

# Bioinformatics and Digital Health

# Bioinformatics and Digital Health at CS/Aalto



Assoc. Prof. H. Lähdesmäki  
- Computational biology  
- Deep generative modeling  
- Probabilistic ML



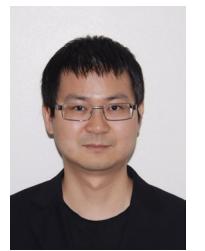
Prof. J. Rousu  
- Predicting structured data  
- Kernel methods  
- Computational biology



Assoc. Prof. P. Marttinen  
- Bioinformatics  
- Statistics  
- Probabilistic ML



Assist. Prof. V. Gary  
- Bioinformatics  
- Statistics  
- Probabilistic ML



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- Bioinformatics  
- Statistics  
- Biomedicine



Prof. S. Kaski  
- Probabilistic ML  
- Computational medicine  
- User interaction



FiDiProf. H. Mamitsuka  
- Bioinformatics



Prof. P. Orponen  
- Natural computation  
- DNA self-assembly  
- Stochastic and online  
algorithms



Prof. A. Vehtari  
- Bayesian inference  
- Probabilistic modeling  
- Machine learning



Prof. of practice J. Kaipio  
- Usability of healthcare  
IT systems  
- Patient experience



Prof. Emeritus K. Kaski  
- Complex systems

# Computational methods have become central in biomedical research

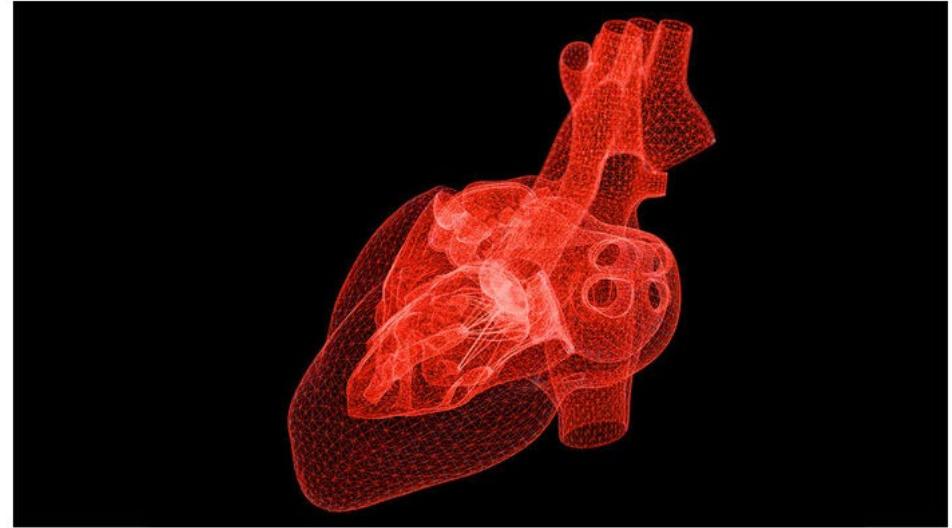
AI protein-folding algorithms solve structures faster than ever

*Deep learning makes its mark on protein-structure prediction.*

Matthew Hutson



(Nature, 2019)



Artificial intelligence may help prevent heart failure.

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Self-taught artificial intelligence beats doctors at predicting heart attacks

By Matthew Hutson | Apr. 14, 2017, 3:30 PM

(Science, 2017)

# Computational methods have become central in biomedical research

AI-powered drug discovery captures pharma interest

Eric Smalley

*Nature Biotechnology* 35, 604–605 (2017) | doi:10.1038/nbt0717-604

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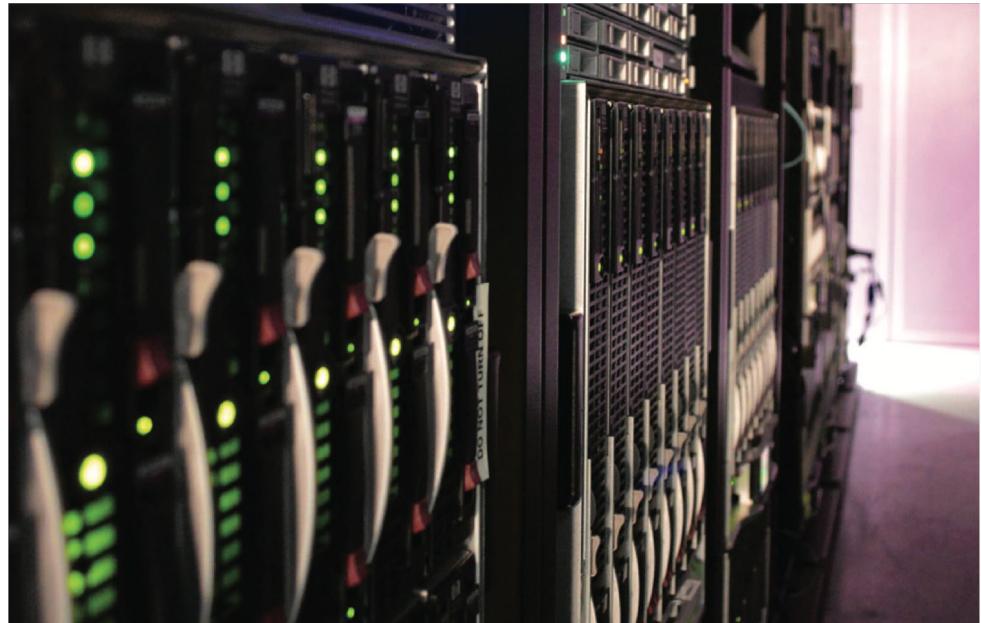
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TECHNOLOGY FEATURE

## THE BIG CHALLENGES OF BIG DATA

*As they grapple with increasingly large data sets, biologists and computer scientists uncork new bottlenecks.*



# Bioinformatics & DH major

- Main theme:
  - Use ML / Stats / AI to answer various health and bio questions
- Courses in:
  - Bioinformatics and computational biology
  - Machine learning, statistics
  - State-of-the-art ML / AI methods applied to biological problems
- For those who:
  - Have a quantitative mind-set
  - Interested in ML / Stats / CS / AI / Math / ...
  - Interested in solving biological / medical problems

## Compulsory courses of the programme (10 credits):

JO-N-E5100	Life Science Technologies Project Course A	2	I/1
JO-N-E3200	Life Science Technologies Project Course B	8	III-V/1

## Compulsory courses of the major ( minimum of 30 credits):

### A. Courses on bioinformatics and digital health (choose minimum of 15 credits):

CS-E5865	Computational Genomics	5	I/1
CS-E5875	High-throughput Bioinformatics	5	II/1
CS-E5885	Modelling Biological Networks	5	III/1
CS-E5890**	Statistical Genetics and Personalised Medicine**	5	IV-V/1*
CS-E4880**	Machine Learning in Bioinformatics**	5	IV-V/1*
CHEM-E8120	Cell Biology	5	II/1

### B: Courses on probabilistic modeling and machine learning (choose minimum of 15 credits):

CS-E4710	Machine Learning: Supervised methods	5	I-II/1
CS-E5710	Bayesian Data Analysis	5	I-II/1 or 2
CS-E4890	Deep Learning	5	IV-V/1
CS-E4820	Machine Learning: Advanced Probabilistic Methods	5	III-IV/1
CS-E4840	Information Visualization	5	IV-V/1
CS-E4830	Kernel Methods in Machine Learning	5	IV-V/1
CS-E4895	Gaussian Processes	5	IV-V/1

## Optional courses of the major (choose courses to fulfill the 60 credit requirement):

# “Teaching philosophy”

- Give a strong methodological background
  - + **focus on methodological principles and basic science which does not get outdated soon**
  - + specialize in bioinformatics and computational methods
  - + basic knowledge of applications (biology, biotechnology)
  - = M.Sc. degree in biological data analysis — expertise for a variety of jobs
- Provides excellent prospects for doctoral studies and R&D

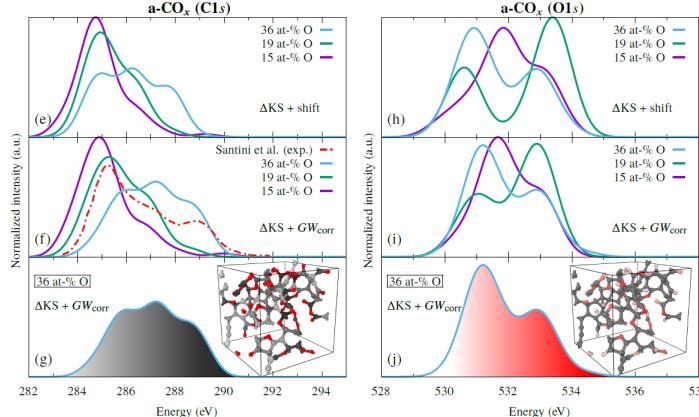
# Bioinformatics & DH minor

## Structure of the minor

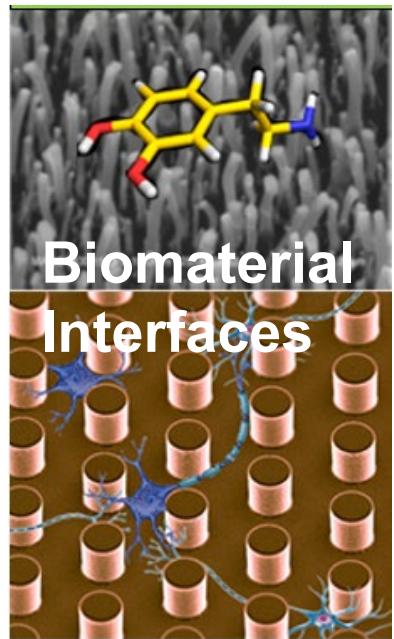
Code	Name	Credits
<b>Compulsory courses (choose minimum of 20 credits):</b>		
<a href="#">MS-C1620</a>	Statistical Inference	5
<a href="#">CS-E5865</a>	Computational Genomics D	5
<a href="#">CS-E5875</a>	High-throughput Bioinformatics D	5
<a href="#">CS-E5885</a>	Modelling Biological Networks D	5
<a href="#">CS-E5890</a>	Statistical Genetics and Personalised Medicine D*	5
<a href="#">CS-E4880</a>	Machine Learning in Bioinformatics D*	5
<p>*CS-E5890 and CS-E4880 are lectured every other year (alternating). CS-E5890 is lectured in odd years and CS-E4880 is lectured in even years.</p> <b>Elective courses (select 5 credits if needed):</b>		
<a href="#">CS-E4710</a>	Machine Learning: Supervised methods D	5
<a href="#">CS-E4830</a>	Kernel Methods in Machine Learning D	5
<a href="#">CS-E4820</a>	Machine Learning: Advanced Probabilistic Methods D	5
<a href="#">CS-E4890</a>	Deep Learning	5

# Biosensing and Bioelectronics

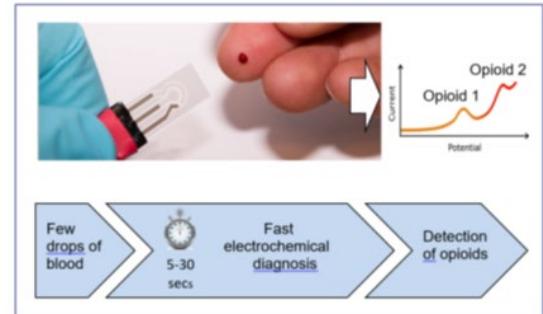
# Biosensing and –electronics



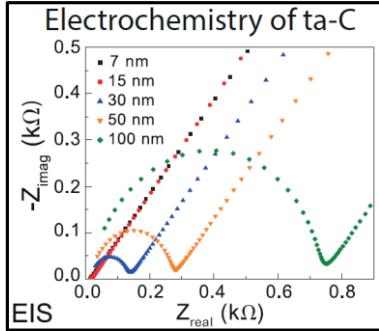
## Computational studies



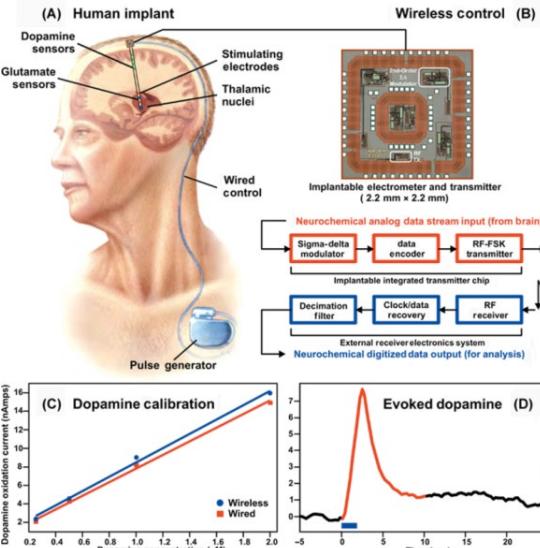
## POC devices



# Electrochemistry



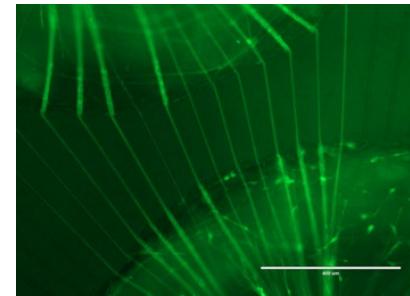
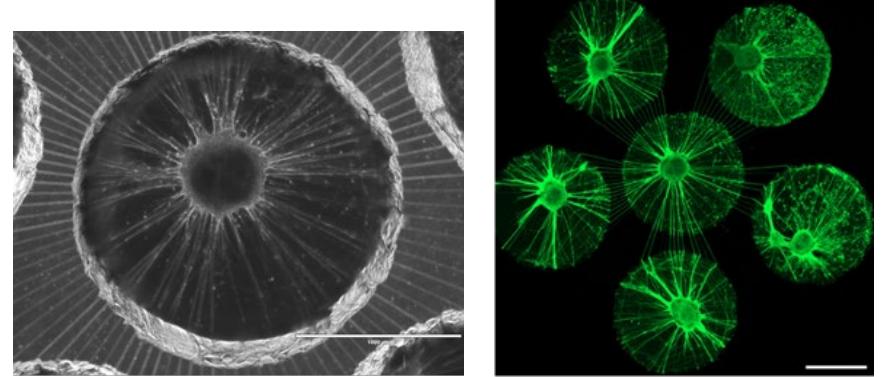
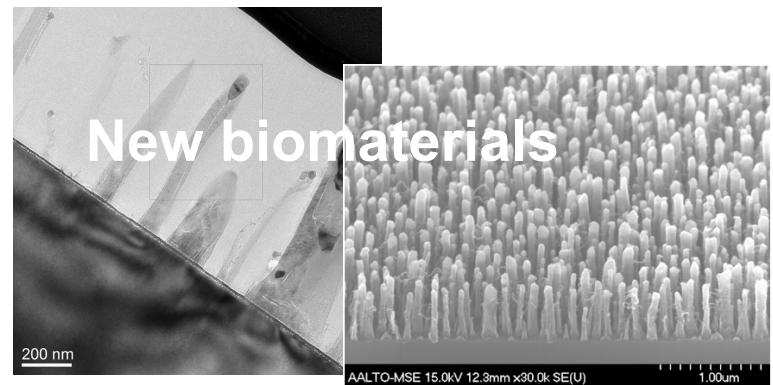
# Bioelectronics



# Biorobotics



## Micro- and nanotechnology



Mandatory common courses of the programme (10 credits):			
JOIN-E3100	Life Science Technologies Project Course A	2	I/1
JOIN-E3200	Life Science Technologies Project Course B	8	III-V/1
Mandatory courses of the major (20 credits):			
ELEC-E8729	Biomaterial Interfaces	5	I-II/1
ELEC-E8726	Biosensing	5	III-IV/1
ELEC-E3260	Biomolecules	5	III/1
ELEC-E8734	Biomedical Instrumentation	5	II/1
Optional courses ( 25 credits):			
ELEC-E0210	Master's Thesis Process	2	I - summer
NBE-E4305	Biodesign–innovating medical technologies in multidisciplinary teams	5	V

3. Biomaterials and electrochemistry (Choose 25 cr)			
ELEC-E8724	Biomaterials Science	5	I-II
ELEC-E8725	Methods of Bioadaptive Technology	5	I-II
CHEM-E4106	Electrochemistry P	5	III/1
CHEM-E4107	Laboratory Work in Electrochemistry	5	IV/1
CHEM-E4235	Transport Processes at Electrodes and Membranes	5	I-II/2
NBE-E4150	DNA Nanotechnology course	5	I-II

## Modules:

### 1. Signal processing in biosciences (Choose 25 cr)

ELEC-C5212	Introduction to Statistical Signal Modelling	5	IV-V
ELEC-E8739	AI in health technologies	5	I-II
ELEC-E9111	Mathematical Computing	5	I-II
CS-E4710	Machine Learning: Supervised methods	5	I-II
ELEC-E7260	Machine Learning for Mobile and Pervasive Systems	5	III-IV
ELEC-E8743	Neurorobotics	5	III-IV

### 2. Micro- and nanofabrication (Choose 25 cr)

CHEM-E5115	Microfabrication	5	IV-V
CHEM-E8135	Microfluidics and BioMEMS	5	III-IV/1
ELEC-E3230	Nanotechnology	5	IV
ELEC-E3280	Micronova Laboratory Course	5	I-II
ELEC-E3220	Semiconductor Devices	5	III/1
NBE-E4150	DNA Nanotechnology course	5	I-II

# Biosensing and –electronics

## Recent MSc theses:

- Cell-free DNA extraction using bead-based microfluidics (2022)
- Screen-printed carbon electrode for electrochemical sensing of lactate from sweat (2022)
- Design and development of a medical device for automated ear inflammation recognition (2021)
- Evaluation of Regression Methods for Predicting Molecule Concentrations from Voltammetric Data (2020)
- Plug & Play Parameters for Patient Monitors (2020)
- Novel microfluidic perfusion chip for ex vivo brain slice imaging (2020)
- Effect of catalyst metal on the electrochemical properties on multi-walled carbon nanotubes (2020)

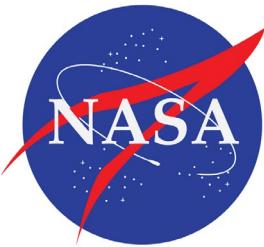
## Recent PhD theses:

- Carbon nanostructures for neurotransmitter measurements (2017)
- Electrochemical techniques for glutamate measurement (2018)
- Electrochemistry of Amorphous Carbon-Based Materials - Development of an electrochemical sensor for the detection of dopamine (2019)
- Carbon-based hybrid nanomaterials for electrochemical detection of opioids (2021)
- Understanding the chemistry of carbonaceous substances for customized nanomaterials (2022)

# Biosensing and –electronics

## Job prospectives and postgraduate studies/academic career

- ✓ Many established large companies and a SME ecosystem
- ✓ Several recent start up's from the participating groups such as Synoste, Elsi Technologies (MariCare), RFSensIT etc.
- ✓ A lot of research collaboration with Universities across the globe



GE Healthcare



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Universidad de Alicante



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Denmark

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## Biosensing and – electronics



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# A!

Aalto University  
School of Chemical  
Engineering

Master's Programme  
Life Science Technologies

**Biosystems and  
Biomaterials Engineering  
Major**

**Prof. Alexander Frey**

Master's Programme in

**Life Science  
Technologies**



# Knowledge & skills for addressing our most urgent challenges

Our current challenges are complex, and no simple solutions exist.



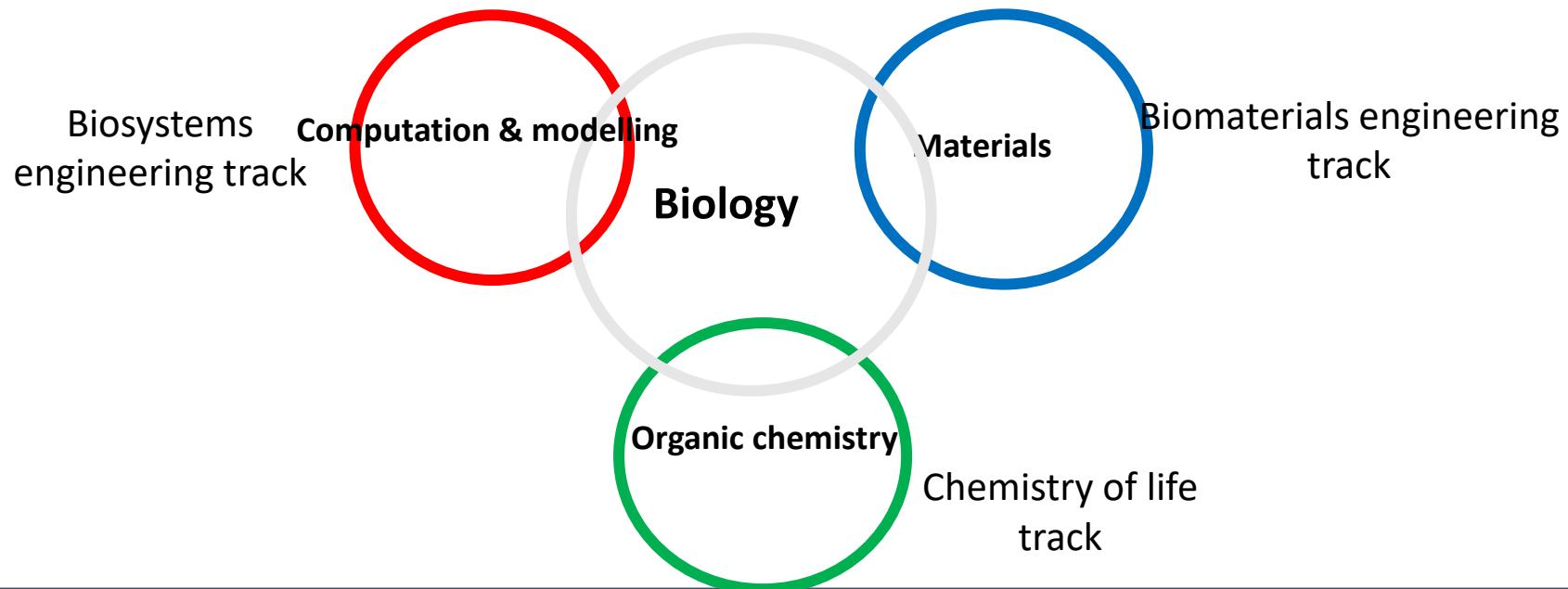
Biosystems and Biomaterials Engineering major provides you with the generic knowledge and skills that allows you addressing some of our most urgent challenges

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

# Biosystems and Biomaterials engineering Major

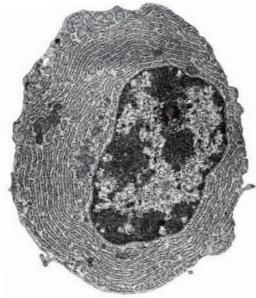
Complex problems require multidisciplinary approaches

- Major comprises common compulsory studies of 30 ECTS and three distinctive tracks.

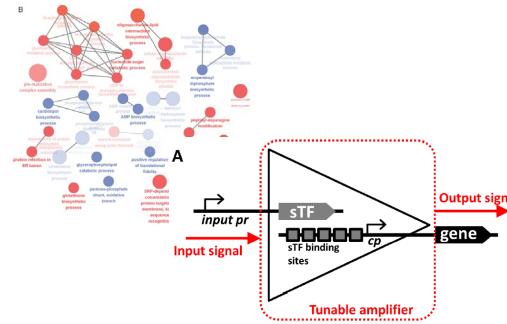


# Biosystems and Biomaterials Engineering major

## Cellular systems understanding at molecular and cellular level

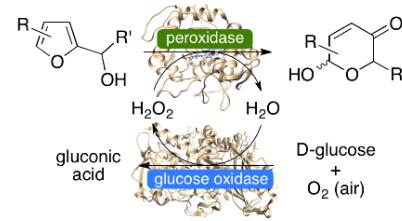


- **Biosystems engineering**
  - biological data analysis
  - synthetic biology



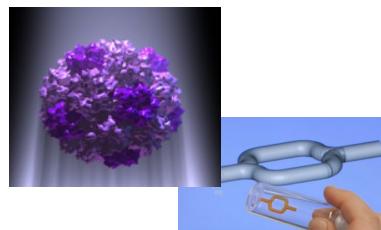
Green  
chemistry

- **Chemistry of life**
  - Small organic molecules
  - Cells and enzymes as catalysts



Energy

- **Biomaterials engineering**
  - synthetic and natural materials for medical applications



Health

# Future employment opportunities

Our graduates find employments in a broad range of functions & industries (Neste, Orion, Thermo, Terkko Health Hub, Blueprint genetics,...) and in research institutions (VTT, universities)



<https://www.pili.bio/9/technology>

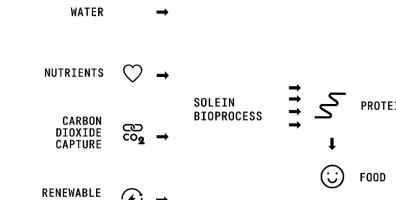
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