

Practical Bioinformatics for Biologists (BIOS493/700)

- Course overview

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BIOS 643 and 646

- Minimum theoretical intro
- A LOT of practical applications
- Goal: enhance the use of computational tools in molecular biology research

Half day on the web can save you half month in the lab

Questions

- How many have experience in Linux/Unix
- How many working in a research lab
- How many have programming experience of any kind language
- How many have used BLAST
- What bioinfo softwares you have ever used
- What softwares you will be using

Tools

- Two parts

Web-based resources

Stand-alone tools

Windows-based (have a GUI)

Linux-based (no GUI, command line)

Class rules:

- Attendance: students are required to attend all classes. Absences without notifying the instructor in advance will result in 5% reduction in final grade.
- Plagiarism: copying materials (figures, tables, sentences) directly from other people, literatures or internet without proper reference are considered as plagiarism and will lead to a fail of this course.

Grading:

- Attendance: 10%
- Home work: 40%
- Final report: 40%
 - Project 1: 20%
 - Project 2: 20%
- Presentation: 10%

Books:

Mainly uses slide notes, but may refer to:

- Building Bioinformatics Solutions with Perl, R and MySQL by Bessamt et al., 2009 Oxford
- Practical Computing for Biologists by Haddock and Dunn, 2011 Sinauer
- Developing Bioinformatics Computer Skills by Gibas and Jambeck, 2001 O'reilly

Class website

<http://cys.bios.niu.edu/yyin/teach/PBB/>

Slides, homeworks, reading materials, notes,
handouts

Expectations

- Be focused inside class
- Spend at least 5 hours outside class per week
- Turn in homework on time
- Use what you learned in your research

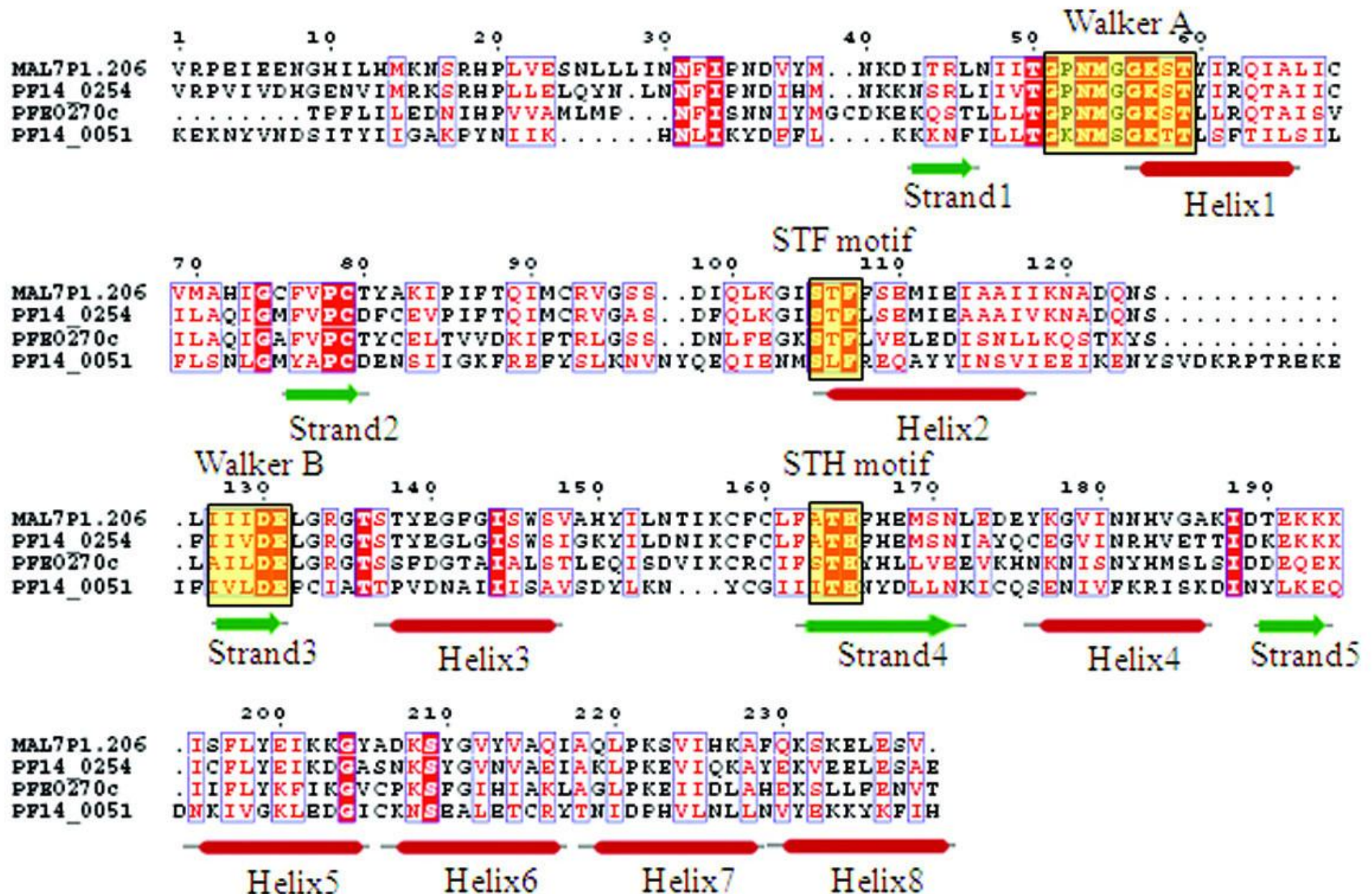
What you can expect from this course

- How to find a particular gene in NCBI?
- How to find the homologs for that gene?
- How to get 100 protein sequences at a time?
- How to predict functions for an uncharacterized gene?
- How to perform a sequence alignment of 100 proteins?
- How to predict the 3D structure of a protein?
- ...

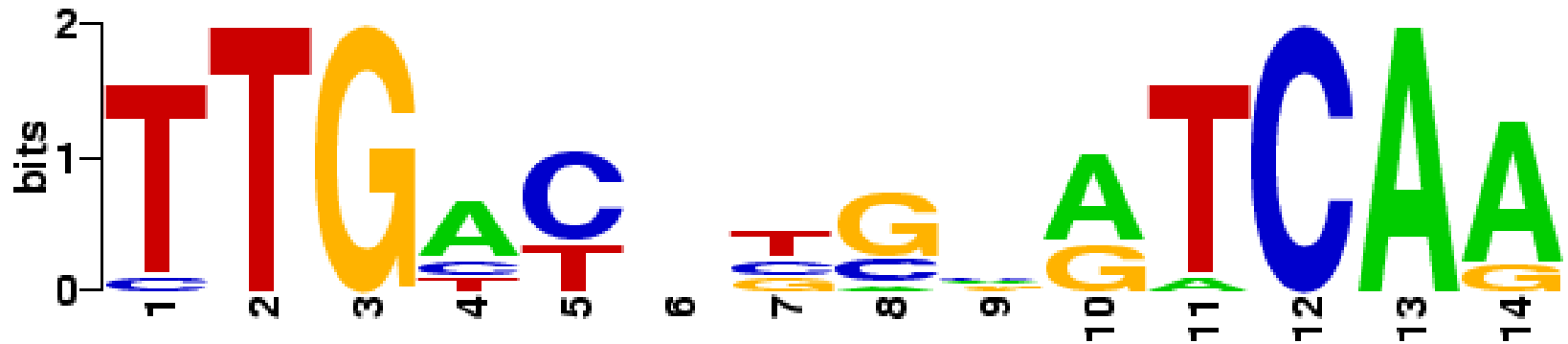
What you can expect from this course

- How to install Ubuntu Linux on a laptop/desktop?
- How to access a remote Linux machine from Windows?
- How to work with Linux terminals?
- How to install bioinformatics softwares using terminals?
- How to run bioinfo tools e.g. BLAST in the Linux terminal?
- How to do basic sequence analysis using bioinfo tools such as EMBOSS commands?
- How to extract 100 protein sequences from a large protein database, given the IDs of the proteins, using a combination of Linux commands and perl one-liner script?
- and many more ...

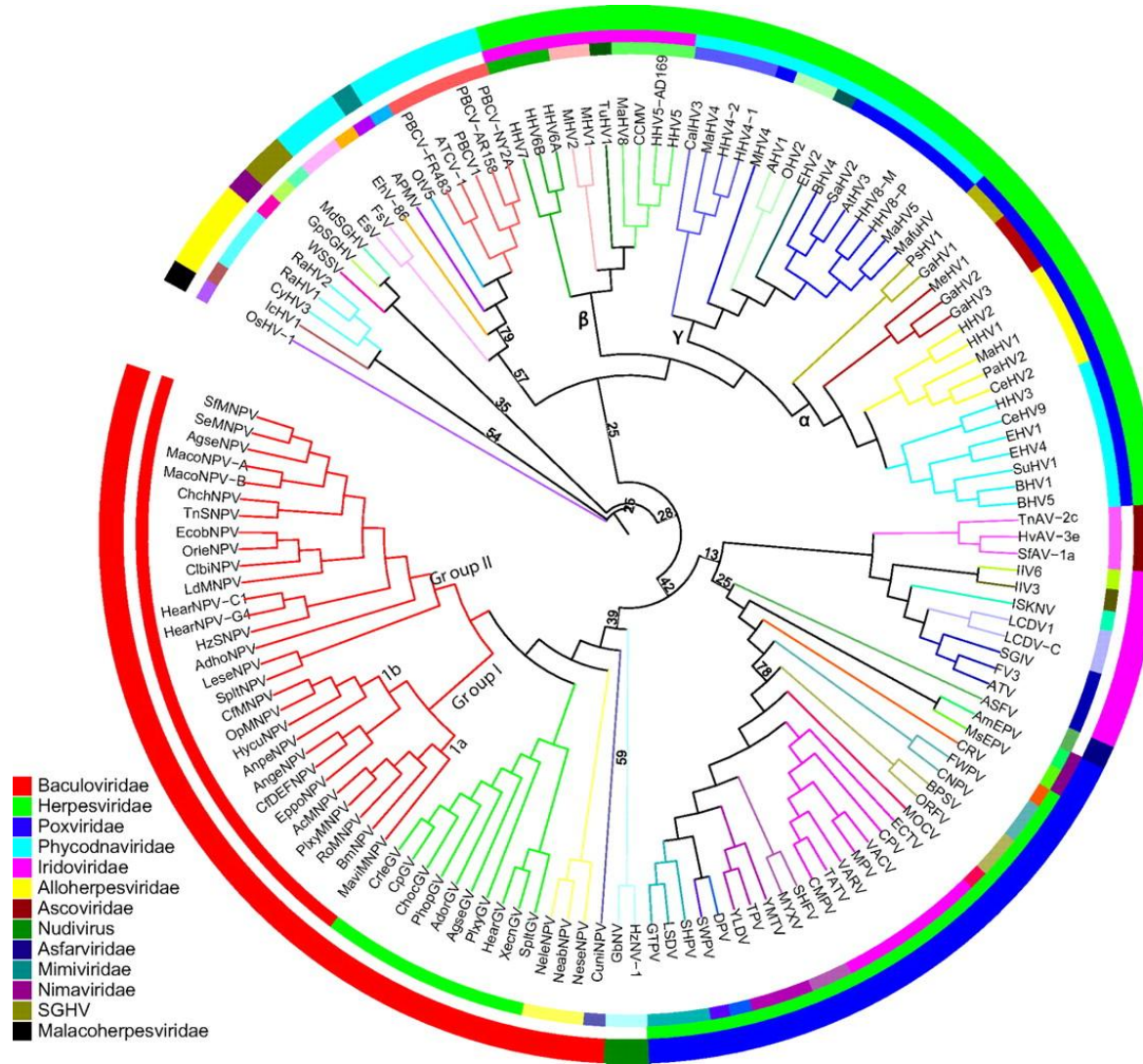
Multiple sequence alignment



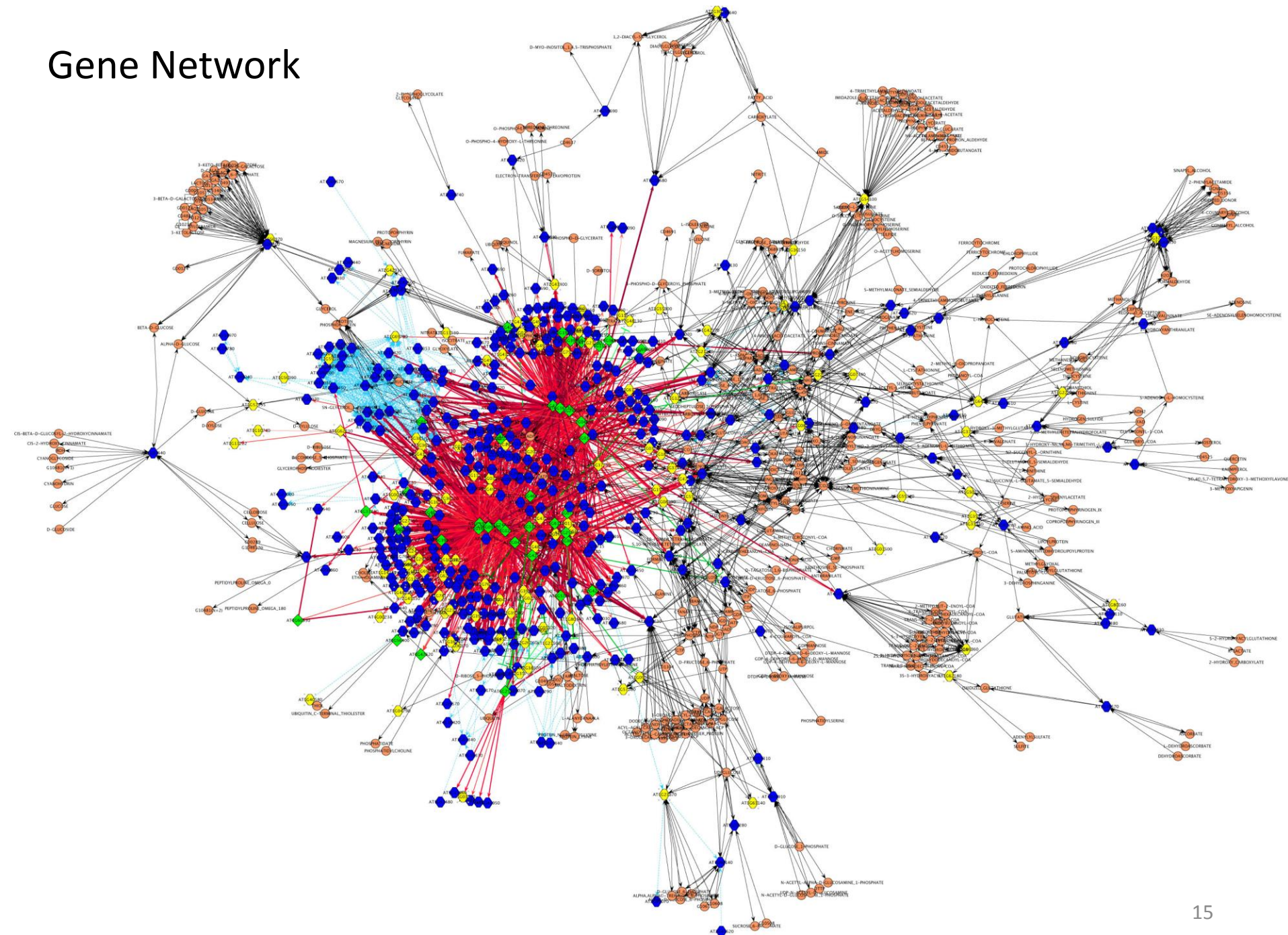
Sequence logo



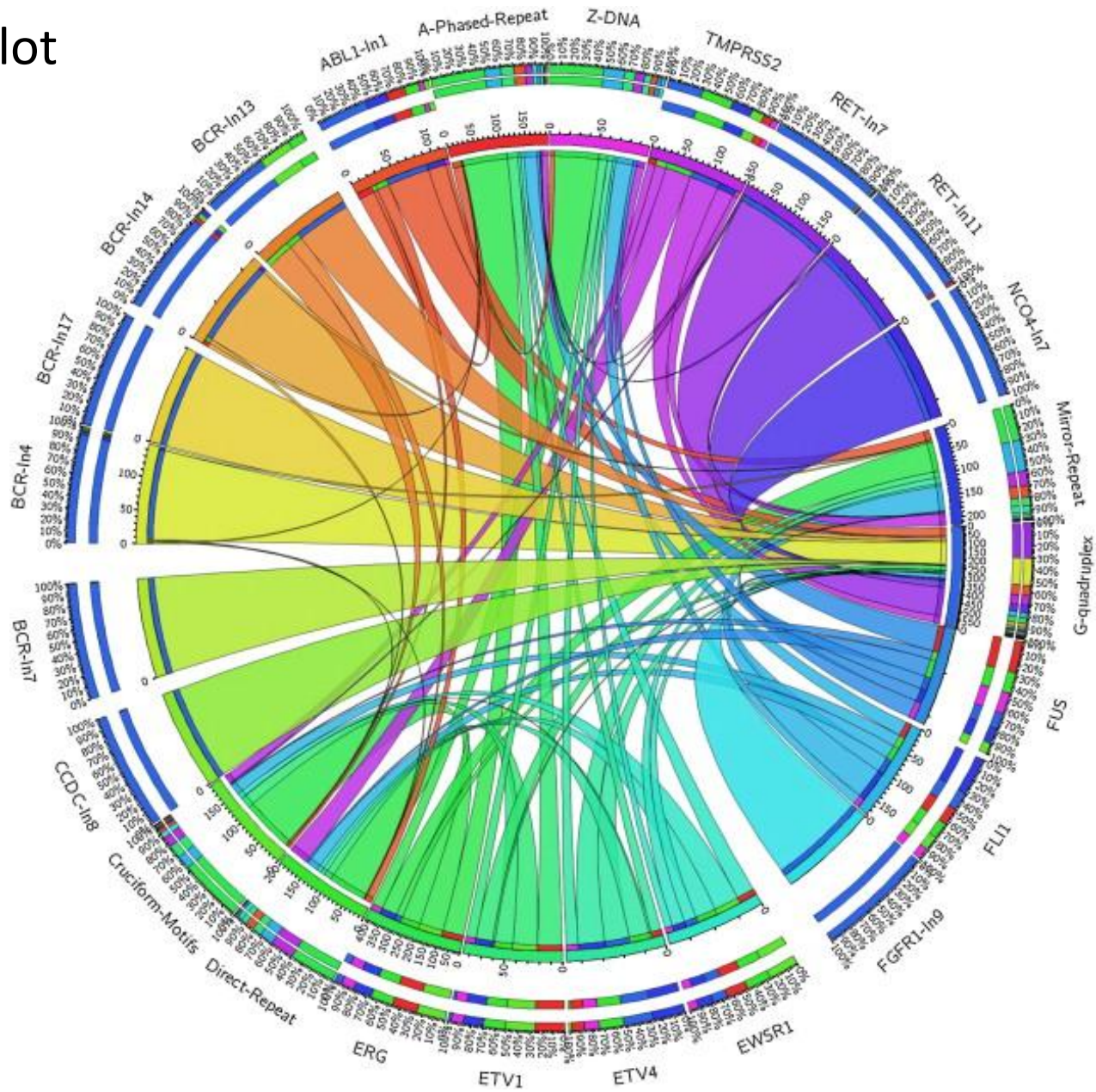
Phylogenetic tree



Gene Network

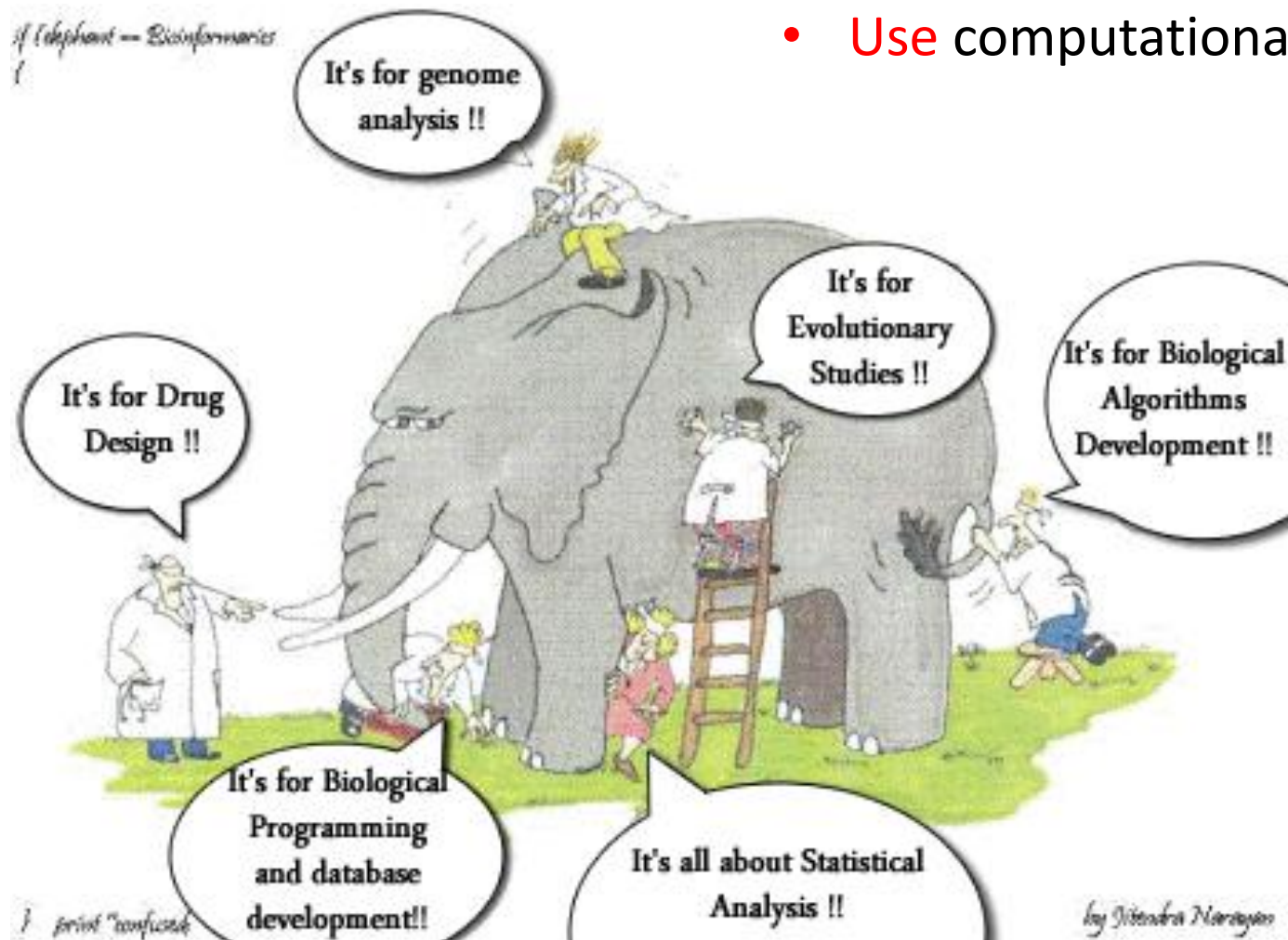


Circos plot



What is bioinformatics?

- **Develop** computational tools
- **Use** computational tools

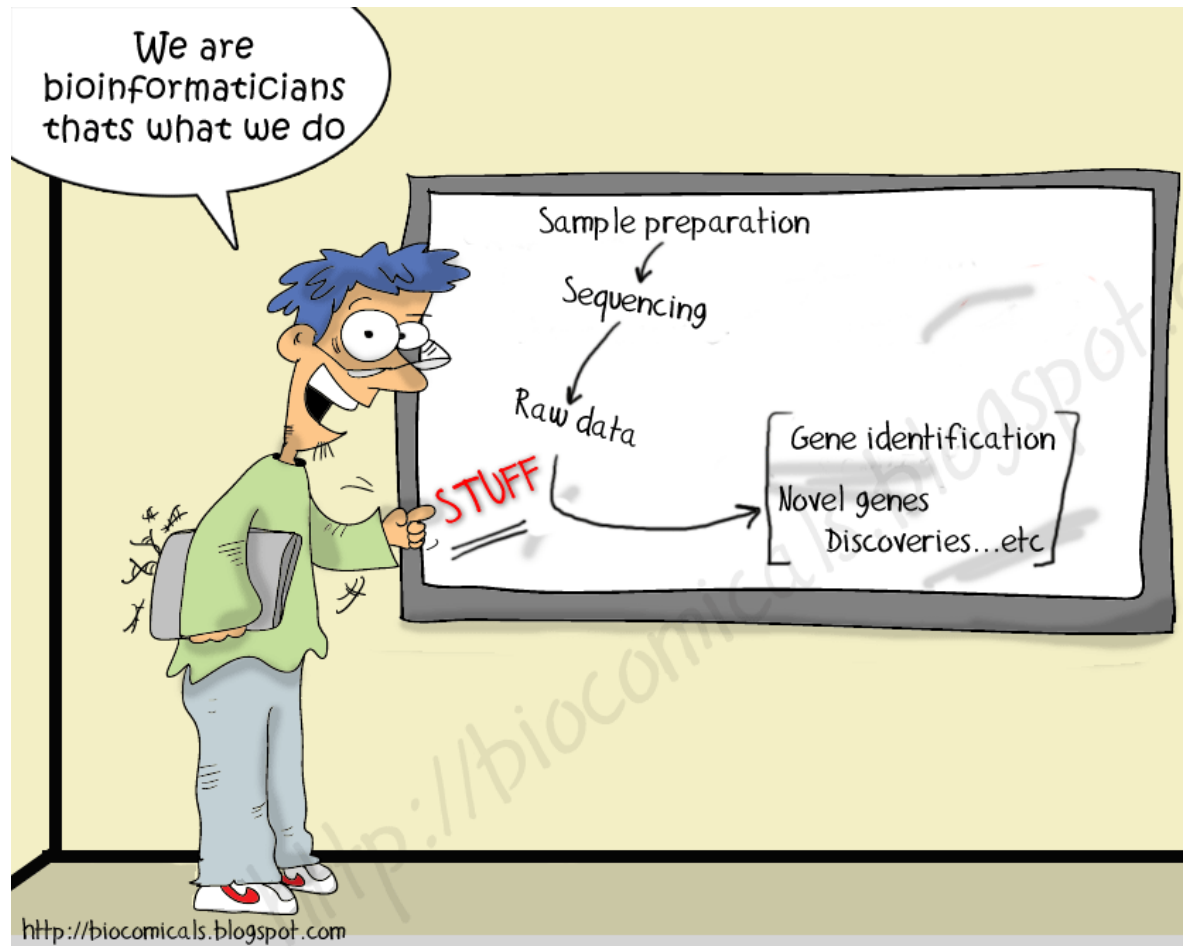


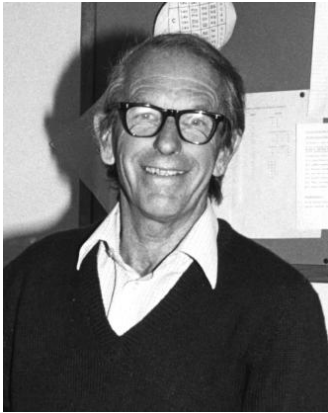
Three themes in molecular biology

- DNA sequence determines protein sequence
- Protein sequence determines protein structure
- Protein structure determines protein function

The study of how to represent, store, search, retrieve and analyze DNA/RNA/protein data

What are most bioinformaticians doing?





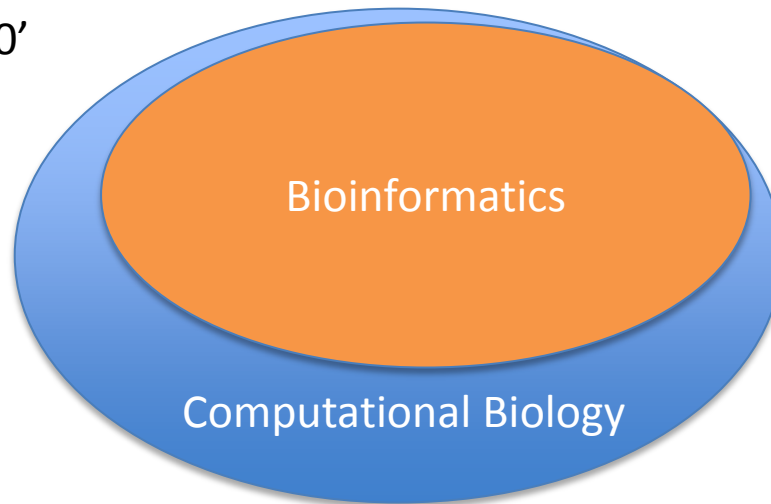
Sanger 50'

Bioinformatics pioneers

The study of how to represent, store, search, retrieve and analyze biological data



Dayhoff 60'



Smith and Waterman 80'



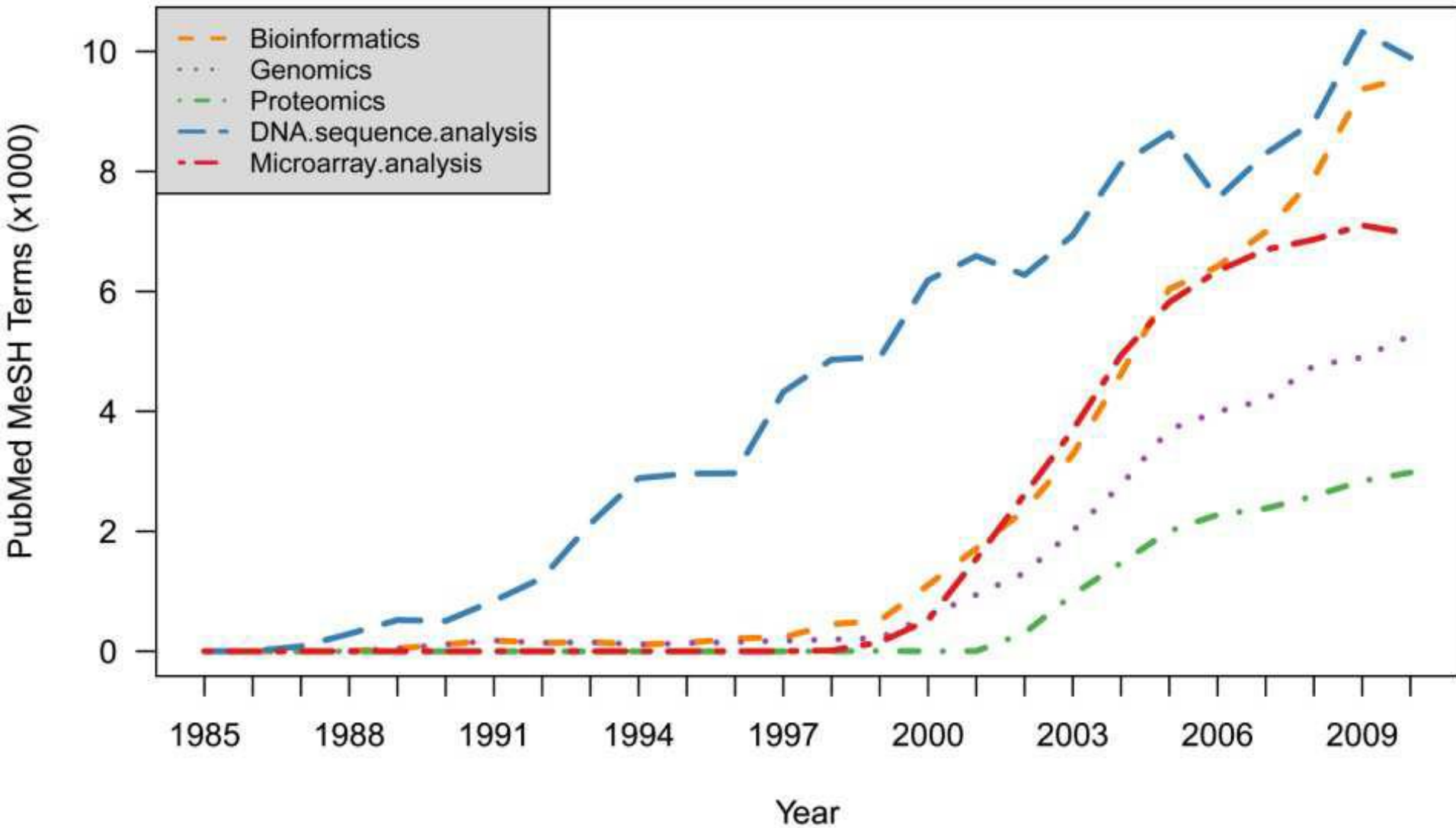
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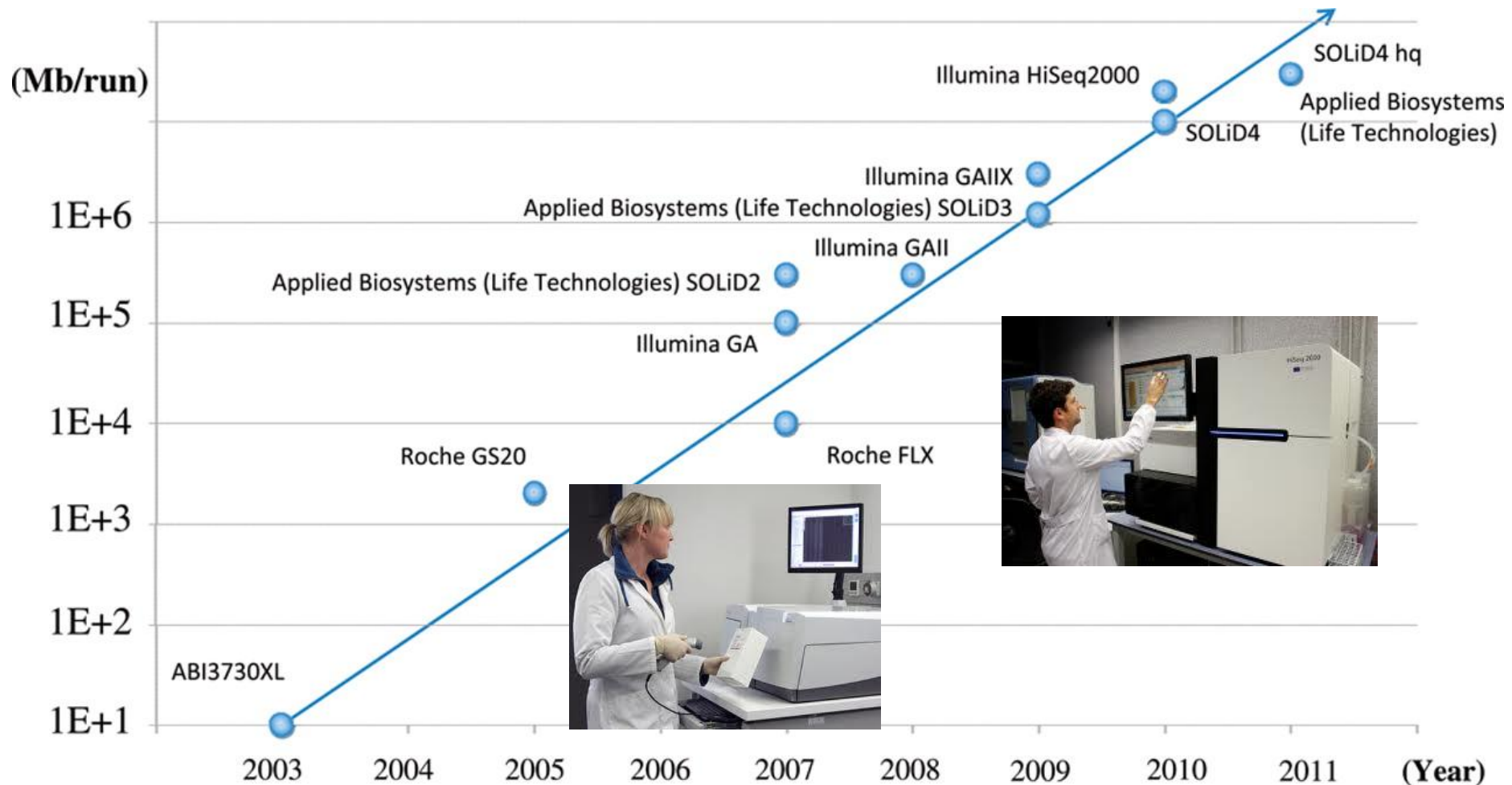
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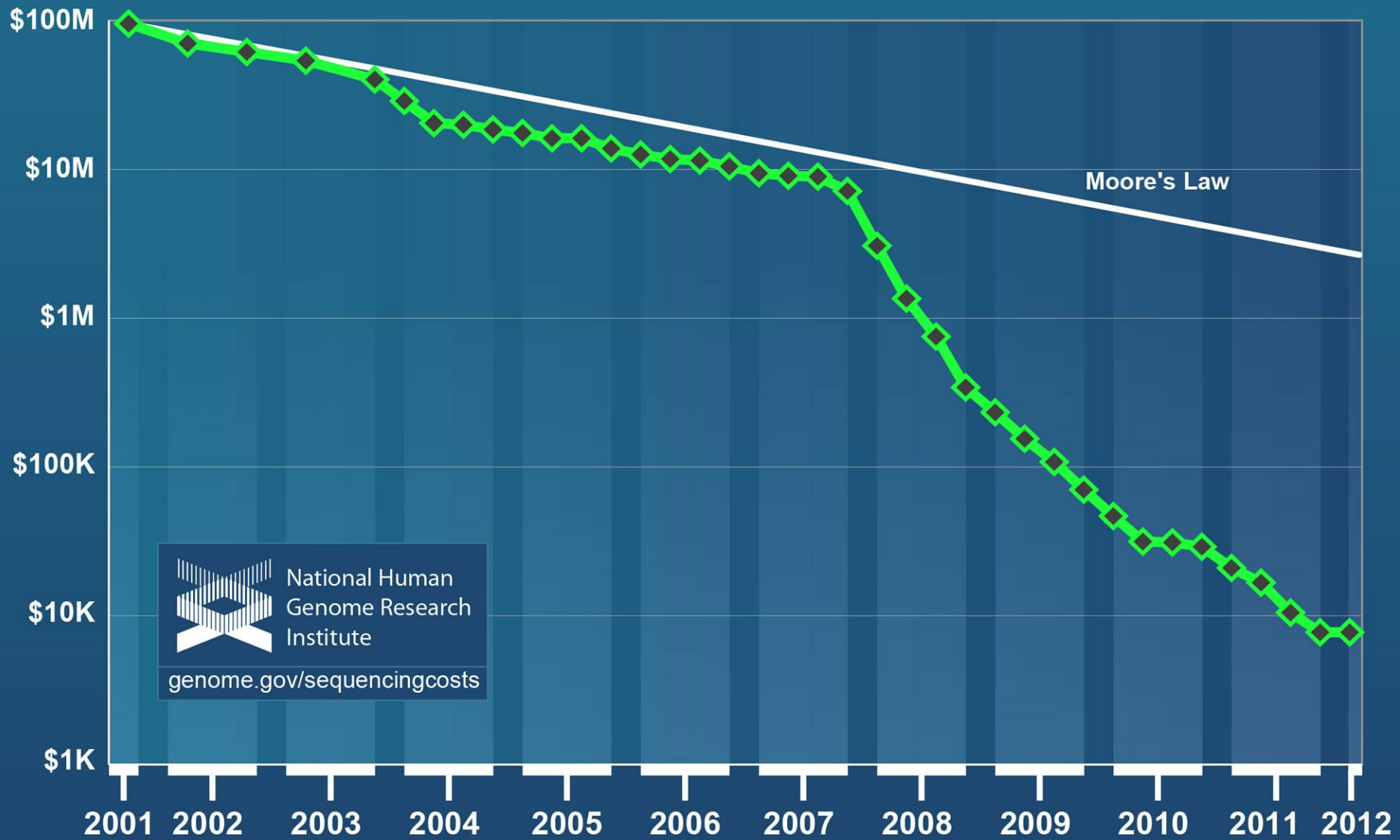
PubMed MeSH Terms Evolution



Driven by big (sequence) data



Cost per Genome



http://www.genome.gov/images/content/cost_per_genome.jpg

Stein's current projects include [Reactome](#),^[3] [WormBase](#),^[4] [BioPerl](#),^[5] [Gramene](#),^[6] [ENCODE](#),^{[7][8][9]} the [Generic Model Organism Database](#),^[10] the [Sequence Ontology](#)^[11] and [Cloud computing](#).^[12] In 2004, Lincoln was the winner of the [Benjamin Franklin Award in Bioinformatics](#).^[13]

Stein is also the original developer of [CGI.pm](#) and a contributor to [mod_perl](#), both widely used in the [Perl language](#) programming for web applications, as well as many other [Perl modules](#) and associated books.^{[14][15][16][17][18]}



Opinion

Bioinformatics: alive and kicking

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Genome Biology 2008, **9**:114 (doi:10.1186/gb-2008-9-12-114) **Bioinformaticians: gone by 2012. Bioinformatics: stronger than ever.**

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Abstract

Bioinformatics has become too central to biology to be left to specialist bioinformaticians. Biologists are all bioinformaticians now.

Bioinformaticians: gone by 2012.

Bioinformatics: stronger than ever.

In February 2003 I gave a keynote address for the second annual O'Reilly Bioinformatics Technology Conference called 'Bioinformatics: Gone in 2012' in which I predicted that bioinformatics as a discipline separate from mainstream biology would be gone in ten years.

In 2008 as it happens, my predictions were quite wrong.

My prediction was that bioinformatics would become one of a series of core courses taught in undergraduate and graduate biology programs, and that there would be a vanishing market for researchers who focus solely on biological data management.

Example

<http://www.iscb.org/iscb-degree-certificate-programs>

The graduate programs in bioinformatics are within the Institute of Bioinformatics at University of Georgia, which offer two different focuses of study:

- (1) Bioinformatics applications designed for students with background and strengths in the biological sciences; and
- (2) Bioinformatics Methods Development is designed for students with background and strengths in the computer science, mathematics, and statistics.

Bioinformaticians: gone by 2012.

Bioinformatics: stronger than ever.

So bioinformatics isn't disappearing. But who is giving these bioinformatics talks, and making and analyzing these large databases? By and large these are not people who call themselves bioinformaticians. Instead, we are witnessing the rise of a new generation of computational biologists who spend part of their time at the bench and part of their time at the computer.

Login info



Windows@MO444

Account: student ID

Password: student ID

Use secure SSH to log in:

IP: 131.156.41.220

Account: student ID

Password: student ID

Change password right
now

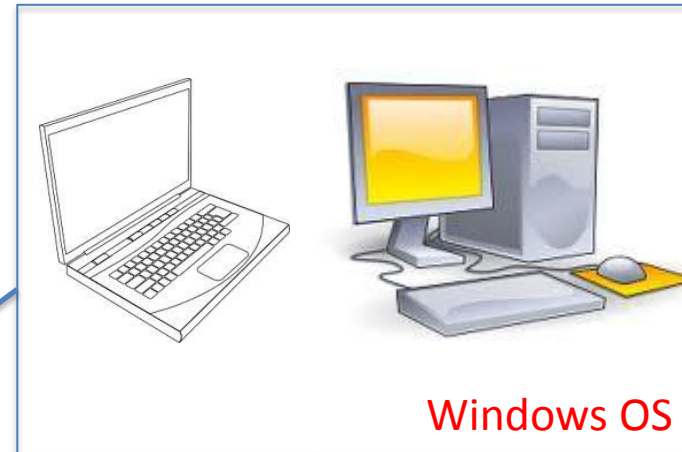


Linux@MO429

Linux or Windows?

No terminal; install ssh client

With terminal



ssh

With terminal



Next lecture: basic molecular
biology and introduction to
bioinformatics web resources