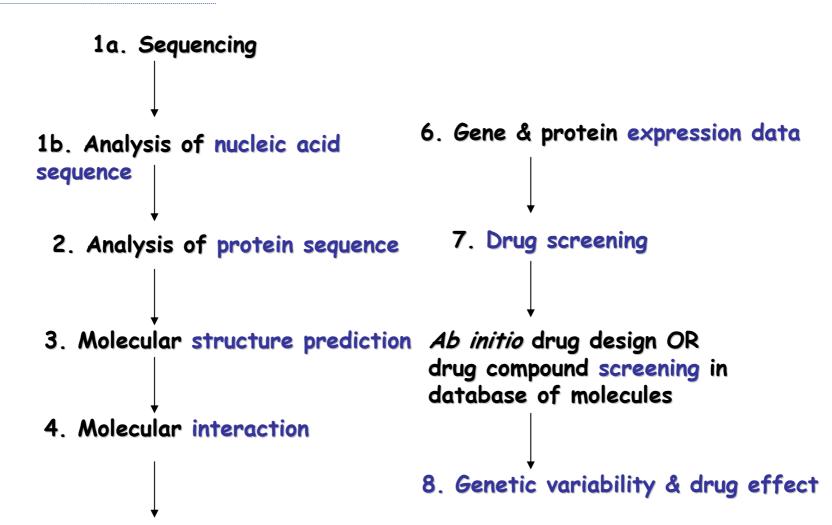


Genome Sequencing & Annotation

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Bioinformatics Flow Chart



5. Metabolic and regulatory networks

Automated DNA Sequencing

- * The first objective of most genome projects
- * Automated DNA sequencing
 - * The Principle of Sanger Sequencing = Dideoxy (Sanger) sequencing



Dideoxy Sequencing of DNA (1)

- The dideoxy or enzymatic method of DNA sequencing utilizes the principle that a dideoxyribonucleotide triphosphate can be incorporated into a growing DNA chain, but can not continue synthesis
- * DNA synthesis is terminated and the type of dideoxyNTP (ddNTP) added reflects the last nucleotide incorporated

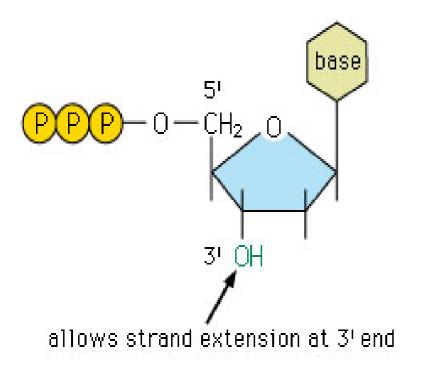


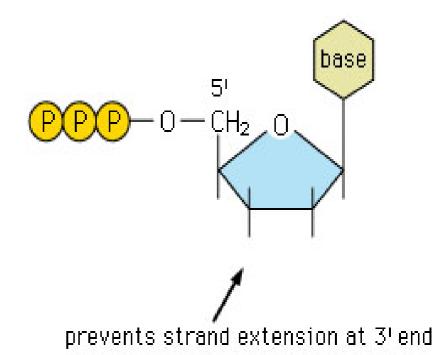


Dideoxy Sequencing of DNA (2)

(A) deoxyribonucleoside triphosphate

<mark>dideoxy</mark>ribonucleoside triphosphate



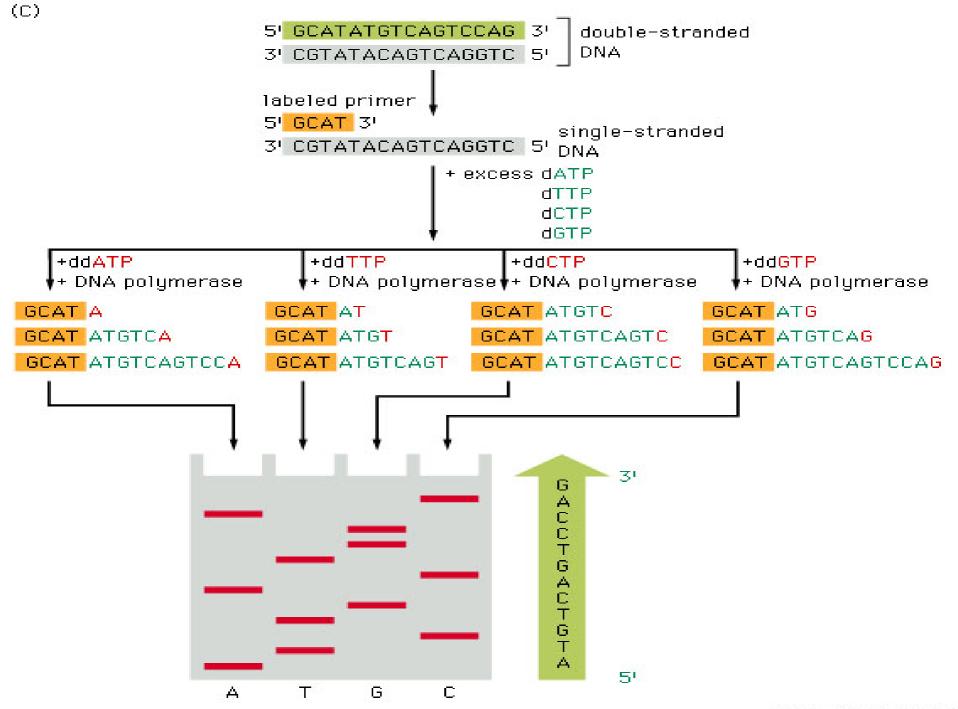


Reactions Requirements for Dideoxy Sequencing of DNA

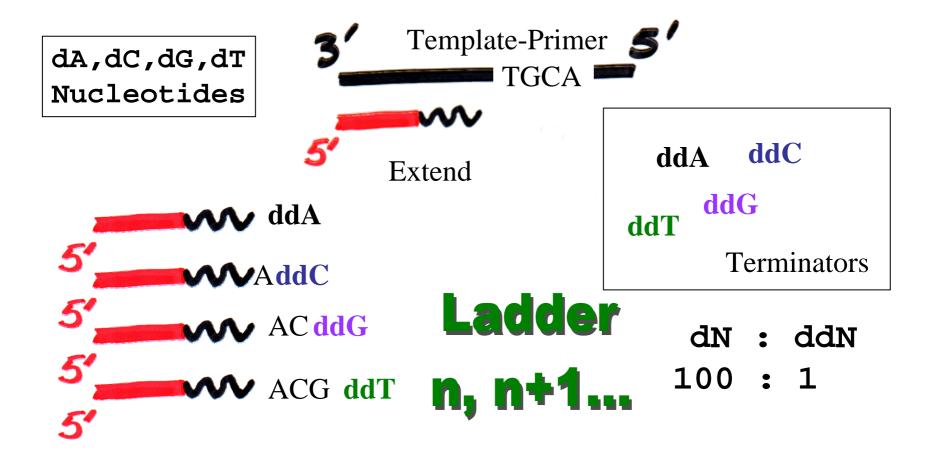
- * Single-stranded DNA molecule (template) to be sequenced
- Oligonucleotide primer complementary to upstream region of template
- DNA polymerase
- All four dNTPs (dATP, dGTP, dCTP, dTTP)
- One of the four ddNTPs (ddATP, ddGTP, ddCTP, or ddTTP)



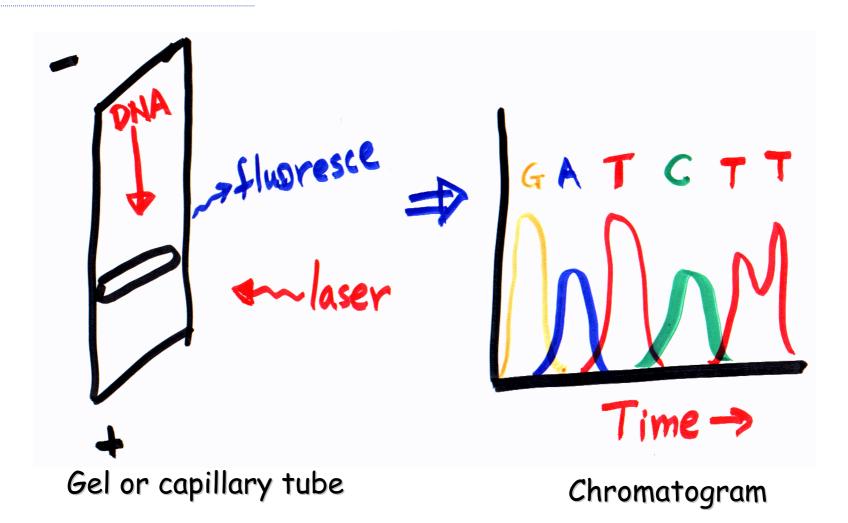




Automated Sequencing - Extension



Electrophoresis



Separation

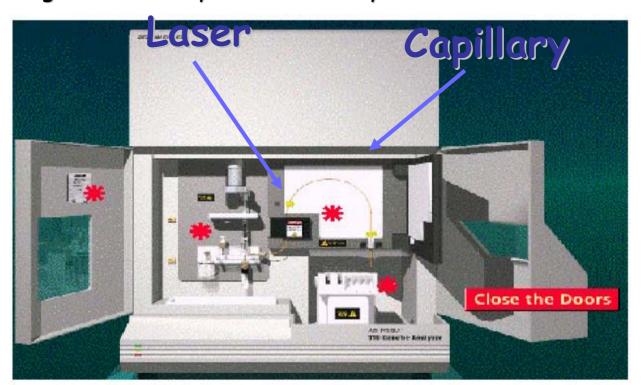
- * Gel electrophoresis
- * Capillary electrophoresis
 - * Suited to automation
 - * Rapid (2 hrs vs 12 hrs)
 - * Re-usable
 - * Simple temperature control
 - * 96 well format (= high throughput)





Automated Sequencing

- * Now, we take the modified nucleotide idea further when we do "automated sequencing" (the most common method)
 - * The ddNTPs are labeled with different color dyes, so we can mix all four in one tube
 - * The move through the capillary past a laser, and then a photocell picks up the light emitted by the excited dye



Sequencing Genomes

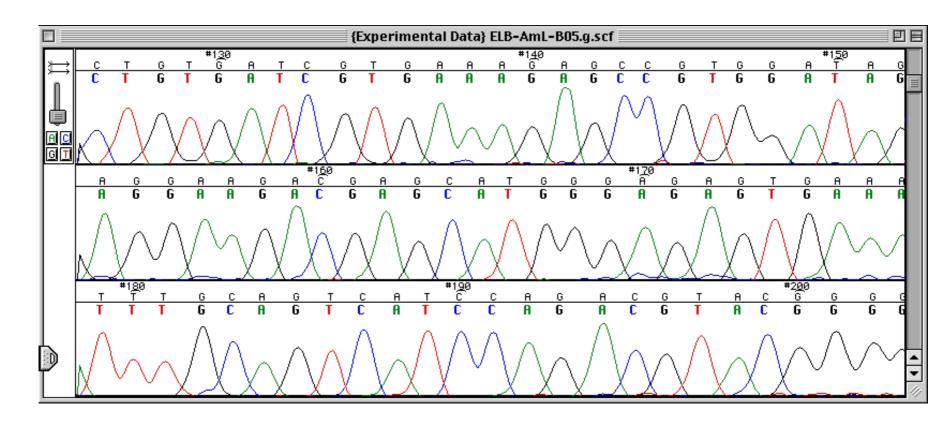


Many aspects of the sequencing process are truly automated in modern genome centers and robotics are used extensively

Automated Sequencing Statistics

- Electrophoresis can be done on a gel (older sequencers) or capillary
- * "All four reactions" done together
- Can obtain up to 1,000 nucleotides per run
- Entire process (post DNA prep.) take less than one day
- Makes graduate students happy!
- Present day fact: sequencing is cheap that it is often "sent out" at ~\$12/reaction"
 - More cost effective and faster for labs to pay sequencing centers to perform this task than to do it themselves

- * As the labeled fragments move past the detector the fluorescence of the dye will be detected
 - The results are shown as a chromatograph (below)
 - The dyes alter migration slightly and the signal intensity changes through the run, so some processing is necessary
 - * Reading the traces: base-calling



Phred Base-calling Program

- University of Washington
 - * Ewing et al. 1998; Ewing & Green 1998
- * phred (free available)
 - * Convert computer-generated traces into base sequences and access the probable accuracy of each base call (http://www.phrap.org)





The *Phred* Base-calling Algorithm

- Locate predicted peaks, using Fourier methods to fit best distribution
- Locate observed peaks, for which the area under the concavity exceeds 10% of the previous 10 peaks or 5% of the previous one
- * Match observed and predicted peaks using a three-stage shifting algorithm
- Find missing peaks
- * Assess error probabilities of each peak according to fourparameter model





Sequencing Whole Genomes (1)

* The reads are limited in length

- * All sequencers ultimately produce reads in the range of 500 to 1,000 base pairs
 - Some technologies that can produce reads a little longer, but there is a limit
 - * So, longer sequences -- whether they are a specific gene, a chromosome region, a chromosome, or a genome -- must be assembled from shorter sequences (contig assembly)





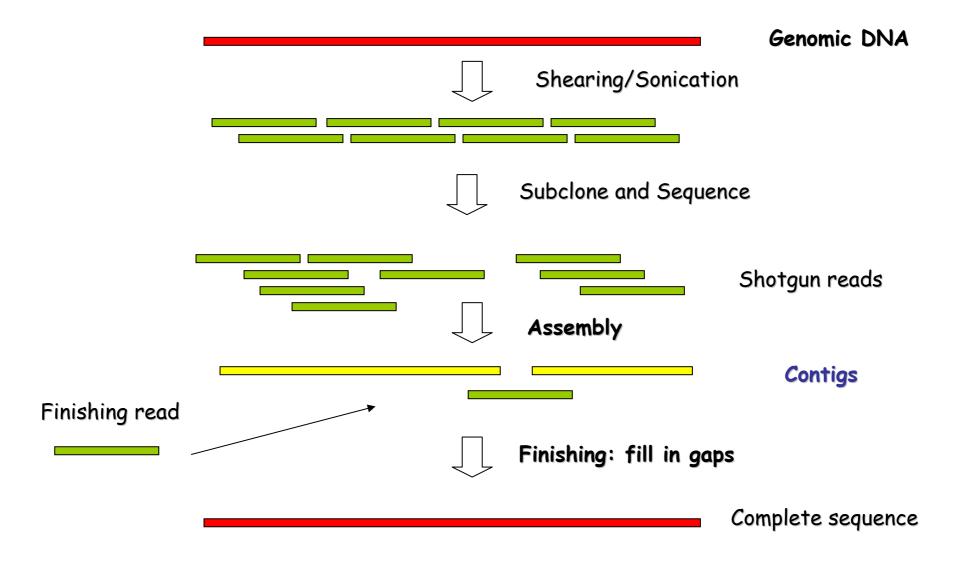
Sequencing Whole Genomes (2)

- * For complete genomes, there are two strategies
 - * "Whole-genome shotgun" -- a large number of reads are collected and then they are assembled computationally
 - Less expensive popular for microorganisms
 - * Mapping followed by sequencing -- large clones are mapped before they are sequenced, and then the complete genome is assembled using the map data (map-based)

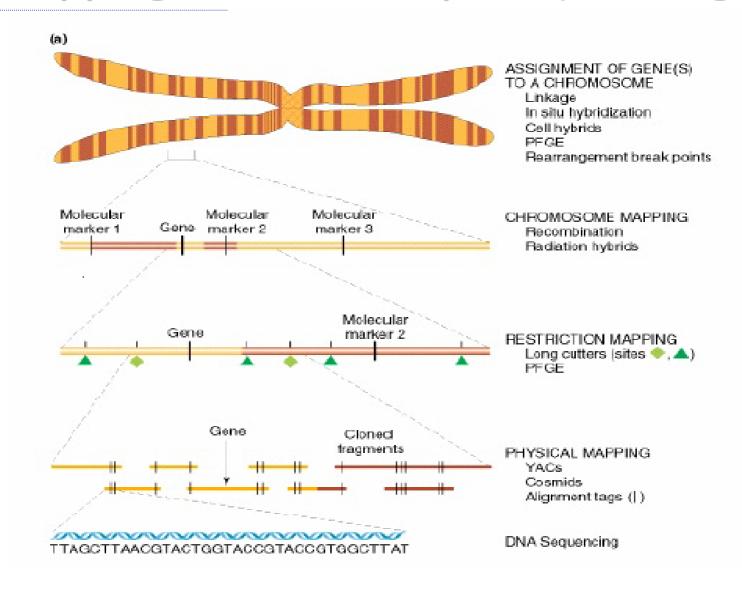




Whole-genome Shotgun



Mapping Followed by Sequencing



Contig Assembly (1)

- * Gordon et al. 1998
 - * Phrap assembler
 - Consed graphic editor
- * Key features of successfully editors
 - The use of color to illustrate key features such as the different bases
 - Different bases, quality scores, regions of sequence conservation, contrasts between automated and manual base calls
 - * The ability to view and navigate along the actual traces of the sequences being compared, and to tag ambiguities and features of interest with notes





Contig Assembly (2)

- * Key features of successfully editors
 - * Easy display of the complementary strand
 - * Tools for manual sequence editing, including inserting and deleting bases, without disrupting the original trace files yet propagating the edits throughout the assembly as appropriate, including adjustments to linked output files as requested by the editor
 - * A flexible alignment algorithm that implements userdefined alignment parameters





Contig Assembly (3)

- * Key features of successfully editors
 - * Computation of probability scores associated with a calculated consensus sequence
 - * The ability to identify potentially polymorphic sites * E.g., SNPs
 - * Provision of tools to guide error correction





Health or Disease?

DNA Sequence

Person 1

AAATTT

Normal protein



AATTTT

Some DNA variations have no negative effects

Low or nonfunctioning protein

Person 3

AACTTT

Other variations lead to

disease (e.g., sickle cell) or increased susceptibility to disease (e.g., lung cancer)

Trace Editing

- Other programs that allow you to view and edit chromatograms
 - * Vector NTI
 - ContigExpress
 - * Chromas
 - * Windows/WinNT freeware
 - Consed
 - Unix-based





What Types of Sequences are Present in Genomes? (1)

- * Complete (or nearly complete) sequences of genomes
 - * The definition of many types of sequences and revealed the complete set of genes present in organisms
- * The types of sequences present in genomes
 - * The relative copy number of different portions of the genome
 - * DNA renaturation kinetics
 - To examine the nature of the genomes
 - * Density gradient centrifugation
 - * Sequences were characterized based on slight differences in the buoyant density of GC-rich and AT-rich sequences

What Types of Sequences are Present in Genomes? (2)

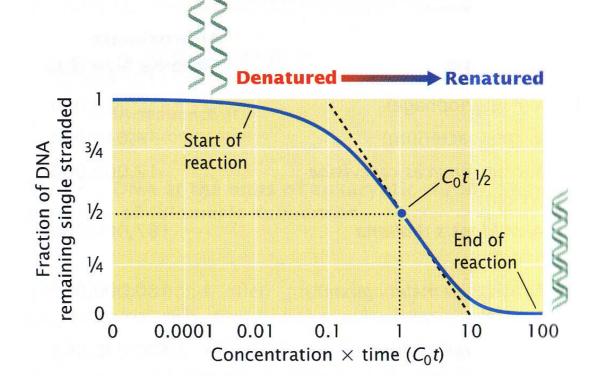
- * DNA renaturation kinetics involves "melting" the DNA and then monitoring the formation of double-stranded DNA
 - * If we consider double stranded DNA, it is possible to separate the strands by increasing the temperature
 - Denaturing or "melting" the DNA
 - * The temperature at which the DNA is separated is determined by the GC content, in large part
 - If we renature the DNA, the concentration (C) of doublestranded DNA at time t is given by:

$$\frac{C}{C_0} = \frac{1}{1 + kC_0 t}$$

A Single Class of Sequences in Bacteria

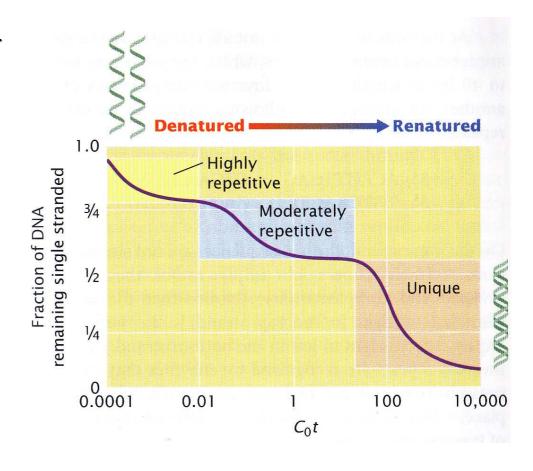
* Bacteria have little repetitive DNA, so the C_0t curve is fairly simple

* There are a few repetitive sequences in bacteria, such as the rRNA genes, but bacterial genomes are characterized by the presence of many protein-coding genes and little else



...and Multiple Classes of Sequences in Complex Eukaryotes

- * Complex eukaryotes like plants and animals tend to have more complex G_0t curves
- This reflects the fact that there are many repetitive sequences in eukaryotic genomes
- For example, humans have about 15% highly repetitive DNA and 10% middle repetitive DNA
- Repeats with a distinct nucleotide composition appear as SATELLITE DNA in density gradient centrifugation



Annotation

Introduction

- * "It is now apparent that the **bottleneck** in genomics is no longer in sequencing the genomes but lies in their annotation"
 - * Thanaraj et al. Paradigm shifts in the Approaches for Gene Annotation (2000)



Databases & Annotations

* A database allows the

- Rapid and public scrutiny of data
- * Analysis of the data by others (e.g. for phylogeny and gene finding)
- * And provides a basis for research as a collective endeavor
- * A well designed database that is of optimal use to the researcher should
 - * Be well curated
 - Have a minimum level of redundancy
 - * Have a high level of integration with other databases
 - * Have a high level of annotation





What is Annotation? (1)

- * Sequence database entries have core data that comprises of
 - * Sequence data
 - * Citation information
 - * Taxonomic data



What is Annotation? (2)

- The annotation may consist
 - * Identification of gene structural elements
 - **Functions** of the protein
 - Post-translational modifications
 - * Domains and sites
 - Secondary structure
 - Quaternary structure: to describe the protein composed of multiple subunits (several monomers)
 - Similarities to other proteins
 - × Diseases
 - Sequence conflicts
 - * Etc.





EMBL/GenBank/DDBJ Annotations



*DNA data base annotations are full of errors

- *In sequences, in annotations, in CDs attribution...
- *No consistency of annotations
- *Most annotations are done by the submitters
- *Heterogeneity of quality and updating

Some Interesting Sequence Annotation

```
FT source 1..124

FT /db_xref="taxon:4097"

FT /organelle="plastid:chloroplast"

FT /organism="Nicotiana tabacum"

FT /isolate="Cuban cahibo cigar, gift from President Fidel

FT Castro"
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Or:

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1.17084
FT
    source
FT
              /chromosome="complete mitochondrial genome"
FT
              /db xref="taxon:9267"
              /organelle="mitochondrion"
FT
              /organism="Didelphis virginiana"
FT
              /dev_stage="adult"
FT
              /isolate="fresh road killed individual"
FT
FT
              /tissue_type="liver"
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Taxonomy navigation

Up taxonomy tree Down taxonomy tree

Didelphis This is the last node of the tree

Source of data: Swiss-Prot

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http://www. ebi.ac.uk/ne wt/

Related Projects

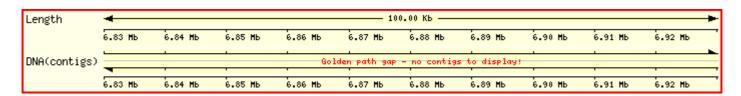
- * Whole genome sequencing
 - Human & model organisms
- * EST sequencing
 - CDs (coding DNAs)
 - * Alternative splicing
- * Ab initio gene discovery
 - * E.g., Hidden Markov Models (HMM)
- * Domain prediction
 - * Transmembrane
 - * Signal peptied

- * Non-protein coding genes
 - * Regulatory sequences
- * Functional annotation and gene family clusters, e.g.,
 - * Homology search
 - Clustering of genes by sequence similarity (paralogues)
 - Clusters of orthologous genes (real homologues)
 - Phylogenetic classification of genes
 - * Gene ontology (GO)





Genome Annotation - The Aim



Ensembl





UniGene

- * A database created and maintained at NCBI as an experimental system for automatically partitioning expressed nucleotide sequences into a non-redundant set of gene-oriented clusters
- * Each UniGene cluster contains sequences that represent a unique gene, as well as related information such as the map location and tissue types in which the gene has been expressed
- UniGene is particularly important for reducing the redundancy and complexity of EST data and is an important resource for gene discovery





Expressed Sequence Tag (EST)

- * A short (300-1,000 nucleotide), single-pass, single-read DNA sequence derived from a randomly picked cDNA clone
- * EST sequences comprise the largest GenBank division
- * There are numerous high-throughput sequencing projects that continue to produce large numbers of EST sequences for important organisms
- * Many ESTs are classified into gene-specific clusters in the UniGene data set





Genome Annotation - Context

* Gene identification

- * Known genes
 - Where? (location)
 - Structure/organization
 - Transcript(s)?
 - * Protein(s)?
 - * Attach useful links

* Novel genes

- * How to predict?
 - * Evidence required
- Transcript(s)?
- * Protein(s)?
- * Attach useful links
- Transcript= A sequence of RNA produced by transcription from a DNA template





Genome Annotation - Approaches

- * Automatic annotation
 - * EnsEMBL, EBI
 - MapViewer, NCBI
 - Genome Browser, UCSC

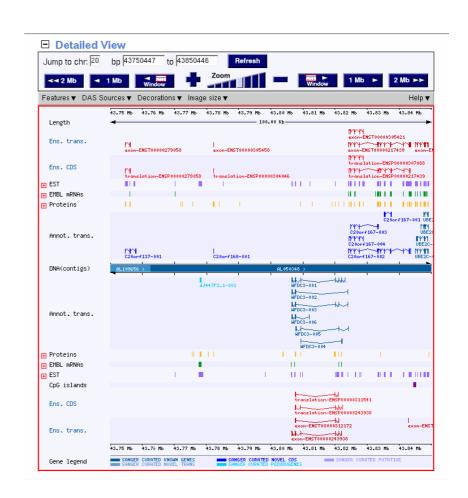
* Manual curation

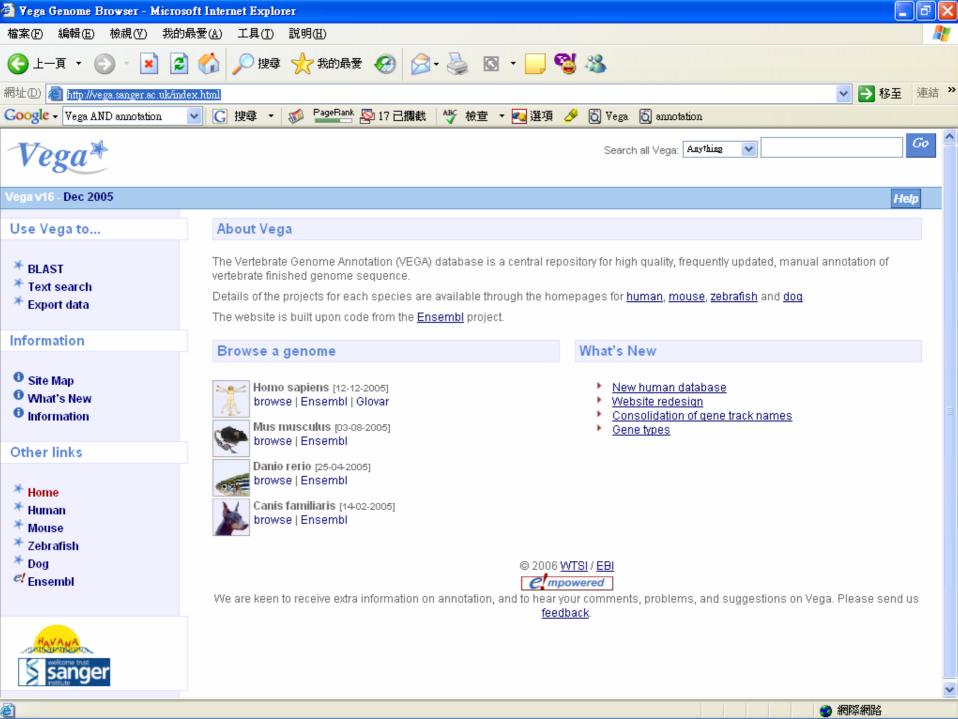
- G16 Finishing Standards for the Human Genome Project
 - Standard Finishing Practices and Annotation of Problem Regions for the Human Genome Project
 - * http://genomeold.wustl.edu/Ov erview/finrulesname.php?G16=1
 - * General rules
 - Vocabulary
- WormBase
- FlyBase

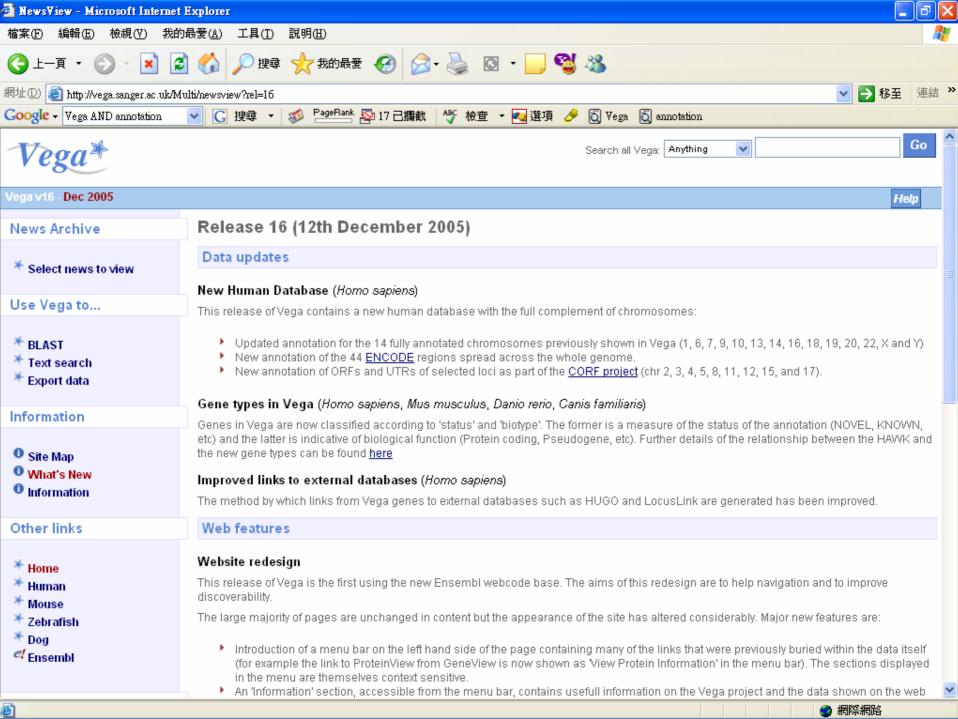
Manual Curation - Identifying Genes

- Known
- *Novel
- *Novel transcript
- *****Putative
- *Pseudogene









Five Agreed Groups of Genes (1)

× Known

* Which have identities in databases like RefSeq (Entrez Gene) (NCBI) and are fully supported by protein and DNA evidence

* Novel

* Which have evidence which either isn't complete or from a different organism *e.g* a human gene supported by mouse ESTs and protein

Five Agreed Groups of Genes (2)

* Novel transcript

* Have multiple potential ORFs and no protein evidence

× Putative

* Only supported by ESTs and have no ORF covering on exon

* Pseudogene

Identification of Homologous Genes

- * Pairwise Sequence Alignments
 - * Needleman & Wunsch (1970)
 - * Global alignment similarity across the full extent of the sequence
 - * End to end
 - Smith & Waterman (1981)
 - * Local alignment regions of similarity in parts of the sequences
 Global
 Local



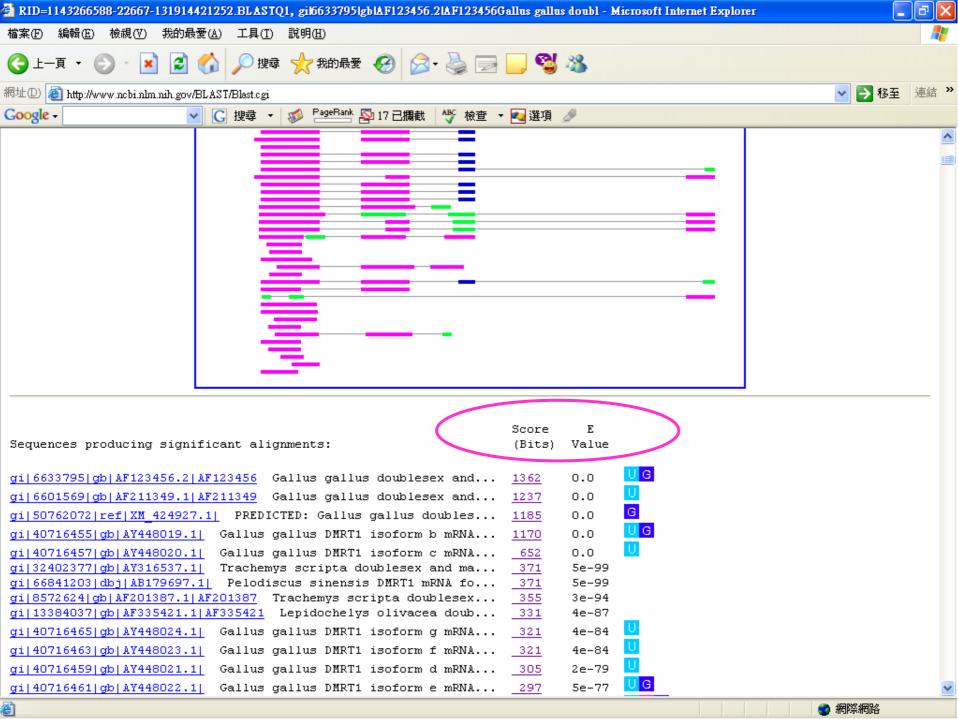


Searching Sequence Database Using BLAST (Altschul et al. 1991)

- * The single most influential bioinformatics tool
- * Score (substitution) matrices
 - × PAMs
 - * Dayhoff et al. 1978
 - * BLOSUM family
 - Henikoff & Henikoff (1992)
 - * Practical experience suggests that the BLOSUM62 matrix is quite useful for general use







Automated Annotation (1)

*Currently databases cannot cope with manually annotating the vast amount of sequence data, they need automatic methods to find the genes and then predict the structure and functionality of the proteins

*The annotation level for each species crucially depends on the existence of homologs (vs. paralogs) of the proteins that are potentially encoded in the genome sequence

*Comparative genomics





Automated Annotation (2)

*Regions within a genome can differ in features such as

*Gene density

***GC** content

*Subtle details of statistical properties required for the ab initio gene prediction methods can differ for genome to genome





Automated Annotation (3)

- * Limitations in the representatives of protein and EST sequence collections can limit the reliability of predictions
- * Evolution of function and sequence may not be as tightly linked as is sometimes believed, making accurate predictions using homology inferences difficult



Automated Annotation (4)

* A more general problem is that the ab initio methods for gene prediction are trained and optimized on short to medium length DNA sequences containing single genes, rather than the current and much longer genomic sequence, such as regions containing long introns, where the current programs are known to perform poorly





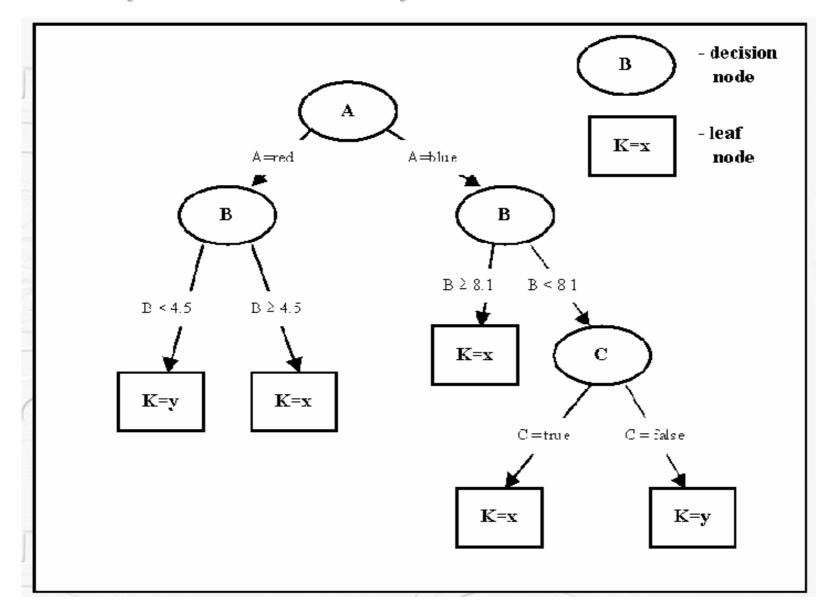
Gene Annotation Methods

- * Basic methodologies for identifying gene structural elements
 - Signal based
 - Content based
 - * Similarity based
- * Statistical and mathematical techniques used include
 - Decision tree approaches (powerful rules)
 - * The <u>accuracy</u> of a <u>classification</u> or <u>prediction</u> is the only thing that matters
 - Discriminate analysis
 - Various statistical approaches, etc.





Example of a Simple Decision Tree



Swiss-Prot and TrEMBL (1)

* Swiss-Prot

- Curated protein sequence database
- * Provides a high level of annotation
- * Minimal redundancy and a high level of integration





Swiss-Prot and TrEMBL (2)

* TrEMBL

- * Contains the translations of all coding sequences (CDs) present in the EMBL nucleotide sequences
- * SP-TrEMBL CDs that should be given accession numbers and should be incorporated into SP
- * REM-TrEMBL entries that wont be included in SP
 - Contains the entries that we do not want to be included in SwissProt
 - * REM-TrEMBL entries have no accession numbers, these including
 - Immunoglobulins and T-cell receptors, synthetic sequences, patent application sequences, small fragments, CDs not coding for real proteins
 - * REMaining TrEMBL



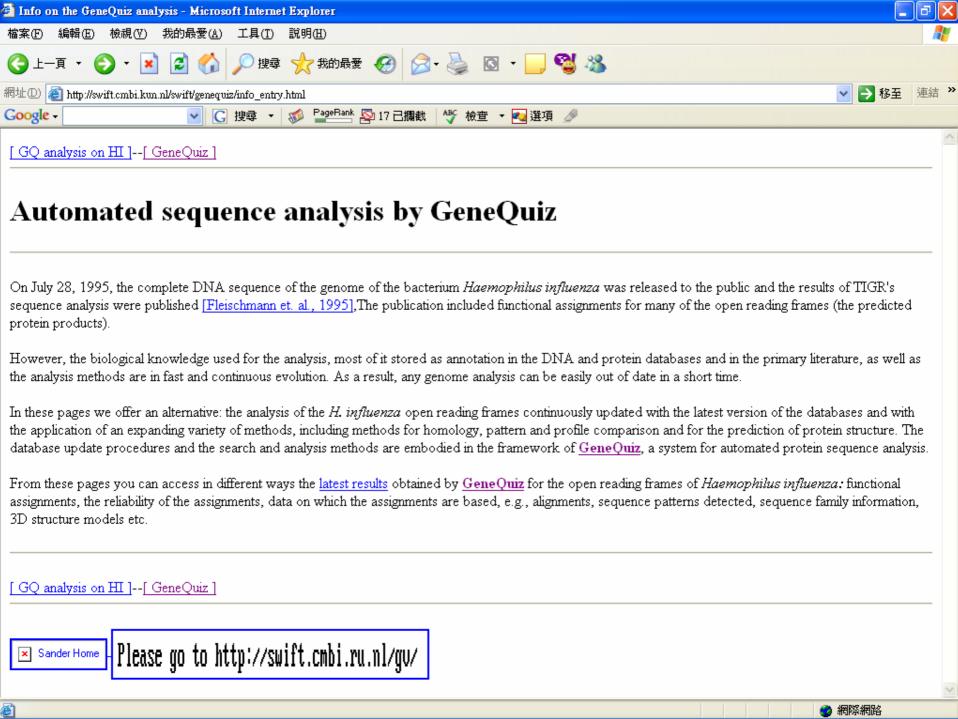


Genequiz (1)

- * http://www.cmbi.kun.nl/swift/genequiz/
- * Integrated system for large-scale biological sequence analysis (highly automated analysis)
 - * Protein sequence ⇒ biochemical function
 - * Using a variety of search & analysis methods, and up-todate protein & DNA databases
 - * Applying an "expert system" module to the results of the different methods
- Create a compact summary of findings, focusing on
 - * Deriving a predicted protein function, based on
 - * The available evidence







Genequiz (2) - the Available Evidence

- * The evaluation of the similarity to the closest homologue in the database
 - * Identical
 - * Clear
 - * Tentative, or
 - Marginal
- * The analysis yields everything that can possibly be extracted from the current databases, including three-dimensional (3D) models by homology, when the structure can be reliably calculated





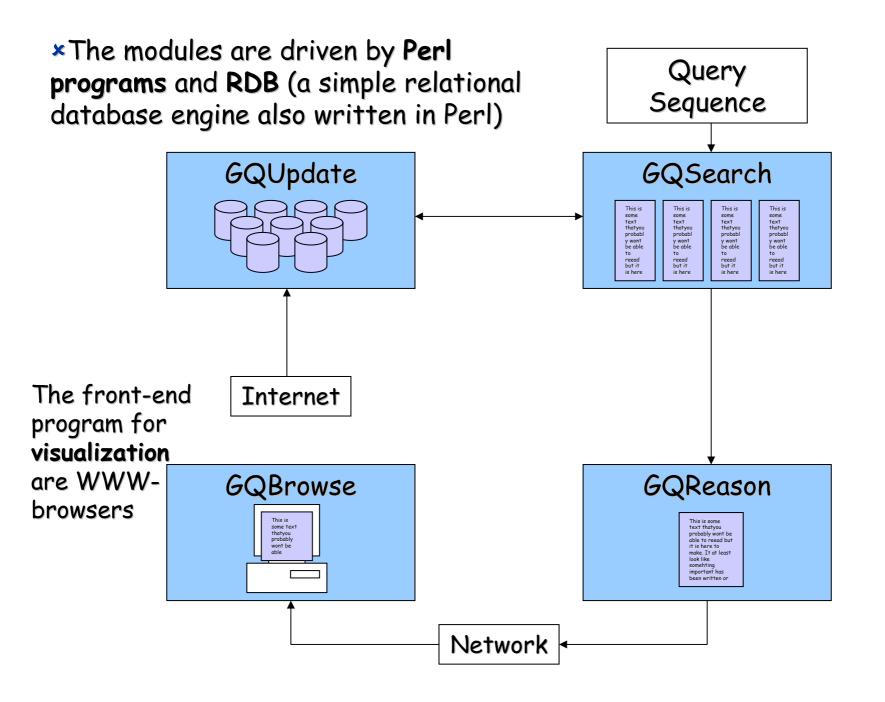
Genequiz (3) - Four Modules

- * GQupdate
 - * The database update
- * GQsearch
 - The search system
- GQreason
 - * The interpretation module
- GQbrowse
 - The visualization & browsing system

- The principal design requirement the complete automation of all repetitive actions
 - Database updates
 - Efficient sequence similarity searches
 - Sampling of results in a uniform fashion
 - The automated evaluation & interpretation of the results using expert knowledge coded in rules







Current Problems

- Re-annotation of the Mycoplasma Pneumoniae genome discovered numerous errors
- * Finding new drug targets with incomplete or incorrect annotation is very difficult
- * Manual methods are time consuming and text abstraction is extremely difficult in such a varied vocabulary
 - Controlled vocabularies are required
- * Problems still exist when gene finding due to errors in results from software analysis





Future Developments

- * Will fully sequenced genomes add value to function prediction?
- * Knowledge of the mechanisms of post-translational modifications (PTM) need to be improved
- More data could be used to extend the function prediction further than the molecular level
- * Text analysis systems to extract keywords and other information from abstracts and related articles



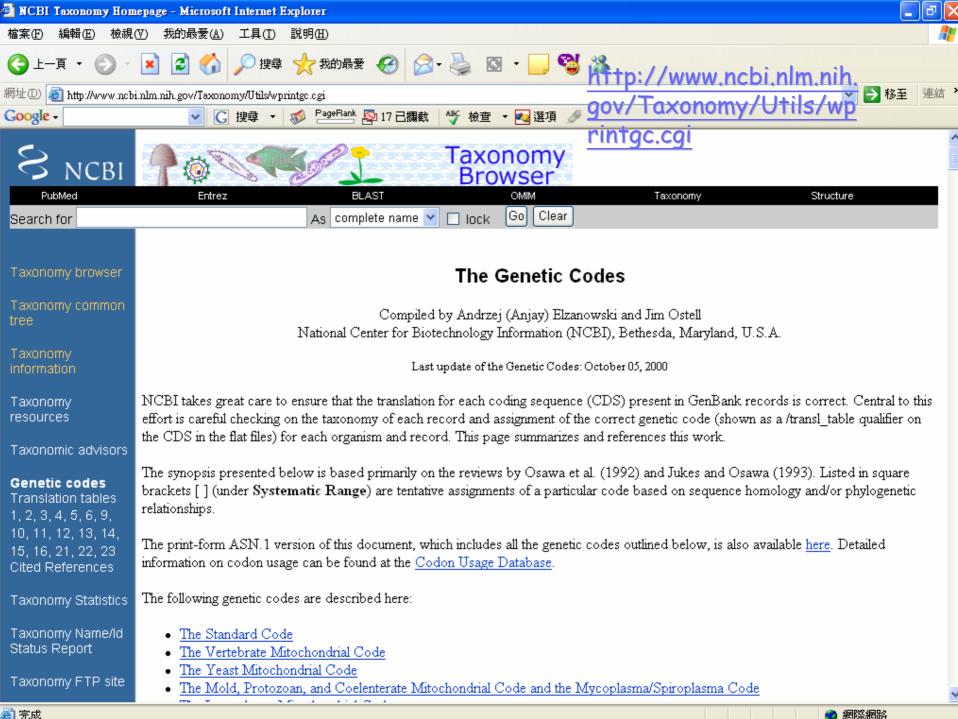


Ab initio Gene Discovery (1)

- * Protein coding sequences within a whole genome sequence can be identified by
 - * Software that recognizes features common to protein coding reading frames
 - * Esp. the codon bias is typical of that observed for the species being studied
 - * Proximity of
 - Transcriptional & translational initiation motifs,
 - 3'-polyadenylation sites,
 - Splicing consensus sequences at putative intron-exon boundaries







Ab initio Gene Discovery (2)

- In bacteria & eukaryotes with small, compact genomes, programs such as GeneFinder & Grail have been found to predict accurately in excess 90% (>90%) of all true genes
- * The genome of higher eukaryotes, tend to have numerous introns and extensive non-coding intergenic regions, trans-splicing and genes located within the introns of other genes
 - * Ab initio gene discovery considerably more difficult
 - * Programs: Genie, GenScan, HMMgene, FGENES incorporate statistical approaches into hidden Markov models (HMMs)





Ab initio Gene Discovery (3)

- * Irrespective of which discovery algorithm is used, all computationally identified putative genes must be confirmed by a second line of evidence before being elevated to gene status in the genome annotation
- * Three biggest deficiencies of computational gene discovery methods are
 - Imprecise or incomplete characterization of gene structure
 - Characterization of false positive genes
 - * Failure to identify true genes (false negative)





Ab initio Gene Discovery (4)

* Improvements

- × Sequencing of complete cDNAs ⇒ resolve the complexity
 of alternative splicing in most of genes (MM, MapViewer,
 NCBI)
- ***** Comparison of the genome sequences of related species ⇒ improve the annotation of gene structure
- * ~ 80-90% of all true genes are identified ⇒ < 10% false negative rate</p>
- * False negatives can be detected using
 - * A different gene finding program, or
 - * By adjusting the stringency of the original program's search parameters, or even the properties of the database that is searched



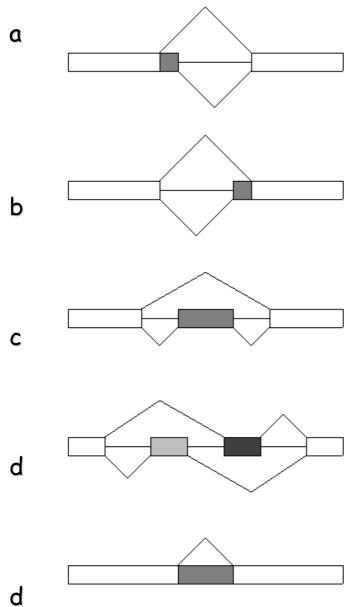


Ab initio Gene Discovery (5)

- Confirmation that an annotated gene corresponds to a true gene ultimately depends on functional data
 - Functional genomics (all wet-based)
 - * Gene knockout, EST or cDNA expression, transcriptomics by microarray, quantitative RT-PCR, RNAi, transgenics etc.



Alternative Splicing



- Every conceivable pattern of alternative splicing is found in nature
 - Exons have multiple 5' or 3' splice sites alternatively used (a, b).
 - Single cassette exons can reside between 2 constitutive exons such that alternative exon is either included or skipped (c)
 - Multiple cassette exons can reside between 2 constitutive exons such that the splicing machinery must choose between them (d)
 - Introns can be retained in the mRNA and become translated (d)
- Fraveley, "Alternative splicing: increasing diversity in the proteomic world." Trends in Genetics, Feb., 2001.

The Five Standard Types Direct Evidence

- * Identity to a previously annotated reference sequence
- * A match to one or more EST sequences from the same organism
- * Similarity of the nucleotide or conceptually translated protein sequence to such sequences from other organisms in GenBank or other databases
- * Protein structure prediction that matches a domain in the Pfam database
- * Association with predicted promoter sequences, including a TATA box consensus sequence, proximity to a CpG island





Non-Protein Coding Genes - Difficulties

- * tRNA, rRNA, snoRNA, snRNA, miRNA (micro-)
- * The transcripts are not polyadenylated, not represented in standard cDNA libraries
- The constraint on sequence divergence is at the level of secondary structure, rather than codon sequence ⇒ the sequence divergence between species is often too great to identify the genes purely by sequence similarity
- * Relatively little is known about the function and distributions of non-protein coding RNAs (ncRNAs) other than those involved in transcriptional processing and translation
 - They are usually identified using BLASTn





Assigning Function to Genes

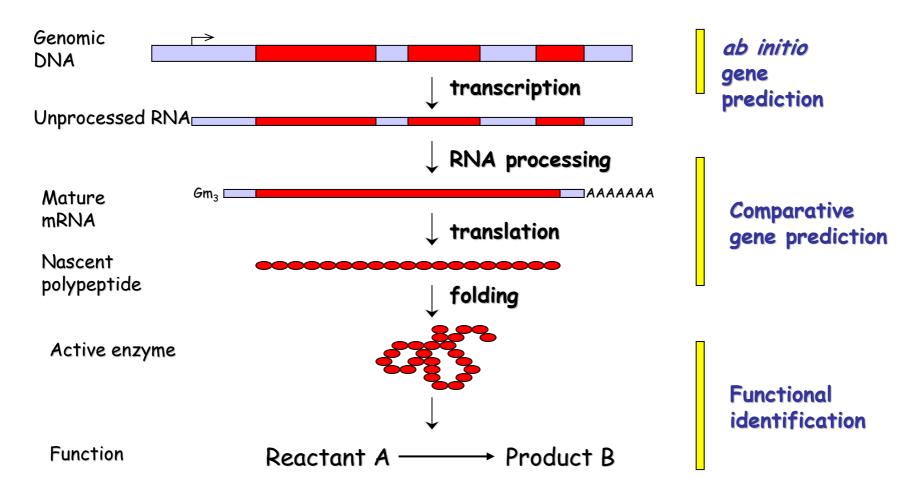
* Annotation process

- * Protein sequences
- * Features to look for
 - Similarity with other proteins
 - Signal peptide
 - * Protein domains
 - * Transmembrane domains
 - Low complexity regions
- Other sources of data
- Representation in database





Annotation of Eukaryotic Genomes



Levels of Annotation

- Not: to give in depth annotation which may be highly species dependent
- To give generic information regarding the biochemical function of the protein



Similarity with "Known" Proteins

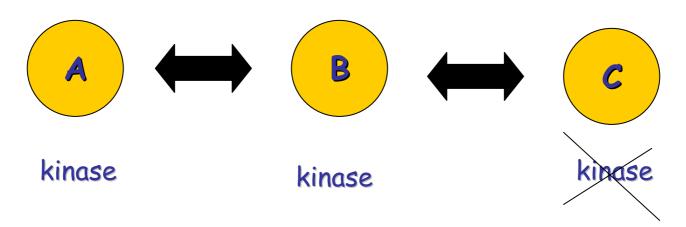
- Single most important procedure in assigning peptide function
- Orthologous proteins that share function are similar
- * BlastP against a non-redundant protein database
 - Swiss-Prot: excellent annotation, limited coverage
 - * TrEMBL: poor annotation, full coverage
- * Multiple sequence alignment can be a trigger for re-prediction
- * Remember that the protein sequences & annotation could be incorrect





The Danger of Inferring Function from Similarity Data

- Inferring the function of a peptide from similarity data is flawed
- Example: Protein B is similar to protein A, therefore the functional assignment of A is inherited to B
 - Protein C is similar to protein C, therefore the functional assignment of B is inherited to C
 - But protein C is not similar to protein A indicating that A & B are not orthologous & the functional assignments are invalid



Protein Features

- * Peptide sequences have **features** which we can predict to aid **the functional assignment** of that peptide
- Features can be short (a few amino-acids) to very long (100's of amino acids)
- * Methods of finding them range from the crude (regular expression), prosaic (pairwise similarity) to complex (HMMs, neural network & hierarchical knowledge based systems





Signal Peptides

- * Information regarding whether a protein is to be moved across membranes in the cell
- * Classic examples are nuclear encoded peptides which reside in the mitochondria or peptides which are to be presented on the cell surface
- SignalP 3.0 program





Transmembrane Domains

- * Regions of the peptide which span a membrane
- * Examples
 - The respiratory complex in mitochondria, transporters, ion-channels etc.
- * A number of different methodologies to predict these
 - * "sliding window" algorithms based on the amino-acid composition (hydrophobic residues)
 - * TmPred
 - TMHMM (Hidden Markov Model)





Prediction Subcellular Localization

* PSORT

- * A knowledge-based system, which attempts to predict the subcellular localization for a given protein
- * Run SignalP & TMHMM



Low-complexity Regions

- * Peptide regions which are repetitive or more formally have a low information content
 - * Think of these regions as peptide repeats
 - Low-complexity regions can be indicative of some function, structural or molecular minicry/host evasion or incorrect gene prediction
 - * SEG program (in BLASTs): a preliminary masking process





Secondary Protein Databases

- * A number of secondary protein databases exist which are designed to collates similar (orthologous) proteins together
 - * Pfam/SMART/PROSITE/InterPro
 - COGs (Clusters of Orthologous Genes)
- Searching against these databases give an excellent guide to assign function





Finding Protein Domains/Families (1)

- * Pfam & SMART are collections of multiple sequence alignments for protein domains/families
 - * Each family can be identified using an HMM
 - * Each family has limited annotation & list of family members in the primary protein databases

* PROSITE

- * A collection of regular expression designed to identify important resides for protein (e.g., active sites of enzymes)
- * Of limited use because of the searching methodology
- * Excellent documentation





Finding Protein Domains/Families (2)

* InterPro

- * The repository for all the annotation regarding the domain
- * Assigning an InterPro family to the peptide is an acceptable level of functional annotation





Clusters of Orthologous Genes (COGs)

- A database of orthologous genes from a range of completed genomes (currently this is weighted toward microbial genomes)
- * Available from NCBI website
- * Excellent coverage of the standard metabolic enzyme families make COGs ideal for cross-referencing between genomes





Genome Ontology (GO)

- * An ontology is a restricted vocabulary used to describe/classify
- The GO consortium grew from efforts in the fly community to assign function/localization/process information to the biology of the fruitfly
- The GO consortium currently has representatives of all the major model organisms and provides a methodology of comparing genomes based on functional/biological terms
- * There are several levels of assigning GO terms that lowest of which is by similarity
- To this end the consortium has prepared a list of InterPro to GO mappings from which GO terms can be added to the protein based on it's InterPro matches





Functional Assignments

- * In addition to the searches mentioned thus far the annotator also read the literature regarding the gene under investigation
 - This comes from cross-references in the DNA/protein database entry
- * Annotation should take the form of a one-line description of the proteins function (if assignable) with the ability for a user to search the database for the protein feature information
- * More in-depth annotations should be stored in an atomic fashion (single fact with evidence) to aid searching/cross-referencing in a database





Utility of Functional Assignments

- Central to data mining & interpretation of other experiments
 - Example: a one line description for each gene in expression microarray work
- * Generalized multi-species attempts to catalogue the proteomes of model organisms (e.g., GO and COGs)





Functional Annotation & Gene Family Clusters (1)

* First-pass classification

- * Protein-similarity searches, BLASTp (or BLASTx) to screen for amino acid sequence matches in protein databases
 - * 1/3~1/2 of all of the predicted proteins do not match a protein for which any functional data is available ⇒ "unknown function" or "orphans"
 - * Others: a finite number of structural protein domains in the combined proteome of all organisms
 - * To cluster all proteins into gene families





Functional Annotation & Gene Family Clusters (2) - Clustering of Gene by Sequence Similarity (1)

* A common result

* Each query sequence matches multiple proteins from one or more species

* Reasons

- * One domain in the query is present in a family of proteins
- * Multiple domains match different proteins



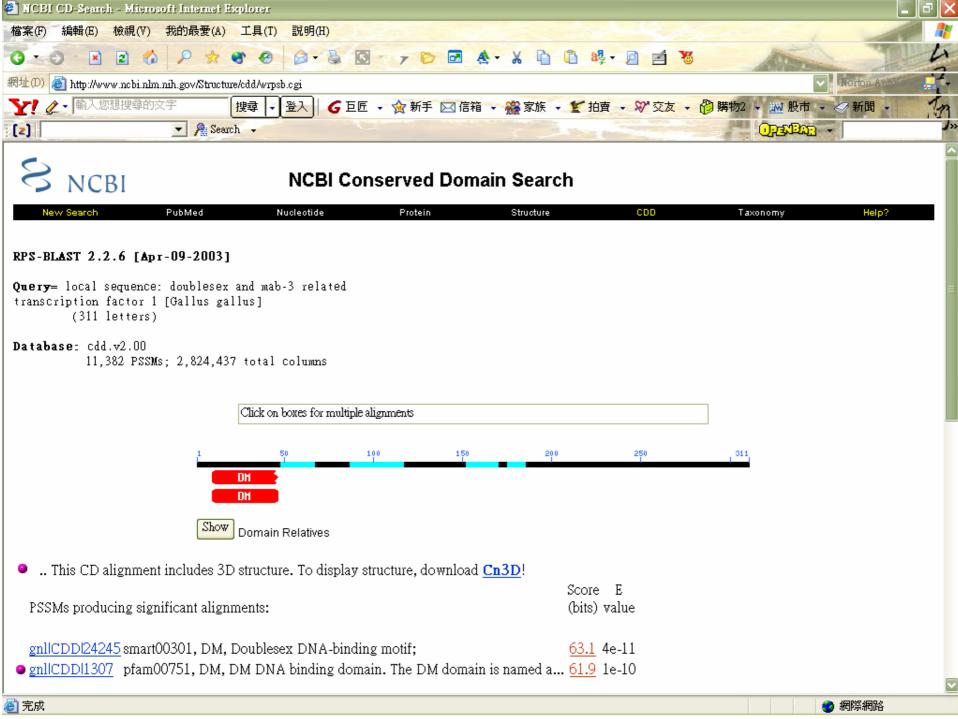


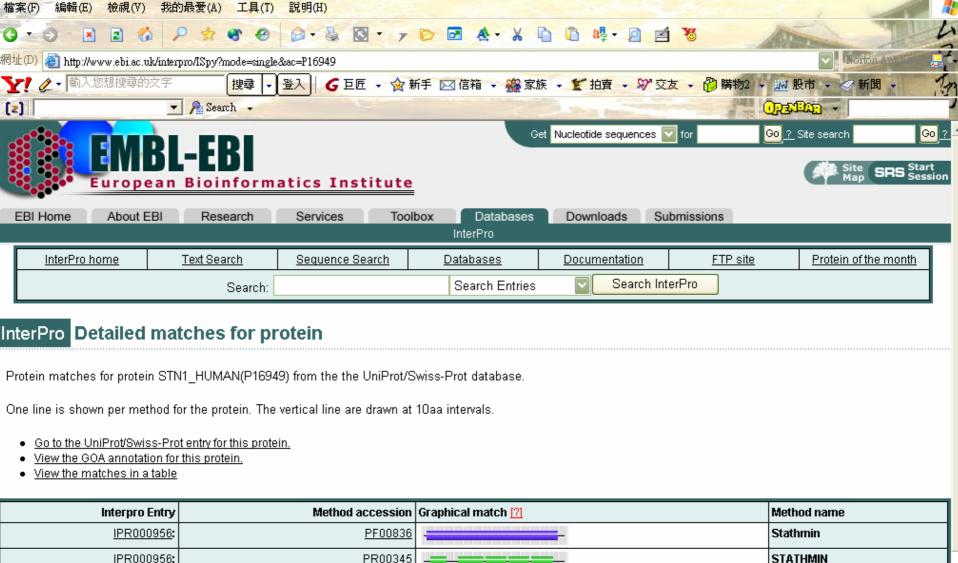
Functional Annotation & Gene Family Clusters (2) - Clustering of Gene by Sequence Similarity (2)

- * When comparing closely related species, a query sequence containing multiple domains will typically identify a protein or proteins with the same domain structure
- * Biological logic to domain clustering
 - * Multiple domain matches tend to classify the gene product in the same board category
 - * E.g., transcriptional factors or receptors









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Database True match False/Uncertain match

🞒 InterPro: Detailed matches for protein - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Functional Annotation & Gene Family Clusters (3) - Clustering of Gene by Sequence Similarity

- * Two different DNA-binding domains may be combined on the same protein
 - * E.g., transmembrane region may be linked to a range of different intracellular and extracellular domains
- * Databases: to classify protein domains according to criteria agreed upon by groups of experts
 - * Enzyme Commission (EC) hierarchical classification of enzymes
 - Non-enzymatic proteins ⇒ not so obvious
 - Classification of bacterial proteins has attained wide acceptance





Functional Annotation & Gene Family Clusters (4) - Clustering of Gene by Sequence Similarity

- * Structural biology
 - * PFAM/the Sanger Centre
 - * A large collection of multiple sequence alignments & hidden Markov models (HMMs) covering many common protein domains & families
 - × InterPro
 - * To classifying individual protein domains
 - Gene annotations now typically link directly to InterPro classifications
 - * Etc.
- * Classification of genes as members of the same family
 - * Paralogs
 - Orthologs (homologues or homologs)





The "top ten" InterPro families in *H. sapiens*: numbers of genes per family in *H. sapiens* compared to other eukaryotes (H=human, F=fly, W=worm, Y=yeast, At=*Arabidopsis*)

IHGSC (2001) Nature 409: 860-921 Table 25 (modified)

	Н	F	W	Y	At
1. Immunoglobulin domain	765	140	64	0	0
2. C2H2 zinc finger	706	357	151	48	115
Euk. Protein kinase	575	319	437	121	1049
4. Rhodopsin-like GPCR	569	97	358	0	16
5. P-loop motif	433	198	183	97	331
Reverse transcriptase	350	10	50	6	80
7. rrm domain	300	157	96	54	255
8. G-protein b WD-40	277	162	102	91	210
Ankryn repeats	276	105	107	19	120
10.Homeobox domain	267	148	109	9	118

Functional Annotation & Gene Family Clusters (5) - Clustering of Gene by Sequence Similarity

* Protein function prediction

- * Major classes of proteins
 - * Enzyme
 - * Signal transduction
 - Receptors and kinases
 - * Nucleic acid binding
 - Transcriptional factors & nucleic acid enzymes
 - * Structural
 - Cytoskeletal, extracellular matrix, motor protein
 - × Channel
 - Voltage & chemically gated
 - × Others
 - Immunoglobulins, calcium-binding proteins, transporters...





Functional Annotation & Gene Family Clusters (6) - Clusters of Orthologous Genes

* PSI-BLAST (iterative)

- * To align the sequences obtained in an initial protein database search and use this to construct a profile, which is then used to initiate a fresh search ⇒ until no further matches are identified
- * A true family of genes ought to be bounded by a significance cut-off
 - * Gene family
- * COG = clusters of orthologous genes (Tatusov et al. 2001)
 - * Identification of the best hit for each gene in complete pairwise comparisons of a set of genomes





Functional Annotation & Gene Family Clusters (7) - Clusters of Orthologous Genes

- * COG (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/COG)
 - * E.g., comparison of the 45,350 proteins encoded by the genomes of 30 microbes \Rightarrow 2,791 COGs
 - * Triad of proteins
 - * COGs are assembled by merging triads of proteins from different species that are the best match to one another
 - * Both orthologs and paralogs
 - * Paralog= a duplicate copy of a gene that arose subsequent to the split between two lineages that are being compared
 - Ortholog= a gene in another lineage that is derived from the same ancestral gene that was present prior to the lineage split





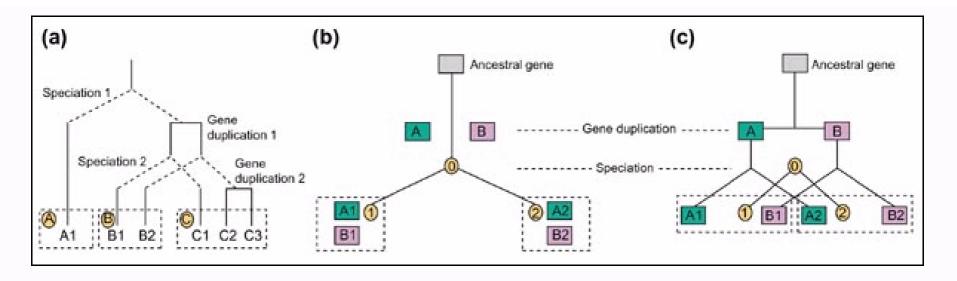
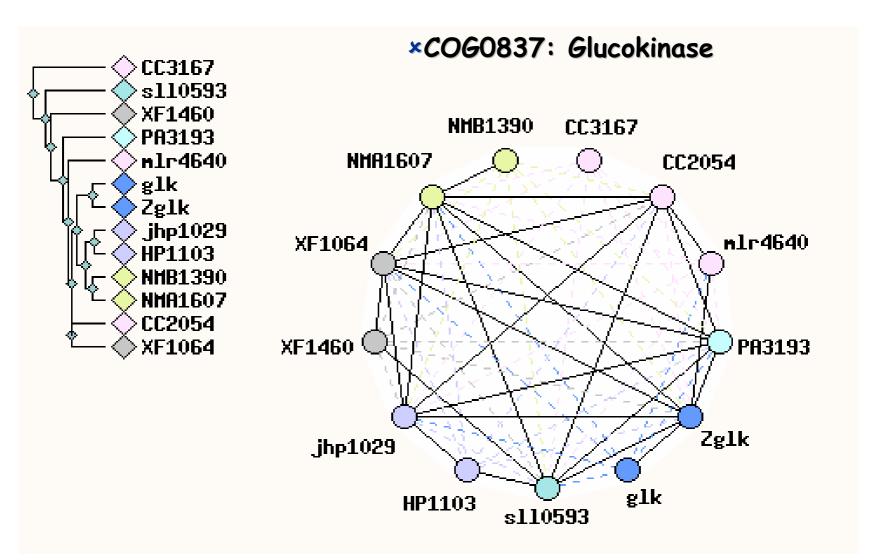


Figure 1.

(a) Simplified diagram of homology subtypes (showing orthologs and paralogs, but not xenologs); adapted from [4]. Speciation events produce the species A, B and C. The genes A1, B1, B2, C1, C2, and C3 have descended from the ancestral gene following evolutionary events of speciation and gene duplication. (b,c) Evolutionary descent of an ancestral gene to paralogs and orthologs following gene duplication in species 0, and then speciation to yield species 1 and 2. Diagram (b) shows the resulting relationship between paralogs and orthologs as illustrated by Koonin in his comment [1]. Diagram (c) is my version of Koonin's diagram using a Fitch diagram for visualization. Note that the two evolutionary events depicted are a subset of the four shown in (a) (gene duplication 1 and speciation 2), and that the use of capital letters for genes and numbers for species is the opposite of that used in (a).



- *Dashed lines: the best match occurs only in one direction; solid lines: each gene is the match in the genome of the other
- *The tree at the left: a more standard representation of the relationship among the genes

Gene Ontology (GO) (1)

* Annotation on the basis of molecular function alone is insufficient to describe or predict biological function

Examples

- * The evolution of a novel function is the reuse of enzymes e.g., Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) as lens crystallins
 - * Occurred multiple times in vertebrate lineages (an enzyme is converted into a structural protein)
- * The *Drosophila* ortholog of the mammalian dioxin receptor is encoded by the *spineless-aristapedia* gene (one of the key regulatory genes that control antenna differentiation)
 - * Only clear functional similarity = the involvement of the protein product in the olfactory system
 - * Knowledge from one species is not directly transferable to another





Gene Ontology (GO) (2)

- Molecular function has remained the same but the physiological function has evolved
 - * E.g., HOX genes in patterning both the cranial (頭蓋) nerves of vertebrates & the appendages (附屬肢體) of invertebrates a shared common function in patterning along the body axis
 - * One or more biological functions are clearly derivative, the use of Toll-dorsal pathway in the embryonic patterning of flies as apposed to innate immunity in both vertebrates and invertebrates
- 1,500 genes have unambiguous orthologs among the fly, worm & human genomes
 - * A single closest match in each genome

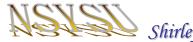




Gene Ontology (GO) (3)

- * Gene Ontology (GO) consortium (Ashburner et al. 2000)
- * To annotate all these features for the complete set of genes identified by genome projects
 - http://www.geneontology.org
- Three major categories
 - * Biological process
 - The nature of process that is regulated or affected
 - Behavior, cell communication, cell growth & maintenance, death, developmental processes, perception of external stimulus, physiological processes, viral life cycle
 - * E.g., cell growth and division, respiration, signal transduction, cAMP biosynthesis





Gene Ontology (GO) (4)

* Molecular function

- * The biochemical activities
- Antitoxin, anticoagulant, antioxidant, apoptosis regulator, cell cycle regulatory, defense/immunity protein, vitamin transporter...
 - E.g., enzymes, nucleic acid binding, DNA helicase, or tyrosine kinase

* Cellular component

- * The place in a cell where the gene product is active
- Cell fraction, cell wall, extracellular, intracellular, membrane, unlocalized
 - * E.g., the cell surface, Golgi apparatus, or splicesome





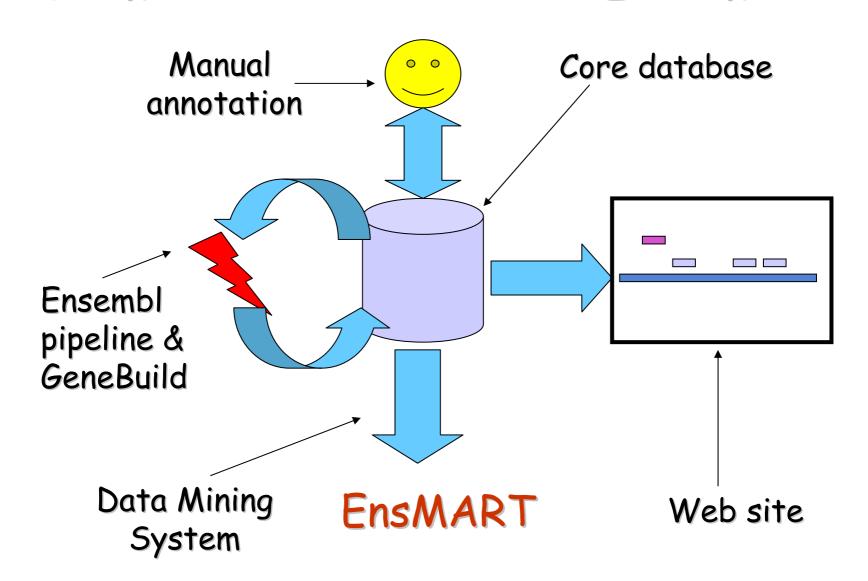
Gene Ontology (GO) (5)

- Each of these terms are arranged hierarchically, from general to specific function
 - * Dynamic, continually updated
- * Each organism portray different attributes in their annotation
 - Wormbase, Flybase...

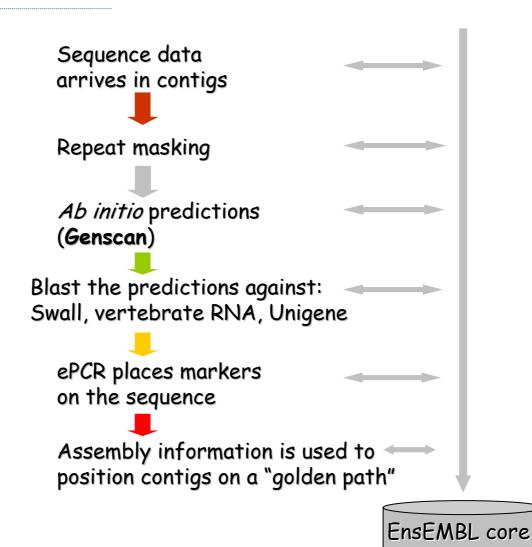




Automatic Annotation - Ensemble



Automatic Annotation - Raw Computes



Database Search Service

http://www.sanger.ac.uk/DataSearch/databases.shtml

Ensembl Database Resources



























Database Resources



Pfam:

Protein Families Database of Alignments and HMMs



<u>Rfam</u>

RNA families database of alignments and CMs



Wormbase:

Caenorhabditis elegans genome database browser



GeneDB:

Sanger Institute Pathogen Sequencing Unit



Vega

Vertebrate Genome Annotation



SRS

Sequence Retrieval System



AceDB:

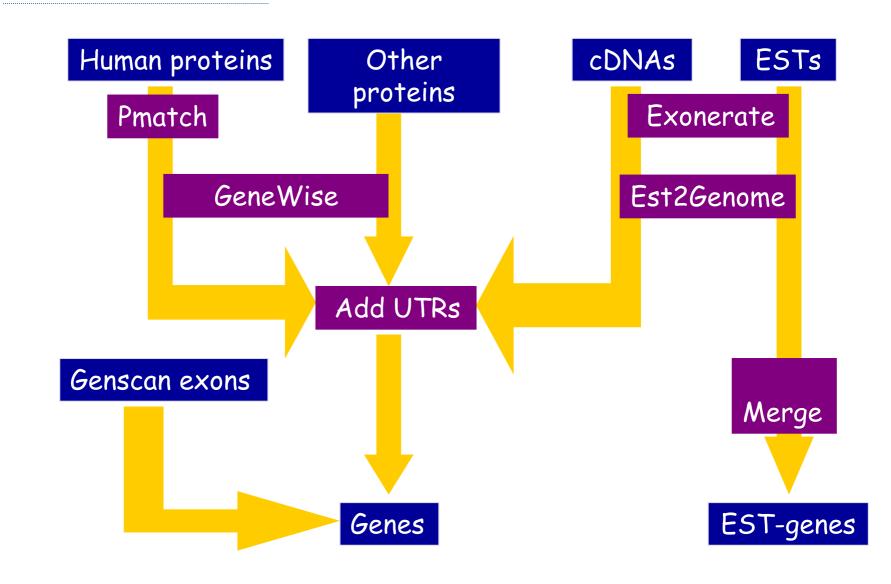
A genome database designed specifically for handling bioinformatic data flexibly



MEROPS:

Provides a catalogue and structure-based classification of peptidases

Automatic Annotation - GeneBuild



GeneWise - by Ewan Birney

Protein Sequences Aligned to the Genome Blast ⇒ MiniSeqs GeneWise

ESTs and cDNA

Map cDNAs and ESTs using Exonerate (determine coverage, % identity and location in genome)

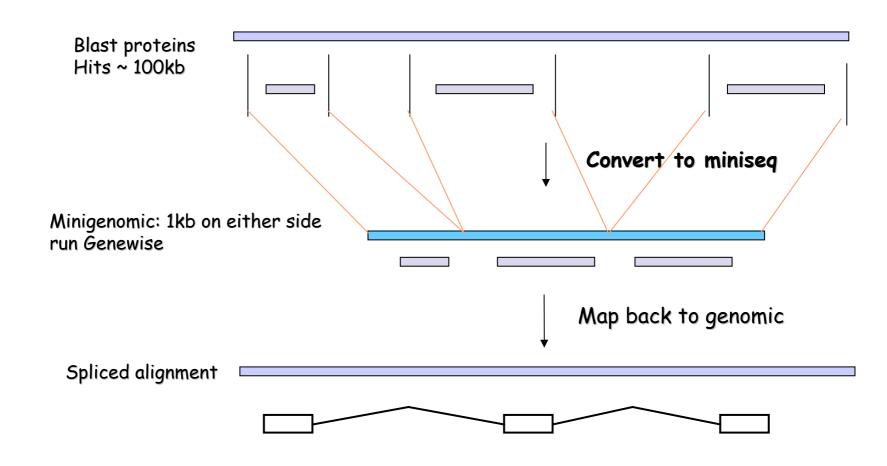
Store hits and filter on percentage identity and length coverage

Blast sequence and create a miniseq

Run est2genome on miniseq (determine strand, splicing)

Map transcripts back into genome-assembly

Miniseq - the Need for Speed



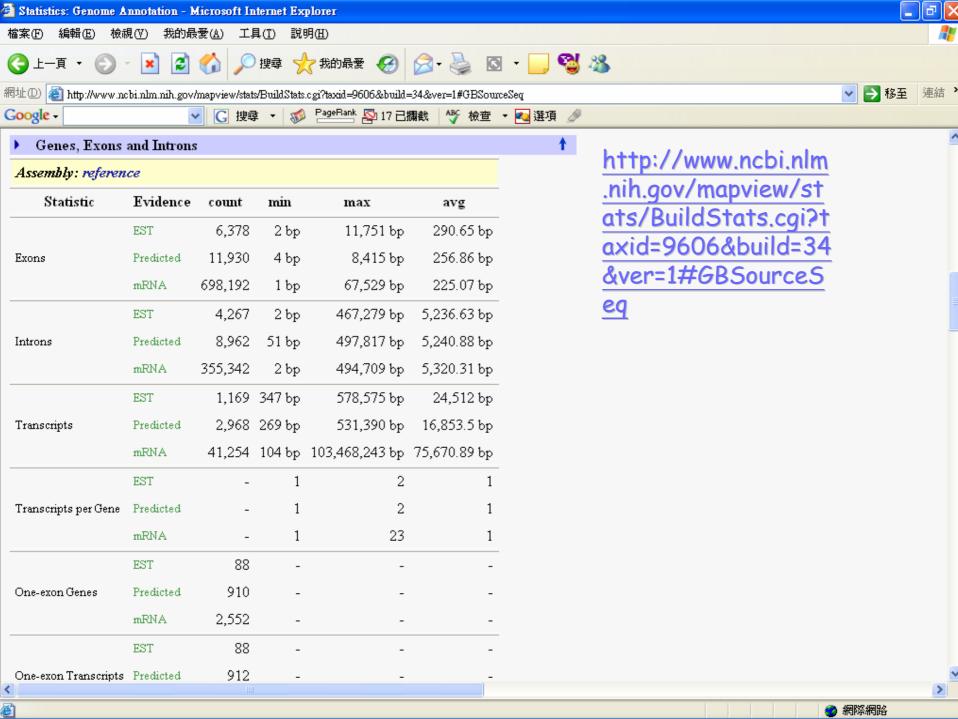
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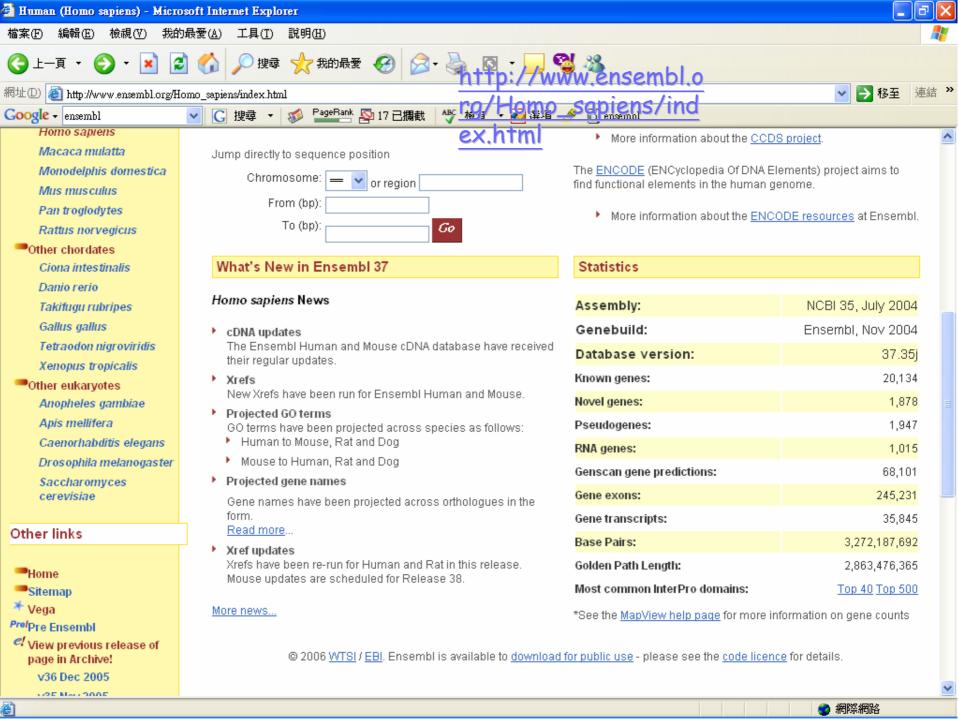


- 8x ES40 Alpha (667 MHz)
 with 2Tb fibre channel storage
- 6x ES45 Alpha (1GZ) with 4Tb fibre channel storage
- 360x DS10L (467 MHz) farm with 60Gb local disk storage
- 767xRLX800i with 80Gb of local disk storage
- Further 21Tb storage on farm
- Tru64 UNIX (avoids the 2Gb file limit)
- 7 MySQL (v. 3) instances
- Most binaries and all sequence databases stored locally (avoids using NFS)

Latest full Human Build - NCBI

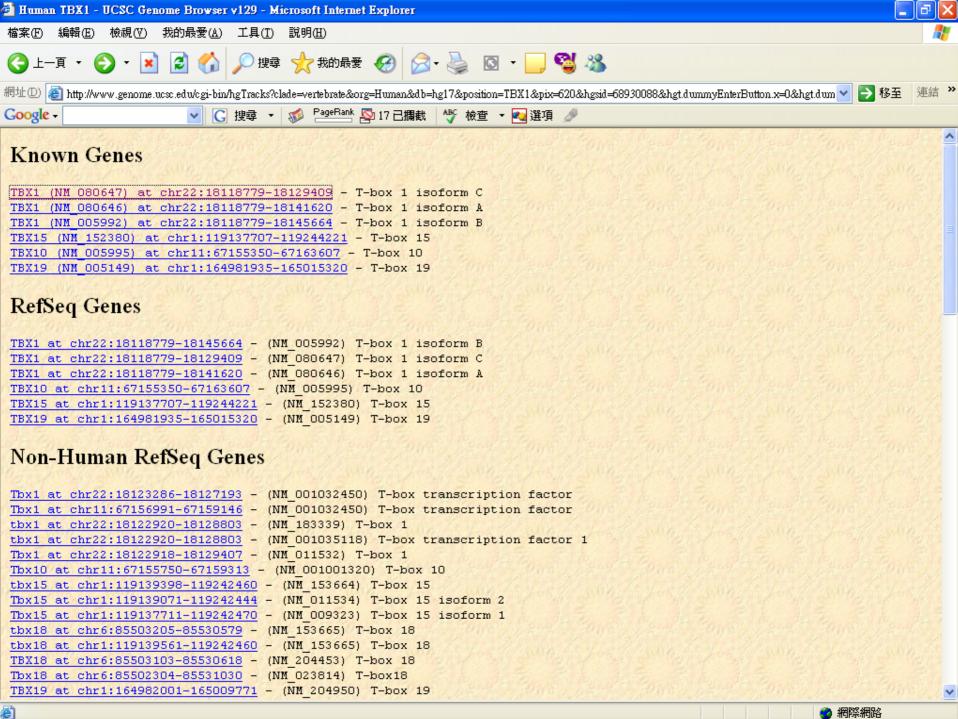
- * NCBI 34 build, version 1, released Dec. 2003
 - * http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mapview/stats/BuildStats.cgi? taxid=9606&build=34&ver=1#GBSourceSeq
 - * HTG Phase 3
 - Sequence number used: 28,479
 - Length: 3.42288 x 109
 - * Length of sequences assembled: 3,020,300,000





Santa Cruz Genome Browser (1)

- * http://www.genome.ucsc.edu
- * Species: human, mouse, rat, C. elegans, C. briggsae, SARs
 - Most recent version of the mouse, rat and human genome data
 + several earlier assemblies (better annotations)
- × Search protocol
 - * Select the appropriate organism from the pull-down menu, e.g., human chr22(:1-49396972)
 - Select the version of the human assembly to view
 - * E.g., May, 2004: based on an assembly of the human genome done by UCSC using sequence data available on that date
 - * E.g., position = $TBX1 \Rightarrow jump$



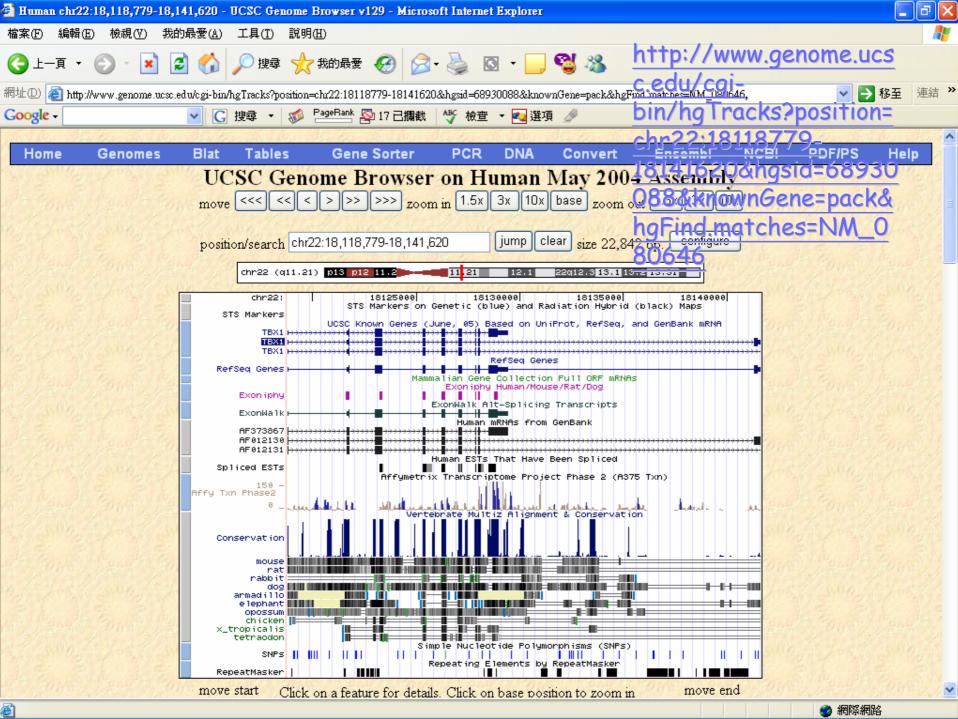
Santa Cruz Genome Browser (2)

* RefSeq Genes

- * Known genes shows the mapping of the NCBI Reference mRNA sequences to the genome
- NM_080647

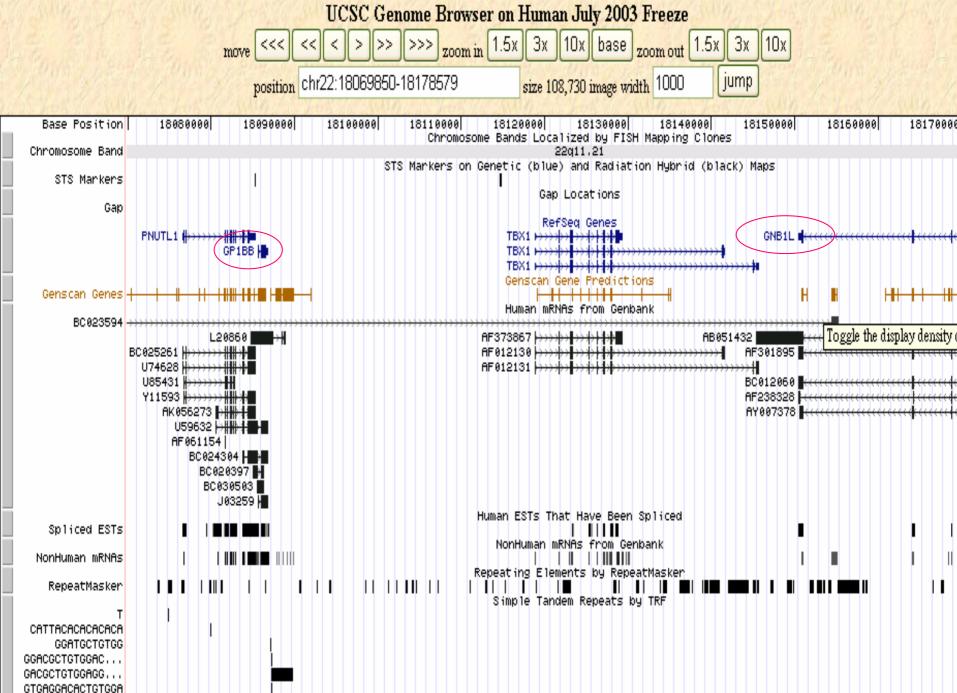
* Human Aligned mRNA Search

- * The mRNA associated search results = the mapping of other GenBank mRNA sequences to the genome
- * NonHuman Aligned mRNA Search



Santa Cruz Genome Browser (3)

- * Blue track
 - * RefSeq: intron-exon structure
 - Vertical boxes = exons
 - * Horizontal lines = introns
 - * Three isoforms
 - Direction of transcription
 - * Arrowheads on the intron
- Genescan prediction
- * Alignments for other database nucleotide sequences
 - Human mRNA from GenBank, spliced EST, UniGene & Nonhuman mRNA
- * Tracks displaying single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), repetitive elements and microarray database are shown at the bottom
- To view the genomic context of TBX1, zoom out 10x by clicking on the zoom out 10x box
 - TBX1 is located between GP1BB and GNB1L



GTGAGGACGCT

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 - * http://nog.cse.psu.edu/pipmaker/
- *Gene Ontology Consortium
 - * http://www.geneontology.org/

