



Genomic Epidemiology

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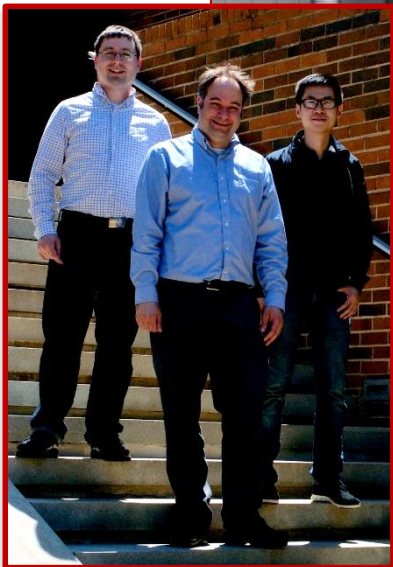
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Team (EDBiT)

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

1993



Outbreak of a deadly form of *E. coli* infections in western states: > 700 illnesses; 4 children died. Highlights the need for a network to identify DNA fingerprints of foodborne bacteria

1996

2001

2002

2006

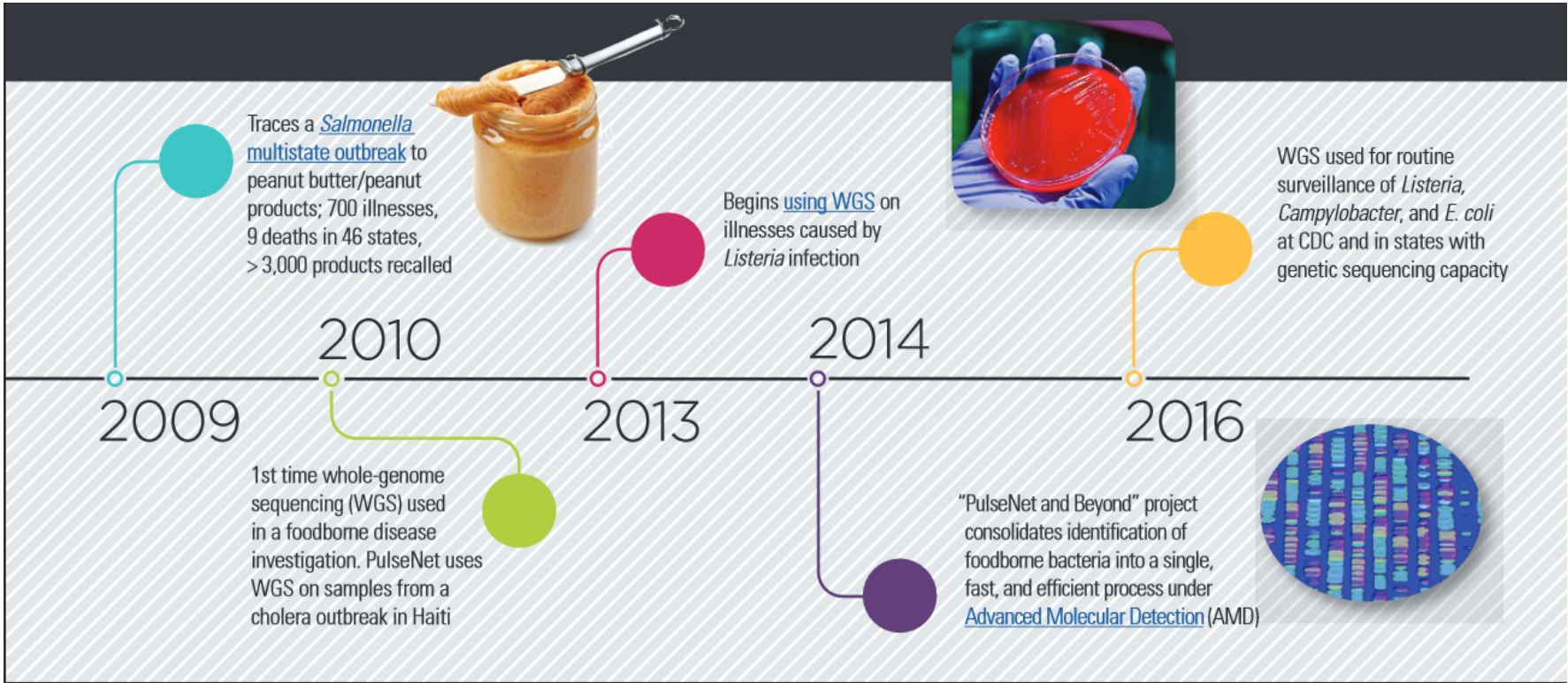


PulseNet goes nationwide; all 50 state public health labs perform DNA fingerprinting of foodborne bacteria

Identifies spinach as source of [E. coli outbreak](#); 225 sickened and 5 deaths in 27 states; prompts nationwide recall

PulseNet wins 2nd Innovations in American Government Award (also won in 1999) for excellence and creativity in the public sector

CDC, the Association of Public Health Laboratories, federal partners, and public health labs in 4 states launch a new foodborne surveillance network called PulseNet



Outline

- **Background**
- **Genomic Epidemiology**
 - Algorithms
 - Software
- **Example**

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Listeria pilot project

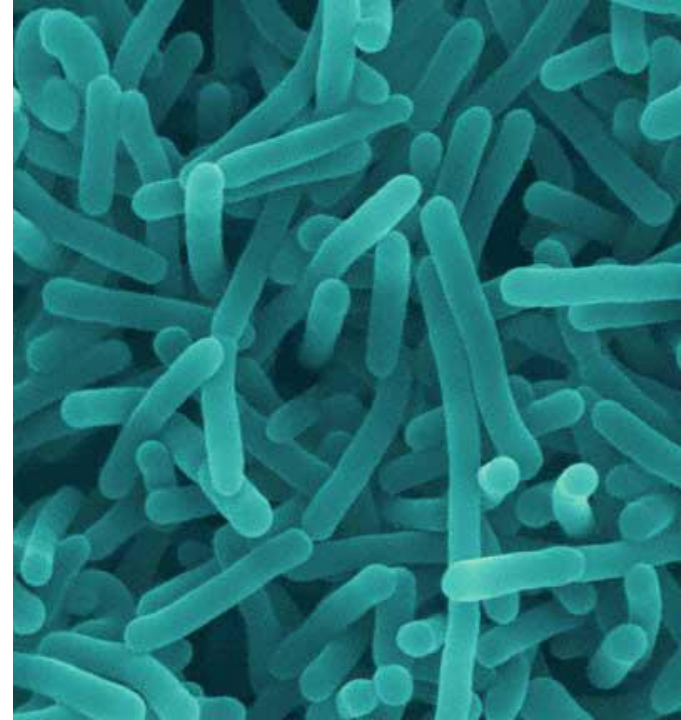
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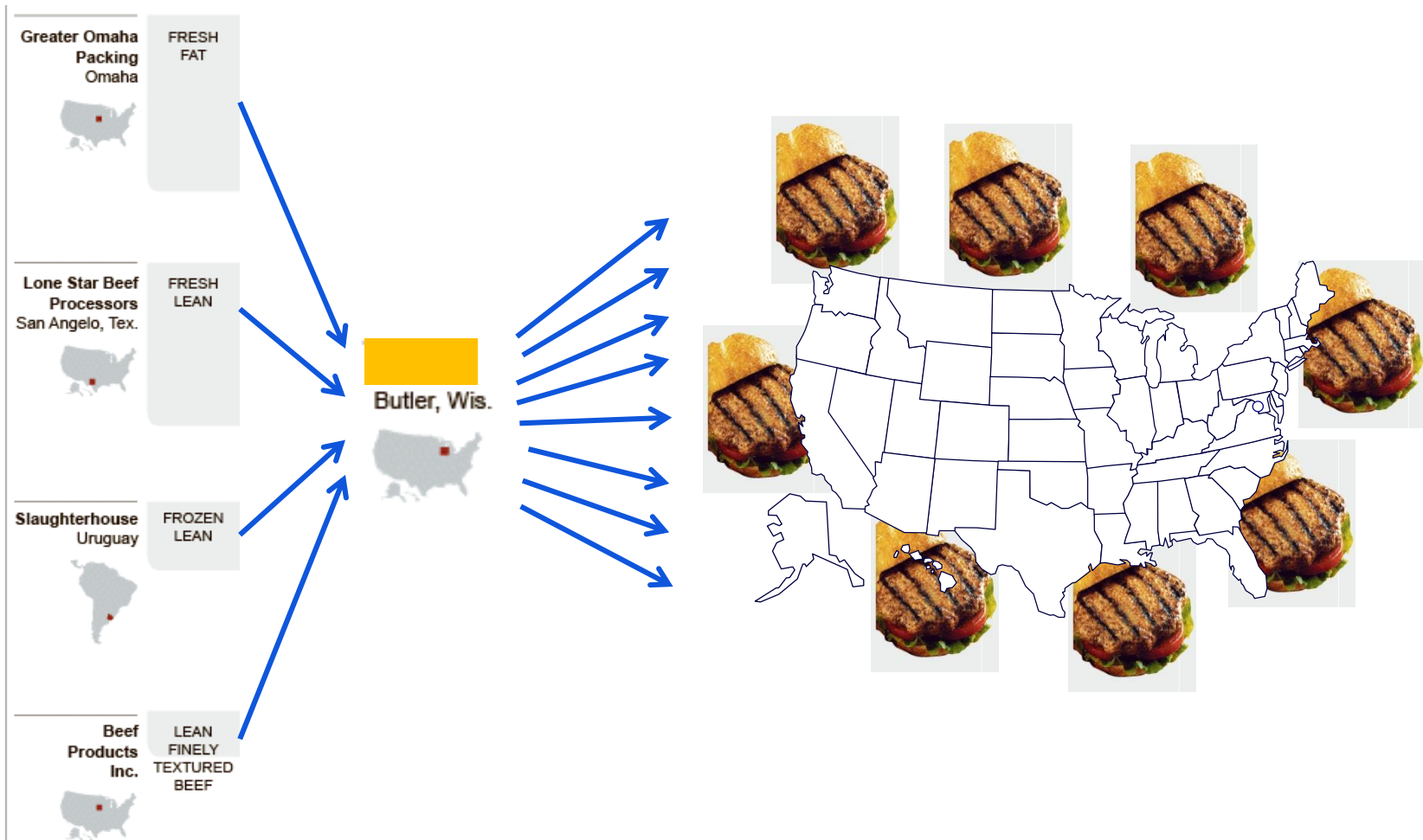
(It's an awesome perspective)

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.

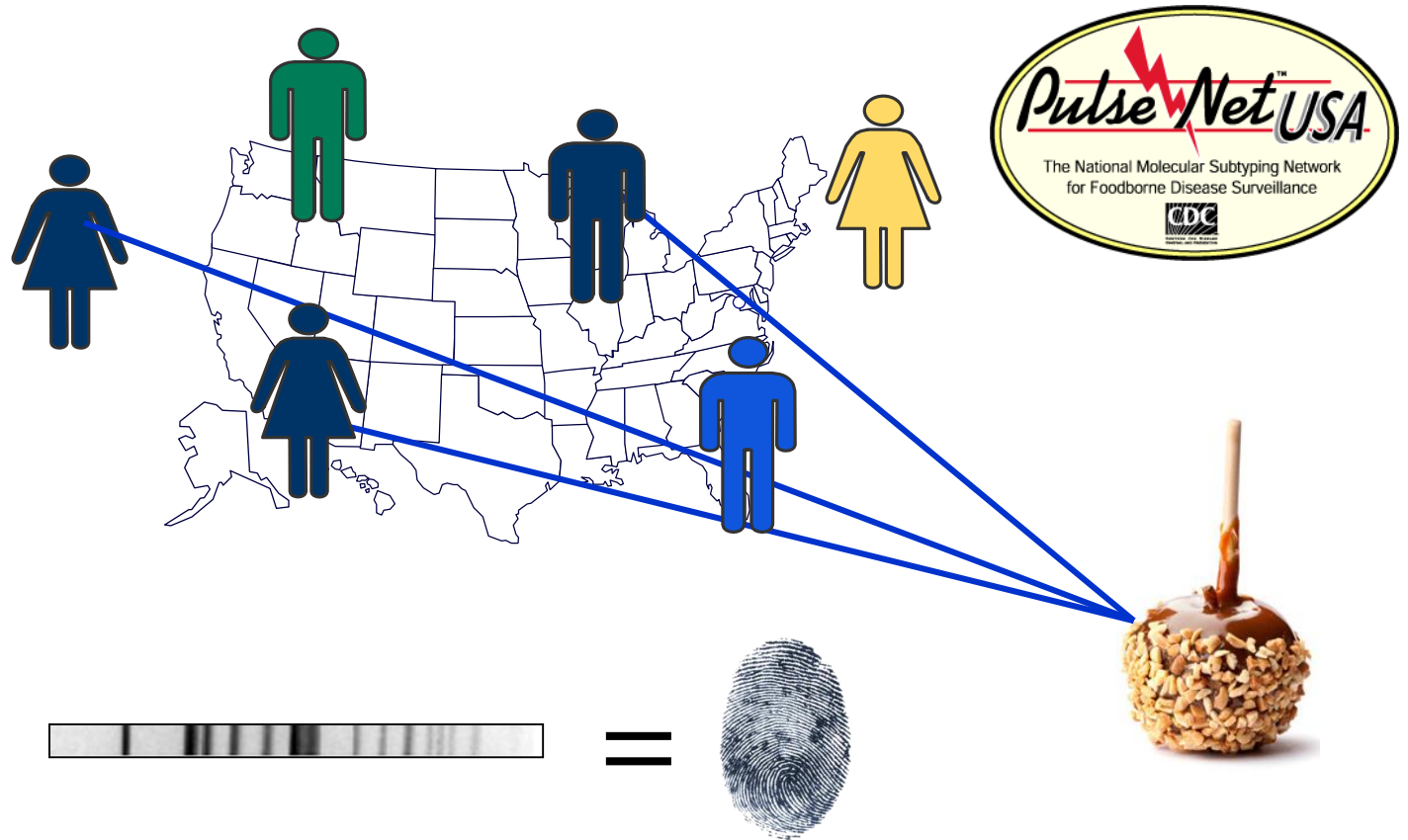


The Problem: Detecting Outbreaks in an Increasingly Globalized Food System

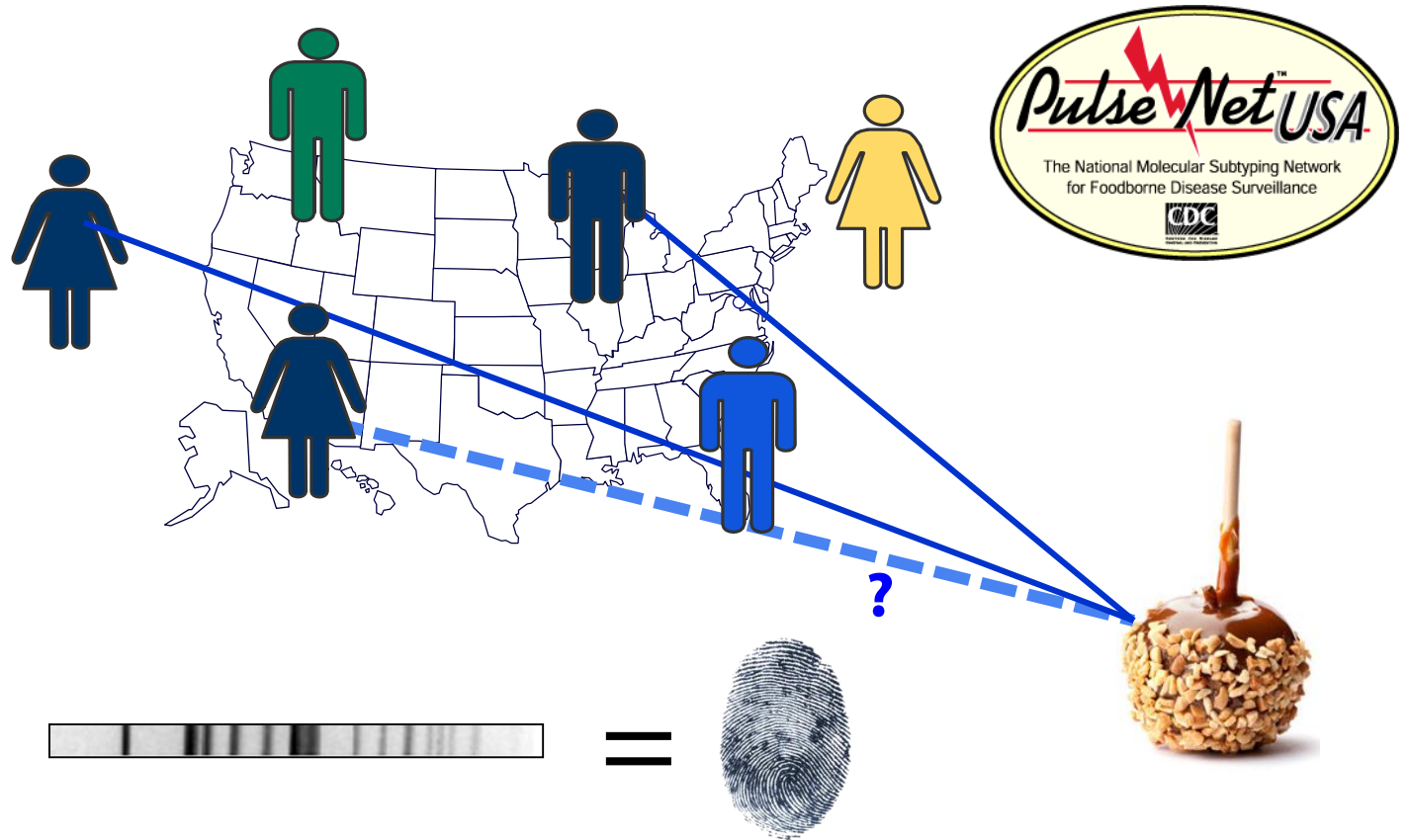


Anatomy of a Burger. New York Times. October 4, 2009
Thanks to Brendan Jackson for letting me borrow this slide

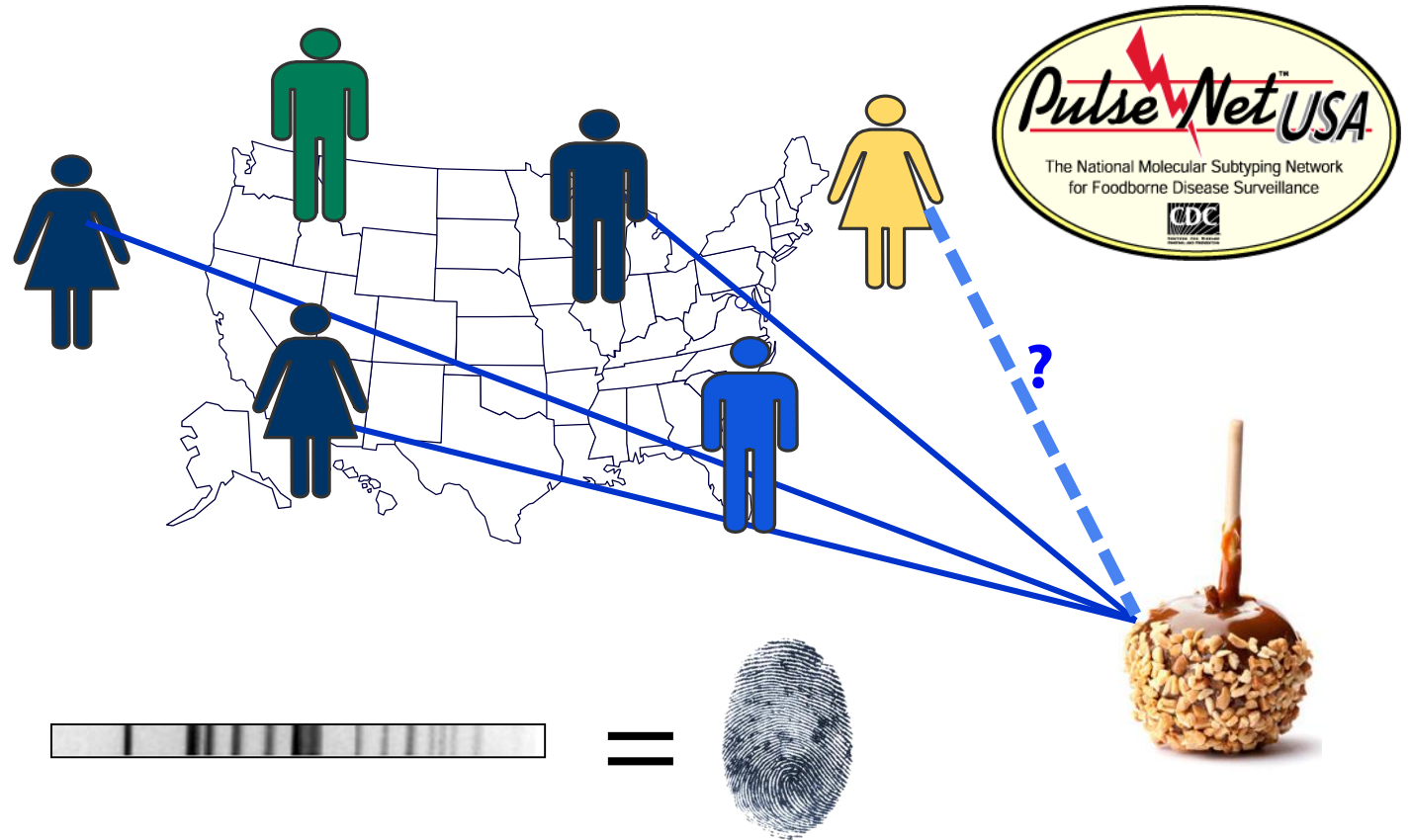
Limitations of Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE)



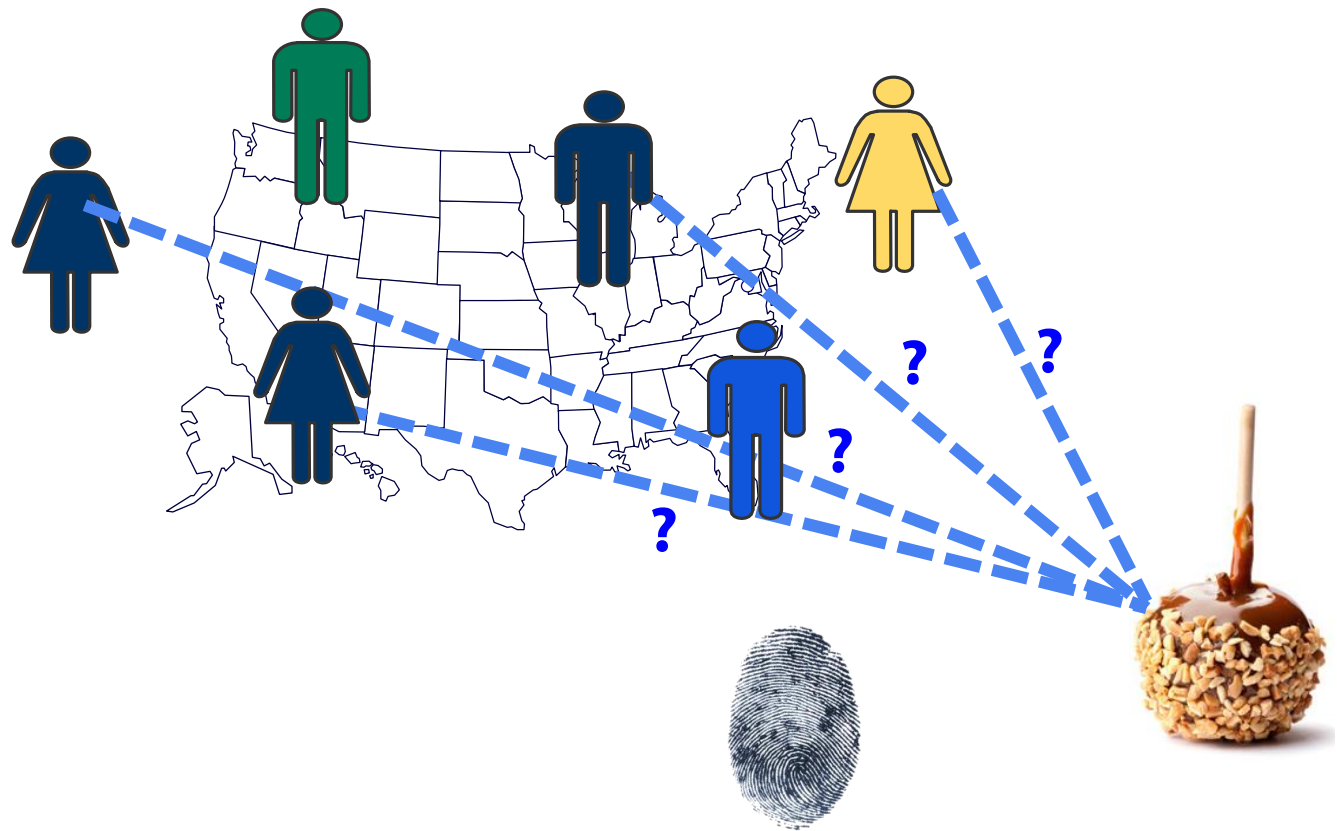
Limitation: Genetically Unrelated Isolate Might Appear Same by PFGE



Limitation: Genetically Related Isolate Might Appear Different By PFGE



Can genomics clear up this picture?



How do we compare genomes?



Three major methods we use

- Kmer-based: mile-high view (shredded paper)
 - MLST-based: naked eye (book pages)
 - SNP-based: microscope (book letters)
-
- 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

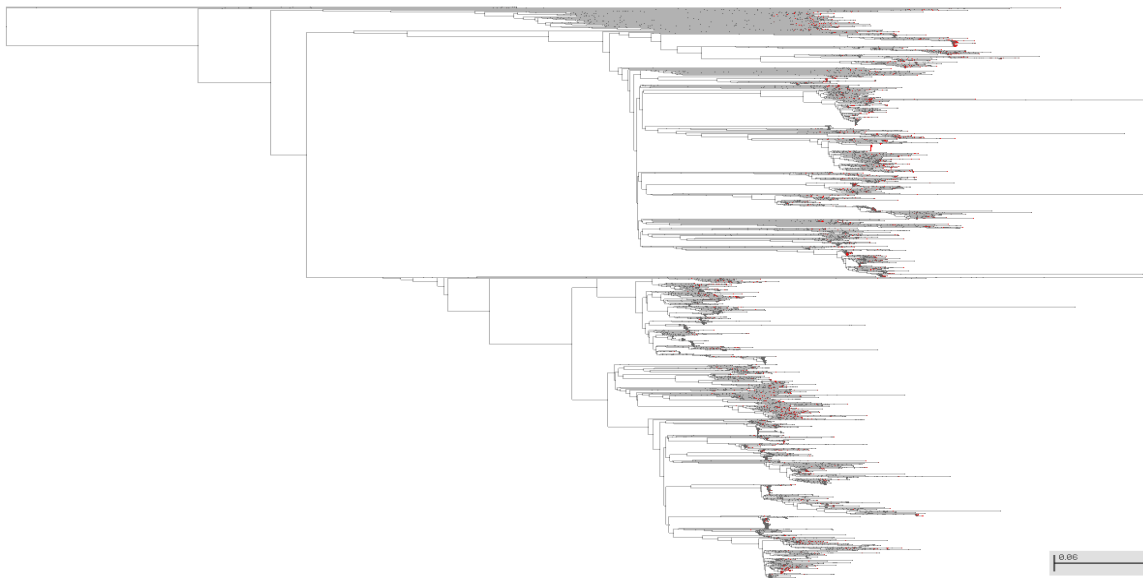
Here, K=12

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

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

Example kmer tree

- <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pathogens/>
- Software: pathogen detection pipeline at NCBI

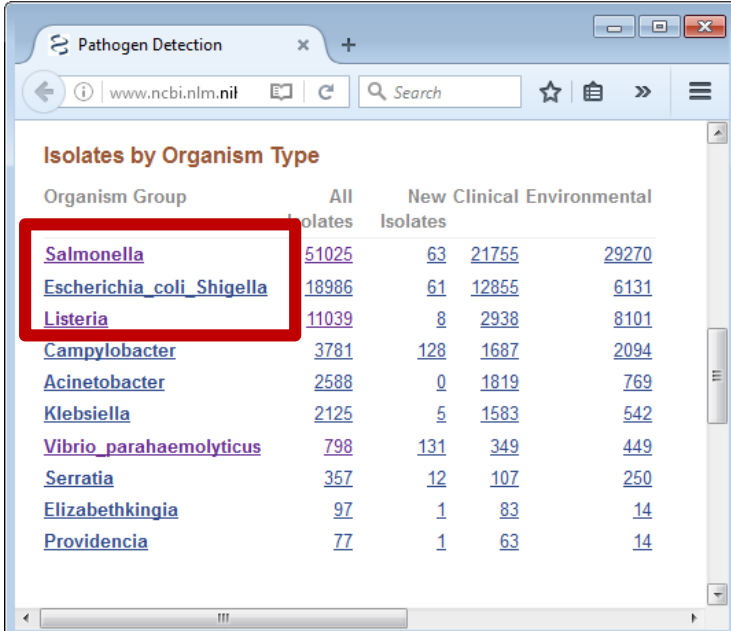


Mile-high view

7,800 *Listeria monocytogenes* genomes in this tree

Kmer-based software

- NCBI Pathogen Detection Pipeline
 - Not available for individual use, but the results are comprehensive and public
- Mashtree
 - Based on min-hash, implemented in Mash
- SKA
 - Split Kmer Analysis



Organism Group	All Isolates	New Clinical Isolates	Environmental Isolates	
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

NCBI kmer trees screen shot taken Sept 23, 2016

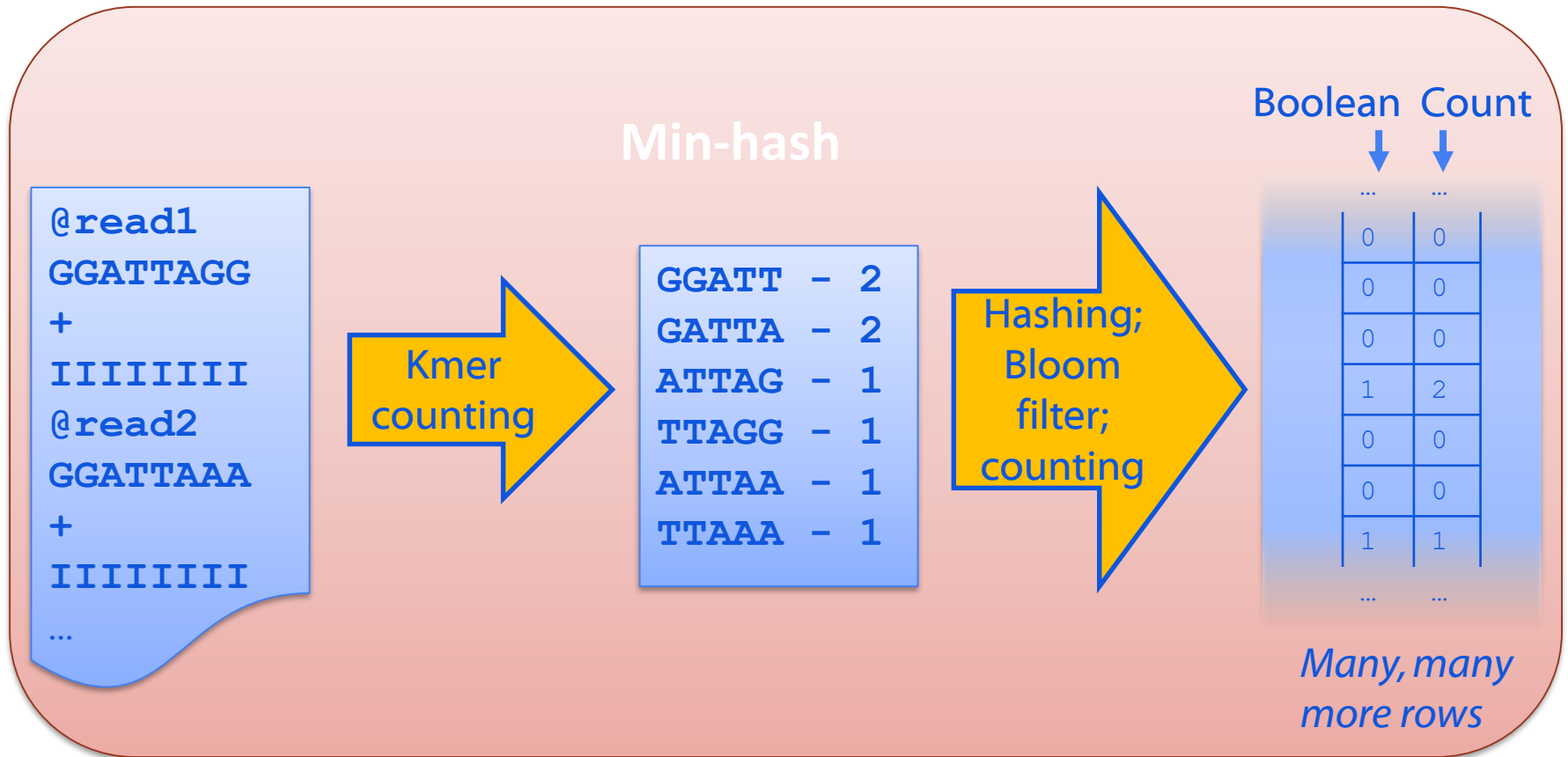
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pathogens>

<https://github.com/lskatz/mashtree> (latest version: 1.0.4; Katz et al 2019, JOSS)

<https://github.com/simonrharris/SKA/releases> (latest version: 1.0)

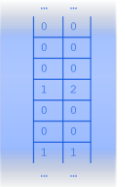
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“Sketch”



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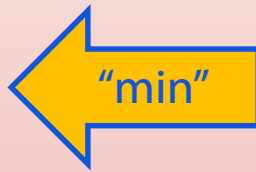
“Sketch”



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1	2
0	0
0	0
1	1
...	...

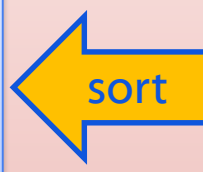
Min-hash

2
5
24
33
34



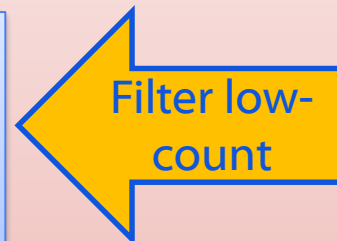
This example:
just keep five
hashes

2
5
24
33
34
60
66
...



May or may
not keep
counts

66	-	2
42	-	2
33	-	5
44	-	5
24	-	7
34	-	3
...		

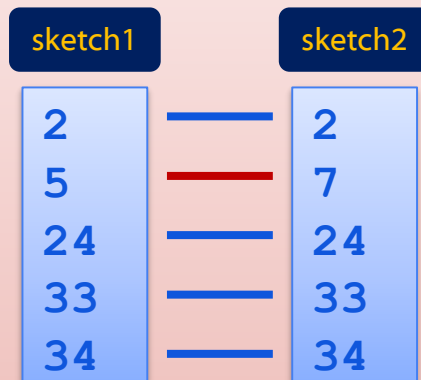


66	-	2
42	-	2
82	-	1
87	-	1
64	-	1
22	-	1
...		

How does Mash work?

“Distance” or “dist”

Min-hash

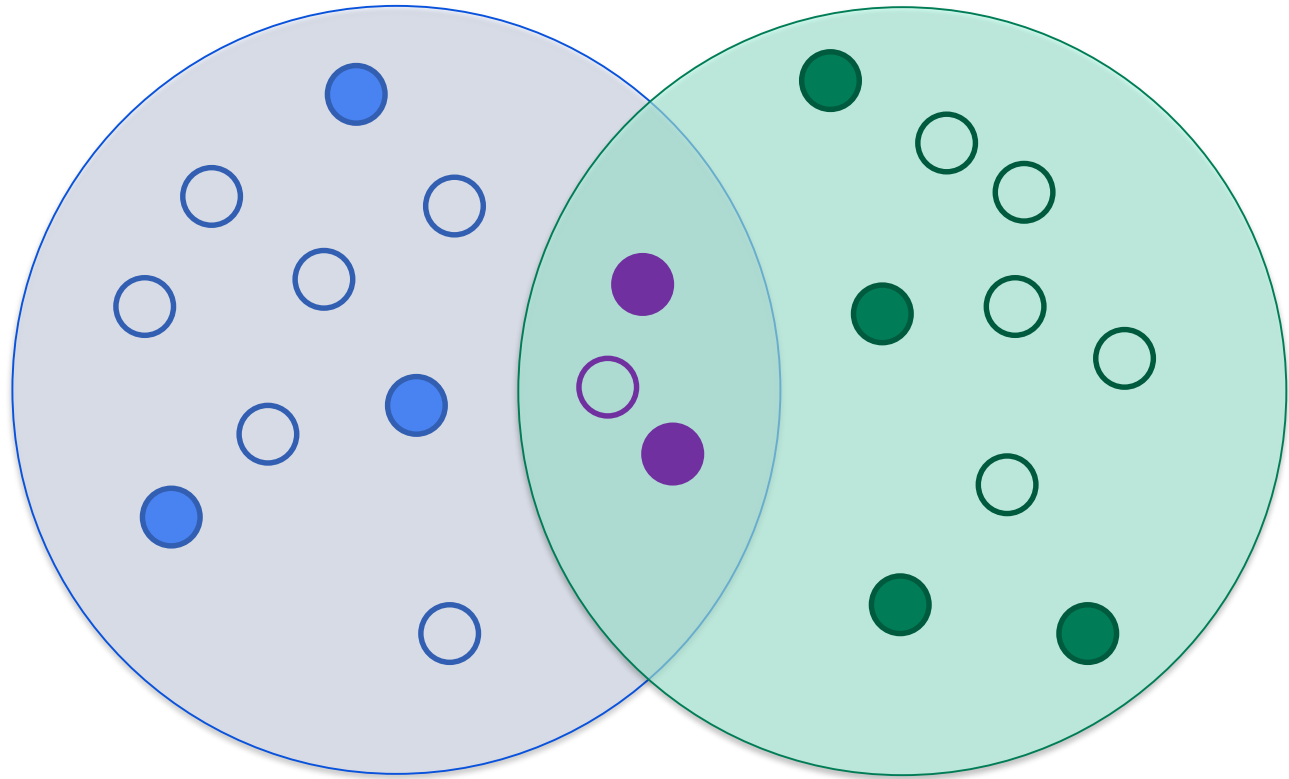


Six different hashes, two differences.

Jaccard distance = $2/6 = 0.33$

The resolution gets better with more hashes.

Min-hash visualization



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

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

Mashtree

What it is and what it isn't

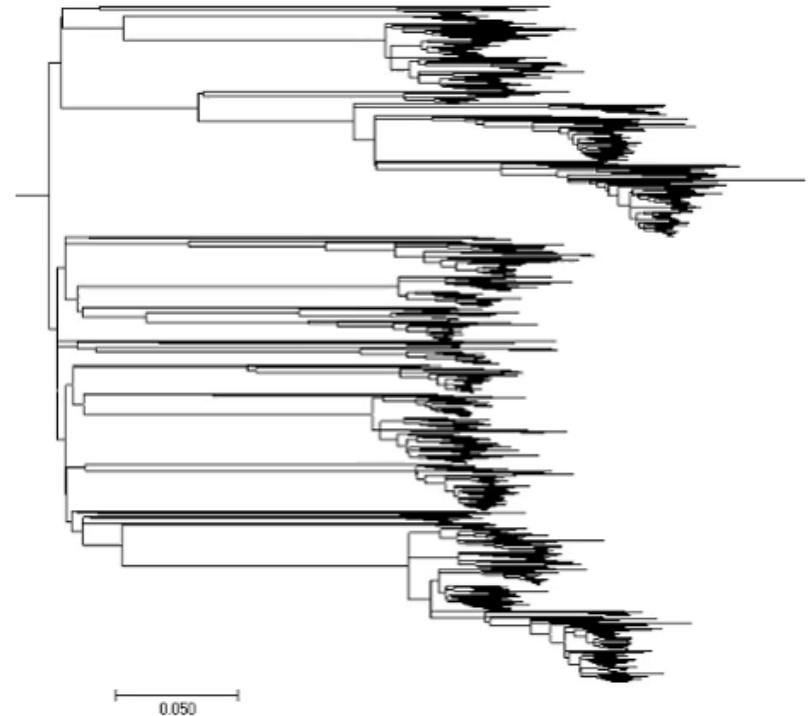
Is	Isn't
Builds trees	Infers phylogeny
Fast	Slow

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

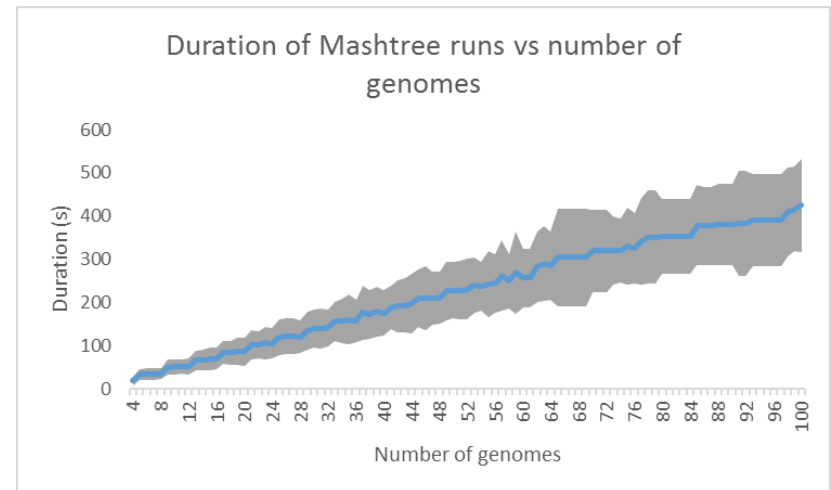
Mashtree is fast

- 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. (next slide)

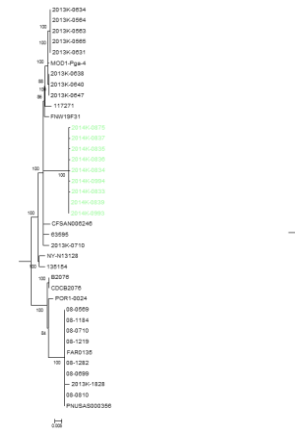


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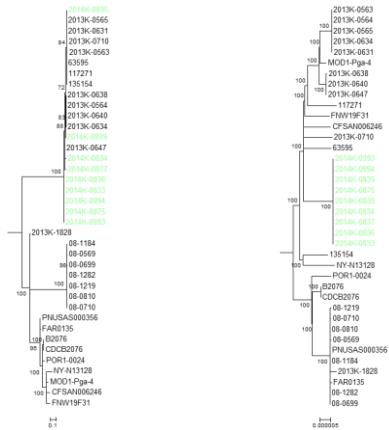
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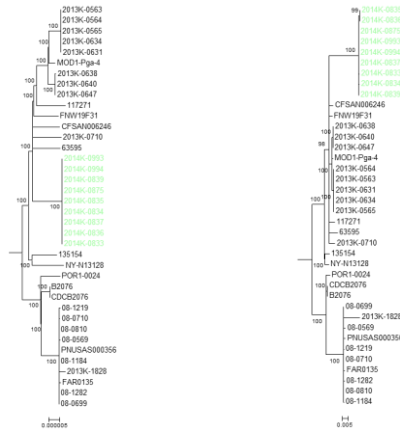
The Mashtree v0.06 accuracy



Lyve-SET
Sn = 100%
Sp = 100%



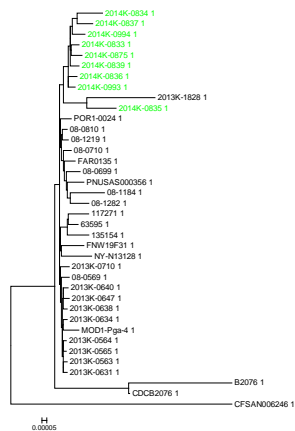
kSNP3
Sn = 100%
Sp = 58%



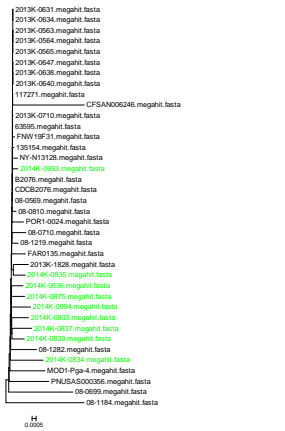
RealPhy
Sn = 100%
Sp = 100%



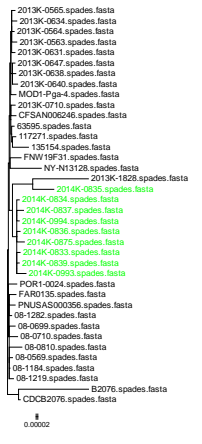
Snp-Pipeline
Sn = 100%
Sp = 100%



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



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



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

1409MLJN6-1
 $n_{pos} = 9$
 $n_{neg} = 29$
Dataset from Katz *et al*, "Lyve-SET",
2017, MGEN

part of outbreak

Mashtree is command line

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

# Usage
$ mashtree.pl --help

# Execution
$ mashtree.pl --numcpus 12 --genomesize 4700000 \
  *.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



Different kinds

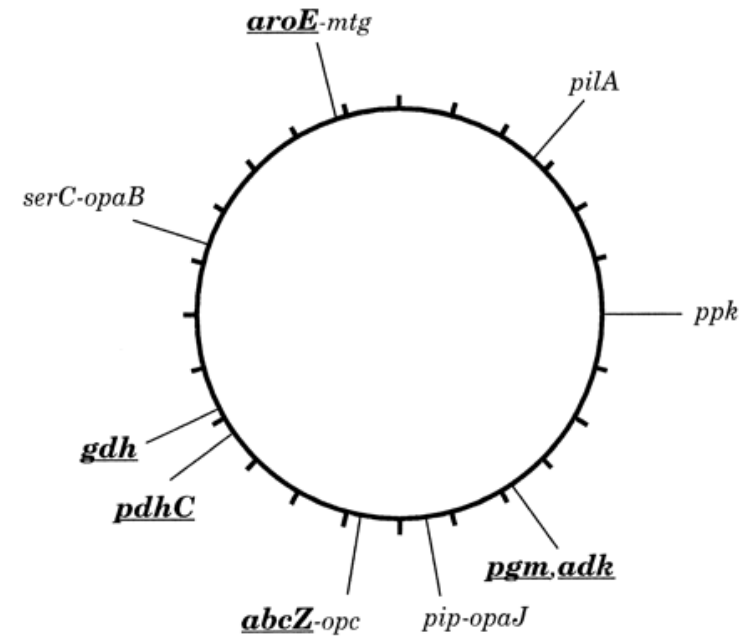
- 7-gene MLST
- wgMLST (whole genome MLST)
- cgMLST (core genome MLST)
- ... and more

Image credit: Wikipedia.org

Software: BioNumerics

7-gene MLST

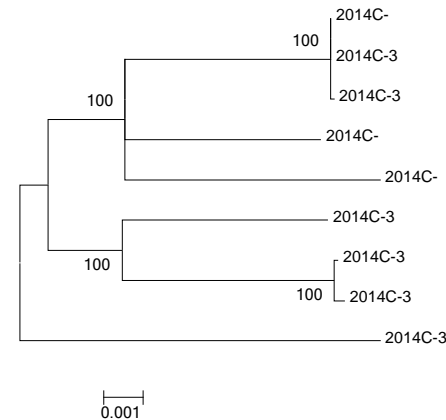
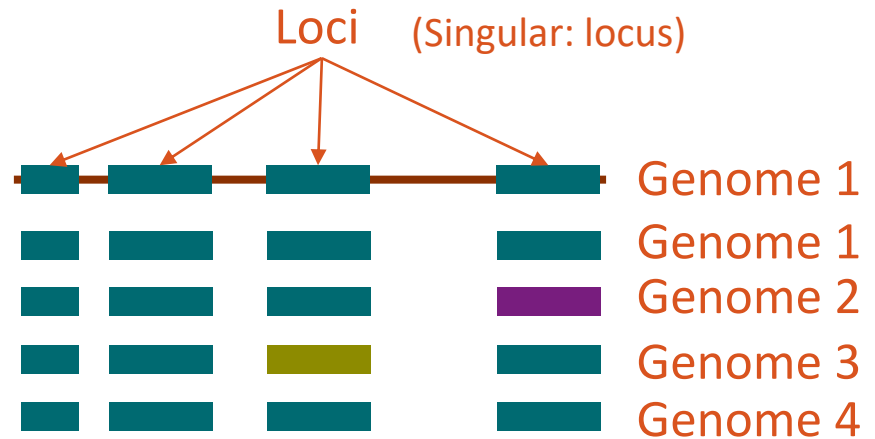
- Choose about seven loci in the genome
- Compare all genomes based on these seven loci
- This profile of alleles is called a **sequence type (ST)**



Maiden et al 1998 *PNAS*

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

~one locus per 1,000 nucleotides (nt) in the genome.

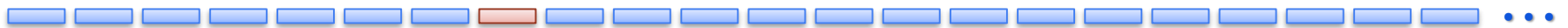
Different species have different sizes

e.g., *L. monocytogenes* has ~3,000,000 nt and ~3,000 loci

Strain A



Strain B

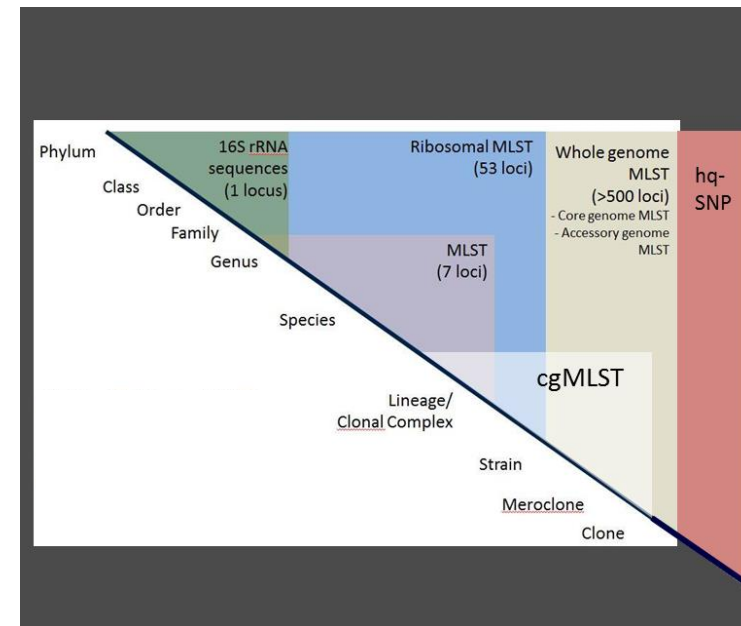


Strain C



Flavors of multilocus sequence type analysis

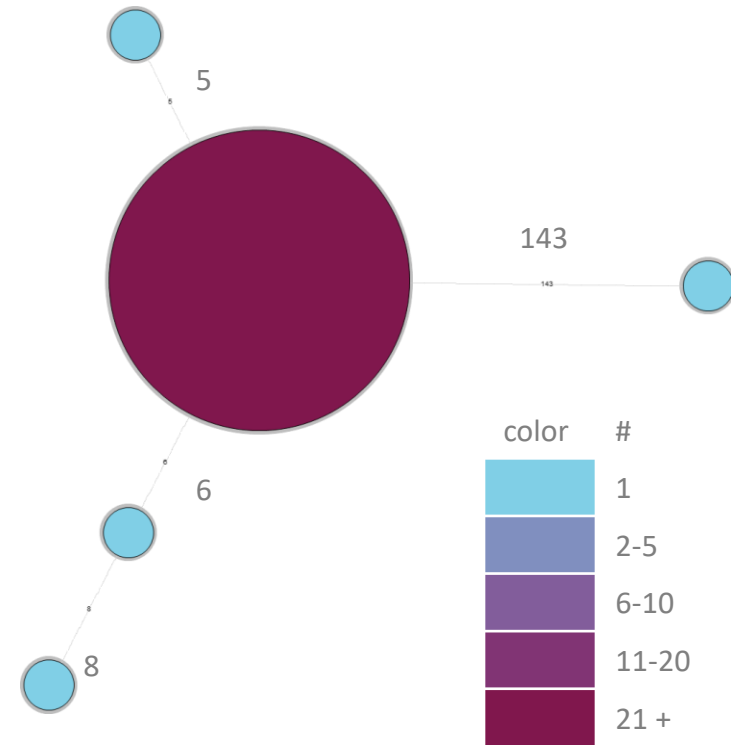
- Subsets of genes can be used to identify genus/species and lineage (rMLST/ MLST)
- Core genome MLST are the genes that are in common in vast majority of genomes belonging to a genus species (for *Listeria* – 1748 genes belong to core and are present in ~98% of isolates tested)



Maiden et al *Nat Rev Microbiol.* 2013 11:728-36

Example wgMLST tree

- Larger circles represent more with the same sequence type (ST)
- 4800 loci represented
- Distances shown on the connecting lines
- The style of tree shown is called a **minimum spanning tree**
- wgMLST can also be displayed in a conventional tree



MLST software

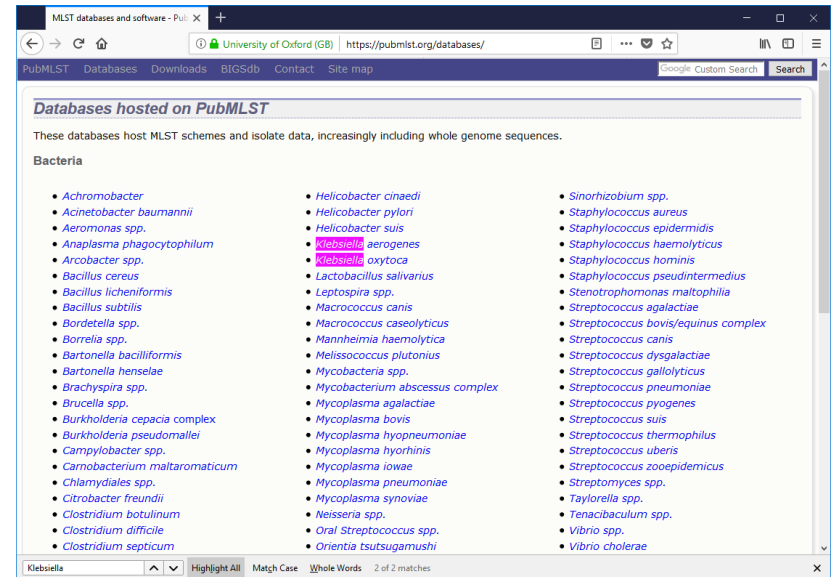
- StringMLST
 - Compare kmers of raw reads against a database
- BioNumerics
 - Graphical user interface
- SRST2, Ariba
 - Map raw reads onto database
- *mlst*
 - BLAST genome assembly against database
- Mentalist
 - Command line, meant for wgMLST schemes



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

MLST Resources

- **Main MLST site:**
<https://pubmlst.org/>
- **BigsDB manual:**
<http://bigsdb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/concepts.html>
- **API:**
<https://pubmlst.org/rest/>
- **Also see:**
 - <https://enterobase.warwick.ac.uk/>
 - <http://bigsdb.web.pasteur.fr/isteria/>



- Jolley & Maiden 2010, *BMC Bioinformatics* 11:595
- Jolley *et al.* (2017) *Database* 2017: bax060

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



Image taken from geneious.com

SNP analysis

0. Pre-processing

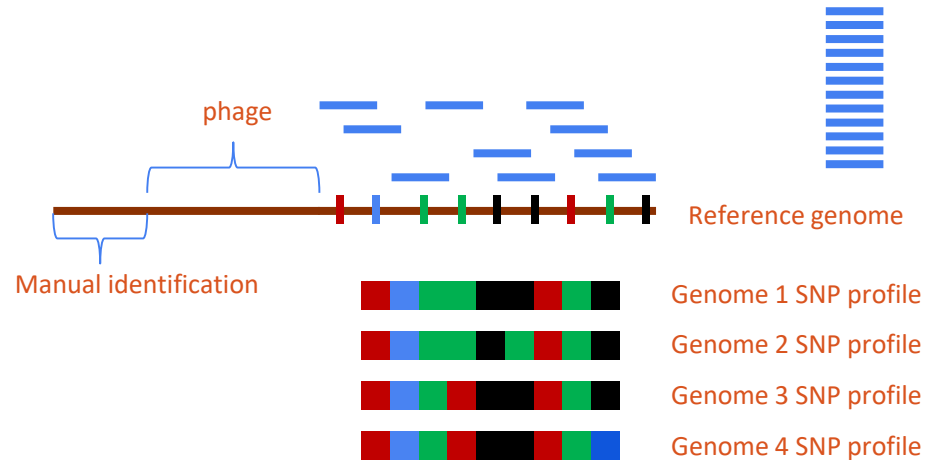
- Identification of troublesome regions
- Read cleaning

1. Mapping

2. SNP calling

- % consensus
- x depth
- Other filters

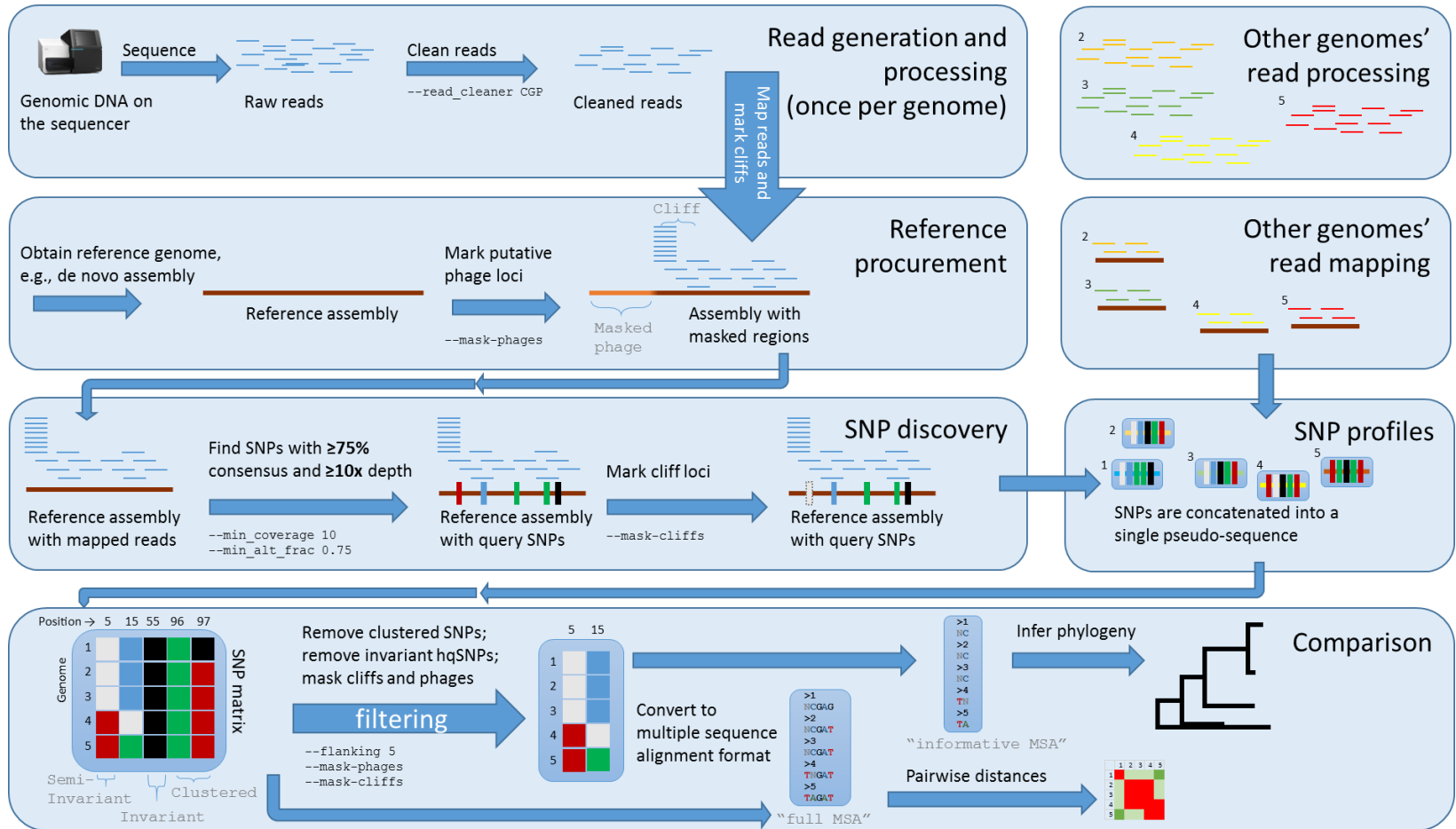
3. Phylogeny inference



<https://github.com/lskatz/lyve-SET>

Katz et al. (2017) A comparative analysis of the Lyve-SET phylogenomics pipeline for genomic epidemiology for foodborne pathogens. *Frontiers in Microbiology* 8: 375.

More details



<https://github.com/lkatz/lyve-SET>

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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.

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 “bioinformaticians” 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.

<https://thescienceweb.wordpress.com/2015/03/23/each-bioinformatician-to-have-their-own-personal-short-read-aligner-by-2016/>

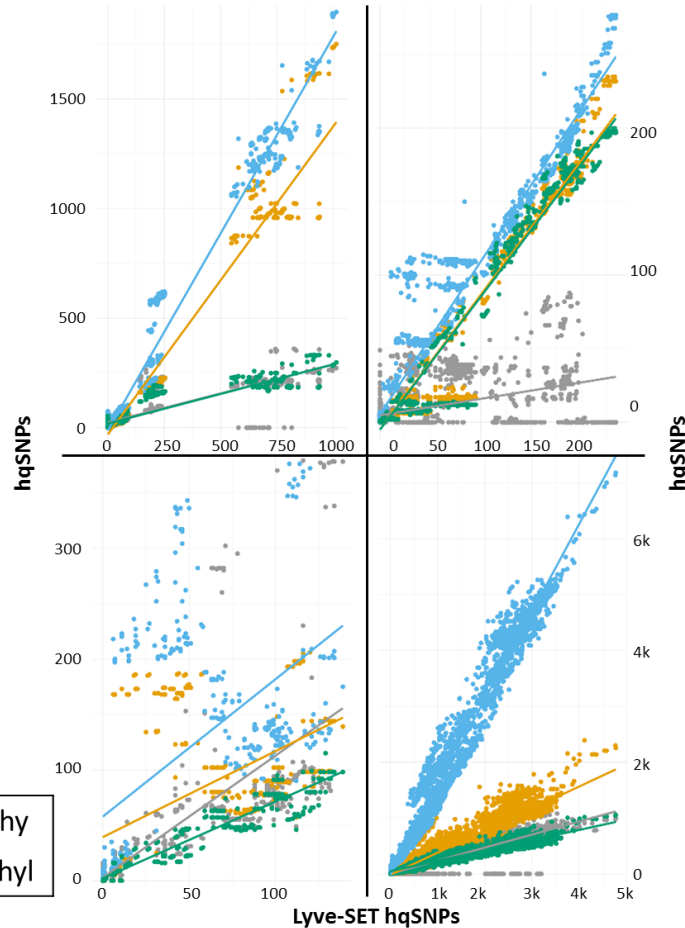
Installation and sample run

```
$ 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

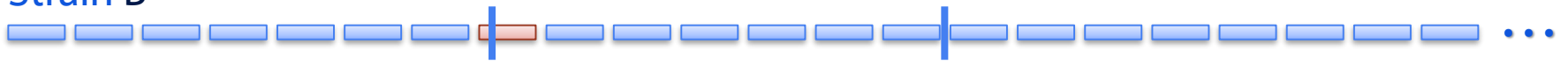
Each data point is a SNP distance as determined by Lyve-SET (x-axis) and the distance of an alternative SNP pipeline (y-axis). The slope indicates the number of SNPs per Lyve-SET SNP.

SNPs overlaid on MLST loci

Strain A



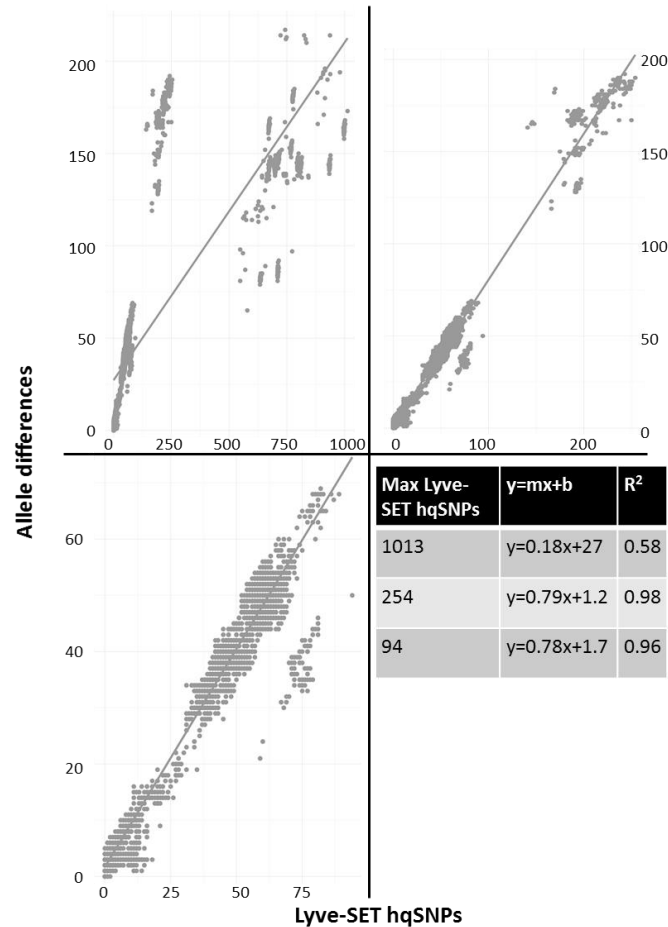
Strain B



Strain C



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

Fun examples

More information can be found in the virtual lab talk given on Jan 7, 2019: <https://youtu.be/YPnU63Le53Y?t=1234>

Multistate outbreak of farmstead cheeses



Listeria (Listeriosis)

Listeria (Listeriosis)

Definition & Symptoms

Outbreaks

► **Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheeses**

Recall & Advice to Consumers

Case Count Maps

Epi Curves

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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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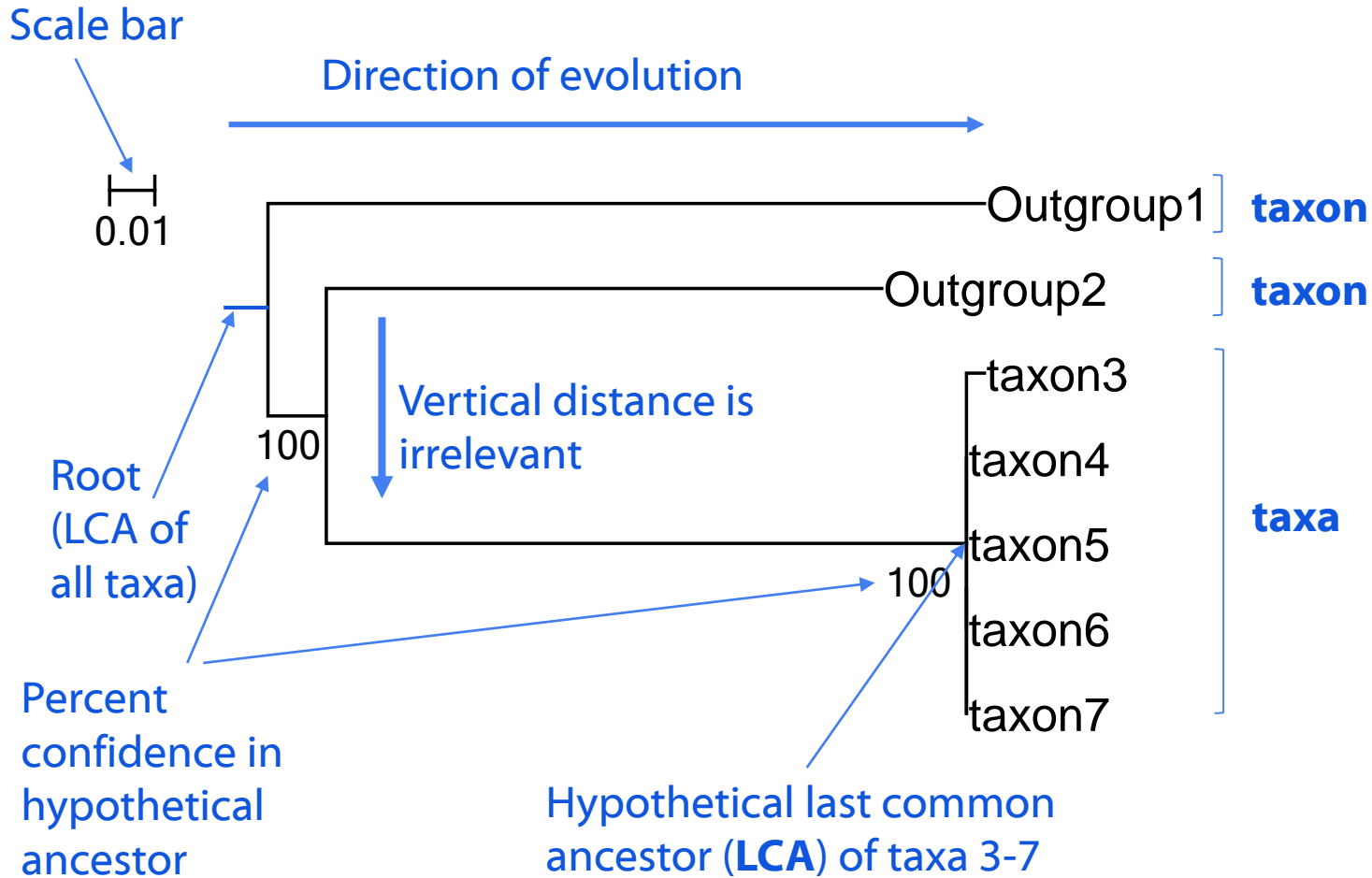
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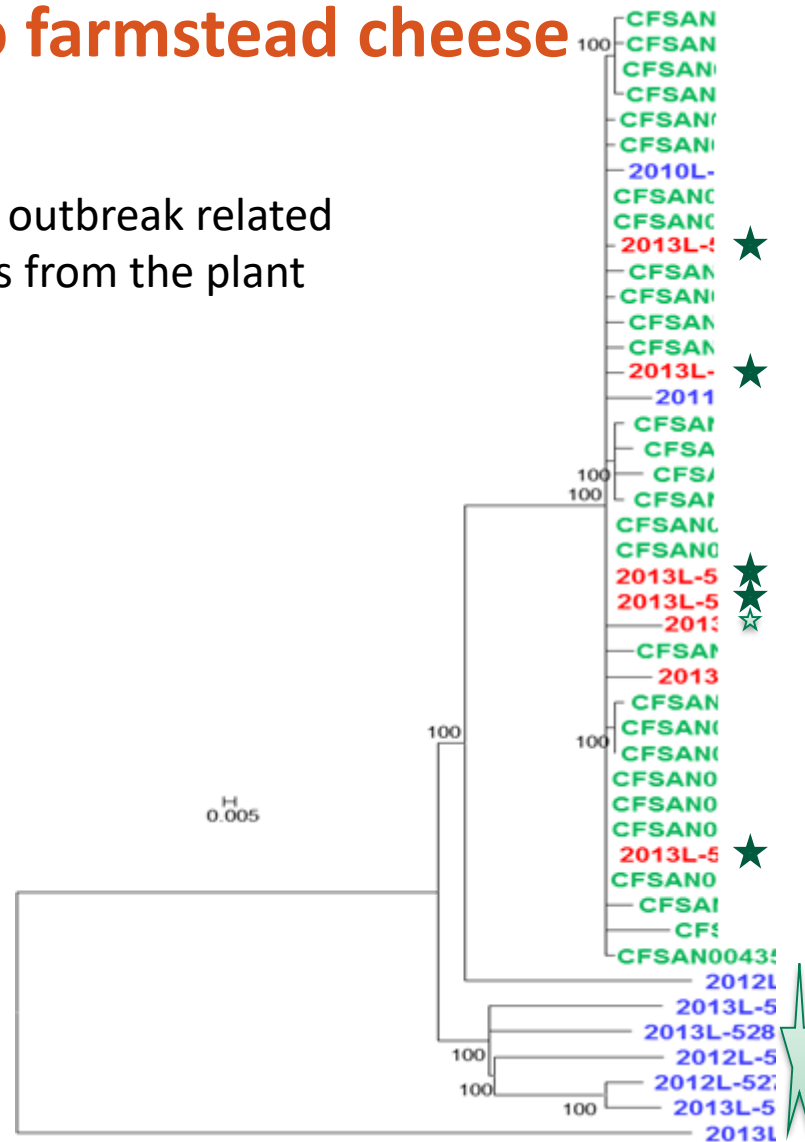
Red= epi-related clinical isolates

Blue= retrospective clinical cases or not outbreak related

Green= historical environmental isolates from the plant

★ Exposure

☆ No Exposure



In conclusion

- **WGS provides high resolution**
- **We have many tools for differing levels of resolution**
- **We can and have used it on outbreak investigations**

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