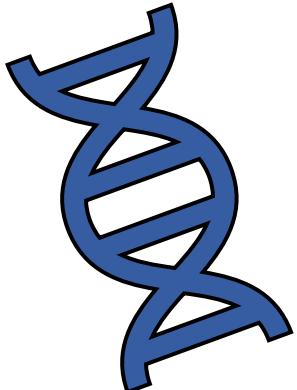
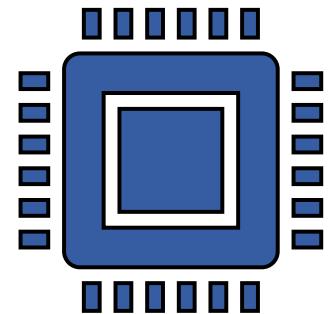


# An Overview of Bioinformatics

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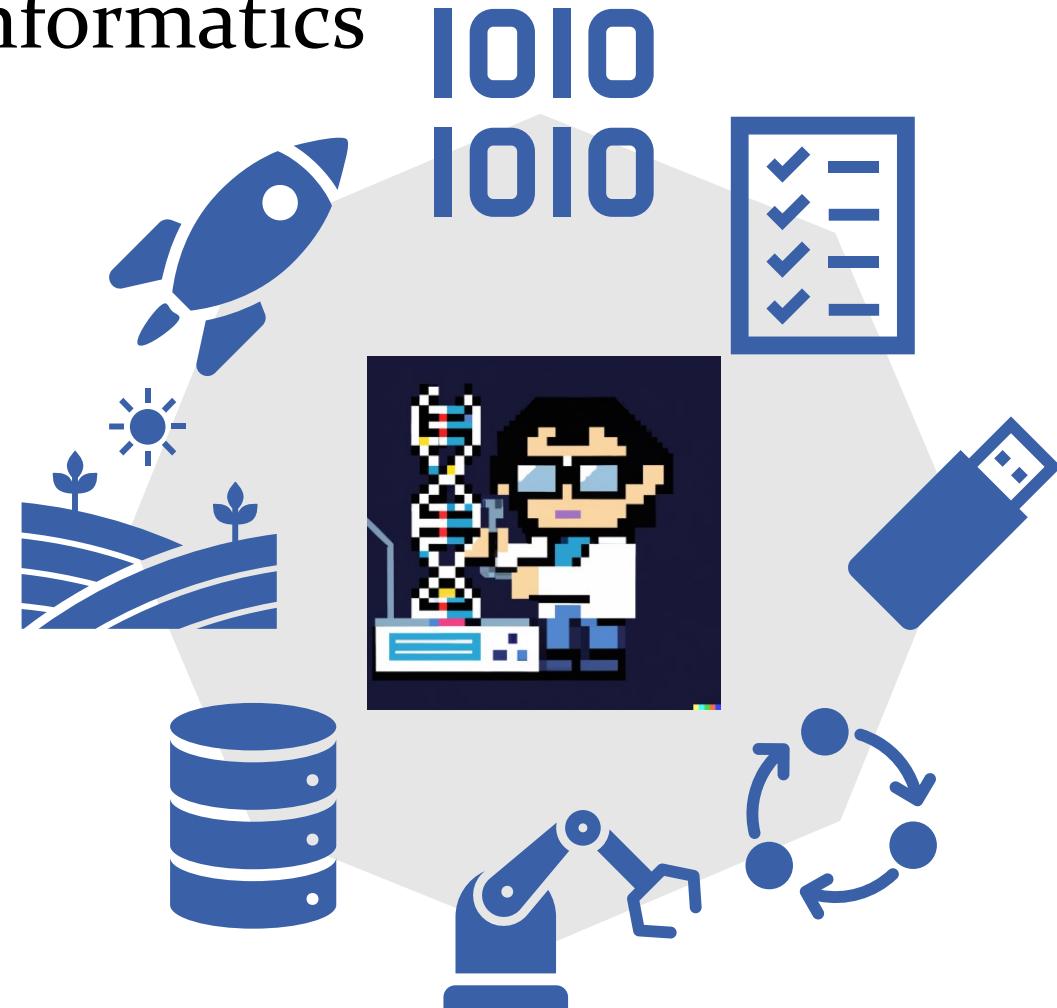


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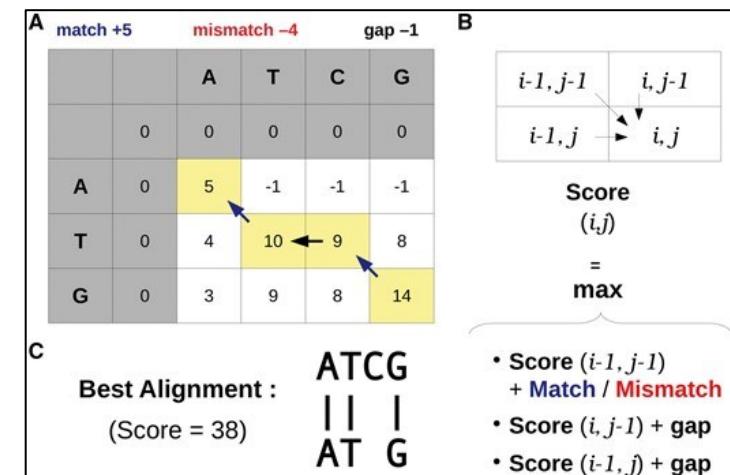
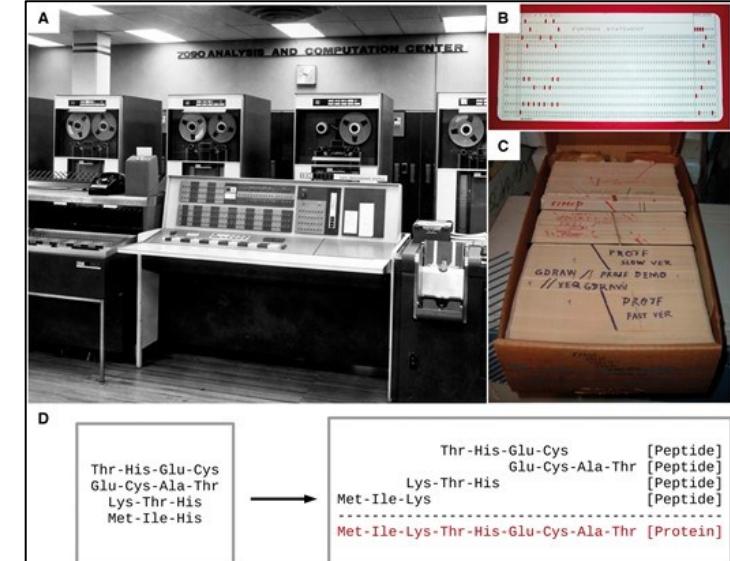
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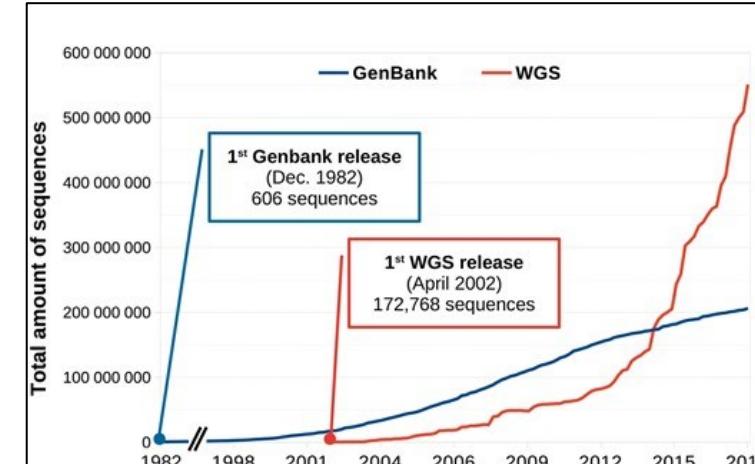
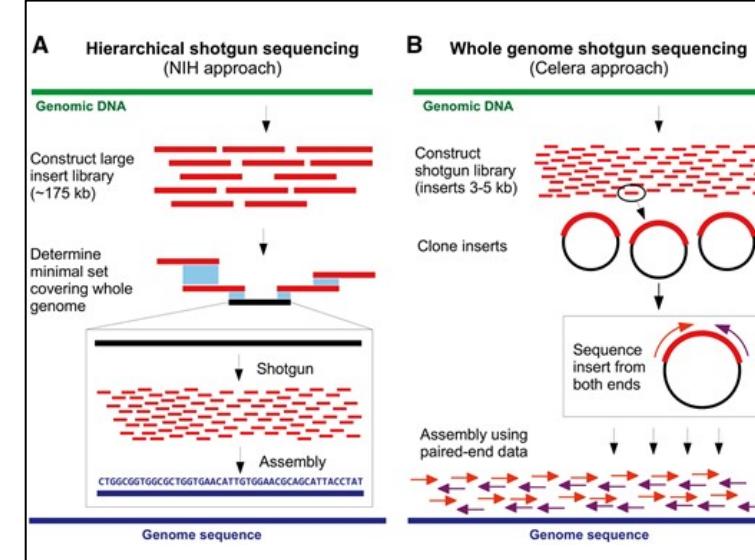
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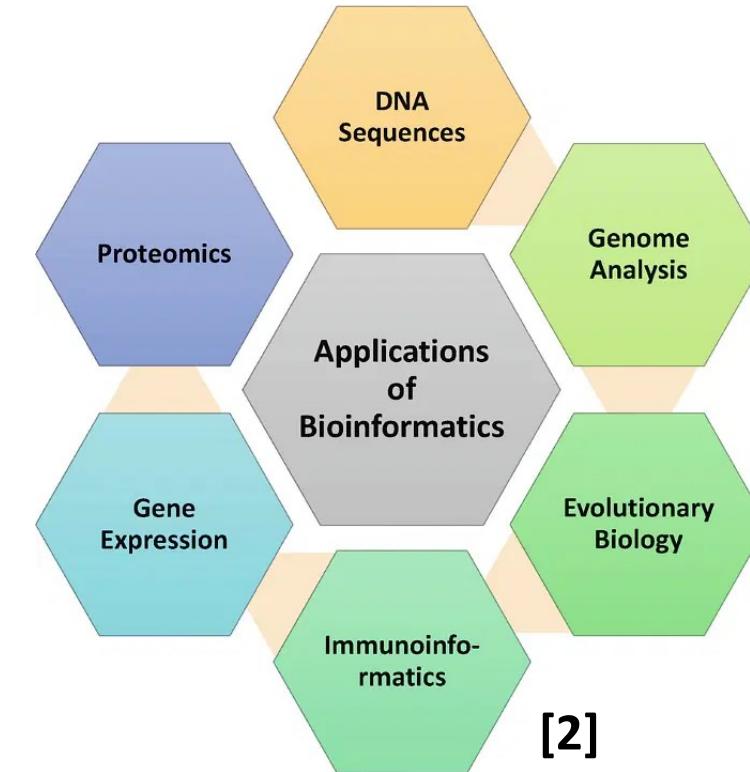
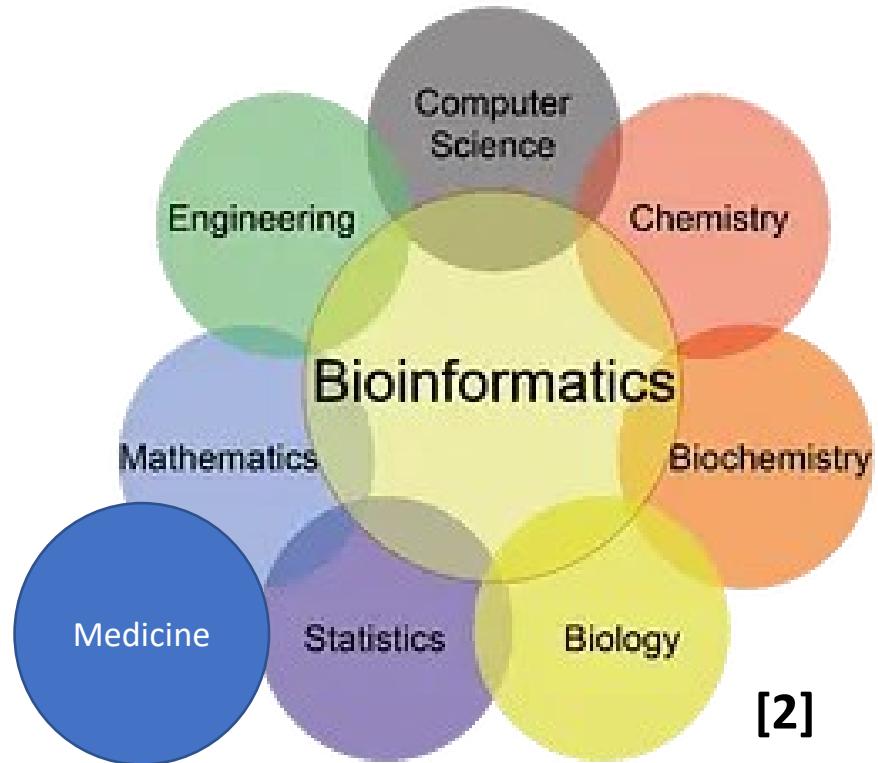
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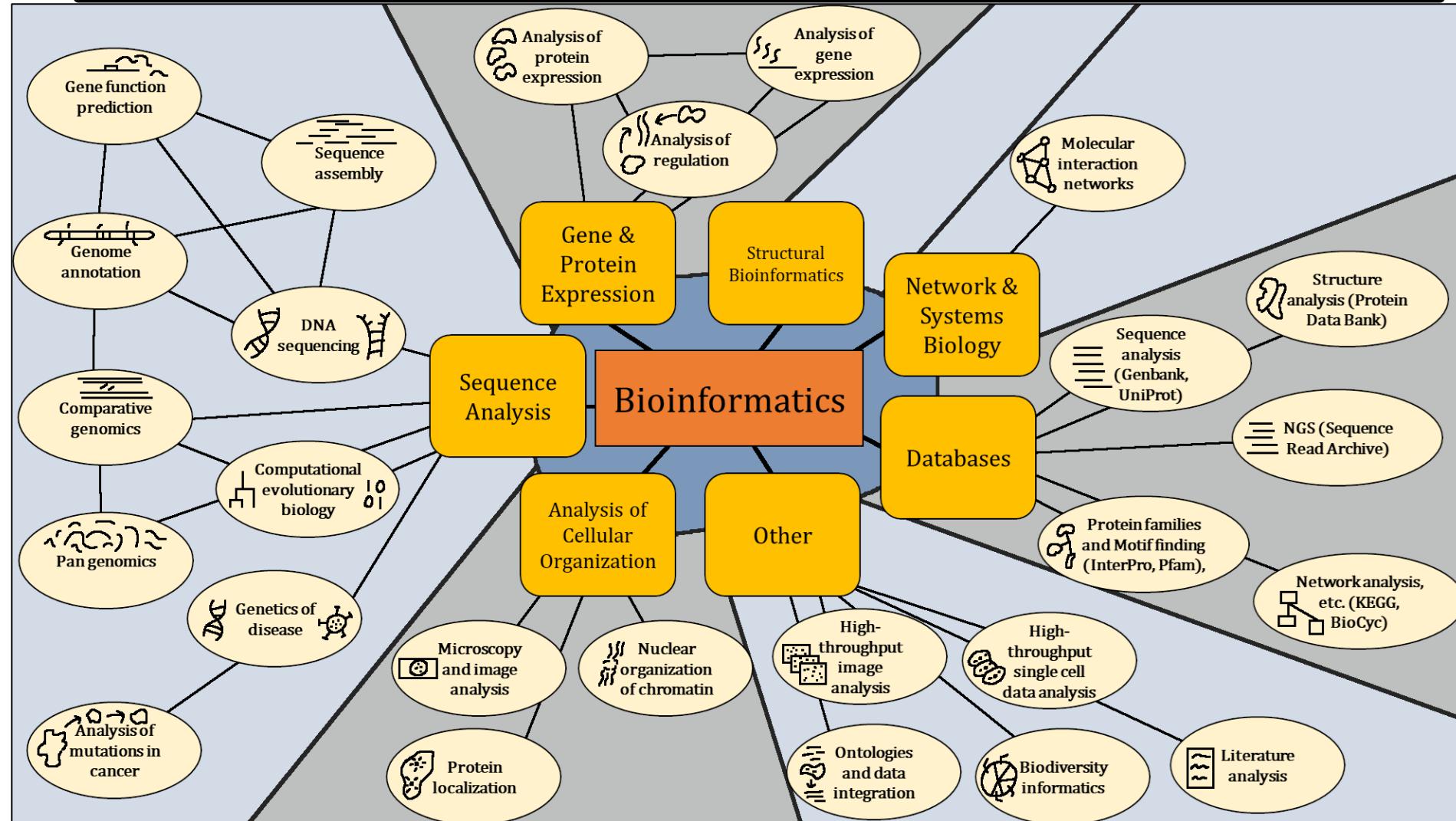
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## ■ Biological sources

- DNA: sequences, genes, genomes, metagenomes

- RNA and Proteins

- Others [4]

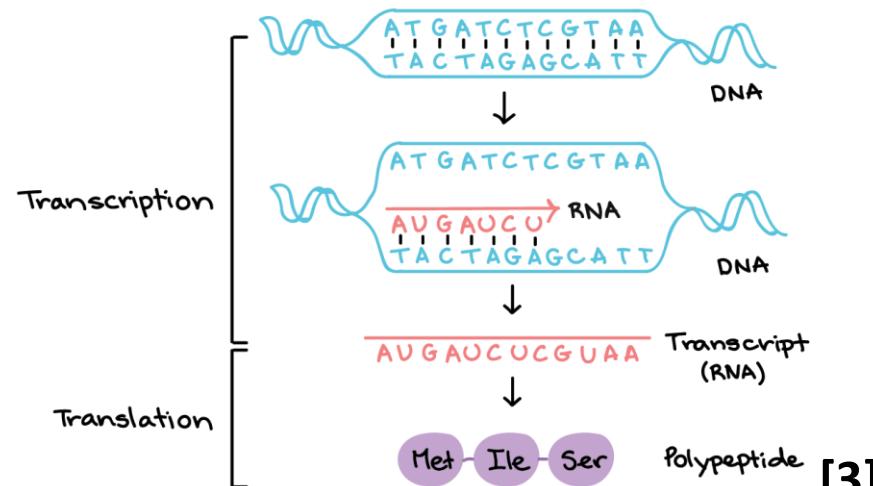
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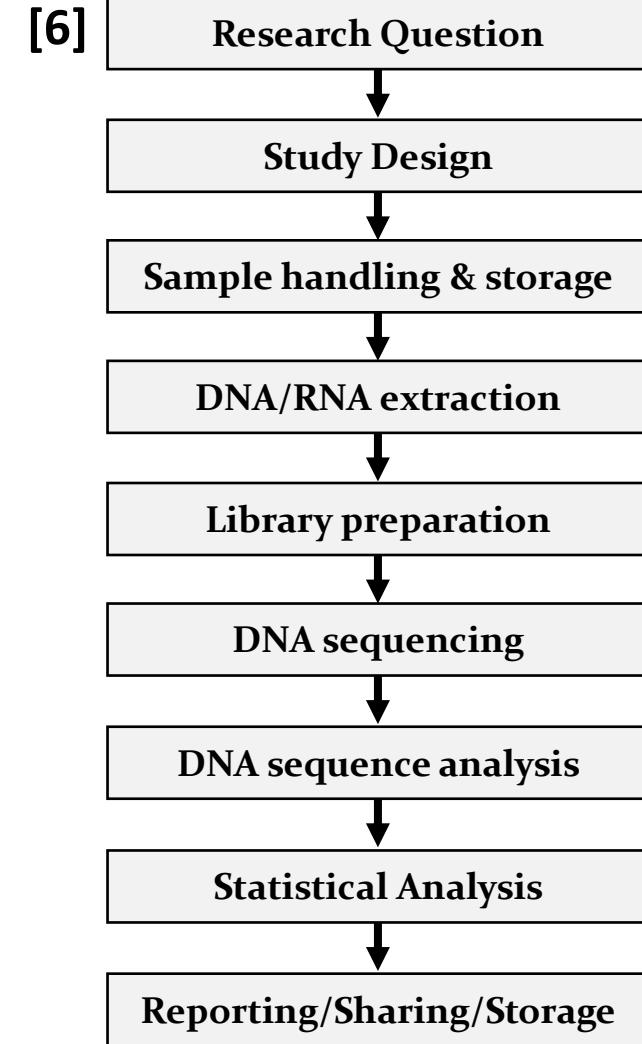
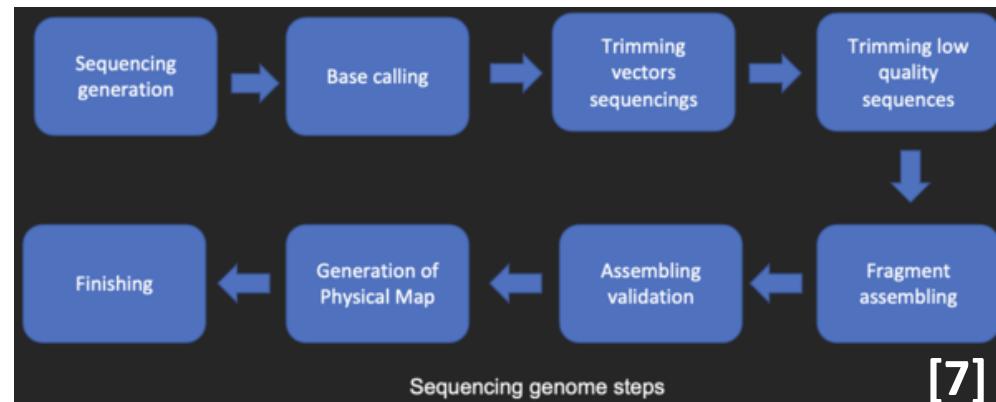
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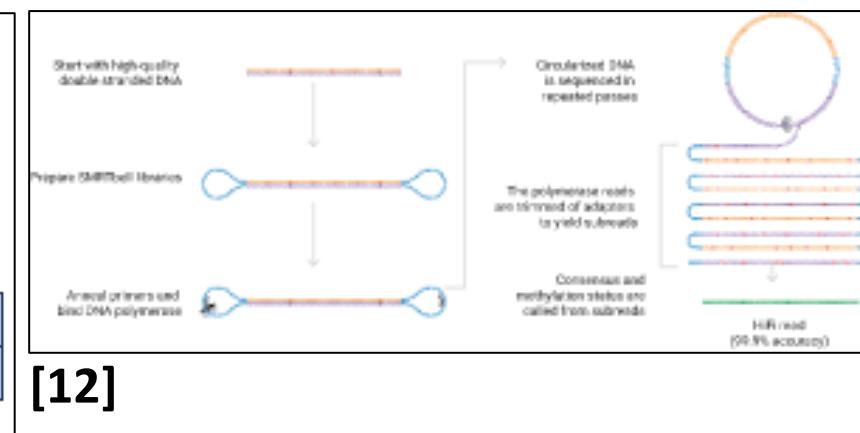
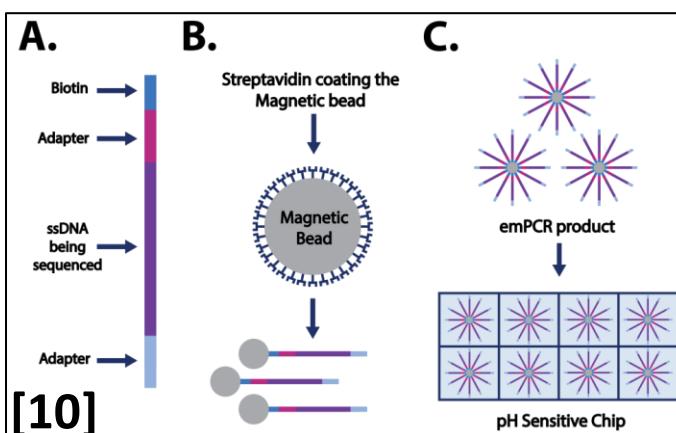
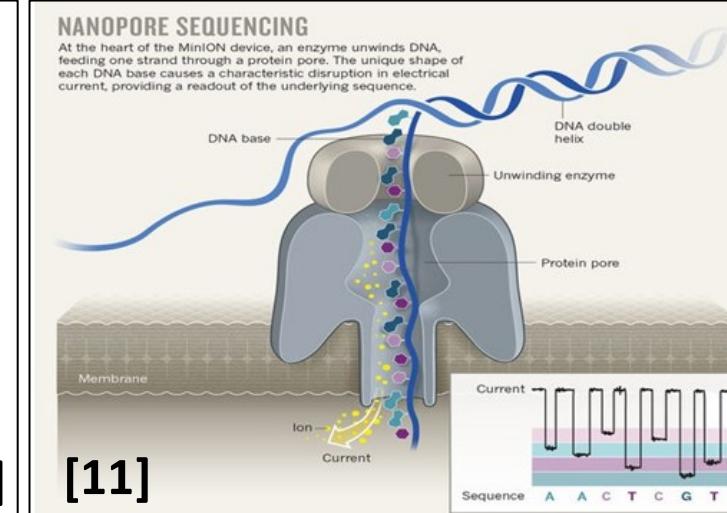
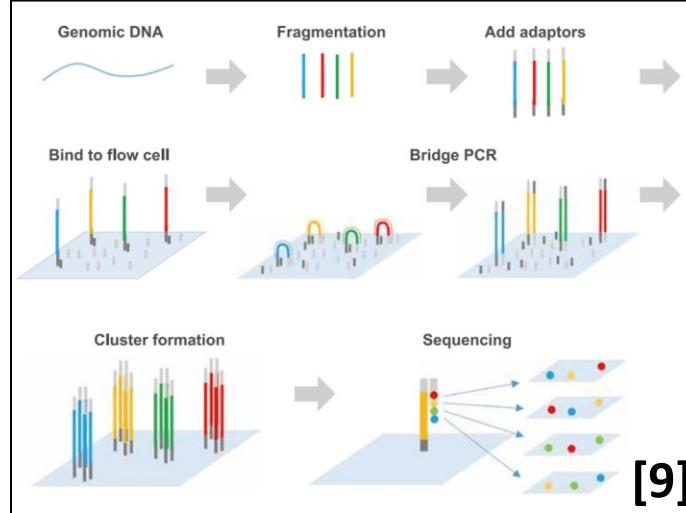
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- ❑ DNA Sequencing
  - ❑ Amplicon sequencing: 16/18S, single copy, etc.
  - ❑ Genome sequencing: reference based, *de novo*
  - ❑ Annotation (what's there)
  - ❑ Comparison (what's different between samples/organisms)
- ❑ Gene and Protein expression
  - ❑ RNA-Seq
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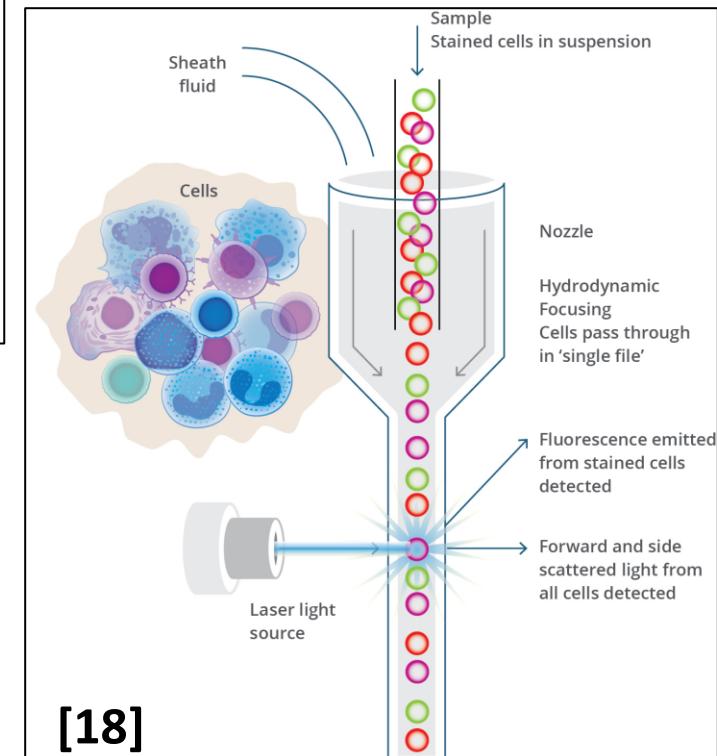
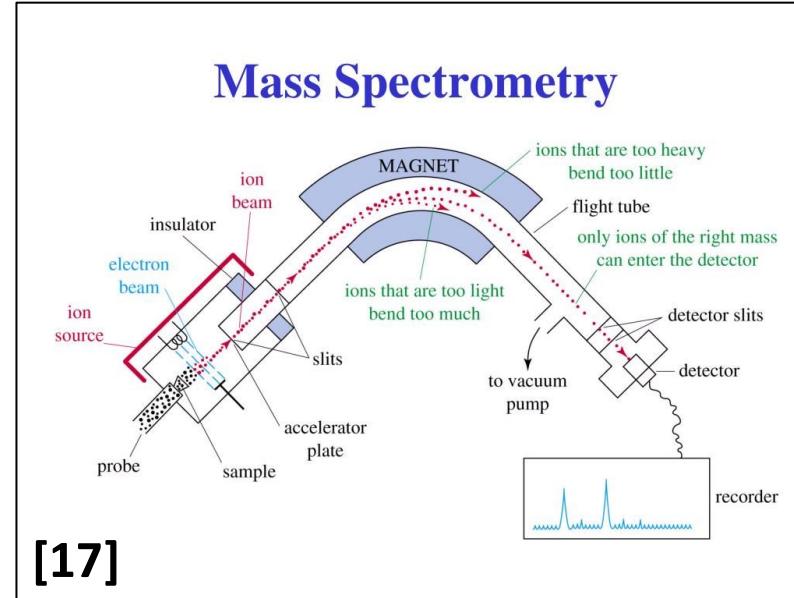
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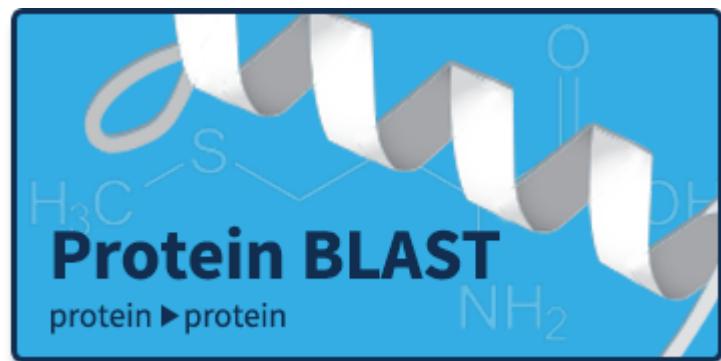


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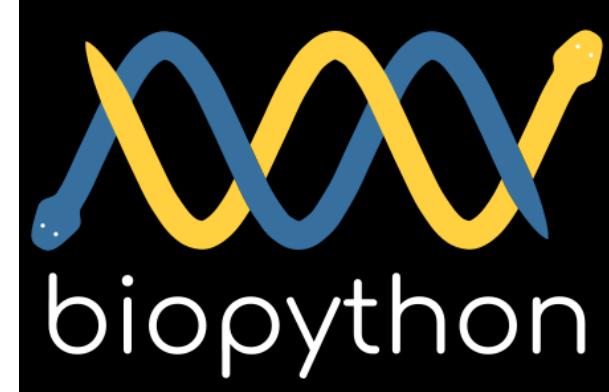
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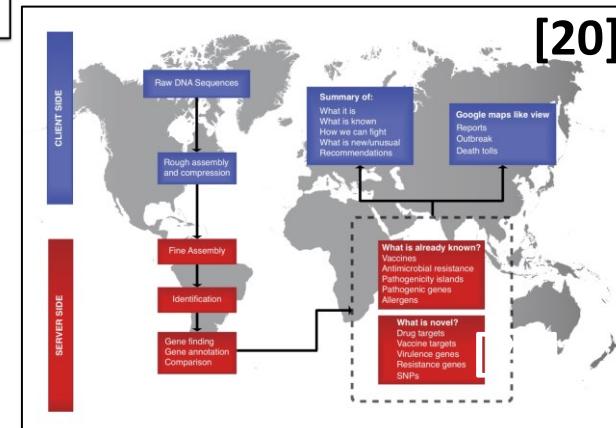
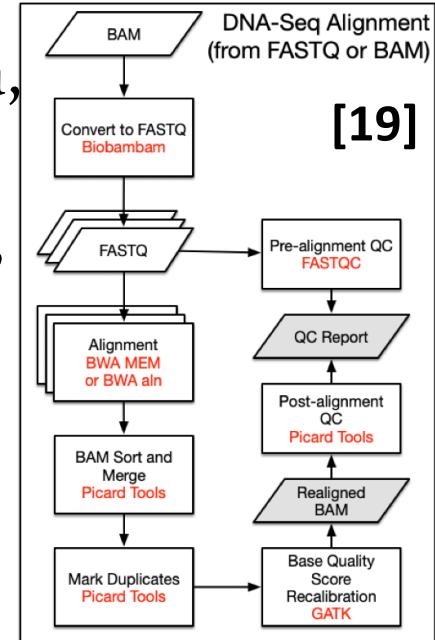
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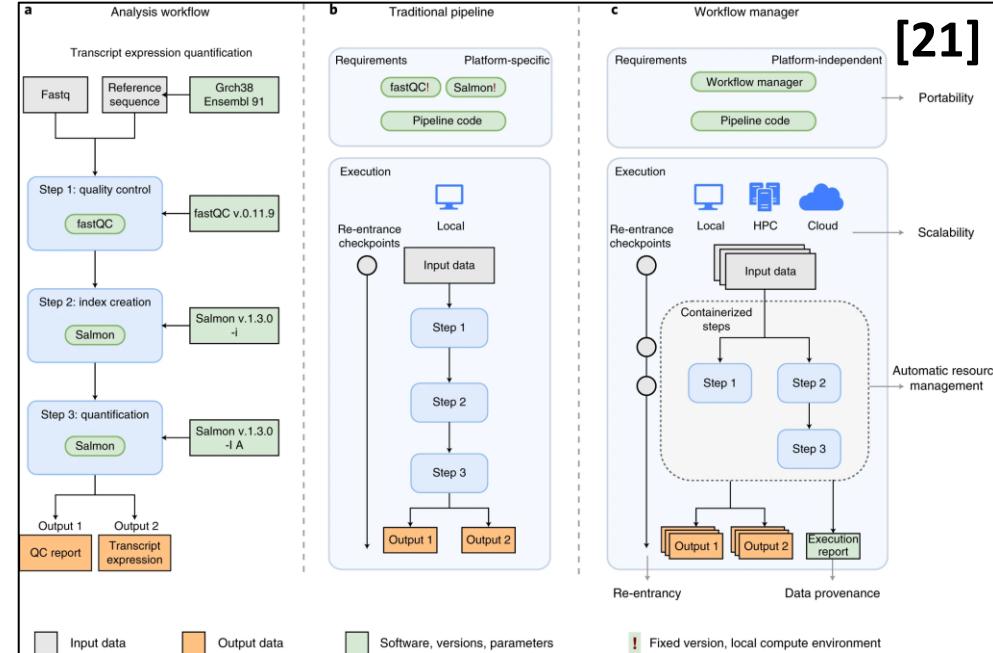
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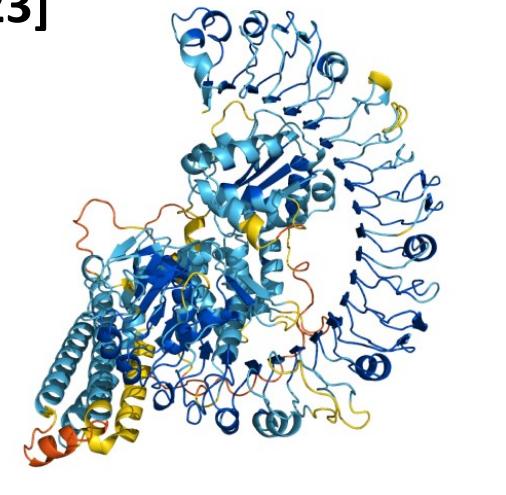
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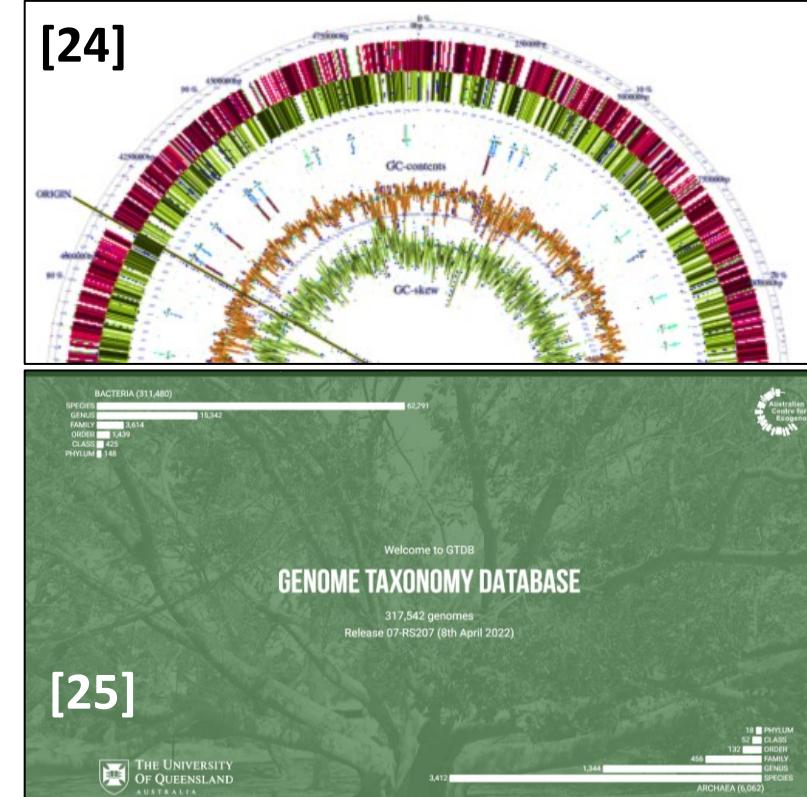


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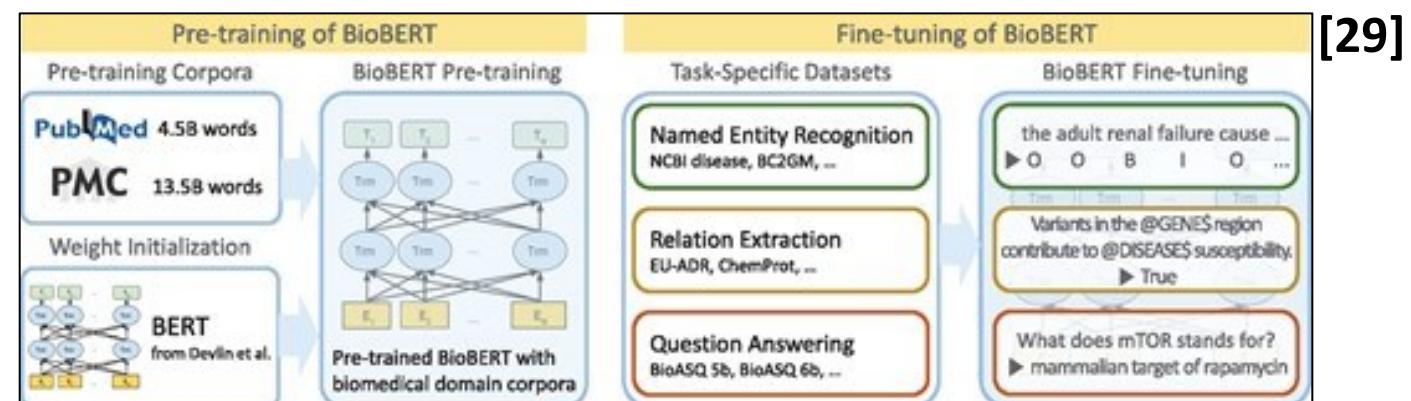
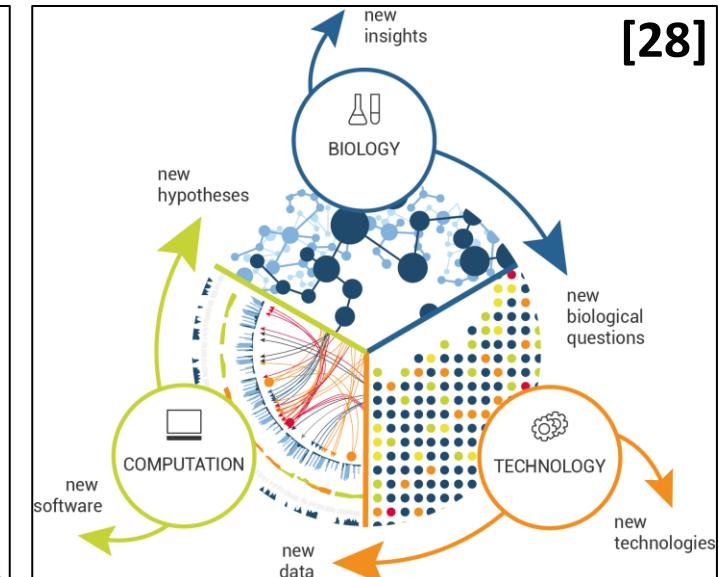
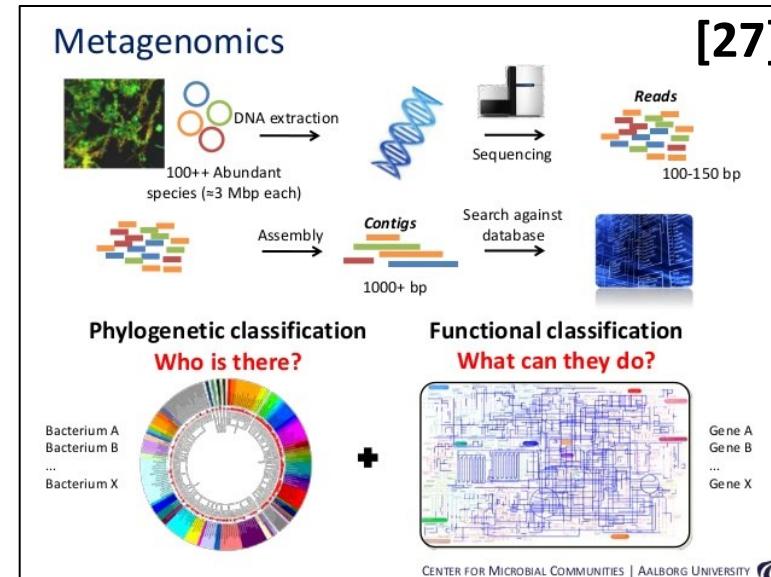
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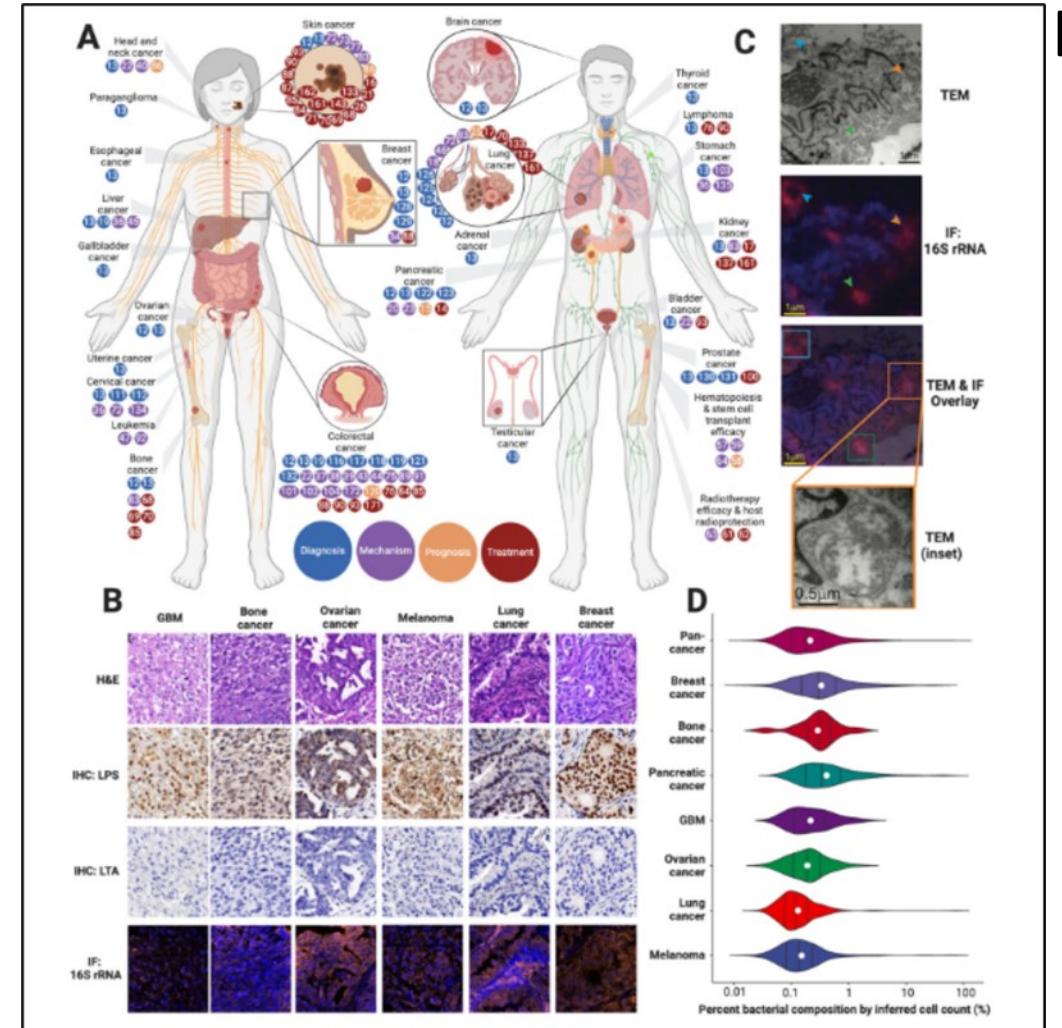
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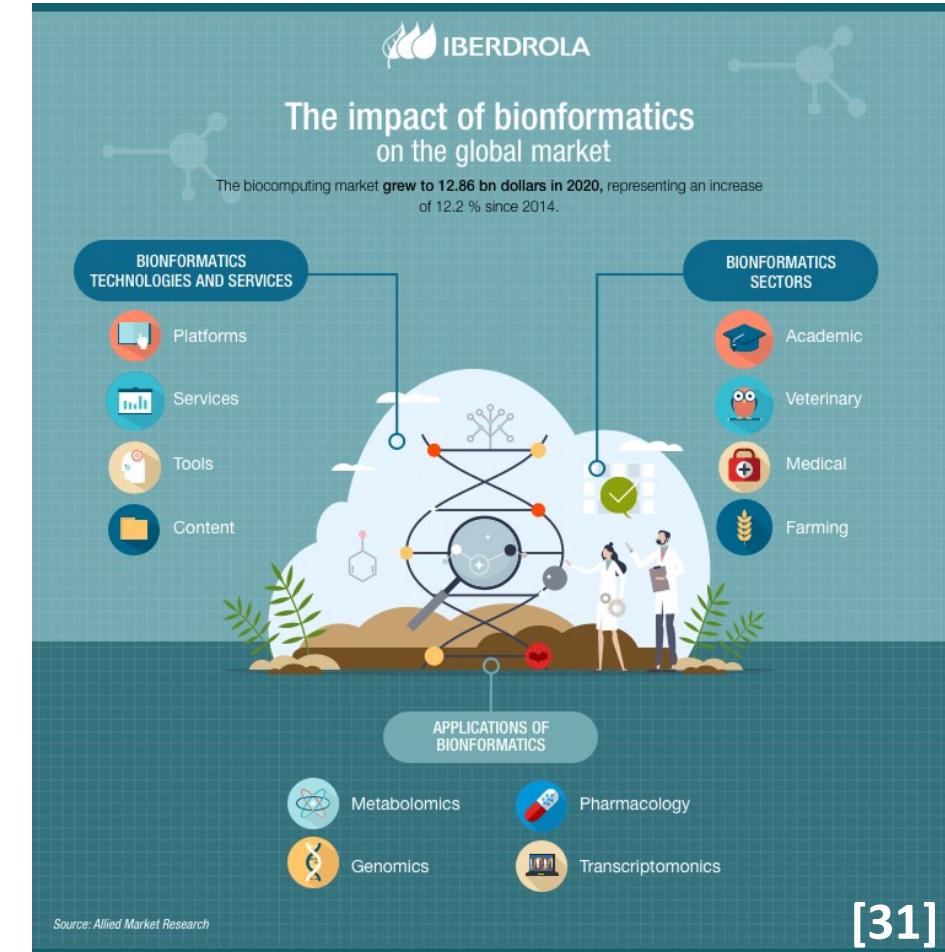
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# The Future

- Increasing market share
- Use of robotics, machine learning, deep learning, AI, etc. [32]
- More data, more integration
- The future is long? [33]



# Resources

- ❑ Algorithms for DNA Sequencing
- ❑ Joint Genome Institute
  - ❑ NeLLi 2021 [35]
  - ❑ VEGA Symposium
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  - ❑ Metagenomics applied to surveillance of pathogens and antimicrobial resistance
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