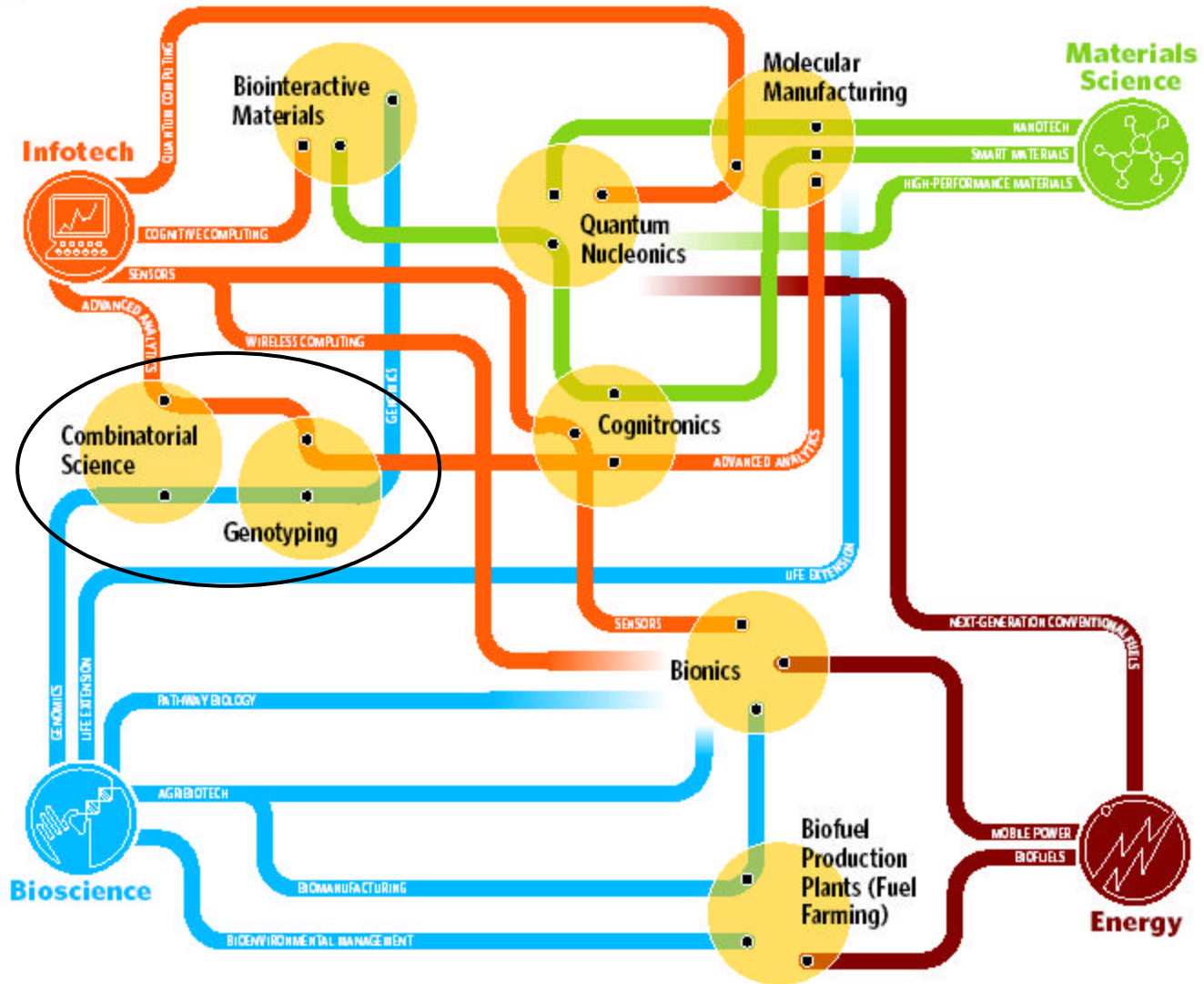


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The Language of Biology is Information

Gene Identification:

Identification of exons, introns, and non-coding regions (approximately 10 exons per gene and 30,000 genes from Human Genome data)

Sequence analysis and annotation of homologies, e.g. sequences that lead to similar 3D structural features that have implications for activity of the protein

Evolutionary relationships across species.

Structure prediction:

Context sensitive grammars to predict structure from coding sequences

Potential for modeling dynamic proteins, such as those that exhibit antigenic variability

Computational models of protein evolution, e.g. for structure prediction from SNP sequences

Combinatorial models for non-coding DNA role in regulatory circuits, such as timing of gene co-expression

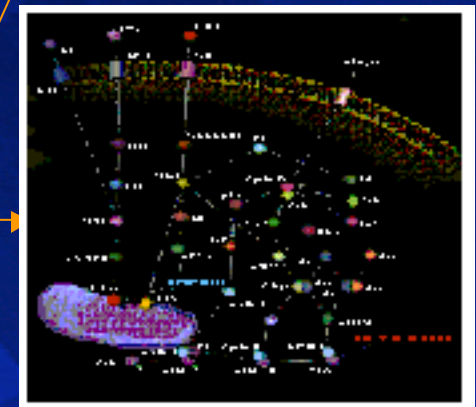
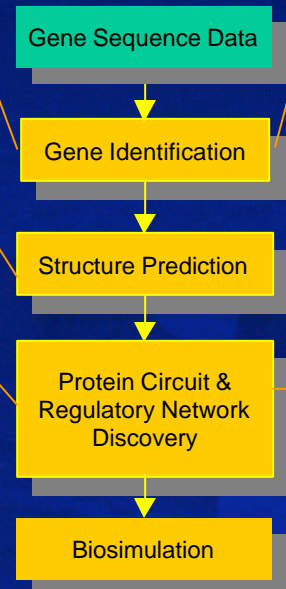
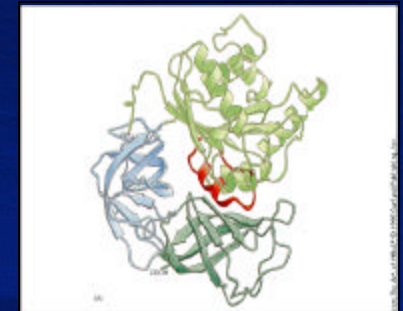
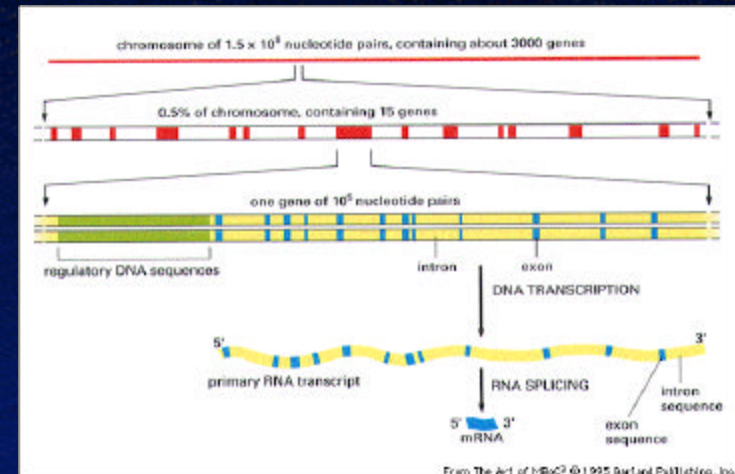
Circuit Discovery:

Tools for assigning meaning to protein interaction patterns

Template extraction of protein-protein interactions within cells from scientific literature

Construction of signal transduction networks

Prediction of function effects from network disruption



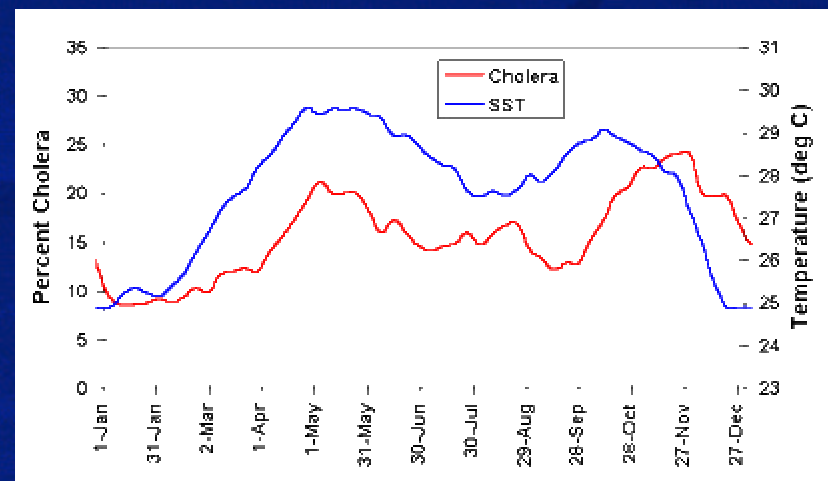
Also Need Research in ...

Spatio-Temporally Indexed Models of Disease Events



Table 20.5 Large-scale changes in virus ecology introduced by humans

- Air travel
- Dams and water impoundments
- Irrigation
- Rerouting of wildlife migration patterns
- Wildlife parks
- Air conditioning
- Blood transfusion
- Xenotransplants
- Long-distance transport of millions of head of livestock and birds
- Moral and societal changes with regard to sex and drugs of abuse
- Deforestation of massive proportions
- Millions of used tires
- Uncontrolled urbanization
- Day care centers



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