



## Bioinformatics Session

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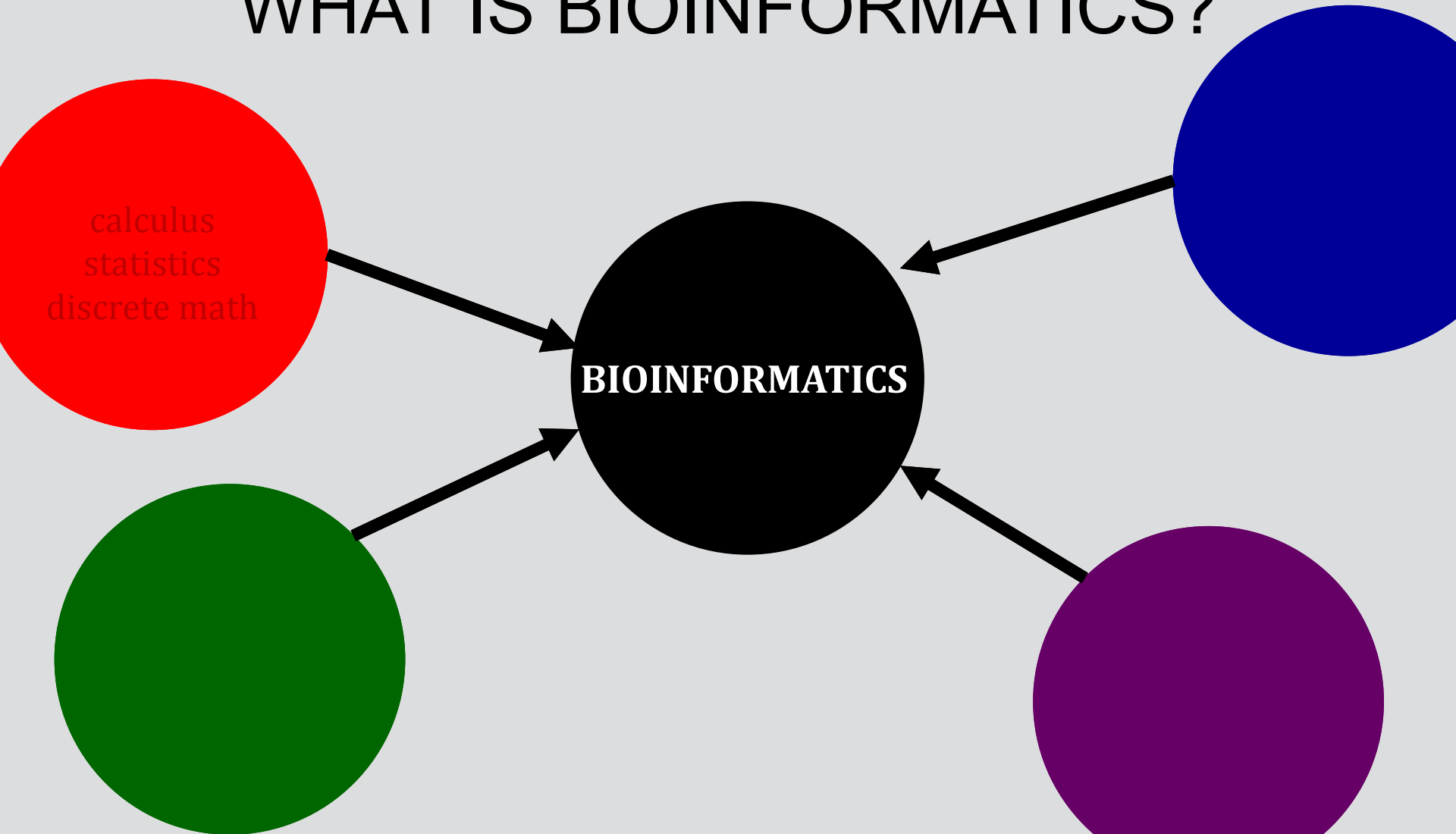


# WHAT IS BIOINFORMATICS?

- The term was originally coined in the mid-1980s to refer to analysis of biological sequences\*
- Later, used to describe all computer applications in biological sciences.
  - Definition varies
    - Bioinformatics is a new scientific discipline with foundations in computer science and molecular biology (and chemistry and mathematics and statistics and. . .)
    - Very few formally trained bioinformaticians—most have migrated from other fields (myself included)

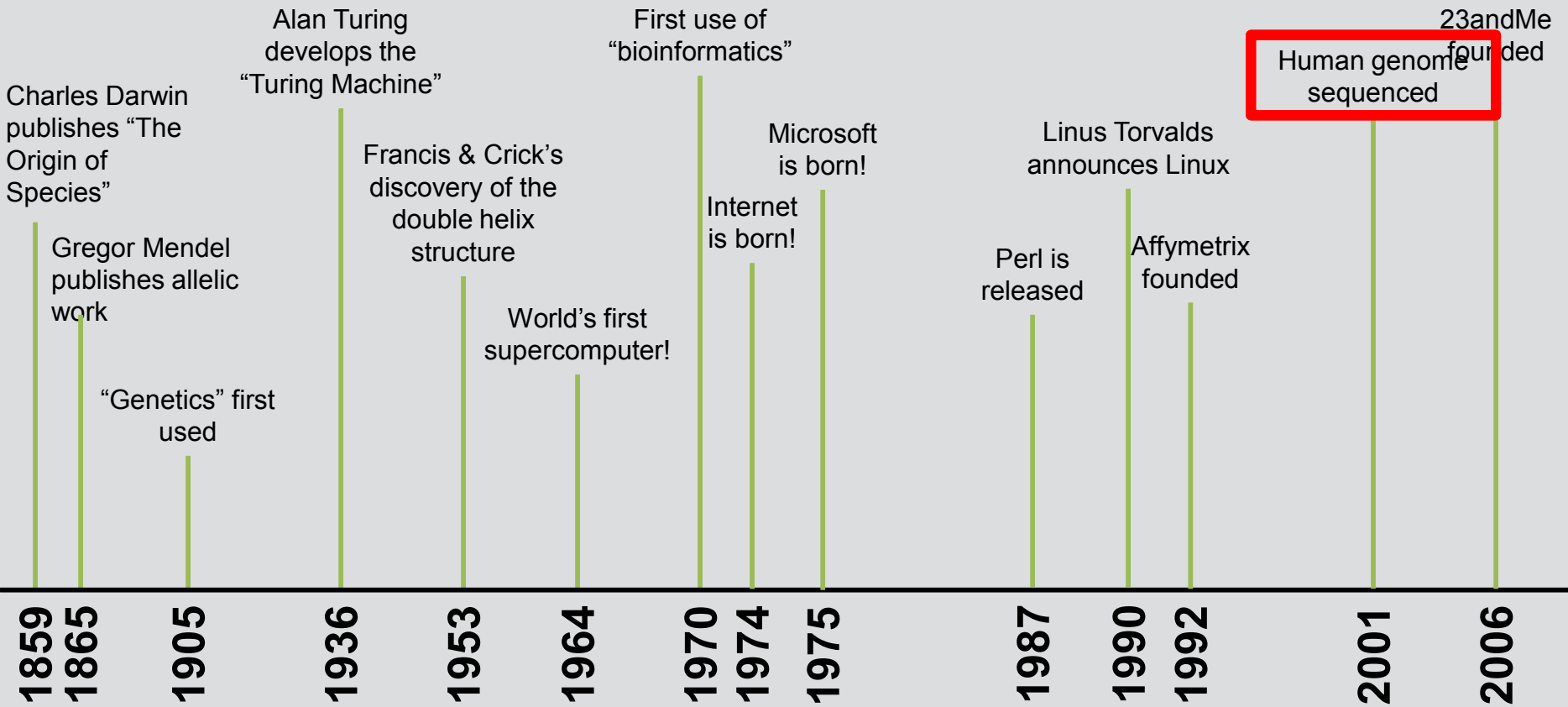


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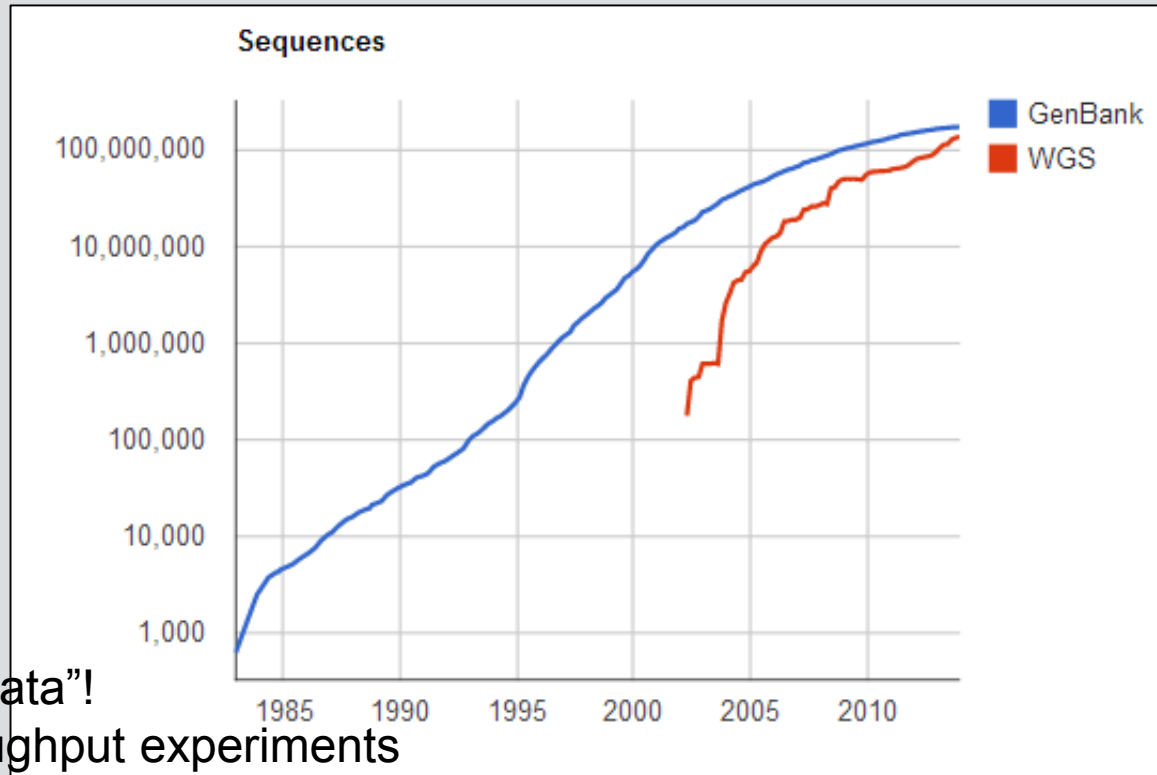


# Brief History of Bioinformatics





# WHY DO WE NEED BIOINFORMATICS?

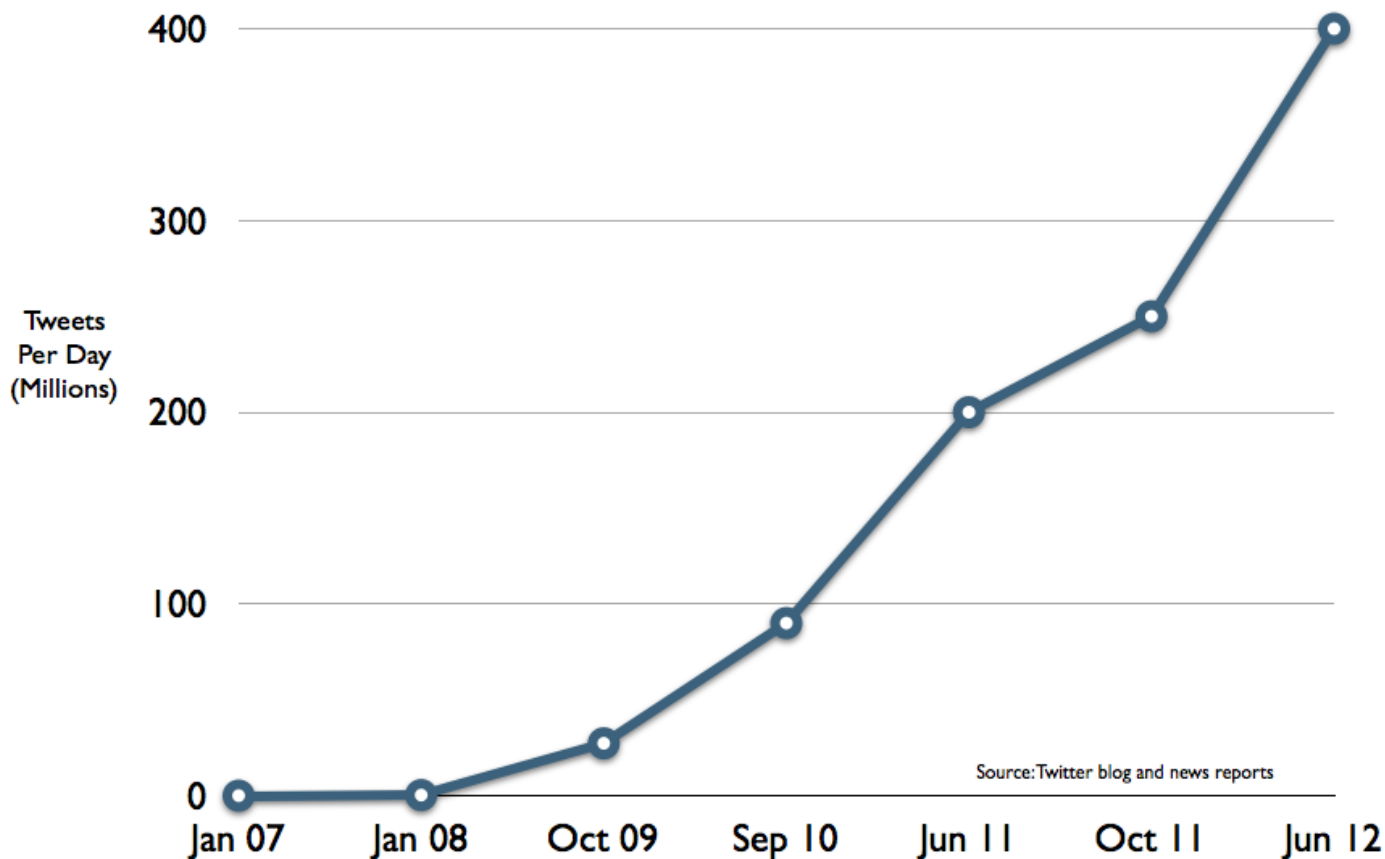


Biomedical “Big data”!

- High-throughput experiments
- Genomes, personalized sequencing
- Complexity of disease
- Health records, public health
- Disaster preparedness



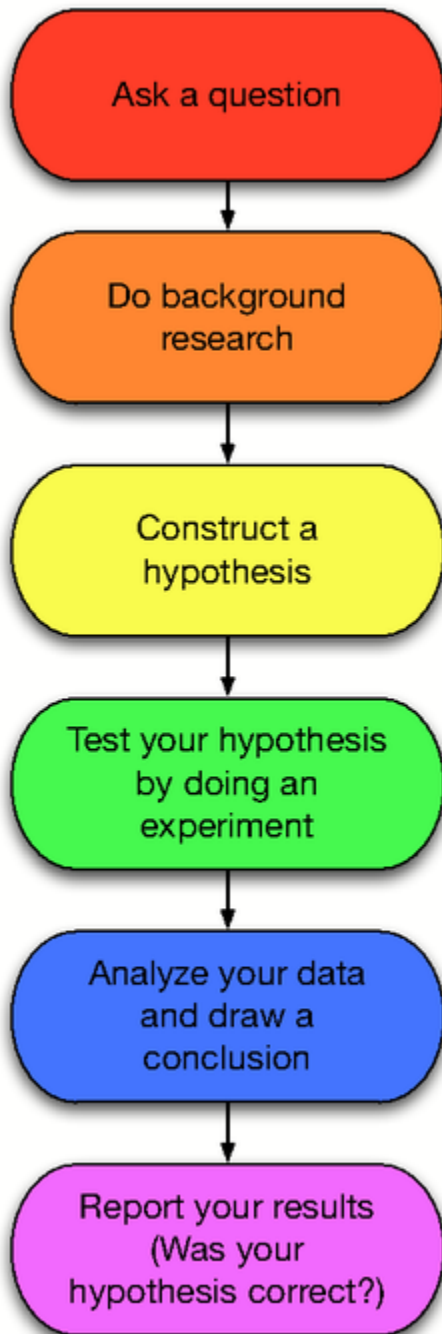
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Source: Twitter blog and news reports

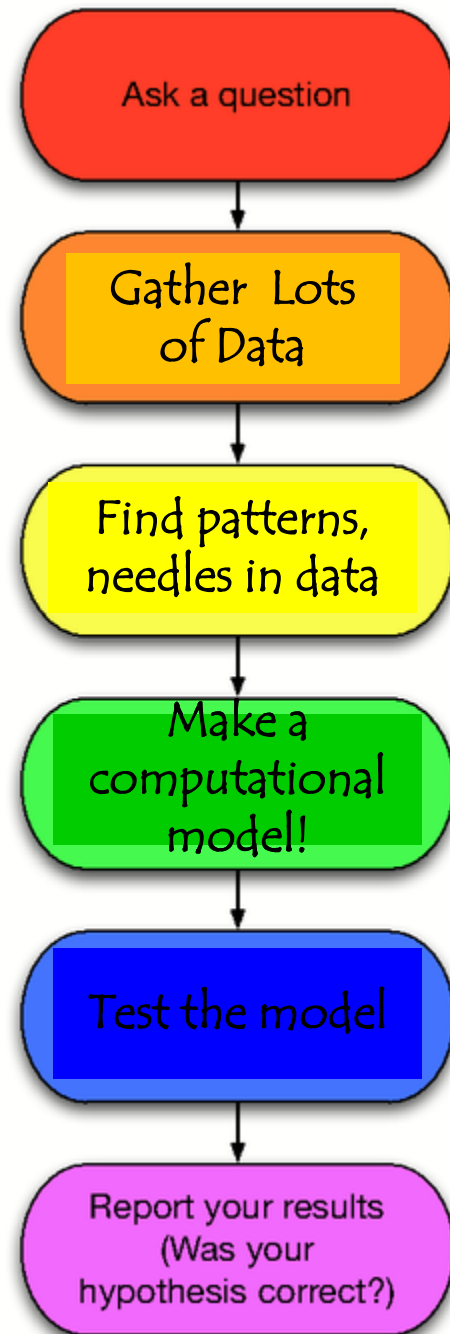


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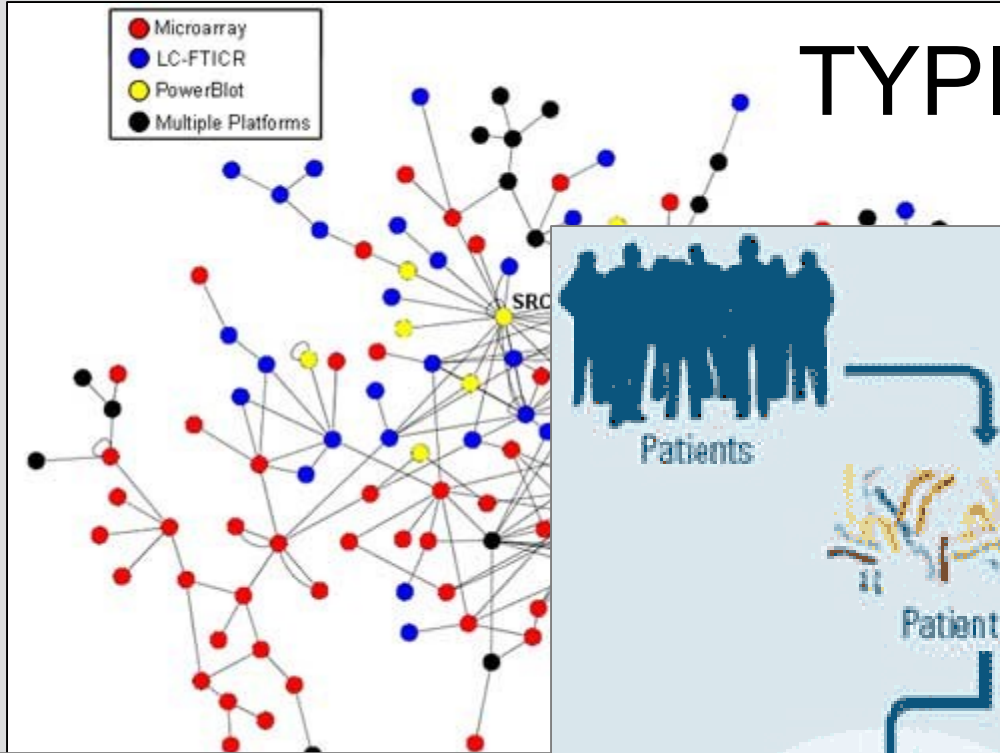
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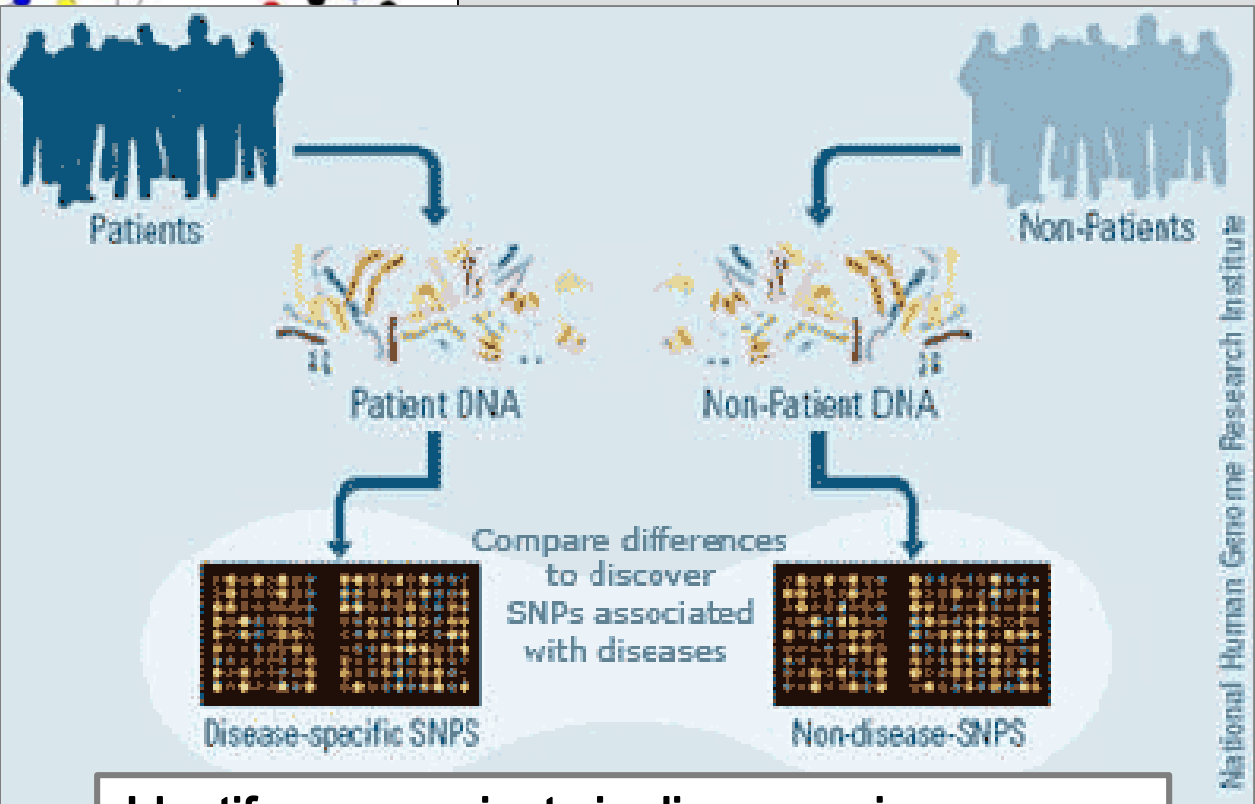




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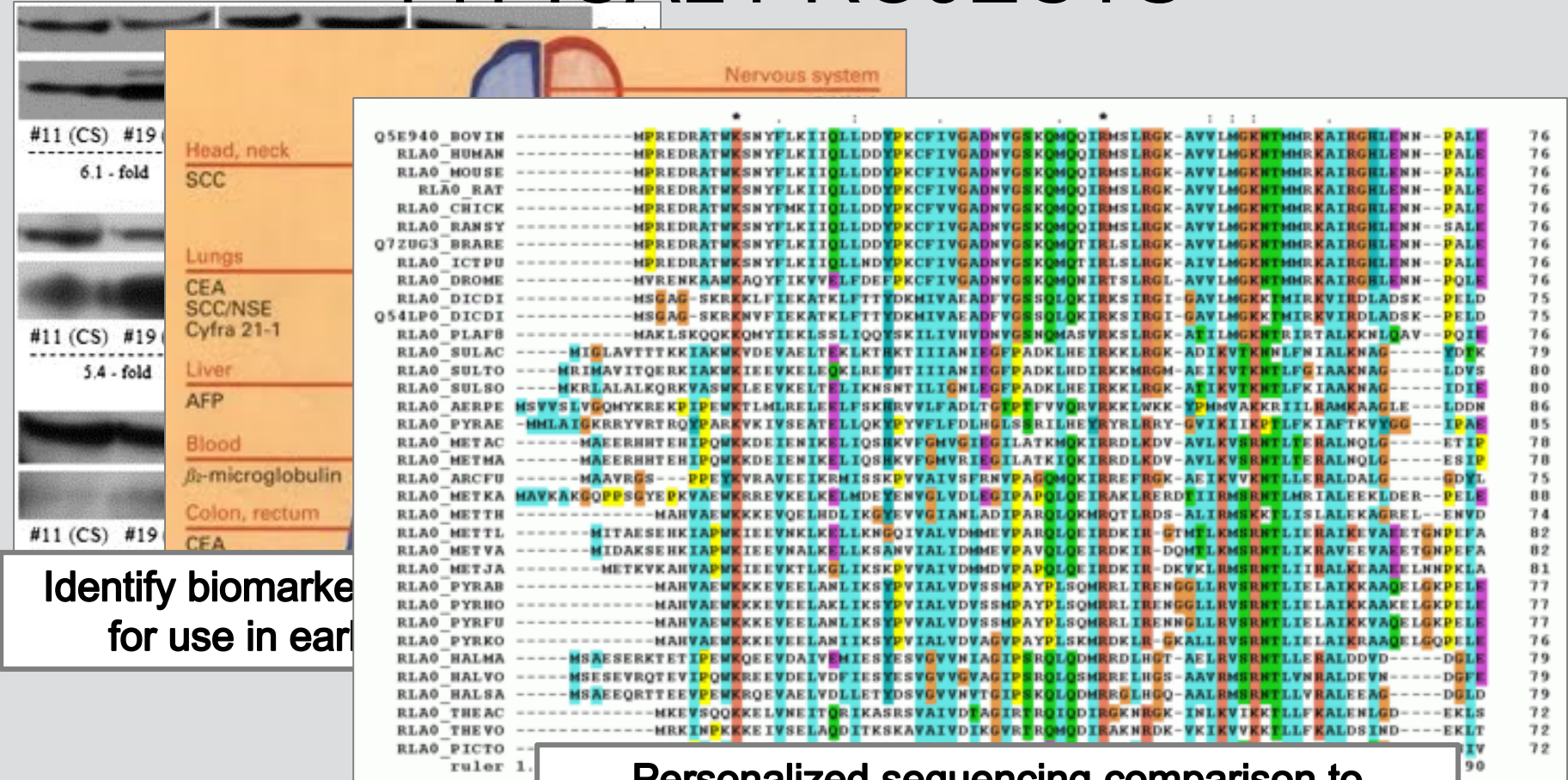
Model co-expression of gene networks & graph the



Identify gene variants in disease using genome-wide association studies (GWAS)



# TYPICAL PROJECTS





# THE CENTRAL DOGMA OF BIOINFORMATICS



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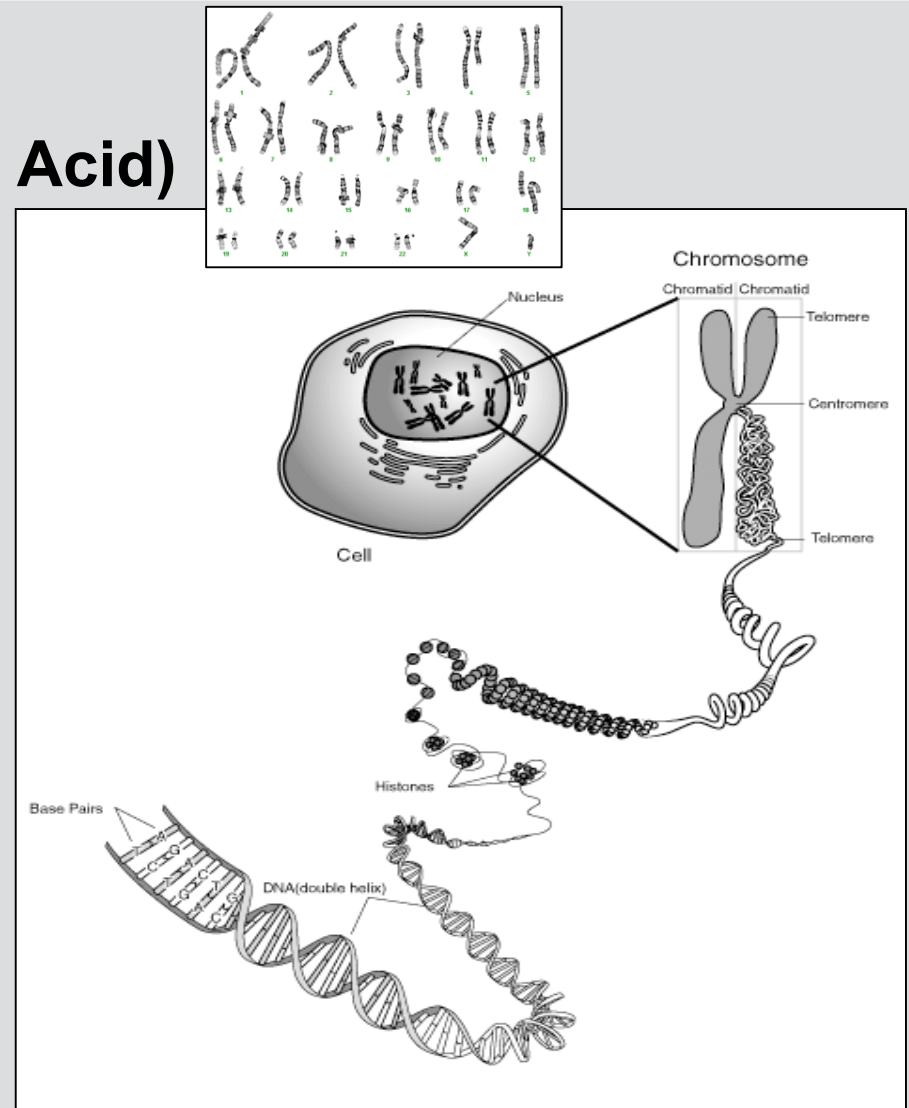


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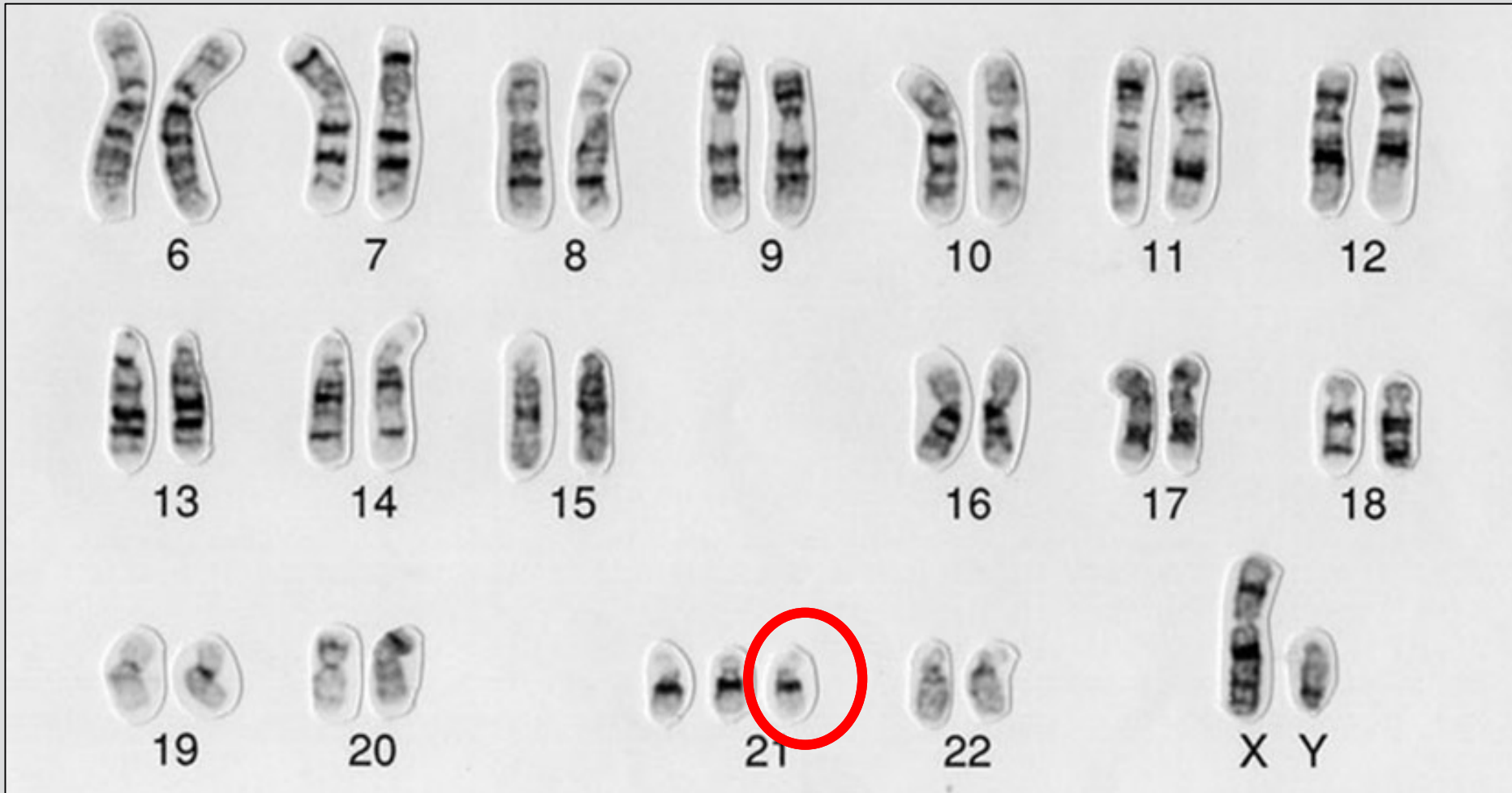


## DNA (Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid)

- ▶ Genetic material
- ▶ Polymer of nitrogenous bases (A, **T**, G & C)
- ▶ Contains hereditary information (Genes) in the chromosome
- ▶ Chromosome is a thread like linear strand of DNA and associated proteins (histones)
- ▶ Chromosomes constitute the genome of an organism

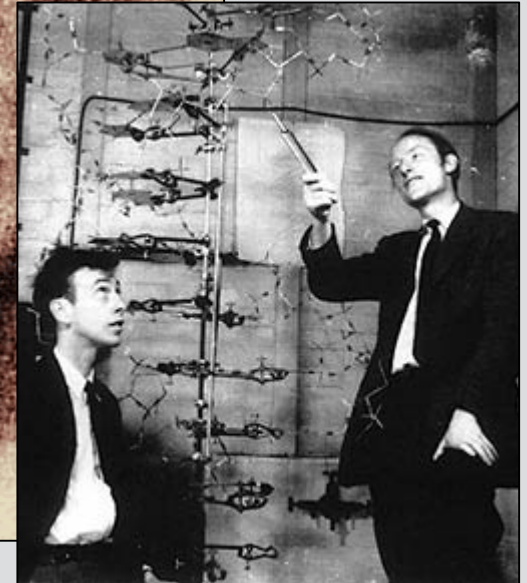
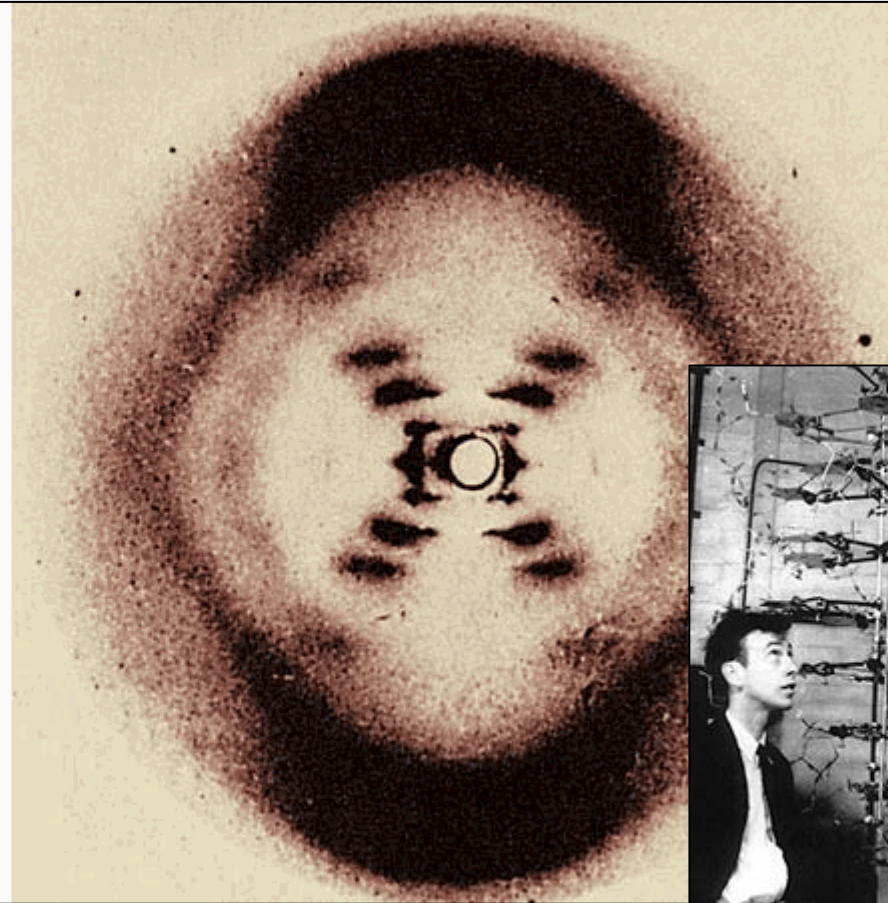








# Rosalind Franklin!





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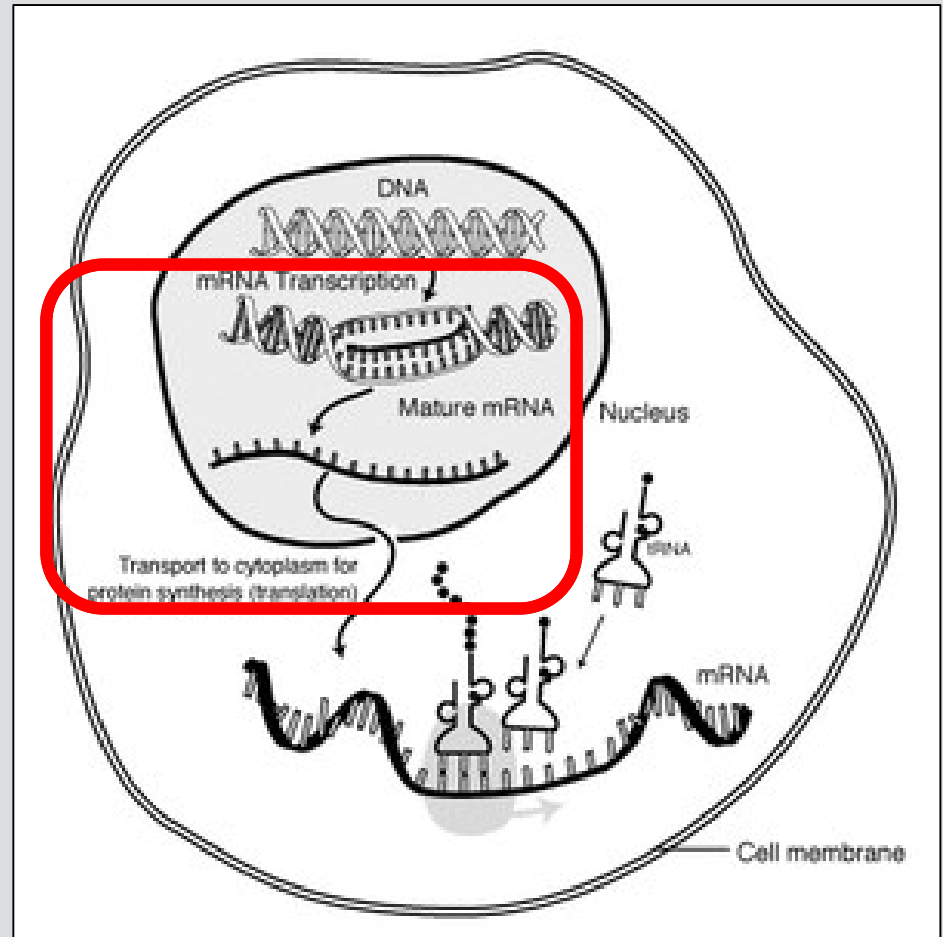
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## RNA (RiboNucleic Acid)

- ▶ Polymer of nucleotides (A, **U**, G & C)
- ▶ The temporary copy of a gene
- ▶ Copied in the nucleus, transported to cytoplasm to become protein





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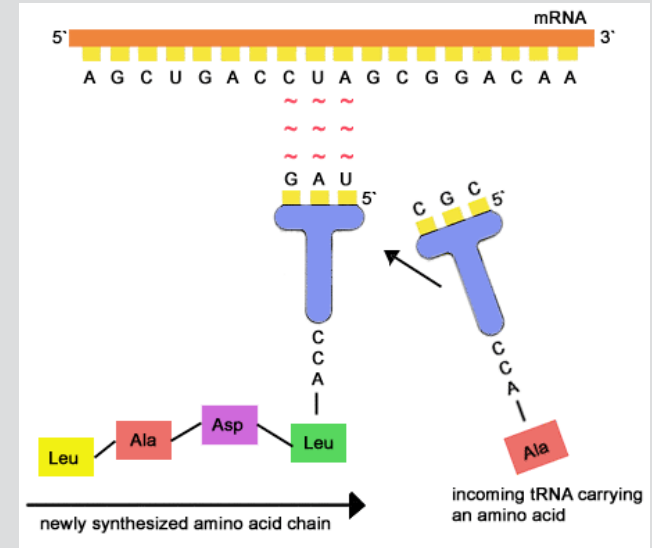


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# Proteins

- Functional unit of life
- Polymer of 20 naturally occurring amino acids
- Made from RNA molecules during translation by ribosome



		Second Base				
		U	C	A	G	
U	UUU	Phe	UCU	Tyr	UGU	Cys
	UUC		UCC	UAC	UGC	C
	UUA	Leu	UCA	UAA Stop	UGA Stop	A
	UUG		UCG	UAG Stop	UGG	Trp
C	CUU		CCU	CAU	CGU	U
	CUC	Leu	CCC	CAC	CGC	Arg
	CUA		CCA	CAA	CGA	A
	CUG		CCG	CAG	CGG	G
A	AUU		ACU	AAU	AGU	Ser
	AUC	Ile	ACC	AAC	AGC	C
	AUA		ACA	AAA	AGA	Arg
	AUG	Met / Start	ACG	AAG	AGG	G
G	GUU		GCU	CAU	GGU	U
	GUC	Val	GCC	GAC	GGC	Gly
	GUA		GCA	GAA	GGA	A
	GUG		GCG	GAG	GGG	G



## Onward to Activity 1

- Central Dogma
  - If you remember one thing, remember this!
- Bioinformatics has roots in biology
- To learn what the human genome is, we must first get the genome out of the cells!



# ACTIVITY 1:

## Extracting DNA from a Strawberry

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOpu4iN5Bh4&noredirect=1>





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Where is the cure for cancer?

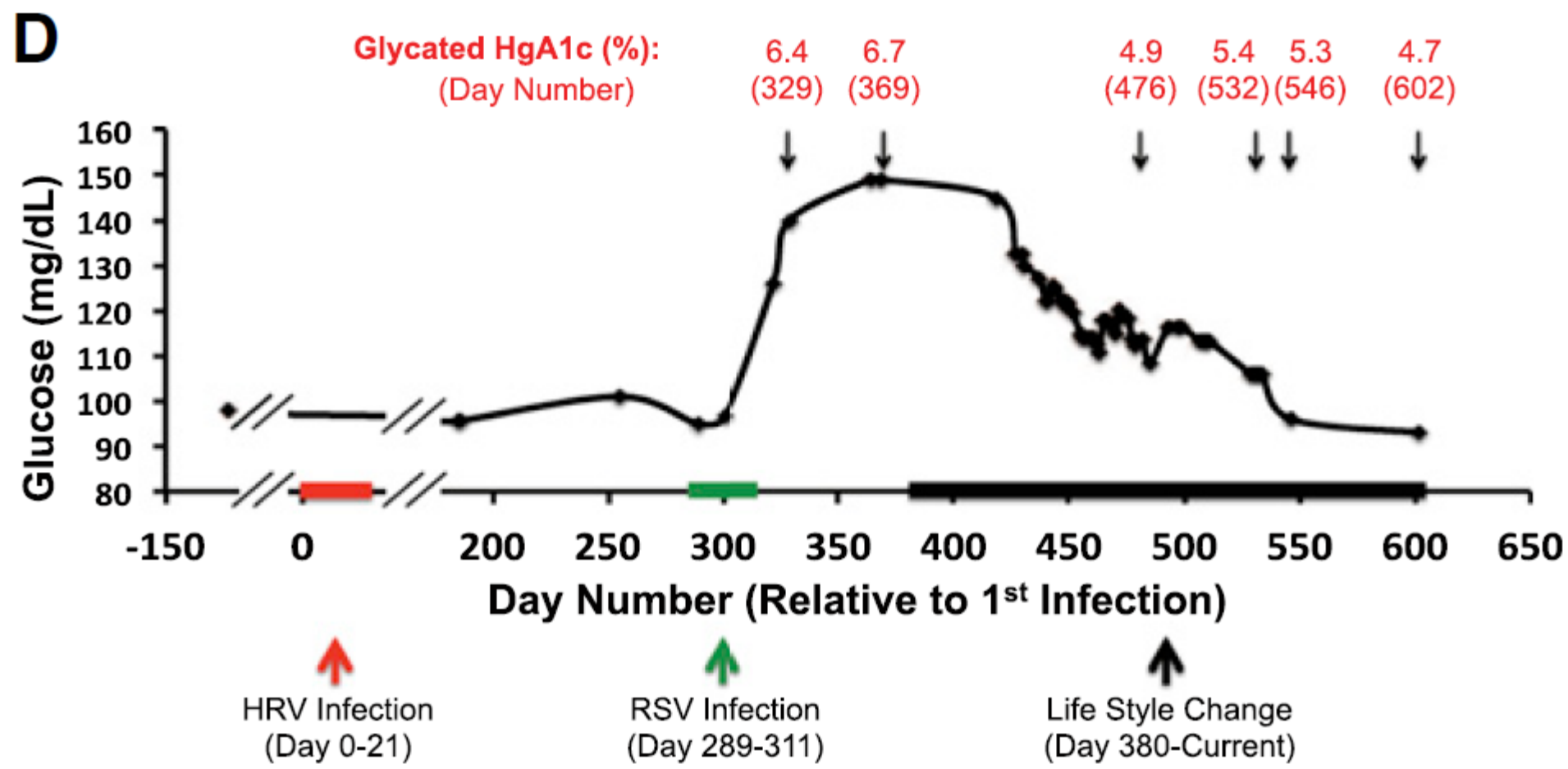
Why is AIDS still misunderstood?





## Personalized Medicine Study

- 54yr old male volunteer
- Plasma and serum used for testing
- 14 month time course
- Complete medical exams and labs at each meeting (20 time points total)
- Extensive sampling at 2 periods of viral infection:
  - HRV (human rhinovirus) – common cold
  - RSV (respiratory syncytial) - bronchitis





Resource

Cell

# Personal Omics Profiling Reveals Dynamic Molecular and Medical Phenotypes

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# Techniques

Techniques used:

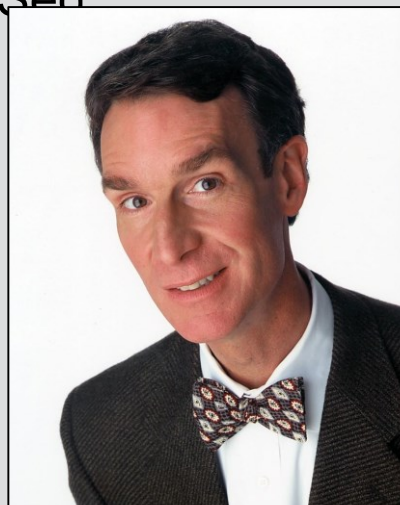
- HRV and RSV
- Whole-genome
- Whole-exome
- Sanger-DNA s
- Whole-transcr
- Small RNA se



mRNA-Seq  
Seq



Proteome Profiling  
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 Assay  
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*We don't know everything.*

*There's lots and lots of data.*

*Life is complex.*

*Everyone is unique.*



## Databases

- Pubmed – Journal articles on biomedical research
- OMIM – Disease genes in humans
- Genbank – All known data on genes and their proteins, and their DNA sequence
- PDB – 3-D proteins structures
- MGD – Organism specific (mouse)



## Phenotypic Alleles

Query Results -- Summary

Symbol  
Name **KI**  
ID **klotho**  
MGI:1101771

9 matching Alleles (1 Gene/Marker represented)

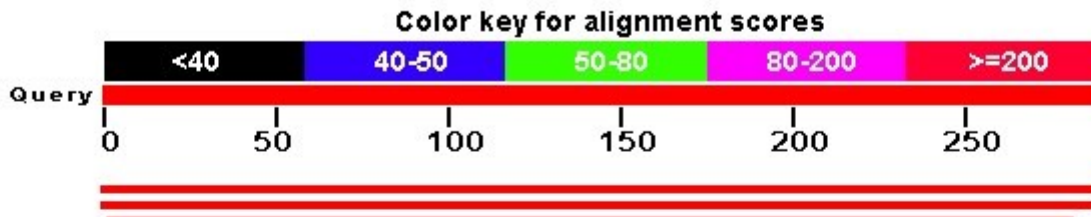
Allele Symbol Gene; Allele Name	Chr	Synonyms	Category	Abnormal Phenotypes Reported in these Systems	Human Disease Models
<a href="#">Kl<sup>kl</sup></a> klotho; klotho	5	alpha-kl-, kl, Kl-, klotho <sup>hm</sup>	Transgenic (random, gene disruption)	adipose, behavior, cardiovascular, cellular, endocrine/exocrine, growth/size, hematopoietic, homeostasis, immune, integument, limbs/digits/tail, liver/biliary, mortality/aging, muscle, nervous system, other, reproductive, respiratory, skeleton	<a href="#">Emphysema, Hereditary Pulmonary</a> 130700; <a href="#">Klotho</a> ; <a href="#">KL</a> 604824
<a href="#">Kl<sup>tm1.1Tel</sup></a> klotho; targeted mutation 1.1, Tobias E Larsson	5	Klotho <sup>flox</sup>	Targeted (Floxed/Frt)	homeostasis, renal/urinary	
<a href="#">Kl<sup>tm1.2Tel</sup></a> klotho; targeted mutation 1.2, Tobias E Larsson	5	beta-KL-	Targeted (knock-out)	behavior, growth/size, homeostasis, mortality/aging, renal/urinary, skeleton	
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<a href="#">Kl<sup>tm1Yin</sup></a> klotho; targeted mutation 1, Yo-ichi Nabeshima	5	kl-	Targeted (knock-out)	adipose, growth/size, homeostasis, mortality/aging, skeleton	
<a href="#">Kl<sup>tm2Yin</sup></a> klotho; targeted mutation 2, Yo-ichi Nabeshima	5	kl- <sup>geo</sup>	Targeted (Reporter)	cardiovascular, mortality/aging	
<a href="#">Kl<sup>Gt(522F6)Cmhd</sup></a> klotho; gene trap 522F6, Centre for Modeling Human Disease	5		Gene trapped <b>(Cell Line)</b>		
<a href="#">Kl<sup>tm1a(EUCOMM)Hmqv</sup></a> klotho; targeted mutation 1a, Helmholtz Zentrum Muenchen GmbH	5		Targeted (Floxed/Frt) <b>(Cell Line)</b>		
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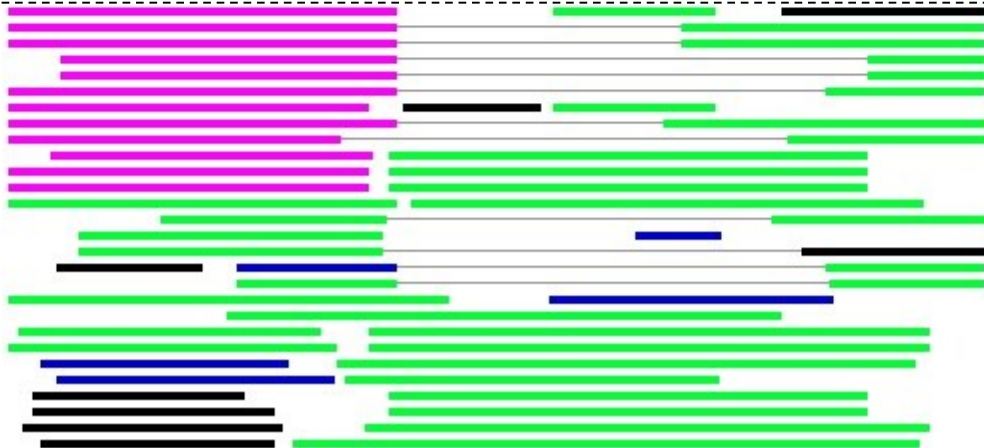
## Distribution of 491 Blast Hits on the Query Sequence

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Mouse-over to show define and scores, click to show alignments



If I give you a gene sequence, tell me which of the billions of known sequences is most similar to it.



**BLAST**





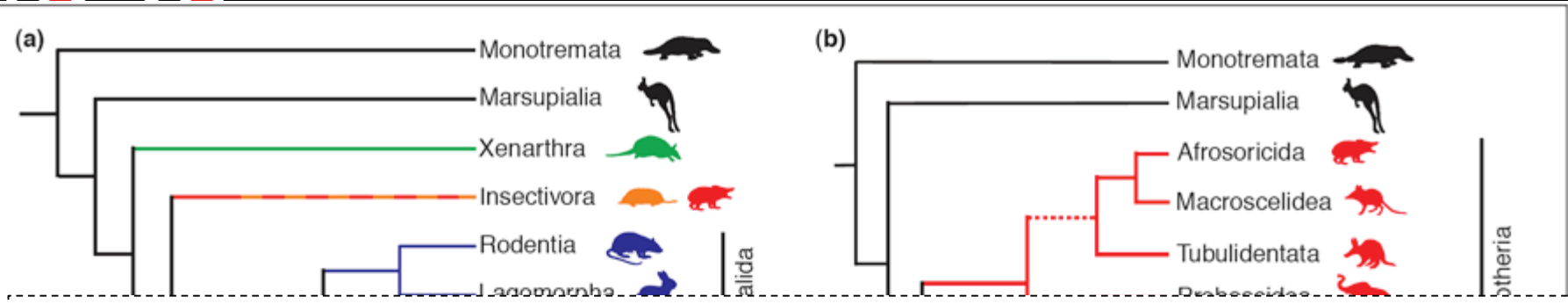
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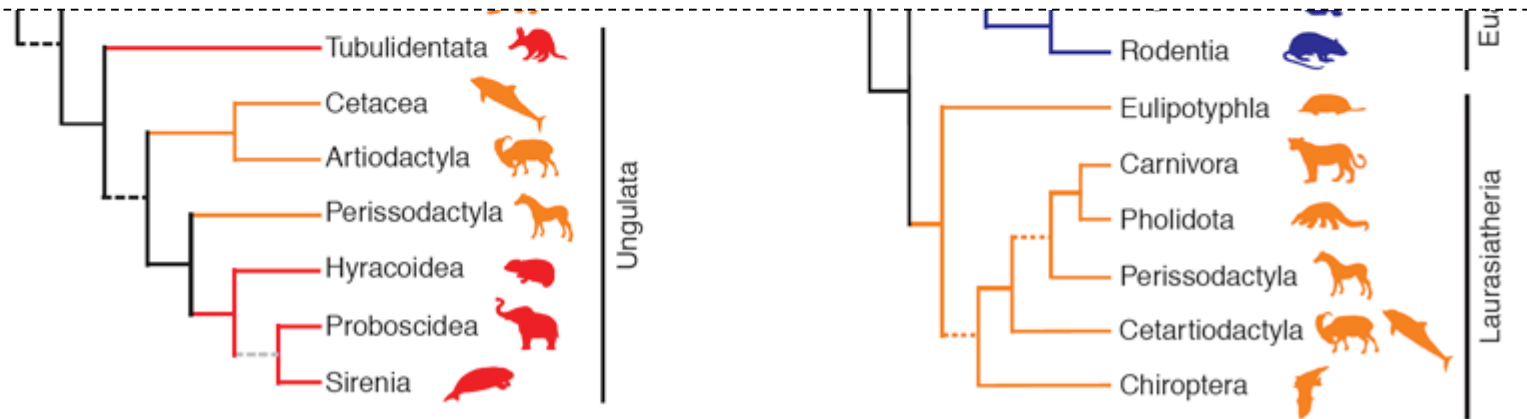
If I give you a bunch of sequences, tell me where they are the same and where they are different.

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P68225	RFFESFGDLS	SPDAVMGNPK	VKAHGKKVLG	AFSDGLNHLD	80
P68873	RFFESFGDLS	TPDAVMGNPK	VKAHGKKVLG	AFSDGLAHLNLD	80
P68228	RFFESFGDLS	TADAVMNNPK	VKAHGSKVLN	SFGDGLSHLD	80

Alignment (Clustal, MUSCLE, Tcoffee)



**If I give you a bunch of sequences from different animals, tell me how they are related.**



# Phylogenetics



>Mouse

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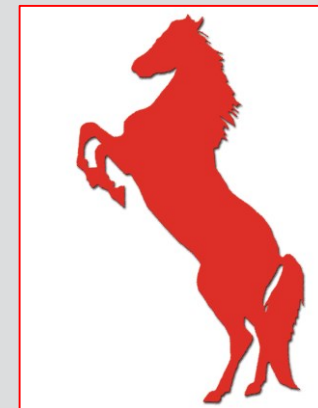
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>Horse

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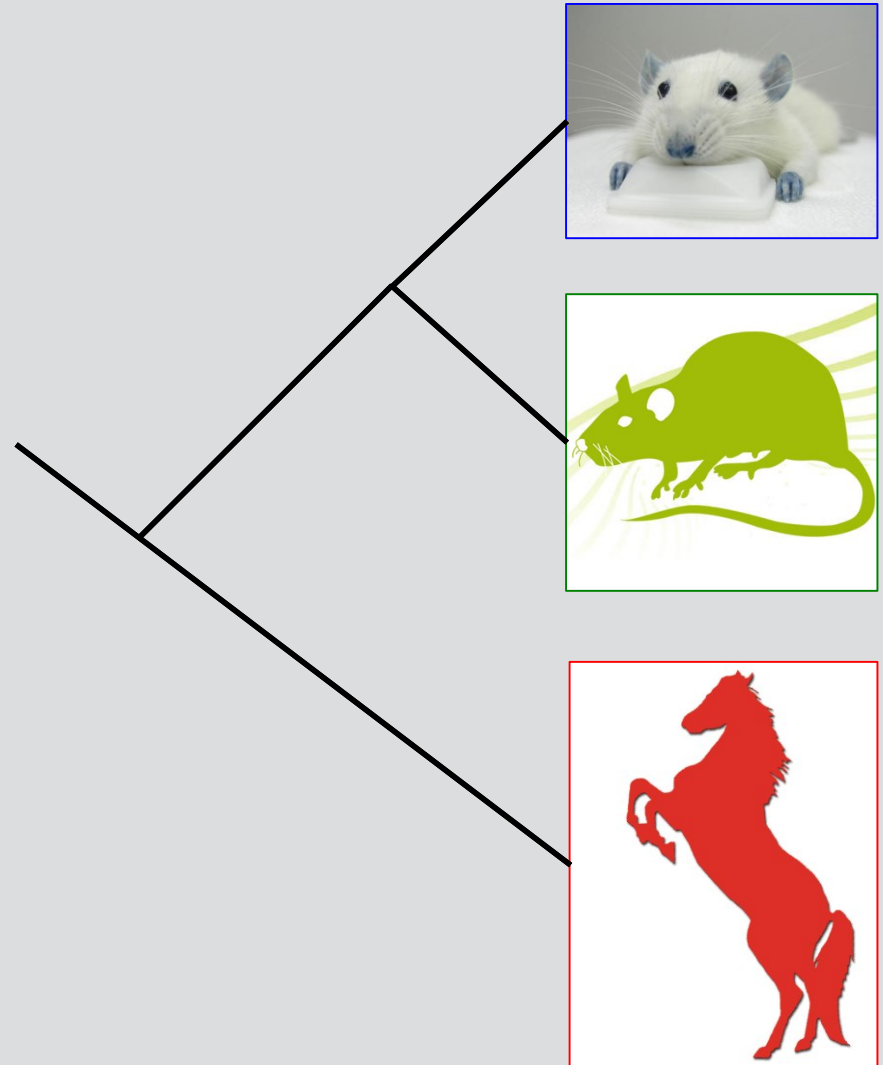
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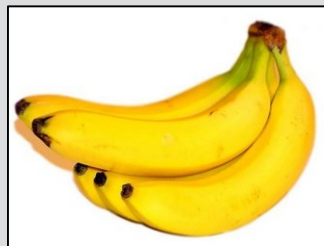
99.9%



96-99.4%



94%



50-60%



We already have some databases and tools .

- ....but we need more to solve those questions.
- Example: A disease where only *one set of 3 DNA bases is missing*.
  - Do you know what this disease is?
- Activity 2:
  - The knowledge in bioinformatics databases
  - How to use some tools: BLAST, Alignment, Translation!

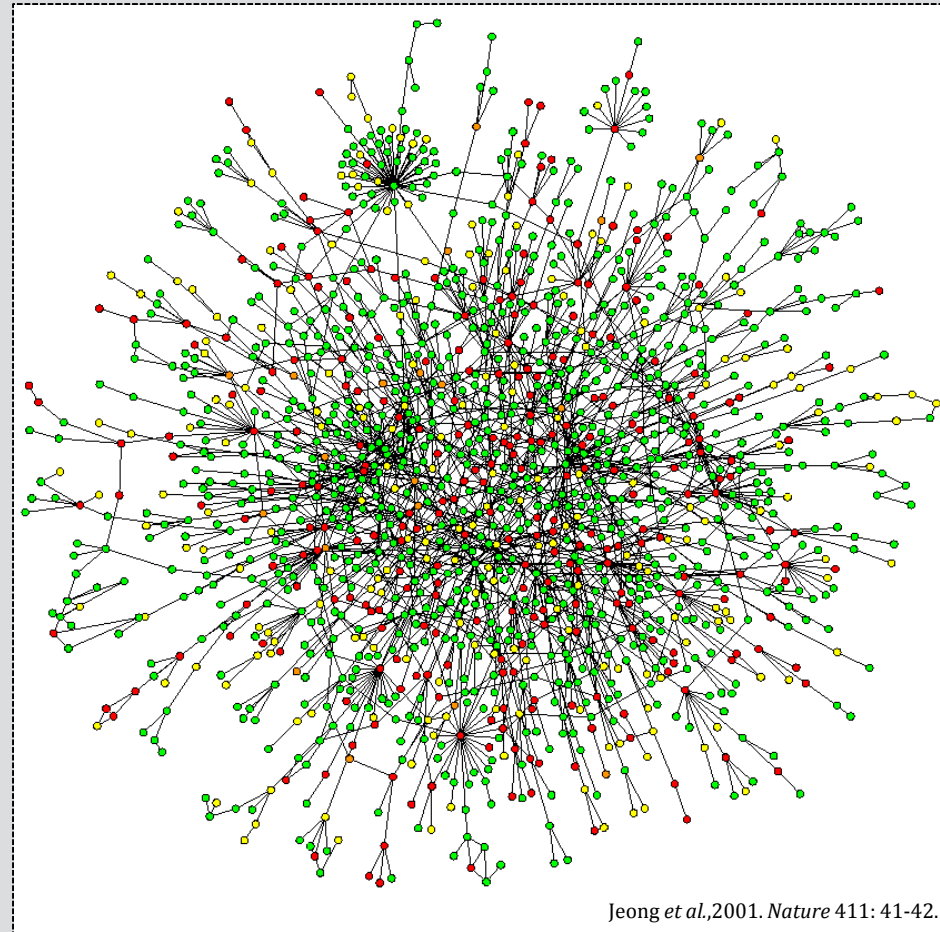


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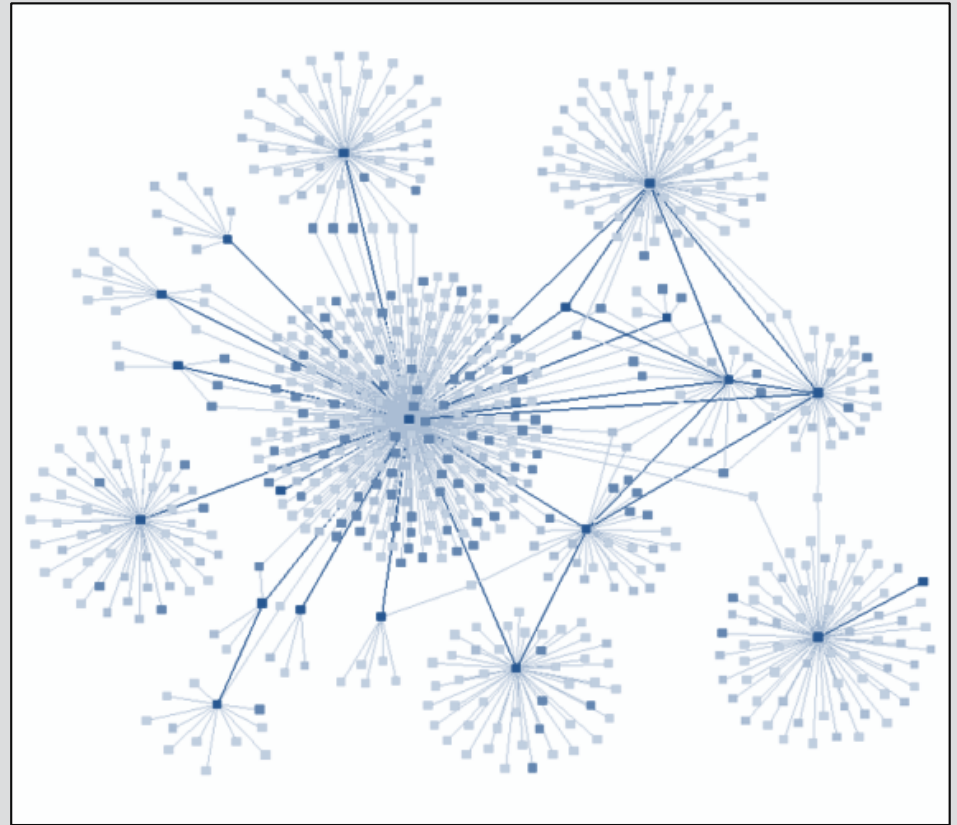
- Massive amounts of data
- Many generation methods
- FEW ANALYSIS methods
- “Signal corruption”
- *How to model data??*
- *How to extract knowledge?*



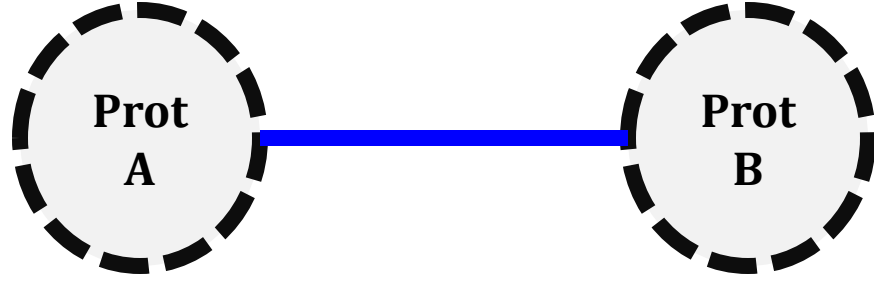
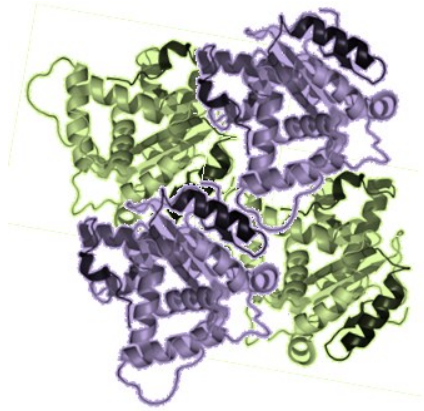
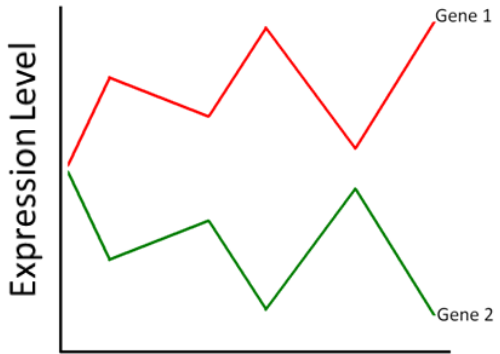


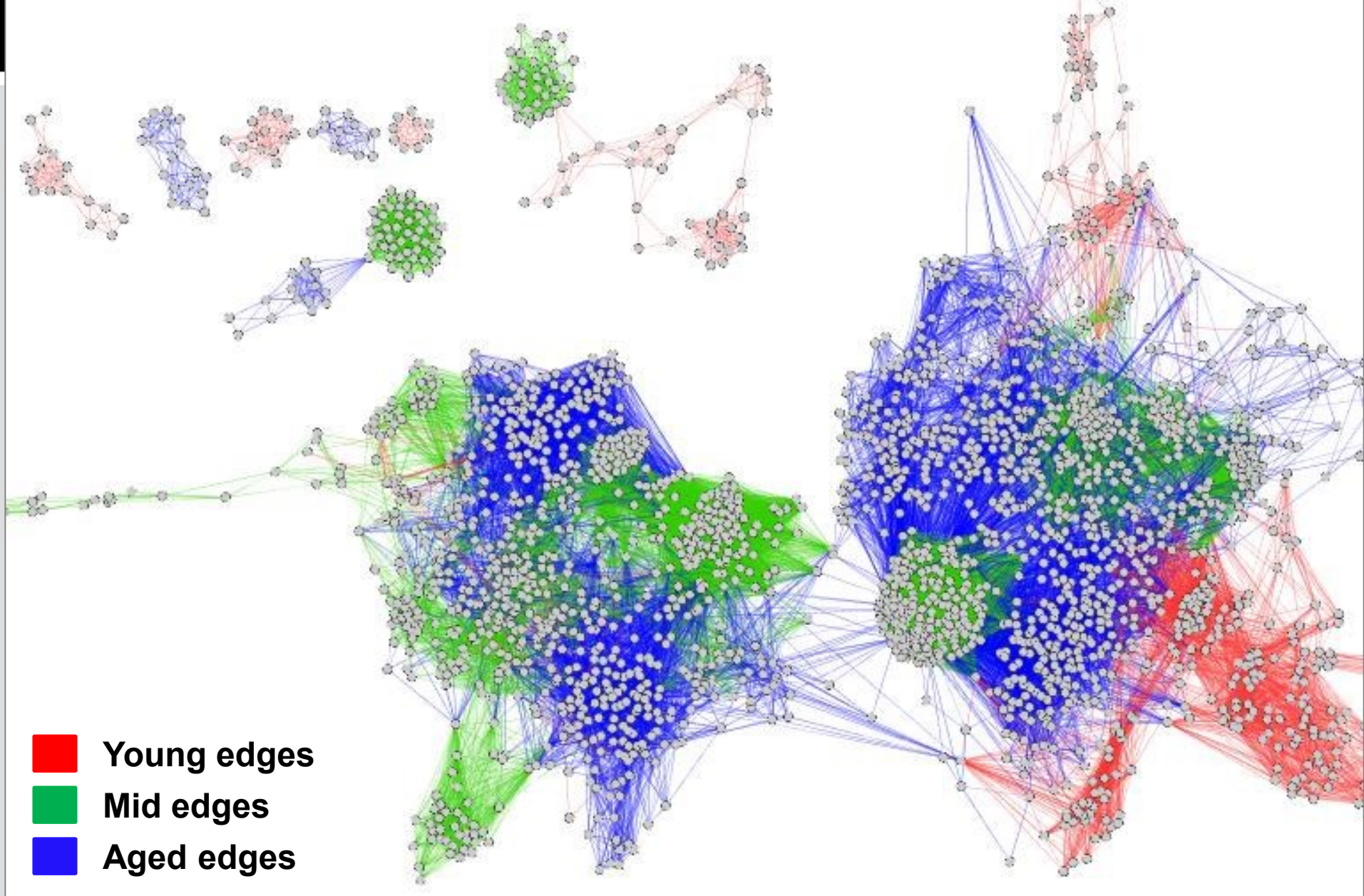


- A network:
- Elements and their interactions.
- Nodes  $\rightarrow$  elements
- Edges  $\rightarrow$  interactions
- Any relationship can be modeled using the network model



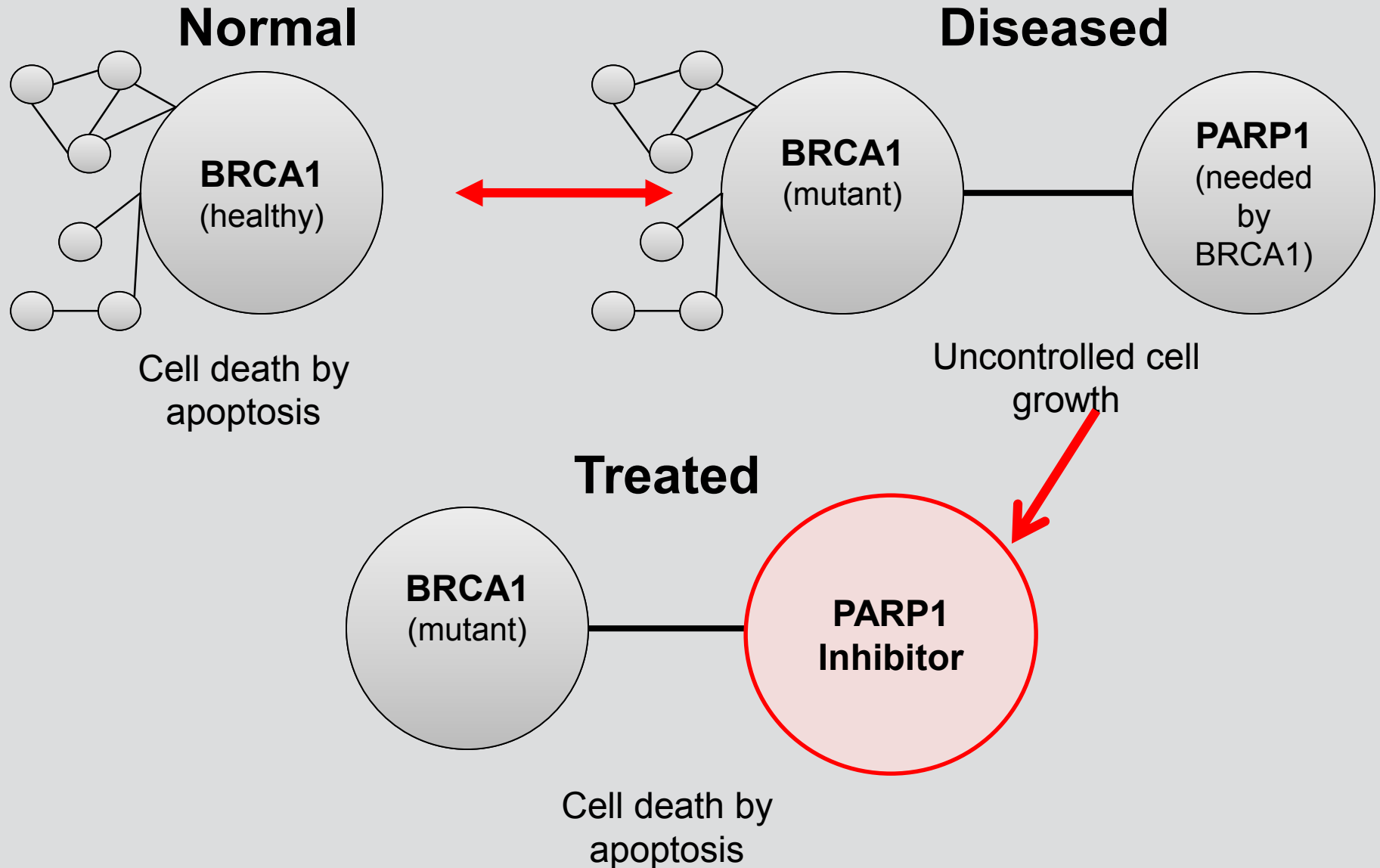
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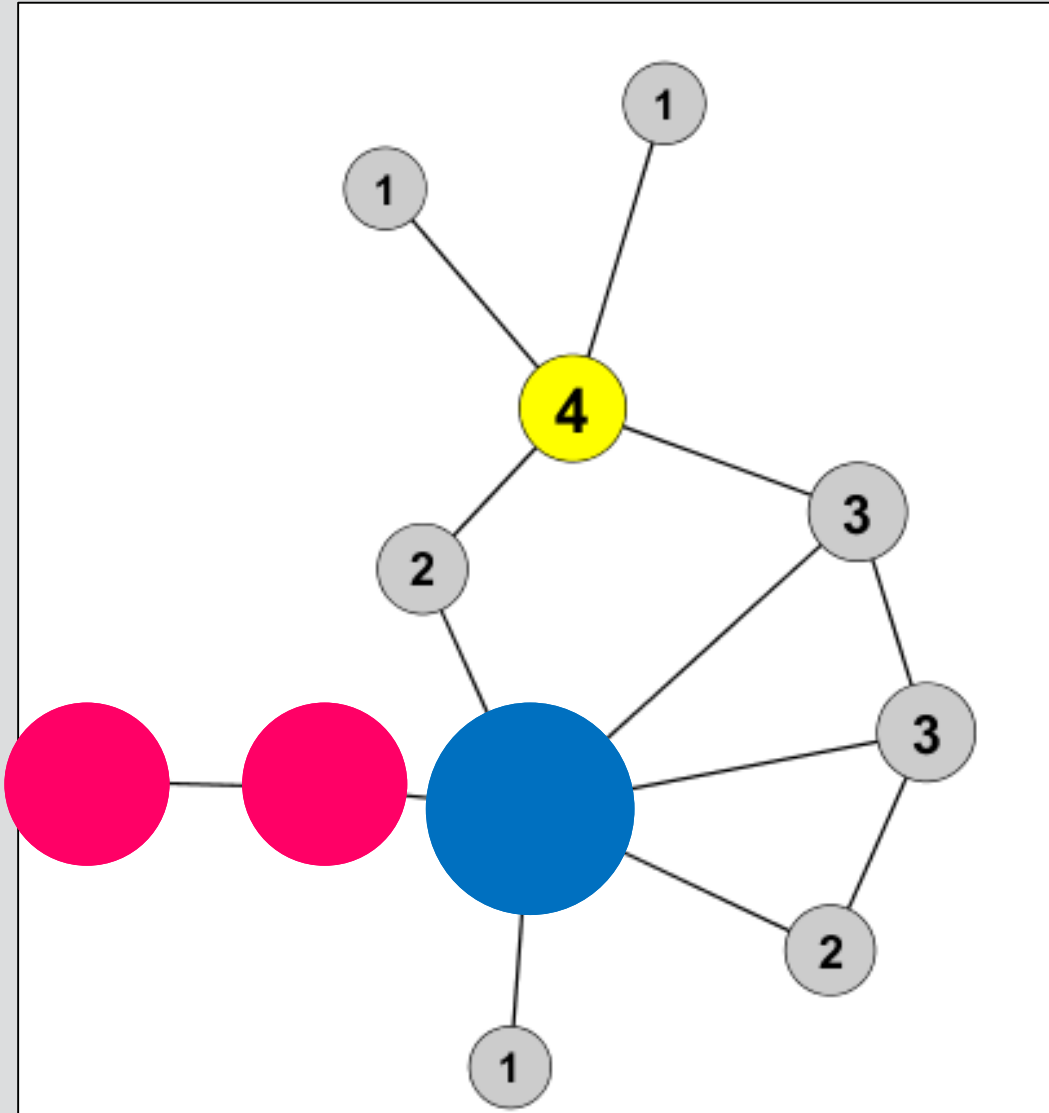


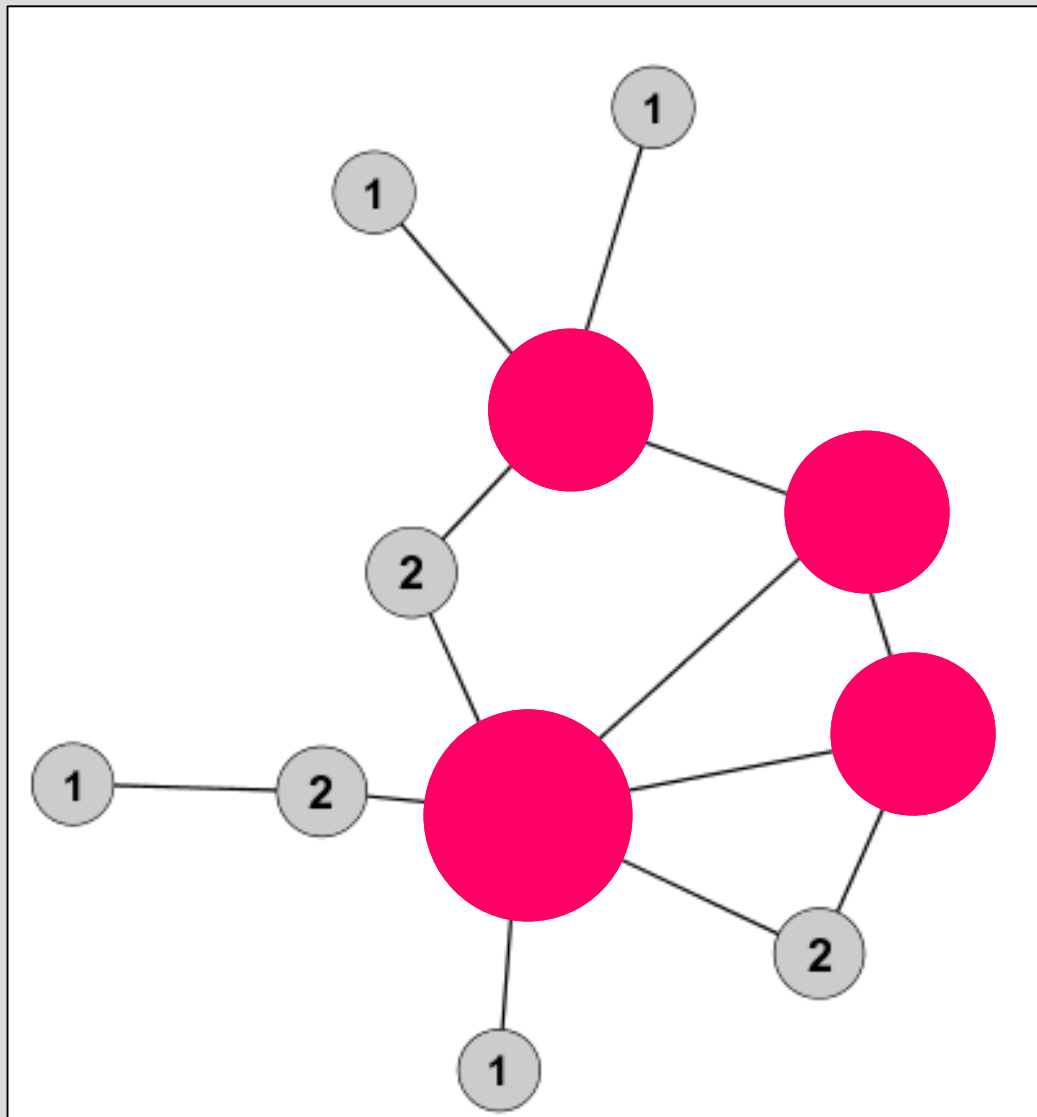
# EXAMPLE: SYNTHETIC LETHALITY NETWORKS

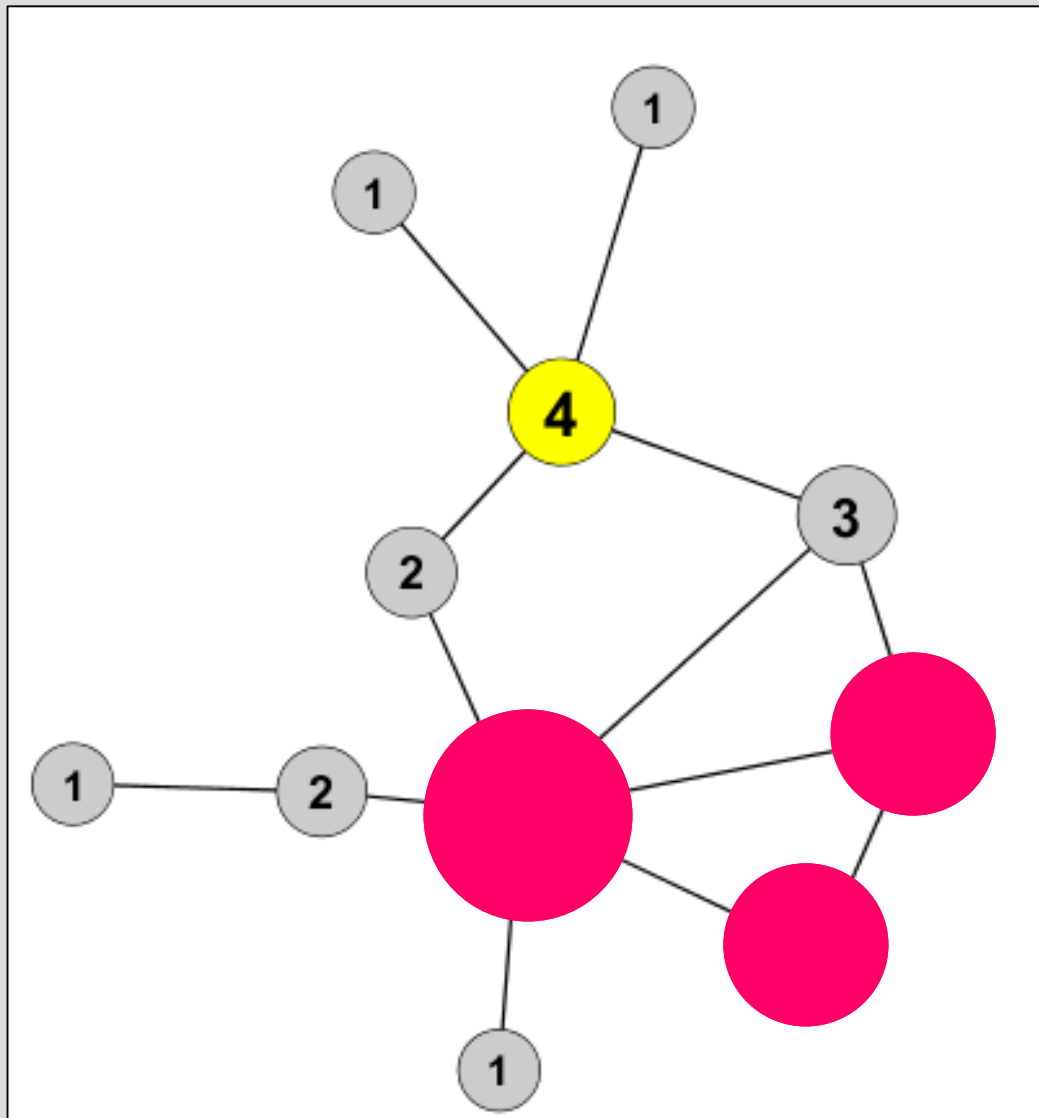




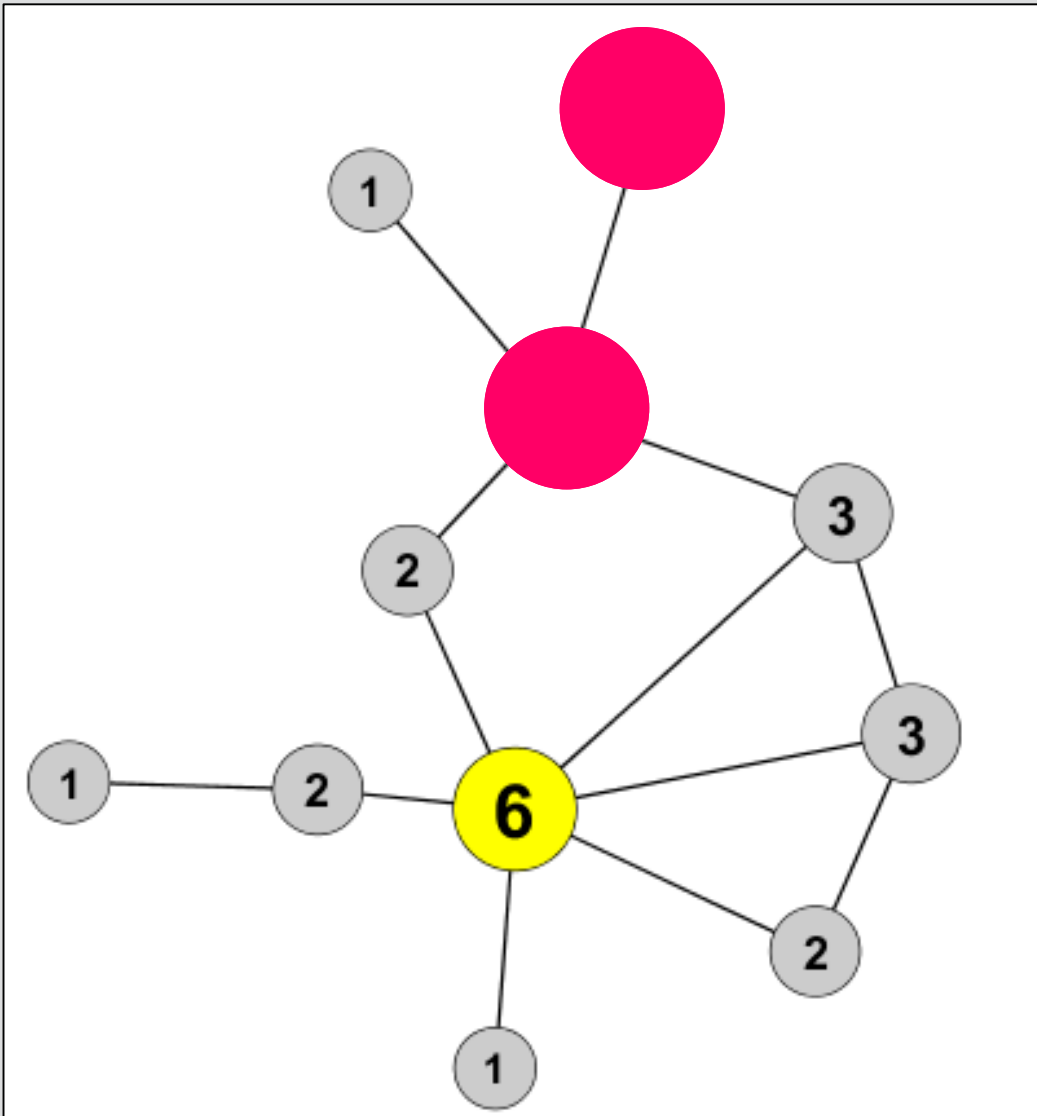
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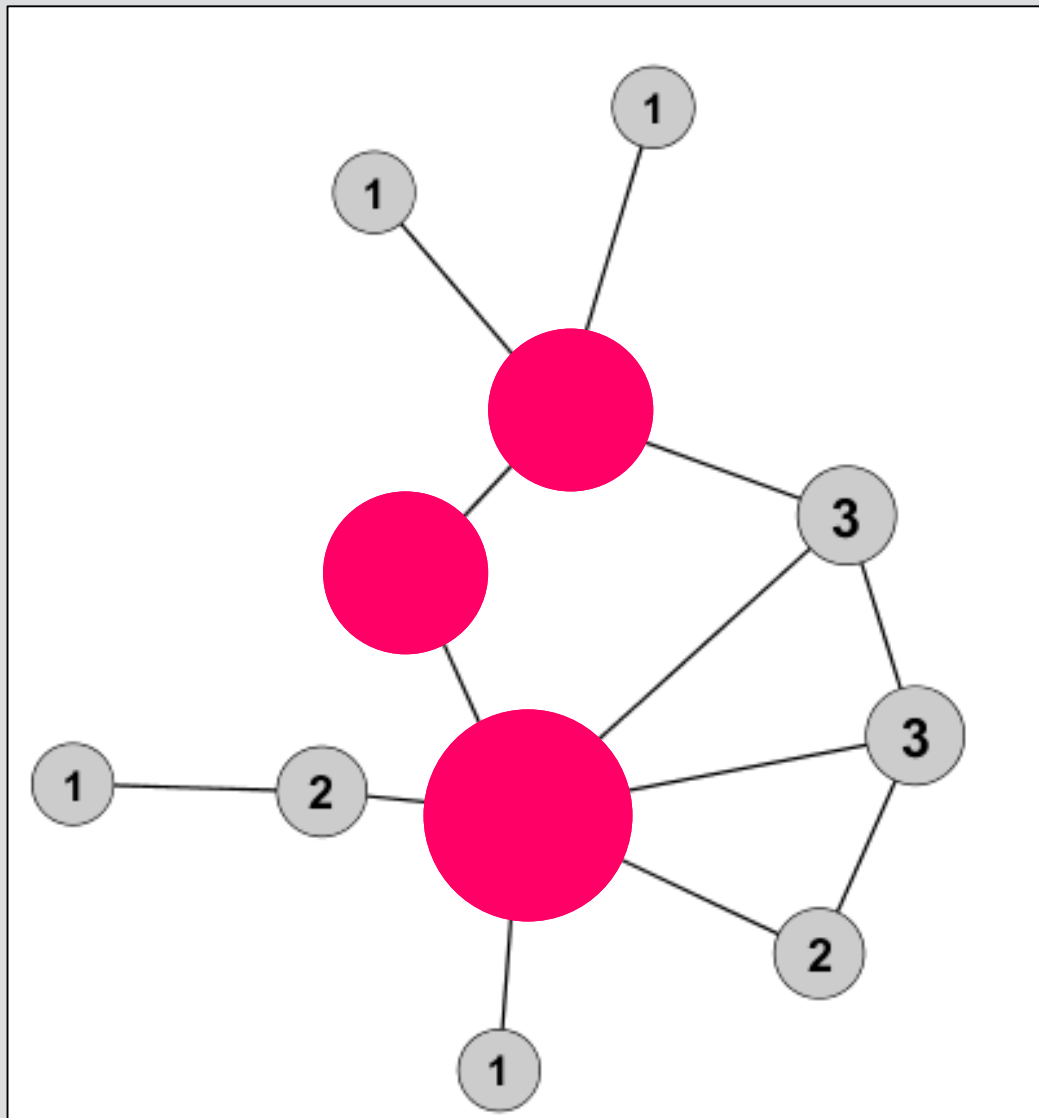














**The nodes with the most interactions are almost always going to get the signal....**

**....whether it be the flu or the winning lotto numbers.**





## Networks!

- Human social networks work this way
- Cell networks work this way
- Many other networks act this way
  
- Flu pandemic planning
- Vaccination planning
- Drug targets for the cell
- National security planning



## Conclusions

- DNA → RNA → Protein
- We *need* bioinformatics
  - Understanding cellular systems
  - Personalized medicine
  - Prevention vs. treatment
- Many skills gained
  - Biomedical research
  - Computer science
  - Mathematics
  - Team science
  - .... & many more!



# A Career in Bioinformatics

- ▶ Skills needed
  - ▶ Programming (e.g., Perl, Python, Java, C++, PHP)
  - ▶ Database administration (e.g. MySQL, Oracle )
  - ▶ UNIX/Linux Operating System
  - ▶ Information Management
- ▶ Types of Jobs
  - ▶ Scientific curators, Software Developer, Network Engineering, Administrator/analyst, Bio-Statistics or **any jobs where biologists are currently hired.**
- ▶ Types of Employers
  - ▶ Pharmaceutical, Biotech and Software development companies
  - ▶ Academic Institutes and Hospitals
  - ▶ Research Institutes (JCVI, Broad Institute, JGI, Tgen, )



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