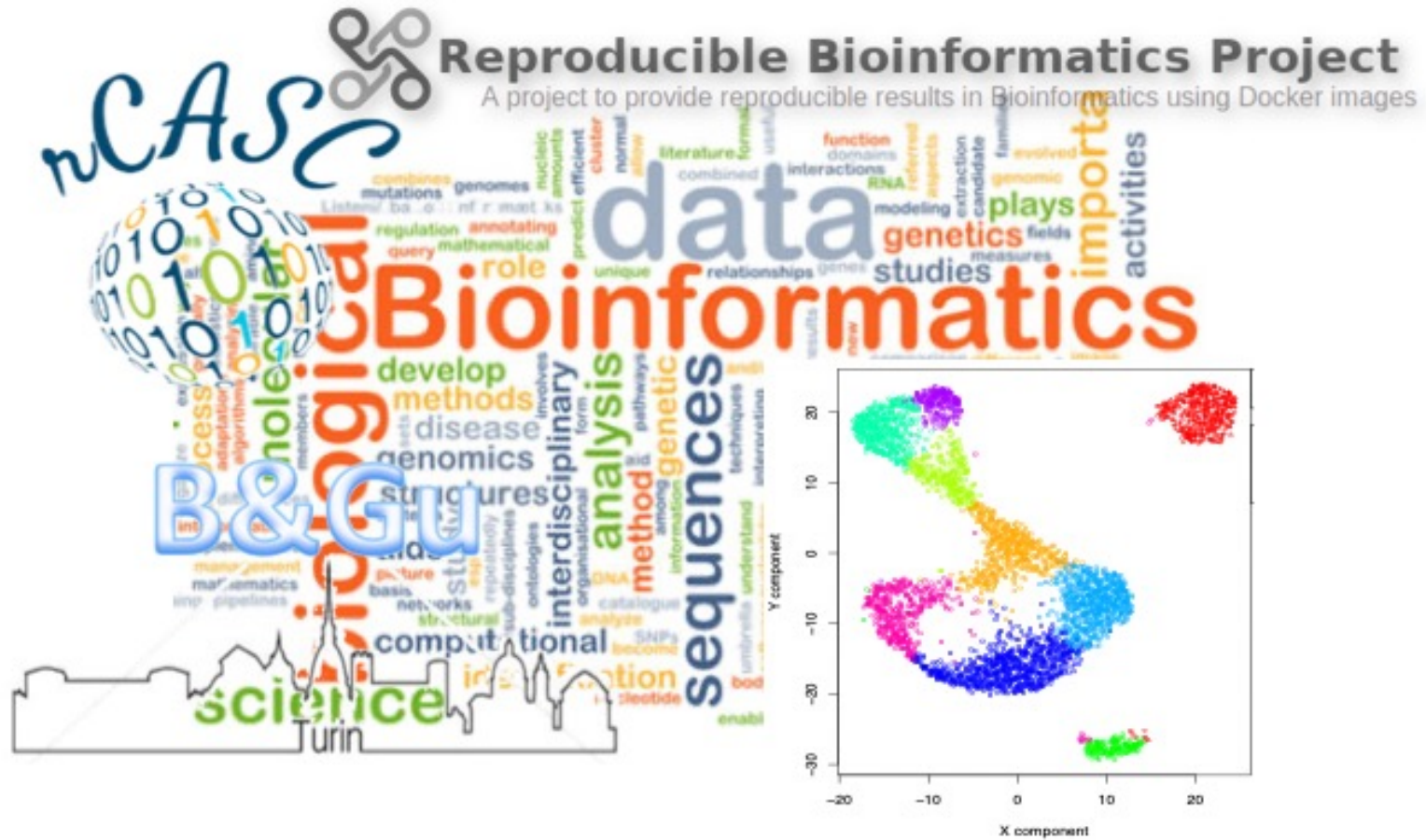
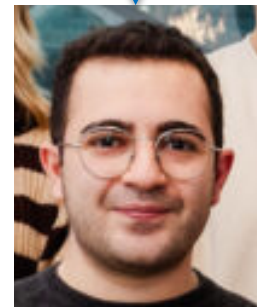
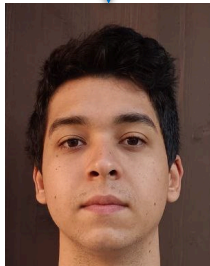
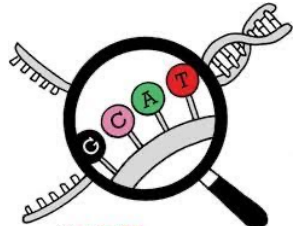


# Calogero's Lab & BGcore



# BGcore & Genomics core-lab

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# Our activities

- Our research group is dedicated to pioneering advancements in data reproducibility and single-cell omics analysis.
- We're driving progress in bioinformatics and wet lab support for bulk and single-cell/spatial transcriptomics with a strong commitment to transparency, reliability, and innovation.

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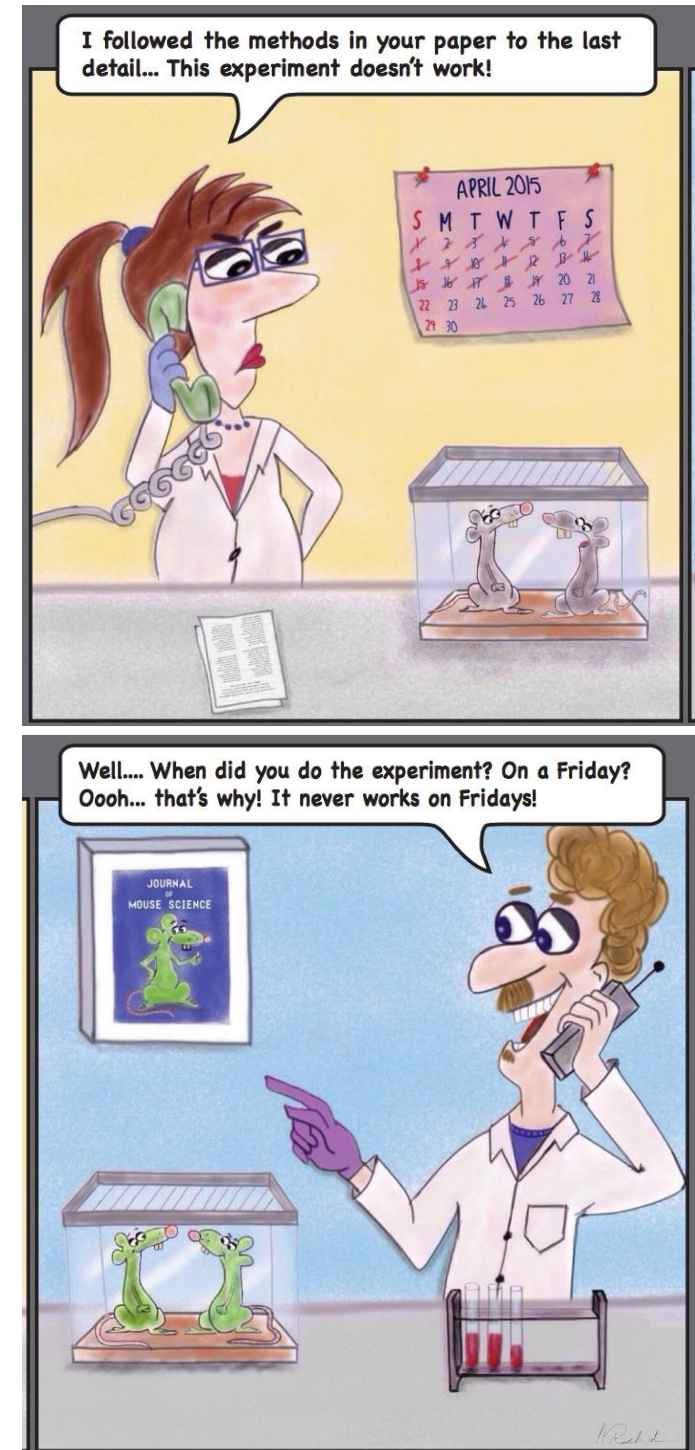
# Our activities

- **Reproducible Bioinformatics Project:**
  - We lead the charge in promoting reproducible research practices, ensuring that our methodologies are transparent and results are reliable, with the [Reproducible Bioinformatic Project](#).
- **Docker-Based Tools:**
  - Our tools, including [docker4seq](#) for bulk RNAseq analysis and [rCASC](#) for single-cell RNAseq analysis, leverage Docker containers for efficient, scalable, and reproducible workflows.
- **Personalized Docker Containers:**
  - We specialize in building sophisticated Docker containers, exemplified by [CREDOgui](#), facilitating seamless deployment and execution of bioinformatics pipelines.
- **Facility for Wet Lab and Bioinformatics Support:**
  - Through [BGcore](#), we offer comprehensive support in experimental design, data generation, and analysis for bulk and single-cell/spatial transcriptomics.

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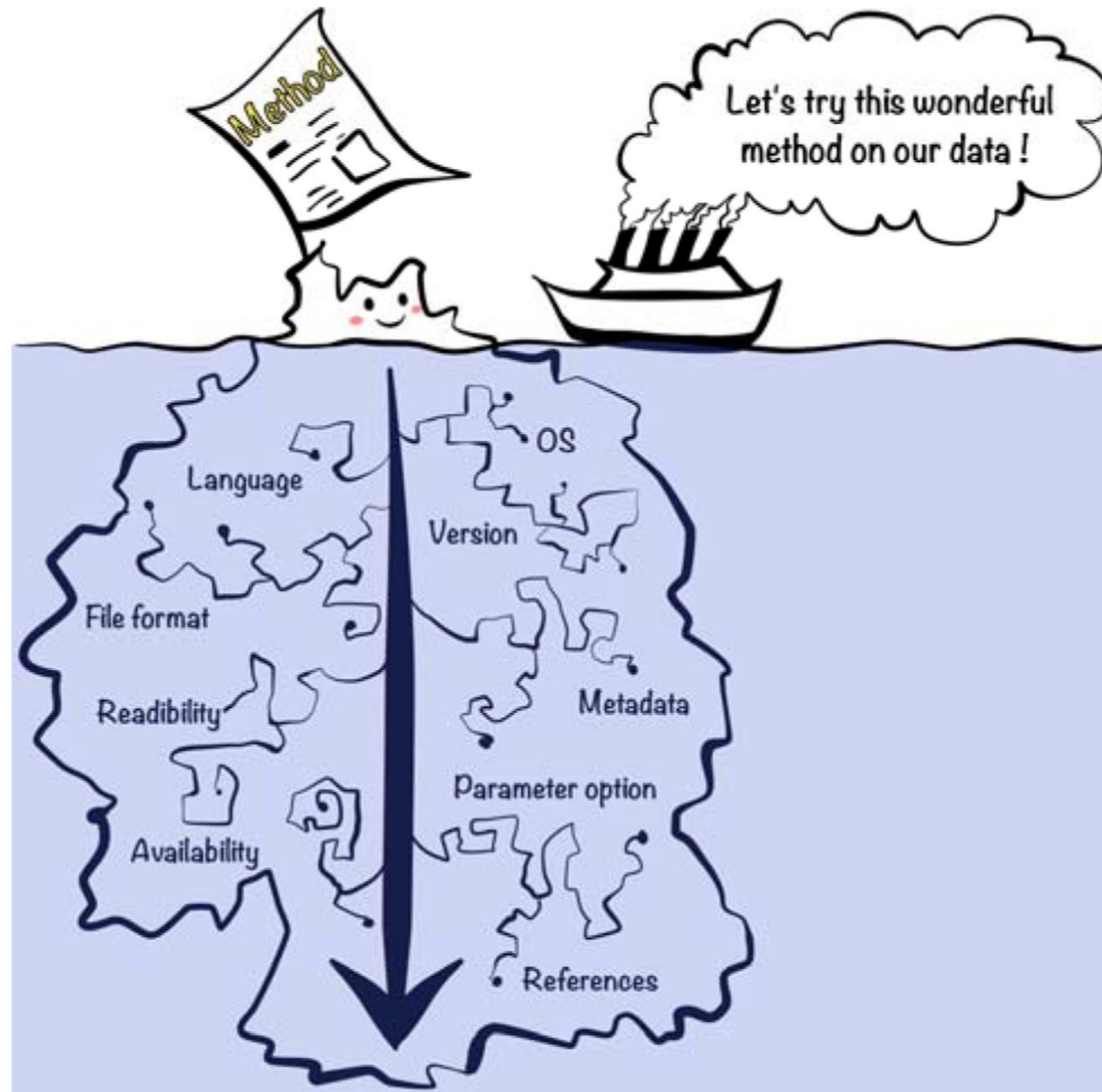
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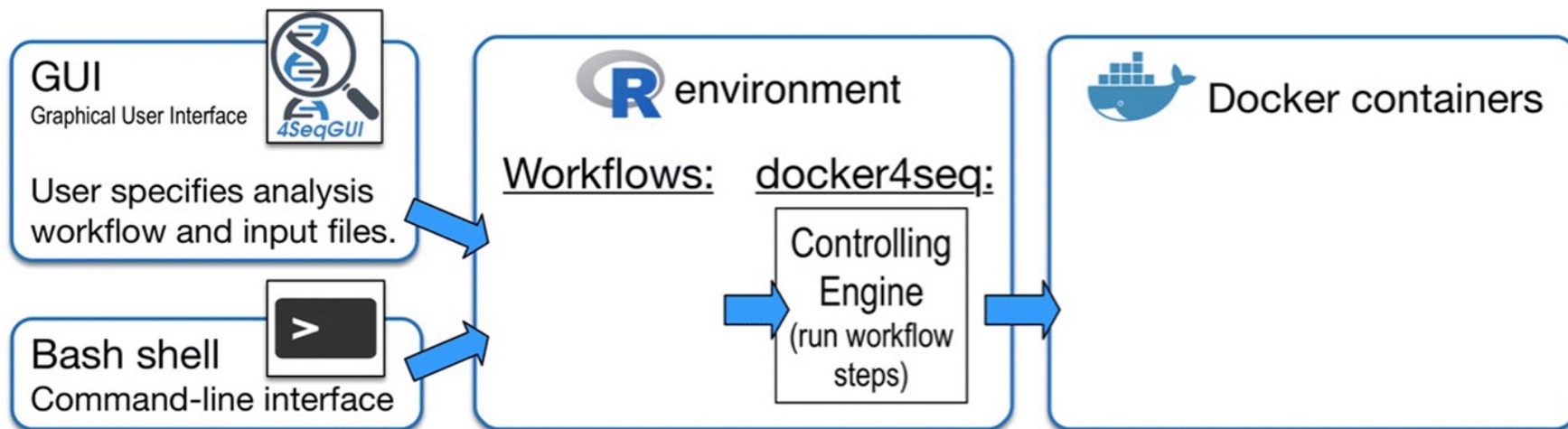
# Reproducible Bioinformatics Project

Research | [Open access](#) | [Published: 15 October 2018](#)

## Reproducible bioinformatics project: a community for reproducible bioinformatics analysis pipelines

[Neha Kulkarni](#), [Luca Alessandrì](#), [Riccardo Panero](#), [Maddalena Arigoni](#), [Martina Olivero](#), [Giulio Ferrero](#), [Francesca Cordero](#) ✉, [Marco Beccuti](#) & [Raffaele A. Calogero](#) ✉

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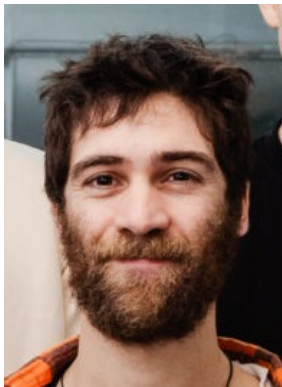
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> [Bioinformatics](#). 2018 Mar 1;34(5):871-872. doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btx674.

## SeqBox: RNAseq/ChIPseq reproducible analysis on a consumer game computer

Marco Beccuti <sup>1</sup>, Francesca Cordero <sup>1</sup>, Maddalena Arigoni <sup>2</sup>, Riccardo Panero <sup>2</sup>,  
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<https://github.com/kendomaniac/docker4seq>



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> [Gigascience](#). 2019 Sep 1;8(9):giz105. doi: 10.1093/gigascience/giz105.

## rCASC: reproducible classification analysis of single-cell sequencing data

Luca Alessandri <sup>1</sup>, Francesca Cordero <sup>2</sup>, Marco Beccuti <sup>2</sup>, Maddalena Arigoni <sup>1</sup>,  
Martina Olivero <sup>3</sup>, Greta Romano <sup>2</sup>, Sergio Rabellino <sup>2</sup>, Nicola Licheri <sup>2</sup>, Gennaro De Libero <sup>4</sup>,  
Luigia Pace <sup>5</sup>, Raffaele A Calogero <sup>1</sup>

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**CREDO: Customizable, REproducible, DOcker file generator**



- FINDABILITY ✓
- ACCESSIBILITY ✓
- INTEROPERABILITY ✓
- REUSABILITY ✓

**A container is a computer science kit!**



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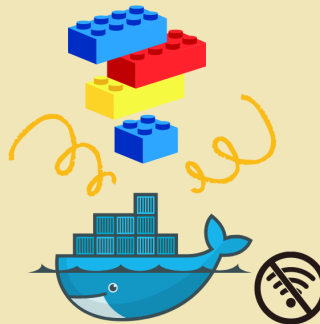
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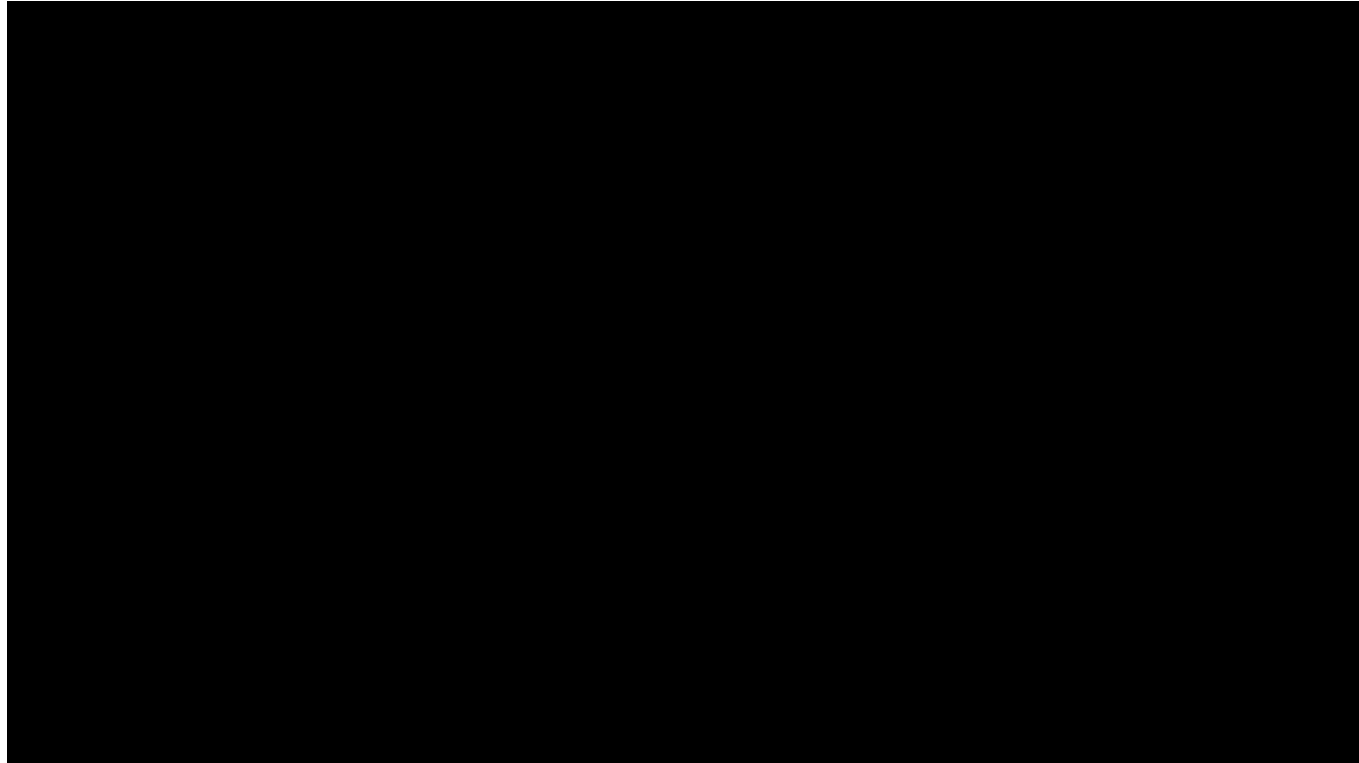
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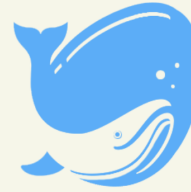
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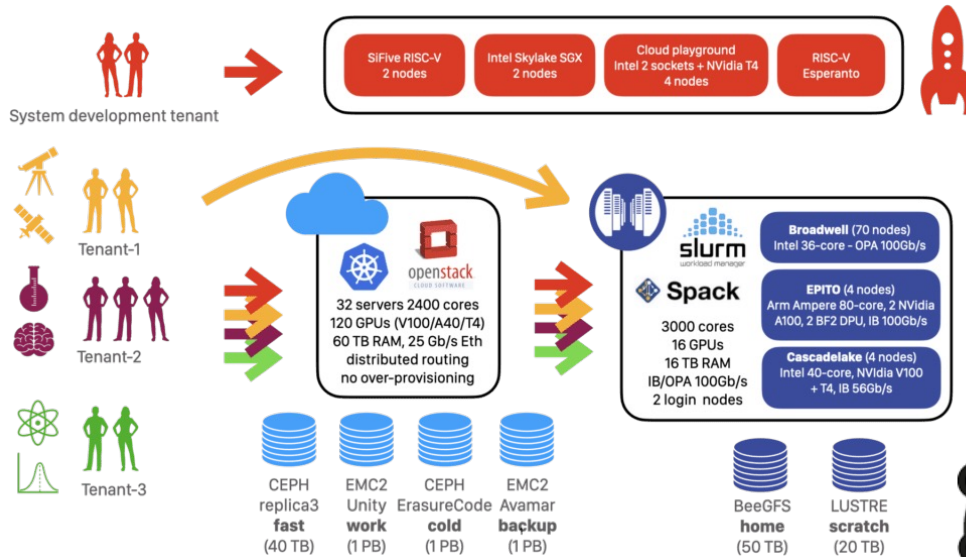
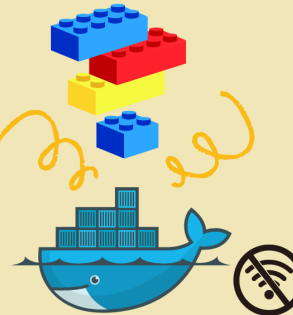
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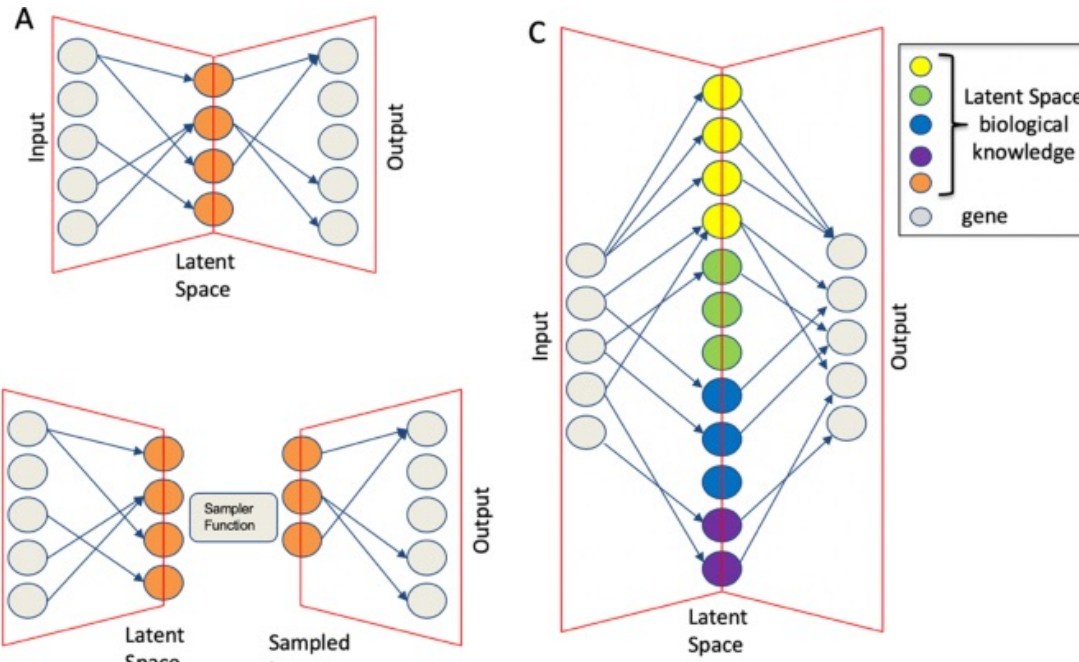


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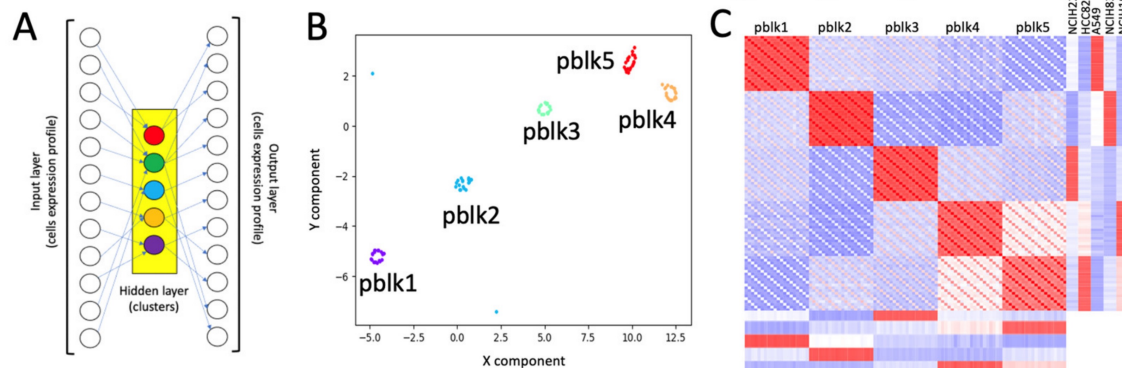
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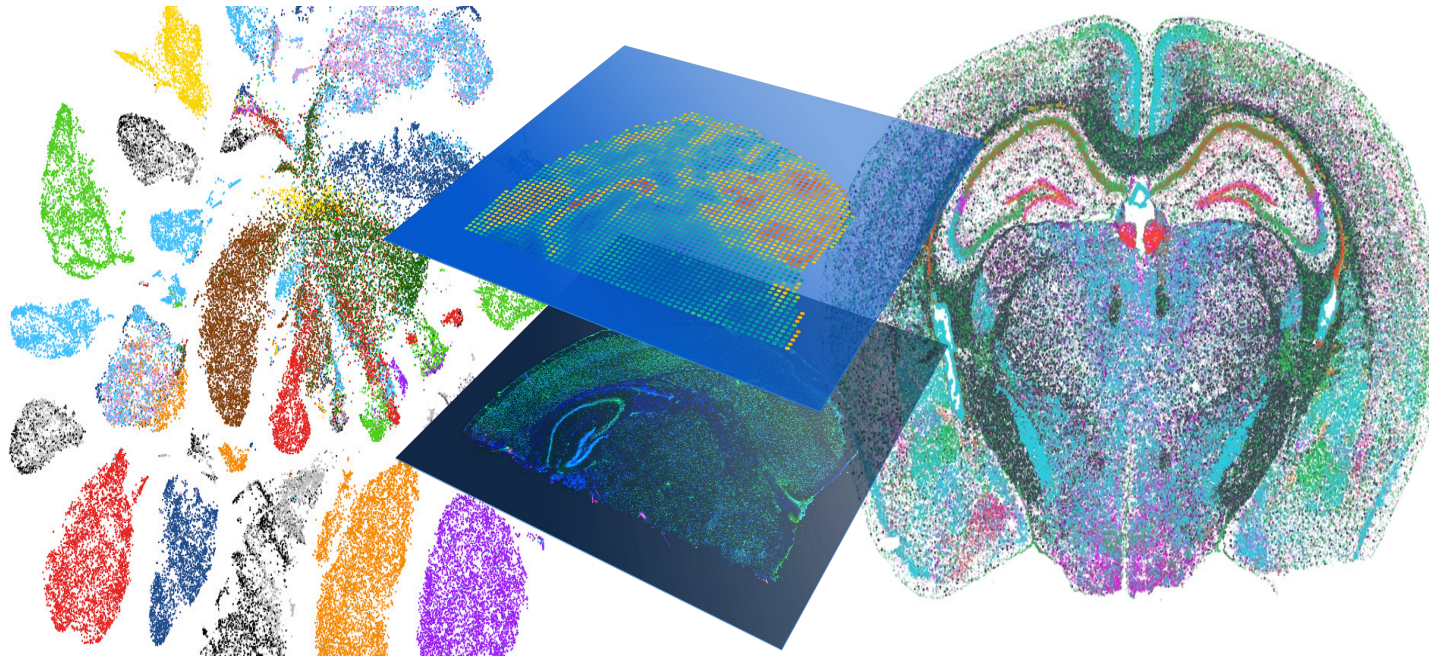


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**A Multi-Purpose**

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# Spatial transcriptomics



> [Gigascience](https://doi.org/10.1093/gigascience/giac075). 2022 Aug 10:11:giac075. doi: 10.1093/gigascience/giac075.

## Stardust: improving spatial transcriptomics data analysis through space-aware modularity optimization-based clustering

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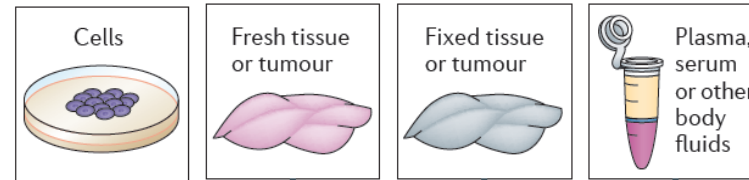
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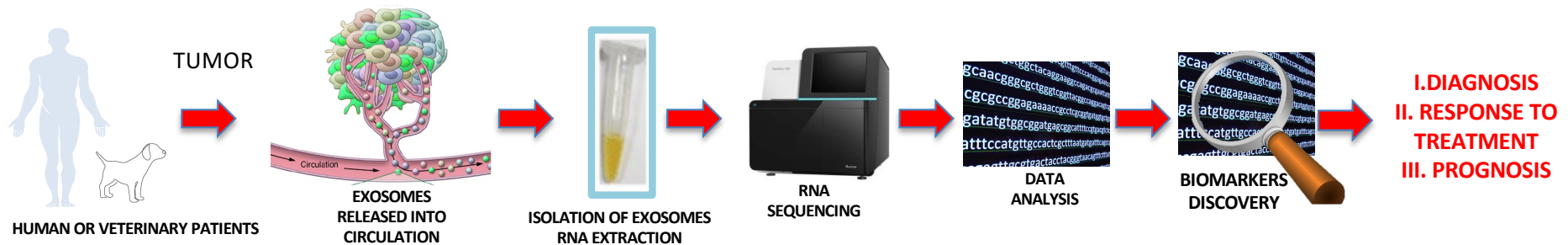
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## Services at BGcore

- I. Bulk RNA sequencing
- II. Small RNA sequencing

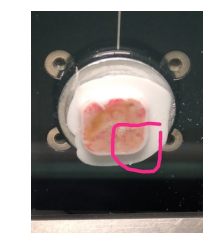


## III. Extracellular vesicles RNA and small RNA sequencing



## IV. Spatial Transcriptomics from FFPE and FF tissues

Spatial transcriptomics is a groundbreaking molecular profiling method that allows scientists to **measure all the gene activity** in a tissue sample and **map where the activity is occurring**.

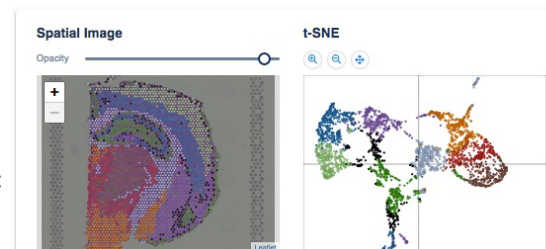


IDENTIFICATION OF THE AREA OF INTEREST

SECTION PLACEMENT ON THE SLIDE



TRANSCRIPTOMIC PROFILING AND DATA ANALYSIS



**GENE EXPRESSION PROFILING RETAINING SPATIAL CONTEXT INFORMATION**

# Benchmark experiments

> *Sci Data*. 2024 Feb 2;11(1):159. doi: 10.1038/s41597-024-03002-y.

## A single cell RNAseq benchmark experiment embedding "controlled" cancer heterogeneity

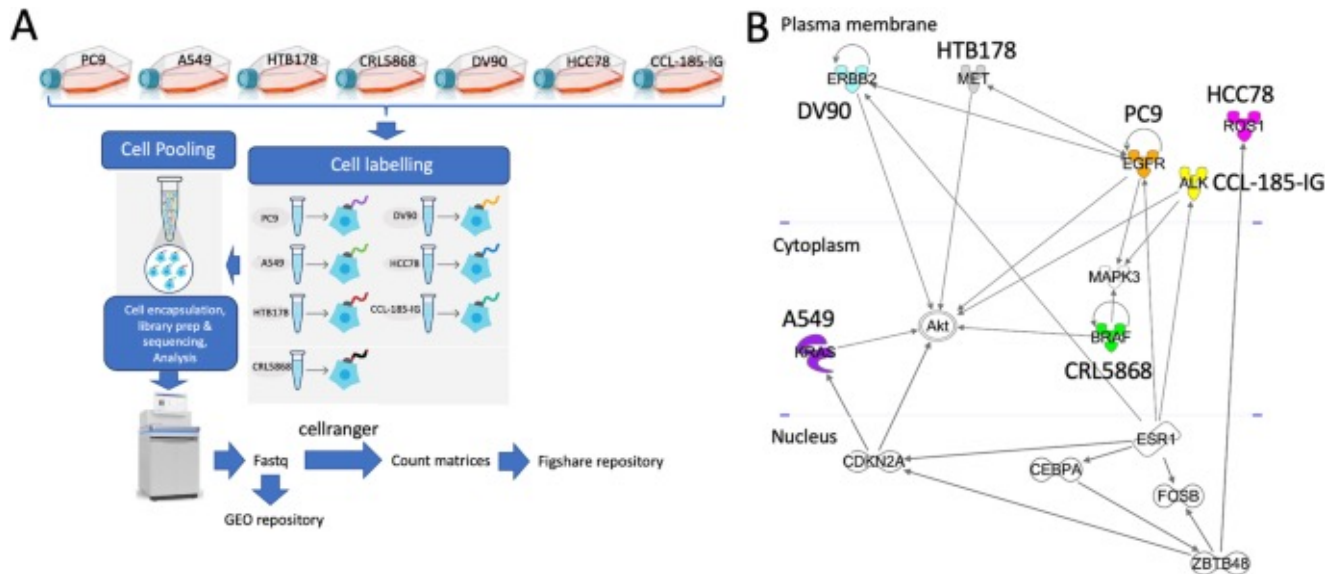
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- In preparation:
  - Multi-omics benchmark (scRNAseq, scATACseq)
  - Spatial transcriptomics benchmark (Visium 10XGenomics, Curio Bioscience)

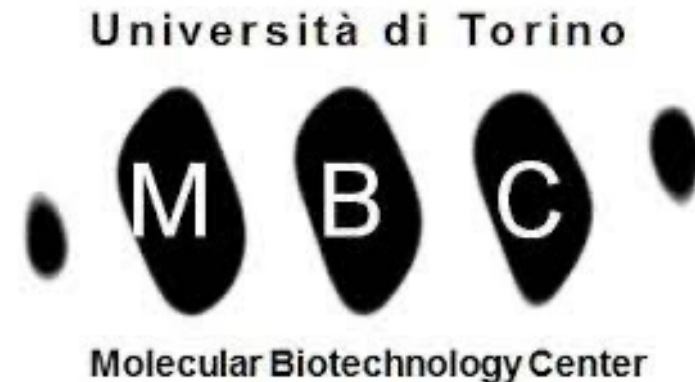




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# Hands-on data analysis courses for Life scientists



# The side path to bioinformatics



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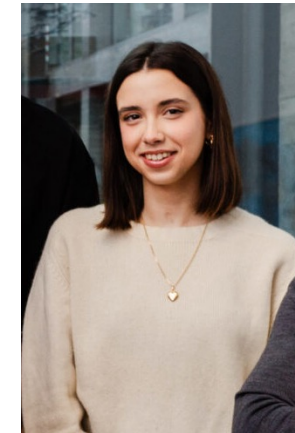
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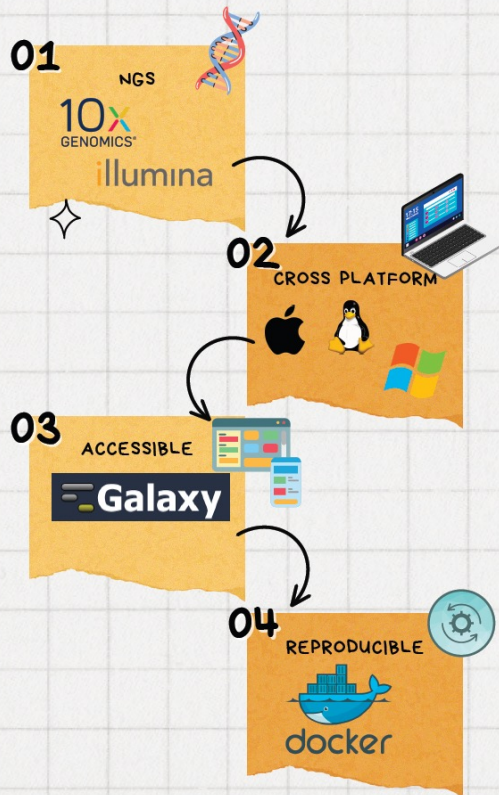
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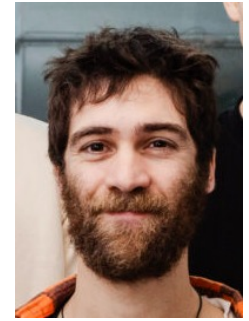
- Becoming proficient in bioinformatics necessitates honing computing skills, a process that cannot be achieved within a short span of a few months.
- Mastery of scripting requires consistent practice over an extended period, typically spanning years.
- We provide ongoing support for students to develop the necessary expertise to pursue a career in bioinformatics starting from their first year in the Biotechnology course.

## CARN (Cross-platform Accessible Reproducible NGS)



[www.calogero lab.it](http://www.calogero lab.it)

- Our goal is to make basic analyses accessible to any life scientist, thereby shortening analysis times.
- Life scientists will be able to perform initial analyses independently, freeing bioinformaticians to focus on more complex tasks.
- This approach not only democratizes omics analysis but also supports the principles of open science, ensuring that our software can be widely used, adapted, and built upon.
- Specifically, CARN provides a user-friendly interface via the Galaxy platform, CARN facilitates complex genomic analyses without necessitating command-line skills, integrating diverse NGS pipelines for a thorough analysis process from raw data to downstream results.
- Utilizing Docker containers, the project guarantees both functional and computational reproducibility, thus ensuring reliable outcomes.



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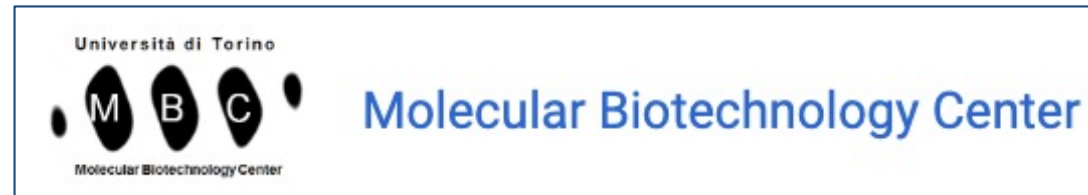


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# What we offers for collaboration/service

- Experimental design support.
- Bulk RNAseq/miRNAseq library prep.
- Spatial transcriptomics (10Xgenomics/Curio Biosciences) from sections to data analysis.
- Bioinformatics support for data analysis (Bulk and single cell).

# On-going collaborations



# Reproducible Bioinformatics Project

A project to provide reproducible results in Bioinformatics using Docker images

