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Current Topics in Genome Analysis 2014

**Regulatory and Epigenetic Landscapes
of Mammalian Genomes**

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From blueprint to implementation

I. Genome composition

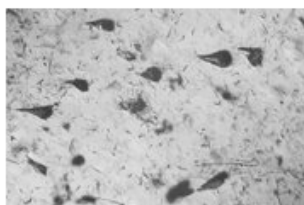
II. Enhancer studies

III. Epigenetics

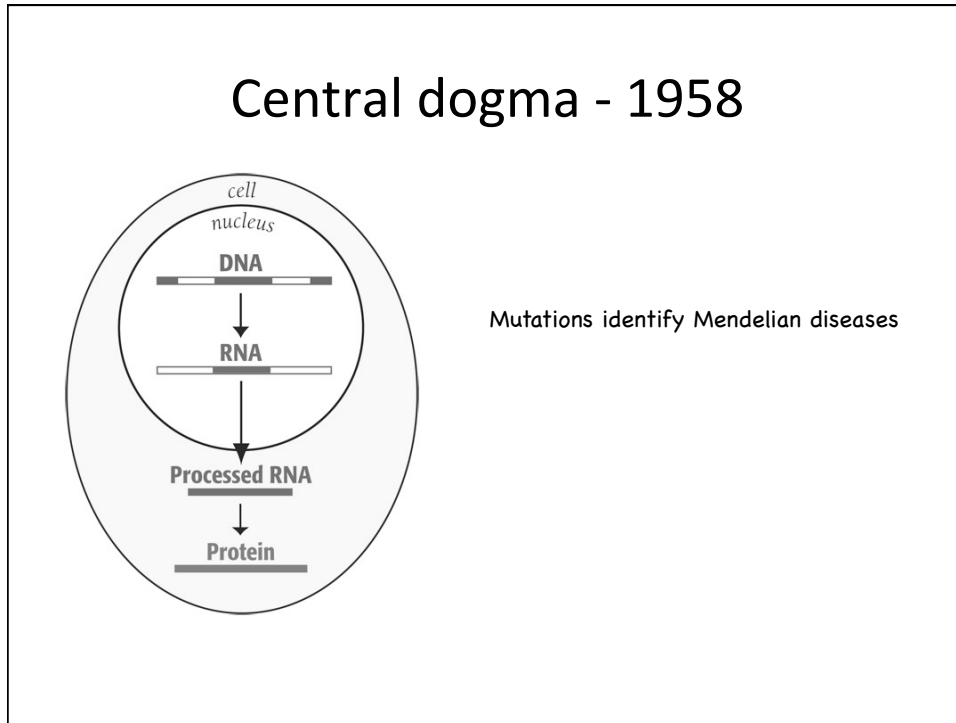


*"What ever will we think about now that
the genome project is almost complete?"*

Genomics spurs rapid advancement



An image of tau tangles in the brain, often a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease. A group of researchers has found that a protein, normally active in fetuses, may also protect the neurons in older people.
Yankner laboratory



Gateway to personalized medicine

June 26, 2000

Brain Mapping Project

Baby Genome

TCGA


Disease risk associations

Personalized medicine

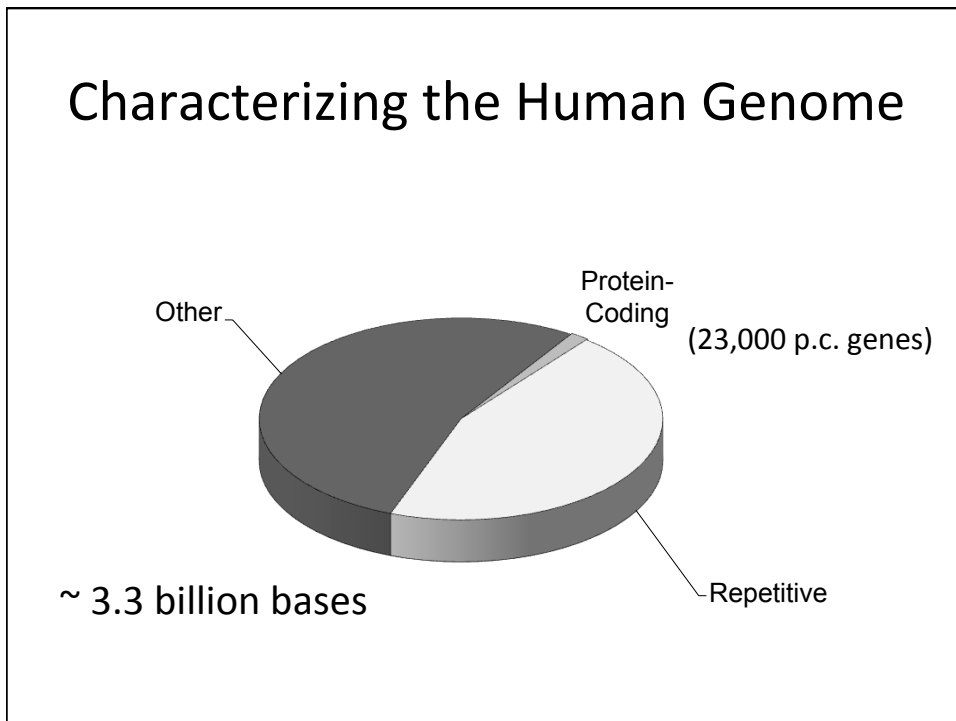
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1. Genome composition

From blueprint to implementation



“the genome comes alive in 3D”



DEBATES

HOW MUCH OF THE GENOME IS FUNCTIONAL?

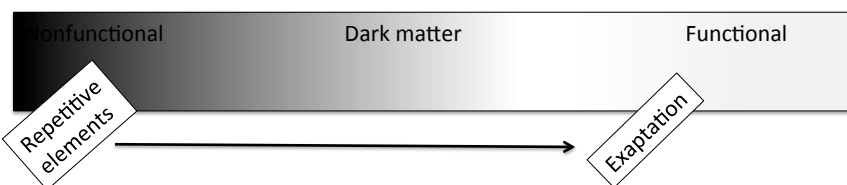
HOW MUCH OF THE GENOME IS SUPERFLUOUS?

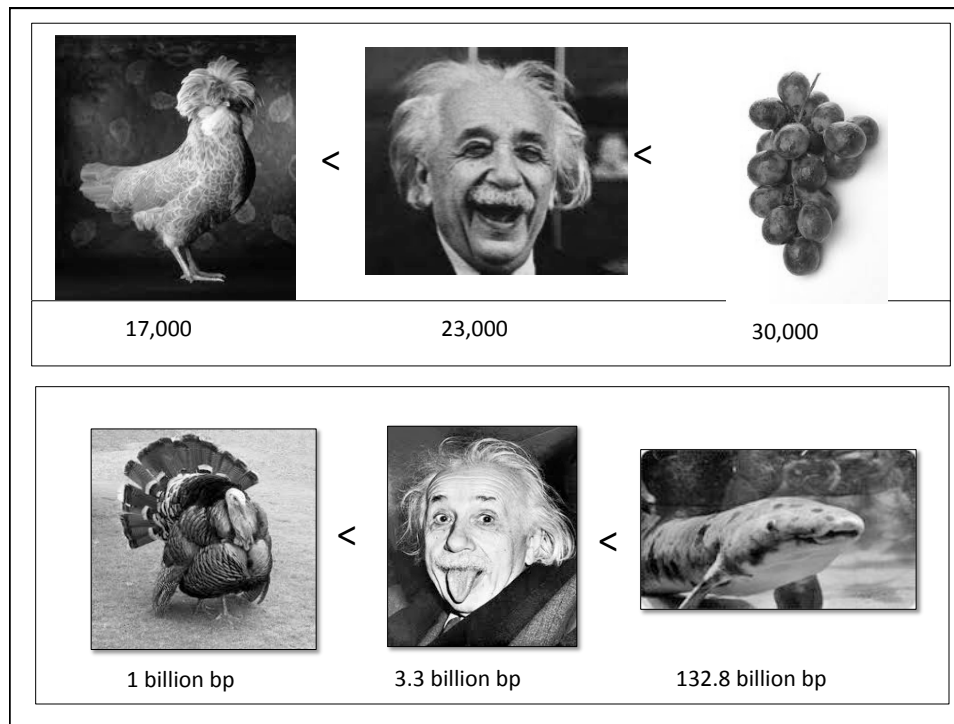
how to be sure?

HOW WELL CAN WE DISTINGUISH THE TWO?

biochemical signals, conservation, genetic evidence

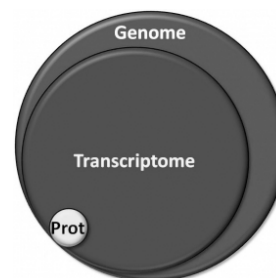
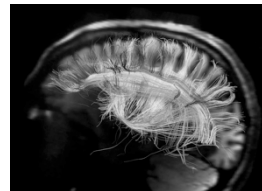
The 98%





Complexity

- Cell-type diversity
- Coding genome
 - Alleles
 - Splicing isoforms
 - Regulated translation
 - Posttranslational modifications
- Noncoding RNA
- Noncoding genome
 - Alternative promoters
 - Alternative 3' UTRs
 - Myriad enhancers
 - Intronic regulatory elements
 - Replication origins
- Epigenetic modifications



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Hominid History

Georgian National Museum

Human migration out of Africa. Numbers are estimated years before the present.

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FUN USES OF THE GENOME

Genome challenges



Thea Norman (Official Rep) 4 months ago

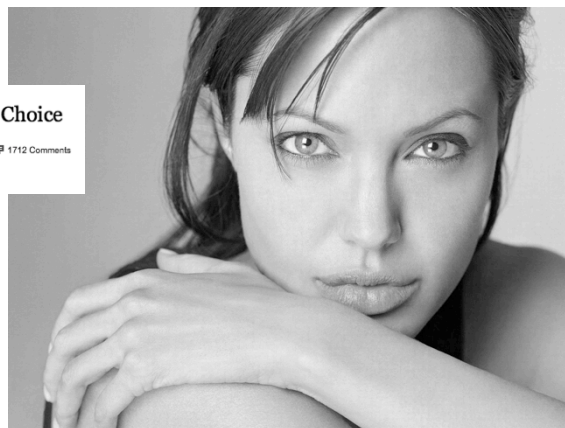
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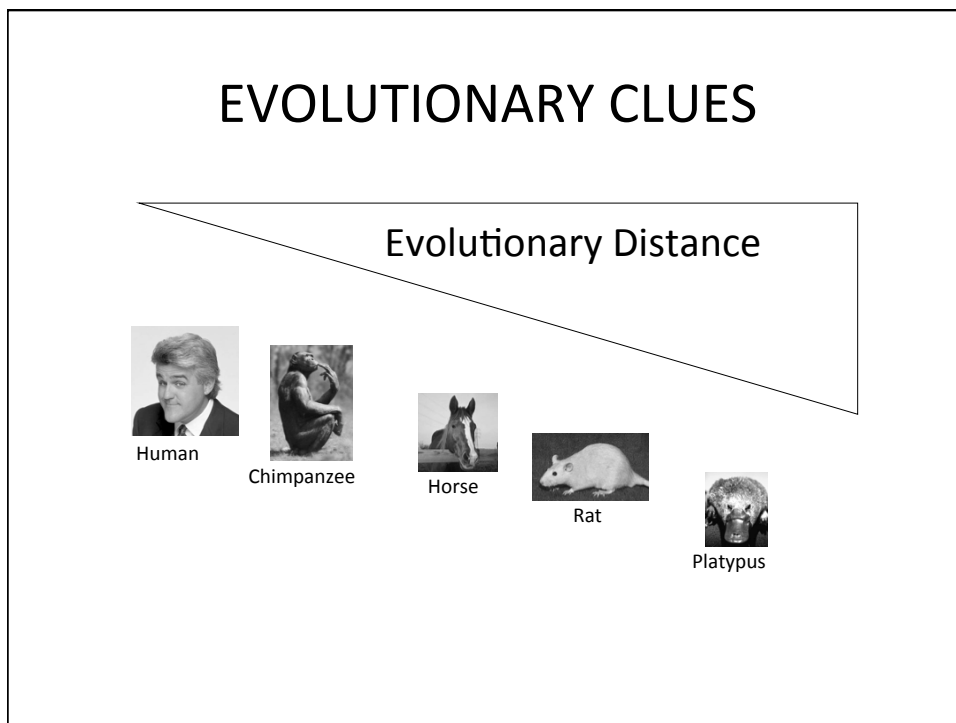
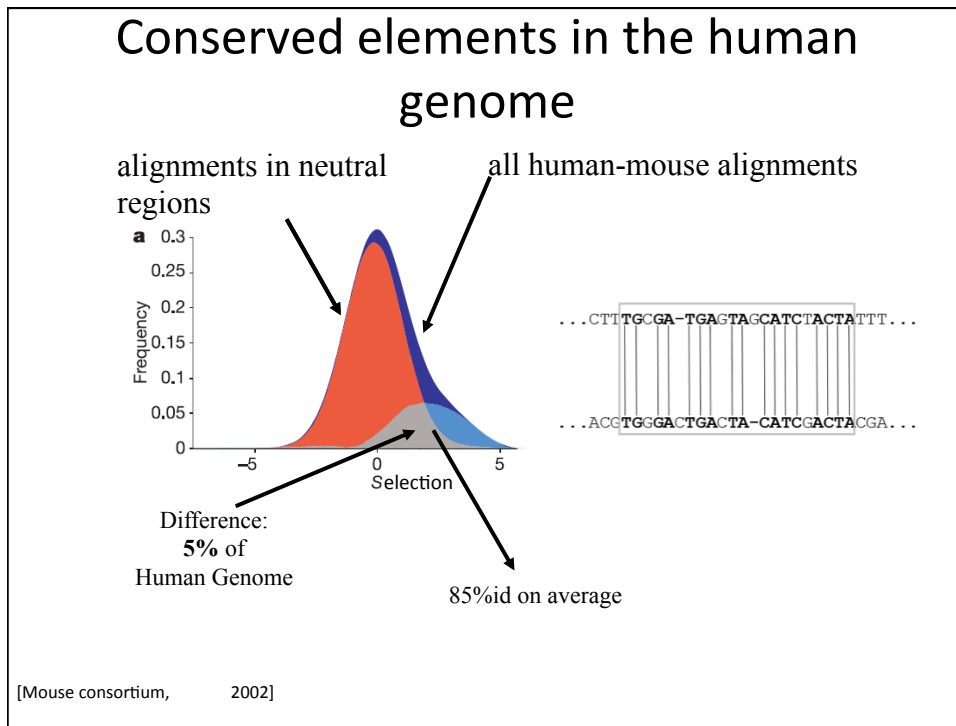
The Undiagnosed Diseases Program



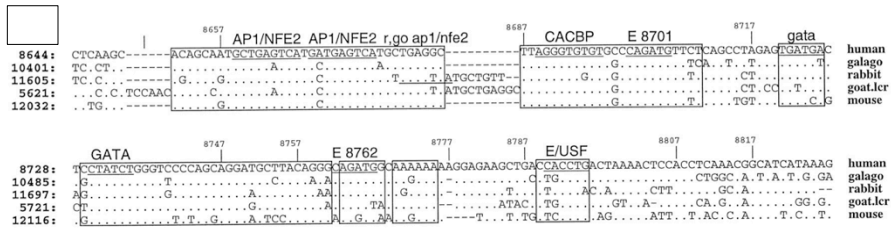
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OP-ED CONTRIBUTOR
My Medical Choice
By ANGELINA JOLIE
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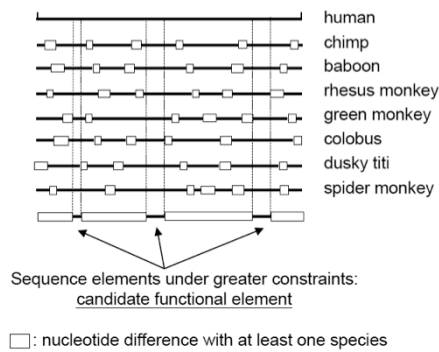




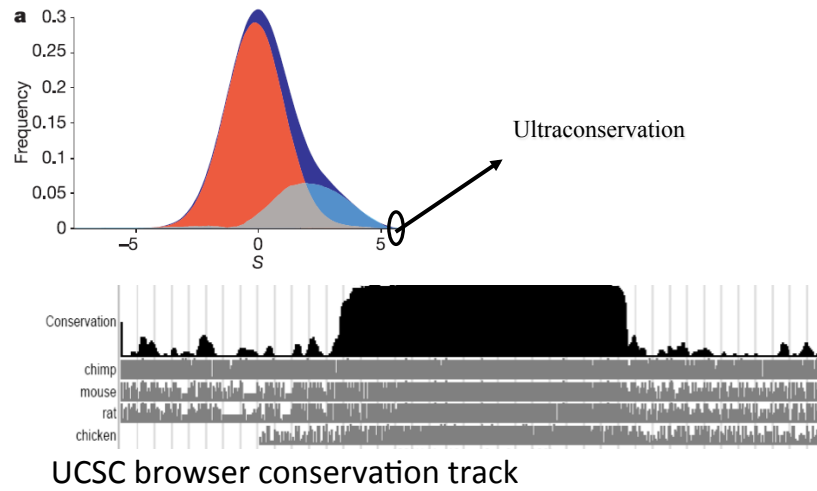
Phylogenetic footprints



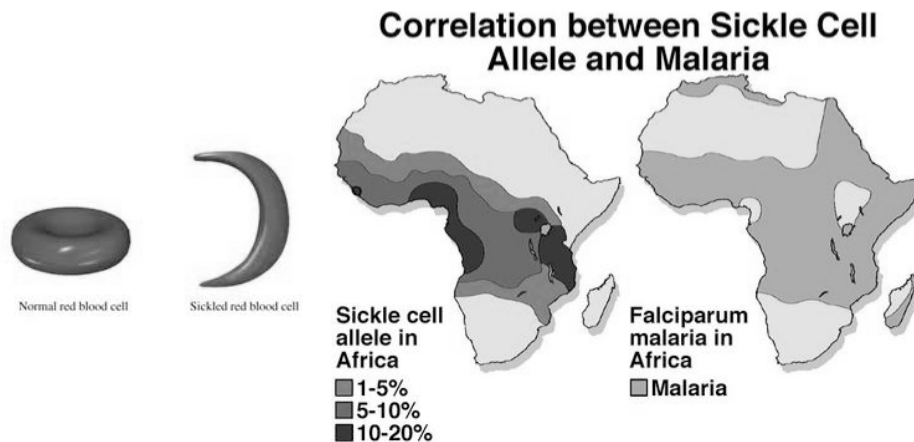
Phylogenetic shadowing



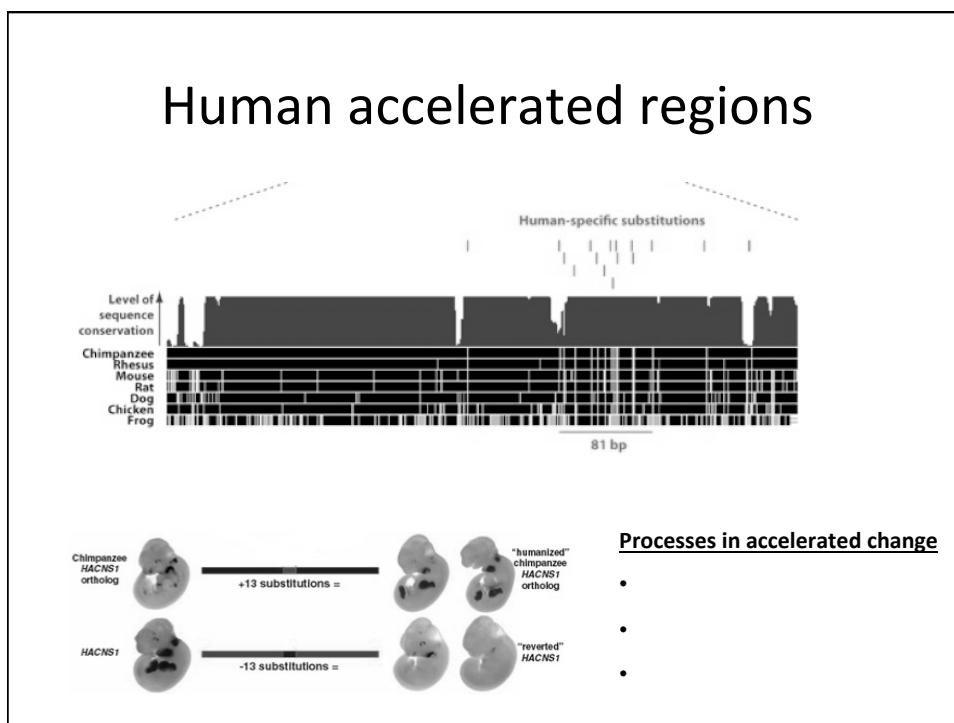
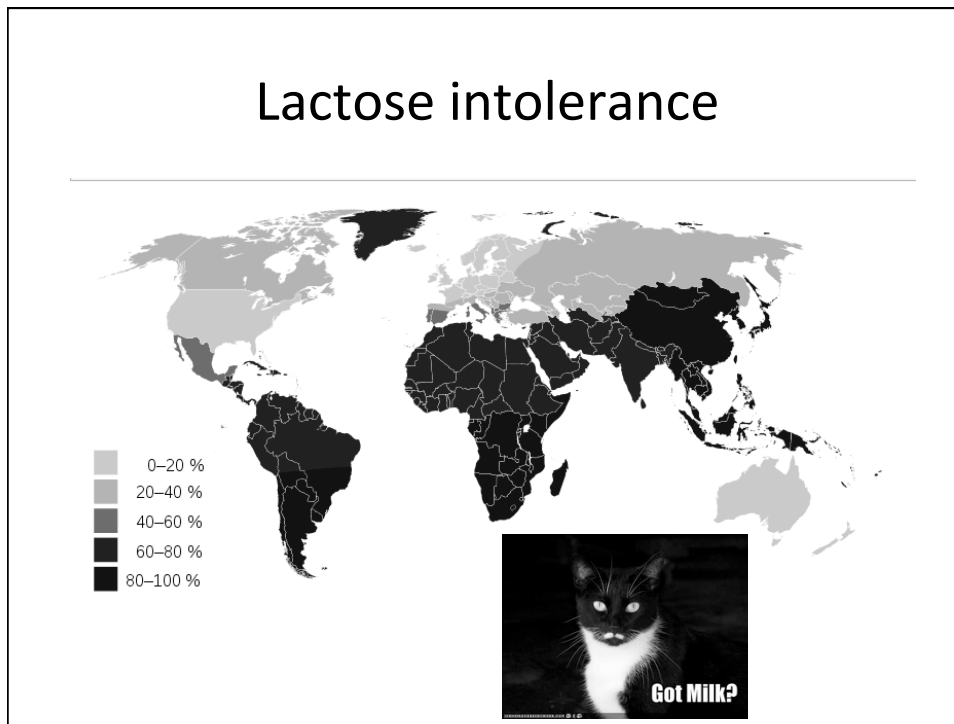
Ultraconserved elements in the human genome

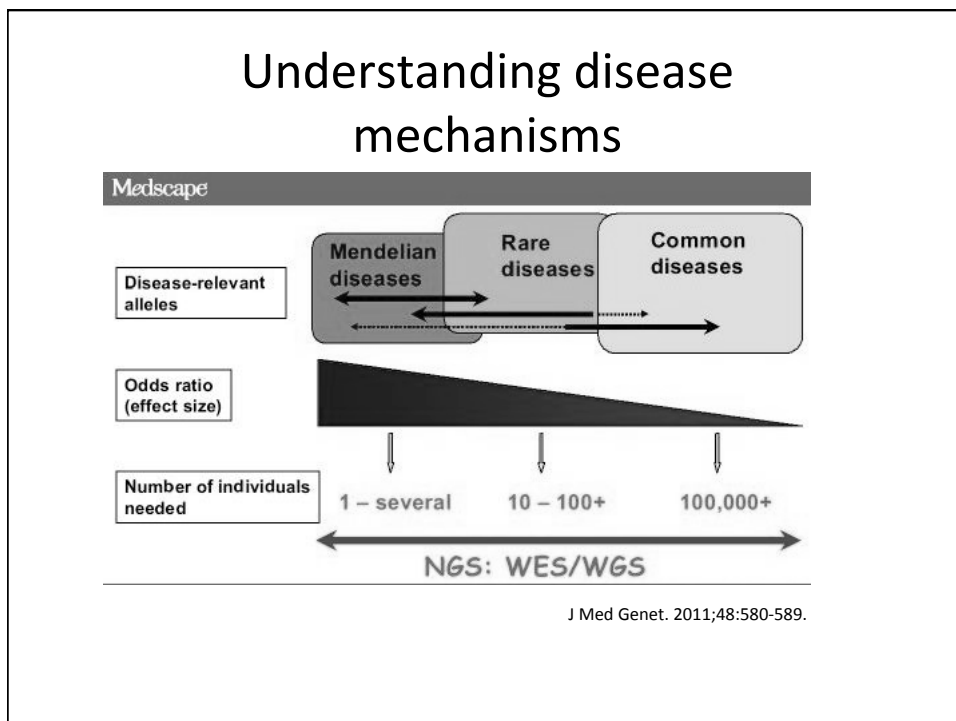
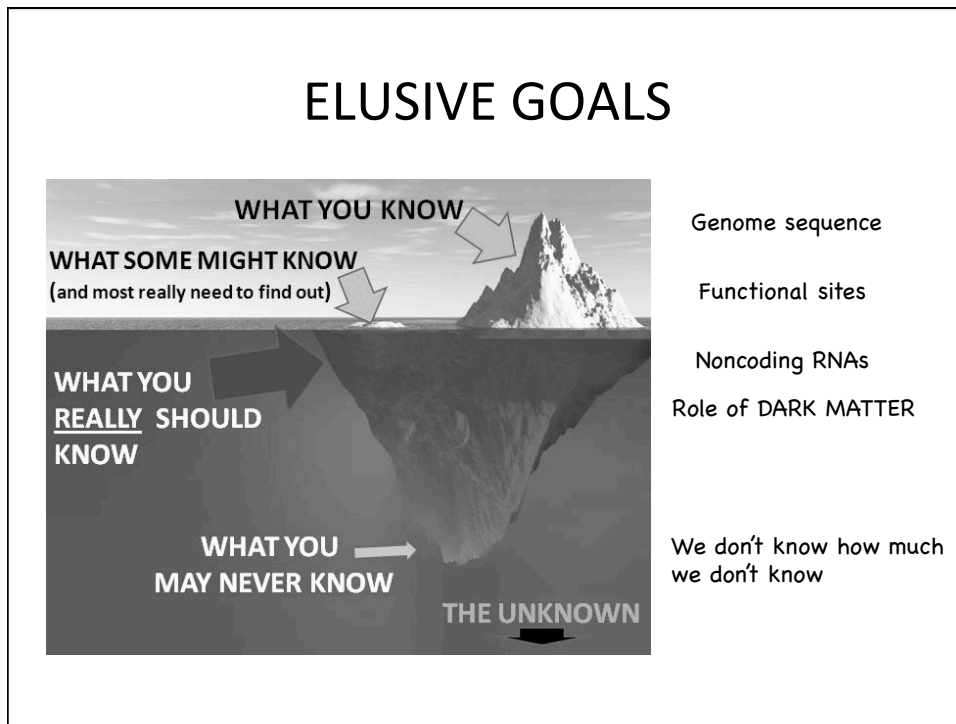


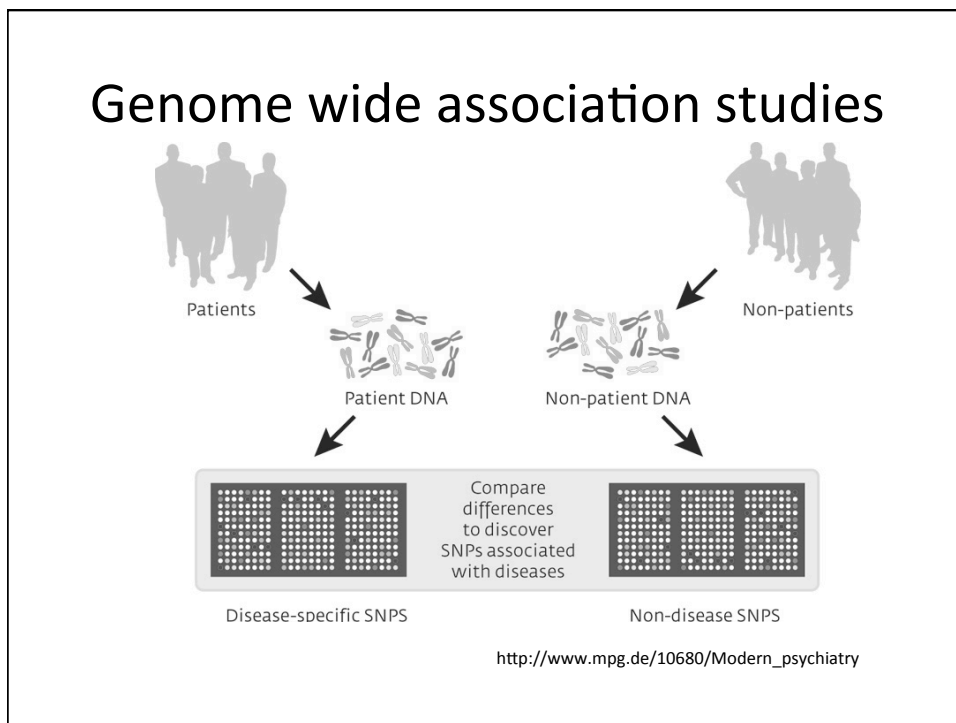
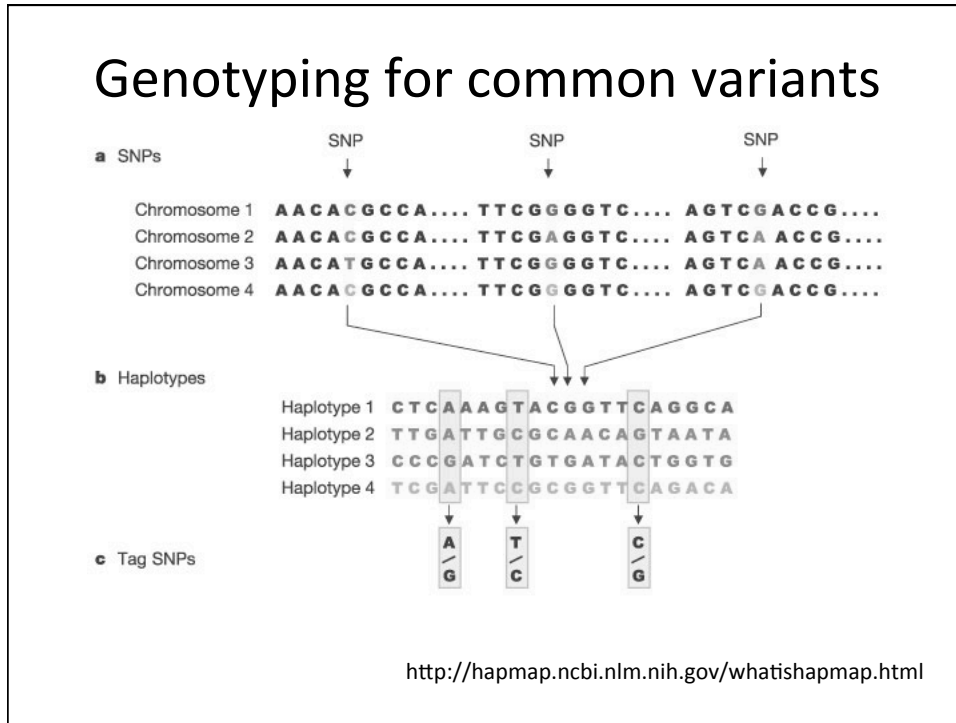
Function through variation



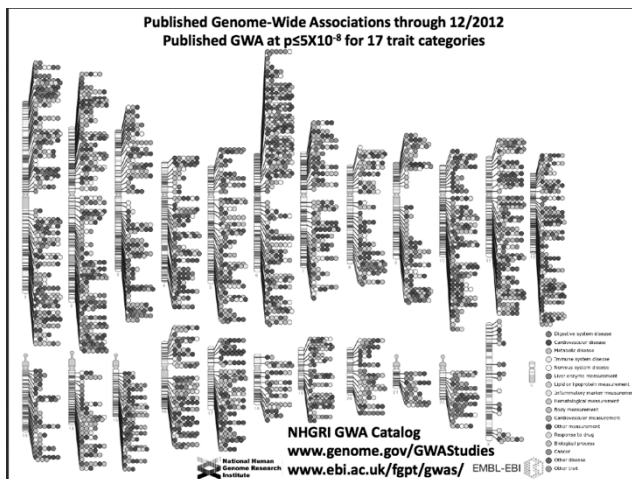
The McGraw-Hill Companies



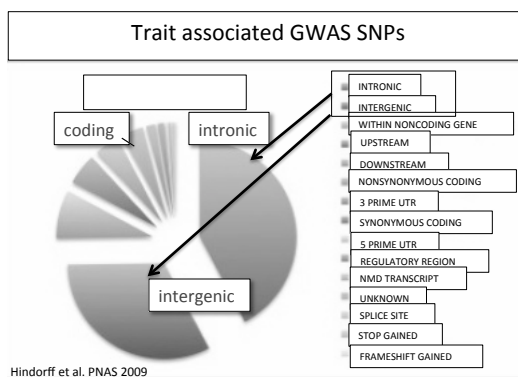


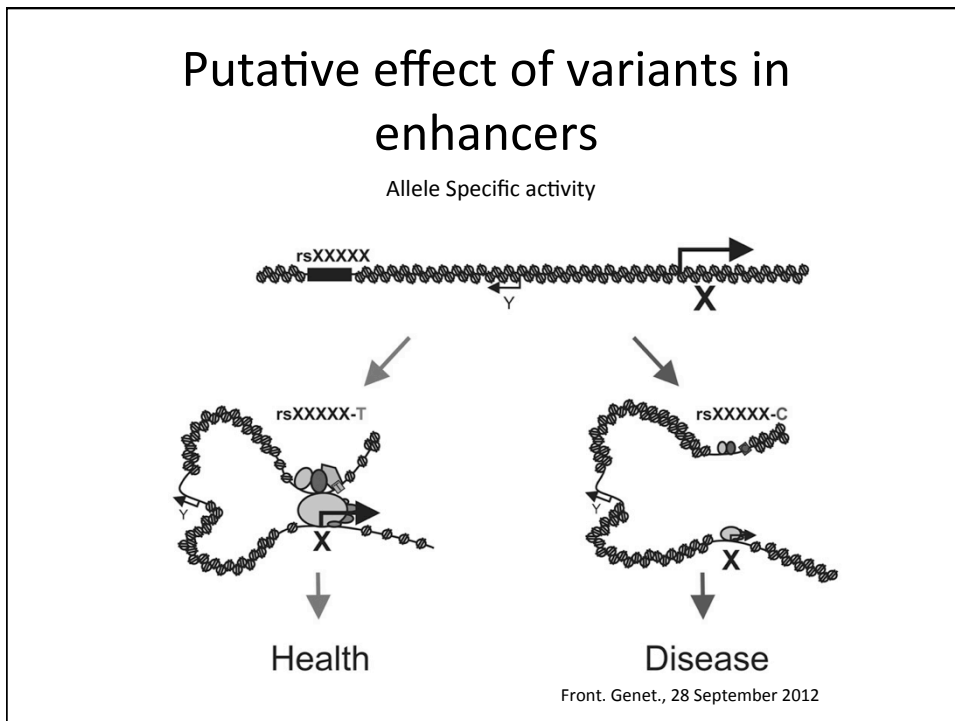
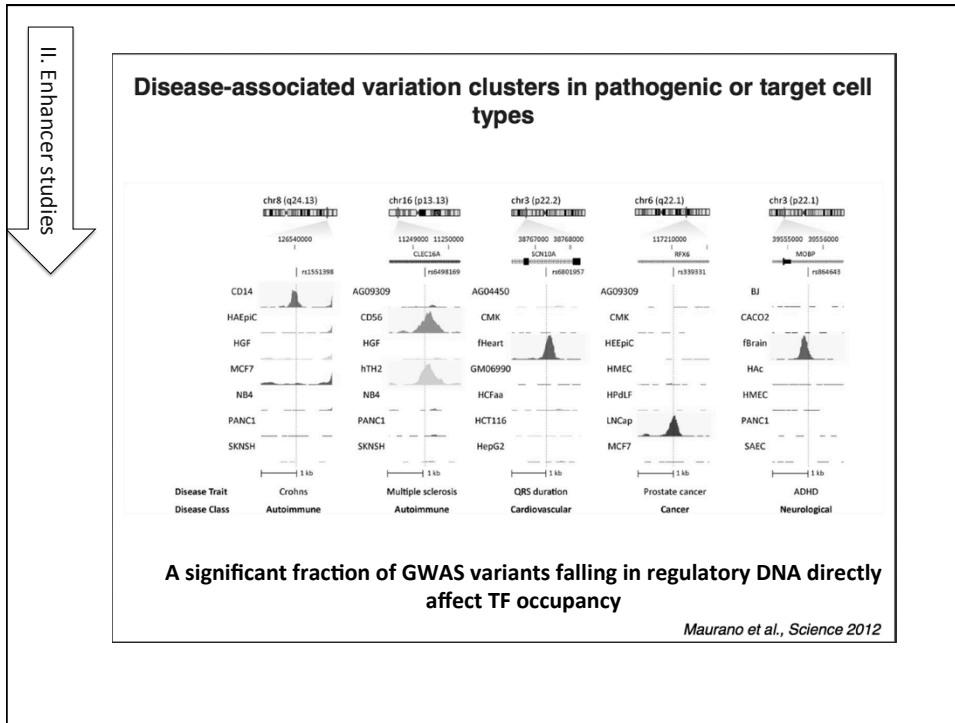


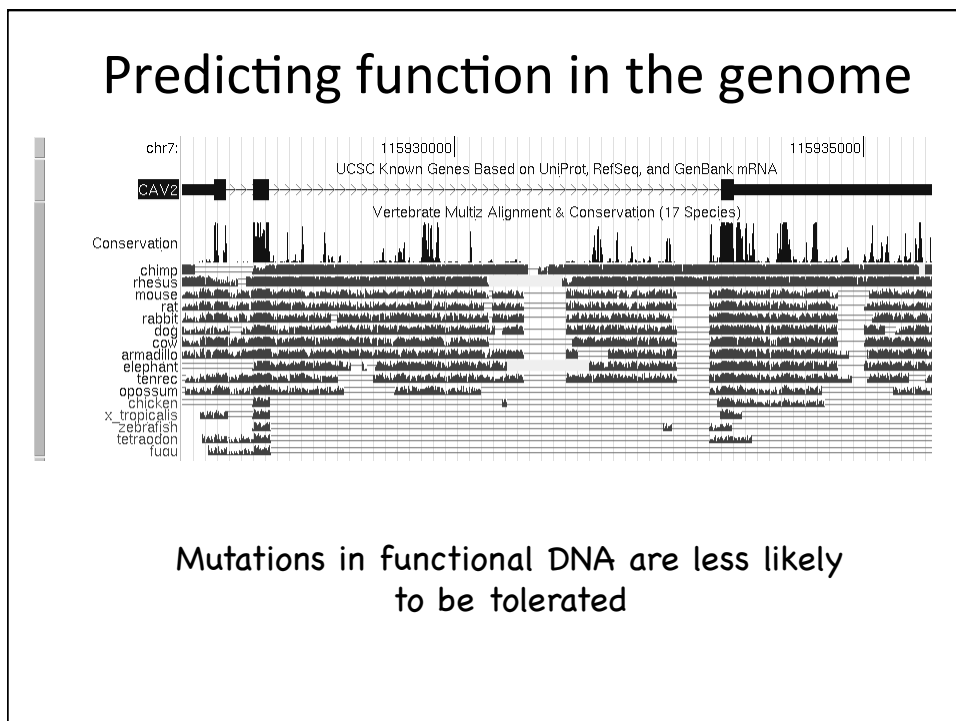
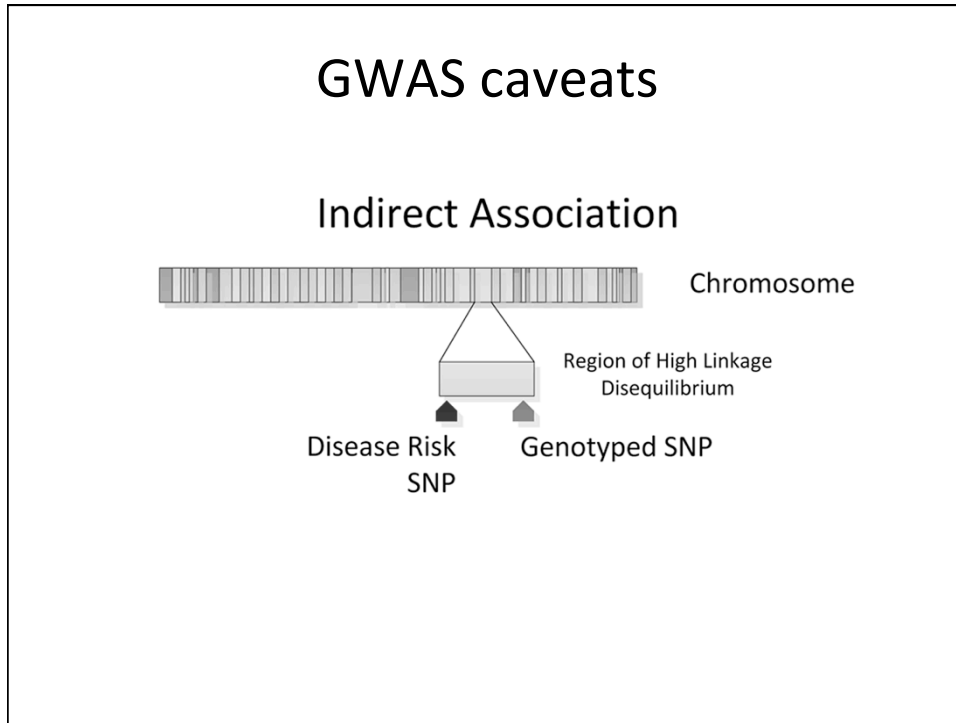
GWAS loci



GWAS findings in noncoding regions





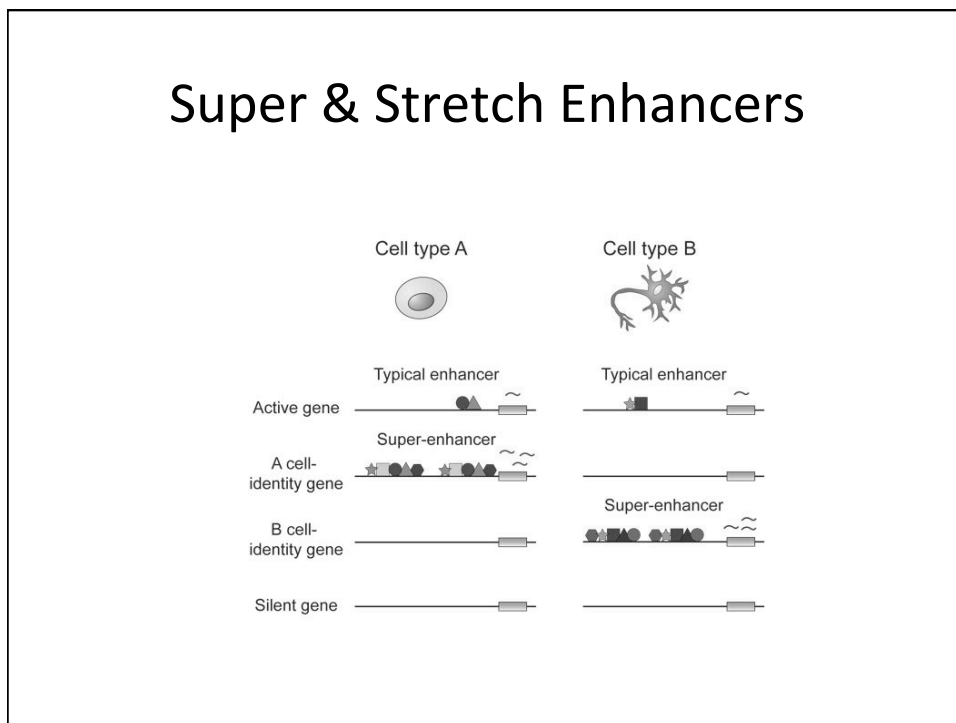
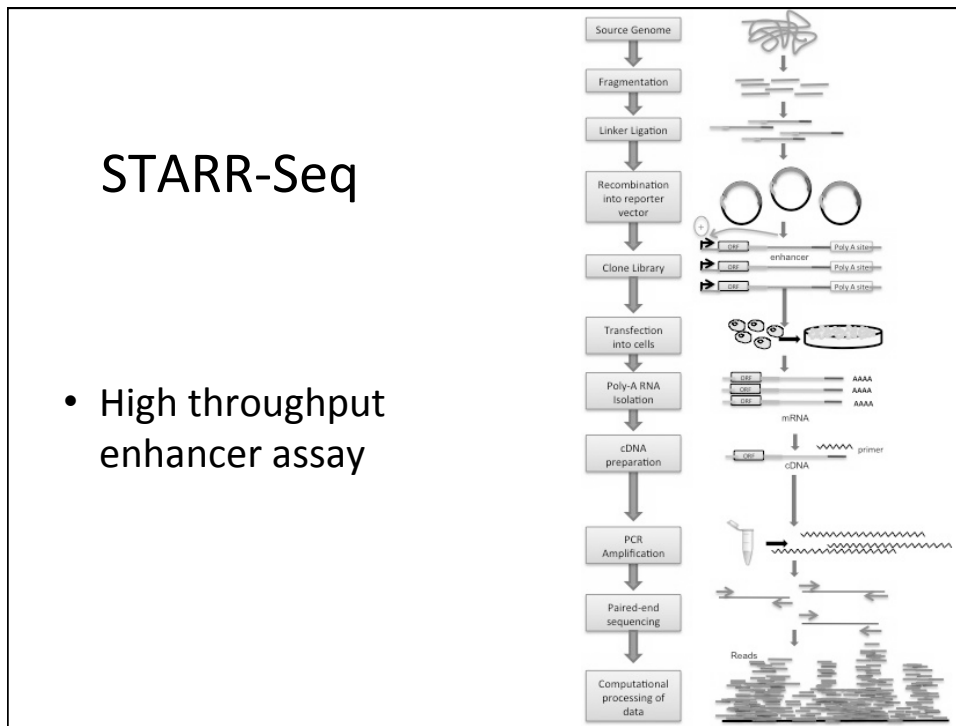


Determining biochemically active regions

- Transcription factor occupancy
- DNase Hypersensitivity
- FAIRE data
- Chromatin modifications

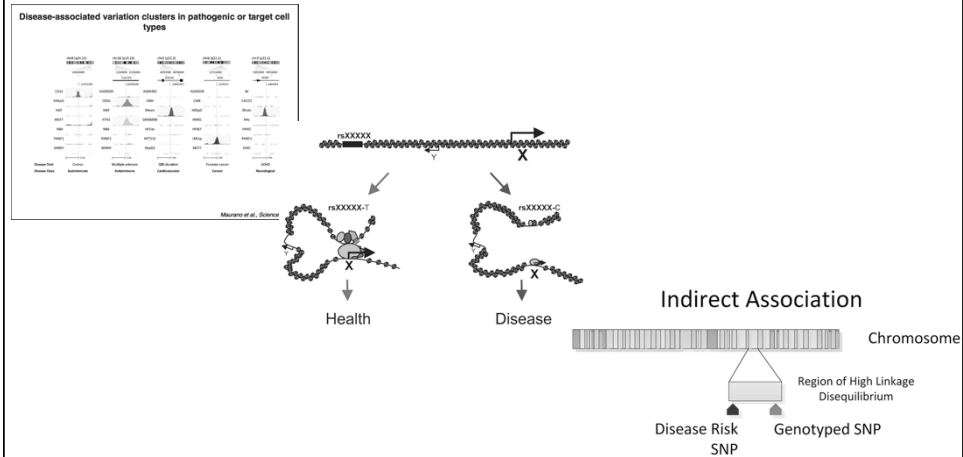
Validation using transgenic mice

The screenshot shows the VISTA Enhancer Browser interface. At the top left is a logo of a mouse embryo. The main title is "VISTA Enhancer Browser" with the subtitle "whole genome enhancer browser". Below the title is a navigation bar with links: Home, Browser Handbook and Methods, Experimental Data, Advanced Search, Gallery, and Contact. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a list of tissues and organs with checkboxes, including "blood vessels", "ear", "genital tubercle", "liver", "neural tube", "somite", "branchial arch", "eye", "heart", "melanocytes", "nose", "tail", "cranial nerve", "facial mesenchyme", "hindbrain (rhombencephalon)", "mesenchyme derived from neural crest", "other", "trigeminal V (ganglion, cranial)", "dorsal root ganglion", "forebrain", "limb", "midbrain (mesencephalon)", "pancreas", and "No pattern". The "heart" checkbox is checked. Below this list are sections for "And only" (Positives, Negatives, Does not matter), "Organism" (Human, Mouse, Both), "And only" (If sections available), and "Near gene" (a search box). A "Search" button is at the bottom left. The right column shows three rows of embryo images, labeled "Embryo 1", "Embryo 2", and "Embryo 3", each with a small inset image showing a specific tissue region.

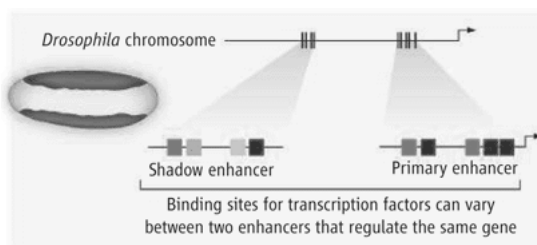


ENCODE catalogs

~ 50% of predicted functional elements don't test positive in an enhancer assay



Shadow enhancers (redundancy/resilience?)



Science 5 September 2008:
vol. 321 no. 5894 1300-130

Deletion of candidate elements

Deletion of Ultraconserved Elements Yields Viable Mice

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Ultraconserved elements have been suggested to retain extended perfect sequence identity between the human, mouse, and rat genomes due to essential functional properties. To investigate *in vivo*, we removed four noncoding ultraconserved elements (ranging in length from 8 to 100 bp) from the mouse genome. To maximize the likelihood of observing a phenotype, we chose enhancers in a mouse transgenic assay and that are near genes that exhibit marked phenotypes in the mouse and when their expression is altered due to other genomic elements. Surprisingly, resulting lines of mice lacking these ultraconserved elements were viable and fertile. In addition, more targeted screens, informed by the abnormalities observed in mice lacking these elements, also failed to reveal notable abnormalities when assayed for a variety of phenotypes including growth, longevity, and behavior. These results indicate that the abnormalities observed in mice lacking these elements had been altered, also failed to reveal notable abnormalities of all the possible phenotypic impact of the deleted sequences, indicate that they do not necessarily reflect crucial functions required for viability.



GWAS summary

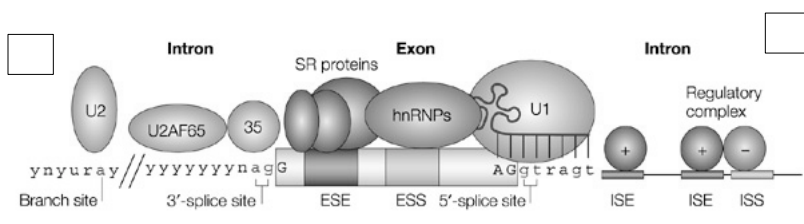
- Resounding success
- Modest effects (OR < 2)
- Substantial heritability remains to be explained

Deep resequencing of GWAS loci identifies independent rare variants associated with inflammatory bowel disease

Manuel A Rivas¹⁻³, Méli^{ssa} Beaudoin^{4,23}, Agnes Gardet^{5,23}, Christine Stevens^{2,23}, Yashoda Sharma⁶, Clarence K Zhang⁶, Gabrielle Boucher⁴, Stephan Ripke^{1,2}, David Ellinghaus⁷, Noel Burtt², Tim Fennell², Andrew Kirby^{1,2}, Anna Latiano⁸, Philippe Goyette⁴, Todd Green², Jonas Halfvarson⁹, Talin Haritunians¹⁰, Joshua M Korn², Finny Kuruvilla^{2,11}, Caroline Lagacé⁴, Benjamin Neale^{1,2}, Ken Sin Lo⁴, Phil Schumm¹², Leif Törkqvist¹³, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases Inflammatory Bowel Disease Genetics Consortium (NIDDK IBDGC)¹⁴, United Kingdom Inflammatory Bowel Disease Genetics Consortium¹⁴, International Inflammatory Bowel Disease Genetics Consortium¹⁴, Marla C Dubinsky¹⁵, Steven R Brant^{16,17}, Mark S Silverberg¹⁸, Richard H Duerr^{19,20}, David Altshuler^{1,2}, Stacey Gabriel², Guillaume Lettre⁴, Andre Franke⁷, Mauro D'Amato²¹, Dermot P B McGovern^{10,22}, Judy H Cho⁶, John D Rioux⁴, Ramnik J Xavier^{1,2,5} & Mark J Daly^{1,2}

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Rare variants affect splicing



ESE = exonic splicing enhancer

ISE = Intronic splicing enhancer

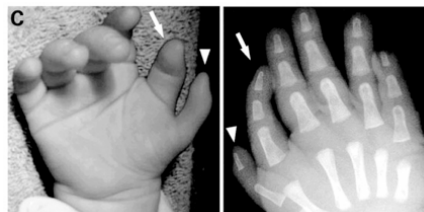
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Nature Reviews Genetics 2004 5: 389-396

SHH reveal single mutations with large effects

Development 2005 132 : 4 797-803



Hemingway cat with six toes

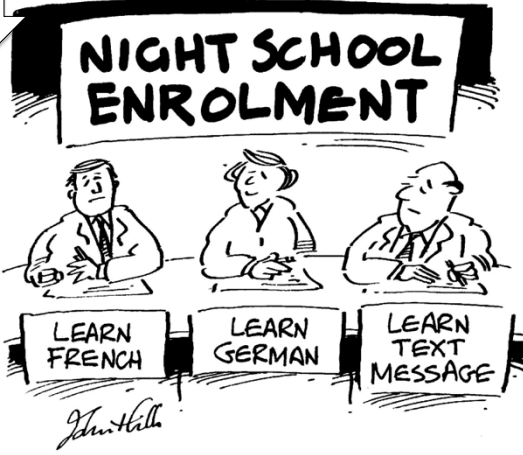


Hum. Mol. Genet. (2008) 17 (7): 978-985



III. Epigenetics

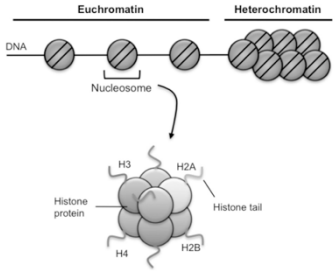
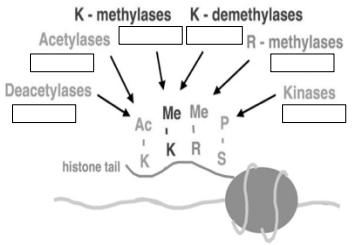
Epigenetic languages of the genome



- a. Chromatin
- b. Noncoding RNA
- c. Nuclear architecture
- d. DNA methylation

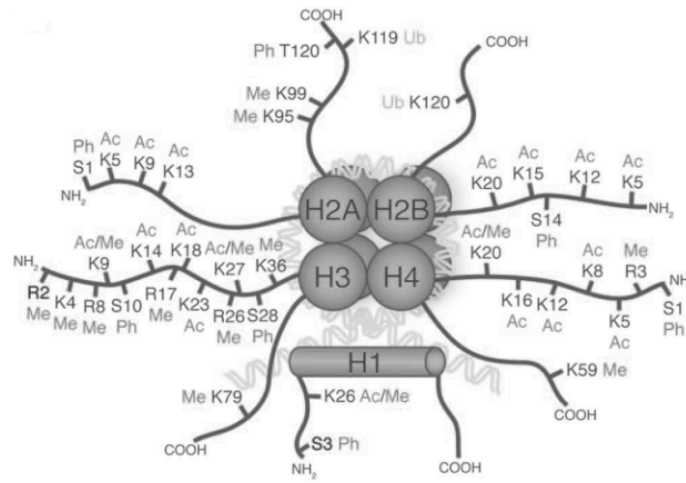
a. Chromatin

Active and inactive chromatin

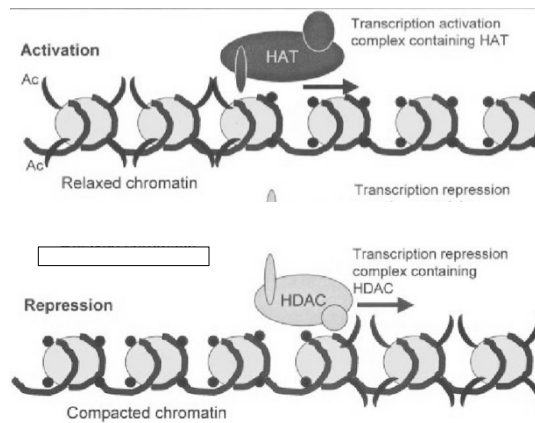
Front. Immunol., 19 December 2012

Locations of histone modifications

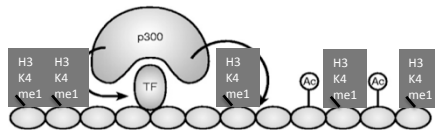


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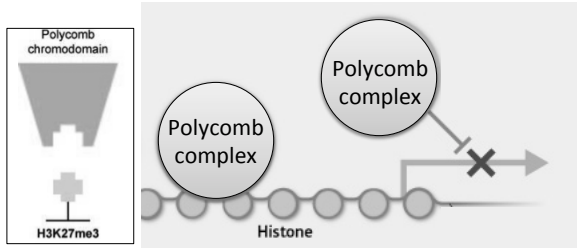
Activation and repression



Regulatory modifications



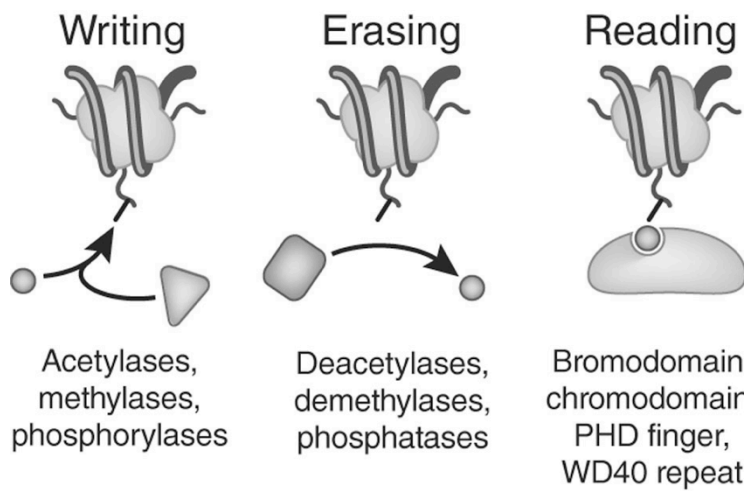
Active enhancer



Repressed promoter

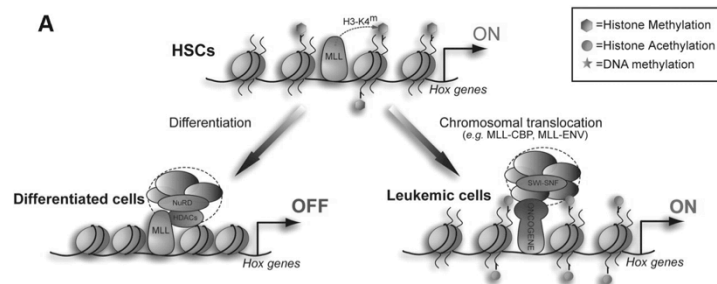
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Chromatin code



Nature Immunology 11, 565–568 (2010)

Leukaemia associated fusion proteins



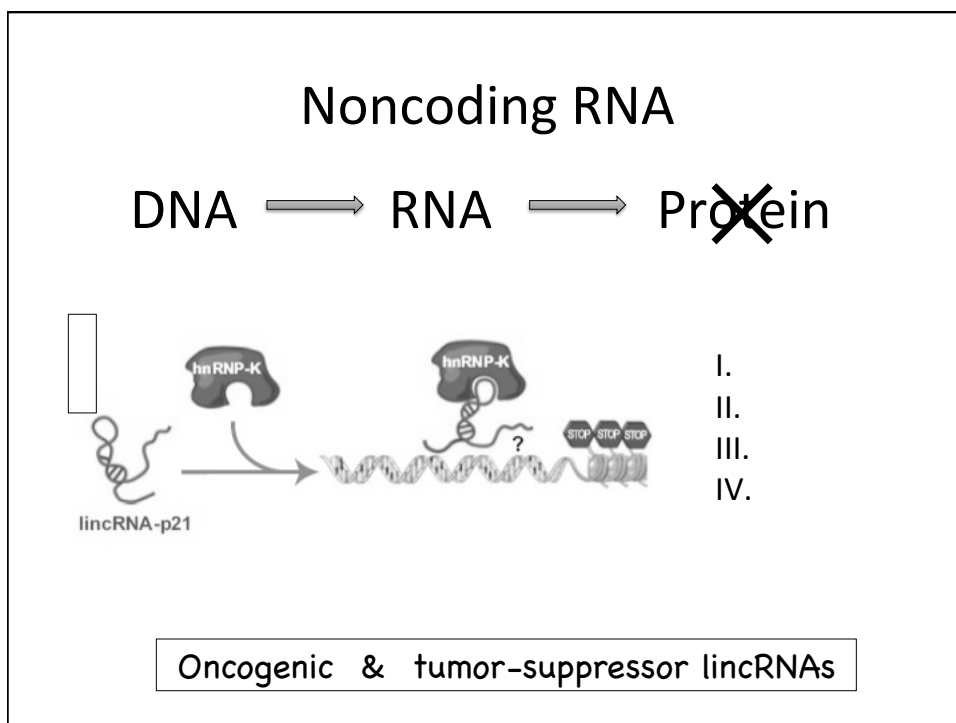
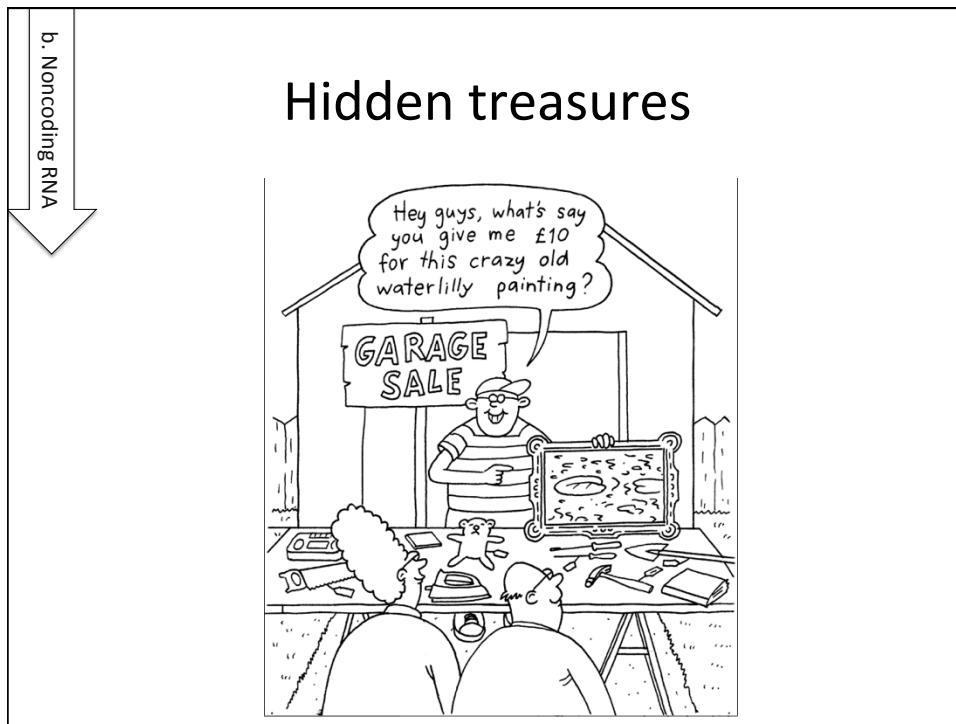
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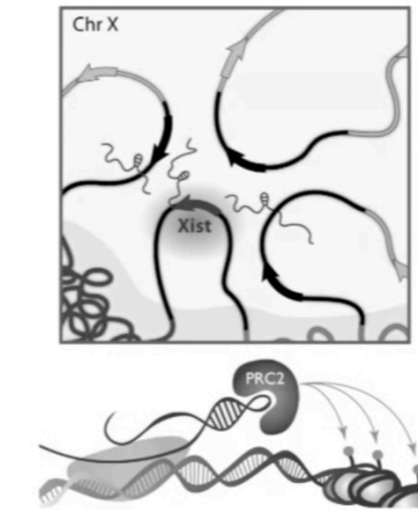
Mutations of epigenome modifiers

<i>Histone variants</i>	<i>HIST1H1B</i>
<i>DNA methyltransferases</i>	<i>DNMT1</i>
<i>DNA demethylases</i>	<i>TET2</i>
<i>Histone acetyltransferases</i>	<i>EP300</i>
<i>Histone deacetylases</i>	<i>HDAC4</i>
<i>Histone methyltransferases</i>	<i>MLL</i>
<i>Histone demethylases</i>	<i>JARID1C</i>
<i>Chromatin remodelling factors</i>	<i>ARID1A</i>

Nature Reviews Cancer 13, 497–510 (2013)

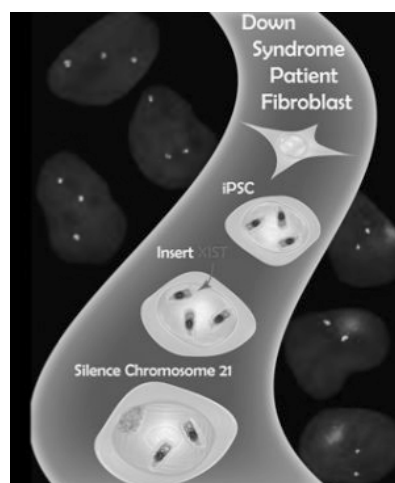


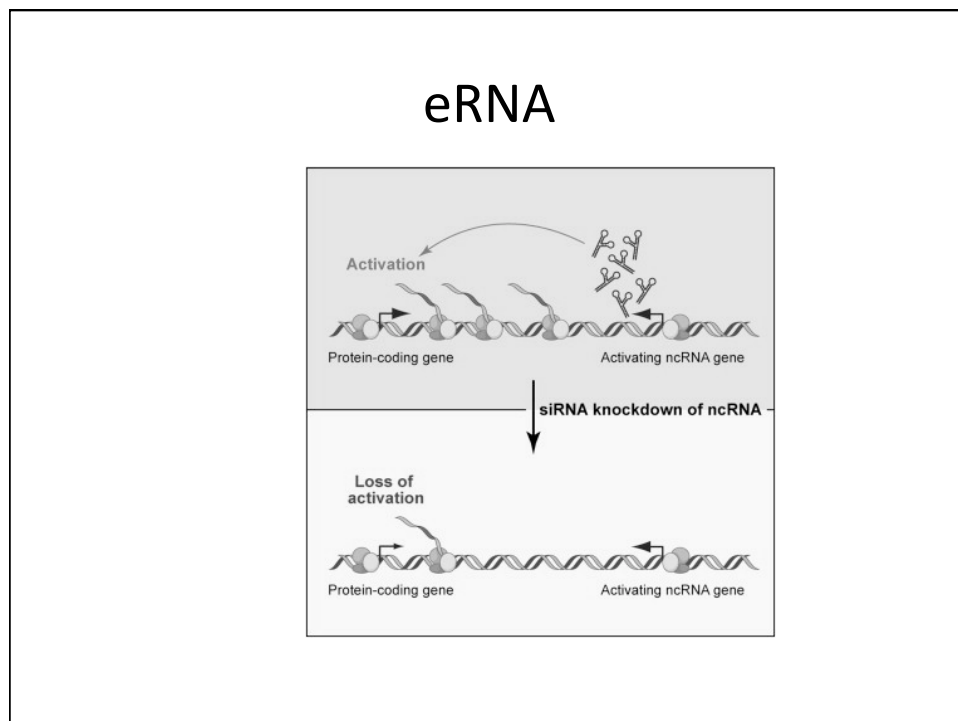
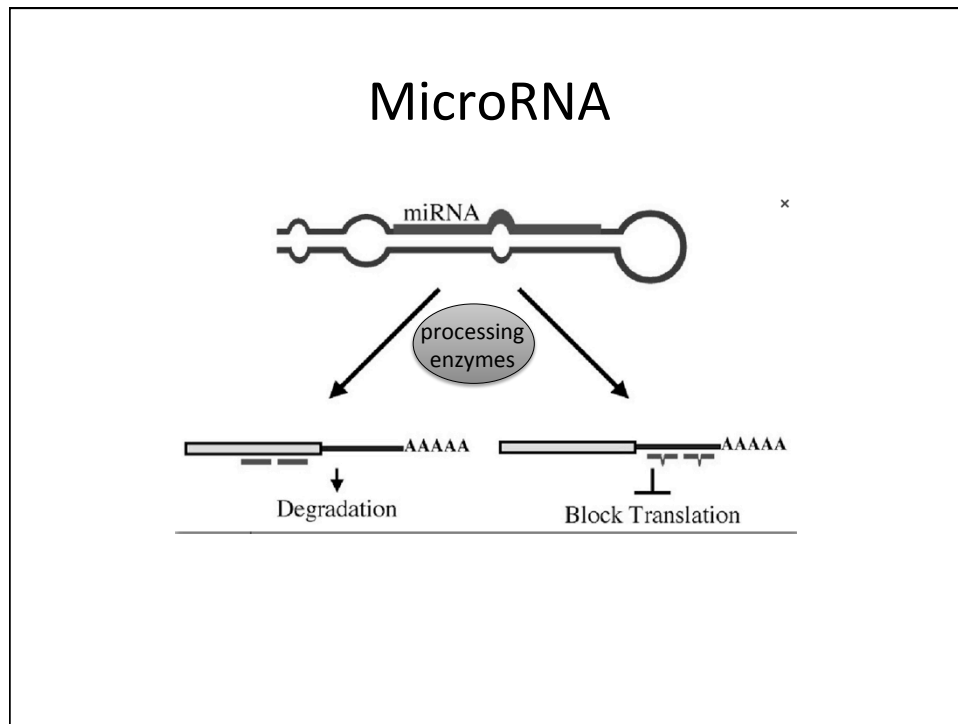
XIST exploits 3D architecture



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Silencing Down syndrome





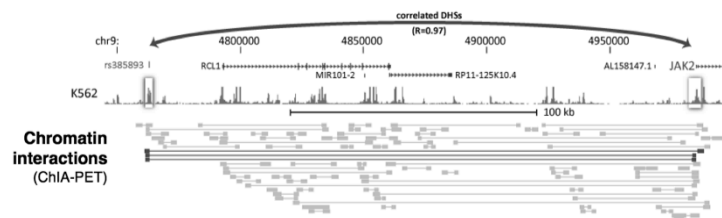
c. Nuclear architecture

Genome architecture



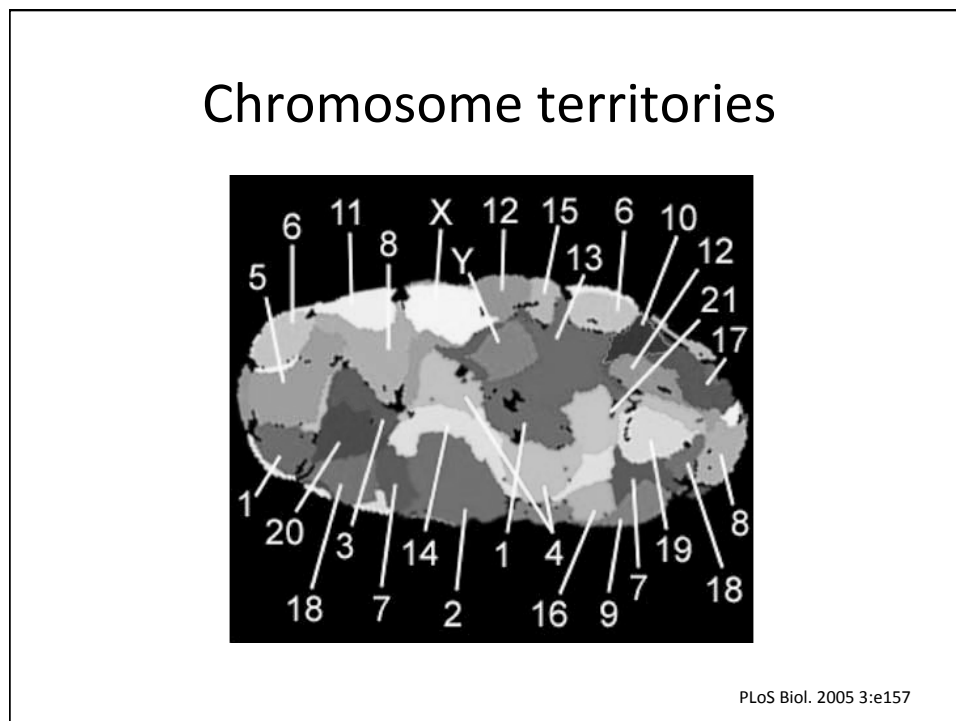
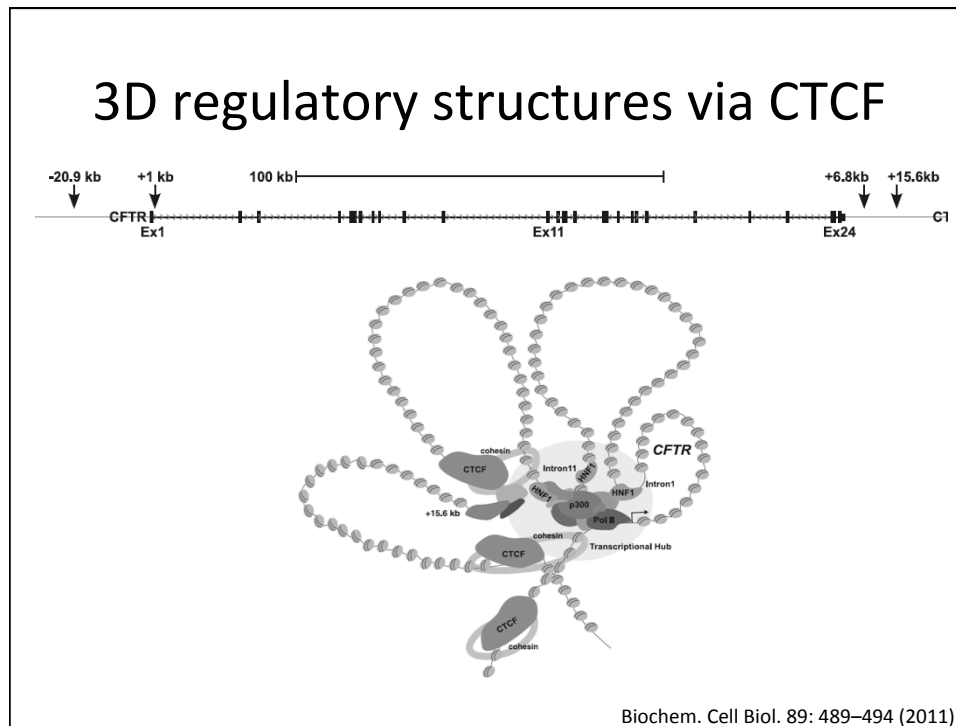
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Long distance interactions

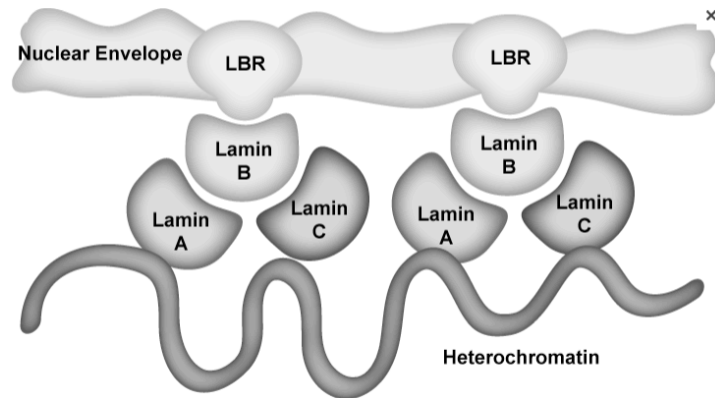


Chromatin Interaction Analysis by Paired-End Tag Sequencing (ChIA-PET)

Science 7 September 2012:
Vol. 337 no. 6099 pp. 1190-1195

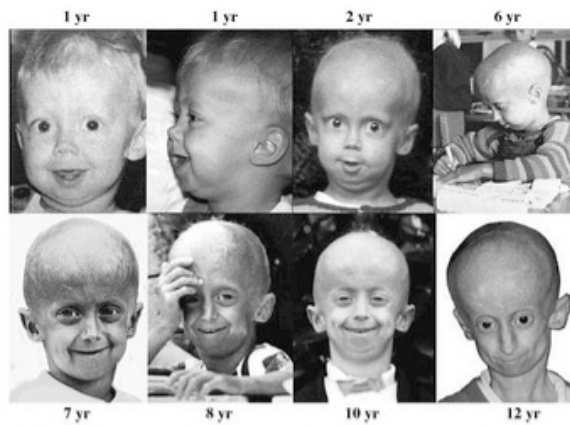


Laminar interactions



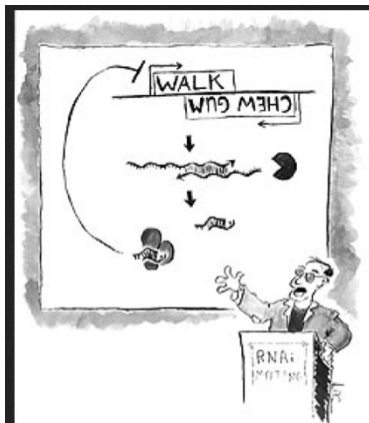
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Progeria



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Emerging paradigms

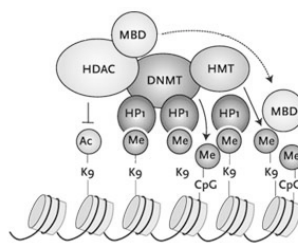
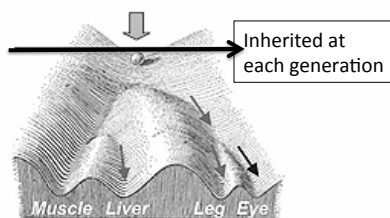


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d. DNA Methylation

Waddington's epigenetic landscape

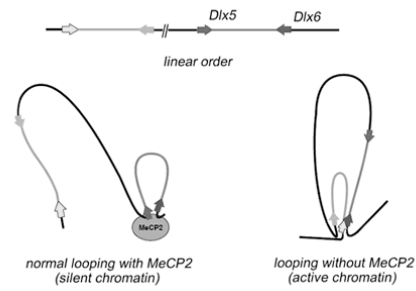
Waddington, C.H. The Strategy of the Genes
(Geo Allen & Unwin, London 1957)



MeCP2 and Rett Syndrome

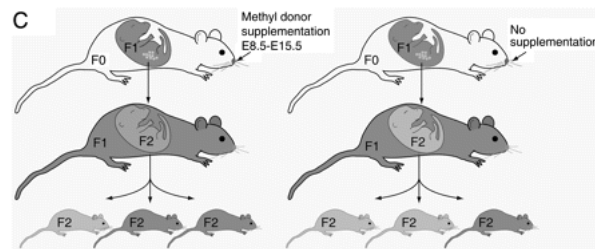


Rett Syndrome Research Foundation

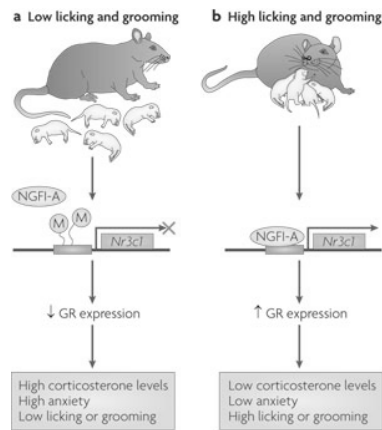


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Nutrition



Behavioral traits

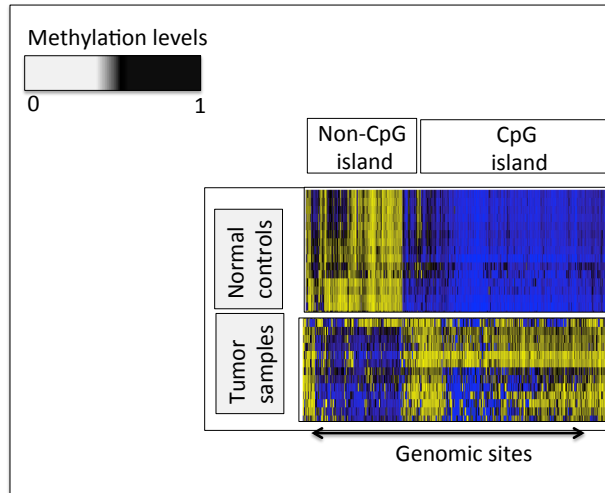


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Plausible health interventions



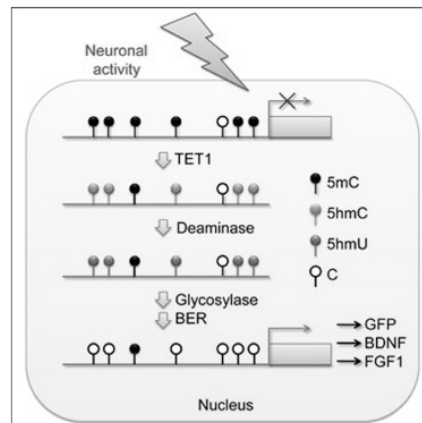
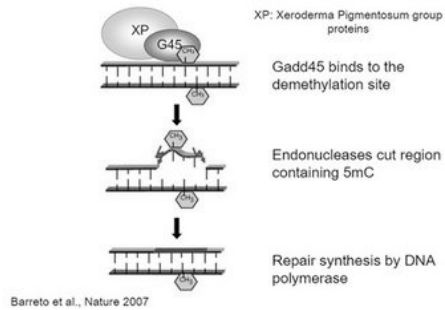
Methylator phenotypes



Kolbe et al. 2012

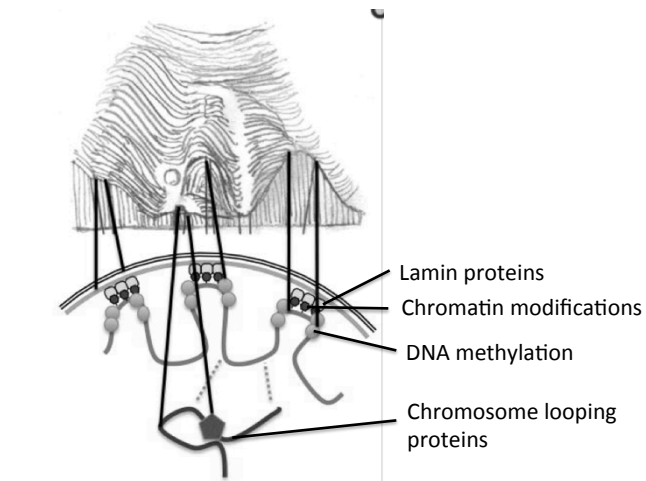
DNA demethylation

Repair mediated DNA demethylation by Gadd45



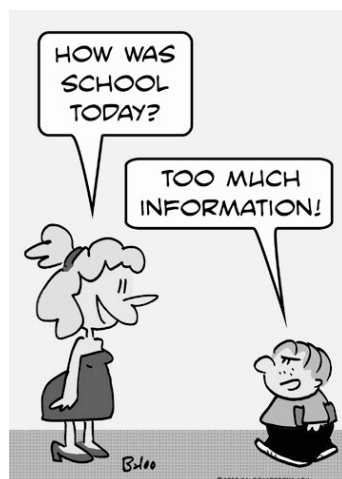
Cell, Volume 145, Issue 3, 423-434, 14 April 2011

Dynamic cellular landscapes



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Conclusion



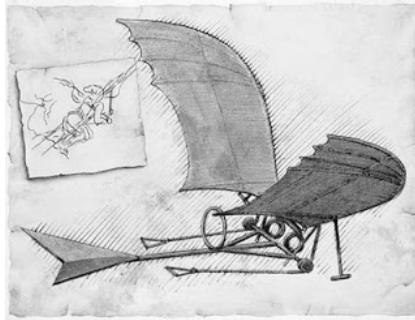
The central dogma has guided decades of research in molecular biology.

Sequencing of the human genome:

- evolutionary diversity among species
- importance of noncoding sequences
- detection of disease processes

Platform for understanding

Knowledge shapes the future



The appropriate Treatment
At the appropriate Dose
For the appropriate Patient
At the appropriate Time
For the appropriate Outcome