



# **Classification of Alzheimer's by DNA Analysis**

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# Introduction

## What is Alzheimer's disease?

Alzheimer's is a progressive brain disease in which abnormal protein deposition building up plaques in nerves endings in the brain, causing brain cells to die.

Early diagnosis of **Alzheimer's** may help in slowing down the progression of the disease.





# Introduction

## DNA Structure:

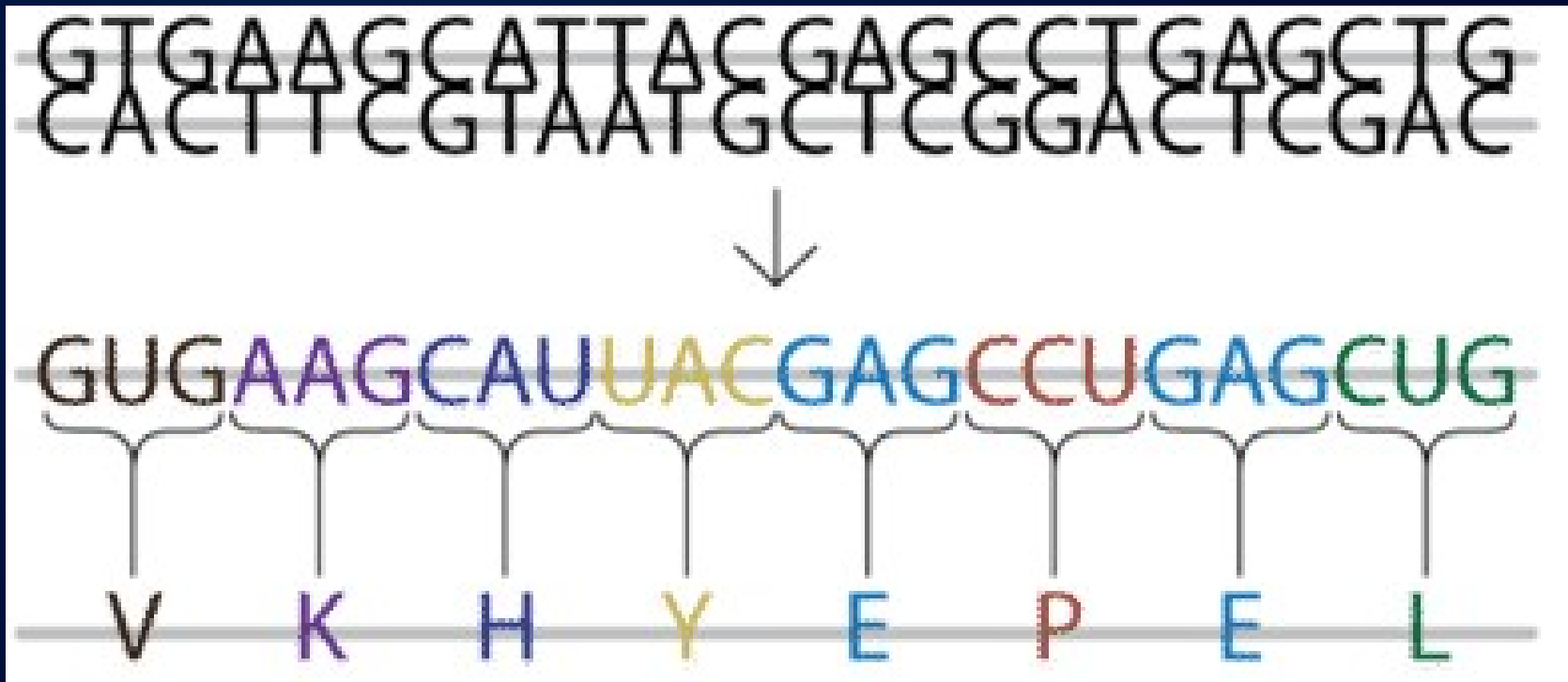
- Our DNA is 99.9% the same [2].
- There are basically four nucleotide bases, which make up the DNA. Adenine (A), Guanine (G), Thymine (T) and Cytosine(C).

[2] Lydia, Ramsey, and Lee Samantha. "Our DNA is 99.9% the same as the person sitting next to us-and were surprisingly similar to a bunch of other living things, Business Insider (2016)."

# Introduction

## DNA Structure:

- A DNA sequence looks like this:



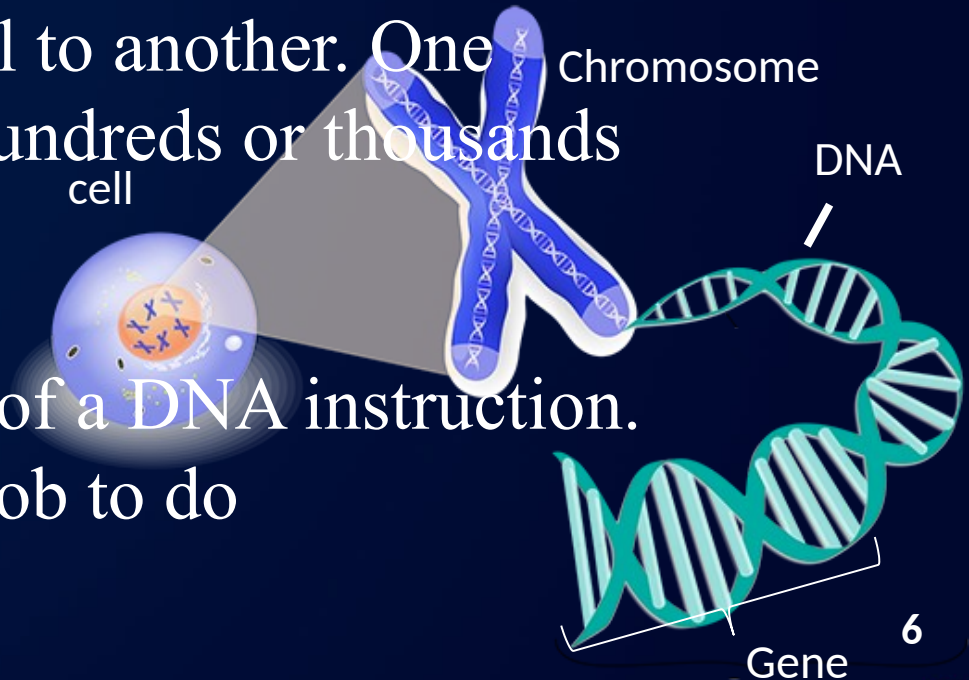


# Introduction

## What is a chromosome, and what are genes?

- A **chromosome** is how DNA is stored and transferred from one cell to another. One chromosome contains hundreds or thousands of genes.

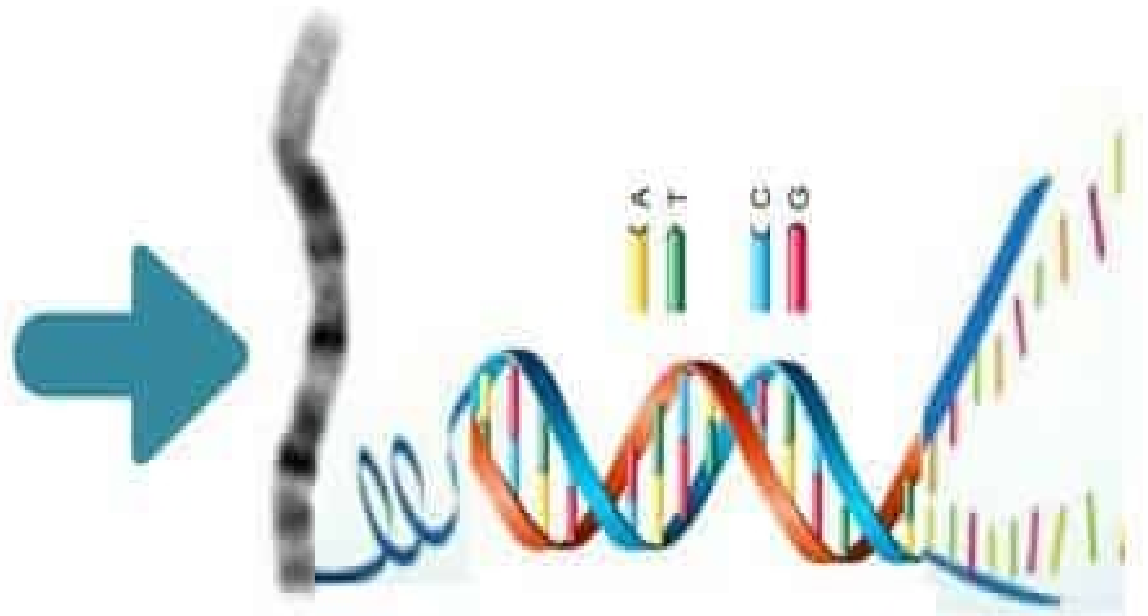
- A **gene** is the basic unit of a DNA instruction. Each gene has specific job to do



# Chromosomes are Books

A chromosome contains a specific group of genes.

Like a book,  
a chromosome holds a  
group of genes.



# Introduction

## Causes of Alzheimer's disease?

Mutations with genes even small changes to a gene can cause diseases like Alzheimer's disease.

- Some cases are caused by an inherited change in one of the four genes.
- Certain environmental factors, like exposure to toxic chemicals have long been known to increase the risk of Alzheimer's.[3]



# Related work 1 :

## Predicting cancer type from tumor DNA signatures [4]

Detecting from a person's DNA signatures the type of cancer

Challenges:

Methods:

- SVMs with a linear kernel
  - logistic regression
  - random forests
- tumor genotypes of not only different cancer types but also within the same type.

they also consider precision and recall.  
Accuracy : 77.7 %

# Related work 2:

## Detecting Mutations in Patients with Early-Onset Dementia Detected by Sequence Analyses of Four Different Genes [5].

Detecting Mutations in the genes inside DNA sequence PSEN1, PSEN2, APP and PRNP consider with EOD.

Accuracy: In 14 patients, they found a total of 12 different mutations in PSEN1, PSEN2, APP and PRNP Of the 12 mutations, 5 were previously un-described and 7 were known.

# Problem Statement

The existing classifications [3] of Alzheimer's is either the patient is healthy (stage A) or the patient is in the last stage of Alzheimer ( stage D ). We are Showing two new stages which are:

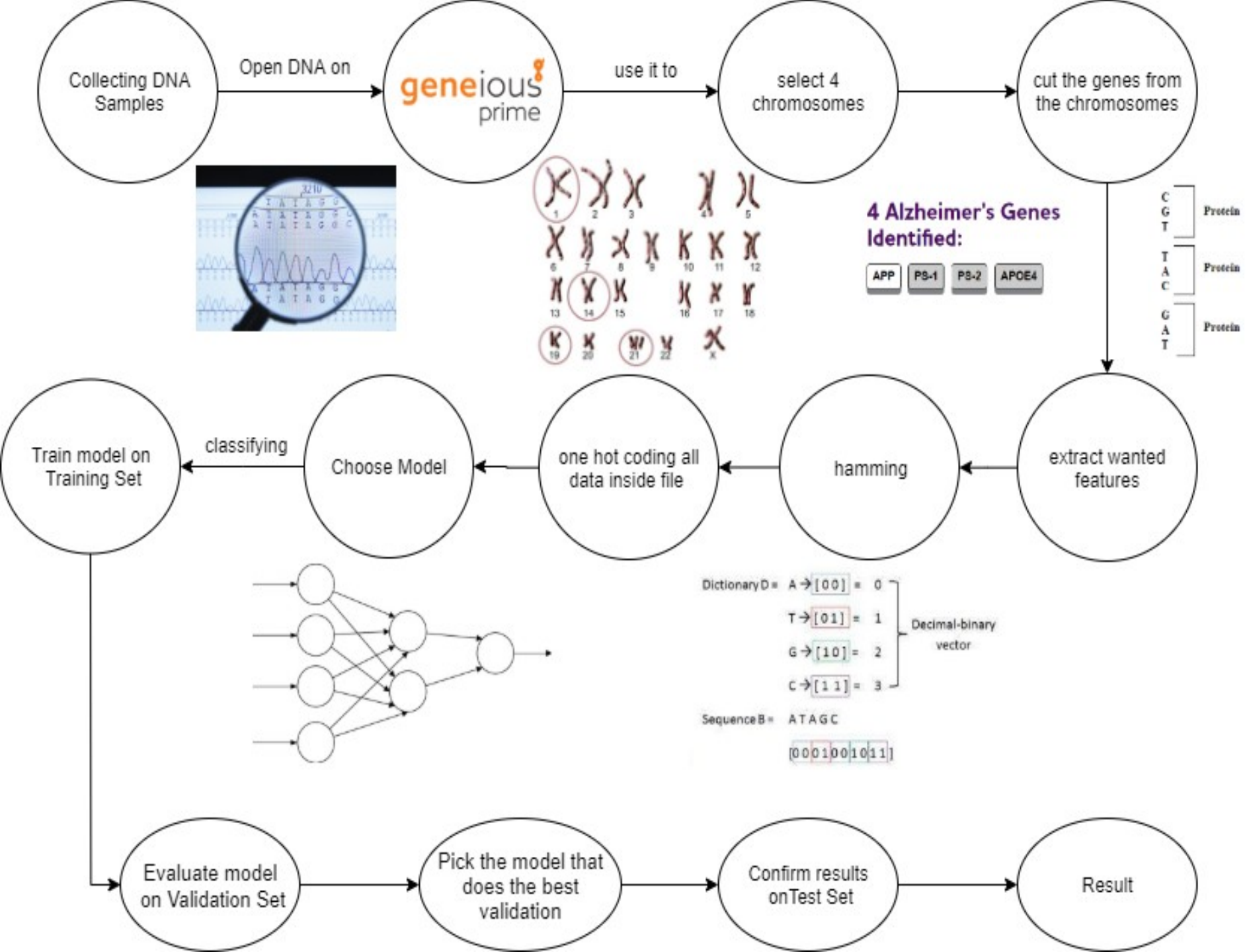
1. The gene carrier (stage B): A healthy patient at the moment but has inherited the disease from his family and doesn't have any symptoms of the disease.
2. The early symptoms stage (stage C) : A stage where the patient starts to notice some symptoms manifesting .

In order to distinguish between stages A and D we convert the sample DNA sequences into texts and measure the distance between them and a reference sample and if the distance exceeds zero then the patient is in class D. Later on, we are going to use CNN [4](convolutional neural network) for classifications.

[3]Finckh, Ulrich, et al. "High prevalence of pathogenic mutations in patients with early-onset dementia detected by sequence analyses of four different genes." *The American Journal of Human Genetics* 66.1 (2000): 110-117.

[4] Chithrananda, Seyone. "Using CNNs to Understand the Intricacies of Our Genome and Predict Future Diseases." *Medium*, Towards Data Science, 9 Mar. 2019







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# Preprocessing:

- Load the DNA sample into Geneious Prime.
- Export the desired chromosomes using Geneious Prime.
- Cut the desired genes from the chromosomes .
- One hot encoding the files.
- Load the files into a CSV file to be later loaded to the classifier.



# Expected Results

- Detection of Alzheimer's.
- Differentiate between classes B and C based on the DNA sample so Alzheimer's is classified into four classes :

Class A  
Non-defected  
person

Class B  
person with a high risk of  
Alzheimer's(Family history)

Class C  
Defected person  
with early symptoms

Class D  
a severe case of the  
disease



## Benefits:

- Give patients more choice of medications that can improve symptoms.
- Give patients more time to plan and understand care options.
- Give more time for family and loved ones to understand the disease and plan the future.

"Detecting Alzheimer's Decades Early." *Alzheimers.net*, 23 July 2019, <https://www.alzheimers.net/7-27-15-detecting-alzheimers-decades-early/>.

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# Demo





**Any Questions?**