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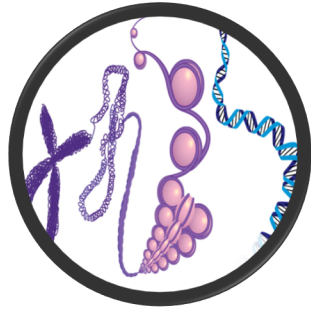
Improving project management and tracking in bioinformatics cores

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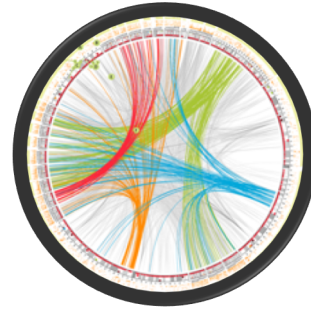
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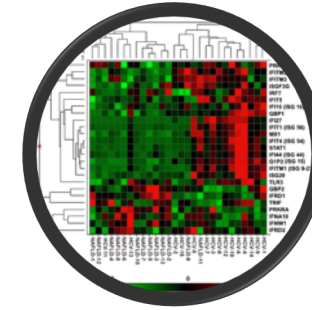
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Epigenomics

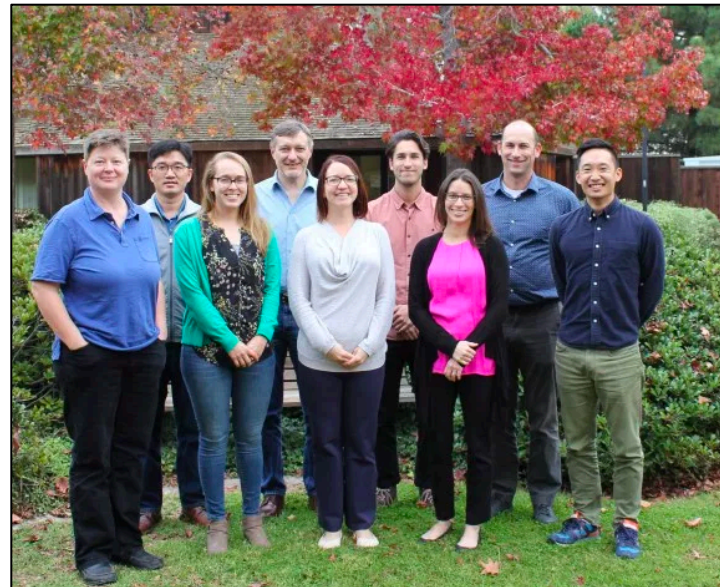
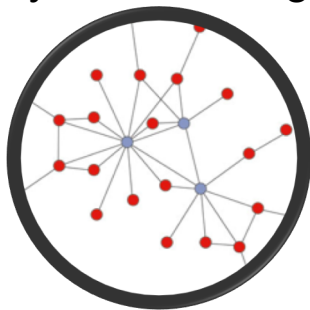


Whole Genome Analysis

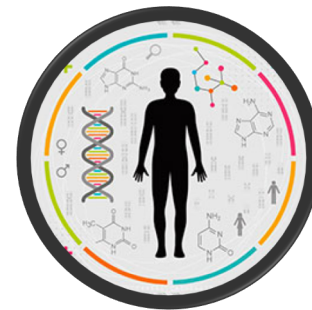


Gene Expression
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Networks &
Systems Biology



Biomarkers &
Therapeutic Targets

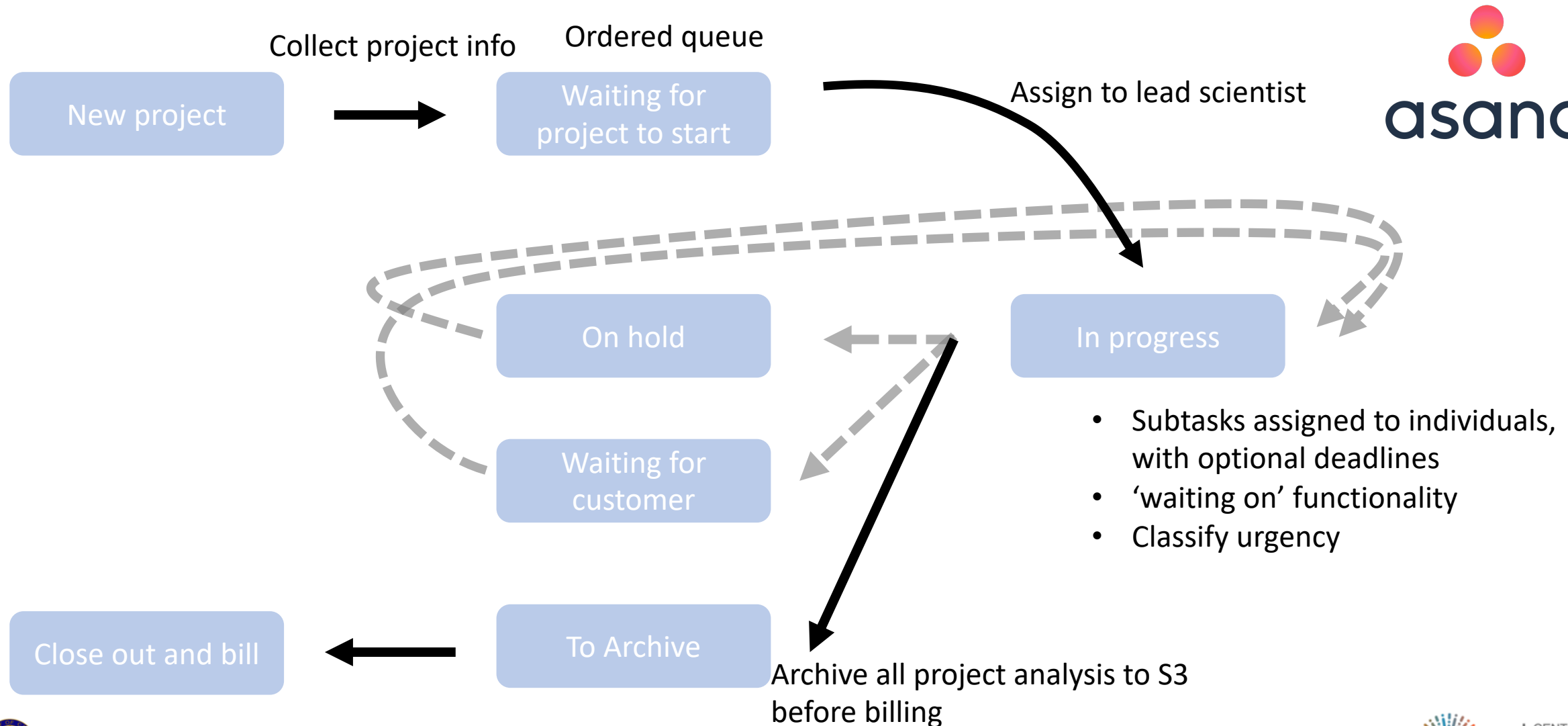


Collaborative, complex projects

- The challenges:
 - Growing team (grew from 4 to 7 scientists/ engineers), with diverse areas of expertise.
 - Larger number of projects in various stages of completion (currently 33)
 - Increase of large collaborative projects requiring input across the team.
 - Long-term projects which go 'on hold' for many months at a time, then resurface with 'urgent' requests (e.g. manuscript reviews).
 - Estimating how long each project will take



Harnessing project management tools to help





▼ In Progress

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Time tracking



- Toggl allows for easy tracking of time spent on each project/ subtask
- Integrates with Asana, so projects in Asana also exist in Toggl, and are updated accordingly
- Projects can be billable or unbillable
- Generates reports about how far along in the project
- Enables more realistic estimates for future projects



Example report from toggl





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Thank you!

