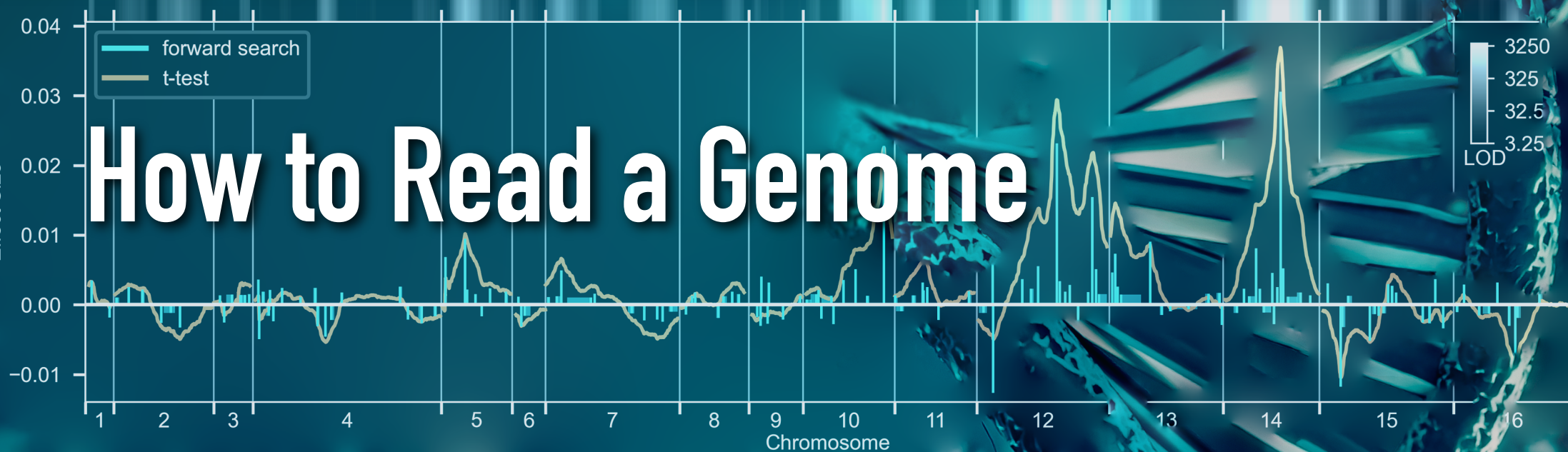




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It has now become cheap and easy to sequence genomes – we can sequence a microbe almost for free, or a human for a few hundred dollars. But what do these genomes say? We know that they contain the information necessary to make us who we are, but we don't yet understand exactly how. I will talk about what we have learned so far about how to read the language of the genome, and about the methods we are using to improve our ability to translate, from experimental methods we use to sequence and read the raw genetic code to statistical methods that attempt to predict how these genotypes affect phenotype. I will also talk about how we can now use this understanding to move from reading genomes to writing them.



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