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### Outline of the talk

- Who am I?
- A quick crash course in genomics for geeks
- Genomics 2000-2012
  - HapMap, 1000 Genomes, GWAS, ENCODE
- Route into medicine
- (Some more whimsical uses of DNA...)



## Who am I?

- Associate Director at European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)
- Involved in genomics since I was 19 (almost 20 years!)
- Trained as a biochemist most people think I am CS
- Analysed sometimes lead

   –
   human/mouse/rat/platypus
   etc genomes



EBI is in Hinxton, South Cambridgeshire

EBI is part of EMBL, like CERN for molecular biology



# Crash Course in molecular biology for geeks

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### Molecules of life

- DNA ⇔ Hard Disk
- RNA ⇔ Computer RAM
- Metabolites <> Electricity, Optics
- Good theories of how these molecules fit together
  - How is the information in DNA moved to RNA
- No good theories of the precise details of these molecules
  - You simply have to know the Human Genome, Human RNA etc

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#### Diversity of Life... unity of molecules







DNA RNA Proteins Metabolites DNA RNA Proteins Metabolites DNA RNA Proteins Metabolites



## DNA is a simple (ish) chemical





# We represent it as strings, not worrying about one pair of the two polymers

1 monomer is called a "base pair" – bp



# We can routinely determine small parts of DNA

1977-1990 – 500 bp, manual tracking

1990-2000 – 500 bp, computational tracking, 1D, "capillary"

2005-2012 – 20-100bp, 2D systems, ("2<sup>nd</sup> Generation" or NGS)

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2012 - ?? >5kb, Real time "3<sup>rd</sup>
Generation"
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Fred Sanger, inventor of terminator DNA sequencing



#### Costs have come exponentially down



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## A genome is all our DNA



Every cell has two copies of 3e9bp (one from mum, one from dad) in 24 polymers ("chromosomes")





Ecoli: 4e6,

Yeast, 12e6





Medaka, 0.9e9 White Pine 20e9



## Human Genome project

- 1989 2000 sequencing the human genome
  - Just 1 "individual" actually a mosaic of about 24 individuals but as if it was one
  - Old school technologies
  - A bit epic
- Now
  - Same data volume generated in ~3mins in a current large scale centre
  - It's all about the *analysis*



## What happened next?



#### We looked into human variation





3 in 10,000 bases between any two individuals are different (a bit more between Africans)

The similarity of a European to an African (any population) is Only marginally smaller than European to European (2 or 3%).

Only a minute amount of DNA is unique to any population EMBL-EBI

#### ... and associate this with traits or disease



(you can infer the majority of the genome by knowing a base About 1 every 5,000 to 10,000 bases – the experiments to Look at this density is far cheaper than sequencing)

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#### **ENCODE** Uniform Analysis Pipeline

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## Large-scale analysis of allelic occupancy

Bob Altschuler, Tim Reddy, Joel Rozowsky, Xainjun Dong





## Impact on Medicine



#### 3 big areas of impact for medicine







Germ line Risk to disease "Precision" cancer medicine

Pathogens + Hospital acquired infections



### Germ Line impact

- Everyone has differential risk of disease
- But the shift in risk is small
- Perhaps 1 to 2% have a striking change in risk to a serious disease (>10 fold) which is "actionable"



 This goes up to 3-4% if you count some less clinically worrying diseases

#### 1:500 people have HCM 1:500 people have FH



#### Precision cancer diagnosis

- Cancer is a genomic disease
- By sequencing a cancer you can understand its molecular form better
- Particular molecular forms respond to particular bugs





#### Pathogens

- Sequencing provides a clear cut diagnosis of pathogens
- Can also be used to sequence environments (eg, hospitals)
- Immune systems for hospitals





## Why we need an infrastructure...



#### Infrastructures are critical...



#### But we only notice them when they go wrong



# Biology already needs an information infrastructure

- For the human genome
  - (...and the mouse, and the rat, and... x 150 now, 1000 in the future!) Ensembl
- For the function of genes and proteins
  - For all genes, in text and computational UniProt and GO
- For all 3D structures
  - To understand how proteins work PDBe
- For where things are expressed
  - The differences and functionality of cells Atlas



#### ..But this keeps on going...

- We have to scale across all of (interesting) life
  - There are a lot of species out there!
- We have to handle new areas, in particular medicine
  - A set of European haplotypes for good imputation
  - A set of actionable variants in germline and cancers
- We have to improve our chemical understanding
  - Of biological chemicals
  - Of chemicals which interfere with Biology



### EBI's technical infrastructure

- 30 PB of disk
  - Big archives on two systems, no tape backup (analysis is recovery would be very hard; disaster recovery by institutional replication in US)
- ~20,000 cores in 2 major farms
- A Vmware Cloud ("Embassy Cloud") allowing remote users to directly mount large datasets (in pilot mode)
- 4 machine rooms; 2 in London, 2 in Cambridge
- Janet uplink at 10 Gbit/sec



#### Machine room architecture



#### Network usage



Jun '11 Jul'11 Aug'11 Sep '11 Oct '11 Nov '11 Dec '11 Jan '12 Feb '12 Mar '12 Apr '12 May '12 Jun '12 Jul '12 Aug '12 Sep '12 Oct '12 Nov '12 Dec '12 Jan '13 Feb '13

Date

Highcharts.com



**Distribution Patterns are different:** 





#### How?





Pros: Stability, reuse, Pros: Responsive, Geographic Learning ease Language responsive

Cons: Hard to concentrate ons: Internal communication overhead Expertise across of life selender for end users to learn Geographic, language pleter deerto provide multi-decade stability Bottlenecks and lack of diversity

#### **ELIXIR's** mission

To build a sustainable European infrastructure for biological information, supporting life science research and its translation to:

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medicine

environment

bioindustries

society

## And... just for fun...



#### Over a beer...

Ha! At some point all the data we Store is going to be DNA...





Of course, the cost effective way To store this would be as DNA...







Figure 2 | Digital information encoded in DNA. Digital information (A, in blue), here binary digits holding the ASCII codes for part of Shakespeare's sonnet 18, was converted to base-3 (B, red) using a Huffman code. This in turn was converted *in silico* to our DNA code We wish to put forward a radically different structure for variable and the salt of docxyribose nulseic acid. This structure has two heads of docxyribose nulseic acid. This structure has two heads of docxyribose nulseic acid. This structure has two heads are consistent of the same axis (see diagram). We have made the usual cheminal assumptions, namely, that each chain consists of phosphate discusser groups joining 3-0-docxyribofuranose residues with 3',5' and a porpedicular to the tibre bases) are related by a variable with the bases are on the inside of the dyad the sequences of the atoms in the two chains run in opposite directions. Each chain loosely resembles Furbanded helices, but owing to the dyad the phosphates on the inside of the sugar and the phosphates more ari t is close to Furberg's 'standard configuration', the 'standard configuration', the outset to the attached base. There

(C, green), with no homopolymers, which formed the basis for a large number of overlapping DNA segments each containing 100 bases of encoded information (**D**, green or, with alternate segments reverse complemented for added data security, violet) and with orientation and indexing DNA codes added (yellow, as described in the text). These strings were synthesised, sequenced and decoded. **E**, A digital photograph of the EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute (JPEG 2000 format) and **F**, an extract of the Watson and Crick (1953) paper<sup>10</sup> (PDF format) that were among the files encoded in DNA and successfully recovered in this study.





#### Cost effective?











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## How to integrate?



### Integration levels

- Low
  - Access ability, formats, identifier tracking, volume
- Medium
  - Concepts, Ontologies, Samples
- High
  - Statistical, Domain ontology, discovery



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#### Engineering is not so easy





