

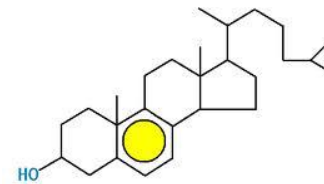
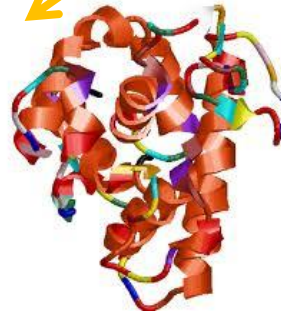
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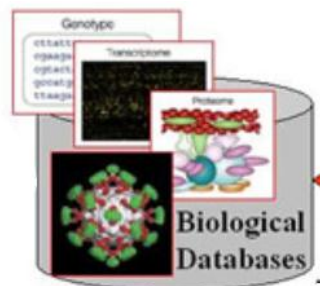
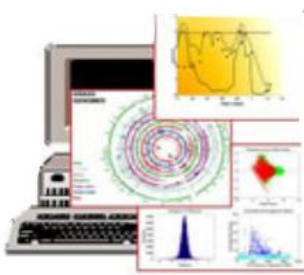
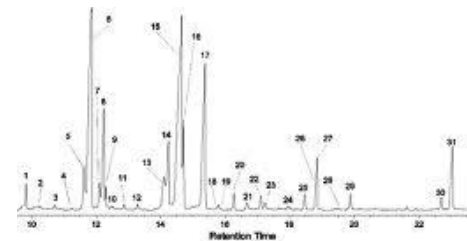
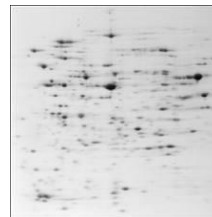
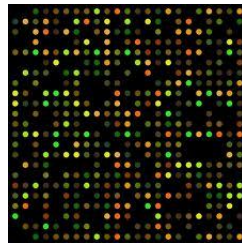
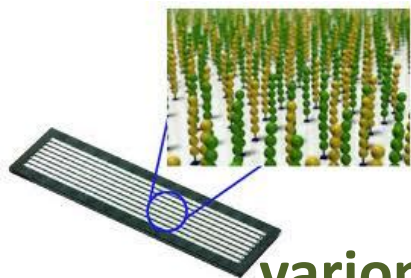
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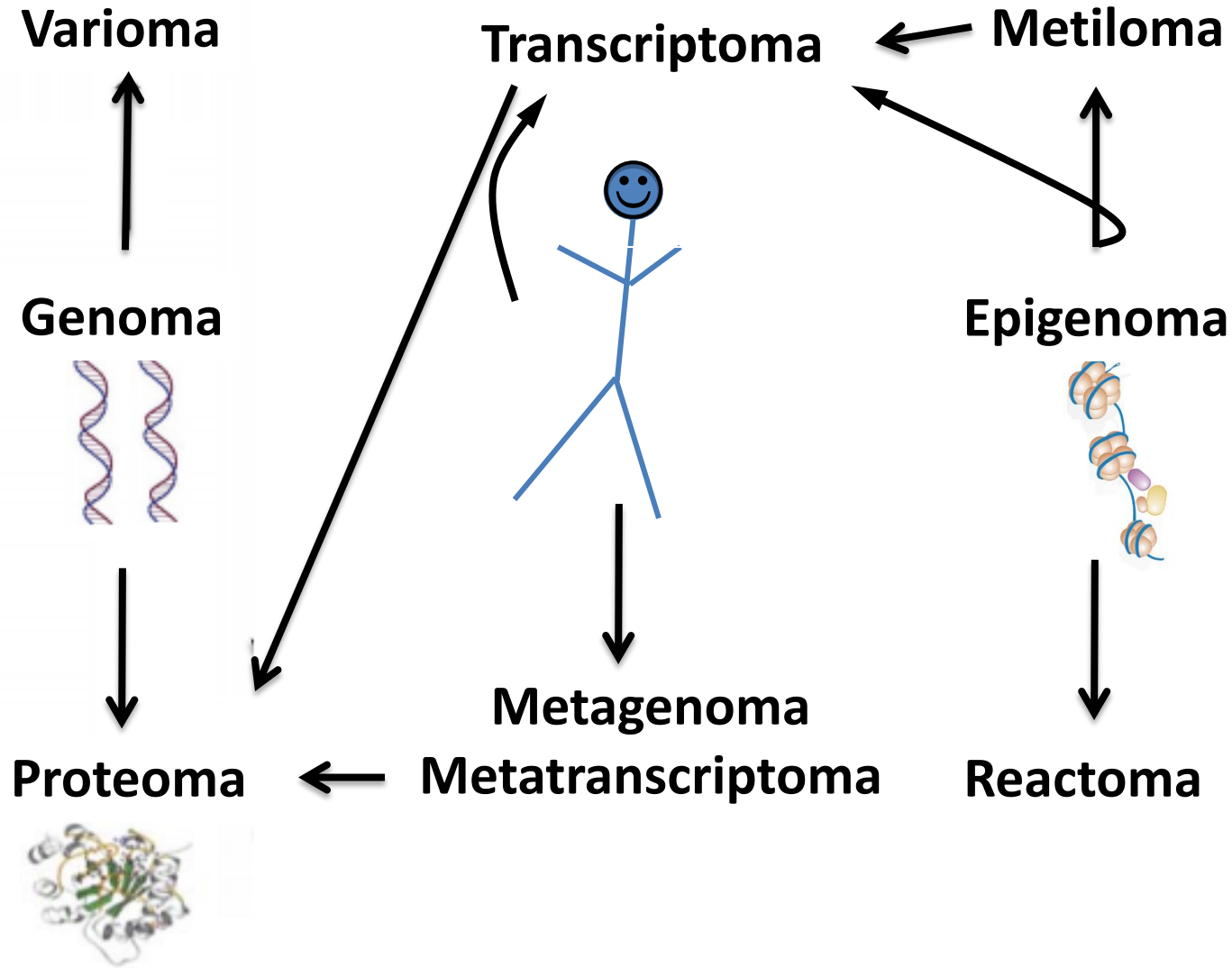
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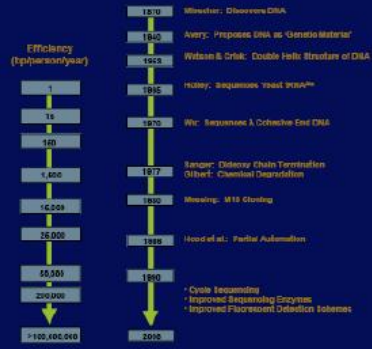
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History of DNA Sequencing



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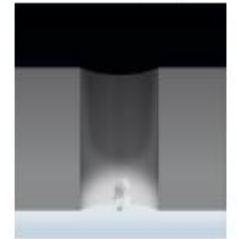
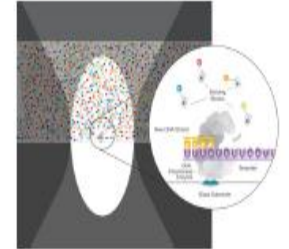
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SMRT Technology

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Secuenciación de molécula simple



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Pyrosequencing



Genome Analyzer

Reversible Terminator Chemistry

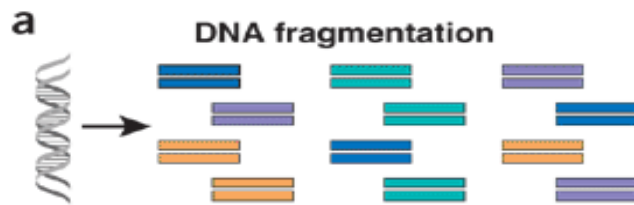


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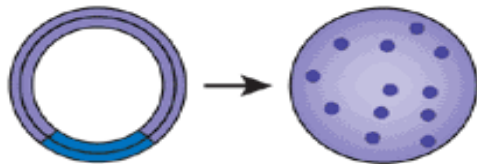
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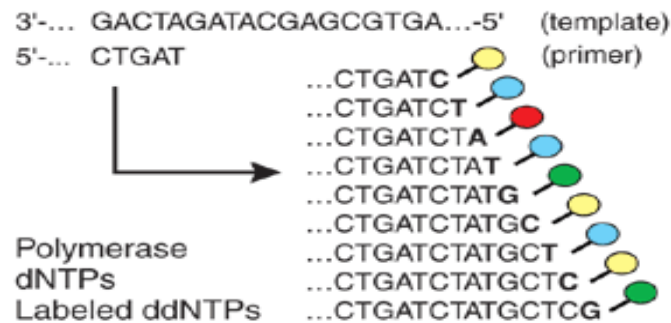
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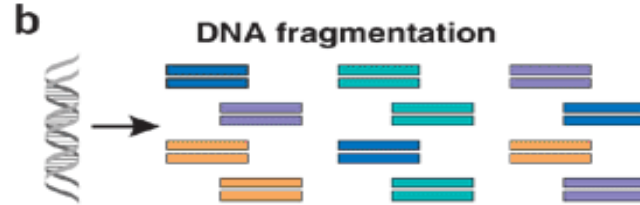
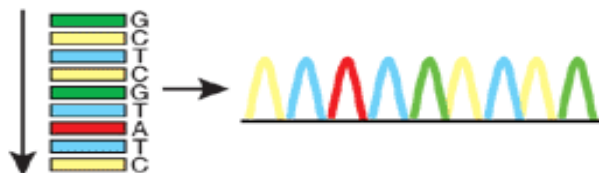
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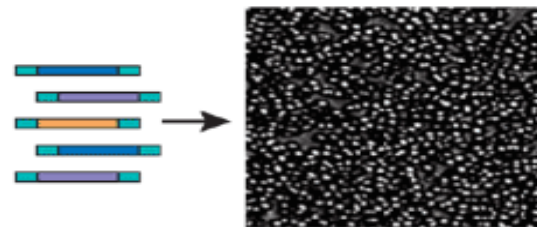
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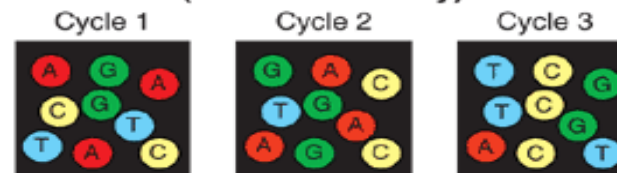
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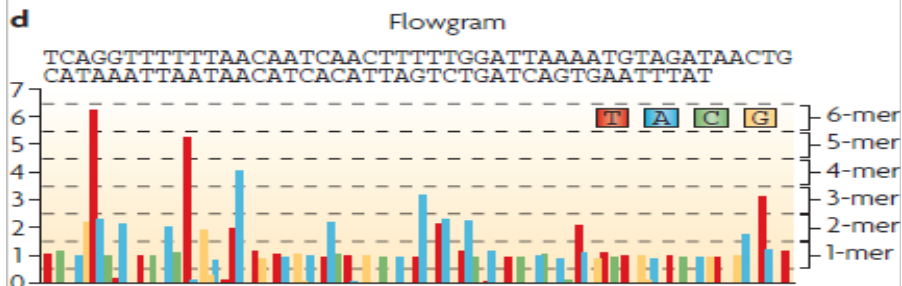
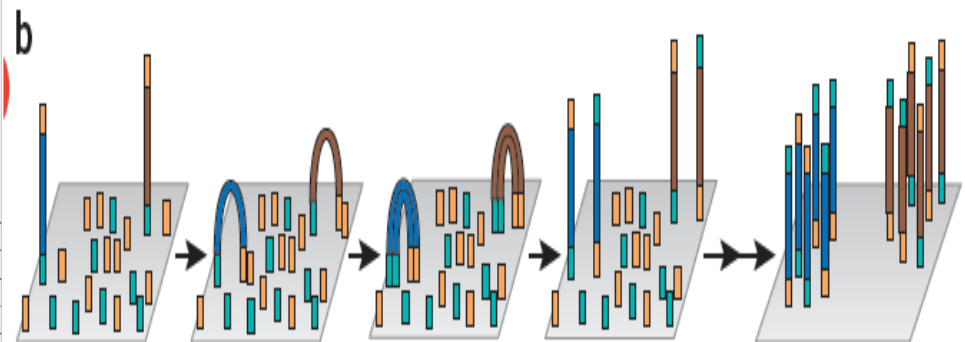
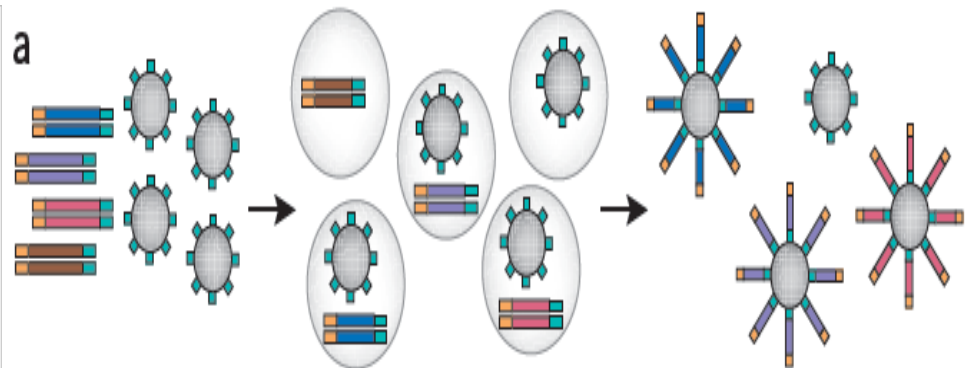
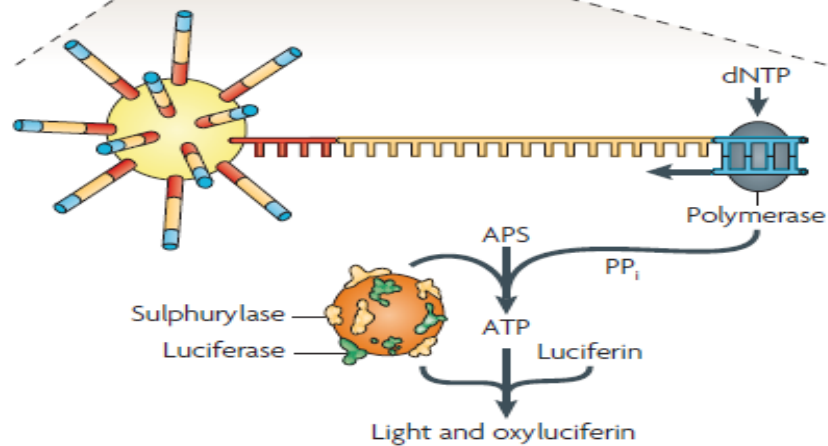
Generation of polony array



**Cyclic array sequencing
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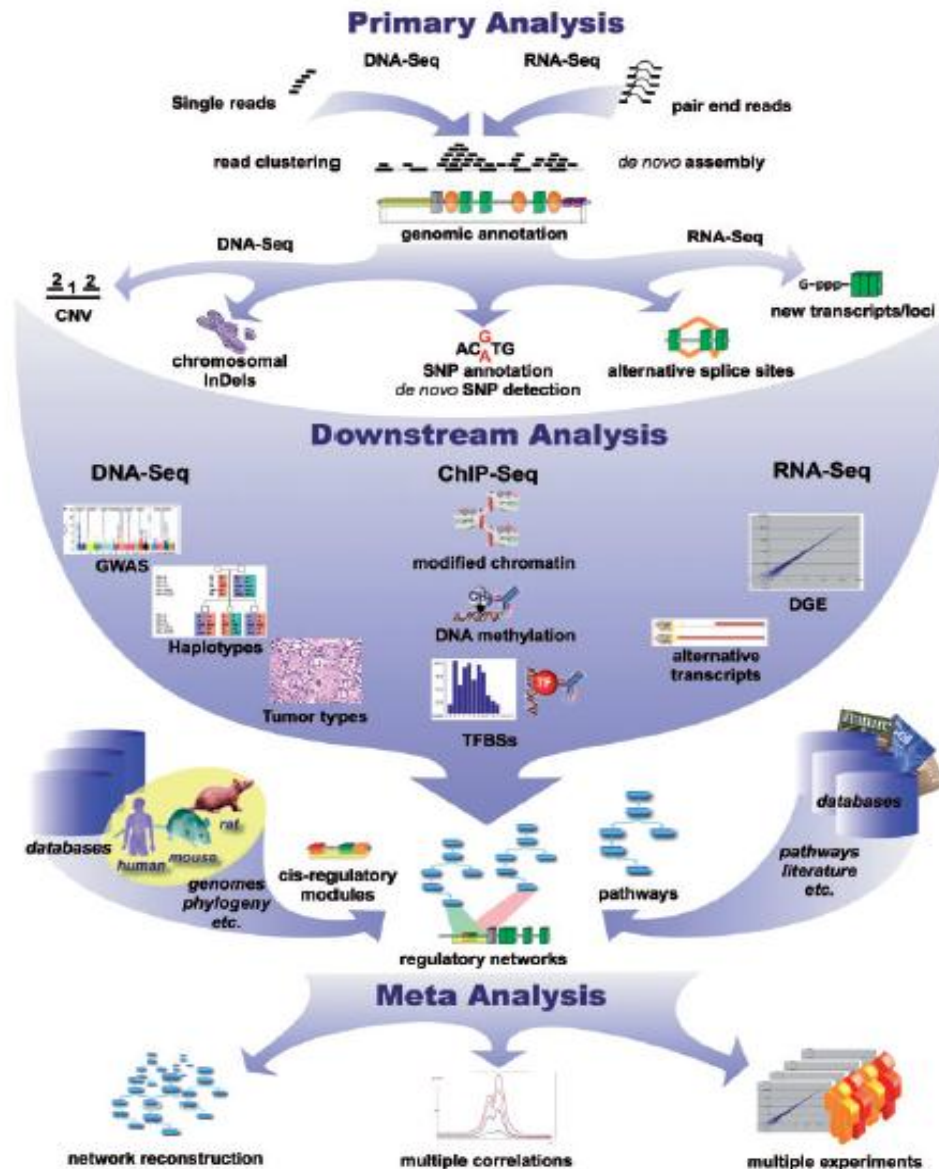


What is base 1? What is base 2? What is base 3?



Next generation sequencing in functional genomics

Thomas Werner



NUEVAS DEFINICIONES EN GENOMICA NUTRICIONAL

- The study of those positive and negative diet-genome interactions that over time, can affect health outcomes.
 - ✓ **Nutrigenetics:** Genetic variation (i.e., SNPs, CNVs, VNTRs) that can affect how nutrient and non-nutrient bioactives are assimilated, partitioned and utilized to impact metabolism and physiology
 - ✓ **Nutrigenomics:** Diet-induced changes in gene expression that can influence network interactions and cellular information flow and
 - ✓ **Nutritional epigenomics:** Diet-informed epigenetic modifications of chromatin (DNA methylation and histone acetylation) that can alter gene function and long term health outcomes

NUTRIGENOMICS

CONCEPTUAL BASES:

- 1- Improper diets are risk factors for diseases**
- 2- Dietary components alter gene expression and/or genome structure**
- 3- Influence of diet on health depends upon an individual's genetic makeup**
- 4- Genes regulated by diet play a role in chronic diseases**
- 5- "Personalized nutrition" – diets based upon genotype, nutritional requirements and status prevents and mitigate chronic disease**

<http://nutrigenomics.ucdavis.edu>



1- Improper diets are risk factors for diseases

FACTS

Epidemiological studies show associations between some food/diet pattern and incidence and severity of diseases:

CVD

Obesity

Type 2 Diabetes

Cancer

Other

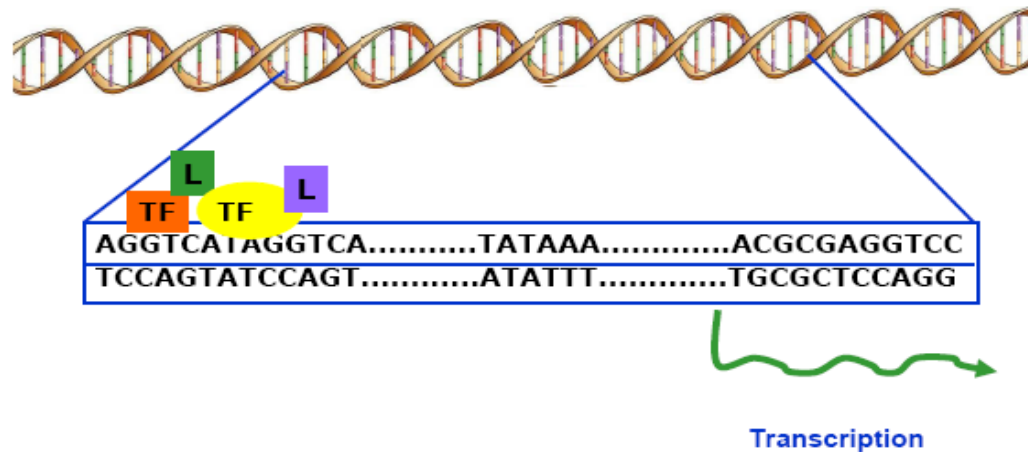
PROBLEMS

Individuals respond differently to diet

Mechanisms are not fully understood

2- Dietary components alter gene expression and/or genome structure

DIRECT CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION



Transcription-factor pathways mediating nutrient-gene interactions		
Nutrient	Compound	Transcription factor
Macronutrients		
Fats	Fatty acids Cholesterol	PPARs, SREBPs, LXR, HNF4, ChREBP SREBPs, LXRs, FXR
Carbohydrates	Glucose	USFs, SREBPs, ChREBP
Proteins	Amino acids	C/EBPs
Micronutrients		
Vitamins	Vitamin A	RAR, RXR
	Vitamin D	VDR
	Vitamin E	PXR
Minerals	Calcium	Calcineurin/NF-ATs
	Iron	IRP1, IRP2
	Zinc	MTF1
Other food components		
	Flavonoids	ER, NFκB, AP1
	Xenobiotics	CAR, PXR

4- Genes regulated by diet play a role in chronic diseases

PARADIGM OF NUTRITION GUIDES



**Best information
available**

Dietary recommendations consider that all individuals are:

...culturally

...socio-economically

...physiologically

...genetically..... **identical**

**"Nutrition is for real people. Statistical humans are of little interest."
R J Williams**

HUMAN GENOME PROJECT



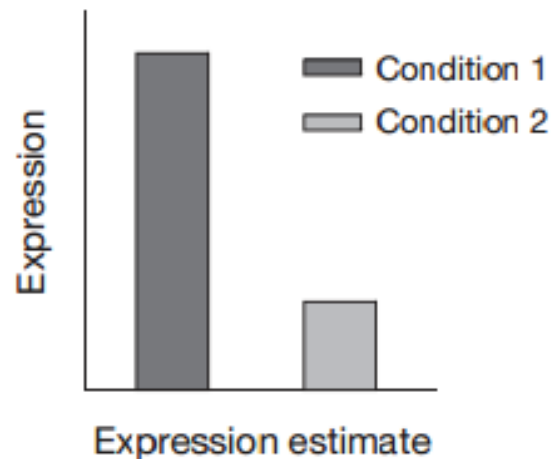
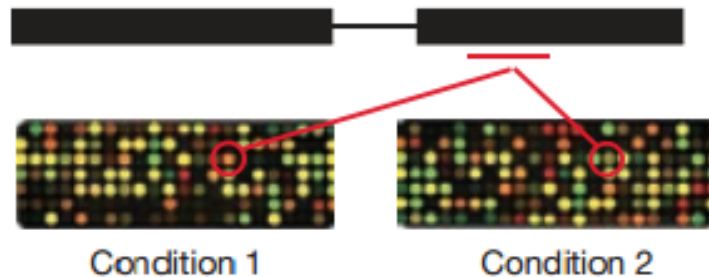
Complex diseases genetic studies

Genetic variants (polymorphisms) occurring in the genome structure/sequence with frequency $> 1\%$ in the general population (SNPs, insertions, deletions).

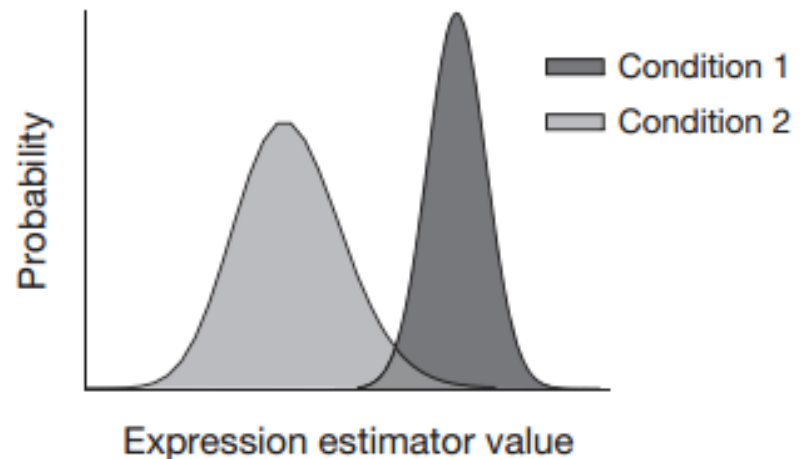
Functional polymorphisms – change molecules bioactivity/expression leading to variation in the response to diet/environmental factors.

ANÁLISIS DE EXPRESIÓN DIFERENCIAL DE GENES

Microarreglos de ADN

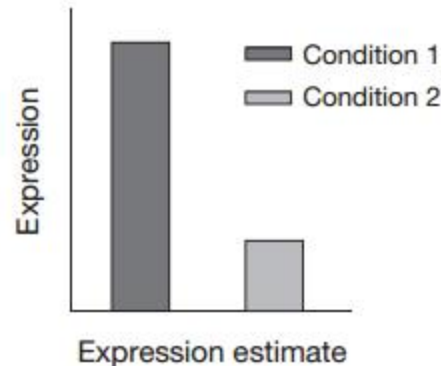
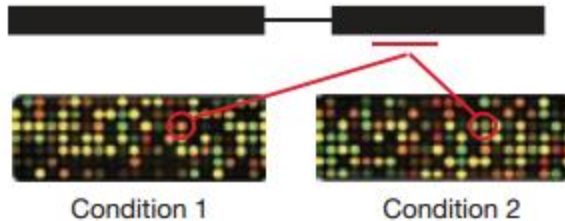


RNA-Seq



MICROARREGLOS DE ADN

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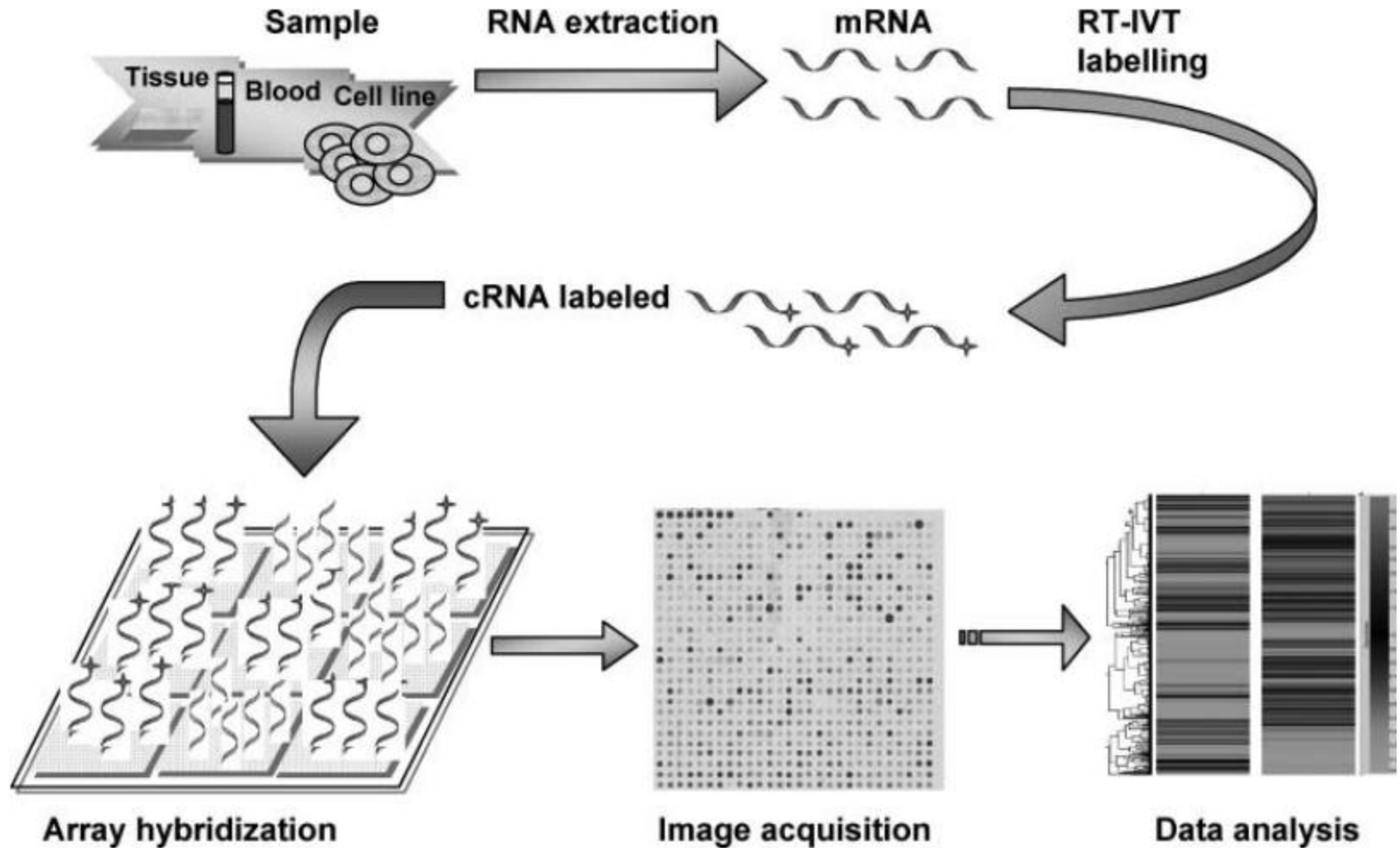
Microarray Technology: A Promising Tool in Nutrigenomics

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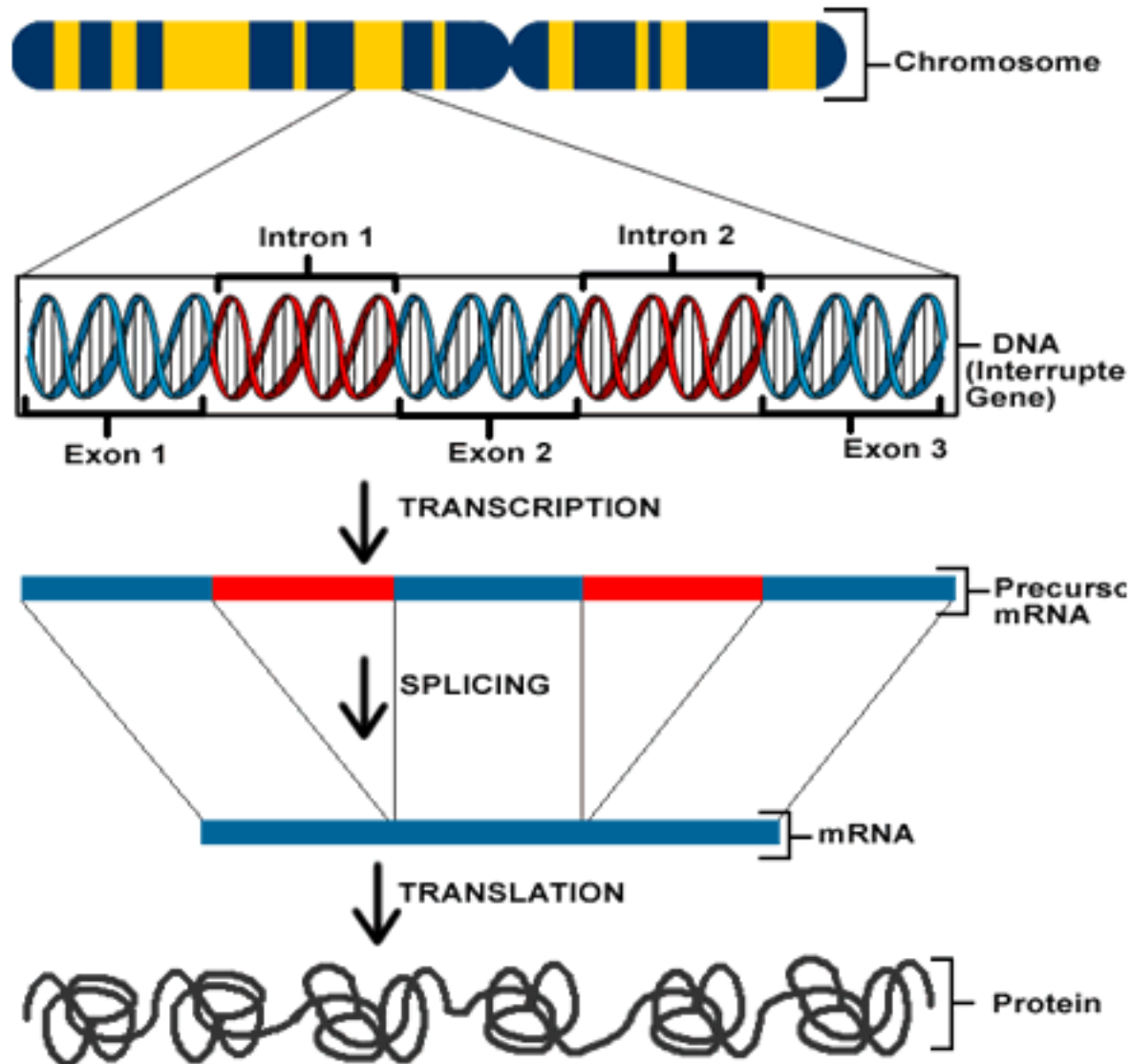
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Microarray technology is a powerful tool for the global evaluation of gene expression profiles in tissues and for understanding many of the factors controlling the regulation of gene transcription. This technique not only provides a considerable amount of information on markers and predictive factors that may potentially characterize a specific clinical picture, but also promises new applications for therapy. One of the most recent applications of microarrays concerns nutritional genomics. Nutritional genomics, known as nutrigenomics, aims to identify and understand mechanisms of molecular interaction between nutrients and/or other dietary bioactive compounds and the genome. Actually, many nutrigenomic studies utilize new approaches such as microarrays, genomics, and bioinformatics to understand how nutrients influence gene expression. The coupling of these new technologies with nutrigenomics promises to lead to improvements in diet and health. In fact, it may provide new information which can be used to ameliorate dietary regimens and to discover novel natural agents for the treatment of important diseases such as diabetes and cancer. This critical review gives an overview of the clinical relevance of a nutritional approach to several important diseases, and proposes the use of microarray for nutrigenomic studies.

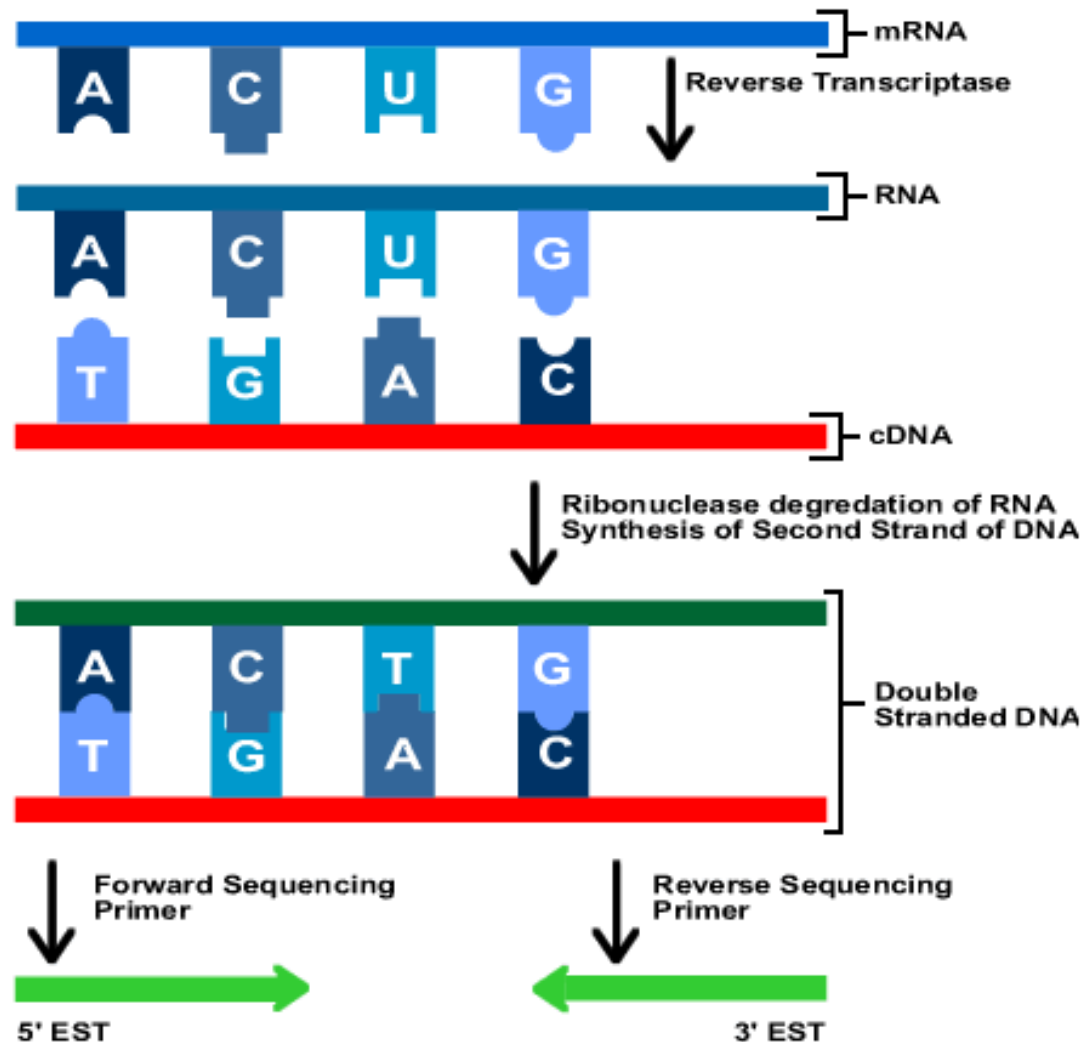
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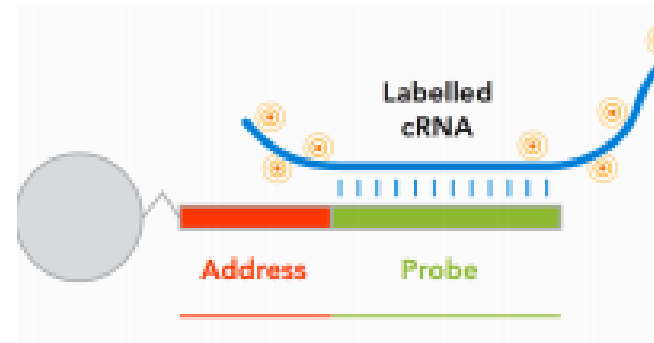


ESQUEMA DEL PROCESO DE SINTESIS DE PROTEINAS



ESQUEMA GENERAL DE OBTENCIÓN DE ESTs





Laboratory Essentials

- Arrays
- Hybridization and Wash Equipment
- Scanner
- Software for processing array image
- Software for data analysis and display
- Bioinformatics collaborator

MICROARREGLOS DE AND: diseño experimento

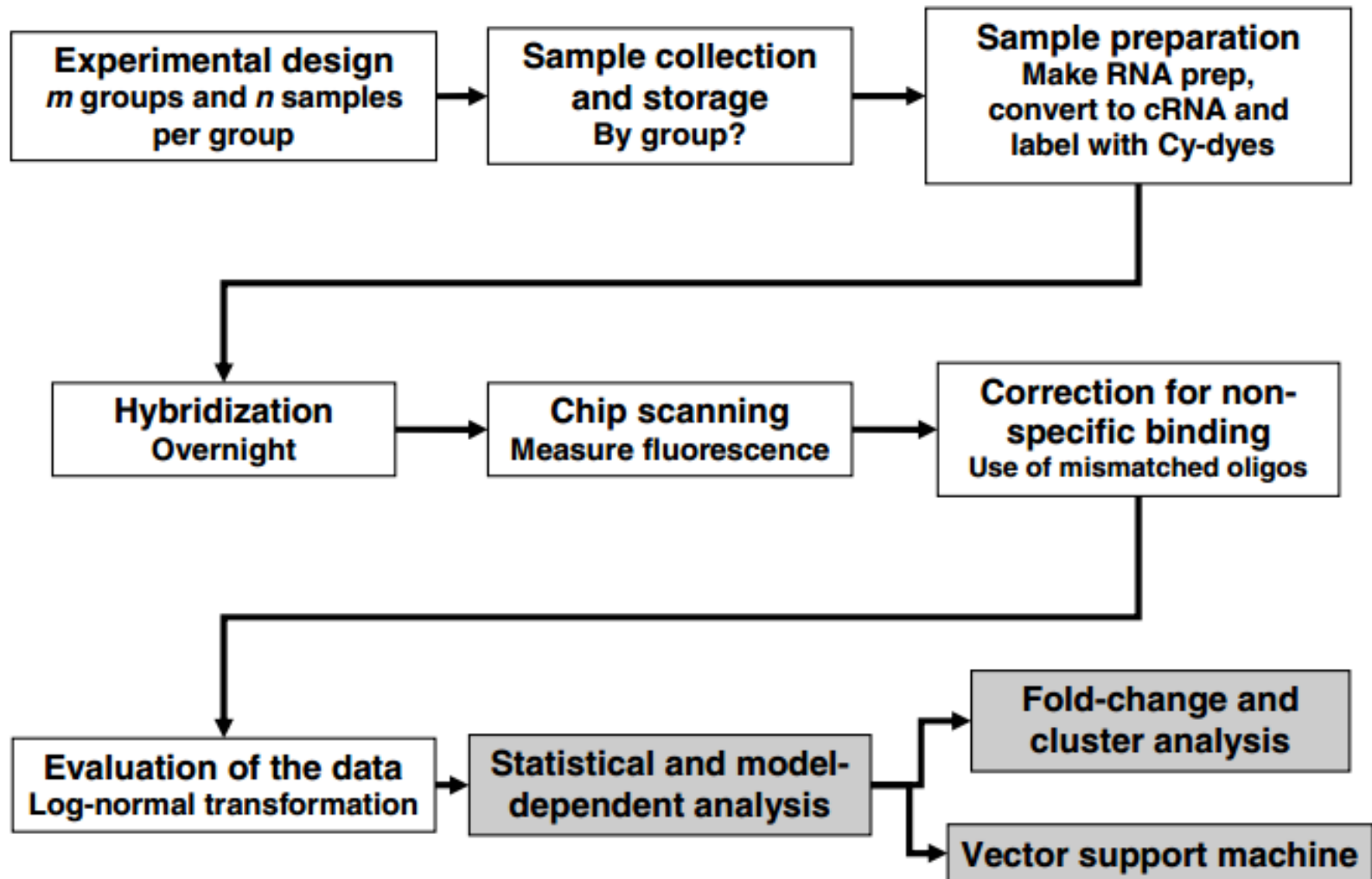


Figure 14.4. Steps in an experiment in DNA microarray analysis. This is the sequence of events used in most current methods reported in the literature.

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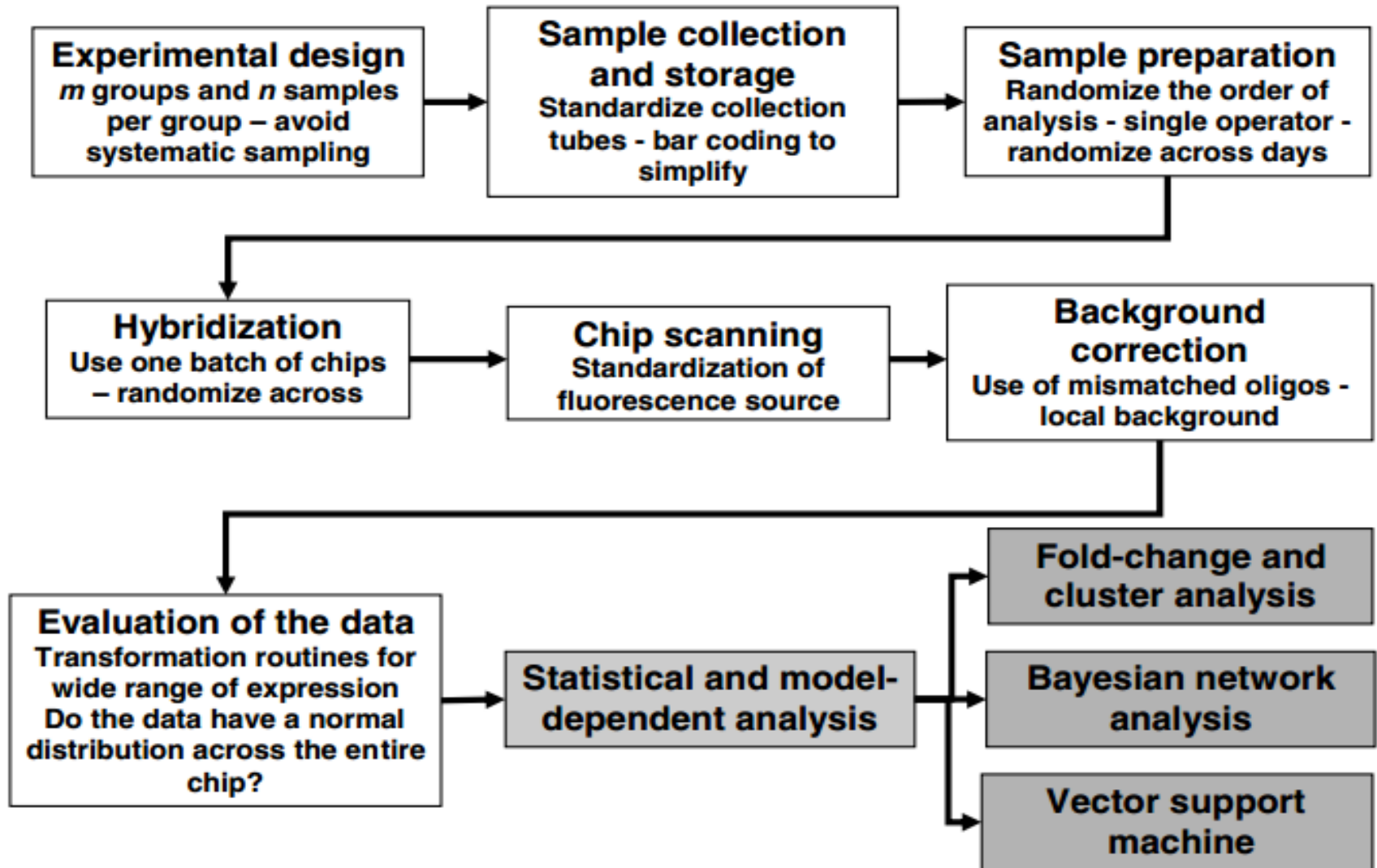


Figure 14.7. Optimizing the design of an experiment based on DNA microarray analysis. This is the suggested protocol for this type of analysis.

Análisis de perfiles de expresión

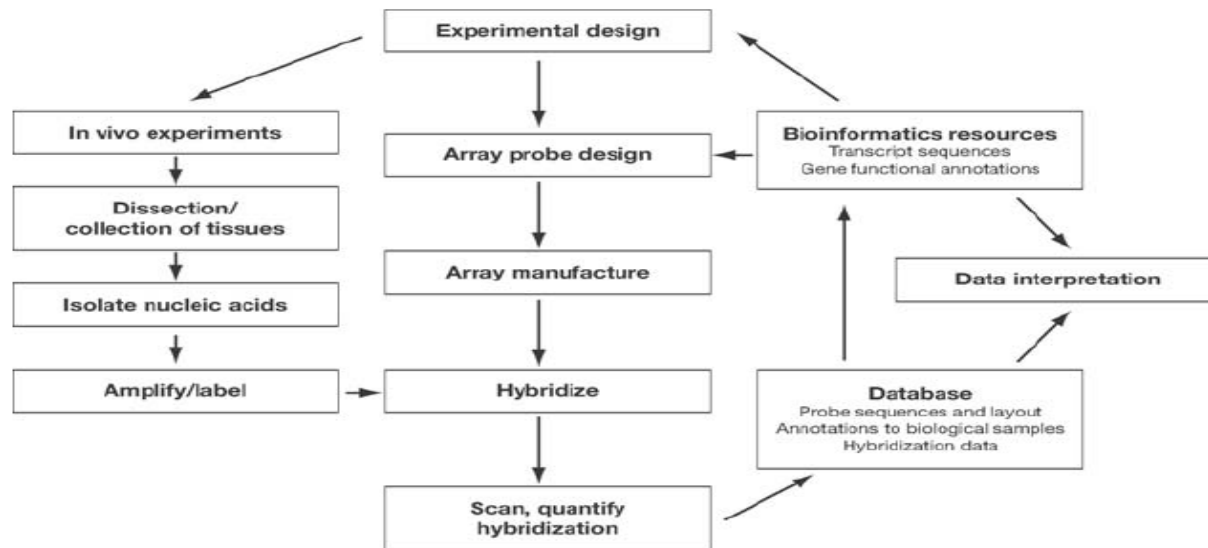


Figure 2 Process flow for microarray experiments. Note that we have used the word “probe” to refer to the reporter sequence placed at a particular position on the microarray because it interrogates the sample for the presence of its reverse complement and also because the microarray market leader, Affymetrix, has adopted this definition. Historically probe has referred instead to the biological sample.

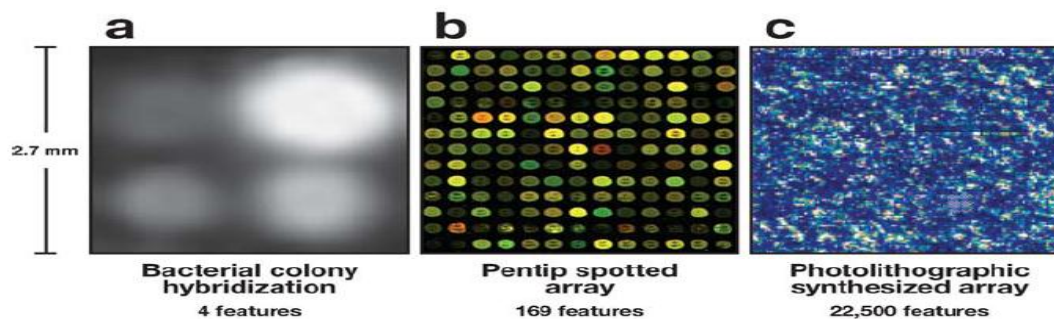


Figure 3 Feature density of representative microarrays. Each image shows a 2.7 mm square subregion. (a) Bacterial colony spots on nylon from the 1980s. (b) Ink-jet in situ synthesized 60-mer oligo spots on glass. (c) Affymetrix human gene array with 18-μ features containing 25-mer oligos. Affymetrix chips now are available with 11-μ features.

GENERACIÓN DE UNA COLECCIÓN DE UNIGENES

133,682 EST Genbank (release May 2009)

Helianthus annuus L.



VecScreen

(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/VecScreen/UniVec.html>)



Trimseq EMBOS

(<http://emboss.sourceforge.net/>)



28,089 singletons and 12,924 contigs = 41,013 unigenes
(CAP3 software: <http://pbil.univ-lyon1.fr/cap3.php>)



Functional annotation and KEGG mapping

(Blast2go software: www.blast2go.org)

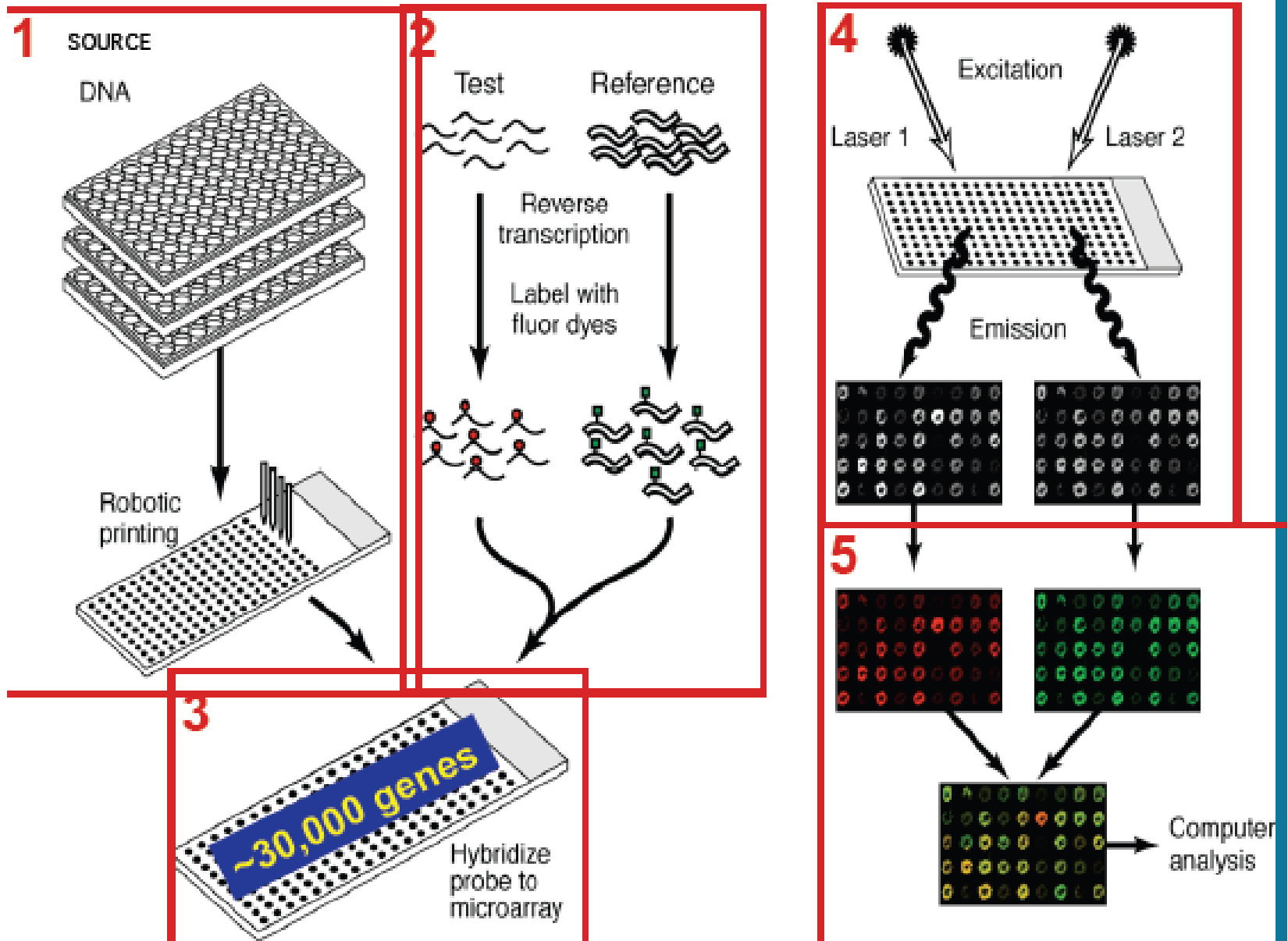
20,352 unique sequences (~ 50% GO
annotation)

Sunflower microarray

- 42,386 probes
- 74 specific control probes (10x: 740 controls)
- 1,417 Agilent controls

OPA Assay

- 384 SNP



EXPRESSION DATA ANALYSIS

- Check quality of individual experiments

- **Preprocessing**

- Normalization

- Remove genes which are not accurately measured

- Remove genes which are similarly expressed in all samples

- **Unsupervised Clustering**

- How do genes and samples organize into groups?

- Powerful method of data display.

- Does not prove the validity of groups.

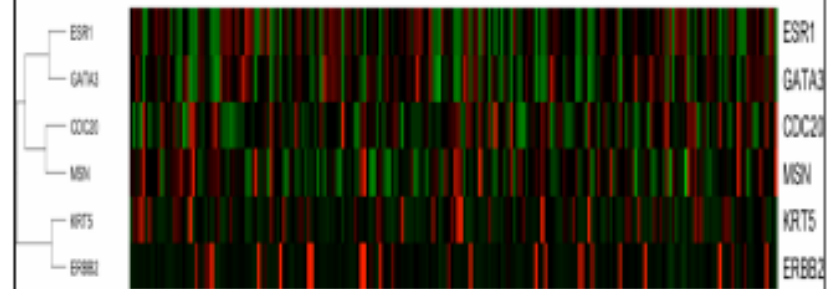
- **Clustered Samples Are Biologically Similar**

- **Clusters of Co-expressed genes**

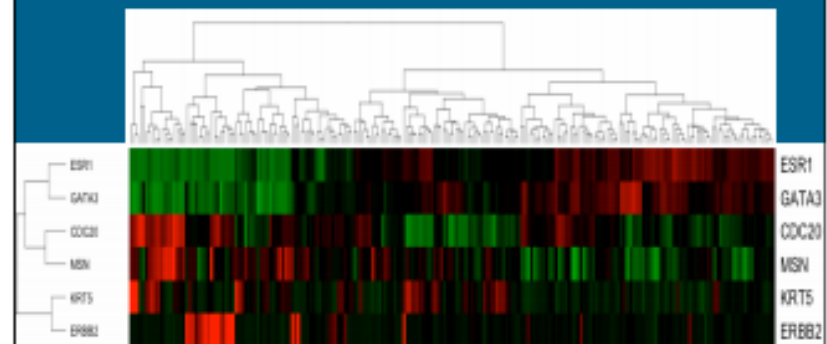
- May be functionally related

- May be enriched for pathways

CLUSTERING GENES ONLY



CLUSTERING GENES AND SAMPLES



Supervised Clustering

What genes distinguish samples in selected groups from each other?

- Choice of groups can be based on any known property of the samples.
 - Many possible underlying methods: t-test or F-statistic frequently used.
 - Output includes ranked gene list.
- Leads to the development of classifiers which can be applied to unknown samples.
 - Must address the problem of false discovery due to multiple comparisons and discrepancy between sample/gene numbers.

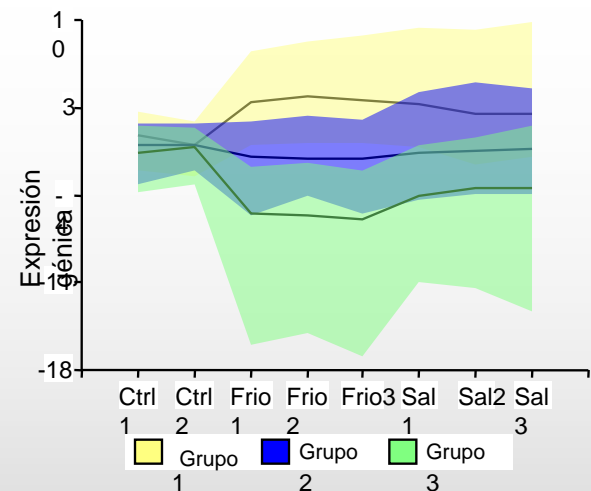
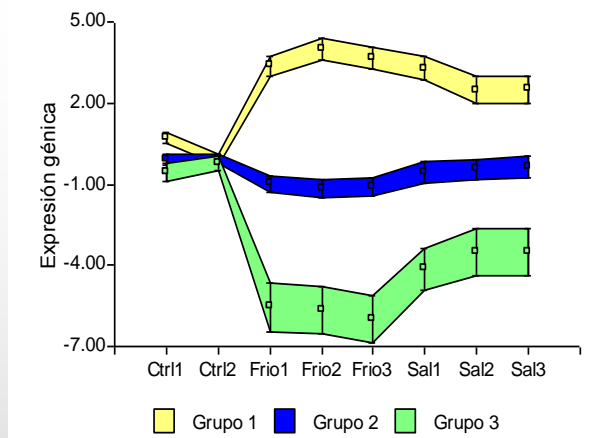


Figura 1. Bandas del confianza al 95% (a) y bandas de predicción al 95% (b) para cada uno de tres grupos de genes agrupados por el algoritmo *k-centroides* de clasificación no supervisada aplicado a la matriz de expresiones génicas (CH1 y CH2 corresponden a las repeticiones biológicas del control, FH1, FH2 y FH3 las repeticiones del tratamiento con frío y SH1, SH2 y SH3 las correspondientes repeticiones del tratamiento salino).

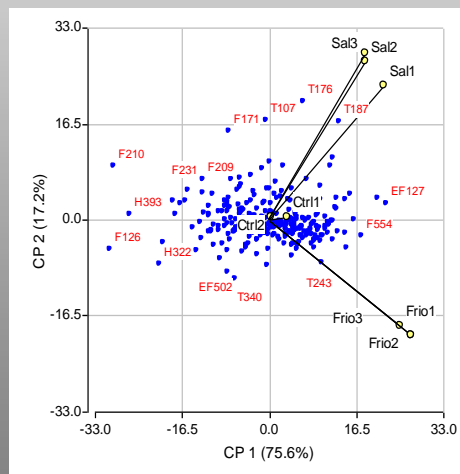
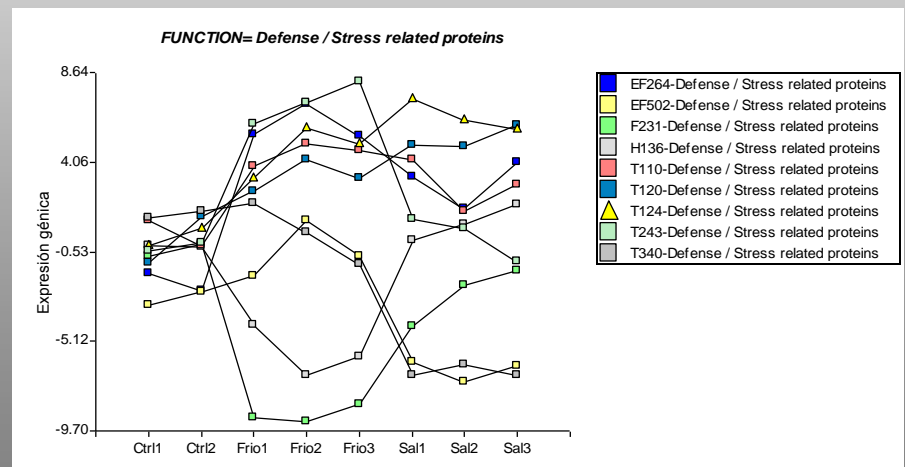


Figura 2: Bi-plot mostrando los genes como puntos azules en el plano y las medias de tratamientos: Control (Ctrl), Frío (Frio) y Salinidad (Sal) conectadas al origen mostrando el sentido e intensidad relativa de la asociación con la expresión de los genes.



Figuras xx – Perfiles de expresión por función génica hipotética

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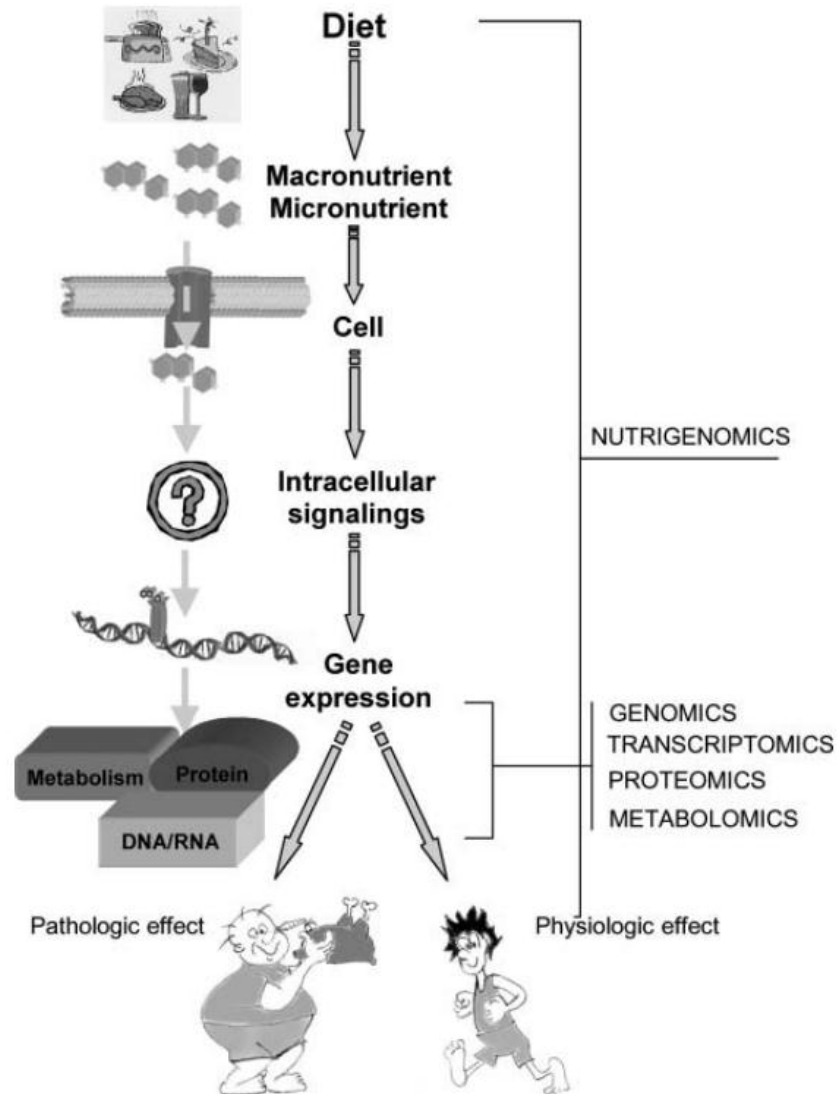


Figure 2 Flow chart representing the different steps involved in gene expression, the stages at which diet can modulate these processes, the functional genomics techniques used to analyze each stage, and their effects on human health.

GENOMICS FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE

WHOLE GENOME



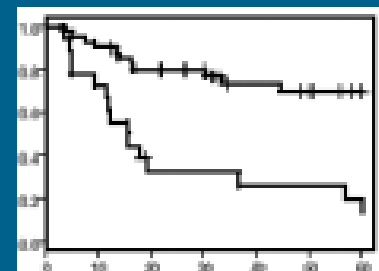
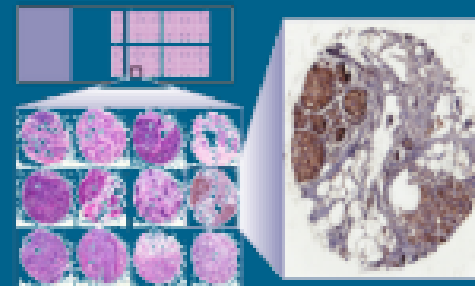
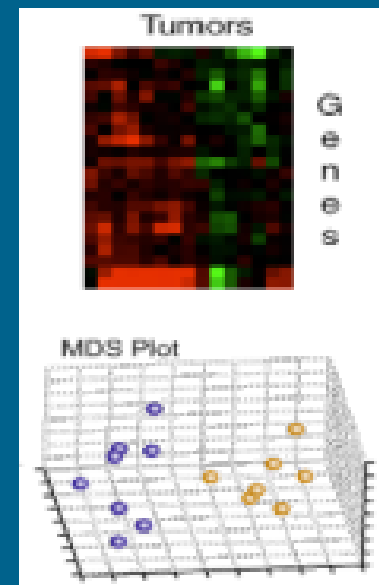
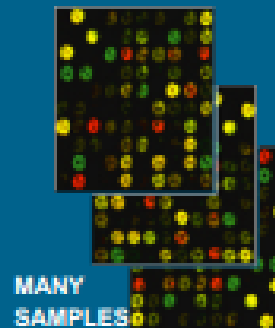
GENE SELECTION



GENE VALIDATION



ASSAY DEVELOPMENT



MICROARRAY STUDIES GENERATE ORGANIZED LIST OF GENES

- **Often cryptic and hard to interpret.**
- **Hypothesis generating, but this is often rather subjective.**
- **Seldom provide strong evidence for a specific mechanism.**
- **Expression data is intrinsically limited.**

GETTING BEYOND GENE LISTS

- **Optimal use of gene annotations.**
 - **Gene Ontology**
(<http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/>)
- **Optimizing use of public data.**
 - **GEO, ARRAY EXPRESS, ACADEMIC DATA**
 - **GENE SIGNATURE BASED METHODS (Gene Set Enrichment Analysis).**

Publishing Expression Data

- MIAME standard

Minimum Information about a Microarray Experiment

- Format required by many journals
- Essential for database submissions

<http://www.mged.org/Workgroups/MIAME/miame.html>

Protocolos Estandarizados

MIAME 1.1

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This an old version of MIAME.
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Version 1.1 Draft 6 of the MIAME specification is available as a [Word document](#), a [Rich Formatted Text \(.rft\) document](#), or as HTML text as seen below.









Minimum Information About a Microarray Experiment - MIAME 1.1 Draft 6

Version 1.1 (Draft 6, April 1, 2002) - discussed at [MGED 4](#)

The goal of this document is to outline the *minimum* information required to interpret unambiguously and potentially reproduce and verify an array based gene expression monitoring experiment. Although details for particular experiments may be different, MIAME aims to define the core that is common to most experiments. MIAME is not a formal specification, but a set of guidelines.

A major objective of MIAME is to guide the development of microarray databases and data management software. A standard microarray data model and exchange format [MAGE](#), which is able to capture information

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Accessing Expression Data

• Individual Lab and Journal Sites

The screenshot shows the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) homepage. The header includes the NCBI logo and the text "Gene Expression Omnibus" with a "geo" logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: SAGEmap, UniGene, OMM, PubMed, Entrez, and LocusLink. A search bar labeled "Public gene expression data" is present, with a "GO" button. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Information" (Home, FAQ, Repository Scheme, Entity Fields, Data Tables, Query Statistics, News), "Repository scheme" (describing the GEO repository and its entities: Subseries, Platform, Series, and Sample), "Entity fields" (describing the detailed field descriptions of the entities), "Data table format" (describing the format for downloading data), and "Recent news" (dated August 1, 2006, discussing the GEO designator and its use). A footer contains links for "SAGEmap", "UniGene", "OMM", "PubMed", "Entrez", and "LocusLink".

Accessing Expression Data

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GETTING BEYOND GENE LISTS

- **Optimal use of gene annotations.**

- **Gene Ontology**

- (<http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/>)

- **Optimizing use of public data.**

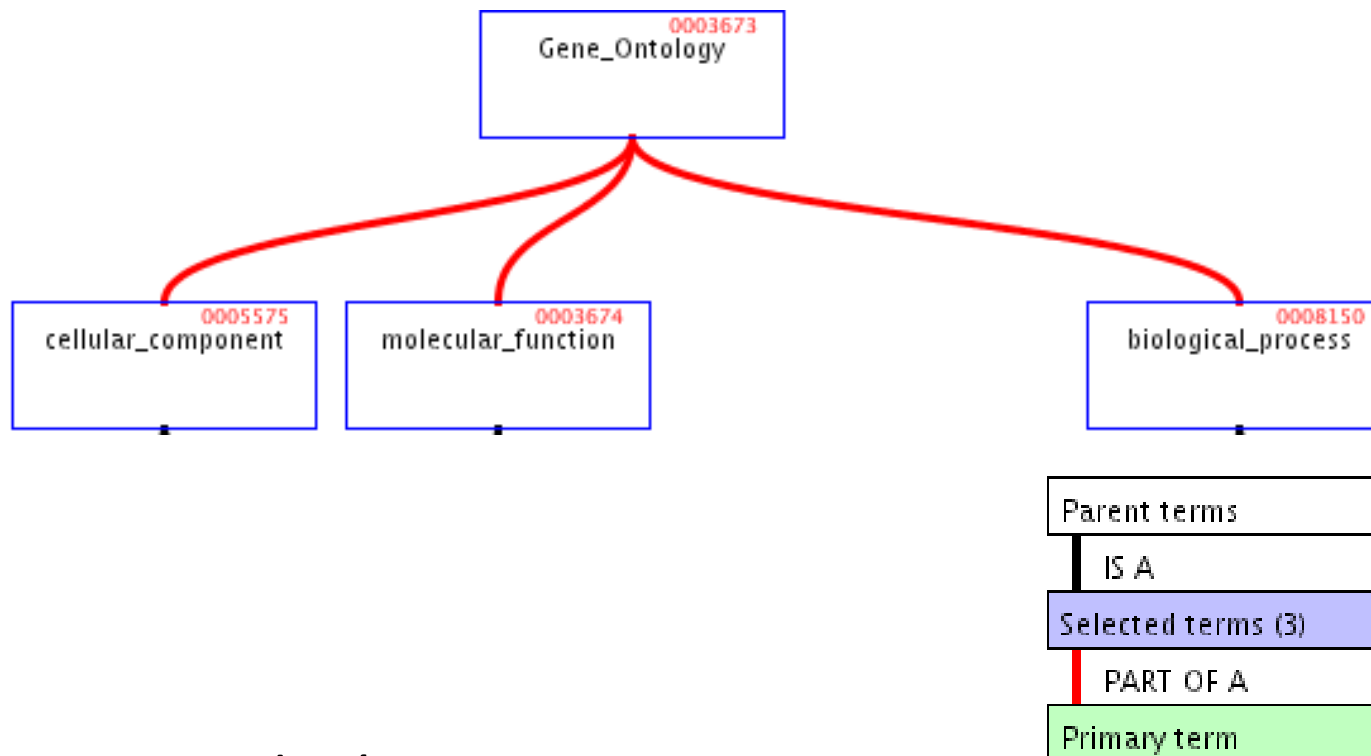
- **GEO, ARRAY EXPRESS, ACADEMIC DATA**

- **GENE SIGNATURE BASED METHODS (Gene Set Enrichment Analysis).**

Gene Ontology (GO)

- El proyecto de Gene Ontology (GO) busca crear descripciones consistentes de productos de genes provenientes de diferentes bases de datos
- Se han desarrollado 3 ontologías (vocabularios controlados y estructurados):
 - Procesos biológicos
 - Funciones moleculares
 - Componentes celulares
- El uso de términos GO en diferentes bases de datos uniformiza las búsquedas en ellas
- Diferentes niveles

Gene Ontology (GO)

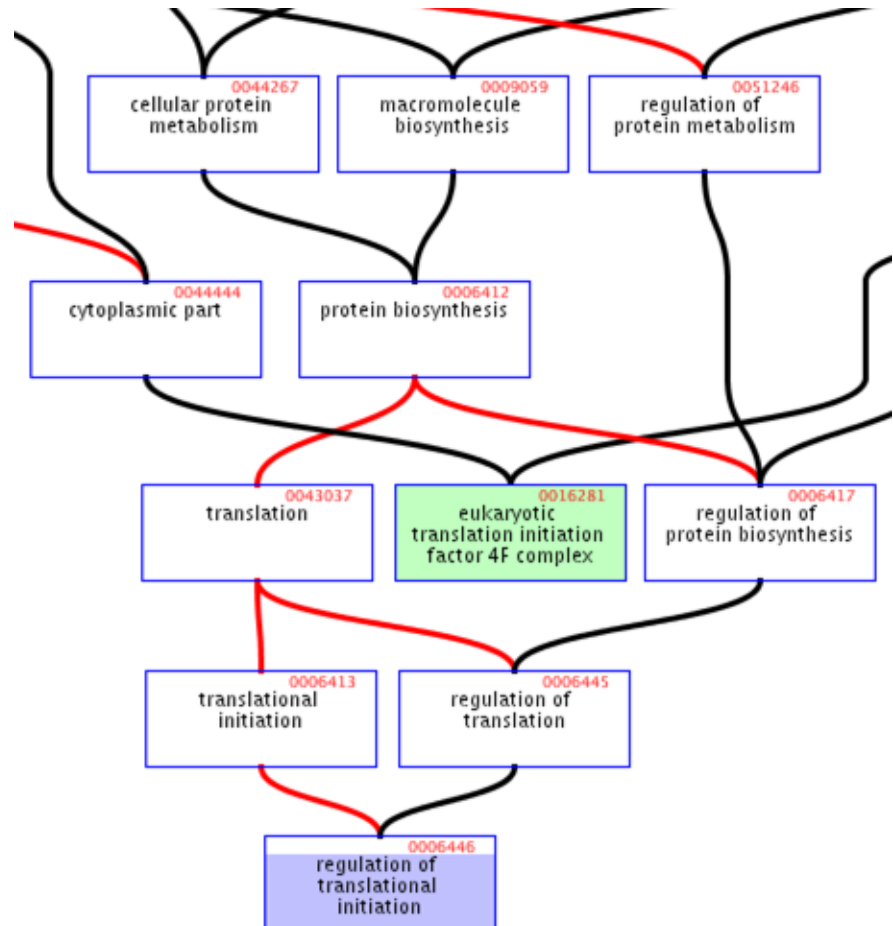


- 3 ontologías
- 2 clases de relaciones

is_a represents an instance of
A mitotic chromosome *is_a* instance of a chromosome
part_of
A telomere is *part_of* a chromosome

Gene Ontology (GO)

- Diferentes relaciones
- Un nodo puede tener más de un padre
- Diferentes niveles de especificidad
- Un nodo puede encontrarse en diferentes niveles al mismo tiempo



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ABSTRACT

Currently, in Nutritional Genomics it is crucial to have computing models and solutions and technological platforms in order to support acquisition, storage, management and presentation of all the information generated. Our aim is to build a biomedical ontology in order to formalise and integrate genomic, environmental and phenotypic data applied to Nutritional Genomics research focused on cardiovascular diseases and related phenotypes. Four different food composition tables have been employed to estimate the amount of nutrients provided by the diet. Web engineering technologies have been applied for constructing the Web platform containing the ontology, which integrates three distinct ontologies offering the corresponding models and services: food composition table alignment, gene-environment interaction, and cardiovascular risk estimation

RNA-seq

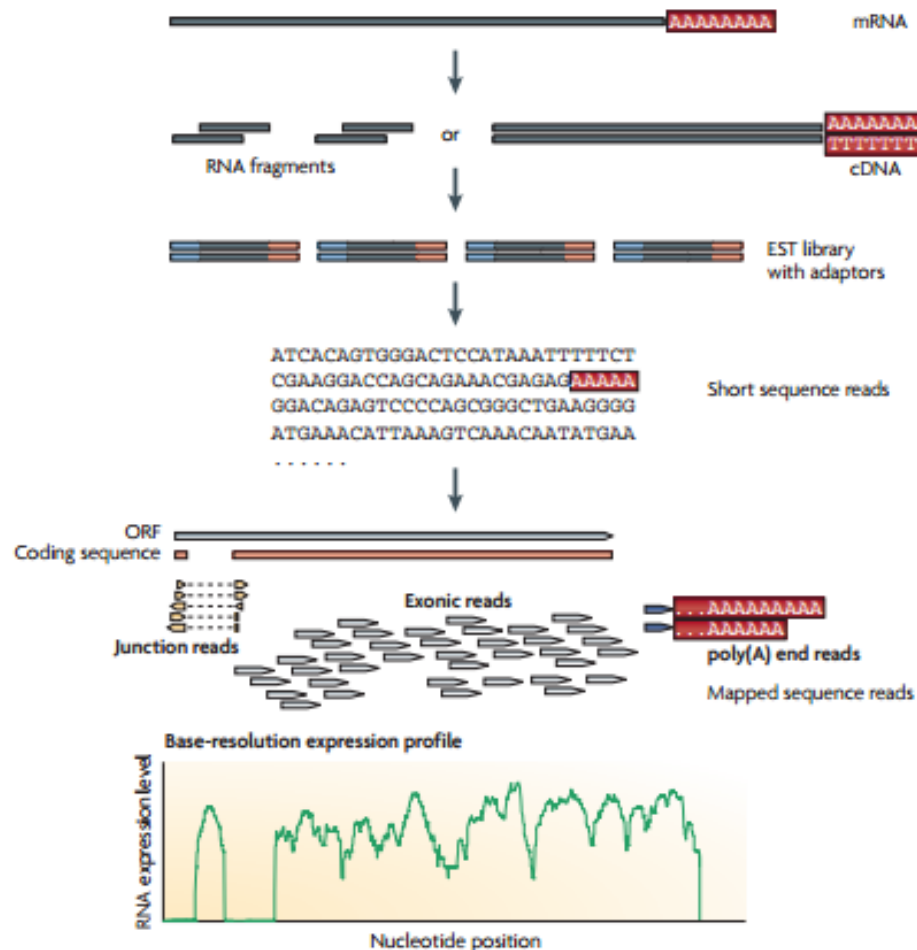
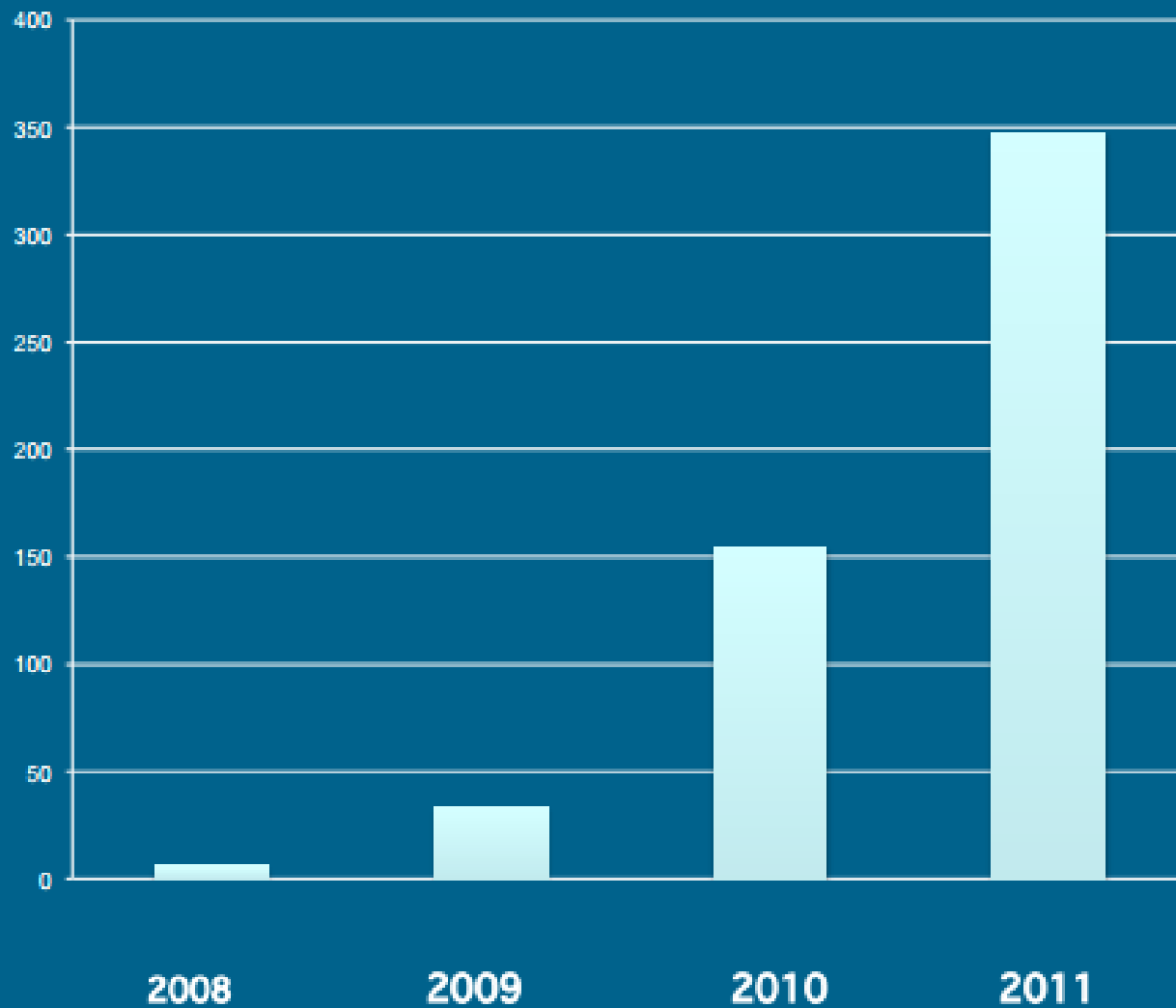


Figure 1 | **A typical RNA-Seq experiment.** Briefly, long RNAs are first converted into a library of cDNA fragments through either RNA fragmentation or DNA fragmentation (see main text). Sequencing adaptors (blue) are subsequently added to each cDNA fragment and a short sequence is obtained from each cDNA using high-throughput sequencing technology. The resulting sequence reads are aligned with the reference genome or transcriptome, and classified as three types: exonic reads, junction reads and poly(A) end-reads. These three types are used to generate a base-resolution expression profile for each gene, as illustrated at the bottom; a yeast ORF with one intron is shown.

PubMed Citations for RNA-Seq



ARRAYS VS. NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING

MICROARRAYS

- READILY AVAILABLE MATURE TECHNOLOGY
- RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE
- EFFECTIVE WITH VERY COMPLEX SAMPLES
- HUNDREDS OF SAMPLES PRACTICAL
- CAN TARGET SUBSET OF GENOME

SEQUENCING

- WHOLE GENOME DATA
- RELATIVELY UNIFORM ANALYTICAL PIPELINE
- FREE OF HYBRIDIZATION ARTIFACTS
- POSSIBILITY OF ONE PLATFORM FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

PROS

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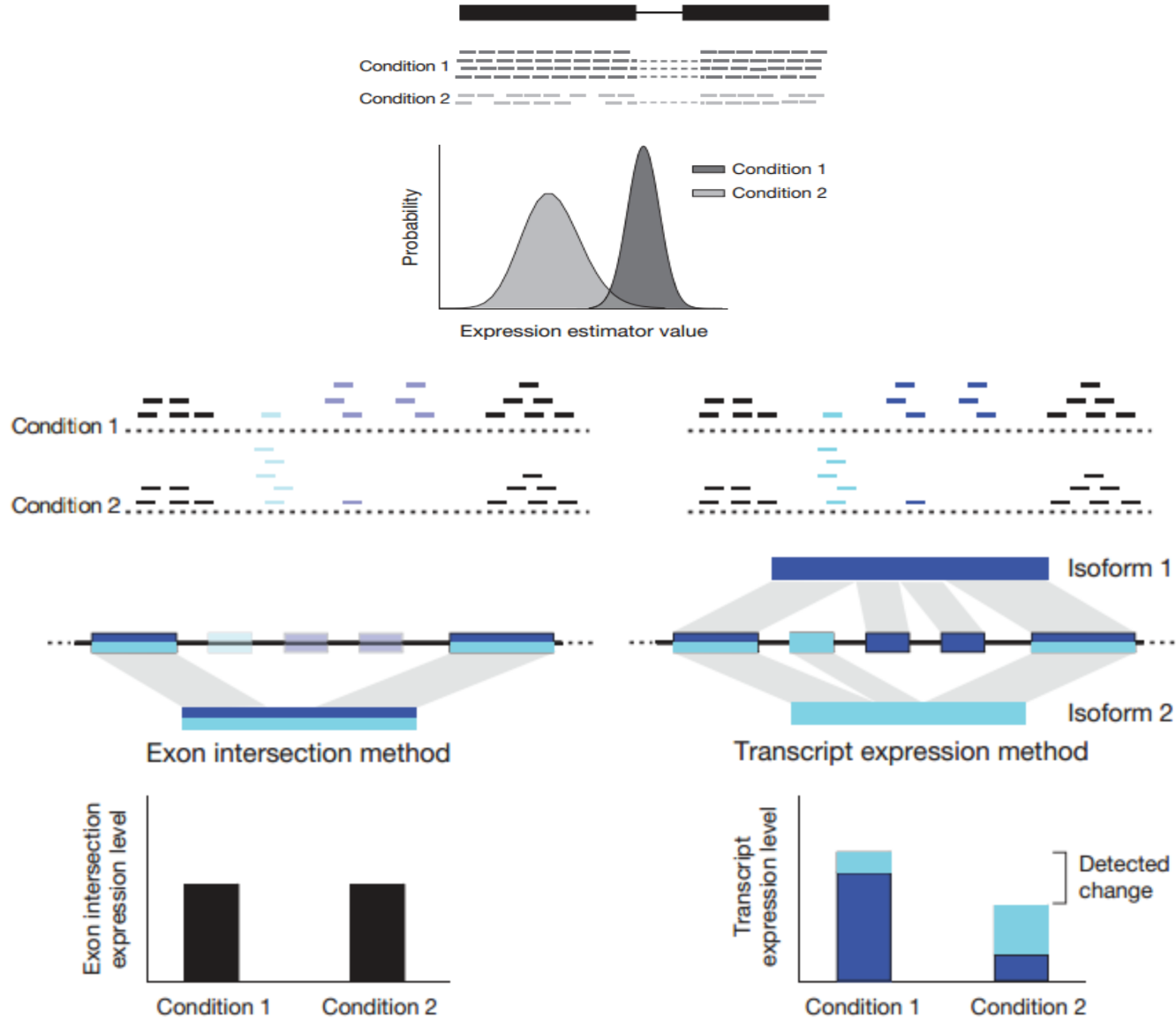
- REQUIRE PLATFORM AND APPLICATION SPECIFIC DATA PROCESSING
- PRONE TO PLATFORM SPECIFIC ARTIFACTS
- MANY SOURCES OF NOISE
- WHOLE GENOME STUDIES GENERALLY REQUIRE MANY ARRAYS, INCREASING SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLICATING ANALYSIS

- IMMATURE TECHNOLOGY
- TECHNOLOGY SPECIFIC ARTIFACTS
- RESOURCE INTENSIVE
- COMPUTATIONALLY INTENSIVE
- NO STANDARD ANALYSIS YET
- LOWER SAMPLE THROUGHPUT

MICROARRAYS

SEQUENCING

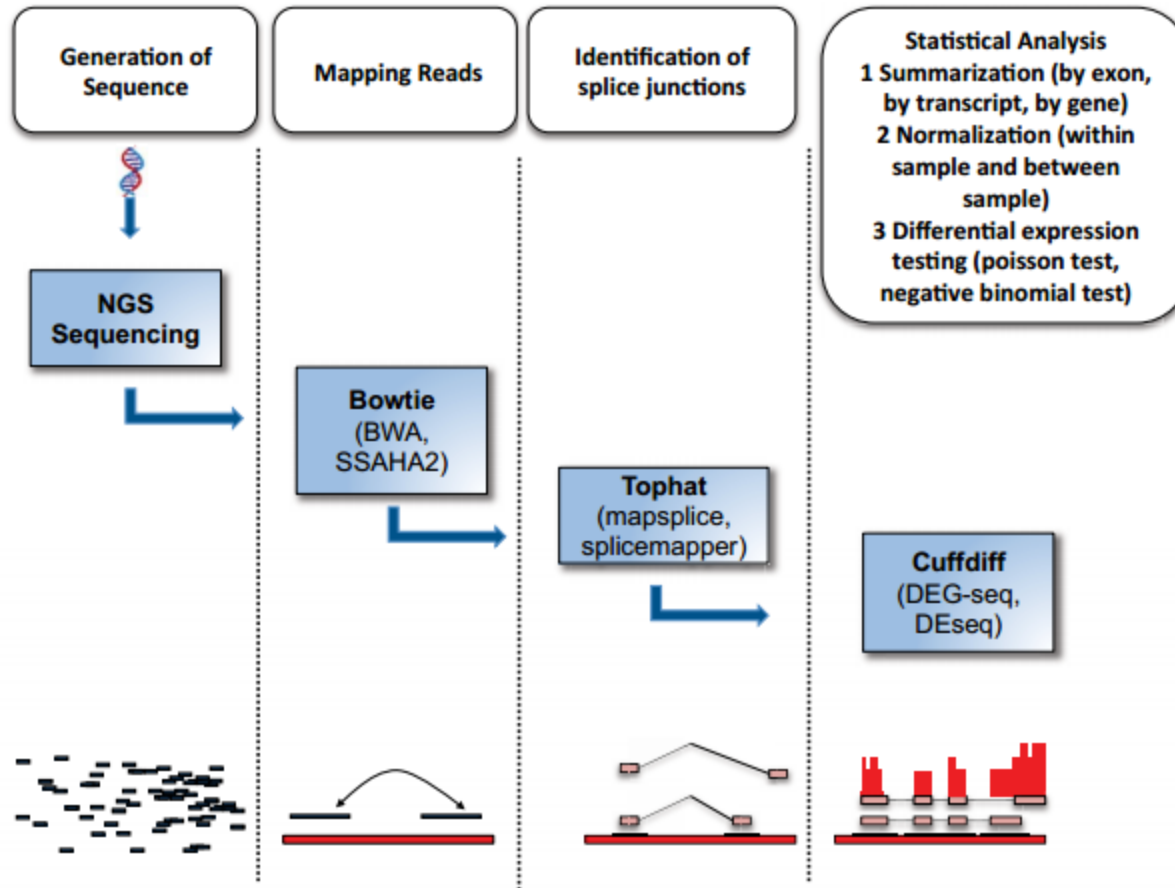
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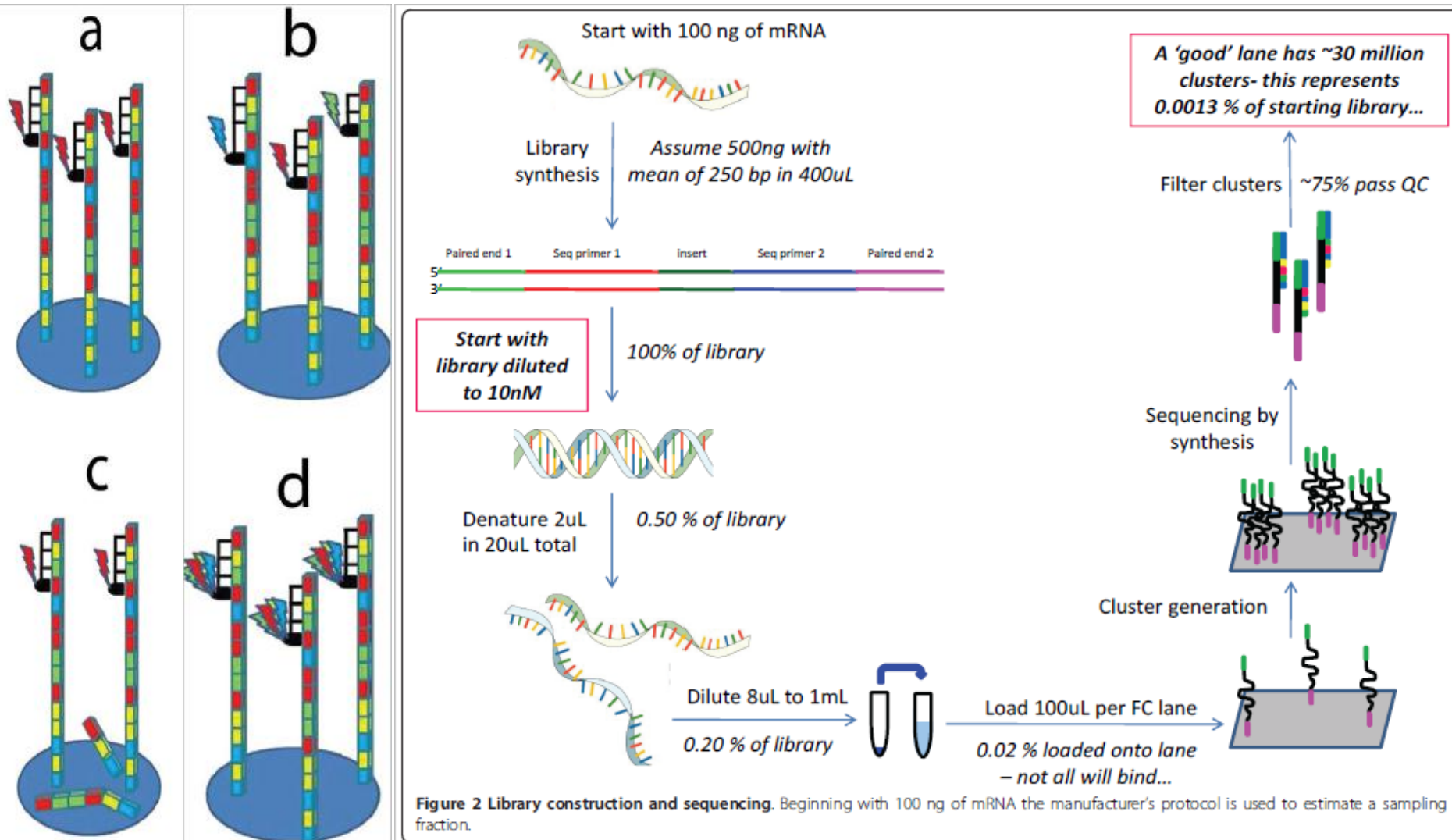
Standard RNA-Seq expression pipeline

With comprehensive and accurate annotation



RNA-seq: technical variability and sampling

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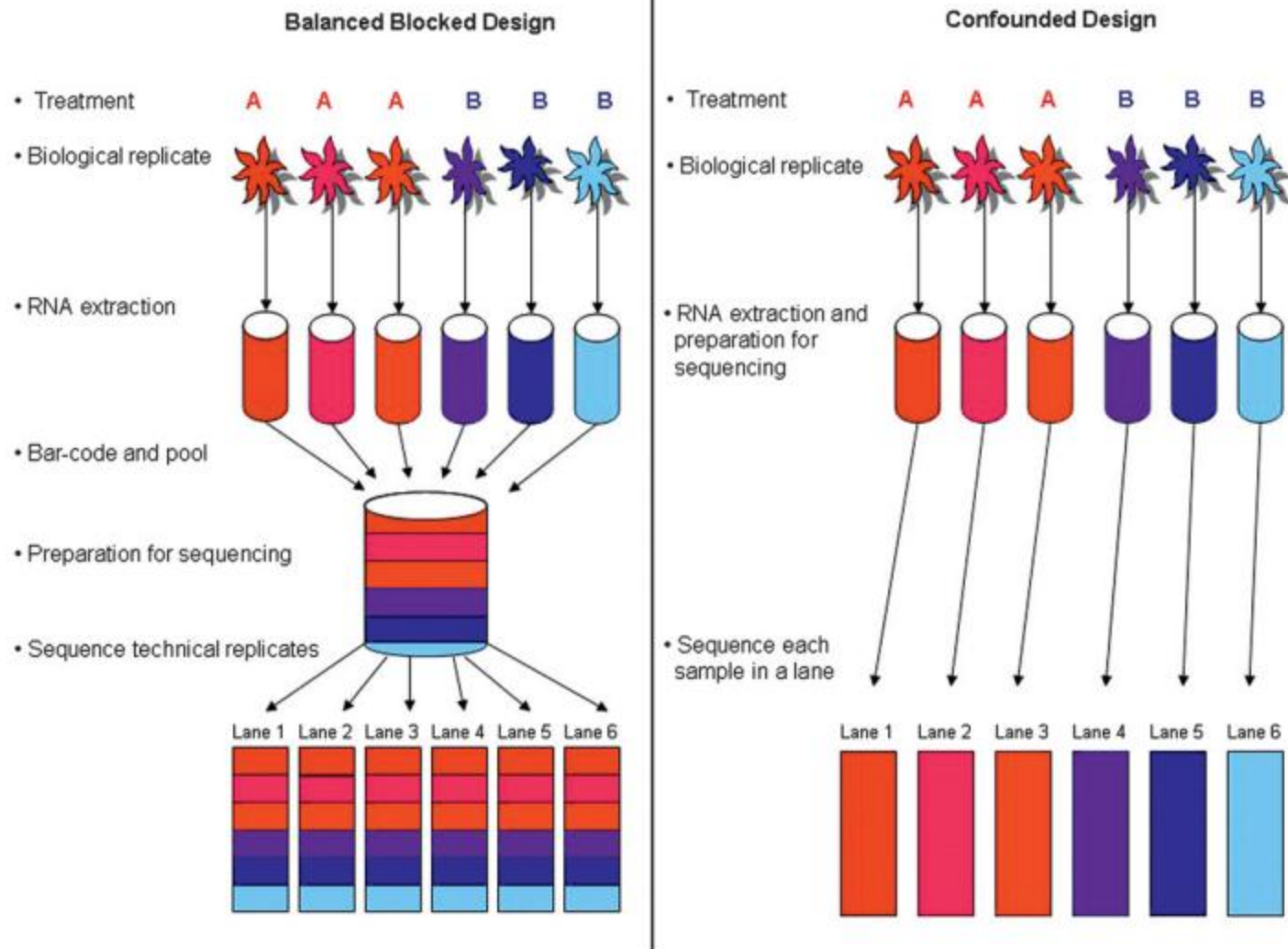
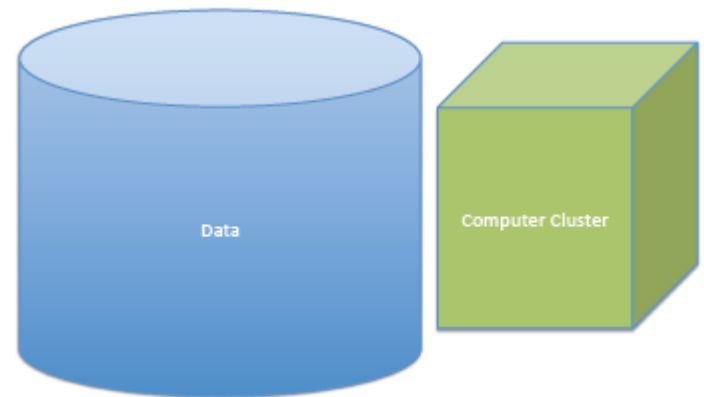


FIGURE 4.—Comparison of two designs for testing differential expression between treatments A and B. Treatment A is denoted by red tones and treatment B by blue tones. In the ideal balanced block design (left), six samples ($m = 6$) are bar coded, pooled, and processed together. The pool is then divided into six equal portions that are input to six lanes ($L = 6$) of the flow cell. Bar coding in the balanced block design results in six technical replicates ($T = 6$) of each sample, while balancing batch and lane effects and blocking on lane. The balanced block design also allows partitioning of batch and lane effects from the within-group biological variability. The confounded design (right) represents a typical RNA-Seq experiment and consists of the same six samples, with no bar coding, and does not permit partitioning of batch and lane effects from the estimate of within-group biological variability.

ALMACENAMIENTO Y ANALISIS DE DATOS





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Nutrigenetics: The Relevance of Polymorphisms

*Susan E. McCann, Michelle R. Roberts,
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SNP Discovery by Massively Parallel Transcriptome Resequencing in Sunflower and Development of a Bioinformatic Pipeline and Database for Mining and Displaying SNPs in Next-Generation Sequence Assemblies

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Nutrigenetics: The Relevance of Polymorphisms

Key Points

1. Nutrigenetics has been defined as “an integrated framework that simultaneously examines genetics and associated polymorphisms with diet-related diseases” and may lead to a better understanding of how diet may influence cancer risk.
2. Nutrigenetics enables us to better understand mechanisms of action of numerous food components in relation to cancer risk, and to better clarify risk relationships by focusing on those most likely to be impacted based upon genetics.
3. Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) can change the structure, function, and cellular content of a specific protein. If the SNPs are harbored in genes involved in the metabolism of drugs, environmental agents, or dietary components, then they may greatly affect how an individual responds to specific exposures.
4. Fruits and vegetables are sources of many bioactive food components that possess anticarcinogenic properties, and the intake of specific bioactive components found in fruits and vegetables modulate the relationship between genetic variants and cancer risk.
5. Individuals with defective endogenous protection from oxidative stress may benefit from dietary antioxidants. Conversely, the intake of fruits and vegetables may have little impact on cancer risk in subjects with higher endogenous antioxidant potential.
6. It should be noted that regardless of one's genotype a balanced diet high in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and low in meat and fats may be beneficial for overall health and well-being and prevention of numerous diseases other than cancer.

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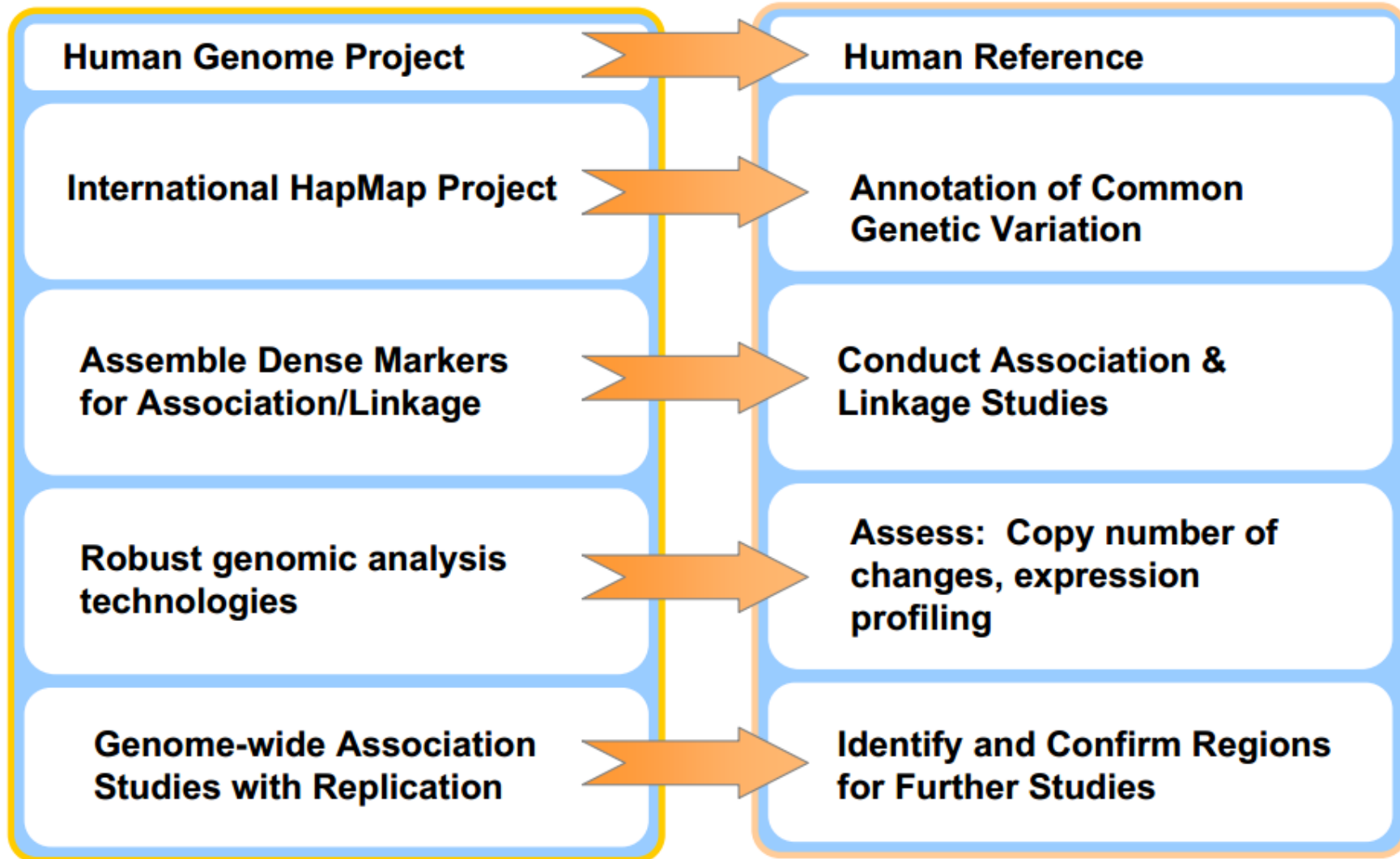
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Milestones in Human Genomics & Disease Susceptibility

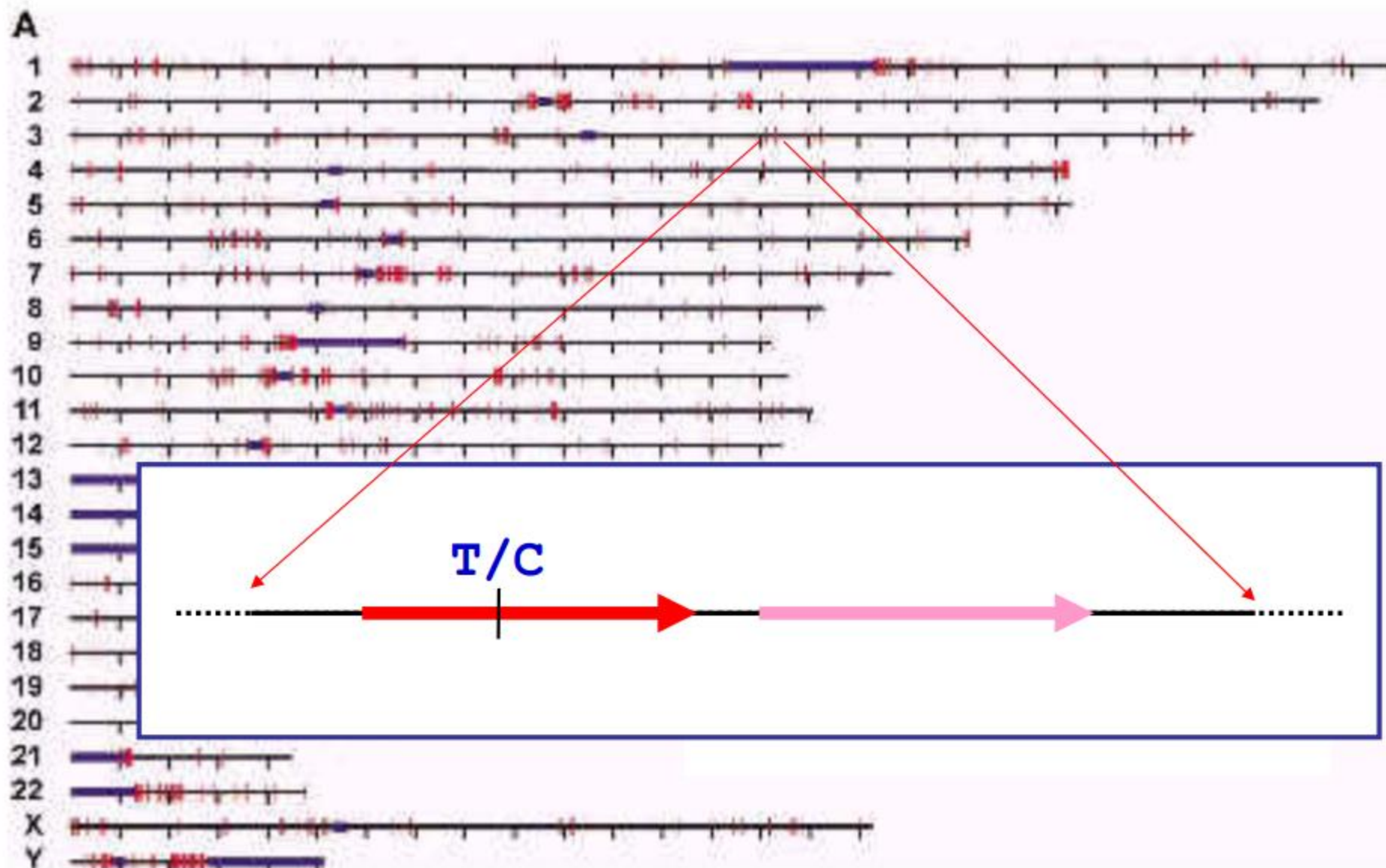
Achievements

Overall Impact



SNP in Unique Sequence

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Progress in genotyping technology

Cost per
genotype
Cents
(USD)

10^2

**ABI
TaqMan**

10

**ABI
SNPlex
Sequenom
PyroSeq**

**Illumina
Golden Gate**

1

**Affymetrix
10K**

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Perlegen

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Infinium/Sentrix**

Nb of
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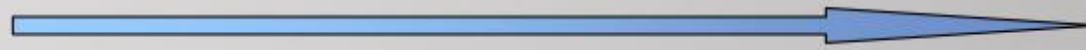
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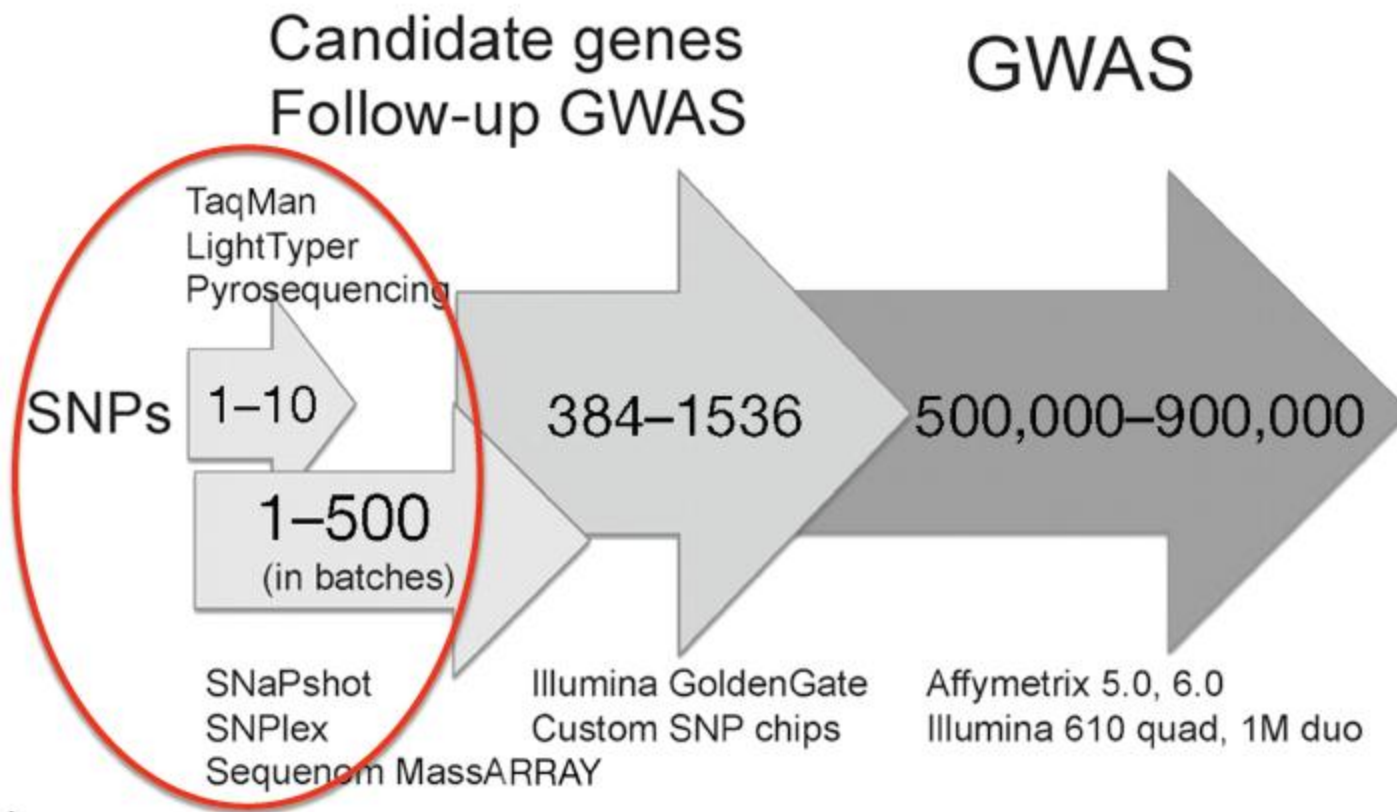
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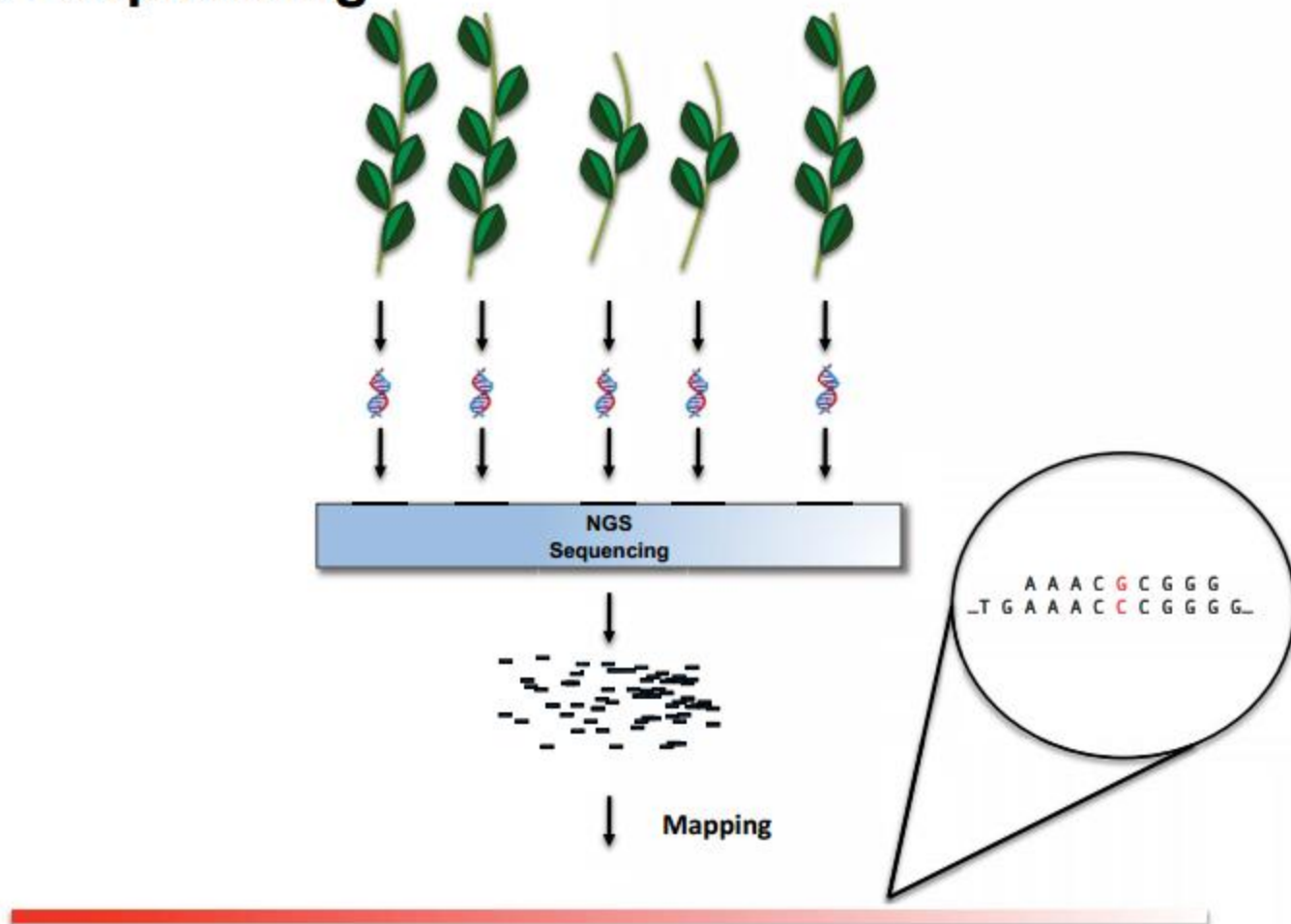


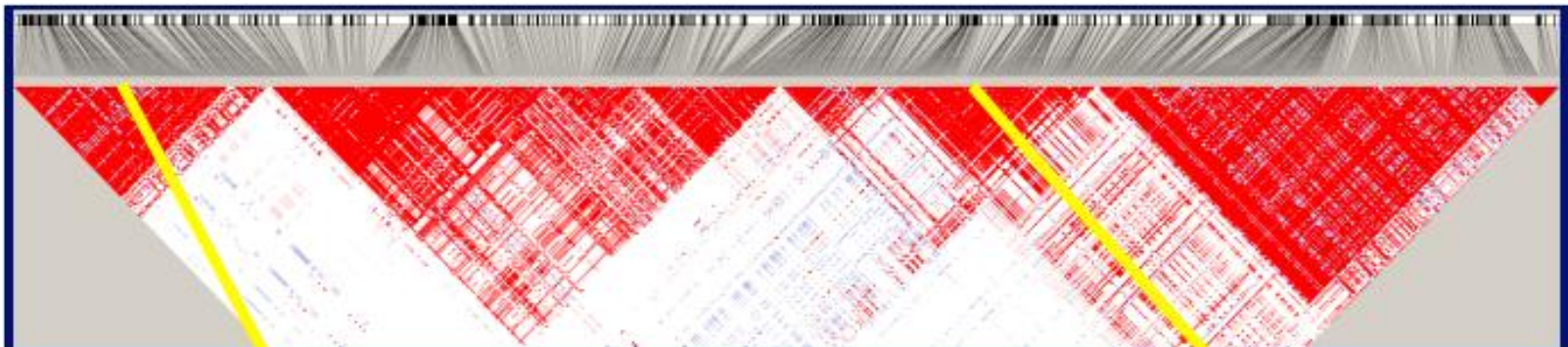
SNP genotyping: Different technologies for different scales



GENOME WIDE ASSOCIATION STUDIES

Re-Sequencing





**Variant:
Green vs. Purple**



Affected



Unaffected

GWAS

**Variant:
Orange vs. Blue**



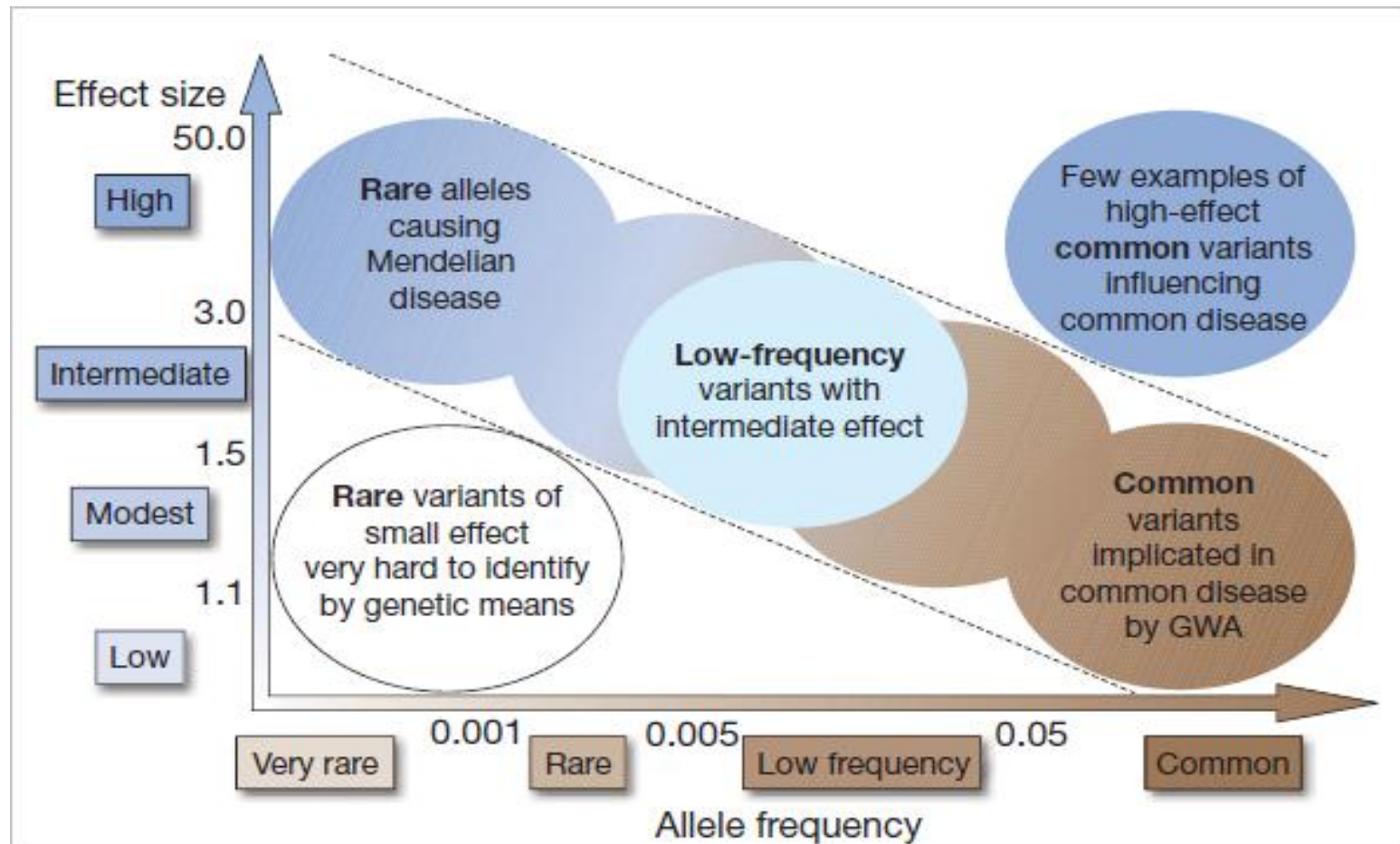
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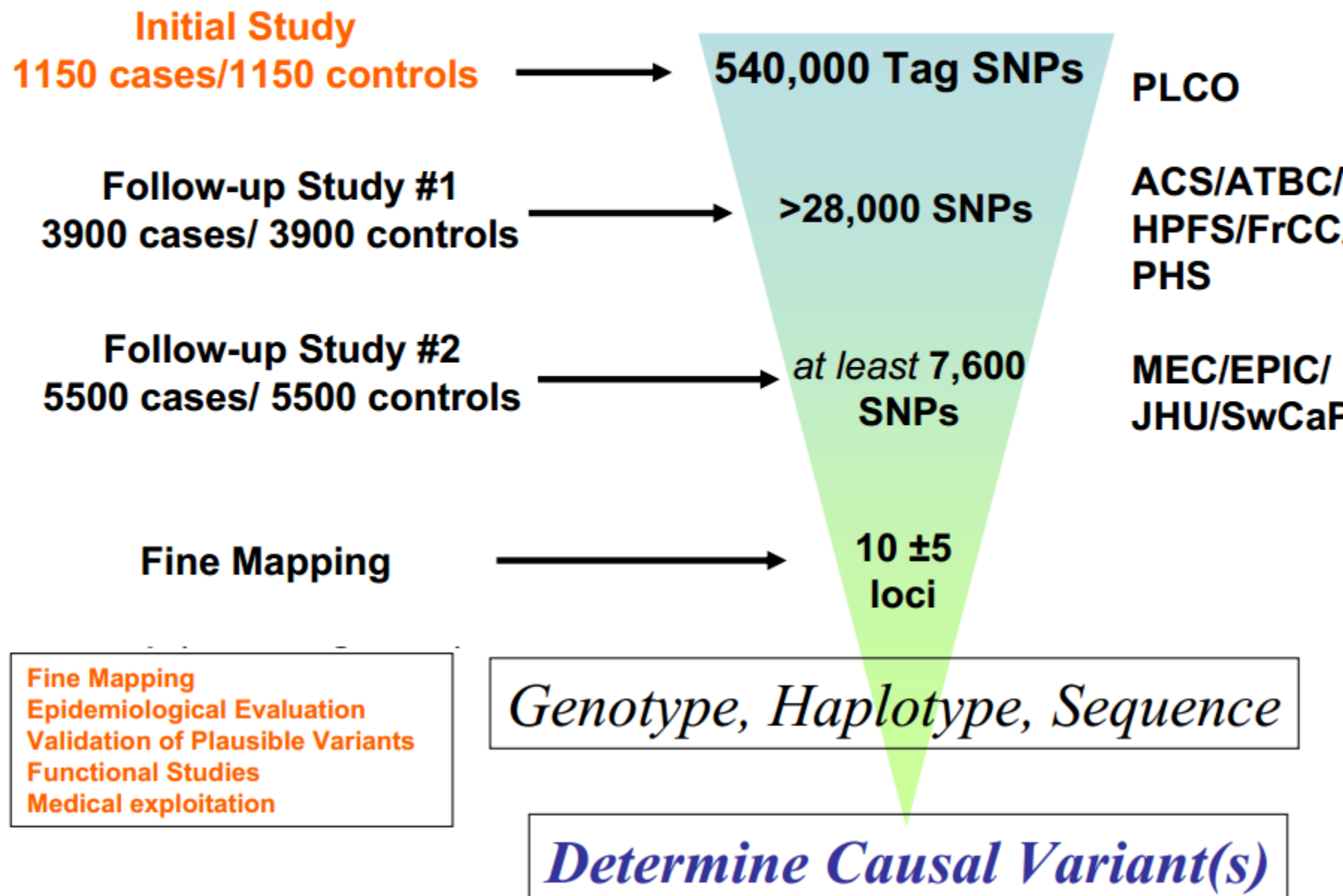


Association studies for next-generation sequencing

Li Luo, Eric Boerwinkle and Momiao Xiong

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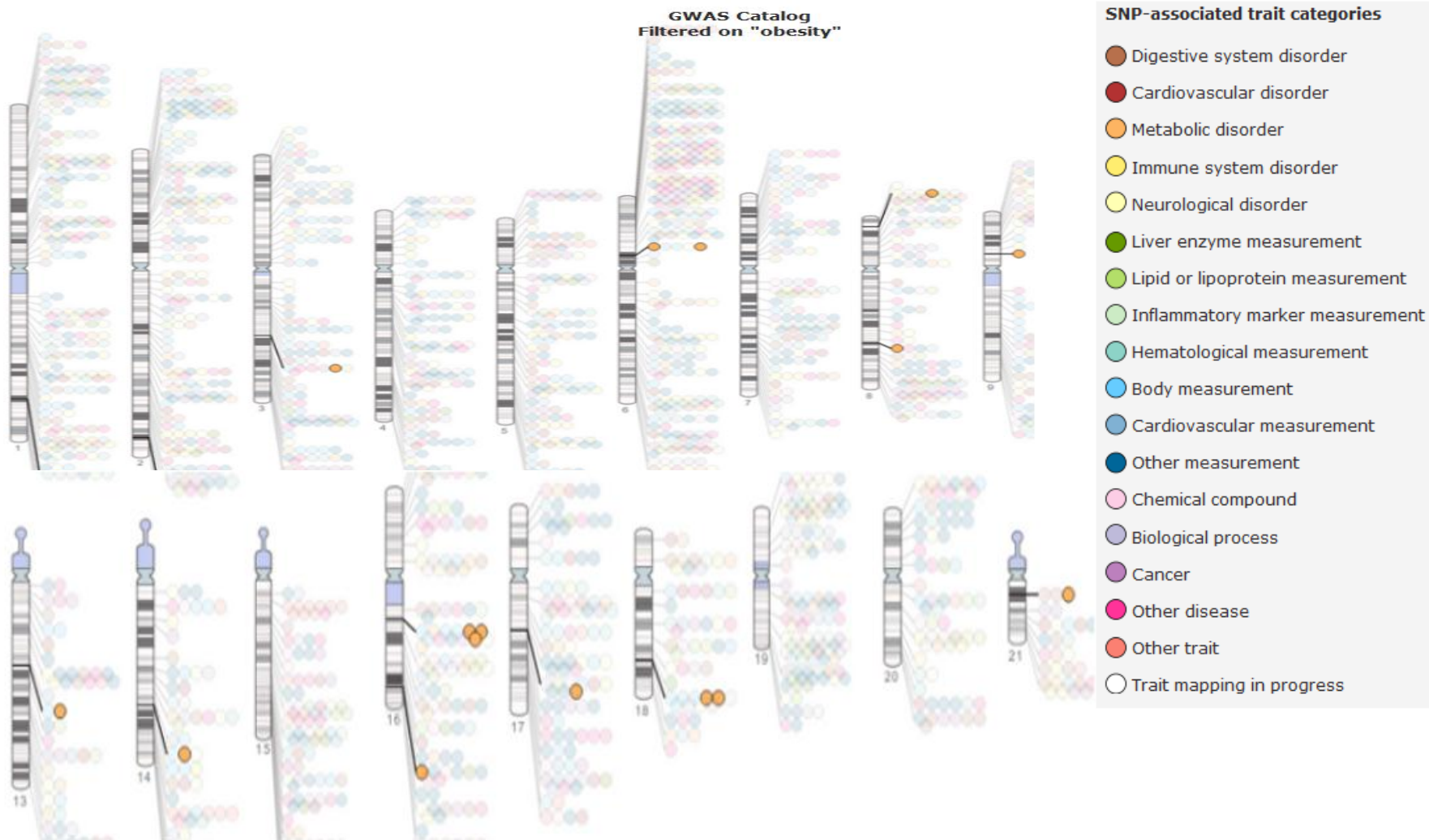


GWAS Diagram Browser

Exploring Genome-wide Association Studies



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The Promise of GWAS

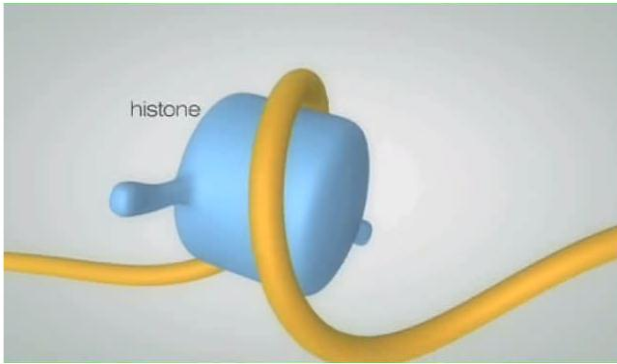
- **Discovery of Common Markers in the Genome**
 - Represents a portion of the genetic contribution
- **Opportunity to dissect genetic signal**
- **Establish genetic markers for:**
 - Prevention
 - Intervention
- **Explore genes/pathways**
 - Etiology
 - Gene-Environment/Lifestyle Interactions
 - “Druggable” targets



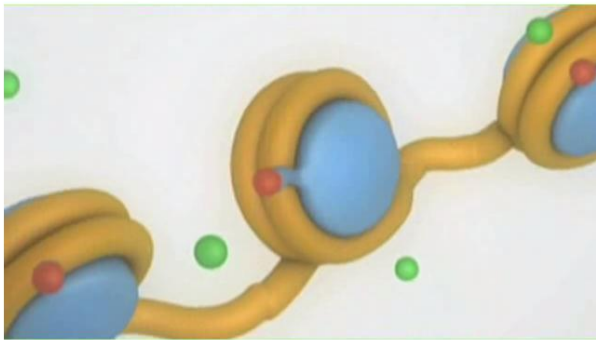
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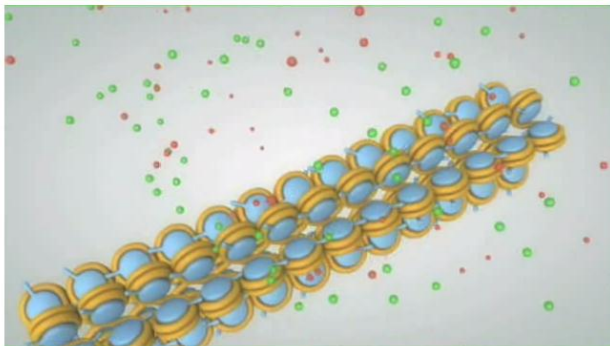
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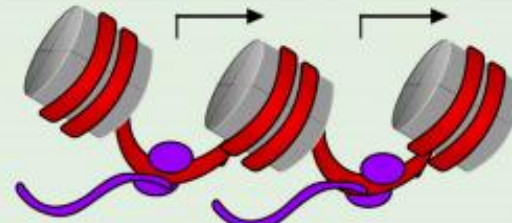
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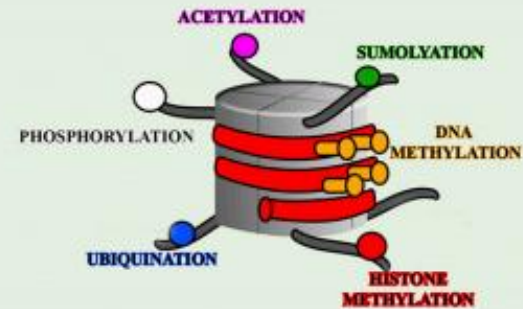


A



OPEN (ACTIVE) CHROMATIN

B



C



CONDENSED CHROMATIN

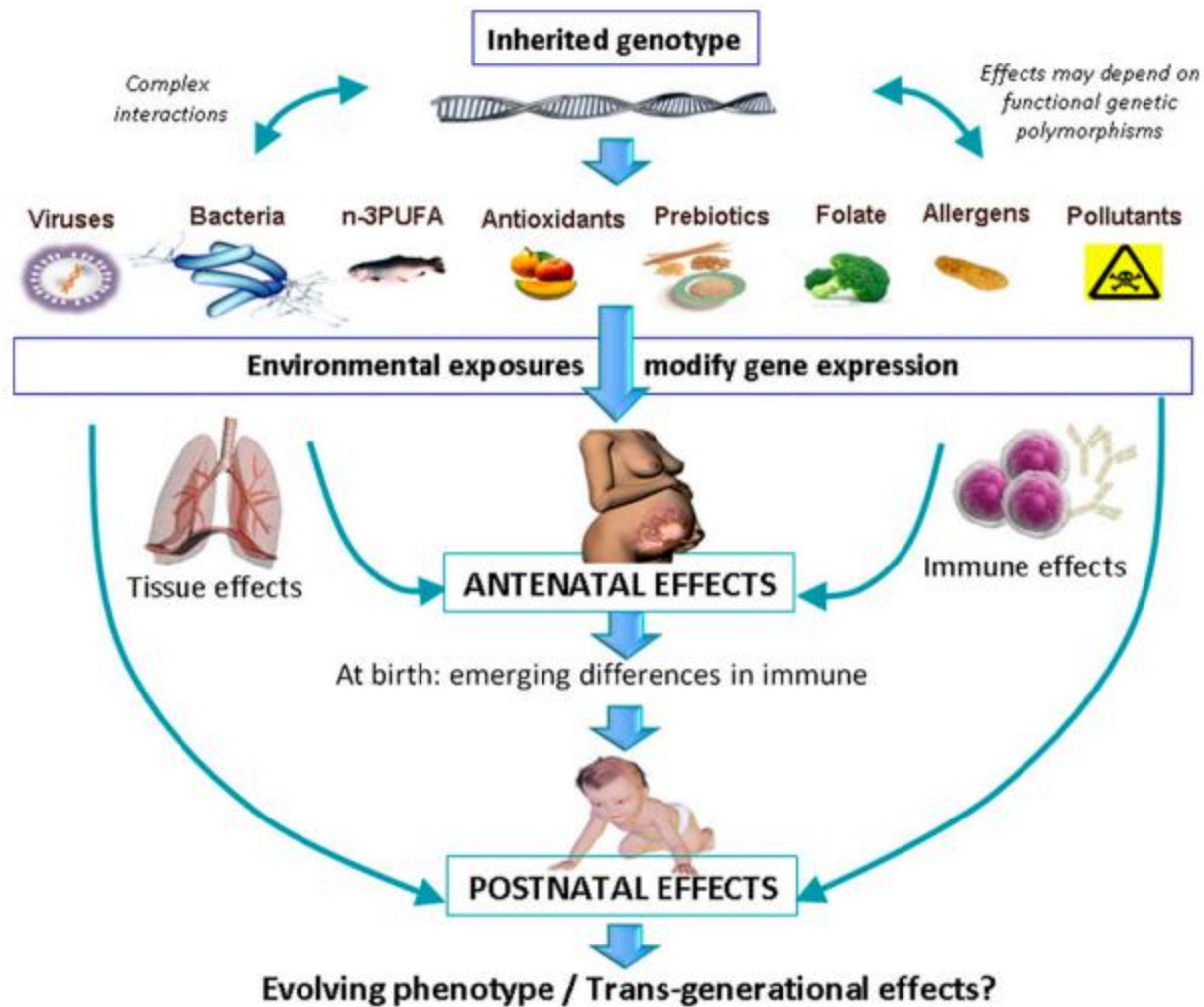


FIGURE 2. Complex gene-environmental interactions modify gene expression and phenotype during early development. PUFA = polyunsaturated fatty acid.

Third-generation sequencing fireworks at Marco Island

David J Munroe & Timothy J R Harris

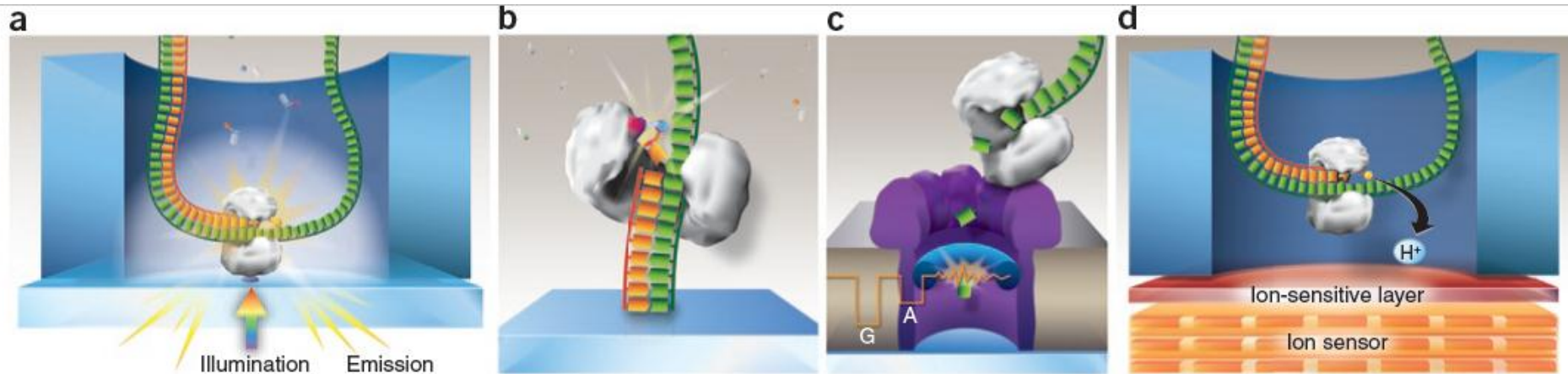


Figure 1 Third-generation sequencing platforms. (a) Pacific Biosciences SMRT (single-molecule real-time) DNA sequencing method. The platform uses a DNA polymerase anchored to the bottom surface of a ZMW (pictured in cross section). Differentially labeled nucleotides enter the ZMW via diffusion and occupy the 'detection volume' (white translucent halo area) for microseconds. During an incorporation event, the labeled nucleotide is 'held' within the detection volume by the polymerase for tens of milliseconds. As each nucleotide is incorporated, the label, located on the terminal phosphate, is cleaved off and diffuses out of the ZMW. (b) Life Technologies FRET sequencing platform uses base fluorescent labeling technology, a DNA polymerase modified with a quantum dot and DNA template molecules immobilized onto a solid surface. During an incorporation event, energy is transferred from the quantum dot to an acceptor fluorescent moiety on each labeled base. Light emission can only emanate from labeled nucleotides as they are being incorporated. (c) The Oxford nanopore sequencing platform uses an exonuclease coupled to a modified α -hemolysin nanopore (purple, pictured in cross section) positioned within a lipid bilayer. As sequentially cleaved bases are directed through the nanopore, they are transiently bound by a cyclodextrin moiety (blue), disturbing current through the nanopore in a manner characteristic for each base. (d) The Ion Torrent sequencing platform uses a semiconductor-based high-density array of microwell reaction chambers positioned above an ion-sensitive layer and an ion sensor. Single nucleotides are added sequentially, and incorporation is recorded by measuring hydrogen ions released as a by-product of nucleotide chain elongation.

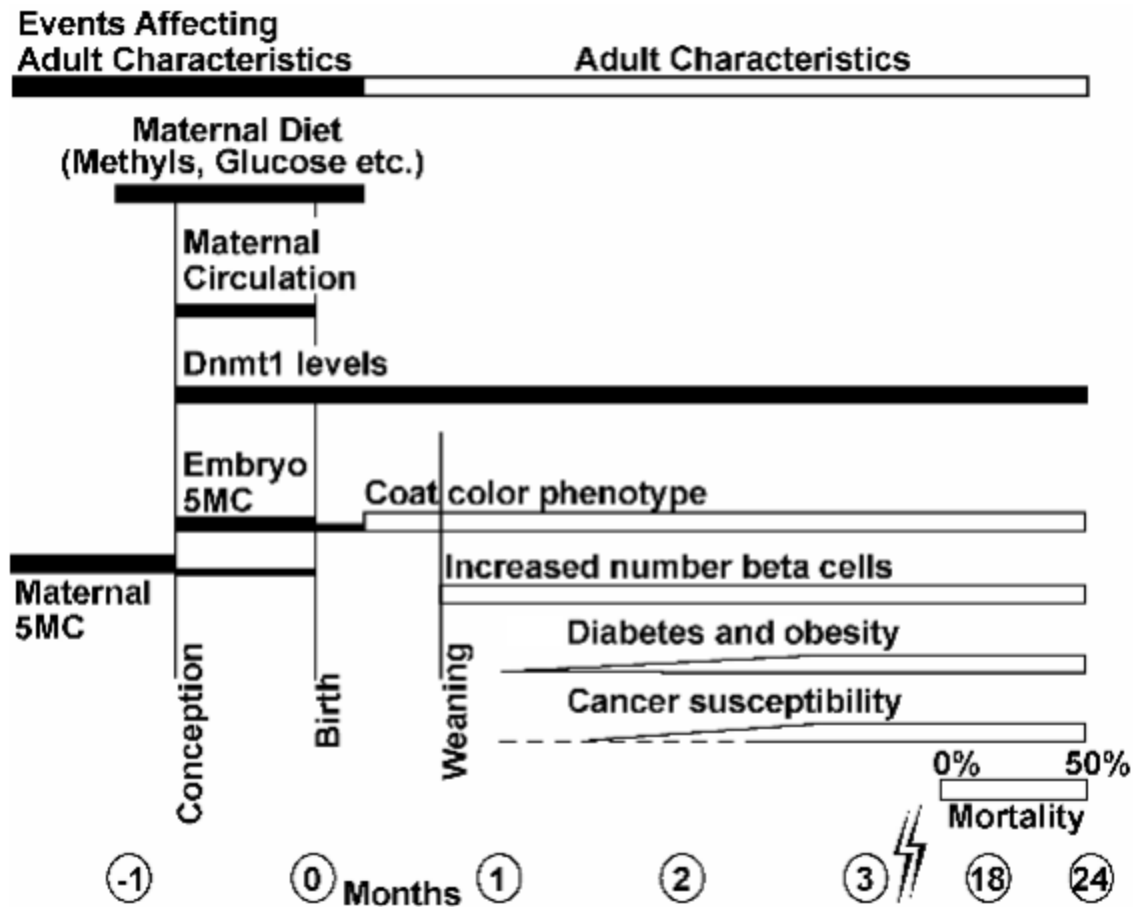


Figure 10.5. Time line of maternal effects and the phenotypic consequences.

The exposome: from concept to utility

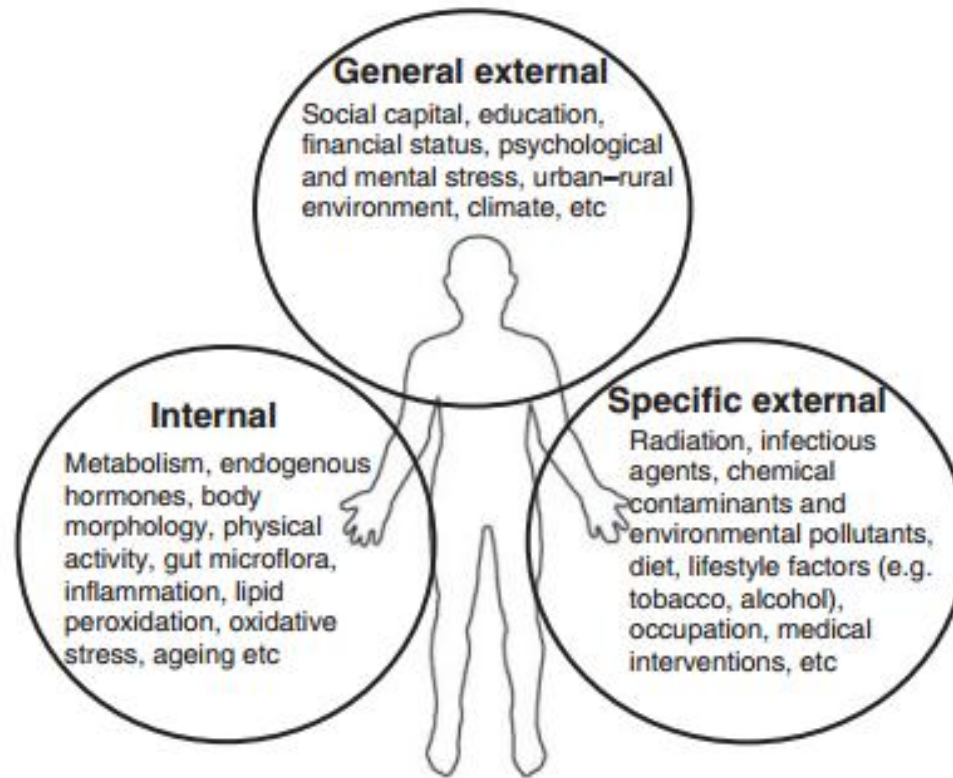


Figure 1 Three different domains of the exposome are presented diagrammatically with non-exhaustive examples for each of these domains

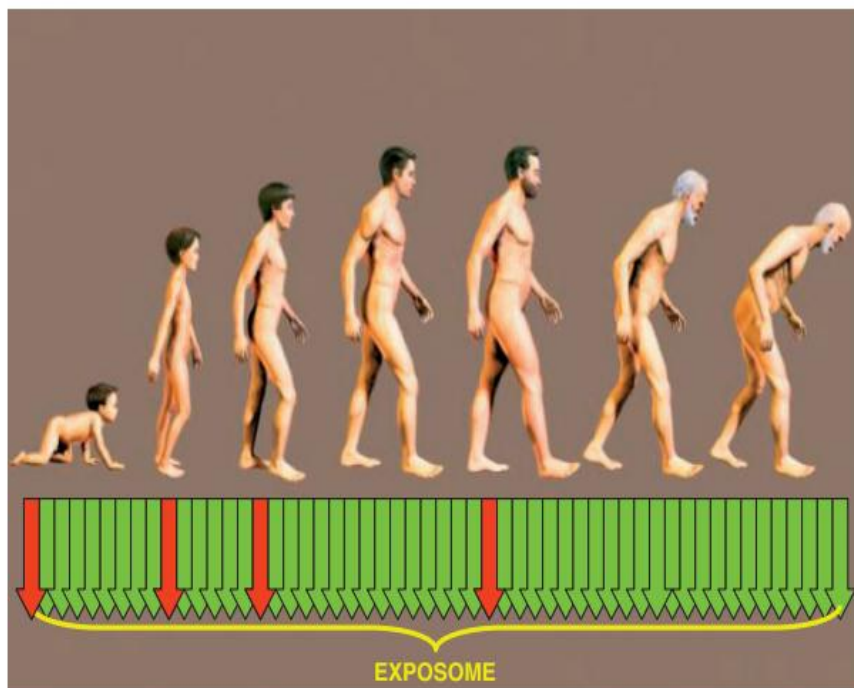


Figure 2 The exposome would require measurement of exposures over time across the lifecourse of an indiv (*in utero* exposures are included but not represented on this schema). The darker arrows indicate possible time- π representative cross-sectional exposure assessments could be made in order to capture different key periods: *in u* childhood; adolescence; and adulthood

Table 1 Some examples of approaches and tools to measure the exposome

Approach	Tools
Biomarkers (omics)	
General	Genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics, epigenomics
Targeted	Adductomics, lipidomics, immunomics
Sensor technologies (including mobile phones)	Environmental pollutants, physical activity, stress, circadian rhythms, location [global positioning systems (GPS)]
Imaging (including mobile phones, video cameras)	Diet, environment, social interactions
Portable computerized devices (including palmtop computers)	Behaviour and experiences (ecological momentary assessment), stress, diet, physical activity
Improved conventional measurements (combined with environmental measures)	Job-exposure matrices; dietary recall (e.g. EPIC-Soft)

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In The Spotlight

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What is the National Children's Study?

The National Children's Study will examine the effects of the environment, as broadly defined to include factors such as air, water, diet, sound, family dynamics, community and cultural influences, and genetics on the growth, development, and health of children across the United States, following them from before birth until age 21 years. The goal of the Study is to improve the health and well-being of children and contribute to understanding the role various factors have on health and disease. Findings from the Study will be made available as the research progresses, making potential benefits known to the public as soon as possible.

The National Children's Study is:

- data-driven
- evidence-based
- community and participant informed

Ultimately, the National Children's Study will be one of the richest research efforts geared towards studying children's health and development and will form the basis of child health guidance, interventions, and policy for generations to come. For more details on the Study, see the [Study](#)

About UK Biobank

UK Biobank is a major national health resource, and a registered charity in its own right, with the aim of improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of serious and life-threatening illnesses – including cancer, heart diseases, stroke, diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, eye disorders, depression and forms of dementia. UK Biobank recruited 500,000 people aged between 40-69 years in 2006-2010 from across the country to take part in this project. They have undergone measures, provided blood, urine and saliva samples for future analysis, detailed information about themselves and agreed to have their health followed. Over many years this will build into a powerful resource to help scientists discover why some people develop particular diseases and others do not.

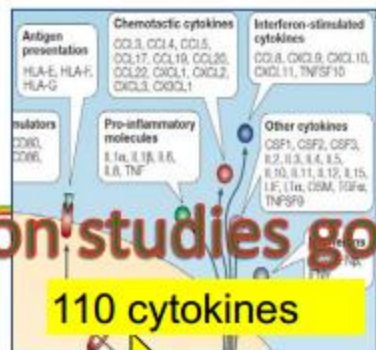
UK Biobank diet questionnaire ends

The online UK Biobank diet questionnaire is now complete. More than 210,000 people took the time to undertake around 450,000 questionnaires. UK Biobank would like to thank all those people who have participated. They have helped to make UK Biobank even more useful to health scientists from around the world.

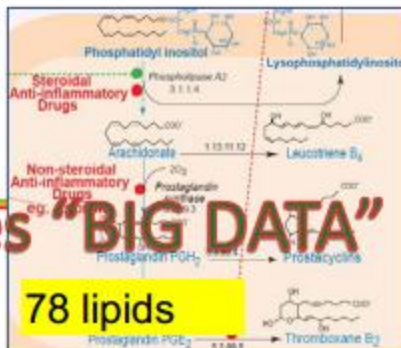
Combining the dietary information with the analyses of specific nutrients in blood, urine and saliva samples will help further. This will assist scientists to improve their understanding of the link between particular aspects of diet and diseases like particular types of cancer and heart disease.



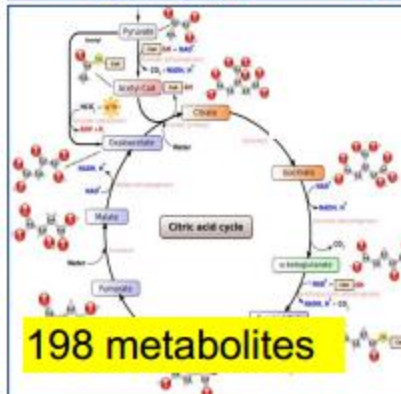
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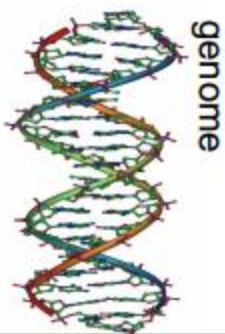


78 lipids



198 metabolites

'omics' analysis
quantifies enormous
of parameters



genome

~ 30 parameters



clinical chemistry



11.000 genes

lipidome

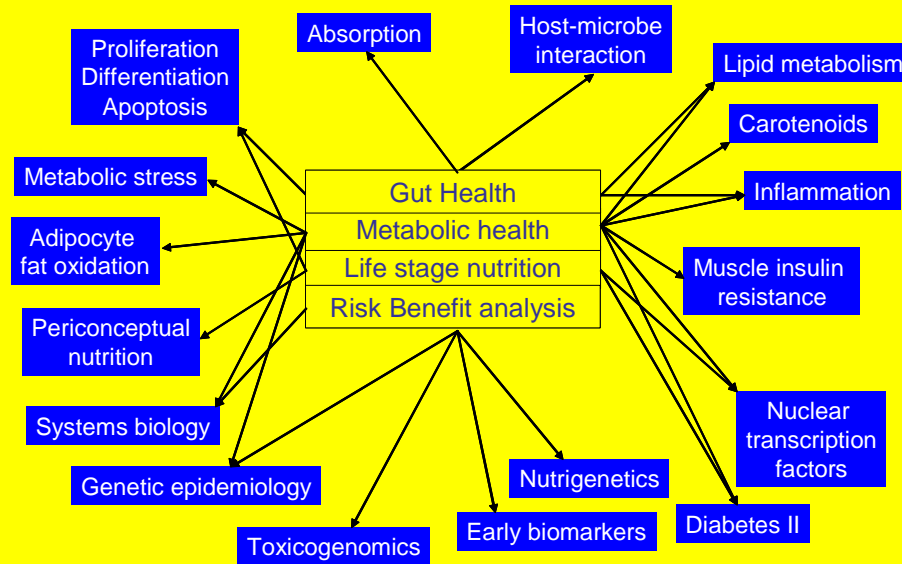
metabolome

transcriptome

Linking to other EU programs

DIOGENES
obesity
(EU, 12M€)

NuGO



LIPGEN
Lipids & genes
(EU, 14M€)

EARNEST
early life nutrition
(EU, 14M€)

Innovative Cluster Nutrigenomics
Chronic metabolic stress
(Dutch, 21M€)

Various researchers have performed intervention studies that might profit from each other

Partner 1:
Olive oil Intervention study



Partner 2:
Fish oil intervention study



All diets are CVD- protective.
What are joint mechanisms,
biomarkers, ...



Partner 5:
Orange juice
Intervention study

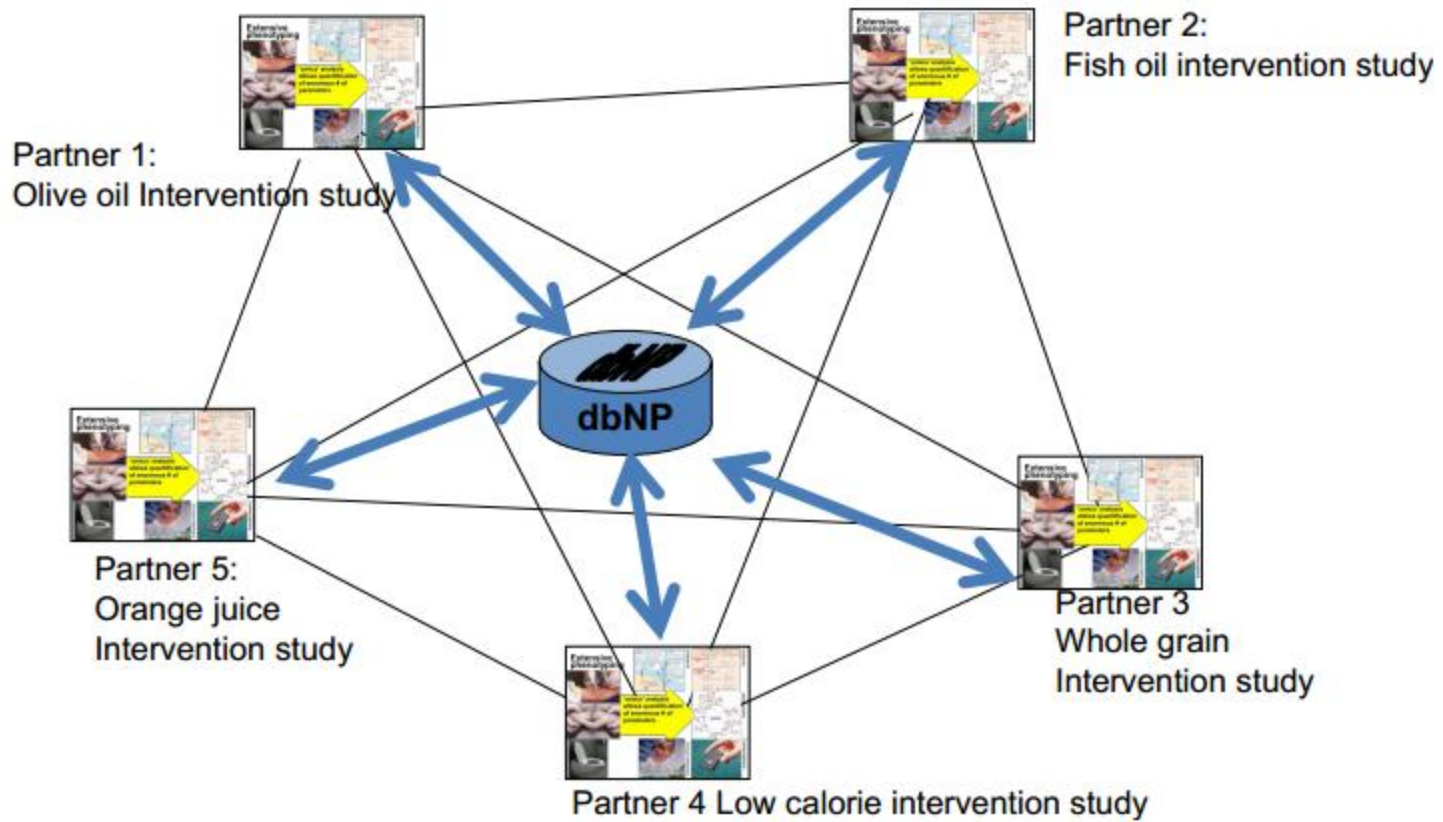


Partner 3
Whole grain
Intervention study



Partner 4 Low calorie intervention study

Are all partners allowed to dig into the joint study data pool?



Sooner or later, all study data will become
available to everyone

