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## Introduction

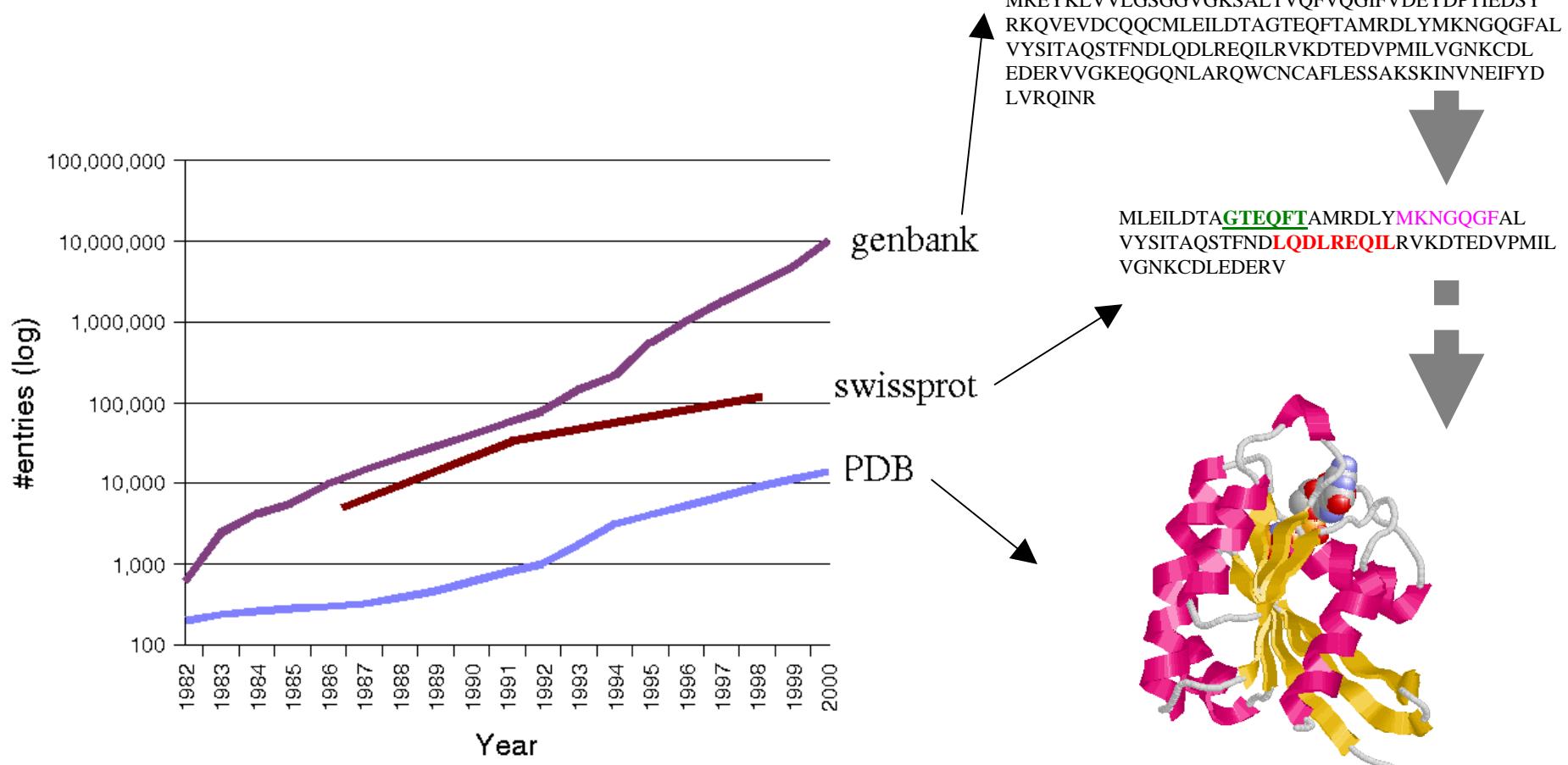
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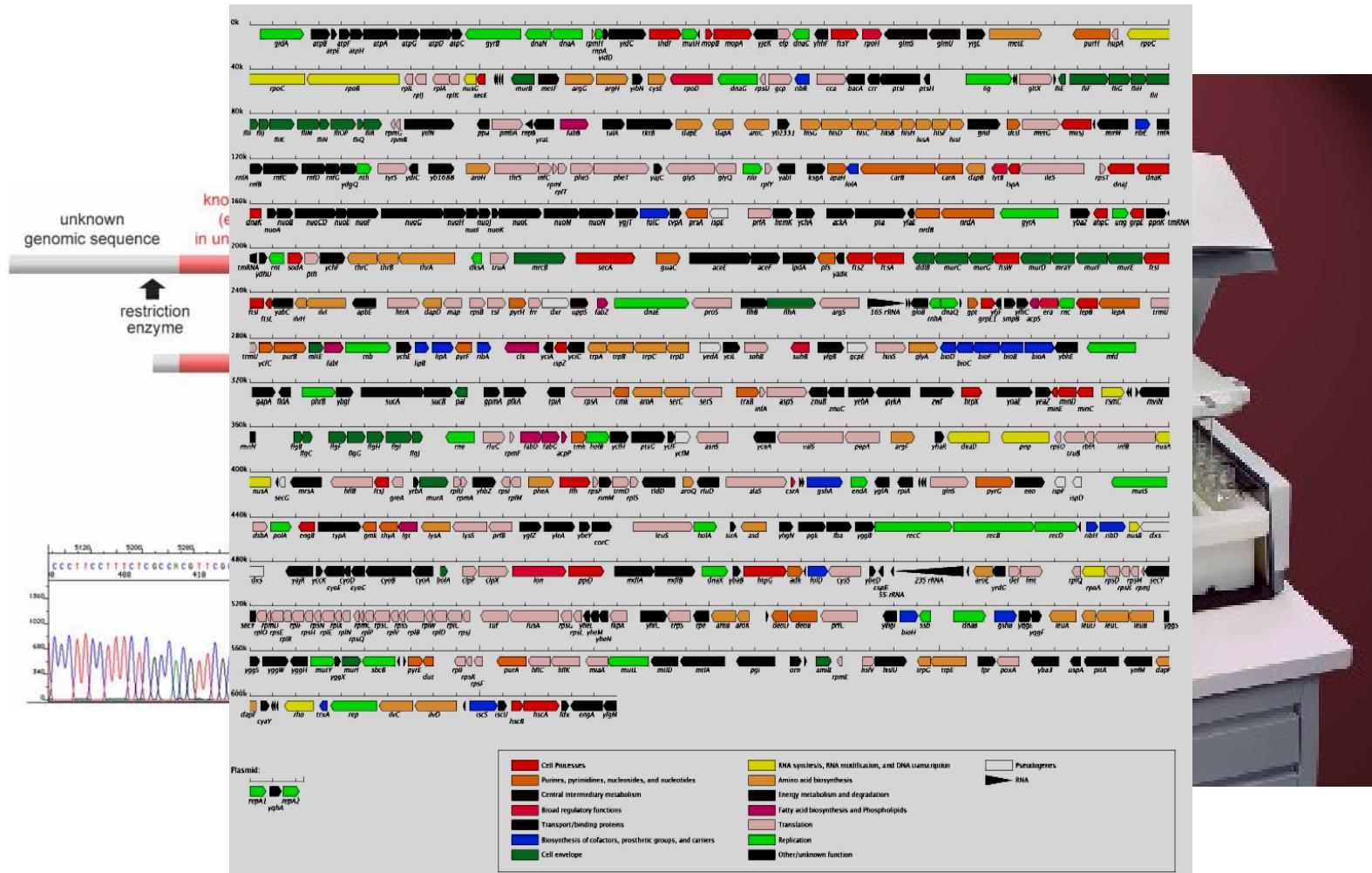


# Level of Knowledge on Protein Sequences, Structures and Functions



# Determining protein sequences

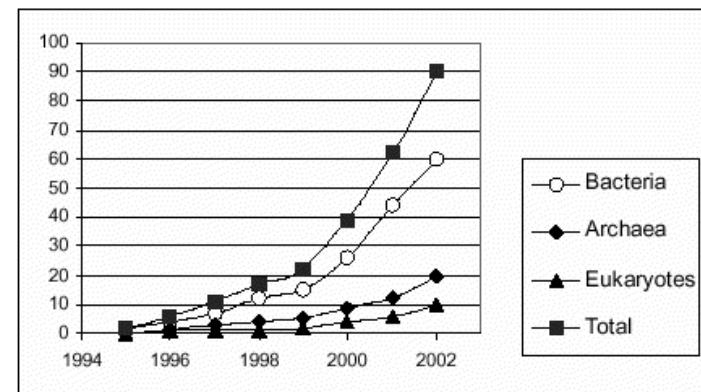
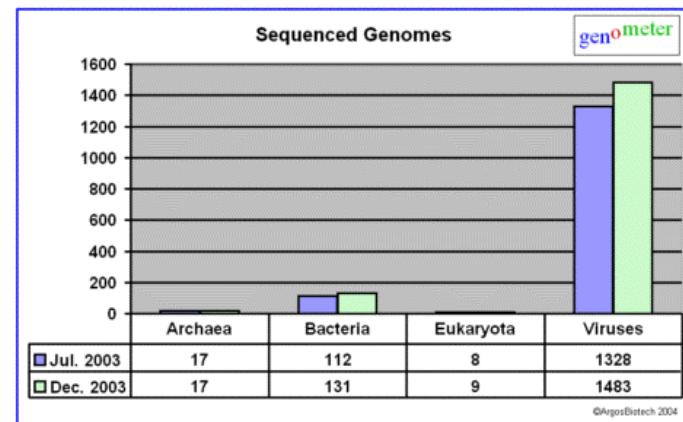
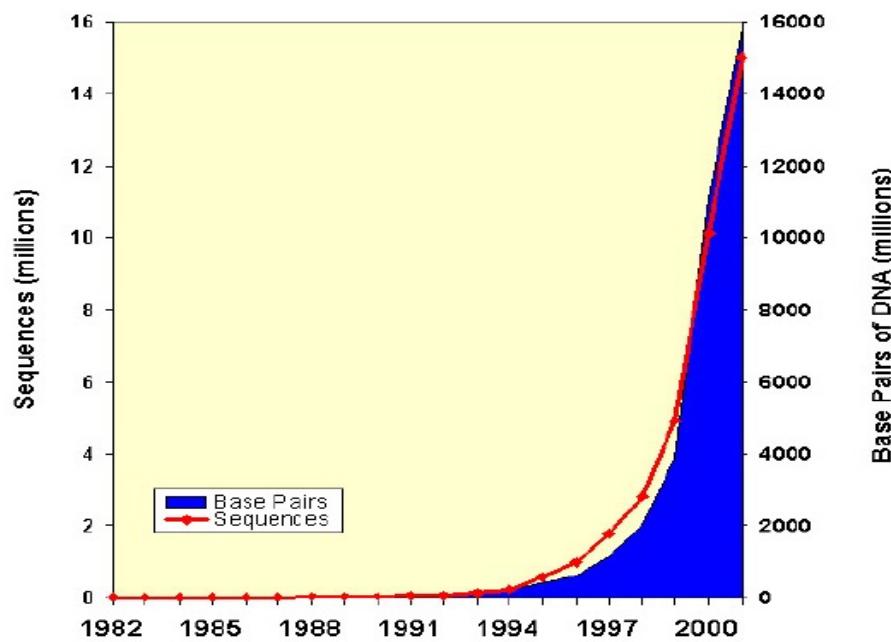
## DNA sequencing



# Determining protein sequences

## Genome sequencing

### Growth of GenBank



- Collins, F.S., Green, E.D., Guttmacher, A.E. & Guyer, M.S. (2003) A vision for the future of genomic research. *Nature*, **422**, 835-847.

# Finished genomes & sequencing projects

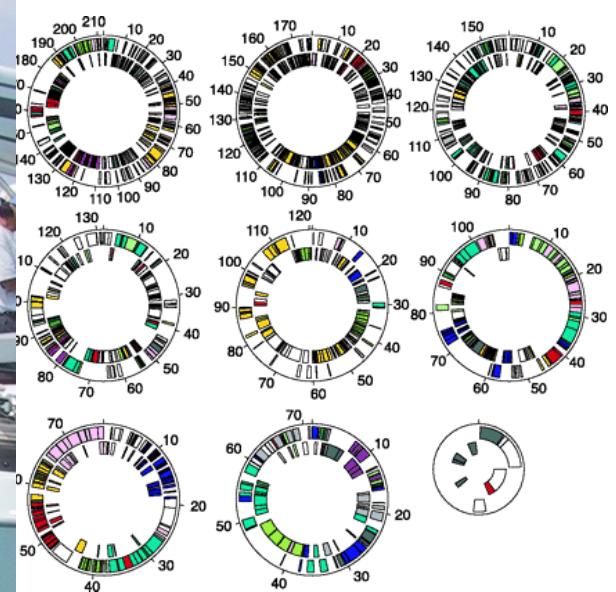


## GOLD<sup>TM</sup> Genomes OnLine Database v 2.0



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# Determining protein sequences “Environmental sequencing” *Metagenomes*



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- Venter, J. C. *et al.* Environmental genome shotgun sequencing of the Sargasso Sea. (2004). *Science* **304**, 66-74.

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# Interpreting protein sequences in functional terms

**Where are we know????**

This is an example of what we have achieved in the last twenty years and what the challenges are to make sense from the known data set that we are generating in a high throughput scale

**WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?**

**Sequence  
Analysis**

This is an example of what we have achieved in the last twenty years and what the challenges are: to make sense from the known data set that we are generating in a high Throughput scale.

**....TO MAKE SENSE OUT OF IT**

Taken from G. van Omen

# Reductionism

- Reductionism has been very successful in Biology (Molecular Biology). “*The ultimate aim of the modern movement in biology is to explain all biology in terms of physics and chemistry*”. F. Crick (1966)
- Biological systems: prototype of complex systems. => Many biological phenomena could never be explained as a simple combination of the properties of the components (“the whole is more than the sum of the parts”).
- Genome sequencing: Neither the number nor the characteristics of genes and proteins account for many characteristics of the organisms:
  - Similar number of genes in *Drosophila* y *C. elegans*.
  - High sequence similarity between human and mouse.
  - ...

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• Van Regenmortel, M.H. (2004) Reductionism and complexity in molecular biology. Scientists now have the tools to unravel biological and overcome the limitations of reductionism. *EMBO Rep.*, **5**, 1016-1020.

## The “-omics” Paradigm of Biology

Genomic era



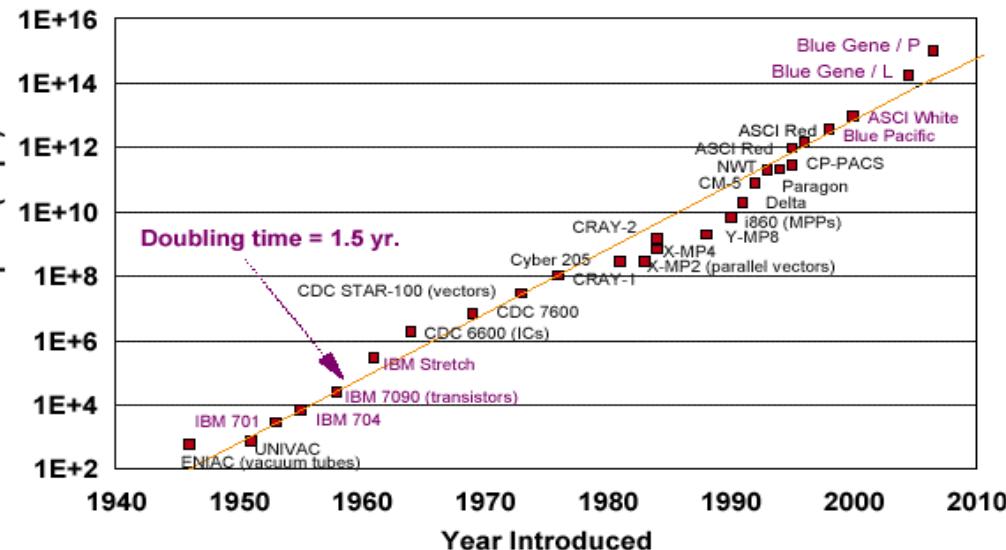
“Post-genomic” era

(massive production of biological  
data –sequences, ...-)

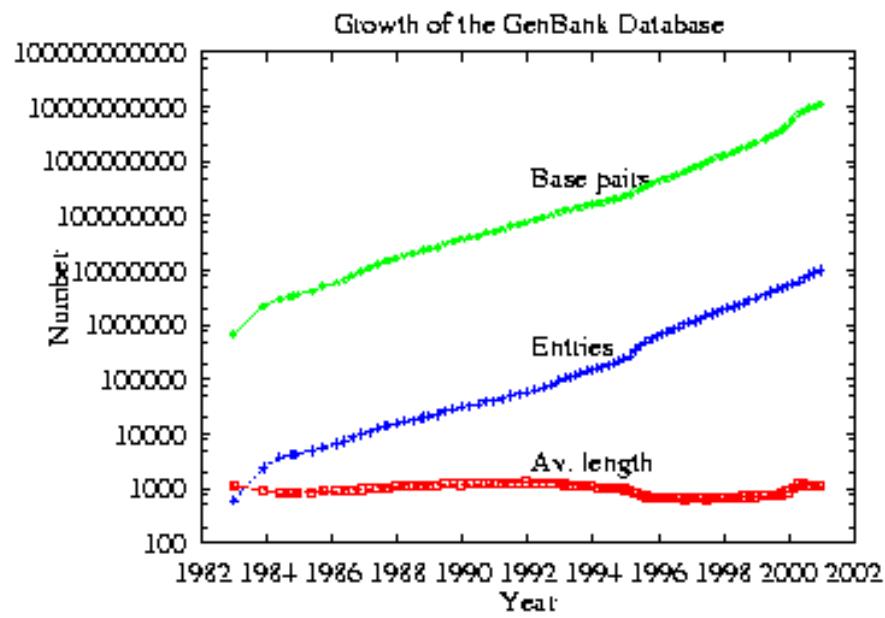
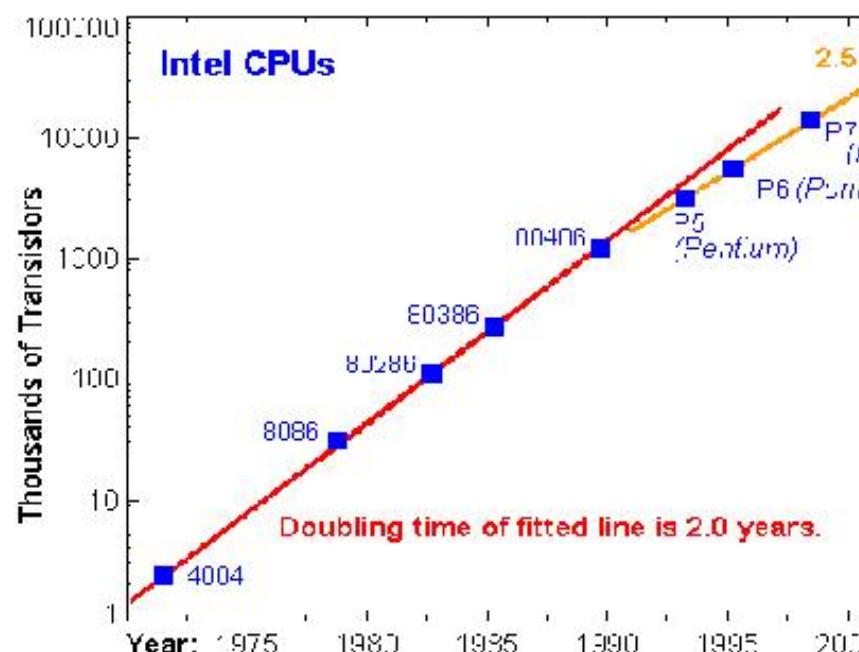
(analysis and interpretation)

“Pre-genomic” era: the data itself contain the interpretation.  
No data processing needed for obtaining the biological knowledge.  
I.e. gel.

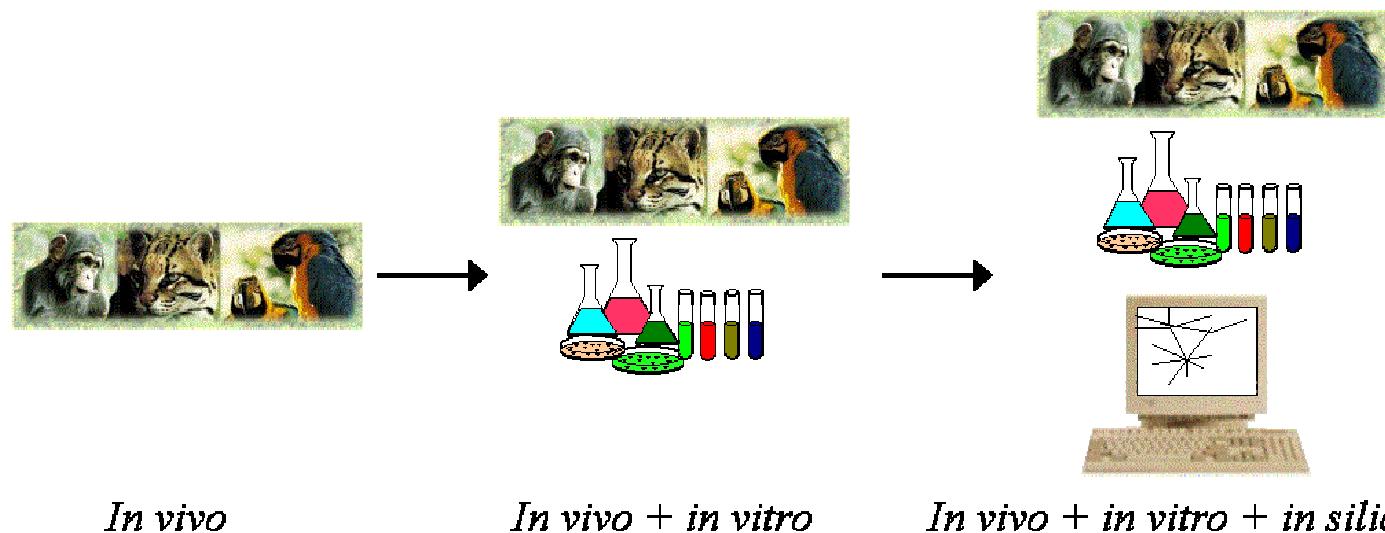
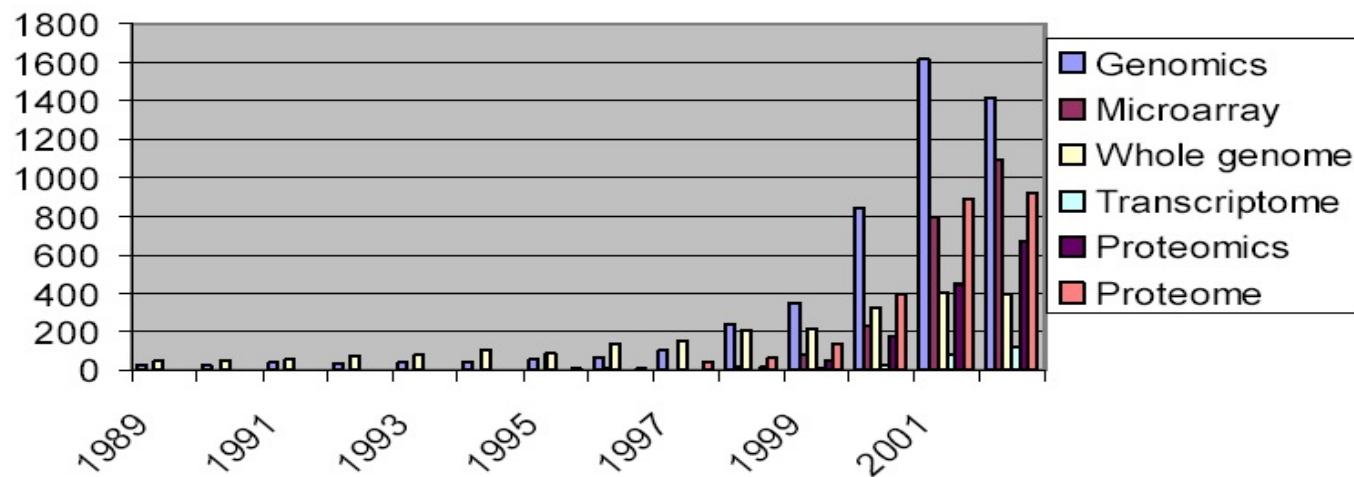
# Can computers deal with that?



Moore's law



“-omics”  
**Publications**  
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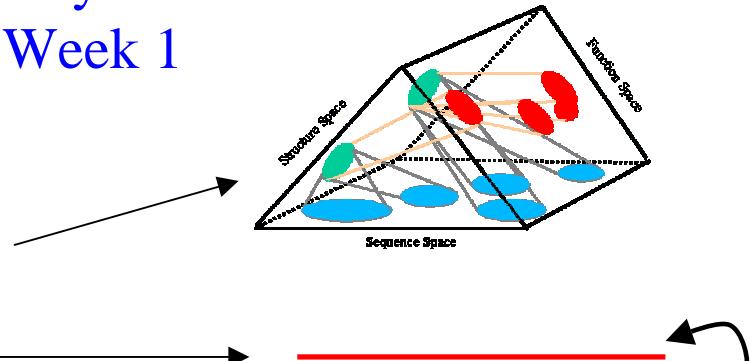
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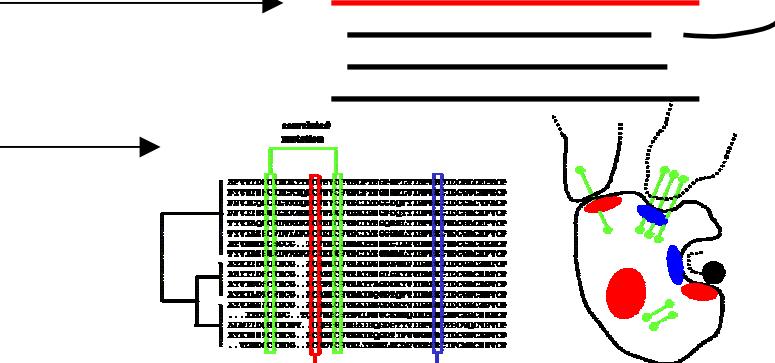
Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

- Introduction – Module overview
- Characteristics of the sequence space and relationships with structure and function spaces
- Sequence relationships for function prediction



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

- Extraction of functional features from sequence alignments
- Practical “Extraction of functional features from sequence alignments”



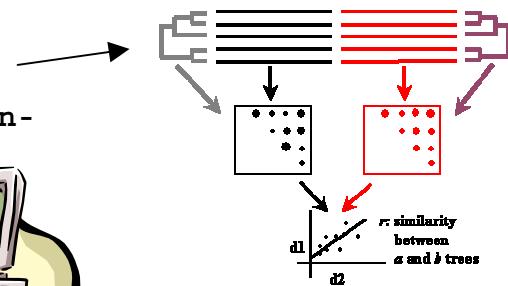
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

- Extraction of structural features from sequence alignments
- Practical “Extraction of structural features from sequence alignments”



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Sequence alignments for the prediction of protein-protein interactions
- Practical “Sequence alignments for the prediction of protein-protein interactions”



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Practical Work



# Protein Sequence Analysis

## Module Overview – Week 2

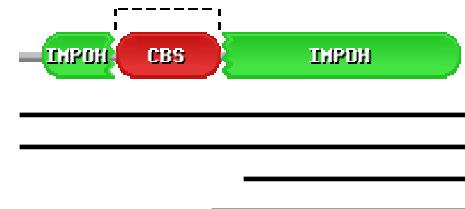
Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

- Sequence alignments and phylogeny
- Practical “Phylogeny”.



Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

- Protein domains
- Practical “Protein domains – PFAM”



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

- Remote homology
- Practical “Remote Homology – PsiBLAST, HMMER”



Thursday 29th

- Practical Work / Group Presentations



Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

- Seminar

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