Bioinformatics with MATLAB

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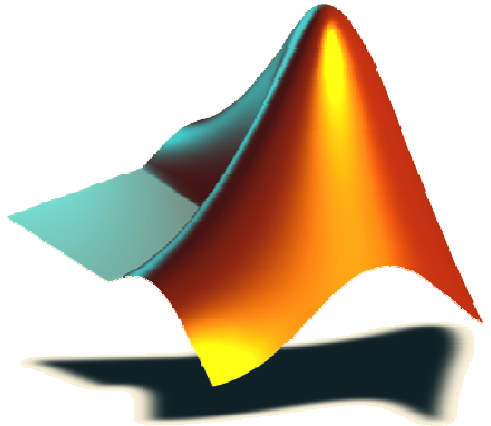
Agenda

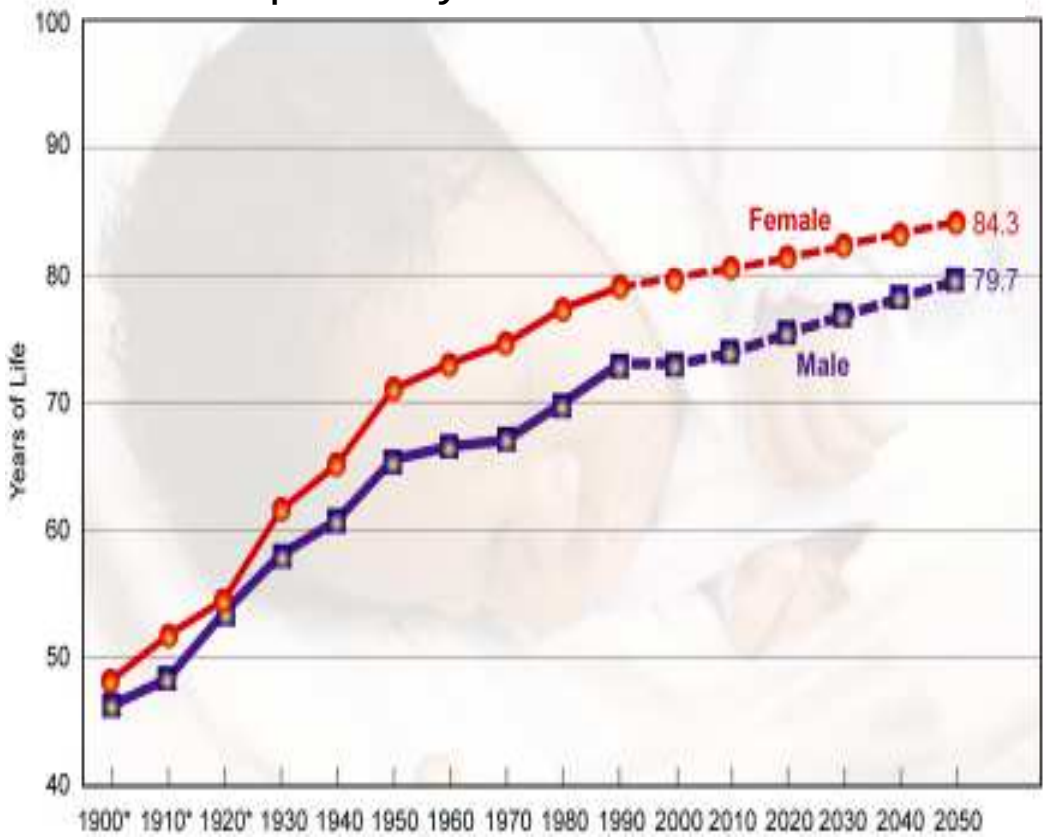
- **Bioinformatics an engineering challenge**
- **Overview of MATLAB®**
- **The Bioinformatics Toolbox**
- **Developing and deploying applications with MATLAB.**
- **Product demonstrations and examples**
- **Questions and answer session**



Improved health care technology leads to increased lifespan - with age bringing more diseases.

- 61 million Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease; 8.5 million Americans who had cancer are alive today.
- Total health care expenditures are 14% of US GDP and rising.
- Health care spending in the United States is projected to reach $3.1 trillion in 2012, up from $1.4 trillion in 2001*
- The worldwide pharma and biotech industries spent $69 billion in 2001 on R&D.
- The US government spent $22 billion on life science R&D in 2001.

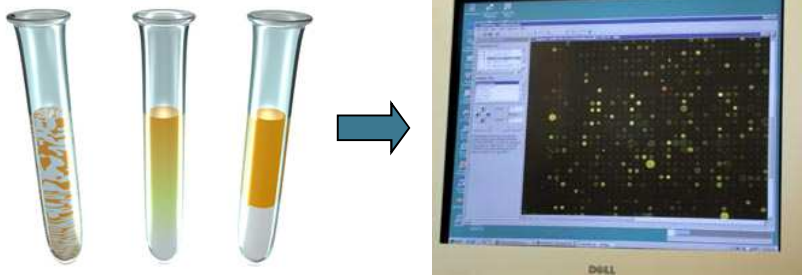
Life Expectancy at Birth USA 1900-2050



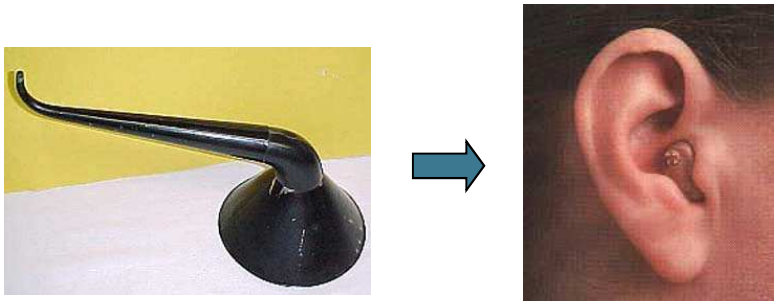
*Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Life Science R&D spending is growing and R&D activities are becoming more quantitative.

- Pharmaceutical and biotech companies are starting to adopt discovery techniques using genomics and bioinformatics and are becoming more dependent on engineering methods.
- Medical instrumentation and devices companies are pushing the boundaries of mechanical, electrical and biomedical engineering and can oftentimes benefit from a variety of engineering disciplines in their work.



Drug Discovery



Medical Devices and Instrumentation

sources: American Association for the Advancement of Science, Ernst & Young

Bioinformatics is the application of computational methods to biology.

Combine rapidly evolving biological sciences ...

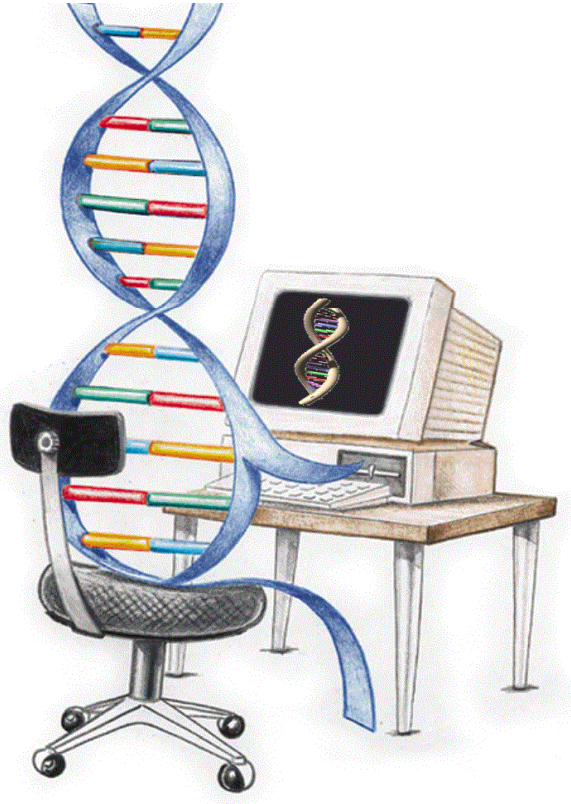
- Genomics
- Proteomics
- Metabolic pathways

... with computational methods...

- Gene sequencing (Human Genome Project)
- Expression analysis (DNA microarrays)
- Combinatorial chemistry

... to develop engineered products.

- Main application: automate drug target discovery.
- Basic research into the causes of disease.
- Genetically engineer better crops & livestock.



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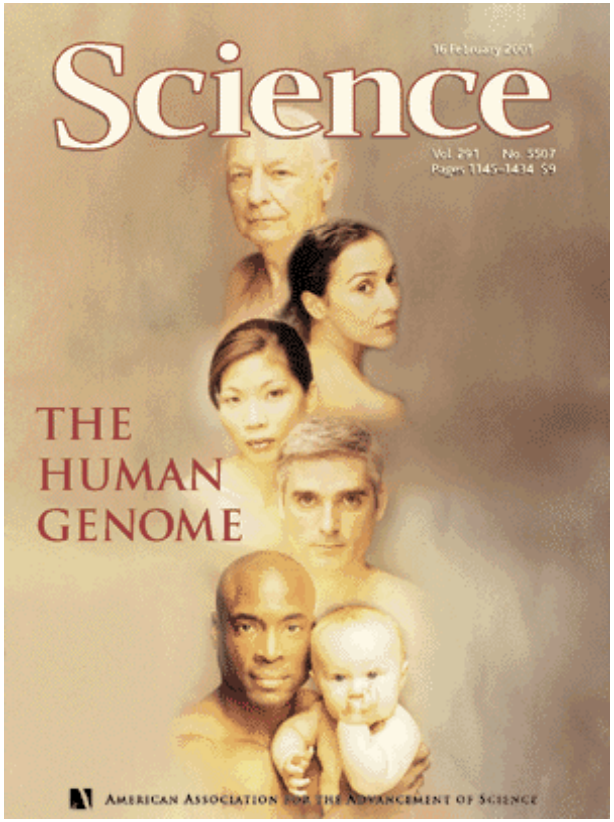
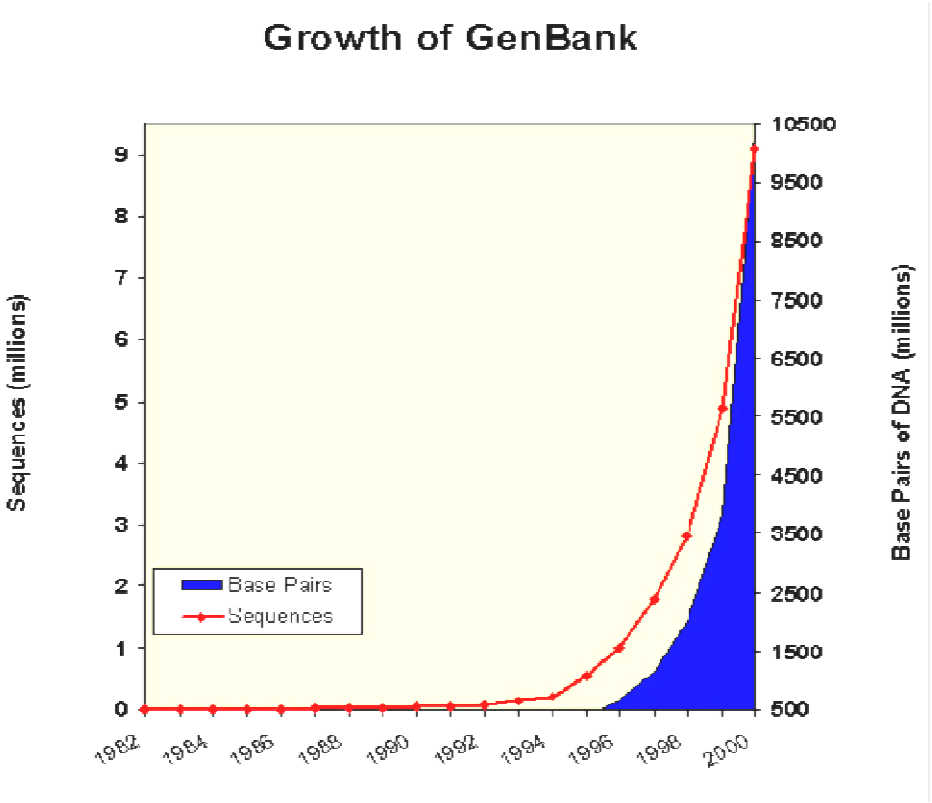
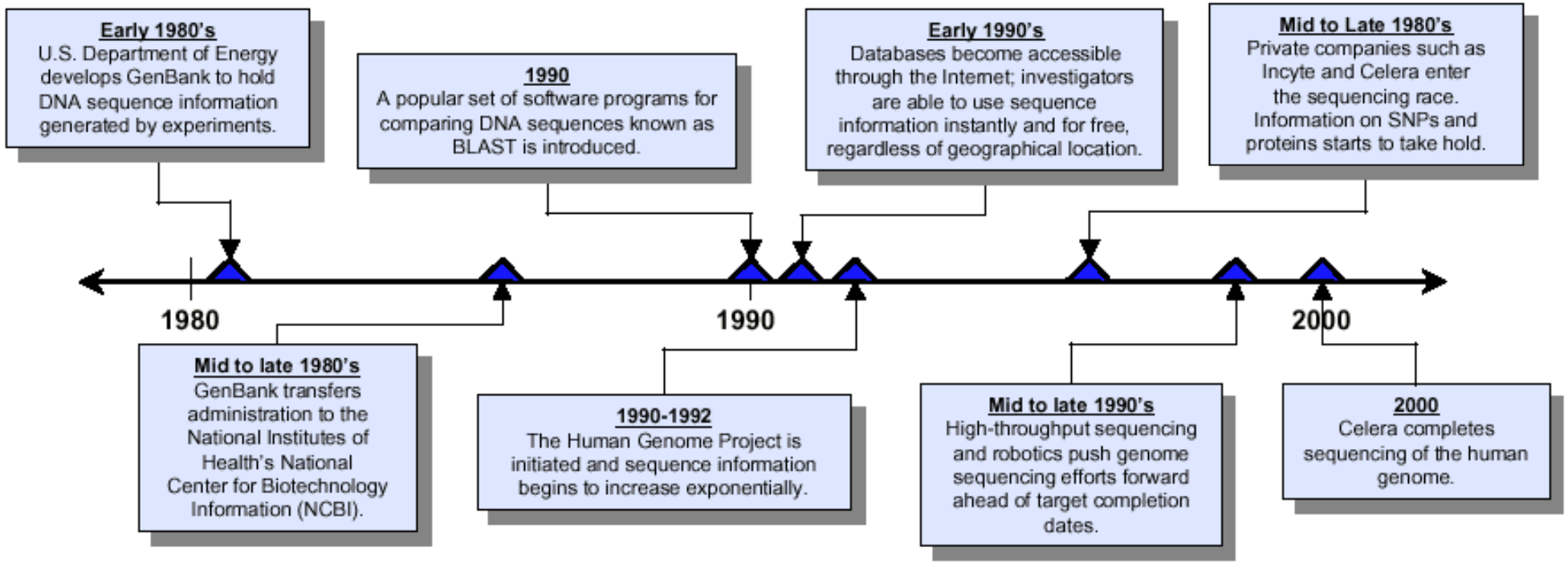
Complete draft of the human genome



Genetic Sequence Information is growing exponentially.



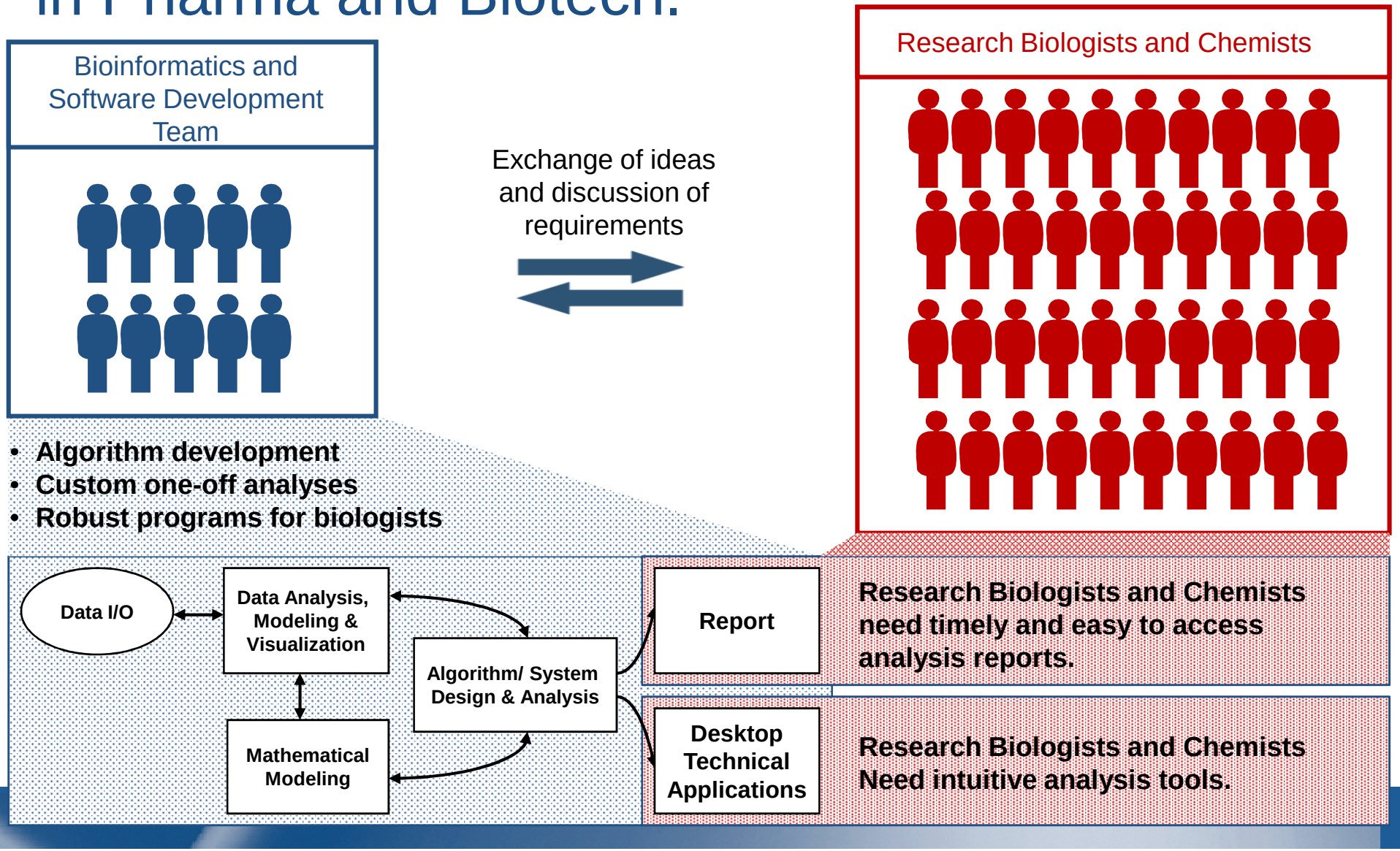
Important Bioinformatics Milestones



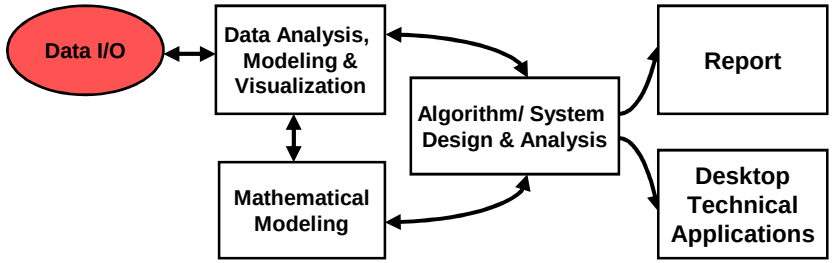
Source: Front Line Strategic Consulting, Inc.

The practical challenge of working as a Bioinformatics Specialist

The data intensive discovery process in Pharma and Biotech.



Data access and integration of data sources and applications.



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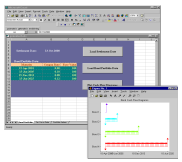

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void main(void)
{
    int i, j, r, s, temp, n;
    int *pi;
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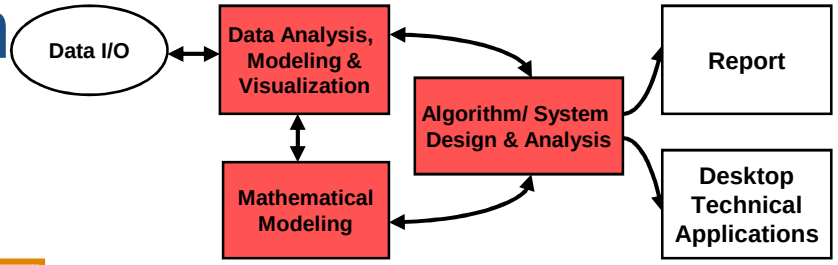
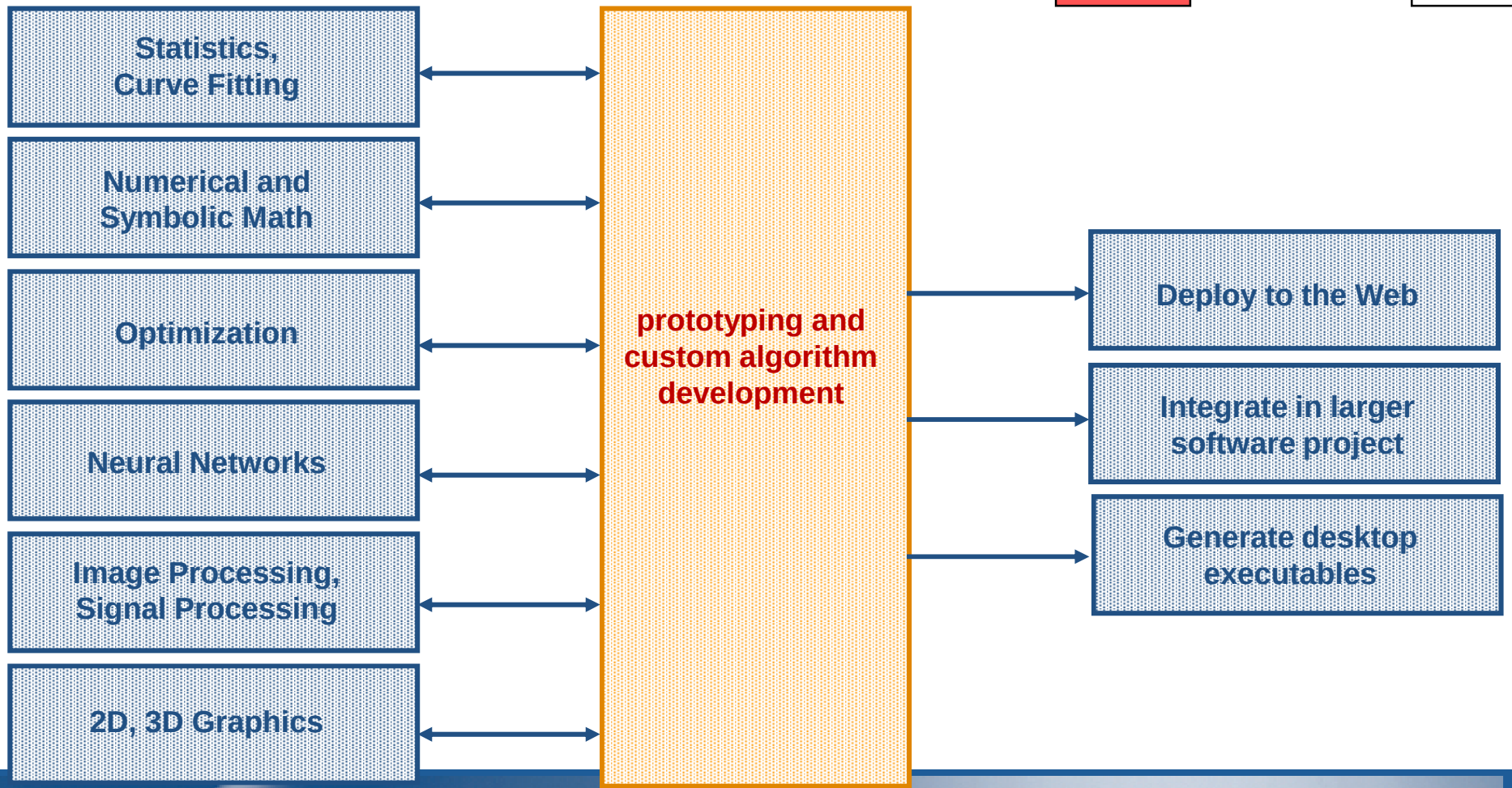
Your Databases	Execute	Read and write and run methods on your databases.
Your Files	Read / Write	Read and write files in most formats
Your instruments that generate data, signals and images	Control	Control Instruments and acquire data
Internet databases you use	Execute	Read from and write to Internet sites
Your existing Excel / COM Applications	Execute	Run or interface to your applications
Your existing C/C++, Java, Perl programs	Execute	**Run your applications**

Converting formats and integrating systems

Speed up analysis tasks with ready made functionality.





The MathWorks at a Glance

- Founded in 1984, privately held
- Over 1000 employees, including 1/3 in product development
- Revenues exceeding $200M
- More than 500,000 users in 100 countries
- Natick, MA - World Headquarters
  - Product Development
  - Technical Support
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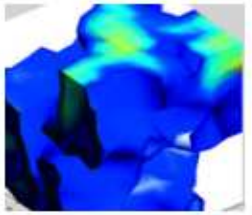
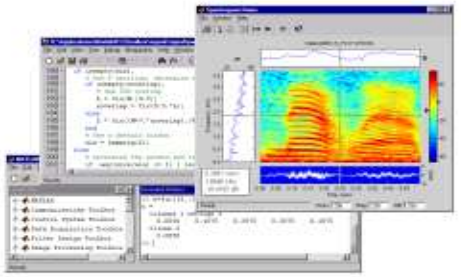


MATLAB

- a powerful, high-level language to develop algorithms, collect and analyze data, and visualize information



Simulink

- a graphical system to model and simulate complex systems, and implement real-time and embedded systems

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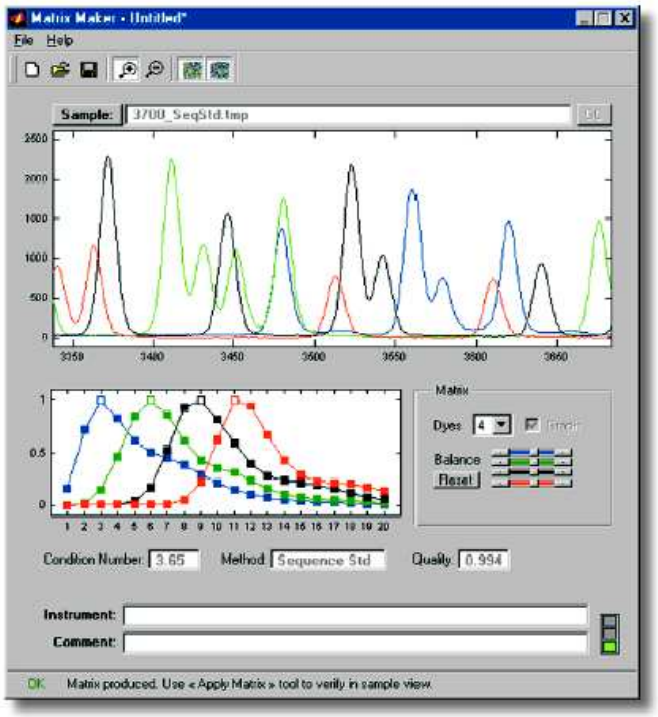
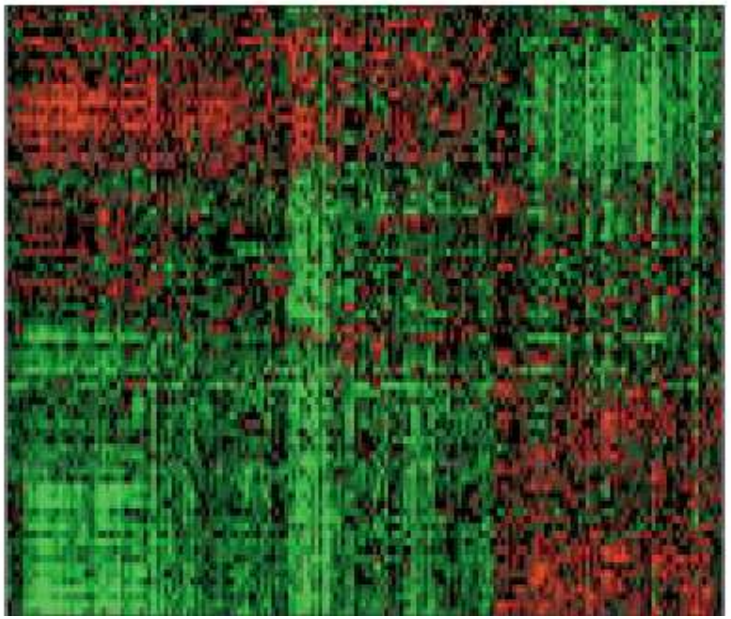
Technical Applications



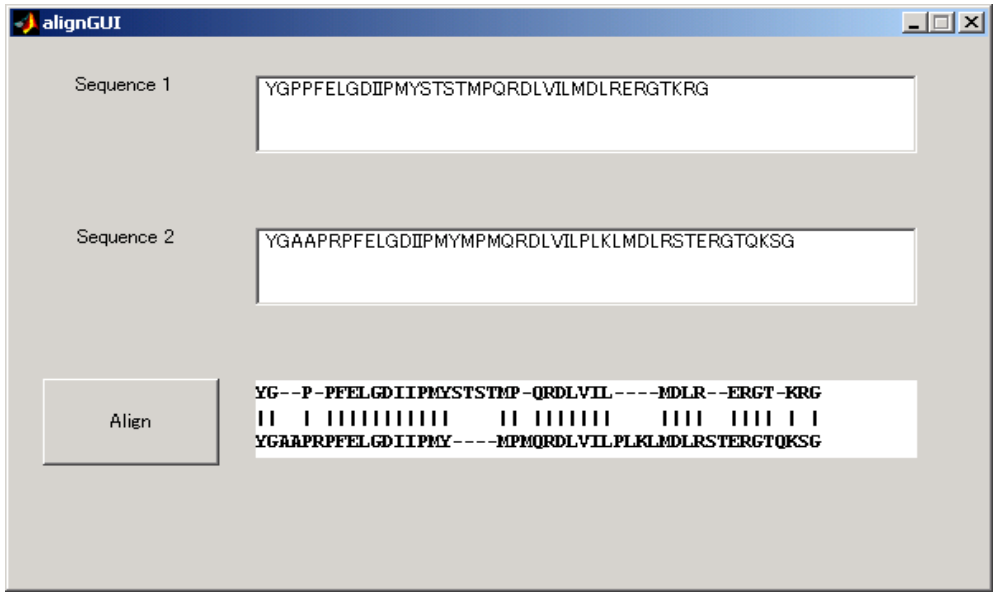
A portion of the DNA dye-label spectral profile, which allows the researcher to read the sequence of bases in a selected strand of DNA.

Rosetta Inpharmatics predicts breast cancer outcome from genetic profile

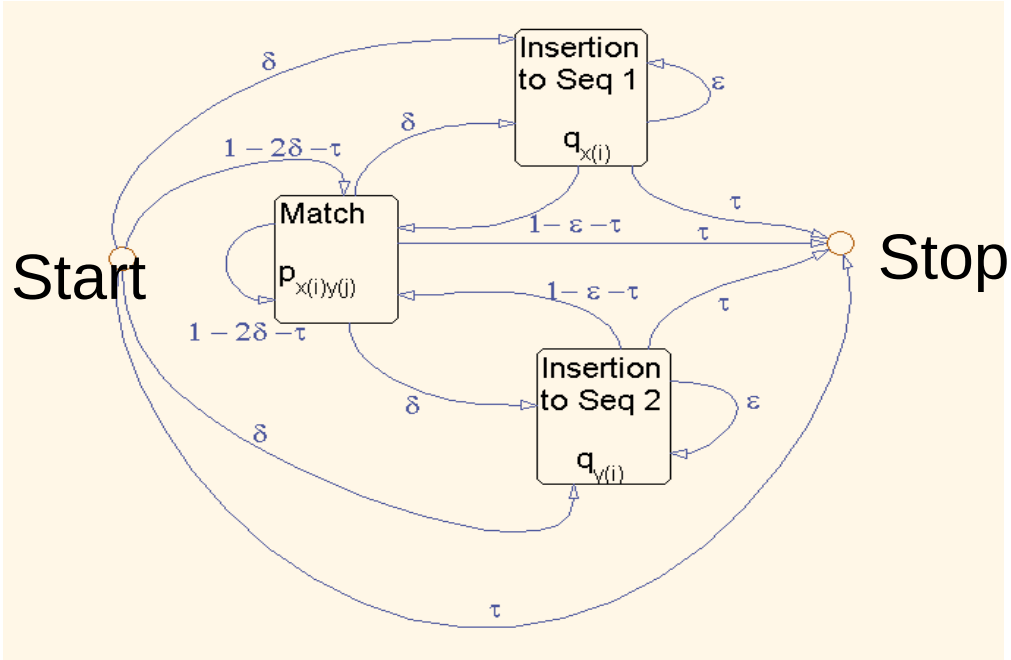


Sequence Analysis Applications

Deploying a Sequence Analysis Algorithm

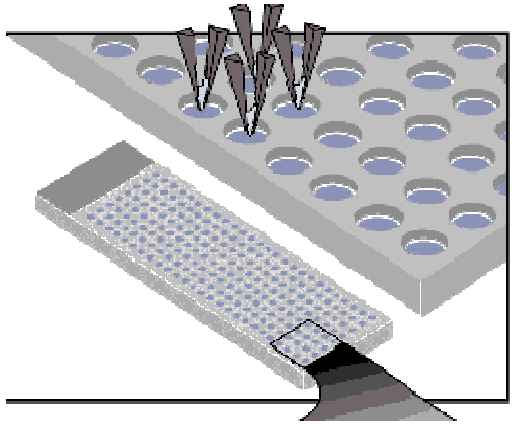


Hidden Markov Model for Pair-wise Alignment

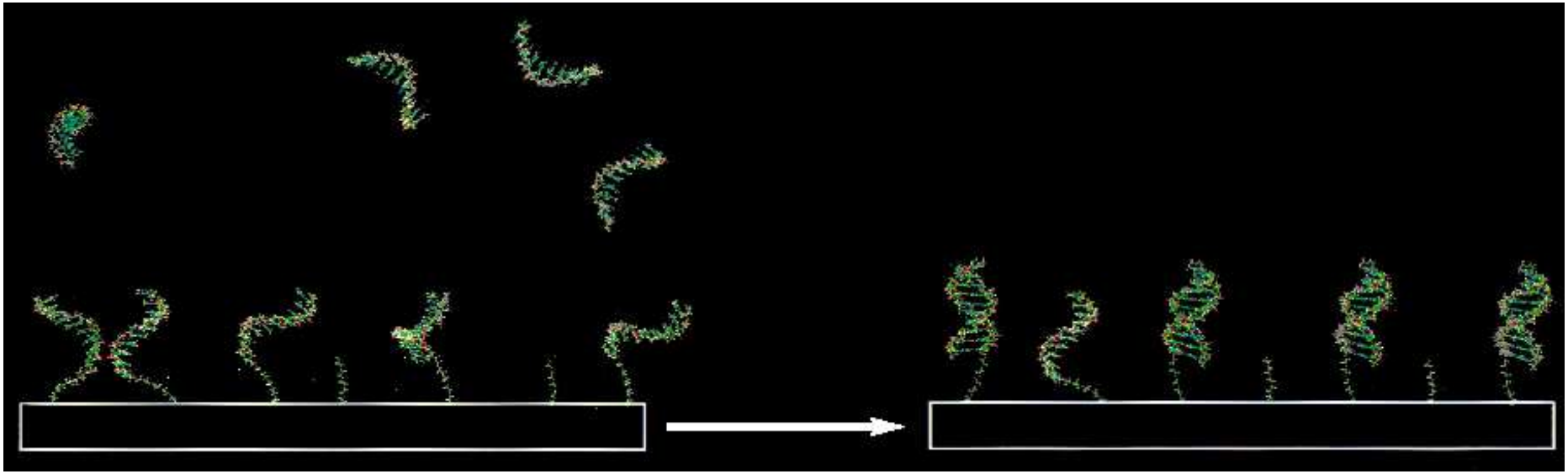


Case Study: Microarray Image Processing

How do Microarrays work?

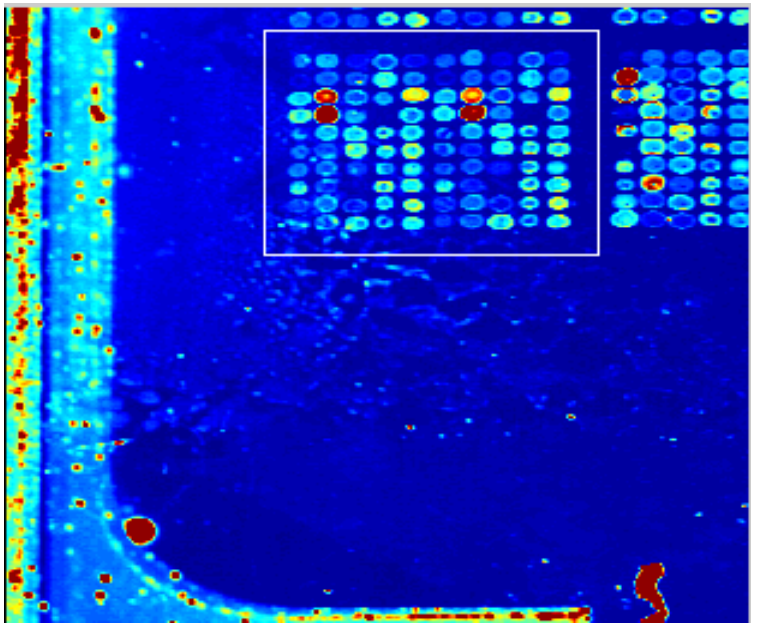


mRNA (messenger RNA) from several cell types are each tagged with a fluor emitting a different color light and then hybridized to an array of cDNA (complementary DNA).



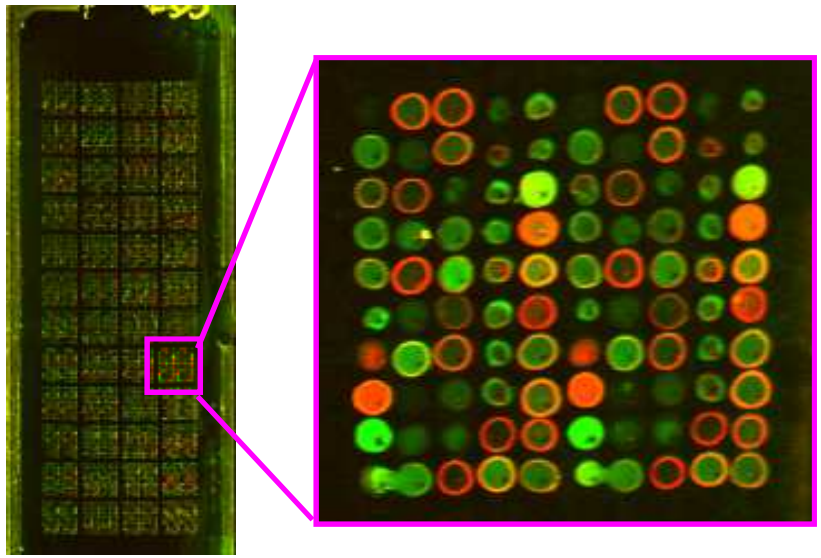
High-throughput experimental techniques require automated image analysis

- Automate image and statistical analysis
- Try out different algorithms
- Build software applications
- Gather quality control measures
- Normalize



Analyzing DNA with Microarray Imaging

Fluorescently tagged mRNA from different cells are hybridized to a microscopic array of hundreds of thousands of cDNA spots that correspond to different genes. Illuminated spots emit different color light, indicating which genes are expressed (e.g., green=control, red=sample, yellow=both).



Through image analysis, the fluorescence at the site of each immobilized cDNA can be quantified. For example, the log ratio of red-to-green intensity gives a measure of gene expression.

Application Challenges

- Clean up images with noise
- Correct for rotation, skew => regular spot spacing (rows, cols)
- Isolate sub-image array of colored spots
- Separate red and green planes
- Remove non-uniform local background
- Identify regular grid pattern of spots on slide
- Address individual spots by region of interest
- Integrate red and green intensity values
- Detect poor spot quality and flag as bad data points
- Determine gene expression from intensities
- Develop robust algorithm to automate process
- Deploy application to implement algorithm.

Solution Algorithm

1. Read image file (**`imread`**)
2. Determine horizontal spot locations (columns)
   a. Create horizontal profile using column averages (**`mean`**)
   b. Remove local background using morphology (**`imtophat`**)
   c. Segment and label spot columns (**`im2bw`**, **`bwlabel`**)
   d. Extract spot centers (**`regionprops`**, **`.Centroid`**)
   e. Calculate column boundaries between spots
3. Transpose image and repeat => spot rows
4. Display detected spot locations on top of image
5. Tabulate spot intensities.

What did this case study show?

1. **MATLAB** environment was great for developing an algorithm (environment + language + graphics)
2. **Image Processing Toolbox** provided a rich set of functions for segmentation, region properties and background removal
3. **Signal Processing Toolbox** provided autocorrelation function to determine spot periodicity.

The Bioinformatics Toolbox

Function Overview

- File I/O
  - Read FASTA, PDB, GenePix, Affymetrix and many more format files
- Web connectivity
  - Directly access GenBank, PDB, EMBL, PIR,…
- Sequence analysis
  - Base density, codon counts, ORF finding,…
- Sequence alignment
  - Local, global and profile HMM based alignment
- Microarray normalization & visualization
  - Normalization tools, Gene filters, expression profile cluster analysis,…
- Protein visualization
  - Hydrophobicity plots, Ramachandran plots,…

Getting data into MATLAB

"get" functions retrieve data from Internet based databases.

- `getembl` - Sequence data from EMBL.
- `getgenbank` - Sequence data from GenBank.
- `getgenpept` - Sequence data from GenPept.
- `getpdb` - Sequence data from PDB.
- `getpir` - Sequence data from PIR-PSD.
- `gethmmprof` - HMM from the PFAM database.
- `getgeodata` - Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) data

Sequence Alignment Tutorial Example

- Get human and mouse genes from GenBank
- Look for open reading frames (ORFs)
- Convert DNA sequences to amino acid sequences
- Create a dotplot of the two sequences
- Perform global alignment
- Perform local alignment

Microarray Data Analysis Tutorial Example

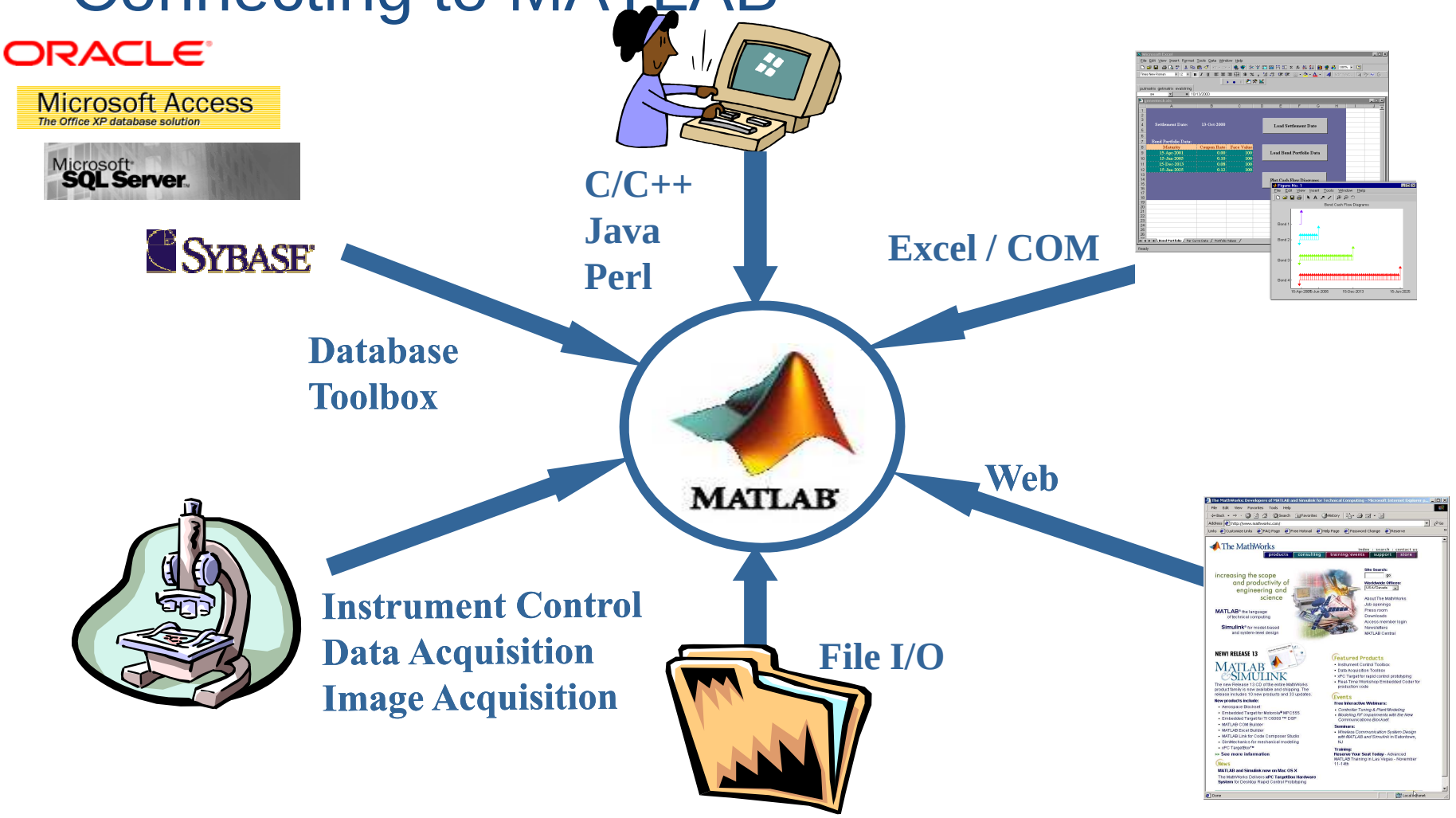
- Plot expression profiles for genes
- Filter genes based on information content of profile
- Perform hierarchical clustering
- Perform K-means clustering
- Perform Principal Component Analysis

Reference:

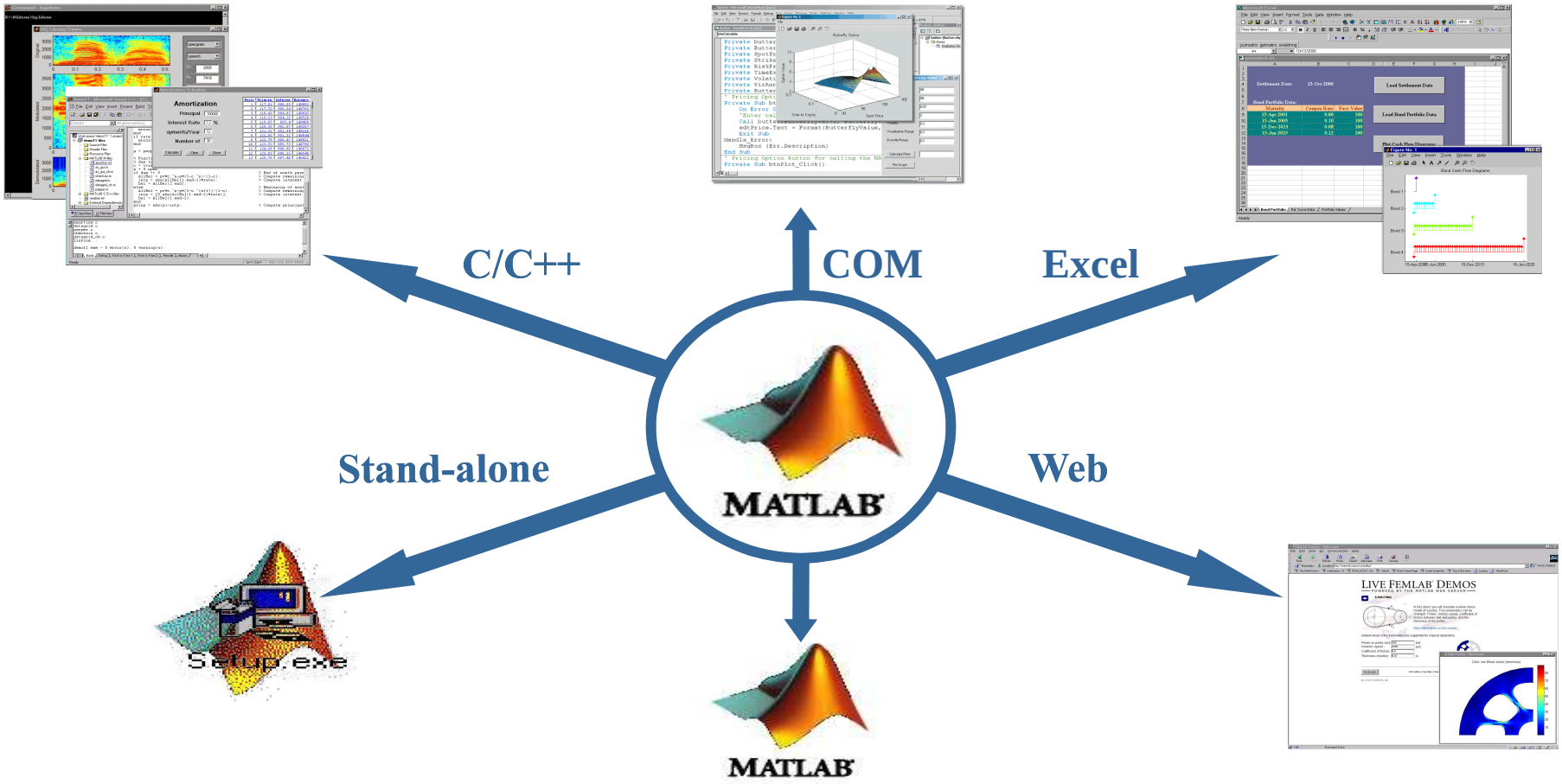
DeRisi, JL, Iyer, VR, Brown, PO. "Exploring the metabolic and genetic control of gene expression on a genomic scale." Science. 1997 Oct 24;278(5338):680-6.

Integrating and Deploying Bioinformatics Tools with MATLAB

Connecting to MATLAB



Deploying with MATLAB



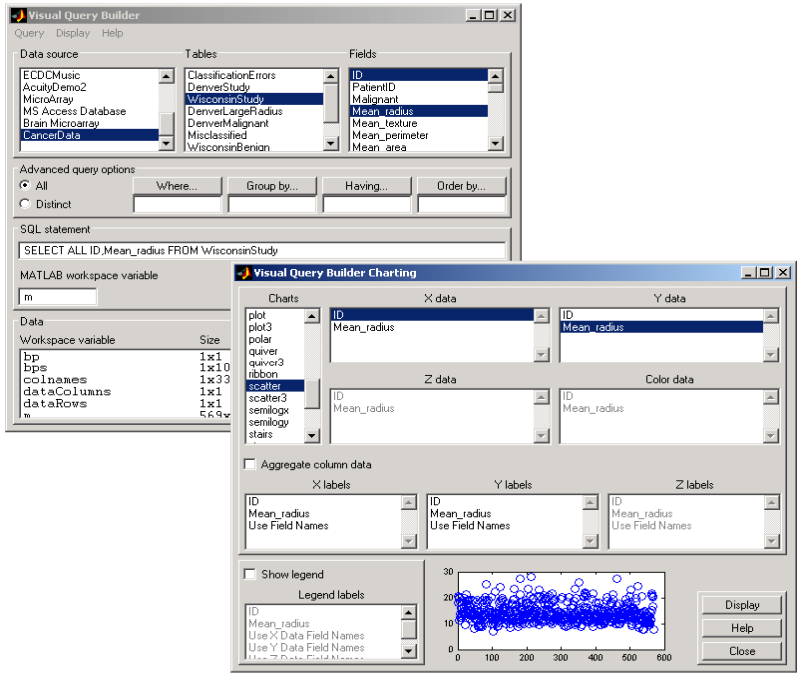
Database Connections

- ODBC or JDBC compliant database
  - ODBC and JDBC on PC
  - JDBC on UNIX
- Data types are preserved
- Retrieval of large/partial data sets
- Access multiple connections (same or different DB)
- Database connections remain open

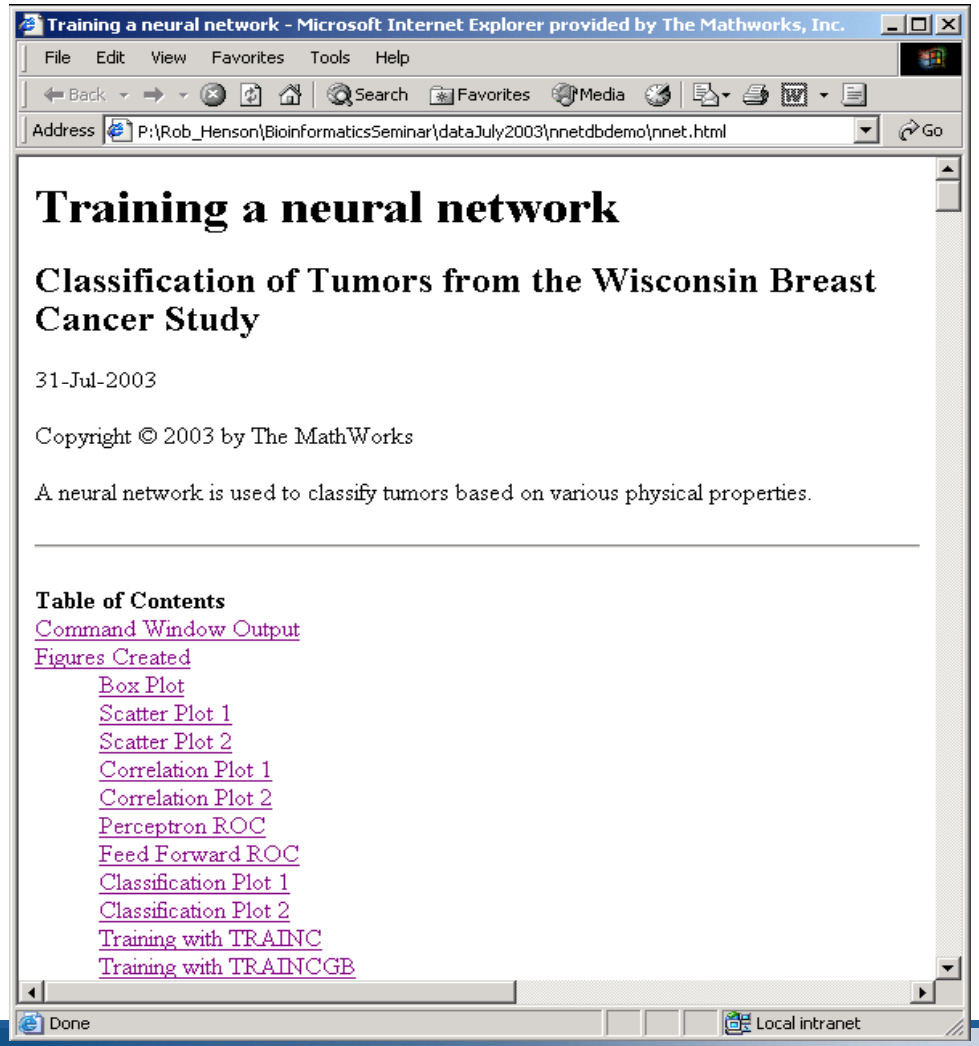
Database Connections

Visual Query Builder

- Access data without knowing SQL
  - Scroll through tables and fields
  - Customize your query
- Built-in visualization tools
  - Plotting and charting
  - Creating HMTL reports
  - Handling date strings
- Reuse SQL statements in your own program



Customized Reports



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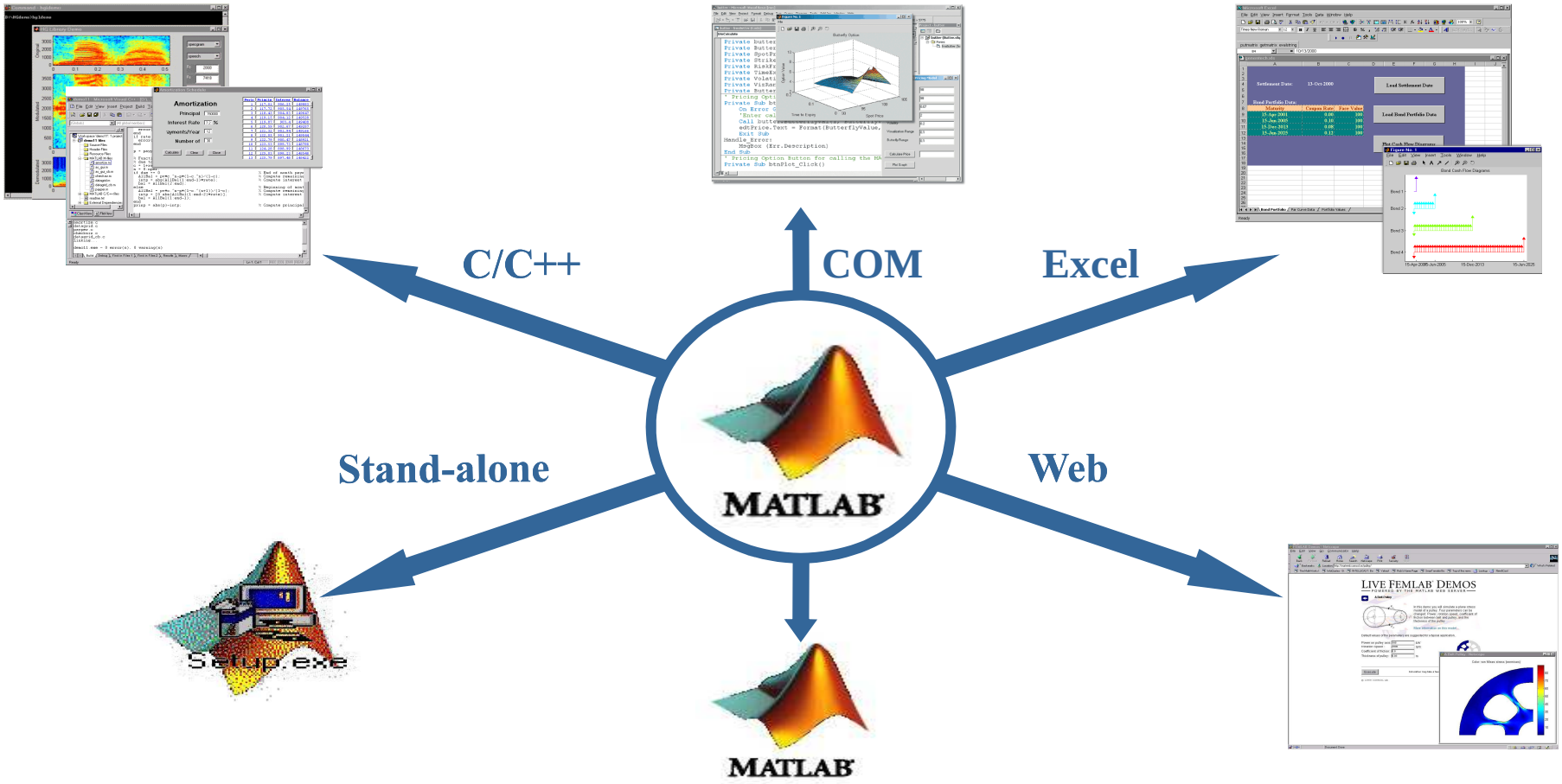
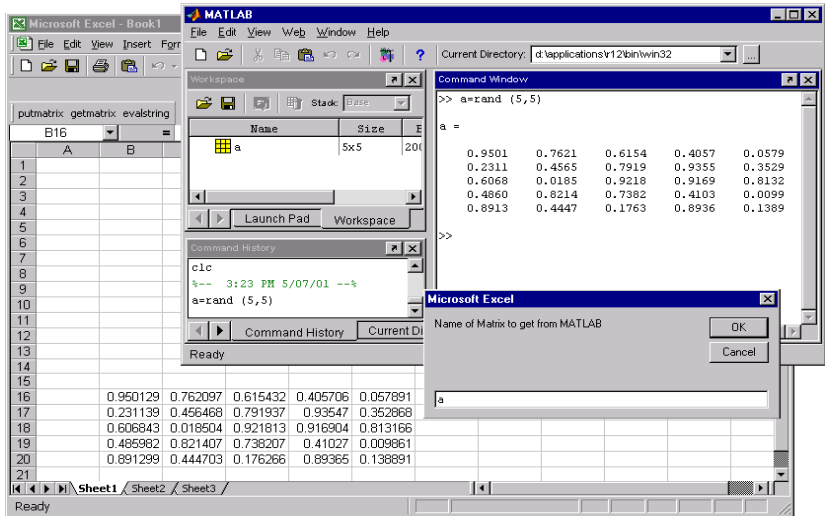


Push Data into MATLAB

Data I/O

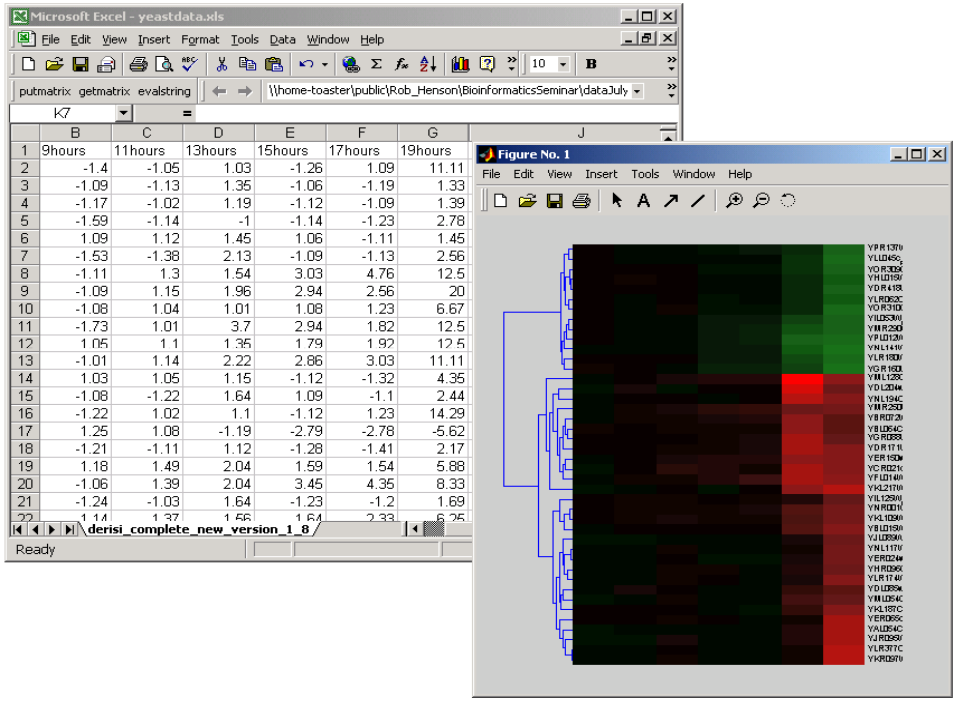
- Import Excel ranges into MATLAB
- Export MATLAB data into Excel ranges
- Evaluate MATLAB Statements in Excel



Computational Engine for Excel

Spread Sheet Applications

- MATLAB Excel Link can be the computational engine behind your Excel applications
- Fast scalable solution

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MLPutMatrix("TimeSteps",B1:H1)
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                Genes,'ColLabels',TimeSteps)")
```

Summary

- Read and write to a database
  - Powerful math and data analysis
  - Generate custom reports
- Create standalone applications
- Easy integration with Excel
  - MATLAB as a computational engine
  - Create Excel Plug-ins in minutes

Industry Issues & Solutions

- Integrating tools from various programming languages is difficult, closed source tools are not customizable, and freeware is often not supported.
- There is no standard biological data format.
- Applications must be easily deployable within organizations.

- MATLAB is a supported, viewable source, user-friendly environment for data analysis across applications, algorithm development, and deployment.
- MATLAB and the Bioinformatics Toolbox provides file format support for common data sources (web-based, sequences, microarray, etc.).
- MATLAB's deployment tools and user-interface design environment allow easy deployment of MATLAB based applications.

Further Information

- Product Information and Demos

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