

CG020 Genomika

Lesson 2

Genes Identification

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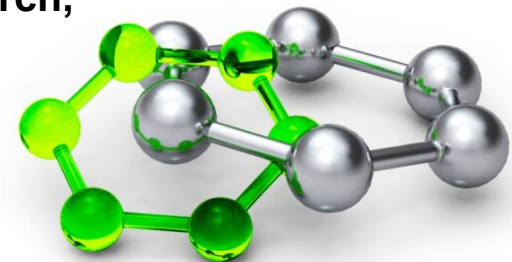
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Outline

- **Forward and Reverse Genetics Approaches**
 - Differences between the approaches used for identification of genes and their function
- **Identification of Genes *Ab Initio***
 - Structure of genes and searching for them
 - Genomic colinearity and genomic homology
- **Experimental Genes Identification**
 - Constructing gene-enriched libraries using methylation filtration technology
 - EST libraries
 - Forward and reverse genetics

Outline

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Forward vs. Reverse Genetics

Revolution in understanding the term „gene“

„classical“ genetics approaches



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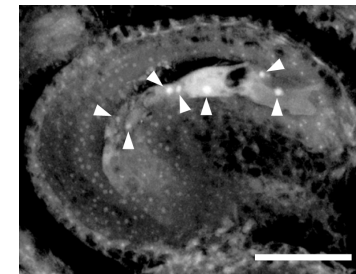
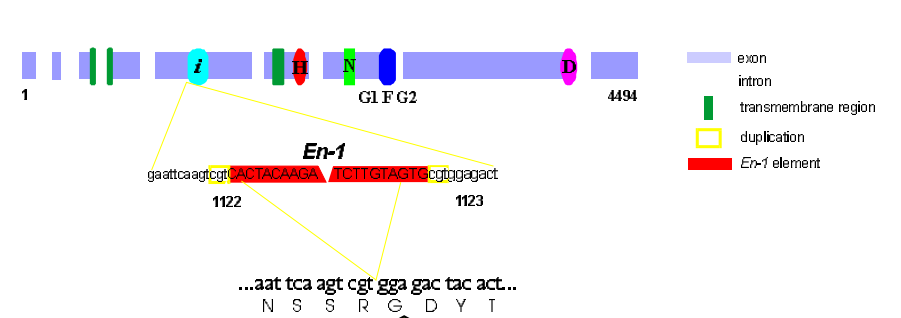
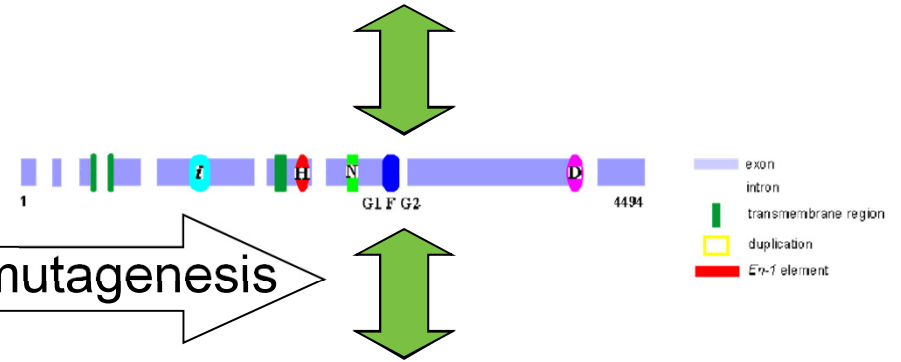


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„reverse genetics“ approaches

5'TTATATATATATATTTAAAAAATAAAATAA
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insertional mutagenesis

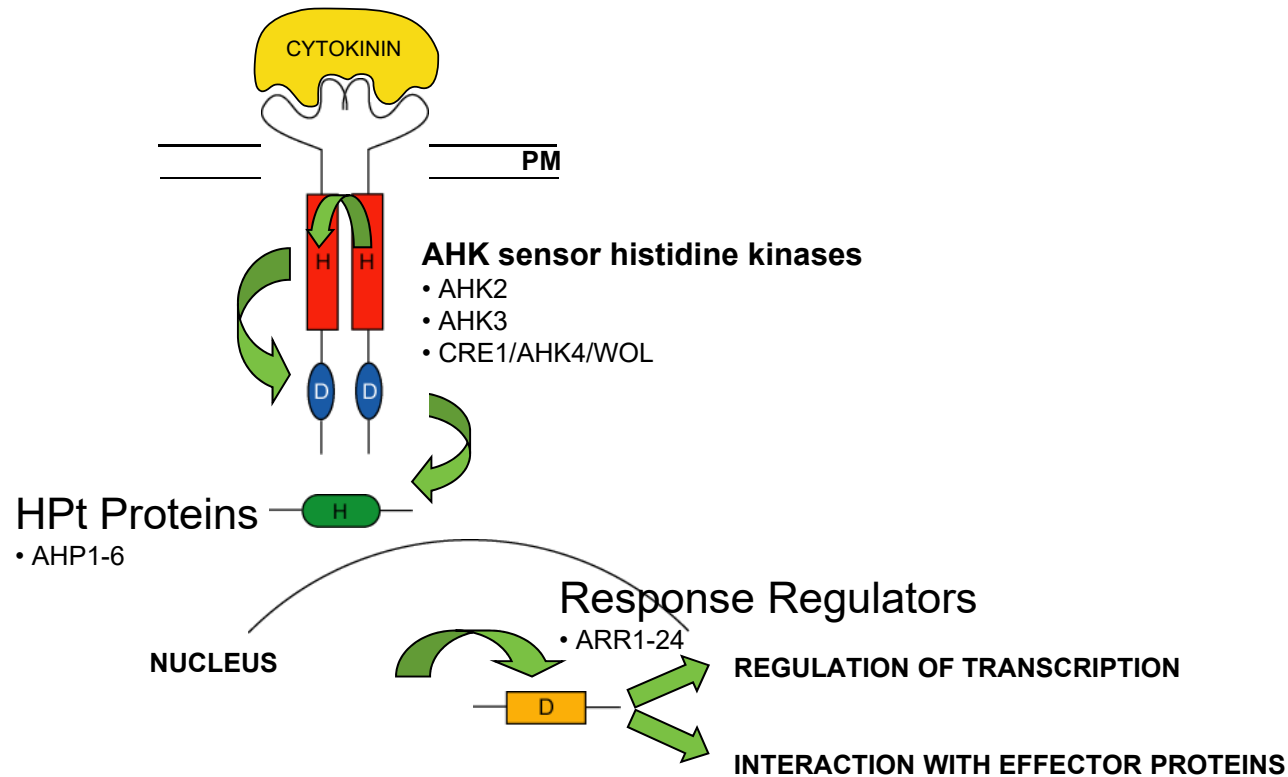


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Recent Model of the CK Signaling via Multistep Phosphorelay (MSP) Pathway



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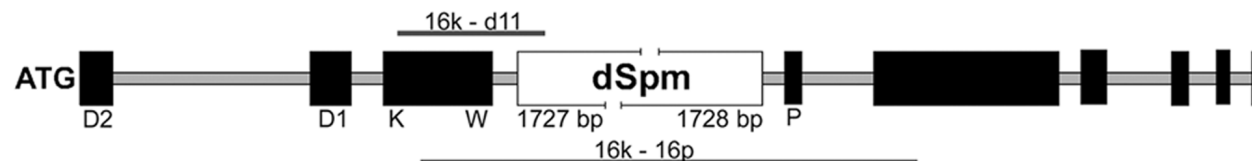
Identification of the role of *ARR21* gene – isolation of insertional mutant

- Searching in databases of insertional mutants (SINS)

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              |||
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Arr21: 1830
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              |||
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Arr21: 1890
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- Localization of *dSpm* insertion in genome sequence of *ARR21* using sequencing of PCR products

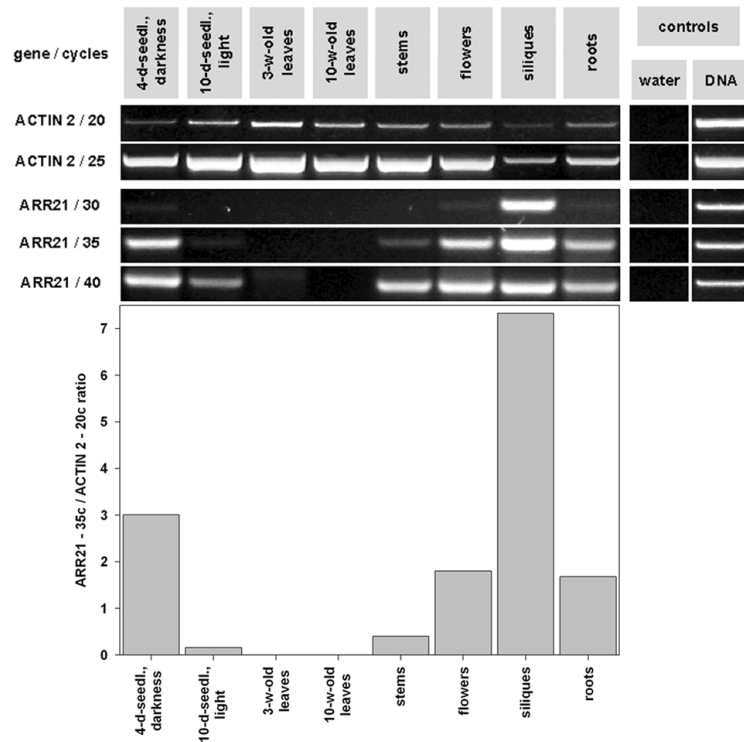


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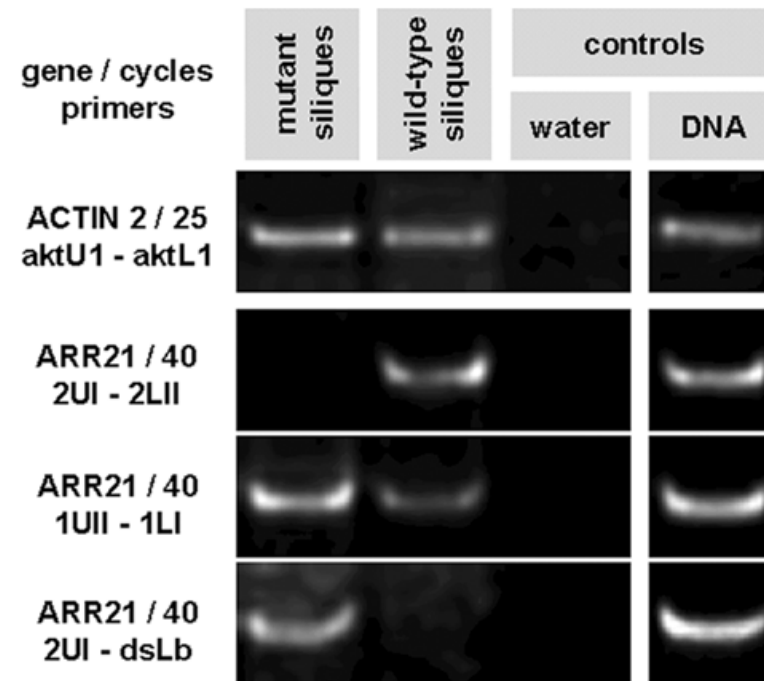
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Identification of the role of *ARR21* gene – analysis of expression

wild type expression



insertional mutant vs wild type

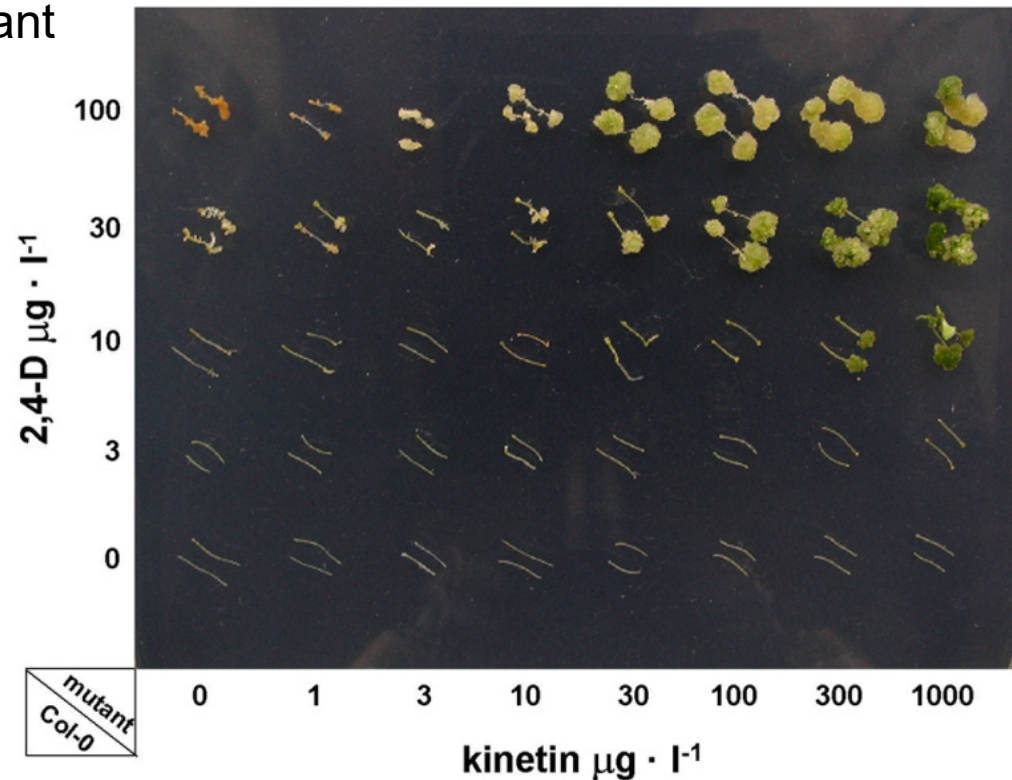


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Identification of the role of *ARR21* gene – phenotype analysis of mutant

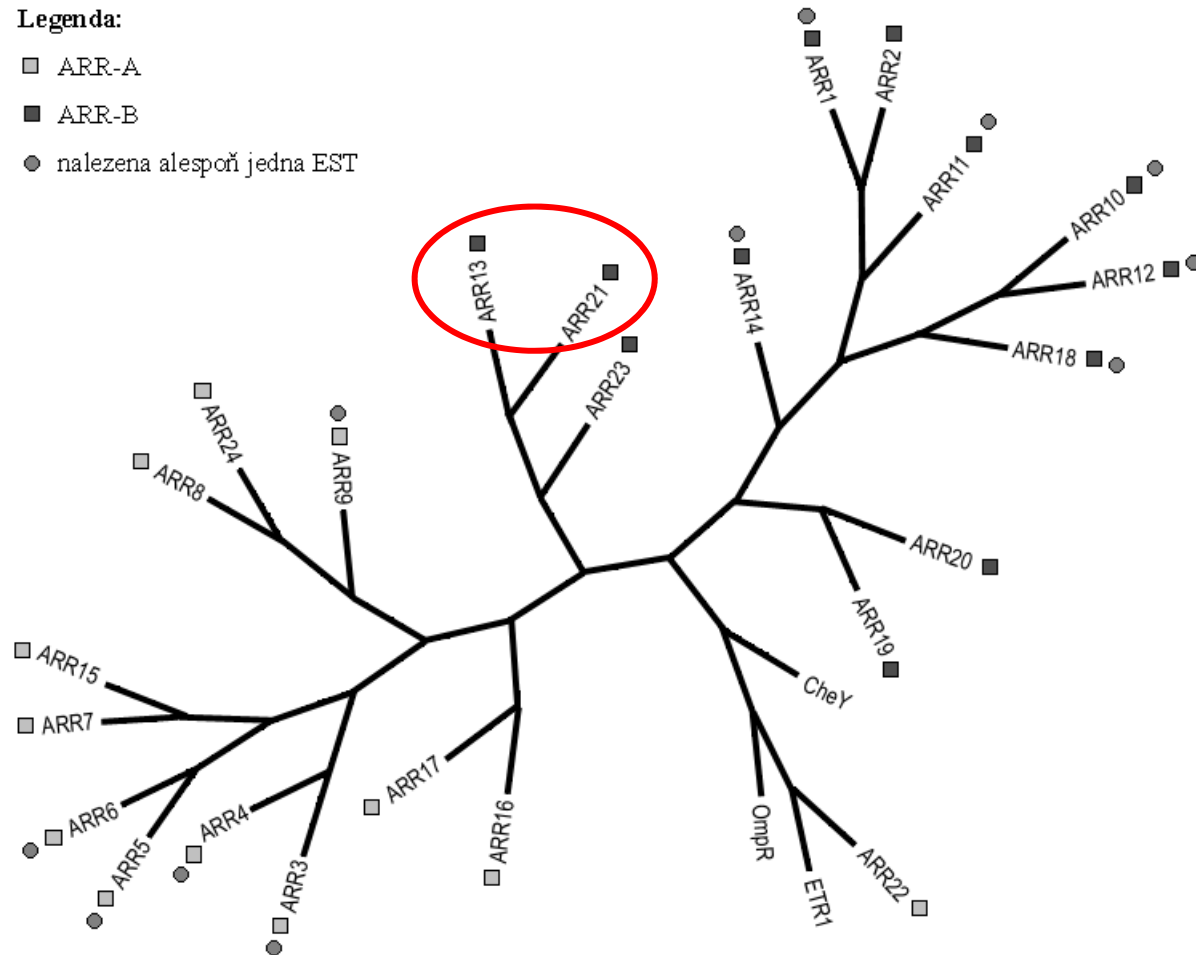
- Analysis of sensitivity to plant growth regulators
 - 2,4-D and kinetin
 - ethylene
 - Light of various wavelengths
- No alterations - nor in flowering, neither in the number of the seeds



Identification of the role of *ARR21* gene – possible reasons for the absence of the phenotype

- Functional redundancy within the gene family

Identification of the role of *ARR21* gene – homology of *ARR* genes



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- Functional redundancy within the gene family?
- Phenotype only under specific conditions

Identification of the role of *ARR21* gene – summary

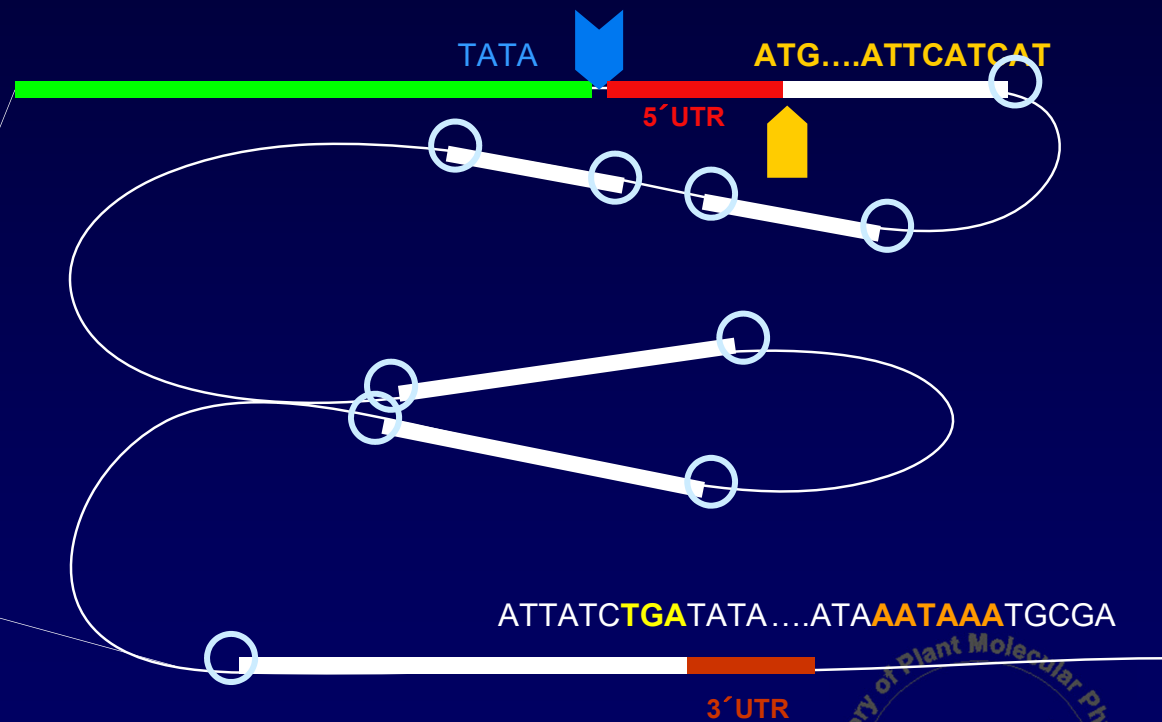
- Gene *ARR21* identified by comparative analysis of *Arabidopsis* genome
- Based on sequence analysis, its function was predicted
- Site-specific expression of *ARR21* gene was proved at the RNA-level
- Identification of gene function by insertional mutagenesis in case of *ARR21* in development of *Arabidopsis* was not successful, probably because of functional redundancy within the gene family

Outline

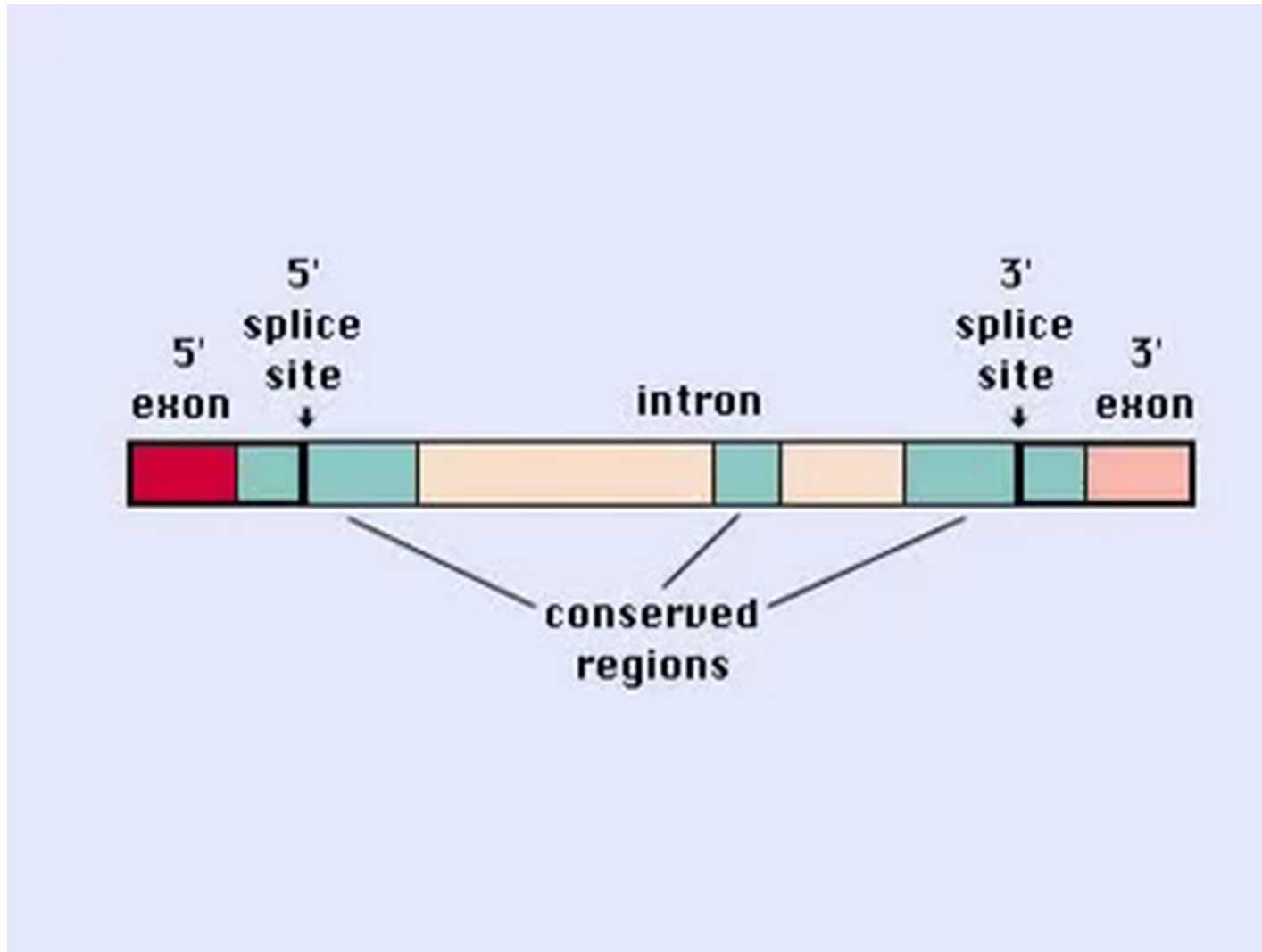
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Genes Structure

- Promoter
- Transcriptional start
- 5' UTR
- Translational start
- Splicing sites
- Stop codon
- 3' UTR
- Polyadenylation signal



RNA Splicing



Identification of Genes *Ab Initio*

- Omitting 5' and 3' UTR
- Identification of translation start (ATG) and stop codon (TAG, TAA, TGA)
- Finding donor (typically GT) and acceptor (AG) splicing sites
- Using various statistic models (e.g. Hidden Markov Model – HMM, see recommended literature, Majoros *et al.*, 2003) to evaluate and score the weight of identified donor and acceptor sites

Splicing Site Prediction

- Programs for splice site prediction (specificity approximately 35 %)
 - GeneSplicer (http://www.tigr.org/tdb/GeneSplicer/gene_spl.html)
 - SplicePredictor (<http://deepc2.psi.iastate.edu/cgi-bin/sp.cgi>)

SplicePredictor

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SplicePredictor

- a method to identify potential splice sites in (plant) pre-mRNA by sequence inspection using Bayesian statistical models
(click [here](#) to access the older method using logitlinear models)

Sequences should be in the one-letter-code ({a,b,c,g,h,k,m,n,r,s,t,u,w,y}), upper or lower case; all other characters are ignored during input. Multiple sequence input is accepted in **FASTA** format (sequences separated by identifier lines of the form “>SQ;name_of_sequence comments”) or in **GenBank** format.

Paste your genomic DNA sequence here:

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TTTGGGTGGTGCTGACTGGTGACTGGTGACTGCAGAAATGCTCGGCAAAATGGAACCATATCCCAAGACATGGGTTTTAGAT
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... or upload your sequence file (specify file name):

Browse...

... or type in the GenBank accession number of your sequence:

SplicePredictor

What do the output columns mean?

SplicePredictor. Version of February 13, 2005.
Date run: Wed Nov 9 11:30:14 2005

Species: Homo sapiens
Model: 2-class Bayesian
Prediction cutoff (2 ln[BF]): 3.00
Local pruning: on
Non-canonical sites: not scored

Sequence 1: your-sequence, from 1 to 9490.

Potential splice sites

t	q	loc	sequence	P	c	rho	gamma	*	P*R*G*
A	<--	75	ttttttcgatctcAGat	0.973	7.16	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	134	attatttttctttAGtt	0.999	14.86	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	500	gattttgtgttttAGtc	0.977	7.48	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	780	tctgttattgtatAGct	0.986	8.56	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	848	tattttttgaaatAGat	0.968	6.80	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	1051	caattatttttaAGaa	0.930	5.19	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	1213	ttattattttttAGtt	0.998	12.14	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	1373	tttctctctcacAGga	0.999	13.17	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	1487	tttatataattgatAGtg	0.883	4.04	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	1581	atgtgttgctgttAGga	0.982	8.03	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	1781	ggttgtgcgaatAGgg	0.886	4.10	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	2440	taattaaaaatttAGat	0.939	5.46	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	2479	catctaaaaatttAGat	0.942	5.59	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
D	---->	2546	aagTtagta	0.909	4.61	0.885	1.903	15	(5 5 5)
A	<--	2572	tttttttttggcAGca	0.930	5.16	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<----	2763	ctcaaatccacaaAGgt	0.873	3.86	0.185	0.000	11	(5 5 1)
A	<----	2782	ttctgttttcattAGcg	0.952	5.98	0.220	0.000	11	(5 5 1)
A	<----	3022	tttgtttgtaactAGct	0.956	6.16	0.221	0.000	11	(5 5 1)
A	<----	3048	ctttgcaatacatAGga	0.973	7.15	0.229	0.000	11	(5 5 1)
A	<--	3171	cgctgcattatAGta	0.988	8.74	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	3284	ctttgtttatcaaaAGgg	0.993	10.03	0.000	0.006	8	(5 1 2)
D	---->	3372	aatGTaagg	0.933	5.28	0.855	1.849	15	(5 5 5)
A	<--	3451	aatgttctcgtAGaa	0.916	4.77	0.293	0.065	12	(5 5 2)
A	<--	3581	cgatccgcgttctAGgt	0.850	3.47	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
D	---->	3649	cacGTatta	0.933	5.25	0.000	1.848	11	(5 1 5)
A	<--	3695	ttgtgtttatacaAGtt	0.907	4.56	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	4254	attattgttcttcAGat	0.998	12.82	0.000	0.002	8	(5 1 2)
A	<--	4351	ttcttcaacttgAGaa	0.991	9.42	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	4633	gtctgtttctttAGgg	0.879	3.97	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	4976	cttgtgtttcttcAGct	0.952	5.98	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<--	5004	tttttttttggcAGag	0.996	11.17	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
D	---->	5356	caatTgaat	0.821	3.04	0.387	0.000	11	(5 5 1)
D	---->	5384	ttgTtaaga	0.941	5.54	0.478	0.090	13	(5 5 3)
A	<--	5403	actctgtttctttAGct	0.894	4.26	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)
A	<----	5441	ctttctctctcaacAGaa	0.995	10.43	0.387	0.000	11	(5 5 1)
A	<----	5472	ttgttaaaattacAGct	0.965	6.62	0.478	0.090	13	(5 5 3)
D	---->	5745	gcgTtaaga	0.991	9.48	0.990	1.956	15	(5 5 5)
A	<----	5808	catcaatccctaaAGgt	0.948	5.83	0.458	0.000	11	(5 5 1)
A	<----	6135	ggtctattattatAGgt	0.999	13.59	0.508	0.050	12	(5 5 2)
A	<--	6552	ggatttccacctcAGag	0.938	5.42	0.000	0.000	7	(5 1 1)



Splicing Site Prediction

- Programs for splice site prediction (specificity approximately 35 %)
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 - NetGene2 (<http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/NetGene2/>)

NetGene2



NetGene2 Server

The NetGene2 server is a service producing neural network predictions of splice sites in human, *C. elegans* and *A. thaliana*

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SUBMISSION

Submission of a local file with a single sequence:

File in **FASTA** format

- Human
 C. elegans
 A. thaliana

Submission by pasting a single sequence:

Sequence name

- Human
 C. elegans
 A. thaliana

Sequence

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CTAATAAAT
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NOTE: The submitted sequences are kept confidential and will be erased immediately after processing.

NetGene2

Prediction done

***** NetGene2 v. 2.4 *****

The sequence: Sequence has the following composition:

Length: 9490 nucleotides.
31.8% A, 17.0% C, 19.6% G, 31.7% T, 0.0% X, 36.5% G+C

Donor splice sites, direct strand

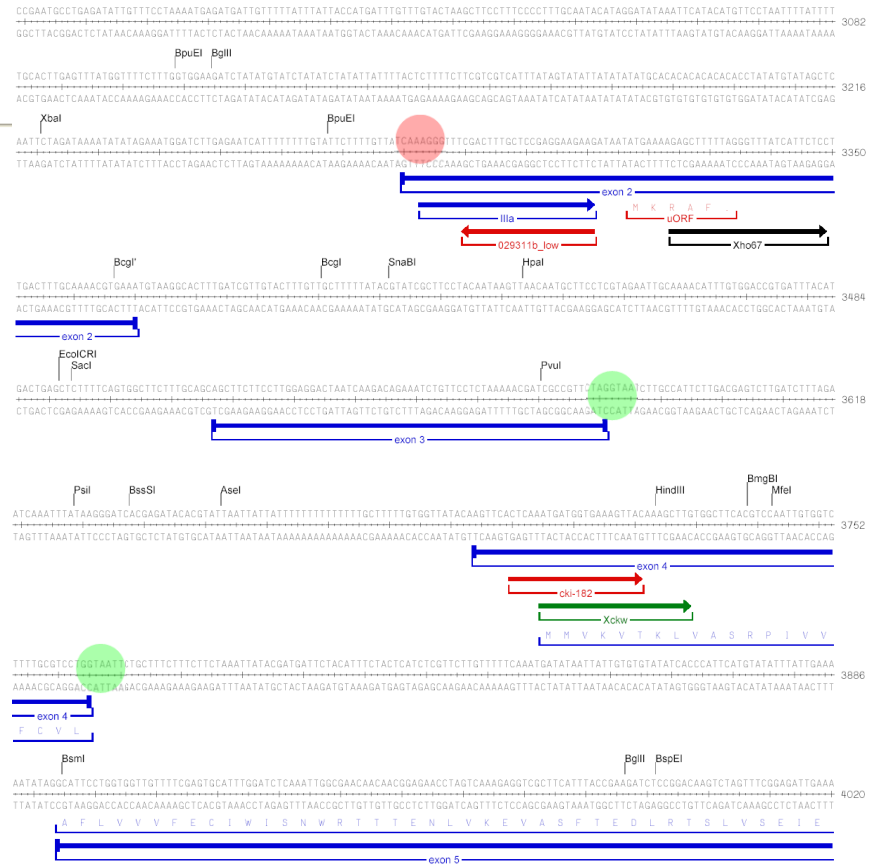
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1906	0	+	0.99	CGGTGAACGG^	GT	CAGAACAT	
3582	1	+	1.00	GCCGTCTAG^	GT	AATCTTGC	H
3765	1	+	1.00	TTGCGTCTG^	GT	AATCTTGC	H
4134	0	+	0.74	TCAAACACAG^	GT	TGTTAAAA	
4619	1	+	0.74	AGCAAGAAG^	GT	CTTGTGTTT	
4915	0	+	0.94	CGTTCCTCTG^	GT	AAATACATG	
5356	0	+	0.87	TCTCAACAA^	GT	GAATGTTT	
5384	1	+	1.00	GATTGGTTG^	GT	AAGACTCT	H
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6057	0	+	1.00	GCAGTCTTTG^	GT	AAGTACT	H
6096	1	+	0.74	CTCTTCACAA^	GT	AAATCTAG	
7369	0	+	1.00	GGACTGCCAA^	GT	AAGTTTAA	H
7886	0	+	0.74	GAACAAAATG^	GT	TAGATGAA	
9323	0	+	0.74	GAAGATTAGG^	GT	TTTTCTCT	

Donor splice sites, complement strand

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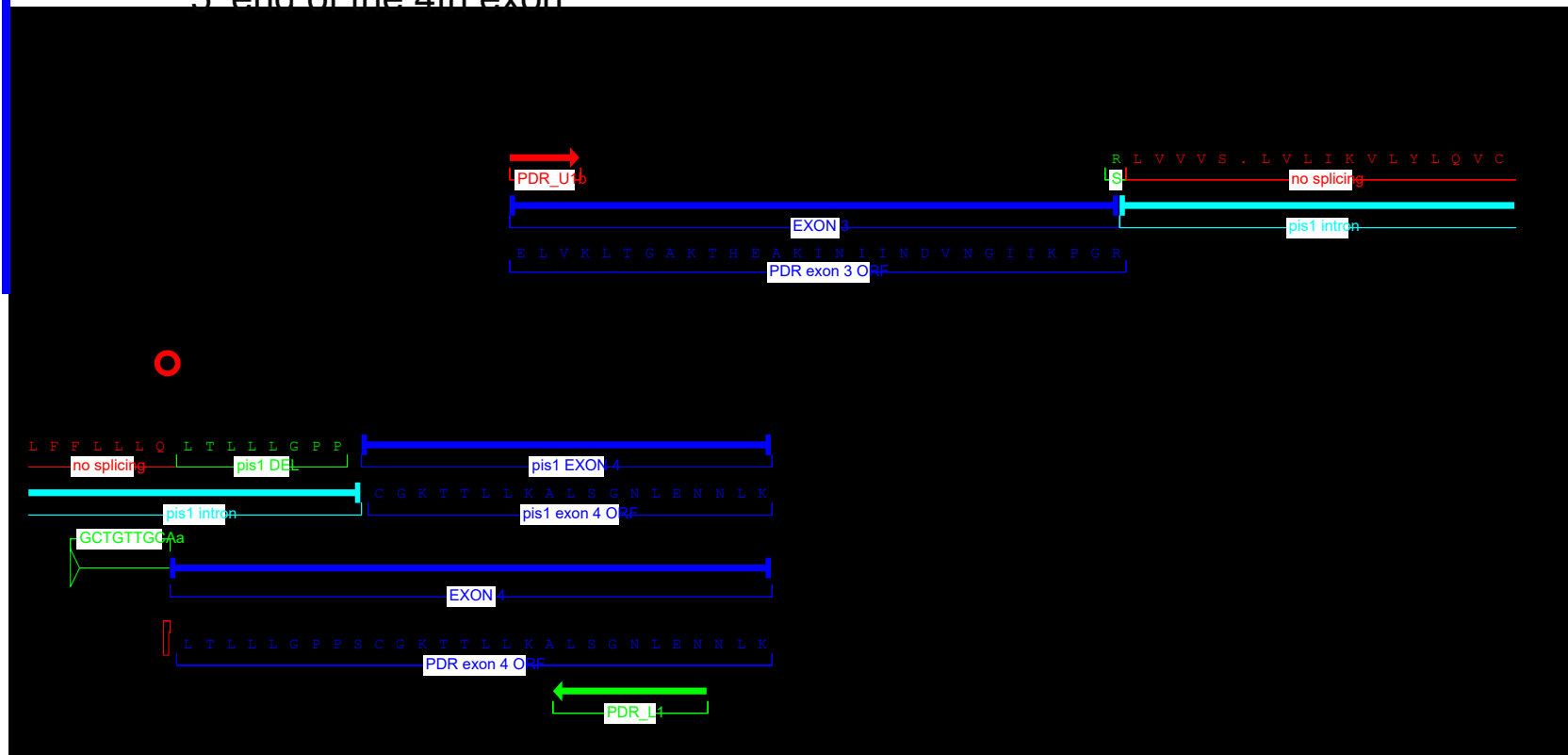
Acceptor splice sites, direct strand

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1221	2	+	0.87	AGTTATGGAG	ACA	AGAATCG	
1373	0	+	0.71	TCTCTCACAG	GAC	CAGAAT	
1487	1	+	0.81	ATATTGATAG	TGG	GACATTA	
3284	0	+	0.87	GTATCAAAG	GGT	TTCGACT	
4254	0	+	1.00	TGTTCTTCAG	AT	CGACCAT	H
4832	2	+	0.54	AAAATTGCAG	TT	CCAGTGGC	
5004	0	+	0.94	TTTTTGCCAG	AG	TACACAC	
5472	1	+	0.96	AAAATTACAG	CT	CTGCTCAA	
6135	0	+	1.00	ATTATTATAG	GTA	AGATTAA	H
6490	1	+	0.90	AAAGTTACAG	TGG	TGGAGAA	
6744	0	+	0.59	TGTCAAACAG	TT	TCGTAGAG	
7447	0	+	0.96	TTCTGCACAG	AT	GCCAGAAA	
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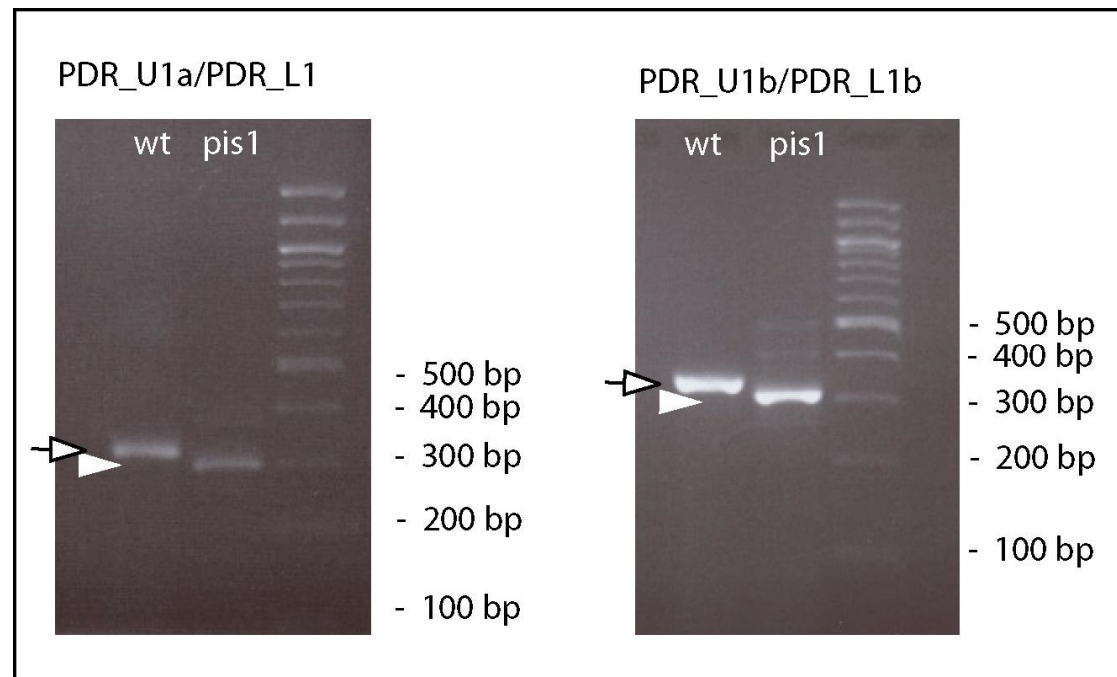
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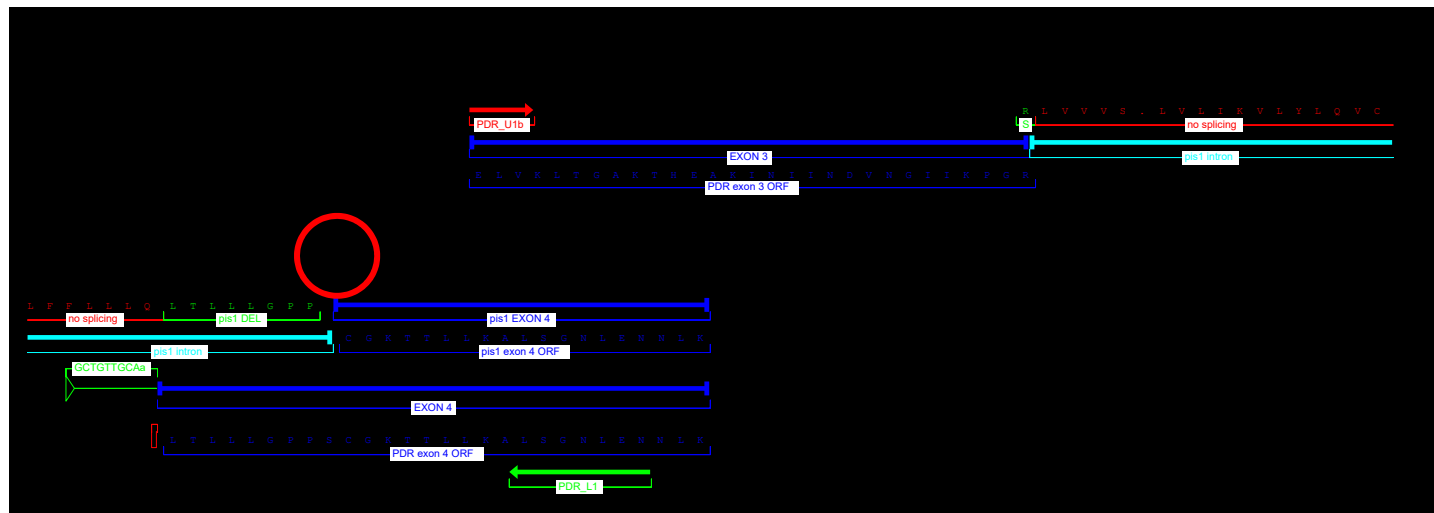
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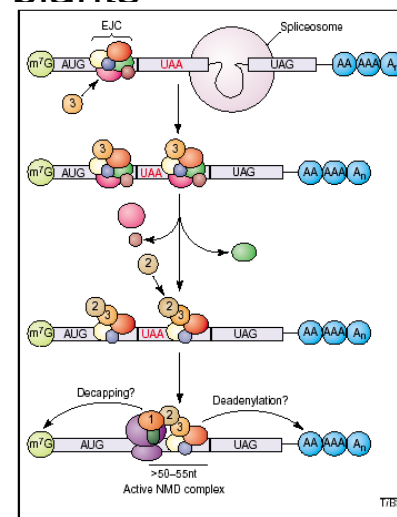
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- Existence of similar defense mechanisms was proven in different organisms as well (e.g. Instability of mutant mRNA with early stop codon formation (> 50 - 55 bp before typical stop codon) in eukaryotes, see recommended literature – Singh and Lykke-Andersen, 2003



Identification of Genes *Ab Initio*

- Programs for exon prediction
 - 4 types of exons (according to location in the gene):
 - initial
 - internal
 - terminal
 - single
 - Programs predict splice sites and they take into account the structure of the type of exon as well
- initial:
 - Genescan (<http://hollywood.mit.edu/GENSCAN.html>)
 - GeneMark.hmm (<http://opal.biology.gatech.edu/GeneMark/>)
- internal:
 - MZEF (<http://rulai.cshl.org/tools/genefinder/>)

GENSCAN

GENSCANW output for sequence CKII

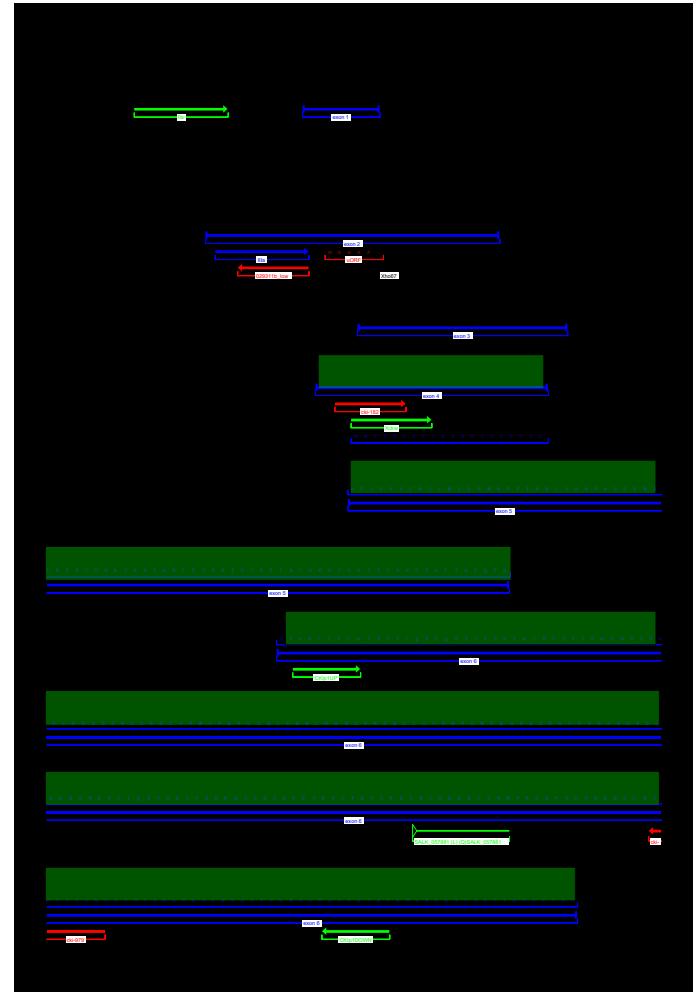
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 Parameter matrix: Arabidopsis.smat

Predicted genes/exons:

Gn.Ex	Type	S	.Begin	...End	.Len	Fr	Ph	I/Ac	Do/T	CodRg	P....	Tscr...
1.00	Prom	+	1497	1536	40							-3.85
1.01	Init	+	3708	3764	57	2	0	63	51	37	0.499	4.03
1.02	Intr	+	3894	4133	240	2	0	-3	7	327	0.713	17.32
1.03	Intr	+	4255	4914	660	0	0	86	59	296	0.771	22.57
1.04	Intr	+	5005	5383	379	0	1	70	91	343	0.772	31.41
1.05	Intr	+	5473	6056	584	2	2	38	99	582	0.722	50.76
1.06	Intr	+	6136	7368	1233	0	0	68	108	655	0.977	56.86
1.07	Term	+	7448	7660	213	1	0	43	35	212	0.999	12.65
1.08	PlyA	+	7910	7915	6							-0.45
2.03	PlyA	-	7976	7971	6							-4.83
2.02	Term	-	8793	8050	744	0	0	107	37	542	0.997	48.46
2.01	Init	-	9253	8936	318	1	0	105	73	386	0.999	41.18

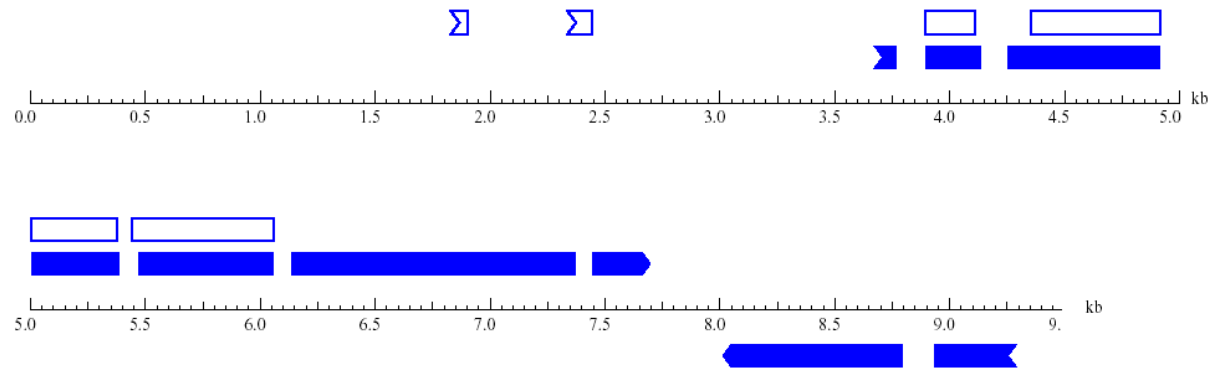
Suboptimal exons with probability > 0.100

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GENSCAN

GENSCAN predicted genes in sequence 02:56:23



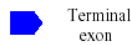
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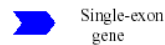
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Terminal exon



Single-exon gene

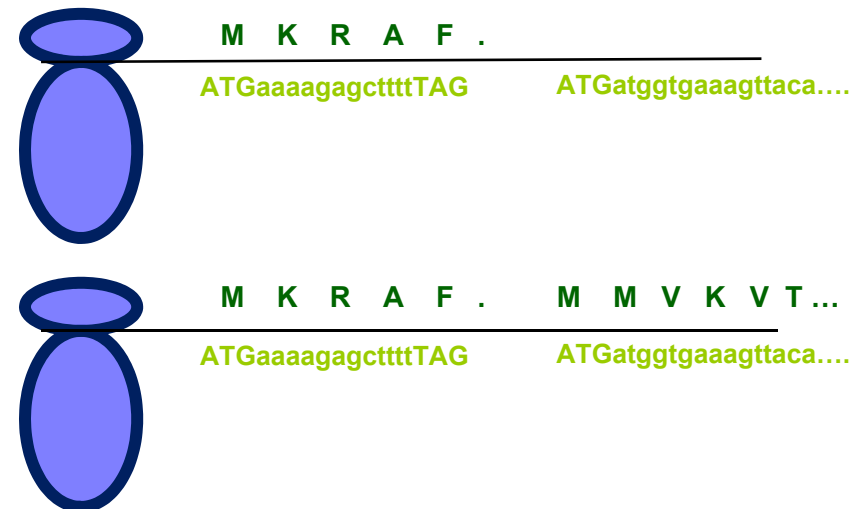
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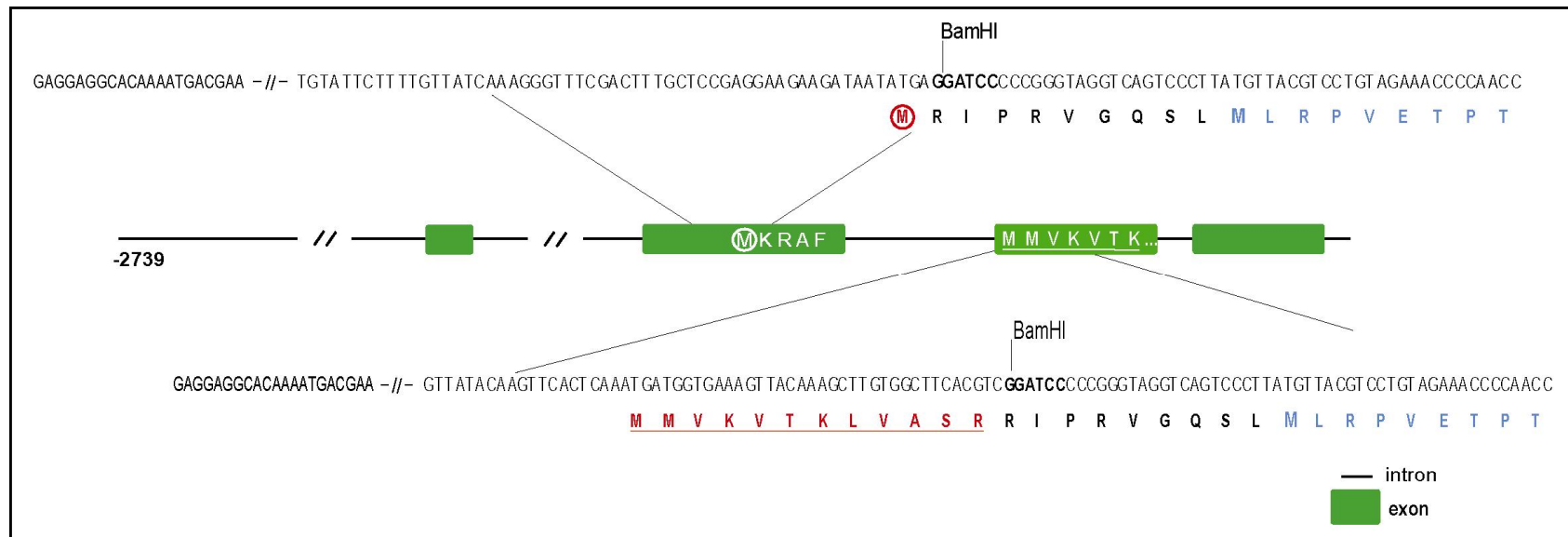
- **Splicing in Untranslated Regions** – important regulation part of genes

- Translational repression by short ORFs in 5' UTR
- Identified e.g. in maize (Wang and Wessler, 1998, see recommended literature for additional info.)
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Gene Modelling

- Programs for gene modelling
 - Those that take into account other parameters as well, e.g. continuity of ORFs
 - **Genescan** (<http://hollywood.mit.edu/GENSCAN.html>) – very good for prediction of exons in coding regions (tested for gene *PDR9*, Genescan identified all of the 23 (!) exons)
 - **GeneMark.hmm** (<http://opal.biology.gatech.edu/GeneMark/>)
 - **GlimmerHMM** (<https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/glimmerhmm/>)

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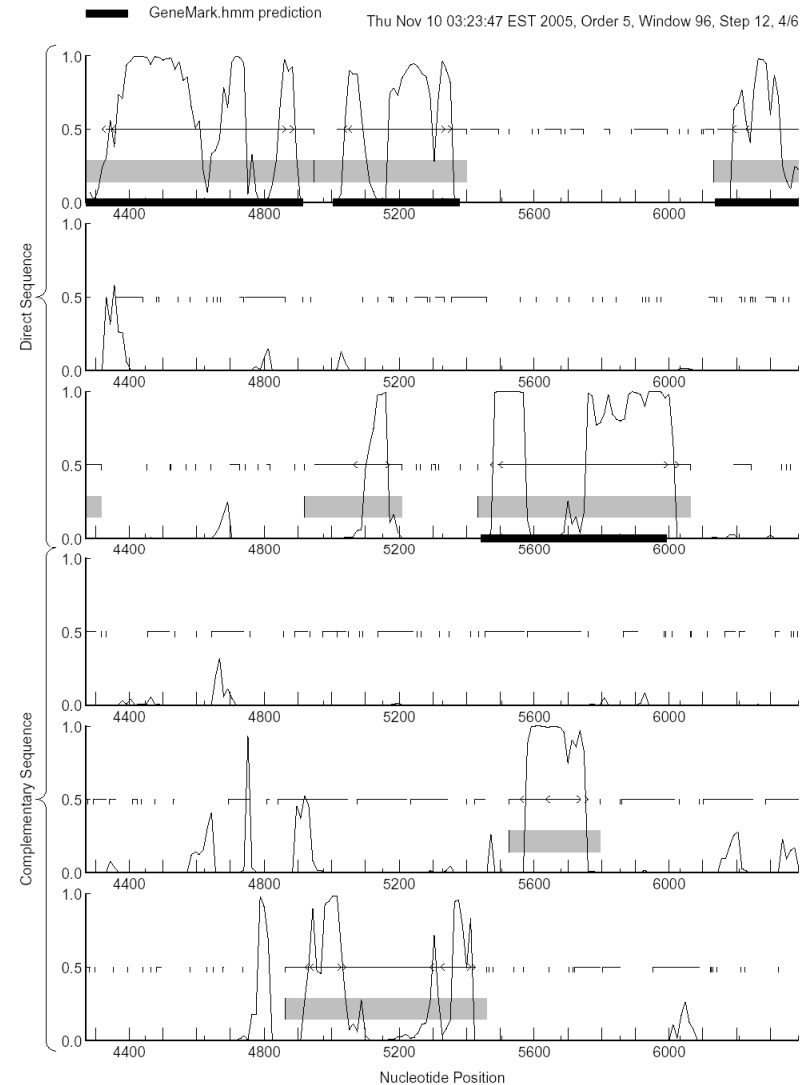
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Genomic Homologies

- Searching for genes according to **homologies with known sequences**
 - Comparison with EST databases
 - **BLASTN** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>, <http://workbench.sdsc.edu/>)
 - Comparison with protein databases
 - **BLASTX** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>, <http://workbench.sdsc.edu/>)
 - **Genewise** (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Wise2/>)

They compare protein sequence with genomic DNA (after reverse transcription), therefore the aminoacid sequence is needed
 - Comparison with homologous genome sequences from related species
 - **VISTA/AVID** (<http://www.lbl.gov/Tech-Transfer/techs/lbnl1690.html>)

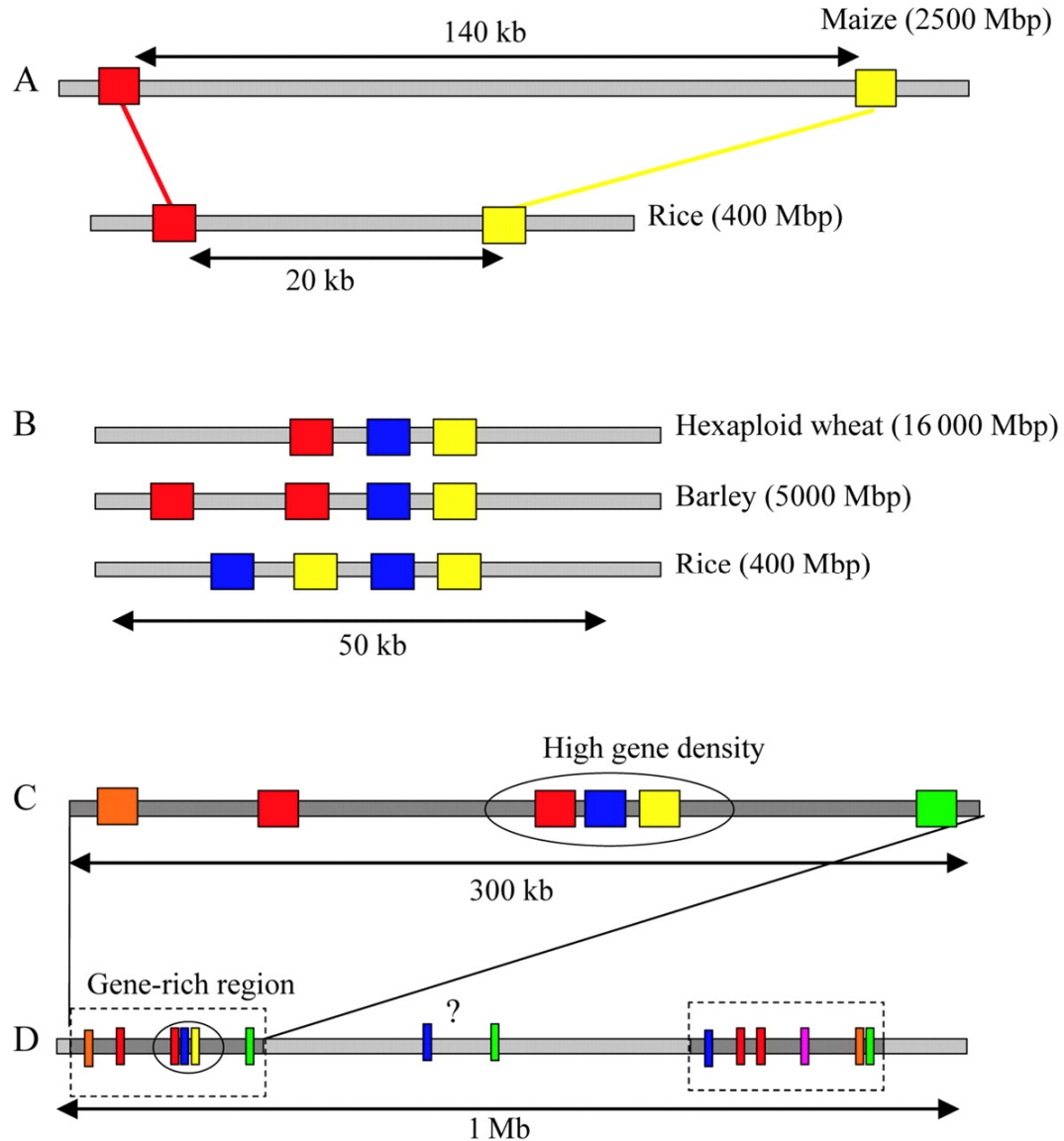
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Genomic Colinearity

- Genomes of related species (despite large differences) are characterized by similarities in sequence organization -> possibility to use this information for identification of genes in related species when searching in databases
- General scheme of work while applying genomic colinearity (also called „comparative genomics“) for experimental identification of genes in related species:
 - Mapping small genomes using low-copy DNA markers (e.g. RFLP)
 - Using these markers for identification of orthologous genes (genes with the same or similar function) of related species
 - Small genome (e.g. rice, 466 Mbp) can be used as a guide: molecular low-copy markers (e.g. RFLP) bound to gene of interest are identified and these regions are then used as a probe for searching in BAC libraries during identification of orthologous regions of large genomes (e.g. barley: 5 Gbp, or wheat: 16 Gbp)

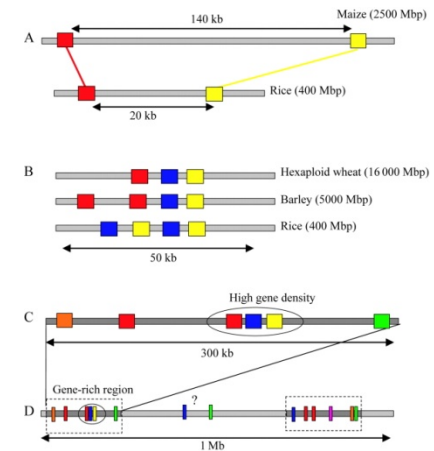
Genomic Colinearity



Feuillet and Keller, 2002

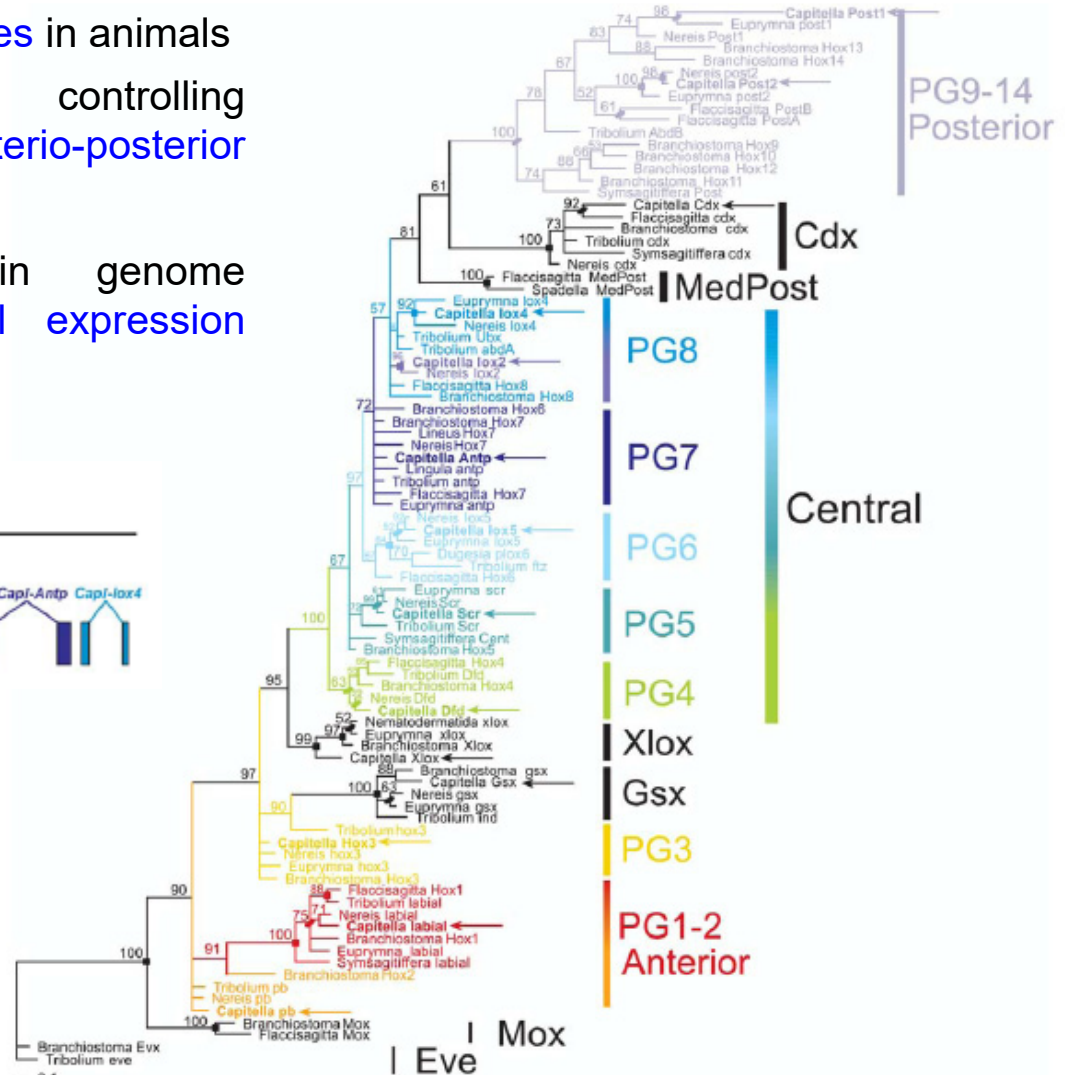
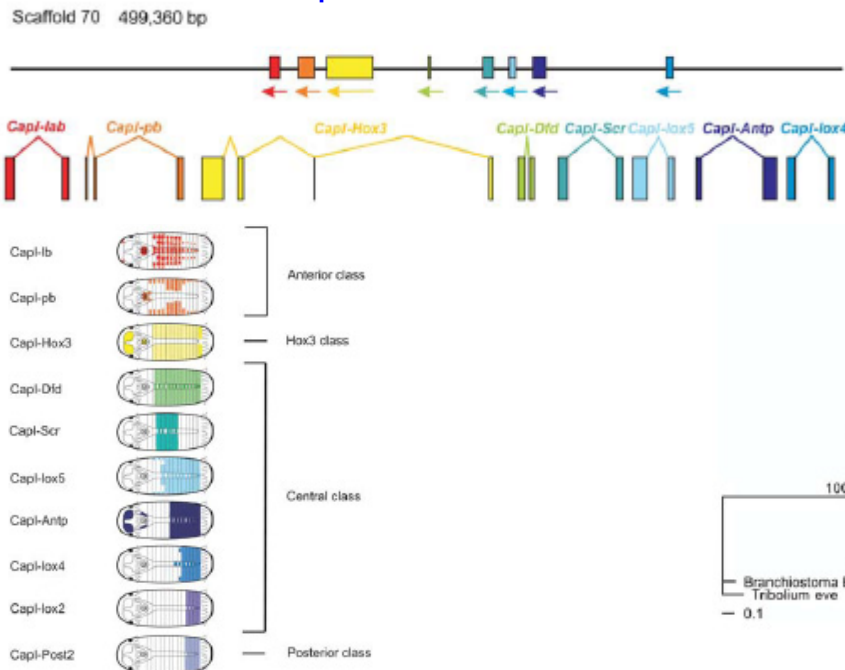
Genomic Colinearity

- Can be mostly used for the species of grass (e.g. using related genes of species of barley, wheat, rice, maize)
- Small genome reorganizations (deletions, duplications, inversions, translocations smaller than a few cM) are then detected by detailed sequential comparative analysis
- During evolution there's occurred some divergencies in related species, mostly in non-coding regions (invasion of retrotransposons etc.)



Genomic Colinearity

- Genomic colinearity of HOX genes in animals
 - Transcription factors controlling organisation of body in antero-posterior axis
 - Position of genes in genome corresponds with spatial expression during development
 - Interspecies conservation



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Methylation Filtration

- Preparation of **gene-enriched libraries** by technology of methylation filtration
- **genes** are (mostly!) **hypomethylated**, **noncoding regions** are **methylated**
- using **bacterial restriction-modification system**, which recognizes methylated DNA with restriction enzymes McrA a McrBC
 - McrBC recognizes methylated cytosin (in DNA), which comes after purine (G or A)
 - For cleavage the distance of these sites 40-2000 bp is necessary

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- Preparation of gene-enriched libraries by technology of methylation filtration
- Scheme of work during preparation of BAC genome libraries using methylation filtration:
 - preparation of genomic DNA without addition of organelle DNA (chloroplasts and mitochondria)
 - fragmentation of DNA (1-4 kbp) and ligation of adaptors
 - preparation of BAC libraries in *mcrBC+* strain of *E. coli*
 - selection of positive clones
- Limited usage: enrichment of coding DNA only approx. 5 -10 %

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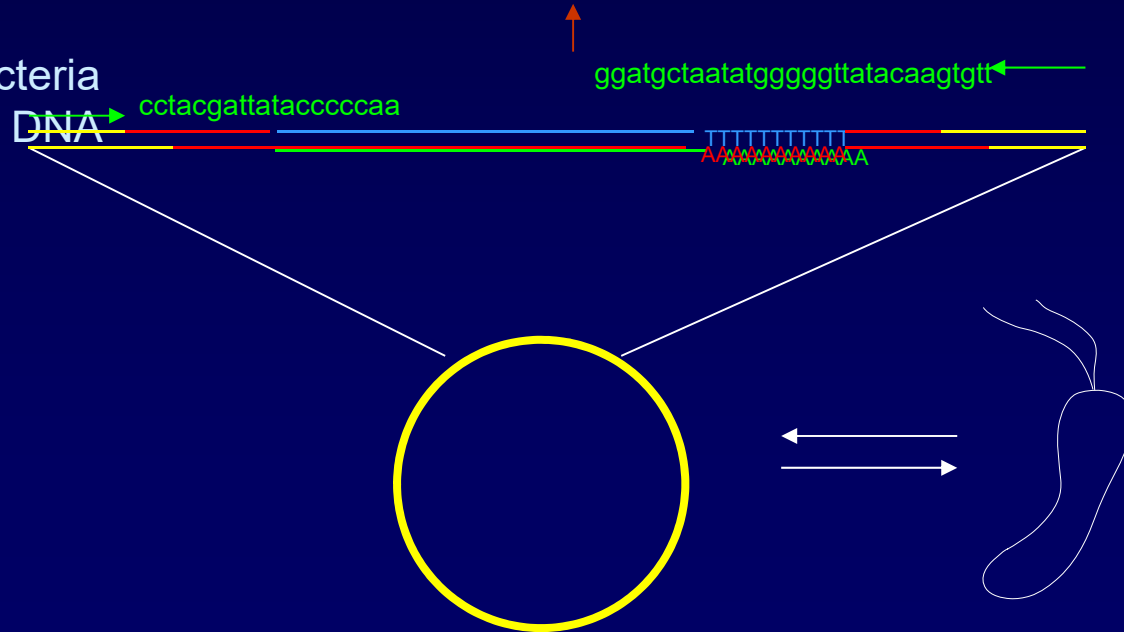
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EST Libraries

- Preparation of EST libraries

- Isolation of mRNA
- Reverse transcription
- Ligation of linkers and synthesis of second cDNA strand
- Cloning into suitable bacterial vector
- Transformation into bacteria and isolation of (amplification of DNA)
- Sequencing using primers specific for used plasmid
- Saving the results of sequencing into public database

NCBI Nucleotide database search results for Agrobacterium tumefaciens plasmid Ti. The entry includes accession number NC_002377.1 and a detailed description of the plasmid's structure and associated genes.



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