

Evolution of Crepis sancta



Coyotes become more nocturnal



Rapid evolution of great tits



Etonnant vivant : découvertes et promesses du XXIe siècle (2017)



DARWIN COMES TO TOWN

How the Urban Jungle Drives Evolution

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Geologic time scales



Wikipedia

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Era:

Phanerozoic (-541Ma to present)= 3 eras: Paleozoic + Mesozoic + Cenozoic

Period:

Paleozoic (-541Ma to -252Ma)= 6 periods: Cambrian + Ordovician + Silurian + Devonian + Carboniferous + Permian Cenozoic (-66Ma to present)= 3 periods: Paleogene + Neogene + Quaternary (Tertiary= obsolete= Paleogene + Neogene)

Epoch:

Quaternary= Pleistocene (-2.5Ma to -11000) + Holocene (-11000 to present) (+ Anthropocene?)







Wikipedia



Why is DNA an important molecule in biology?

Newsweek, May 23, 2005



SAME DNA. SMALLER CHROMOSOMES.

THE ALL-NEW MIDSIZE H3. LIVING UP TO THE OFF-ROAD REPUTATION HUMMER MADE FAMOUS. COMING SOON. STARTING AT \$29,500. VEHICLE SHOWN \$30,195.*

*MSRP.TAX, TITLE, LICENSE, DEALER FEES AND OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT ARE EXTRA. 1.800.REAL.4WD ID GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION. 2005.



DNA still sells cars in the USA

Subaru: "Genetic superstar" Toyota: "Has a great set of genes



GENETIC INDIVIDUALITY:

Each of us is a genetically unique individual, and the genes determine who we are.



"...revealing what it is that makes you, you." -American television ad for ancestry.com 2015

The importance of DNA in biology

Major basis of heritable variation (genotype-phenotype)

Transmitted (can help reconstruct history)

Present in all living entities (DNA/RNA)

Stable molecule (ancient DNA – oldest = horse in permafrost = 500 000 years, forensic)

String of letters, can be easily analyzed with computers (compared to anatomical traits for taxonomy)

Genetic Individuality

Slide from S. Gilbert

Genes determine who you are, and they act the same in each person.

LIFE Magazine, First Days of Creation, 1990:

"The result of fertilization is a single nucleus that contains an entire biological blueprint for a new individual, genetic information governing everything from the length of the nose to the diseases that will be inherited."

Standupgirl.com (anti-Choice website):

"And even more amazingly, intelligence and personality—the way you look and feel were already in place in your genetic code. At the moment of conception you were essentially and uniquely you."



Disclaimer: DNA is not the cause of everything

Monozygotic twins are not identical

Cardiovascular disease associates better with lifestyle than with DNA sequence (Mozaffarian 2008)

Lung cancer associated with smoking habits

Drug metabolism is mostly due to the microbiome

Several genes associated with autism, depression, etc. were "lost" in larger studies

Distilbene: anti-miscarriage drug, increases cancer risks in daughters and malformations in grand-daughters

What the HGP Taught us with the first genome sequenced: Genes act differently and non-additively in different people

Cockayne syndrome: Mutation in the DNA repair enzyme ERCC6 at position 5q12.1. Homozygous recessive persons are characterized by growth failure, impaired neural development, premature aging, sensitivity to sunlight.

Usher Syndrome: Mutation in the retinal and cochlear basement membrane myosin MYO7A at 11q13. Homozygous recessive persons are characterized by congenital deafness and gradual loss of vision.

James Watson, presently 90 years old; not deaf, blind, nor stunted



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Manipulating DNA

What can we do with DNA?

Extract, purify

Make more

Amplify Clone Synthetize

Examine

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(DNA from mitochondria, viruses, bacteria, researcher, symbionts...)

Amplify DNA



Mix: Genomic DNA Probes (oligonucleotides) Nucleotides Taq polymerase Ions (MgCl2)

Cycles of Denaturation, Annealing, Elongation

PCR: Polymerase Chain Reaction

Amplifies DNA fragments of between 0.1 and 10 kb (up to 40 kb)

Amplify DNA

Polymerase chain reaction - PCR



- **Denaturation** at 94-96°C
- 2 Annealing at ~68°C
- **Elongation** at ca. 72 °C

Cloning vs. PCR



Amplify DNA

DNA fragments 5 kb-15 kb: plasmids in bacteria ~10 kb: lambda phage-based vectors Up to 40 kb: fosmids in bacteria ~100-300 kb: bacterial artificial chromosomes (BAC)

First "synthetic" cell developed by scientists



Gibson et al. 2016

Cut DNA with restriction enzymes



Blunt ends, 3' protruding ends, 5' protruding ends

Cut DNA with restriction enzymes



Examine length of DNA



TAE (Tris-acetate-EDTA) buffer



Ligate DNA



Fragments have to be phosphorylated but only on one strand Dephosphorylate the vector to inhibit selfcircularization



Probe DNA: Fluorescent In Situ Hybridization





Probes for telomere sequences

Sanger sequencing

120

800 bp long Starts based on oligonucleotide (primer) ~4 euros per reaction

Dye terminator sequencing



McGovern 2015

130

GTGTGAGCTGTGATCGGT







Ding et al 2015



Illumina sequencing

Millions of reads, each ~100 bp long Starts at all possible positions ~500 euros per run





For transcriptome: 2x 75 bp For whole genome: 2x 150 bp https://www.illumina.com/science/technology/next-generation-sequencing/sequencing-technology/2-channel-sbs.html
Output of Illumina sequencing



Recombine DNA: Gibson cloning

Prepare fragments using PCR and special primers



Synthetize DNA



Gene Synthesis Service Options

Types	Gene Length	Price (No hidden charge promise) †	Starting Turnaround Time (Business Days) *	Starting Turnaround Time with Plasmid Prep Service (Business Days)
Standard Gene Synthesis ^{Guaranteed}	≤ 8 kb	View your discounted price online in as short as 1 minute	8	10
Fast Gene Synthesis ^{Guaranteed}	≤ 5 kb		7	9
Rush Gene Synthesis ^{Guaranteed}	≤4 kb		4US Manufacture	6 ^{US Manufacture}
GenPlus HT Gene Synthesis	≤ 3 kb		18	20
GenPlus Economy Gene Synthesis	≤ 8 kb		15	17
GenBrick [®] Gene Synthesis	> 8 kb		23	25

Introduce foreign DNA

most widespread transgenic crop in 2005-2015 = soybean resistant to glyphosate



https://openwetware.org



CRISPR





Can recognize and cut a specific DNA sequence (recognized by guide RNA) More versatile than restriction enzymes, Zn finger nucleases and transcription activator-like effector nucleases (TALENs).



Gene is disrupted

Gene has a new sequence

Creating mutants with CRISPR/Cas9

TGGAGGAGTTCTACAGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTACGAGTTTGTGCAGCGGATGCG Wild type TGGAGGAGTTCTACAGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTACGAGTTTG--CAGCGGATGCG TGGAGGAGTTCTACAGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTACGAGT----AGCGGATGCG Deletion TGGAGGAGTTCTACAGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTACG ----CAGCGGATGCG TGGAGGAGTTCTACAGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTA----CAGCGGATGCG TGGAGGAGTTCTACAGCGTGAACCACAT----- CCGGATGCG GGAGGAGTTCTACAGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTACGAGTTTGTGACAGCGGATGCG AGTTCTACAGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTACGAGTTTGTGGCTTTAAAGCGGATGCG Insertion TTCTACAGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTACGAGTTTGTGCAAGGAAACTGCGGATGCG AGCGTGAACCACATCAACCAGACGTACGAGTTTGTGGTTGCCACTTTAATCAGCGGATGCG AACCACATCAACCAGACGTACGAGTTTGTGCAGCTTCGGCCATTCACCGACGGCGGATGCG

Agraulis vanillae







Korotkova et al. 2019

Ongoing clinical trials using CRISPR



Retina disease

Beta-thalassemia Sickle cell disease

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Fundamental research is important

bacteria Thermus aquaticus



DNA and its observable effects

The distinction between genotype and phenotype is the basis of genetics

"The view of natural inheritance as realized by an act of transmission, viz., the transmission of the parent's (or ancestor's) personal qualities to the progeny, is the most naive and oldest conception of heredity."

"All "types" of organisms, distinguishable by direct inspection or only by finer methods of measuring or description, may be characterized as "**phenotypes**."

" A "**genotype**" is the sum of all the "genes" in a gamete or in a zygote."



Johansen 1911

Phenotype = observable attributes of an individual

Genotype = inheritable genetic material = DNA or RNA

How do genotypes map onto phenotypes ?

Aberration Types

SNP Insertion (CNV) Deletion Indel Inversion Translocation Complex change (Epigenetic change)

Estimation of mutation rates

Mutation accumulation lines, sequencing family trio, across a phylogeny

Coding versus cis-regulatory



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Coding Cis-regulatory Gene loss Gene amplification (Gene rearrangement)

Levels of dominance



A is dominant to B

A is recessive to B

A and B are semidominant Ex: pink flowers

A and B are codominant

Ex: AB blood groups, red and white flowers

Can be quantified as deviation from midpoint between parents

Levels of activity of the various alleles

- Null: no activity, equivalent to gene deletion
- Hypomorph ou loss-of-function: reduced activity
- **Silent**: no influence on the phenotype
- Hypermorph or gain-of-function: increased activity
- **Neomorph**: new activity, can be ectopic expression

Relationship with dominance

- Dominant (or semi-dominant) null allele: haplo-insufficiency – dose effect
 - Dominant-negative via a poison effect
 - Dominant gain-of-function/neomorph: common when gain-of-function, also with neomorph

Dominance is not an intrinsic to an allele

- It is <u>relative to another allele</u>, not to *all* other alleles
- It is a property of their effect <u>on a given phenotypic trait</u>

as in "dominance of *a1* over *a2* for a particular trait"

Ex:

yellow allele is **dominant** over the + allele <u>for coat color</u> *yellow* allele is **recessive** over the + allele <u>for lethality</u>

Most wild alleles are dominant

Robustness to half-dose:



One type of dominant-negative mutation: sequestration of wild-type in dimer





Penetrance

Discrete binary phenotype



% of individuals showing the phenotype

ex: 40% of individuals have a white color Partial penetrance



Expressivity

Phenotype with different degrees of severity



Maternal (or paternal) effect

The genotype of the parent matters, not that of the individual itself.

Frequent for mutations affecting early embryonic development



Heredity with sex-linked transmission

Example: mutation on the X chromosome in a species reproducing with XX $\begin{array}{c} Q \\ Q \end{array}$ XY $\begin{array}{c} O \end{array}$



Heredity with sex-linked expression

Example: mutation that affects the phenotype only in females

Different kinds of phenotypes

Morphology

Color Size and shape Presence/absence Position



Aristote, Historia animalium, book I, 2, 300BC

Physiology

Behavior

Genotype & Phenotype = what engenders = what is apparent

DNA/RNA • Regulation of gene expression

- Biochemical reactions
- Subcellular architecture
- Assembly of cells
- Organism morphology and behavior

distinction appeared at the origin of life: etc.



Francis Crick Central Dogma A reductionist view of the GP relationship



Fig. 3. A tentative classification for the present day. Solid arrows show general transfers; dotted arrows show special transfers. Again, the absent arrows are the undetected transfers specified by the central dogma.

Crick 1958 Crick 1970

The first genotype-phenotype map



The genotype-phenotype-fitness map



The Epigenetic Landscape A metaphor for the G-P relationship





Development

Canalization

Genes underlying the landscape

Waddington 1957



Hallgrimsson et al. 2014


Plasticity: one genotype \rightarrow several phenotypes

Daphnia



with helmet



without helmet

Nemoria arizonaria caterillars



spring: caterpillars feed on catkins



summer: caterpillars feed on leaves

Water crowfoot plant



leaves growing above water

leaves growing below water

Commodore butterly: Michael Wild, CC-BY-SA-3.0 (winter), Svdmolen, CC-BY-SA-3.0 (summer)

Daphnia: Agrawal et al (1999)

Nemoria arizonaria caterillars: Sadava et al (2014)

Water crowfoot plant: J R Crellin, CC BY-NC-ND 3.0

Desert locusts



solitary



gregarious

Commodore butterfly





winter

summer

Next time: bring your laptop!