

# Introduction to Module & Bioinformatics

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# 5 days of Bioinformatics

- Day 1 - Introduction to variant analysis using NGS data and quality control
- Day 2 - Introduction to variant calling and Annotation
- Day 3 - Variant Annotation and Interpretation
- Day 4 - Researching links between genotype to clinical phenotype
- Day 5 – Additional annotation and genomic analyses

# Wider overview of Bioinformatics

- ...the application of computer technology to the management of biological information. Computers are used to gather, store, analyze and integrate biological information
- **Pipelines** to process experimental data
- **Repositories** to store archive
- **Resources** to organise, present, interrogate
- **Analysis** to make discoveries
- **Algorithms** to make predictions

# Biological Information

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# Bioinformatics & Structural Biology

- **Pipelines:**
  - Xray, NMR data processing packages
- **Repositories:**
  - PDB (Protein Data Bank)
- **Resources:**
  - e.g. SCOP (Structural Classification of Proteins), CATH (Class, Architecture, Topology, Homology) databases
- **Analysis:**
  - e.g. molecular mechanisms
- **Algorithms:**
  - e.g. for Protein Structure Prediction

# CATH database

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Select a CATH node...

**A** Alpha-Beta Barrel


CATH ID


Topologies18


Superfamilies46

Domains10515

Example Domain[2vxrA00 \[PDB\]](#)



Tree

Sunburst

Top of CATH Hierarchy (4 Classes)

▶ **C** 1 Mainly Alpha

5 Architectures, 397 Folds, 907 Superfamilies, 48121 Domains

▶ **C** 2 Mainly Beta

20 Architectures, 241 Folds, 547 Superfamilies, 58944 Domains

▶ **C** 3 Alpha Beta

14 Architectures, 626 Folds, 1158 Superfamilies, 125772 Domains

▶ **A** 3.10 Roll

58 Folds, 101 Superfamilies, 9748 Domains

▶ **A** 3.15 Super Roll

3 Folds, 3 Superfamilies, 5 Domains

▶ **A** 3.20 Alpha-Beta Barrel

18 Folds, 46 Superfamilies, 10515 Domains

▶ **A** 3.30 2-Layer Sandwich

223 Folds, 495 Superfamilies, 34581 Domains

▶ **A** 3.40 3-Layer(aba) Sandwich

126 Folds, 287 Superfamilies, 49841 Domains

▶ **A** 3.50 3-Layer(bba) Sandwich

11 Folds, 17 Superfamilies, 2313 Domains

▶ **A** 3.55 3-Layer(bab) Sandwich

6 Folds, 6 Superfamilies, 24 Domains

▶ **A** 3.60 4-Layer Sandwich

16 Folds, 18 Superfamilies, 3478 Domains

▶ **A** 3.65 Alpha-beta prism

1 Folds, 2 Superfamilies, 405 Domains

▶ **A** 3.70 Box

1 Folds, 1 Superfamilies, 173 Domains

▶ **A** 3.75 5-stranded Propeller

1 Folds, 2 Superfamilies, 135 Domains

▶ **A** 3.80 Alpha-Beta Horseshoe

3 Folds, 4 Superfamilies, 257 Domains

▶ **A** 3.90 Alpha-Beta Complex

158 Folds, 175 Superfamilies, 14167 Domains

▶ **A** 3.100 Ribosomal Protein L15; Chain: K; domain 2

1 Folds, 1 Superfamilies, 130 Domains

▶ **C** 4 Few Secondary Structures

1 Architectures, 111 Folds, 126 Superfamilies, 3021 Domains

# Protein 3D structures: TIM barrels

Example Domain

[2vxnA00 \[PDB\]](#)



Example Domain

[2vwsA00 \[PDB\]](#)






# Algorithms: Protein structure Prediction





- Why is there a need for a prediction algorithm?
  - Vastly more protein sequences than structures
  - Xray/NMR slow, difficult, expensive
  - Ideally algorithm would predict consequence of mutation
- Strategies
  - Show sequence of unknown structure related to sequence of known structure and 'model' from it
  - Predict directly using knowledge of atomic interactions (physics) and simulation (*ab initio*)
  - Predict many models from 'lego' components from database of known structures
- History
  - 1970s–1994 Delusion
  - 1994 First CASP Competition; Steady progress since, but still not 'solved'

# Algorithms: Protein structure Prediction

## <http://predictioncenter.org/>



Protein Structure Prediction Center



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**Welcome to the Protein Structure Prediction Center!**

Our goal is to help advance the methods of identifying protein structure from sequence. The Center has been organized to provide the means of objective testing of these methods via the process of blind prediction. The Critical Assessment of protein Structure Prediction (CASP) experiments aim at establishing the current state of the art in protein structure prediction, identifying what progress has been made, and highlighting where future effort may be most productively focused.

There have been eleven previous CASP experiments. The twelfth experiment is planned to start in May 2016. Description of these experiments and the full data (targets, predictions, interactive tables with numerical evaluation results, dynamic graphs and prediction visualization tools) can be accessed following the links:

[CASP1 \(1994\)](#) | [CASP2 \(1996\)](#) | [CASP3 \(1998\)](#) | [CASP4 \(2000\)](#) | [CASP5 \(2002\)](#) | [CASP6 \(2004\)](#) | [CASP7 \(2006\)](#) | [CASP8 \(2008\)](#) | [CASP9 \(2010\)](#) | [CASP10 \(2012\)](#) | [CASP11 \(2014\)](#) | [CASP12 \(2016\)](#)

Raw data for the experiments held so far are archived and stored in our [data archive](#).

In November 2011 we have opened a new rolling CASP experiment for all-year-round testing of ab initio modeling methods:



[CASP ROLL](#)

Details of the experiments have been published in a scientific journal *Proteins: Structure, Function and Bioinformatics*. [CASP proceedings](#) include papers describing the structure and conduct of the experiments, the numerical evaluation measures, reports from the assessment teams highlighting state of the art in different prediction categories, methods from some of the most successful prediction teams, and progress in various aspects of the modeling.

Prediction methods are assessed on the basis of the analysis of a large number of blind predictions of protein structure. Summary of numerical evaluation of the methods tested in the latest CASP experiment can be found [on this web page](#). The main numerical measures used in evaluations are described in the papers [\[1\]](#), [\[2\]](#). The latter paper also contains explanations of data handling procedures and guidelines for navigating the data presented on this website.

Some of the best performing methods are implemented as [fully automated servers](#) and therefore can be used by public for protein structure modeling.

To proceed to the pages related to the latest CASP experiments click on the logo below:



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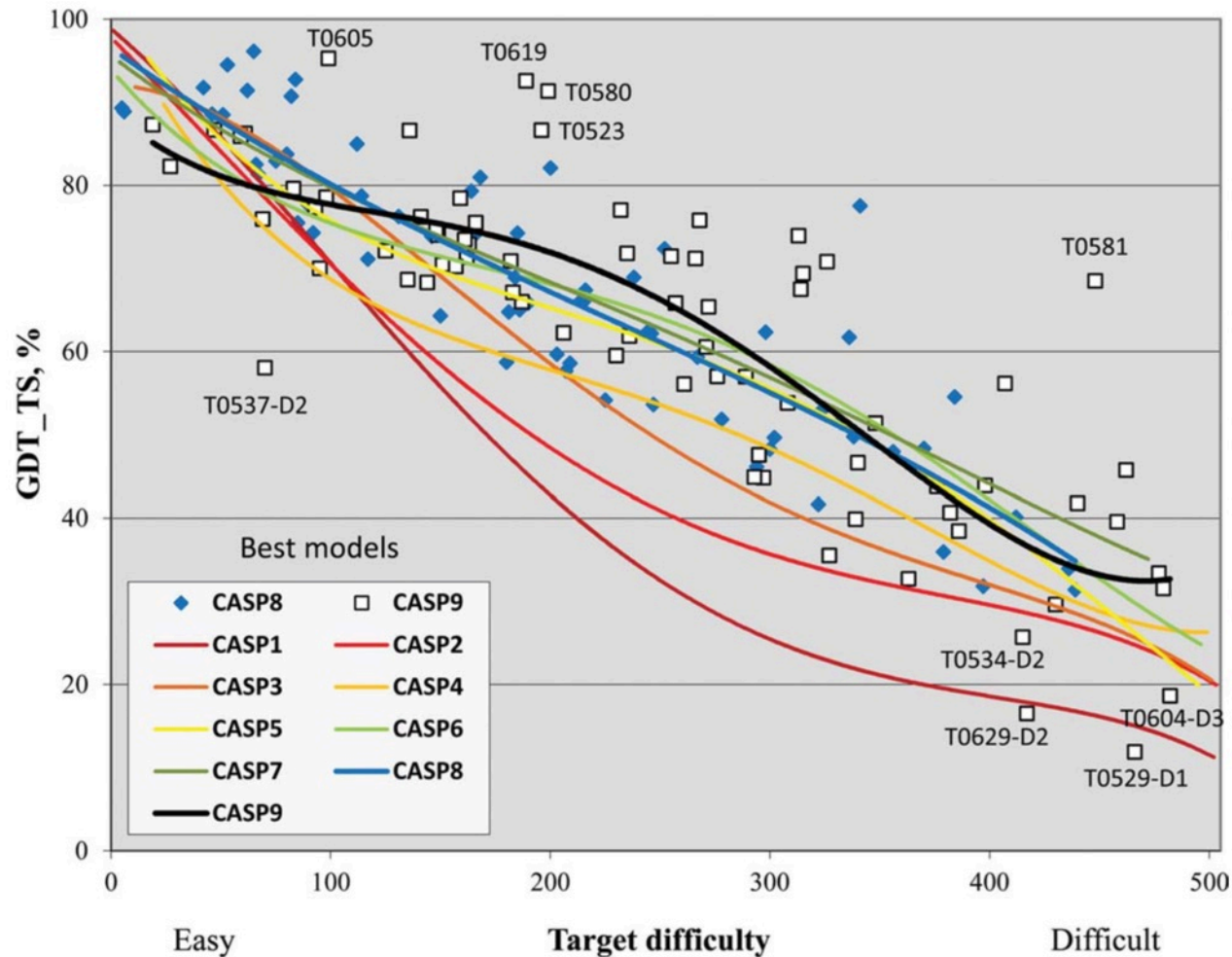
**Message Board**

**6th CAPRI evaluation meeting to be held on April 17-19, 2016 in Tel-Aviv Israel**  
[We are happy to announce that information about the meeting is now available on the meeting web-site:](#)  
<http://www.cs.tau.ac.il/conferences/CAPRI2016/>  
[The program is still in flux, as speakers still ...](#)

**3rd International Conference on Protein and RNA Structure Prediction (formerly Zing) - Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, Dec 14-18, 2015**  
[The 3rd International Conference on Protein and RNA Structure Prediction will be organized in Punta Cana from December 14 to December 18, 2015. The two previous conferences were organized in Xcaret n ...](#)

**Ground transportation address**  
[To conference attendees: Please make sure you arrive at Paraiso Maya, not Lindo. The ground transportation address is: Iberostar Paraiso Maya, km 309 on the coast highway. CASP organizers ...](#)

# CASP progress: 1994-2010



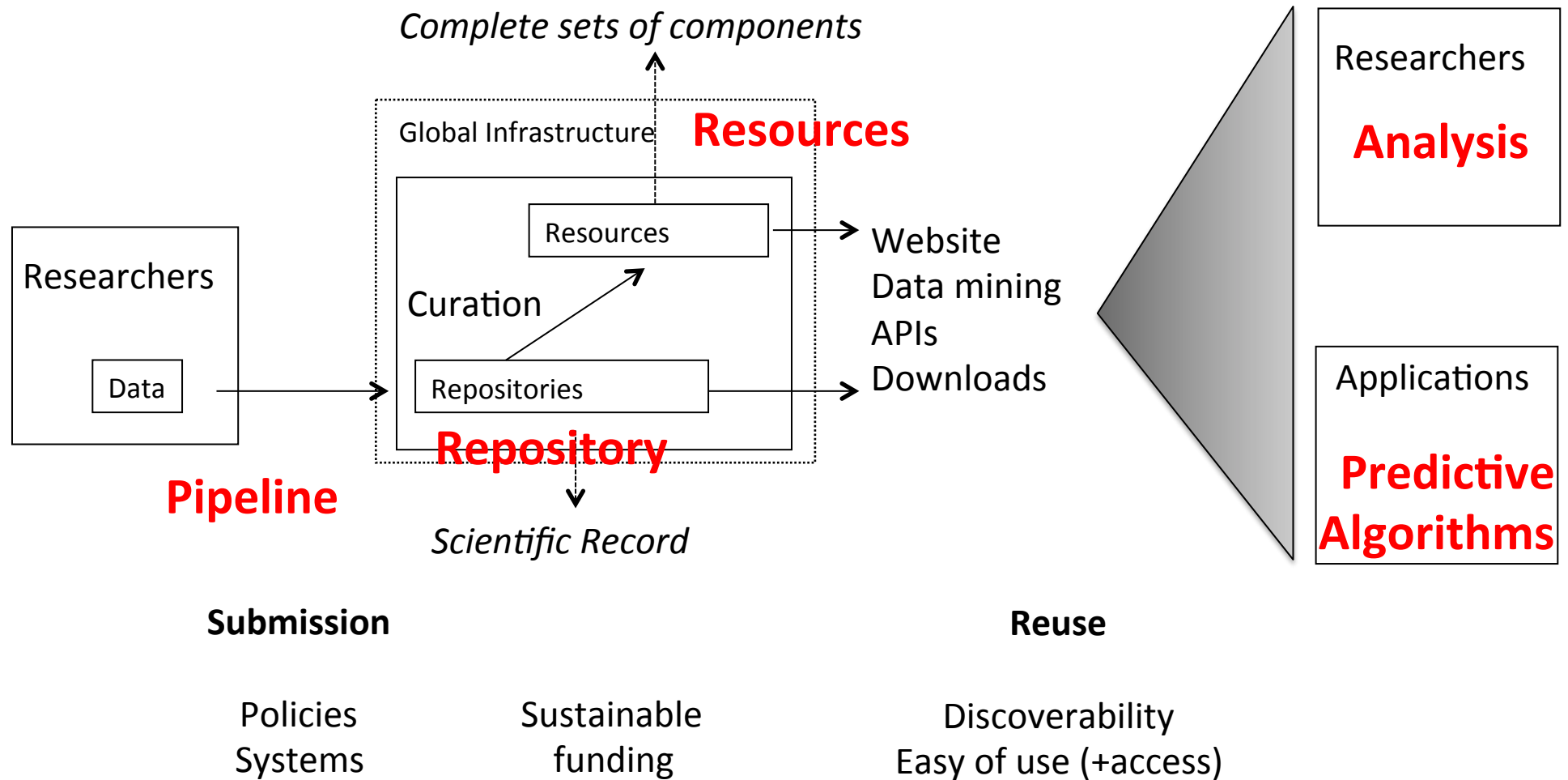
# Bioinformatics & Genomics

- **Pipelines:**
  - assemble whole genome from fragments of DNA
- **Repositories:**
  - Genbank/ENA/DDBJ
- **Resources:**
  - e.g. Ensembl
- **Analysis:**
  - e.g. genes, evolution, conservation etc.
- **Algorithms:**
  - e.g. gene prediction

# Algorithms: Gene prediction

- Why is there a need for a prediction algorithm?
  - Vastly more genome sequences than annotated genomes
  - Ideally algorithm would predict consequence of mutation
- Strategies
  - Collect transcriptome data; map back onto genome to annotate
  - Look for conserved regions between related genomes
  - Predict directly using knowledge of regulatory regions and simulation (*ab initio*)
- History
  - Ab initio algorithms performed well on single gene regions, but once large regions of genome sequenced, showed to perform poorly for vertebrates (~1998)
  - Transcriptomics data increasing easy to collect and algorithms relying on it because gold standard (Ensembl) + Curation for better accuracy (GENCODE)
  - Can still find new genes missing from transcriptome collection

# Data, Databases & Bioinformatics



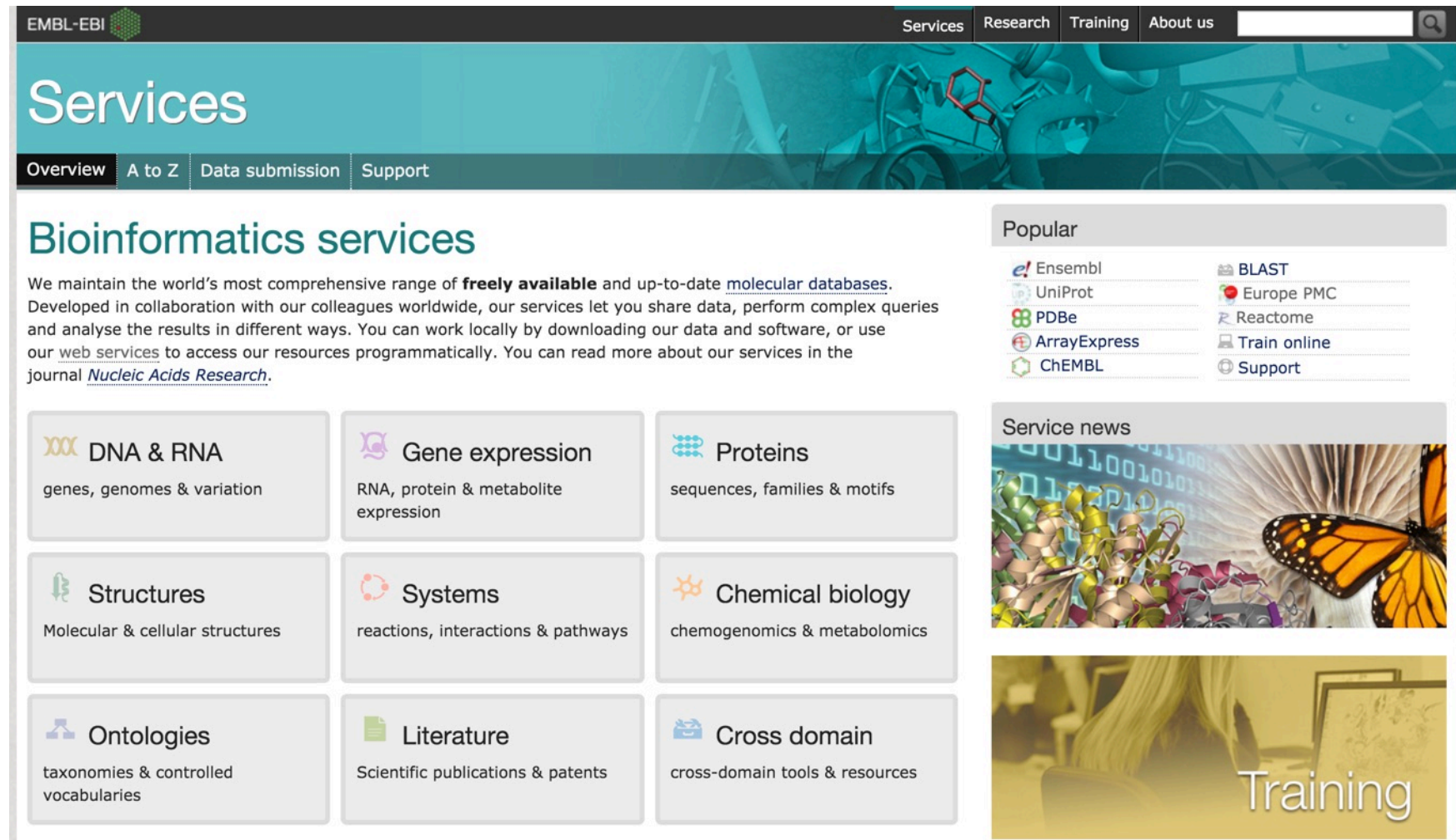
# Organisation, Scale, History

- Centralised repositories for raw data
  - one data type, one repository
  - mandatory submission linked to publication
- Infrastructure to organise raw data for access
  - human genome presented to user as whole chromosomes instead of thousands of fragments
- Curated databases of biological objects
  - supported by evidence from raw data repositories
- First repositories >40 years old
- 1,000s of full time staff supporting infrastructure distributed worldwide



# Repositories in EU: EBI

## <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/services>



The screenshot shows the EBI Services website. The header includes the EMBL-EBI logo and navigation links for Services, Research, Training, and About us. A search bar is located on the right. The main section is titled 'Services' and has sub-navigation for Overview, A to Z, Data submission, and Support. The 'Bioinformatics services' section describes the availability of molecular databases and provides a link to the journal *Nucleic Acids Research*. A 'Popular' section lists various tools and databases. A grid of service categories is displayed, including DNA & RNA, Gene expression, Proteins, Structures, Systems, Chemical biology, Ontologies, Literature, and Cross domain. A 'Service news' section features a butterfly and a 'Training' section is visible at the bottom right.

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### Bioinformatics services

We maintain the world's most comprehensive range of **freely available** and up-to-date molecular databases. Developed in collaboration with our colleagues worldwide, our services let you share data, perform complex queries and analyse the results in different ways. You can work locally by downloading our data and software, or use our web services to access our resources programmatically. You can read more about our services in the journal *Nucleic Acids Research*.


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- Ensembl
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- ChEMBL
- BLAST
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- Reactome
- Train online
- Support


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#### Training


**DNA & RNA**  
genes, genomes & variation


**Gene expression**  
RNA, protein & metabolite expression


**Proteins**  
sequences, families & motifs


**Structures**  
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reactions, interactions & pathways

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chemogenomics & metabolomics

**Ontologies**  
taxonomies & controlled vocabularies




**Literature**  
Scientific publications & patents


**Cross domain**  
cross-domain tools & resources




# Repositories in USA: NCBI

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**NCBI Announcements**

New video on the NCBI YouTube channel: Viral resources at NCBI  
11 Feb 2016


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NCBI to assist Louisiana State University in South and Southeast regional genomics hackathon  
08 Feb 2016

From March 21st to 23rd, NCBI will assist

# Scale up in EU: ELIXIR

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Building a sustainable European infrastructure for biological information, supporting life science research and its translation to medicine, agriculture, bioindustries and society.


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ELIXIR provides the facilities necessary for life science researchers - from bench biologists to cheminformaticians - to make the most of our rapidly growing store of information about living systems, which is the foundation on which our understanding of life is built.


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### EVENTS

-  [Addressing the skills gaps in research infrastructure management and leadership](#)  
16 Feb 2016 - 09:00 to 17 Feb 2016 - 17:00
-  [Addressing the skills gaps in technical operation of biomedical research infrastructures](#)  
17 Feb 2016 - 09:00 to 18 Feb 2016 - 17:30

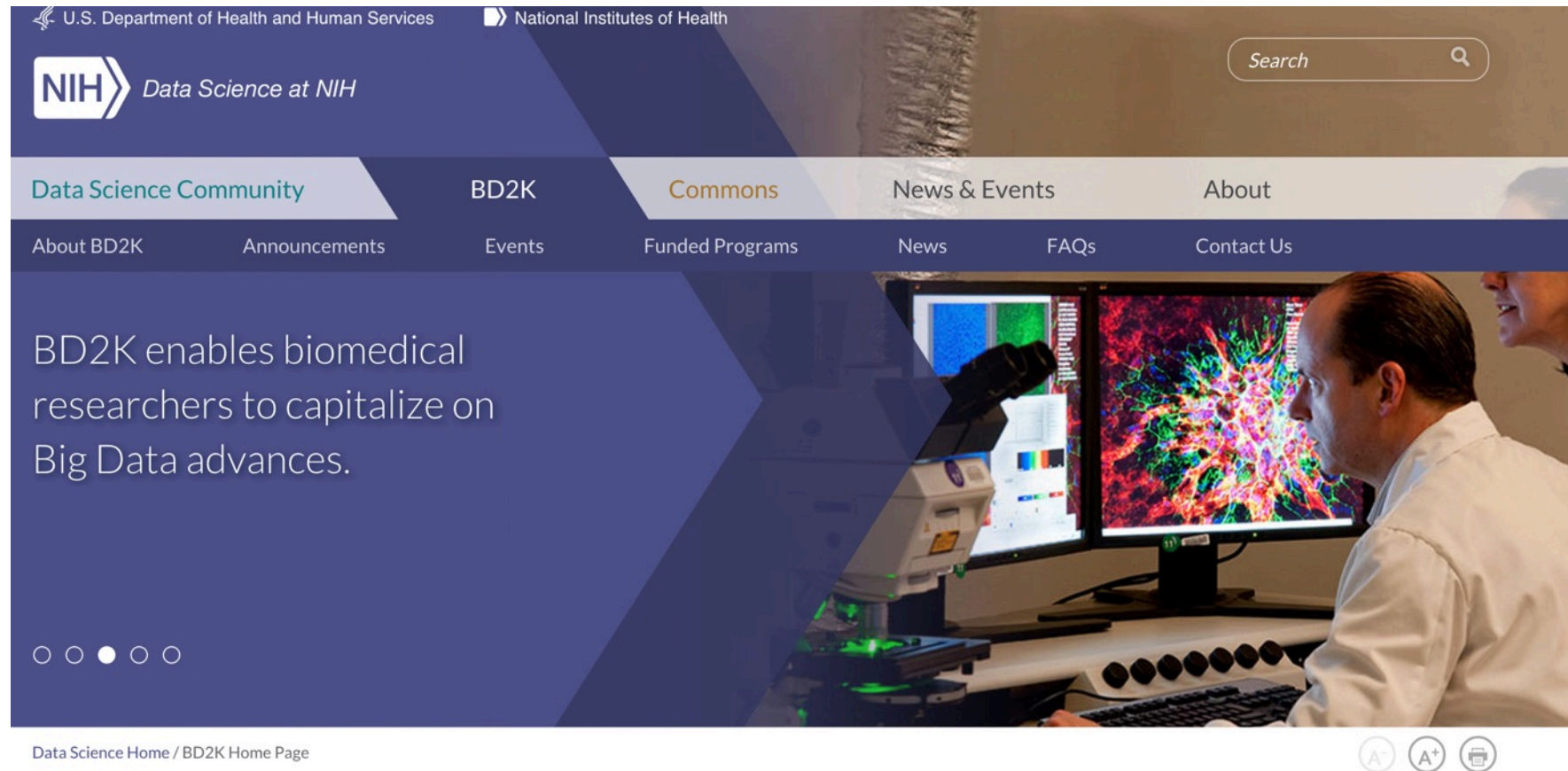
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### NEWS

-  [Open Data in Action: Researchers, funders and industry highlighted the importance of Life Science Open data for innovation](#)  
8 Feb 2016
-  [ELIXIR and de.NBI agree Collaboration Strategy](#)  
4 Feb 2016

# Scale up in USA: BD2K

## <https://datascience.nih.gov/bd2k>



Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K)

BD2K Recent News

# Biological research is a grand project

- Build complete models of biological systems
- Future application to human medicine
  - Disease redefinition
  - Improved drug development
  - Personalised medicine

# Bioinformatics & Clinical Data

- **Pipelines:**
  - extract, clean, anonymise data from Electronic Health Records (EHRs)
- **Repositories:** NONE (privacy)
- **Resources:**
  - e.g. HSCIC (Health and Social Care Information Center), CPRD (Clinical Practice Research Datalink), PHE (Public Health England), NIHR HIC (Health Informatics Collaborative), GEL (Genomics England)
- **Algorithms:**
  - e.g. Text extraction

# Bioinformatics & Genomic Medicine

- **Pipelines:**
  - align individual genome to reference and call *variants*
- **Repositories:**
  - e.g. dbSNP (variants), [But not for clinical – privacy]
- **Resources:**
  - e.g. Decipher, Ensembl
- **Analysis:**
  - e.g. New targets for drug development
- **Algorithms:**
  - e.g. Prediction of disease causing variants

# Bioinformatics algorithm assessments

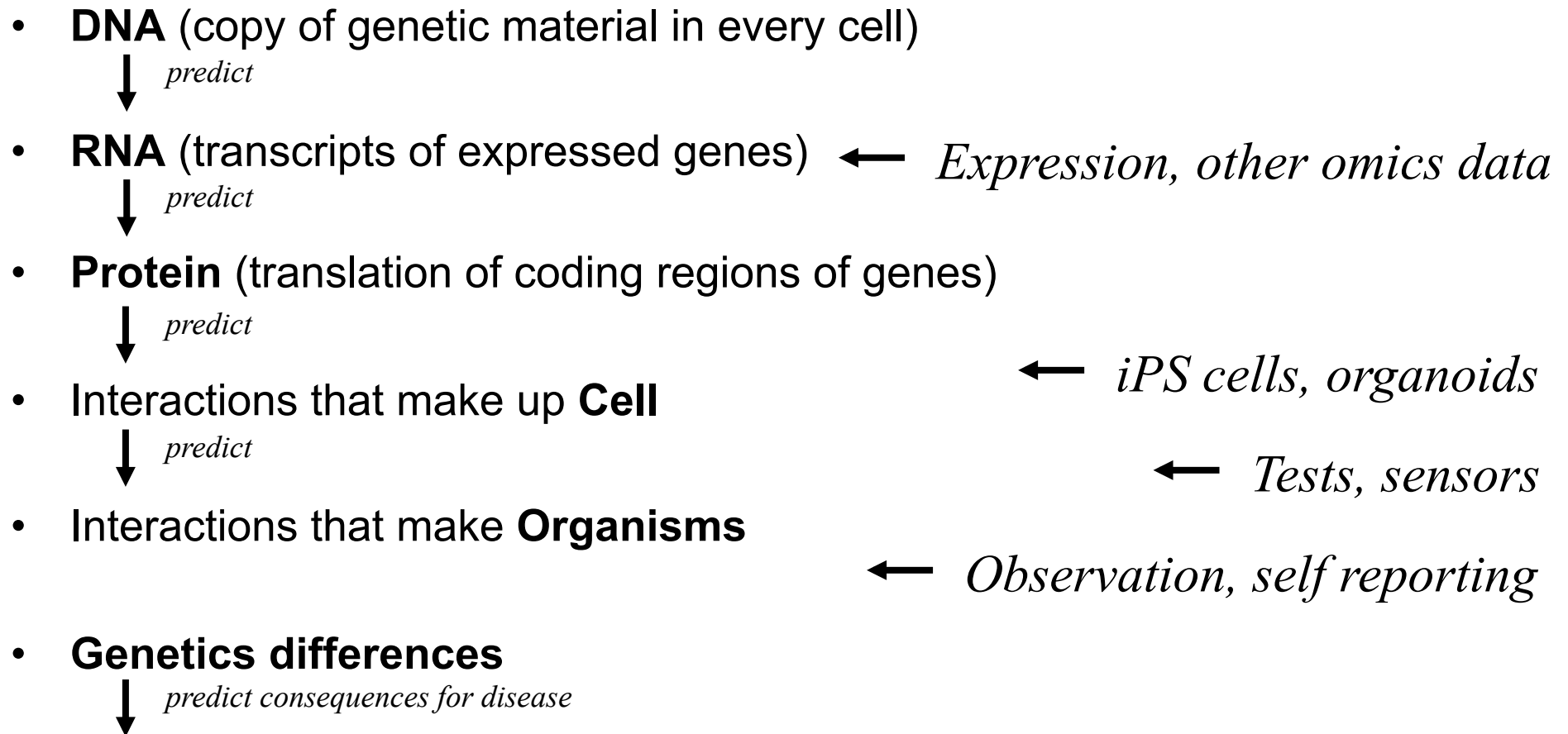
- Protein Structure
  - CASP – Critical Assessment of Structure Prediction (since 1994, CASP11 in 2014)
- Gene prediction
  - GASP, RGASP – Gene prediction and RNAseq assessments
- Variant effect prediction
  - CLARITY Challenge – 2012
    - <http://genes.childrenshospital.org/>
  - CAGI – 2010, 2011, 2013
    - <https://genomeinterpretation.org/>

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↓ *predict*
- Interactions that make **Organisms**
  
- **Genetics differences**  
↓ *predict consequences for disease*



# Biological Information – in reality



High throughput data collection cost effective way to extend understanding

# From Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS) to Whole Genome Analysis (WGA)



# ...to Whole Genome Analysis of Individual Genomes

