BIG DATA
BIOINFORMATICS

or why medical doctors need computers

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It's sink or swim as a tidal wave of data approaches

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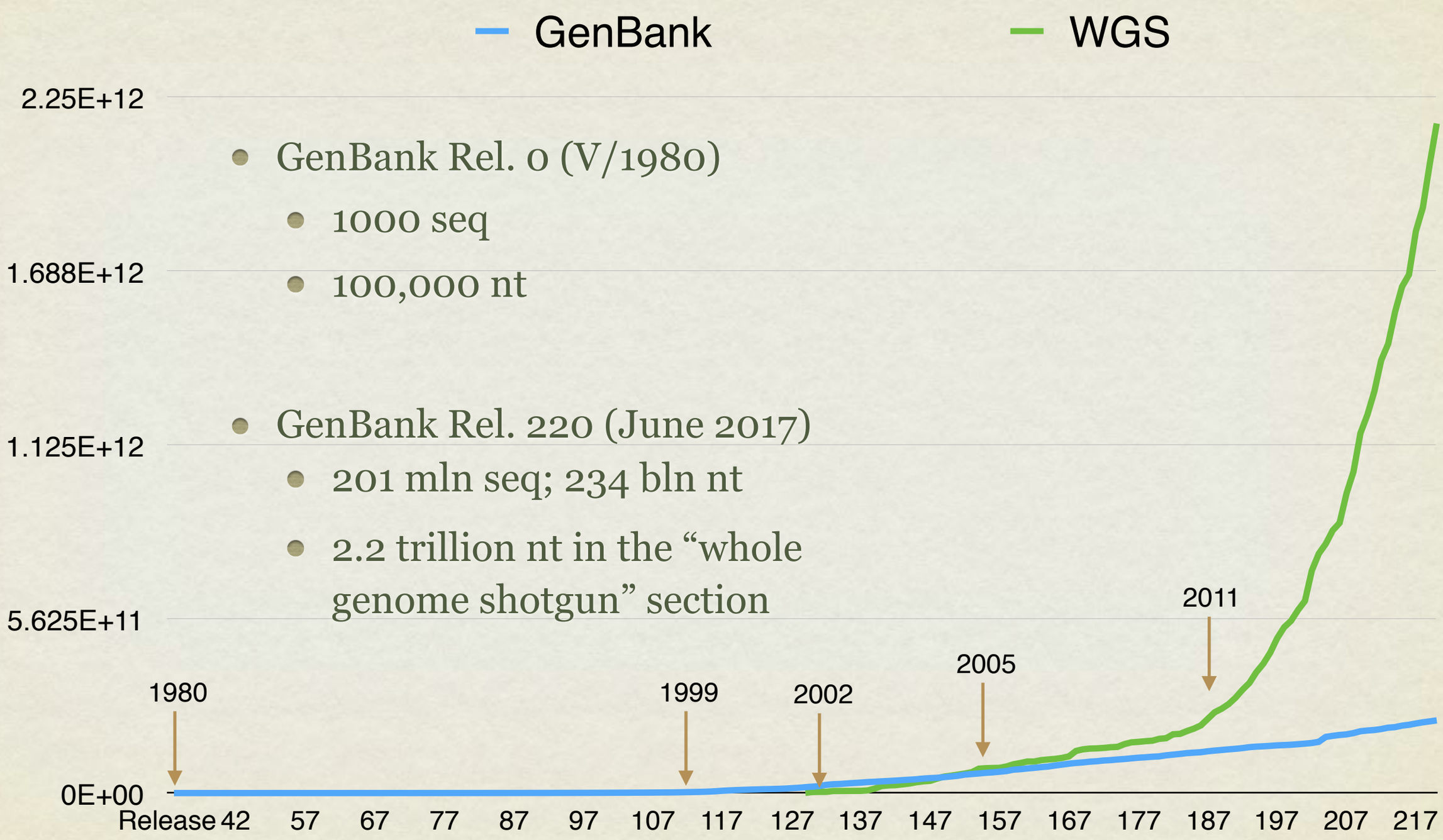
Unfortunately, it's not a tidal wave,
it's a tsunami!

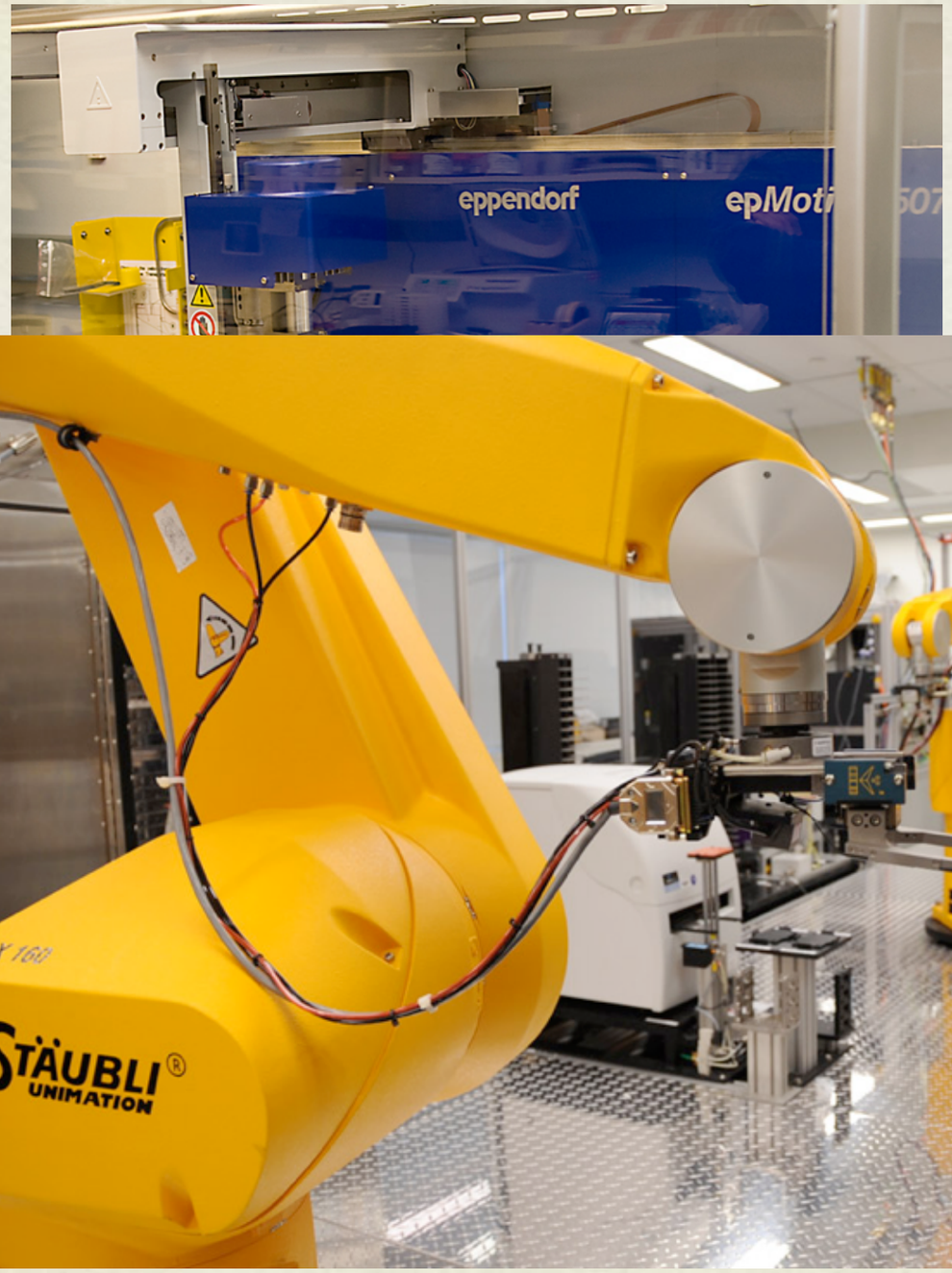
GROWTH OF BIOMEDICAL INFORMATION - GENBANK

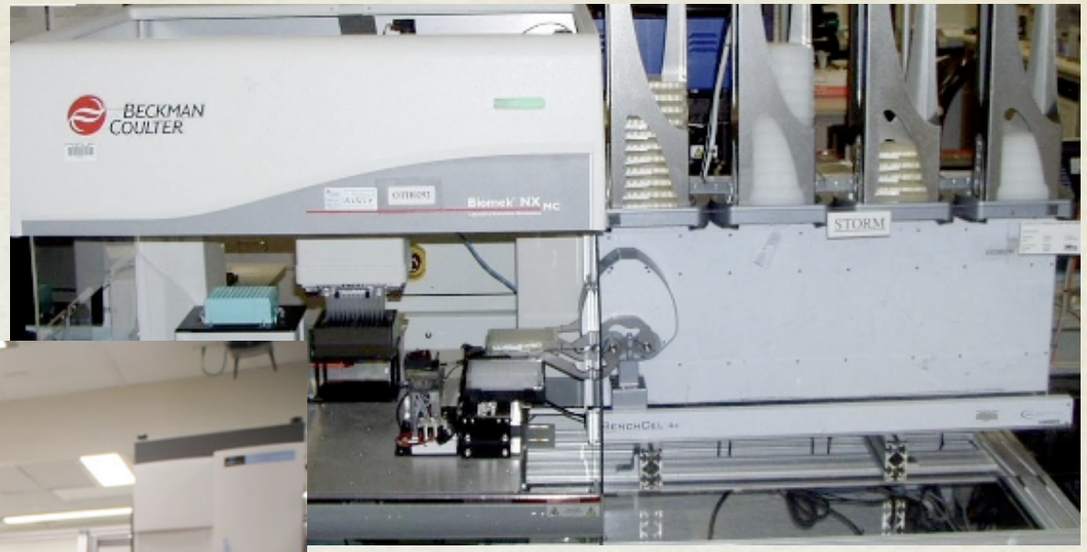
- GenBank Rel. 0 (V/1980)
  - 1000 seq
  - 100,000 nt

- GenBank Rel. 220 (June 2017)
  - 201 mln seq; 234 bln nt
  - 2.2 trillion nt in the “whole genome shotgun” section

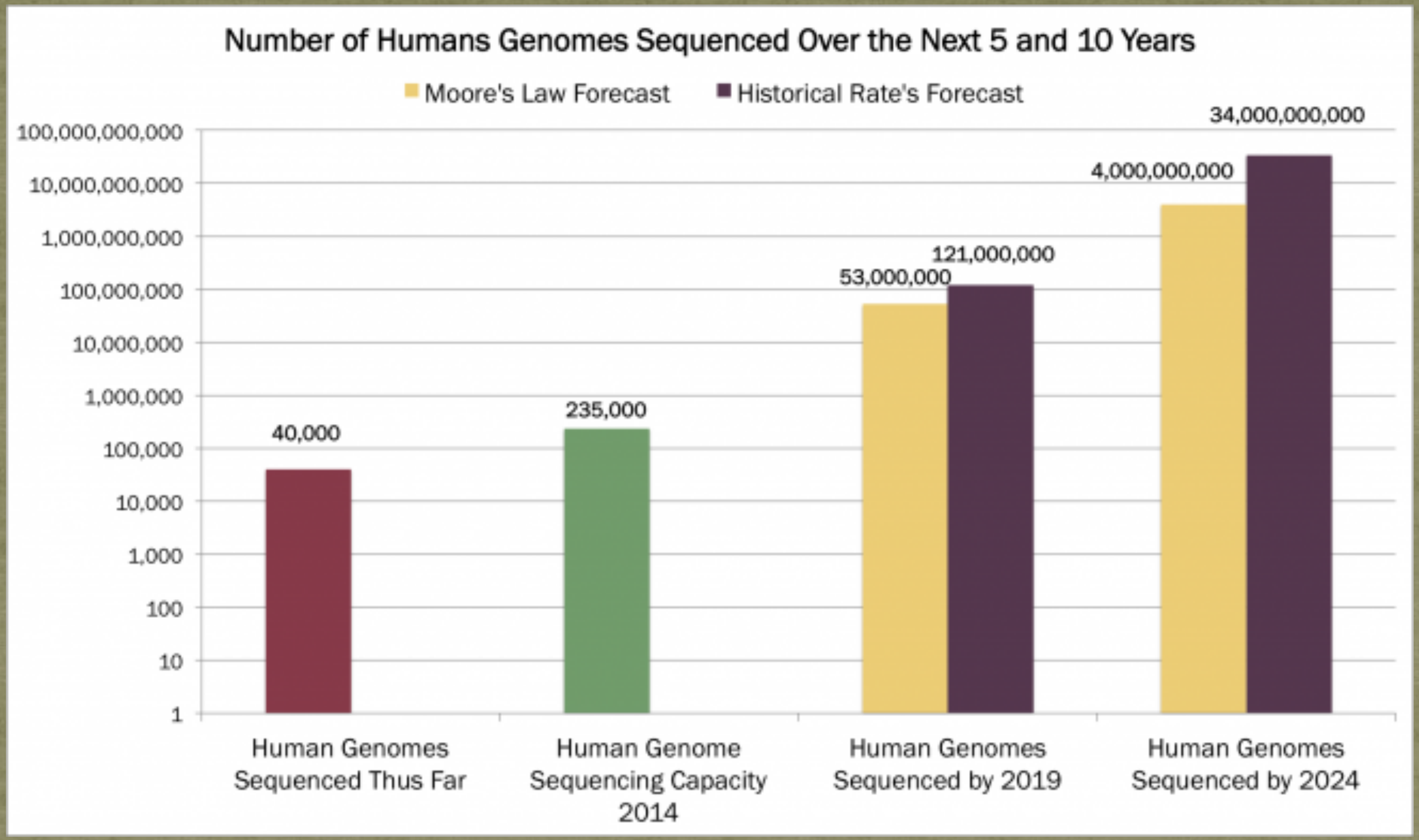


TECHNOLOGY MEETS BIOLOGY





IMPROVING TECHNOLOGY



http://ark-invest.com/genomic-revolution/declining-costs-of-genome-sequencing

CHALLENGE: HOW FROM THIS...

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Infer this

HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM - A HUMAN OR A COMPUTER?

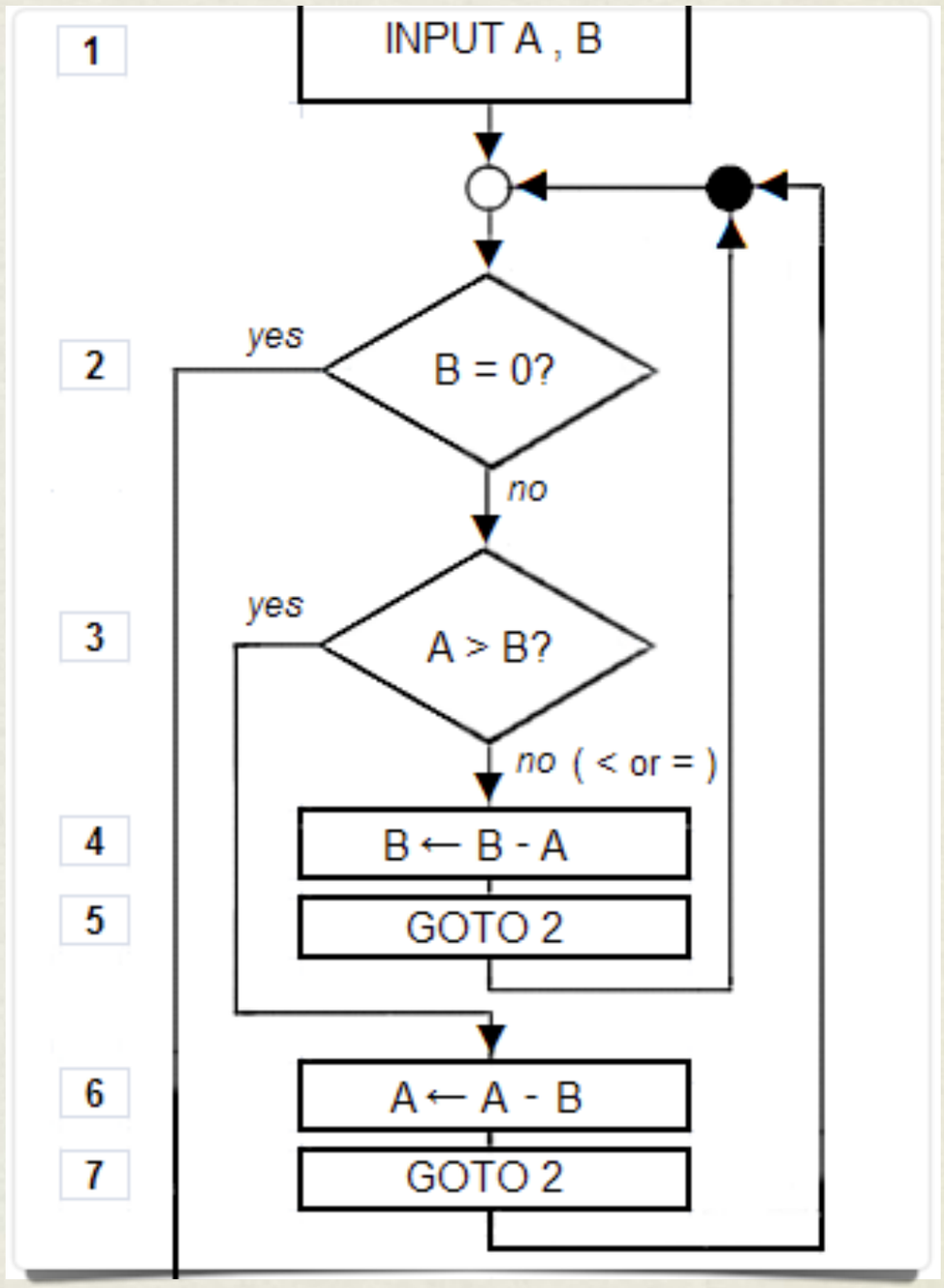
- very smart
- slow
- error prone
- doesn't like repetitive tasks

- not so smart (stupid)
- extremely fast
- very accurate
- doesn't understand human languages;

needs instruction provided in a special way

ALGORITHM

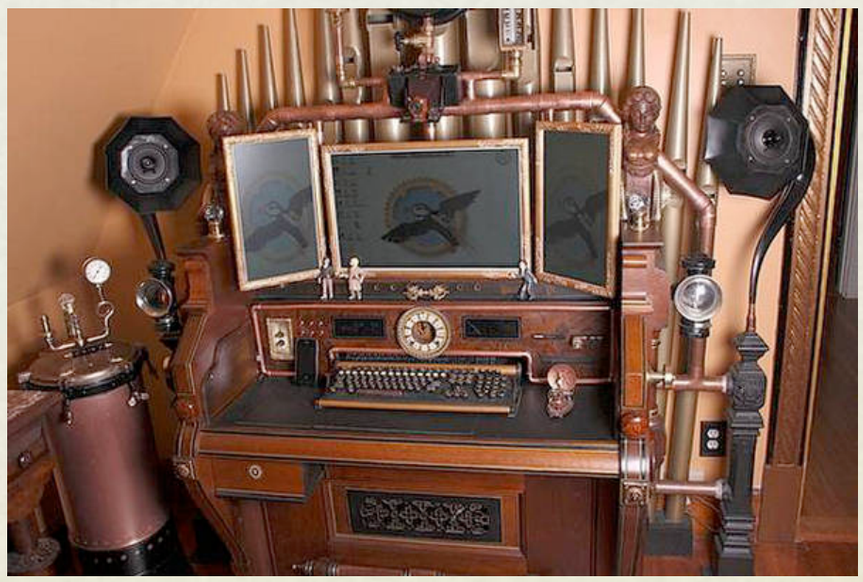
A step-by-step problem-solving procedure, especially an established, recursive computational procedure for solving a problem in a finite number of steps.



EXAMPLE TASK: PUT SHOES ON!

A human just understands an order and often executes it automatically even without thinking

A computer needs detailed instruction (an algorithm)



PUT SHOES ON!
INSTRUCTION FOR A COMPUTER

1. Find two the same shoes
2. Check if you have left and right shoe
3. Check if they are of the same size
4. Check if this is the right size
5. Put the left shoe on
6. Put the right shoe on
7. Tie the laces

THE ORIGIN OF THE FIELD

Paulien Hogeweg coined the term *bioinformatica* to define “the study of informatic processes in biotic systems”. Hesper B, Hogeweg P (1970) Bioinformatica: een werkconcept. Kameleon 1(6): 28–29. (In Dutch.) Leiden: Leidse Biologen Club.

… but its origin can be tracked back many decades earlier.

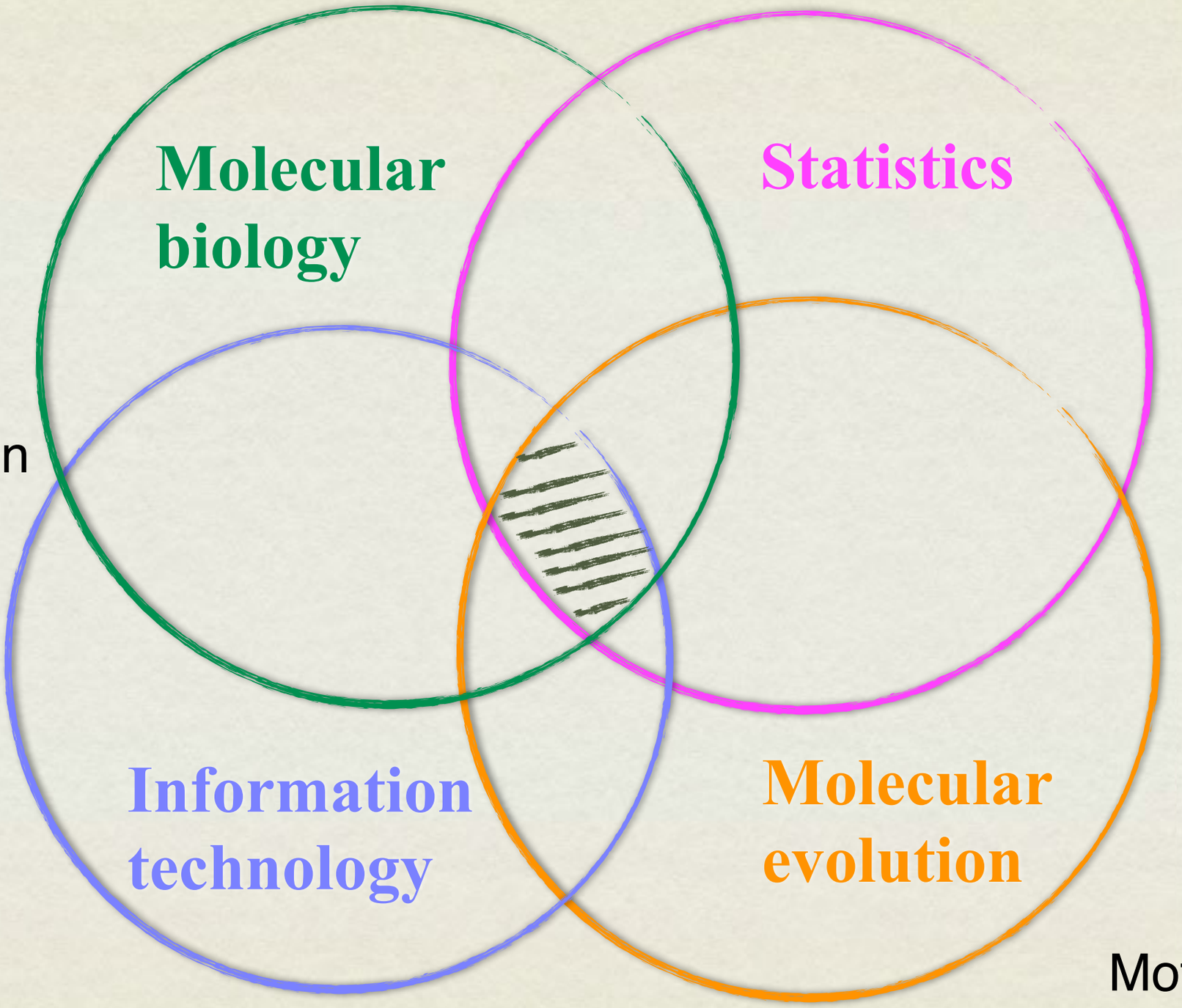
BIOINFORMATICS EMERGED AS AN INTERSECTION BETWEEN DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES

James Watson

Thomas Bayes

Alan Turing

Motoo Kimura

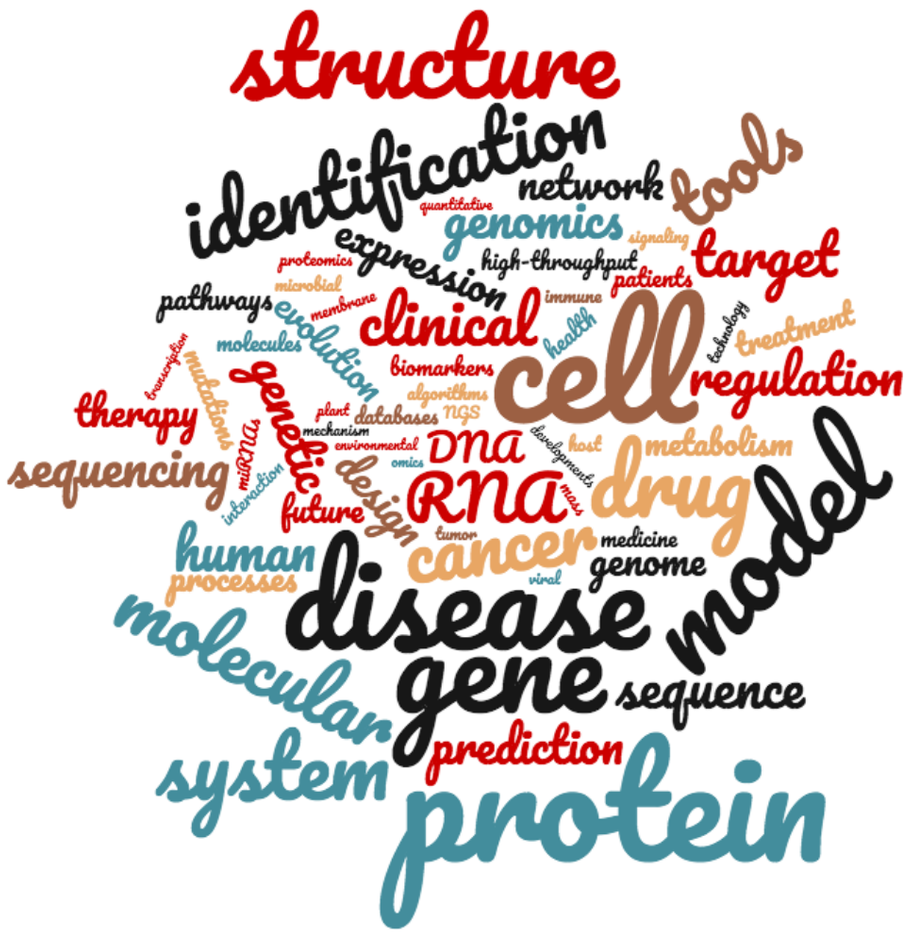


BIOINFORMATICS - DEFINITION

- Research, development, or application of computational tools and approaches for expanding the use of biological data, including those to acquire, store, organize, archive, analyze, or visualize such data.

- Its goal is to enable biological discovery based on existing information or in other words transform biological data into information and eventually into knowledge.

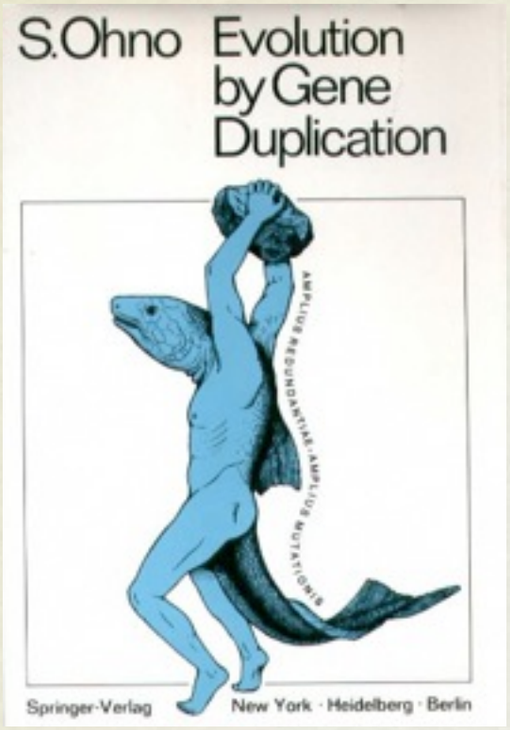
BIOINFORMATICS VERSUS COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

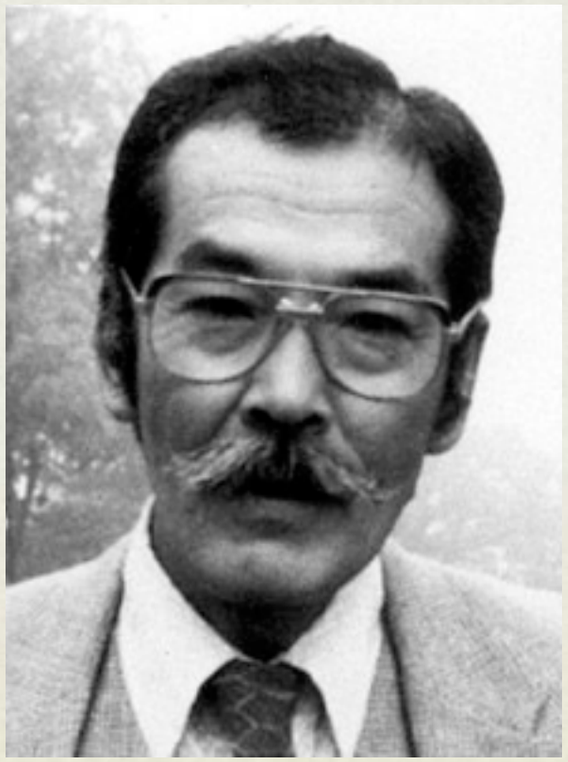


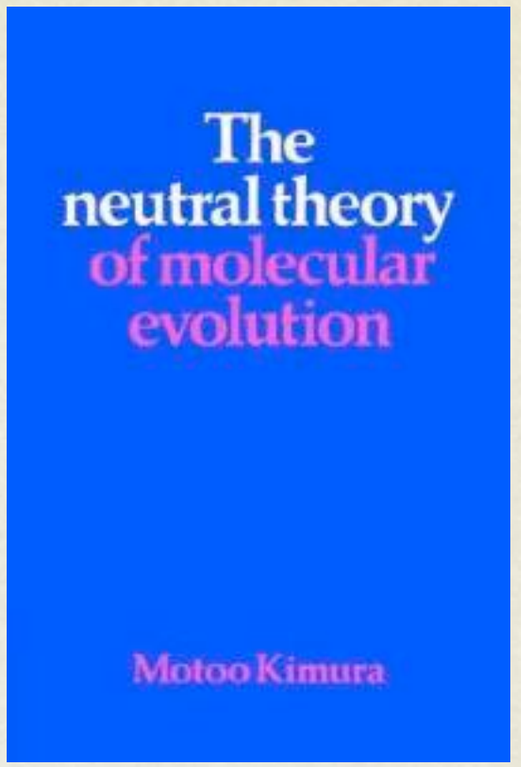
ROLE OF BIOINFORMATICS IN MODERN LIFE SCIENCES

- molecular biology
- molecular evolution
- genomics
- system biology
- protein engineering
- drug design
- human genetics
- personalized medicine

EVOLUTIONARY BASIS OF BIOINFORMATICS







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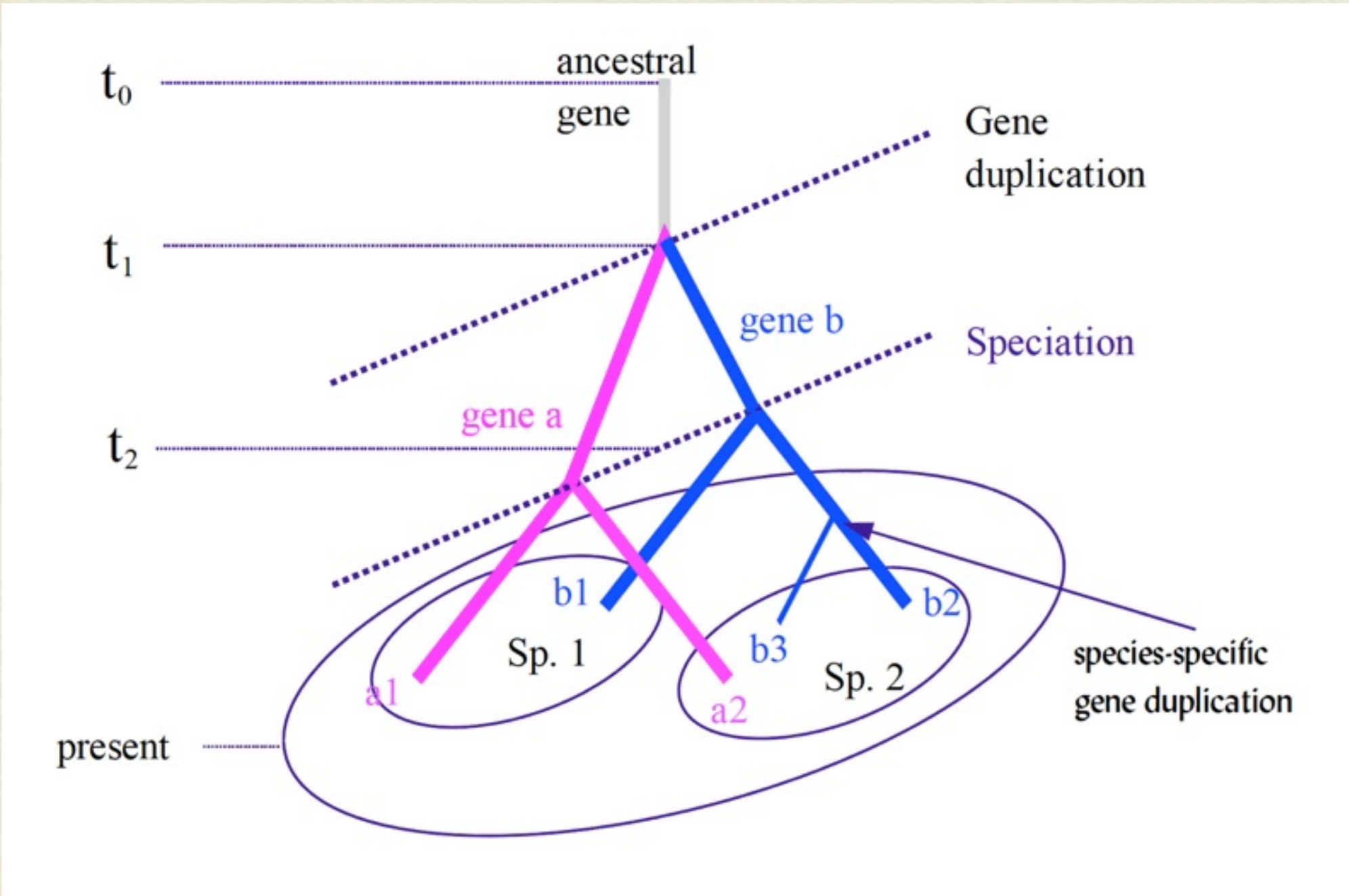
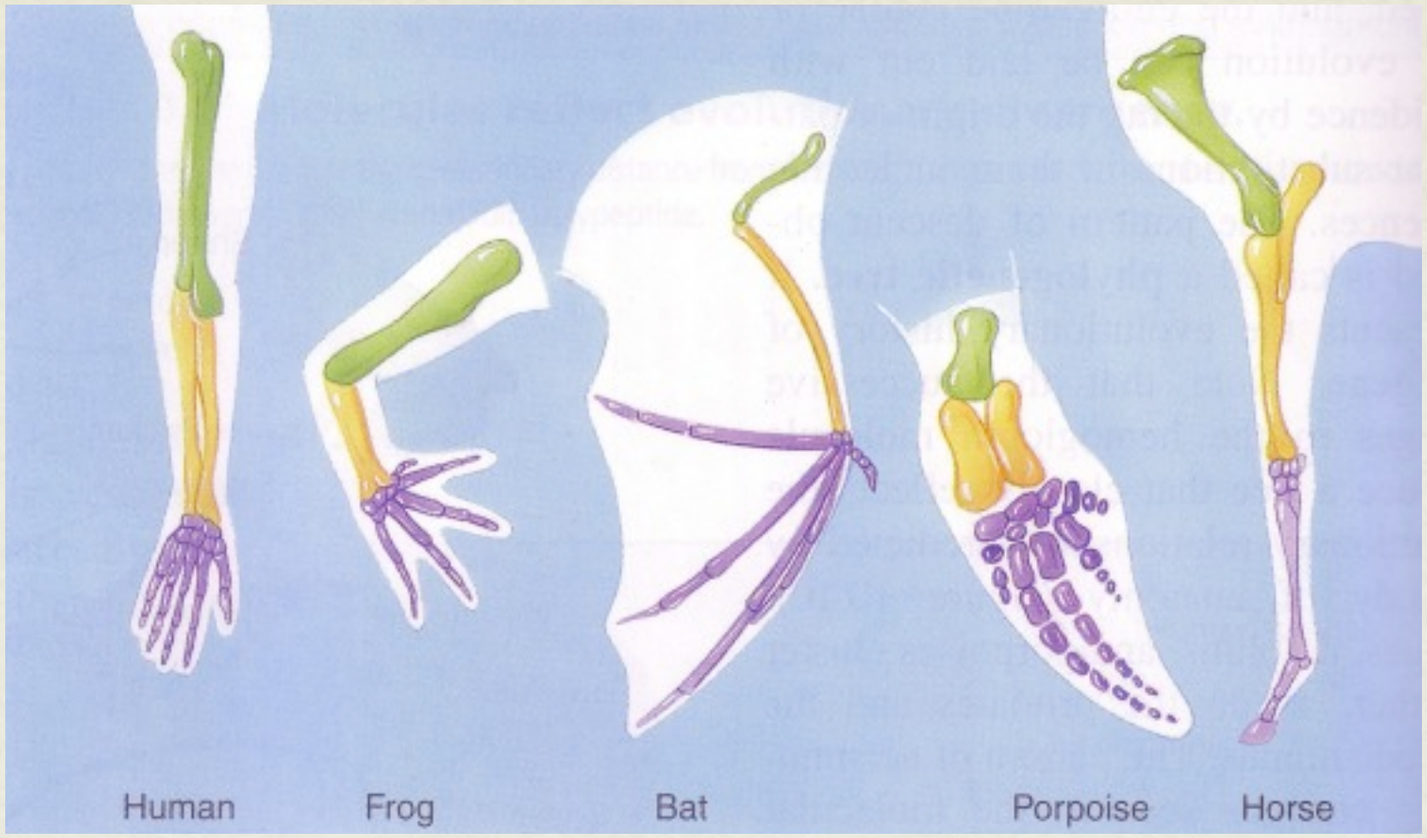


HOMOLOGS



Two anatomical structures or behavioral traits within different organisms which originated from a structure or trait of their common ancestral organism. The structures or traits in their current forms may not necessarily perform the same functions in each organism, nor perform the functions it did in the common ancestor. An example: the wing of a bat, the fin of a whale and the arm of a man are homologous structures.

http://www.everythingbio.com/glos/definition.php?ID=3385

HOMOLOGS AT THE MOLECULAR LEVEL

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cow       ATG---ACTAACATTCGAAAGTCCCACCCACTAATAAAAATTGTAAAC
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goat      ATG---ACCAACATCCGAAAGACCCACCCATTAATAAAAATTGTAAAC
horse     ATG---ACAAACATCCGGAAATCTCACCCACTAATTAAAATCATCAAT
donkey    ATG---ACAAACATCCGAAAATCCCACCCGCTAATTAAAATCATCAAT
ostrich   ATGGCCCCCAACATTCGAAAATCGCACCCCCTGCTCAAAATTATCAAC
emu       ATGGCCCCTAACATCCGAAAATCCCACCCTCTACTCAAAATCATCAAC
turkey    ATGGCACCCAATATCCGAAAATCACACCCCCTATTAAAAACAATCAAC
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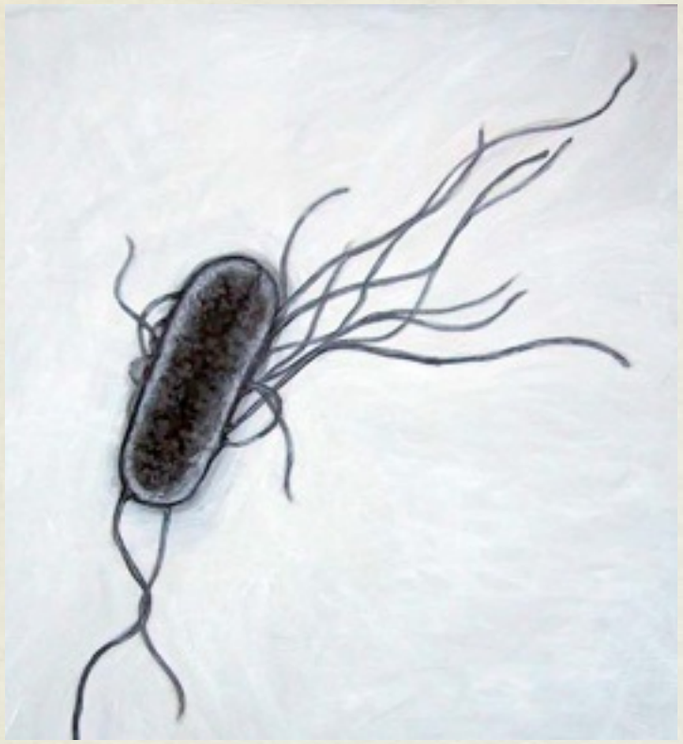
Two sequences that share common ancestry. Significant sequence similarity usually suggests homology, however sequence similarity may occur also by chance and some homologous sequences may diverge beyond detectable similarity.

COMPARATIVE GENOMICS



What is true for *E. coli* is also true for elephant.

J. Monod, c. 1961

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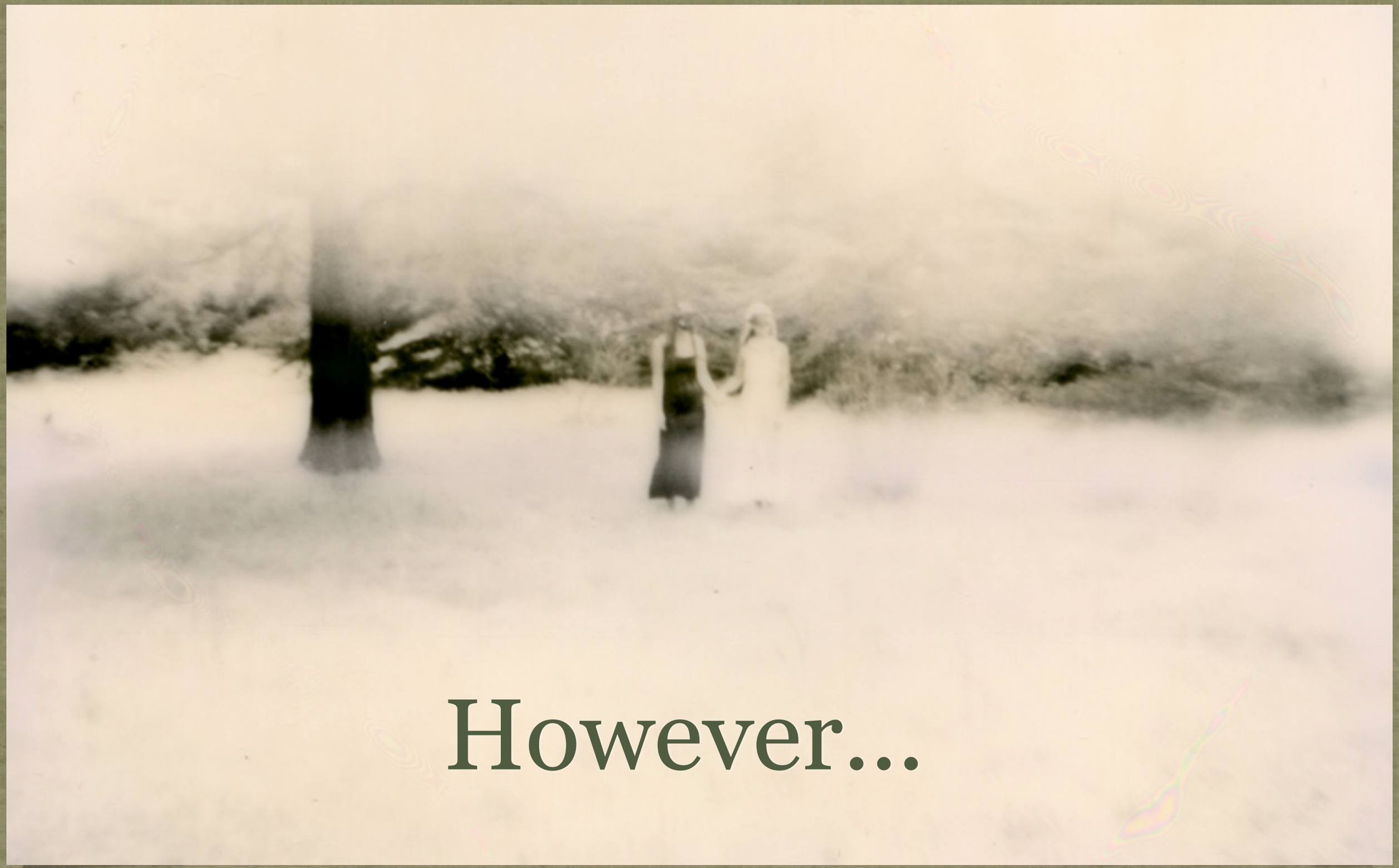

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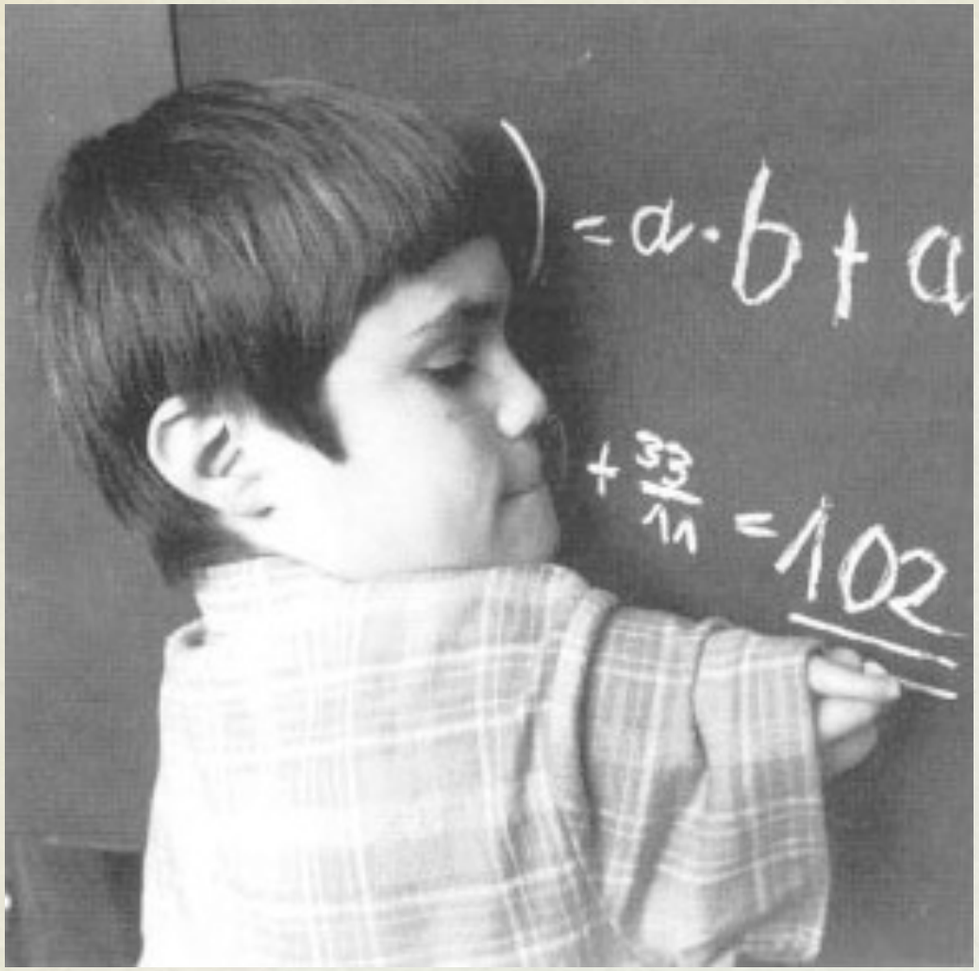
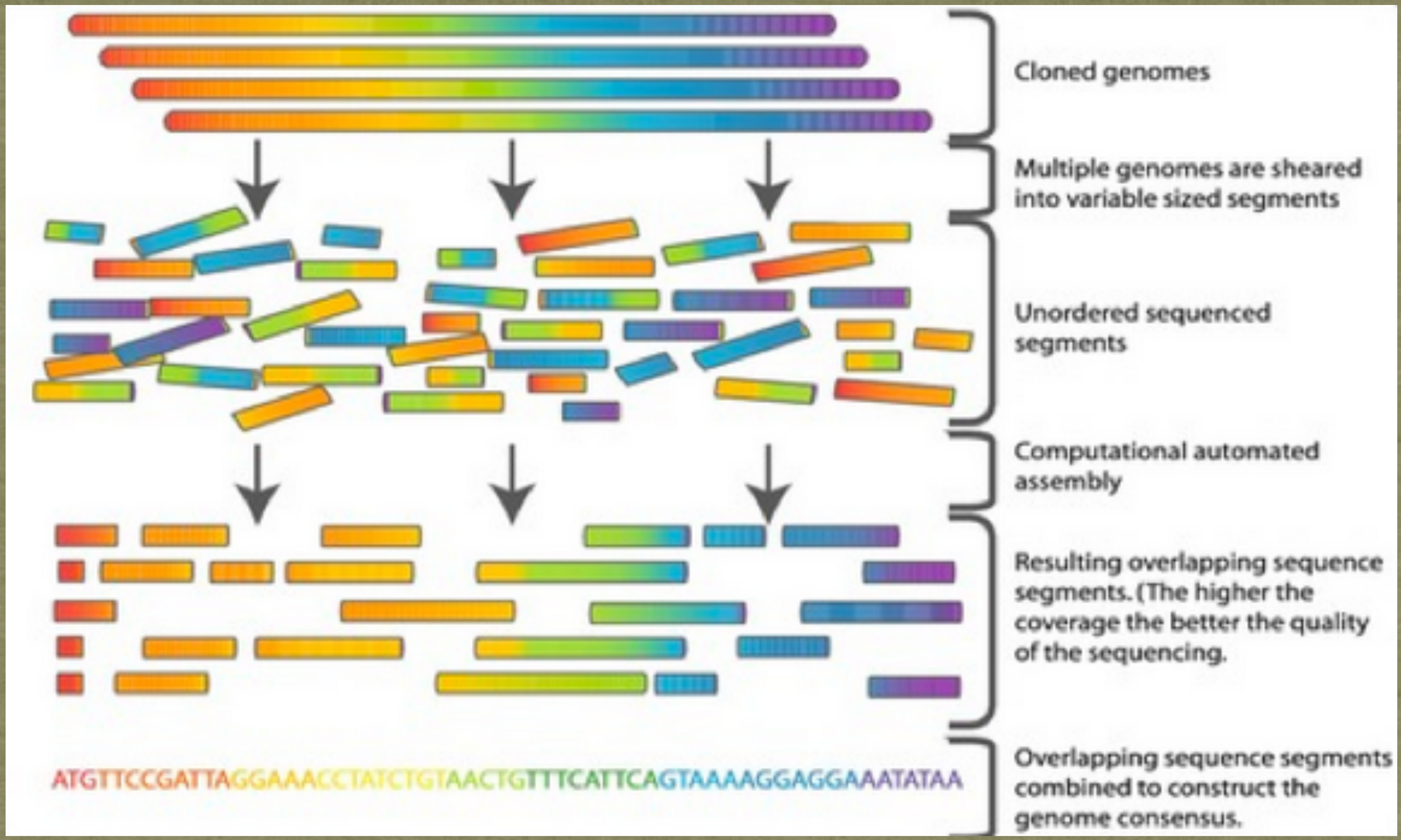


15 000 victims of thalidomide

What is true for mouse is not necessarily true for human…

Nucleotide Sequence Assembly

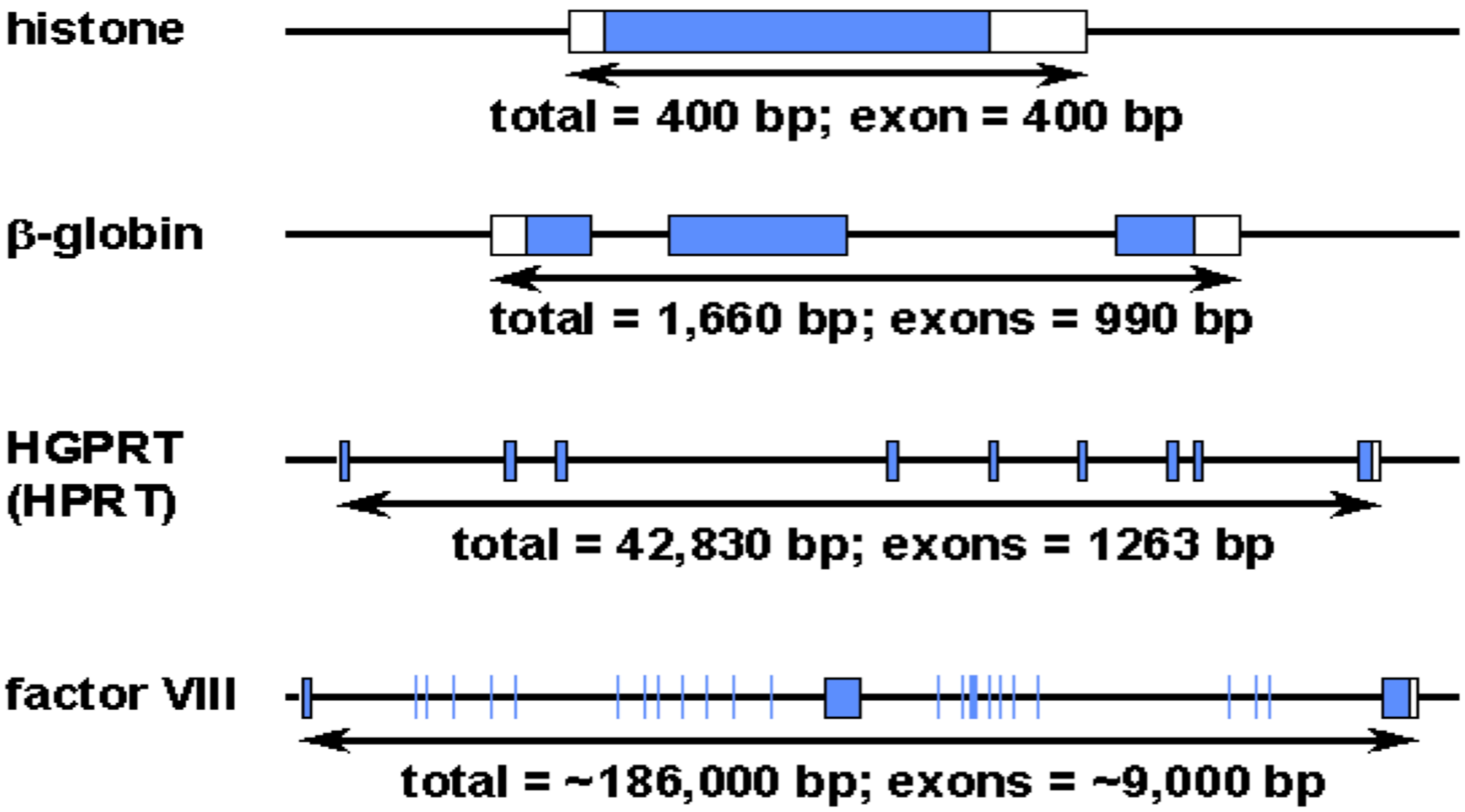
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE ASSEMBLY



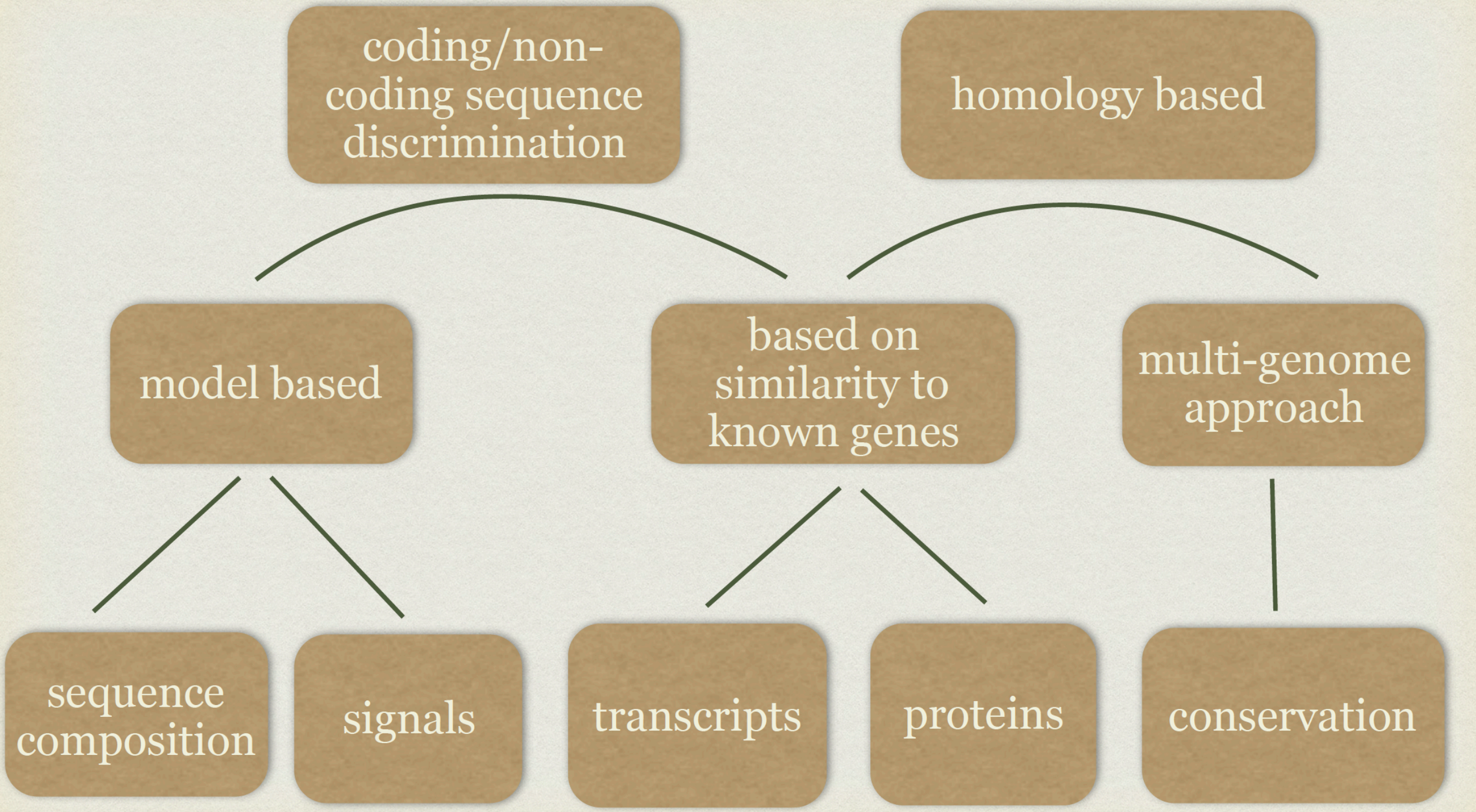
Similarity Search

Gene Prediction

(exon-intron-exon)$_n$ structure of various genes



GENE FINDING METHODS



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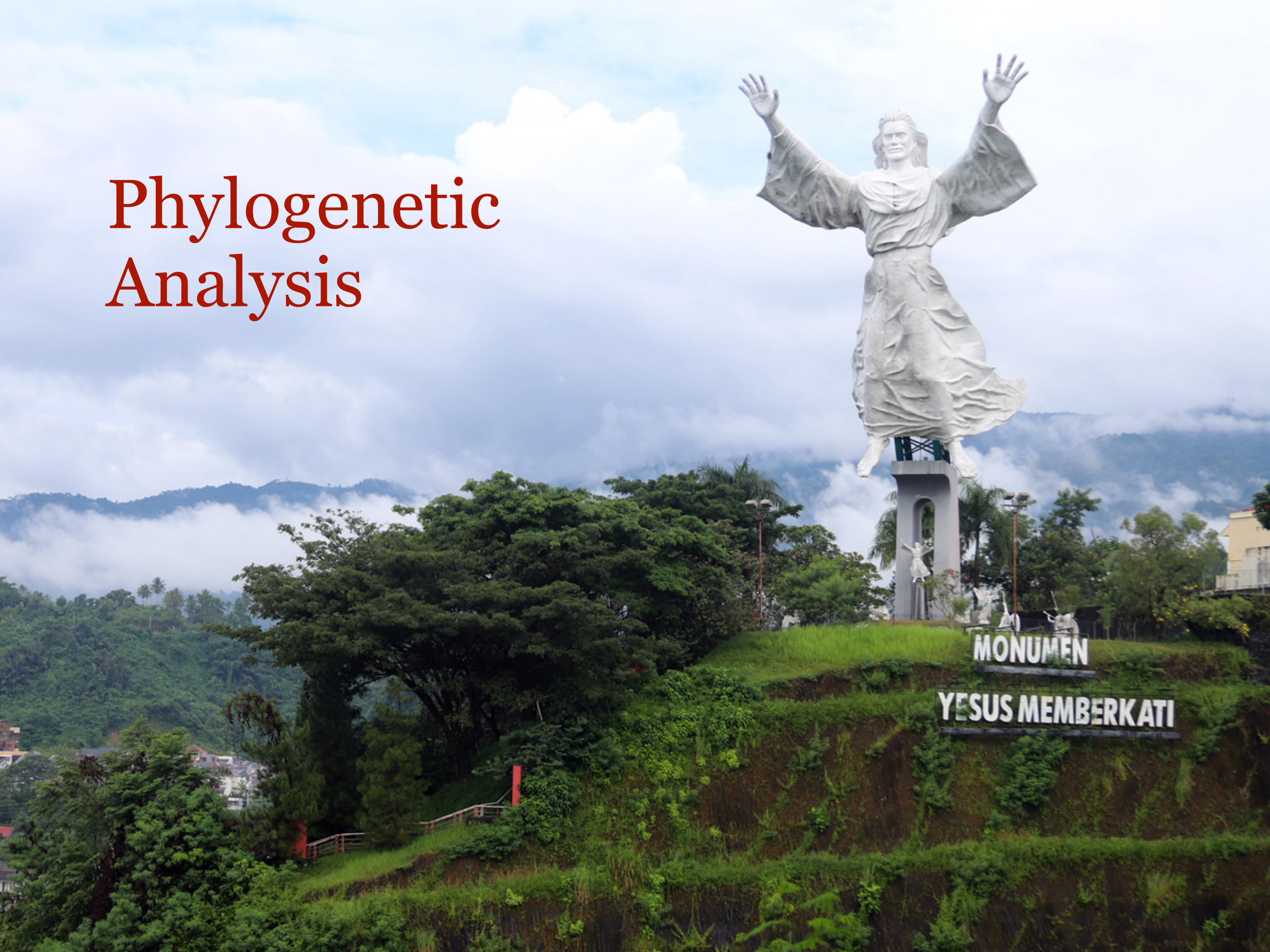

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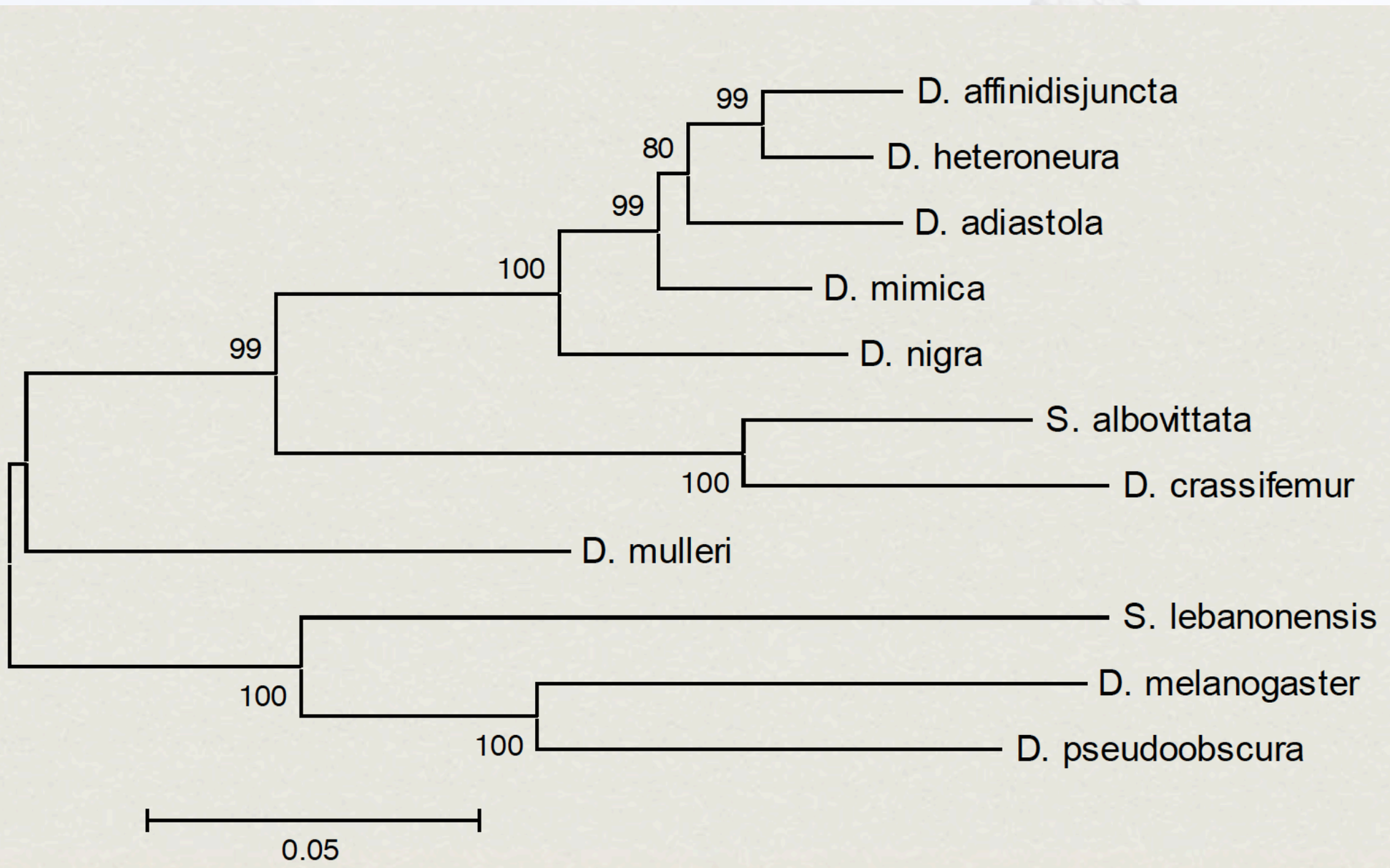
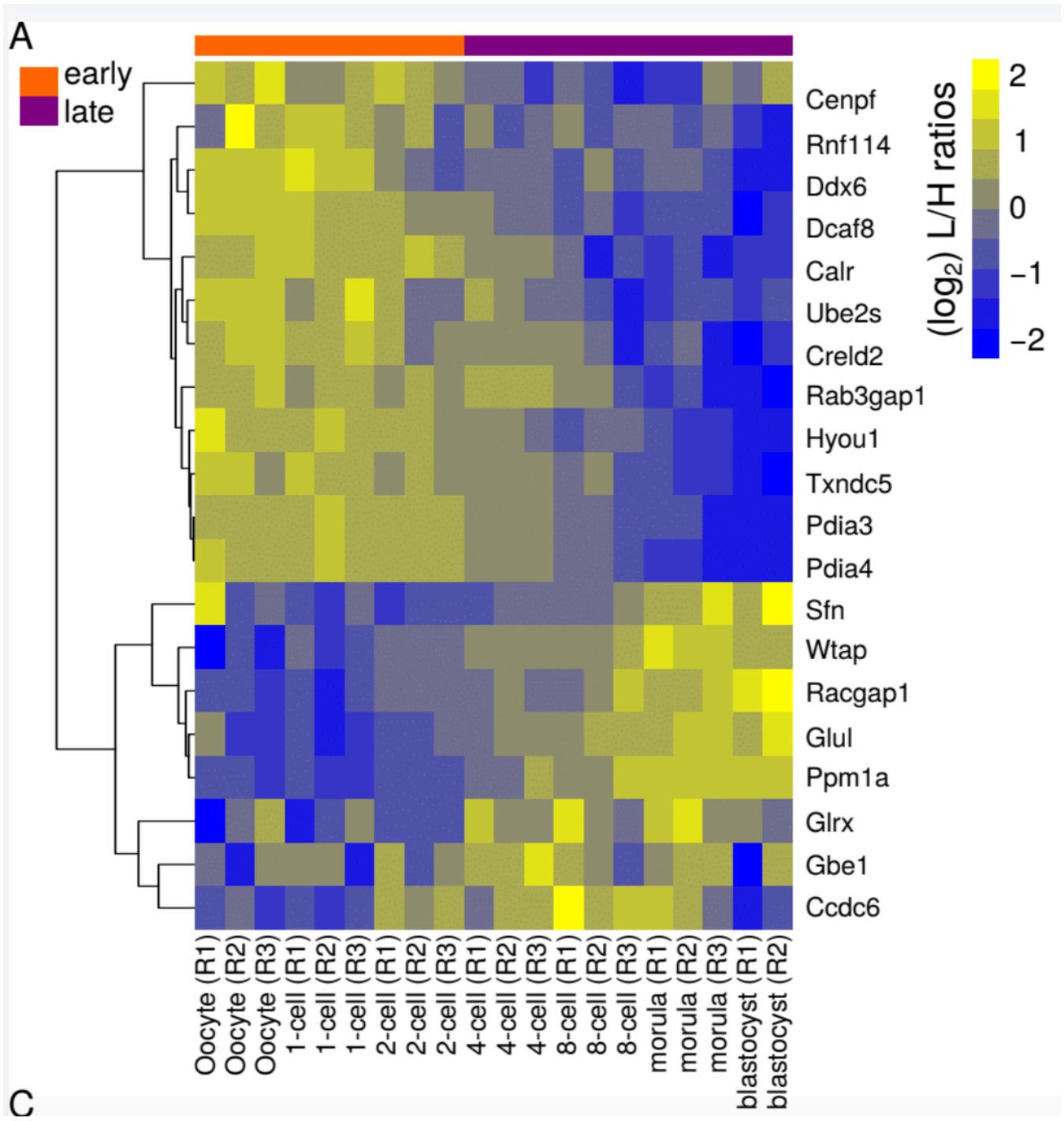


Systems Biology

Systems biology is the computational and mathematical modeling of complex biological systems. It is a biology-based interdisciplinary field of study that focuses on complex interactions within biological systems, using a holistic approach (holism instead of the more traditional reductionism) to biological research.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Differential gene expression during mouse early embryogenesis



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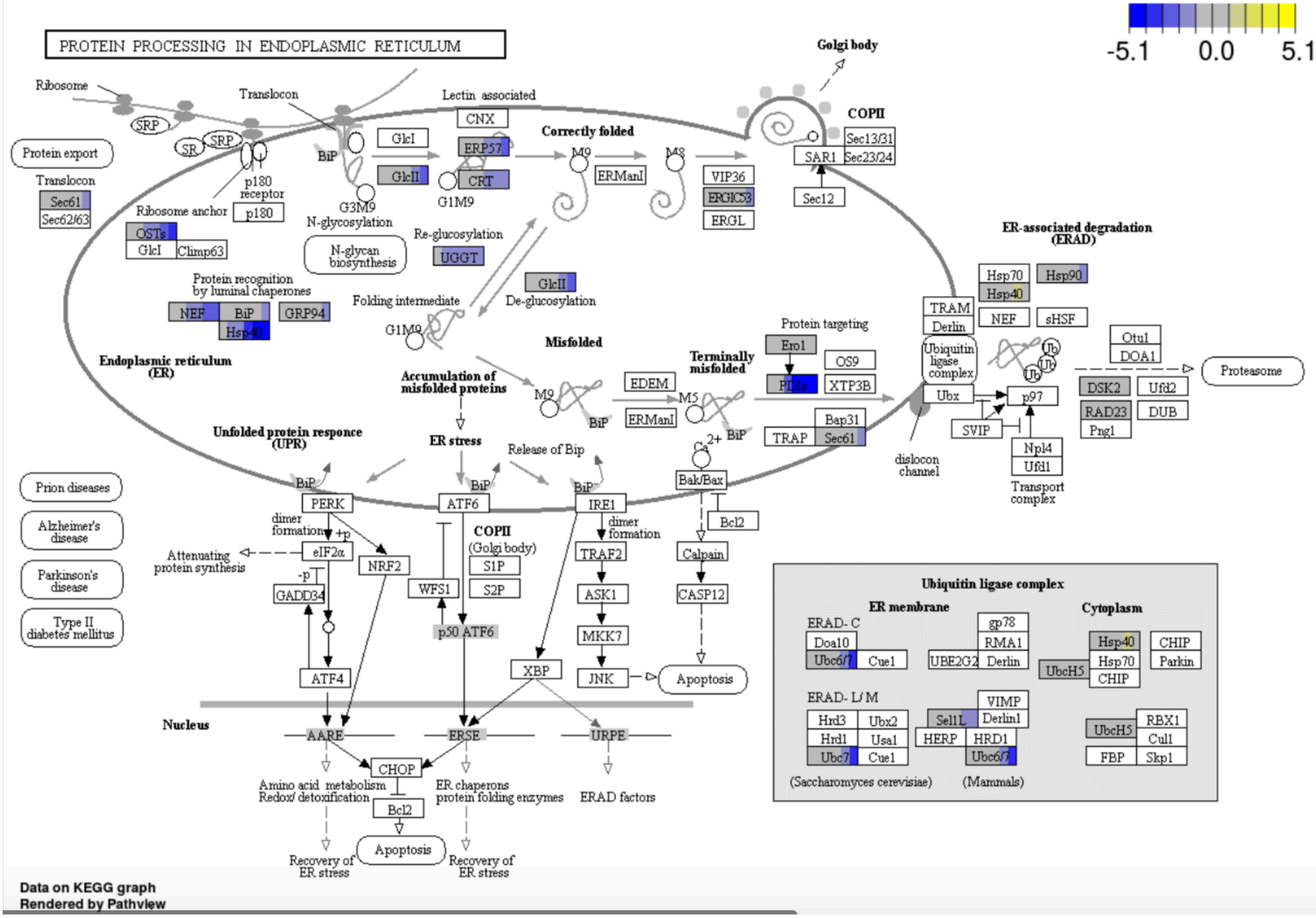

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Translational Bioinformatics

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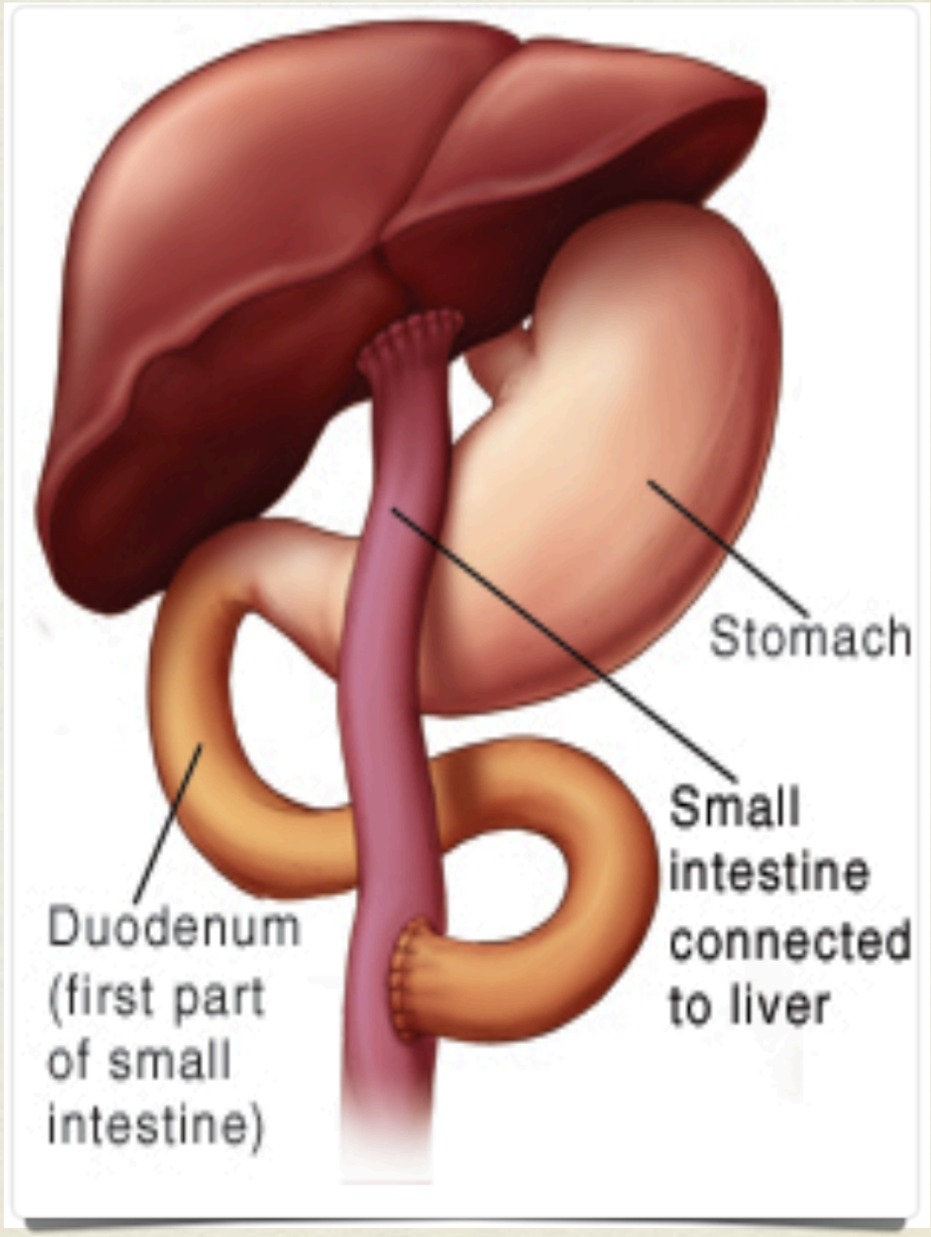
Russ Altman defines translational bioinformatics as ‘the translation of basic capabilities and discoveries provided by informatics methods into clinically useful tools.’

One of the major challenges of medical genomics and translational bioinformatics in particular is the translation of genomic data into clinically applicable knowledge.

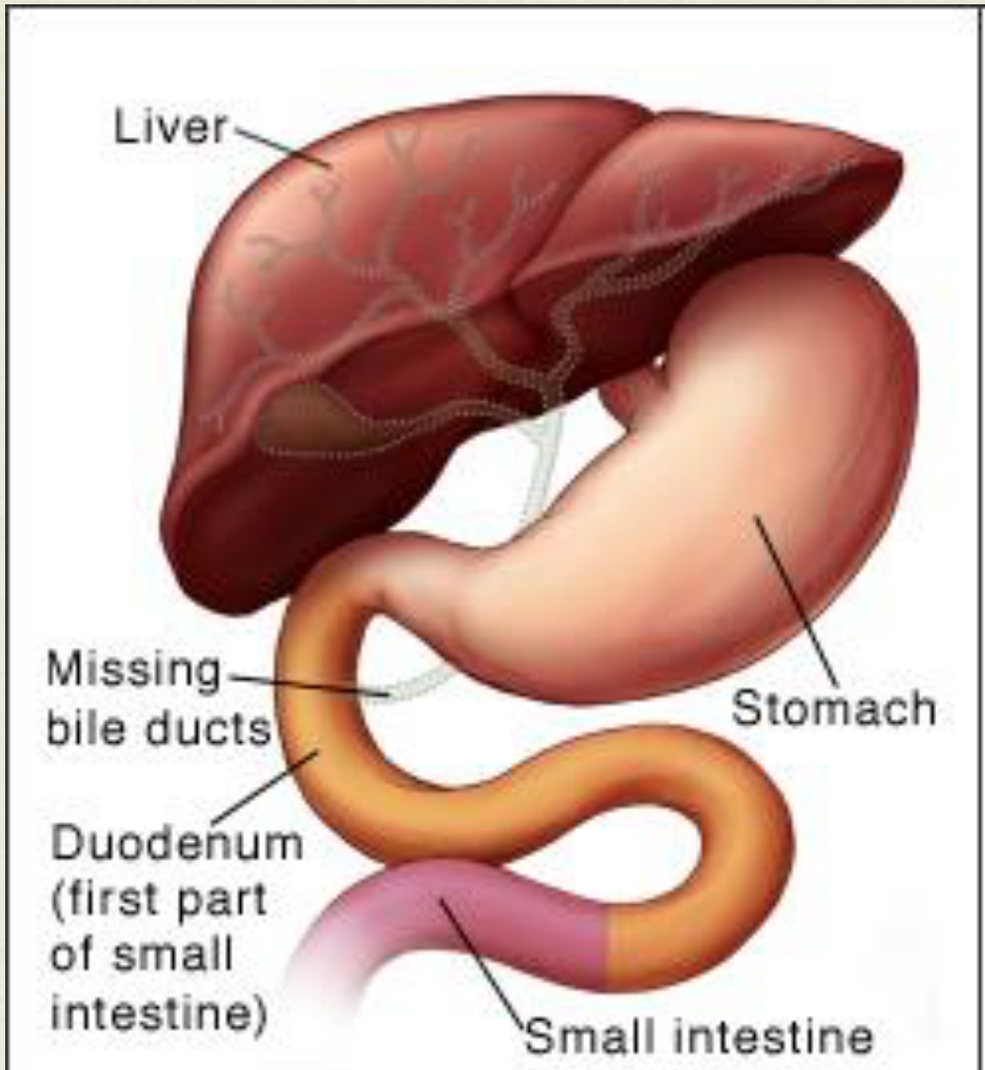
CLINICAL SUCCESS STORY

RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BABY 6026

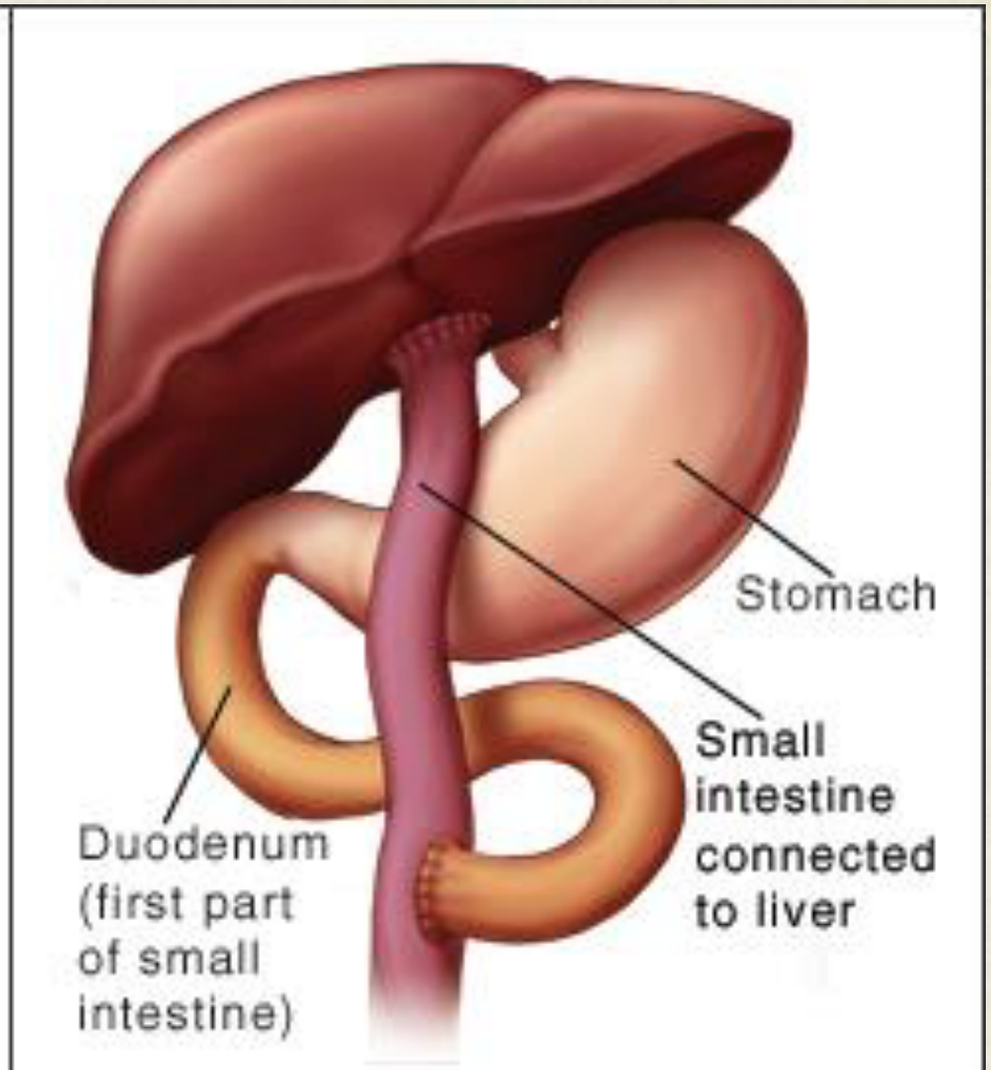
- Two month old child admitted to PICU with severe jaundice & poor weight gain for one month
- Echo: Congenital heart disease, underdeveloped pulmonary arteries
- Clinical diagnosis: biliary atresia
  - one incidence in ten thousand
- Empiric treatment: Kasai procedure



KASAI PROCEDURE

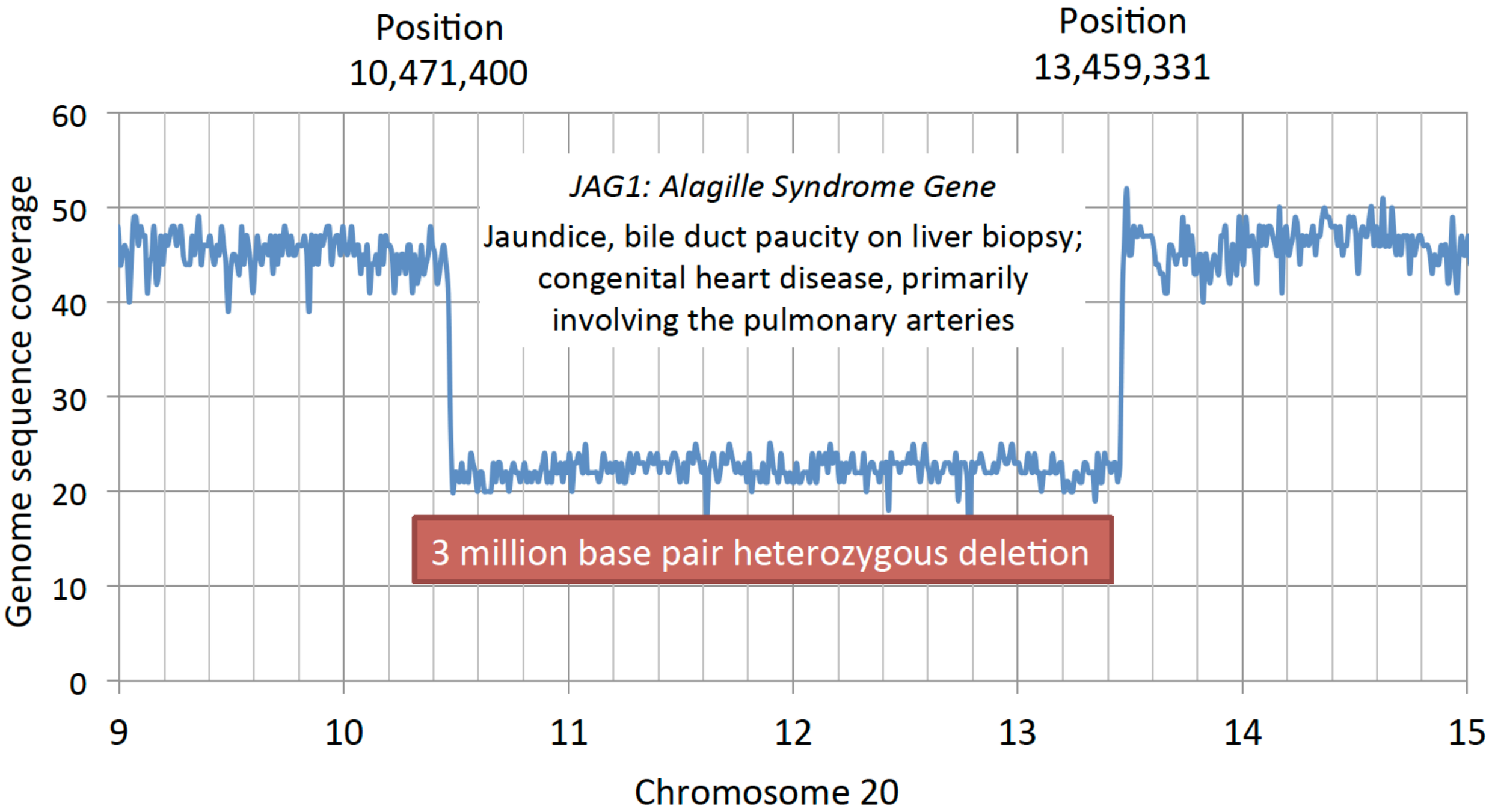


The dotted lines show areas that can be affected by biliary atresia.



During the Kasai procedure, the intestine is attached to the liver. This allows bile to drain.

43 HOURS LATER: PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS



CLINICAL IMPACT & OUTCOME

- Kasai procedure scheduled for 11:00 am
- Genetic diagnosis communicated to clinical team just before surgery – procedure cancelled
- Infants with Alagille syndrome are occasionally misdiagnosed as biliary atresia and subsequently undergo Kasai operation during infancy
- Among 15 children with Alagille syndrome, mortality was 60% after Kasai procedure, and only 10% among those without Kasai procedure. Liver transplantation was performed in 100% of the Kasai group, and 20% of the non-Kasai group.

Dr. Narayanan Veeraraghavan, personal communication

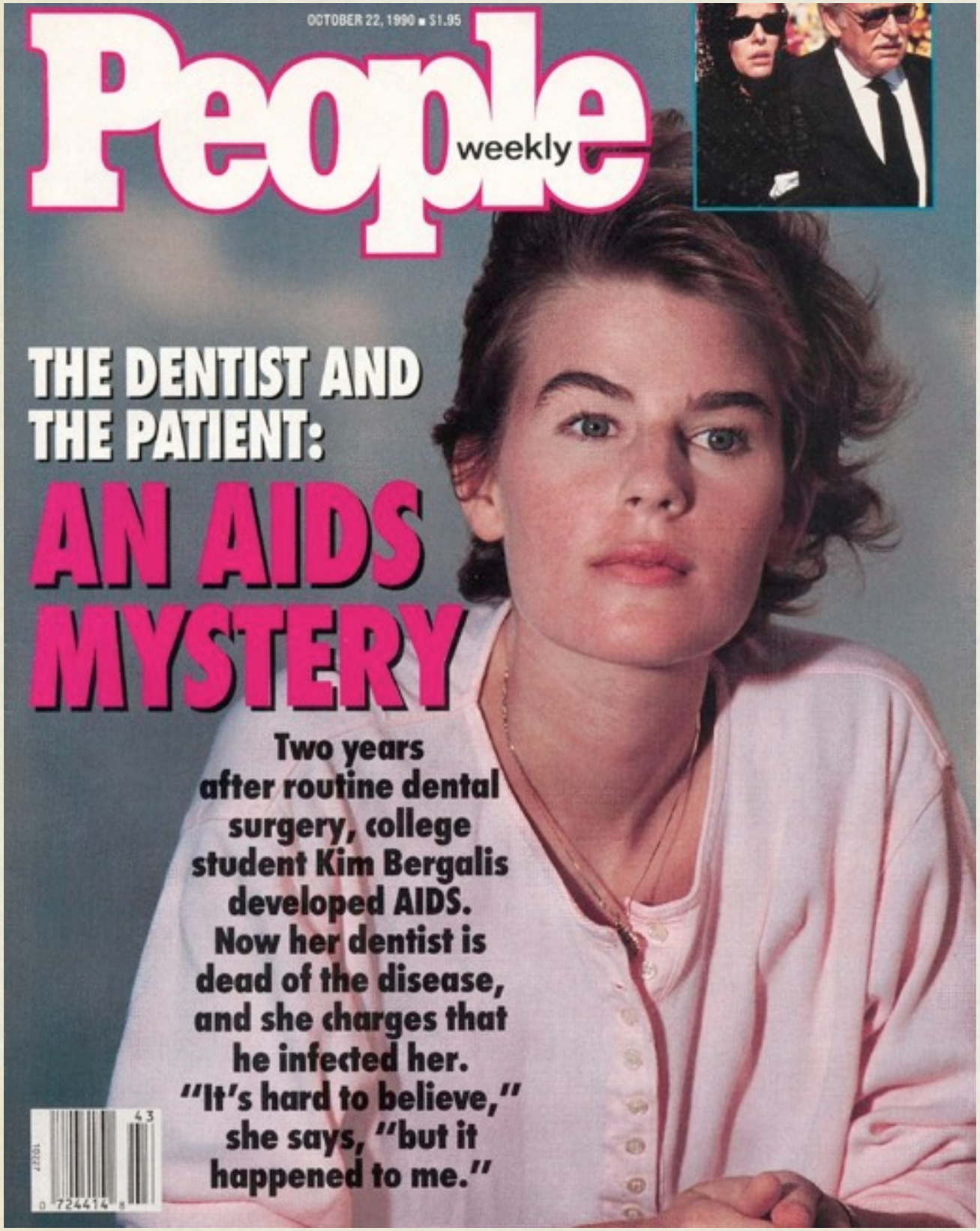
BIOINFORMATICS IN MEDICINE CHALLENGES

- Data volume
- Computational skills for in-depth analyses
- Data interpretation
- Research translation
- Data volume!!!

Data Volume Problem

Type of cancer	Number of whole genome	Number of whole exome	Data volume (Tb)	Time to download
Colon Adenocarcinoma (COAD)	302	443	33.04	24 days
Lung	134	582	40.95	30 days
Breast	248	1050	69.82	50 days
Prostate Adenocarcinoma (PRAD)	272	1049	26.53	10 days

http://bioinformatics.uni-muenster.de



Did the Florida Dentist infect his patients with HIV?

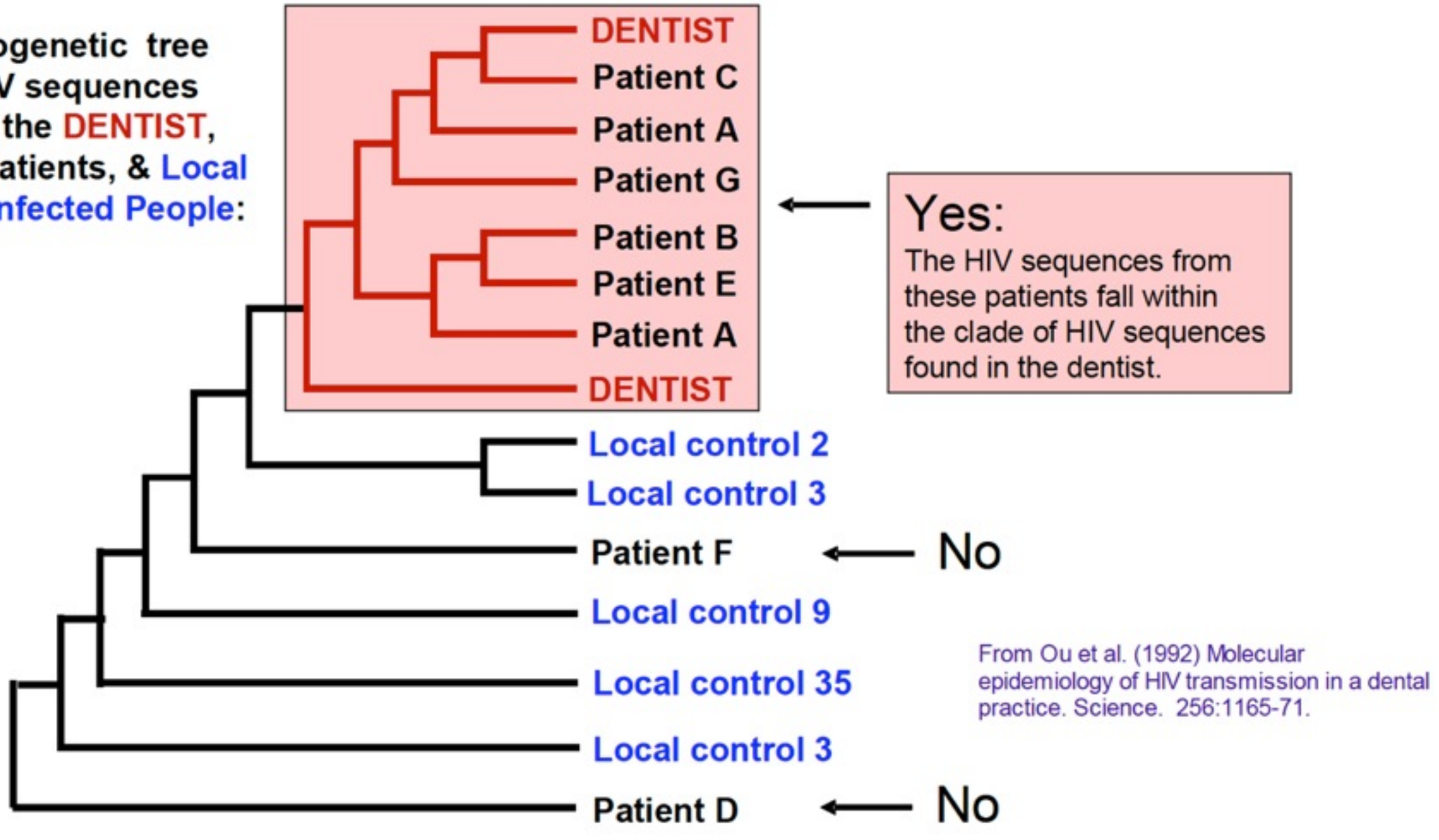
Kimberly Bergalis

(1968-1991)

David J. Acer

(1940-1990)

DID THE FLORIDA DENTIST INFECT HIS PATIENTS WITH HIV?



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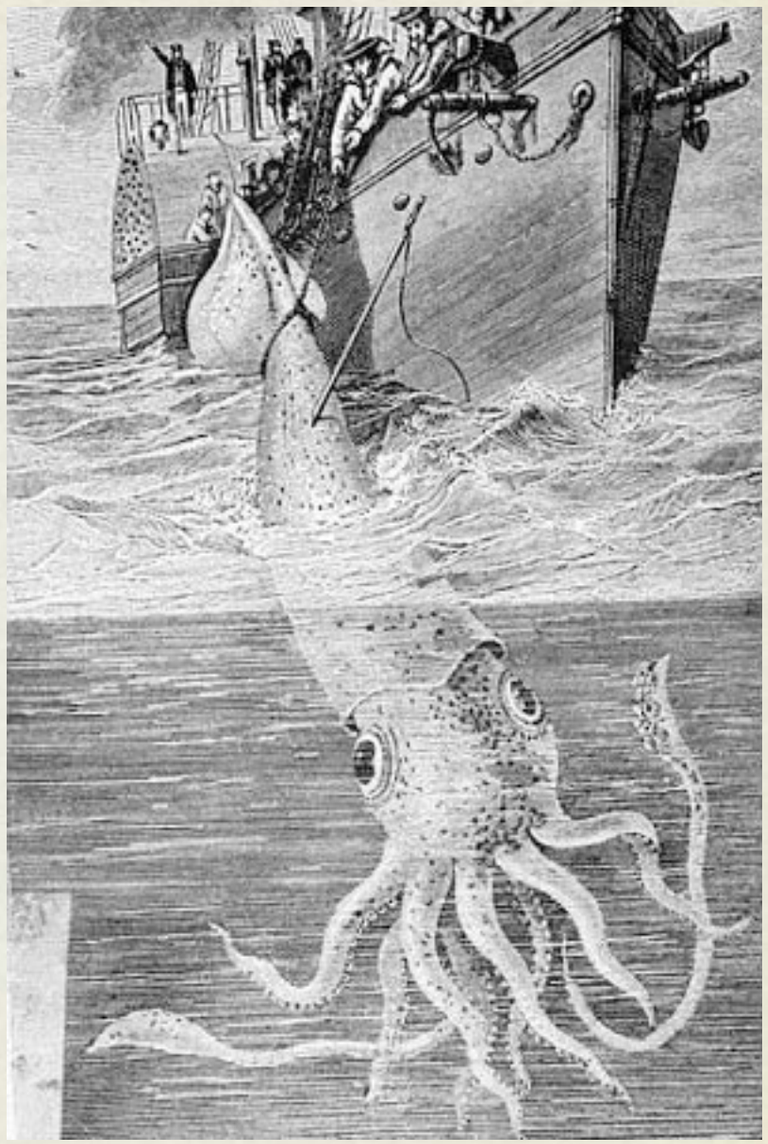

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Lineage Report

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. Odontoceti [whales & dolphins]				
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