



# **The Molecular Evolutionary Perspective**

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# **Natural selection is evolutionary process**

- **Based on Darwin's theory**
- **Best-adapted members of species survive to reproduce**
- **Survival characteristics passed on in genes**
- **Ideas explain behavior in evolutionary psychology approach**
- **David Buss: evolution shapes our physical features and how we make life decisions**

# Evolutionary developmental psychology

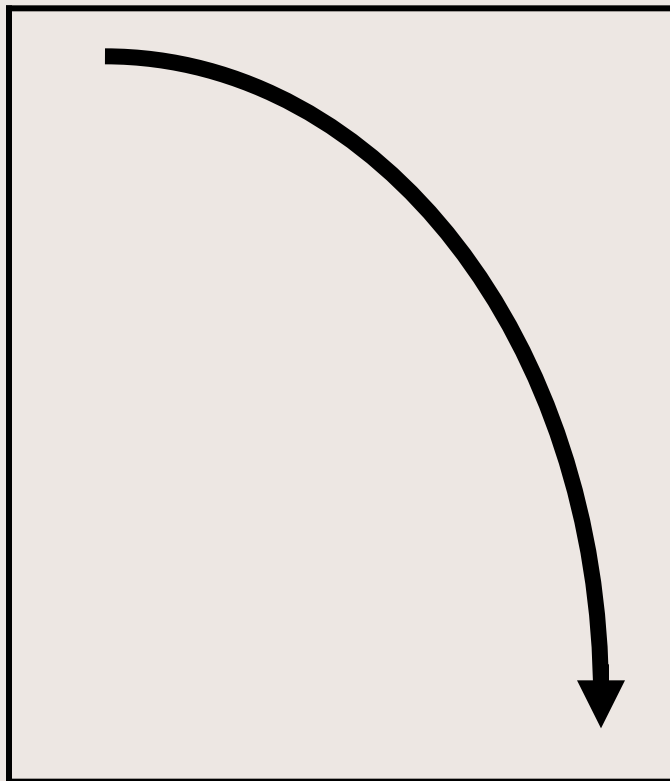
- ☐ Extended juvenile period allows brain to develop and learn complexity of social interactions
- ☐ Many aspects of childhood are preparation for adulthood evolving over time
- ☐ Some childhood characteristics promote adaptation during development before reaching adulthood
- ☐ Many evolved psychological mechanisms are domain-specific or specific to environmental needs
- ☐ Evolved mechanisms are not always adaptive in contemporary society

# Baltes' View of Evolution and Culture Across the Life Span

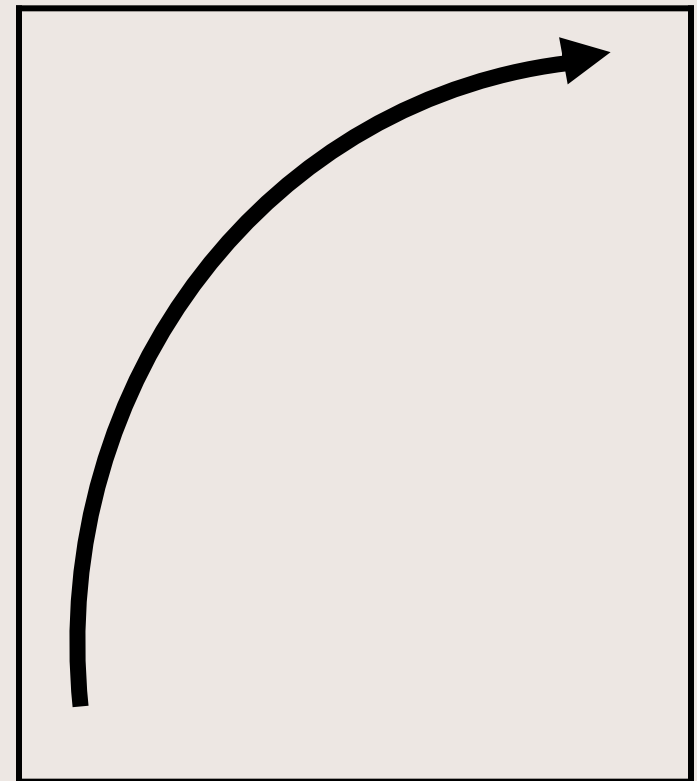
Evolutionary selection benefits decrease with age

Need for culture increases with age

Evolutionary benefits



Need for culture



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Life span  
(in years)

100

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0

Life span  
(in years)

100

4



- **Currently:**



- **There is great interest in evolutionary explanations of aging**
- **Natural selection has not weeded out harmful conditions or diseases and nonadaptive characteristics associated with reproduction**
- **Evolutionary psychology approach has its limitations and weaknesses, and its critics**

# Molecular Evolution

- **Study of how genes and proteins evolve and how are organisms related based on their DNA sequence**



- **Molecular evolution therefore is the determination and comparative study of DNA and deduced amino acid sequences.**

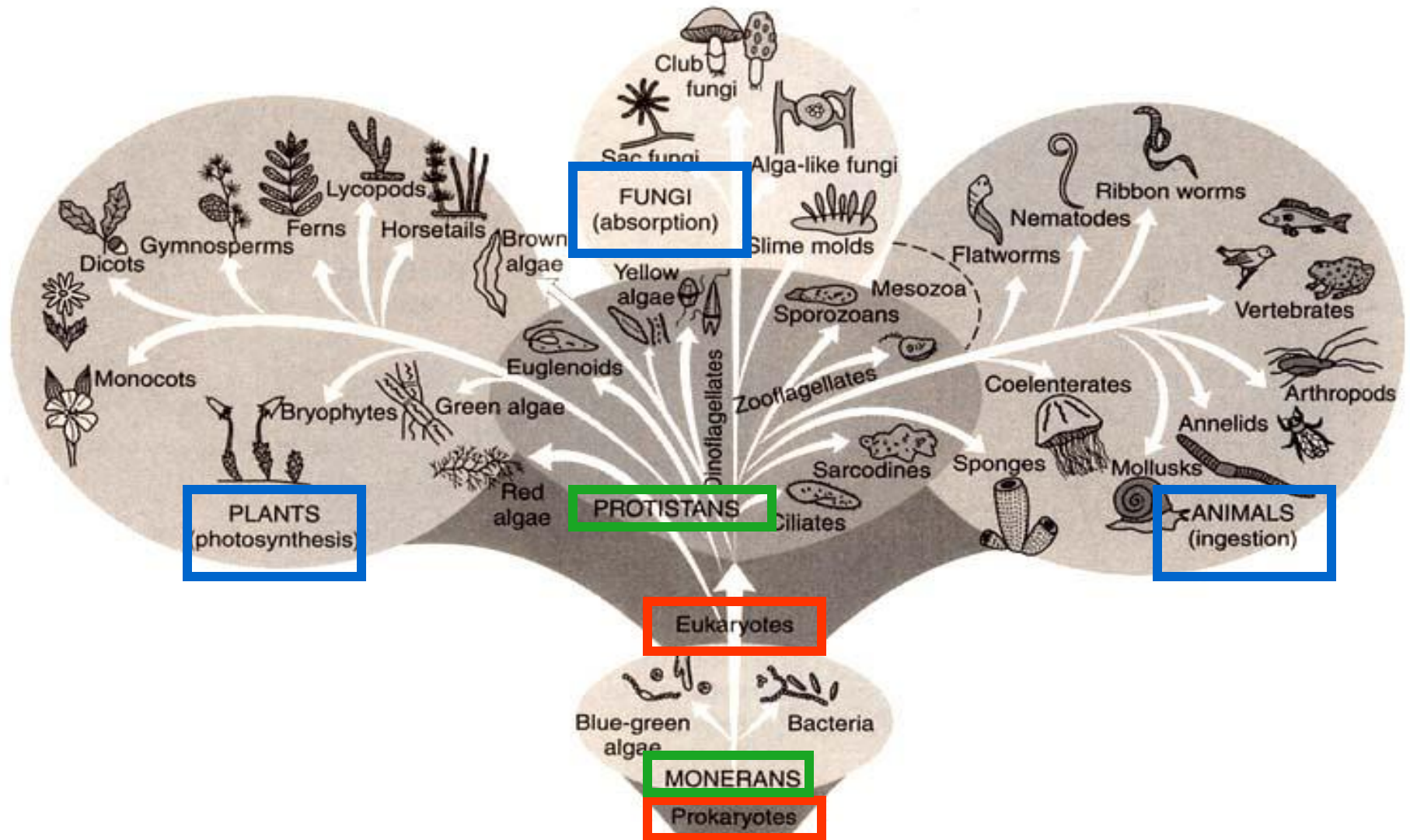


- **Sequences from different organisms or populations are matched or aligned**





# The Five-Kingdoms Classification



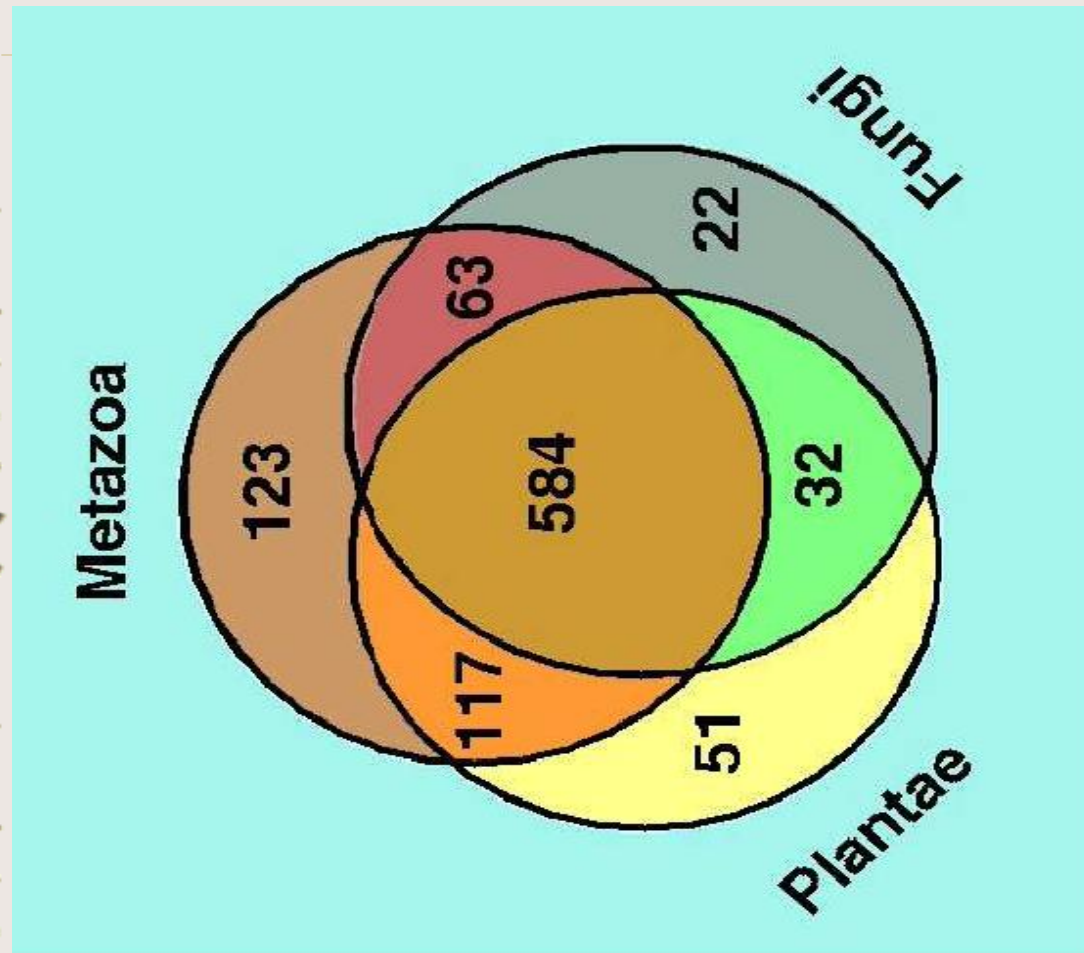
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Is it true or not?

How molecular evolution did?

# Gene Similarity Distribution



**Selective gene losses contribute to species formation**

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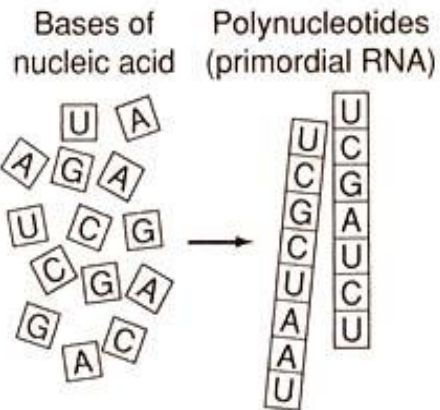
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# Postulated stages in the origin of living cells

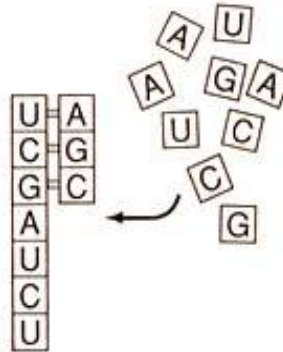
- ✓ RNA itself can act as catalyst
- ✓ RNA molecules have enzymatic properties, as template
- ✓ RNA guided the primordial synthesis of protein
- ✓ Nucleotides of RNA (not DNA) were probably the first carriers of genetics information

# Life's beginning

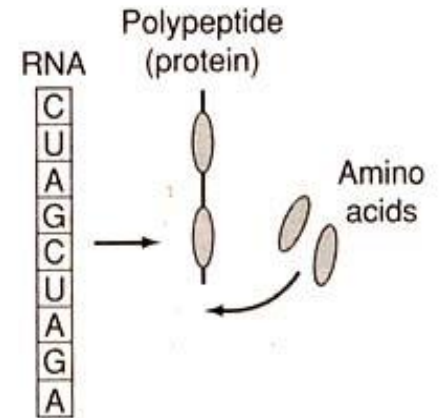
## A. Spontaneous polymerization



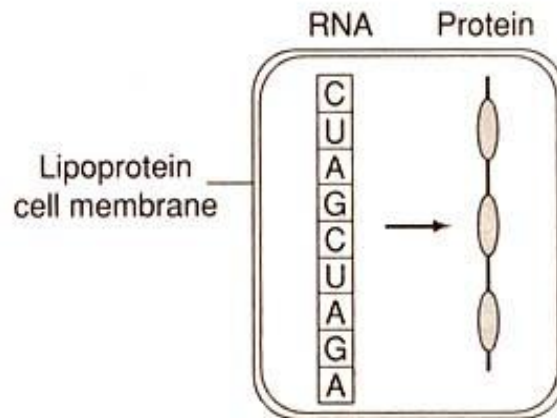
## B. Self-replication of polynucleotide



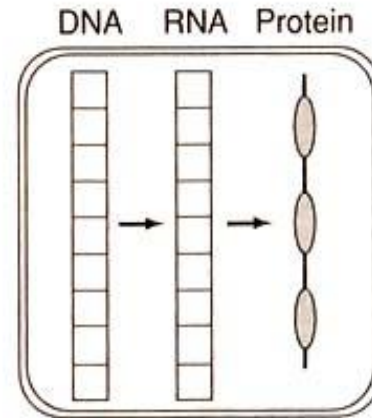
## C. Protein synthesis



## D. Cell-like compartment



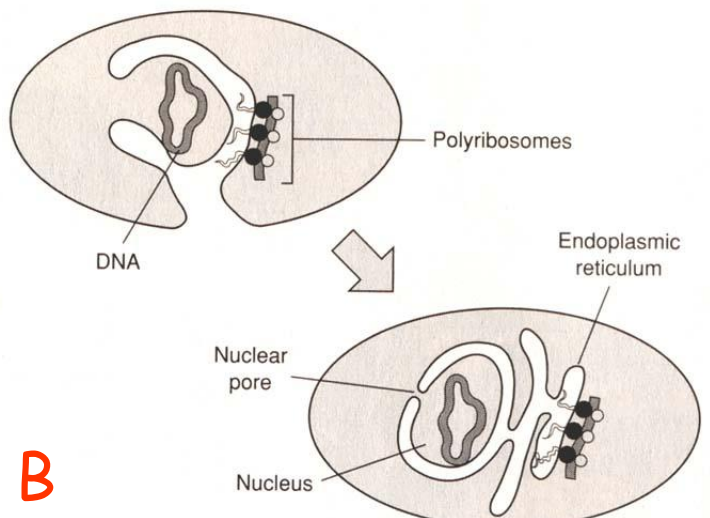
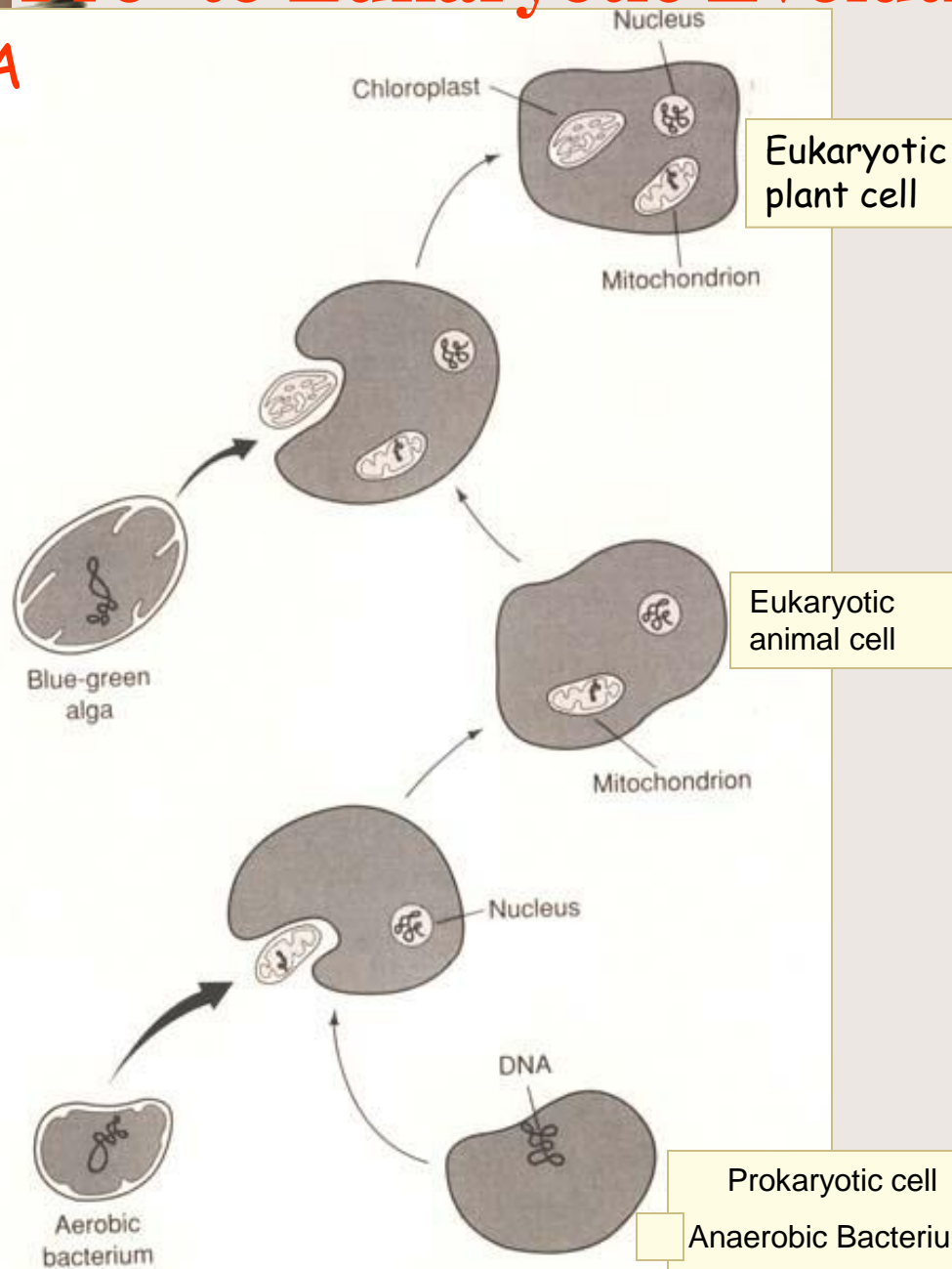
## E. Emergence of DNA





# Pro- to Eukaryotic Evolution through Symbiosis

A



B

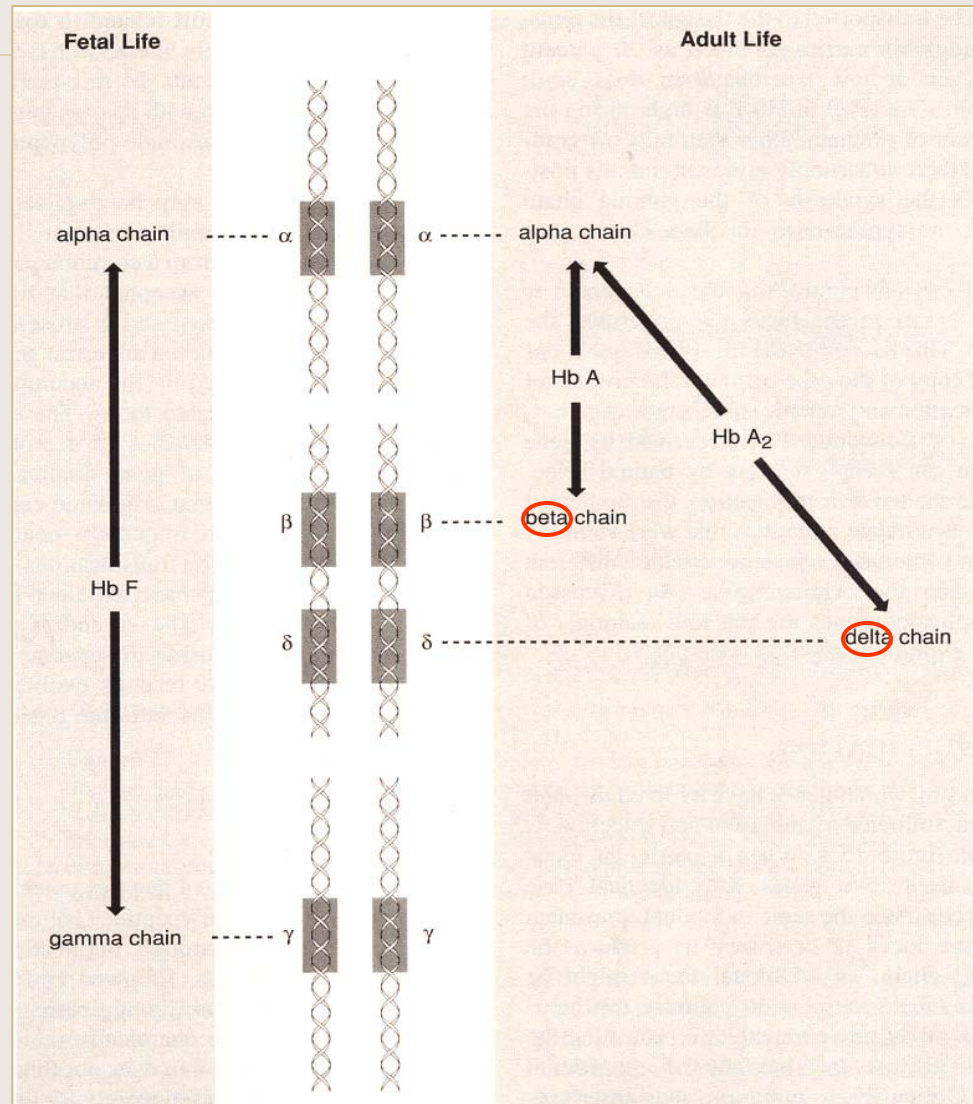
Hypothetical the origin of nucleolus and endoplasmic reticulum

Not clear

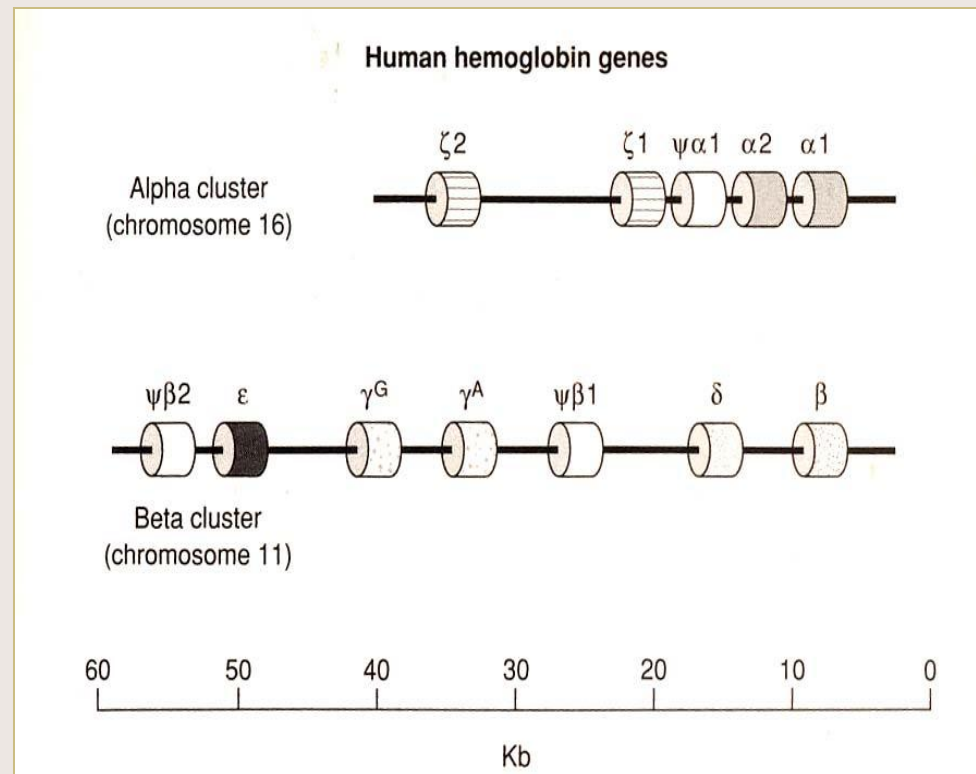


# **Genetics control of Hemoglobin by four loci**

Human Hb is one ideal model for molecular events that have occurred during evolution → The **beta** and **delta** locus are closely in the same chromosome

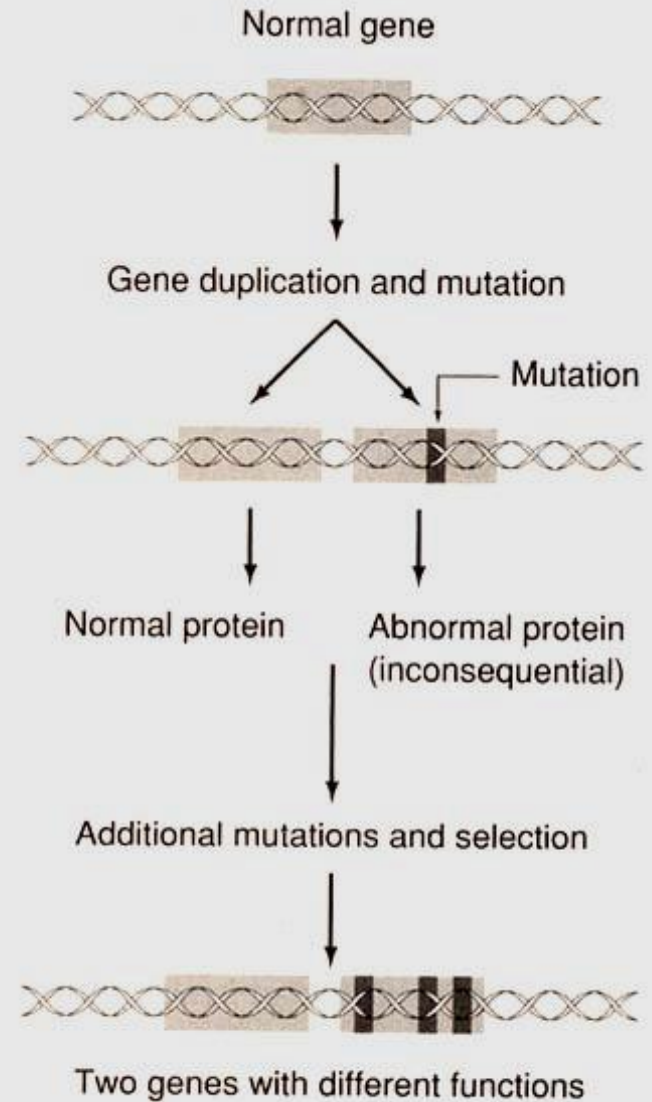
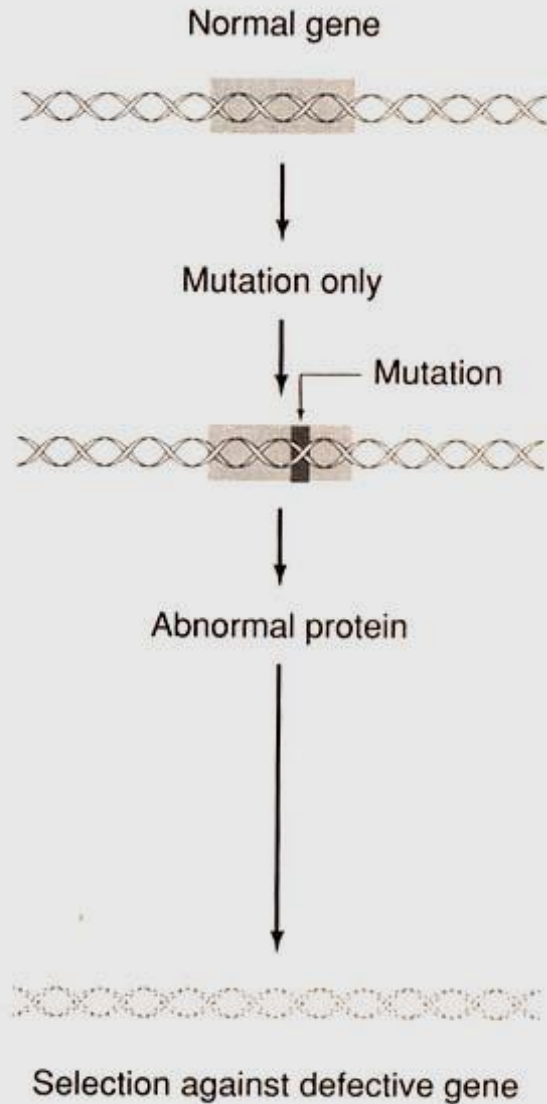


# Two different hemoglobin genes from different chromosomes





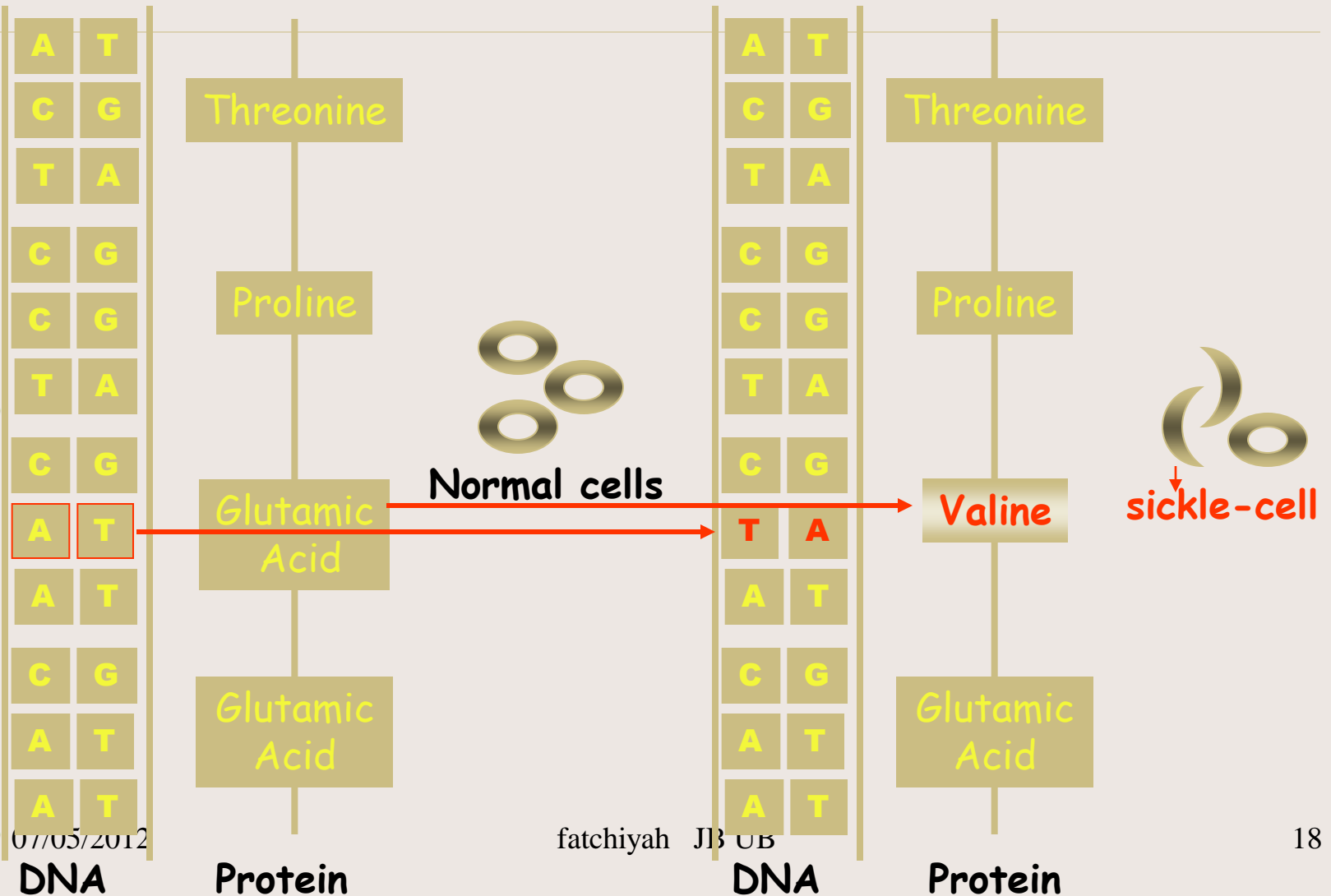
## Selective advantage of gene duplication



# Molecular Mechanism of Mutations

Hemoglobin A

Hemoglobin S, sickle-cell anemia



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# Multiplex Mutation of Thalassemia

- Diagnostic applications by PCR reactions can be devised in which several targets are amplified simultaneously

(A)

Track 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Exon

48

51

43

45

50

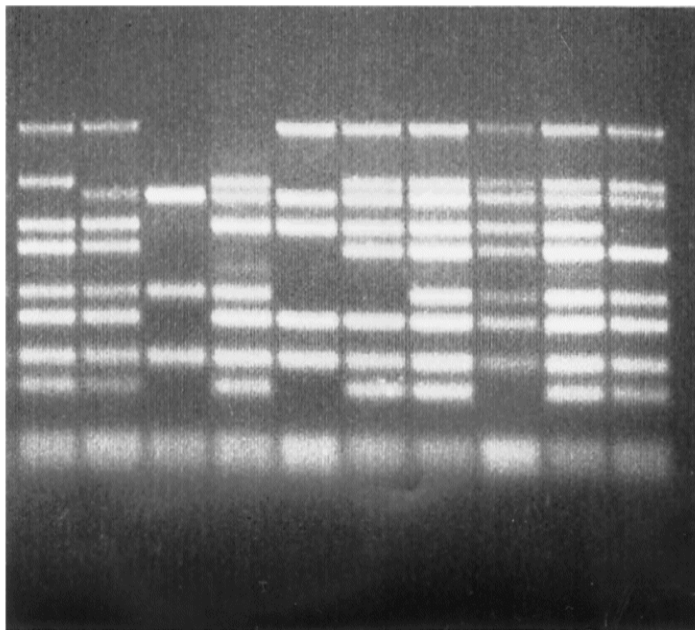
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Primers



(B)

Exon: 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 60

Track:

1

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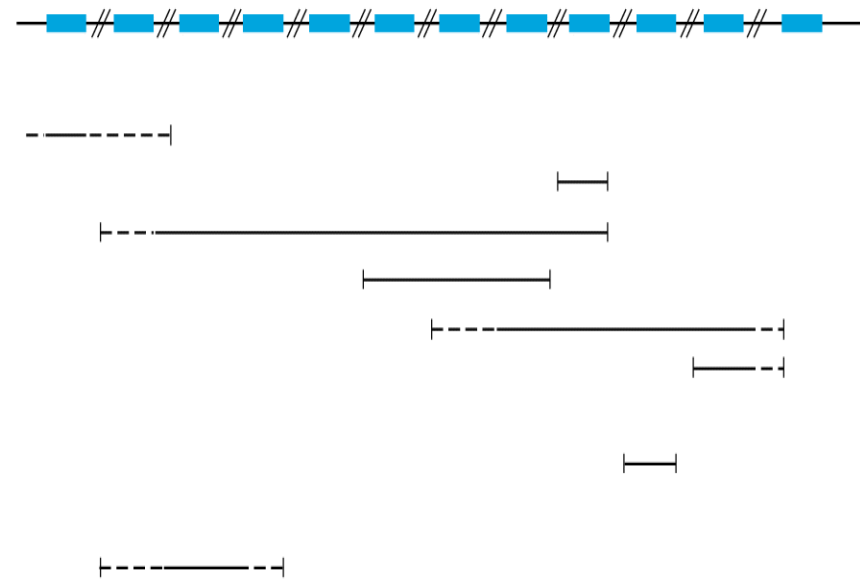
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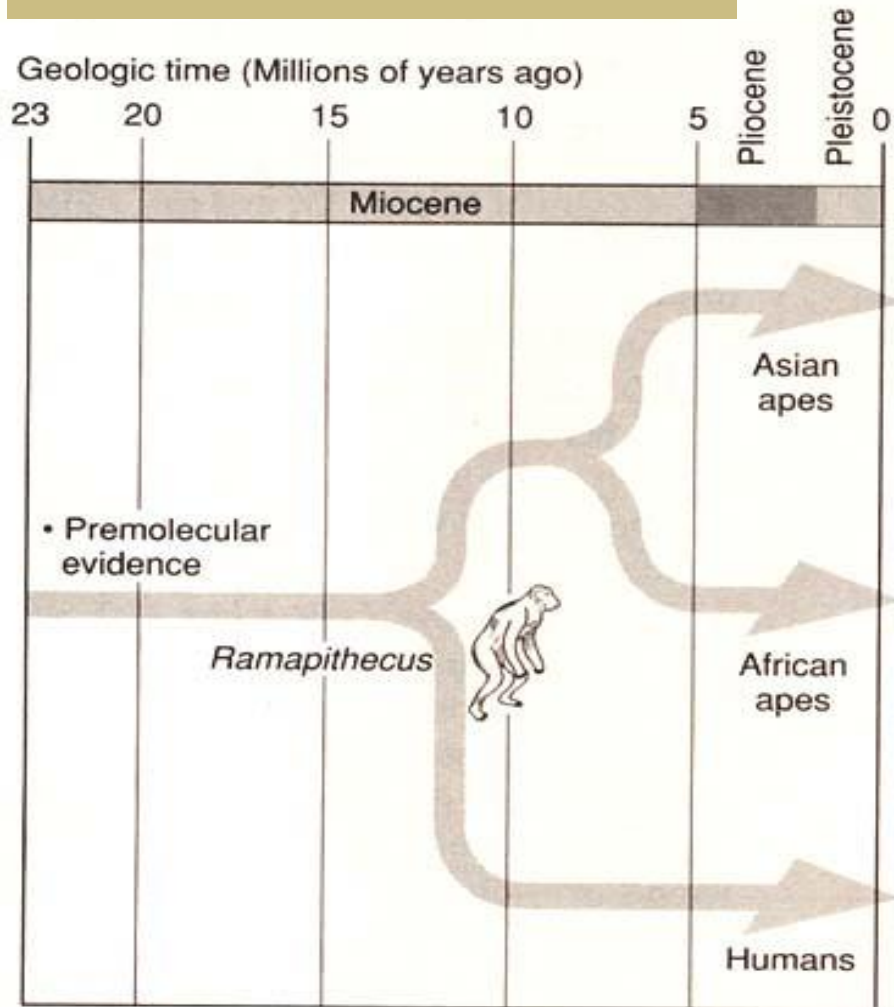
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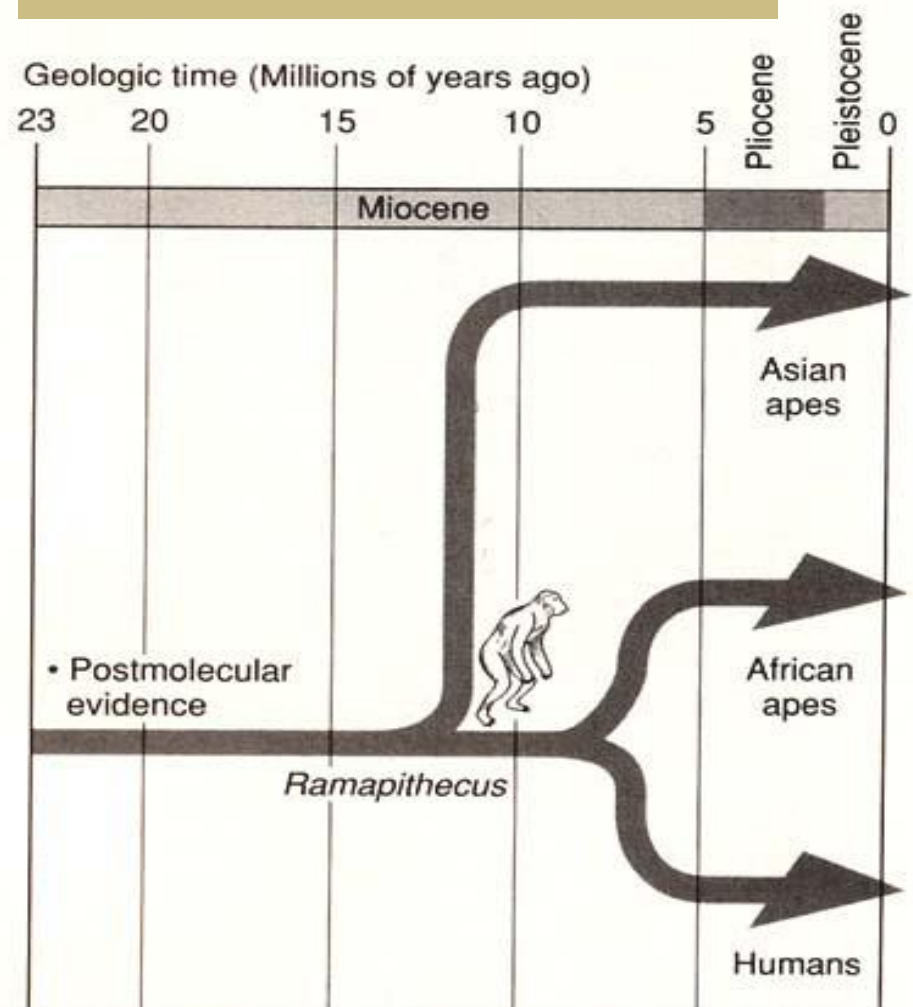


# Divergence time between Human and African Apes

## Pre-molecular Evidence

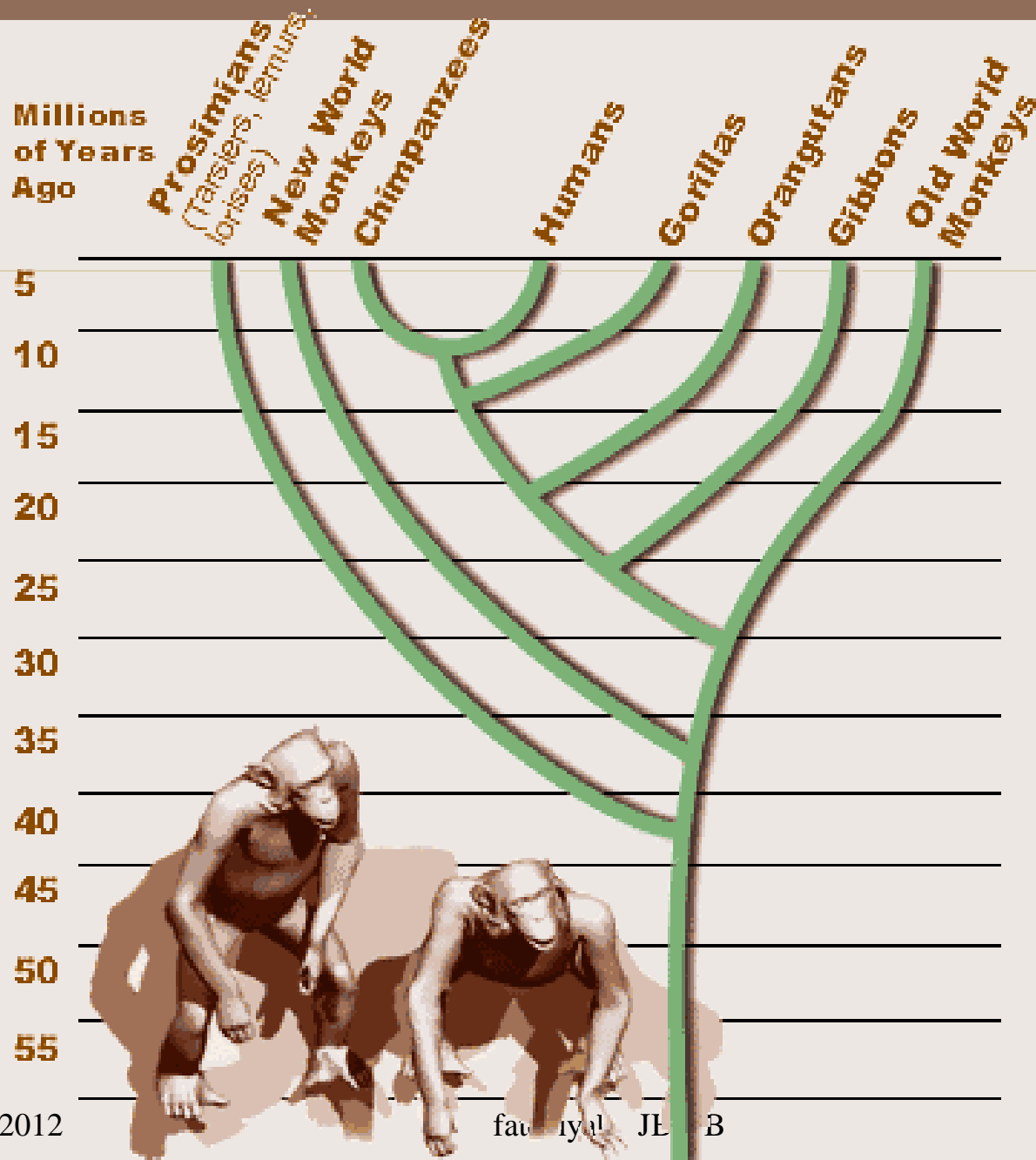


## Post-molecular Evidence



Note: Asian apes is orangutan; African apes is chimpanzee and gorilla

# Primates



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# Molecular Genetics

- the functions of various nucleic acids used in Proof Reading & Correction.
- You may expect to see some changes to Protein Synthesis!
- The Amino Acid Chart may change from previous years

# Molecular Genetics

- We have traditionally discussed the two main forms of point mutations:
  1. substitutions
  2. frame shift mutations
- However, silent, mis-sense and non-sense seem to be new terminology used for types of substitution (Point Mutations).





# Genetics: Implications

- There is not clear-cut definition of genetic engineering
- Genetic markers - 2 types
  - Linked marker
  - Gene-Specific Marker
- The ethical issues surrounding the treatment of genetic disorders could be a potential level 3 question.





# DNA sequence alignment of some of the sequence of the Human and mouse PDGF receptor

- agacctcaaaaggtgtccacgtgagctgccgcccacgctgctggggaacagttccgaaga
- |||||
- agacctcaaaaggtgtccacgaaaactgtcaccacacccttggggaatagttccaagga
- ggagagccagctggagactaacgtgacgtactgggaggaggagcaggagtttgaggtggt
- |||||
- ggagagccagctagaaacgaatgtgactttctgggaggaagatcaggaatacagaggtggt
- gagcacactgcgtctgcagcacgtggatcgccactgtcgggtgcgctgcacgctgcgcaa
- |||||
- gagcacactgcgcctgcgccacgtggatcagccactgtccgtacgctgcatgctgcagaa
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- ctccatgggtggagattcgcaggaggtcacctggtccacattccttgcccttcaaagt
- ggtggtgatctcagccatcctggcctggtggtgctcaccatcatctcccttatcatcct
- |||||
- ggtggtgatctcagccatcctggccttagtggtccttaccgtcatctctcatcatcct

## Comparison of some of the amino acid sequence from Human and mouse PDGF receptors. Note indels.

- LKRCPRELPPTLLGNSSEEEESQLETNVTYWEEEQEFVVSTLRLQHVDRLSVRCTLRNA
- LKRCPR+L PT LGNSS+EESQLETNVT+WEE+QE+EVVSTLRL+HVD+PLSVRC L+N+
- LKRCPRKLSPTPLGNSSKEESQLETNVTFWEEDQEYEVVSTLRLRHVDQPLSVRCMLQNS
- VGQDTQEVIVVPHSLPFKXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXMLWQKKPRYEIRWKVIESVS
- +G D+QEV VVPHSLPFK MLWQKKPRYEIRWKVIESVS
- MGGDSQEVTVVPHSLPFKVVVISAILALVVLTVISLIILIMLWQKKPRYEIRWKVIESVS
- SDGHEYIYVDPMQLPYDSTWELPRDQLVLGRTLGSAGFGQVVEATAHGLSHSQATMKVAV
- SDGHEYIYVDP+QLPYDSTWELPRDQLVLGRTLGSAGFGQVVEATAHGLSHSQATMKVAV
- SDGHEYIYVDPVQLPYDSTWELPRDQLVLGRTLGSAGFGQVVEATAHGLSHSQATMKVAV
- Which is better (amino acid sequence or DNA sequence) to study function? Which is better to study evolution?

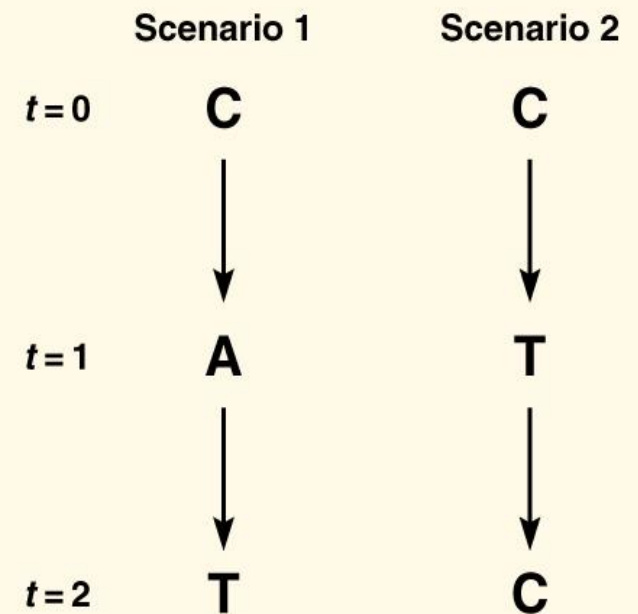
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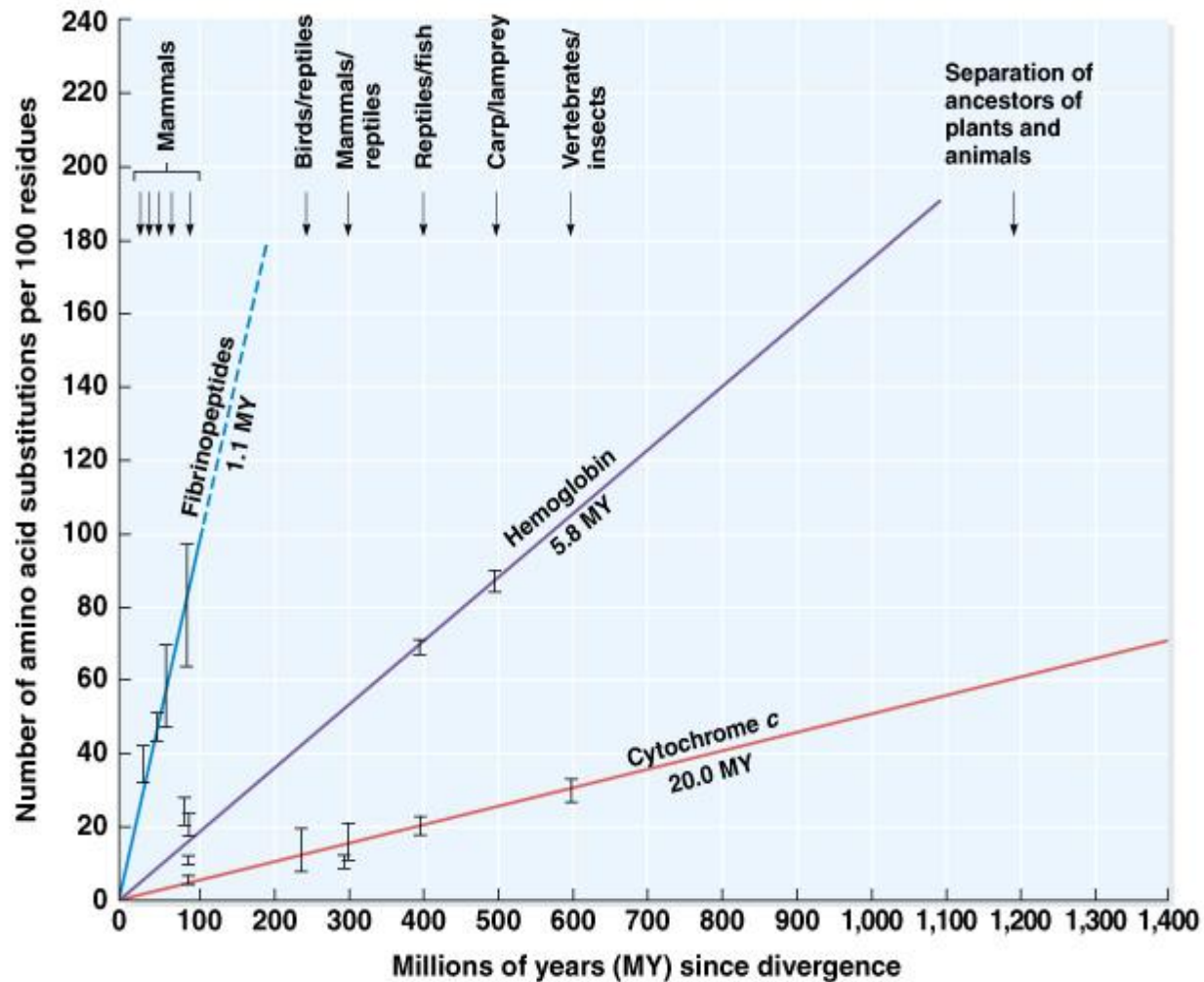
- ✓ Can there be a rate calculated for the changes that occur within a sequence. In other words how fast do changes occur within a gene.
- ✓ Rate equation number of changes per unit time
- ✓ How are number of changes estimated?

- Estimations trying to take into account changes that may have occurred that don't result in a net change.

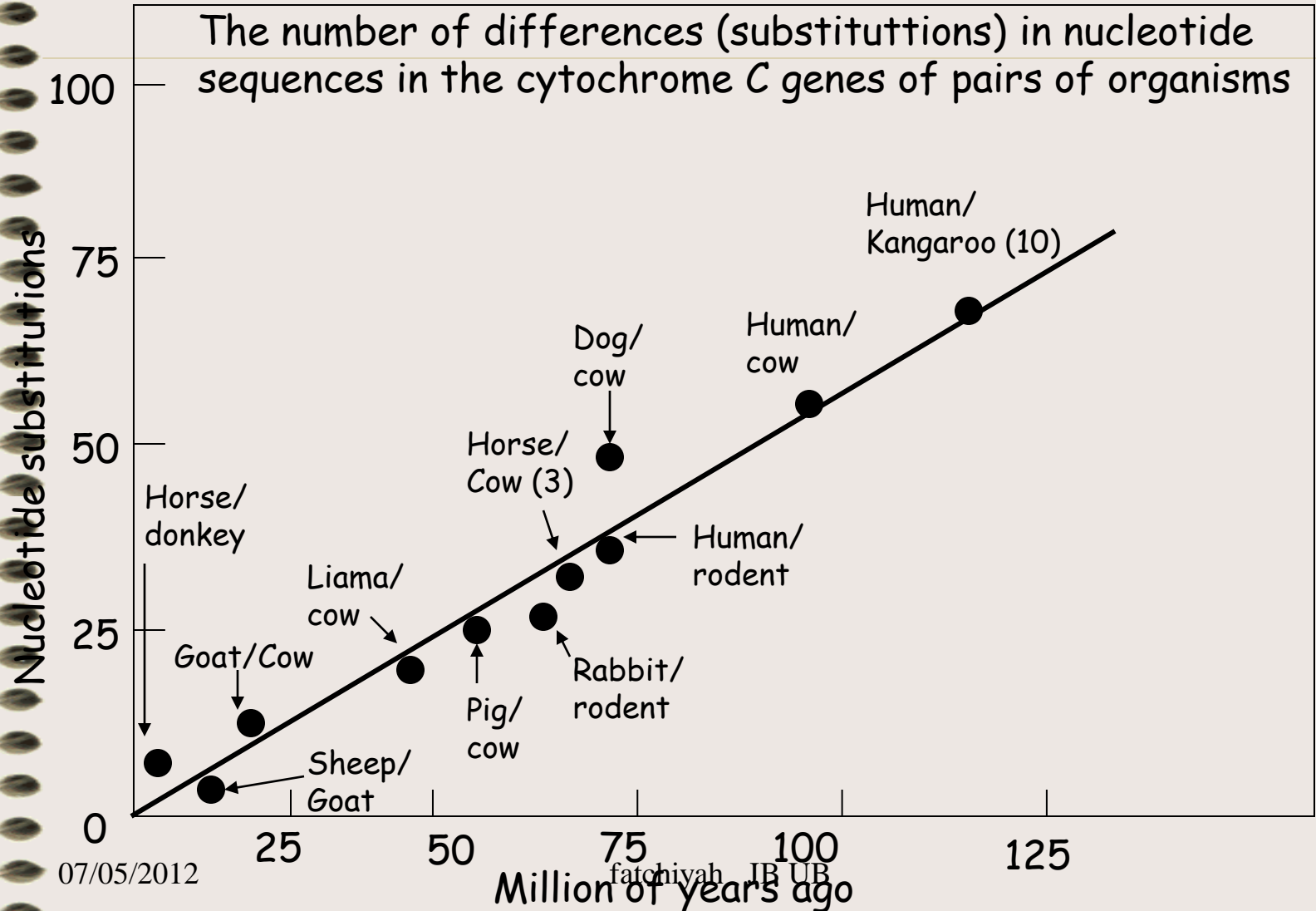
- ☐ Rates of change can be estimated
- ☐ Are rates the same for all DNA?
- ☐ Are mutation rates the same
- ☐ For all synonymous possibilities?
- ☐ For all proteins?
- ☐ For all amino acids?
- ☐ For organelles?



- Molecular clocks
- changes in homologous proteins between species is directly proportional to time



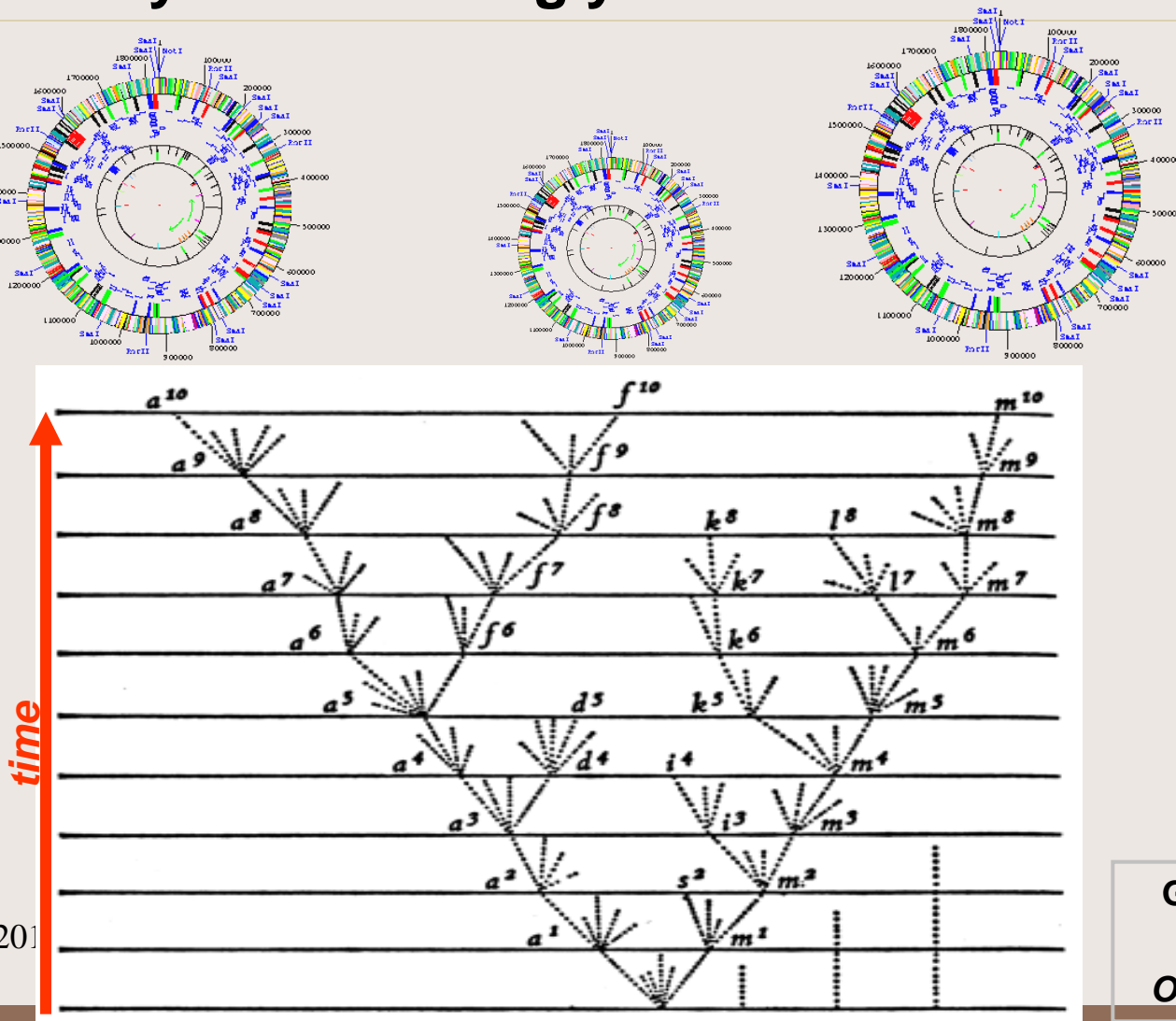
# *Molecular Clock of Cytochrome C is an ancient and evolutionarily conservative molecule*



To a first (and often quite good) approximation, gene families have arisen by descent with modification *via* a hierarchy of increasingly distant common ancestors

## • Molecular phylogeny

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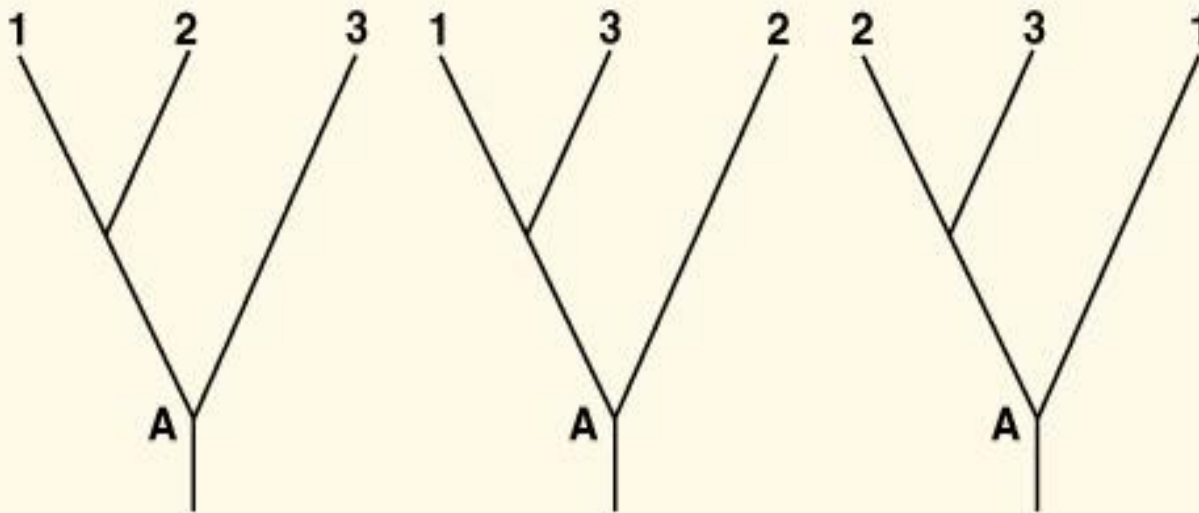
Genomes: TIGR  
Tree: Darwin,  
Origin of Species



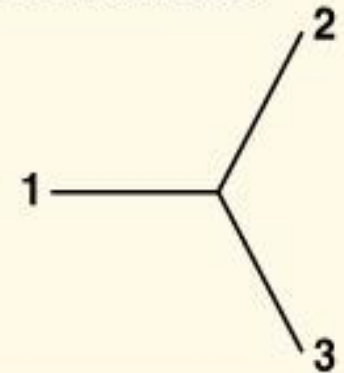
# • Phylogenetic trees

- Which tree is correct?
- Data matrix- statistical approach
- Parsimony-based – simplest relationship, lowest number of mutations

Rooted trees

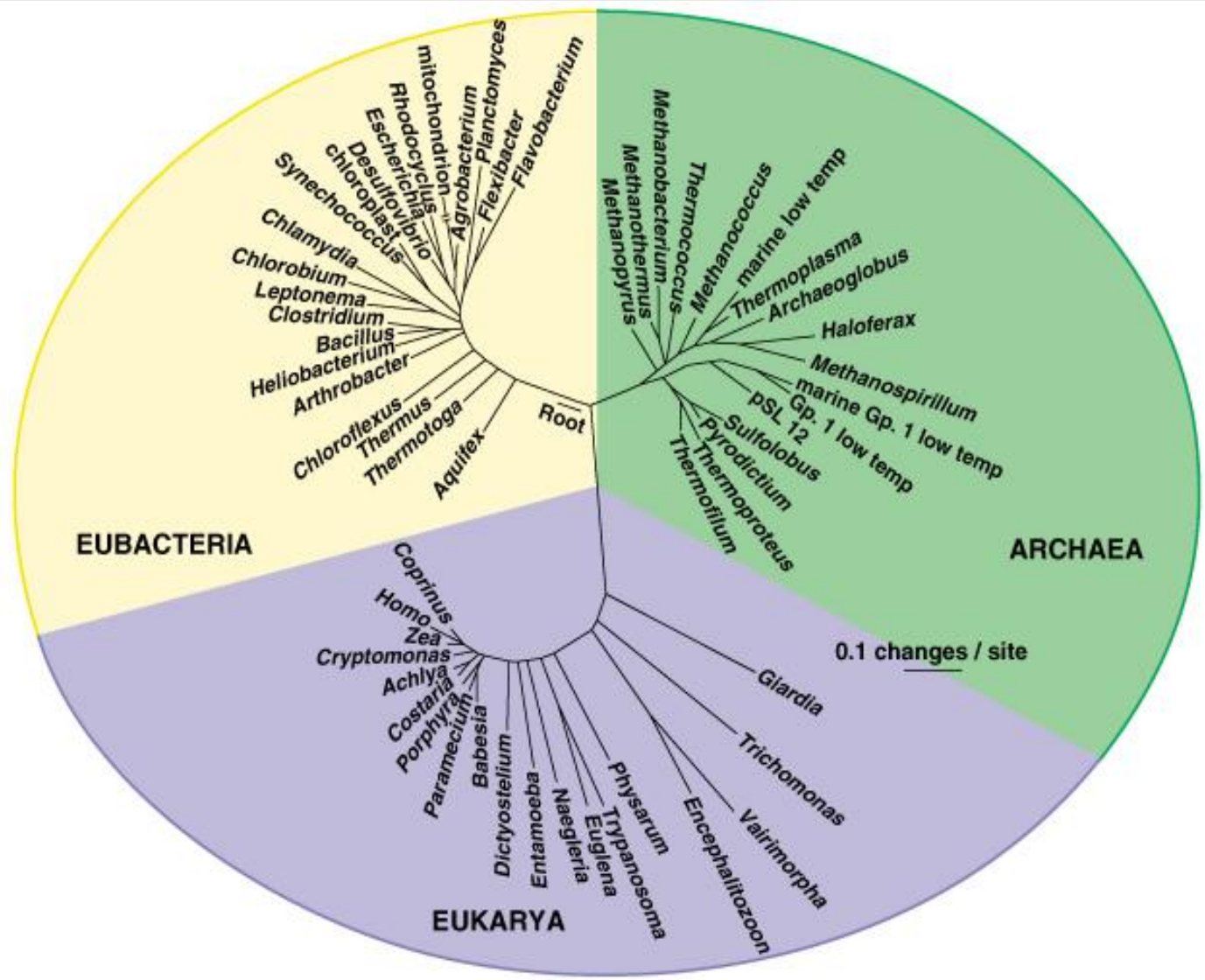


Unrooted tree

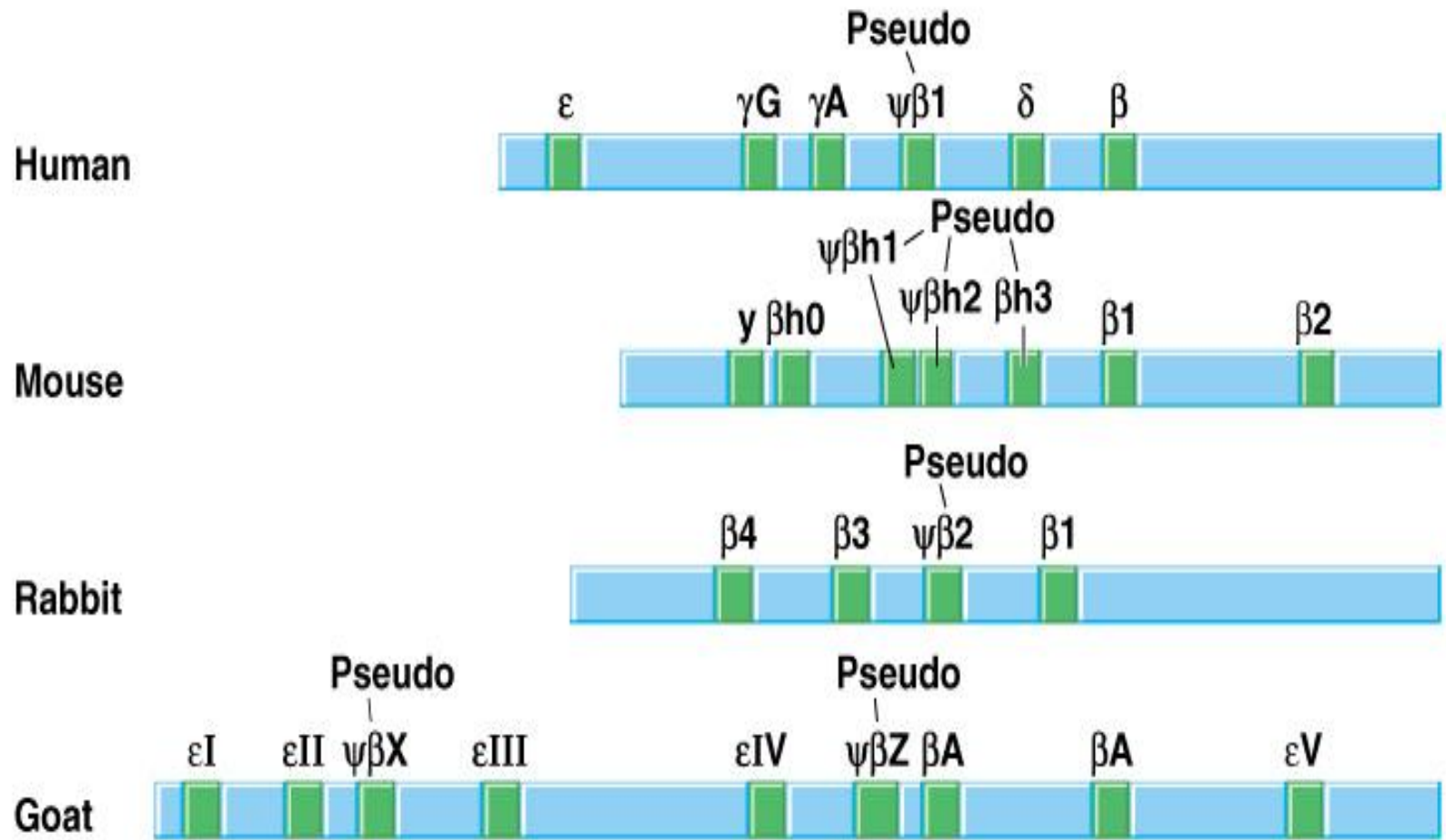


## • 07/05/2022 Bootstrapping





- How are new genes created while still maintaining the “old” gene.
- Duplication of genes and/or exons



# Problem

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1. How does the coding DNA can estimate the phenotype of organism?
2. Why the pre-molecular and post molecular evidence are different ?
3. Lets explain the relationship of natural selection of physiologies to evolution process.