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# Genome regulation by long non-coding RNAs

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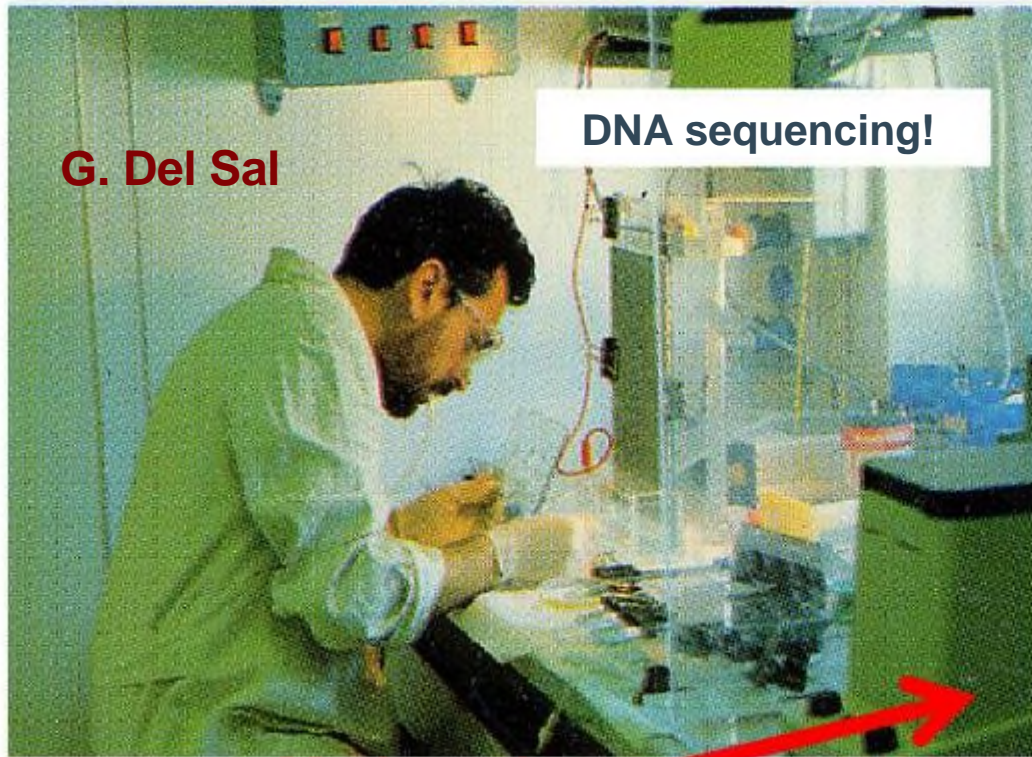
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## ICGEB (AREA science Park)



G. Del Sal

DNA sequencing!

My bench



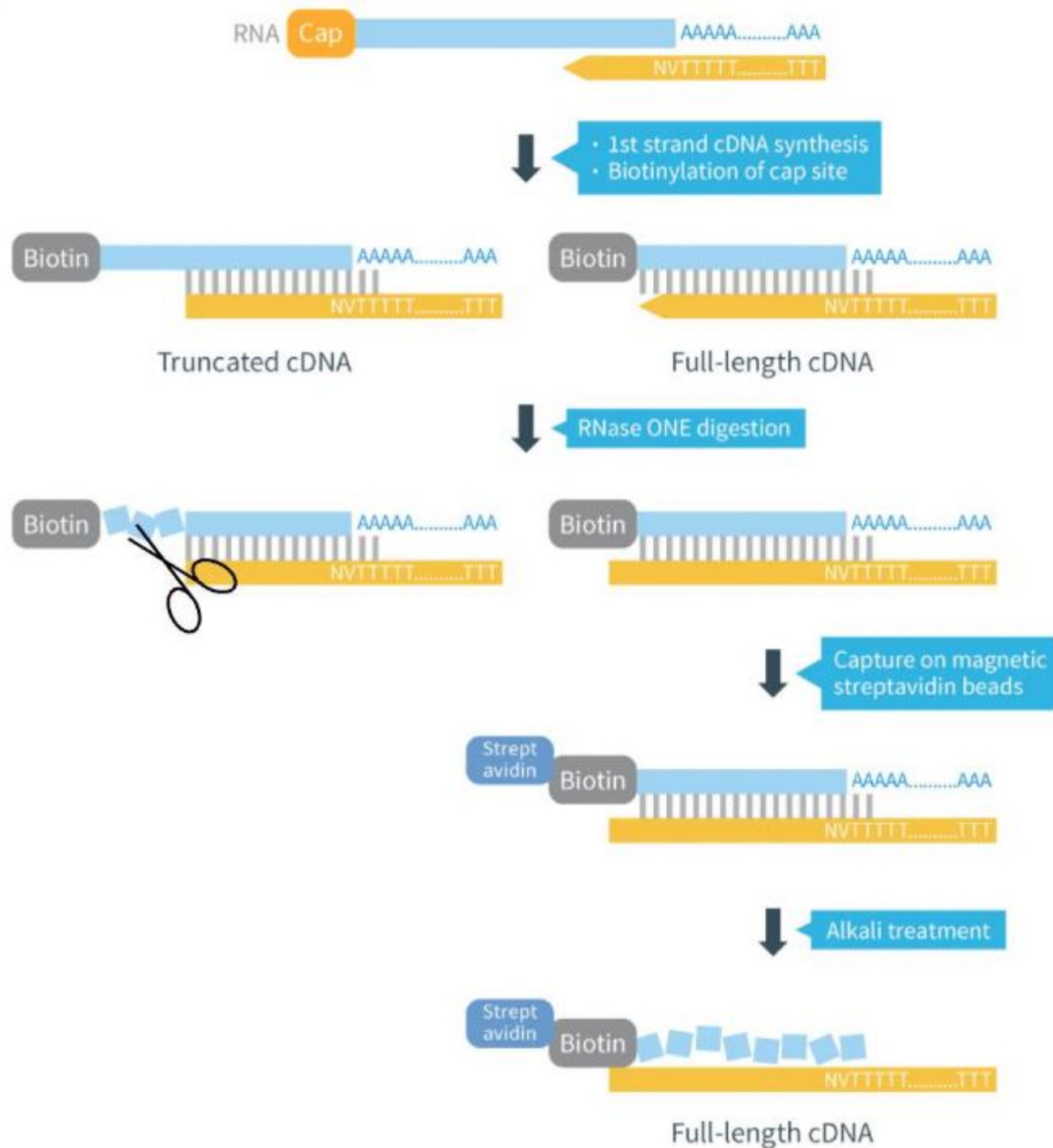


# Lessons Learned

**Technologies necessaries for revolutions**

# The Cap-trapper

- Cap chemical biotinylation
- cDNA synthesis
- Digest incomplete cDNAs
- Selecting only cDNAs that reach the cap site





# Where to go?

## 1990-95 Discussion around the Genome Project

- All discussions on how to sequence the genome.
- How could possibly RIKEN contribute significantly in a such large project?



1995: started technology development, 1998 started data production for the:

## “Mouse genome encyclopedia project”

Development of a series of technologies.

- Full length cDNA technologies
- A large scale sequencing system  
384 Capillary sequencer  
40000 clones/ day capacity of plasmid preparator



# How to deal with lots of sequences??

- **>103,000 cDNA sequences**
- **How to analyze so much data?**
  - **Call your friends**
  - **Make new friends**
  - **Bold proposal: invite many new friends to look at the data**
- **FANTOM Project:**  
**Functional ANnoTation Of Mammalian Genome**



# WHAT is FANTOM?

Work hard!

Think hard!

Discuss hard!







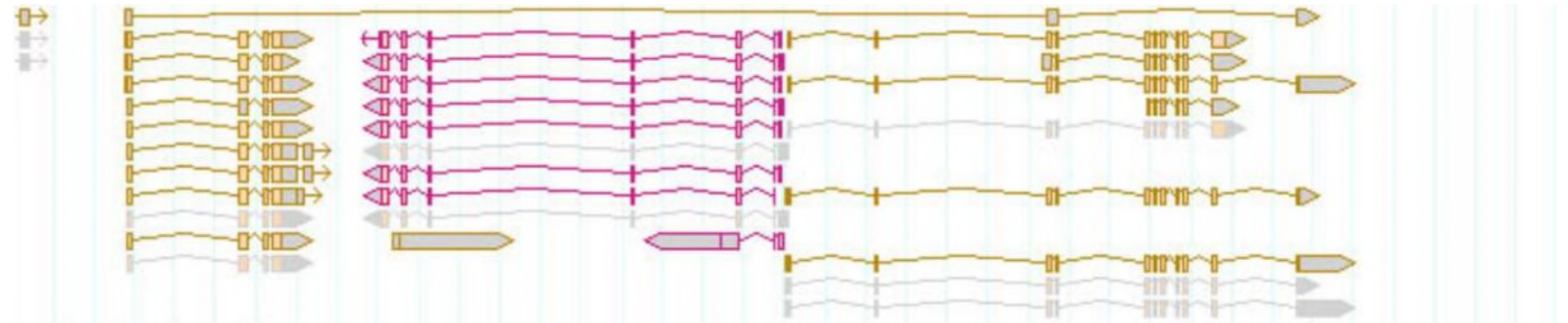
**Figure I** A shot from the Zen meditation ceremony held as an excursion during the FANTOM2 Cherry Blossom Meeting. The Zen meditation was a good break and provided the participants with novel inspiration.



Unexpected discoveries

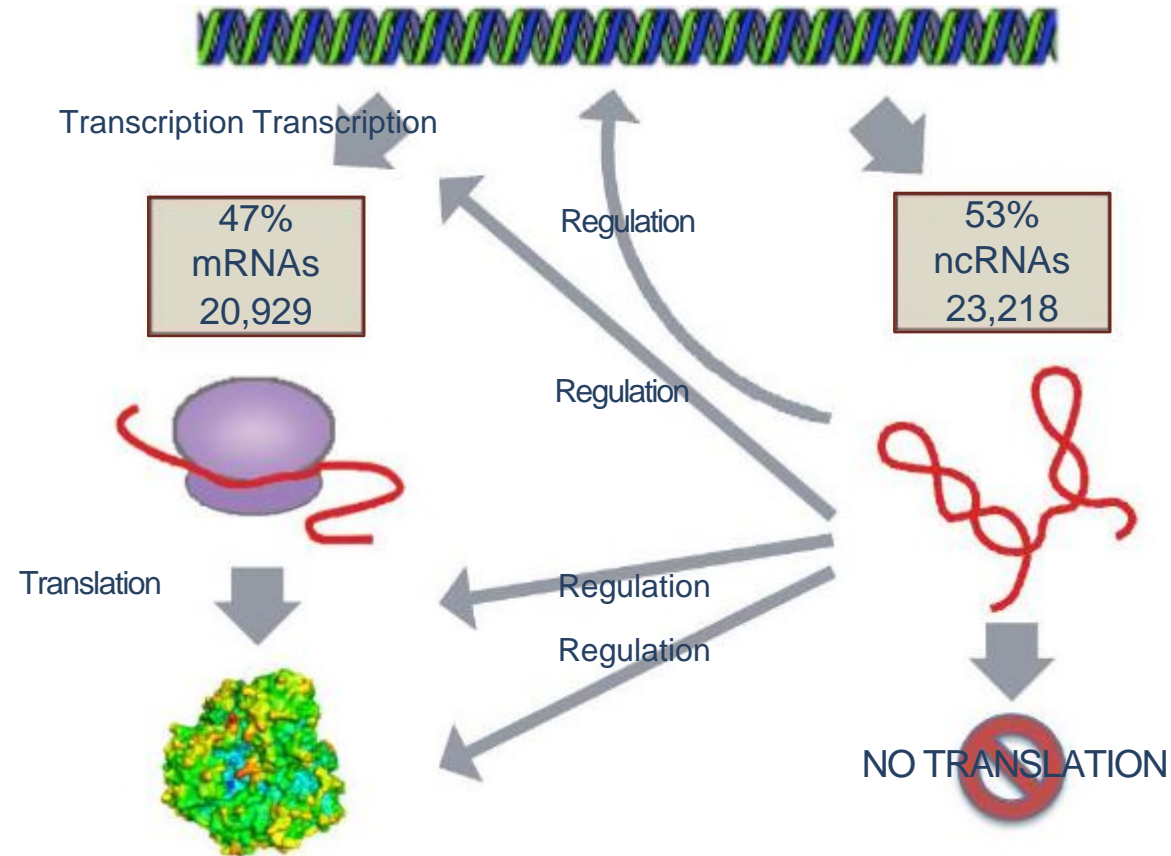
There is much more than what is  
in textbooks

# Expectations $\leftarrow$ ??? $\rightarrow$ Data



# Discovery of the “RNA continent”

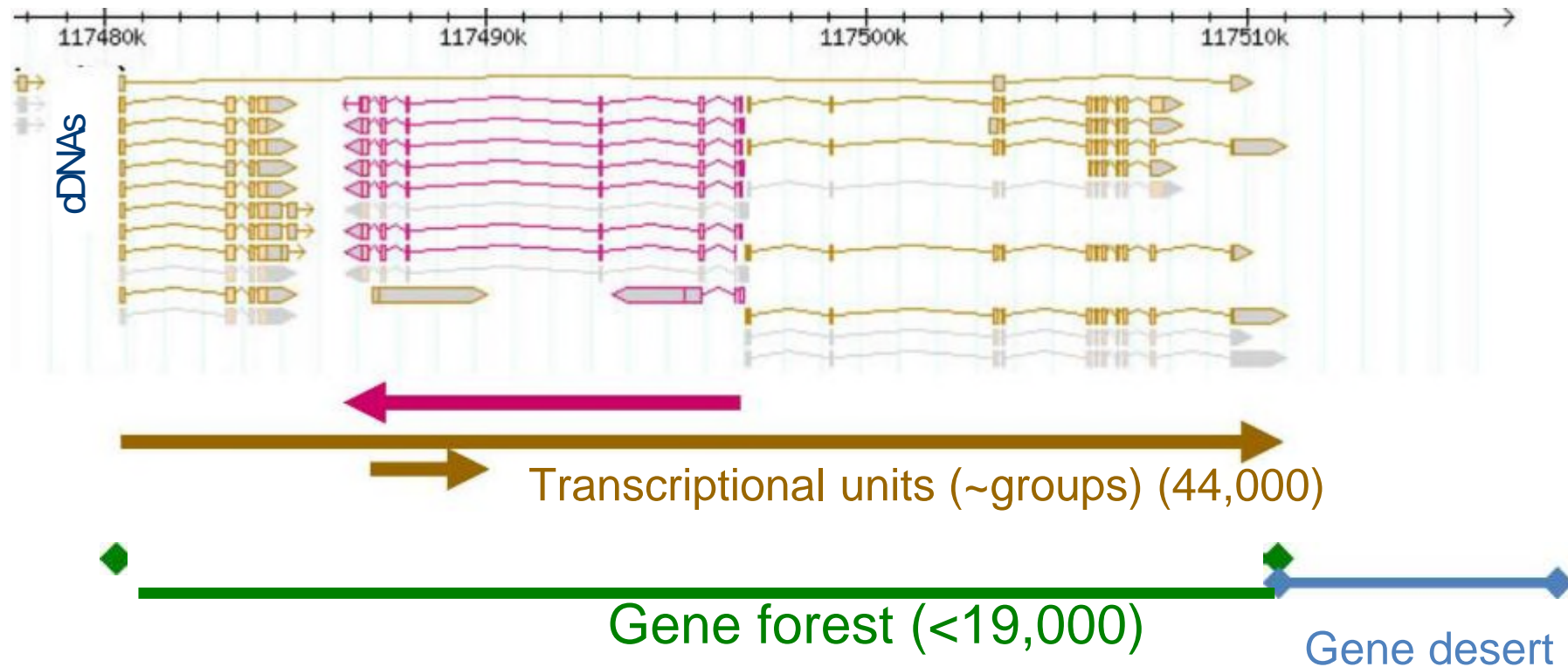
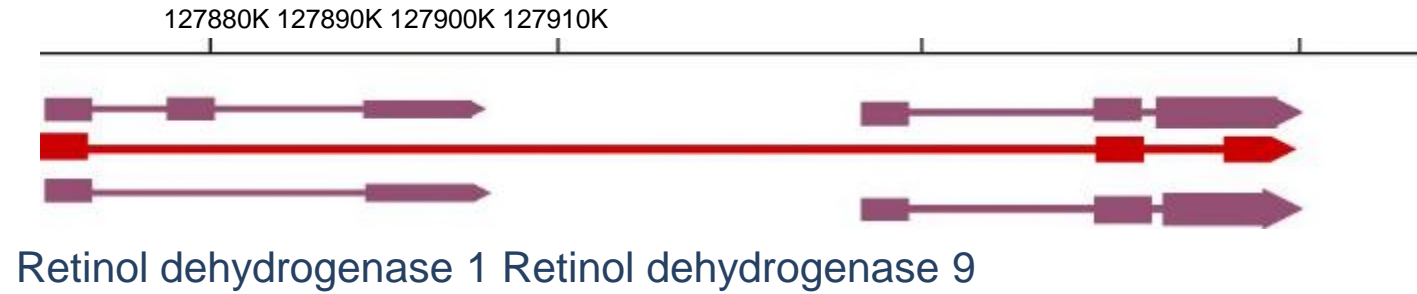
Until FANTOM2 in 2002, only ~ 100 ncRNAs genes were reported except tRNAs and rRNAs. More than half of the genes missing from the gene maps till FANTOM2, 3



FANTOM3 revealed:

- 63% of the genome is transcribed into lncRNAs
- More than half of the transcripts is lncRNAs
- 73% of gene shows antisense transcription

# Gene fusion and merging forests



# The new transcriptional landscape

The traditional image  
of  
the transcriptome



The new image  
of the  
transcriptome



# IncRNAs Odyssey, 2002- 2012 and beyond

V' **Some attacks**

V' **The RIKEN cDNA libraries are full of “junk”.**  
- ) **Discovery of IncRNAs**

V' **The RIKEN library are full of cDNA in the wrong orientation.** - ) **Discovery of antisense RNAs.**

V' **Papers attacking the findings**

V' **Papers supporting the findings**

V' **Subsequent papers confirming the findings**



# Papers criticizing our findings



©Nature 2004

Jun Wang *et al.* *Nature* 431, (2004).

doi:10.1038/nature03016

1. coding 1 (probably protein)
2. coding 2 (marginal protein)
3. non-coding 1 (marginal RNA)
4. non-coding 2 (probably RNA)

## Mouse transcriptome

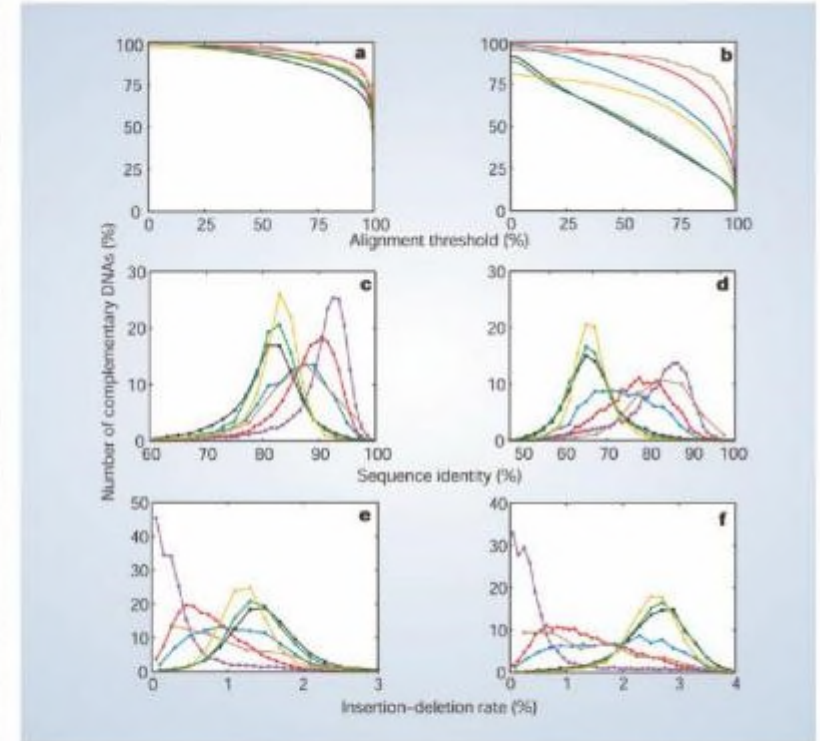
### Neutral evolution of 'non-coding' complementary DNAs

Arising from: Y. Okazaki *et al.* *Nature* 420, 563–573 (2002)

Okazaki *et al.* have argued that as many as 15,815 of 33,409 non-redundant mouse complementary DNAs may represent functional RNA genes<sup>1</sup>, on the basis of their findings that some of these cDNAs are confirmed by expressed sequence tagging and are found near CpG islands or polyadenylation signals<sup>2</sup> — although many are expressed at such low levels that they could not be detected by microarray analysis<sup>3</sup>. We show here that conservation of these 'non-coding' cDNAs in rats or humans is no better than in an evolutionarily neutral control. Our results indicate that they are either non-functional or, if they are functional, are specific to a given species.

We downloaded FANTOM release 2.0 cDNAs from the authors' website. Table 1 shows the data from the four categories defined by the authors, which we refer to as coding 1 (probably protein), coding 2 (marginal protein), non-coding 1 (marginal RNA), and non-coding 2 (probably RNA). Overall transcript sizes average about 2 kilobases (kb) in each category; most known RNA genes are much smaller than this — for example, the 587 mouse entries in the Rfam database<sup>4</sup> average 96 base pairs (bp) in length. Larger RNA genes do exist (such as *H19* and *Xist*) and many are stored in the Erdmann database<sup>5</sup>. Another striking difference between the given categories is the increase from 13.4% single-exon genes in coding 1 to 68.7% and 73.1% single-exon genes in non-coding 1 and non-coding 2, respectively.

As an evolutionarily neutral control, we use 'intergenic' sequences of 2 kb in length that are at least 5 kb distant from genes annotated by Ensembl, predicted by FgeneSH, or aligned to cDNAs. Transposons identified by RepeatMasker are excluded, as is the 5% of



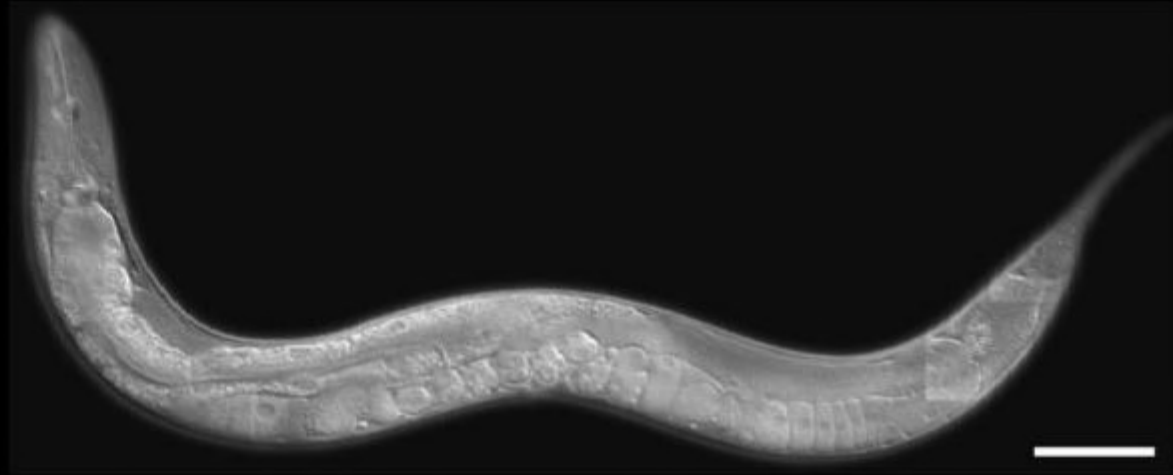
**Figure 1** Comparisons between rat (left) and human (right) data. **a, b**, The number of good alignments. **c–f**, Distribution of sequence identities (**c,d**) and insertion-deletion rates (**e,f**) restricted to the good alignments. Each solid dot shows the centre of the bin over which signals were averaged. Red, coding 1; blue, coding 2; black, non-coding 1; green, non-coding 2; brown, ncRNAs; and yellow, intergenic. For panels **c** to **f**, a purple line is added for the COS region of coding 1.

**Table 1** Other attributes of mouse complementary DNAs

	FANTOM categories				Control data sets	
	Coding 1	Coding 2	Non-coding 1	Non-coding 2	ncRNAs	Intergenic
No. of cDNAs	14,317	3,277	11,526	4,280	321	3,450
No. in a single exon	13.4%	35.4%	68.7%	73.1%	90.7%	100%



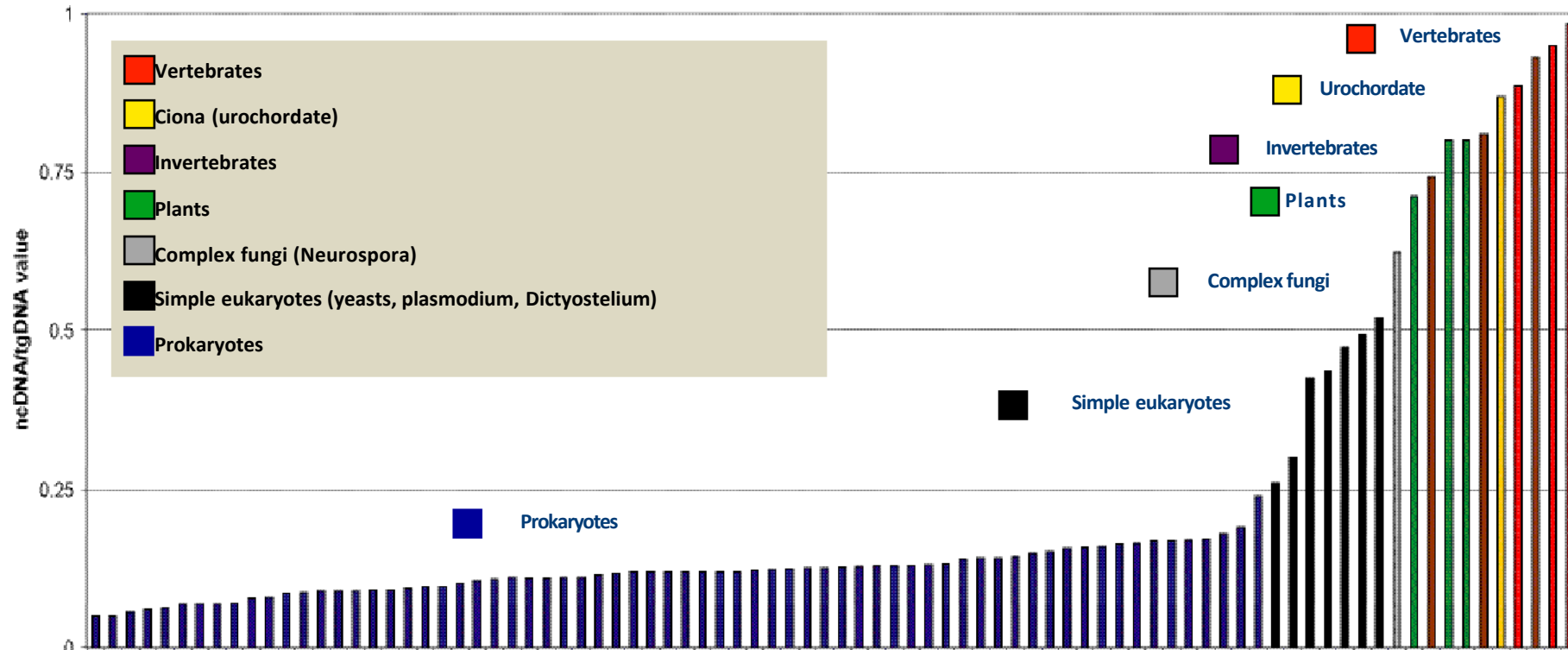
## The genetic basis of developmental complexity



- Humans (and other vertebrates) have approximately the same number of protein-coding genes (~20,000) as *C. elegans*.
- Most of the proteins are orthologous and have similar functions from nematodes to humans, and many are common with yeast.
- Where is the information that programs our complexity?



# The proportion of noncoding DNA broadly increases with developmental complexity



Irrespective of the extent of non-coding sequences, it is now evident that the vast majority of the genomes of all organisms is transcribed in a dynamic manner in different cells and tissues at different developmental stages.

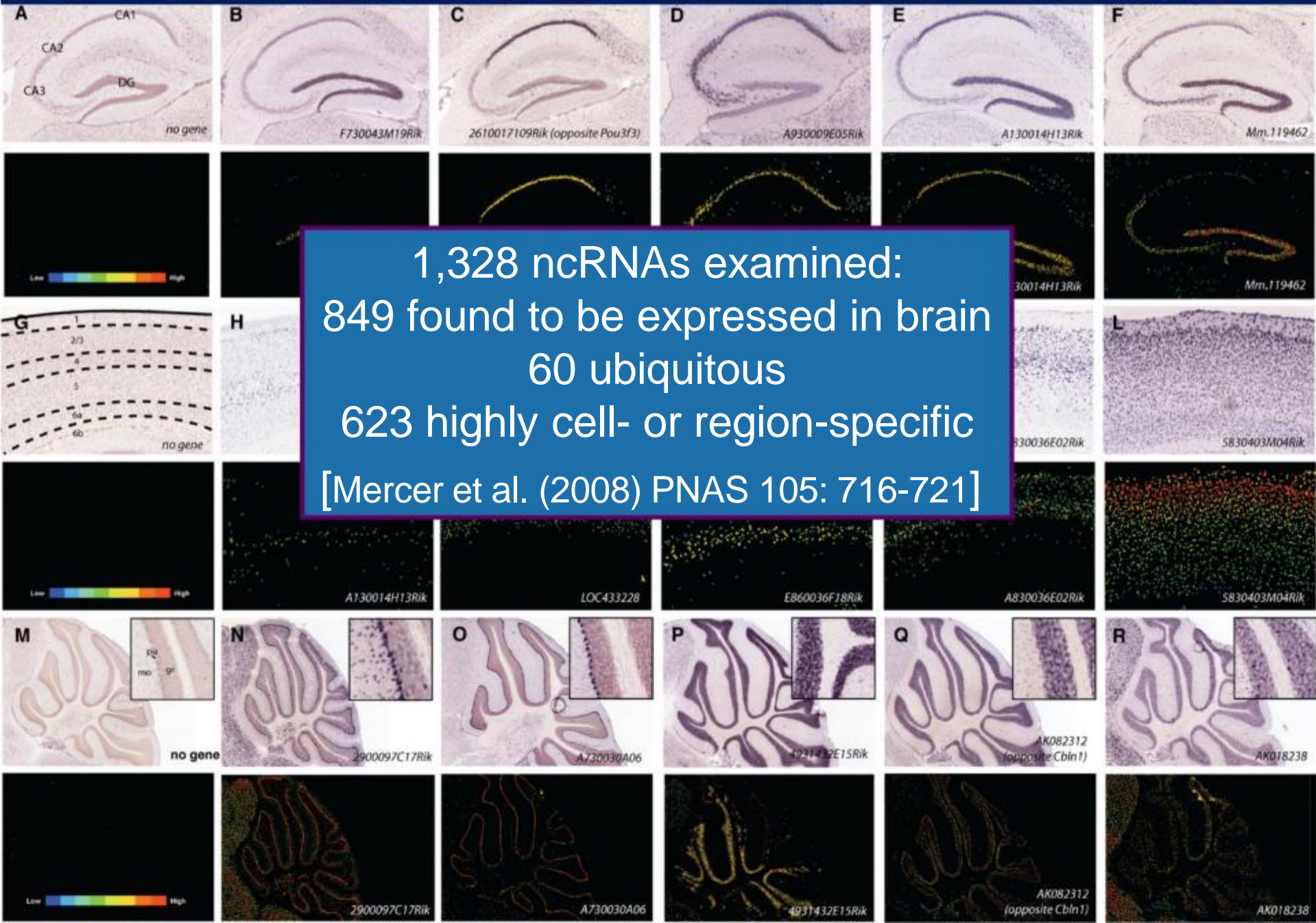
J.S. Mattick *Nature Reviews Genetics* 5, 316-323 (2004)

R.J. Taft, M. Pheasant and J.S. Mattick, *Bioessays* 29, 288-299 (2007)

# lncRNA seem to be essential

- **Theoretical basis: regulators of very complex operations.**
- **More validations:**
  - **Are they expressed and where?**
  - **Can we prove the function?**
- **Some beautiful and meaningful picture of long-noncoding RNA (lncRNAs) and their localization.**

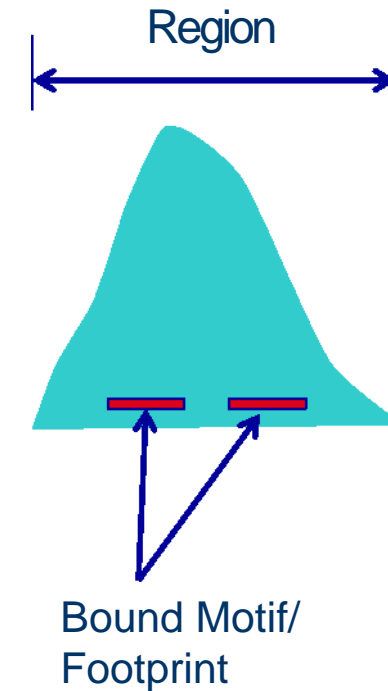
# Non-coding RNA expression in mouse brain



✓ Subsequent papers confirming the findings

# ENCODE

Element Type	Coverage	Cumulative Coverage
Exons	3%	3%
Chip-seq bound motifs	4.5%	5%
DNaseI Footprints	5.7%	9%
Chip-seq bound regions	8.1%	12%
DNaseI HS regions	15.2%	19.4%
Histone Modifications (*)	44%	49%
<b>RNA</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>80%</b>
(* excluding broad marks)		



*(Union over all experiments and cell types)*

In 2012, the ENCODE confirms that genome is broadly transcribed

✓ Subsequent papers confirming lncRNAs

Large intervening noncoding RNAs (lincRNAs)

“Chromatin signature reveals over a thousand highly conserved large non-coding RNAs in mammals”

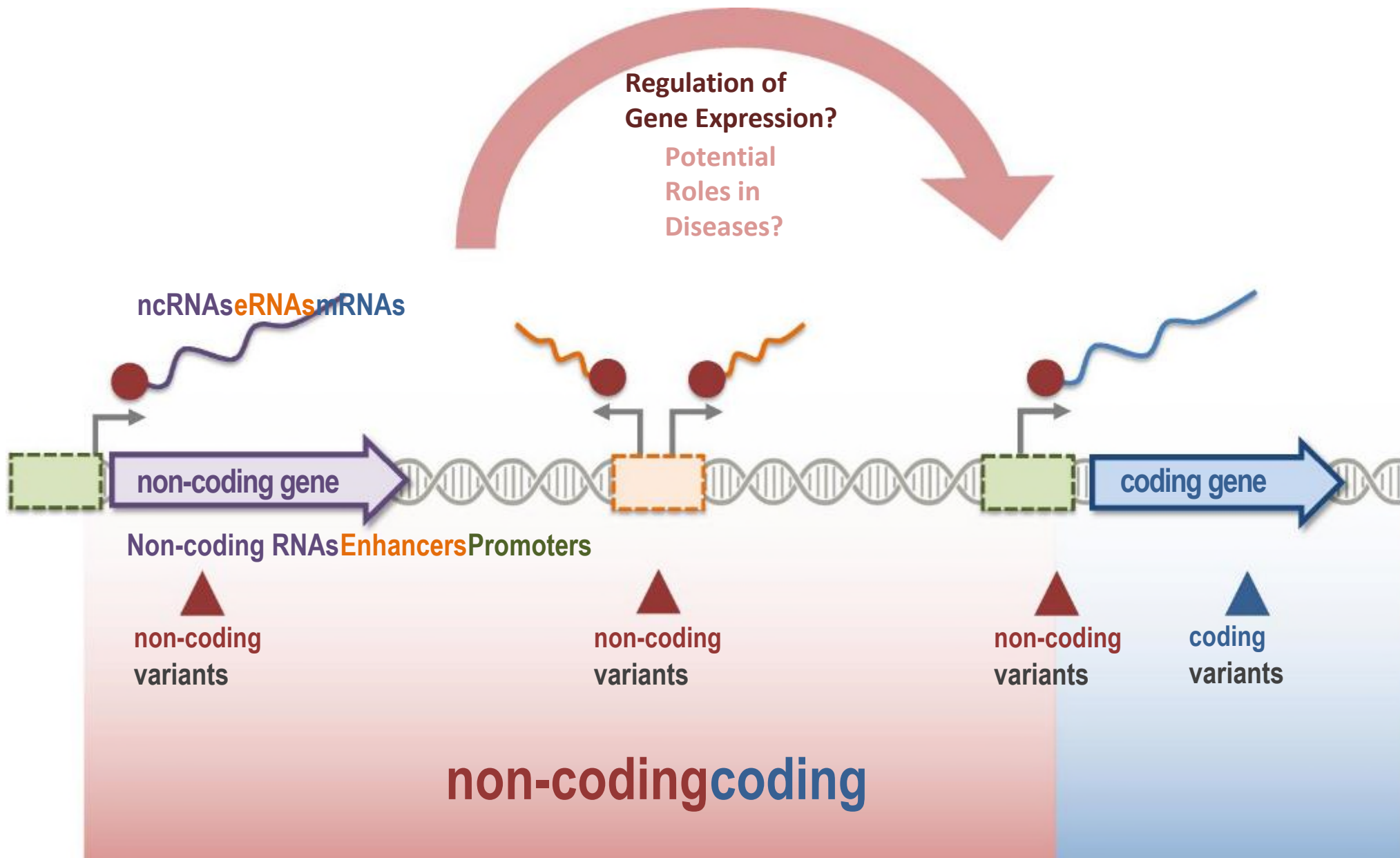
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Nature 458, 223-227 (2009)

**Second key technology: developed for identifying  
regulatory  
elements**

**→ comprehensive mammalian regulatory elements**

# Mapping genome elements and their regulation



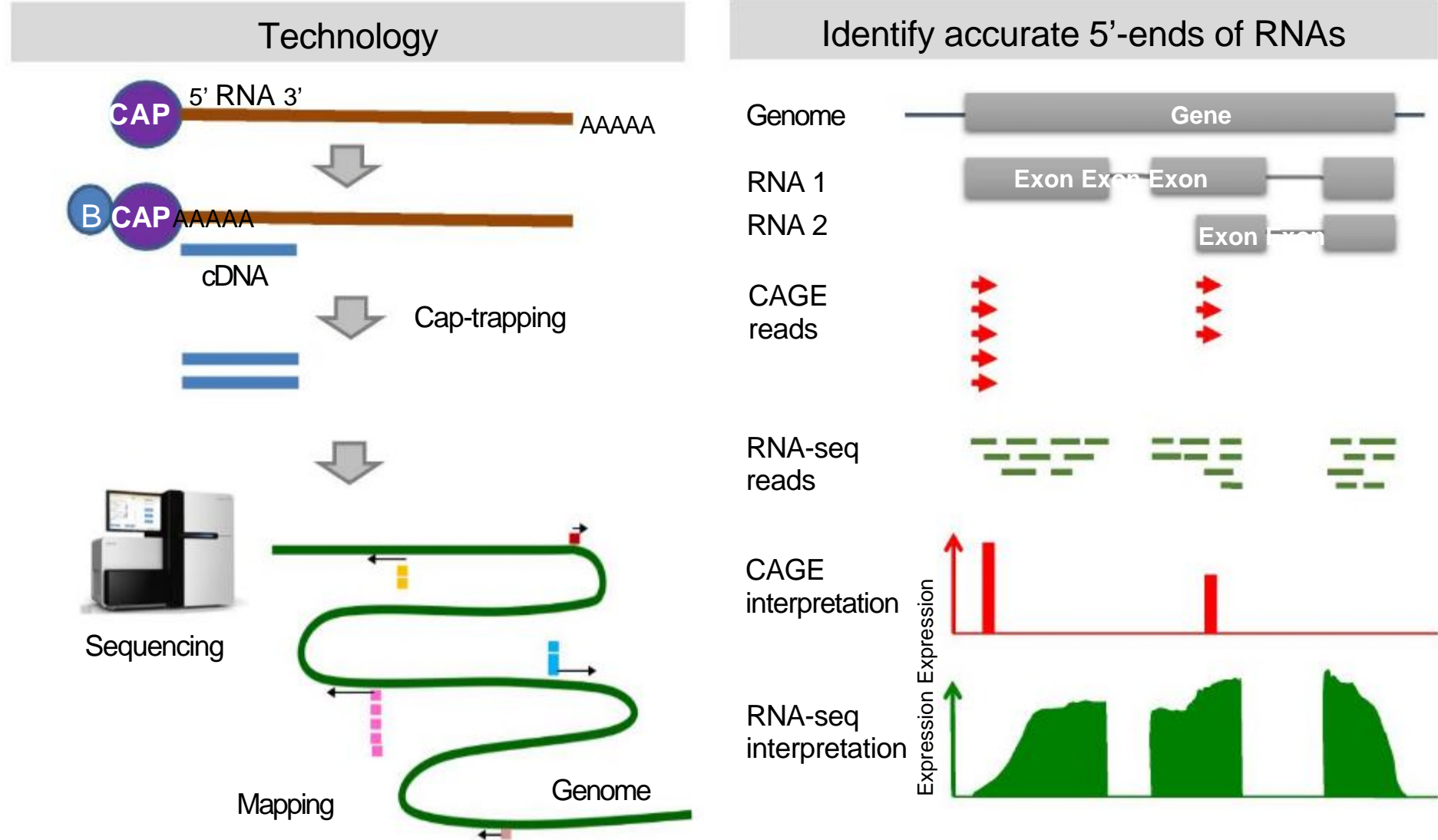


# CAGE to broadly map promoters (and enhancers) → 5' UTRs

- Precise identification of TSSs.
- Quantitative analysis of TSS activity and promoter maps
- Genome-wide

## CAGE

Cap Analysis of Gene Expression

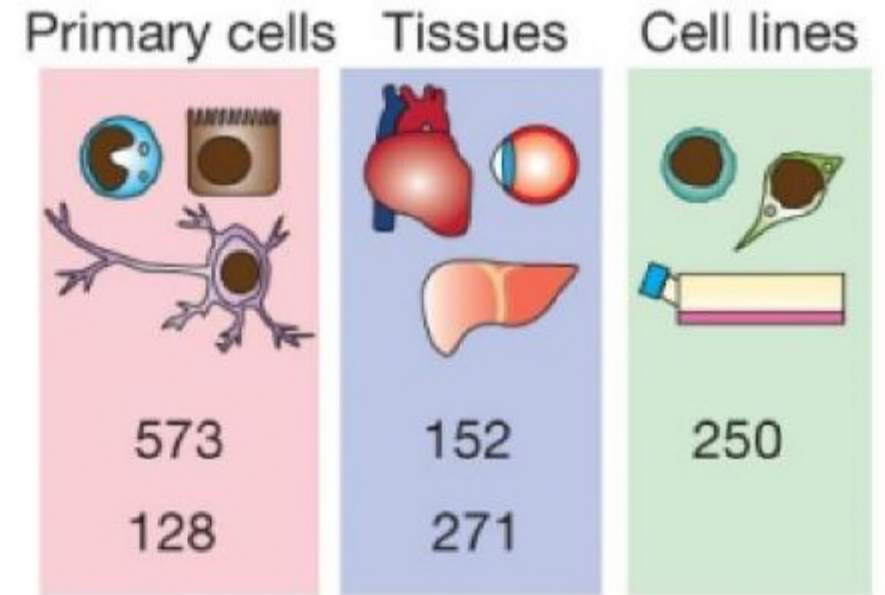


# FANTOM5: Regulatory elements in primary cell types & lncRNAs



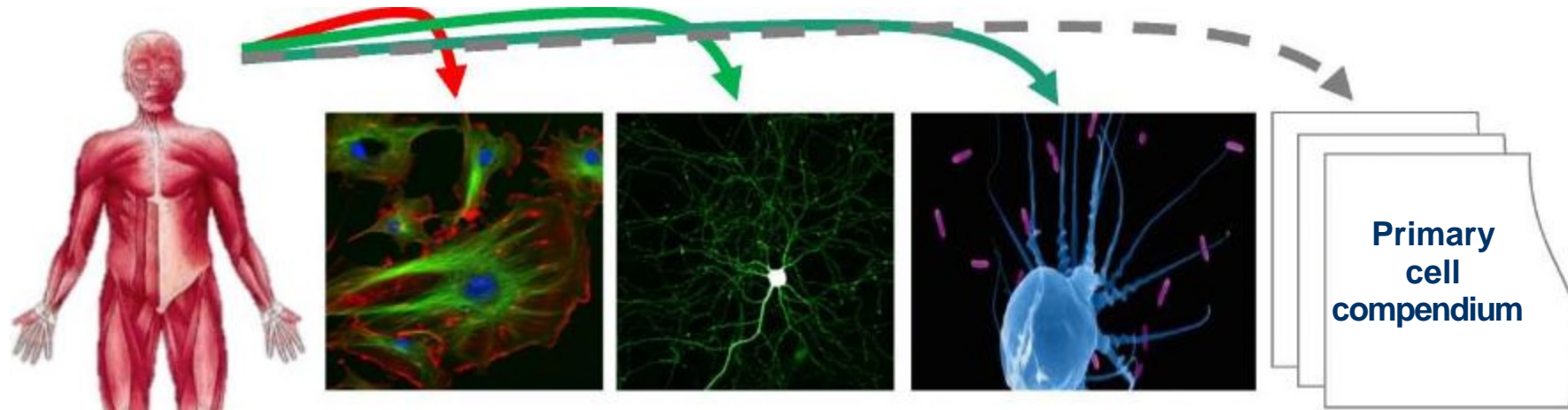
- 261 authors
- 120 international collaborators
- 19 countries

Samples: *Variety of cells*  
~3,000 human and mouse libraries in total



Forrest et al. *Nature* 507, 462 (2014)

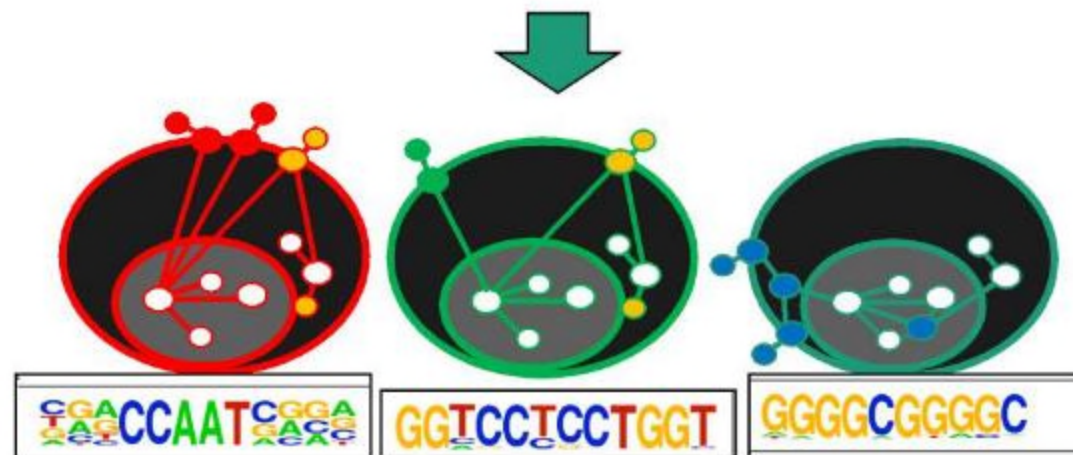
# 3000 CAGE libraries, many promoters, enhancers, networks



## Integrated transcript sequencing

- CAGE promoter map
- RNA-seq transcript map
- Short RNA processing map

Importance to annotate TFBS  
and promoters



Cell specific network models 947 samples

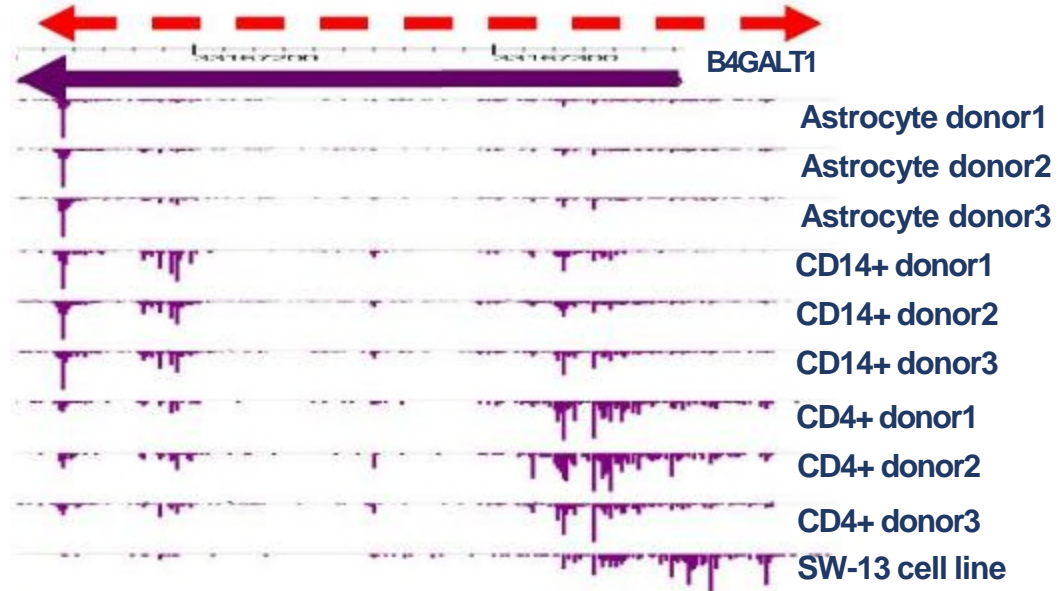
Key transcription factors, Key motifs Forrest *et al.* Nature 507, 462 (2014)

# Expected and unexpected results

- **Measure gene expression**
  - **Infer networks globally**
  - **Map promoters**
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- **Surprises?**

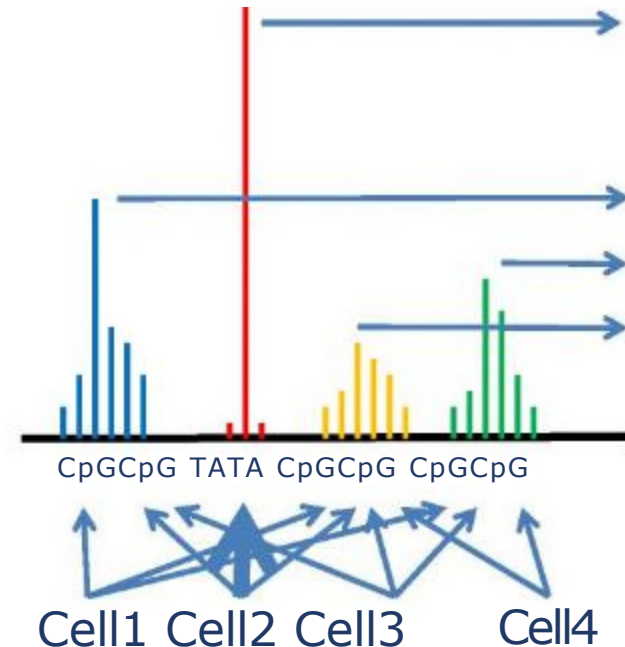
# FANTOM5: Promoter architectures differ in different cells

~270bp, unprecedented high resolution



TSS preferences:

- B4GALT1 core promoter
- Primary Astrocytes
- CD14+ monocytes
- CD4+ T-cells

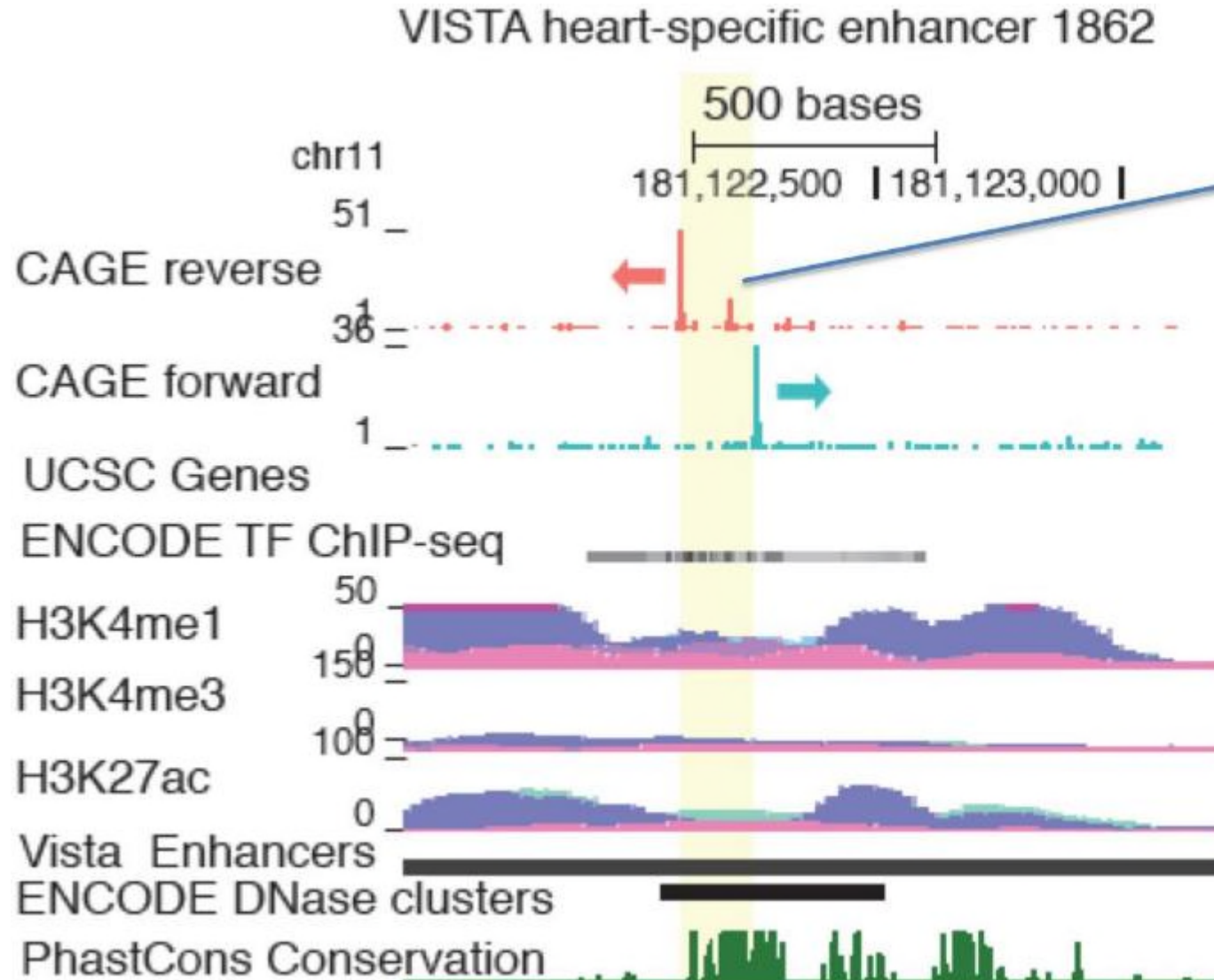


• Blue, yellow and green:  
Broadly used

• Red:  
Cell2 specific and highly expressed

223,428 in human and 162,264 in mouse of reference TSS

# CAGE instrumental to identify cell specific enhancers and eRNAs



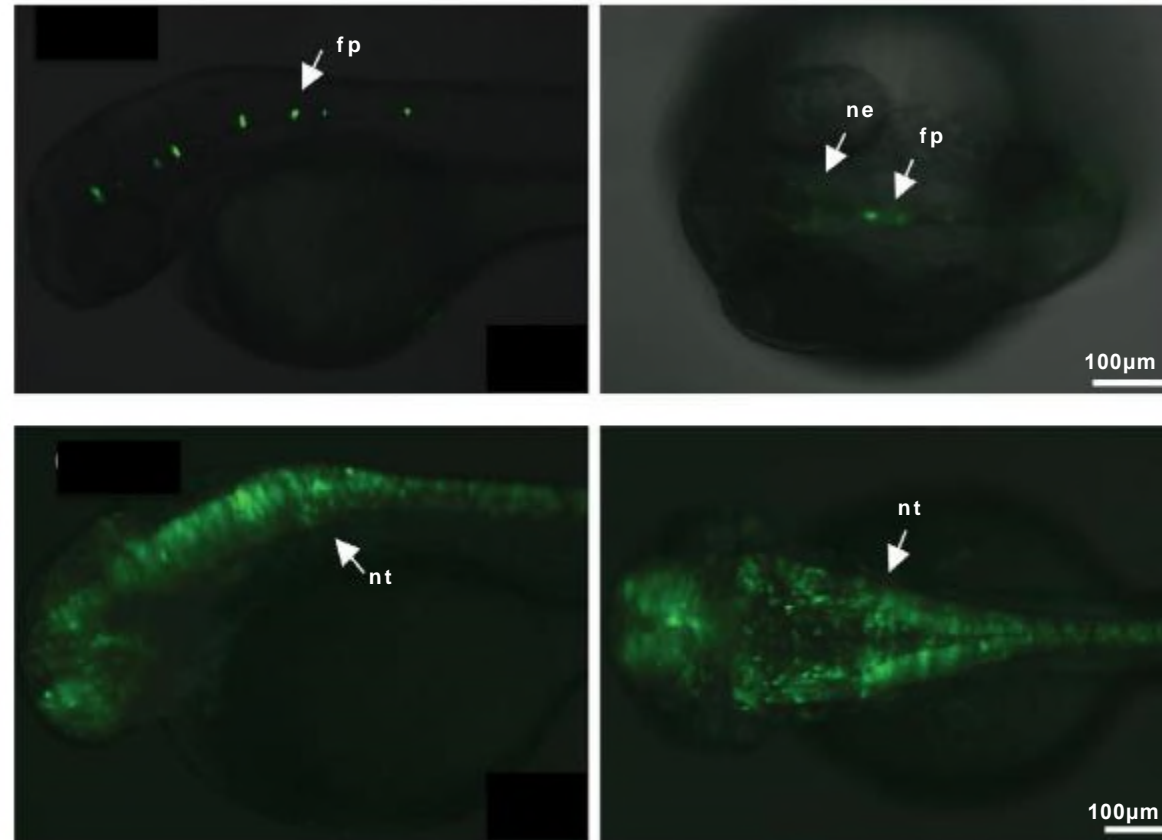
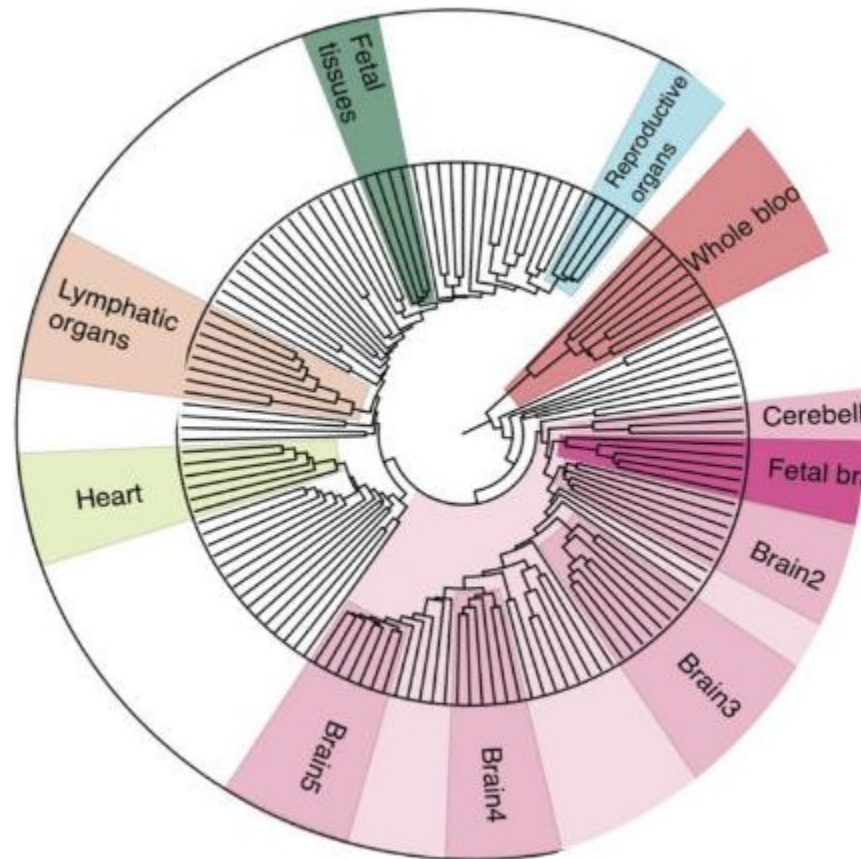
Enhancers have bidirectional CAGE transcription.

Bidirectional transcription identifies ~ nucleosome boundary.

Based on this, we defined a rule to locate novel transcribed enhancers over the whole FANTOM collection.

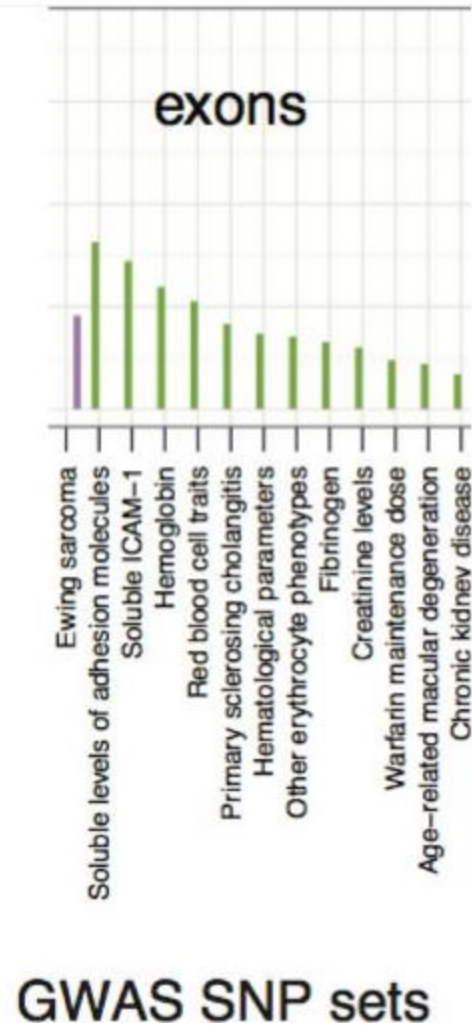
eRNAs believed to be 200-300 nt lncRNAs

- identified 65,423 and 44,459 enhancers in human and mouse.
- 60% are over-represented in one cell/tissue group.
- Human GWAS SNPs map often on enhancers and promoters (less frequently on coding exons).
- Promoter and enhancer usage and QTL analysis. *Garieri et al. Nat Commun. (2017)*



# Disease-associated SNPs are enriched in enhancers

## GWAS-SNP over-representation in different genomic regions

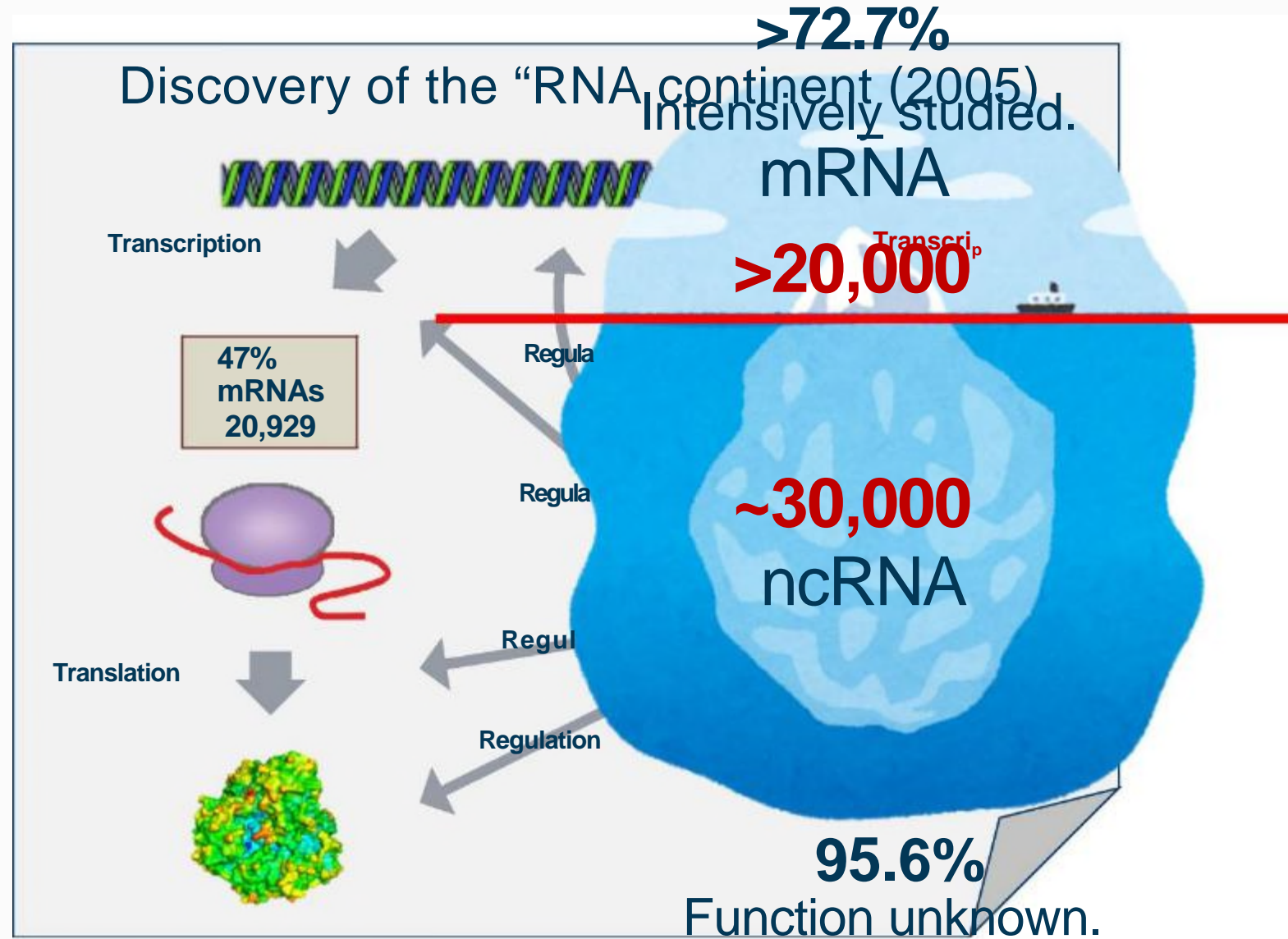




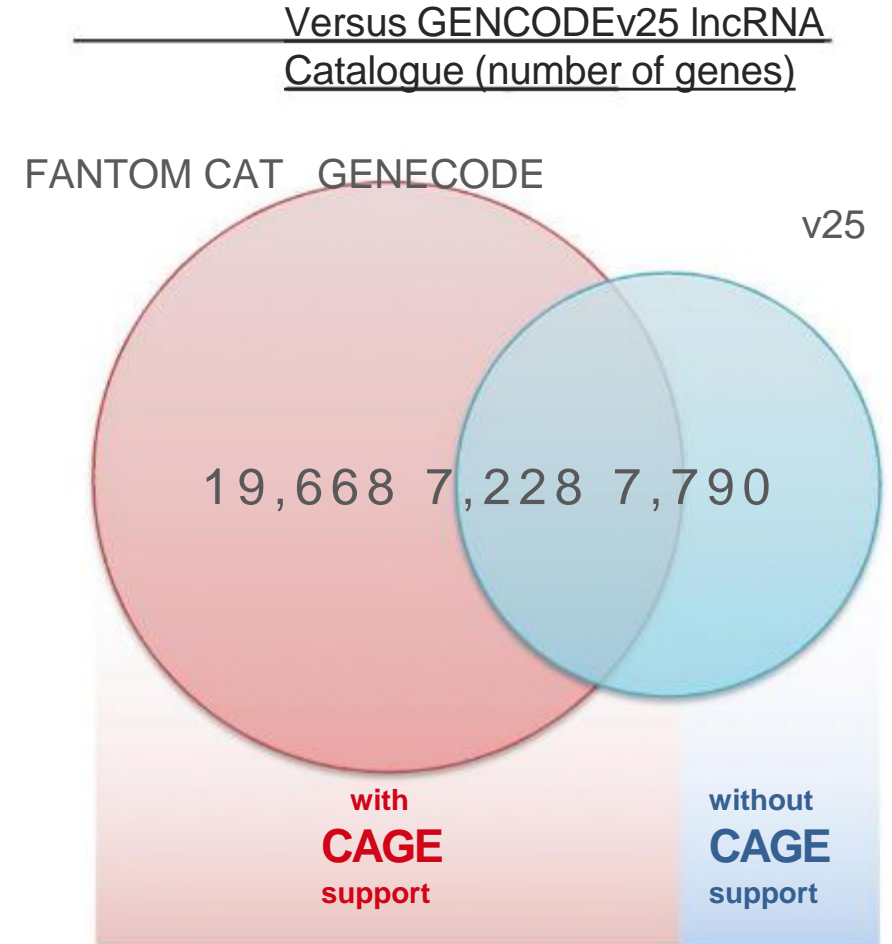
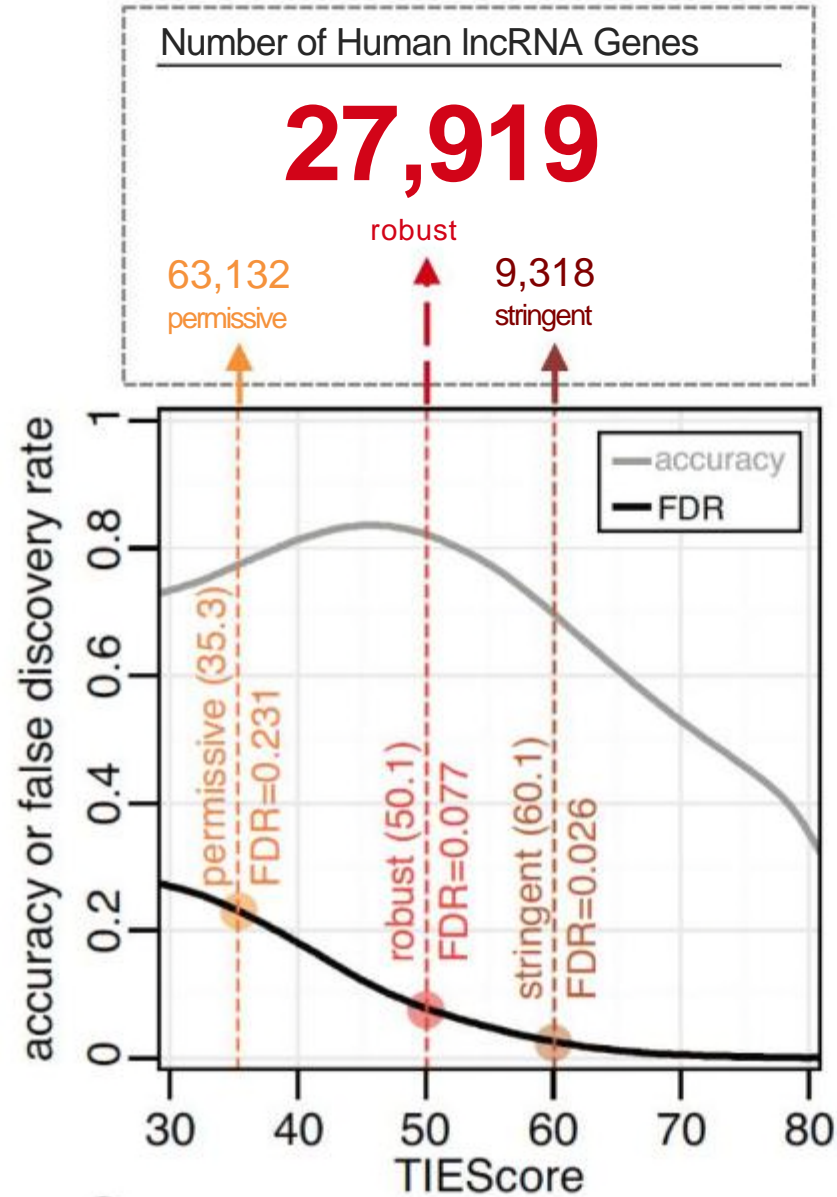
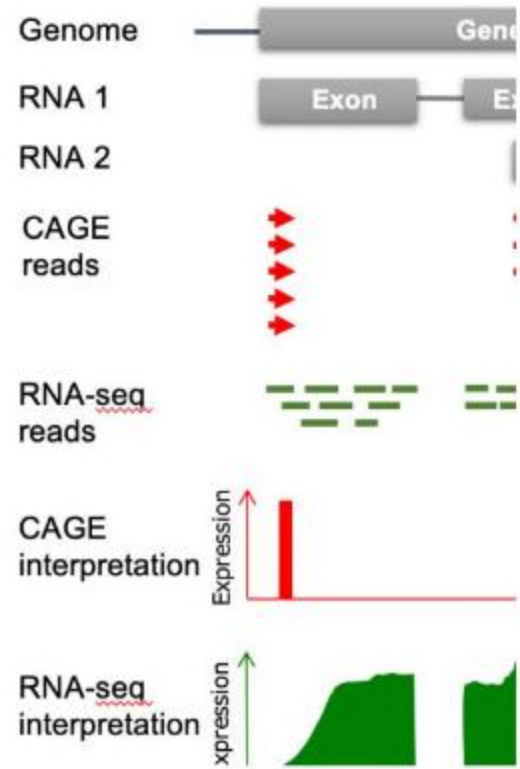
# Long “non-coding” RNAs

t o b e r e n a m e d a s -  
R e g u l a t o r y R N A -  
S t r u c t u r a l R N A s  
.

# Discovery of “non-coding” RNA (FANTOM-3, ~2005)

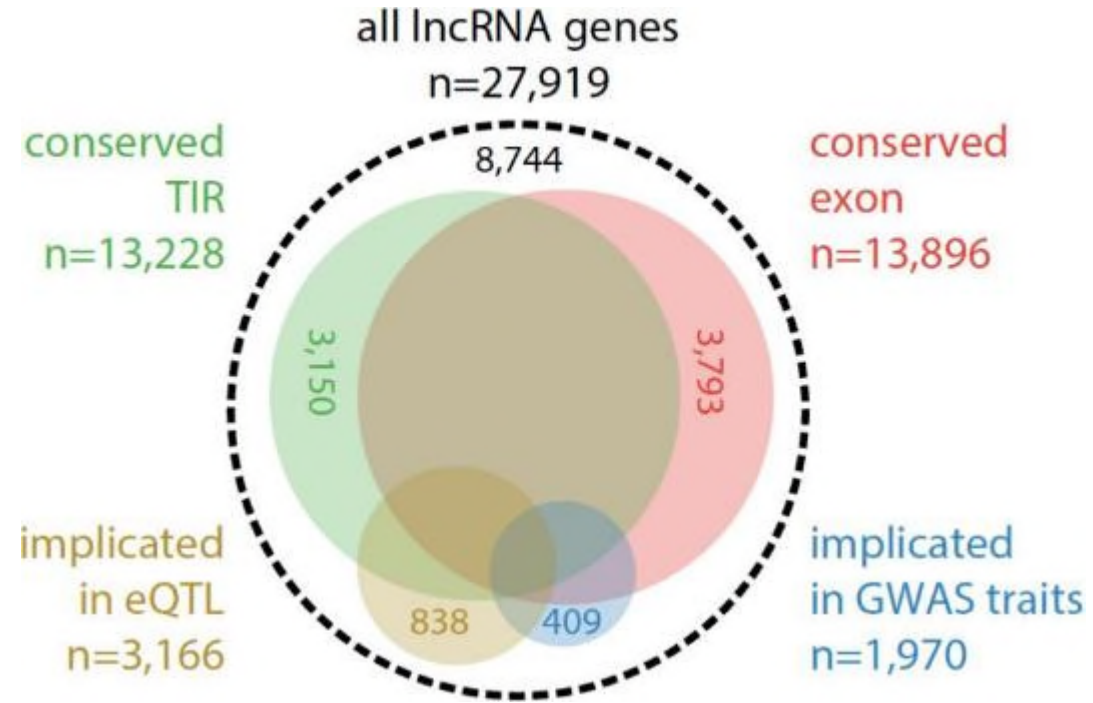
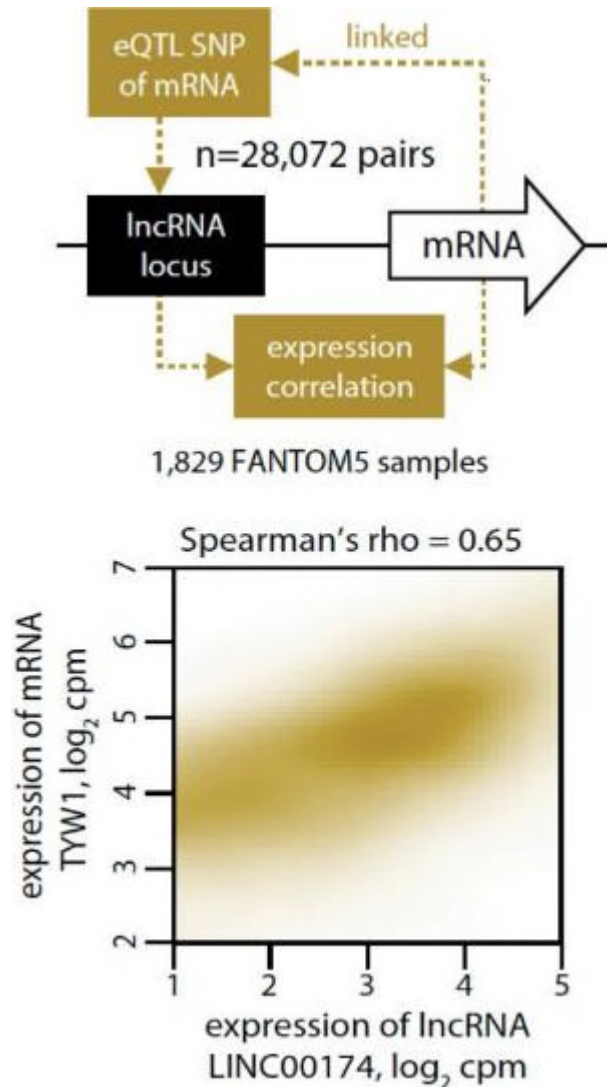


# Human lncRNA: FANTOM\_CAGE Associated Transcripts



# Many lncRNAs with potential function

Co-expression of lncRNA-mRNA pairs linked by eQTL



Identified 19,175 potentially functional lncRNAs in human

**Function:**

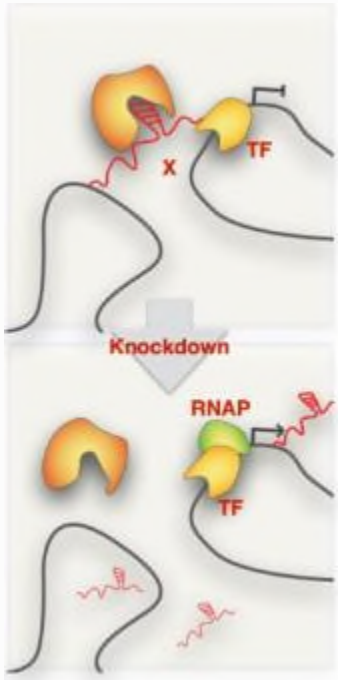
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**Do we need experimental evidence?**

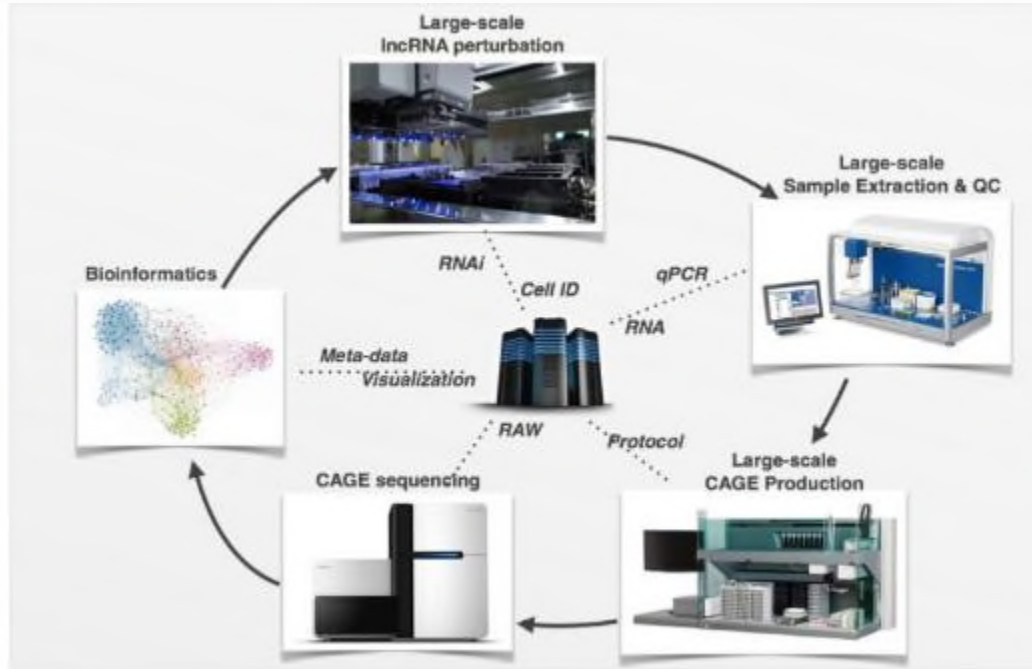
# FANTOM6: *Functional lncRNA catalogue*

## Measuring transcriptional phenotypes

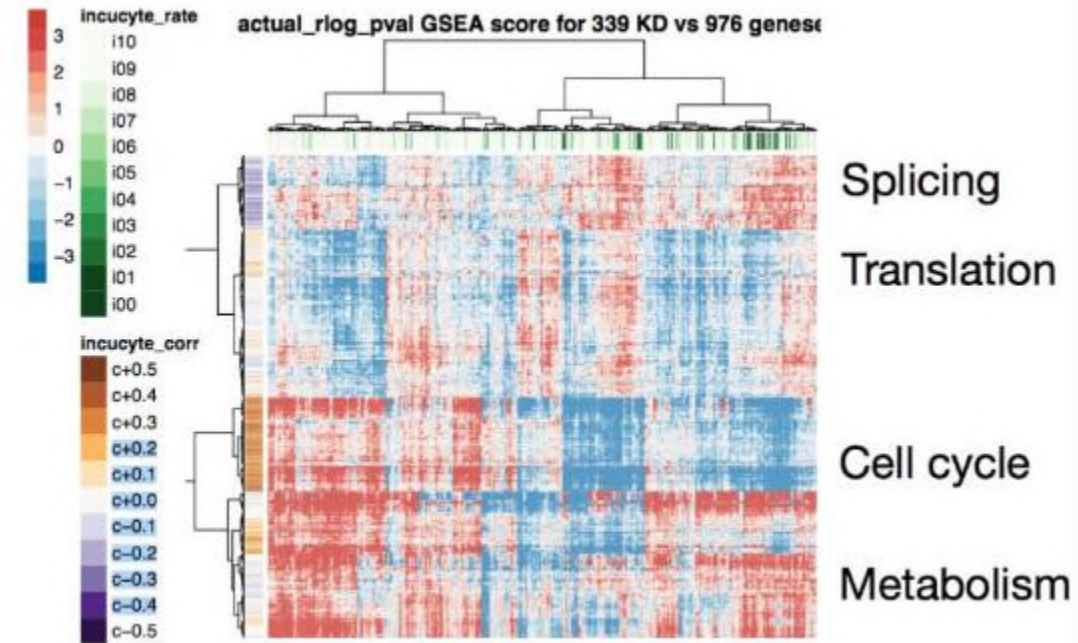
### Principle



### Systematic pipeline



## Molecular phenotype induced by lncRNA KD



## Characterization of the “new continent” of lncRNA:

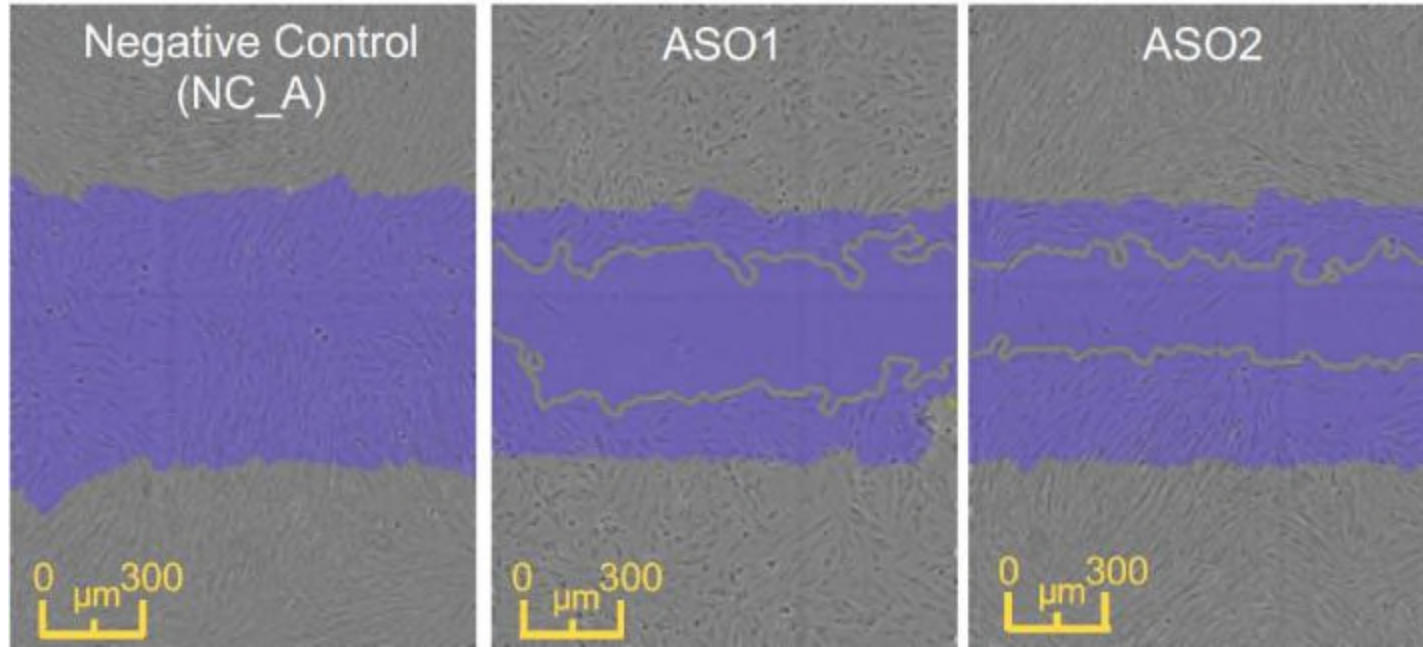
- lncRNA functional
- Regulatory role among others
- Many genes with natural antisense RNAs

Alternatives:  
Perturb-seq (@single cell level)



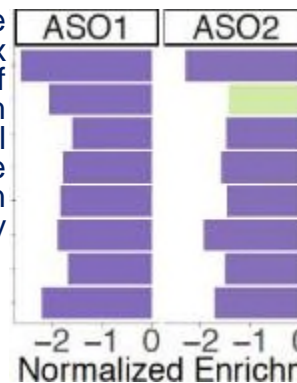
# Example: KD of ZNF213-AS1 impacts cell growth and migration

Wound healing assay for ASOs targeting ZNF213-AS1  
35-73% impairment of wound-closure



## Selected enriched biological pathways

Extracellular structure organization  
Extracellular matrix disassembly  
Regulation of growth  
Developmental growth  
Growth Regulation of epithelial cell proliferation  
Positive regulation of cell proliferation  
Cell motility



Alternatives:

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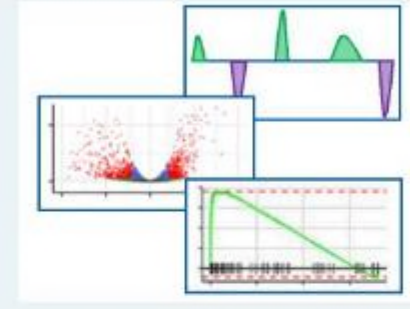


# Annotation of lncRNAs: molecular and cellular phenotypes

## Knockdown



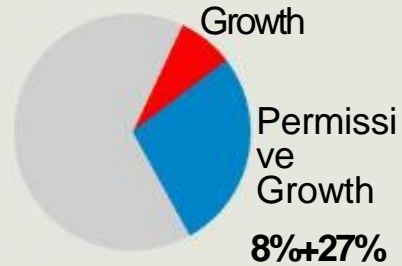
## Cell Phenotype CAGE Transcriptomic Profiling



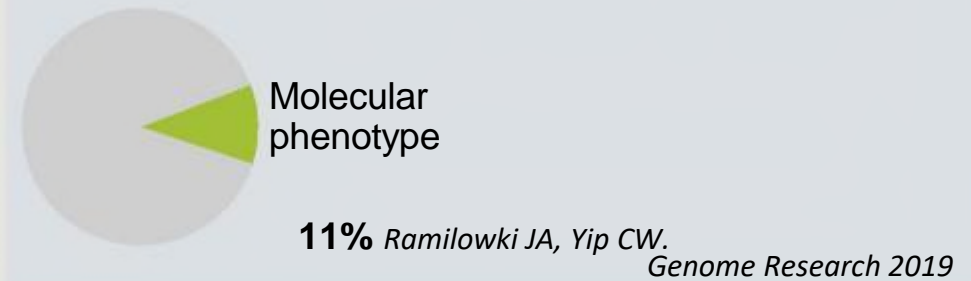
285 lncRNAs



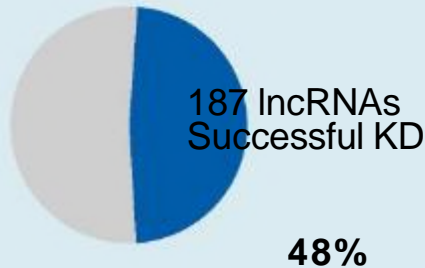
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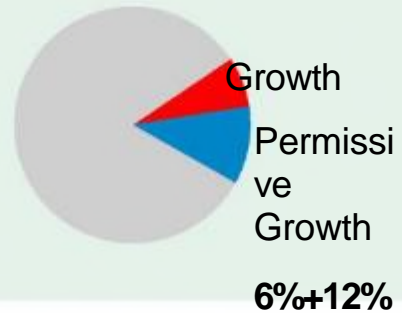
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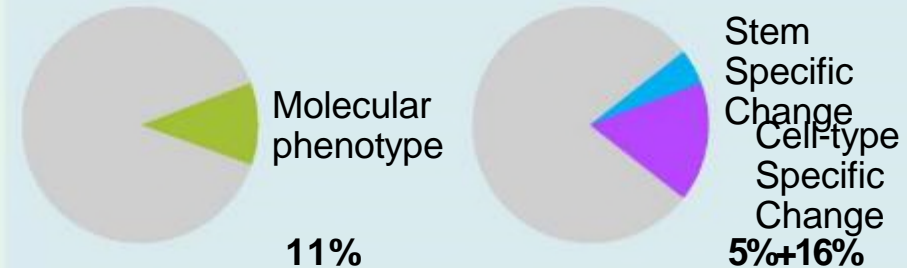
390 lncRNAs



187 lncRNAs



123 lncRNAs



Note: lncRNAs are often functional in another cell type or assay



Chi Wai Yip

HDF

iPSC

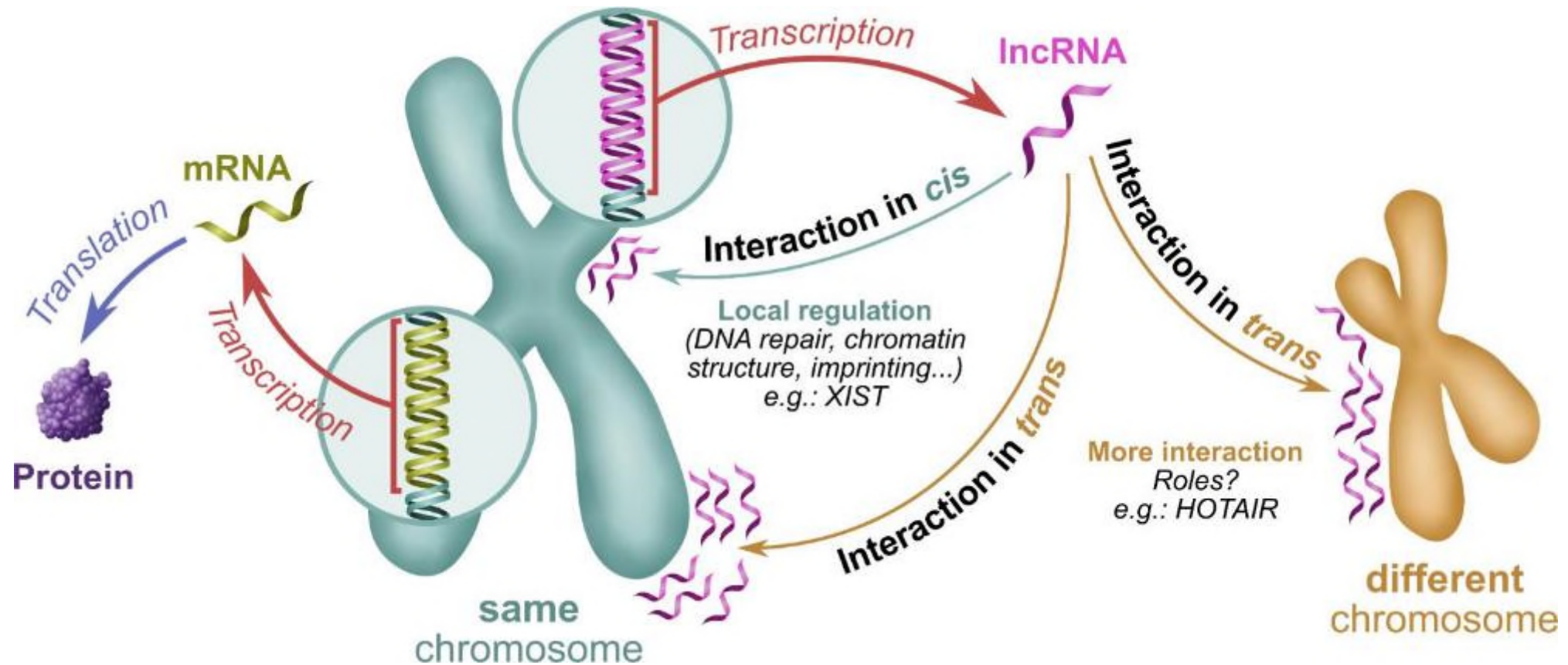


# How to gather functional insights about lncRNAs efficiently?

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Can we collect how and where lncRNAs interact, their “interactome”?

# RNA-chromatin interactions affect epigenome and gene regulation



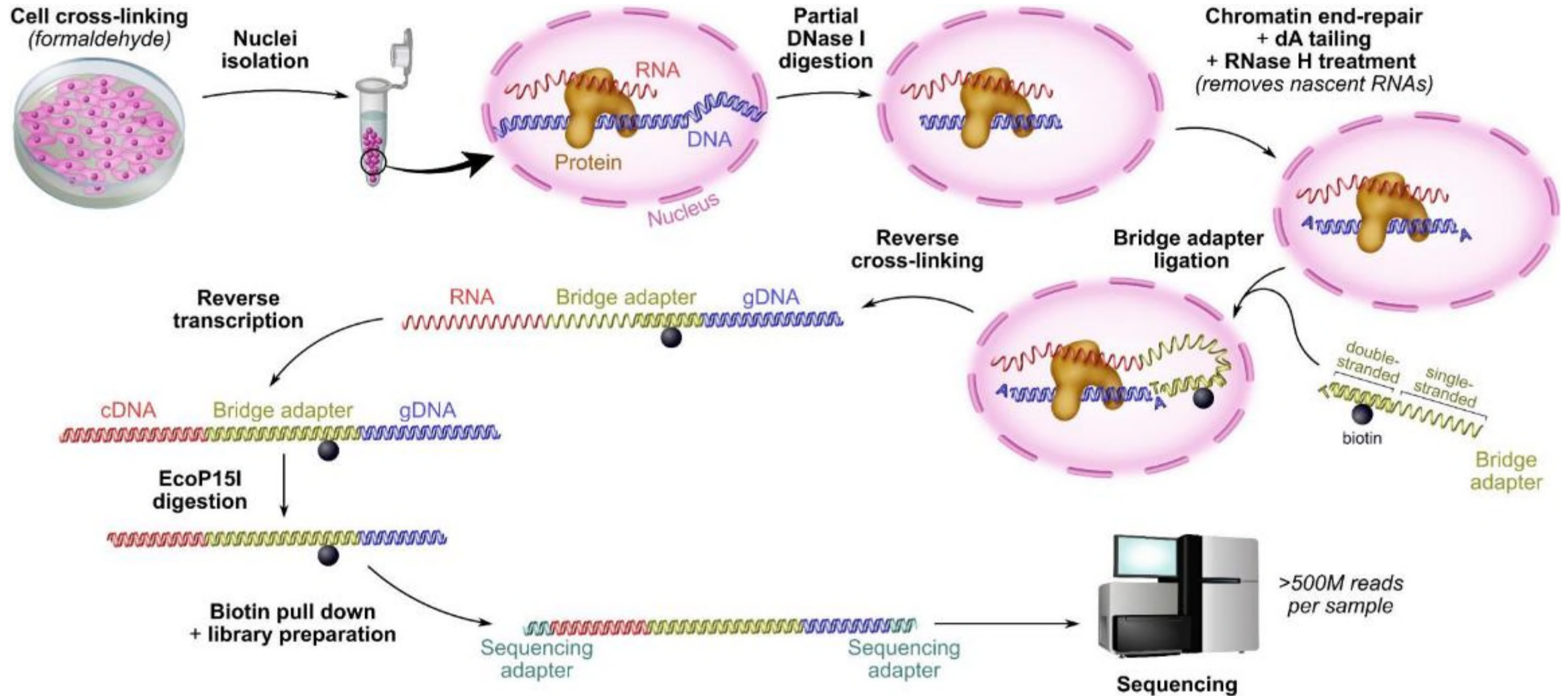
>37% of lncRNAs chromatin-bound

What is the role of RNA-chromatin interaction *in cis* and *in trans*?

- Activate genes? Promoter? Enhancer?
- Repress genes? Insulator?

**More technologies**

# RADICL-seq captures RNA-DNA interactions in intact crosslinked nuclei

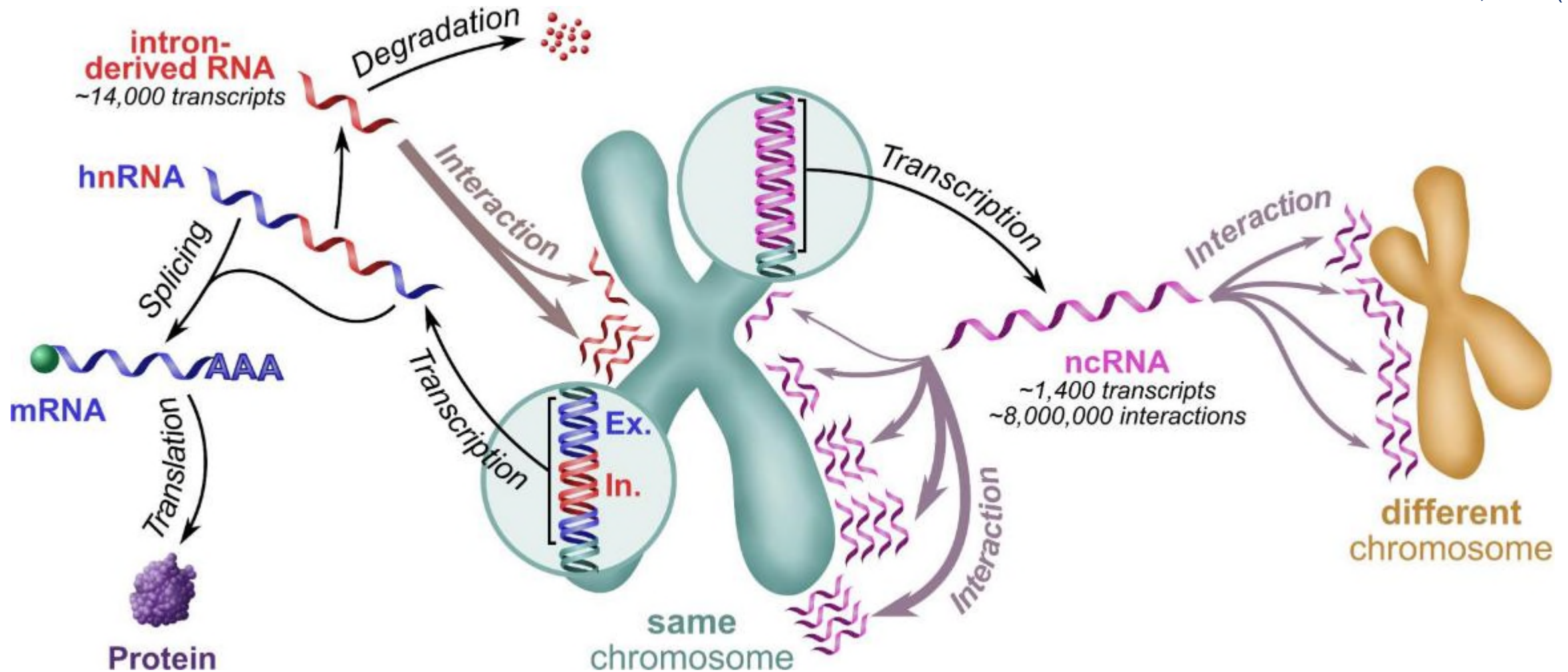


Other cell types that have been successfully tested with RADICL seq: miPSCs, mMEF, mOPC.  
Typical seq. depth: 1 lane HiSeq2500/each replica.



# Interactome analysis: *mostly introns in cis; lncRNAs interact more often in trans*

Bonetti et al. Nature Communications 11, 1018 (2020)



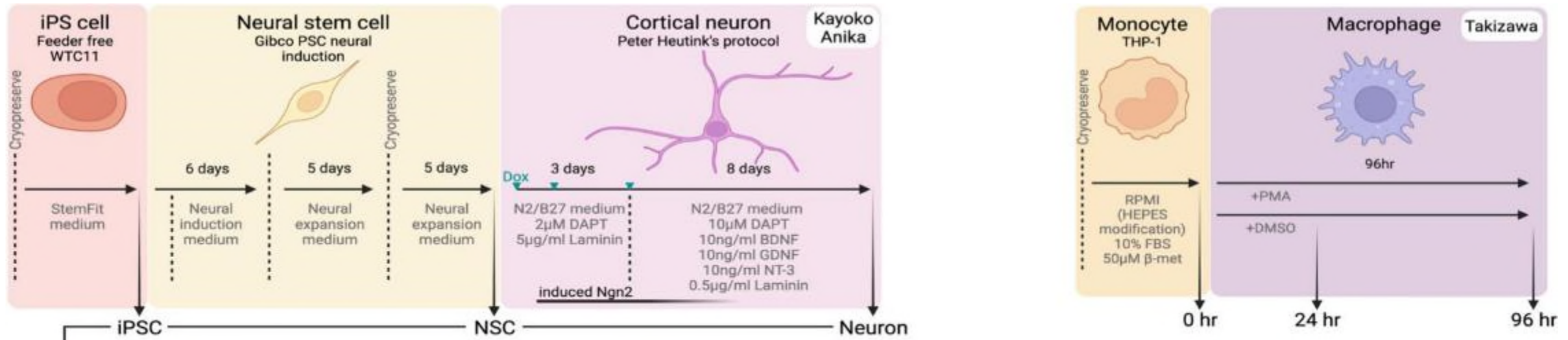
➡ Enormous complexity from the first interactome in mouse ES cells

# Exploring chromatin RNA interactions

- Biological systems
  - Static (map) + dynamic (to capture dynamic interactions and connect with known networks)
- Large scale Chromatin/RNA + complementary data

# Cell models and FANTOM6 RADICL libraries (~15 cell types)

iPSC-Neuron series (2 reps each): iPS to neurons THP-1 series: THP-1 monocyte to macrophage



iPSC-mNGN2 / NSC from iPSC-mNGN2 / Neuron from iPSC-mNGN2 THP-1 (DMSO, PMA 24h, 96h)

Each rep 120"240 M(mapq10) Each rep 80"120 M(mapq10)

## Pre F6 cell lines



### HDF

**iPSC (F6)**  
(3 reps)  
Each rep  
"200 M  
(mapq10)

(human dermal fibroblast)  
(2 reps)  
Each rep  
"130 M  
(mapq10)

## ENCODE cell lines



**MCF7**  
(breast cancer cell line)  
(2 reps)  
Each rep  
"80 M  
(mapq10)



**MCF10A**  
(mammary gland, non-tumorigenic epithelial)  
(2 reps)



**K562** (chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) cell line)  
(2 reps)



**HCT116**  
(colorectal carcinoma cell line)  
(2 reps)

Each rep "120 M(mapq10)

## T cell CD4+

(naïve and active(Th1))  
(Beatrice Bodega lab)  
(2 donors each)



Each rep  
22"33 M  
(mapq10)

## AMI samples from patients

(acute myeloid leukemia)  
(Andreas Lennartsson lab)  
(2 donors)

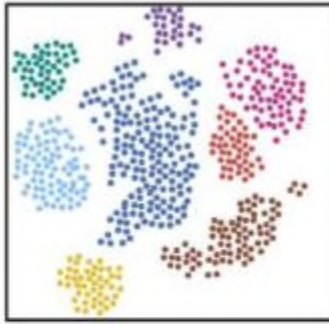


Each rep "15 M (mapq10)

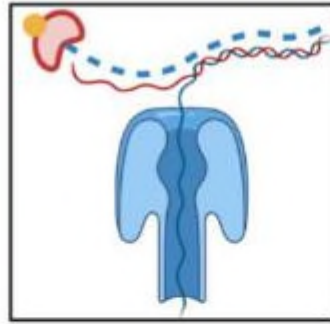
# FANTOM6-Interactome

## Complementing the chromatin RNA interactome

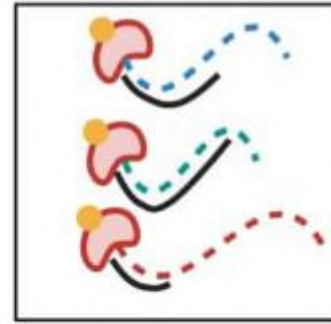
scRNA/snATAC



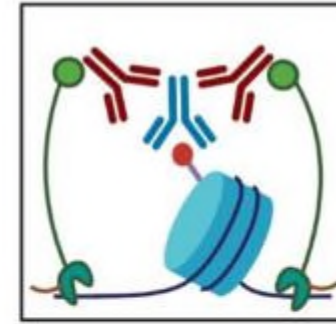
ONT-CAGE



ssCAGE



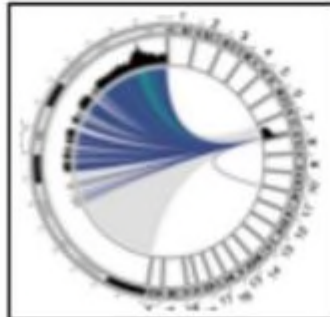
CUT&Tag



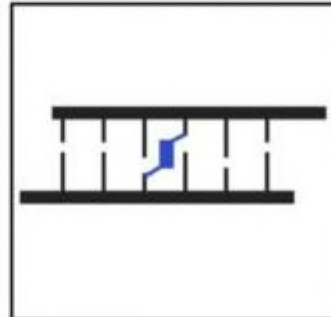
Hi-CAP



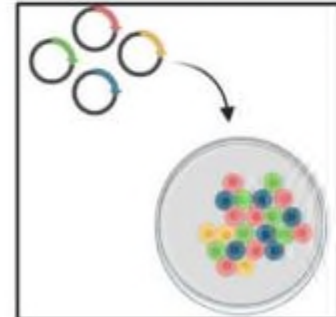
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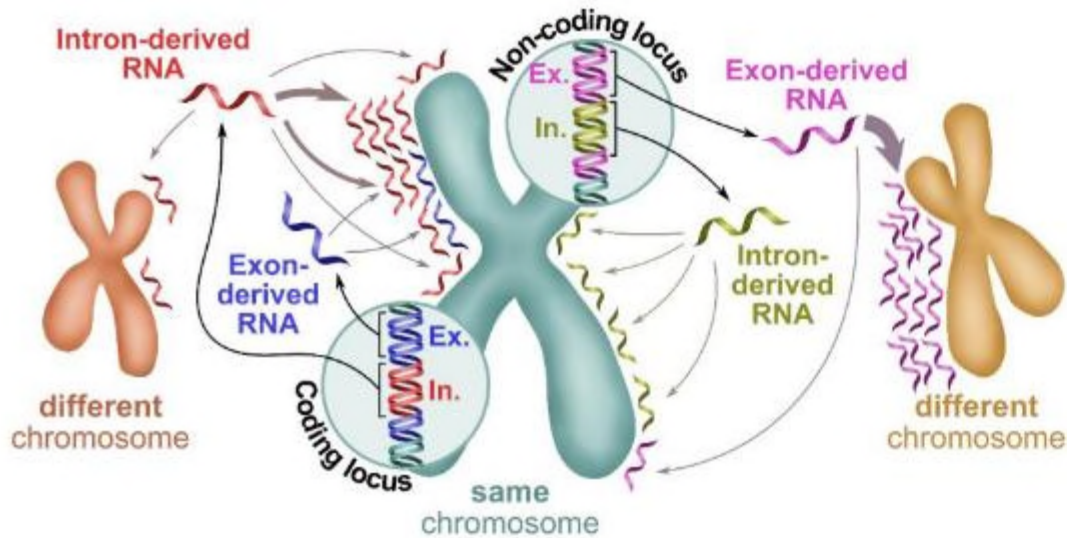
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# Summary of patterns of RNA-chromatin interaction

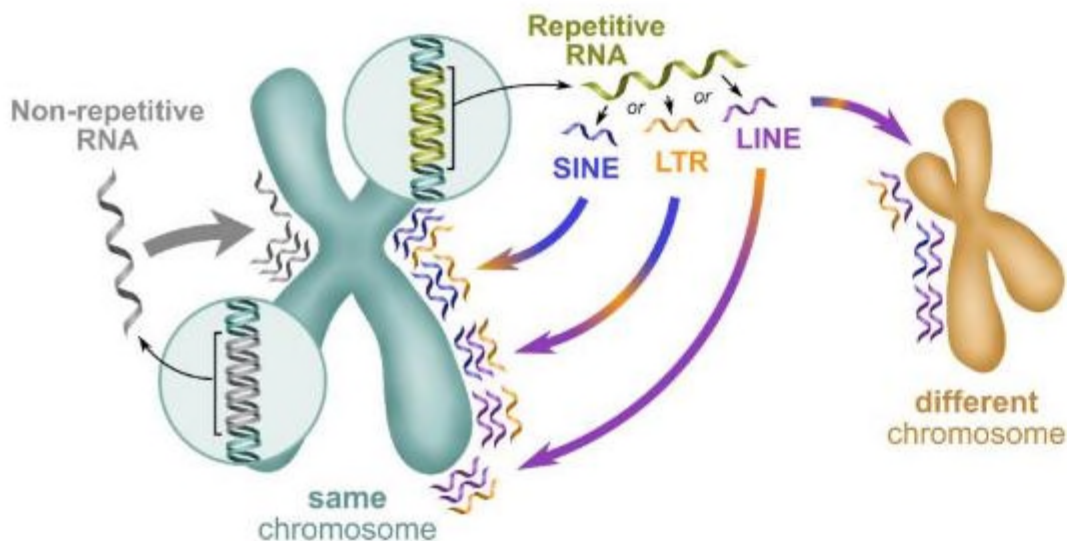
## Coding v.s. non-coding locus-derived RNAs



**Coding gene-derived RNAs:**  
more often *in cis*

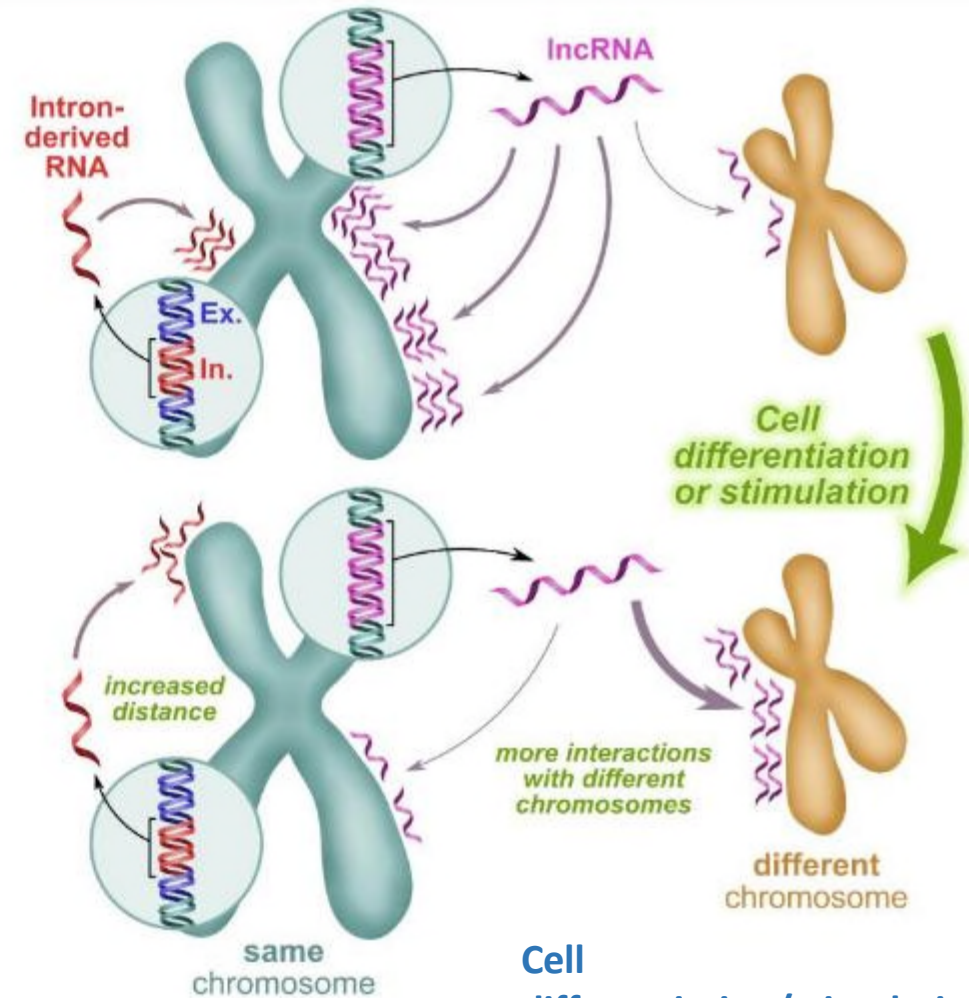
**lncRNAs:**  
more often *in trans*

## Repetitive v.s. non-repetitive RNAs



**Retrotransposon:**  
longer range interactions, SINE more *in cis*, LINE more *in trans*

## During cell differentiation/stimulation



**Cell differentiation/stimulation**  
↳ "RNA messaging"

Laura Carpen, Aslihan Karabakack, Rodrigo Pracana Human Technopole + RIKEN IMS



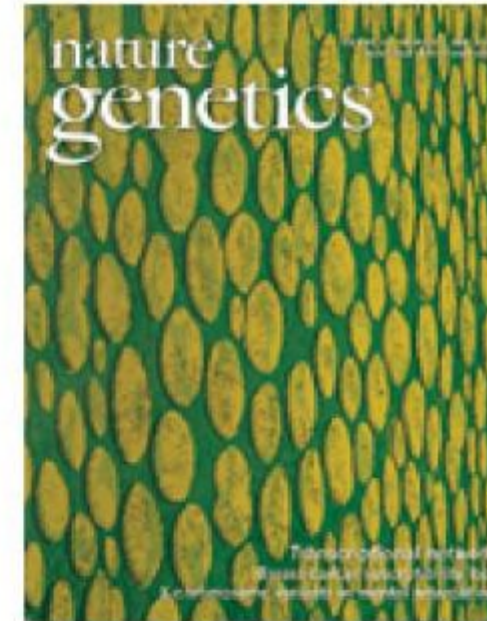
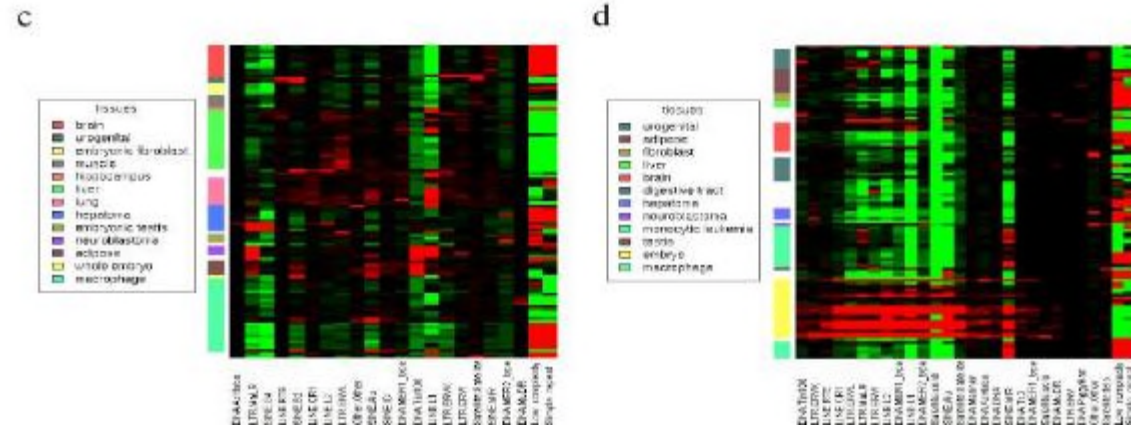
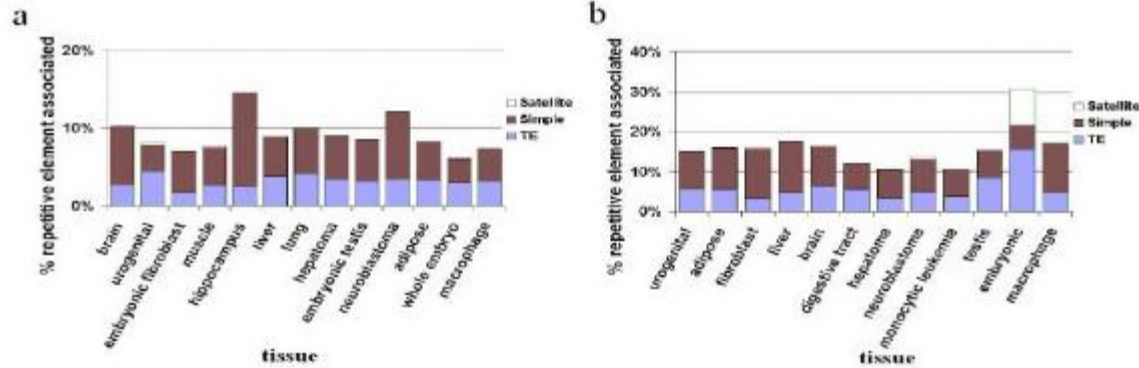
Beatrice Bodega, Valeria Ranzani University of Milan



# Surprise!

## Retrotransposon elements are broadly expressed in mammalian cells/tissues

- FANTOM4 -
- transcription is often initiated on retrotransposon elements
- The signal was actively removed from data with “repeat masks”
- Geoff: PhD students from computer sciences was fearless

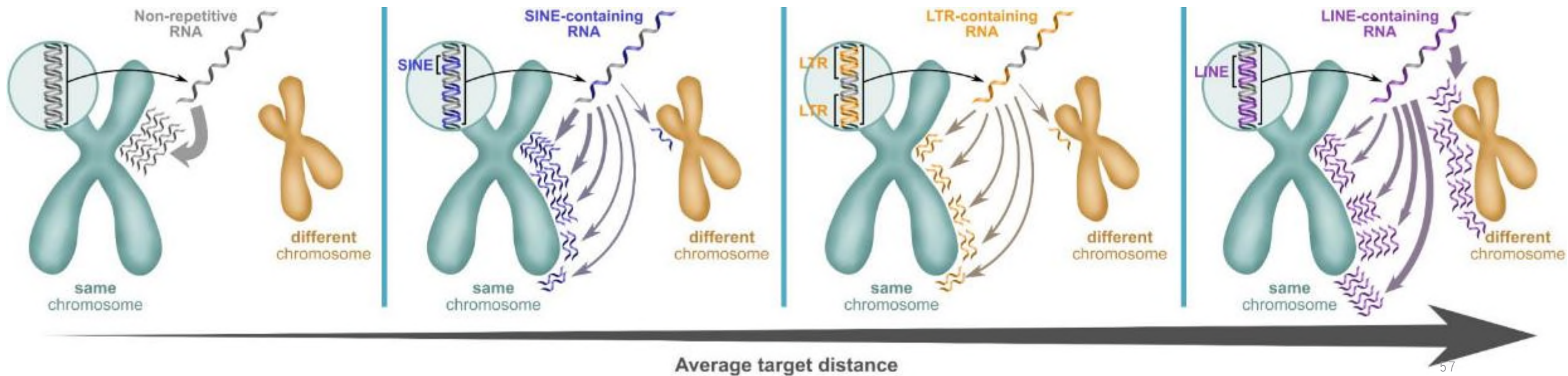
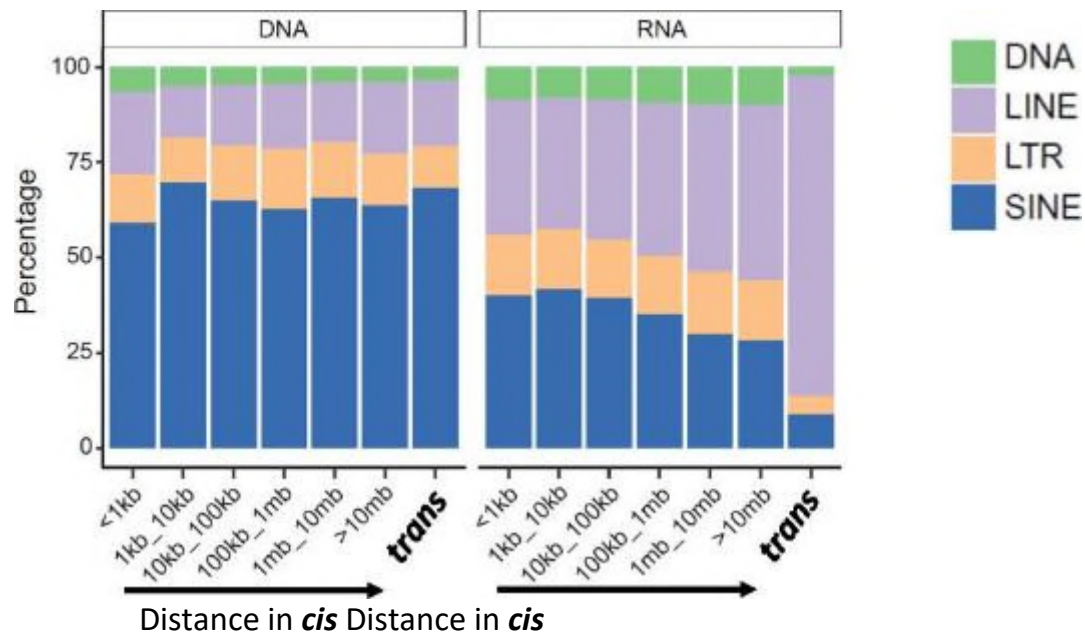
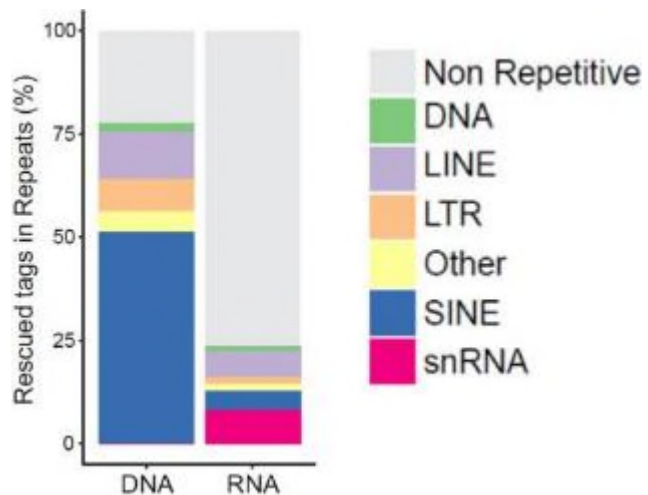


Nat Genet. 2009 May;41(5):563-71

## The regulated retrotransposon transcriptome of mammalian cells

Geoffrey J Faulkner<sup>1</sup>, Yasumasa Kimura<sup>2</sup>, Carsten O Daub<sup>2</sup>, Shivangi Wani<sup>1</sup>, Charles Plessy<sup>2</sup>, Katharine M Irvine<sup>3</sup>, Kate Schroder<sup>3</sup>, Nicole Cloonan<sup>1</sup>, Anita L Steptoe<sup>1</sup>, Timo Lassmann<sup>2</sup>, Kazunori Waki<sup>2</sup>, Nadine Hornig<sup>4,5</sup>, Takahiro Arakawa<sup>2</sup>, Hazuki Takahashi<sup>2</sup>, Jun Kawai<sup>2</sup>, Alistair R R Forrest<sup>2,6</sup>, Harukazu Suzuki<sup>2</sup>, Yoshihide Hayashizaki<sup>2</sup>, David A Hume<sup>7</sup>, Valerio Orlando<sup>4,5</sup>, Sean M Grimmond<sup>1</sup> & Piero Carninci<sup>2</sup>

# Transposable Elements in RNA contacting chromatin

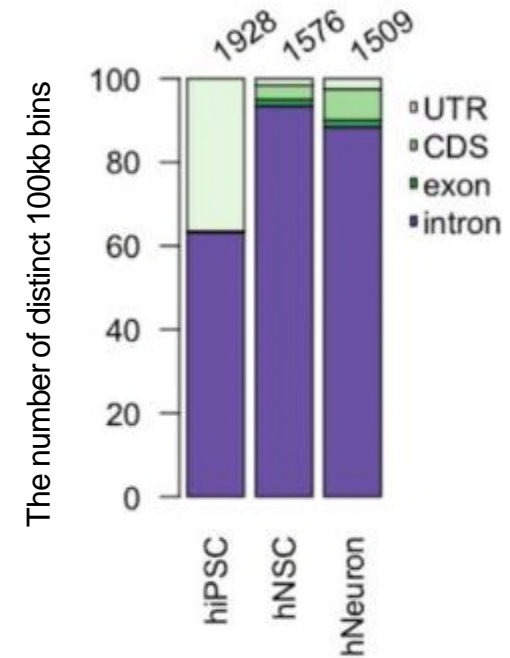
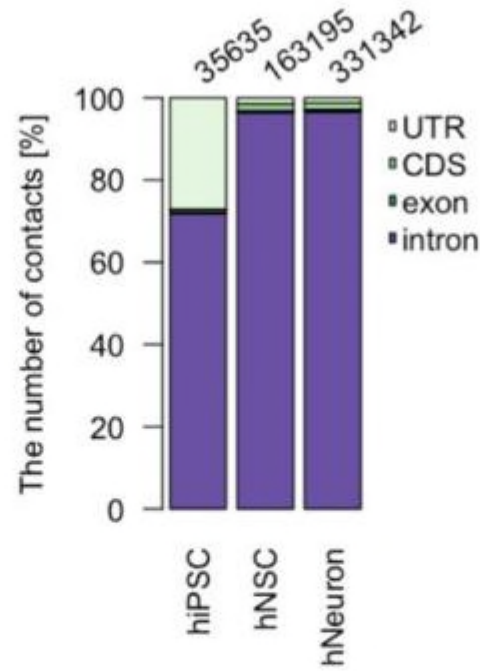
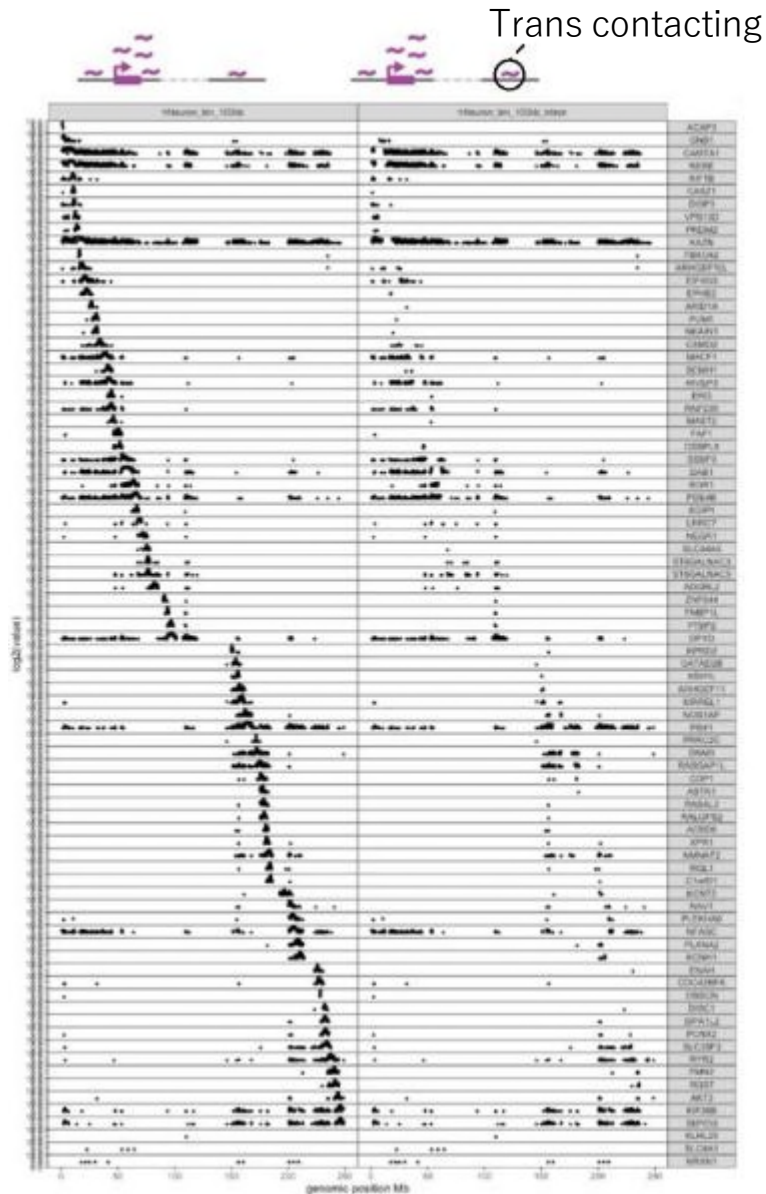


# TIR: Trans-contacting Intronic RNA (another surprise: we know they are usually degraded)

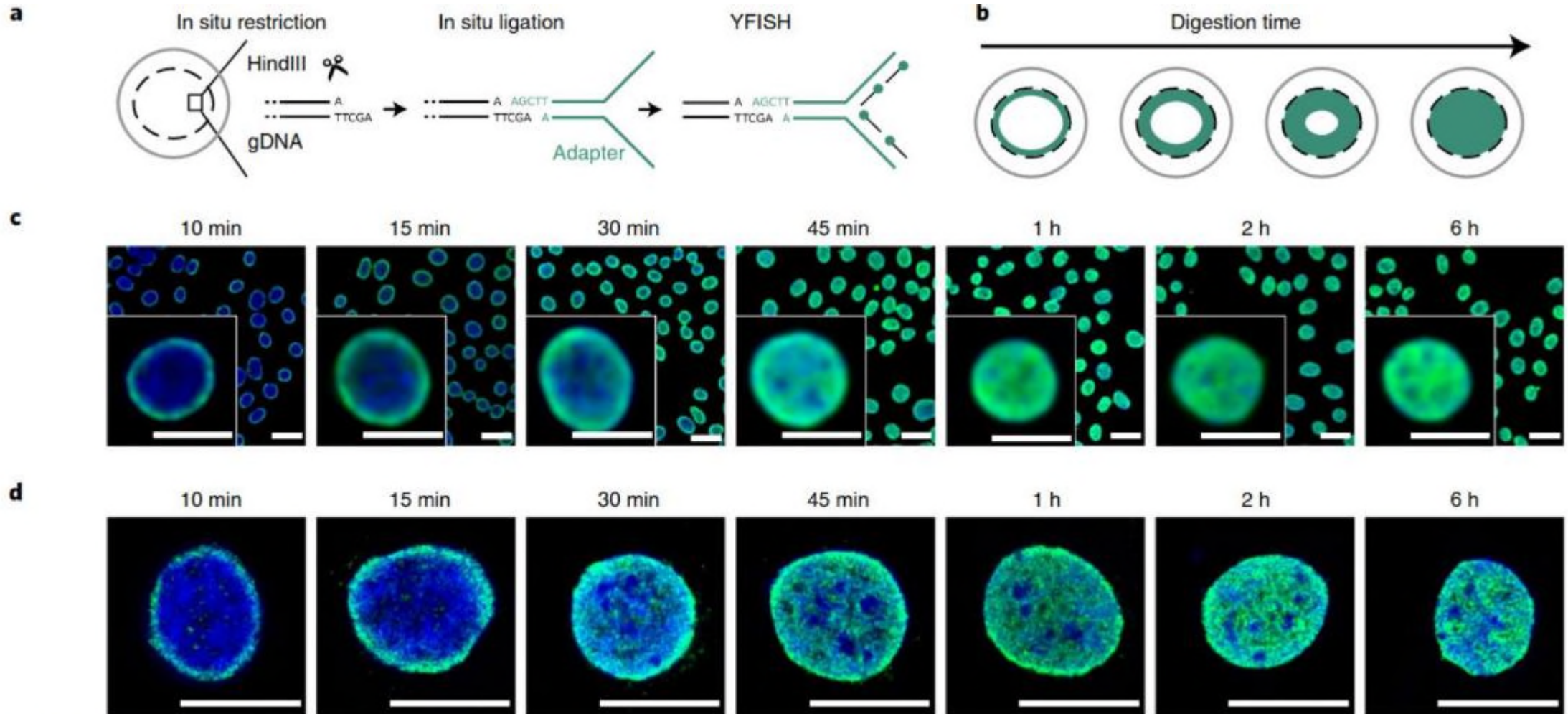
- Transcribed from intronic region
- Making trans contacting (receiving locus > 5Mb apart from the source gene locus)



# Trans-contacting Intronic RNAs (from **intronic** regions)



# GPSeq (genomic loci positioning by sequencing)



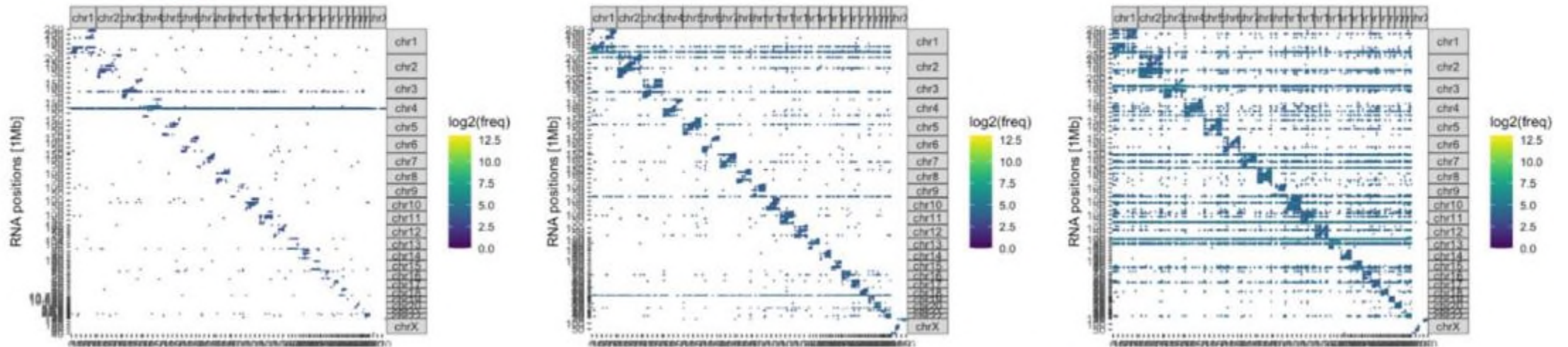
Girelli, G. et al, Nature Biotech. 2020



Wening Kang and Magda Bienko

# TIRs increasingly accumulate at nuclear center during differentiation

 iPSC NSC Neuron

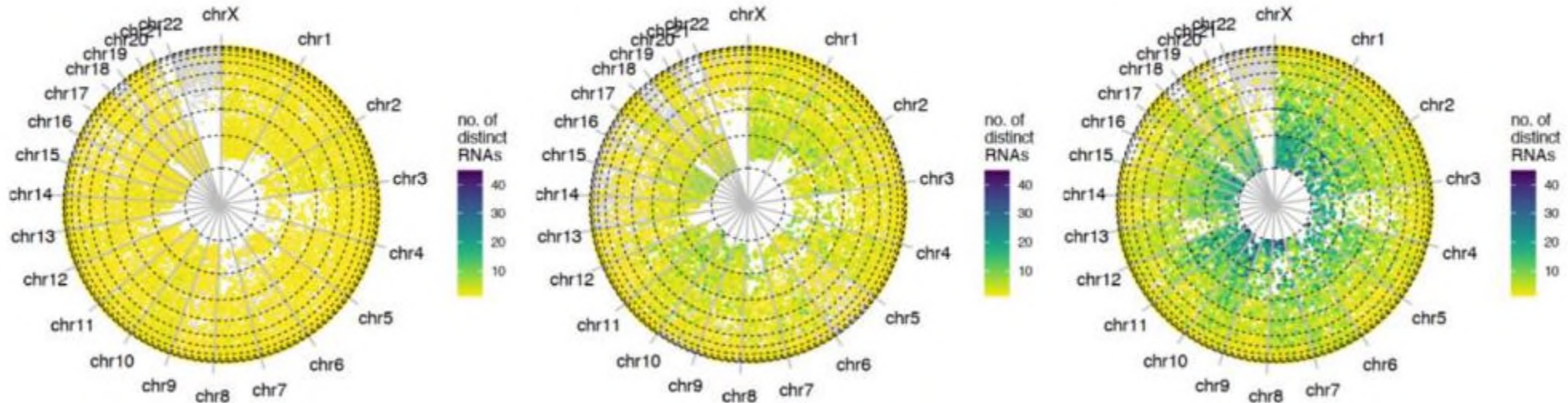


hiPSC

hNSC

hNeuron

Number of genes



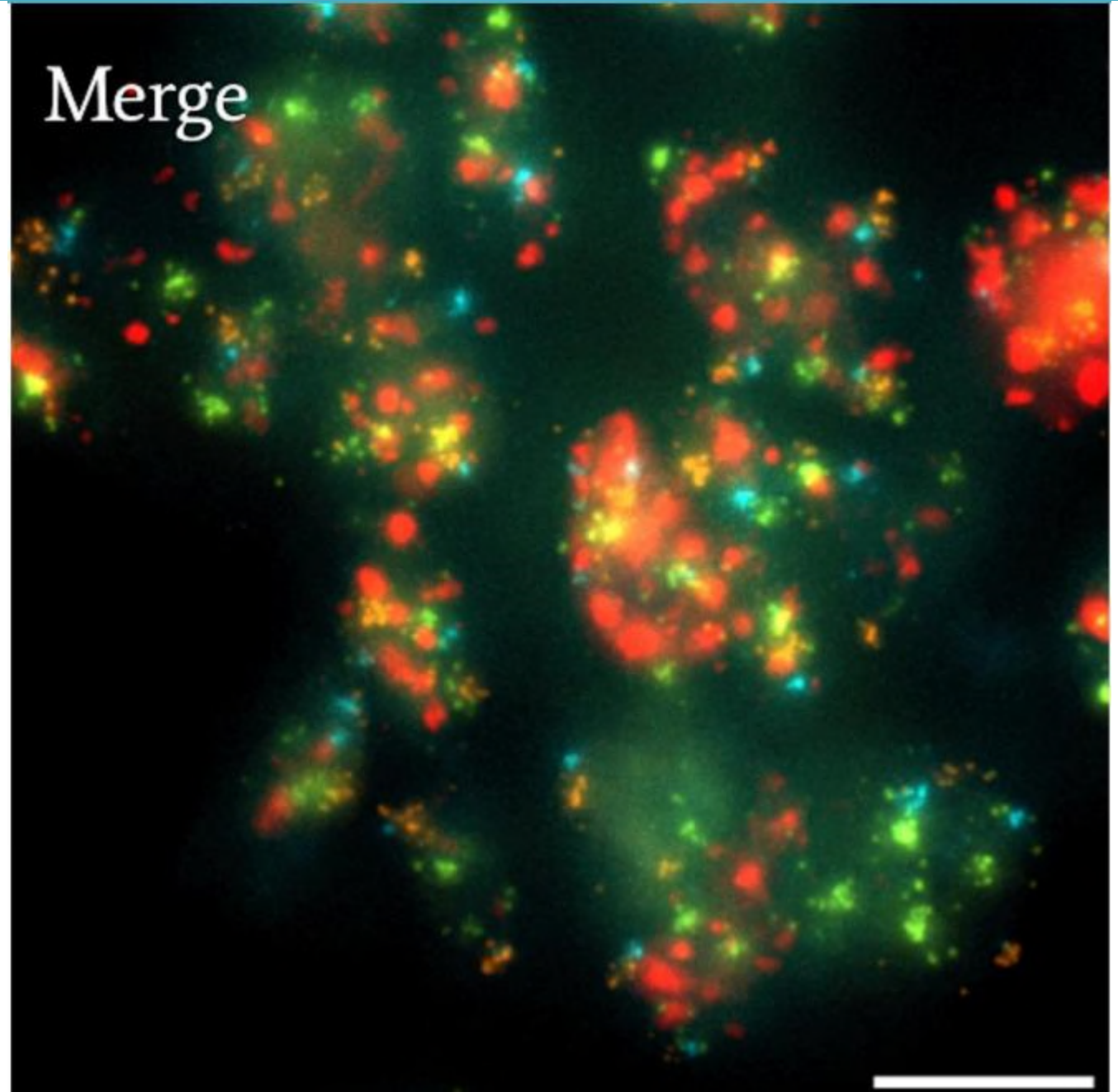
TIR from long neuron-specific genes, contacting short neuron-specific genes <sup>62</sup> Wenging Kang and Magda Bienko

# MALAT1 and other TIR forming clouds are exclusive

**RED: MALAT1  
clusters**

**Other colors: various  
TIRs analyzed**

**Nuclei of neurons  
showing different  
RNA clouds  
territories**





# What are the interacting RNAs?

- **Full sequence needed to understand key lncRNA variants**
  - further, we still do not understand the lncRNA diversity

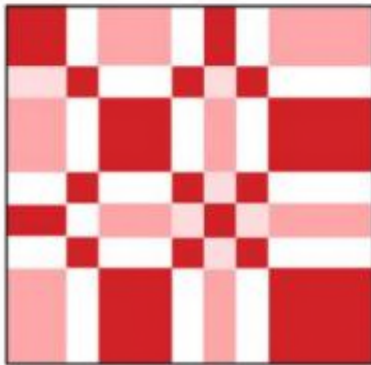
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## Complementing the chromatin RNA interactome

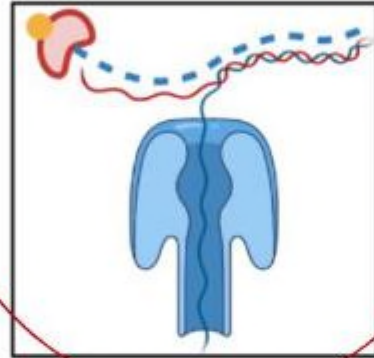
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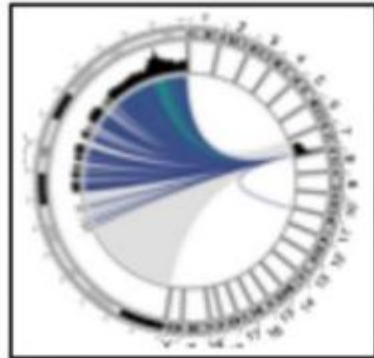
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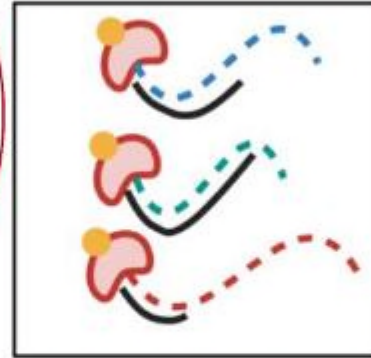
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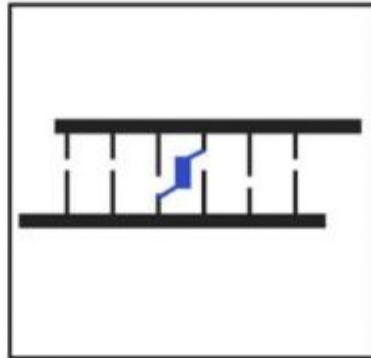
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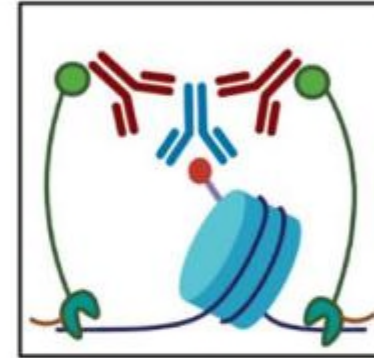
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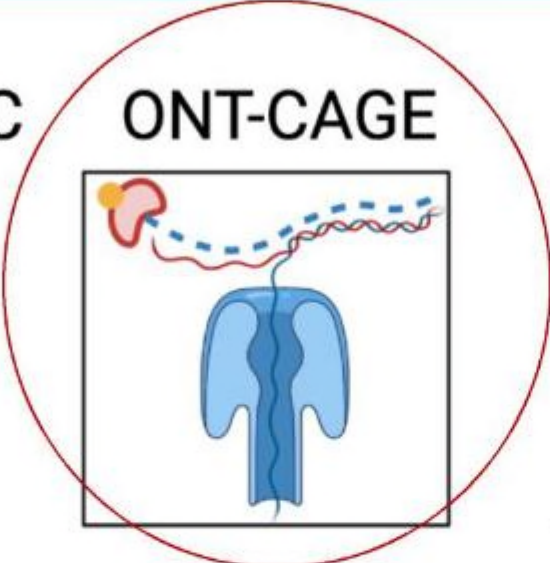
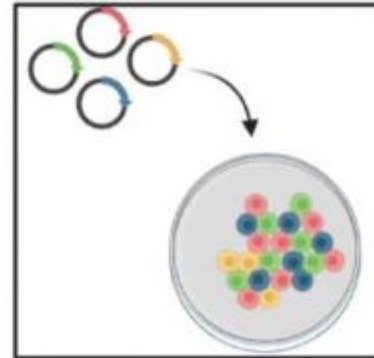
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# October 2022, Banbury meeting discussing transcripts



- Full set of functional isoforms of protein coding genes mRNAs
- Identification of all (functional) lncRNAs
- Technologies needed
- Consensus: making progress, yet we are far from completion

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## The status of the human gene catalogue

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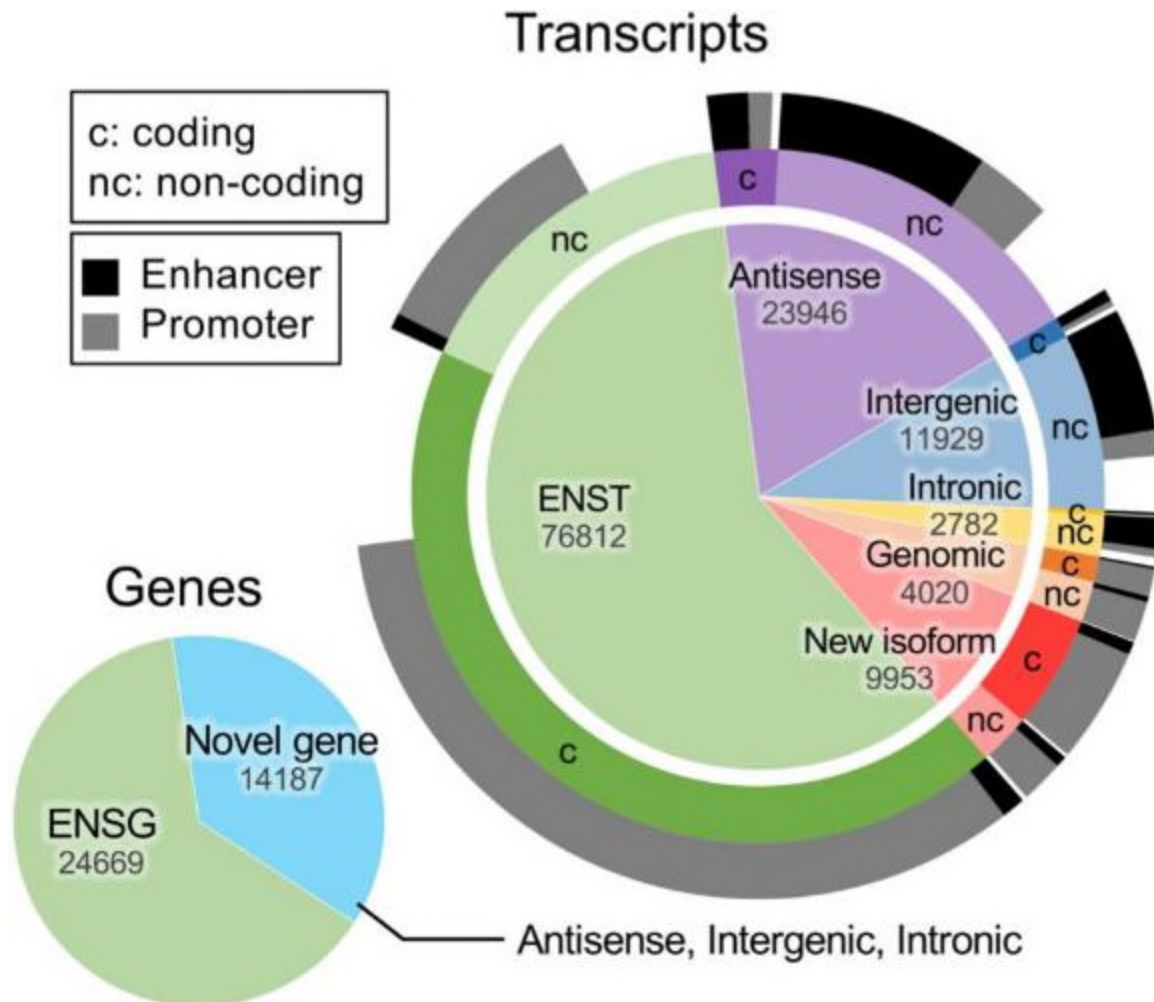
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*Amaral et al. Nature (2023)*

Towards completing human genes catalogue(s) including lncRNAs

# Sequencing full-length cDNAs with ONT

*Complementary with GENCODE*



- Many RNAs from/with retrotransposon element
- Many different transcripts overlapping promoters, intronic regions, transcripts
- Reliable cap-selected transcripts
- (annotating true 3'-ends with I. Legnini at HT)

**FANTOM6 transcriptome manuscripts**

- sense/antisense (PARIS),
- RNA structure (icSHAPE)

- Retrotransposons derived RNAs

Takahashi, Bodega et al, in preparation

- Enhancer RNAs landscapes

Yip et al, in preparation

# Perspectives on lncRNA discovery

- Extended full-length cDNA (RNA) collection in FANTOM6 (+ FANTOM5 cells)
- Single-cell LONG full-length cDNA method (almost there)
- Redefinition of transcriptomes, splicing variants, lncRNA, RNA biotypes, etc.
  
- Collaborating with GENCODE

# Changing view of chromatin

- **RNA component of chromatin is massively underestimated**
  - Emergence of clear patterns of RNA interactions with chromatin
  - Intronic RNAs from protein coding genes (TIR) mostly in cis, but not only.
  - lncRNA mostly in trans
  - Specific pattern involving transposon elements
- **There are still surprises from RNAs – more to discover and annotate**
- **Currently: exploring variability of interactome**
  - Multiomics – adding functional data
  - Dynamics of interactions in disease models
  - Interaction with genetic loci
  - Identification of RNAs actionable to regulate a phenotype
  - Mechanistic studies

# FANTOM6 + RIKEN + Technopole

April 12-14, 2023

October 2-3, 2023



Also, established multiple collaboration agreements with HT, ethical agreements to process human samples in the FANTOM6  
2024/10/15 71

My group organizing the FANTOM6 in collaboration with HT



# SINEUPs

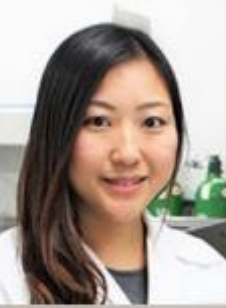
## More unexpected function of lncRNAs and repetitive elements

- *COI disclosure*
- *I am co-founder of Transine Therapeutics (now Harness therapeutics)*

Stefano  
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Hazuki  
Takahashi



Silvia  
Zucchelli



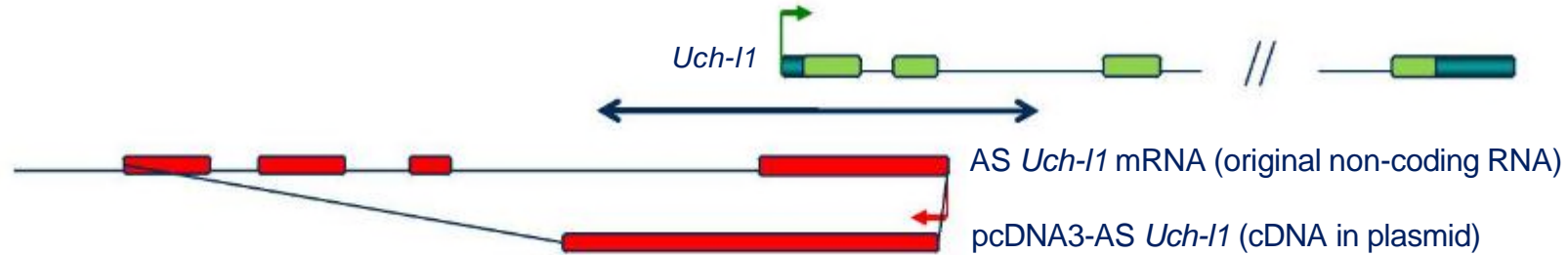
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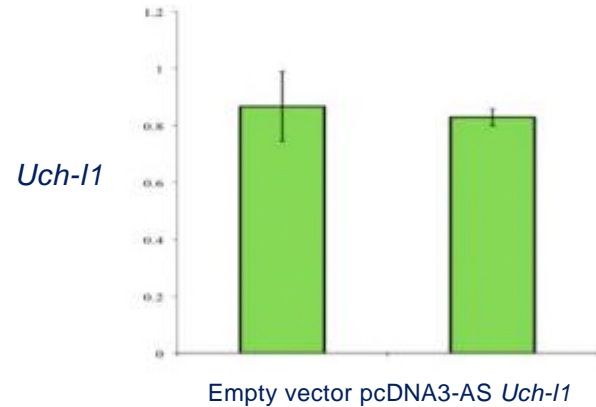
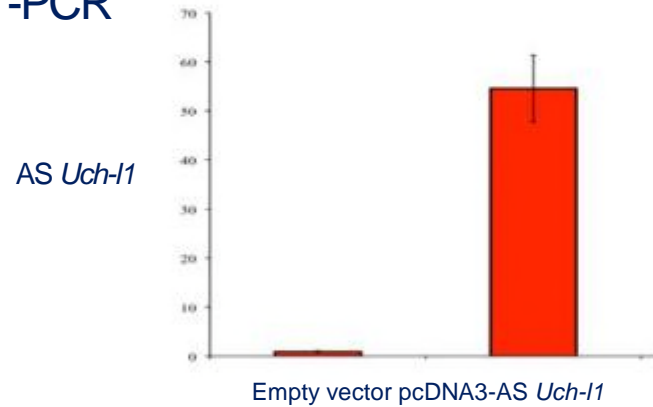


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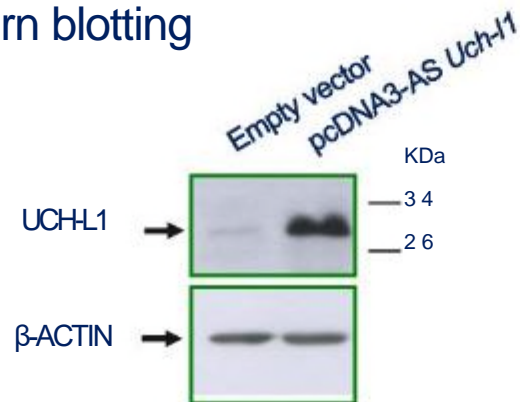
*AS Uch-11 regulates endogenous UCH-L1 protein expression*



qRT-PCR



Western blotting



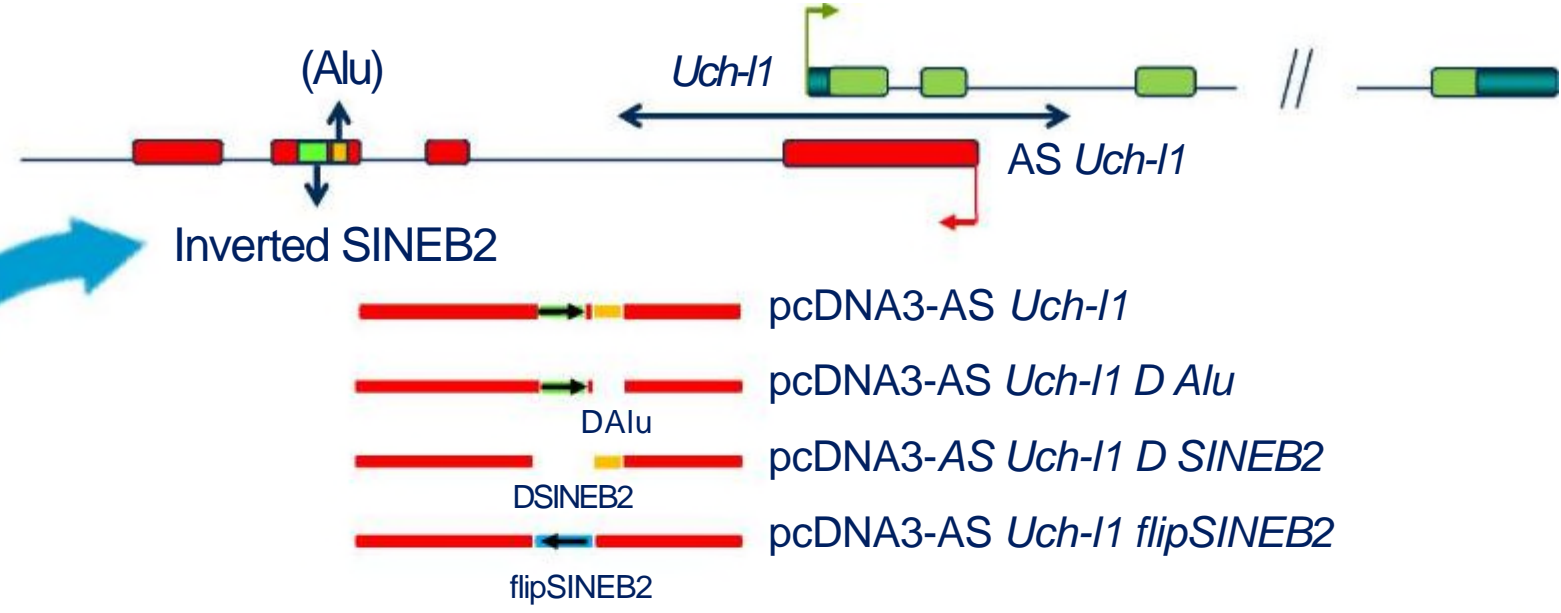
No changes at RNA level

Protein level:  
dramatically enhanced!

From miRNA Nobel Prize:  
the concept is that  
antisense = inhibition

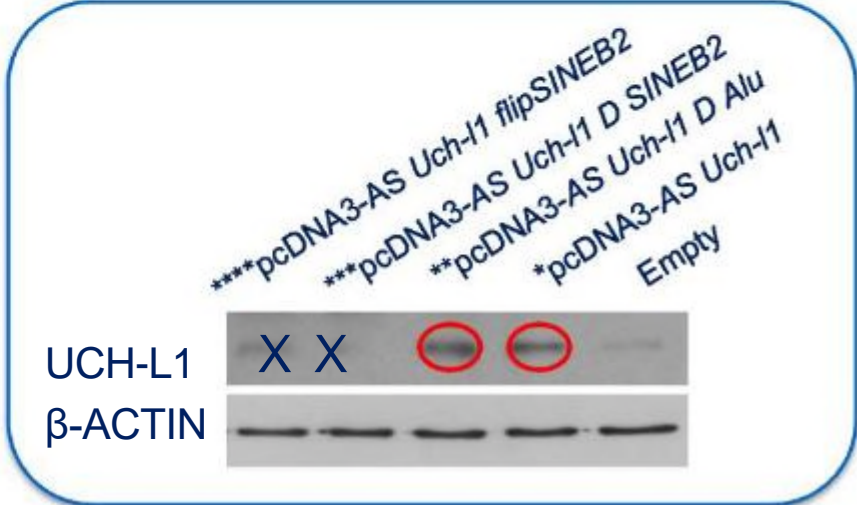
# SINEUPs: an important example of antisense RNA function

AS *Uch-1* activity requires the inverted SINEB2

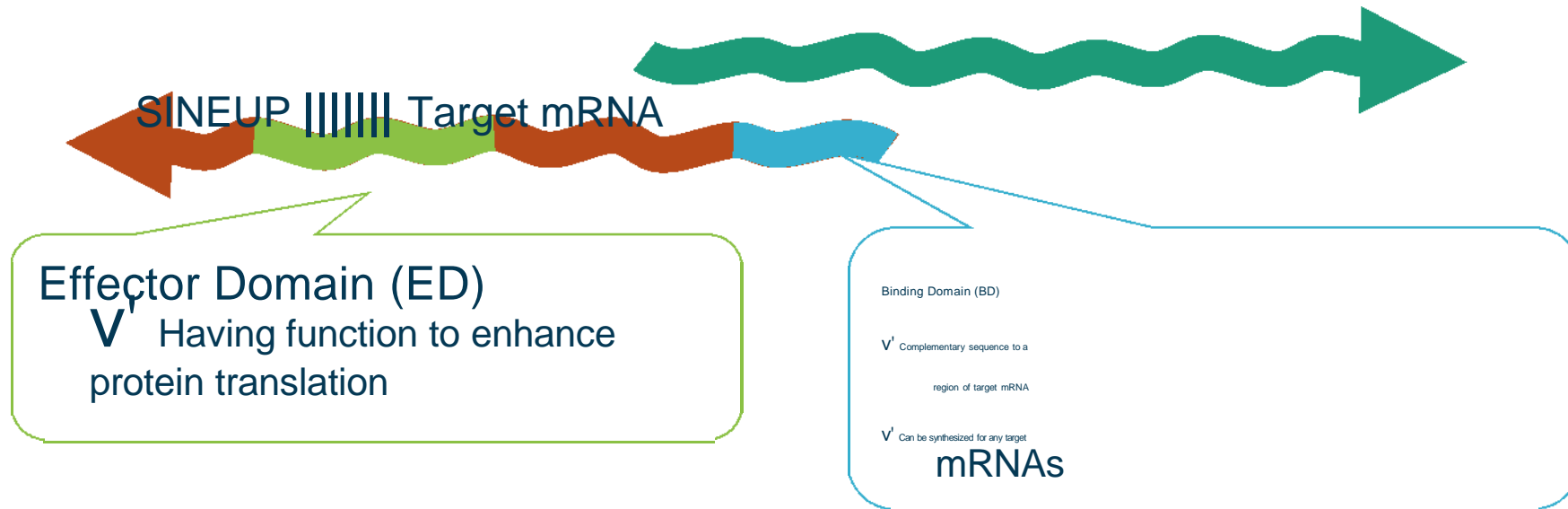


REPEAT MASKER analysis of AS *Uch-1* sequence

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# Using SINEUPs (antisense lncRNAs)

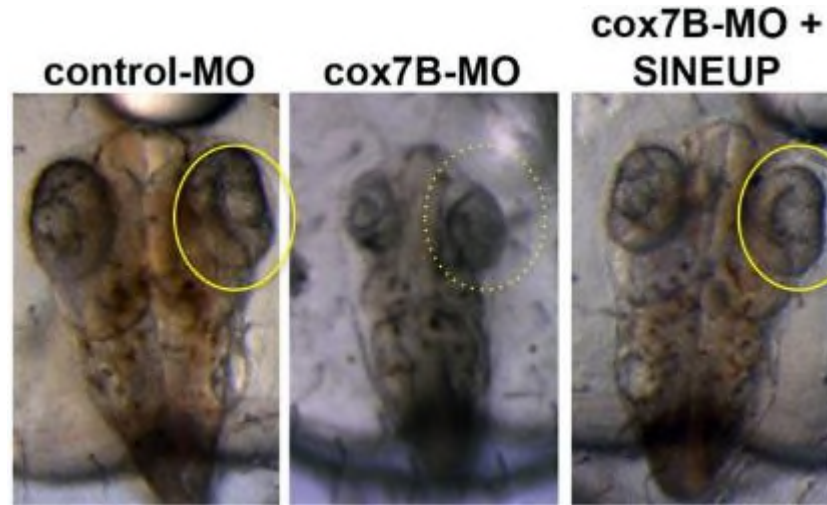
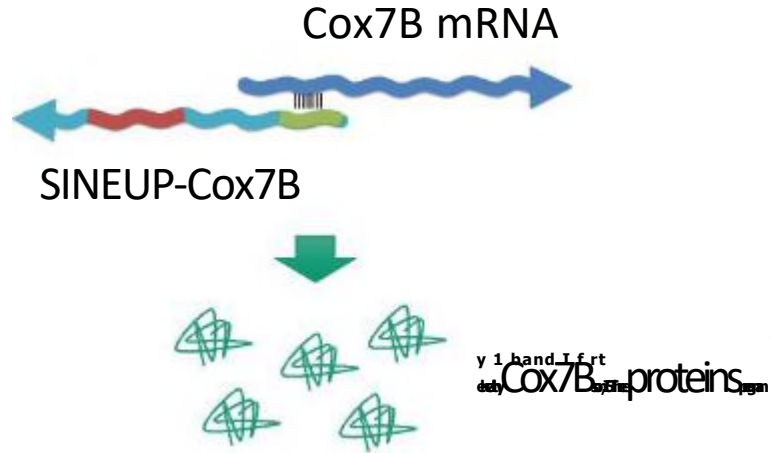


- > Customizable design for any proteins
- > Up-regulates protein synthesis 2-5 folds (physiological range)
- > Acts on endogenous mRNA and exogenous targets

# SINEUPs: *in vivo* model of human diseases in Medaka

## Microphthalmia with Linear Skin Lesions (MLS)

**SINEUP-Cox7B**



Embryo: **WT**  
Eye: **Normal**

MLS 100% skin  
I-blood c  
not that mutat  
Diseased  
CIV lid

MLS + SINEUP  
Rescued  
50%  
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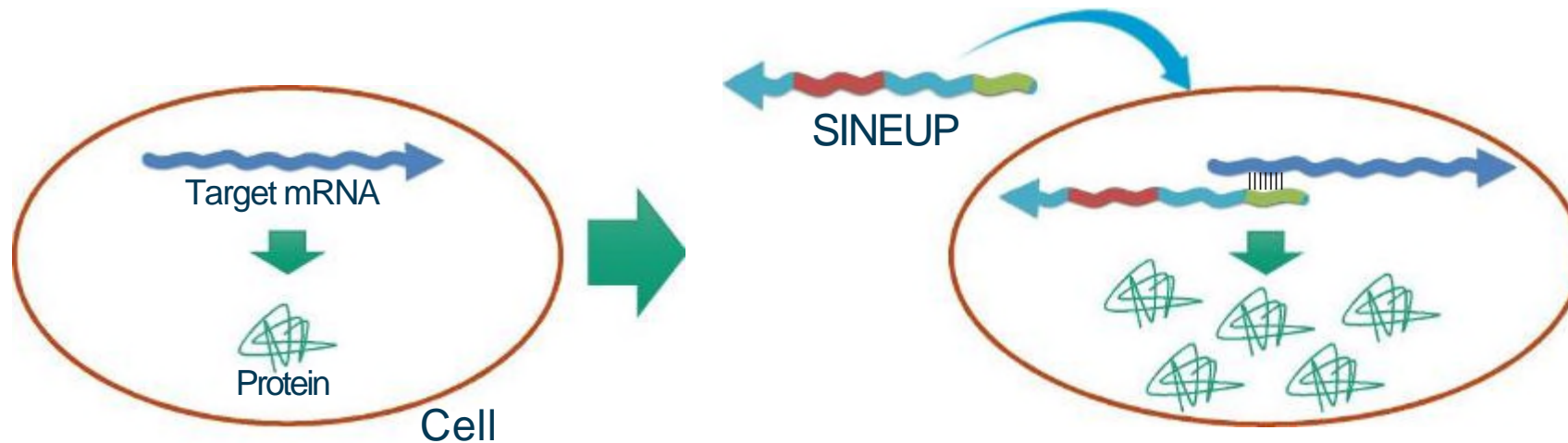
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# SINEUPs

The first & only ncRNA to increase protein synthesis

(*Nature* 491, 454, 2012)

*Mostly antisense are known for down-regulation*



## Laboratory

- Important for studying genes

## Industry

- Efficient production of proteins
  - Therapeutic antibodies, enzymes.

## Therapeutics

- Diseases caused by low-level proteins
  - Haploinsufficiencies - Neurodegenerative disorders

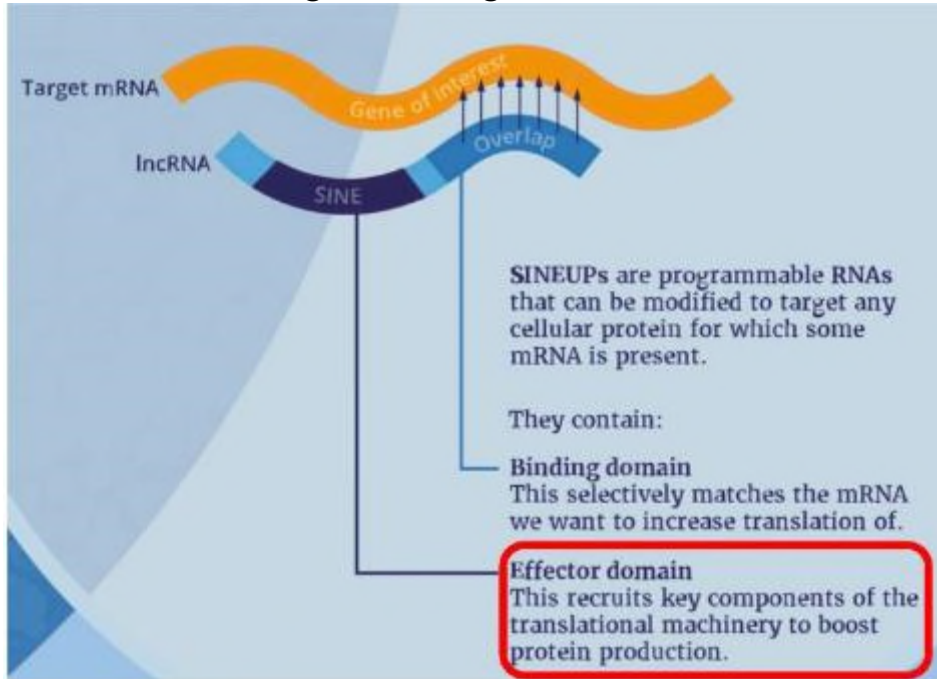
# How many SINEUPs are there?

20 tested SINEs worked as SINEUPs



## SINEUPs

**SINEs UP** regulate target mRNA translation



<https://www.transinetx.com/>

**Sequence similarity:**  
**As low as 25%**



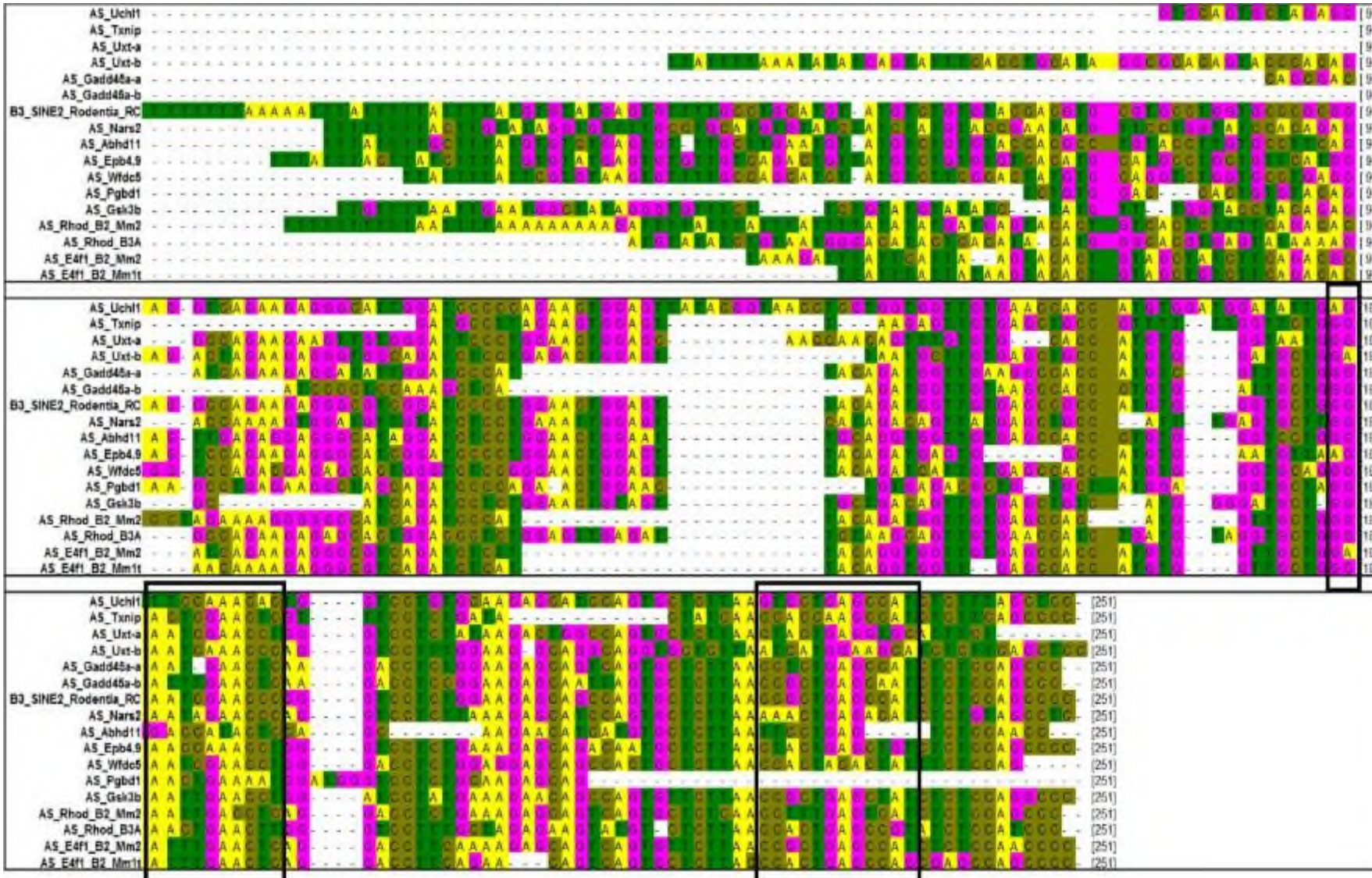
Harshita Sharma,

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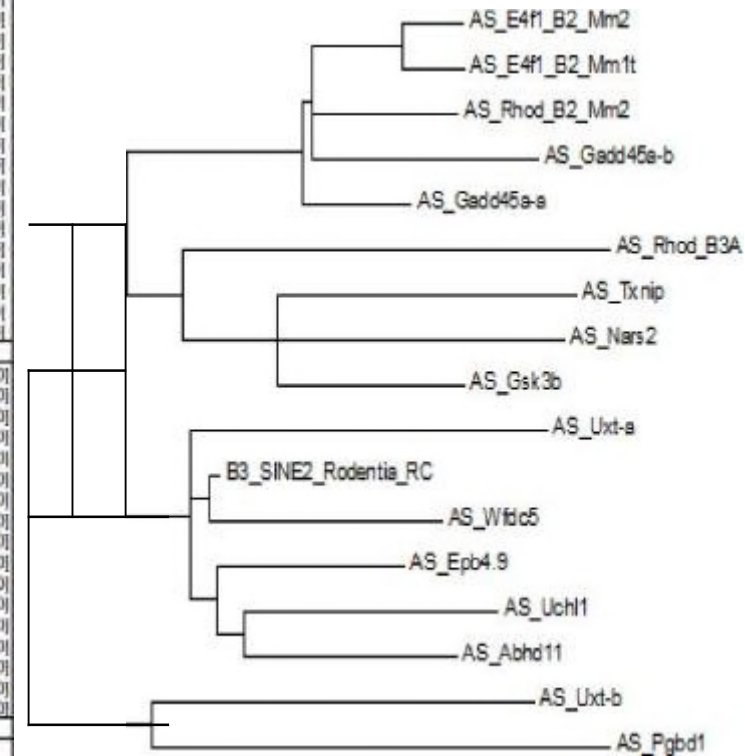
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1. Salmon	consensus	Smal	150
1. Horse	consensus	ERE2	235
1. Mouse	AS-Uchl1	SINEB2/B3	167
1. Mouse	AS-Uxt	SINEB2/B3	131
1. Mouse	AS-Uxt	SINEB2/B3	187
1. Mouse	AS-Txnip	SINEB2/B3	107
1. Mouse	AS-Nars2	SINEB2/B3	214
1. Mouse	AS-Abhd11	SINEB2/B3	200
1. Mouse	AS-Epb4.9	SINEB2/B3	214
1. Mouse	AS-Wgdc5	SINEB2/B3	205
1. Mouse	AS-Pgbd1	SINEB2/B3	121
1. Mouse	AS-Gsk3b	SINEB2/B3	191
1. Mouse	AS-Rhod	SINEB2/B2_Mm2	205
1. Mouse	AS-Rhod	SINEB2/B2_B3A	190
1. Mouse	AS-E4f1	SINEB2/B2_Mm2	190
1. Mouse	AS-E4f1	SINEB2/B2_Mm1t	169
1. Human	pR12A-AS1	FRAM	128
1. Human	ITFG1-AS1	MIRb	202
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# Sequence variation and phylogenetic distance between mouse SINEB2 elements

Sequence and length are very variable in SINEs



B-box A-box



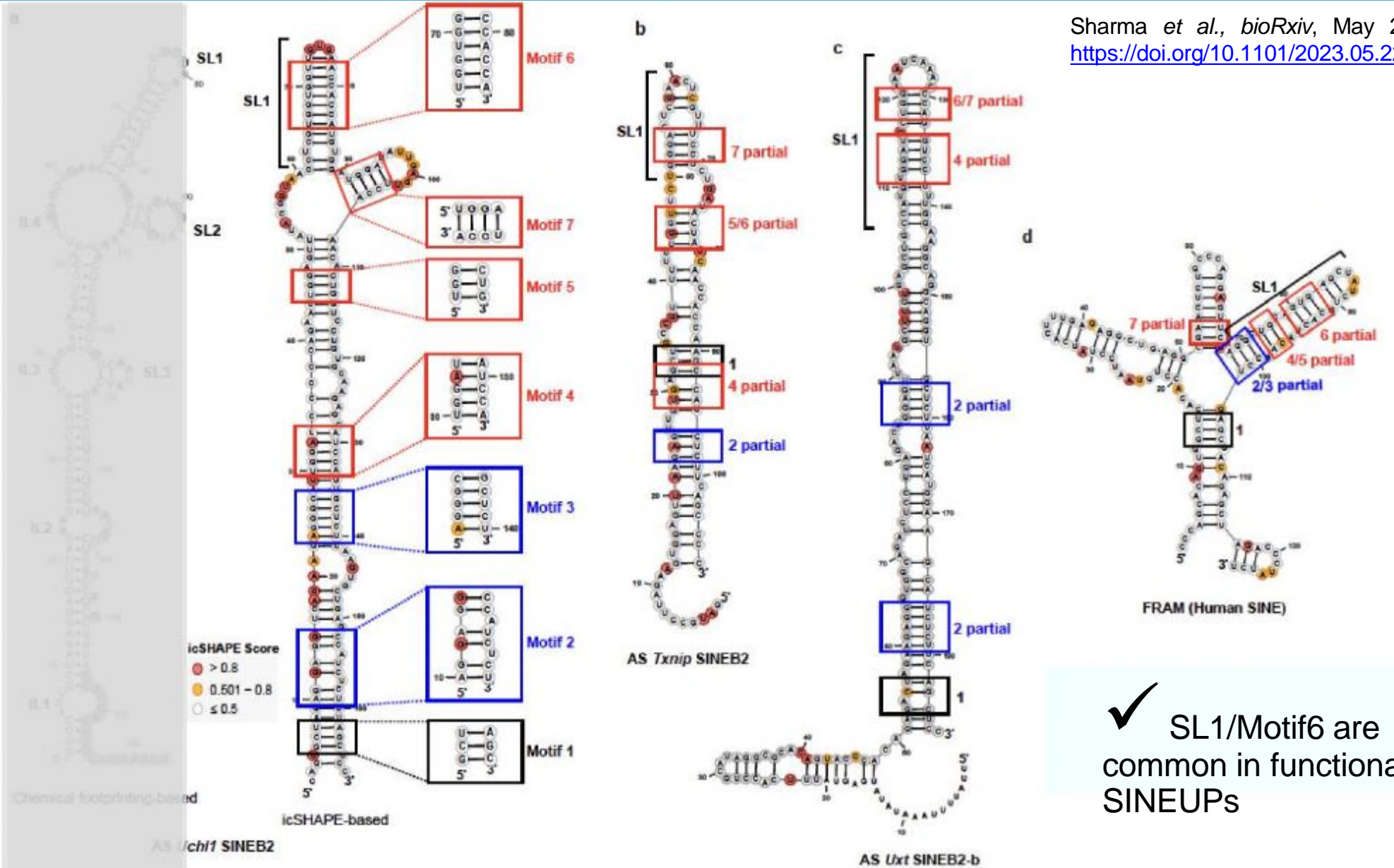
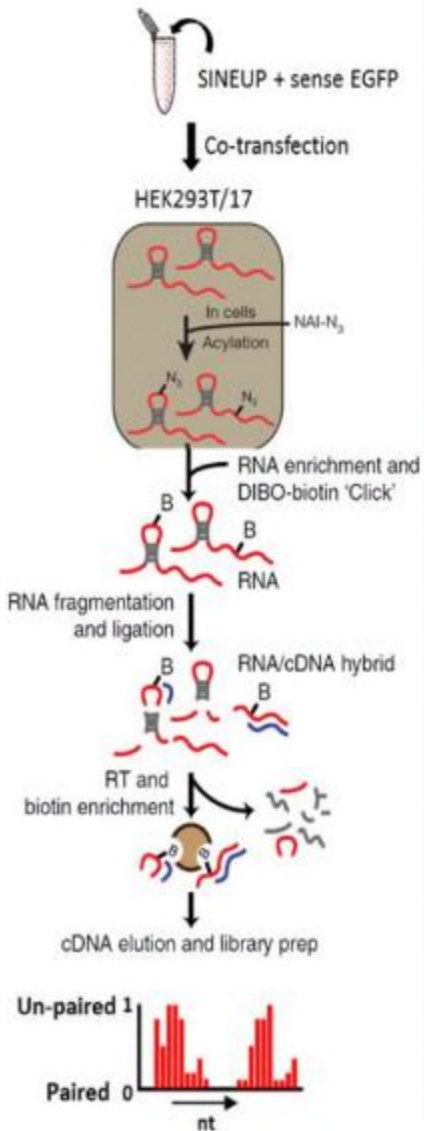
Question:

Do RNA structure provide the function more than sequence?

# Different sequence SINEs contain similar structure motifs

Detecting structure/motifs with icSHAPE

## icSHAPE-seq

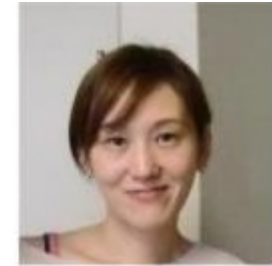
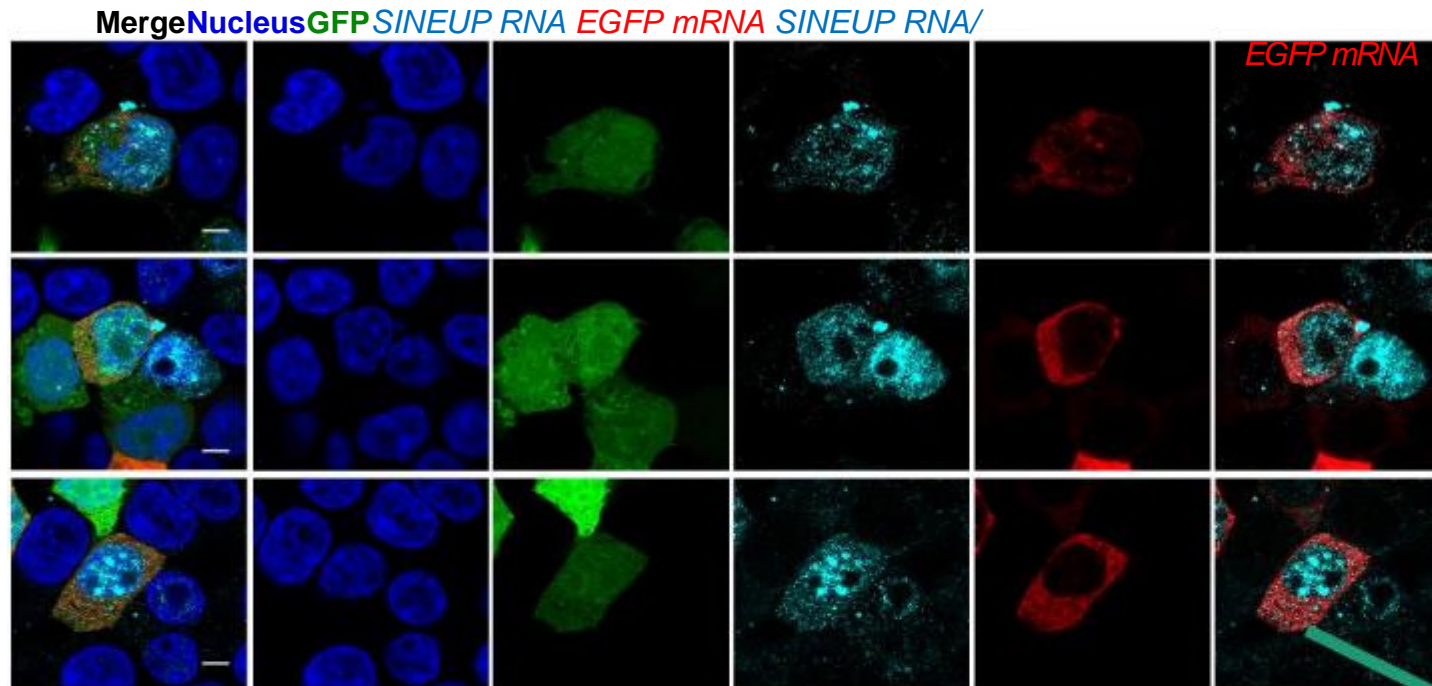


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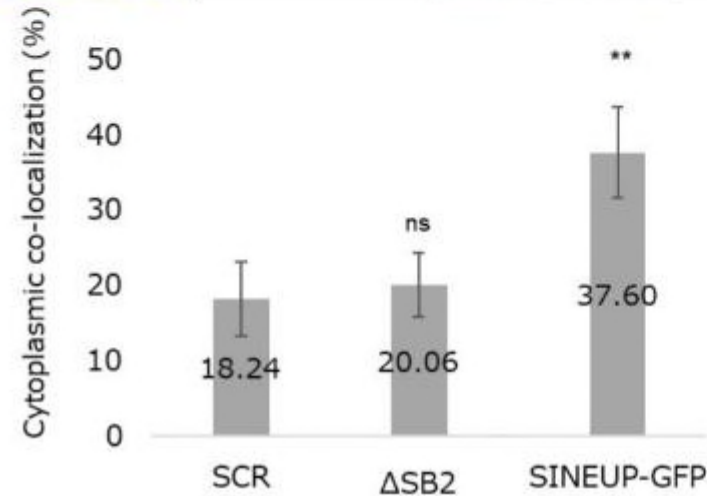


# RNA localization is important for the function

Synthetic SINEUP-GFP tend to co-localize with target mRNA in the cytoplasm.



Naoko Toki

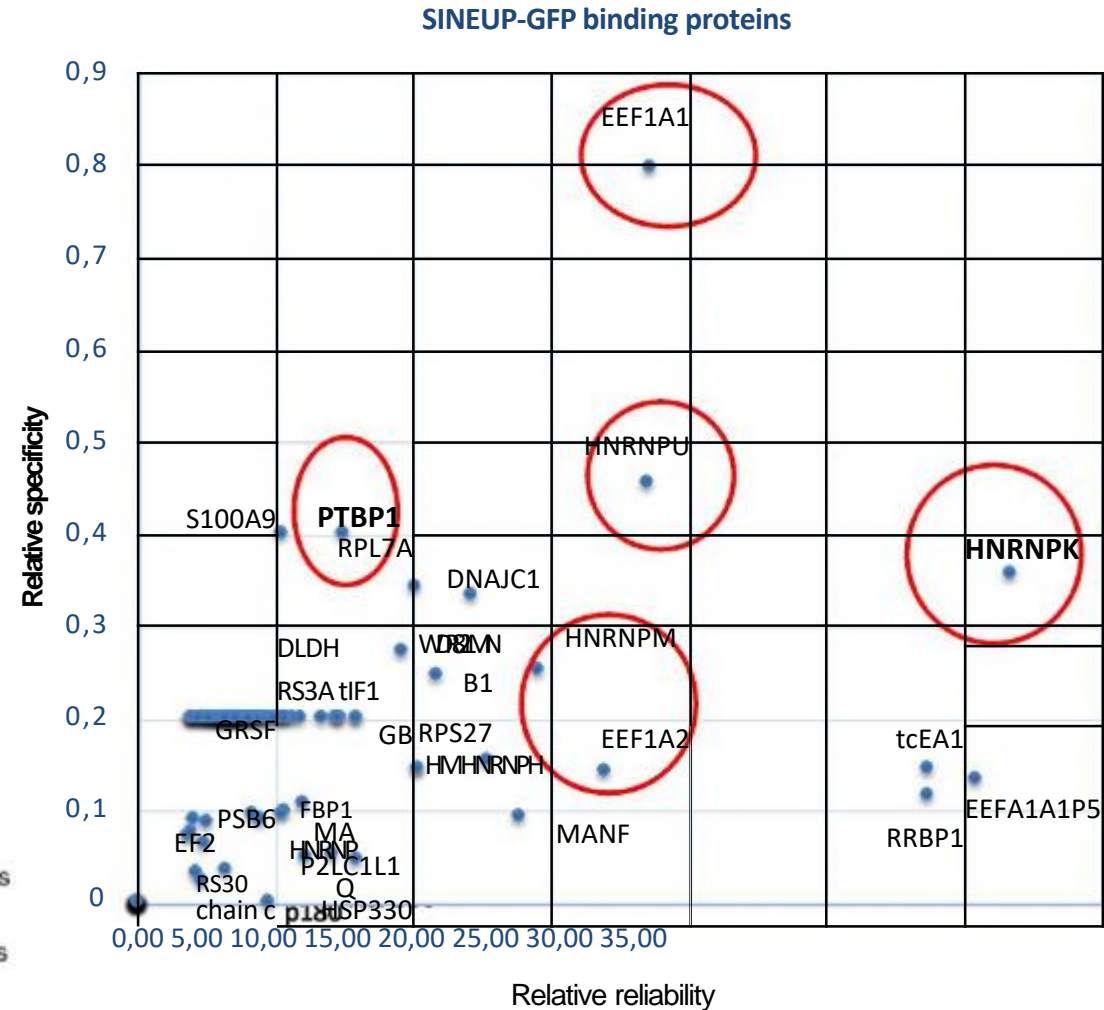
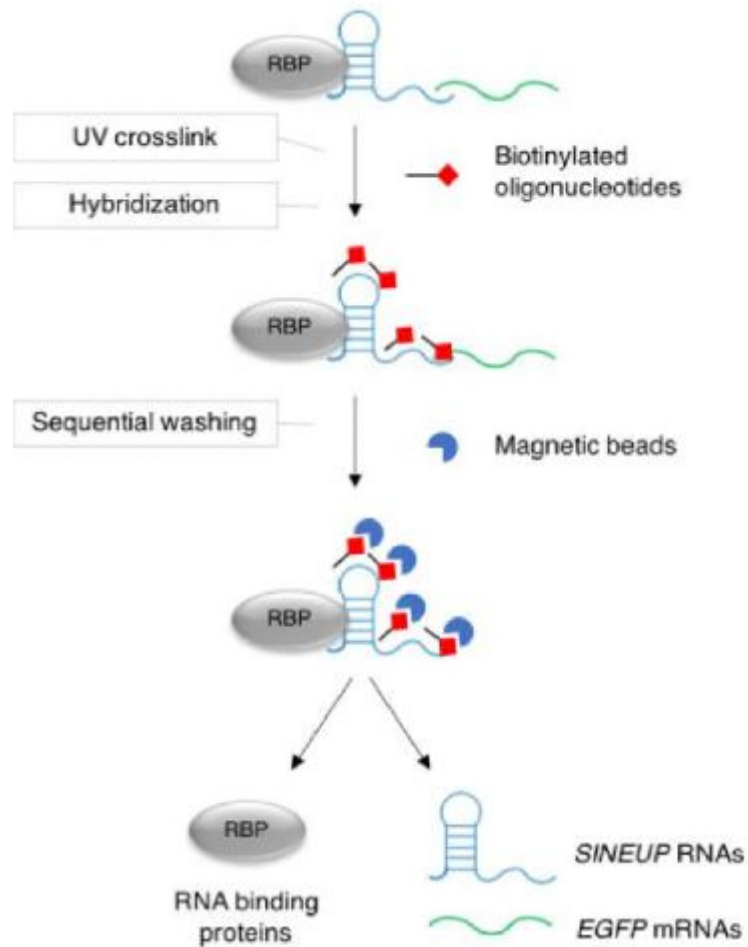


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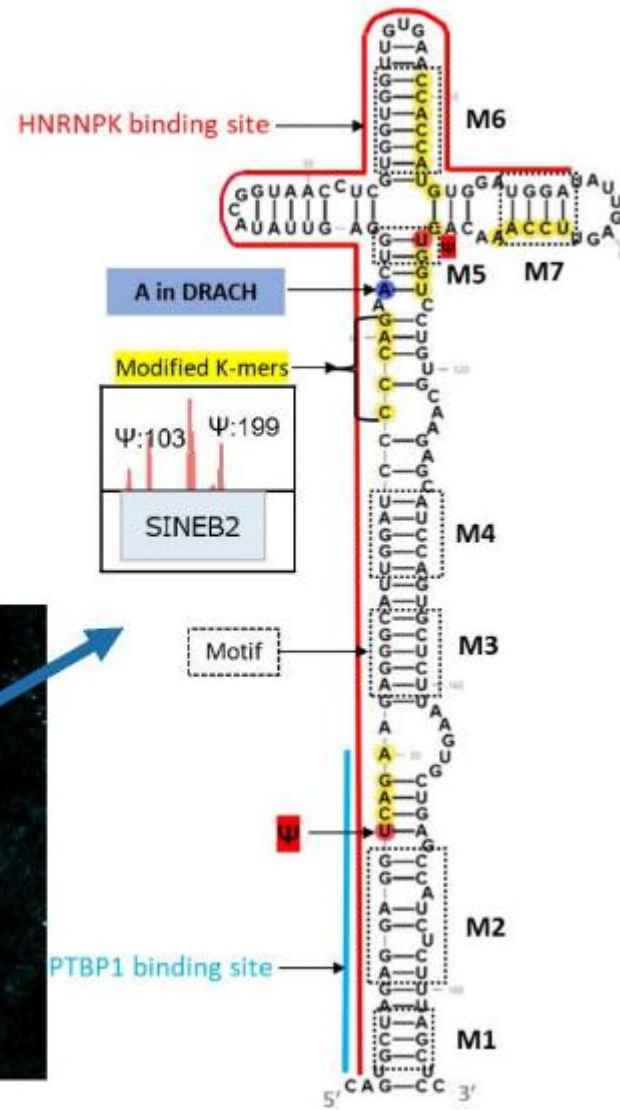
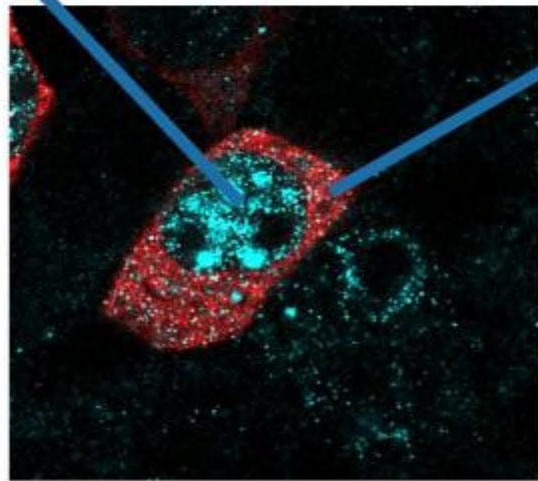
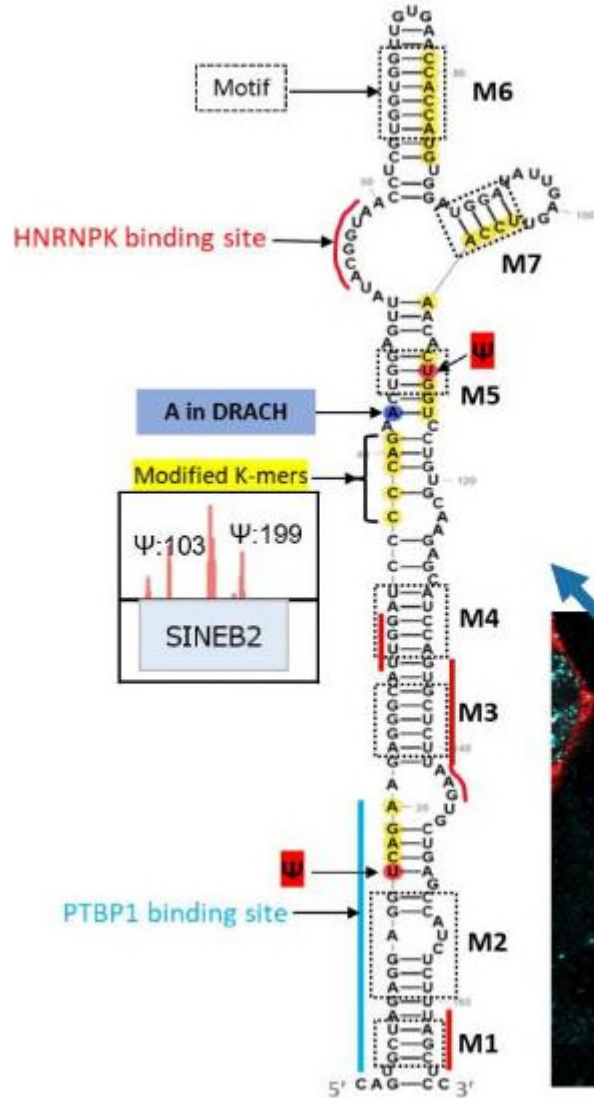
# Mass Spec analysis to find SINEUP binding proteins

Many heterogenous nuclear ribonucleoproteins (hnRNPs) and translation elongation factors were the candidates of SINEUPs binding proteins.



# SINEUPs structure and RBP binding regions dynamically change in cell compartments

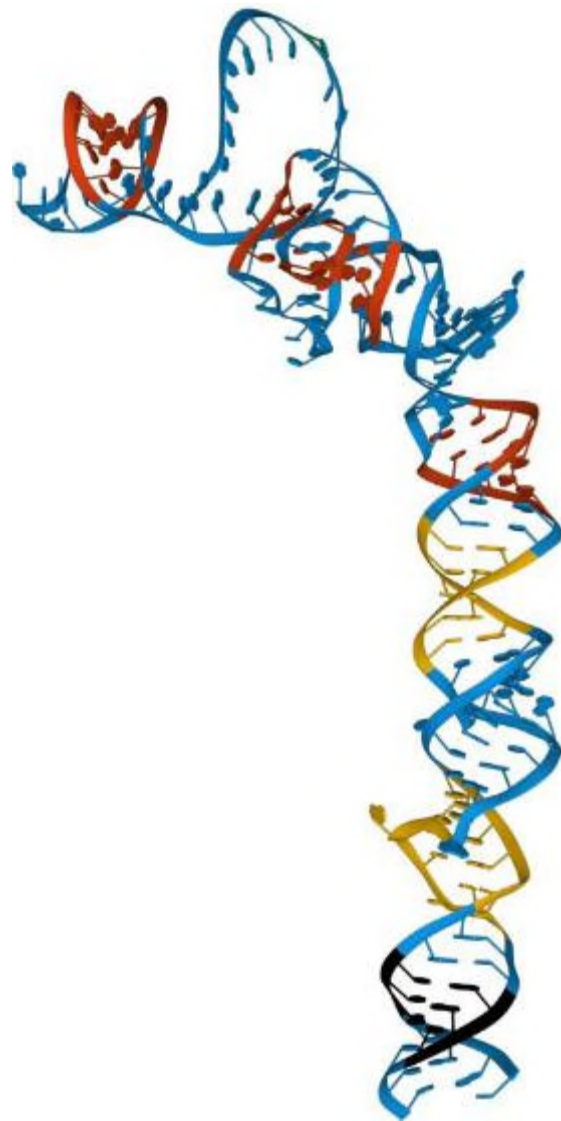
Nuclear structure    Cytoplasmic structure



icSHAPE,

Fluctuation regions and HNRNPK binding regions are changed in the cellular compartments.

# AS Uchl1 SINEB2 3D model based on secondary structure experimental data [animation]

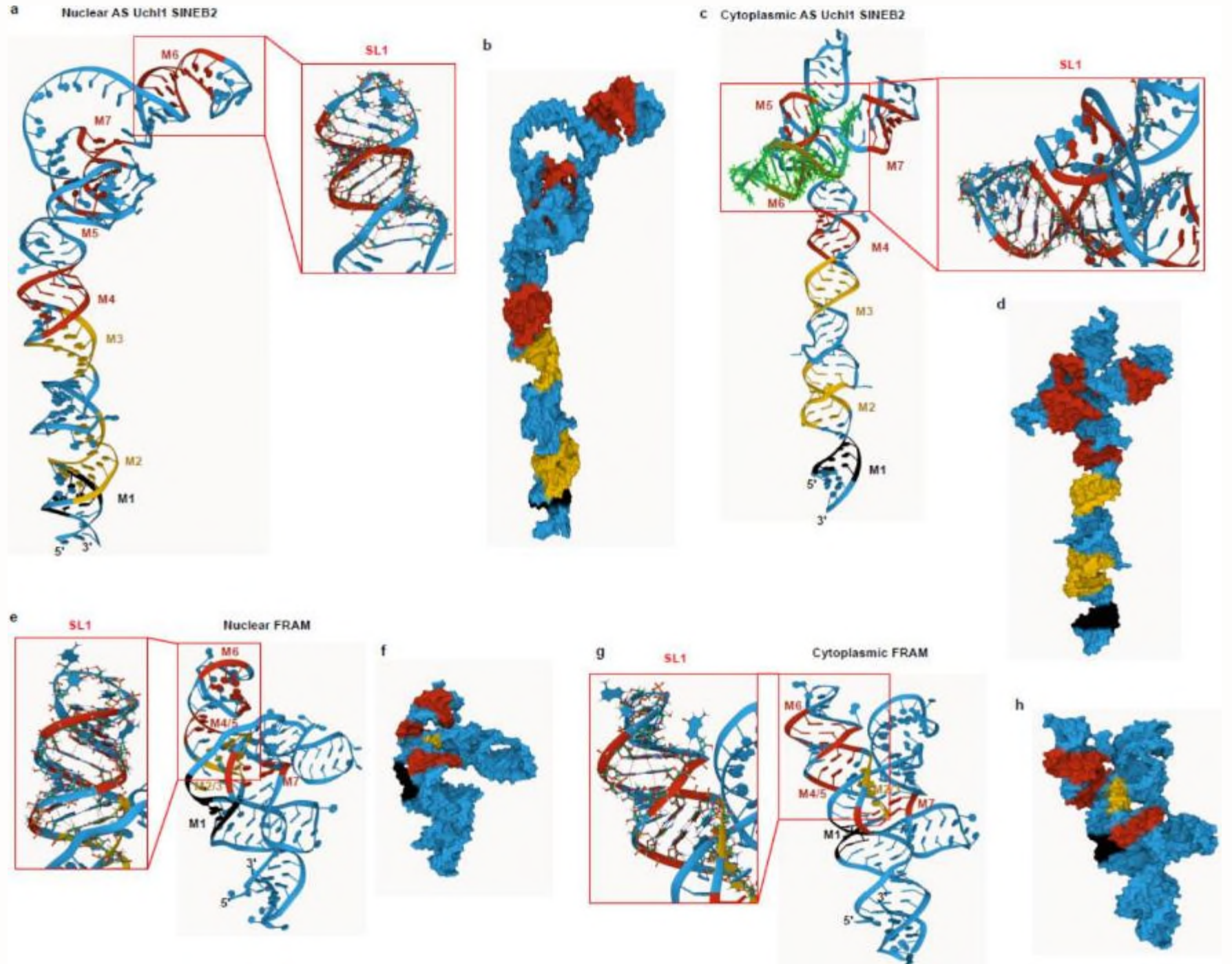


# AS Uchl1 SINEB2 3D model: SL1 [animation]

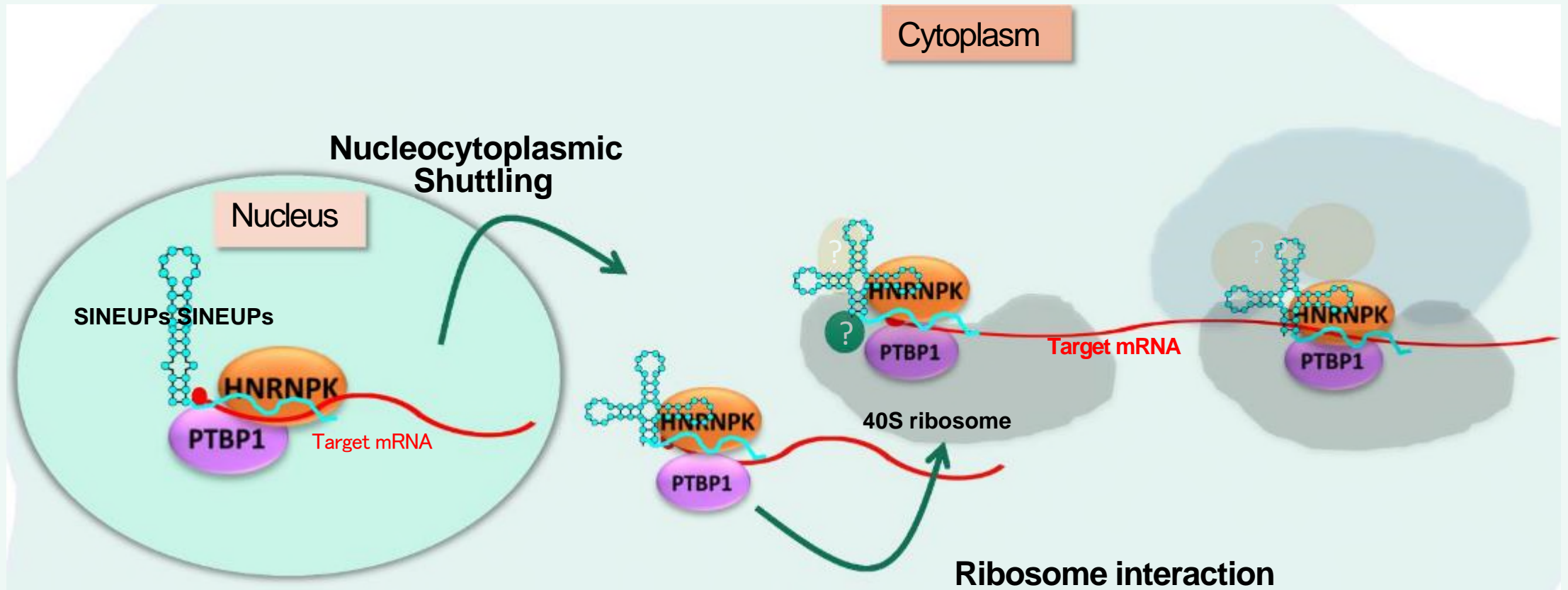


# SINE RNA 3D structure models reveal non-canonical intramolecular interactions

- Can be used as preliminary models to complement future experiment-based SINE RNA 3D structure studies



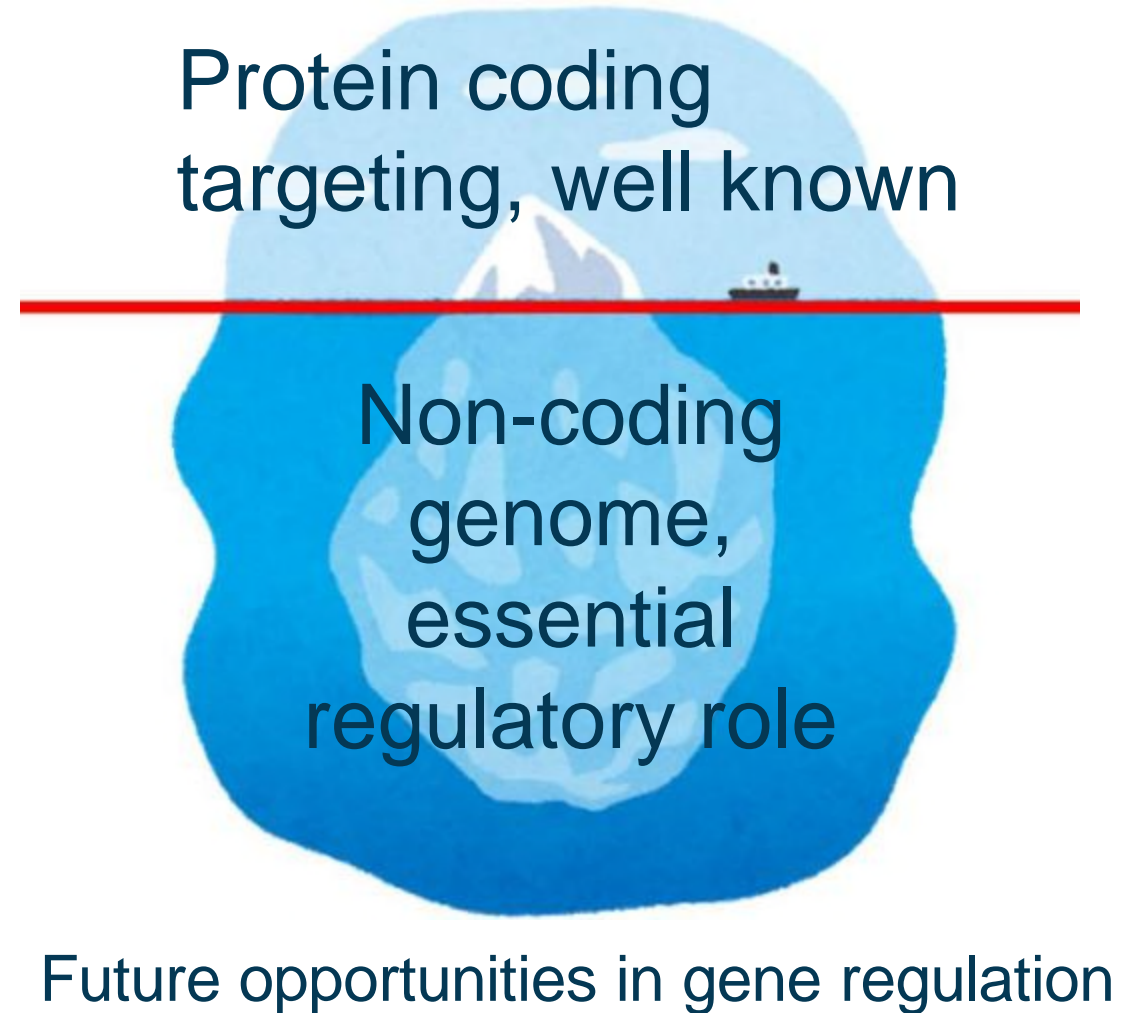
# Dynamic changes of SINEUPs structure, RBP binding site and localization



There are still a lot of unknown proteins on the ribosome complex.

# Regulating genome activity

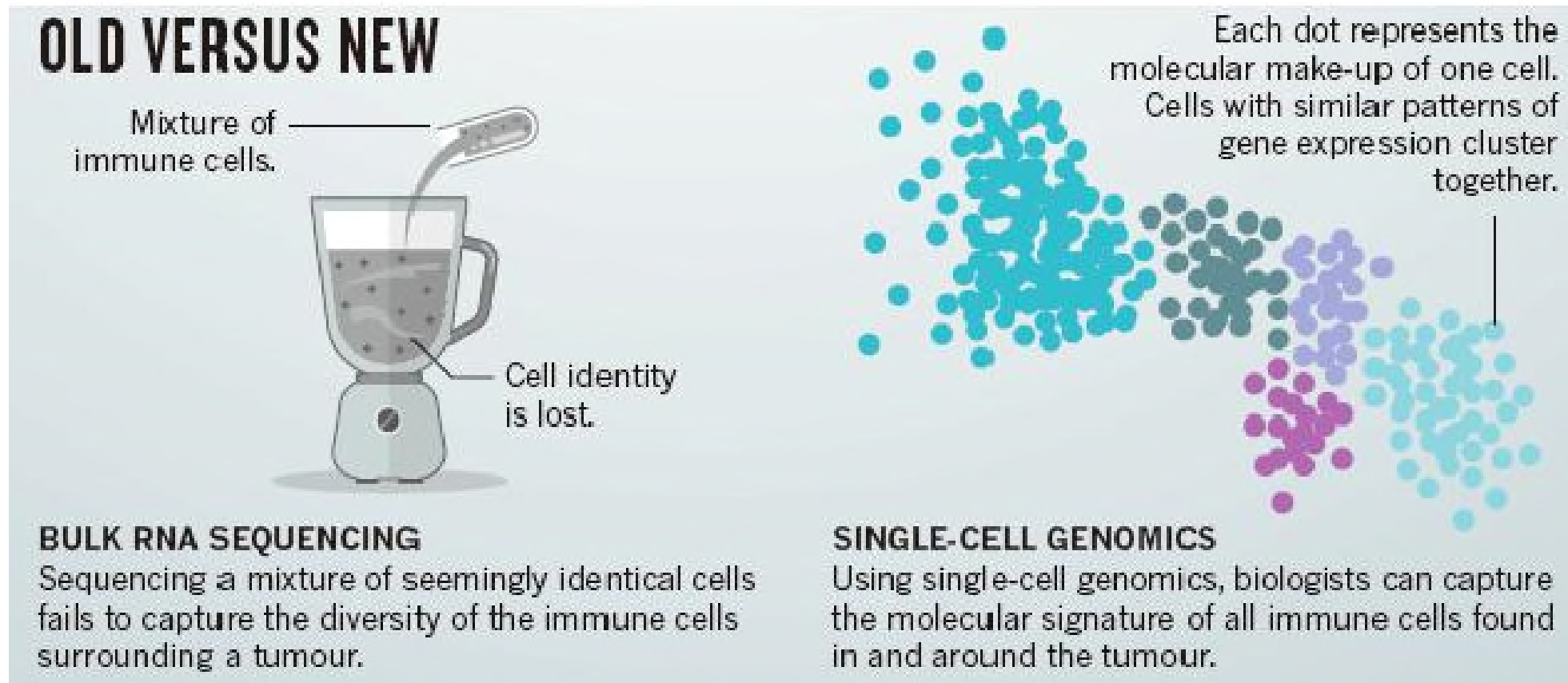
- Many lncRNAs have regulatory + structural roles or other functions.
- New technologies to answer new questions in gene regulation
  - RNA-chromatin networks to define new RNA role
  - Common diseases are caused by small unbalances of gene regulation. lncRNAs are the new frontier for drug development.





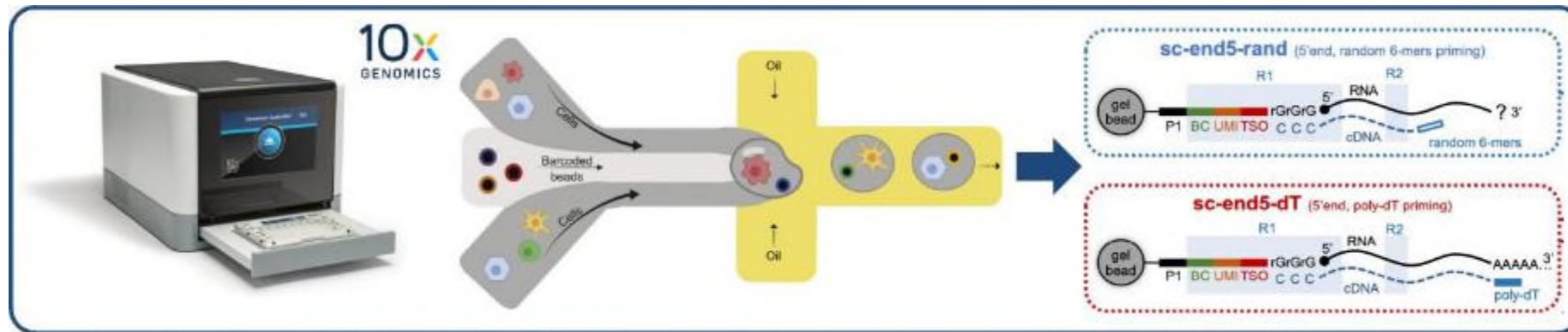
# Transcriptome for ALL human cells

- Promoters, enhancers, lncRNAs as FANTOM5 but in “single cells”: from cell classification to precision genomics

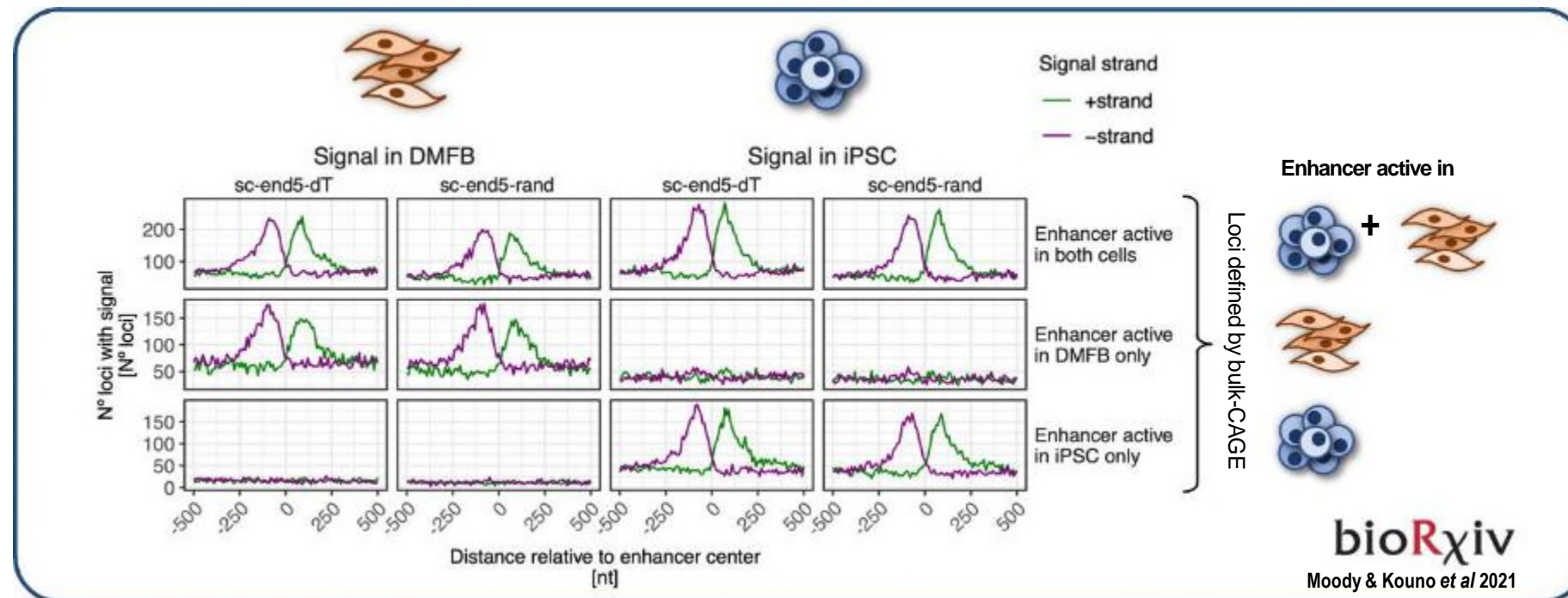


# We can now profile transcription and regulatory elements in single cells

5'end sc-RNA-Seq : Testing random and oligo-dT priming on 10X Genomics Chromium

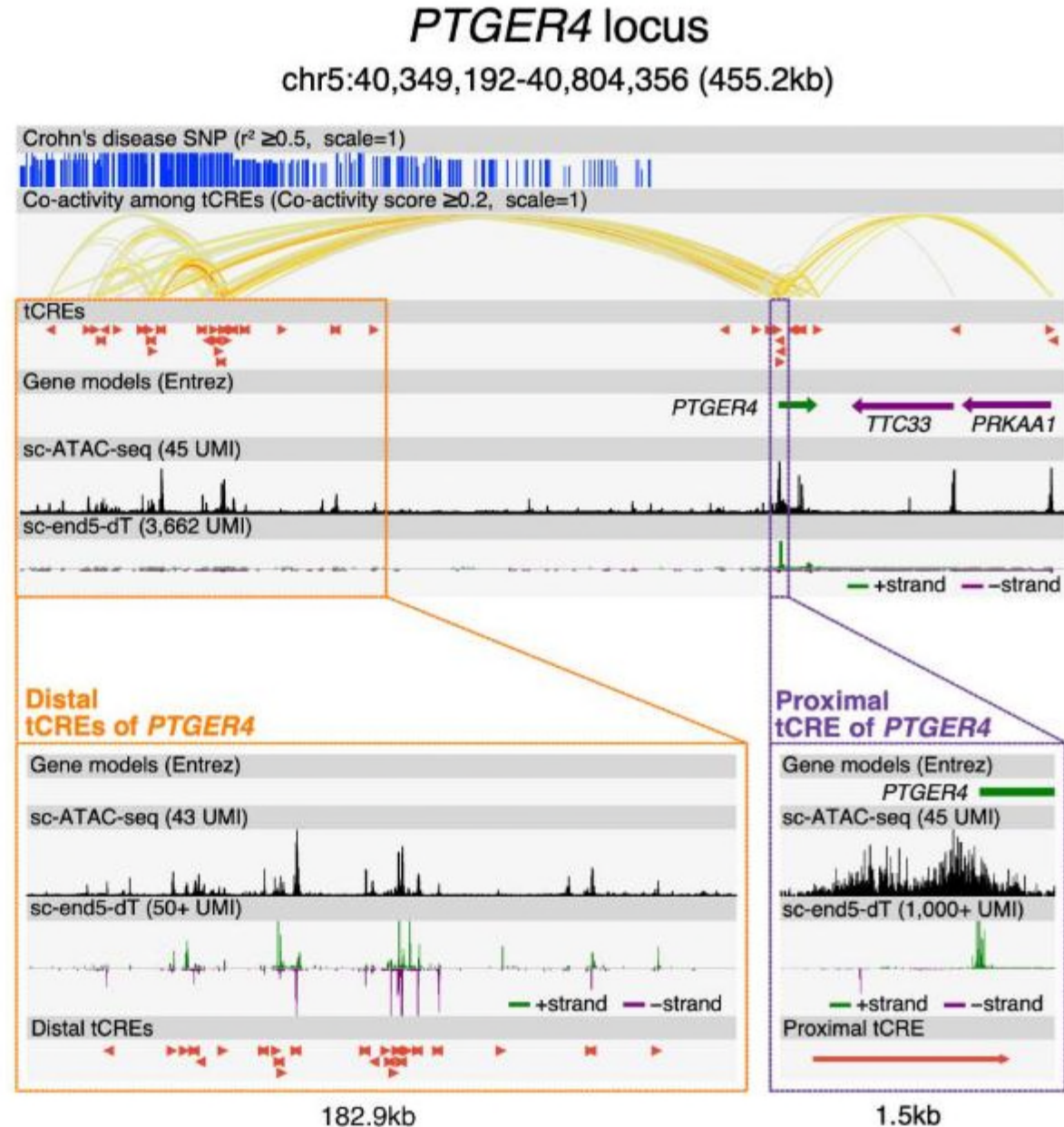
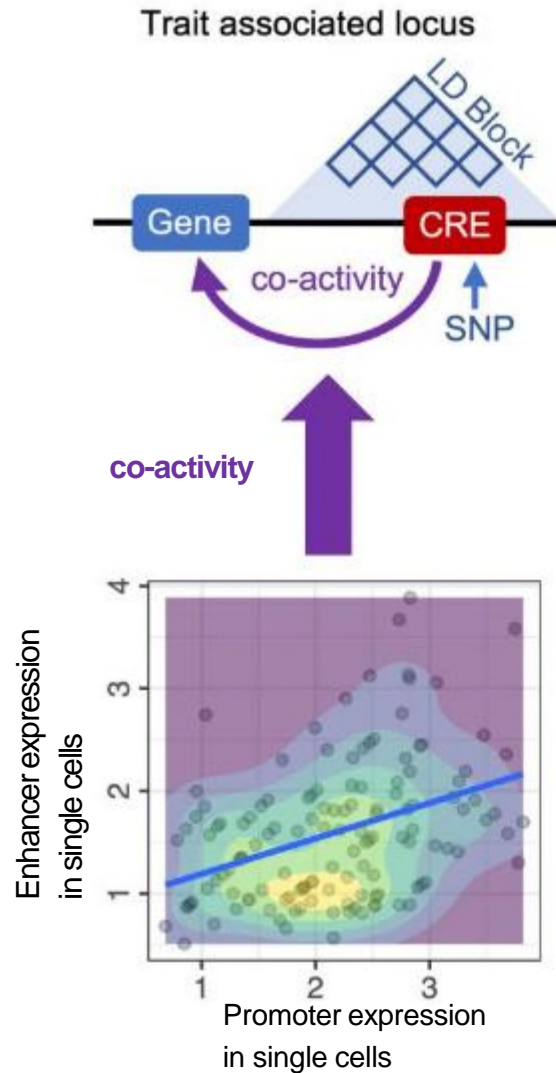


Enhancers : Both random and oligo-dT priming detects eRNA in single cells



# GWAS interpretation : Linking GWAS variants to candidate genes

We infer how genome sequence variants influence gene expression, in health and diseases, in all human cells

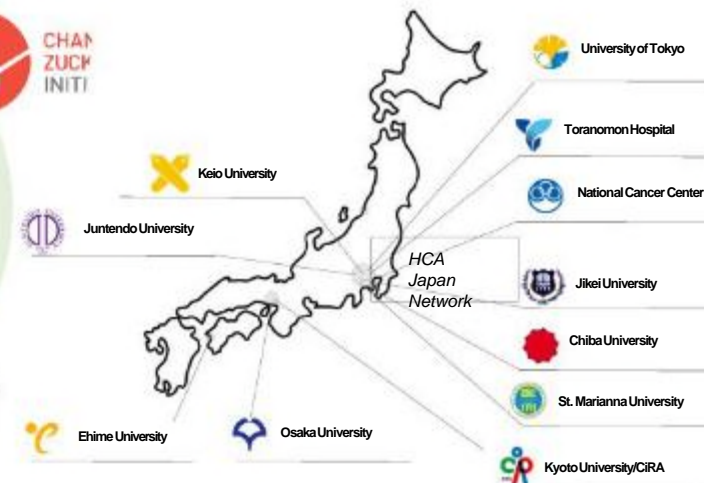


# Human Cell Atlas (HCA)

Comprehensive reference maps of all human cells at single cell level

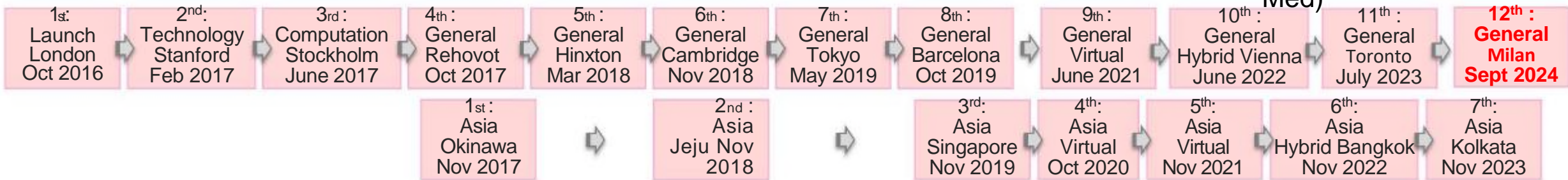


Domestic collaborations too!



Jay, Chung: leading "Asian Immune Diversity Atlas" The Seed Networks supported by CZI

## HCA meetings



## Single Cell Medical Network in Japan (SC-Med)

- Single cell genomics
- High-resolution 3D imaging analysis
- Bioinformatics



- Reformulate our fundamental definition of cell types/development & human biology.
- Understand health & diseases at high-resolution.

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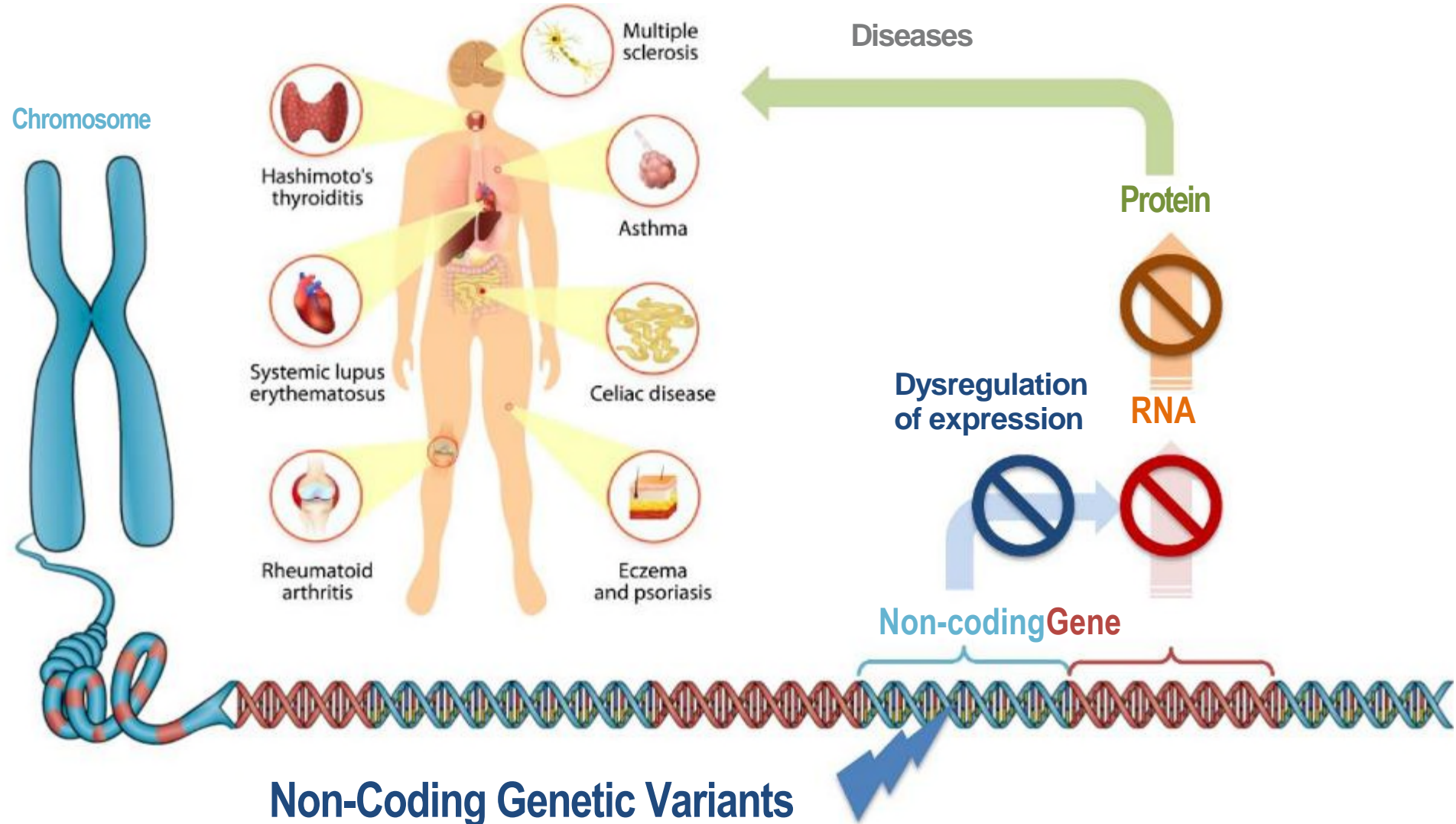
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# Taking advantage of single cell work- single cell CAGE

## CAGE approach to map regulatory elements and map Predispositions to Diseases



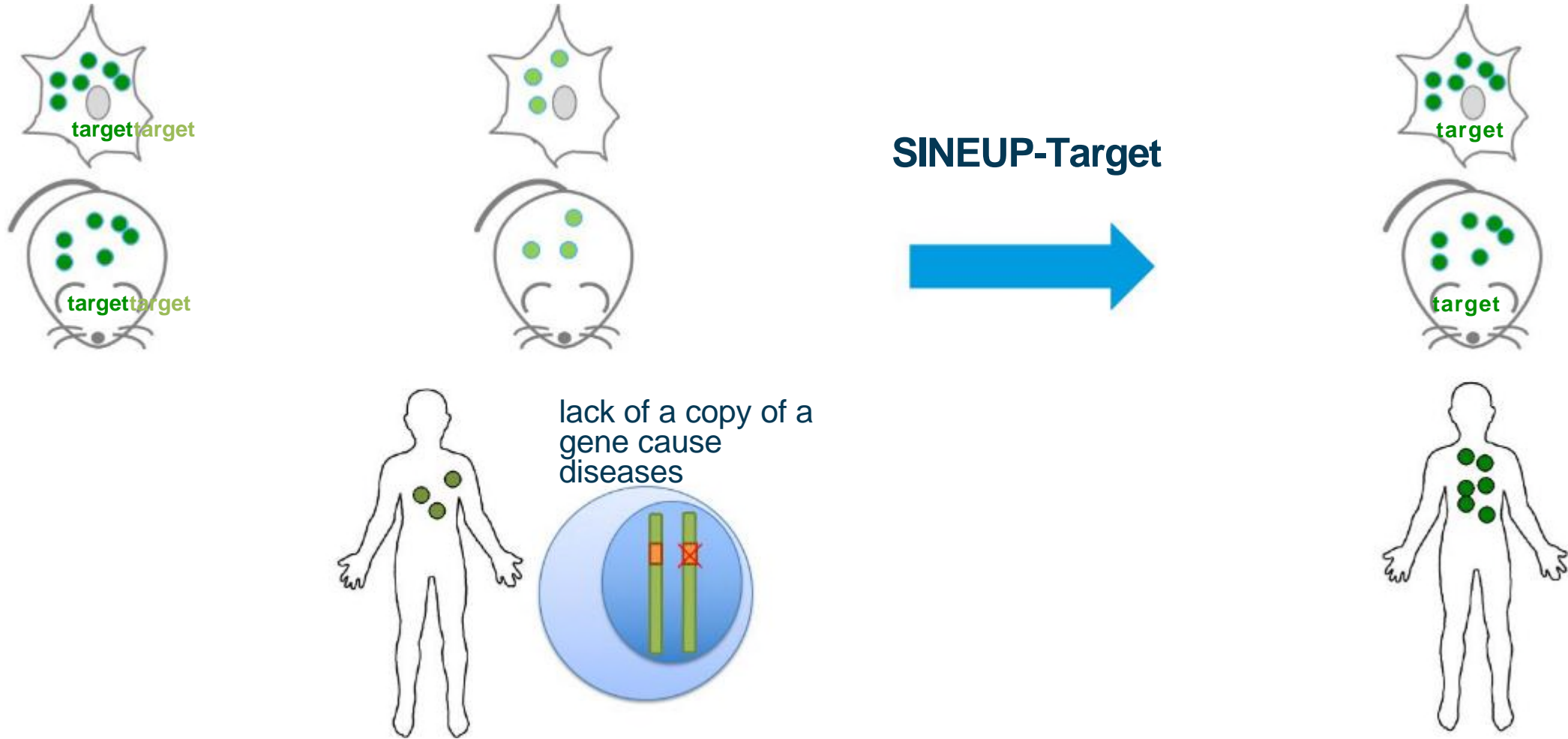
# The 7<sup>th</sup> HCA General Meeting in Japan



Coordination of HCA in Japan and in Asia (HCA executive office at RIKEN)

# SINEUPs Therapeutics – haploinsufficiencies & others

At least **300** haploinsufficiency genes known  
(Dang *et al.*, European Journal of Human Genetics, DOI: 10.1038/ejhg.2008.111, 2008)



**Healthy Haploinsufficiencies Therapeutic SINEUPs**

Or conditions that require more protein



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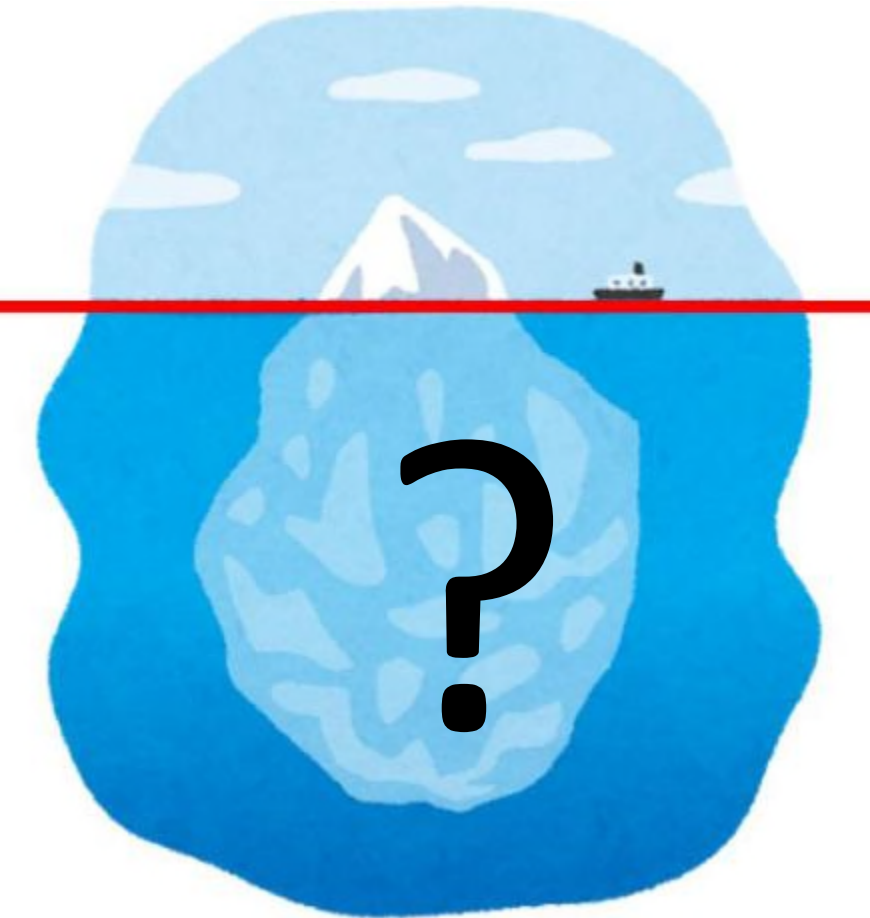
RIKEN IMS, Yokohama

- Creating bridges between Japanese and ... science
- New positions and chances to collaborate



Thank you

# Many unanswered questions



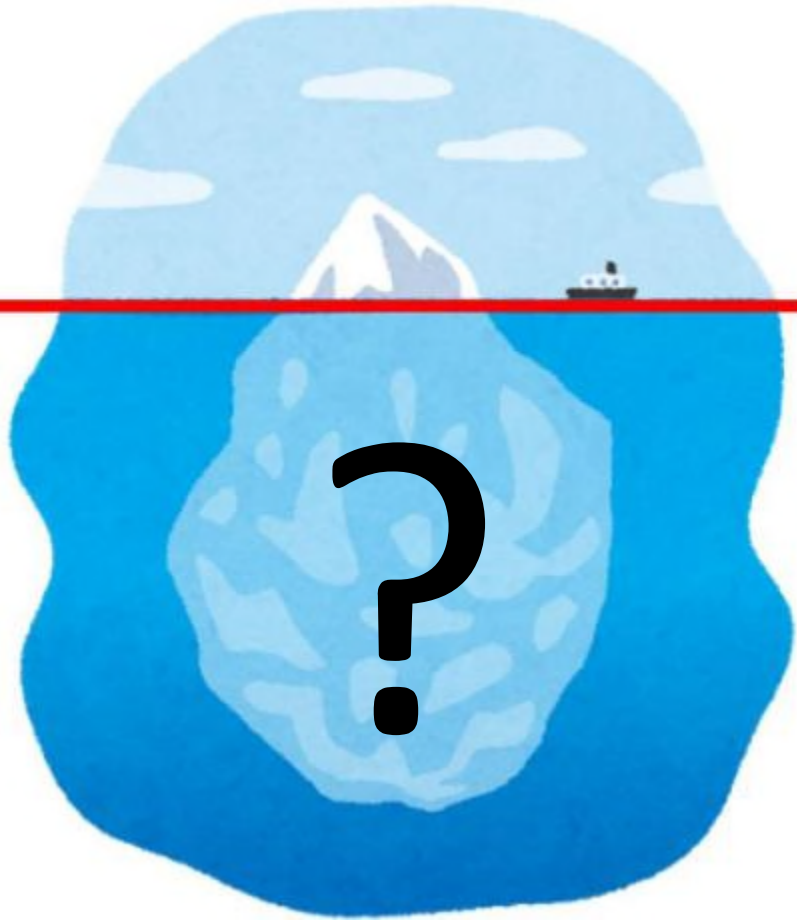
- Cell variation RNA-chromatin interactomes
  - Housekeeping, specific lncRNAs/RNAs
  - Stimulation, differentiation, dependent
- RNAs involved?
  - sequence, structural domains, RBP proteins interactome
  - Relation and cooperation with 3D Chromatin structure
- Diseases:
  - RNAs on GWAS, genetics map, eQTL
- A database of RNA bound to chromatin
  - A database on all RNA variants



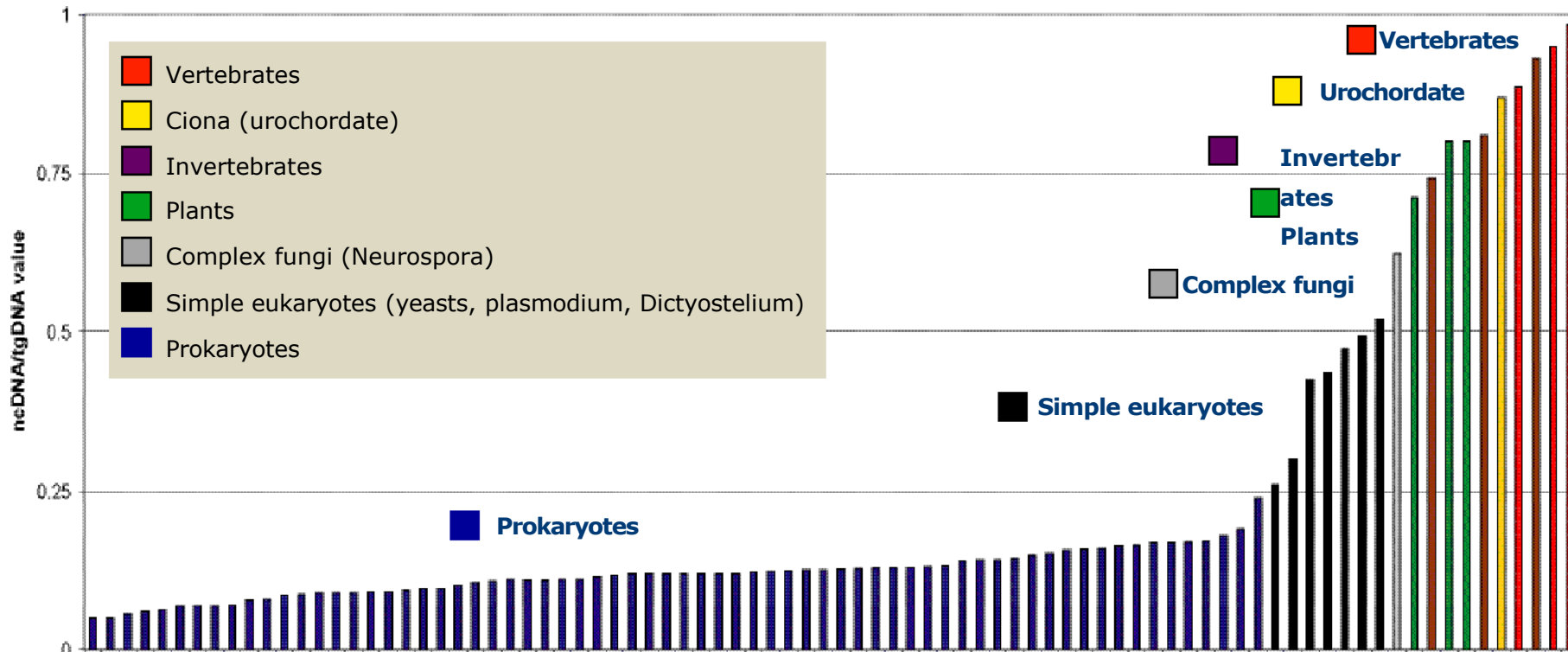
# Resources for biology

- A broad RNA/chromatin interaction map
- A full-length cell specific, compartment specific map of RNA; and their modifications.

- How many chromatin regulatory RNA?
  - >100s cell types
- How many functional RNA variants?
  - >100 cell types + >100s tissues



# The proportion of noncoding DNA broadly increases with developmental complexity



Irrespective of the extent of non-coding sequences, it is now evident that the vast majority of the genomes of all organisms is transcribed in a dynamic manner in different cells and tissues at different developmental stages.

J.S. Mattick *Nature Reviews Genetics* 5, 316-323 (2004)

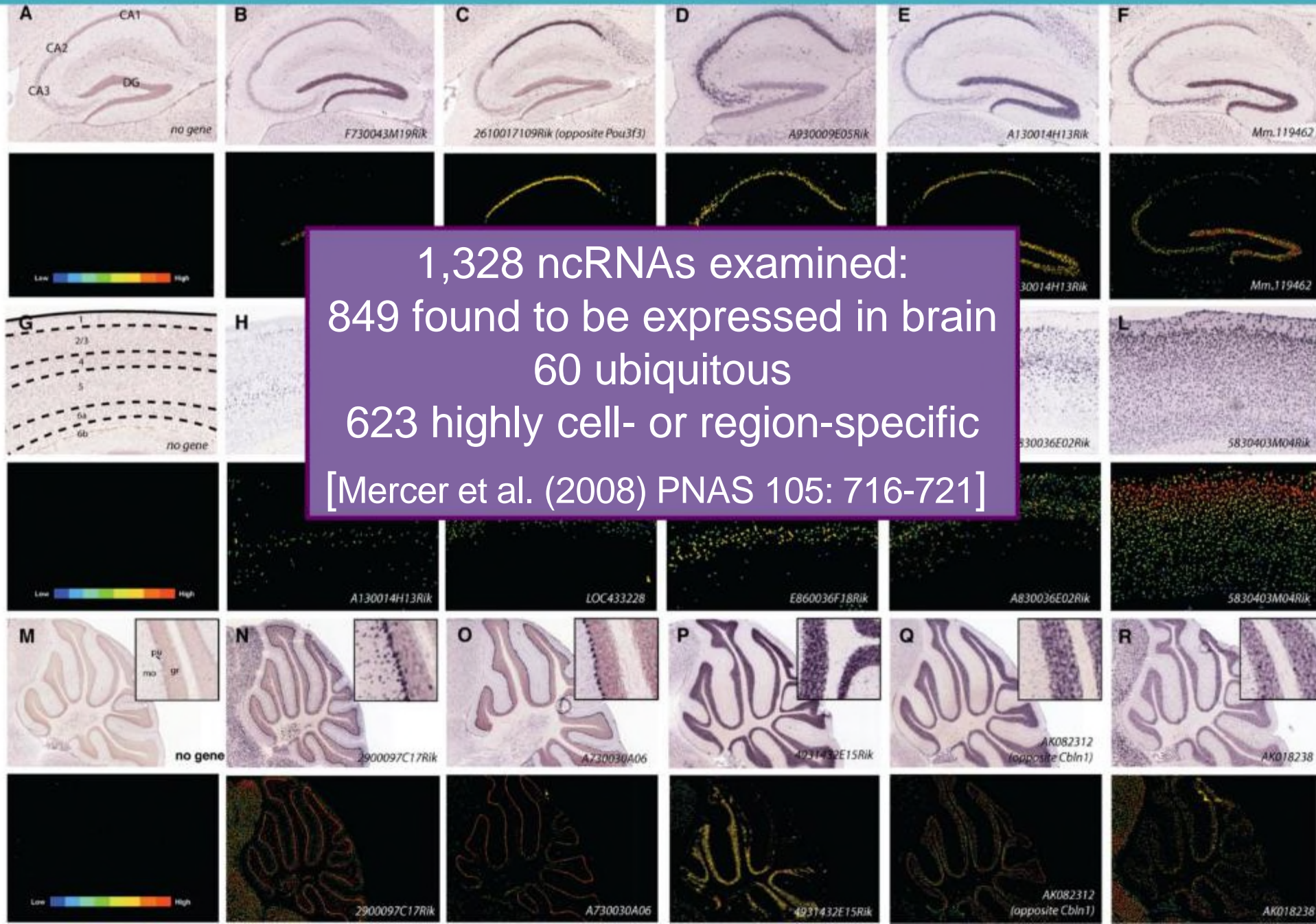
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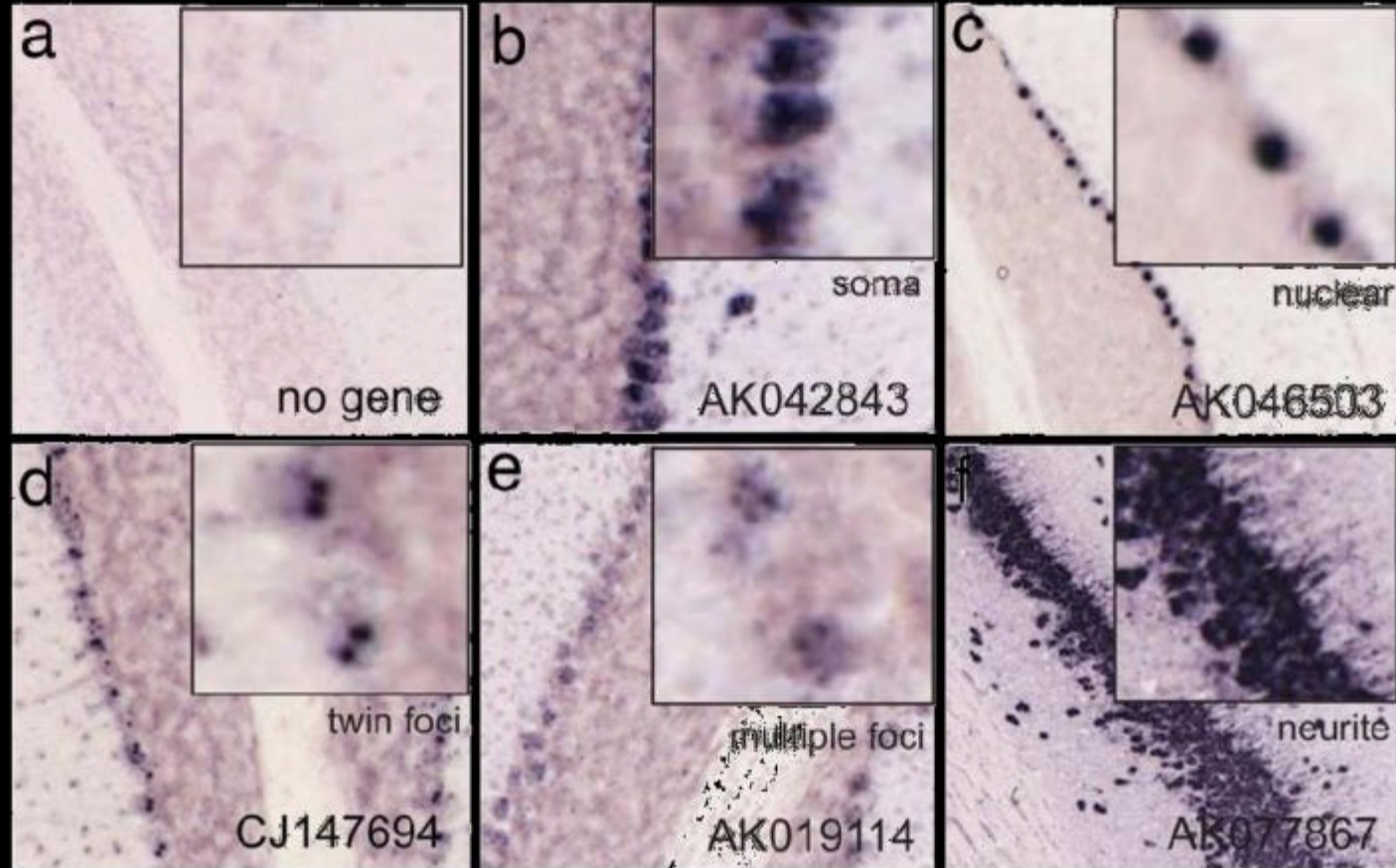
# lncRNA essential

- Theoretical basis: regulators of very complex operations.
- More validations:
- Are they expressed and where?
- Can we prove the function?
- Some beautiful and meaningful picture of long-noncoding RNA (lncRNAs) and their localization.

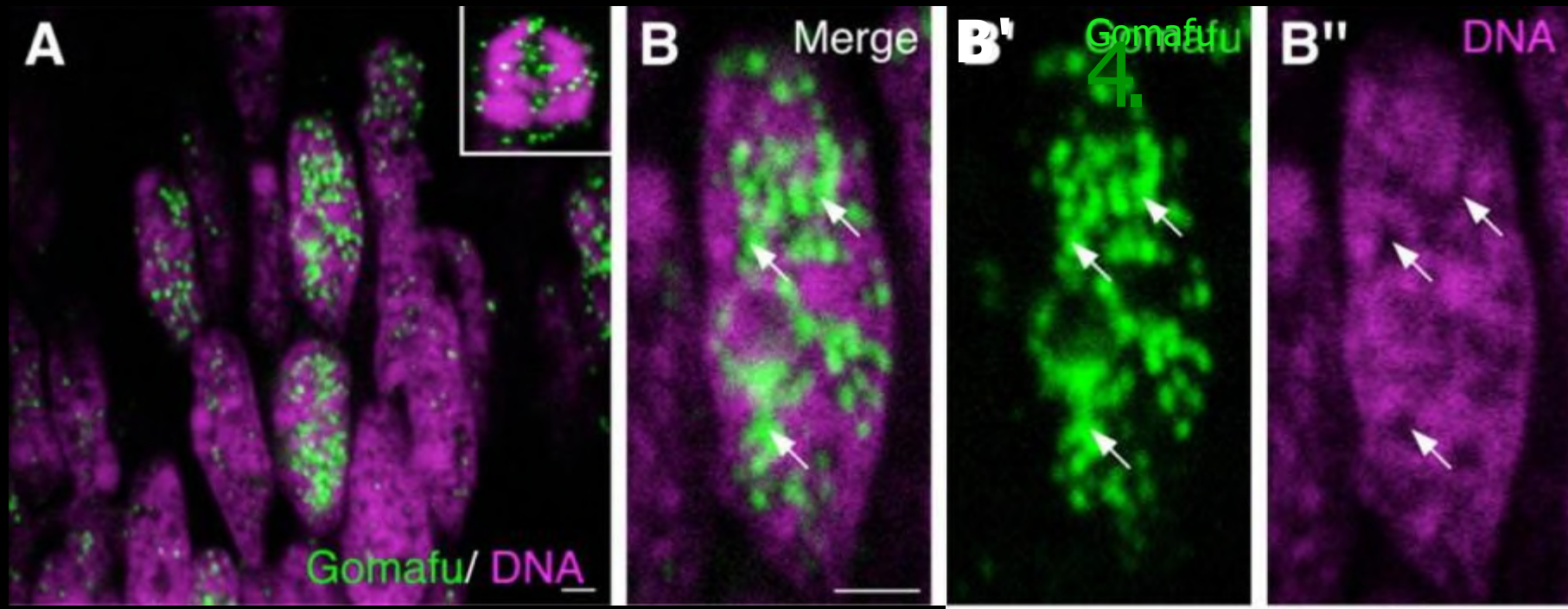
# Non-coding RNA expression in mouse brain



# Subcellular localization of ncRNAs



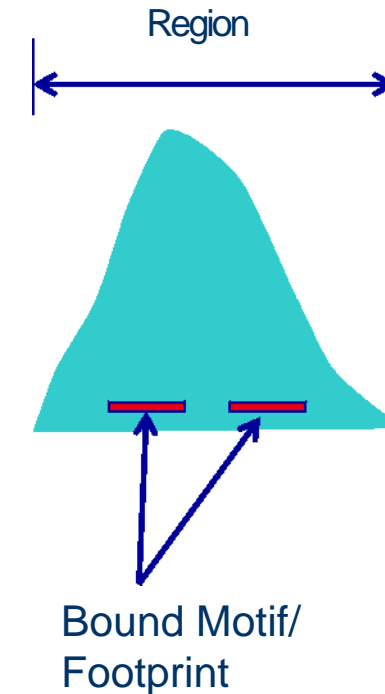
**Subcellular localisation of long ncRNAs in Purkinje cells**  
Subcellular localization ~ putative function



✓ Subsequent papers confirming the findings

# ENCODE

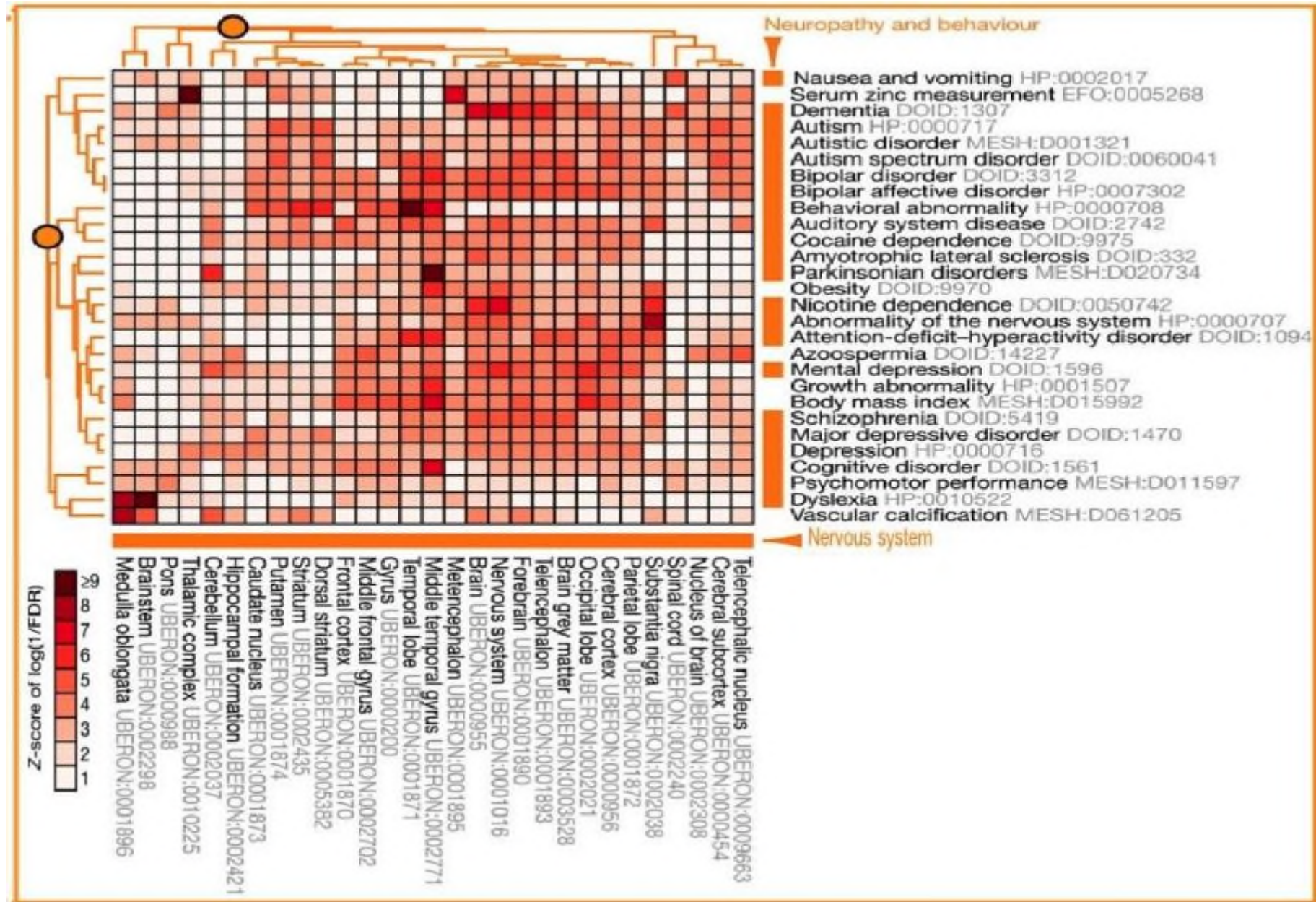
Element Type	Coverage	Cumulative Coverage
Exons	3%	3%
Chip-seq bound motifs	4.5%	5%
DNaseI Footprints	5.7%	9%
Chip-seq bound regions	8.1%	12%
DNaseI HS regions	15.2%	19.4%
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(* excluding broad marks)		



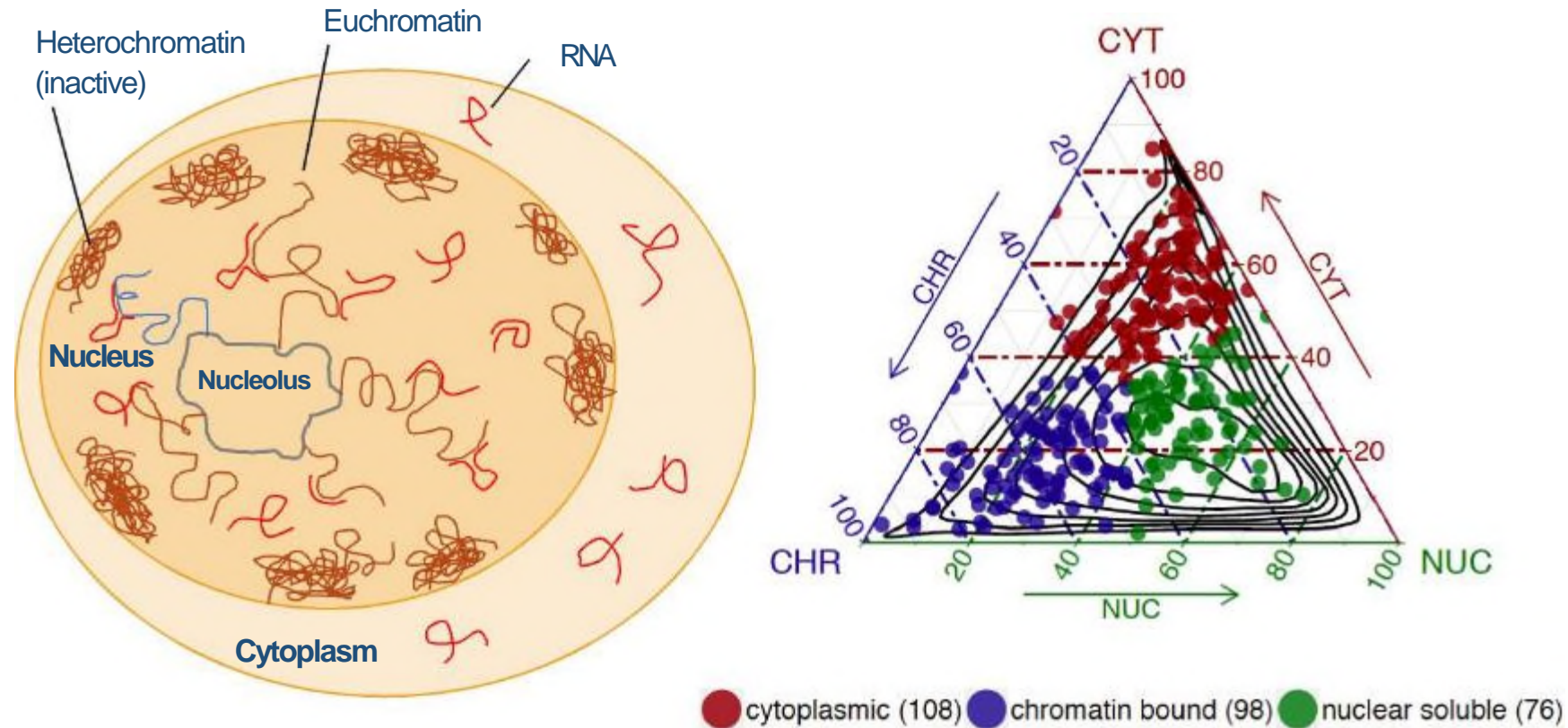
*(Union over all experiments and cell types)*

In 2012, the ENCODE confirms that genome is broadly transcribed

# Cell-type-specific lncRNAs implicated in GWAS traits



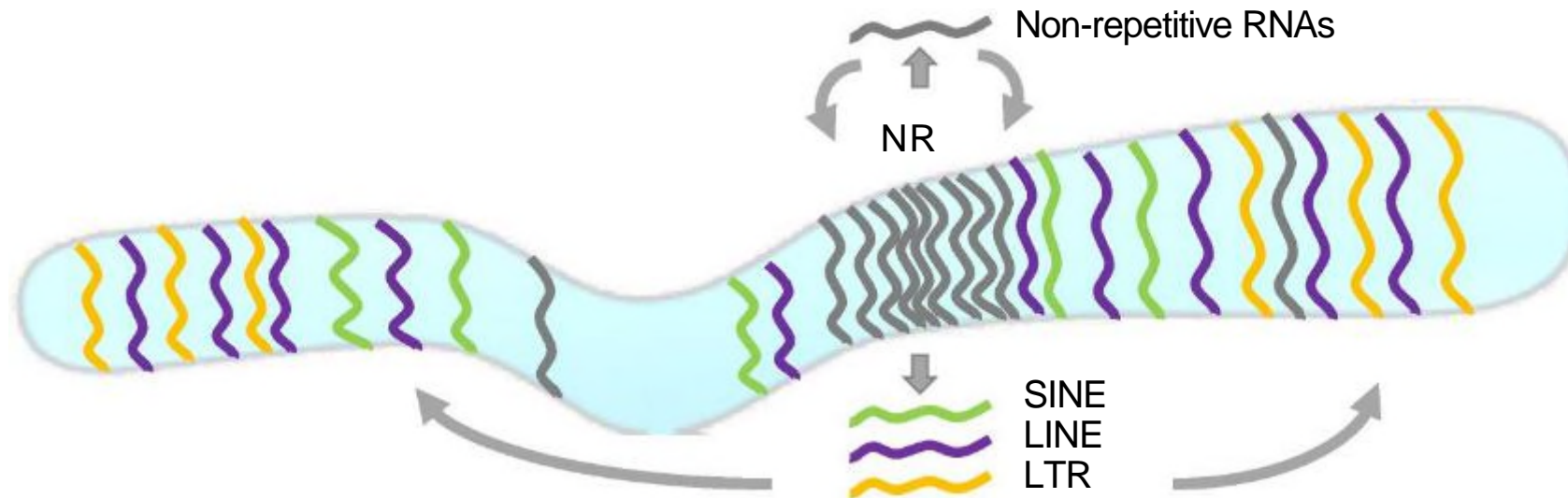
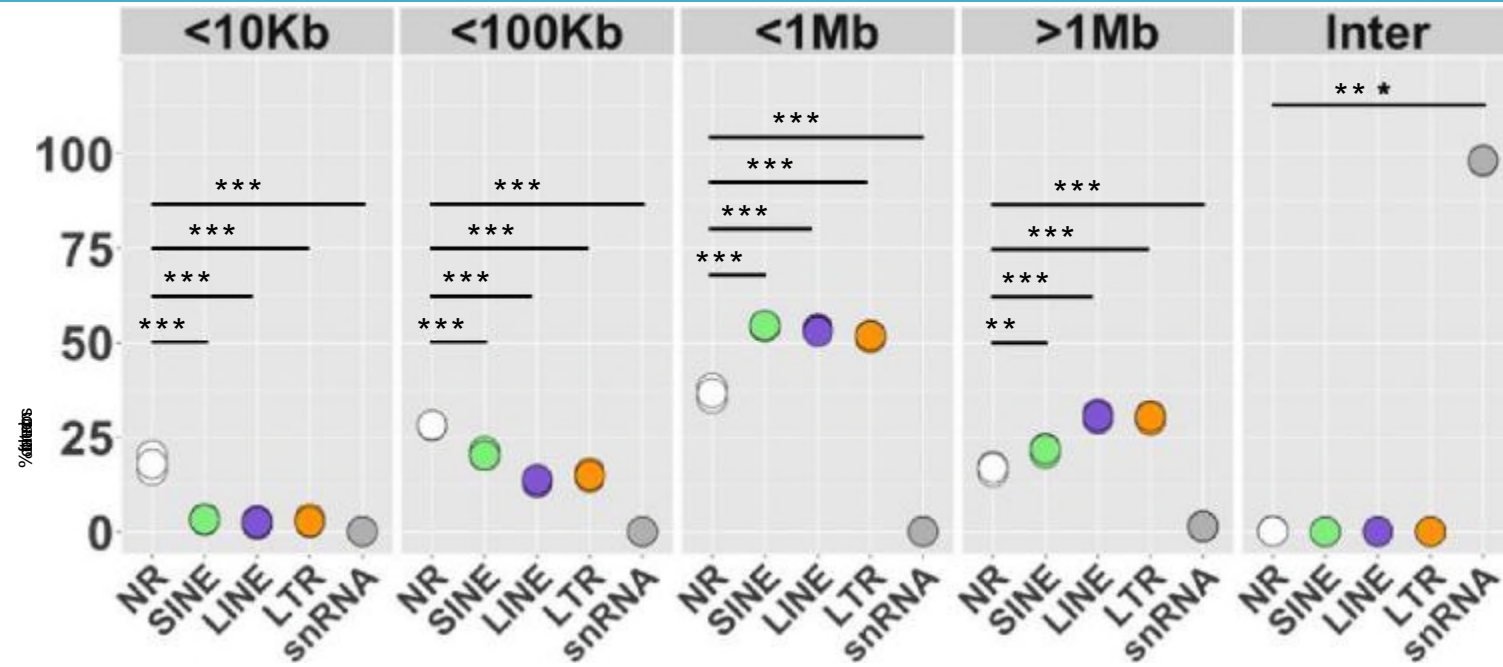
# Considerations: localization of lncRNAs And functional interactions



- 64% in the nucleus - 37% in chromatin-bound  
- 27% in the nuclear soluble fraction
- 36% in the cytoplasm

# Repeat elements are more interacting at longer distance

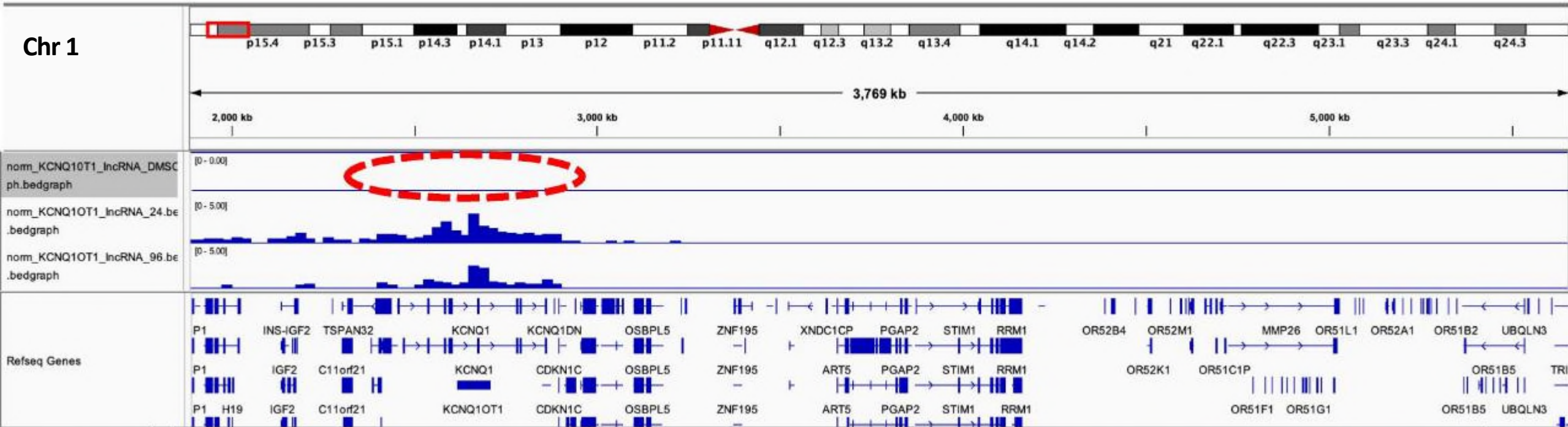
% of total interactions



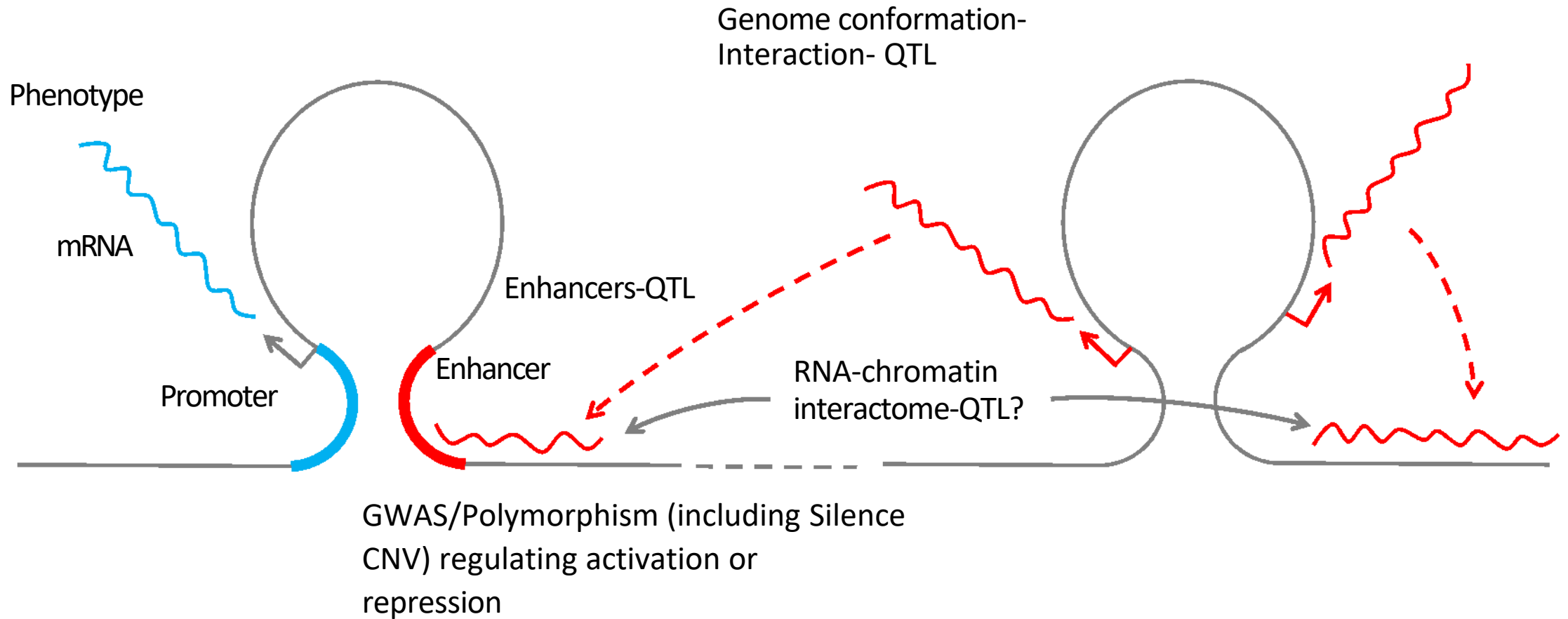


# Different patterns of lncRNA interactions during differentiation

## Kcnq10t1 lncRNA

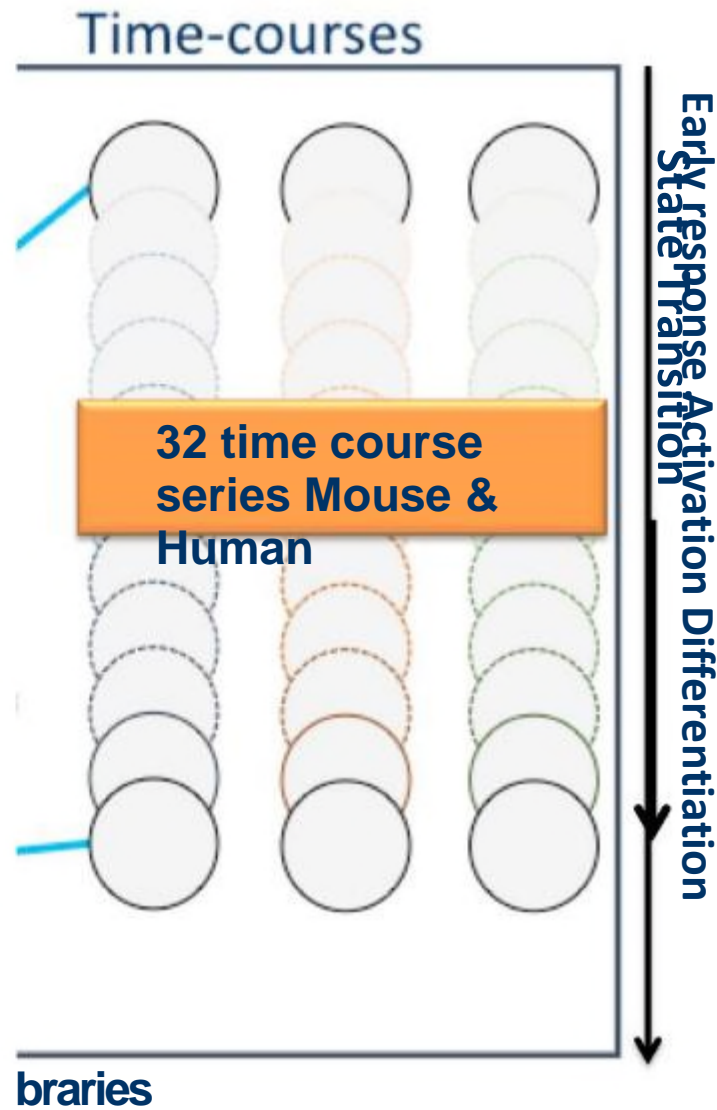
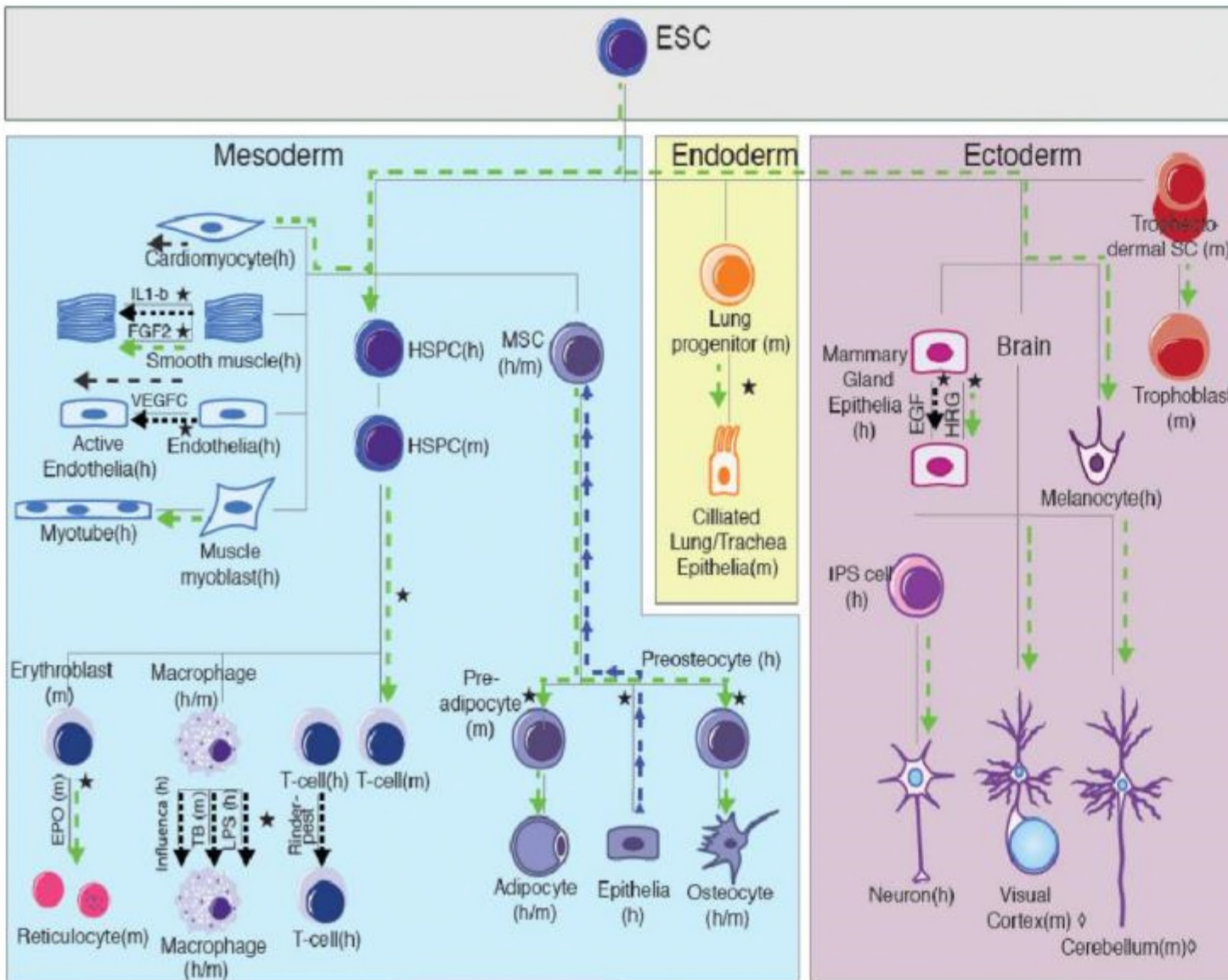


# A detailed cell specific map of chromatin: DNA-DNA, RNA-DNA (&proteins) interactions



# Broad CAGE map across thousands cells

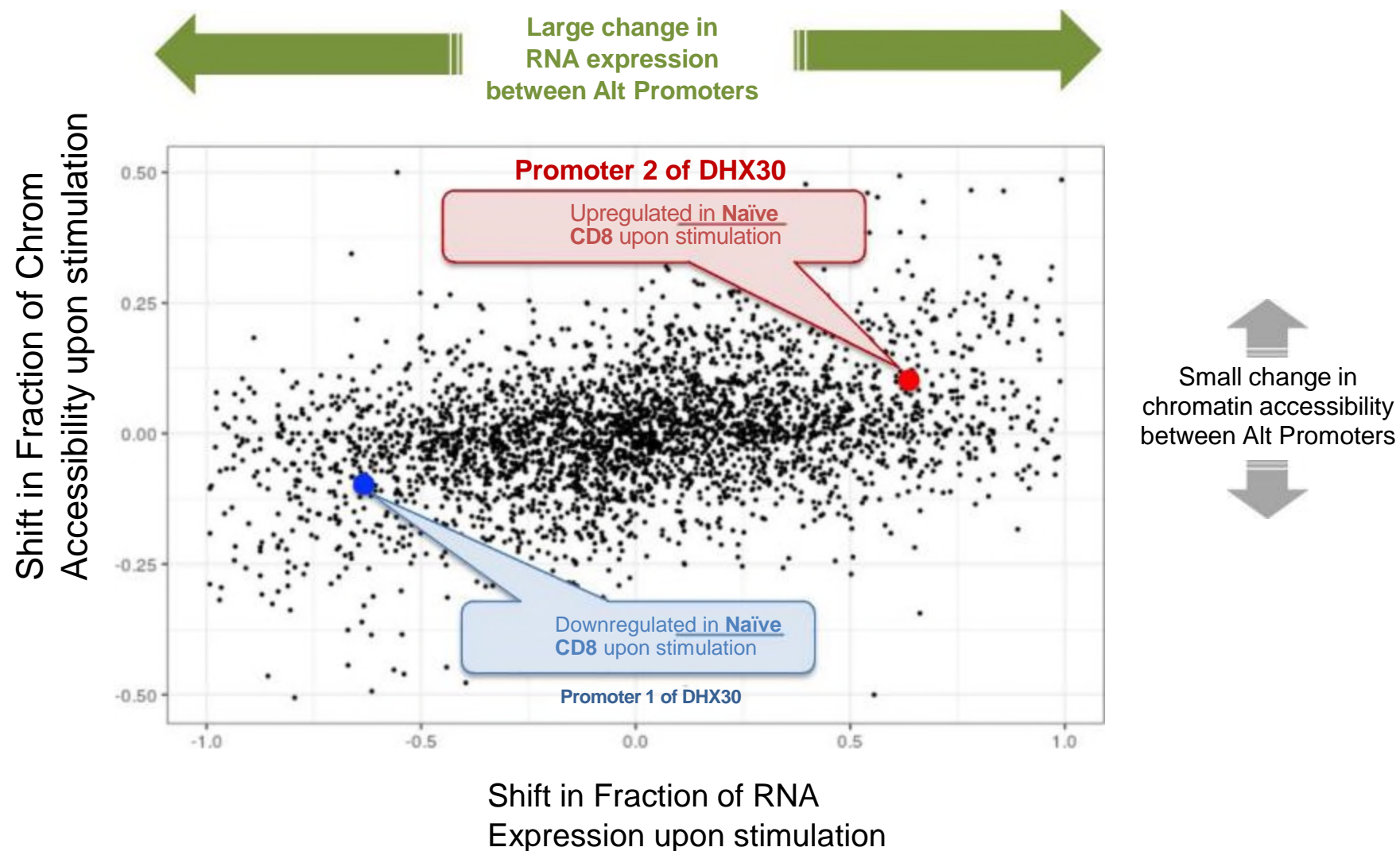
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- ← - - In vitro differentiation
- ← - - - Activation
- ◇ Isolated from tissue
- ★ Early response dense sampling
- - - - Dedifferentiation

# RNA Expression vs Chrom Accessibility : Alternative promoter usage

**123** Genes show significant (fdr <0.05) alternative promoter usage in at least one cell type in PBMC upon stimulation

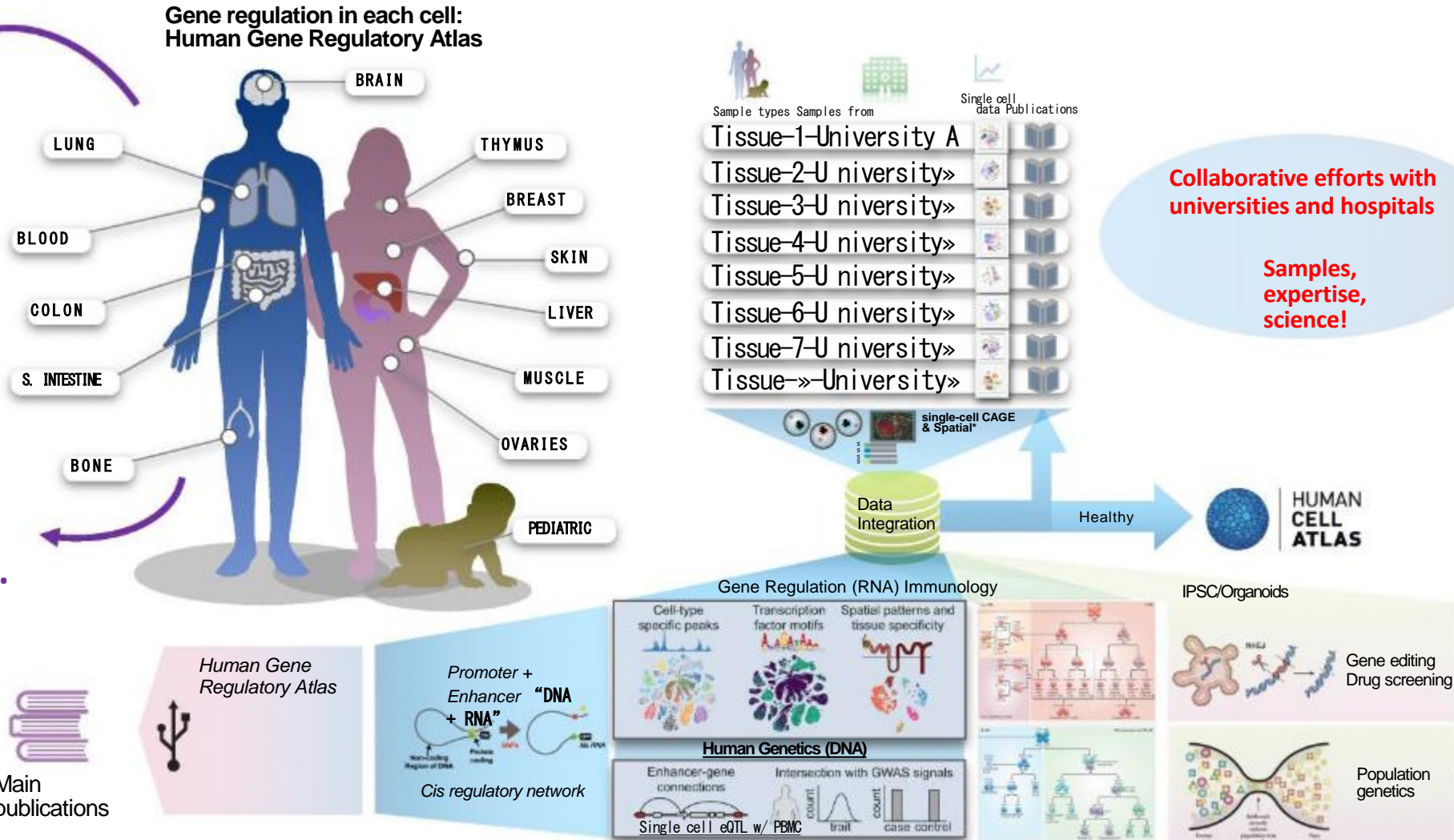


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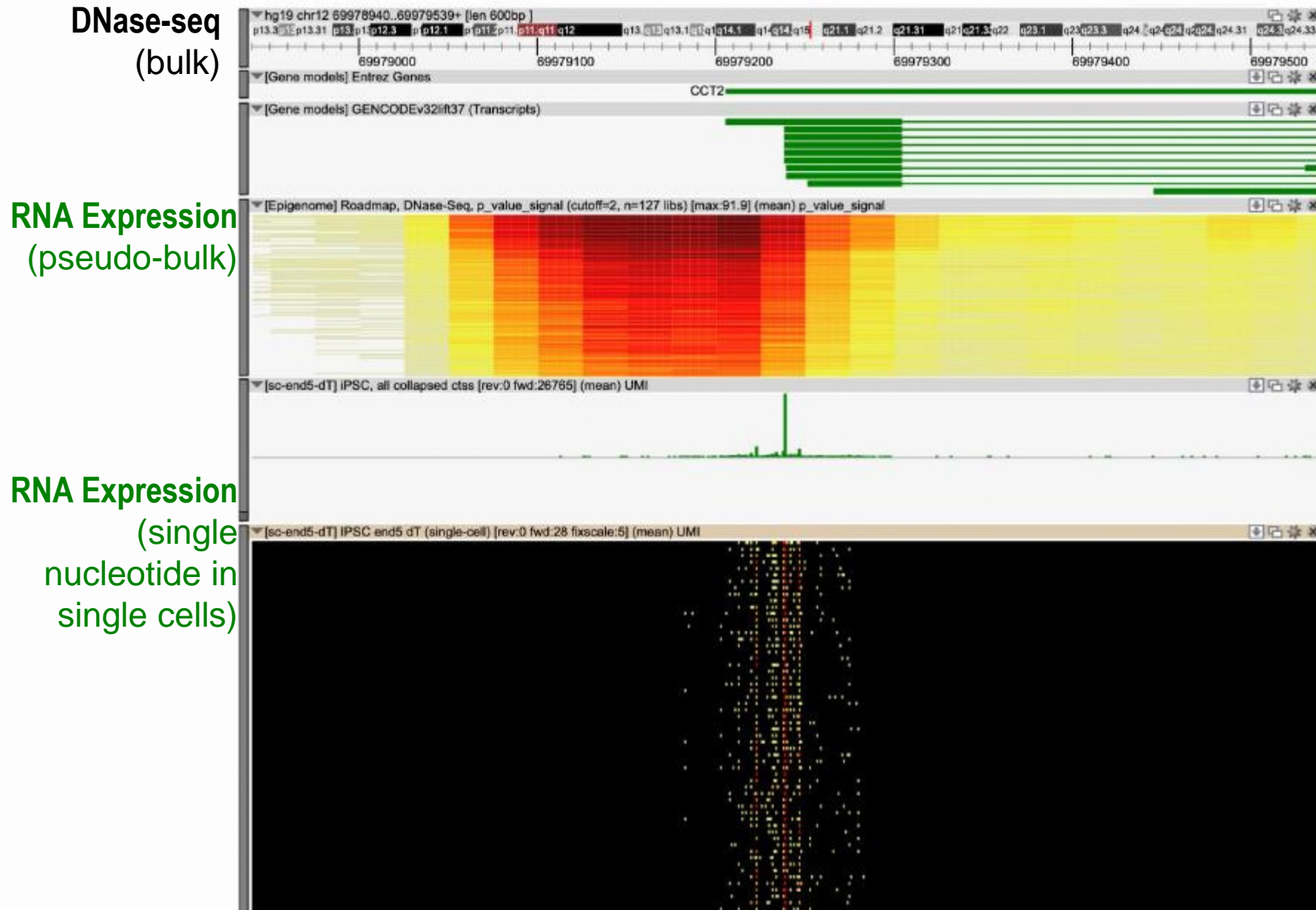
# Bringing genomics at single cell level; collaborations with hospitals & universities

Analyze each tissue at single cell resolution.

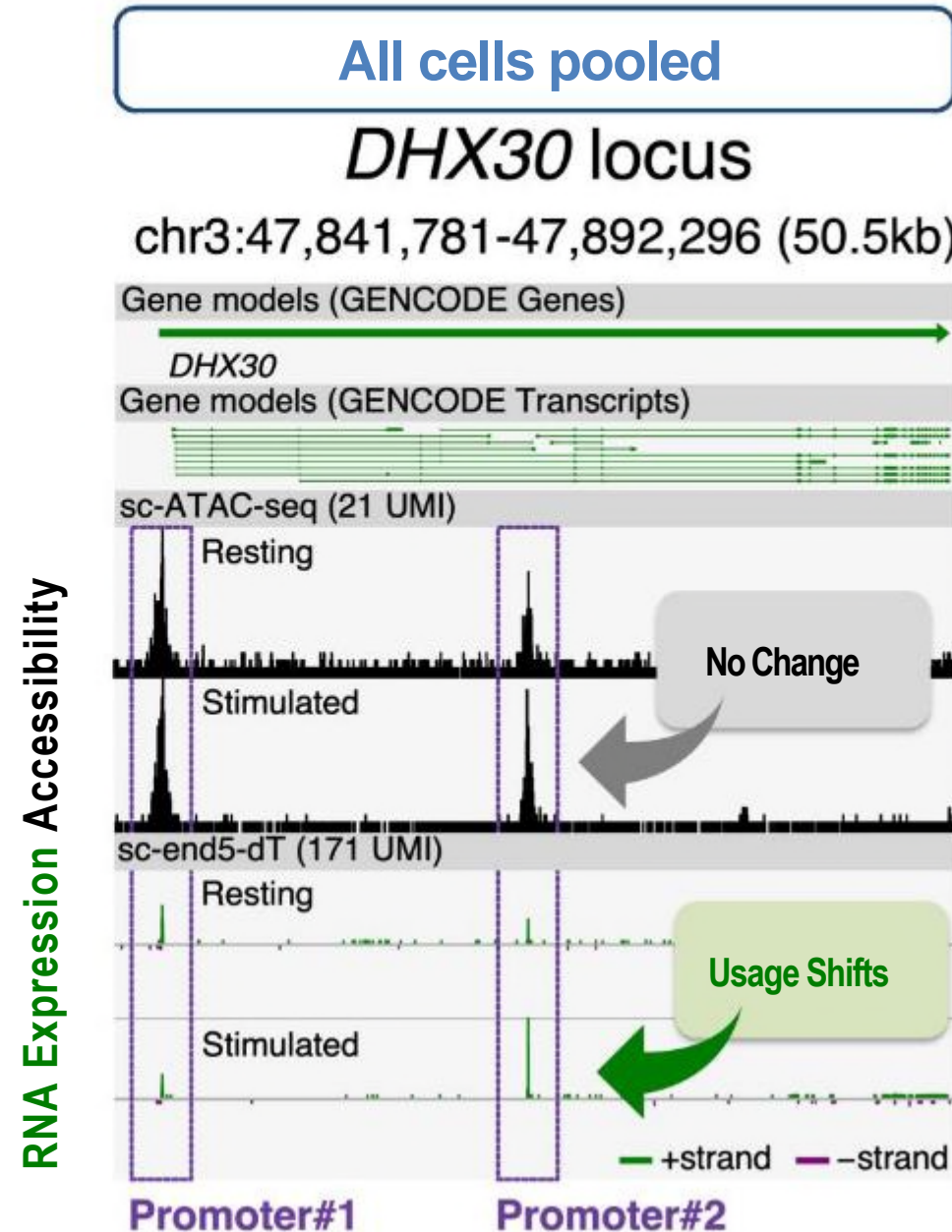
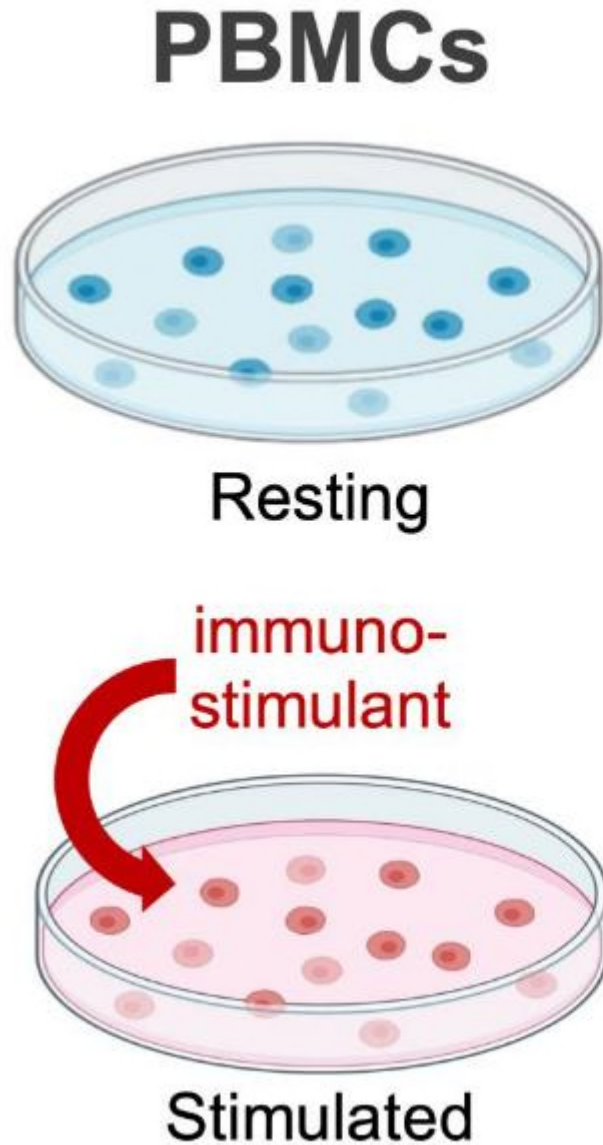
Analyze gene expression and regulation in health and diseases across genetic variation.



# At Gene Promoters : Detecting TSS in single cells at nt resolution

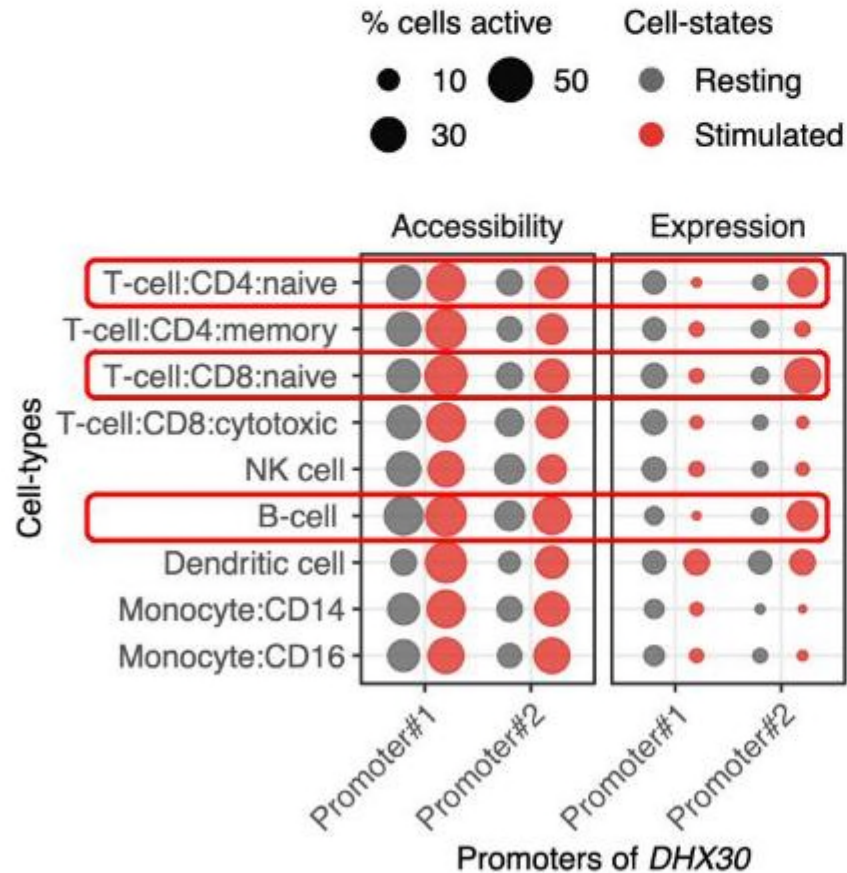


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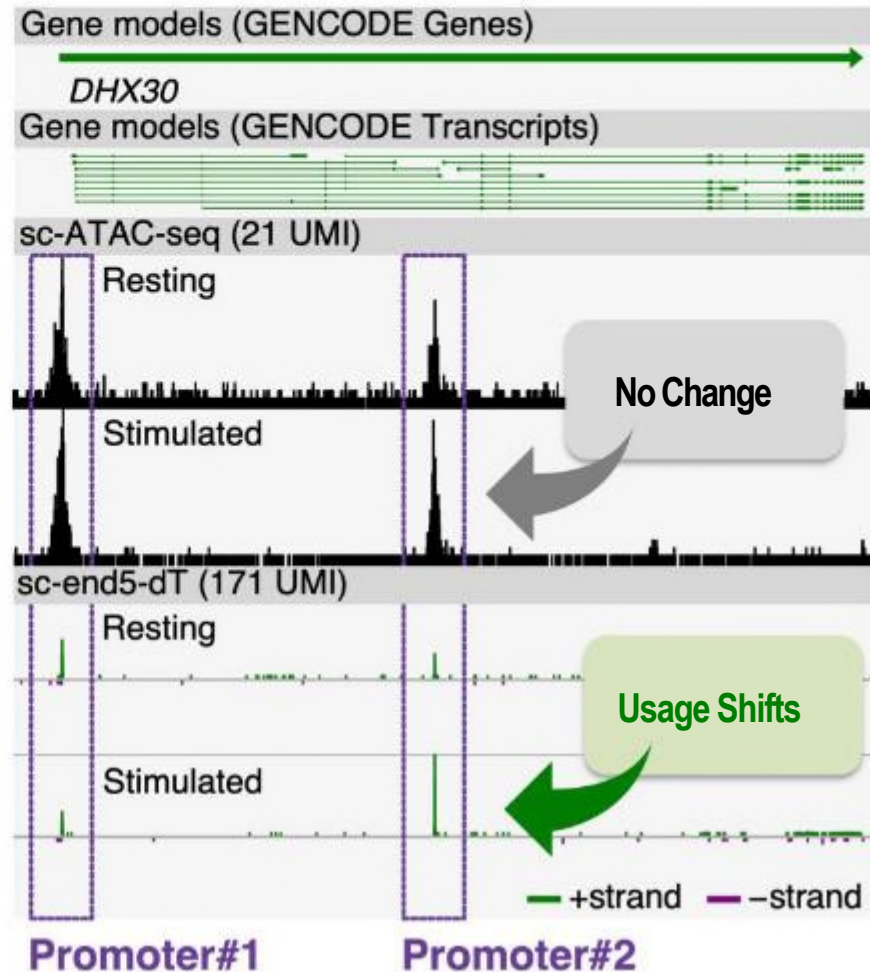
## Cell-type specific shifts in alternative promoter usage



## All cells pooled

### *DHX30* locus

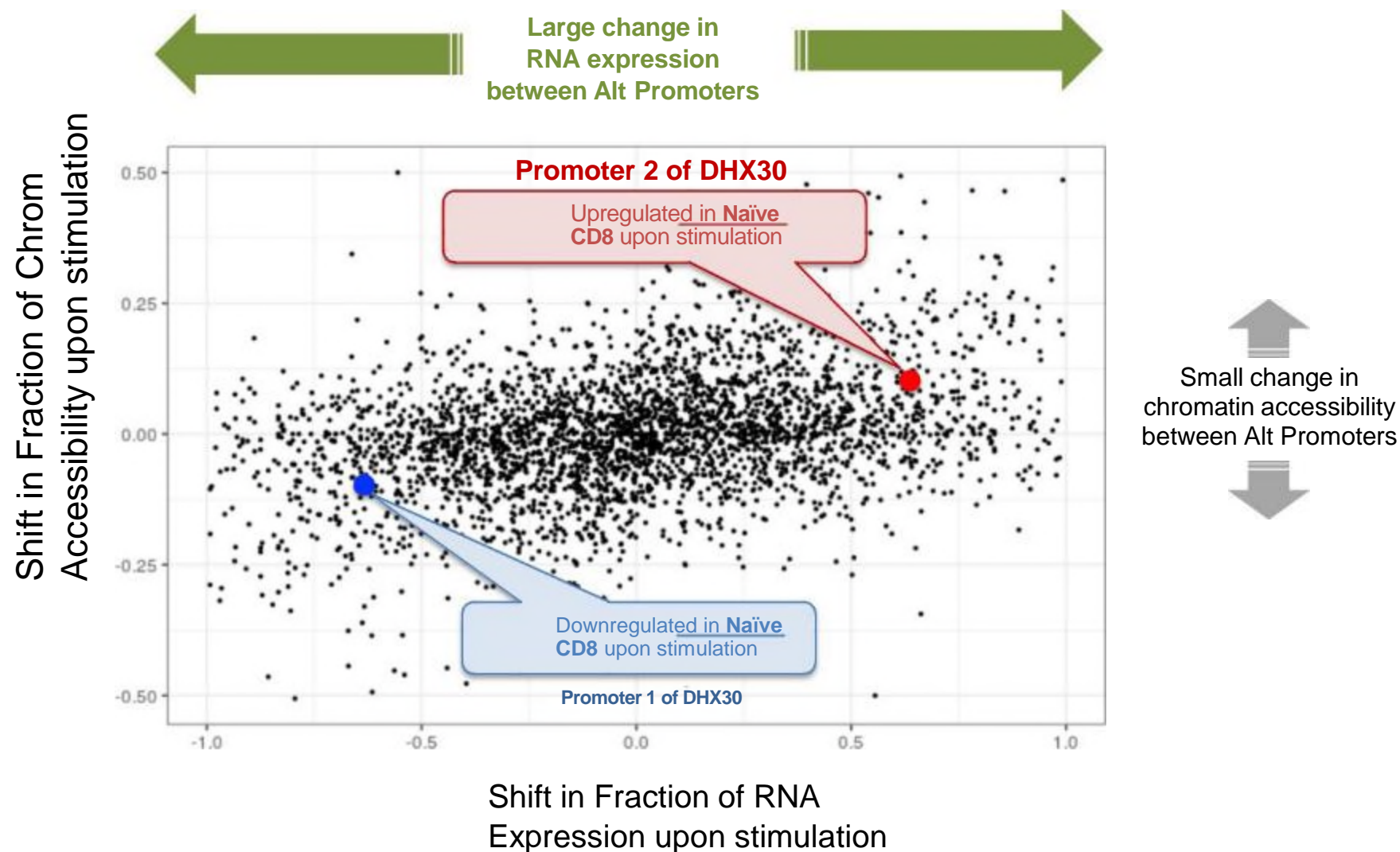
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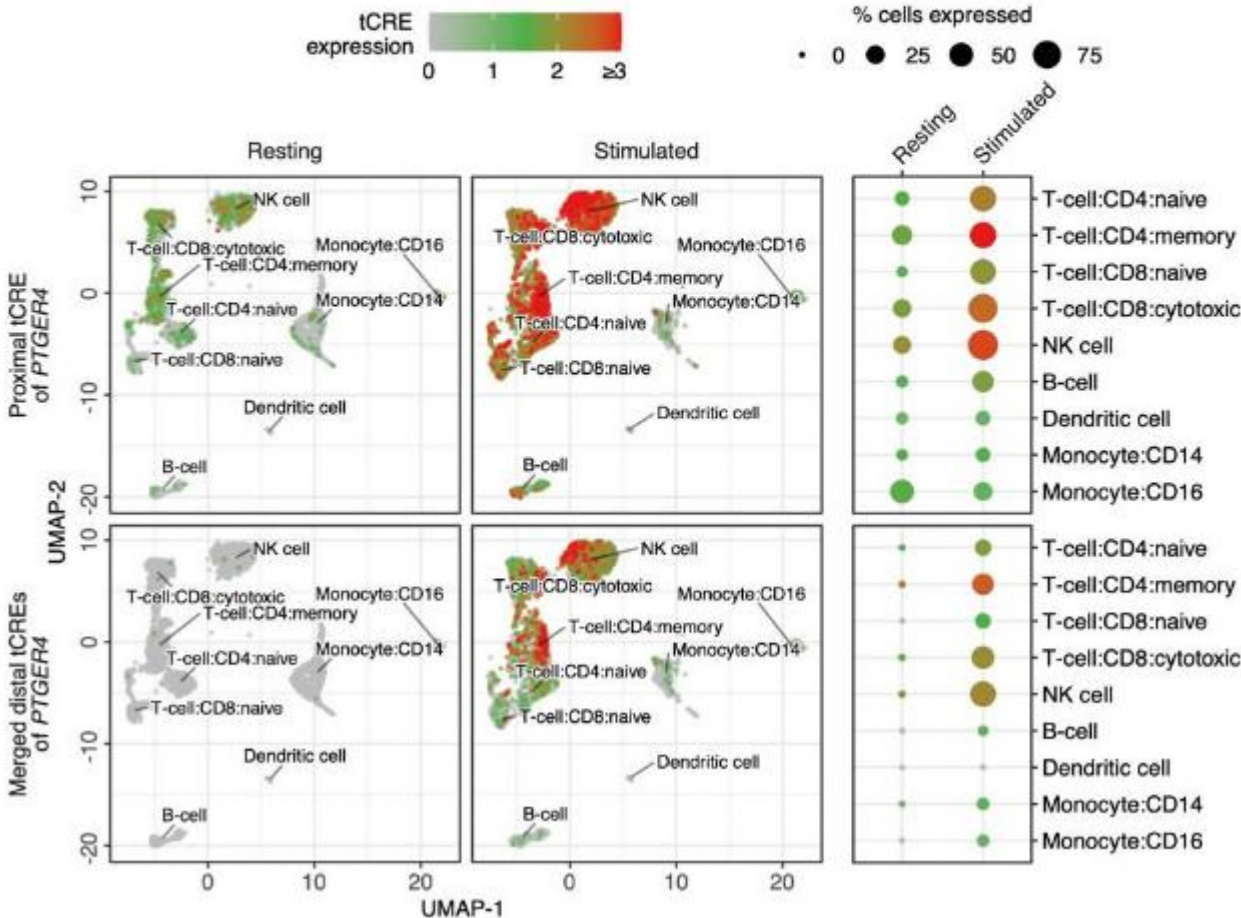
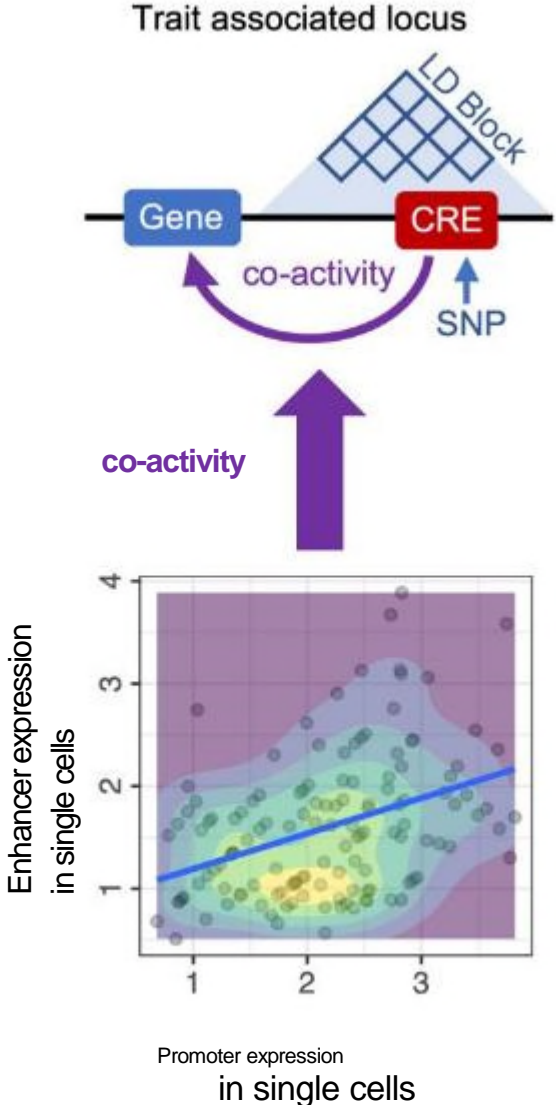
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# GWAS interpretation : Linking GWAS variants to candidate genes

## Cell-type specific co-activation of promoters and enhancers



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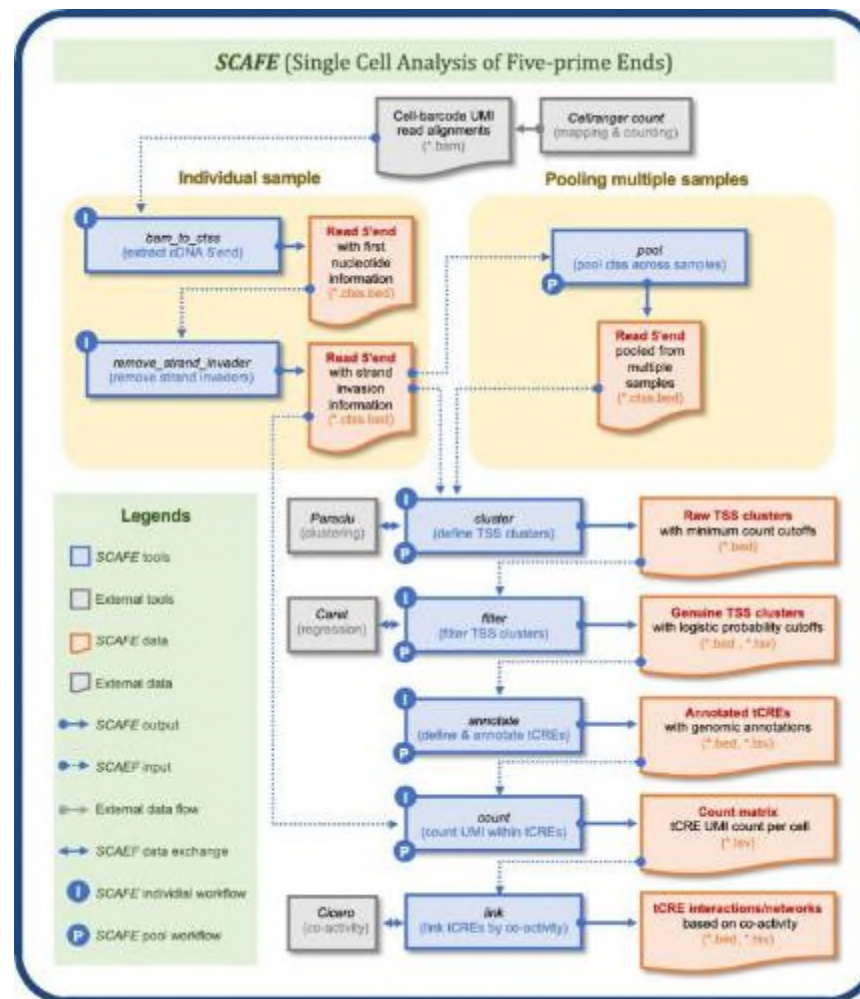
# Analyzing tCREs : Gene expression + enhancer activity in one assay

SCAFE : Software to define, quantify and link tCREs from 10x 5'data

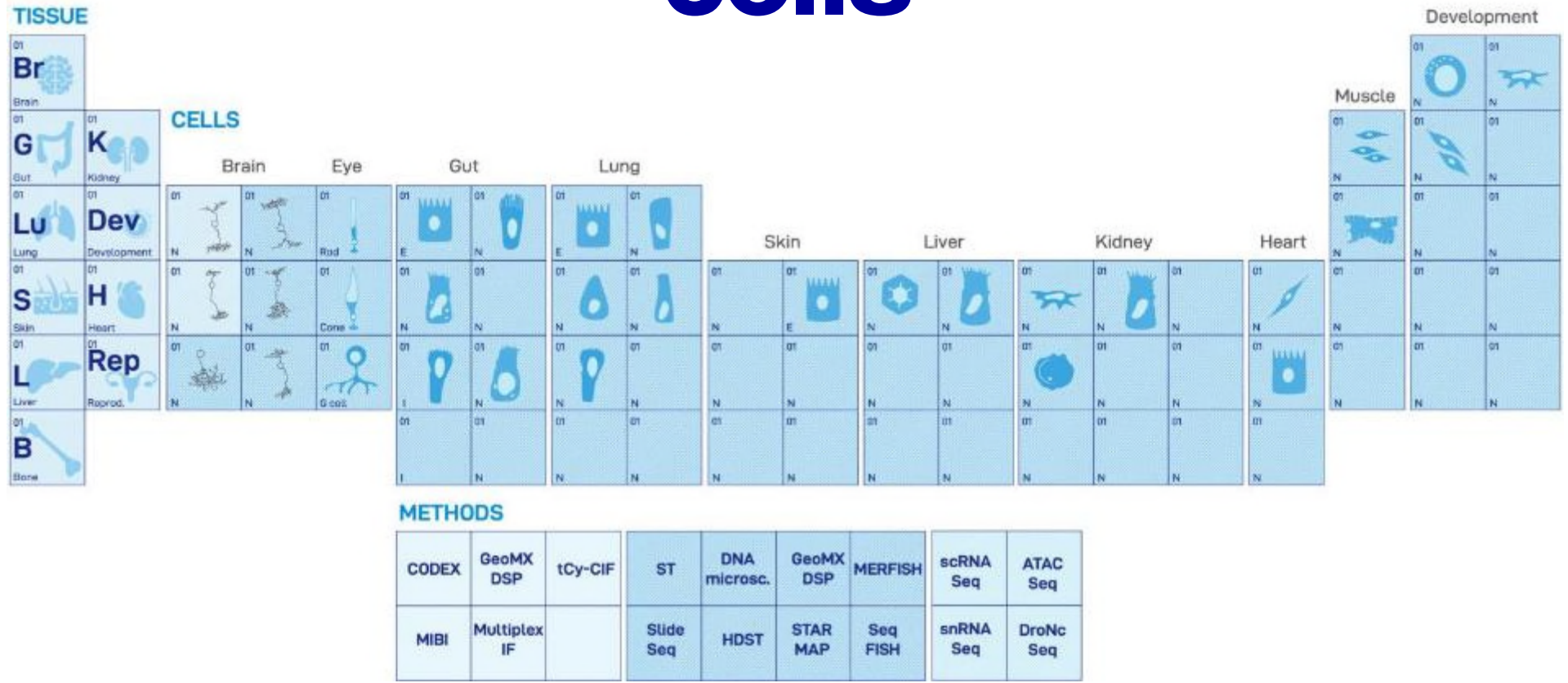
Make the most of your 10x 5'data.....for FREE!



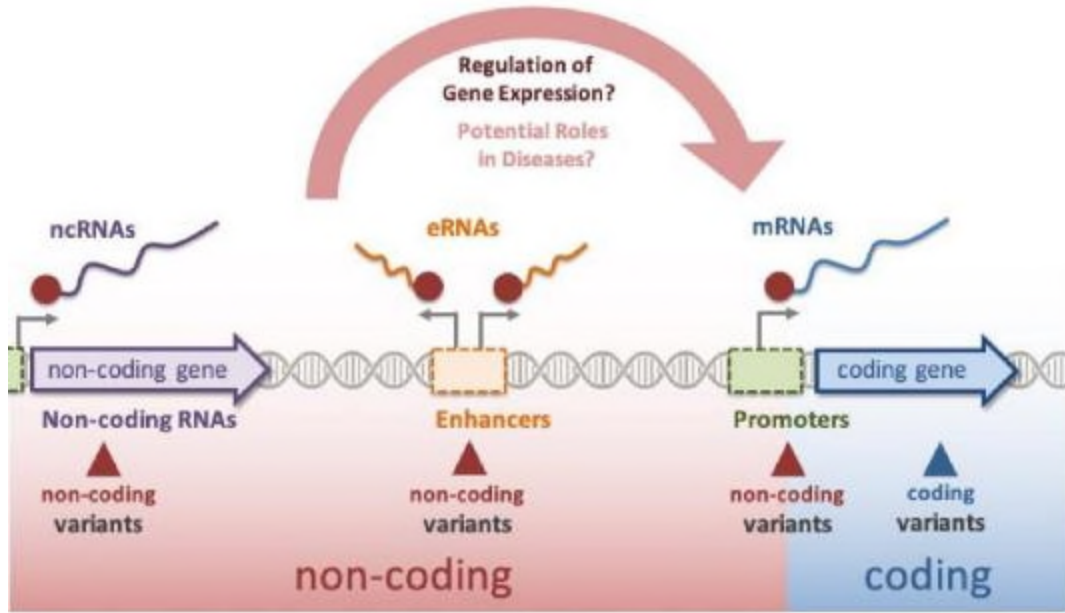
End-to-end solution for 10x 5'data



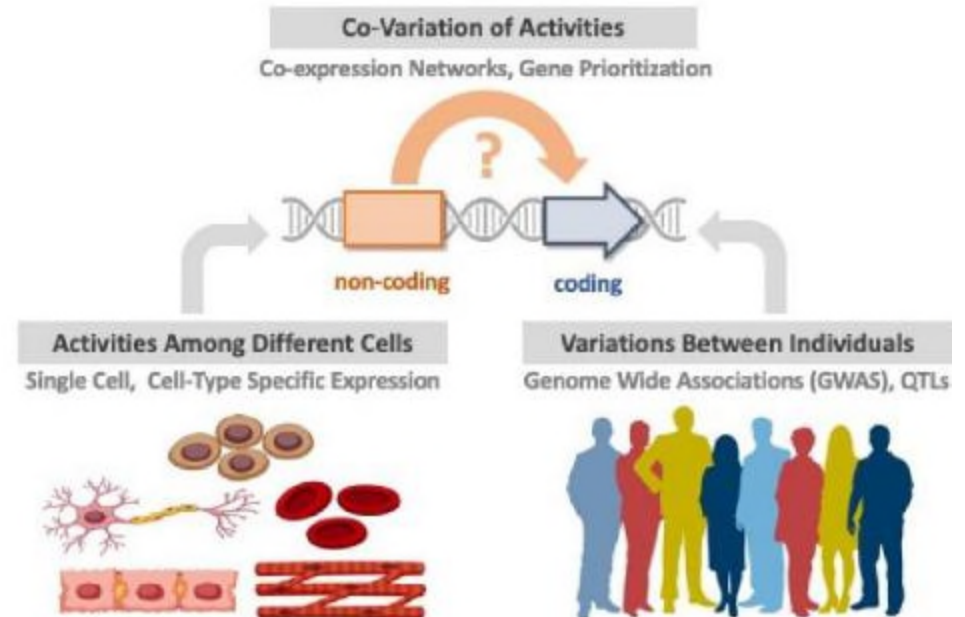
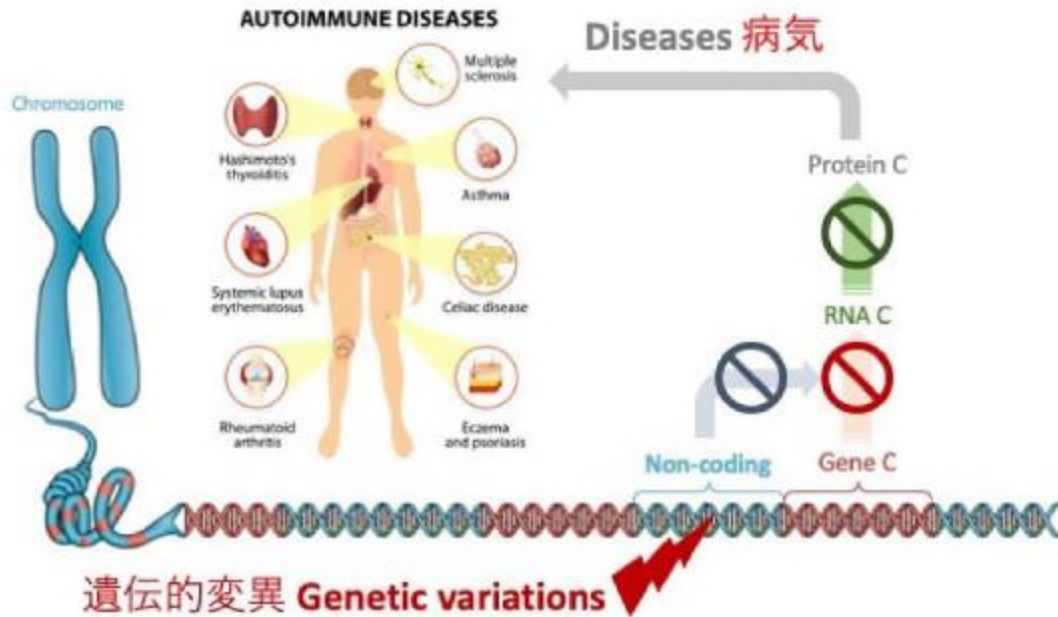
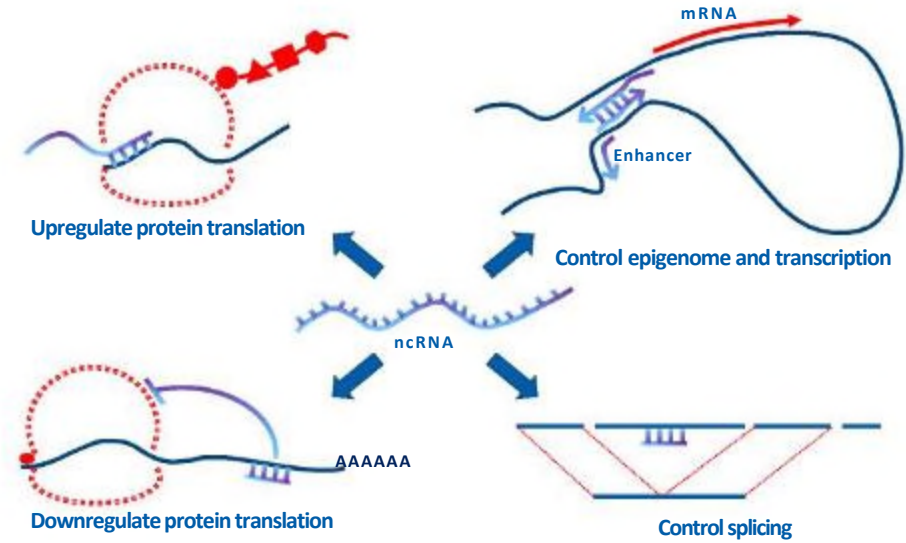
# A periodic table of our cells



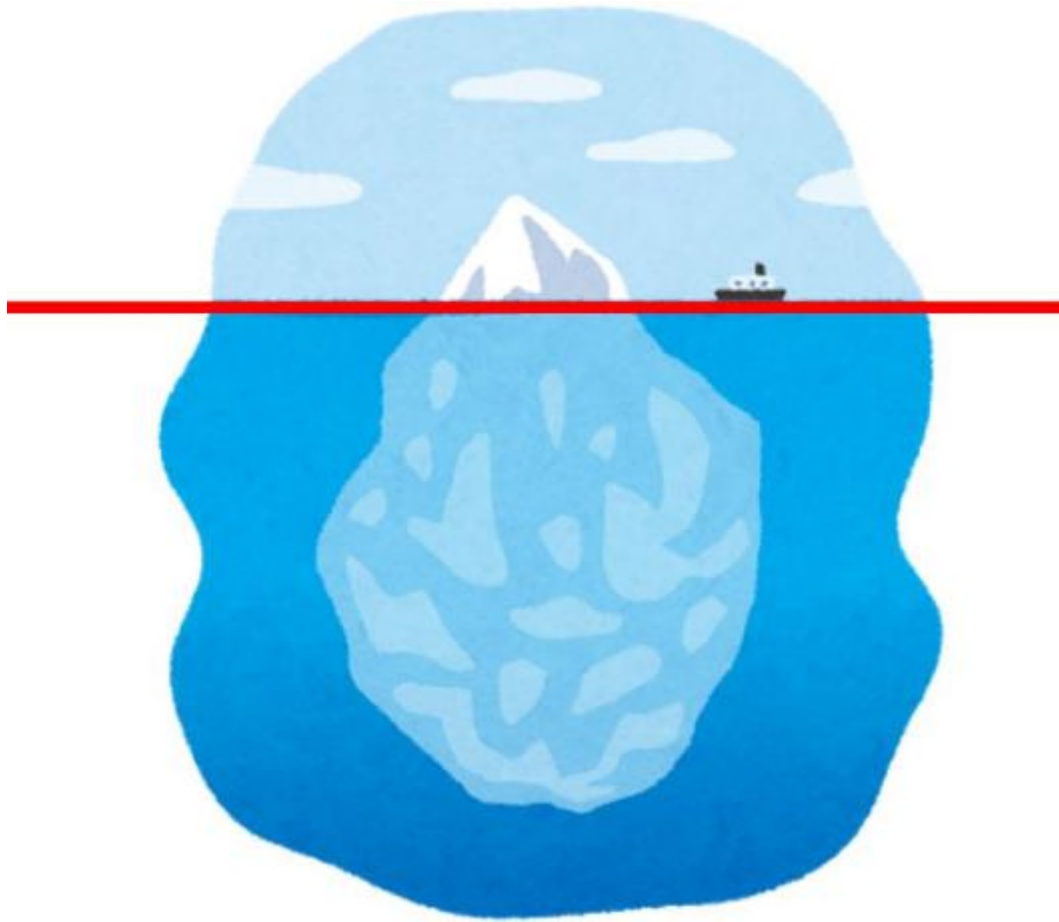
# “Non-coding regions of genome”



## New therapeutics with non-coding RNA



# SINEUPs: Is this a family of antisense RNA?



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