



Hardware



Project overview

- While we must understand the biology eventually, first we must understand what we have to do
- I don't completely understand the project entails as of yet besides the parameters given, but will keep you guys up to date
- Drylab aspects
 - Controllable microfluidic device
 - "Chromastat" device
 - Maybe combine Chromastat and Controllable Microfluidic device
 - Filtration device

Controllable microfluidic device

- Parameters: x amount of inputs, mix to y amount of outputs, controllable using a raspberry pi

Hardware: Easy to purchase materials

http://2017.igem.org/Team:BostonU_HW/IntroUF

- Machining using Othermill (miniature mill)
- Mixing chemicals to create PDMS (similar to epoxy)
- Using epoxy, it seems
- Figure out interfacing with electronics/raspberry pi
- Fix problems

Software: Controlling in/out

http://2017.igem.org/Team:BostonU_HW/Model

- Feedback loop/rates for accurate dispensing (maybe interface with Chromastat!)
- Make software that simulates the system in a simple GUI rather than using the chip IRL

Chromastat

<http://2017.igem.org/Team:Washington/Hardware>

- Make it functional again, rework janky aspects
- What is it?
 - Culture chamber (test tube)
 - Able to detect and control concentration of culture based on color
 - Control conditions like heat, density, input and output chemicals (called inducers)
 - Bubble the mixture (aerates and stirs mixture)
 - Cheap, easy to use (plug and play)
 - Accurate (Syringe pumps)
 - Electronics upgrade



Filtration Device

- Parameters: Takes in water or something, churns it through a filtration system (full of bacteria?), gives back clean water
- No idea what this entails, more research needed, hardware and biology side.
- One suggestion was a floating robot that did this, or a floating filter.



Software Subteam

Our Goals

- ▶ Make the Chromastat automation functional
- ▶ Reconfigure the Chromastat for microfluidics
- ▶ Make our library more modular

Not your average Java project...

- ▶ More like Computer Engineering than Computer Science
- ▶ Interfacing with other hardware (sensors, motors, etc.)
- ▶ Still in Java, though!

Skills you will learn

- ▶ Computer Engineering & some EE
- ▶ Working with a larger codebase & with other contributors
- ▶ Software design practices (documentation, testing, spec, etc.)
- ▶ Linux, SSH, Git, Shell
- ▶ Multi-Threading (Concurrency)

Where are these skills transferable?

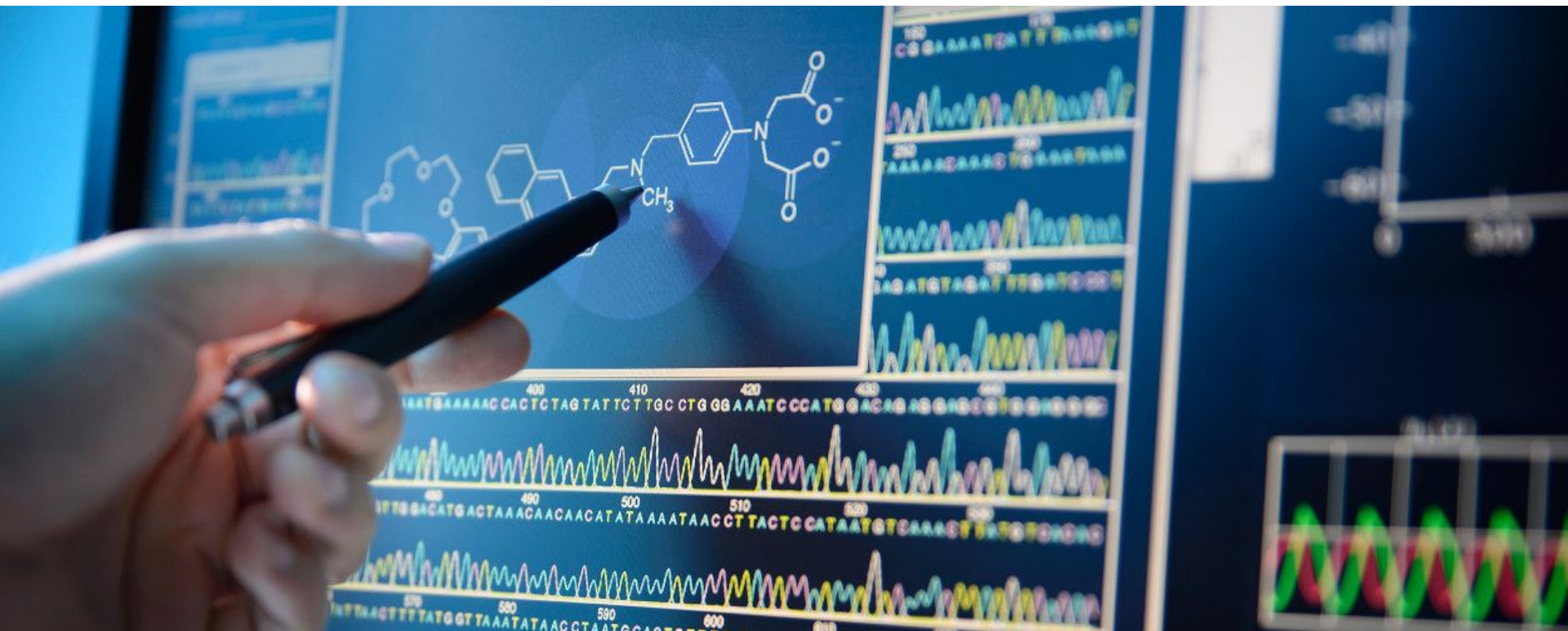
- ▶ Embedded Systems
- ▶ Electrical Engineering
- ▶ Software development, in general (duh)

Requirements

- ▶ CSE 142 or equivalent (including self-taught)
- ▶ Willingness to ask questions
- ▶ Availability to physically come in to lab to work

Simulation Team

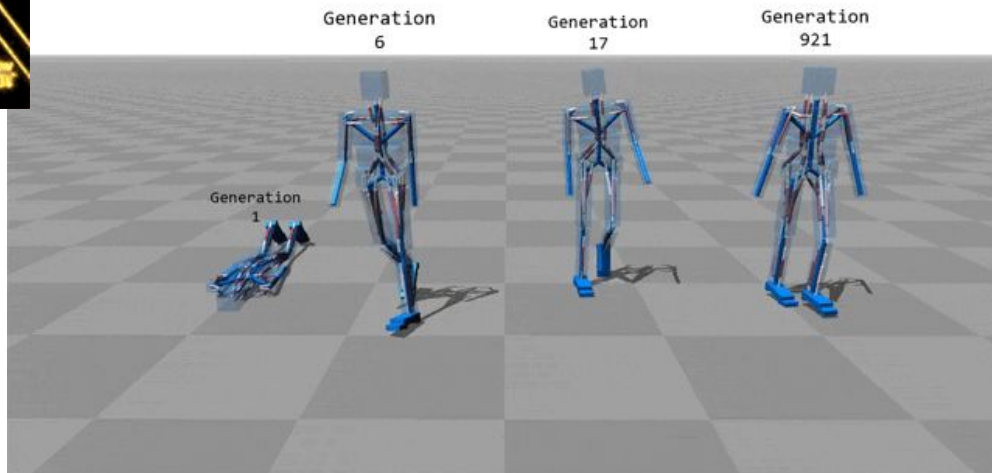
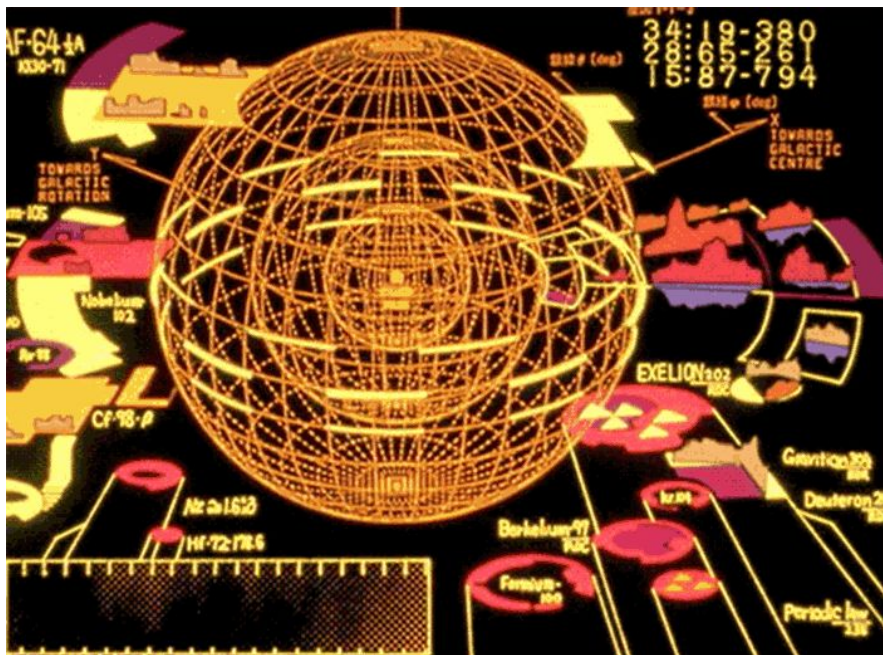








What do we do?



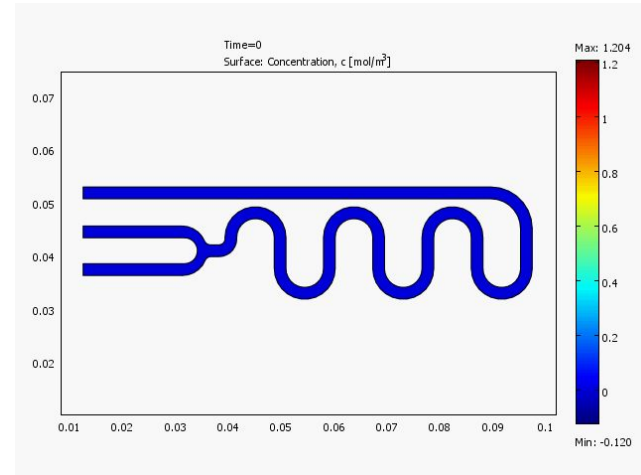
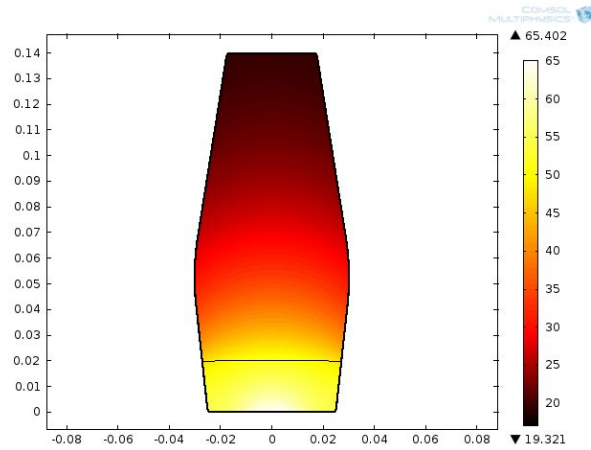
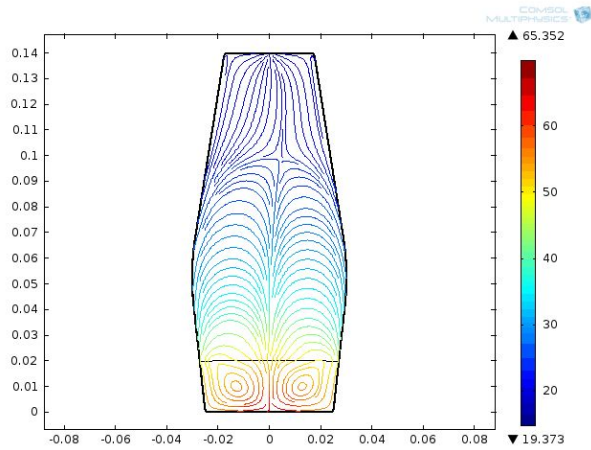
Computational Biology

(Gene Regulation* Modeling)

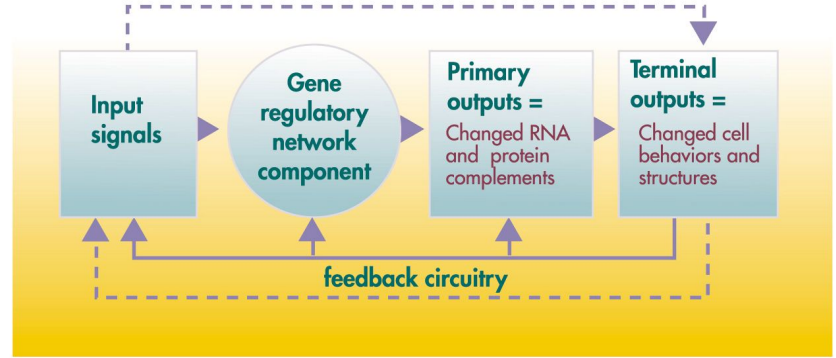
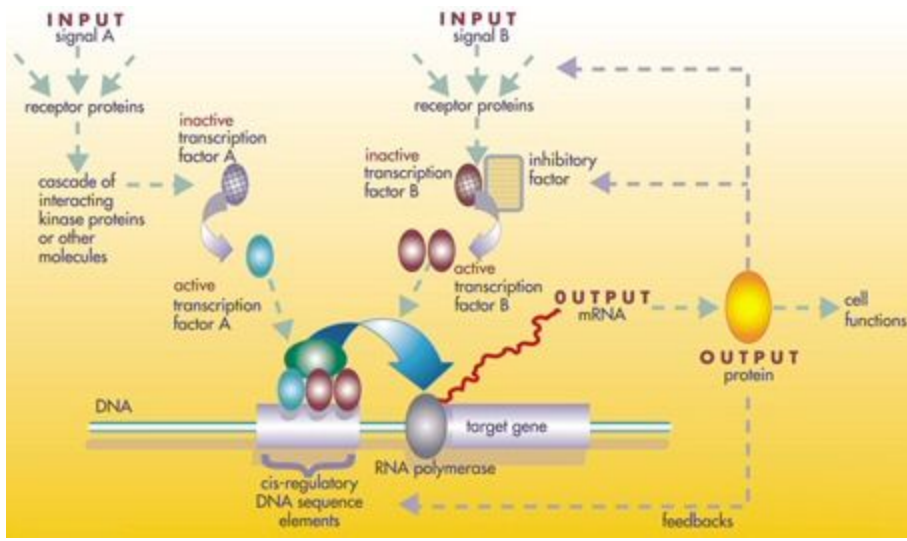
What do we do?

Multiphysics Analysis
(Mechanical Modeling)

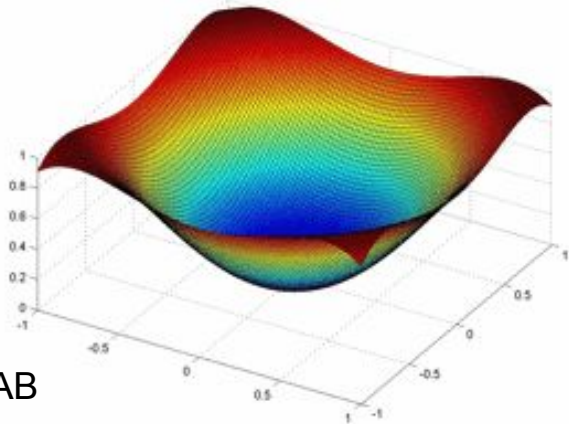
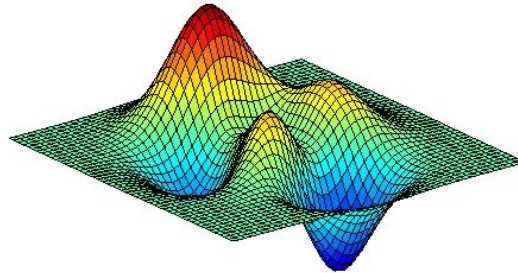
COMSOL



What do we do?



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What do we do?

MATLAB

BIOINFORMATICIAN



What my friends think I do.



What my mom thinks I do.



What engineers think I do.



What biologists think I do.



What I think I do.



What I do.

Bioinformaticians

Statistician

Biomathematician

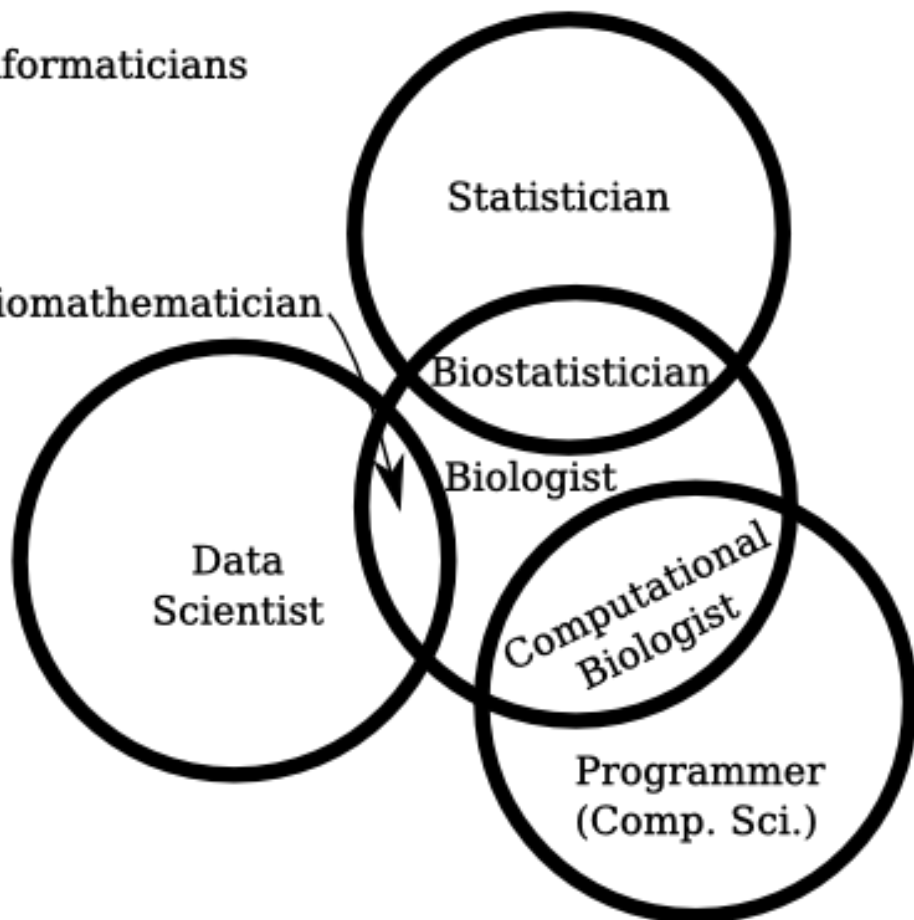
Biostatistician

Biologist

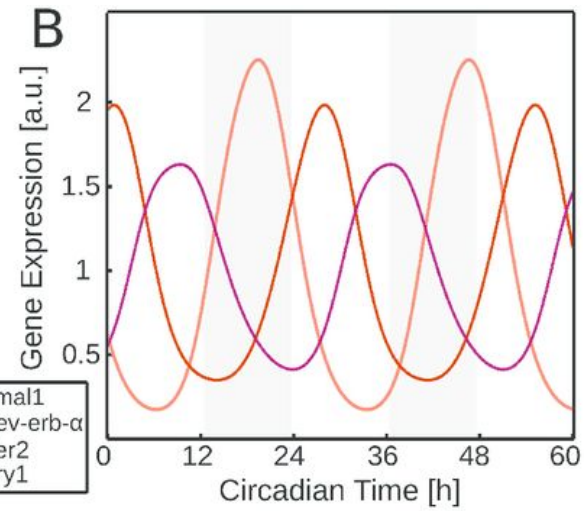
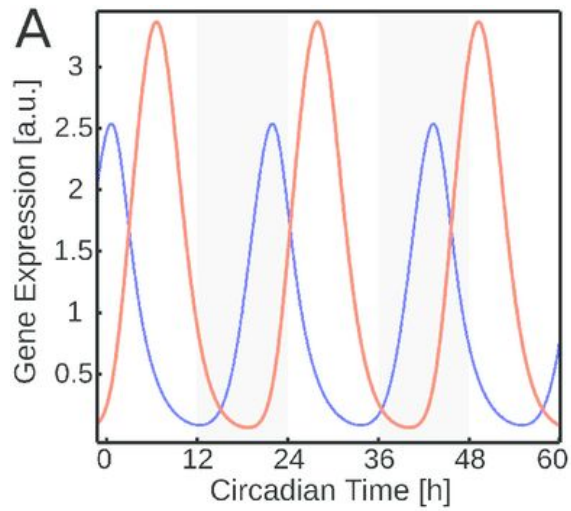
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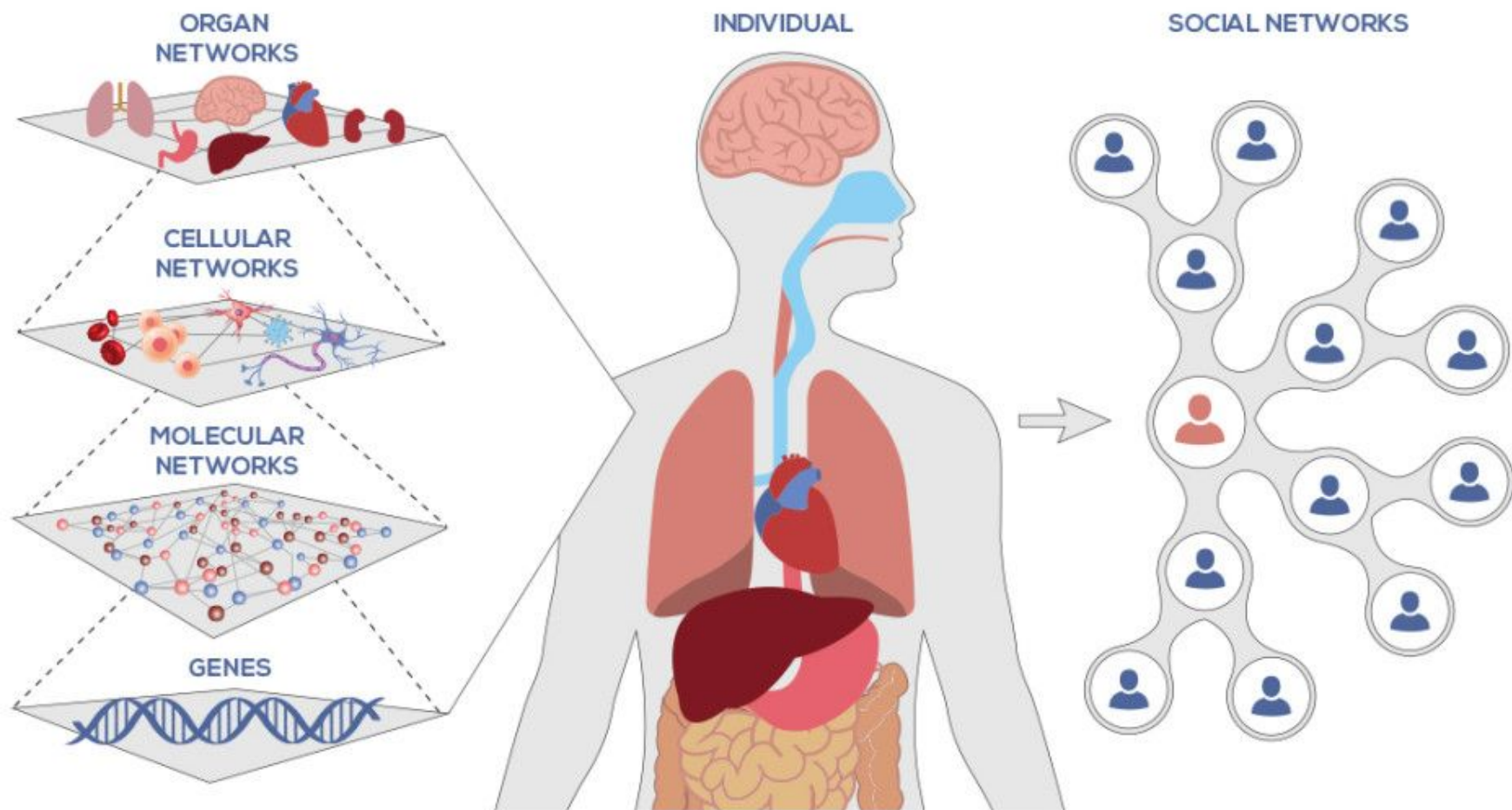
Computational
Biologist

Programmer
(Comp. Sci.)




first enzyme
in pathway





<http://www.wholecellviz.org/viz.php#cellCycle>

Theory

A Whole-Cell Model Predicts Phenotype

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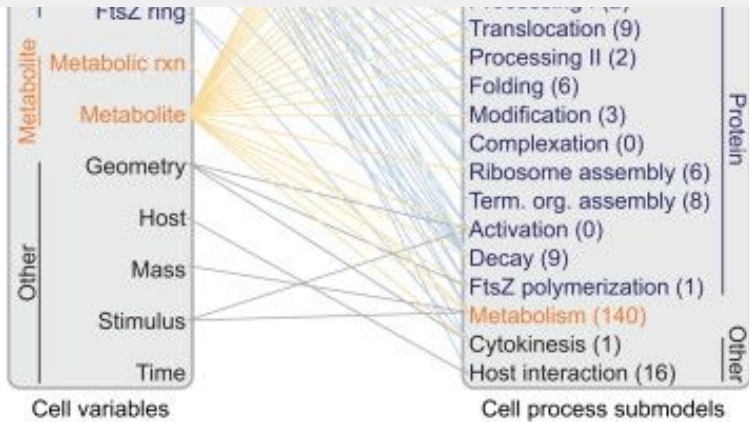
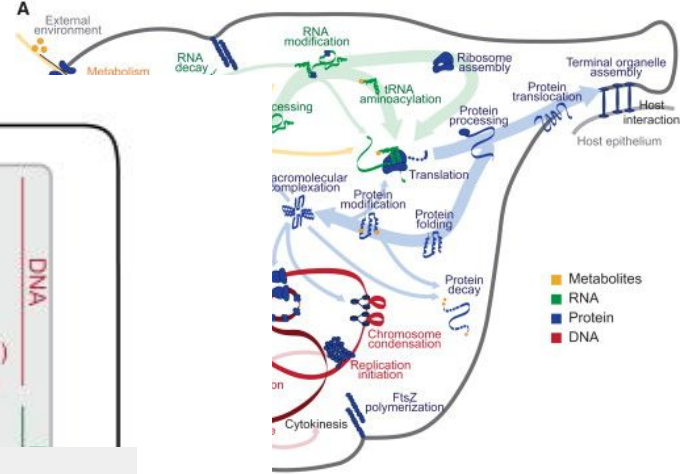
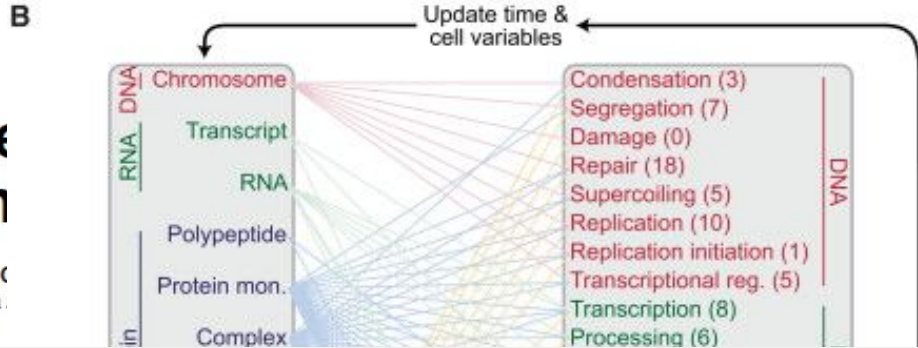
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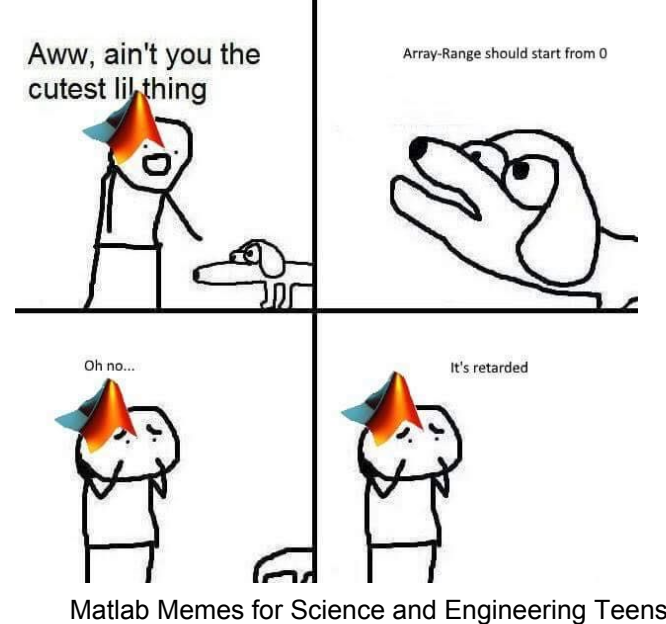
Skills necessary

Gene Regulation Modeling:

- Barebones computer science (Think CSE 142)
- AMATH 301 (MATLAB)
- MATH 307 (ODE's fo lyfe)

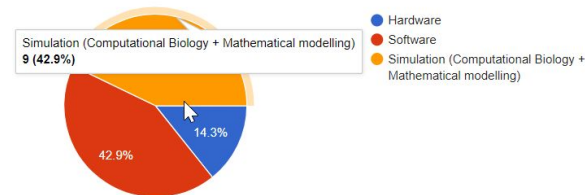
Hardware Modeling

- COMSOL access
- “Tinkering” mindset
- At least 4GB of RAM



We haven't described these yet, but if you know for sure which sub-team you want to be on, please indicate below.

21 responses



I'm a Bioinfomagician

I discover *de novo*
mutations using
simple workflows

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