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# Computational Systems Biology in China

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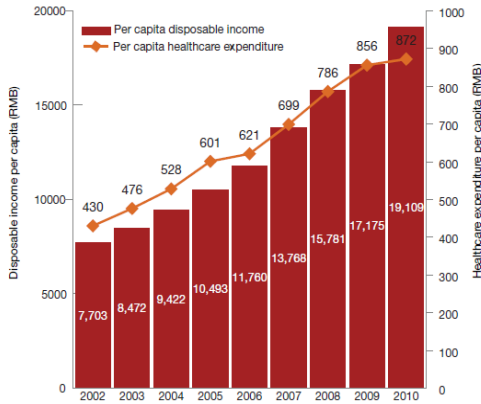
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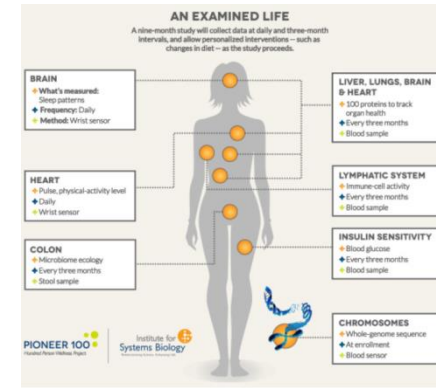
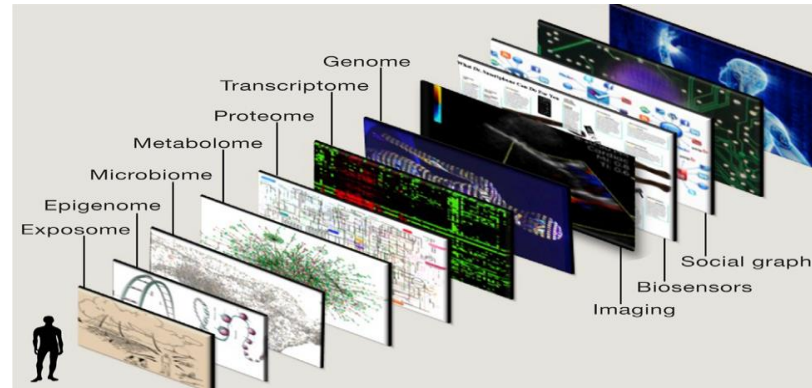
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# Big Data Era

## Economics



## Research



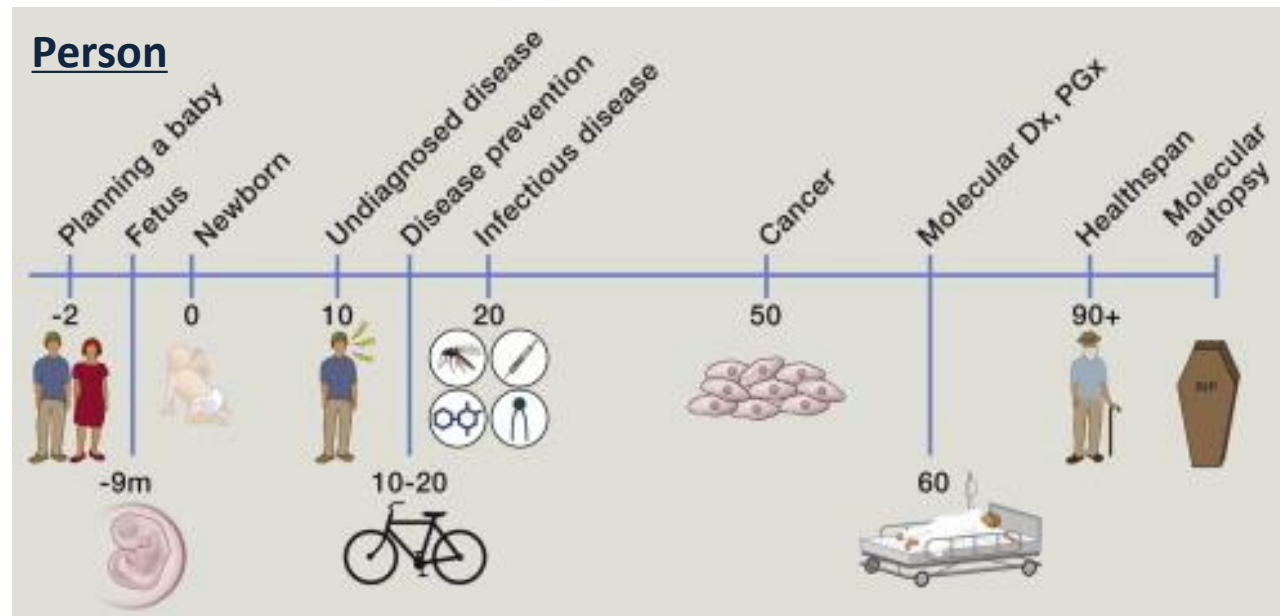
**2020**

Medial care 2000  
RMB yuan / person

Biomedical data: ~EB  
(=1000PB)

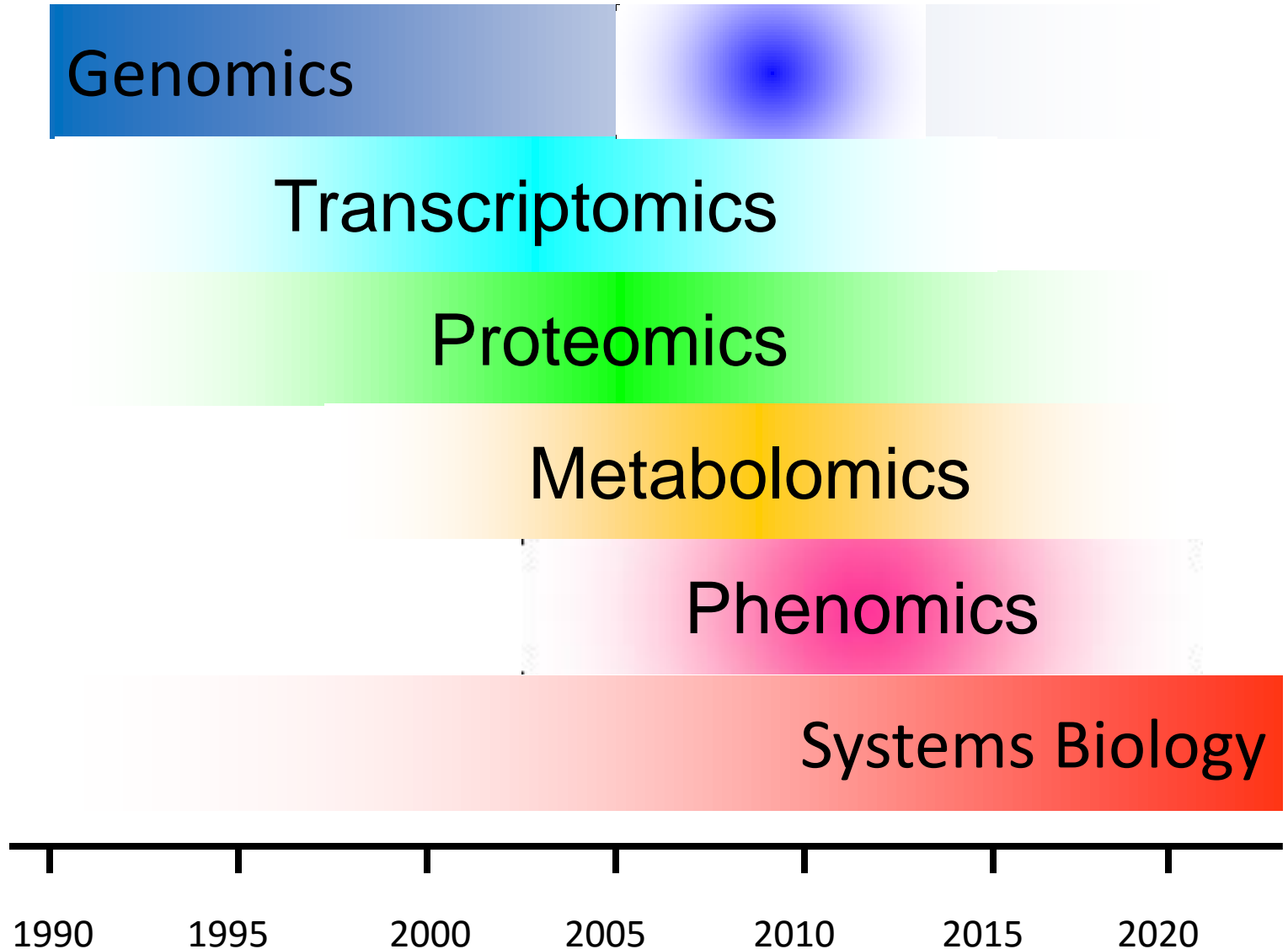
Personal genome  
sequencing to be  
routine

## Person

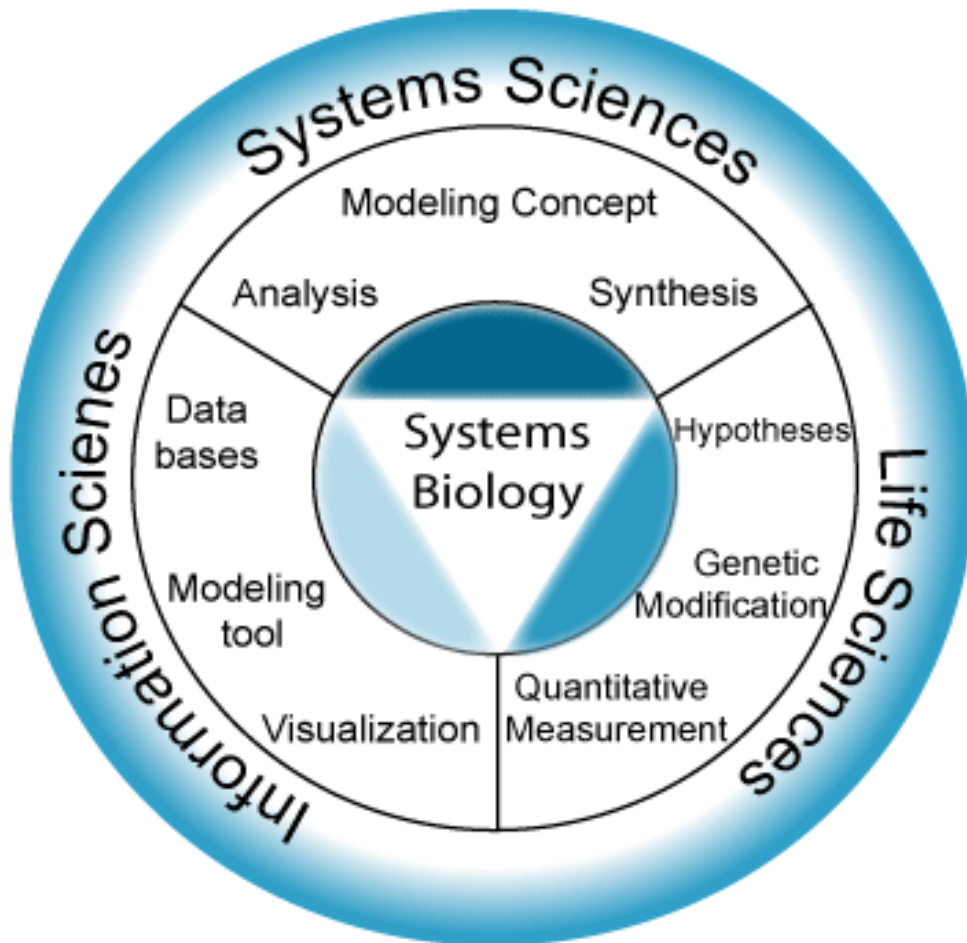


\$1000/whole genome(2014)

# Omics to Systems Biology



# What is Systems Biology?



Leroy Hood, 1999

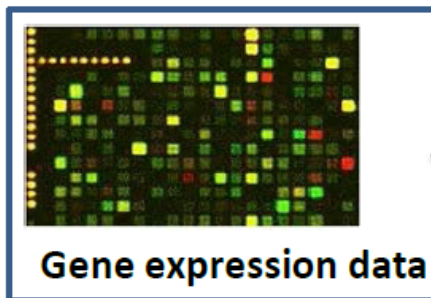
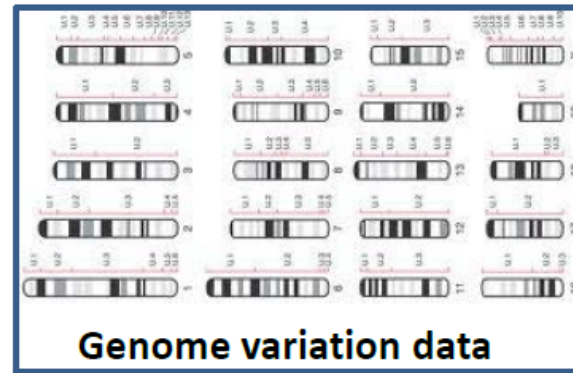
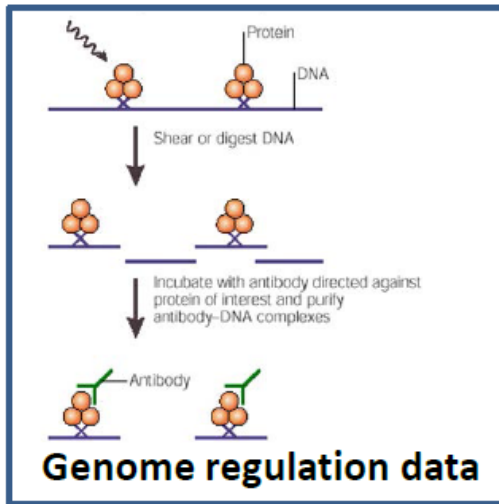
The study of the mechanisms underlying complex biological processes as integrated systems of many interacting components. Systems biology involves:

- (1) collection of large sets of experimental data **Data science**
- (2) proposal of mathematical models that might account for at least some significant aspects of this data set **Modeling**
- (3) accurate computer solution of the mathematical equations to obtain numerical predictions, **Simulation**
- (4) assessment of the quality of the model by comparing numerical simulations with the experimental data. **Verification**

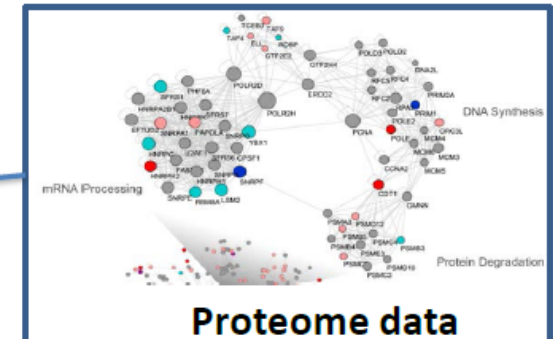
# Data Science

- Data integration

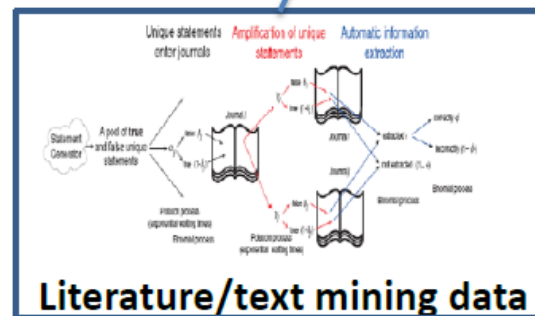
# Integration



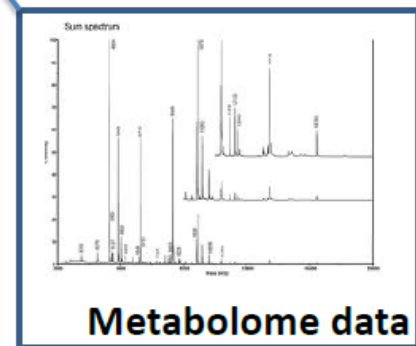
**Integration and building predictive models**



**Phenotyping data**



**Etc...**



# Data Science

- Data integration
- Data quality
  - Understand how you got the data you have
  - Bias in your data means your conclusions are even more likely to be wrong
  - In domains with many possible relationships, most published results are false (Ioannidis, PLoS Medicine, 2005)

# Big data and data mining

- Inductive Logic Programming
- Genetic Algorithm
- Statistical Methods
- **Support Vector Machine) sd**
- **Neural Network) md**
- **Bayesian Methods) ld**
- Decision Tree
- Hidden Markov Model
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**Are our traditional machine learning methods are suitable for Big Data?**  
**Deep learning!**



# modeling approaches

- BN: Boolean Network
- BN: bayesian network, DBN: dynamical BNs
- Stochastic
- ODE: ordinary differential equation
- MCA: metabolic control analysis
- stoichiometric analysis, elementary flux modes
- FBA: flux balance analysis
- **Petri net**
- S-Systems
- L-Systems
- Rule based
- Network reconstruction, visualization, comparison, structural & functional analysis...

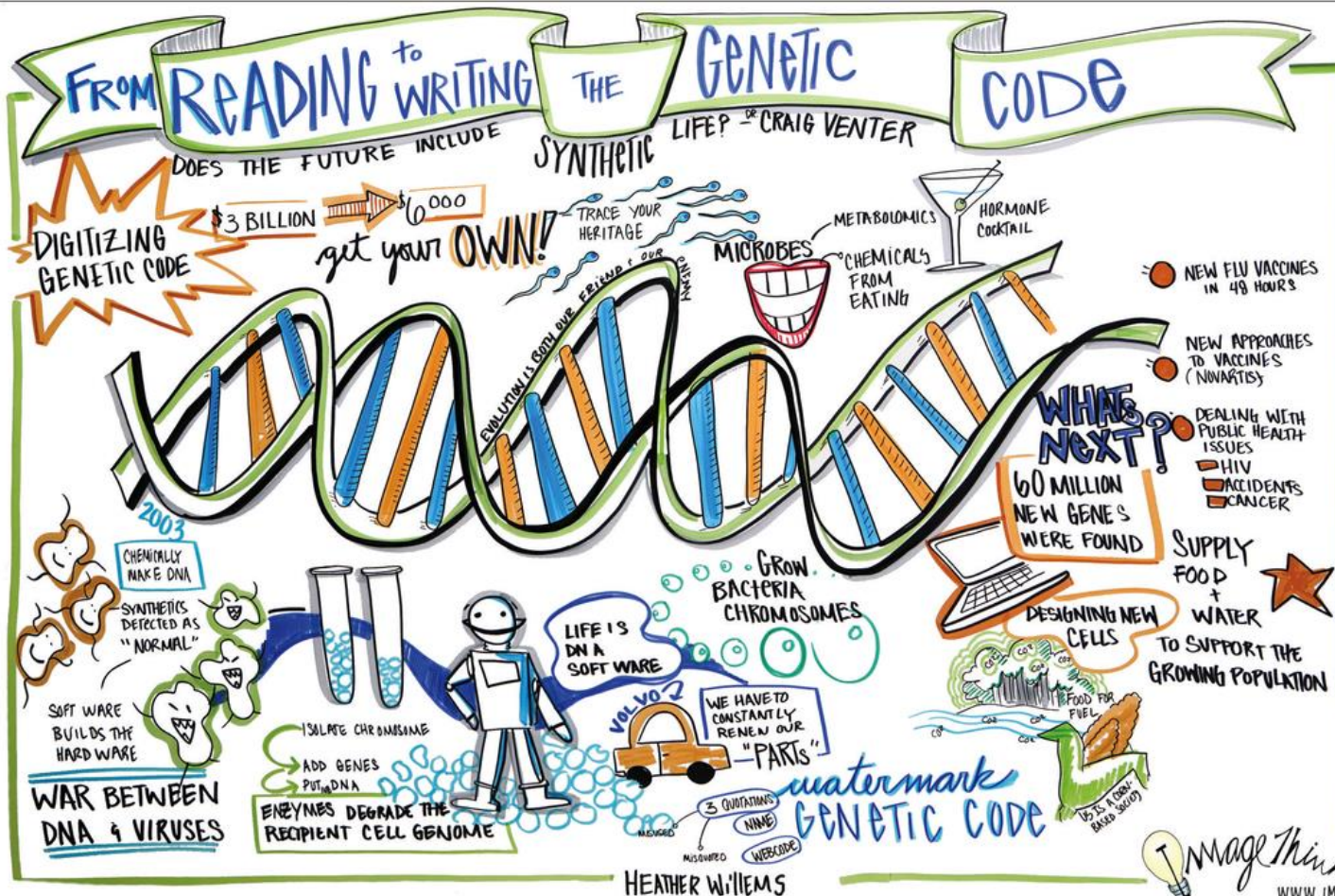
## Special Issue

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# Open problems in Petri net modeling and simulation of biological systems

- Structural analysis of Petri net models
- Multi-scale modeling
- Diversity
- Modularization
- Parameter settings and optimization in quantitative models
- Intelligence
- Data conversion and model construction
- Analysis and visualization of simulation processes
- Virtual cell modeling and computing power
- Cell-Cell Communication
- Software development

# Systems Biology to Synthetic Life





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- Wuhan
- **Changsha**
- Chengdu
- Chongqin
- Xi'an
- ...
- **Harbin**
- Changchun
- Dalian
- Jinan
- ...





- **Inst. of Biophysics**  
(Computational and Systems Biology Center)
- Inst. of Genetics and Developmental Biology  
(Molecular Systems Biology Center)
- Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science (Key Lab of Systems and Control)
- ...
- **CAS Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences**  
(Key Lab of Systems Biology)
- PICB
- ...



# Chinese government shifts science role

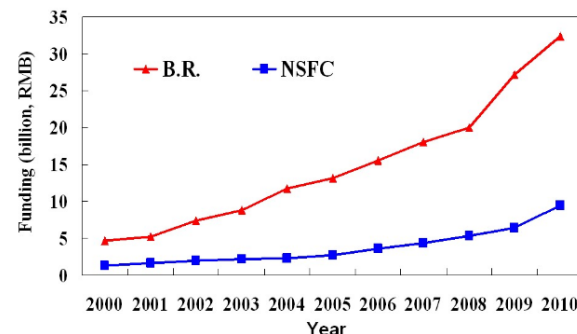
- Wan Gang (Minister of S&T): The government will no longer authorize or fund science and technology projects directly, but focus instead on making development plans, assessing projects and monitoring evaluation and research funds.
  1. **NSFC;**
  2. **Major Special S&T Projects;**
  3. **Key R&D Plans;**
  4. **Tech Innovation Funding;**
  5. **Talent and Base Plan**



# CAS launches new reform

- Reorganise all 104 CAS research institutes into four classes:
  - centres of excellence focused on basic research,
  - advanced institutes doing applied research and commercialisation,
  - big science centres running huge facilities,
  - institutes that will address problems specific to a region of China.

Budget: **24.7billion Yuan, 2014**



# EU & China

## Sino & German



Handshake between Wan Gang, Chinese Minister for Science and Technology, on the right and Carlos Moedas

European Research Council, and Ms. Nuria Sebastian Galle, Vice President of the

European Research Council.