

**TGAC** 

**The Genome Analysis Centre**

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*Building Excellence in Genomics and Computational Bioscience*

# The Genome Analysis Centre

Big Data & Algorithmics in Biotechnology

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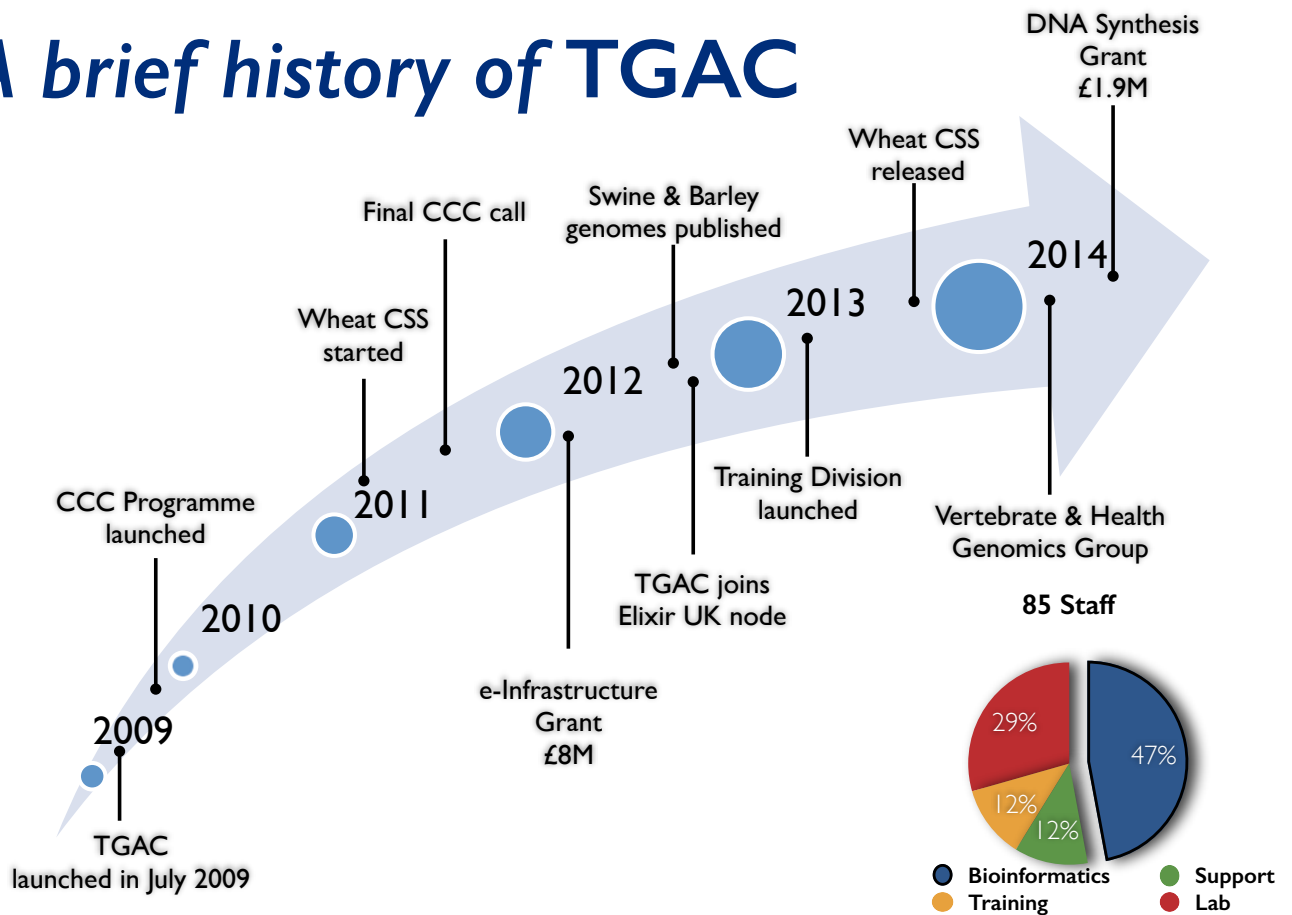
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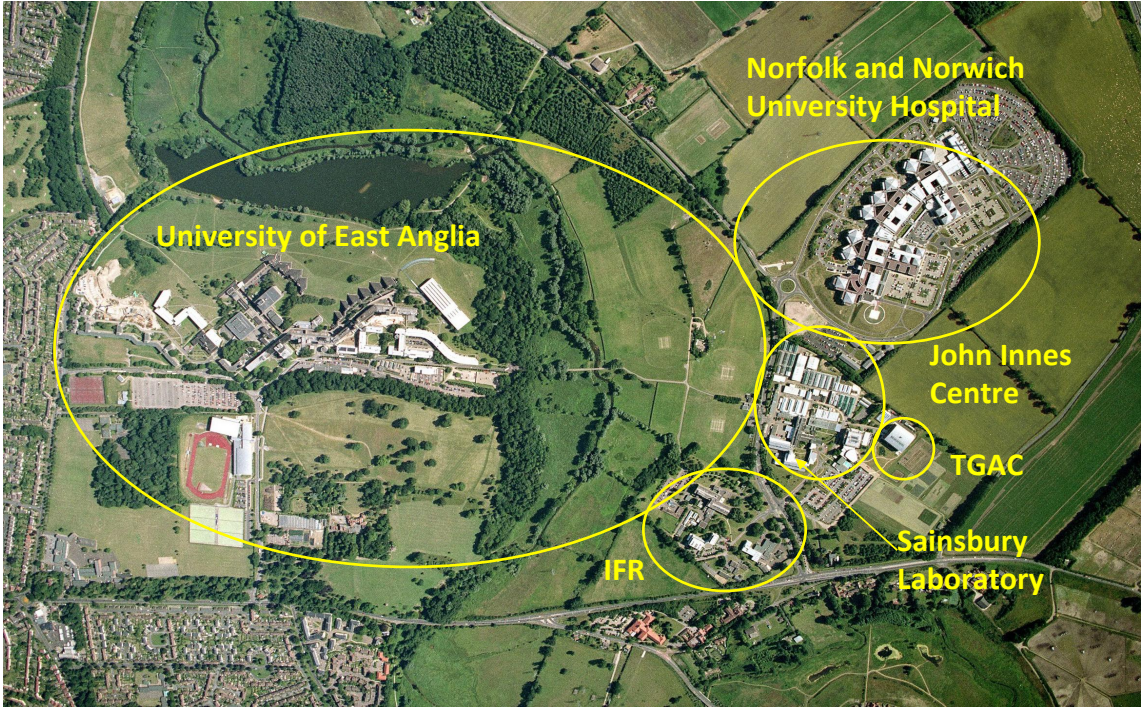
Greater Norwich  
Development  
Partnership

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# A brief history of TGAC



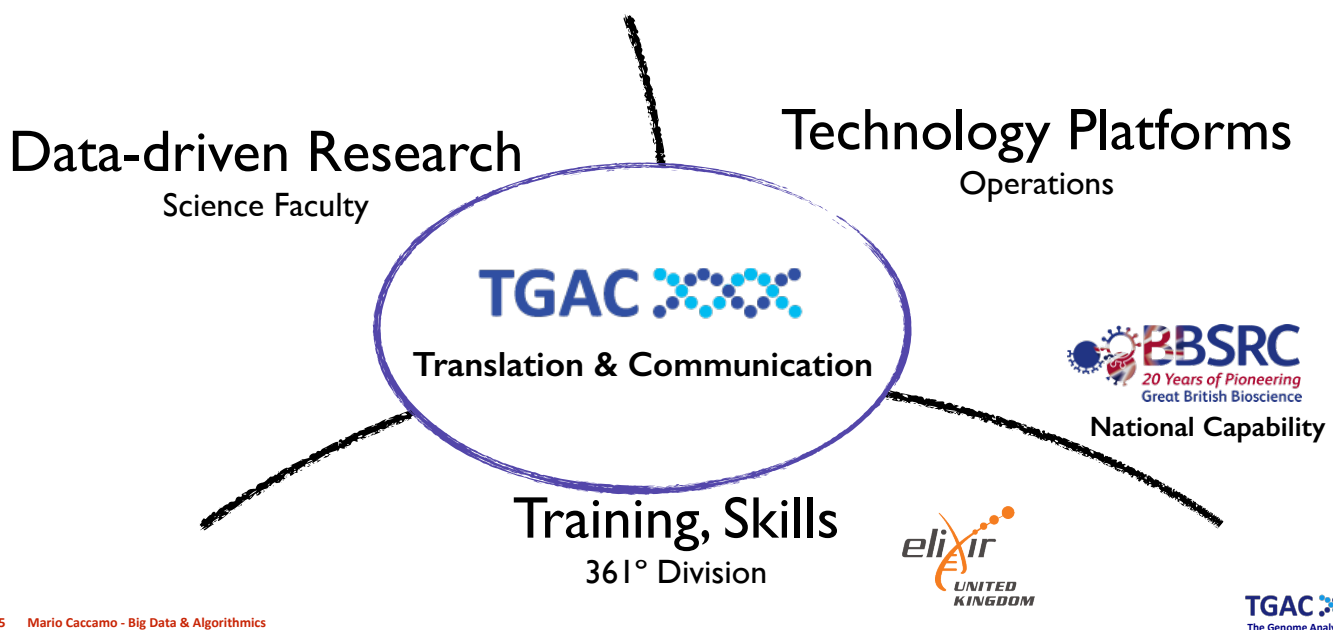
# Norwich Research Park





# Vision

“To be a centre of excellence in *high-end genomics* and **computational biology** to develop the Norwich Research Park as world leaders in bioinformatics and biotechnology.”



# Technology Platforms



Illumina HiSeq  
**~300 Gbps/day**  
(100 times human genome)



Pacific Bioscience RS II  
single-molecule sequencing  
1 of 3 in the UK

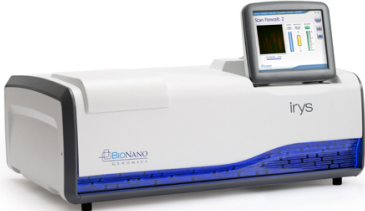


SGI UVs  
**2500 cores**  
**20 Tbytes RAM**



Lab Automation  
PerkinElmer Reference Lab

# New Technologies



**BioNano Irys**  
(Optical Mapping)



**Minlon Nanopore Sequencing**  
(Oxford Nanopore Technologies)

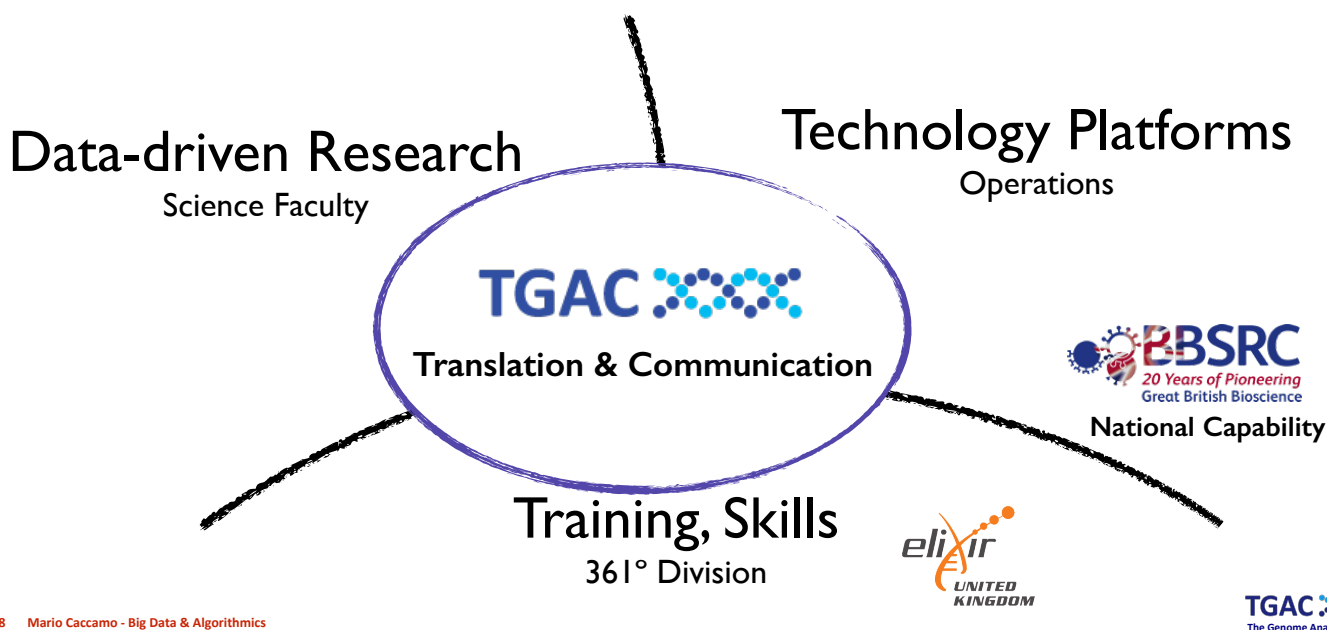
**Gene Variants (Infologs)**

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ALA	4	7	1	7	8	3	6	6	5	4	2	2	3	8	2	8	7	4	5	5	6	3	1	5
ARG	2	4	7	1	7	8	3	6	6	5	4	2	1	3	8	2	8	7	4	5	5	6	3	5
ASN	4	2	4	8	2	8	8	4	6	6	6	2	4	2	4	8	2	8	8	4	6	6	6	6
ASP	6	4	2	4	8	2	8	8	4	6	6	2	8	4	2	4	8	2	8	8	4	6	6	6
CYS	6	6	4	2	4	8	2	8	8	4	6	2	6	6	4	2	4	8	2	8	8	4	6	6
GLN	5	5	3	1	3	7	1	7	7	3	1	5	5	5	3	1	3	7	1	7	7	3	5	
GLU	3	5	5	3	1	3	7	1	7	7	1	3	5	5	5	3	1	3	7	1	7	7	5	
GLY	8	4	6	5	3	2	3	8	2	7	2	7	3	5	6	6	4	1	4	7	1	8	5	
HIS	4	4	4	2	2	2	4	2	4	4	2	6	8	8	8	6	6	6	8	8	8	6	6	
ILE	5	8	4	8	5	5	1	4	1	8	4	6	2	3	7	3	2	2	6	7	6	3	5	
LEU	4	5	8	4	8	5	5	1	4	1	8	6	7	2	3	7	3	2	2	6	7	6	3	5
LYS	5	7	5	5	1	5	5	5	1	1	7	3	7	3	3	7	3	3	3	3	7	7	7	5
PHE	4	8	2	8	8	4	6	6	6	4	2	8	6	2	8	2	2	6	4	4	6	8	6	
PRO	1	3	7	1	7	7	3	5	5	5	3	7	7	5	1	7	1	1	5	3	3	5	6	
SER	4	2	3	8	2	8	7	3	5	6	5	7	6	8	5	2	8	2	1	5	3	4	6	
THR	5	4	2	3	8	2	8	7	3	5	6	7	3	6	8	5	2	8	2	1	5	3	4	6
TYR	6	6	4	2	4	8	2	8	8	4	6	8	4	4	8	6	2	8	2	2	6	4	6	
VAL	6	5	6	4	1	4	8	2	7	7	3	7	4	3	4	6	7	6	2	8	1	5	6	

**DNA Synthesis Grant**  
**£1.9M**

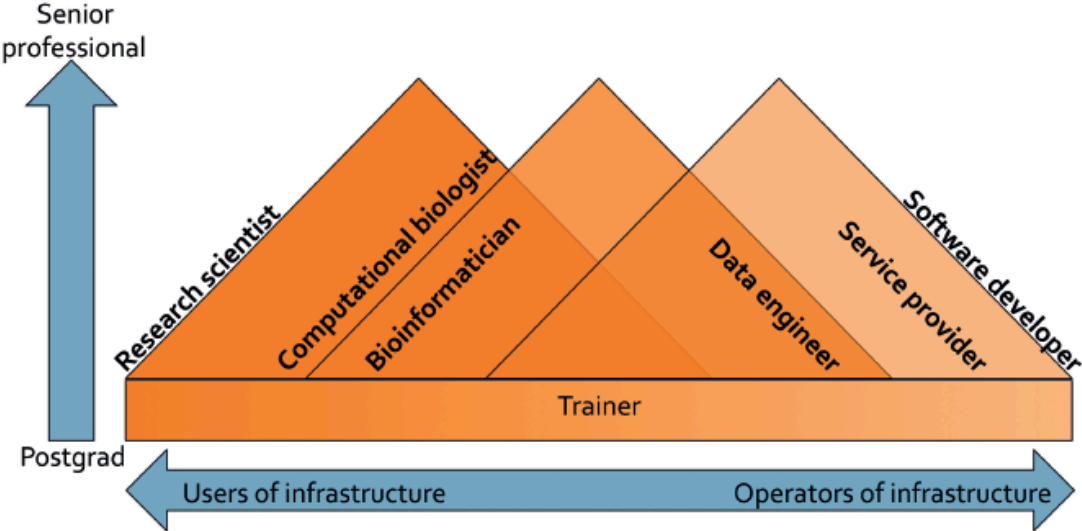
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# Elixir UK

## Bioinformatics Training!



# TransPlant

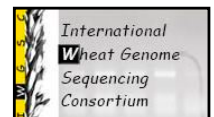


**WPI2** - Implementation of resource-intensive algorithms for plant genomics data.

- To evaluate the adequacy of the current **resource-intensive** algorithms for plant genomics data.
- To build a **network of developers** with expertise in algorithms for plant genomics.
- To implement **novel algorithmic** solutions for concrete challenges in large plant genomes.

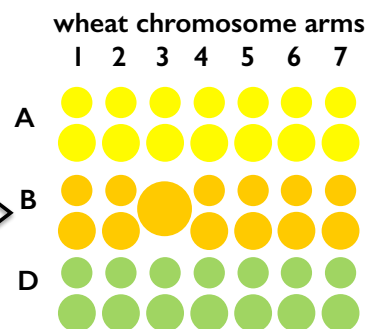
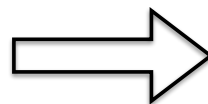


# Wheat Genome Project

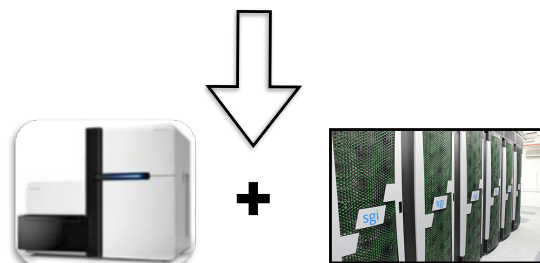


3Gb  
Human Genome

wheat  
17Gb



7.5 billion sequences  
1.5 trillion base pairs  
30 weeks of sequencing  
4.6 Terabytes  
492 hours processing time

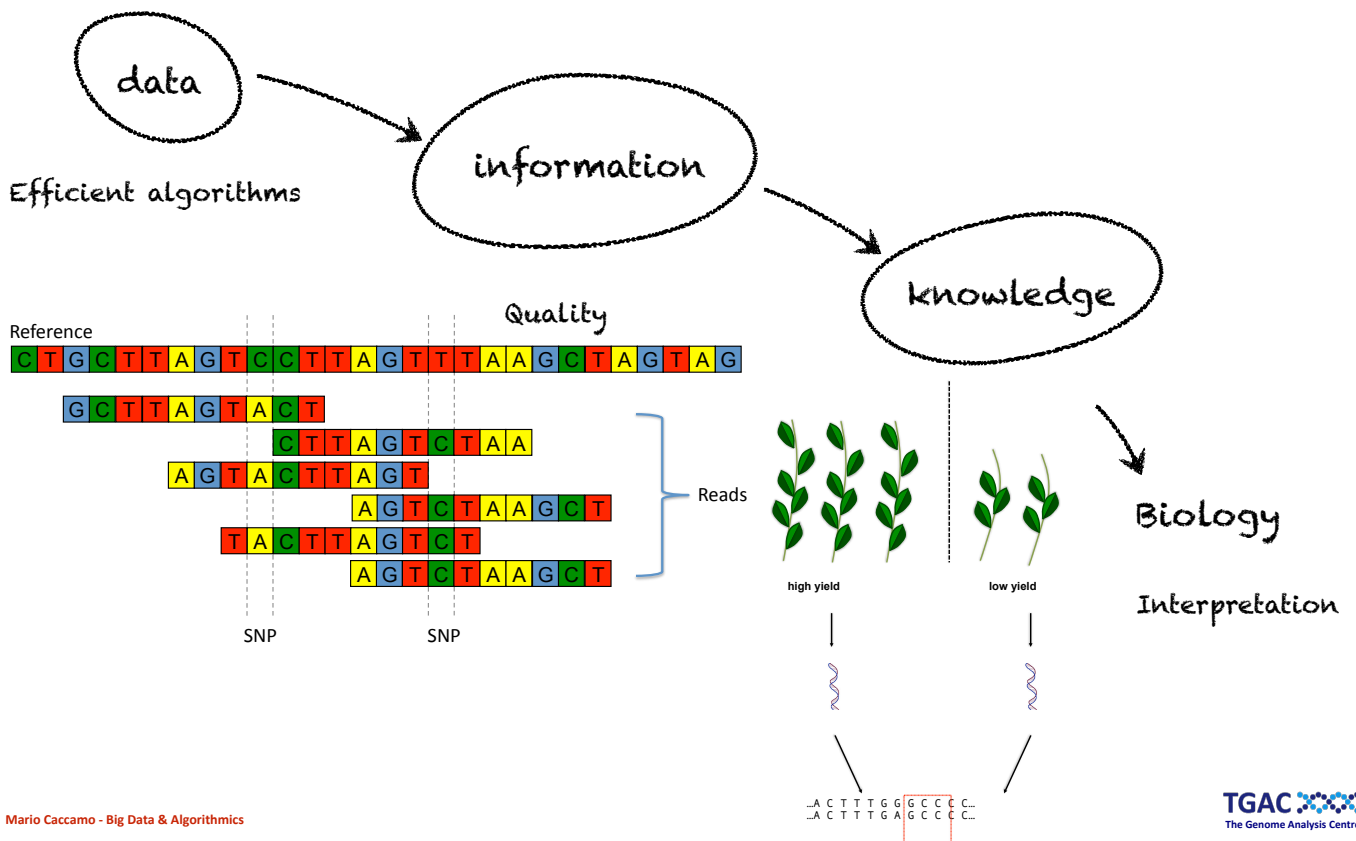


10M Sequences!  
First wheat  
whole genome sequence  
released in September 2013

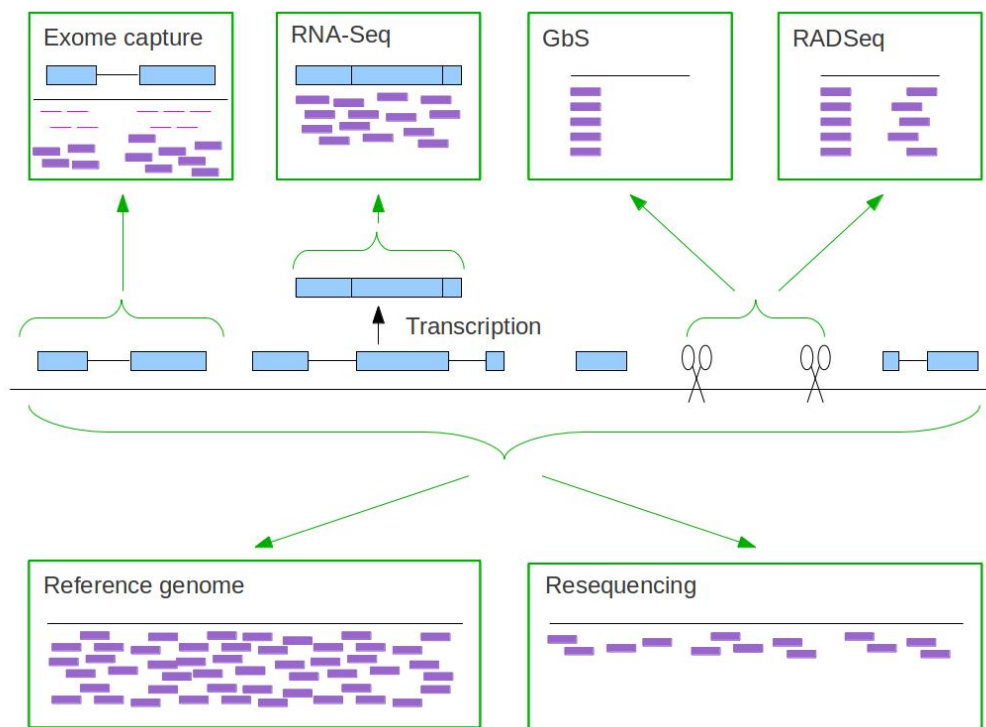
BBSRC sLOLa Grant  
*Triticeae Genomics*  
for sustainable agriculture  
(TGAC, JIC, EBI, RRes)

Sarah Ayling  
Matt Clark

# From Genotype to Phenotype



# Screening for Diversity



# Exome Captures

## Barley capture

**61.6Mb capture:**  
**150,000 Morex exons**  
**35,000 full length cDNAs**  
**110,000 RNAseq contigs**



Mascher *et al.*,  
The Plant  
Journal (2013)



The James  
**Hutton**  
Institute

## Wheat capture

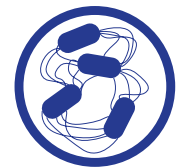
**84Mb capture:**  
**57,000 *T. turgidum* RNAseq**  
**24,000 Public wheat cDNAs**  
**1,800 barley cDNAs**






Krasileva *et al.*,  
Genome Biology  
2013, 14:R66

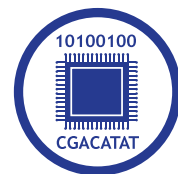


# Surveillance & Diagnostics



- **Technologies**
  - real-time data generation and analysis (Nanopore)
  - DNA extraction
- **Transmission Studies** 
  - model zoonotic diseases
  - swine and horse flu transmission studies
- **Swine Flu Dynamics** 
  - sLoLa (Pirbright, Cambridge)
- **Nornex (Ash Dieback)**
  - Genomics & genetics to tackle ash dieback
  - JIC, TSL (Norwich), Exeter, Edinburgh 

# Bioinformatics Software



<b>MISO</b> 	<b>Cortex</b> 	<b>TGAC Browser</b> 	<b>RAMPART</b> 
<b>KAT</b> 	<b>NextClip</b> 	<b>Bubbleparse</b> 	<b>StatsDB</b> 
<b>RADplex</b> 	<b>kONTAMINANT</b> 	<b>BioJS</b> 	

**Rob Davey**



# Bioinformatics Training



- Launched March 2013
  - ➔ 14 courses
  - ➔ 280 trainees
- Elixir
  - ➔ Elixir UK focused on Bioinformatics Training
- Norwich Research Park
  - ➔ Year in Industry
  - ➔ Immersive visitors training
  - ➔ TGAC Symposia



Vicky Schneider



# Wheat Information System

Expert Working Group within the Wheat Initiative.

Provide the wheat research community with a *single* entry point of access to genetic and genomics resources.

Promote the development of services on top of current wheat / Triticeae databases.

Authority to define guidelines for data curation, nomenclature, standards and integration.

Registry for bioinformatics tools.

# UK Agri-Tech Strategy

- Agri-Informatics Centre for Sustainability Metrics
- Consortium led by Farming Futures (Colin Merritt) group
  - ➔ NIAB, EMR, IBERS, EBI, The Cool Farm Alliance, Fera
  - ➔ CAISM - Centre for Agriculture Informatics and Sustainability Metrics

**Stuart Cathpole**