

Genomic Epidemiology

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April 16, 2008



http://www.compgenomics.biology.gatech.edu/index.php/Group_photos



April 23, 2008

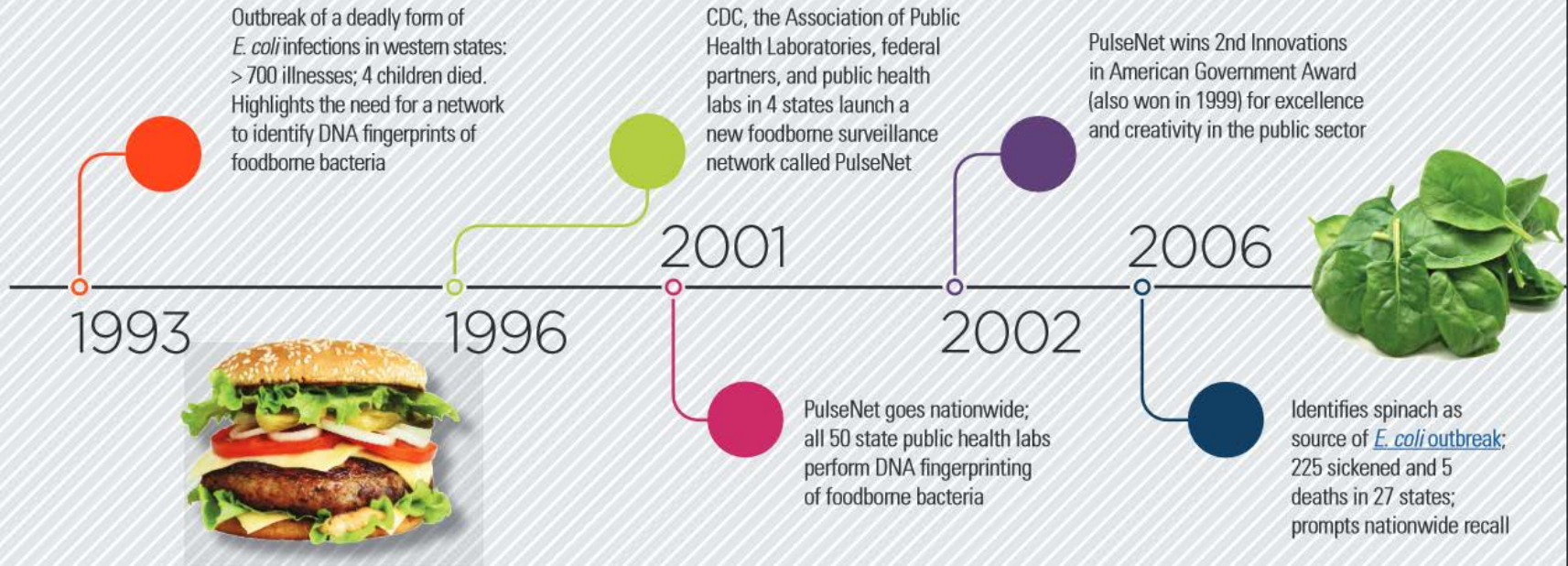


ENTERIC DISEASES LABORATORY BRANCH

2011 to present

Vibrio, Campylobacter, Escherichia, Shigella, Yersinia, Salmonella

PulseNet's 20-year history of making food safer to eat



2009

1st time whole-genome sequencing (WGS) used in a foodborne disease investigation. PulseNet uses WGS on samples from a cholera outbreak in Haiti

2010

Traces a *Salmonella* multistate outbreak to peanut butter/peanut products; 700 illnesses, 9 deaths in 46 states, >3,000 products recalled



2013

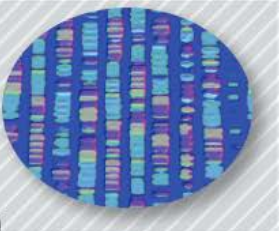
Begins using WGS on illnesses caused by *Listeria* infection

2014



"PulseNet and Beyond" project consolidates identification of foodborne bacteria into a single, fast, and efficient process under Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD)

2016



WGS used for routine surveillance of *Listeria*, *Campylobacter*, and *E. coli* at CDC and in states with genetic sequencing capacity

Outline

- Background
- Genomic Epidemiology
 - Algorithms
 - Software
- Example

The findings and conclusions in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

LISTERIA PILOT PROJECT

As told from a bioinformatician's perspective



(It's an awesome perspective)

Why *Listeria monocytogenes*?

Illness is rare but serious, costly, and commonly outbreak associated

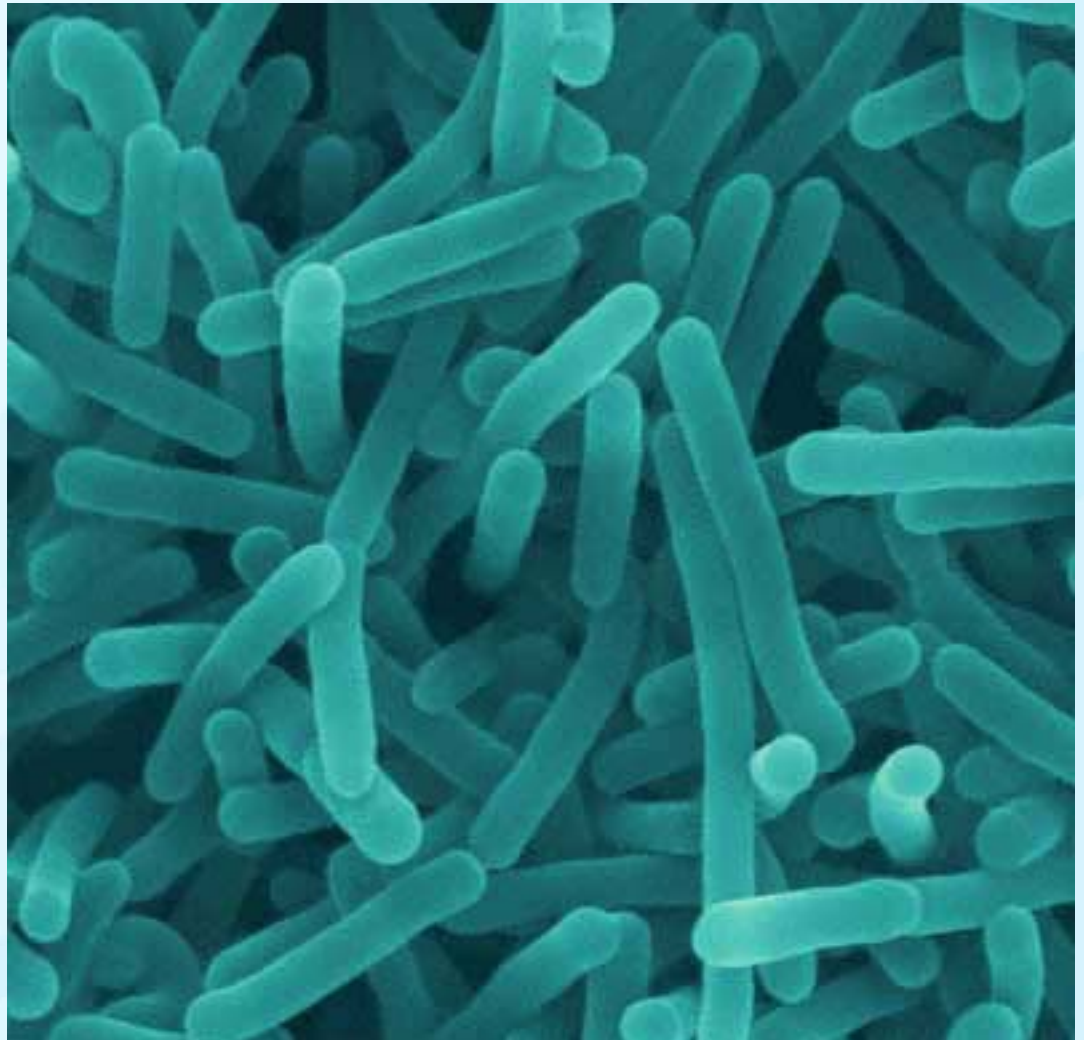
Estimated \$2.8 billion in annual medical costs and lost productivity (\$1.8 million/case)

Current subtyping methods are not ideal

Strong epidemiologic surveillance (Listeria Initiative)

Strong regulatory component

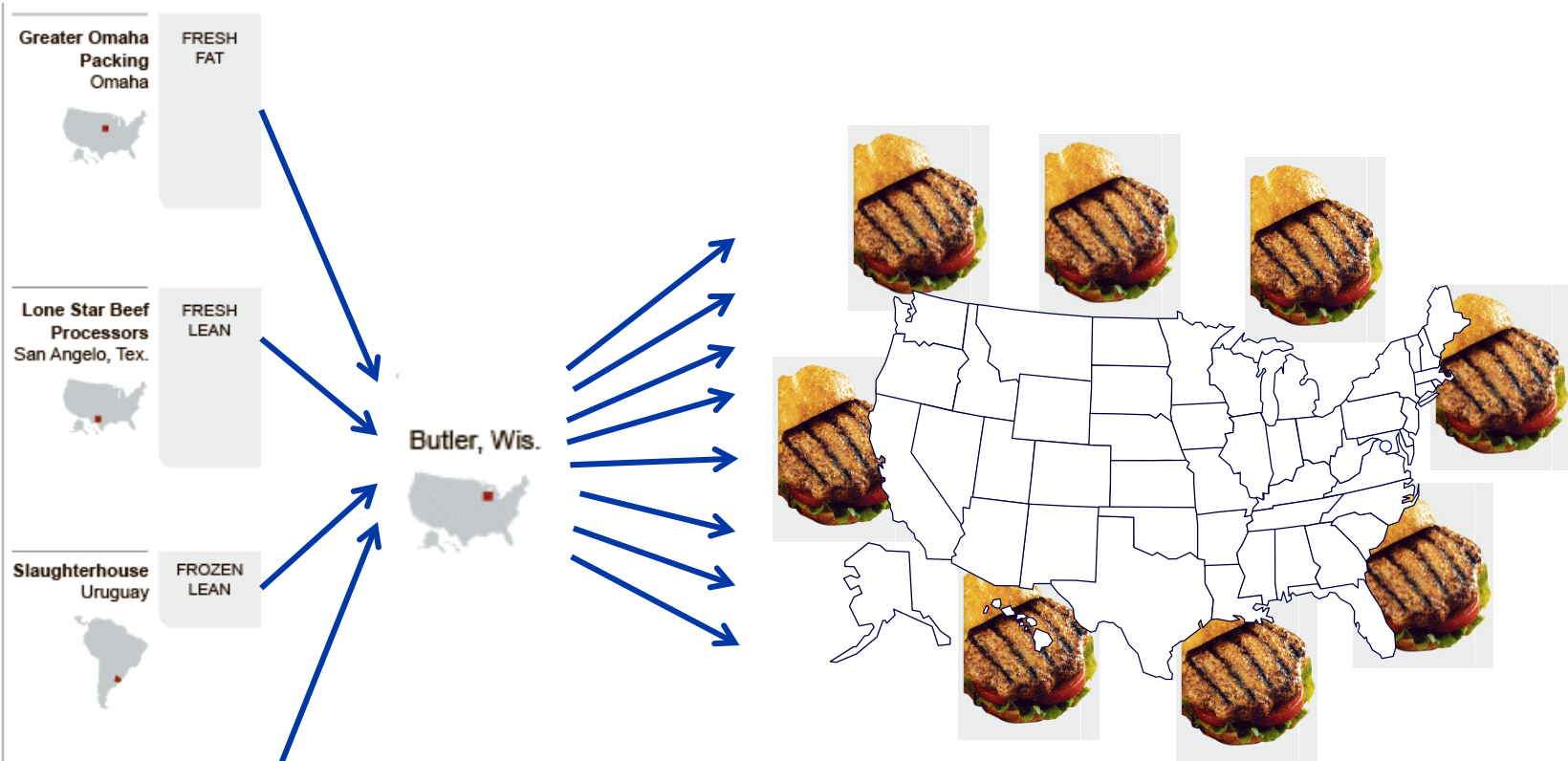
Listeria genome is fairly small, stable, and relatively easy to sequence and analyze. Most changes in the genome are due to point mutations and not phages.



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Photo credit: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/dpk/2013/dpk-eis-conference.html>

The Problem: Detecting Outbreaks in an Increasingly Globalized Food System



Anatomy of a Burger. New York Times. October 4, 2009

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Limitations of Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE)



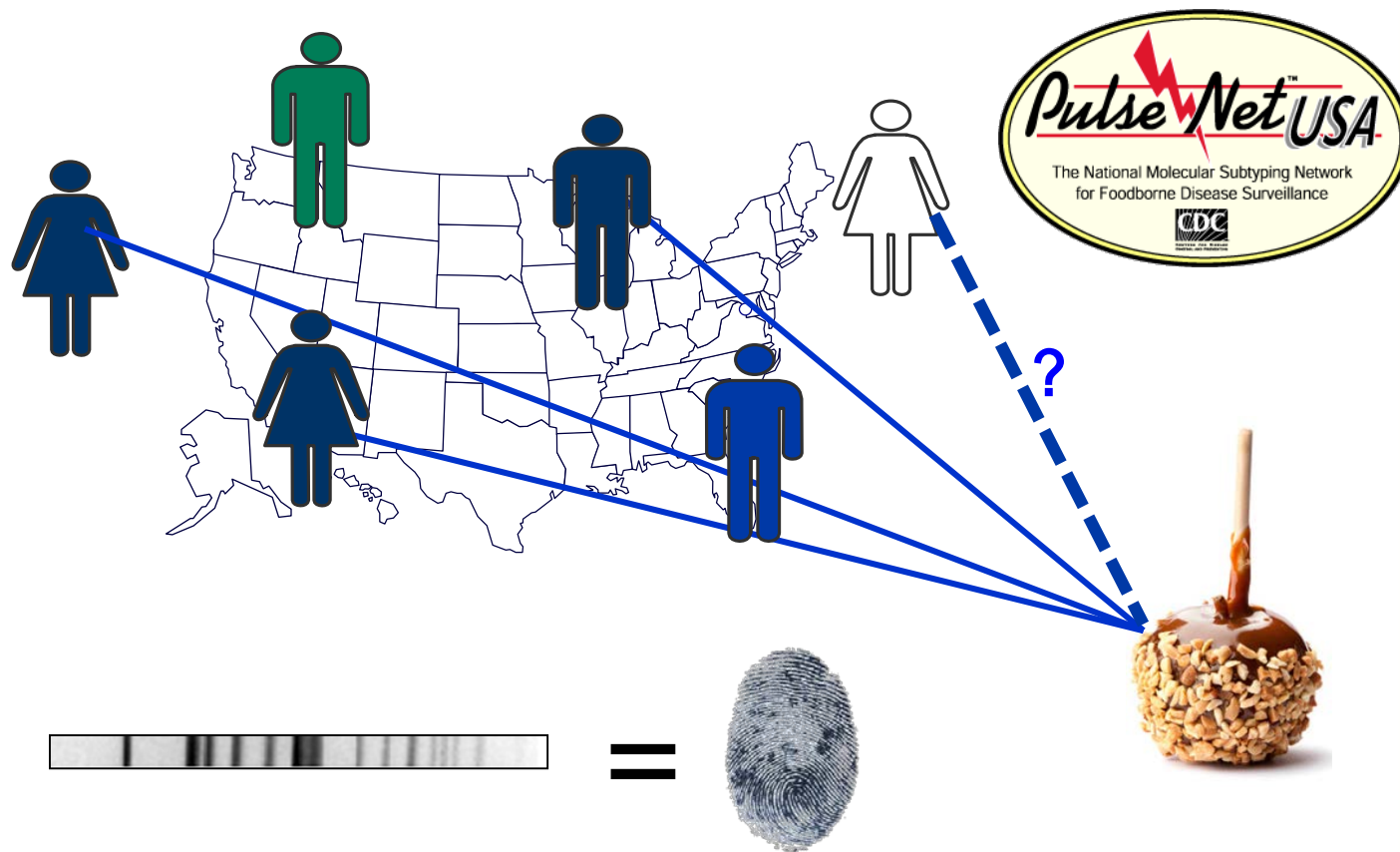
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Limitation: Genetically Unrelated Isolate Might Appear Same by PFGE



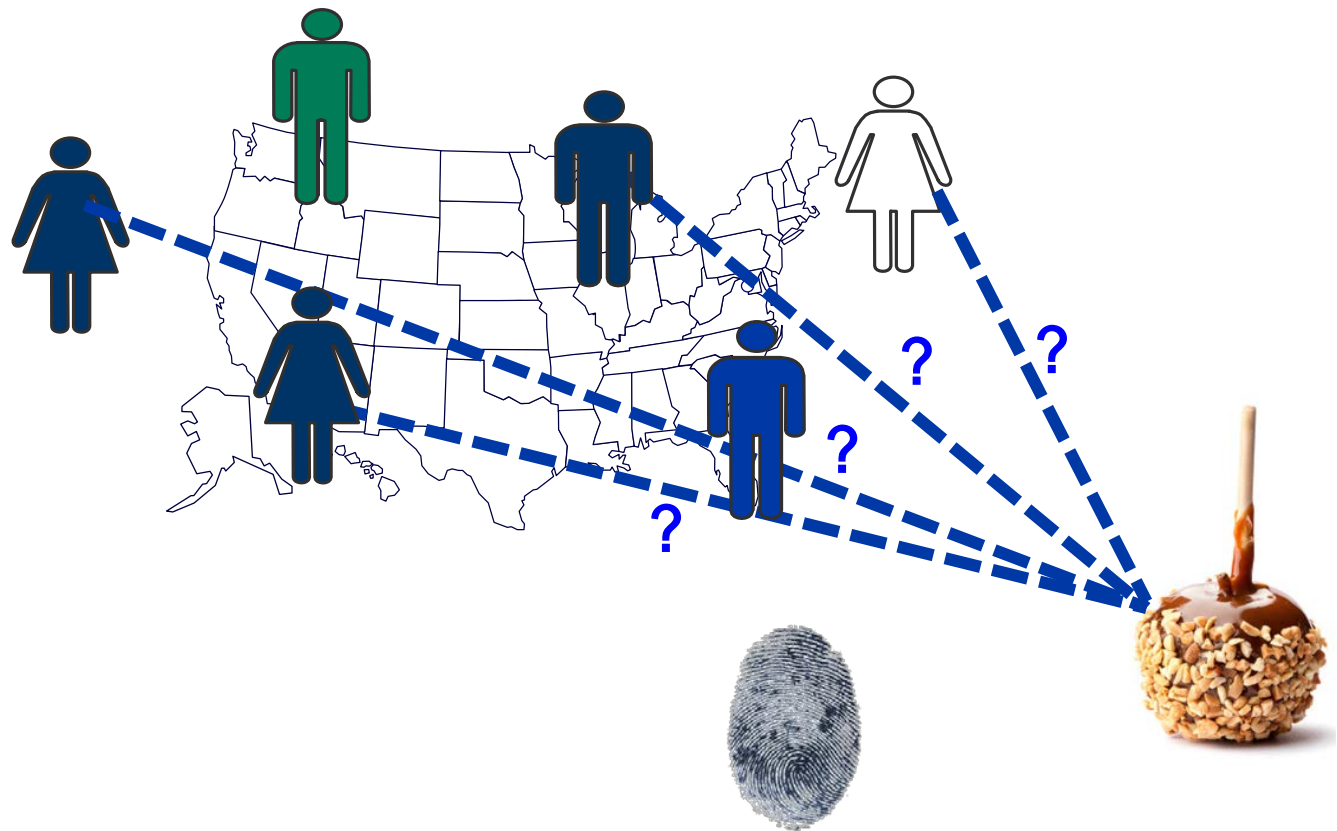
PFGE is correlated with epidemiology but is not perfect
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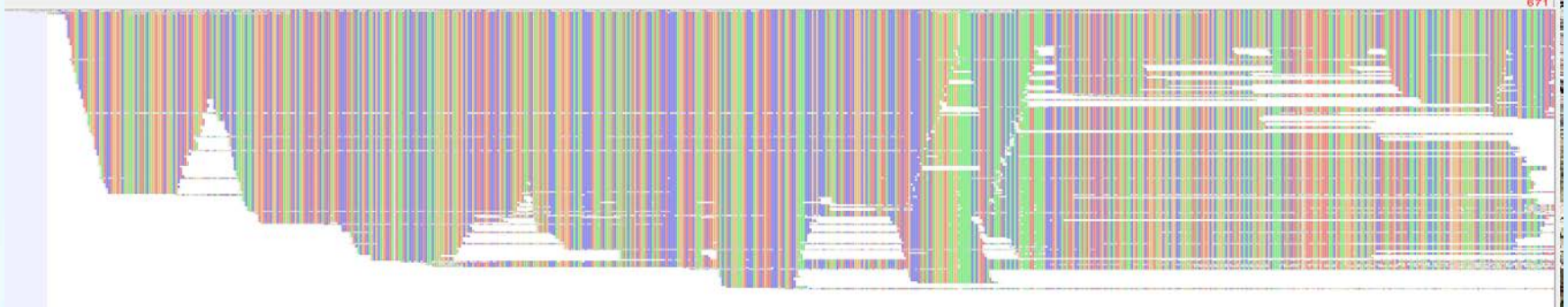
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Can genomics clear up this picture?



The Basics of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

- “Massive parallel sequencing”
- The whole genome sequenced in small random pieces (‘shotgun sequencing’, 25- >1000 bp) multiple times (‘coverage’)
- ‘Coverage’ usually 20- several 100 X



The Basics of Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS)

- **Assembling and annotating the sequence**
 - Solving the puzzle using an ‘assembler’ software

‘Reference -Based Assembly



‘*de novo* Assembly’



- The puzzle usually only solved 97- 99%
 - So, even though we say ‘whole genome’, we don’t mean that!
- Assembled in 1- 200 (- 500) fragments (‘contigs’)

HOW DO WE COMPARE GENOMES?

Three major methods we use

- Kmer-based: mile-high view
 - MLST-based: naked eye
 - SNP-based: microscope
-
- The question in this analogy:
how similar are these two books?



kmers

Kmer: a length of DNA k nucleotides long

1. Shred all reads in equal sizes k
2. How many kmers are in common?
3. Transform into a percentage
**

** Known as the jaccard distance



Image credits:

“DEATH OF A SHREDDER”

<https://digginginthedriftless.com/2011/01/04/death-of-a-shredder>

Kmers, jaccard distance

CAAAAAAAAAAAT

CAAAAAAAAAAAG

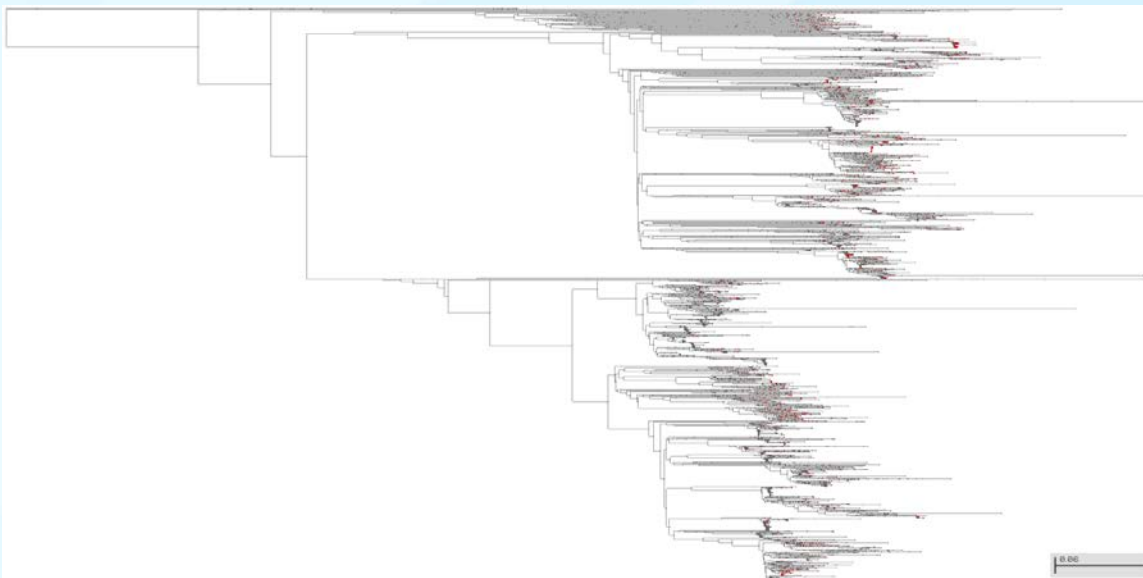
Here, K=12

CAAAAAAAAAAA	1	1	CAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAA	2	2	AAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAT	3	4	AAAAAAAAAAAG

Two out of four kmers different;
Jaccard distance = $2/4 = 0.5$

Example kmer tree

- Mile-high view
- 7,800 *Listeria monocytogenes* genomes in this tree



<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pathogens/>

Software: pathogen detection pipeline at NCBI

Kmer-based software

NCBI Pathogen Detection Pipeline

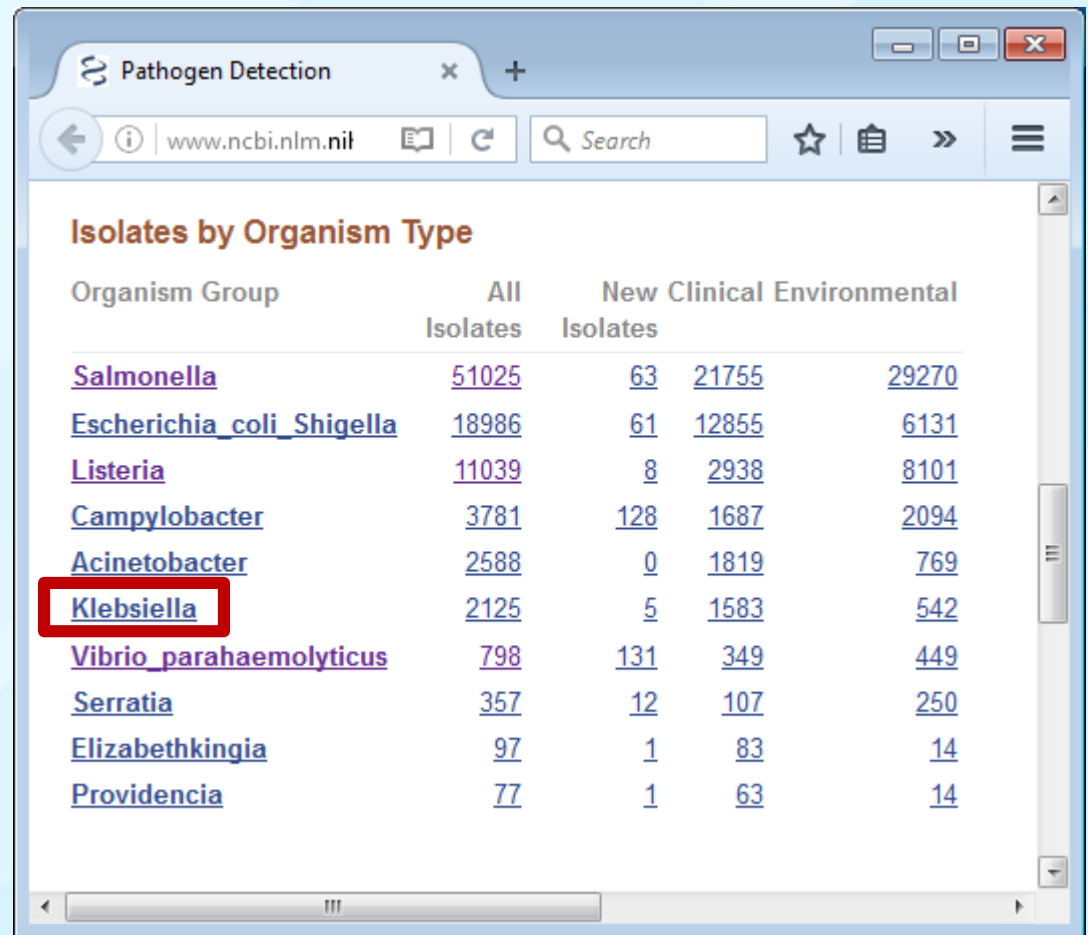
Not available for individual use, but the results are comprehensive and public

Mashtree

Documentation and installation instructions are at <https://github.com/lskatz/mashtree>
Built on top of **Mash**

KSNP

Alignments of the middle base in kmers. Arguably, KSNP is actually a SNP pipeline instead.



Pathogen Detection

www.ncbi.nlm.nih

Isolates by Organism Type

Organism Group	All Isolates	New Clinical Isolates		Environmental
Salmonella	51025	63	21755	29270
Escherichia_coli_Shigella	18986	61	12855	6131
Listeria	11039	8	2938	8101
Campylobacter	3781	128	1687	2094
Acinetobacter	2588	0	1819	769
Klebsiella	2125	5	1583	542
Vibrio_parahaemolyticus	798	131	349	449
Serratia	357	12	107	250
Elizabethkingia	97	1	83	14
Providencia	77	1	63	14

How does Mash work?

Based on the software Mash

Mash implements the **min-hash** algorithm for sequence data

“Sketch”

Min-hash

```
@read1
GGATTAGG
+
IIIIIIIII
@read2
GGATTAAA
+
IIIIIIIII
...
```

Kmer
counting

```
GGATT - 2
GATTA - 2
ATTAG - 1
TTAGG - 1
ATTAA - 1
TTAAA - 1
```

hashing

```
66 - 2
42 - 2
82 - 1
87 - 1
64 - 1
22 - 1
...
```

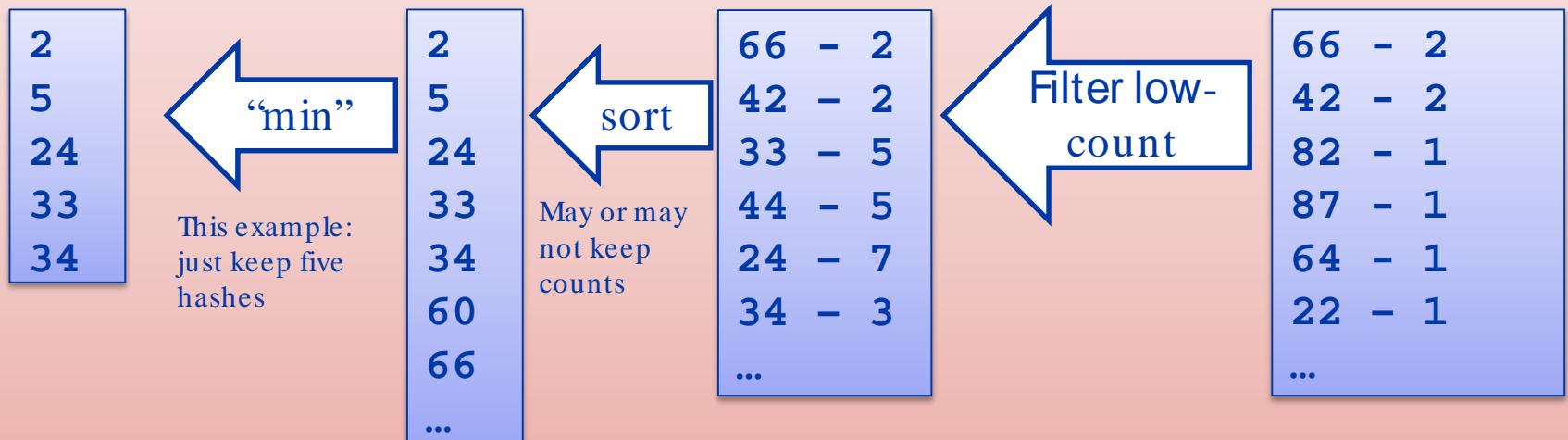
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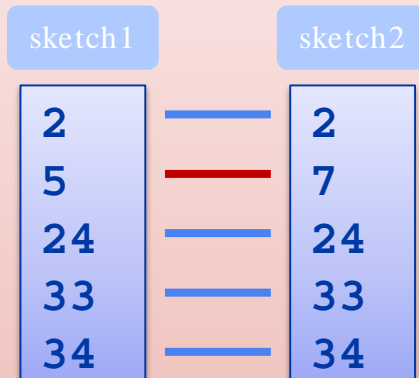
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“Distance” or “dist”

Min-hash

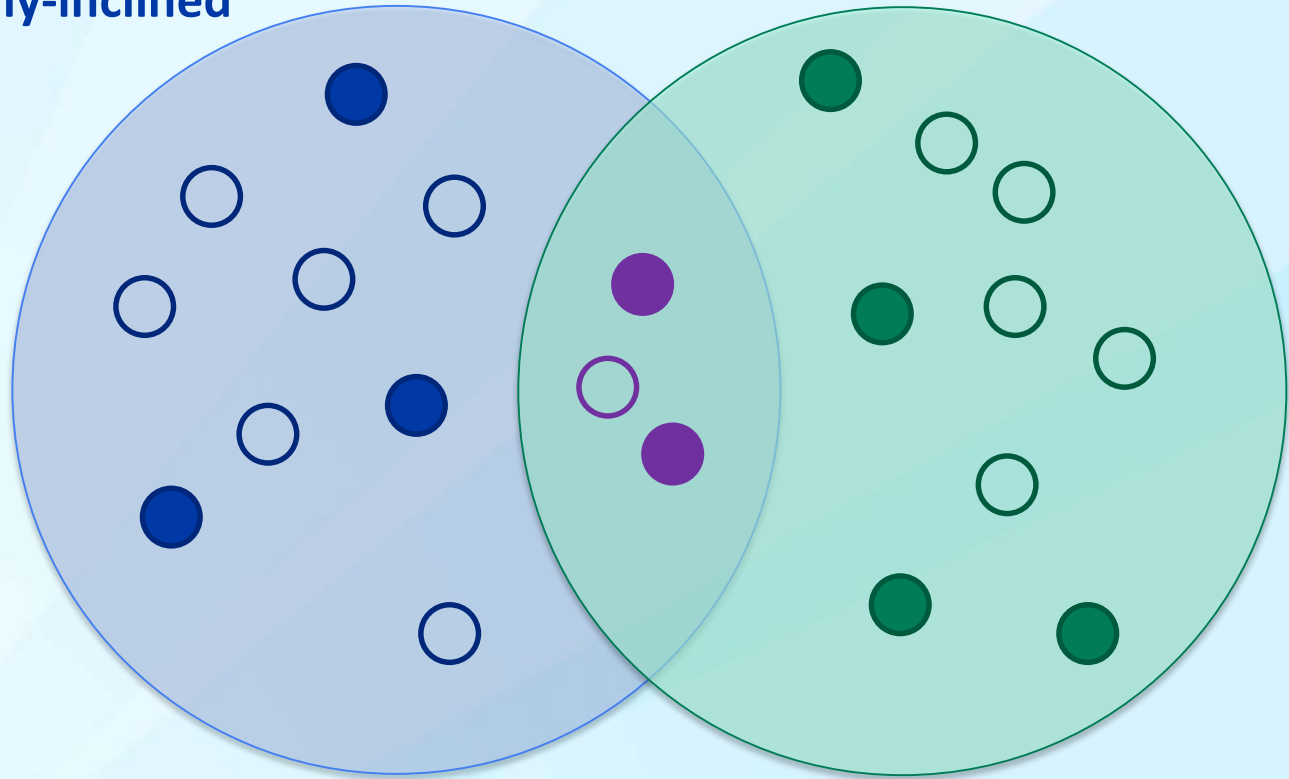


Six different hashes, two differences.

Jaccard distance = $2/6 = 0.33$

The resolution gets better with more hashes.

Min-hash for the more mathematically-inclined

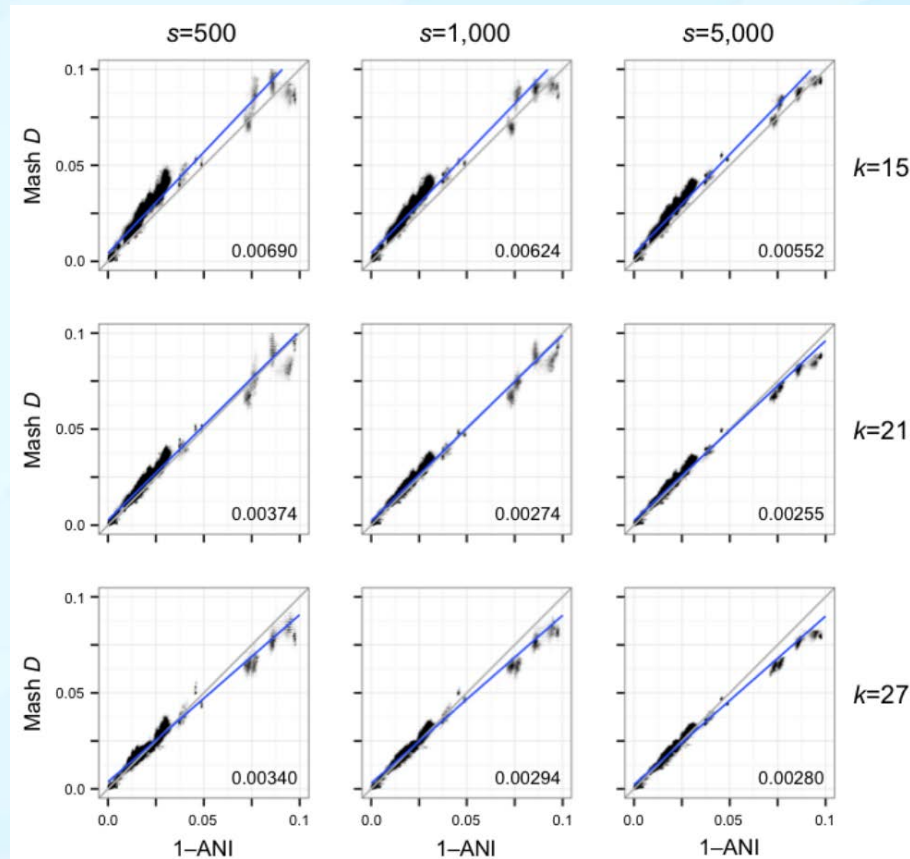


$$A = \text{●} + \text{○}$$
$$S(A) = \text{●}$$

$$B = \text{●} + \text{○}$$
$$S(B) = \text{●}$$

$$J(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} \approx \frac{|S(A \cup B) \cap S(A) \cap S(B)|}{|S(A \cup B)|}$$

Comparison to ANI



k =kmer length
 s =sketch size, ie,
number of hashes

Values on the
bottom right
of graphs
indicate the
root-mean-
square error
when
comparing
Mash vs ANI.

Mash time trials

Table 2. Mash runtime and output size for all-pairs RefSeq computation using various sketch and k-mer sizes.

Sketch Size	k=16				k=21			
	sketch (CPU h)	dist (CPU h)	size (Mb)	gzip (Mb)	sketch (CPU h)	dist (CPU h)	size (Mb)	gzip (Mb)
500	26.4	8.4	120.1	89.7	31.3	9.0	229.8	201.8
1,000	27.7	15.9	224.9	179.7	31.3	17.4	439.2	399.6
5,000	26.4	74.5	1022.5	873.8	31.6	83.6	2034.5	1924.6
10,000	26.8	146.9	1961.8	1691.1	31.7	164.0	3913.0	3696.2

sketch: CPU hours required for the Mash *sketch* operation for all 54,118 RefSeq genomes. *dist*: CPU hours required for the Mash *dist* table operation for all pairs of sketches. *size*: combined size of the resulting sketches in megabytes. *gzip*: combined size of the resulting sketches after gzip compression.

MASHTREE

Useful for creating a dendrogram quickly

Does not create a phylogeny

<https://github.com/lskatz/mashtree>



What it is and what it isn't

Is	Isn't
Builds trees	Infers phylogeny
Fast	Slow

When to use it

Use it when	Don't use it when
Need fast estimate	Need solid results
Need to know a good reference genome	Inferring phylogenetic relatedness
Large, diverse dataset	Not diverse or not large dataset

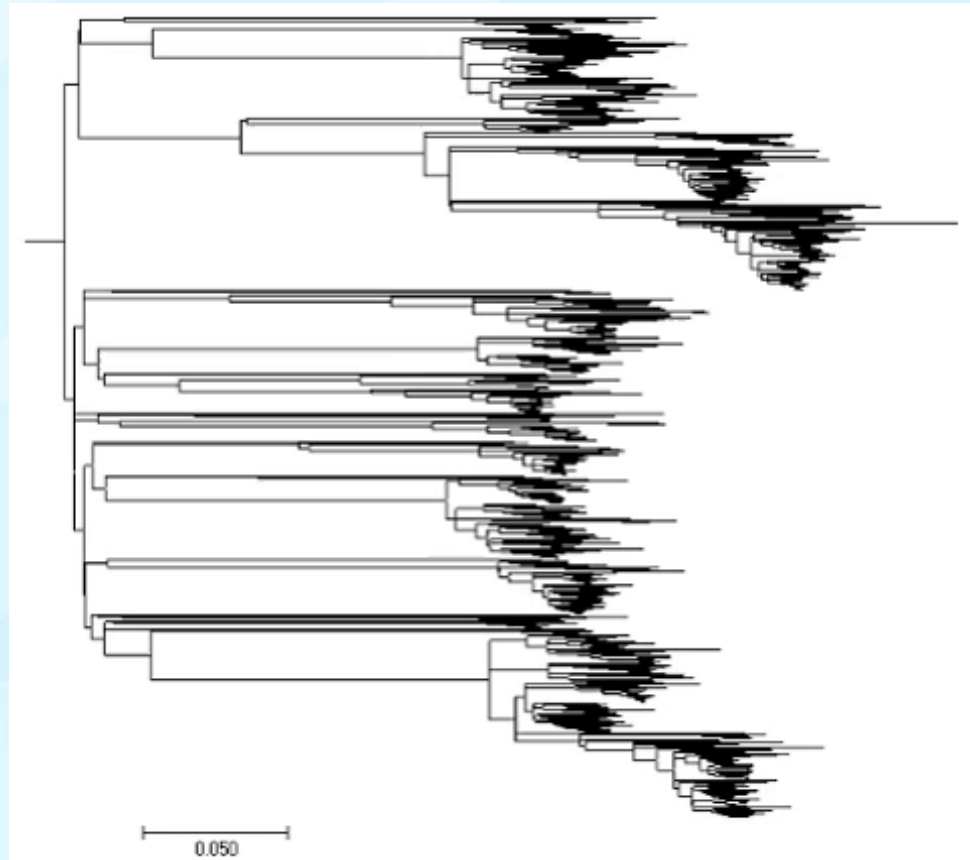
Mashtree is fast

Methods

I had a tree of > 1500 genomes and ran Mashtree on the genomes of every clade with fewer than 101 taxa.

The forward Illumina read of every genome was analyzed.

Grey shading indicates the range of durations.



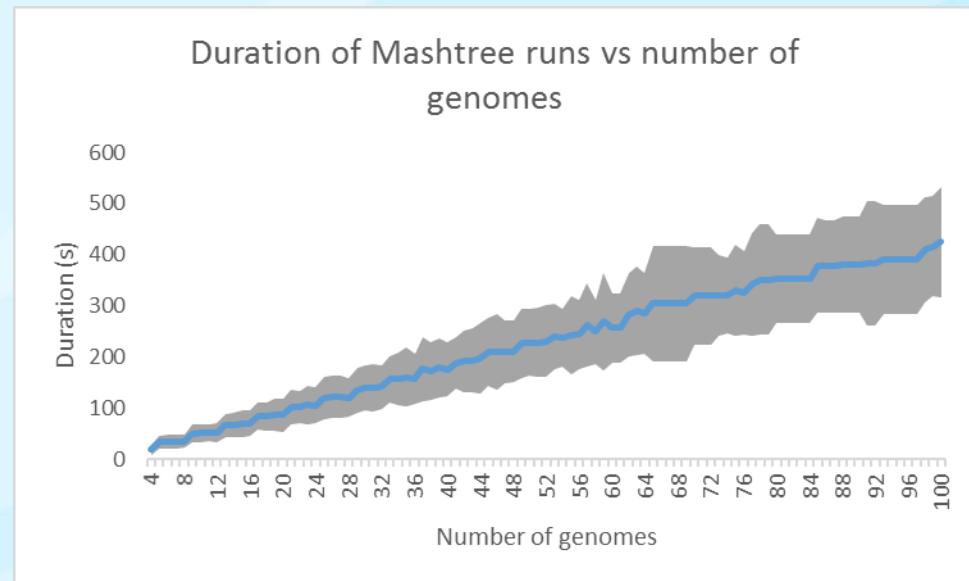
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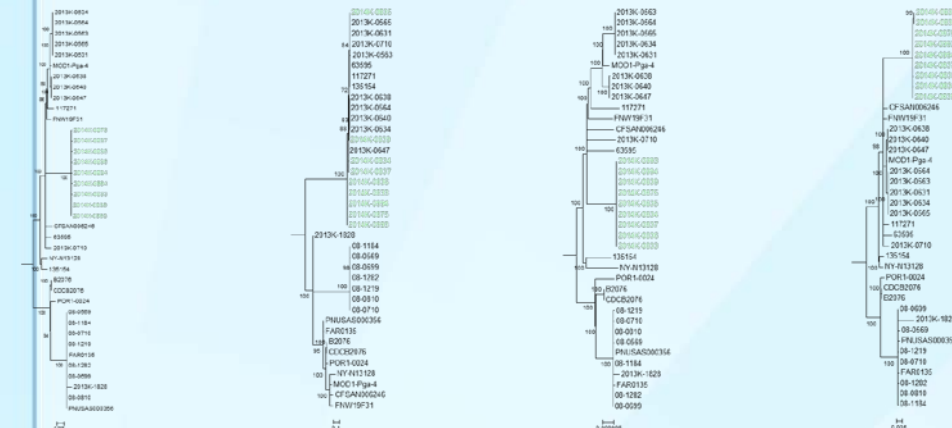
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The Mashtree v0.06 tree is usually at least as good as the kSNP3 tree.

* based on only a few comparisons
** currently on v0.29

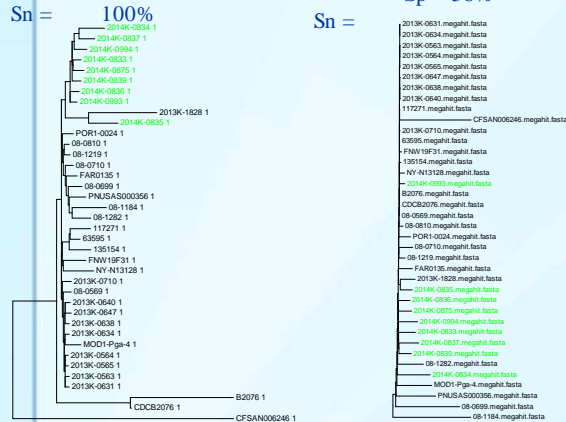


Lyve-SET 100%
Sp = 100%
Sn = 100%

kSNP3 100%
Sp = 58%
Sn =

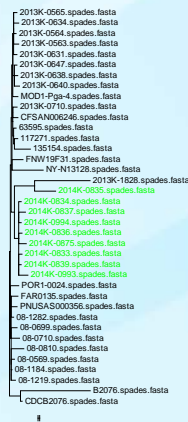
RealPhy 100%
Sp = 100%
Sn = 100%

Snp-Pipeline Sn = 100%
Sp = 100%



Mash v0.06 Sn = 100%
Raw reads Sp = 97%
min_depth:5x

Mash v0.06 contigs Sn = 78%
Megahit asm Sp = 100%
59-3141



Mash v0.06 Sn = 100%
SPAdes asm Sp = 97%
23-46 contigs

part of outbreak

1409MLJN6-1

$n_{pos} = 9$
 $n_{neg} = 29$

Dataset from *Katz et al*, 'Lyve-SET', 2017, MGEN

Mashtree is command line

```
# Installation
$ cpanm -L ~ Mashtree
$ export PERL5LIB=$PERL5LIB:$HOME/lib/perl5

# Usage
$ mashtree.pl --help

# Execution
$ mashtree.pl --numcpus 12 --genomesize 5300000 \
*.fastq.gz \
[* .fasta] [* .gbk] [* .fasta.gz] [* .gbk.gz] \
> mashtree.dnd
```

MLST

MLST: multilocus sequence typing

Locus: a place in a genome.

Plural: **loci**

- Identify a set of loci (genes) in the genome
- Compare each locus in a genome against the set of loci
- Count differences and the number of loci compared



Image credit: Wikipedia.org

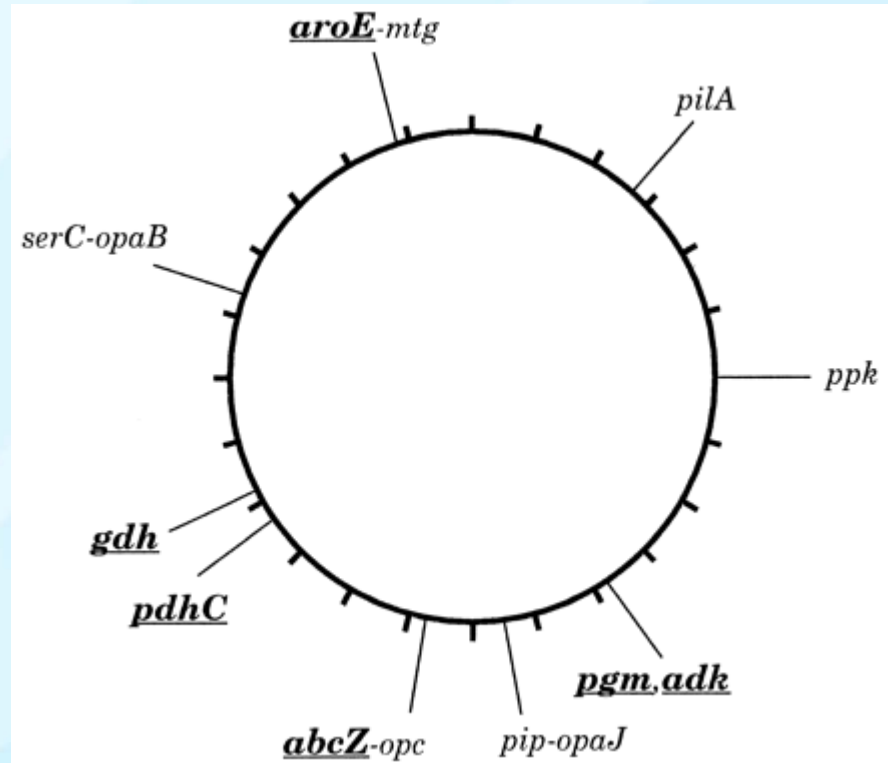
Software: BioNumerics

7-gene MLST

Choose about seven loci in the genome

Compare all genomes based on these seven loci

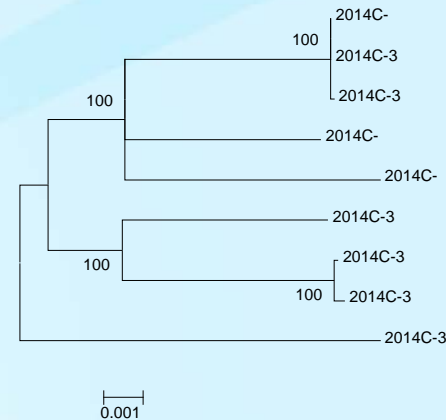
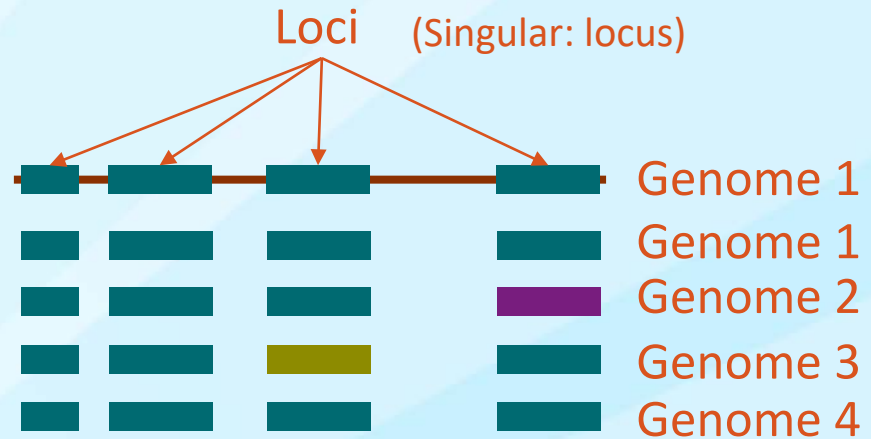
This profile of alleles is called a **sequence type (ST)**



Animation of MLST

0. Assemble the genome
1. Identify the loci
2. Call alleles
3. Compare with other genomes and their alleles
4. Create a phylogeny

Note: many methods do not require an assembly and these are called **assembly-free methods**.



Whole-genome MLST

Rule of thumb: there is about one locus per 1,000 nucleotides in the genome.

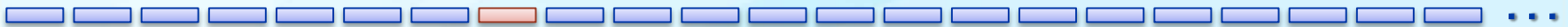
Different species have different sizes, e.g., *L. monocytogenes* has about 3,000,000 nucleotides (~3,000 loci)

In an outbreak, again rule of thumb, we expect 0-10, or perhaps as many as 50 allele differences between genomes.

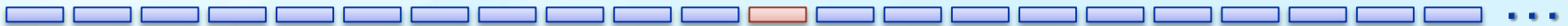
Strain A



Strain B



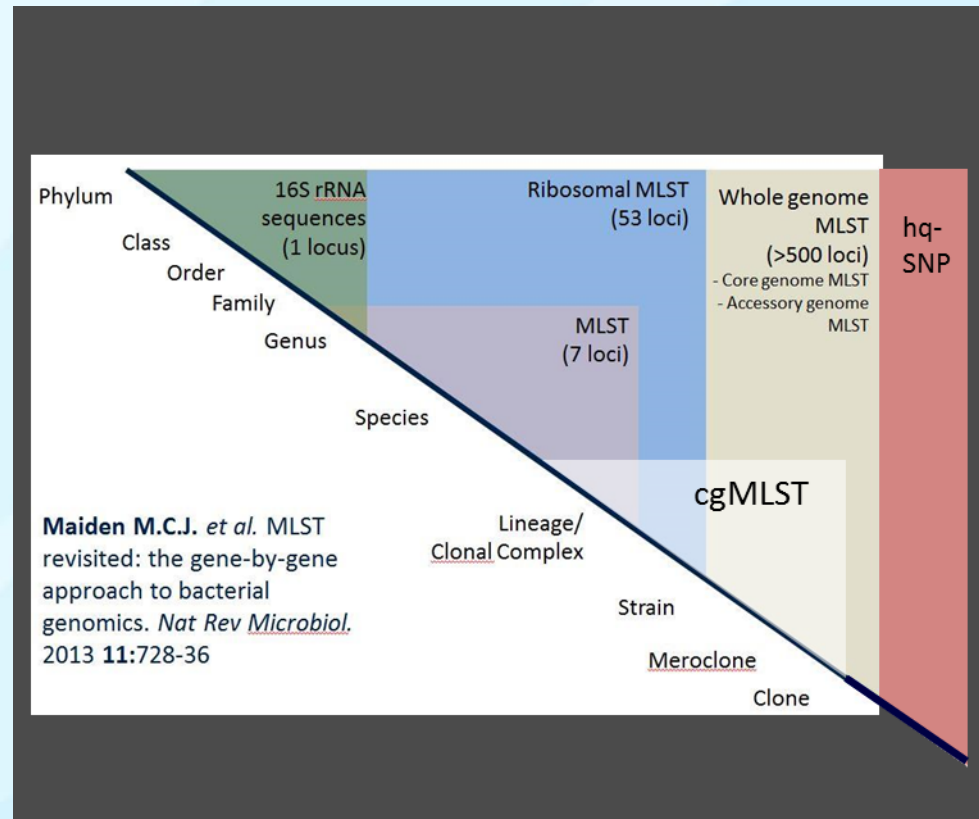
Strain C



Flavors of multilocus sequence type analysis

Subsets of genes can be used to identify genus/species and lineage (rMLST/ MLST)

Core genome MLST are the genes that are in common in vast majority of genomes belonging to a genus species (for *Listeria* – 1748 genes belong to core and are present in ~98% of isolates tested)



MLST software

BioNumerics

Graphical user interface.

StringMLST

Compare kmers of raw reads against a database.

(also: Sting)

Ridom SeqSphere+

Graphical user interface.
Mostly used in Europe.

mlst

BLAST genome assembly against database. Not rated (yet) for wgMLST.



MentaLiST

Another command line MLST caller, focused on large schemes.

Image taken from <http://www.applied-maths.com/applications/wgmlst>
Page et al 2017, Comparison of Multi-locus Sequence Typing software for next generation sequencing data. *MGEN*.

MLST Resources

Main MLST site: <https://pubmlst.org/>

Good resource on MLST terms on the BigsDB manual:

<http://bigsdb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/concepts.html>

API: <https://pubmlst.org/rest/>

Jolley & Maiden 2010, *BMC Bioinformatics* **11**:595

Jolley et al. (2017) *Database* **2017**: bax060

Databases hosted on PubMLST

These databases host MLST schemes and isolate data, increasingly including whole genome sequences.

Bacteria

- *Achromobacter*
- *Acinetobacter baumannii*
- *Aeromonas* spp.
- *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*
- *Arcobacter* spp.
- *Bacillus cereus*
- *Bacillus licheniformis*
- *Bacillus subtilis*
- *Bordetella* spp.
- *Borrelia* spp.
- *Bartonella bacilliformis*
- *Bartonella henselae*
- *Brachyspira* spp.
- *Brucella* spp.
- *Burkholderia cepacia* complex
- *Burkholderia pseudomallei*
- *Campylobacter* spp.
- *Carnobacterium maltaromaticum*
- *Chlamydiales* spp.
- *Citrobacter freundii*
- *Clostridium botulinum*
- *Clostridium difficile*
- *Clostridium septicum*
- *Helicobacter cinaedi*
- *Helicobacter pylori*
- *Helicobacter suis*
- *Klebsiella aerogenes*
- *Klebsiella oxytoca*
- *Lactobacillus salivarius*
- *Leptospira* spp.
- *Macrocooccus canis*
- *Macrocooccus caseolyticus*
- *Mannheimia haemolytica*
- *Melissococcus plutonius*
- *Mycobacteria* spp.
- *Mycobacterium abscessus* complex
- *Mycoplasma agalactiae*
- *Mycoplasma bovis*
- *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae*
- *Mycoplasma hyorhinis*
- *Mycoplasma iowae*
- *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*
- *Mycoplasma synoviae*
- *Neisseria* spp.
- *Oral Streptococcus* spp.
- *Orientia tsutsugamushi*
- *Sinorhizobium* spp.
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Staphylococcus epidermidis*
- *Staphylococcus haemolyticus*
- *Staphylococcus hominis*
- *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius*
- *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*
- *Streptococcus agalactiae*
- *Streptococcus bovis/equinus* complex
- *Streptococcus canis*
- *Streptococcus dysgalactiae*
- *Streptococcus gallolyticus*
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- *Streptococcus pyogenes*
- *Streptococcus suis*
- *Streptococcus thermophilus*
- *Streptococcus uberis*
- *Streptococcus zooepidemicus*
- *Streptomyces* spp.
- *Taylorella* spp.
- *Tenacibaculum* spp.
- *Vibrio* spp.
- *Vibrio cholerae*

Klebsiella Highlight All Match Case Whole Words 2 of 2 matches

```
{
  "databases": [
    {
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      "description": "Campylobacter non-jejuni/coli isolates"
    },
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    },
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    }
  ],
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}
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SNPs

Compare individual letters in a **query** genome against the **reference** genome

hqSNP: high-quality SNP (ie, high confidence)

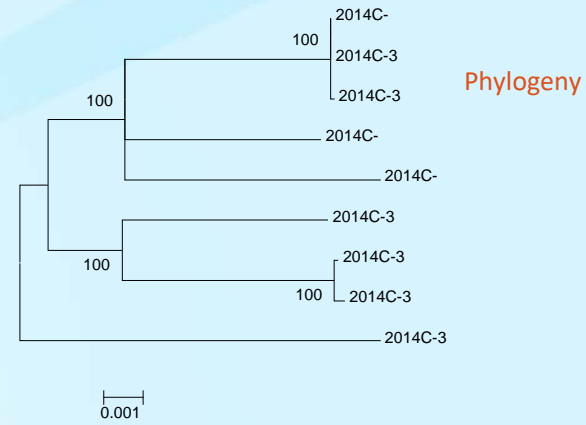
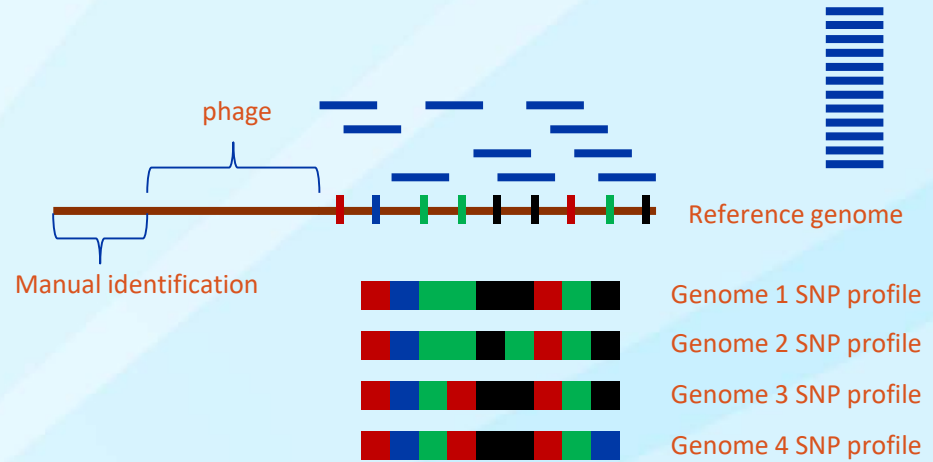
hqSNP indicates some high threshold, e.g.,

- 10x coverage
- 75% consensus

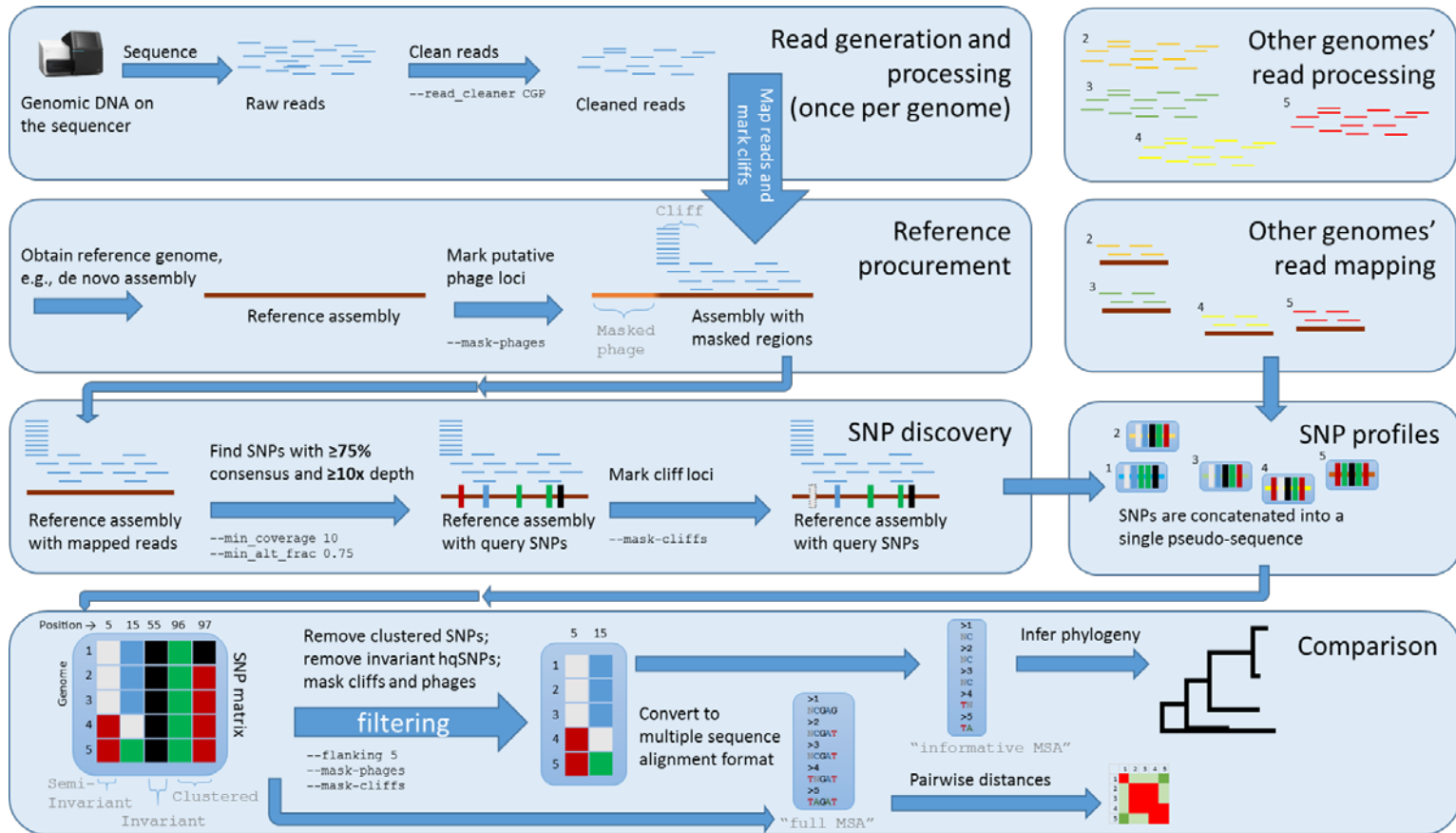


SNP analysis

- 0. Pre-processing
 - a) Identification of troublesome regions
 - b) Read cleaning
- 1. Mapping
- 2. SNP calling
 - a) % consensus
 - b) x depth
 - c) Other filters
- 3. Phylogeny inference



More details

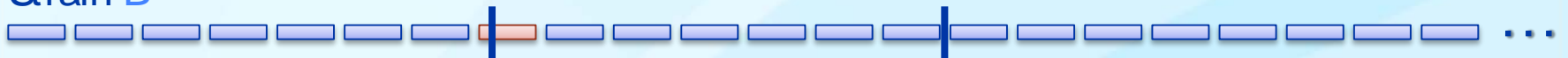


SNPs overlaid on MLST loci

Strain A



Strain B



Strain C



SNP software

Lyve-SET

Optimized for outbreak surveillance.

SNP-Pipeline

FDA SNP pipeline.
Optimized for regulatory workflow. Optimized for speed and accuracy of SNPs.

SNVPhyl

Public Health Agency of Canada. Graphical User Interface in Galaxy.

KSNP (?)

Each bioinformatician to have their own personal short-read aligner by 2016

Posted on [March 23, 2015](#) by [jovialscientist](#)

OXFORD, UK. The Bioinformatics Society (“BS” for short) have declared that they will reach their aim of every bioinformatician having their own personal short-read aligner by the end of 2016, *The ScienceWeb* have learned.

There are approximately 28,362 scientists globally who identify themselves as being “bioinformaticians” or “computational biologists” (those who identify themselves as “bioinformagicians” have been excluded – not just from this analysis, but from life in general). A recent survey of short-read aligners identified 23,872 different software tools, all of which basically do the same thing.

“We’re almost there!” exclaimed base-pair hyper-bot Hang Li from the Broad Institute. “As soon as I published that paper on the Ferris Bueller transform, I knew the field would take off! And it has – we have one valuable publication and 23,871 incremental improvements” finished the Hang Li AI, a 7-dimensional intelligence that exists only in the minimal amount of memory need to represent a human.

The field of bioinformatics sequence analysis has been criticised by other areas of science for basically solving the same 3 problems over and over again, sometimes with only a marginal improvement and often with a marked deterioration in quality.

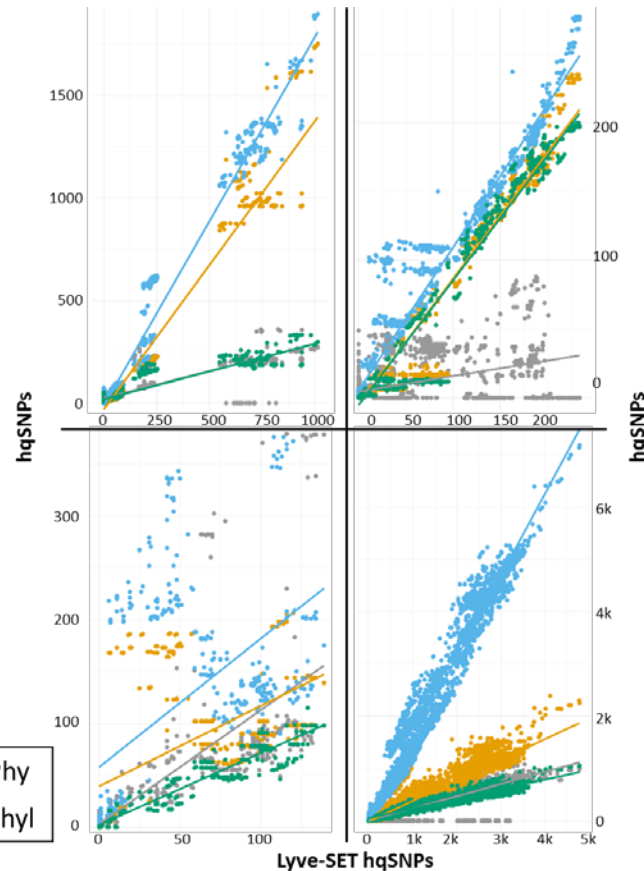
Installation and sample run

```
$ cd ~/bin/
$ git clone https://github.com/lskatz/lyve-SET
$ cd Lyve-SET
$ git checkout v1.1.4f
$ make install
$ export PATH=$PATH:~/bin/lyve-SET/scripts
# You may also add this to your bash profile
$ echo >> ~/.bash_profile "export PATH=$PATH:~/bin/lyve-SET/scripts"
$ which launch_set.pl
$ set_test.pl lambda lambda --numcpus 4
# Takes about two minutes
$ ls lambda/msa/tree.dnd
```

Comparison of Lyve-SET with other SNP pipelines

<i>L. monocytogenes</i>		
Pipeline	$y=mx+b$	R^2
kSNP	$y=0.26x+24$	0.69
RealPhy	$y=1.14x+31$	0.96
SNP-Pipeline	$y=1.8x-13$	0.97
SNVPhyl	$y=0.27x+19$	0.58

<i>E. coli</i>		
Pipeline	$y=mx+b$	R^2
kSNP	$y=1.1x+2.9$	0.43
RealPhy	$y=0.78x+39$	0.27
SNP-Pipeline	$y=1.2x+58$	0.3
SNVPhyl	$y=0.69x+2.1$	0.92

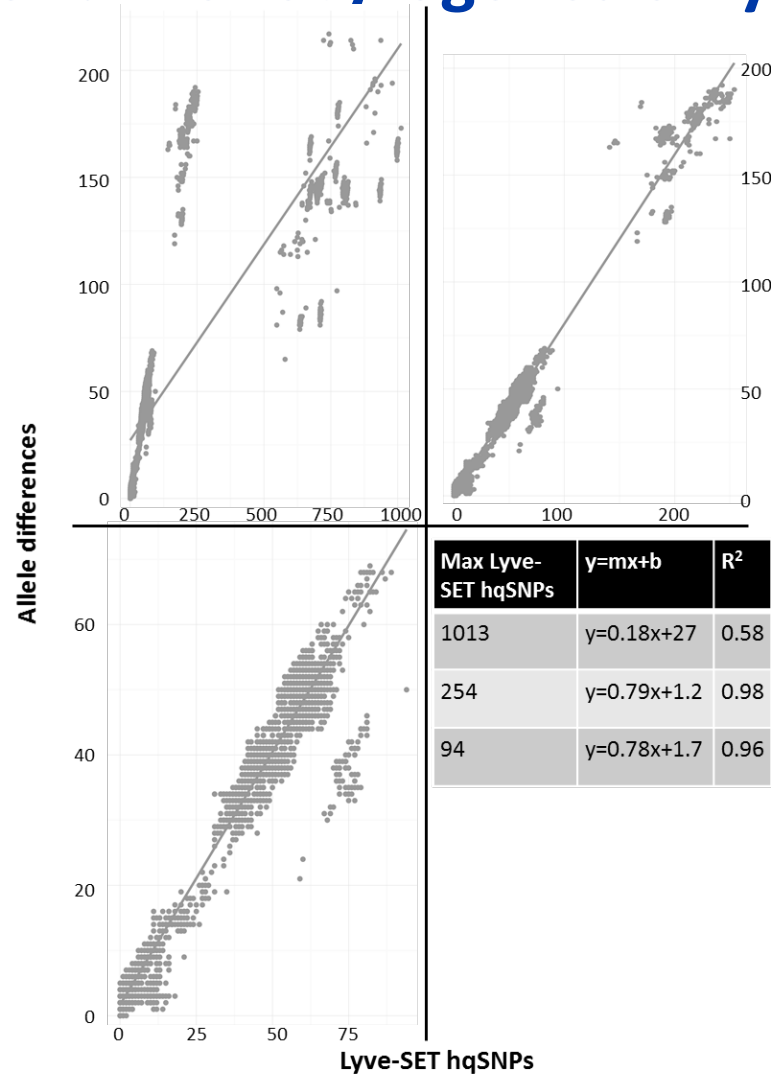


<i>S. enterica</i>		
Pipeline	$y=mx+b$	R^2
kSNP	$y=0.11x+4.7$	0.23
RealPhy	$y=0.92x-5$	0.95
SNP-Pipeline	$y=1.0x+5.4$	0.96
SNVPhyl	$y=0.91x-5.1$	0.94

<i>C. jejuni</i>		
Pipeline	$y=mx+b$	R^2
kSNP	$y=0.23x+4$	0.89
RealPhy	$y=0.4x-15$	0.88
SNP-Pipeline	$y=1.6x-17$	0.97
SNVPhyl	$y=0.18x+49$	0.92

Each data point is a SNP distance as determined by Lyve-SET (x-axis) and the distance of an alternative SNP pipeline (y-axis). The slope indicates the number of SNPs per Lyve-SET SNP.

Comparison with whole-genome MLST (*Listeria monocytogenes* only)



Which algorithm should you use?

	Kmer-based	wgMLST	hqSNP
Diversity	✓✓	✓	xx
Outbreak-level resolution	x	✓	✓
Further genomic information	x	✓	✓
Minimal upfront effort	✓	xx	✓
Fast	✓✓	✓✓	x
Easy to use for anyone	x	✓	x

The best level resolution for outbreaks is theoretically hqSNP but empirically wgMLST has performed approximately as well

Multistate outbreak of farmstead cheeses

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Multistate Outbreak of Listeriosis Linked to Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheeses (Final Update)

Posted September 24, 2013 1:00 PM ET

This outbreak appears to be over. *Listeria monocytogenes* infection (listeriosis) is an important cause of illness in the United States. More information about listeriosis, and steps people can take to reduce their risk of infection, can be found on the [CDC Listeria Web Page](#).

Highlights

- [Read the Advice to Consumers & Cheese Retailers»](#)
- A total of six persons infected with the outbreak strain of *Listeria monocytogenes* were reported from five states.
 - The number of ill persons identified in each state was as follows: Illinois (1), Indiana (1), Minnesota (2), Ohio (1), and Texas (1).
- All six ill persons were hospitalized. One death was reported in Minnesota. In addition, one illness in a pregnant woman resulted in a miscarriage.
- No new ill persons were reported since the last update on August 22, 2013.
- A collaborative investigation by local and state public health and regulatory agencies, CDC, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indicated that Les Frères, Petit Frère, and Petit Frère with Truffles

At a Glance:

- **Case Count:** 6
- **States:** 5
- **Deaths:** 1
- **Hospitalizations:** 6
- **Recall:** **Yes**

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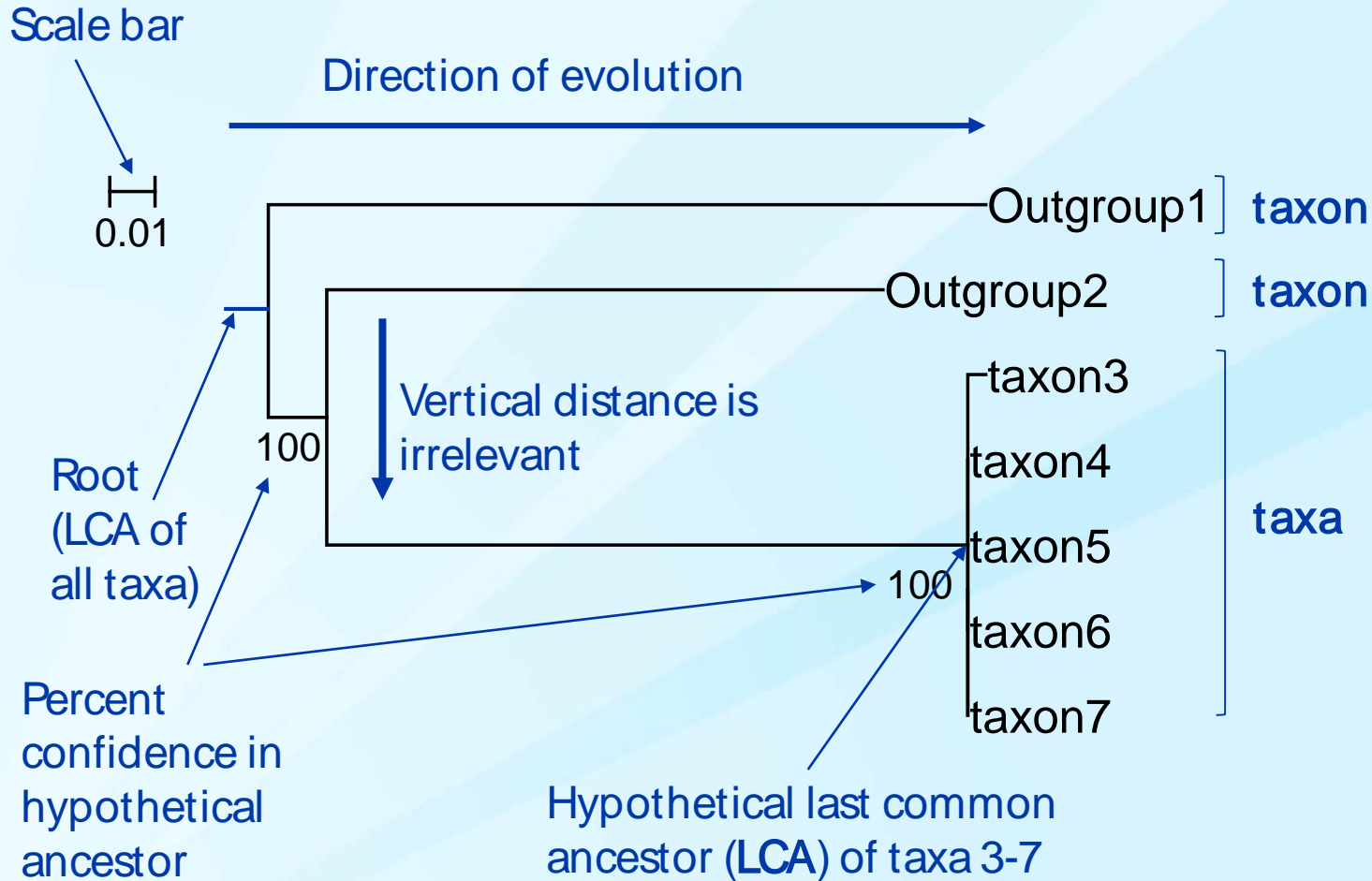
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How to read a phylogeny



2013 outbreak linked to farmstead cheese

Red= epi-related clinical isolates

Blue= retrospective clinical cases or not outbreak related

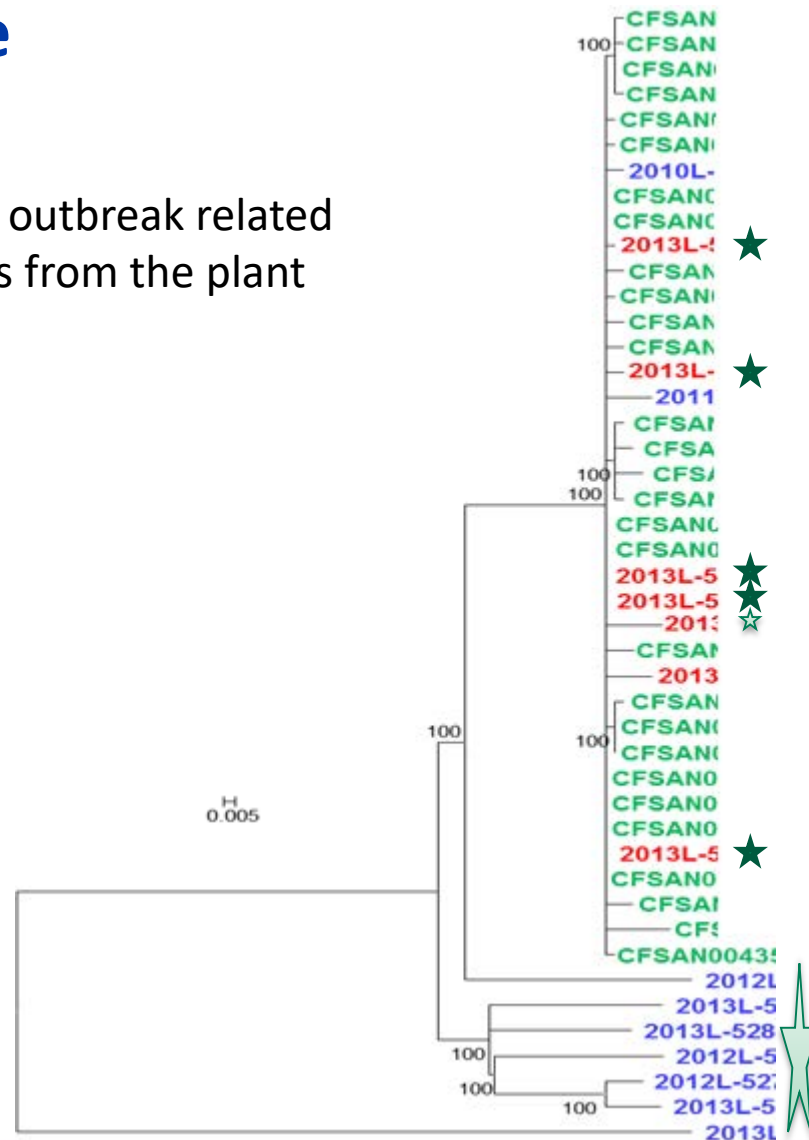
Green= historical environmental isolates from the plant

★ Exposure

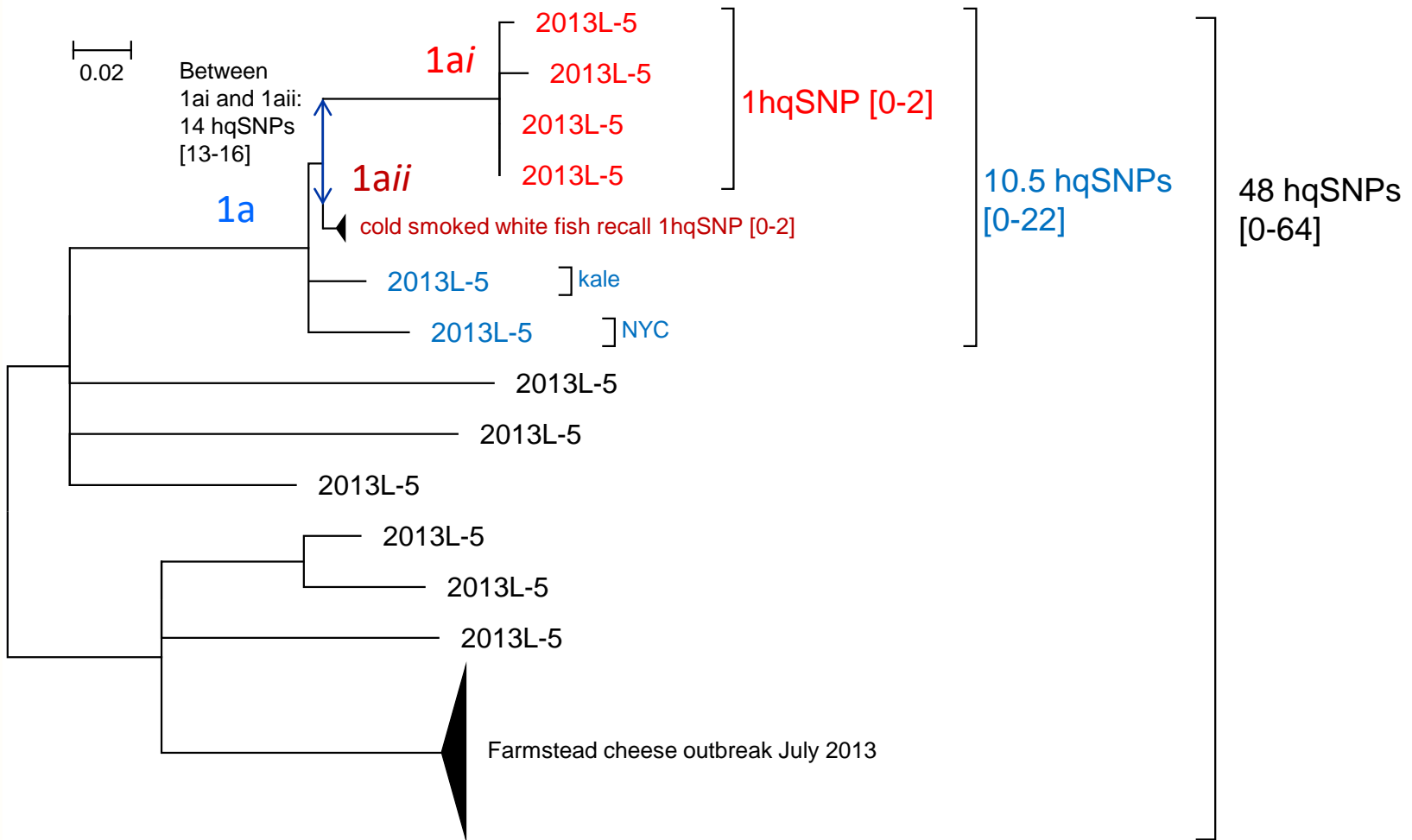
☆ No Exposure

For another outbreak of Lmono of the same year but in-depth analysis:

Chen, Yi, et al. "Whole genome and core genome multilocus sequence typing and single nucleotide polymorphism analyses of *Listeria monocytogenes* isolates associated with an outbreak linked to cheese, United States, 2013." *Applied and environmental microbiology* 83.15 (2017): e00633-17.



Phylogenetically related outbreak of unknown etiology, December 2013



In conclusion

- **Genomic epidemiology is awesome.**
- **There are several methods to compare genomes.**
 - Kmer
 - MLST
 - SNP
- **We are using genomic epi in real time to solve real world problems.**
- **... but genomic epidemiology does not work in a vacuum. Other data are needed for real world conclusions.**



Questions?



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