# GENE EXPRESSION ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

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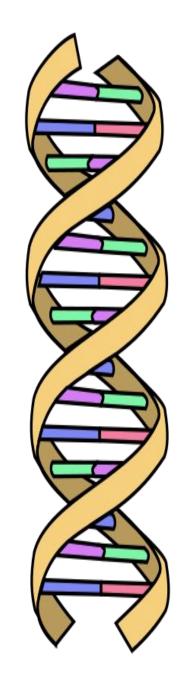
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### **Schedule**

### June 20th:

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12:00 - 1:00 (4-5 UTC) Introduction, background and goals
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1:00 - 2:30 (5-6:30 UTC) Work through modules in groups

2:30 - 3:00 (6:30-7 UTC) Break (feel free to "visit" in the main room)

3:00 - 4:00 (7-8 UTC) Continue working through modules in groups

4:00 - 4:30 (8-8:30 UTC) Recap & assign homework

### June 21st:

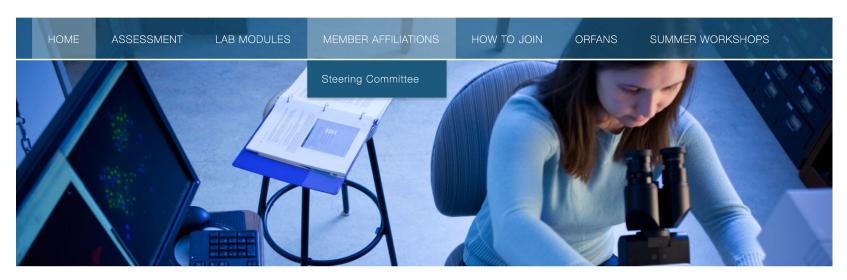
12:00 - 2:00 (4-6 UTC) Work through modules in groups cont.

2:00 - 3:00 (6-7 UTC) Presentations/discussions (in breakout rooms)

3:00 - 4:00 (7-8 UTC) Discussion on how to incorporate in the classroom (all)

### RCN-UBE: Yeast ORFan Gene Project

Finding a place for ORFans to GO



### Welcome

The Yeast ORFan Gene Project is a consortium of undergraduate researchers and faculty at primarily undergraduate institutions (PUIs) to coordinate resources and design strategies to assign molecular functions to genes of unknown function in the model organism *S. cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast).

# National Science Foundation

#### **PAGES**

Assessment
Lab Modules
Yeast "adopt a proto-gene" project
Member Affiliations

Steering Committee

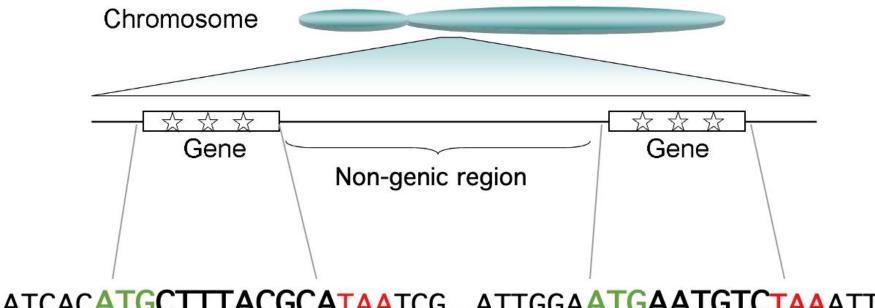
2017-2022

Adopt a Proto-gene Initiative

2022-2026

### Genome = genes + non-genic sequences

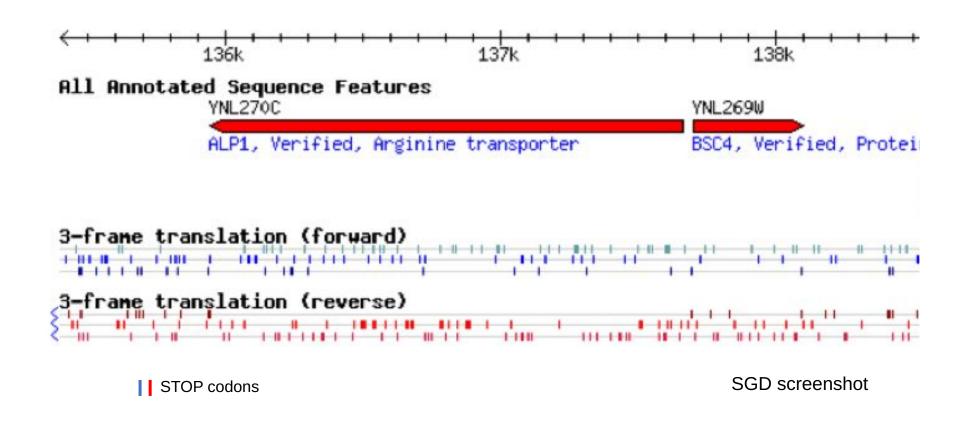
Gene = DNA sequence coding for a functional protein



ATCACATGCTTTACGCATAATCG...ATTGGAATGAATGTCTAAATTG...

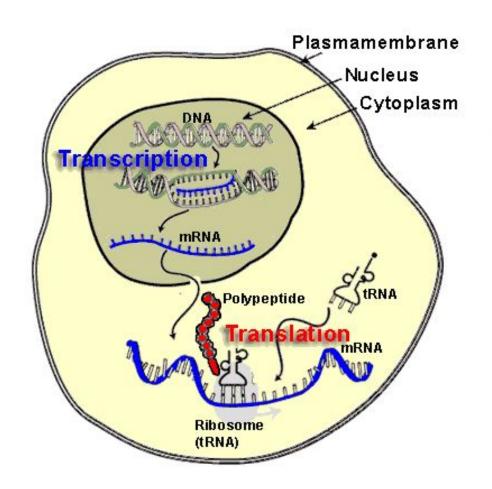
(intergenic, non-coding)

# Yeast genome: 6,000 genes and a multitude of random open reading frames (ORFs)

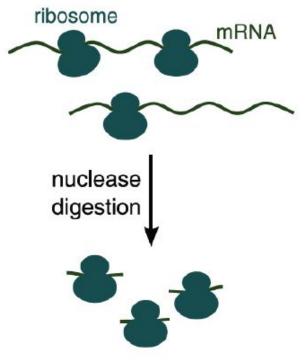


~6,000 protein-coding genes including 700 ORFans (Genes of Unknown Function) >150K non-genic ORFs

### What is translated?



Ribosome profiling



iRibo





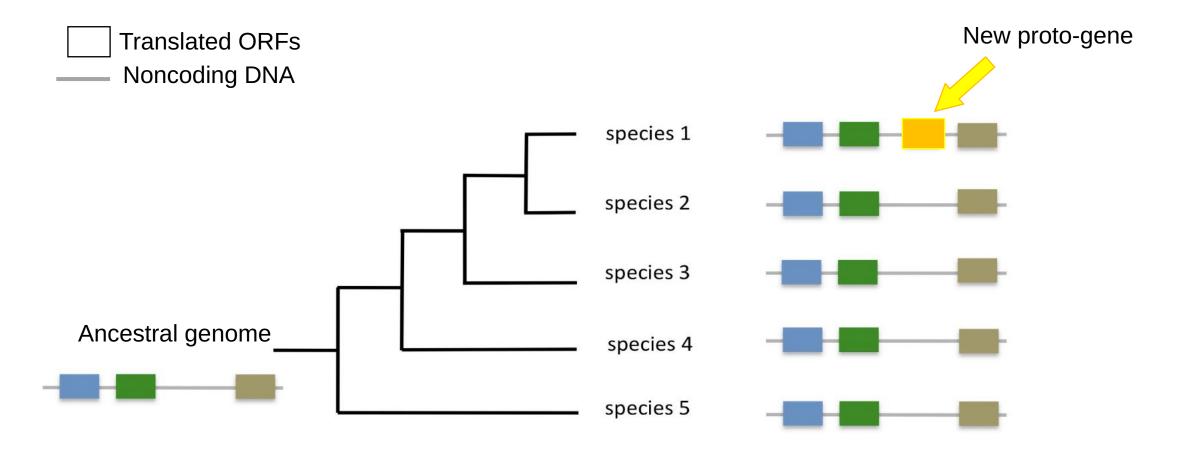
Dr Aaron Wacholder

Talking Glossary of Genetics

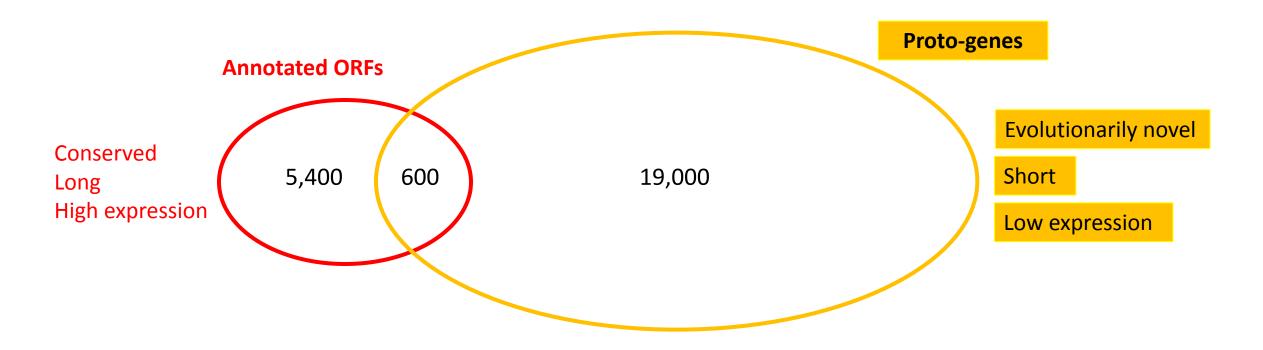
Ingolia et al., Science 2009

Wacholder et al, Cell Systems, 2023

### Proto-genes: translated ORFs of recent 'de novo' origins



# An immense number of ORFans in need of scientific care! Help characterize them with your students



Our research: What do they do? How do they evolve? Do they participate in making each species unique? This workshop: proto-genes as a teaching tool for **gene expression** 

# Gene Expression: how to access modules and resources

This workshop is an expansion of the Yeast ORFan/GUF project

Modules are accessed at the following web site:

https://www.yeastorfanproject.com/lab-modules/yeast-adopt-a-proto-gene-project/

- Five modules
- Available as both PDF and a read-only link to a google doc for download



# Workshop goals:

- Explore a proto-gene through completion of the five modules
   A list of sample proto-genes can be found in Table 1 of the introduction
- 2. Make a short (1-3 minute) presentation to deliver to your breakout room on Day 2.
  - a. Summary of what was discovered about your proto-gene
  - b. Time and goals for use in a selected course. <u>Template</u> is provided
    - Alternate template for student participants who are not currently planning for a specific course.
  - Leave workshop with a specific plan for incorporating gene exploration in one of your courses and/or research projects
- 3. Provide us with feedback on the modules

# Thursday schedule

work through modules in groups now - 2:30 PM ET start with the Introduction followed by Module 1 PM UTC - 6:30 now 2:30 - 3:00 PM ET break 6:30 - 7:00 PM UTC continue working in groups 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET PM UTC 7:00 - 8:00 4:00 - 4:30 PM ET Recap & introduce tomorrow's agenda 8:00 - 8:30 PM UTC

You do not need to finish all the modules today, there will be time to work on them tomorrow

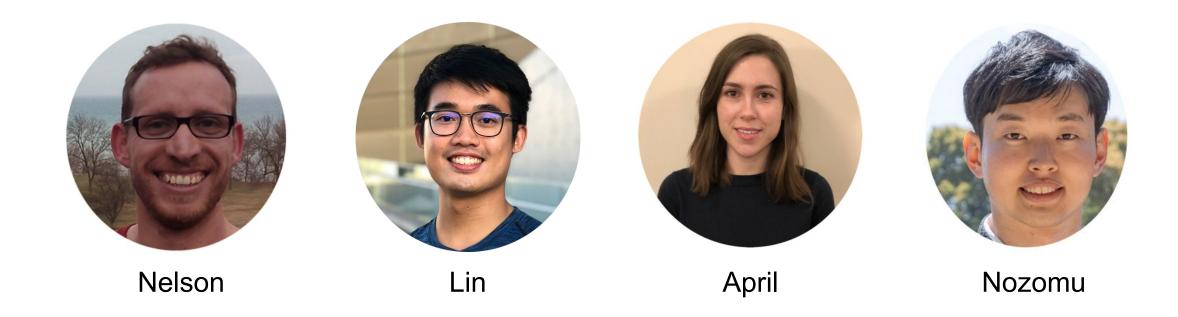
### The modules

- 1. Differential Expression
- 2. Regulatory Motifs
- 3. Genome Browser
- 4. Coexpression
- 5. Localization

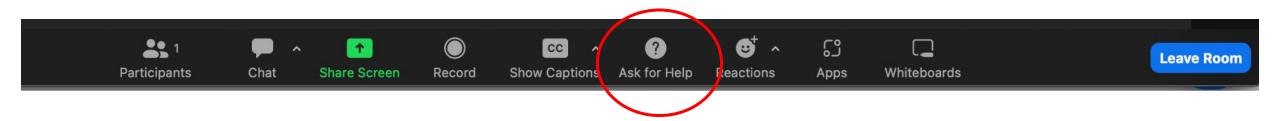
Each module has an associated guide and worksheet with questions for you to answer

Groups are small to encourage discussion and working together

# If you have questions



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### Slack: for feedback and announcements

- There is a slack channel for each module
  - If you have comments or suggestions, please type any feedback into the corresponding module's slack channel.

```
#module1-differentialexpression
#module2-regulatorymotif
#module3-genomebrowser
#module4-coexpression
#module5-localization
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 Any updates or announcements will be posted in the #announcements slack channel and also posted in the zoom chat

# Any questions?

type any questions in the chat

# Wrap-up Day 1

- Hope everyone made some progress on the modules
- Homework! Download the template for the presentation to your computer.
   Links on slack (#announcements) and the web site.
- Name the file as your protogene\_first name\_last name.
  - For example: YBR196CA\_Jill\_Keeney
- Be thinking about what you want to put in it (and start if you want!)
- Day 2, Friday:
  - Noon-2 (4-6 UTC): work on modules and your presentation
  - 2-3 (6-7 UTC): in small groups, present to each other and discuss plans
  - 3-4 (7-8 UTC): all together, report back and discuss

# Gene expression workshop Day 2

12:00 - 2:00 (4-6 UTC): Work on modules and presentation

2:00 - 2:10 (6 UTC): Main room for instructions

2:10 - 3:00 (6-7 UTC): In breakout rooms present and discuss

3:00 - 4:00 (7-8 UTC): Full group discussion and wrap-up

# Day 2, Instructions for presentations/discussion (~2-3 pm)

In your breakout groups (for ~1 hour)

- Assign a moderator and a spokesperson
- 2. Each participant makes a presentation.
  - a. Moderator keeps time, 3 minutes maximum for each presentation
  - b. UPLOAD your presentation to the #presentations slack channel
- 3. Following presentations, discuss the following (spokes-person takes notes to summarize in full group discussion):
  - a. Did you learn anything new/useful in the modules?
  - b. Which modules/tools would be most useful in your courses?
  - c. Do you have enough background information to adapt the modules for your courses?
  - d. What other/additional resources are needed for the modules to be successful?
  - e. Would you be likely to have students adopt-a-protogene for a course or for research?

# Day 2, 3-4 pm, Full workshop discussion

### Using modules in your courses

- 1. Report from each break out room
- 2. Open discussion/questions
- 3. Wet lab resources
- 4. Workshop assessment

# We'd love to hear your feedback

Please take time to complete the survey!

tinyurl.com/Protogene2024Feedback

