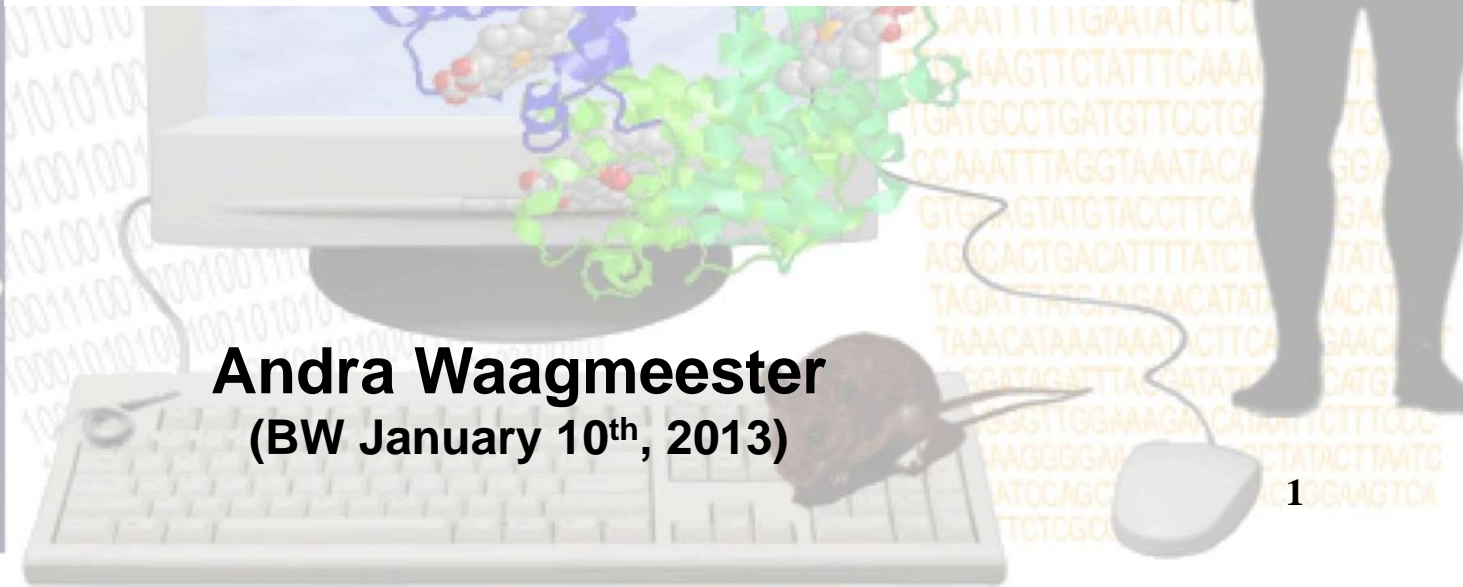


# INTRODUCTION BIOINFORMATICS & BIOLOGICAL DATABASES



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# Practical information

- Lectures will mostly be in **Dutch**  
Slides and practical exercises are in **English**
- All the practical sessions, should be signed off.
- You are required to study the literature provided for each practical session, before the session starts.
  - For the first session, the literature can be studied in the session
- The Bioinformatics trajectory (BMW2003) in year 2 is present in periods 1, 3, 4 and 5. Per block a bioinformatics exam will be given. This exam is separate from the block exam. In the end you will get **one grade** for the Bioinformatics trajectory
- **First exam Bioinformatics trajectory**
  - Tuesday April 4<sup>rd</sup> , 13.00-16:00  
Open book exam.

# Course Material

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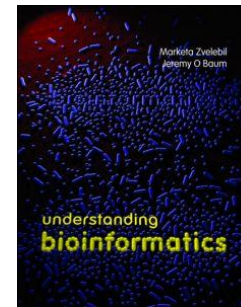
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## BOOKS (available at the “studielandschap”)

- **Understanding bioinformatics**  
*M Zvelebil and J.O. Baum*
- **Bioinformatics:**  
**Sequence and genome analysis**  
*David W. Mount*
- **Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics**  
*J. Pevsner*
- **Learning Perl**  
*Randal L. Schwartz and Tom Phoenix*



# Subjects of bioinformatics track in BW2.3

1. Introduction Bioinformatics and Biological Databases
2. Protein Structures

Introduction Programming:

Matlab

2 sessions in

Next block 2.4 the programme will continue:

Gene Expression data

Pathway analysis – Network analysis

# Introduction to Bioinformatics

# Pathways

Striated Muscle Contraction (Homo sapiens) - WikiPathways

www.wikipathways.org/instance/WP383\_r41139

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Striated Muscle Contraction (Homo sapiens) - WikiPathways

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## Striated Muscle Contraction (Homo sapiens)

Revision as of 23:38, 1 March 2011 by MaintBot (Talk | contribs)  
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Striated Muscle Contraction

Organism: Homo sapiens

A Model of Triggering of Striated Muscle Contraction by Ca<sup>++</sup>

Other Structural Regulatory Proteins

- MYO11

ACTA1, ACTA2, ACTA3, DES, MYO, TTN, TCAP

Myosin Binding

- MYBPC1, MYBPC2, MYBPC3

Myosin Heavy Chain

- MYH1, MYH2, MYH3, MYH4, MYH5, MYH6, MYH7, MYH8, MYH9, MYH10, MYH11, MYH12, MYH13, MYH14, MYH15, MYH16, MYH17, MYH18, MYH19, MYH20, MYH21, MYH22, MYH23, MYH24, MYH25, MYH26, MYH27, MYH28, MYH29, MYH30, MYH31, MYH32, MYH33, MYH34, MYH35, MYH36, MYH37, MYH38, MYH39, MYH40, MYH41, MYH42, MYH43, MYH44, MYH45, MYH46, MYH47, MYH48, MYH49, MYH50, MYH51, MYH52, MYH53, MYH54, MYH55, MYH56, MYH57, MYH58, MYH59, MYH60, MYH61, MYH62, MYH63, MYH64, MYH65, MYH66, MYH67, MYH68, MYH69, MYH70, MYH71, MYH72, MYH73, MYH74, MYH75, MYH76, MYH77, MYH78, MYH79, MYH80, MYH81, MYH82, MYH83, MYH84, MYH85, MYH86, MYH87, MYH88, MYH89, MYH90, MYH91, MYH92, MYH93, MYH94, MYH95, MYH96, MYH97, MYH98, MYH99, MYH100

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Myosin Binding Site (Covered)

Myosin Head

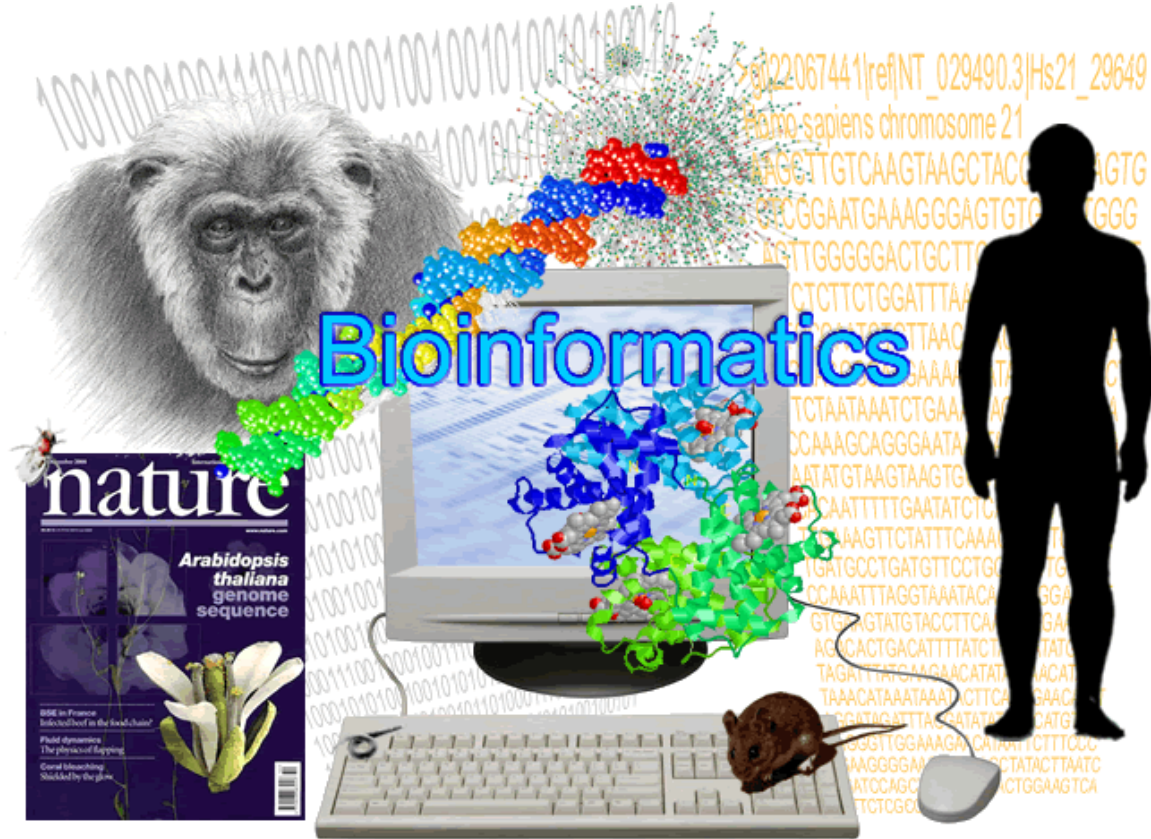
Myosin Light Chain

- MYL1, MYL2, MYL3, MYL4, MYL5

ACTA1, ACTA2, ACTA3, ACTC, ACTG1

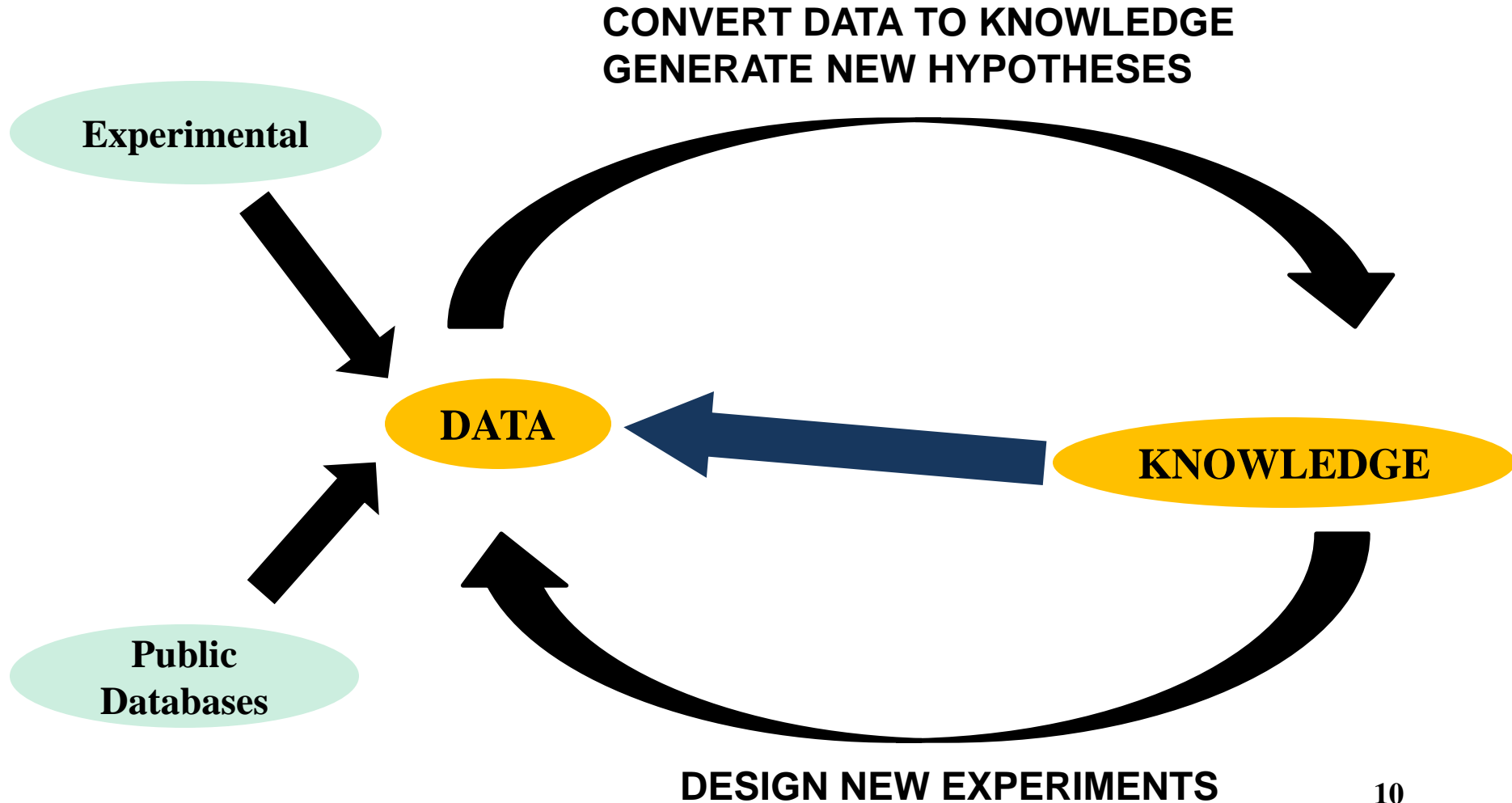


# What is Bioinformatics?

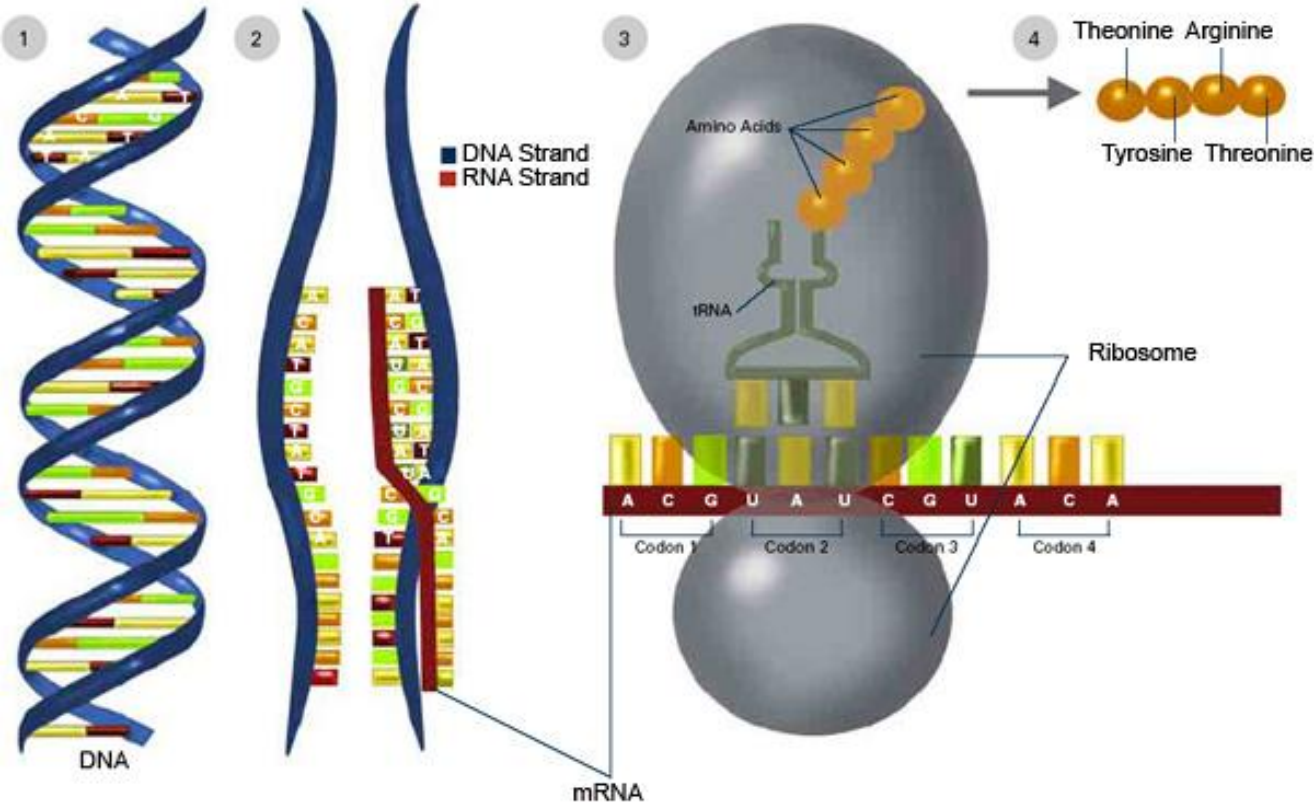


Bioinformatics uses “informatics” techniques (from applied math, computer science, statistics, etc.) to **understand** and **organize** biological information, like genes, proteins and molecules on a **large-scale**. 9

# Why Bioinformatics?

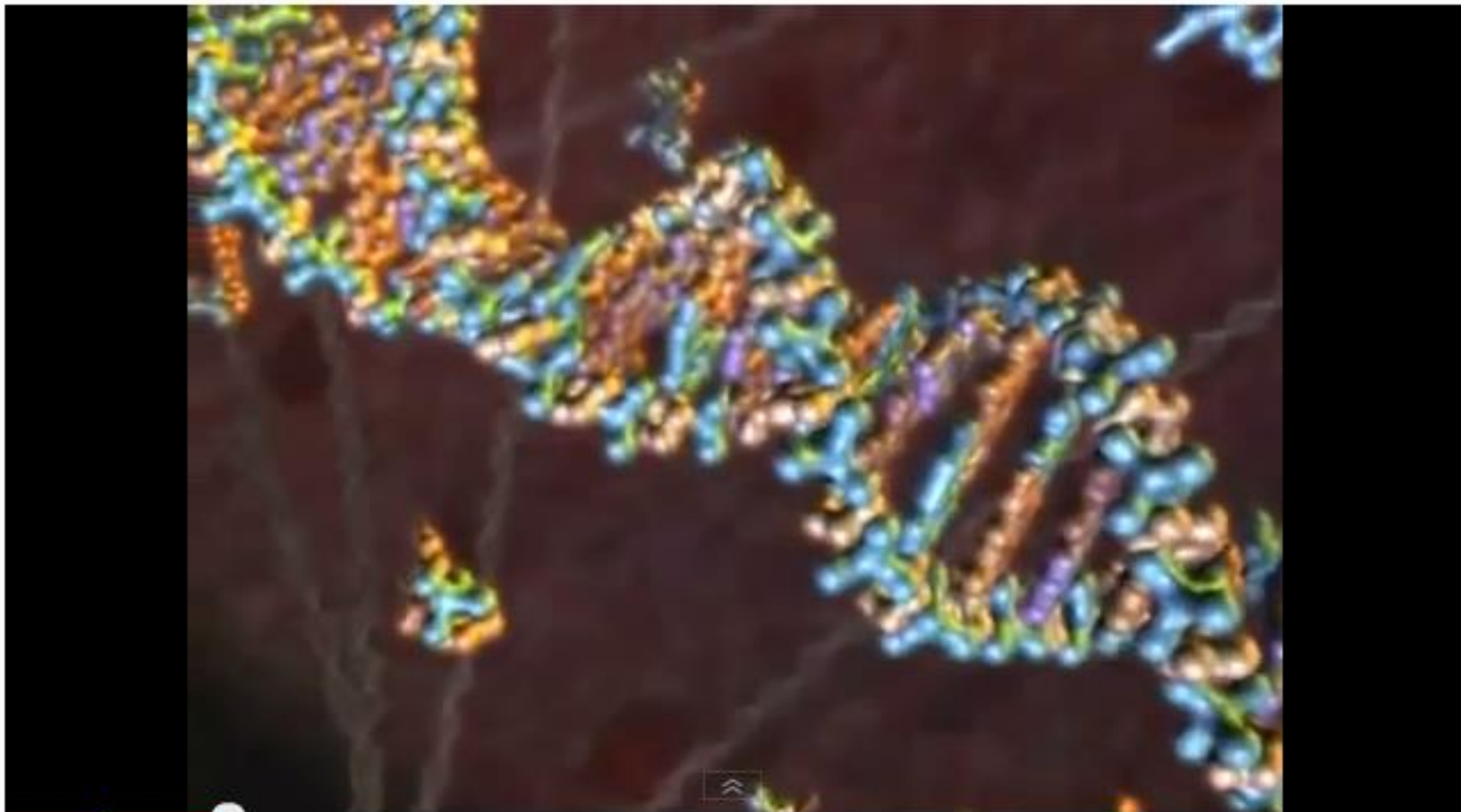


# Central dogma of Molecular Biology



Gene (DNA)      **Transcription**      mRNA      **Translation**      Protein

Cells express **different** subset of the genes in different tissues and under different conditions



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# DNA Transcription and Protein Assembly



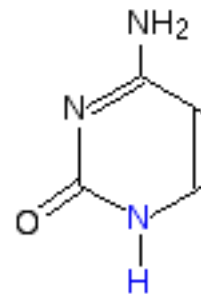
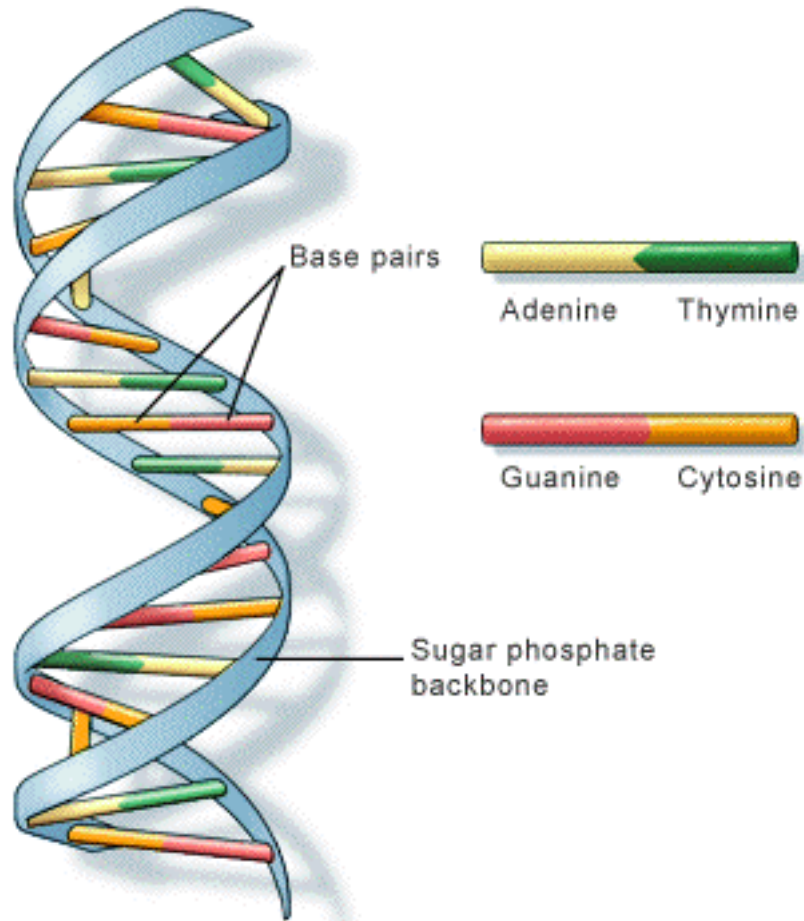
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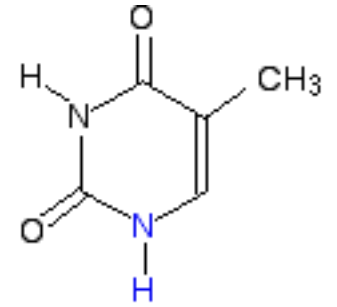
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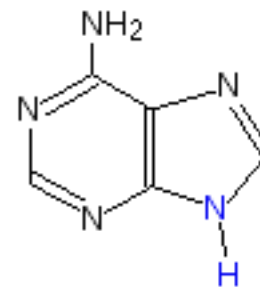
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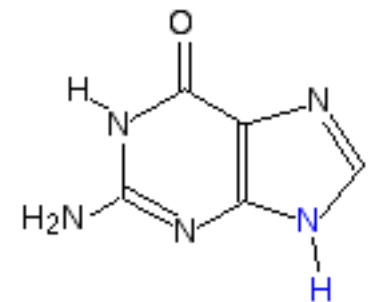
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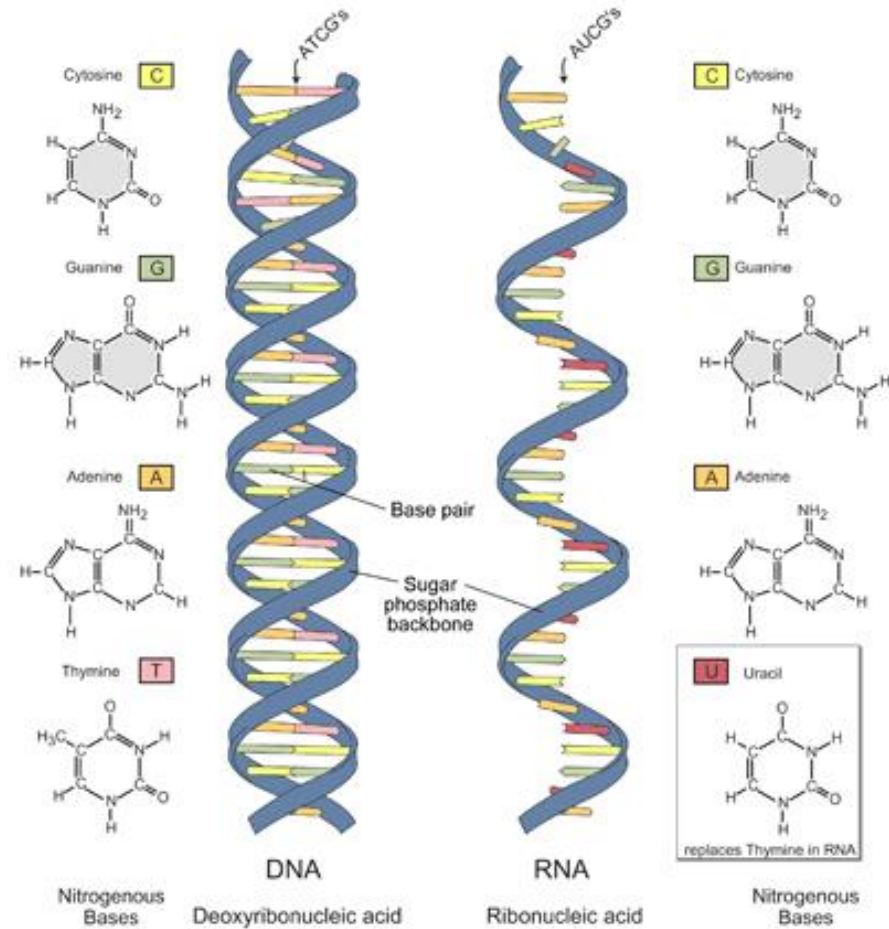
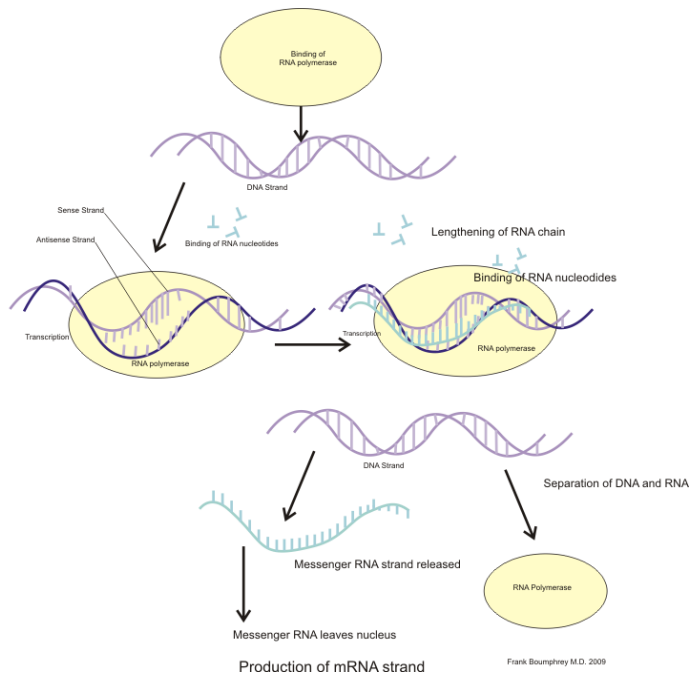


adenine (A)



guanine (G)

# mRNA





# Genome Sequences / the Human Genome Project

**AGTCCGCGAATACAGGCTCGGT**



# Genomes

A genome is the collection of DNA that comprises an organism.

Today we have assembled the sequence of hundreds of genomes.



The genome is divided into chromosomes, chromosomes contain genes, and genes are made of DNA.

Each one of earth's organism has its own distinctive genome (except identical twins).

# Genome content

bacteria

yeast

worm

fly

man

Size (Mb)

2

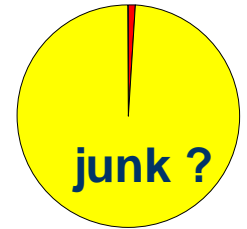
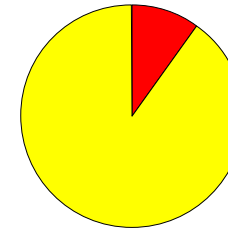
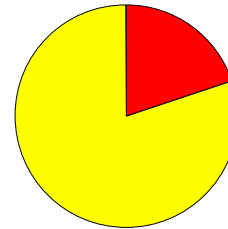
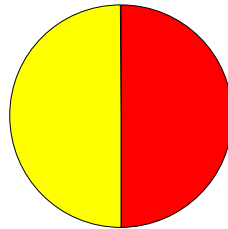
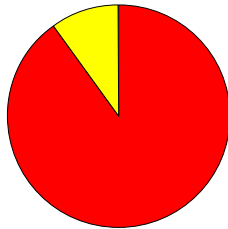
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% genes



total genes

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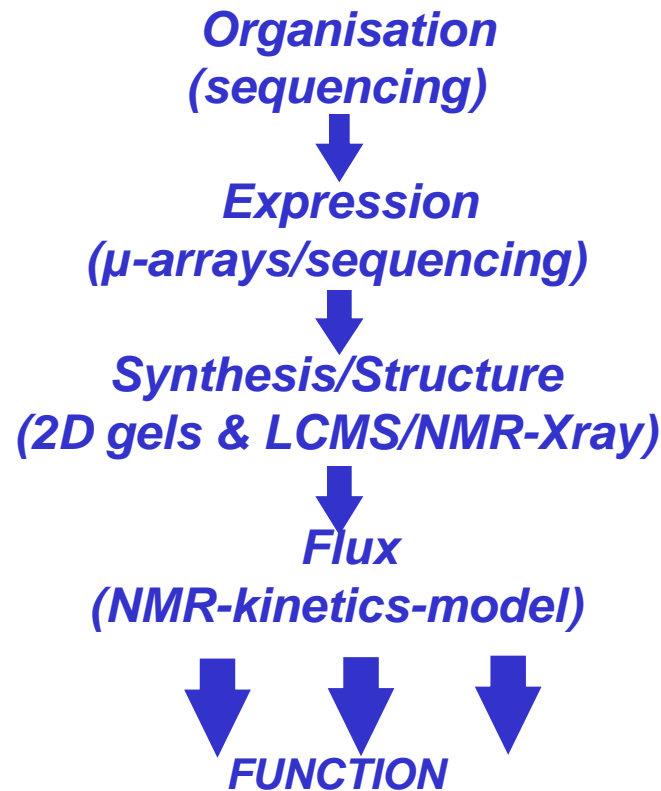
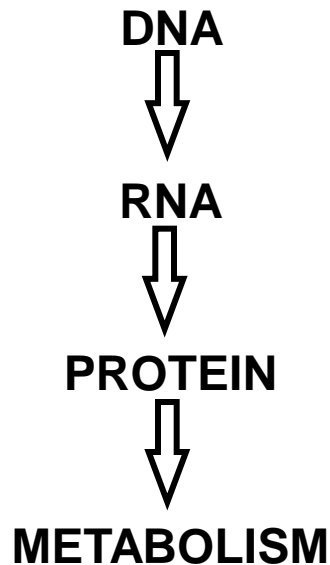
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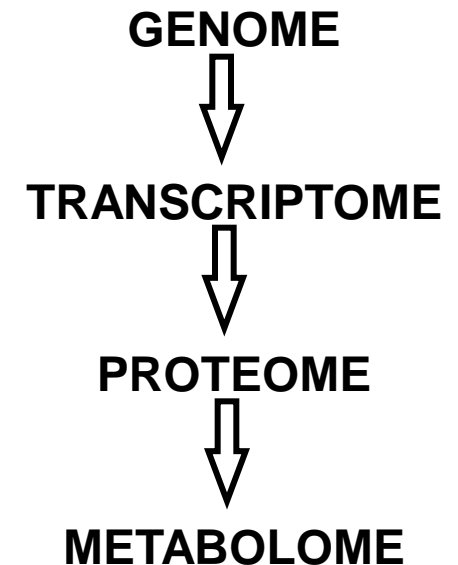
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# Functional genomics

## Single genes



## All genes



# The vertebrate genomes available in Ensembl

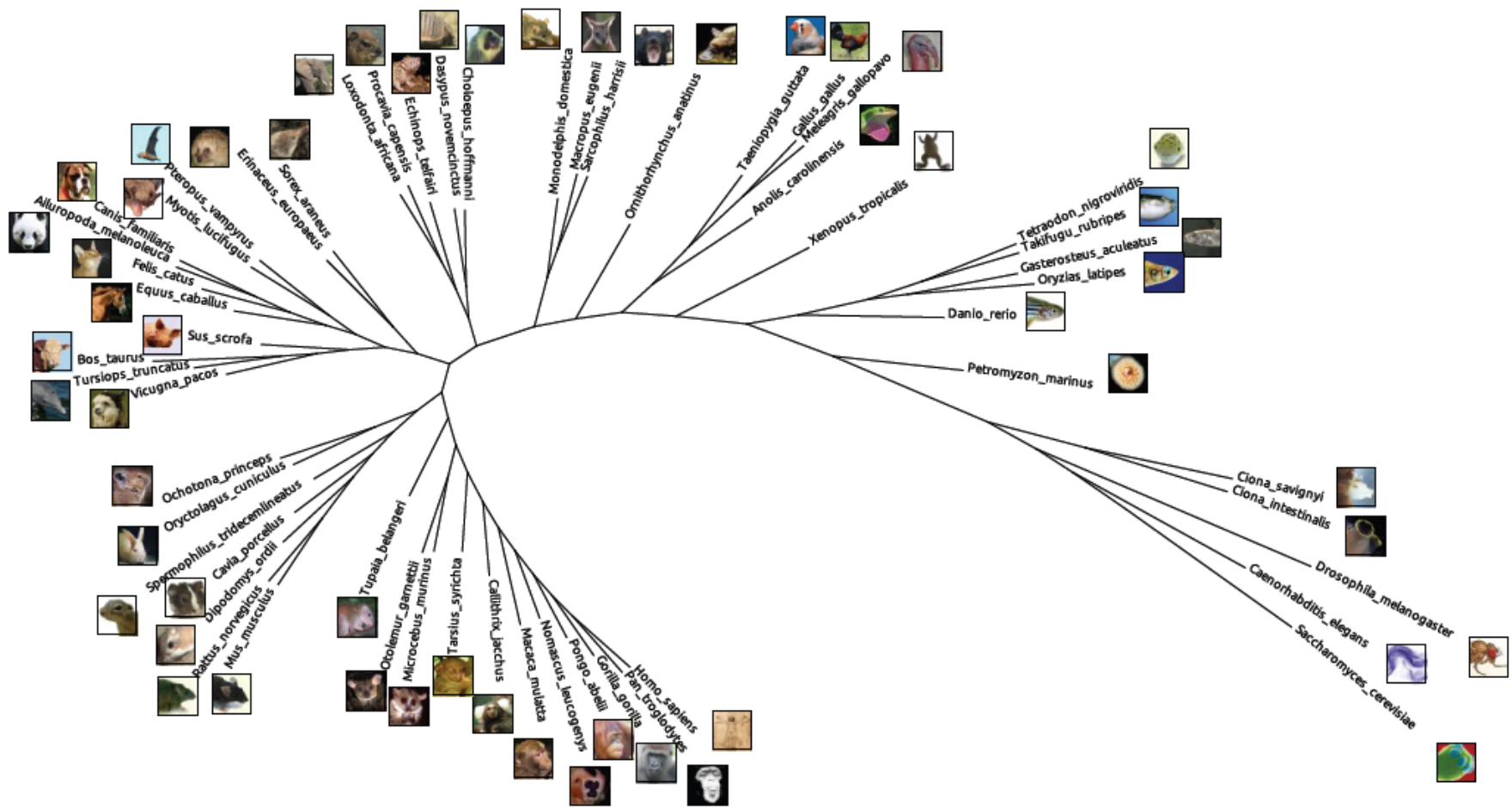


Image obtained using Dendroscope (D.H. Huson et al. "Dendroscope- An interactive viewer for large phylogenetic trees", BMC Bioinformatics 8:460, 2007)

# Human Genome project

- [Introduction video](#)

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4i6lYfYQzY&list=PLF0701633C91835BF&index=1>)

- Strategies
- Conclusions

**International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium,  
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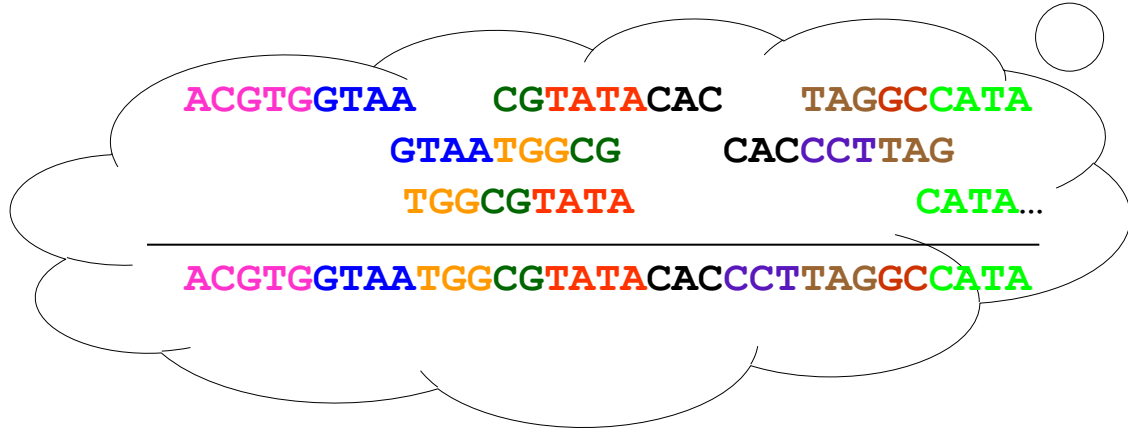
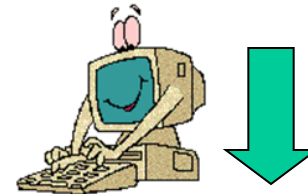
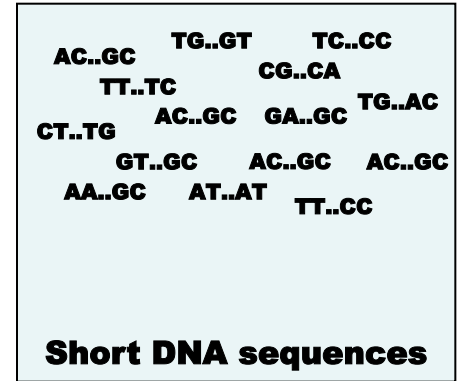
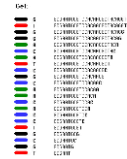
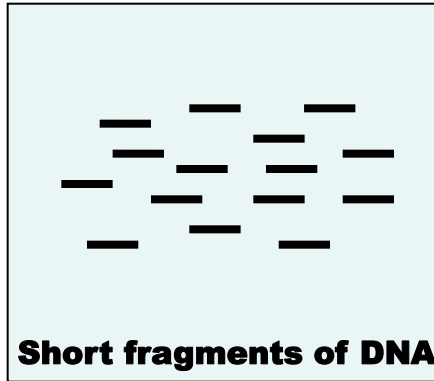
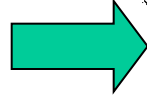
# Overview of genome analysis

There are two main strategies for sequencing genomes

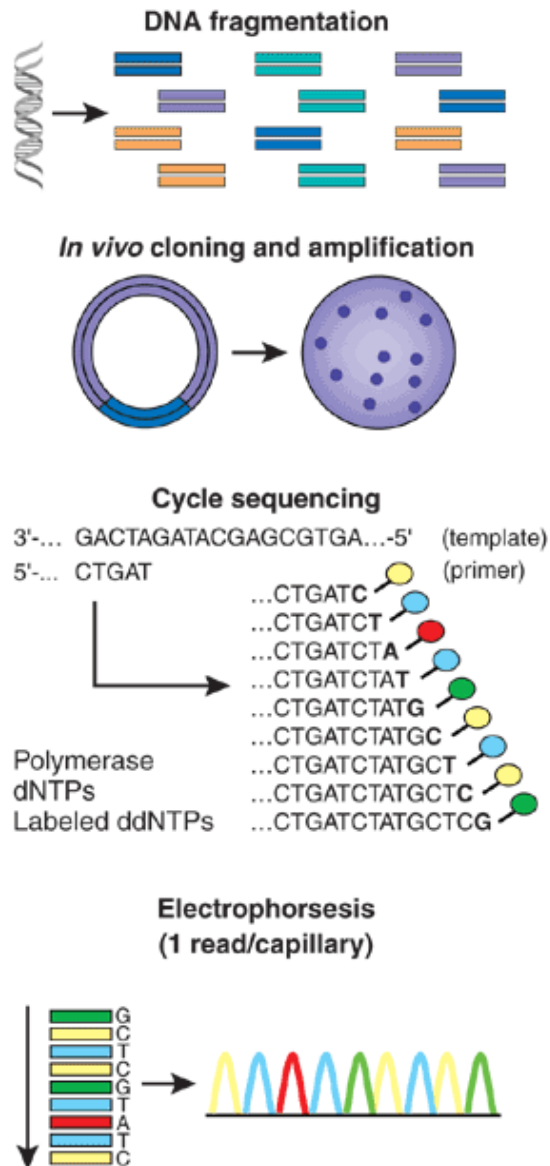
An approach used to decode an organism's genome by shredding it into smaller fragments of DNA which can be sequenced individually. The sequences of these fragments are then ordered, based on overlaps in the genetic code, and finally reassembled into the complete sequence.

The '[whole genome shotgun](#)' (WGS) method is applied to the entire genome all at once, while the '[hierarchical shotgun](#)' method is applied to large, overlapping DNA fragments of known location in the genome.

# Genome sequencing

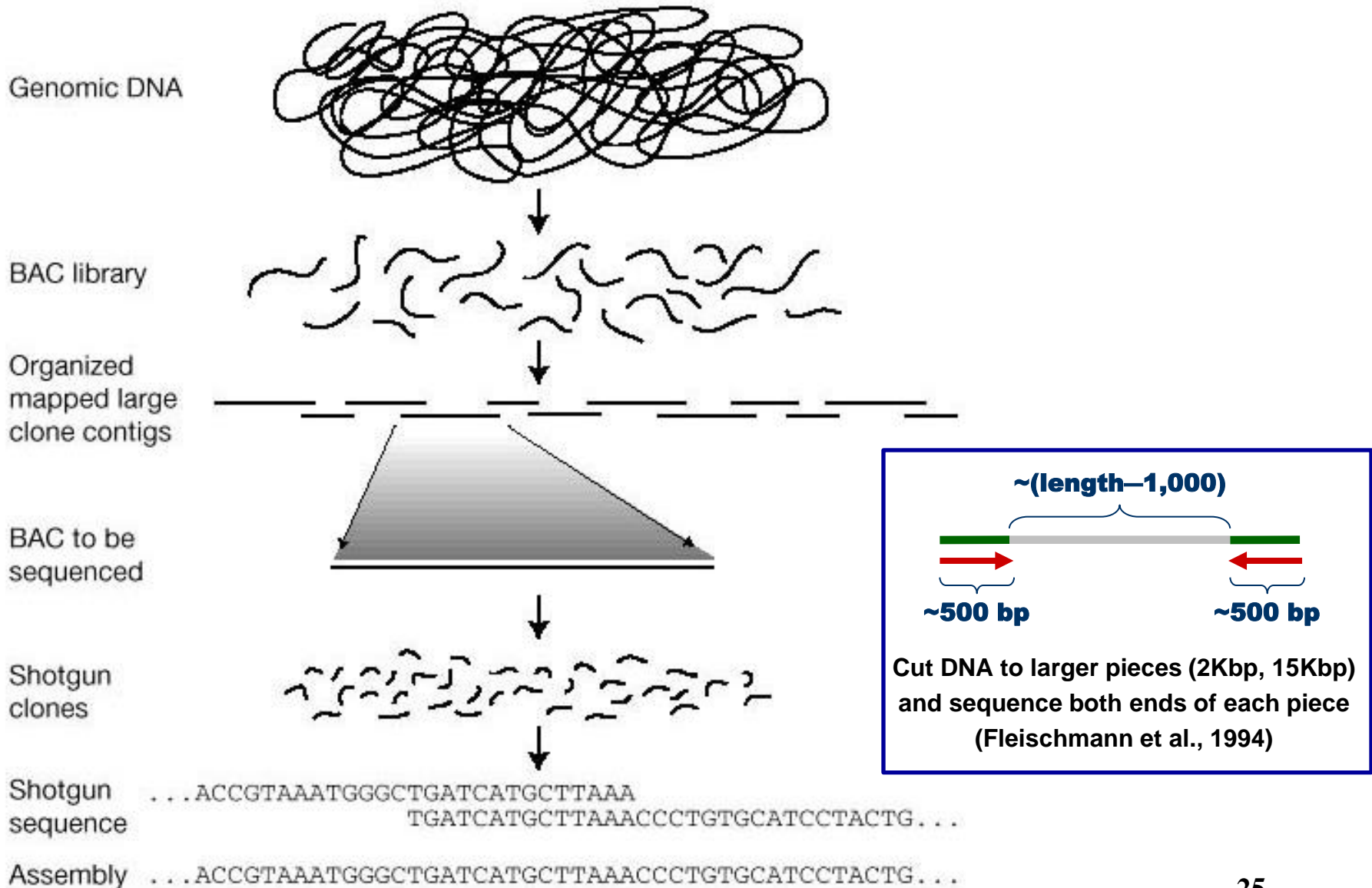


# Workflow of Sanger sequencing

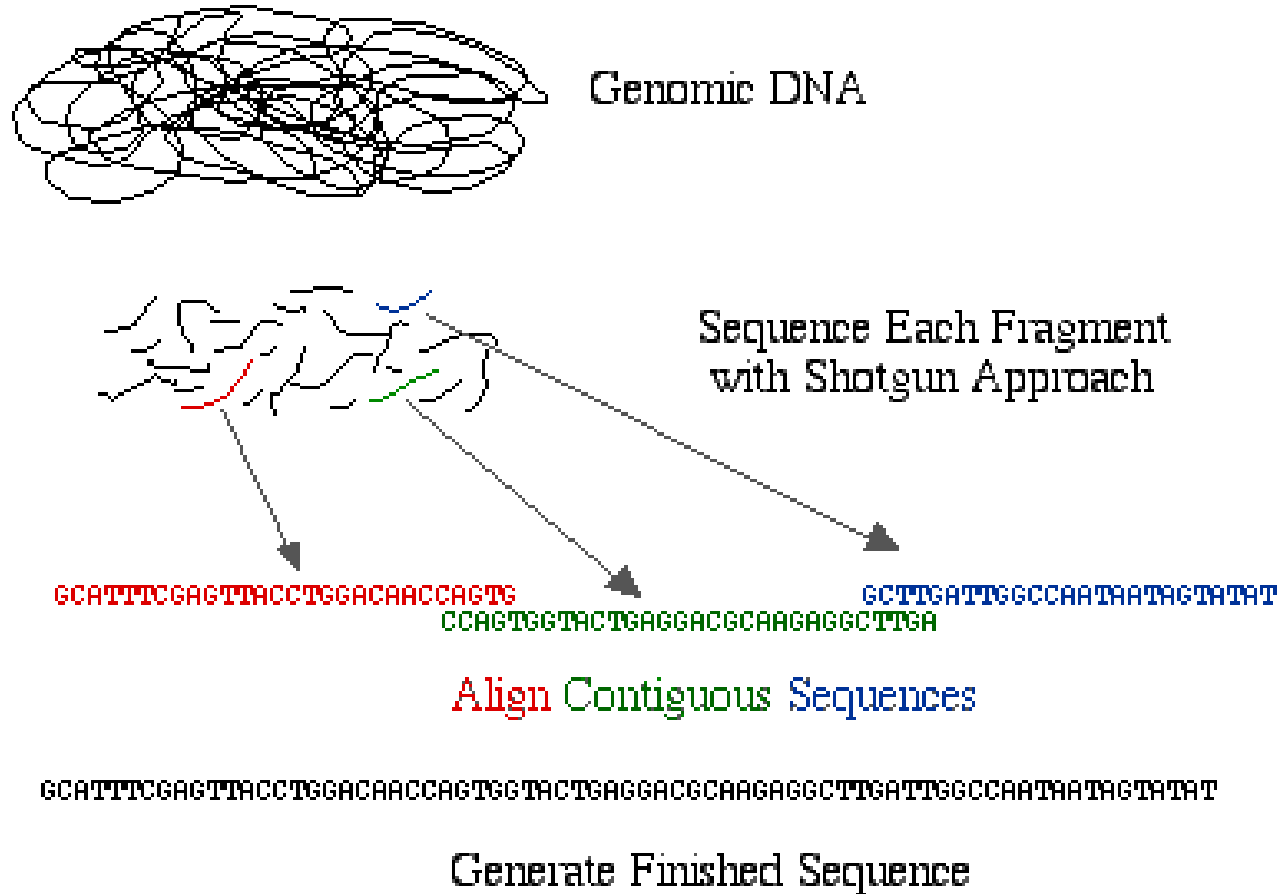




# Hierarchical shotgun sequencing



# Whole genome shotgun sequencing



# When has a genome been fully sequenced?

A typical goal is to obtain five to ten-fold coverage.

Finished sequence: a clone insert is contiguously sequenced with high quality standard of error rate 0.01%. There are usually no gaps in the sequence.

Draft sequence: clone sequences may contain several regions separated by gaps. The true order and orientation of the pieces may not be known.

# Main conclusions of human genome project (1)

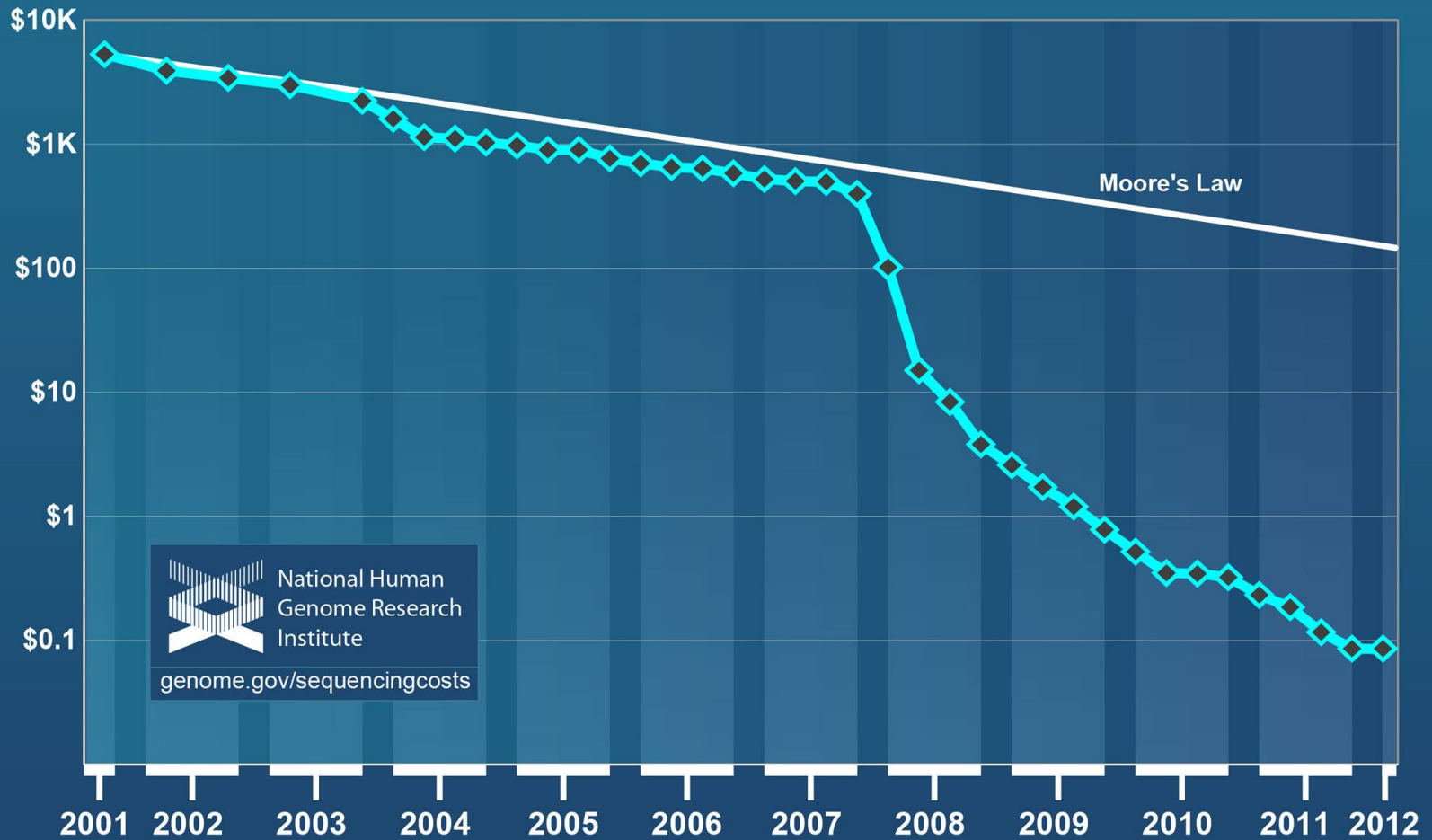
1. We have about the same number of genes as fish and plants, and not that many more genes than worms and flies – 20,000-30,000
2. The human proteome is far more complex than the set of proteins encoded by invertebrate genomes – alternative splicing
3. Hundreds of human genes were acquired from bacteria by lateral gene transfer
4. 98% of the genome does not code for genes and >50% of the genome consists of repetitive DNA
5. Segmental duplication is a frequent occurrence in the human genome

# Main conclusions of human genome project (2)

6. There are 300,000 Alu repeats in the human genome
  - These are about 300 base pairs and contain an AluI restriction enzyme site.
  - They occupy 3% of the genome and may confer some benefit
7. The mutation rate is about twice as high in male meiosis than female meiosis; most mutation probably occurs in males
8. 1.5 – 2 million single base pair changes or single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were originally identified.
  - Currently, dbSNP at NCBI over 10 million human SNPs
  - Half of these have been validated
  - A SNP occurs every 100 to 300 base pairs
  - Fewer than 1% of SNPs alter protein sequence
9. Noncoding RNAs are also important (for example miRNAs)

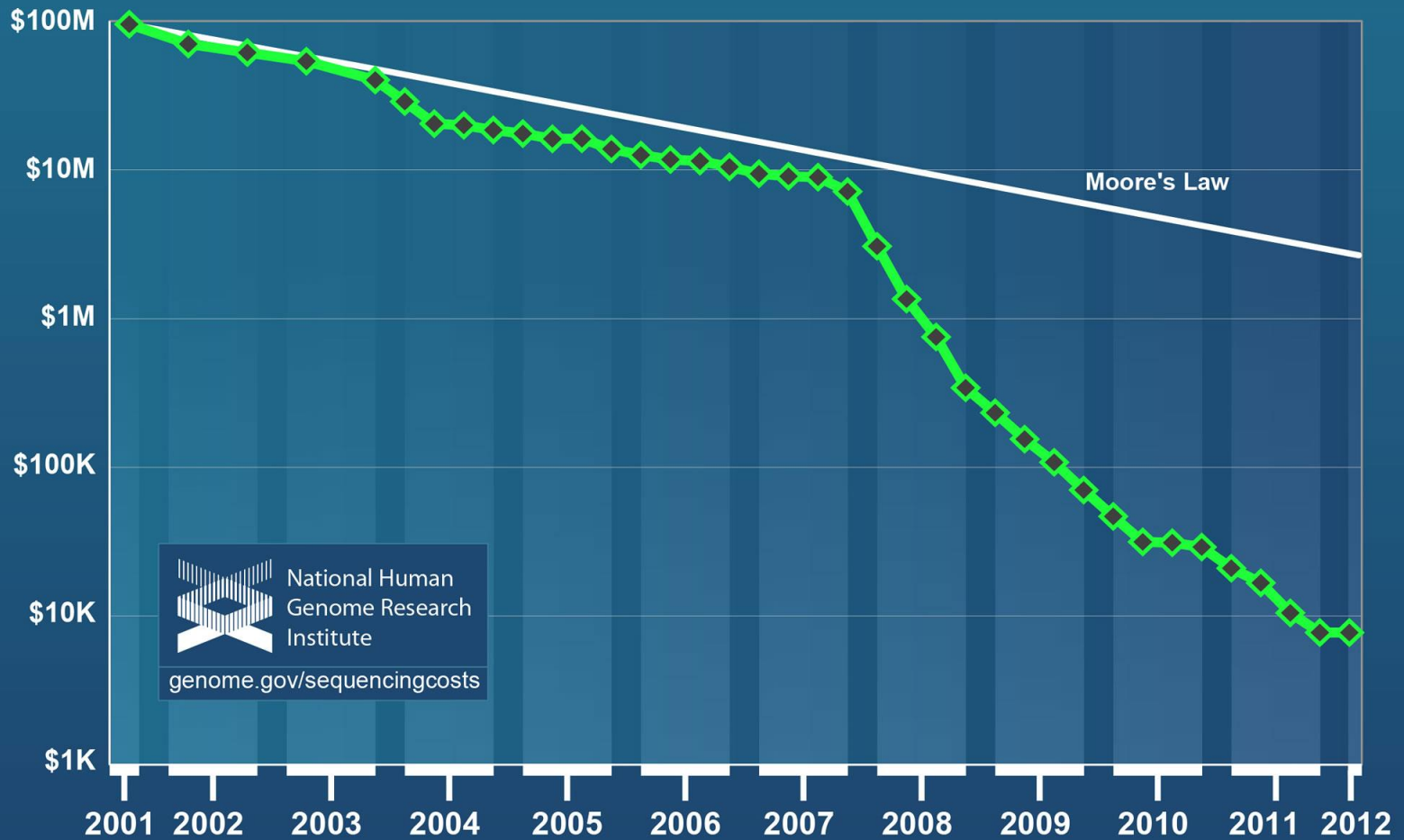
# Sequencing the Human Genome

## Cost per Raw Megabase of DNA Sequence

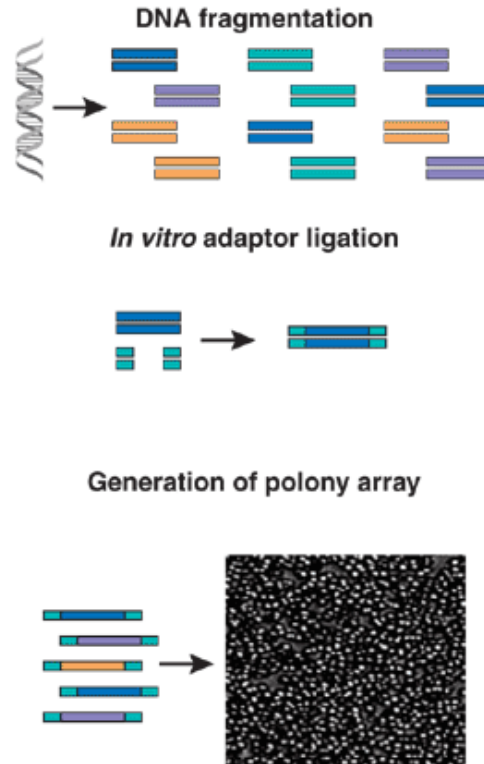


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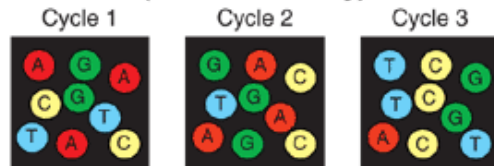
## Cost per Genome



# Nowadays: Work flow second-generation sequencing



## Cyclic array sequencing ( $>10^6$ reads/array)



What is base 1? What is base 2? What is base 3?



# Gateways to the genome sequences

# Genome browsers: gateways to the genome sequences

- Over the last few decades a gigantic amount of information on DNA sequences, gene locations, gene transcripts, protein functions and so on has been gathered
- Now we will discuss several websites that provide all this information collection, and that you will use in the afternoon session
- They all contain essentially the same information, but have a different interface, look-and-feel, viewing options

# Genome Browsers

## UCSC\*

## NCBI <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/genome>

The image shows two overlapping browser windows. The top window is the UCSC Genome Browser Gateway for Human (Homo sapiens). It features a navigation menu with options like Home, Genomes, Blast, Tables, Gene Sorter, PCR, Session, and FAQ. Below the menu, there are dropdown menus for 'clade' (set to Mammal) and 'genome' (set to Human). A search bar is visible with the text 'genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgGateway'. The bottom window is the Ensembl Genome Browser. It has a search bar with 'All species' selected and a 'Go' button. Below the search bar, there are sections for 'Browse a Genome', 'Popular genomes' (listing Human, Mouse, and Zebrafish), and 'All genomes'. A 'New to Ensembl?' section provides links for learning, adding tracks, and uploading data. A 'What's New in Release 65 (December 2011)' section lists updates like 'Regulator Genome Segmentation for Human' and 'New species: Atlantic cod'. The bottom of the Ensembl window includes a footer with 'Ensembl release 65 - Dec 2011 @ WTSI / EBI' and a 'Permanent link'.

<http://genome.ucsc.edu>

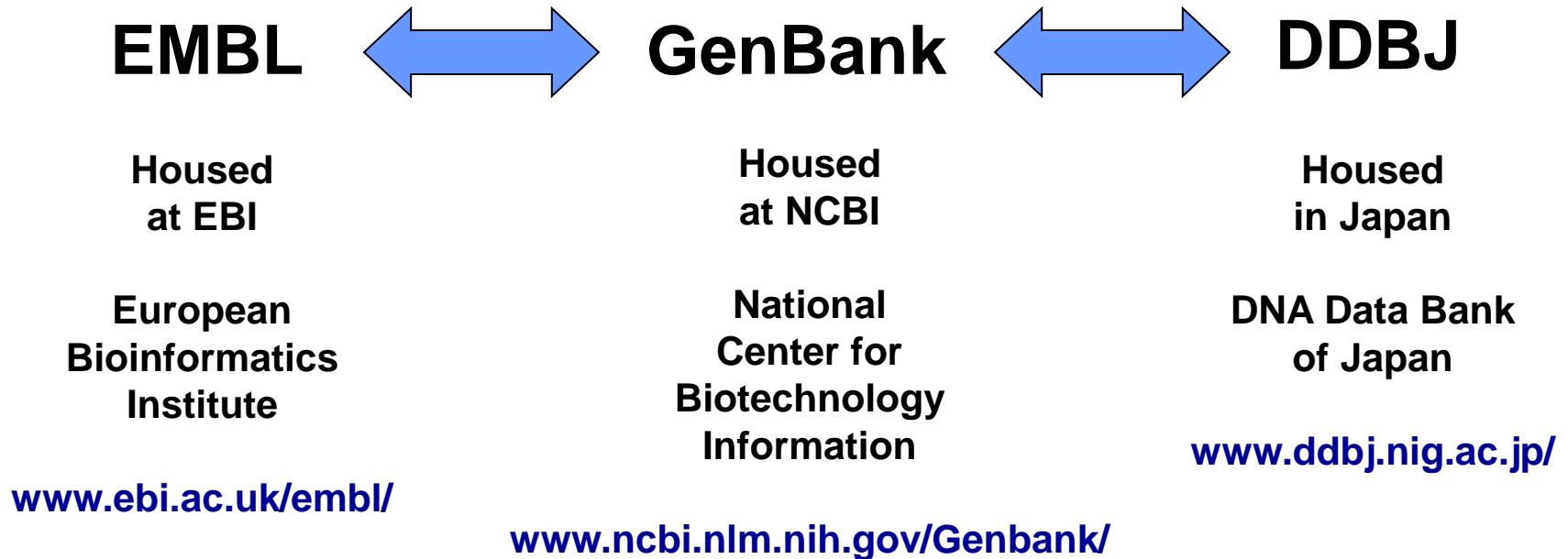
# Ensembl

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

\* We will use the UCSC browser later during the course

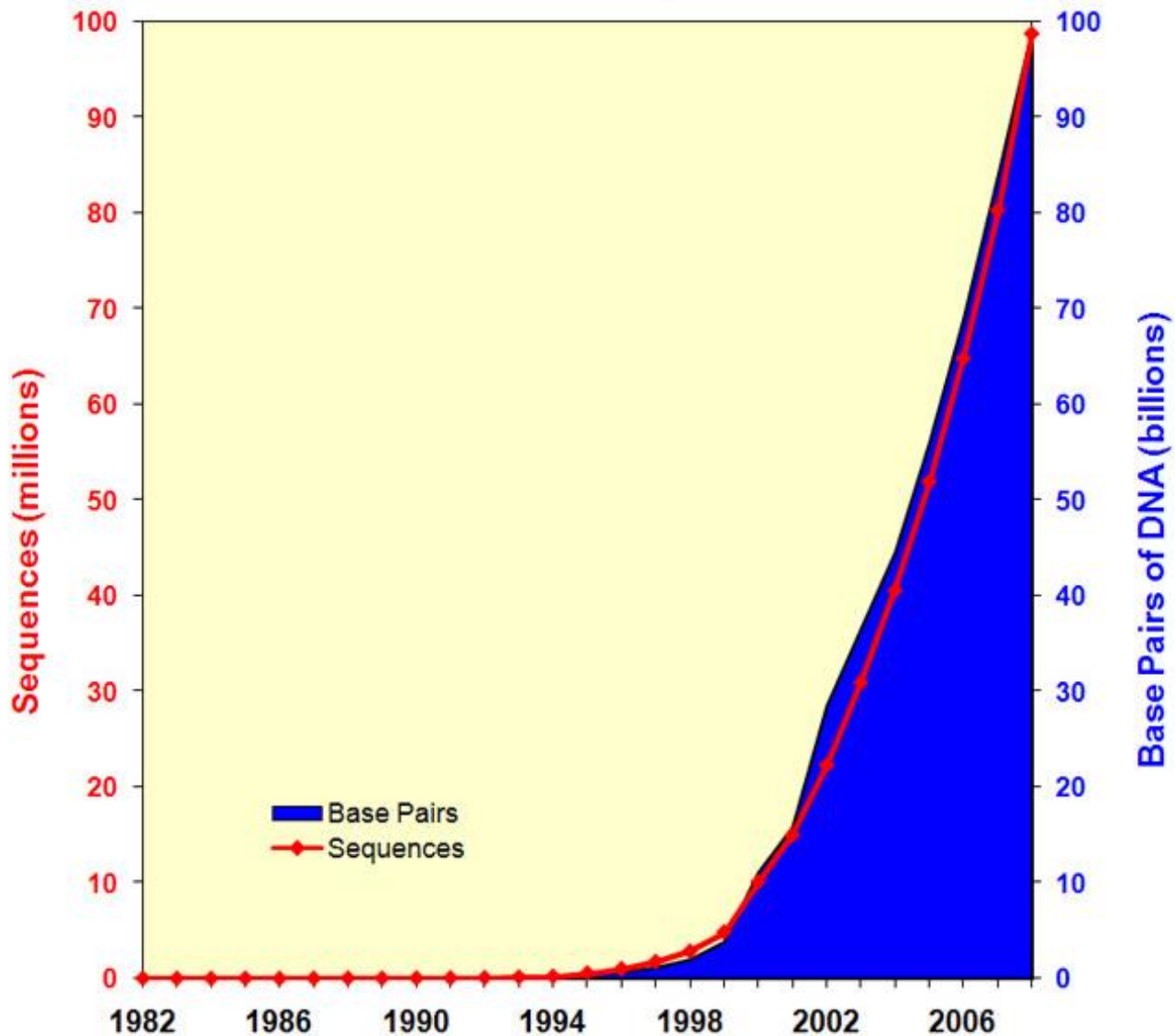
# Nucleotide databases

The underlying raw DNA sequences are identical



**Hundreds of thousands of species are represented**

# Growth of GenBank (1982-2008)



# NCBI nucleotide databases

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

# Protein sequence databases

- NCBI
  - RefSeq and Protein
- EBI
  - Swiss-Prot and TrEMBL → UniProt
- Translated from nucleotide sequence
- Curated
- Combined

# Accession numbers (Identifiers)

Label to **unambiguously identify** a sequence

Examples (all for retinol-binding protein, RBP4):

DNA	X02775	GenBank genomic DNA sequence
	NT_030059	Genomic contig
	Rs7079946	dbSNP (single nucleotide polymorphism)
RNA	N91759.1	An expressed sequence tag (1 of 170)
	NM_006744	RefSeq DNA sequence (from a transcript)
protein	NP_007635	RefSeq protein
	AAC02945	GenBank protein
	Q28369	UniProt protein
	1KT7	Protein Data Bank structure record



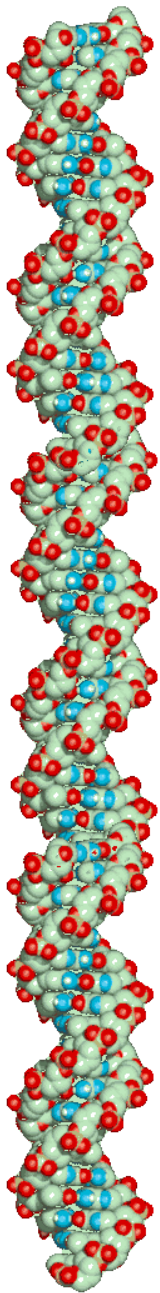
# From Sequence to Genes: where are the genes?

- Gene prediction
  - Extrinsic
    - Search for genes based on observed mRNA / Protein sequences
    - UniGene
  - Ab initio
    - Predict genes based on genomic sequence alone
    - Promoter sequence
    - Poly(A) tail binding sites, CG content (higher in genes), splicing sites

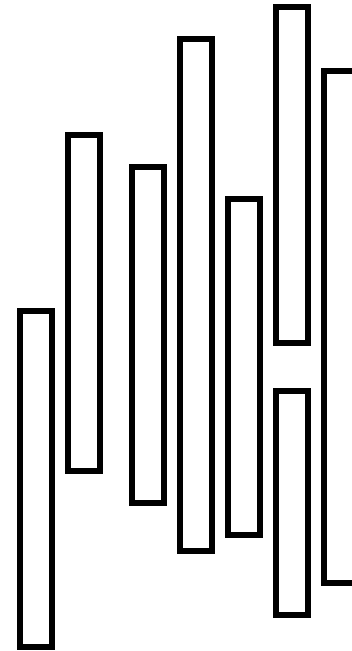
# UniGene

- Predict genes based on ESTs
- EST:
  - DNA sequence corresponding to mRNA from expressed gene
  - ~500 base pairs long
  - Sequenced from a cDNA library
- Cluster ESTs from many cDNA libraries to predict distinct genes

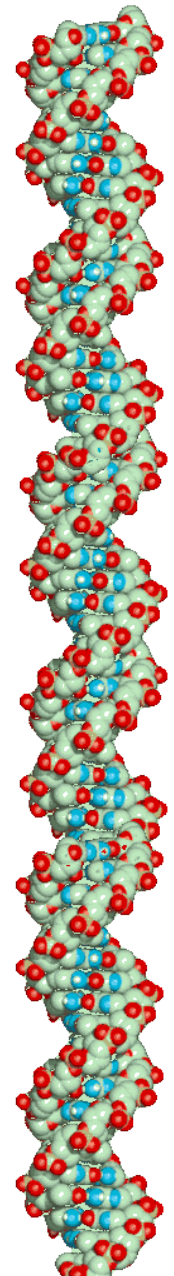
# EST clusters



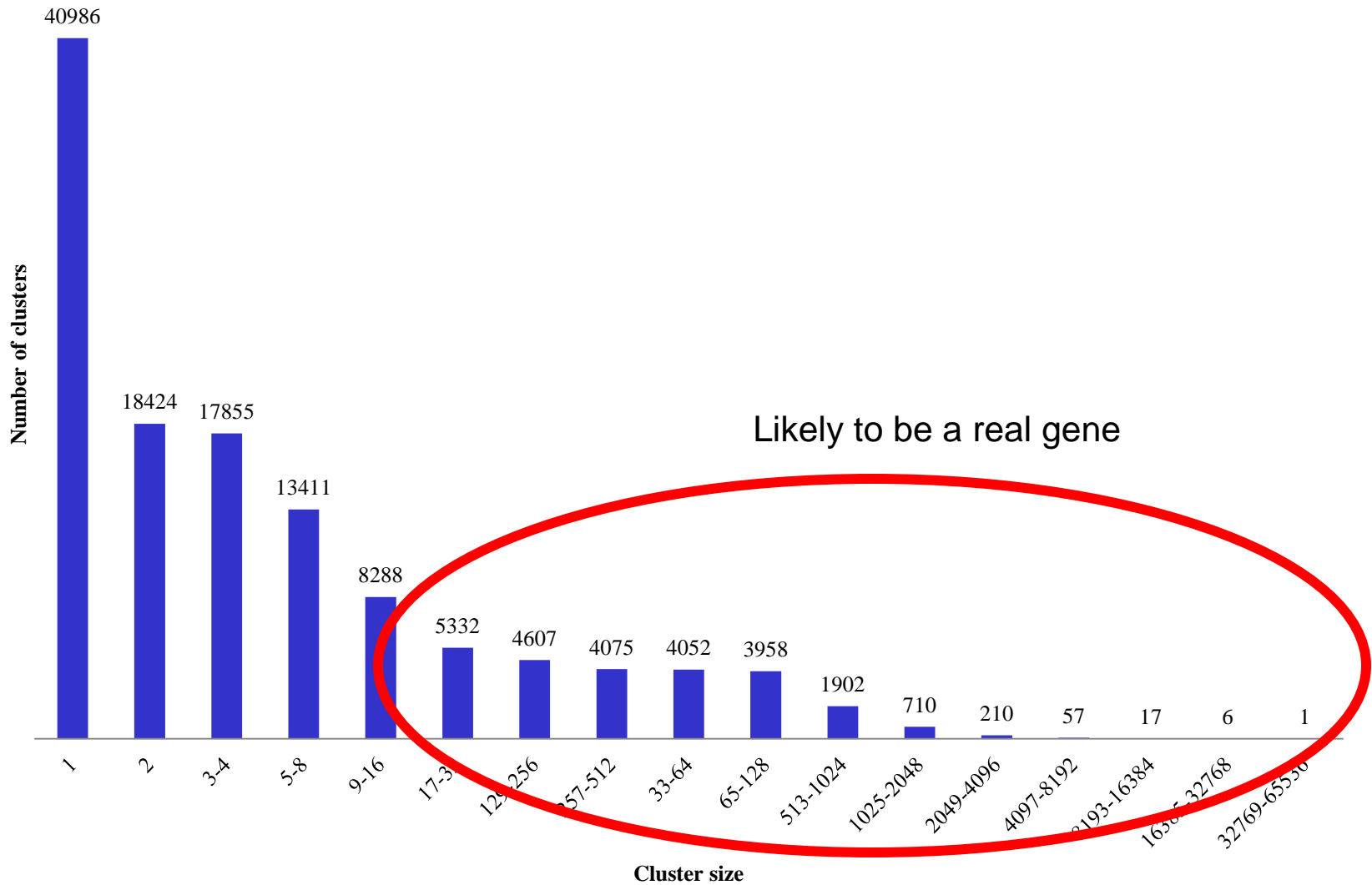
**This is a gene with  
1 EST associated;  
the cluster size is 1**



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



# UniGene clusters



# Ensembl website (1)

Ensembl Genome Browser - Mozilla Firefox

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Ensembl Genome Browser

www.ensembl.org/index.html

ncbi entrez

Ensembl BLAST/BLAT | BioMart | Tools | Downloads | Help & Documentation | Blog | Mirrors

Login Register

Search:  for

e.g. BRCA2 or rat X:100000..200000 or coronary heart disease

## Browse a Genome

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

Click on a link below to go to the species' home page.

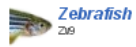
**Popular genomes** ([Log in to customize this list](#))



**Human**  
GRC137



**Mouse**  
NCBIM37



**Zebrafish**  
Zf9

## All genomes

-- Select a species --

[View full list of all Ensembl species](#)

Other species are available in [Ensembl Pre!](#) and [Ensembl Genomes](#)



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and save it to your Ensembl account
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# Ensembl website (2)

Ensembl genome browser 65: Homo sapiens ...

www.ensembl.org/Homo\_sapiens/Location/View?db=core;g=ENSG00000138207;r=10:95351444-95361501;t=ENST00000371467

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Human (GRCh37) Location: 10:95,351,444-95,361,501 Gene: RBP4 Transcript: RBP4-003

**Transcript-based displays**

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**Transcript: RBP4-003 ENST00000371467**

**Description** retinol binding protein 4, plasma [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:9922]

**Location** [Chromosome 10: 95,351,444-95,361,420 reverse strand.](#)

**Gene** This transcript is a product of gene [ENSG00000138207](#) - This gene has 6 transcripts

Name	Transcript ID	Length (bp)	Protein ID	Length (aa)	Biotype	CCDS
RBP4-001	<a href="#">ENST00000371464</a>	1068	<a href="#">ENSP00000360519</a>	201	Protein coding	<a href="#">CCDS31249</a>
RBP4-002	<a href="#">ENST00000371469</a>	1016	<a href="#">ENSP00000360524</a>	199	Protein coding	-
RBP4-003	<a href="#">ENST00000371467</a>	1314	<a href="#">ENSP00000360522</a>	201	Protein coding	<a href="#">CCDS31249</a>
RBP4-201	<a href="#">ENST00000371463</a>	838	<a href="#">ENSP00000360518</a>	199	Protein coding	-
RBP4-004	<a href="#">ENST00000471333</a>	399	No protein product	-	Processed transcript	-
RBP4-005	<a href="#">ENST00000471469</a>	360	No protein product	-	Processed transcript	-

**Transcript and Gene level displays**

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

**Transcript summary help**

Reverse strand 9.98 Kb Export Image

**Statistics** Exons: 6 Transcript length: 1,314 bps Translation length: 201 residues

**CCDS** This transcript is a member of the Human CCDS set: [CCDS31249](#)

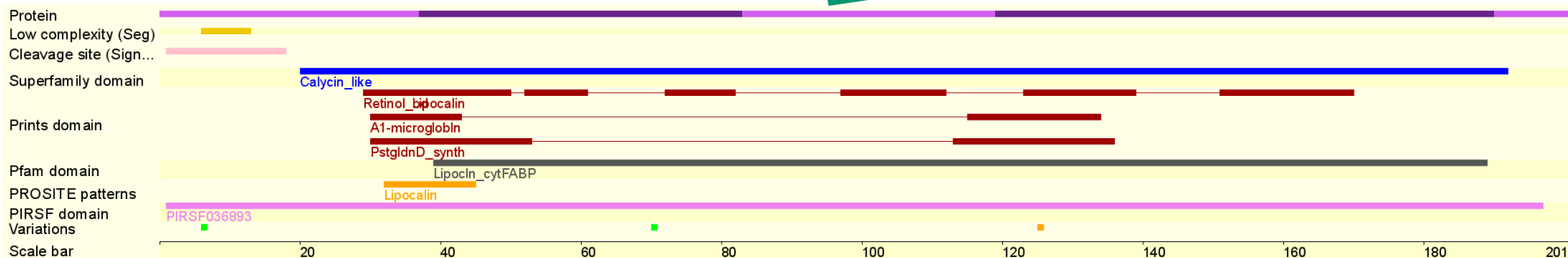
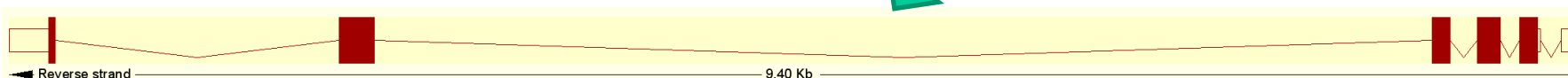
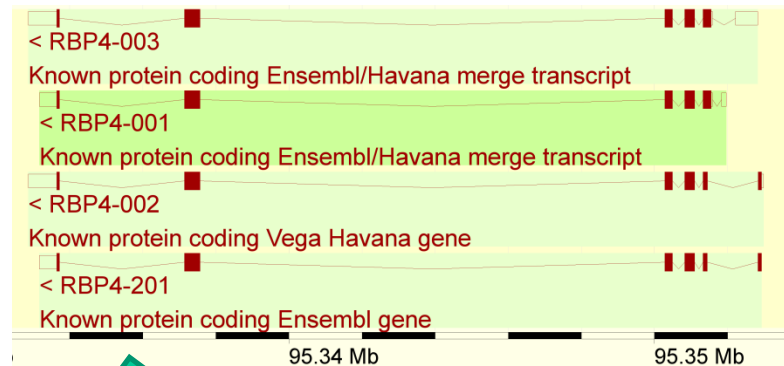
**Type** Known protein coding

**Prediction Method** Manual annotation (determined on a case-by-case basis) from the [Havana](#) project.

**Alternative transcripts** This transcript corresponds to the following database identifiers:  
**Havana transcript:** [OTTHUMT00000049431](#) (version 1) [\[view all locations\]](#)

# Ensembl identifiers

- Gene: ENSG...
- Transcript: ENST...
- Protein: ENSP...



# NCBI website (1)

The screenshot shows the NCBI website in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The address bar shows [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). The search bar is highlighted with a red circle and contains the text "All Databases" and a search button labeled "Search".

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February 21-22, 2012 @ the NIH: Space 24 Jan 2012

New NCBI Newsletter 01 Dec 2011  
Information on the new Genome Site, a new 16S BLAST database. updates to 13 Oct 2011

NCBI will continue to operate SRA 13 Oct 2011  
Subsequent to an announcement in February 2011 that NCBI was planning to 13 Oct 2011

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Search across databases  GO Clear Help

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<b>Nucleotide:</b> Core subset of nucleotide sequence records	<b>dbGaP:</b> genotype and phenotype
<b>EST:</b> Expressed Sequence Tag records	<b>UniGene:</b> gene-oriented clusters of transcript sequences
<b>GSS:</b> Genome Survey Sequence records	<b>CDD:</b> conserved protein domain database
<b>Protein:</b> sequence database	<b>Clone:</b> integrated data for clone resources
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<b>Taxonomy:</b> organisms in GenBank	<b>GEO Profiles:</b> expression and molecular abundance profiles
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# NCBI identifiers

- RefSeq:
  - Chromosome: NC\_
  - mRNA: NM\_
  - Protein: NP\_
- Genbank:
  - Many types of IDs
- Entrez gene ID:
  - Number
- OMIM ID:
  - Number
- Pubmed ID:
  - Number
- UniGene ID:
  - Abbreviation of species.number (e.g. Hs.50223)