From reads to genomes Silas Kieser



Which one is it?

First metagenome study

Stein et al. 1996



Sequence DNA directly form where they are



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Characterization of Uncultivated Prokaryotes: Isolation and Analysis of a 40-Kilobase-Pair Genome Fragment from a Planktonic Marine Archaeon

Human genome project





ATCTCGTATTTGTCTAGCTAATTCT AATTCTATCTCGTATTTGTCTAGCTAATTCT





How do algorithms cope with this complexity?

They don't



Children like puzzles, and they usually assemble them by trying all possible pairs of pieces and putting together pieces that match.

– Pevzner et al., 2001

Assembly before



ATCGTCACGTTT GTTTATCGTCTG

Assembly today

K=3

ATCGTCACGTTT GTTTATCGTCTG



K-mer

Assembly is challenging

Goal: Assemble genomes from metagenomes



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Reads

Contigs



Annotate genes on contigs

Gene1, KO0001 Gene2 Gene fragment 3.

Era of gene catalogs

Functional potential





Bacteroidetes sp





Analyze a metagenome

Who is there?

What are they doing?

Analyze a metagenome

Who is doing what?

"Genes are expressed within cells, not in a homogenized cytoplasmic soup." Katherine McMahon



Binning



Metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs)



The beginning of binning

Tyson et al. 2004



How do we bin contigs into genomes?



Binning

GC content



Metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs)







Quality assessment of MAGs using essential genes



















Patescibacteria don't have all universal marker genes!





Large-scale re-assembly era

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Check for updates

Recovery of nearly 8,000 metagenome-assembled genomes substantially expands the tree of life

Donovan H. Parks[®], Christian Rinke[®], Maria Chuvochina, Pierre-Alain Chaumeil, Ben J. Woodcroft, Paul N. Evans, Philip Hugenholtz[®] and Gene W. Tyson^{*}



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

Post-assembly era

Analyze a metagenome

Genome Collection

ATLAS

Composition

Functional potential

