

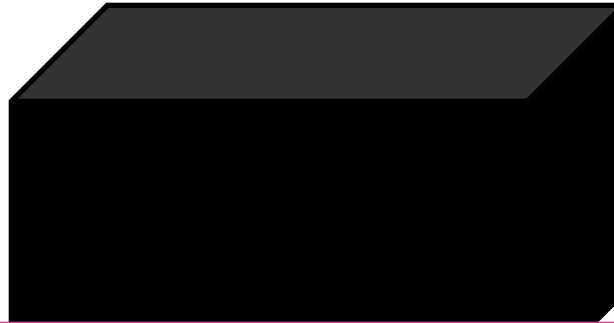
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**Molecular and Genome
Epidemiologic Study**

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Evolving epidemiologic study ...

Environmental
Exposure
(e.g. alcohol/diet)



Disease
or
Mortality

Who is susceptible ?
What is the mechanism ?
Which biomarker is predictive ?



What makes this box transparent ?

Origin of Molecular Epidemiology

- **The Impact of recent progress in molecular biology on epidemiology**
- **Based on general principles of epidemiology**
- **Utilizes molecular biology to define the distribution of disease and its etiologic**

Definition of Molecular Epidemiology

- **A science that deals with the contribution of potential genetic and environmental risk factors identified at the molecular level, to the etiology, distribution and control of disease in groups of populations**
- **Molecular biology << interface >> Epidemiology**

Epidemiology in the 21st Century: Population Impact of Human Genome Variation

- 19c ----- Population (Snow on Cholera ..)

20c ----- Risk factor (Smoking ..)

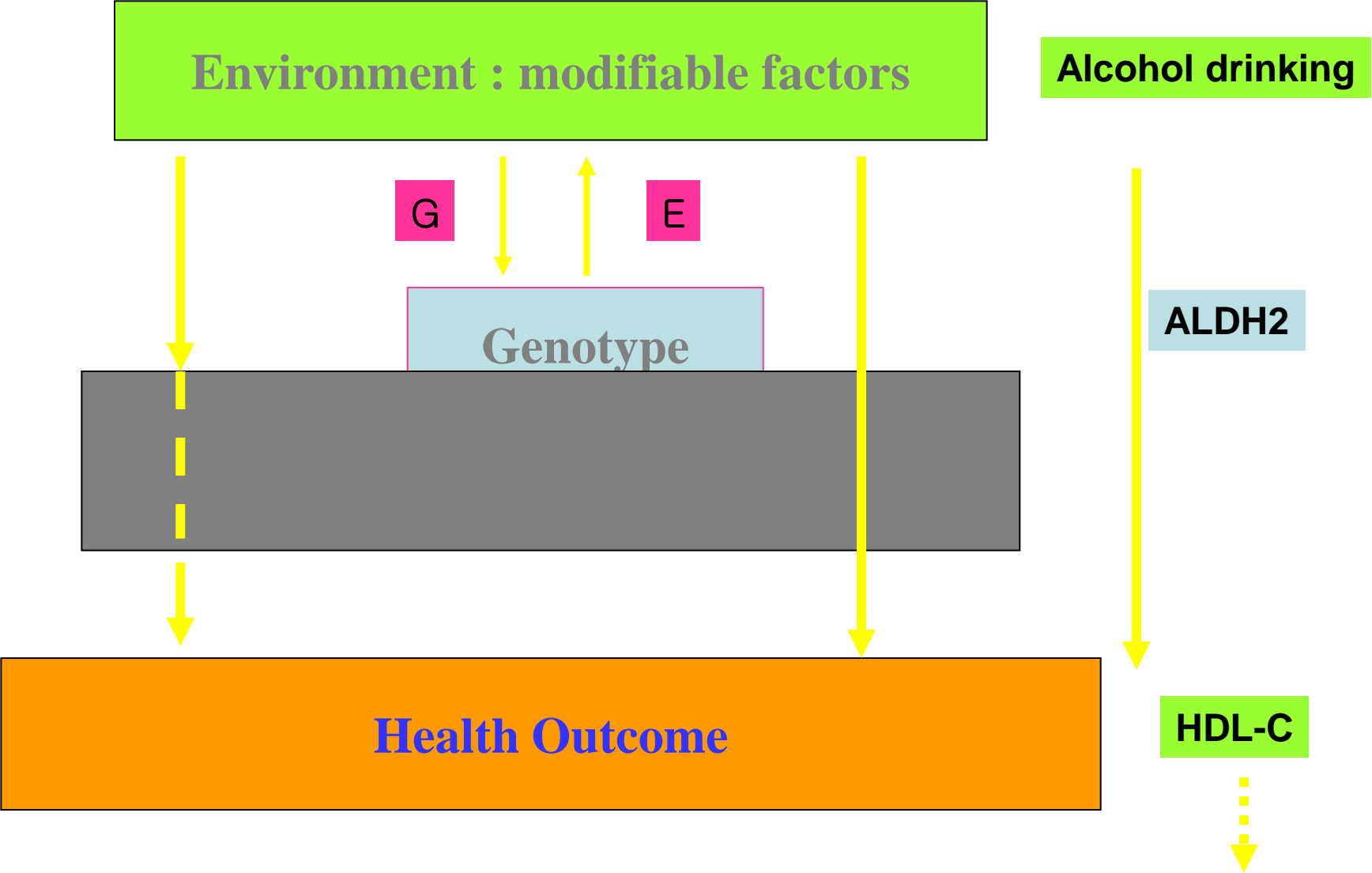
Success or Limit ?

21c ----- Genetic variation

Tailored prevention ?

Gonomic Medicine

Epidemiologic Approaches to Human Disease In Transition



“Breakthrough of the Year”

- “For 2000, one word sums it up-
GENOMES”

– *Science* (2000)



“The Genome is Mapped: Now What?” (M.D. Lemonick, Time Magazine)

Gene Sequencing



Gene Discovery



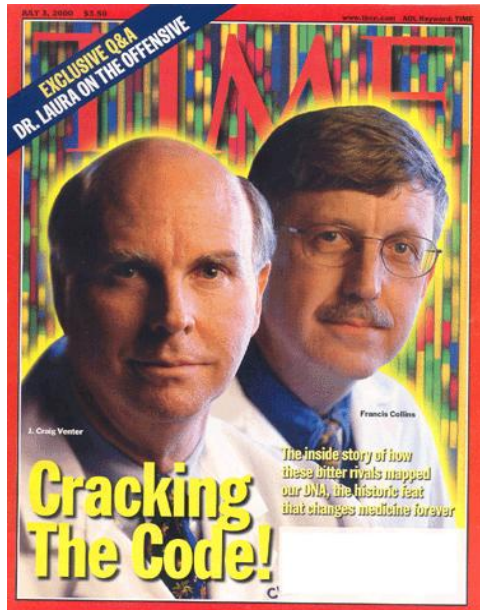
Gene Characterization






Clinical Utility



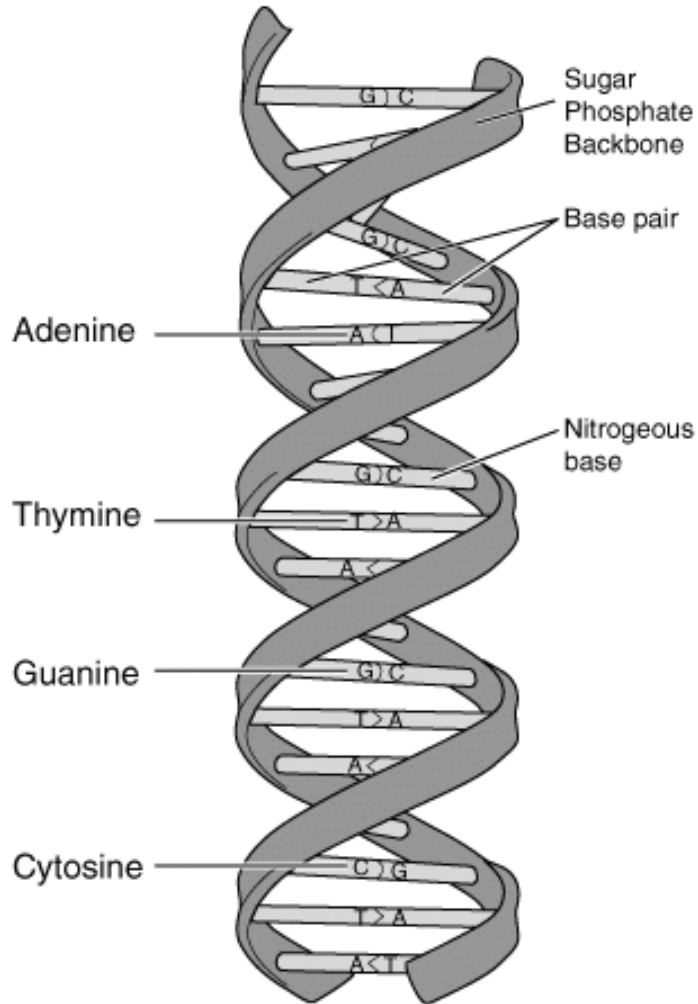
Public Health Utility



Emerging “Genomic” Methods in Epidemiology

- **Susceptibility**  • **DNA Polymorphisms**
- **Exposure**  • **RNA Studies (Toxicogenomics)**
- **Outcomes**  • **Disease characterization (Proteomics)**

DNA Structure



Related Nomenclature

Nucleoside

Base + Sugar

Nucleotide

Base + Sugar + Phosphate

Nucleic acid

Linear sequence of Nucleotides

Human Genome

- The human genome consists of 3.2×10^9 basepairs of the nucleotides
- A rough draft of sequence of human genome has been completed
- The human genome has 30,000-40,000 genes encoding proteins
 - The gene is organized into
 - 1) DNA sequences involved in the regulation of gene transcription,
 - 2) DNA sequences encoding amino acids (exons)
 - 3) DNA sequences between exons (introns) whose function is unknown

DNA sequence differences/variants

- 99.9% of DNA sequences are identical among individuals
- 0.1% differences → on average, every 1000 bp
 - 1.68 million Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) were identified and made available to the scientific community
(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP>)
 - This number is expected to rise
- DNA sequence differences occurring with a frequency
 - < 1% are called mutation
 - $\geq 1\%$ are called polymorphisms

Single-gene disease vs Complex disease

- Single gene disorder by causative gene, in which a mutation directly leads to the disease phenotype as in many Mendelian disorder (AD, AR, X-linked)
 - One-to-one correspondence between a given genotype and a given phenotype
 - High penetrance, but rare → high risk family syndrome
- Complex disease by susceptibility gene, that confers an increased risk of the disease phenotypes but which may not be sufficient in itself to result in the disease process
 - Polygenic disease : lack of one-to-one correspondence
 - Multifactorial : environmental factors interact with genetic predisposition
 - Low penetrance, but more common → higher population impact

Gene-environmental interaction

- Risk of a genotype may only be evident in exposed group
 - NAT1*10 and smoking vs bladder cancer
 - Crude analysis : NAT1*10 any vs WT Odds Ratio = 1.4 (1.0 - 2.1)
 - Considering Smoking :

Smoking	NAT1*10	OR
-	-	1 (ref)
-	+	1.1
+	-	2.4
+	+	6.0

Gene-environmental interaction

- Risk from environmental exposure may only be evident in genetically susceptible subgroups
 - Head injury and ApoE*e4

ApoE*e4	Head injury	OR (AD)
-	-	1 (ref)
-	+	1.0
+	-	1 (ref)
+	+	5.1

(Mayeux et al, 1995)

Gene-environmental interaction

- Identification of environmental “cofactors” that leads to clinical diseases in individuals with “susceptibility genotypes”
 - Future approach to the primary prevention of many diseases

(Khoury and Wagener, 1995)

Human Genome Epidemiology (HuGE)

- *by* Muin J. Khoury and Janice S. Dorman, CDC, USA
(<http://www.cdc.gov/genetics/hugenet/default.htm>)
- An evolving field of inquiry that uses systematic applications of epidemiologic methods and approaches in population-based studies of the impact of human genetic variation on health and disease
- Intersection between molecular epidemiology and genetic epidemiology

Why population study ?

- Better for unraveling the joint effects of environment and genes
- To assess the relative and attributable risk in the general population : public health genomics
- Greater statistical power to detect the genes with modest phenotypic effects on disease susceptibility

(Risch et al, Nature 2000)

Why cohort study ?

- **Relatively free of selection bias**
 - baseline cohort : representative pool of cases
- **Nested case-control and case-cohort approach**
 - Cost-efficient study design
- **Permits analyses of different multiple outcome**
 - Outcomes can be reliably compared, if case ascertainment is comparable

Why cohort study ?

- **Explore population stratification bias by treating the cohort as a “mini-population”**
- **Gene-environment interaction, using prospective exposure data**
- **The penetrance of the genes reliably estimated**
 - **accounting for risk factors**

Perspectives of Human Genome Cohort

- A very large population-based prospective cohort in the United States for the promise of the human genome project (Dr. Collins, Nature, 2004)
- What is urgently needed right now is a coordinated global initiatives to standardize and integrate data from the many cohort studies (Dr. Khoury)
- EPIC (Europe, ~500,000), MEC (USC, ~210,000), UKBiobank (UK, ~500,000), JMICC (Japan, starting), Lifegene (Singapore, starting)
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Why Do We Need a Large Scale Genome Cohort Study in Korea ?

- To investigate the effects of genetic variants among Koreans and their interactions with environmental factors on the occurrence of several chronic disease and on the socially determined behavior,
- To understand the underlying mechanisms of the biological process of many diseases and to unravel complex pathways between life-style and socio-demographic factors and health,
- To set up the more tailored preventive strategy for target population with high risk of developing diseases, and
- To find pre-clinical biomarkers predicting the occurrence of various kinds of biological endpoints and social behavior

UK Biobank project (2002-9)

-a study on the genes, environment and health-

- 대규모 단일 코호트 구축 프로젝트
 - 50만명 이상의 대표성 있는 표본 선정 (45-69세)
 - GP: 500~600 선정
 - 자기기입식 설문
 - 사회경제적 상태, 인구학적 변수, 생활양식, 식이습관, 임신 관련요인, 질병 가족력
 - 임상검사 및 채혈
 - 혈압, 체격, FEV1
 - 추적조사 (암, 심장병, 당뇨, 치매)
 - NHS 기반
 - 통계청 자료 (사망률, 암 발생률) / 병의원 자료 (GP)

EPIC (1992~)

-European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition-

- 목적: 식이요인, 생활양식을 포함한 환경적인 요인이 암과 만성질환발생에 미치는 영향 규명
- 연구참여국가: 10개국 (France, UK, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Spain; Sweden Denmark, Norway(1995~))
- 연구대상: 520,000명 이상 (20세 이상)

Countries/centres collaborating in EPIC



JPHC (Japan Public Health Center-based prospective Study)

Cohort I

since 1990

Ninohe
(Iwate)

Yokote
(Akita)

Saku
(Nagano)

Katsushika
(Tokyo)

Ishikawa
(Okinawa)

Cohort II

since 1993

Kashiwazaki
(Niigata)

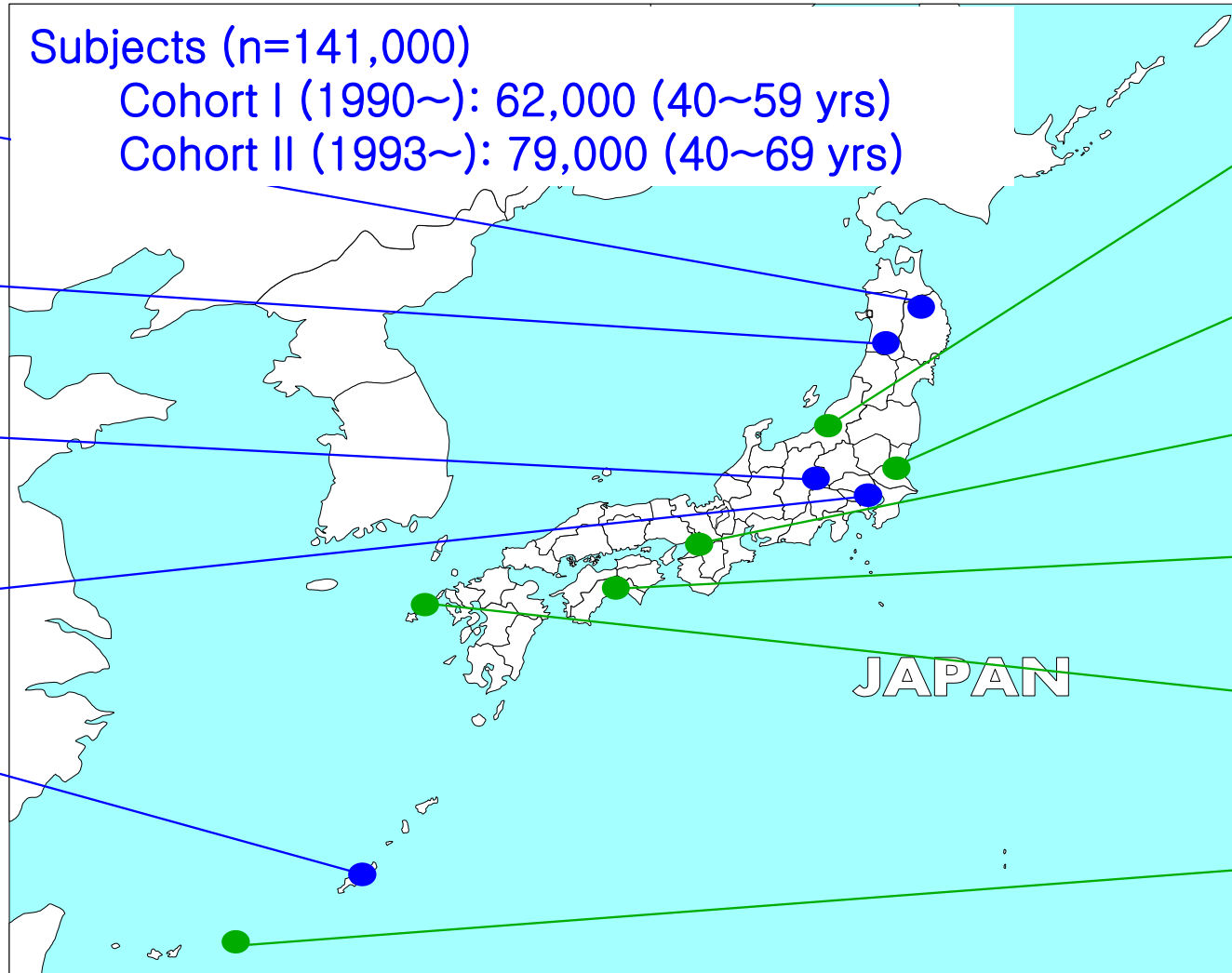
Mito
(Ibaraki)

Suita
(Osaka)

Chuo-higashi
(Kochi)

Kamigoto
(Nagasaki)

Miyako
(Okinawa)



* Public Health Center (Prefecture)

Korea Genome Epidemiologic Study

- **Genome Epi cohort studies have been initiated since 2001**
- **Funded by the “Health Promotion Fund”, of the Korea Center for Disease Control**
- **Major types of study**
 - **Community-based study : Ansong(DM) and Ansan(Hypertension)**
 - **Large population study (LPS) in urban and rural area**
 - **Special group cohort, such as twin cohort, immigration study, elderly cohort, and growth/development cohort**
- **As of Dec. 2009, this on-going study has recruited 150,000 participants aged between 40 and 69 years-old from 40 centers scattered nationwide.**