# Molecular Biology

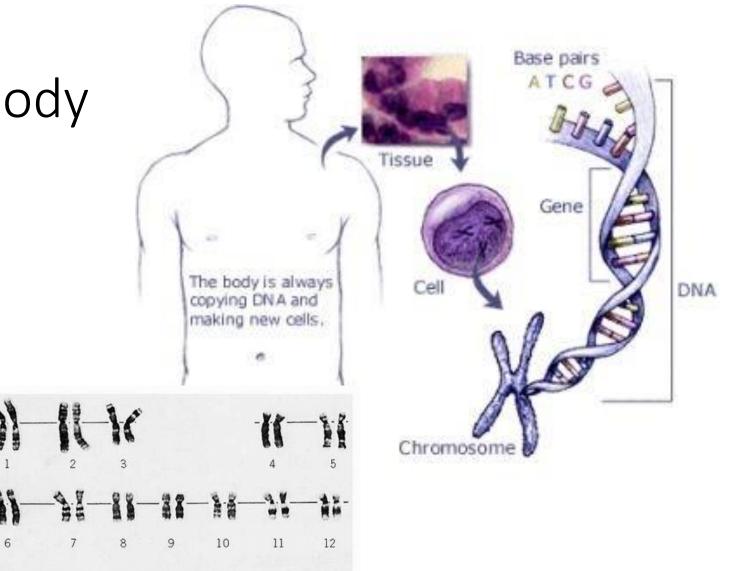
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Inside the human body

- Different tissues/cell types
  - All cells have the same DNA
    - 46 chromosomes
      - 23 from your mother
      - 23 from your father
  - Yet different cell types
    - Unique cell environment
    - Gene expression profiles

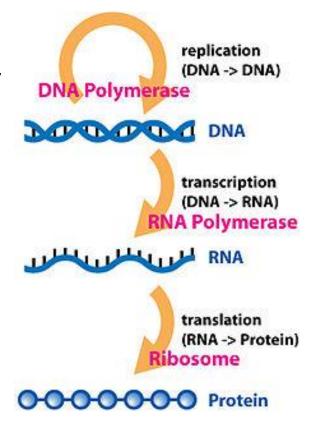


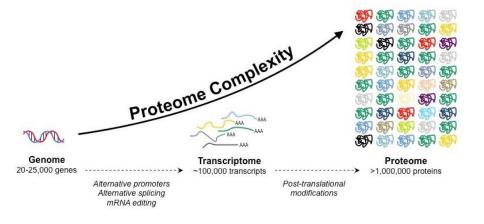
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### Central Dogma of molecular biology

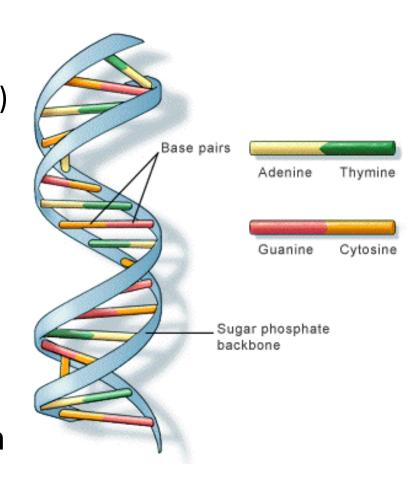
- DNA (~23,000)
  - Harbours the genetic information
  - Coded blueprint for all processes essential for life
- RNA (~100,000)
  - Derivative of DNA
  - Different forms of RNA with different functions
  - Gene Expression Profiles
- Protein (~1,000,000)
  - Molecules that perform the processes
  - Each protein has a function or multiple functions
  - Protein Expression Profile





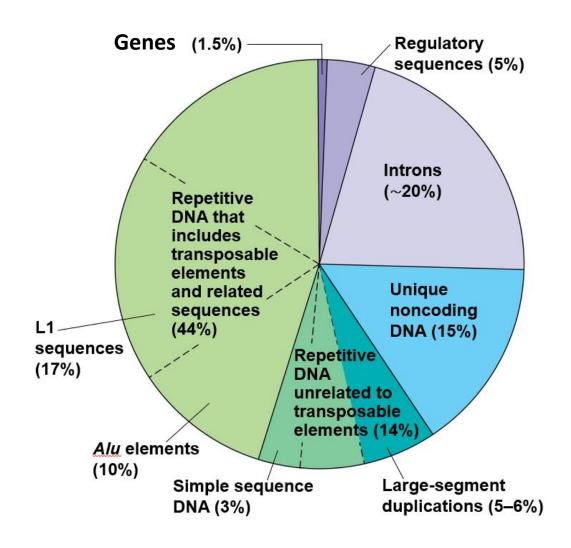
#### DNA

- Four buildingblocks
  - Adenosine (A), Thymine (T), Guanine (G), Cytosine (C)
- Built of two strands
  - Two strands are complementary
    - If A on the one strand, T on the other
    - If C on the one strand, G on the other
  - Combination of AT/CG is called a base pair
- The sequence of these is the genetic information
  - ~3 billion base pairs
  - Unique for each individual
    - ~150,000 differences between random persons



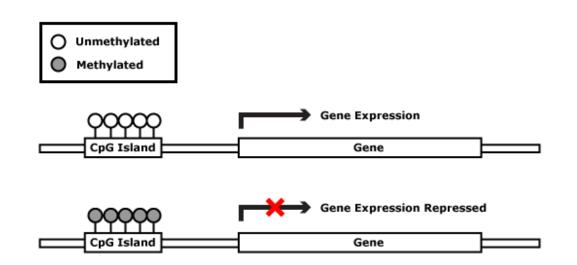
#### The Genome

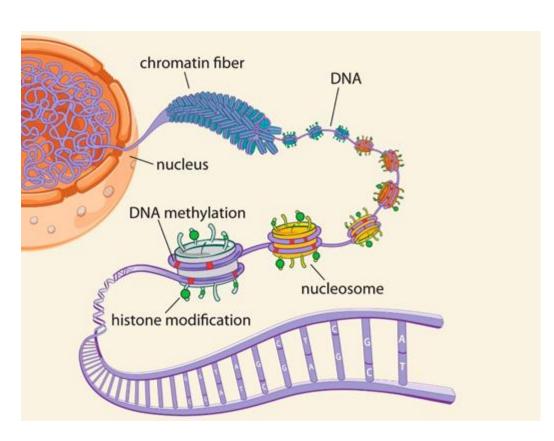
- The collection of all basepairs (AT/GC) is called the genome
  - Non-coding (~98%)
    - Regulation
  - Coding part (~1.5%)
    - Genes
      - Chromosomal location
    - DNA that gives rise to all proteins
      - One gene gives rise to one protein



### Methylation

- Molecules added on DNA
- Involved in gene expression regulation
  - Methylated: gene switched off
  - Unmethylated: gene switched on





### Methylation

- Methylated
  - The pilar is above ground so cars are blocked
  - You can not reach your destination (gene)



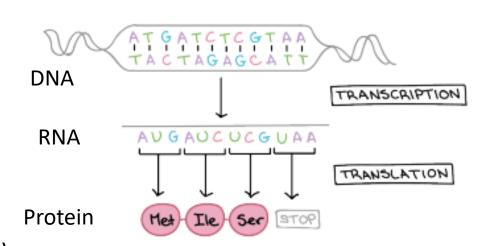
- Unmethylated
  - The pilar is below ground so cars can pass
  - You can reach your destination (gene)



#### THE CENTRAL DOGMA

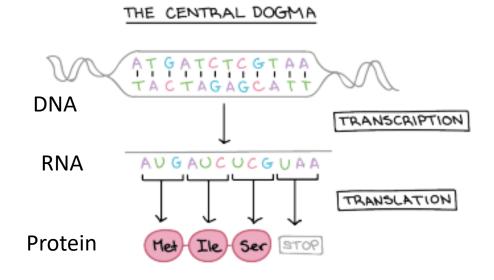
#### RNA

- Similar to DNA, but only one strand
- Four building blocks
  - Adenosine (A), Uracil (U), Guanine (G), Cytosine (C)
  - U is basically the T
- DNA to RNA (Transcription)
  - DNA is 'copied' to RNA (Only the coding part)
    - A on DNA becomes U on RNA
    - T on DNA becomes A on RNA
    - C on DNA becomes G on RNA
    - G on DNA becomes C on RNA



#### **Proteins**

- Decoded from RNA (Translation)
  - Three letters correspond to aminoacid
    - Same aminoacids with different combination
  - Proteins are sequences of aminoacids



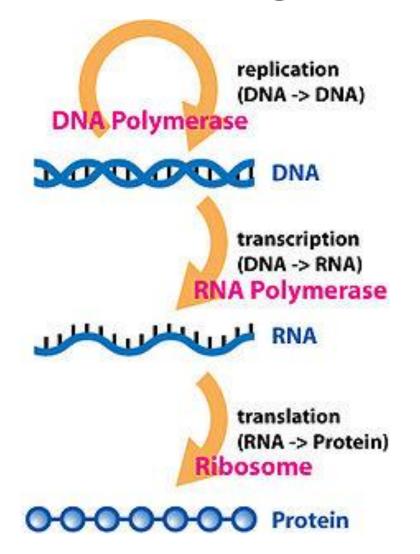
Proteins play the most important role in all processes

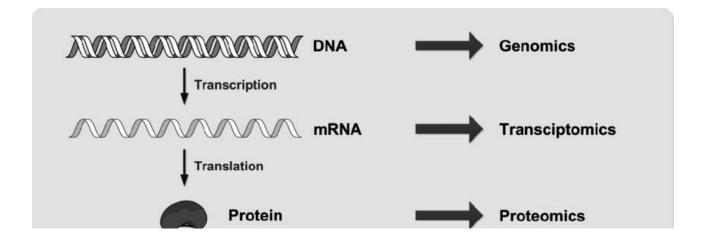
• Regulation on DNA, RNA, Proteins

Positive regulation		Negative regulation	
Activator	Transcription	Repr	Pessor + No transcription
Promoter Operator		Promoter Ope	erator
Activator- binding site	No transcription	Activator- binding site	Transcription
Promoter Operator		Promoter Ope	erator
(No activator)		(No repressor)	

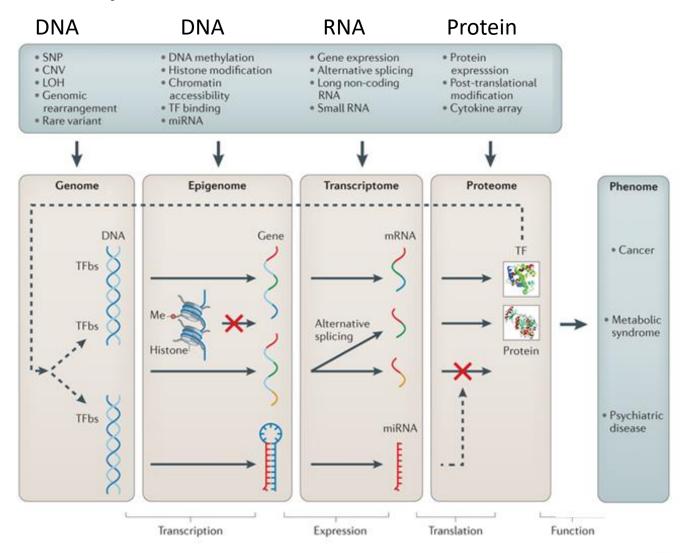


### Central Dogma to the Omics

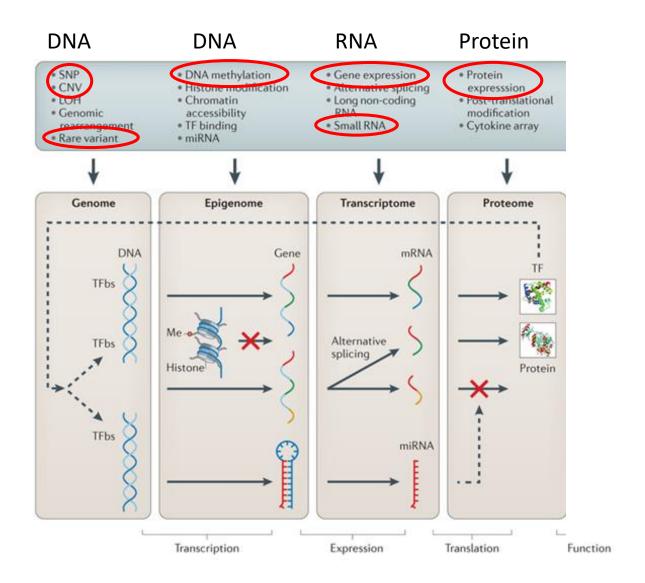




### What can you measure?

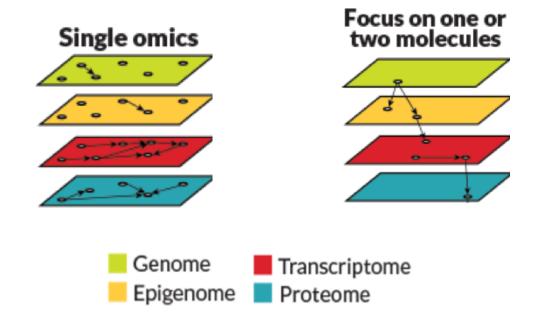


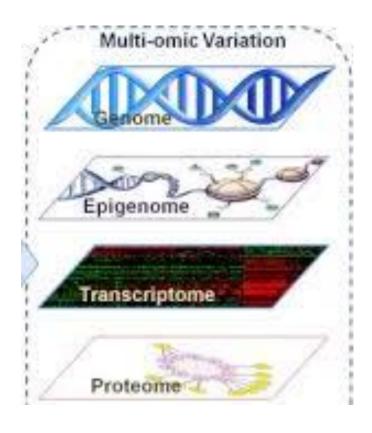
## What data will you get at the hackathon?



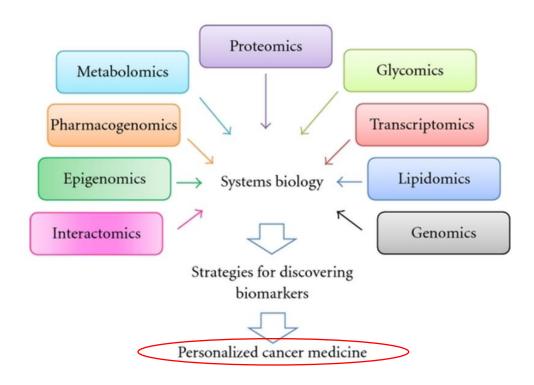
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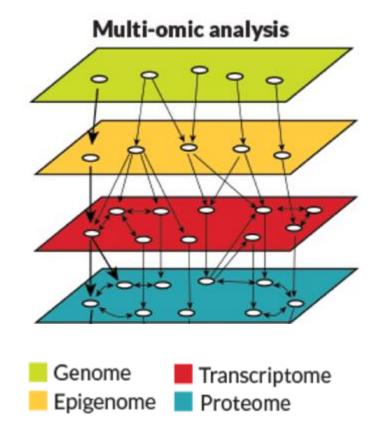
- Because DNA, RNA and Protein are related
  - you see changes in each omic seperately
  - you can follow a gene through the omics



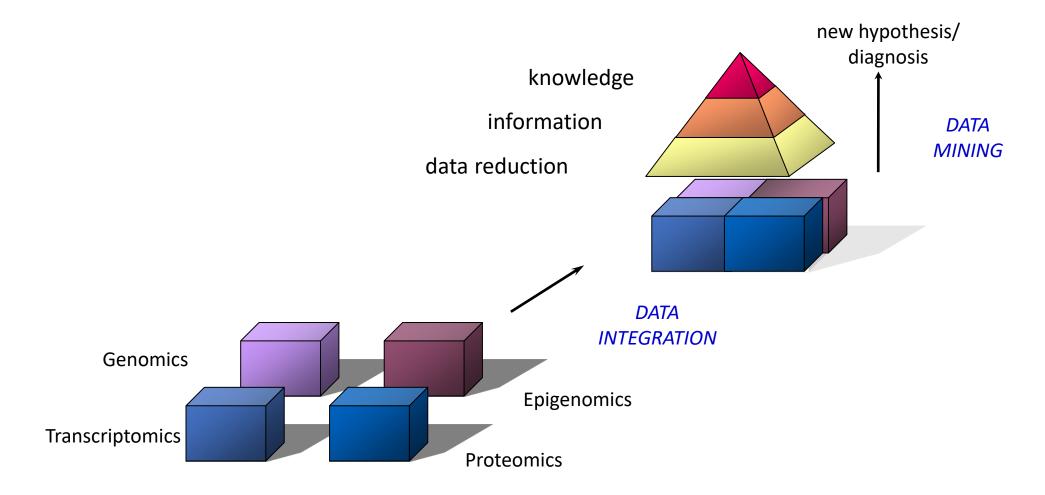


#### Omics – What we want



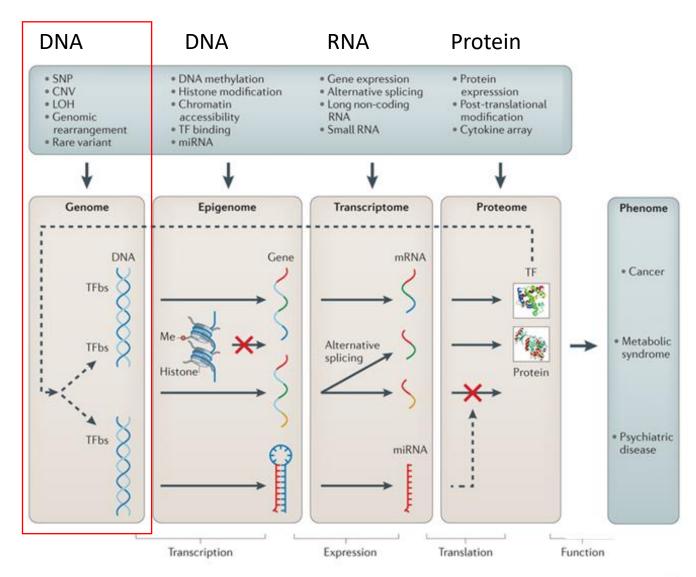


### Omics – Integration



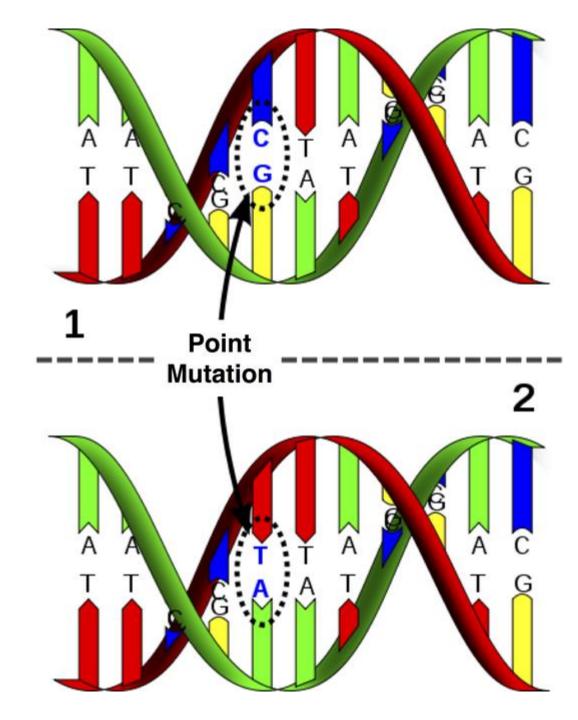
#### Genomics

- Focusses on DNA itself
  - Base Pairs
  - The amount of DNA



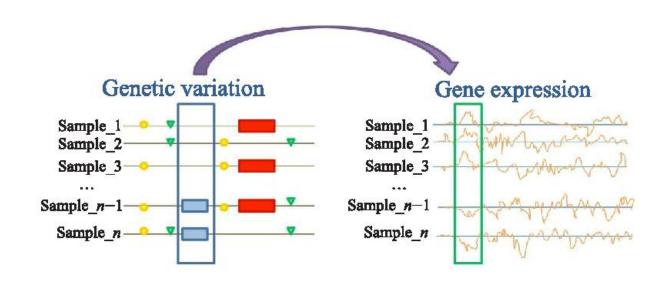
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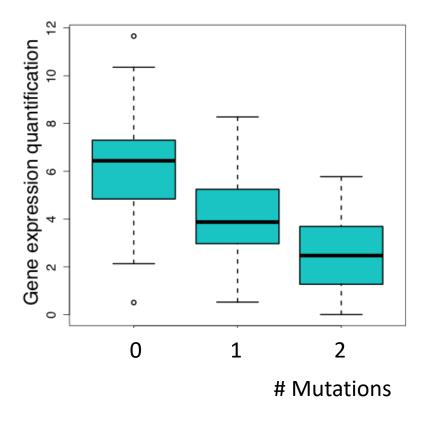
- Changes in base pair
  - Mutation
    - Not all mutations will give rise to disease
      - Dependent on function of a gene
    - Can alter gene expression
    - Can change protein function



### Genomics – Gene Expression

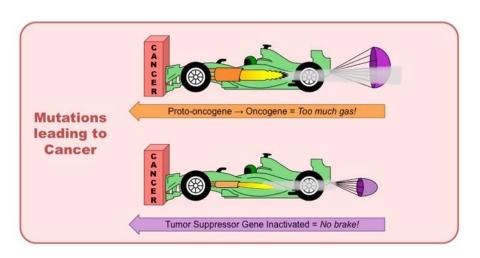
Changes in gene expression

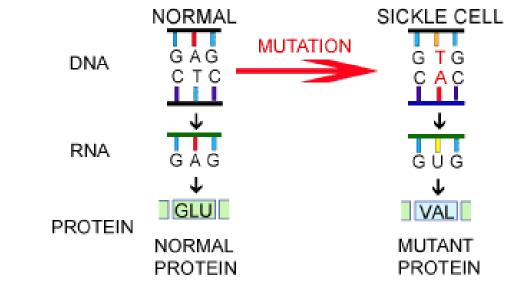


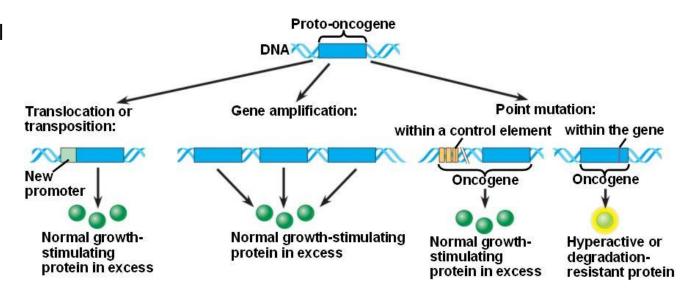


#### Genomics – Protein function

- Big changes in protein function
  - Dependent on severity of mutation
  - Dependent on function of gene
    - Proto-oncogene
      - Activates cell division/cell survival
    - Tumor suppressor gene
      - Inhibits cell division/cell survival

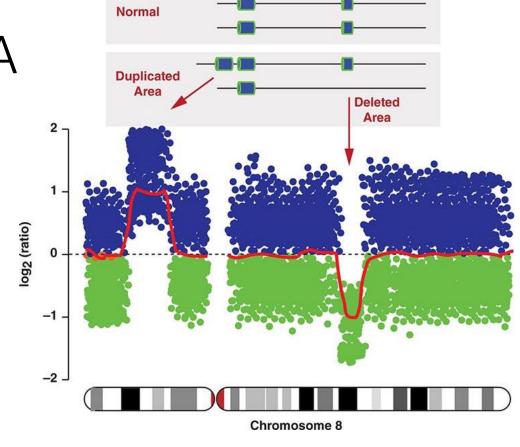


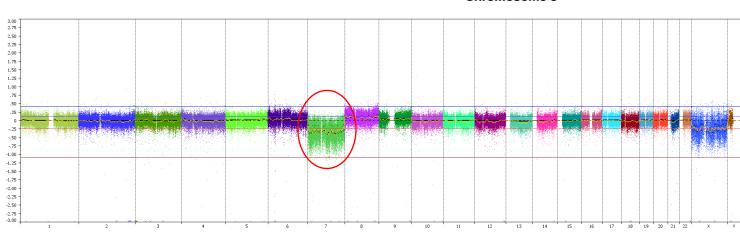




#### Genomics – Amount of DNA

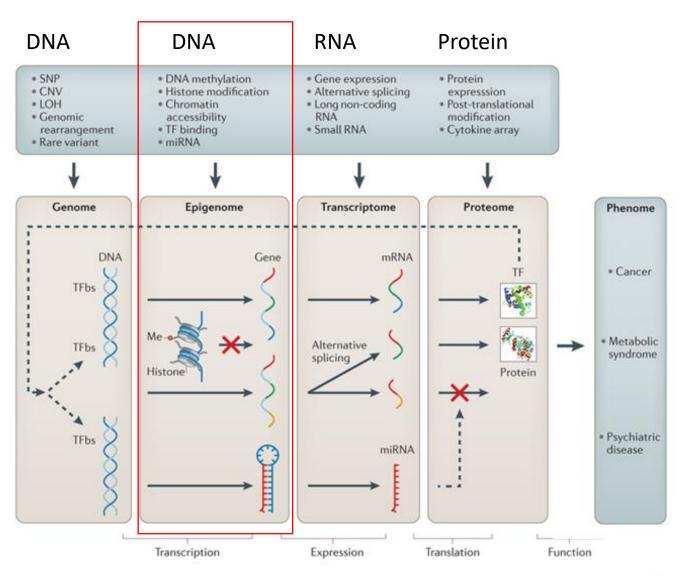
- Copy Number Variation (CNV)
  - Normal at every position two copies
    - One each from your mother and father
  - Small aberrations
    - Deletions
    - Amplifications
  - Chromosomal aberrations
    - Deletions
      - Acute Myeloid Leukemia
        - Monosomy 7
    - Amplifications
      - Down Syndrome
        - Trisomy 21





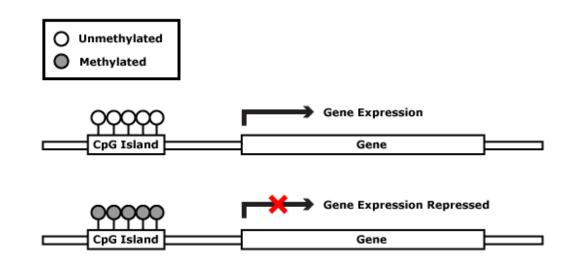
### Epigenomics

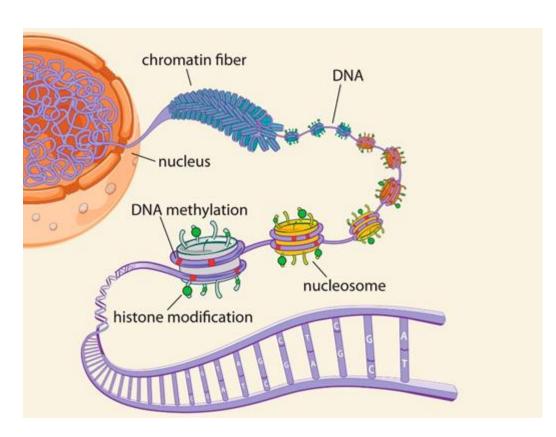
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  - Methylation



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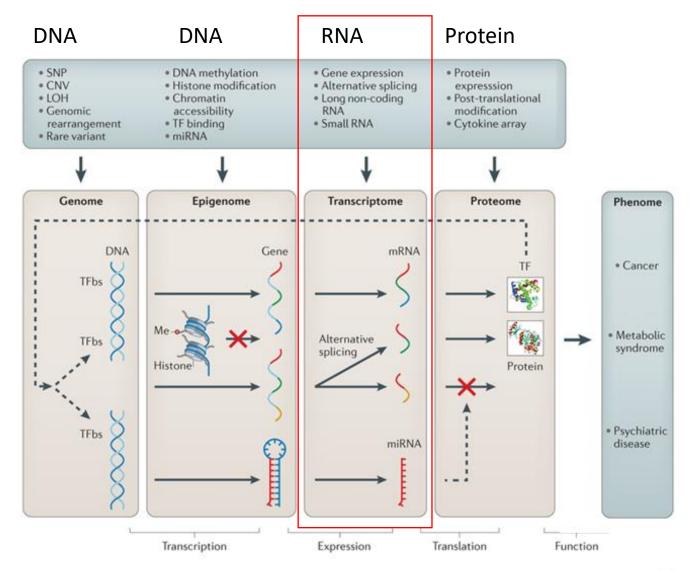
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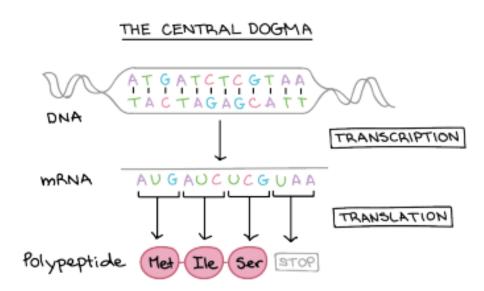
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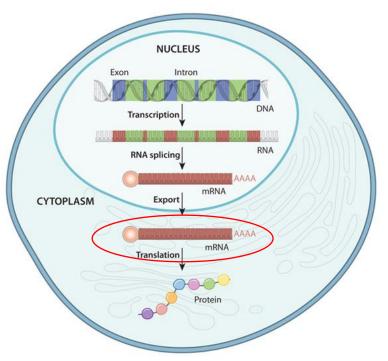
- Focusses on RNA
  - Gene expression
  - miRNA



### Transcriptomics – Gene Expression

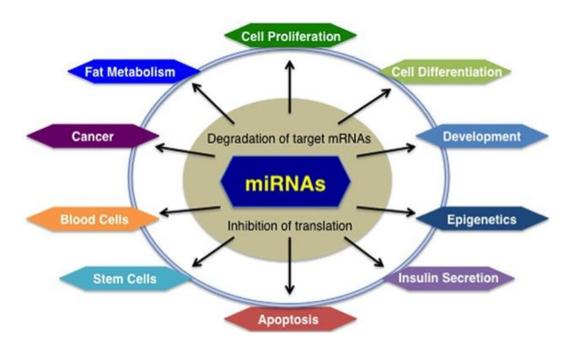
- DNA get copied in RNA
  - Gene Expression looks at mRNA
    - Type of RNA that is copied from the genes
    - Quantification of the processes happening in the cell

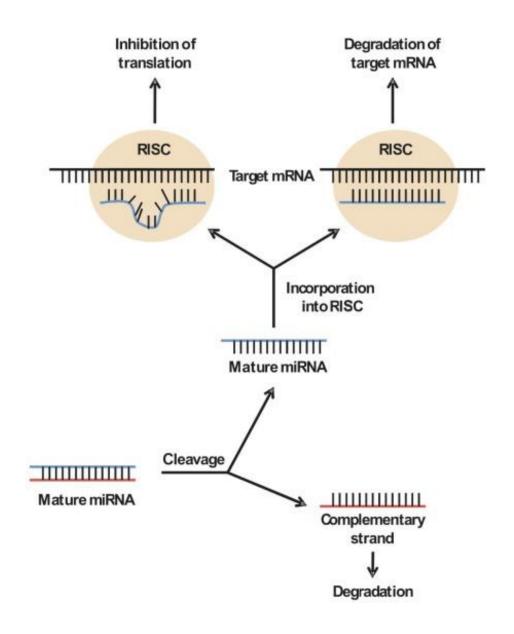




#### Transcriptomics – miRNA

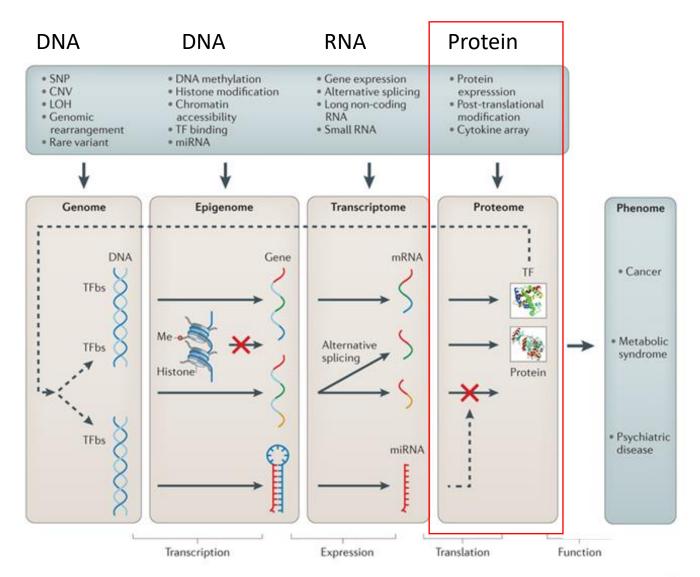
- Another RNA is miRNA
  - Regulation of processes
    - Especially regulates mRNA
      - Degradation of mRNA
      - Stabilization of mRNA





#### **Proteomics**

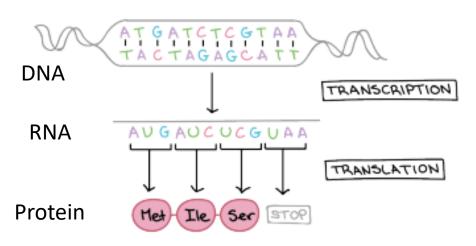
Focusses on proteins

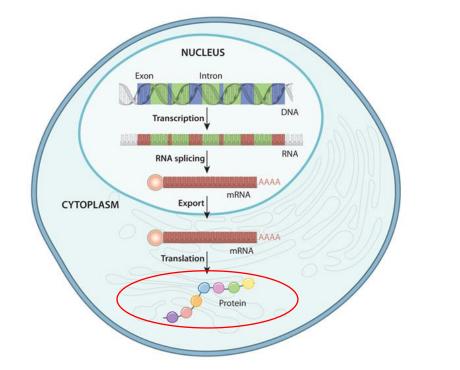


#### **Proteomics**

- Protein expression
  - Processes in a cell
  - Most complex
- Technically not posible to measure all proteins

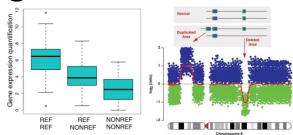
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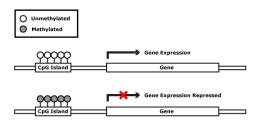


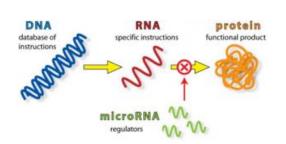


### Relationship of the Omics

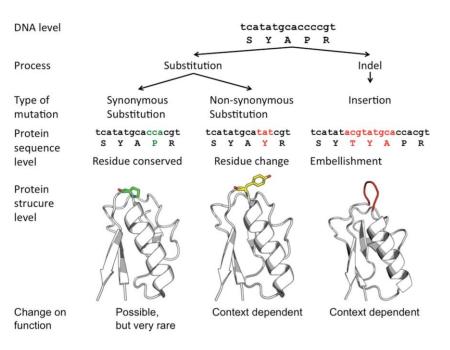
- Gene Expression Regulation
  - Genomics
    - SNPs/Mutations
    - Copy Number
  - Epigenomics
    - Methylation
  - Transcriptomics
    - miRNA
  - Proteomics
    - Proteins







- Protein Function
  - Genomics
    - Mutations



## Omics Integration Necessary

