

# SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY

Creating the next wave of biotechnology innovation, and growth of the bio-economy

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# **Synthetic Biology**

### **SynBio**

The central idea of synthetic biology is that living cells can be programmed in the same way that computers can, in order to make them do things and produce compounds that their natural counterparts do not.

### **Multidisciplinary Field**

- Biomedicine
- New Materials and Fabrics
- AgriTech & Food
- Renewal Energy
- Environment

### **Timeline**

- First wave: 2001 sequencing human genome
- Second wave: explosion of synthetic biology advances creating the new industry and the expansion of bioeconomy









# **Breakthroughs**

**Artemisin production** as anti-malarian drug. Yeast containing bacterial and wormwood genes into a chemical factory to produce a precursor of artemisin









**First synthetic life form** the single-cell organism based on an existing bacterium, entirely synthetic genome from the lab. Created by researchers from JVCI in 2010









# **Ethics & Sustainable Goals**

### **Bioethics**

**WHO foresight unit**: The Global Summit of National Bioethics Committees independent guidance. WHO foresights to draw an expertise of ethicists and bioethicists to help drive impact.

In 2010, **US** Presidential Commission issued *The Ethics of Synthetic Biology and Emerging Technologies* report and its committee monitors and attend careful potential risks of Synthetic Biology advances.



#### **2030 UN Sustainable Development goals:**

- environmental health
- energy shortages
- pollution
- hunger and disease control

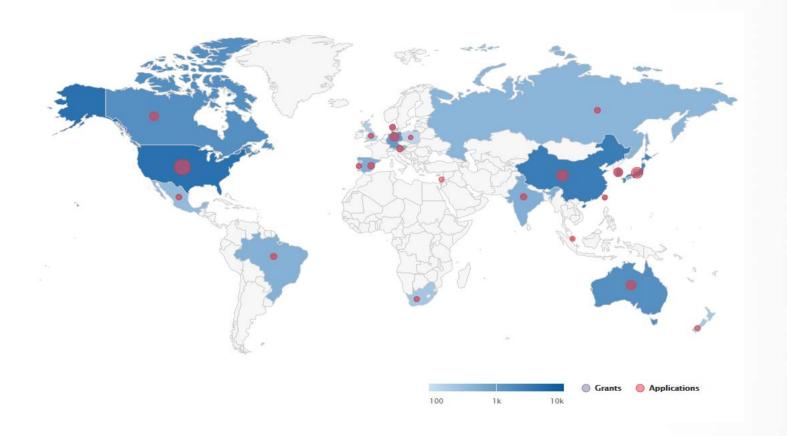








# **Patent surveillance**



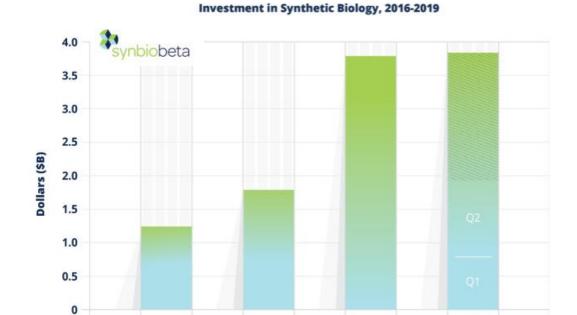








## **Global Market and Investment**



- Global SynBio market: \$100 bn by 2030
- The industry has raised more than \$12.3bn in the last 10 years
- Outstanding 2018: SynBio companies have raised \$3.8 bn
- In 2018, ModernaTherapeutics and
   Zymergen's combined raised \$1 billion
- IPO Moderna- \$604 milions
- In 2019, Impossible Foods raised a funding round of \$300 million



2016

**Required reading for the biological revolution.**Published by SynBioBeta, July 17, 2019

2018

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2017





2019



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### Investment

#### **INDICATORS**

- Consistent across early, mid, or late-stages
- All the sections of the synbio stack are receiving attention
- New companies entering into the industry at a healthy rate.
- SynBio companies grew over 35% in 2109
- Estimation of 700 Synbio companies
- IPO: Precision Biosciences in 2019, raised \$126m, and grew over 9% on the first day
- Solid post-IPO performance: Twist Bioscience and Beyond Meat maintaining valuations above their initial offering price.

Adquisitions:

**z**ymergen

**Faster Biomanufacturing** 



ultra-high-throughput technology to screen and select individual cells from among millions in a single month



Nucleotides X and Y generate a more efficient cancer drug

Sanofi acquired Synthorx to reinforce its immuno-oncology pipeline for \$2,5B



## Investment

#### **WHO'S INVESTING?**

- PE and VC 40% of all the money raised
- Over 500 investors
- New investors coming to synthetic biology
  - Tech Venture Capital firms
  - Impact investors: Charities and Family Offices
  - Corporations
  - Tech Titans funders

**Eric Schmidt ex-CEO google** 



**Bill Gates** 



CRISPR to develop a robust pipeline of medicines



design custom organisms for customers across multiple markets

# Investment



Biotech infrastructures and services





**FOOD MARKET** 



**AGRI-TECH MARKET** 



PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET

# **More recent Applications**



**New clothing made by microbes** 

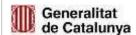


Renewable diesel



**Bread for consuming off-earth** 











# Innovation and knowledge transfer

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