Gene finding and Genome annotation

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Bioinformatics Tools for Comparative Analysis

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What is a Gene?

- Definition: An inheritable trait associated with a region of DNA that codes for a polypeptide chain or specifies an RNA molecule which in turn have an influence on some characteristic phenotype of the organism.

Abstract concept that describes a complex phenomenon

What is Annotation?

- Definition: Extraction, definition, and interpretation of features on the genome sequence derived by integrating computational tools and biological knowledge.

Identifiable features in the sequence

How does an annotation differ from a gene?

- Many annotations describe features that constitute a gene.
- Other annotations may not always directly correspond in this way, e.g., an STS, or sequence overlap

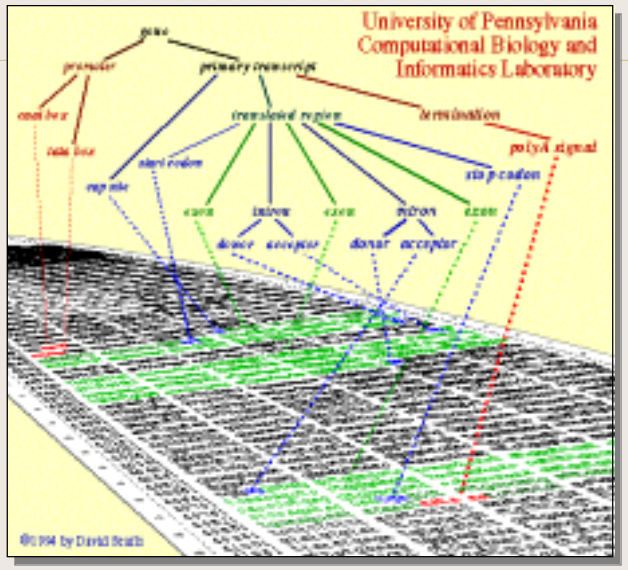
DNA Analysis

- Heuristics
- Statistics
- Artistics

DNA Analysis

- Find the genes
  - Heuristic signals
  - Inherent features
  - Intelligent methods
- Characterize each gene
  - Compare with other genes
  - Find functional components
  - Predict features

What is a Gene?

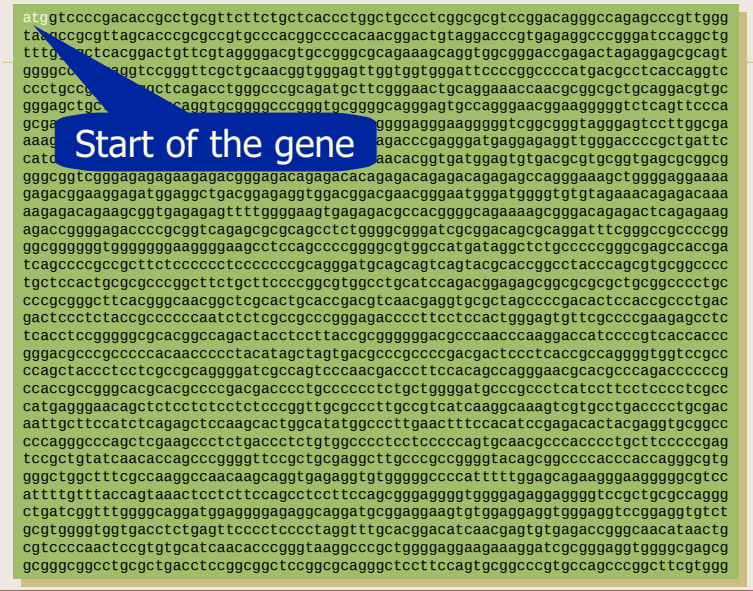


Heuristic Signals

- DNA contains various recognition sites for internal machinery

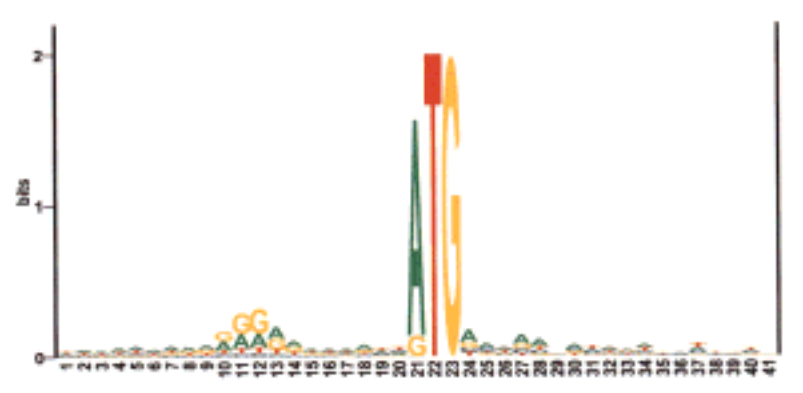
- Promoter signals
- Transcription start signals
- Start Codon
- Exon, Intron boundaries
- Transcription termination signals

Heuristic Signals



Heuristic Signals

Start Codon



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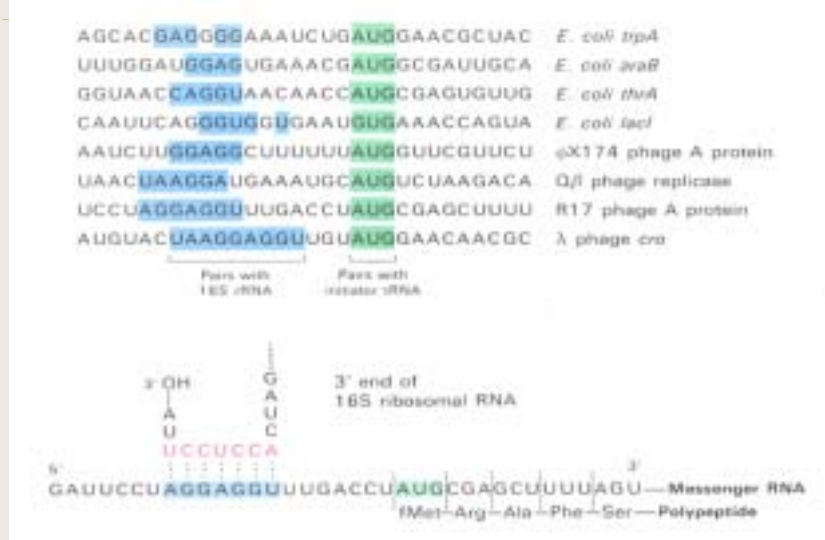
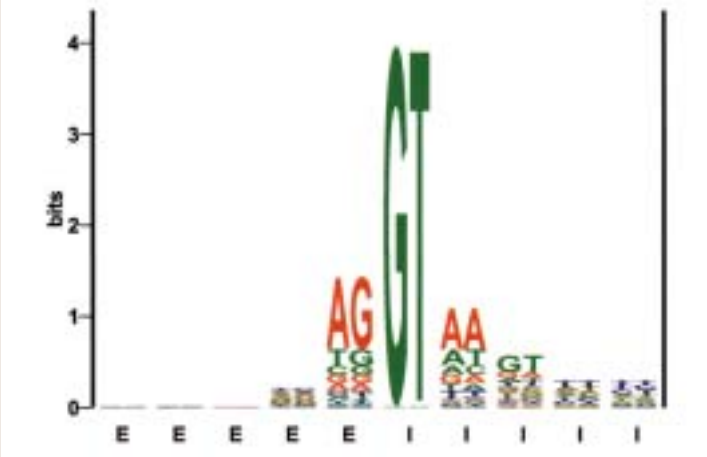


Inherent Features

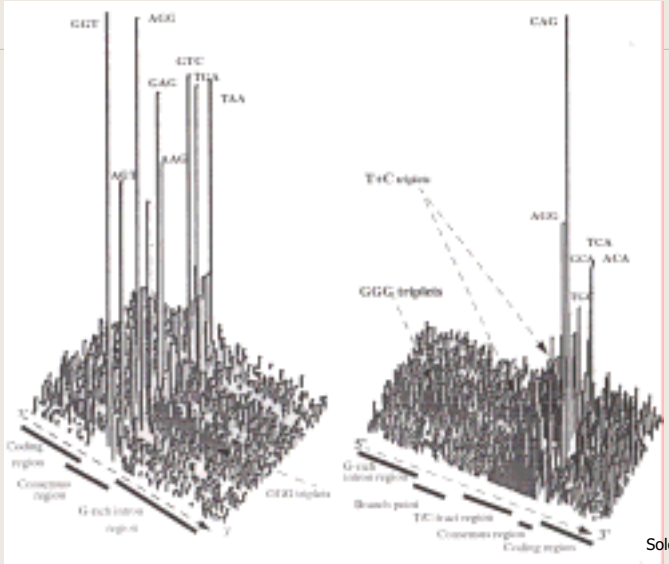
- DNA exhibits certain biases that can be exploited to locate coding regions

- Uneven distribution of bases
- Codon bias
- CpG islands
- In-phase words
- Encoded amino acid sequence
- Imperfect periodicity
- Other global patterns

Donor Splice Site



Inherent Features



Solovyev, 1994

Intelligent Methods

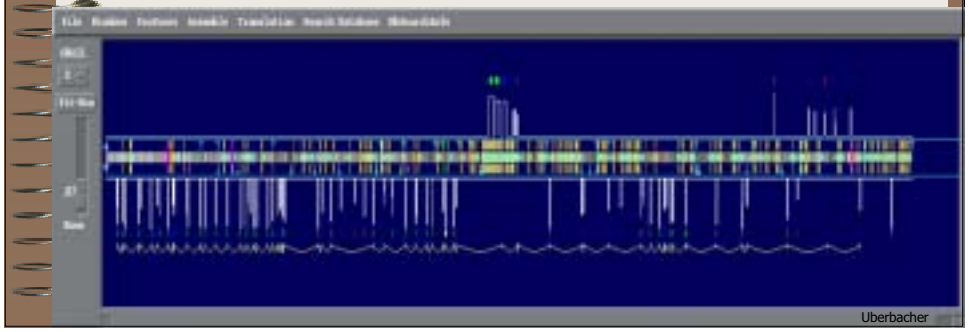
- Pattern recognition methods weigh inputs and predict gene location
  - Content-based methods
  - Site-based methods
  - Comparative methods
- Neural Networks
- Hidden Markov Models
- Stochastic Context-Free Grammar

GRAIL *Uberbacher, Mural*

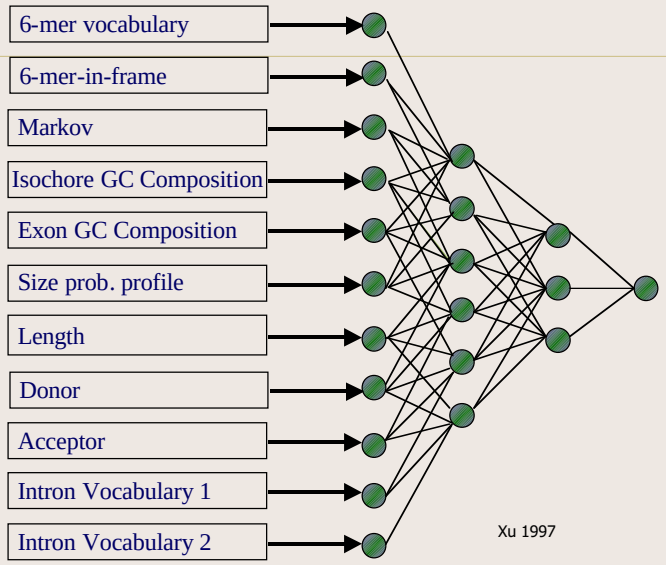
- GRAIL 1
  - Neural network with fixed window length (100 bases)
- GRAIL 1a
  - GRAIL 1 + adjacent information
- GRAIL 2
  - Variable length window, contextual information
- GRAIL-EXP
  - Comparison with partial and complete gene sequences

Analyzing Complex Multi-Gene Regions

- Errors in exon prediction and splice site boundaries
- Gene boundaries uncertain
- Genes can be on both strands

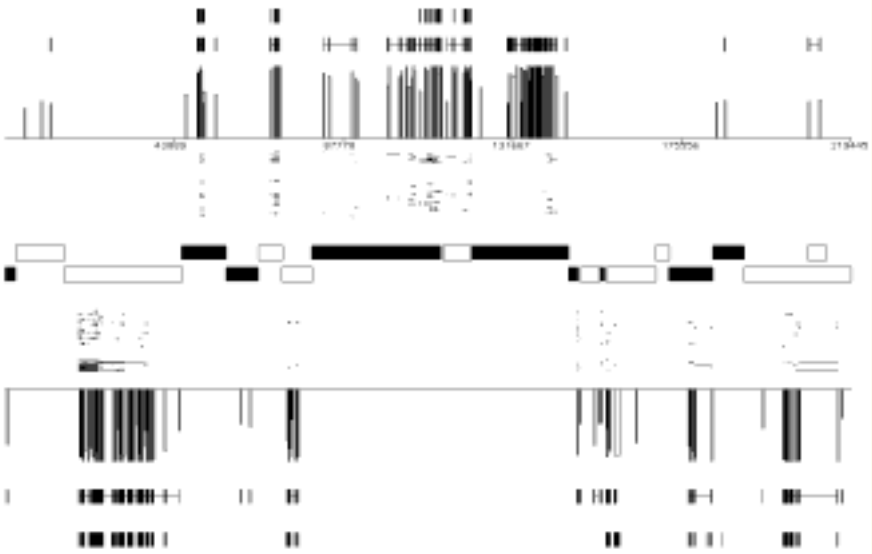


Neural networks



Xu 1997

Grail-EXP



FGENEH/FGENES *Solovyev*

- Looks at several structural features
  - Splice donor/acceptor sites
  - Putative coding regions
  - Intronic regions
- *Linear discriminant analysis* to split exon / non-exon classes
- Dynamic programming to assemble best gene structure

MZEF *Zhang*

- *Quadratic discriminant analysis*
  - Exon length
  - Exon-intron transitions
  - Splice sites
  - Branch sites
  - Exon, strand, frame scores
- Detects internal exons
- No information about gene structure

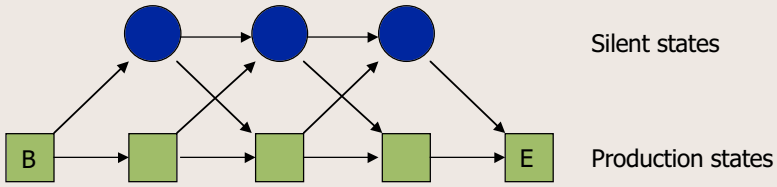
GENSCAN *Burge, Karlin*

- Probabilistic model of sequence composition and gene structure
  - Looks for gene structure descriptions that are consistent with the query sequence to assign probability that sequence stretch is exon, …
  - Best ---> optimal
  - But generates also suboptimal exons

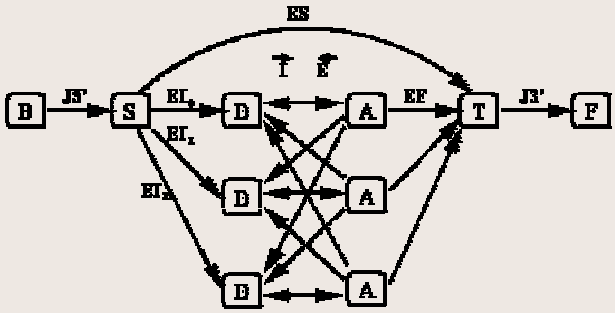
PROCRUSTES *Gelfand*

- Forces sequence into target structure
  - Requires putative gene product
  - Stretches/shortens sequence to fit into model

Hidden Markov Models



GENIE *Kulp, Reese, Haussler*



Strategies

- Select by correlation coefficient
- Select by review paper
- Select by recommendation
- Use them all

Drawbacks

- Most programs are “trained” on existing data
- It’s awfully hard to find new things this way!
    - NTT
    - IPW

Internet Resources

Banbury Cross	http://igs-server.cnrs-mrs.fr/igs/banbury
FGENEH	http://genomic.sanger.ac.uk/gf/gf.shtml
GeneID	http://www1.imim.es/geneid.html
GeneMachine	http://genome.nhgri.nih.gov/genemachine
GENSCAN	http://genes.mit.edu/GENSCAN.html
Genotator	http://www.fruitfly.org/_nomi/genotator/
GRAIL	http://compbio.ornl.gov/tools/index.shtml
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PROCRUSTES	http://www-hto.usc.edu/software/procrustes
RepeatMasker	http://ftp.genome.washington.edu/RM/RepeatMasker.html
HMMgene	http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/HMMgene
Chapter 10	http://www.wiley.com/legacy/products/subject/life/bioinformatics/chapterlinks.html

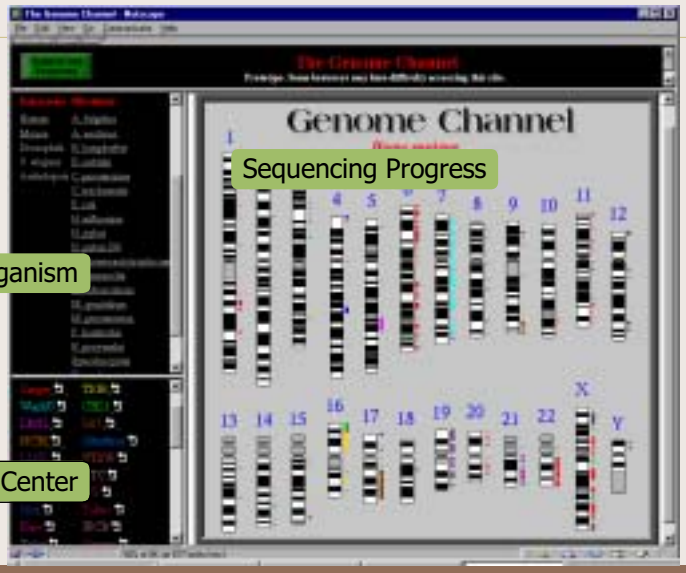
Characterize a Gene

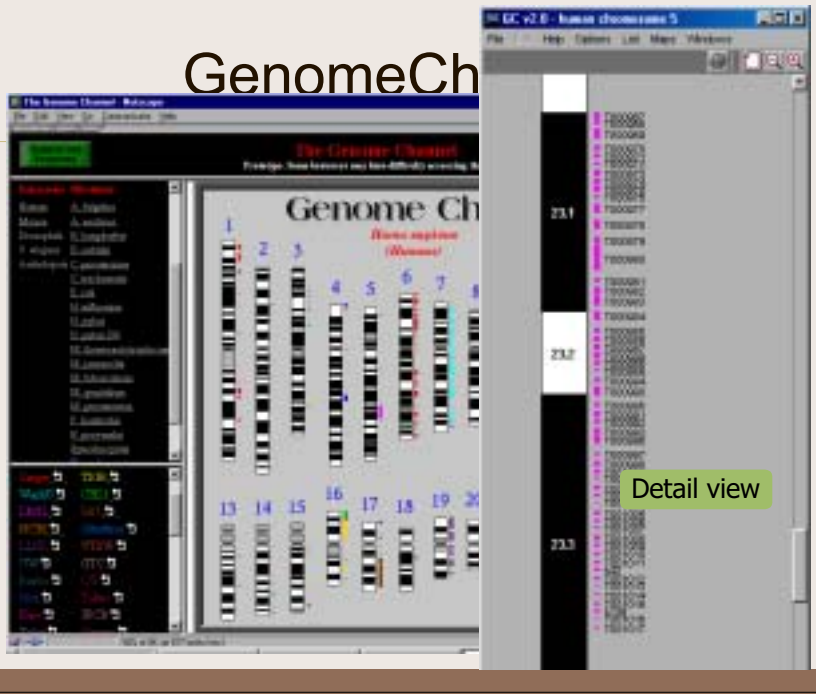
Collect clues for potential function

- Comparison with other known genes, proteins
- Predict secondary structure
- Fold classification

- Gene Expression
- Gene Regulatory Networks
- Phylogenetic comparisons
- Metabolic pathways

GenomeChannel





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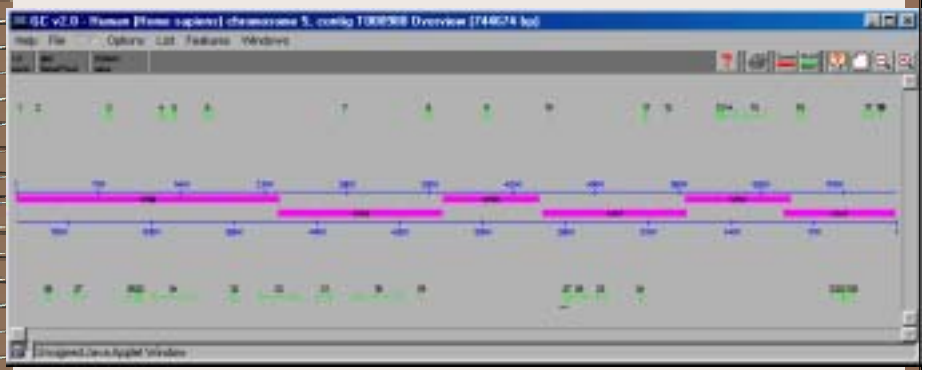


Feature Display

Gene Summary Report

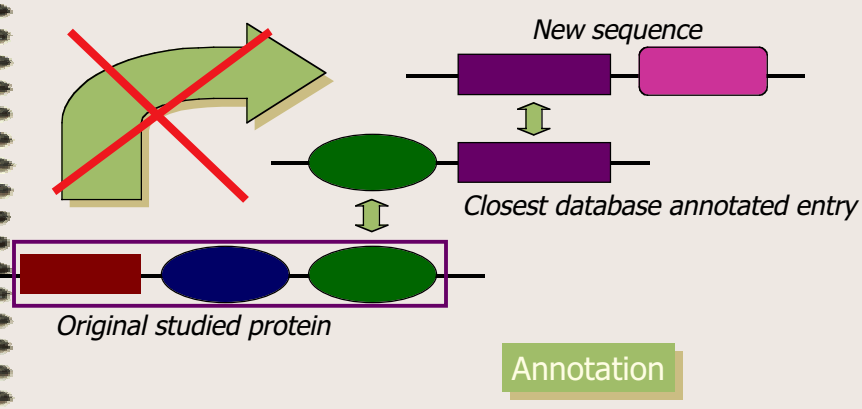
BEAUTY - Gene Search Results

Layers of Information

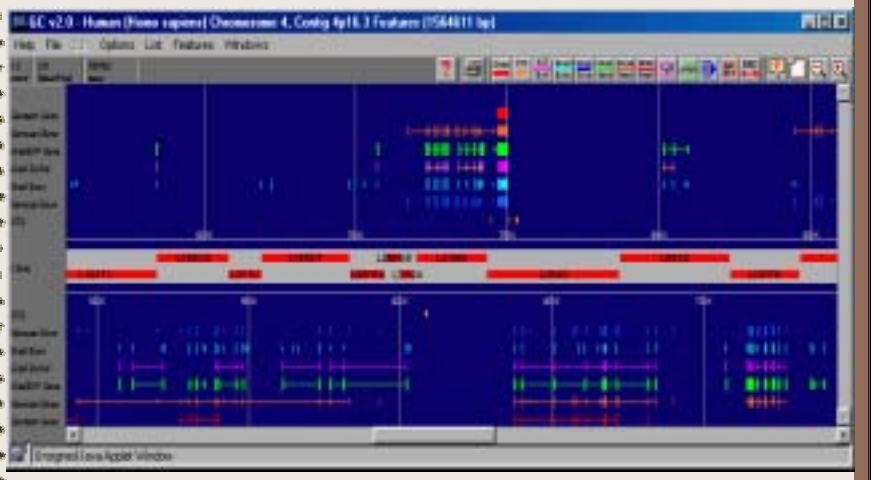
The same base sequence contains many layered instructions!

- Chromosome structure and function
  - Telomers, centromers
- Gene Regulatory information
  - Enhancers, promoters, ...
- Instructions for gene structure
- Instructions for protein
- Instructions for protein post-processing and localization

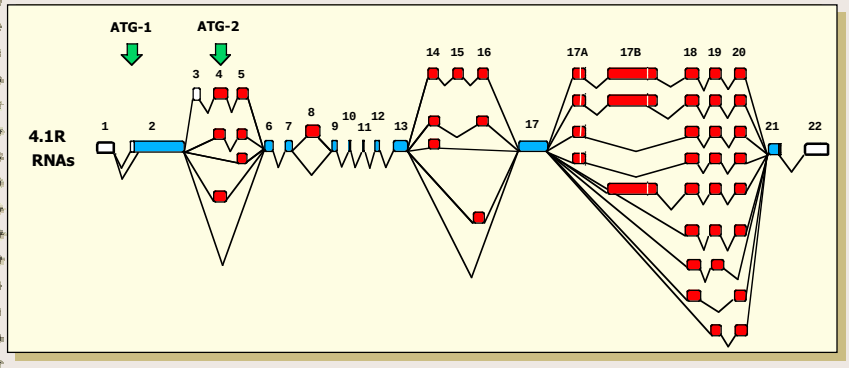
Inherited Annotation Problems in Multi-Domain Proteins



Alternatively Spliced ?



One Gene - Many Proteins



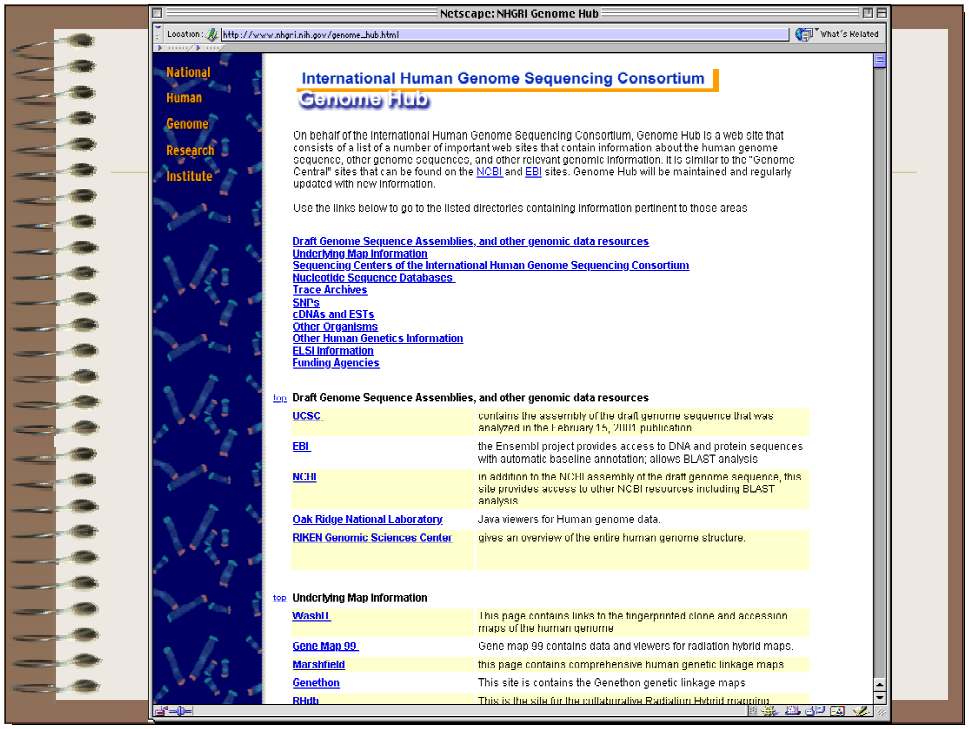
Conboy 1998

As many as 30% of human genes, in particular structural genes, may be alternatively spliced.

Annotated Genomes

Internet Resources

GenomeHub	http://www.nhgri.nih.gov/genome_hub.html
NAR Database Issue	http://nar.oupjournals.org/content/vol29/issue1/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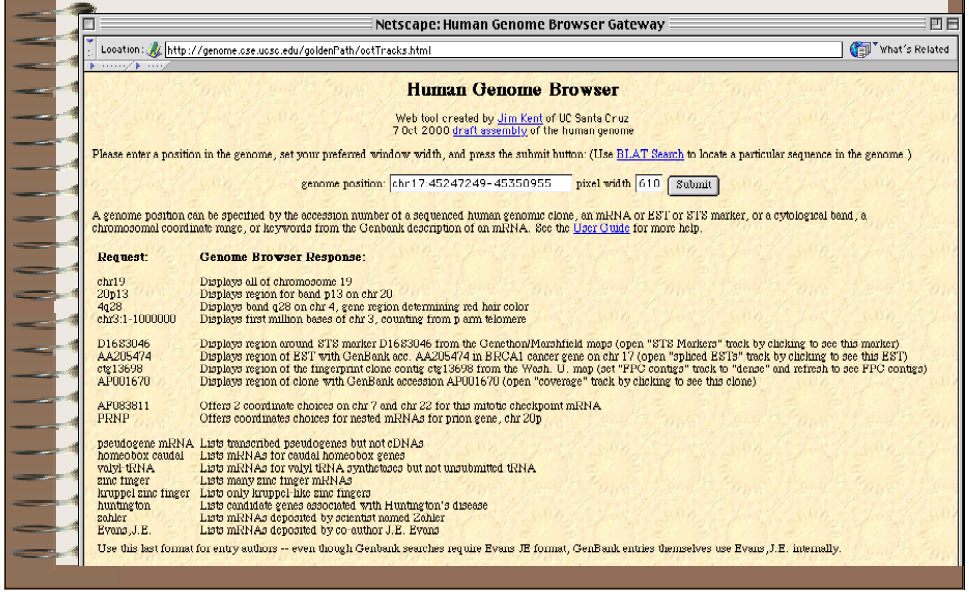
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A genome position can be specified by the accession number of a sequenced human genomic clone, an mRNA or EST or STS marker, or a cytological band, a chromosomal coordinate range, or keywords from the Genbank description of an mRNA. See the User Guide for more help.
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chr3:1-1000000 Displays first million bases of chr 3, counting from p arm telomere
D1683046 Displays region around STS marker D1683046 from the Genethon/Marshfield maps (open "STS Markers" track by clicking to see this marker)
AA205474 Displays region of EST with GenBank acc. AA205474 in BRCA1 cancer gene on chr 17 (open "spliced ESTs" track by clicking to see this EST)
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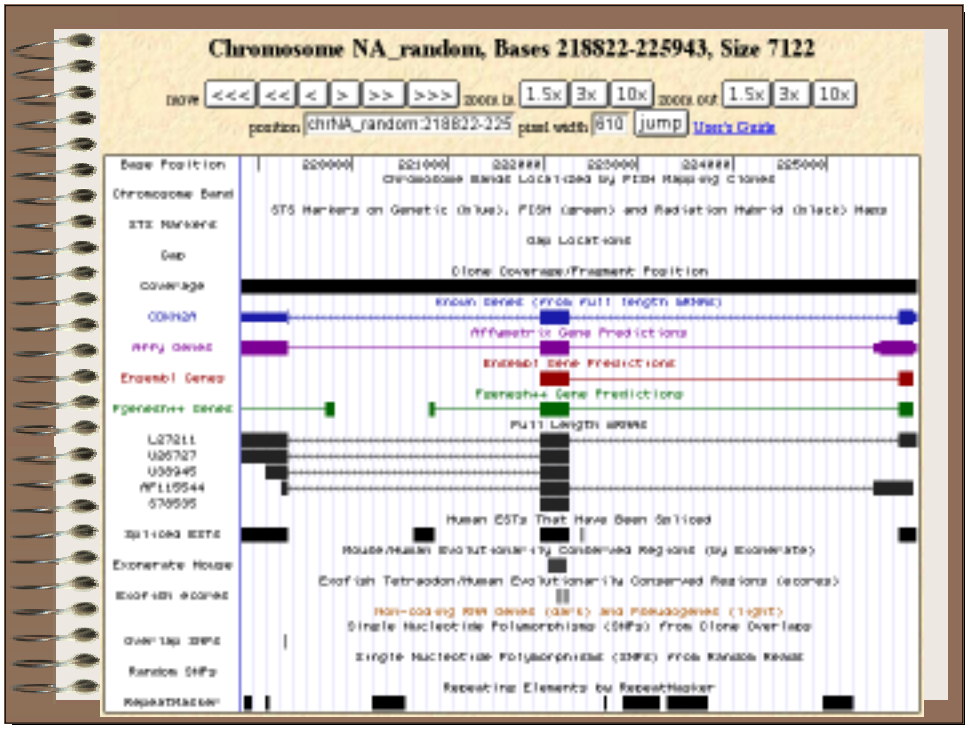
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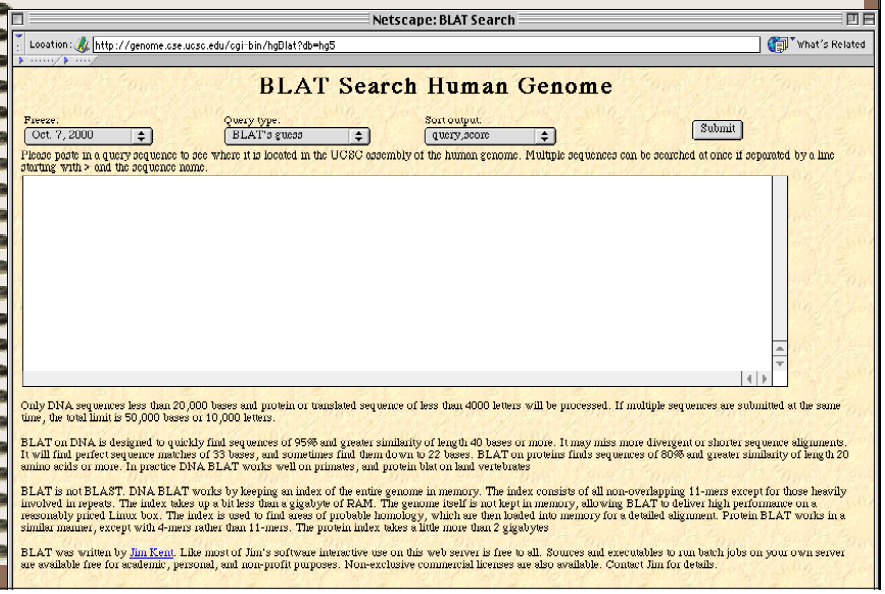
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Only DNA sequences less than 20,000 bases and protein or translated sequence of less than 4000 letters will be processed. If multiple sequences are submitted at the same time, the total limit is 50,000 bases or 10,000 letters.
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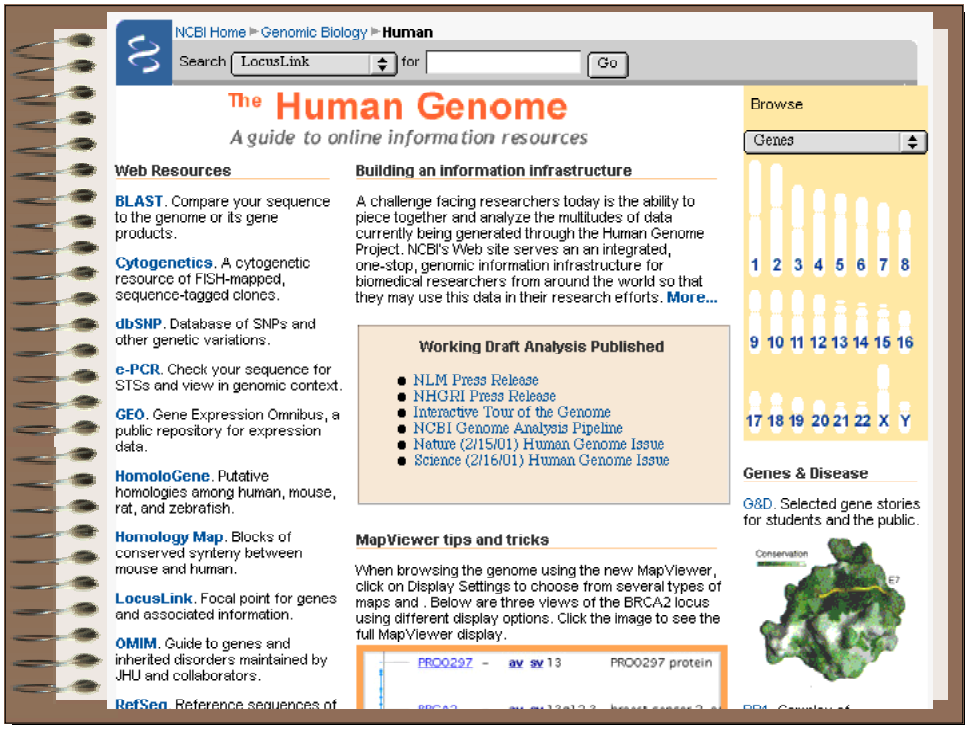
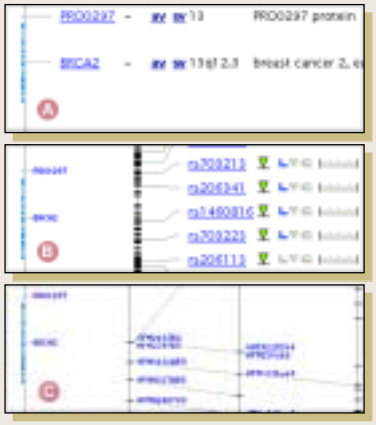


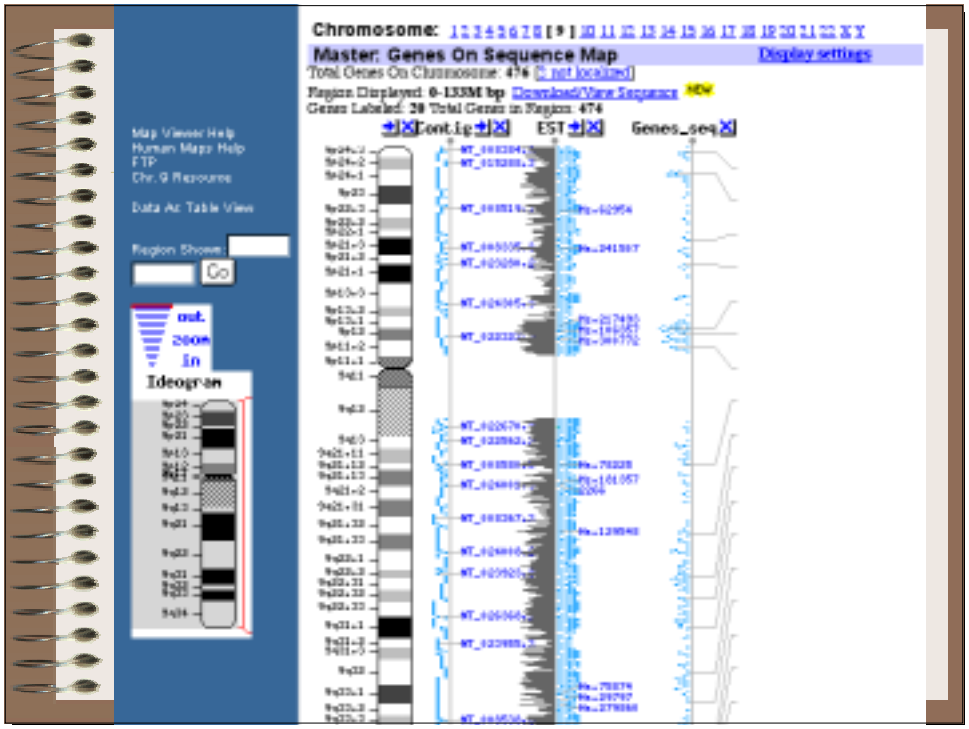
NCBI Display options

A. Genes

B. Variations, juxtaposed with genes

C. Several STS maps, juxtaposed with genes

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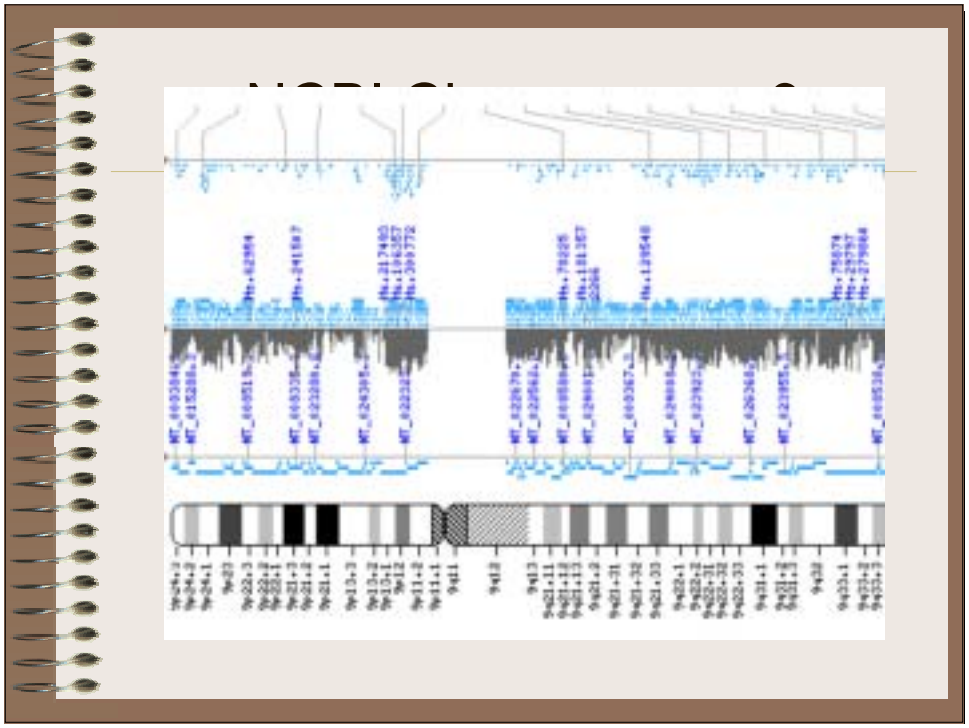

project Ensembl

The Sanger Centre EBI

Human Genome Server

About Ensembl v1.0

Ensembl is a joint project between EMBL - EBI and the Sanger Centre to develop a software system which produces and maintains automatic annotation on eukaryotic genomes. Ensembl is primarily funded by the Wellcome Trust.

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With Ensembl you can ...

- Download all data, free, without constraints
- Search the DNA from the human genome
- Browse chromosomes
- Find genes, SNPs and mouse genome matches
- Look for proteins and protein families

How Do I ...?

- Find genomic sequences similar to my protein sequence?
- Look up a positional marker and examine candidate disease genes in the region?
- Find the expression profile of a gene?
- More ...

Ensembl provides ...

- Identification of 90% of known human genes in the genome sequence
- Prediction of 10,000 additional genes, all with supporting evidence
- Connections to other resources worldwide, leveraging many public genomic databases and tools
- This website, www.ensembl.org, facilitates public access to this data by offering a web-based genome browser.

Browse a Chromosome

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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Ensembl Links

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- **New:** Ensembl Mouse server

Help

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project Ensembl *MapView*

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Known Genes / Total Genes — % GC / Repeats — SNPs — Chromosome 9

Chromosome 9

Known Ensembl Genes: 565 **SNPs:** 45992
Novel Ensembl Genes: 478 **Length:** 141263275 bp

Change Chromosome

Chromosome: 9 Lookup

Jump to Contigview

Click anywhere on the chromosome ideogram or one of the feature distribution plots to jump to a contig-level view of features at that point.

Alternatively, you can jump to contigview between any two landmark markers on this chromosome.

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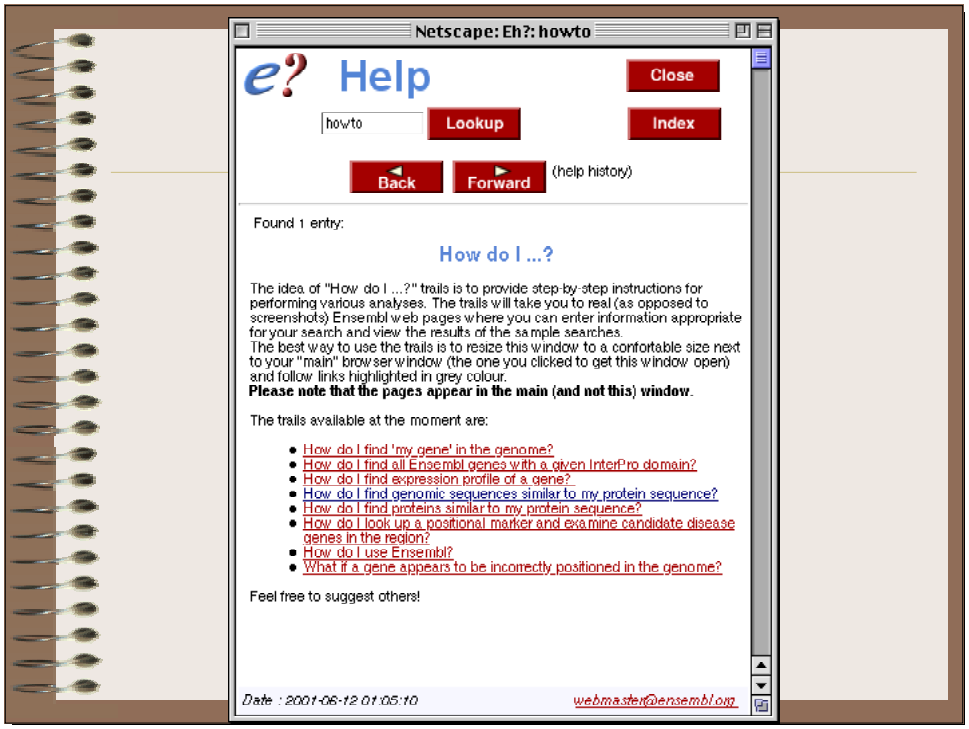

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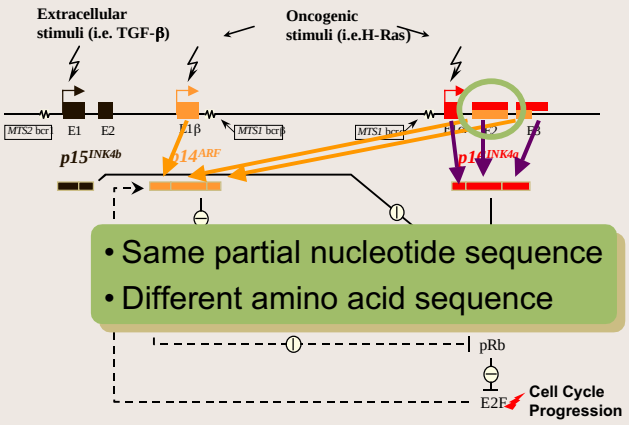

- Same partial nucleotide sequence
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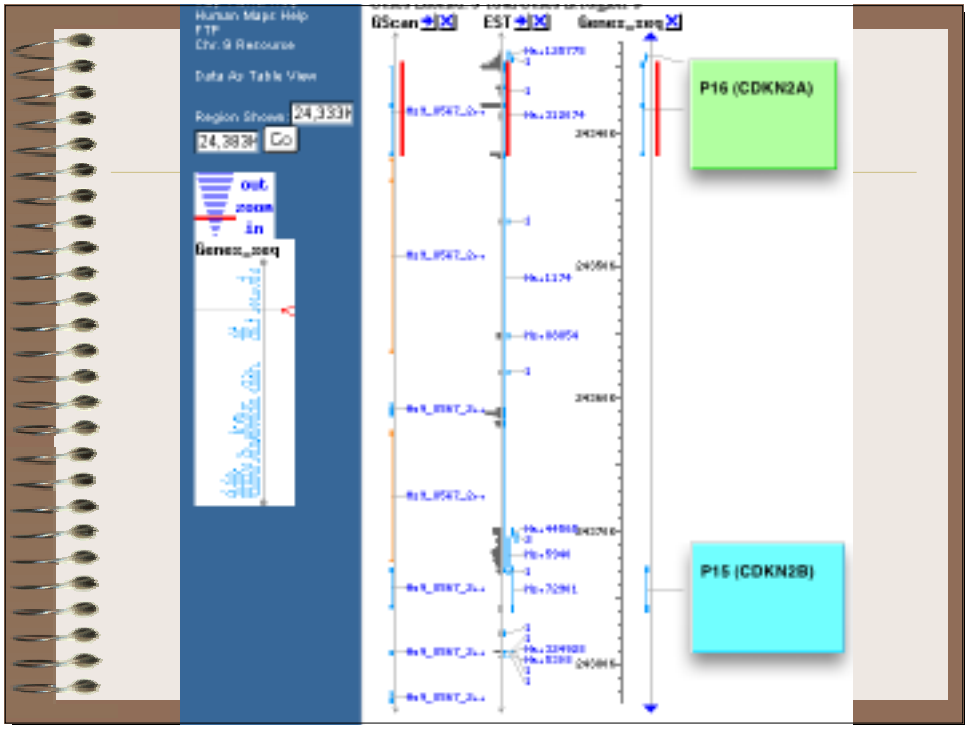
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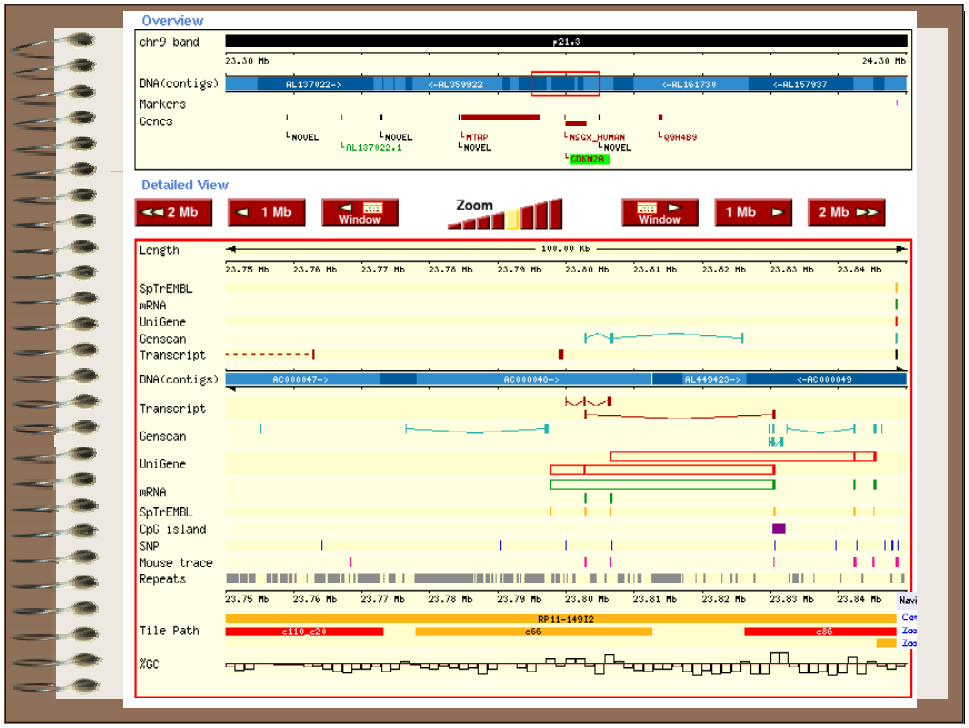
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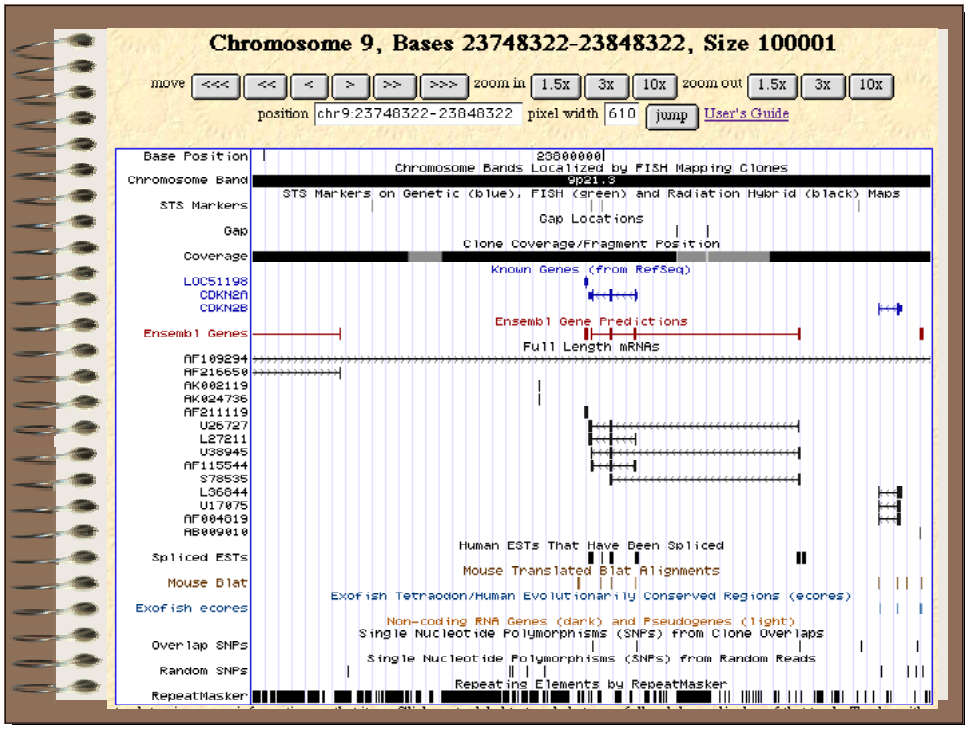

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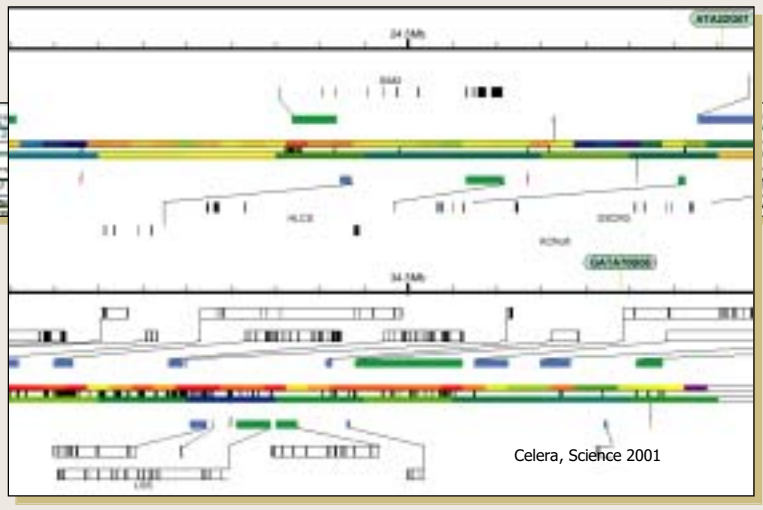

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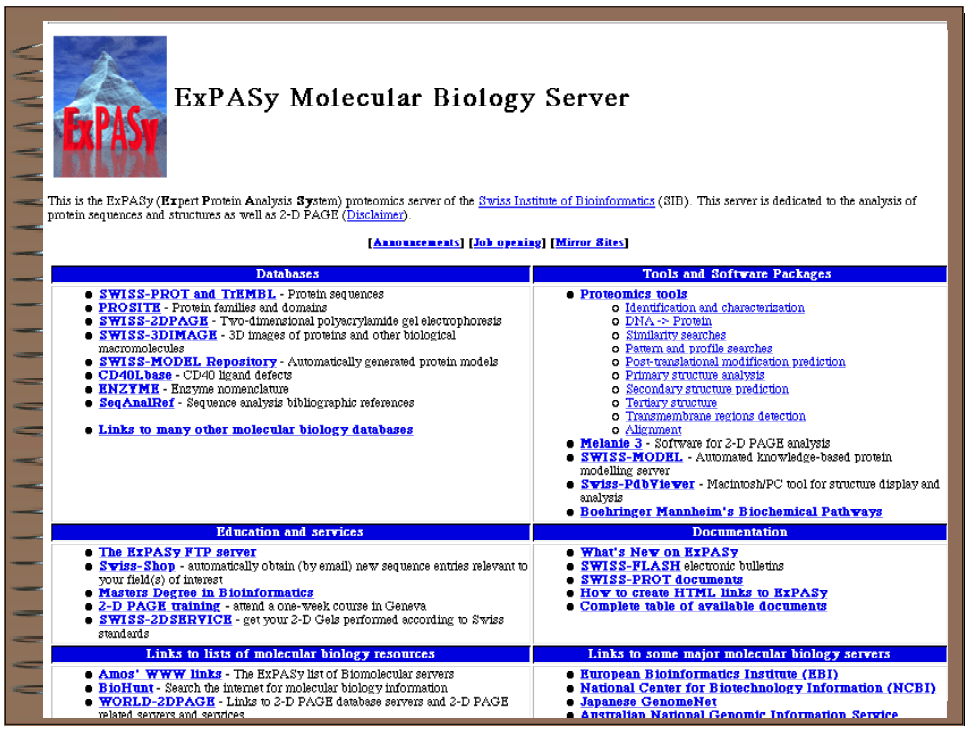

ExPASy Molecular Biology Server

This is the ExPASy (**Ex**pert **P**rotein **A**nalysis **Sy**stem) proteomics server of the Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (SIB). This server is dedicated to the analysis of protein sequences and structures as well as 2-D PAGE (Disclaimer).

[**Announcements**] [**Job opening**] [**Mirror Sites**]

Databases

- **SWISS-PROT and TrEMBL** - Protein sequences
- **PROSITE** - Protein families and domains
- **SWISS-2DPAGE** - Two-dimensional polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
- **SWISS-3DIMAGE** - 3D images of proteins and other biological macromolecules
- **SWISS-MODEL Repository** - Automatically generated protein models
- **CD40Lbase** - CD40 ligand defects
- **ENZYME** - Enzyme nomenclature
- **SeqAnalRef** - Sequence analysis bibliographic references
- **Links to many other molecular biology databases**

Tools and Software Packages

- **Proteomics tools**
  - Identification and characterization
  - DNA -> Protein
  - Similarity searches
  - Pattern and profile searches
  - Post-translational modification prediction
  - Primary structure analysis
  - Secondary structure prediction
  - Tertiary structure
  - Transmembrane regions detection
  - Alignment
- **Melanie 3** - Software for 2-D PAGE analysis
- **SWISS-MODEL** - Automated knowledge-based protein modelling server
- **Swiss-PdbViewer** - Macintosh/PC tool for structure display and analysis
- **Boehringer Mannheim's Biochemical Pathways**

Education and services

- **The ExPASy FTP server**
- **Swiss-Shop** - automatically obtain (by email) new sequence entries relevant to your field(s) of interest
- **Masters Degree in Bioinformatics**
- **2-D PAGE training** - attend a one-week course in Geneva
- **SWISS-2DSERVICE** - get your 2-D Gels performed according to Swiss standards

Documentation

- **What's New on ExPASy**
- **SWISS-FLASH** electronic bulletins
- **SWISS-PROT documents**
- **How to create HTML links to ExPASy**
- **Complete table of available documents**

Links to lists of molecular biology resources

- **Amos' WWW links** - The ExPASy list of Biomolecular servers
- **BioHunt** - Search the internet for molecular biology information
- **WORLD-2DPAGE** - Links to 2-D PAGE database servers and 2-D PAGE related servers and services

Links to some major molecular biology servers

- **European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)**
- **National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)**
- **Japanese GenomeNet**
- **Australian National Genomic Information Service**

Physical Properties

Prediction of Physical Properties

- Compute pI/MW http://www.expasy.ch/tools/pitool.html
- MOWSE http://srs.hgmp.mrc.ac.uk/ cgi-bin/mowse
- PeptideMass http://www.expasy.ch/tools/peptide-mass.html
- TGREASE ftp://ftp.virginia.edu/pub/fasta/
- SAPS http://www.isrec.isb-sib.ch/software/SAPSform.html

Prediction of Protein Identity Based on Composition

- AACompIdent http://www.expasy.ch/tools/aacomp/
- AACompSim http://www.expasy.ch/tools/aacsim/
- PROPSEARCH http://www.embl-heidelberg.de/prs.html

Motifs and Patterns

- BLOCKS http://blocks.fhcrc.org
- Pfam http://www.sanger.ac.uk/Software/Pfam/
- PRINTS http://www.bioinf.man.ac.uk/dbbrowser/PRINTS/PRINTS.html
- ProfileScan http://www.isrec.isb-sib.ch/software/PFSCANform.html

Protein Structure

Prediciton of Secondary Structure and Folding Classes

- nnpredict http://www.cmpharm.ucsf.edu/_nomi/ nnpredict.html
- PredictProtein http://www.embl-heidelberg.de/predictprotein/
- SOPMA http://pbil.ibcp.fr/
- Jpred http://jura.ebi.ac.uk:8888/
- PSIPRED http://insulin.brunel.ac.uk/psipred
- PREDATOR http://www.embl-heidelberg.de/predator/predatorinfo.html

Prediction of Specialized Structures or Features

- COILS http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/COILSform.html
- MacStripe http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/ biol/units/coils/mstr2.html
- PHDtopology http://www.embl-heidelberg.de/predictprotein
- SignalP http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/SignalP/
- TMpred http://www.isrec.isb-sib.ch/ftp-erver/tmpred/www/TMPREDform.html

Structure Prediction

- DALI http://www2.ebi.ac.uk/ dali/
- Bryant-Lawrence ftp://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pub/pkb/
- FSSP http://www2.ebi.ac.uk/ dali/fssp/
- UCLA-DOE http://fold.doe-mbi.ucla.edu/Home
- SWISS-MODEL http://www.expasy.ch/swissmod/SWISS-MODEL.html
- TOPITS http://www.embl-heidelberg.de/predictprotein/