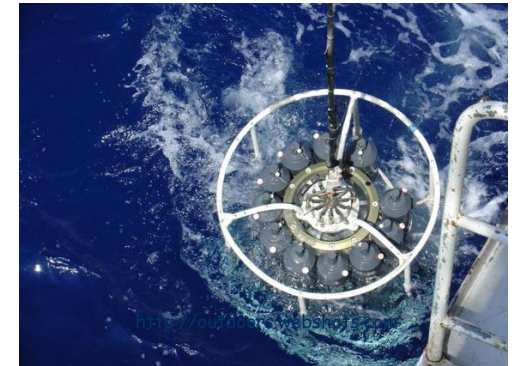
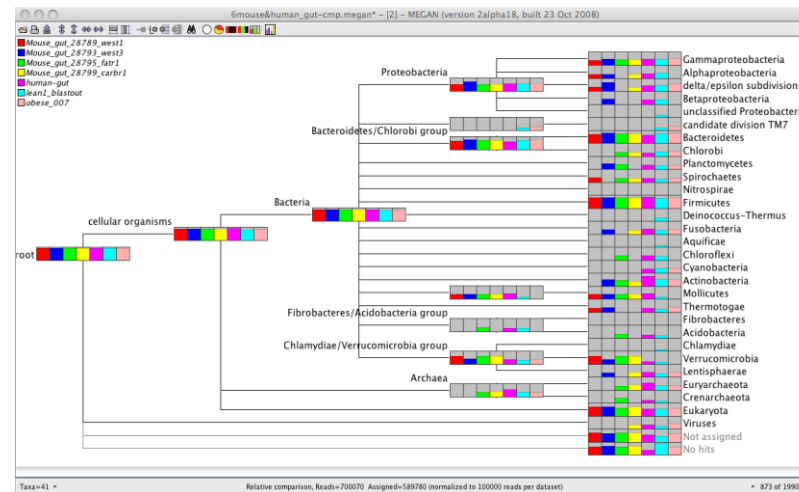




# Computational Analysis of Metagenomes



Daniel H. Huson



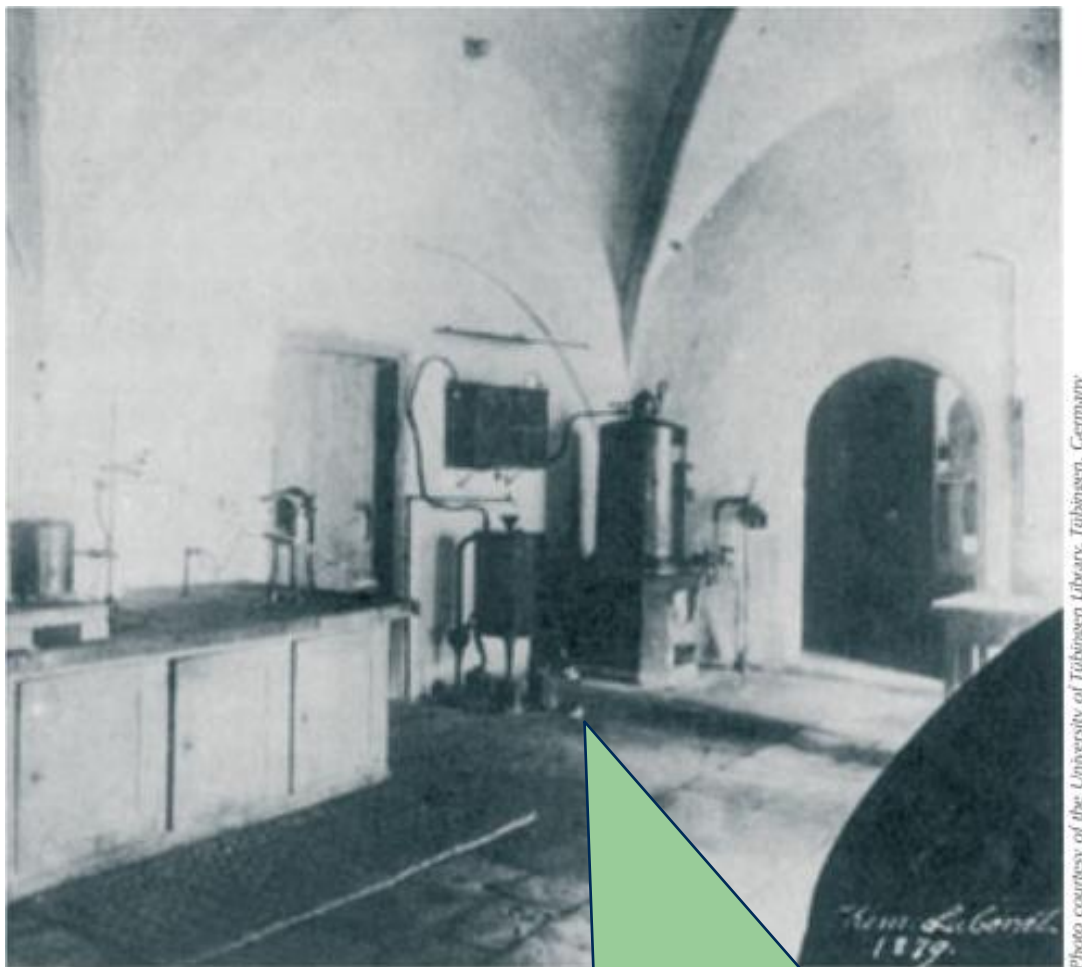
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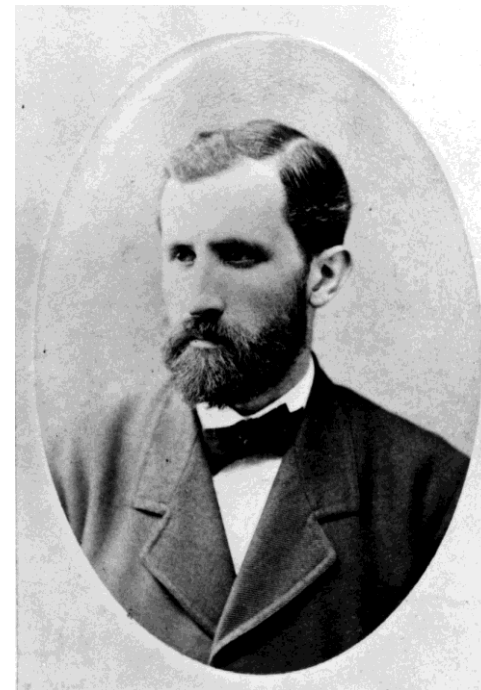
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# Discovery of DNA



**1869: Miescher discovered DNA  
in the kitchen of Tübingen Castle**



**Friedrich Miescher  
(1844-1895)**



# Role of DNA



...  
A - T  
C - G  
G - C  
T - A  
A - T  
A - T  
...

## 1953 Watson and Crick

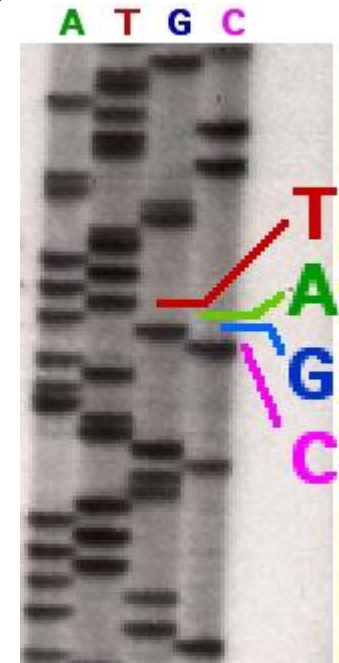
- The structure of DNA is a double helix
- It is *the order of the bases* along the molecule that contains heredity information

# Sanger DNA Sequencing



**1975** Frederick Sanger develops the "chain termination method" method for DNA sequencing

- Sanger sequencing basis of Genomics until 2005



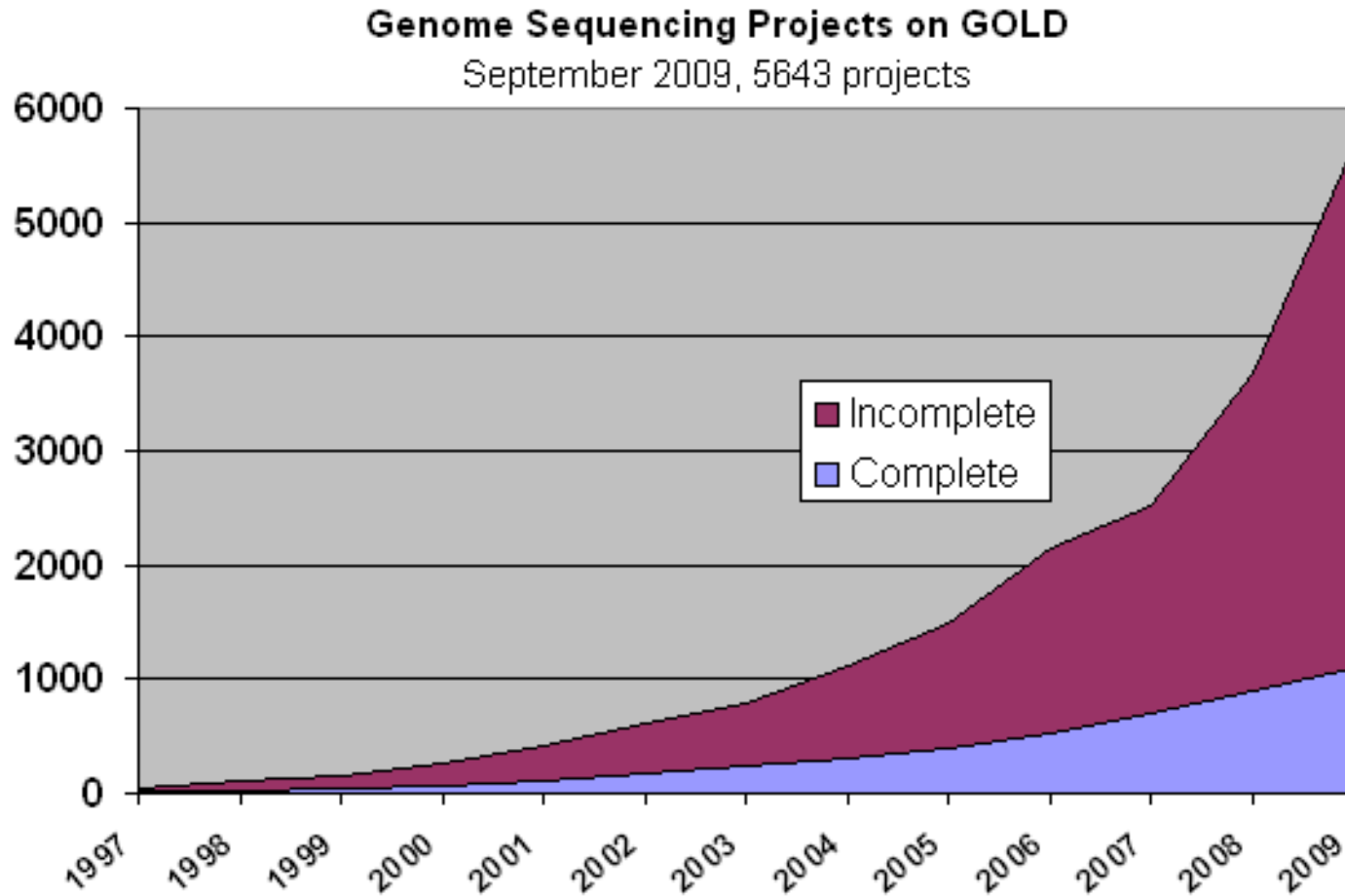
# Genomics

- **Genomics** is the study of the genome sequence of individual organisms



- **Genome sizes:**
  - Bacteria: 1-10 million bases (Mb)
  - Drosophila: 140Mb
  - Human: 3 billion bases (Gb)

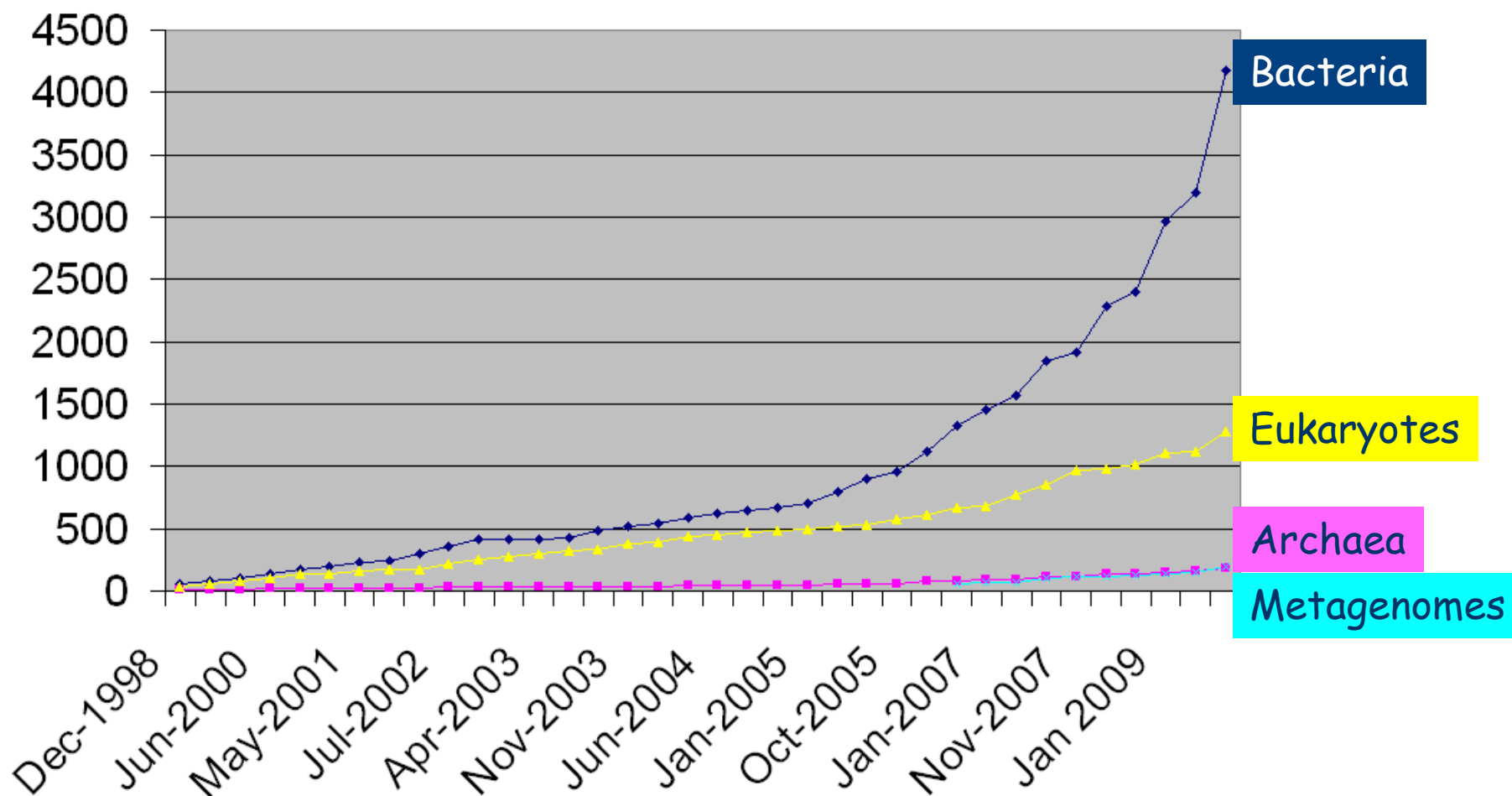
# Sequencing of Genomes



**GOLD: Genomes online database**  
[www.genomesonline.org](http://www.genomesonline.org)

# Genome Projects by Groups

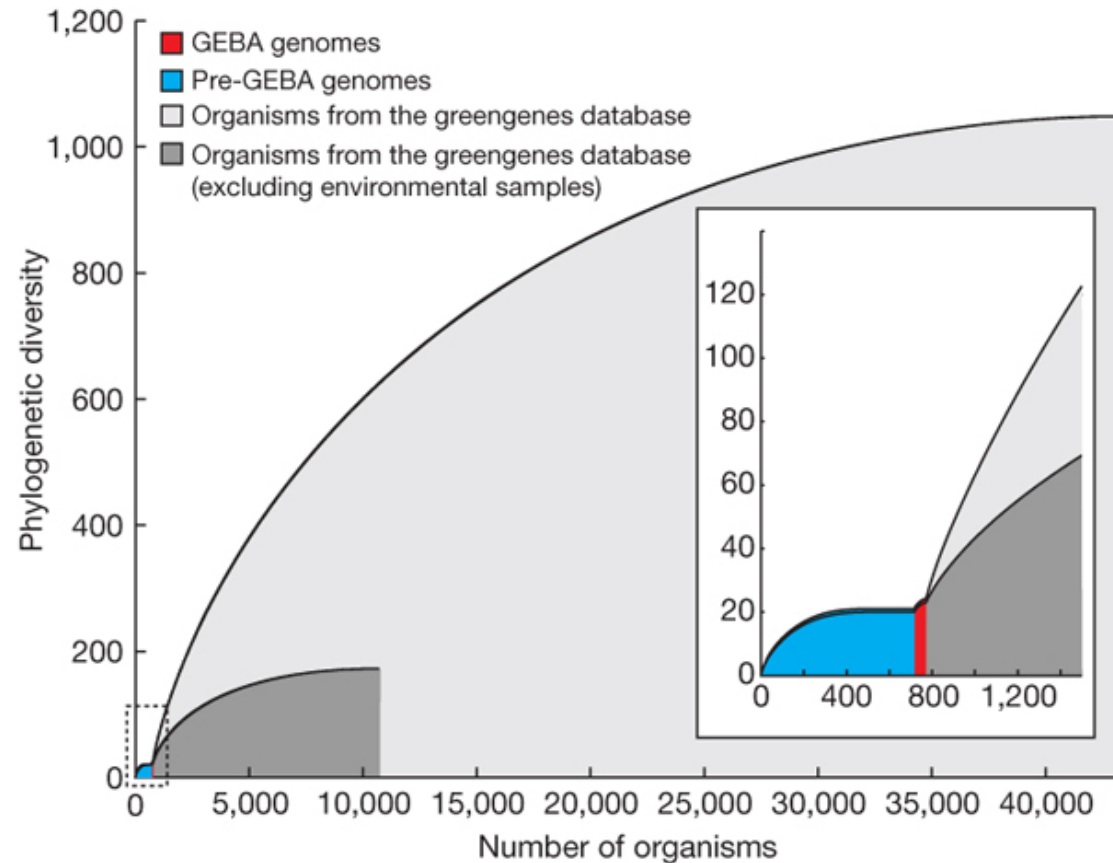
Genome Projects on GOLD according to Phylogenetic Groups ©  
 September 2009 - 5831 Projects



# The GEBA Project

- A Genomic Encyclopedia for Bacteria and Archaea
  - JGI/DSMZ project

- Systematically  
sequence  
microbes from  
underrepresented  
clades



Dongying Wu *et al*, Nature, 2009

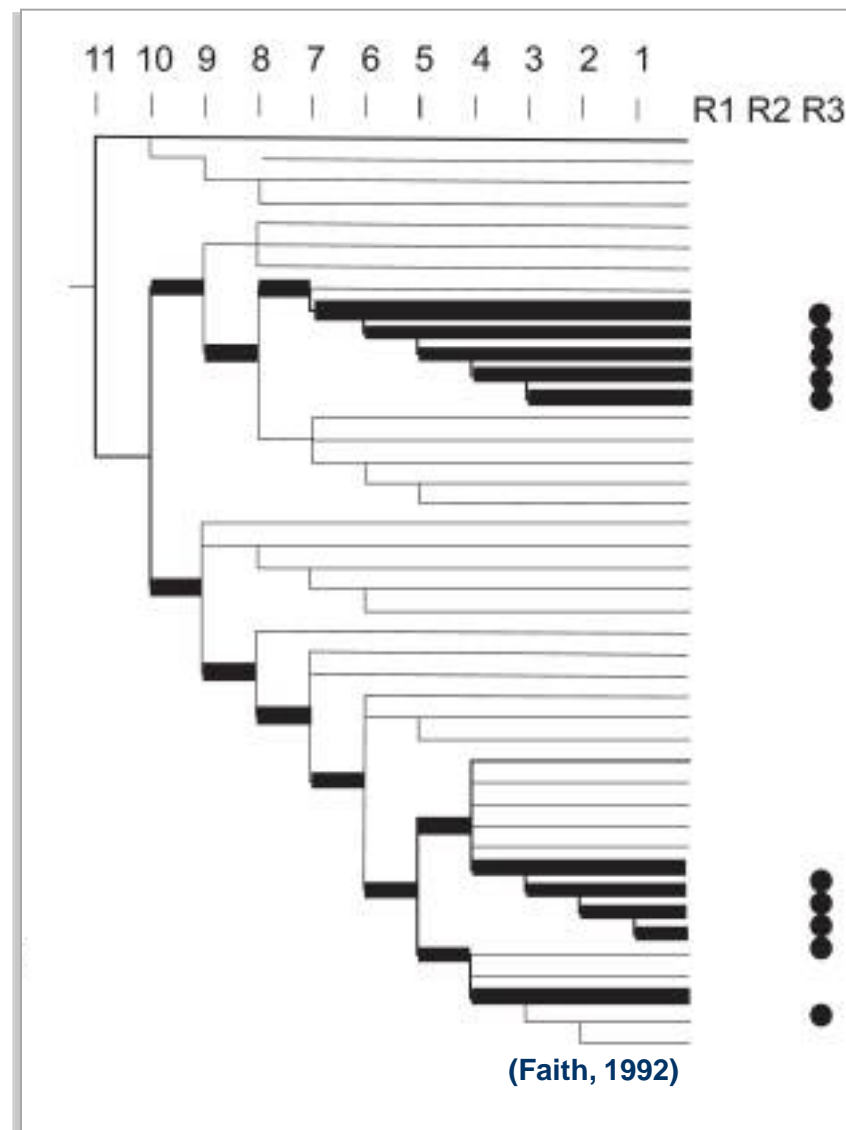
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# Phylogenetic Diversity (PD)

PD of a set of taxa:

- The sum of all branches on the phylogenetic tree that spans the set

(Faith, 1992)





# From One to Many...



# The Sequence of the Human Genome

**J. Craig Venter,<sup>1\*</sup> Mark D. Adams,<sup>1</sup> Eugene W. Myers,<sup>1</sup>  
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**Lin Chen,<sup>1</sup>** **M**  
**Paul D. Thom**  
**Catherine Nel**  
**Joe Nadeau,<sup>5</sup>**  
**Arnold J. Lev**  
**Carolyn Slayr**  
**Arthur Delche**



# 2001: THE Human Genome



*Nature* 409, 860–921 (2001) © Macmillan Publishers Ltd.

## Initial sequencing and analysis of the human genome

**International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium**

The human genome holds an extraordinary trove of information about human development, physiology, medicine and evolution. Here we report the results of produce and make freely available a draft sequence of the human initial analysis of the data, describing some of the insights that ca

**Letter**

*Nature* **463**, 943–947 (18 February  
Accepted 6 January 2010

nature 15 February 2001



## Letter

Nature 463, 943-947 (18 February 2010) | doi:10.1038/nature08795; Received 11 August 2009; Accepted 6 January 2010

## Complete Khoisan and Bantu genomes from southern Africa

See associated Correspondence: [Schlebusch, Nature 464, 487 \(March 2010\)](#), [Nature 464, 487 \(March 2010\)](#)

Stephan C. Schuster<sup>1,17</sup>, Webb Miller<sup>1,17</sup>, Aakrosh Ratan<sup>1</sup>, Lynn P. Tomsho<sup>1</sup>, Belinda Giardine<sup>1</sup>, Lindsay R. Kasson<sup>1</sup>, Robert S. Harris<sup>1</sup>, Desiree C. Petersen<sup>2</sup>, Fangqing Zhao<sup>1</sup>, Ji Qi<sup>1</sup>, Can Alkan<sup>3</sup>, Jeffrey M. Kidd<sup>3</sup>, Yazhou Sun<sup>1</sup>, Daniela I. Drautz<sup>1</sup>, Pascal Bouffard<sup>4</sup>, Donna M. Muzny<sup>5</sup>, Jeffrey G. Reid<sup>5</sup>, Lynne V. Nazareth<sup>5</sup>, Qingyu Wang<sup>1</sup>, Richard Burhans<sup>1</sup>, Cathy Riemer<sup>1</sup>, Nicola E. Wittekindt<sup>1</sup>, Priya Moorjani<sup>6</sup>, Elizabeth A. Tindall<sup>2,7</sup>, Charles G. Danko<sup>8</sup>, Wee Siang Teo<sup>2,7</sup>, Anne M. Buboltz<sup>1</sup>, Zhenhai Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Qianyi Ma<sup>1</sup>, Arno Oosthuysen<sup>9</sup>, Abraham W. Steenkamp<sup>10</sup>, Hermann Oosthuisen<sup>11</sup>, Philippus Venter<sup>12</sup>, John Gaiowski<sup>1</sup>, Yu Zhang<sup>1</sup>, B. Franklin Pugh<sup>1</sup>, Katervna D. Makova<sup>1</sup>, Anton Nekrutenko<sup>1</sup>.

## 2008: 1000 Genomes Project...

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# Next-Generation Sequencing Technologies



- Fuelling a rapid growth of the number and size of sequencing projects



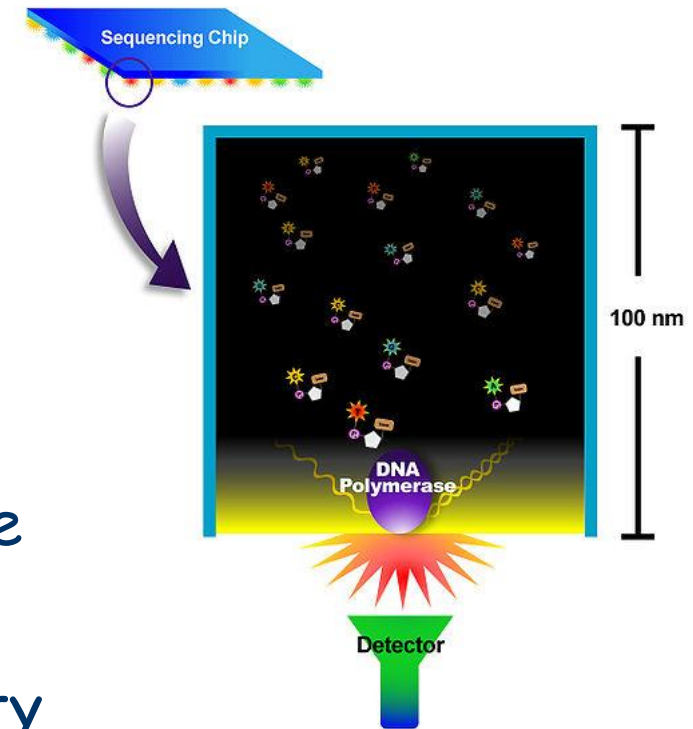
# Advances in Sequencing Technologies

- First generation (Sanger sequencing):
  - 100kb/run, read length 1000bp, 500\$/Mb
- Second generation:
  - Roche/454: 450Mb/run, 400bp, 20\$/Mb
  - Illumina: 35Gb/run, 100bp, 0.50\$/Mb
  - SOLiD: 50Gb/run, 50bp, 0.50\$/Mb
  - Heliscope: 37Gb/run, 32bp, <0.50\$/Mb
- Third generation:
  - PacBio SMRT: 25Gb/run, >1000bp, ?\$/Mb
- Other:
  - Ion Torrent: uses ion sensor, <100,000\$

# SMRT™ Sequencing

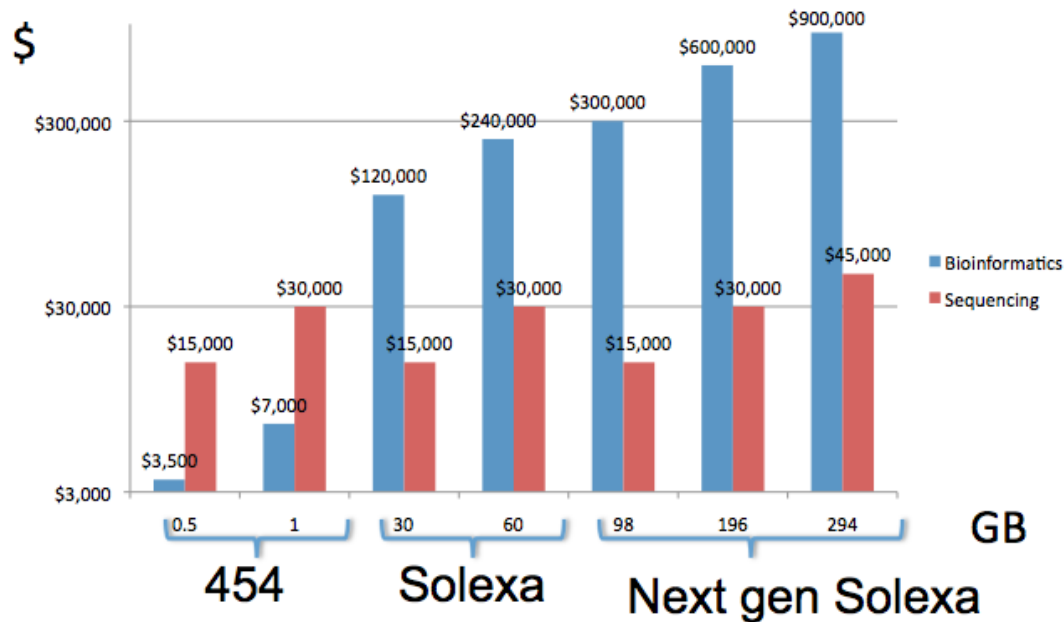
## Single Molecule Real Time Sequencing

- Observes detached fluorescent dye molecules
- Three protocols:
  - **Linear sequencing:**  
1kb reads, 10% deletion rate
  - **Circular sequencing:**  
e.g. 200bp reads, high quality
  - **Strobe sequencing:**  
e.g. 10 sections, each 100bp , each 500bp apart



# Sequencing No Longer the Bottleneck...

If we simply ran BLASTX on EC2...



- 95GB == 195,600 node hours (on Nehalem 8core, 16GB),
- Illumina HiSeq2000 = 2x100GB/run
- cost is purely BLAST, no storage or transfer cost
- values are in Amazon EC2 (from Wilkenina et al, IEEE Cluster09)
- note: 10x or 100x improvements over BLASTX will help, but not solve
- prices from mid 2009



This slide kindly provided by Folker Meyer (Argonne National Labs)

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# How Many Species?



## Major unsolved question:

- Number of species on Earth?
- Cannot be answered even to within several orders of magnitude
- Some estimations
  - 3-50 million species of arthropods
  - 1-100 million species of nematodes



[www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/arthropoda/arthropoda.h](http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/arthropoda/arthropoda.h)

Once the diversity of the microbial world is catalogued, it will make astronomy look like a pitiful science

- Julian Davies, Professor Emeritus, Microbiology and Immunology, UBC



# Identified Modern Species

~1.7 million named species

- 287,655 plants, including:
  - 15,000 mosses
  - 13,025 ferns
  - 980 gymnosperms
  - 199,350 dicotyledons
  - 59,300 monocotyledons
- 74,000–120,000 fungi
- 10,000 lichens
- 5,700 prokaryotes
- ~1,250,000 animals, including:
  - 1,190,200 invertebrates:
    - 950,000 insects
    - 70,000 mollusks
    - 40,000 crustaceans
    - 130,200 others
  - 58,808 vertebrates:
    - 29,300 fish
    - 5,743 amphibians
    - 8,240 reptiles
    - 10,234 birds
    - 5,416 mammals

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biodiversity>

Sequences for ~200,000

# Metagenomics

- “The study of the DNA of uncultured organisms”
- > 99% of all microbes cannot be cultured
- A genome:
  - Entire genetic information of a single organism
- A metagenome:
  - Entire genetic information of a community of organisms



[www.innovations-report.de](http://www.innovations-report.de)

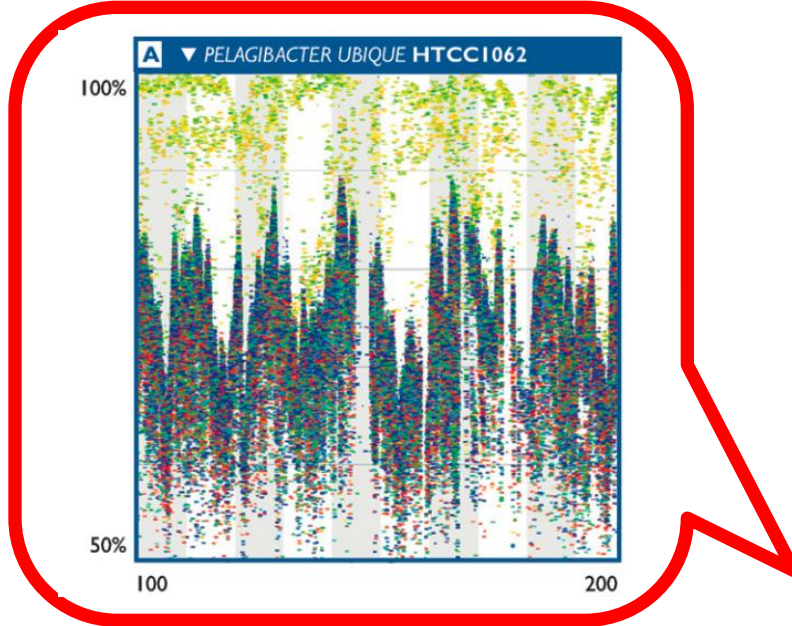
# Typical Sources of Metagenomes

- Soil samples
- Sea water samples
- Seabed samples
- Air samples
- Medical samples
- Ancient bones
- Human microbiome



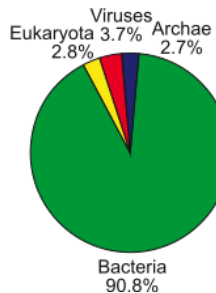


# Global Ocean Sampling Expedition



Rusch *et al.* (2007):

- 41 samples
- Size filtered 0.1-0.8 $\mu$ m
- Sanger sequencing
  - 7.7 million reads
  - length ~822bp
  - ~ 5.9Gb sequence
- Low abundance of *clonal* organisms



Alpha Proteobacteria	0.32
Unclassified Proteobacteria	0.155
Gamma Proteobacteria	0.132
Bacteroidetes	0.13
Cyanobacteria	0.079
Firmicutes	0.075
Actinobacteria	0.046
Marine Group A	0.022
Beta Proteobacteria	0.017
OP11	0.008
Unclassified Bacteria	0.008
Delta Proteobacteria	0.005
Planctomycetes	0.002
Epsilon Proteobacteria	0.001

Yooseph *et al.* (2007):

- 6 million proteins
  - linear rate of discovery

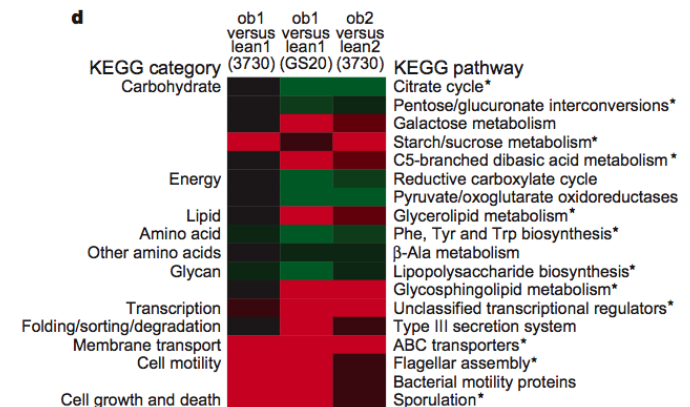


# Gut Microbiota



- Turnbaugh *et al* (2006)
- Caecal microbial DNA of *ob/ob*, *ob/+*, *+/+* mice
- Sanger sequencing:
  - 39.5 Mb
  - read length 750 bp
- 454 sequencing:
  - 160 Mb
  - read length 93 bp

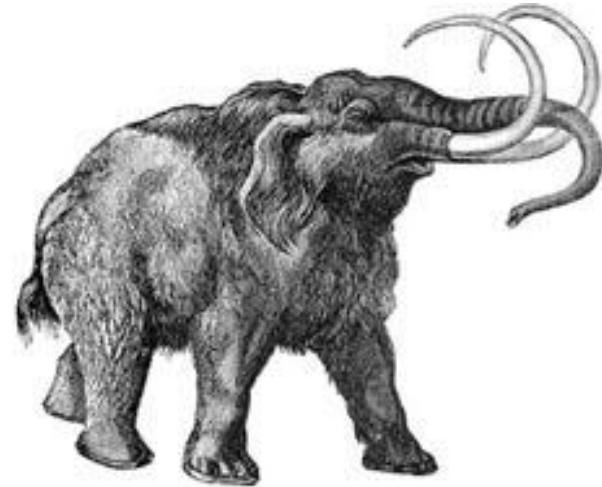
- Obesity-associated gut microbiome
  - Change in relative abundance of Bacteroidetes and Firmicutes
  - Change in functional capacity (toward energy harvesting)



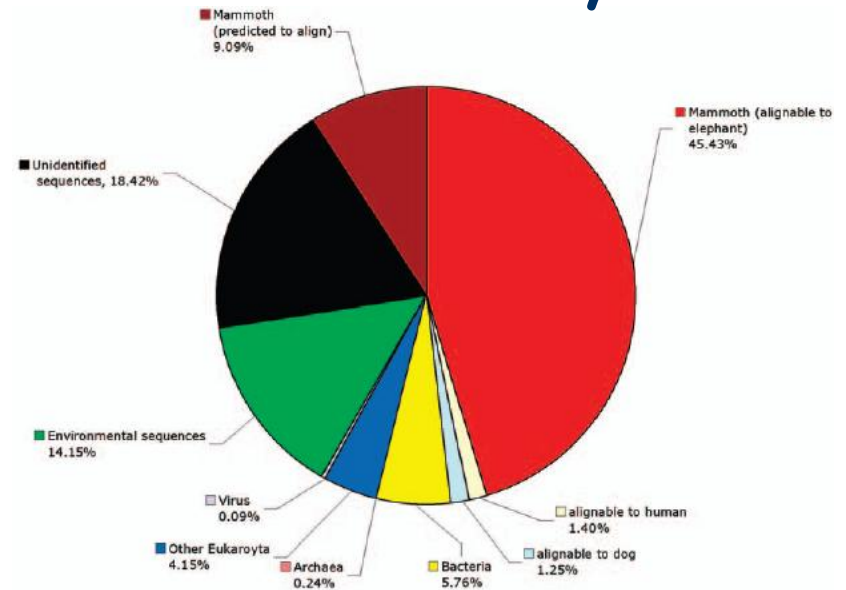


# Mammoth Project

- DNA collected from permafrost mammoth (28,000 years old)
- DNA extracted from 1 gram of bone
- 454 sequencing:
  - ~302,000 reads
  - ~95 bp length
- > 50% mammoth



## Taxonomic analysis



### REPORTS

20 JANUARY 2006 VOL 311 SCIENCE www.sciencemag.org

## Metagenomics to Paleogenomics: Large-Scale Sequencing of Mammoth DNA

Hendrik N. Poinar,<sup>1,2,3\*</sup> Carsten Schwarz,<sup>1,2</sup> Ji Qi,<sup>4</sup> Beth Shapiro,<sup>5</sup> Ross D. E. MacPhee,<sup>6</sup>  
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 Markus Rampp,<sup>10</sup> Webb Miller,<sup>4</sup> Stephan C. Schuster<sup>4\*</sup>



- Urich *et al* (2008):
  - RNA randomly reverse transcribed into cDNA
  - No PCR or cloning
  - 454 sequencing:
    - ~ 250,000 sequences
    - ~ 98 bp length
  - RNA types:
    - ~ 75% rRNA tags
    - ~ 8% mRNA tags
    - ~ 17% unassigned





# Large-Scale Human Gut Analysis

Vol 464 | 4 March 2010 | doi:10.1038/nature08821

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## ARTICLES

### A human gut microbial gene catalogue established by metagenomic sequencing

Junjie Qin<sup>1\*</sup>, Ruiqiang Li<sup>1\*</sup>, Jeroen Raes<sup>2,3</sup>, Manimozhiyan Arumugam<sup>2</sup>, Kristoffer Solvsten Burgdorf<sup>4</sup>, Chaysavanh Manichanh<sup>5</sup>, Trine Nielsen<sup>4</sup>, Nicolas Pons<sup>6</sup>, Florence Levenez<sup>6</sup>, Takuji Yamada<sup>2</sup>, Daniel R. Mende<sup>2</sup>, Junhua Li<sup>1,7</sup>, Junming Xu<sup>1</sup>, Shaochuan Li<sup>1</sup>, Dongfang Li<sup>1,8</sup>, Jianjun Cao<sup>1</sup>, Bo Wang<sup>1</sup>, Huiqing Liang<sup>1</sup>, Huisong Zheng<sup>1</sup>, Yinlong Xie<sup>1,7</sup>, Julien Tap<sup>6</sup>, Patricia Lepage<sup>6</sup>, Marcelo Bertalan<sup>9</sup>, Jean-Michel Batto<sup>6</sup>, Torben Hansen<sup>4</sup>, Denis Le Paslier<sup>10</sup>, Allan Linneberg<sup>11</sup>, H. Bjørn Nielsen<sup>9</sup>, Eric Pelletier<sup>10</sup>, Pierre Renault<sup>6</sup>, Thomas Sicheritz-Ponten<sup>9</sup>, Keith Turner<sup>12</sup>, Hongmei Zhu<sup>1</sup>, Chang Yu<sup>1</sup>, Shengting Li<sup>1</sup>, Min Jian<sup>1</sup>, Yan Zhou<sup>1</sup>, Yingrui Li<sup>1</sup>, Xiuqing Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Songgang Li<sup>1</sup>, Nan Qin<sup>1</sup>, Huanming Yang<sup>1</sup>, Jian Wang<sup>1</sup>, Søren Brunak<sup>9</sup>, Joel Doré<sup>6</sup>, Francisco Guarner<sup>5</sup>, Karsten Kristiansen<sup>13</sup>, Oluf Pedersen<sup>4,14</sup>, Julian Parkhill<sup>12</sup>, Jean Weissenbach<sup>10</sup>, MetaHIT Consortium†, Peer Bork<sup>2</sup>, S. Dusko Ehrlich<sup>6</sup> & Jun Wang<sup>1,13</sup>

To understand the impact of gut microbes on human health and well-being it is crucial to assess their genetic potential. Here we describe the Illumina-based metagenomic sequencing, assembly and characterization of 3.3 million non-redundant microbial genes, derived from 576.7 gigabases of sequence, from faecal samples of 124 European individuals. The gene set, ~150 times larger than the human gene complement, contains an overwhelming majority of the prevalent (more frequent) microbial genes of the cohort and probably includes a large proportion of the prevalent human intestinal microbial genes. The genes are largely shared among individuals of the cohort. Over 99% of the genes are bacterial, indicating that the entire cohort harbours between 1,000 and 1,150 prevalent bacterial species and each individual at least 160 such species, which are also largely shared. We define and describe the minimal gut metagenome and the minimal gut bacterial genome in terms of functions present in all individuals and most bacteria, respectively.

- 576Gb of sequence from 124 individuals



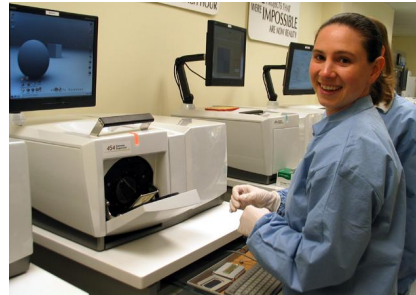
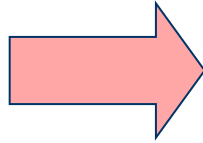
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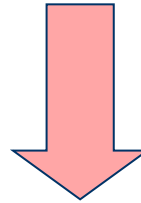
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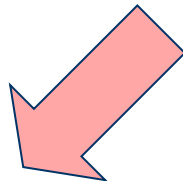


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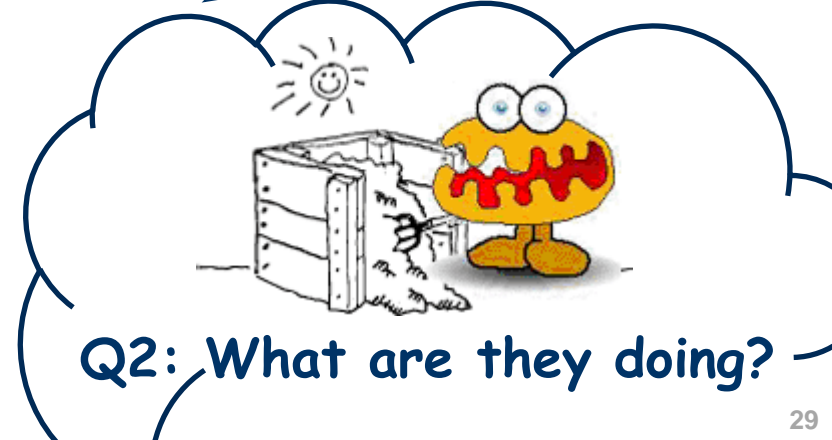
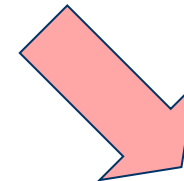
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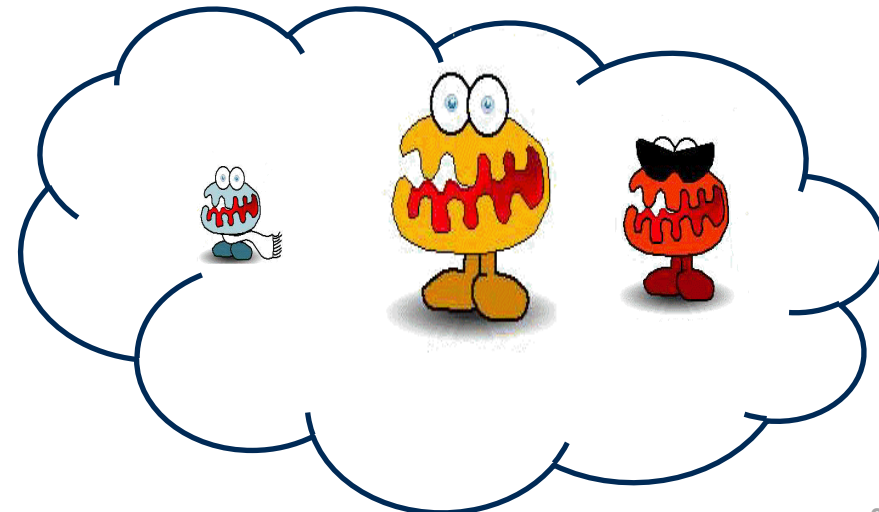
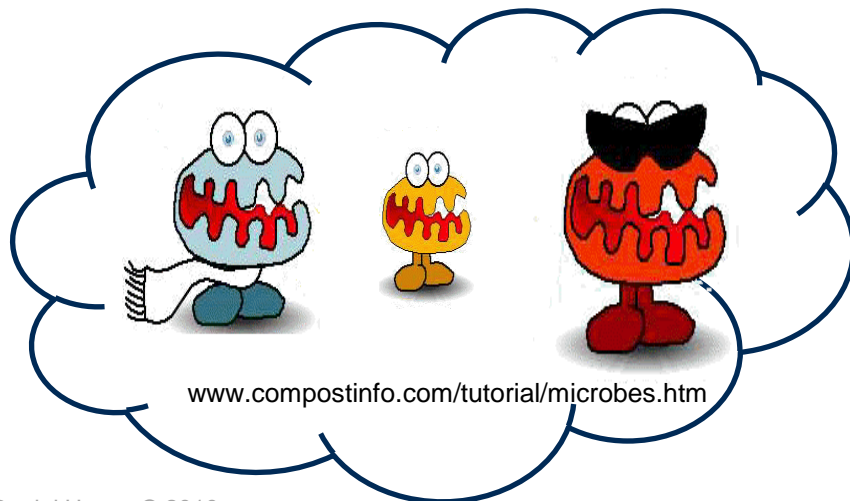


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Q2: What are they doing?

# Q3: How Do They Compare?





# Additional Questions

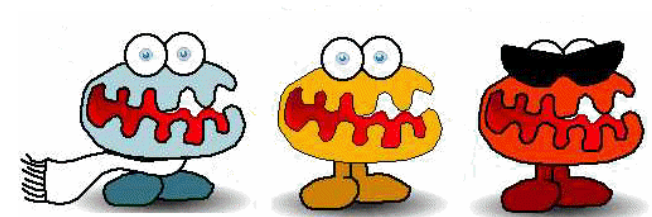
- How to cluster reads by relatedness (using machine learning techniques)?
- How to assemble metagenome data?
- Gene prediction?
- Faster sequence comparison
- etc



# Three Basic Computational Questions

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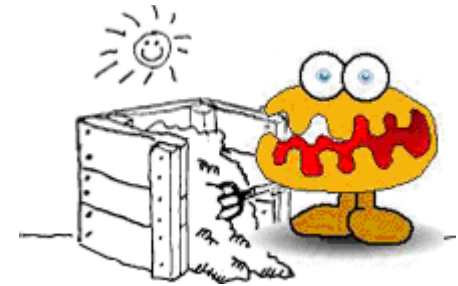
- Types of organisms
- In what proportions?



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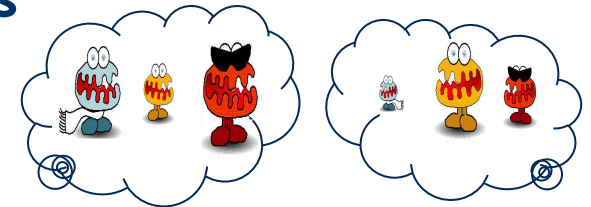
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- Types of genes
- Which metabolic pathways?
- In what proportions?



- How do different samples compare?

- Pairwise and multiple comparisons
- Correlations with environmental parameters?



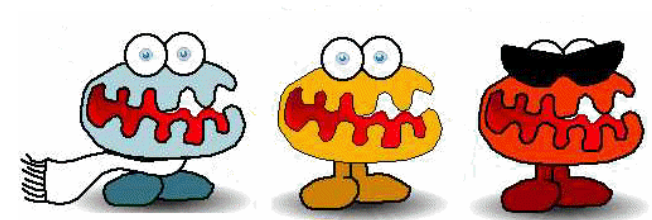
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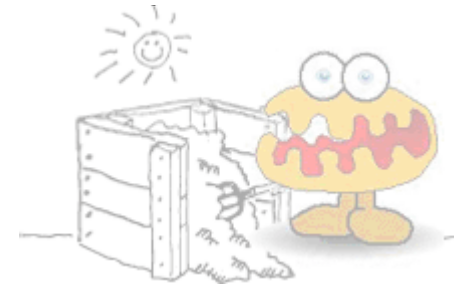
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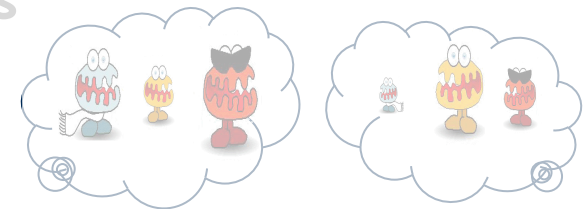
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# Who is Out There?

Two main approaches:

- Targeted sequencing:
  - Sequence a specific gene, usually 16S rRNA, and place reads into a reference phylogeny
- Metagenome sequencing:
  - Randomly sequence DNA (or RNA) and then place reads into the NCBI taxonomy based on similarity to reference sequences



# Who is Out There?

Main tool: *Similarity search*

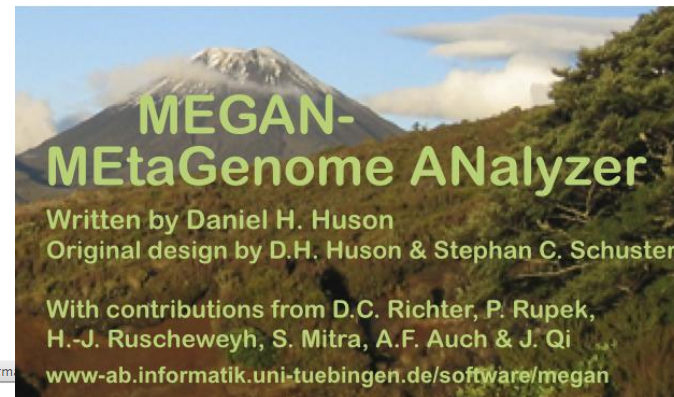
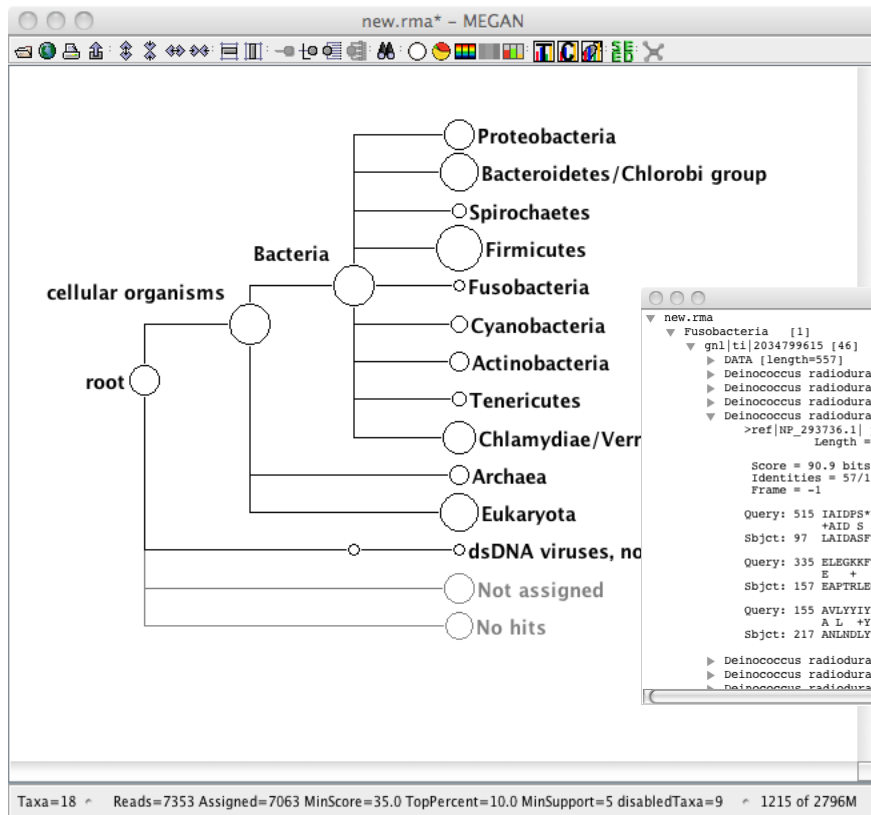
For every DNA (or cDNA) read:

- Find significant matches to sequences in a reference database
- Use matches to place read in NCBI taxonomy

# MEGAN - MEtaGenome ANalyzer



Huson et al, 2007



Inspector - new.rma

▼ new.rma

- ▼ Fusobacteria [1]
- ▼ gnl|ti|2034799615 [46]
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- Length = 400

Score = 90.9 bits (224), Expect = 4e-17

Identities = 57/149 (38%), Positives = 78/149 (52%)

Frame = -1

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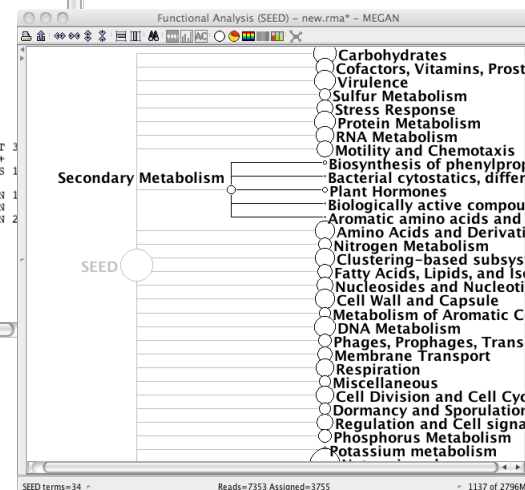
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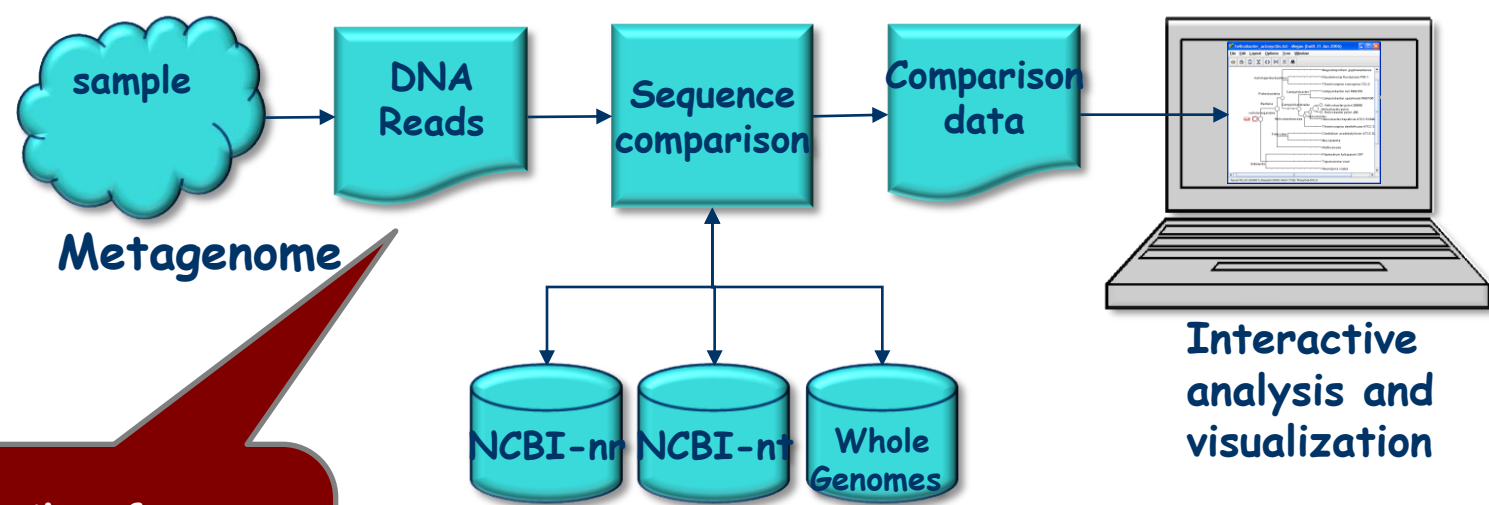
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- Interactive tool for metagenomic analysis  
(Version 4, to be released Nov 2010)

# Metagenomics Pipeline



Similar for

- metatranscriptomics
- metaproteomics
- amplicon sequencing

Reference databases



# Sequence Comparison

- DNA Read



ACTGTGCACGTTGACGTAAGTTT...CGTGT

- Align to reference sequences, e.g.  
BLASTX against NR database:

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>gi|57241447|ref|ZP_00369393.1| flagellar motor switch protein
  Campylobacter lari RM2100|
Score = 33.9 bits (76), Expect =0.01
Identities = 13/26 (50%), Positives = 19/26 (73%)

Query: 79  LMFVFDDLATVEENGINEIREINRADKK 2
          LMF FDD++ + N IRE++ ADK+
Sbjct: 243 LMFTFDDISQLSTNAIREVLKAADKR 268
  
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- Indicates gene content:

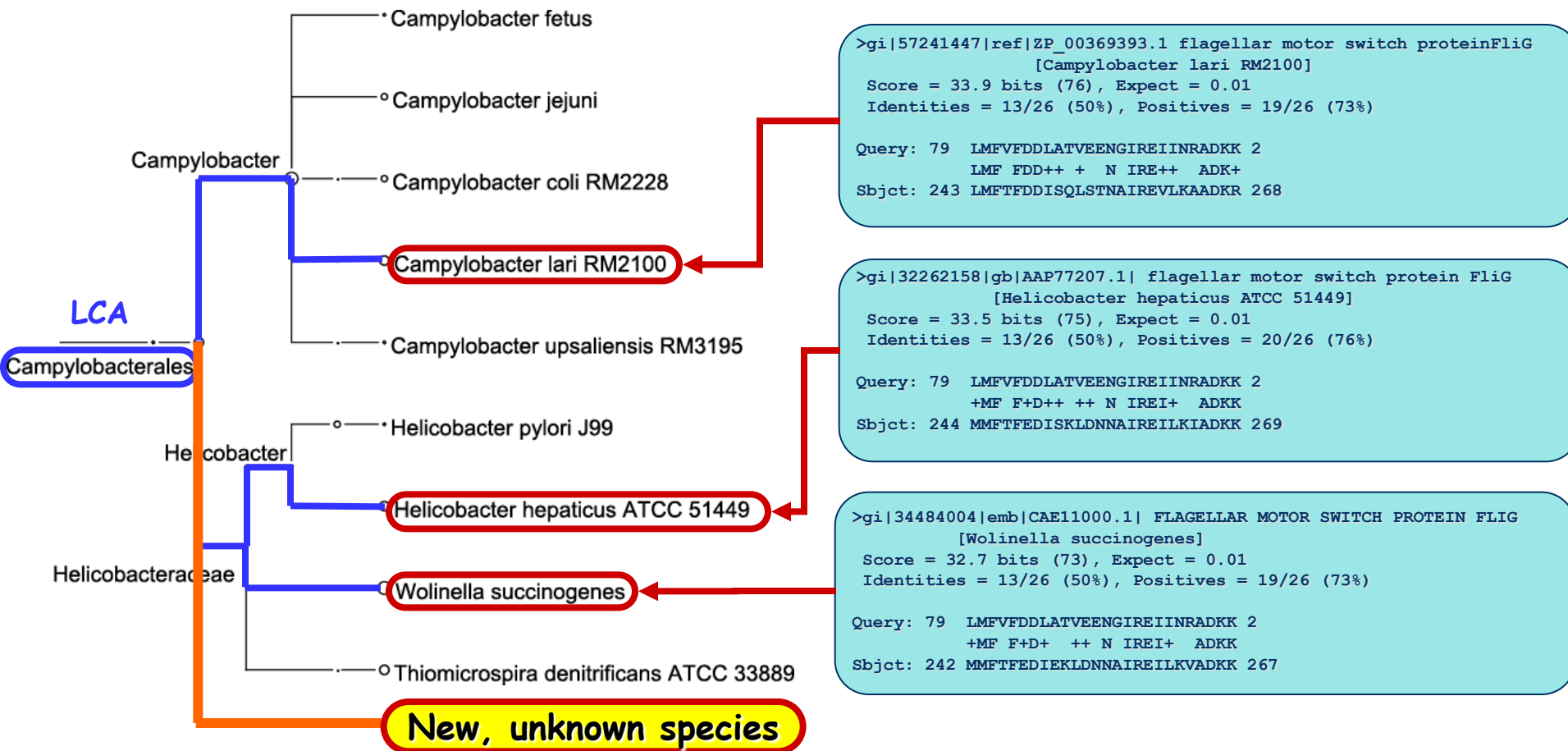
Campylobacter lari RM2100





# Taxonomic Placement Using LCA

A read will often match more than one database entry:



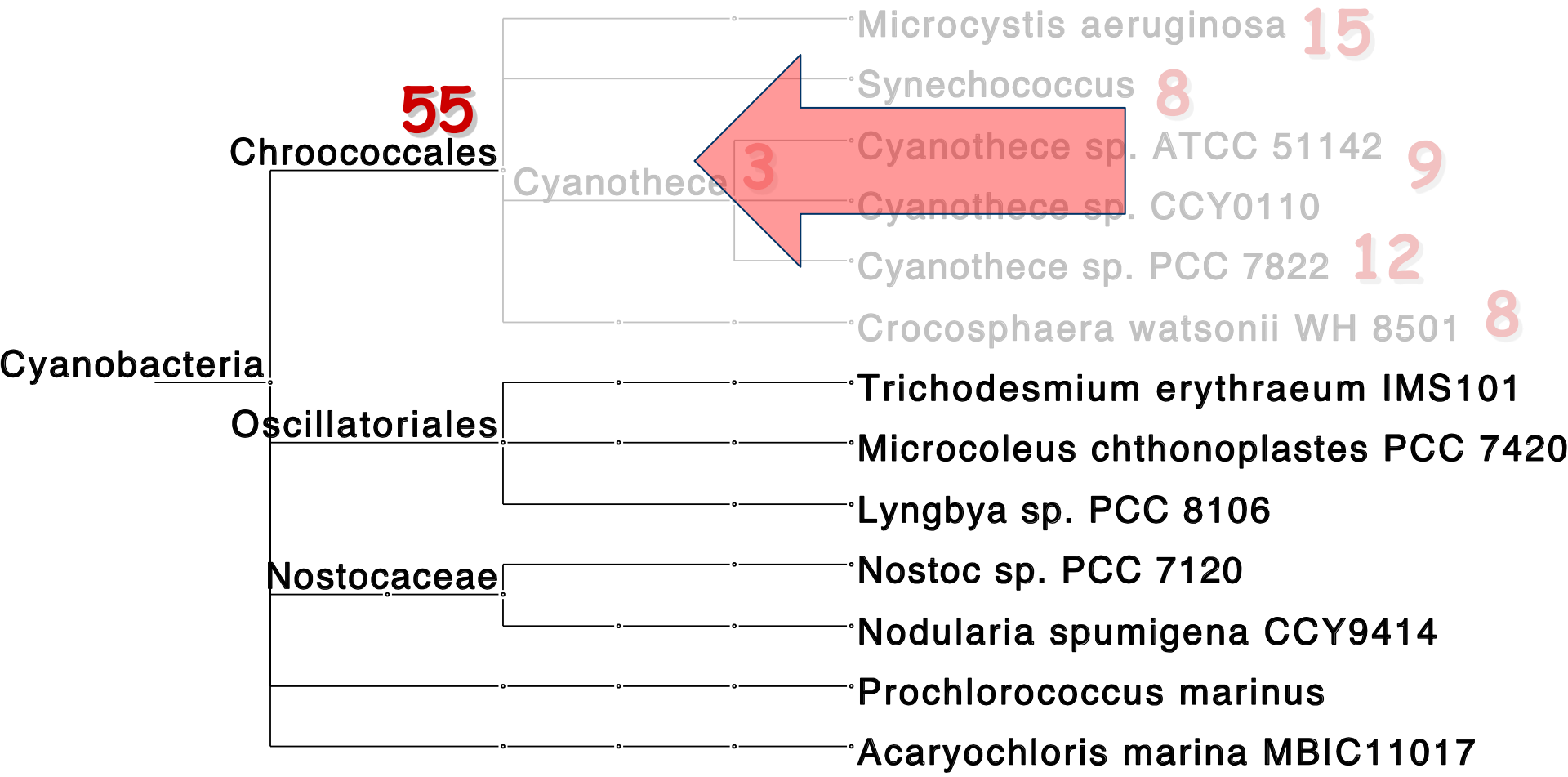
LCA approach: Assign read to LCA of hits in taxonomy



# Taxonomic Placement Using LCA

- For each DNA read:
  - Determine which gene sequences it matches
  - Corresponding species are assumed to contain the gene
  - Place read on the LCA of species
- Is placement by **gene content** or phylogenetic footprint
- Robust against false positive placements
- Robust against (known cases) of horizontal gene transfer

# Minimum Support Filter



- Require at least e.g. 50 reads on a node

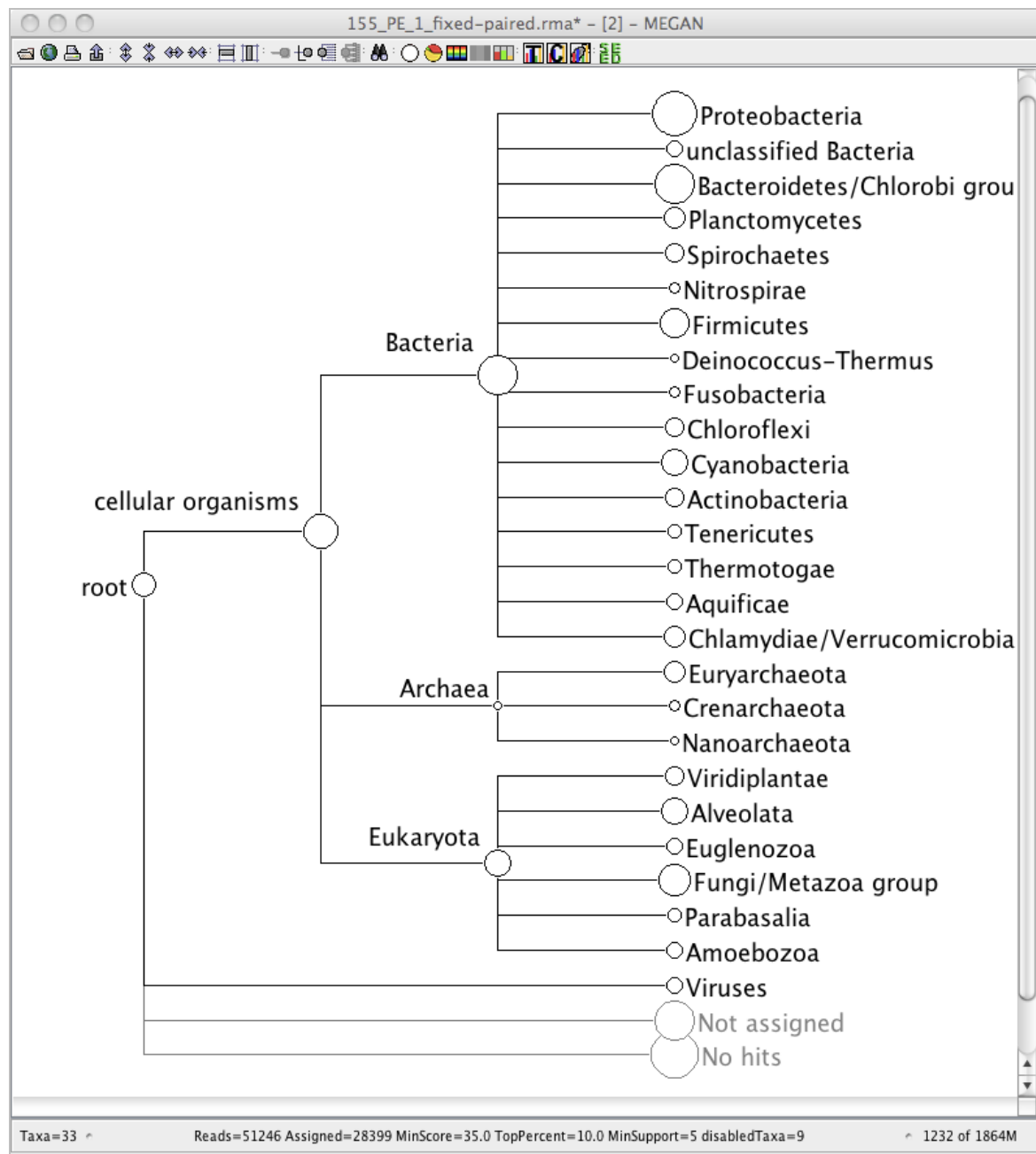
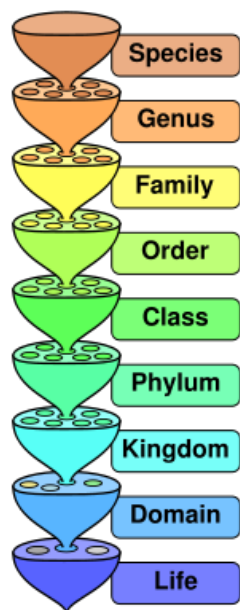
# Taxonomic Analysis using NCBI Taxonomy

## NCBI taxonomy:

- Contains all species represented by some sequence
- >560,000 nodes
- (2007: 280,000 nodes)
- King Phillip Came Over For Green Soup... (and more)

# Organize and Visualize

- ✓ Use NCBI taxonomy to bin sequences by evolutionary relatedness of organisms



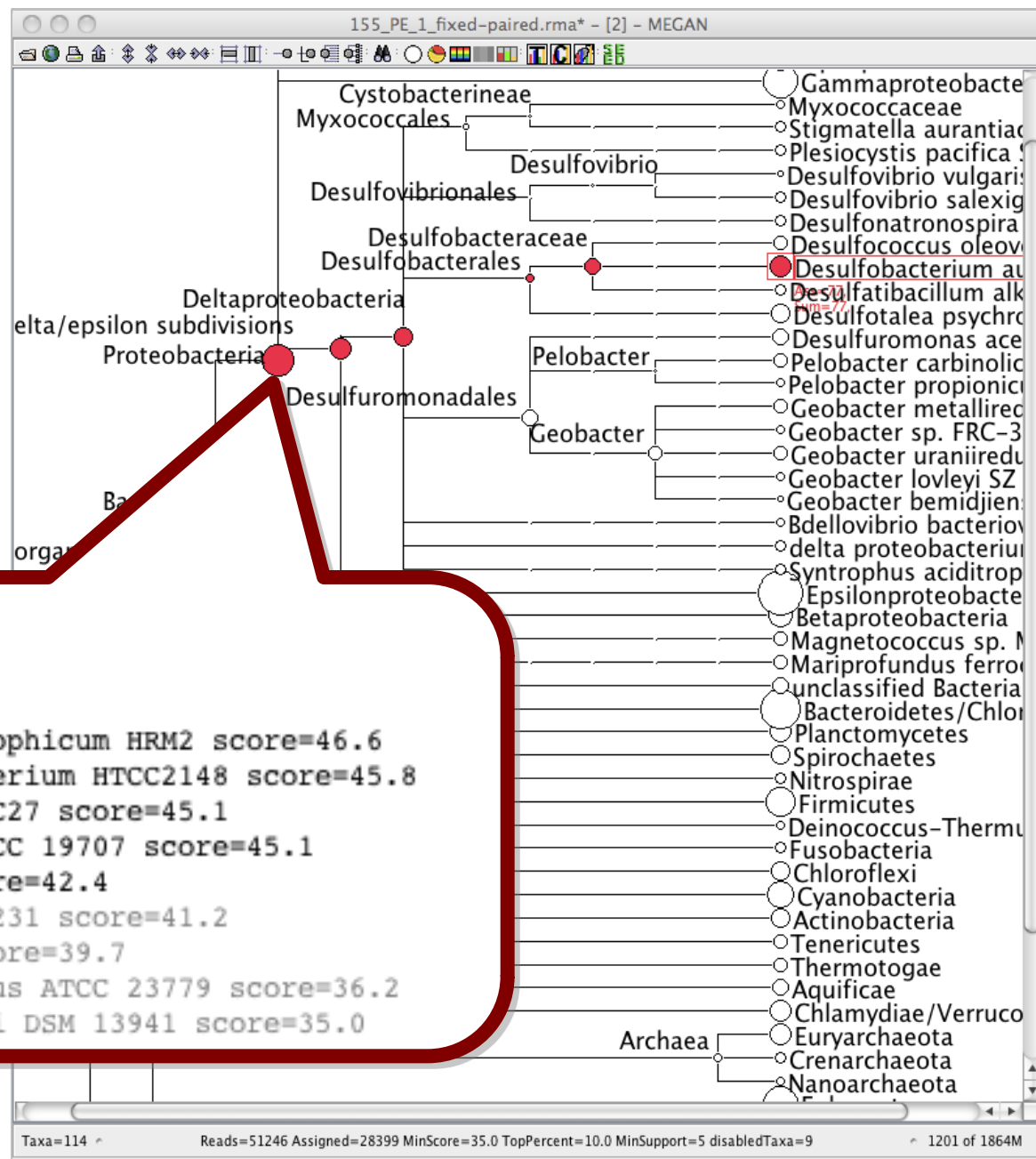
## Taxonomic analysis of 50,000 reads

# Organize and Visualize

- ✓ Use NCBI taxonomy to bin sequences by evolutionary relatedness of organisms

▼ GDEG1CX11G0QZ8.1 [9]

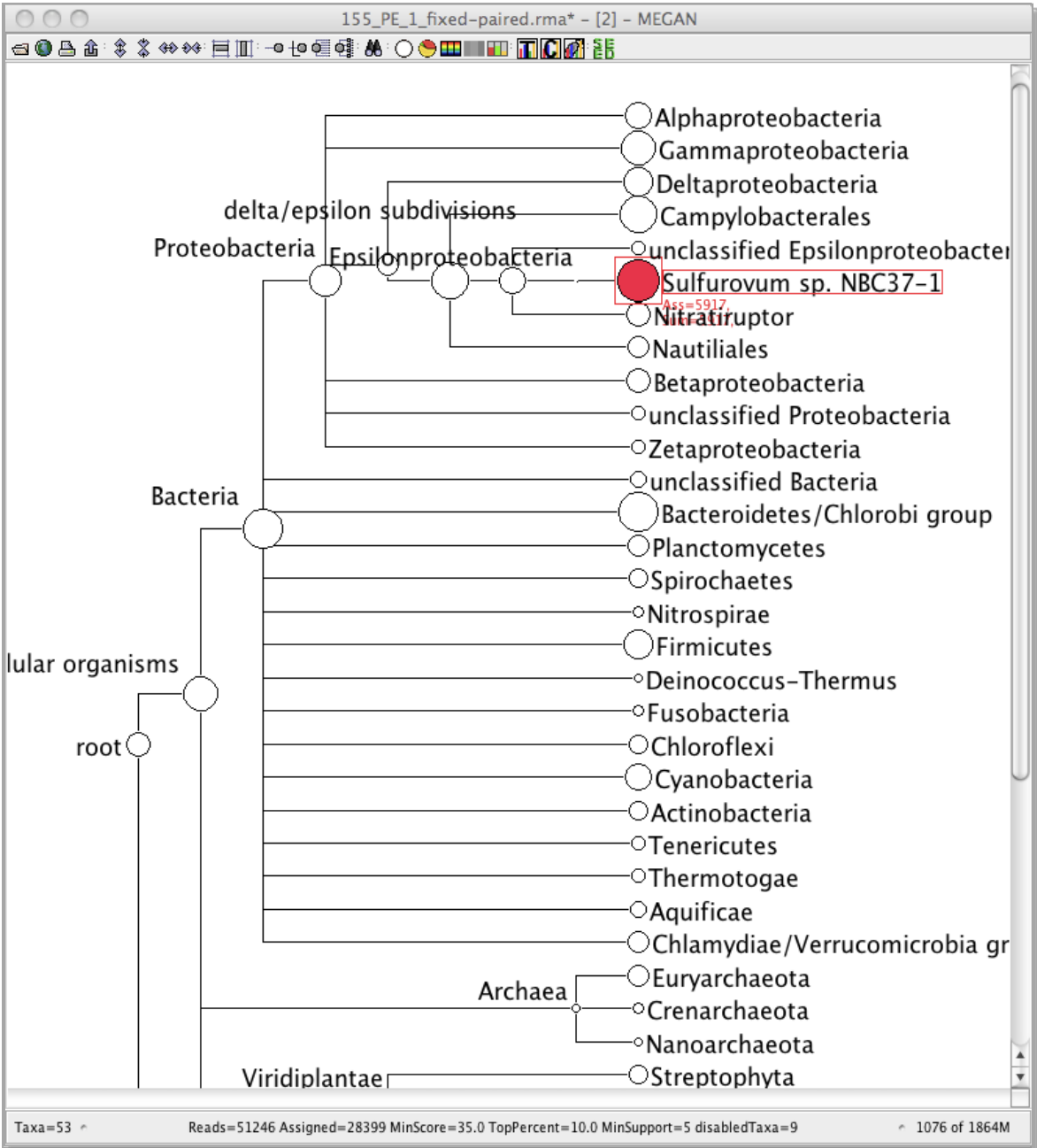
- ▶ DATA [length=233]
- ▶ *Desulfobacterium autotrophicum* HRM2 score=46.6
- ▶ marine gamma proteobacterium HTCC2148 score=45.8
- ▶ *Nitrosococcus oceani* AFC27 score=45.1
- ▶ *Nitrosococcus oceani* ATCC 19707 score=45.1
- ▶ *Roseovarius* sp. 217 score=42.4
- ▶ *Nitrococcus mobilis* Nb-231 score=41.2
- ▶ *Geobacter lovleyi* SZ score=39.7
- ▶ *Herpetosiphon aurantiacus* ATCC 23779 score=36.2
- ▶ *Roseiflexus castenholzii* DSM 13941 score=35.0



Taxonomic analysis of 50,000 reads

# Interact and Summarize

- ✓ Search for nodes of interest



Taxonomic analysis of 50,000 reads



# Interact and Summarize

- ✓ Search for nodes of interest
- ✓ Inspect sequences assigned to a node

155\_PE\_1\_fixed-paired.rma\* - [2] - MEGAN

Inspector - 155\_PE\_1\_fixed-paired.rma - [2] - MEGAN

155\_PE\_1\_fixed-paired.rma

- ▼ Sulfurovum sp. NBC37-1 [5917]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G3K5K.2 [6]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G2QRJ.2 [100]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11GZA6G.2 [22]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11GTWQ6.1 [100]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G2DYH.1 [100]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G14WB.2 [1]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11GZZGJ.1 [13]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G104U.1 [1]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11GWIOM.2 [22]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11GYO2L.2 [5]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G25HO.2 [100]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11GY5Q9.1 [10]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G1VMN.2 [1]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11GZR4E.1 [27]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11GZR4E.2 [100]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G1W26.1 [100]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G1L5B.2 [4]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G1Y2D.1 [1]
  - ▶ GDEG1CX11G0Q6M.1 [100]
  - ▼ GDEG1CX11G2DJ2.1 [36]
    - ▼ DATA [length=237]
      - >GDEG1CX11G2DJ2.1 length=299 xy=2780 1424 region=11 run=R 2010 03 03 14 54 10
      - TTTTAGAGATAGAAATTATCCAGACTTAGGAGTAGCCATAGACGAACCTTTTCGCTGCAATAGACAAAAGTAAAT
    - ▼ Sulfurovum sp. NBC37-1 score=80.5
      - >ref|YP\_001357841.1| hypothetical protein SUN\_0524 [Sulfurovum sp. NBC37-1]
      - dbj|BAF71484.1| conserved hypothetical protein [Sulfurovum sp. NBC37-1]
      - Length = 87

Score = 80.5 bits (197), Expect(2) = 8e-22  
Identities = 36/51 (70%), Positives = 47/51 (92%)  
Frame = +2

Query: 74 NATKEQEEDLEEMRDMRTECFSSIIEELGRDELEAEIEIDELLAELVEMKTEE 226  
NATKEQ+EDLEEMR+MRTECF+I+EE+ +DEL+ EE +ELL ELV++KT+E  
Sbjct: 35 NATKEQKEDLEEMREMTECFATVEEIKKDELDEEEAEELLTELVDLKTDE 85

Score = 46.6 bits (109), Expect(2) = 8e-22  
Identities = 23/32 (71%), Positives = 27/32 (84%)  
Frame = +3

Query: 3 LEIEIIPDLGVAIDELFAAIDKSKMPQKNKKK 98  
LE+EIIPDL VAIDELFAAIDR+K K+K+  
Sbjct: 11 LEIEIIPDLEVAIDELFAAIDKAKNATKEQKE 42

▶ Strongylocentrotus purpuratus score=37.0  
▶ Drosophila erecta score=35.8  
▶ Rattus norvegicus score=35.8  
▶ Algoriphagus sp. PR1 score=35.4  
▶ Gallus gallus score=35.0

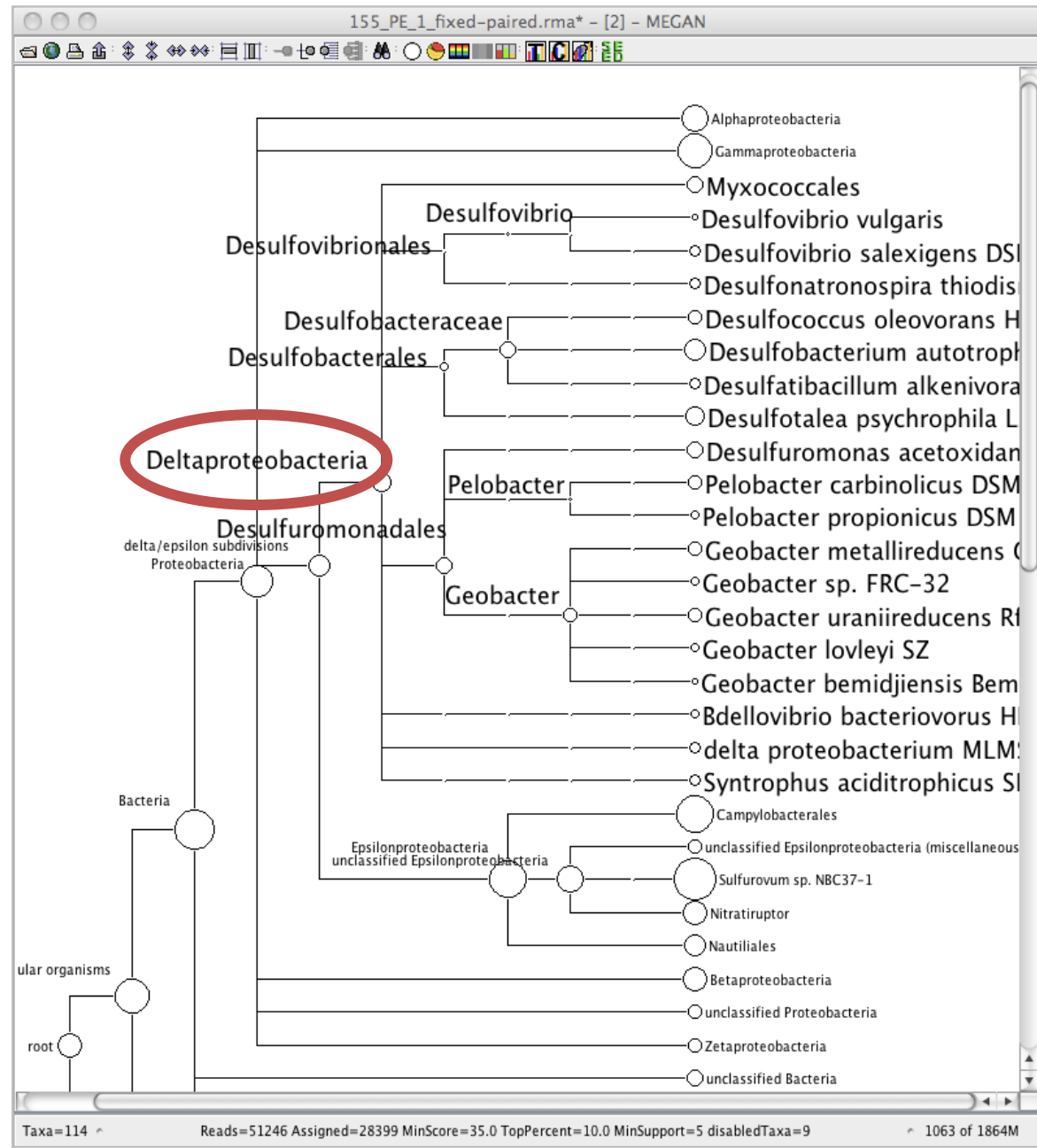
Viridiplantae Streptophyta

Taxa=53 Reads=51246 Assigned=28399 MinScore=35.0 TopPercent=10.0 MinSupport=5 disabledTaxa=9 1076 of 1864M

Taxonomic analysis of 50,000 reads

# Interact and Summarize

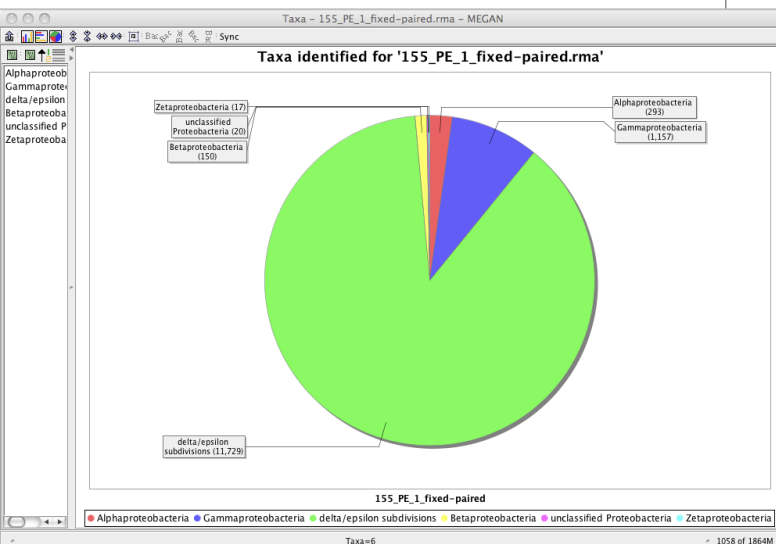
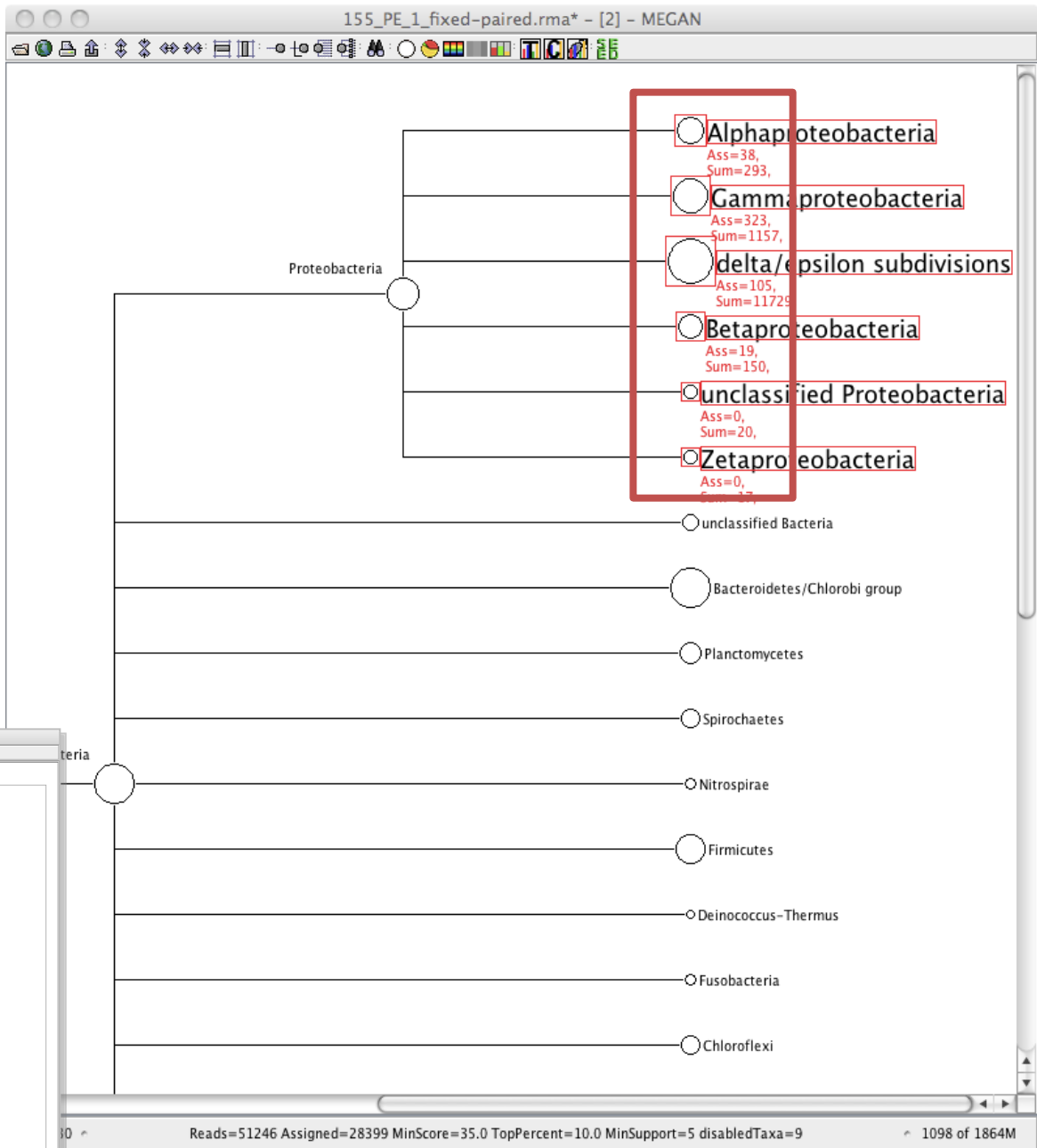
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- ✓ Collapse and un-collapse parts of the tree
- ✓ Create charts



Taxonomic analysis of 50,000 reads

# Capture

- ✓ Capture all sequences (and/or their matches) assigned to selected nodes

megan.main.Megan File Edit Select Layout Options Tree Window  
 MEGAN  
 File menu options:  
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 Export Image... ⌘E  
 Page Setup...  
 Print... ⌘P  
 Compare... ⌘M  
 Extract Reads By Taxa...  
 Extract Reads By COGs...  
 Extract Reads By Subsystems...  
 Import CSV...  
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 Properties...  
 Close ⌘W  
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 Assignments...  
 Reads... (highlighted)  
 Matches...  
 Summary...  
 Tooltip for Reads...: Export reads to a FastA file  
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 Caminibacter mediatlanticus TB-2  
 Neisseria  
 Burkholderiales Genera incertae sedis  
 Burkholderia cepacia complex  
 Burkholderia pseudomallei  
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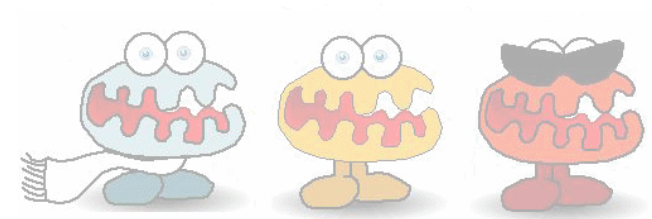
Extract by Taxa - 155\_PE\_1\_fixed-paired.rma - [2] - MEGAN  
 Output files  
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☒ Include Summarized  
 Close Execute

Taxonomic analysis of 50,000 reads

# Three Basic Computational Questions

- Who is out there?

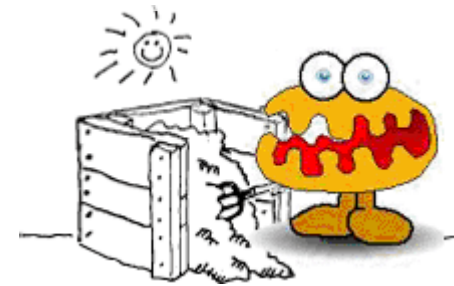
- Types of organisms
- In what proportions?



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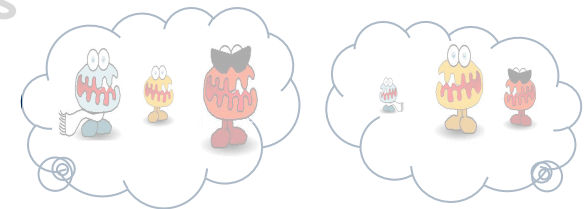
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- How do different samples compare?

- Pairwise and multiple comparisons
- Correlations with environmental parameters?



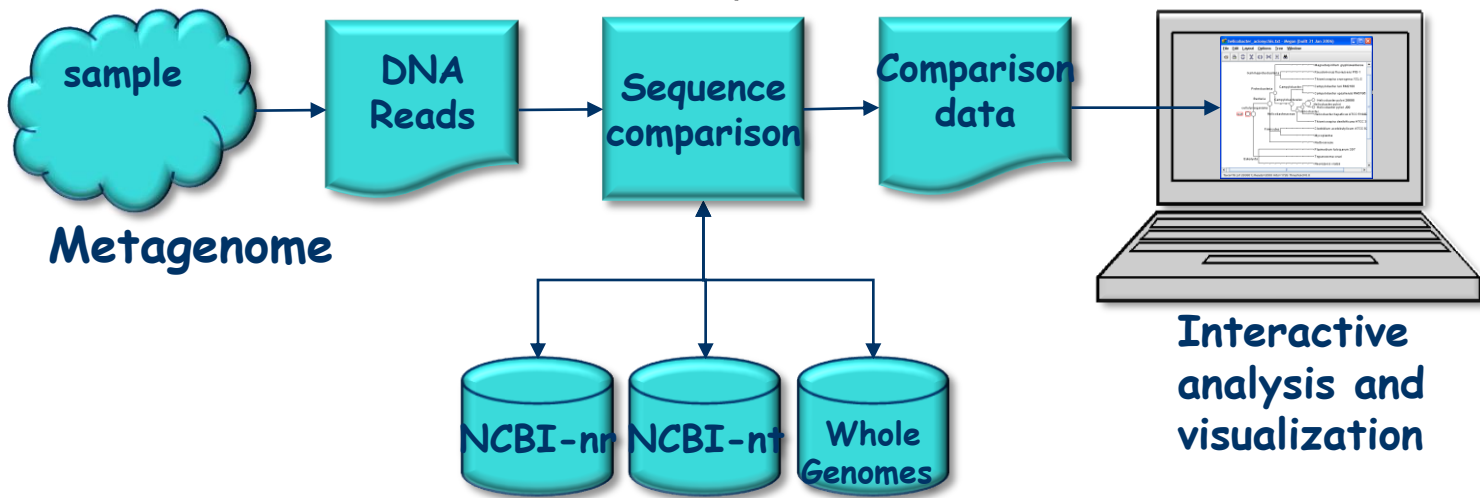
- Serve to answer biological or medical questions

# Identifying Taxa and Genes

## Metagenome analysis

Basic idea: compare reads against references sequences of known species and/or function

**BLASTX  
against  
NCBI-NR**



Reference databases



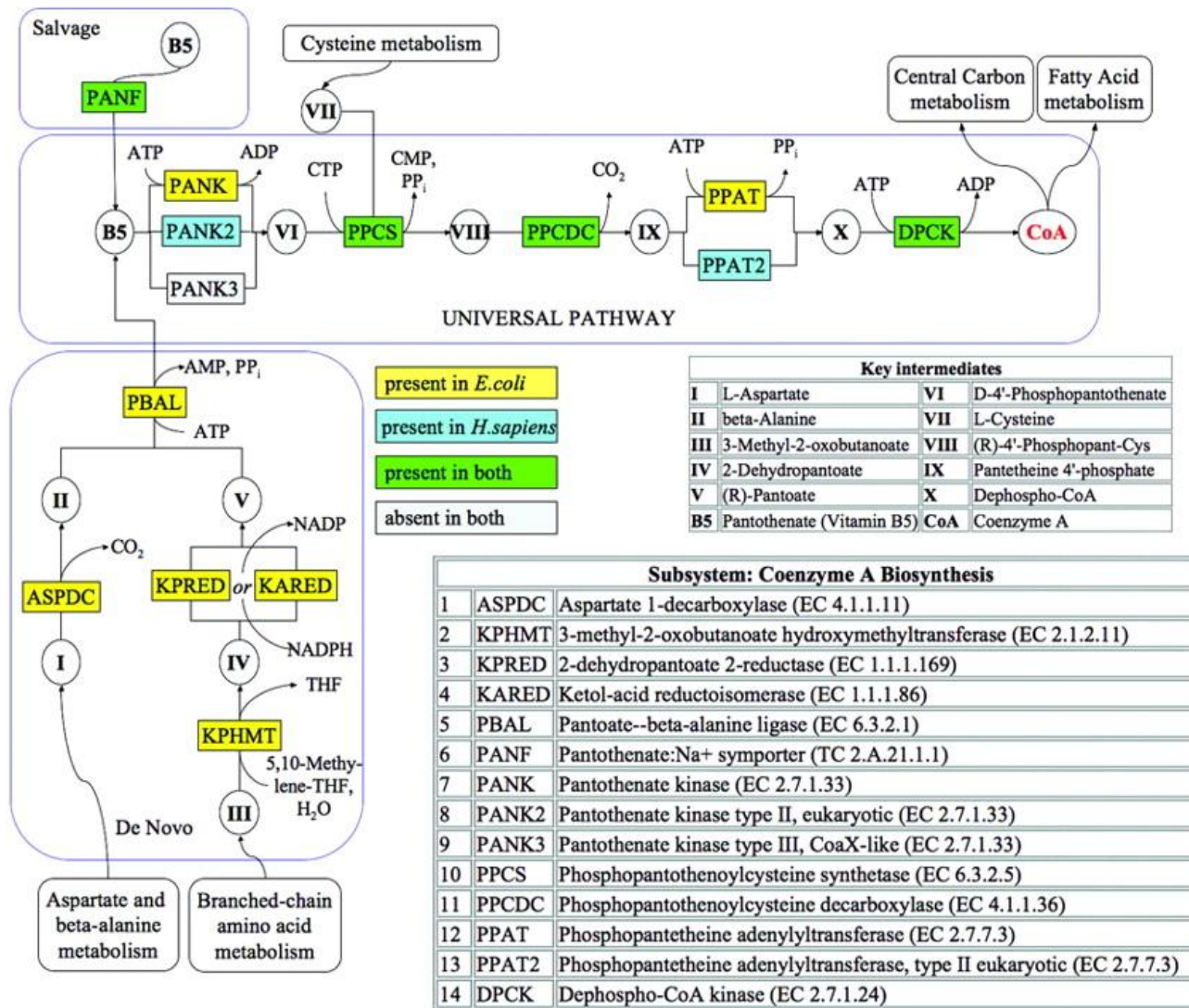
# Functional Analysis using SEED

- The SEED classification assigns genes to functional roles in subsystems
- A subsystem is a set of functional roles that implement a specific biological process or structural complex
- RAST and MG-RAST: Rapid annotation using subsystem technology
- Graph has ~10,000 nodes and edges
- [www.theSEED.org](http://www.theSEED.org)

Overbeek et al., Nucleic Acids Res 33(17), 2005



## Example of a Subsystem



## Coenzyme A Biosynthesis Subsystem

# Organize and Visualize

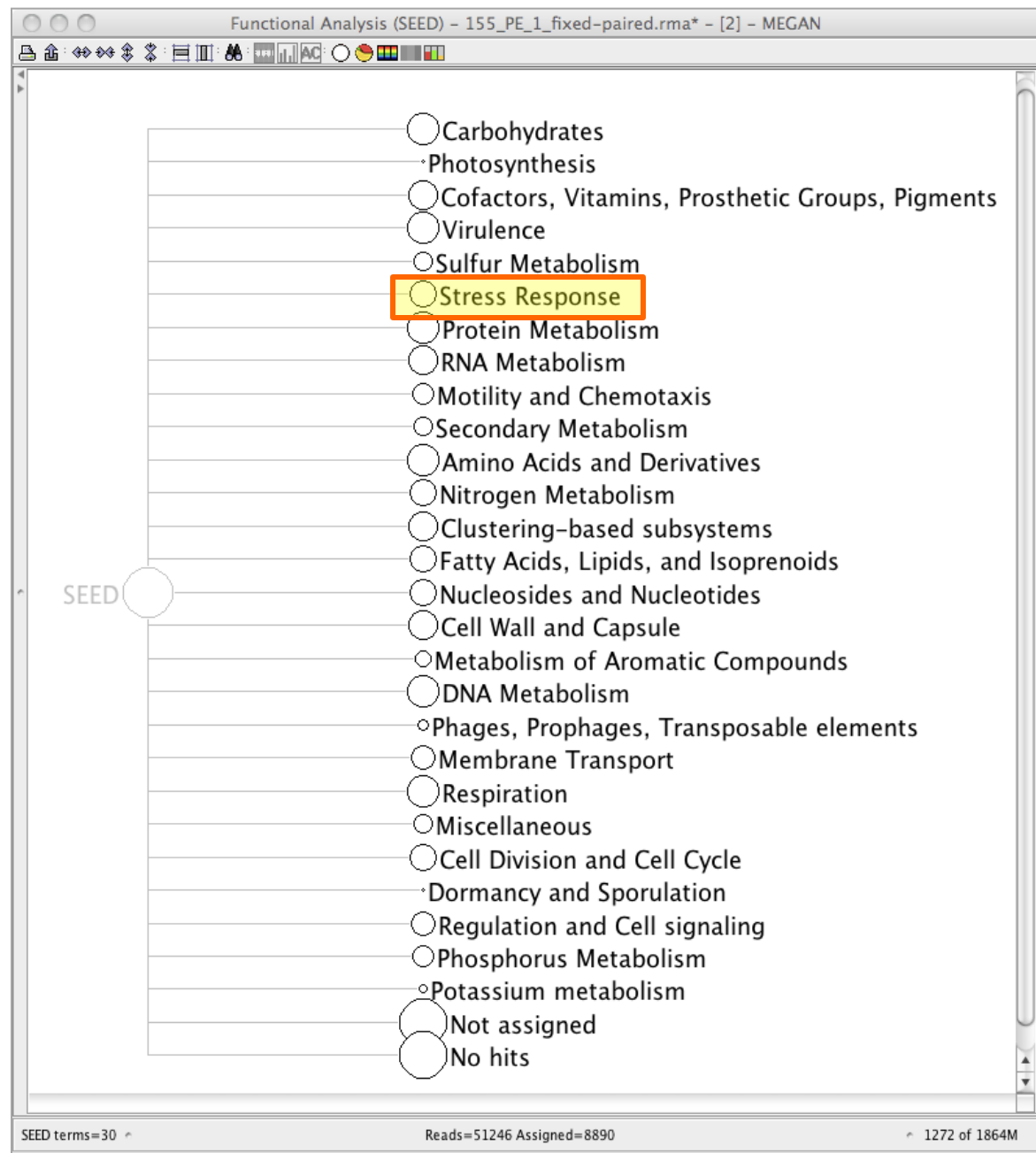
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SEED analysis of 50,000 reads

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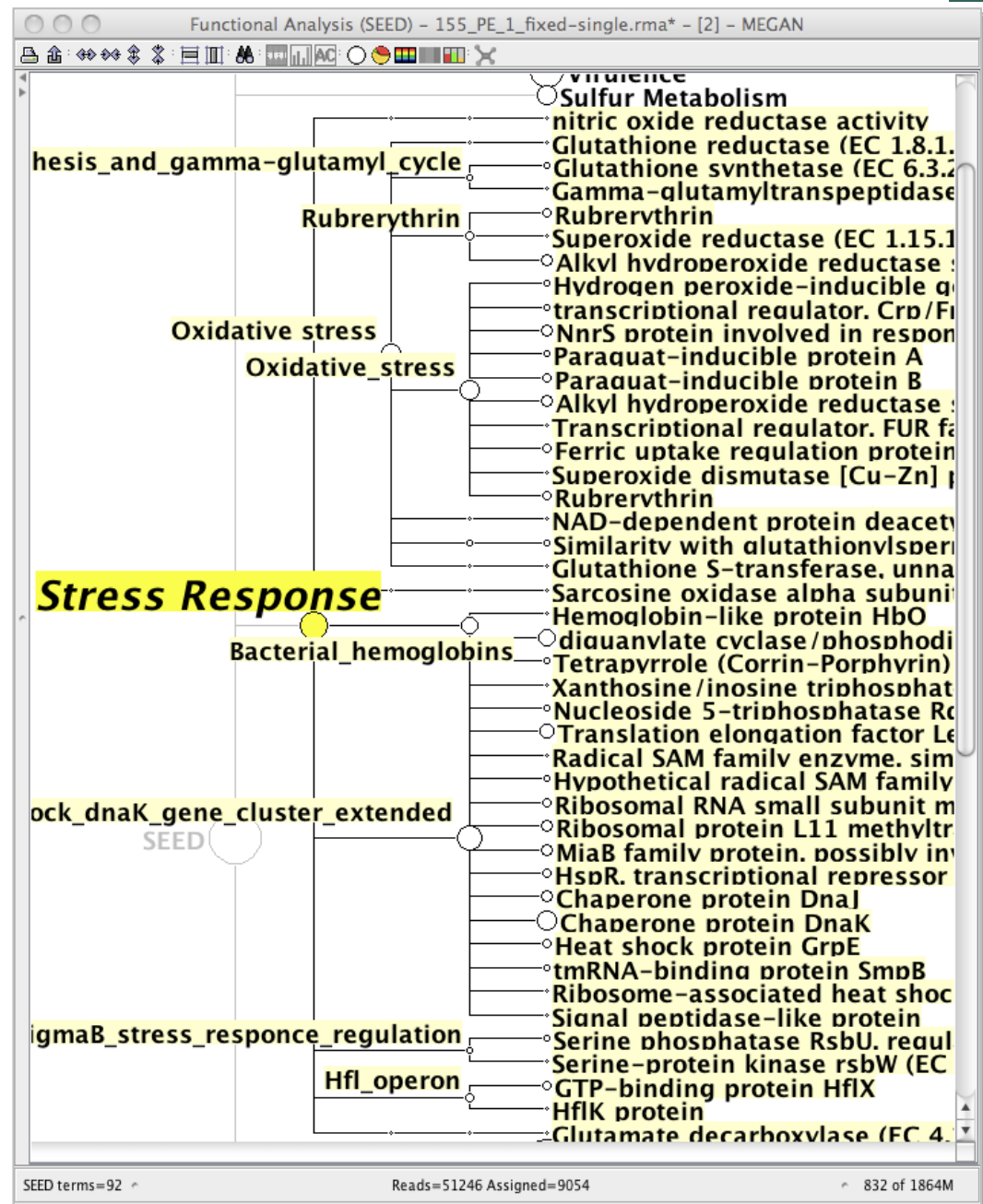
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- ✓ Use SEED classification to bin sequences by subsystems
- ✓ ... and by functional roles



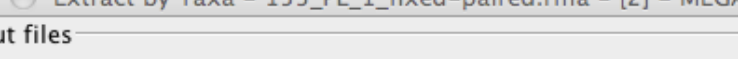
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SEED analysis of 50,000 reads

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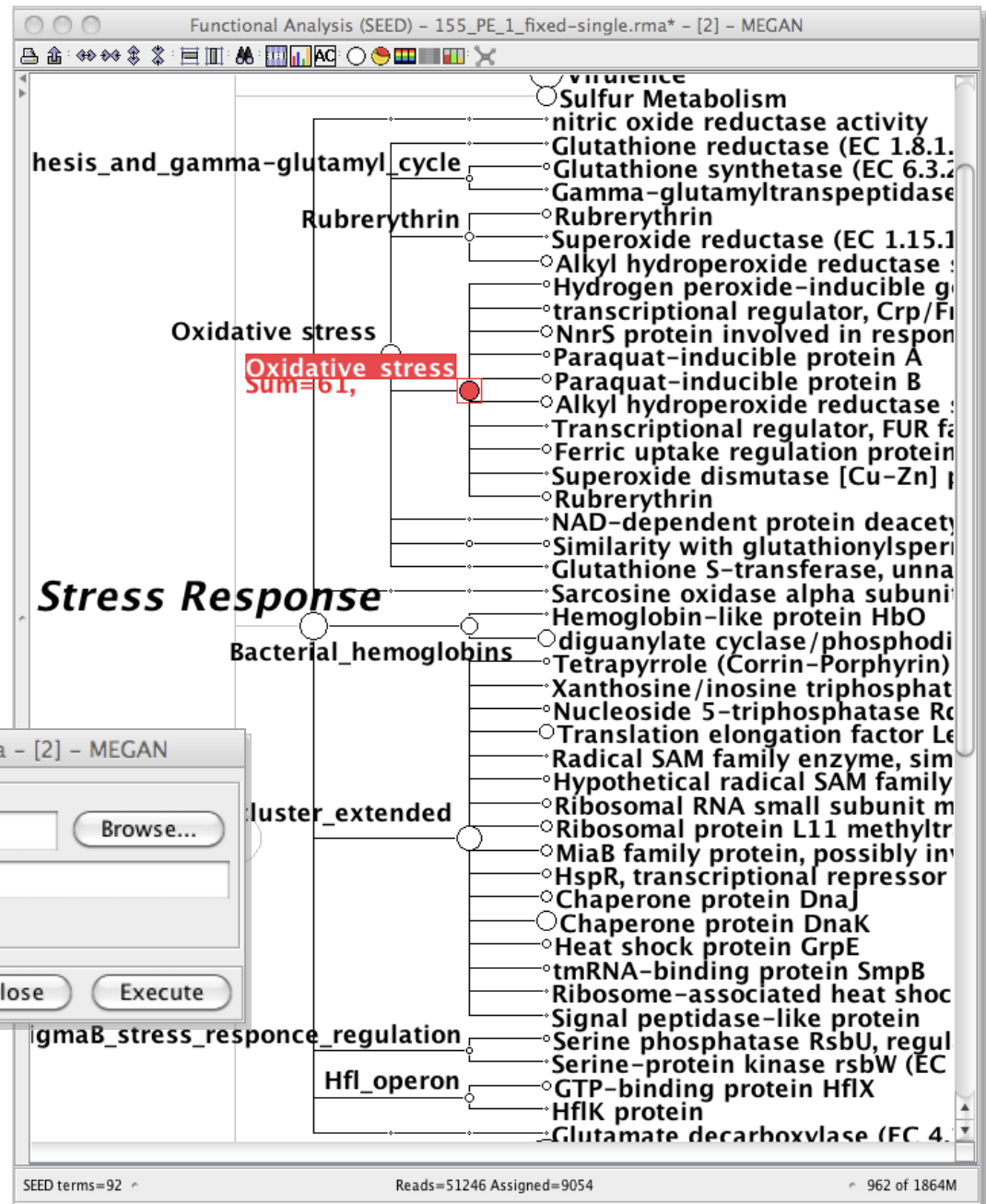
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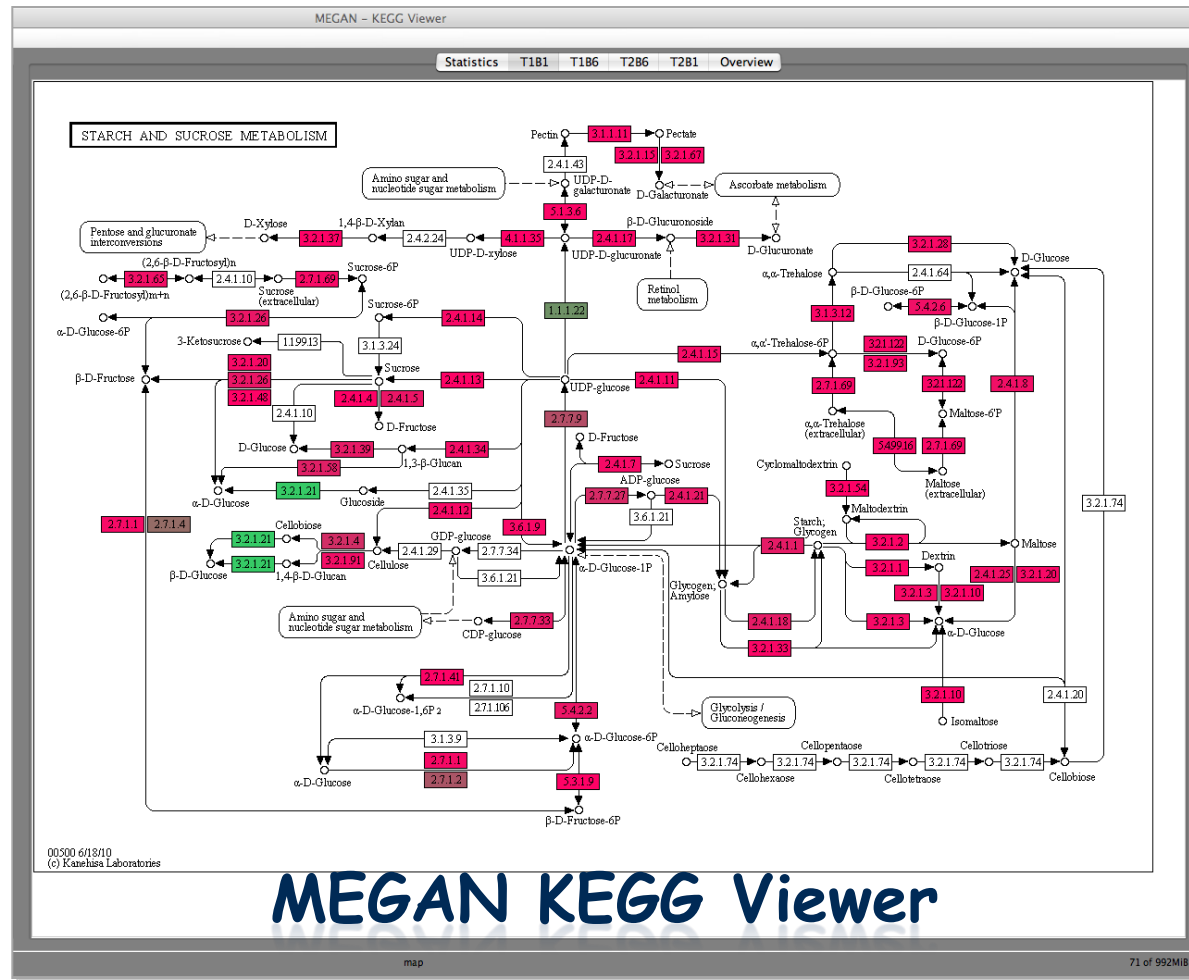
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## SEED analysis of 50,000 reads



<http://www.genome.jp/kegg/>

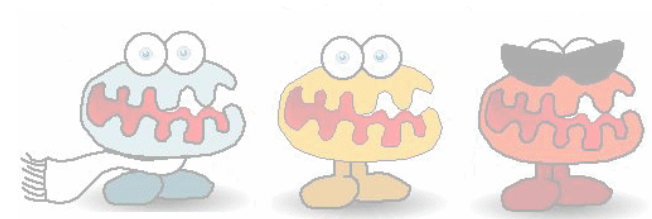


KEGG: Kanehisa et al,  
Nucleic Acids Res. 38, D355-D360 (2010)

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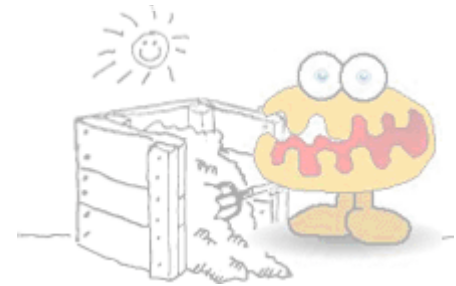
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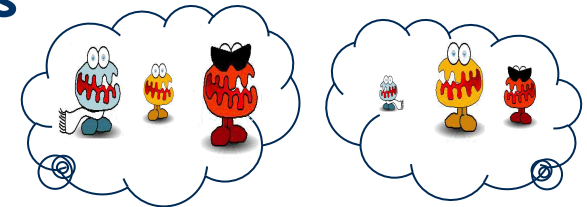
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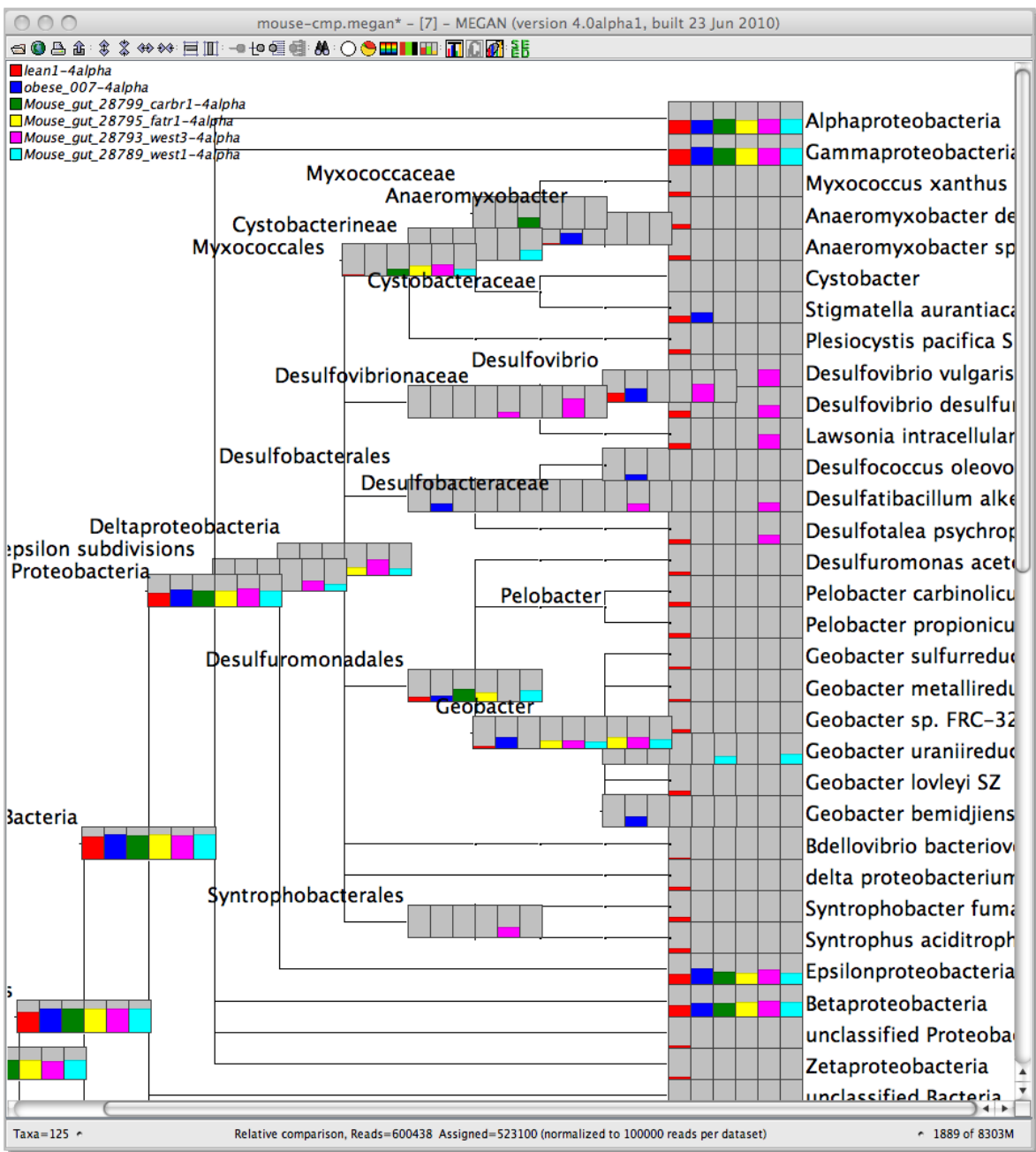
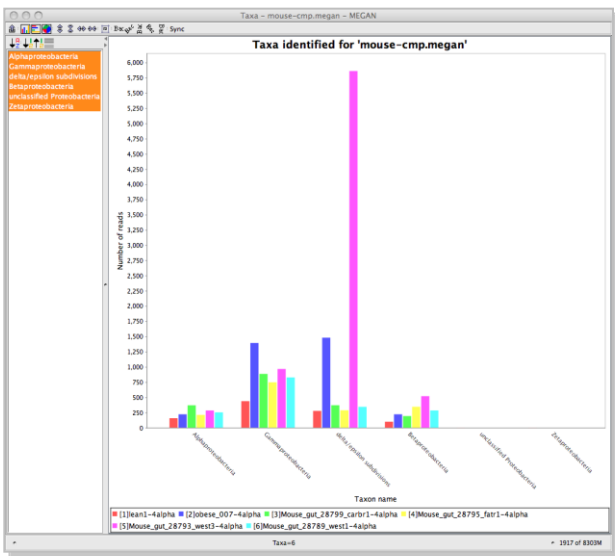


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# Compare

Display multiple  
datasets  
simultaneously

- ✓ Taxonomical  
comparison
- ✓ Interact
- ✓ ... and summarize

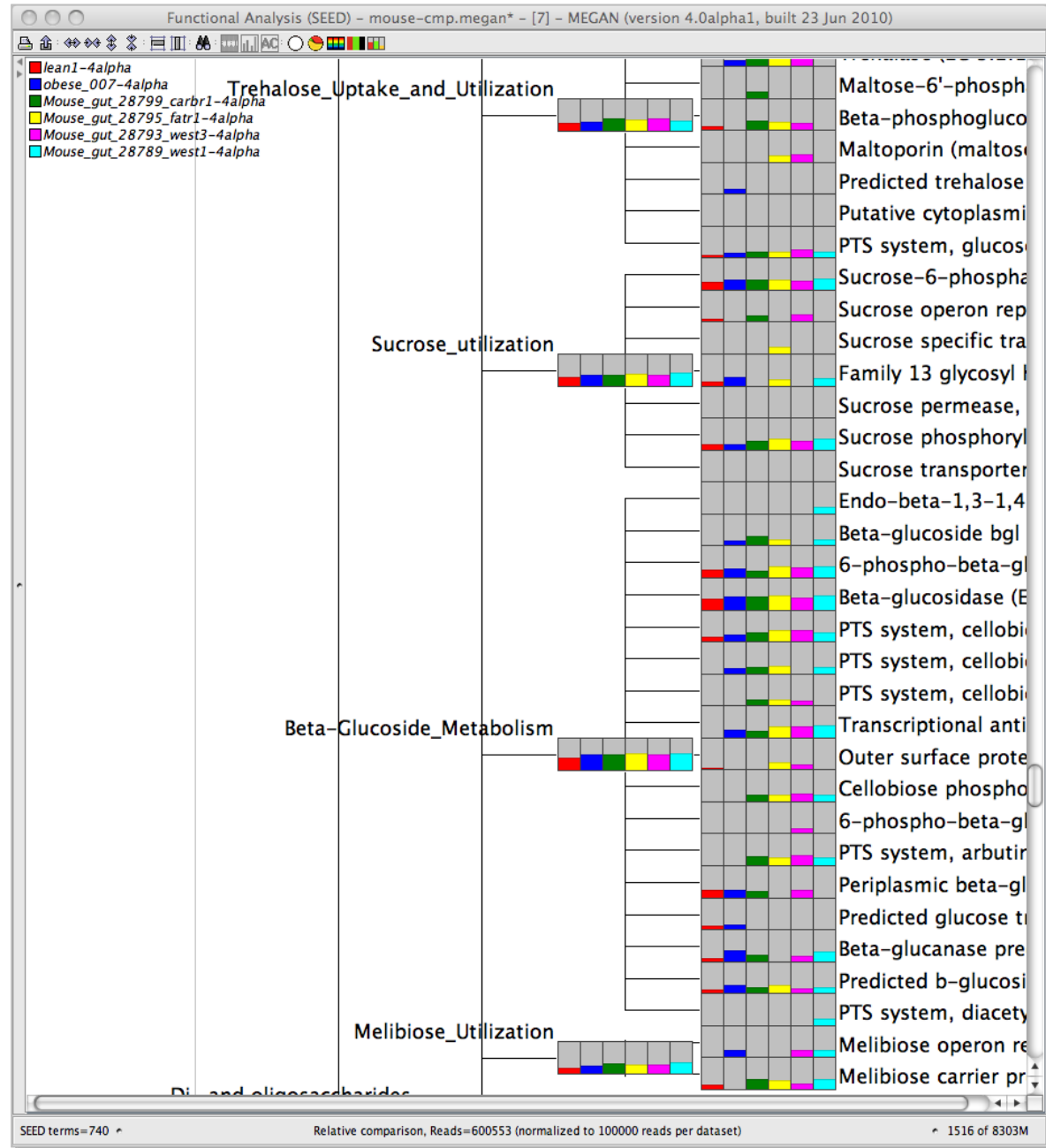
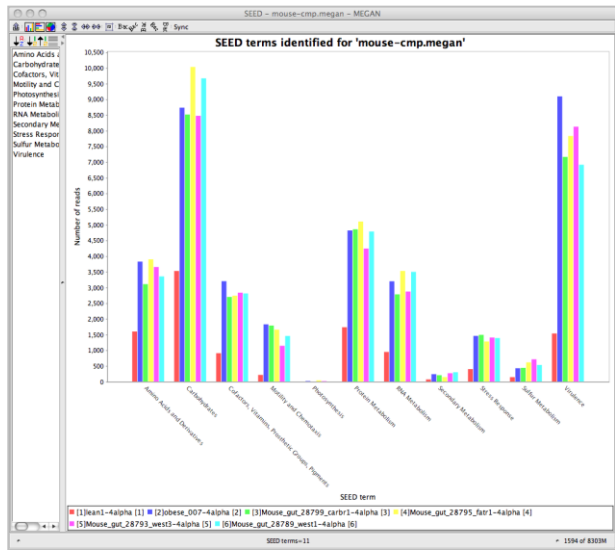




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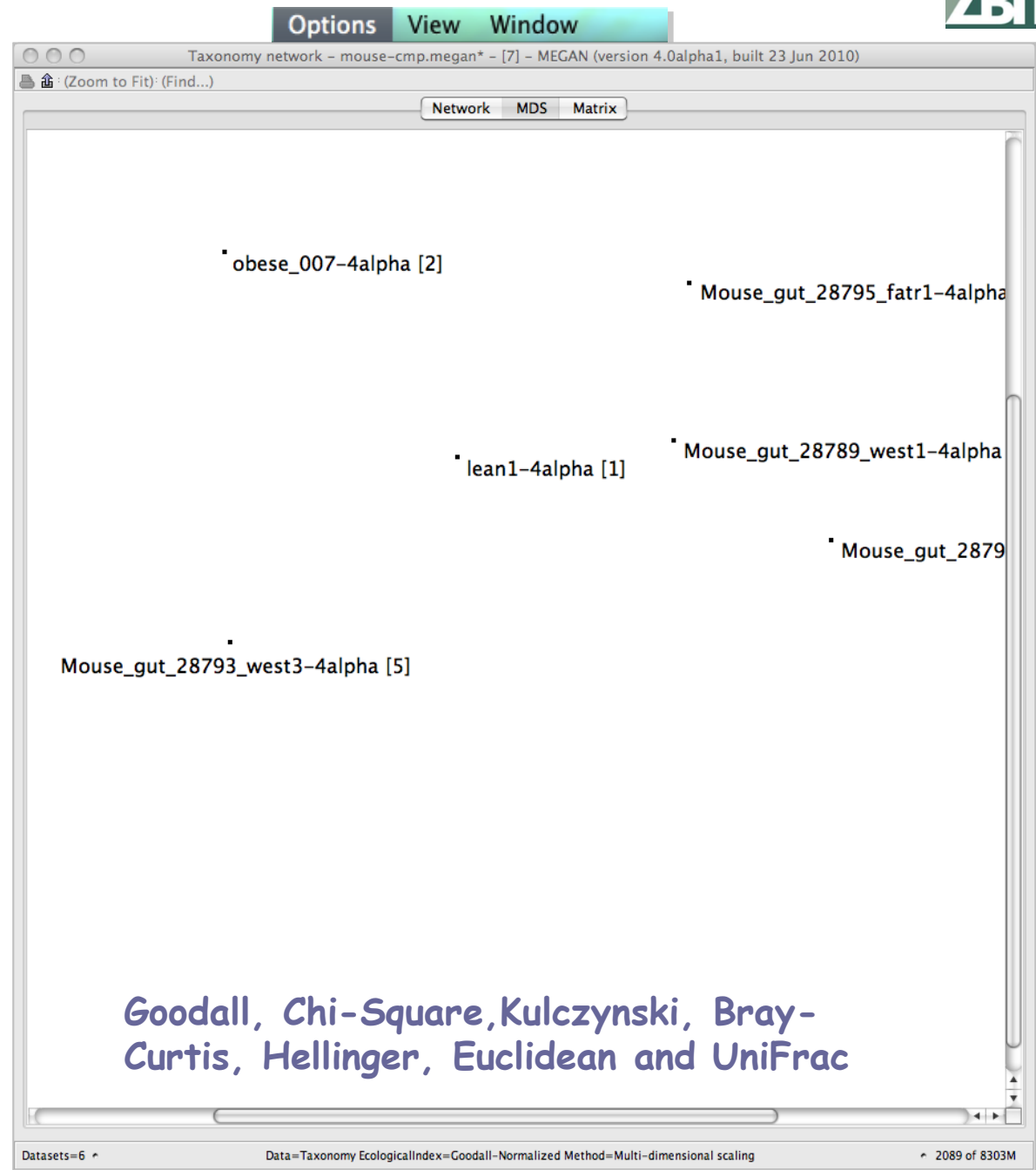
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# Compare

## High-level comparison:

- ✓ Select taxa
- ✓ Compute ecological indices (distances)
- ✓ Represent distances using neighbor-net
- ✓ ... or MDS



Goodall, Chi-Square, Kulczynski, Bray-Curtis, Hellinger, Euclidean and UniFrac

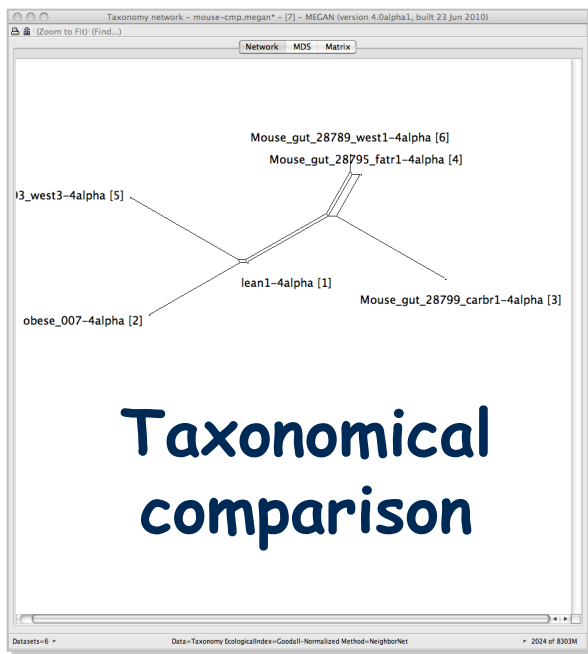
Mitra, Gilbert, Field and Huson,  
ISME J, 2010

Neighbor-net:  
Bryant and Moulton, 2003

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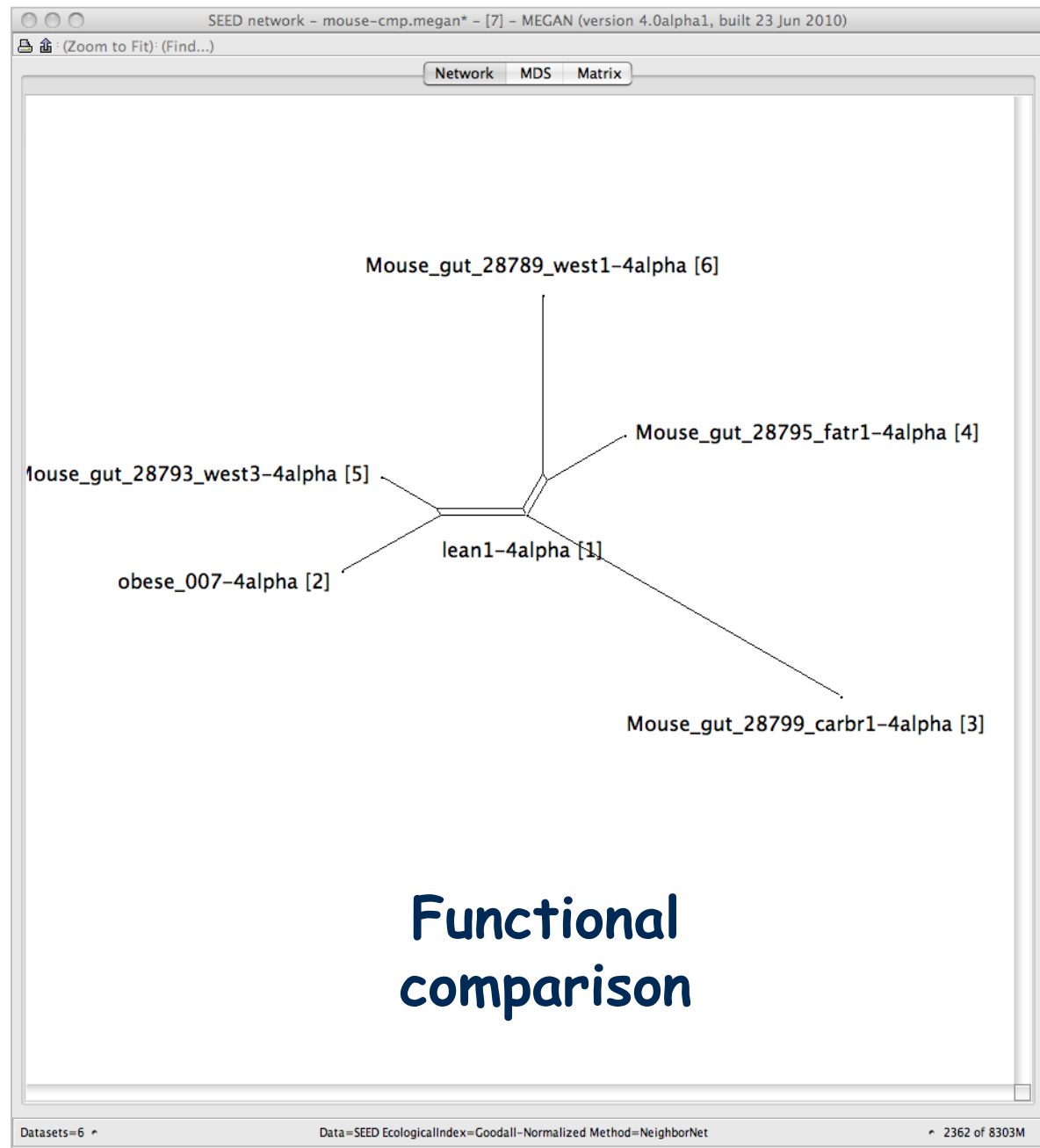
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**Taxonomical  
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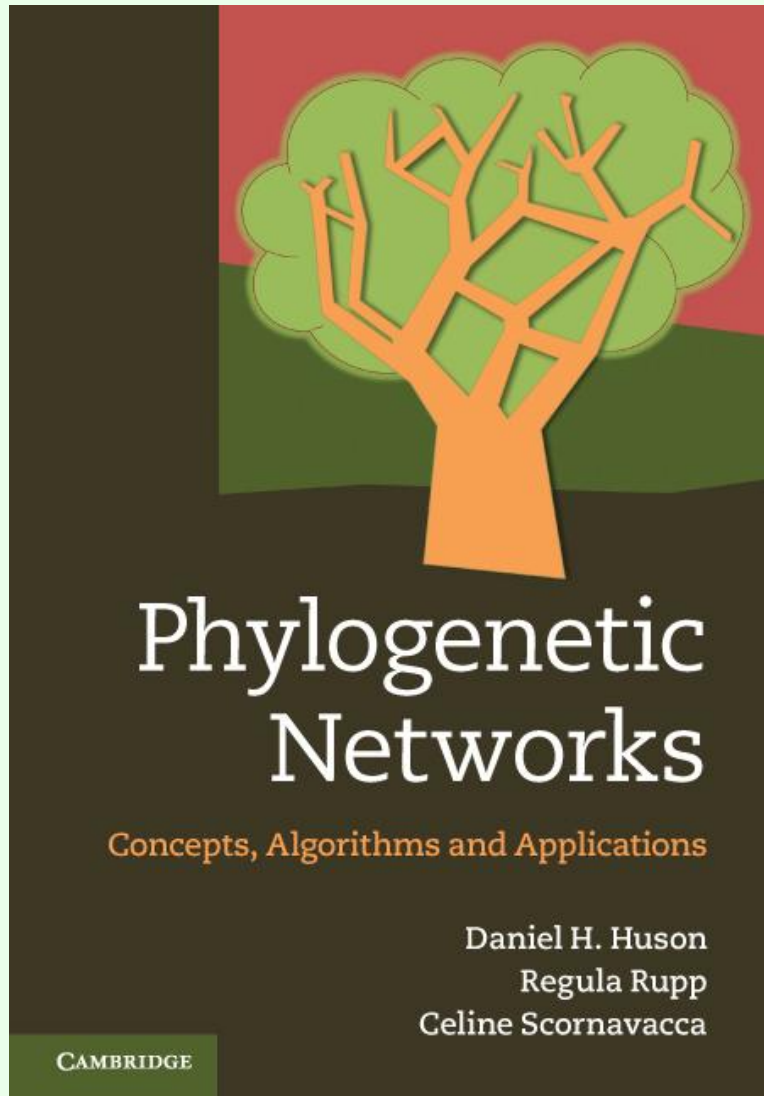
✓ Select functions...



**Functional  
comparison**

# Phylogenetic Networks

## Concepts, Algorithms and Applications



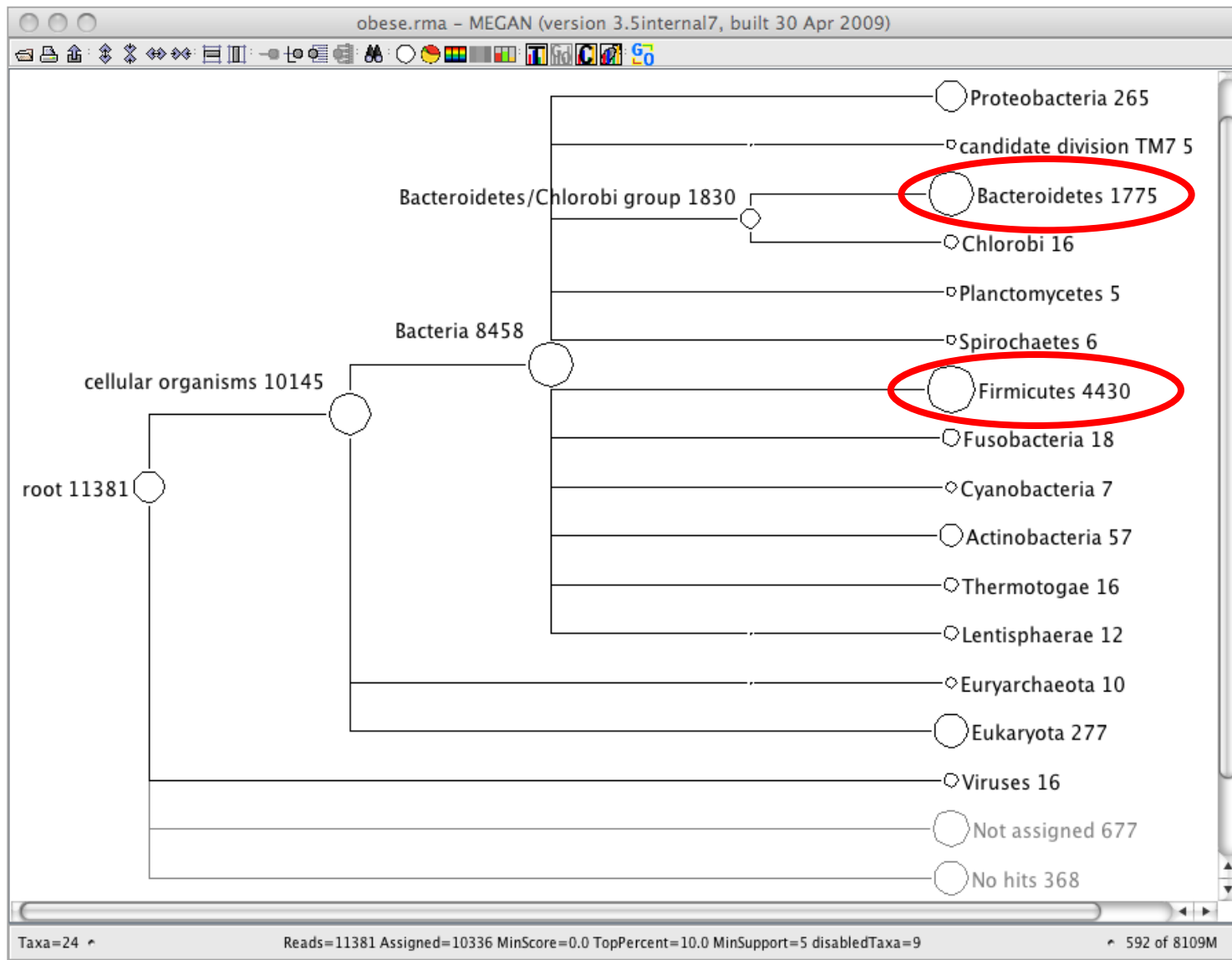
- ~ 360 pages
  - 55 lemmas
  - 20 theorems
  - 50 algorithms
  - 85 exercises
  - 15 applications
  - 190 figures

~ 40 EUR

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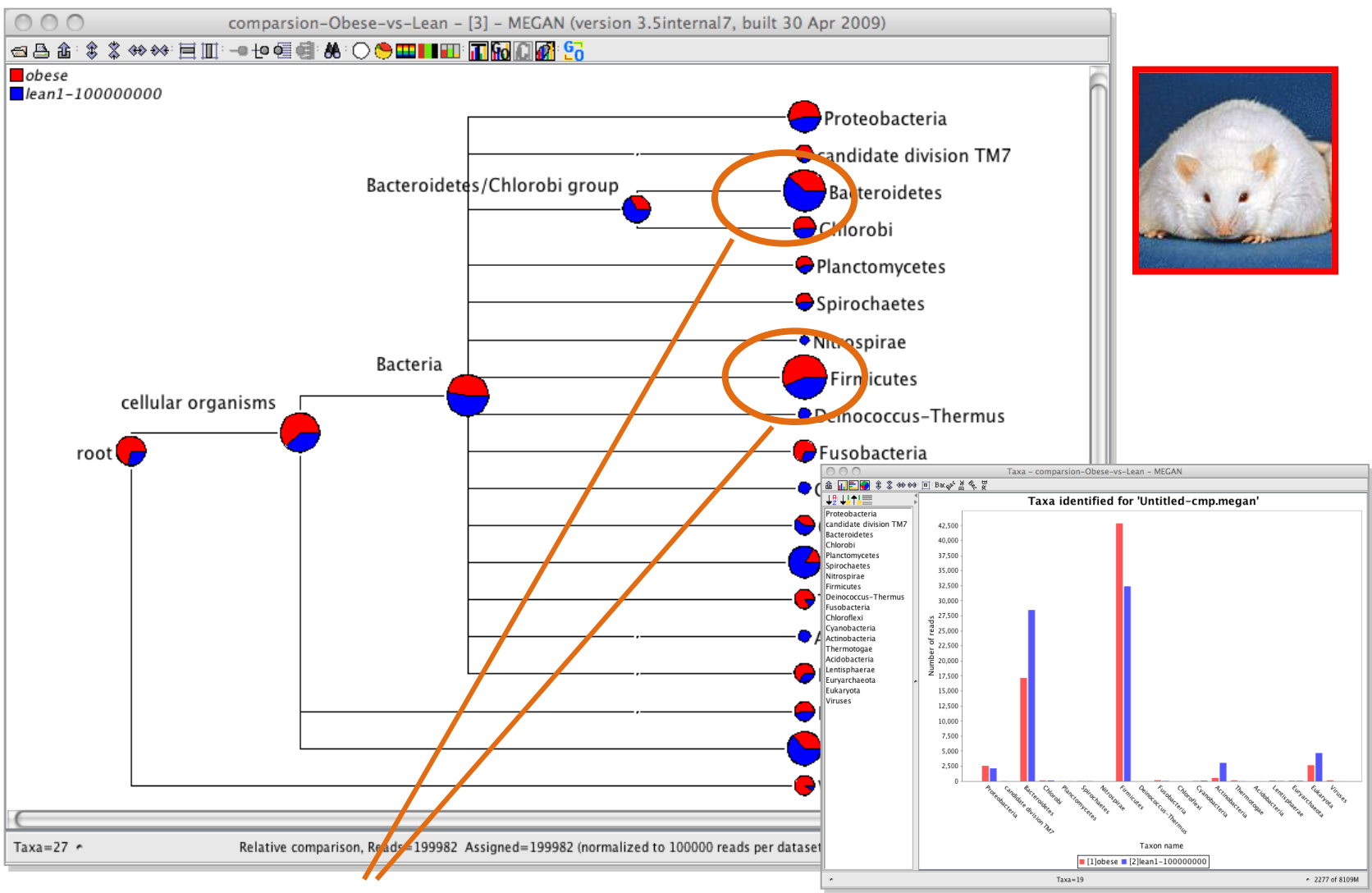


# Example: Mouse Gut Microbiome



Dominant gut microbes: Bacteroidetes and Firmicutes

# Comparative Analysis



Change in proportions of these two phyla



# Basic Principles

How to  
analyze a  
**meta**  
genome?

- **Organize**
- **Visualize**
- **Interact**
- **Summarize**
- **Capture**
- **Compare**



# Contents

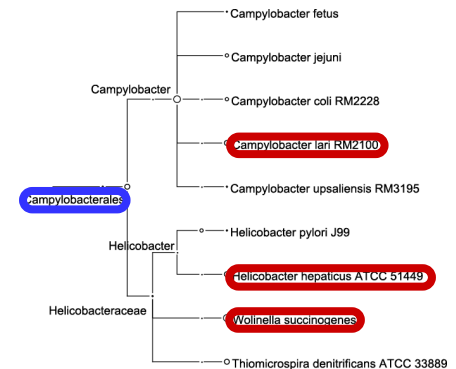
- Genomics
- Sequencing
- Metagenomics
- **More computational questions**
- Outlook

# Single Reads vs Paired Reads

In metagenomics:

- Use single reads or paired reads?
- In the latter case, short clones or long clones?

# Taxonomical Analysis Based on Gene Content

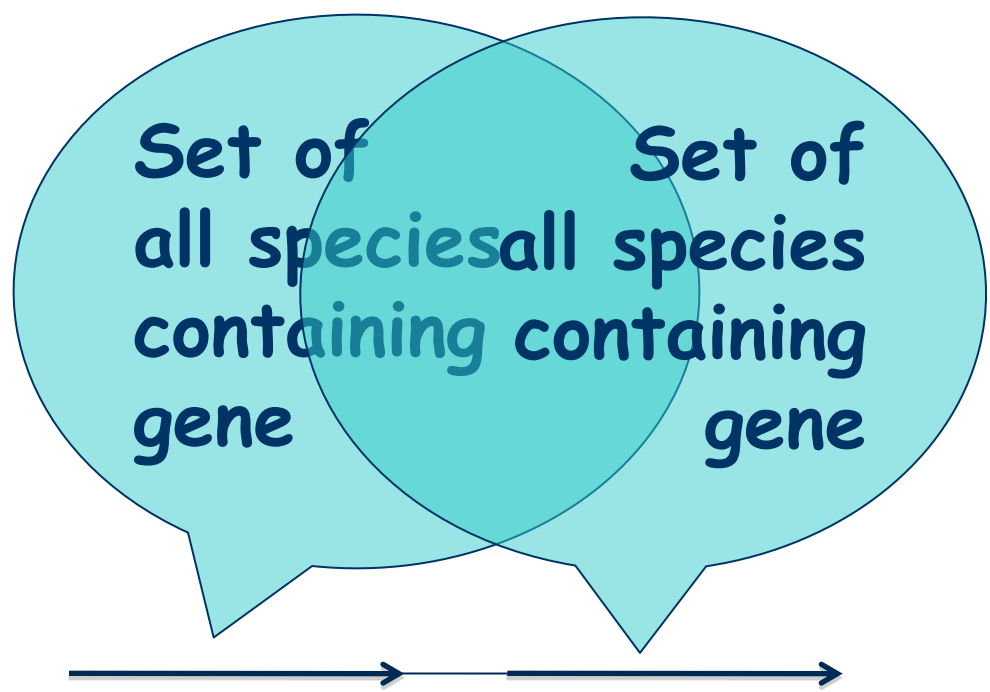


Unknown source genome

Use LCA to assign to (higher-rank) taxon

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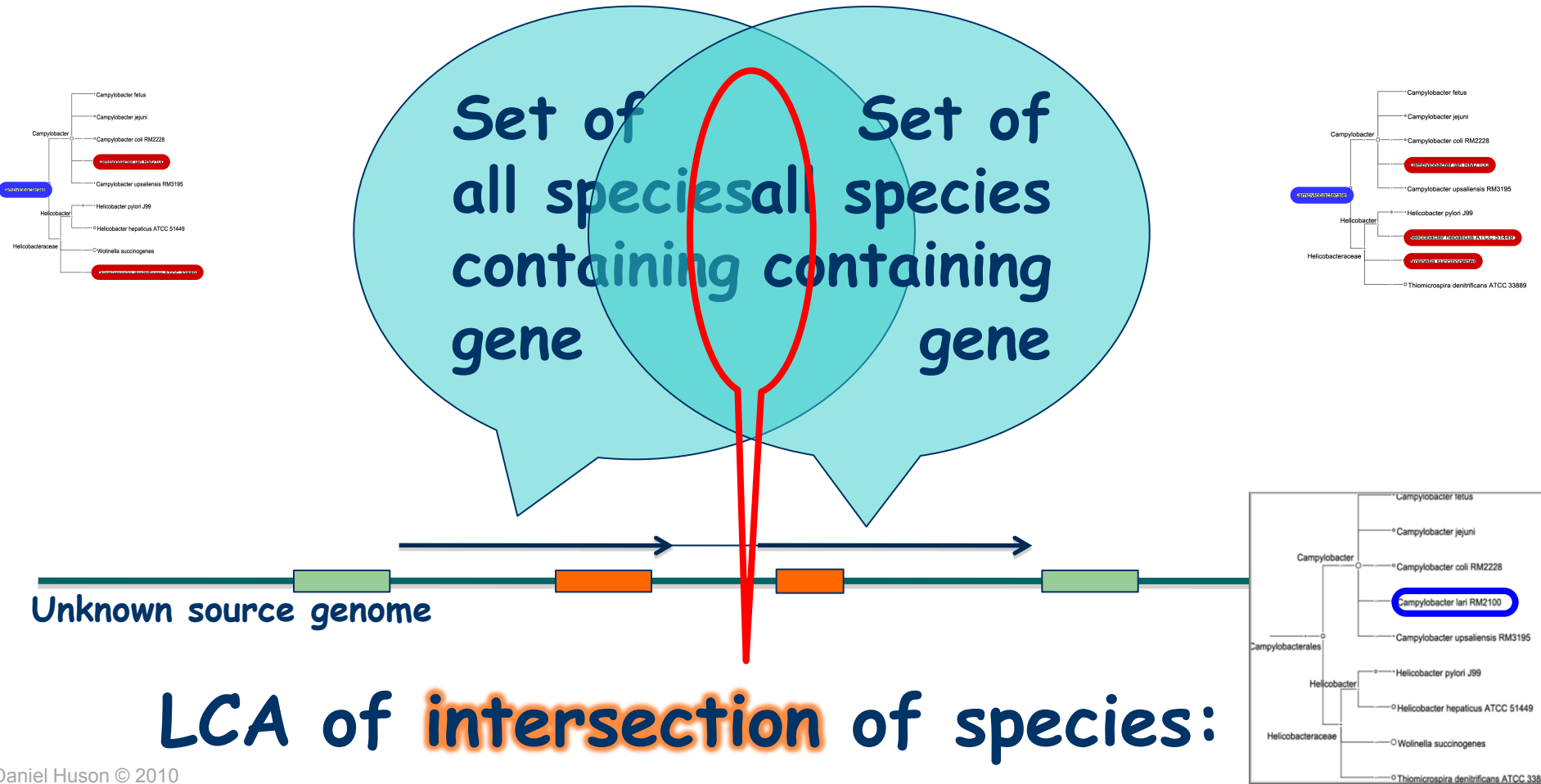
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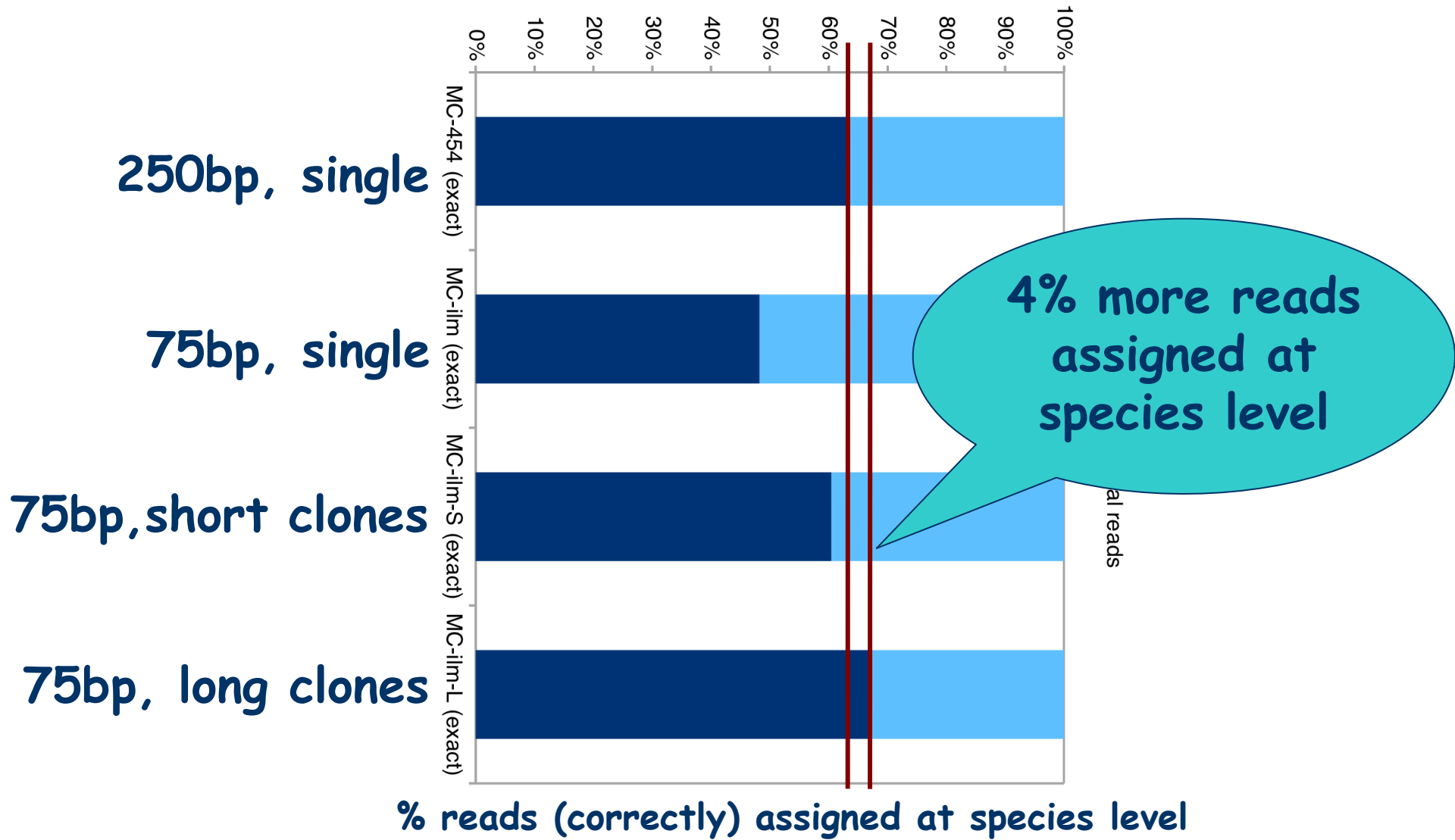
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# Taxonomical Analysis Based on Gene Content

Claim: long clones are more specific



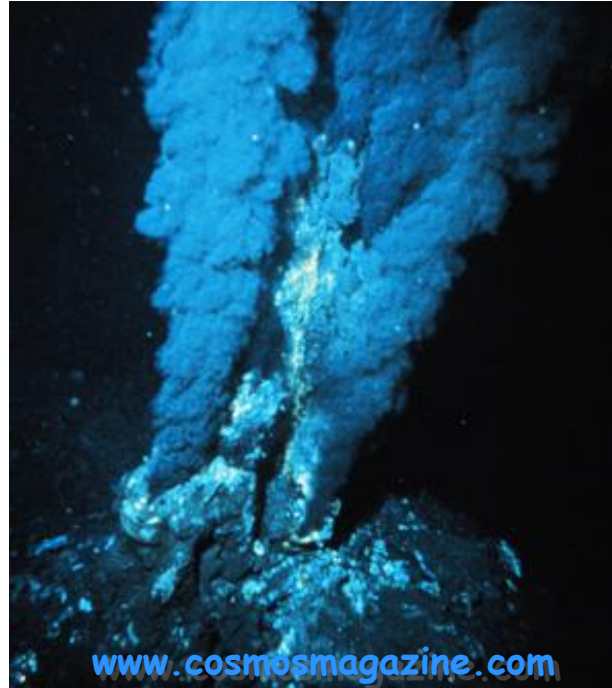
# Simulated Performance 454 vs Illumina



MetaSim - simulator (Richter et al, 2008)

# Ocean Seabed Sample

- Joint work with Ida Steen (Bergen)



- Currently analyzing large set of 454 paired reads (7kb clones) collected from an Arctic hot vent at 3km depth



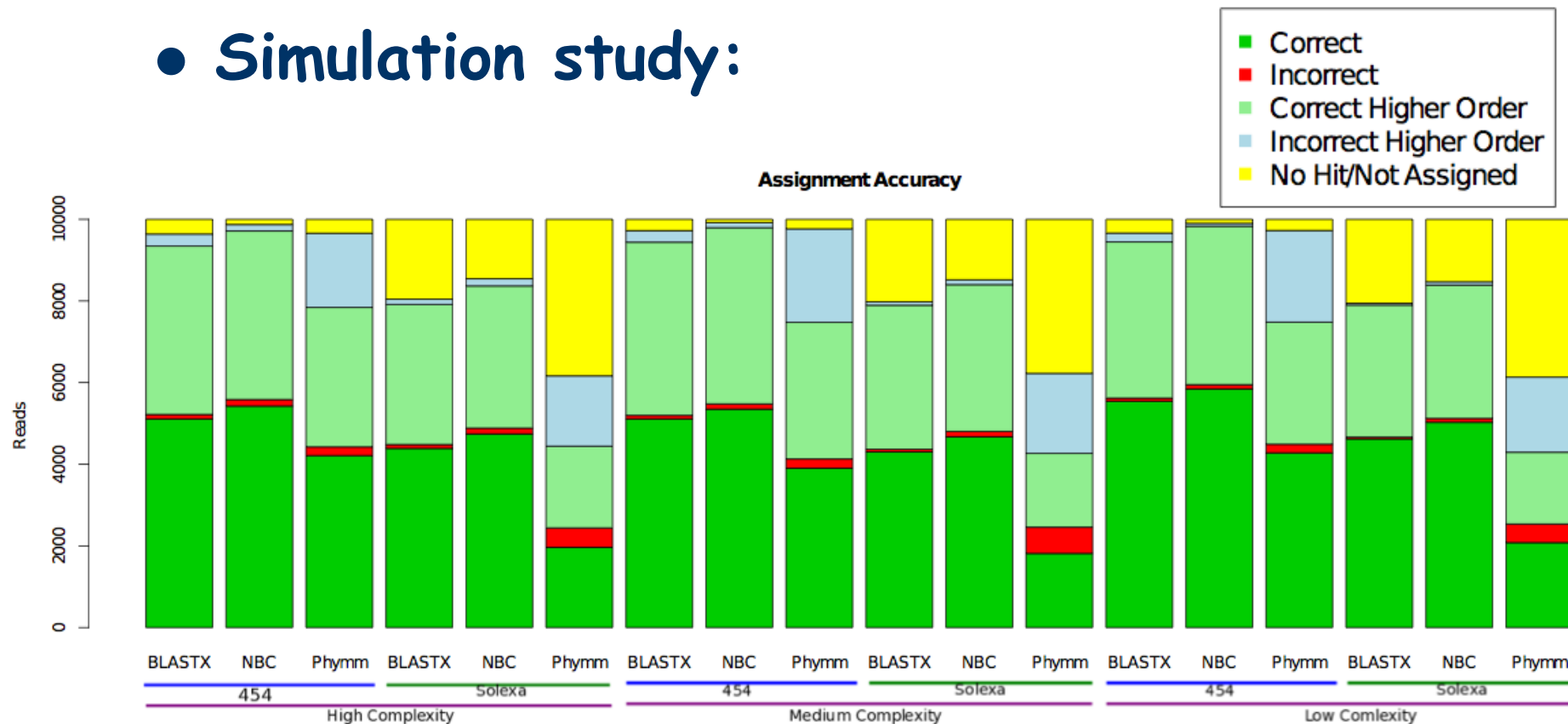


# Hybrid Approach

- Machine-learning based classification approaches are much faster than BLASTX
- Biologists want to see alignments and they are needed for functional analysis
- Hybrid approach:
  - Use taxonomic classifier to perform taxonomic binning
  - BLASTX reads only against assigned taxa
- Study of NBC (Rosen *et al* 2008) and Phymm (Brady & Salzberg, 2009)

# Hybrid Approach

- Simulation study:

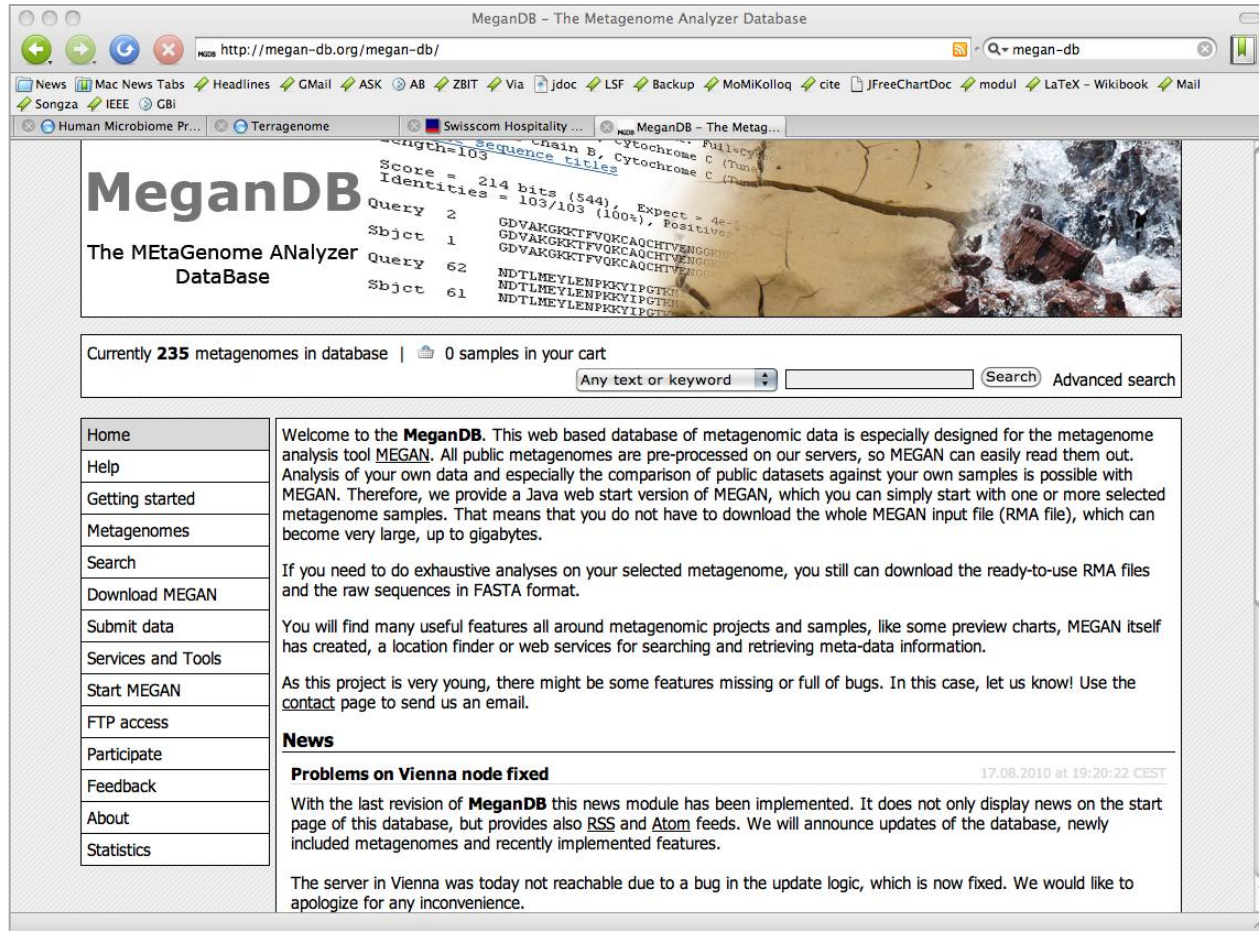


- ~10x speed-up over full BLASTX
- Increased accuracy using NCB
- Decreased accuracy using Phymm

Weber et al, submitted

# MEGAN-DB

- Database of precomputed MEGAN files



- [www.megan-db.org](http://www.megan-db.org)

## Joint work with Thomas Rattei and Simon Domke

# Contents

- Genomics
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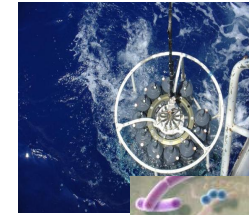
# Computational Challenges...

- **Global Ocean Sampling**
  - [www.jcvi.org/cms/research/projects/gos](http://www.jcvi.org/cms/research/projects/gos)
- **Human Microbiome Project**
  - [nihroadmap.nih.gov/hmp/](http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/hmp/)
- **Terragenome Consortium**

Terabases of sequences

- **Survey of the Earth microbiome**

- Petabases of sequences
- Processing and storage of exabytes of data  
(mega, giga, tera, peta, exa...)



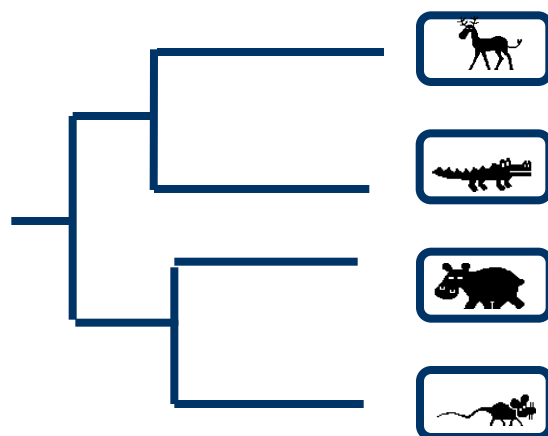


# Computational Challenges...

- Data storage and access
- Tools for navigating metagenome data and metadata
- Ever faster analysis methods
- How to learn across multiple datasets?
- How to build a model of the Earth microbiome?

# Joint Work With:

- **Tübingen:** Suparna Mitra, Daniel Richter, Nico Weber & Max Schubach
- **Penn State:** Stephan Schuster and Qi Ji
- **Vienna:** Tim Urich, Christa Schleper, Thomas Rattei, Simon Domke
- **Bergen:** Ida Steen and Anders Lanzen



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