

Introduction to plant genome annotation

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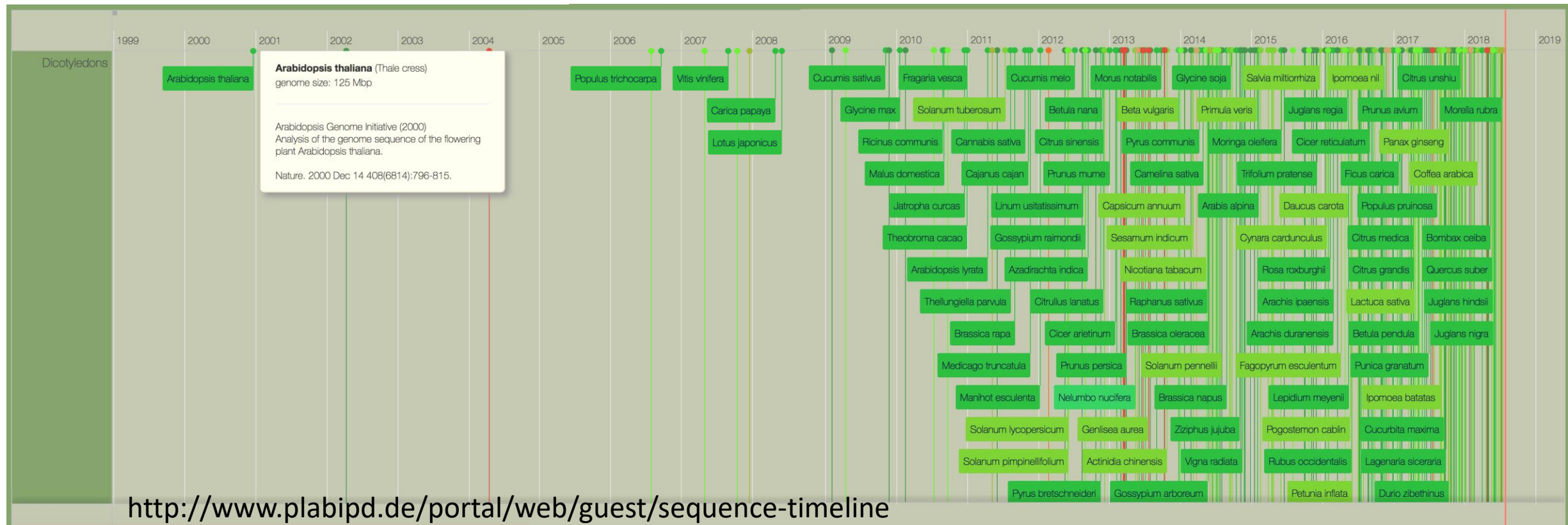
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Plant genome sequencing

~ 180 plant genome sequences in NCBI

~ 450 plant transcriptome assemblies in NCBI

~1300 plant transcriptomes from the plant 1 KP project (onekp.com)



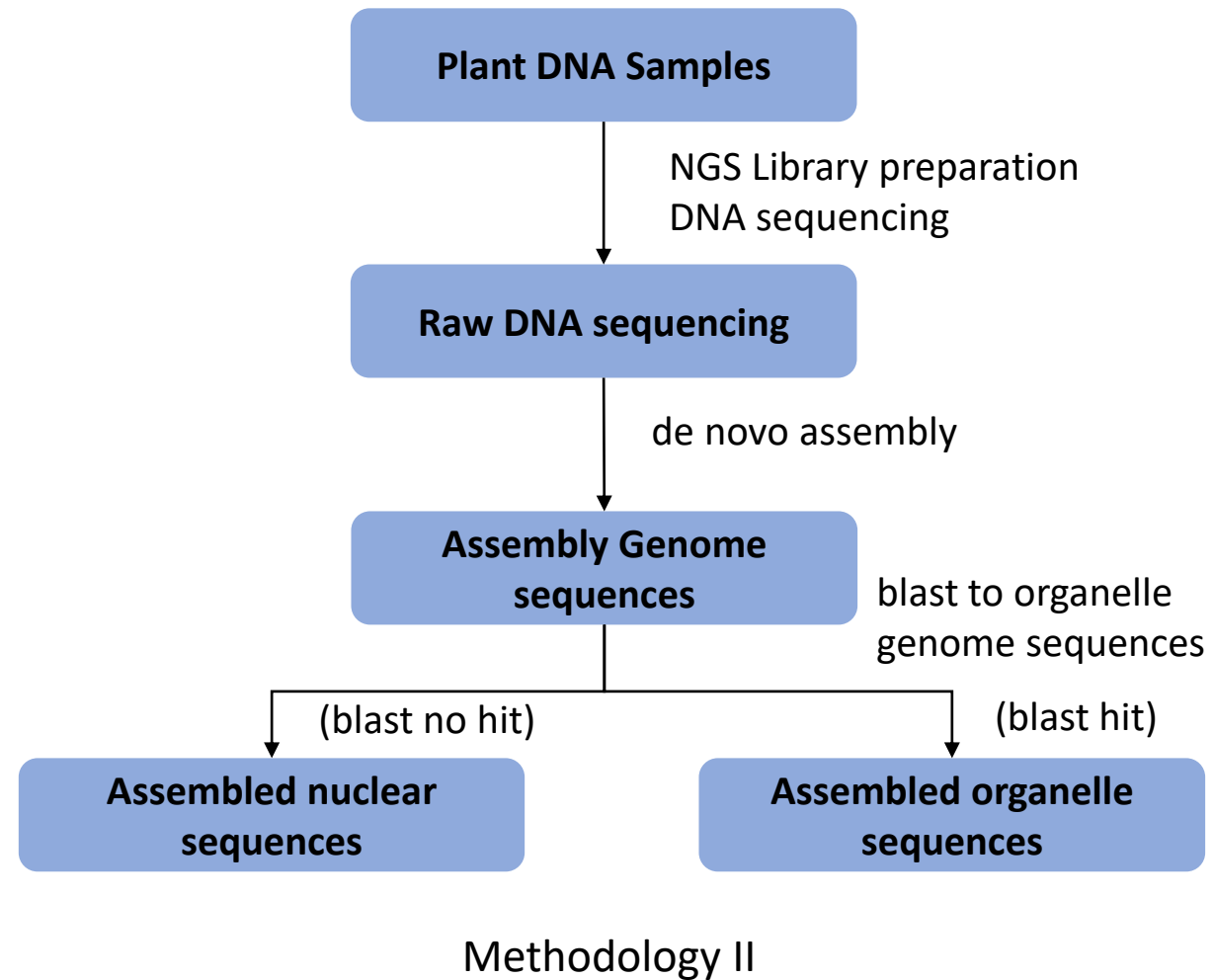
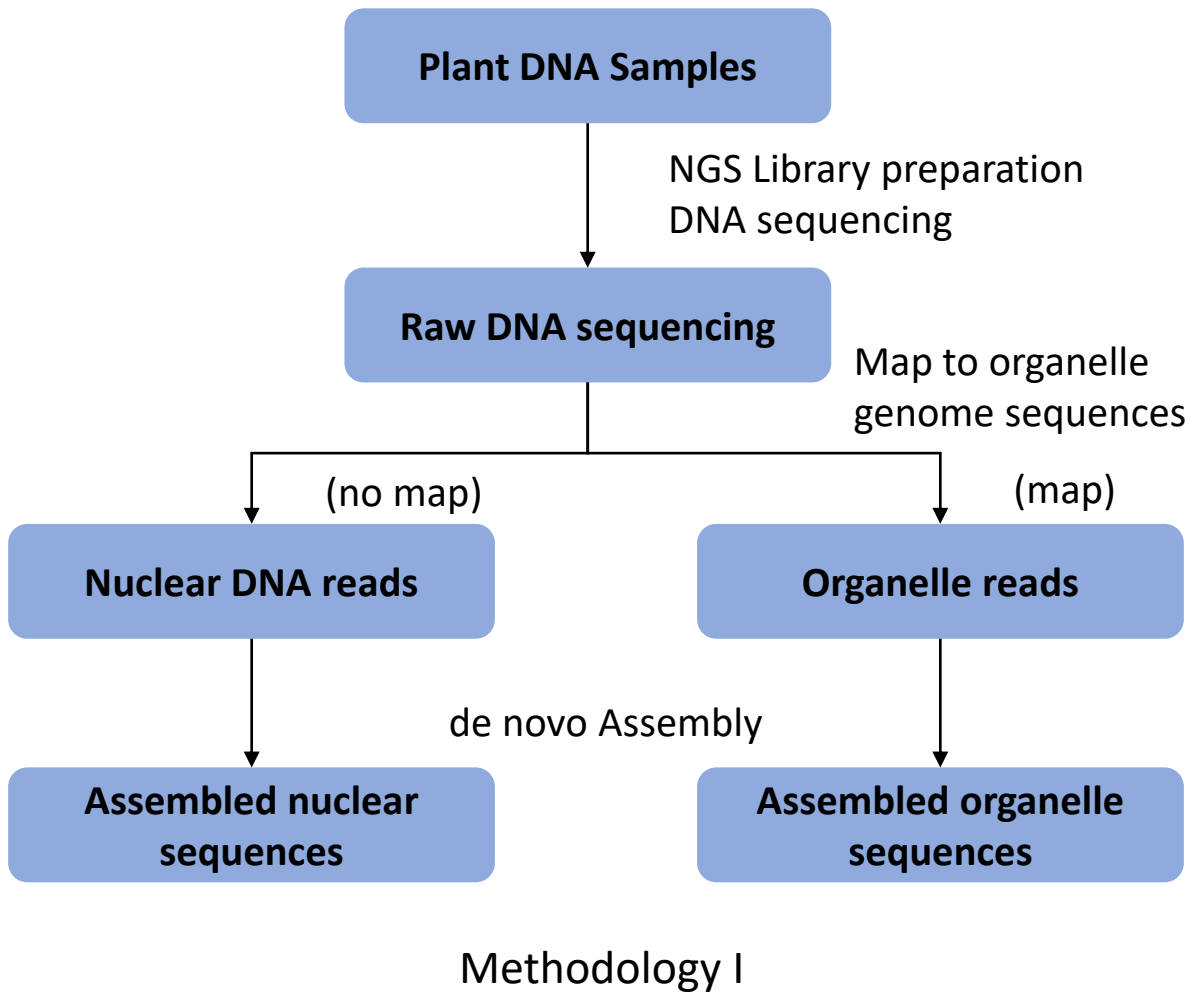
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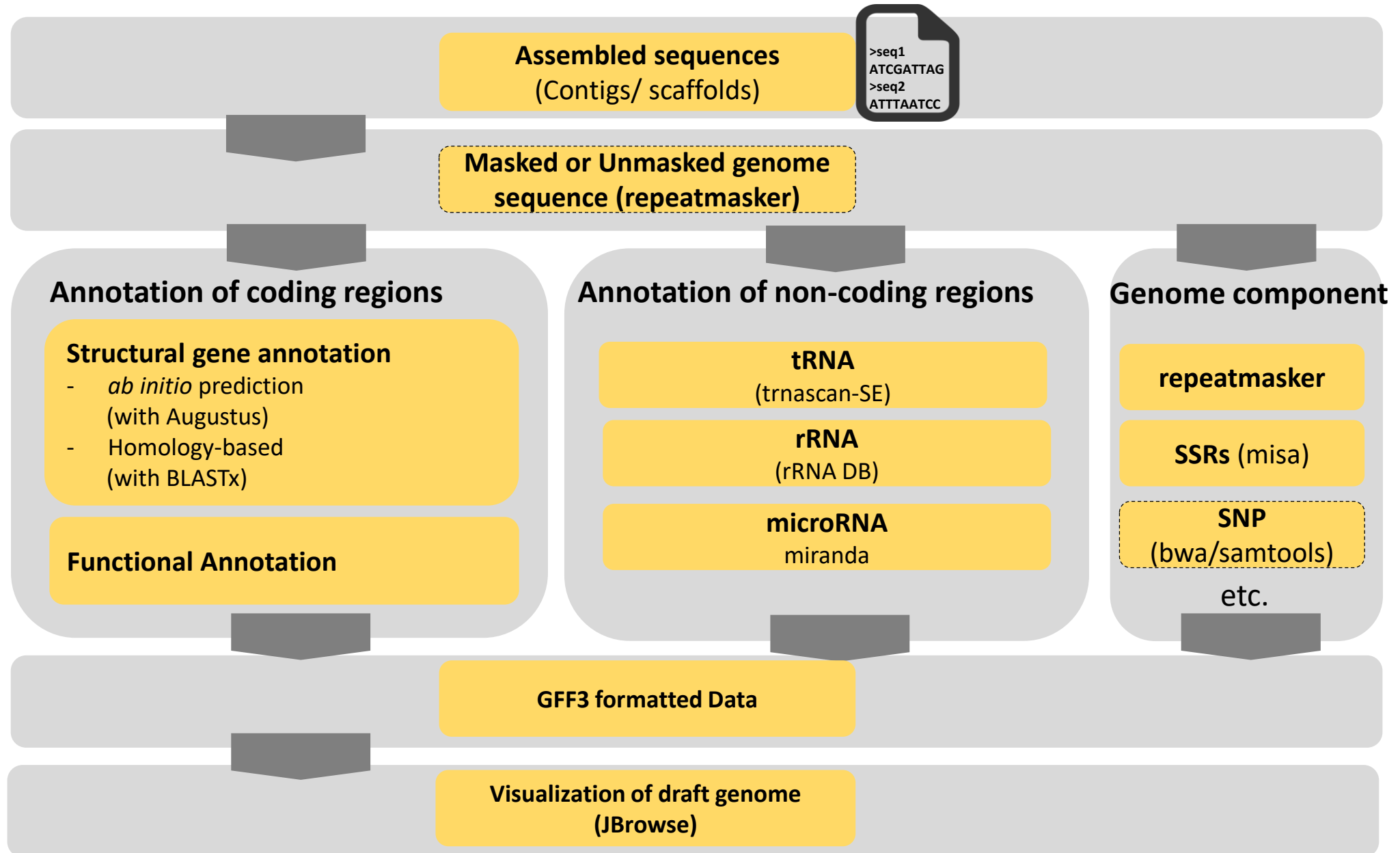
What is genome annotation?

- **Genome annotation** is the process of finding and designating locations of individual genes and other features on raw DNA sequences. (NCBI Knowledge base)

Separate nuclear and organellar sequences



Overview of genome annotation and visualization



Annotation of coding regions: ab initio prediction

ab initio approach: prediction of gene structure using only the genome sequence

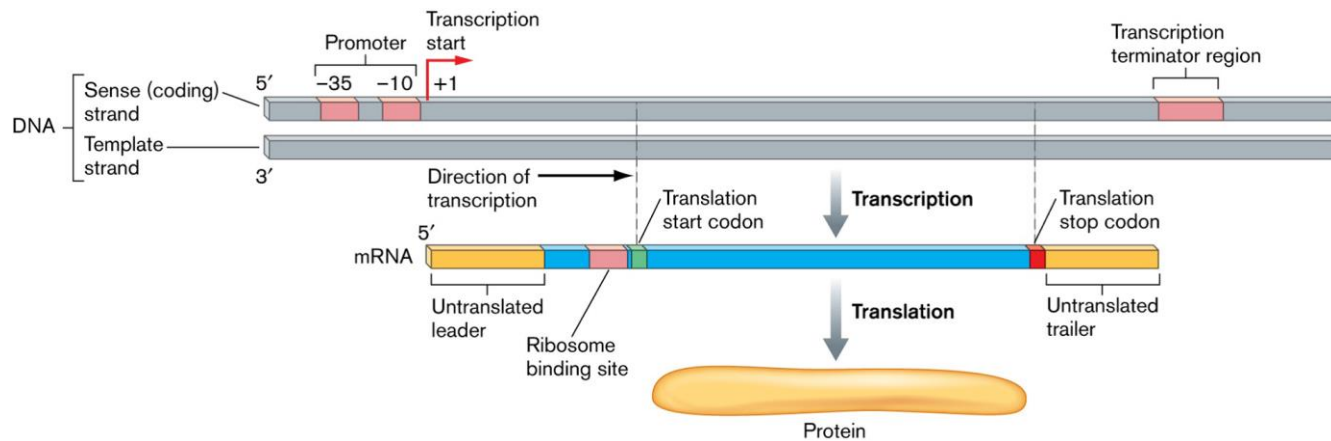


Figure1. Gene structure in Prokaryotes

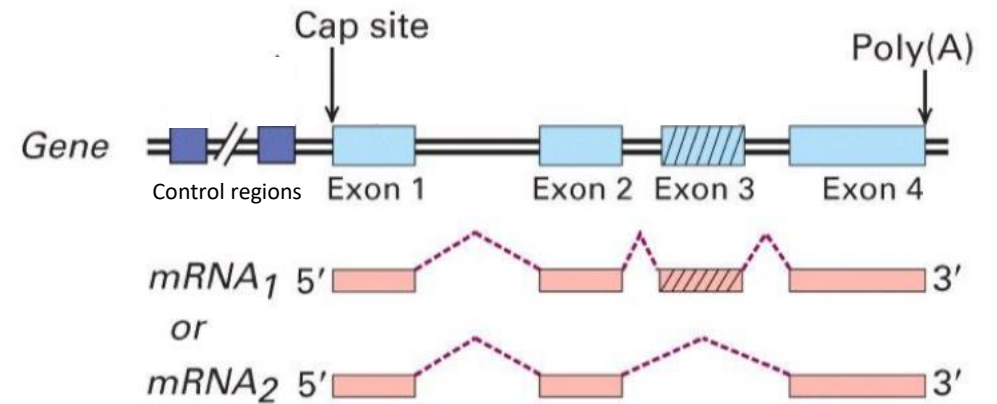


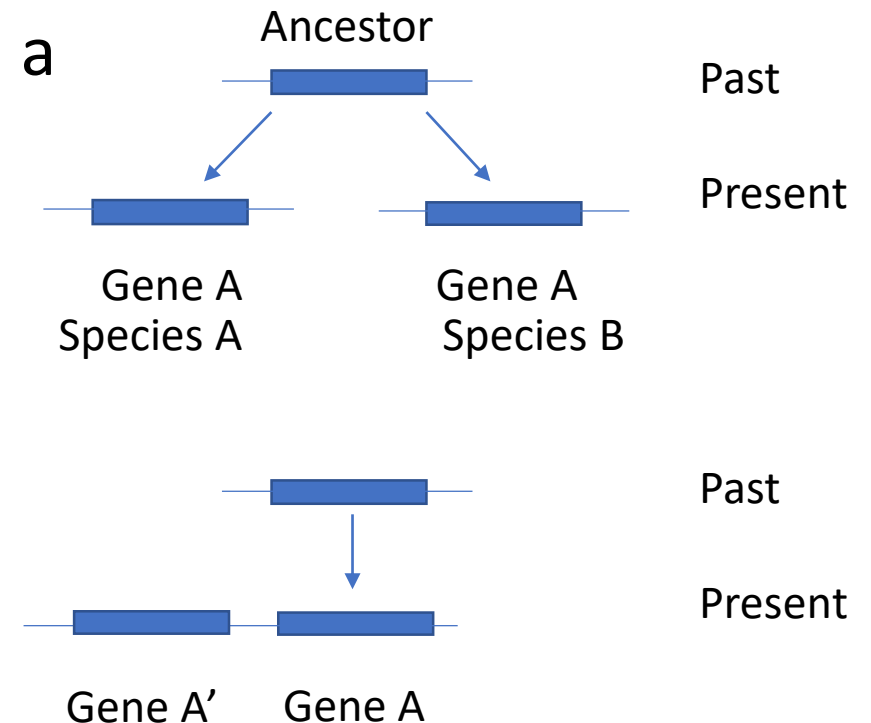
Figure2. Gene structure in Eukaryotes

Errors includes: incorrect exon boundaries/ missed exons/ failure to detect entire genes

Annotation of coding regions: homology based

Finding genes in long sequences by looking for matches with sequences that are known to be transcribed such as cDNA, EST or protein.

- Homologs: two genes related by descent from a **common ancestral** DNA sequence
- Orthologs: two genes in **different species**; evolved from a single ancestral gene by speciation
- Paralogs: two genes related by duplication **within a genome**
 - Mouse alpha globin and beta globin genes



Basic Local Alignment Search Tools (BLAST)

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Basic Local Alignment Search Tool

BLAST finds regions of similarity between biological sequences. The program compares nucleotide or protein sequences to sequence databases and calculates the statistical significance. [Learn more](#)

Web BLAST

blastx
translated nucleotide ► protein

tblastn
protein ► translated nucleotide

Nucleotide BLAST
nucleotide ► nucleotide

Protein BLAST
protein ► protein

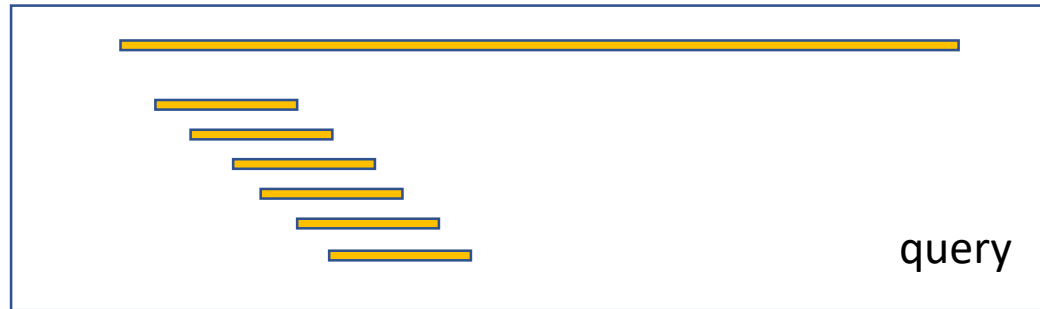
BLAST Genomes

Enter organism common name, scientific name, or tax id

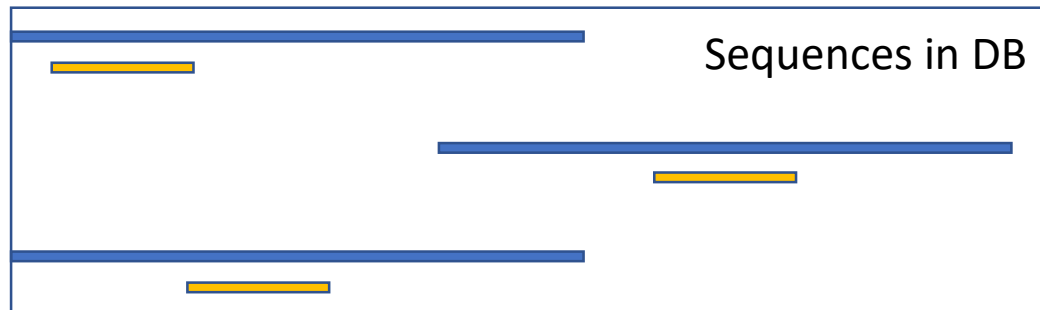
Human Mouse Rat Microbes

BLAST algorithm	Query sequence	DATABASE
blastn	DNA	DNA
blastp	protein	protein
blastx	DNA (translated)	protein
tblastn	Protein	DNA (translated)
tblastx	DNA (translated)	DNA (translated)

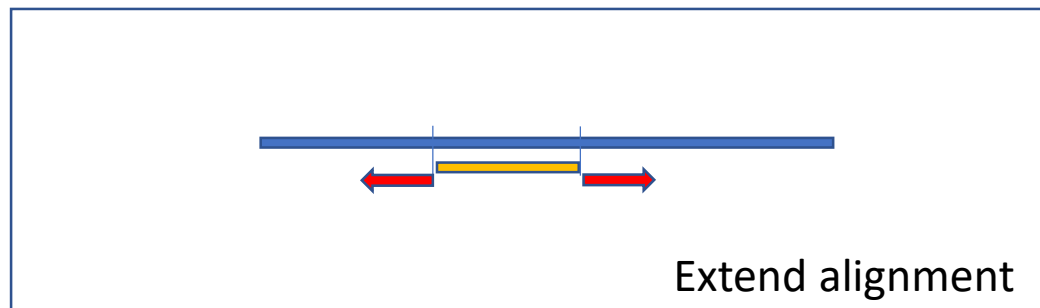
How BLAST works?



1 "word" (subsequence of query sequence)



2. Query "words" are compared to the database (target sequences) and exact matches identified



3. For each word match, alignment is extended in both directions to find alignments that score greater than some threshold (maximal segment pairs, or MSPs)

BLAST output
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Column no.	Option	Definition
1.	qseqid	query (e.g., gene) sequence id
2.	sseqid	subject (e.g., reference genome) sequence id
3.	percent	percentage of identical matches
4	evalue	expect value
5	bitscore	bit score
6	length	alignment length
7	mismatch	number of mismatches
8	gapopen	number of gap openings
9	frames	query and subject frames
10	qlen	query sequence length
11	qstart	start of alignment in query
12	qend	end of alignment in query
13	slen	subject sequence length
14	sstart	start of alignment in subject
15	send	end of alignment in subject
16	sstrand	subject strand
17	stitle	subject title

Functional annotation (gene function prediction)

- **'Structural'** genome annotation is the process of identifying genes and their intron–exon structures.
- **'Functional'** genome annotation is the process of attaching meta-data such as gene ontology terms to structural annotations.

Database 1



- [Table1. Gene_Map](#) [Table2. Gene_xRef](#) [Table3. Microsat_misa](#) [Table4. RepeatMasker](#) [Table5. tRNA gene](#) [Table6. miRNA target](#) [Table7.1 Gene_xRefGO](#) [Table7.2 blast2EC](#) [Table7.3 blast2GO](#)
[Table7.4 blast2InterPro](#) [Table8. Flowering gene](#)

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8	TgV1_nc000001.g3.t1	molecular function	GO:0003676	nucleic acid binding
9	TgV1_nc000001.g3.t1	molecular function	GO:0004523	RNA-DNA hybrid ribonuclease activity*
10	TgV1_nc000001.g5.t1	molecular function	GO:0050661	NADP binding

Showing 1 to 10 of 1,000 entries

Ribosomal ribonucleic acid (rRNA)

ribosomal RNA in Prokaryotic genome

- Ribosome large subunit
23S rRNA
5S rRNA
- Ribosome small subunit
16S rRNA (bp)

ribosomal RNA in Eukaryotic genome

- Ribosome large subunit
28S rRNA in mammals, 25S rRNA in plant
5S rRNA
5.8S rRNA (154 bp)
- Ribosome small subunit
18S rRNA (1753 bp)

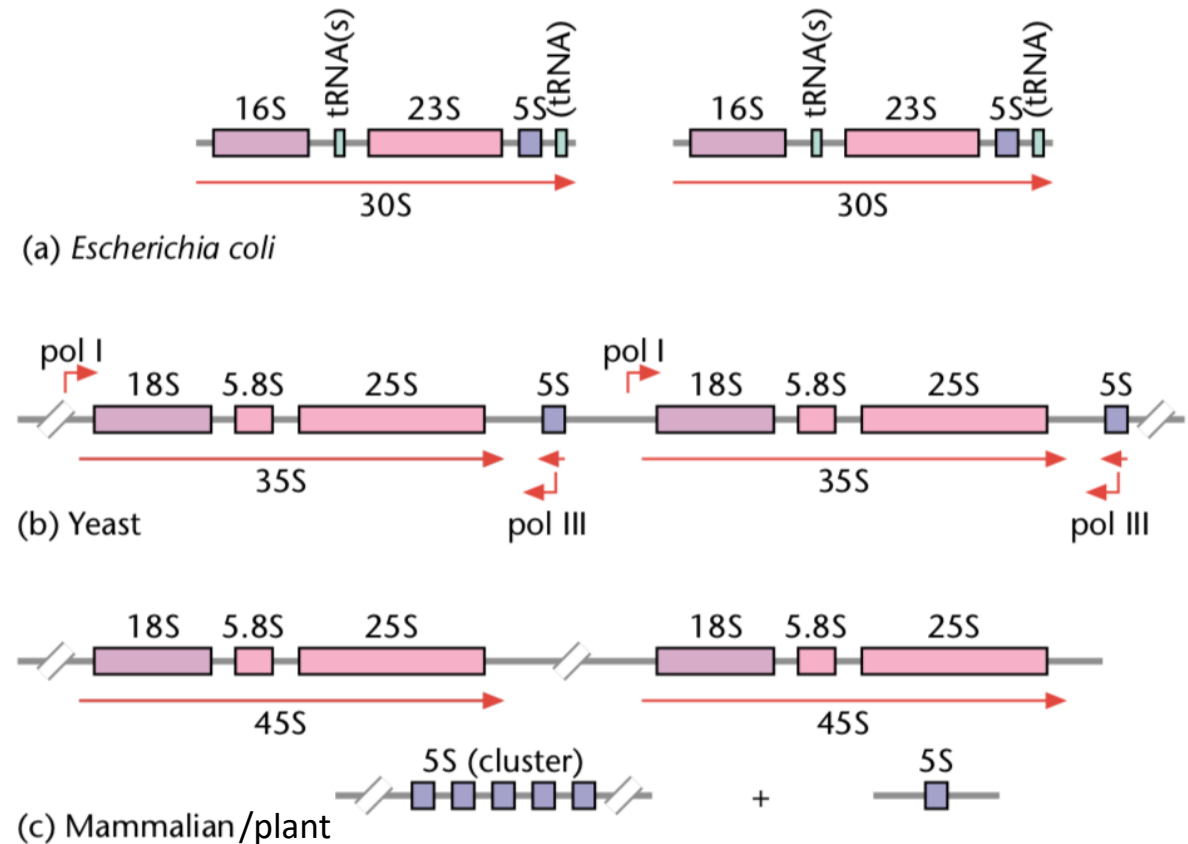
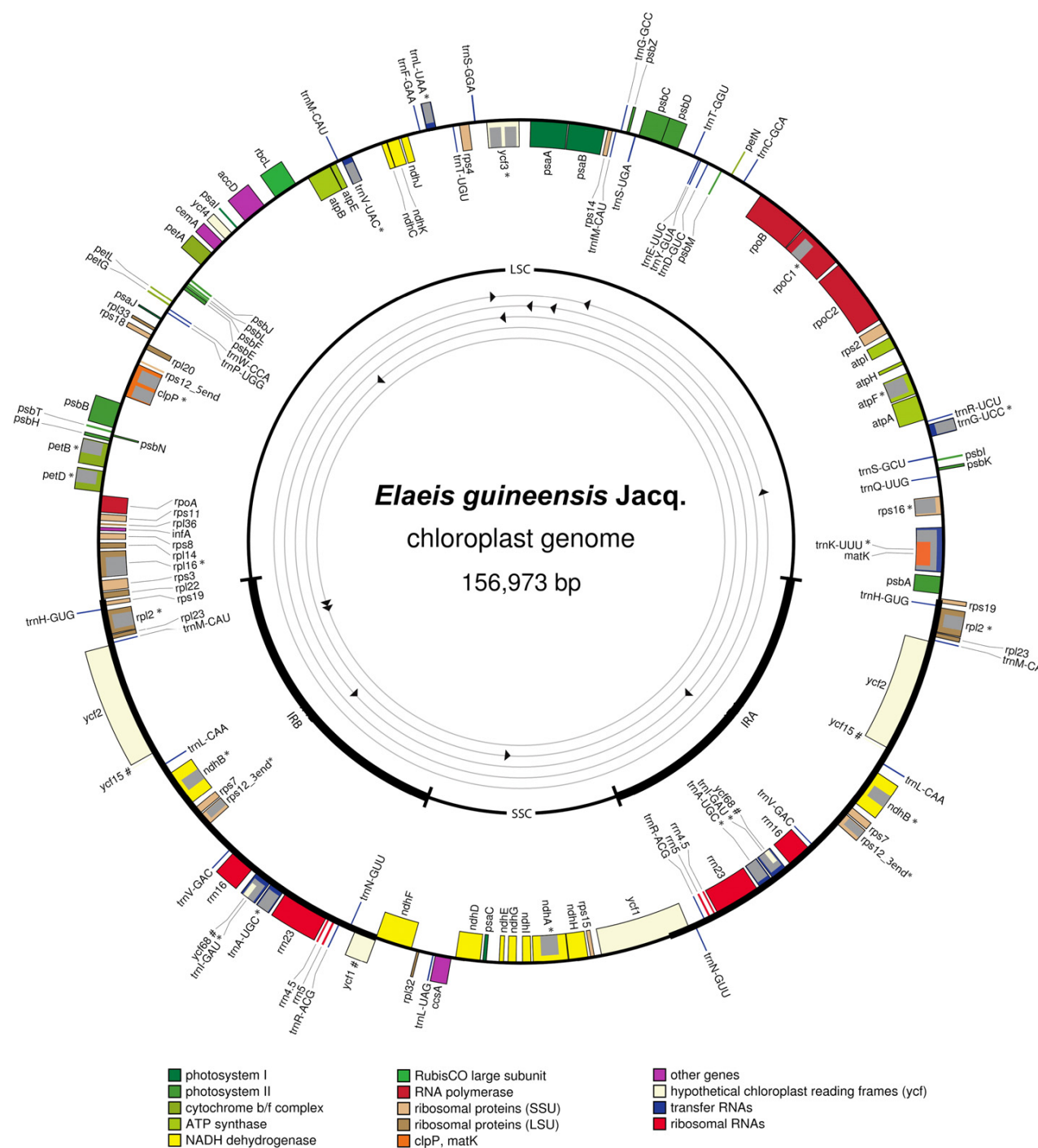


Figure 1 Ribosomal DNA (rDNA) organization in different species.

Oil palm chloroplast genome



112 unique genes
79 protein-coding genes
29 tRNA genes

4 ribosomal RNA genes
Large subunit
23S rRNA (2,805 bp)
5S rRNA (121 bp)
4.5S rRNA (103 bp)
Small subunit
16S rRNA (1,491 bp)

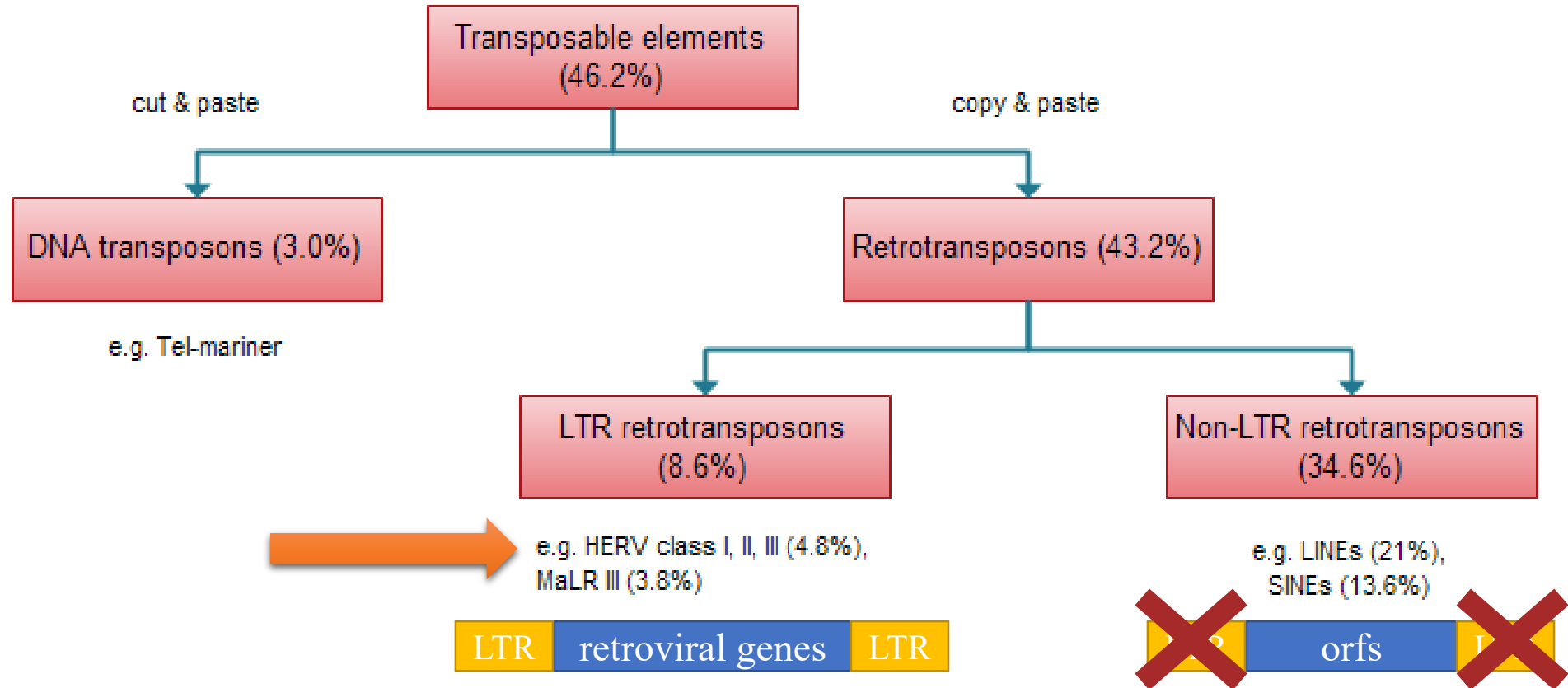
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Annotation of non-coding regions: Repeats

- Transposable elements
 - DNA transposons: cut and paste mechanism
 - Retrotransposons: copy itself and paste mechanism
 - Transposable element fractions in plant genomes are variable, as low as ~3% in small genomes and as high as ~85% in large genomes.
- Repeated sequences
 - Microsatellite or single sequence repeats (SSRs):
 - tandem repeats of short 1-6 bp DNA sequence motifs
 - total size is less than 1000 bp
 - Minisatellite
 - tandem repeat of 10-60 bp DNA sequences motifs (5-50 times)
 - total size is 1k-20kbp

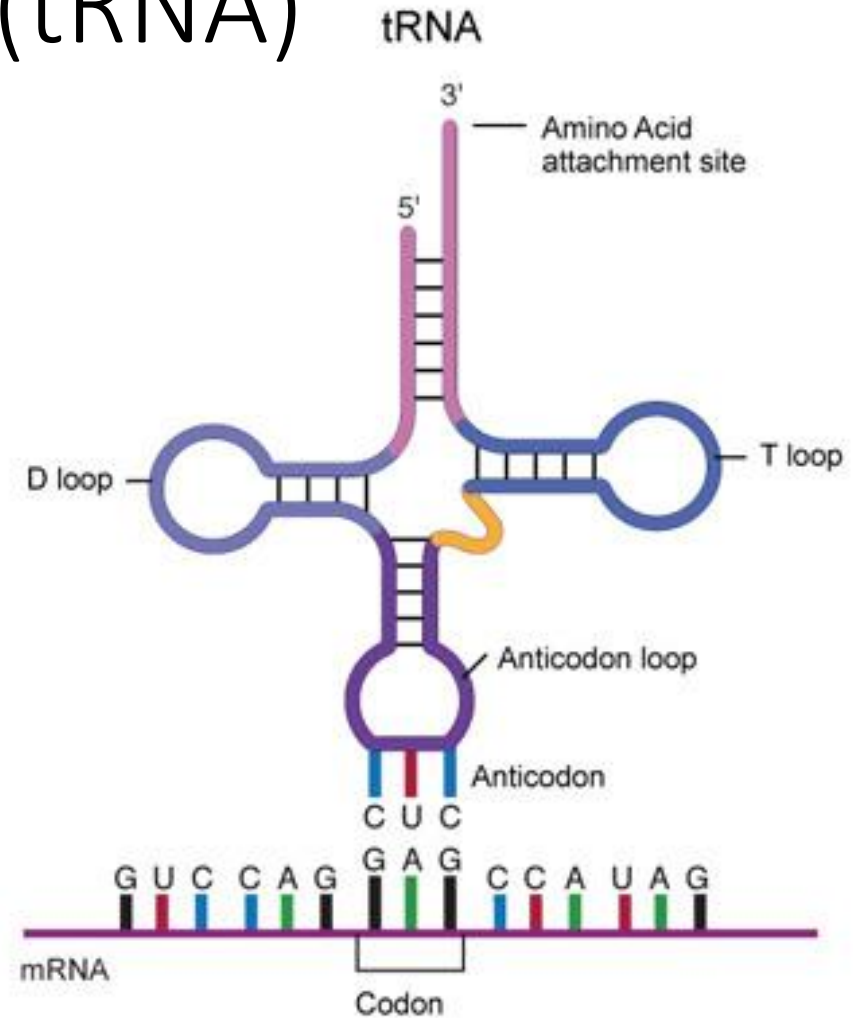
Percent of human transposable element

Transposable elements (TEs) are fragments of DNA that can insert into new chromosomal locations and often make duplicate copies of themselves in the **PROCESS**. (Nature Review Genetics, 2002, volume 3 329-341)



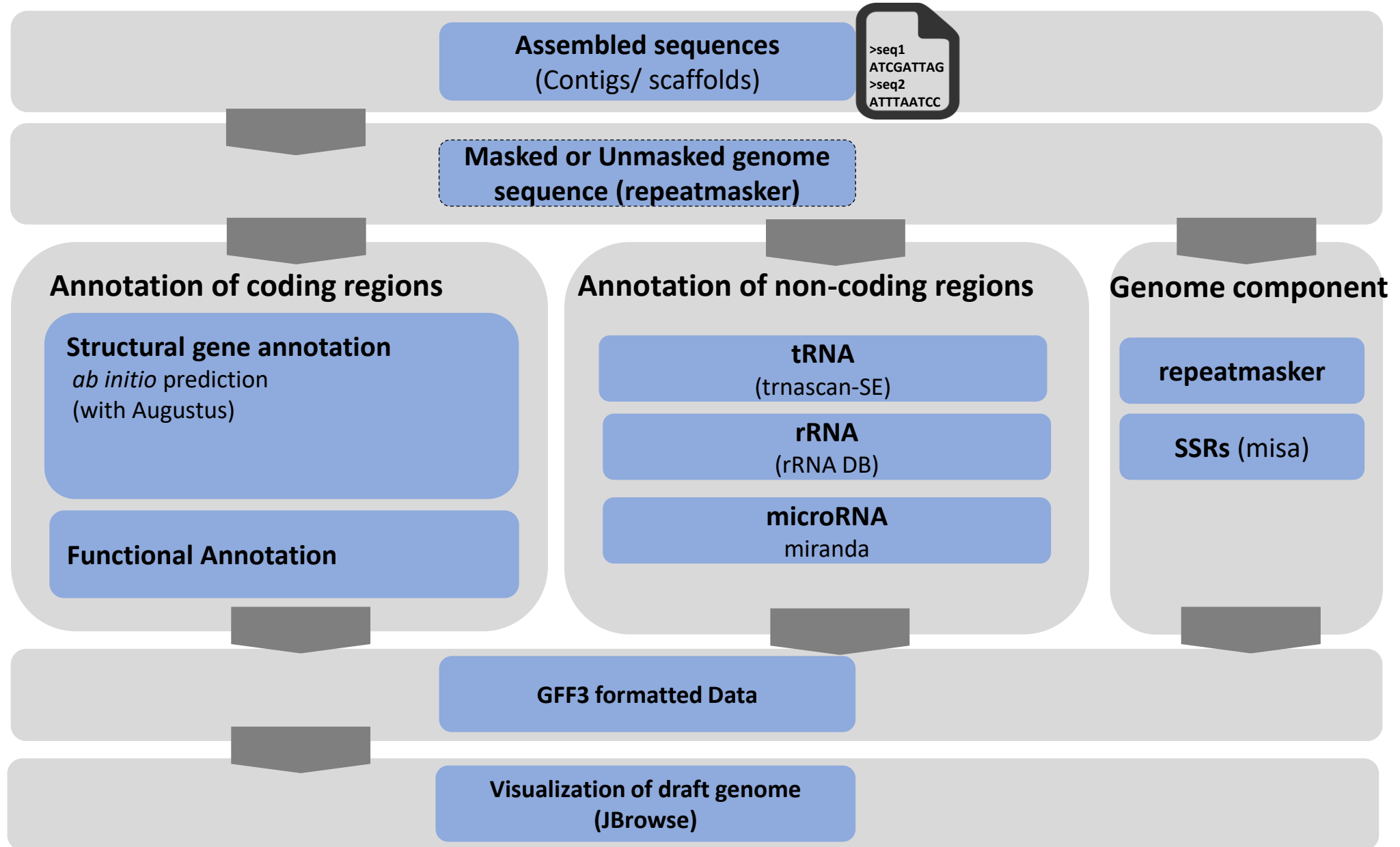
transfer ribonucleic acid (tRNA)

- tRNA is a type of RNA molecule that helps decode a messenger RNA (mRNA) sequence into a protein.
- Each codon represents a particular amino acid, and each codon is recognized by a specific tRNA.



Structure of tRNA

CAB-Inhouse annotation pipeline (CABAnnot)



Generic Feature Format Version 3 (Gff3) file format

- Standard file format for storing genomic features in a text file.
- GFF3 format consists of one line per feature, each containing 9 columns of data.

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JBrowse Genome Browser

Available Tracks

- filter tracks
- MicroRNA
- Microsatellite
- RepeatMasker
- gene
- tRNA

Reference sequence 1

- Reference sequence

Genome Track View Help

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Reference sequence Zoom in to see sequence

tRNA

gene

RepeatMasker

Microsatellite

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Practical section: genome annotation