

17 slides on the BPR1 locust annotation

Or: Why the #**\$% do we care about genomes and genetics in both
humans and life on earth in general?

Why do people not really care about genomics?

- “The study of heredity and the variation of inherited characteristics”
- But most people (including many biologists!) fail to understand the scale of its importance for our understanding of life on earth. The study of heredity of form and its variation extends to the entire tree of life.
- Yesterday was the 20th anniversary of the human genome release, so it's part of the furniture, and everyone takes it for granted. – So since that was a while ago, “What has genetics done for me lately?”
- I think there are multiple reasons for everyone not caring about genetics (beyond the old news),
 1. - There are a lot of genes and bases (Big Medium Data!) – it's hard to get your head around what they all do.
 2. Changes in genotype are read by and acted on by ***cells*** in multiple parts of the body to create changes in phenotype, so the connections can be hard to discern and act on.
 3. To restate the obvious, evolution doesn't just select for reproduction to pass on genes, (***survival of the fittest***) but also it selects for plain old ***survival*** even against genetic insult or attack, (The main manifestation of this is diploidy – many of us carry a single copy of genetic mutation that if we had two copies would be cause miscarriage.

Genotype to phenotype at evolutionary scales

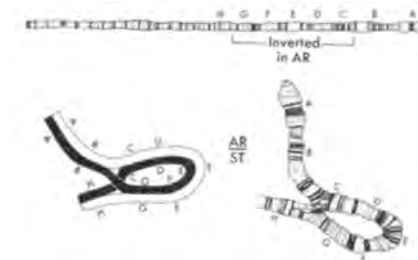
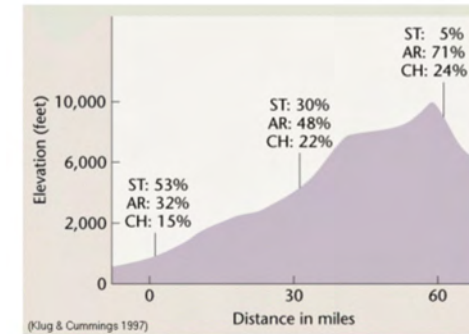
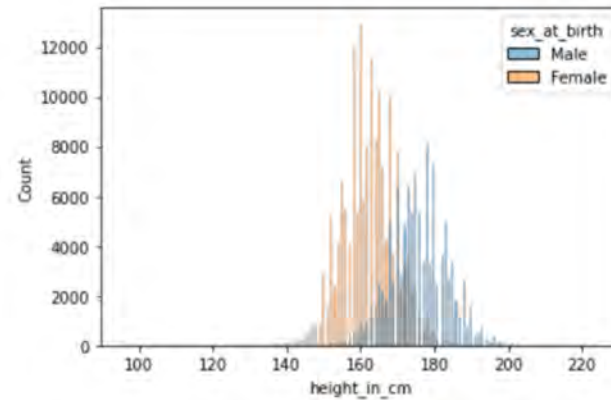
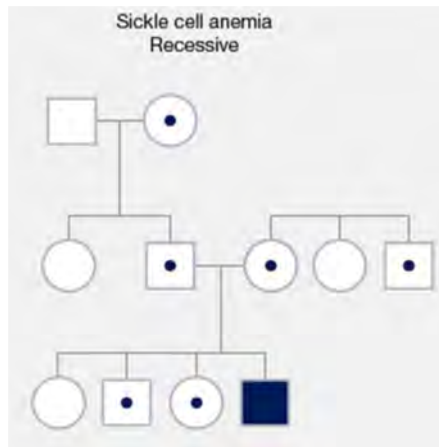
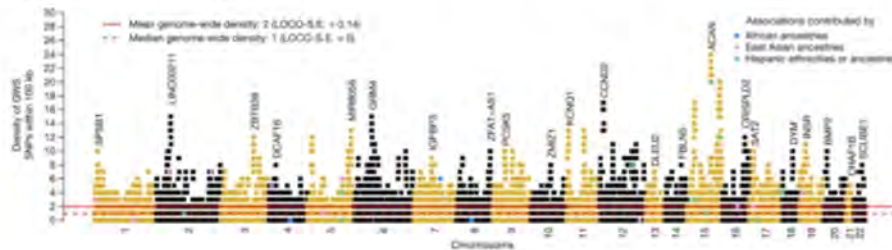


Fig. 2: Brisbane plot showing the genomic density of independent genetic associations with height.



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A saturated map of common genetic variants associated with human height

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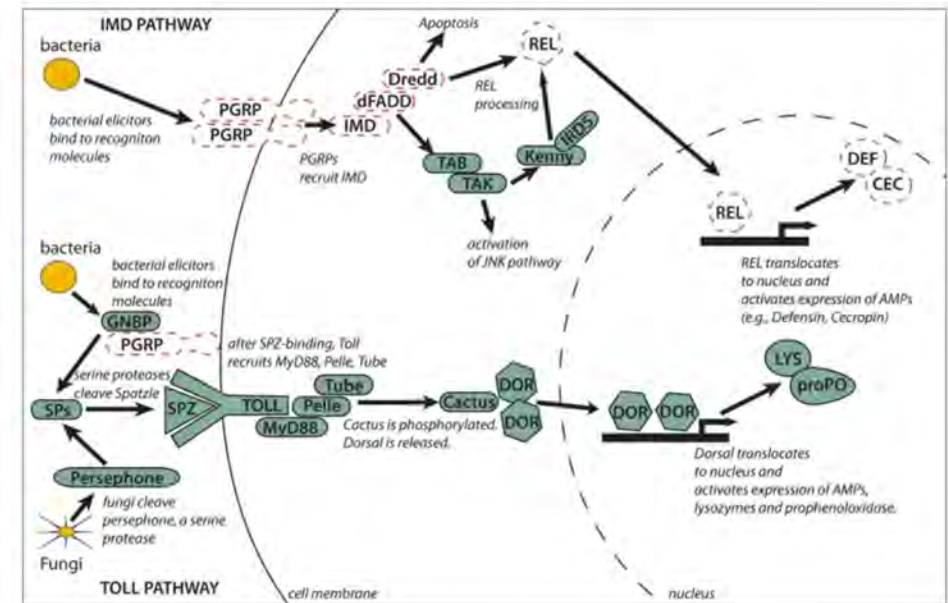
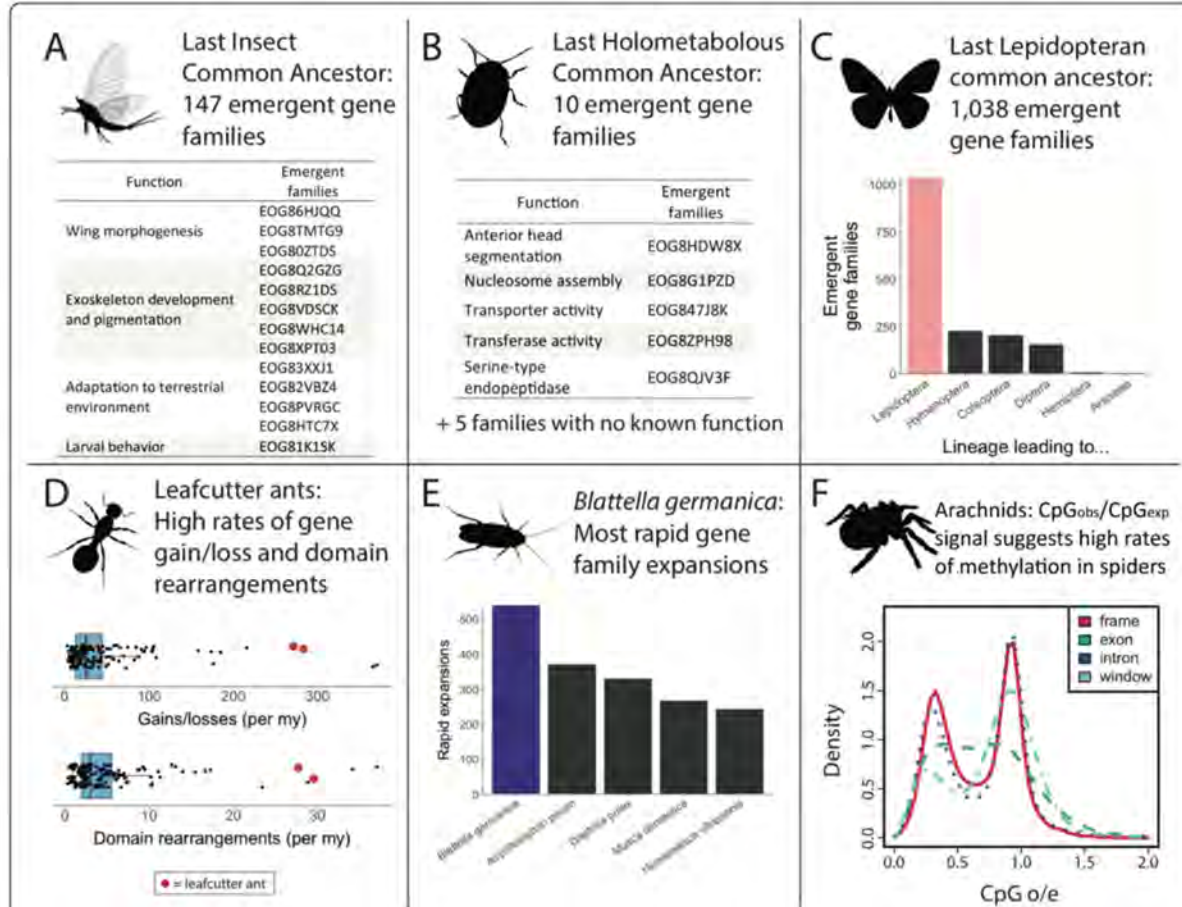


Figure 10. The IMD immune pathway is missing in the pea aphid. Previously sequenced insect genomes (fly, mosquitoes, honeybee, red flour beetle) have indicated that the immune signaling pathways, including IMD and Toll pathways shown here, are conserved across insects. In *Drosophila*, response to many Gram-negative bacteria and some Gram-positive bacteria and fungi relies on the IMD pathway. In aphids, missing IMD pathway genes (dashed lines) include those involved in recognition (PGRPs) and signaling (IMD, dFADD, Dredd, REL). Genes encoding antimicrobial peptides common in other insects, including defensins and cecropins, are also missing. In contrast, we found putative homologs for all genes central to the Toll signaling pathway, which is key to response to bacteria, fungi, and other microbes in *Drosophila*. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1000313.g010

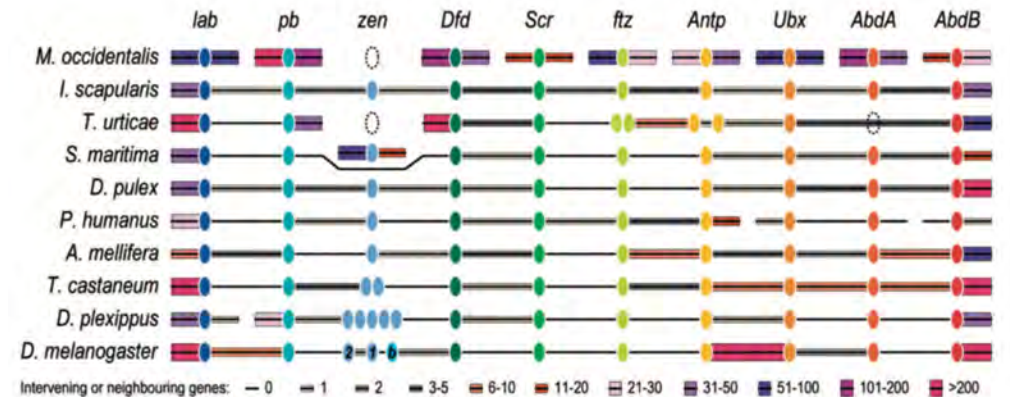
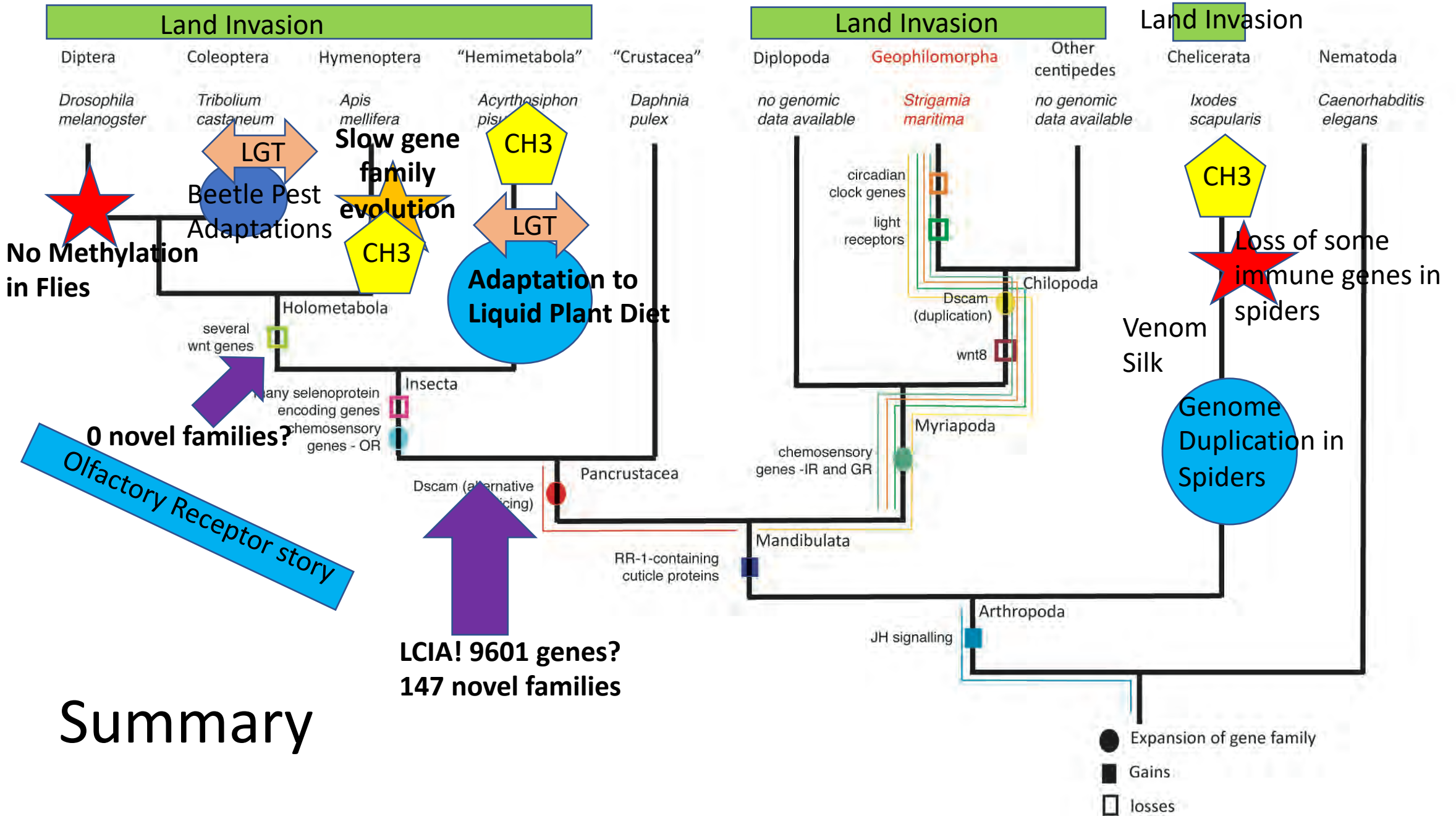
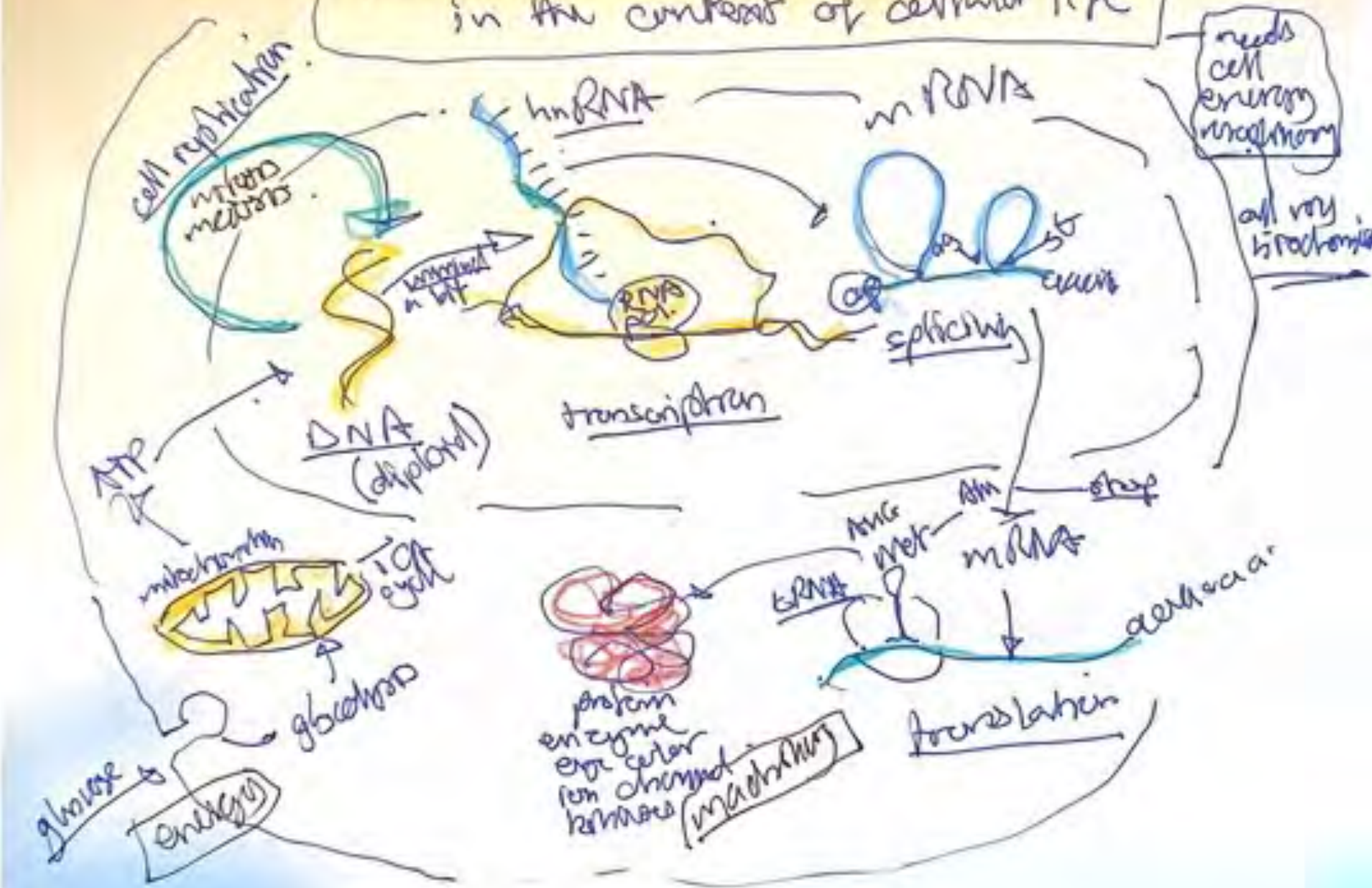


FIG. 3.—Complete atomization of *Metaseiulus occidentalis* Hox genes. In stark contrast to *M. occidentalis*, the genomic organization of ten Hox genes



Summary

The Central Dogma is only true in the context of cellular life

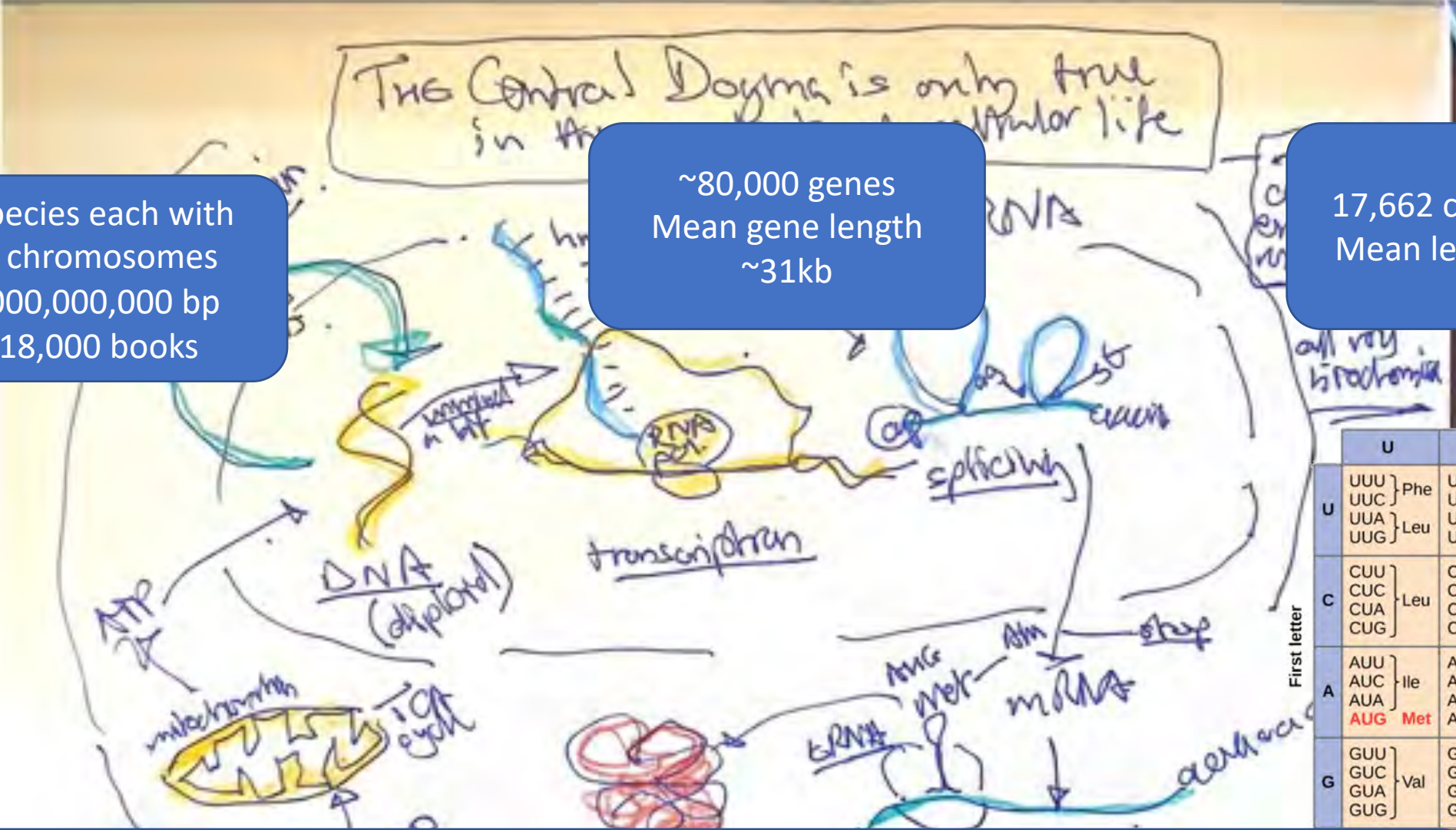


The Central Dogma is only true in the prokaryotic world

6 species each with 13 chromosomes
9,000,000,000 bp
~18,000 books

~80,000 genes
Mean gene length ~31kb

17,662 coding genes
Mean length ~2.5kb



		Second letter				
		U	C	A	G	
U	UUU } Phe	UCU } Ser	UAU } Tyr	UGU } Cys	U	
	UUC } Phe	UCC } Ser	UAC } Tyr	UGC } Cys	C	
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	UUG } Leu	UCG } Ser	UAG Stop	UGG } Trp	G	
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	GUA } Val	GCA } Ala	GAA } Glu	GGA } Gly	A	
	GUG } Val	GCG } Ala	GAG } Glu	GGG } Gly	G	

Google says: 30,000,000,000,000 cells/10,000,000 Joules/day= 0.3uJoules/cell day
Assuming 29kJ/mol ATP that is~ 1e-11 moles of ATP or ~ 6.2e12 ATP molecules recycled per cell day???

This is about 70 million ATP/sec – about right: **The quantified cell:**
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4230611/>

All the data from NCBI / GenBank.

The difficult part is asking an interesting question.

View the legacy Assembly page

	RefSeq
Provider	NCBI RefSeq
Name	NCBI Annotation Release 100
Date	Mar 3, 2022
Genes	81,274
Protein-coding	17,662
Non-coding	56,385
Software version	9.0

[View all genes](#) (includes updated and unannotated genes)

Quality analysis

BUSCO analysis (4.1.4)

- Complete 98.8% (S+D)
- Single-copy 96.6%
- Duplicated 2.2%
- Fragmented 0.1%
- Missing 1.2%



View the legacy Assembly page

Assembly statistics

	RefSeq	GenBank
Genome size	9 Gb	9 Gb
Total ungapped length	9 Gb	9 Gb
Number of chromosomes	12	12
Number of scaffolds	1,750	1,750
Scaffold N50	854.9 Mb	854.9 Mb
Scaffold L50	5	5
Number of contigs	2,247	2,247
Contig N50	49.6 Mb	49.6 Mb
Contig L50	56	56
GC percent	42	42
Genome coverage	34.0x	34.0x
Assembly level	Chromosome	Chromosome

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Genome

Genome assembly iqSchAmer2.1

datasets curl

sequence GCF_021461395.2

GCA_021461395.2

Schistocerca americana (American grasshopper)

TAMUJC-IGC-003095

JAJINAD01

haploid

Behavioral Plasticity Research Institute (BPRI)

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BuildProject

Whole genome sequencing and chromosome-level assembly for six *Schistocerca gregaria* (Orthoptera: Acridoidea)

Project description: The Behavioral Plasticity Research Institute (BPRI) is the establishment of genomic resources of six *Schistocerca gregaria* to study the molecular basis of phenotypic plasticity in a comparative framework. The genome genome assemblies for 5 projects (S. gregaria, S. gregaria, S. gregaria, S. gregaria, and S. gregaria) using high-quality long-read sequencing technology, combined with short-read sequencing and assembly expertise.

Project status: In progress

Project start: 2021-01-01

Project end: 2022-01-01

Project location: TAMUJC-IGC-003095

Project contact: JAJINAD01

Project URL: [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/57223](#)

Genetics/genomics answerable questions today (by comparison)

- What sex will my child be?
- Who am I related to?
- Do I have a mendelian inherited disease such as Cystic fibrosis like my parents, or what is the chance of passing it to my children?
- What kind of cancer is that tumor we sequenced and what drug is best to treat it?
- Which kinds of microbes are in my gut?
- What kind of virus is in the sewage plant waste water?
- Who left these cells at the crime?
- How many kinds of animals live in this watershed?

Example questions from other species

- My spider is venomous, which are the venom genes?
- Which are the silk genes?
- My mite has no neck, is it missing a hox gene? (yes!)
- Which genes are involved in hearing mating songs?
- My aphid has wing polyphenism, does it have duplicated genes?
- Can we say anything about incomplete metamorphosis, compared with the dragon flies and and holometabola?
- Has there been an ancestral whole genome duplication?
- Is gene expression controlled epigenetically?

Arthropod genomics questions (using comparison)

- What is the population size of this species/population?
- Is there gene flow between these populations?
- What were the historical populations sizes of these species?
- Which genes were lost in the evolution of these species
- Which kinds of microbes/pathogens/symbionts are in their guts?
- Which visual receptors does it have, and what wave lengths can it see?
- Which olfactory receptors let it smell food/water vs mates vs a place to lay eggs?
- How does it defend against transposons?
- How does diet affect it's biochemical capacity? (e.g. carnivores might lose aa synthesis genes, phloem feeders require microbes to synthesize aa's not in their diet)
- How does it make proteins it needs a lot of? (extra copies or more transcription?)
- Does its body plan shape suggest it's missing developmental genes?
- Which genes have different expression between solitary and crowded?
- Which genes have evolved fastest of slowest within the phylogeny?

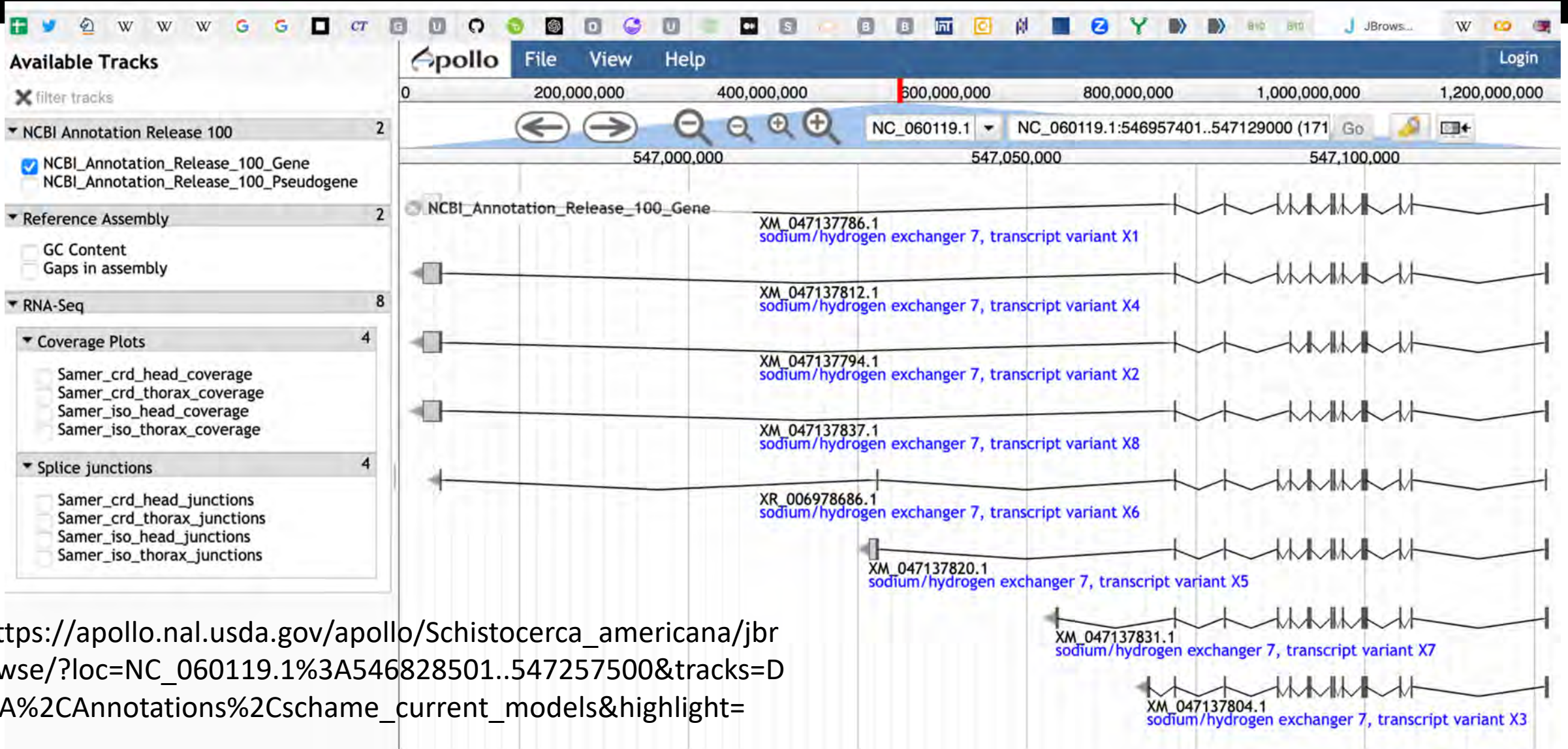
Technical arthropod genomics questions

- How do I design my RNAi experiment guide sequence?
- How do I design my crispr guide sequence experiment?
- Which ion channel is likely effecting my electrophysolgy measurement?
- Does it have one dopamine receptor (or my favorite gene) ortholog, or 2 paralogs?
- Does my favorite gene change between grasshoppers and locust, or does it look the same in all 6 species?
- What protein sequence do I put in alphafold to predict the structure of my protein?
- How inbred is my colony before I need to bring in outside individuals?

Procedure

- Participants need to register with the i5k workspace before the Geneboree
- Participants should take advantage of the learning resources before the Geneboree
- We will meet via Zoom on three days from 1 to 5 pm to help guide the process
- It is recommended that participants from each institution gather in a common room to help each other
- Zoom breakout rooms will be created as needed to help participants remotely
- After a tutorial introduction, each participant will be assigned one gene to annotate.
 - The first step will be to do this in *Schistocerca gregaria*.
 - Next, annotation of the same gene will be carried out in the other 5 species
- An expert will check the work from each participant
- The annotation results will be entered in the Result-tracking Spreadsheet
- Following the initial gene annotation, participants will be assigned additional genes to annotate to the extent possible
- At the end of the Geneboree, each participant will give a lightening talk about his/her results
- Groups of participants working on similar genes will write a summary of their results in one paragraph
- that will be used for future work by BPRI members and to help during the writing of the genome paper.

A random *S. americana* gene:



https://apollo.nal.usda.gov/apollo/Schistoserca_americana/jbrowse/?loc=NC_060119.1%3A546828501..547257500&tracks=DNA%2CAnnotations%2Cscheme_current_models&highlight=

Annotation tracking spreadsheet (please paste in protein sequence when done)

Gene symbol	Gene name	Nominating lab	Annotator	Species	NCBI transcript ID	Changes needed?	Rename?	Diff
para	fringy	fringy	fringy	S. gregaria				
DNMT 1	fringy	fringy	fringy	S. gregaria				
DNMT 2	fringy	fringy	fringy	S. gregaria				
DNMT 3	fringy	fringy	fringy	S. gregaria				
Dicer	fringy	fringy	fringy	S. gregaria				
Crspr	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
ebony	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
tan	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
white like	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
CSAD	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
AAD	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
Trh	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
TH	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
Ddc	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				
5HT receptors	Dierick	Herman	Herman	S. gregaria				

Rough Agenda Day 1 (Wed April 26, 1 – 5 pm)

- 1:00 - 1:30 pm: Introduction to NCBI, Uniprot, i5k Workspace (Hojun)
- 1:30 - 2:15 pm: Gene annotation example (Anna)
- 2:15 - 2:30 pm: Review and assignment of genes to be annotated
- 2:30 - 3:15 pm: Annotate your first gene in *S. gregaria*
- 3:15 - 4:15 pm: Get back together and show your results
- 4:15 - 5:00 pm: Your next steps

Rough Agenda Day 2 (Thu April 27, 1 – 5 pm)

- 1:00 - 1:15 pm: Check-in – answering questions
- 1:15 - 2:00 pm: Work on your next assigned genes
- 2:00 - 2:15 pm: Progress report
- 2:15 - 3:00 pm: Work on your next assigned genes
- 3:00 - 3:15 pm: Progress report
- 3:15 - 4:00 pm: Work on your assigned genes
- 4:00 - 4:15 pm: Progress report
- 4:15 - 4:45 pm: Discussion on annotated genes, tutorial on trees, answering questions (Hojun)
- 4:45 - 5:00 pm: Your next steps

Agenda

Rough Agenda Day 3 (Thu May 4, 1 – 5 pm)

- 1:00 - 1:15 pm: Check-in – answering questions
- 1:15 - 2:00 pm: Work on your genes
- 2:00 - 2:15 pm: Progress report
- 2:15 - 3:00 pm: Work on your genes
- 3:00 - 3:30 pm: Check-in on goals, did everyone annotate one gene?, prepare for lightning talks
- 3:30 - 4:00 lightning talks
- 3:30 - 4:00 Write one report paragraph summarizing the work
- 4:00 - 5:00 Tree generation for a specific annotated gene example (Hojun)

ToDo:

- You must sign up for a web apollo account!!! (like Now!!!)
- i5K workspace registration link:
- <https://i5k.nal.usda.gov/web-apollo-registration>
- The annotation progress tracking spread sheet is:
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19TUb-WUREq_iebjmLcQJIOimtDO2WXIfOiyv7Z69sQ/edit#gid=1003083278
- Annotate at least one gene for your labs question!!!
- Schedule: