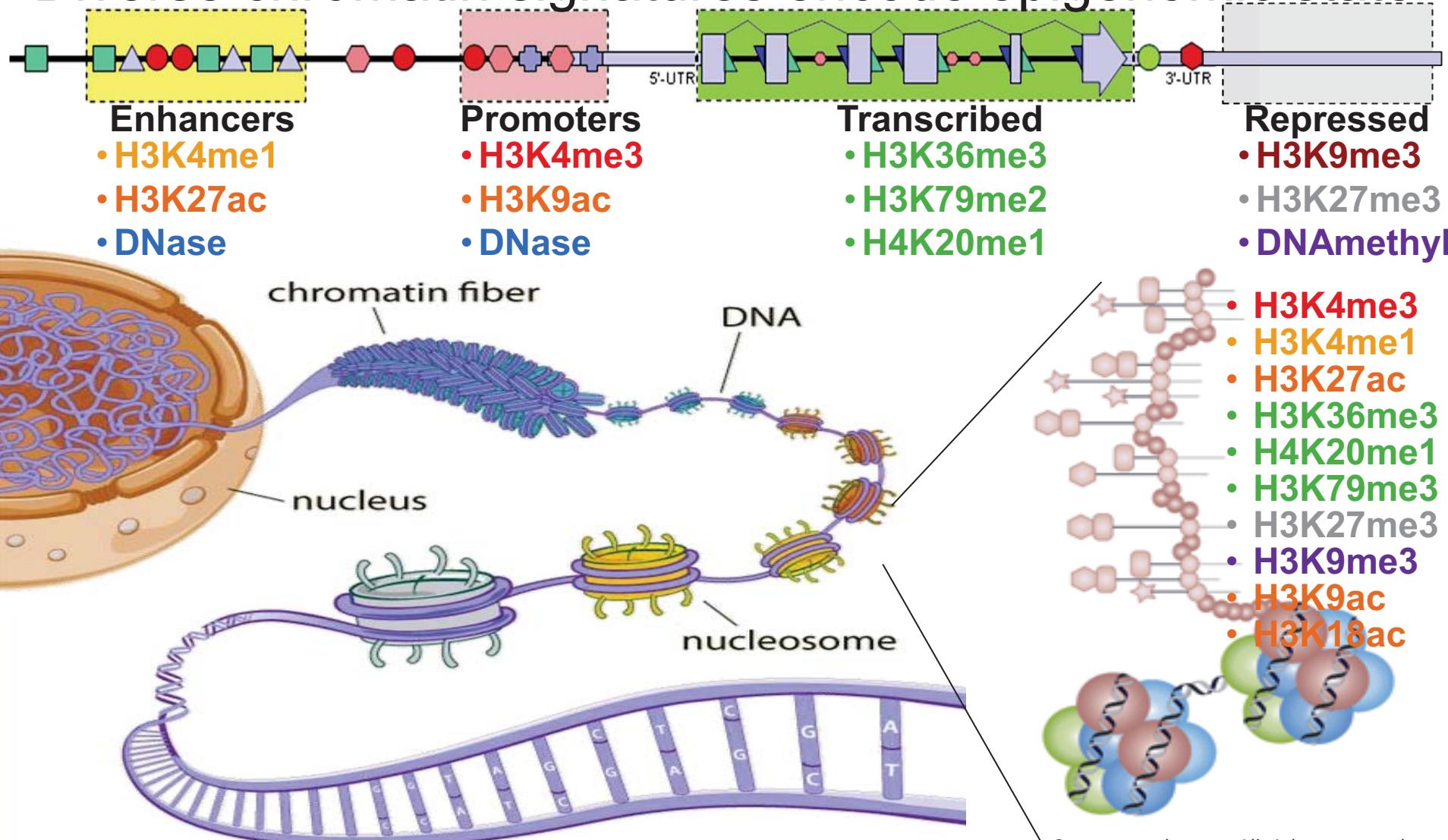


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UWash Epigenome Browser, Ting Wang

Chromatin state+RNA+DNase+28 histone marks+WGBS+Hi-C<sub>75</sub>

# Diverse chromatin signatures encode epigenomic state

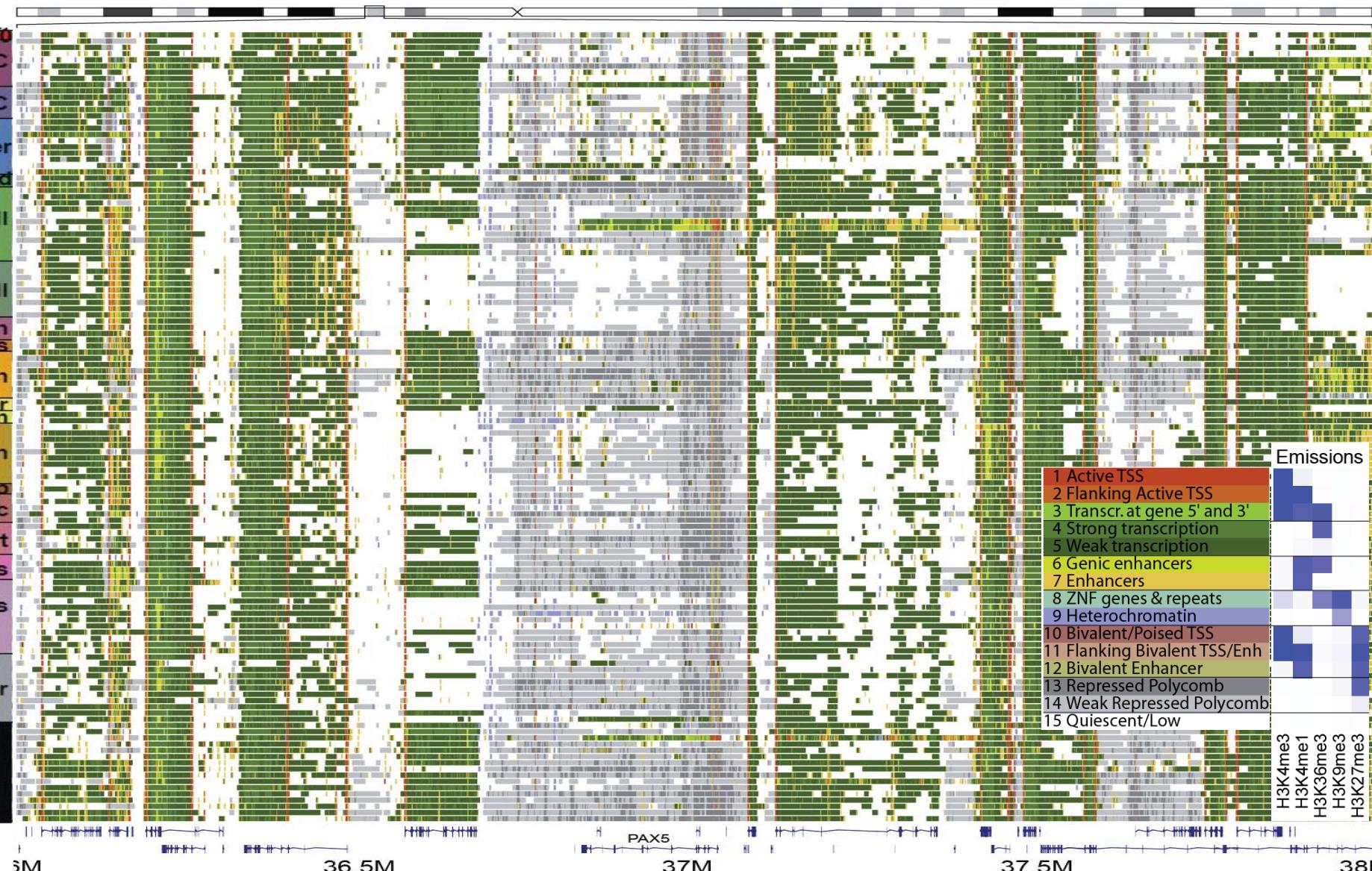


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- 100s of known modifications, many new still emerging
- Systematic mapping using ChIP-, Bisulfite-, DNase-Seq

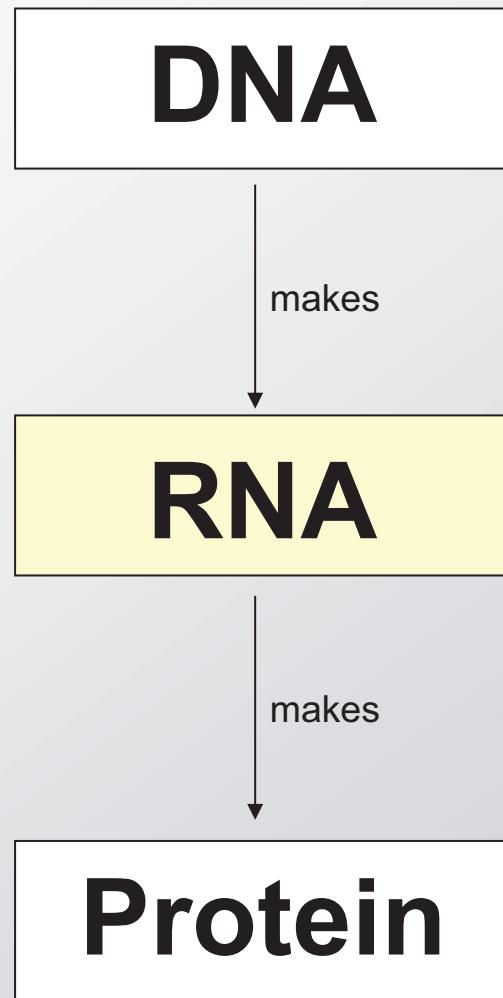
# Chromatin state annotations across 127 epigenomes



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Reveal epigenomic variability: enh/prom/tx/repr/het  
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# “Central dogma” of Molecular Biology



# **Genes control the making of cell parts**

- The gene is a fundamental unit of inheritance
  - Each DNA molecule  $\Leftrightarrow$  10,000+ genes
  - 1 gene  $\Leftrightarrow$  1 functional element (one “part” of cell machinery)
  - Every time a “part” is made, the corresponding gene is:
    - Copied into mRNA, transported, used as blueprint to make protein
- RNA is a temporary copy
  - The medium for transporting genetic information from the DNA information repository to the protein-making machinery is an RNA molecule
  - The more parts are needed, the more copies are made
  - Each mRNA only lasts a limited time before degradation

# mRNA: The messenger

- Information changes medium
  - single strand vs. double strand
  - ribose vs. deoxyribose sugar

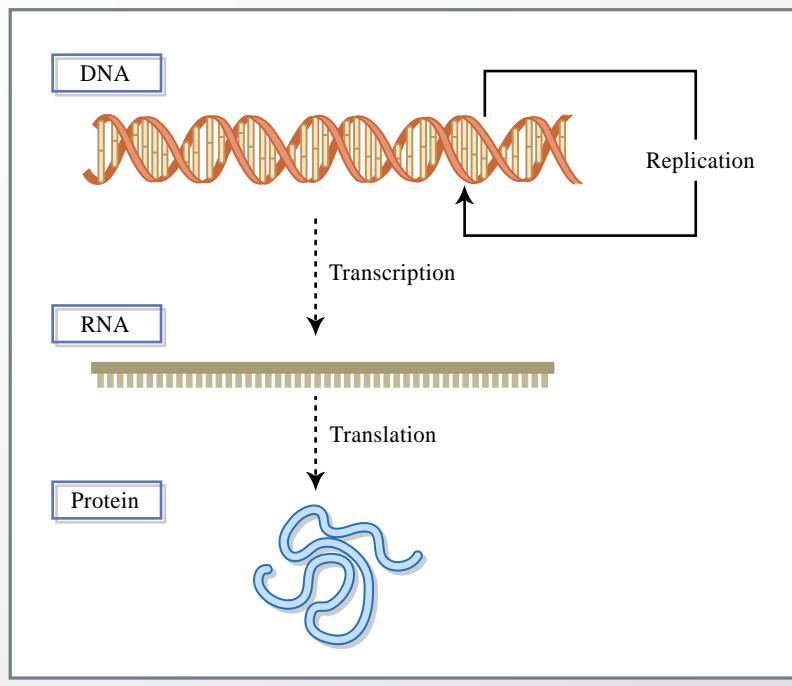
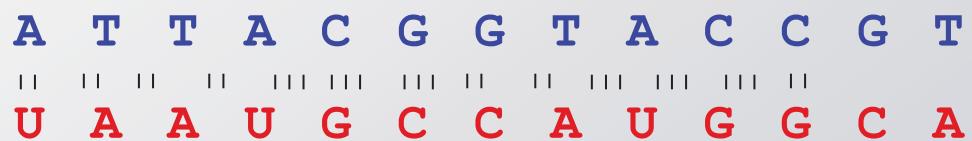
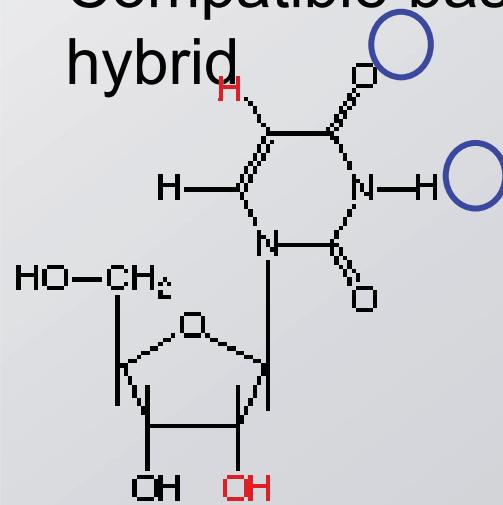


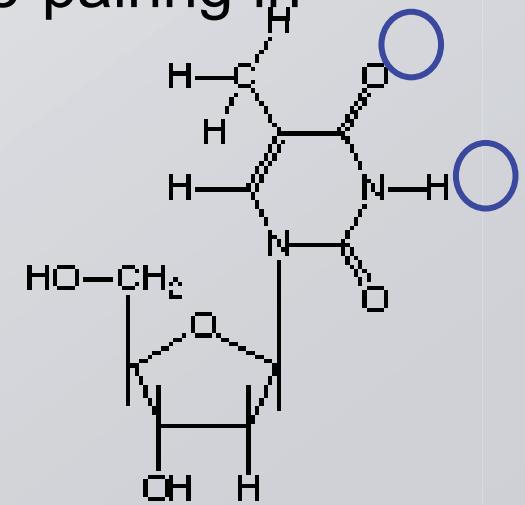
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- Compatible base-pairing in hybrid



uracil (RNA)



thymine (DNA)

# From DNA to RNA: Transcription

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# From pre-mRNA to mRNA: Splicing

- In Eukaryotes, not every part of a gene is coding
  - Functional exons interrupted by non-translated introns
  - During pre-mRNA maturation, introns are spliced out
  - In humans, primary transcript can be  $10^6$  bp long

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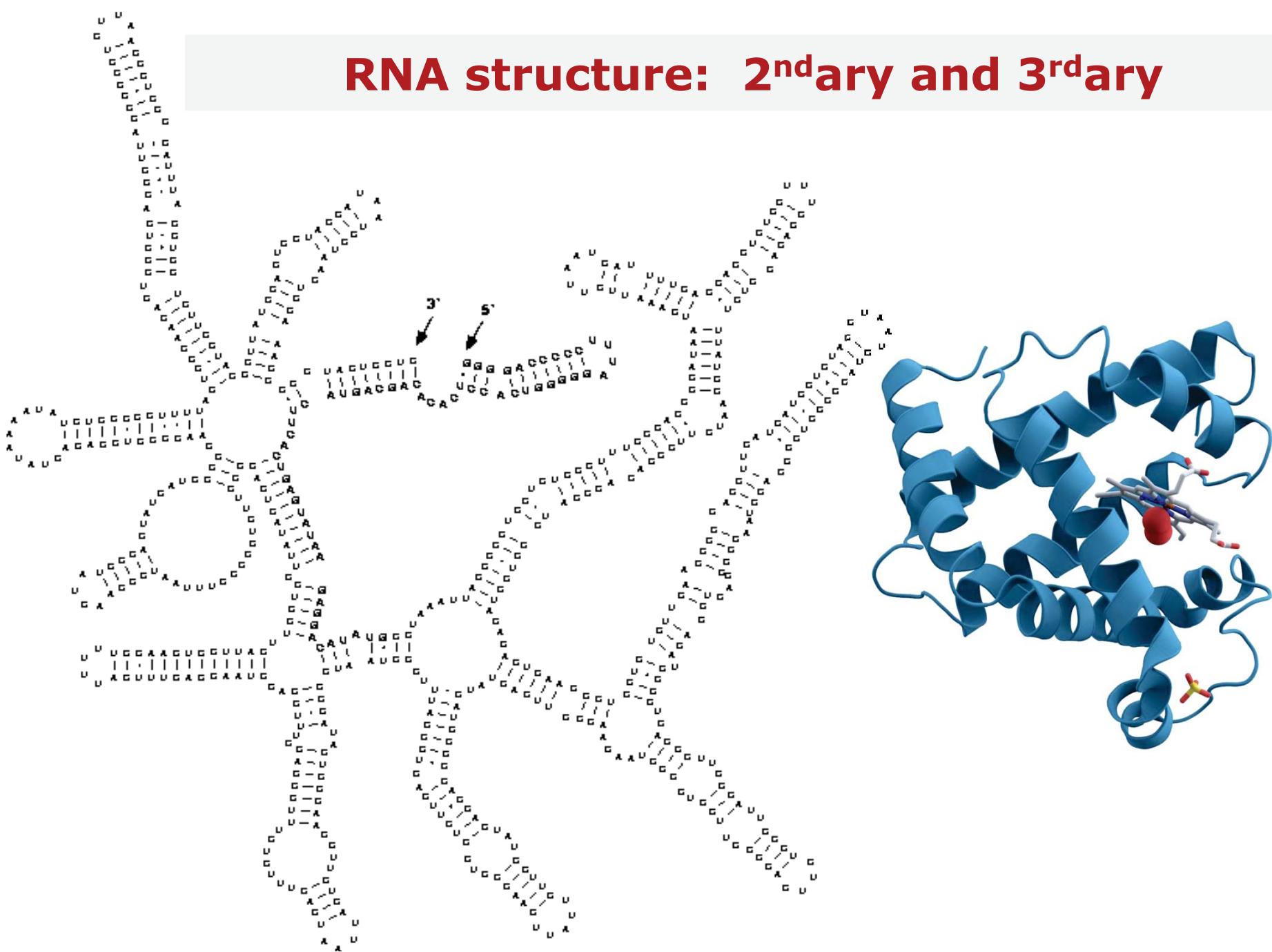
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- Alternative splicing can yield different exon subsets for the same gene, and hence different protein products

# RNA can be functional

- Single Strand allows complex structure
  - Self-complementary regions form helical stems
  - Three-dimensional structure allows functionality of RNA
- Four types of RNA
  - mRNA: messenger of genetic information
  - tRNA: codon-to-amino acid specificity
  - rRNA: core of the ribosome
  - snRNA: splicing reactions
- To be continued...
  - We'll learn more in a dedicated lecture on RNA world
  - Once upon a time, before DNA and protein, RNA did all

# RNA structure: 2<sup>nd</sup>ary and 3<sup>rd</sup>ary



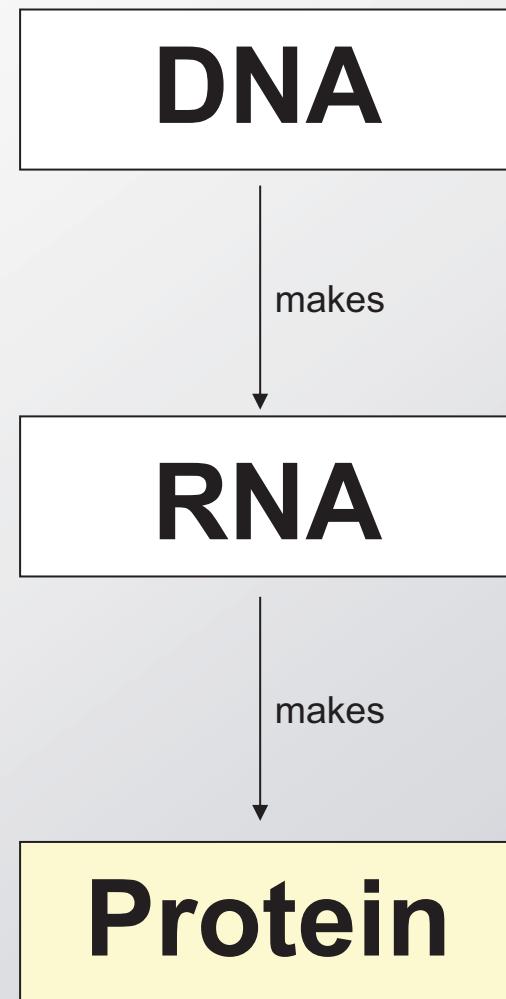
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# Splicing machinery made of RNA

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# “Central dogma” of Molecular Biology



# Proteins carry out the cell's chemistry

- More complex polymer
  - Nucleic Acids have 4 building blocks
  - Proteins have 20. Greater versatility
  - Each amino acid has specific properties

Sequence → Structure → Function

- The amino acid sequence determines the three-dimensional fold of protein
- The protein's function largely depends on the features of the 3D structure

• Proteins play diverse roles

- Catalysis, binding, cell structure, signaling, transport, metabolism

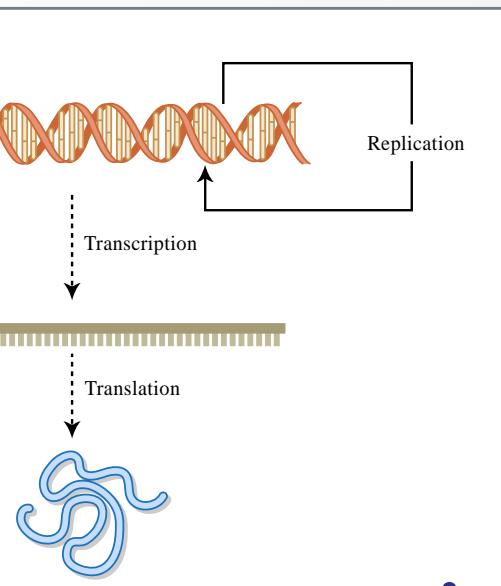


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# Protein structure

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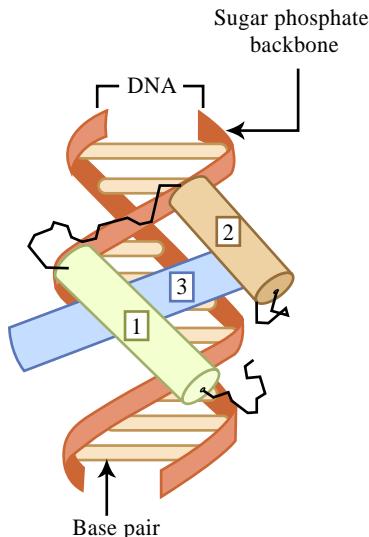


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## Helix-turn-helix

Common motif for DNA-binding proteins that often play a regulatory role at mRNA level transcription factors

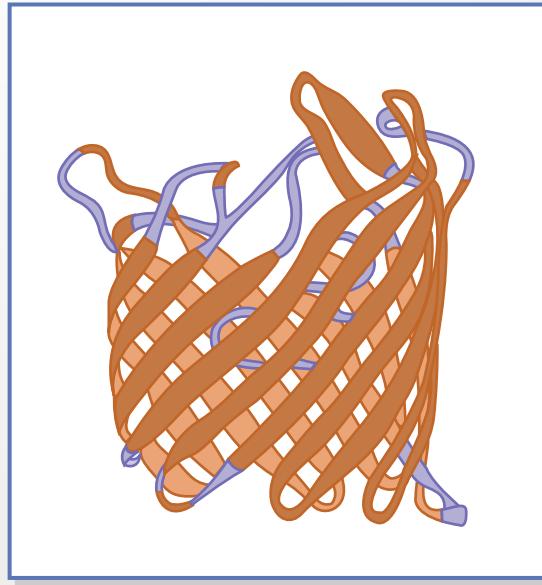


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## Beta-barrel

Some antiparallel b-sheet domains are better described as b-barrels rather than b-sandwiches, for example streptavidin and porin. Note that some structures are intermediate between the extreme barrel and sandwich arrangements.

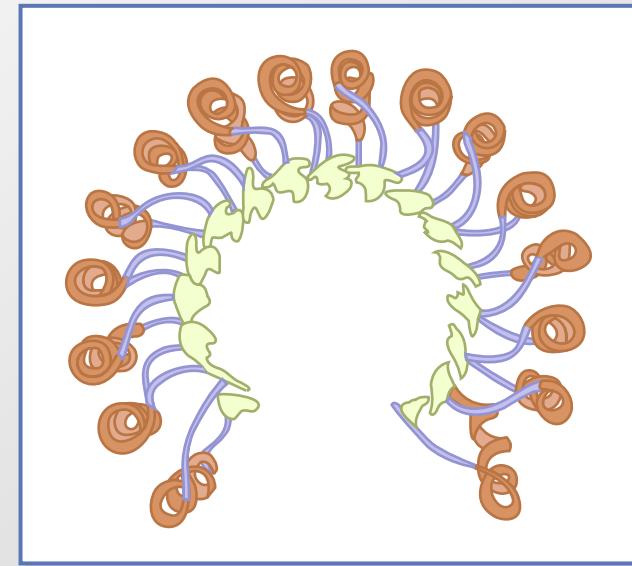


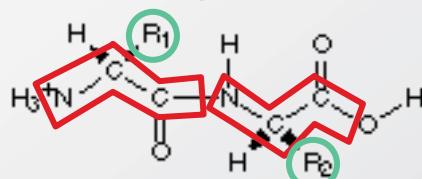
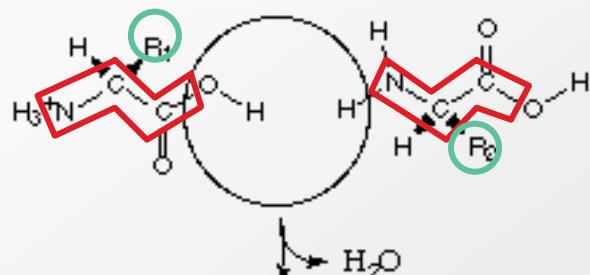
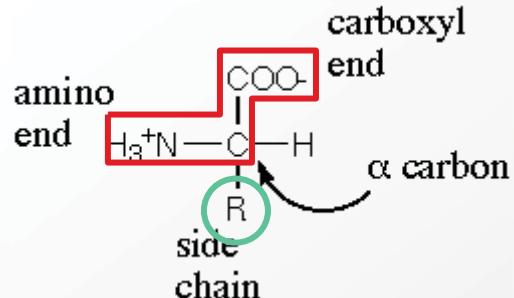
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## Alpha-beta horseshoe

this placental ribonuclease inhibitor is a cytosolic protein that binds extremely strongly to any ribonuclease that may leak into the cytosol. 17-stranded parallel b sheet curved into an open horseshoe shape, with 16 a-helices packed against the outer surface. It doesn't form a barrel although it looks as though it should. The strands are only very slightly slanted, being nearly parallel to the central 'axis'.

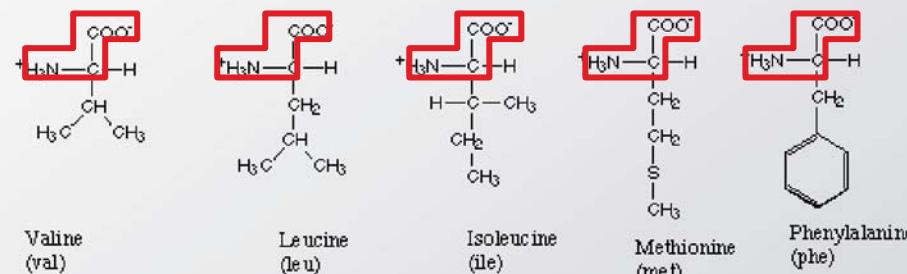
# Protein building blocks

- Amino Acids

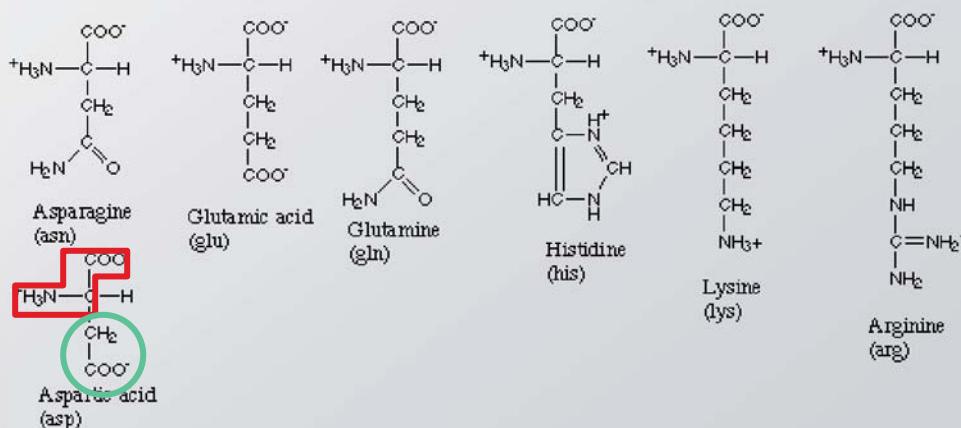


etc...

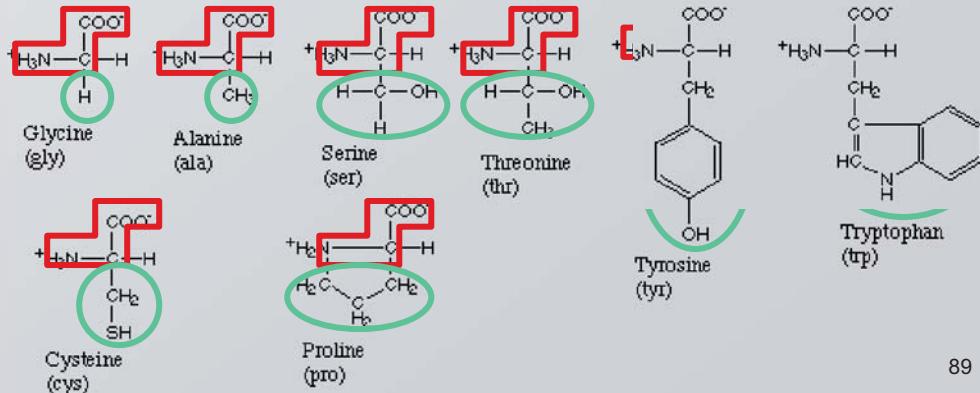
Amino acids with hydrophobic side groups



Amino acids with hydrophilic side groups

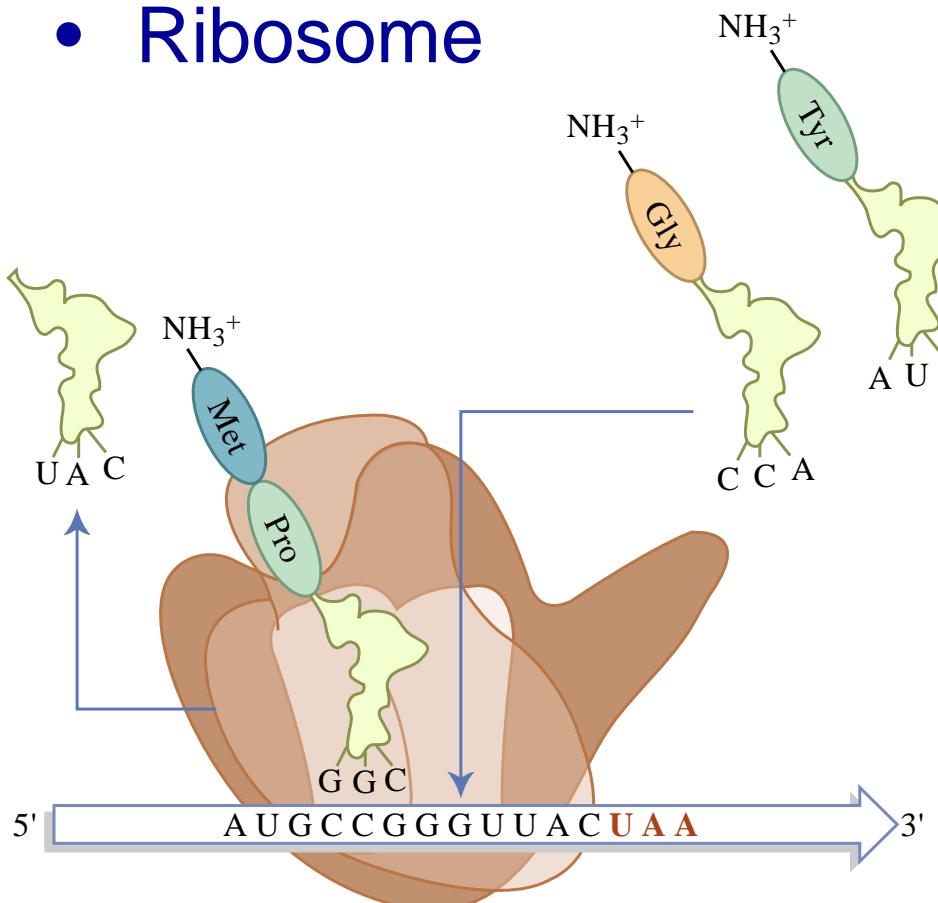


Amino acids that are in between



# From RNA to protein: Translation

- Ribosome



- tRNA

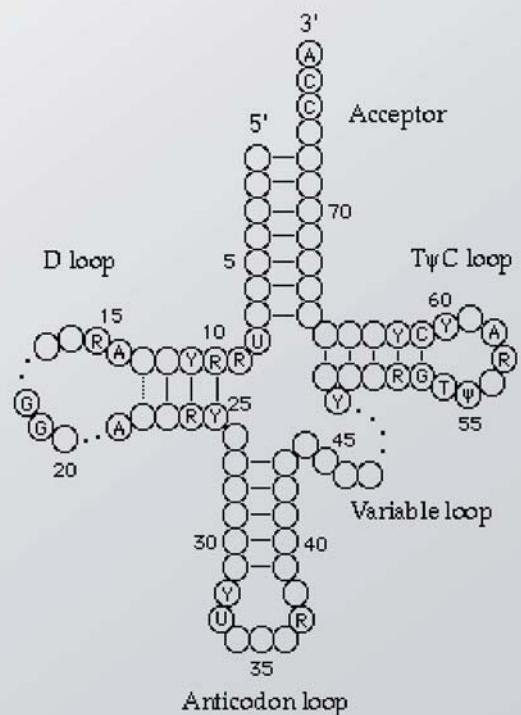


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# The Genetic Code

SECOND POSITION					
	U	C	A	G	
U	phenylalanine	serine	tyrosine	cysteine	U
	leucine		stop	stop	C
			stop	tryptophan	A
					G
C	leucine	proline	histidine	arginine	U
			glutamine		C
					A
					G
A	isoleucine	threonine	asparagine	serine	U
	* methionine		lysine	arginine	C
					A
					G
G	valine	alanine	aspartic acid	glycine	U
			glutamic acid		C
					A
					G

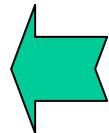
\* and start

→ Use evolutionary and compositional properties to computationally discover protein-coding genes

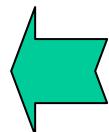
# Summary: The Central Dogma

DNA makes RNA makes Protein

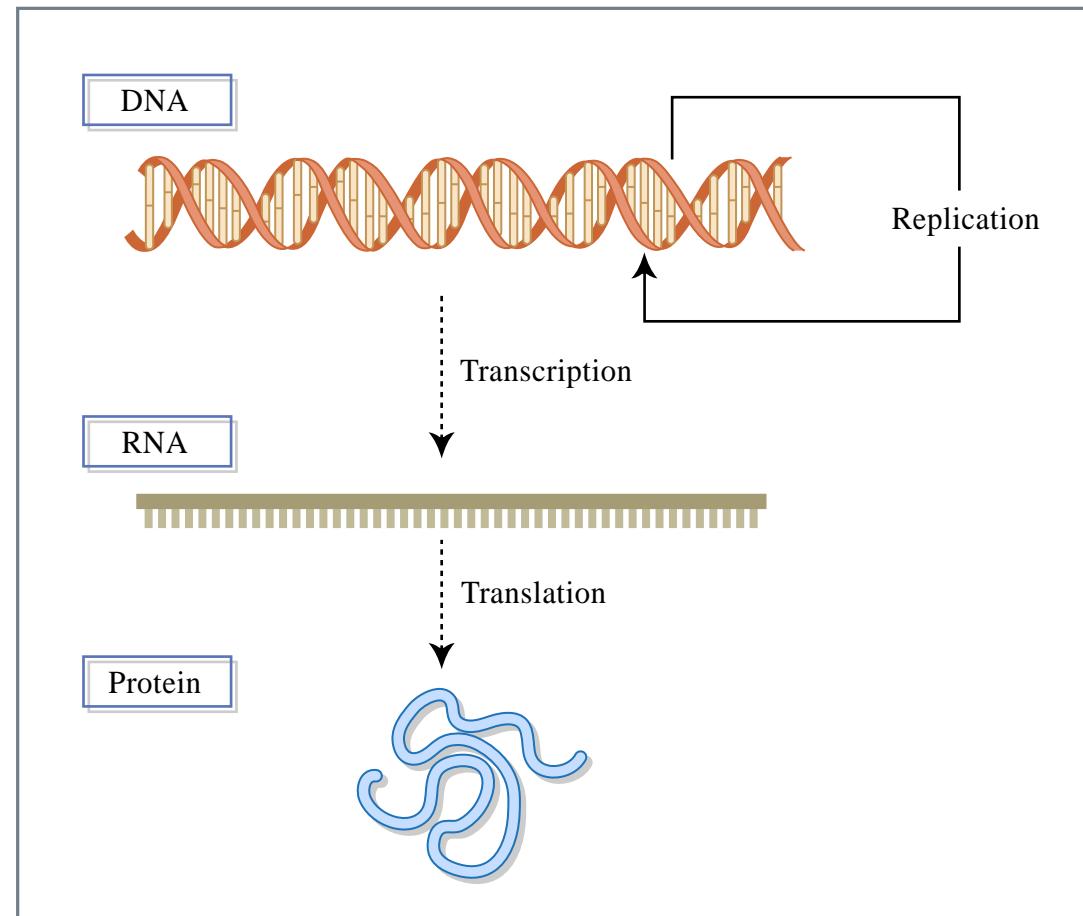
Inheritance



Messages

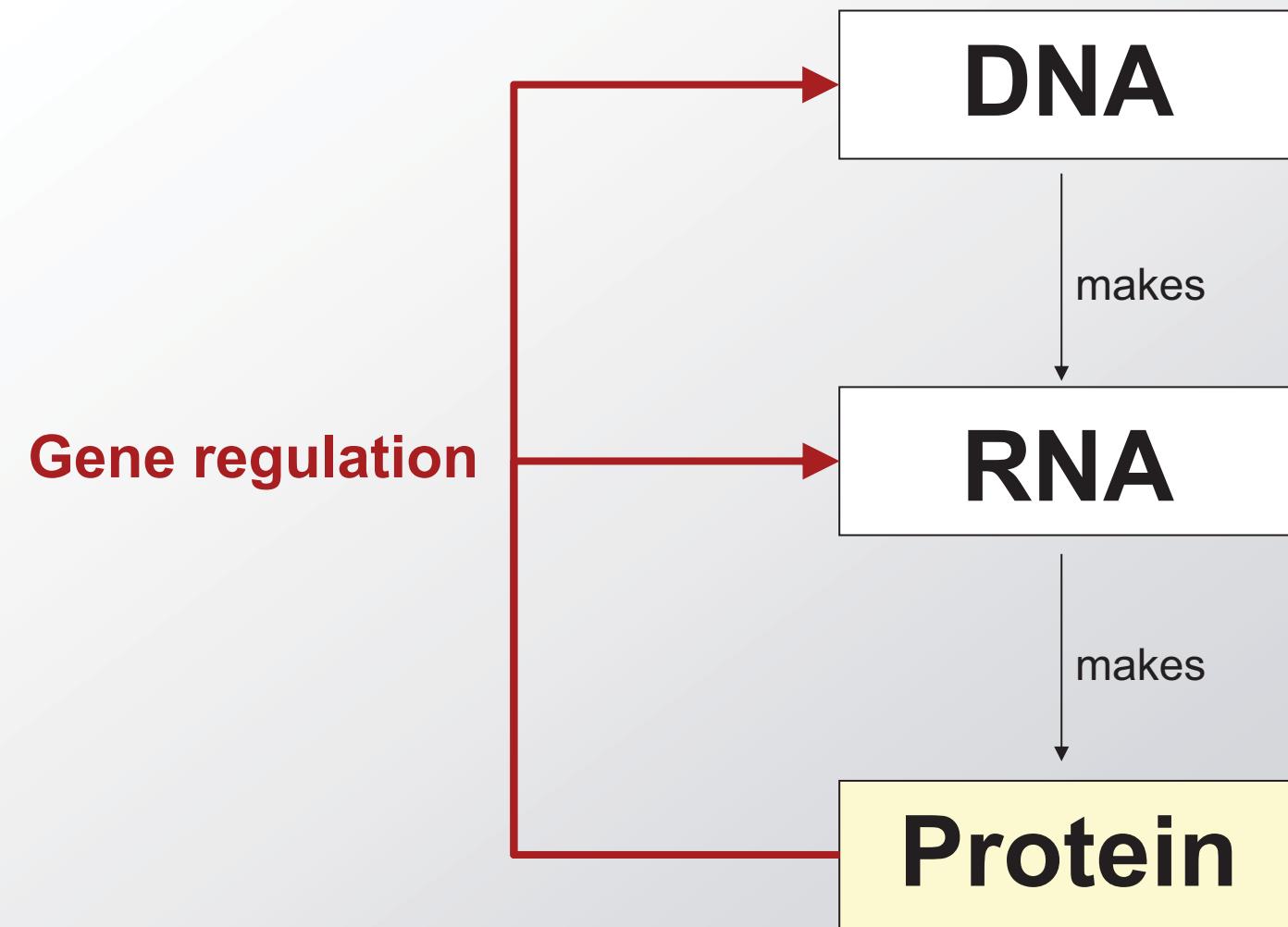


Reactions



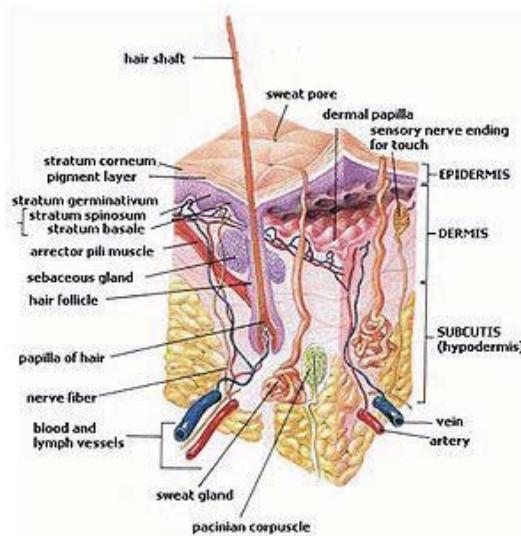
# **Cellular dynamics and regulation**

*How cells move through this Central Dogma*



# Animal/Human gene regulation: One genome $\leftrightarrow$ Many cell types

ACCAGTTACGACGGTCA  
GGGTACTGATACCCCAA  
ACCGTTGACCGCATTAA  
CAGACGGGTTTGGGTT  
TTGCCCCACACAGGTAC  
GTTAGCTACTGGTTAG  
CAATTACCGTTACAAC  
GTTTACAGGGTTACGGT  
TGGGATTTGAAAAAAAG  
TTTGAGTTGGTTTTTC  
ACGGTAGAACGTACCGT  
TACCAAGTA



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# Eukaryotic Gene Regulation

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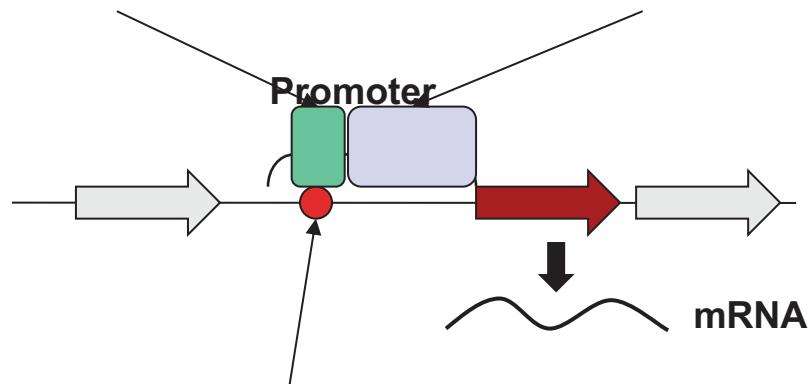
# Diverse roles for regulatory non-coding RNAs

- **Small RNA pathways (18-21 nt)**
  - microRNAs:
    - Repress genes by targeting their 3' UTRs by complementarity
    - Double-stranded RNA is then recognized and degraded
    - Recently found to also target promoter regions in rare cases
  - piwiRNAs
    - Target and repress transposable elements in germline
  - snoRNAs
  - 21U-RNAs
- **Long non-coding RNAs (1000s nt, many exons)**
  - Scaffolds for protein/TF binding
  - Scaffolds for 3D structure of RNA

# Regulation of Gene Expression

Transcription Factor

Polymerase



Transcription Factor Binding Site

Examples:

ATATAAA T T T

CTG ATA A A CAG

GTGA T CA CA A

AGGGG GG A G C G

AA A A A A A A A A

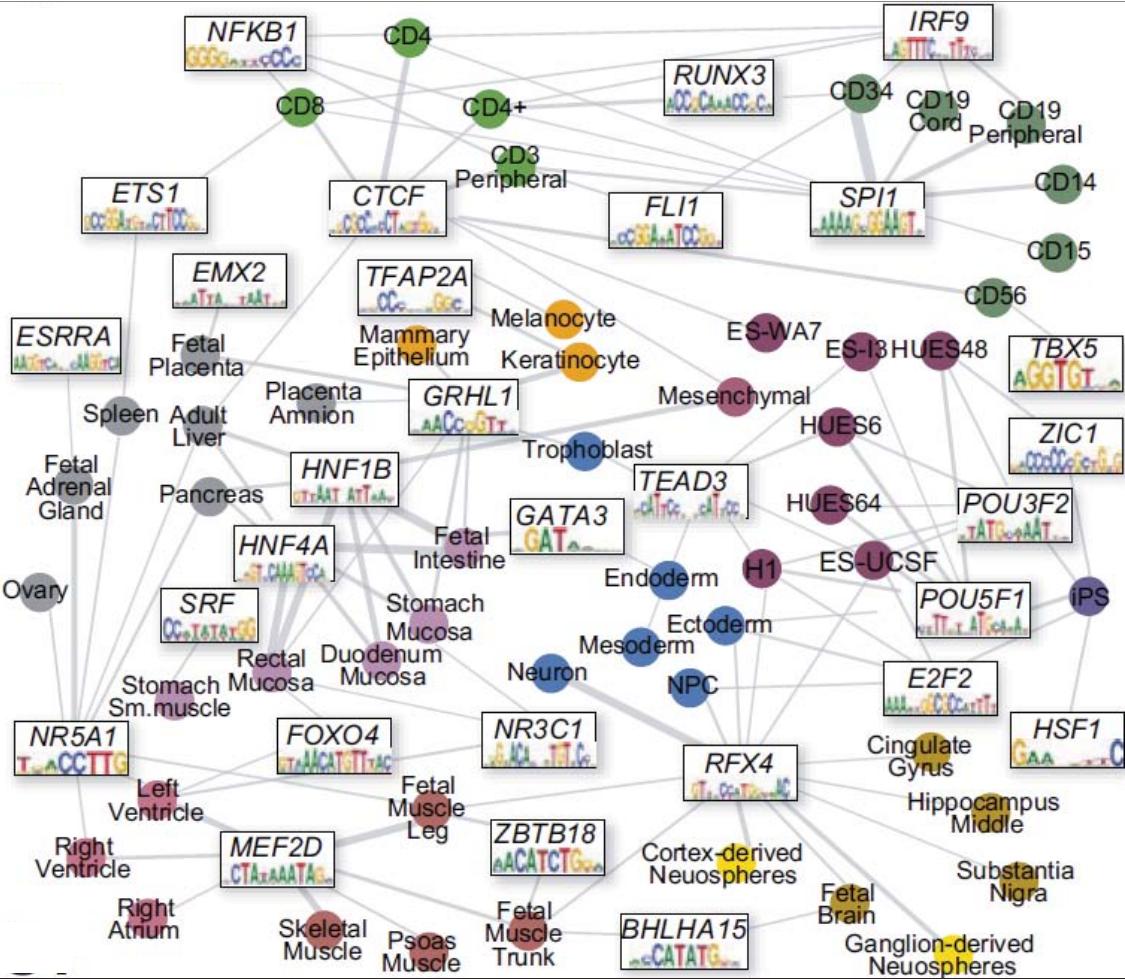
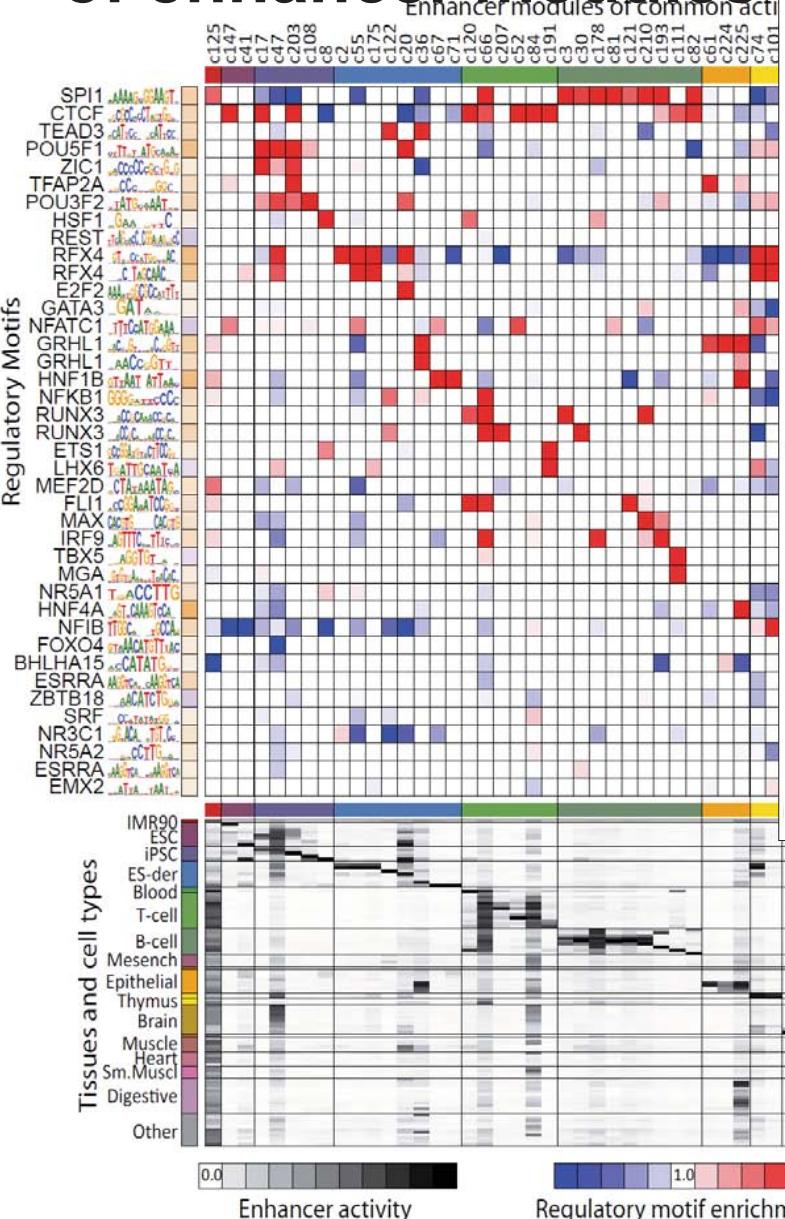
T T A A T A A A A

G A A A C G T T G C G

A A T T A A T A

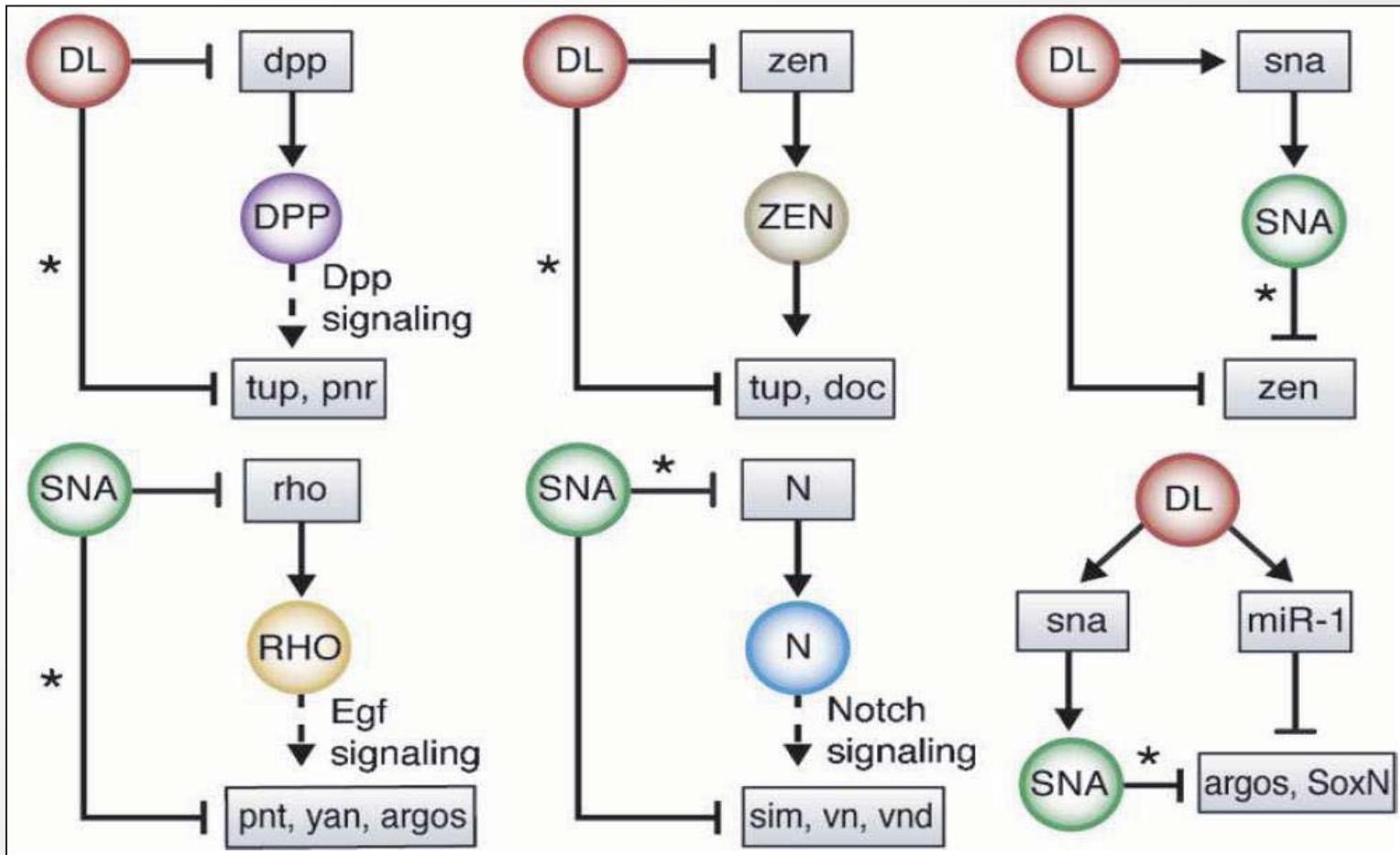
- Upstream of genes are *promoter* regions
- Contain promoter sequences or *motifs*
- Transcription factors* (TFs) bind to motifs
- TFs recruit *RNA polymerase*
- Gene transcription

# Predicted motif drivers of enhancer modules



- Activator and repressor motifs consistent with tissues

# Network components reveal functional modules



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- Feed-forward loops in developmental patterning
- Cooperation of master reg. & downstream reg.

# Systematic motif dissection in 2000 enhancers: 5 activators and 2 repressors in 2 cell lines

Figure 1: selection of activator and repressor motifs removed due to copyright restrictions.  
Source: Kheradpour, Pouya et al. "[Systematic dissection of regulatory motifs in 2000 predicted human enhancers using a massively parallel reporter assay.](#)" Genome Research 23, no. 5 (2013): 800-811.

54000+ measurements (x2 cells, 2x repl)

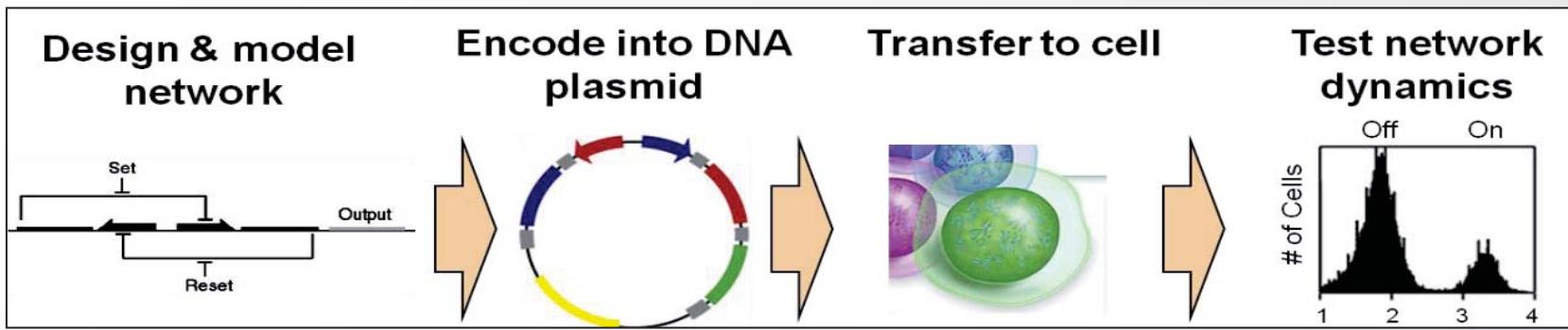
# Emerging properties of regulatory networks

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- Hierarchical levels of regulatory control
  - Small number of backward-pointing edges
- Specific / distinct feedback by microRNAs at each level
  - Two classes of TFs: miRNA regulators and miR-regulated

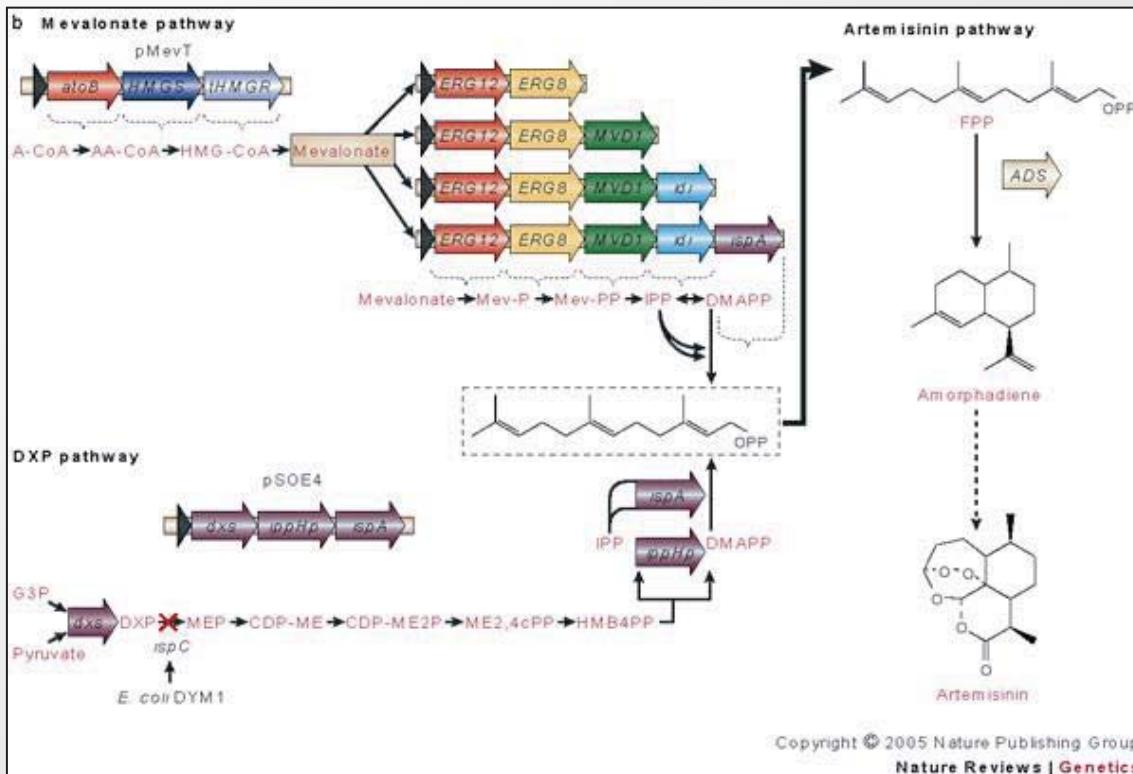
# From Systems Biology to Synthetic Biology

## Synthetic Regulatory Networks



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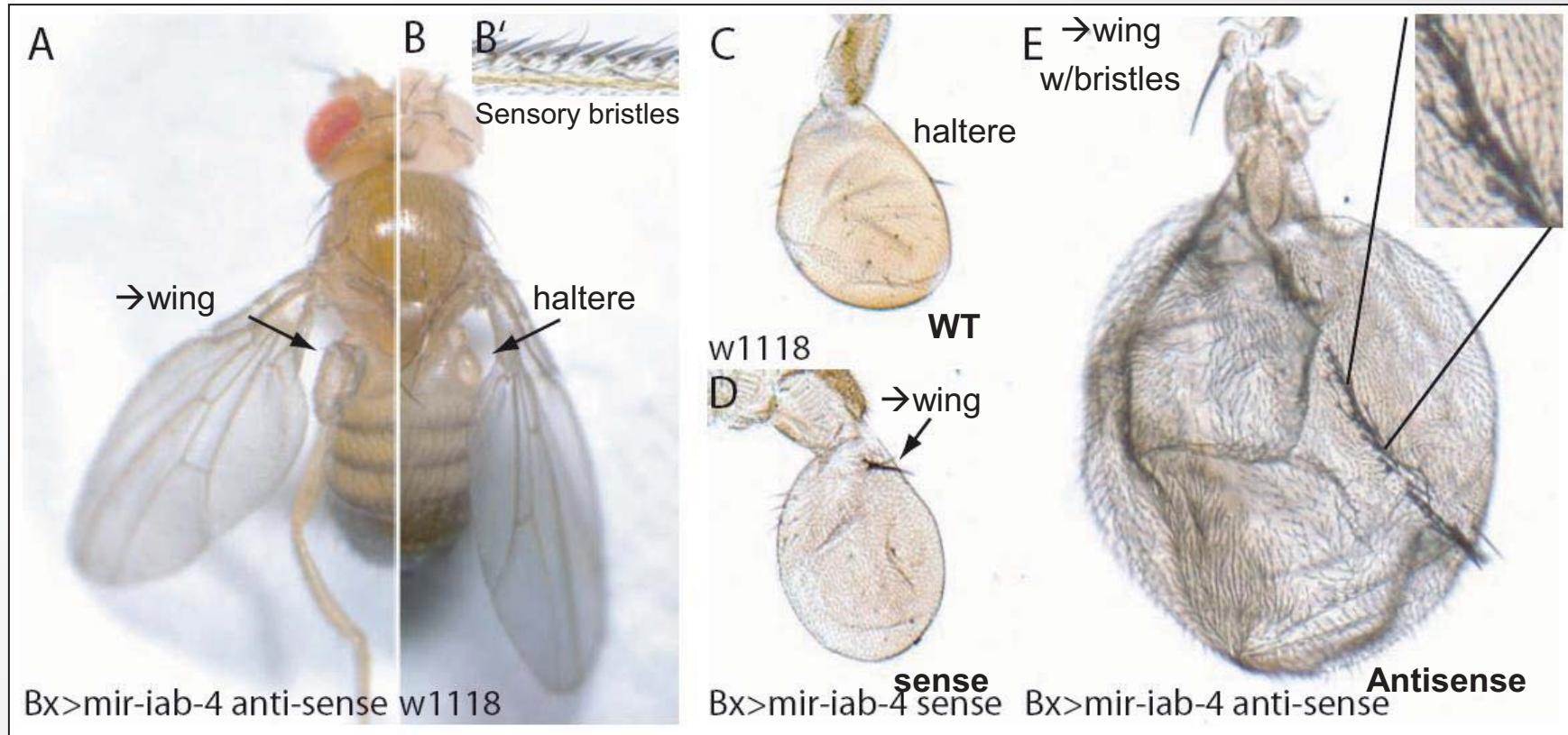
## Synthetic Metabolic Pathways



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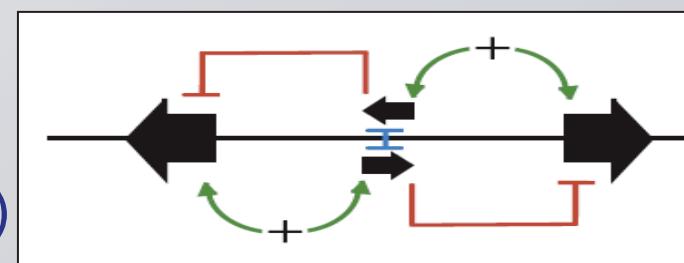
- Jim Collins**
- Components with known properties
  - Assemble based on engineering goals / principles
  - Implement within engineered cells and organisms
  - Study behavior & adjust as needed
- Jay Keasling**

# Over-express a single microRNA leads to new wing



Note: C,D,E same magnification

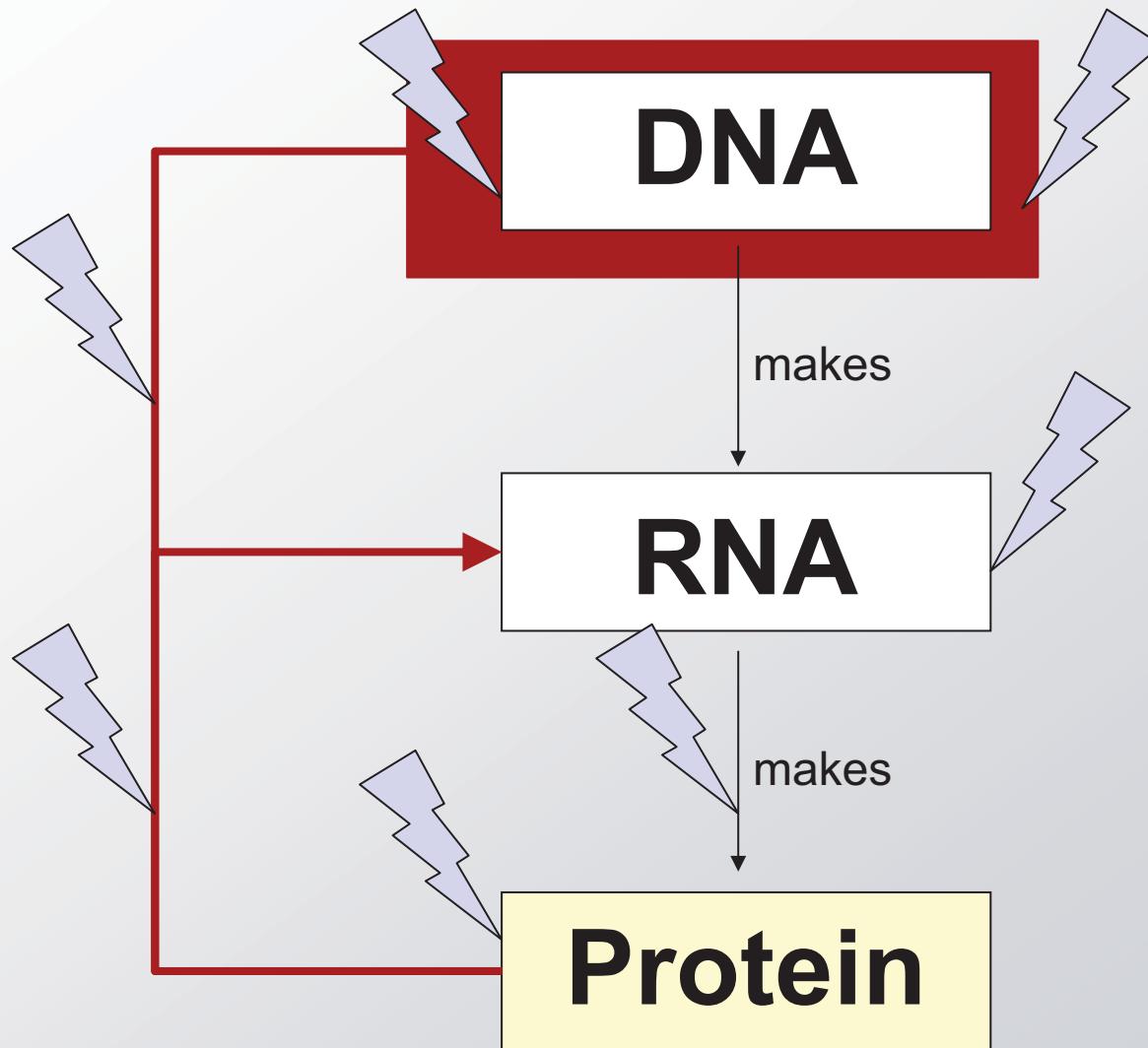
- Discovery of sense/anti-sense miRNAs
- Regulatory switch selects between two developmental programs
- By over-expressing one strand (miRNAas) the balance is tilted
- Wing program launched vs. haltere



Stark et al, Genes&Development 2007

# **Brief intro to Human Genetics**

# The role of genetic alterations



# Brief intro to human genetics

- Human genome: 3.2B letters, 2 copies, 23 chromosomes, 20k genes, ~3M common SNPs, ~500k haplotype blocks

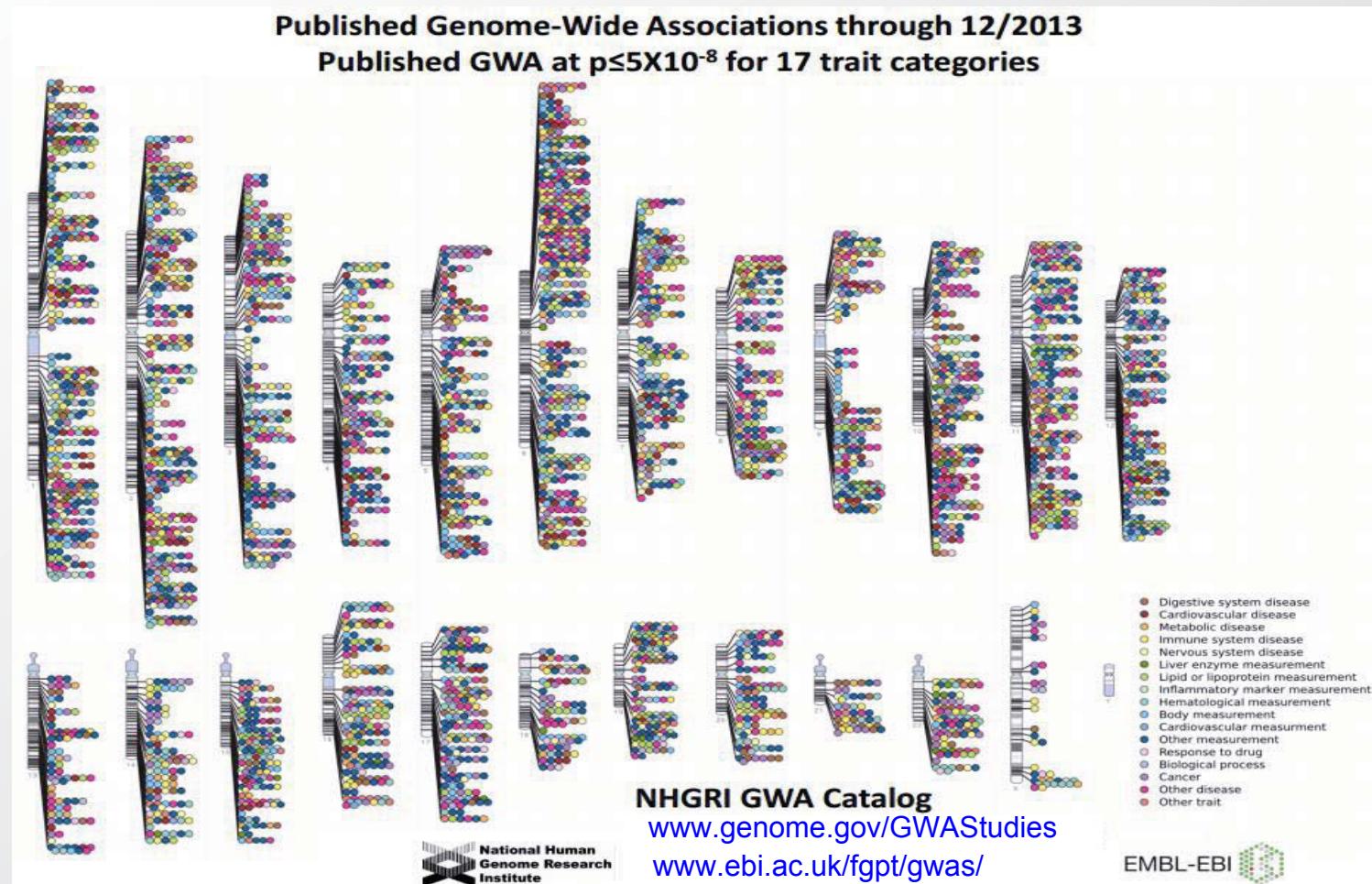
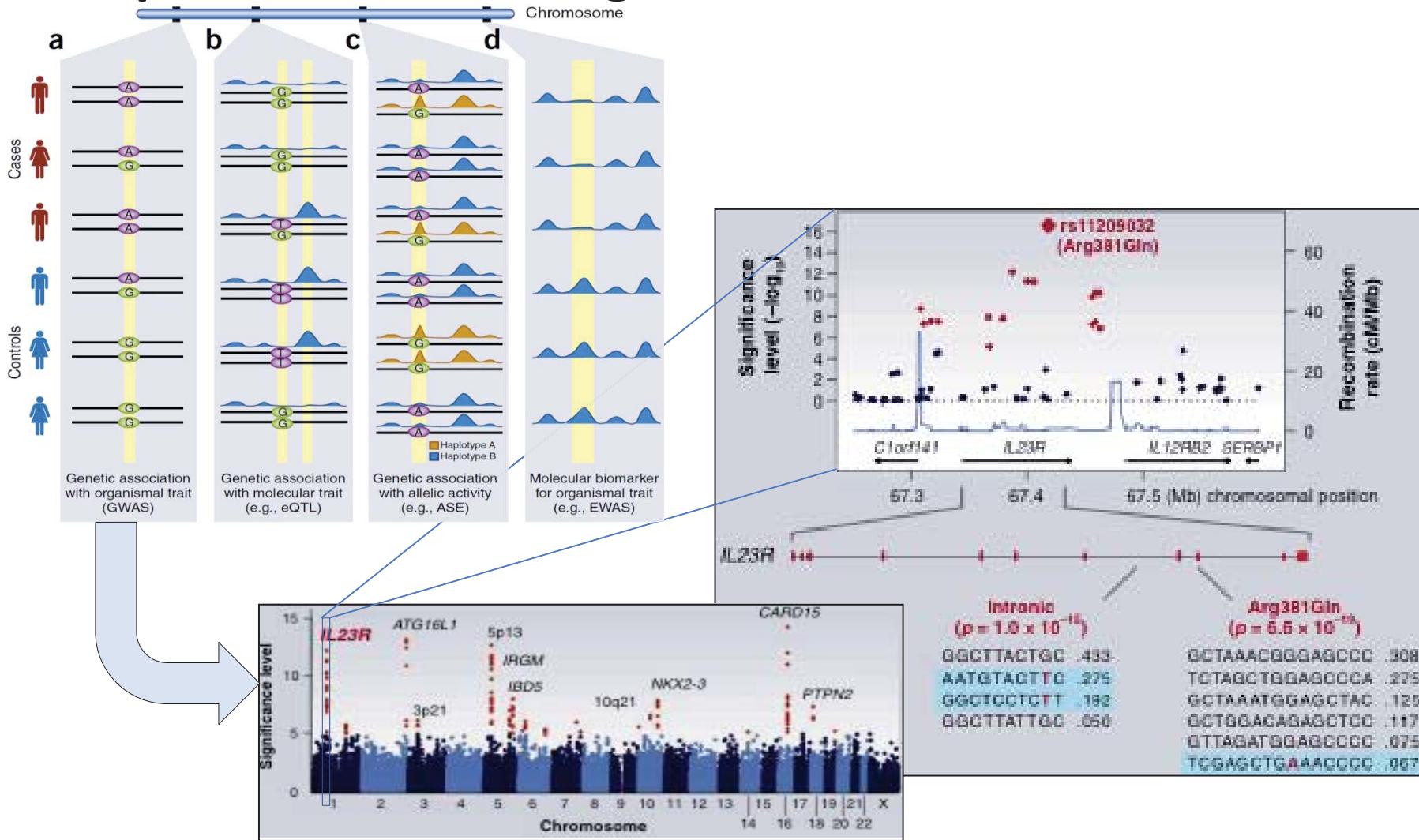


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# The power and challenge of disease-association studies

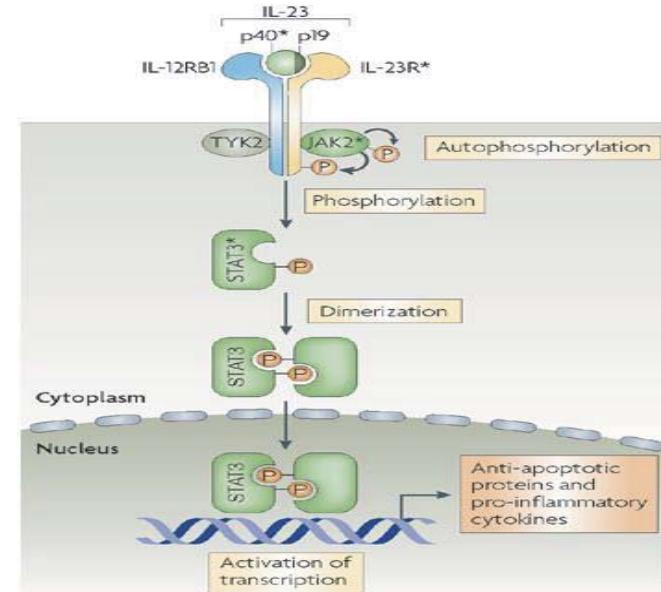
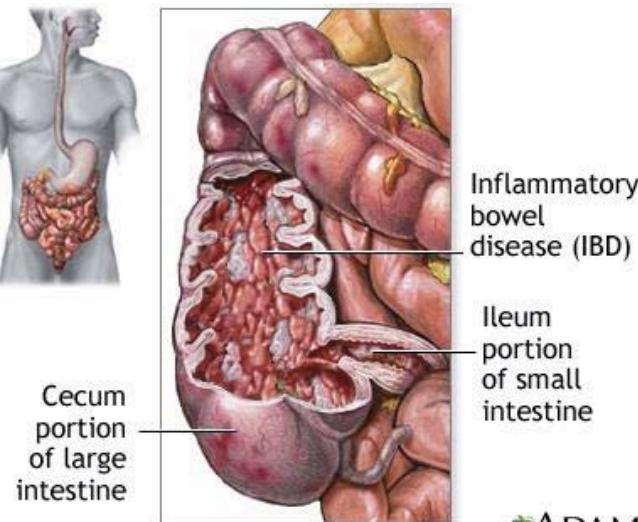
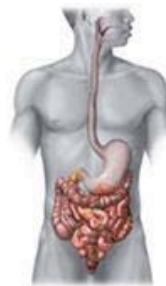


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- Large associated blocks with many variants: Fine-mapping challenge
- No information on cell type/mechanism, most variants non-coding
- Epigenomic annotations help find relevant cell types / nucleotides

# The power of GWAS: reveal new disease genes



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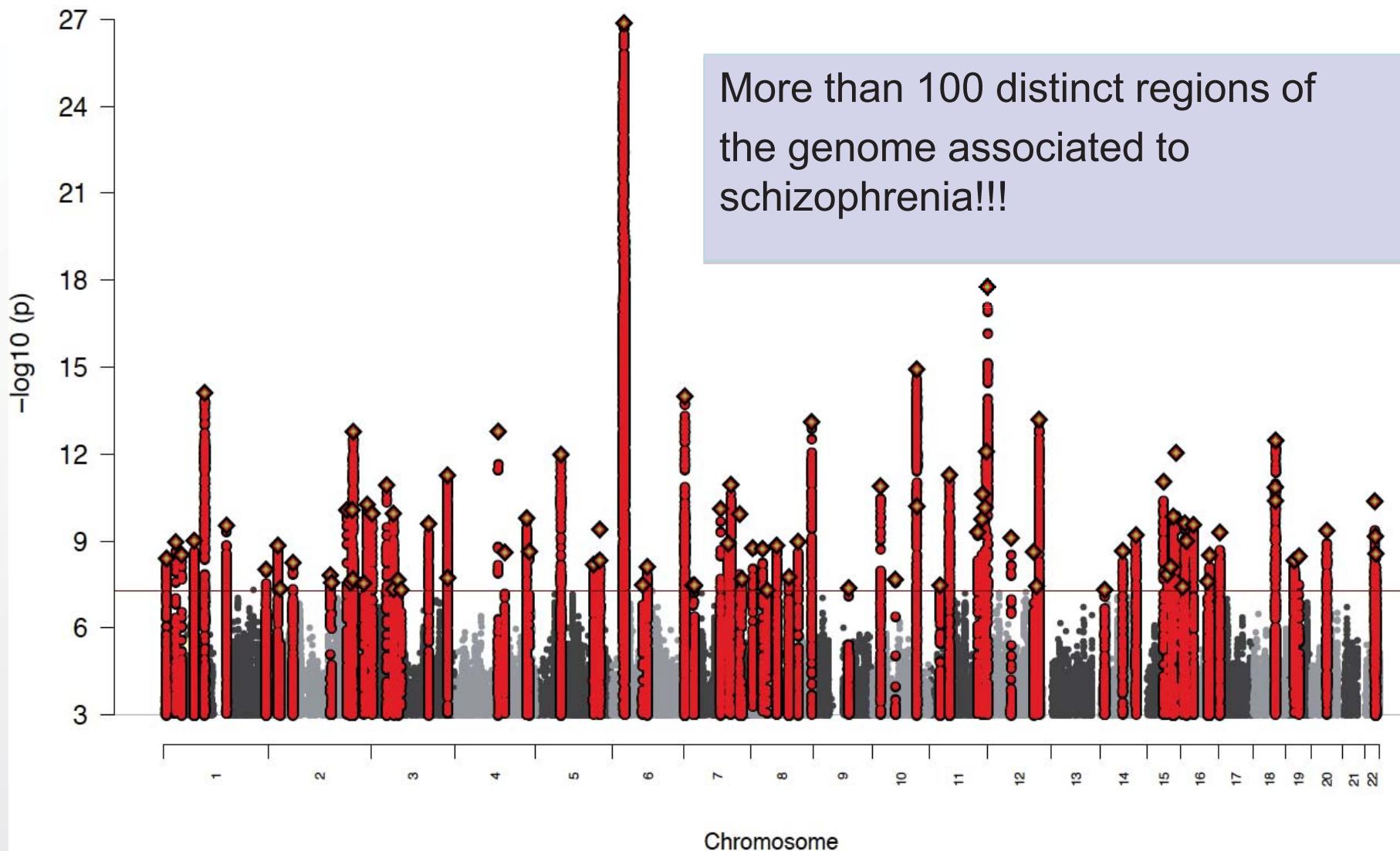
	A	G
Cases	22	976
Controls	68	932
Chi-sq = 24.5, p=7.3 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>		



IL23R cytokine receptor on a subset of effector T-cells



# Genomewide association in schizophrenia with 40,000 cases



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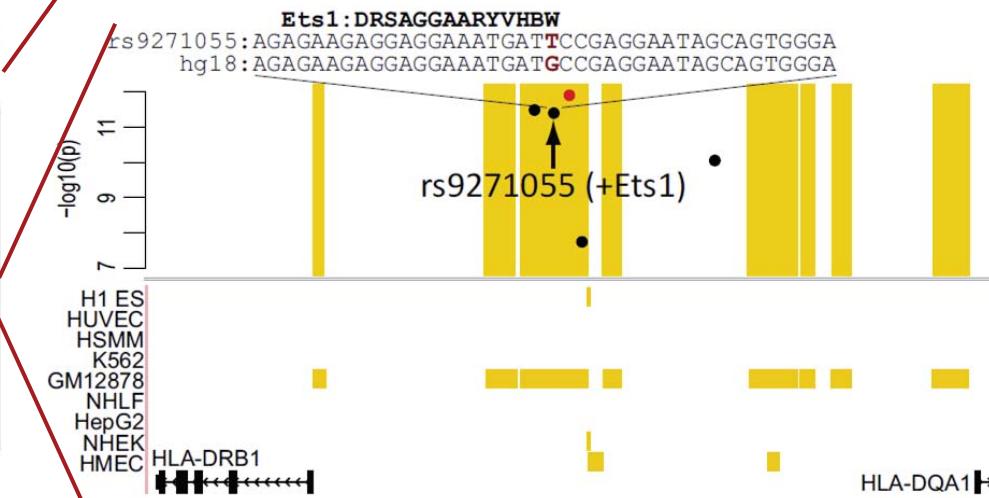
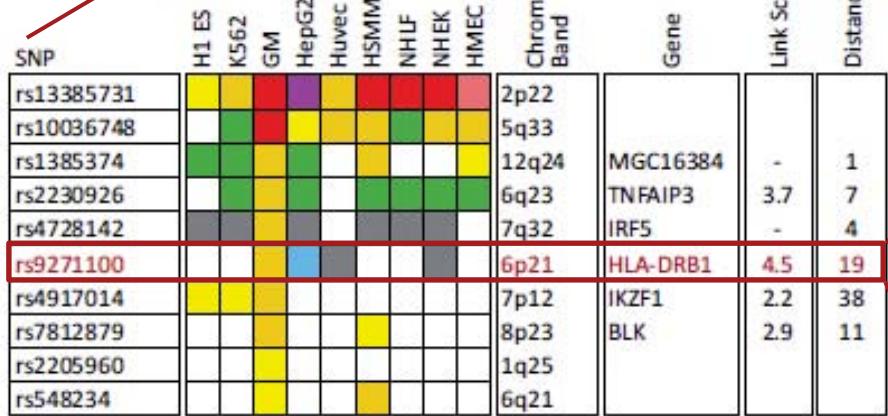
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# Interpreting non-coding variants

## Phenotype

Erythrocyte phenotypes (Ref. 38)
Blood lipids (Ref. 39)
Rheumatoid arthritis (Ref. 40)
Primary biliary cirrhosis (Ref. 41)
Systemic lupus erythematosus (Ref. 42)
Lipoprotein cholesterol/triglycerides (Ref. 43)
Hematological traits (Ref. 44)
Hematological parameters (Ref. 45)
Colorectal cancer (Ref. 46)
Blood pressure (Ref. 47)

Top Cell Type	Total #SNPs from Study	#SNPs in enh. States 4 and 5	p-value	FDR	H1 ES	K562	GM12878	HepG2	HUVEC	HSMM	NHLF	NHEK	HMEC
K562	35	9	<10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.02	9	17	4	0	0	1	2	1	1
HepG2	101	13	<10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.02	3	5	0	11	2	3	3	4	3
GM12878	29	7	2.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.03	0	0	15	0	2	0	0	2	3
GM12878	6	4	6.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.03	0	11	41	0	0	0	0	8	8
GM12878	18	6	9.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.03	0	4	21	0	5	8	0	3	5
HepG2	18	5	1.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.03	17	8	0	24	3	6	4	3	3
K562	39	7	1.7 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.03	0	12	10	2	1	0	0	1	0
K562	28	6	2.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.03	0	15	7	0	5	7	7	3	2
HepG2	4	3	3.8 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.03	0	0	0	66	0	12	0	12	12
K562	9	4	5.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.04	0	30	14	0	10	6	7	5	11



- Disease-associated SNPs enriched for enhancers in relevant cell types
- E.g. lupus SNP in GM enhancer disrupts Ets1 predicted activator

# Mechanistic predictions for top disease-associated SNPs

Lupus erythematosus in GM lymphoblastoid   Erythrocyte phenotypes in K562 leukemia cells

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**Disrupt activator Ets-1 motif**

→ Loss of GM-specific activation

→ Loss of enhancer function

→ Loss of HLA-DRB1 expression

**Creation of repressor Gfi1 motif**

→ Gain K562-specific repression

→ Loss of enhancer function

→ Loss of CCDC162 expression<sup>111</sup>

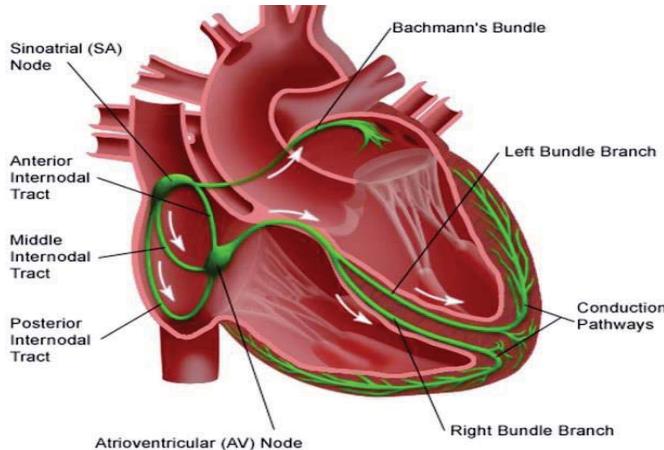
# Chromatin state annotations across 127 epigenomes

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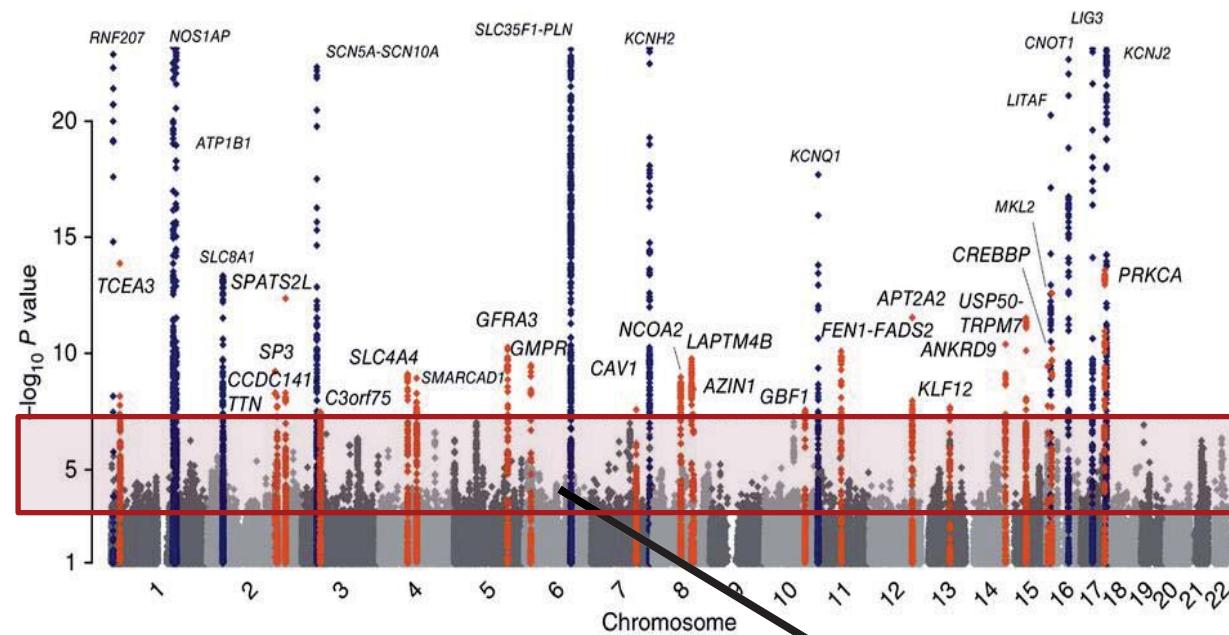
Reveal epigenomic variability: enh/prom/tx/repr/het

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# Characterizing sub-threshold variants in heart arrhythmia



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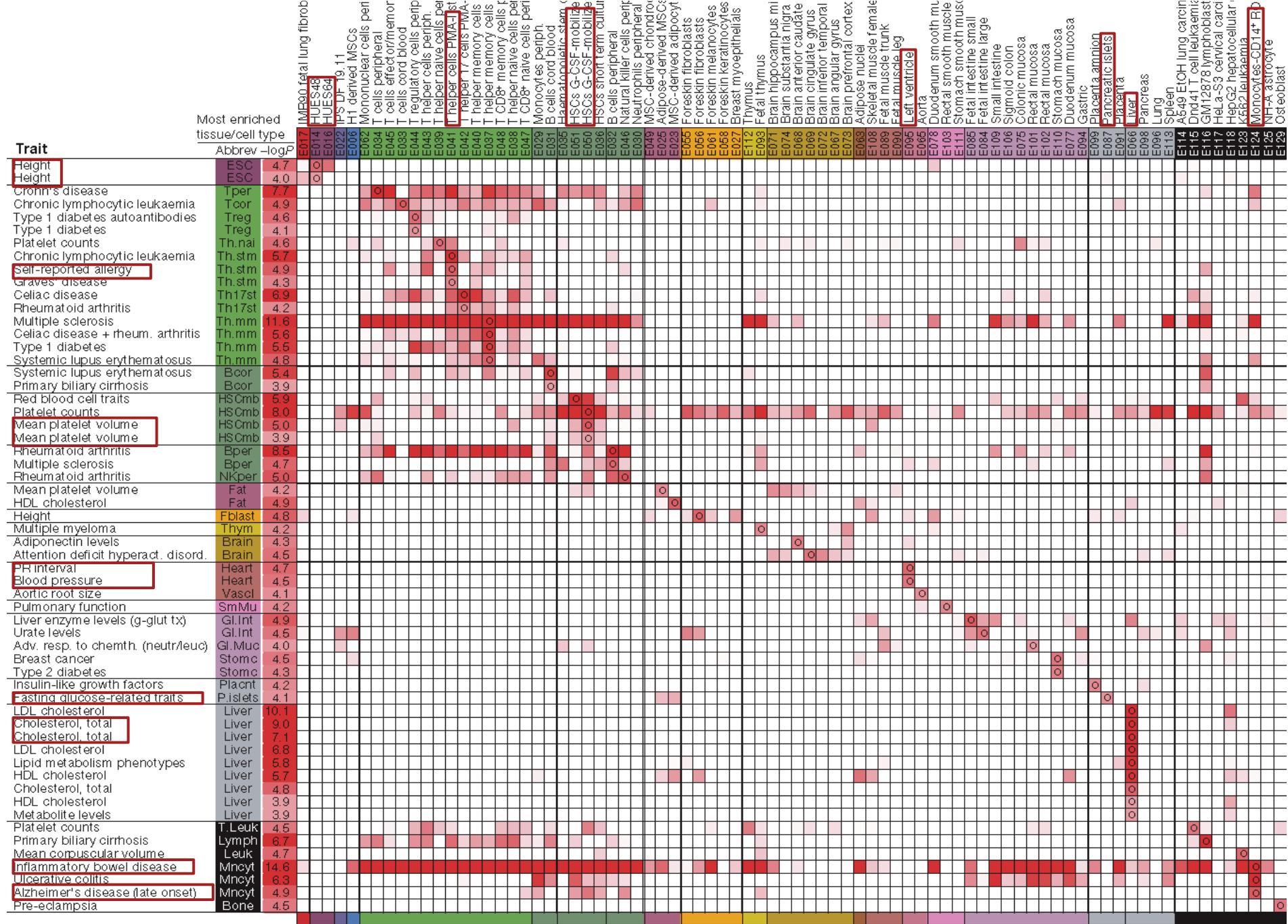


**Focus on sub-threshold variants  
(e.g. rs1743292  $P=10^{-4.2}$ )**

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Source: Arking, Dan E. et al. "Genetic association study of QT interval highlights role for calcium signaling pathways in myocardial repolarization." *Nature Genetics* 46, no. 8 (2014): 826-836.

## Trait: QRS/QT interval

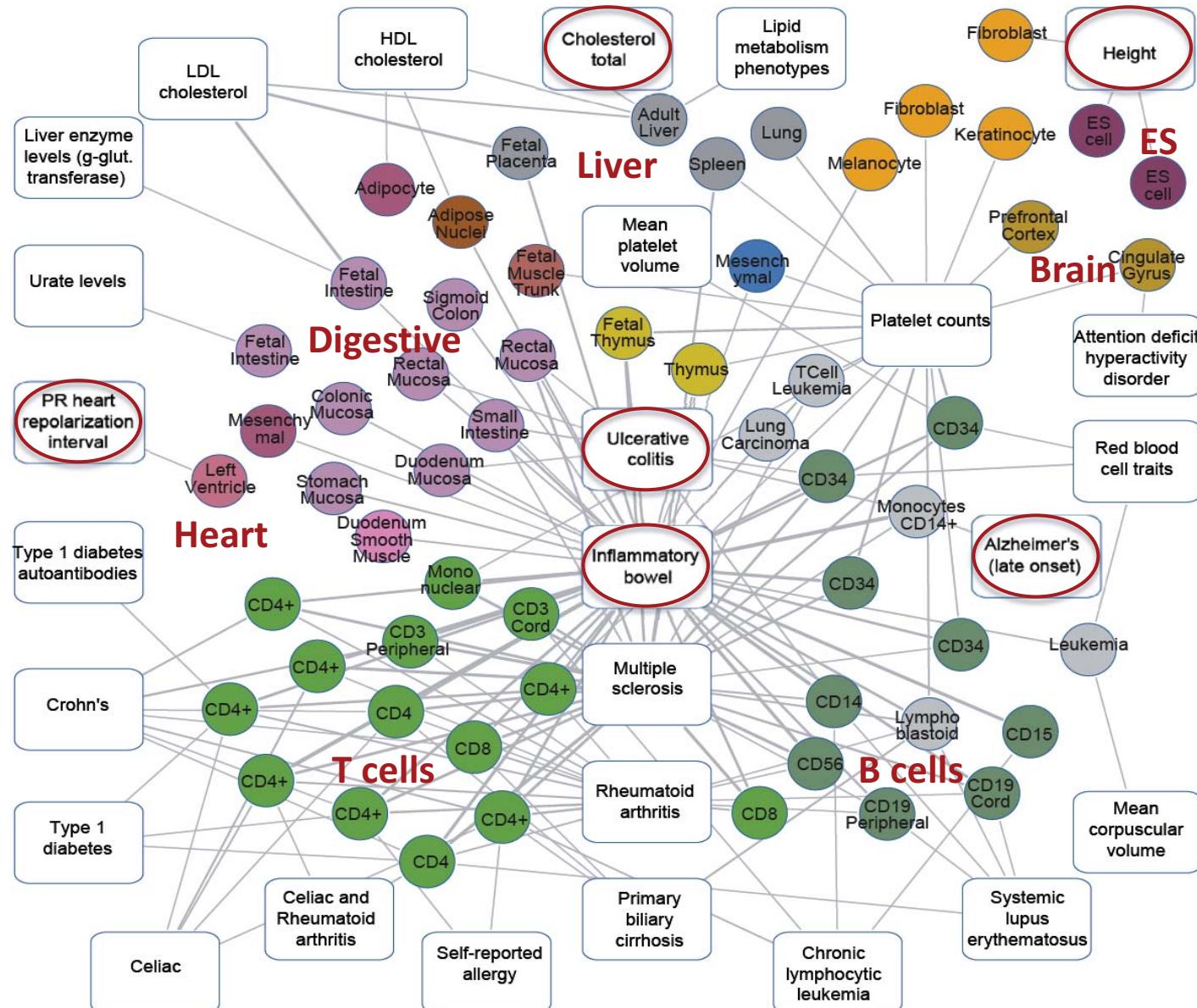
- (1) Large cohorts, (2) many known hits
- (3) well-characterized tissue drivers



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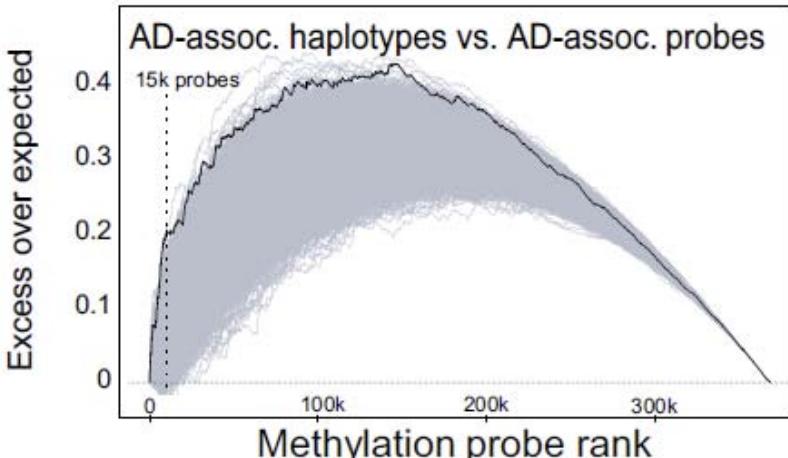
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# Linking traits to their relevant cell/tissue types



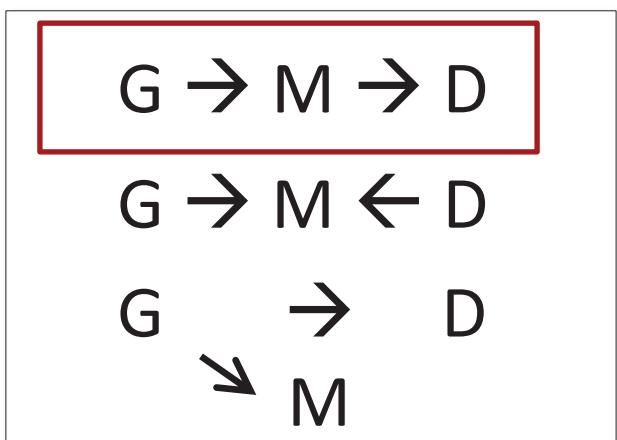
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# Methylation differences a causal component of AD

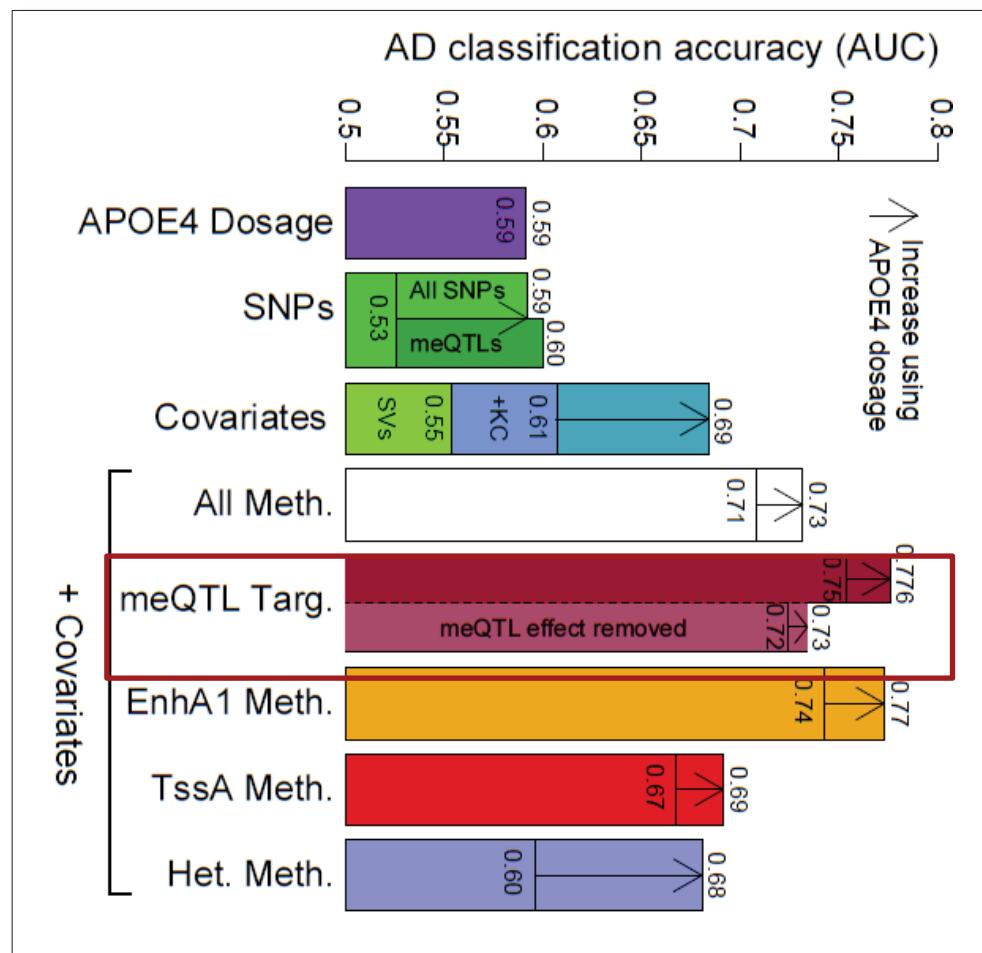


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**Methylation probes altered in AD are enriched in AD-associated SNPs**



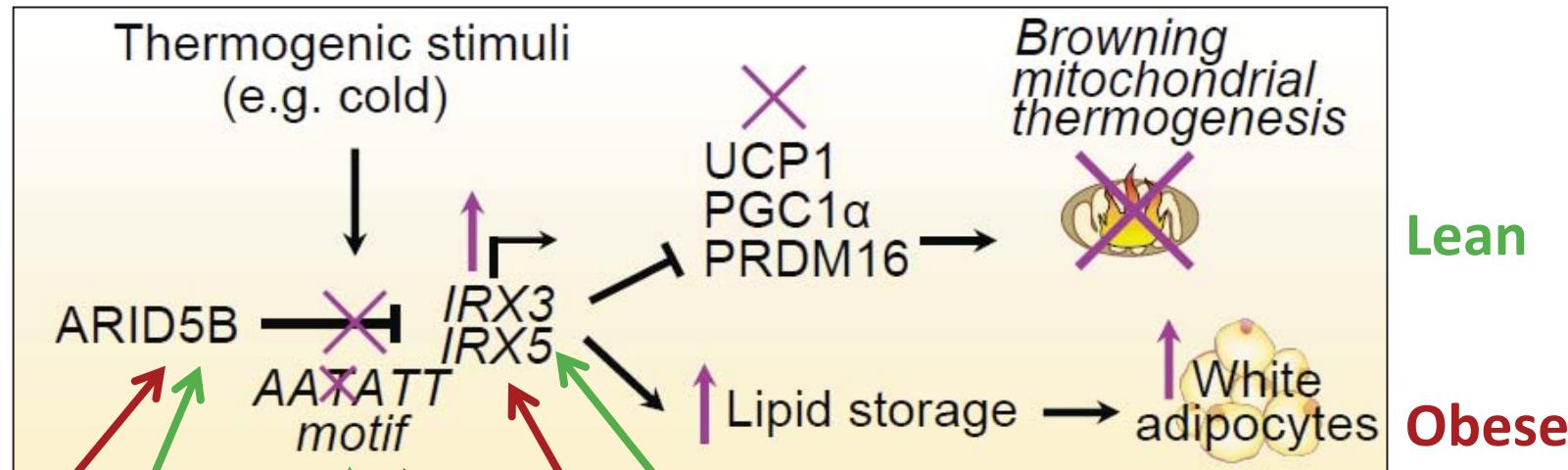
*Set-wise causality testing*



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*AD predictive power reduced after removing meQTL effect*

# Uncovering the molecular basis of top obesity gene



ARID5B KD  
(obesity)

ARID5B OE  
(anti-obesity)

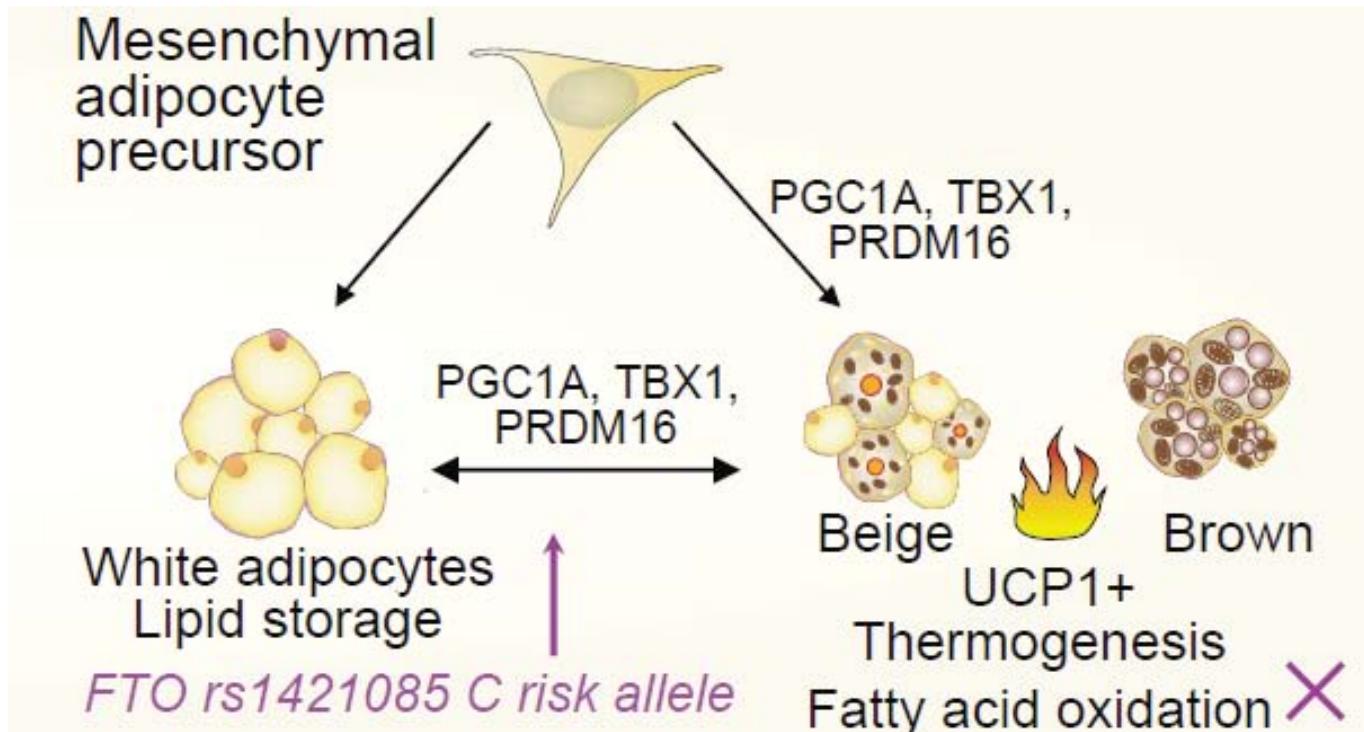
★ C-to-T motif rescue  
(anti-obesity phenotypes)

IRX3, IRX5 knock-down ★  
(anti-obesity phenotypes)

IRX3, IRX5 overexpression  
(pro-obesity phenotypes)

T-to-C motif disruption  
(pro-obesity phenotypes)

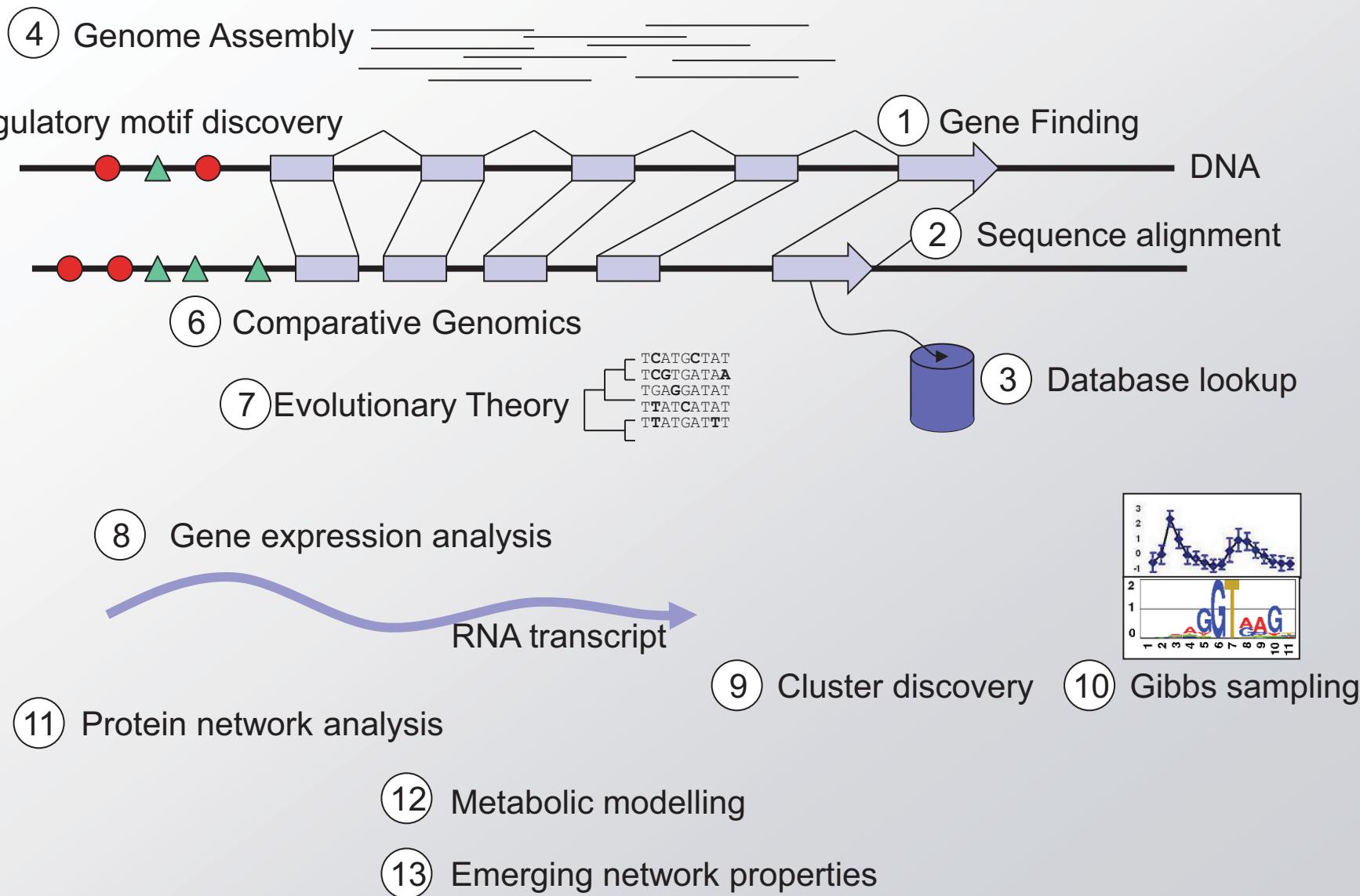
# Model: beige ⇔ white adipocyte development



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***Shift therapeutic focus from brain to adipocytes***

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