

# Annotating Genomes: where are all the genes?

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Introduction to Making Sense of Genomes  
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# Overview

- A bit of background
- What is manual genome annotation?
- Why do we need it?
- How do we do it?

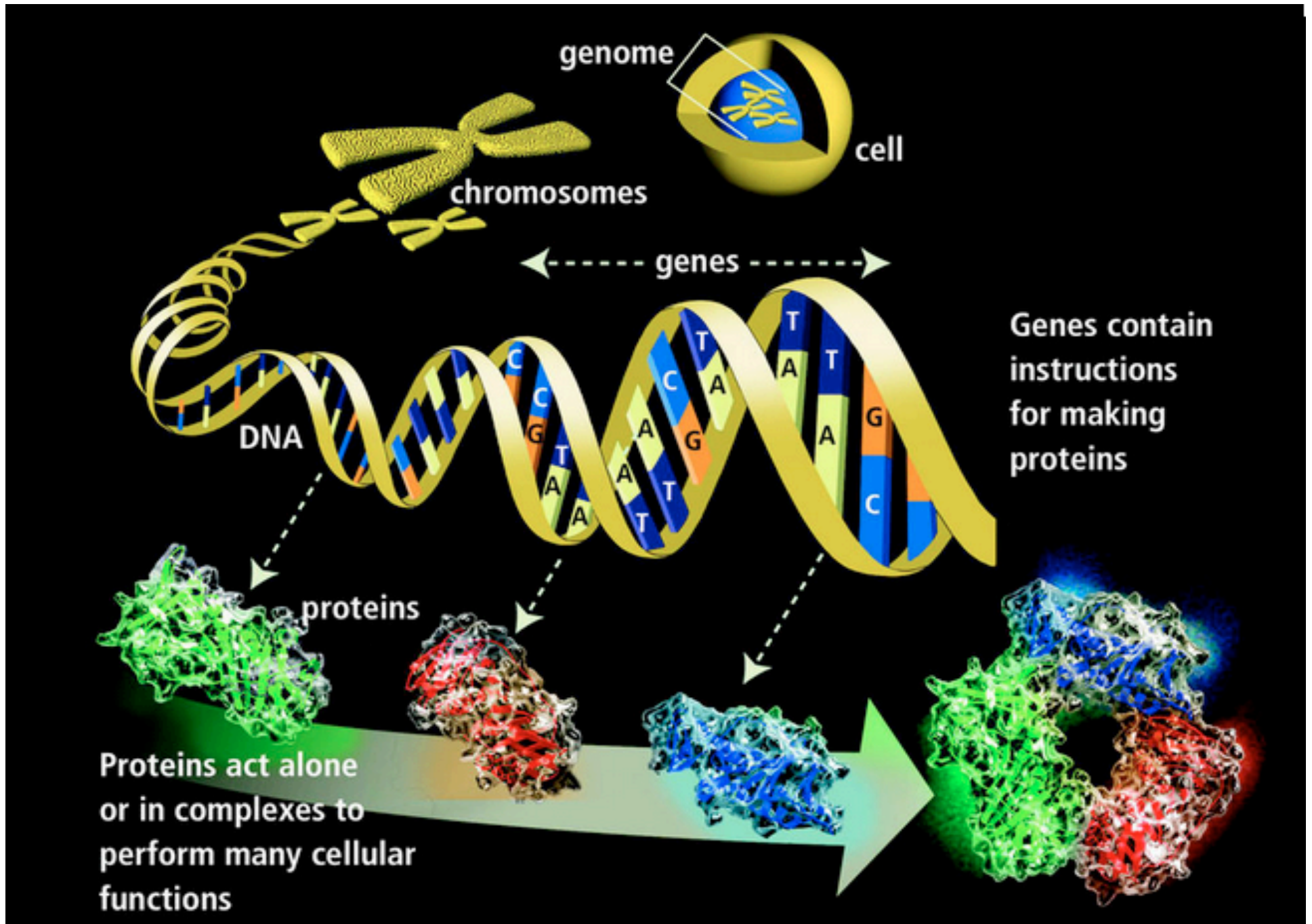


## Havana: Human And Vertebrate Analysis aNd Annotation

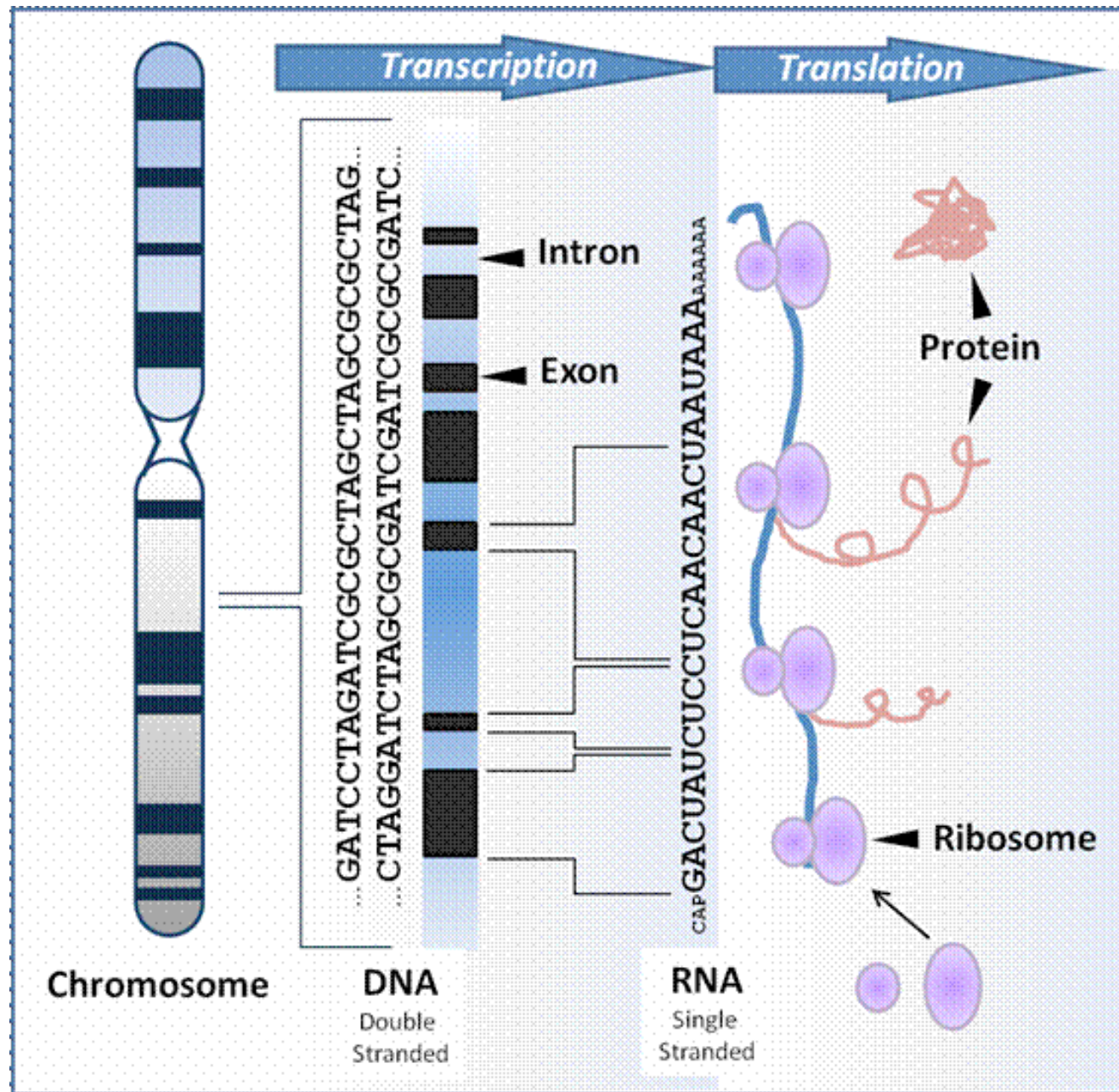
Manual annotation of human, mouse and zebrafish  
whole chromosomes or genomes



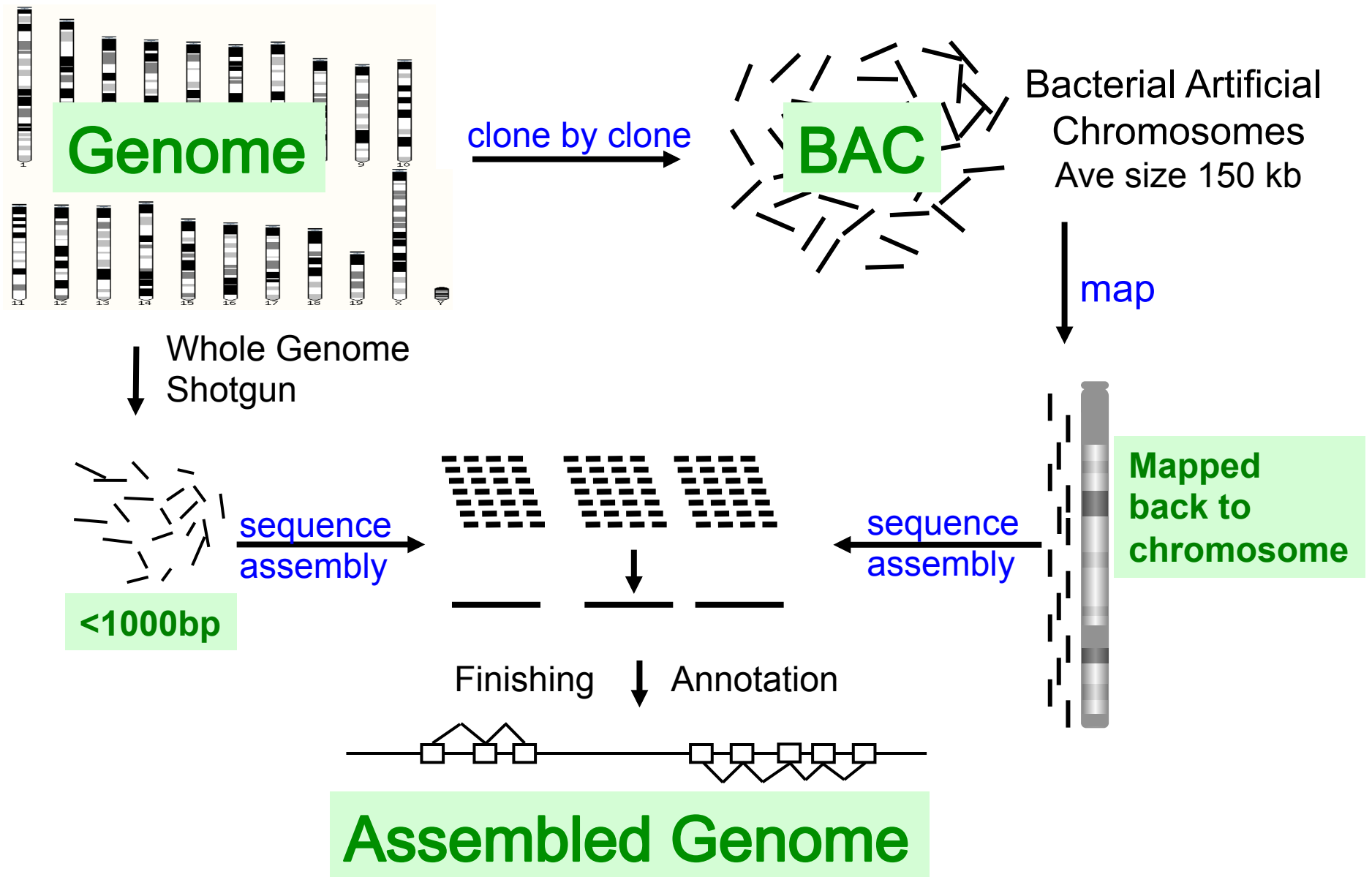
Vega: VErtebraTE Genome ANnotation  
database



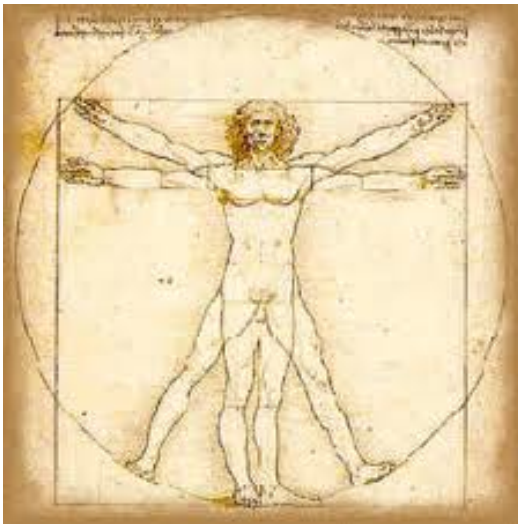
# Central Dogma Of Molecular Biology



# Hybrid Sequencing Strategy



# Reference genomes:



Human ~3Gb:  
22 chromosomes + sex  
chromosomes



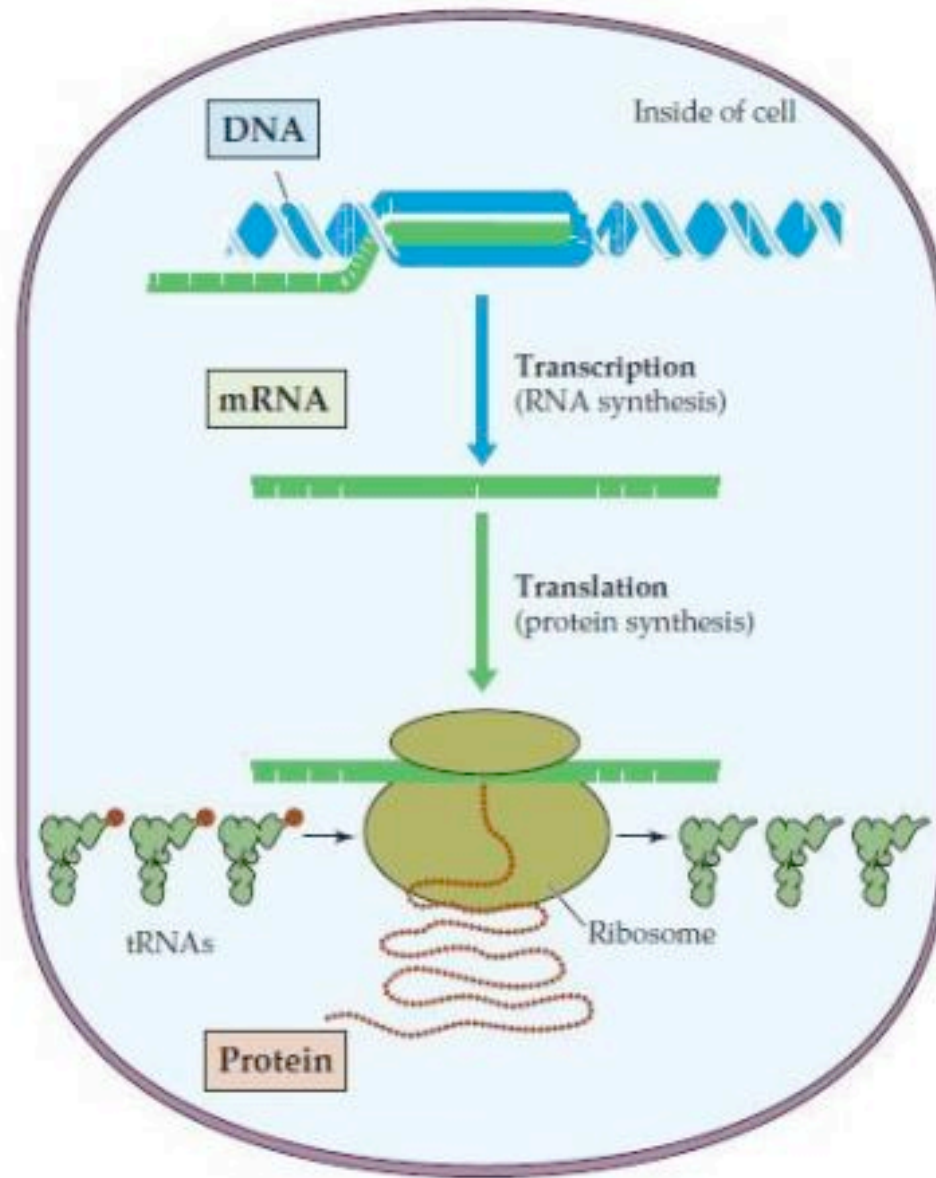
Mouse ~3 Gb:  
19 chromosomes +  
sex chromosomes



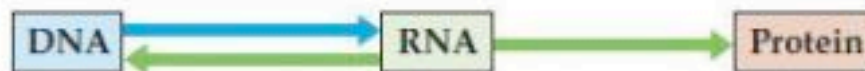
Zebrafish ~1.4 Gb:  
25 chromosomes,  
no specific sex  
chromosomes



RNA polymerase

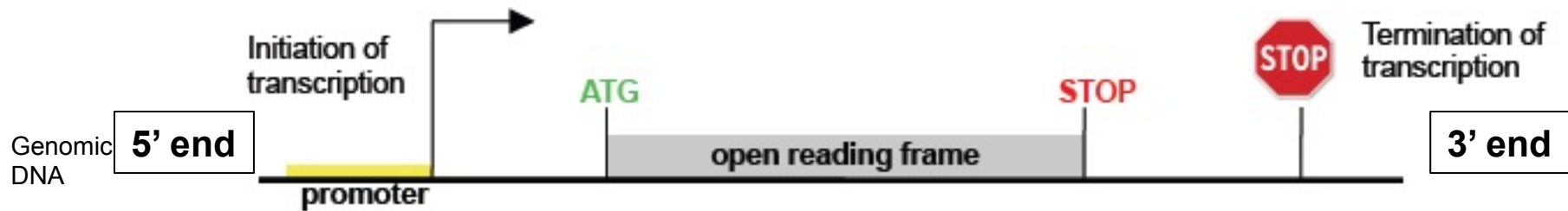


Ribosome binds to RNA generates amino acids

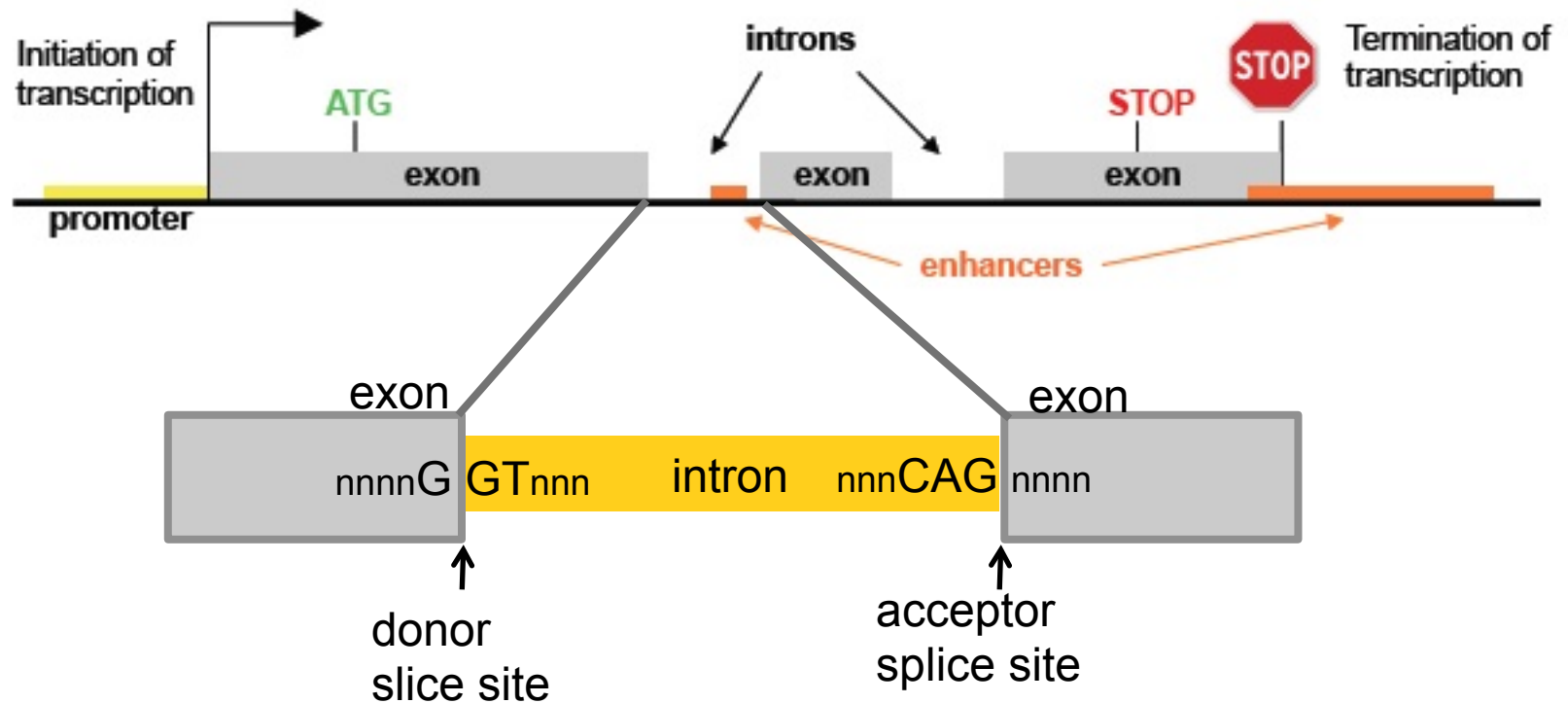




## Prokaryotes: Simple protein-coding gene

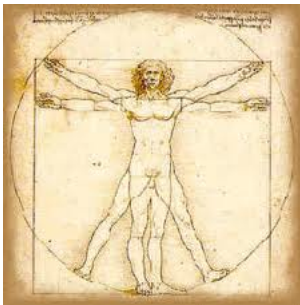


## Eukaryotes: More complex: Introns and Exons



# Do we know how many genes there are?

## Protein coding genes



1980's 100,000

2000 40,000

Today ~ 21,000



21,638



25,120

# Evidence for genes: DNA (*in vitro*)

5' end

mRNA extracted from tissue sample

3' end

mRNA AUGCCTG ~~~~~ AATAAA ~~~~~ AAAAAAAAA

Reverse transcriptase transcribes the mRNA into a complimentary strand of DNA (cDNA)

cDNA

TACGGAC ~~~~~ TTATTT ~~~~~ TTTTTTTTT  
ATGCCTG ~~~~~ AATAAA ~~~~~ AAAAAAAAA

mRNA degraded and a second strand of cDNA made

EST

ATGCCTG ~~~~~

~TTATTT ~~~~~ TTTTTTTTT

5' → 3'

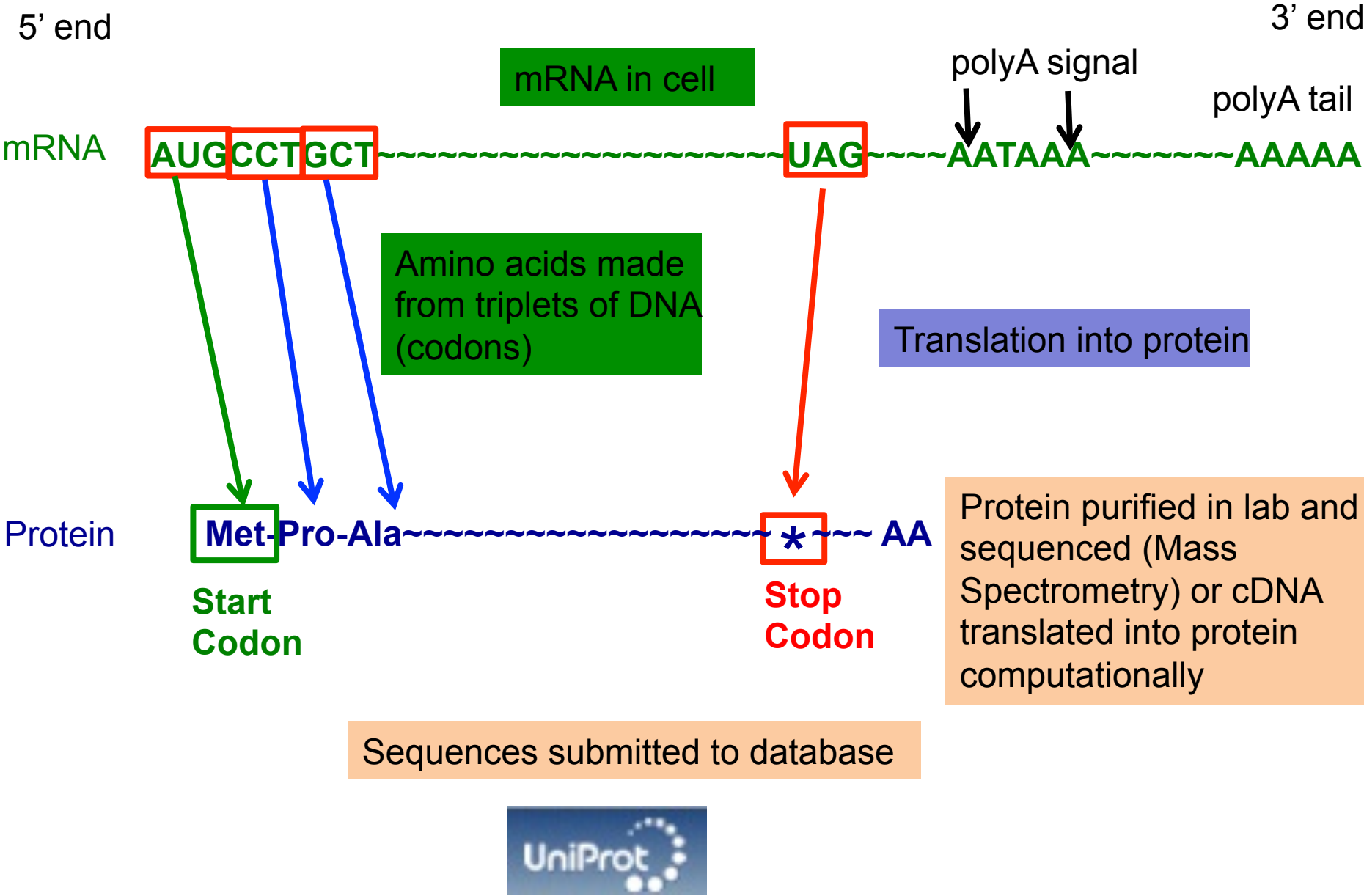
Expressed Sequence Tags (ESTs) shorter stretches of cDNA (~800bp) sequences from both ends

3' ← 5'

Sequences submitted to databases



# Evidence for genes: Protein



# Searching the databases: How to find gene location

## BLAST

(Basic Local Alignment Search Tool)



Genomic DNA as query  
against the databases

```
ATGCTAGGATCCGATTGCAAG
CCTGAATCCGGCCTAATTTAC
G Pattern matching to CC
A millions of sequences AG
A in the databases AG
ATAGCAGATAGACAGTAAGAC
ATGATAGACGATAGATACAGA
```



```
>ref|NM\_000059.3| UEGMD Homo sapiens breast cancer 2, early onset (BRCA2), mRNA
Length=11386
```

```
GENE ID: 675 BRCA2 | breast cancer 2, early onset [Homo sapiens]
(Over 100 PubMed links)
```

```
Score = 348 bits (188), Expect = 5e-93
Identities = 188/188 (100%), Gaps = 0/188 (0%)
Strand=Plus/Plus
```

```
Query 7 GTGGCGCGAGCTTCTGAAACTAGGCGGCAGAGGCGGAGCCGCTGTGGCACTGCTGCGCCT 66
      |||
Sbjct 1 GTGGCGCGAGCTTCTGAAACTAGGCGGCAGAGGCGGAGCCGCTGTGGCACTGCTGCGCCT 60

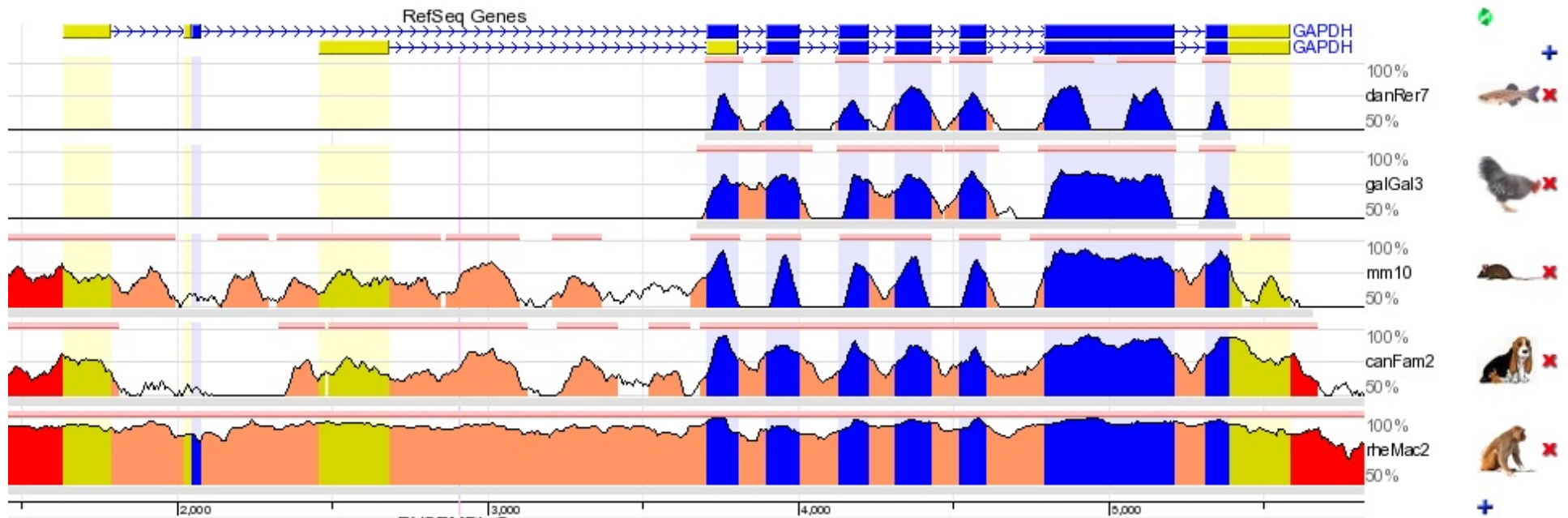
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Sbjct 61 CTGCTGCGCCTCGGGTGTCTTTTGC CGGCGGTGGGTCGCCGCCGGGAGAAGCGTGAGGGGA 120

Query 127 CAGATTTGTGACCGGCGCGGTTTTTGT CAGCTTACTCCGGCCAAAAAAGA AACTGCACCTC 186
      |||
Sbjct 121 CAGATTTGTGACCGGCGCGGTTTTTGT CAGCTTACTCCGGCCAAAAAAGA AACTGCACCTC 180

Query 187 TGGAGCGG 194
      |||
Sbjct 181 TGGAGCGG 188
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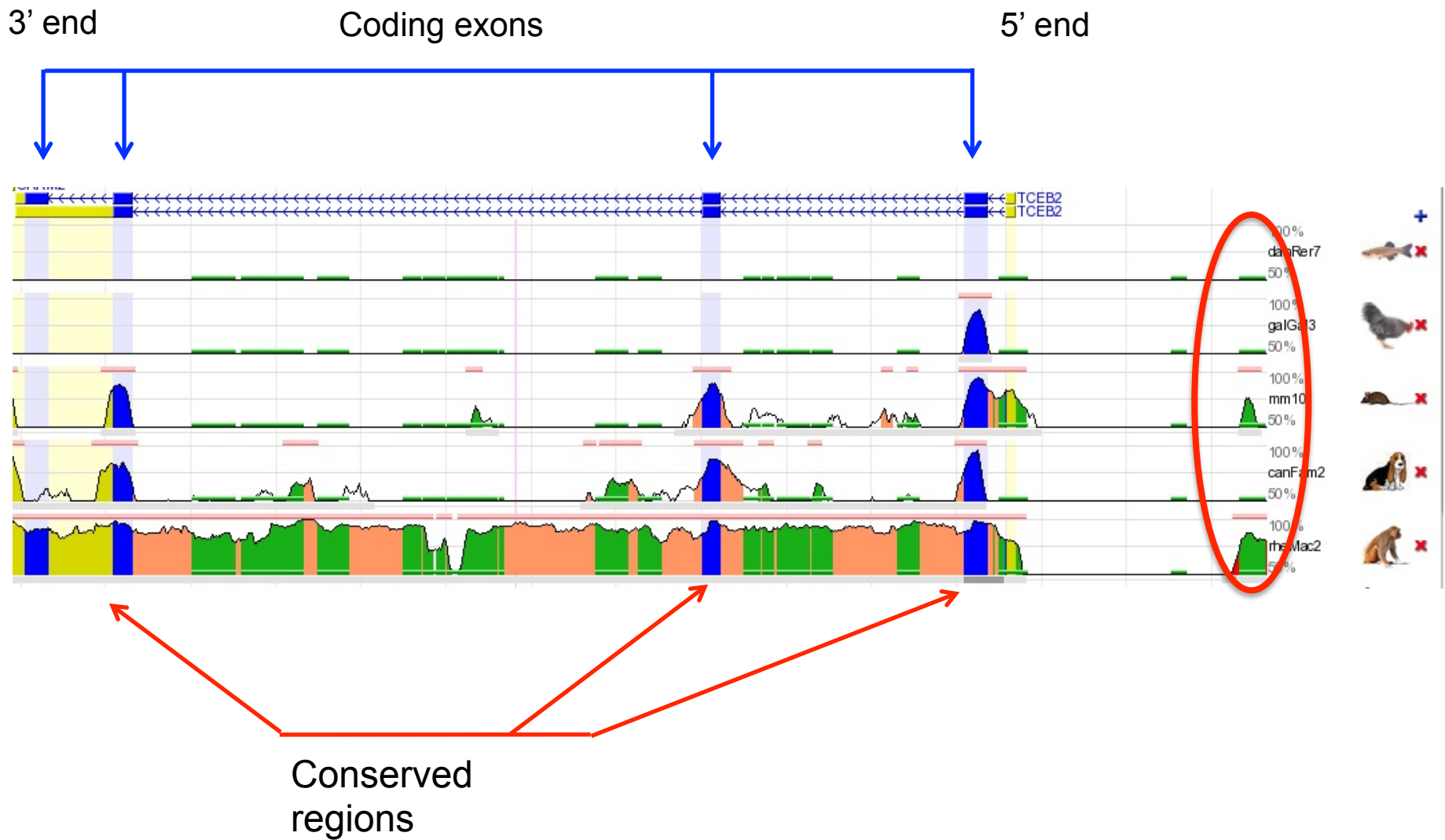
BLAST results  
and alignment

# Conservation: GAPDH gene coding exons



# Conservation:

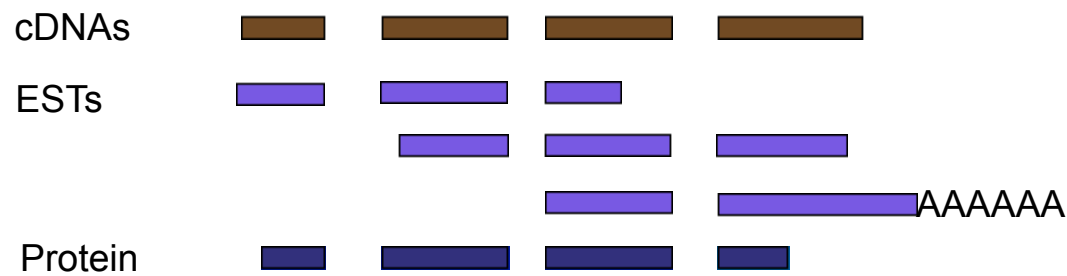
TCEB2 gene



# Making the transcript from evidence:

Genomic sequence 

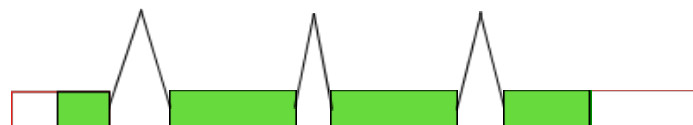
Analysis pipeline



Sequences from databases

↓ Annotation

Gene structure





# Alternative Splicing

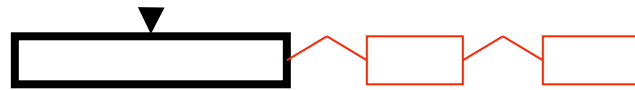
Reference model



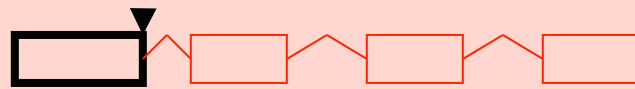
Skipped exon



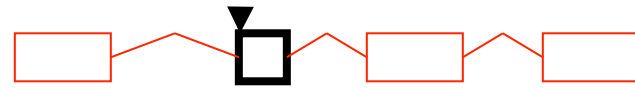
Retained intron



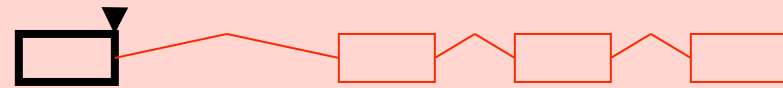
Alternative splice donor



Alternative splice acceptor



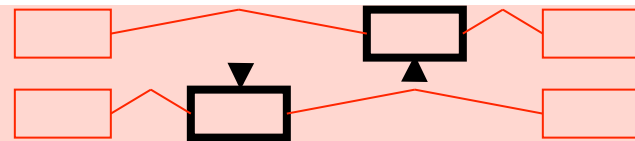
Alternative first exon



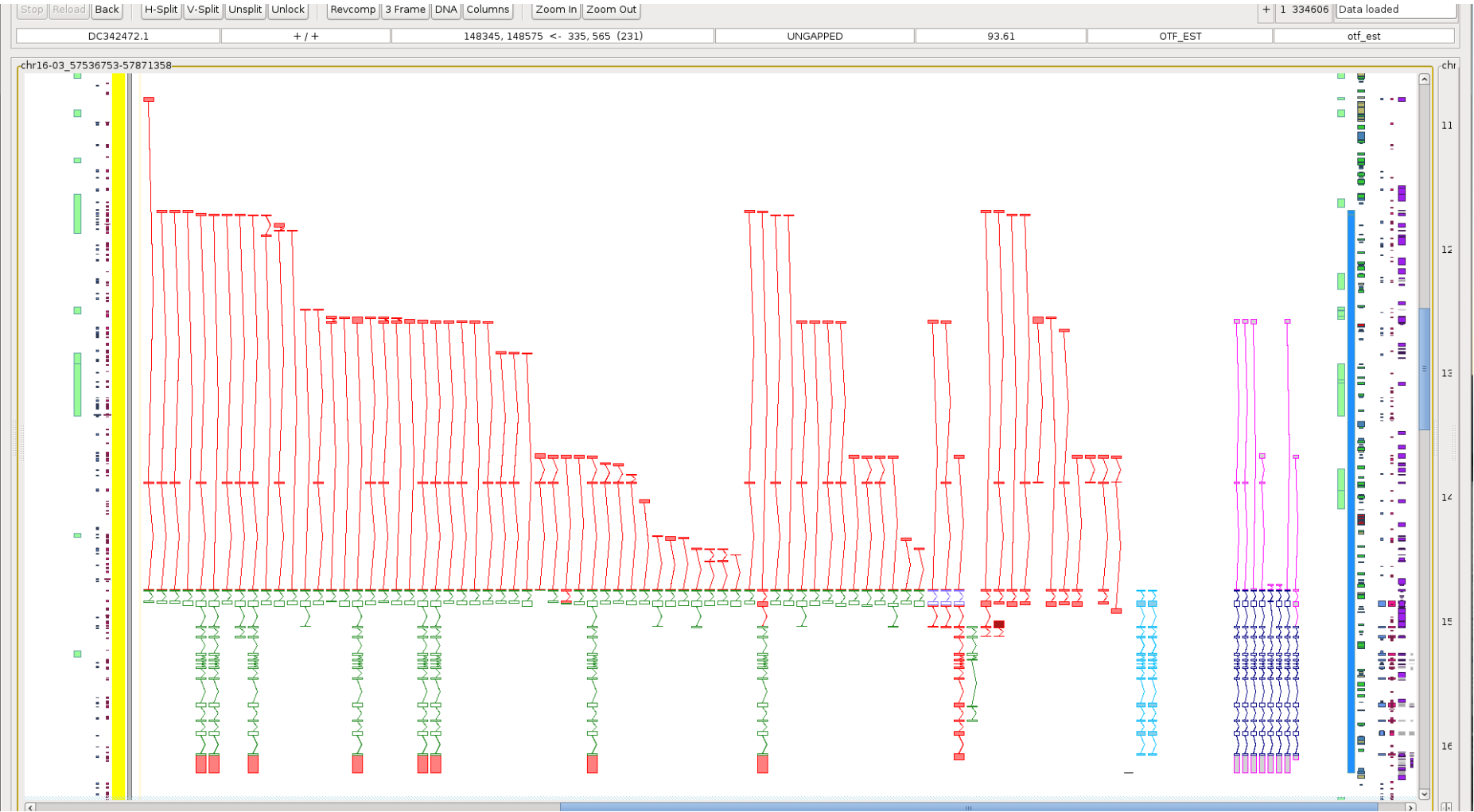
Alternative final exon



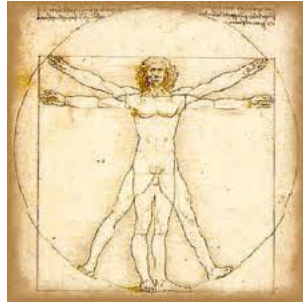
Mutually exclusive



# GPR56: Human G protein-coupled receptor 56 gene



# Do we know how many genes there are?



Coding	Non-coding	Pseudogene
21,224	15,962	14,427



21,638	6,875	5,510
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25,120	4,556	224
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# Non-coding genes:



microRNAs: Under 200 residues  
Highly conserved signature  
Imported from Rfam database

**Family: *mir-30* (RF00131)**

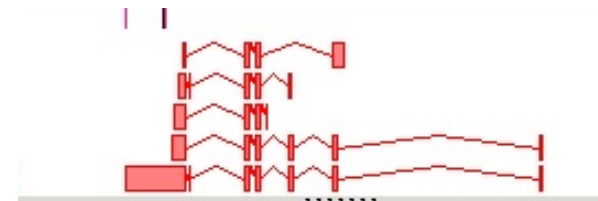
**Description: *mir-30* microRNA precursor**

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Mus musculus (house mouse)  UGUAACAUCCCCGACUGGAAGCUGUAAGCCAC...AGCCAAGCUUCAGUCAGAUGUUUGCU
Spermophilus tridecemlineatus (th  UGUAACAUCCCCGACUGGAAGCUGUAGGACAC...AGCUGAGCUUCAGUCAGAUGUUUGCU
Macaca mulatta (Rhesus monkey)  UGUAACAUCCUA..CACUCAGCUGAAUACAU...GGAUUGGCUGGGAGGUGGAUGUUUACU
Macaca nemestrina (pig-tailed mac  UGUAACAUCCUA..CACUCAGCUGAAUACAU...GGAUUGGCUGGGAGGUGGAUGUUUACU
Macaca nemestrina (pig-tailed mac  UGUAACAUCCUA..CACUCAGCUGAAUACAU...GGAUUGGCUGGGAGGUGGAUGUUUACU
Gorilla gorilla (western gorilla)  UGUAACAUCCUA..CACUCAGCUGAAUACAU...GGAUUGGCUGGGAGGUGGAUGUUUACU
Homo sapiens (human)  UGUAACAUCCCCGACUGGAAGCUGUAAGACAC...AGCUAAGCUUCAGUCAGAUGUUUGCU
```

## Long non-coding RNAs:

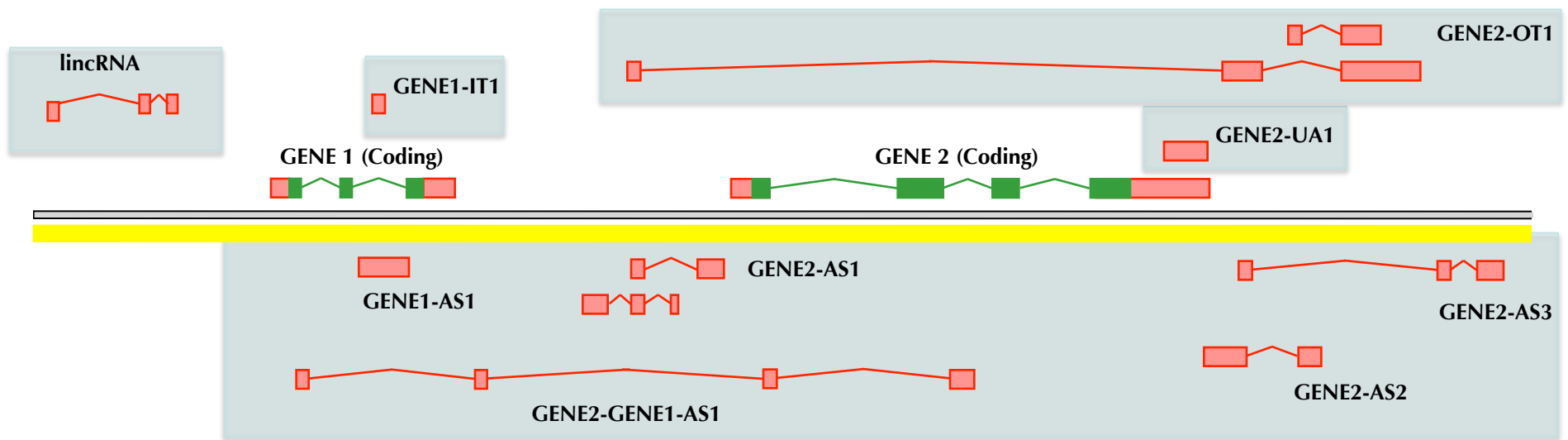
(lncRNAs)

Over ~ 200 residues  
Not highly conserved between species  
Manually annotated  
Some very well-known e.g. Hotair (HOX antisense intergenic RNA)  
Many others not yet characterised



# lncRNAs

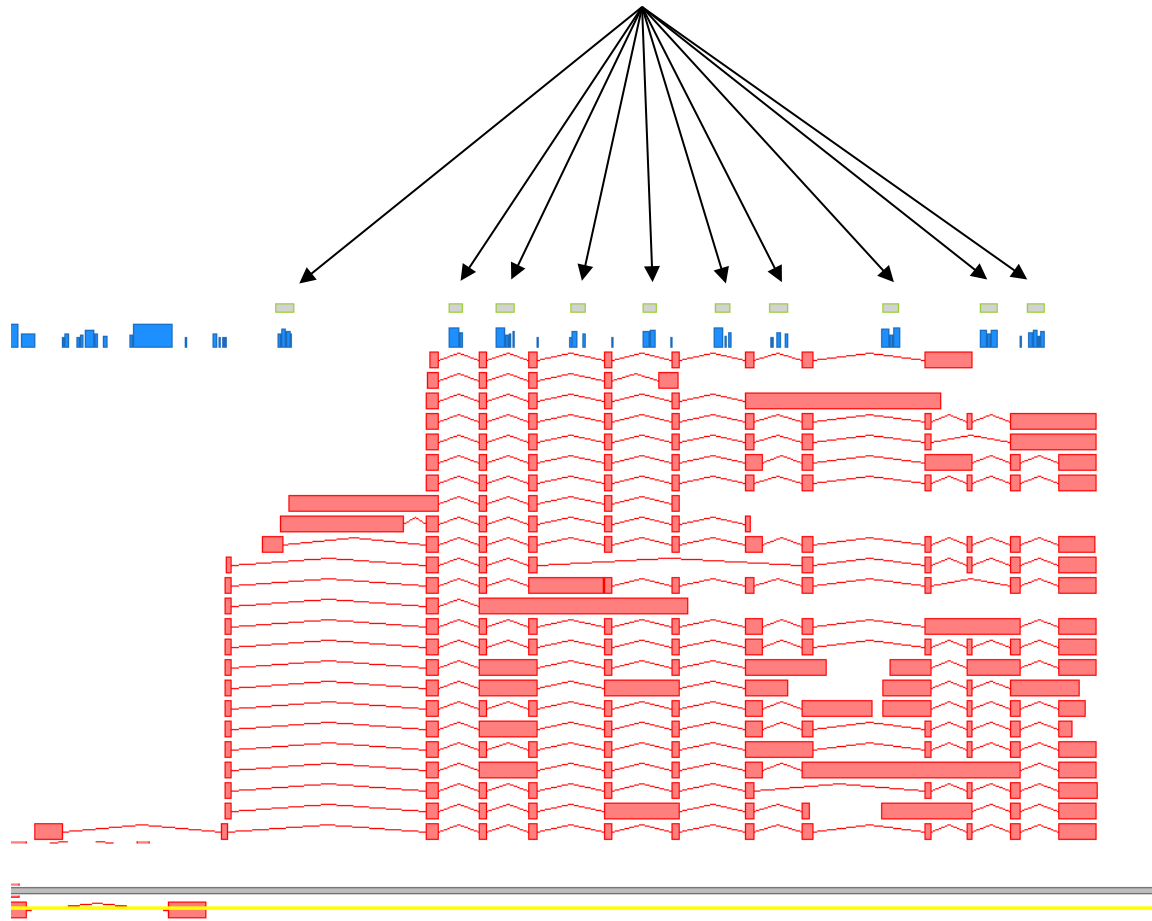
sense strand 5' →



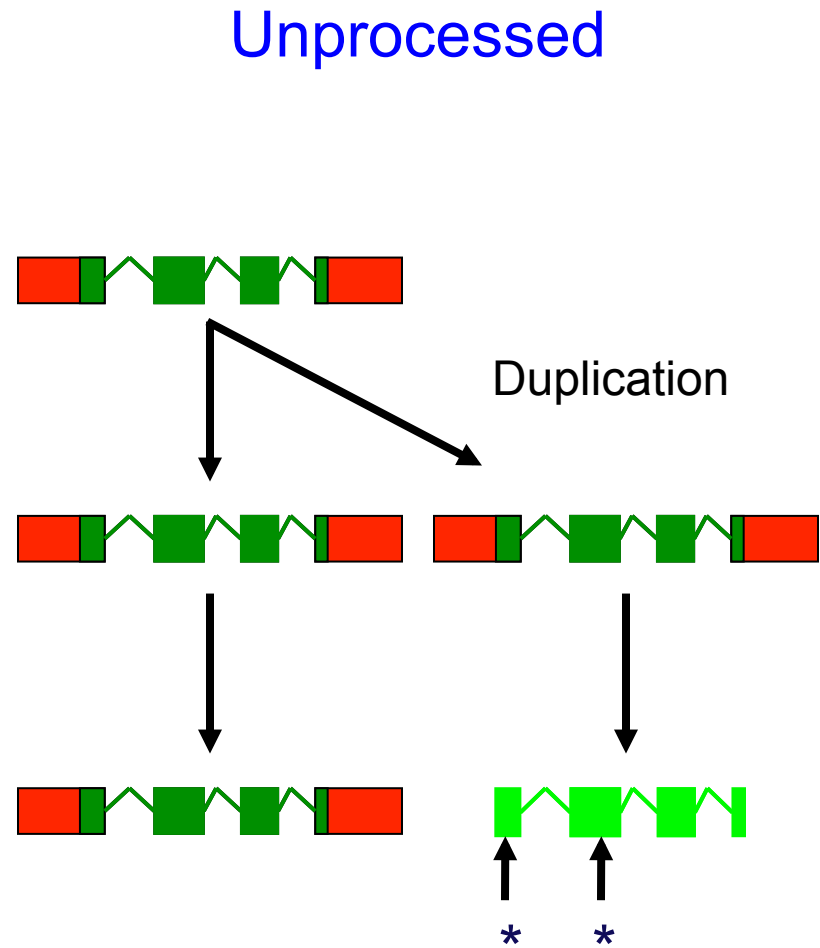
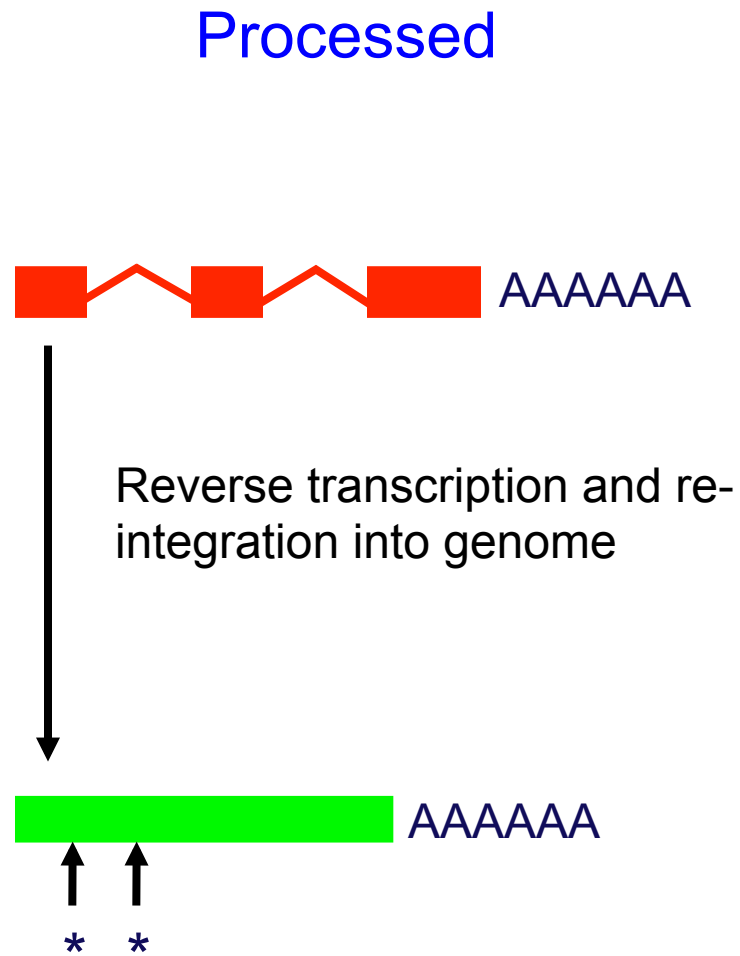
← 5' antisense strand

# GAS5: growth arrest-specific 5 (non-protein coding)

## intronic snoRNAs



# Havana pseudogenes



Disruption to coding sequence and stop codons

The Vertebrate Genome Annotation (VEGA) database is a central repository for high quality manual annotation of vertebrate finished genome sequence. Human, mouse and zebrafish are in the process of being completely annotated, whereas for other species the annotation is only of specific genomic regions of particular biological interest. The majority of the annotation is from the [HAVANA](#) group at the [Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute](#)

The website is built upon code from the [Ensembl](#) project.

### Browse a Genome



**Human** [25-09-2012]  
Ensembl



**Zebrafish** [25-09-2012]  
Ensembl



**Mouse** [26-06-2012]  
Ensembl



**Pig** [25-09-2012]  
Ensembl



**Chimpanzee** [12-01-2012]  
Ensembl



**Gorilla** [30-03-2009]  
Ensembl



**Wallaby** [30-03-2009]  
Ensembl



**Dog** [14-02-2005]  
Ensembl



# Genome browsers include Vega genes: GENCODE geneset:



The screenshot displays the Ensembl genome browser interface for the ITGB5 gene on chromosome 3. The top navigation bar includes the Ensembl logo and links for BLAST/BLAT, BioMart, Tools, Downloads, Help & Documentation, Blog, and Mirrors. The main header shows the location as 3:124,480,795-124,606,674 and the gene as ITGB5.

**Chromosome 3: 124,480,795-124,606,674**

The interface is divided into several sections:

- Location-based displays:** A sidebar menu on the left offers various views such as Whole genome, Chromosome summary, Region overview, Region in detail (selected), Comparative Genomics, Genetic Variation, Markers, and Other genome browsers (UCSC, NCBI, Vega).
- Region in detail:** The main view shows a genomic track with various annotations. A red box highlights the ITGB5 gene structure, including exons and introns. Other genes shown include KALRN, UMR5, MIR544B, ENO1P3, HEG1, MUC13, SLC12A8, ZNF148, and ENO1P3-001.
- Gene Legend:** A legend at the bottom identifies symbols for RNA gene, processed transcript, and pseudogene.
- Zoomed-in view:** A second screenshot below shows a zoomed-in view of the ITGB5 gene region (125.88 Kb). It details various transcripts (ITGB5-001 to ITGB5-010), including protein coding, retained introns, processed transcripts, and nonsense-mediated decay events. The CCDS set (CCDS3030.1) is also shown.

# Genome browsers include Vega genes: GENCODE geneset:



Human genome overview page (Build 37.3)  
Human genome overview page (Build 36.3)

Map Viewer Home

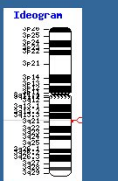
Map Viewer Help  
Human Maps Help  
FTP  
Data As Table View

Maps & Options

Region: 124,466K  
124,622K  
Go

out  
zoom  
in

You are here:



default  
master



PubMed Entrez BLAST OMM  
Search Find Find in This View

Homo sapiens (human) Build 37.3 (Current)

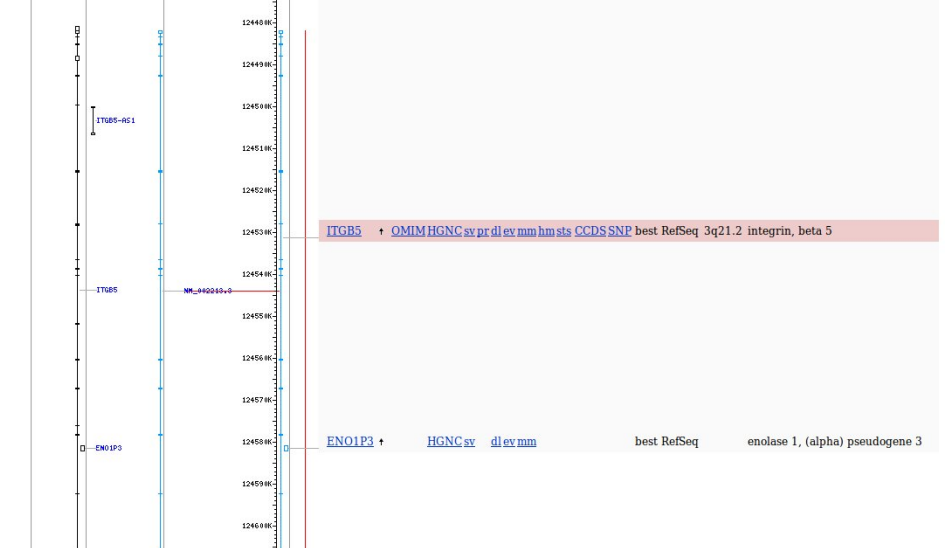
Chromosome: 1 2 [ 3 ] 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 X Y MT

Query: 3693[gene\_id] [clear] Summary of Maps

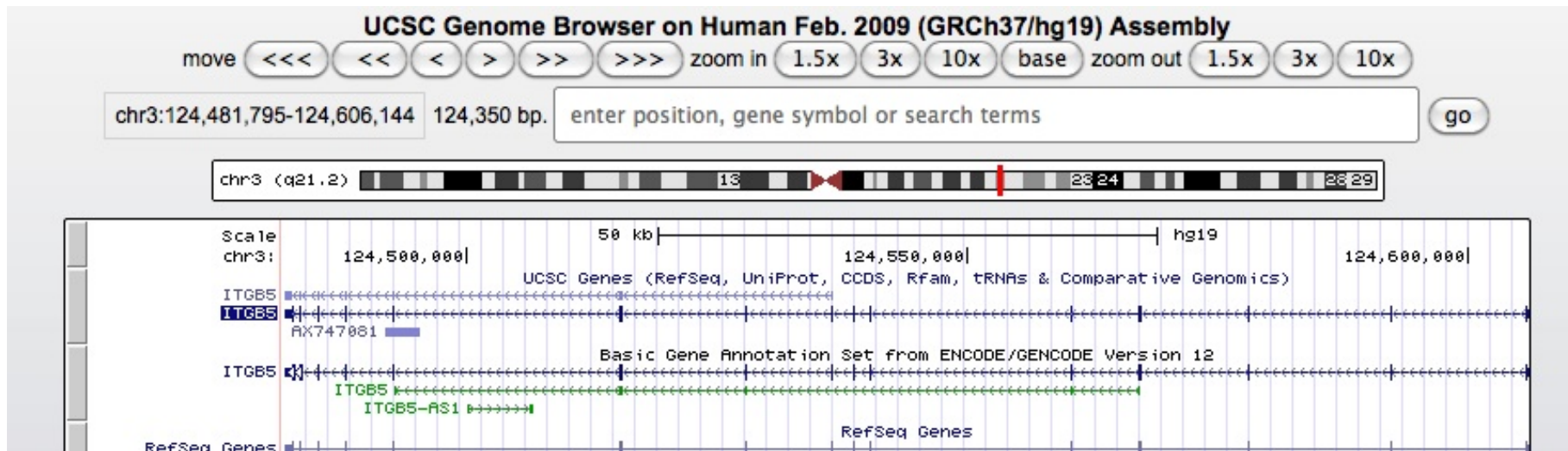
Master Map: Genes On Sequence

Region Displayed: 124,466K-124,622K bp

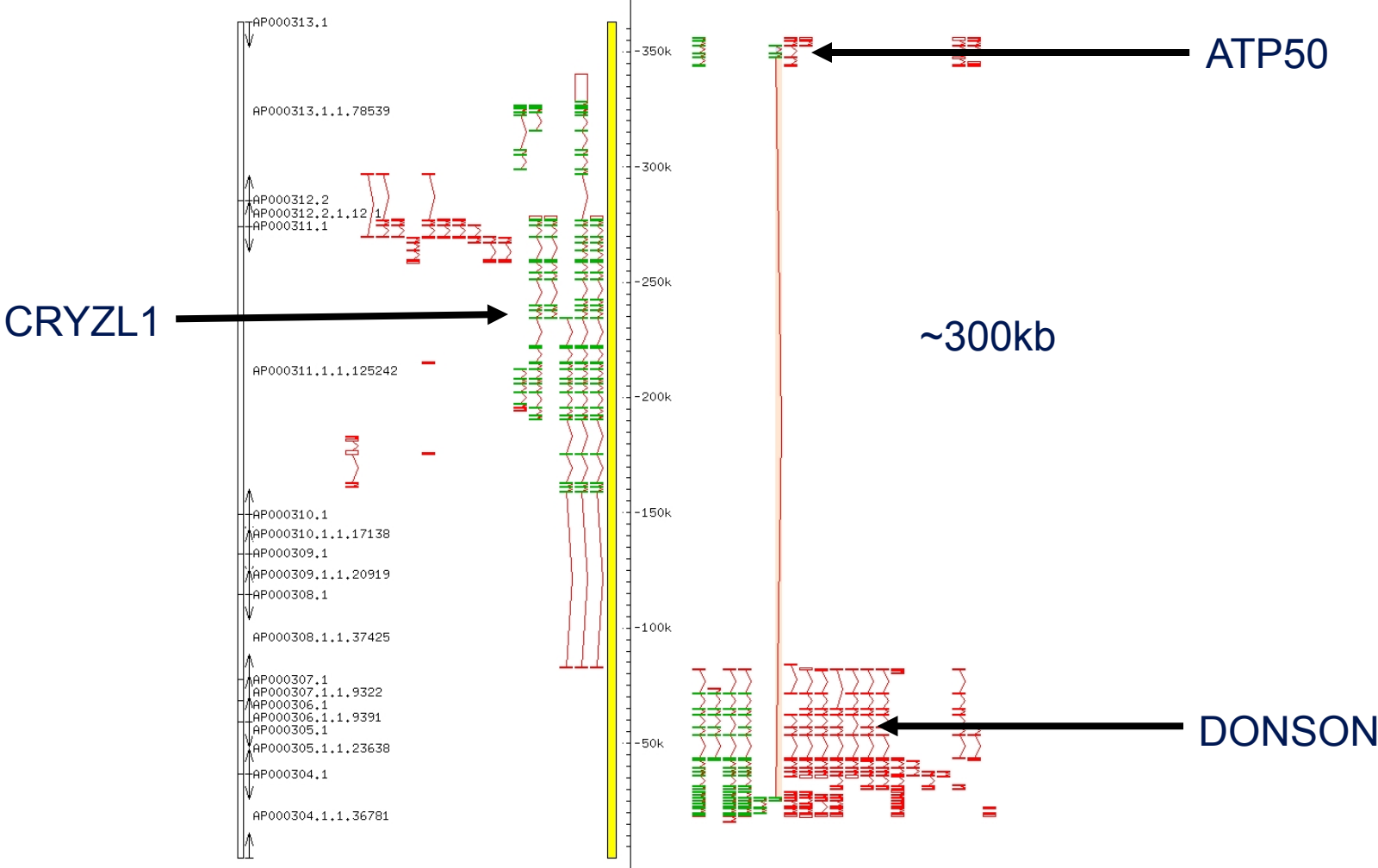
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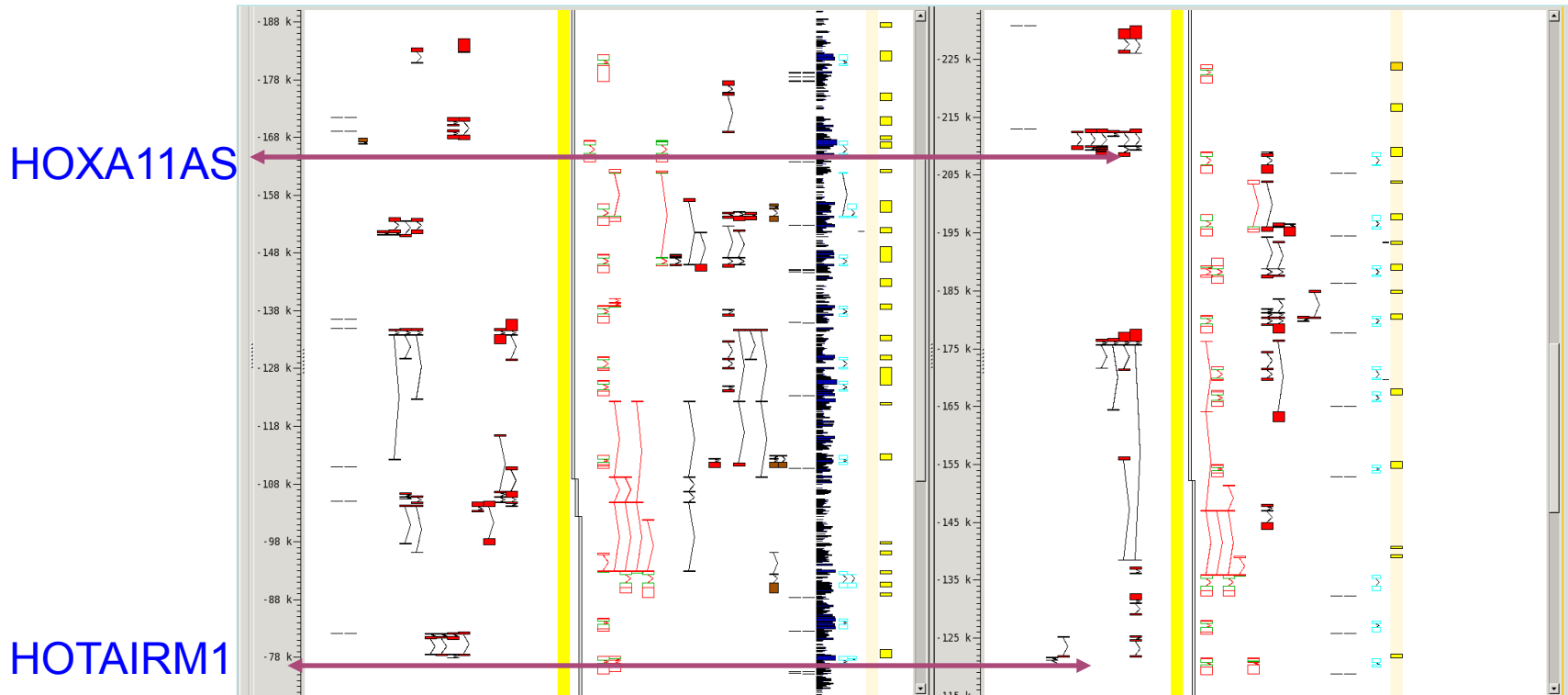
# Linked loci



# HOXA gene cluster

Human chr 7p15.2

Mouse chr 6qB3



Long non-coding transcripts are conserved across species and regulate expression of HOX genes



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