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**KBASE**

Data and modeling for  
predictive biology

Present and Future Computing Requirements

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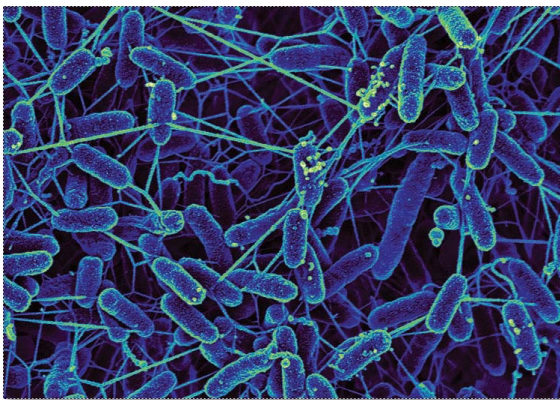
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**Knowledgebase** enabling *predictive* systems biology.

- Powerful modeling framework.
- **Community-driven**, extensible and scalable **open-source** software and application system.
- Infrastructure for integration and reconciliation of algorithms and data sources.
- Framework for standardization, search, and association of data.
- Enable model based **experimental design** and **interpretation** of results.



Microbes



Communities



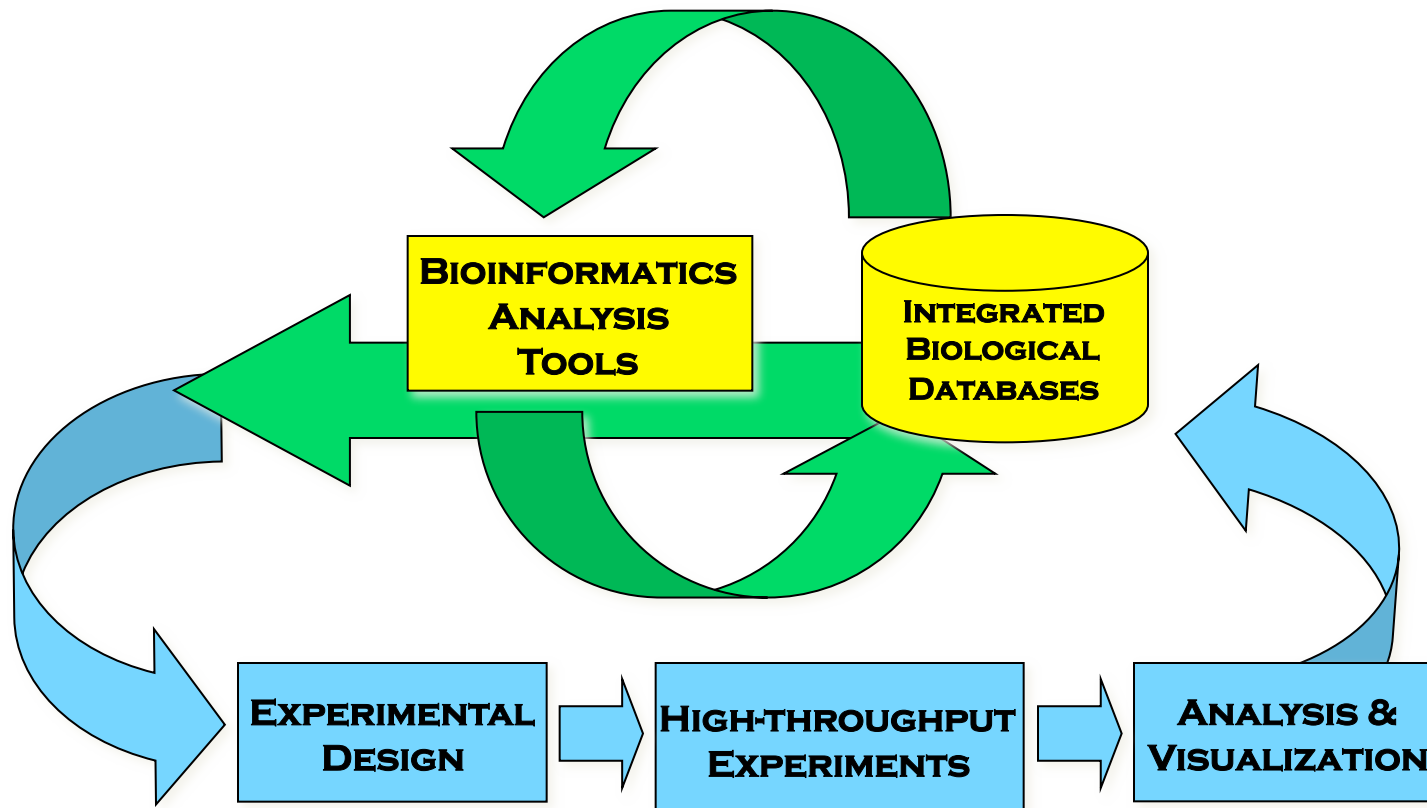
Plants



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# Integrated View of Modeling, Simulation, Experiment, and Bioinformatics

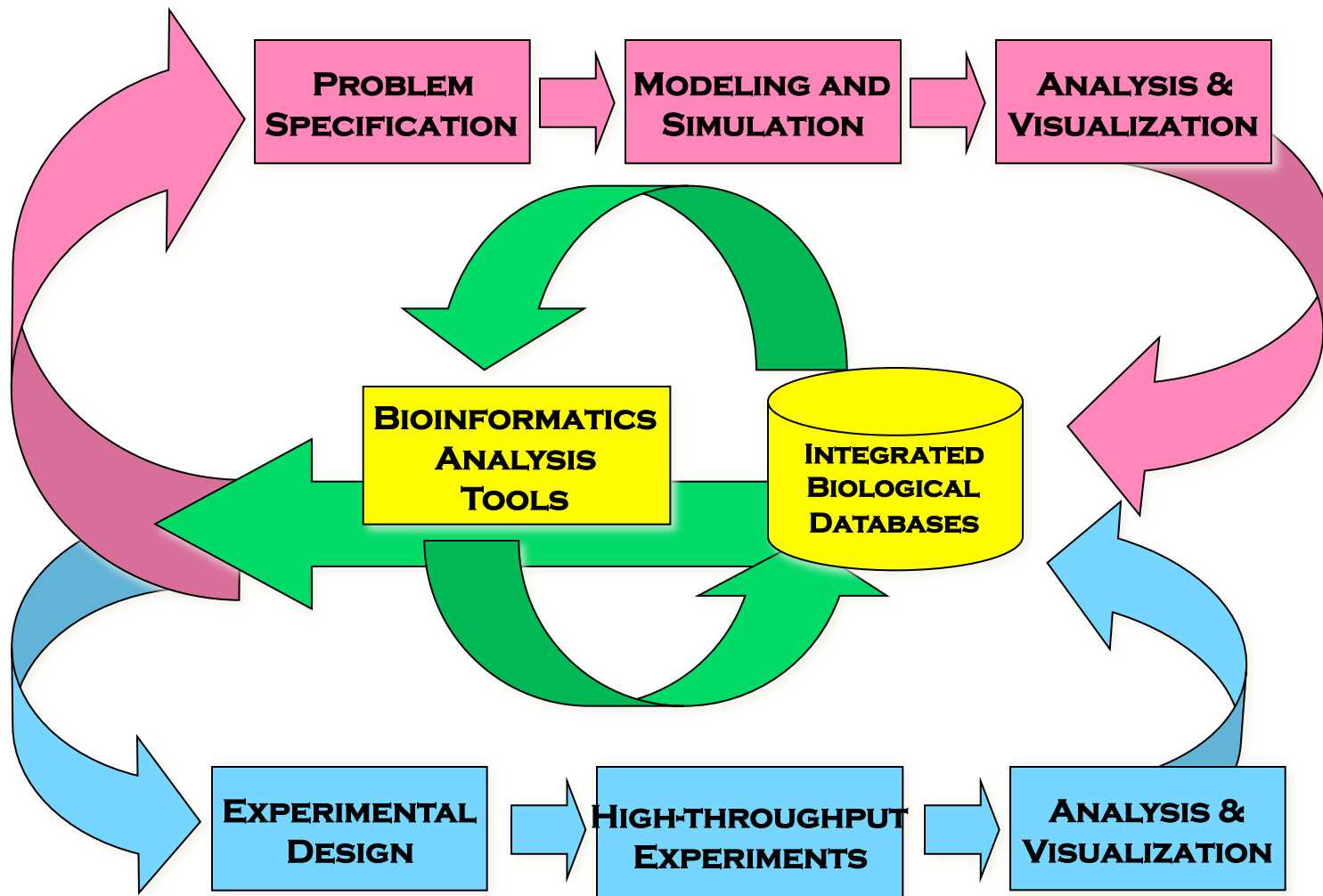




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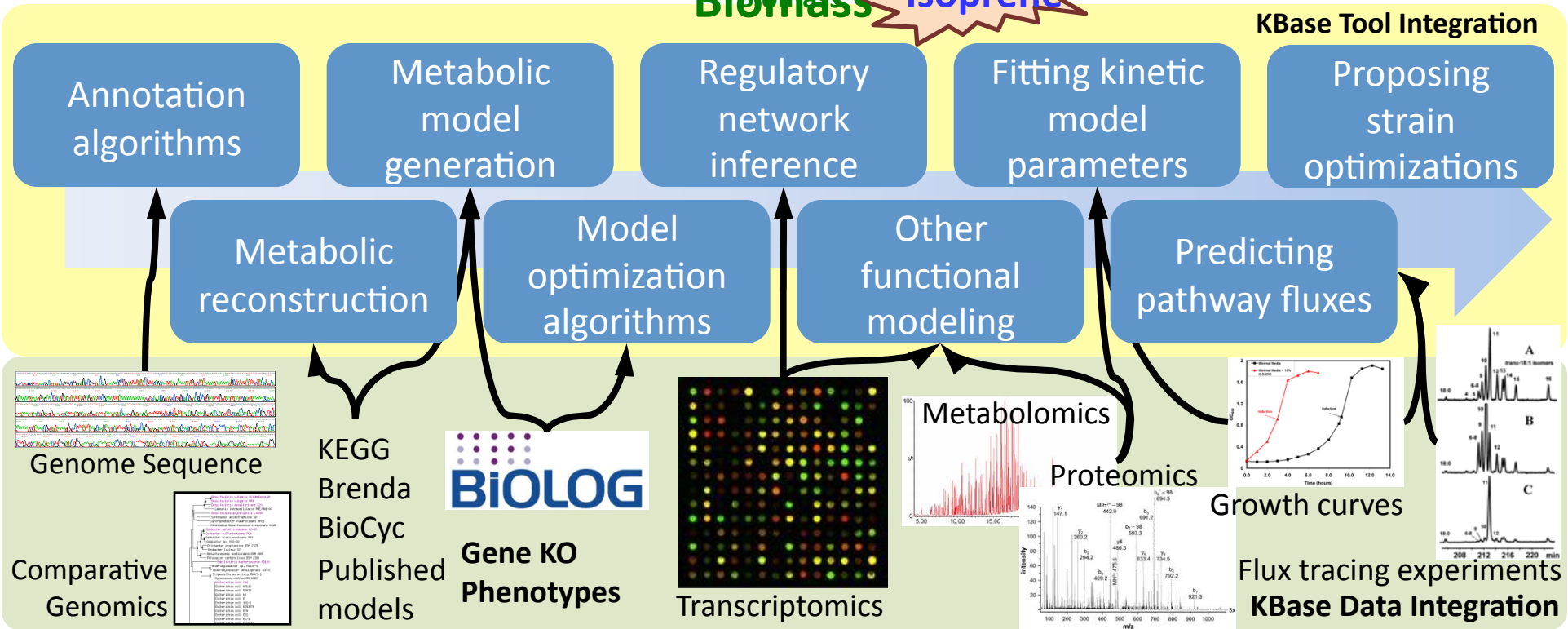
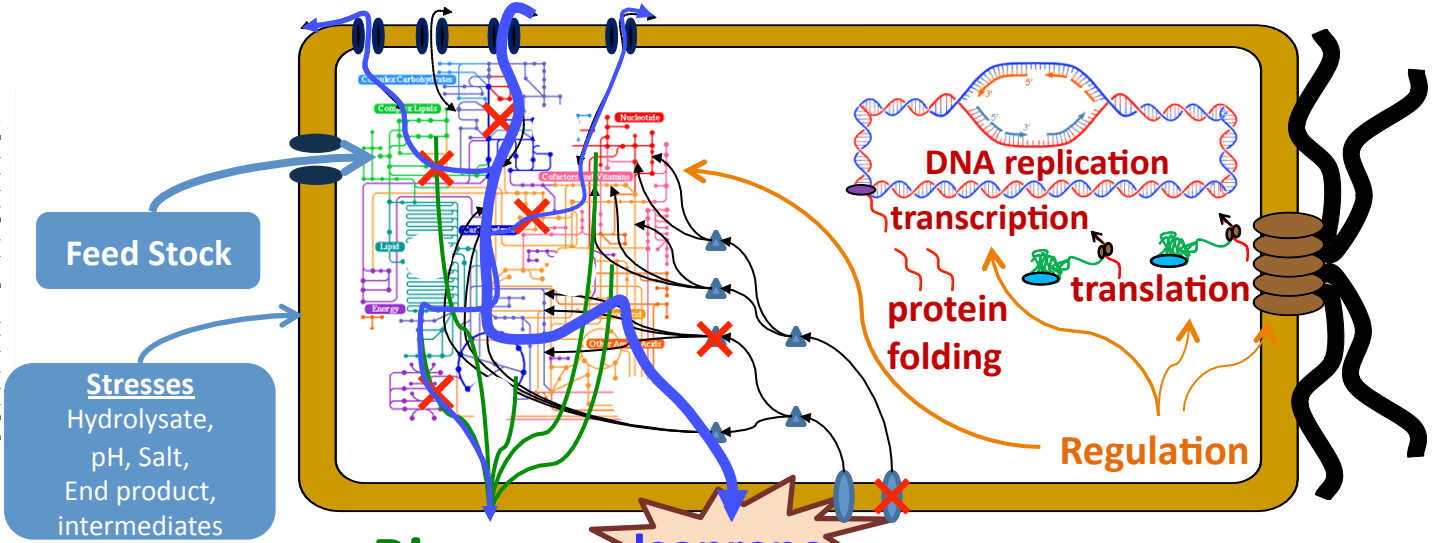
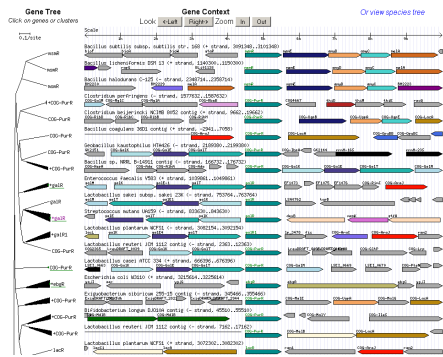
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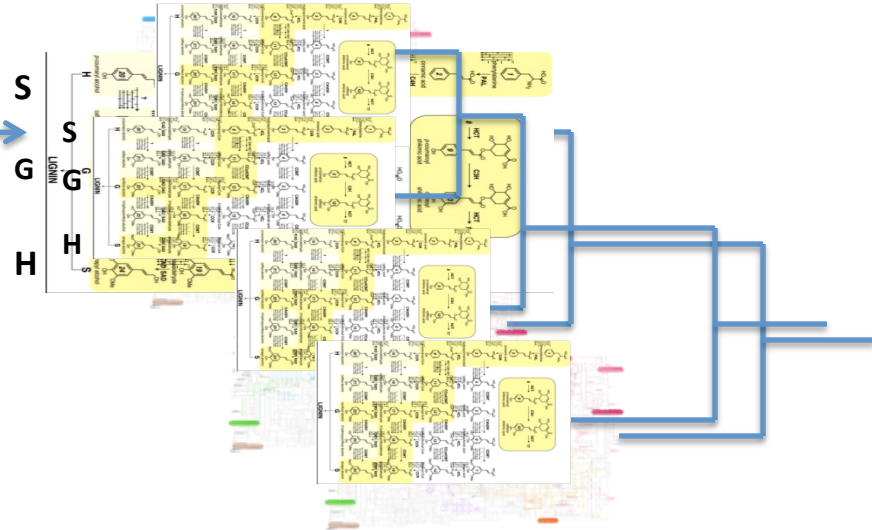
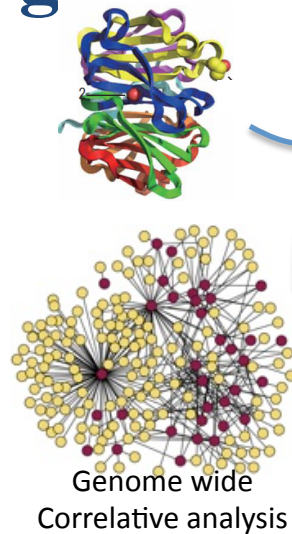
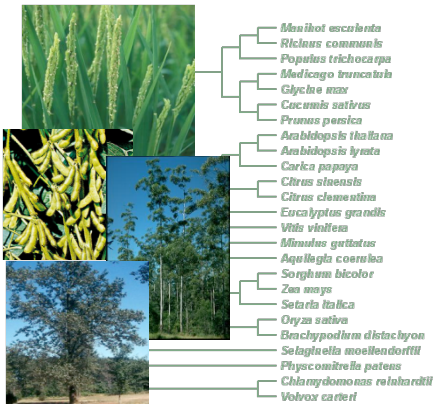


# Engineering a Microbe for Biofuel Production

## Annotated Genome



# Modifying Lignin Biosynthesis



SNPs3D

PolyPhen-2

SNP influenced changes in protein structure and function

Pathway predictions

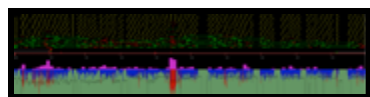
- Model optimization
- validation

Plant systems modification

- Genome annotation algorithms
- Comparative genomics

- Network inference
- Pathway reconstruction
- Omics & SNP overlay

Phylogenomics  
Modeling phase I



phytozome

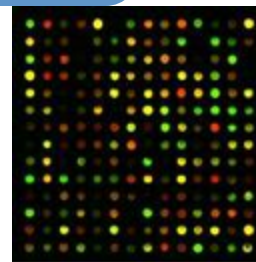


Phenotype  
Mutant  
population

Resequencing data

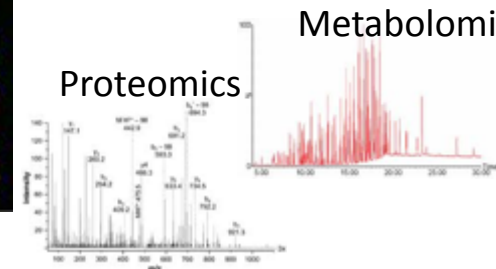


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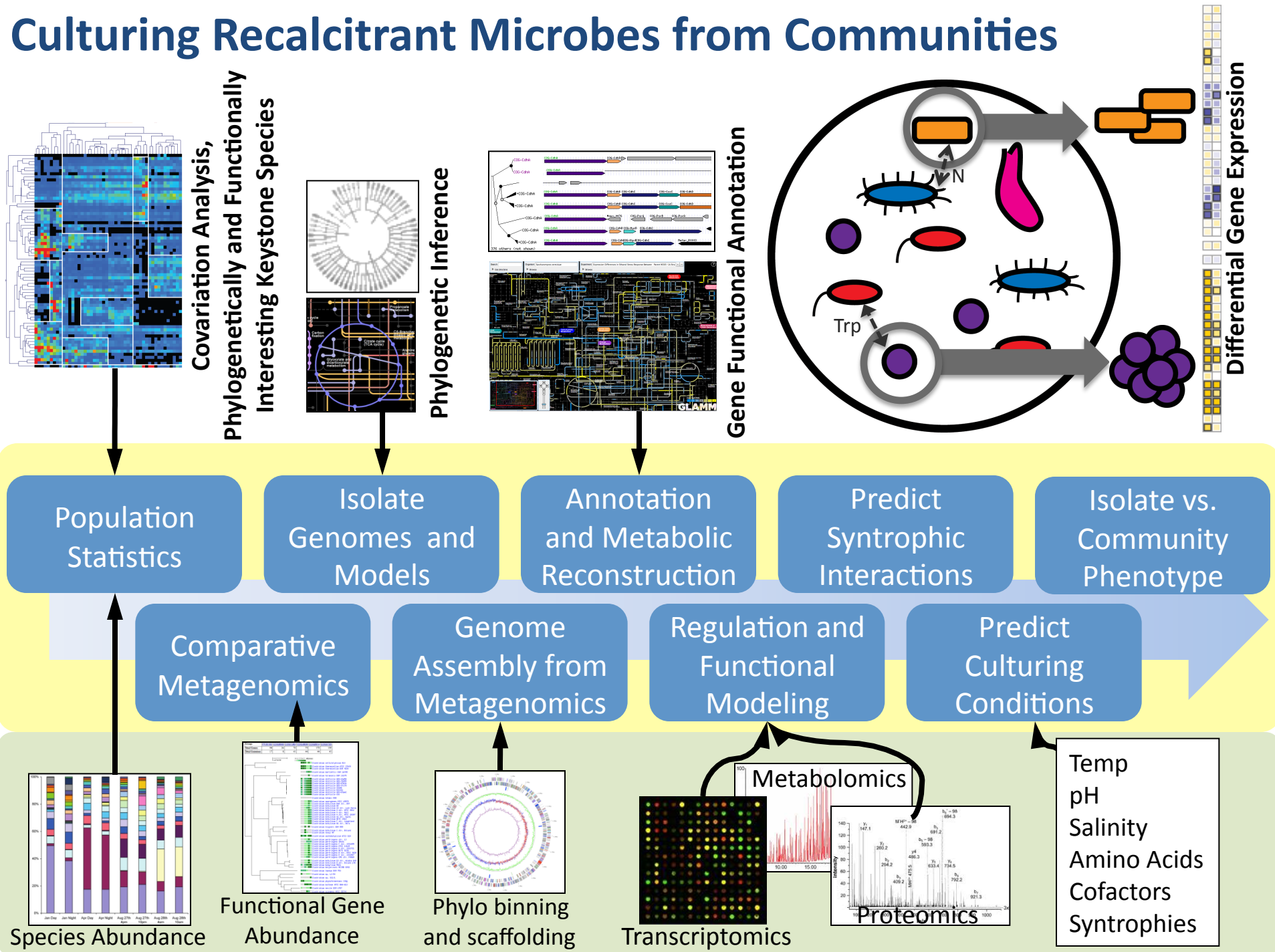
Transcriptomics

Proteomics



Metabolomics

# Culturing Recalcitrant Microbes from Communities





- Analyze understudied microbial phyla
- Interpret metagenomics data to identify conditions required for growth
- Construct, simulate and validate plant life models
- Integrate Descriptions and Annotations of Microbial Genomic Features
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- Improve Plant Genome Annotation Datasets and Make Them More Accessible

Most KBase scientific targets are data driven and for the foreseeable future, would allow their computing requirements to be met by modest-scale commodity clusters.

HOWEVER, several sub problems will require substantially more computing

- Combinatorial Analysis and Optimization of Biological Networks
- Metagenome Indexing, Assembly, and Analysis
- Computing Sequence Similarities and Indexing Kbase Reference Databases

These problems are characterized by these features:

- Matrix operations
- Large aggregate memory and tightly coupled processors
- Hardware acceleration for local alignments

These problems could benefit from:

- Low level support for many-task parallelism at OS/hardware level
- Low level support for fast string comparisons and associative memory type operations
- Hardware acceleration for local alignments, K-mer indexing and associative arrays



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# Current NERSC HPC Usage

- To date NERSC has only been used for development and early testing
- System will be exposed via KBase Cluster Service
- Both Hopper and Carver
- Applications ported to date:
  - Sequence - aligners BLAST, BLAT
  - Assemblers - Kiki
  - Phylogenetic Clustering - RaiPHY
- In Progress
  - Metabolic Modeling - Gap Analysis
  - Assembler - Bowtie

- Very difficult to predict today
  - KBase not in general release yet
  - Needs will heavily depend on demand from community
  - Dependent on how KBase infrastructure grows
  - Dependent on level of contribution from ALCF and OLCF
- Expect similar demands to JGI once KBase is generally available?



- No project plans to develop or port applications to GPU or Many Core
- Leverage community developed codes for new architectures
  - Several initiatives for GPU (especially nVidia)
  - Intel is starting to engage community
- Recent workshop on next generation sequence analysis libraries
  - Attended by vendors
  - KBase and the JGI staff represented
  - Others from the community with sequence analysis libraries and HPC experience

What new science results might be afforded by improvements in NERSC computing hardware, software and services?

- **Engineering a Microbe for Biofuel Production**
  - Ability to grow novel microorganisms in the laboratory
  - Directed engineering
- **Modifying Lignin Biosynthesis**
  - Understanding of the genetic determinants of complex phenotypic traits in eukaryotic organisms and modification for industrial and other applications
- **Culturing Recalcitrant Microbes from Communities**
  - Understanding of population structure and interactions in complex mixtures of microorganisms and replicating these populations in laboratory settings.



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# Thank You

Additional Reading:  
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Implementation Plan