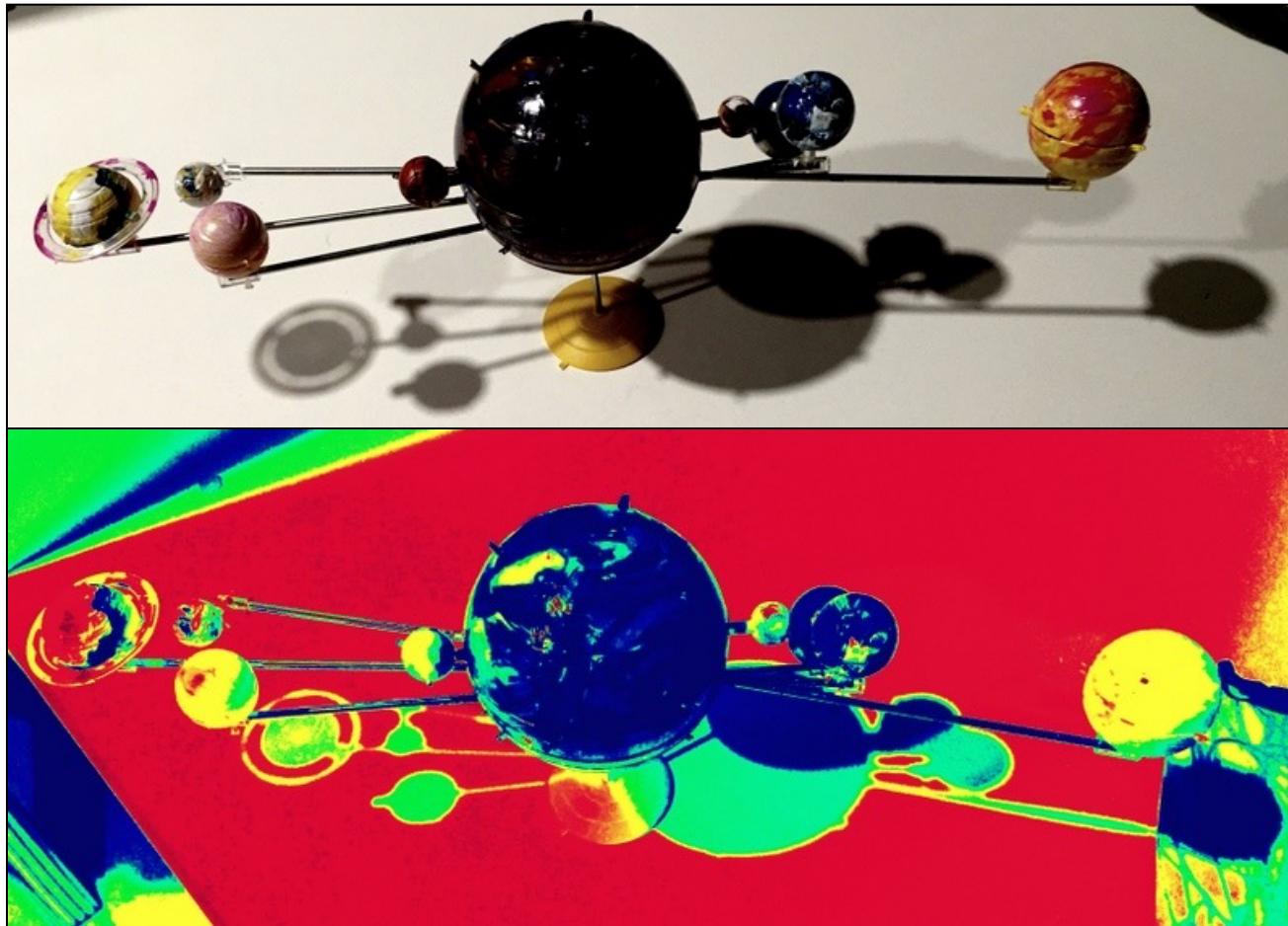


# Transcriptome Analysis: Large-scale data, high-throughput pipelines & privacy considerations



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Slides freely downloadable from [Lectures.GersteinLab.org](http://Lectures.GersteinLab.org)  
& “tweetable” (via @markgerstein). See last slide for more info.

## Large-scale RNA

- Recent advent of many consortia & group producing large scale RNA-seq following on DNA sequencing
- Often this is of human subjects (eg TCGA, PCAWG, GTEx) and needs to be protected
- Useful to build tools & approaches that interact with these data

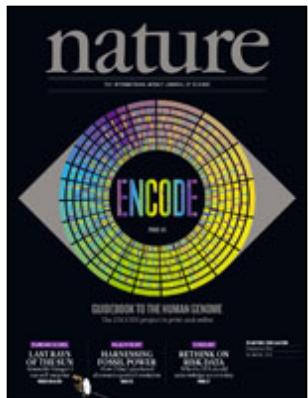
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ENCODE  
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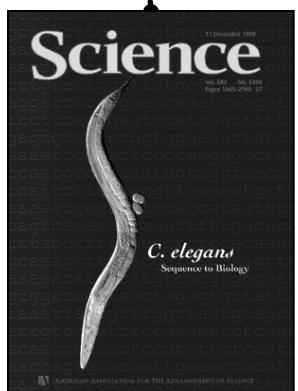


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Worm  
Genome

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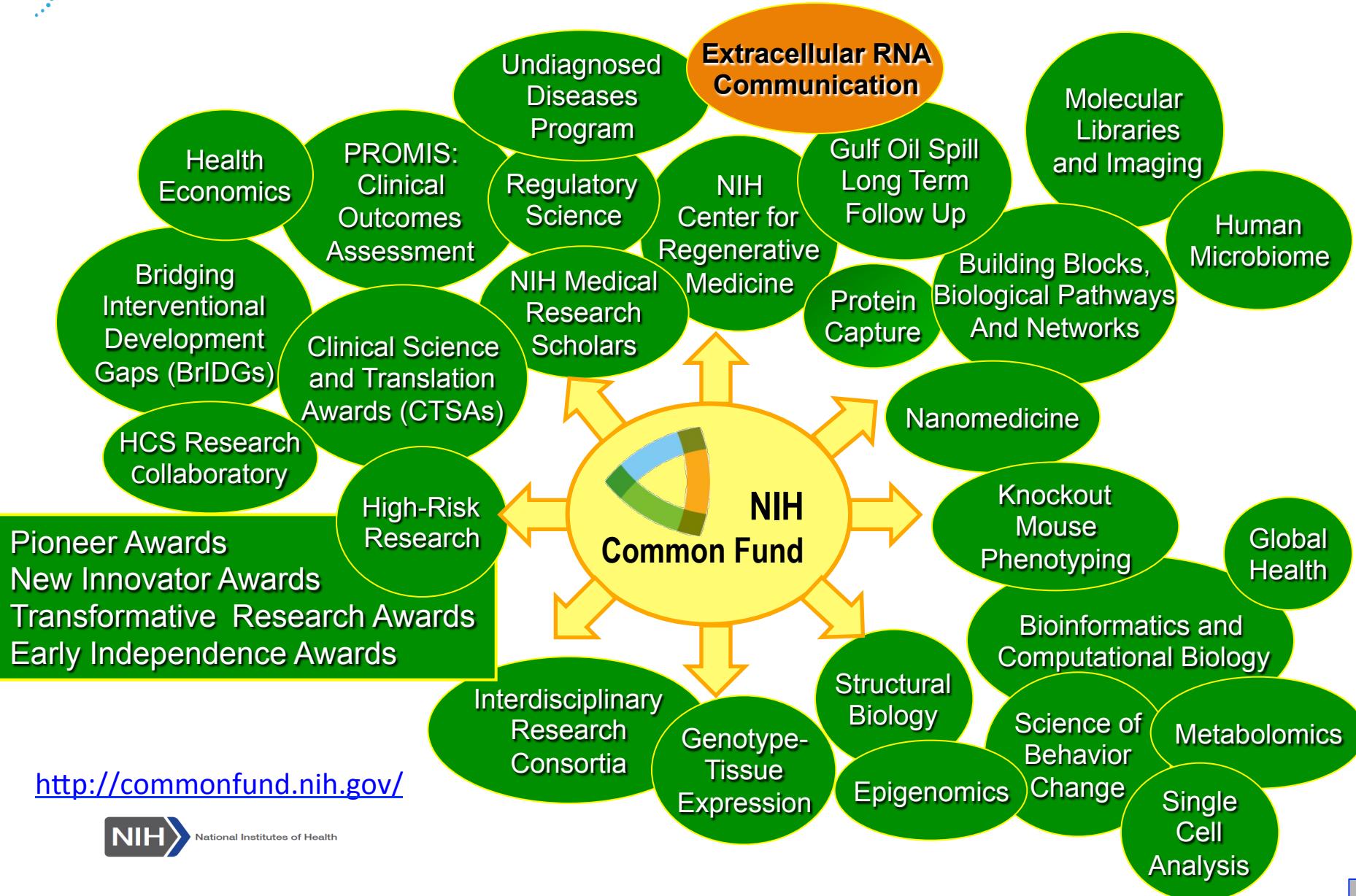
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# Common Fund Programs



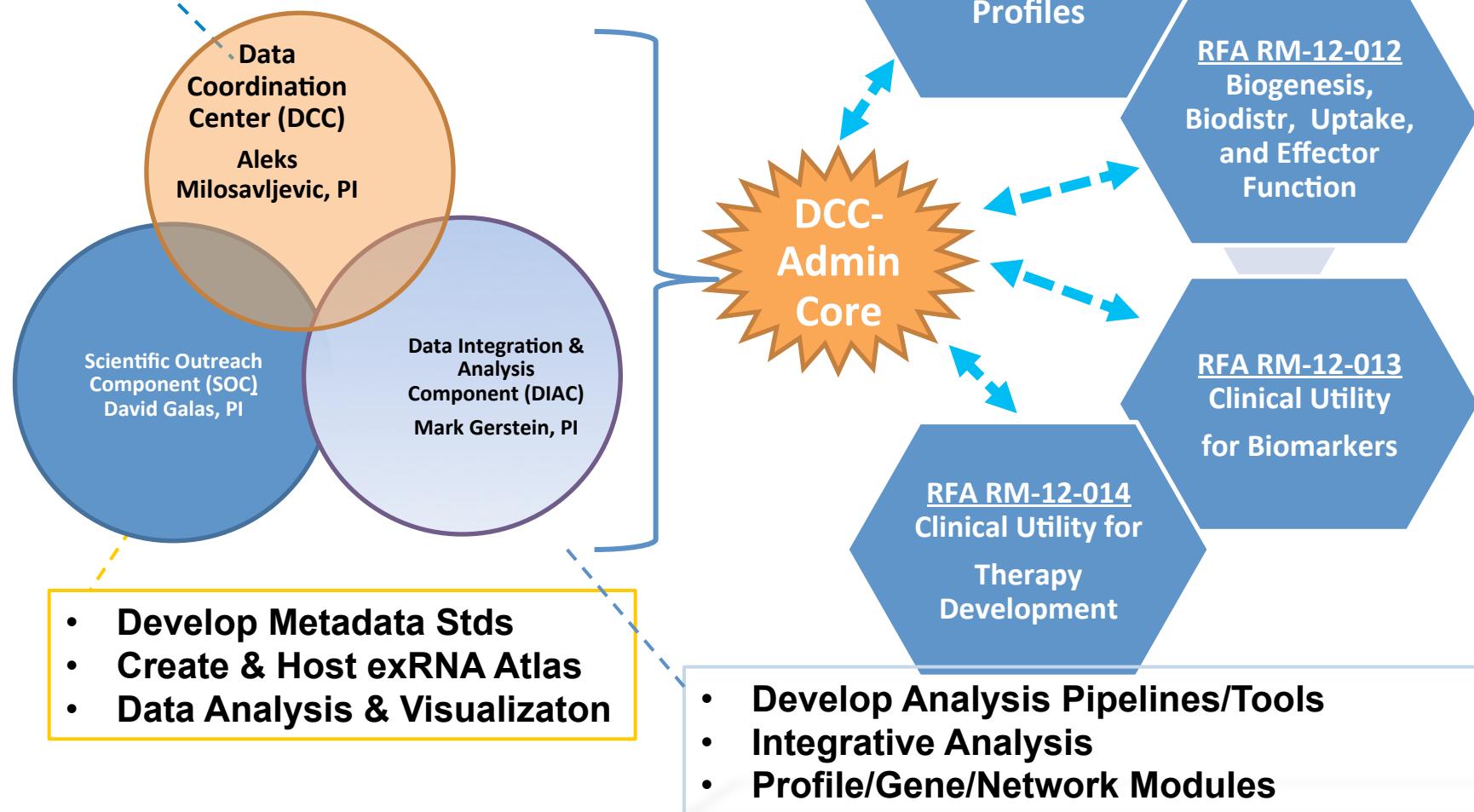
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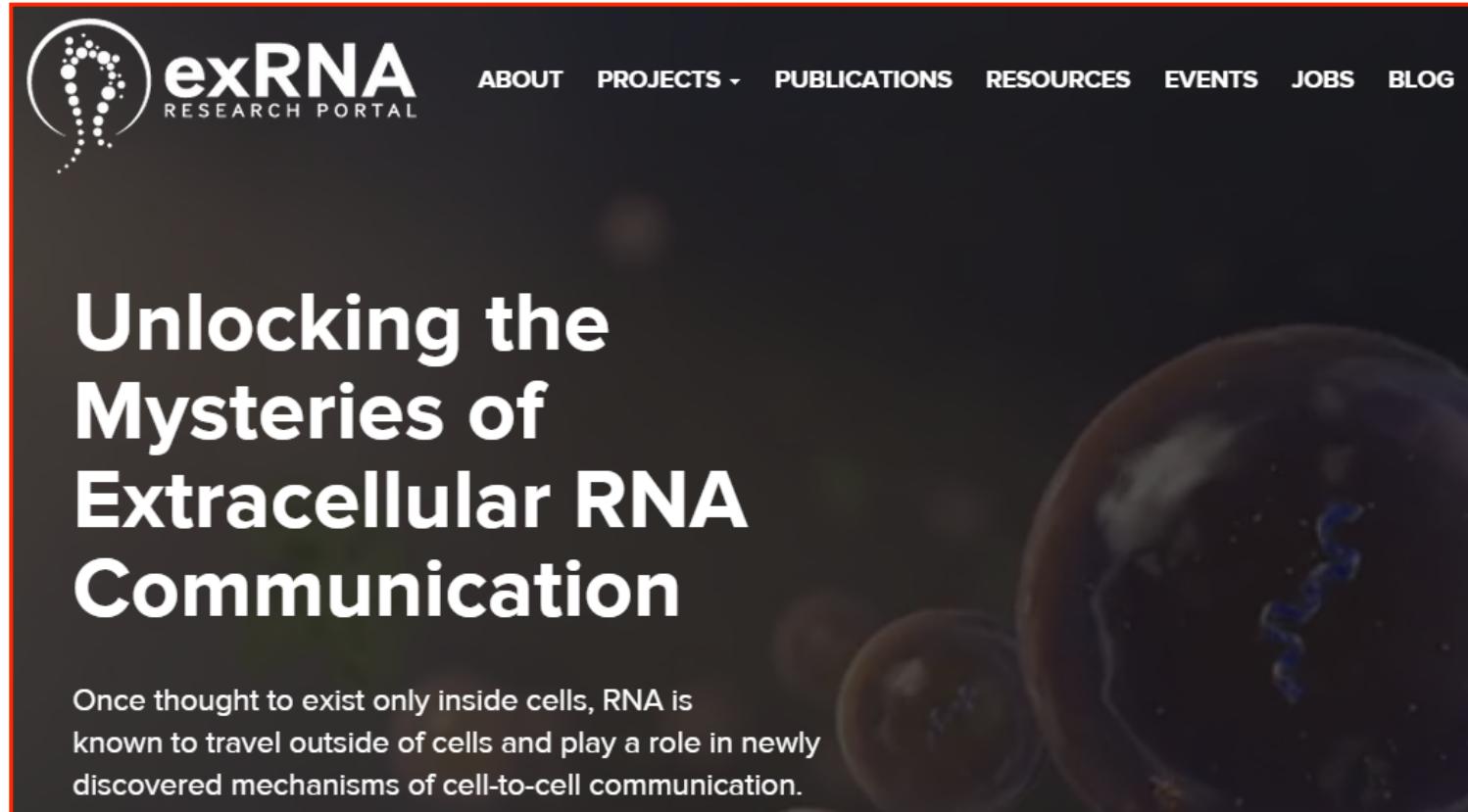
## Data Management & Resource Repository (DMRR)

- Curated Gene Context, Network Modules, Pathways





# eXRNA Portal

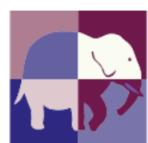
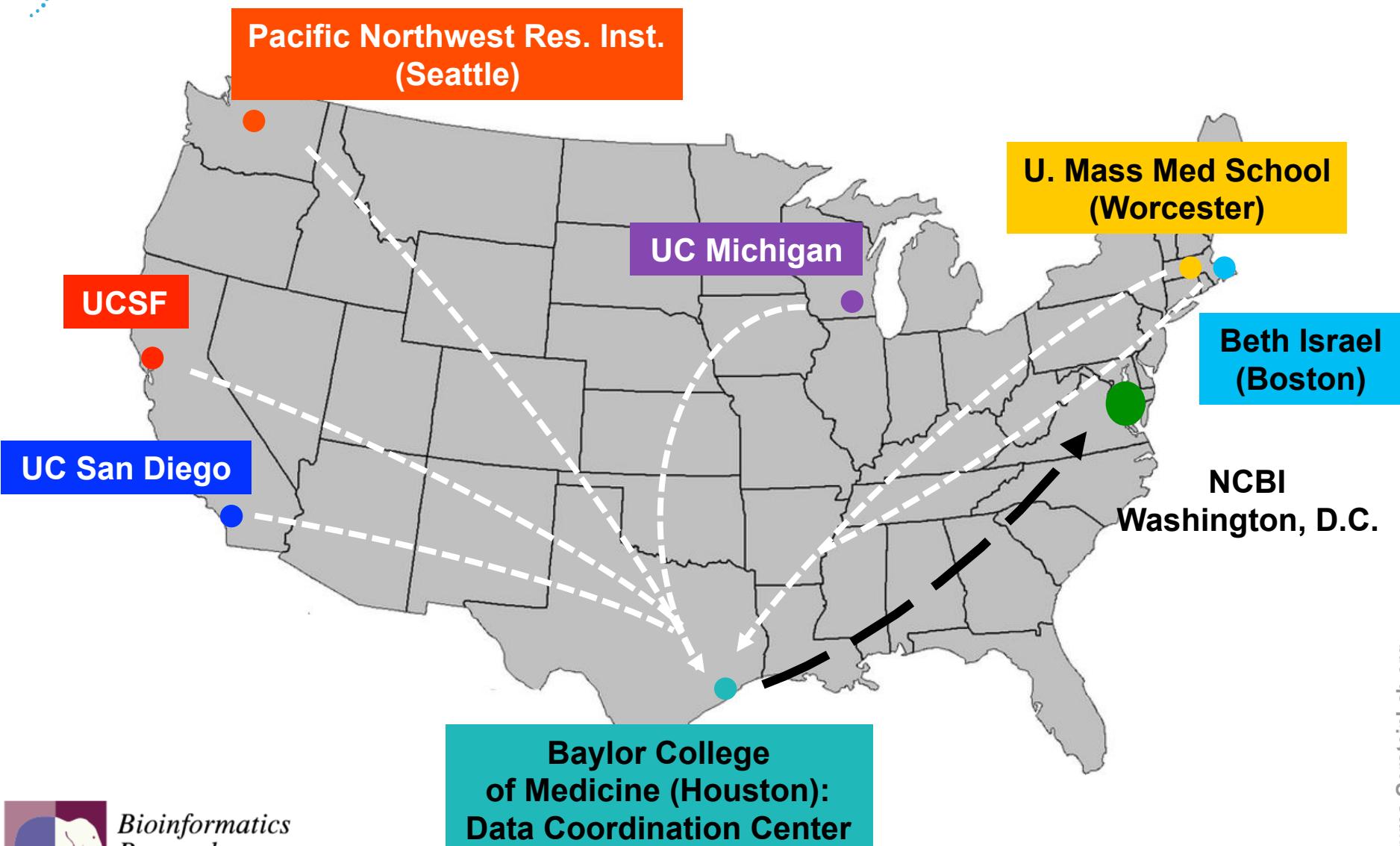


The eXRNA Research Portal homepage features a dark background with a red border. In the top left corner is the portal's logo, "exRNA RESEARCH PORTAL". To its right is a navigation menu with links: ABOUT, PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS, RESOURCES, EVENTS, JOBS, and BLOG. The main title, "Unlocking the Mysteries of Extracellular RNA Communication", is displayed prominently in large white text on the left side. Below the title is a descriptive paragraph in smaller white text: "Once thought to exist only inside cells, RNA is known to travel outside of cells and play a role in newly discovered mechanisms of cell-to-cell communication."

**[www.exrna.org](http://www.exrna.org)**



# Regional exRNA Mapping Centers and Data Coordination Center



Bioinformatics  
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Laboratory



# RNA-Seq Profiling of Human exRNAs – Multiple Biological Fluids

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- Short & long non-coding, non-coding, circular coding
- Plasma
- Serum
- Urine
- Saliva
- Cerebrospinal fluid
- Cord blood
- Seminal fluid
- Bronchoaveolar fluid
- Placenta
- Endogenous vs exogenous (environment/diet)



# ExRNA Atlas

Analysis: EXR-DGPLAS00-AN Status: Protect Analysis Type: Reference Alignment	Total Mapped Reads	Other Genomic Loci	rRNAs	miRNAs	tRNAs	piRNAs	snoRNAs	Rfam RNAs	Plant and Virus miRNAs
EXR-DGPLAS01-BS SM11_norm1, Plasma, Scientific Control	6822465	46.232%	51.062%	2.296%	0.216%	0.011%	0.002%	0.000%	0.181%
EXR-DGPLAS02-BS SM12_norm2, Plasma, Scientific Control	6318178	47.003%	51.495%	1.150%	0.186%	0.010%	0.002%	0.000%	0.155%
EXR-DGPLAS03-BS SM13_norm3, Plasma, Scientific Control	5943384	48.815%	49.283%	1.542%	0.210%	0.012%	0.002%	0.000%	0.135%
EXR-DGPLAS04-BS SM1_crc1, Plasma, Colorectal Carcinoma	1490041	51.510%	47.307%	0.924%	0.119%	0.016%	0.002%	0.000%	0.122%
EXR-DGPLAS05-BS SM2_crc2, Plasma, Colorectal Carcinoma	2872815	45.518%	52.513%	1.643%	0.191%	0.018%	0.003%	0.000%	0.114%
EXR-DGPLAS06-BS SM3_crc3, Plasma, Colorectal Carcinoma	3690661	46.638%	51.518%	1.498%	0.215%	0.018%	0.002%	0.000%	0.110%
EXR-DGPLAS07-BS SM6_uc1, Plasma, Ulcerative Colitis	3304333	47.004%	51.877%	0.661%	0.345%	0.020%	0.006%	0.000%	0.088%
EXR-DGPLAS08-BS SM7_uc2, Plasma, Ulcerative Colitis	3613655	45.448%	53.622%	0.590%	0.196%	0.018%	0.002%	0.000%	0.125%
EXR-DGPLAS09-BS SM8_uc3, Plasma, Ulcerative Colitis	4719012	44.496%	51.860%	3.297%	0.218%	0.015%	0.003%	0.000%	0.111%

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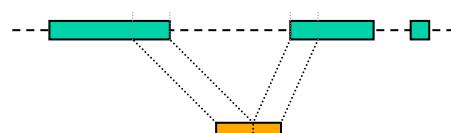
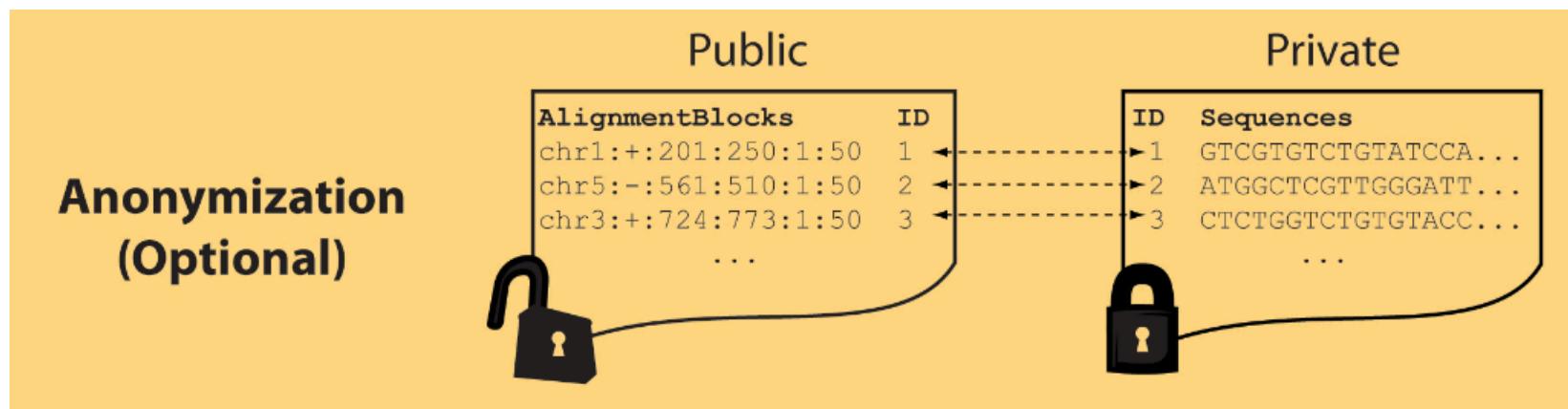
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# Light-weight formats

- Some lightweight format clearly separate public & private info., aiding exchange
- Files become much smaller
- Distinction between formats to compute on and those to archive with – become sharper with big data



**Mapping coordinates  
without variants (MRF)**

**Reads  
(linked via ID,  
10X larger than  
mapping coord.)**

# MRF Examples

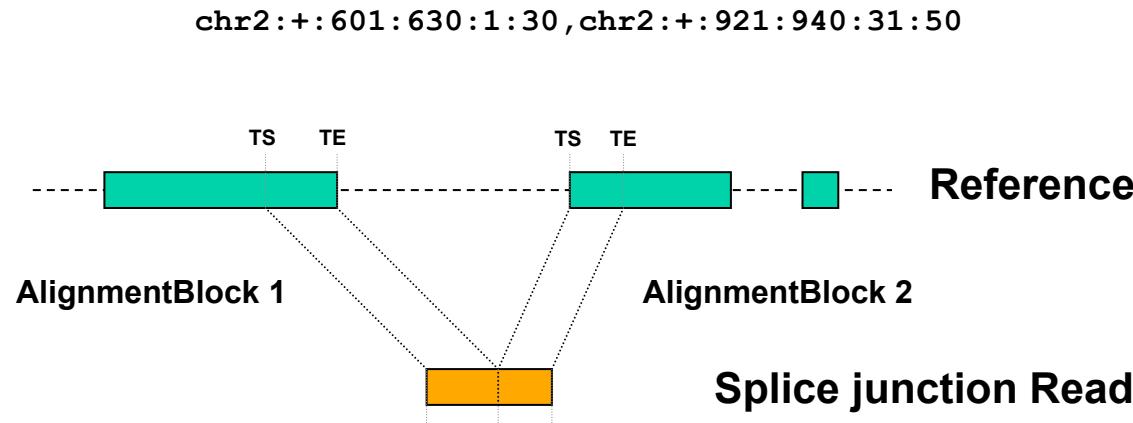
10X Compression Ex.

Raw ELAND export file has  
uncompressed file size: ~4 GB;  
total number of reads: ~20  
million; number of mapped  
reads: ~12 million .

MRF file is significantly smaller  
(~400 MB uncompressed, ~130  
MB compressed with gzip).

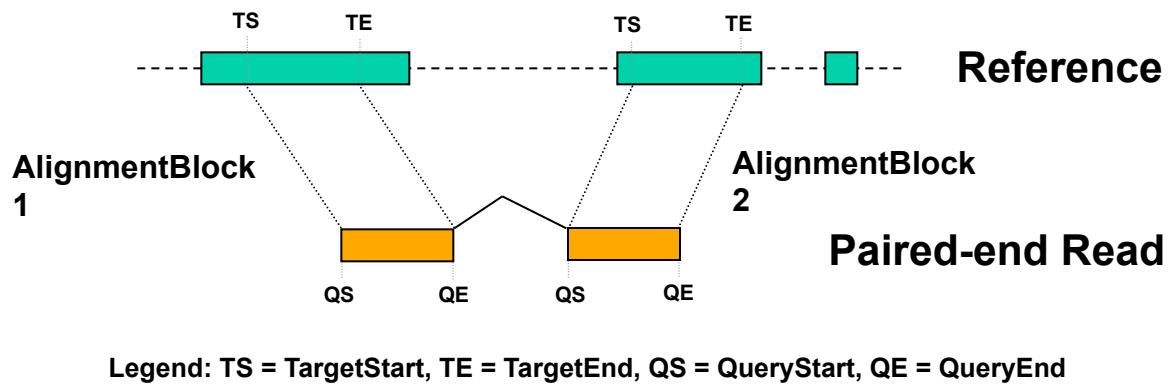
BAM file

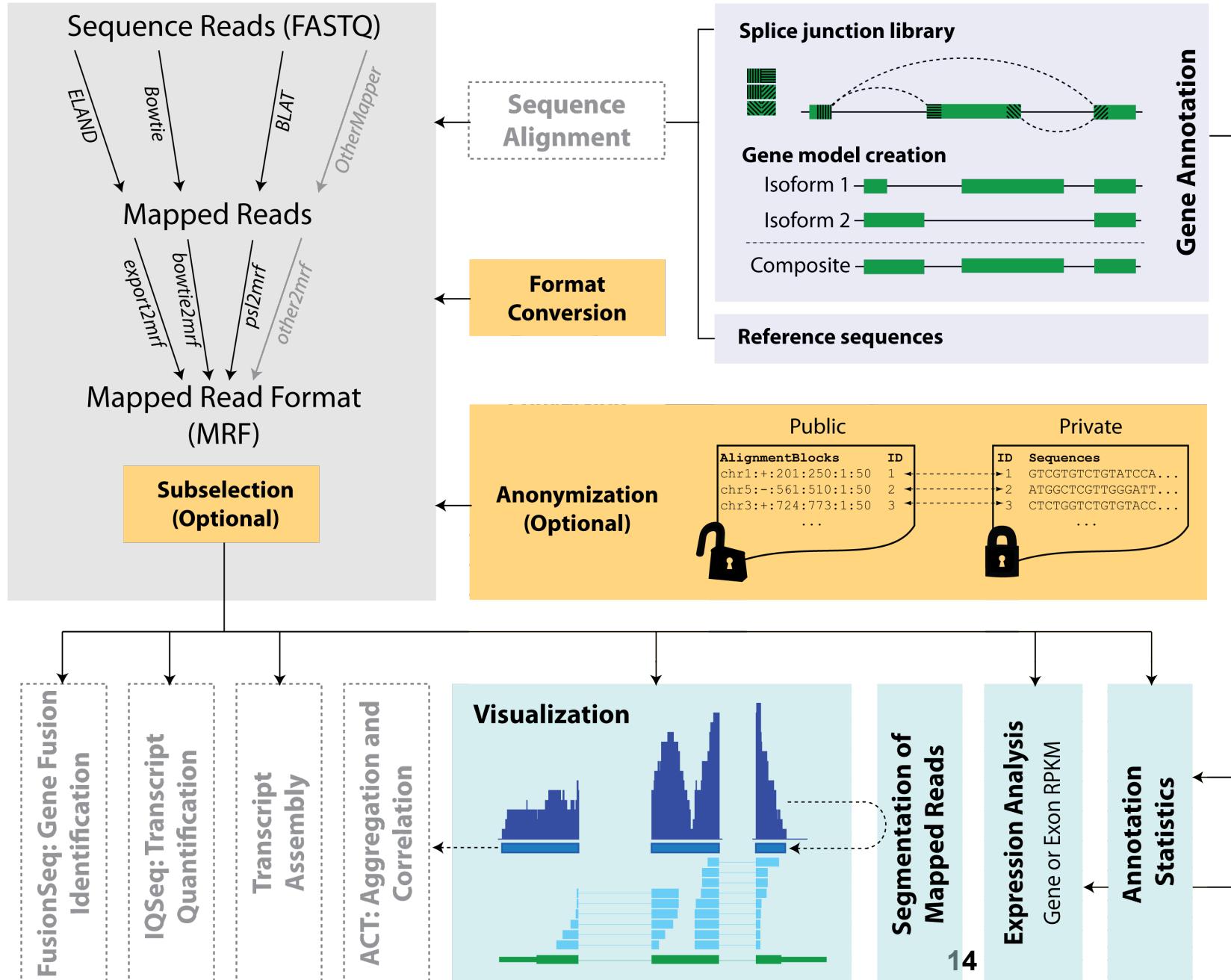
has a size of ~1.2 GB.



Reference based  
compression (ie  
CRAM) is similar but it  
stores actual variant  
beyond just position of  
alignment block

chr9:+:431:480:1:50 | chr9:+:945:994:1:50







# The Genboree Workbench: Web-based Data Management & Analysis

The Genboree Workbench interface is shown, featuring a top navigation bar with links to Home, Workbench, Browser, Profile, Groups, Projects, Databases, Tools, Log Out, and Help. The main content area includes a banner with the word "GENBOREE" and a Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) logo.

**Data Selector:** A tree view showing various data sources, including "www.genboree.org" (selected), "Atlas Tools Access", "EDACC", "Epigenome Informatics Workshop (May 2012)", "Epigenome ToolSet Demo Input Data", "Epigenomics Roadmap Repository", "GenboreeUser\_group", "GMT\_Tutorial", "Group1", "JonathanMill\_Lab", "paithank\_group", "Public", "ROI Repository", and "Targeted Atlases".

**Details:** A panel showing specific information about selected files or samples.

**Input Data:** A panel where users can select input data for a tool.

**Output Targets:** A panel where users can specify where results should be deposited.

**Annotations:**

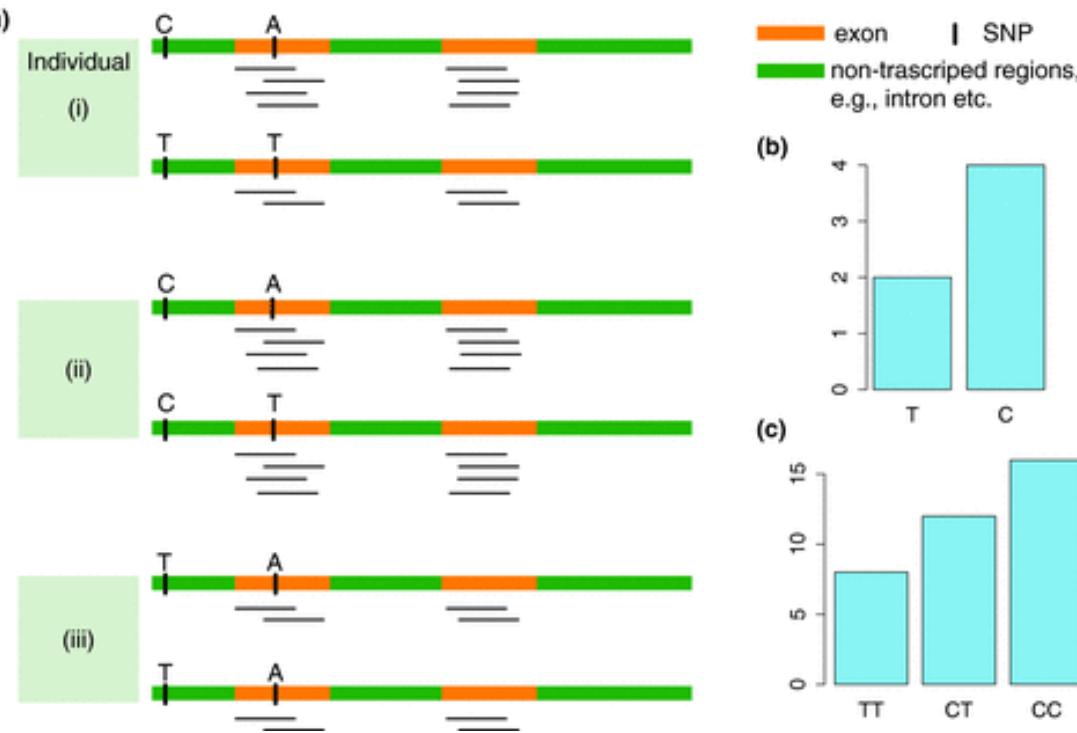
- Various Data Types (tracks, files, ROIs, etc)** points to the Data Selector panel.
- Specific information on files/samples selected in the “Data Selector”** points to the Details panel.
- Tells the tool to use this input data/file** points to the Input Data panel.
- Tells the tool where to deposit results** points to the Output Targets panel.

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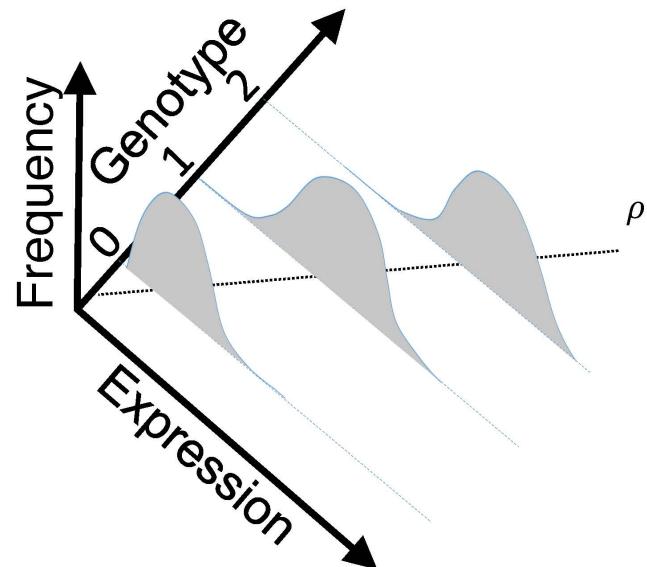
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# eQTL Mapping Using RNA-Seq Data

- eQTLs are genomic loci that contribute to variation in mRNA expression levels
- eQTLs provide insights on transcription regulation, and the molecular basis of phenotypic outcomes
- eQTL mapping can be done with RNA-Seq data



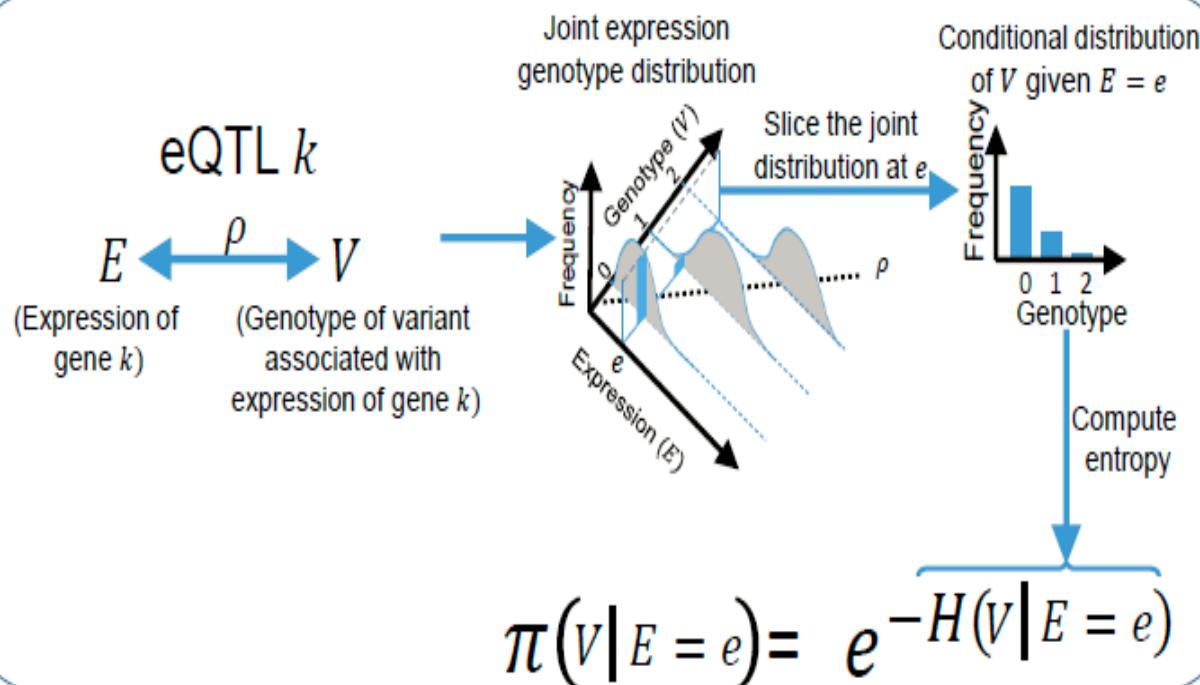
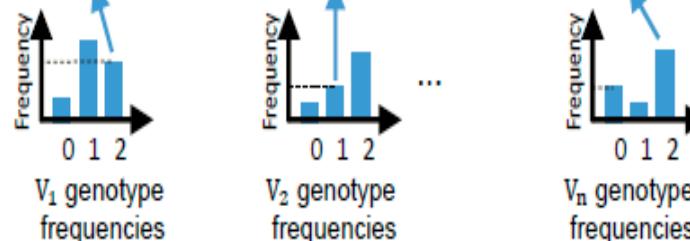
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# Information Content and Predictability

$$ICI \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Individual has variant} \\ \text{genotypes } g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n \\ \text{for variants } V_1, V_1, \dots, V_n \end{array} \right) = \log \left( \frac{1}{\text{Frequency of } V_1 \text{ genotype}} \right) + \log \left( \frac{1}{\text{Frequency of } V_2 \text{ genotype}} \right) + \dots + \log \left( \frac{1}{\text{Frequency of } V_n \text{ genotype}} \right)$$

$g_1 = 2$        $g_2 = 1$        $\dots$        $g_n = 2$

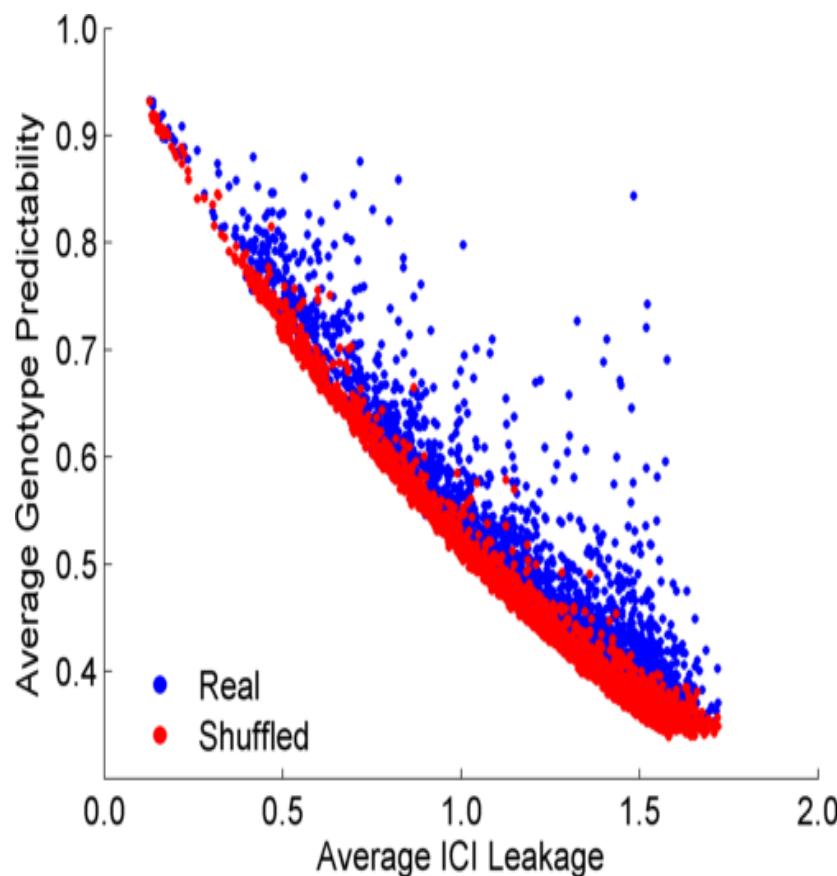


# Representative Expression, Genotype, eQTL Datasets

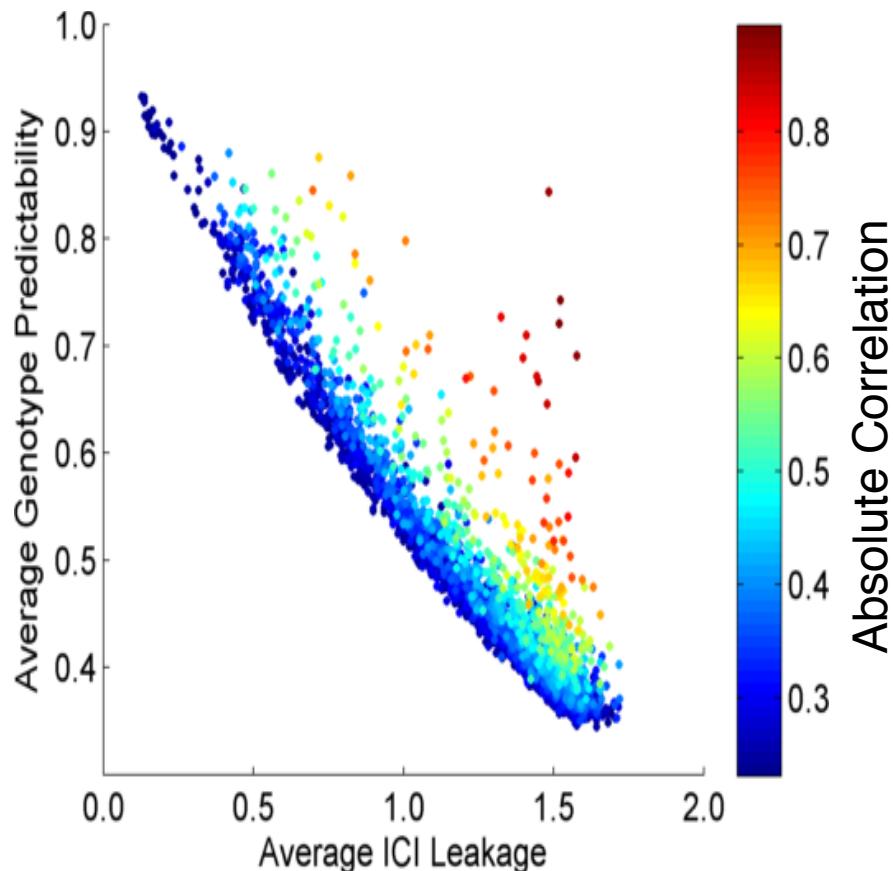
- mRNA sequencing for 462 individuals
  - Publicly available Quantification for protein coding genes
- Approximately 3,000 cis-eQTL (FDR<0.05)
- Genotypes are available from the 1000 Genomes Project



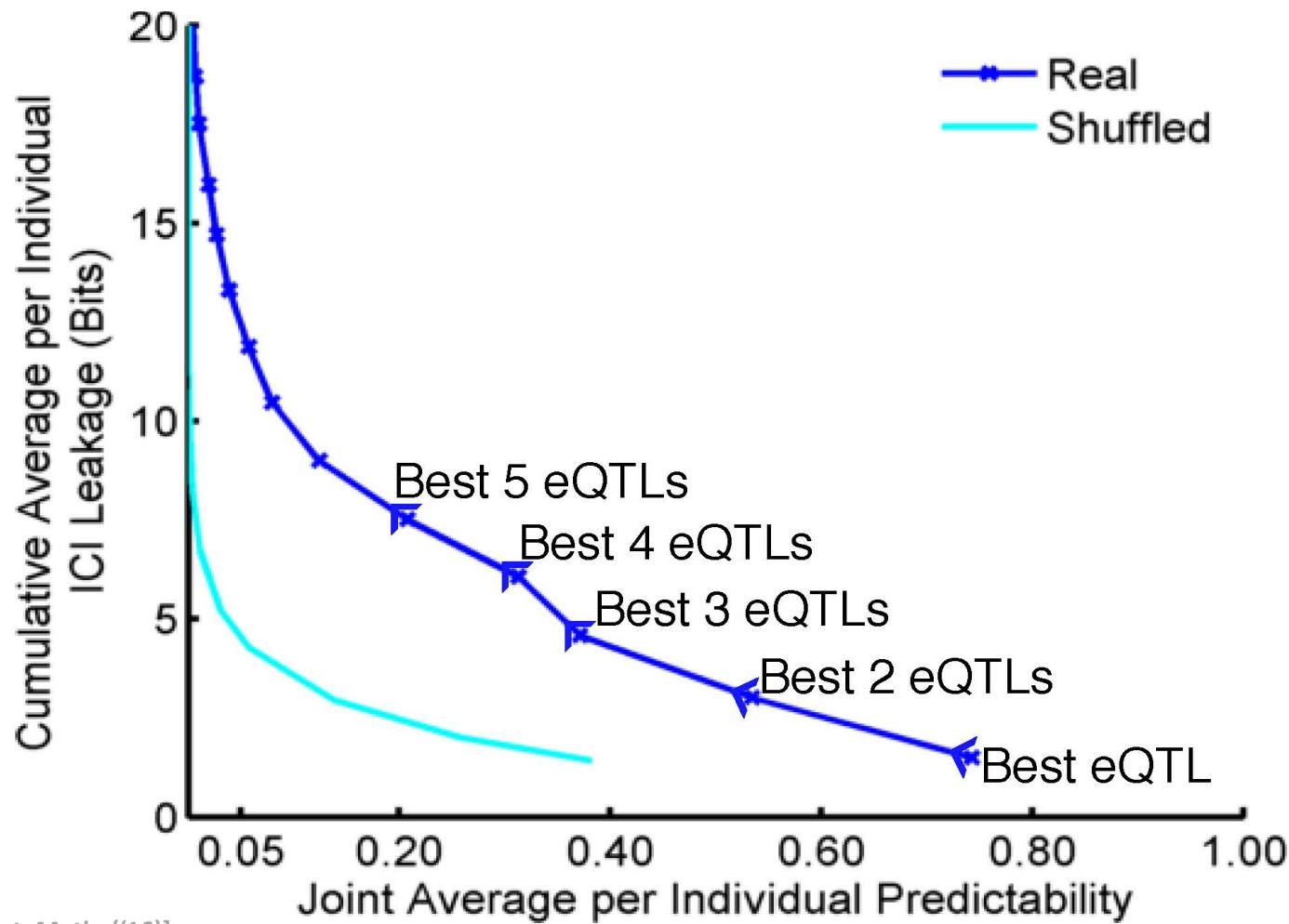
# Per eQTL and ICI Cumulative Leakage versus Genotype Predictability



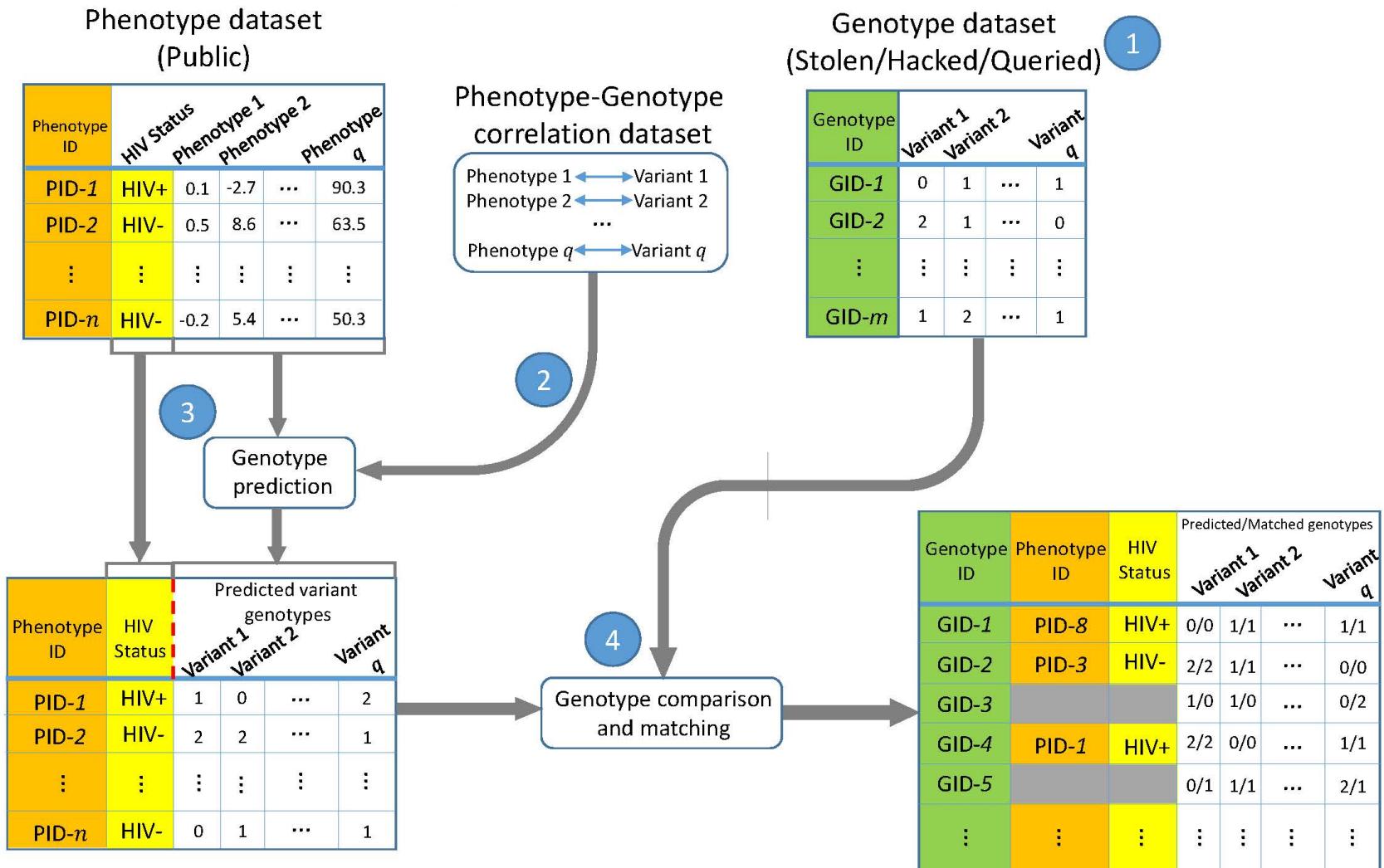
Colors by absolute correlation



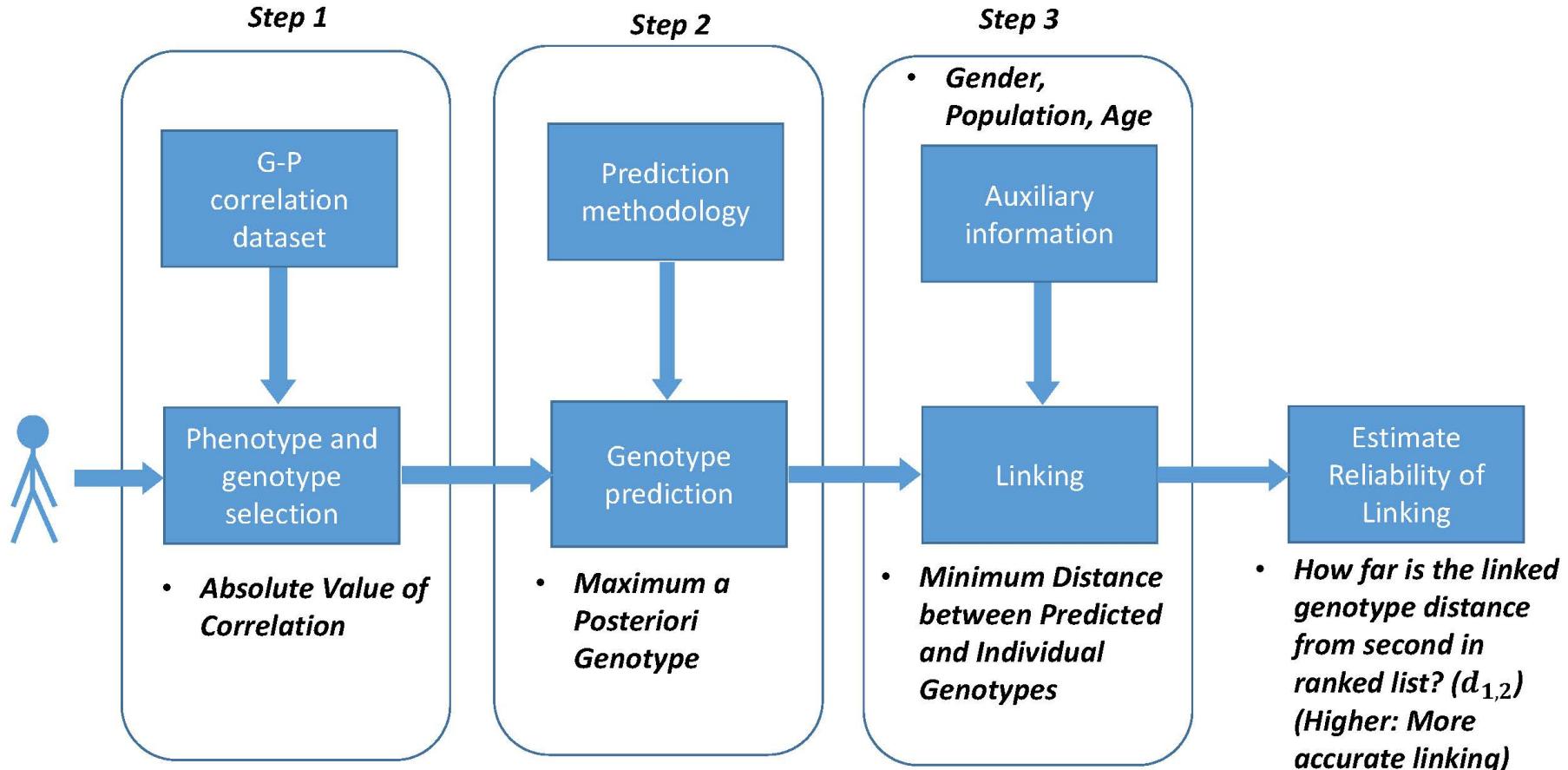
# Cumulative Leakage versus Joint Predictability

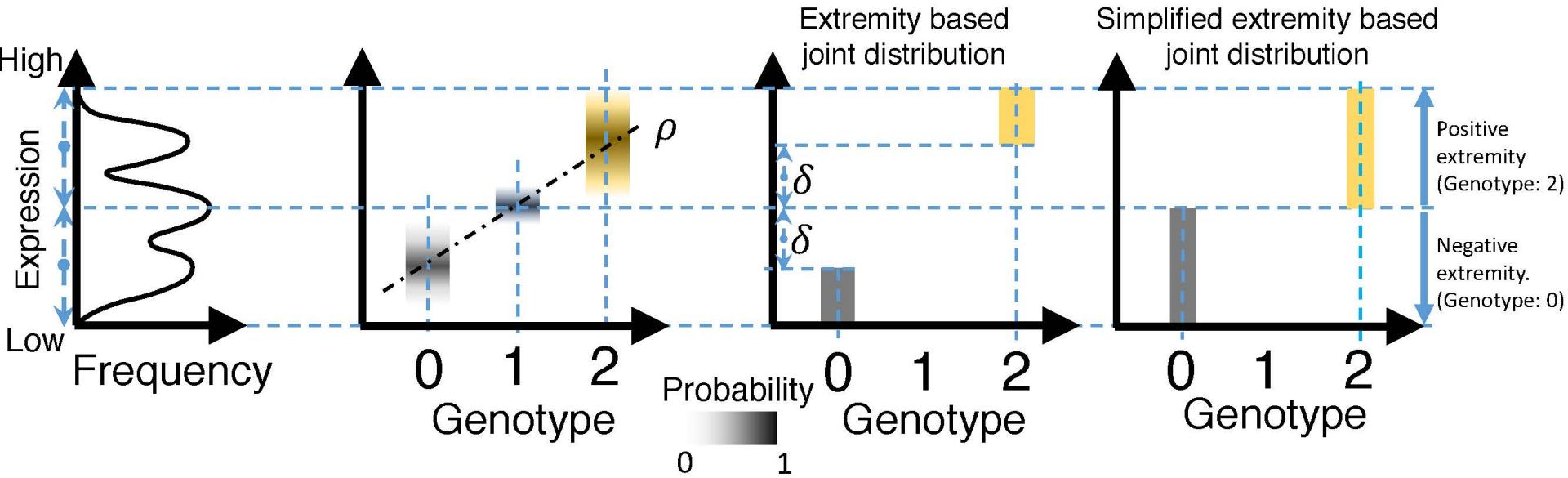


# Linking Attack Scenario

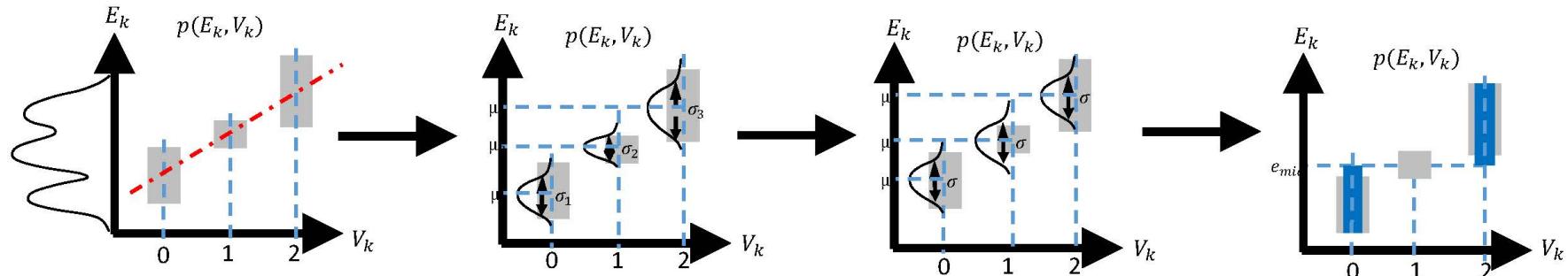


# Steps in Instantiation of a (Mock) Linking Attack

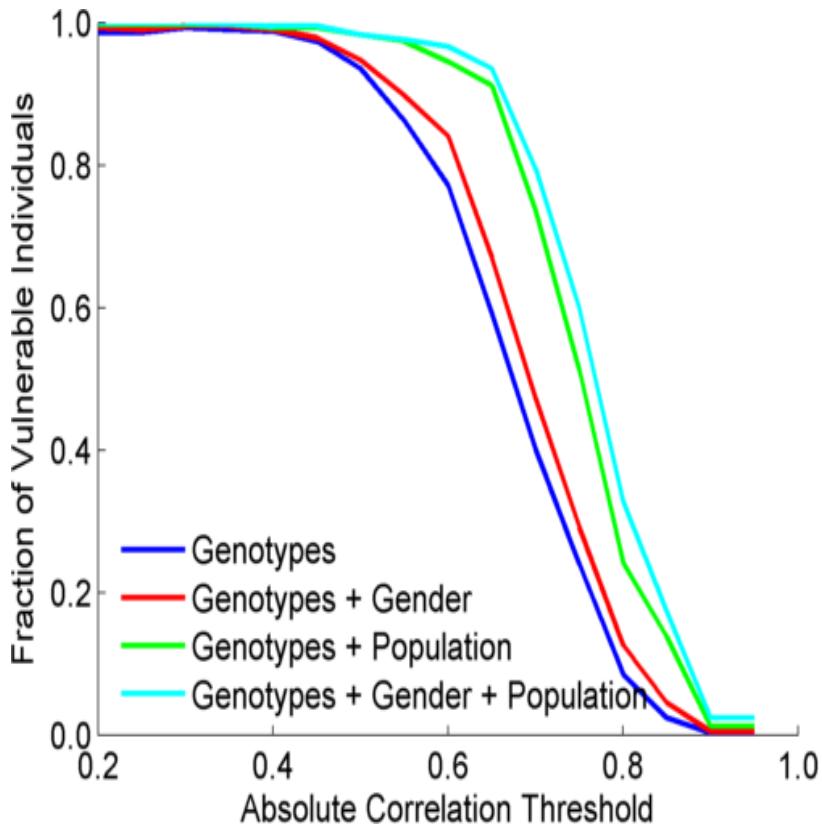




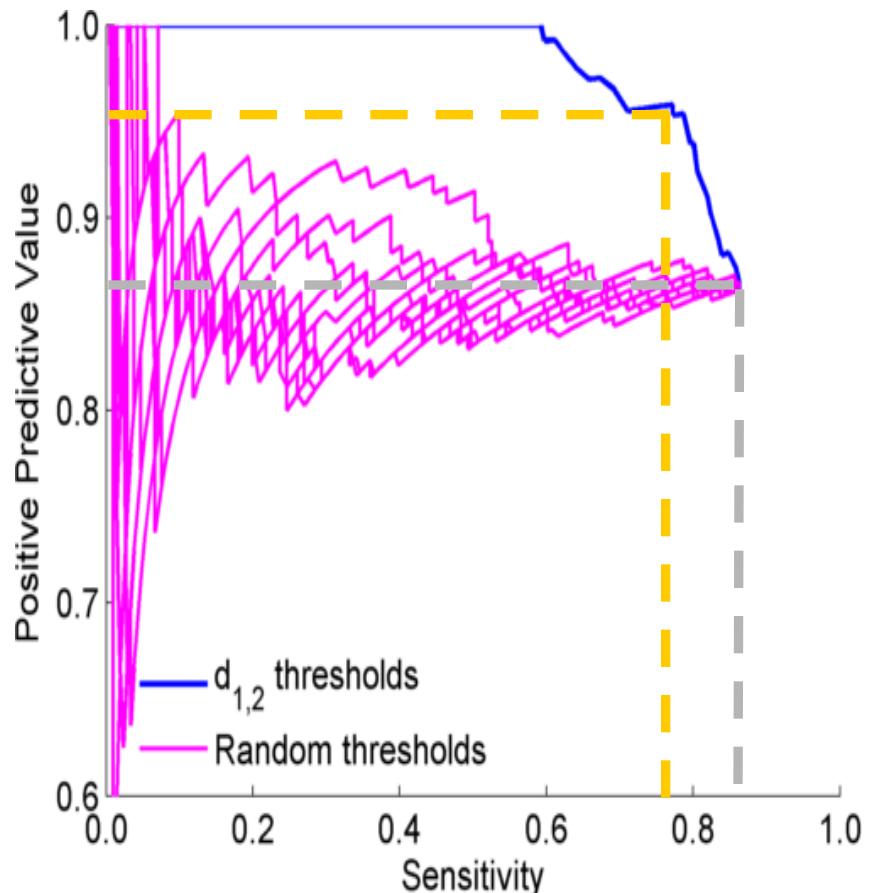
Levels of Expression-Genotype Model Simplifications:



## Extremity based linking with homozygous genotypes



Attacker can estimate the reliability of linkings



Sensitivity: Fraction of correctly linked  
Individuals among all individuals

PPV: Fraction of correctly linked individuals  
among selected individuals

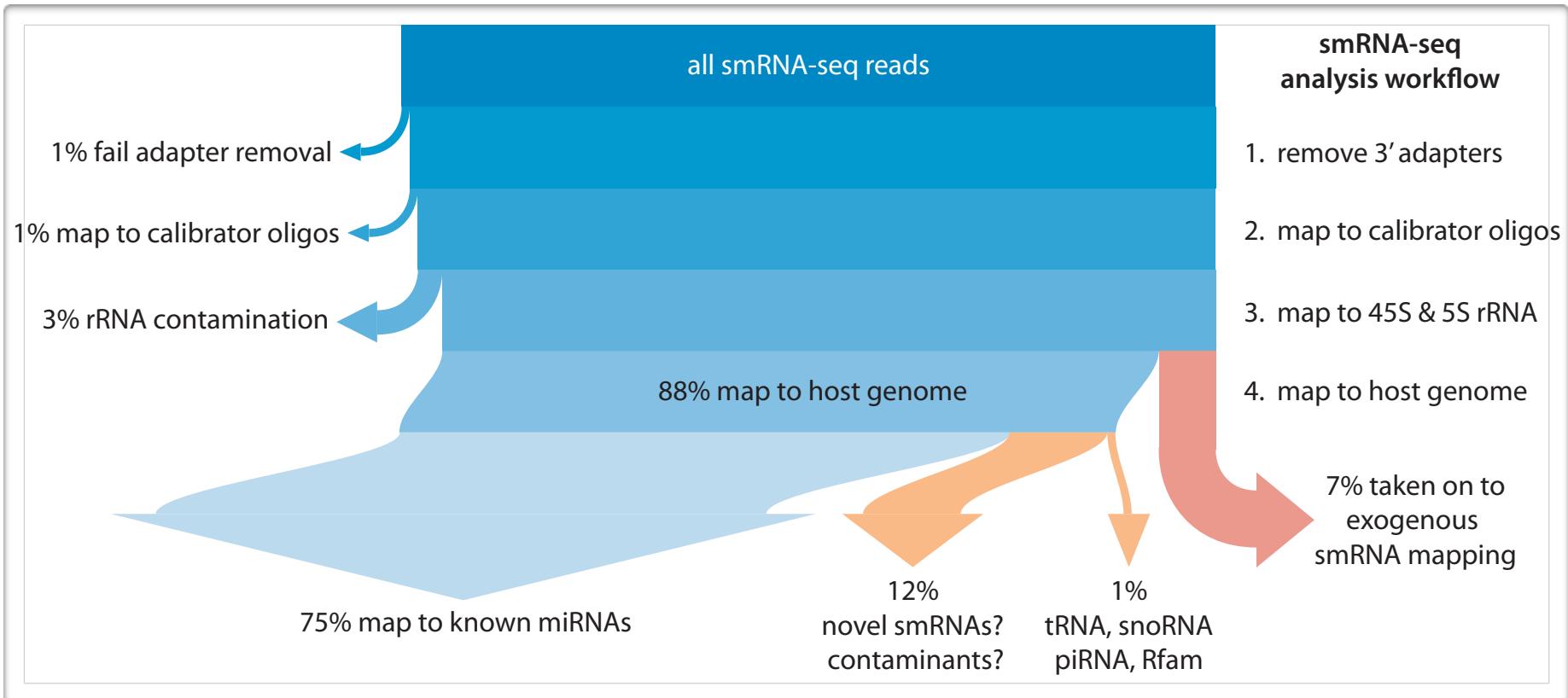
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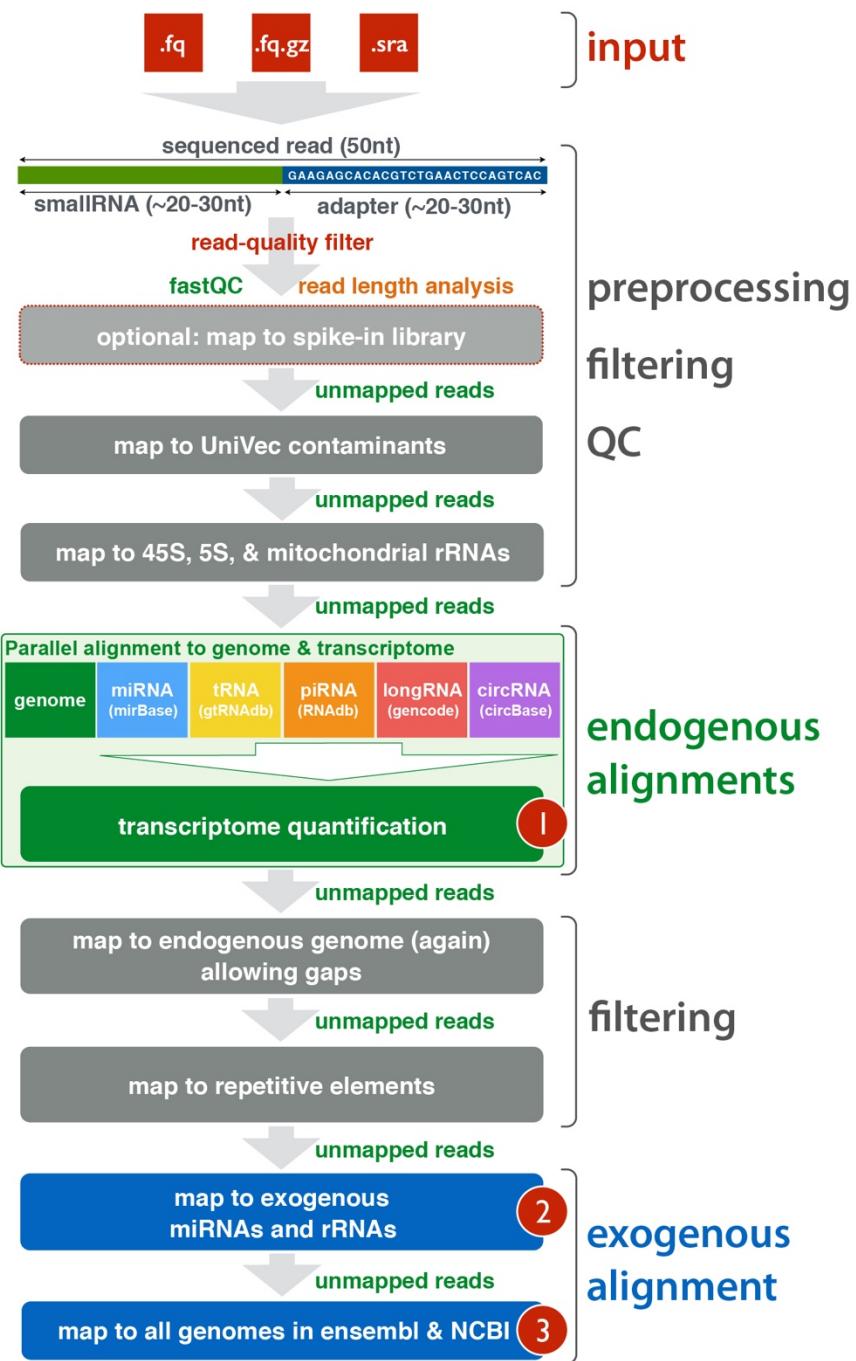
## for a typical cellular sample...



- exRNA samples typically much noisier
- cascade of read-alignment steps mitigates contamination

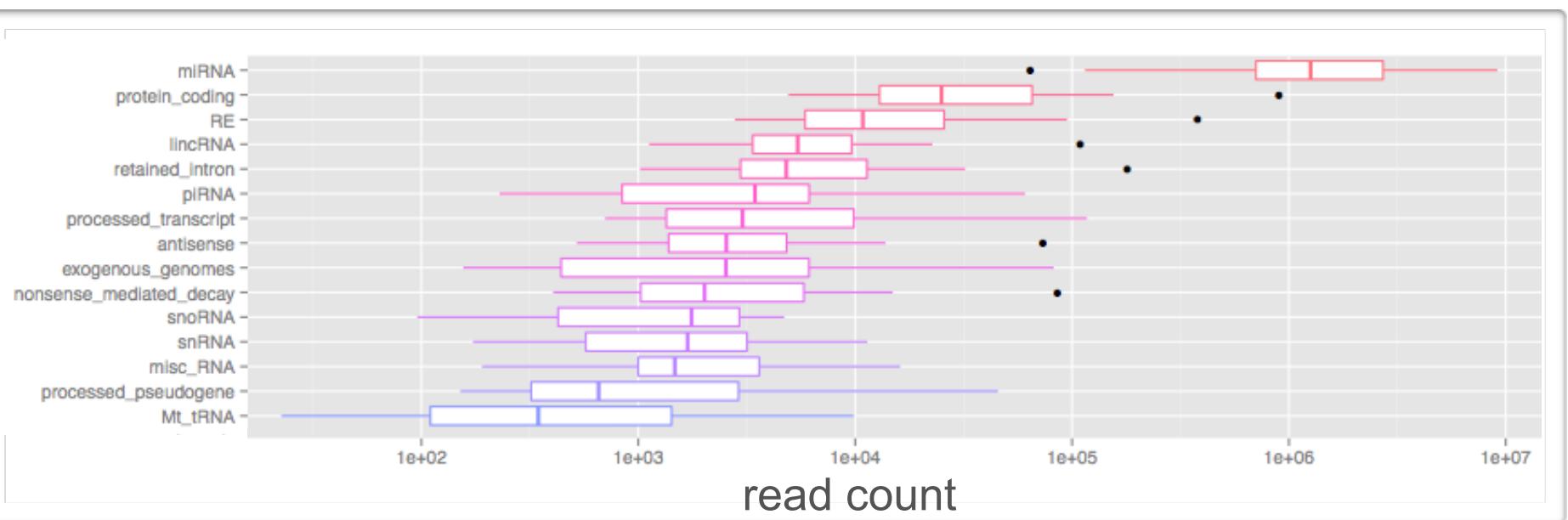
# extra-cellular RNA processing toolkit

- automatic pre-processing and QC of sequence reads
- explicit filtering of contaminants & rRNA
- quantification of spike-in sequences and many different smallRNA biotypes
- support for random barcodes (Bioo)
- choice of 3 end-points:
  - 1 endogenous only
  - 2 exogenous miRNA +rRNA
  - 3 exogenous genomes



## total reads by biotype

- large contribution from miRNA and mRNA
- also some signal from exogenous sequences



# exeRpt @ Genboree.org

The screenshot shows the exeRpt software interface. On the left is a 'Data Selector' window with a tree view of available datasets. The 'Databases' section contains entries like 'Bowtie - Example Data', 'BWA hg19 - Example Data', 'BWA mm9 - Example Data', 'FastQC - Example Data', 'Import Samples - Example Data', 'RSEQtools hg18 - Example Data', 'RSEQtools hg19 - Example Data', and 'smallRNA-seq Pipeline - Example Data'. Under 'smallRNA-seq Pipeline - Example Data', there are sub-folders for 'Tracks', 'Lists & Selections', 'SampleSets', 'Samples', and 'Files', with 'smallRNaseqPipeline' and 'SRR82243.fastq.gz' listed. Below this are sections for 'Projects' (with 'exRNA' and 'rob.kitchen\_group' selected), 'Databases' (with 'exRNA example' selected), and 'Projects'. On the right is a 'Details' panel with a table of attributes and their values:

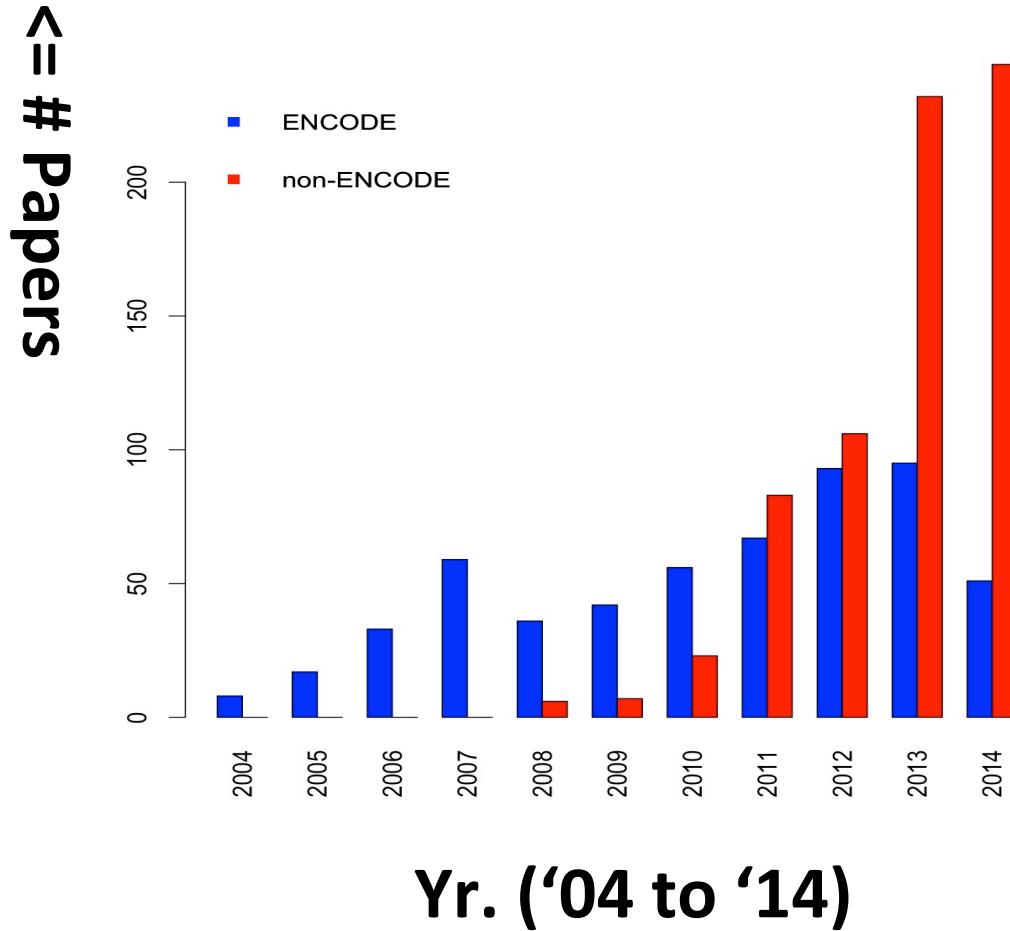
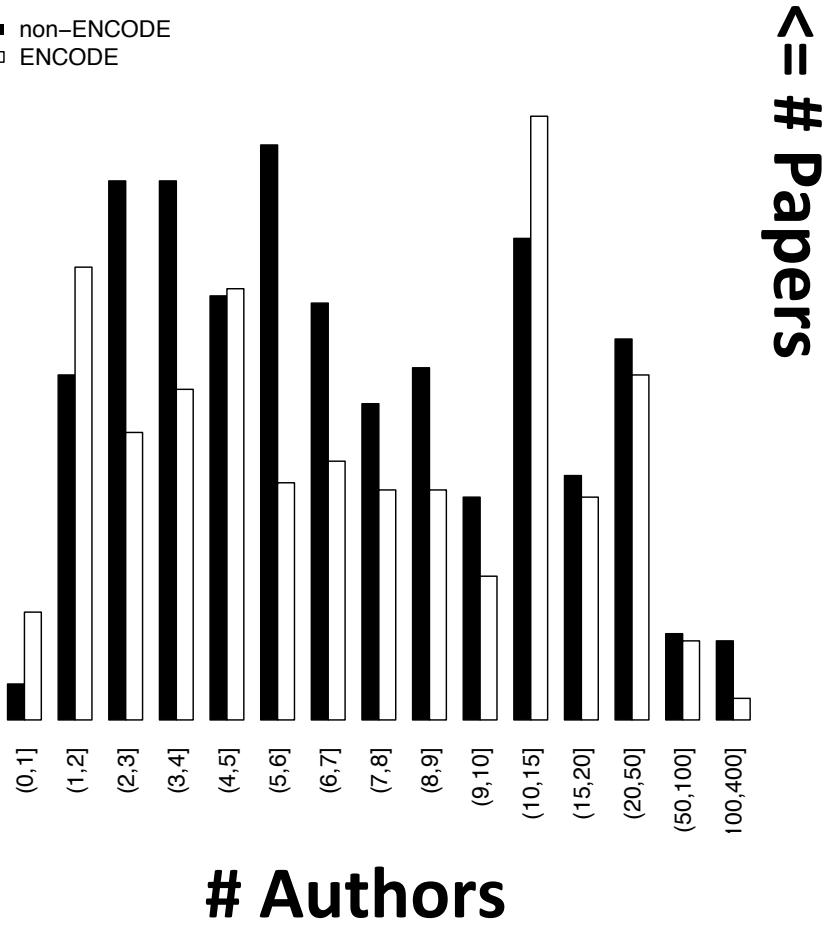
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Below the Details panel are two large red text labels: 'input' above a list of files and 'output' below a target project.

- extremely simple to use (1 input, 1 output)
- can process multiple samples in parallel
- very customisable (choice of smRNA libs, calibrators, etc)

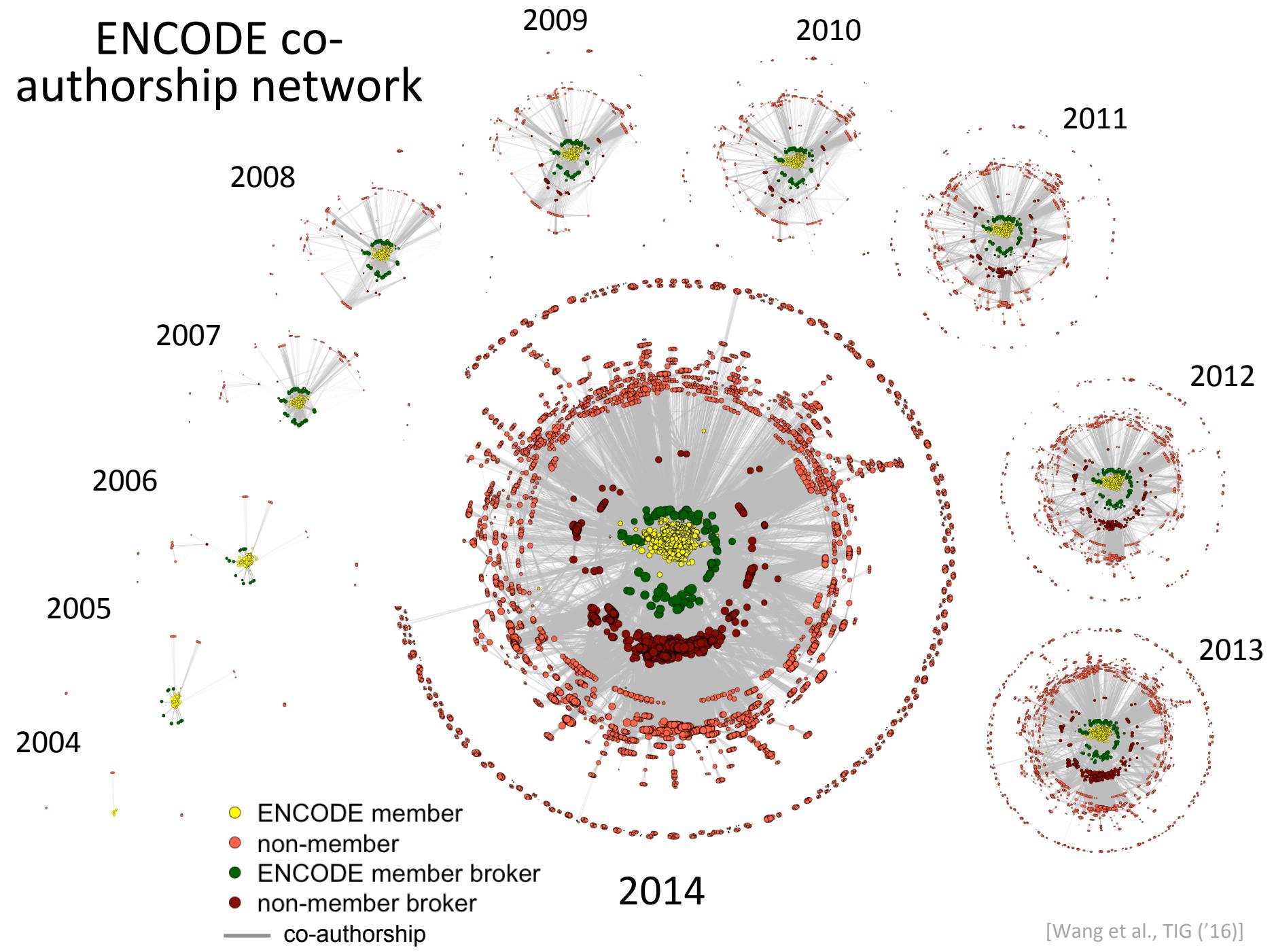
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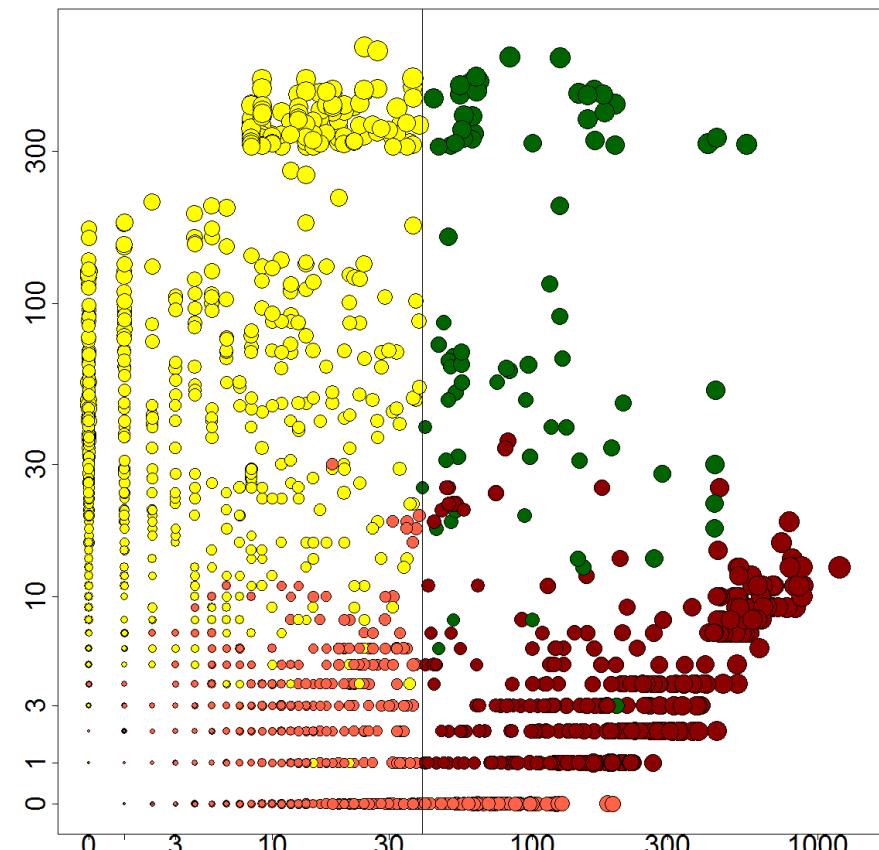
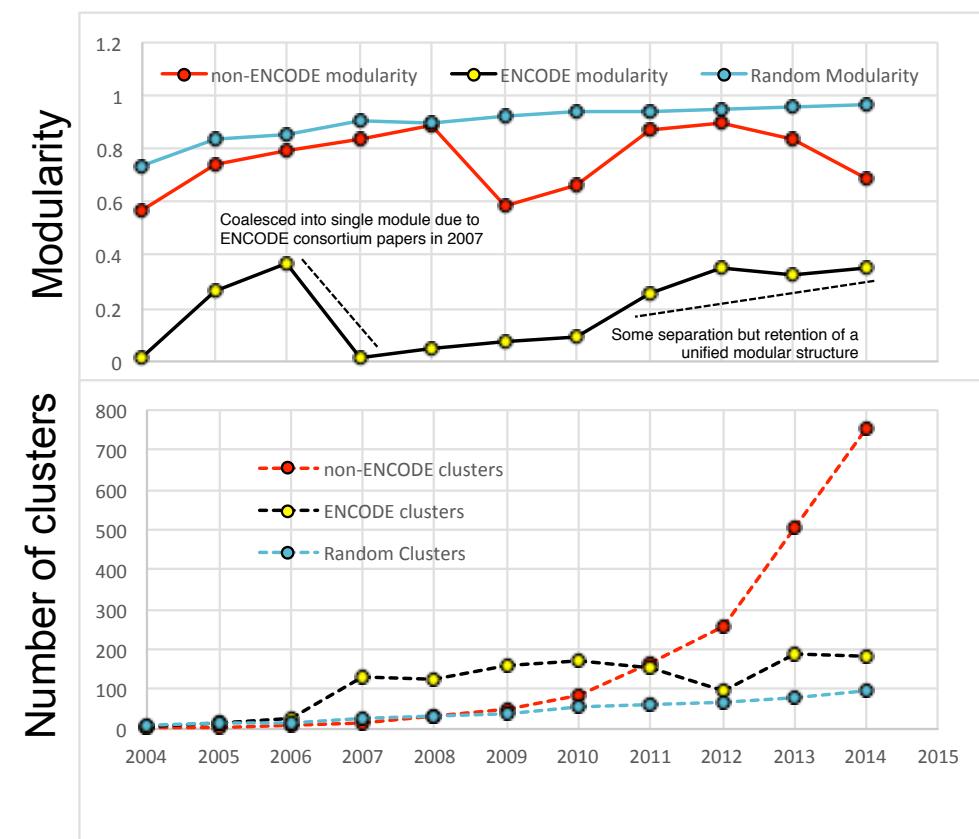


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# ENCODE co-authorship network



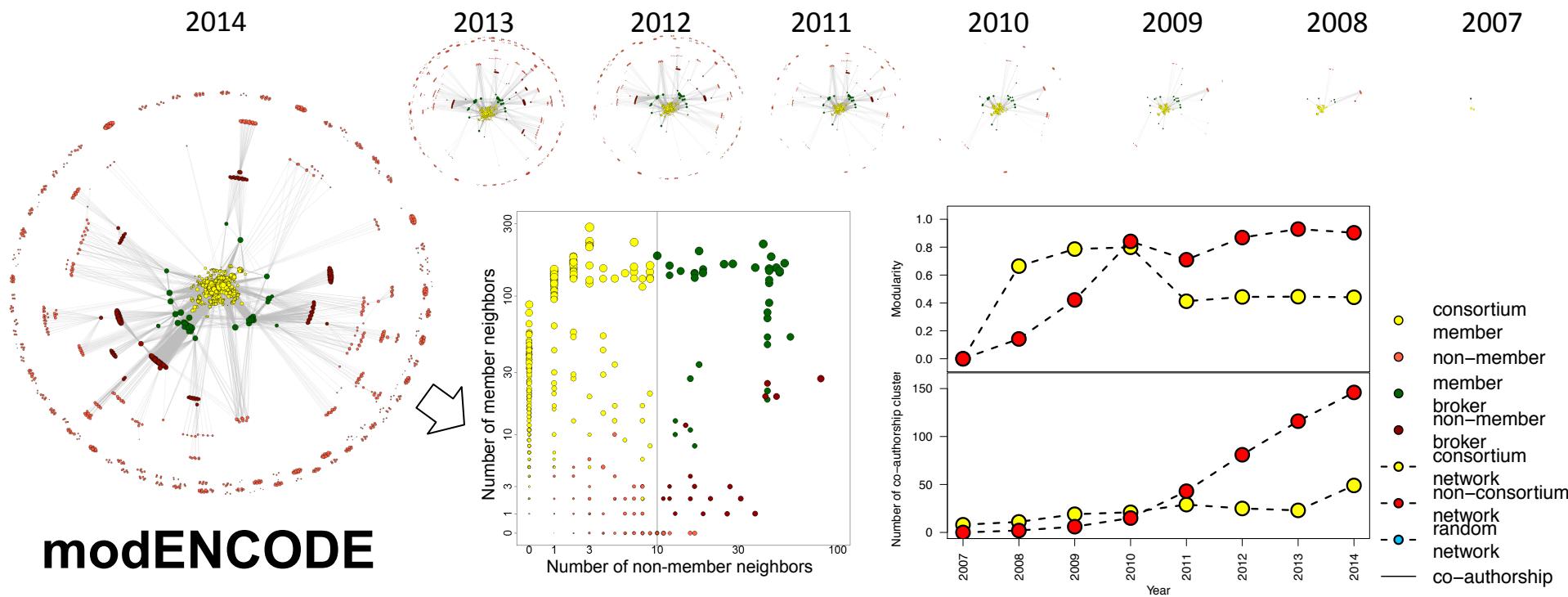
# Network statistics highlight change in modularity with consortium rollouts (L) & importance of broker role (R)



# neighbors:  
non-ENCODE  
v ENCODE

- Yellow circle: ENCODE member
- Red circle: non-member
- Green circle: ENCODE member broker
- Dark red circle: non-member broker

# modENCODE



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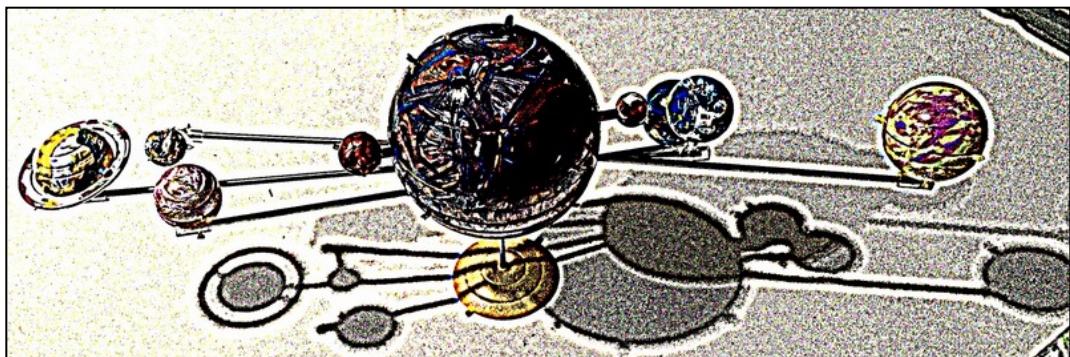
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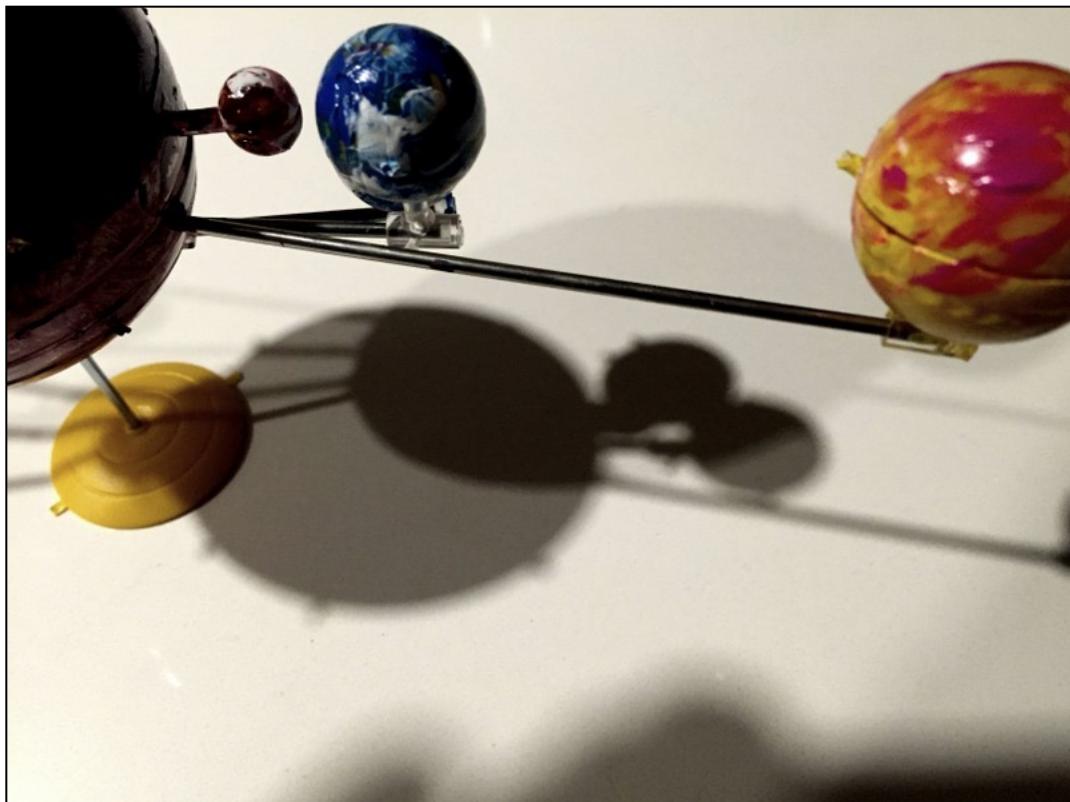
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