



# Non-Redundant Patent Sequence Databases

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## Current Situation: Search process needs to be accelerated

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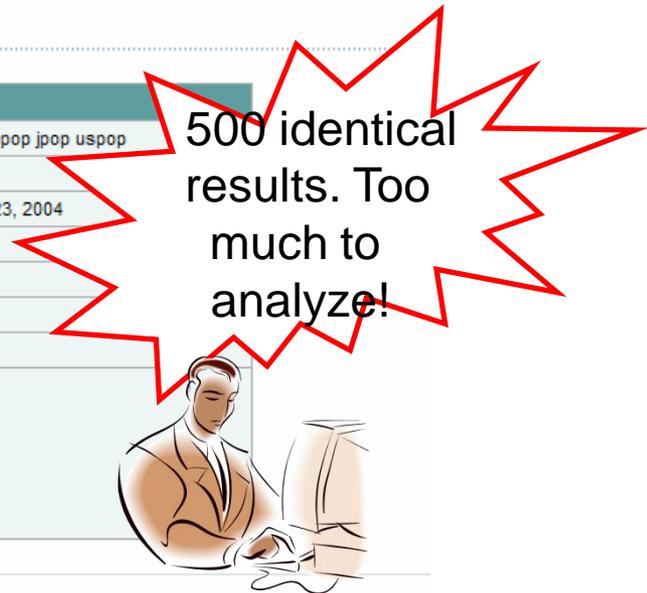
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### Expert Fasta Summary Table

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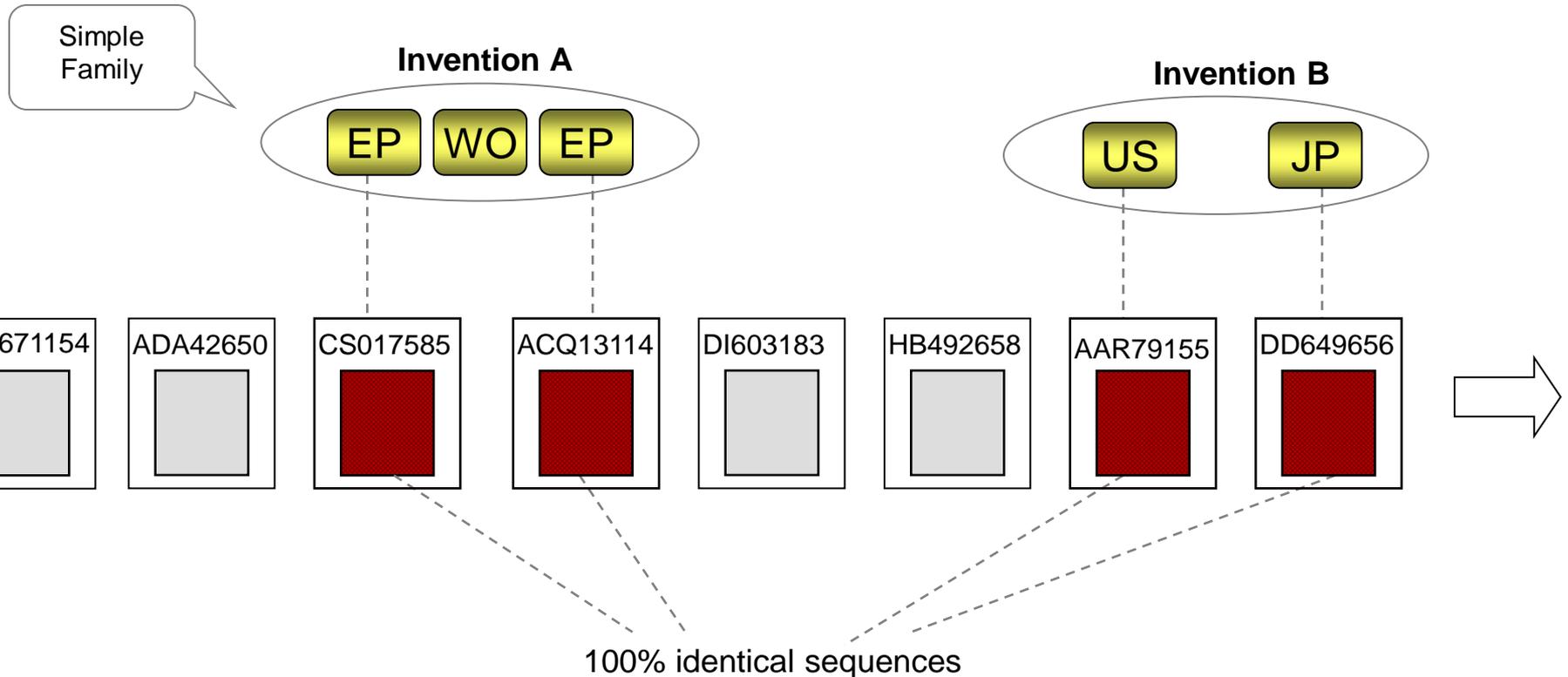
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## Why we can have 500 identical hits?



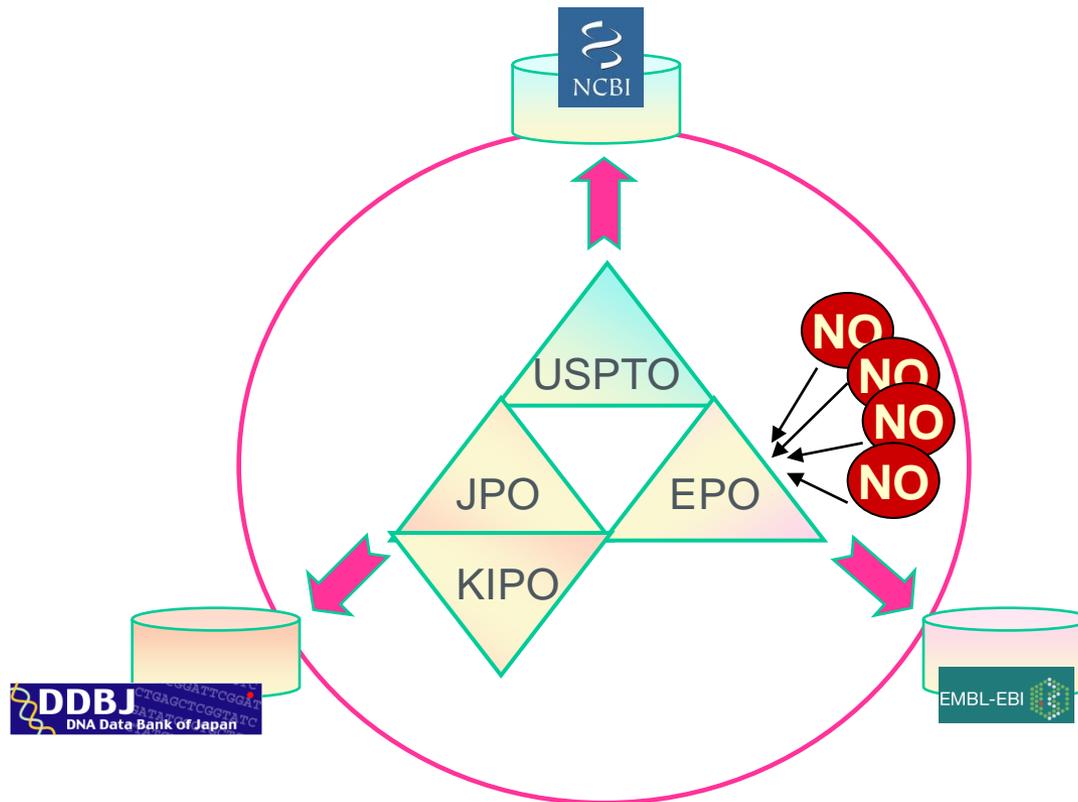
**The same sequence can appear multiple times in the database due to:**

- 1) The same invention is filed multiple times in different offices**
- 2) Different Inventors use the same sequence in different contexts**



## International Cooperation

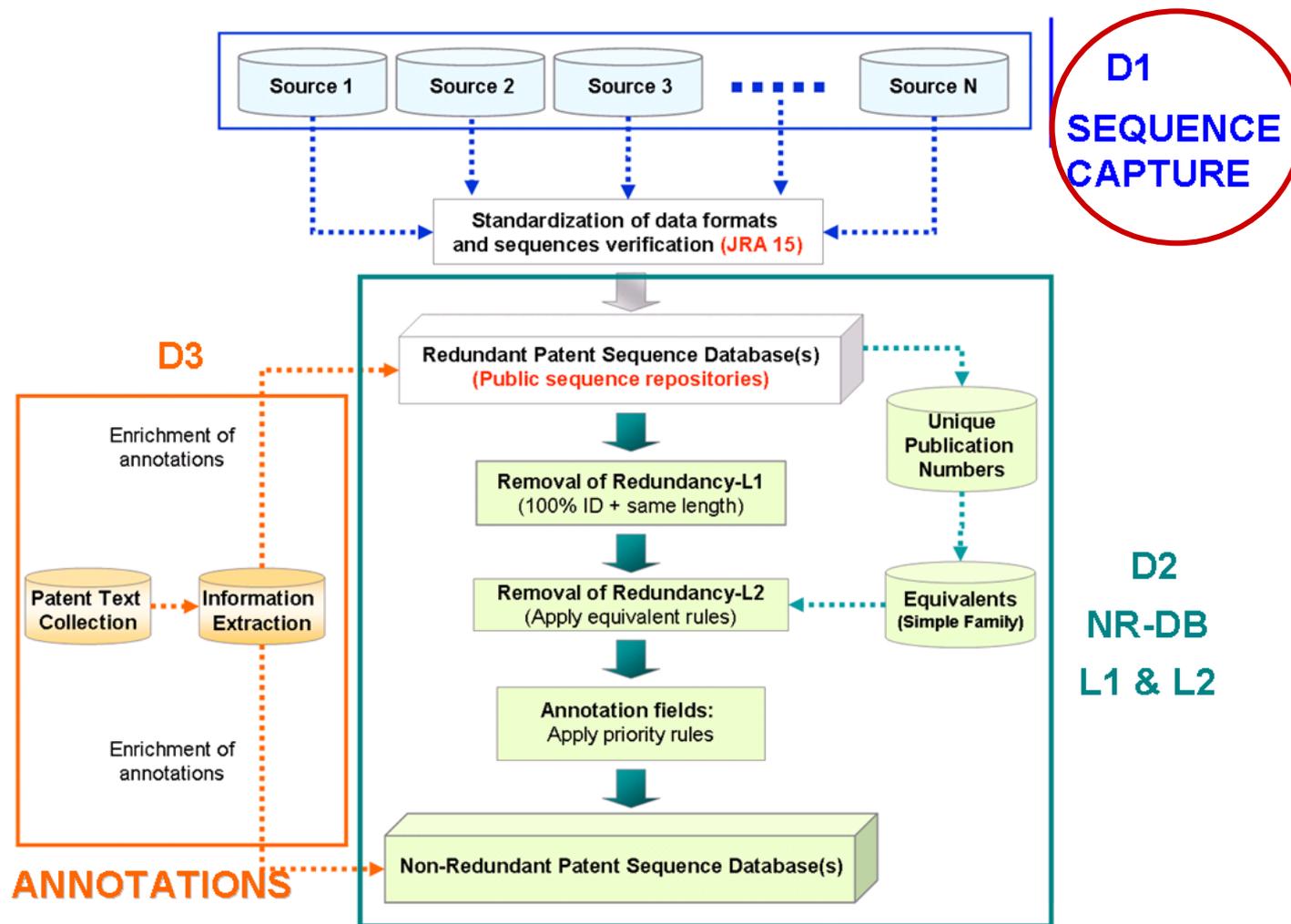
The Trilateral patent offices exchange and publish their biological sequences, through the public database providers (INSDC)



We expect more redundancy in the near future, since other National Offices will participate in the data exchange.



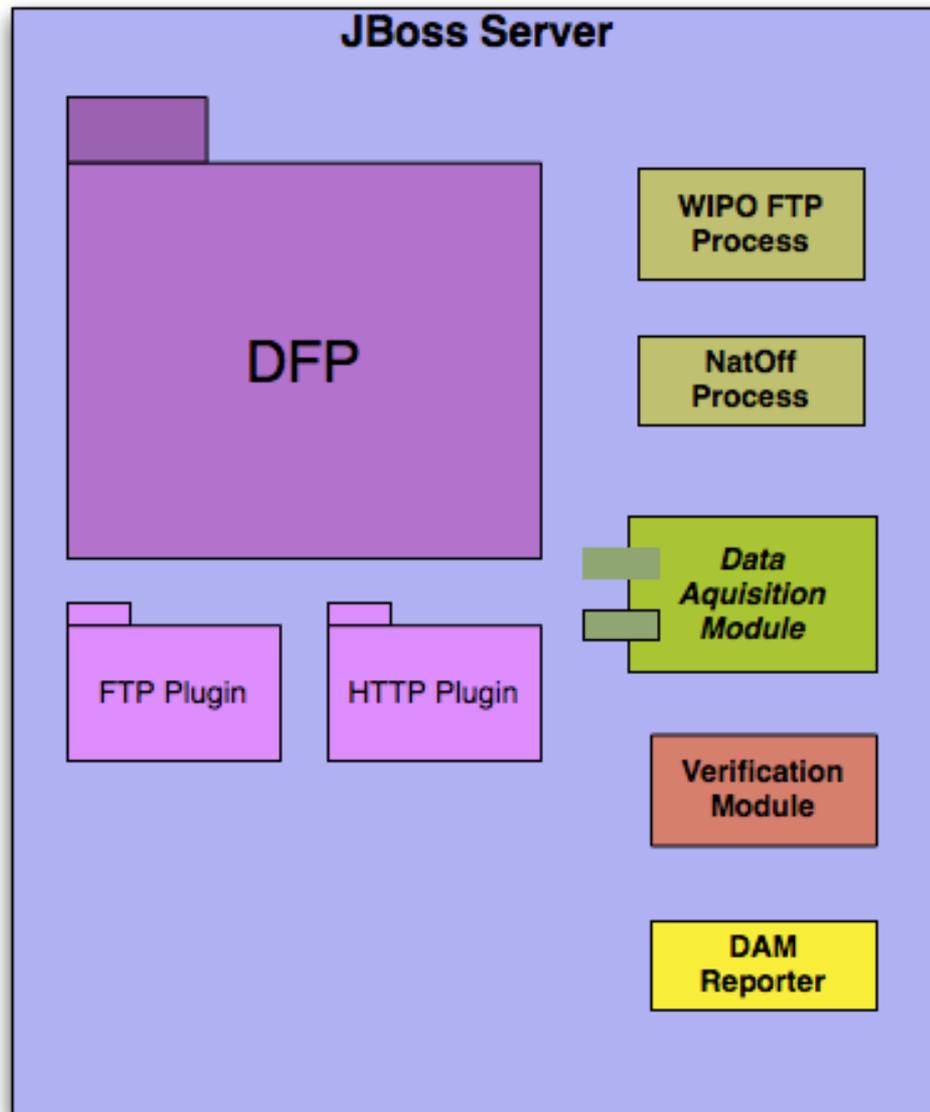
## PROJECT OVERVIEW





# DATA CAPTURE

Architecture of the  
Sequence Data  
capture  
application





## DATA CAPTURE

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Early OCR: Sequence Listing Query

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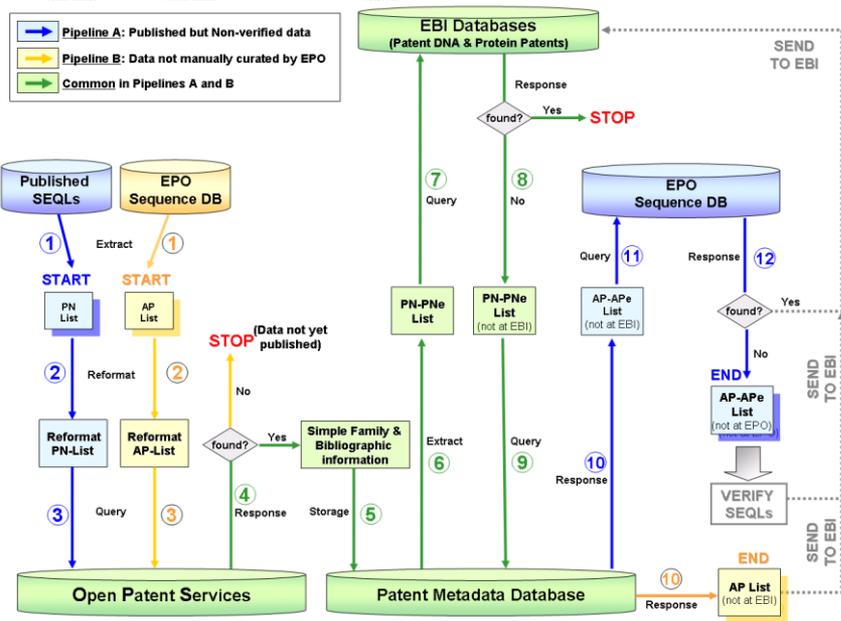
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**Avoids  
Misdetecion  
of sequences**

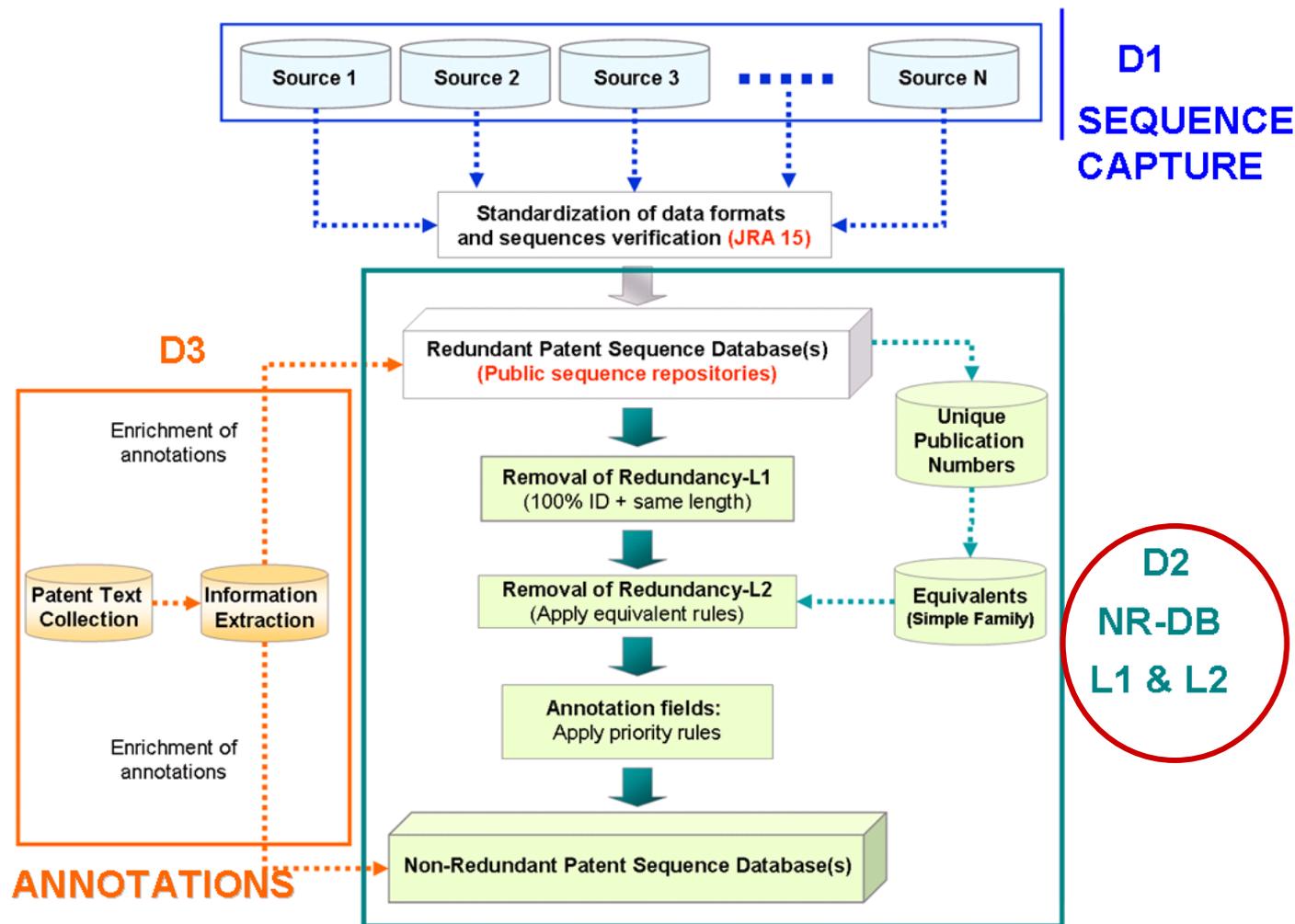
**Sequence detection algorithm:**  
Detects the presence of sequences in the patent application, using a multi-scanning process with different detection levels

**Data management workflows:**  
Increase the database coverage without creating more redundancy



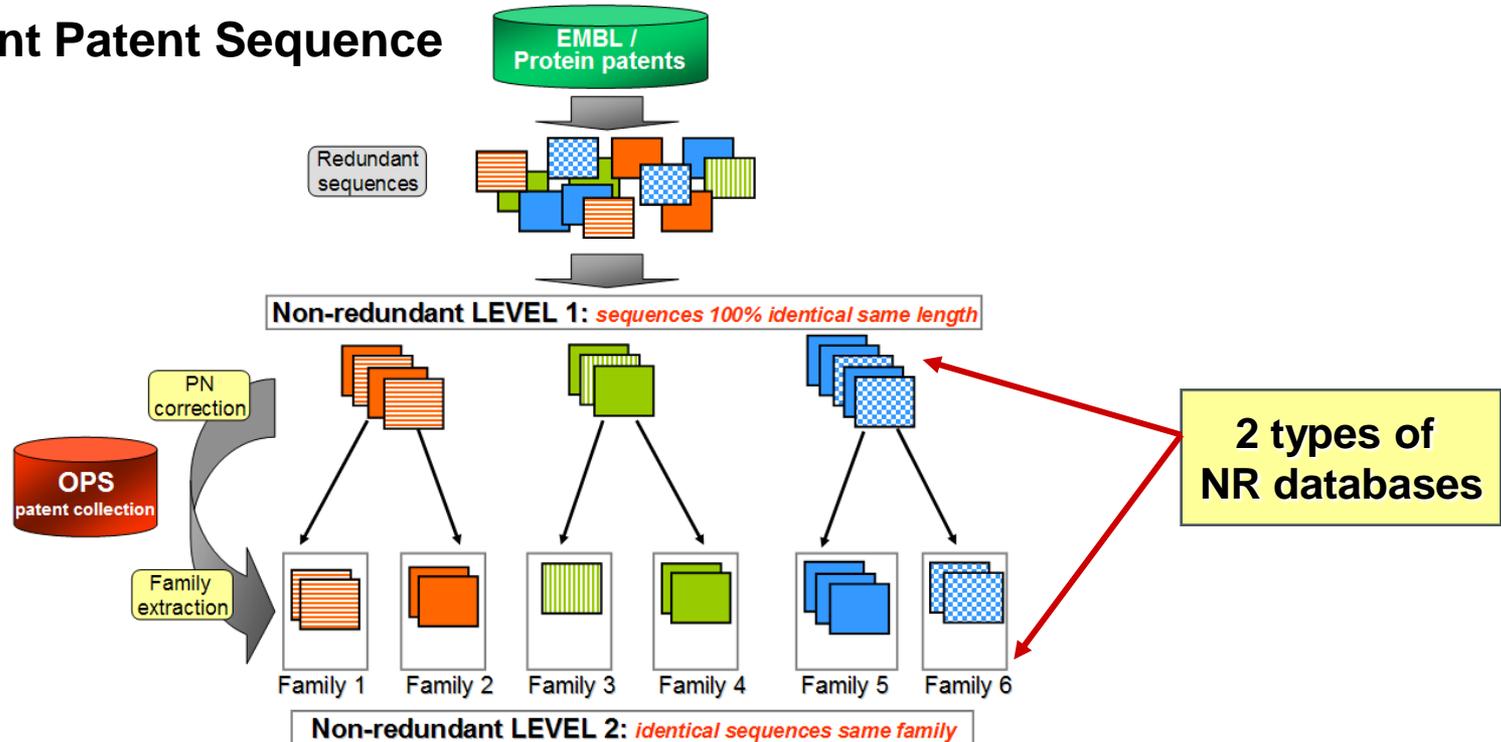


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## Non-Redundant Patent Sequence Databases



Statistics  
Sept 2010

NR Databases	Abbreviation	Coverage	Number of entries	Redundancy before
NR Patent Nucleotides Level1	NRNL1	EMBL-Bank patents (17,526,371 entries )	10,077,547	1.74
NR Patent Nucleotides Level2	NRNL2	EMBL-Bank patents (17,526,371 entries )	14,612,812	1.2
NR Patent Proteins Level1	NRPL1	EPO+JPO+KIPO+USPTO (4,947,423 entries)	2,124,798	2,33
NR Patent Proteins Level2	NRPL2	EPO+JPO+KIPO+USPTO (4,947,423 entries)	3,372,114	1,47



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 2. caggc .... gatcc  
 3. caggc .... gatcc  
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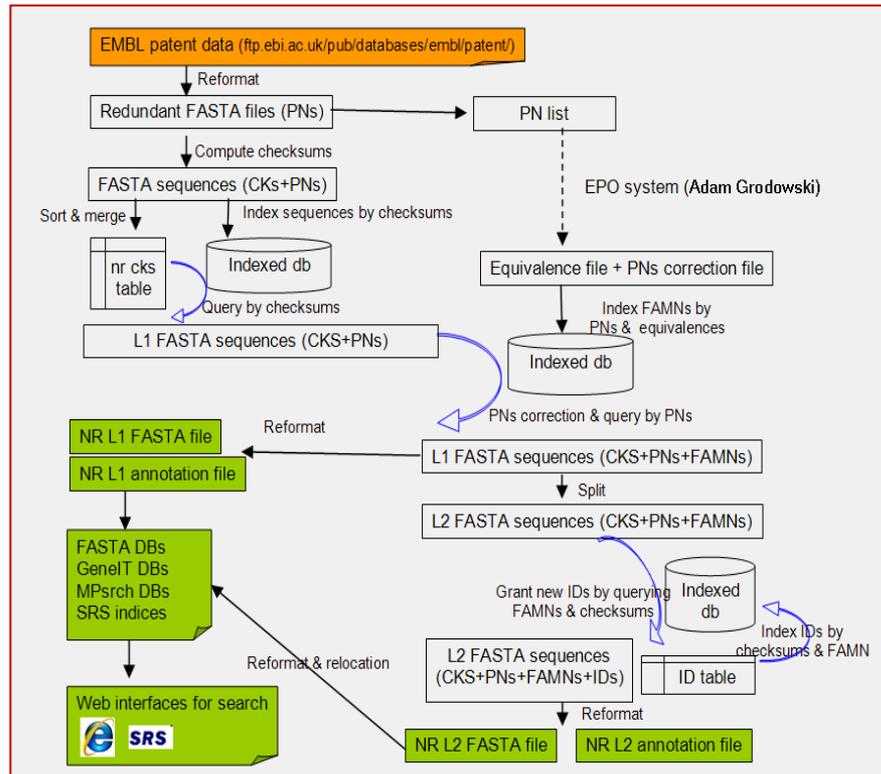
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1) We calculate a "fingerprint" per sequence (checksum), since it is faster to compare checksums than sequences.

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A) caggc .... gatcc *from Umbrella Corp.*  
 B) caggc .... gatcc *from SuperGen Ltd.*  
 C) caggc .... gatcc *from GeneTech S.A.*

2) We merge in the same entry, all the sequences with the same 'fingerprint' and belonging to the same invention (simple family)





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**L1**

Earliest PD in all Families

Cluster Members (from SEQ-DB)

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**L2**

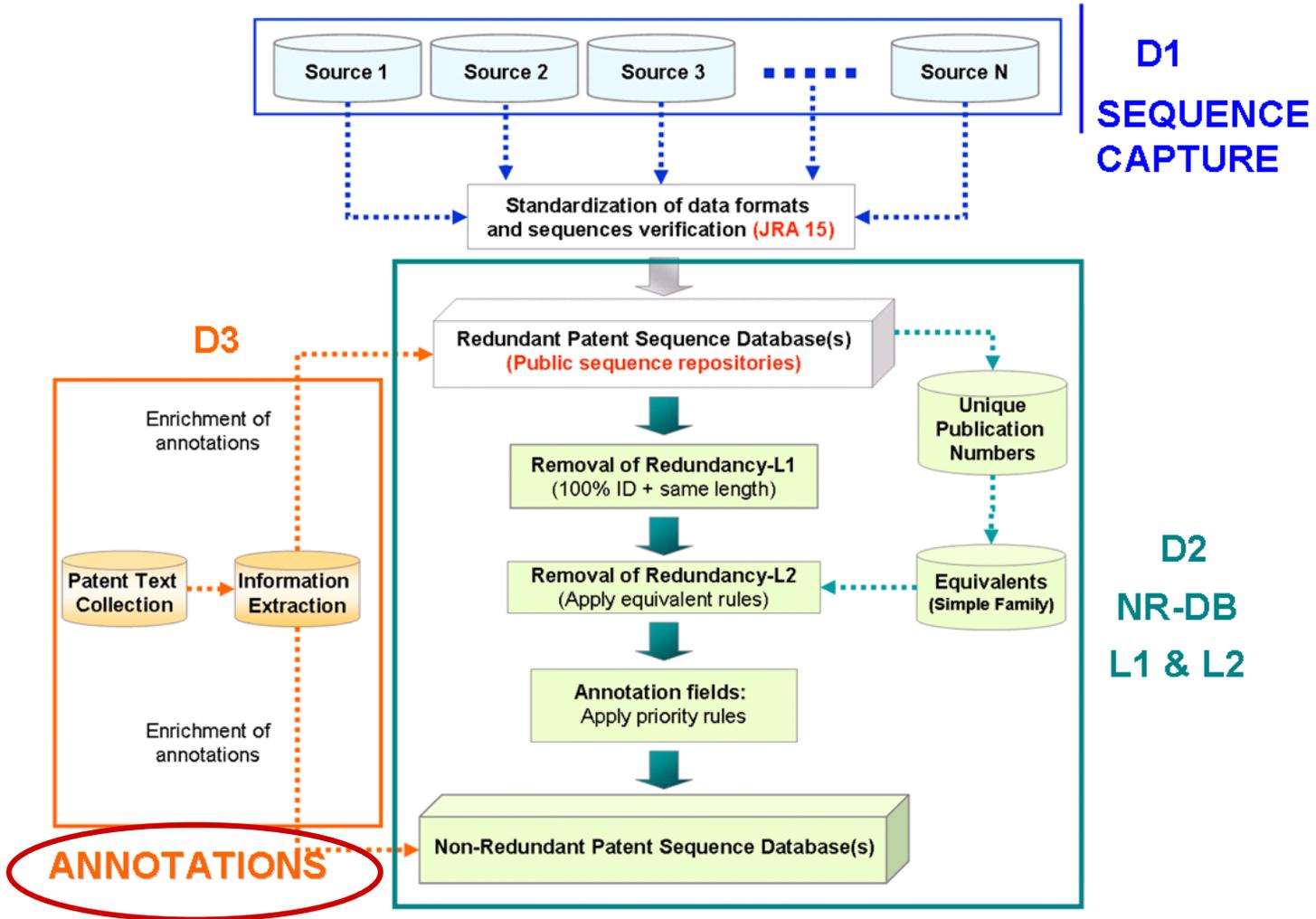
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Earliest Priority in Family

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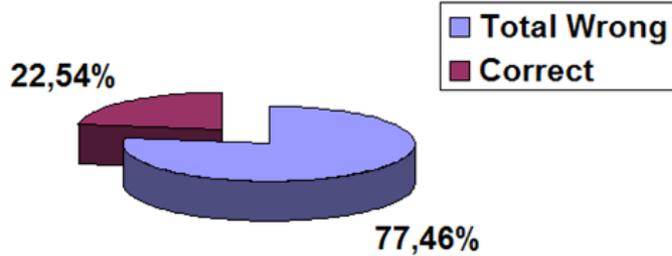


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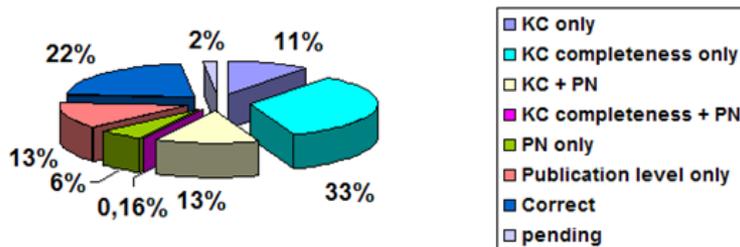




A)



B)



Correction of Publication Numbers and kind Codes

DR [USPOP:ABZ68249](#);  
 DE Sequence 8 from patent US 7326554.  
 PN [US7326554-A/8](#), 05-FEB-2008  
 PN [US2004175376 A1](#) 09-SEP-2004  
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DR [USPOP:AAO99687](#);  
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DR [KPOP:DI578933](#);  
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PN   WO2005007891-A2/43, 27-JAN-2005
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Features only present  
in one member of the  
cluster:  
**CS008337**

**Identical Sequences stemming from the same invention (same family),  
very often have different annotations.  
In the NR databases at Level 2, we have merged all the annotations in a single record,  
but still keeping the links to the original entries.**



## Final Result

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ED   20-JUN-2001 EP1108790 A2
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Earliest PR

First publication in the Sequence Databases

5 cluster members with publication corrections

Sequence and checksum (MD5)

Biological annotations

Example: The user would have to analyze 5 entries

Only 1 ENTRY has to be checked with the Non-redundant database!!!



## The Non-Redundant databases are publicly available through the EBI

<b>Sequence Similarity Search</b>	FASTA: <a href="http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/sss/fasta/">http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/sss/fasta/</a>
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<b>FTP download</b>	<a href="ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/fastfiles/patent">ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/fastfiles/patent</a>



## For more Information:

*D52–D56 Nucleic Acids Research, 2010, Vol. 38, Database issue*  
*doi:10.1093/nar/gkp960*

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# Non-redundant patent sequence databases with value-added annotations at two levels

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## ABSTRACT

The European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI) provides public access to patent data, including abstracts, chemical compounds and sequences. Sequences can appear multiple times due to the filing of the same invention with multiple patent offices, or the use of the same sequence by different inventors in different contexts. Information relating to the source invention may be incomplete, and biological information available in patent documents elsewhere may not be reflected in the annotation

modified microbes) and agriculture (e.g. GMO and cultivars). Thus, the patent data are a valuable resource, not only for the intellectual-property world but also for the scientific community. Information in patent data can be more detailed (1), appears earlier or is not available in the scientific literature (2). The European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI) provides public access to patent data resources, including abstracts, chemical compounds and sequences (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/patentdata/>). Patent abstracts contains abstracts of biology-related patent applications derived from data products of the European Patent Office (EPO). Chemical compounds appearing



## CONCLUSIONS

- Similarity and Homology sequence searches against a Non-redundant database, are faster and more sensible, since less entries need to be scanned in the search process.
- These databases are the first non-redundant collection that takes both, sequence and family concepts into consideration.
- The Publication data corrections, significantly increases the data quality. The earliest publication date availability, provides a direct link to track the patent history.
- The collation of all the biological features in a single record, provides a significant improvement for the proper understanding of the biological context the sequence is being used.
- *The joint efforts and collaboration of the patent offices and the applicants, on providing sequences with high quality biological annotations, is beneficial for all the users of the public services.*



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