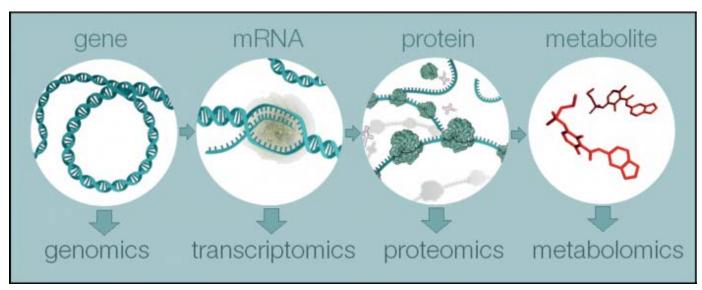


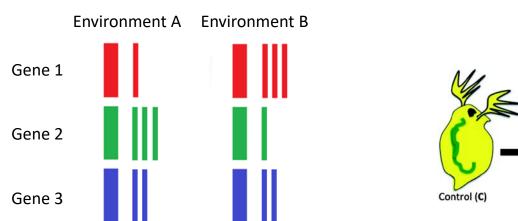
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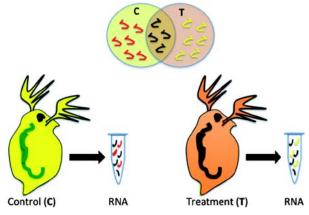


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## Transcriptomics

 Transcriptome – the complete set of RNA molecules produced during gene expression





# Examples

#### Heat stress

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#### Drought

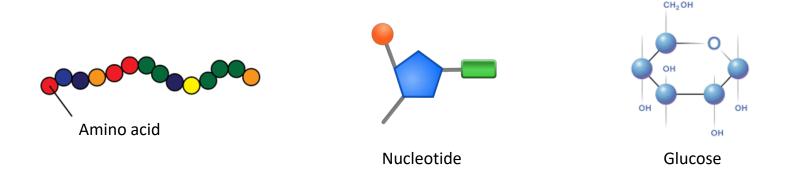
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### Metabolomics

 Metabolome – the complete set of low molecular weight compounds produced during metabolism



## Examples

#### Toxic compounds

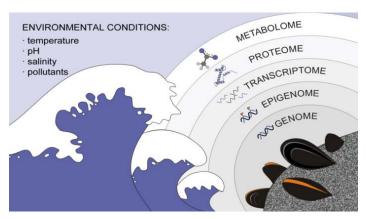
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# Other applications

- Measuring stress
- Biomarker discovery
- Modes of action in toxicology
- Predicting relocation success
  - He et al. (2017)
- Integration of multiple omics datasets
- Adaptation to certain environmental conditions
  - Early stages of speciation
  - Taxonomic units of conservation interest



Suárez-Ulloa et al. (2013)

### Concerns

- Cost
  - Cost of next generation sequencing (NGS) has decreased
    5 orders of magnitude in 10 years
- Expertise
  - Transcriptomics bioinformatics
  - Metabolomics biochemistry
  - Broad applicability, so outsourcing is common





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