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Their macromolecules are so alike that regulatory mutations may account for their biological differences.



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1) Generating/analyzing "big" datasets to assign function to the non-coding genome

- Hemostasis (F. Gagnon, S. Mital, and C. Hayward labs)
- Puberty (M. Palmert and A. Goldenberg labs)
- Early zebrafish heart development (I. Scott lab)
- Genome biology of topoisomerases
- 2) Testing regulatory DNA function in human cells and model organisms





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1) Generate "big" datasets to assign function to the non-coding genome

- Protein-DNA and epigenomic assays
 - -ChIP-seq, ChIP-exo ... Gene expression
 - -RNA-seq

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-high-throughput qPCR (Fluidigm BioMark with Rossant lab),

-Single cell mRNA sequencing (Fluidigm C1 system)

2) Analyze "big" datasets to assign function to the non-coding genome

- · detect differential DNA occupancy, gene expression
- Compare NGS results between species
- · Integrative analyses to assign function to the non-coding genome

3) Test regulatory DNA function in human cells and model organisms

- Targeted sequencing/cloning/reporter assays of non-coding DNA -Fluidigm Access Array microfluidic PCR
- CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing to delete/modify non-coding DNA
- Gene reporter assays in zebrafish (with Ian Scott's Lab)