Quantitative Biology Bootcamp

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WSBS

Unsolved Questions in Biology

- What is your genome sequence?
- How does your genome compare to my genome?

- Where are the genes and how active are they?
- How does gene activity change during development?
- How does splicing change during development?

- How does methylation change during development?
- How does chromatin change during development?
- How does is your genome folded in the cell?
- How do proteins bind and regulate genes?

- What virus and microbes are living inside you?
- How do your mutations relate to disease?
- What drugs and treatments should we give you?

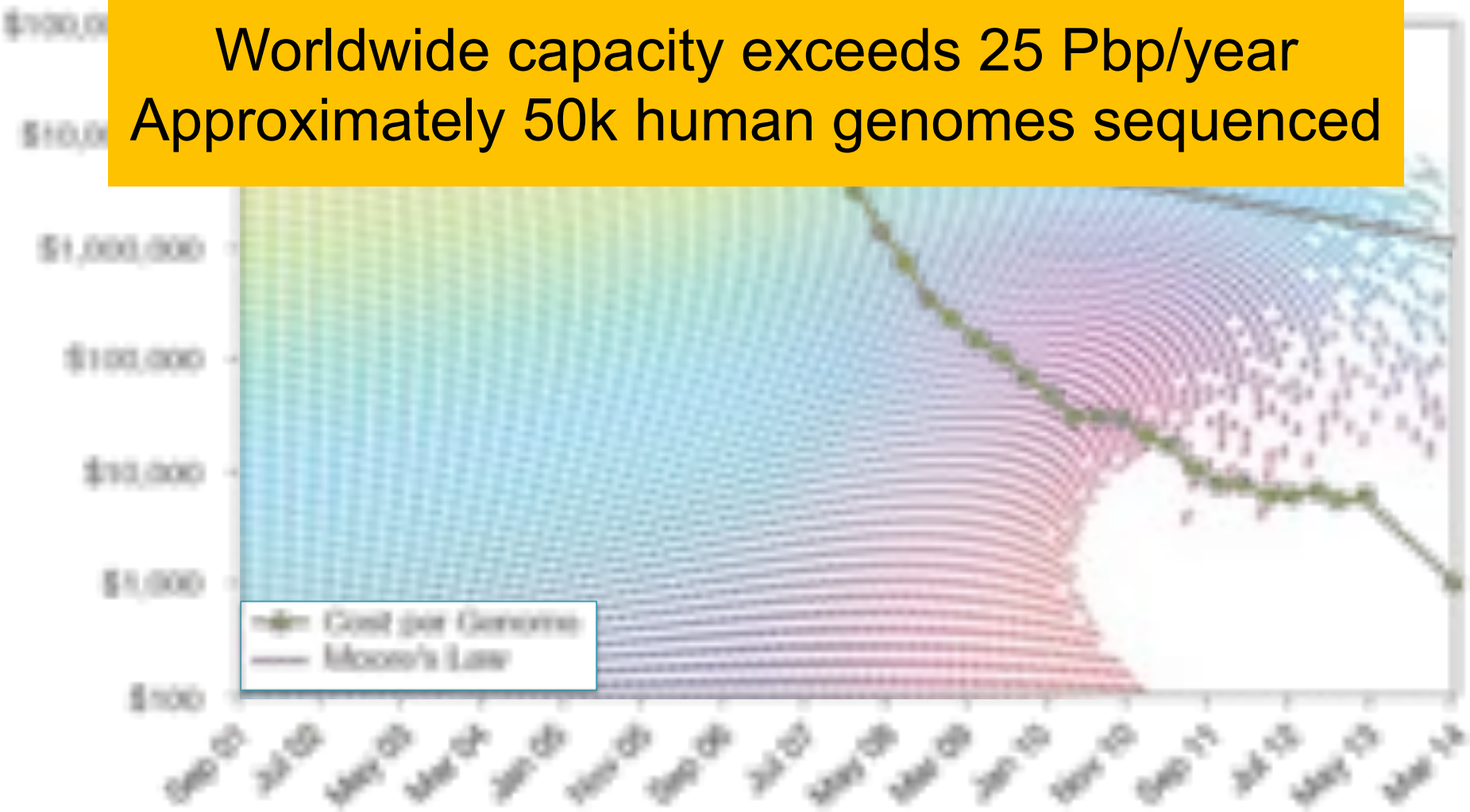
- ***Plus thousands and thousands more***

Data types across the NIH

Phil Bourne, Associate Director of Data Science for NIH
http://www.slideshare.net/pebourne/wiki-mania080914

Cost per Genome

Worldwide capacity exceeds 25 Pbp/year
Approximately 50k human genomes sequenced



http://www.genome.gov/sequencingcosts/

DNA Data Tsunami

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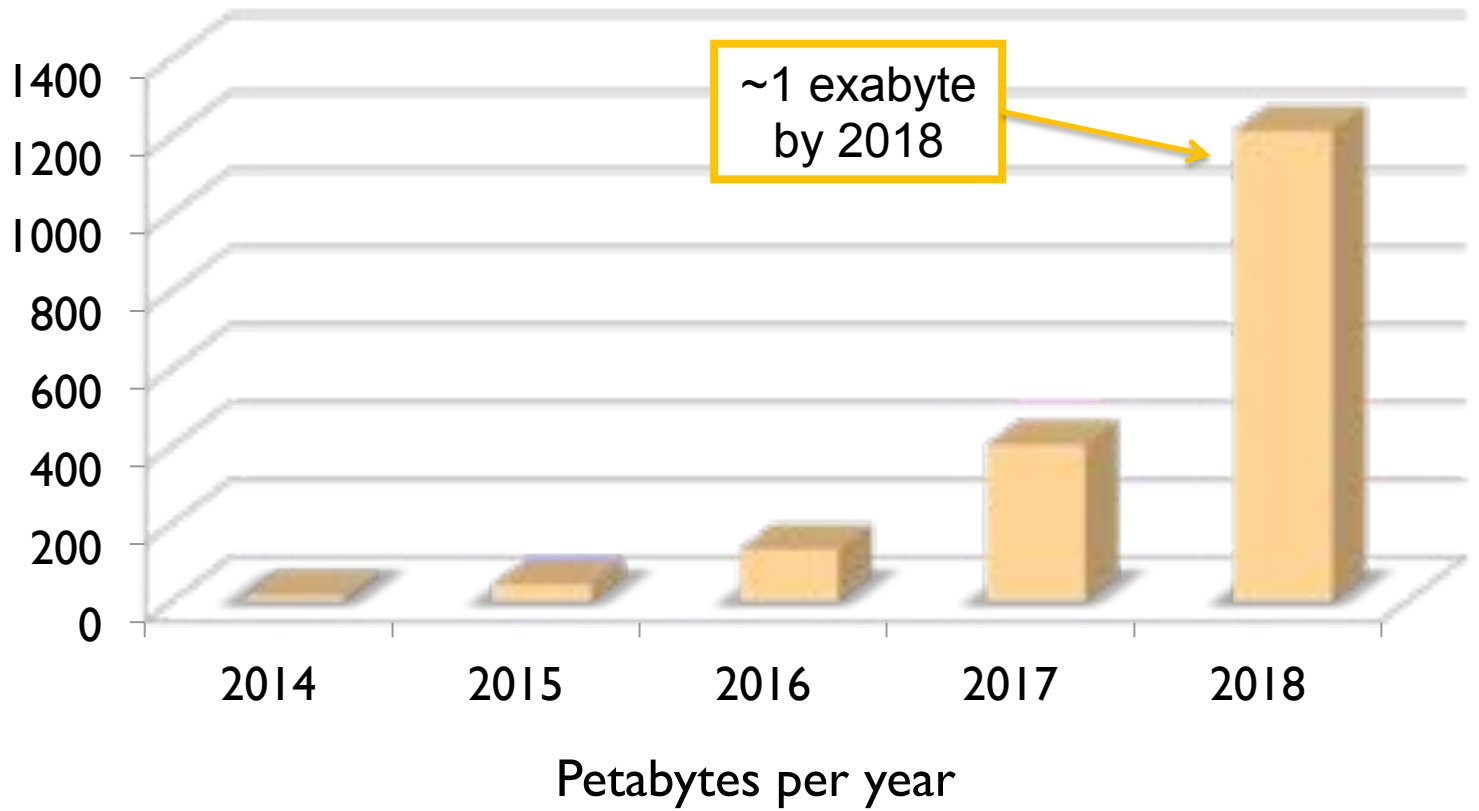

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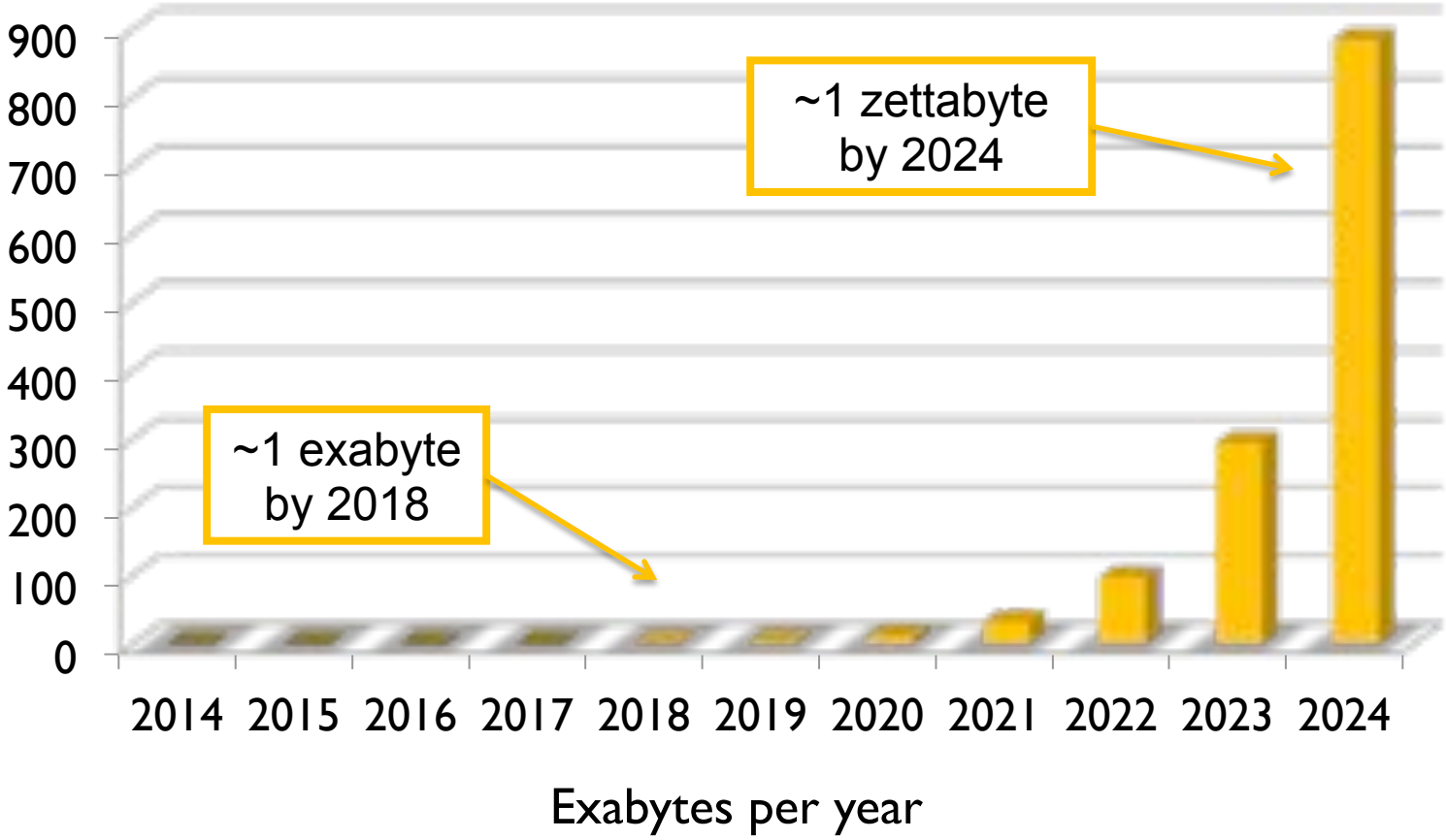

How much is a zettabyte?

Unit	Size
Byte	1
Kilobyte	1,000
Megabyte	1,000,000
Gigabyte	1,000,000,000
Terabyte	1,000,000,000,000
Petabyte	1,000,000,000,000,000
Exabyte	1,000,000,000,000,000,000
Zettabyte	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000

How much is a zettabyte?

100 GB / Genome
4.7GB / DVD
~20 DVDs / Genome

X

10,000,000,000 Genomes

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1ZB Data
200,000,000,000 DVDs

150,000 miles of DVDs
~ ½ distance to moon

YouTube

Both currently ~100Pb
And growing exponentially

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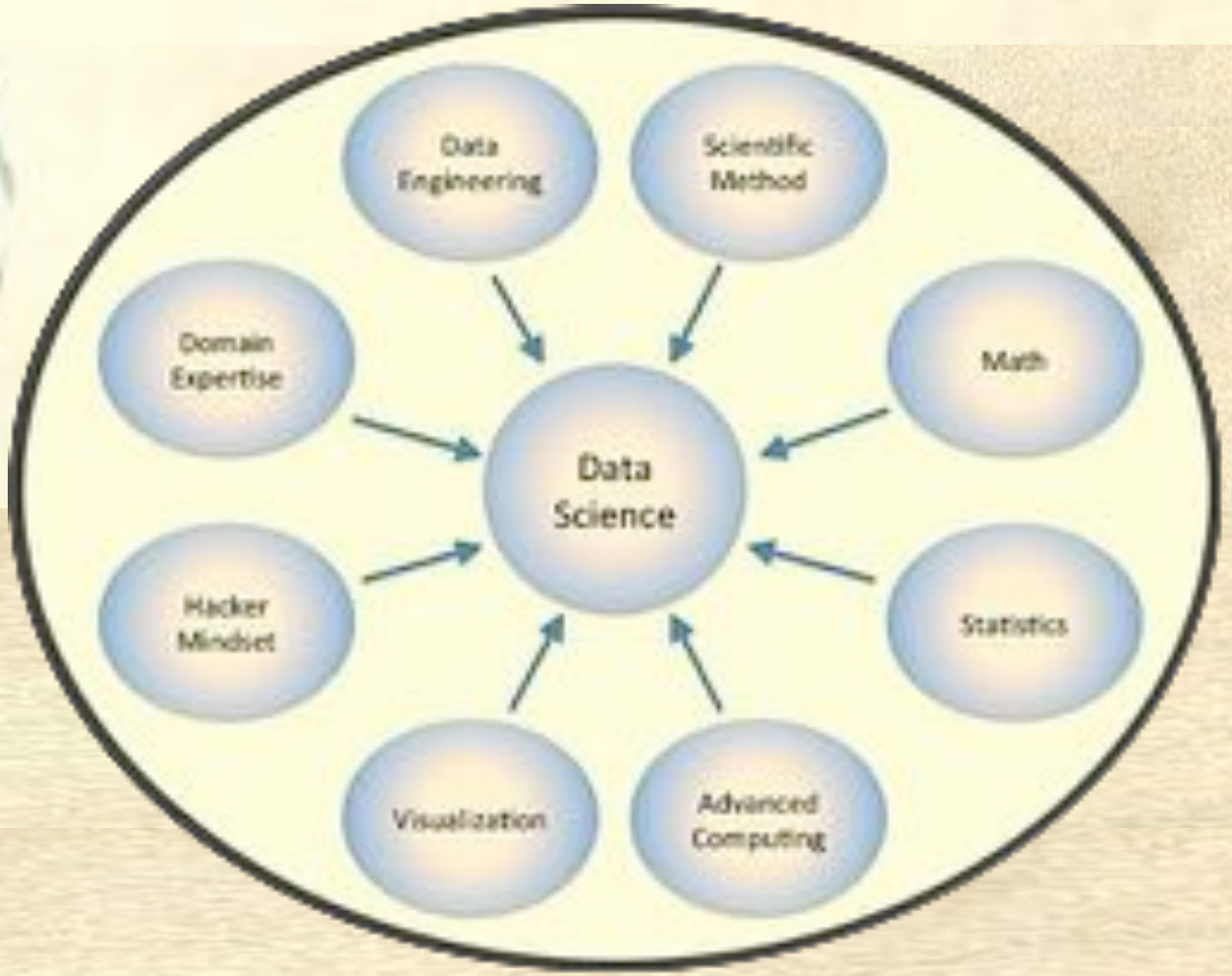
The instruments provide the data, but none of the answers to any of these questions.

What software and systems will?

And who will create them?

Who is a Data Scientist?



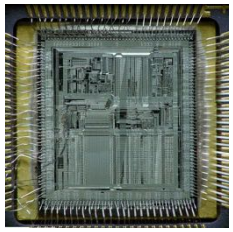
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data_science

What is a computer?

[hardware]

Hard Drive
Permanent Storage – 1TB
(big, slow, cheap)

RAM
Working Storage – 8 GB
(small, fast, expensive)



Processor
Arithmetic, logic
cores, clock speed

Display
Human Interface

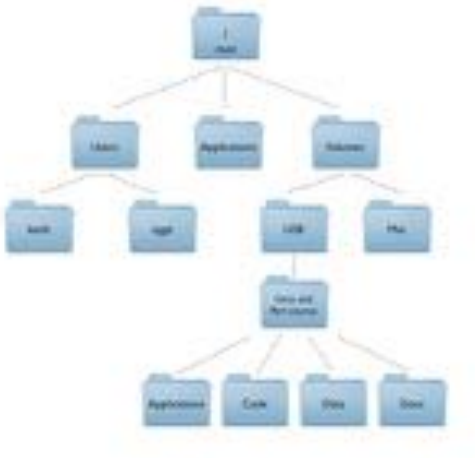
Network
Computer Interface
Home: 10Mb/s, CSHL: 1Gb/s

What is a computer?

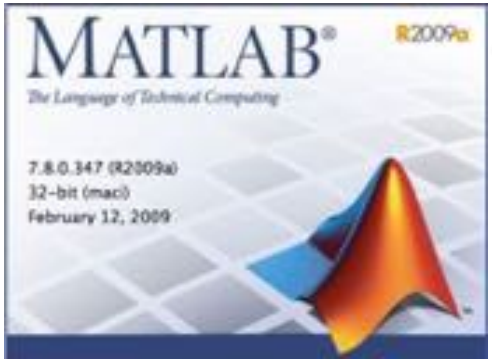
[software]

Office Applications
Presentations, Documents
Simple statistics and plots

Operating System
Mission Control
Windows, Mac, Unix, iOS



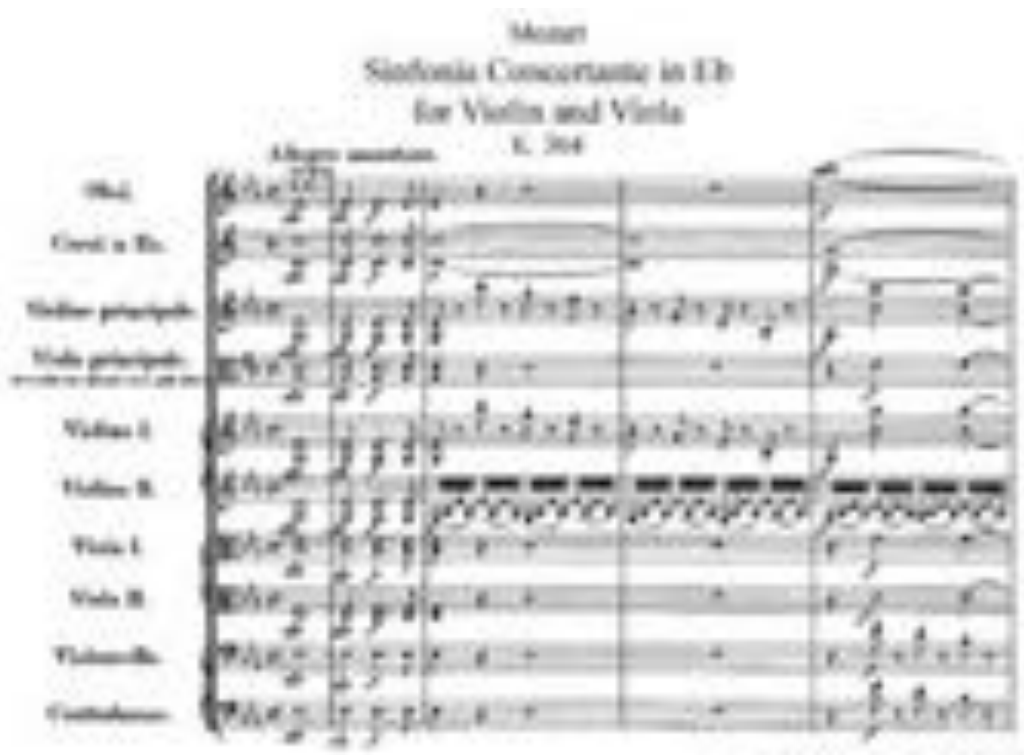
Files / Data
Papers, sequences,
measurements



Scientific Applications
Specialized Analysis
Commercial

Code / Scripts
Research Applications
Academic

Programming 101



A software program is like sheet music for the orchestra inside your computer
Static, written representations of an active process

Programming with Python

https://www.enthought.com/products/canopy/academic/
http://www.codecademy.com/tracks/python