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Functional Human Variation

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Why is it important?



- Tay-Sachs is a genetic disorder
- Babies do not sit or crawl
- Followed by seizures, hearing loss
- Death occurs before 15
- The cause?

4 bases out of 3,088,286,401 bases

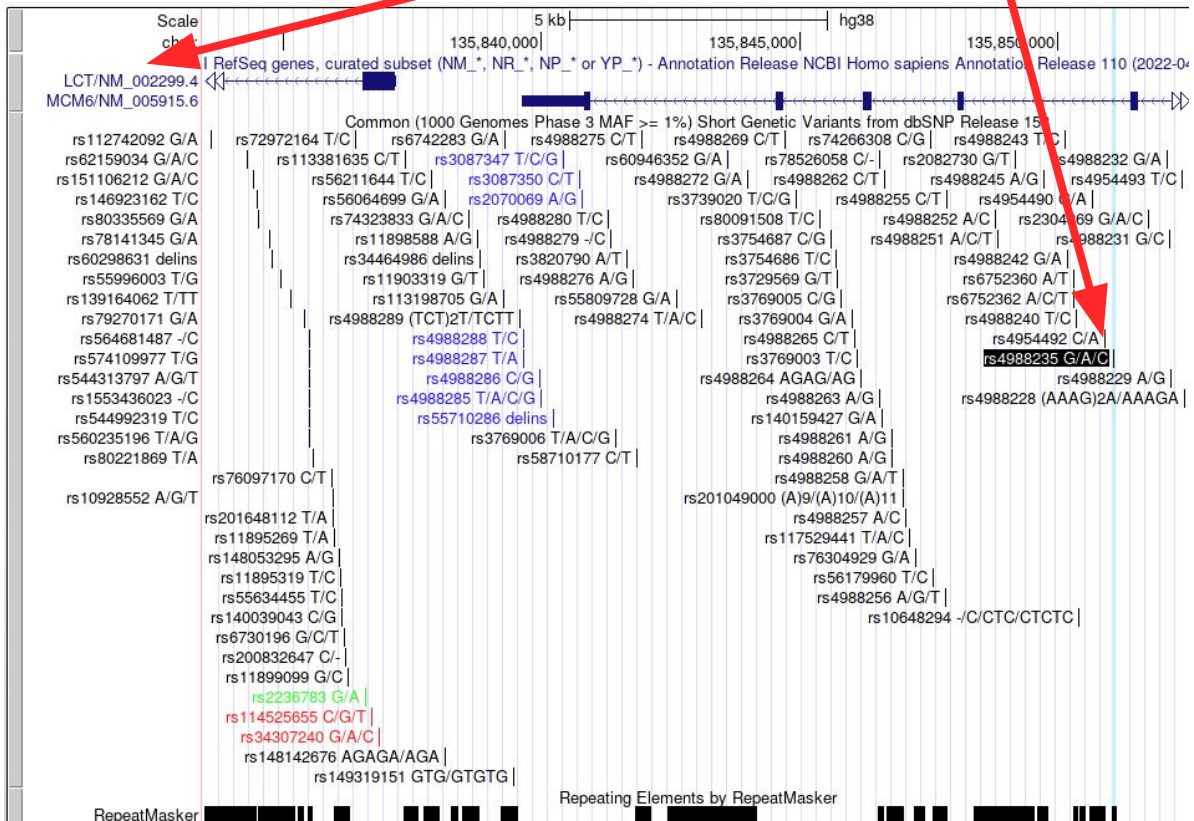
Got milk?



rs4988235 on chr2

genes:

SNPs:



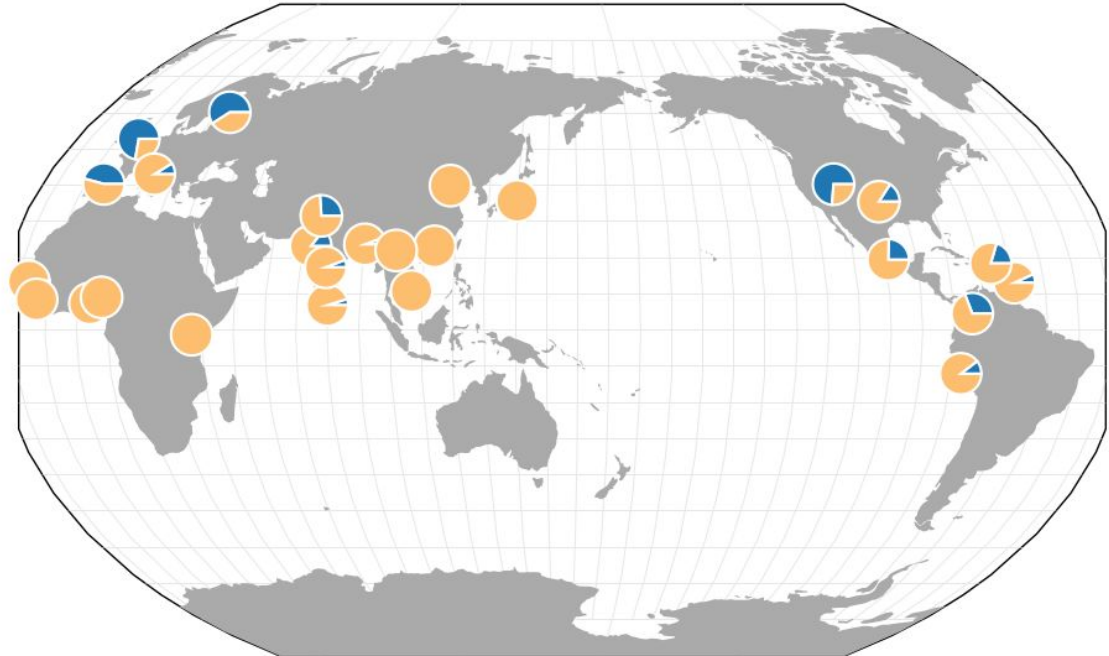
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chr2:136608646 A/G

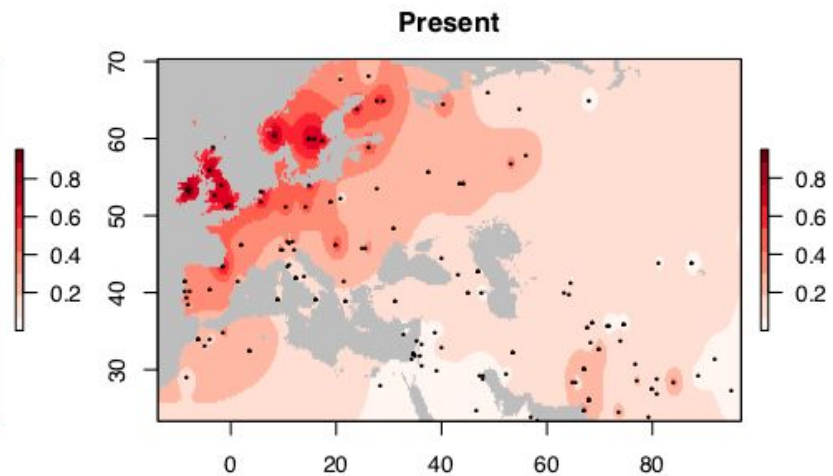
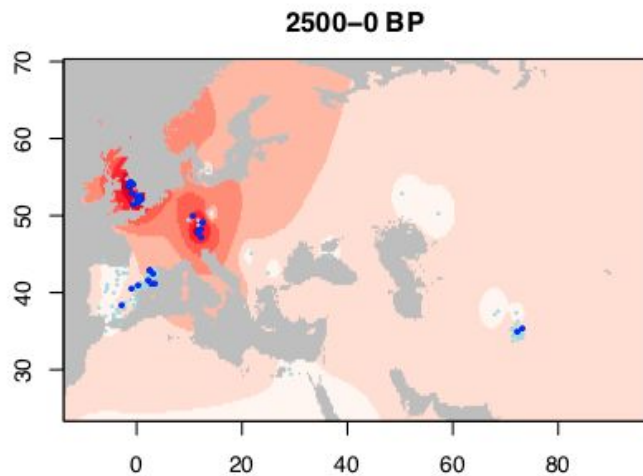
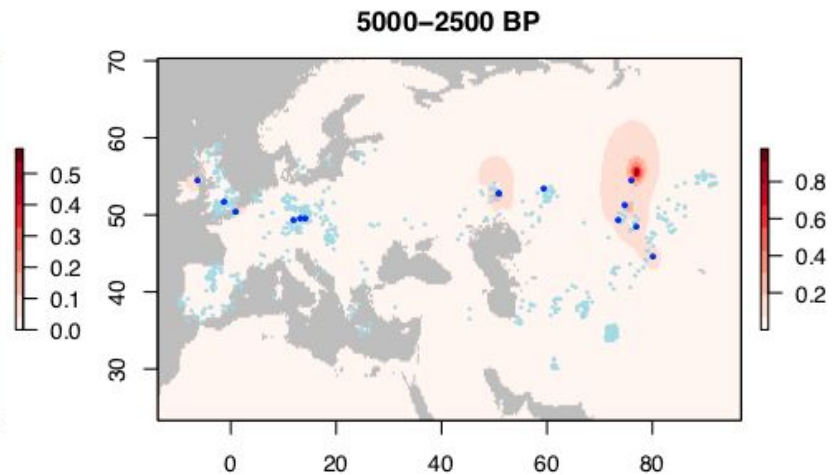
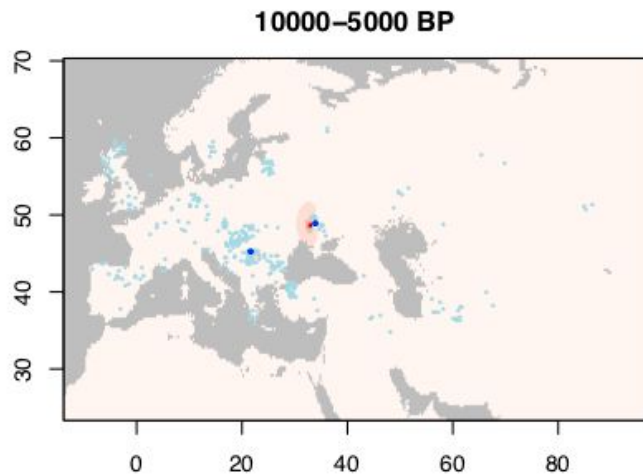
Orientation minus
Stabilized minus

Geno	Mag	Summary
(C;C)	2.5	likely to be lactose intolerant as an adult
(C;T)	1.1	likely to be able to digest milk as an adult
(T;T)	1.1	can digest milk

source: snpedia

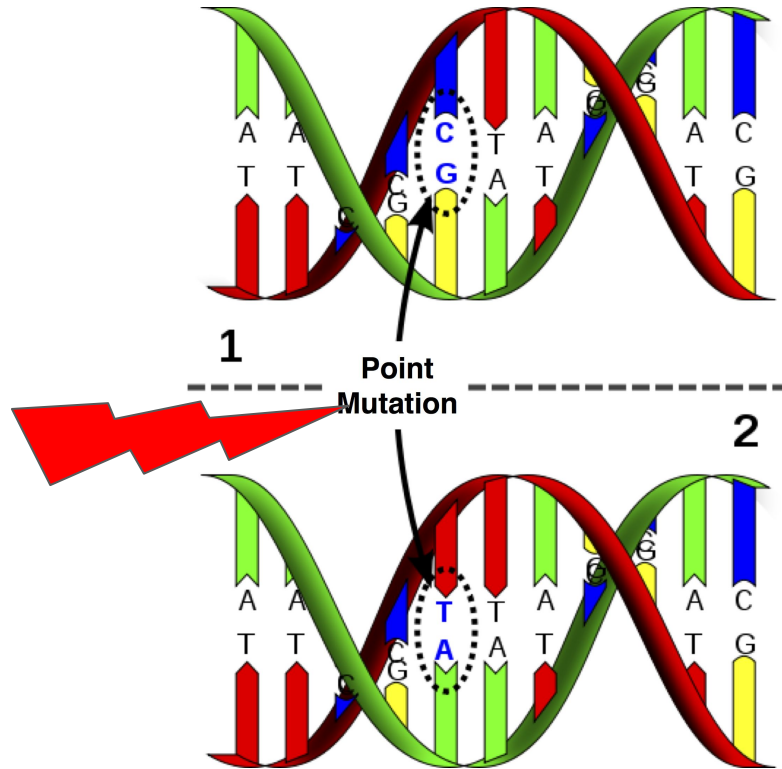


source: Geography of Genetic Variants Brows



source: <http://mathii.github.io/2019/10/12/the-spread-of-the-european-lactase-persistence-allele>

Variations: Mutations and Polymorphisms



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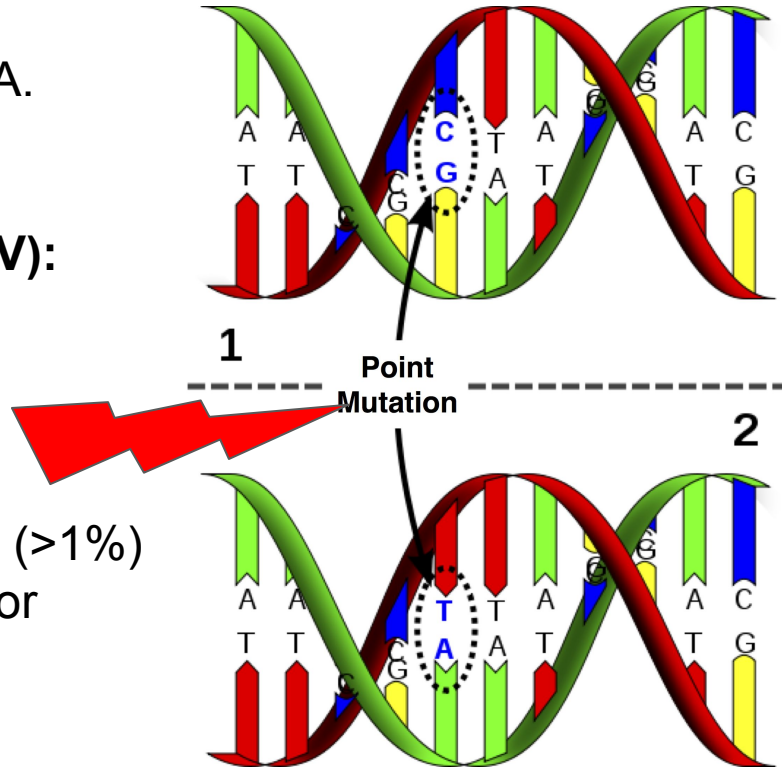
- Changes in the sequence of DNA.

Single Nucleotide Variation (SNV):

- single nucleotide is altered
- UV, chemicals, tobacco...

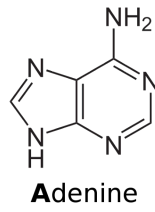
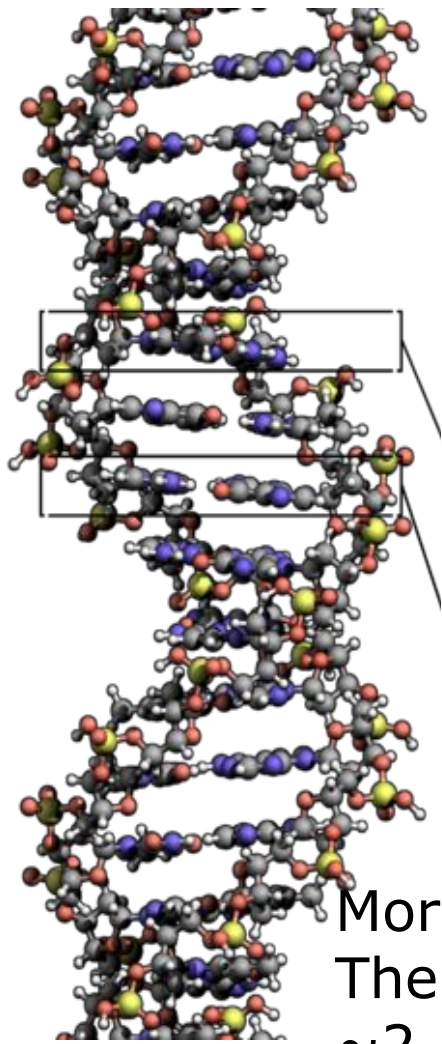
Polymorphism (SNP):

- Implies presence in population (>1%)
- Allele frequencies: Major / Minor

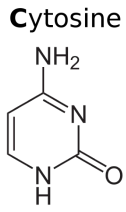
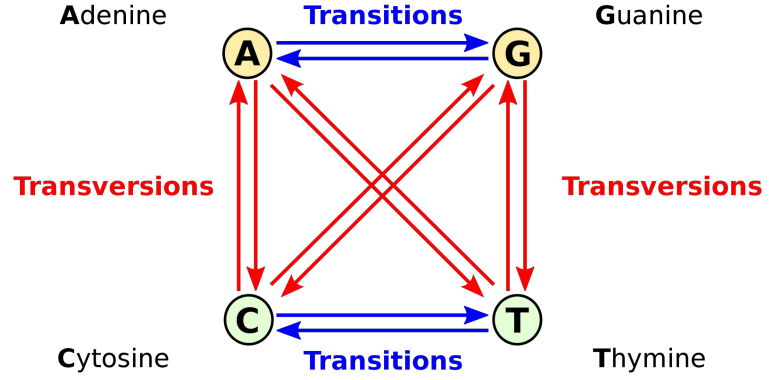
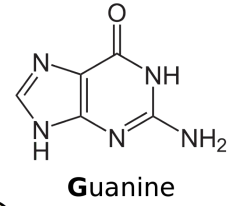


Minor groove

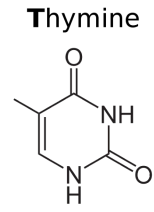
Major groove



Purines

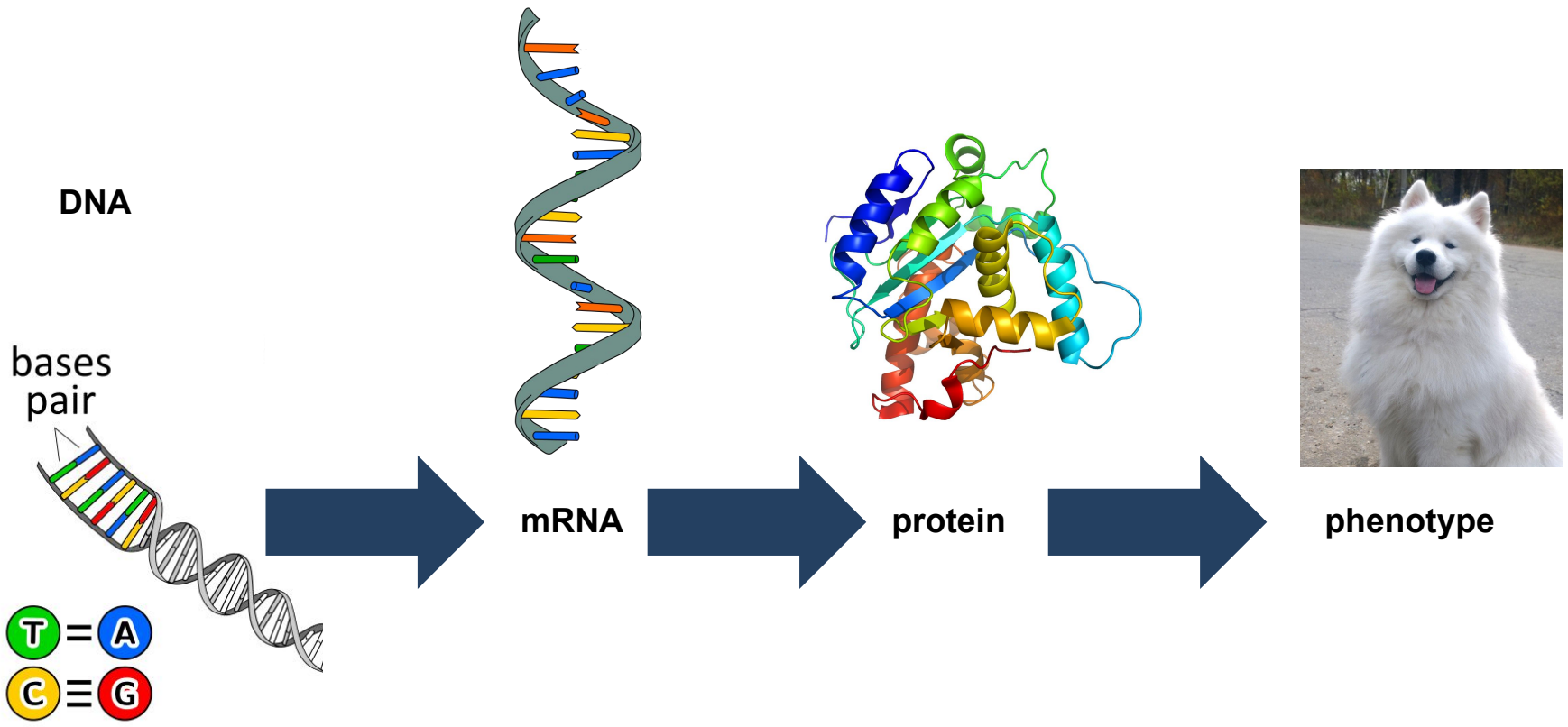


Pyrimidines

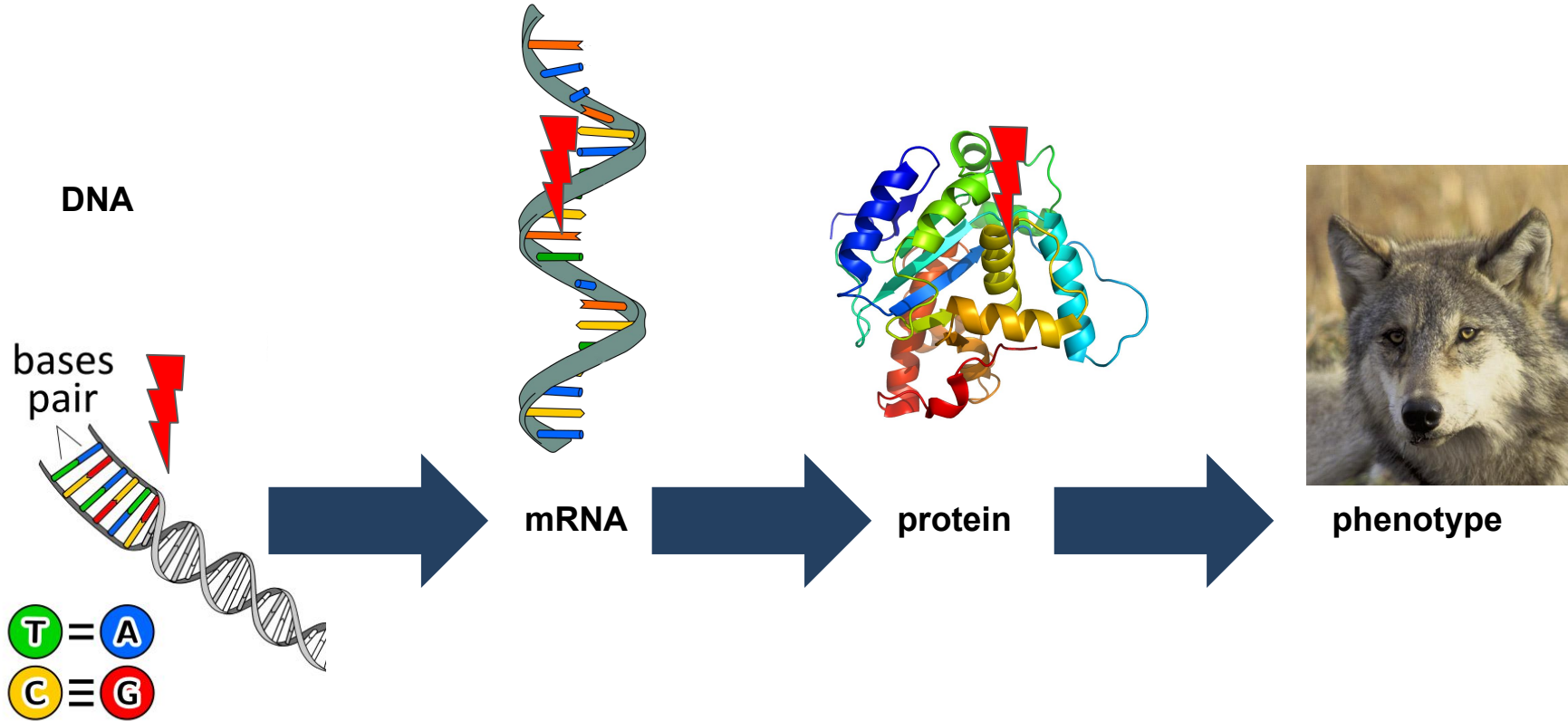


More transitions observed:
The transition/transversion ratio in human is ~ 2.1

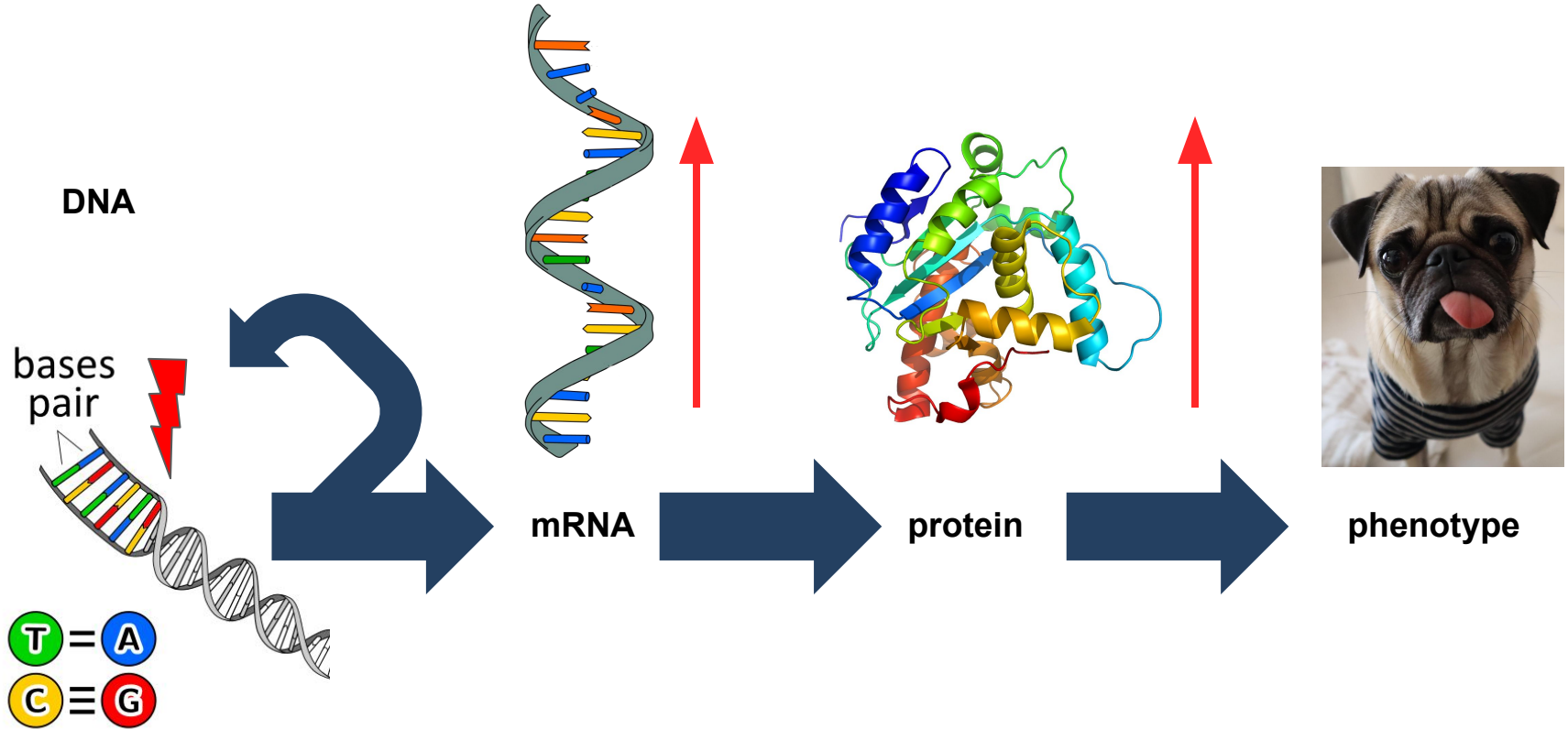
Why are mutations important?



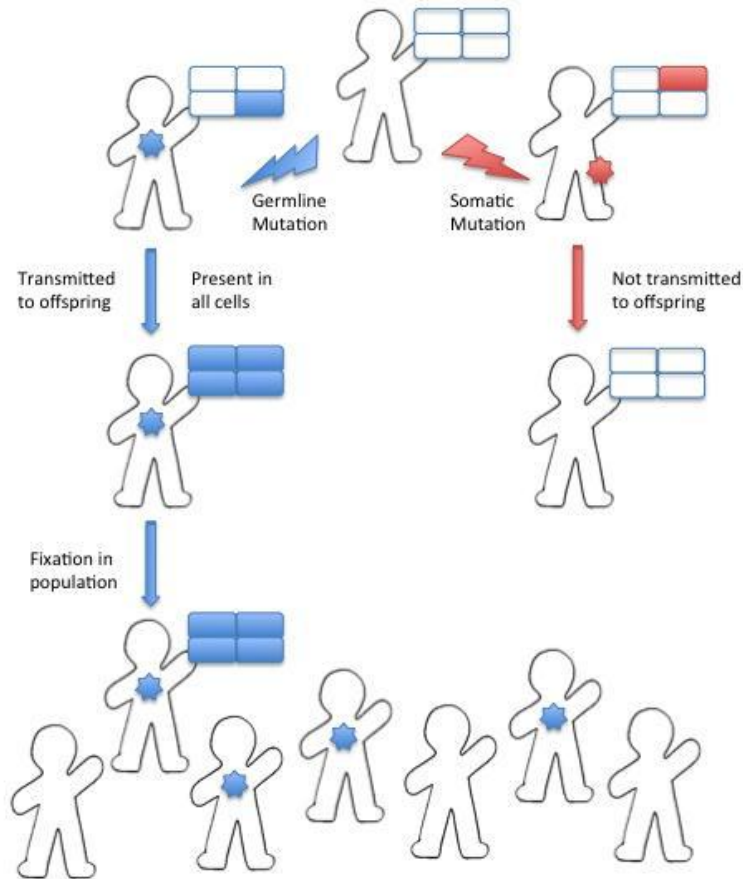
Change in the coding sequence



Change in the expression



Germline vs Somatic Mutations



Germline Mutations

Present in **all** cells

Transmitted to offspring

Exists in population (SNP)

Somatic Mutations

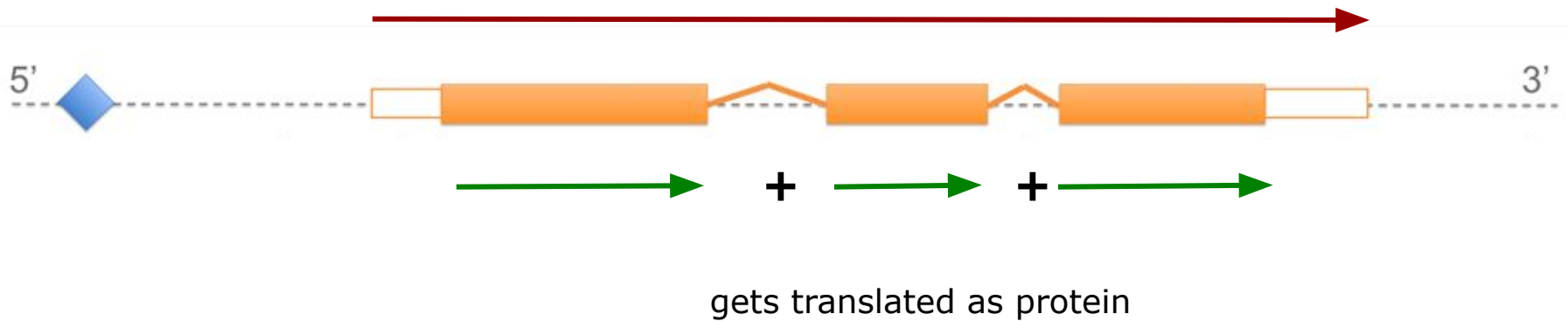
-Present only in **some** cells

-**Not transmitted** to offspring

-**Do not remain** in population

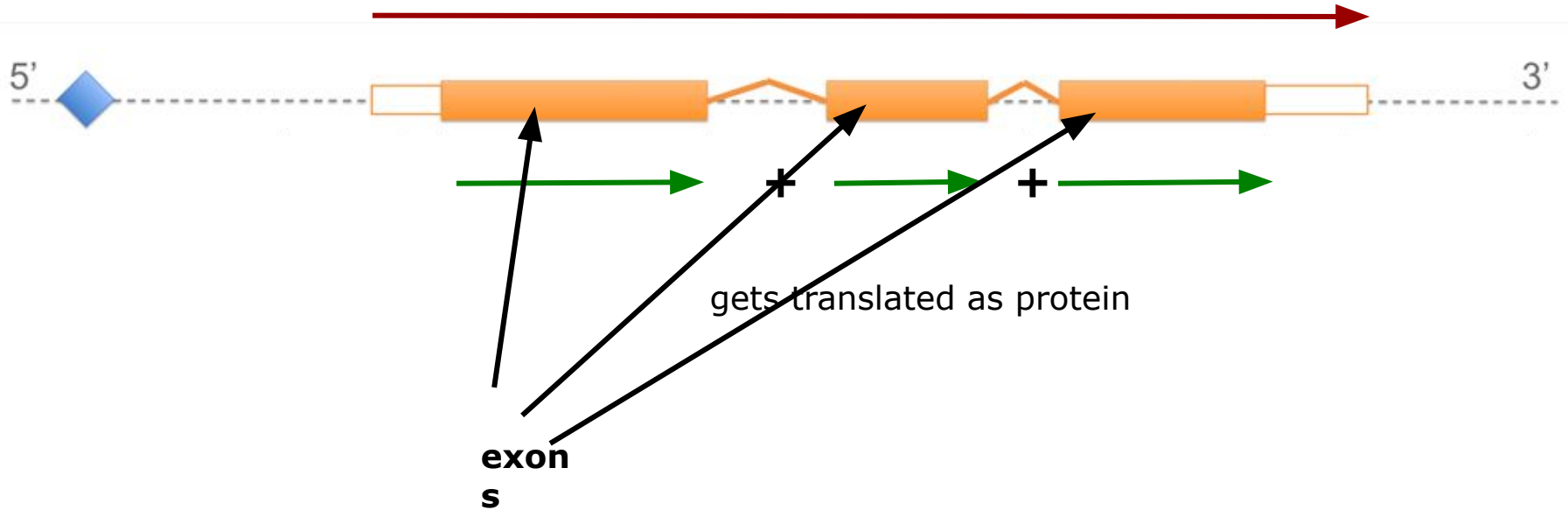
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gets transcribed as precursor messenger RNA

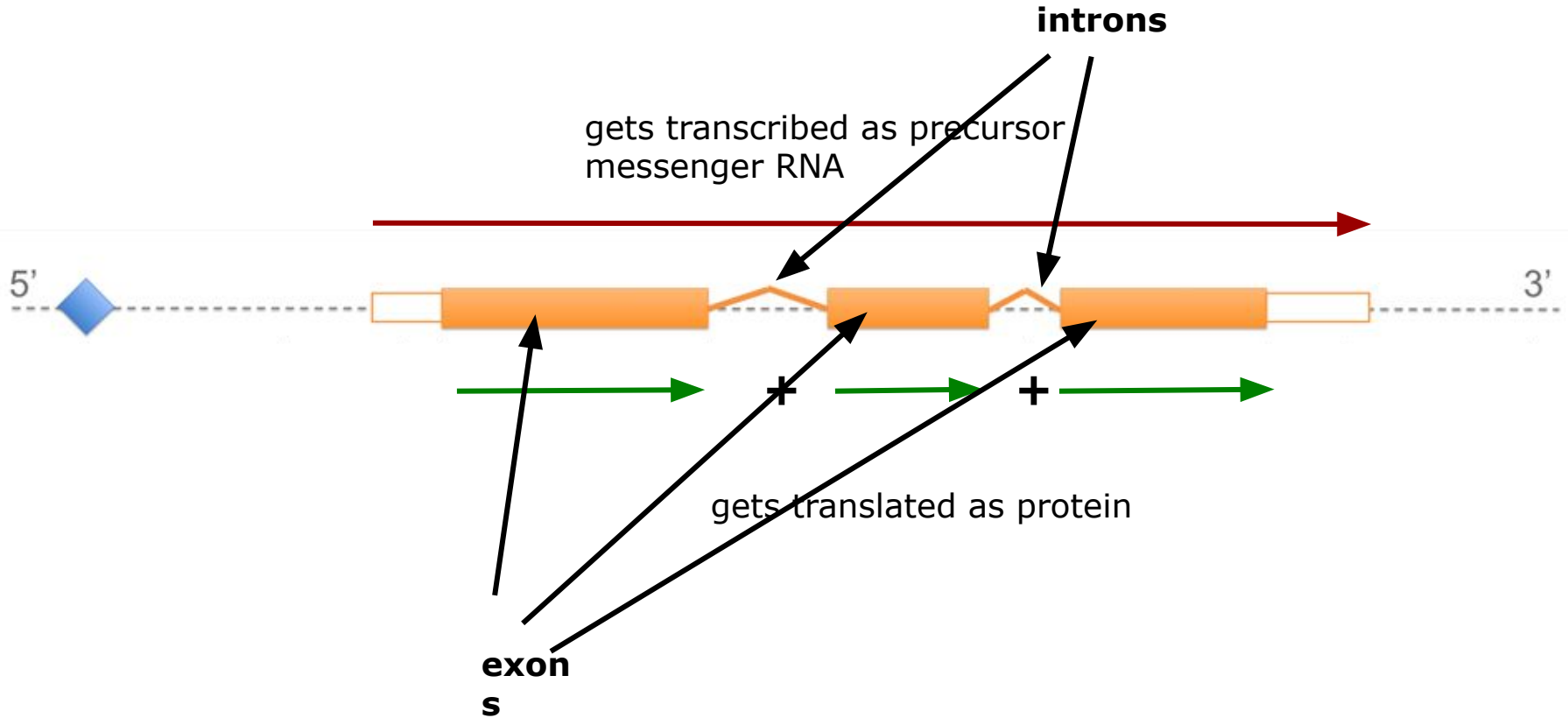


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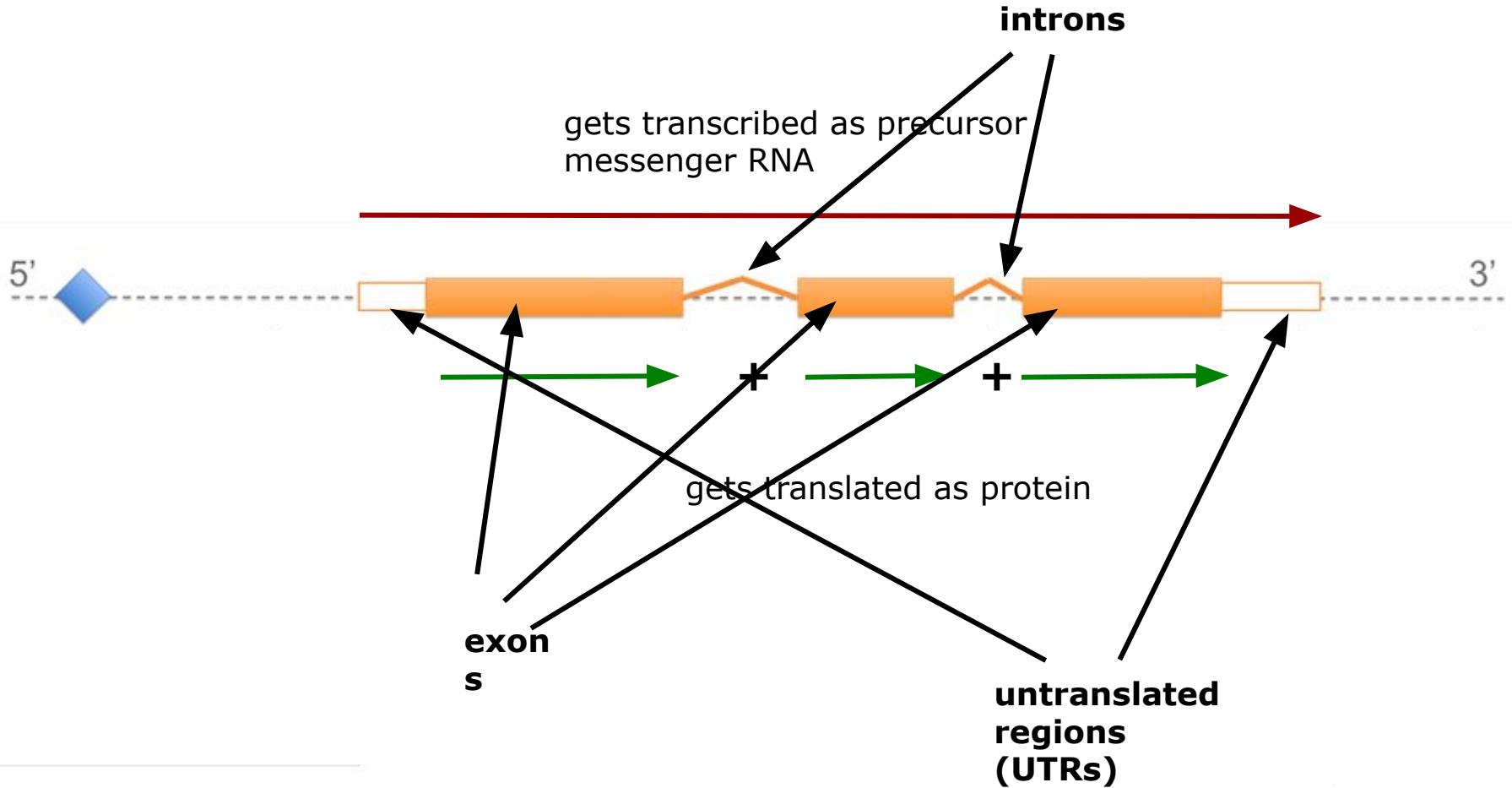
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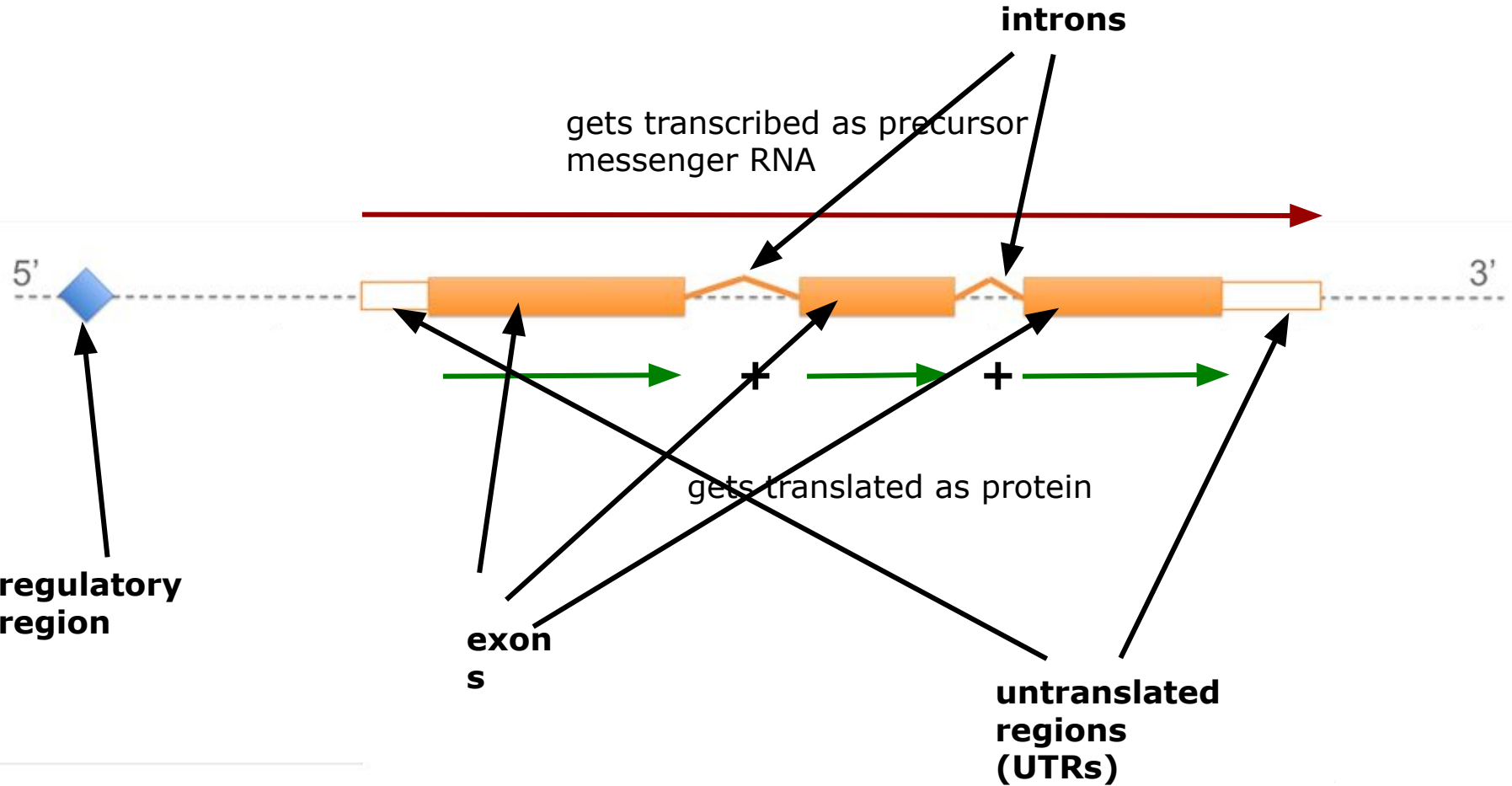
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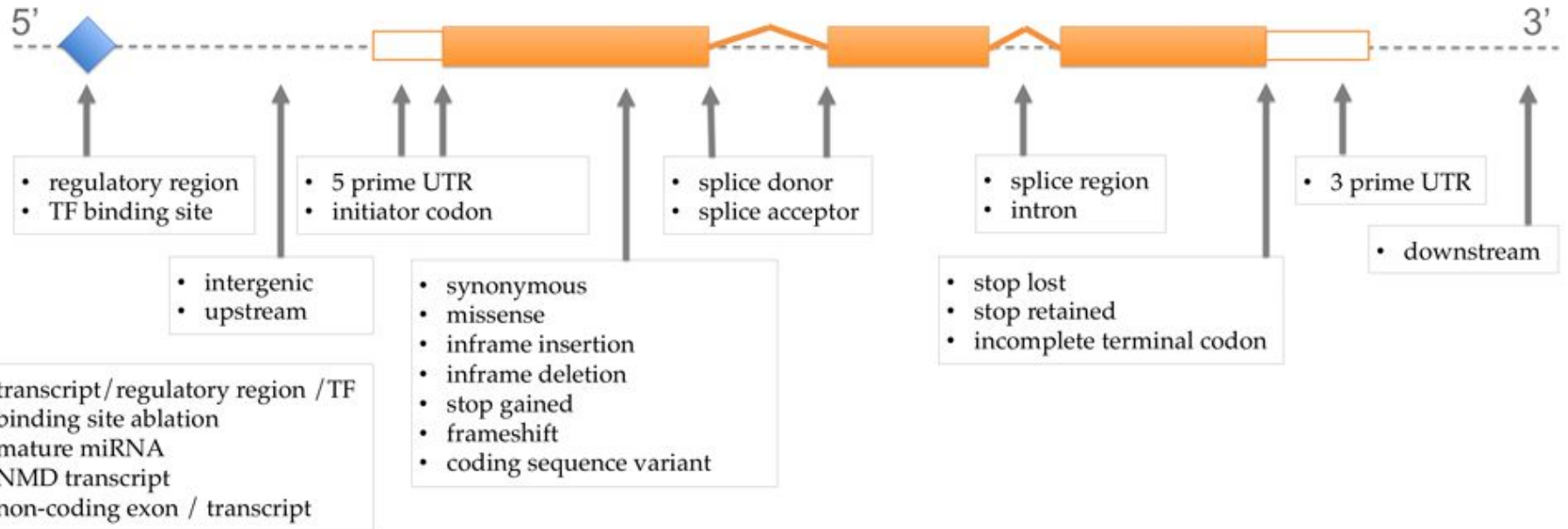


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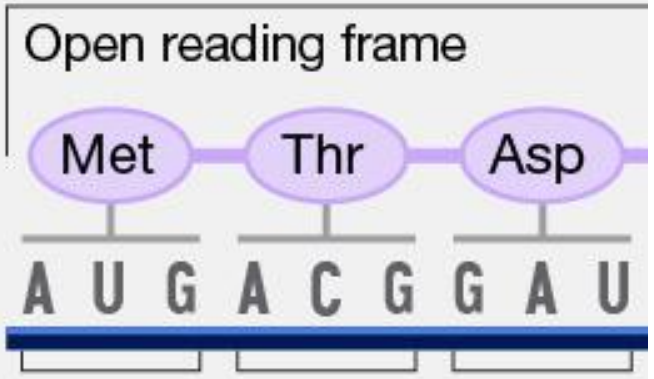
Coding vs Non-Coding variations

- There are different regions in the genome
- Mutations in different regions will have different consequences



RNA codons

Normal



Amino acids

Met Thr Asp

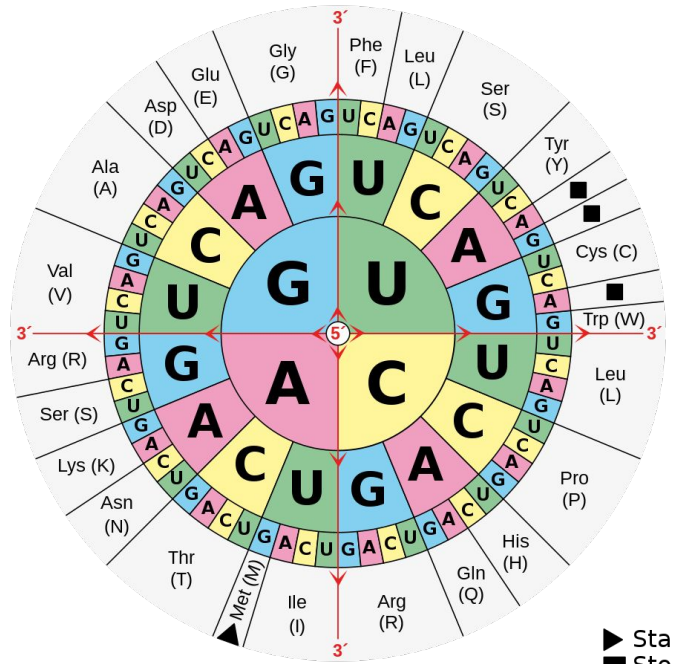
mRNA

A U G A C G G A U

Codons

DNA

A T G A C G G A T



▶ Start
■ Stop

Consequences of coding mutations

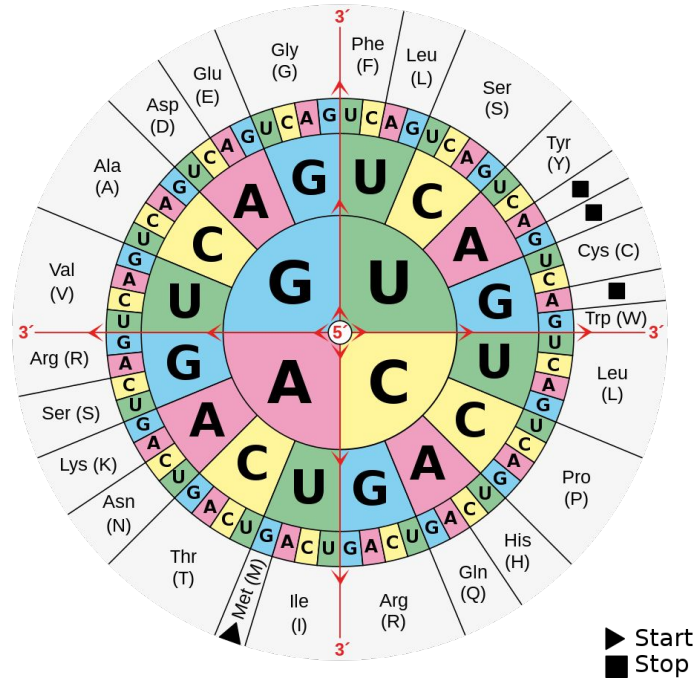
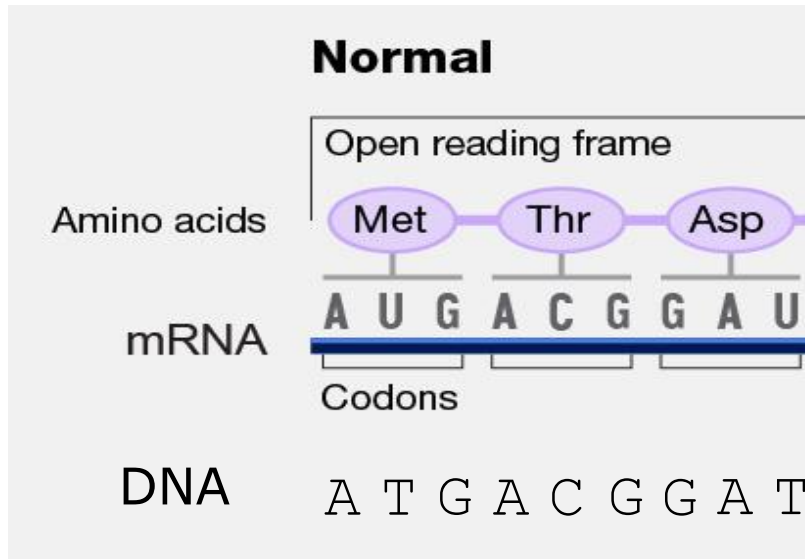
Silent

ACG →

ACA

Threonine

Threonine



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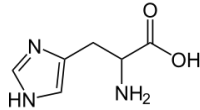
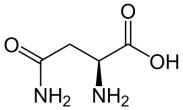
Degeneration of the genetic code

Non-Synonymous (missense)

AAC → CAC

Asparagine

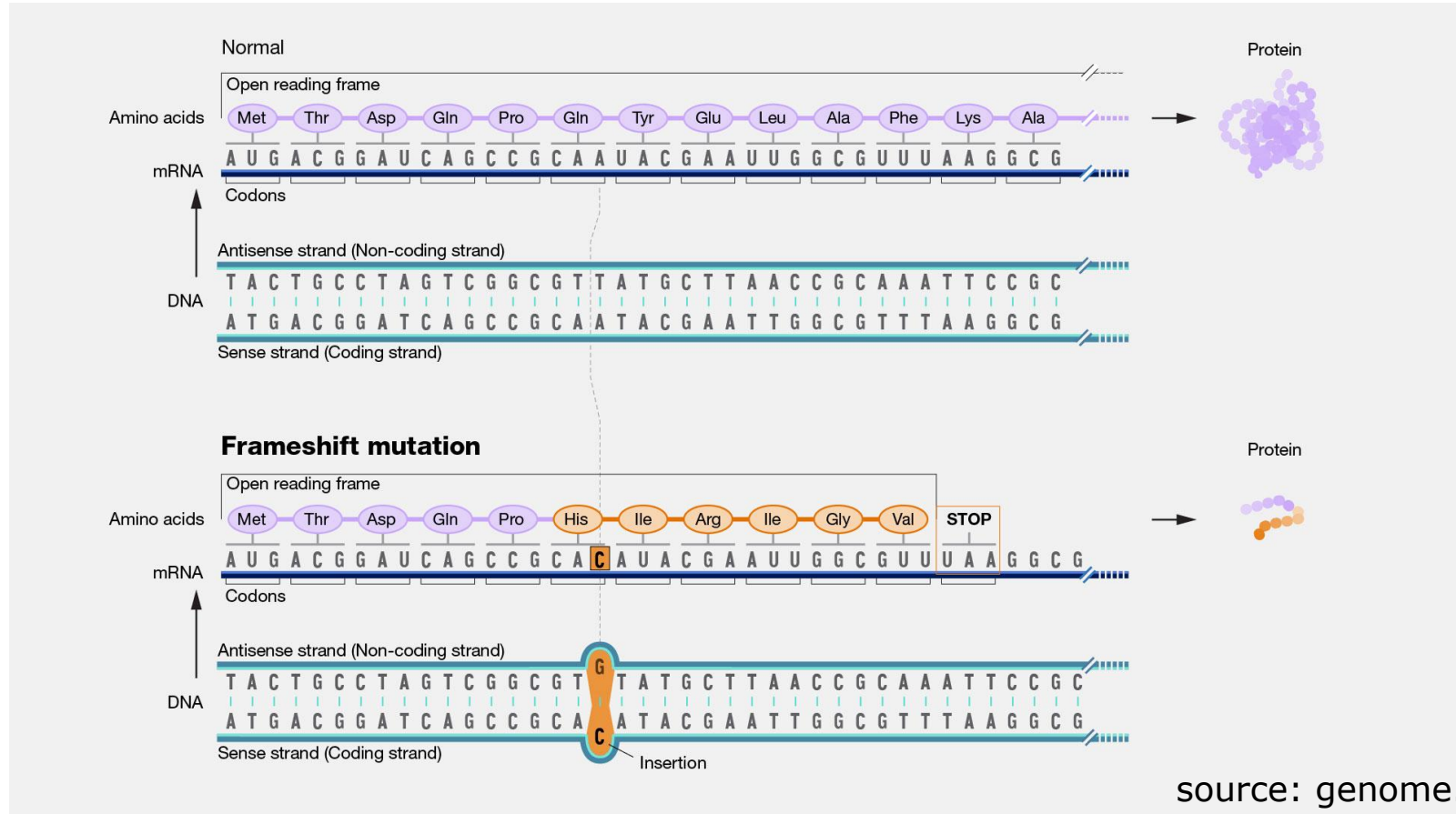
Histidine



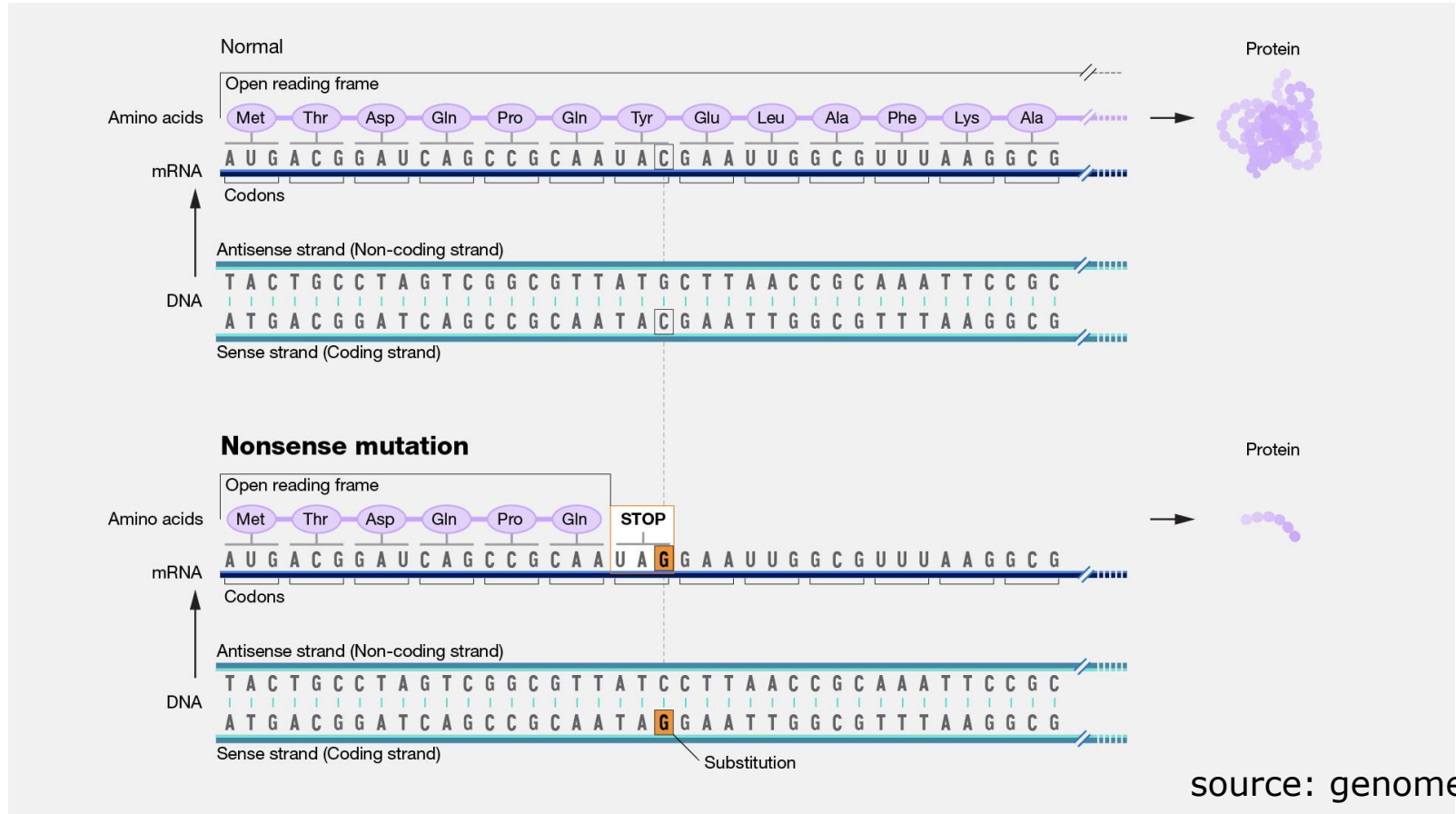
- Different chemical properties
- Altered protein structure



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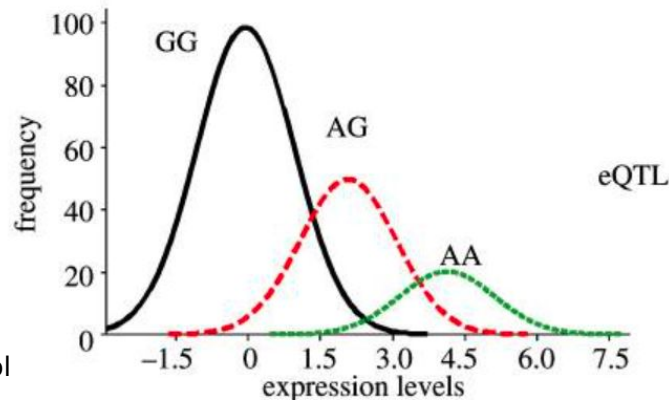
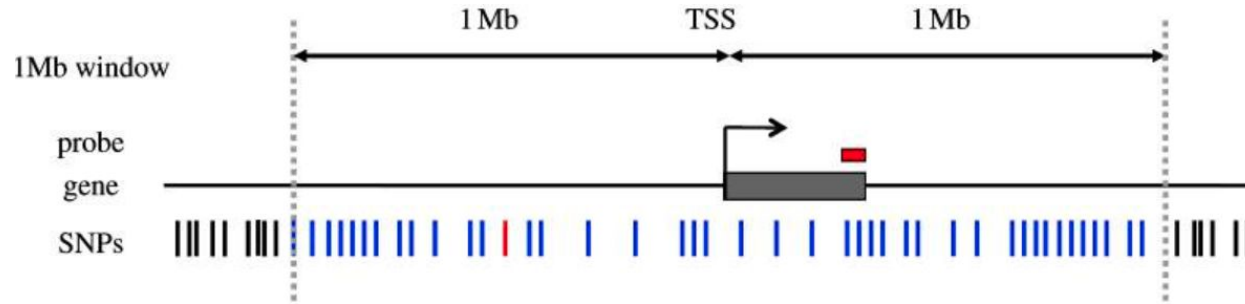


Consequences of coding mutations



Consequences of non-coding mutations

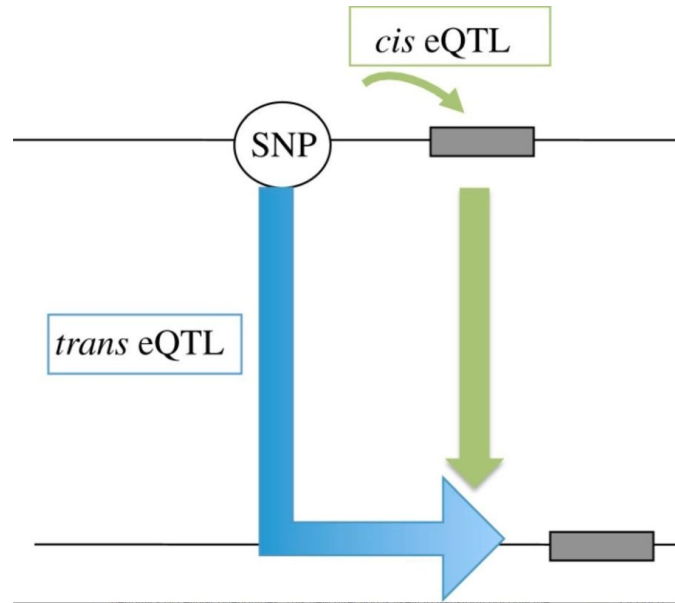
1) change in expressions



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Expression
Quantitative Trait
Loci = locus
responsible for a
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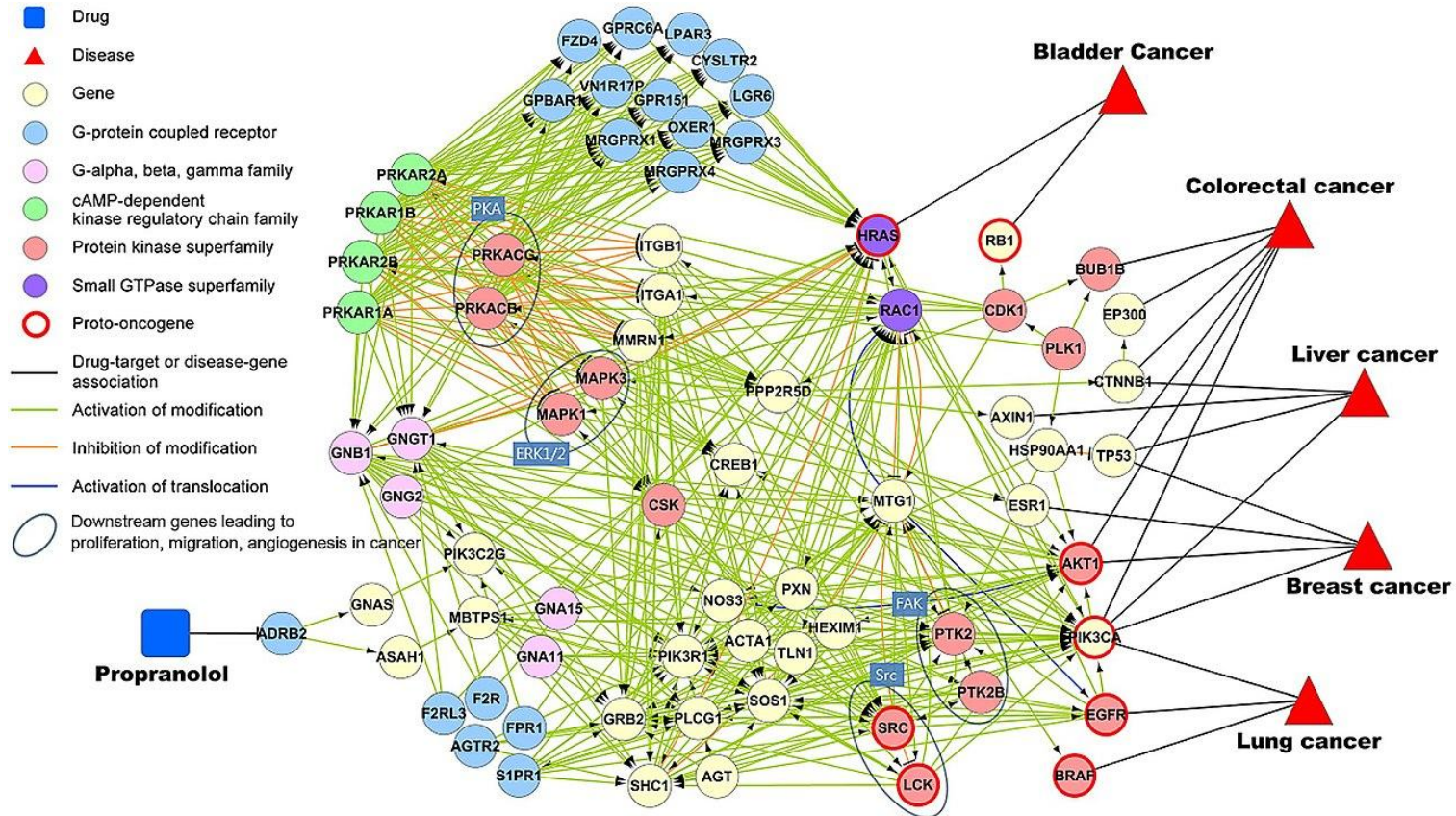
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eQTL (expression quantitative trait loci)

locus responsible for a fraction of the genetic variance of a gene expression phenotype

Consequences of mutations.... it's not easy.

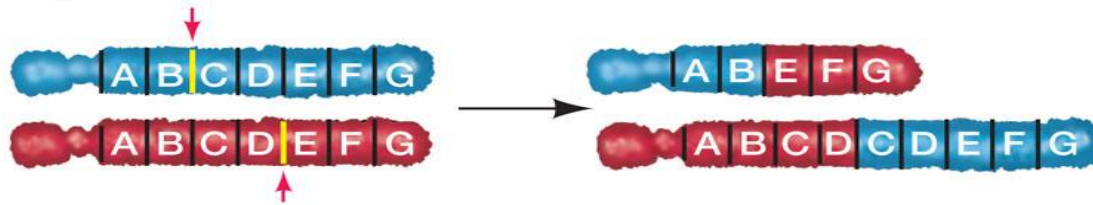


Chromosomal rearrangements

Deletion/Insertion



Deletion + Duplication:

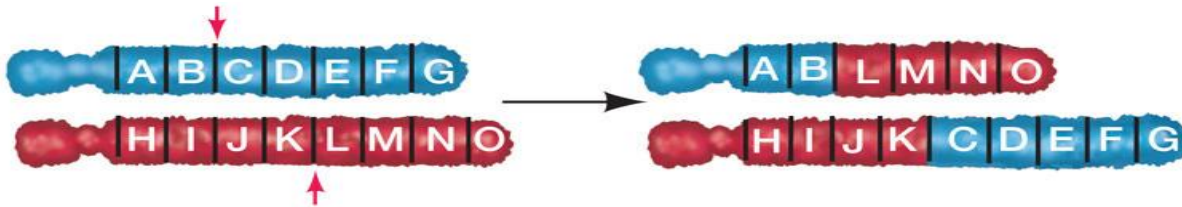


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Inversion



Translocation:



Conservation and mutations

Human	E	G	R	A	P	D	S	V	D	Y	R	K	K	G	Y	V	T	P	V	K	N
Chimpanzee	E	G	R	A	P	D	S	V	D	Y	R	K	K	G	Y	V	T	P	V	K	N
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Opossum	E	T	K	T	P	D	S	I	D	Y	R	K	K	G	Y	V	T	P	V	K	N
Zebrafish	V	G	K	L	P	K	S	I	D	Y	R	K	L	G	Y	V	T	S	V	K	N
Medaka	L	I	K	L	P	K	S	V	D	Y	R	K	K	G	M	V	T	S	V	K	N
Tetraodon	V	Q	R	L	P	R	N	L	D	Y	R	K	K	G	A	V	T	A	V	K	D
Tetraodon	G	F	E	T	P	P	S	V	D	W	R	K	A	G	L	V	S	P	V	Q	N
Fugu	G	A	D	L	P	Q	T	V	D	W	R	D	K	G	L	V	T	S	V	K	K



The mutation of which position looks more pathogenic?

Are there amino acids better tolerated than other in (red) position?

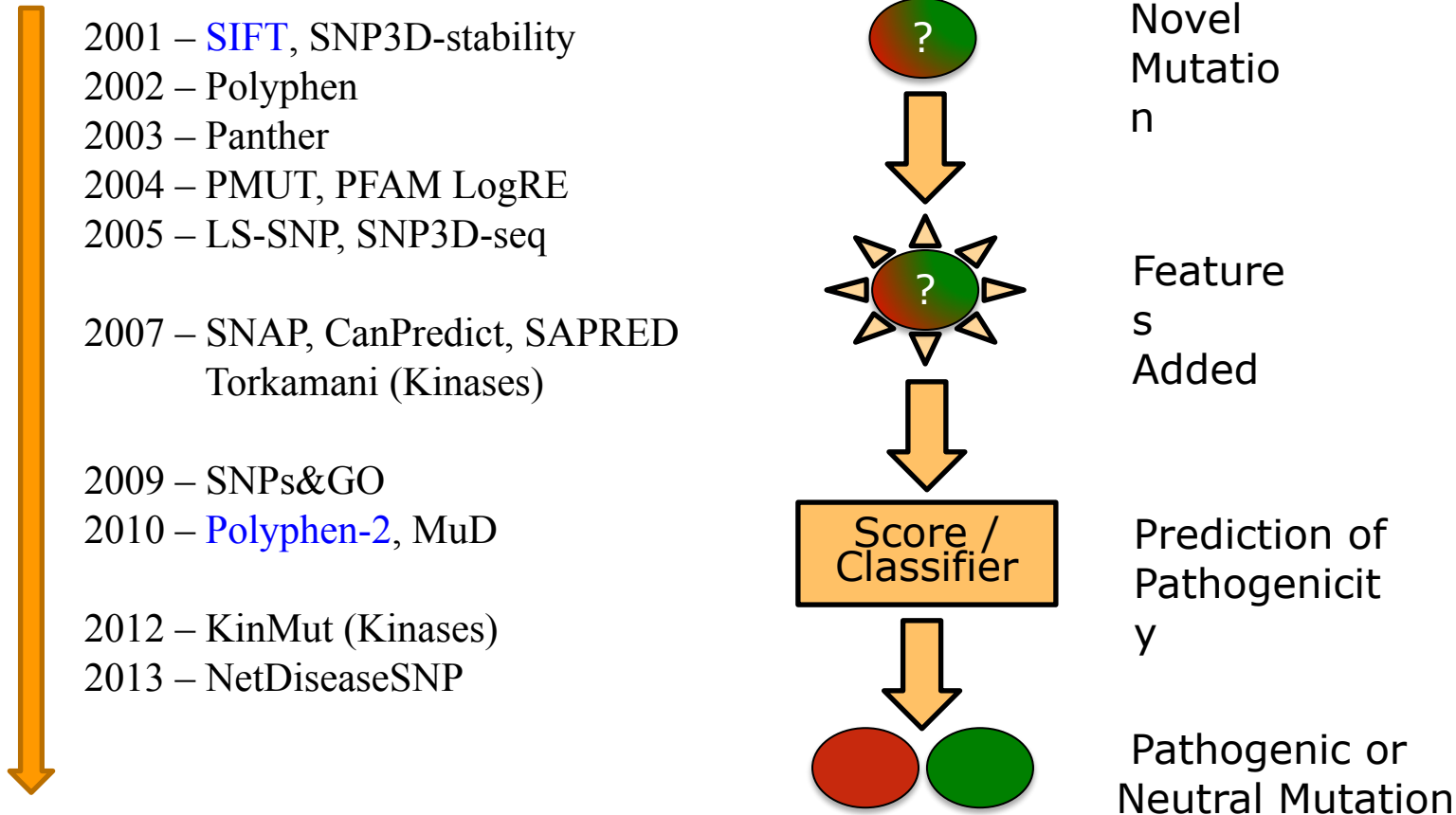
And what about the position in (green)?

SIFT: Pathogenicity of mutations

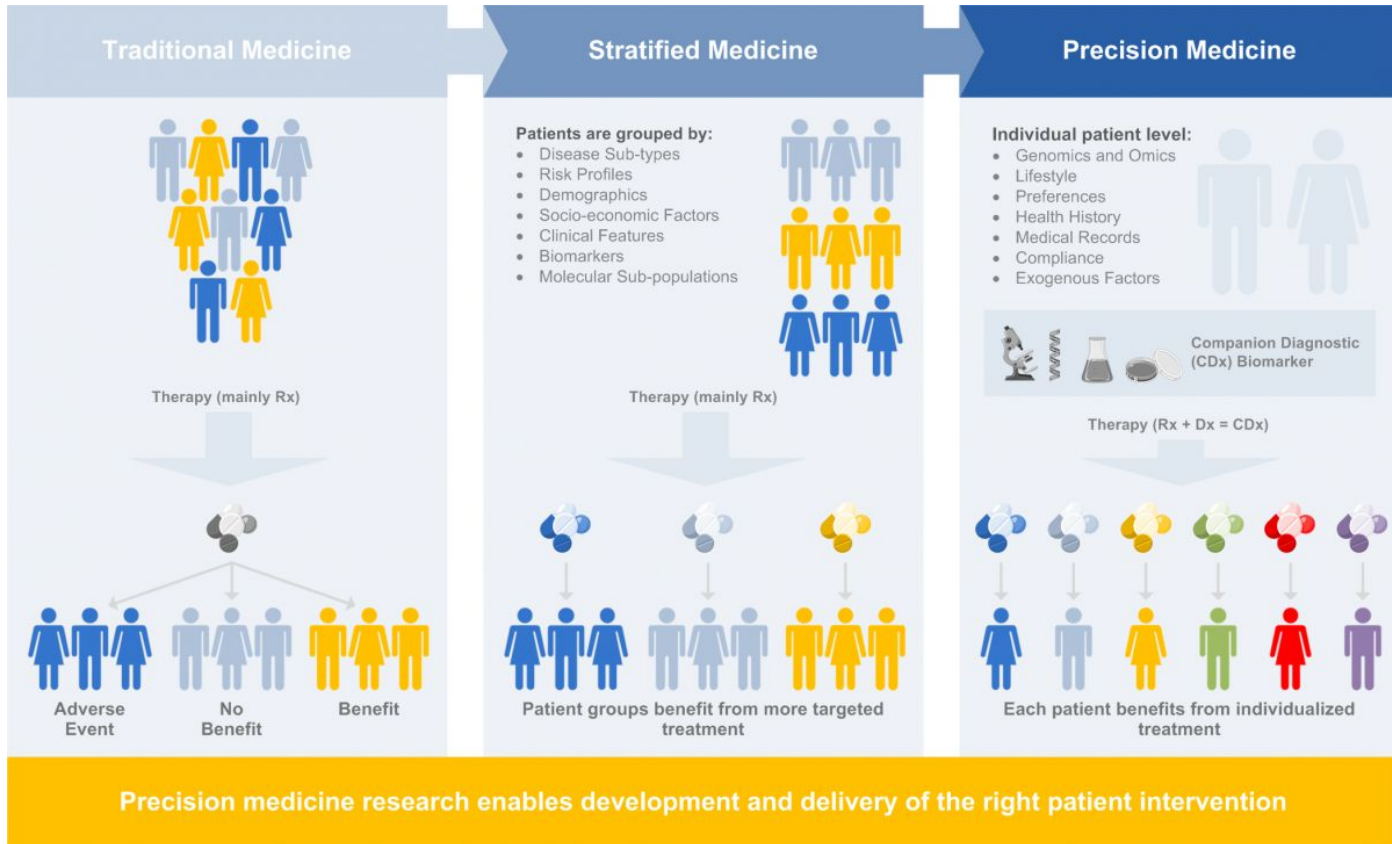
- SIFT is based on amino acid conservation across species
- Mutation of highly conserved Pathogenic
- <http://blocks.fhcrc.org/sift/SIFT.html>
- Pathogenic if **SIFT score < 0.05**

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Methods to predict pathogenicity



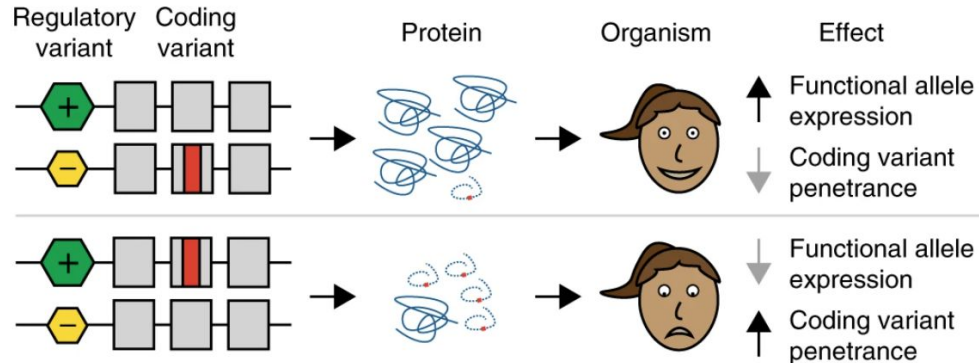
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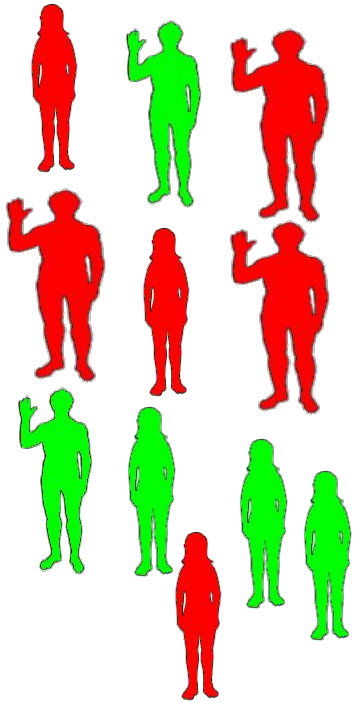
Hurdles to personalized medicine:

- no 1 mutation -> 1 gene
- rare variants
- variants on the same chr vs different: haplotypes



Castel, S.E., Cervera, A., Mohammadi, P. et al. Modified penetrance of coding variants by cis-regulatory variation contributes to disease risk. *Nat Genet* 50, 1327–1334 (2018).
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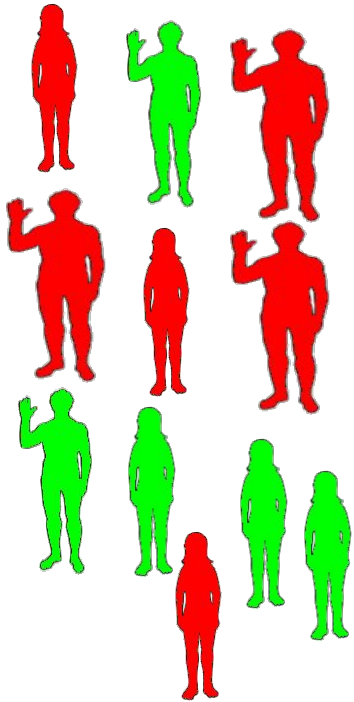
High risk for disease X



High risk for disease Y

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