

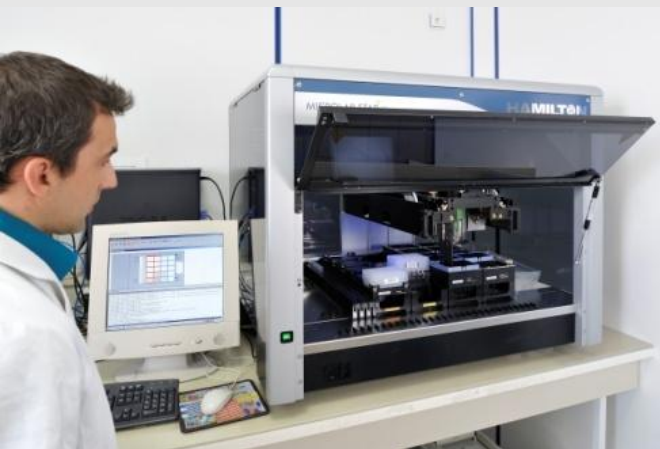


INTEGRAGEN

**TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES AND
INNOVATIONS TO IMPROVE EPILEPSY
DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT – THE ROLE
OF SMEs**

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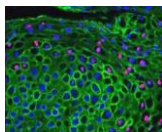
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IntegraGen Overview

IntegraGen has built a wealth of in-house expertise in the analysis of genomic data and biomarker identification, which supports all the Company's operations, spanning molecular diagnostic development and genomic services

Core Expertise

Overview



- Core expertise in clinical genomics, biomarker discovery and molecular diagnostics
- Wide ranging experience in study protocol planning, bio-informatics and analysis

Operations

Oncology Diagnostics

- Development and sale of biomarker based tests for targeted oncology therapies
- Colorectal and Hepatic Cancer tests in late stage trials
- CE mark expected by 2H 2013 for both tests

Autism Diagnostics

- Development of tests for the genetic markers of autism
- CLIA-lab test approved in the US
- Ongoing patient trial to support 2013 launch of a non-familial test with a large potential market

Genomic Services

- The expert in leading edge Genomic technology platforms
- First French commercial lab to offer a range of High Throughput Sequencing, Genotyping and Bioinformatic systems
- Advanced wet and dry lab facilities in Evry, Paris

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A SME IMPLICATED IN GENETICS OF EPILEPSY:

A SUPPORT OF RESEARCH FOR ACADEMIC LABORATORIES



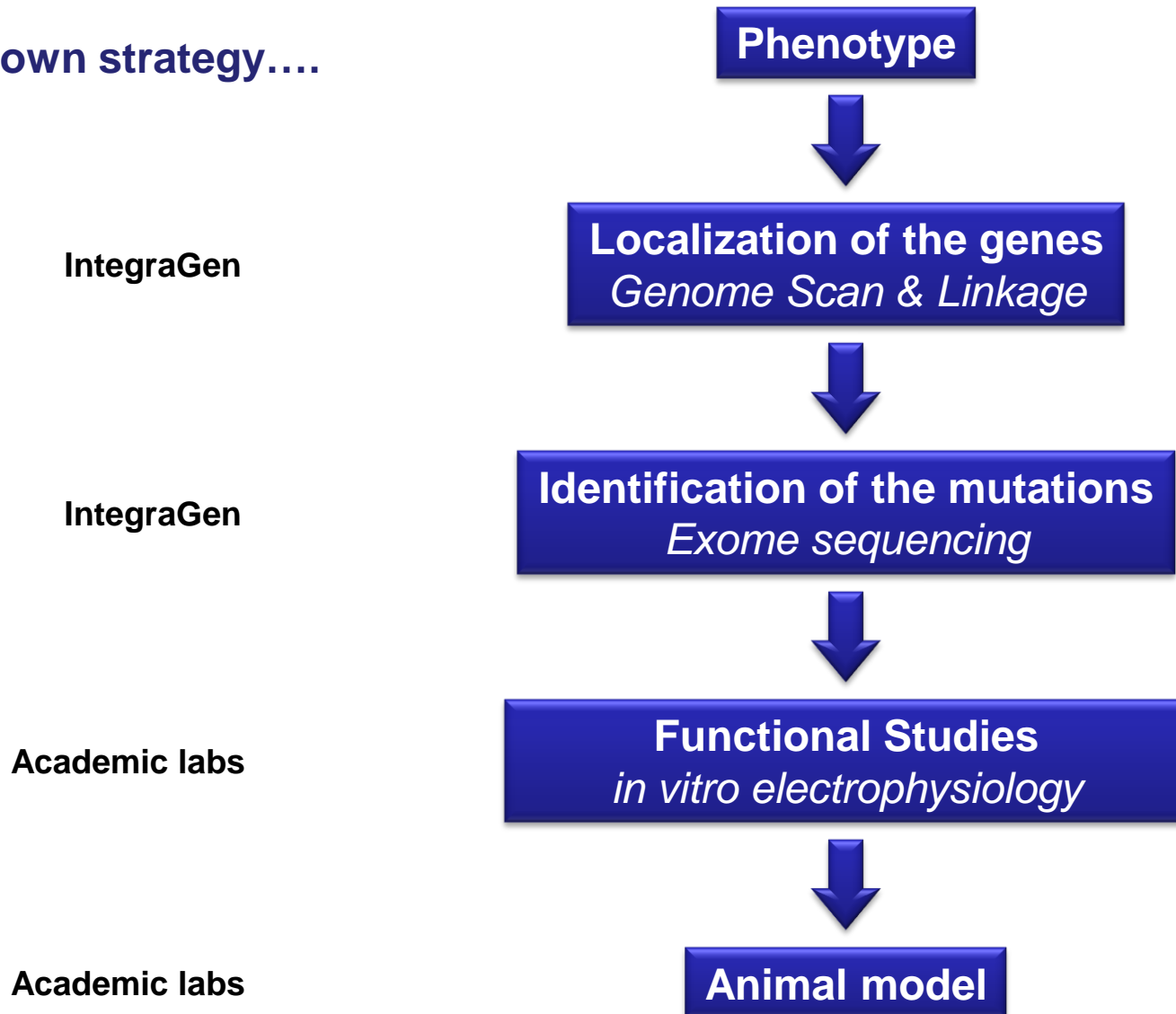
Epilepsies and Genetics

- 3 underlying causes: Genetic, Structural-metabolic, Unknown cause
- **Genetic** epilepsies represent **40 %** of epilepsies
- Most genetic epilepsies have a complex inheritance
- Rare forms with autosomal dominant/recessive transmission

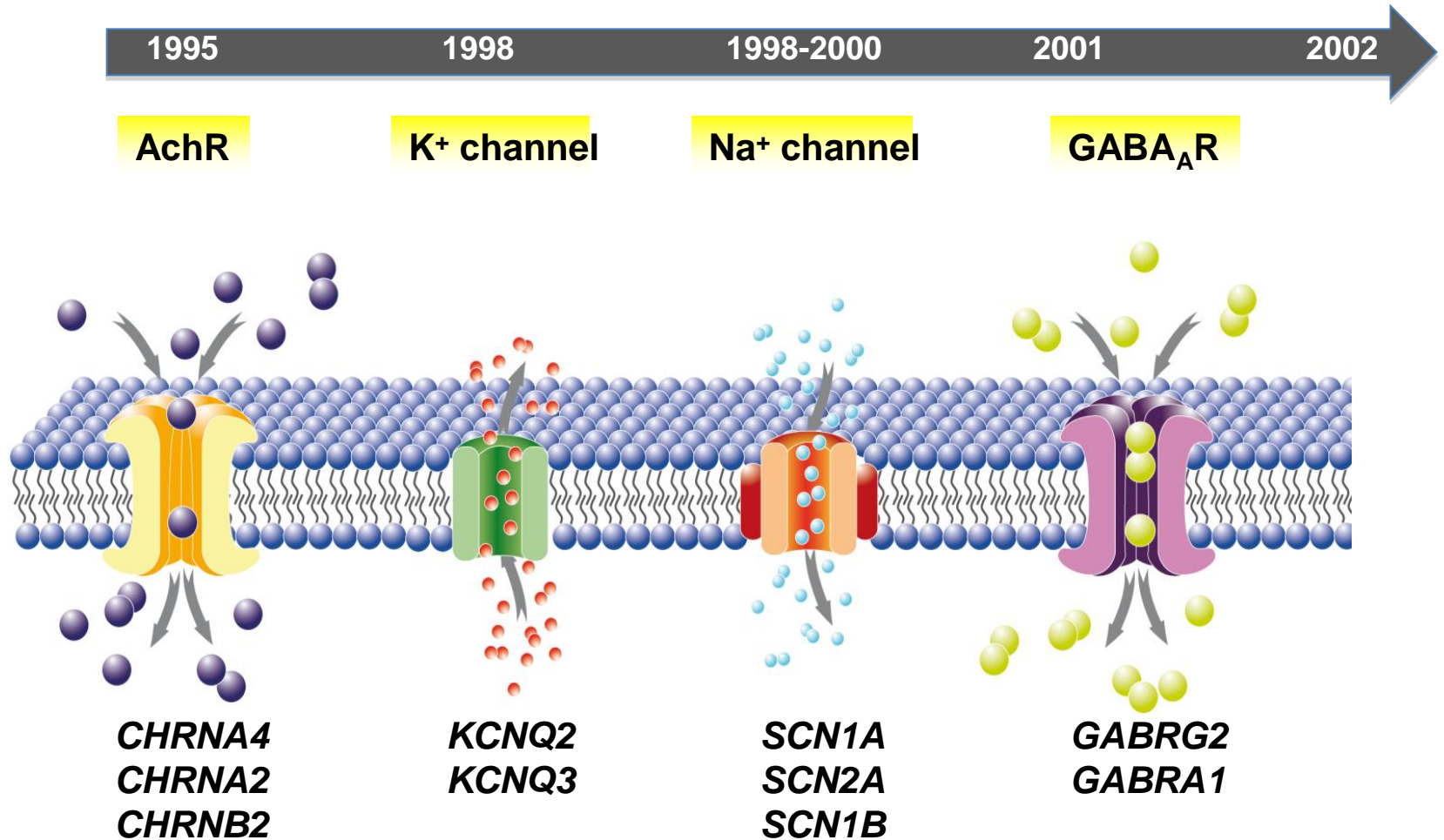


Major Aims: identification of new molecules

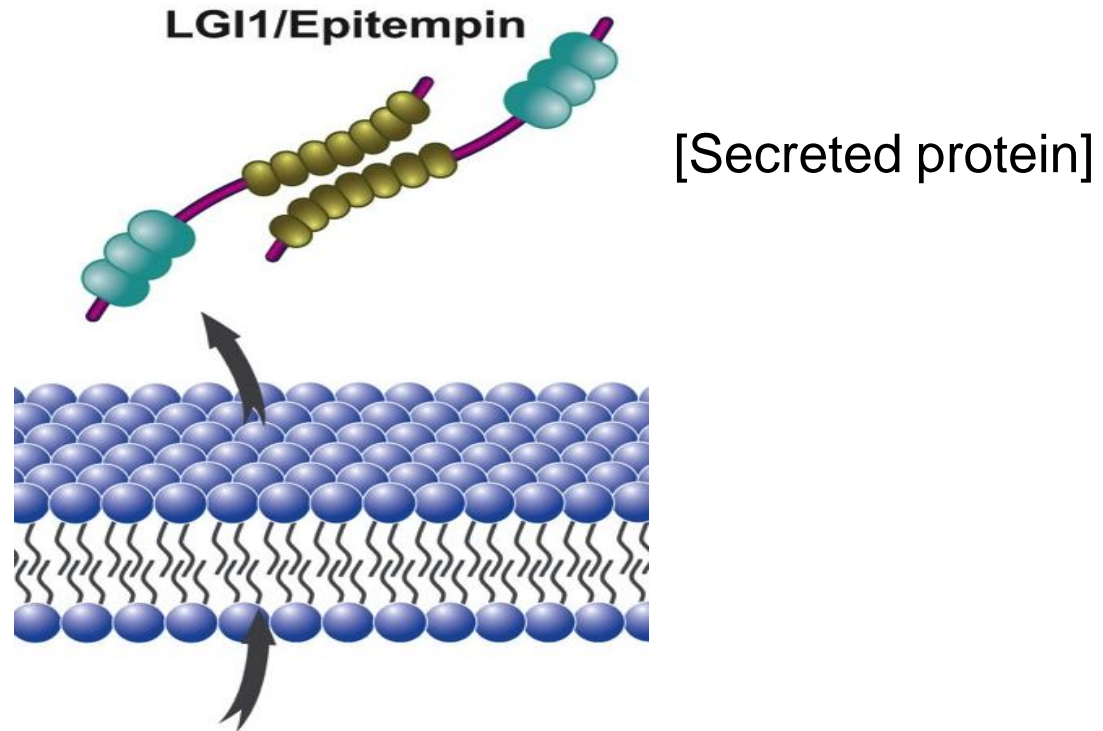
well known strategy....



The majority of epilepsy genes encode ion channels



But not only channelopathies...



Kalachicov et al, Nat Genet (2002)



And More Recently

Nat Genet. 2013 Apr 26;45(5):552-5. doi: 10.1038/ng.2601. Epub 2013 Mar 31.

Mutations of DEPDC5 cause autosomal dominant focal epilepsies.

Ishida S, Picard F, Rudolf G, Noé E, Achaz G, Thomas P, Genton P, Mundwiller E, Wolff M, Marescaux C, Miles R, Baulac M, Hirsch E, Lequern E, Baulac S.

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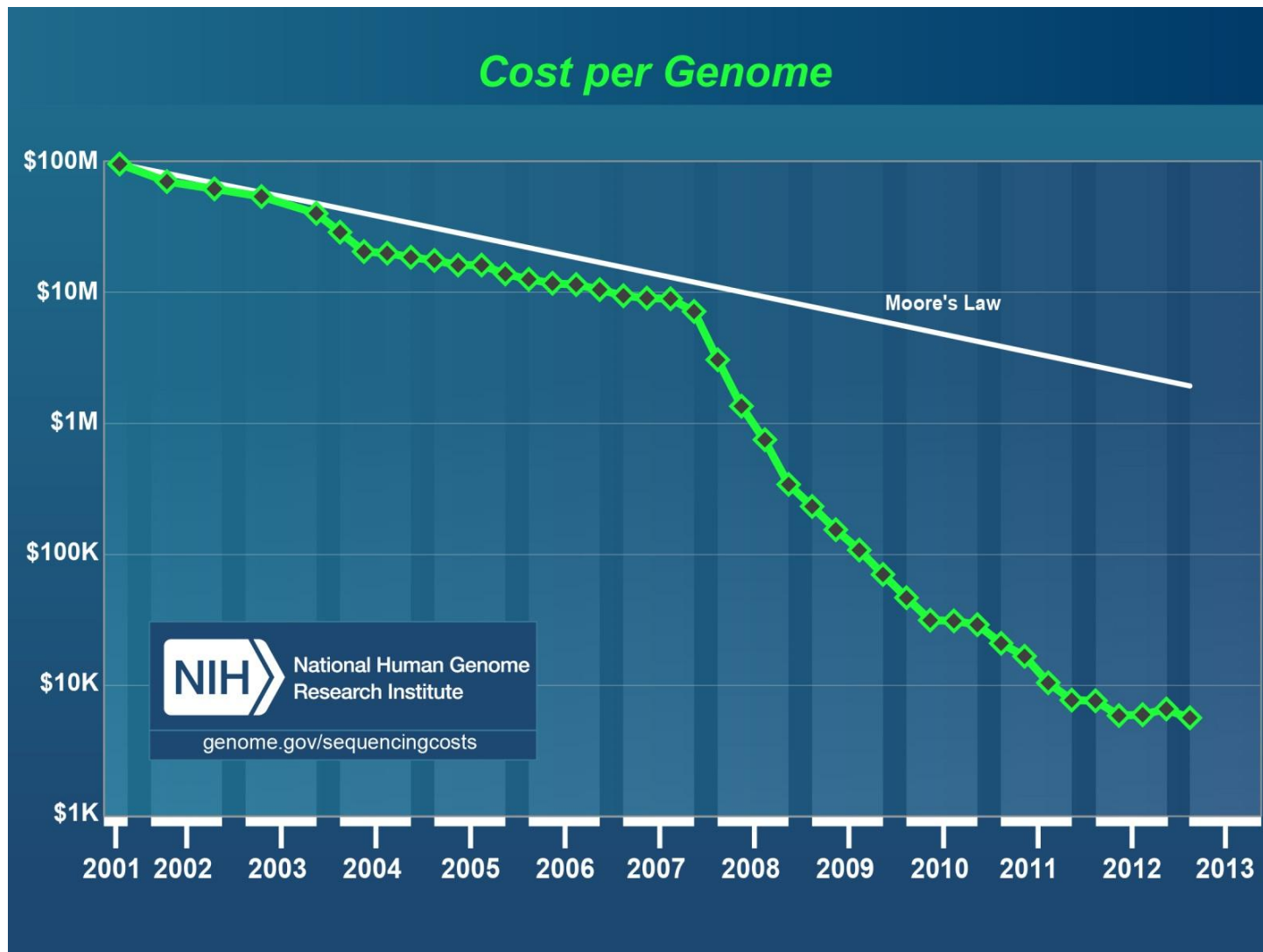
DEPDC5 does not encode a channel subunit

Highly conserved gene, Broadly expressed, No known partners

New pathway involved in epileptogenesis

NEW PHARMACOLOGICAL TARGETS

We are at the beginning of the story



A SME as a service provider

- **By proposing access to cutting edge technologies**
 - And tools helping the interpretation

We are close to the 1k€ genome but still at the 1M€ interpreteome

- **Delivering high quality data, on time**
- **In a collaborative mode more than in a furnisher/customer relationship**

Can we do more ?

IntegraGen,

A PARTNERSHIP FOR MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS ?



A SME as a co-developer ?

- Is there some IP, even co-owned with the partners?
- Is there a niche market to explore ?
- Is our expertise an added value for the project ?
- Is it granted, even partially ?

MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS IN SEVERE EPILEPSY (1)

EPILEPTIC ENCEPHALOPATHIES (EE):

- Pharmacoresistant epilepsy
- Cognitive delay, autism
- Neurological signs

GENETICALLY DETERMINED

MUTATIONS SHALL BE FOUND

GENETIC COUNSELLING PART OF THE PATIENT MANAGEMENT



MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS IN SEVERE EPILEPSY (2)

EE : MORE THAN 100 GENES INVOLVED

Development of high throughput sequencing methods needed:

- Targeted genes-capture / sequencing (Kit / ready-to-use assays)
- Whole Exome Sequencing
- Whole Genome Sequencing

Collaboration & partnership between SMEs and advanced medical experts are crucial to set up the best strategy



Importance for a SME to maintain cohesion in the development

Epilepsy and Autism are frequently associated

■ Prevalence of Epilepsy in Autism : 5 to 40 %

- 0,5 to 1% in the general population, varies upon autism subtype, age, mental retardation, associated neurologic disorder...

■ Prevalence of Autism in Epilepsy : 5 to 30 %

- 1/150 in the general population

We probably could take advantage from a common knowledge

*Canitano, 2007, Eur Child Adol Psy
Berg et al, 2011, J Chil Neurol*



Conclusion (1)

- **New genomics approaches, and sequencing capabilities are key in disease understanding but also in diagnosis and patient management**
- **SMEs like IntegraGen act as a support for research but also in tools and kits development for clearly identified market**
- **30 % of commune epilepsies are pharmaco-resistant. Better knowledge of genes and pathways involved shall lead to new targets identification and personalised treatments.**

Conclusion (2)

There is many other areas where implication of SMEs is as important for the diagnosis and patient management in epilepsy

- Seizure detection devices
- Softwares and smartphone applications (patient management)
- Microelectrodes ...

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Thank you for your attention