

What is bioinformatics?

an interdisciplinary field at the interface of the computational and life sciences

“The ultimate goal of the field is to enable the discovery of new biological insights as well as to create a global perspective from which unifying principles in biology can be discerned. “

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- the development of software that enables efficient access and management of biomolecular information

Bioinformatics stems from parallel revolutions in biology and computing

At the beginning of World War II (1939-1944):

- The shared program computer had not yet been invented, and there were no programming languages, databases, or computer networks.
- The relationship between genes and proteins, the molecular basis of genes, the structure of DNA and the genetic code were all unknown.

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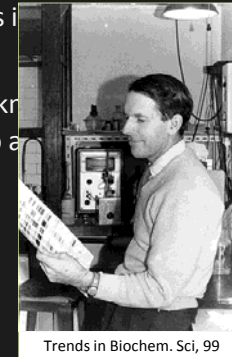
Amino acid sequencing

Sanger sequences insulin

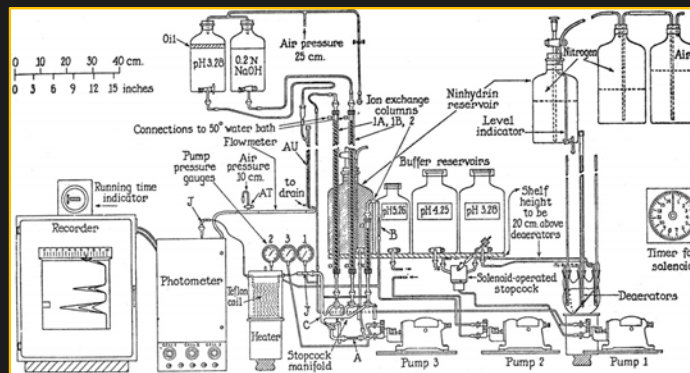
Stein, Moore, Spackman develop automatic amino acid analyzer

Turing designs a stored program computer

Atanasoff-Berry Computer: 1st stored program computer



Automatic recording apparatus used in the chromatographic analysis of mixtures of amino acids



Stein, Moore, Spackman, 1958

EDSAC: The first stored-program computer.

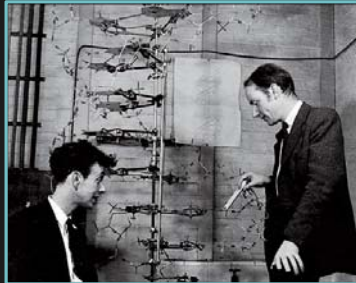


The helical structure of DNA



Rosalind Franklin

James Watson and Francis Crick



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Determination of the genetic code

Fortran, Basic, LISP

1960

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The genetic code

The genetic code is a degenerate, non-overlapping, triplet code. Crick, Barnett, Brenner, and Watts-Tobin, 1961

Determination of the genetic code

		Second Base				
		U	C	A	G	
First Base	U	UUU Phe UUC UUA UUG Leu	UCU UCC Ser UCA UCG	UAU Tyr UAC UAA Stop UAG Stop	UGU Cys UGC UGA Stop UGG Trp	U C A G
	C	CUU CUC CUA CUG Leu	CCU CCC Pro CCA CCG	CAU His CAC CAA CAG Gln	CGU Arg CGC CGA CGG	U C A G
	A	AUU AUC Ile AUA AUG Met / Start	ACU ACC Thr ACA ACG	AAU Asn AAC AAA AAG Lys	AGU Ser AGC AGA AGG Arg	U C A G
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Atlas of Protein Sequence & Structure 1965 - 1978



Margaret Dayhoff
PhD in Chemistry, 47
Watson Computing Lab Fellow 47 - 48

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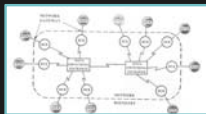
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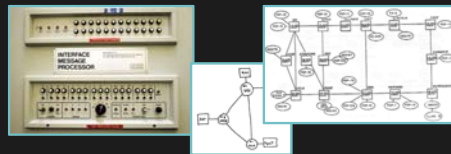
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The ARPAnet is established, precursor to the Internet.



Packet switching is invented, which supports flexible, multi-node network

Interface Message Processor (IMP) network is constructed, linking 4, and then 15 nodes



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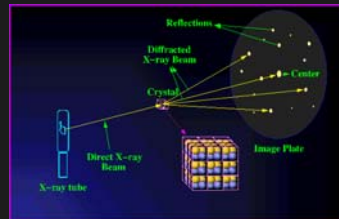
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Protein Data Bank (PDB)

Growing collection of X-ray diffraction protein structure data

Development of molecular graphics display for 3D visualization

SEARCH program supports remote access



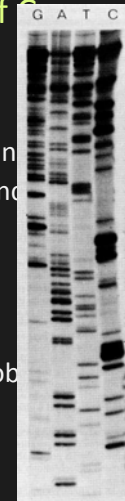
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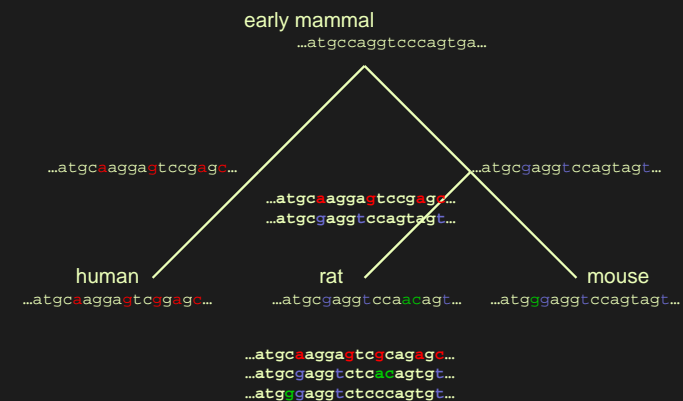
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Beginnings of molecular evolution



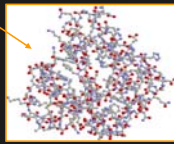
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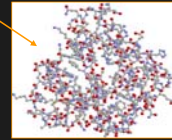
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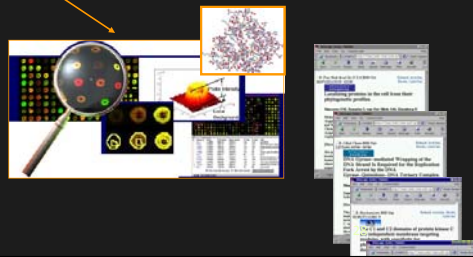


Sequence similarity → functional similarity

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...atgcaggatctcagagacagcga...

...atgcaggagtc_cgttgacagagc...



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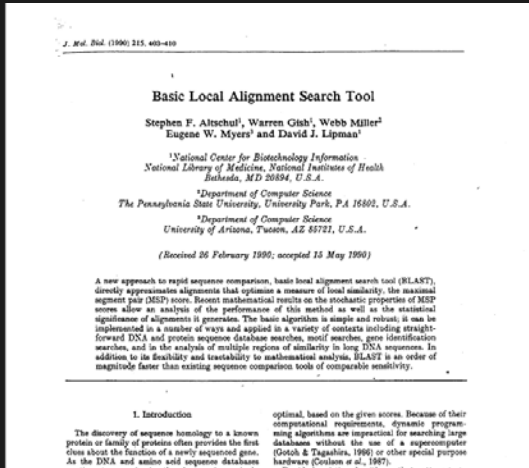
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World Wide Web,

NCSA Mosaic

The internet we know and love

Al Gore Creates Bill to Fund "Information
Superhighway"



Tim Berners-Lee proposes a design for
information sharing that becomes the
World Wide Web



The first web browser

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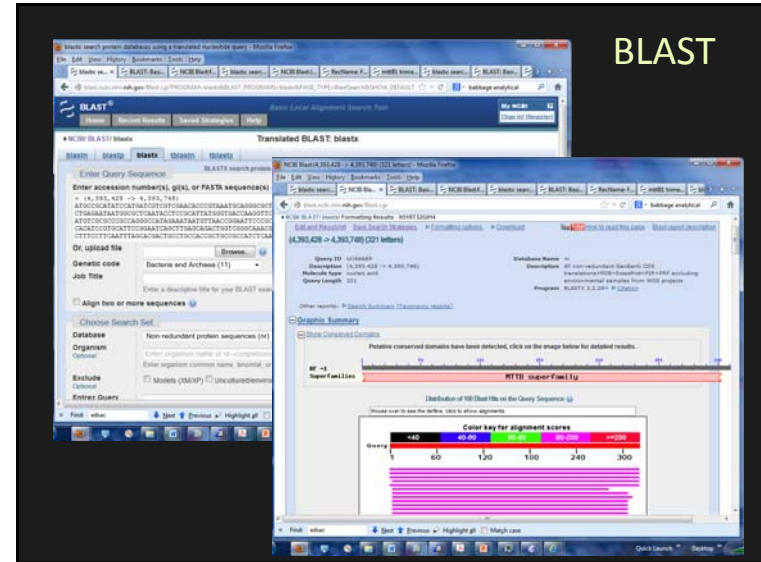
Pizza Hut goes on line

Genbank

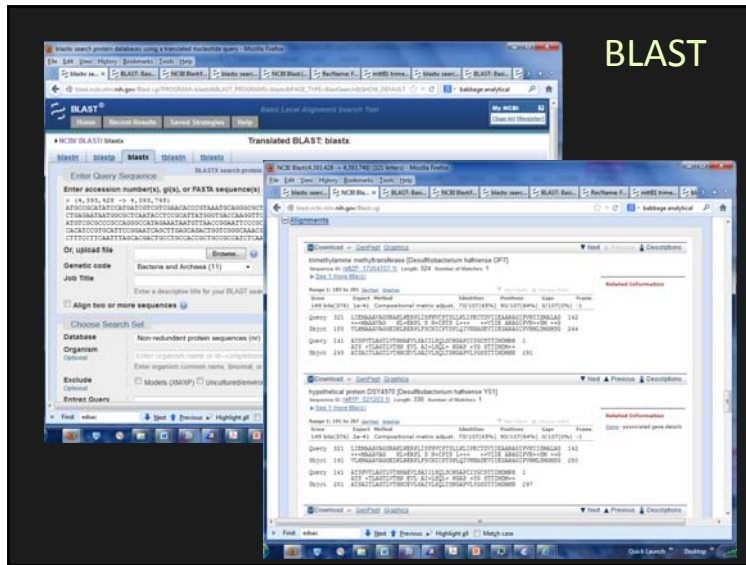


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Google

- H. Influenzae*: 1st whole genome sequence **1995**
- Yeast – 1st eukaryote **1996**
- C. elegans* - 1st animal **1998**
- Fly genome **1999**
- A. thaliana* – 1st plant **2000**

IBM's Blue Gene architecture for protein modeling

Sequence Assembly

Limits of gel electrophoresis: ~ 500bp in one "read"

To sequence more than 500 bp:

Sequence 500bp fragments separately

Combine *computationally* using sequence comparison

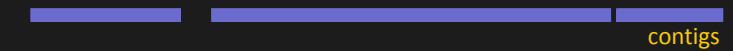


Shotgun sequencing

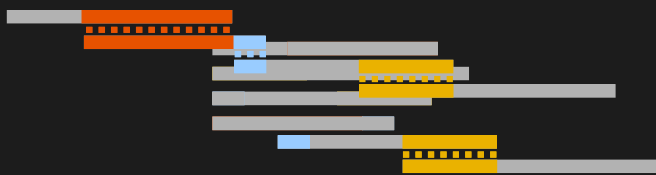
DNA molecule



Sequence assembly



Sequence Assembly



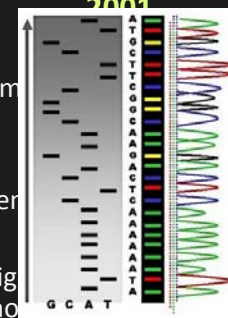
Align the reads so as to maximize sequence identity

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Draft human genome

ABI Capillary sequencing

Chimp genome, alignment with human genome



Media, Captcha

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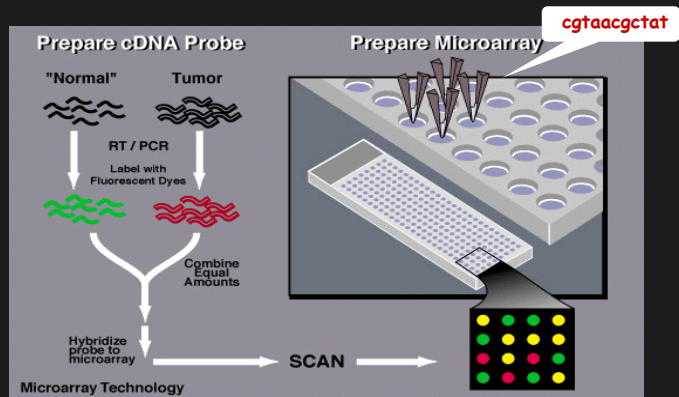
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DNA PATTERNS IN THE *E.coli* *lexA* GENE

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    TTCCTT -35
61  atatactcacagcataactgtatatacacccaggggcggaatgaaagcgttaacggcca
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121 ggcaacaagagggttggatctcatccgtgatcacatcagccagacaggtatgccgcga
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DNA microarrays



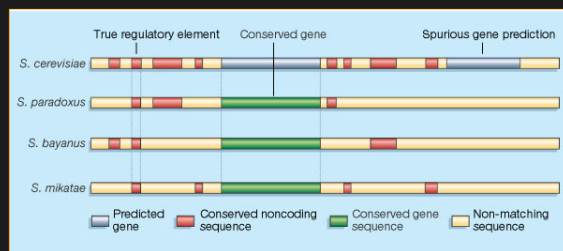
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5 more yeast genomes **2004**

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2006

Align genomes to confirm gene predictions and identify regulatory regions



Salzberg, Nature, 2003

Global alignment of upstream sequences to identify regulatory regions



Kellis et al, Nature, 03

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Next-generation, short read sequencing

Sanger Sequencing

- read lengths up to 1,000 bp
- accuracy 99.999%
- costs \$500 per megabase

Illumina sequencing

- read lengths up to 36 bp
- error rates 1-1.5%
- cost \$2 per megabase

454 sequencing

- read lengths 200-300 bp
- accuracy problem with homopolymers
- costs \$60 per megabase

Next-generation. short read sequencing

Advantages

- High throughput
- Does not require PCR amplification
- Accurate measures of abundance
- Cheaper

Disadvantages

- Short reads are unlikely to be unique.
- Difficult to identify the origin of a given read
- Particular challenge for genome assembly

Some next generation sequencing applications

- Bacterial genomes
- Sample diversity in a bacterial population (e.g., your throat when you have strep)
- Transcription: more accurate and quantitative compared with microarrays
- Medical diagnostics: sequence short genomic regions to identify mutations associated with disease

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| 1000 Genomes project | 2007 | Apple iPhone |
| Human microbiome project. | | Estonia: First national elections via Internet |
| First tumor/normal genome published | 2008 | Foldit: Crowd-sourced protein folding game |
| Draft Neanderthal genome | 2009 | |

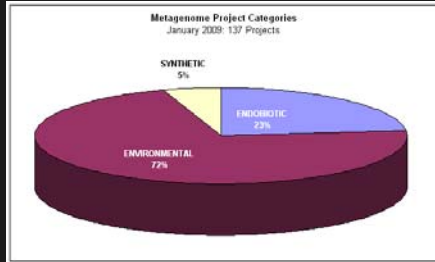
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Metagenomics

- Sample communities of microbial organisms directly from their natural environments, bypassing the need for isolation and lab cultivation of individual species.
- Result: a collection of DNA fragments that characterize the organismal and functional diversity of the environment

Metagenomics

- Production-scale plant fermenter
- Fungal communities from the Arctic
- Singapore indoor air filters
- Yellowstone Obsidian Hot Spring
- Fossil microbiome
- Human microbiome



What makes us human?

- Human metabolic features- combo of human and microbial traits
- Microbiota- microorganisms that live inside and on humans
- Microbiome- the genomes of the microbial symbionts

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	2010	Social networking topples regime in Egypt
Chocolate (<i>Theobroma cacao</i>) genome		
	2011	<i>Crystal structure ...solved by protein folding game players,</i> Nature Structural Biology
3 rd Generation sequencing: Pac Bio, Ion Torrent		
	2012	

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- Acquisition: Microarray design, Sequence assembly
- Interpretation: Sequence comparison, clustering of microarrays, gene finding, phylogenetic profiling, ...

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- Genbank
- BLAST
- Protein visualization

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Application of all of these methods to address specific questions about specific biological systems

