

Crossing the Species Divide

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**NIH Symposium: Linking Disease Model
Phenotypes to Human Conditions**

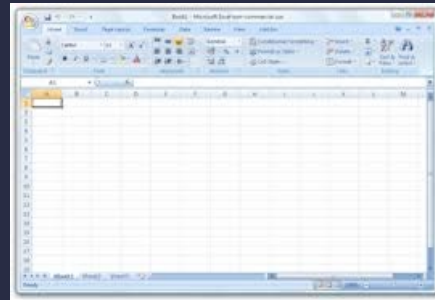
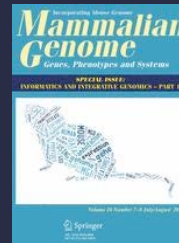
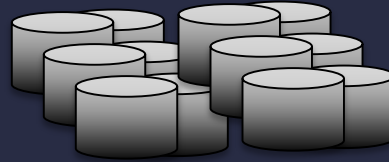
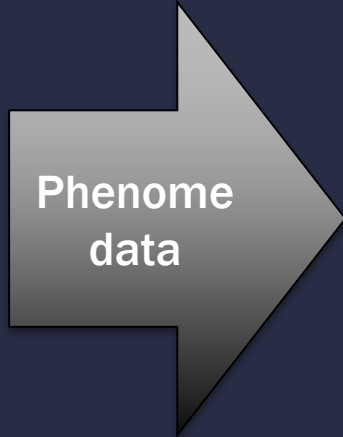
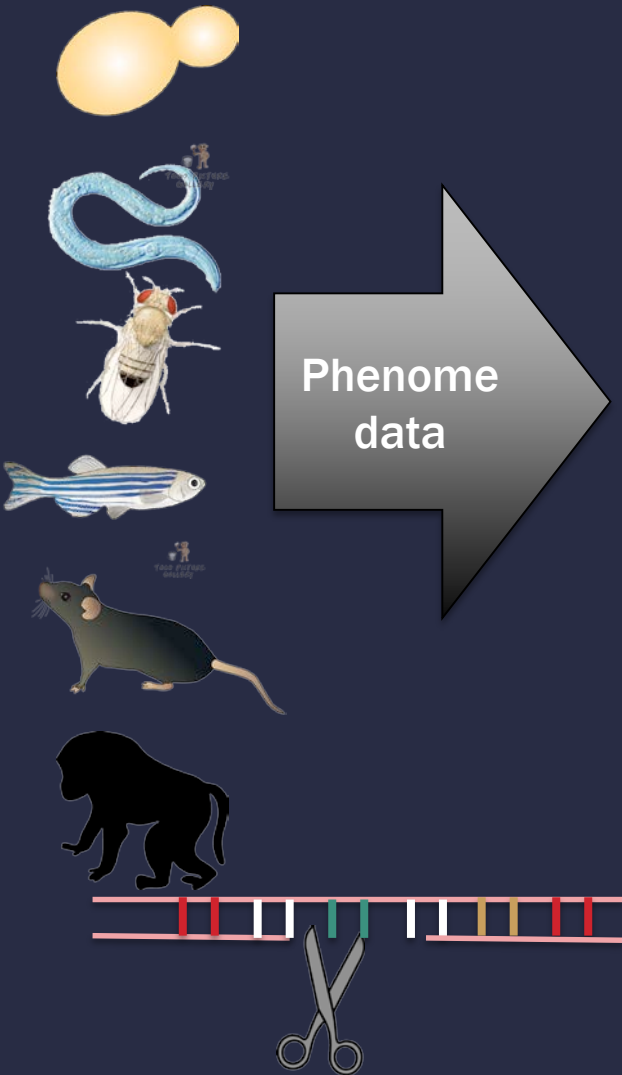
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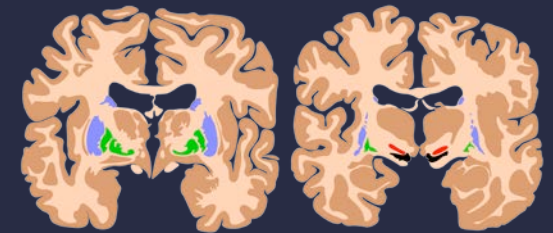
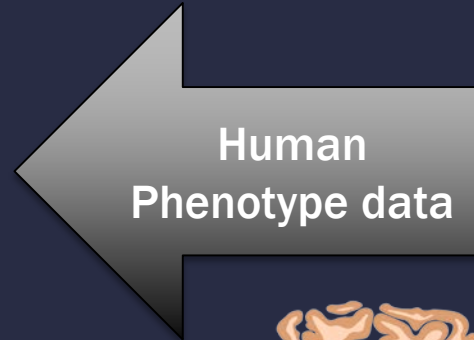
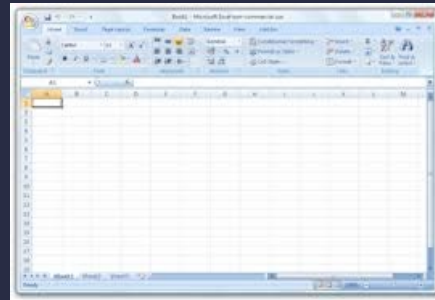
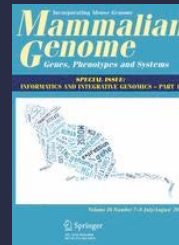
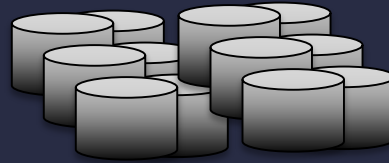
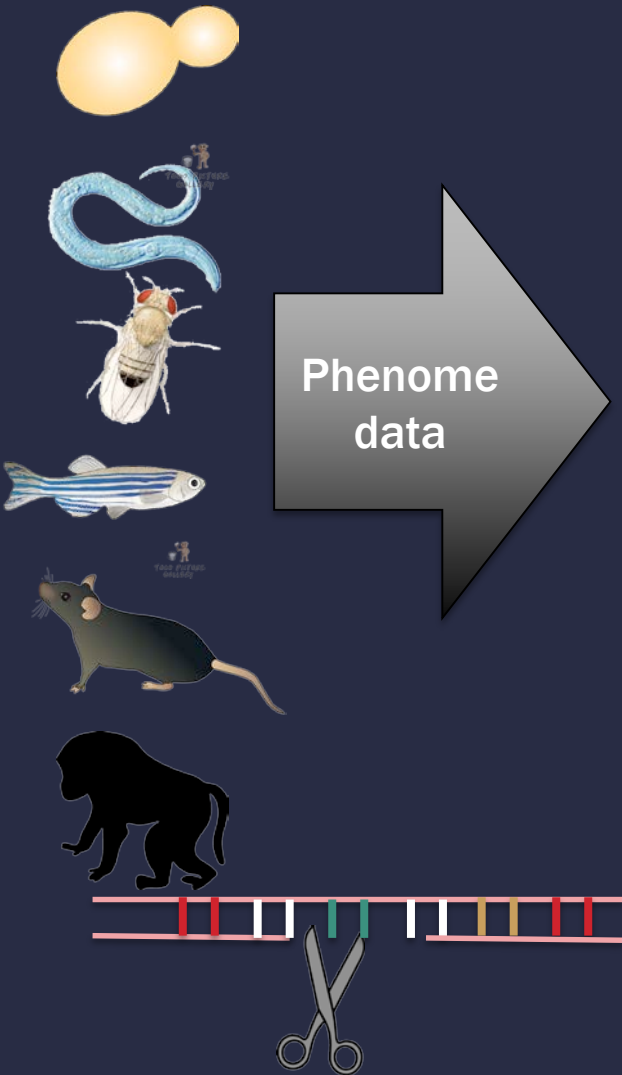
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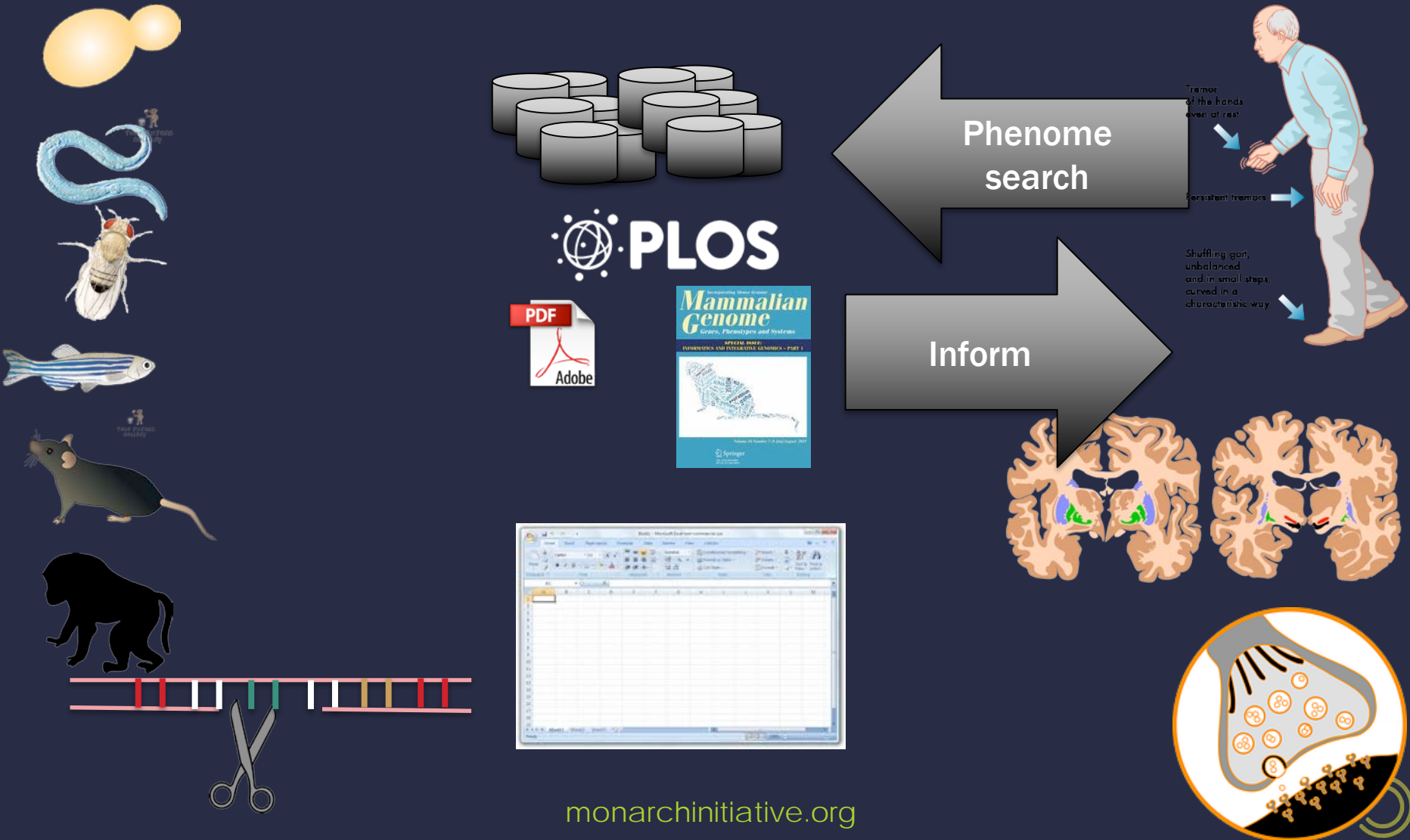
The growth of phenomic data



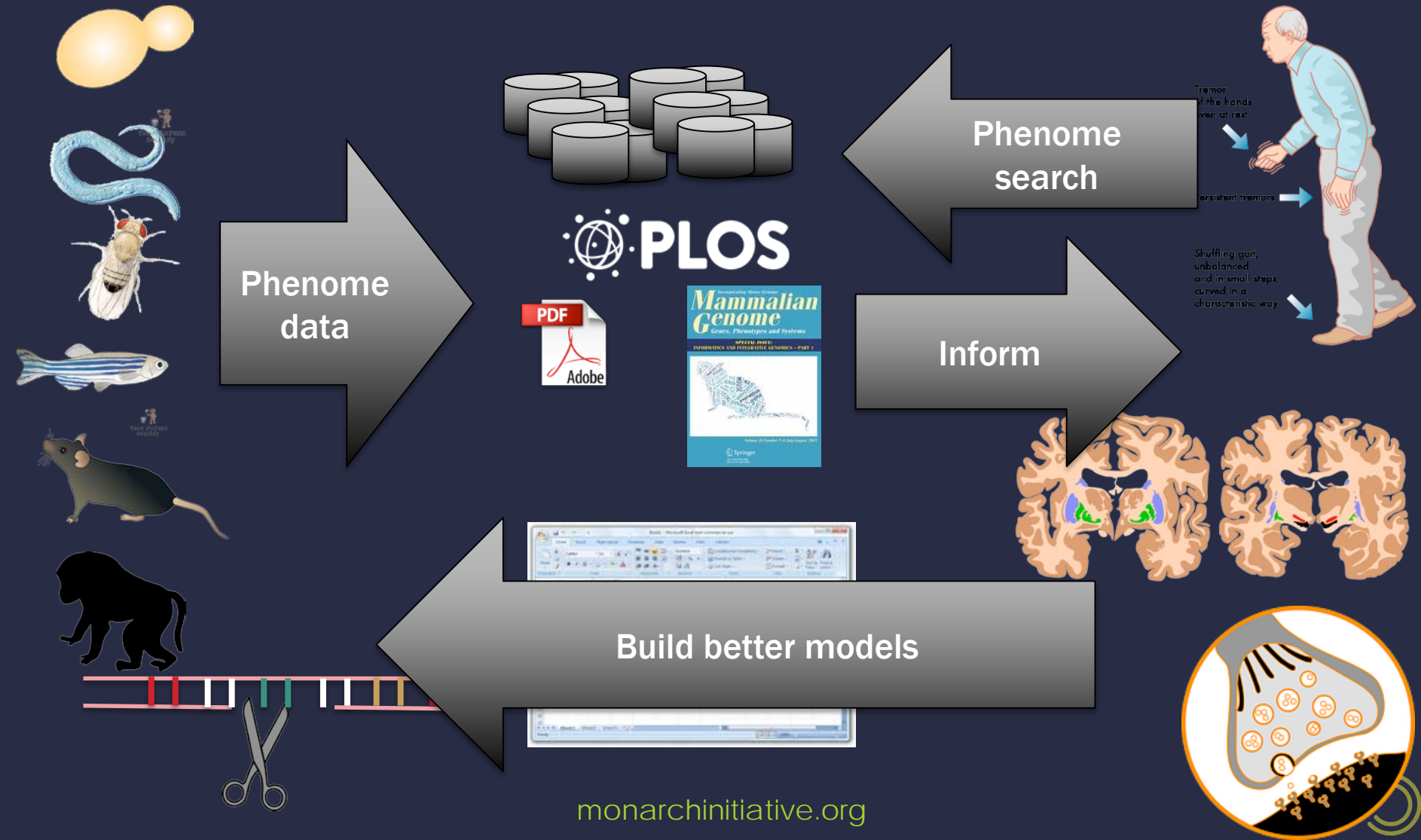
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Building a phenomic knowledge base



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Shared genes, shared biology



Function

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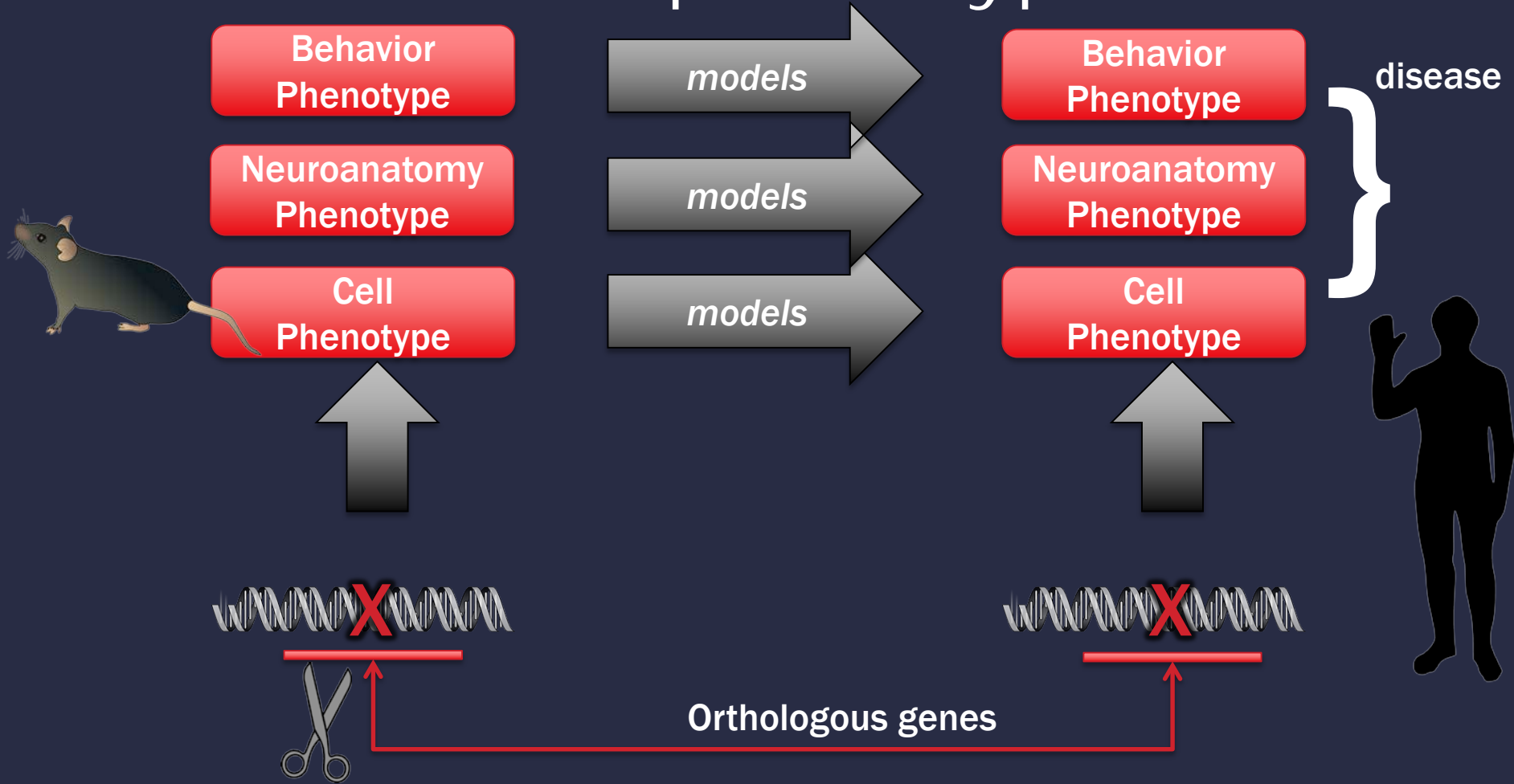
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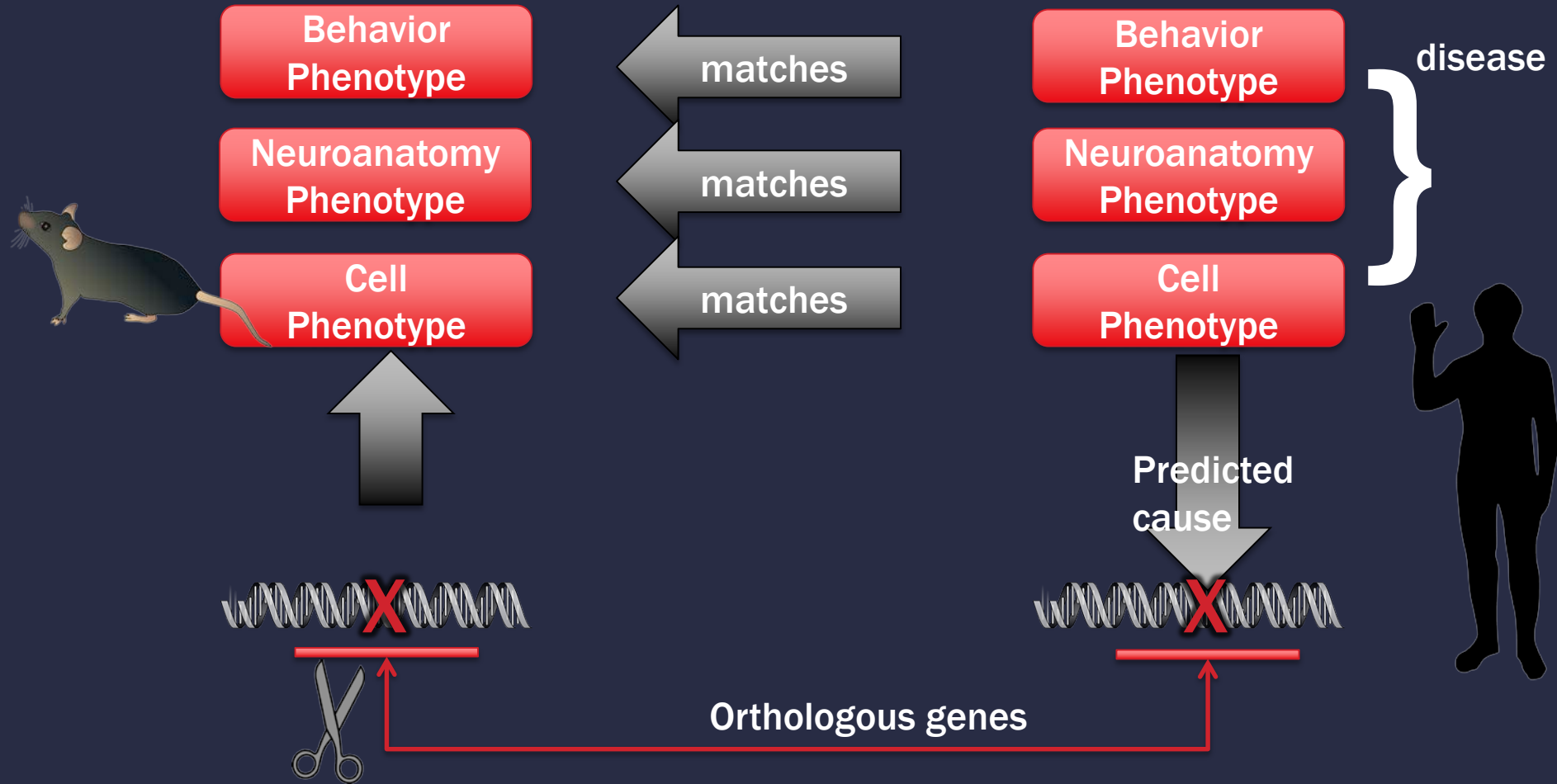
Orthologous genes



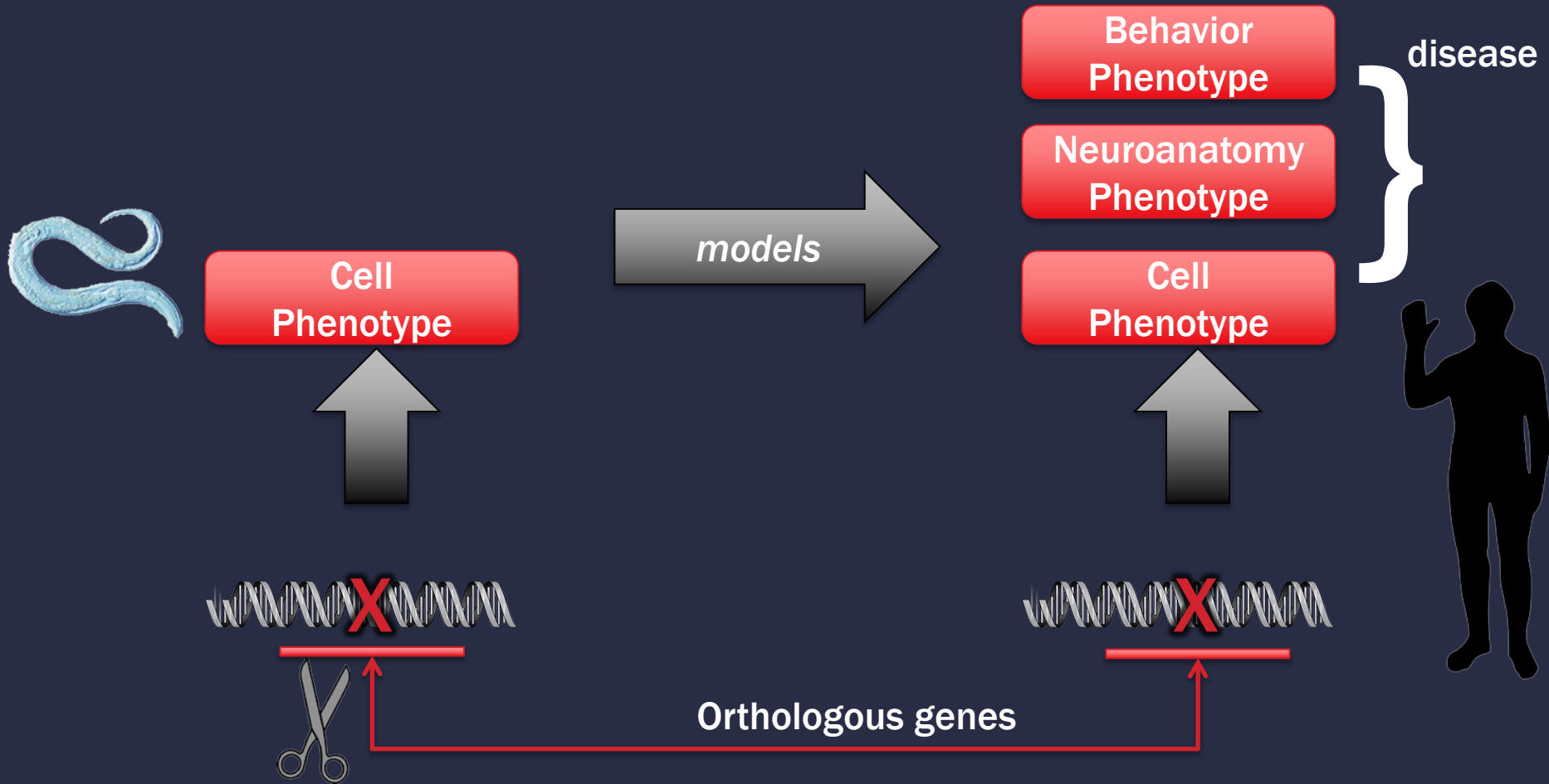
Model mutants recapitulate disease phenotypes



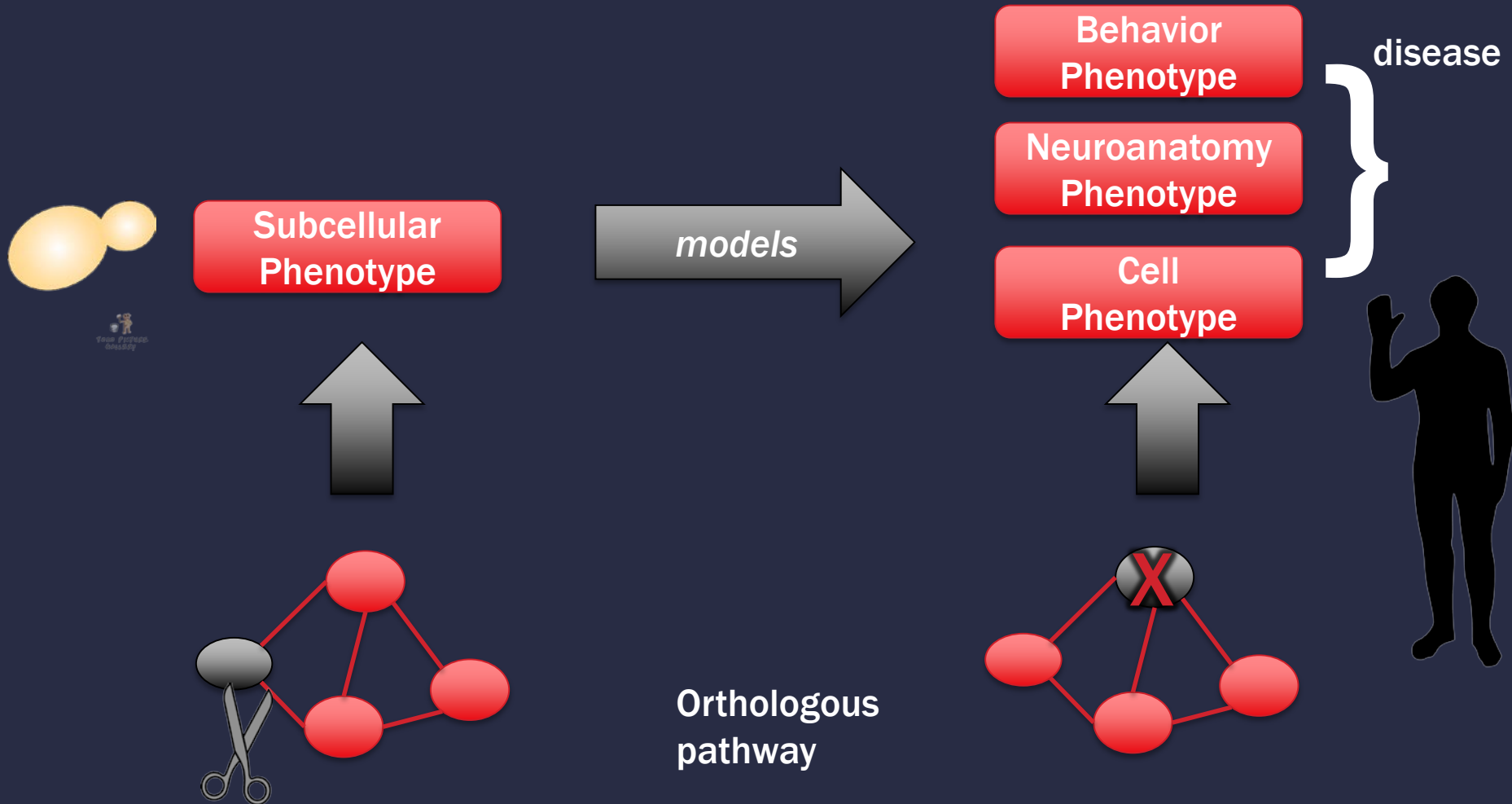
Phenotype matching to find gene candidates



Different models for different aspects



Deep homology of phenotypes



Can we quantify?



Abnormal Phenotype

What features?

Abnormal Phenotype

Abnormal Phenotype

Abnormal Phenotype

disease



How good a model?



How do we get to precision comparative phenomics?

Sequence Similarity

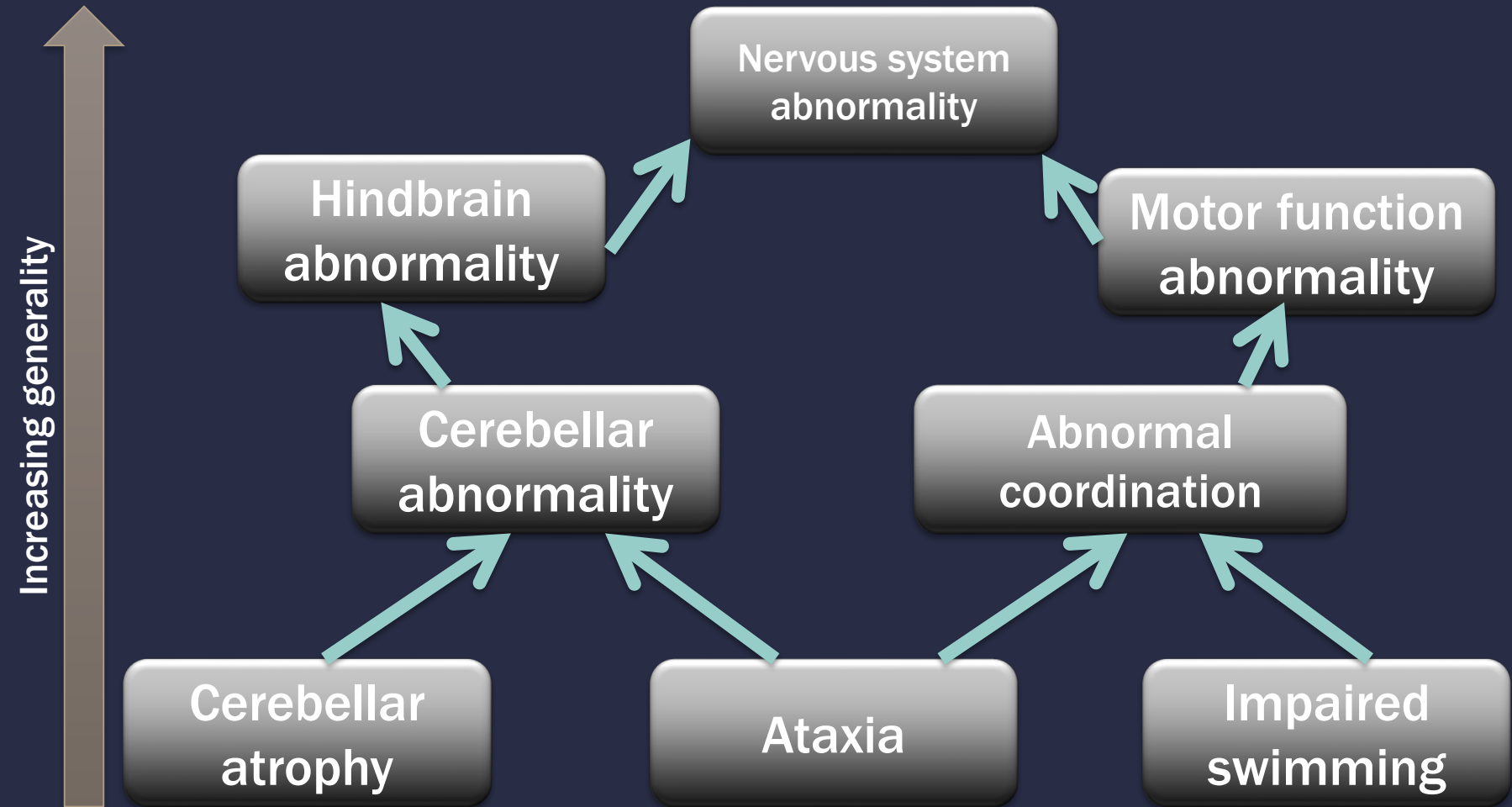
- Increase in data
 - Sanger->NGS
- Enabled bioinformatics revolution
 - Search genome databases
- Edit distance is quantifiable
- Unifying model of molecular evolution

Phenotype Similarity

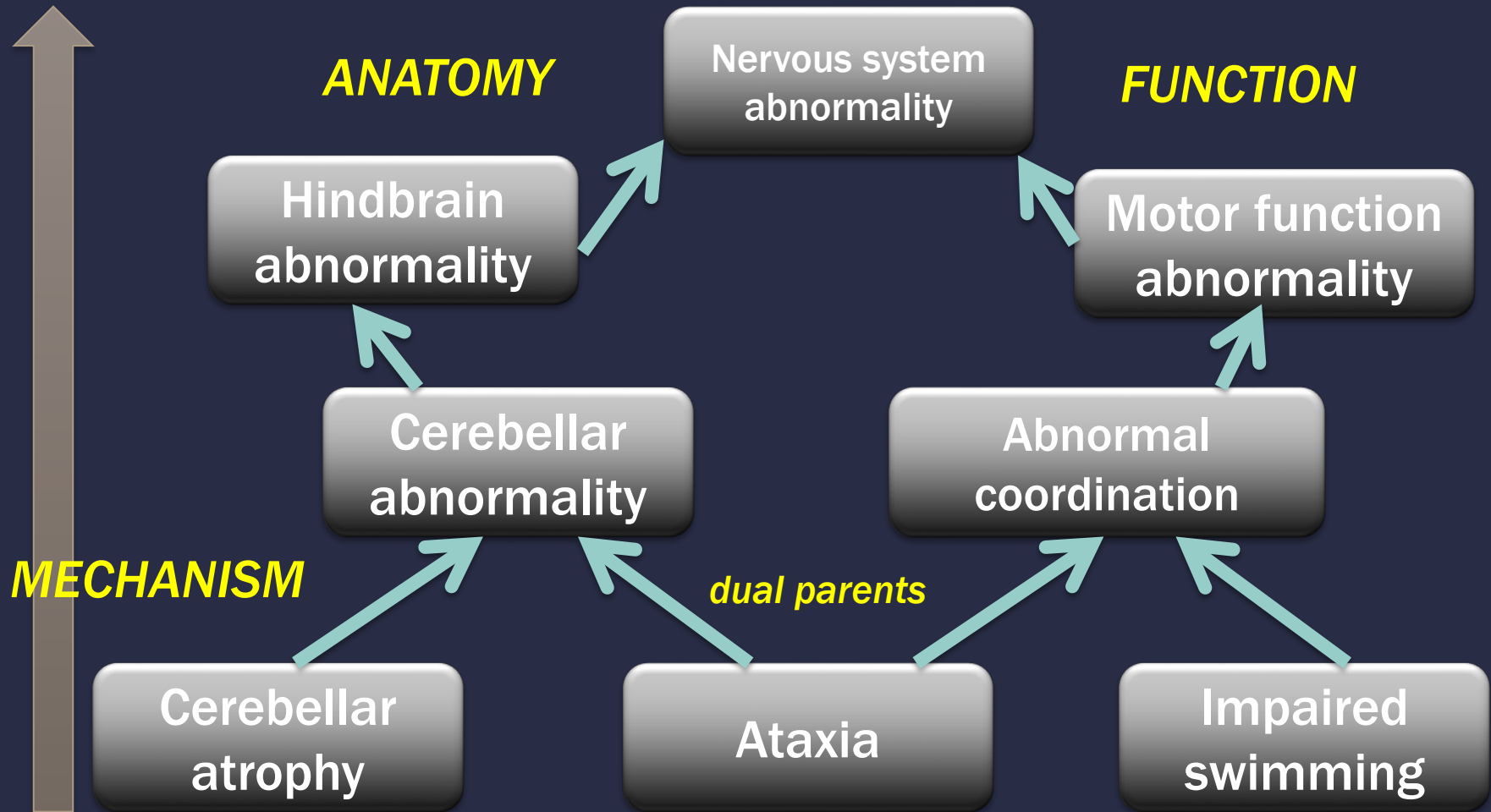
- Increase in data
 - Knockouts->CRISPR
- **Potential** to revolutionize
 - Search phenome databases
- Quantifying distance is **complex**
- **Single unifying model is elusive**



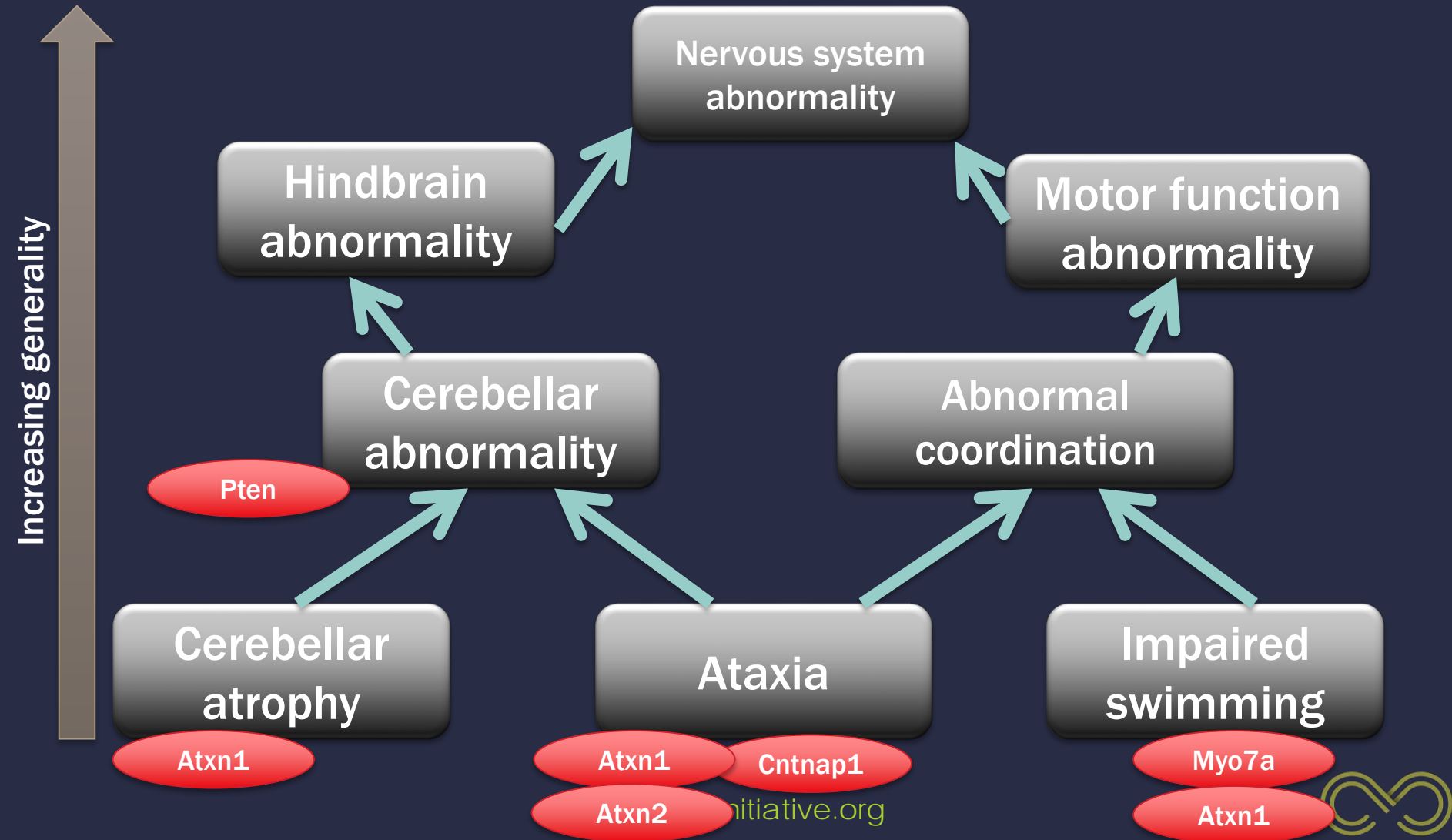
Classifying phenotypes in a graph



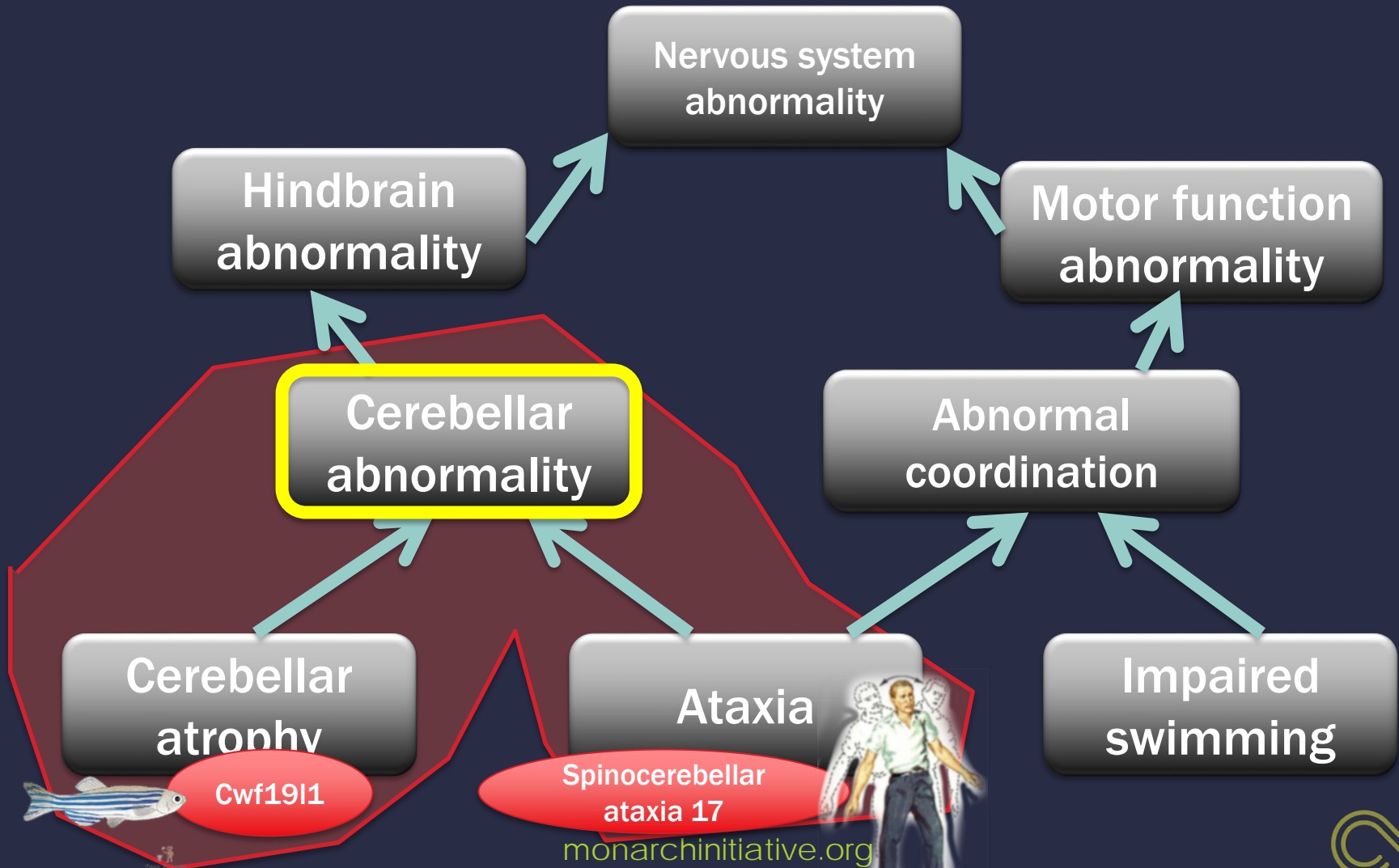
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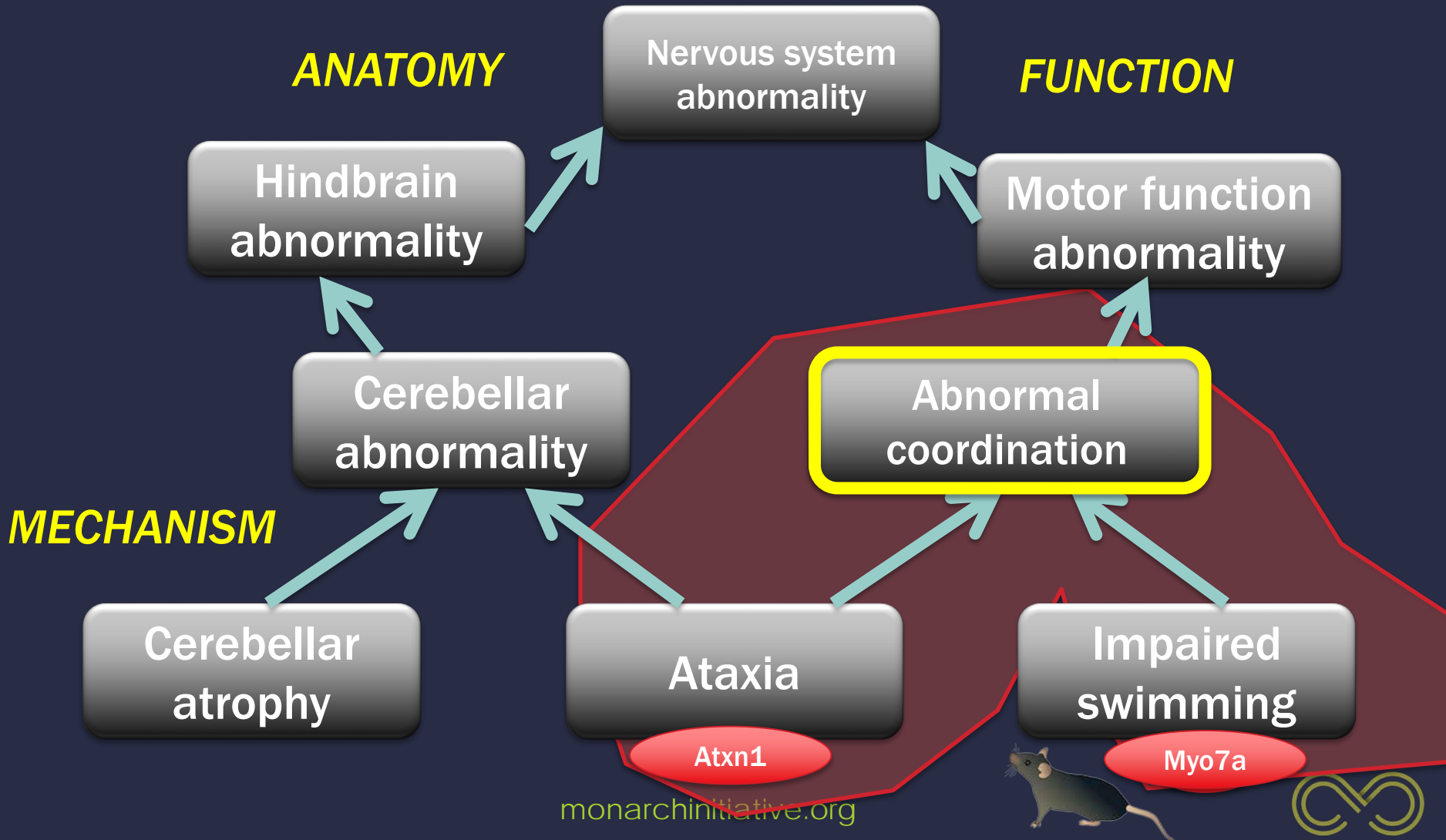
Classifying genomic entities



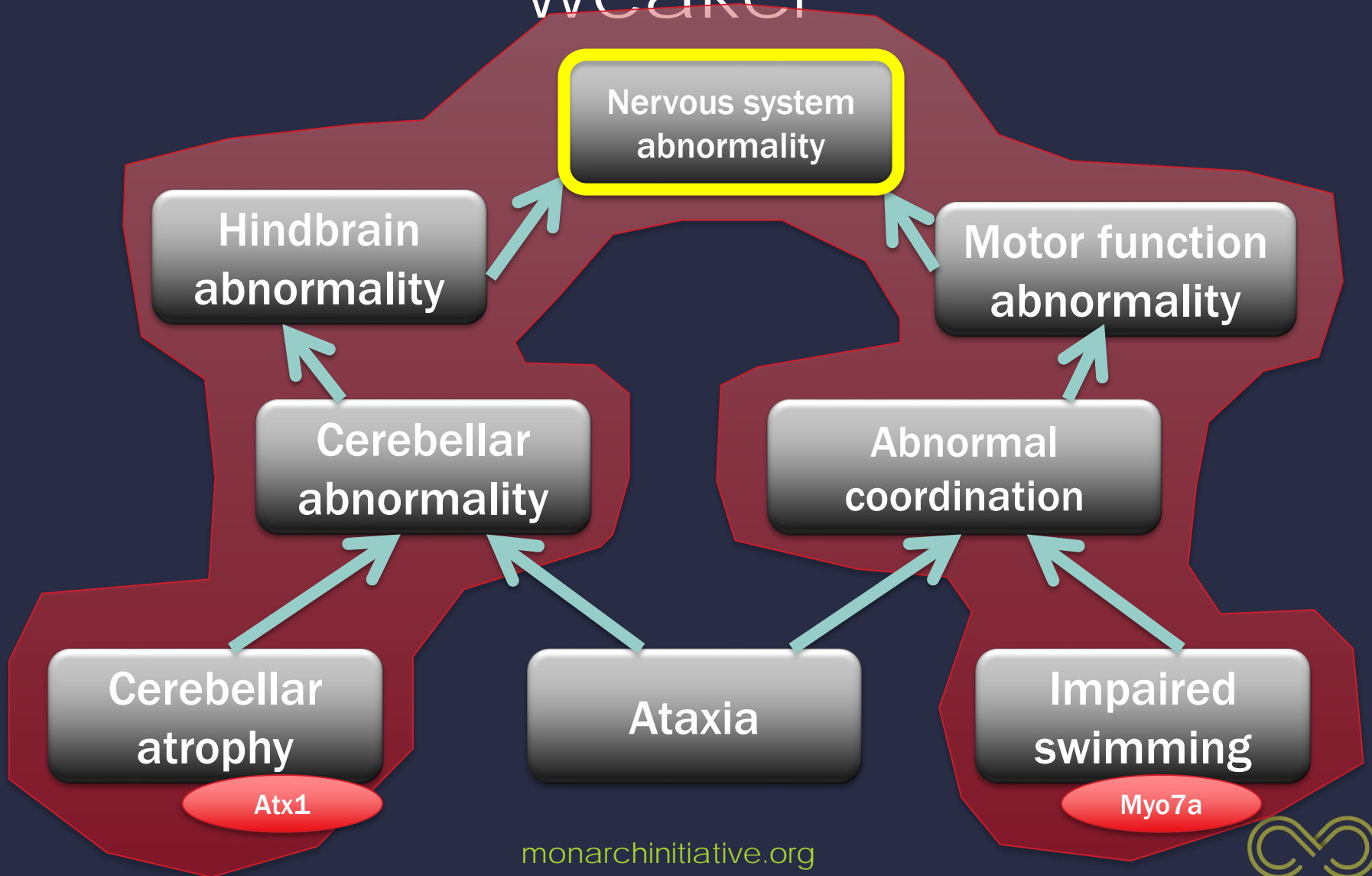
Graph-based similarity



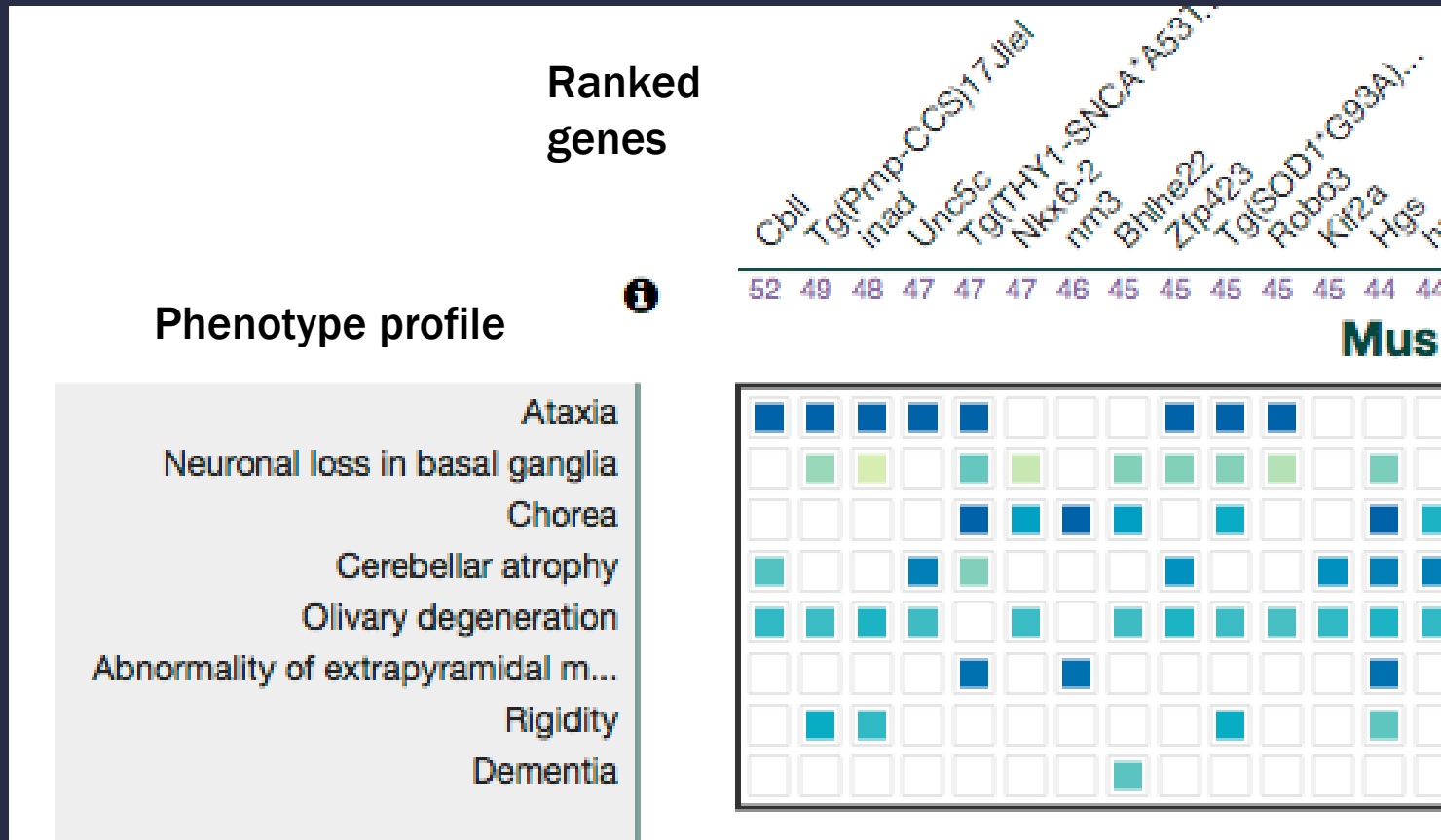
Similarity based on different criteria



Less specific matches are weaker



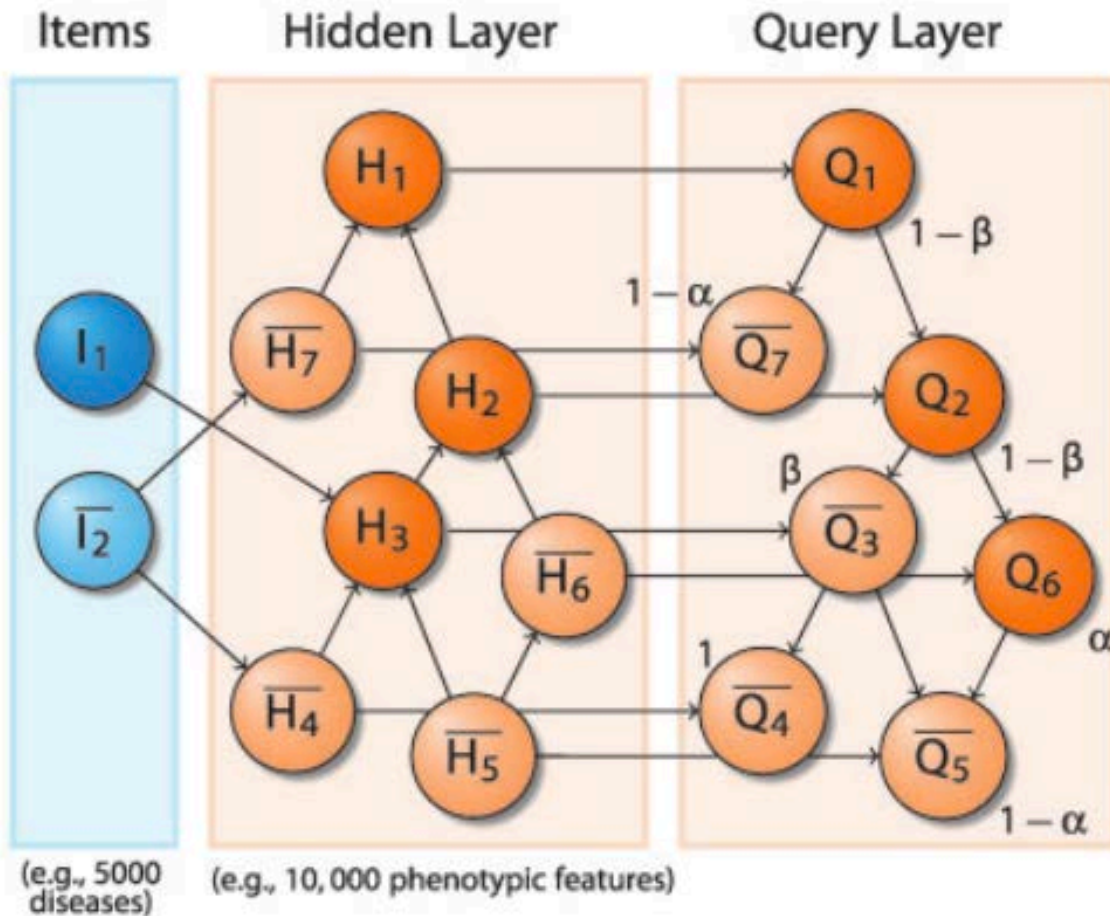
Multiple phenotypes can be compared at once



<http://monarchinitiative.org/analyze/phenotypes>



Probabilistic approaches

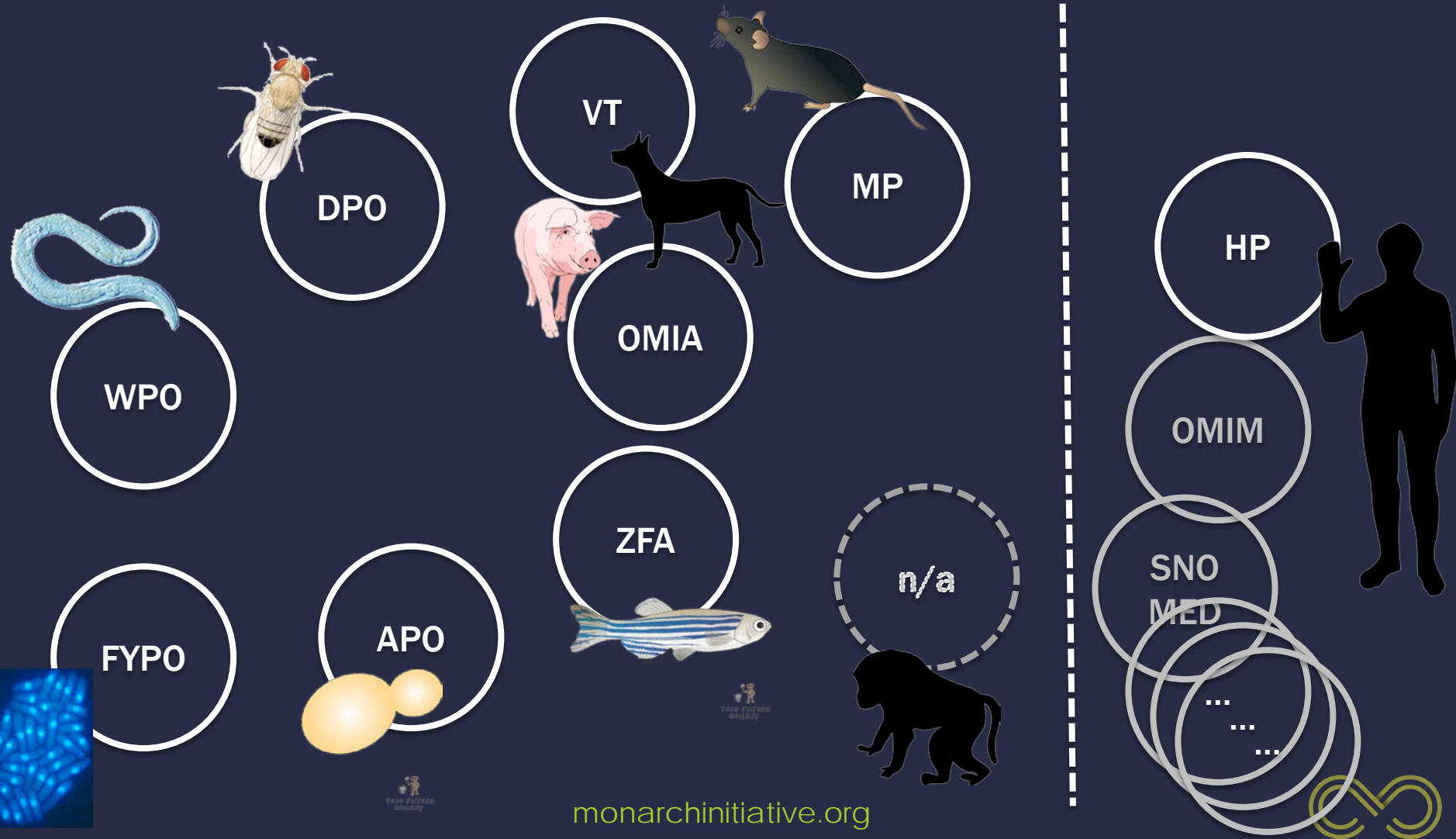


Explicit modeling of unobserved data

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Challenge: multiple phenotype ontologies and terminologies



Helping machines understand phenotype terms

Human phenotype

“Degeneration of substantia nigra pars compacta”



I have absolutely no idea what that means



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Decomposition of complex concepts

Human phenotype

“Degeneration of
substantia nigra
pars compacta”

=

PATO

degeneration

Uberon

+

Substantia nigra
pars compacta

Species neutral ontologies, homologous concepts



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Matching using subconcepts

Human phenotype

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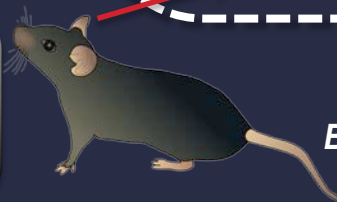
degeneration

Uberon

+

Substantia nigra
pas compacta

“abnormal SN
pars compacta
morphology”



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Source:



Anatomical homology

Human phenotype

“Degeneration of
substantia nigra
pars compacta”

=

PATO

degeneration

Uberon

+

Substantia nigra
pars compacta

Homologous to

Caudal
tuberculum
(teleost)


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Cellular ontologies

Human phenotype

“Degeneration of substantia nigra pars compacta”

=

PATO

degeneration

has

GO

Cell death

Uberon

+

Substantia nigra
pars compacta

has

Cell type

Dopamine
neuron

Caudal
tuberculum



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Monarch Ontology

- Integrates
 - Phenotypes
 - Diseases
 - DO, Orphanet, OMIM,
 - Species-neutral ontologies
 - Anatomy
 - GO
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<https://github.com/monarch-initiative/monarch-ontology/>

Köhler, S., Doelken, S. C., Ruef, B. J., Bauer, S., Washington, N., Westerfield, M., ... Mungall, C. J. (2013). Construction and accessibility of a cross-species phenotype ontology along with gene annotations for biomedical research. *F1000Research*, 1–12. doi:10.3410/f1000research.2-30.v1





Phenotype: Abnormality of the cerebellum

Your feedback welcome!

Overview

Disease (790)

Genes (2294)

Genotypes (1373)

Models (0)

Variants (8480)

Pathways (0)

Filter results

No current user filters.

Species

- Mus musculus (3555) + -
- Homo sapiens (3289) + -
- Danio rerio (133) + -

Total: 7020; showing: 1-10

Results count

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TSV

Gene	Species	Relationship	Phenotype	Evidence type	Reference	Source
Ataxin 3	Homo sapiens	inferred	Cerebellar atrophy	evidence used in automatic assertion sequencing assay evidence	OMIM:109150	
ATXN3	Homo sapiens	inferred	Cerebellar atrophy	evidence used in automatic assertion imaging assay evidence immunoprecipitation evidence	PMID:16194547 OMIM:109150 more...	
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F-Box and Leucine-Rich Repeat Protein 4	Homo sapiens	inferred	Cerebellar atrophy	evidence used in automatic assertion sequencing assay evidence	OMIM:615471	
FBXL4	Homo sapiens	inferred	Cerebellar atrophy	evidence used in automatic assertion	OMIM:615471	
Transmembrane Protein 240	Homo sapiens	inferred	Cerebellar atrophy	sequencing assay evidence evidence used in automatic assertion	OMIM:607454	

<http://.monarchinitiative.org/phenotype/HP:0001317>



Network approaches for deep phenotype matching

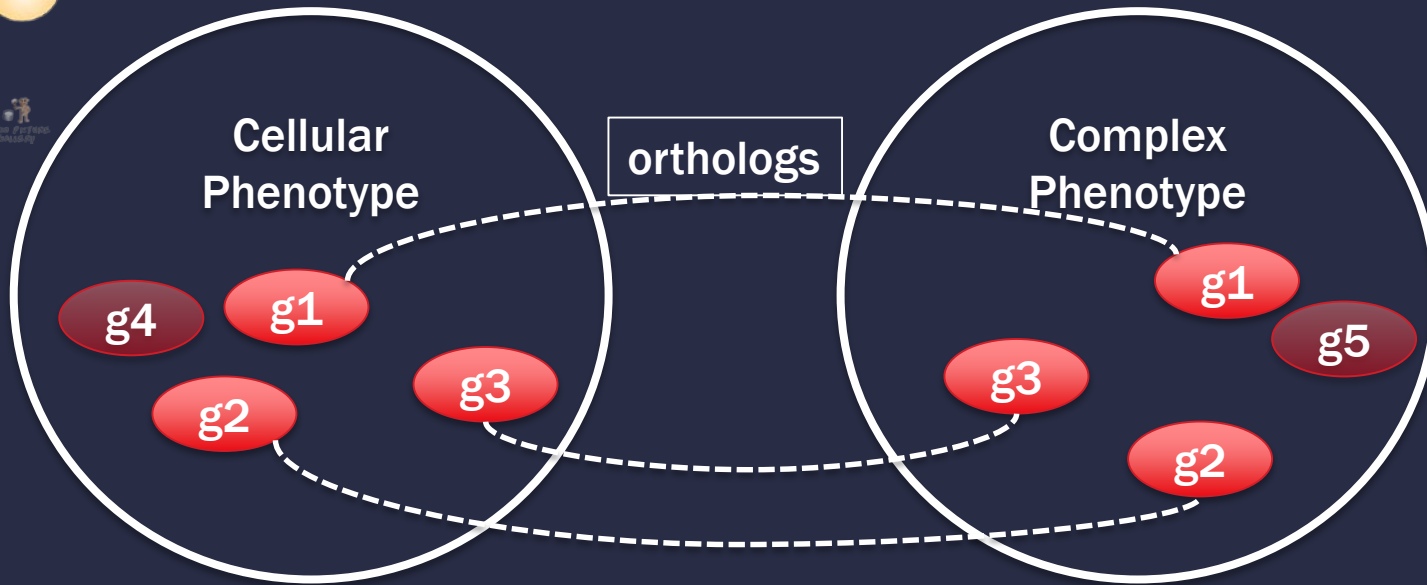


**Cellular
Phenotype**

**Complex
Phenotype**



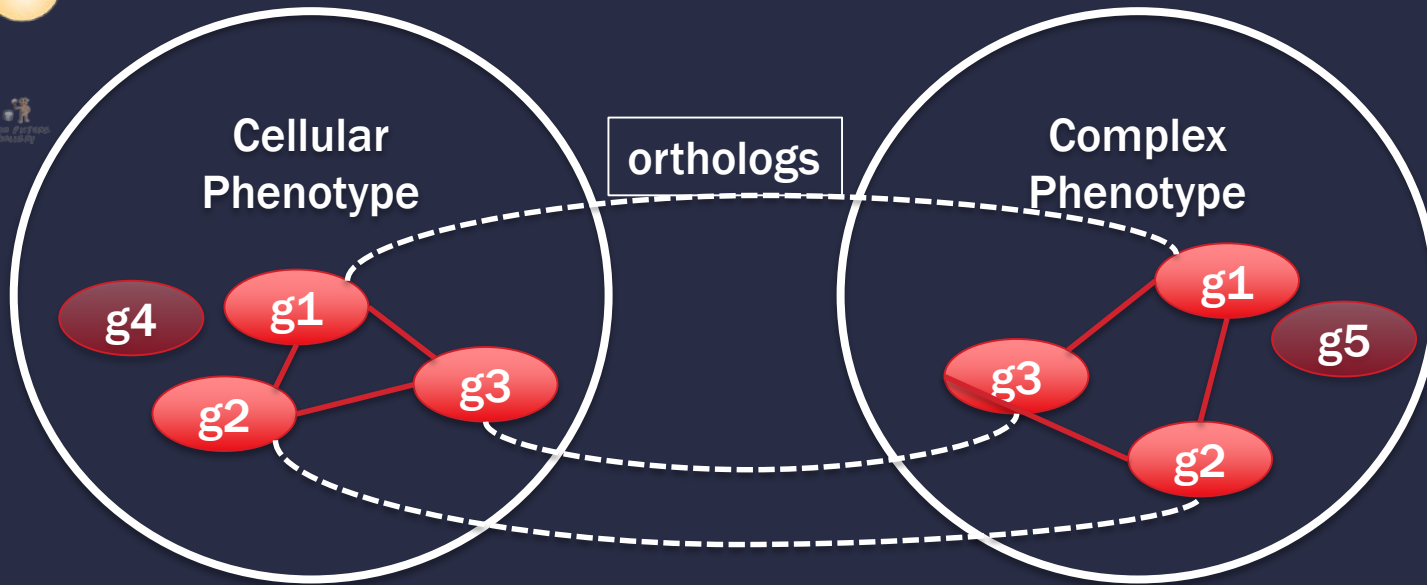
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Distant phenotypes that involve the same genes



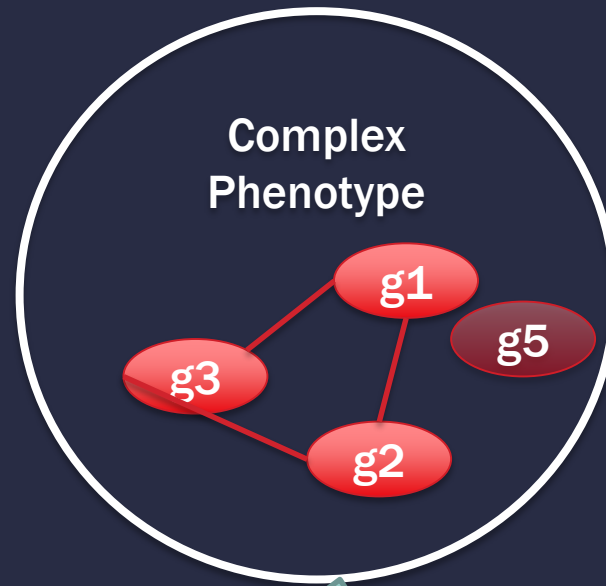
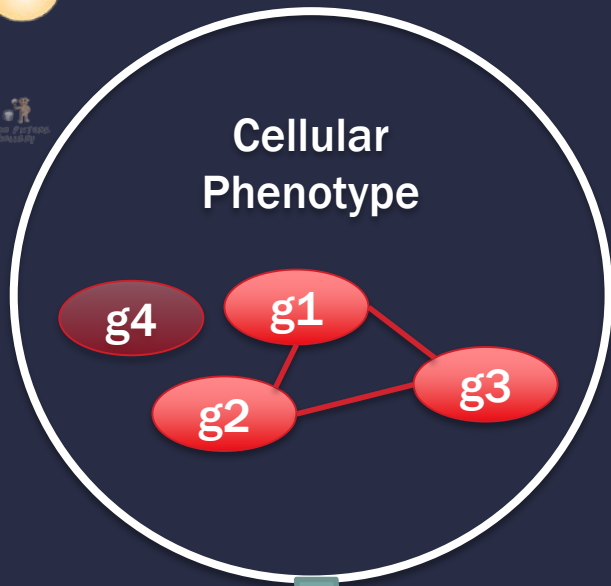
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*Distant phenotypes that involve the same genes,
Similar interaction patterns*



Network approaches for deep phenotype matching



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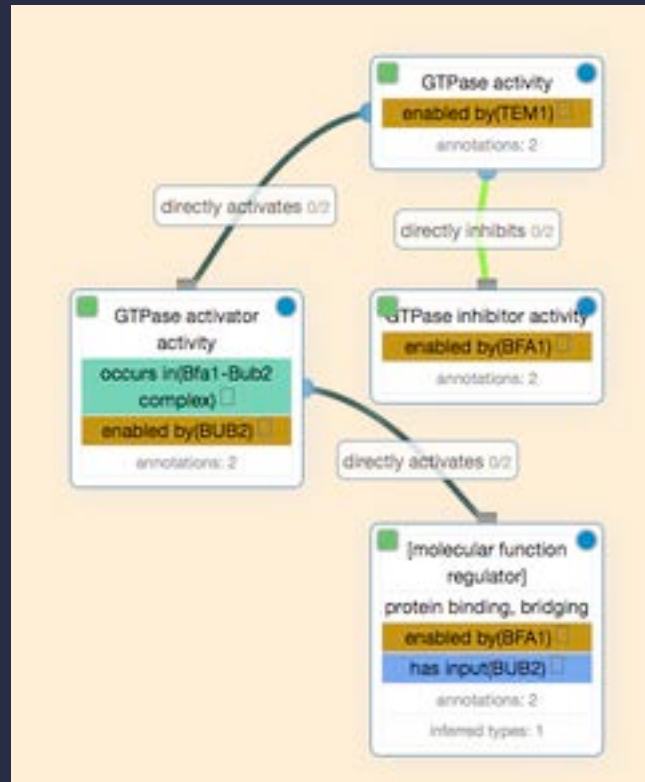


Next Steps

- Joint genome-phenome comparisons
 - Use in the clinic
 - Exomes to genomes
- Probabilistic modeling
 - evolutionary models of phenotypic change
 - Incorporation of negation uncertainty
- Ontologies to causal models
 - From genotype-phenotype associations
 - To temporal and causal models of phenotype progression



Next generation phenomic curation



<http://create.monarchinitiative.org>

<http://noctua.berkeleybop.org>



What we need

- Pan-species approach
 - Comparative phenomics perspective
 - Enable collaboration
 - Easy to integrate new organisms
- Ramp up knowledge curation
 - Provide support for expert curators
 - Develop tools to enhance efficiency
 - Use open standards
- Integrated phenotype curation
 - Ontology
 - Genotype-phenotype curation
 - Causal networks



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