

CMSC423: Bioinformatic Algorithms, Databases and Tools

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Lecture #2

9/4/2012

Molecular Biology primer

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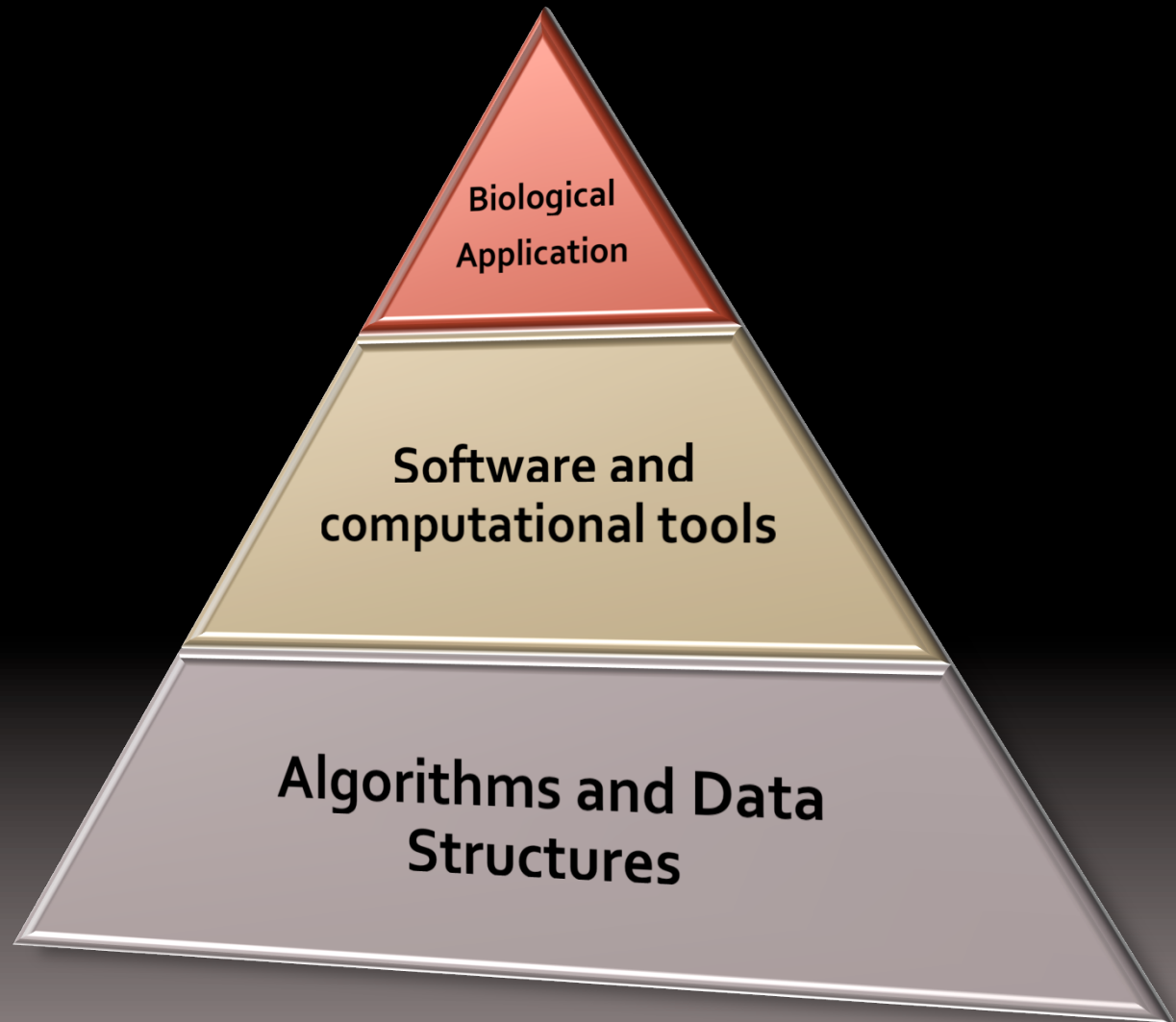
- Review website
 - Recommend books
 - Supplemental reading material
- Have you tried your glue accounts?
 - Part of HW₁ will require you to use glue system
 - Let's try it out
- Issues/concerns/questions about class and policies?
 - Attendance policy important



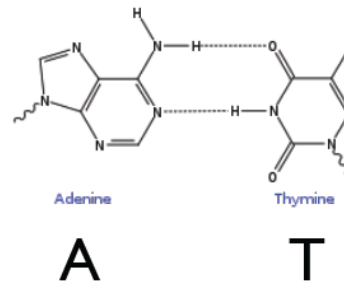
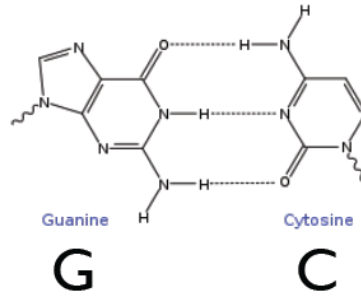
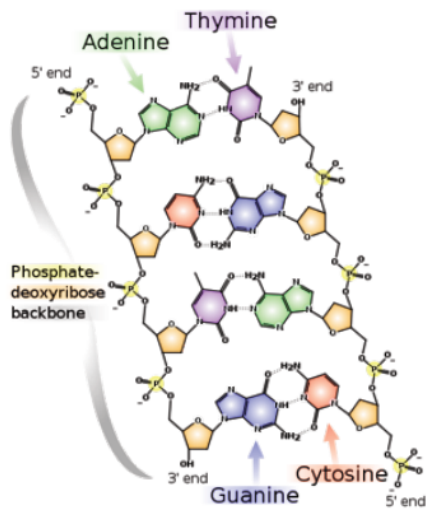
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- TA
 - Milad Gholami
 - Mondays & Wednesdays 9-11am
 - Everyone know where the TA office is located?
- Grades will be available through the grade server `grades.cs.umd.edu`
- **Frontiers in Genomics symposium (free!)**
 - **Excellent speakers**
 - **October 18th, from 8:45am to 3pm**
 - **RSVP to `igs-event@som.umaryland.edu`**

Bioinformatics



DNA



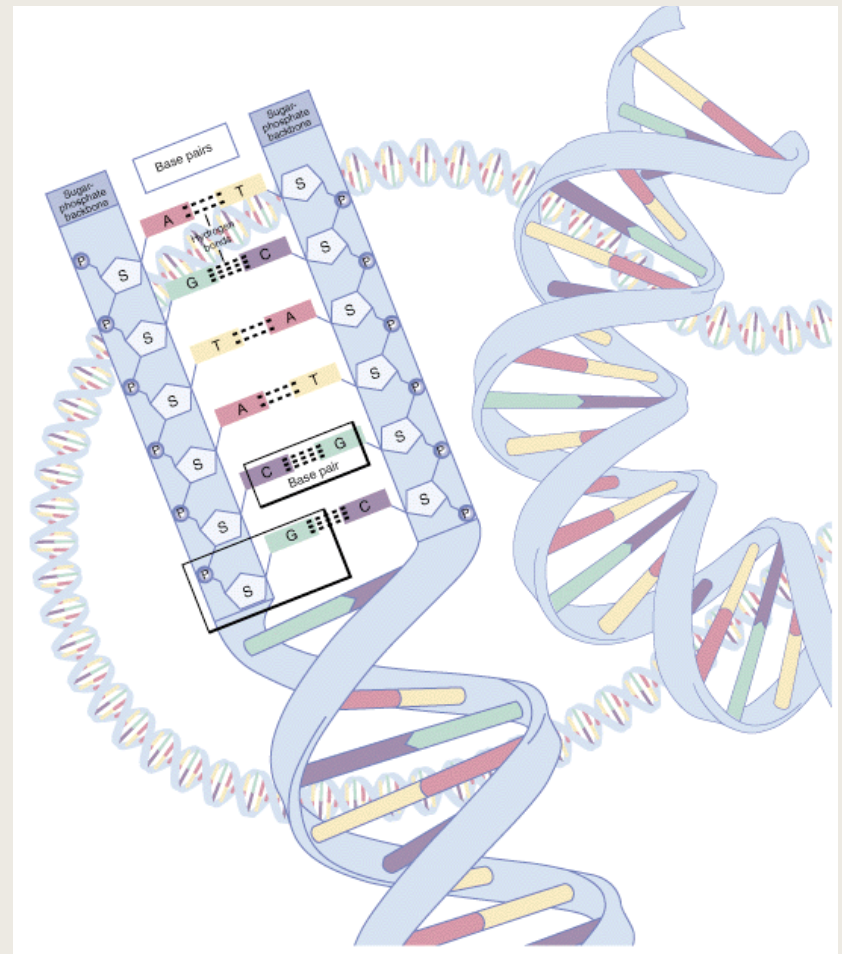
Documents of evolutionary history

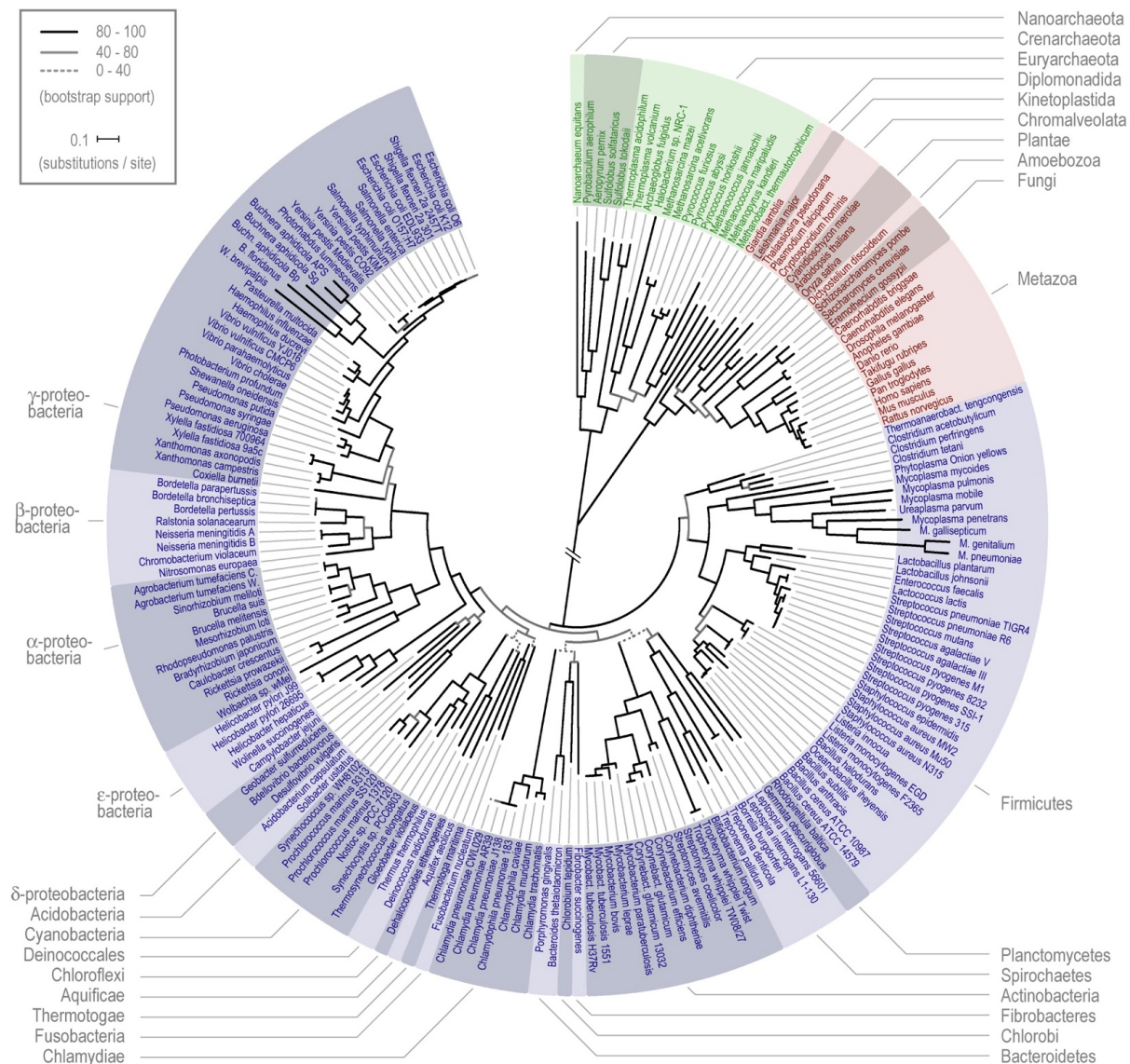
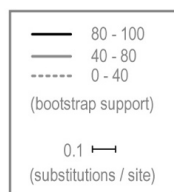
The four nucleotides in DNA contain the bases: guanine (**G**), cytosine (**C**), adenine (**A**), and uracil (**U**), read as thymine (**T**) in DNA.

The **genome** of an organism contains its hereditary information and is encoded in its DNA .

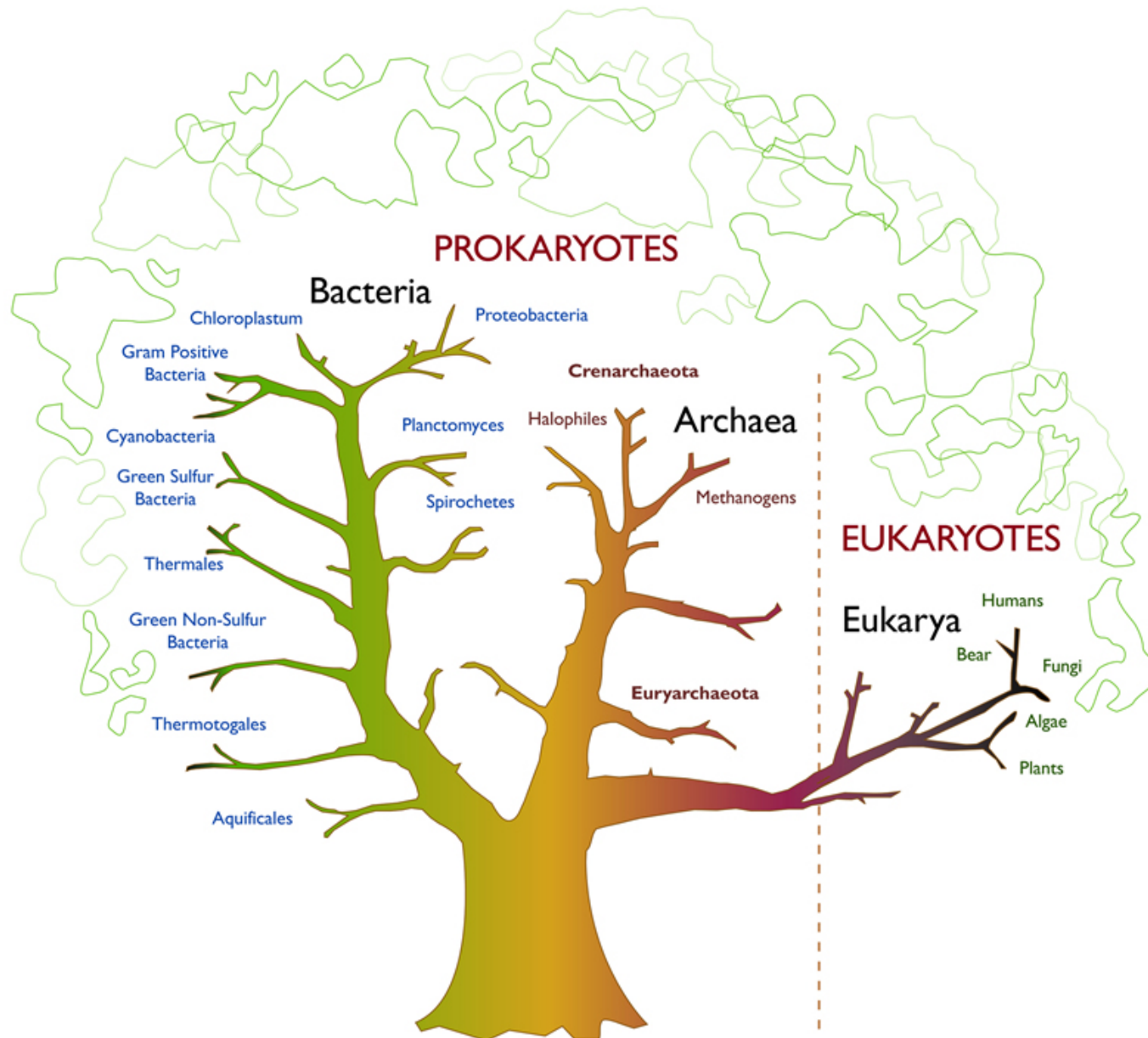
In 1965, Zuckerkandl and Pauling described an organisms DNA as “Documents of Evolutionary History”

See reading material !





Tree of Life



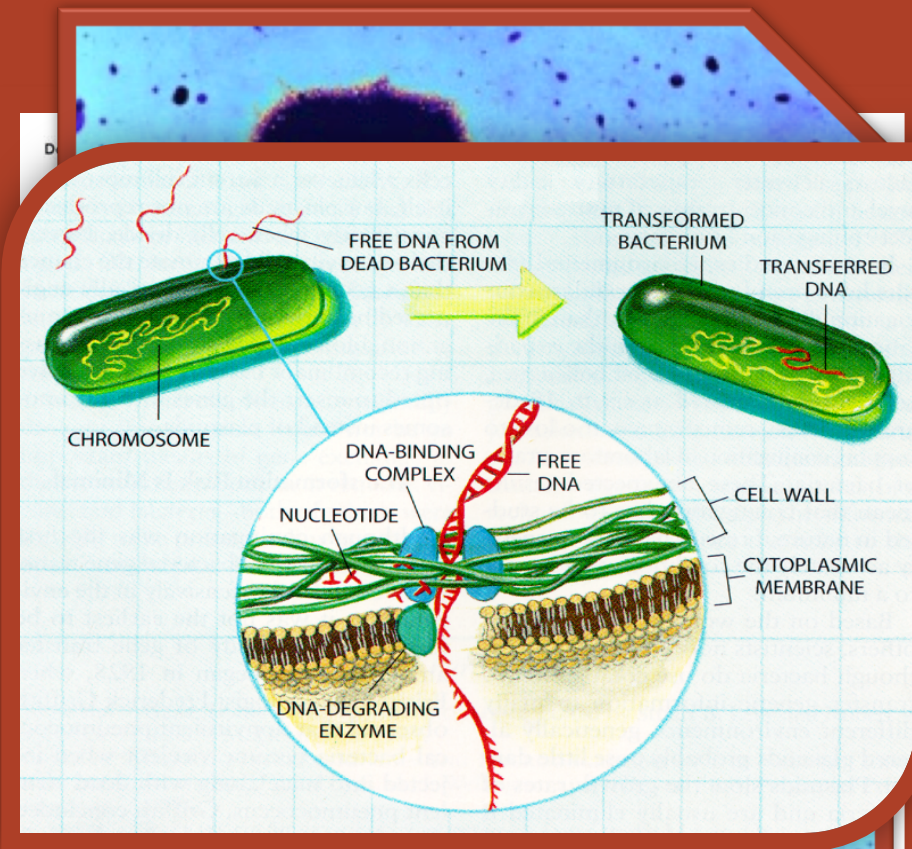
However, there are some exceptions



Genetic Exchange in bacteria

There are three main ways which a bacteria can gain new genetic material (DNA) from donor bacterium:

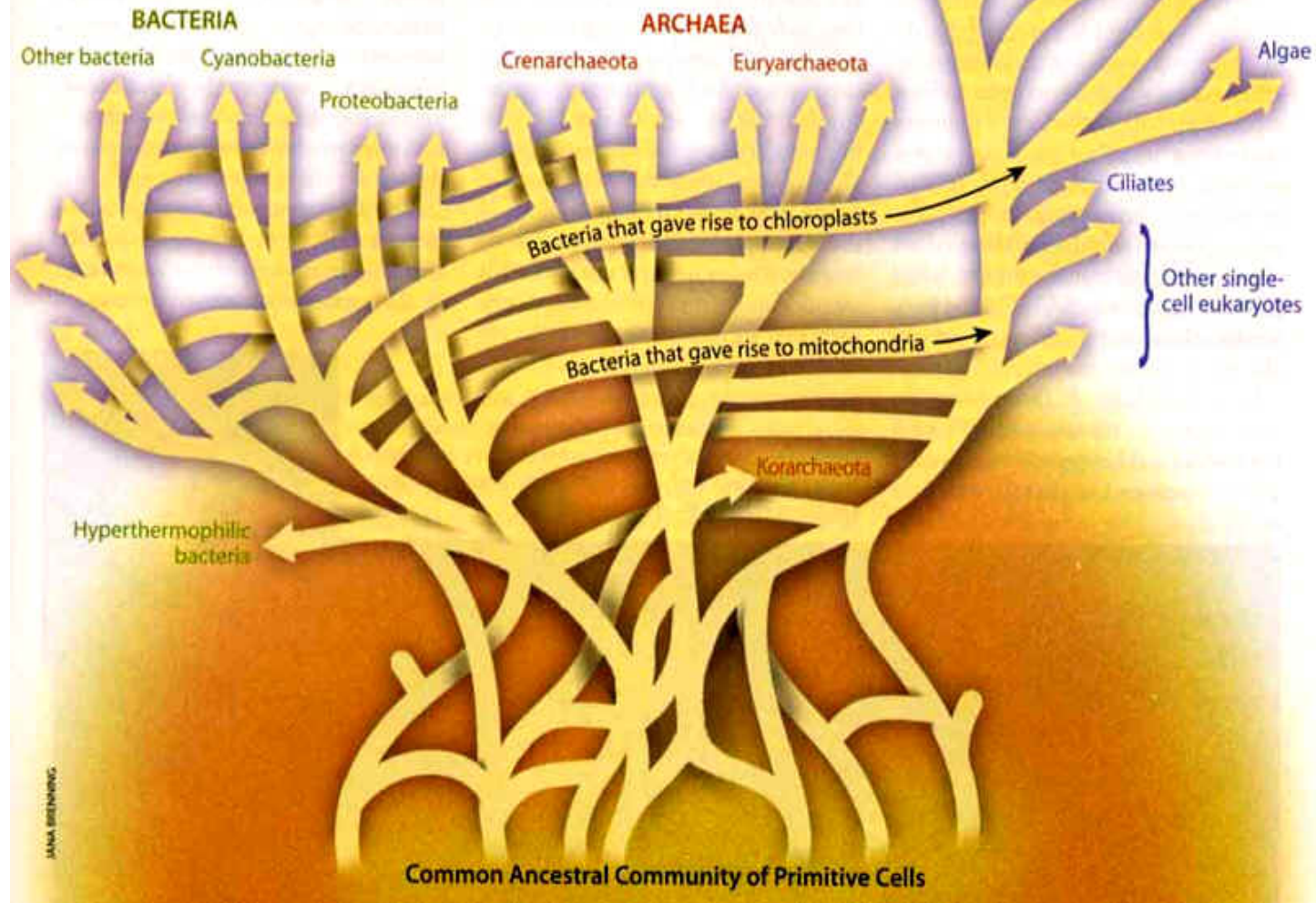
- 1. **Conjugation:** Transfer from one bacteria to another via a pilus. (Lederberg and Tatum, 1946)
- 2. **Transduction:** Transfer of DNA is mediated by a bacteriophage . (Zinder and Linderberg, 1952)
- 3. **Transformation:** DNA is taken up from the environment (Griffith 1928)



Miller RV (1996) Sci. Am. 278, 66-71

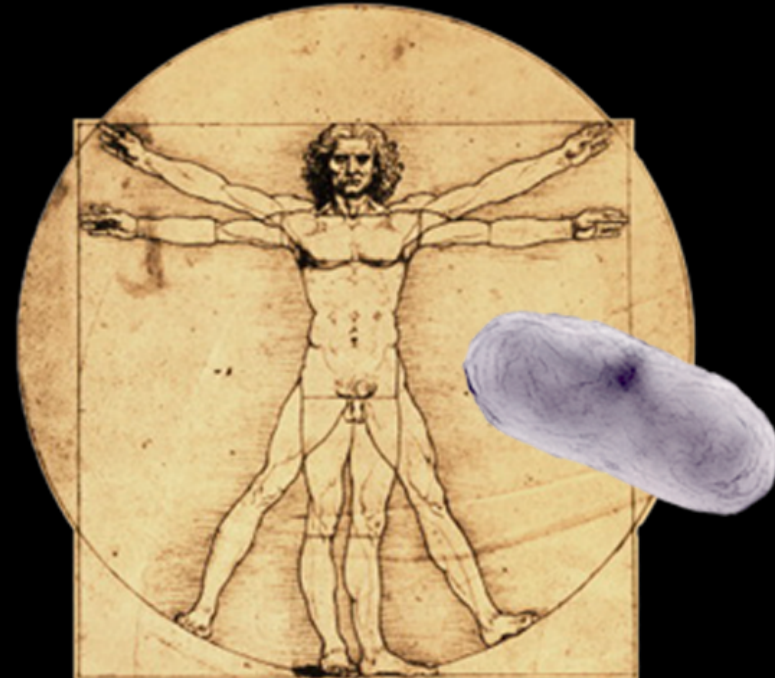
Benjamin Curran

REVISED "TREE" OF LIFE retains a treelike structure at the top of the eukaryotic domain and acknowledges that eukaryotes obtained mitochondria and chloroplasts from bacteria. But it also includes an extensive network of untreetlike links between branches. Those links have been inserted somewhat randomly to symbolize the rampant lateral gene transfer of single or multiple genes that has always occurred between unicellular organisms. This "tree" also lacks a single cell at the root; the three major domains of life probably arose from a population of primitive cells that differed in their genes.

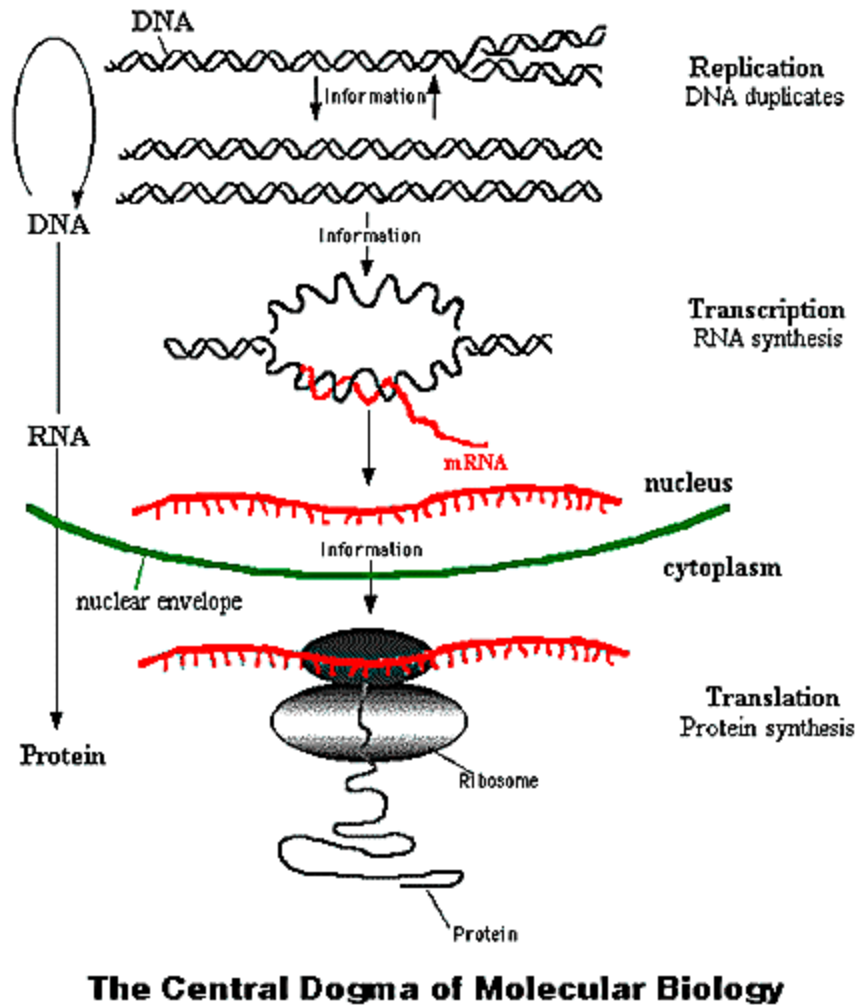


Extended view of ourselves as a lifeform

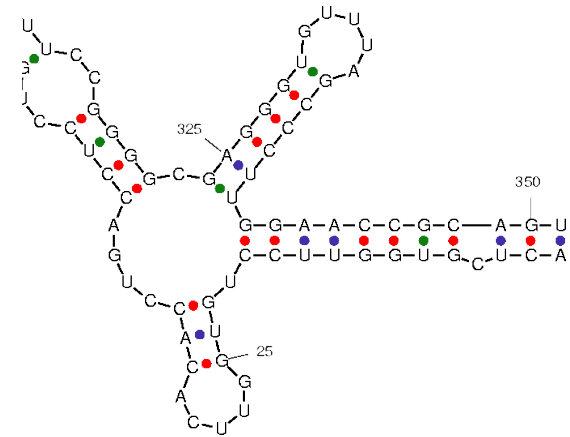
- We are composite of species: a 'supra-organism'
- Our microbial census exceeds the total number of our own human cells by ~10 fold
- Our largest collection of microbes resides in the intestine (~10-100 trillion organisms)
- The aggregate genomes of these gut species (microbiome) may contain >100 fold more genes than our 'own' genome
- The microbiome is an integral part of our genetic landscape ('human metagenome') and of our genetic evolution



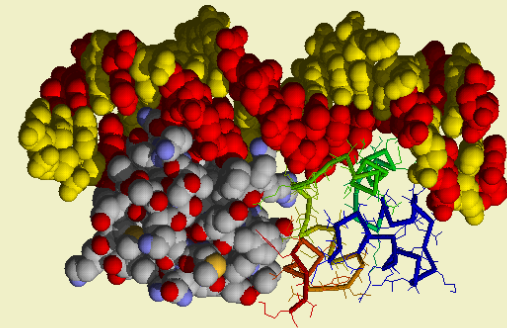
Central dogma



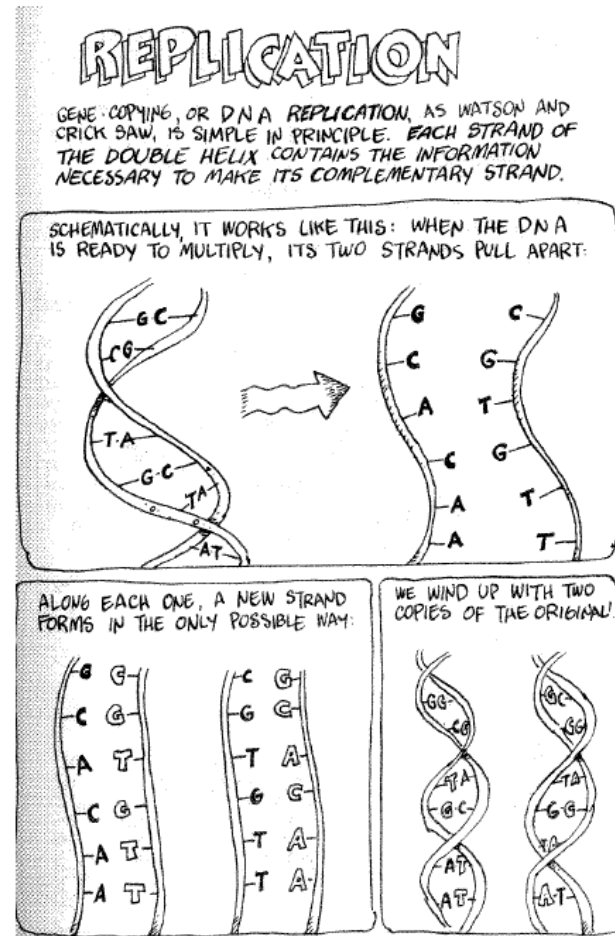
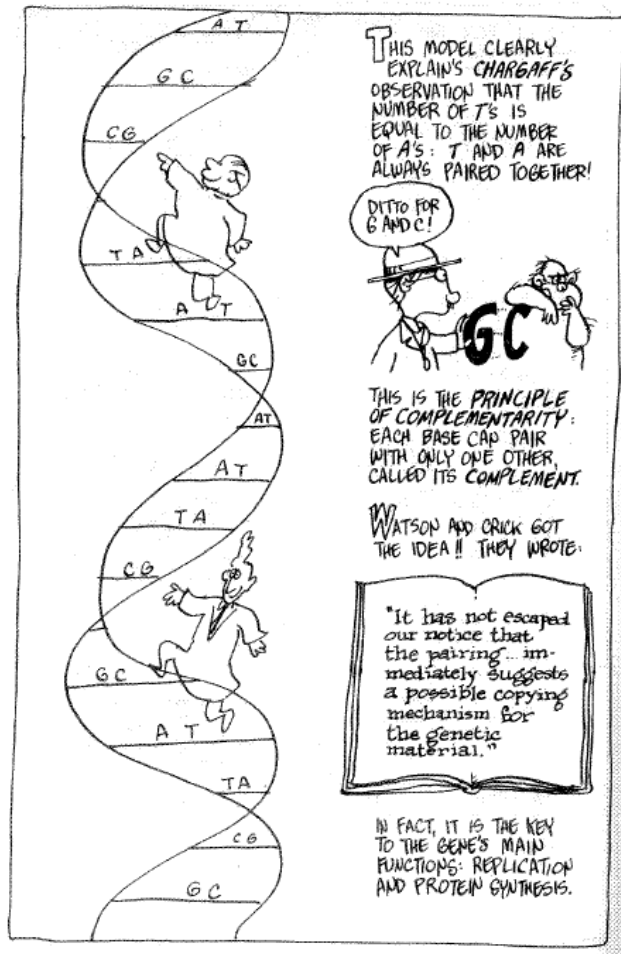
AGGTACGCGTACCTGACAGG



Phage CRO Repressor on DNA. Andrew Coulson & Roger Sayle with RasMol, University of Edinburgh, 1993



DNA Replication



The Cartoon Guide to Genetics
Larry Gonick & Mark Wheelis, 1983

Genes, transcription, translation

- DNA – RNA - Thymine replaced by Uracil (T-U)

- The transcribed segments are called genes

ACCGUACC**AUG**UUA . . . AUAGGC**UGA**GCA

- AUG – start codon (also amino-acid Methionine)
- UAA, UAG, UGA – stop codons
- Genes are read in sets of 3 nucleotides during translation – $4^3 = 64$ possible combinations
- Each combination codes for one of 20 amino-acids – the building blocks for proteins

Amino-acid translation table

		Second letter					
		U	C	A	G		
First letter	U	UUU } Phe UUC } UUA } Leu UUG }	UCU } UCC } Ser UCA } UCG }	UAU } Tyr UAC } UAA Stop UAG Stop	UGU } Cys UGC } UGA Stop UGG Trp	U C A G	Third letter
	C	CUU } CUC } Leu CUA } CUG }	CCU } CCC } Pro CCA } CCG }	CAU } His CAC } CAA } Gln CAG }	CGU } CGC } Arg CGA } CGG }	U C A G	
	A	AUU } AUC } Ile AUA } AUG Met	ACU } ACC } Thr ACA } ACG }	AAU } Asn AAC } AAA } Lys AAG }	AGU } Ser AGC } AGA } Arg AGG }	U C A G	
	G	GUU } GUC } Val GUA } GUG }	GCU } GCC } Ala GCA } GCG }	GAU } Asp GAC } GAA } Glu GAG }	GGU } GGC } Gly GGA } GGG }	U C A G	

DNA in the computer

- FASTA/multi-FASTA file format

```
>gi|110227054|gb|AE004091.2| Pseudomonas aeruginosa PA01, complete  
genome  
TTTAAAGAGACCGGCGATTCTAGTGAAATCGAACGGGCAGGTCAATTTCCAACCAGCGATGACGTAATAG  
ATAGATACAAGGAAGTCATTTTTCTTTTAAAGGATAGAAACGGTTAATGCTCTTGGGACGGCGCTTTTCT  
GTGCATAACTCGATGAAGCCCAGCAATTGCGTGTTTCTCCGGCAGGCAAAAGGTTGTCGAGAACCGGTGT  
CGAGGCTGTTTCCTTCCTGAGCGAAGCCTGGGGATGAACGAGATGGTTATCCACAGCGGTTTTTTCCACA  
CGGCTGTGCGCAGGGATGTACCCCCTTCAAAGCAAGGGTTATCCACAAAGTCCAGGACGACCGTCCGTCG
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- Parsers easy to write, also available in a variety of software libraries

Genes/proteins in the computer

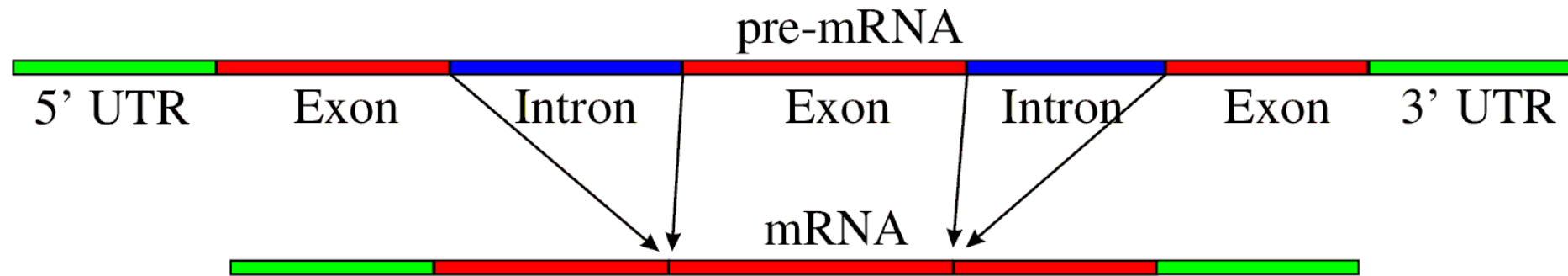
- `>gi|15596155|ref|NP_249649.1| basic amino acid,`
 - `MKVMKWSAIALAVSAGSTQFAVADAFVSDQAEAKGFIEDSSLDLLLRNYYFNRDGKSGSGDRVDWTQGFL`
 - `TTYESGFTQGTVGFGVDAFGYLGLKLDGTSDKTGTGNLPVMNDGKPRDDYSRAGGAVKVRISKTMLKWGE`
 - `MQPTAPVFAAGGSRLFPQTATGFQLQSSEFEGLDLEAGHFTEGKEPTTVKSRGELYATYAGETAKSADFI`
 - `GGRYAITDNLSASLYGAELEDIYRQYYLNSNYTIPLASDQSLGFDFNIYRTNDEGKAKAGDISNTTWSLA`
 - `AAYTLDAHTFTLAYQKVHGDQPFDYIGFGRNGSGAGGDSIFLANSVQYSDFNGPGEKSWQARYDLNLASY`
 - `GVPGLTFMVRYINGKDIDGTKMSDNNVG YKNYGYGEDGKHHETNLEAKYVVQSGPAKDLSFRIRQAWHRA`
 - `NADQGEGDQNEFRLIVDYPLSIL`
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- Same FASTA/multi-FASTA but with bigger alphabet

Genes/proteins in the computer

- gene complement(1043983..1045314)
- /gene="oprD"
- /locus_tag="PA0958"
- CDS complement(1043983..1045314)
- /gene="oprD"
- /locus_tag="PA0958"
- /note="Product name confidence: Class 1 (Function experimentally demonstrated in *P. aeruginosa*)"
- /codon_start=1
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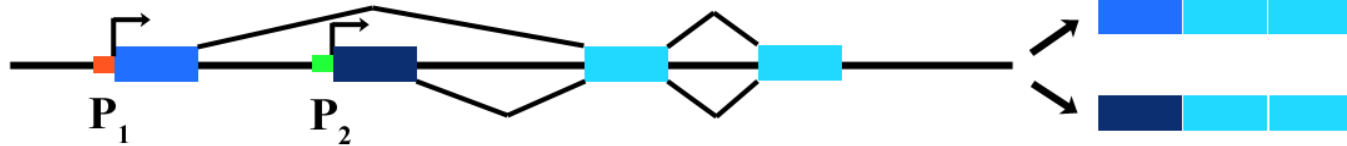
- GenBank file format

Translation – complications

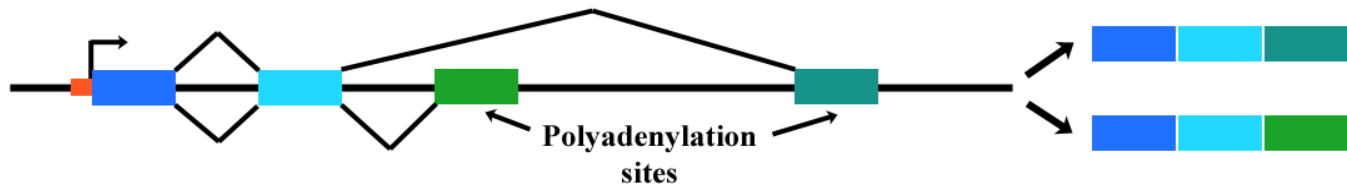


Alternative splicing examples

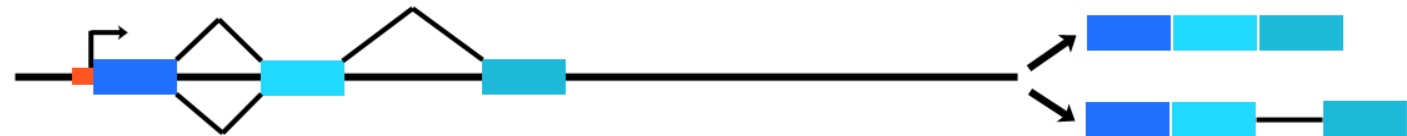
(a) Alternative selection of promoters (e.g., *myosin* primary transcript)



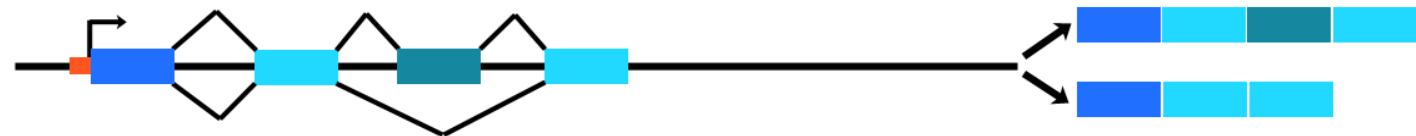
(b) Alternative selection of cleavage/polyadenylation sites (e.g., *tropomyosin* transcript)



(c) Intron retaining mode (e.g., *transposase* primary transcript)



(d) Exon cassette mode (e.g., *troponin* primary transcript)



RECAP

- DNA is a string formed with letters A, C, T, G (called nucleotides or bases)
- DNA is double-stranded – allows replication: transfer of genetic “code” from parents to offspring
- DNA is naturally oriented from 5′ to 3′ and the two strands are anti-parallel
- If you know the sequence of one strand, you can obtain the sequence of the other by reverse-complementation

5′ AGACCTAGTGCACGGCTACTACC 3′

5′ CCATCATCGGCACGTGATCCAGA 3′ Reverse

5′ GGTAGTAGCCGTGCACTAGGTCT 3′ Complement

RECAP

- Central Dogma of molecular biology:
 - DNA – RNA (transcription)
 - RNA – Protein (translation)
- The transcribed segments of DNA are called “genes”
- Translation occurs in sets of 3 nucleotides – codons
- Each codon encodes one of 20 amino-acids and 3 stop-codons
- In eukaryotes the genes may be split into multiple exons, separated by introns: DNA segments that will not get translated
- The protein is translated from an RNA representing the concatenation of the exons of the gene

The “new” biology

- DNA is not the only heritable information
 - Epigenetic information: RNA molecules, DNA methylation patterns (affects coiling on DNA on histones)
- Complex regulation patterns
 - Genes turn on other genes
 - Genes inhibit other genes
 - RNA interference – small RNA molecules can destroy specific transcripts (down-regulate production)

Playing with DNA

- Biologists can:
- Cut the DNA – restriction enzymes (often palindromes)
(Nobel prize – Arber, Nathans, Smith)

5'GAATTC
3'CTTAAG

5'---G
3'---CTTAA

AATTC---3'
G---5'

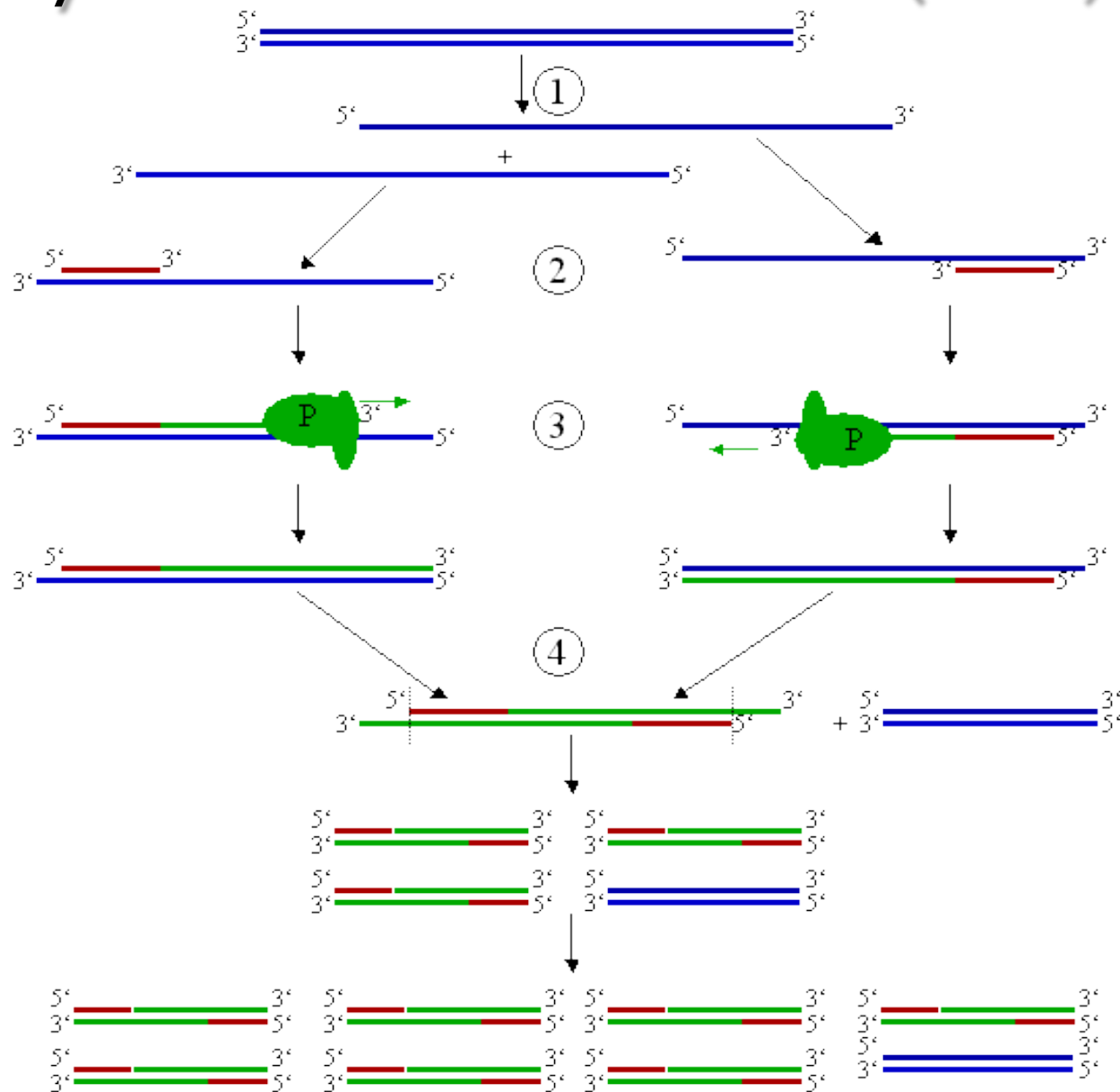
- Attach “things” to DNA (either single or double-strand)

TAGGCACGTTGCAACTACGGC

TGCAACGT

- “Amplify” DNA – Polymerase Chain Reaction
(Nobel prize – Mullis)

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)



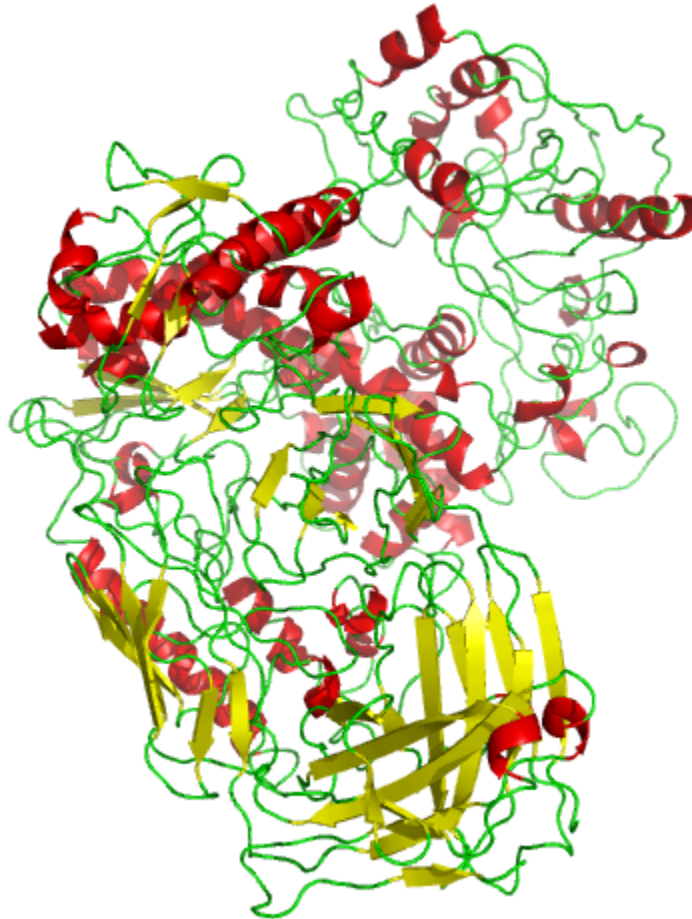
1. Denature

2. Anneal (attach primer)

3. Extend

4. Repeat

Taq polymerase



DNA sequencing

- Most techniques “trick” the polymerase into revealing the sequence
- The traditional method – Sanger sequencing – based on “terminator” bases – prevent the polymerase from extending the DNA
- Sanger sequencing is essentially PCR + terminator bases
- Other methods “spy” on the polymerase as it incorporates nucleotides

Milestones in Molecular Biology

Nature Vol. 265 February 24 1977 687

articles

Nucleotide sequence of bacteriophage Φ X174 DNA

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A DNA sequence for the genome of bacteriophage Φ X174 of approximately 5,375 nucleotides has been determined using the rapid and simple 'plus and minus' method. The sequence identifies many of the features responsible for the production of the proteins of the virus known genes of the organism, including initiation and termination sites for the proteins and RNAs. Two pairs of genes are coded by the same region of DNA using different reading frames.

The genome of bacteriophage Φ X174 is a single-stranded, circular DNA of approximately 5,400 nucleotides coding for nine known proteins. The order of these genes, as determined by genetic techniques^{1,2}, is A-B-C-D-E-J-F-G-H. Genes F, G and H code for structural proteins of the virus capsid, and gene J (as defined by sequence work) codes for a small basic protein

strand DNA of Φ X has the same sequence as the mRNA and, in certain conditions, will bind ribosomes so that a protected fragment can be isolated and sequenced. Only one major site was found. By comparison with the amino acid sequence data it was found that this ribosome binding site sequence coded for the initiation of the gene G protein³ (positions 2,362-2,413).

At this stage sequencing techniques using primer synthesis with DNA polymerase were being developed⁴ and Schen⁵ synthesised a deoxynucleotide with a sequence complementary to part of the ribosome binding site. This was used to prime into the intergenic region between the F and G genes, using DNA polymerase and ³²P-labelled triphosphates⁶. The ribo-substitution technique^{7,8} facilitated the sequence determination of the labelled DNA product. This deoxynucleotide-primed system was also used to develop the plus and minus method⁹. Suitable synthetic primers are, however, difficult to prepare and an

1977

1st Complete Organism

Bacteriophage ϕ X174

5375 bp



Radioactive Chain Termination
5000bp / week / person

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sequencing.jpg>
<http://www.answers.com/topic/automated-sequencer>

Nucleotide sequence of bacteriophage ϕ X174 DNA
Sanger, F. et al. (1977) *Nature*. 265: 687 - 695

<http://schatzlab.cshl.edu/teaching>

Milestones in Molecular Biology



1995

Fleischmann *et al.*
1st Free Living Organism
TIGR Assembler. 1.8Mbp



2000

Myers *et al.*
1st Large WGS Assembly.
Celera Assembler. 116 Mbp



2001

Venter *et al.* / IHGSC
Human Genome
Celera Assembler. 2.9 Gbp

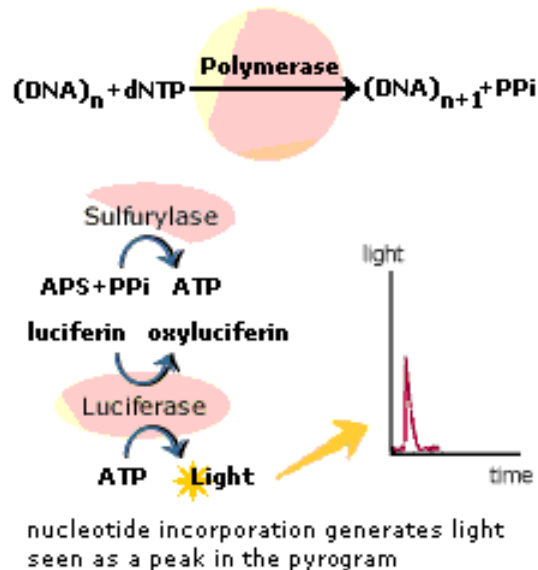
ABI 3700: 500 bp reads x 768 samples / day = 384,000 bp / day.

"The machine was so revolutionary that it could decode in a single day the same amount of genetic material that most DNA labs could produce in a year." J. Craig Venter

The future of sequencing

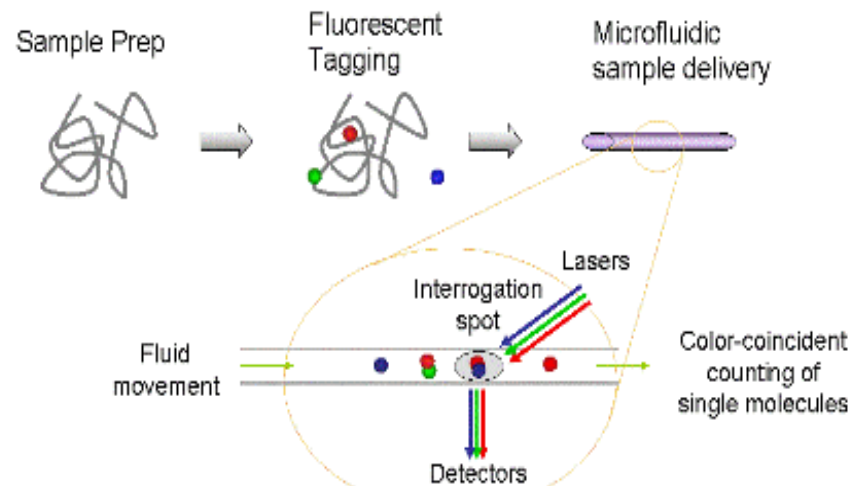
- Single molecule sequencing - current technology requires many copies of DNA being sequenced - requires DNA amplification
- Massively-parallel sequencing - 100k sequencing reactions occurring at the same time

Sequencing by synthesis



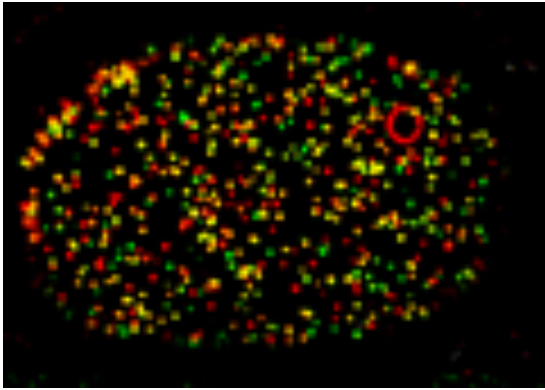
TCTAATAGA
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Micro-fluidics



The future of sequencing

Massively parallel sequencing



<http://arep.med.harvard.edu/>

- each spot is a molecule or amplified from one molecule
- image processing used to track molecules during sequencing by synthesis
- often micro-fluidics/lab-on-a-chip used

- More on this in two weeks!

The evolution of DNA sequencing

Since	Technology	Read length	Throughput/run	Throughput/hour	cost/run
1977-	Sanger sequencing	> 1000bp	4hr 400-500 kbp	100 kbp	\$200
2005-	454 pyrosequencing	250-400bp	4hr 100-500 Mbp	25-100 Mbp	\$13,000
2006-	Illumina/Solexa	50-100bp	3 days 2-3 Gbp	25-40 Mbp	\$3,000
2007-	ABI SOLiD	35-50bp	3 days 6-20 Gbp	75-250 Mbp	est. \$3-5,000
2010-	Illumina HiSeq 2000	2X100 bp	11 days 600 Gbp	2200 Mbp	~\$30,000
2010-	Pacific Biosciences single molecule	1-10 kbp	1 day 2.4 Gbp	100 Mbp	\$1,000
2012-	Oxford Nanopore	80-100 kbp	?	?	?

In the news (more info on website)

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A High-Coverage Genome Sequence from an Archaic Denisovan Individual

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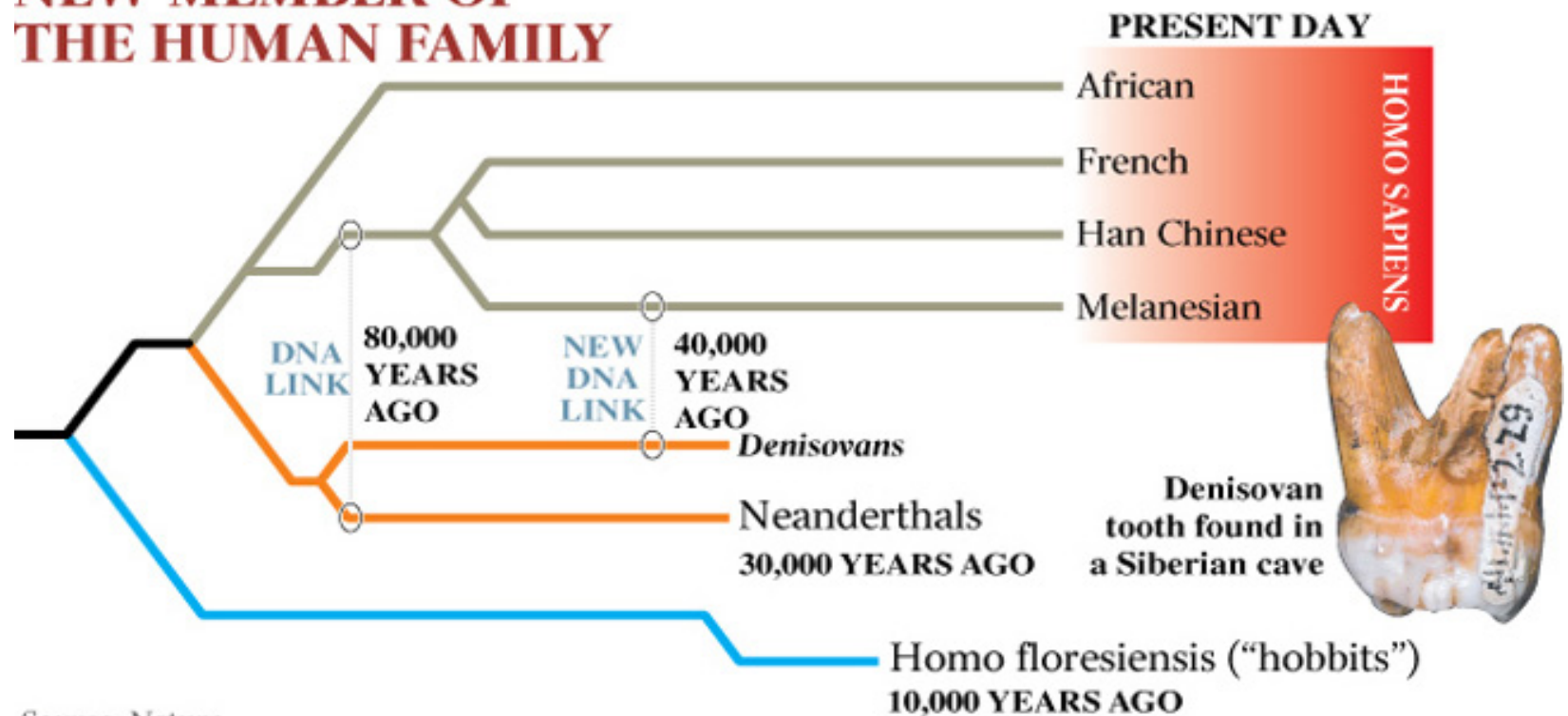
ABSTRACT

We present a DNA library preparation method that has allowed us to reconstruct a high-coverage (30X) genome sequence of a Denisovan, an extinct relative of Neandertals. The quality of this genome allows a direct estimation of Denisovan heterozygosity, indicating that genetic diversity in these archaic hominins was extremely low. It also allows tentative dating of the specimen on the basis of “missing evolution” in its genome, detailed measurements of Denisovan and Neandertal admixture into present-day human populations, and the generation of a near-complete catalog of genetic changes that swept to high frequency in modern humans since their divergence from Denisovans.

DNA sequenced from bone is 30,000 to 50,000 years old!

Documents of evolutionary history

NEW MEMBER OF THE HUMAN FAMILY



Source: Nature

Recap

- Central dogma of biology: DNA -> RNA -> Proteins
 - DNA encodes genes, most of which encode for proteins (via the genetic code)
 - Proteins perform much of the work of the cell.
 - RNA acts as an intermediate step (it also has other functions as well)
- Huge amount of data now available, need algorithms to make sense of it.

Notes & next lecture

- Homework #1 is posted
- Slides will be posted shortly
- Reading material is posted
- Next lecture:
 - Bioinformatics programming, DBs
 - Go over project specification
 - Might start string comparison