

1. Bioinformatics and Computational tools for high-throughput analysis of biological data

1. Bioinformatics and Big problems in Biology
2. Next Generation Sequencing, Genome assembling and bacterial gene identification
3. HMM eukaryotic gene finding, fast sequence reads alignment, big data analysis

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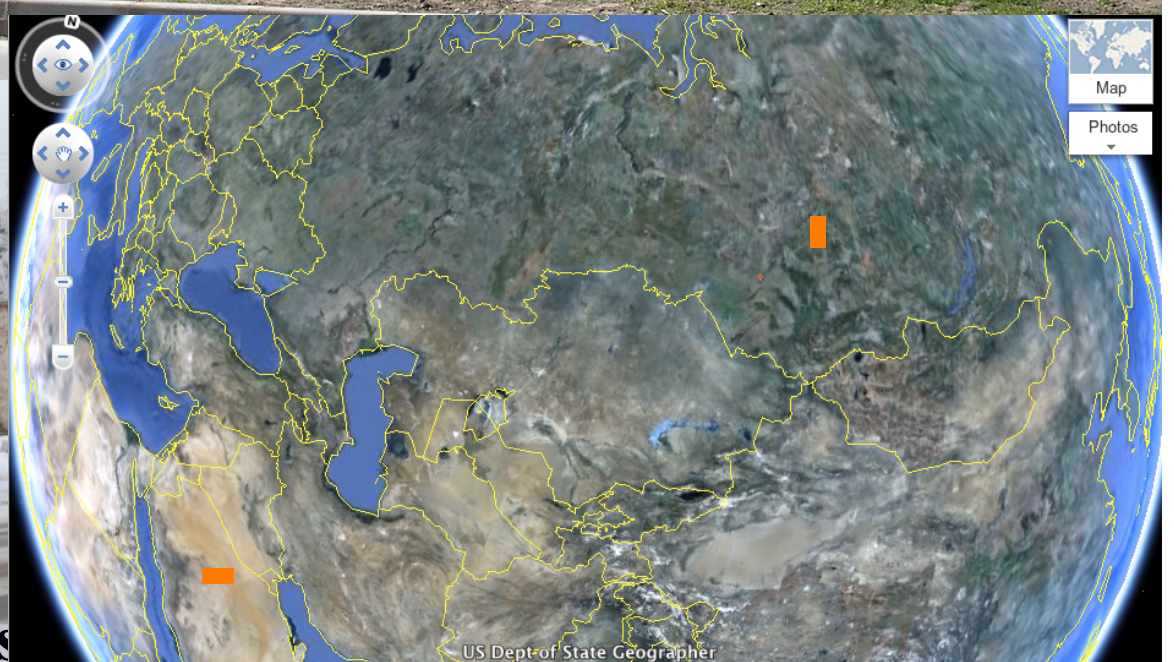
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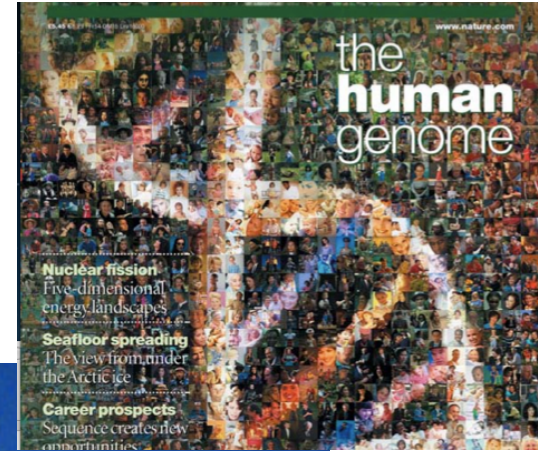
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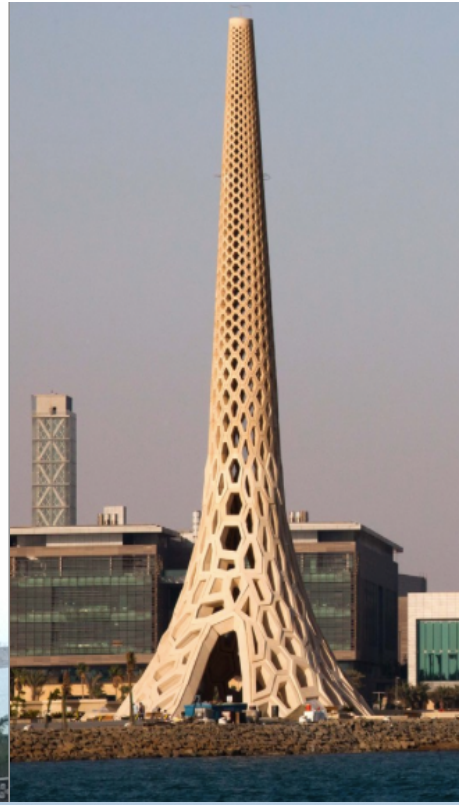
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Bioinformatics - The application of computer science and mathematics to solve biological problems

Biologists

collect molecular data:
DNA & Protein sequences,
gene expression, etc.

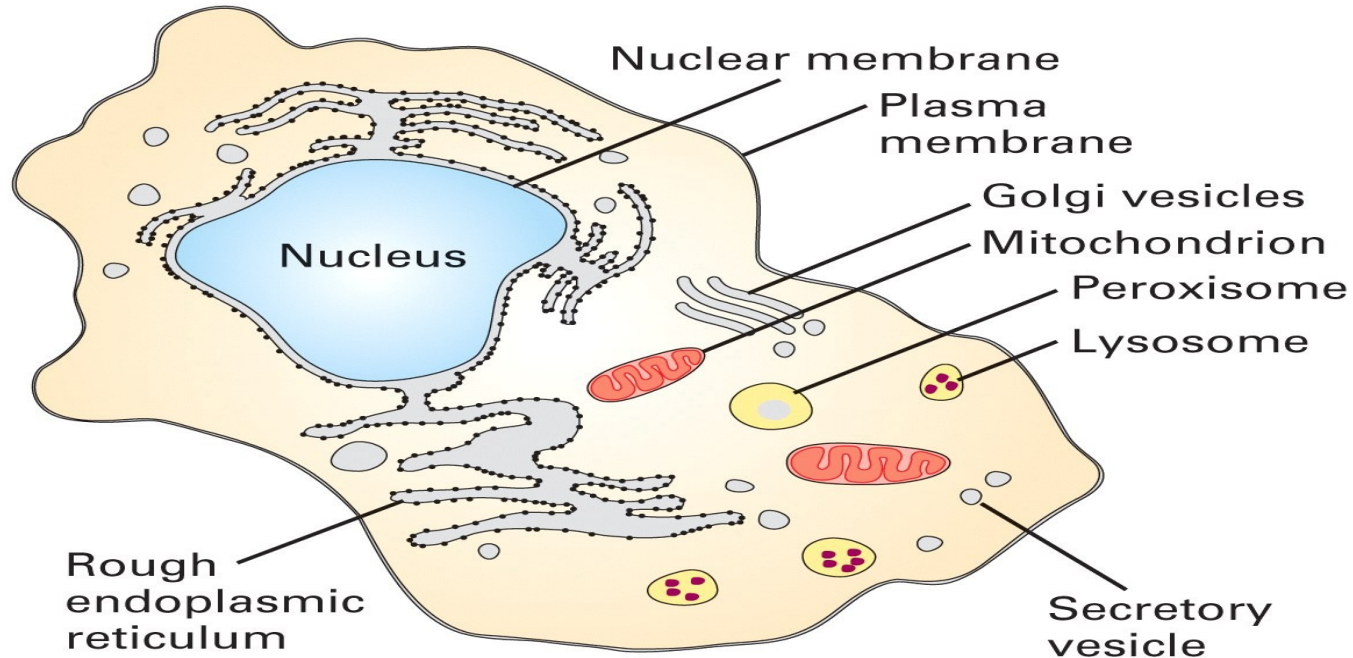
Bioinformaticians

Study biological questions
by analyzing molecular
data

Computer scientists

(+Mathematicians, Statisticians, etc.)
Develop tools, softwares, algorithms
to store and analyze the data.

Life begins with the cell



- A cell is a smallest structural unit of an organism that is capable of independent functioning
- All cells have some common features

THE SCHEME OF PREDICTION OF LOCATION OF PROTEINS BY PROTCOMP PROGRAM

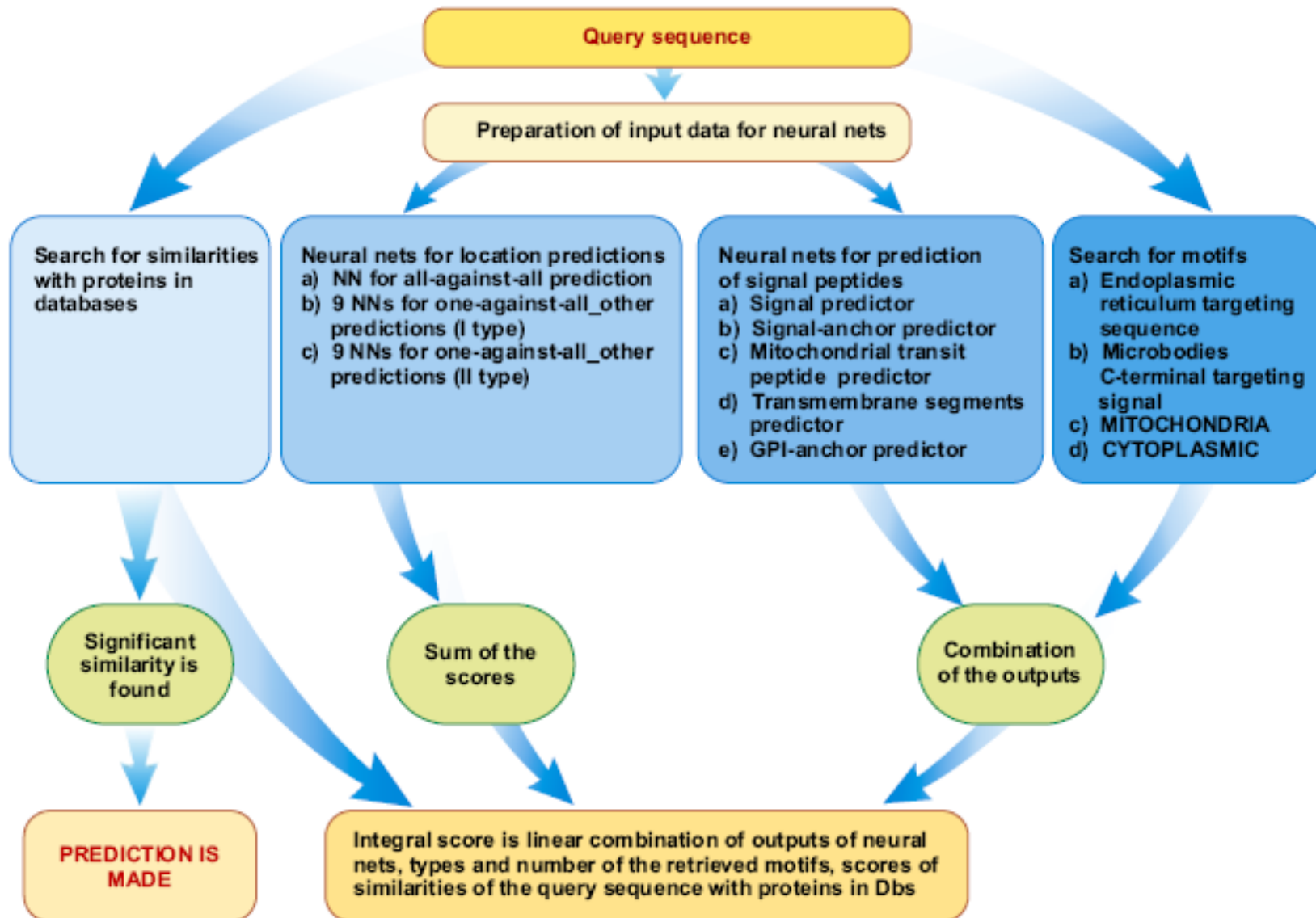


Figure 2. Logical scheme of protein subcellular localization prediction by ProtComp.

ProtComp Identifying sub-cellular location (Plants)

Seq name: Q9LVV5 Location:Chloroplast DE Thylakoid lumenal 19.6 kDa protein, chloroplast precursor. 179

Significant similarity in Potential Location DB - Location:Chloroplast

Database sequence: AC=Q9LVV5 Location:Chloroplast DE Thylakoid lumenal 19.6 kDa protein, chloroplast

Score=9050, Sequence length=179, Alignment length=179

Predicted by Neural Nets - Chloroplast with score 2.7

***** Chloroplast Transit peptide 1-31 is found

***** Transmembrane segments are found: .+52:75-.

Integral Prediction of protein location: Membrane bound Chloroplast with score 3.7

Location weights:	LocDB /	PotLocDB /	Neural Nets /	Integral
Nuclear	0.0 /	0.0 /	0.73 /	0.73
Plasma membrane	0.0 /	0.0 /	0.87 /	0.87
Extracellular	0.0 /	0.0 /	0.80 /	0.80
Cytoplasmic	0.0 /	0.0 /	0.71 /	0.71
Mitochondrial	0.0 /	0.0 /	0.60 /	0.60
Chloroplast	0.0 /	9050.0 /	2.65 /	3.66
Endoplasm. retic.	0.0 /	0.0 /	0.71 /	0.71
Peroxisomal	0.0 /	0.0 /	0.60 /	0.60

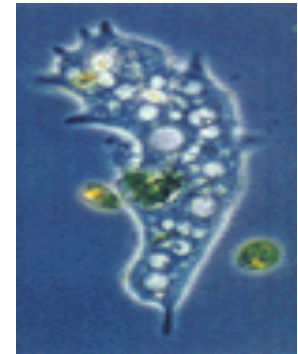
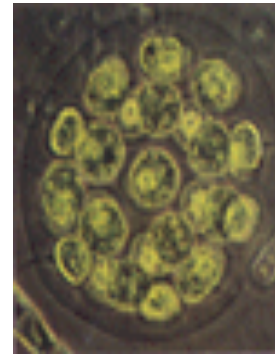
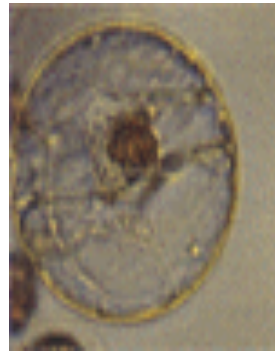
Compartment Percent predicted correctly

ver. 5

Nucleus	88
Plasma Membrane	87
Extracellular	83
Cytoplasm	63
Mitochondria	82
Endoplasmic Retic	83
Peroxisome	97
Lysosome	91
Golgi	77

Cell Information and Machinery

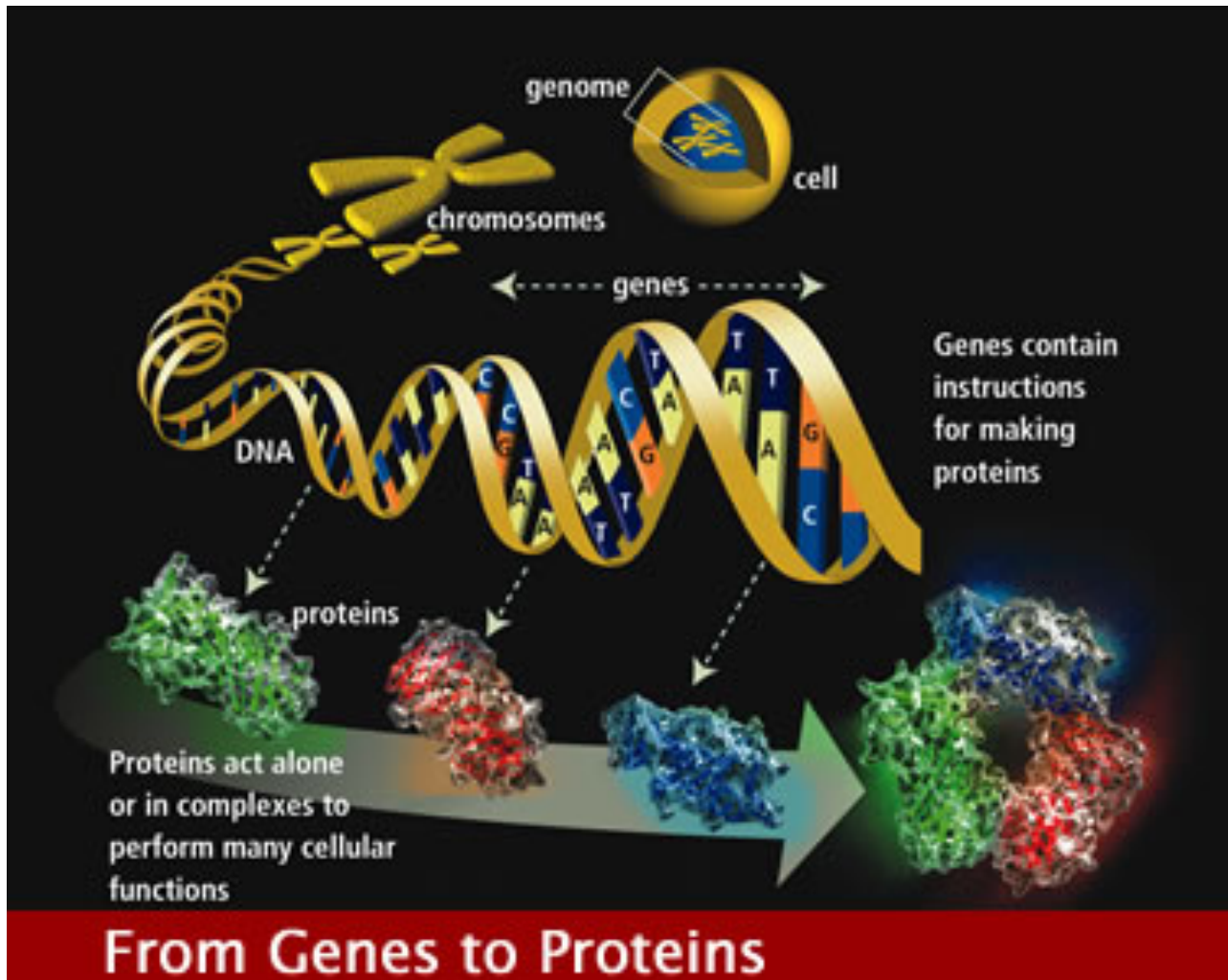
- **A cell stores all information to replicate itself**
 - Human genome is around 3 billion base pairs long
 - Almost every cell in human body contains same set of genes
 - But not all genes are used or expressed by those cells
- **Machinery:**
 - Collect and manufacture components
 - Carry out replication
 - Kick-start its new offspring



All life depends on 3 critical molecules

- **DNAs**
 - Hold information on how cell works
- **RNAs**
 - Act to transfer short pieces of information to different parts of cell
 - Provide templates to synthesize into protein
- **Proteins**
 - Form enzymes that send signals to other cells and regulate gene activity
 - Form body's major components (e.g. hair, skin, etc.)

Chromosomes and genes



DNA in the human genome is arranged into 24 distinct **chromosomes**

Each chromosome contains many **genes**, the basic physical and functional units of heredity. **Genes are specific sequences of bases that encode instructions on how to make proteins.**

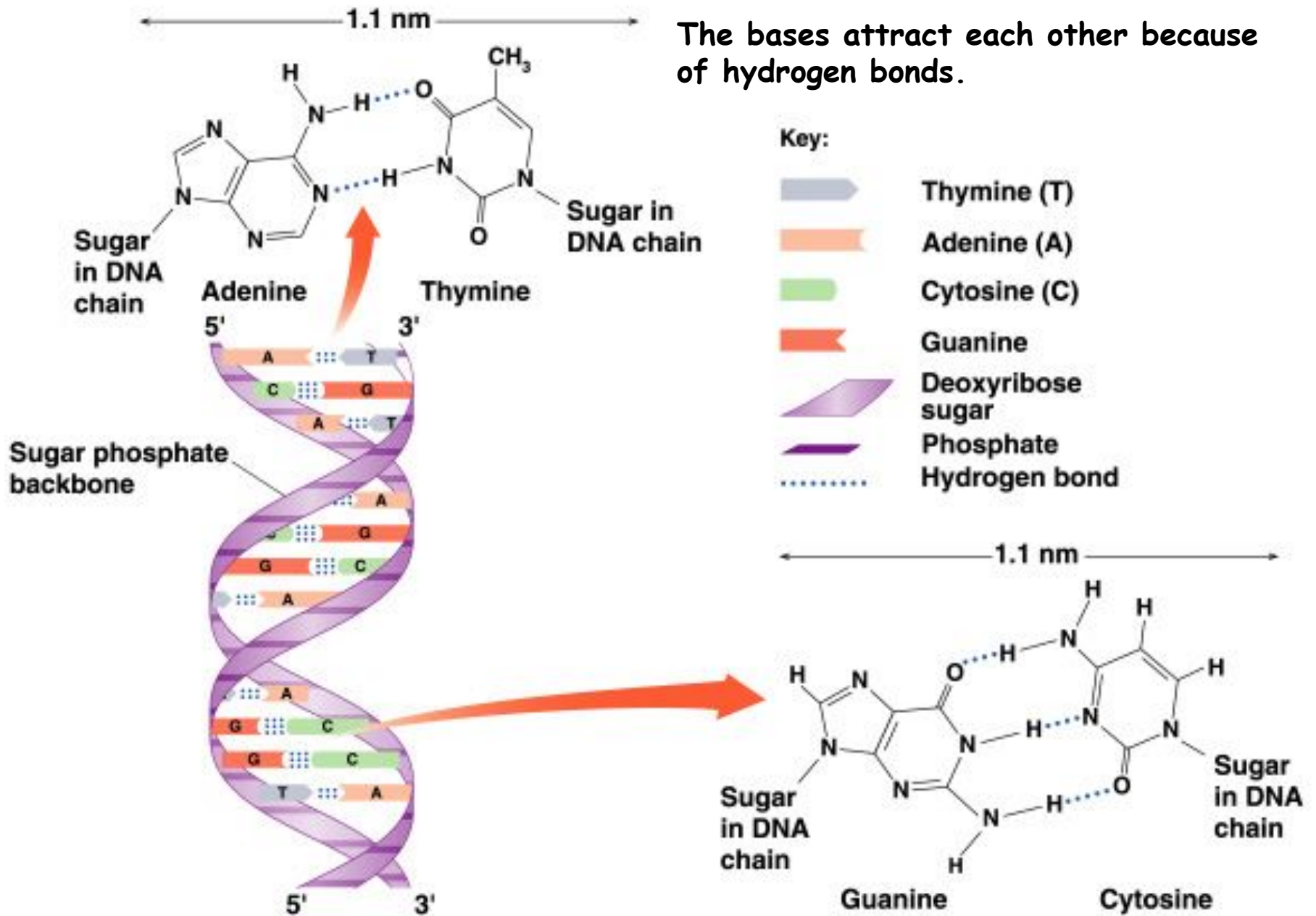
DNA by the Numbers

- Each cell has about 2 m of DNA.
- The average human has 75 trillion cells.
- The average human has enough DNA to go from the earth to the sun more than 400 times.
- DNA has a diameter of only 0.0000000002 m.



The earth is 150 billion m or 93 million miles from the sun.

Base Pairing in the DNA Double Helix



Chemical structure DNA

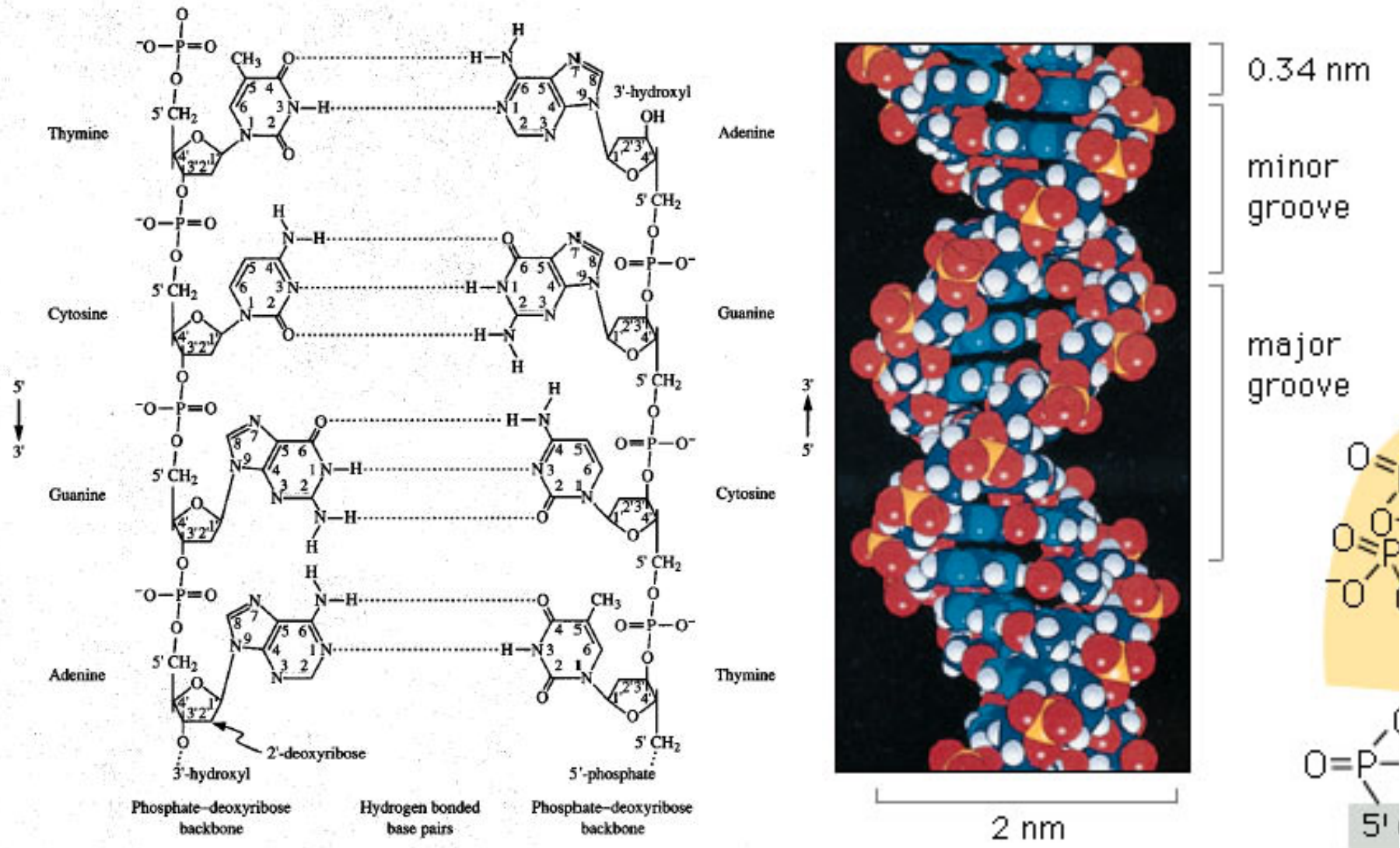
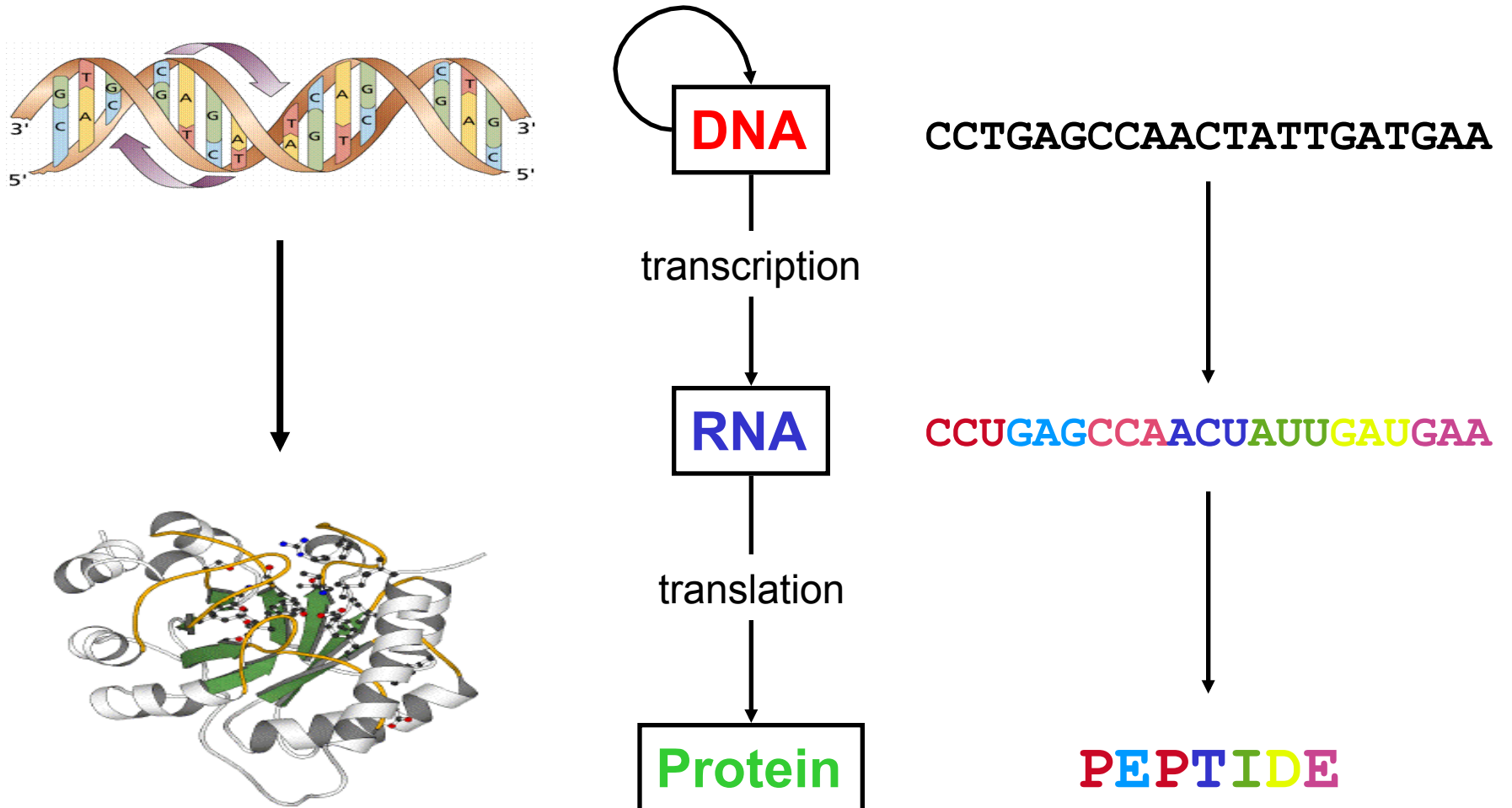


Fig. 1.2 Chemical structure and base pairing in double-stranded DNA.

The Central Dogma of Biology

Genetic information in genes flows into proteins: DNA → RNA → protein



It was first stated by Francis Crick in 1958 and re-stated in a Nature paper published in 1970

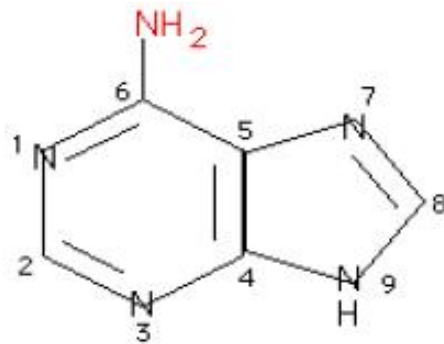
Genome sizes

Species	Chromosomes	Genes	Base Pairs
Human (<i>Homo sapiens</i>)	46 (23 pairs)	28-35,000	~3.1 billion
Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	40	22.5-30,000	~2.7 billion
Pufferfish (<i>Fugu rubripes</i>)	44	~31,000	~365 million
Malaria Mosquito (<i>Anopheles gambiae</i>)	6	~14,000	~289 million
Sea Squirt (<i>Ciona intestinalis</i>)	28	~16,000	~160 million
Fruit Fly (<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>)	8	~14,000	~137 million
Roundworm (<i>C. elegans</i>)	12	19,000	~97 million
Bacterium (<i>E. coli</i>)	1*	~5,000	~4.1 million

*Bacterial chromosomes are *chromonemes*, not true chromosomes.

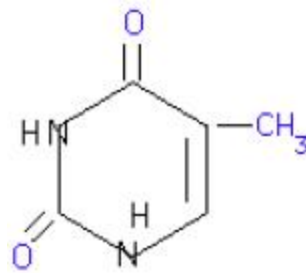
Nitrogenous bases commonly found in RNA and DNA

PURINES



Adenine

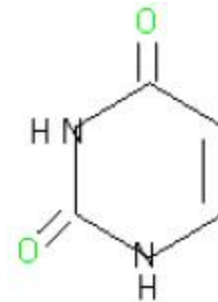
PYRIMIDINES



Thymine

T ----->

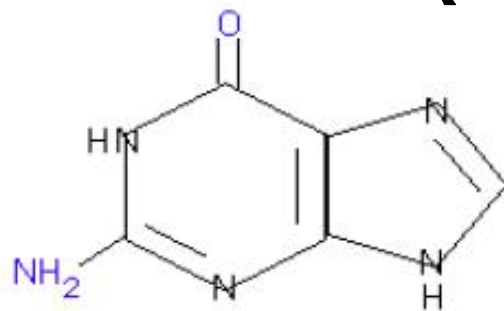
RNA (AU GC)



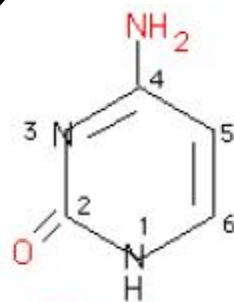
Uracil

U

DNA (AT GC)



Guanine



Cytosine

A-T (A-U) G=C

Complementary pairs

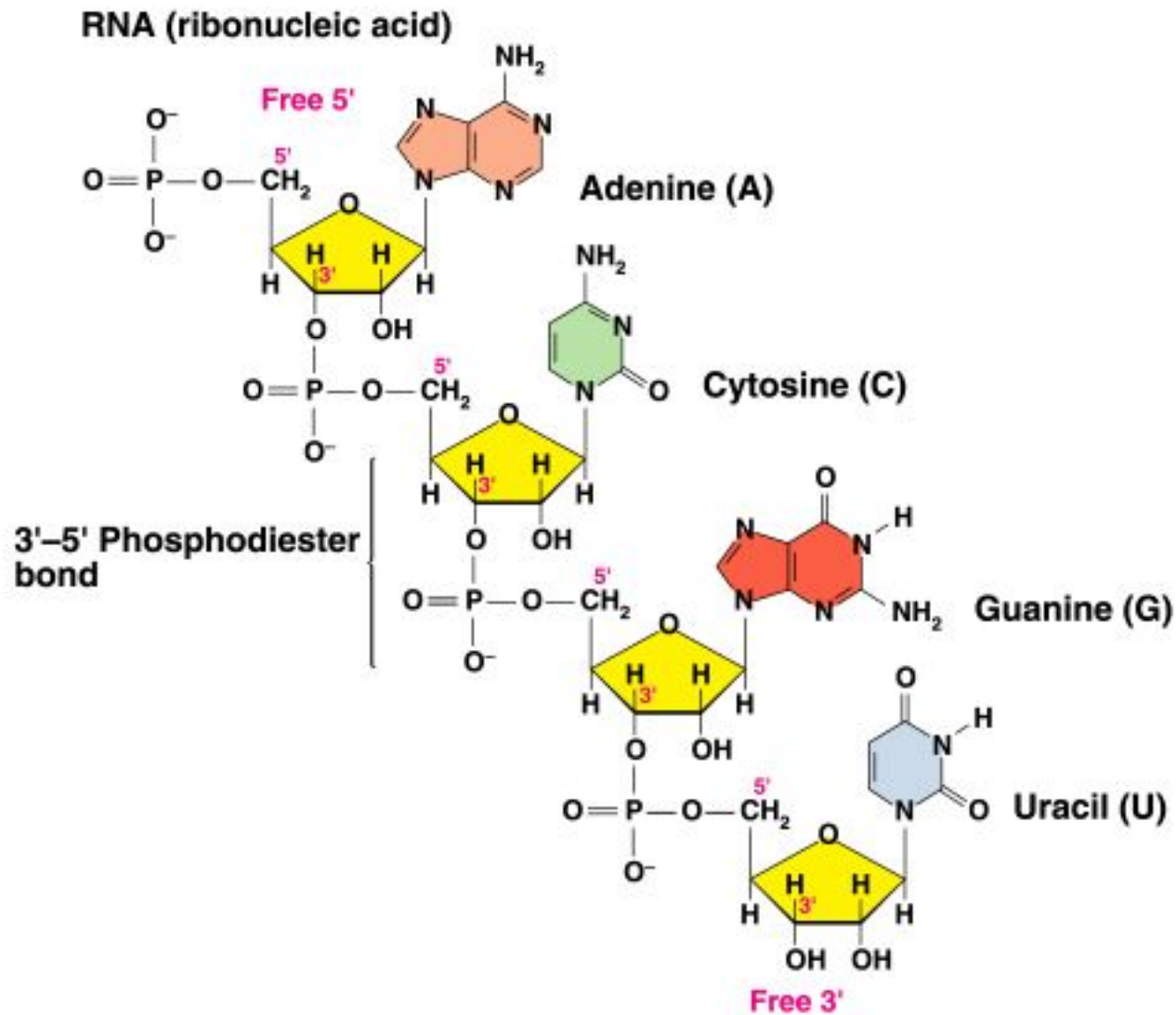
Hierarchical organization of RNA molecules

Primary structure:

- 5' to 3' list of covalently linked nucleotides, named by the attached base
- Commonly represented by a string S over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{A, C, G, U\}$

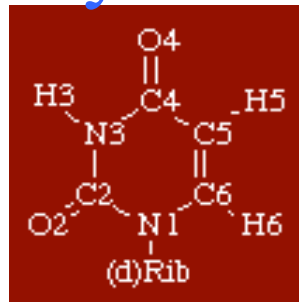
Example of RNA Primary Structure

- In RNA, A, C, G, and U are linked by 3' -5' ester bonds between ribose and phosphate



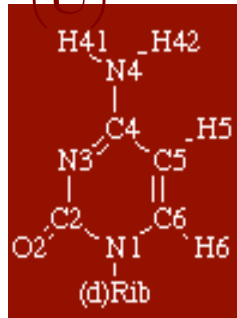
RNA synthesis and fold

- RNA immediately starts to fold when it is synthesized



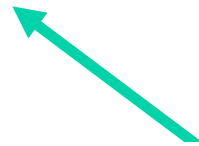
Uracyl

(U)

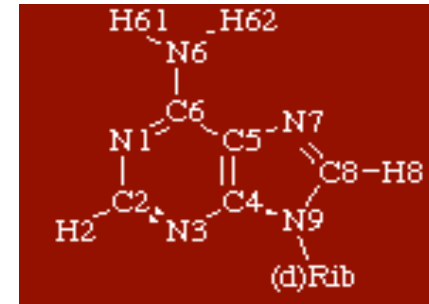


Cytosine

(C)

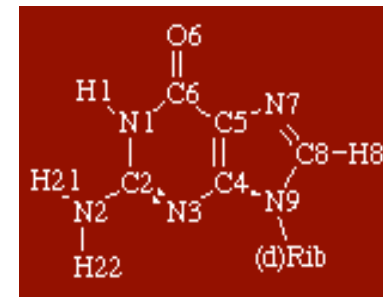


**Wobble
Base Pairing**



Adenine

(A)



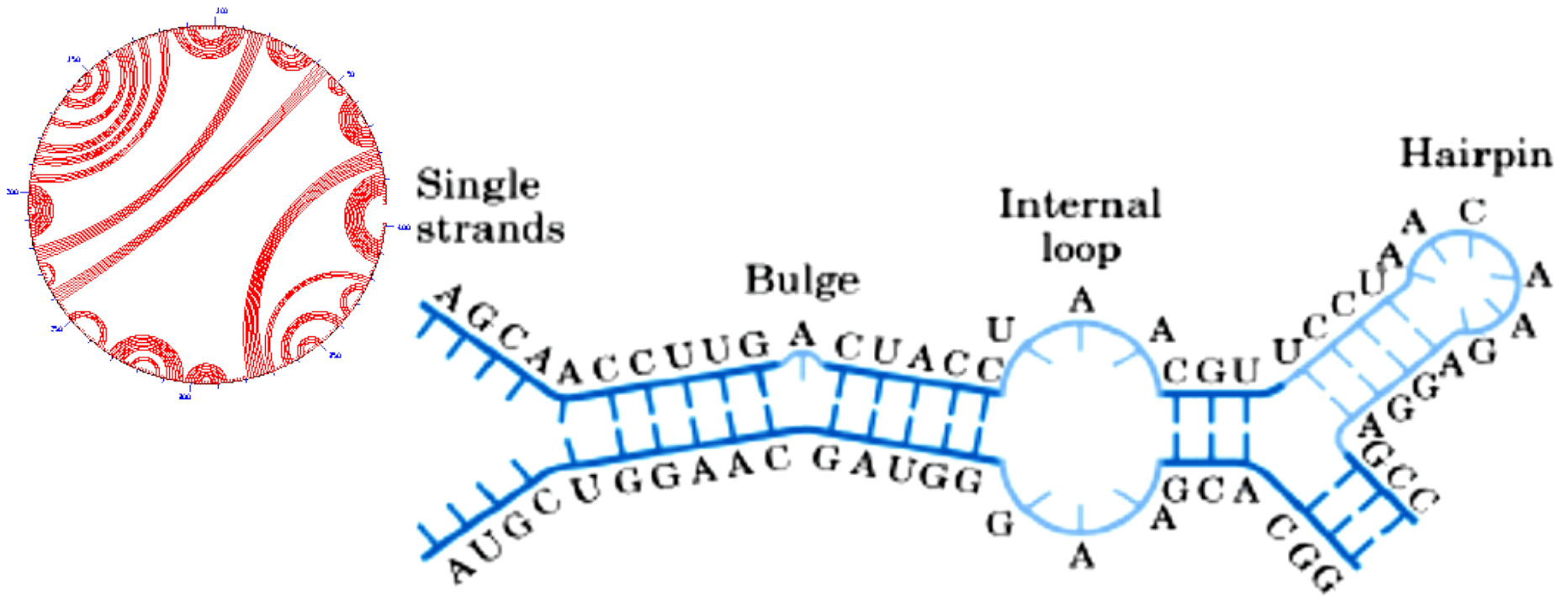
Guanine

(G)

RNA secondary structures

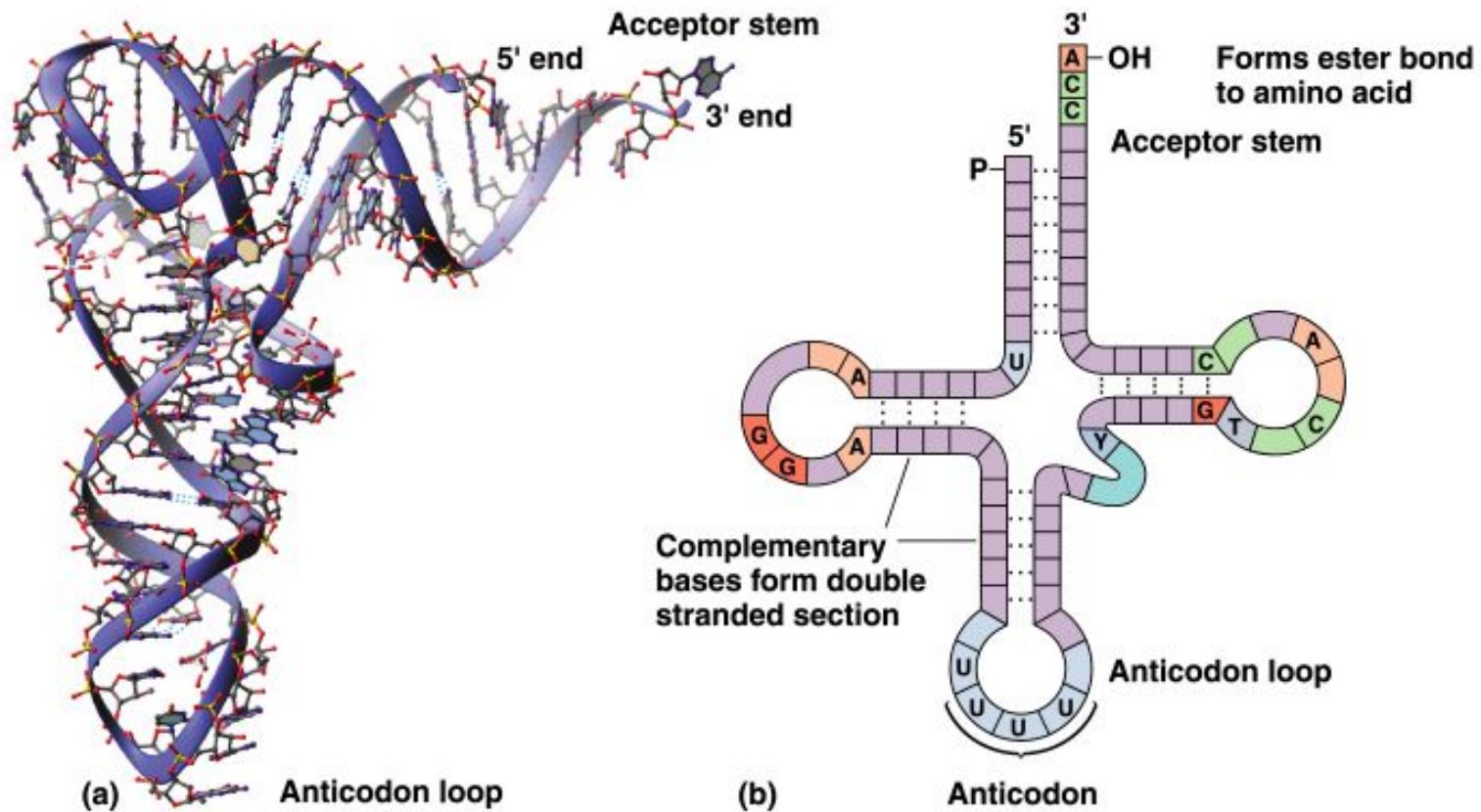
Single stranded bases within a stem are called a bulge or bulge loop if the single stranded bases are on only one side of the stem.

If single stranded bases interrupt both sides of a stem, they are called an internal (interior) loop.

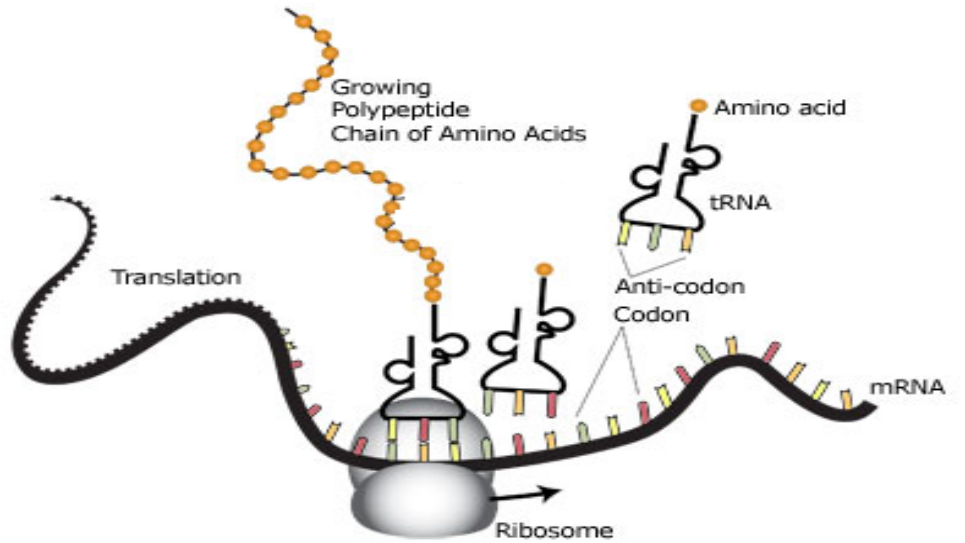
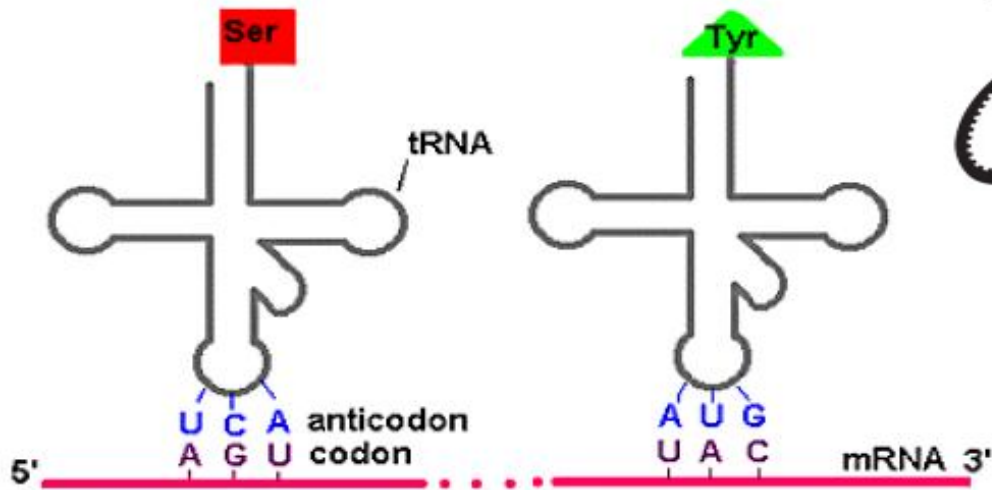


Transfer RNA

- tRNA has a tertiary structure that is L-shaped
 - one end attaches to the amino acid and the other binds to the mRNA by a 3-base complementary sequence



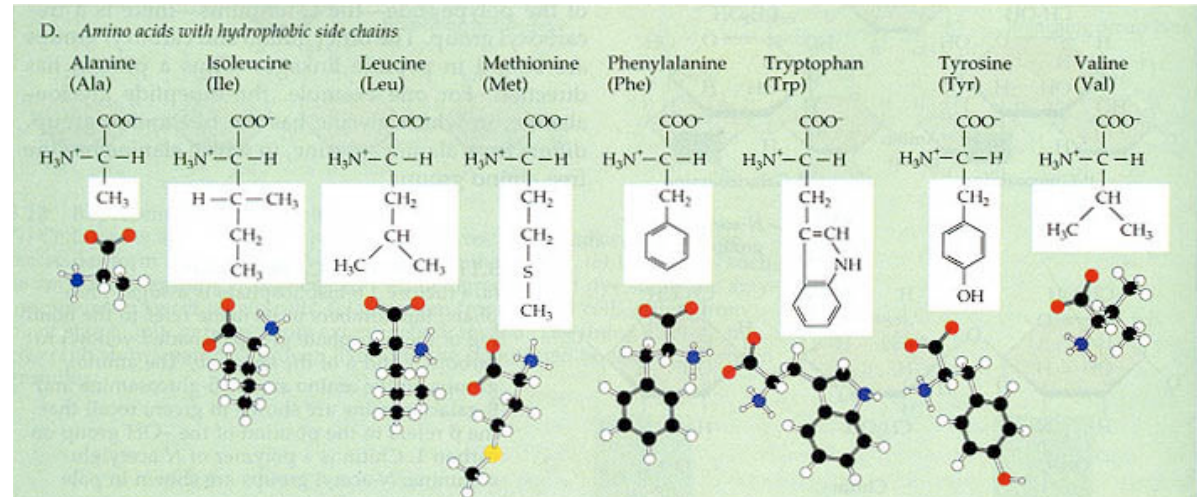
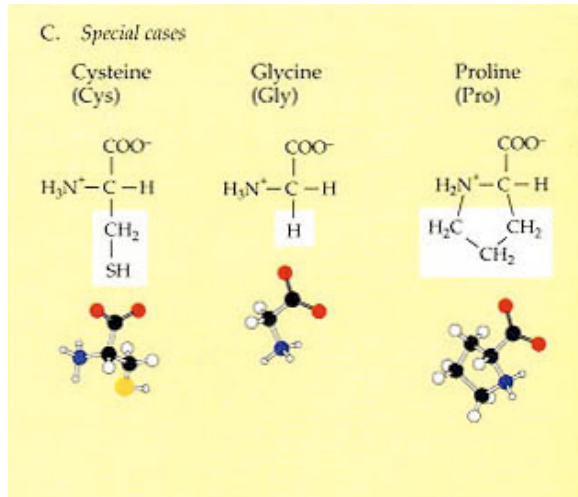
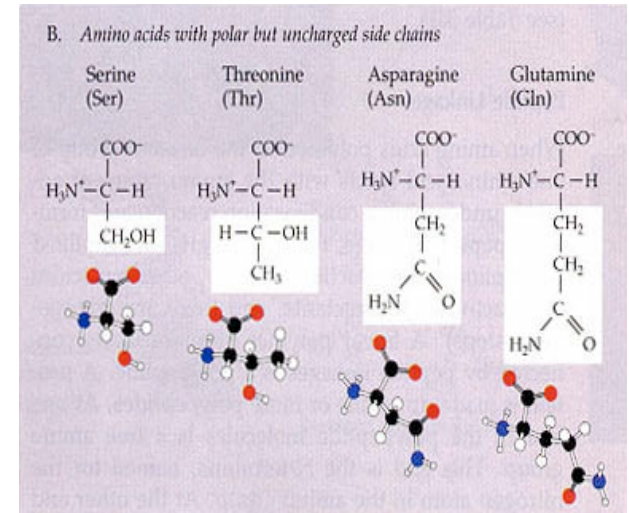
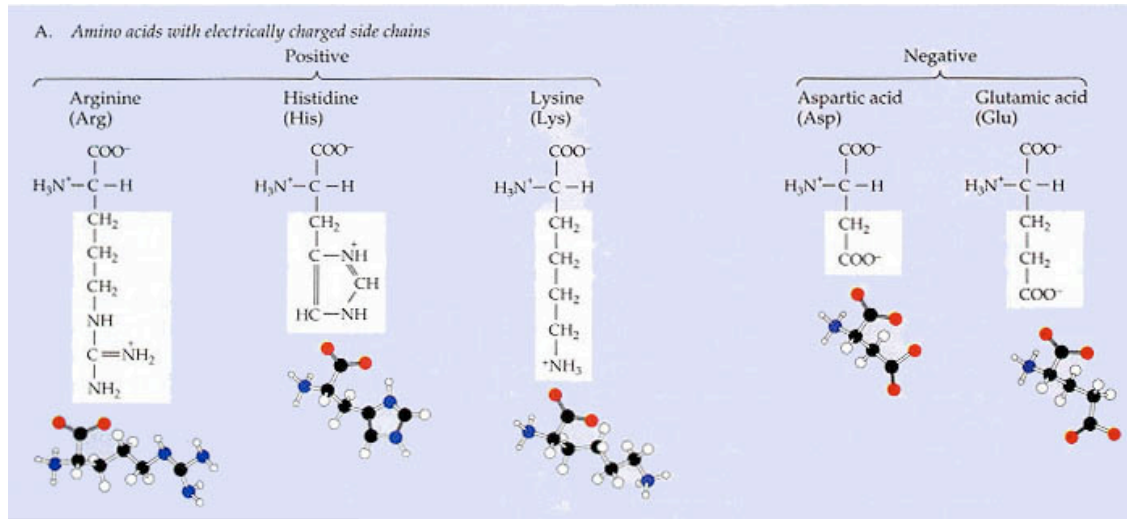
Genetic code



2nd base in codon

	U	C	A	G		
1st base in codon	U	Phe Phe Leu Leu	Ser Ser Ser Ser	Tyr Tyr STOP STOP	Cys Cys STOP Trp	U C A G
	C	Leu Leu Leu Leu	Pro Pro Pro Pro	His His Gln Gln	Arg Arg Arg Arg	U C A G
	A	Ile Ile Ile Met	Thr Thr Thr Thr	Asn Asn Lys Lys	Ser Ser Arg Arg	U C A G
	G	Val Val Val Val	Ala Ala Ala Ala	Asp Asp Glu Glu	Gly Gly Gly Gly	U C A G
					3rd base in codon	

Amino acids - The protein building blocks



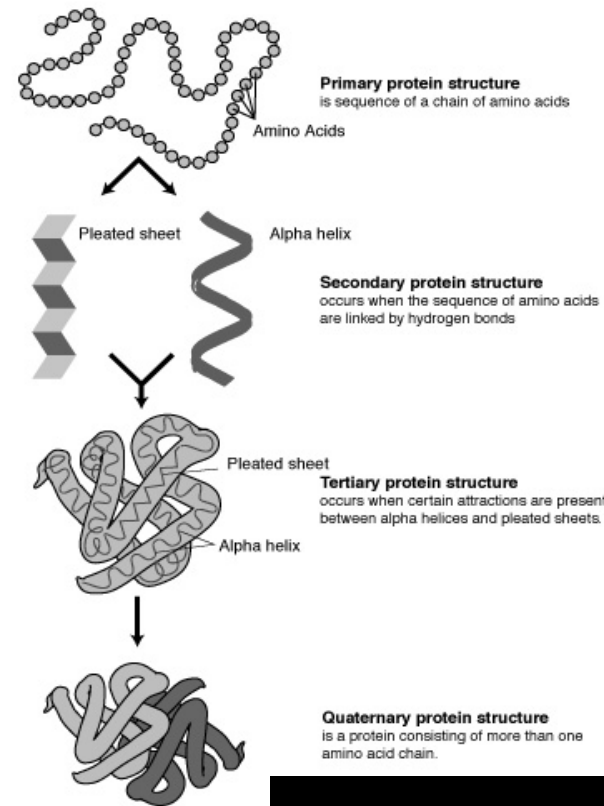
C

G

P

Protein Folding

- The structure that a protein adopts is vital to its chemistry
- Its structure determines which of its amino acids are exposed to carry out the protein's function
- Its structure also determines what substrates it can react with



How do we commonly represent DNA sequences?

- *Both strands depicted with bases only*
- **5' ATCTTTGGCTCAGTCTAGTGCACCCAGTT 3'**
- **3' TAGAAACCGAGTCAGATCACGAGGGTCAA 5'**

- *The coding strand, 5' to 3'. The coding strand is the strand whose sequence is the same as the corresponding mRNA sequence*

DNA ATCTTTGGCTCAGTCTAGTGCACCCAGTT

mRNA AUCUUUGGCUCAGUCUAGUGCACCCAGUU

- Protein: **F G S V**

Molecular Bioinformatics

Molecular Bioinformatics involves the use of computational tools to discover new information in complex data sets (from the **one-dimensional** information of DNA through the **two-dimensional** information of RNA and the **three-dimensional** information of proteins, to the **four-dimensional** information of evolving living systems).

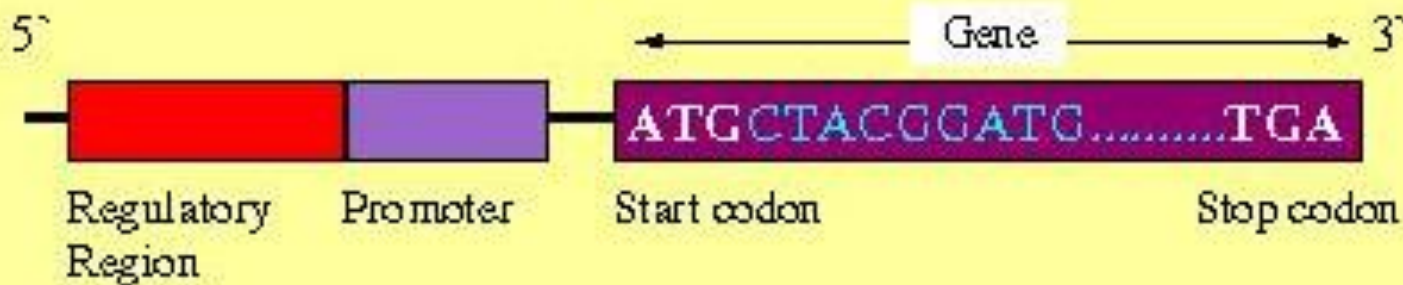
Examples of some important Problems from the Biological side

- Protein folding
- Find Homologies (Similarities)
- Finding genes in new genomes
- Phylogenetic Trees
- Analysis of Gene Expression data
- Prediction of special (regulatory) sites in DNA
- Determine Pathways/gene interaction networks
- Databases/Data mining
- Stochastic Modelling / Simulation of biosystems

Find genes in DNA sequence

GAATTCTAATCTCCCTCTCAACCCTACAGTCACCCATTTGGTATATTAAGATGTGTTGTCTACTGTCTAGTATCCCTCA
AGTAGTGT CAGGAATTAGTCATTTAAATAGTCTGCAAGCCAGGAGTGGTGGCTCATGTCTGTAATTCAGCACTGGAGAG
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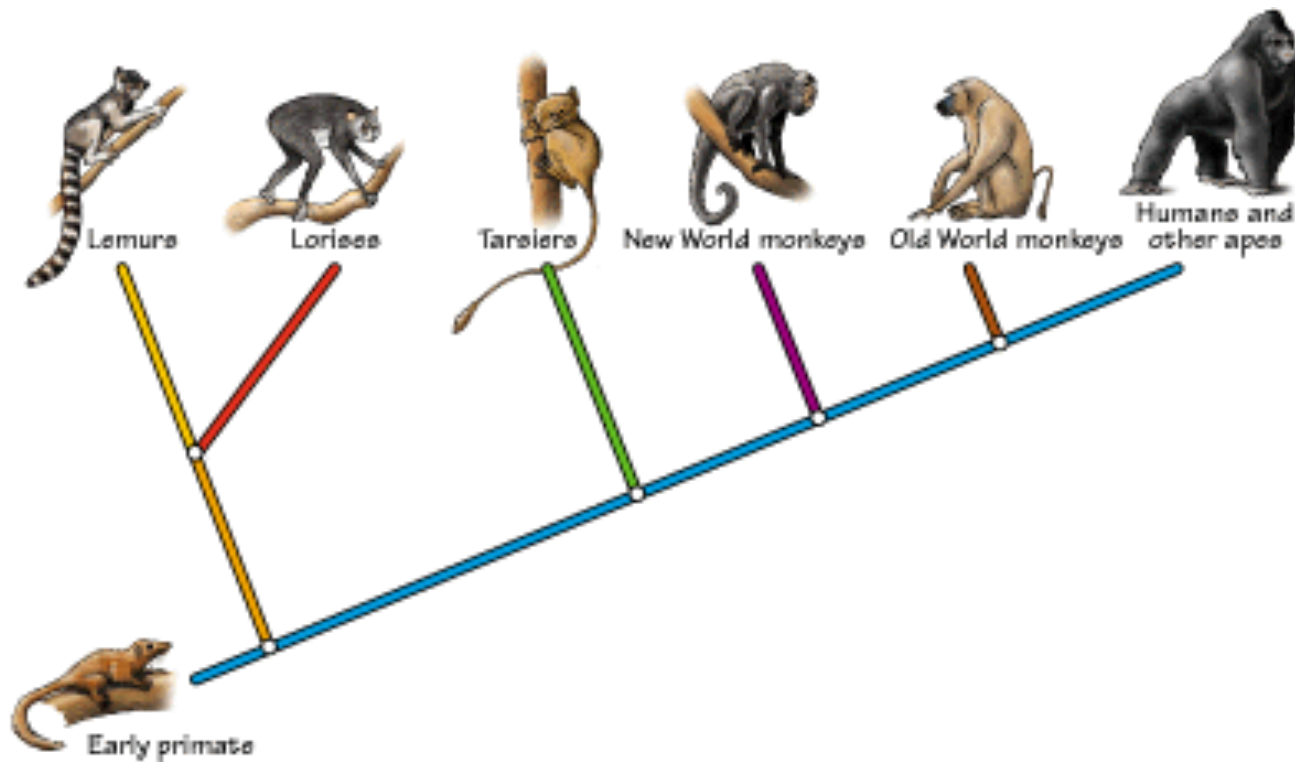
Gene Structure - Prokaryotes



Phylogenetic Trees

How did our genome evolve? How close are we related to other species?

Primate evolution



Morphological vs. Molecular

- Classical phylogenetic analysis:
morphological features
 - number of legs, lengths of legs, etc.
- Modern biological methods allow to use
molecular features
 - Gene sequences
 - Protein sequences

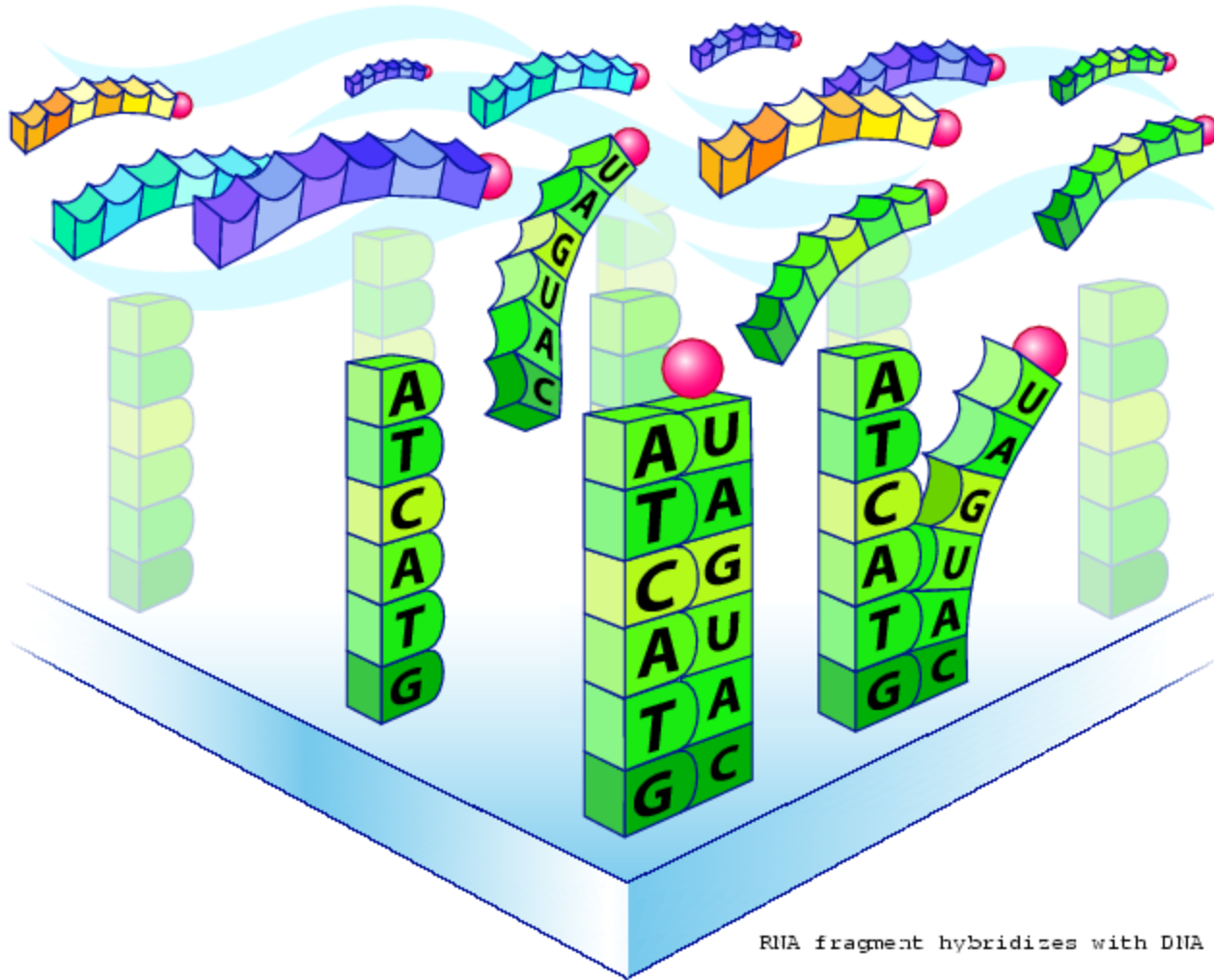
Gene Expression

How do genes in one cell **work together over time**?

What is the **difference of gene activity between** a young and old cell or between healthy and sick cell?

What set of genes is **activated in cancer cells**?

RNA fragments with fluorescent tags from sample to be tested



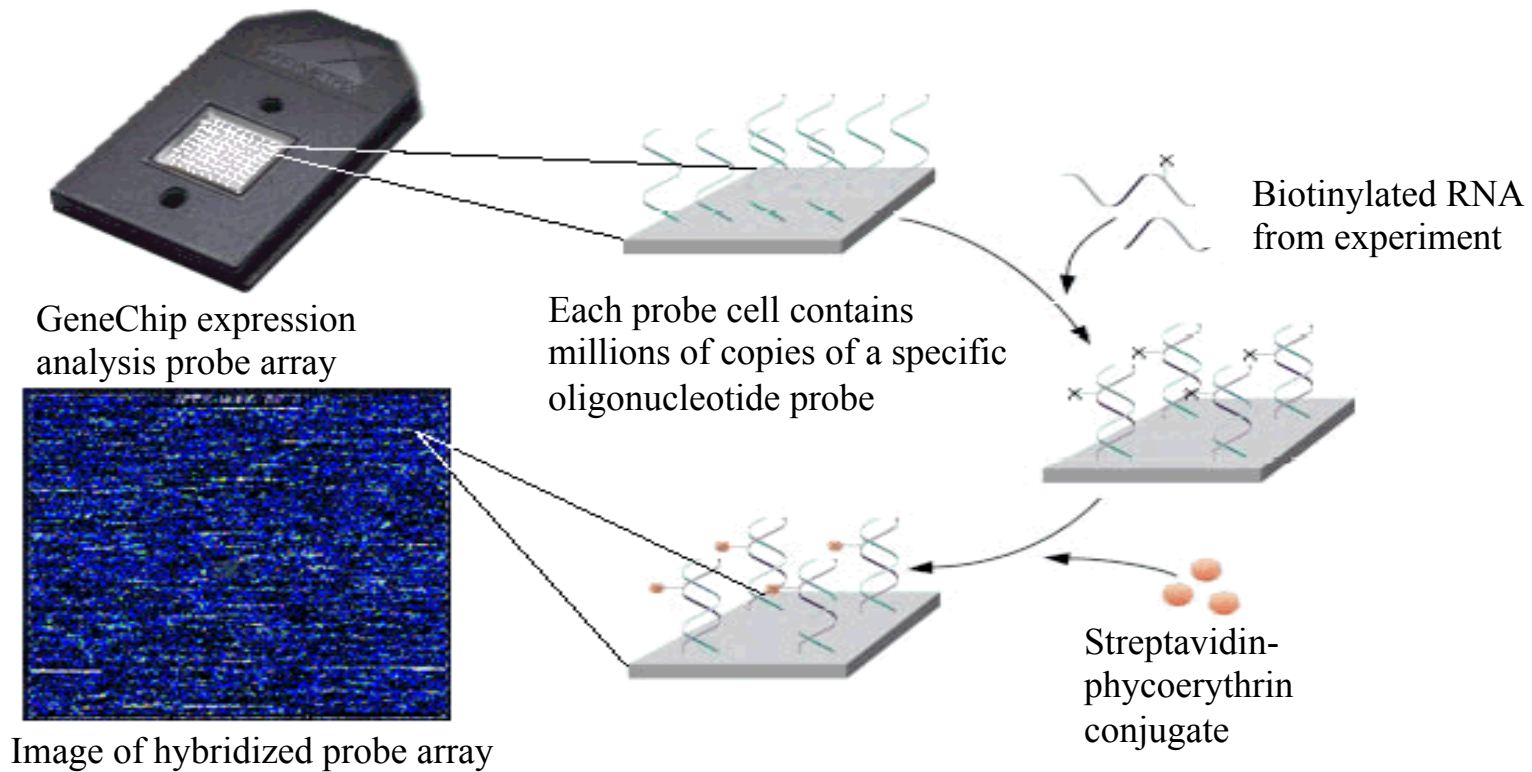
RNA fragment hybridizes with DNA on GeneChip

GeneChip



Expression Analysis

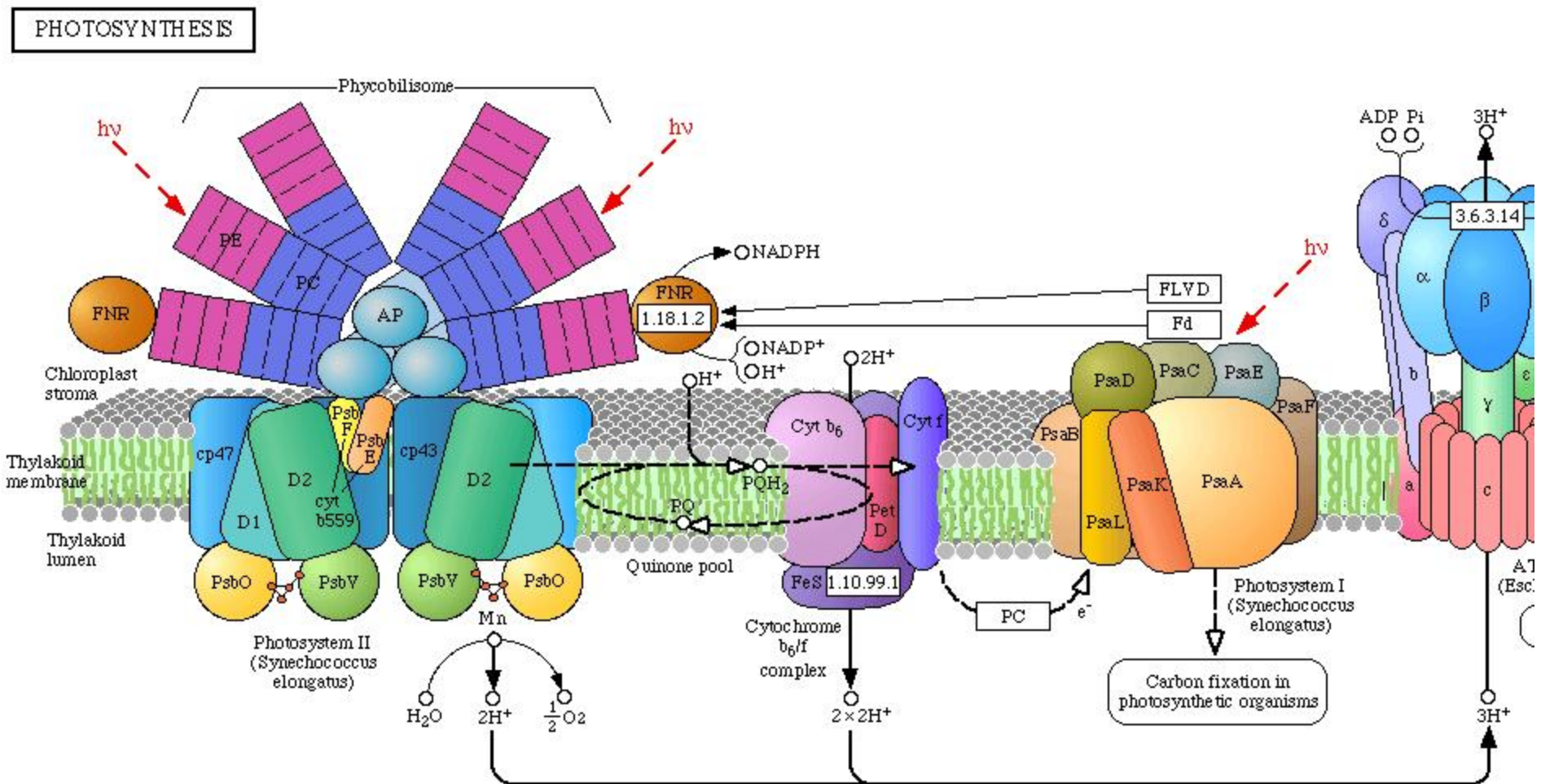
GeneChip® Expression Analysis Process



Determine Pathways

Which genes work together? Which genes are active at which times in which situations in which cells?

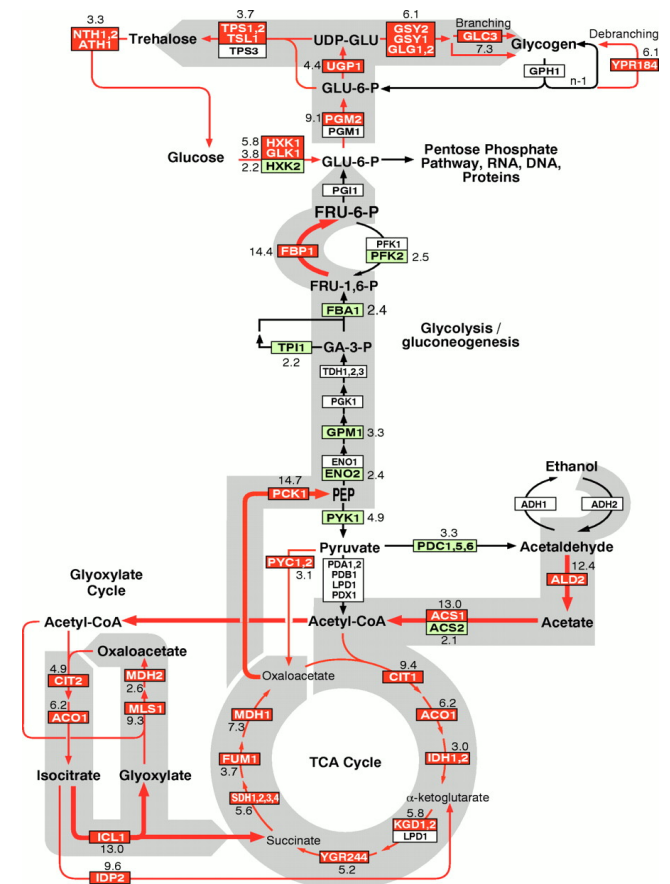
How are the functions of different proteins interconnected?



Information Derivable from Chip Data

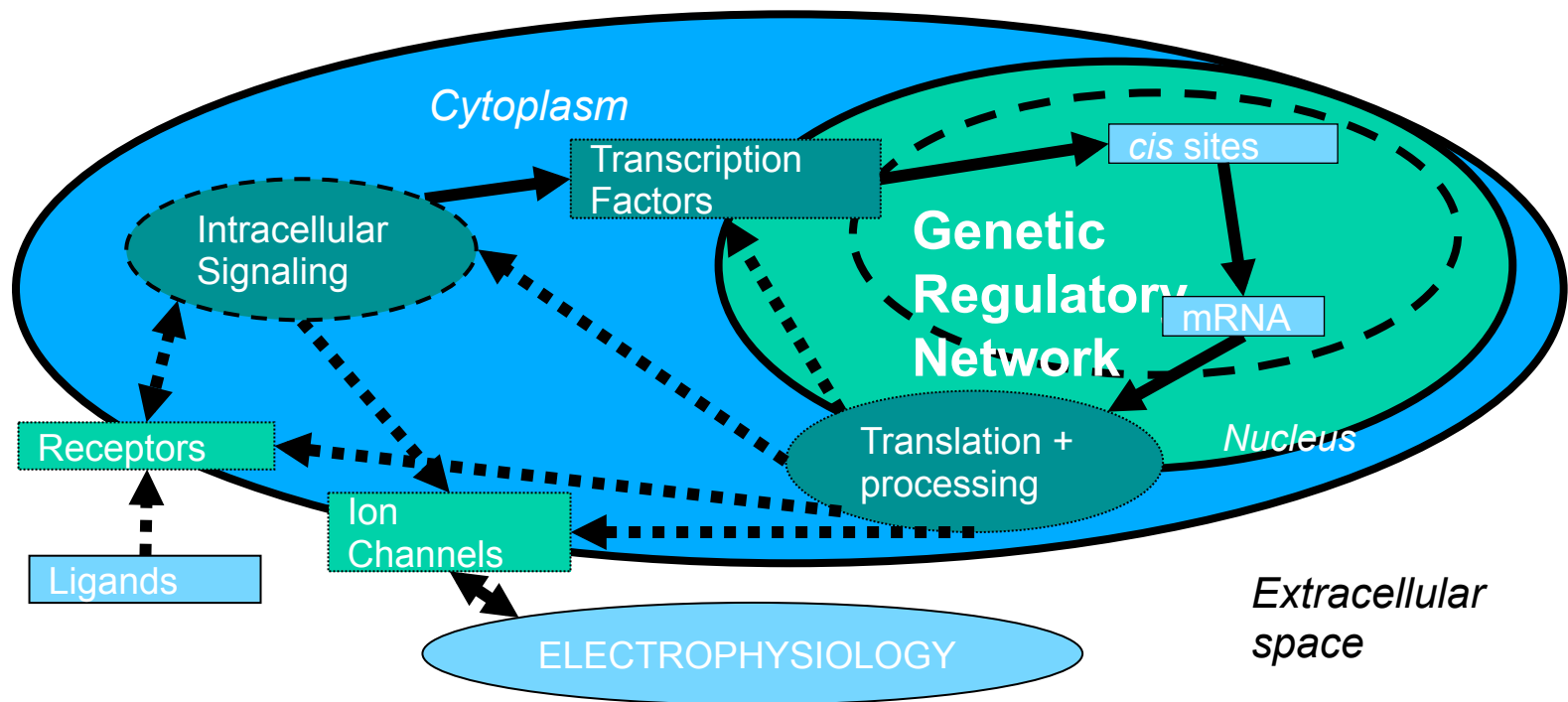
- Microarray data is becoming a key source of data for computational inference of biological networks
 - who interact with who
 - who regulate who
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How does this work?

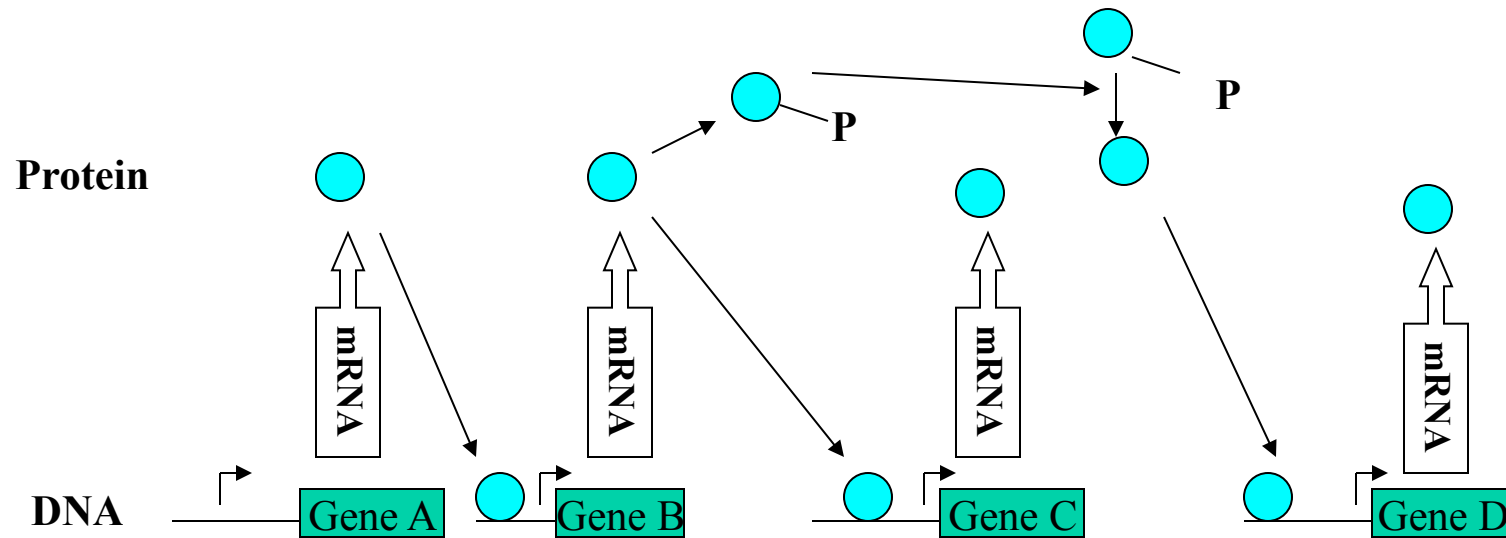


Genetic Regulatory Network

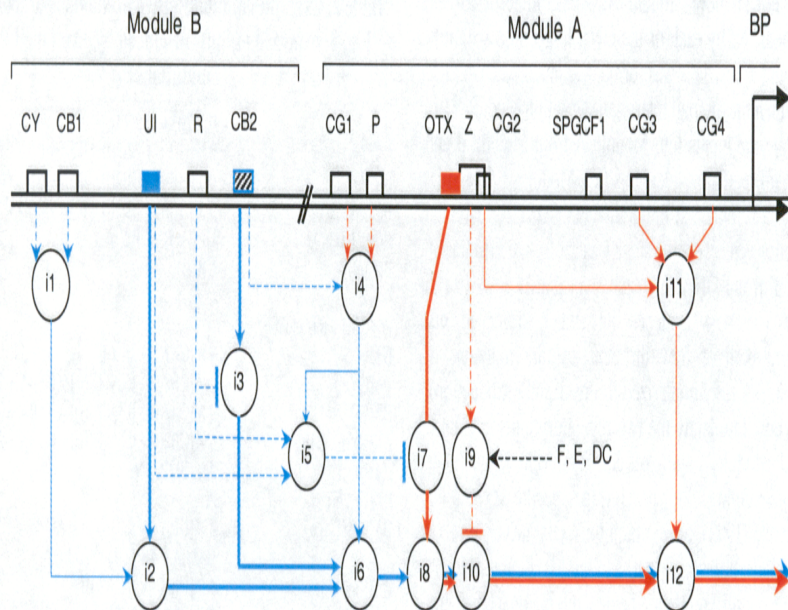
the set of mutually activating and repressing genes and gene products and their interactions



Microarray analysis model using gene expression profiles



Gene Regulatory Systems



if CY & CB1	$i1 = 1$	if $i5 = 0$	$i7 = OTX(t)$
else	$i1 = 0.5$	else	$i7 = 0$
			$i8 = i6 + i7$
	$i2 = i1 \cdot UI(t)$		$i9 = 1$
		if (F or E or DC) & Z	$i9 = 0$
if R	$i3 = CB2(t)$	else	$i10 = 0$
else	$i3 = k \cdot CB2(t)$ ($1 < k < 2$)	if $i9 = 1$	$i10 = i8$
		else	
if P & CG1 & CB2	$i4 = 2$	if (CG2 & CG3 & CG4)	$i11 = 2$
else	$i4 = 0$	else	$i11 = 1$
			$i12 = i11 \cdot i10$
if $UI(t) > \text{threshold} \ \& \ i4 \neq 0$	$i5 = 1$		
else	$i5 = 0$		
	$i6 = i4 \cdot (i2 + i3)$		

“Programs built into the DNA of every animal.”

Eric H. Davidson

mRNA Expression Data Format

From cDNA microarray

	Intensity (treated)	Intensity (wild type)	Ratio
Gene A	0.22	0.24	0.917
Gene B	0.67	1.21	0.598
Gene C	1.13	0.43	2.630
Gene D	2.45	2.44	1.01

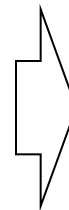
$0 < \text{ratio} < \text{Inf.}$

$-\text{Inf.} < \log_2(\text{ratio}) < + \text{Inf.}$

where

$\log_2(\text{ratio}) > 0$: increase

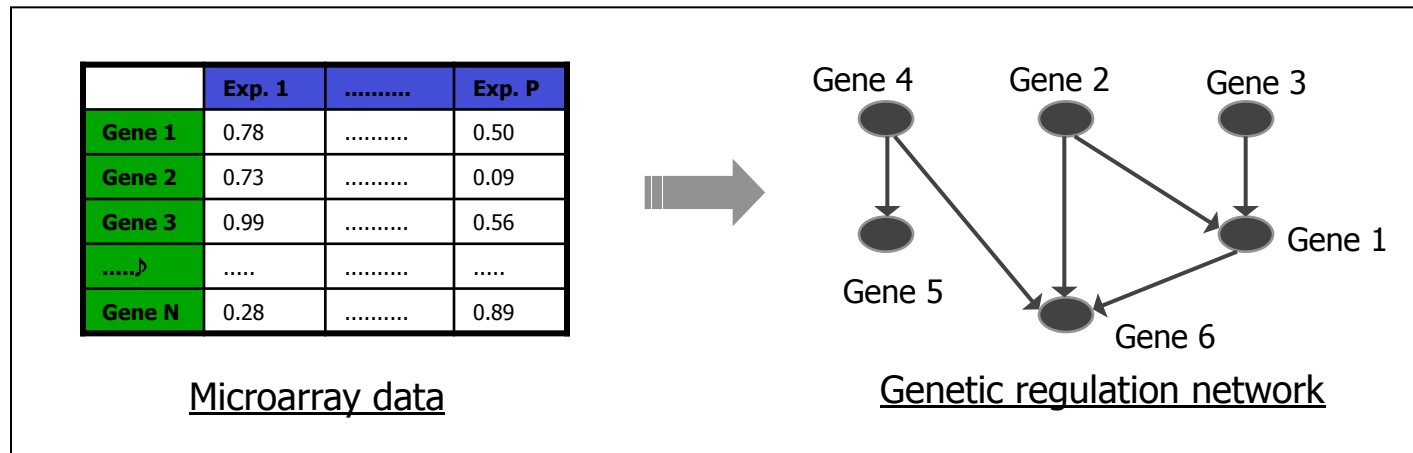
$\log_2(\text{ratio}) < 0$: decrease



EXP matrix

	Exp. 1	.....	Exp. P
Gene 1	0.78	.....	0.50
Gene 2	0.73	.....	0.09
Gene 3	0.99	.....	0.56
Gene 4	0.60	.....	0.41
Gene 5	0.44	.....	0.86
Gene 6	0.07	.....	0.05
Gene 7	0.28	.....	0.89
Gene 8	0.91	.....	0.00
.....
Gene N	0.28	.....	0.89

Problem Definition



Difficulty in Reconstructing Genetic Regulatory Network

1. mRNA expression is only a partial picture
2. the number of sample is much smaller than the number of genes
3. high noise

Clustering

Eisen *et al.* (1998):

FIG. 1. Cluster display of data from time course of serum stimulation of primary human fibroblasts.

Experiments:

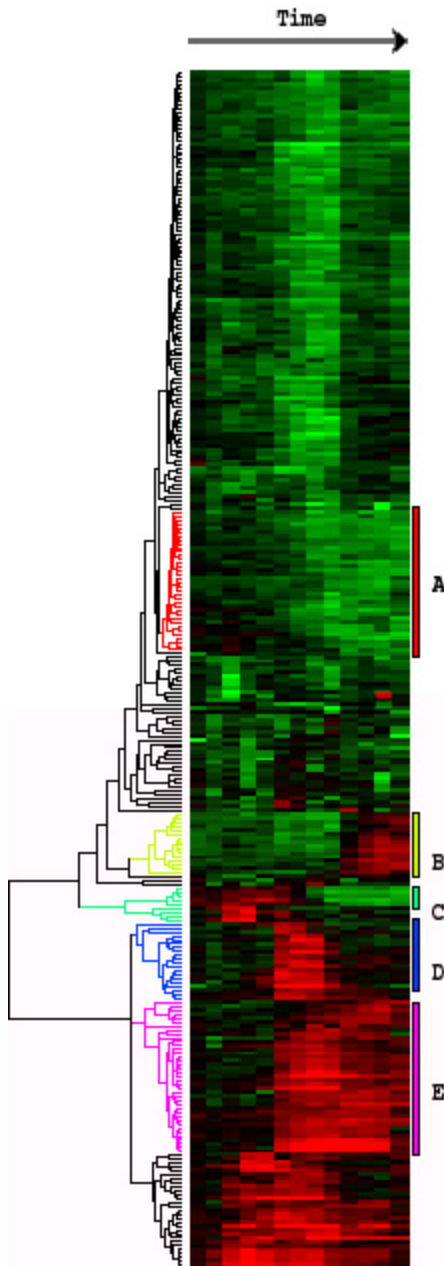
Foreskin fibroblasts were grown in culture and were deprived of serum for 48 hr. Serum was added back and samples taken at time 0, 15 min, 30 min, 1 hr, 2 hr, 3 hr, 4 hr, 8 hr, 12 hr, 16 hr, 20 hr, 24 hr.

Clustering:

Correlation Coefficient + Centroid Hierarchical Clustering

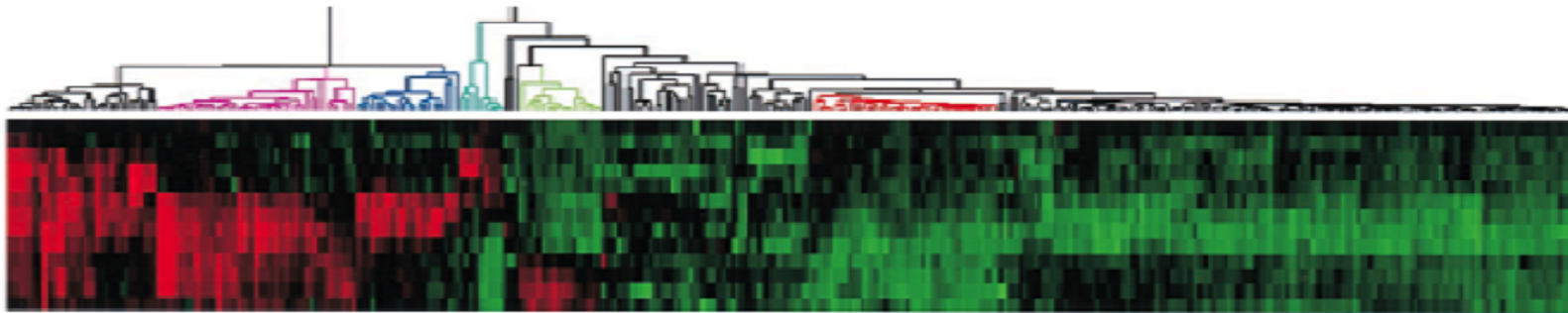
Clusters:

- (A) cholesterol biosynthesis,
- (B) the cell cycle,
- (C) the immediate-early response,
- (D) signaling and angiogenesis,
- (E) wound healing and tissue remodeling.



Clustering

- ✓ Grouping genes with similar patterns of expression
 - Common role gene clustered together
 - Uncharacterized gene function guessed



Similarity measure : standard correlation coefficient, ..

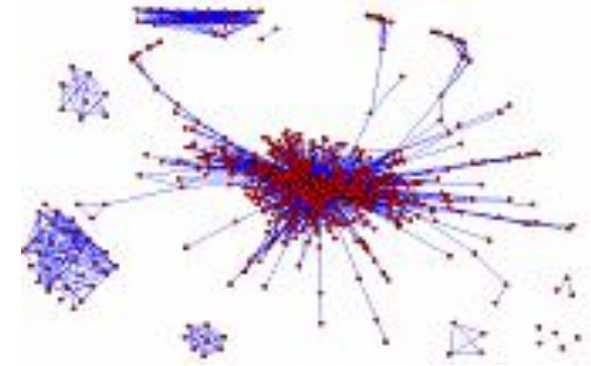
Method : Hierarchical clustering, K-means, SOM ..

Can't reveal the inner interaction structure !

Molecular Networks Constructed from High-throughput assays

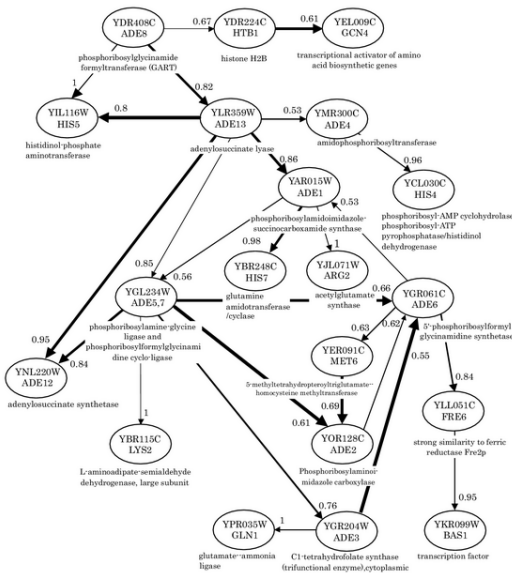
Correlation or co-expression network:

A graphical representation that averages over observed expression data. Nodes are mRNA molecules, edges represent correlations between expression levels of connected nodes.



Bayesian networks:

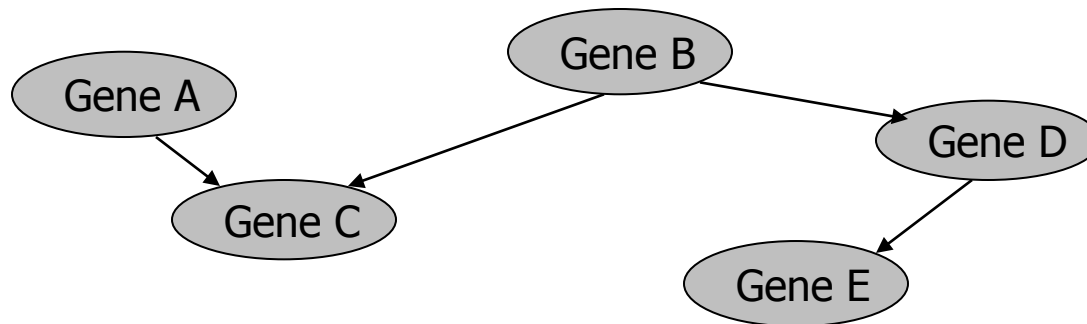
A directed, graphical representation of the probabilities of one observation given another. Nodes represent mRNA molecules; edges represent the probability of a particular expression value given the expression values of the parent nodes.



Bayesian Network

Probabilistic framework for inference of interactions in the presence of noise

- ✓ G : a directed-acyclic graph structure
- ✓ Θ : a set of parameters for conditional distribution of each variable



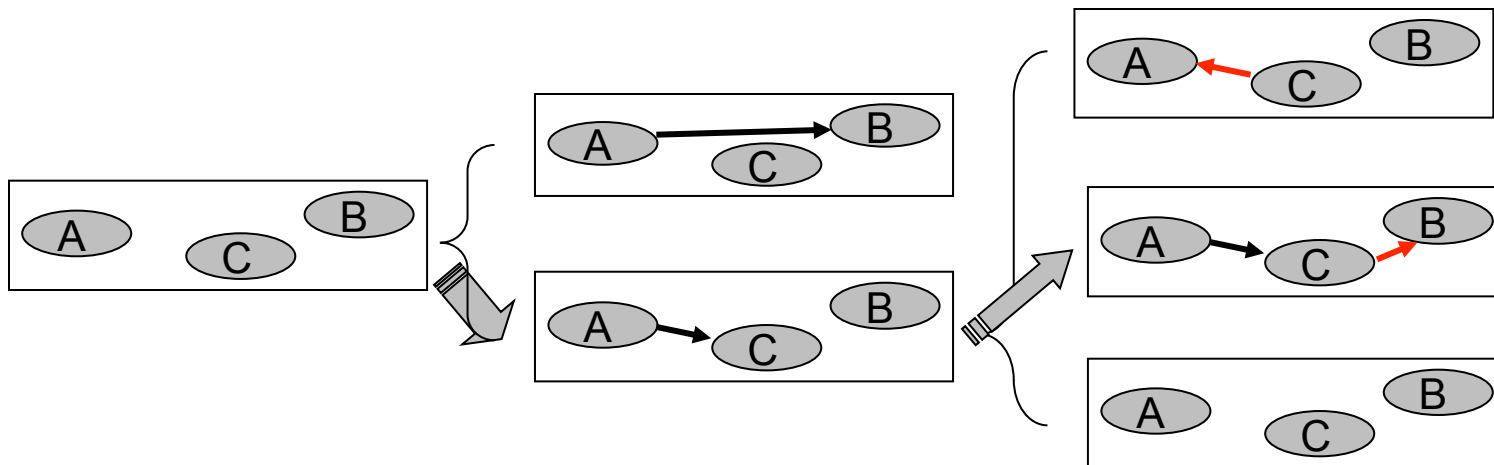
$$\begin{aligned} P(A, B, C, D, E) &= \prod P(X_i | \text{Parent}(X_i)) \\ &= P(A) P(B) P(C|A,B) P(D|B) P(E|D) \end{aligned}$$

Bayesian Network - Structure Learning

The two key components of a structure learning algorithm are
a) searching for/generating “good” structures and
b) scoring these structures

✓ **Heuristic Search Approaches**

greedy-hill climbing, simulated annealing etc



Bayesian Network – Structure Learning

Get the score for each network with respect to the training data

$$\mathbf{S(G:D)} = \log p(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{S}^h) = \log \overset{\text{prior}}{\downarrow} p(\mathbf{S}^h) + \log \overset{\text{likelihood}}{\downarrow} p(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{S}^h)$$

$$\text{Likelihood } \log p(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{S}^h) = \sum \log p(\mathbf{x}_i | \text{pa}(\mathbf{x}_i), \mathbf{S}^h)$$

Model with the **highest log likelihood** is a model that is the best predictor of the data D

Summary

Bayesian network is suitable for genetic network reconstruction

- ✓ Can deal with stochastic nature
- ✓ Ideal for sparse domain (Useful for locally interacting components)
- ✓ Can handle noisy data
- ✓ Missing data
- ✓ Inference reasoning

More research needed

- ✓ Incorporation of more biological information
- ✓ To model feedback process
 - => Dynamic Bayesian networks

References on networks building

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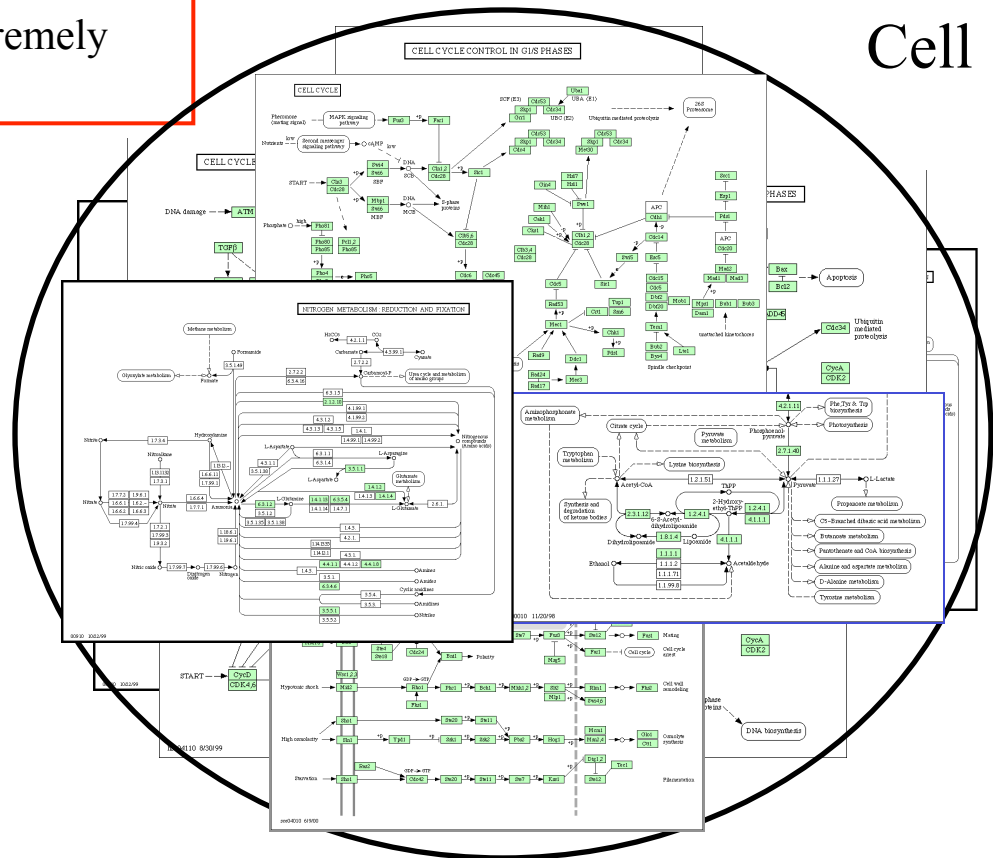
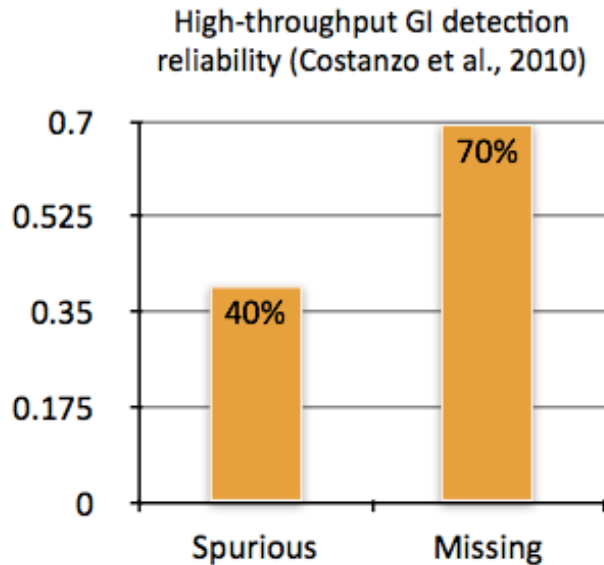
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4. Using Bayesian Networks to Analyze Expression Data
by Friedman et al. 2000.

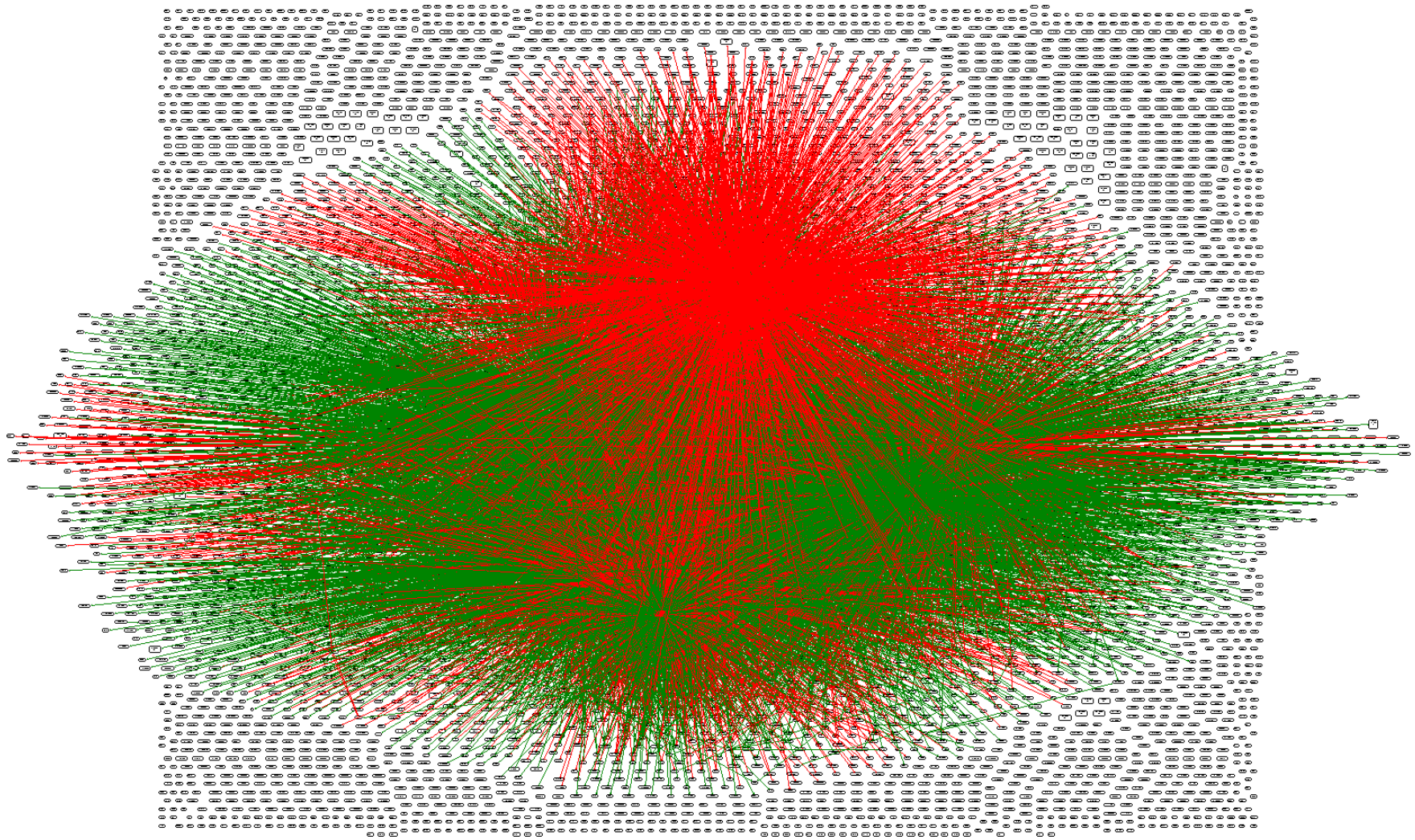
Information Derivable from Chip Data

- The problem is the internal structure of a cell is very complex

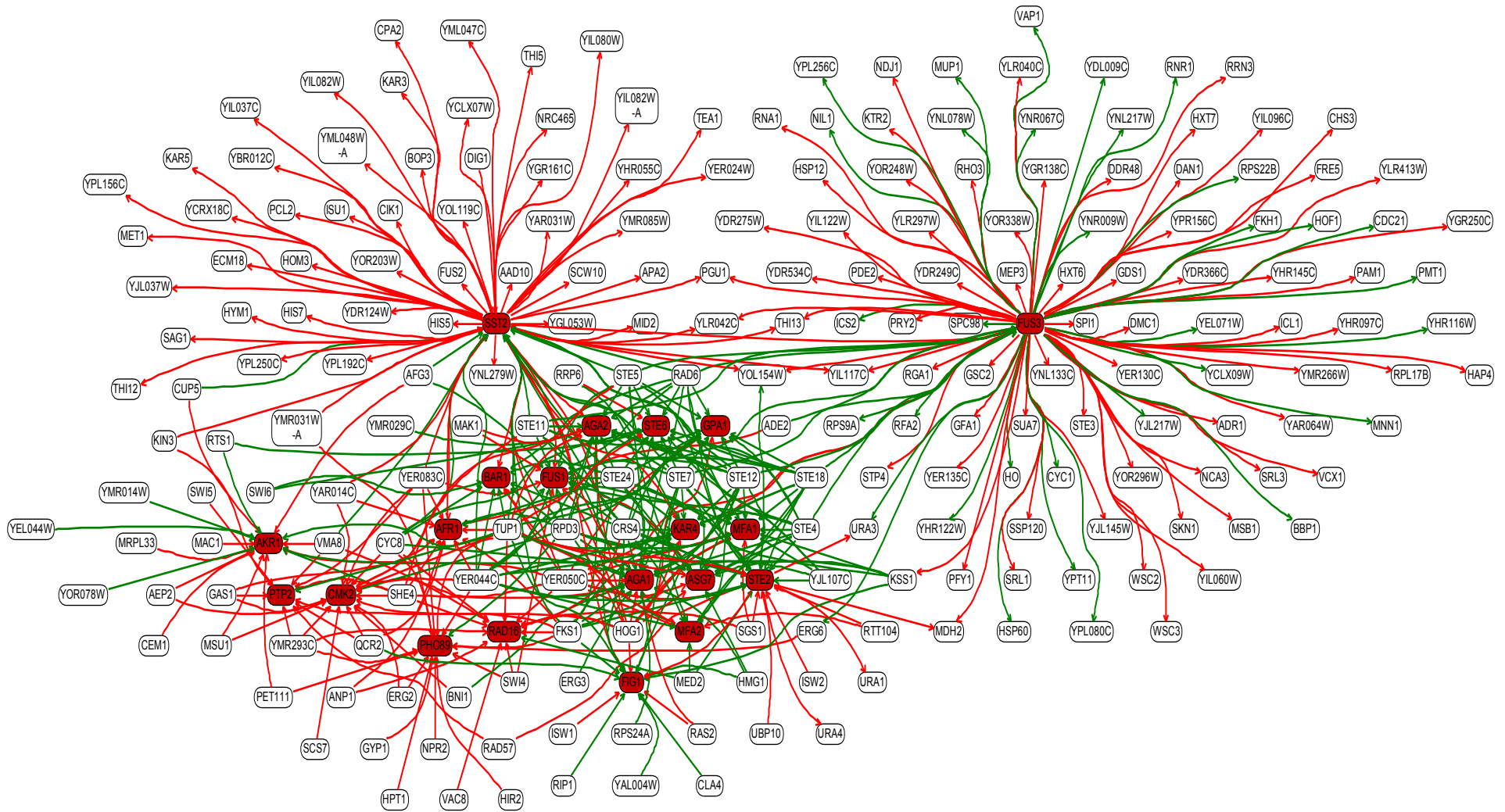
Deciphering internal structure of a cell networks through computational prediction is extremely challenging and exciting problem!



Mutation network for *S. Cerevisiae*



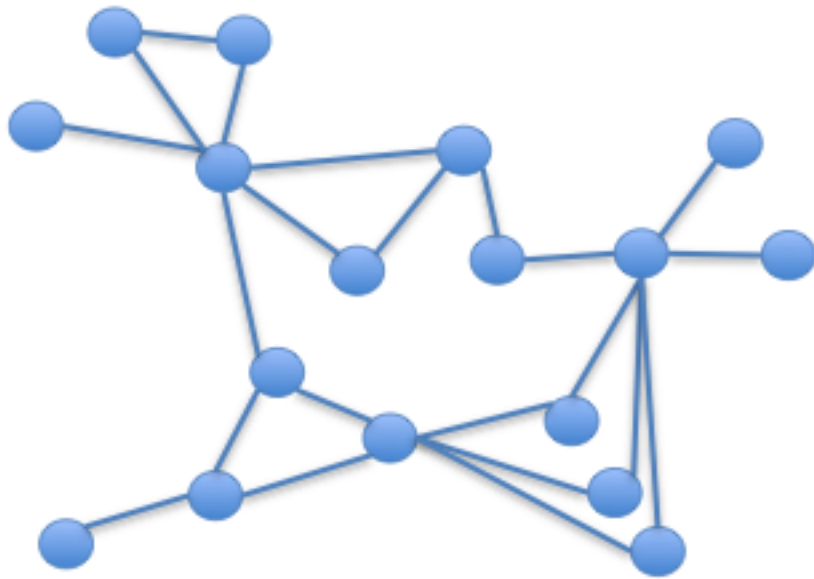
Mutation network filtered for the genes marked in red (mating)



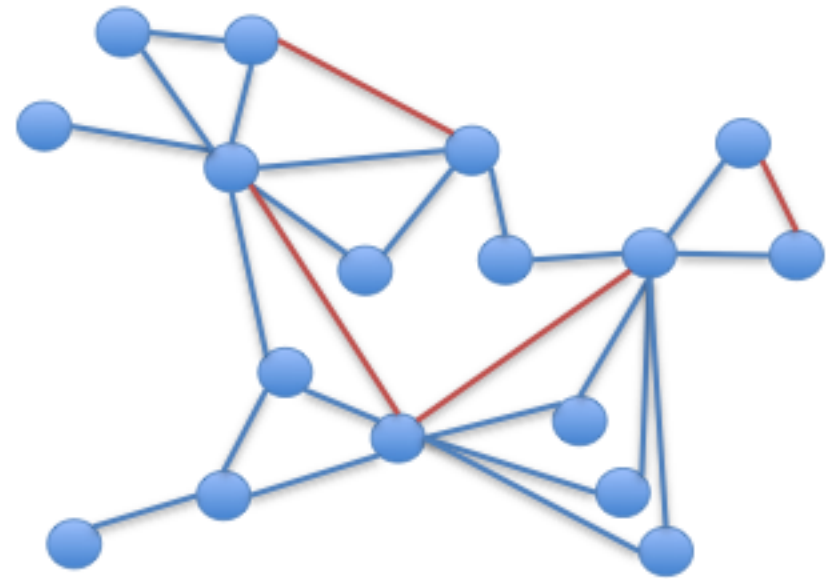
Thomas Schlitt, Johan Rung

Topological link prediction

Observed network



Real/Future topology



A Local Community Approach to Link Prediction

People You May Know


See All

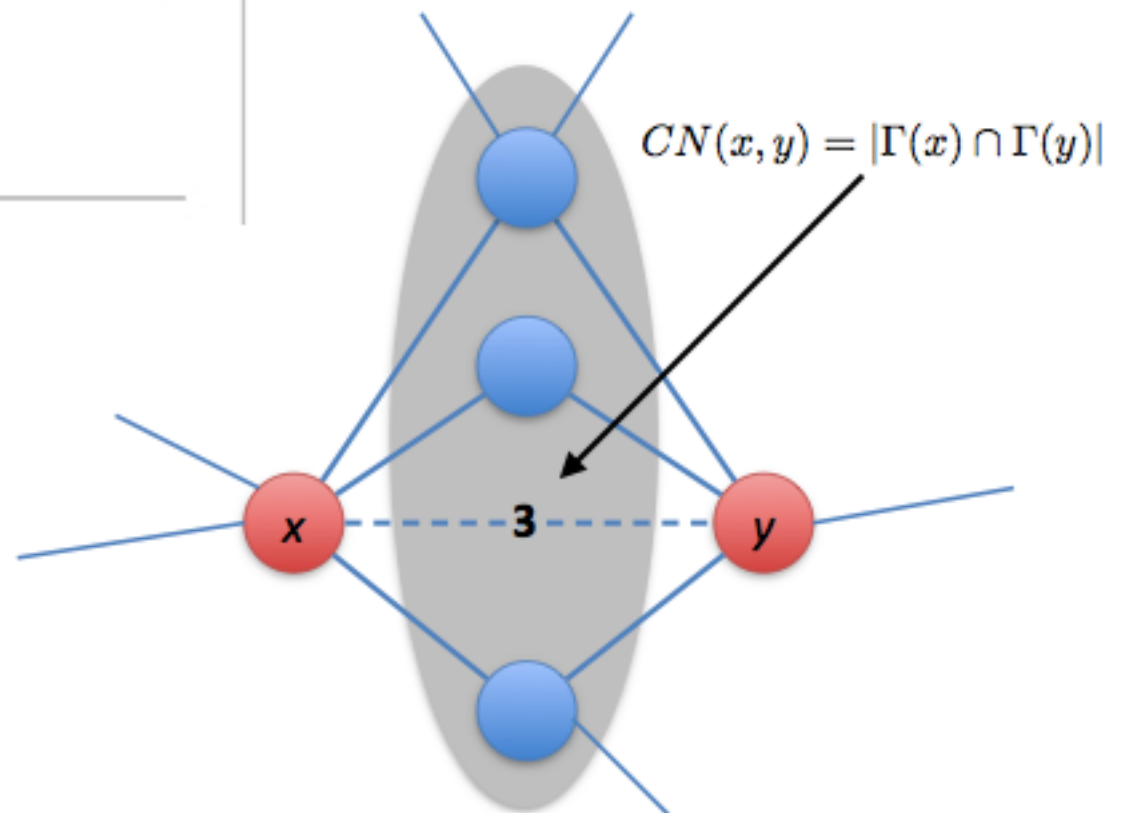


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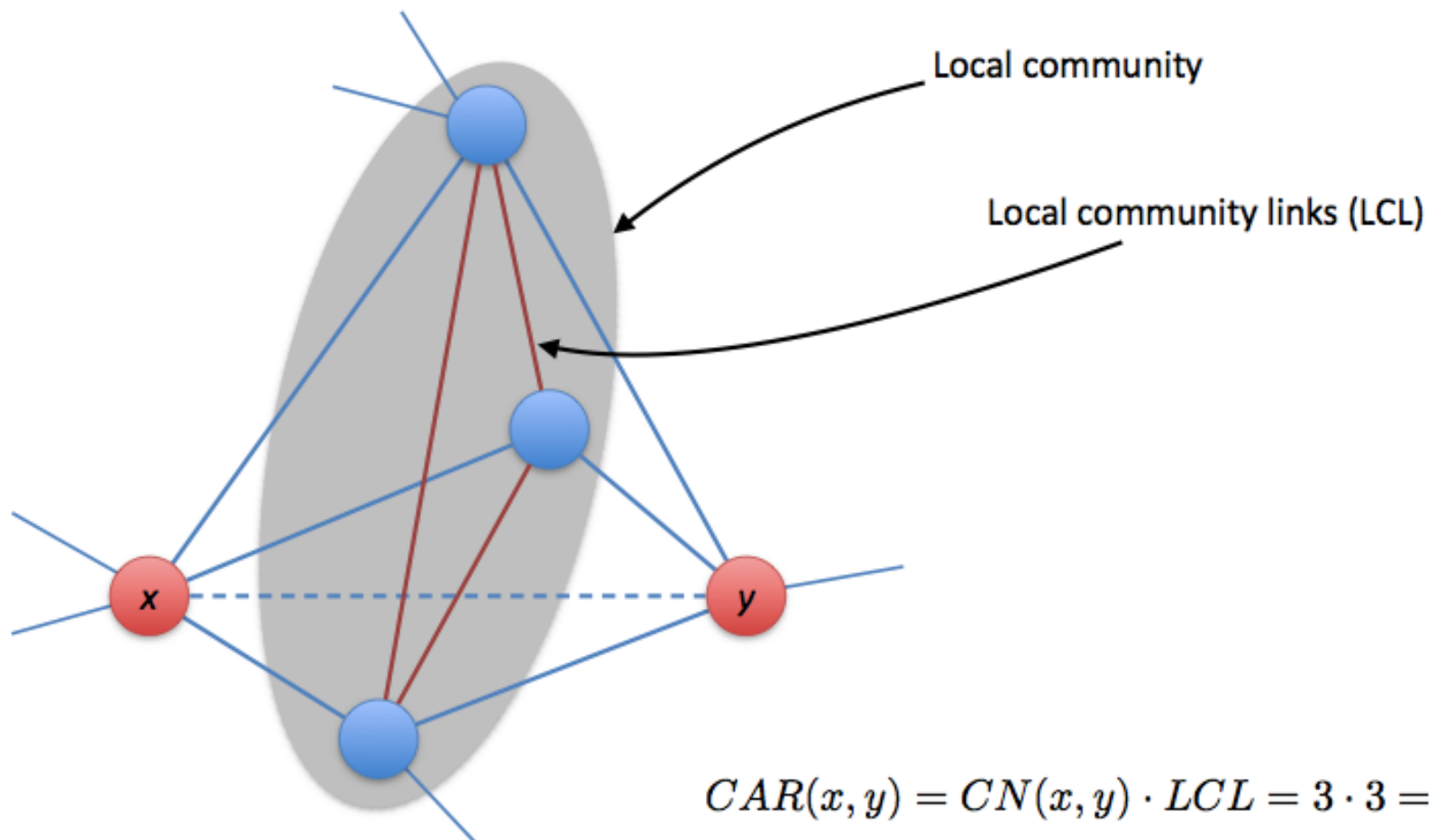
✕

3 mutual friends

 Add as friend



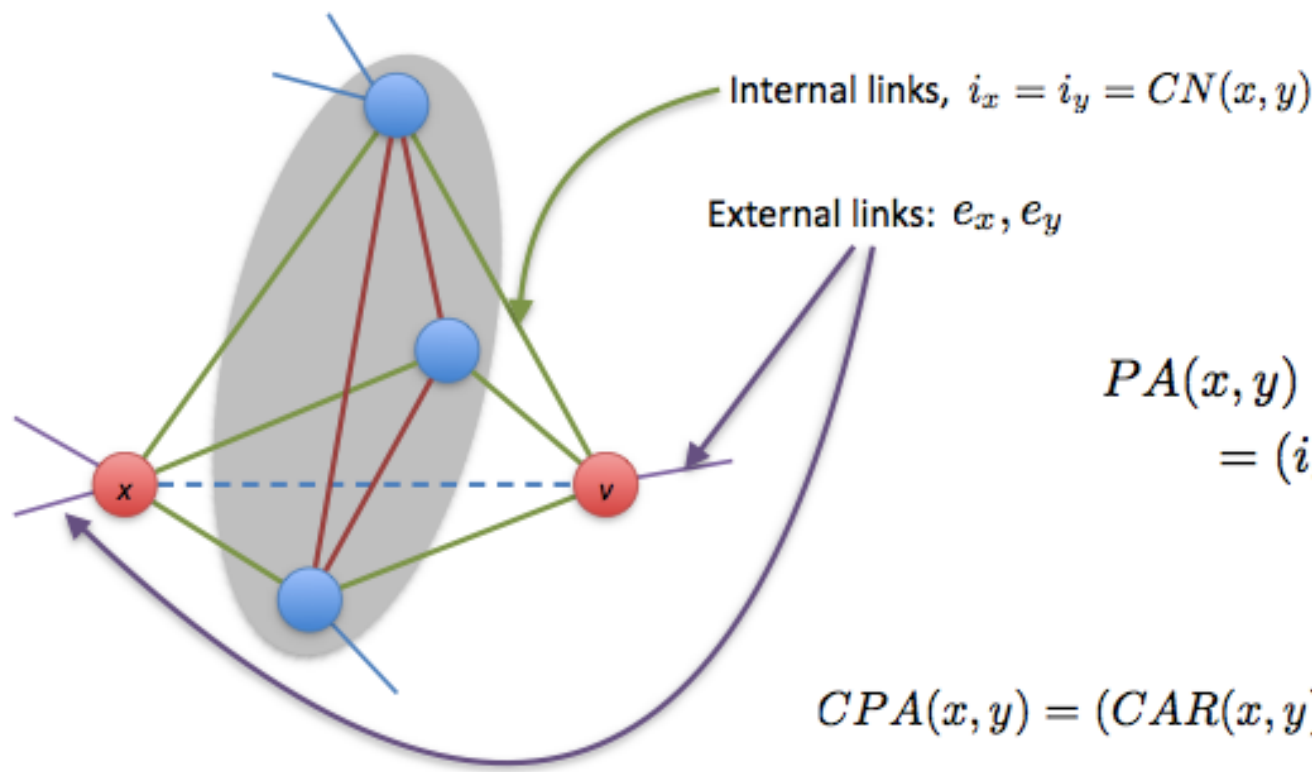
Shift from nodes to links: local community links and CAR



- Cannistraci, C.V., Alanis-Lobato, G. & Ravasi, T. (2013) From link-prediction in brain connectomes and protein interactomes to the local-community-paradigm in complex networks. *Scientific Reports* 3, 1613. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/srep01613>. ©The Author 2013. Published by Nature Publishing Group.

CAR variants of classical link predictors

$$JC(x, y) = \frac{|\Gamma(x) \cap \Gamma(y)|}{|\Gamma(x) \cup \Gamma(y)|} = \frac{CN(x, y)}{|\Gamma(x) \cup \Gamma(y)|} \longrightarrow CJC(x, y) = \frac{CAR(x, y)}{|\Gamma(x) \cup \Gamma(y)|}$$



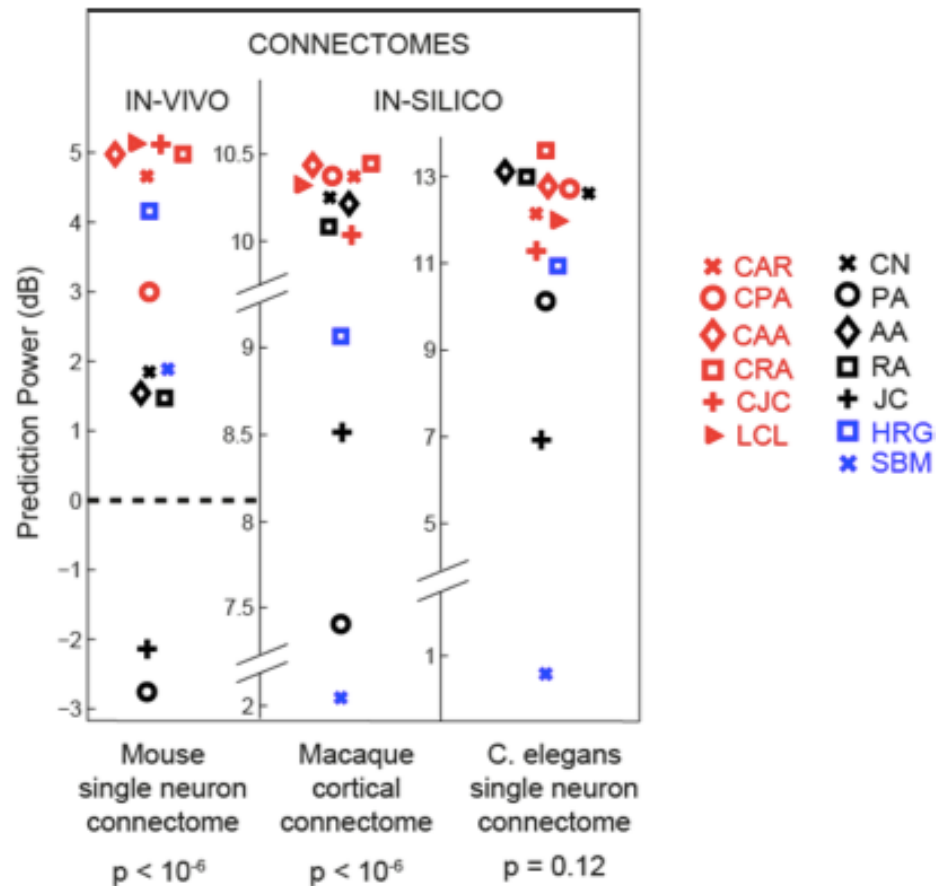
$$PA(x, y) = |\Gamma(x)| \cdot |\Gamma(y)|$$

$$= (i_x + e_x)(i_y + e_y)$$

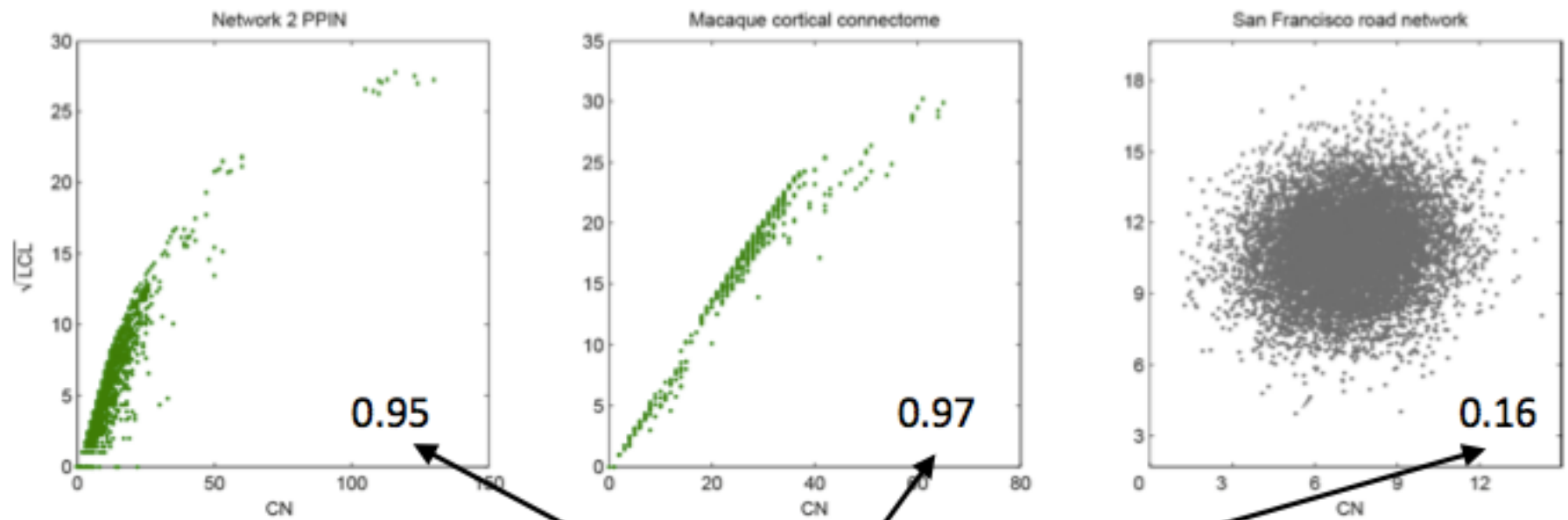


$$CPA(x, y) = (CAR(x, y) + e_x)(CAR(x, y) + e_y)$$

Testing CAR in brain connectomes

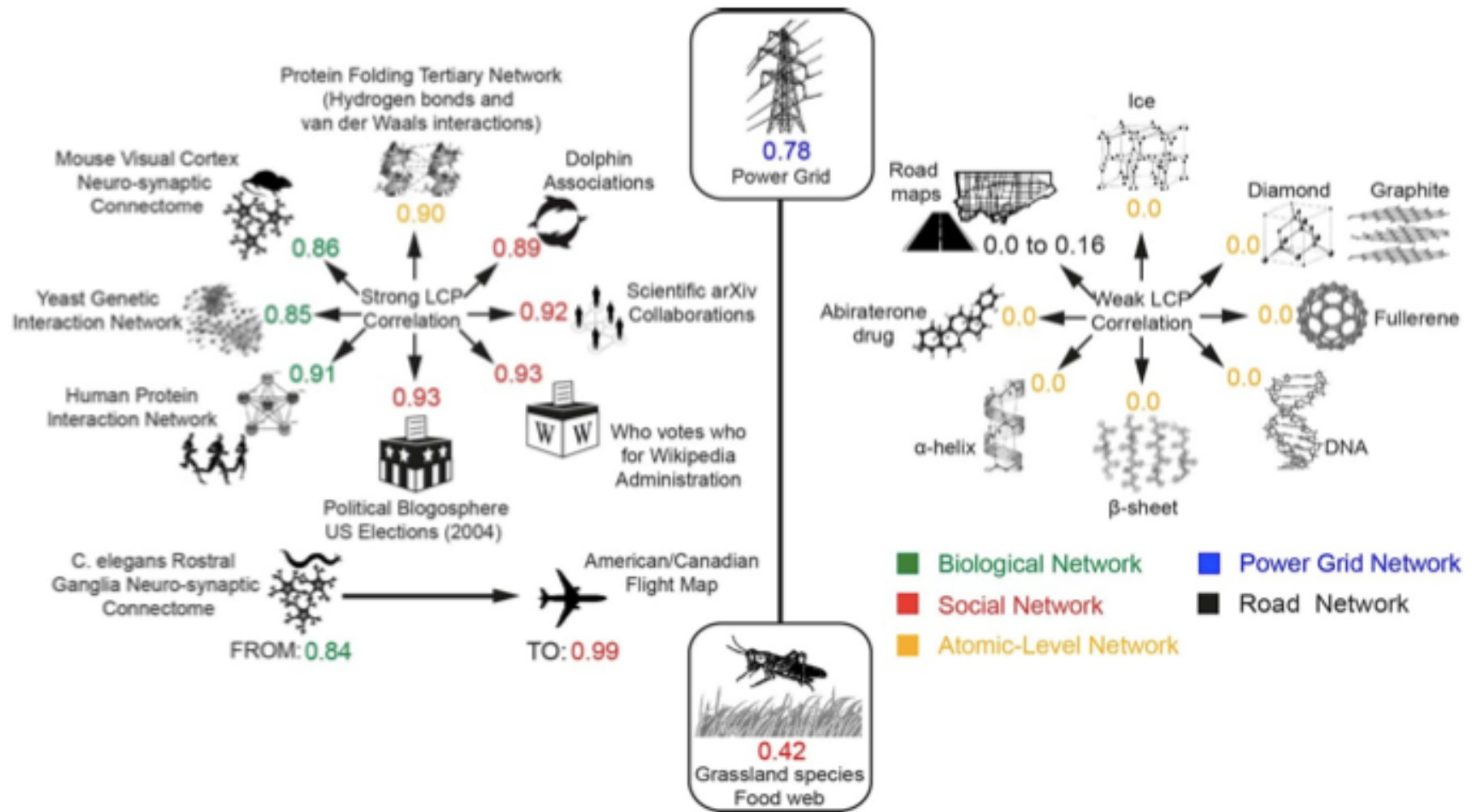


10% of links removed. Mean prediction precision considered relative to the mean random predictor performance



$$\text{LCP-corr}(G) = \text{Pearson}(CN, \sqrt{LCL})$$

LCP and non-LCP networks



Autoimmune Disease Network

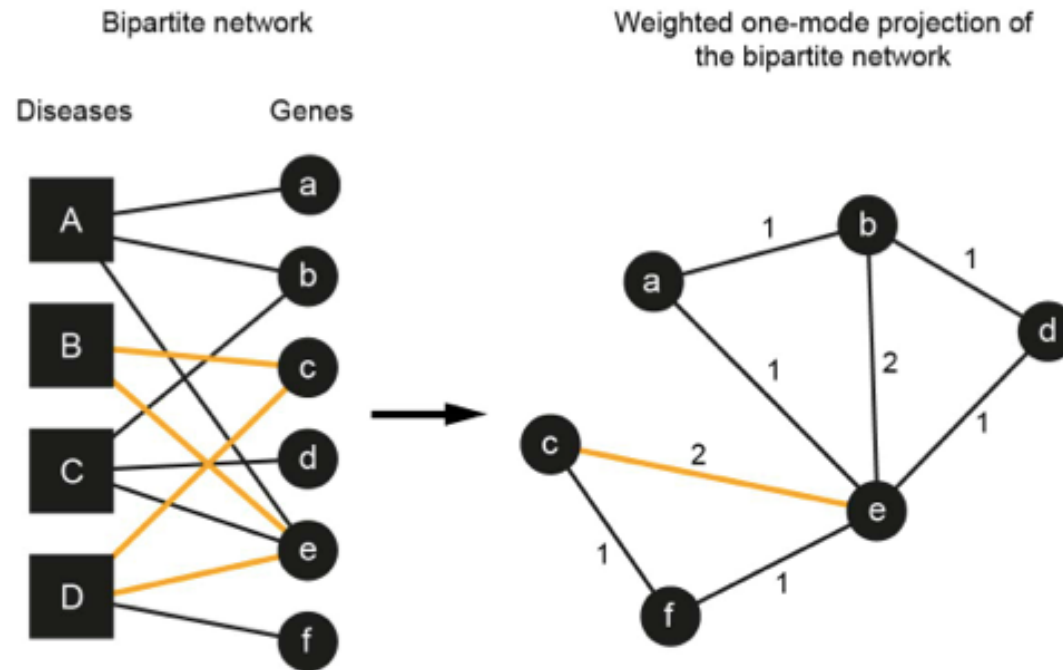
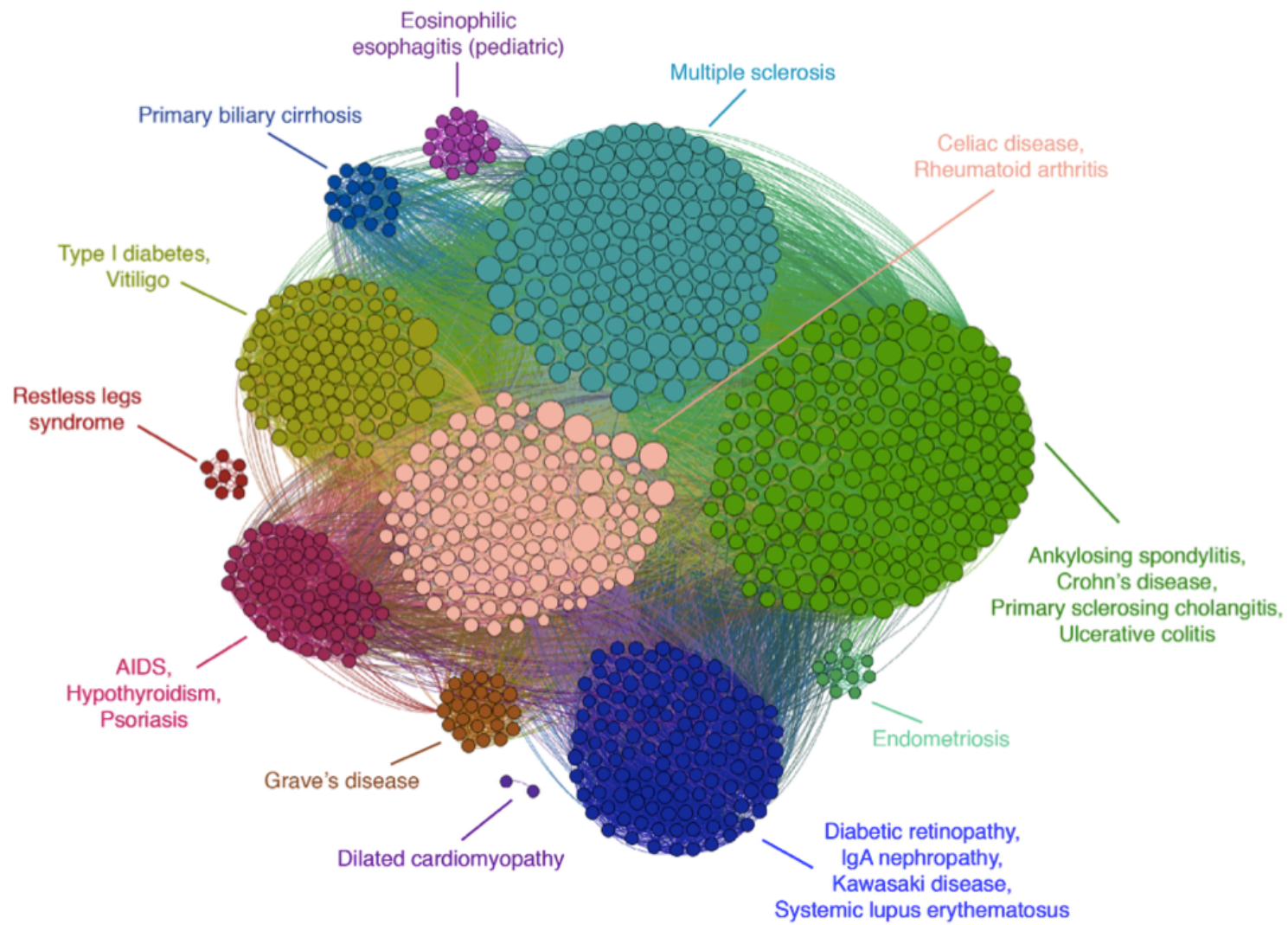
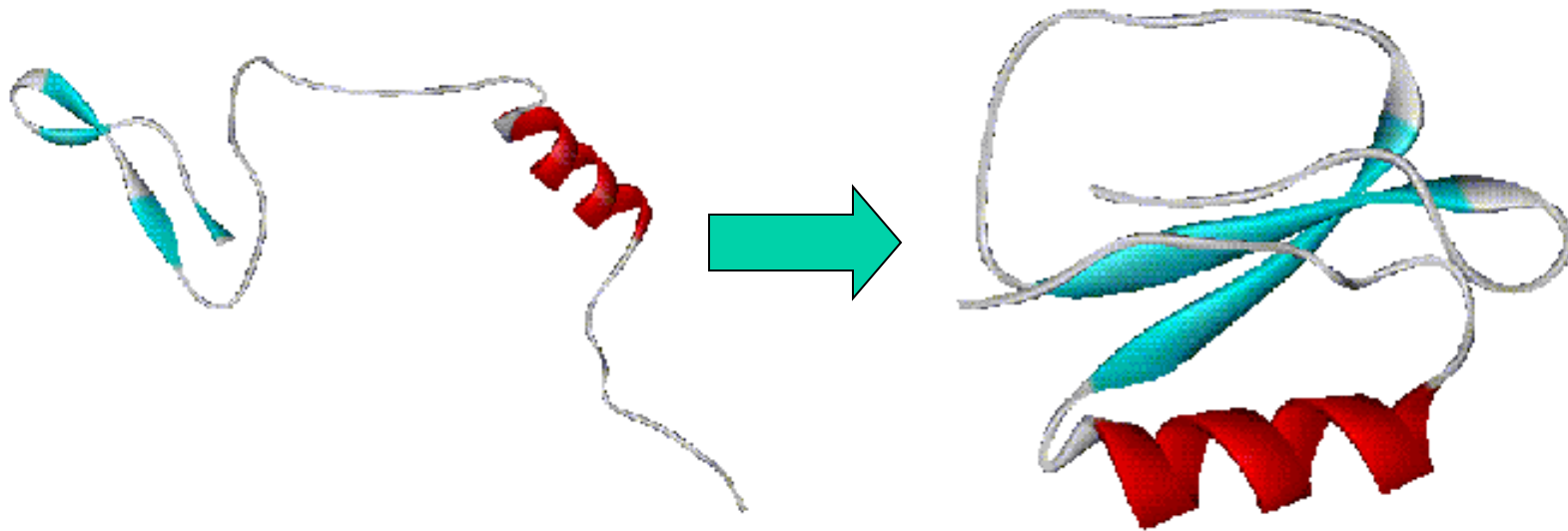


Figure 6.1: One-mode projection of the bipartite network of genes and diseases. In the highlighted example, gene c is associated with diseases B and D whereas gene e is associated with diseases A, B, C and D. Since they have two diseases in common (B and D), they are linked with a weight of 2 in the projection of the bipartite network to the gene space.

- Alanis-Lobato, G., Cannistraci, C.V. & Ravasi, T. (2014) Exploring the Genetics Underlying Autoimmune Diseases with Network Analysis and Link Prediction. In Proceedings of the MECBME 2014, 167-170. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/MECBME.2014.6783232>. ©IEEE 2014. All rights reserved.



Folding of chymotrypsin protein



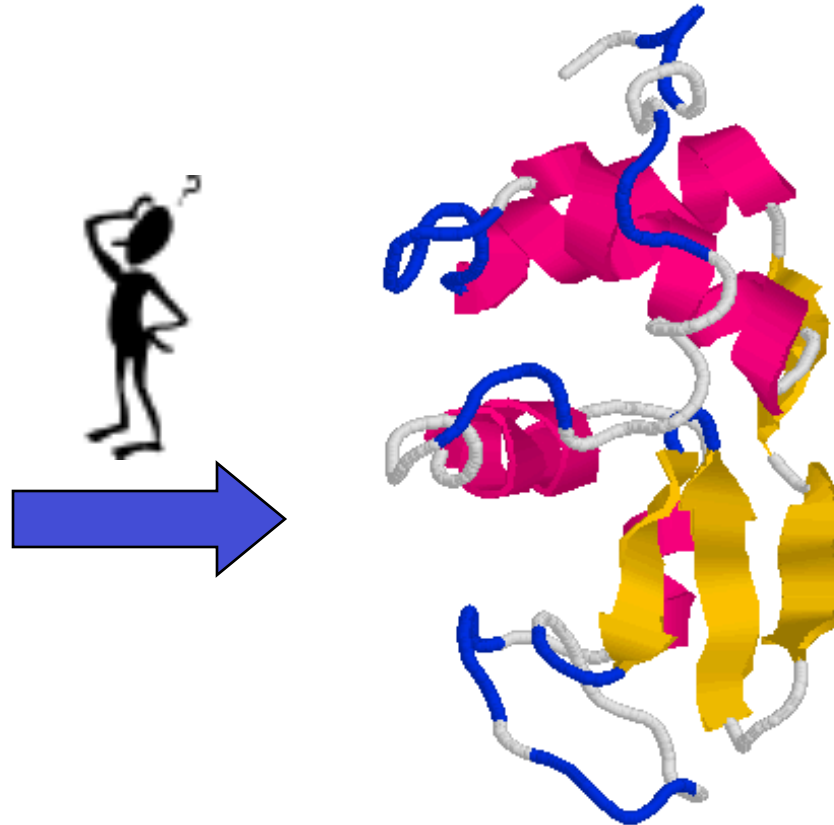
Protein Folding Problem

A protein folds into a unique 3D structure under the physiological condition.

Can we predict structure (fold) from sequence?

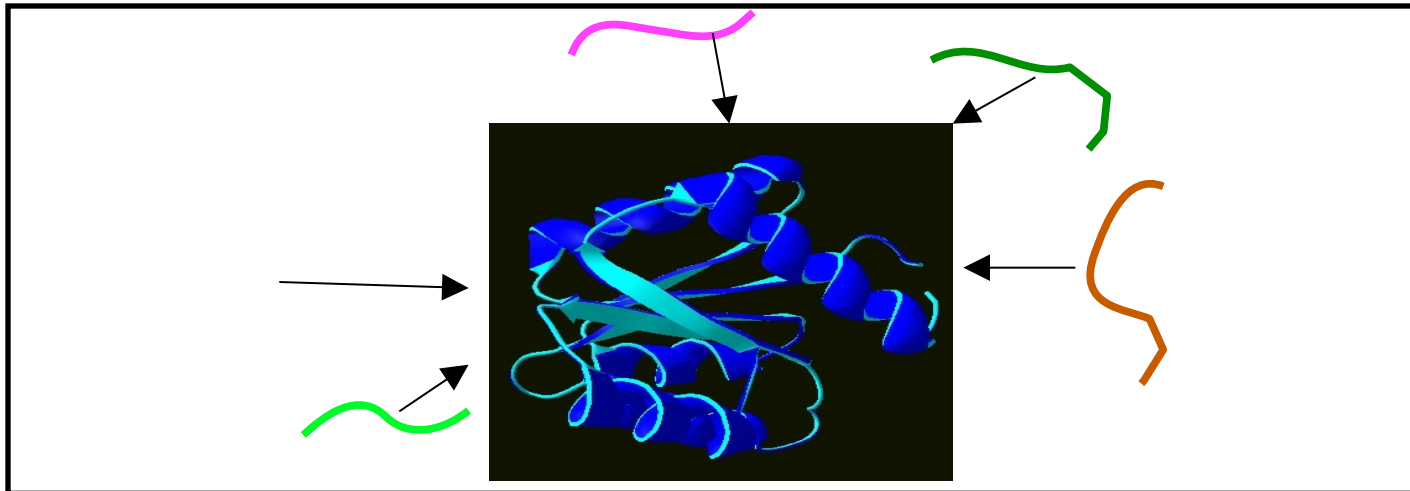
Lysozyme sequence:

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QATNRNTDGS  TDYGILQINS  
RWCNDGRTP   GSRNLCNIPC  
SALLSSDITA  SVNCAKKIVS  
DGNGMNAWVA  WRNRCKGTDV  
QAWIRGCRL
```



Many proteins with dissimilar sequences fold into similar structures

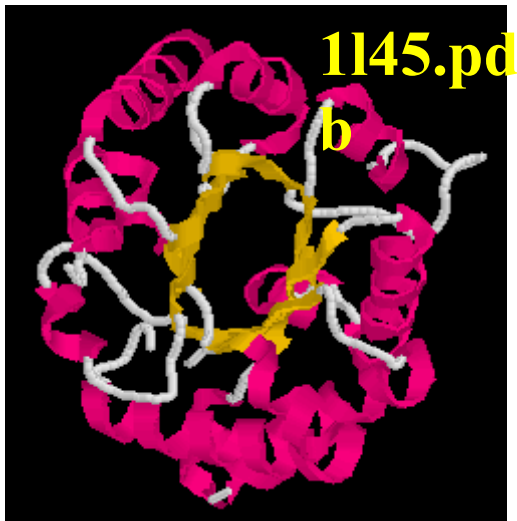
- Estimated number of folds: ~10000



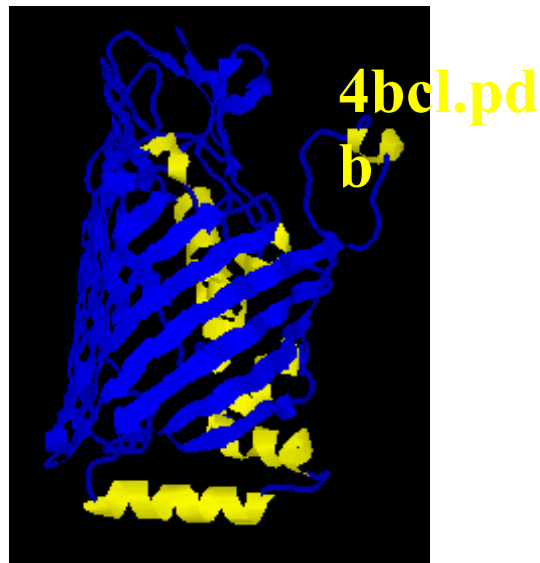
Protein Folds: sequential and spatial arrangement of secondary structures

Examples of different Folds

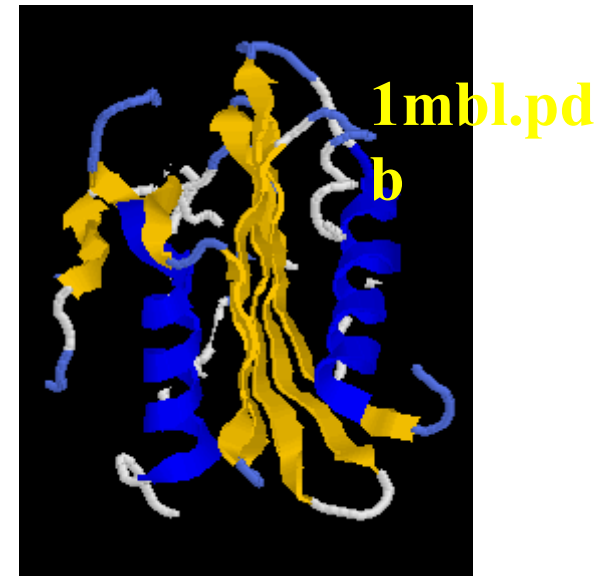
Refers to the spatial arrangement of its secondary structural elements (α -helices and β -strands)



α/β -barrel



β -barrel



α/β -sandwich

Predicting Protein Structure: Alternative Methods

- ***Ab initio* prediction**

(no similarity with any sequence of known structure)

Given only the sequence, predict the 3D structure from “first principles”, based on energetic or statistical principles.

- **Sequence-structure threading = Fold recognition**

(sequences with $\leq 30\%$ sequence identity to sequences of known structure)

Given the sequence, and a set of folds observed in PDB, see if any of the sequences could adopt one of the known folds.

- **Homology Modelling**

Given a sequence with homology ($> 30\%$) to a known structure in PDB, use known structure as template to create a 3D model from the sequence.

Approaches to Ab-initio Prediction

Molecular Mechanics

- folded form is the minimal energy conformation of the protein

Molecular Dynamics

- Simulates the forces that governs the protein within water

Problems:

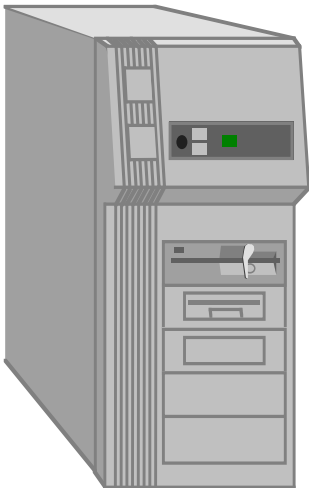
- Thousands of atoms
- Huge number of time steps to reach folded protein
- There is no correct energy function
- Optimization in multi-minima space (most methods can reach only local minimum)

➔ **Intractable problem**

Forces Involved in Molecular Interactions

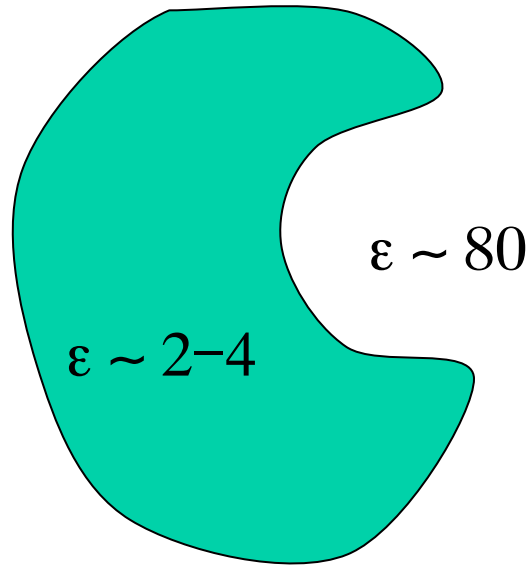
- Bond stretch
- Bond angle bending
- Torsion (bond rotation)
- Hydrogen bonding
- van der Waals interactions
- Electrostatic interactions
- Empirical solvation free energy

$$\begin{aligned}
 V = & \sum_{\text{bond}} 1/2 K_b (r - r_{\text{eq}})^2 + \\
 & \text{Sangle } 1/2 K_{\theta} (\theta - \theta_{\text{eq}})^2 + \\
 & \sum_{\text{torsions}} 1/2 V_n [1 + \cos(n\phi - \gamma')] + \\
 & \sum_{\text{H bonds}} [V_0 (1 - e^{-a(r-r_0)})^2 - V_0] + \\
 & \sum_{\text{non bonded}} [A_{ij}/r_{ij}^{12} - B_{ij}/r_{ij}^6 + q_i q_j / \epsilon_r r_{ij}] + \\
 & \sum_{\text{atoms } i} \Delta\sigma_i A_i
 \end{aligned}$$



Electrostatic interactions: Solvent dielectric model?

- Problem: Inhomogeneous permittivity

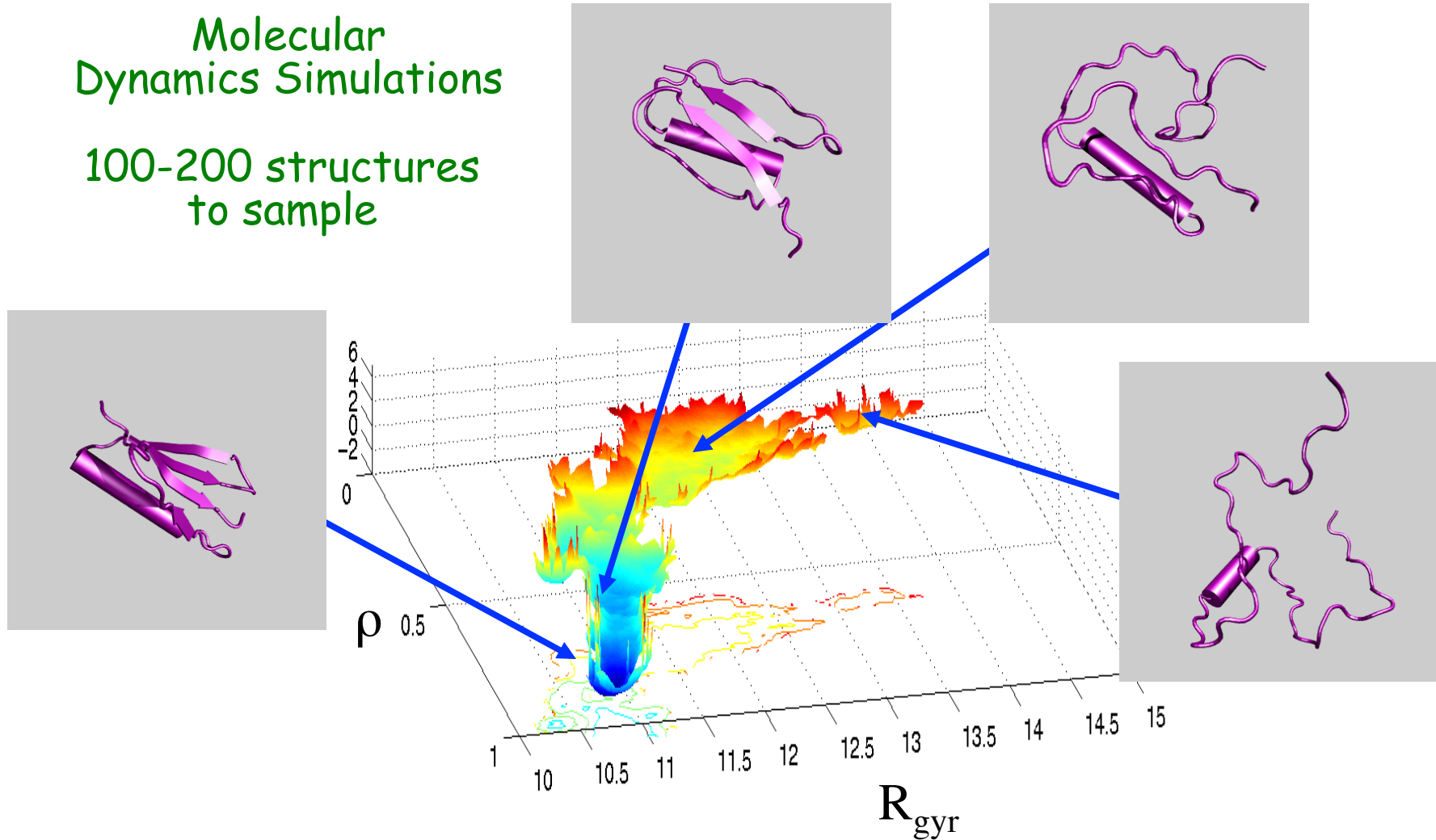


Depends on local structure and interactions with water

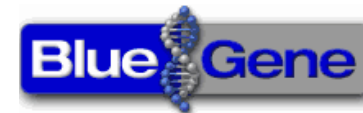
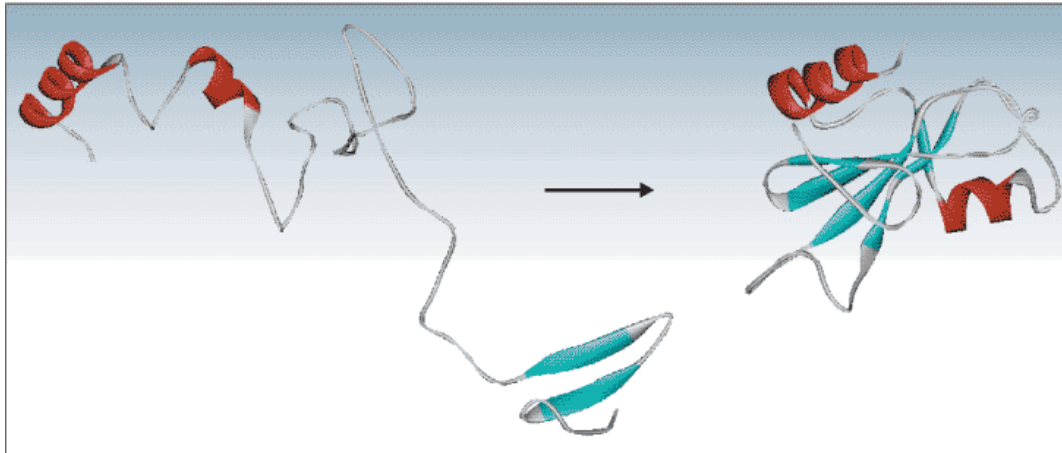
Folding Free Energy Landscape

Molecular
Dynamics Simulations

100-200 structures
to sample



Ab initio protein folding simulation

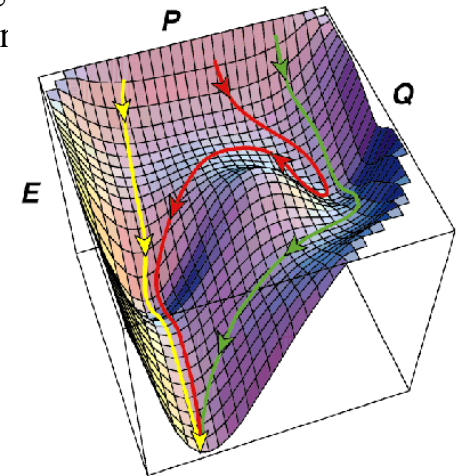


Physical time for simulation	10^{-4} seconds
Typical time-step size	10^{-15} seconds
Number of MD time steps	10^{11}
Atoms in a typical protein and water simulation	32'000
Approximate number of interactions in force calculation	10^9
Machine instructions per force calculation	1000
Total number of machine instructions	10^{23}
BlueGene capacity (floating point operations per second)	(10^{15})

→ Blue Gene will need 3 years to simulate 100 μ sec.

Why Do We Need Homology Modelling?

- *Ab Initio* protein folding (“random” sampling):
 - 100 aa, 10 conf./residue gives approximately 10^{100} different overall conformations!
- Random sampling is *NOT feasible*, even if conformations can be sampled at picosecond (10^{-12} sec) rates.
 - **Levinthal’s paradox** if a protein were to attain its correctly folded configuration by sequentially sampling all the possible conformations, it would require a time longer age of the universe to arrive at its correct native conformation
- Do fold recognition or homology modelling instead.



Comparative Modeling (homology modeling)

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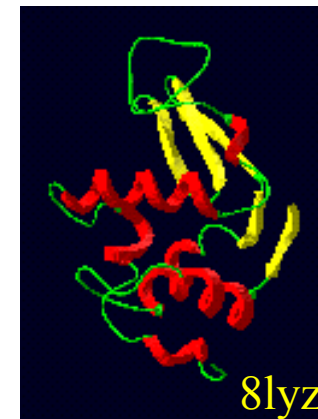


Homologous



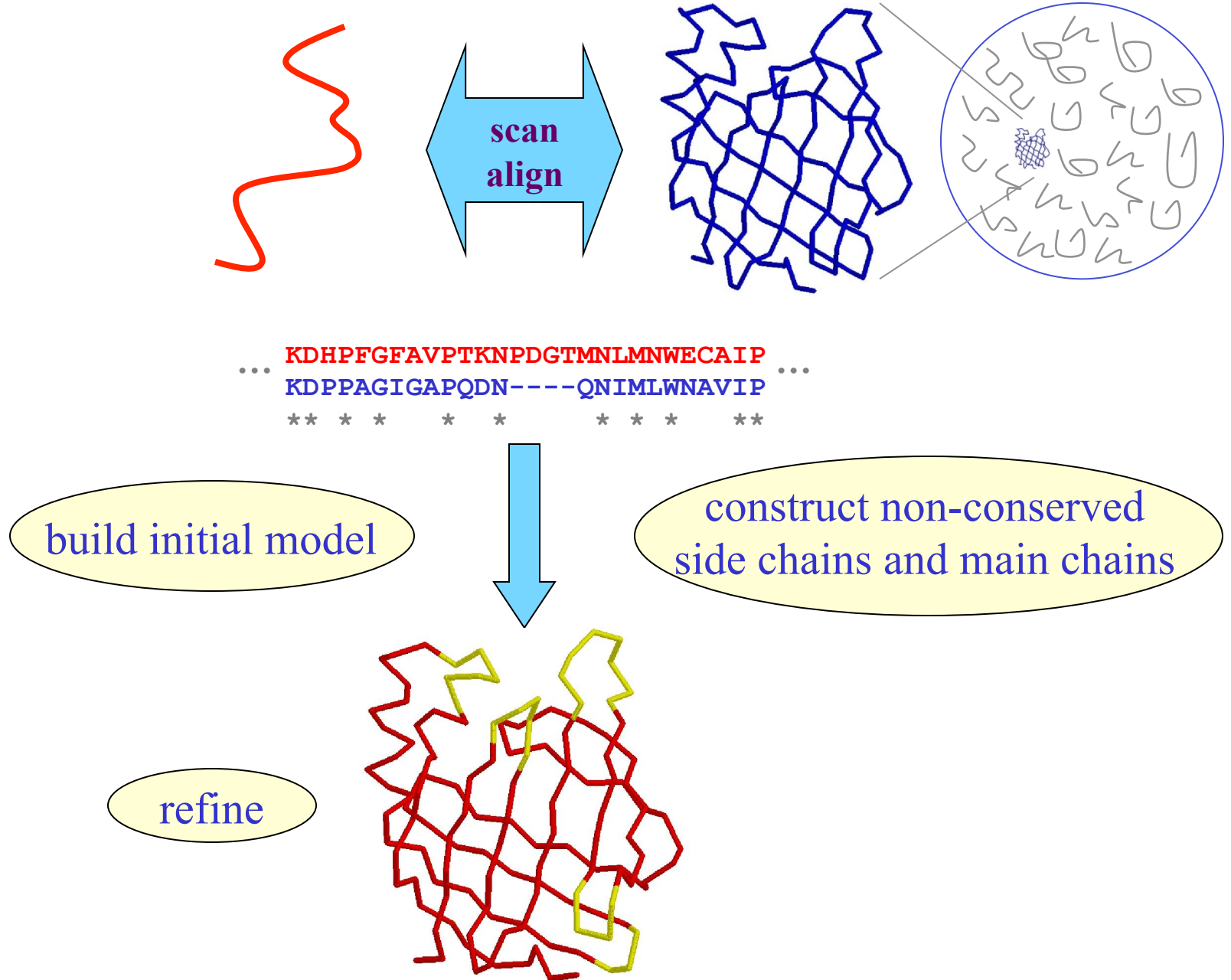
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Similar
Sequence

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Use as template
& model

Comparative modelling of protein structure



Fold Recognition

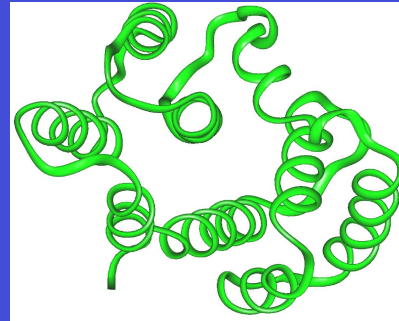
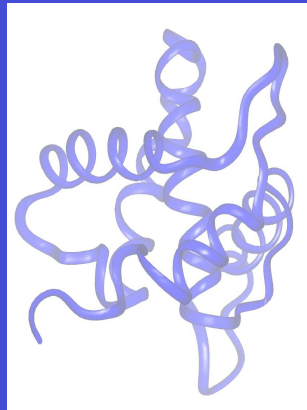
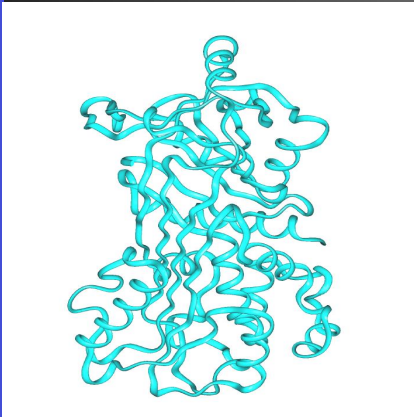
Homology modeling refers to the easy case when the template structure can be identified using BLAST alone.

What to do when BLAST fails to identify a template?

- *Use more sophisticated sequence methods*
 - Profile-based BLAST: PSIBLAST
 - Hidden Markov Models (HMM)
- *Use secondary structure prediction to guide the selection of a template, or to validate a template*
- *Use threading programs: sequence-structure alignments*
- *Use all of these methods! Meta-servers*

Fold Recognition: problem definition

A Library of Protein Folds (finite number)



Query sequence

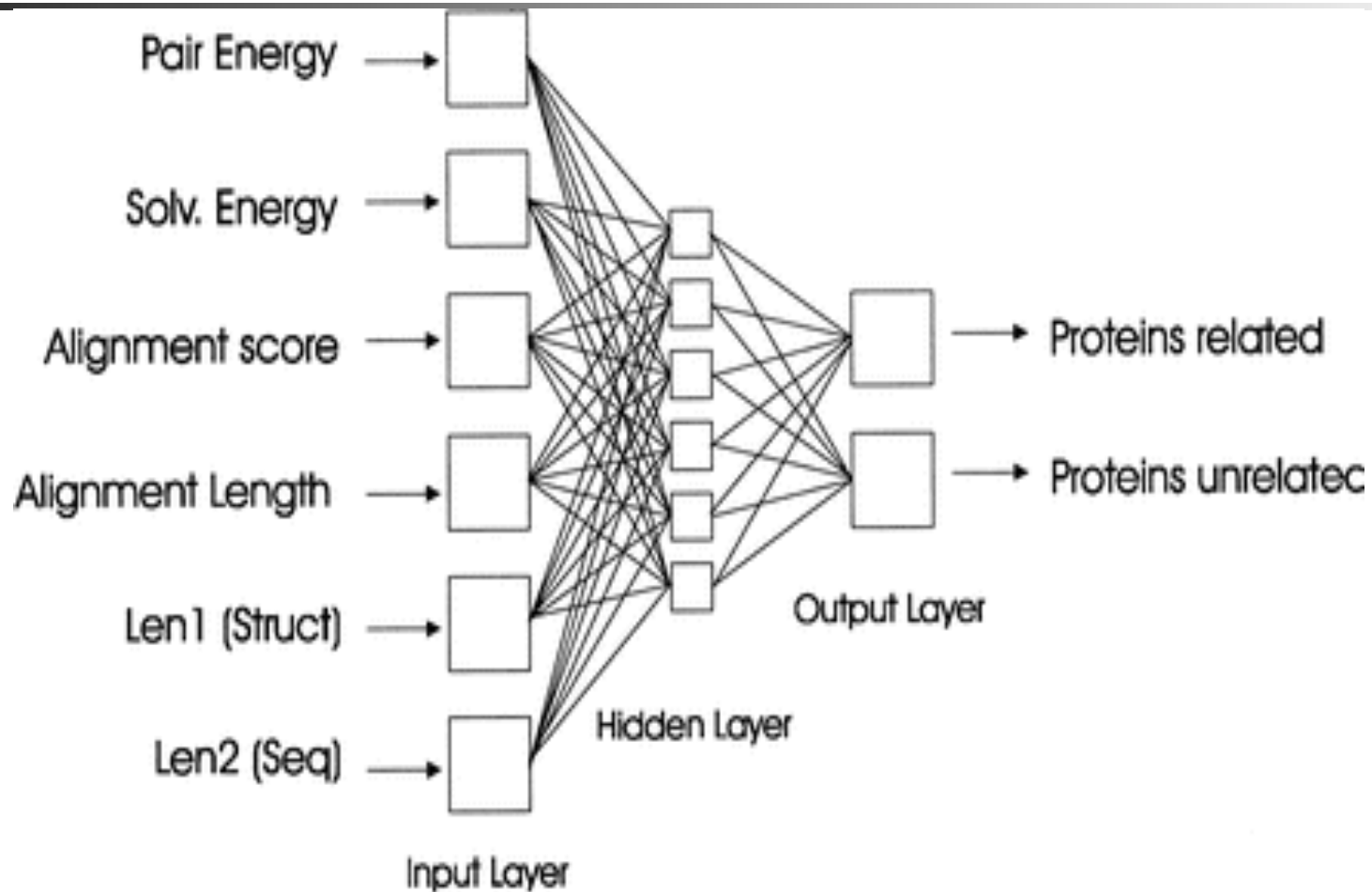
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Goal: find to what folding template the sequence fits best

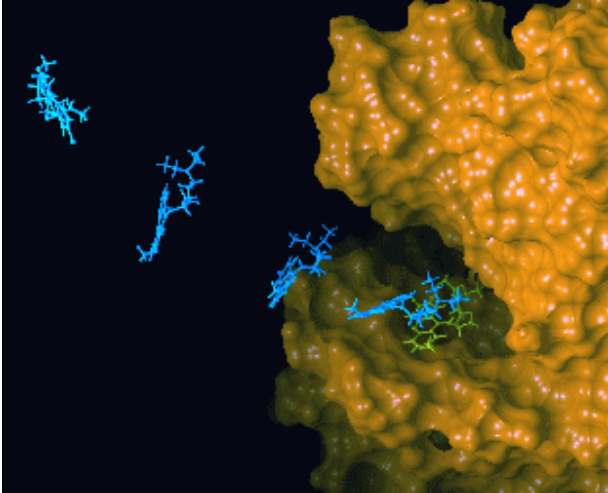


Find ways to evaluate sequence-structure fit

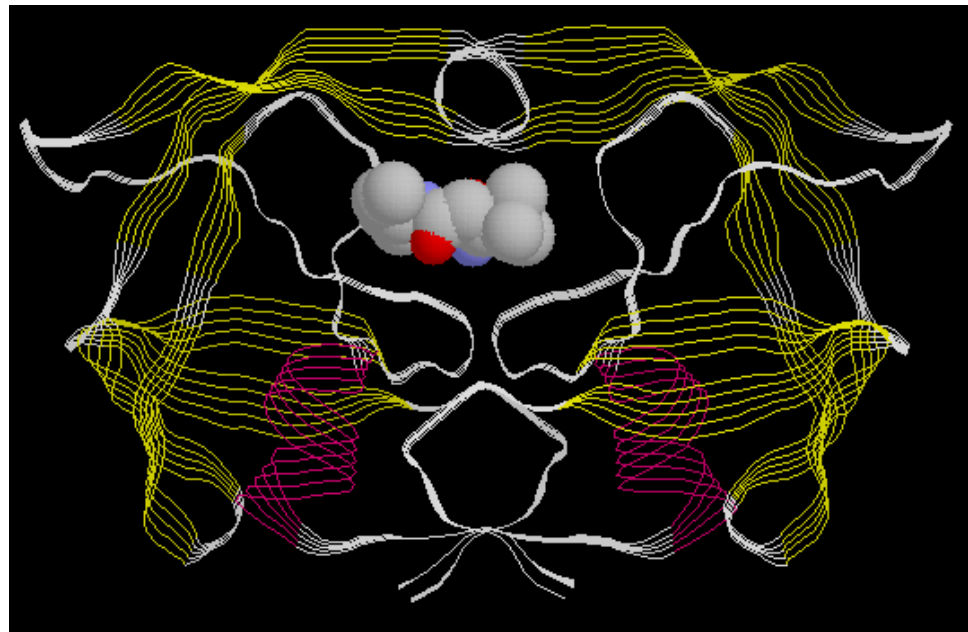
Essentials of GenTHREADER



Structure-Based Drug Design



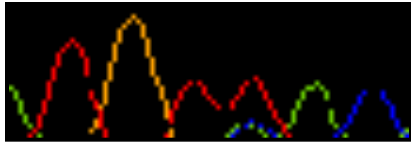
**Structure-based
rational drug design is
still a major method
for drug discovery.**



HIV protease inhibitor

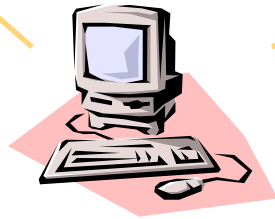
The role of Bioinformatics in support of genomics

Sequencing/
Sequence assembling

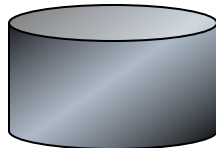


Gene prediction in
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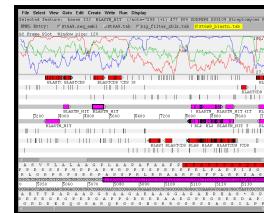
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Genome
databases



Genome Annotation



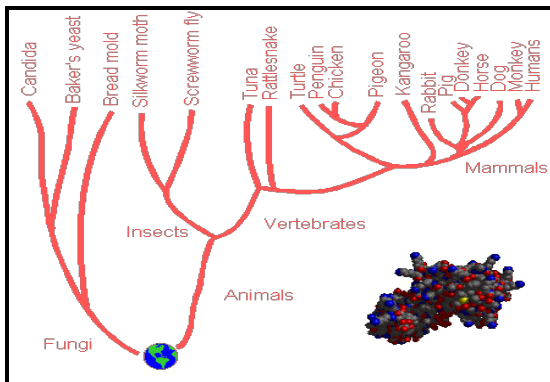
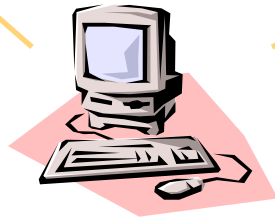
The role of bioinformatics supporting genetics

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Identification of sequence functions and functional signals

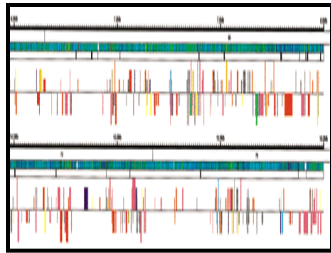
Alignments



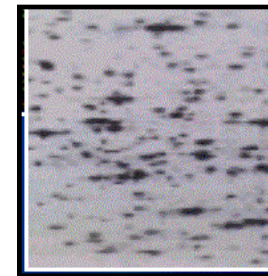
Phylogenetic trees

Structures

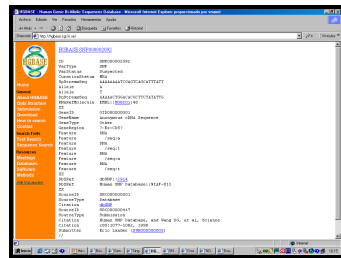
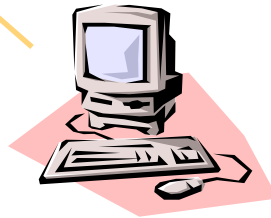
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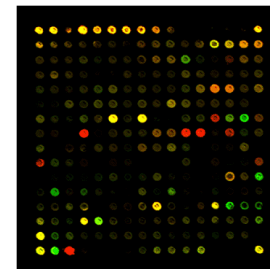
Genomes: Comparative Genomics (homology, evolution)



Proteomics (proteins in cells)



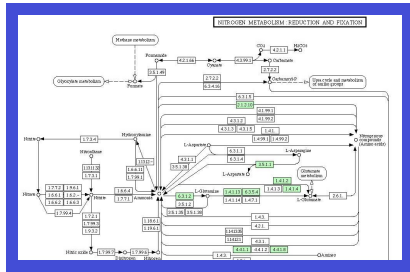
SNPs
Individual Genome mutations/ variations



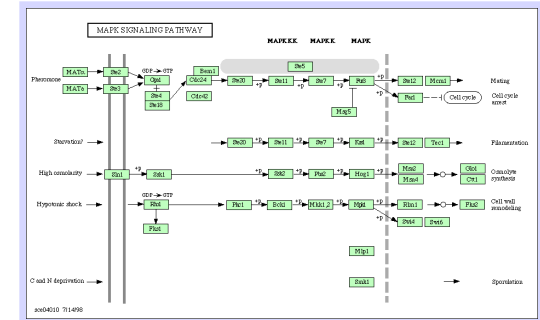
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DNA microarrays
Transcriptome Sequencing

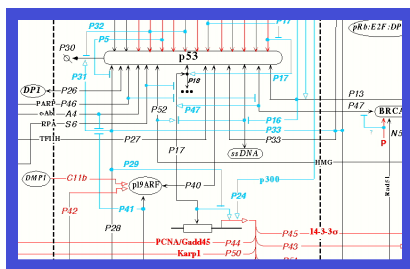
Bioinformatics in support of Systems Biology



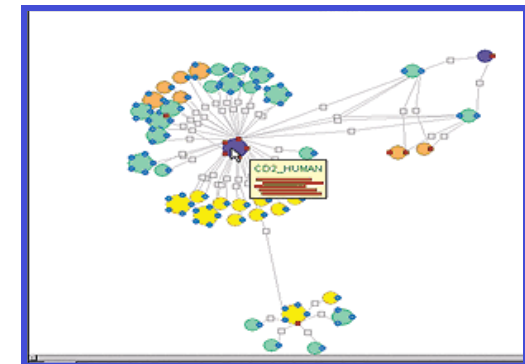
Metabolic Pathways



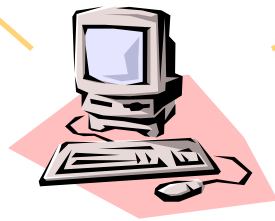
Signaling pathways



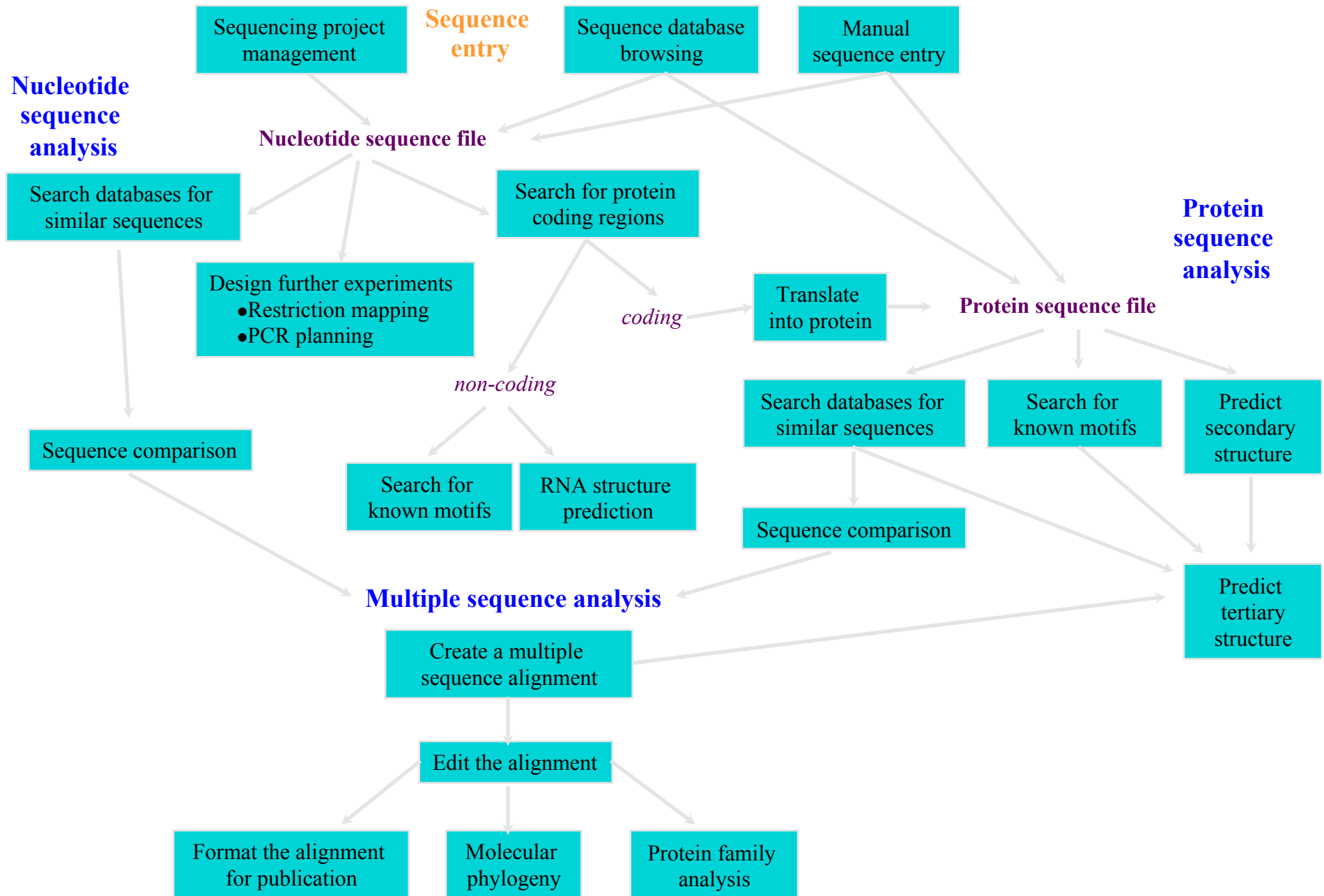
Genetic Networks



Interactions



Sequence analysis: overview



Why is Computing and Mathematics necessary to solve bio-medical problems?

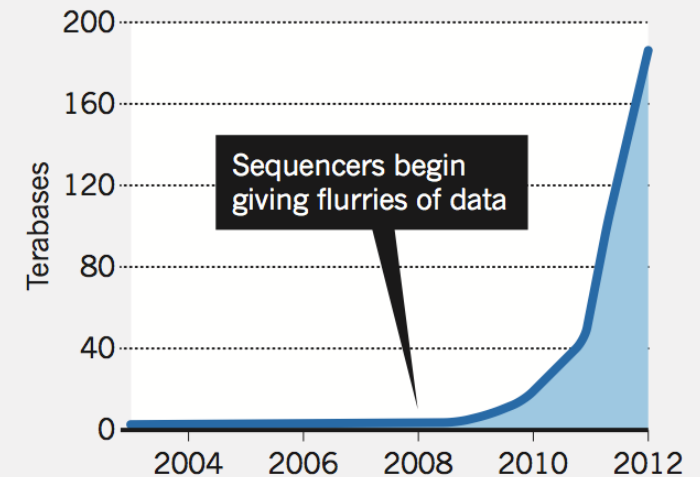
The big change: New technology allows biologists to perform experiments much more efficiently (using complex machines).

- This provides **a growing amount of information/data from experiments**.
- The data has to be analyzed in a hopefully efficient way.

The European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) in Hinxton, UK, currently stores **20 petabytes** (1 petabyte is 10^{15} bytes) of data and back-ups about genes, proteins and small molecules.

DATA EXPLOSION

The amount of genetic sequencing data stored at the European Bioinformatics Institute takes less than a year to double in size.

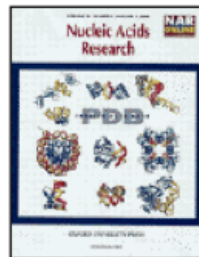


Tools

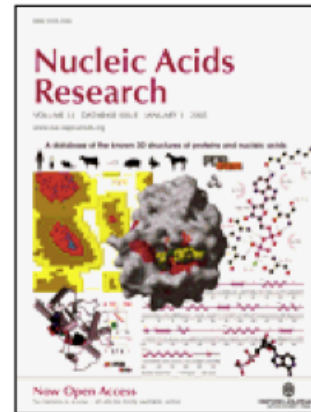
1996: first annual compilation of databases and tools lists **57 databases and tools**



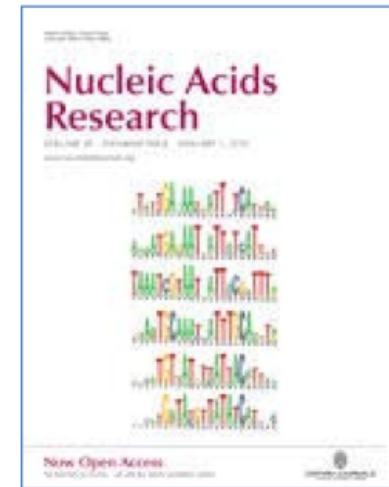
2000: **230 databases and tools** listed in compilation



2006: **856 databases and tools**



2010: **1230 databases and tools**



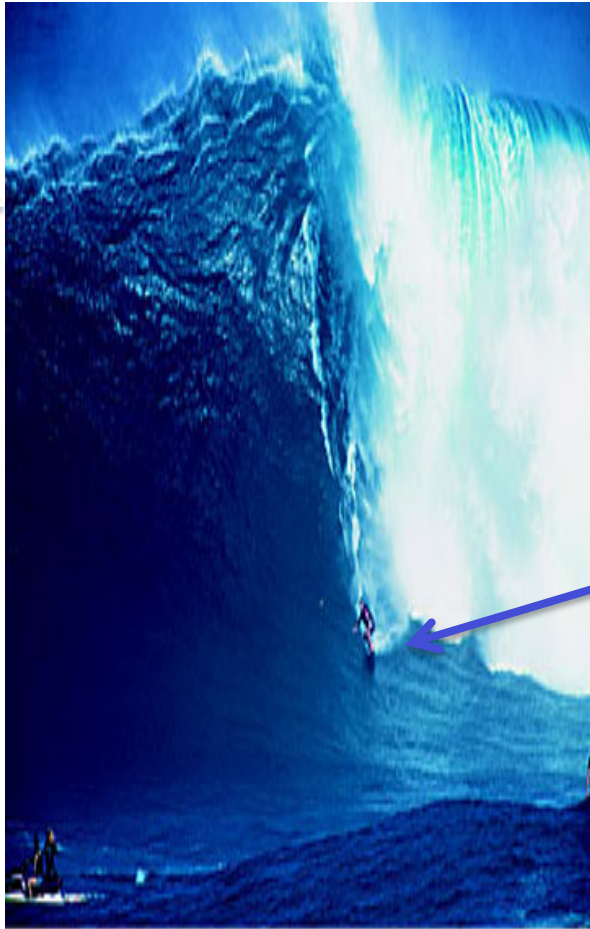
The annual database issue of Nucleic Acids Research (NAR) has grown exponentially

The online 2011 NAR Database Collection lists **1330** molecular biology databases

<http://www.oxfordjournals.org/nar/database/a/>

Data exceeds analysis

Data



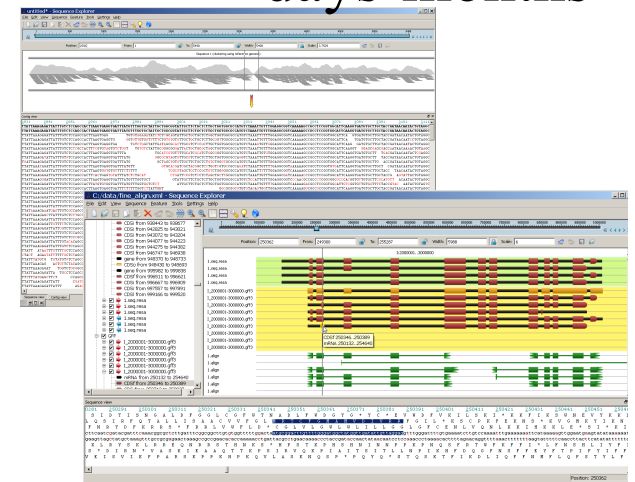
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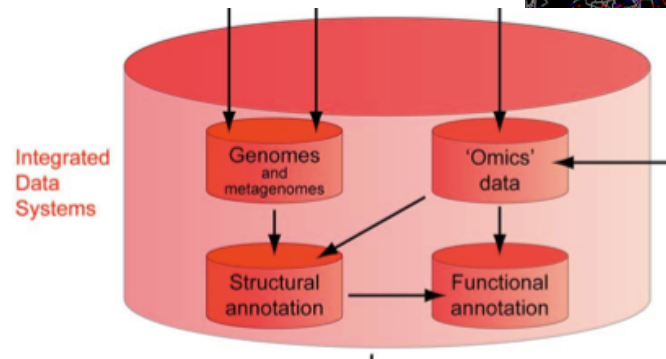
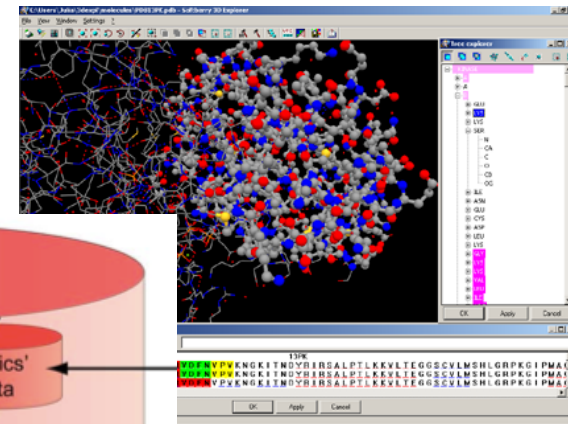
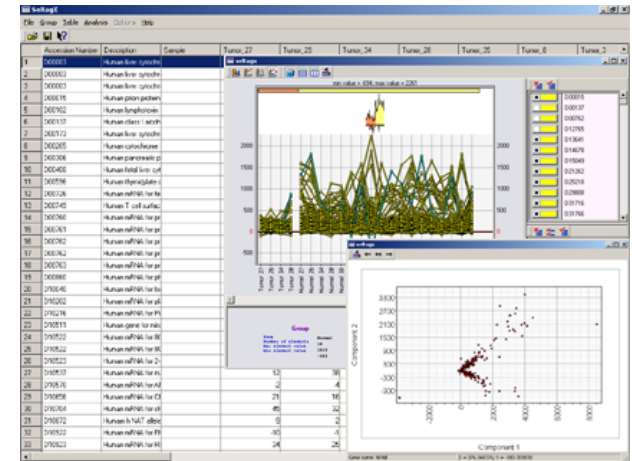


A tsunami of NGS data:



High-throughput experimental technique created vast amounts of biological data

Digging out the “treasure” from massive biological data represents the primary challenge in bioinformatics, consequently placing unprecedented demands on big data storage, data manipulation and efficient analysis of this information.



Biologists are increasingly finding that the management of complex data sets is becoming a bottleneck for scientific advances. Therefore, **bioinformatics** is rapidly become a **key technology** in all **fields of biology**.

Bioinformatics and Medicine

