

Welcome to the Seminar!



Overview of Bioinformatics

Seminar “Informatics in Biochemistry”

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Question Round

In what semester are you?

What is your name?

Let's proceed with www.menti.com

What even is “Bioinformatics”?



Definition of Bioinformatics

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Bioinformatics is an interdisciplinary field that develops methods and software tools for understanding biological data

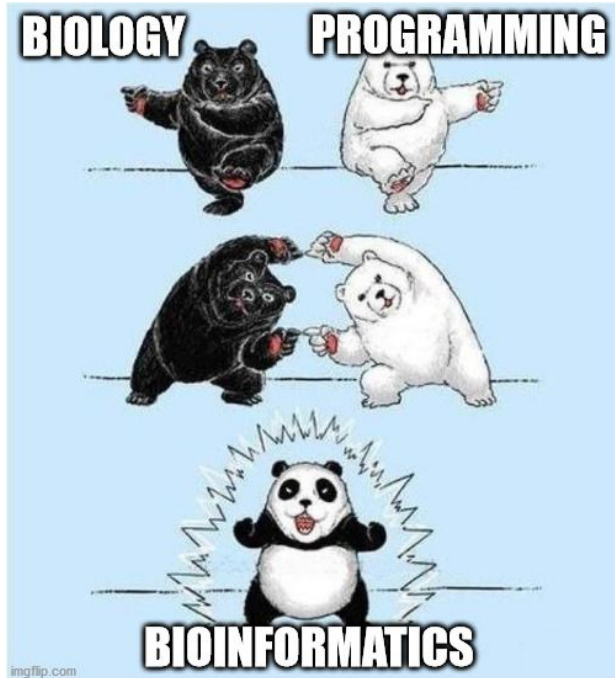
- Wikipedia

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Research fields in Bioinformatics

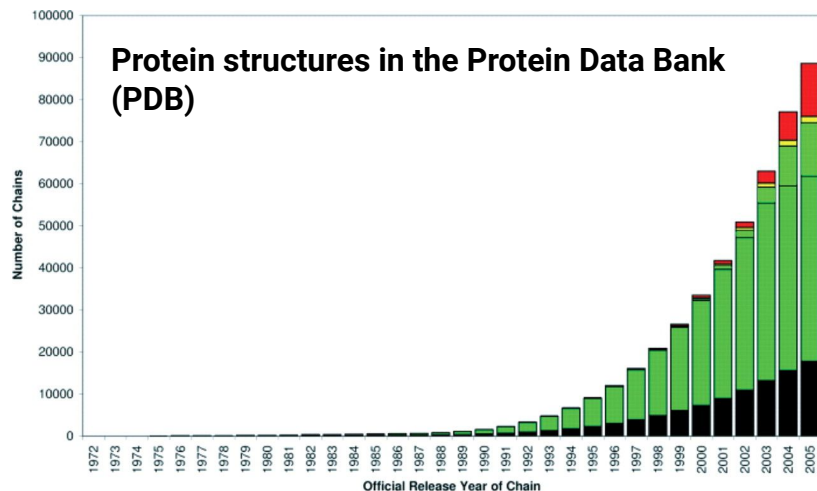
- **Genomics (DNA)**
 - genotype-phenotype patterns
 - protein homology
 - ancestral relationships
- **Proteomics (proteins)**
 - protein-protein interactions
 - post-translational modifications
 - biomarkers
- **Transcriptomics (RNA)**
 - identifying expressed genes
 - understanding disease mechanisms
 - gene regulatory relationships
- **Structural modeling**
 - protein structure prediction
 - simulating protein function
 - drug identification
- **Image Analysis, Systems Biology, ...**

What skills does a Bioinformatician need?

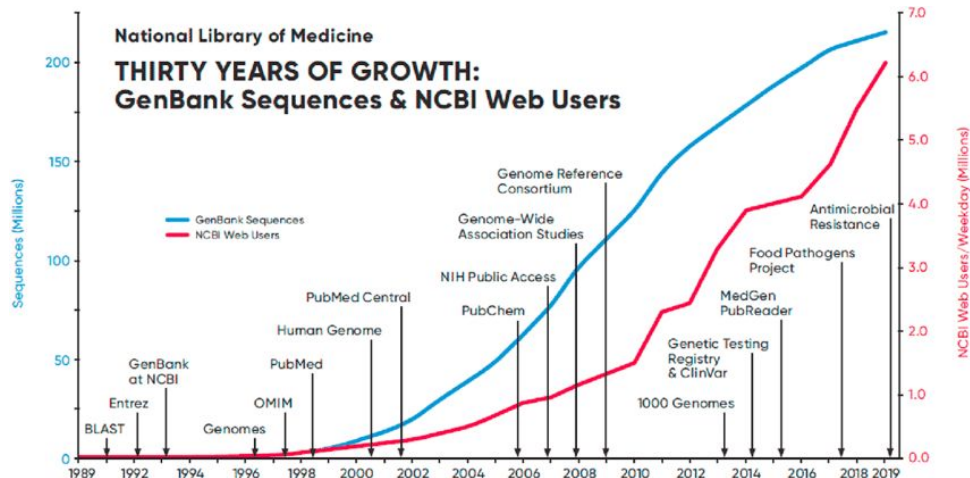


- Programming (mostly Python & R)
- Statistics
- Biology
- Physics

Why should you consider learning Bioinformatics?



Greene et al., 2017



https://www.nlm.nih.gov/about/2021CJ_NLM.pdf

Why should you consider learning Bioinformatics?

- Current trend towards **high-throughput technologies** that generate massive amounts of data
- Lots of exciting **new research fields**
- **PhD applications** increasingly require coding skills
- Coding is (mostly) **reproducible**
- Programming can **automate** a lot of tedious tasks

Sequence Alignments & Genomics



Sequence alignment

Protein 1

KINLKVIKNTLLFRAL

Protein 2

GKALLVRNTLIELAI

Sequence alignment

Aligned sequences

The diagram shows two sequences aligned horizontally. The top sequence is 'K-INLKVIKNTLLFRAL' and the bottom sequence is 'GKALLRV-RNTLIELAI'. Vertical bars are placed behind certain residues in both sequences to indicate alignment or conservation. The bars are colored as follows: orange for 'I' in the top sequence and 'A' in the bottom; red for 'L' in the top and 'R' in the bottom; green for 'V' in the top and 'N' in the bottom; orange for 'K' in the top and 'T' in the bottom; green for 'N' in the top and 'T' in the bottom; orange for 'T' in the top and 'L' in the bottom; orange for 'L' in the top and 'I' in the bottom; orange for 'L' in the top and 'E' in the bottom; orange for 'F' in the top and 'L' in the bottom; orange for 'R' in the top and 'A' in the bottom; orange for 'A' in the top and 'I' in the bottom. The hyphen in the bottom sequence is aligned with the 'I' in the top sequence.

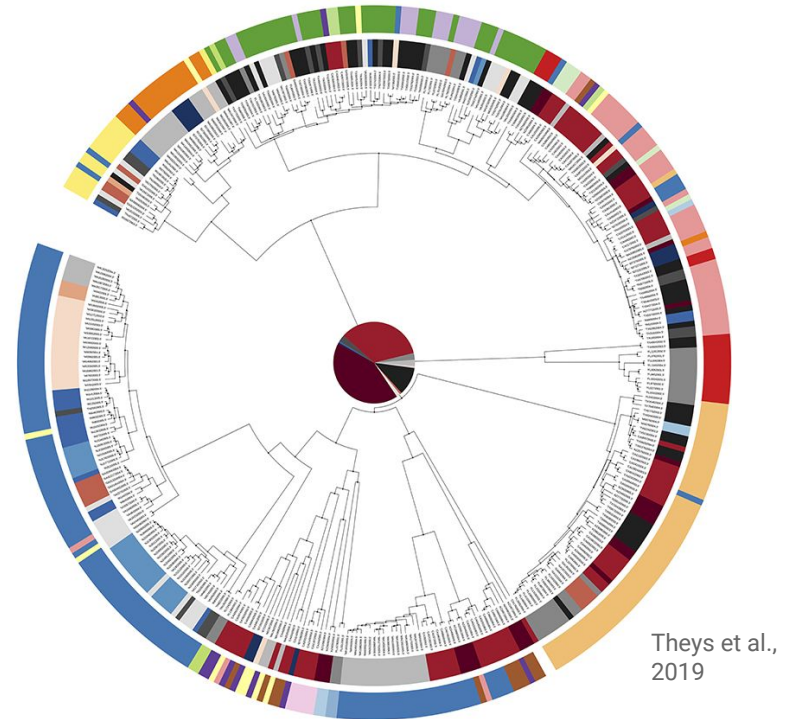
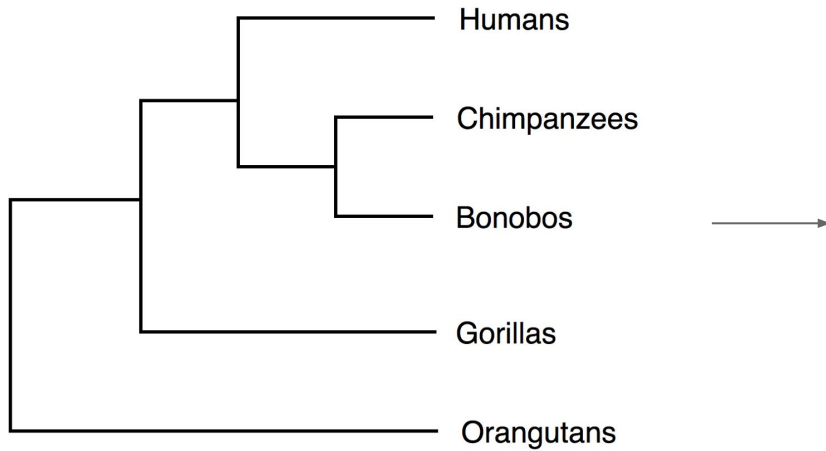
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Multiple sequence alignment

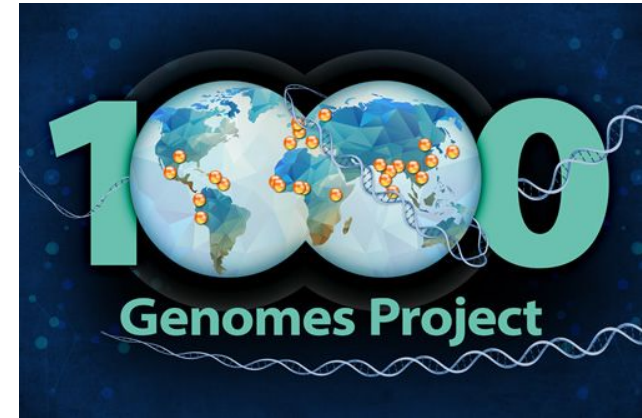
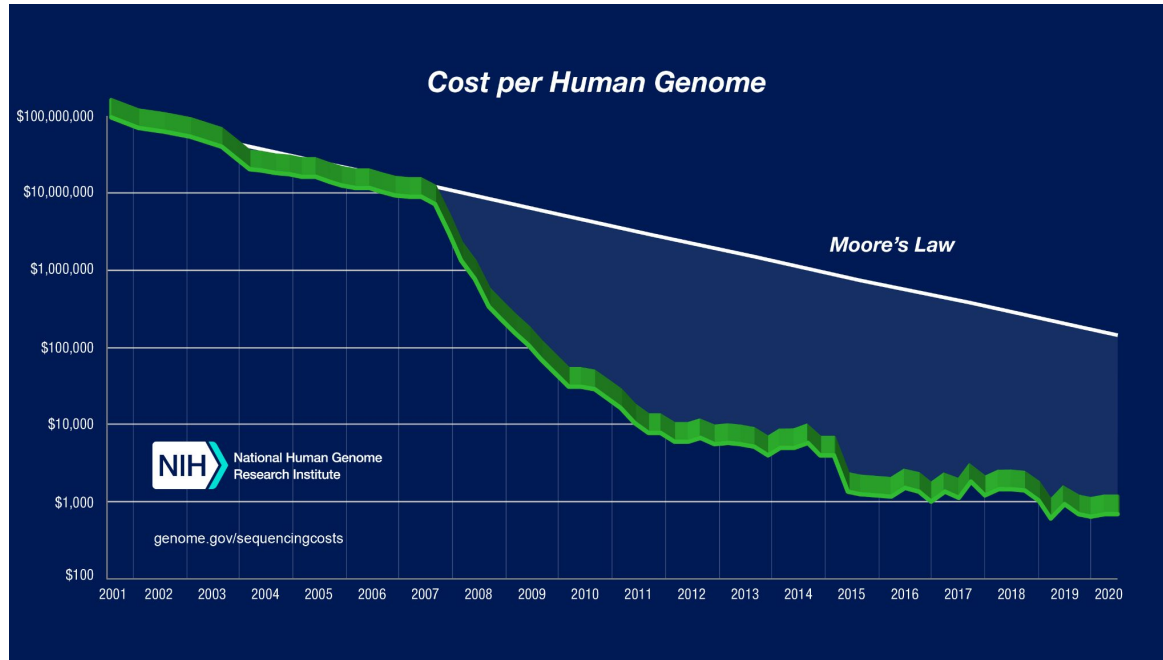
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Phylogenetics



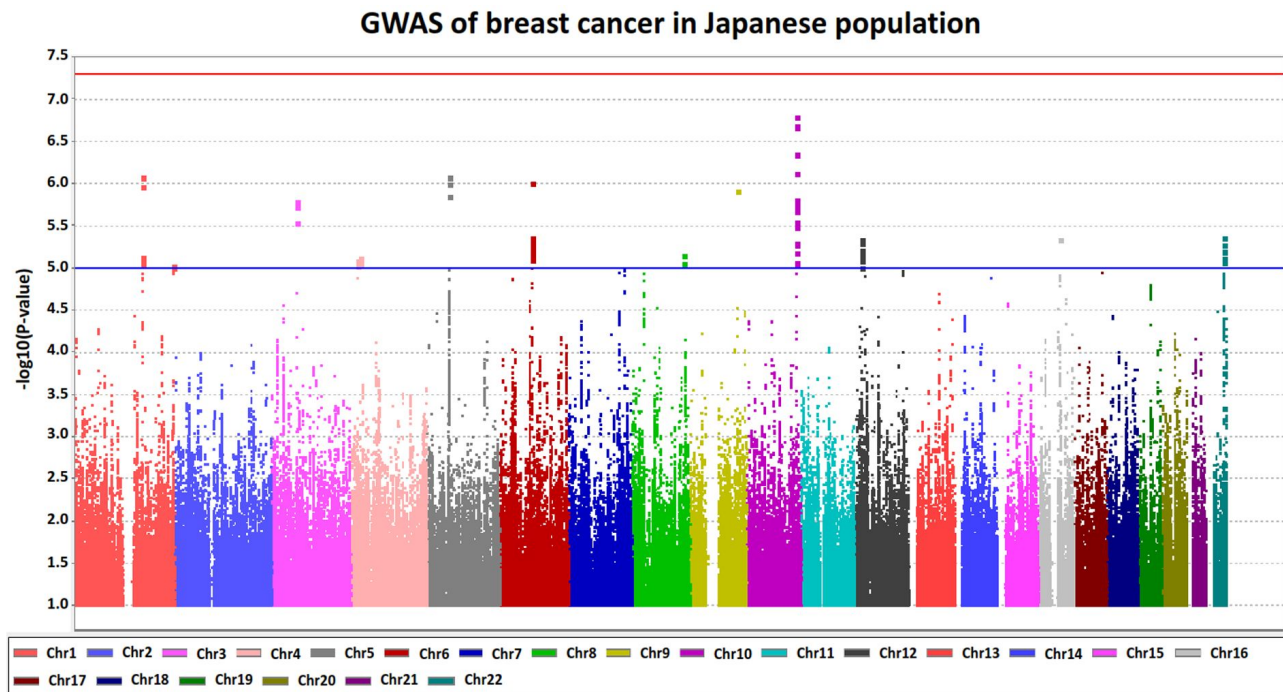
Large-scale genome sequencing



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Genome-wide association studies (GWAS)

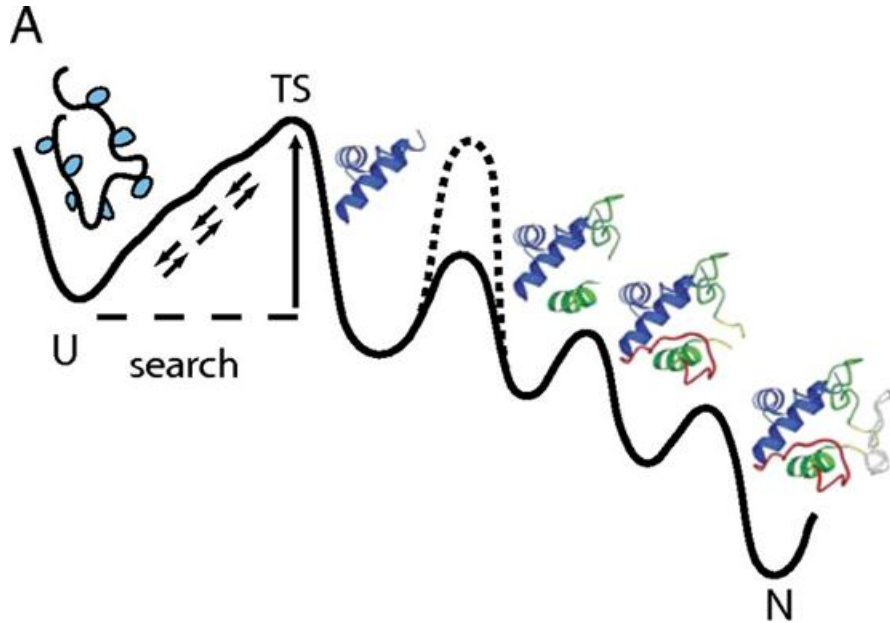


Modeling

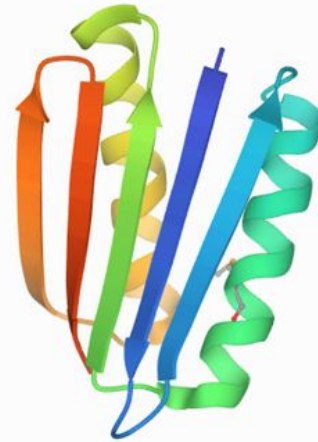
Protein engineering with Rosetta



Rosetta can predict protein folding and also has various design features



Protein with a novel globular protein fold:

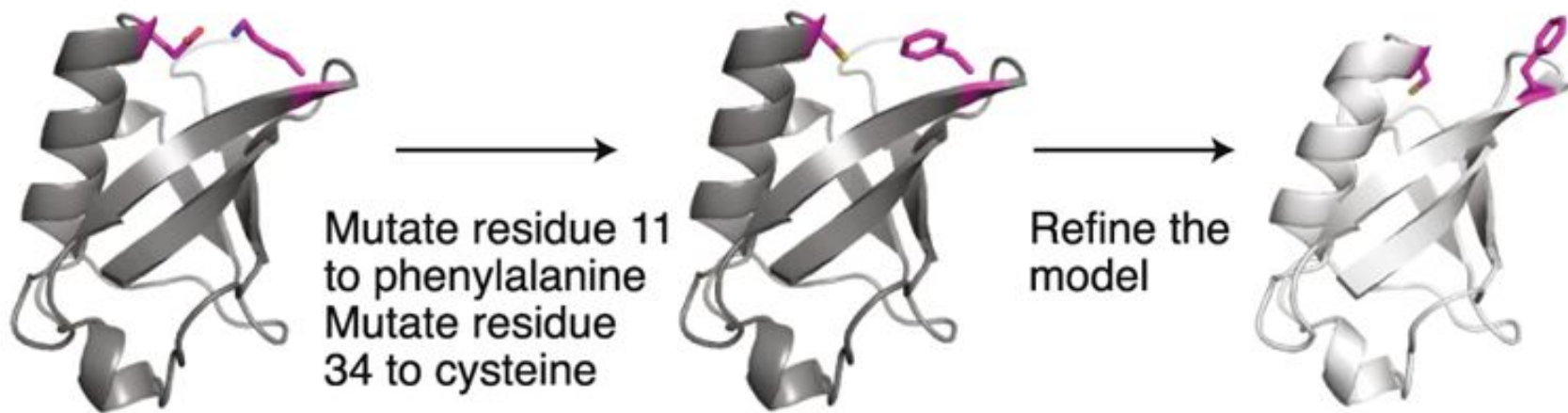


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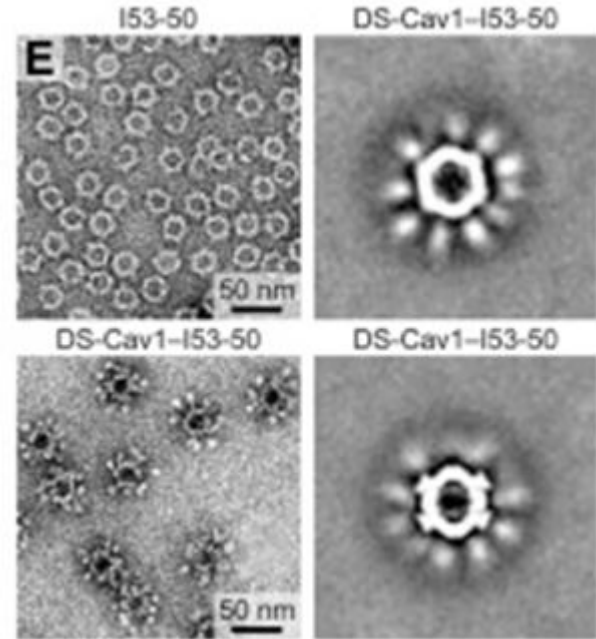
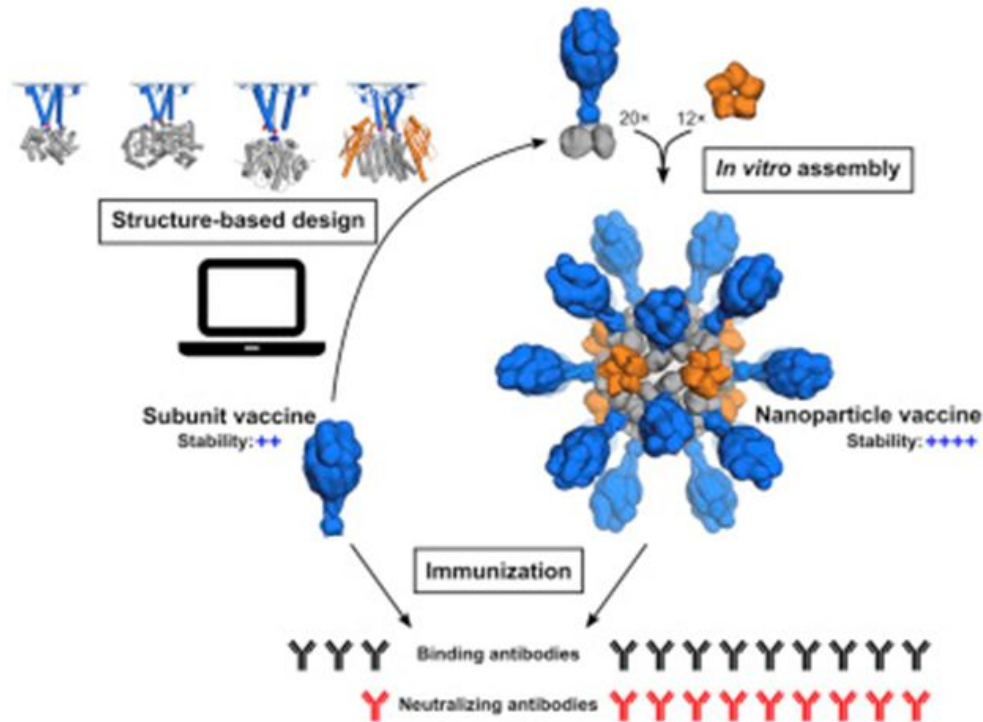
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(Englander and Mayne, 2014) & (Kuhlman et al., 2003)

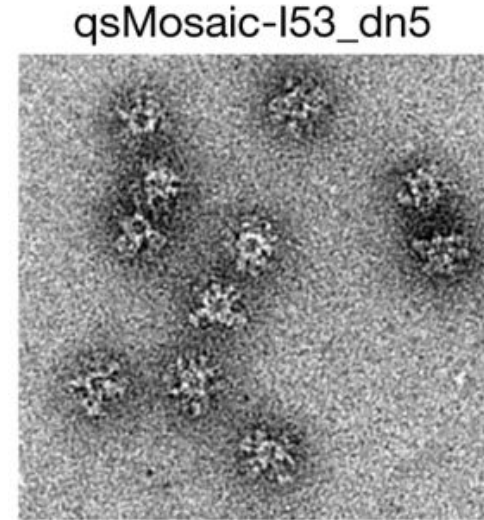
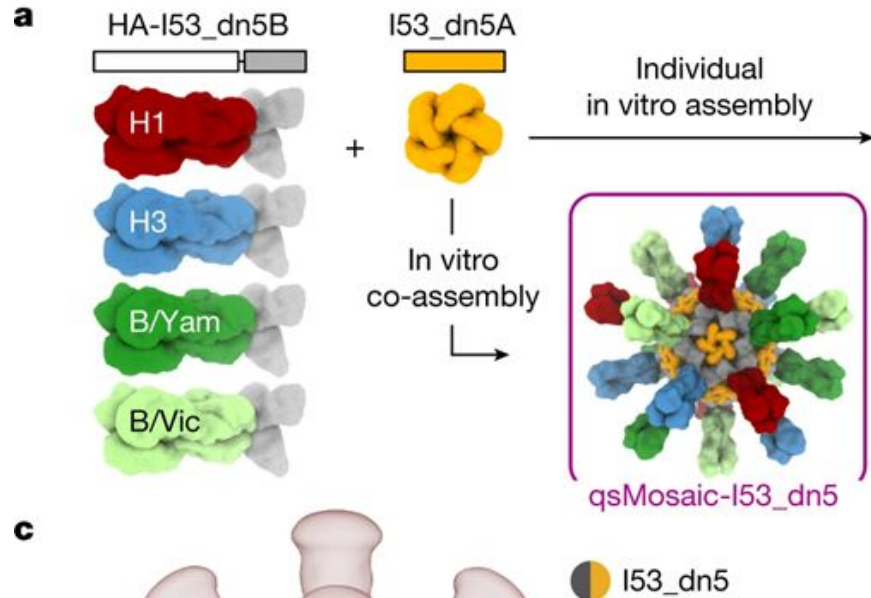
Designing a protein with Rosetta



Vaccines designed with Rosetta (for RSV)

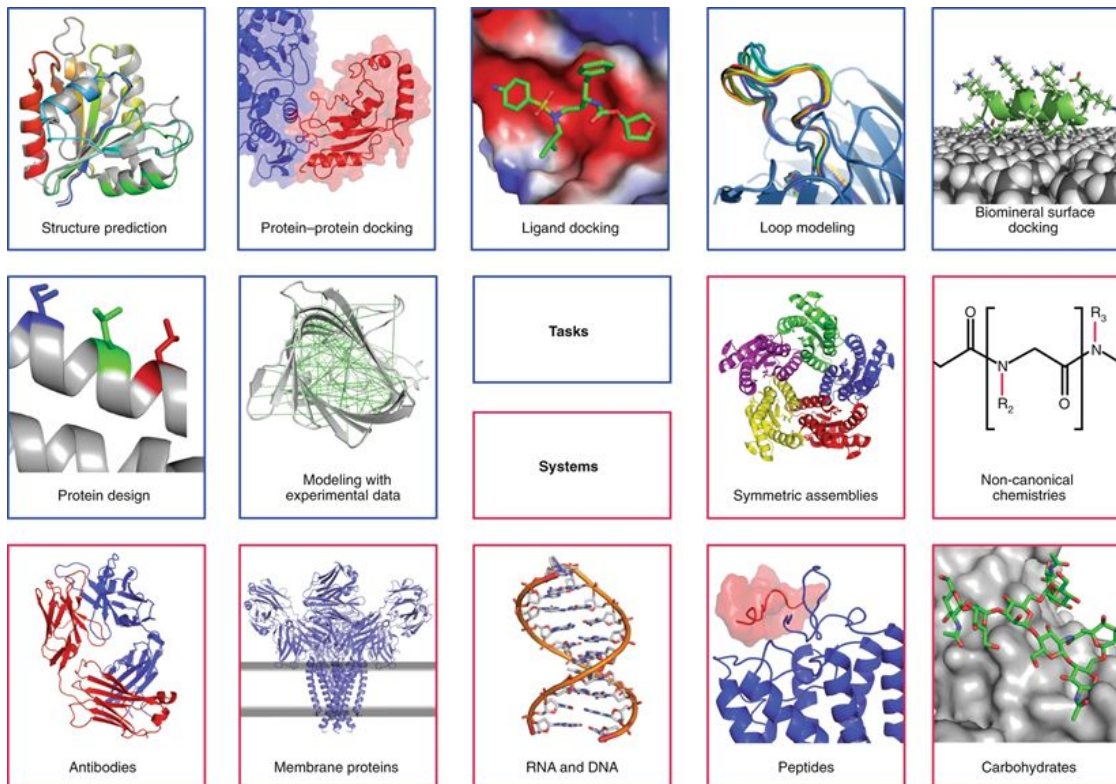


A new quadrivalent vaccine against influenza



(Boyoglu-Barnum et al., 2021)

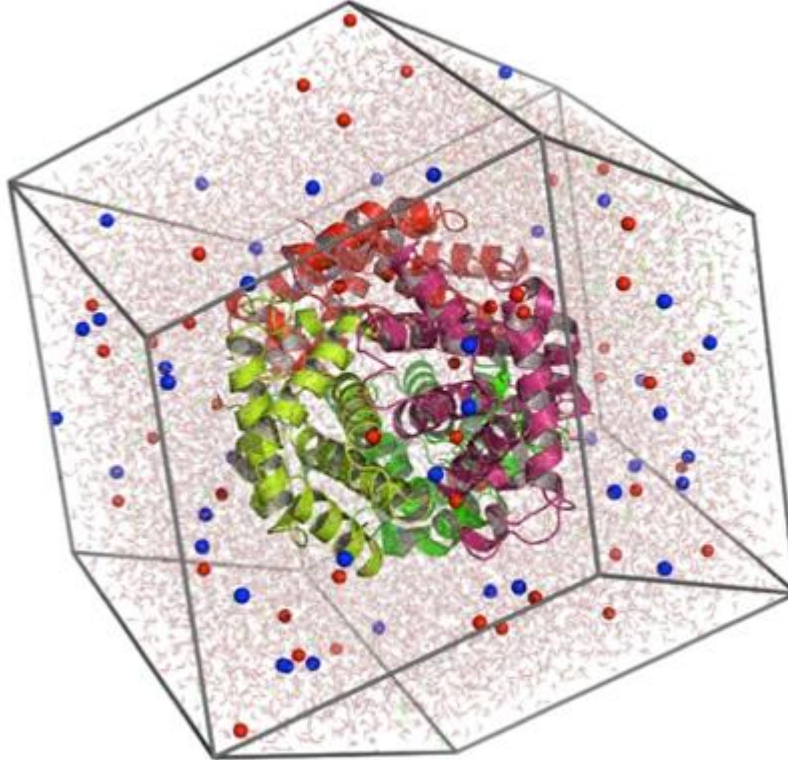
Rosetta has a lot of capabilities



Molecular Dynamics

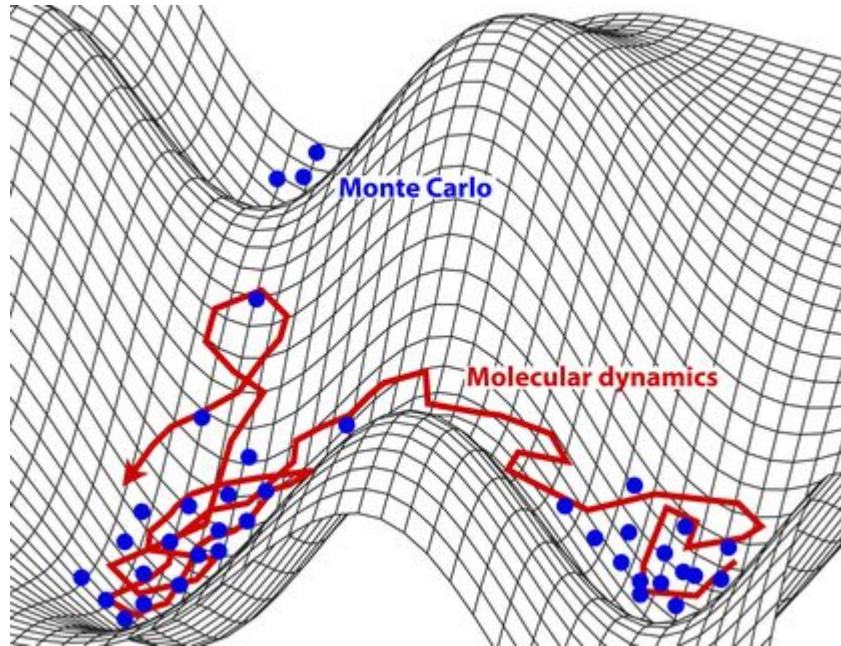


Studying physical movements of atoms and molecules



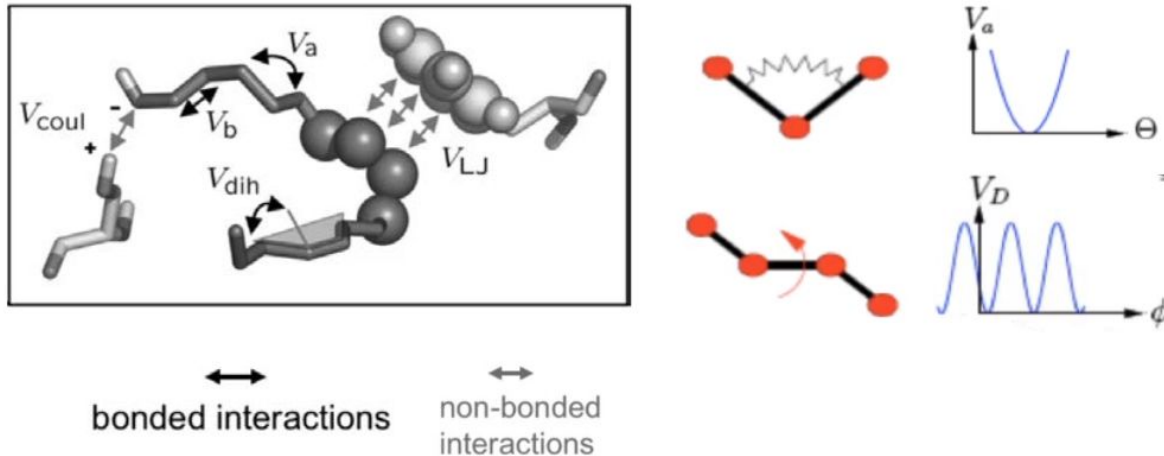
Hemoglobin

Molecular dynamics searches for the lowest energy conformation

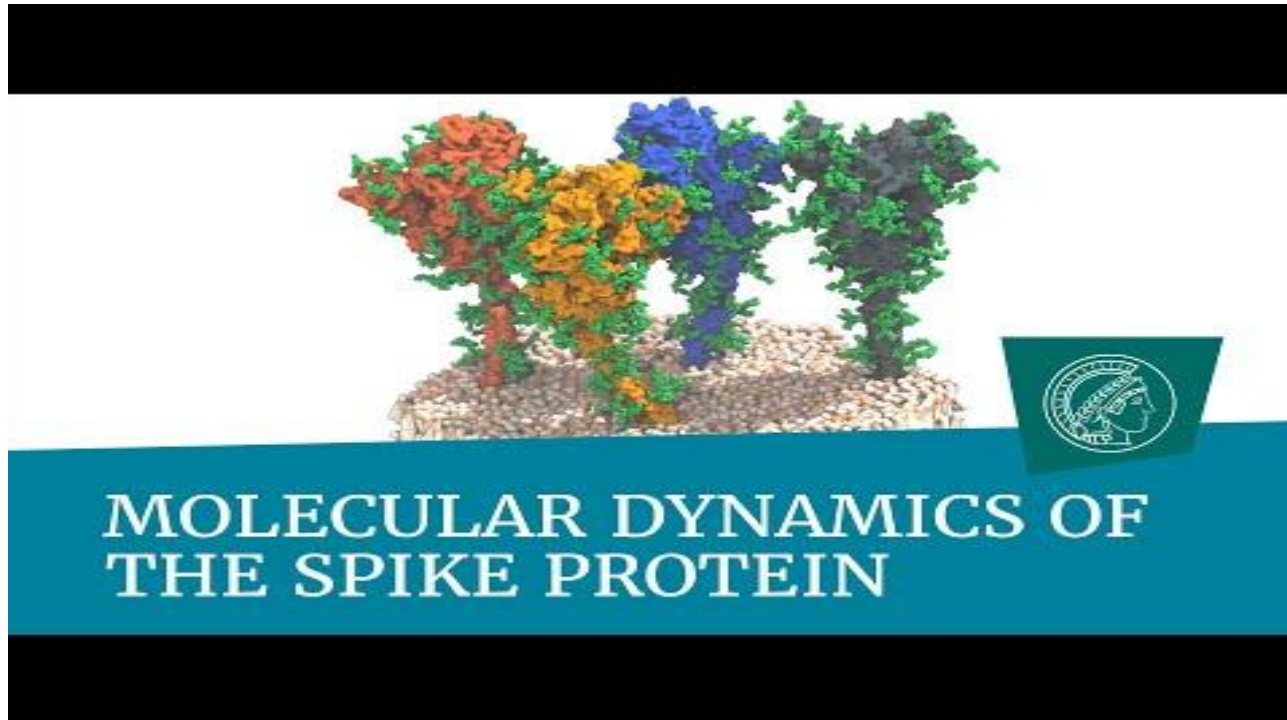


Use of Molecular Dynamics in Biochemistry

- Using Newton's laws of motion, we predict the position of each atom as a function over time

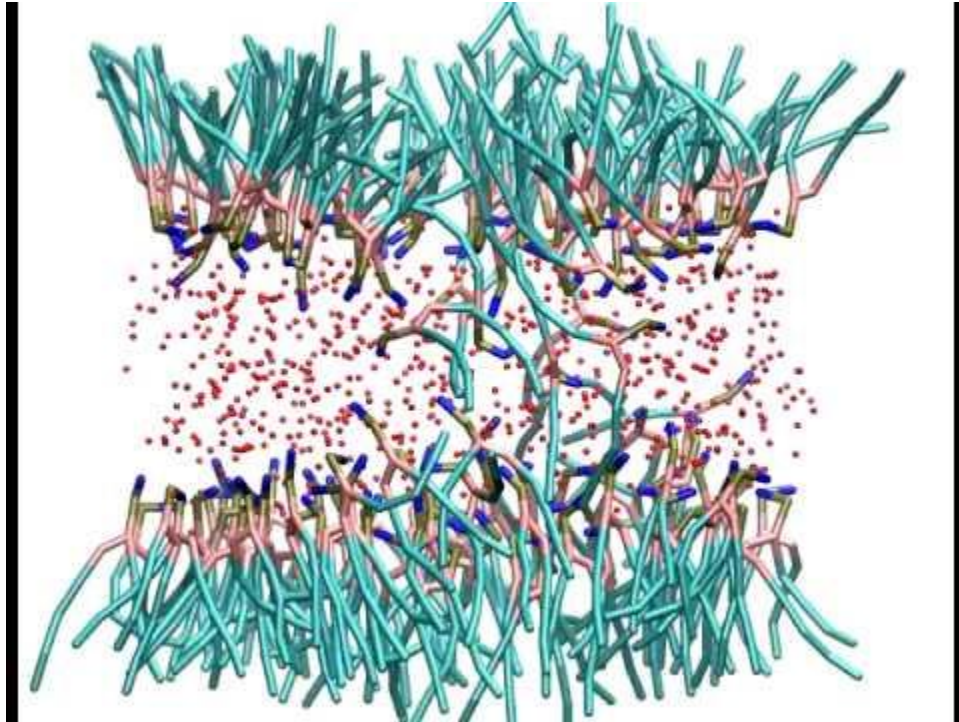


Studying conformational flexibility and stability



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Modeling the lipid bilayer to better understand cell behaviour

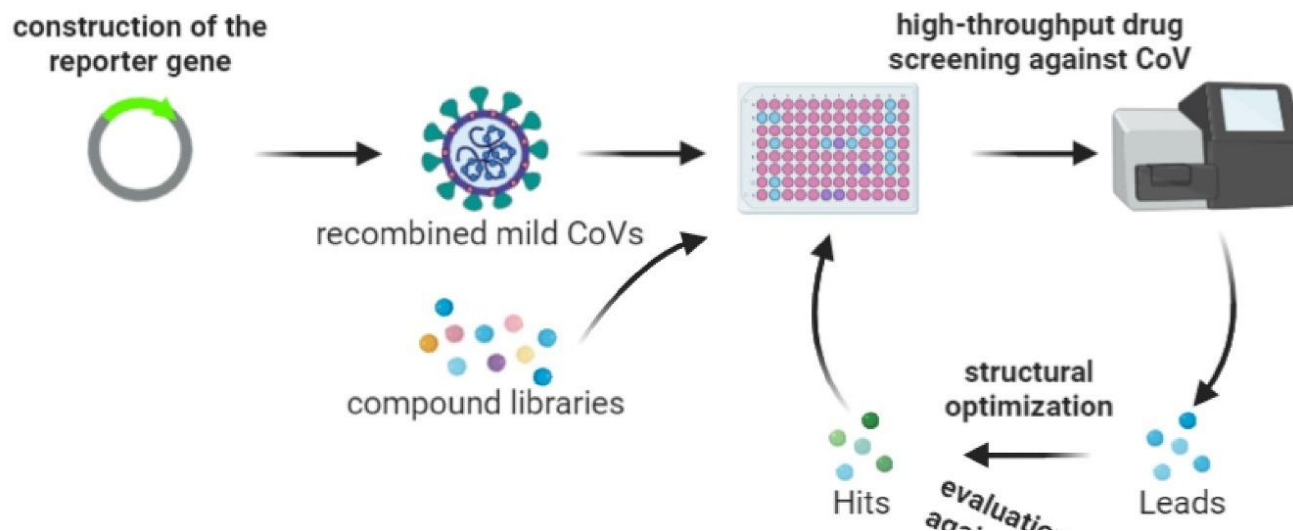


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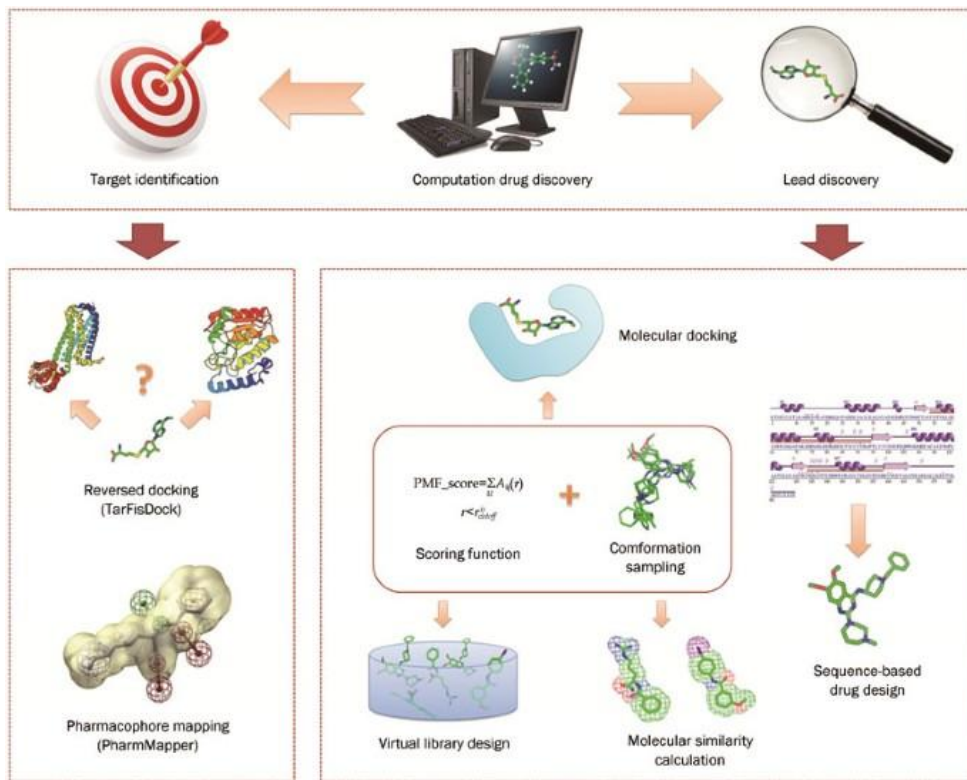
Drug screening



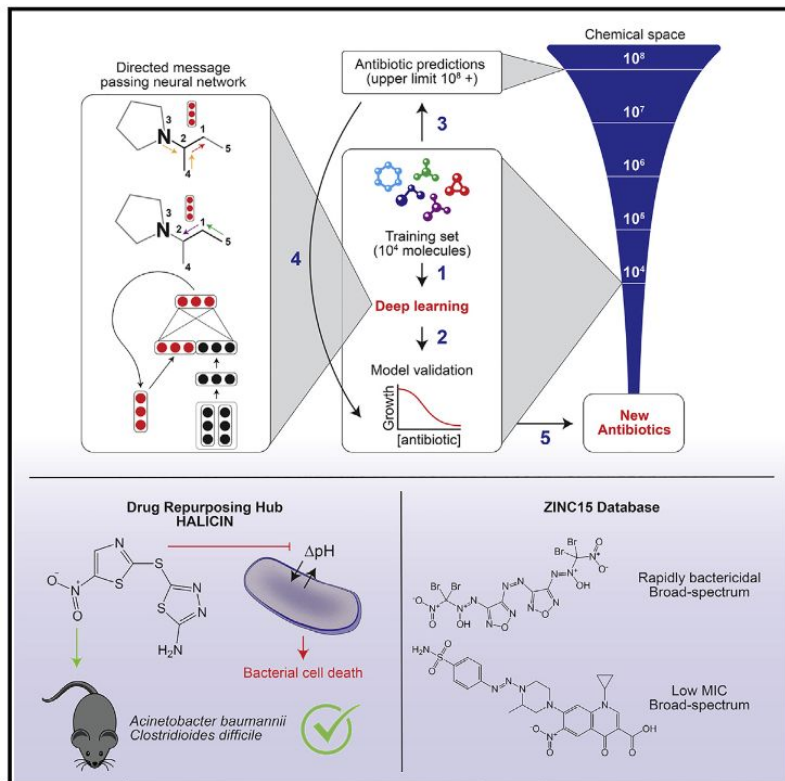
Normal drug screening workflow



In silico screening reduces the number of molecules of interest



Deep learning yields new antibiotics candidates



10^8 molecules screened

Introduction to programming languages

From machine code to Python

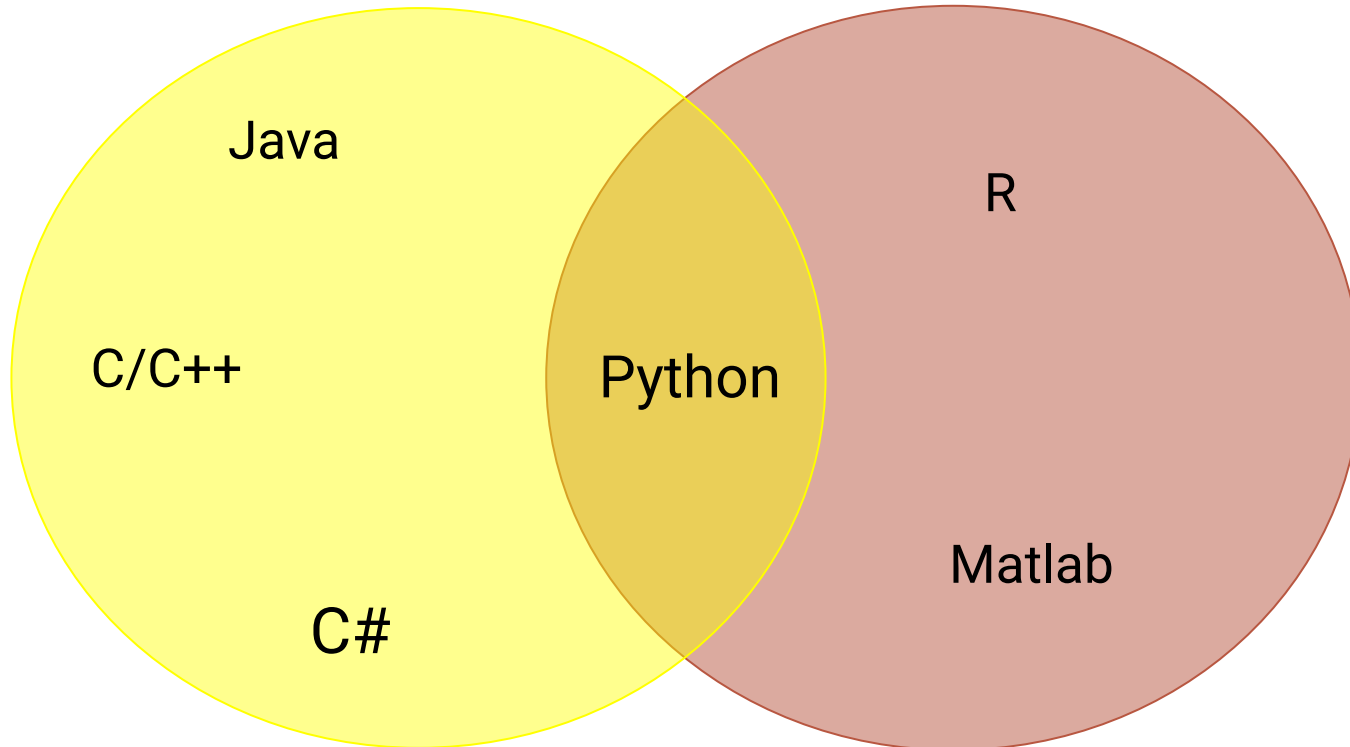
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print("Hello World")
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Languages suited for general applications

Languages suited for research



Why Python?

- Easy to Learn and Use
- Big Community
- Established in the Corporate World (primarily Google and YouTube)
- Versatility, Efficiency, Reliability, and Speed
- Hundreds of Libraries and Frameworks

Python vs. R

	Python	R
Purpose	multi purpose language	mainly statistical and data science applications
Learning curve:	easy to learn, linear learning curve	easy to learn, advanced functionalities can be difficult to use
Used by:	industry, academia, engineering	academics, scientists without programming skills, (few industries)
Visualization of Data	can be difficult	easy, straightforward

How to run Python?

The most relevant ways are:

- Simply executing .py files in your command line
- Using an IDE (Integrated Development Environment)
- The standard Python shell
- What we use in the course: **Jupyter notebook**

What is the “Jupyter Notebook”?

- Integrated framework to write:
 - Python code
 - Text/Markdown
 - Figures, Tables, animations
- Runs inside your browser
- Makes research reproducible and allows others to understand your code better

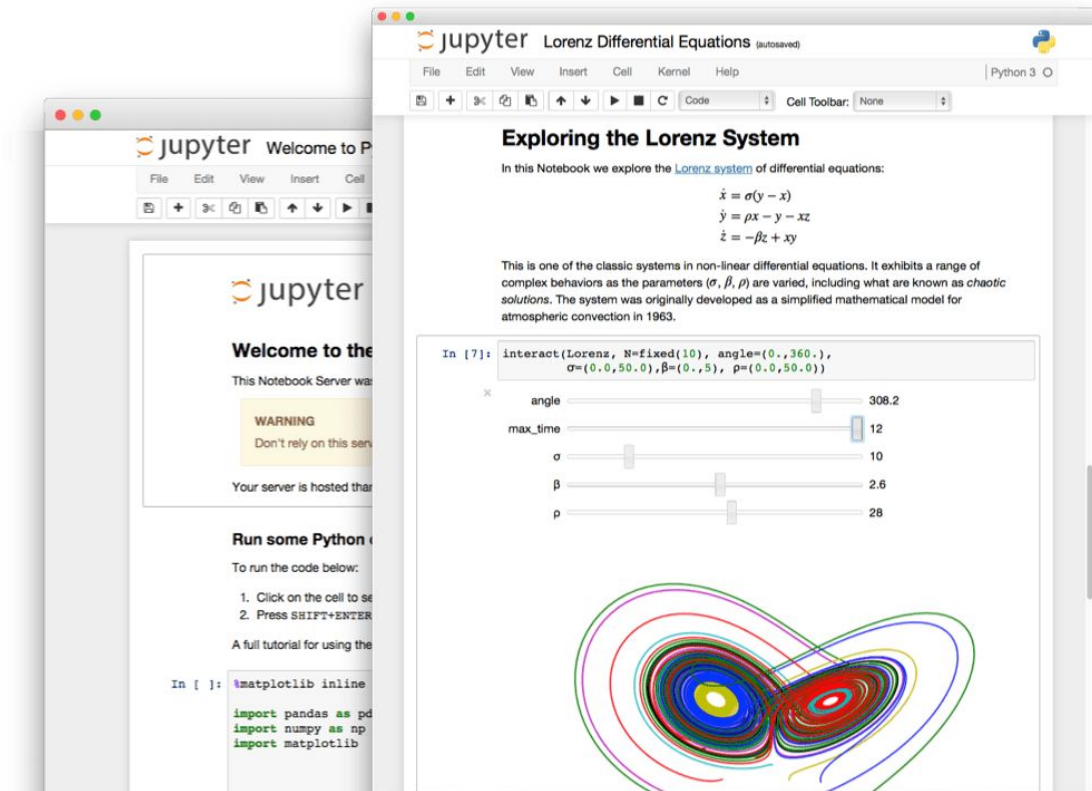
Jupyter Notebook

Editor that allows you to combine Python code with formatted text, plots, tables, and even animations.

Runs in your web-browser and is compatible with all operating systems

➡ reproducible research

➡ great for sharing



<https://jupyter.org/assets/jupyterpreview.png>

Our roadmap for today:

Day 1 9:00-18:00 (Lunch Break 13:00-13:45)		
Topic	Time	Break
Talk “Overview of Bioinformatics”	1h	
Basic Variables and DataTypes	2h	15min
Conditional Clauses		
Lists and Tuple	2h	15min
Sets and Dictionaries		
Loops	2h	15min
Functions		

Schedule for tomorrow

Day 2 10:00 -15:00 (Lunch Break 12:45 - 13:30)		
Topic	Time	Break
Working with .txt and .csv files	2h	15 min
Data plotting		
Big Exercise 1	1h	10 min
Big Exercise 2	1h	
Guest talk by Jannik Buhr: “Data Science with R”	30min	

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