

Big Biological Data

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Genomes &
metagenomes
assembly



Algorithms and
data structures
on k-mers



Sequence
search in very
large datasets



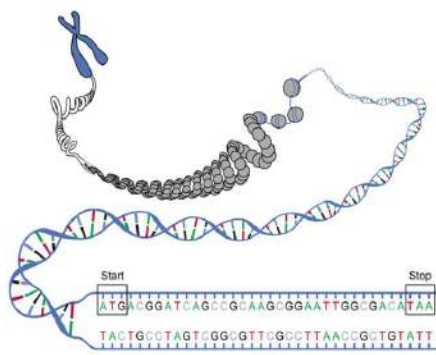
Pangenomics

Rationale

- Introduction to biological datasets
- From a computer science perspective

DNA Sequencing

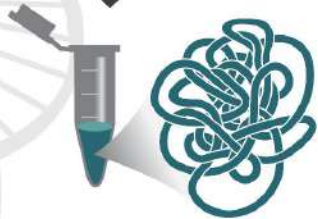
Produces lots of data!



Bacterial Culture



1. DNA Extraction



3. DNA Library Preparation

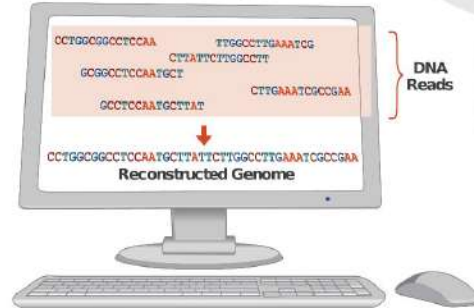


2. DNA Shearing

4. DNA Library Sequencing



5. DNA Sequence Analysis



DNA Reads

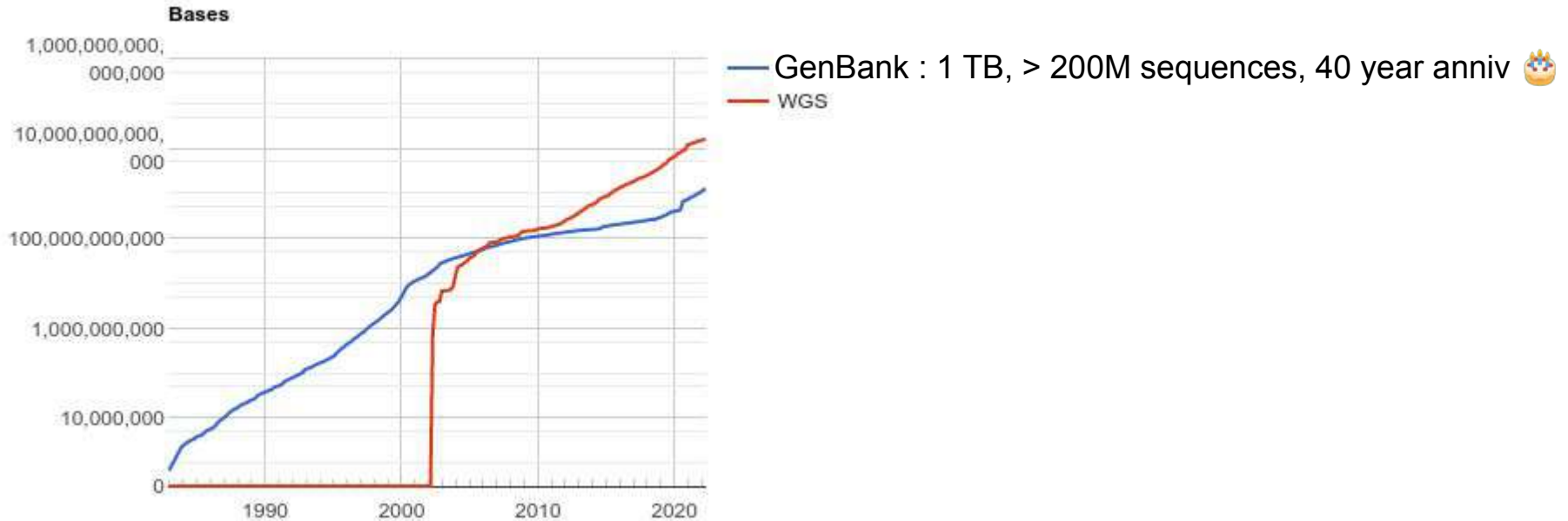
Reconstructed Genome

2 types of genomic data

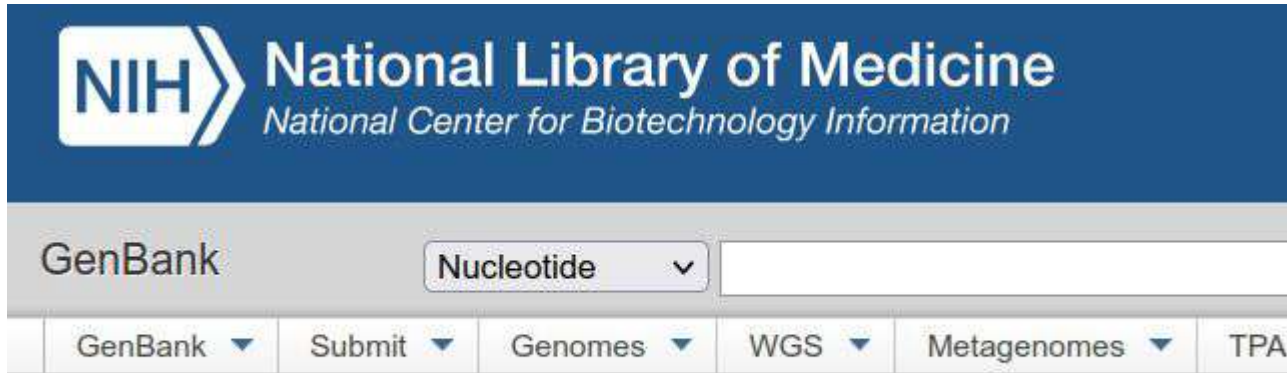
- Raw reads
 - Error-prone
 - Many low-abundance distinct k-mers

- Assembled sequences
 - High quality
 - From incomplete gene, plasmids, to complete chromosomes

Explosion of available assembled genomes



TSA



Transcriptome Shotgun Assembly Sequence Database

Type: assemblies

Size: 474 GB ([April 2022](#))

Diversity: high

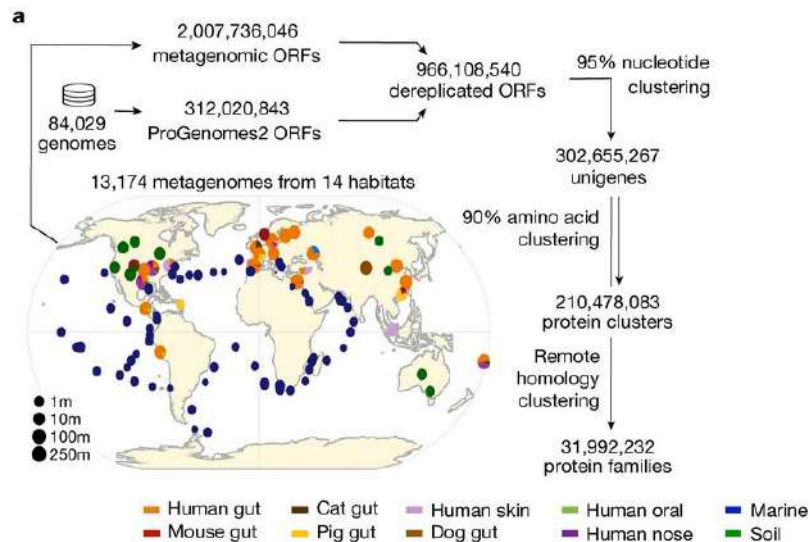
dBG? ?

31-mers: ?

FM-Index? ?

What to mine: inter-species transcripts,
RNA viruses, cancer isoforms? (ask Camille)

GMGC (Global Microbial Gene Catalogue)



Article | [Published: 15 December 2021](#)

Towards the biogeography of prokaryotic genes

[Luis Pedro Coelho](#) ✉, [Renato Alves](#), [Álvaro Rodríguez del Río](#), [Pernille Neve Myers](#), [Carlos P. Cantalapiedra](#), [Joaquín Giner-Lamia](#), [Thomas Sebastian Schmidt](#), [Daniel R. Mende](#), [Askarbek Orakov](#), [Ivica Letunic](#), [Falk Hildebrand](#), [Thea Van Rossum](#), [Sofia K. Forslund](#), [Supriya Khedkar](#), [Oleksandr M. Maistrenko](#), [Shaojun Pan](#), [Longhao Jia](#), [Pamela Ferretti](#), [Shinichi Sunagawa](#), [Xing-Ming Zhao](#), [Henrik Bjørn Nielsen](#), [Jaime Huerta-Cepas](#) ✉ & [Peer Bork](#) ✉

[Nature](#) 601, 252–256 (2022) | [Cite this article](#)

Type: assemblies

Size: 124 GB .gz

Diversity: high

dBG? ?

7-mer AA index: done

FM-Index? ?

What to mine: microbial genes, associations to habitat, associations to abundances

(Many examples of mining here:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-04233-4>)

GenBank



Type: assemblies

Size: 1.2 TB ([April 2022](#))

Diversity: high

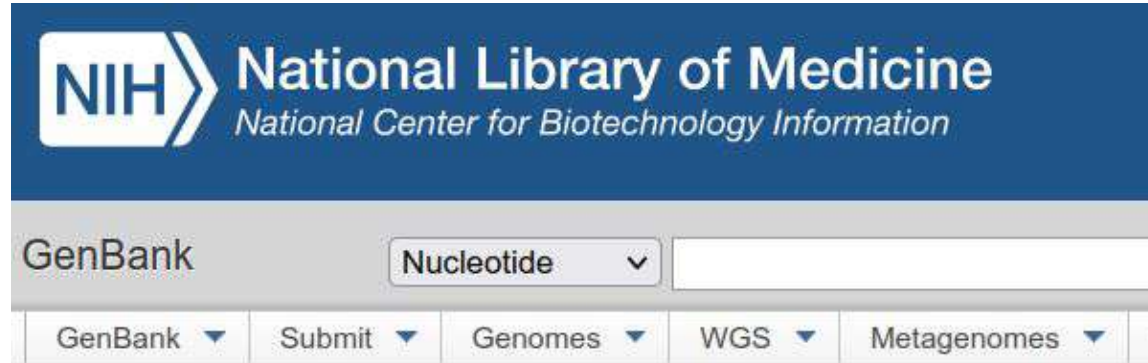
dBG? ?

BLAST database: yes

Particularity: all sequences are *annotated*

What to mine: genes,
association sequences/annotation

WGS



Whole Genome Shotgun Submissions

What is Whole Genome Shotgun (WGS)?

Whole Genome Shotgun (WGS) projects are genome assemblies of incomplete genomes of eukaryotes that are generally being sequenced by a whole genome shotgun strategy.

Type: assemblies

Size: 16 TB ([April 2022](#))

Diversity: high

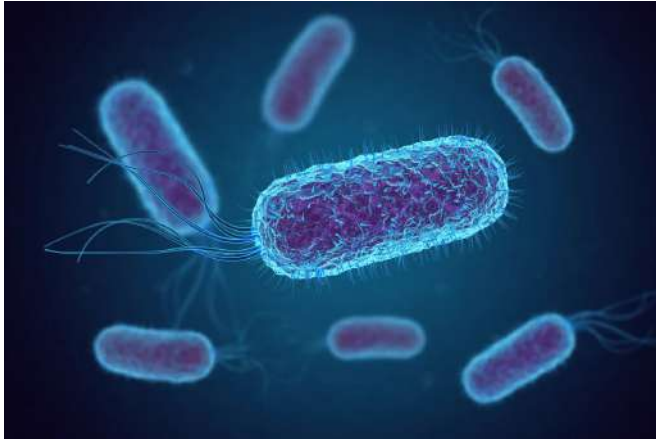
dBG? no

31-mers: ?

FM-Index? no

Difference with GenBank: sequences are not necessarily annotated

All E.Coli genomes



Type: assemblies

Size: 255 GB .gz

Diversity: low

dBG? feasible

sequences: 29,865,149

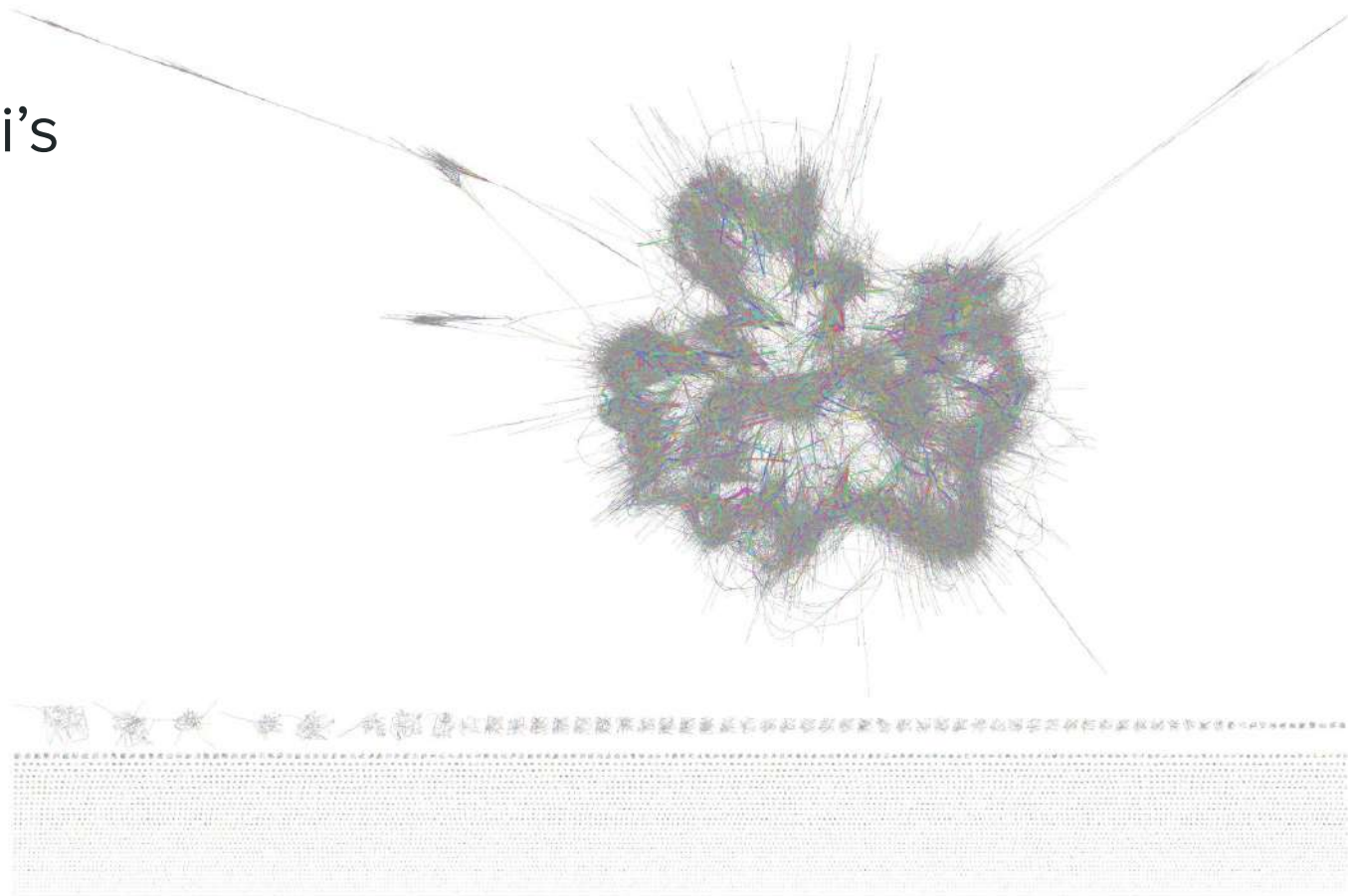
10-min-mers (d=0.001): 10,919,184

FM-Index? feasible

Availability: ask me

What to mine: pangenome, HGT, genomic islands, SNPs, ..

167,000 E. coli's
mdBG



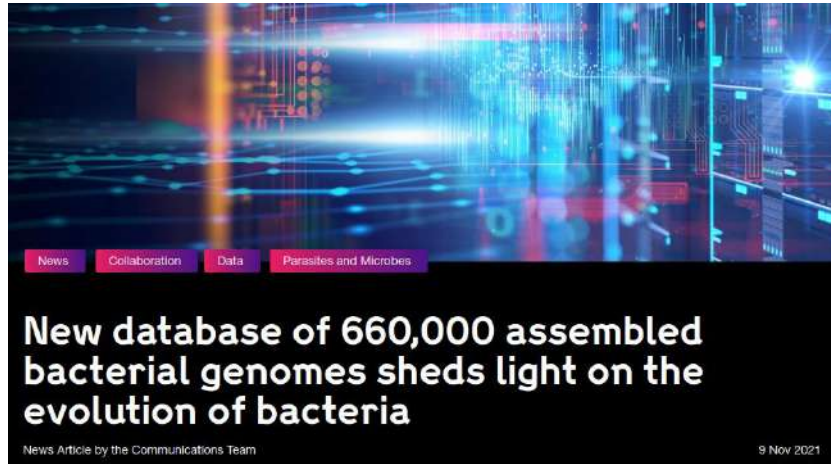
Many GenBank “divisions”

Table 1. GenBank divisions

Division	Description	Base pairs ^a
WGS	Whole genome shotgun data	8 841 649 410 652
TSA	Transcriptome shotgun data	381 148 464 834
PLN	Plants	269 438 877 546
BCT	Bacteria	98 827 135 660
VRT	Other vertebrates	63 565 835 430
EST	Expressed sequence tags	43 301 109 577
TLS	Targeted Loci Studies	27 825 059 498
HTG	High-throughput genomic	27 781 778 663
PAT	Patent sequences	26 452 787 091
GSS	Genome survey sequences	26 378 695 300
MAM	Other mammals	20 844 388 122
INV	Invertebrates	19 759 935 222
ROD	Rodents	12 090 011 771
PRI	Primates	8 767 435 622
SYN	Synthetic	7 932 542 985
ENV	Environmental samples	6 755 612 180
VRL	Viruses	5 824 026 918
PHG	Phages	782 571 323

Source:
<https://academic.oup.com/nar/article/49/D1/D92/5983623>

Blackwell, .., Iqbal's 661k bacterial genomes collection



Type: assemblies

Size: 2.5 TB

Diversity: medium

dBG? yes

31-mers: unreported

FM-Index? not yet

Results: Pangenome graph of 661,405 bacterial genomes

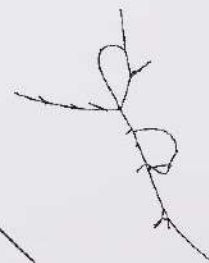
Data from Blackwell et al, 2021:

2.9T 661k_assemblies.fa

1.6T 661k_assemblies.fa.lz4

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rust-mdbg -k 10 -l 12 --density 0.001 --minabund 1 661k_assemblies.fa.lz4
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Largest 5
connected
components:



+ 725,820
connected
components

Taxons in component

18

22

4

22

10

Dominant species

*Mycobacterium
tuberculosis*

*Salmonella
enterica*

*Burkholderia
gladioli*

*Pseudomonas
protegens*

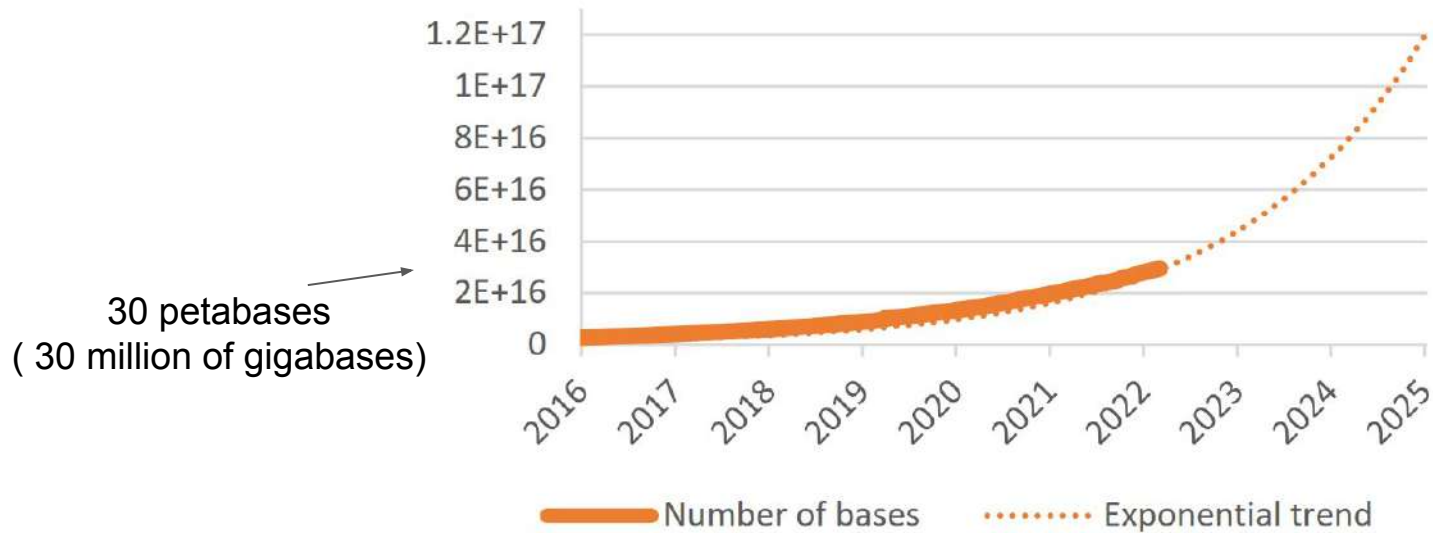
*Cupriavidus
alkaliphilus*

SRA

Type: reads
Size: 30 PB
Diversity: extreme
dBG? never
31-mers: unreported
FM-Index? never
Index made: STAT



Growth of the Sequence Read Archive



YouTube: 100-1000 PB



NCBI SRA database : 30 PB



Institut Pasteur: 8 PB



Your laptop: 0.001 PB



NCBI STAT

A recent indexing *tour de force* that is nearly unknown to the community.

Method | [Open Access](#) | [Published: 20 September 2021](#)

STAT: a fast, scalable, MinHash-based k -mer tool to assess Sequence Read Archive next-generation sequence submissions

[Kenneth S. Katz](#) , [Oleg Shutov](#), [Richard Lapoint](#), [Michael Kimelman](#), [J. Rodney Brister](#) & [Christopher O'Sullivan](#)

Genome Biology **22**, Article number: 270 (2021) | [Cite this article](#)

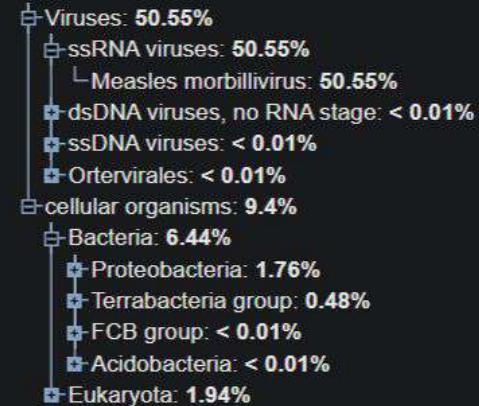
"we have processed more than 27.9 Peta base pairs from runs"

Taxonomic indexing of 32-mer minimizers in 64bp windows
Size: 75 GB (dense version)

Taxonomy Analysis

Unidentified reads: **40.04%**

Identified reads: **59.96%**



The STAT paper is great

Many nuggets:

“[..] It is estimated that as little as 30–80 statistically independent single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) can uniquely identify an individual human [..]”

“[..] the BLAST® refseq_genomes database is 1.4 terabytes (tb) [..]”

“[..] we released a detection tool containing aligns_to and a Virus “dbs” that allows users to map k-mers found in NGS data to taxa included under Coronaviridae [..]”

Serratus 2020-2021 assemblies

Type: assemblies

Size: 6 TB

Diversity: high

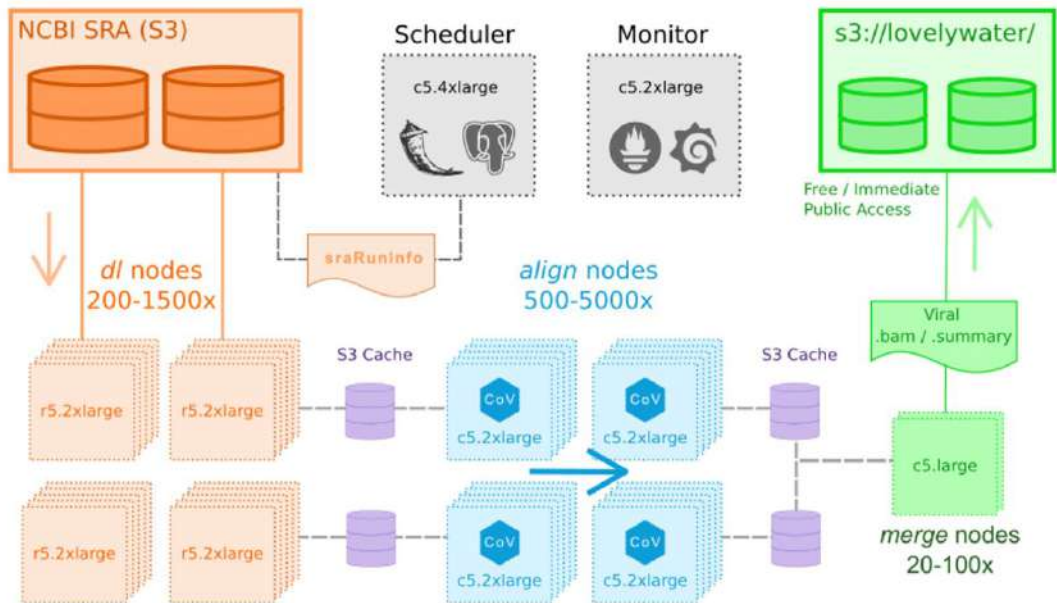
dBG? no

31-mers: 1,500 B

FM-Index? no



Serratus architecture



- Aggressively cost-optimized
- Native access to SRA on S3
- Dynamic scaling up to ~22,250s vCPU
- Open Source: GPLv3

SRA also available
@ Google Cloud,
<https://datascience.nih.gov/strides>



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@RayanChikhi

In this thread we are releasing a concatenated FASTA file of all assemblies produced by Serratus: 59,256 SRA accessions, 5.9 terabases total.



Uros @uki156 · Mar 22

Replying to @RayanChikhi

When you said "in this thread we are releasing", I was hoping you were actually going to tweet out the entire thing



Giulio Ermanno Pibiri @giulio_pibiri · Mar 22

Looks like the ultimate indexing challenge has been set!



Sven Rahmann @svenrahmann · Mar 22

Incredible work!

(Including Sven in the screenshot)

The “nr” database of BLAST

*“The nucleotide collection consists of **GenBank+EMBL+DDBJ+PDB+RefSeq** sequences, but excludes EST, STS, GSS, WGS, TSA”*

[..] “The database is non-redundant.”

125 GB compressed

<ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/FASTA/nr.gz>

PS: “refseq_genomes” database: 1.5 TB [ref: STAT]

Many others (often metagenomic)

Resource | [Open Access](#) | [Published: 20 July 2020](#)

A unified catalog of 204,938 reference genomes from the human gut microbiome

[Alexandre Almeida](#) ✉, [Stephen Nayfach](#), [Miguel Boland](#), [Francesco Strozzi](#), [Martin Beracochea](#), [Zhou Jason Shi](#), [Katherine S. Pollard](#), [Ekaterina Sakharova](#), [Donovan H. Parks](#), [Philip Hugenholtz](#), [Nicola Segata](#), [Nikos C. Kyrpides](#) & [Robert D. Finn](#) ✉

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MGNify: a database of assemblies of metagenome studies from ENA searchable by metadata

EMBL-EBI | MGNify

MGNify

Submit, analyse, discover and compare microbiome data

Search MGNify

Example searches: Tara oceans, MGYS00000410, Human Gut

Anton Korobeynikov
23:42 Hier ✓

Lots of stuff in MGNify: <https://ebi-metagenomics.github.io/blog/>

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Search by

[Text search](#) →

Name, biome, or keyword

[Sequence search](#) →

Sequence search

Or by data type

xxx Analysis types

356039 amplicon

28873 assemblies

2039 metabarcoding

33827 metagenomes

2205 metatranscriptomics

Public data

8696 studies

661121 samples

444172 analyses

9421 genomes in 4 MAG catalogues

Conclusion

Text indexing community: What can we do with so much data?

- Index it
 - MinHash sketches
 - k-mers
 - k-min-mers
 - BWT
 - r-index
- Compress it
 - gz, xz
- And if possible, make biological discoveries from it!

AGC: Compact representation of assembled genomes

 Sebastian Deorowicz,  Agnieszka Danek,  Heng Li

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.04.07.487441>