



### Session 5.1 - Annotation

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## Bacterial genome characteristics

- A bacterial genome is a single "circular" DNA molecule with several million base pairs in size
- Bacteria can contains plasmids (small and circular DNA molecules, that contain (usually) non-essential genes)
- Genomes contain a few thousand genes.
- "Gene density" is much higher than in humans, one million base pairs of bacterial DNA contains about 500 to 1000 genes.
  - bacterial genes have no introns,
  - the average number of codons in bacterial genes is less than in human genes
  - neighboring genes are very close together throughout the genome



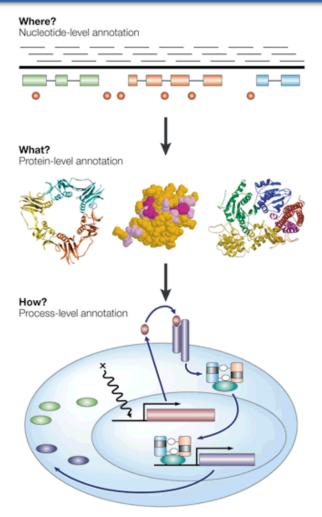


### Annotation

Genome annotation is the process of attaching biological (and positional) information to sequences. It consists of three main steps:

- identifying portions of the genome that do not code for proteins
- Identifying coding elements on the genome, a process called gene prediction
- attaching biological information to these elements

https://galaxyproject.github.io/training-material/topics/genome-annotation/tutorials/genome-annotation/tutorial.html







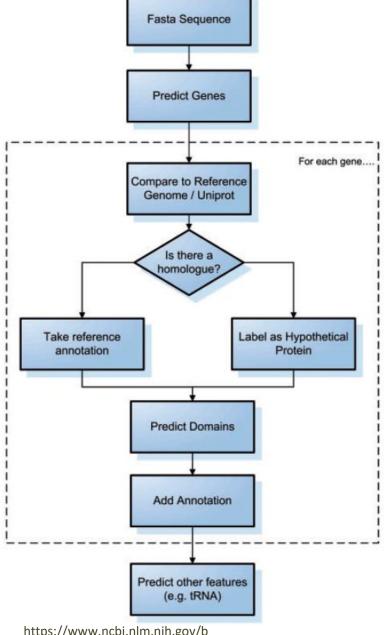
## Main categories

- Structural annotation Finding genes and other biologically relevant sites with specific locations but unknown function
  - ORFs
  - Coding sequences(cds)
  - Promoters and regulatory regions
- Functional annotation Elements are used in database searches to attach biologically relevant information to whole sequence and individual objects



### Automatic annotation

- Exponential submission of bacterial genomes
- Databases
  - Uniprot
  - RefSeq
  - Encyclopedia of DNA elements (ENCODE)
  - Entrez Gene
  - Ensembl
  - GENCODE
  - Gene Ontology Consortium (COGs)
  - GeneRIF
  - KEGG
  - Vertebrate and Genome Annotation Project (Vega)
  - Pfam
  - etc



https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK20253/#!po=3.12500





### Automatic annotation

#### Two strategies for identifying coding genes:

- Sequence alignment to find known protein sequences in the contigs
  - transfer the annotation across
    - will miss proteins not present in your database
    - may miss partial proteins
- Ab initio gene finding o find candidate open reading frames:
  - Build model of ribosome binding sites
  - predict coding regions
    - may choose the incorrect start codon
    - may miss atypical genes, overpredict small genes





### Automatic annotation

- tRNA: easy to find and annotate: anti-codon
- rRNA: easy to find and annotate: 5s 16s 23s
- CDS: straightforward to find candidates
  - false positives are often small ORFs
  - wrong start codon o partial genes
  - Pseudogenes
  - assigning function is the bulk of the workload



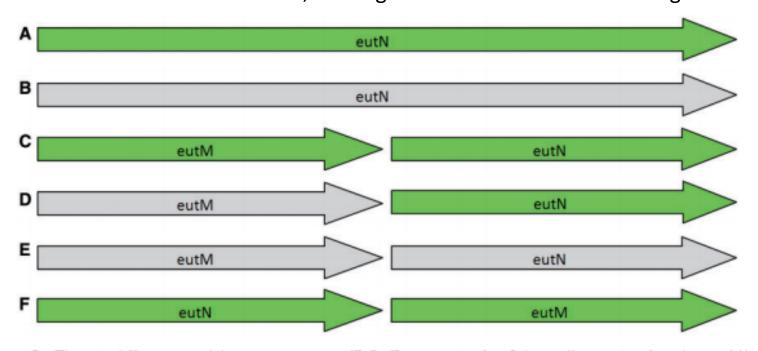


- If sequence homologous are found, may not be functional homologous
- If no homology found- limited information can be inferred
- Incorrect annotation can be propagated when similarity is over part on sequence not used in annotation
  - Multidomain proteins (HMM)
- Inconsistent annotation (Different names, same protein)
- Same gene name, different product name
- Spelling mistakes
- Looking for new genes, not present in DDBB
- Expression experiments / Manual annotation needed





#### Inconsistent annotation, en un gen descrito evento de fusión genica



Salmonella typhi CT18 (NC\_003198) and Salmonella typhi Ty2 (NC\_004631) there is a single ORF of 690 bp

Figure 2: The six different models present across I7 RefSeq entries for Salmonella species for the eutM/eutN locus. Green indicates normal gene/CDS features, lighter grey indicates gene features annotated as pseudogenes.

- (A) A single intact gene of 690 bp; (B) a single pseudogene of 690 bp; (C) two short intact genes ~300 bp in length;
- (D) one pseudogene and one intact gene, each ~300 bp in length; (E) two pseudogenes, each 300 bp in length; and
- (F) two intact genes with the order reversed.





#### Inconsistent annotation

These two regions are more than 97% identical at the nucleotide level; however, the annotation differs considerably.

While E. coliK12MG1655 contains features with gene names araA, araB and araC, the equivalent features in E. coli 0157:H7 Sakai do not have those gene names and have been assigned uninformative locus tags

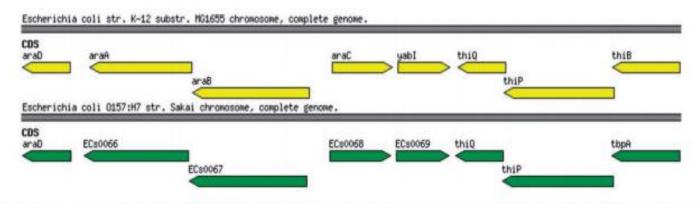


Figure 3: A syntenic block of genes showing inconsistent gene name annotations in E.coli KI2 MGI655 and E. coli 0157:H7 Sakai.





#### Spelling mistakes

- There are 128 proteins in UniProt that contain the word 'syntase', an incorrect spelling of the word 'synthase'
- If a user was to visit any of these databases and search for 'dihydrofolate synthase' the misspelled entries would be omitted from the search results





- 'Same gene name, different product name'
  - The NCBI validation software specifically highlights when this occurs intra-genomically with the description 'Same gene name, different product name'

**Table 1:** Different product names assigned to features with the gene name 'int' across 17 different RefSeq entries for Salmonella species

Gene name	Product name	Accession
int	bacteriophage integrase	NC.003198, NC.004631, NC.015761
int	Gifsy-I prophage Int	NC.006905
nt	hypothetical protein	NC.006905
nt	Integrase	NC.003198, NC.004631, NC.006511, NC.012125
nt	integrase (fragment)	NC.003198
it	phage integrase family site specific recombinase	NC.006905
nt	putative cytoplasmic protein	NC.006905
t	Putative integrase	NC.003384
t	putative integrase protein	NC.006905
t	putative P4-type integrase	NC.006905
nt	putative phage integrase protein	NC.006905 Richardson and Wat
t	site-specific recombinase, phage integrase family	NC.012125 in Bioinformatics. 20





#### **Hypothetical proteins**

- These may be real genes with no known function or they may be artifacts of the gene prediction process.
- Often there are features which are only orthologous to other hypothetical features and do not contain any domains. These could either be regions with no functionality, a relic of the feature prediction software or the domains present have not been discovered yet
- Whether or not to include them is often a decision made by the annotation team and varies between groups
- As experimental data becomes more ubiquitous evidence tags should play a larger role in annotation.





#### <u>Distinguishing orthologs from paralogs</u>

orthologs tend to retain similar functions, whereas paralogs tend to diverge over time to perform different functions

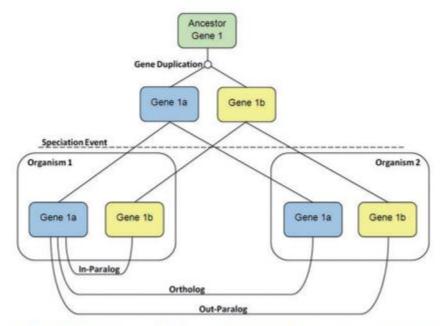


Figure 4: A diagram displaying the processes that can lead to, and define, orthologs and paralogs. Gene duplication and speciation events create complex evolutionary relationships between genes.





- RefSeq is one attempt to standardize and improve the quality of genome annotation
  - WP\_ prefix. All identical proteins regardless of species
  - Standard classification

```
beta-lactamase (conceptual)
   class A beta-lactamase (HMM:NF033103)
   metallo-beta-lactamase (HMM:NF012229)
      subclass B1 metallo-beta-lactamase (HMM:NF033088)
         NDM family subclass B1 metallo-beta-lactamase (HMM:NF000259)
             subclass B1 metallo-beta-lactamase NDM-1 (allele)
             subclass B1 metallo-beta-lactamase NDM-2 (allele)
             subclass B1 metallo-beta-lactamase NDM-3 (allele)
         VIM family subclass B1 metallo-beta-lactamase (HMM:NF012100)
         SPM family subclass B1 metallo-beta-lactamase (HMM:NF012150)
      subclass B2 metallo-beta-lactamase (HMM:NF033087)
      subclass B3 metallo-beta-lactamase (HMM:NF033105)
   class C beta-lactamase (HMM:NF033085)
   class D beta-lactamase (conceptual)
      class D beta-lactamase (main branch) (HMM:NF012161)
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annotation)

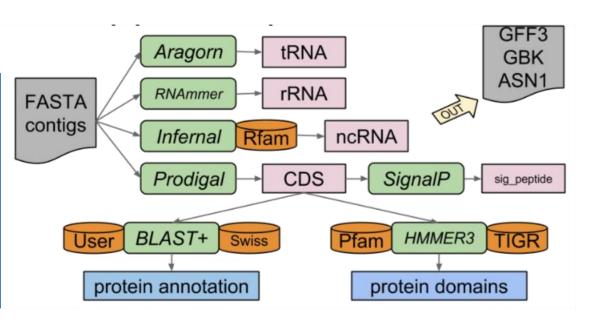




# Automatic annotation: Prokka (Rapid prokaryotic genome

Seeman, Bioinformatics 2014

Features predicted
Coding sequence (CDS)
Ribosomal RNA genes (rRNA)
Transfer RNA genes
Signal leader peptides
Non-coding RNA
Specific function or name
Personal database



https://galaxyproject.github.io/trainingmaterial/topics/genomeannotation/tutorials/annotation-withprokka/slides.html#8





- Optional user-provided set of annotated proteins
- All bacterial proteins in UniProt
- All proteins from finished bacterial genomes in RefSeq
- Hidden Markov model profile databases, Pfam and TIGRFAMs
- Hypothetical protein

Prokka uses this method, but in a hierarchical manner, starting with a smaller trustworthy database, moving to medium sized but domain-specific databases, and finally to curated models of protein families







#### Facts

- searching against smaller databases is faster
- searching against similar sequences is faster

#### • <u>Idea</u>

- start with small set of close proteins
- advance to larger sets of more distant proteins

#### Prokka

- your own custom "trusted" set (optional)
- core bacterial proteome (default)
- genus specific proteome (optional)
- whole protein HMMs: PRK clusters, TIGRfams
- protein domain HMMs: Pfam

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#### Core Bacterial proteome

- Many bacterial proteins are conserved
  - experimentally validated
  - good annotations
- Prokka provides this database
  - derived from UniProt-Swissprot
  - only bacterial proteins
  - only accept evidence level 1 (aa) or 2 (RNA)
  - reject "Fragment" entries
  - extract /gene /EC\_number /product /db\_xref ●
- First step gets ~50% of the genes
  - BLAST+ blastp, multi-threading to use all CPUs





#### Prokka has genus specific databases

- aim to capture "genus specific" naming conventions
- derived from proteins in completed genomes
- proteins are clustered and majority annotation wins
- some annotations are rubbish though

#### Custom model databases

- I took COG/PRK MSAs and made HMMs
- Existing model databases
  - Pfam, TIGRfams are well curated
- And if all else fails
  - we always have our friend "hypothetical protein"





## Automatic annotation: Prokka output

Suffix	Description of file contents	
.fna	FASTA file of original input contigs (nucleotide)	
.faa	FASTA file of translated coding genes (protein)	
.ffn	FASTA file of all genomic features (nucleotide)	
.fsa	Contig sequences for submission (nucleotide)	
.tbl	Feature table for submission	
.sqn	Sequin editable file for submission	
.gbk	Genbank file containing sequences and annotations	
.gff	GFF v3 file containing sequences and annotations	
.log	Log file of Prokka processing output	
.txt	Annotation summary statistics	







## Annotation format: gff3

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## Annotation format: gbk

- LOCUS Annotated sequence
- DEFINITION
- ACCESION
- FEATURES
  - source
  - gene
  - CDS
    - Locus tag
    - function
    - Product
    - protein\_id
    - Translation (sequence)

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            Cloning and characterization of a family of novel mammalian DNA
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  JOURNAL
            Nat. Genet. 19 (3), 219-220 (1998)
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## Annotation format: gbk

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## Resistance prediction using WGS

Hendrisken et al. Frontiers in Microbiology. 2019.

Concordance between phenotypic susceptibility testing and WGS based predicted antimicrobial resistance

	Pathogen	No. of pathogens	AST method	No. of antimicrobials	Bioinformatic tool	Sequencing data	Concordance	Sensitivity	Specificity	Comment	References
2013	S. Typhimurium	49	MIC	17	ResFinder	Assembled, Velvet	99.74%			Disagreement: 7 isolates	(7)
	E. coli	48								including 6 E. coli resistent to	
	E. faecalis	50		14						Spec	
	E. faecium	50									
2013	E. coli (ESBL)	74	DD	7	BLASTn, selected panel	Assembled, Velvet		96%	97%	VM rate: 1.2%/M rate: 2.1%	(8)
	K. pneumonia (ESBL)	69									
2014	S. aureus	501	DD/MIC (Vitek)	12	BLASTn, selected panel	Assembled, Velvet		97%	99%	VM rate: 0.5%/M rate: 0.7%	(9)
2016	C. jejuni	32	MIC	9	BLASTx	Assembled,	99.2%			Lower concordance to	(10)
	C. coli	82				CLC-bio				Gen, Azi, Clin, Tel	
2016	S. enterica	104	MIC	14	ResFinder/ ARG-ANNOT/	Assembled, CLC-bio	99.0%	99.2%	99.3%	Lower concordance to	(11)
		536			CARD/BLAST			97.6%	98.0%	aminoglycosides/β-lactams	
2017	E. coli	31	MIC	4	Custom DB based on			87%	98%	Neg. predictive value: 97%	(12)
	K. pneumonia	24			ARDB/CARD/β- lactamase					Pos. Predictive value: 91%	
	P. aeruginosa	22			allelles						
	E. cloacae	13									
2017	S. enterica	50	MIC	4	ResFinder/	Assembled, SPAdes	98.4%			Disagreement:	(13)
	E. coli	50		6	PointFinder					2/2 C.jejuni to FQ/ERY	
	C. jejuni	50	1270000	4						5 E. coli to COL (pmrB)	
2018	E. faecalis E. faecium	97 100	MIC	11	ResFinder/NCBI Pathogen DB/BLAST	Assembled, CLC-bio	96.5%				(14)
2018	S. aureus	501 491	DD/MIC	12	GeneFinder/ Mykrobe/	FASTQ/assembled, BLAST	98.3%			Disagreements: 0.7% predicted resistant	(15)
		397	MIC		Typewriter					0.6% predicted susceptible	
2018	M. tuberculosis	10,209	MGIT 960	4	Cortex	Assembled	89.5%			97.1%/99.0% predicted R/S 97.5%/98.8% predicted R/S	(16)
				4						94.6%/93.6% predicted R/S	
				4						91.3%/96.8% predicted R/S	
2019	H. pylori	140	MIC (E-test)	5	ARIBA	FASTQ	99%			Phenotype issues to metronidazole	(17)

<sup>1)</sup> ESBL: Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase, 2) MIC: Minimum Inhibitory Concentration, 3) DD: Disk diffusion, 4) VM: Very Major, 5) M: Major, 6) R/S: Resistant/Susceptible, 7) SPEC: Spectinomycin, 8) GEN: Gentamicin, 9) AZI: Azithromycin, 10) CLIN: Clindamycin, 11) TEL: Telithromycin, 12) FQ: Fluoroquinolone, 13) ERY: Erythromycin, 14) COL: colistin.



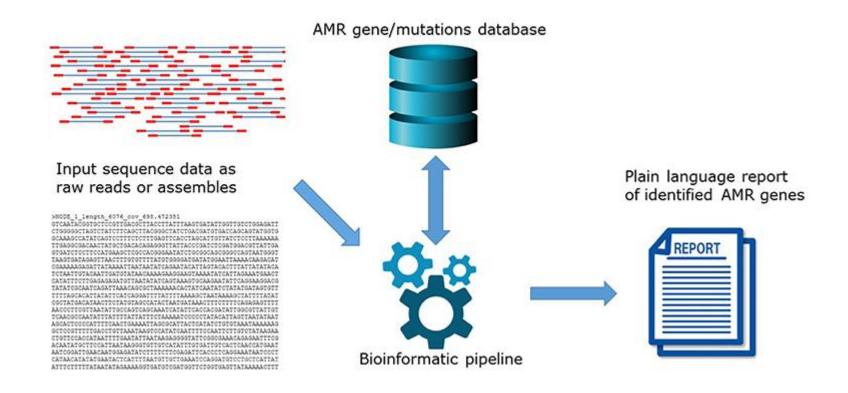






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• <u>Huge list here: https://www.frontiersin.org/files/Articles/478239/fpubh-07-00242-HTML/image m/fpubh-07-00242-t002.jpg</u>

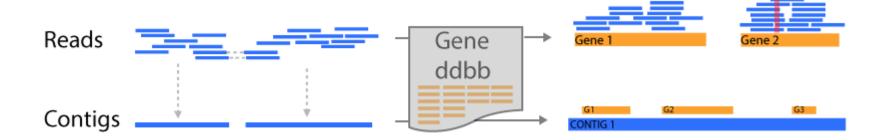
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SRST2	Mapping
Ariba	Mapping + assembly
ABRICATE	Assembly
ResFinder	Assembly





## Mapping vs Assembly

- Functional annotation based on mapping (srst2)
  - Pro: more resolutive / high quality ddbb
  - Con: Unable to locate genes / no ab initio annotation
- Functional annotation based on assembly (Resfinder)
  - Pro: genes are located / related
  - Depend on assembly (close to repetitive regions)





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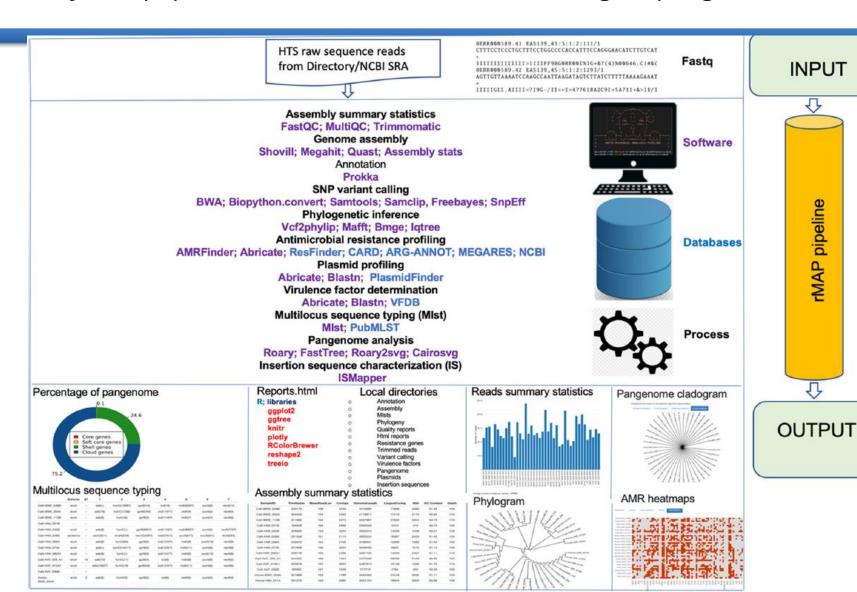
pipeline

MAP

#### rMAP - rapid microbial analysis pipeline- for ESKAPE bacterial group wgs data

The resistomes of ESKAPE pathogens (Enterococcus faecium, Staphylococcus aureus, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Acinetobacter baumannii, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Enterobacter species)

Sserwadda & Mboowa, Microbiology, 2021

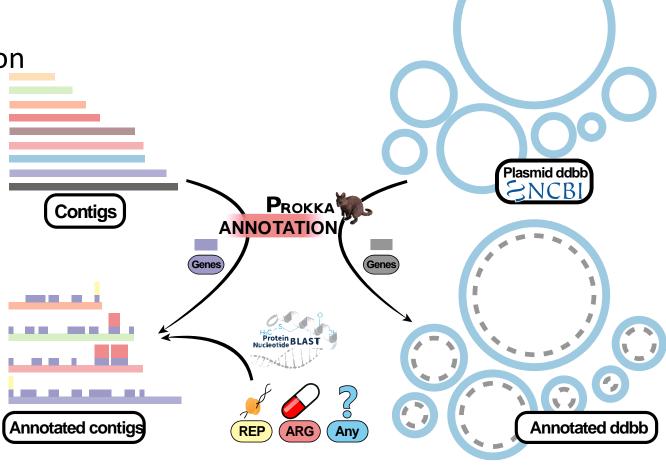






Annotation visualization using PlasmidID

- Automatic annotation
  - Prokka
    - DDBB plasmid
    - Contigs
  - Gff to bed
- Specific annotation
  - BLAST+
  - ABR & REP
  - User input FASTA

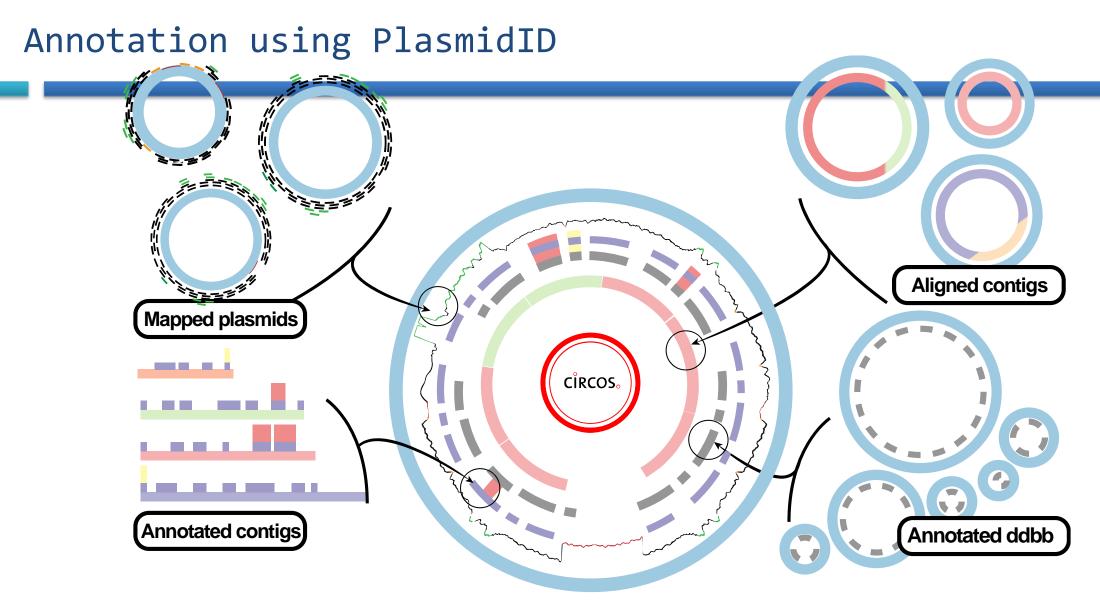












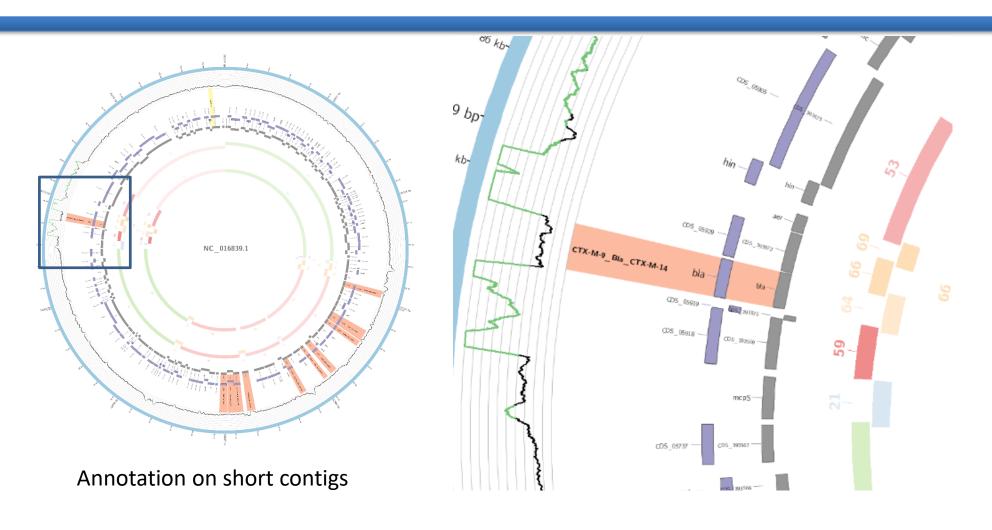








## Annotation using PlasmidID

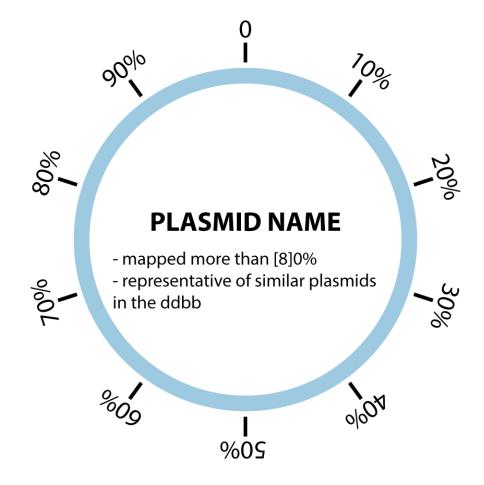








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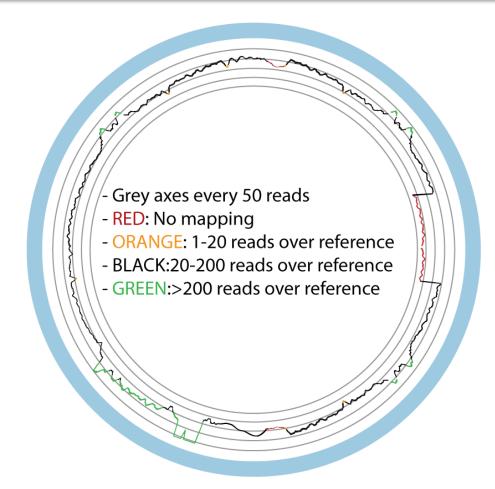








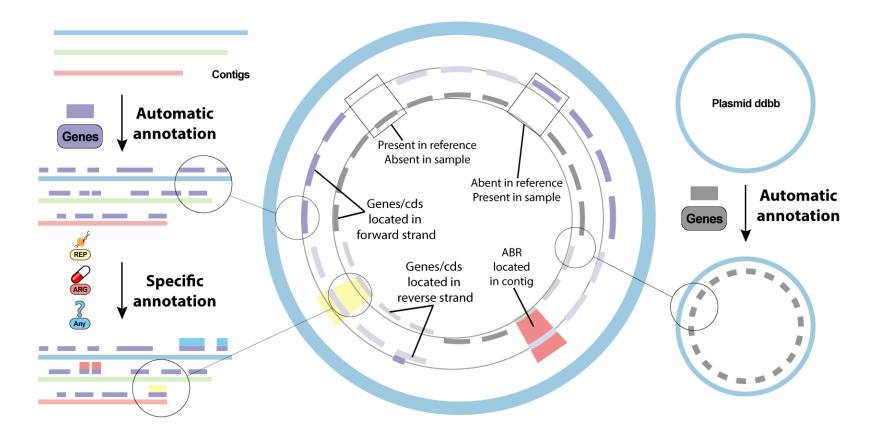
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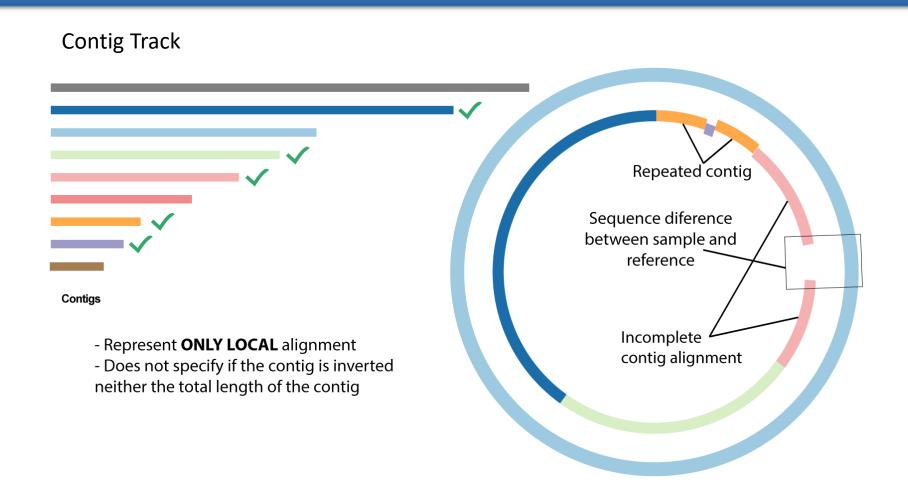








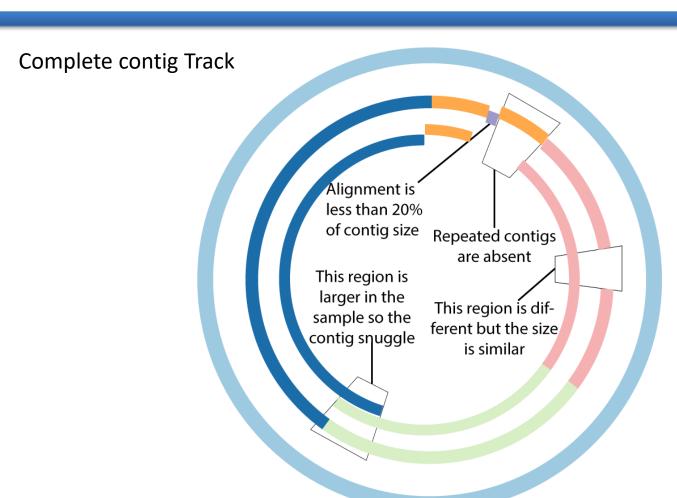










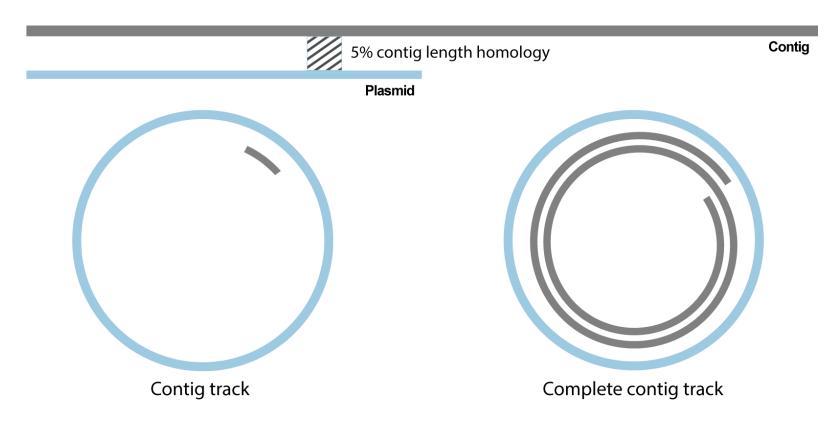








#### Complete contig Track

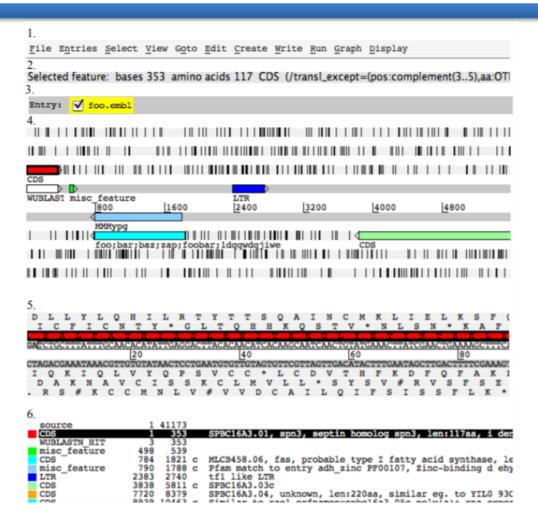






### Manual annotation: Artemis

Artemis is a DNA sequence viewer and annotation tool that allows visualisation of sequence features and the results of analyses within the context of the sequence, and its six-frame translation.







## Thanks for your attention!