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## A Health Sciences Perspective

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A Health Sciences Perspective

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eScience + biomedicine =

**???**

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**Informatics?**

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**(Production) Informatics?**

eScience + biomedicine =

**Bioinformatics**

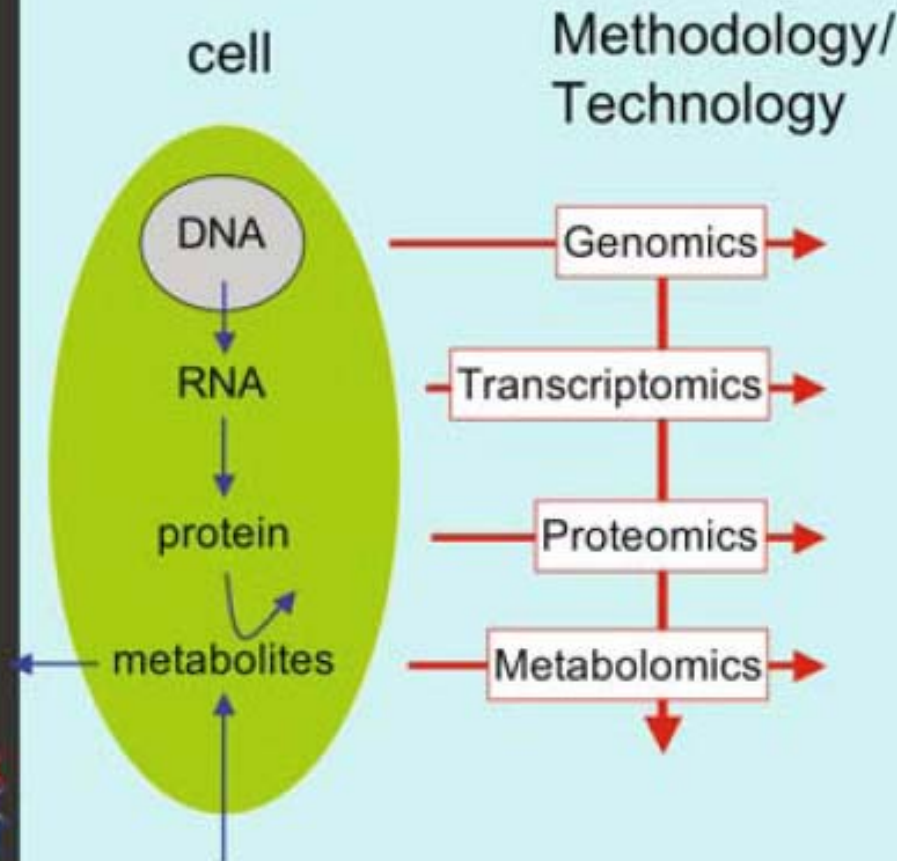
**Biotechnology**

eScience + biomedicine =

**Bioinformatics / Biotechnology**

**-Omics?**

# New technologies in Life Sciences research

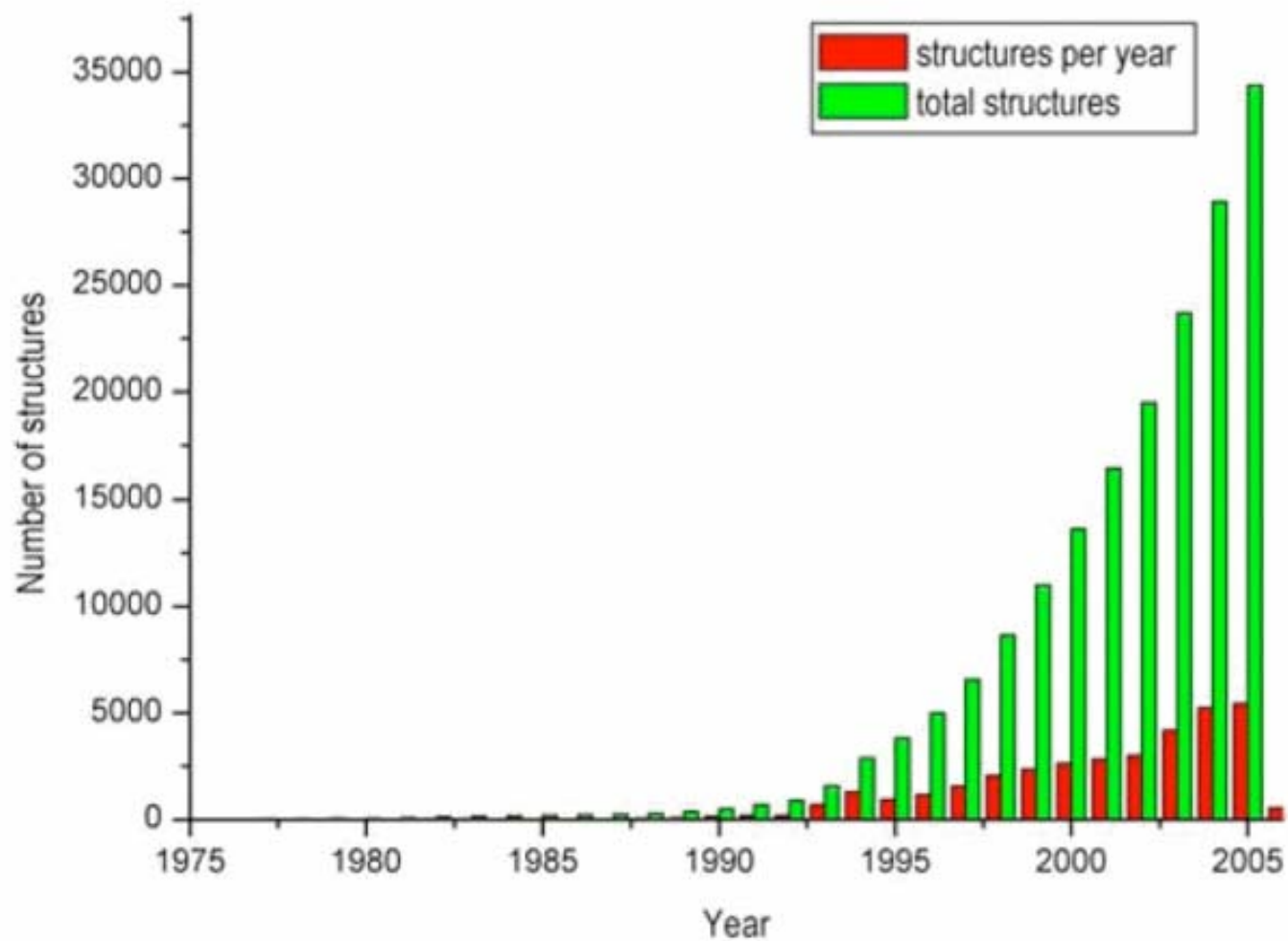


**Fig. 1.** Omics methods in life sciences



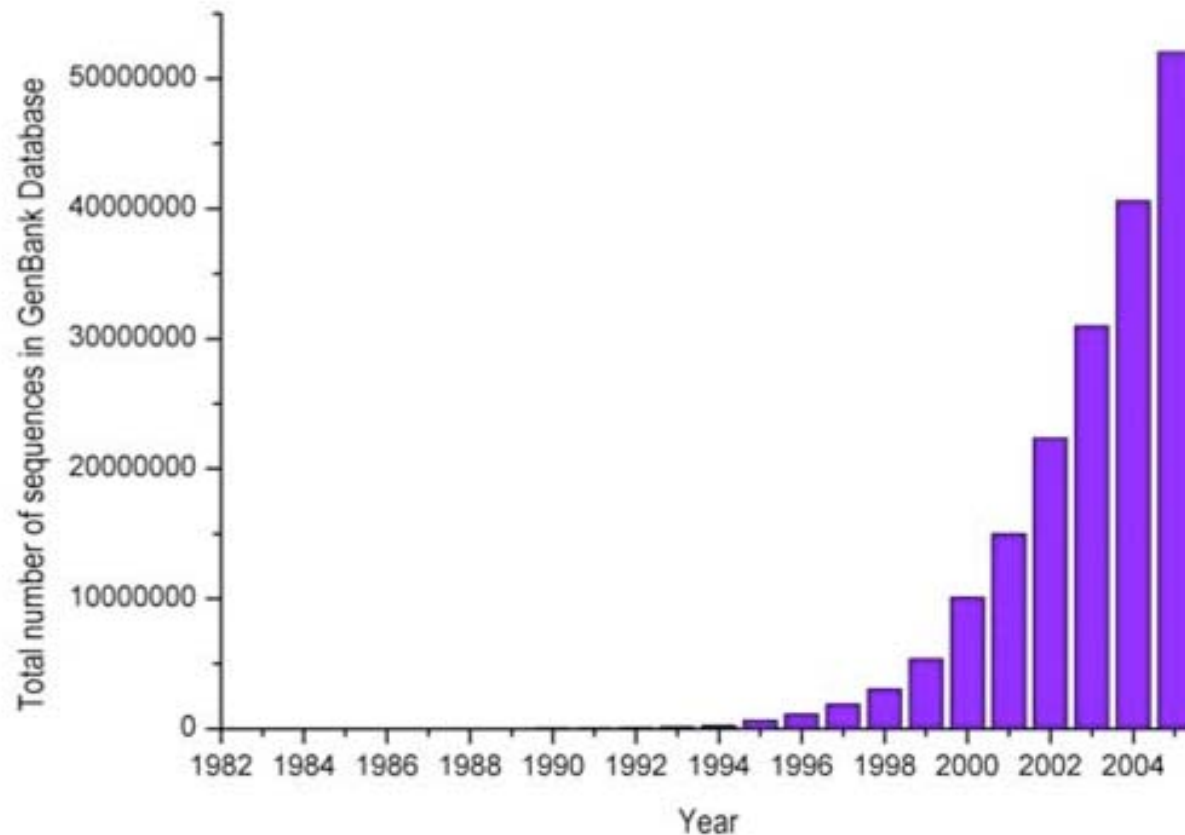
**Table 1.** Some examples of the application data crisis

medical imaging (fMRI):	~ <b>1 GByte</b> per measurement (day)
Bio-informatics queries:	~ <b>500 GByte</b> per database
Satellite world imagery:	~ <b>5 TByte/year</b>
Current particle physics:	~ <b>1 PByte</b> per year
Future particle physics):	~ <b>10-30 PByte</b> per year



**Figure 2.**

Growth of the total number of structures in the RCSB/PDB data base (Kouranov et al., 2006). The exponential growth follows the same pattern of [Fig 1](#).



**Figure 1.**

Number of sequences available in the GenBank as of December 15, 2005. The biological data explosion in mid 90's can be easily seen with the exponential growth from 1995. For a detailed description of the complete data set, please see <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Genbank/genbankstats.html>.

**"There will be increasing reasons for each of us to have our complete genomes determined and placed in medical files," Collins noted.**

**"Five years after that, there will be compelling enough evidence that **this is good medicine for both prevention and treatment** that third parties will cover the cost," Collins said. "Health-care providers will have immediate access to [this information] about you, about what decisions to recommend. It's not one-size-fits-all, but really just about you."**

**"When I was in training, genetics was a small insignificant subspecialty of pediatrics," Marion noted. "And now pediatrics is a small insignificant subspecialty of genetics."**



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- [Determine conserved synteny between the genomes of two organisms](#)

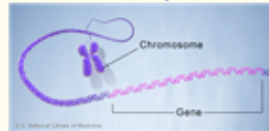
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**Discover associations  
among previously disparate data**

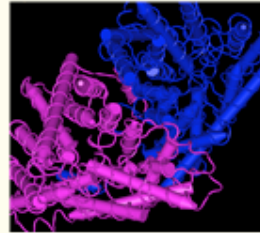
PubMed Literature



Entrez Nucleotide and  
Protein Sequences



Entrez Structures

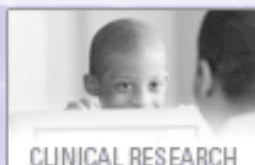


and more...

Various data types, such as literature, nucleotide and protein sequences, and three-dimensional structures, are often submitted to public databases independently of each other by different research groups. Yet these data are related through their coverage of the same topic via different research methods. The Structure group contributes to the broader NCBI effort to identify associations among previously disparate data. See an [example...](#)



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integrative bionetwork  
evolved by contributor  
scientists working to  
eliminate human disease

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National Life Expectancy and  
Life Expectancy Disparities by  
Race and County in the United  
States

#### [The New England Journal of Medicine - Jan. 10](#)

Ranking 37th – Measuring the  
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## The Data Spot

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# Roles for HS Libraries/Librarians?

With current skill sets

- Metadata consulting
- Develop data management plans
- ...

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- Metadata consulting
- Develop data management plans

With additional/advanced skill sets

- Data design, organization, management
- Data analysis, synthesis, meta-analysis
- Data repurposing
- ...

# How do we go forward?

- It's a tough time to innovate and expand
- Most of us won't be doing this
- iSchools aren't responding adequately
  - Exceptions: UIUC, UNC
- Need to draw from other professions/training
  - Biostatistics, research methods, informatics
- Need to forge new, expanded partnerships

Onward. Thank you.