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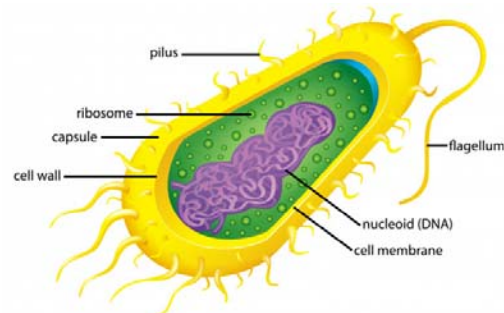
## Next-Generation Sequencing 101

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## Microbial Genomes



most bacteria have a singular circular chromosome  
ranging from 160,000 to 12.2 million base pairs

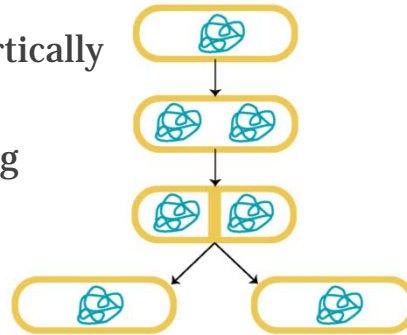
many can also carry plasmids

## Basics of Microbial Evolution

bacteria reproduce asexually through binary fission, each daughter cell is clonal to the parent

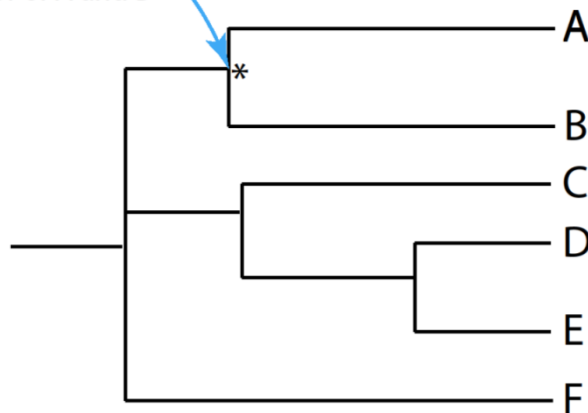
DNA is transferred vertically

mutations occur during replication



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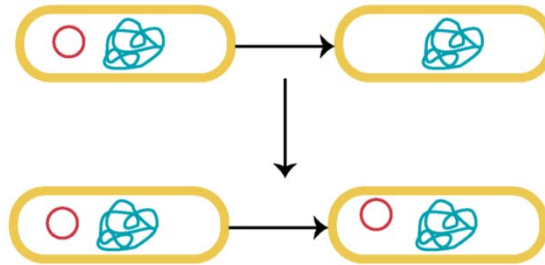
most common ancestor of A and B



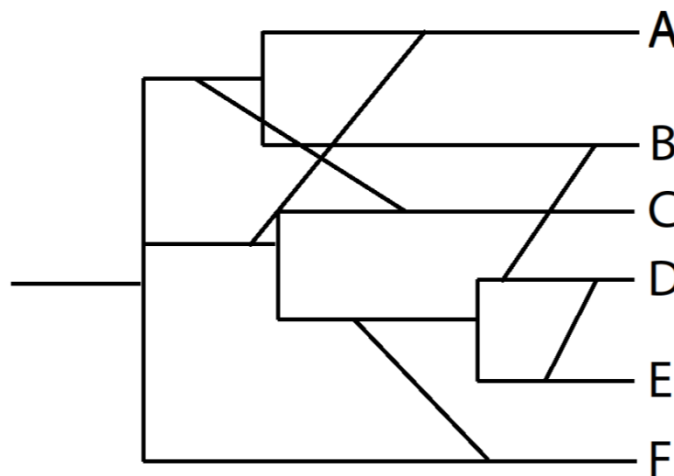
## Basics of Microbial Evolution

DNA can also be transferred horizontally

- uptake from environment – transformation
- transferred between cell contact – conjugation
- transferred through phage – transduction



## Basics of Microbial Evolution





## Sequencing: insight into evolution

provides greater level of detail on the organism

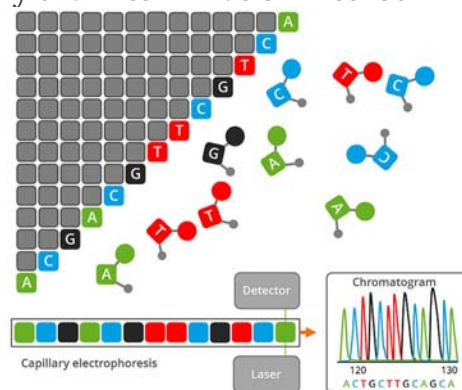
- phenotypic traits can vary
  - difficulty in identification
  - difficulty in resistance detection
  - limited information about mechanism
- insight into relationships with other isolates
- lots of information can be determined from sequence
  - antimicrobial resistance (AR) genes
  - virulence factors
  - serotype ...



## Sanger method of sequencing

1977 – Frederick Sanger

- dideoxy chain-termination method



<https://www.gatc-biotech.com/en/expertise/sanger-sequencing.html>



## Limitations of Sanger sequencing

limited to ~800bp for each run

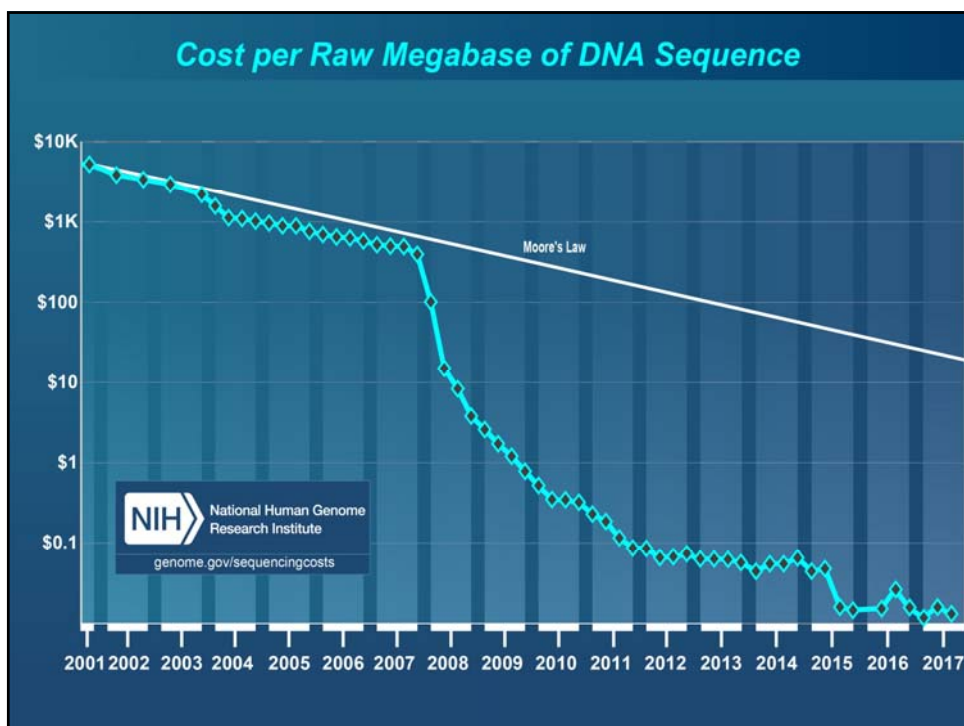
cost per bp is high

large amount of time for each base

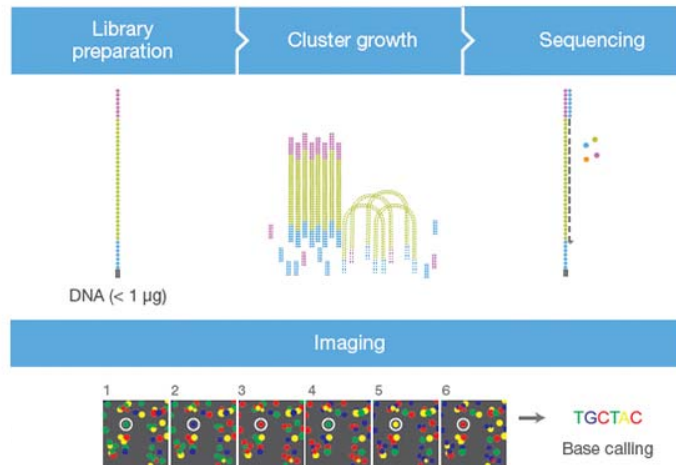
highest possible accuracy



<https://www.nature.com/news/human-genome-project-twenty-five-years-of-big-biology-1.18436>



## Illumina sequencing



<https://www.illumina.com>

## Next generation sequencing

- short read
  - 100bp to 600 bp reads
  - 1000s to millions of reads
  - 99.9999% accuracy
  - low cost per sample
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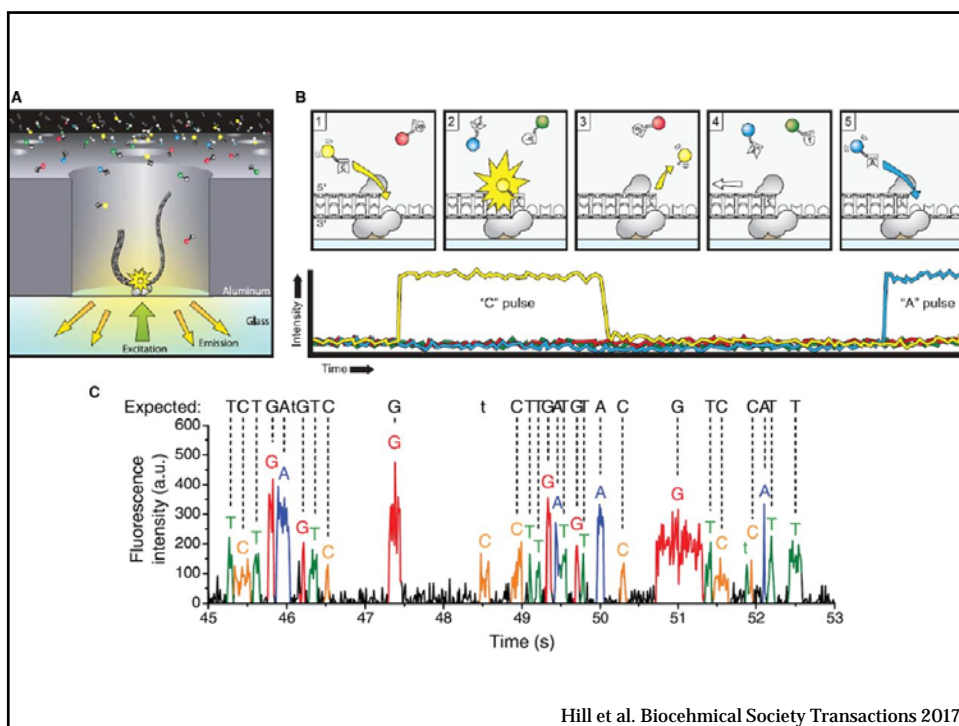
### ▪ long read

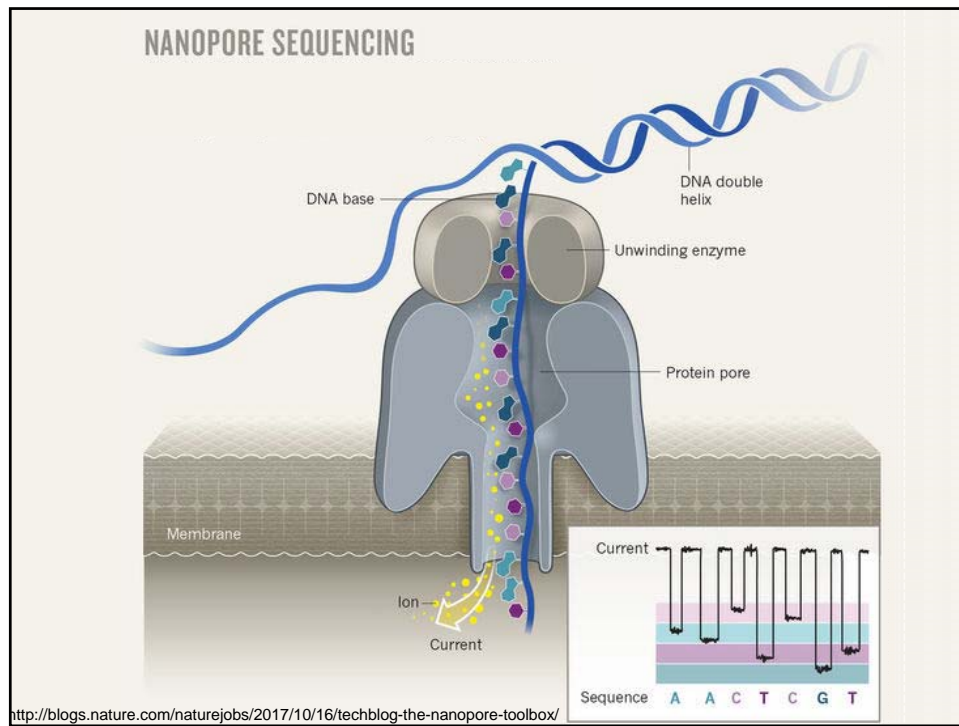
- 6kb to 2.3mb reads
- thousands of reads
- 80% to 90% accuracy
- high cost per sample
- can resolve larger structures



<https://www.pacb.com/>





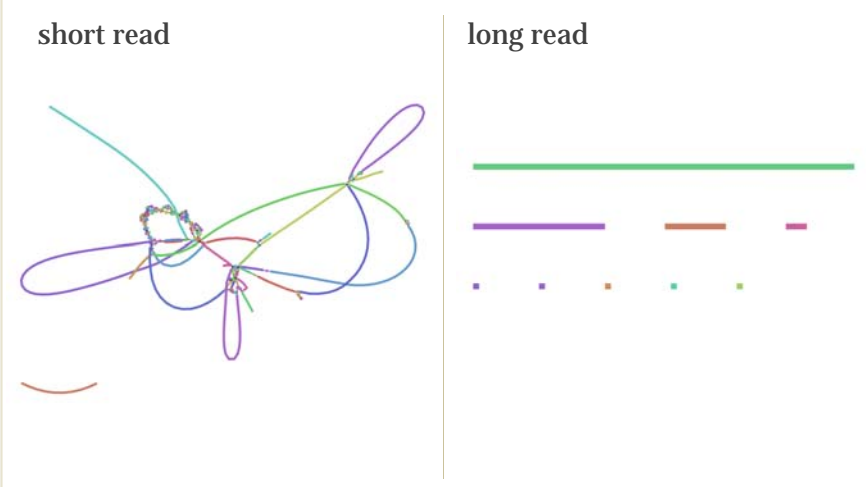


## Why read length matters

short read



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## Sequencing at the WSLH

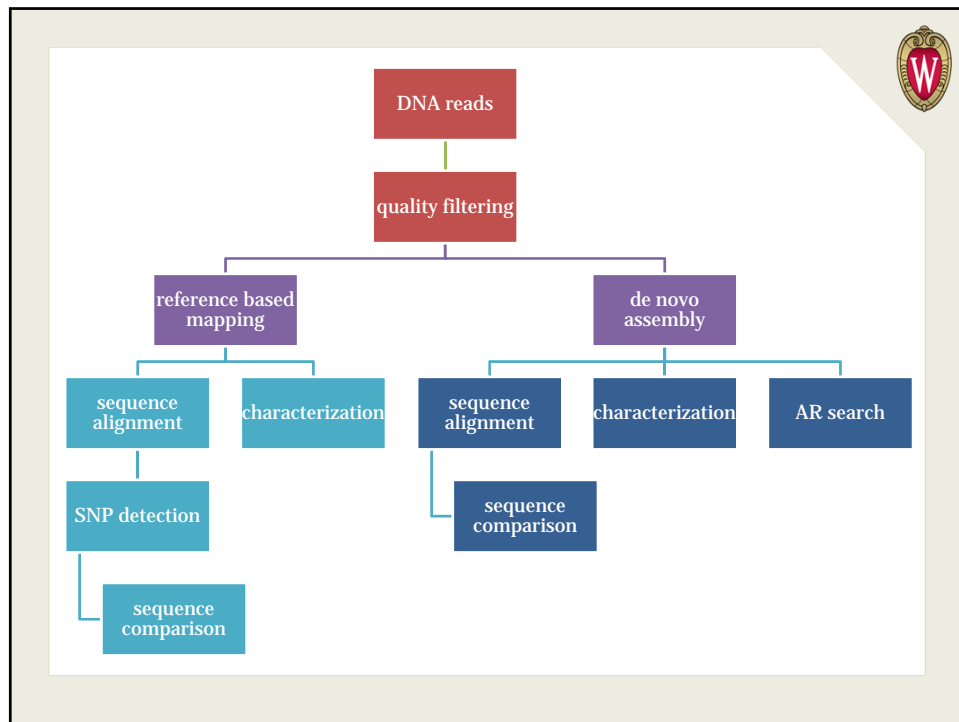
short read – illumina

divided into 2 components

- wet lab
- computational

sample processing and sequencing – 5 days

computational analysis – hours to weeks

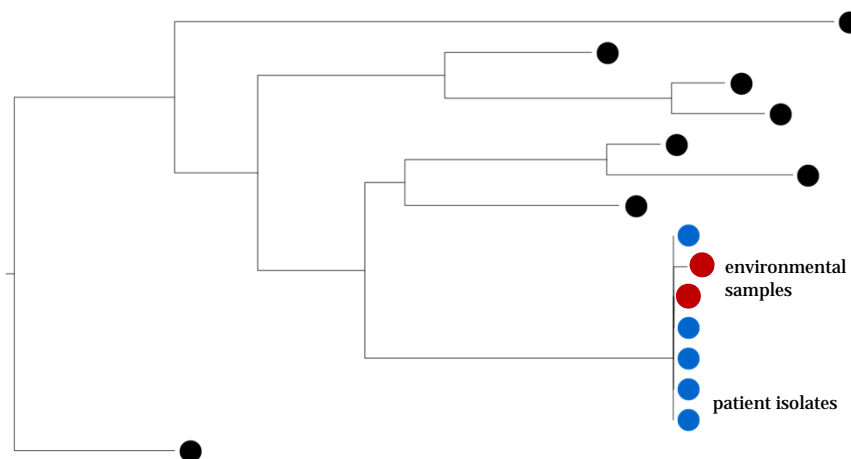


## Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)

Reference	AATGCACCGATCGTCGATCGCTGCTAGCC
Sample 1	AATGCACCGATCGTCGAT <b>T</b> GCTGCTAGCC
Sample 2	AATGCACCG <b>T</b> TCGTCGAT <b>T</b> GCTGCTAGCC
Sample 3	AATGCACCGATCGTCGATCGCTGCTAGCC
Sample 4	AATGCACCG <b>G</b> TCGTCGATCGCTGCTAGCC
Sample 5	AATGCACCGATCGTCGATCGCTGCTAGCC

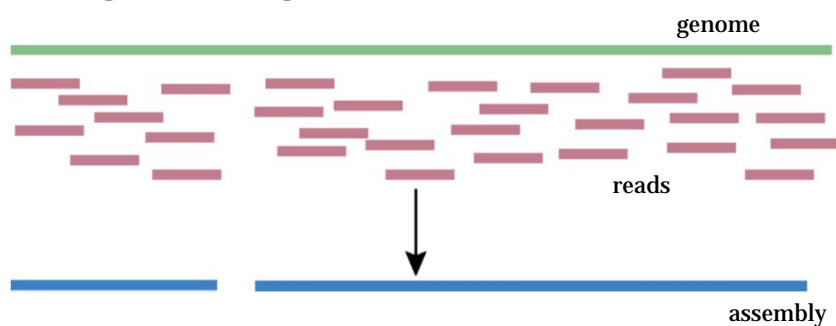
differences in SNPs allow for comparisons between organisms

## Phylogenetic comparison of SNPs



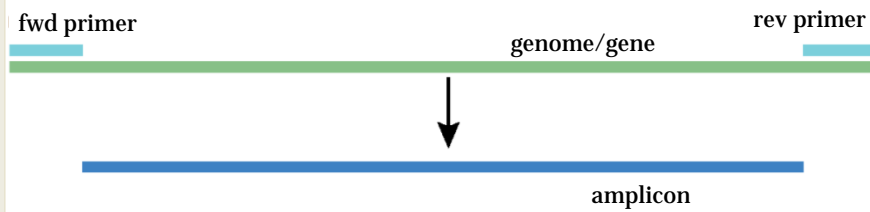
## Methods of sequencing

### Shotgun whole genome



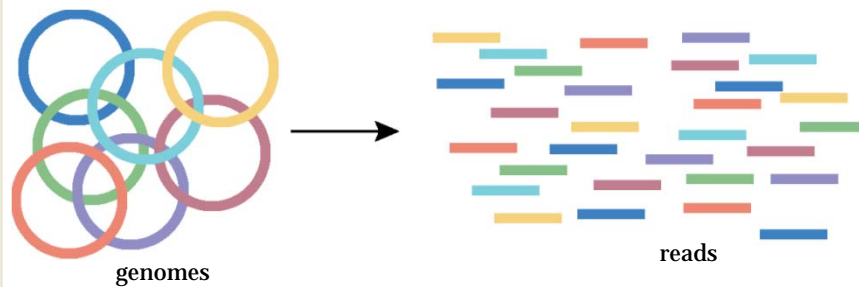
## Methods of sequencing



### Amplicon



## Methods of sequencing

### Metagenomic



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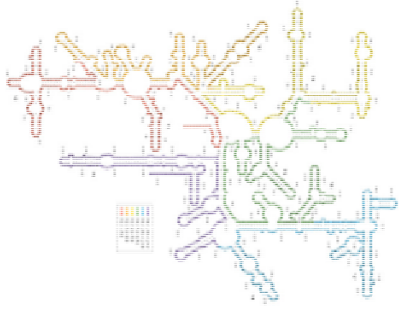
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- Highly variable region of DNA, flanked on either side by highly conserved regions (for primer binding)



<https://www.nature.com/articles/nrmicro3330>

Clarridge JE, Clin Micro Rev '04. Impact of 16S rRNA Gene Sequence Analysis for Identification of Bacteria on Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

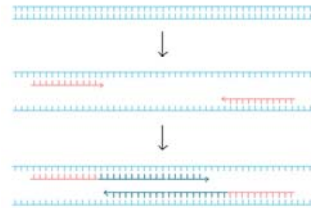


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<https://www.khanacademy.org/science/biology/biotech-dna-technology/dna-sequencing-pcr-electrophoresis/a/polymerase-chain-reaction-pcr>

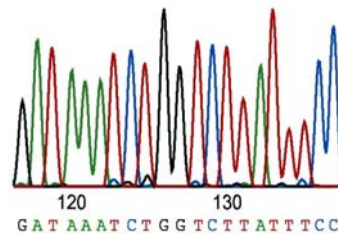


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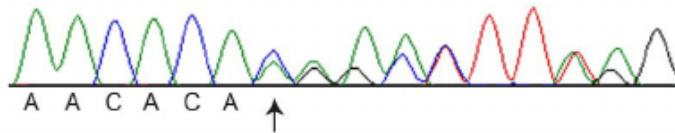


<https://bitesizebio.com/27985/sanger-sequencing-genome-won/>



## 16S deep sequencing for mixed infections

- Sanger 16S sequencing, mixed infections



Lipska M, PLoS ONE '13. A Frameshift Mutation in the Cubilin Gene (CUBN) in Border Collies with Imerslund-Gräsbeck Syndrome

OPEN ACCESS Freely available online

PLOS ONE

### Rapid 16S rRNA Next-Generation Sequencing of Polymicrobial Clinical Samples for Diagnosis of Complex Bacterial Infections

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#### Steps in NGS 16S sequencing

1. purify DNA
2. PCR amplify the 16S rRNA gene
3. Sequence the PCR product  
(using next-generation sequencing)
4. Compare sequences to database  
Need a bioinformatics pipeline
5. Identify bacterial species

## 16S deep sequencing for mixed infections



CASE REPORT

### Molecular Diagnosis of *Actinomadurea madurae* Infection by 16S rRNA Deep Sequencing


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- 50 y.o. diabetic woman, 12-year history of gradually enlarging right foot with multiple draining lesions
- Punch biopsy: acute and chronic inflammation, filamentous structures consistent with aerobic actinomycetes
- Biopsy cultures overwhelmed with overgrowth of other organisms (*S. aureus*)
- FFPE block of biopsy, 16S rRNA Sanger sequencing: *S. aureus*
- Performed 16S NGS analysis on FFPE specimen


TABLE 1 Deep-sequencing results

No. of reads	% of reads	Classification <sup>a</sup>
13,000	35.94	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> *
4,402	12.17	<i>Alcaligenes faecalis</i>
3,049	8.43	<i>Acinetobacter bereziniae</i> /A. guillouiae*
1,449	4.01	<i>Comamonas testosteroni</i> */C. thiooxidans*
1,084	3.00	<i>Acinetobacter lwoffii</i> *
935	2.59	<i>Acinetobacter lwoffii</i> */A. psychrotolerans
924	2.55	<i>Pseudomonas geniculata</i> /P. hibiscicola; <i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>
748	2.07	<i>Actinomadurea madurae</i> *
747	2.07	<i>Flavobacterium lindanitolerans</i>
738	2.04	<i>Escherichia coli</i> */E. fergusonii*; <i>Shigella dysenteriae</i> */S. flexneri*
654	1.81	<i>Campylobacter concisus</i>
476	1.32	<i>Enterobacter cowanii</i> ; <i>Escherichia coli</i> */E. hermannii; <i>Shigella boydii</i> /S. flexneri/S. sonnei
458	1.27	<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>
417	1.15	<i>Ochrobactrum anthropi</i> */O. cytisi*/O. lupini*
377	1.04	<i>Enterobacter asburiae</i> */E. cancerogenus*/E. cloacae/E. cowanii; <i>Leclercia adecarboxylata</i>
4,120	11.39	≤99.0% match to a reference strain

- *S. aureus* reads were highly prevalent
- Many other organisms detected
- One of the classical agents of actinomycotic mycetoma, and consistent with the organism visualized histologically (filamentous, basophilic)
- *Actinomadurea madurae* implicated as the cause of mycetoma; treated with TMP-SMX



## 16S deep sequencing for mixed infections



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**Molecular Diagnosis Microbiology Section**


BROAD-RANGE PCR

- ☐ AFB
- ☐ Bacteria (reflex to NGS16S when multiple templates are present)
- ☐ Standard Bacterial PCR only
- ☐ Fungi

Sanger first; NGS if multiple templates present

Sanger only





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  - Necessitated medically-induced coma
- Extensive diagnostic workup (including brain biopsy) unrevealing

**Table S1.** Diagnostic testing for potential microbial causes of the patient's meningoencephalitis\*.

	Sample Type	First Hosp	Second Hosp	Third Hosp
<i>M. pneumoniae</i> PCR	CSF	—	—	—
<i>Histoplasma</i> / <i>Blastomyces</i> antigen	CSF	—	—	—
<i>Bartonella</i> PCR	CSF	—	—	—
VZV / HHV-8 / HHV-8 PCR	CSF	—	—	—
<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> PCR	CSF	—	—	—
Adenovirus / CMV / EBV PCR	CSF	—	—	—
HSV-1,2 PCR	CSF	—	—	—
Enterovirus PCR	CSF	—	—	—
Cryptococcal antigen	CSF	—	—	—
Mycobacterial culture	CSF	—	—	—
West Nile Virus IgG/IgM and PCR	CSF	—	—	—
CEV / EEEV / WEEV / SLEV IgG/IgM	CSF	—	—	—
Bacterial / fungal culture	CSF	—	—	—
<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> PCR	CSF	—	—	—
Powassan virus PCR	CSF	—	—	—
<i>Aspergillus</i> antigen	CSF	—	—	0.11 (nl <0.5)
JCV / BKV / HHV7 PCR	CSF	—	—	—
Viral culture (including mumps culture)	CSF	—	—	—
16S bacterial rRNA PCR	CSF	—	—	— (x2)
Bacterial culture	Brain	—	—	—
Adenovirus / CMV / EBV / VZV PCR	Brain	—	—	—
Enterovirus PCR	Brain	—	—	—
Epstein-Barr virus PCR	Brain	—	—	—
Varicella zoster virus PCR	Brain	—	—	—
EBV / CMV PCR	Plasma	—	—	—
Bacterial culture	Blood	—	—	—
Enterovirus PCR	Serum	—	—	—
Parvovirus B19 / HHV7 / BKV / JCV PCR	Serum	—	—	—
<i>Blastomyces</i> / <i>Histoplasma</i> / <i>Cryptococcus</i> antigen	Serum / Urine	—	—	—
BKV PCR**	Urine	—	—	+
<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> PCR	Serum	—	—	—
Adenovirus / HTLV-1, II / HIV / HSV-1,2 PCR	Serum	—	—	—
16S bacterial rRNA PCR	Blood	—	—	—
Influenza A, B / RSV PCR	NP swab	—	—	—
Respiratory Viral Panel (Luminex)**	NP swab	—	—	+(rhinovirus)
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> PCR	OP swab	—	—	—
Bacterial culture**	Sputum	—	—	+(MRSA)
Enterovirus PCR	Stool	—	—	—





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- CSF subjected to unbiased next-generation sequencing
  - No PCR amplification
  - Extract and sequence all DNA from CSF
  - Most is human DNA (human cells)
  - A small amount could be a pathogen
- Over 3 million reads total; 475 (0.016%) reads were *Leptospira*
- *Leptospira-specific* PCR also positive
- Patient treated with 7-day course of intravenous penicillin G
- Gradually recovered over the next 7 days, with resolution of status epilepticus, normalization of CSF, and resolution of leptomeningitis
- Discharged 14 days after completing treatment



## Metagenomic CSF sequencing

THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

BRIEF REPORT

### Actionable Diagnosis of Neuroleptospirosis by Next-Generation Sequencing

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Table 1. Confirmatory Diagnostic Testing for Neuroleptospirosis.\*

Assay†	Testing Site	Sample Type	Before Diagnosis‡	After Diagnosis‡	Date of Test Result
16S rRNA bacterial PCR assay	UW	CSF	Negative		July 14, 2013
16S rRNA bacterial PCR assay	UW	CSF	Negative		Aug. 12, 2013
16S rRNA bacterial PCR assay	UW	Serum		Negative	Aug. 24, 2013
Leptospira PCR assays targeting <i>lipL32</i> , <i>lipL41</i> , <i>ompA</i> , <i>rpoB</i> , and <i>secY</i>	UCSF	CSF		Positive	Aug. 28, 2013
Leptospira PCR assays targeting <i>lipL32</i> , <i>ompA</i> , and <i>secY</i>	UCSF	Serum		Negative	Aug. 28, 2013
Leptospira culture	CDC	CSF		Negative	Oct. 15, 2013
Leptospira PCR assay targeting <i>lipL32</i> with the use of a clinically validated assay <sup>11</sup>	CDC	CSF		Negative	Oct. 15, 2013
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Leptospira IgM antibody with the use of dot blot ELISA	CDC	Serum		Negative	Oct. 15, 2013
Leptospira IgM antibody with the use of dot blot ELISA	CDC	Serum		Negative (sample obtained on Oct. 9, 2013)	Oct. 17, 2013
Leptospira PCR assays targeting <i>lipL32</i> , <i>ompA</i> , and <i>secY</i>	UCSF	Brain		Negative	Oct. 17, 2013
Leptospira PCR assays targeting <i>lipL32</i> , <i>ompA</i> , and <i>secY</i>	UCSF	Serum		Negative	Oct. 31, 2013
Leptospira PCR assay targeting <i>lipL32</i> with the use of a clinically validated assay and a change in the amplification mix <sup>11</sup>	CDC	CSF		Positive	Jan. 16, 2014
Leptospira IgM antibody with the use of latex agglutination ELISA <sup>12</sup>	CDC	Serum		Positive (sample obtained on Oct. 9, 2013)	Feb. 6, 2014
Leptospira PCR assay targeting <i>lipL32</i> with the use of a clinically validated assay and a change in the amplification mix <sup>11</sup>	CDC	CSF		Negative (sample obtained on Feb. 5, 2014)	Feb. 24, 2014



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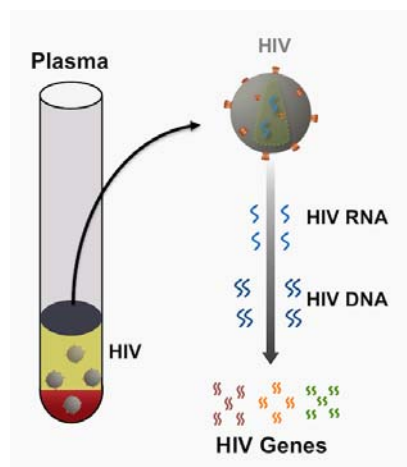
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## Viral resistance testing



- Most common HIV resistance testing
  - Extract RNA from sample
  - PCR amplify certain regions (pol)
  - Sanger sequence the amplified regions
  - Use a database to identify mutations associated with drug resistance



<https://www.hiv.uw.edu/go/antiretroviral-therapy/evaluation-management-virologic-failure/core-concept/all>

## Viral resistance testing





Stanford University

**HIV DRUG RESISTANCE DATABASE**

*A curated public database to represent, store and analyze HIV drug resistance data.*

Sanger sequencing	Next-generation sequencing
Manual process (no multiplexing)	Multiplexing readily available
High volume, more expensive	High volume, can be cheaper
Identifies mutations where majority of virus has mutated	Can identify low-prevalence mutations (<10%)



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## Hospital outbreaks



- Whole-genome sequencing of bacterial isolates
- Unparalleled resolution
  - Every A, T, C, G visible
- Can replace pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) for investigating outbreaks

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Year of Infection in the Intensive Care Unit:  
Prospective Whole Genome Sequencing of  
Bacterial Clinical Isolates Reveals Cryptic  
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## PulseNet International:



On the path to implementing **whole genome sequencing**  
for foodborne disease surveillance



### Why are PulseNet International members moving toward WGS?

- WGS is more precise and provides more detailed information about bacteria than traditional methods such as pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) and multi-locus variable number tandem repeat analysis (MLVA).
- WGS will streamline workflow practices by replacing traditional methods for characterization of isolates, thereby making outbreak detection and characterization faster.
- WGS can be used for most foodborne disease organisms, including *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, *Campylobacter*, *Escherichia coli*, *Vibrio*, and *Shigella*.
- Data can be used across laboratories for routine surveillance, outbreak identification, source attribution, antimicrobial resistance prediction, and reference characterization.

<https://www.cdc.gov/pulsenet/index.html>

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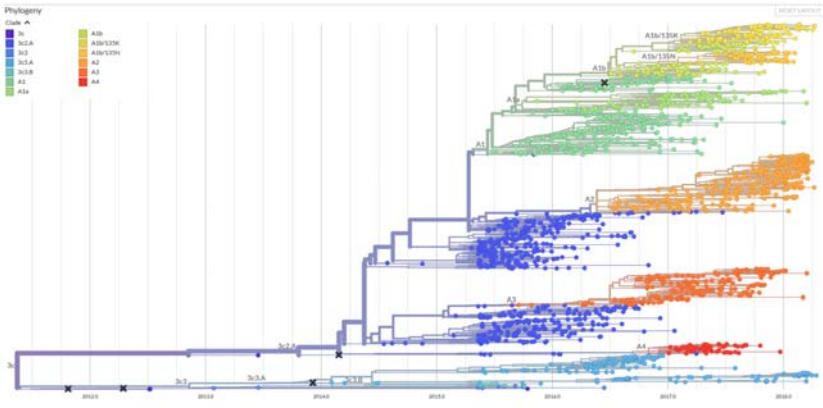
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- nextflu.org uses all global influenza sequence information
- U.S. sequence data comes from NGS
  - PCR-based amplification of each influenza gene segment
  - Next-generation sequencing
  - Data uploaded through CDC bioinformatics pipeline
- Informing influenza vaccine strain selection and identifies drug resistant mutations

Real-time tracking of influenza A/H3N2 evolution  
Showing 2013-7 of 2017 genomes, from 32 regions, from 129 countries, dated May 2013 to Apr 2018.



nextflu.org



Questions?

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