Introduction to Bioinformatics

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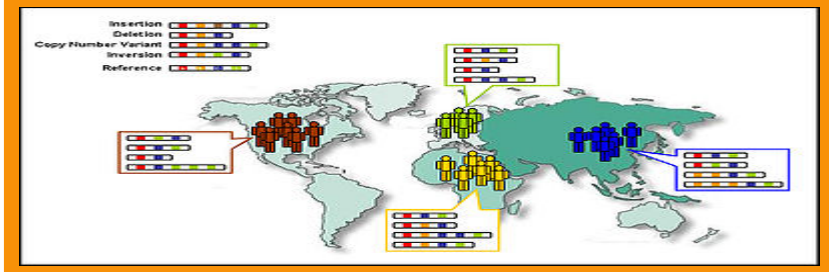
Bioinformatics

25.4.2003
50. Jubiläum der Entdeckung der Doppelhelix durch Watson/Crick

14.4.2003
Humanes Genom zu 99% sequenziert mit 99.99% Genauigkeit

2008
Genom of J. Watson finished
4 Months, 1.5 Million USD



2010
1000 Genomes Project

Example: Int. Cancer Genome Cons.

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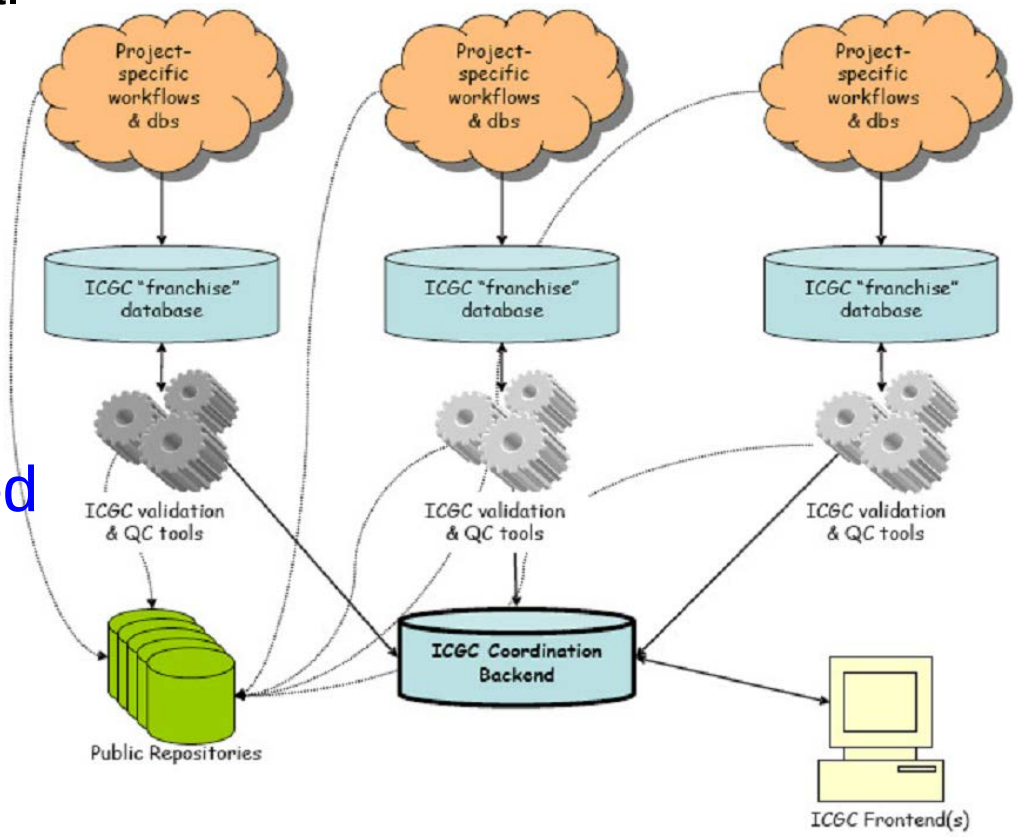
- Cancer types are assigned to countries
- Distributed BioMart-based infrastructure
- First federated approach to a large int. genome project [HAA+08]



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50 different cancer types, 500 samples per type, always control + cancer

> 50.000 genomes

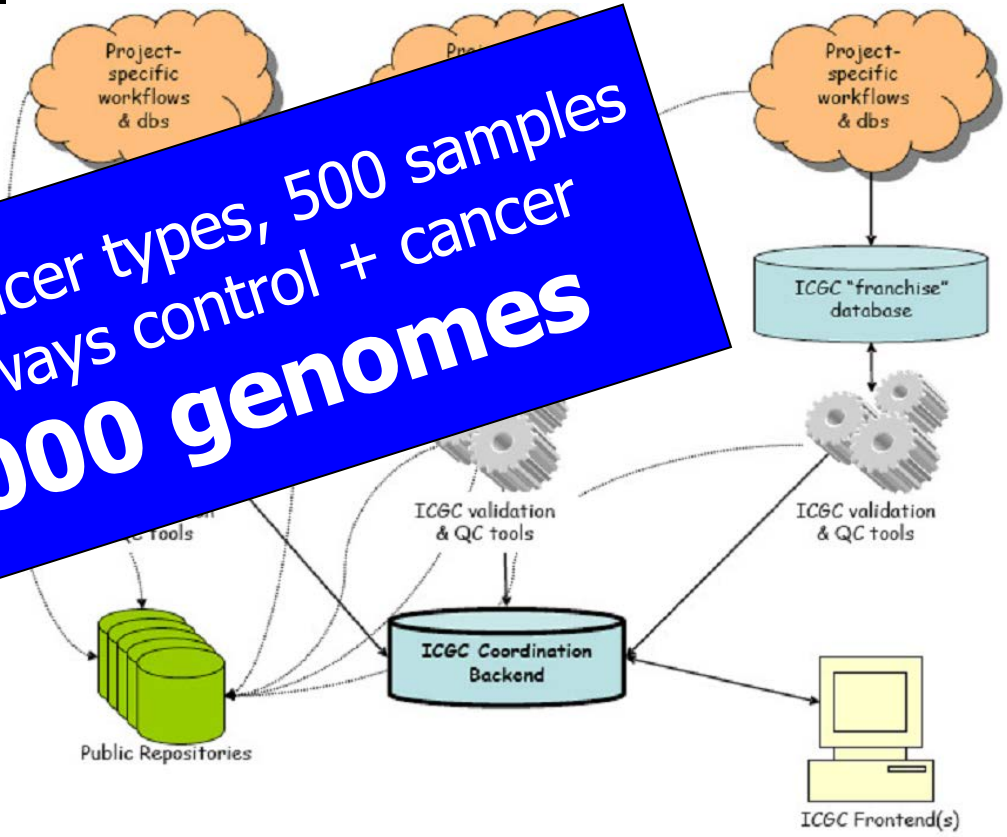


Figure 2: ICGC data coordination as a franchise system

Things you can do with it

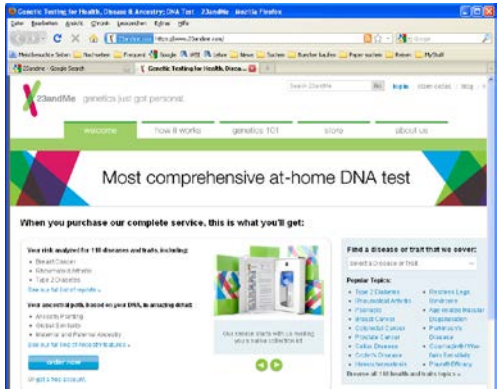
- 2002
  - 2 companies
  - 32 Tests
  - Price: 100–1400€

Tabelle

Gentests, die im Internet in Deutschland bestellbar sind (Stand: Juli 2002)

Indikation*	Anbieter**	Untersuchungsgegenstand	Preis (inkl. MwSt.)
Alkoholverträglichkeit	2	keine Angaben (k. A.)	207,79 €
Alzheimer	2	k. A.	134,06 €
Alzhei	1	E4-Allel des Apolipoprotein-E-Gens auf Chromosom 10	650,00 €
Angelman-Syndrom [2]	1	Deletion auf dem Chromosom 15	850,00 €
Anti-Aging-Risikoprofil	2	k. A.	653,61 €
Arteriosklerose/Herzinfarkt/Schlaganf	2	k. A.	512,81 €
A	1	31 Mutationen einschließlich einer 5T-Variante auf dem CFTR-Gen auf dem Chromosom 7	850,00 €
Bluthochdruck	2	k. A.	127,40 € 439,24 €
hates Typ II	2	k. A.	127,40 € 194,39 €
Dickdarmkrebs [3]	1	MLH1- und MSH2-Mutationen	1600,00 €
Entgiftungsfähigkeit	2	k. A.	811,10 €
Faktor V Leiden-Mutation	1	Gerinnungsfaktor-V auf dem langen Arm von Chromosom 1	400,00 €
Familiäre Hypercholesterinämie	1	Mutationen im Low-Density-Lipoprotein-Rezeptor-Gen und im Exon 26 Apolipoprotein-B-Gen	850,00 €
Familiäre Hyperlipoproteinämie Typ III	1	E2-Allel des Apolipoprotein-E-Gens auf Chromosom 19	500,00 €
Familiärer Brustkrebs [3]	1	BCRA1- und BCRA2-Mutationen	1400,00 €
Fettgen/Adipositas	2	k. A.	241,35 € 576,44 €
Fettstoffwechsel/Cholesterin	2	k. A.	395,48 €
Fragiles X-Syndrom [4]	1	FMR1-(fragile X mental retardation-)Gen des X-Chromosoms (Region Xq27.3)	950,00 €
Hämochromatose	2	k. A.	207,84 €
Hämochromatose	1	Austausch der DNS-Basen Guanin zu Adenin an der Position 845 und von Cytosin zu Guanin an der Position 187 des HFE-Gens auf dem Chromosom 6	500,00 €
Hyperhomocysteinämie	1	k. A.	550,00 €
Mukoviszidose (Cystische Fibrose)	1	Mutation eines Gens auf Chromosom 7	850,00 €
Muskeldystrophie	1	Deletionen (Verlust von DNA-Teilsequenzen) im Dystrophin-Gen auf dem X-Chromosom	850,00 €
Osteoporose	2	k. A.	103,89 € 191,01 €
Osteoporose	1	Mutation (Basenaustausch von Guanin zu Thymin) im Intron 1 des Kollagen Typ I Alpha 1-Gens	650.00 €
Ovarialkarzinom [3]	1	BCRA1- und BCRA2-Mutationen	850,00 €
Persönliches Ernährungsprofil	2	k. A.	841,32 €
Prader-Willi-Syndrom	1	Deletion oder Translokation auf dem langen Arm des Chromosoms 15 (15q11)	850,00 €
Prothr	1	Austausch der DNS-Basen Guanin zu Adenin an der Position 20210 des Prothrombingens auf dem Chromosom 11	550,00 €
Risiko Alkohol- und Drogenabhängigkeit	2	k. A.	274,86 €
Thrombose	2	k. A.	134,06 € 281,52 €

State of the “Art”



- 6/2010: „Gentest-Firma vertauscht DNA-Ergebnisse ihrer Kunden“ (Nature Blog)
- 7/2010: US general accounting office compared 15 (4) companies: totally contradicting results
- 2013: FDA closes main business line of 23andme
  - “...as 23andMe had not demonstrated that they have "analytically or clinically validated the PGS for its intended uses" and the "FDA is concerned about the public health consequences of inaccurate results from the PGS device"

Genome Editing with CRISPR / Cas

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  - A customizable protein

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Breakthrough of the Year: CRISPR makes the cut

*CRISPR genome-editing technology shows its power (**PDF version**)*

By John Travis

It was conceived after a yogurt company in 2007 identified an unexpected defense mechanism that its bacteria use to fight off viruses. A birth announcement came in 2012, followed by crucial first steps in 2013 and a massive growth spurt last year. Now, it has matured into a molecular marvel, and much of the world—not just biologists—is taking notice of the genome-editing method CRISPR, Science's 2015 Breakthrough of the Year.

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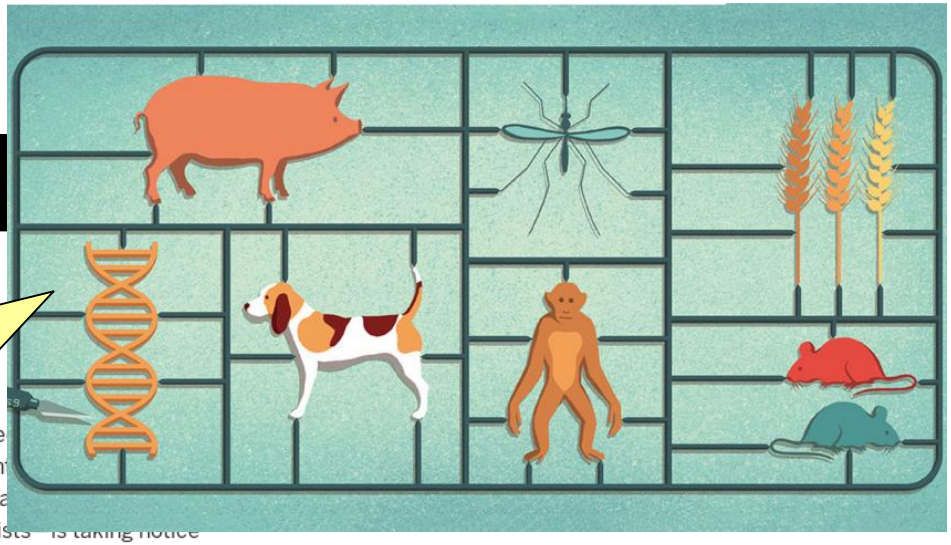
"CRISPR's ability to edit DNA has helped scientists create a menagerie of genetically new organisms."



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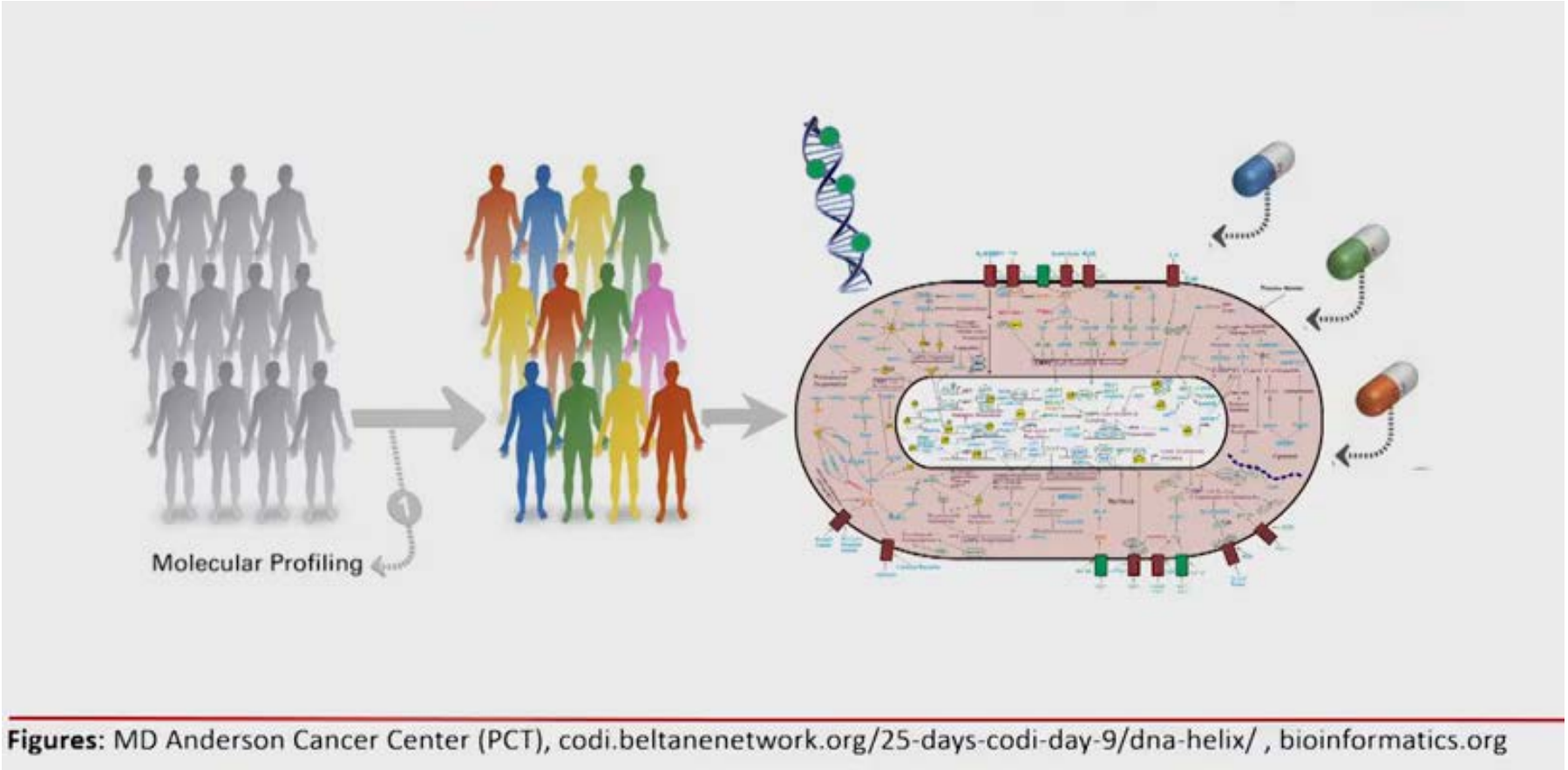
Molecular Cancer Therapy



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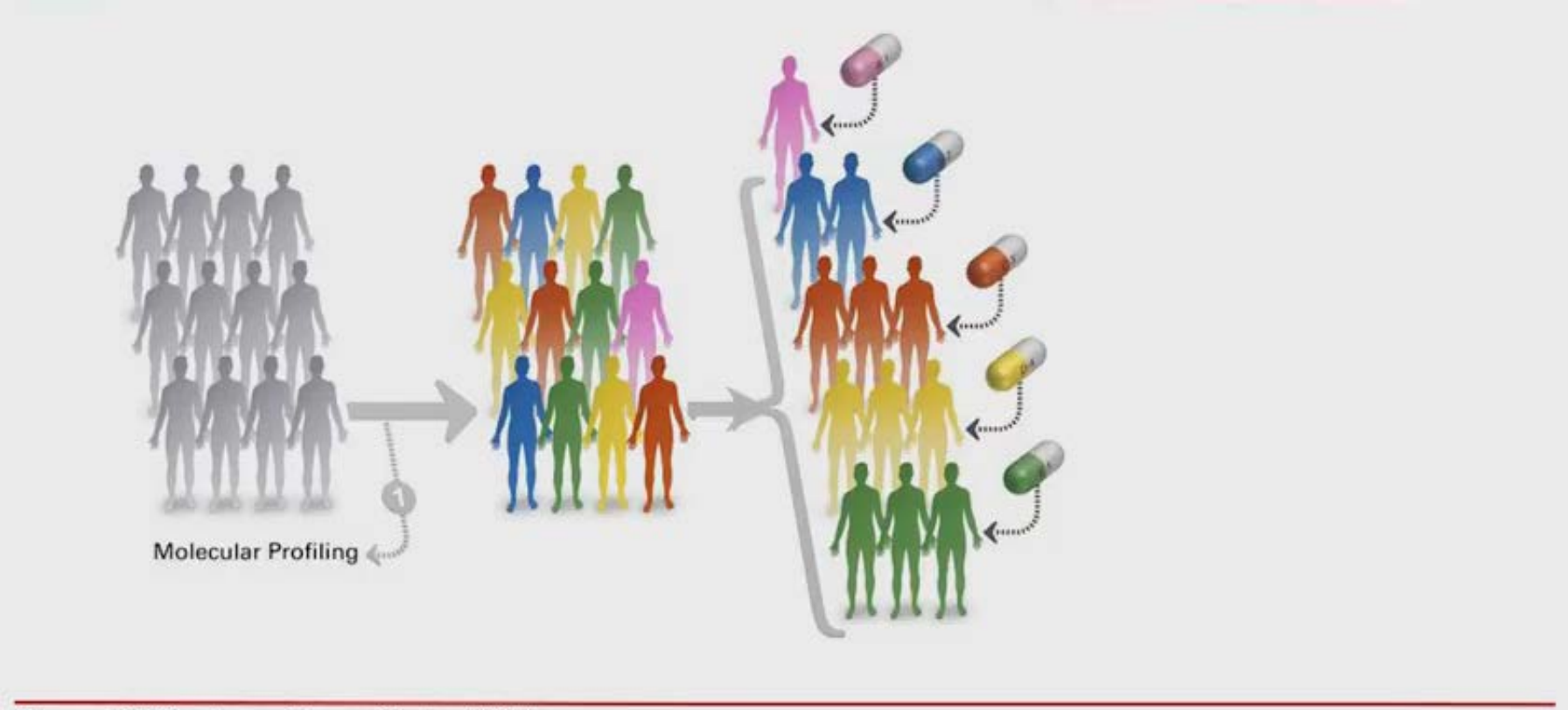

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- Formal stuff
- A very short introduction in Molecular Biology
- What is Bioinformatics?
  - And an example
- Topics of this course

This course

- Is open for Bachelor students in computer science
- Brings 5 SP and will be held as 2VL+2UE
- Does assume basic knowledge in computer science
  - Will not teach programming – you need to know it already
- Does not assume knowledge in biology
- Is introductory – many topics, often not much depth
  - Visit “Algorithmische Bioinformatik” afterwards ...
- Ask questions! starlinger@informatik.hu-berlin.de

Exercises start 27. and 28.4.2017

- Taught by Yvonne Lichtblau
- Registration through AGNES
- We build teams
- There will be 5 assignments
- General cycle:
  - Every first week: 2-3 presentations of results of previous assignment and discussion of new assignment
  - Every other week: Questions about new assignment
  - ...
- No grades
- You need to pass all but one assignment to be admitted to the exam

Exercises vs Exam

- Exercises include:
  - Understanding the algorithms
  - Implementing the algorithms
  - Learning R (introductory level)

- Exam includes:
  - Demonstrating your understanding of the field incl.
  - Handwritten execution of the algorithms

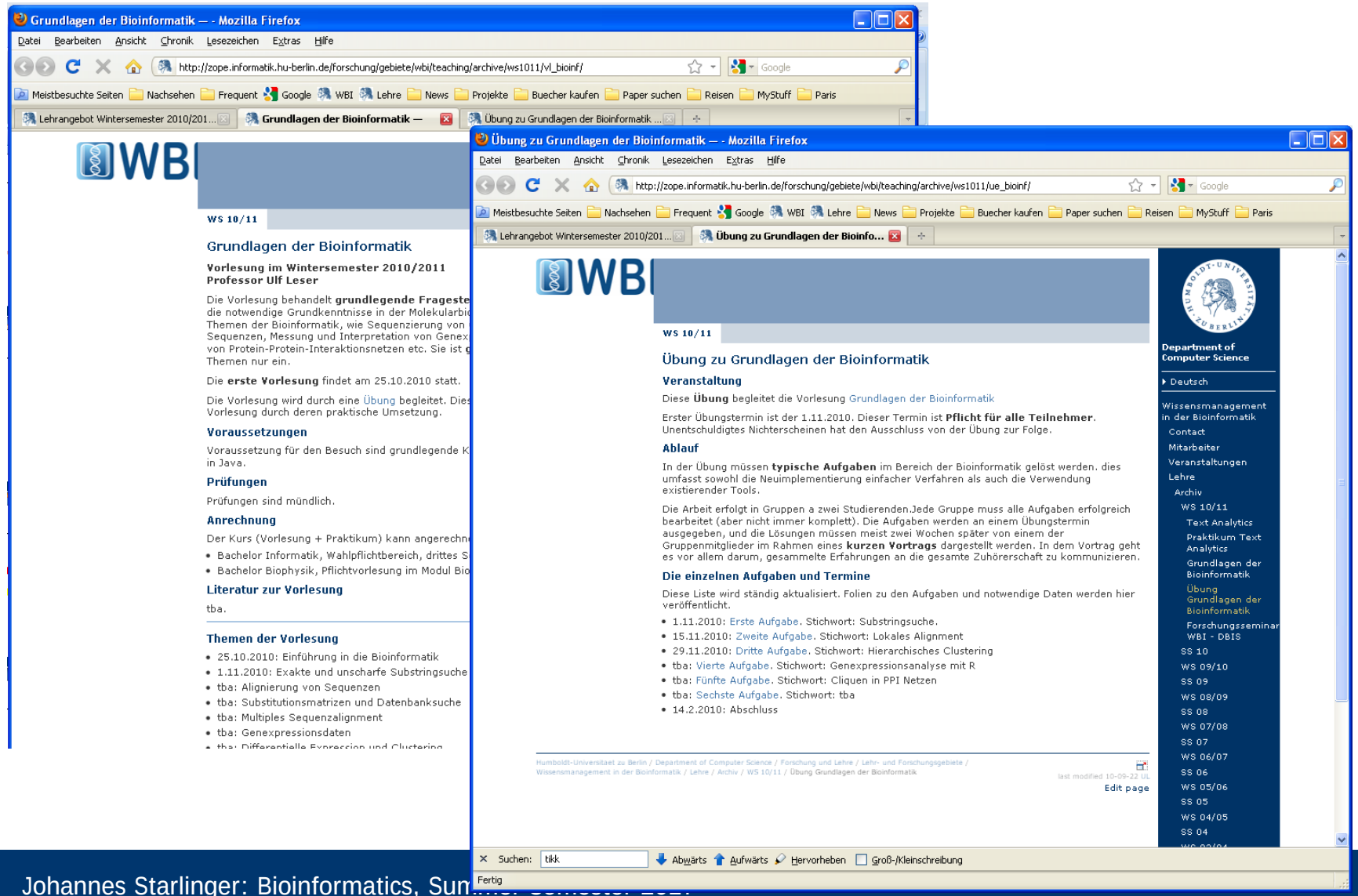
Exams

- Written examination
- Monday, 14.8.2017, 11-14 o’clock, room 3.001

Literature

- For algorithms
  - Gusfield (1997). „Algorithms on Strings, Trees, and Sequences“, Cambridge University Press
  - Böckenhauer, Bongartz (2003). „Algorithmische Grundlagen der Bioinformatik“, Teubner
- For other topics
  - Lesk (2005). „Introduction to Bioinformatics“, Oxford Press
  - Cristianini, Hahn (2007). "Introduction to Computational Genomics - A Case Study Approach", Cambridge University Press
  - Merkl, Waack (2009). "Bioinformatik Interaktiv", Wiley-VCH Verlag.
- For finding motivation and relaxation
  - Gibson, Muse (2001). "A Primer of Genome Science", Sinauer Associates.
  - Krane, Raymer (2003). "Fundamental Concepts of Bioinformatics", Benjamine Cummings.
- These slides w/ credits to Ulf Leser

Web Sides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Vorlesung im Wintersemester 2010/2011
Professor Ulf Leser
Die Vorlesung behandelt grundlegende Frageste
die notwendige Grundkenntnisse in der Molekularbi
Themen der Bioinformatik, wie Sequenzierung von
Sequenzen, Messung und Interpretation von Genex
von Protein-Protein-Interaktionsnetzen etc. Sie ist
Themen nur ein.
Die erste Vorlesung findet am 25.10.2010 statt.
Die Vorlesung wird durch eine Übung begleitet. Dies
Vorlesung durch deren praktische Umsetzung.
Voraussetzungen
Voraussetzung für den Besuch sind grundlegende K
in Java.
Prüfungen
Prüfungen sind mündlich.
Anrechnung
Der Kurs (Vorlesung + Praktikum) kann angerechn
Bachelor Informatik, Wahlpflichtbereich, drittes S
Bachelor Biophysik, Pflichtvorlesung im Modul Bio
Literatur zur Vorlesung
tba.
Themen der Vorlesung
25.10.2010: Einführung in die Bioinformatik
1.11.2010: Exakte und unscharfe Substringsuche
tba: Alignierung von Sequenzen
tba: Substitutionsmatrizen und Datenbanksuche
tba: Multiples Sequenzalignment
tba: Genexpressionsdaten
Übung zu Grundlagen der Bioinformatik — - Mozilla Firefox
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Übung zu Grundlagen der Bioinformatik
Veranstaltung
Diese Übung begleitet die Vorlesung Grundlagen der Bioinformatik
Erster Übungstermin ist der 1.11.2010. Dieser Termin ist Pflicht für alle Teilnehmer.
Unentschuldigtes Nichterscheinen hat den Ausschluss von der Übung zur Folge.
Ablauf
In der Übung müssen typische Aufgaben im Bereich der Bioinformatik gelöst werden. dies
umfasst sowohl die Neuimplementierung einfacher Verfahren als auch die Verwendung
existierender Tools.
Die Arbeit erfolgt in Gruppen a zwei Studierenden.Jede Gruppe muss alle Aufgaben erfolgreich
bearbeitet (aber nicht immer komplett). Die Aufgaben werden an einem Übungstermin
ausgegeben, und die Lösungen müssen meist zwei Wochen später von einem der
Gruppenmitglieder im Rahmen eines kurzen Vortrags dargestellt werden. In dem Vortrag geht
es vor allem darum, gesammelte Erfahrungen an die gesamte Zuhörerschaft zu kommunizieren.
Die einzelnen Aufgaben und Termine
Diese Liste wird ständig aktualisiert. Folien zu den Aufgaben und notwendige Daten werden hier
veröffentlicht.
1.11.2010: Erste Aufgabe. Stichwort: Substringsuche.
15.11.2010: Zweite Aufgabe. Stichwort: Lokales Alignment
29.11.2010: Dritte Aufgabe. Stichwort: Hierarchisches Clustering
tba: Vierte Aufgabe. Stichwort: Genexpressionsanalyse mit R
tba: Fünfte Aufgabe. Stichwort: Cliquen in PPI Netzen
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SS 04
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Abwärts
Aufwärts
Hervorheben
Groß-/Kleinschreibung
Fertig

My Questions

- Diplominformatiker?
- Bachelor Informatik?
- Kombibachelor?
- Biophysik?
- Other?

- Semester?
- Prüfung?
- Spezielle Erwartungen?

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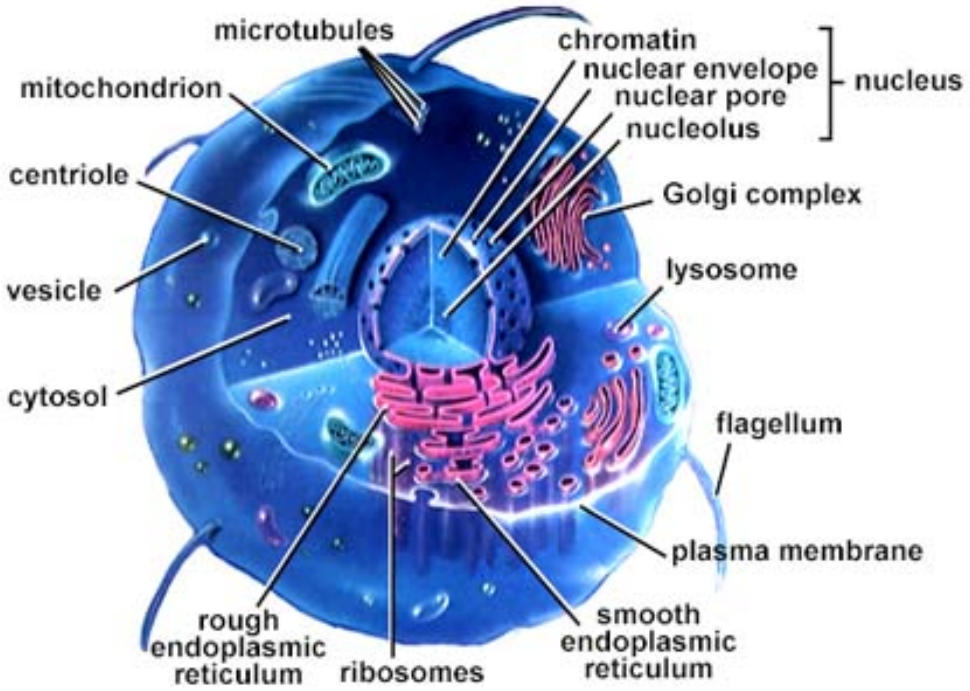
Cells and Bodies



- App. 75 trillion cells in a human body
- App. 250 different types: nerve, muscle, skin, blood, ...

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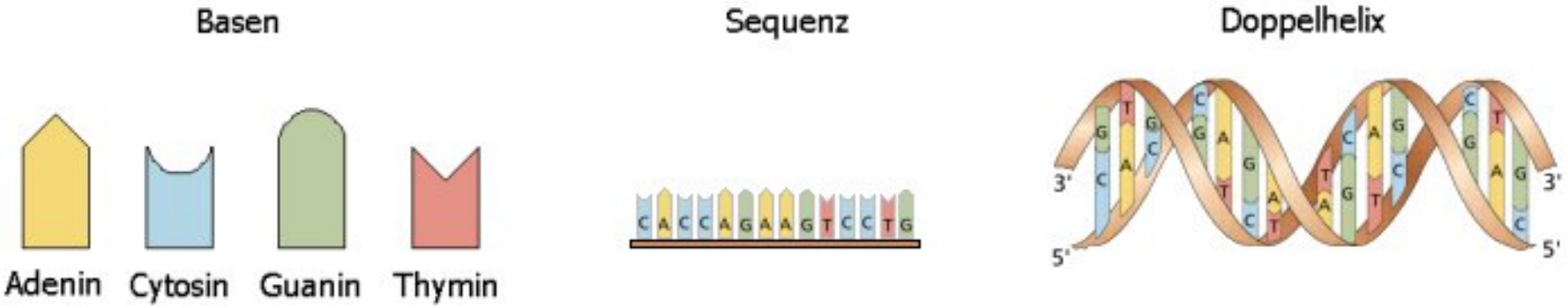

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  - Four different molecules
  - The DNA of all chromosomes in a cell forms its genome
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  - All living beings are based on DNA for proliferation
  - There are always always always exceptions

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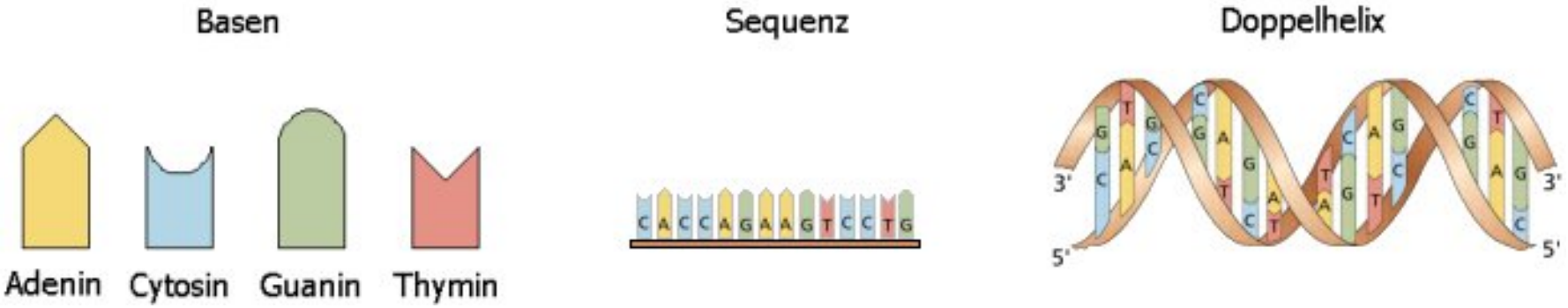

- DNA: Desoxyribonukleinsäure
  - Four different molecules (one replaced in RNA)
  - The DNA of all chromosomes in a cell together with the mitochondria-DNA forms its genome
  - Almost all cells in a (human) body carry almost the same genome
  - All living beings are based on DNA or RNA for proliferation

The Human Genome

- 23 chromosomes
  - Most in pairs
- ~3.000.000.000 letters
- ~50% are repetitions of 4 identical subsequences
  - ~100.000 genes
  - ~56.000 genes
  - ~30.000 genes
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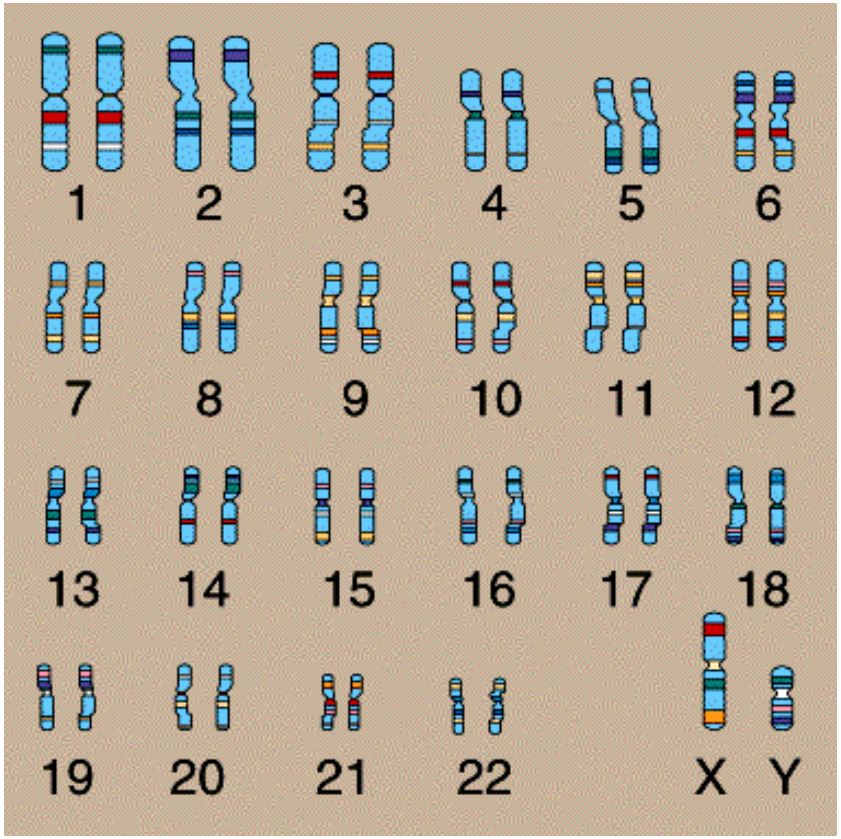

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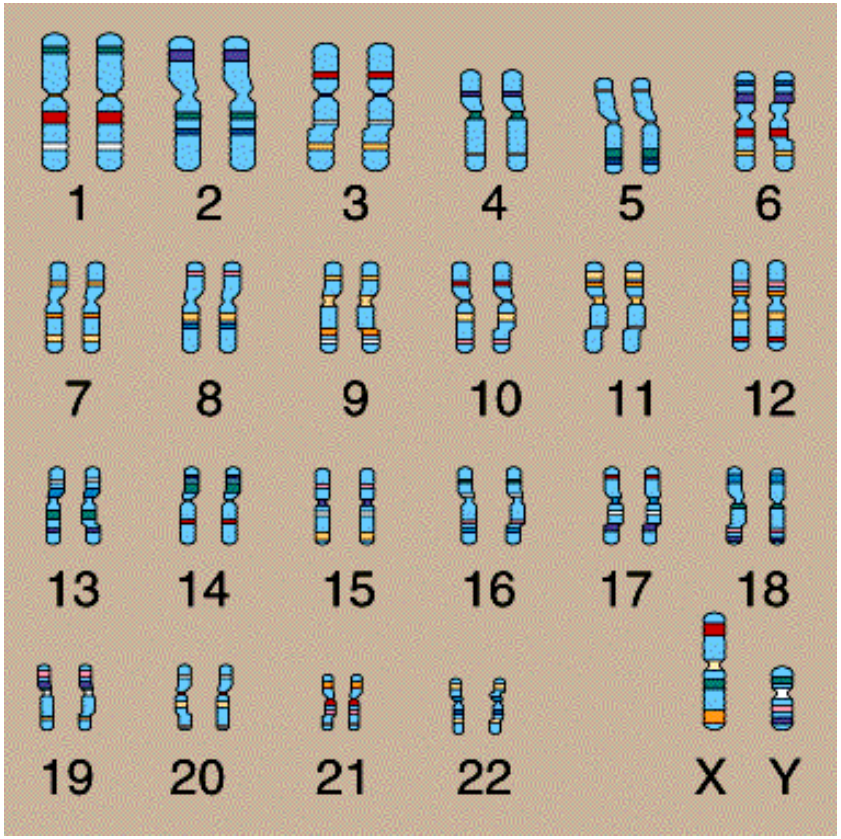
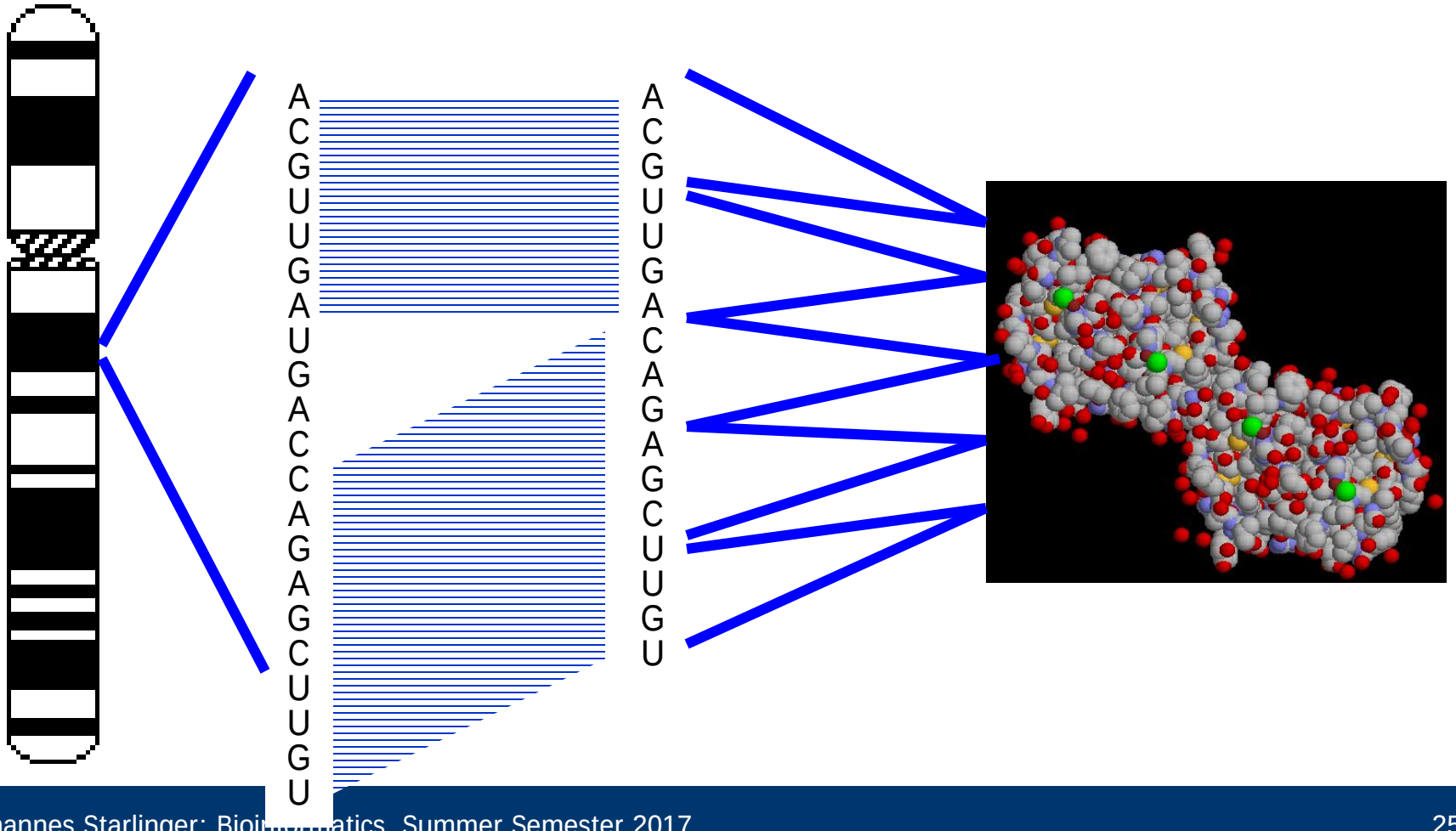


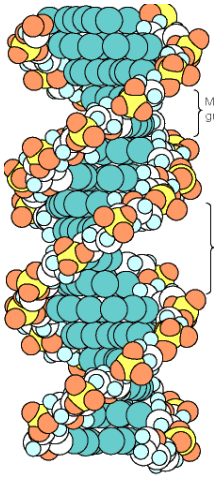
(Protein-Coding) Genes

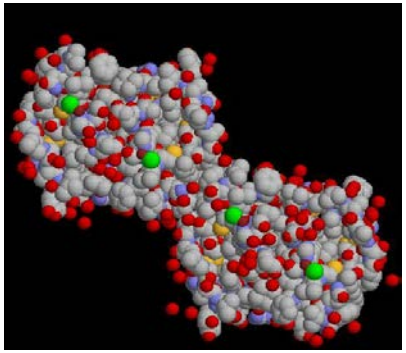
Chromosome RNA mRNA Proteine

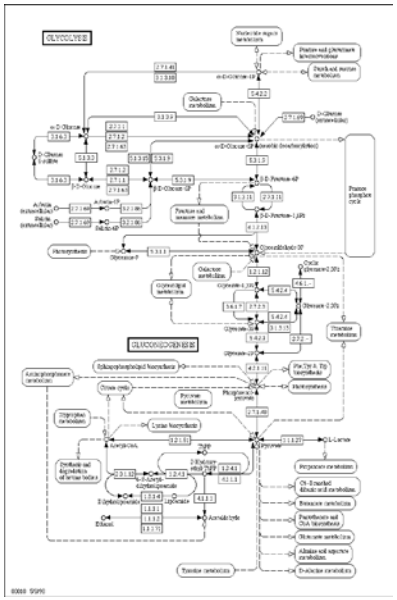


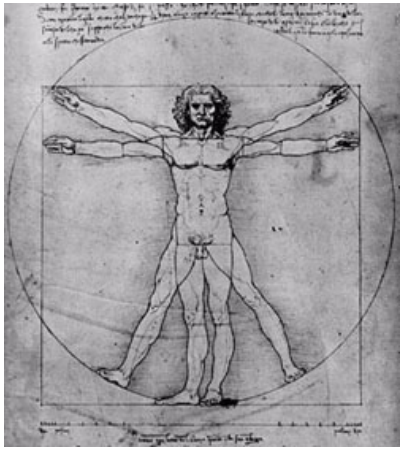
Proliferation

Sequence → Proteins → Networks → Organism









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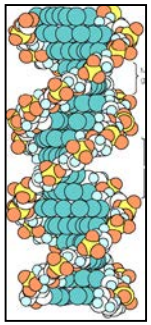

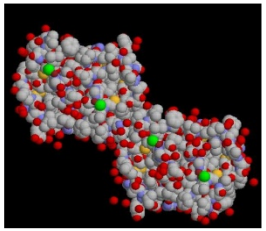

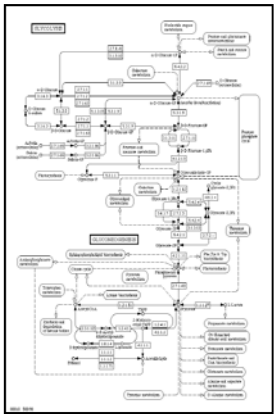

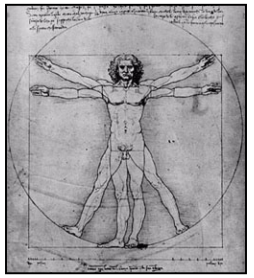

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Gene prediction

Evolutionary relationships

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Transcriptomics

RNA folding

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Proteomics

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Motives, active sites

Docking

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Systems Biology

Pathway analysis

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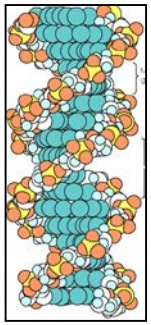

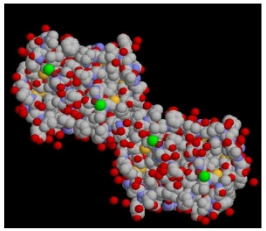

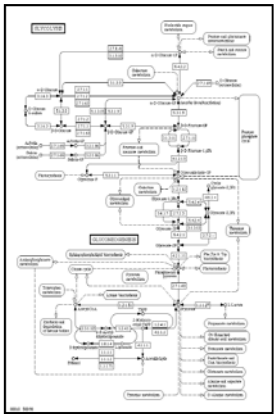

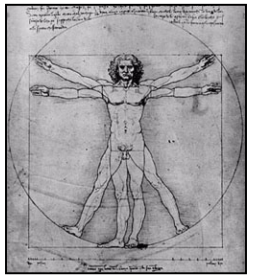

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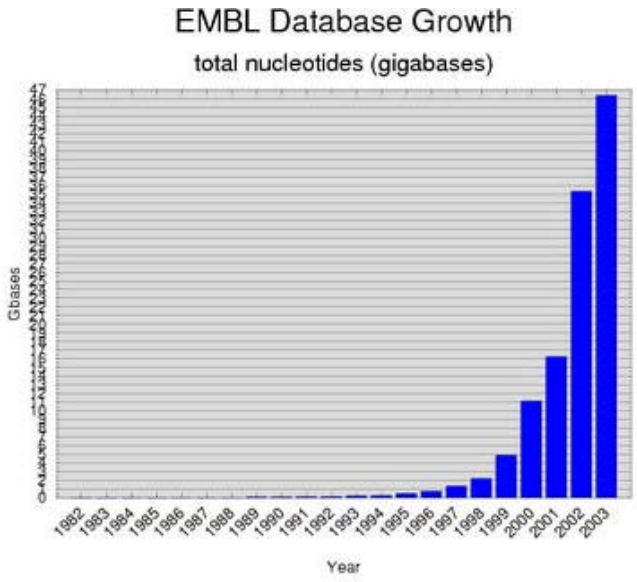
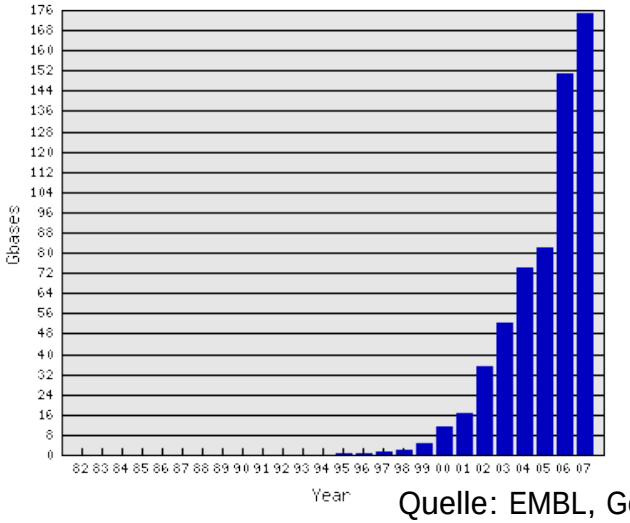
Bioinformatics / Computational Biology

- Computer Science methods for
  - Solving biologically relevant problems
  - Analyzing and managing experimental data sets
- Empirical: Data from high throughput experiments
- Focused on algorithms and statistics
- Problems are typically complex, data full of errors – importance of heuristics and approximate methods
- Strongly reductionist – Strings, graphs, sequences
- Interdisciplinary: Biology, Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, Genetics, ...

History

- First protein sequences: 1951
- Sanger sequencing: 1972
- Exponential growth of available data since end of 70th
  - Bioinformatics is largely data-driven – new methods yield new data requiring new algorithms





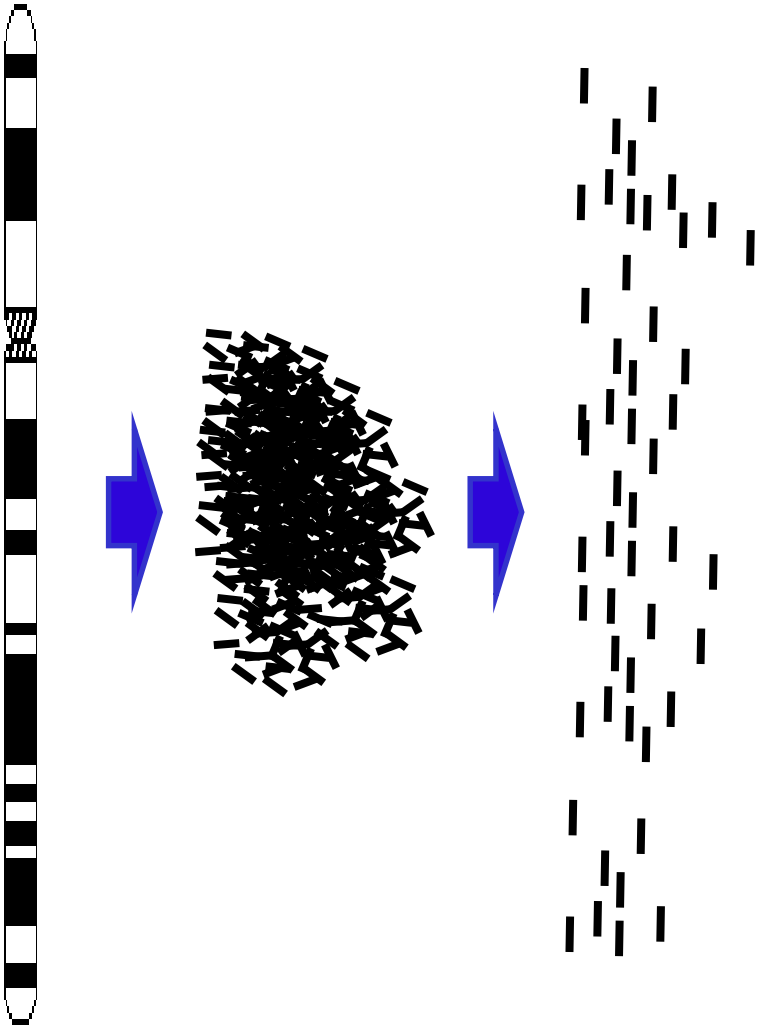
Quelle: EMBL, Genome Monitoring Tables

History 2

- First papers on sequence alignment
  - Needleman-Wunsch 1970, Gibbs 1970, Smith-Waterman 1981, Altschul et al. 1990
- Large impact of the Human Genome Projekt (~1990)
- Only 14 mentions of „Bioinformatics“ before 1995
- „Journal of Computational Biology“ since 1994
- First professorships in Germany: end of 90th
- First university programs: ~2000
- First German book: 2001
- Commercial hype: 1999 – 2004

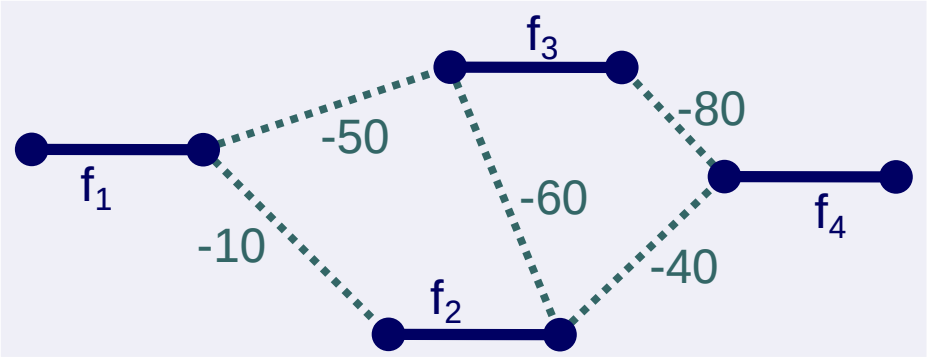
A Concrete Example: Sequencing a Genome

- Chromosomes (yet) cannot be sequenced entirely
  - Instead: Only small fragments can be sequenced
- But: Chromosomes cannot be cut at position X, Y, ...
  - Instead: Chromosomes only can be cut at certain subsequences
- But: We don’t know where in a chromosome those subsequences are
  - Sequence assembly problem



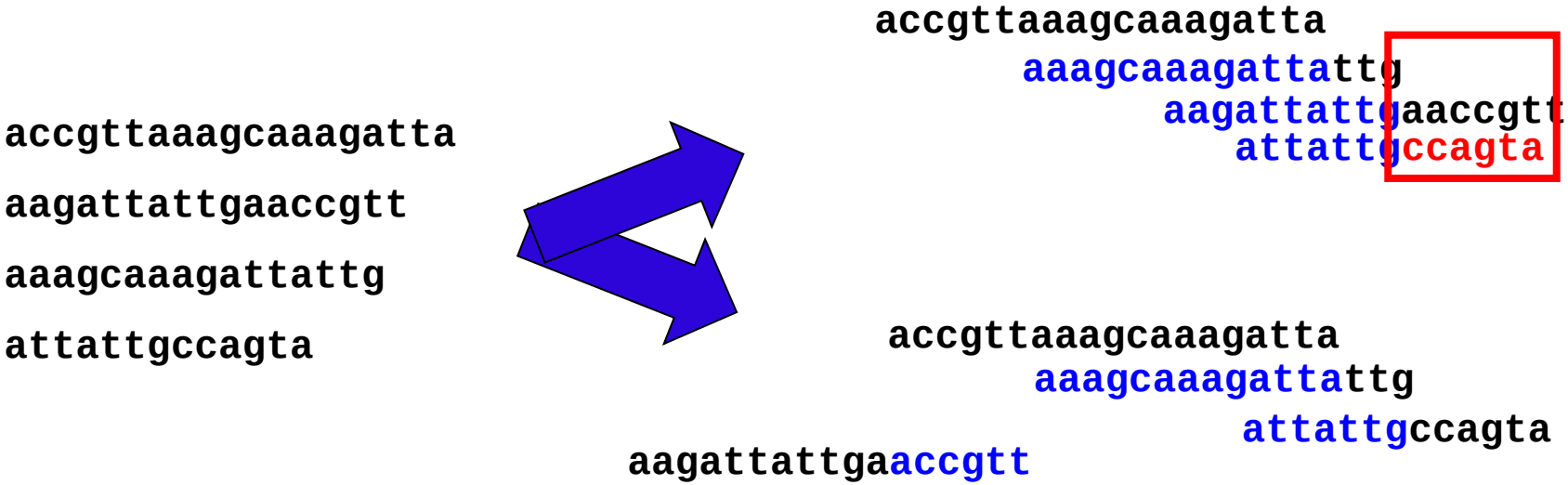
Problem

- Given a large set of (sub)sequences from randomly chosen positions from a given chromosome of unknown sequence
- Assembly problem: Determine the sequence of the original chromosome
  - Everything may overlap with everything to varying degrees
  - Let‘s forget about orientation and sequencing errors



Greedy?

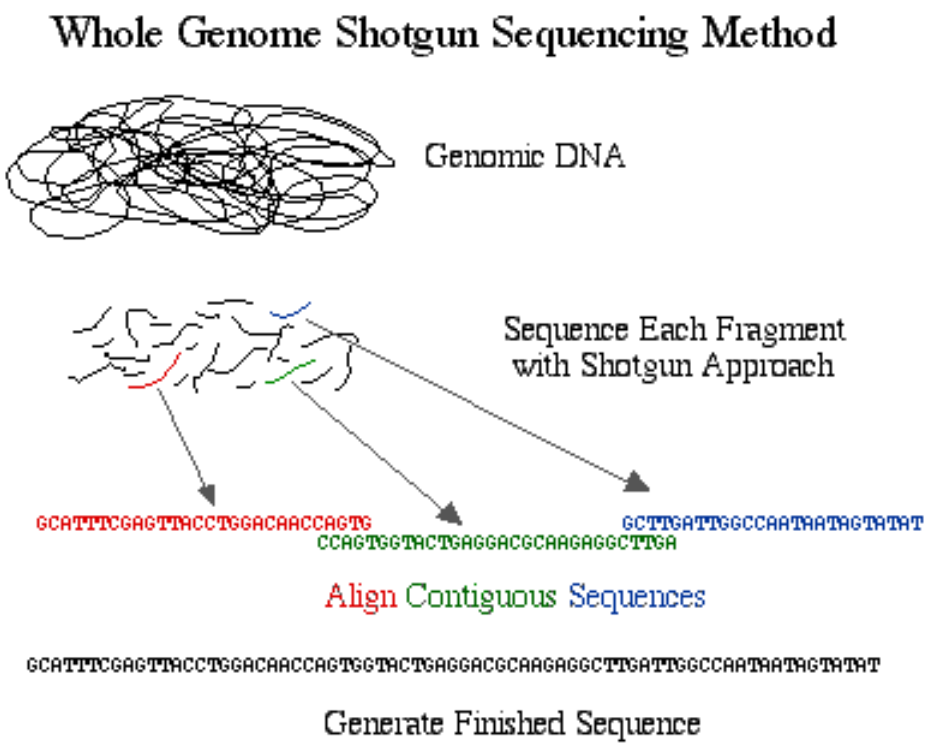
- Take one sequence and compute overlap with all others
- Keep the one with largest overlap and align
- Repeat such extensions until no more sequences are left
  - Note: This would work perfectly if all symbols of the chromosome were distinct



Abstract Formulation

- SUPERSTRING
  - Given a set S of strings
  - Find string t such that
    - (a) $\forall s \in S: s \in t$ (all s are substrings of t)
    - (b) $\forall t'$ for which (a) holds: : $|t| \leq |t'|$ (t ist minimal)
- Problem is NP-complete
  - Very likely, there is no algorithm that solves the problem in less than $k_1 * k_2 2^n$ operations, where k_1, k_2 are constants and $n = |S|$
- Bioinformatics: Find clever heuristics
  - Solve the problem “good enough”
  - Finish in reasonable time

Dimension



- Whole genome shotgun
  - Fragment an entire chromosome in pieces of 1KB-100KB
- Sequence start and end of all fragments
  - Homo sap.: 28 million reads
  - Drosophila: 3.2 million reads
- Eukaryotes are very difficult to assemble because of repeats
  - A random sequence is easy

Drosophila Melanogaster

http://www.yourgenome.org/sites/default/files/styles/banner/public/banners/stories/fruit-flies-in-the-laboratory/single-fruit-fly-drosophila-melanogaster-on-white-background-cropped.jpg

This Lecture

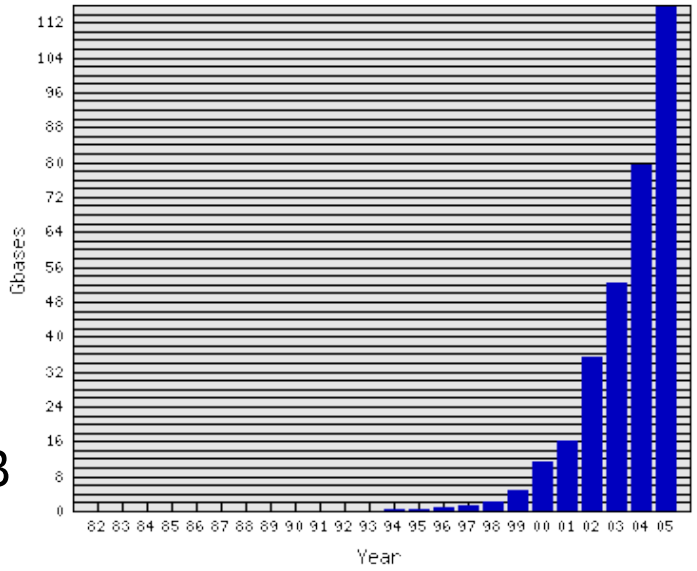
- Formal stuff on the course
- A very short introduction in Molecular Biology
- What is Bioinformatics?
  - And an example
- Topics of this course

Searching Sequences (Strings)

- A chromosome is a string
- Substrings may represent biologically important areas
  - Genes on a chromosome
  - Transcription factor binding sites
  - Similar gene in a different species
  - ...
- Exact or approximate string search

Searching a Database of Strings

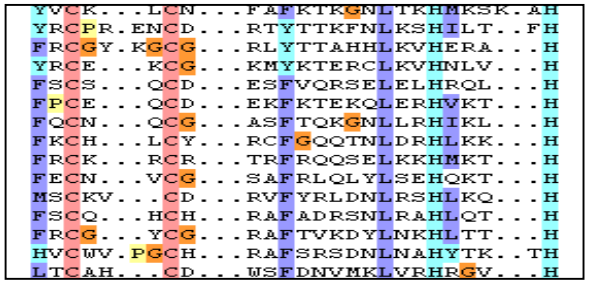
- Comparing two sequences is costly
- Given s, assume we want to find the most similar s' in a database of all known sequences
  - Naïve: Compare s with all strings in DB
  - Will take years and years

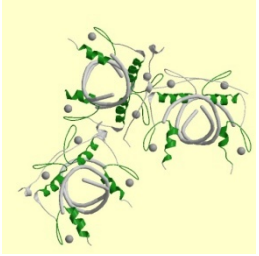


- BLAST: Basic local alignment search tool
  - Ranks all strings in DB according to similarity to s
  - Similarity: High is s, s' contain substrings that are highly similar
  - Heuristic: Might miss certain similar sequences
  - Extremely popular: You can "blast a sequence"

Multiple Sequence Alignment

- Given a set S of sequences: Find an arrangement of all strings in S in columns such that there are (a) few columns and (b) columns are maximally homogeneous
  - Additional spaces allowed



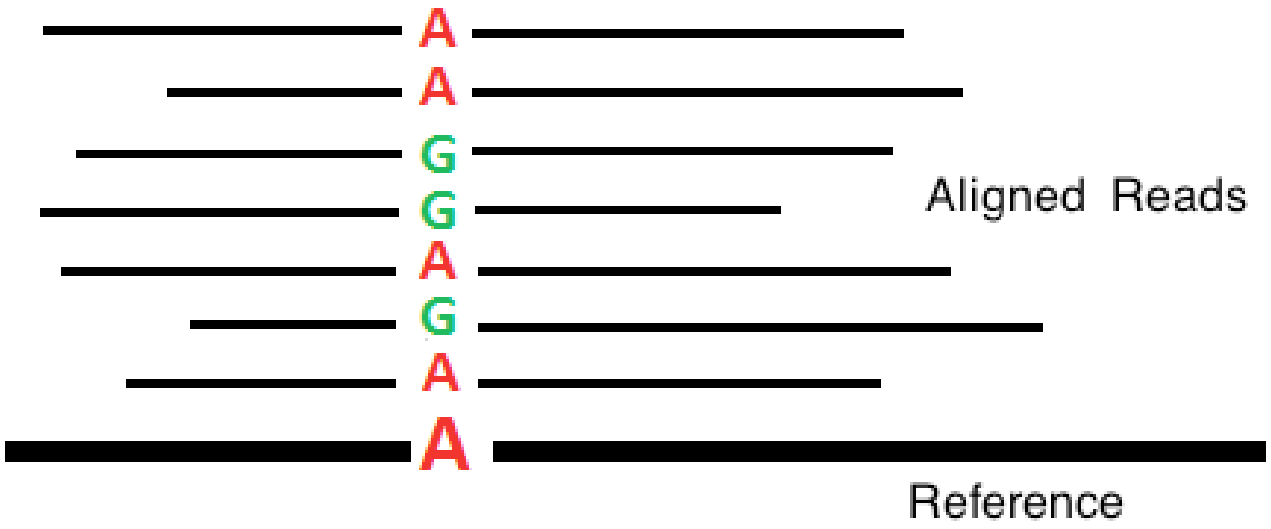


Source: Pfam, Zinc finger domain

- Goal: Find commonality between a set of functionally related sequences
  - Proteins are composed of different functional domains
  - Which domain performs a certain function?

Read Mapping and Variant Calling

- Identify (single nucleotide) variants in the output of next generation sequencing techniques
  - Taking uncertainty into account
- Characterize identified variants



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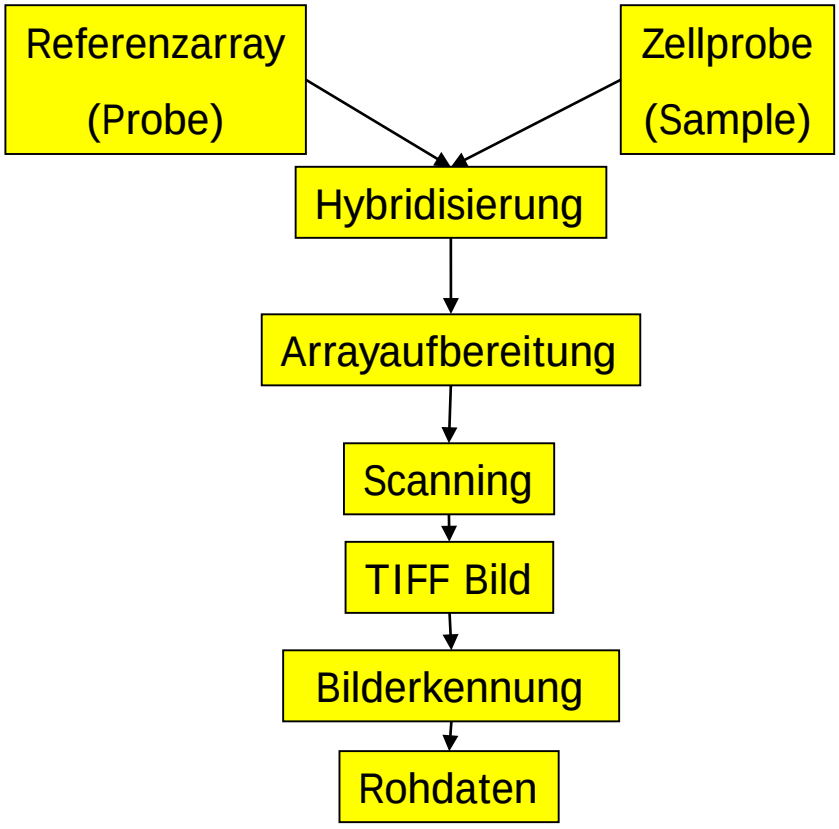
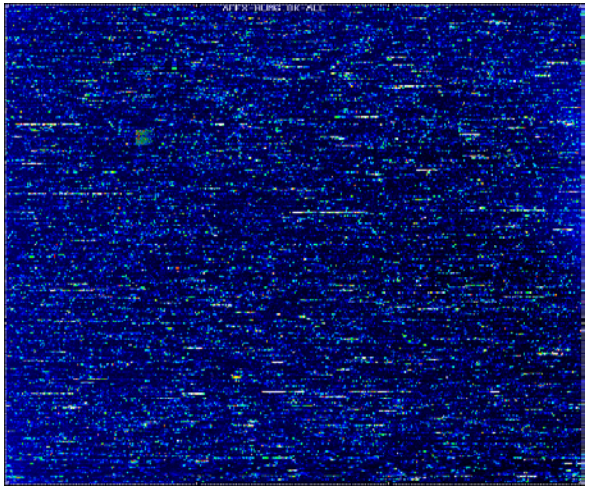
Microarrays / Transcriptomics

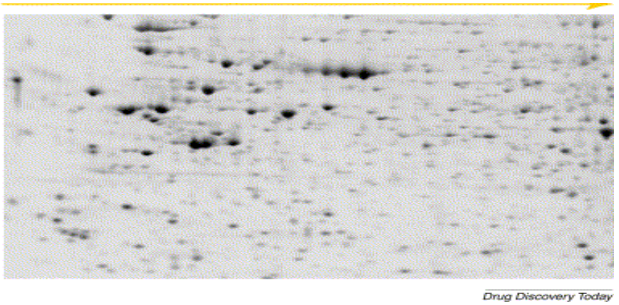




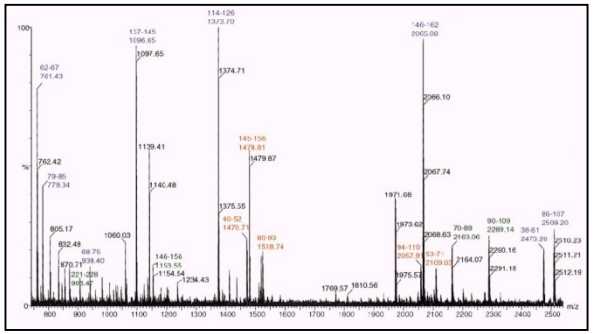
Proteomics

- The real workhorses in a cell are proteins
- But: Much more difficult to study (compared to mRNA)
  - Differential splicing, post-translational modifications, degradation rates, various levels of regulation, ...

- Separation of proteins
  - 2D page, GC / LC

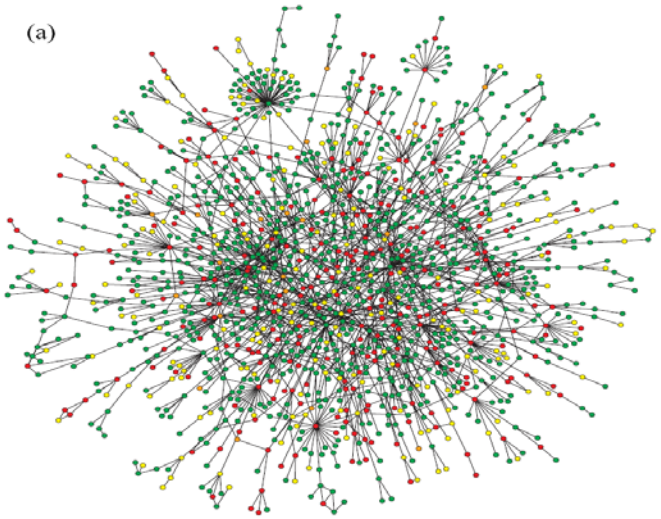


- Identification of proteins
  - Mass-spectrometry



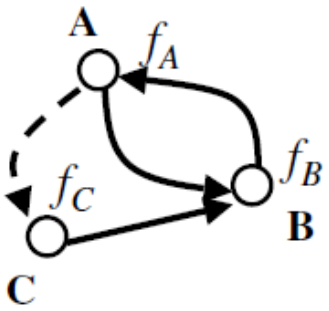
Protein-Protein-Interactions

- Proteins do not work in isolation but interact with each other
  - Metabolism, complex formation, signal transduction, transport, ...
- PPI networks
  - Neighbors tend to have similar functions
  - Interactions tend to be evolutionarily conserved
  - Dense subgraphs (cliques) tend to perform distinct functions
  - Are not random at all



Network Reconstruction

- Molecules perform functions by means of interactions
- Regulation: Networks of genes regulating each other
- Reconstruction: Which gene regulates which other genes in which ways?
- One approach: Boolean networks



$f_A(B) = B$

$f_B(A, C) = A \text{ and } C$

$f_C(A) = \text{not } A$

Boolean Network