

# Next generation sequencing: applications for bacteria & viruses

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- One of the most direct uses of these new technologies
  - Identification and discovery of microorganisms and viruses
- Previous methods for identification include
  - Viral and pan-microbial oligonucleotide microarray analysis
  - Polymerase-chain Reactions (PCR) assays for known viruses
  - Viral/bacterial culture
  - Depending on method, can be time consuming with poor sensitivity
- NGS can be used when these results are inconclusive

- Useful for metagenomics
  - Genetic material collected directly from the environment
  - Detection of unknown disease-associated viruses/ bacteria and discovery of novel human viruses
- Analysis of viral/bacterial genome variability within the host
  - Microbiome studies



# NGS: Applications

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- Drug response variability in patients
- Characterization of contagious disease susceptibility across populations
  - Started with GWAS
  - Extended with NGS

- Discovery of antibiotic targets for development of novel antibiotics
  - Current trend of increasing antibiotic resistance
    - Multiple drug resistant superbugs
  - Resistance when newly designed antibiotics are chemically similar to previous ones already rendered ineffective
    - Antibiotics with NEW methods of action

## **Sequencing of Bacterial Genomes: Principles and Insights into Pathogenesis and Development of Antibiotics**

**Eric S. Donkor**

- Changes in
  - Human populations
  - Ability for people to travel long distances quickly
  - Climate
  - Interfaces between animals, insects, and people
  - Human health status and ability to fight disease (HIV)
- NGS useful for fast characterization and detection of
  - Existing and emerging zoonotic and arthropod transmitted pathogens
  - Emergence and spread of new illnesses
  - Identification of new illnesses

- Growing list of epidemiological investigation of bacterial pathogens
- Predicted to include the drawing of more accurate epidemiological outbreak maps
- Deciphering of the evolutionary history and genetic makeup of particular outbreak isolates
- Metagenomics are also being proposed for infectious disease detection

Table 1 | Comparison of next-generation sequencing platforms

Platform	Library/ template preparation	NGS chemistry	Read length (bases)	Run time (days)	Gb per run	Machine cost (US\$)	Pros	Cons	Biological applications	Refs
Roche/454's GS FLX Titanium	Frag, MP/ emPCR	PS	330*	0.35	0.45	500,000	Longer reads improve mapping in repetitive regions; fast run times	High reagent cost; high error rates in homo- polymer repeats	Bacterial and insect genome <i>de novo</i> assemblies; medium scale (<3 Mb) exome capture; 16S in metagenomics	D. Muzny, pers. comm.
Illumina/ Solexa's GA <sub>1</sub>	Frag, MP/ solid-phase	RTs	75 or 100	4 <sup>†</sup> , 9 <sup>§</sup>	18 <sup>†</sup> , 35 <sup>§</sup>	540,000	Currently the most widely used platform in the field	Low multiplexing capability of samples	Variant discovery by whole-genome resequencing or whole-exome capture; gene discovery in metagenomics	D. Muzny, pers. comm.

Bacterial sequencing

454 FLX Roche

Long reads for improved mapping in repetitive regions

*De novo* assembly of sequences without a reference sequence is important!

(Reuters) - Illumina Inc signed a \$17 million contract to provide the FDA with DNA sequencing product MiSeq and other reagents to help the agency track food-related pathogen outbreaks

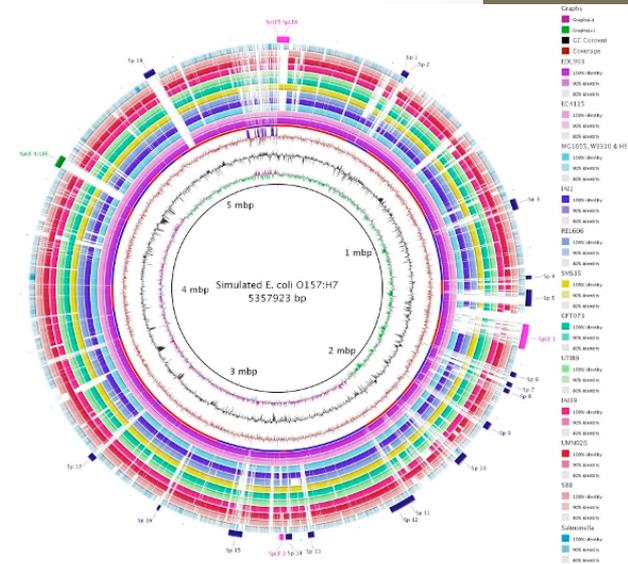
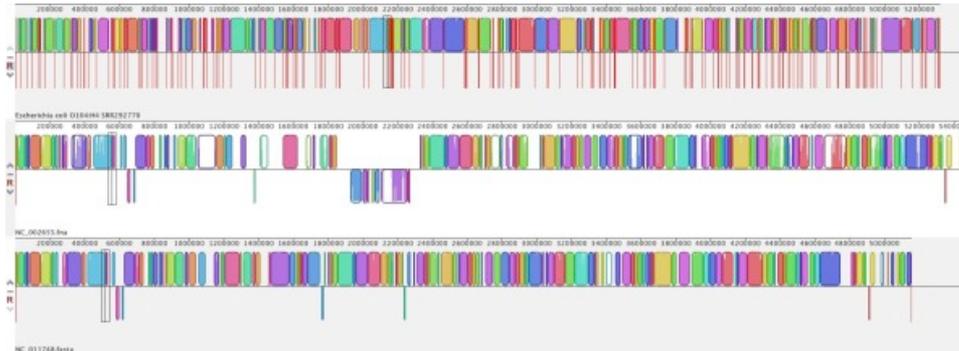
Helix BioS Helix							for genome and seq-based applications	with other reversible terminator chemistries		91
Pacific Biosciences (target release: 2010)	Frag only/ single molecule	Real-time	964*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Has the greatest potential for reads exceeding 1 kb	Highest error rates compared with other NGS chemistries	Full-length transcriptome sequencing; complements other ressequencing efforts in discovering large structural variants and haplotype blocks	S. Turner, pers. comm.

- Bacterial Basic Steps
  - De novo assembly
    - Mapping sequence reads into contiguous sequences (contigs)
    - Without a reference genome
    - Software approaches to do this (e.x. Velvet)
  - Now compare to a reference genome
    - Order contigs against reference
      - MAUVE
      - ACT: Artemis Comparison Tool

**Beginner's guide to comparative bacterial genome analysis using next-generation sequence data**

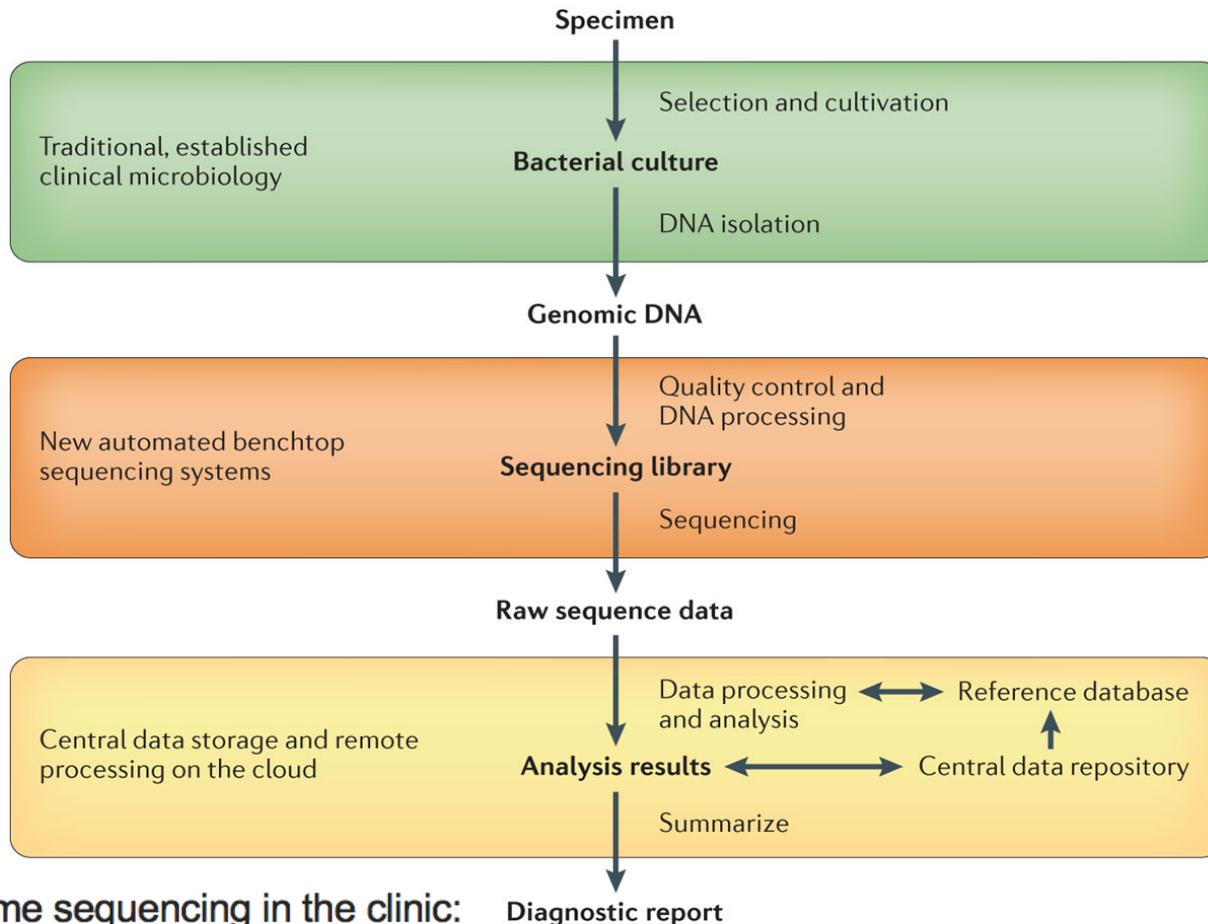
**David J Edwards<sup>1,2</sup> and Kathryn E Holt<sup>1\*</sup>**

- Bacterial Basic Steps
  - Annotate
    - Gene finding
    - RAST, Prokka, DIYA, RATT
      - RAST can assist with producing a high-quality annotation of the assembly
      - Genes can be viewed and compared to other genomes
  - Comparison to other genomes
    - Visualization of these comparisons
    - BRIG, Mauve, ACT



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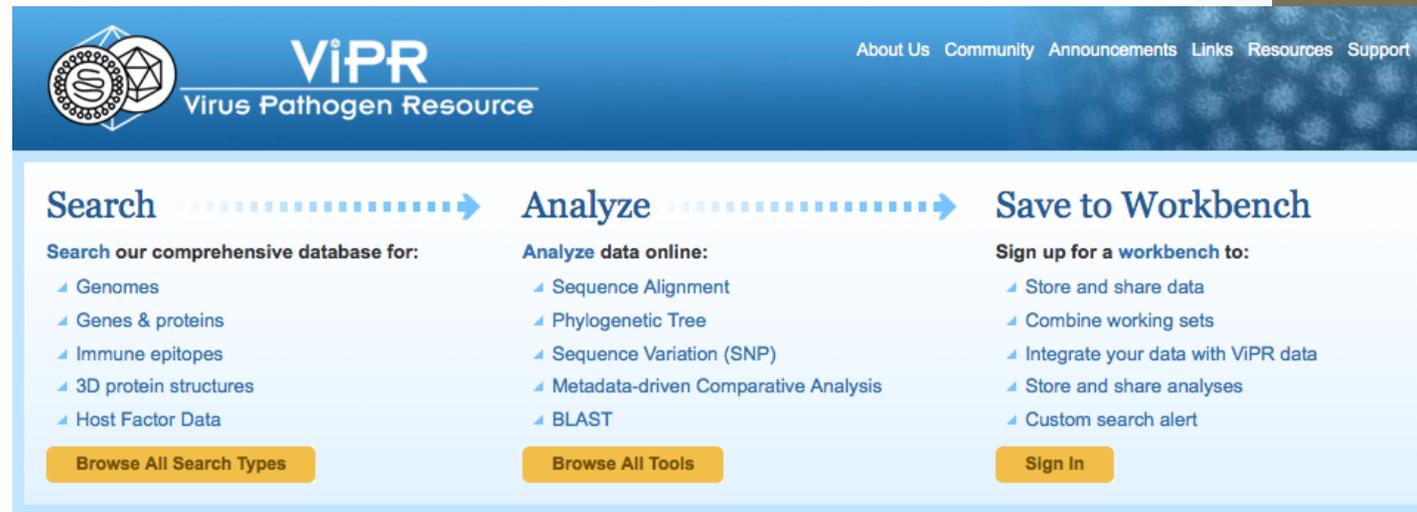
## Bacterial genome sequencing in the clinic: bioinformatic challenges and solutions

Nature Reviews | **Genetics**

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- Viral Basic Steps
  - Sample library prep
    - DNA or RNA isolated from infected host or purified viruses
  - Initial BLAST and assembly of reads
  - Isolation of potential virus sequences
    - Separate virus to non virus hits
  - Reassemble to longer contigs
  - BLAST to identify virus
  - Filling sequence gaps by PCR and Sanger sequencing



The screenshot shows the ViPR Virus Pathogen Resource website. The header includes the ViPR logo and navigation links: About Us, Community, Announcements, Links, Resources, Support. The main content is organized into three columns: Search, Analyze, and Save to Workbench. Each column has a list of services and a 'Browse All' button.

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# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses

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- **Example of virus identification**
- Identification of hemorrhagic fever-associated arenavirus from South Africa (Lujo virus)
  - Arenaviruses: RNA viruses in rodents
  - Most frequently transmitted through exposure to rodent urine



# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses

- Identification of hemorrhagic fever-associated arenavirus from South Africa (Lujo virus)
  - 5 cases of undiagnosed hemorrhagic fever, 4 fatal, after air transfer of a critically ill index case from Zambia to South Africa
    - Paramedic and other hospital staff

## Genetic Detection and Characterization of Lujo Virus, a New Hemorrhagic Fever–Associated Arenavirus from Southern Africa

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- Identification of hemorrhagic fever-associated arenavirus from South Africa (Lujo virus)
  - 454 pyrosequencing of RNA extracts and serum and tissues
  - Alignment of the sequences to the GenBank database using the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST)
    - BLASTn for nucleotide sequences
    - BLASTx protein databases via nucleotide query



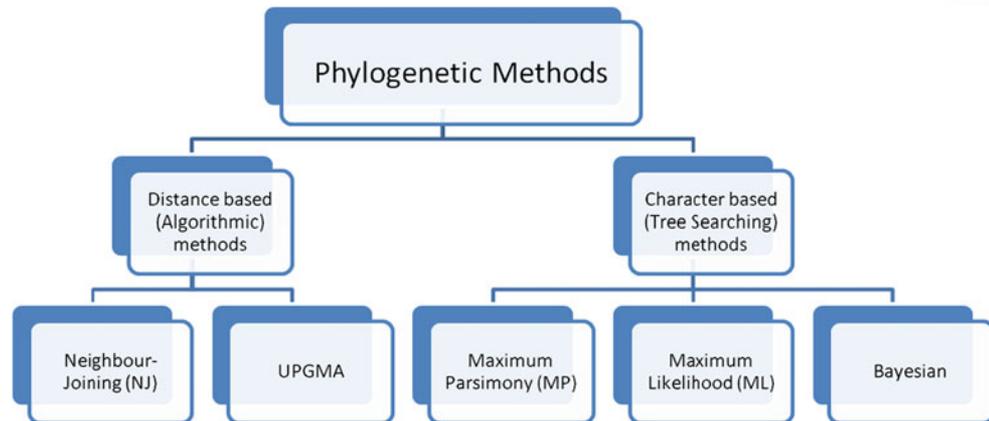
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- Identification of hemorrhagic fever-associated arenavirus from South Africa (Lujo virus)
  - Identification of the disease in 72 hours
  - First hemorrhagic fever-associated arenavirus from the Old World discovered in three decades
    - Used a phylogenetic tree to show these relationships

- A note on phylogenetics
  - Alignment of nucleic acid, protein, or reference sequences between organisms
  - Study of the evolutionary history of species, organisms, genes or proteins through the construction and analysis of mathematical entities known as trees or phylogenies
  - Phylogenetic tree—which is simply a graphic representation of the computed results

**Fig. 1** Tree-building methods. Schematic overview of the major analytical approaches to Phylogenetic tree building (modified from [1])

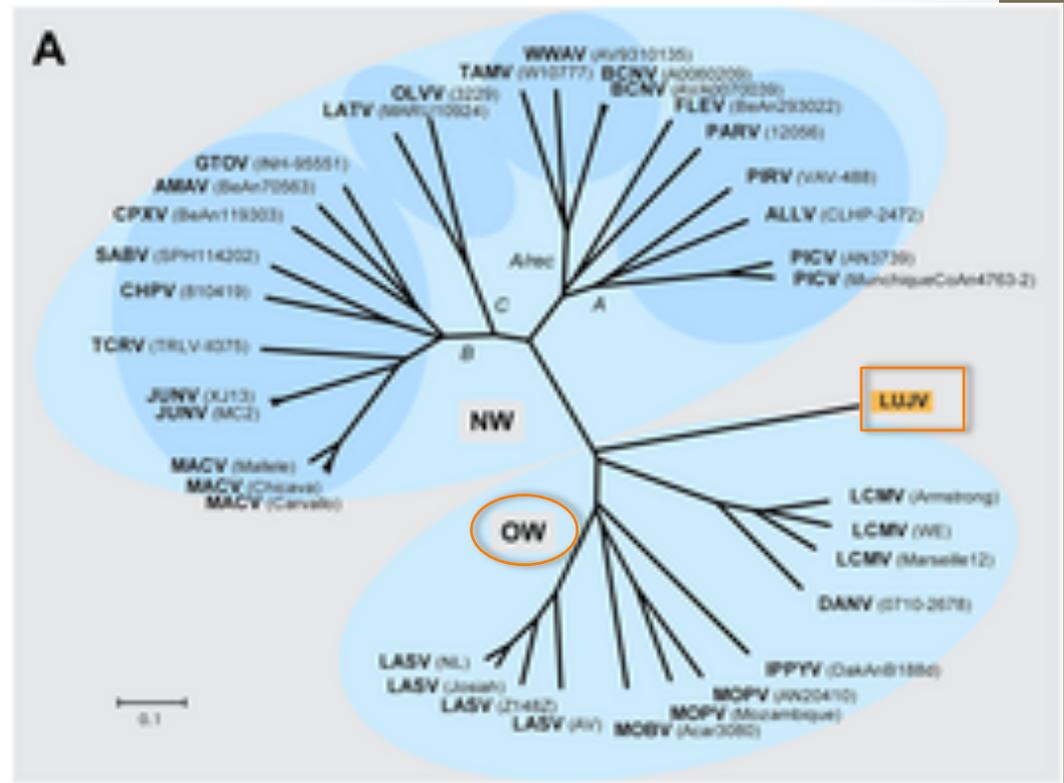


## A Beginner's Guide to Phylogenetics

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- Lujo virus

- Phylogenetic relationships between LUJV and reference sequences
- Characterization showed virus to be a unique, genetically distinct, and highly pathogenic arenavirus



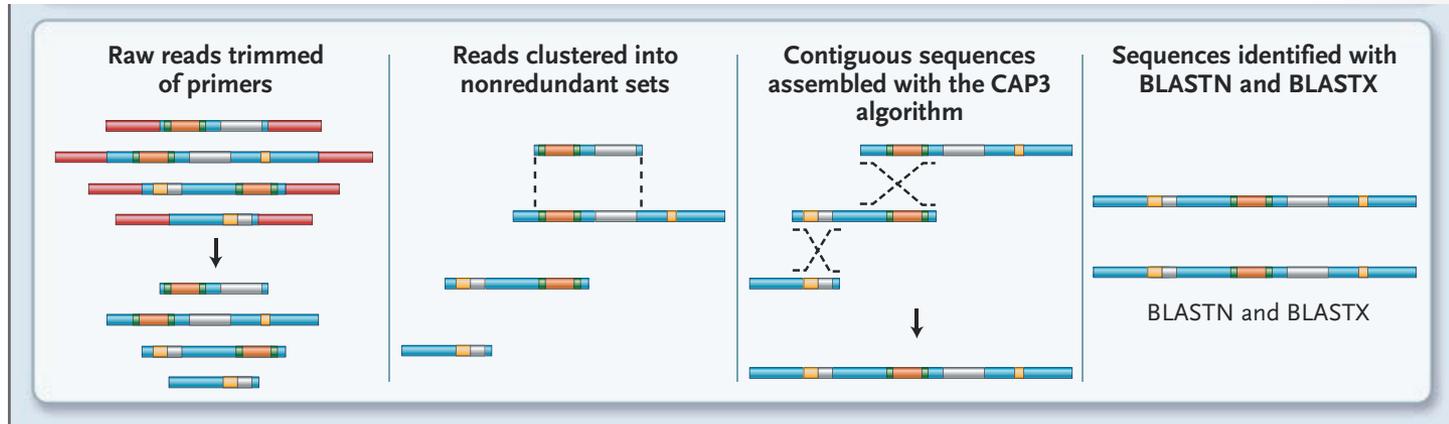


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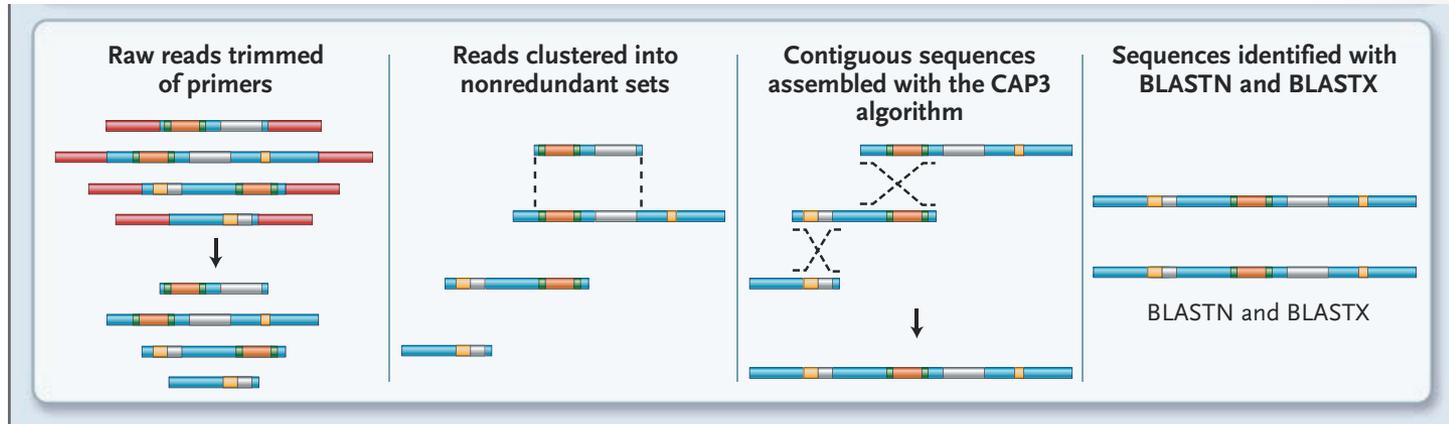
- **Example of virus identification**
- Three patients who died of a febrile illness
  - Transplantation of solid organs from a single donor
    - Three died within 6 weeks of transplantation
    - Donor died of cerebral hemorrhage 10 days after returning to Australia after a trip to rural Yugoslavia
  - Conventional molecular tests had not been informative
    - Bacterial and viral cultures
    - PCR assays for a number of viruses
    - Viral and pan-microbial microarray analysis

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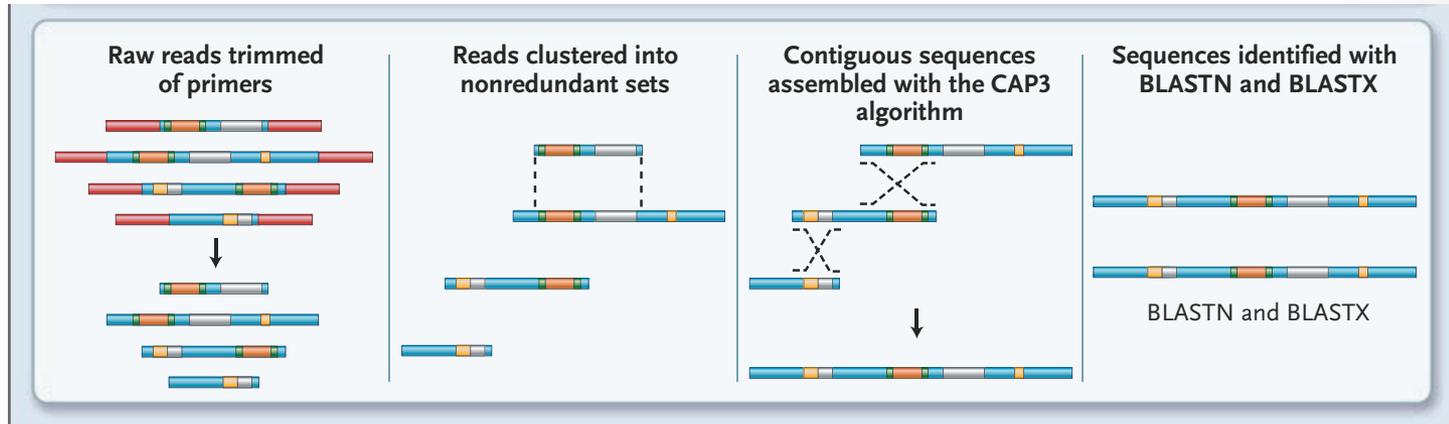
- Three patients who died of a febrile illness
  - RNA purified from brain, cerebrospinal fluid, serum, kidney, and liver from transplant recipients
    - Digestion with DNase enzyme, eliminating human DNA
    - RNA was reverse transcribed and amplified with random primers
    - Sequenced with 454 pyrosequencing technology

# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses



- Three patients who died of a febrile illness
  - Subtraction of vertebrate and highly repetitive sequences
  - Clustered non-redundant sequences (Cd-hit) and assembled into contiguous sequences

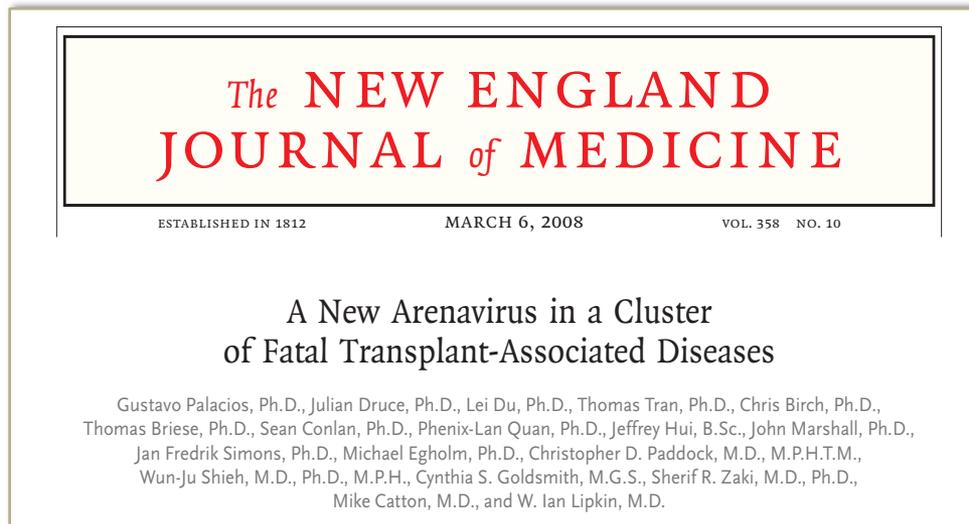
# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses



- Three patients who died of a febrile illness
  - Sequences assembled and compared with motifs represented in databases of microbes
  - Sequences consistent with an Old World arenavirus
  - A new arenavirus related to lymphocytic choriomeningitis viruses

- Arenaviruses

- Infection with lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV) is usually mild
- Human to human transmission of LCMV has been known for recipients of solid-organ transplants with fatal consequences





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Zoonotic disease: transmission from animals to humans

## **Novel, Divergent Simian Hemorrhagic Fever Viruses in a Wild Ugandan Red Colobus Monkey Discovered Using Direct Pyrosequencing**

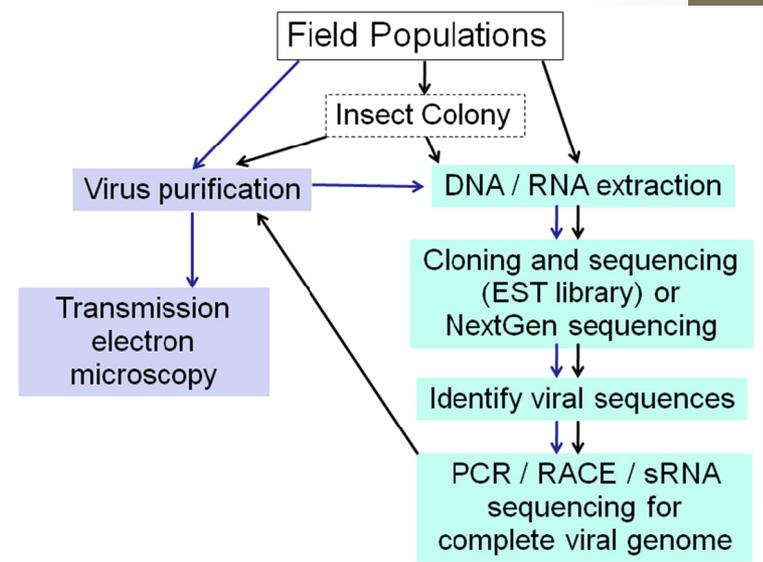
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- Kibale EcoHealth Project
  - Tropical forest changes and how they alter health-related outcomes for people, domestic animals, and wildlife
  - Interface between environmental change, animals, and humans
- Kibale National Park in western Uganda
  - Zoonotic disease emergence
    - Fast rate of population growth
    - High human disease burden (e.g. malaria, AIDS)
    - Exceptional diversity of animal disease reservoirs.
- The project focuses on wild non-human primates
  - Known to exchange pathogens with local people and domestic animals.

<http://svmweb.vetmed.wisc.edu/KibaleEcoHealth/research.html>

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- **Insect disease transmission**
- Insects are often affected with multiple viruses
- Traditionally, viruses isolated from insects displaying abnormal phenotypes due to infection
- NGS is allowing for the identification of new viruses from insects
- Viral sequences can now be derived from whole insects or specific tissues



- Arthropod-borne viruses explored in *Aedes aegypti* mosquitos
  - Experimentally infected with dengue virus
  - Pooled with noninfected mosquitos
  - RNA purified from mosquito pools subjected to 454 sequencing
  - Led to correct identification of infected mosquito pools



## Arbovirus Detection in Insect Vectors by Rapid, High-Throughput Pyrosequencing

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- **Microorganism sequencing**
- “Next-next generation” sequencing of microorganisms
  - *E. Coli* outbreak in Germany in May 2011
    - Series of deaths as a result

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Origins of the *E. coli* Strain Causing an Outbreak of Hemolytic–Uremic Syndrome in Germany

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# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses

- Isolated and sequenced E. Coli from stool samples
- Real time DNA sequencing to determine the complete genome sequence of the strain, as well as seven other E. Coli strains from elsewhere – 5 hours per isolate
- Compared the sequences with other previously sequenced E. Coli isolates

**Table 1. Isolates of Enteroaggregative *Escherichia coli* Sequenced or Analyzed in This Study.\***

	Isolate†	Serotype	Location of Isolate	Source of Isolate
Representatives of best studied strains of E.coli	O42	O44:H18	Peru	Stool sample from child with diarrhea
	17-2	O3:H2	Chile	Stool sample from child with diarrhea
	JM221	O92:H33	Mexico	Stool sample from adult with diarrhea
	C1010-00	Orough:H-	Denmark	Stool sample from child with diarrhea
	55989	O104:H4	Central African Republic	Stool sample from adult with diarrhea
Six enteroaggregative E.Coli clinical isolates	C35-10‡	O104:H4	Africa	Stool sample from child with diarrhea
	C682-09‡	O104:H4	Africa	Stool sample from child with diarrhea
	C734-09‡	O104:H4	Africa	Stool sample from child without diarrhea
	C754-09‡	O104:H4	Africa	Stool sample from child without diarrhea
	C760-09‡	O104:H4	Africa	Stool sample from child without diarrhea
	C777-09‡	O104:H4	Africa	Stool sample from child with diarrhea
Germany Samples	<b>TY2482</b>	O104:H4	Germany	Stool sample from adult with diarrhea
	<b>LB226692</b>	O104:H4	Germany	Diarrhea in adult
	<b>H112180280</b>	O104:H4	Germany	Diarrhea in adult
	<b>C227-11</b>	O104:H4	Denmark	Diarrhea in adult



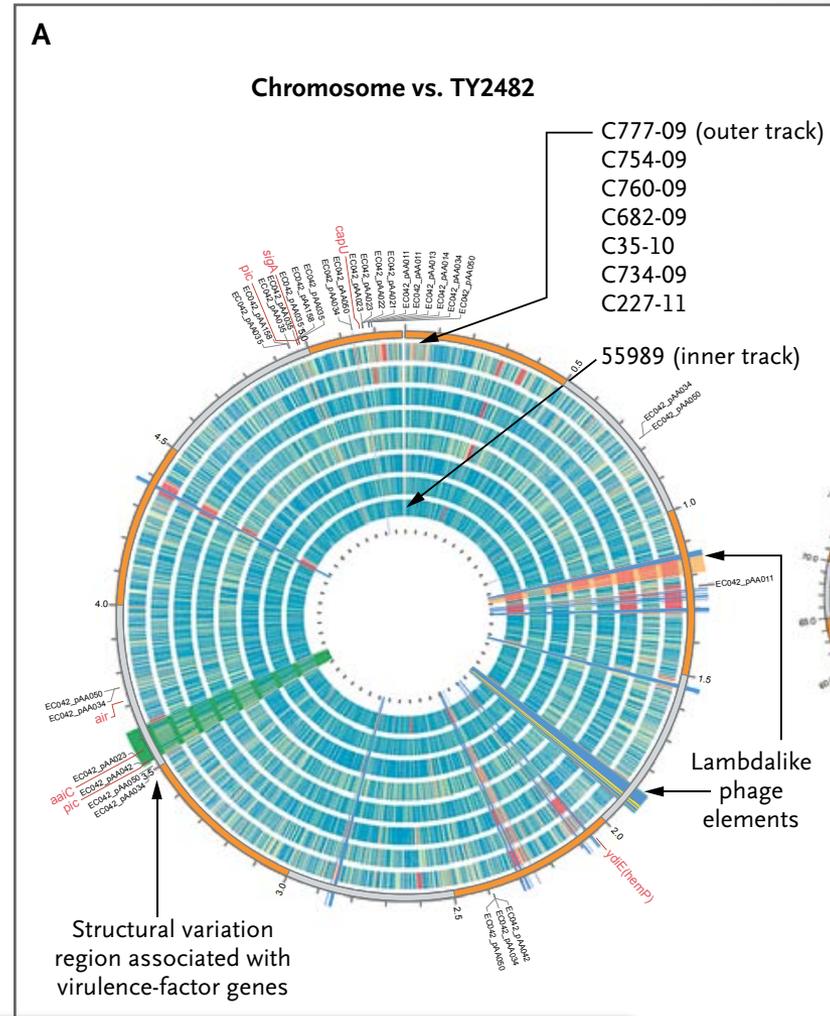
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- Isolated and sequenced *E. Coli* from stool samples
- This strain
  - Did not have the pathogenicity island of enterohemorrhagic *E. Coli*, which facilitates colonization of the large intestine
  - Similar to an *E. Coli* isolate from a patient in the Central African Republic, that did not produce Shiga-toxin



- Genetic exchange allowed for the emergence of the highly virulent Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli* strain that caused the German outbreak
- An enteroaggregative *E. coli* strain acquired a Shiga-toxin–encoding phage



Eight Bands, Representing the different *E. coli* isolates, color indicating coverage of the reference strain



# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses

- **Antibiotic resistance**

- Good drug targets must be
  - Essential for viability or required for disease
  - Unique to bacteria or at least significantly different from orthologous genes in humans
  - For broad spectrum antibiotics, targets must be present in key pathogenic bacteria
- Current antimicrobial agents target a small fraction of the bacterial genome
  - Good prospects for discovery of novel antibacterial drugs
- Sequencing provides an “in road” to identifying new targets
- Identification targets by comparative genomic analysis using bioinformatics approaches such as sequence homology, structural homology, cluster analysis and motif analysis



# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses

- **Antibiotic resistance**

- Sequencing of *Staphylococcus aureus* isolates collected from across the globe provided unprecedented insights into antibiotic resistance of this superbug
  - Health care–associated, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (HA-MRSA) is a globally important human pathogen
  - Resistance mechanisms
  - Microevolution and molecular epidemiology

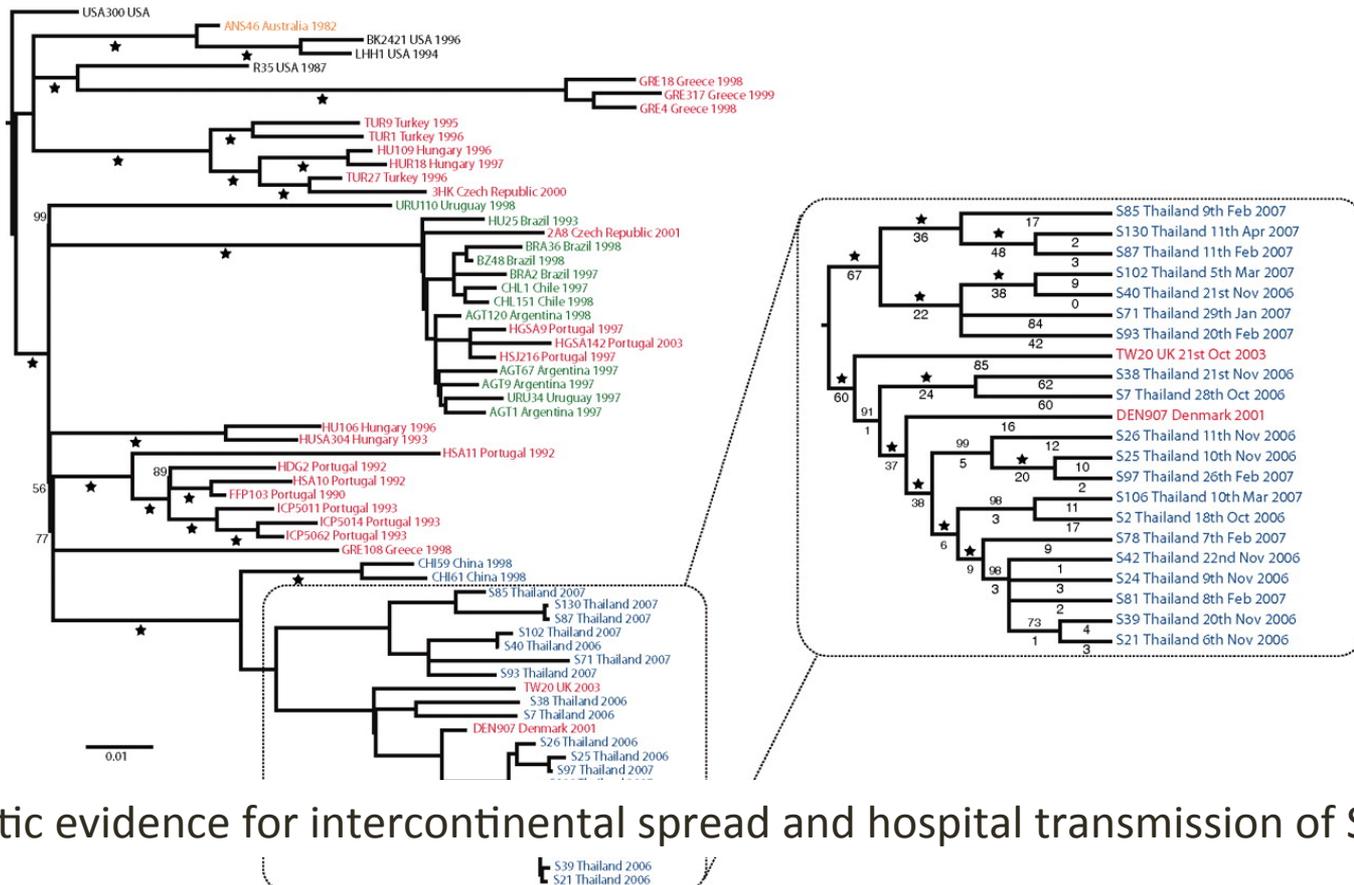
## Evolution of MRSA During Hospital Transmission and Intercontinental Spread

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# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses

## • Antibiotic resistance

- Sequencing of *Staphylococcus aureus* isolates collected from across the globe



Phylogenetic evidence for intercontinental spread and hospital transmission of ST239 isolates



# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses

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- **Clinical syndromes suspected to be of viral etiology, and isolation of the causative agent**
  - Discovery of a new polyomavirus associated with most cases of Merkel cell carcinoma
    - Rare and aggressive skin cancer
      - Typically affects elderly and immunocompromised individuals
      - Suggestive of an infectious origin

- Discovery of a new polyomavirus associated with most cases of Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC)
  - RNA purified from MCC samples and analyzed with 454 pyrosequencing
  - Digital transcriptome subtraction of all human sequences
  - Identified sequence used as a starting point for whole genome sequencing of this polyomavirus

## **Clonal Integration of a Polyomavirus in Human Merkel Cell Carcinoma**

Huichen Feng, Masahiro Shuda, Yuan Chang,\* Patrick S. Moore\*



# Discovery of New Microorganisms and Viruses

- Further novel human polyomavirus identification
  - Isolation of circular viral DNA from skin swabs
  - Further exploration of Merkel cell polyomavirus and other polyomaviruses that inhabit healthy human skin
  - Discovery of two previously unknown polyomavirus species
    - Human polyomavirus-6 and 7
  - Polyomavirus DNA shed from the skin in the form of assembled virions

## **Merkel Cell Polyomavirus and Two Previously Unknown Polyomaviruses Are Chronically Shed from Human Skin**

Rachel M. Schowalter,<sup>1</sup> Diana V. Pastrana,<sup>1</sup> Katherine A. Pumphrey,<sup>1</sup> Adam L. Moyer,<sup>1</sup> and Christopher B. Buck<sup>1,\*</sup>

- **Characterization of Ebola**

- 99 Ebola virus genomes collected from 78 Ebola patients
- 300 genetic changes making these distinct from previous outbreaks

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### Ebola genomes sequenced

Speedy analysis reveals mutations, insights into outbreak, along with clues to origin, spread

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# Investigation of microbial communities

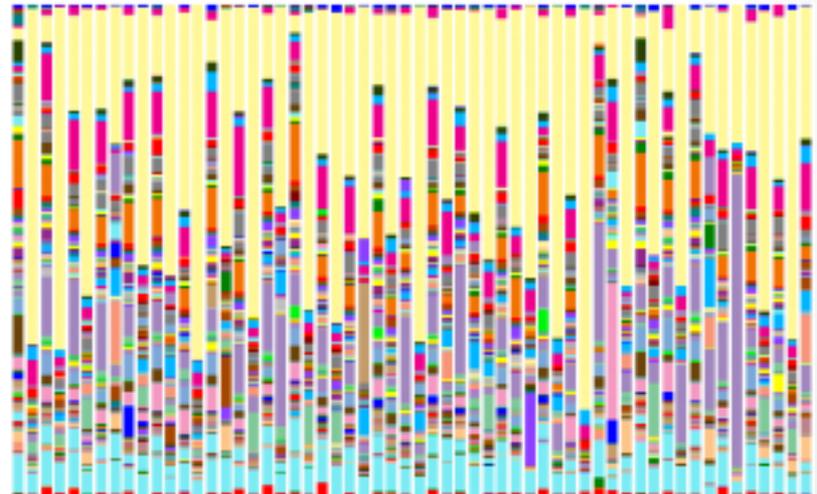
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- **Metagenomics**

- Studies of the collective set of genomes in mixed microbial communities
- Material obtained directly from the environment, such as clinical samples
- Evaluation of the diversity of an actual sample
- Metagenomes of microbial communities include human body niches
  - Microbiome – the entire population of microbes, bacteria, fungi, and viruses that colonize the human body

# Investigation of microbial communities

- Home microbiome
  - Each vertical bar is one shoe or cell phone
  - Each color represents a different species of bacteria
  - The larger the colored block, the more prevalent the species.

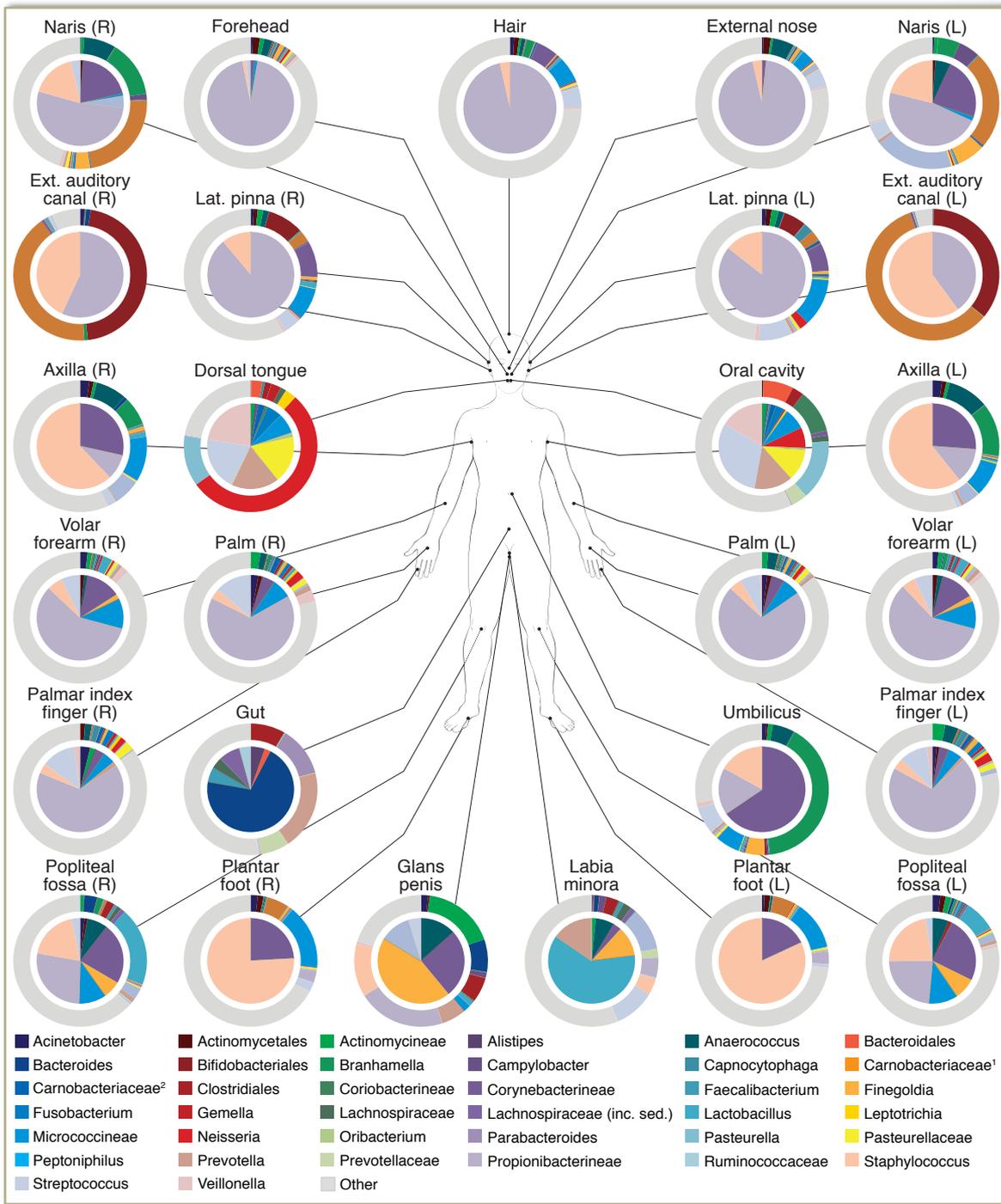


- Human Microbiome
  - Study surveying bacteria from up to 27 sites in healthy adults on four occasions
  - Interpersonal variability was high, but individuals exhibited minimal temporal variability

## **Bacterial Community Variation in Human Body Habitats Across Space and Time**

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Elucidating the biogeography of bacterial communities on the human body is critical for establishing healthy baselines from which to detect differences associated with diseases. To obtain an integrated view of the spatial and temporal distribution of the human microbiota, we surveyed bacteria from up to 27 sites in seven to nine healthy adults on four occasions. We found that community composition was determined primarily by body habitat. Within habitats, interpersonal variability was high, whereas individuals exhibited minimal temporal variability. Several skin locations harbored more diverse communities than the gut and mouth, and skin locations differed in their community assembly patterns. These results indicate that our microbiota, although personalized, varies systematically across body habitats and time; such trends may ultimately reveal how microbiome changes cause or prevent disease.





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- Metagenomes of microbial communities that occupy human body niches
  - Estimated to have a gene content 100-fold greater than the human genome
  - Collections of genes encoding a wide array of biochemical and physiological functions
    - May be relevant in healthy and disease conditions

- Metagenomes of microbial communities that occupy human body niches
  - Deep sequencing of clinical samples allows identification and characterization
    - Novel pathogens
    - Host response to infection

## Metagenomics and development of the gut microbiota in infants

Y. Vallès<sup>1</sup>, M. J. Gosalbes<sup>1,2</sup>, L. E. de Vries<sup>3,4</sup>, J. J. Abellán<sup>1,2</sup> and M. P. Francino<sup>1,5</sup>

## Comparison of three next-generation sequencing platforms for metagenomic sequencing and identification of pathogens in blood

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- The human virome
  - Description of viral communities, including bacteriophages in the human body
    - Their relationship with health and disease
  - Characterization of fecal viromes and relations with bacterial metagenomes
  - Characterization of the virome in the skin of healthy individuals



# Investigation of microbial communities

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- The human virome
  - Bioinformatic annotation strategies may help in the identification and quantitative description of pathogenic viruses

## **Viral metagenome analysis to guide human pathogen monitoring in environmental samples**

K. Bibby, E. Viau and J. Peccia

Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA



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- Reliance on laboratory isolation of bacteria for identification and characterization of an outbreak strain
  - In vitro culture can prove slow, difficult, impossible
- Identification of outbreak strain can be difficult if it does not belong to a known variety or species
  
- Metagenomic sequencing of nucleic acids recovered directly from samples without culture or target-specific enrichment or amplification
  - Promising for speeding up identification of an outbreak strain

- Fecal samples
  - *E. Coli* outbreak in Germany in May 2011

## **A Culture-Independent Sequence-Based Metagenomics Approach to the Investigation of an Outbreak of Shiga-Toxigenic *Escherichia coli* O104:H4**

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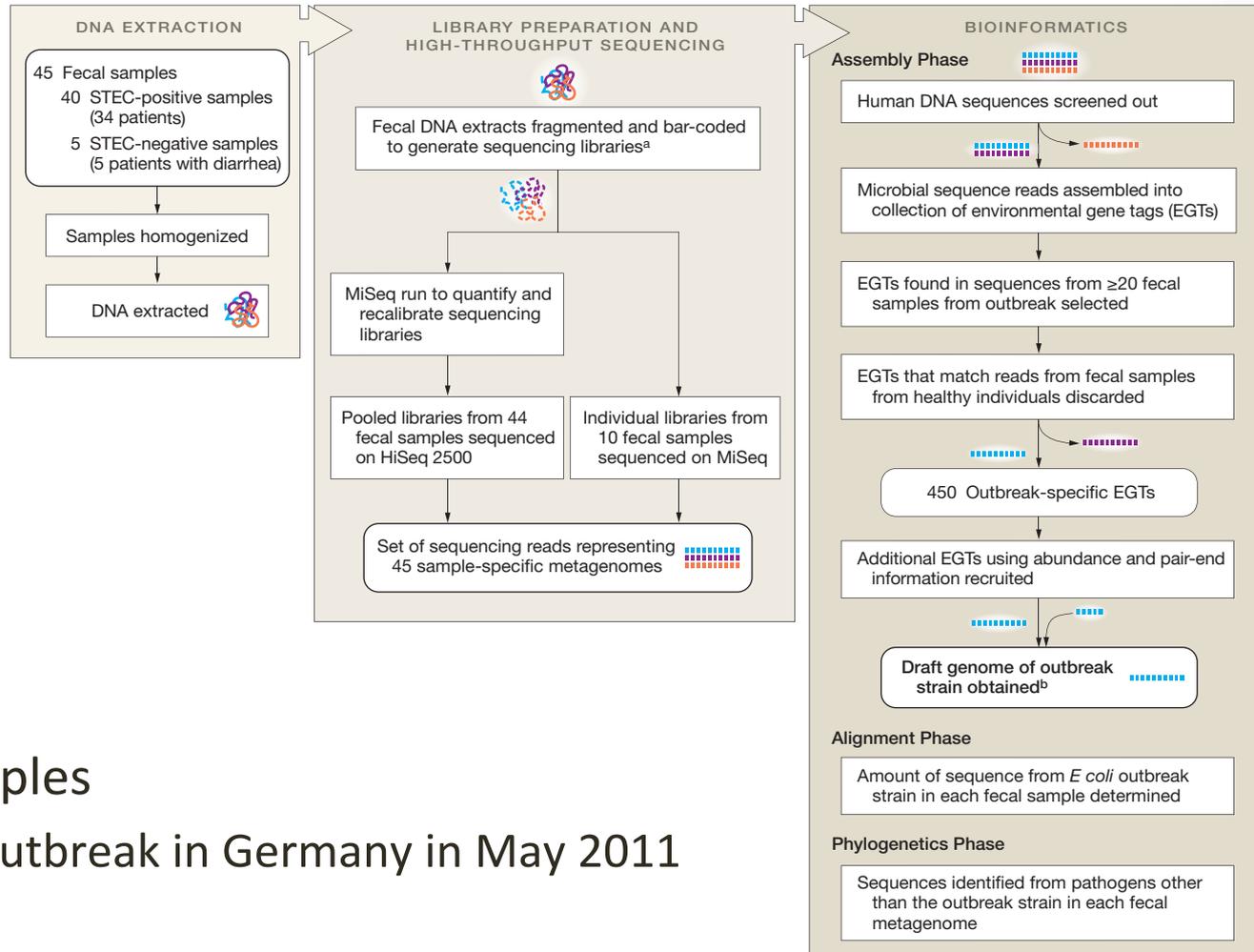
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**Figure 1.** Workflow for Identification and Characterization of an Outbreak Strain Using Metagenomics



- Fecal samples
  - *E. Coli* outbreak in Germany in May 2011

- Metagenomic analysis of tuberculosis in a mummy
  - Mummies found in Vac Hungary
  - Terézia Hausmann died on December 25, 1797, at 28 years of age
  - Chest X-ray suggested tuberculosis
    - Molecular analyses of a chest sample obtained from the body confirmed a diagnosis of tuberculosis
    - Provided some limited genotypic data and quantitative information that suggested extremely good preservation of mycobacterial DNA
- Sequencing of DNA recovered from uncultured samples without target-specific amplification or enrichment

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **Metagenomic Analysis of Tuberculosis in a Mummy**

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- Single sample of lung tissue
- 8% of reads aligned against the *M. tuberculosis* reference strain H37Rv
- Compared the metagenomic *M. tuberculosis* reads with H37Rv
  - Evidence that the person had a mixed infection with two *M. tuberculosis* genotypes
  - Both strains in the mummy resemble a strain from an outbreak that occurred in Germany from 1998 through 2010

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- Metagenomic analyses in the honey bee
  - One of the first uses of NGS for virus discovery in insects
  - Colony collapse disorder (CCD)
  - Determined Israeli acute paralysis virus (IAPV) was a significant indicator of CCD
- Microbiome of the honey bee
  - NGS has been used to identify four novel viruses in honey bees



# Investigation of microbial communities

- Viral metagenomics
  - Metagenomic data originate from heterogeneous microbial communities
  - Vast majority of viruses isolated from environmental samples are novel and consequently most of their genes do not have homologous sequences in the public databases, making functional annotation even more difficult

**The Viral MetaGenome Annotation Pipeline (VMGAP): an automated tool for the functional annotation of viral Metagenomic shotgun sequencing data**

**Hernan A. Lorenzi<sup>1</sup>, Jeff Hoover<sup>1</sup>, Jason Inman<sup>1</sup>, Todd Safford<sup>1</sup>, Sean Murphy<sup>1</sup>, Leonid Kagan<sup>1</sup>, Shannon J. Williamson<sup>2\*</sup>**

- Further study of fecal viromes
  - Sequencing of virus-like particles and bacteria isolated from fecal samples
  - Collected from healthy monozygotic twins and their mothers
  - Three time points over a one year period

## **Viruses in the faecal microbiota of monozygotic twins and their mothers**

Alejandro Reyes<sup>1</sup>, Matthew Haynes<sup>2</sup>, Nicole Hanson<sup>2</sup>, Florent E. Angly<sup>2,3</sup>, Andrew C. Heath<sup>4</sup>, Forest Rohwer<sup>2</sup> & Jeffrey I. Gordon<sup>1</sup>

- Study of fecal viromes
  - Co-twins and mothers shared a significantly greater degree of similarity in their bacterial faecal communities than unrelateds
  - Viromes were unique to individuals regardless of relatedness
  - Interpersonal variation in viromes was low, with > 95% of virotypes maintained over the period surveyed

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- **Quasispecies**
  - Viral populations rapidly adapt to changing environments by selection of variants with better fitness
  - Important viral properties may not be best explained by a consensus sequence
    - Requires knowledge about microvariants present in viral populations
    - Knowledge relevant to
      - Viral evolution
      - Spread
      - Evasion of immune response
      - Anti-viral drug resistance
      - Vaccine development and manufacture



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- Quasispecies
  - HIV quasispecies
  - HIV is highly heterogeneous
    - High turnover rates
    - High viral load
    - Replication mediated by error prone reverse transcriptase enzyme
    - Recombination shuttling mutations between viral genomes, leading to antigenic shifts and alterations in virulence

- Quasispecies
  - HIV quasispecies
  - 454 pyrosequencing methods analyzing the variable regions of heavy and light chains of neutralizing antibodies against HIV in the blood obtained from HIV-1 infected individuals
  - Understanding how broadly neutralizing antibodies develop

## **Focused Evolution of HIV-1 Neutralizing Antibodies Revealed by Structures and Deep Sequencing**

Xueling Wu,<sup>1\*</sup> Tongqing Zhou,<sup>1\*</sup> Jiang Zhu,<sup>1\*</sup> Baoshan Zhang,<sup>1</sup> Ivelin Georgiev,<sup>1</sup>  
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- Quasispecies
  - Other quasispecies
    - Total RNAs extracted from a patient who died of viral pneumonia due to pandemic 2009 influenza A virus
    - Human rhinovirus genome in patient infected with the same HRV strain for two years

- Drug resistance mutations in patients
  - Antiviral drug resistance
  - Deep sequencing to detect low abundance drug resistance
    - HIV variants
    - Hepatitis C virus
      - HCV minor variants
  - High sensitivity for minor variants

## Extensive Genome-Wide Variability of Human Cytomegalovirus in Congenitally Infected Infants

**Nicholas Renzette<sup>1</sup>, Bornali Bhattacharjee<sup>1</sup>, Jeffrey D. Jensen<sup>2</sup>, Laura Gibson<sup>3</sup>, Timothy F. Kowalik<sup>1,4\*</sup>**

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# Drug resistance mutations in patients

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- Drug resistance mutations in patients
  - Note:
  - Clinical setting, careful consideration of potential technical errors in data collection and analysis to discriminate between error and true variants



# Drug resistance mutations in patients

## Characterization of Quasispecies of Pandemic 2009 Influenza A Virus (A/H1N1/2009) by *De Novo* Sequencing Using a Next-Generation DNA Sequencer

Makoto Kuroda<sup>1\*</sup>, Harutaka Katano<sup>2</sup>, Noriko Nakajima<sup>2</sup>, Minoru Tobiume<sup>2</sup>, Akira Aina<sup>2</sup>, Tsuyoshi Sekizuka<sup>1</sup>, Hideki Hasegawa<sup>3</sup>, Masato Tashiro<sup>3</sup>, Yuko Sasaki<sup>4</sup>, Yoshichika Arakawa<sup>4</sup>, Satoru Hata<sup>5</sup>, Masahide Watanabe<sup>6</sup>, Tetsutaro Sata<sup>2</sup>

## Deep Sequencing Reveals Highly Complex Dynamics of Human Cytomegalovirus Genotypes in Transplant Patients over Time<sup>∇</sup>

Irene Görzer,<sup>1</sup> Christian Guelly,<sup>2</sup> Slave Trajanoski,<sup>2</sup> and Elisabeth Puchhammer-Stöckl<sup>1\*</sup>

## Use of Massive Parallel Pyrosequencing for Near Full-Length Characterization of a Unique HIV Type 1 BF Recombinant Associated with a Fatal Primary Infection

Alessandro Bruselles, Gabriella Rozera, Barbara Bartolini, Mattia Prosperi, Franca Del Nonno, Pasquale Narciso, Maria R. Capobianchi, and Isabella Abbate



# Disease Susceptibility Across Populations

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- DNA arrays and next-generation sequencing
  - International HapMap Project
  - 1000 Genomes project
  - Better understanding of the entire genome variation across populations
  - Allow us to evaluate the contribution of host genetic diversity to differences in susceptibility
    - Rare
    - Common infectious disease



# Disease Susceptibility Across Populations

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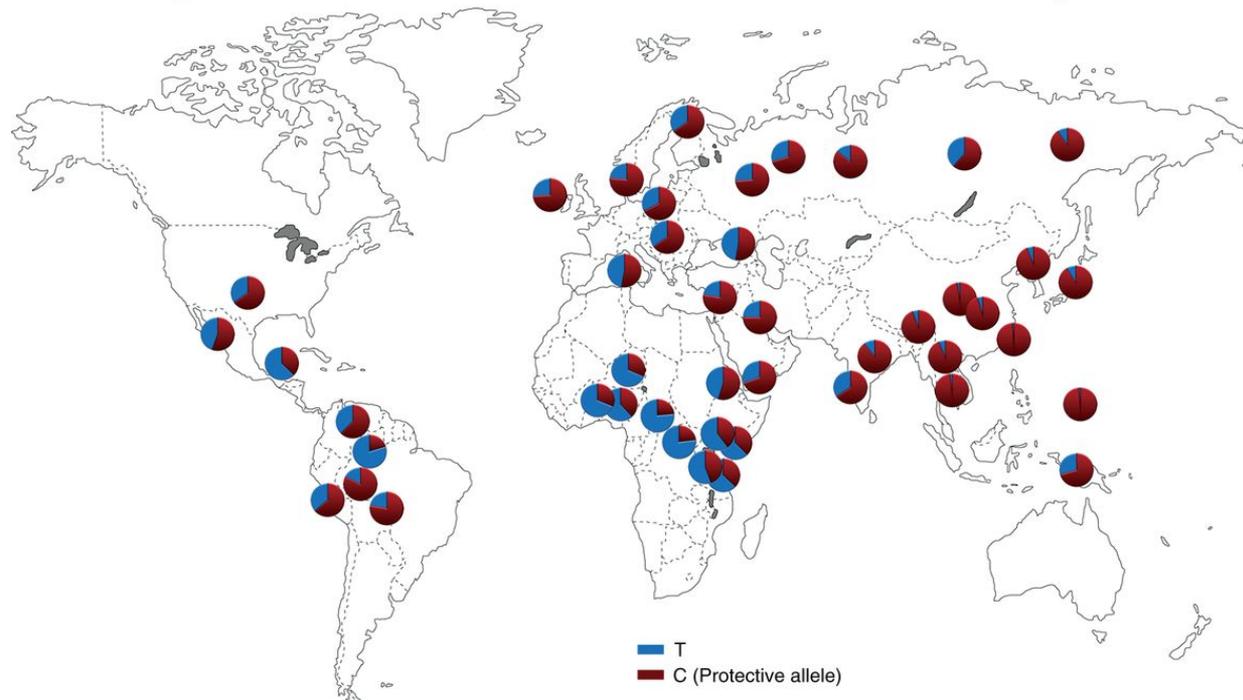
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  - Allow us to evaluate the contribution of host genetic diversity to differences in susceptibility
    - Infectious disease: powerful agents impacting evolution of human genetic diversity

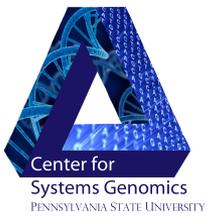
# Disease Susceptibility Across Populations

- DNA arrays and next-generation sequencing
  - GWA of common viral, bacterial, and parasitic infections have shown the genetic basis of susceptibility

The “protective” C variant (red) has been associated with both a better response to hepatitis C drug treatment and enhanced spontaneous HCV viral clearance

Population distribution of the IL28B rs12979860 C allele associated with resistance against HCV





# NGS: Applications

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- Questions?