



# Mouse Phenomics in Australia September 2011

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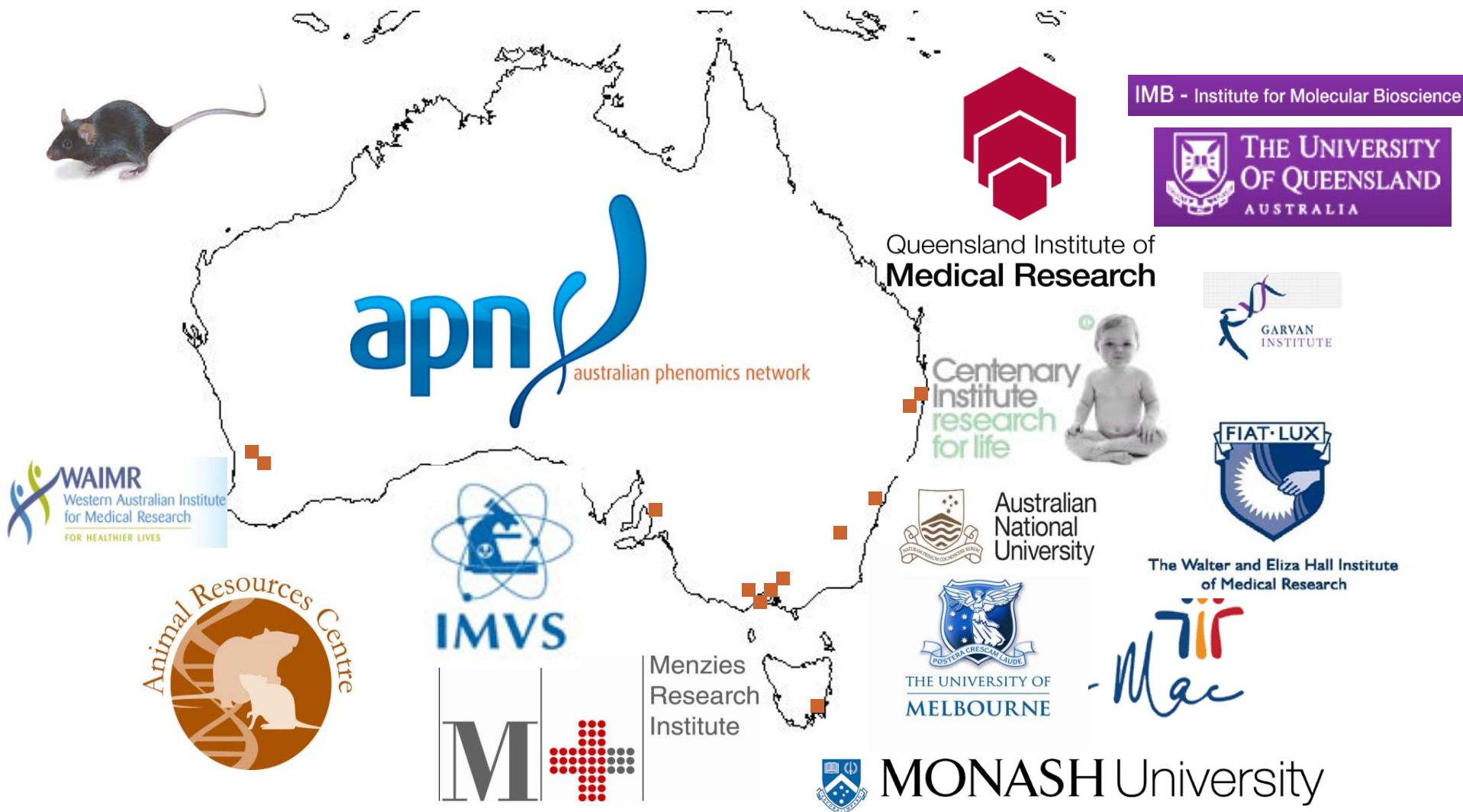
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- **APN Services**
- **Phenotyping**
- **The Missense Mouse Project**
- **Other APN Activities**
- **Possible Interactions with IMPC**

# Nationally Funded Research Infrastructure 2006 - 2009 - 2013

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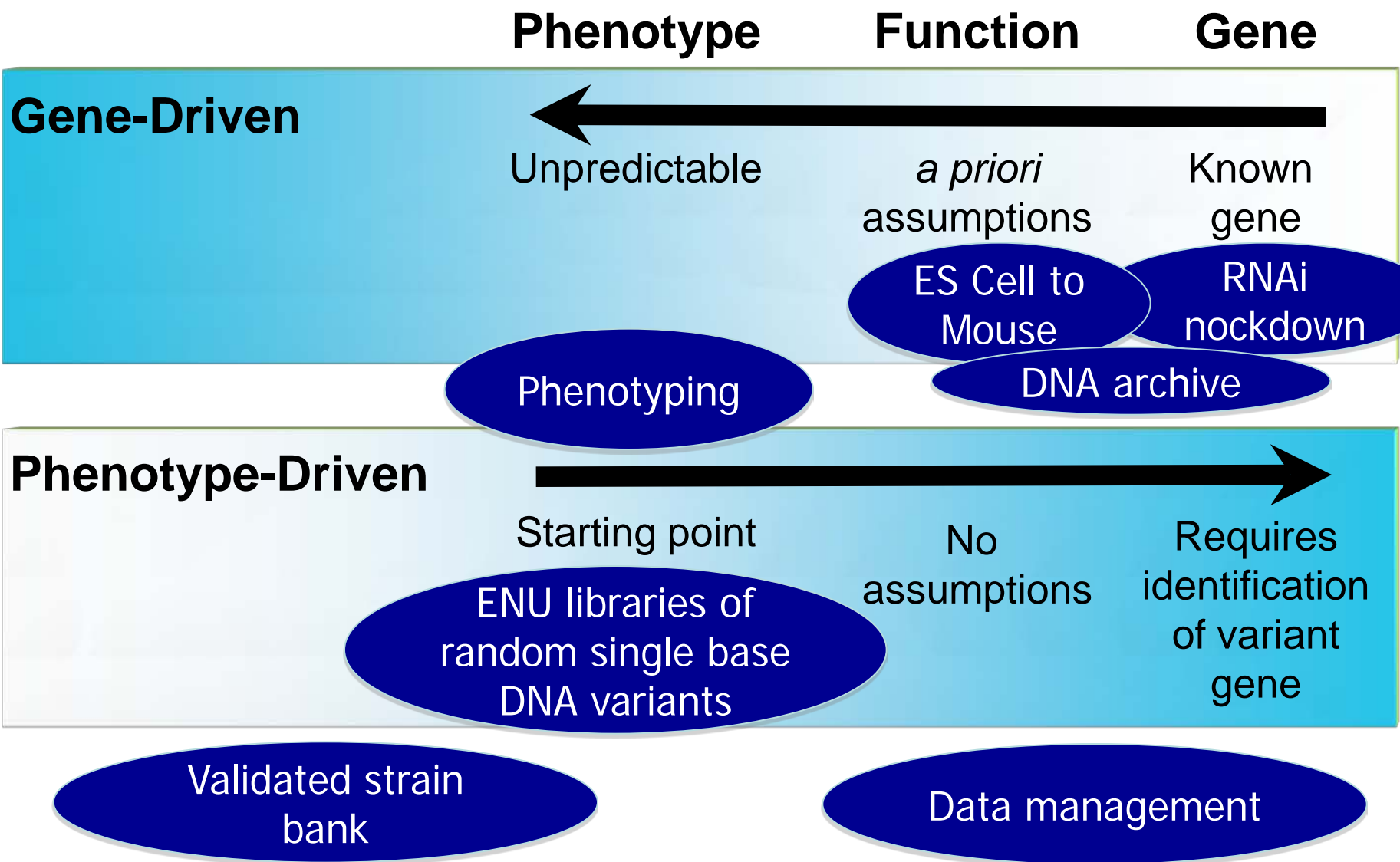


**An Australian Government Initiative**  
**National Collaborative Research  
Infrastructure Strategy**

**\$35M Australian and State government investment**  
**+**  
**\$11.5M institution and other cash**  
**+**  
**\$27M in-kind**

# Mouse Phenomics Services: a one-stop shop

Mouse phenomics services. A one-stop shop



# CREATION - ENU Variant Collection



The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute  
of Medical Research



Queensland Institute of  
Medical Research



Menzies  
Research  
Institute



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**ENU Variant Collection**

***Chemically-induced Mouse Models***



# CREATION - ES Cell to Mouse



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## ES Cell to Mouse

Create a mouse model from embryonic stem cells

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### Overview

The ability to genetically modify mice is a powerful tool used in basic and applied research with many applications to the study of gene function and human disease. There is currently a world-wide initiative to knock out every gene in the mouse genome and have these knock out embryonic stem cells available for researchers across the world.

Once phenotyped, these mouse models will provide invaluable insights into human gene function with wide-ranging clinical implications, including better understanding of diseases and discovering gene targets for therapeutic agents.



### What Does the Service Do?

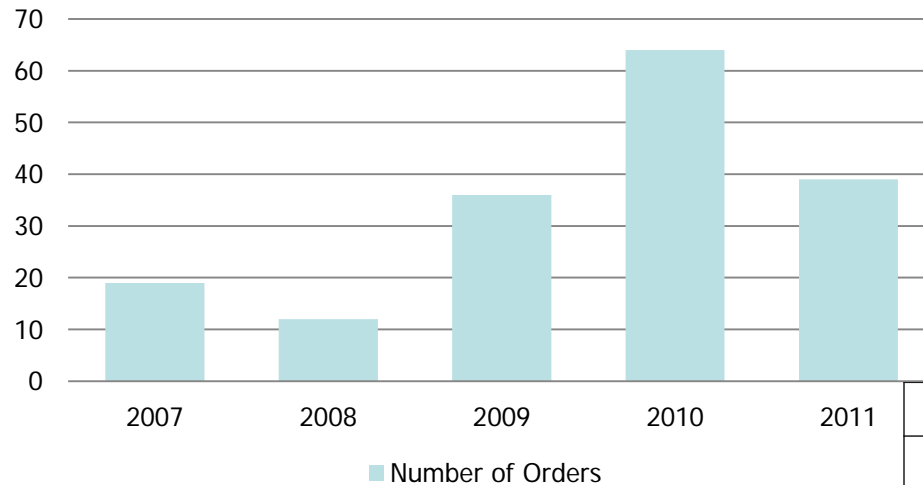
The Embryonic Stem (ES) Cell to Mouse service, provided through Monash University, Melbourne, provides ready access to the global initiative to systematically inactivate every mouse gene and generate conditional gene-target and/or gene-trap mouse models for all 20,000+ genes in the mouse genome.



MONASH University

# CREATION - ES Cell to Mouse

## APN ES Cell Orders



\* 1 July to 27 Sept

## Clones (ordered/on order)

Repository	# clones
CMHD/CMMR	6
EUCOMM	104
GGTC	7
KOMP	92
MMRRC	27
TIGM	13
Sanger directly	20
RNAi	18
User Provided	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>297*</b>

\* for 123 genes



# CREATION - Cell-based Screening and Inducible Models



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## RNAi

*Screen full genomes to identify novel gene targets*

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**NEW EVENT:** Find out about the 2nd Australian RNAi Global Initiative Symposium here!

## A. Cell-based Pipeline

Screening of libraries of gene knockdown sequences in tissue culture

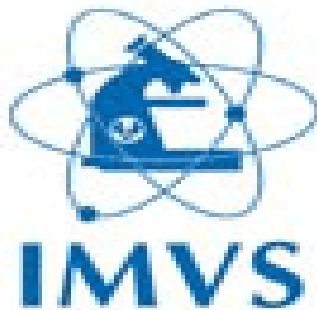
1. Genome scale and boutique collections of short hairpin RNAs (shRNA)  
stable, long term, colony formation, long-term drug response
2. Genome scale libraries of small interfering RNAs (siRNA)  
transient knockdown (72 to 96 hour post transfection)

## B. Inducible shRNA Transgenic Pipeline

Production of mouse strains in which genes identified in the cell-based pipeline (or by other means) can be rendered inactive in a regulated manner at a specific time or in a specific cell type



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## Pathology

*Investigate mouse models using clinical and histopathology*

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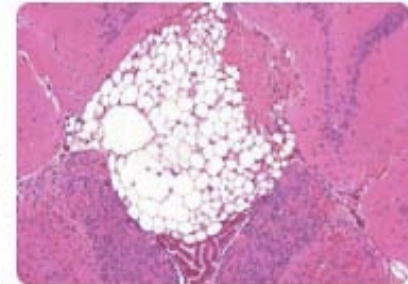
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### APN Histopathology, Organ Pathology & Clinical Phenotyping

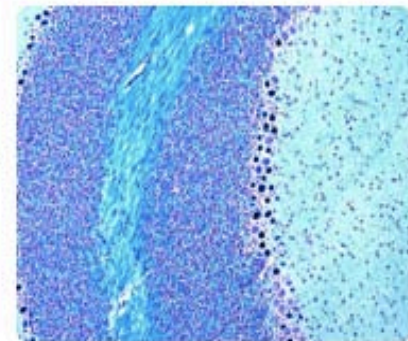
When creating mouse models, many changes to phenotype remain unidentified without further investigations. The APN Histopathology & Organ Pathology, and Clinical Pathology services offer Australian researchers the opportunity to understand their mouse model's phenotype more deeply by providing expert analysis of organs, tissues and blood.



### Histopathology & Organ Pathology

The APN Histopathology and Organ Pathology service helps researchers across Australia in whole organ and histological analysis of mouse models and mice at specific developmental stages. The service is based at the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at The University of Melbourne and through the Veterinary Service Division at the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science (IMVS) in Adelaide.

This service offers the latest in high quality capabilities including:



# CHARACTERISATION - SNP Analysis and Gene Identification



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## Genomics

*Further mouse mutant identification via new discovery pipeline*

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## Exome Sequencing and Bioinformatics Pipeline

### 1. Increased the sequence depth over the exome

- Collaboration with Nimblegen and Agilent to develop and test DNA capture kits for the mouse genome
- DNA sequencing on Illumina platform

### 2. Developed an efficient analysis pipeline

- Existing alignment and SNV software tools
- Unique tools developed by the APN
- Exploit unique characteristics of ENU in inbred mice

## RESULT

- A sequence analysis strategy that reduces the rate of false positive calls by several orders of magnitude such that the majority identified are true breeding, protein-changing DNA variants
- Causative variant ID down from 2-4 yrs -> less than 6 months

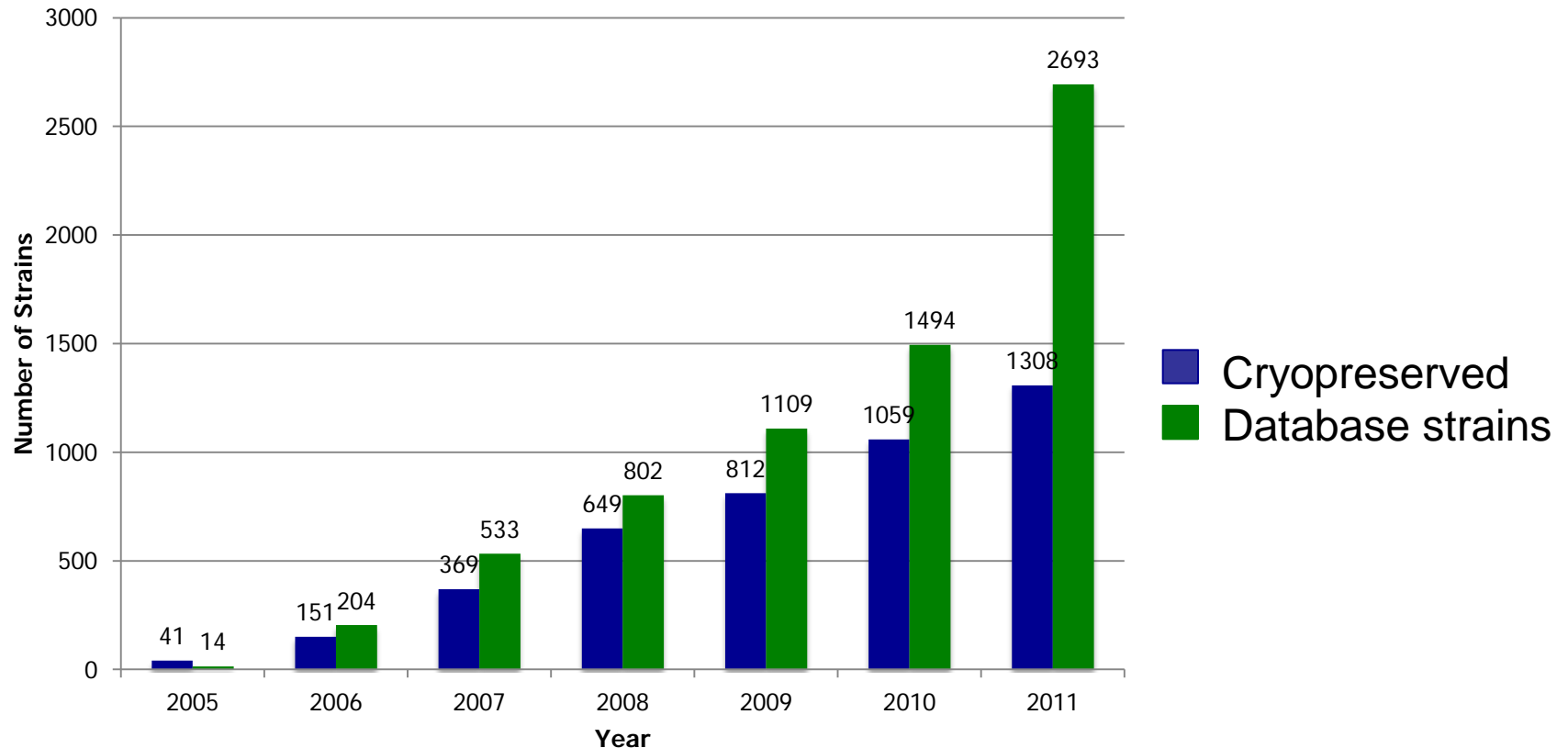
# CURATION - Australian Phenome Bank



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## Australian Phenome Bank



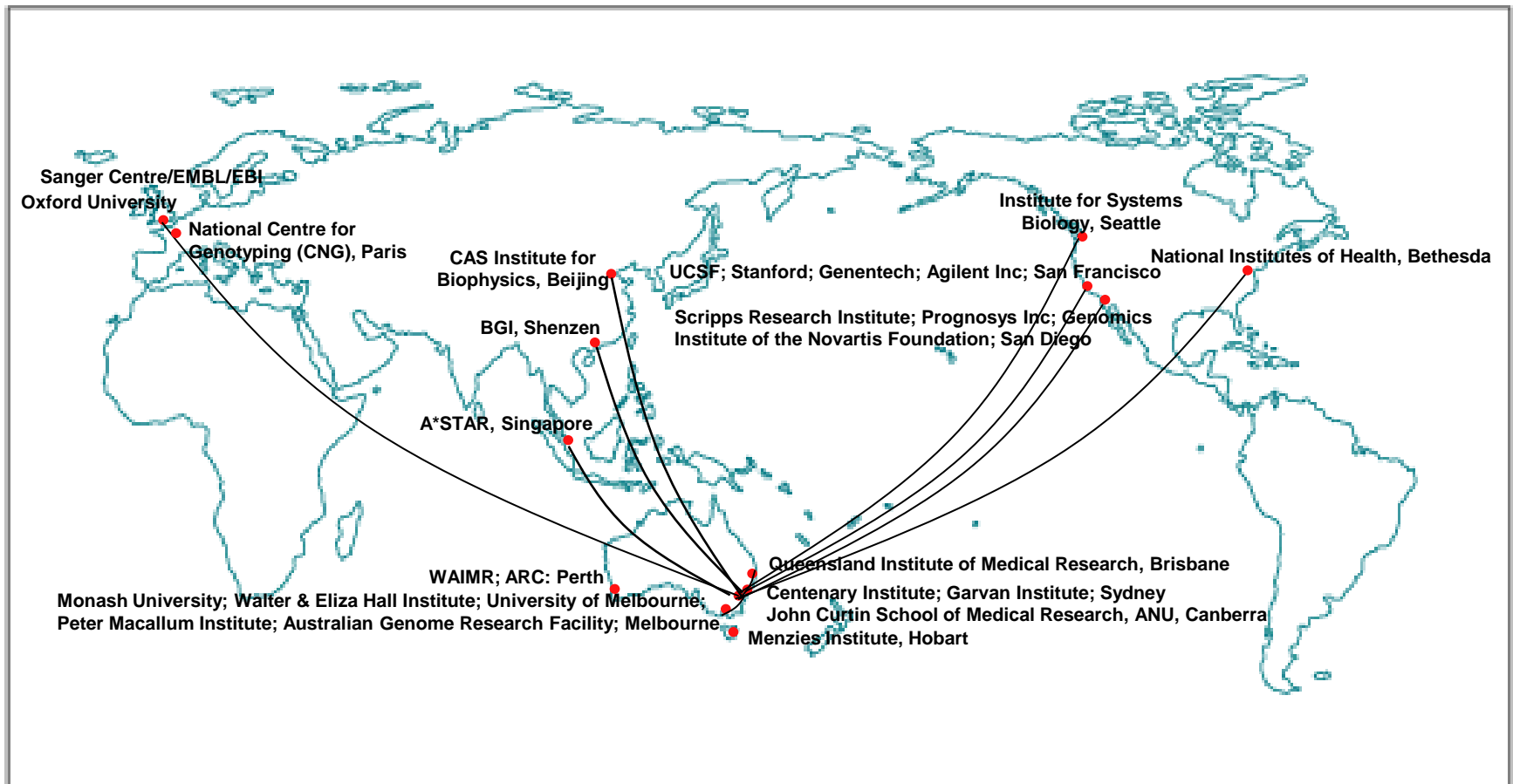
Sperm Cryopreservation conducted at ANU and Monash University

Sperm and Embryo cryopreservation conducted at Animal Resources Centre, Perth



# Partnerships

## The Australian Phenomics Facility & Network: Partnering with world-class teams to discover body processes and new strategies to counter disease



- Immunogenomics Laboratory
- Genome Discovery Unit
- ANU Super Computer
- Mouse facilities



# Phenotyping - Spleen Screen

## Immunisation screen of G3 mice from ENU pedigrees

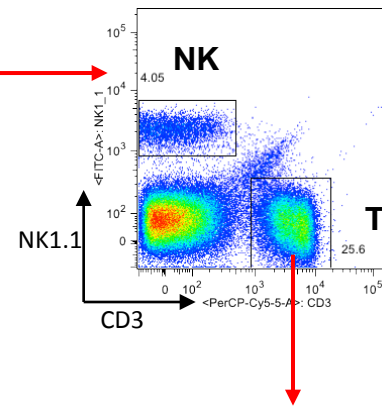
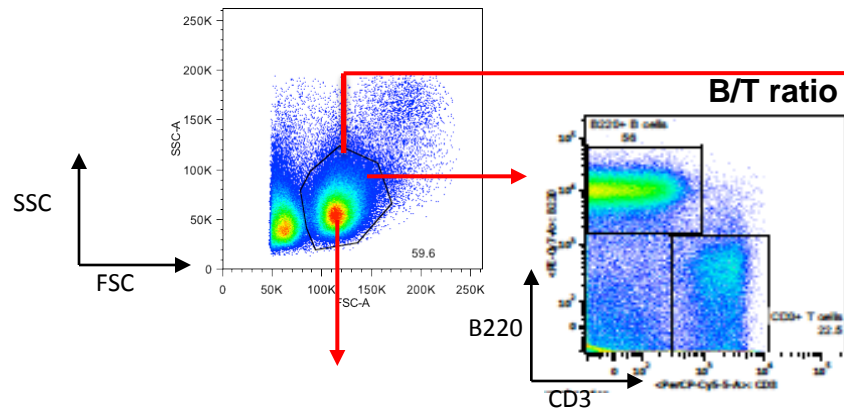


**Day 0**  
Influenza A HKx31,  
ABA-CGG and  
*B. Pertussis*

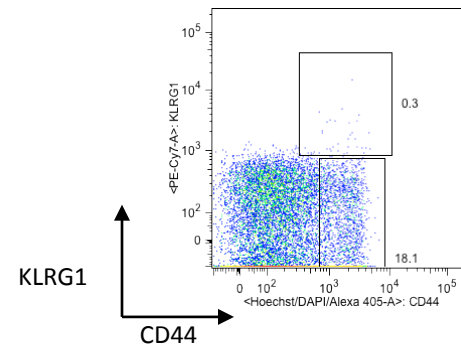
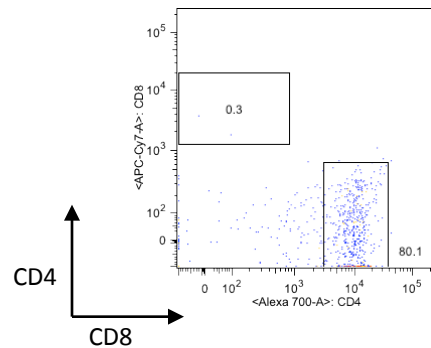
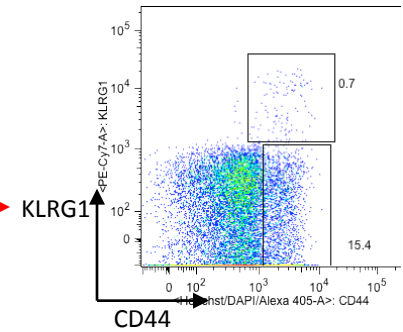
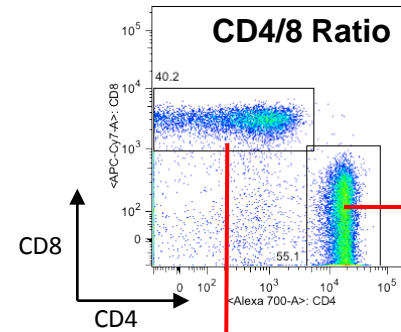
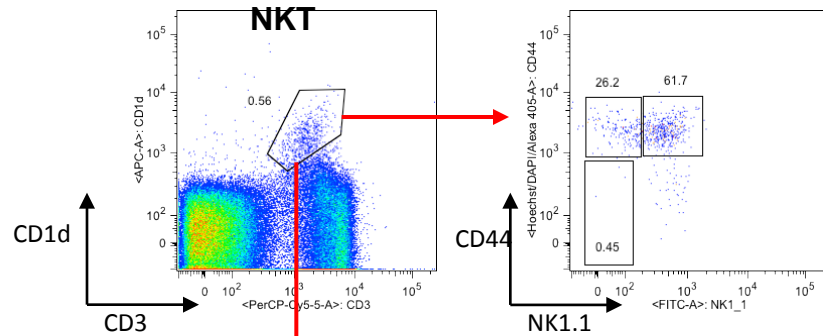
**Day 14: Screen**  
Peripheral blood  
FACS screen and  
serum collection

**Day 21:Screen**  
Mice sacrificed  
for spleen FACS  
screen

# Spleen Screen NK/ T cell Gating Strategy

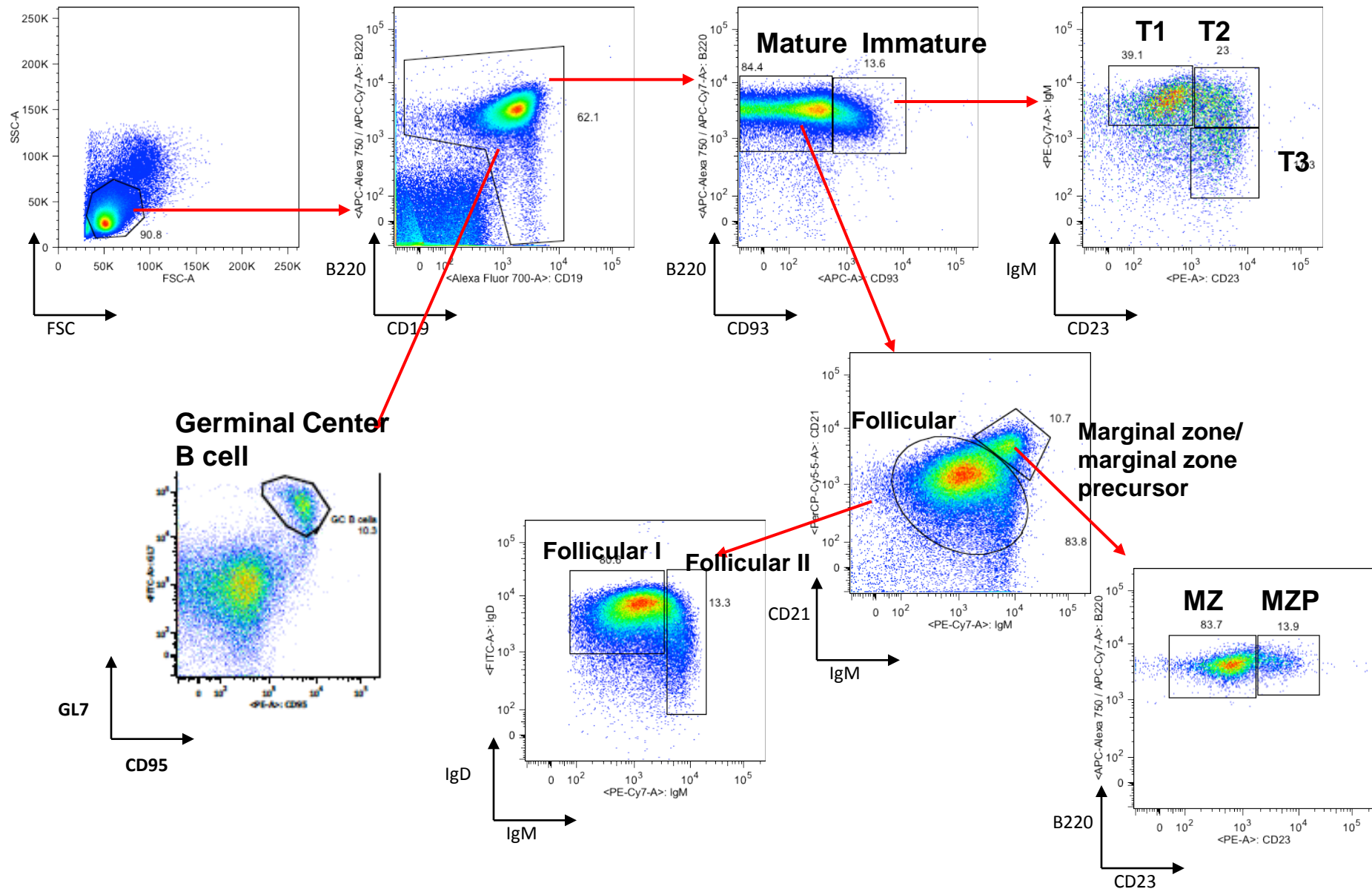


**CD4 Activation**



**CD8 Activation**

# Spleen Screen B cell Gating Strategy



## Objectives

Utilise the additional information coming from this sequencing by making available to researchers, a list of all SNVs identified in each pedigree, not just the causative variation

Sequence at G1 stage and make SNV list available early so mice can be ordered whilst still breeding

Sequence of 15-20 ENU variant pedigrees per month



## Result

By the end of 2012, the APF will have a holding catalogue of **15,000 missense SNVs** actively breeding

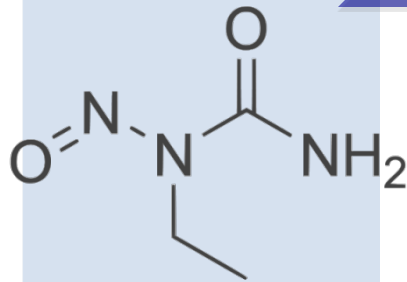


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# Other Activities - The Missense Mutation Project

Induce germ-line single nucleotide variants with ENU



Exome capture and high-throughput sequencing



Mutation detection and custom variant filtering

```
AGCTGAATTCGTCGAA  
AGCTGAATTCGTCGAA  
L--N--S--S--  
  
AGCTGATGTACTTCA  
AGCTGATGTACTTCA  
Y--M--Y--F--S--
```

Public access to annotated missense variant database



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## Objectives

- Develop systems to collect, store, analyse, annotate and share data generated by the APN/APF activities
- Ensure systems meet requirements set out by Australian government and funding agencies
- Access data from and provide data to other relevant databases
- Ensure APN systems are compatible with others in place or in development
- Work with IMPC and other international projects to minimise duplication and maximise efficiency through sharing and re-use of systems already developed and adopting, where possible, standards and protocols already in place

## Continue to support the promotion of IMPC (and IKMC) to Australian Researchers

### Secondary/Specialised Phenotyping

- Of mice generated by ES cell to mouse service for researchers (would require further funding and some changes to current MOU and MTAs)
- Of mice generated by the APN based on IMPC gene list (would require further funding)

### Collaboration on Data Management

- To allow linkage of APN data sets, eg flow cytometry and histopathology images, with IMPC data sets (at the appropriate time)

# The People of the APN

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