




Microbes and
Microbiome

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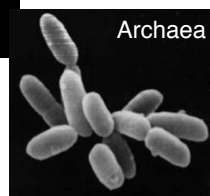
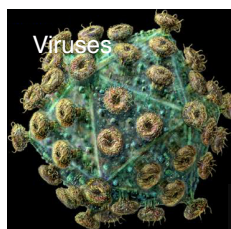
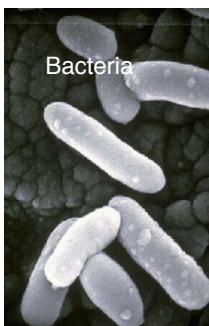
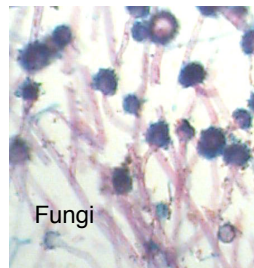
Current Topics in Genome Analysis 2016

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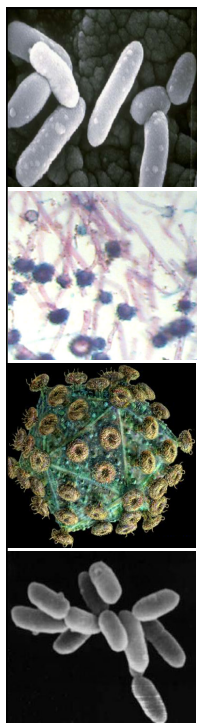
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Why the Human Microbiome?



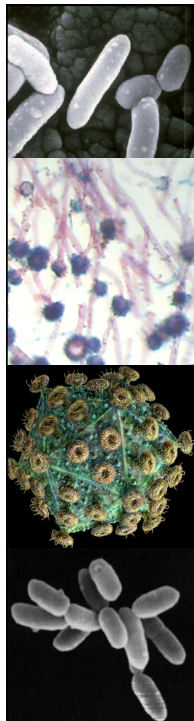
Each human cell has the same protein-encoding potential. Microbes are more diverse and dynamic than human genome.

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Human Microbiome

- Humans are hosts to many microbes (bacteria, fungi, viruses)
- Microbiome is totality of microbial community DNA
- Microbial cells outnumber human cells
- Many unknown functions of microbes
- Many microbes are often considered pathogenic
 - *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
 - *Staphylococcus aureus*



**Not all microbes are bad:
Beneficial microbes perform functions
essential for human health**

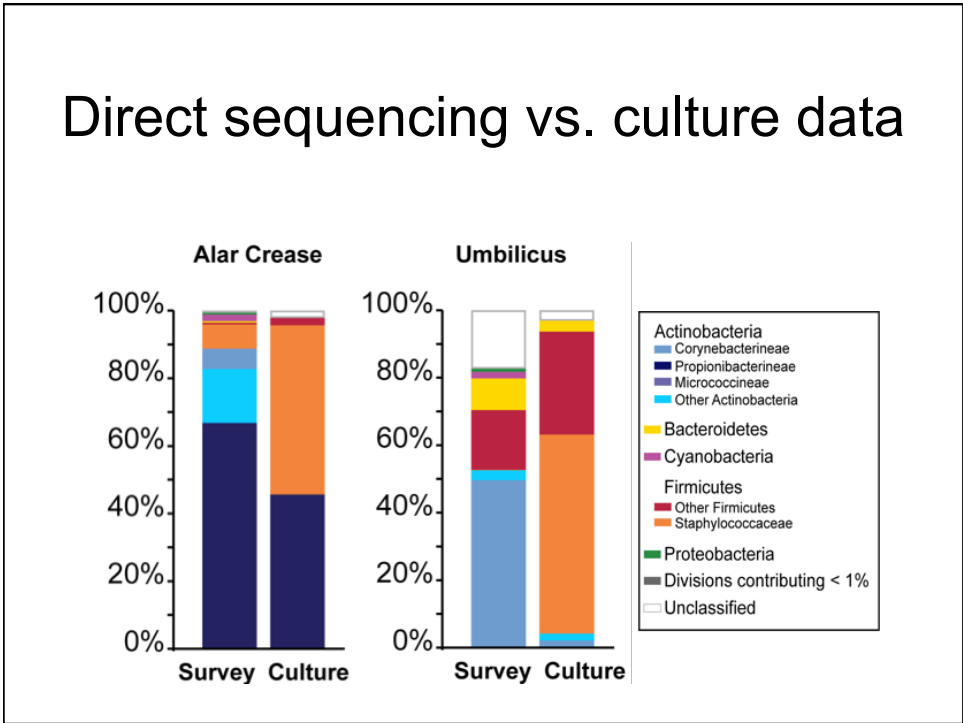
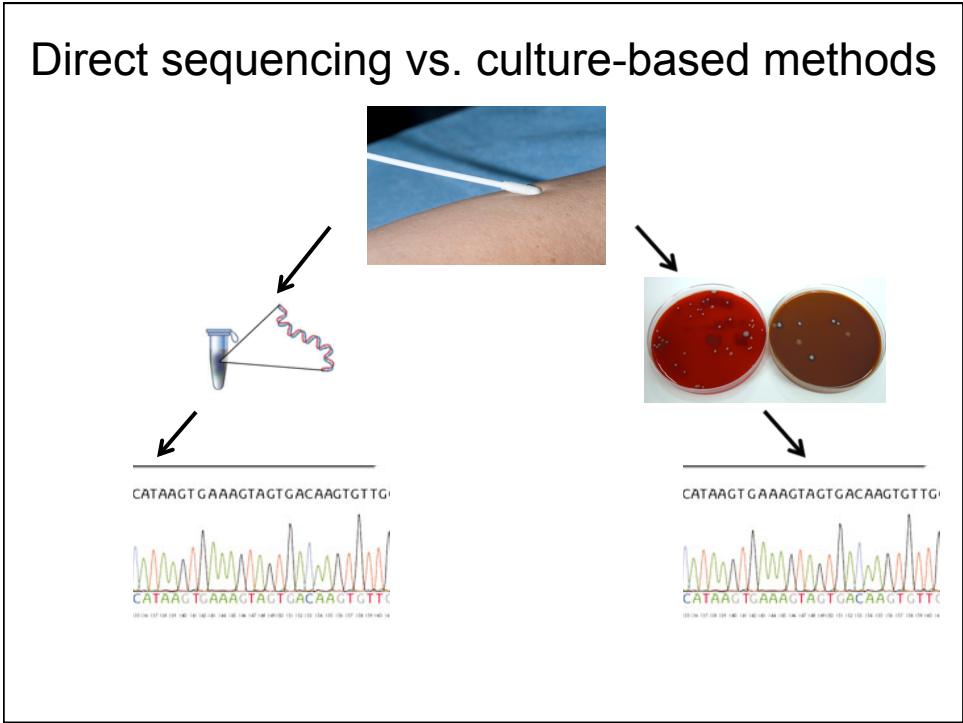
- Vitamin synthesis
- Digestion
- Education and activation of immune system
- Inhibition of skin colonization by pathogens

**Many microbial-host and microbial-
microbial interactions remain unknown**



**Elucidating the diversity of
the human microbiome**

- Traditional approaches rely on isolating bacteria in pure culture
- The majority of bacterial species do not grow in culture = “the great plate count anomaly”
- Culturing favors lab weeds--not necessarily the most dominant or influential species
- Excludes microbes that rely on community interactions

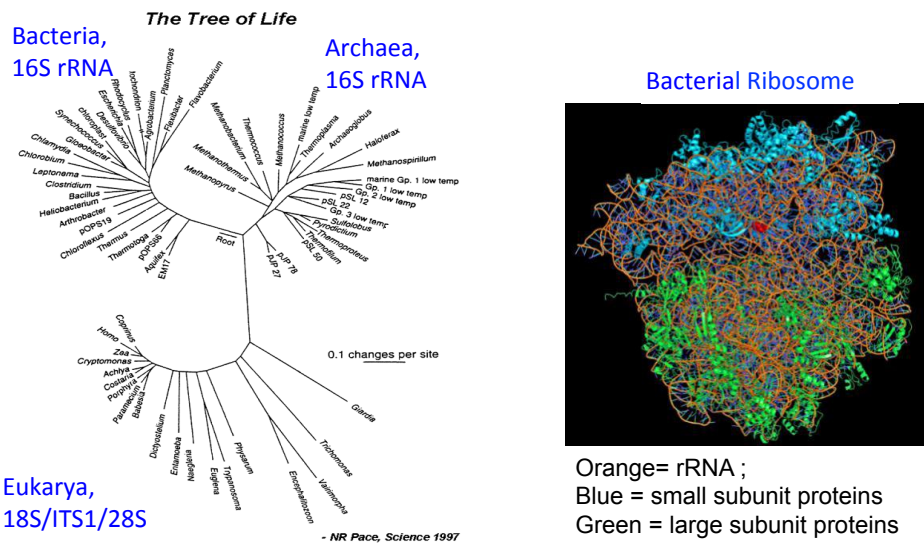


Topics for today's talk

1. Bacterial diversity studies: 16S rRNA
2. Fungal diversity studies: ITS1
3. Bacterial genomes: Shotgun sequencing
4. Metagenomics
5. Where is the technology going?

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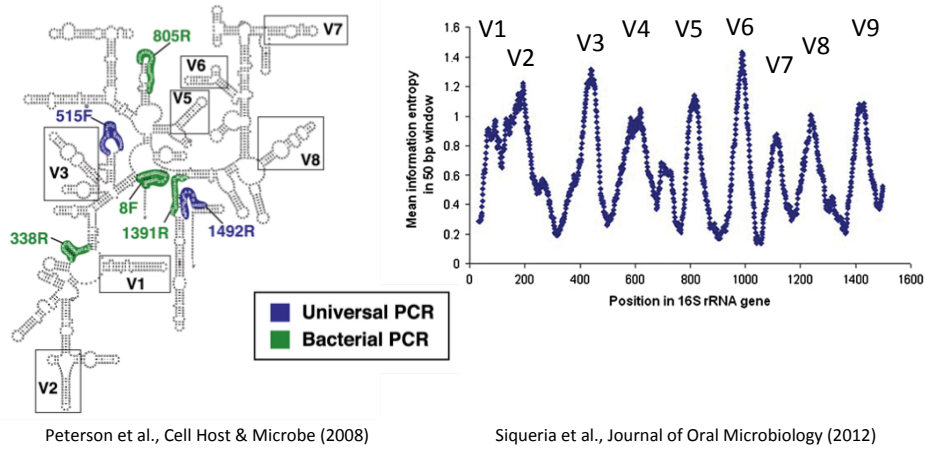
Core marker genes are specific to taxonomic clades.



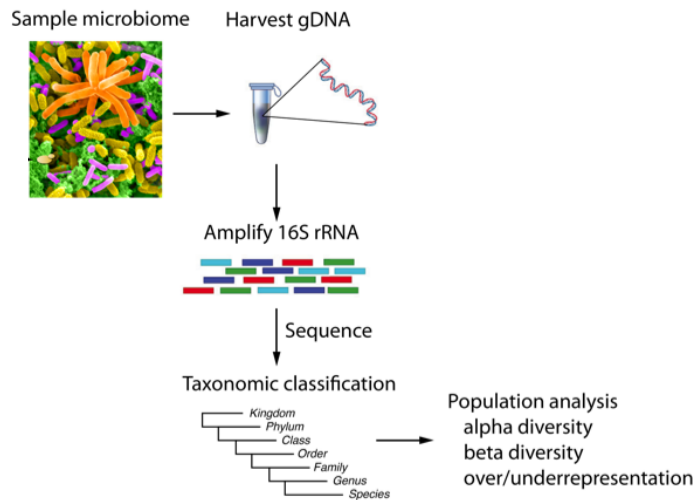
TOPIC 1.

Bacterial Diversity: 16S rRNA gene

Universal and variable regions of 16S rRNA used for PCR amplification & classification



Basic workflow



Kong, Trends in Mol Medicine, 2011

Important Issues to Consider Before Initiating Experiment

1. Study Design. Define the question as precisely as possible; e.g. 'I want to compare wild-type with knock-out mice.' → Are these mice littermates? Because there is a lot of variation between individuals, cages and facilities. What controls do you need?
2. What sequencing platform will you use?
3. What region of the 16S rRNA gene will you amplify?
4. How many reads do you need per sample?
5. What are hidden technical issues? CHIMERAS
6. What analysis tool will you use?
7. How will you display your data?
8. How will you compare your results with other published studies?
9. What information will yield a testable hypothesis?

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Calculating Bacterial Load: qPCR with primers in conserved region of 16S rRNA gene

Human DNA	300 pg		Bacterial DNA 30 pg		3 pg	
	Ct	copy #	Ct	copy #	Ct	copy #
0 g	17.85	54924.50	20.92	6951.93	24.24	743.61
0.3 ng	17.78	57575.00	20.93	6905.28	24.42	658.74

C_t of qPCR of bacterial DNA to calculate relative bacterial counts of each sampling method. Must also consider how to normalize sample. /cm² or /g stool?

- Swab yields 10,000 bacteria/cm²
- Scrape yields 50,000 bacteria/cm²
- Biopsy yields 1,000,000 bacteria/cm²

Grice et al, Genome Research 2008
 Castillo M...Gasa J...2006

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DNA Sequencing to assess bacterial diversity

Illumina Mi-Seq (2 x 300 bp paired-end reads)

- 2 runs/week on one instrument.
- Costs \$2K, which is \$4/sample if you multiplex 500 samples.
- Scale is the issue. Need to dual-index bar-code primers for multiplexing since platform generates >10 million reads per lane. Assume 10,000 reads is more than enough per sample, you can multiplex 500+ samples together in one lane.
- Short reads, but can link paired reads.

Primer: 8F _____ 505R primer

For a SMALL study, SEQUENCE is limiting;
For a LARGE study, BIOINFORMATICS is limiting.

Fadrosh DW...Ravel J Microbiome 2014;
Kozich JJ...Schloss PD Appl Environ Microbiol 2013;
Caporaso JG...Knight R ISME J 2012

Other means of sequence data acquisition

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- Phylochip (16S rRNA microarray)
 - Limited to known taxa, but can get species-level designations
 - More expensive.
 - will never find unique or novel species

Hi-Seq Illumina (2 x 100 bp paired-end reads)

- Production sequencing. High output mode (TruSeq v3 chemistry) runs for 10 days and produces 4 billion clusters.

How to identify a bacterial sequence and align sequences?

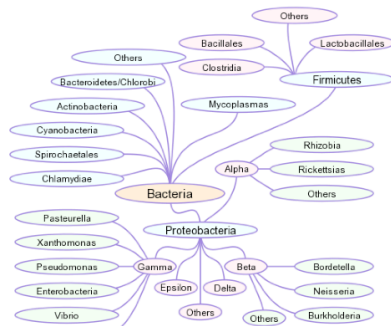


BLAST with bacterial genomes (text table)

Enter your query sequence as Accession/GI or FASTA:

Select type of query and database or [BLAST-program](#)
Query: DNA Database: Genomic Both Blast-program: blastn MegaBlast:

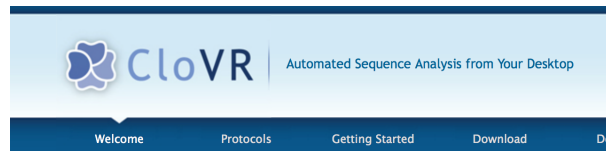
You may change BLAST options
Expect: 10 Filter: default Descriptions: 100 Alignments: 100



Matches MANY sequences.
And many of them are not
type strains, but
UNCULTURED from 16S rRNA
sequencing study.

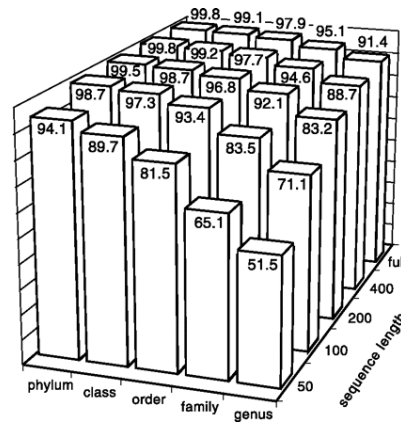
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Pipeline tools



Alignment & Classification

- Reference-dependent
 - Ribosomal Database Project (RDP), SILVA, Greengenes
- But what about species? Amplify the appropriate region of 16S rRNA gene (V1-3 for *Staphylococcus*¹; or *Lactobacillus*²) and use custom database.
- Sequences with no reference? Not so many of those, might have to consider other explanations



Wang et al., Applied and Environmental Microbiology (2007)

¹Conlan, PLoS One 2012; ²Ravel PNAS 2011

RDP Database <http://rdp.cme.msu.edu/>

- RDP 10.18 consists of 920,643 aligned and annotated 16S rRNA sequences. Naïve Bayesian classifier based on Bergey's taxonomy. (Note: other taxonomies such as Euzebey and NCBI exist).
- Tools: RDP classifier, Seqmatch, Probematch

APPLIED AND ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY, Aug. 2007, p. 5261-5267
 0099-2240/07/508.00+0 doi:10.1128/AEM.00062-07
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Naïve Bayesian Classifier for Rapid Assignment of rRNA Sequences into the New Bacterial Taxonomy[†]

Qiong Wang,¹ George M. Garrity,^{1,2} James M. Tiedje,^{1,2} and James R. Cole^{1*}

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RIBOSOMAL DATABASE PROJECT

BROWSERS | CLASSIFIER | LIBCOMPARE | SEQMATCH | PROBE MATCH | TREE BUILDER | PYRO | TAXOMATIC | SEQCART | ASSIGNGEN

RDP Release 10, Update 18 :: Jan 25, 2010 :: 1,358,426 16S rRNAs

The Ribosomal Database Project (RDP) provides ribosome related data and services to the scientific community, including online data analysis and aligned and annotated Bacterial and Archaeal small-subunit 16S rRNA sequences.

Cite RDP's NAR article [↗](#)

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News

Silva Database (ARB): <http://www.arb-silva.de/> Build a Phylogenetic Tree and Calculate Branch Length

Pruesse, E., C. Quast, K. Knittel, B. Fuchs, W. Ludwig, J. Peplies, and F. O. Glöckner.

SILVA: a comprehensive online resource for quality checked and aligned ribosomal RNA sequence data compatible with ARB.

[Nuc. Acids Res. 2007; Vol. 35, No. 21, p. 7188-7196](#)

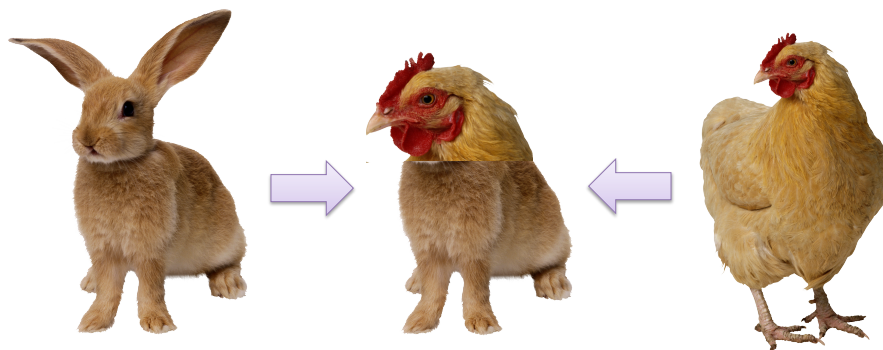
Nucleic Acids Research, 2004, Vol. 32, No. 4 1363-1371
DOI: 10.1093/nar/gkh293

ARB: a software environment for sequence data

Wolfgang Ludwig¹, Oliver Strunk, Ralf Westram, Lothar Richter, Harald Meier¹,
Yadhukumar, Arno Buchner, Tina Lai, Susanne Steppi, Gangolf Jobb¹, Wolfram Förster¹,
Igor Brettske, Stefan Gerber, Anton W. Ginhart¹, Oliver Gross, Silke Grumann¹,
Stefan Hermann¹, Ralf Jost¹, Andreas König¹, Thomas Liss¹, Ralph Lüßmann¹,
Michael May¹, Björn Nonhoff¹, Boris Reichel¹, Robert Strehlow¹, Alexandros Stamatakis¹,
Norbert Stuckmann¹, Alexander Vilbig¹, Michael Lenke¹, Thomas Ludwig², Arndt Bode¹
and Karl-Heinz Schleifer

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Chimeras: PCR generated (template switching)



Evaluate Accuracy:



- True Positives (TP): artificial chimeras flagged
- False Positives (FP): reference (non-chimera) flagged

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How Do Chimeras Occur? Incomplete extension of PCR, Template Switching at Conserved Regions

ChimeraSlayer Detection Program
<http://microbiomeutil.sourceforge.net>

Microbiome Utilities Portal of the Broad Institute

Genome Res. 2011 Mar;
 21(3):494-504.

Do not underestimate primer bias or chimeras! Mock community contains 20 bacteria. Amplified and sequenced with various methods

Jumpstart Consortium HMP,
 PLoS One, 2012

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Samples	% Observed Chimera content			
	V1-V9	V1-V3	V3-V5	V6-V9
ABI3730				
454 FLX Titanium				
MC	5.99±3.07	14.26±10.34	14.75±9.45	13.49±8.52
gut	7.71±6.46	22.90±8.56	16.03±2.86	17.76±3.76
oral	7.22±6.35	20.55±11.73	10.98±4.01	9.10±5.02
skin	3.49±5.77	11.15±1.36	7.51±2.49	5.73±1.69
vaginal	6.31±6.64	12.60±6.70	6.62±3.51	3.00±1.65

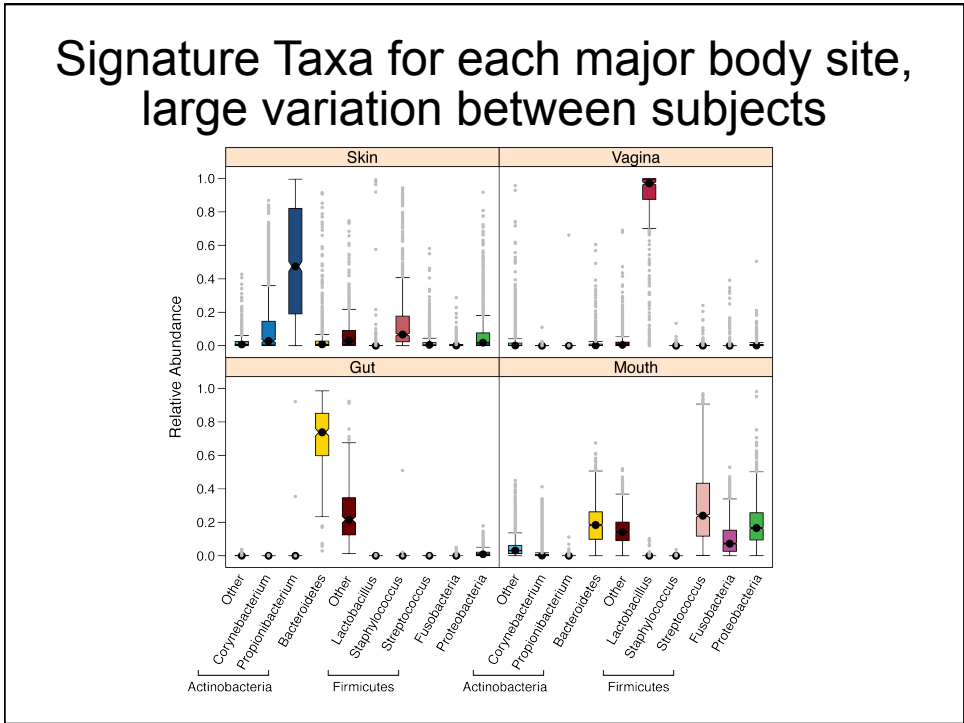
*Values are averages ± STDEV calculated from multiple replicates of MC, and from replicates of multiple clinical samples originating from different body sites. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0039315.t001

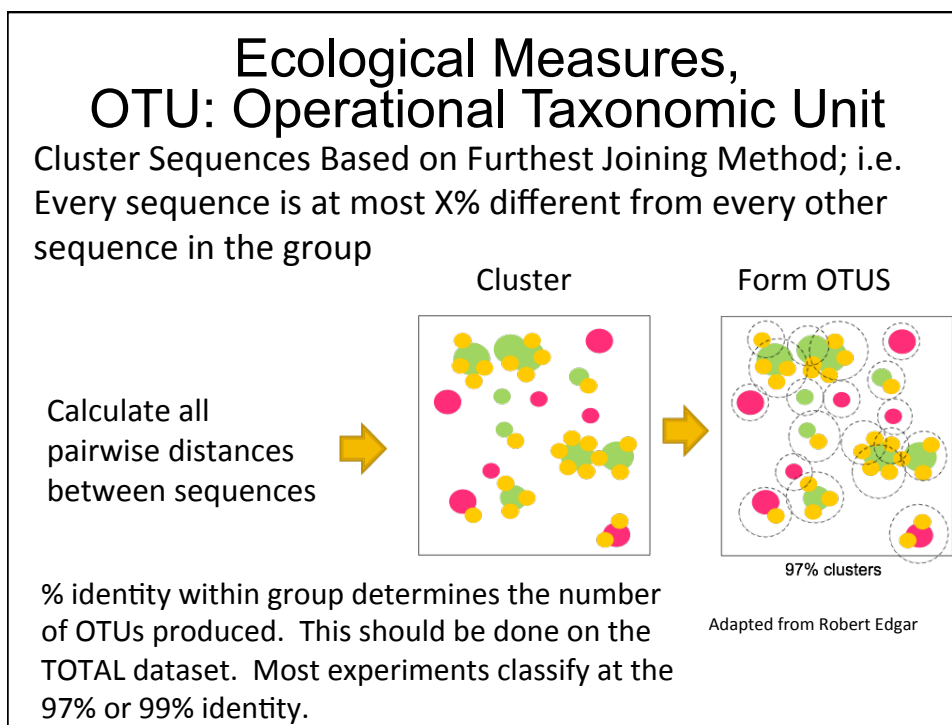
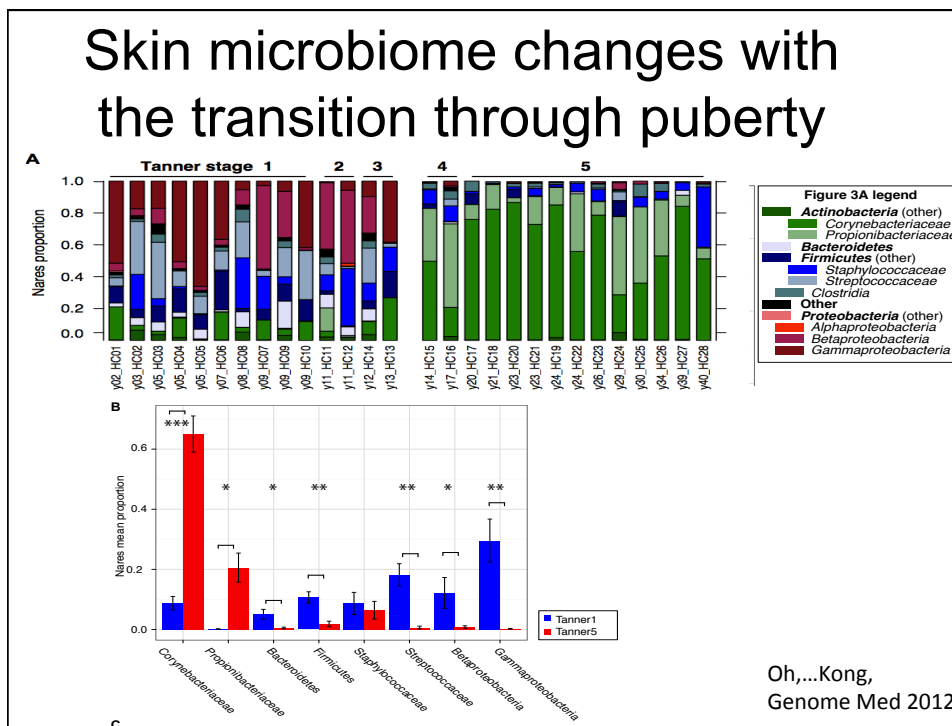
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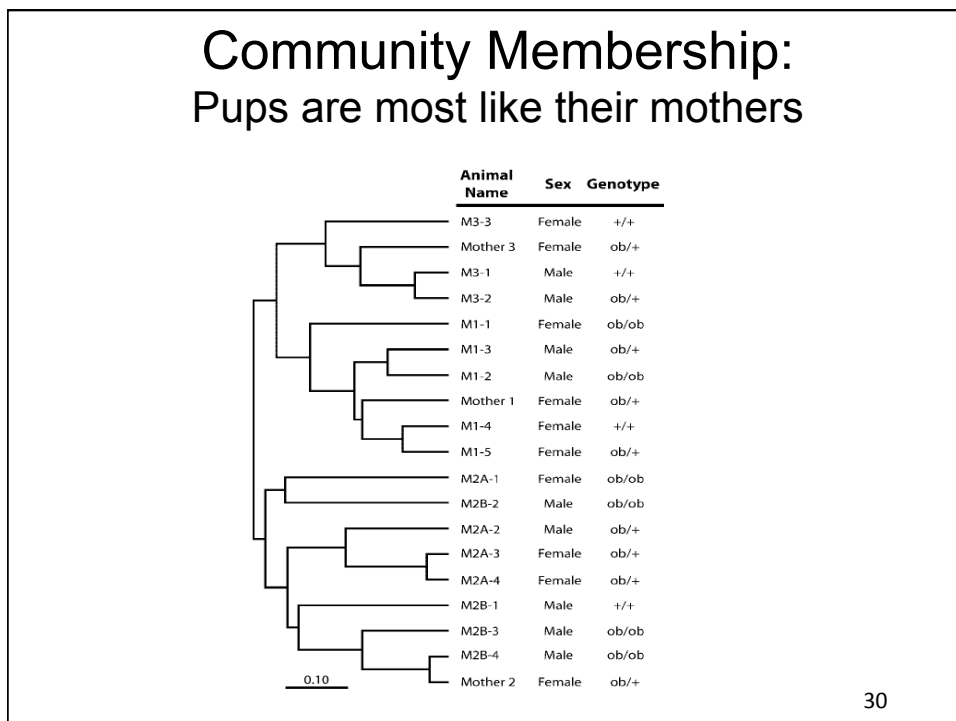
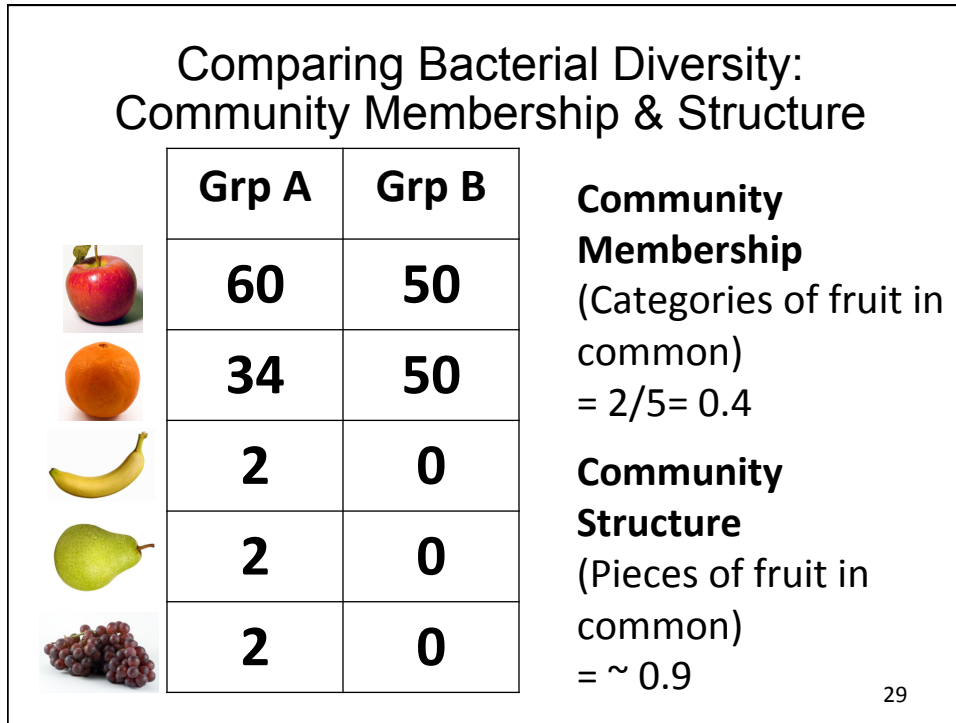
Longitudinally assess microbial diversity of 250 healthy subjects at 5 major body sites

Grice and Segre, Annual Review of Human Genetics and Genomics, 2012

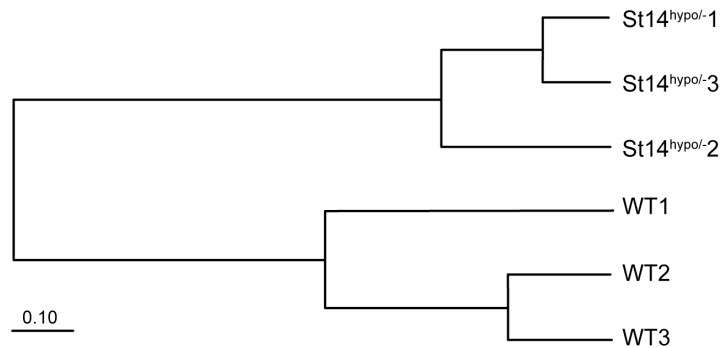
<http://commonfund.nih.gov/hmp/>







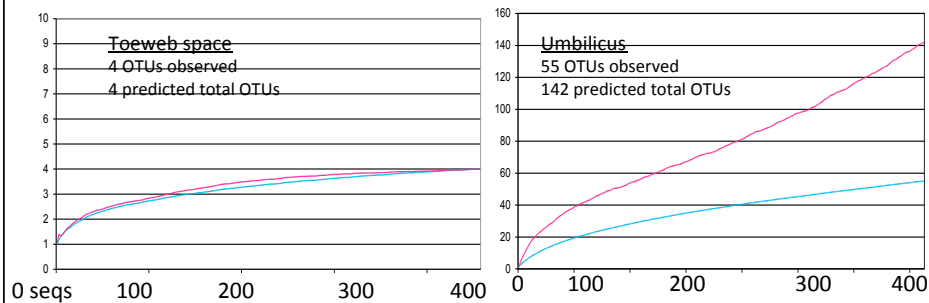
Community Structure: Pups cluster according to genotype



Scharschmidt et al. JID 2009

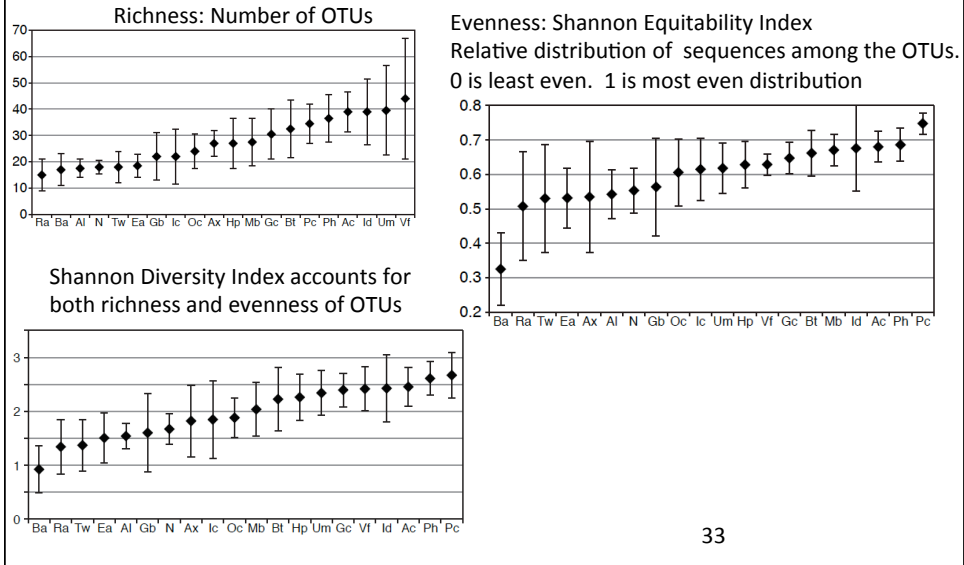
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How many reads do you need? Ballpark 1,000 sequences for first pass analysis. With high throughput sequencing, no longer as relevant. How much diversity is there in the population? Have you sequenced enough to capture the diversity? Chao1 rarefaction curves



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Richness, evenness, diversity: Shannon and Simpson diversity



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Microbial community profiling for human microbiome projects: Tools, techniques, and challenges

Micah Hamady and Rob Knight

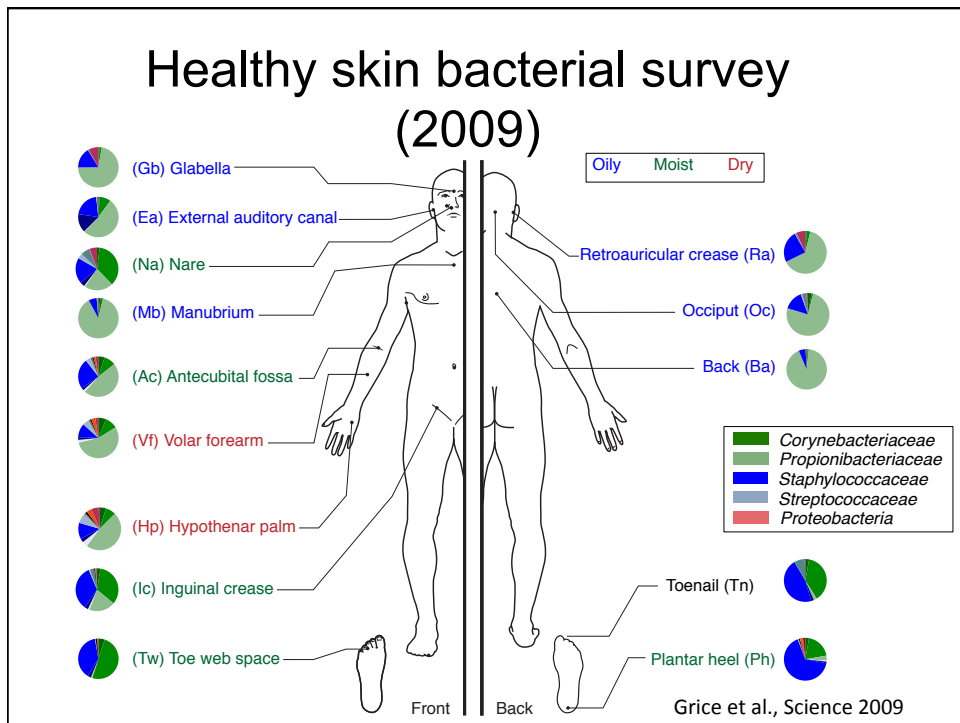
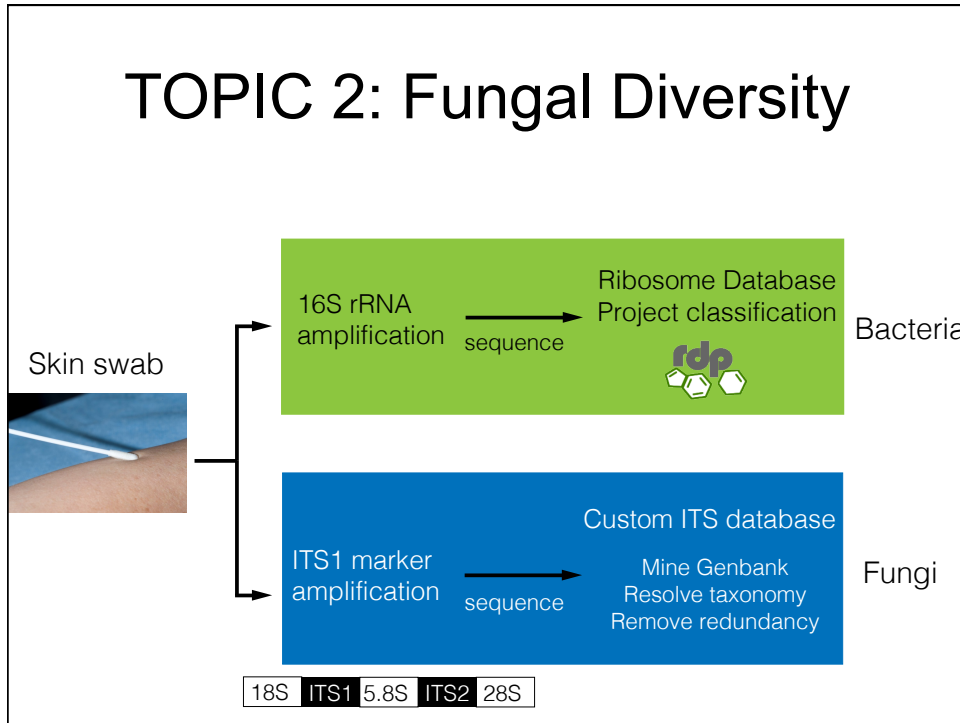
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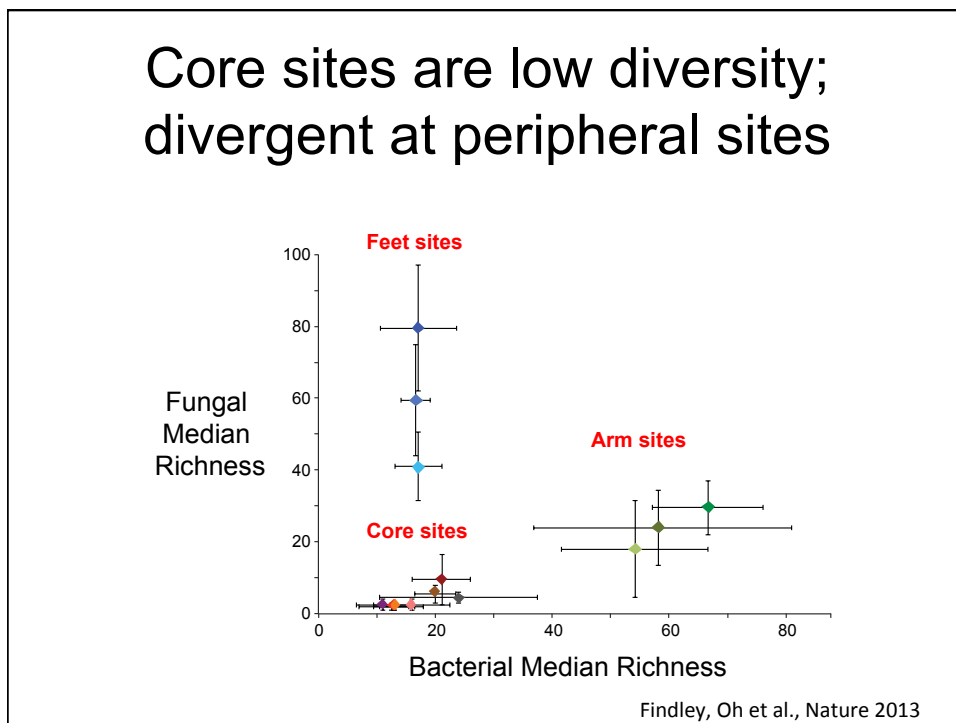
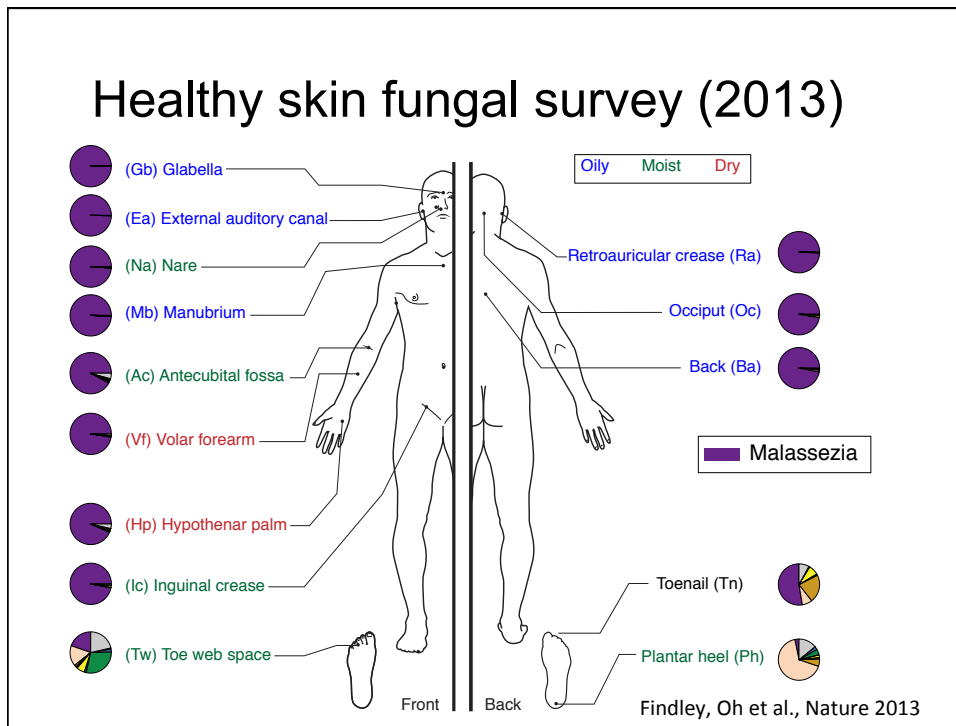
STUDY DESIGNS

Experimental and analytical tools for studying the human microbiome

Justin Kuczynski¹, Christian L. Lauber², William A. Walters¹, Laura Wegener Parfrey³,
 José C. Clemente³, Dirk Gevers⁴ and Rob Knight^{3,5}

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TOPIC 3. BACTERIAL GENOME

1. What is study objective? E.g. Determine if two hospital isolates are clonal? Or Determine what genes are encoded by diverse set of *Staphylococcus epidermidis*?
2. What reference genomes exist for phylogenetic comparison?
3. What sequencing platform will you use?
4. What depth of sequencing do you need for assembly?
5. What assembly tool will you use? What alignment tool will you use?
6. How will you display your data?
7. How will you compare your results with other published studies?
8. What information will yield a testable hypothesis?

TOPIC 3. BACTERIAL GENOME

How to Assemble a Bacterial Genome:
Gram-negative is ~6,000,000 base pair

Shotgun sequence 2x300 bp fragments on Illumina
MiSeq at 30-fold redundancy.

Overlapping reads form large DNA contigs with N50
of ~100 kb.



Or very low coverage (3-5X) just to define
species and strain

Assemblers (*de novo*)

- Phrap
- Celera
- Velvet
- SPAdes
- mira
- MaSuRCA
- ALL-PATHS



Hunt et al. *Genome Biology* 2014, 15:R42
<http://genomebiology.com/2014/15/3/R42>



RESEARCH

Open Access

A comprehensive evaluation of assembly scaffolding tools

Martin Hunt^{1*}, Chris Newbold^{2,1}, Matthew Berriman¹ and Thomas D Otto¹

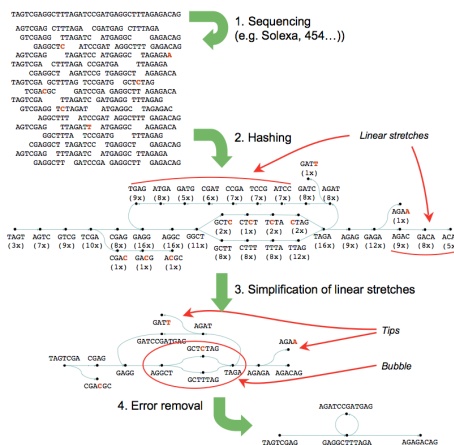
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Velvet (Zerbino and Birney, 2008)

- Works in base-space and color-space
- Good for small genomes
- Agnostic of read length

1. Construct k-mer hash
2. Build De Bruijn graph
3. Simplify graph
4. Resolve

1. Tips
2. Bubbles

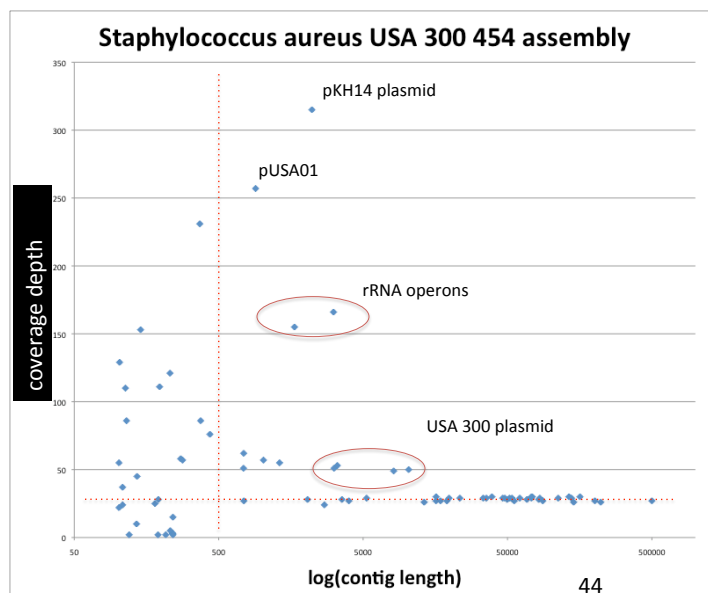


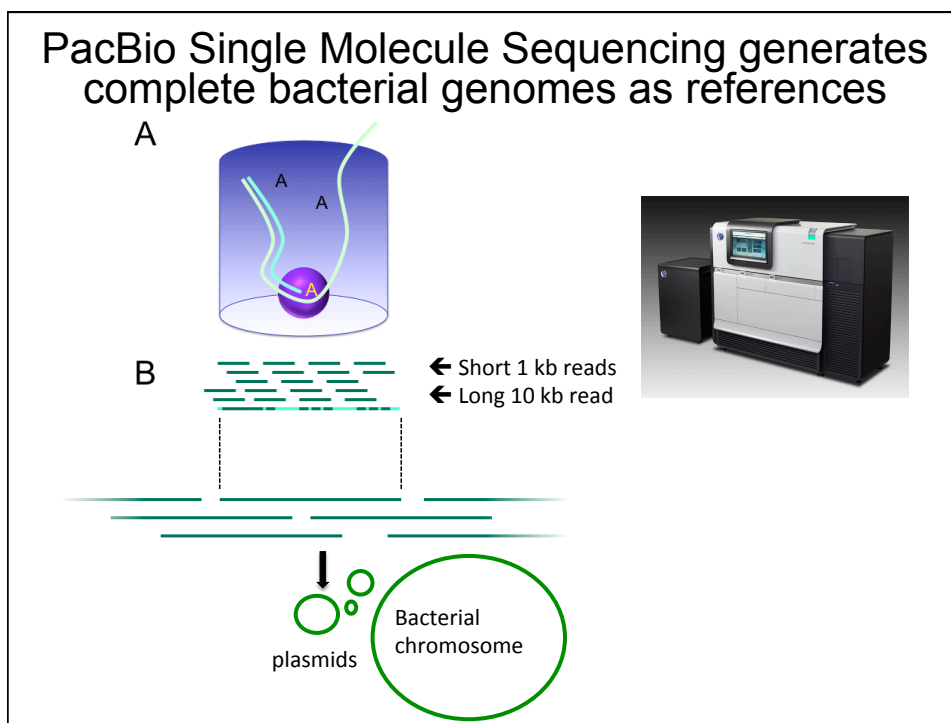
Evaluating Assemblies

- Coverage is a measure of how deeply a region has been sequenced
- The Lander-Waterman model predicts 8-10 fold coverage is needed to minimize the number of contigs for a 1 Mbp genome
- The N50 size is the point at which 50% of bases are in contigs this size or greater

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Evaluating High Coverage Contigs





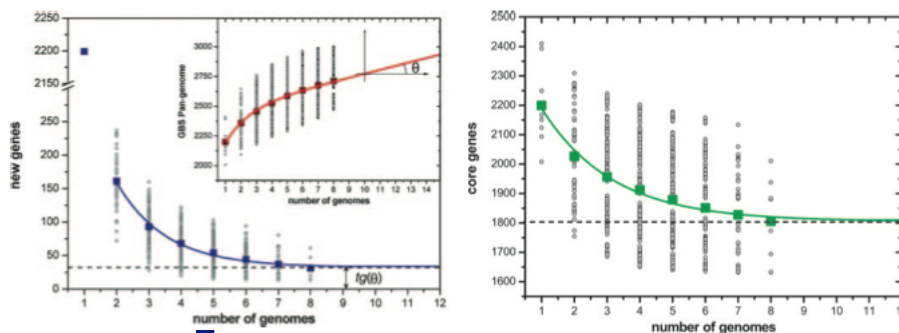
Genome Aligners: Compare sequences to identify sequence nucleotide variants, Insertion/Deletions

1. MumMER
2. MUGSY
3. MAUVE

Genome Annotation: Predicting and naming genes encoding proteins

1. PGAAP (NCBI)
2. IMG (JGI)
3. Glimmer, GeneMark

Is there a reference genome? Is the 'pan-genome' open or closed?

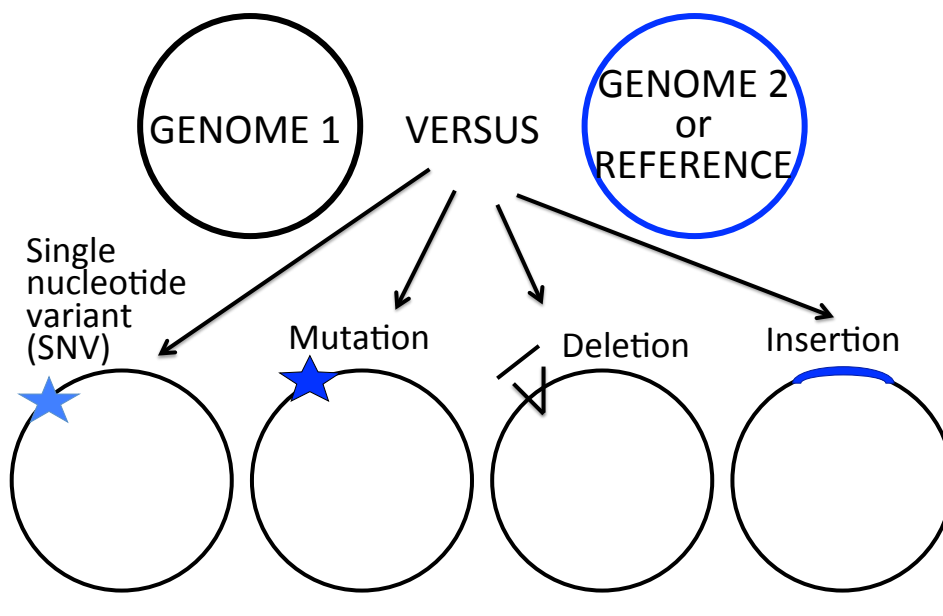


Genome analysis of multiple pathogenic isolates of *Streptococcus agalactiae*: Implications for the microbial "pan-genome"

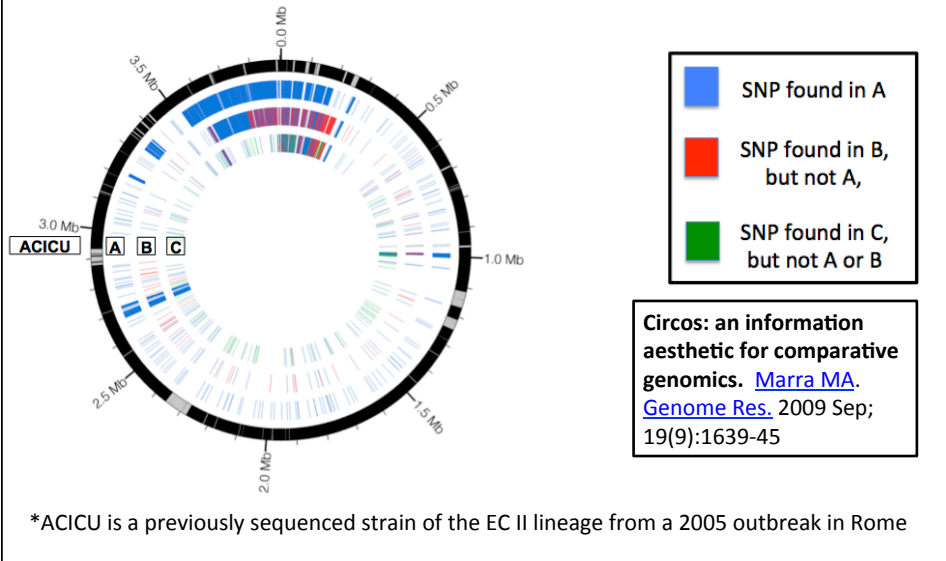
Hervé Tettelin^{1,2}, Vega Masignani^{1,2}, Michael J. Cieslewicz^{1,2,3,4}, Claudio Donati¹, Ducio Medini¹, Naomi L. Ward^{1,2}, Samuel V. Anguoli¹, Jonathan Crabtree¹, Amanda L. Jones⁵, A. Scott Durkin⁶, Robert T. DeBoy⁷, Tanja M. Davidsen⁸, Mariona Mora⁹, Maria Scarselli¹⁰, Immaculada Margarit y Ros¹¹, Jeremy D. Peterson¹², Christopher S. Hauser¹³, Jaldeep P. Sundaram¹⁴, William C. Nelson¹⁵, Ramana Madupu¹⁶, Lauren M. Brinkac¹⁷, Robert J. Dodson¹⁸, Mary J. Rosovitz¹⁹, Steven A. Sullivan²⁰, Sean C. Daugherty²¹, Daniel H. Haft²², Jeremy Selengut²³, Michelle L. Gwinn²⁴, Liwei Zhou²⁵, Nikhat Zafar²⁶, Hoda Khouri²⁷, Diana Radune²⁸, George Dimitrov²⁹, Kisha Watkins³⁰, Kevin J. B. O'Connor³¹, Shannon Smith³², Teresa R. Utterback³³, Owen White³⁴, Craig E. Rubens³⁵, Guido Grandi³⁶, Lawrence C. Madoff³⁷, Dennis L. Kasper³⁸, John L. Telford³⁹, Michael R. Wessels⁴⁰, Rino Rappuoli^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40}, and Claire M. Fraser^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40}

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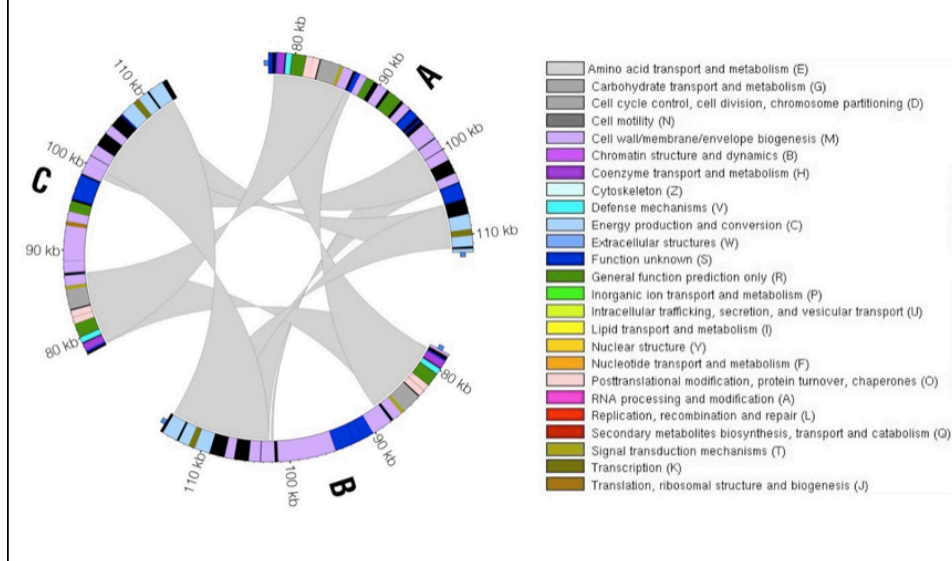
Whole Genome Sequence Comparison



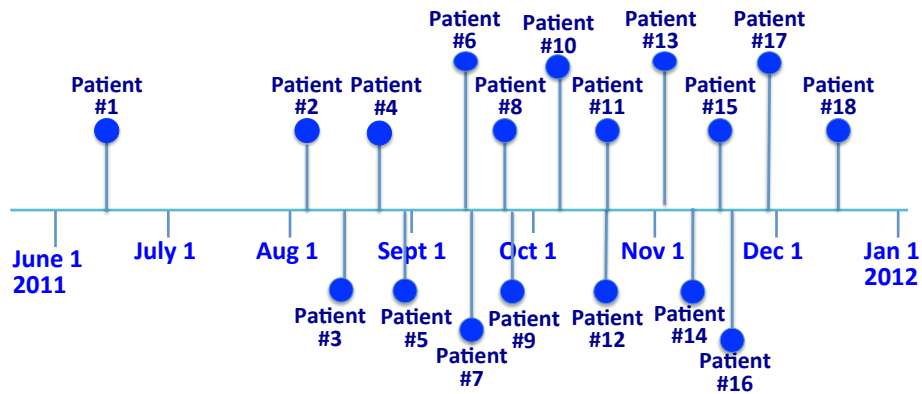
Polyclonal outbreak of multi-drug resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (A,B, C). Clusters of variants = recombination



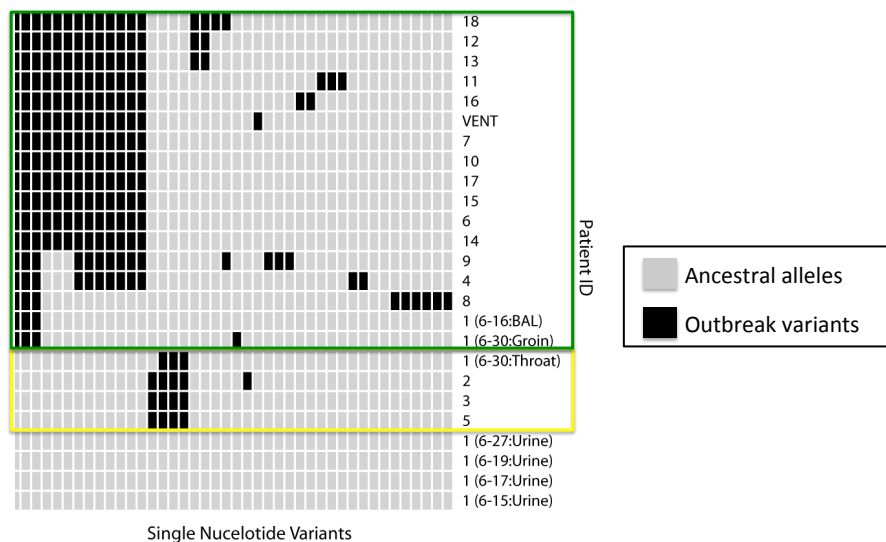
Alternate O-antigen biosynthetic clusters

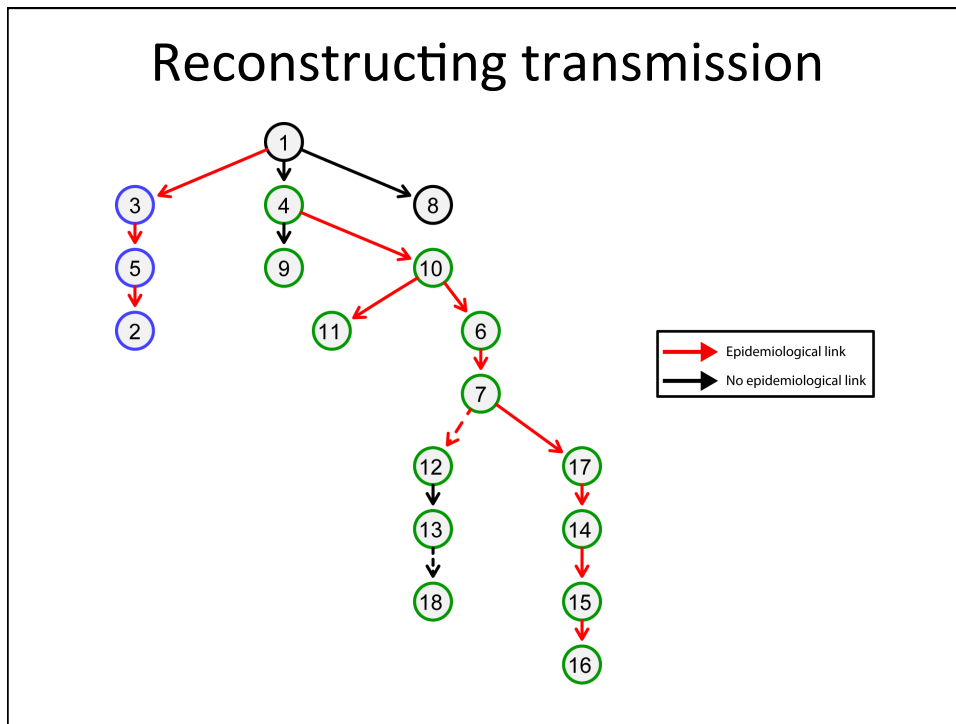


2011 outbreak at NIH of carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*:



Evidence for transmissions originating from distinct sites on patient 1





TOPIC 4. METAGENOMICS: DNA sequence from multiple organisms

Fungal, Bacterial, Viral, Archaeal DNA all together (with human DNA).

Very Complex mixture and very complex computationally.

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Metagenomics

Philip Hugenholtz and Gene W. Tyson

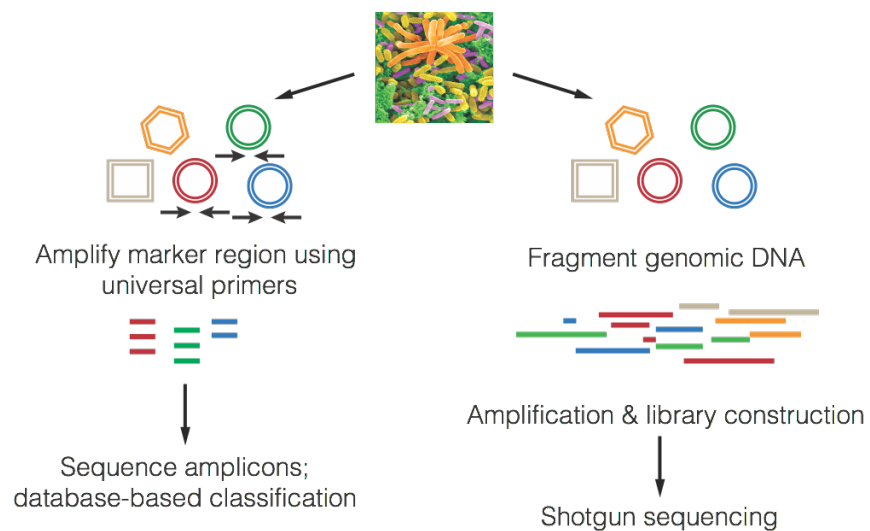
Ten years after the term metagenomics was coined, the approach continues to gather momentum. This culture-independent, molecular way of analysing environmental samples of cohabiting microbial populations has opened up fresh perspectives on microbiology.

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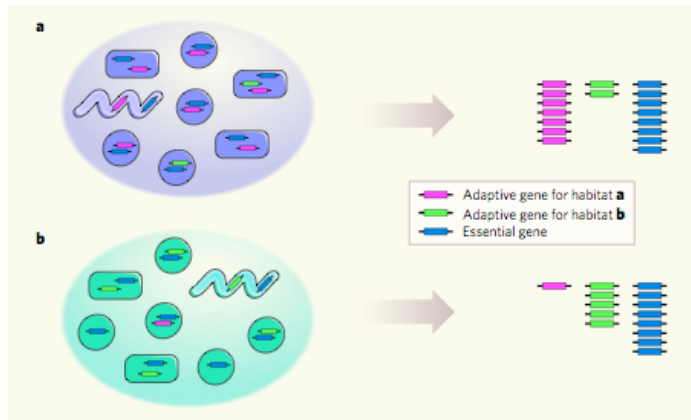
Goals of whole genome shotgun metagenomic analysis

1. Want to know who's there & abundance
2. Want to know what they do (function)
 - Want to know what genes are present
 - Can we identify pathways?
 - Can we identify strains?
3. Can we recover genomes?
4. Can we find novel pathogenic organisms?

Whole genome shotgun sequencing vs. amplicon



Metagenomics: types of bacteria similar between 2 populations, but pink genes enriched in top population

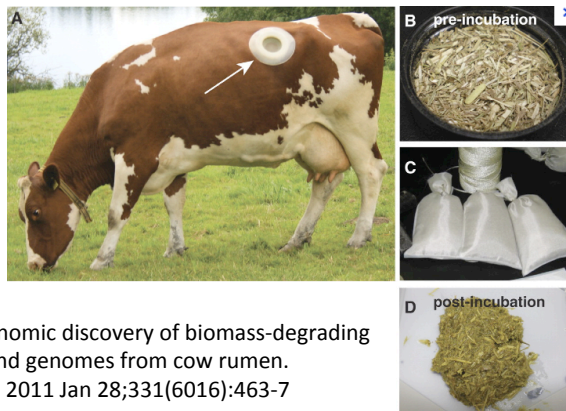


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Using metagenomic sequencing to find new metabolic enzymes

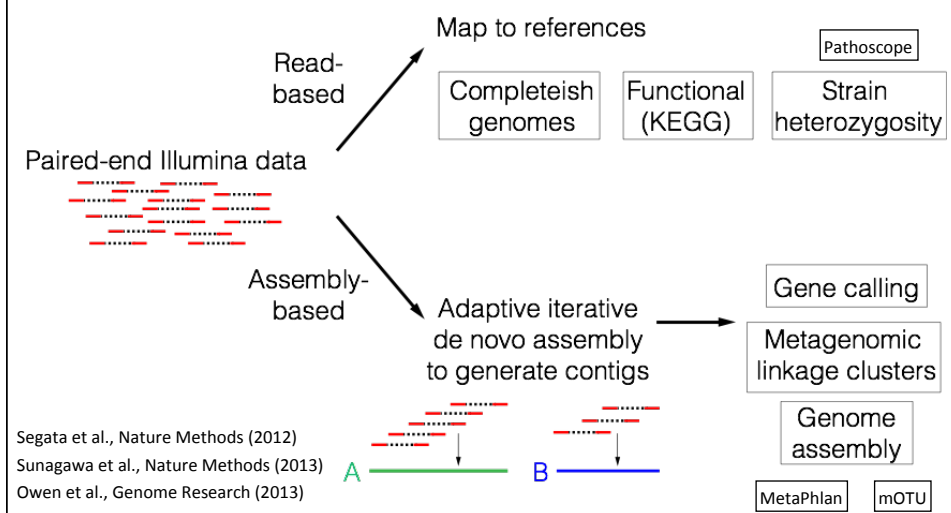


Nature. 2007 Nov 22;450(7169):560-5.
Metagenomic and functional analysis of hindgut microbiota of a wood-feeding higher termite.



Metagenomic discovery of biomass-degrading genes and genomes from cow rumen.
Science. 2011 Jan 28;331(6016):463-7

Metagenomics: computational infancy to develop pipelines for analysis



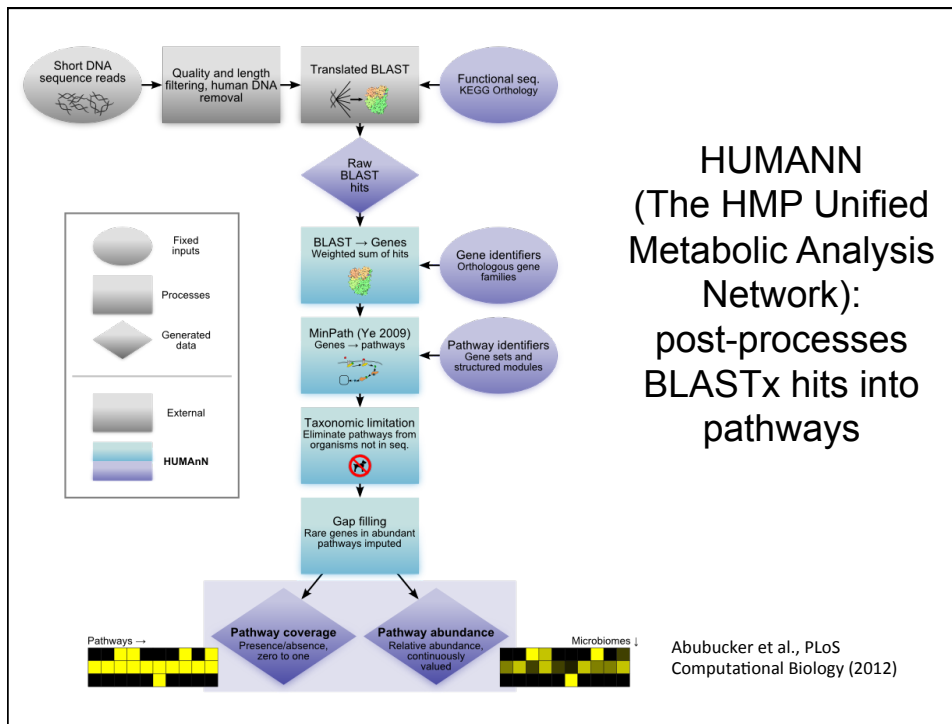
Looking for function

- Leverage functional databases like

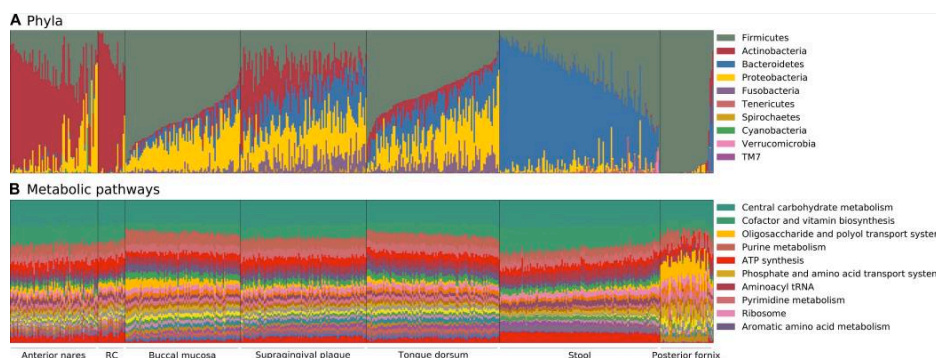


- Generally, use blastx-like programs to map reads to these databases





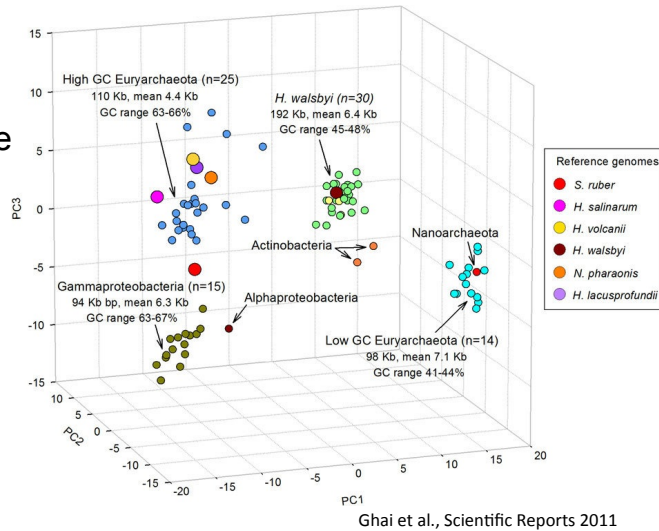
Example output



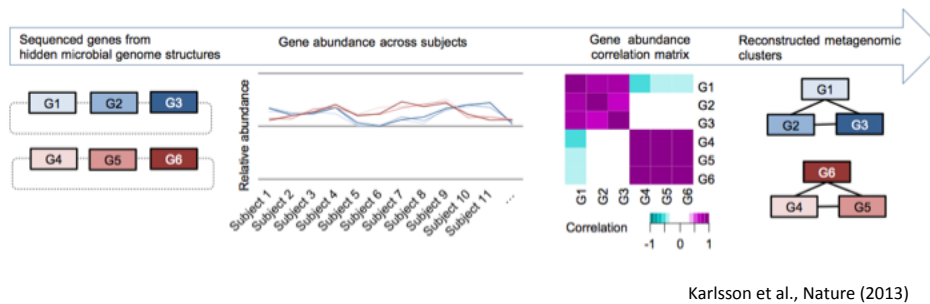
Human Microbiome Project
 Nature. 2012

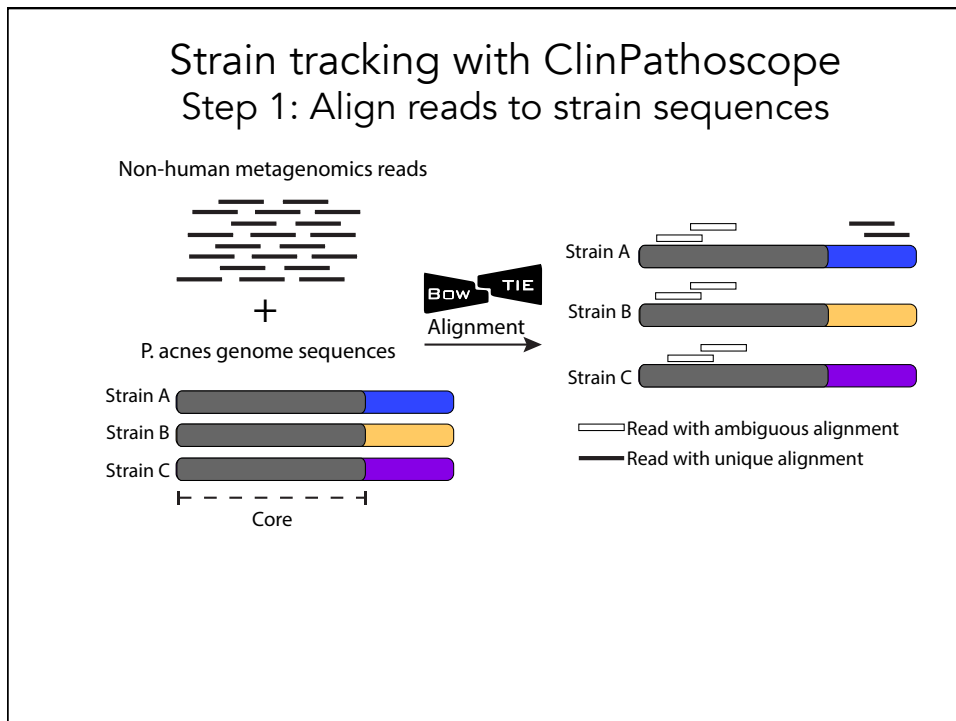
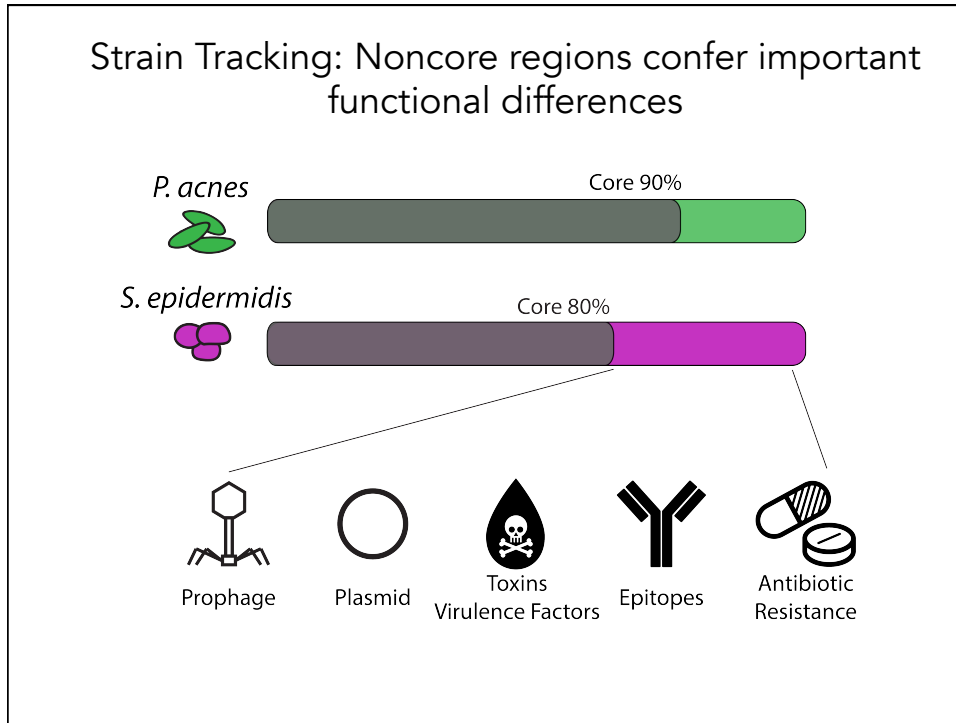
Calling genomes

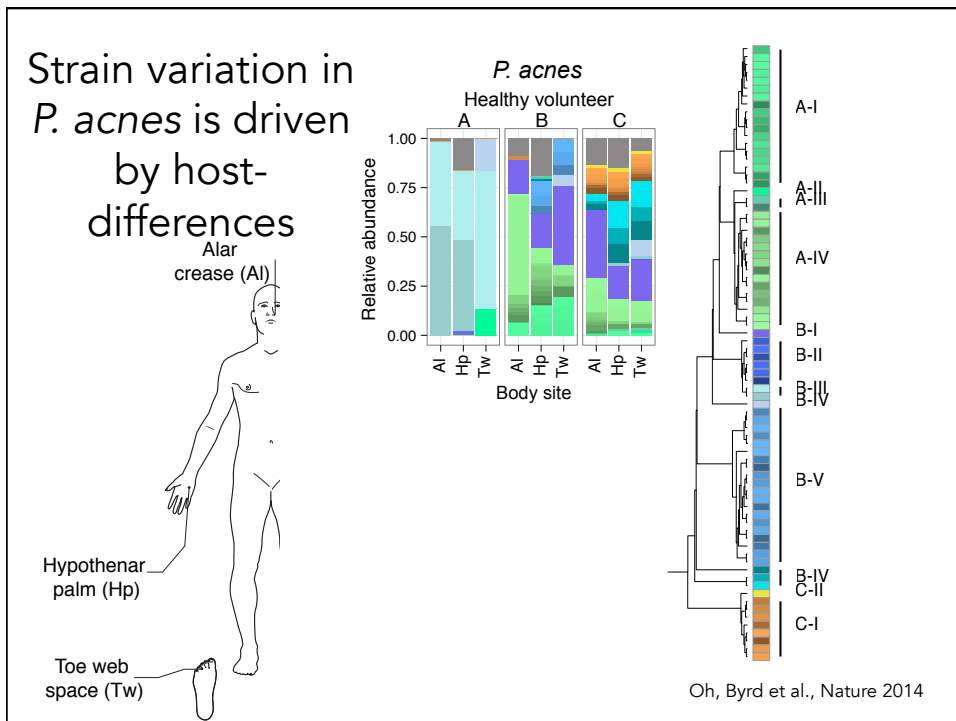
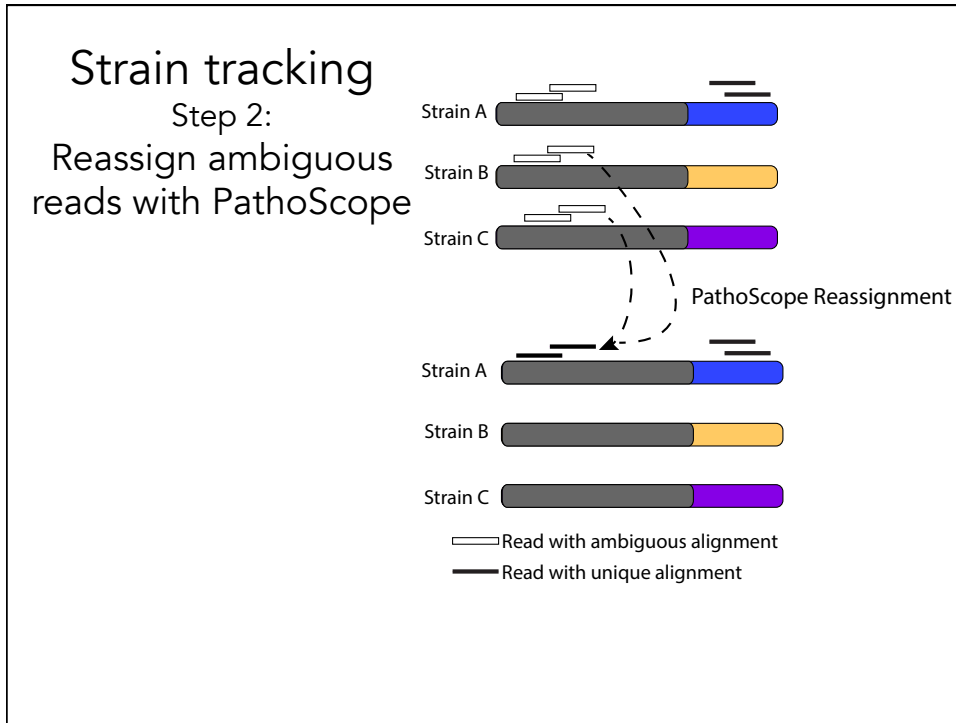
- Binning methods
 - GC content/
tetranucleotide frequencies

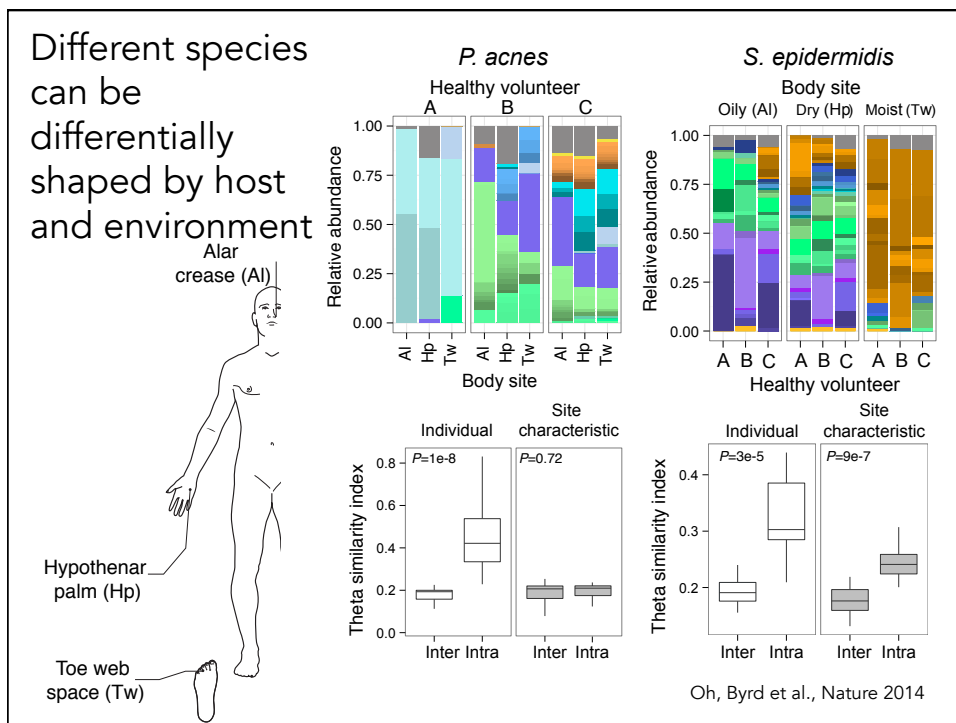
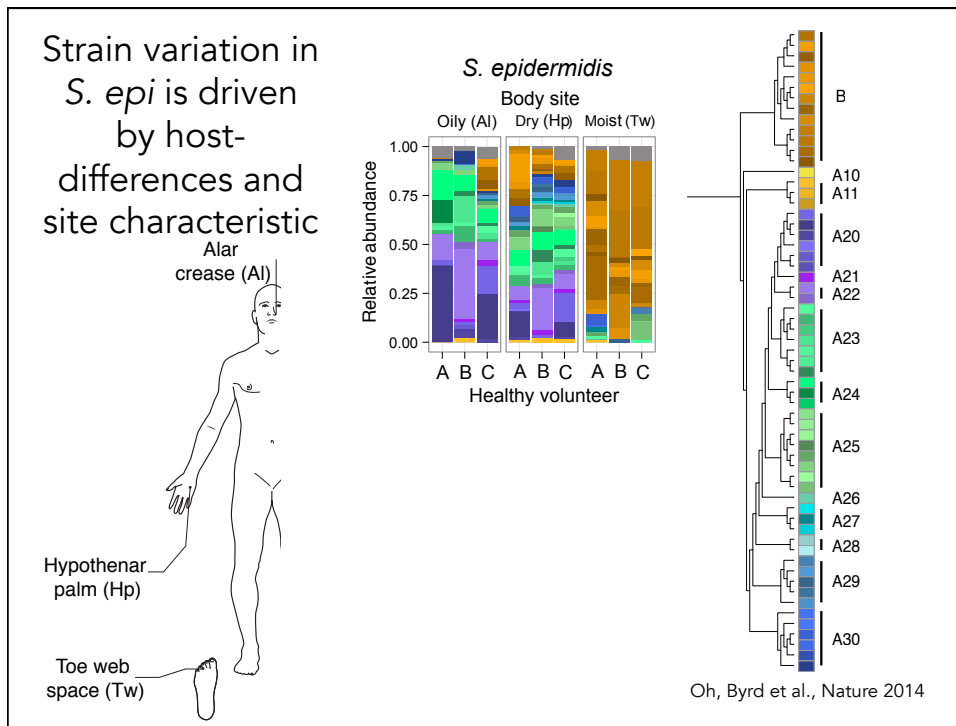


Metagenomic linkage groups to aggregate contigs

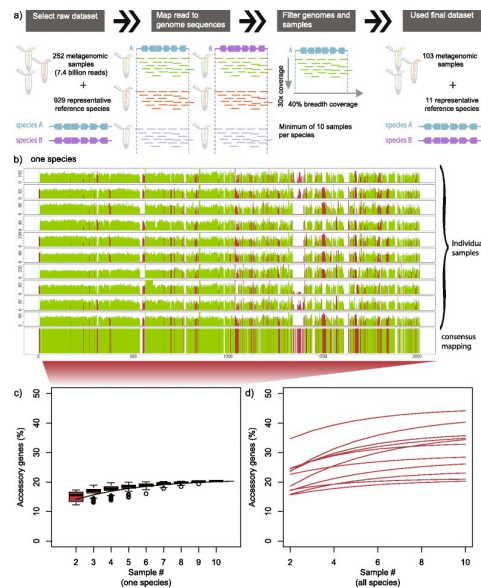








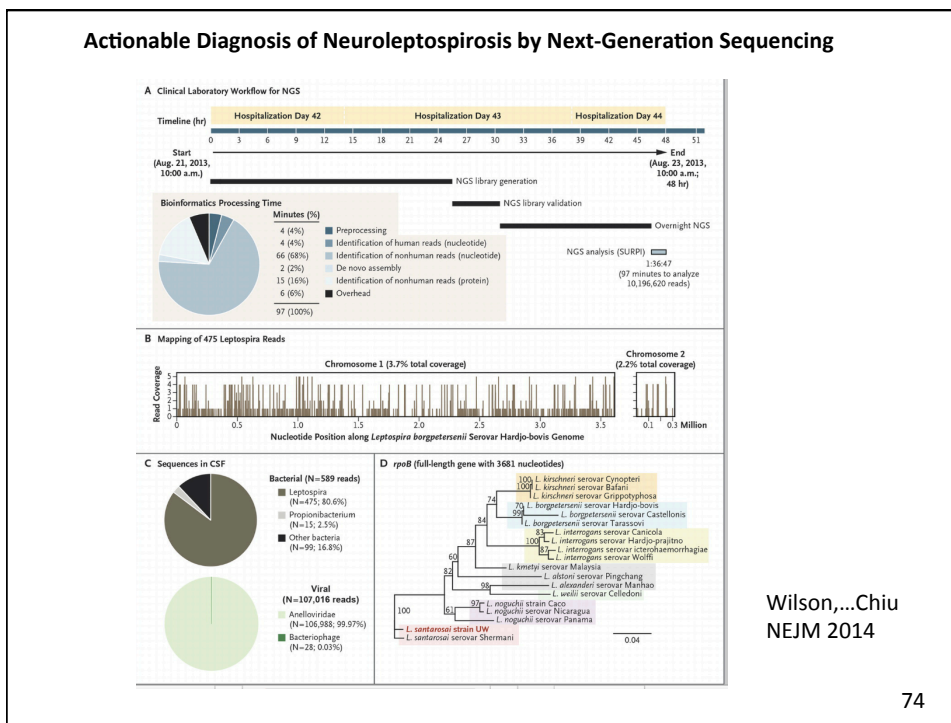
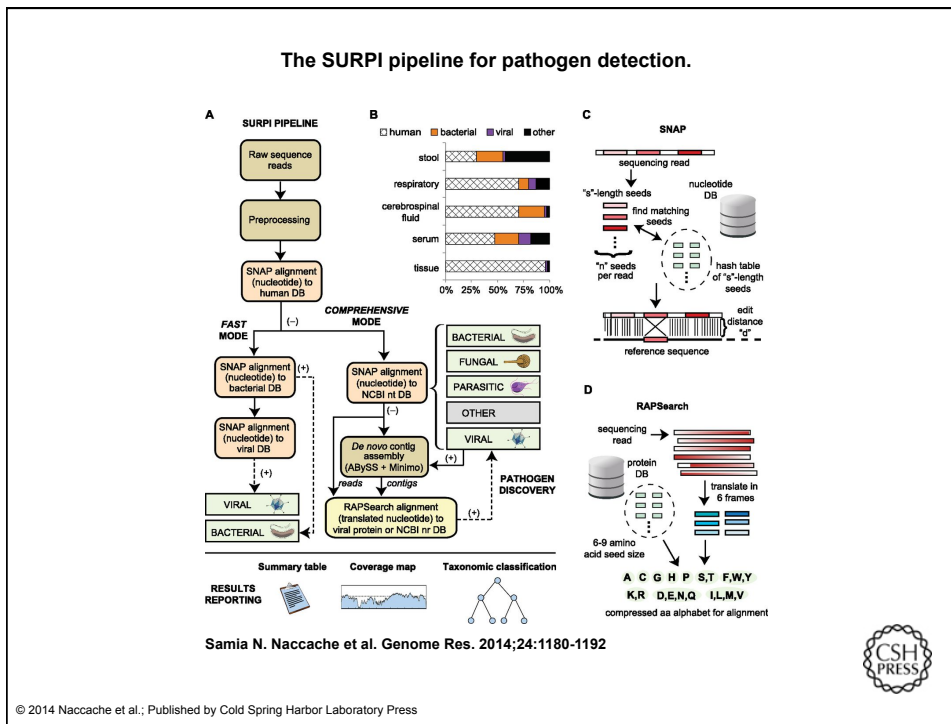
Strain Tracking with read assignment, finds core and accessory genes



Zhu, Sunagawa, ..., and Bork,
Genome Biology 2015

Why are strains important?

- Accessory genes determine much of a bacteria's function
- Strain stability determines whether prebiotics or probiotics can have a lasting effect;
- Understand the mechanism underlying new treatment modalities, such as fecal microbial transplant



Human DNA Admixture

- Important when dealing with human-derived samples
- Ethically, projects should attempt to filter human subject sequences before submission to public databases
- This is actually harder than it sounds

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Topic 5: Where is sequencing technology now?

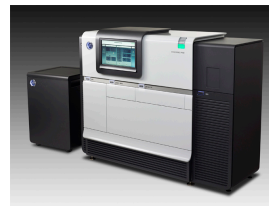
Now: Illumina MiSeq generates 2x300 bp paired end for amplicon and bacterial whole-genome sequencing.

HiSeq generates 200,000,000 reads/lane for metagenomics.

PacBio for long reads both for complete microbial genome assembly and shotgun metagenomics to scaffold reads.



Illumina MiSeq, HiSeq
•Bridge PCR •300 or 100 bp read, paired end

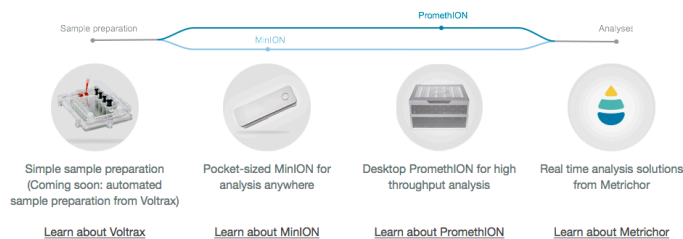


Pacific Biosciences
LONG reads, accurate full genome assemblies with end-to-end coverage of chromosome and plasmids

Any new technology on the horizon before you give this talk again in 2 years?



MinION from Oxford Nanopore
Long read sequencing, Portable small cell, Still high error rate, Requires internet hookup (currently). Could be used for fast diagnosis (think Ebola) in the field.



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Sequencing is just the start...
Koch's Postulates: The basis for assigning
causality to an infectious disease.
1 microbe => 1 disease

- Microorganism abundant in diseased hosts and absent in healthy hosts.
- Microorganism isolated from diseased host and grown in pure culture.
- Cultured microorganism should cause disease when introduced into a healthy host.
- Microorganism must be re-isolated from diseased experimental host.



Adapting Koch's postulates to include microbial community

