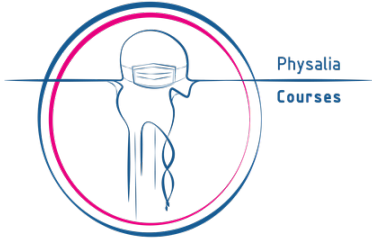
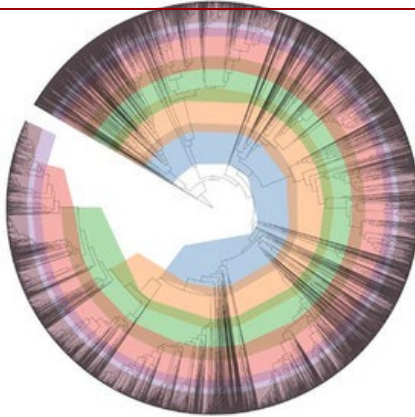


ENVIRONMENTAL METAGENOMICS

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MAG functional annotation

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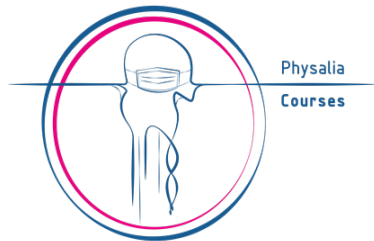
You got MAGs!

You know that they are good

Now what?

Functional annotation

- Genes
- *eggNOG*
- *RGI*
- *Other gene annotations databases*
- ...



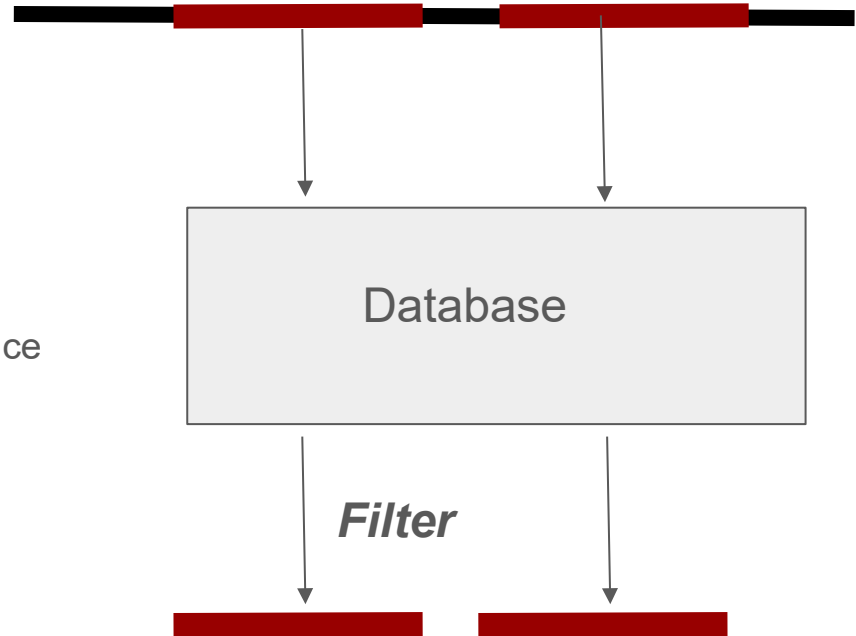
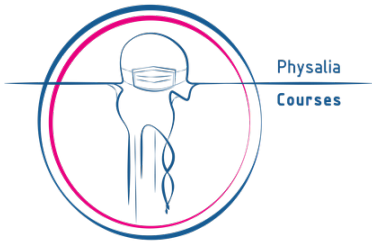
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Congrats!

You got big FASTA files!

Functional annotation

1. Predict genes
 - a. Prodigal
 - b. Pyrodigal
2. Predict function of genes
 - a. Eggnog-mapper (generic)
 - b. RGI (specialized to antibiotic resistance genes)
 - c. ...
3. Use informed human judgement!!



Gene annotation with eggnog-mapper

Basic concept: *eggNOG orthologous group*

EggNOG 6.0.0 Search protein or OG: P53 sapiens, COG1234...

Showing matching OGs

Orthologous Groups

Filter by taxonomy...

LCOG0787 (root)

alanine racemase [EC:5.1.1.1], Alr-MurF fusion protein [EC:5.1.1.1 6.3.2.10], amino-acid racemase [EC:5.1.1.10] 12540 pr

Pfam domain Ala_racemase_N (96.14%), Ala_racemase_C (93.13%), Mur_ligase_M (6.48%)

Smart domain Ala_racemase_C (92.03%), SIGNAL (1.34%), TRANS (0.33%)

GO slim GO:0006520 (65.04%), GO:0071554 (1.71%), GO:0006399 (0.67%)

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KEGG module M00652 (0.13%), M00876 (0.02%)

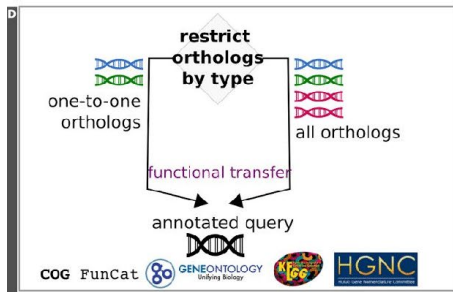
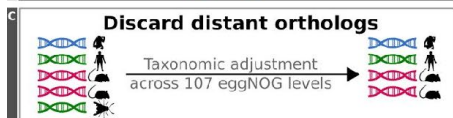
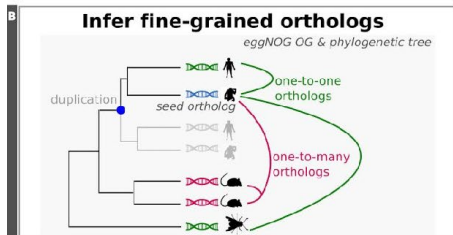
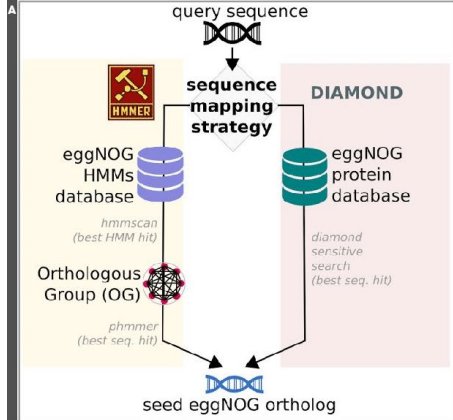
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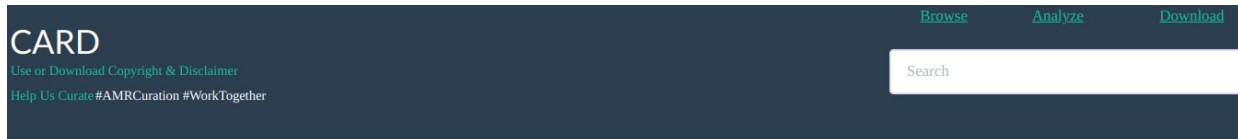
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OG members Taxonomic profile Functional profile

eggNOG-mapper v2
(Batch Functional Annotation)



Gene annotation with RGI (CARD)



Similar principle:
annotate to existing
database of functions

adeF

[Download Sequences](#)

Accession	ARO:300077
CARD Short Name	<i>adeF</i>
Definition	AdeF is the membrane fusion protein of the multidrug efflux complex AdeFGH.
AMR Gene Family	resistance-nodulation-cell division (RND) antibiotic efflux pump
Drug Class	tetracycline antibiotic , fluoroquinolone antibiotic
Resistance Mechanism	antibiotic efflux
Efflux Component	efflux pump complex or subunit conferring antibiotic resistance
Resistomes with Perfect Matches	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> ^{R⁺W⁺S}
Resistomes with Sequence Variants	<i>Achromobacter insolitus</i> ^{R⁺W⁺S} , <i>Achromobacter xylosoxidans</i> ^{R⁺W⁺S±R} , <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> ^{R±D⁺W⁺S} , <i>Acinetobacter calcoaceticus</i> ^{R⁺W⁺S} , <i>Acinetobacter haemolyticus</i> ^{R⁺W⁺S±R} , <i>Acinetobacter johnsonii</i> ^{R±D⁺W⁺S±R} , <i>Acinetobacter junii</i> ^{R⁺W⁺S} , <i>Acinetobacter lwoffii</i> ^{WS} , <i>Acinetobacter nosocomialis</i> ^{R±D⁺W⁺S} , <i>Acinetobacter pittii</i> ^{R±D⁺W⁺S} , <i>Aeromonas caviae</i> ^{R⁺D⁺W⁺S} , <i>Aeromonas enteropelogenes</i> ^{R⁺W⁺S} , <i>Aeromonas</i>



Gene annotation with RGI (CARD): Annotation foibles

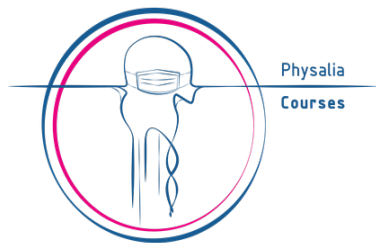
Strict: a match above threshold

Loose: a match below threshold

Nudged: a match below threshold, but high identity over a fragment

Beware the false positives!

- Efflux pumps!
- vanR (the regulator) without the regulatees
 - probably not ARG
- ...

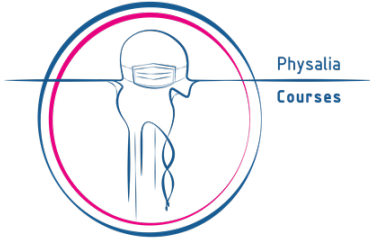


There are other specialized databases

- CAZy is very popular
- <https://www.cazy.org/>



The screenshot shows the CAZy database homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, ENZYME CLASSES, ASSOCIATED MODULES, GENOMES, and FUNCTIONAL DATA. Below this, a sidebar on the left contains a list of links: What's new, Definitions and Terminology, Help, Functional Data, Citing CAZy, PULDB, Enzyme & Glyco Resources, Commercial Providers, Scientific Meetings, About Us, and Position(s) available. The main content area on the right has a heading "Welcome to the Carbohydrate-Active enZYmes Database". Below this, there is a section titled "The October 2024 update of CAZy" with a subtext: "This month, no new family, for the first time in a while... If we missed your newly published family, please feel free to contact us". Another section states: "CAZy now offers a platform facility that provides either automatic annotation or human curation service". It further explains that the fully automatic annotation provides high quality and most up-to-date results, but human curation is also available for those interested in more expertise. At the bottom, a paragraph describes the database as a specialist resource for displaying and analyzing genomic, structural, and biochemical information, and mentions that new families are created based on published evidence. It also notes that the database attempts to cover all carbohydrate-active enzymes across organisms and across the scientific literature. A link to "CAZypedia" is provided for a more extensive encyclopedic resource.



A catalog of small proteins from the global microbiome

[Yiqian Duan](#), [Célio Dias Santos-Júnior](#), [Thomas Sebastian Schmidt](#), [Anthony Fullam](#), [Breno L. S. de Almeida](#), [Chengkai Zhu](#), [Michael Kuhn](#), [Xing-Ming Zhao](#) , [Peer Bork](#) & [Luis Pedro Coelho](#) 

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What about small genes?

Traditionally ignored

Some groups have started to look into them (and [others](#)).

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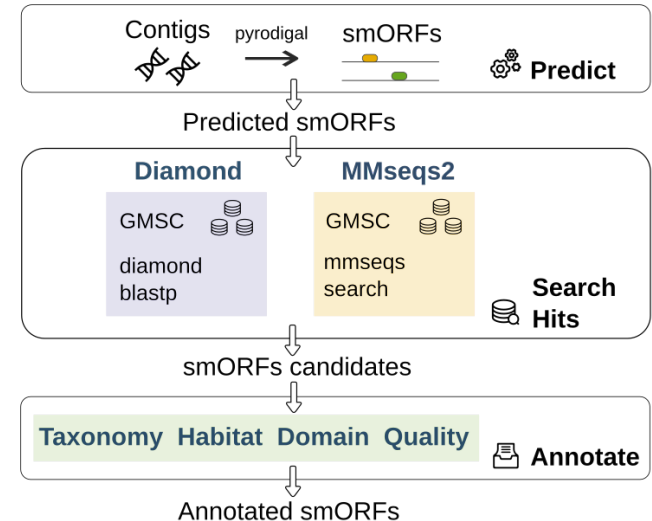
GLOBAL MICROBIAL smORFs CATALOGUE v1.0

The global microbial smORF catalogue (GMSC) is an integrated, consistently-processed, smORFs catalogue of the microbial world, combining publicly available genomes. A total of non-redundant ~965 million 100AA ORFs were predicted from 63,410 metagenomes across global habitats from the [SPIRE database](#) and the [ProGenomes2 database](#). The smORFs were clustered at 90% amino acid identity resulting in ~288 million 90AA smORFs families.

- The annotation of GMSC contains:
 - taxonomy classification
 - habitat assignment
 - quality assessment
 - conserved domain annotation
 - cellular localization prediction



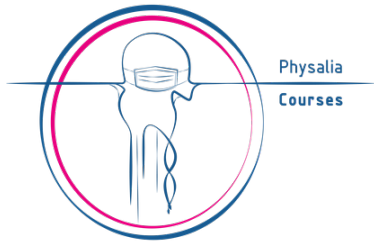
[Search from identifier or find homologues by sequence \(GMSC-mapper\)](#)



Public databases of MAGs

Large-scale genome recovery not submitted to NCBI (so not in GTDB):

- SPIRE (50k new species)
- mOTUs (50k new species)
- SMAG (13k new species)
- GEM (4k new species)
- OceanDNA (2k new species)



Public databases of MAGs – GlobDB

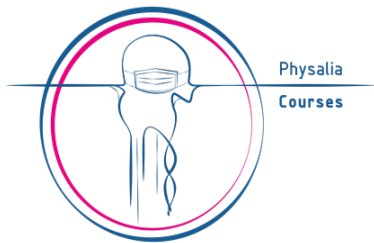
[Globdb](#) includes all of GTDB and SPIRE, mOTUs, etc.

- 306,260 species (~2x in GTDB)
- Standardised naming, QC, gene calling, annotation
- Complete taxonomy (including new clades)
- SingleM metapackage (taxonomic profiling)
- 82 million protein clusters + ProtT5 protein language model embeddings

GlobDB

Welcome to the GlobDB genomes database

This website hosts the GlobDB, a dereplicated set of species representative microbial genomes. The genomic era offers great opportunities for microbial



What can you do with these databases?

1. Download their MAGs
2. Compare your MAGs to theirs
 - Dereplication
 - Pangenome
 - Taxonomy (novel GlobDB clades coming soon to Sandpiper!)
3. Check geographic distributions

