

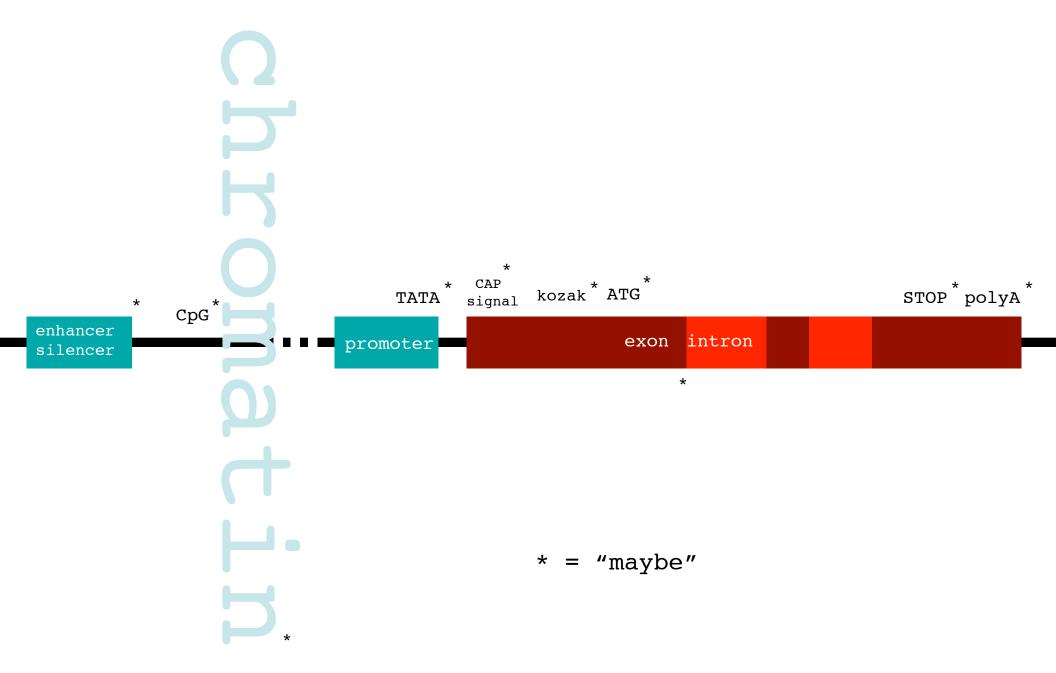
Figure 1. The Sanger sequencing reaction. Single stranded DNA is amplified in the presence of fluorescently labelled ddNTPs that serve to terminate the reaction and label all the fragments of DNA produced. The fragments of DNA are then separated via polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and the sequence read using a laser beam and computer.

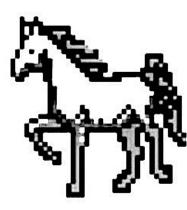
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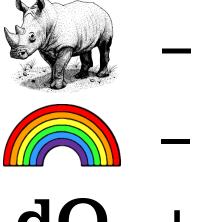
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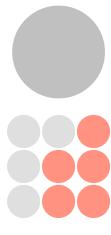
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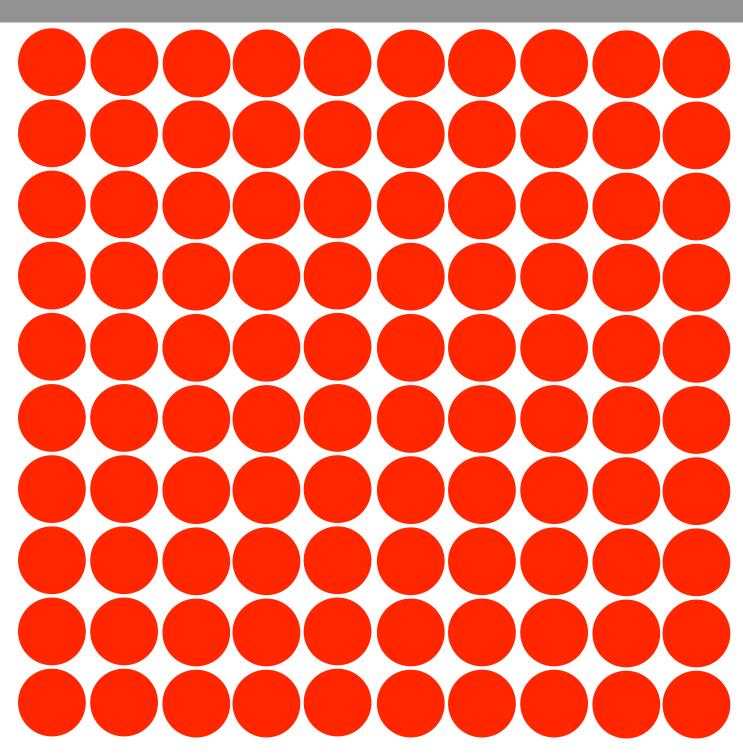




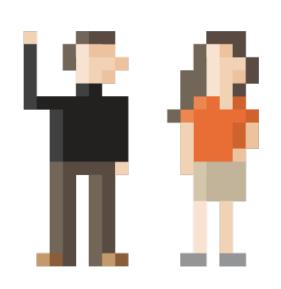
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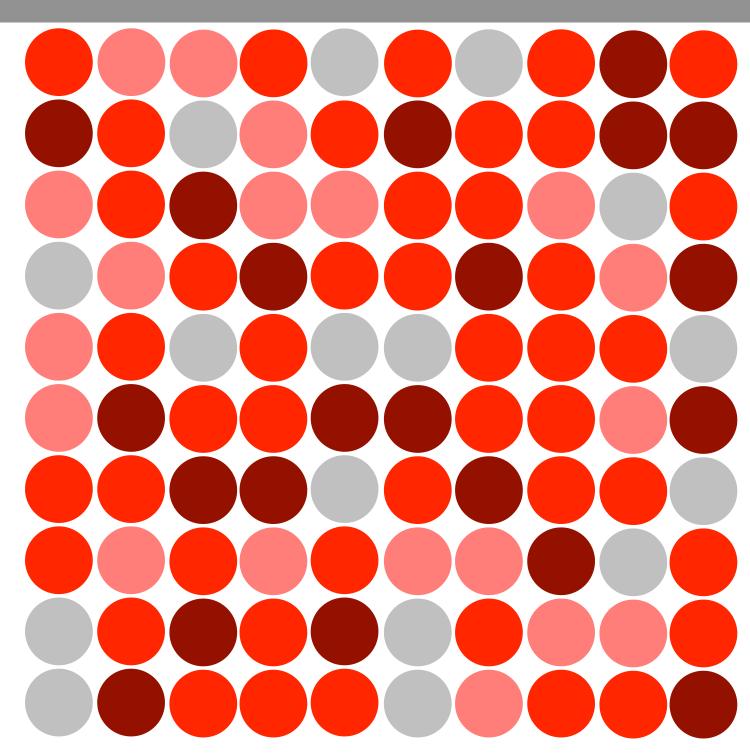
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GENOMICS: is a discipline in genetics concerning the study of the genomes of organisms

Initial sequencing and analysis of the human genome

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The human genome holds an extraordinary trove of information about human development, physiology, medicine and evolution. Here we report the results of an international collaboration to produce and make freely available a draft sequence of the human genome. We also present an initial analysis of the data, describing some of the insights that can be gleaned from the sequence.

The rediscovery of Mendel's laws of heredity in the opening weeks of the 20th century¹⁻³ sparked a scientific quest to understand the nature and content of genetic information that has propelled biology for the last hundred years. The scientific progress made falls naturally into four main phases, corresponding roughly to the four quarters of the century. The first established the cellular basis of heredity: the chromosomes. The second defined the molecular basis of heredity: the DNA double helix. The third unlocked the informational basis of heredity, with the discovery of the biological mechanism by which cells read the information contained in genes and with the invention of the recombinant DNA technologies of cloning and sequencing by which scientists can do the same.

The last quarter of a century has been marked by a relentless drive to decipher first genes and then entire genomes, spawning the field of genomics. The fruits of this work already include the genome sequences of 599 viruses and viroids, 205 naturally occurring plasmids, 185 organelles, 31 eubacteria, seven archaea, one fungus, two animals and one plant.

Here we report the results of a collaboration involving 20 groups from the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, France, Germany and China to produce a draft sequence of the human genome. The draft genome sequence was generated from a physical map covering more than 96% of the euchromatic part of the human genome and, together with additional sequence in public databases, it covers about 94% of the human genome. The sequence was produced over a relatively short period, with coverage rising from about 10% to more than 90% over roughly fifteen months. The sequence data have been made available without restriction and updated daily throughout the project. The task ahead is to produce a finished sequence, by closing all gaps and resolving all ambiguities. Already about one billion bases are in final form and the task of bringing the vast majority of the sequence to this standard is now straightforward and should proceed rapidly.

The sequence of the human genome is of interest in several respects. It is the largest genome to be extensively sequenced so far, being 25 times as large as any previously sequenced genome and eight times as large as the sum of all such genomes. It is the first vertebrate genome to be extensively sequenced. And, uniquely, it is the genome of our own species.

Much work remains to be done to produce a complete finished sequence, but the vast trove of information that has become available through this collaborative effort allows a global perspective on the human genome. Although the details will change as the sequence is finished, many points are already clear.

• The genomic landscape shows marked variation in the distribution of a number of features, including genes, transposable elements, GC content, CpG islands and recombination rate. This gives us important clues about function. For example, the developmentally important HOX gene clusters are the most repeat-poor regions of the human genome, probably reflecting the very complex proteins and their differences and similarities with those of other

coordinate regulation of the genes in the clusters.

- There appear to be about 30,000–40,000 protein-coding genes in the human genome—only about twice as many as in worm or fly. However, the genes are more complex, with more alternative splicing generating a larger number of protein products.
- The full set of proteins (the 'proteome') encoded by the human genome is more complex than those of invertebrates. This is due in part to the presence of vertebrate-specific protein domains and motifs (an estimated 7% of the total), but more to the fact that vertebrates appear to have arranged pre-existing components into a richer collection of domain architectures.
- Hundreds of human genes appear likely to have resulted from horizontal transfer from bacteria at some point in the vertebrate lineage. Dozens of genes appear to have been derived from transposable elements.
- Although about half of the human genome derives from transposable elements, there has been a marked decline in the overall activity of such elements in the hominid lineage. DNA transposons appear to have become completely inactive and long-terminal repeat (LTR) retroposons may also have done so.
- The pericentromeric and subtelomeric regions of chromosomes are filled with large recent segmental duplications of sequence from elsewhere in the genome. Segmental duplication is much more frequent in humans than in yeast, fly or worm.
- Analysis of the organization of Alu elements explains the longstanding mystery of their surprising genomic distribution, and suggests that there may be strong selection in favour of preferential retention of Alu elements in GC-rich regions and that these 'selfish' elements may benefit their human hosts.
- The mutation rate is about twice as high in male as in female meiosis, showing that most mutation occurs in males.
- Cytogenetic analysis of the sequenced clones confirms suggestions that large GC-poor regions are strongly correlated with 'dark
- Recombination rates tend to be much higher in distal regions (around 20 megabases (Mb)) of chromosomes and on shorter chromosome arms in general, in a pattern that promotes the occurrence of at least one crossover per chromosome arm in each
- More than 1.4 million single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in the human genome have been identified. This collection should allow the initiation of genome-wide linkage disequilibrium mapping of the genes in the human population.

In this paper, we start by presenting background information on the project and describing the generation, assembly and evaluation of the draft genome sequence. We then focus on an initial analysis of the sequence itself: the broad chromosomal landscape; the repeat elements and the rich palaeontological record of evolutionary and biological processes that they provide; the human genes and

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A 2.91-billion base pair (bp) consensus sequence of the euchromatic portion of the human genome was generated by the whole-genome shotgun sequencing method. The 14.8-billion bp DNA sequence was generated over 9 months from 27,271,853 high-quality sequence reads (5.11-fold coverage of the genome) from both ends of plasmid clones made from the DNA of five individuals. Two assembly strategies—a whole-genome assembly and a regional chromosome assembly-were used, each combining sequence data from Celera and the publicly funded genome effort. The public data were shredded into 550-bp segments to create a 2.9-fold coverage of those genome regions that had been sequenced, without including biases inherent in the cloning and assembly procedure used by the publicly funded group. This brought the effective coverage in the assemblies to eightfold, reducing the number and size of gaps in the final assembly over what would be obtained with 5.11-fold coverage. The two assembly strategies yielded very similar results that largely agree with independent mapping data. The assemblies effectively cover the euchromatic regions of the human chromosomes. More than 90% of the genome is in scaffold assemblies of 100,000 bp or more, and 25% of the genome is in scaffolds of 10 million bp or larger. Analysis of the genome sequence revealed 26,588 protein-encoding transcripts for which there was strong corroborating evidence and an additional ~ 12,000 computationally derived genes with mouse matches or other weak supporting evidence. Although gene-dense clusters are obvious, almost half the genes are dispersed in low G+C sequence separated by large tracts of apparently noncoding sequence. Only 1.1% of the genome is spanned by exons, whereas 24% is in introns, with 75% of the genome being intergenic DNA. Duplications of segmental blocks, ranging in size up to chromosomal lengths, are abundant throughout the genome and reveal a complex evolutionary history. Comparative genomic analysis indicates vertebrate expansions of genes associated with neuronal function, with tissue-specific developmental regulation, and with the hemostasis and immune systems, DNA sequence comparisons between the consensus sequence and publicly funded genome data provided locations of 2.1 million single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). A random pair of human haploid genomes differed at a rate of 1 bp per 1250 on average, but there was marked heterogeneity in the level of polymorphism across the genome. Less than 1% of all SNPs resulted in variation in proteins, but the task of determining which SNPs have functional consequences remains an open challenge.

Decoding of the DNA that constitutes the human genome has been widely anticipated for the contribution it will make toward un-

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derstanding human evolution, the causation of disease, and the interplay between the environment and heredity in defining the human condition. A project with the goal of determining the complete nucleotide sequence of the human genome was first formally proposed in 1985 (1). In subsequent years, the idea met with mixed reactions in the scientific community (2). However, in 1990, the Human Genome Project (HGP) was officially initiated in the United States under the direction of the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Energy with a 15-year, \$3 billion plan for completing the genome sequence. In 1998 we announced our intention to build a unique genomesequencing facility, to determine the sequence of the human genome over a 3-year period. Here we report the penultimate milestone along the path toward that goal, a nearly complete sequence of the euchromatic portion of the human genome. The sequencing was performed by a whole-genome random shotgun method with subsequent assembly of the sequenced segments.

The modern history of DNA sequencing began in 1977, when Sanger reported his method for determining the order of nucleotides of DNA using chain-terminating nucleotide analogs (3). In the same year, the first human gene was isolated and sequenced (4). In 1986, Hood and co-workers (5) described an improvement in the Sanger sequencing method that included attaching fluorescent dyes to the nucleotides, which permitted them to be sequentially read by a computer. The first automated DNA sequencer, developed by Applied Biosystems in California in 1987, was shown to be successful when the sequences of two genes were obtained with this new technology (6). From early sequencing of human genomic regions (7), it became clear that cDNA sequences (which are reverse-transcribed from RNA) would be essential to annotate and validate gene predictions in the human genome. These studies were the basis in part for the development of the expressed sequence tag (EST) method of gene identification (8), which is a random selection, very high throughput sequencing approach to characterize cDNA libraries. The EST method led to the rapid discovery and mapping of human genes (9). The increasing numbers of human EST sequences necessitated the development of new computer algorithms to analyze large amounts of sequence data, and in 1993 at The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR), an algorithm was developed that permitted assembly and analysis of hundreds of thousands of ESTs. This algorithm permitted characterization and annotation of human genes on the basis of 30,000 EST assemblies (10).

The complete 49-kbp bacteriophage lambda genome sequence was determined by a shotgun restriction digest method in 1982 (11). When considering methods for sequencing the smallpox virus genome in 1991 (12), a whole-genome shotgun sequencing method was discussed and subsequently rejected owing to the lack of appropriate software tools for genome assembly. However, in 1994, when a microbial genome-sequencing project was contemplated at TIGR, a whole-genome shotgun sequencing approach was considered possible with the TIGR EST assembly algorithm. In 1995, the 1.8-Mbp Haemophilus influenzae genome was completed by a whole-genome shotgun sequencing method (13). The experience with several subsequent genome-sequencing efforts established the broad applicability of this approach (14, 15).

A key feature of the sequencing approach used for these megabase-size and larger genomes was the use of paired-end sequences (also called mate pairs), derived from subclone libraries with distinct insert sizes and cloning characteristics. Paired-end sequences are sequences 500 to 600 bp in length from both ends of double-stranded DNA clones of prescribed lengths. The success of using end sequences from long segments (18 to 20 kbp) of DNA cloned into bacteriophage lambda in assembly of the microbial genomes led to the suggestion (16) of an approach to simulta-

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is a DNA sequence variation occurring when a single nucleotide — A, T, C, or G — in the genome (or other shared sequence) differs between (human) members.

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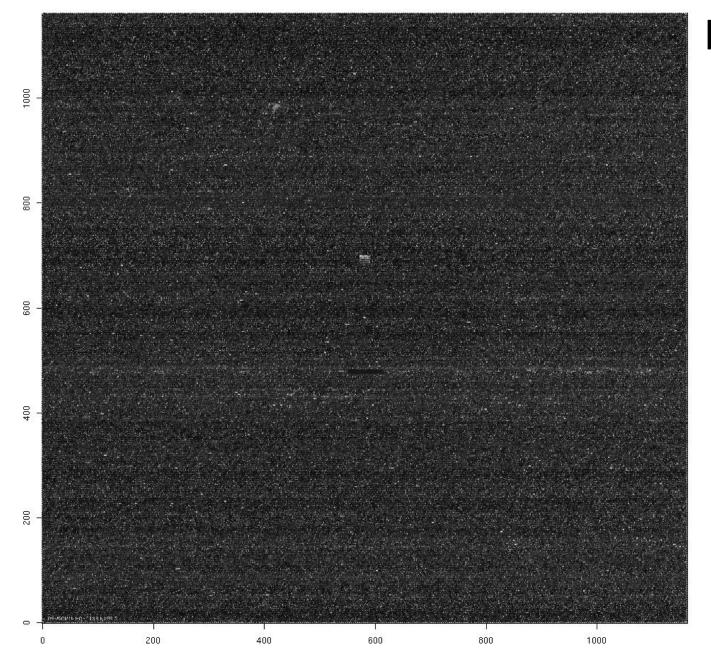
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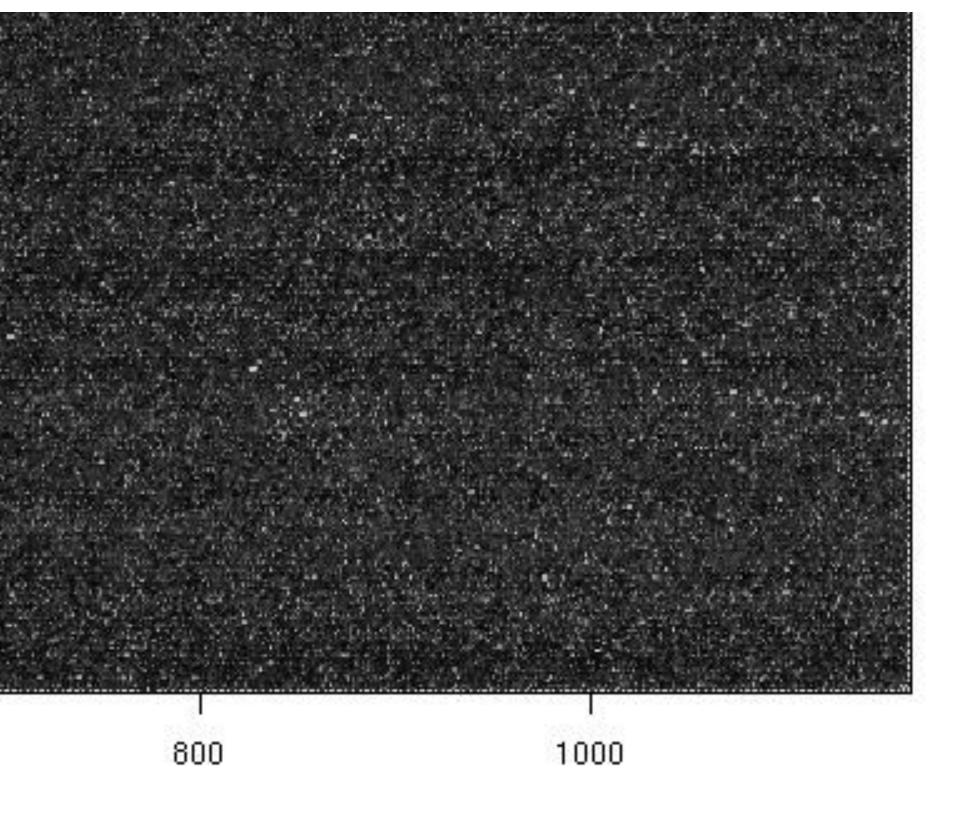
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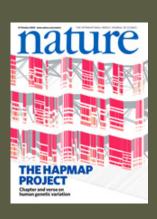
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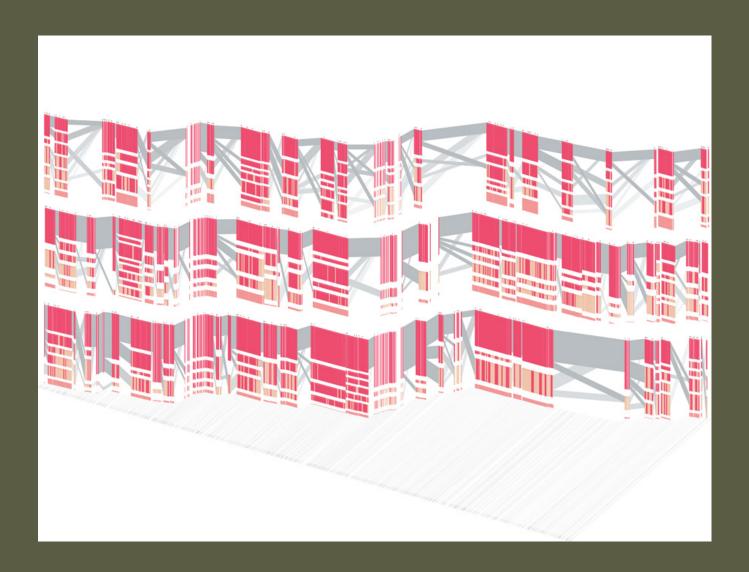


MICROARRAY DNA CHIP



~10,000,000 SNPs

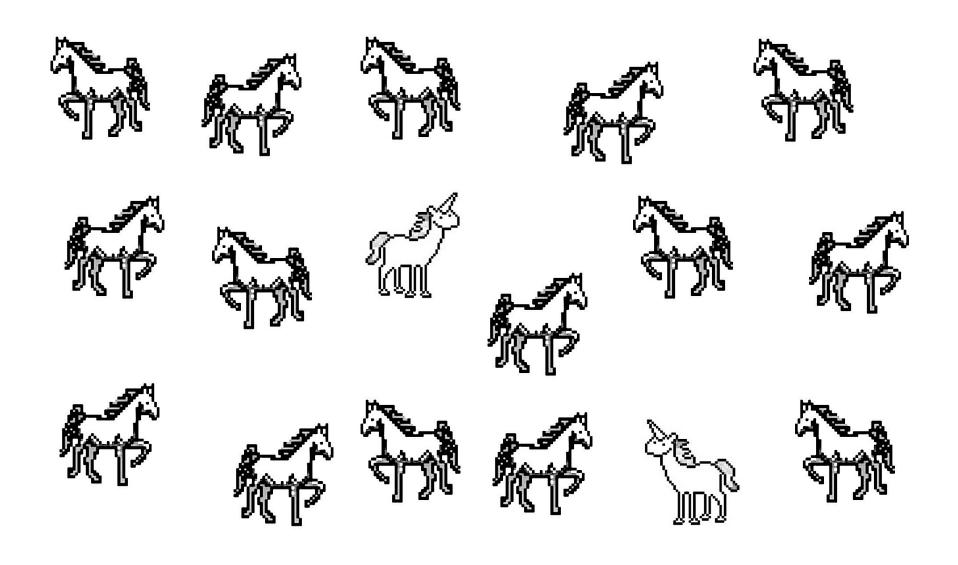


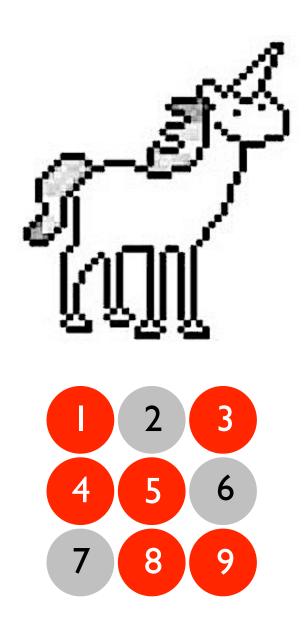


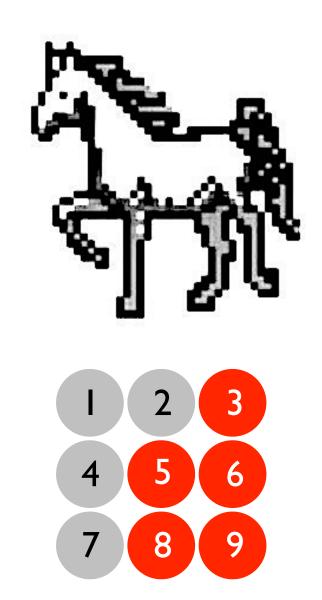


JUST SEQUENCE THE ENTIRE THING BETTER?

HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE



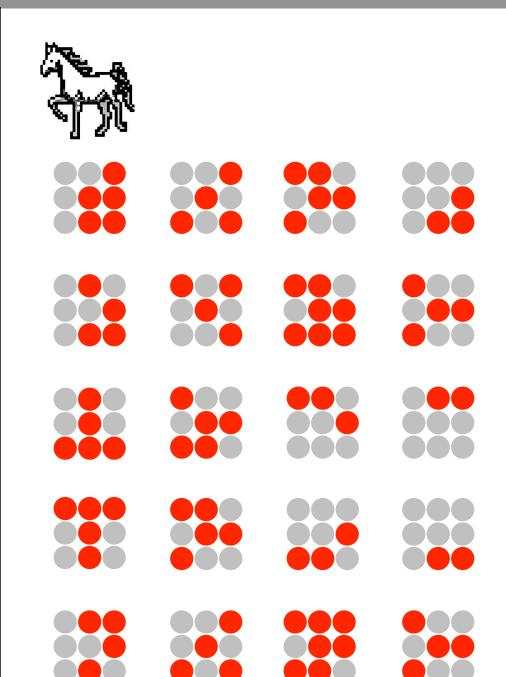


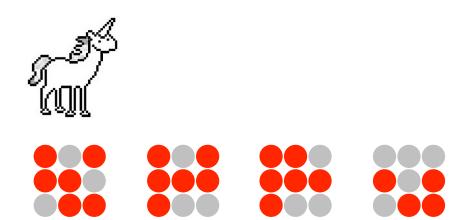


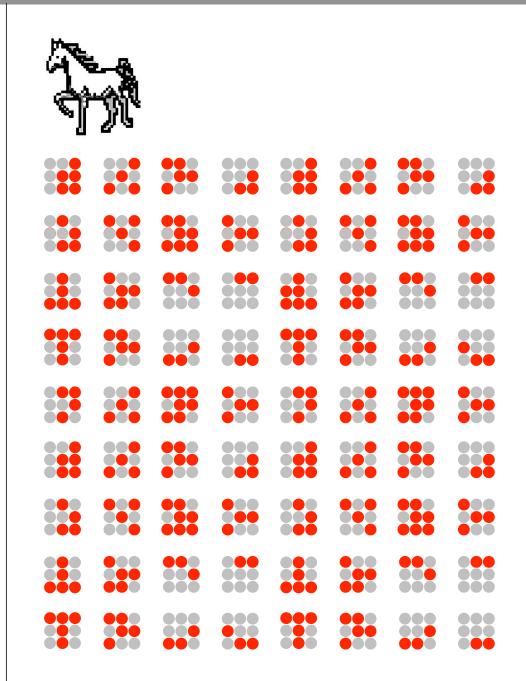




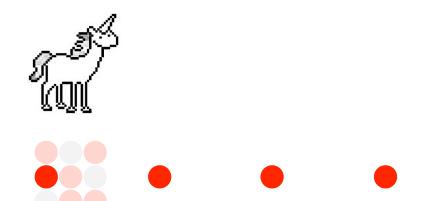


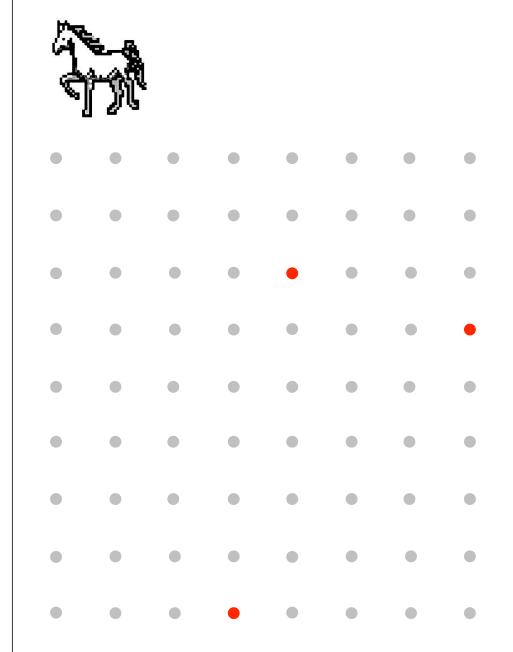




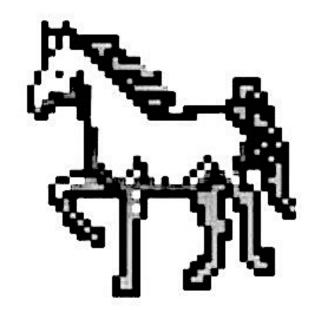


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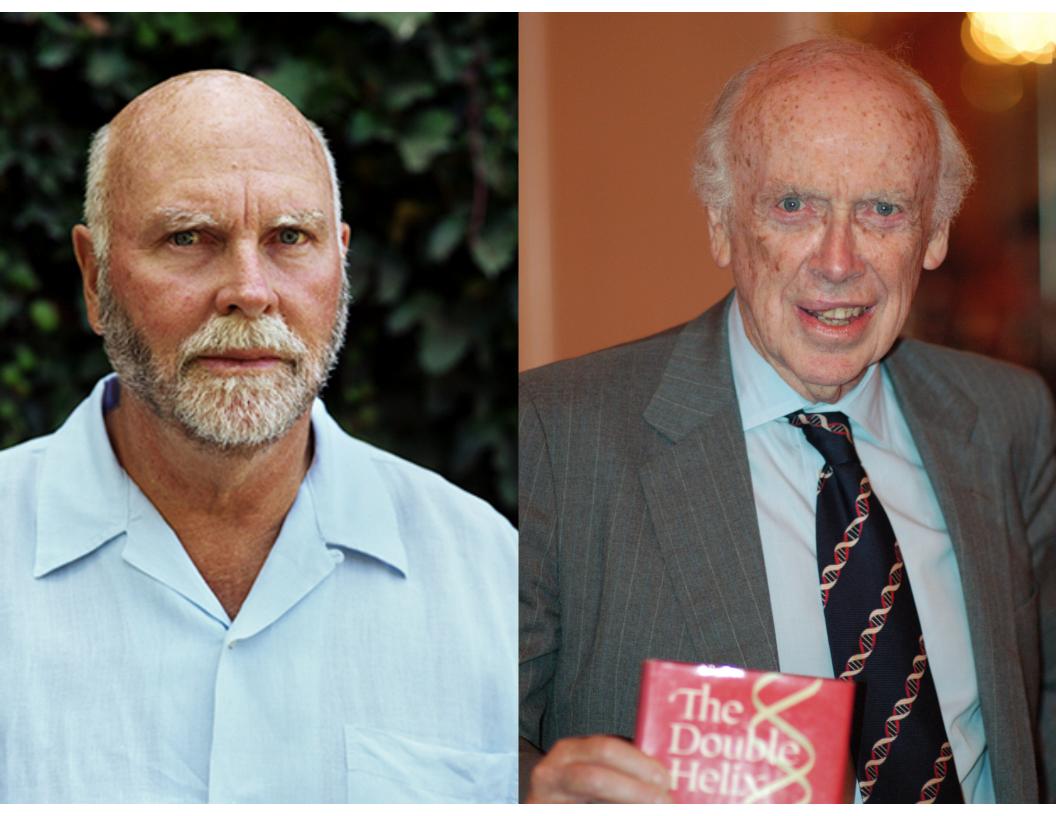






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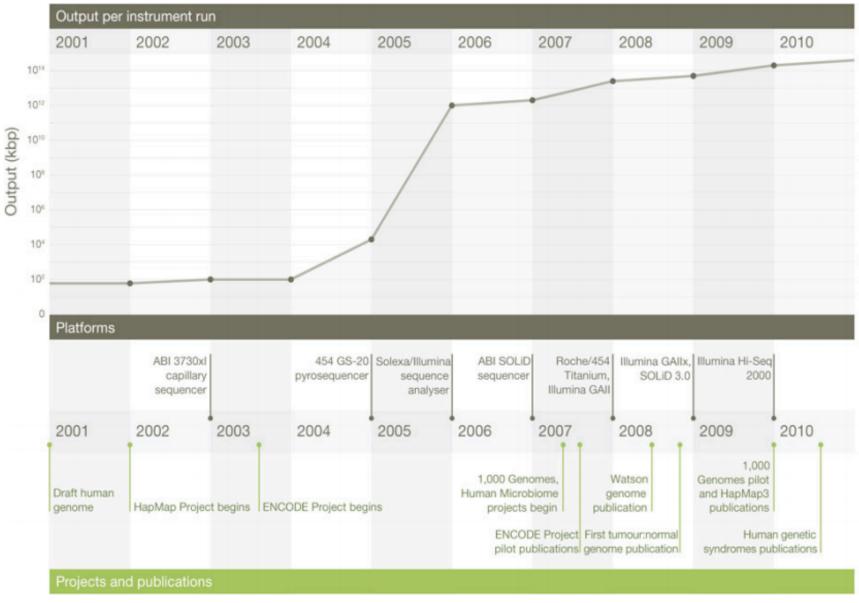
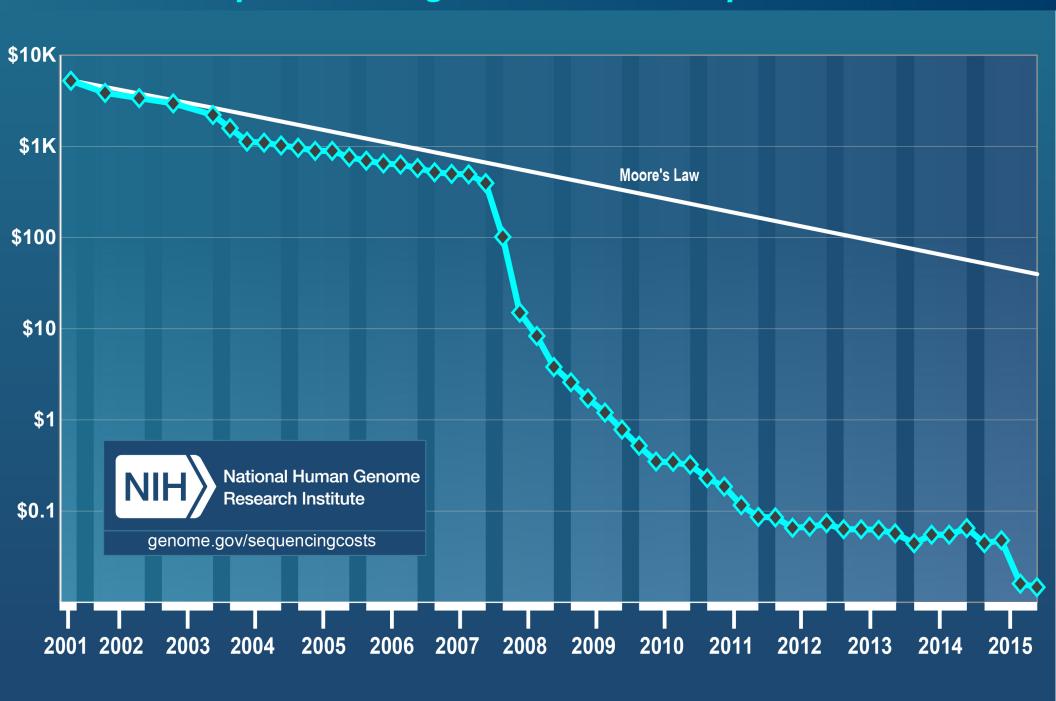
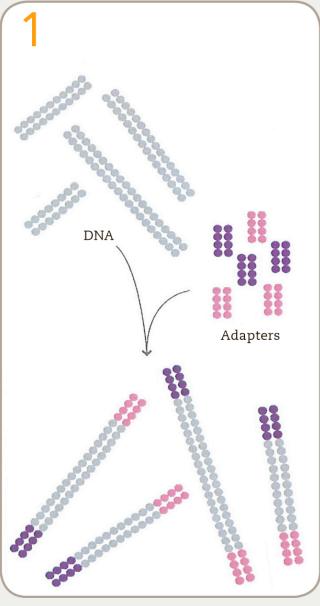


Figure 1. Changes in instrument capacity over the past decade, and the timing of major sequencing projects (ER Mardis. *Nature* **470**, 198-203 (2011) doi:10.1038/nature09796)

Cost per Raw Megabase of DNA Sequence





PREPARE GENOMIC DNA SAMPLE

Randomly fragmented genomic DNA and ligate adaptors to both ends of the fragments

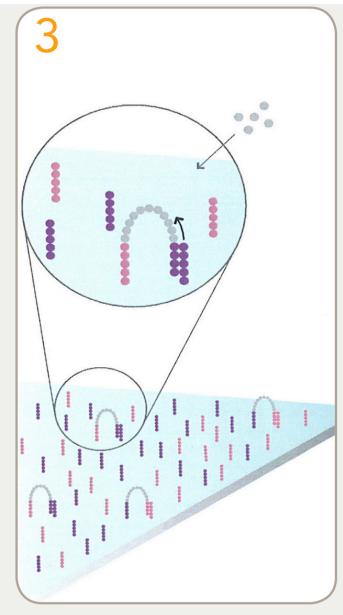
Adapter DNA fragment Dense lawn of primers Adapter

ATTACH DNA TO SURFACE

Bind single stranded fragments randomly to the inside surface of the flow cell channels.

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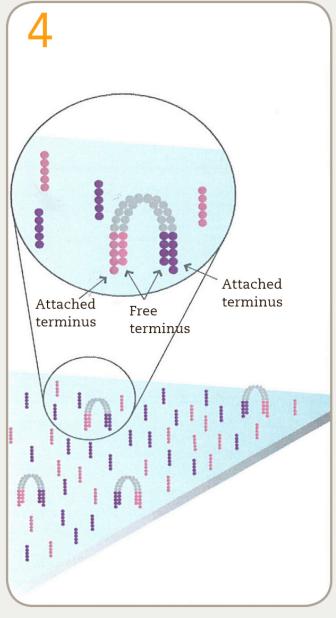
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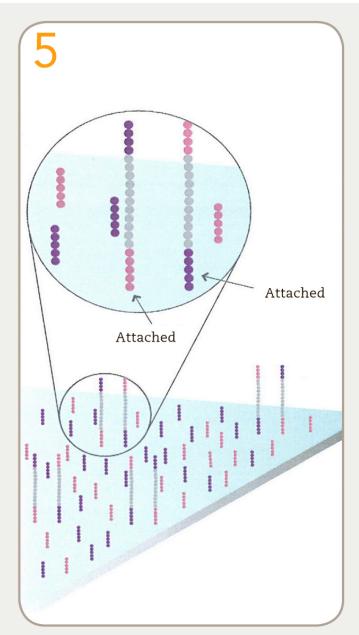
BRIDGE AMPLIFICATION

Add unlabeled nucleotides and enzyme to initiate solid-phase bridge amplification.

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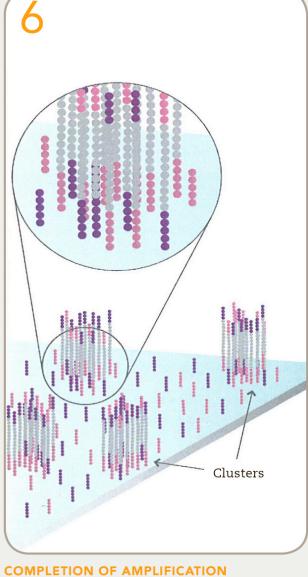


FRAGMENTS BECOME DOUBLE STRANDED



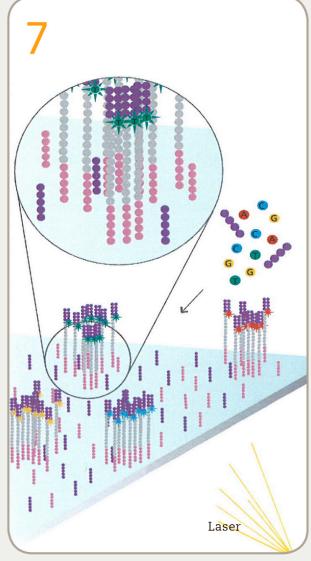
DENATURE THE DOUBLE STRANDED MOLECULES

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On completion, several million dense clusters of double stranded DNA are generated in each channel of the flow cell.

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FIRST CHEMISTRY CYCLE: DETERMINE FIRST BASE

To initiate the first sequencing cycle, add all four labeled reversible terminators, primers and DNA polymerase enzyme to the flow cell.

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After laser excitation, capture the image of emitted fluorescence from each cluster on the flow cell. Record the identity of the first base for each cluster.

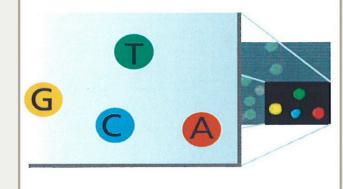


IMAGE OF FIRST CHEMISTRY CYCLE

Laser

SECOND CHEMISTRY CYCLE: DETERMINE SECOND BASE

To initiate the next sequencing cycle, add all four labeled reversible terminators and enzyme to the flow cell.

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After laser excitation, collect the image data as before. Record the identity of the second base for each cluster.

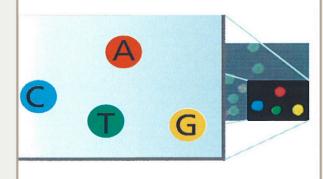


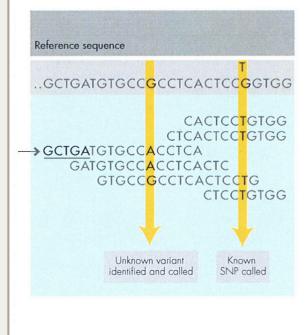
IMAGE OF SECOND CHEMISTRY CYCLE IS CAPTURED BY THE INSTRUMENT.

Repeat cycles of sequencing to determine the sequence of bases in a given fragment a single base at a time.

SEQUENCE READS OVER MULTIPLE CHEMISTRY CYCLES

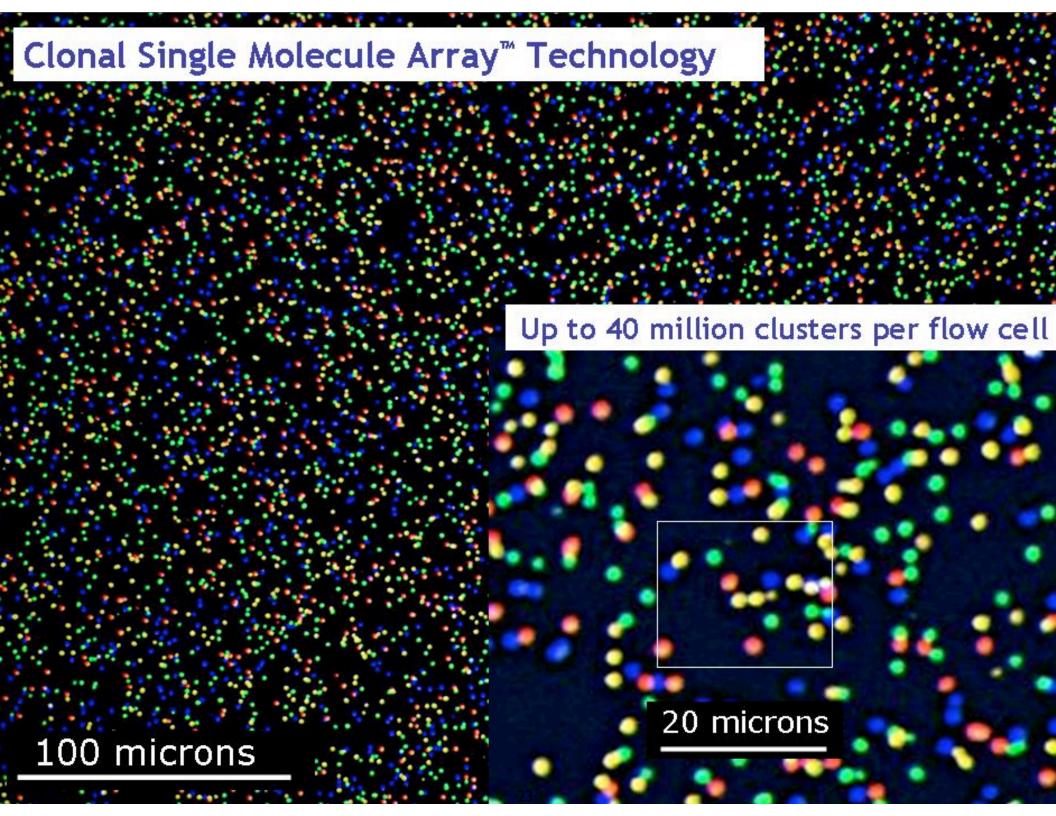
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ALIGN THE NEW DATA TO A REFERENCE AND IDENTIFY SEQUENCE DIFFERENCES.

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AT LAUNCH OF HUMAN GENOME PROJECT (1990)

Several machines to sequence the human genome. Est. time and cost: 15 years and \$3 billion

4 years ago (2012):

One machine can sequence an entire genome in about 8 days at a cost of about \$10,000

3 years ago (2013):

One machine can sequence an entire genome in about 3 days at a cost of about \$5,000

2 years ago (2014):

One large scale set up (HiSeq X Ten) can sequence an entire genome's worth of data in about 1 day at a cost of \$1,000 (set up is tens of millions of dollars).

Latest (October 2015):

One machine can sequence an entire genome in about 1 day at a cost of about \$1,200

THE PRICE IS RIGHT!







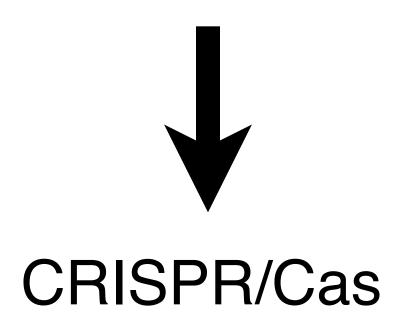
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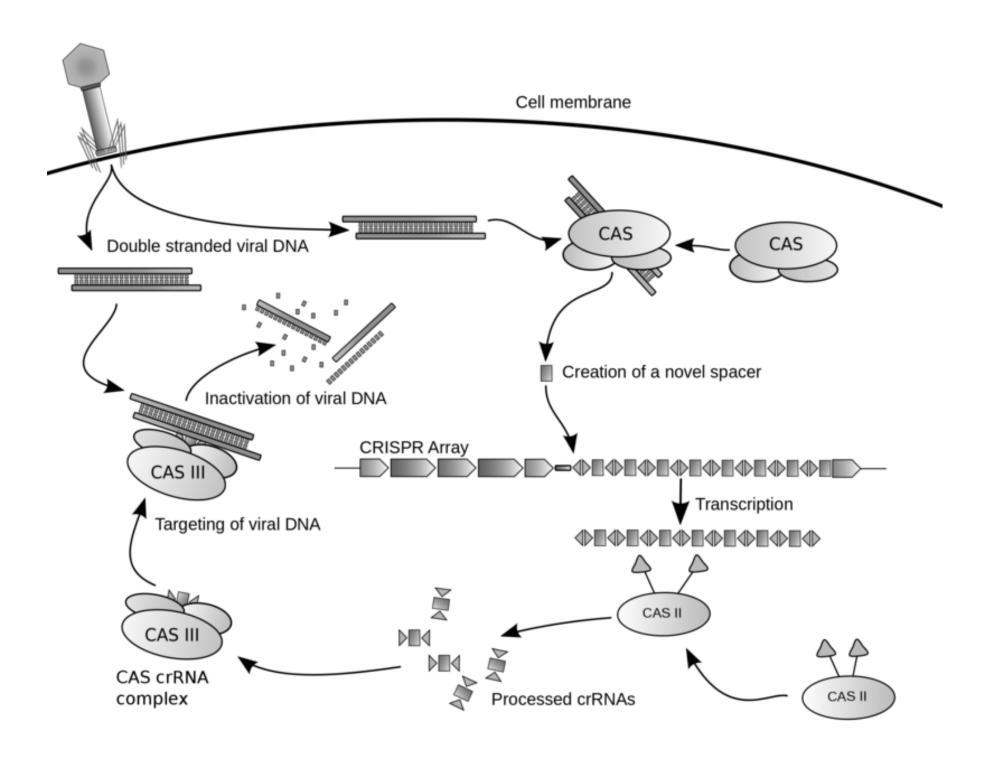
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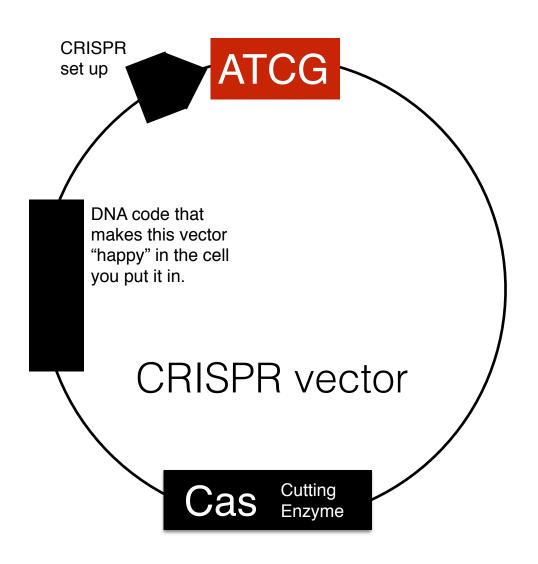
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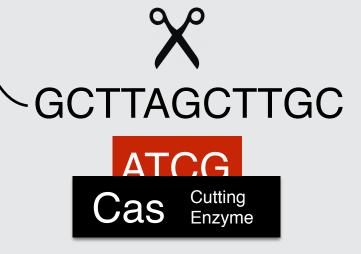


ARMED WITH INFORMATION ON VARIATIONS OF CODE, WHAT IF YOU COULD EDIT THAT CODE IN YOUR GENOME?









INSIDE A CELL