



# Improving and adding value to the pig genome sequence

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# Pig genome sequencing project

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### Analyses of pig genomes provide insight into porcine demography and evolution

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For 10,000 years pigs and humans have shared a close and complex relationship. From domestication to modern breeding practices, humans have shaped the genomes of domestic pigs. Here we present the assembly and analysis of the genome sequence of a female domestic Duroc pig (*Sus scrofa*) and a comparison with the genomes of wild and domestic pigs from Europe and Asia. Wild pigs emerged in South East Asia and subsequently spread across Eurasia. Our results reveal a deep phylogenetic split between European and Asian wild boars ~1 million years ago, and a selective sweep analysis indicates selection on genes involved in RNA processing and regulation. Genes associated with immune response and olfaction exhibit fast evolution. Pigs have the largest repertoire of functional olfactory receptor genes, reflecting the importance of smell in this scavenging animal. The pig genome sequence provides an important resource for further improvements of this important livestock species, and our identification of many putative disease-causing variants extends the potential of the pig as a biomedical model.

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# Pig genomes provide insight into porcine demography, domestication and evolution

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## Pig

*Sus scrofa*

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### What's New in Pig release 69

- Pig: Ensembl-Havana gene set
- external database references update
- Vega pig annotation added

#### Genome assembly: Scrofa10.2

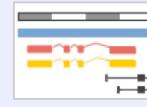
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Example gene tree

#### Regulation

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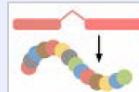
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#### Gene annotation

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Example gene



Example transcript

Additional manual annotation can be found in Vega

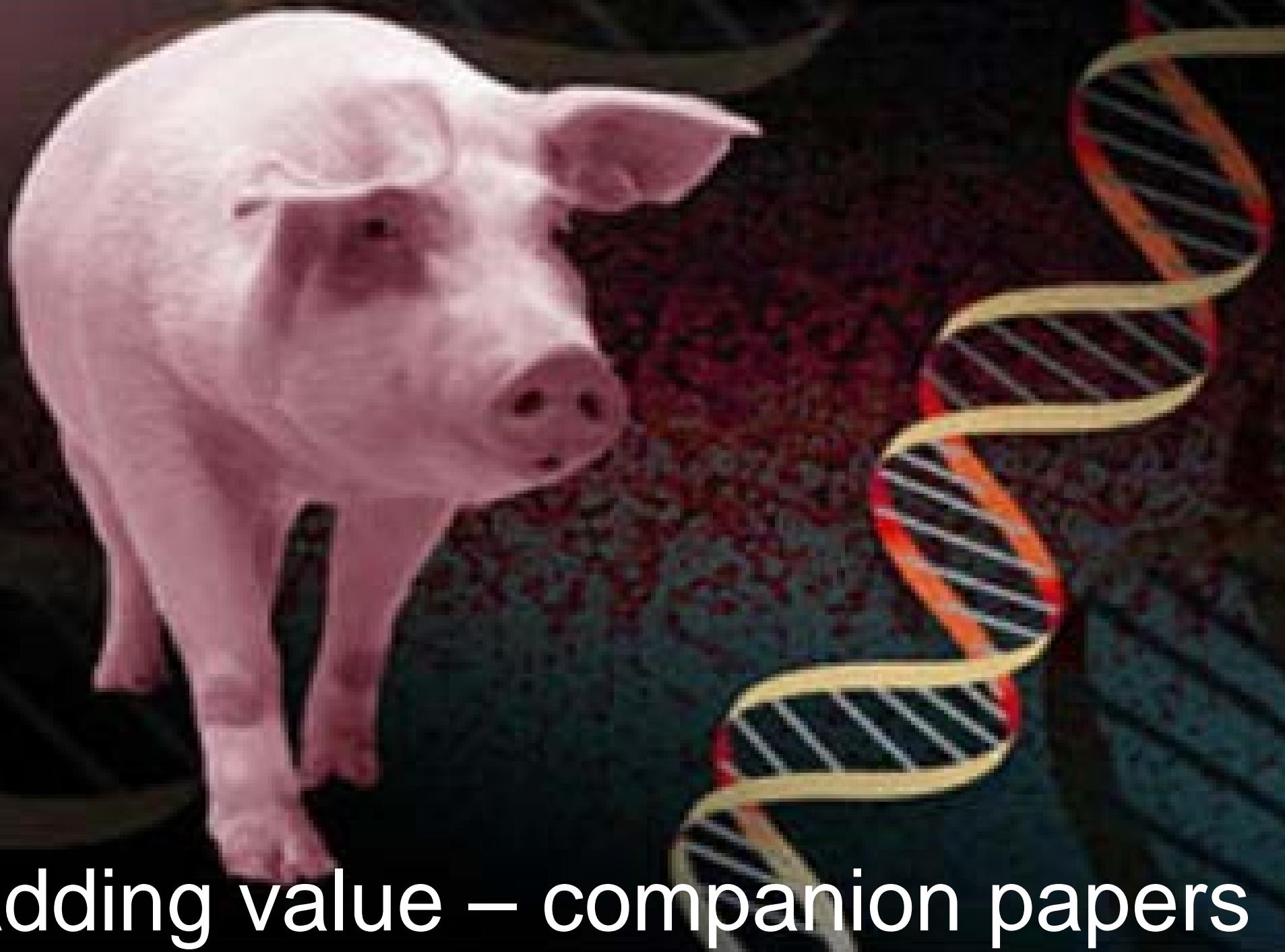
ATCGAGCT  
ATCCAGCT  
ATCGAGAT

Example variant

#### Variation

What can I find? Short sequence variants.

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### [A de novo germline mutation in MYH7 causes a progressive dominant myopathy in pigs](#)

Leonardo Murgiano, Imke Tammen, Barbara Harlitz, Cord Drögemüller

BMC Genetics 2012, **13**:99 (15 November 2012)

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### [Genome-level identification, gene expression, and comparative analysis of porcine β-defensin genes](#)

Min-Kyeung Choi, Minh Le, Dinh Nguyen, Hojun Choi, Won Kim, Jin-Hoi Kim, Jungwan Chun, Jiyeon Hyeon, Kunho Seo, Chankyu Park

BMC Genetics 2012, **13**:98 (15 November 2012)

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### [A gene expression atlas of the domestic pig](#)

Tom C Freeman, Alasdair Ivens, J Kenneth Baillie, Dario Beraldi, Mark W Barnett, David Dorward, Alison Downing, Lynsey Fairbairn, Ronan Kapetanovic, Sobia Raza, Andru Tomolu, Ramiro Alberio, Chunlei Wu, Andrew I Su, Kim M Summers, Christopher K Tuggee, Alan L Archibald, David A Hume

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### [A high density recombination map of the pig reveals a correlation between sex-specific recombination and GC content](#)

Flavie Tortereau, Bertrand Servin, Laurent Frantz, Hendrik-Jan Megens, Denis Milan, Gary Rohrer, Ralph Wiedmann, Jonathan Beever, Alan L Archibald, Lawrence B Schook, Martien AM Groenen

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### [High-resolution autosomal radiation hybrid maps of the pig genome and their contribution to the genome sequence assembly](#)

Bertrand Servin, Thomas Faraut, Nathalie Iannuccelli, Diana Zelenika, Denis Milan

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### [The complete swine olfactory subgenome: expansion of the olfactory gene repertoire in the pig genome](#)

Dinh Nguyen, Kyoyeoel Lee, Hojun Choi, Min-kyeung Choi, Minh Le, Ning Song, Jin-Hoi Kim, Han Seo, Jae-Wook Oh, Kyungtae Lee, Tae-Hun Kim, Chankyu Park

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### [A genome wide association study for backfat thickness in Italian Large White pigs highlights new regions affecting fat deposition including neuronal genes](#)

Luca Fontanesi, Giuseppina Schiavo, Giuliano Galimberti, Daniela Calò, Emilio Scotti, Pier Martelli, Luca Buttazzoni, Rita Casadio, Vincenzo Russo

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### [Large-scale sequencing based on full-length-enriched cDNA libraries in pigs: contribution to annotation of the pig genome draft sequence](#)

Hirohide Uenishi, Takeya Morozumi, Daisuke Toki, Tomoko Eguchi-Ogawa, Lauretta A Rund, Lawrence B Schook

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### [Development of a genetic tool for product regulation in the diverse British pig breed market](#)

Samantha Wilkinson, Alan L Archibald, Chris S Haley, Hendrik-Jan Megens, Richard PMA Crooijmans, Martien AM Groenen, Pamela Wiener, Rob Ogen

BMC Genomics 2012, **13**:580 (15 November 2012)

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### [Completion of the swine genome will simplify the production of swine as a large animal biomedical model](#)

Eric M Walters, Eckhard Wolf, Jeffery J Whyte, Jiude Mao, Simone Renner, Hiroshi Nagashima, Eiji Kobayashi, Jianguo Zhao, Kevin D Wells, John K Critser, Lela K Riley, Randall S Prather

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### [Interphase chromosome positioning in \*in vitro\* porcine cells and \*ex vivo\* porcine tissues](#)

Helen A Foster, Darren K Griffin, Joanna M Bridger

BMC Cell Biology 2012, **13**:30 (15 November 2012)

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### [The sequence and analysis of a Chinese pig genome](#)

Xiaodong Fang, Yuliang Mou, Zhiyong Huang, Yong Li, Lijuan Han, Yanfeng Zhang, Yue Feng, Yuanxin Chen, Xuanting Jiang, Wei Zhao, Xiaoqing Sun, Zhiqiang Xiong, Lan Yang, Huan Liu, Dingding Fan, Likai Mao, Lijie Ren, Chuxin Liu, Juan Wang, Kul Li, Guangbiao Wang, Shulin Yang, Liangxue Lai, Guojie Zhang, Yingrui Li, Jun Wang, Lars Bolund, Huanming Yang, Jian Wang, Shutang Feng, Songgang Li, Yutao Du et al.

GigaScience 2012, **1**:16 (15 November 2012)

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# Strong signatures of selection in the domestic pig genome

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## Structural and functional annotation of the porcine immunome.

Dawson, H.D., Loveland, J.E., Pascal, G., Gilbert, J.G., Uenishi, H., Mann, K.M., Sang, Y., Zhang, J., Carvalho-Silva, D., Hunt, T., Hardy, M., Hu, Z., Zhao, S.-H., Anselmo, A., Shinkai, H., Chen, C., Badaoui, B., Berman, D., Amid, C., Kay, M., Lloyd, D., Snow, C., Morozumi, T., Cheng, R.P., Bystrom, M., Kapetanovic, R., Schwartz, J.C., Kataria, R., Astley, M., Fritz, E., Steward, C., Thomas, M., Wilming, L., Toki, D., Archibald, A.L., Bed'hom, B., Beraldí, D., Huang, T.H., Ait-Ali, T., Blecha, F., Botti, S., Freeman, T.C., Giuffra, E., Hume, D.A., Lunney, J.K., Murtaugh, M.P., Reecy, J.M., Harrow, J.L., Rogel-Gaillard, C. and Tuggle, C.K., 2013

BMC Genomics 14: 332

## Genome sequencing reveals fine scale diversification and reticulation history during speciation in *Sus*.

Frantz, L.A.F., Schraiber, J.G., Madsen, O., Megens, H.-J., Bosse, M., Paudel, Y., Semiadi, G., Meijaard, E., Li, N., Crooijmans, R.P.M.A., Archibald, A.L., Slatkin, M., Schook, L.B., Larson, G. and Groenen, M.A.M., *Genome Biology* in press



Adding value – sequence improvement

# Sscrofa10.2 – assembly, genes

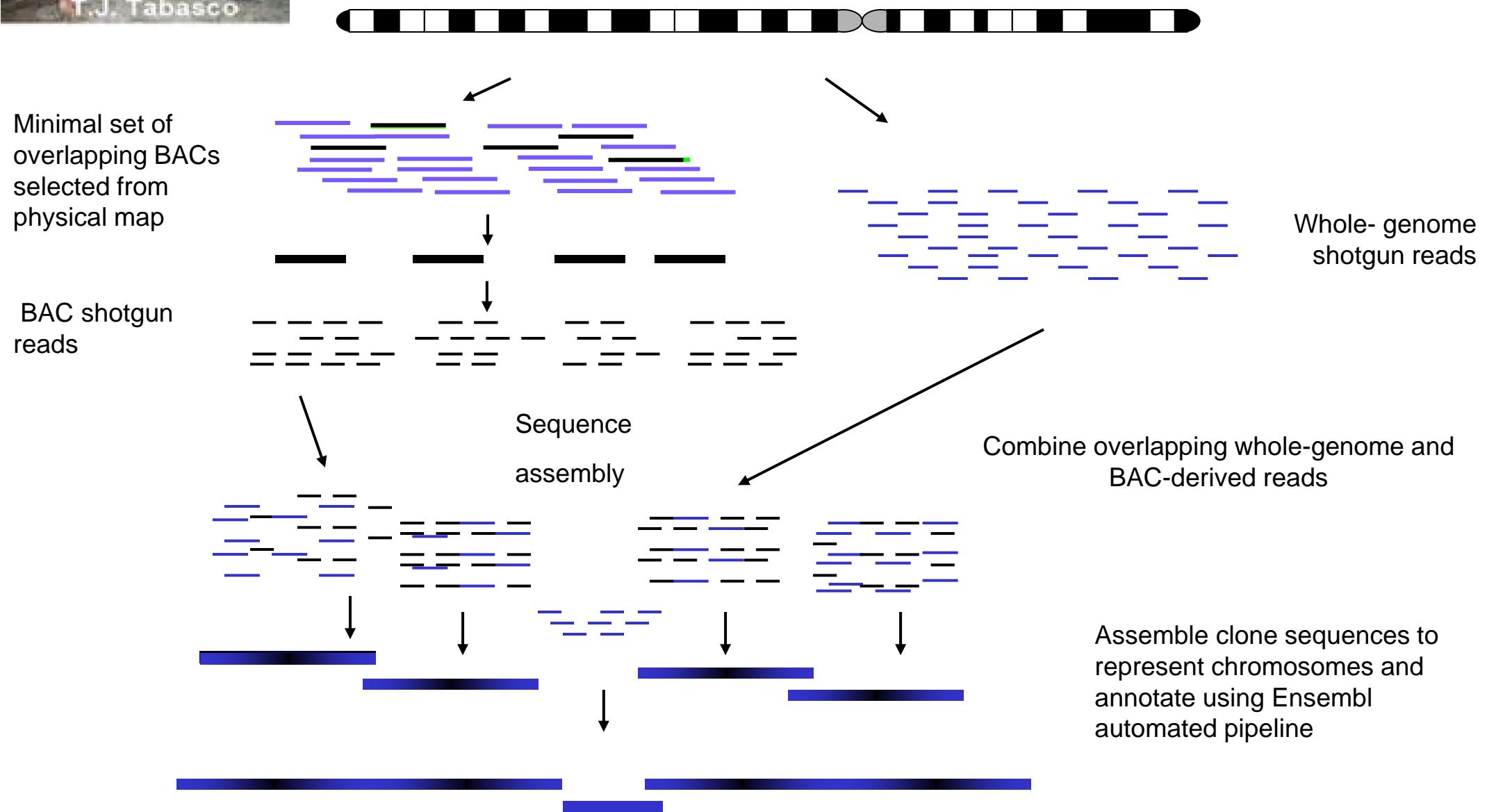
Assembly	Annotation*		
	Placed	Unplaced	
Total length	2,596,639,456	211,869,922	Protein-coding genes: 21,627
Ungapped length	2,323,671,356	195,490,322	Pseudogenes: 380
Scaffolds	5,343	4,562	ncRNA genes**: 2,965
Contigs	73,524	168,358	Gene exons: 197,675
Scaffold N50	637,332	98,022	Gene transcripts: 26,487
Contig N50	80,720	2,423	

# Sequence improvement

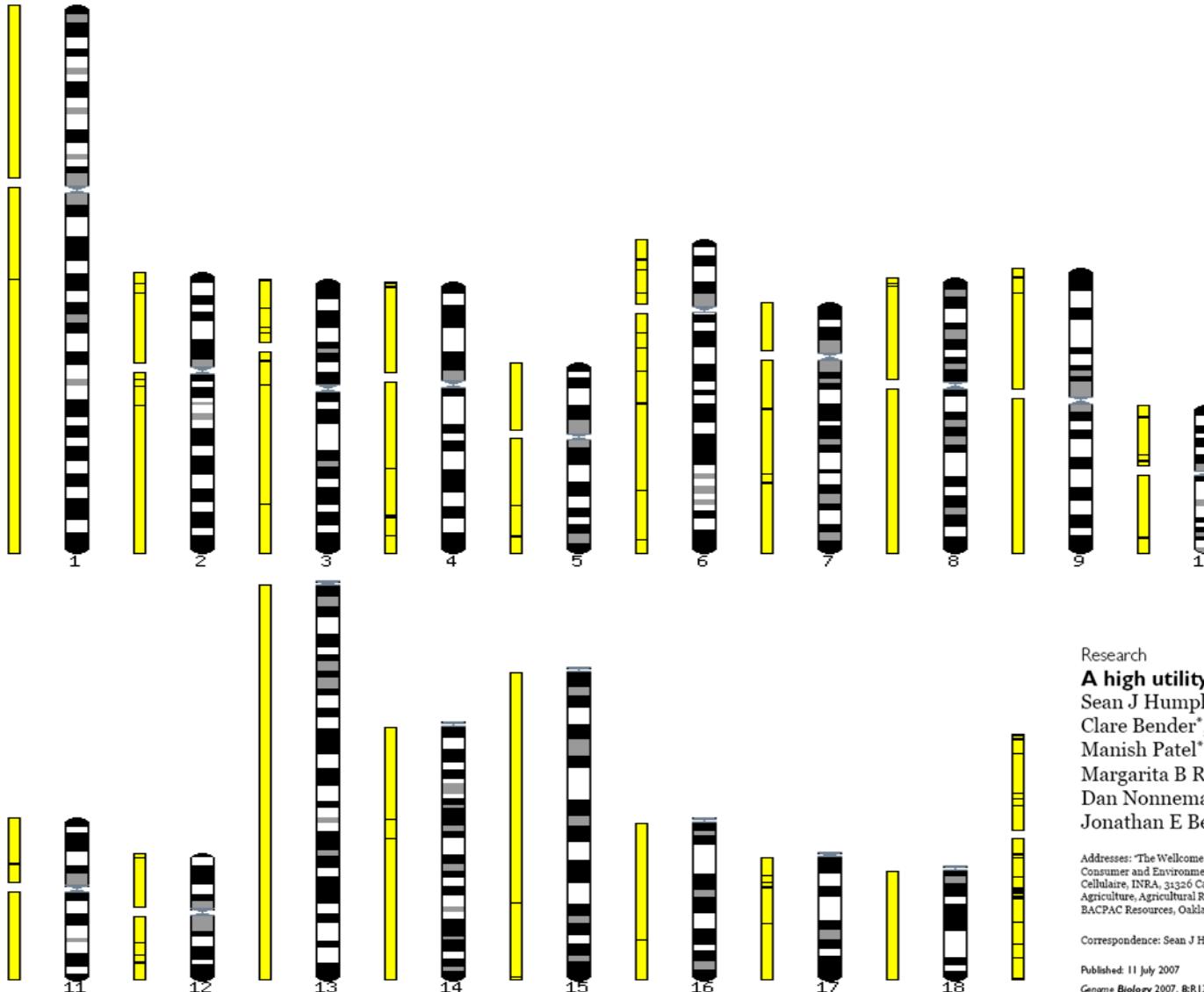
	Sequence coverage	Sequence accuracy	Number of sequence contigs	Average contig length bp	Genes with incorrect structures
4x draft sequence	97% (~80Mb missing)	99.99% accurate (1 error in 10kbp)	160,000 (7k / chr)	17,000	30%
<b>Sscrofa10.2 (placed)</b>	92%?	?	73,524	31,604	?
Improved draft sequence	99% (~32Mb missing)	99.99% accurate (1 error in 10kbp)	65,000 (3k / chr)	42,000	5%
Gold standard finished sequence	99.9% (~5Mb missing)	99.999% (1 error in 100kbp)	<200	14,000,000	0%



# Hybrid Shotgun Sequencing Strategy



# The best clone-based physical map of a mammal



- 172 placed contigs
- average length 15 Mb
- covering 2.58Gb
- >98% of euchromatin

Humphray et al., 2007.  
*Genome Biology*

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## Research

### A high utility integrated map of the pig genome

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# Improving the reference genome

- Additional data

- ▶ SSCX, SSCY
- ▶ ~300 CH242 BACs
  - Illumina reads (pools, individual clones)
- ▶ Sanger WGS paired end reads
- ▶ Illumina WGS paired end reads
- ▶ Mate pair reads
  - CH242 BAC clones (~177 kbp)
  - Fosmid clones (~45 kbp)
  - Illumina (~6 kbp)



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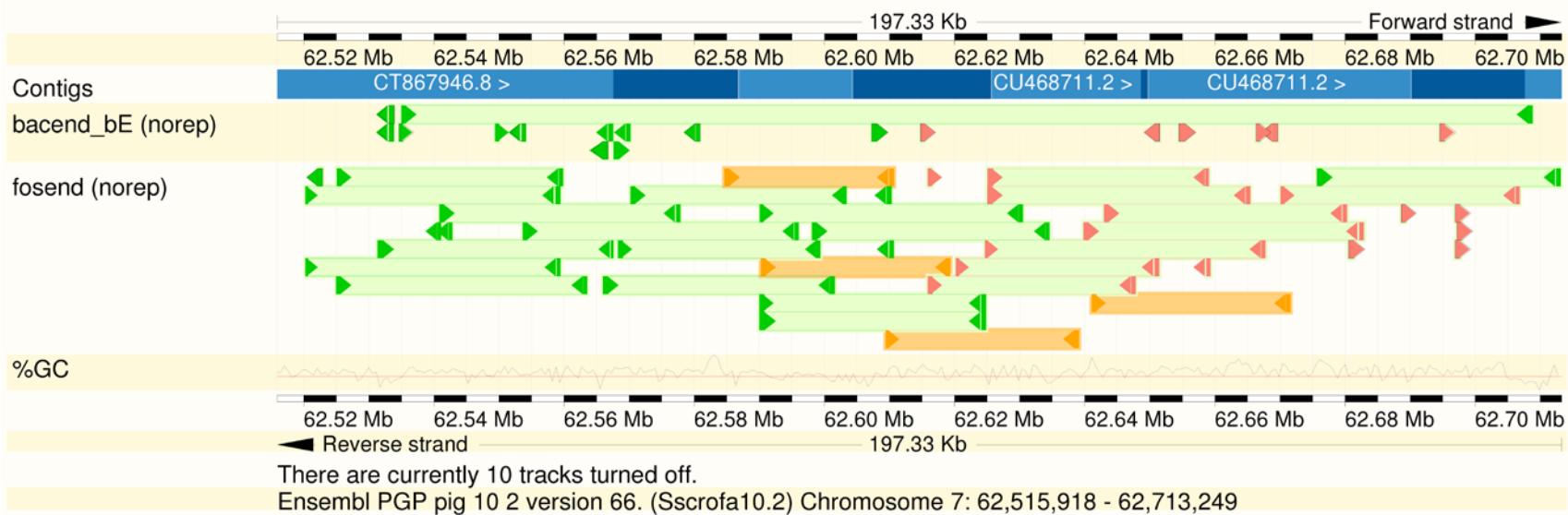
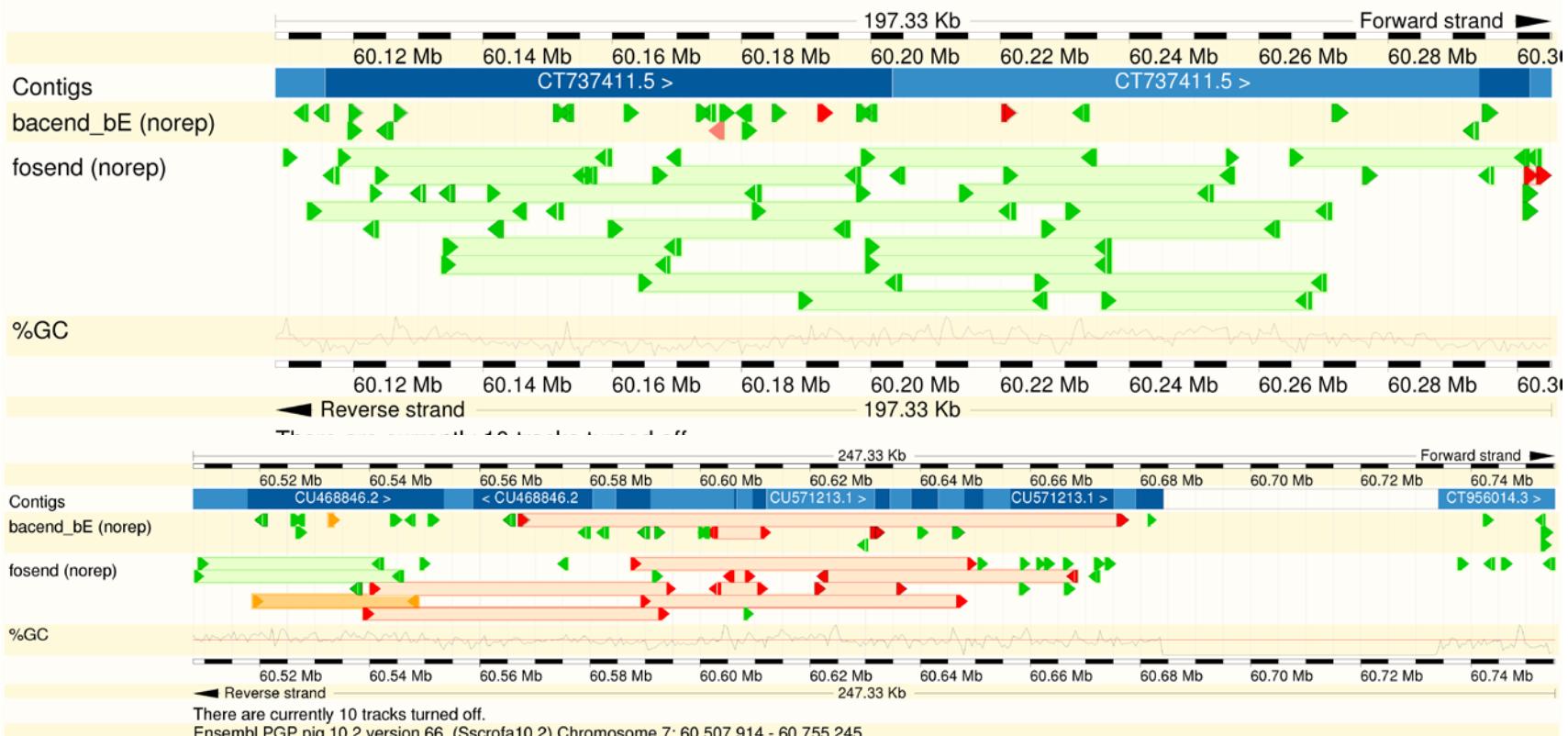
## Browse a Genome (Vertebrates)

Click on a link below to go to the assembly's home page.



PGP viewer - Clones and Illumina contigs/scaffolds  
[browse Pig 10.2 Ss10.2 \(late 2011\)](#)

<http://pgpviewer.ensembl.org>



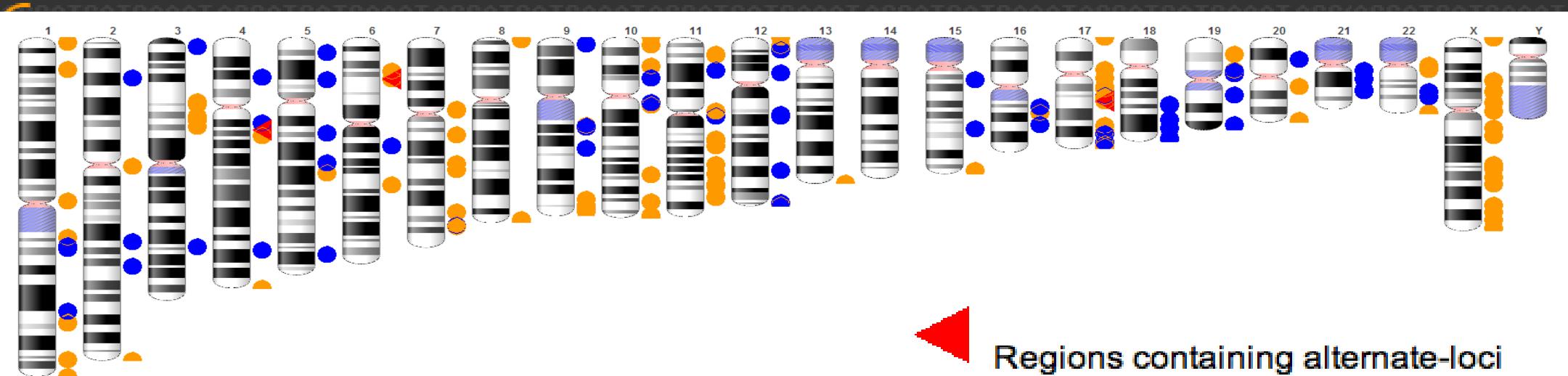
# Improving a reference genome sequence

- Genome Reference Consortium

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- The Genome Reference Consortium**  
Putting sequences into a chromosomal context.  
The original model for representing the genome assemblies was to use a single, preferred tiling path to produce a single consensus representation of the genome. Subsequent analysis has shown that for most mammalian genomes a single tiling path is insufficient to represent a genome in regions with complex allelic diversity. The GRC is now working to create assemblies that better represent this diversity and provide more robust substrates for genome analysis.
- We are planning to update the human reference assembly to GRCh38 in the summer of 2013. If you have questions or concerns about this [let us know](#).  
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- GRC Blog**
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  - Zebrafish (ZD-6254) Nov 2, 2012  
The missing C in CT476815.9 has been checked, the error rectified and the accession updated.
  - Human (HG-1001) Nov 2, 2012  
With the addition of CH17-16484 (gap spanner in the region), the updated Reference assembly is now spanning the entire SRGAP2P2 locus (HG-1287JH636052). see all

<http://genomereference.org>



**GRCh37.p10**  
**(160 regions: 2.89% of**  
**chromosomes)**

- ◀ Regions containing alternate-loci
- Regions containing fix patches
- Regions containing novel patches

**111 Fix PATCHES:** Chromosome update in GRCh38

(adds >5 Mb of novel sequence to the assembly)

**71 Novel PATCHES:** Additional sequence added

(adds >800K of novel sequence to the assembly)

Releasing patches quarterly

# Finding the data

GRCh37 Human (GRCh37) Location: HG989\_PATCH:31,872,759-32,024,309

Location-based displays

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Assembly excepti... chromosome HG9... Assembly excepti...

**p31.1**

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Forward strand

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Ensembl Homo sapiens version 64.37 (GRCh37) Chromosome HG989 PATCH: 31,448,535 - 32,448,534

Gene Legend

- protein coding
- merged Ensembl/Havana
- pseudogene
- processed transcript
- RNA gene

Export Image

# Improving the reference genome

- Improving the assembly
- Sscrofa10.5
  - ▶ Replace SSCX, SSCY assemblies
  - ▶ Add ‘novel’ and ‘fix’ patches
    - e.g. MHC, LRC
- Sscrofa11
  - ▶ iterative exploitation of existing data
  - ▶ global and targeted approaches
  - ▶ community engagement



Adding value – improved annotation

# Improving genome annotation

- **Gene models**
  - ▶ manual annotation
- **ncRNAs**
- **Gene expression**
- **Genome variation**
  - ▶ multiple genomes
- **Functional sequences**
  - ▶ cf. ENCODE



## Pig

*Sus scrofa*

Search Pig...

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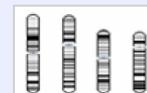
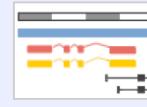
e.g. [ENSSSCG00000004244](#) or [7:60107914-60305245](#) or [apoptosis](#)

### Genome assembly: Scrofa10.2

[More information and statistics](#)[Download DNA sequence  
\(FASTA\)](#)

#### Other assemblies

- Scrofa9 (Ensembl release 66)

[View karyotype](#)[Example region](#)

### Comparative genomics

What can I find? Homologues, gene trees, and whole genome alignments across multiple species.

[More about comparative analysis](#)[Download alignments \(EMF\)](#)[Example gene tree](#)

### Regulation

What can I find? Microarray annotations.

[More about the Ensembl microarray annotation strategy](#)

### What's New in Pig release 69

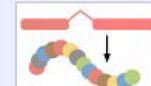
- Pig: Ensembl-Havana gene set
- external database references update
- Vega pig annotation added

### Gene annotation

What can I find? Protein-coding and non-coding genes, splice variants, cDNA and protein sequences, non-coding RNAs.

[More about this genebuild](#)[Download genes, cDNAs, ncRNA, proteins \(FASTA\)](#)[Update your old Ensembl IDs](#)

Pax6 INS  
FOXP2  
BRCA2  
DMD  
ssh

[Example gene](#)[Example transcript](#)

 Additional manual annotation can be found in Vega

### Variation

What can I find? Short sequence variants.

[More about variation in Ensembl](#)[Download all variants \(GVF\)](#)[Variant Effect Predictor](#)

ATCGAGCT  
ATCCAGCT  
ATCGAGAT

[Example variant](#)

## What's New in Release 69

### Headlines

- [Scalable region view](#)

### Core

[external database references update \(Pig\)](#)

[Karyotype\\_rank \(Pig\)](#)

A karyotype\_rank attribute has been added for species with chromosomes. This allows us to store an ordered list of the seq regions (i.e. chromosomes) that should be drawn in an Ensembl karyotype.

Previously this variable (ENSEMBL\_CHROMOSOMES) was stored in the species' .ini file, and Ensembl-based sites can continue to use this configuration as an alternative. However if you do switch to using the karyotype\_rank attrib in your databases, you will need to comment out the version in the ini file, as it will get added to the chromosome array rather than merged into it.

### Genebuild

[Pig: Ensembl-Havana gene set \(Pig\)](#)

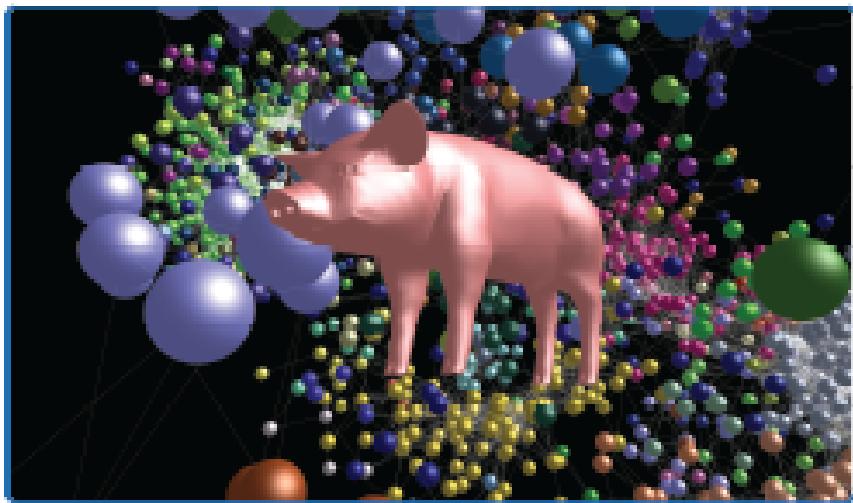
This is the first Ensembl-Havana merge for pig where Ensembl annotation is combined with the manual annotation from the HAVANA team.

[Vega pig annotation added \(Pig\)](#)

Manual annotation of pig from Havana has been added. These data were released in Vega49.

[Imported ncRNAs \(Pig\)](#)

We have imported a set of ncRNAs for pig. These were provided by the SGSC.



Freeman et al. BMC Biology 2012, 10:90  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1741-7007/10/90>

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## A gene expression atlas of the domestic pig

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### Abstract

**Background:** This work describes the first genome-wide analysis of the transcriptional landscape of the pig. A new porcine Affymetrix expression array was designed in order to provide comprehensive coverage of the known pig transcriptome. The new array was used to generate a genome-wide expression atlas of pig tissues derived from 62 tissue/cell types. These data were subjected to network correlation analysis and clustering.

**Results:** The analysis presented here provides a detailed functional clustering of the pig transcriptome where transcripts are grouped according to their expression pattern, so one can infer the function of an uncharacterized gene from the company it keeps and the locations in which it is expressed. We describe the overall transcriptional signatures present in the tissue atlas, where possible assigning those signatures to specific cell populations or pathways. In particular, we discuss the expression signatures associated with the gastrointestinal tract, an organ that was sampled at 15 sites along its length and whose biology in the pig is similar to human. We identify sets of genes that define specialized cellular compartments and region-specific digestive functions. Finally, we performed a network analysis of the transcription factors expressed in the gastrointestinal tract and demonstrate how they subdivide into functional groups that may control cellular gastrointestinal development.

**Conclusions:** As an important livestock animal with a physiology that is more similar than mouse to man, we provide a major new resource for understanding gene expression with respect to the known physiology of mammalian tissues and cells. The data and analyses are available on the websites <http://biogps.org> and <http://www.macrophages.com/pig-atlas>.

**Keywords:** pig, porcine, *Sus scrofa*, microarray, transcriptome, transcription network, pathway, gastrointestinal tract

## A gene expression atlas of the domestic pig

Freeman et al.

# Expression array, atlas



- Tool for monitoring gene expression
- Inferring function of unknowns
  - Inform genome annotation
- Comparative functional genomics
  - Is pig kidney more/less like human kidney than mouse kidney?
- Microarray-based atlas
- RNAseq atlas in progress



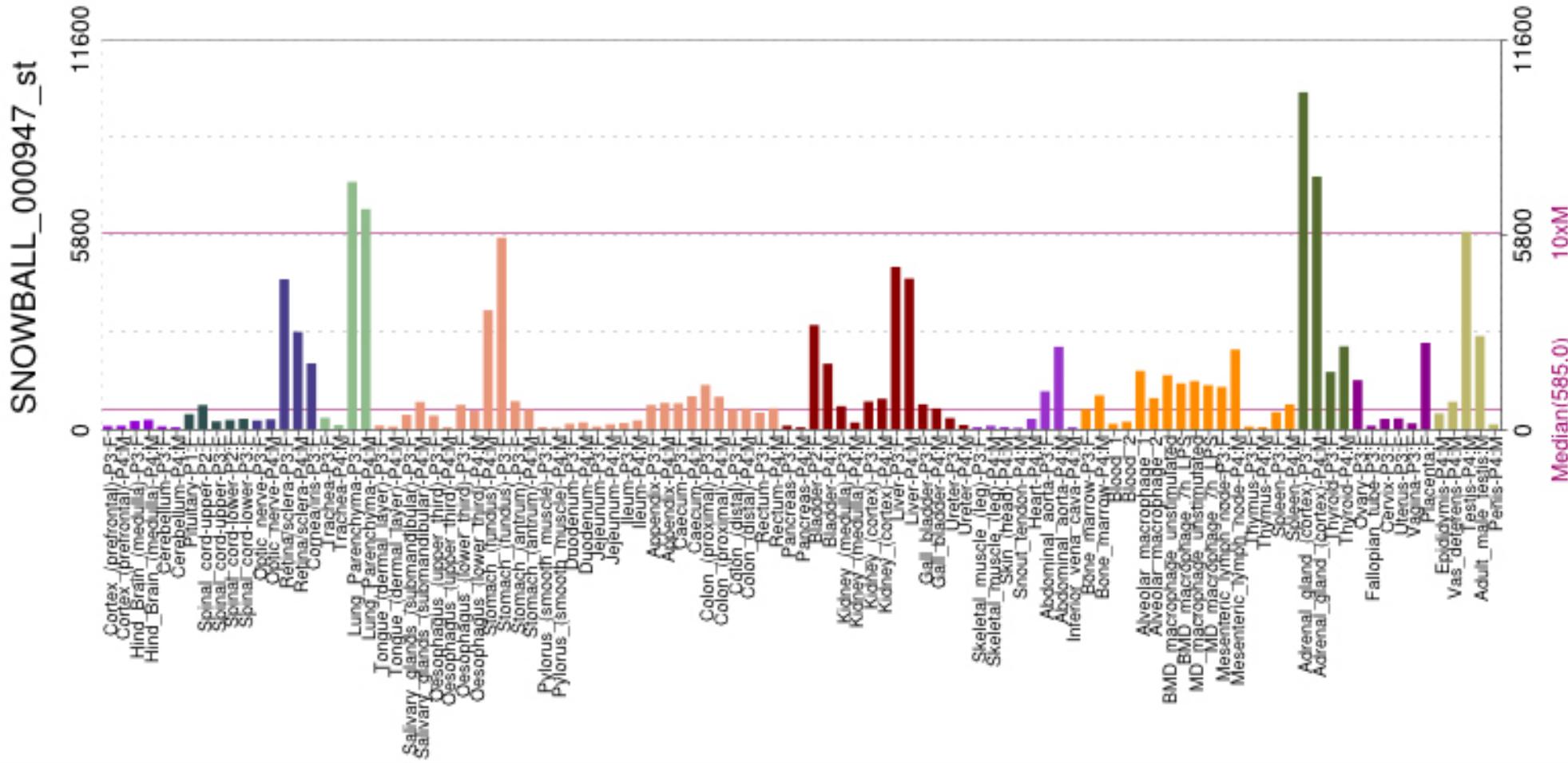
# Affymetrix Porcine Snowball Array content



- 123 Affy controls
- 35 virus genomes (tiled 17 bp spacing)
- 1,857 miRNA probes
- 37 MT-mRNA
- 45,927 mRNA
  - 37,842 with annotation
    - 6,767 LOC annotations
    - 16,626 unique genes with official symbol/description



# Expression profiles



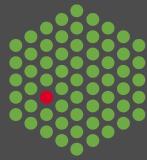
# Genome variation

- **Multiple genomes**

- ▶ ~300 domestic and wild pigs genomes (Groenen et al.)
- ▶ ~60 Korean pig genomes
- ▶ mini-pig genome (China)
- ▶ ? Chinese pig genomes
- ▶ breed pooled DNA sequences (Rubin et al)

- **Ensembl variation**

- ▶ SNPs displayed in Ensembl
- ▶ Variant Effect Predictor implemented in Ensembl



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# Enabling reading of pig genome sequences

- Annotation of functional sequences
  - Protein coding
  - Non-coding RNA sequences
  - Regulatory sequences
- cf. human ENCODE project
  - Encyclopedia of DNA elements in the human genome





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## ENCODE for farmed / companion animals

- Genetic variation underlying trait variation
  - Coding sequence
    - RYR1, DGAT1, ..
    - human putative LoF mutations comment
  - Regulatory sequence
    - IGF2, callipyge, ...
    - likely to be more important, common
- Current annotation limited
  - cDNA / EST based gene models
  - SNP variation



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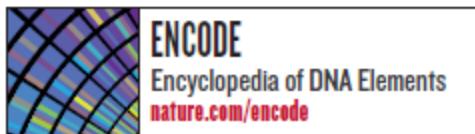
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# An integrated encyclopedia of DNA elements in the human genome

The ENCODE Project Consortium\*

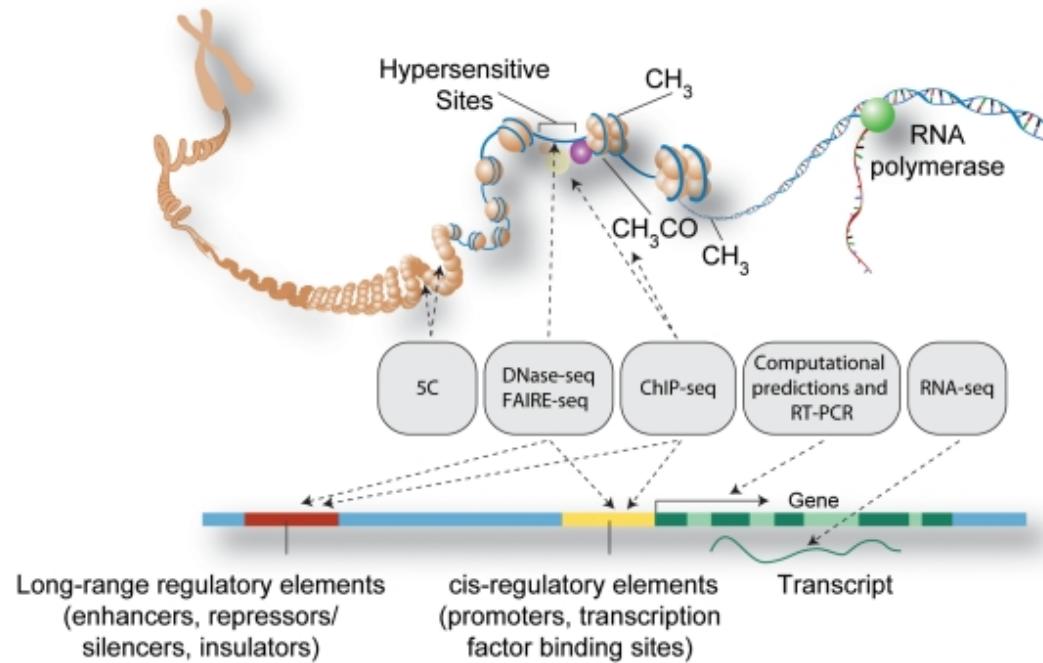
The human genome encodes the blueprint of life, but the function of the vast majority of its nearly three billion bases is unknown. The Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE) project has systematically mapped regions of transcription, transcription factor association, chromatin structure and histone modification. These data enabled us to assign biochemical functions for 80% of the genome, in particular outside of the well-studied protein-coding regions. Many discovered candidate regulatory elements are physically associated with one another and with expressed genes, providing new insights into the mechanisms of gene regulation. The newly identified elements also show a statistical correspondence to sequence variants linked to human disease, and can thereby guide interpretation of this variation. Overall, the project provides new insights into the organization and regulation of our genes and genome, and is an expansive resource of functional annotations for biomedical research.

The human genome sequence provides the underlying code for human biology. Despite intensive study, especially in identifying protein-coding genes, our understanding of the genome is far from complete, particularly with

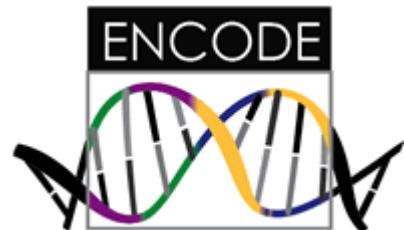
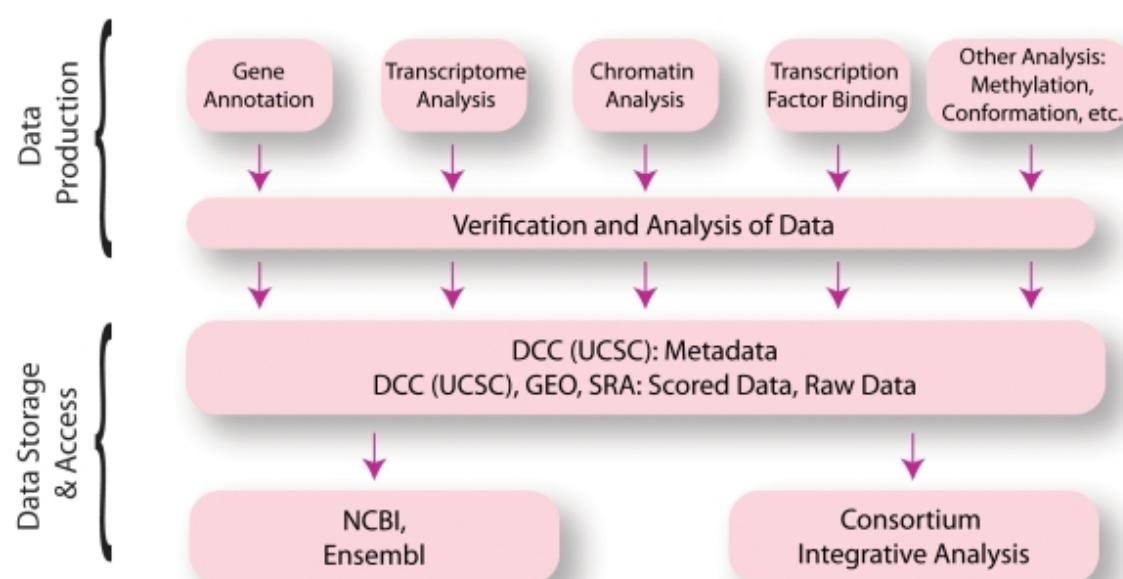


95% of the genome lies within 8 kilobases (kb) of a DNA–protein interaction (as assayed by bound ChIP-seq motifs or DNase I footprints), and 99% is within 1.7 kb of at least one of the biochemical events measured by ENCODE.

A.



B.





## ENCODE for farmed / companion animals

- By-product of biology-led research
  - development, differentiation, responses to perturbation
- Focus on target tissues
  - musco-skeletal
  - immune tissues
- Limited assays
  - DNaseI, FAIREseq
  - histone marks (promoters, enhancers)
  - methylation
  - RNAseq (**stranded**), CAGE

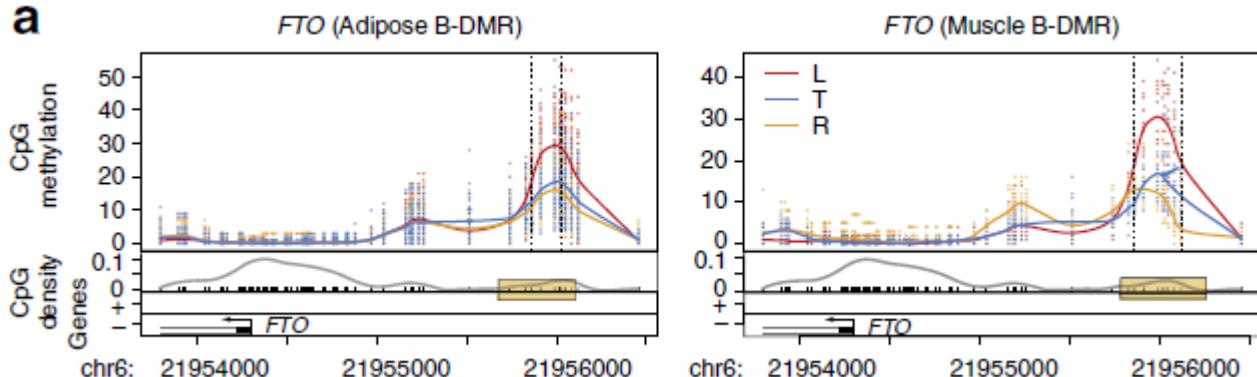
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# An atlas of DNA methylomes in porcine adipose and muscle tissues

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## Comparative Epigenomic Annotation of Regulatory DNA

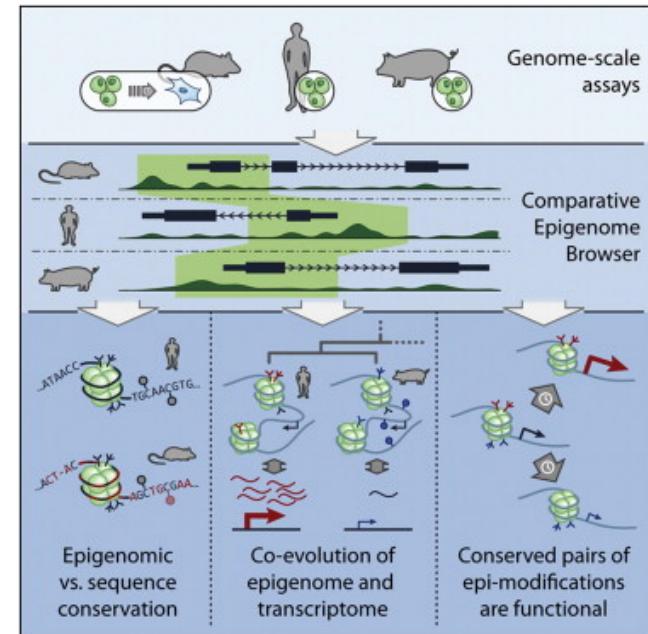
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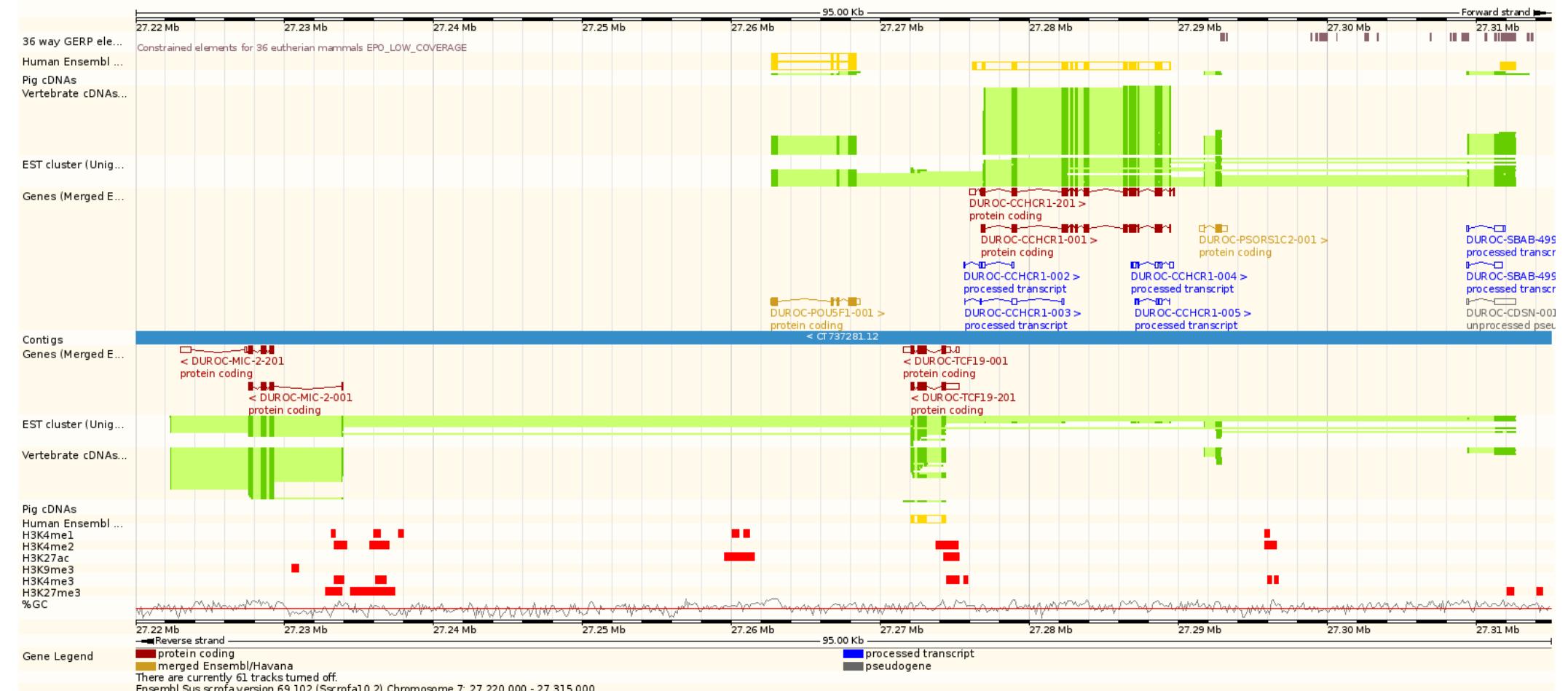
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# **ENCODE for farmed / companion animals**

- **Species**
  - ▶ single consortium / one per species / species groups
- **Cells**
  - ▶ transformed cells / primary cells / iPS cells
  - ▶ sharing
- **Data management, publication**
  - ▶ across groups
  - ▶ wider community
  - ▶ Toronto Statement
- **Coordination**

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