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THE NEED OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT COMPUTATION IN BIOMEDICAL BIG DATA ANALYSIS AND NEURAL COMPUTATION

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ABSTRACT: Modern high-throughput DNA sequencing techniques are capable of sequencing individual or mixtures of genomes and transcriptomes in natural systems efficiently and at a low cost. The speed and the low cost of these new sequencing technologies have resulted in the generation of massive biological data sets, providing enormous opportunities for environmental, ecological or general health-research oriented metagenomic analysis, through direct-sequencing of micro-organisms in biological samples followed by computational analysis, classification and annotation of the sequencing data. In the first part of this talk, we will discuss the computational challenges in the data analysis as well as the need for energy-efficient computation.



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