

Ancient metagenomics applies cutting-edge metagenomic methods to the degraded DNA content of archaeological and palaeontological specimens. The rapidly growing field is currently uncovering a wealth of novel information for both human and natural history.

This book takes readers through the main steps of ancient metagenomic bioinformatic workflows, familiarising students with the command line, demonstrating how to process next-generation-sequencing (NGS) data, and showing how to perform de novo metagenomic assembly. Focusing on host-associated ancient metagenomics, the book consists of a combination of theory and hands-on exercises, allowing readers to become familiar with the types of questions and data researchers work with.

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