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Synthetic Biology and Data-Driven Synthetic Biology for Personalized Medicine and Clean Energy

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Synthetic biology is a new field where basic biological components can be engineered to create something new. It often involves DNA synthesizers, ligation, promoters, and polymerase chain reaction—which may or may not be safe for your in silico environment. However, as the size and complexity of the systems increase, tools become more and more important, thus computer-aided design (CAD) for biology has emerged.

In this talk I will will give the attendee some background on this emerging biological CAD field. Many of the tools are open source and easy to access. They also leverage interesting so-called design patterns in software and also in biology.

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