

# Genome Assembly and Comparative Genomics of Human microbiome from CDC sequencing data



# Genome Assembly Results

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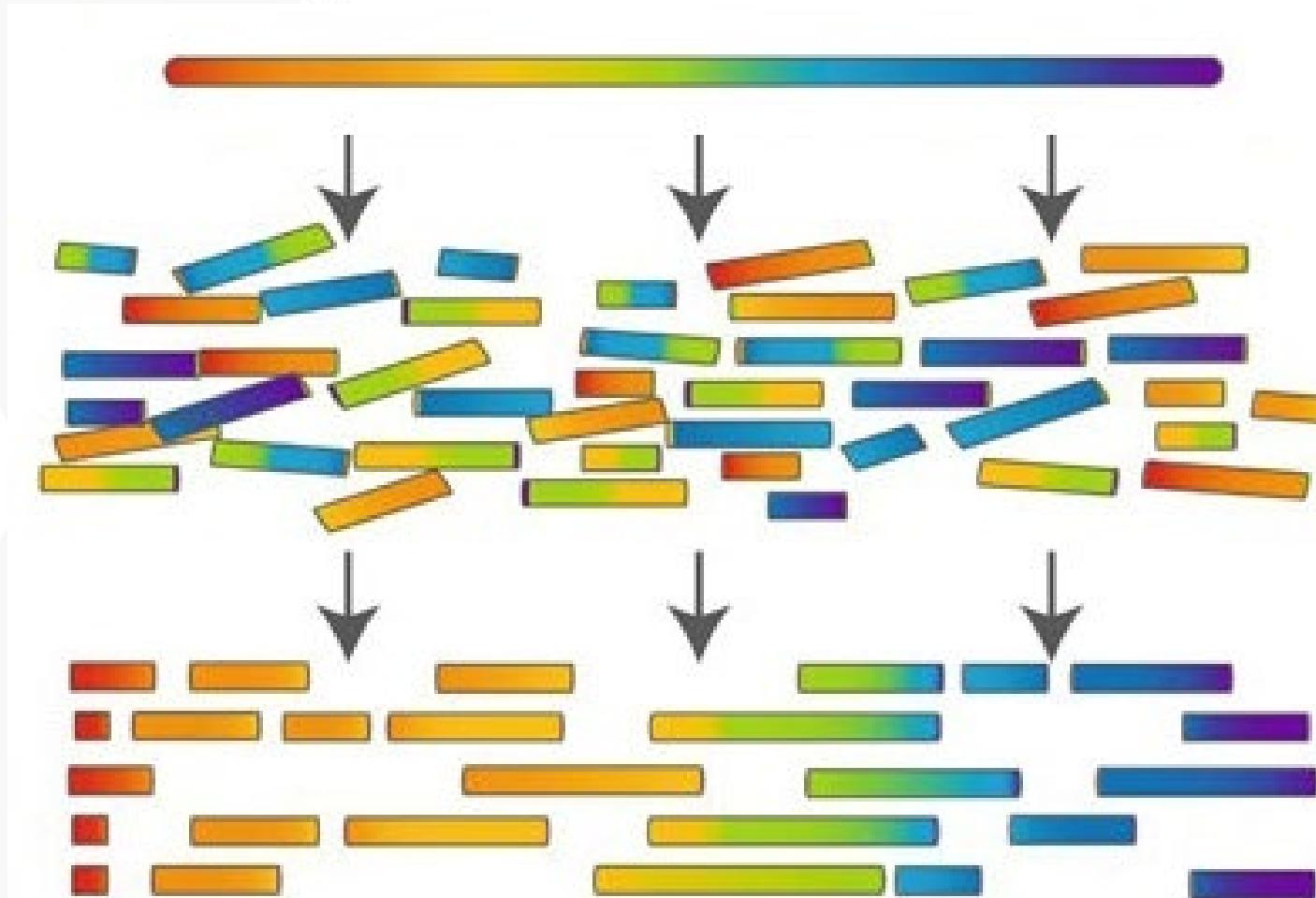
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# What is genome assembly?



original sequence

reads  
(output of  
sequencing)

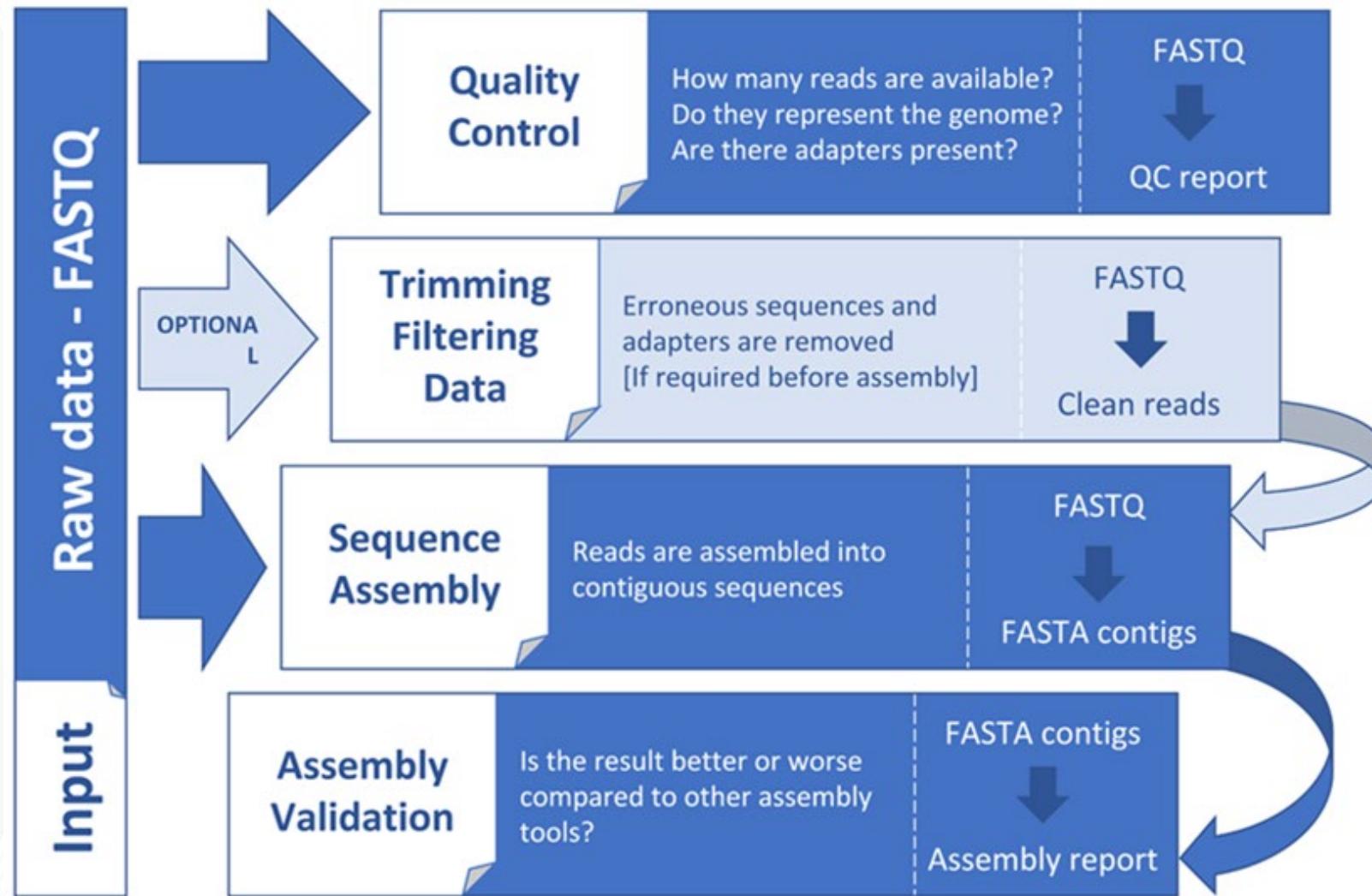
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contig

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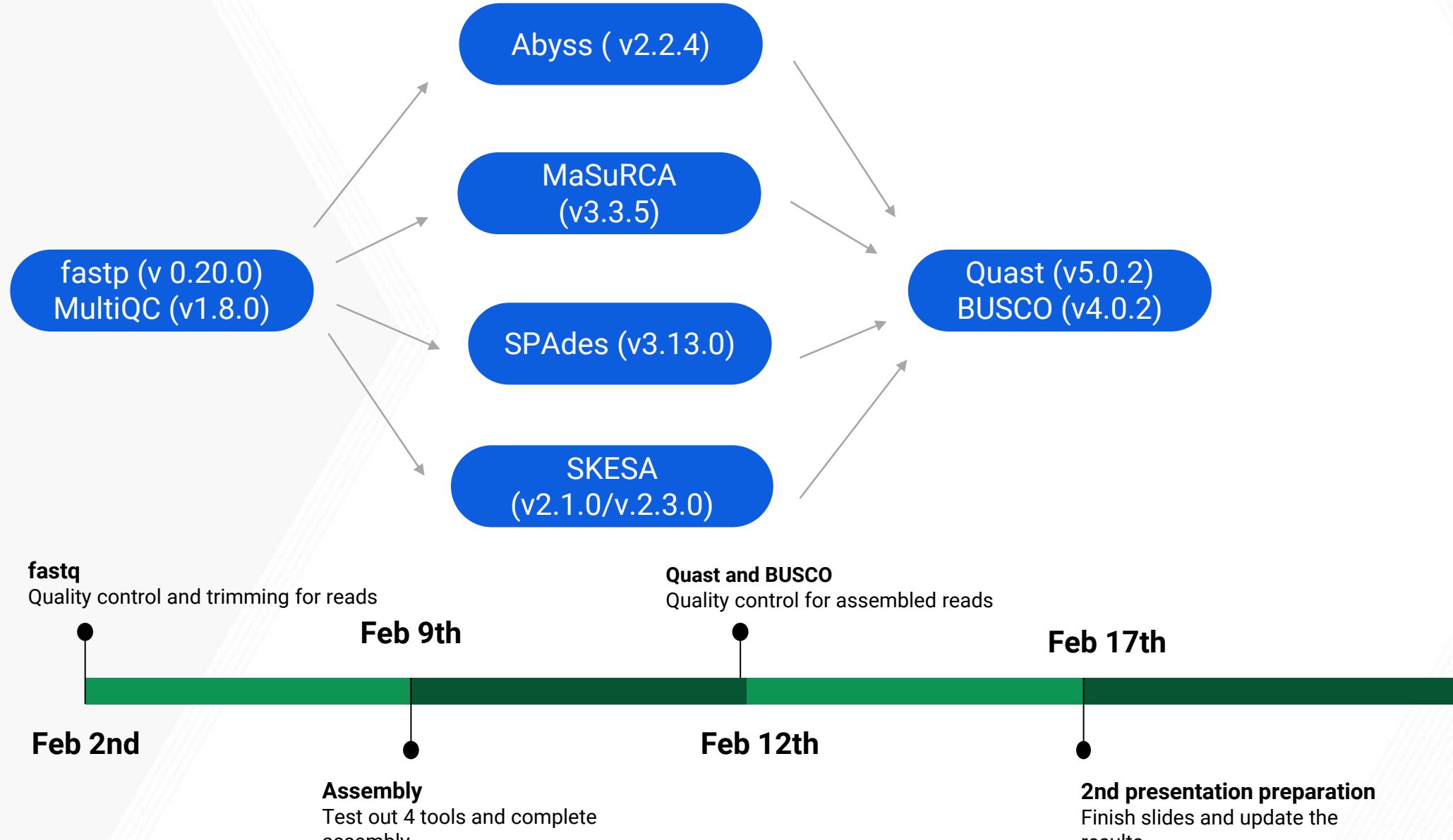
Adapted from: Commins, Jennifer et al. "Computational biology methods and their application to the comparative genomics of endocellular symbiotic bacteria of insects." Biological Procedures vol. 11 52-78. 11 Mar. 2009.

# Steps of Genome Assembly



Dominguez Del Angel V, Hjerde E, Sterck L et al. Ten steps to get started in Genome Assembly and Annotation [version 1]. F1000Research 2018, 7:148 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.13598.1)

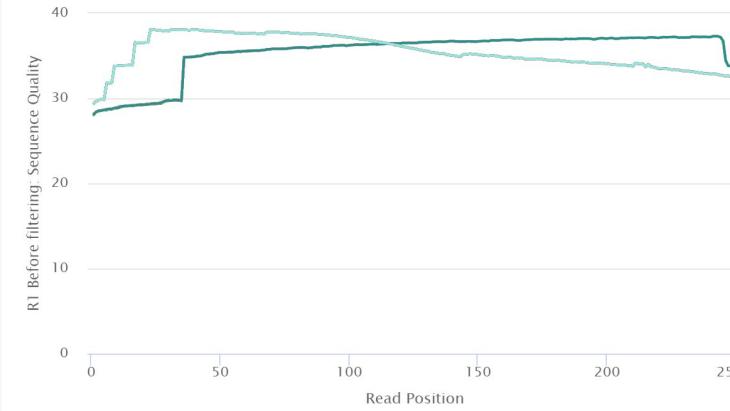
# Genome Assembly Tools Bench Marking Plan



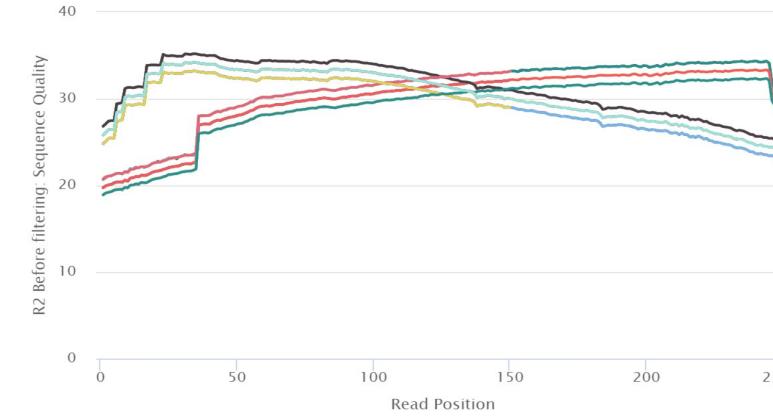
# fastp: Pre and post trimming Read Quality

Pre-  
Trimming

Read 1: Mean Quality Scores

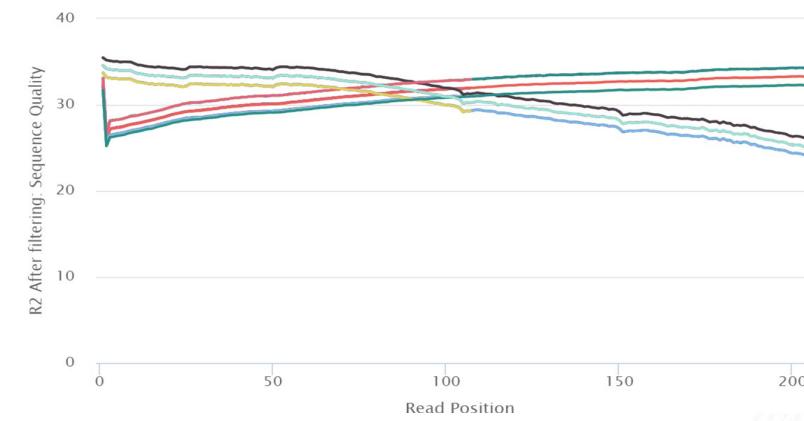
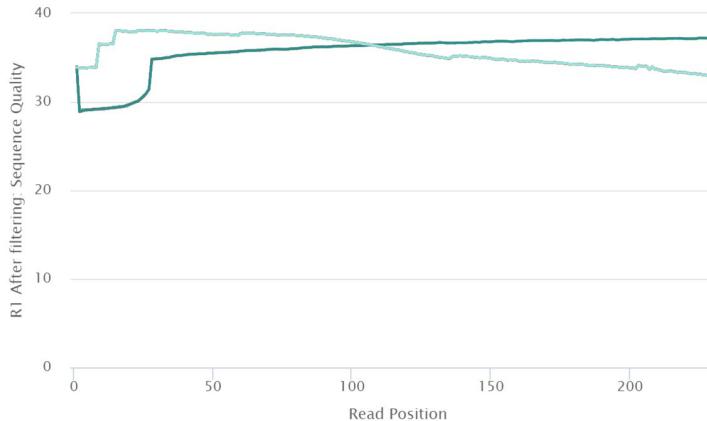


Read 2: Mean Quality Scores

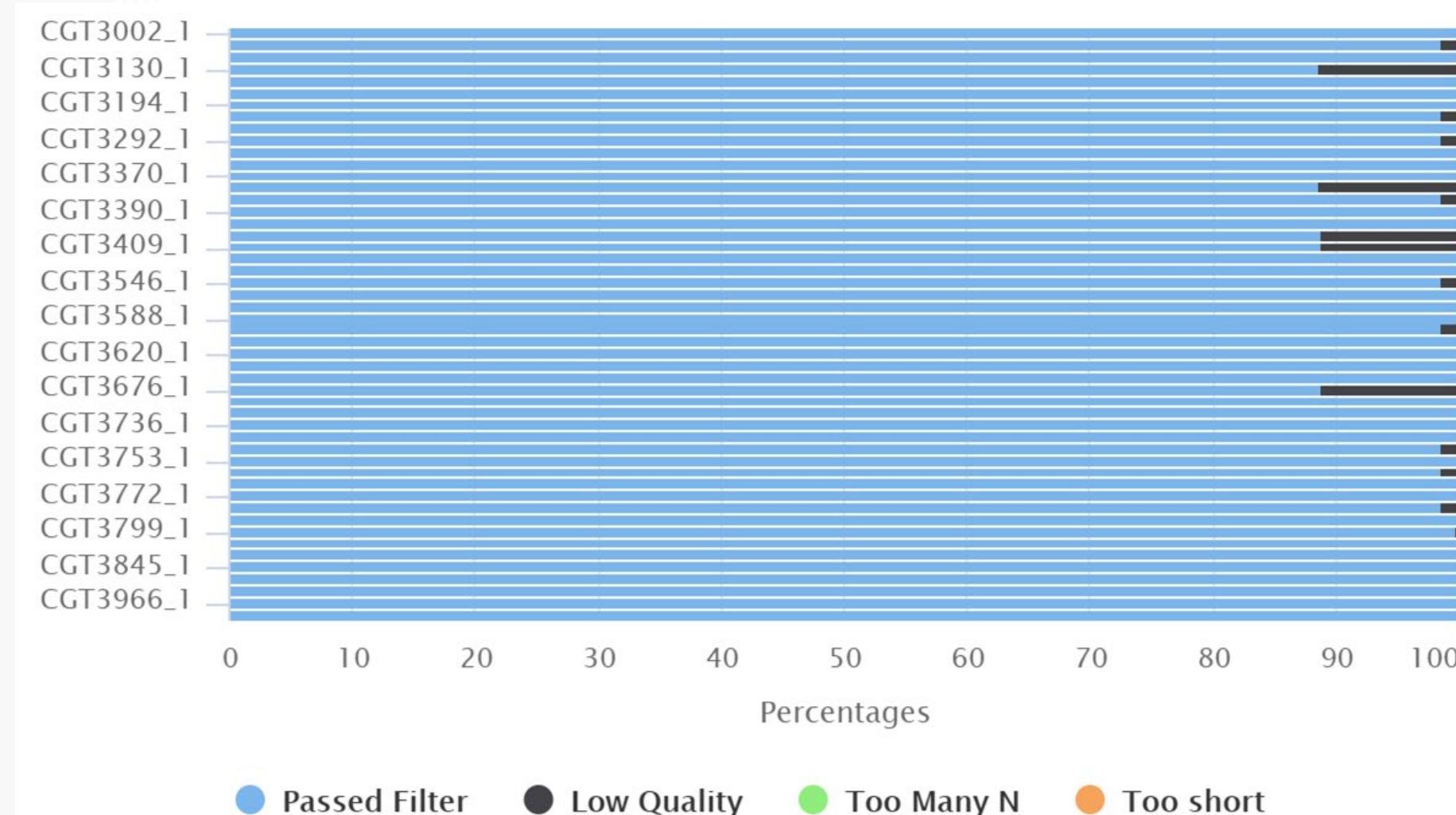


Trimming parameters: **-f 5 -F 30 -t 10 -e 28 -c -5 3 -M 27**

Post  
Trimming



# Percent of Reads Trimmed



● Passed Filter

● Low Quality

● Too Many N

● Too short

Created with MultiQC

# Assemblers Benchmarked

MaSuRCA

SKESA

SPAdes

Abyss

# MaSuRCA

## Version:

MaSuRCA v3.3.5

## Properties:

- runs on untrimmed reads
- adapted for a mixture of long and short reads, and tolerates high sequencing error
- Pipeline
  - Jellyfish kmer counter automatically selects optimal k-mer size for each sample
  - CABOG Assembler uses “super-reads”

# MaSuRCA

## Parameters:

- GRAPH\_KMER\_SIZE = auto
- USE\_LINKING\_MATES = 1
- CA\_PARAMETERS = cgwErrorRate=0.25  
(bacteria)

## Optimization:

- for each sample tested, MaSuRCA selected a k-mer size of 99

```
PARAMETERS
USE_LINKING_MATES = 1
NUM_THREADS = 16
JF_SIZE = 200000000
USE_GRID=0
GRID_ENGINE=SGE
GRID_QUEUE=all.q
GRID_BATCH_SIZE=300000000
LHE_COVERAGE=25
MEGA_READS_ONE_PASS=0
CA_PARAMETERS = cgwErrorRate=0.25
KMER_COUNT_THRESHOLD = 1
CLOSE_GAPS=1
END
```

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# SPAdes

## Version:

SPAdes v3.13.0

## Command:

```
subprocess.call("spades.py --careful -1 " + f1 +" -2 "+f2+ " -o "+output, shell = True)
```

## Parameters:

--careful: Tries to reduce the number of mismatches and short indels, recommended only for assembly of small genomes.

-k: kmer size, input a series of numbers, auto-detection

# Unicycler & SPAdes

- An assembly pipeline for bacterial genomes
- Can be used as a SPAdes optimiser
- Came out in 2017, 400+ citations

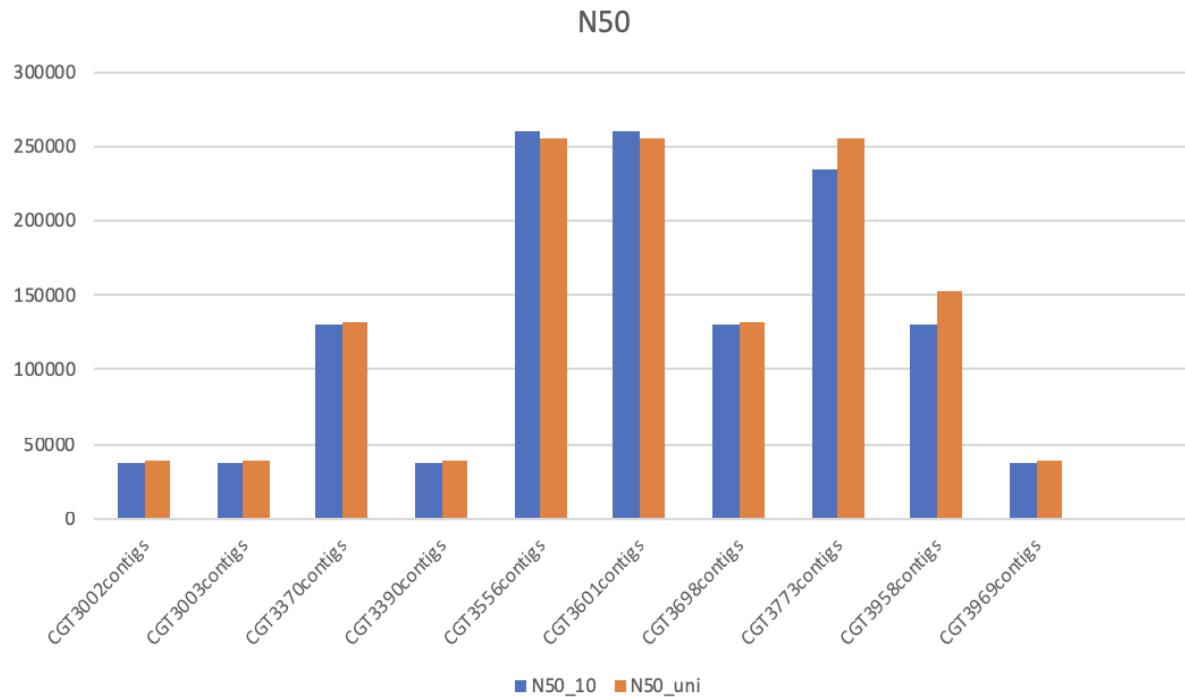
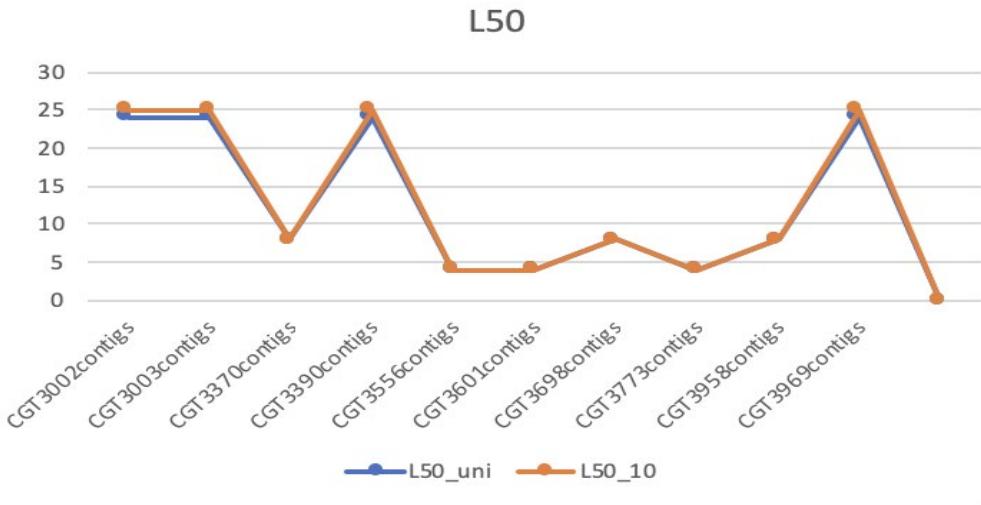
**Version:**

v0.4.7

**Command:**

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# Unicycler vs SPAdes

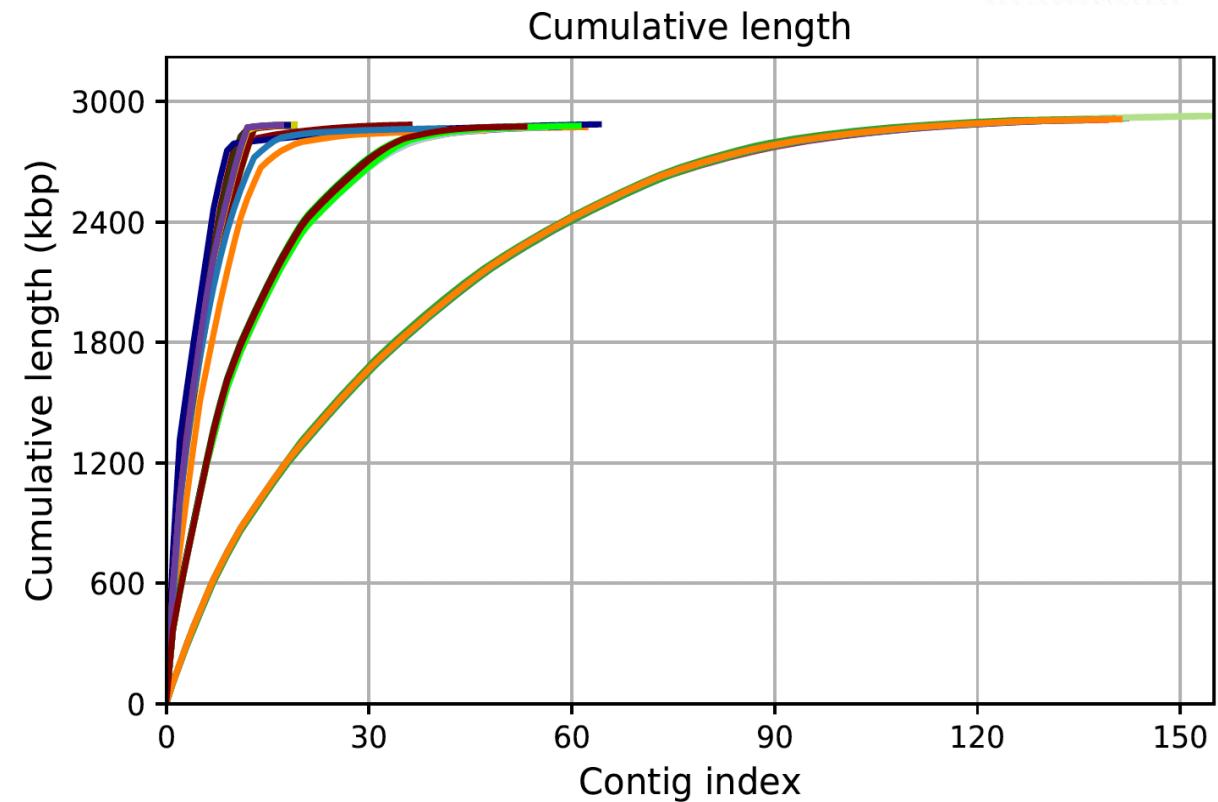
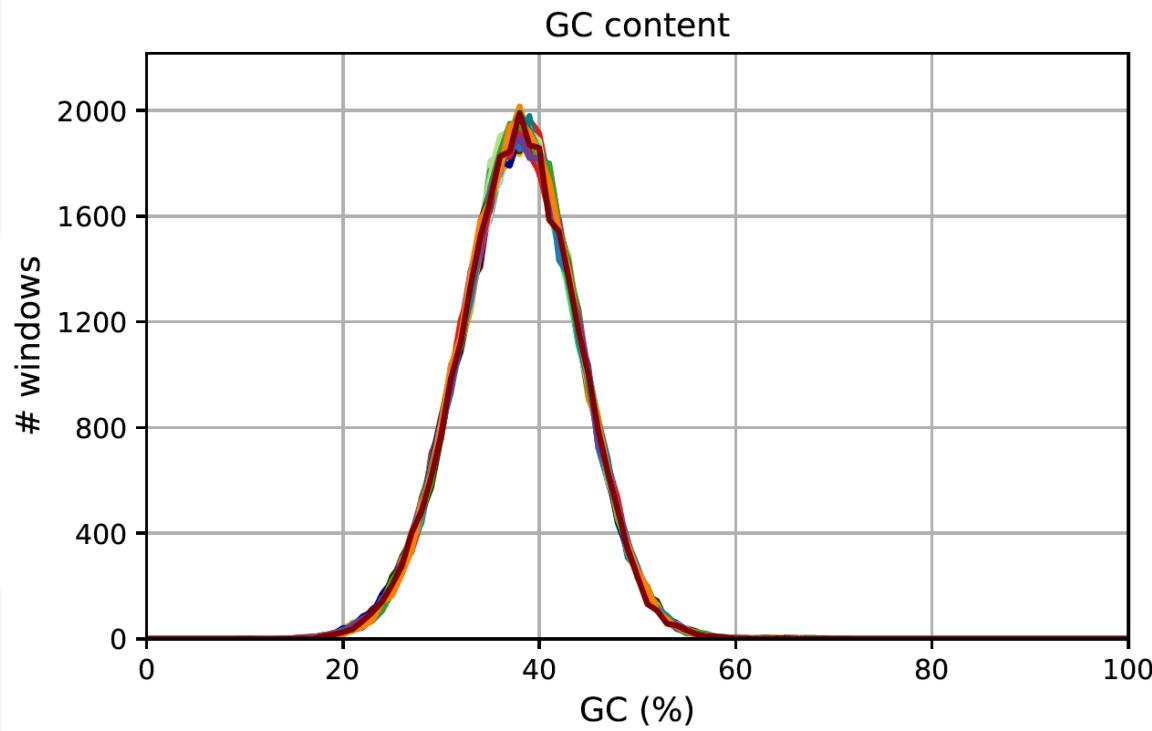


Thank you for using SPAdes!

Command being timed: "spades.py --careful -1 CGT3002\_r1.fq -2 CGT3002\_r2.fq -o speed\_spades"  
User time (seconds): 2232.40  
System time (seconds): 107.71  
Percent of CPU this job got: 450%  
Elapsed (wall clock) time (h:mm:ss or m:ss): 8:39.37 😊

Command being timed: "unicycler --spades\_path spades.py -1 CGT3002\_r1.fq -2 CGT3002\_r2.fq -o speed\_spades"  
User time (seconds): 3365.85  
System time (seconds): 165.50  
Percent of CPU this job got: 327%  
Elapsed (wall clock) time (h:mm:ss or m:ss): 17:57.48

# SPAdes Output from Quast



# Assemblers Benchmarked

MaSuRCA

SKESA

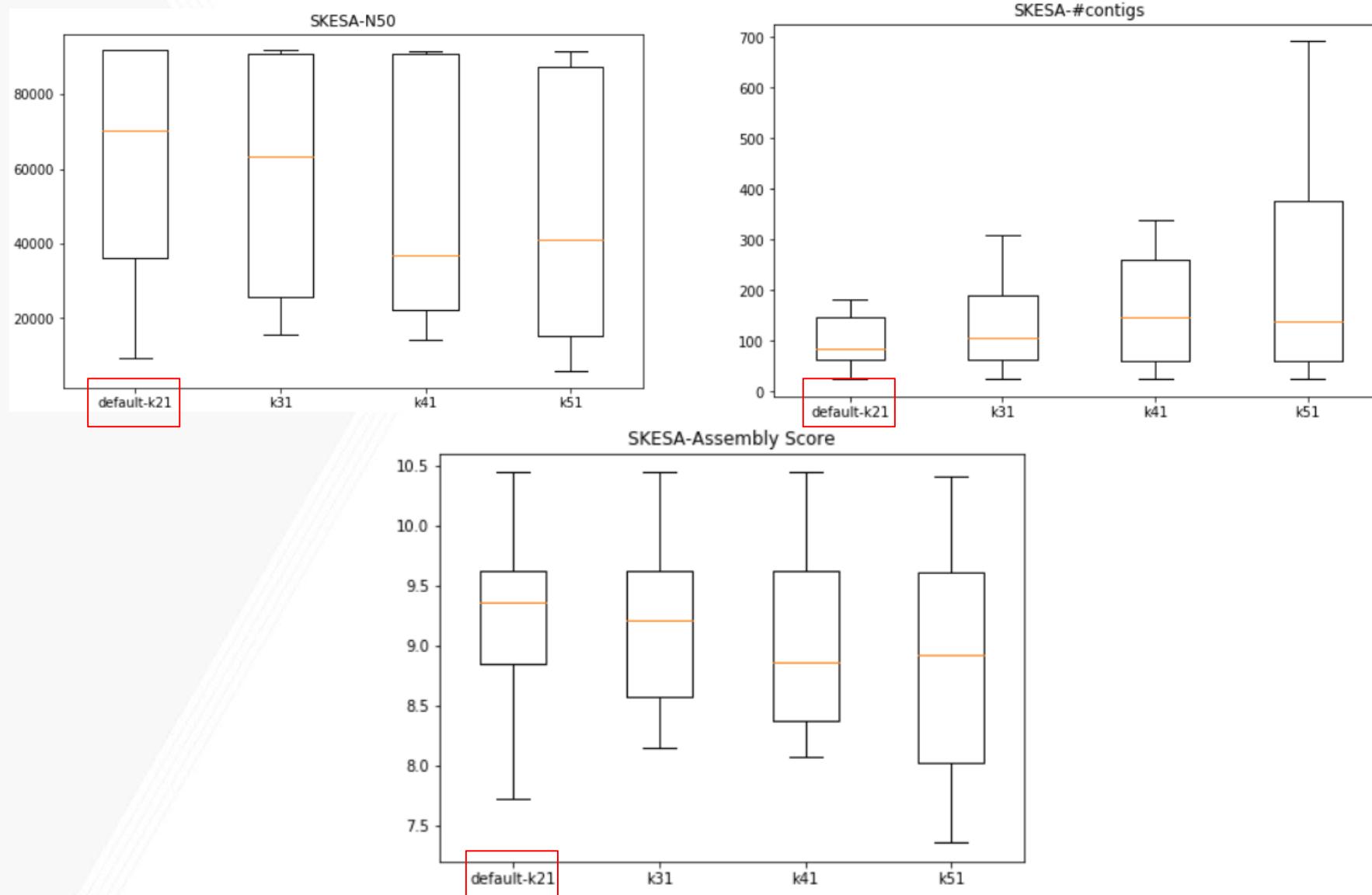
SPAdes

Abyss

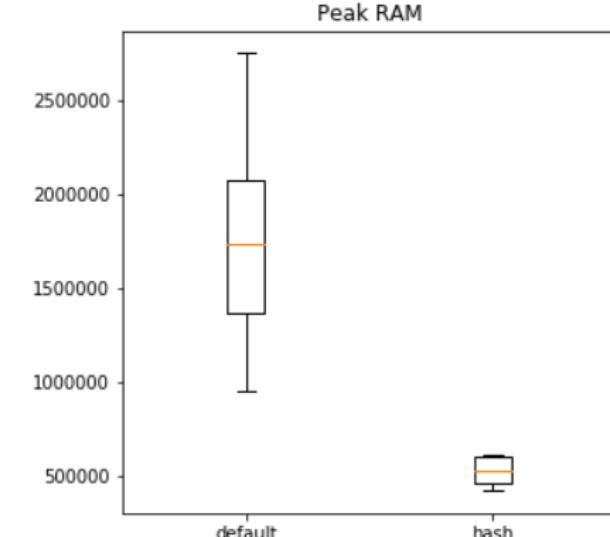
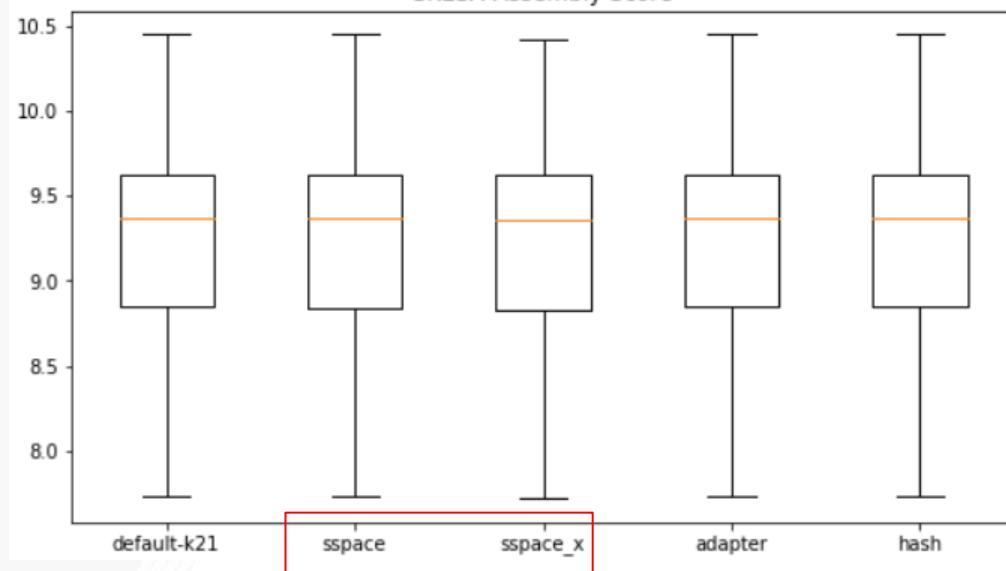
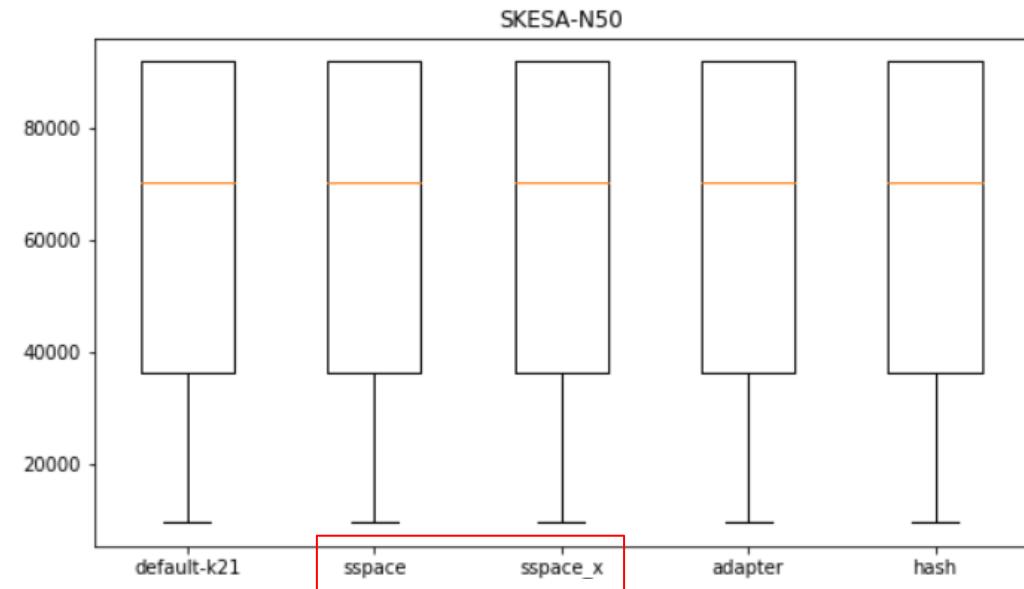
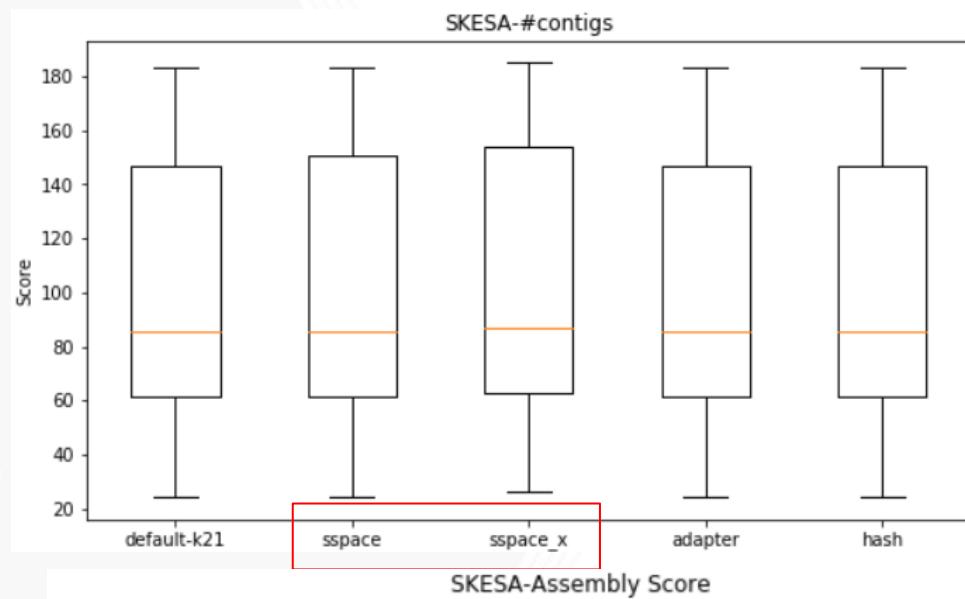
# SKESA

- **Version:** 2.3.0
- **Command:** skesa --cores 4 --fasta/fastq --contigs\_out
  - **--hash\_count:** Use hash counter, much lower RAM (~1/3)
  - **--kmer:** Minimal kmer length for assembly, default=21
  - **--vector\_percent:** Fractions of adapter, default=0.05
  - other unchanged options
- **sspace:** -l library -x 0/1 -s contigs
  - scaffolding pre-assembled contigs
  - -l: insert size: 150~450; orientation: FR
  - -x: extend input contigs using paired reads, default=0 (off)
- **Default** SKESA performs best

# SKESA-kmer



# SKESA-other options



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# Abyss

## Why Abyss?

- de-novo assembler , parallel , designed for short reads
- De Bruijn graph algorithm

## Which Version?

- 2.2.4 version
- Old version - more memory consumption
- From 2.0 version - Bloom filter

## Stages:

- multistage assembly pipeline - unitigs, contigs and scaffold stages

# Abyss

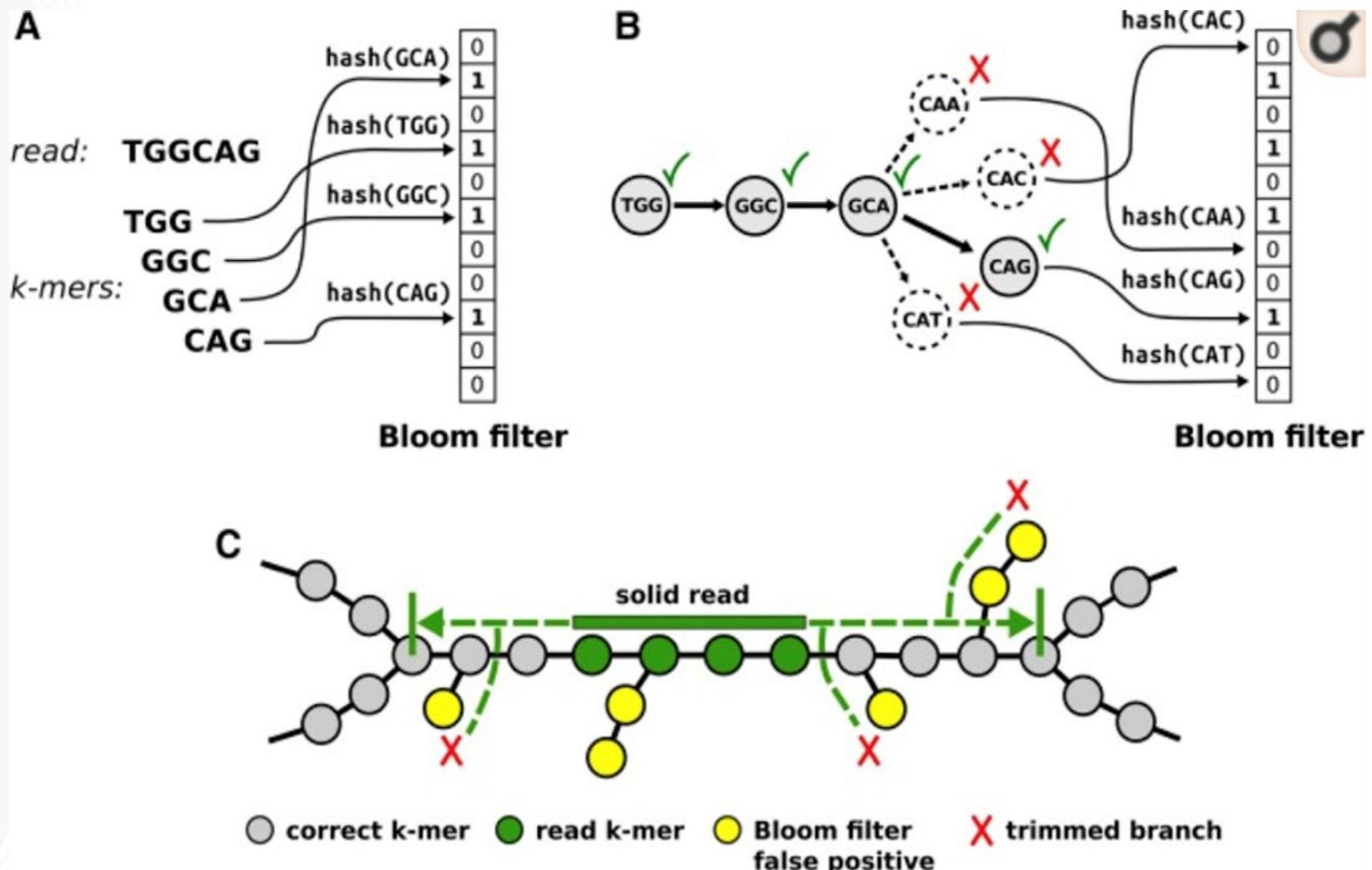
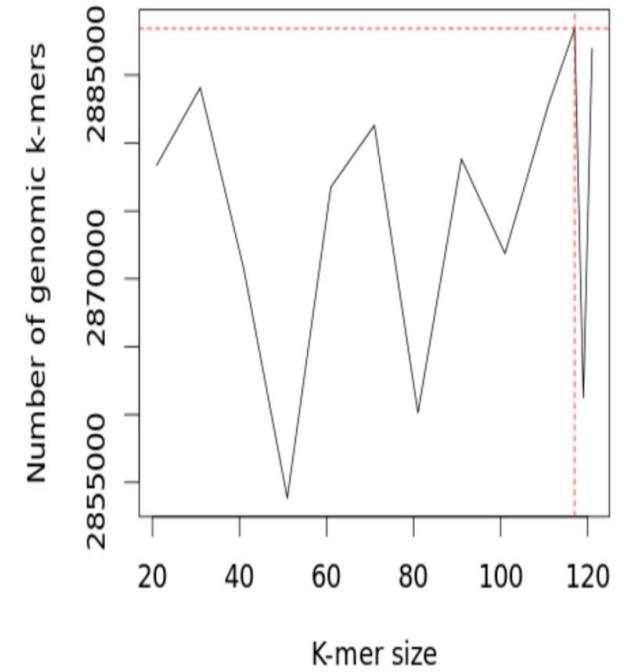
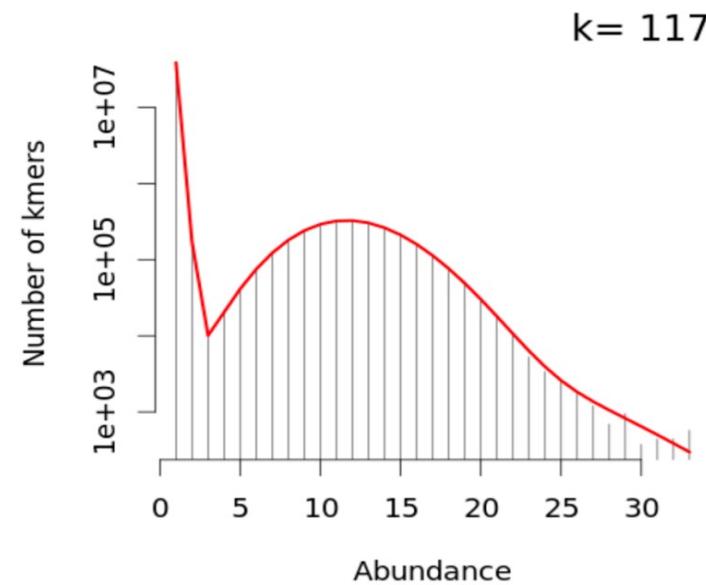
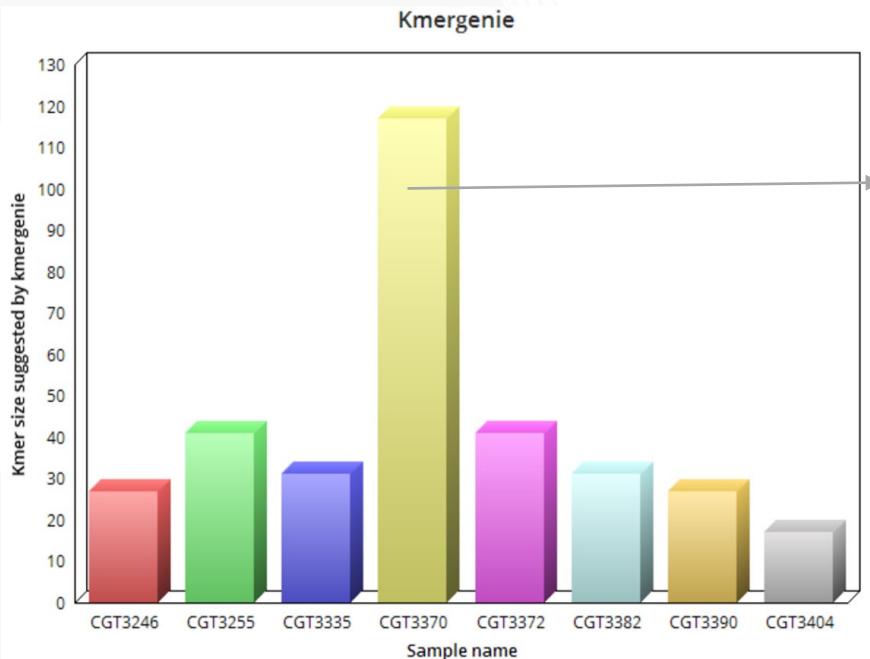


Figure - Shaun D. Jackman et.al [2017] "ABYSS 2.0: resource-efficient assembly of large genomes using a Bloom filter"

# kmer counter tools

- Some popular tools: Jellyfish, **kmergenie**, DSK, ntCard



Kmergenie suggested 117 sample - CGT3370

# kmergenie suggestions

- kmers suggested in 17 - 117 range, mostly less than 41
- why is it suggesting very low kmers?

| SAMPLE NAME | KMERGENIE SUGGESTION |
|-------------|----------------------|
| CGT3002     | 27                   |
| CGT3058     | 41                   |
| CGT3130     | 27                   |
| CGT3136     | 25                   |
| CGT3158     | 41                   |
| CGT3246     | 27                   |
| CGT3292     | 41                   |
| CGT3323     | 41                   |
| CGT3335     | 31                   |
| CGT3370     | 117                  |

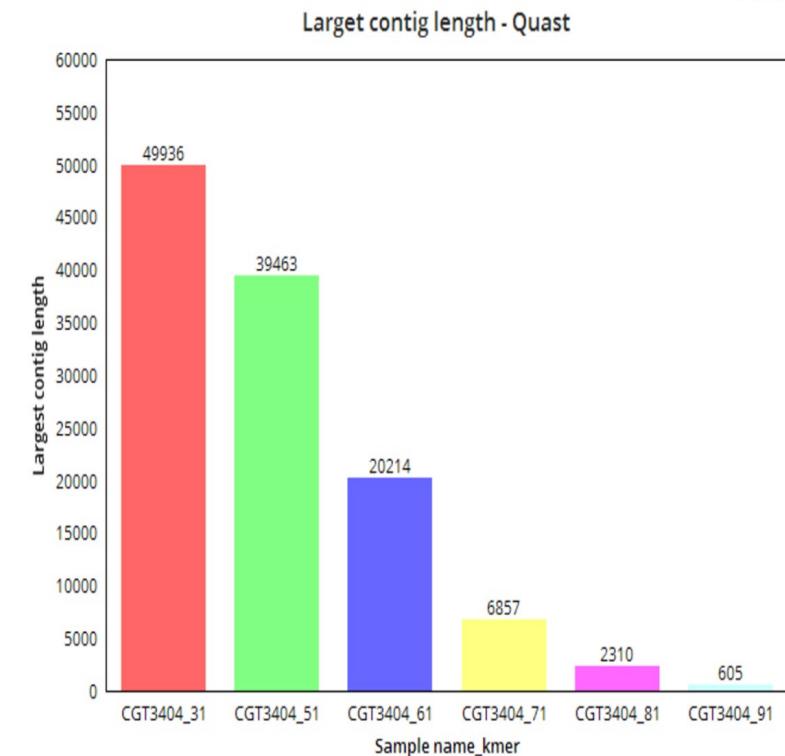
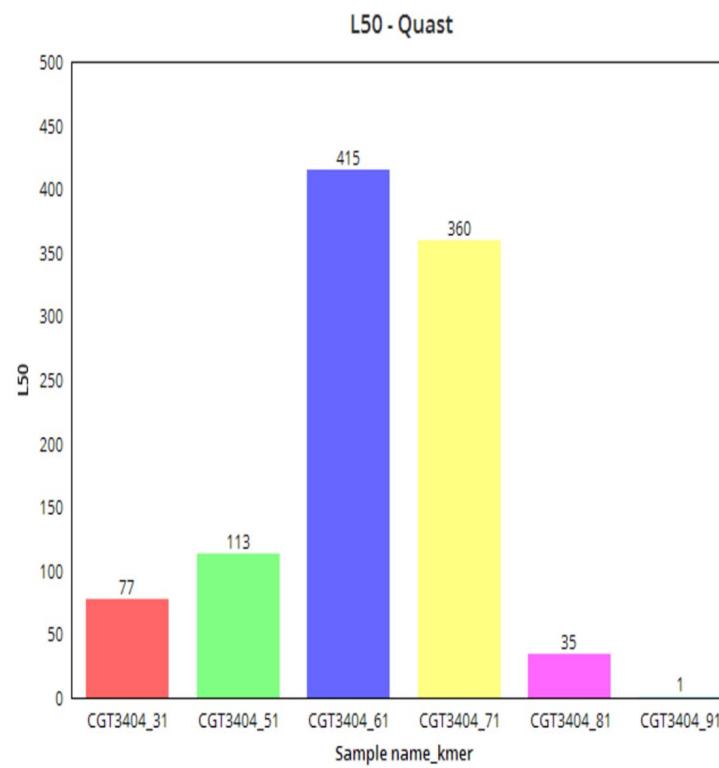
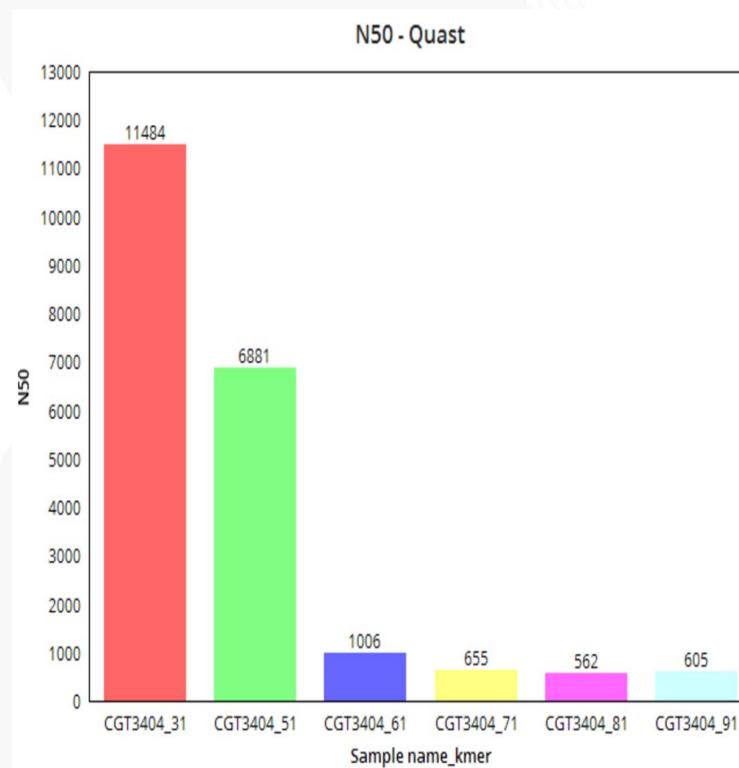
# Abyss customized test run

- kmers tested - 31,51,61,71,81,91,101

| Group          | Samples  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>Group 1</b> | CGT3409[third], CGT3335[seventh], CGT3404[ninth]   |
| <b>Group 2</b> | CGT3002[first], CGT3588[second], CGT3757 fourth], CGT3768[fifth] , CGT3827[sixth], CGT3390[eighth] |
| Worst          | CGT3757[fourth], CGT3390[eighth]   |

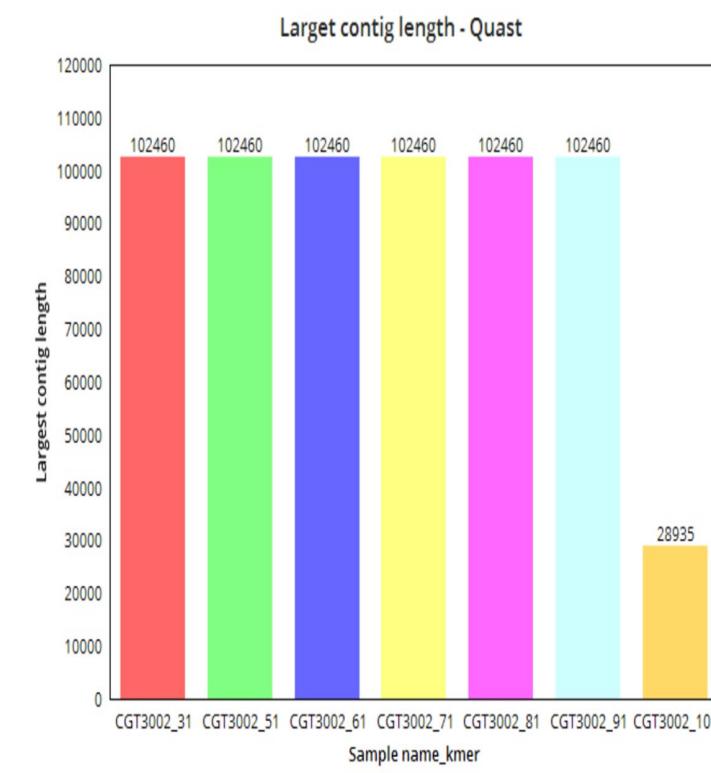
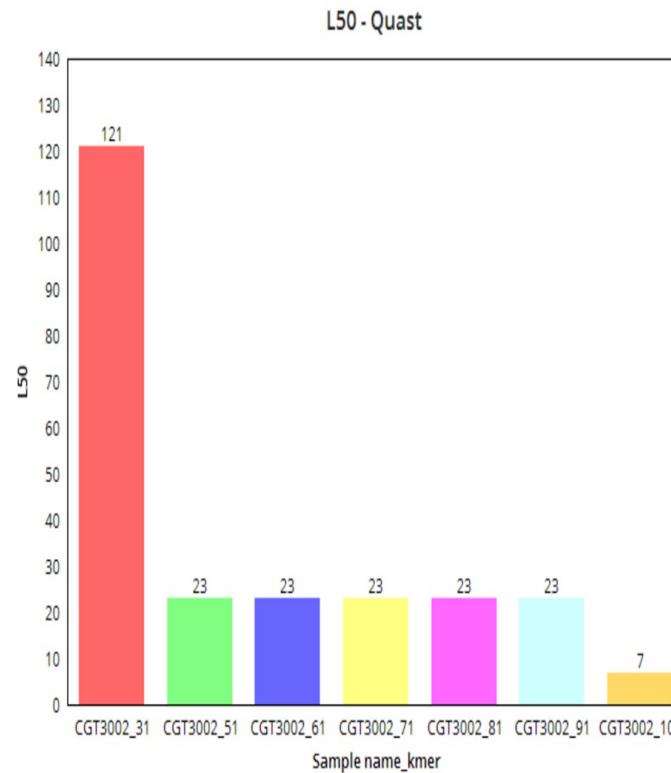
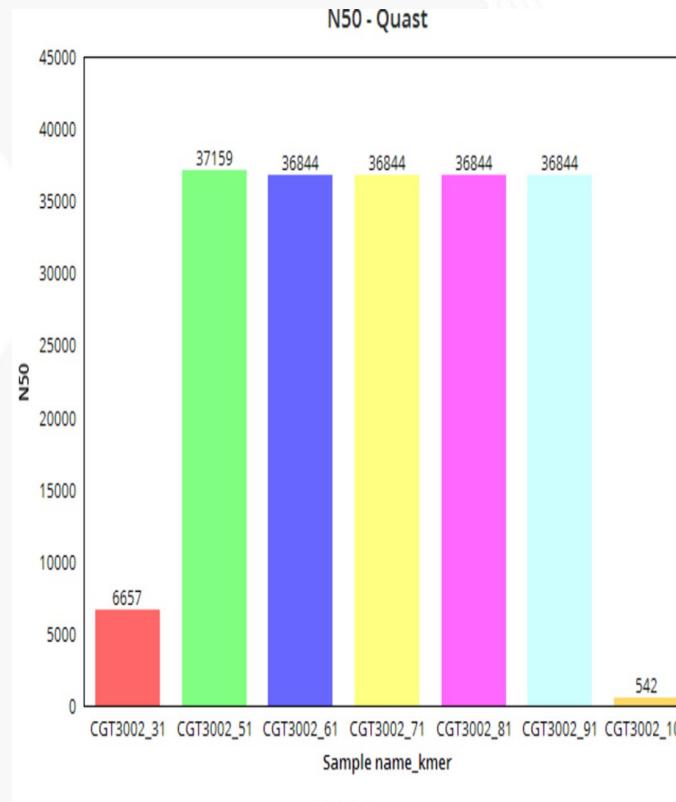
# Abyss test run - Quality check - Quast

- Sample CGT3404 [Group 1] - best kmer - 31



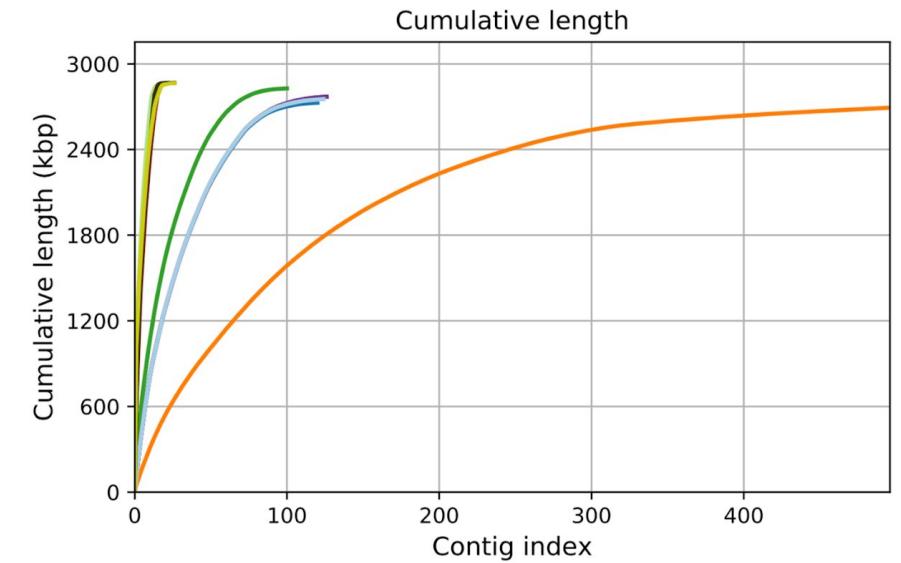
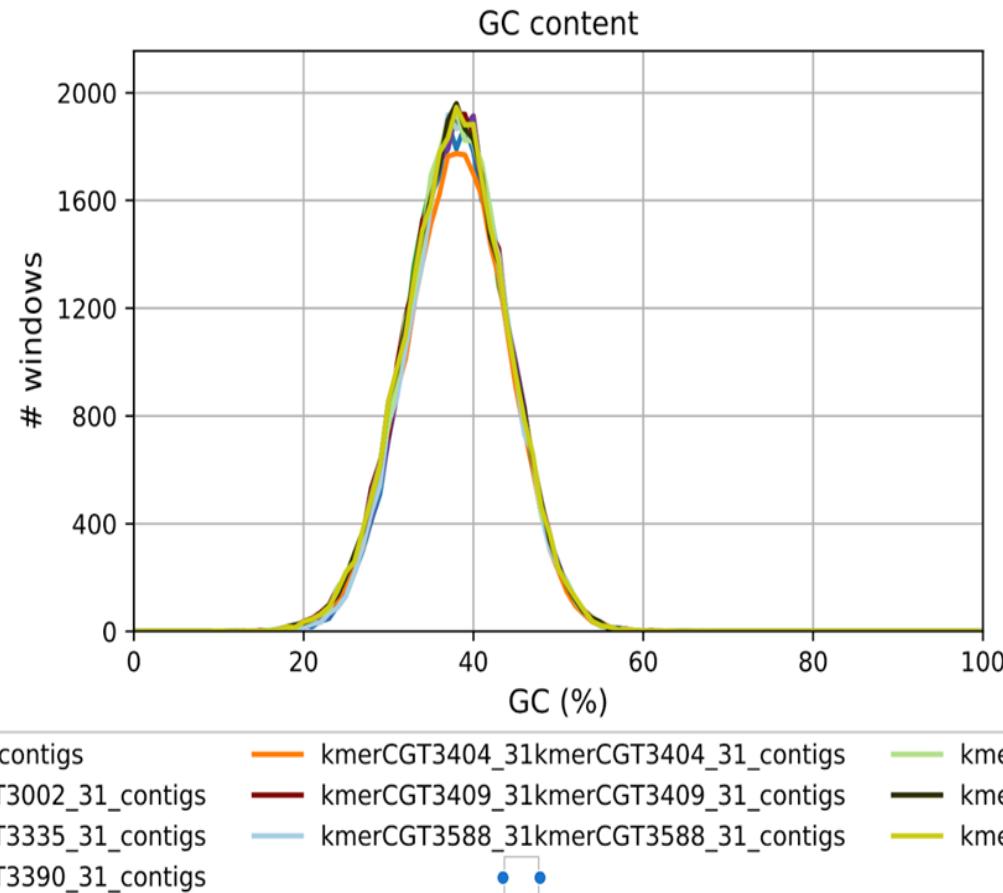
# Abyss test run - Quality check - Quast

- Sample CGT3002 [Group 2] - best kmer - 51



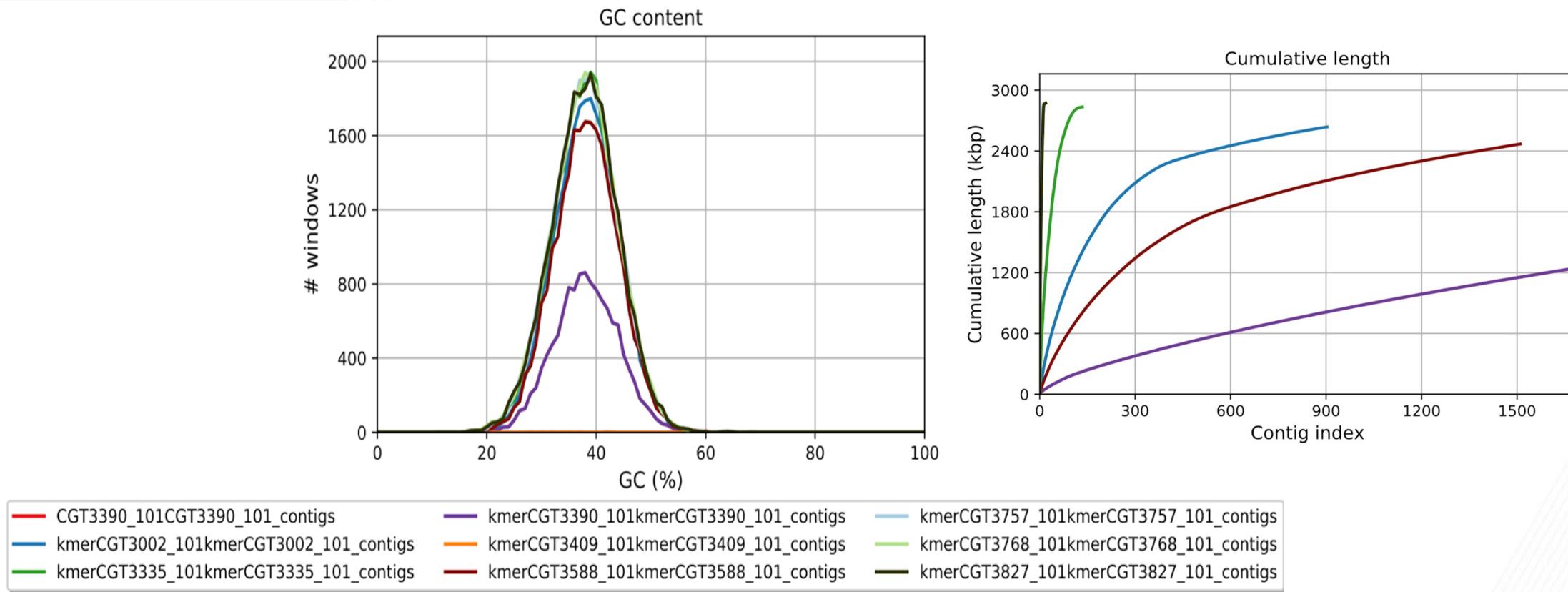
# Abyss test run - Quality check - Quast

- kmer 31 for 9 samples



# Abyss test run - Quality check - Quast

kmer 101 for 9 samples



# Kmergenie vs Custom test run

| Sample  | kmer by Kmergenie | kmer by customized test run |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| CGT3002 | 27                | 51                          |
| CGT3390 | 27                | 71                          |
| CGT3335 | 31                | 31                          |
| CGT3404 | 17                | 31                          |
| CGT3409 | 41                | 61                          |
| CGT3588 | 27                | 61                          |
| CGT3757 | 41                | 71                          |
| CGT3768 | 41                | 31                          |
| CGT3827 | 41                | 71                          |

# Abyss Final run

- Kmergenie suggestion for each sample
- parameters used :
- standard de Bruijn graph

```
> abyss-pe k=kmervalue name=outputfilename in='file1 file2' v=-v
```

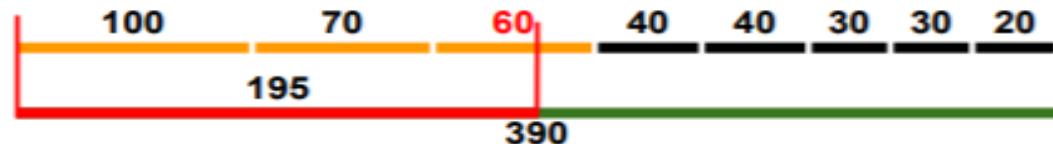
- Bloom filter de Bruijn graph

```
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# Genome Assembly Quality metrics – QUAST and BUSCO

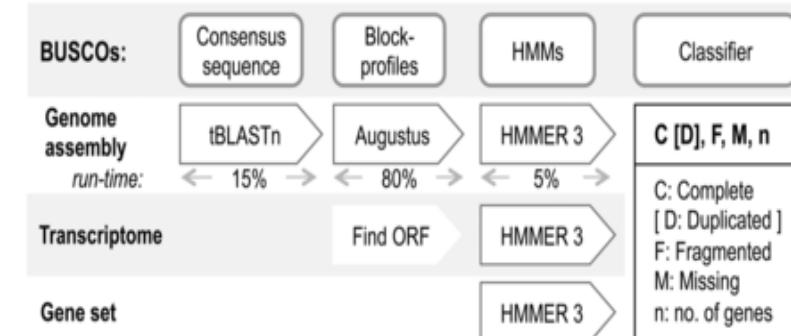
## Quast-N50 family metrics

- Length of largest contig
- number of contigs
- N50 and L50
- N75 and L75



## BUSCOs: Benchmarking Universal Single Copy Orthologs

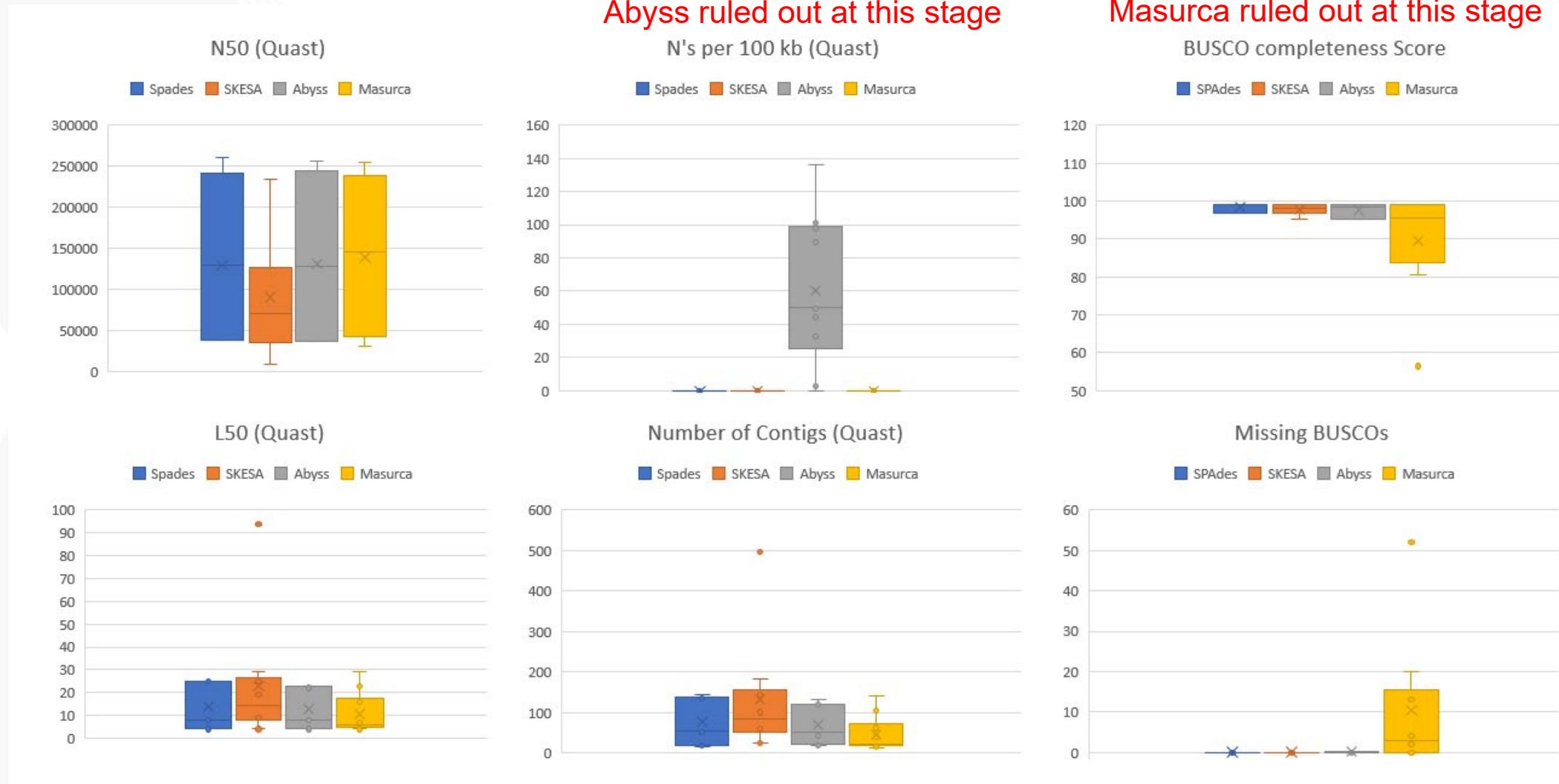
- Single-Copy and Duplicated BUSCOS - BUSCO Completeness
- Fragmented BUSCOs - partially present
- Missing BUSCOs
- Lineage database for bacteria was used which contains 124 BUSCOs



```
busco -m Genome -i config.fa -l bacteria_odb10 -o output
```

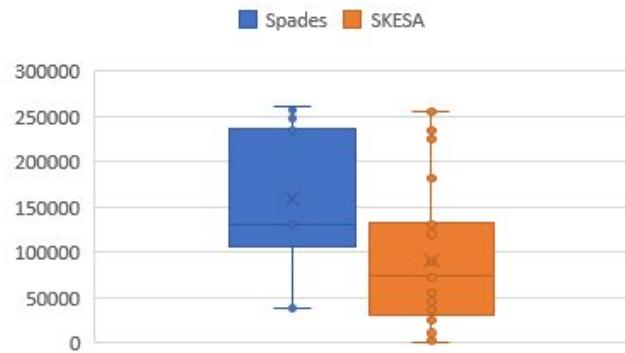
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# Quast N50 metrics with BUSCO scores on subset of samples

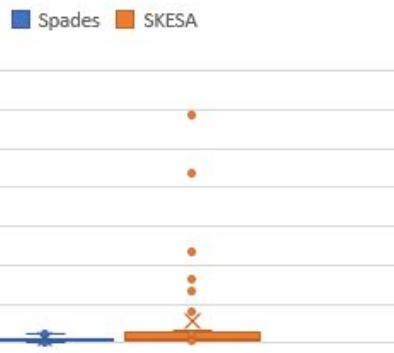


# SPAdes vs SKESA

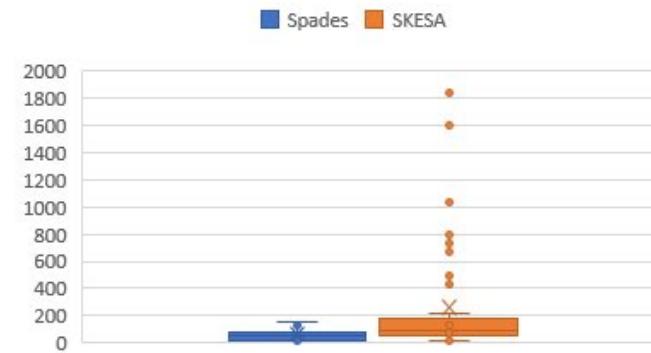
N50 (Quast)



L50 (Quast)



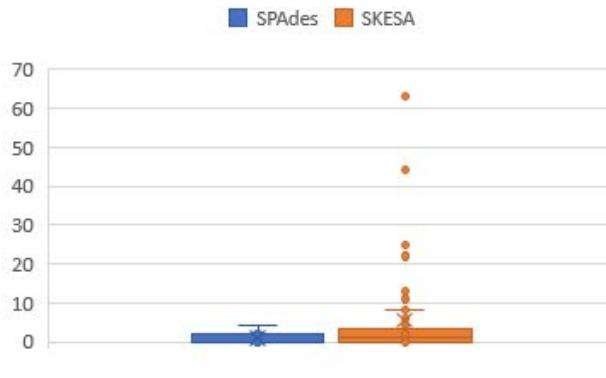
Number of Contigs (Quast)



BUSCO Completeness Score



Fragmented BUSCOs

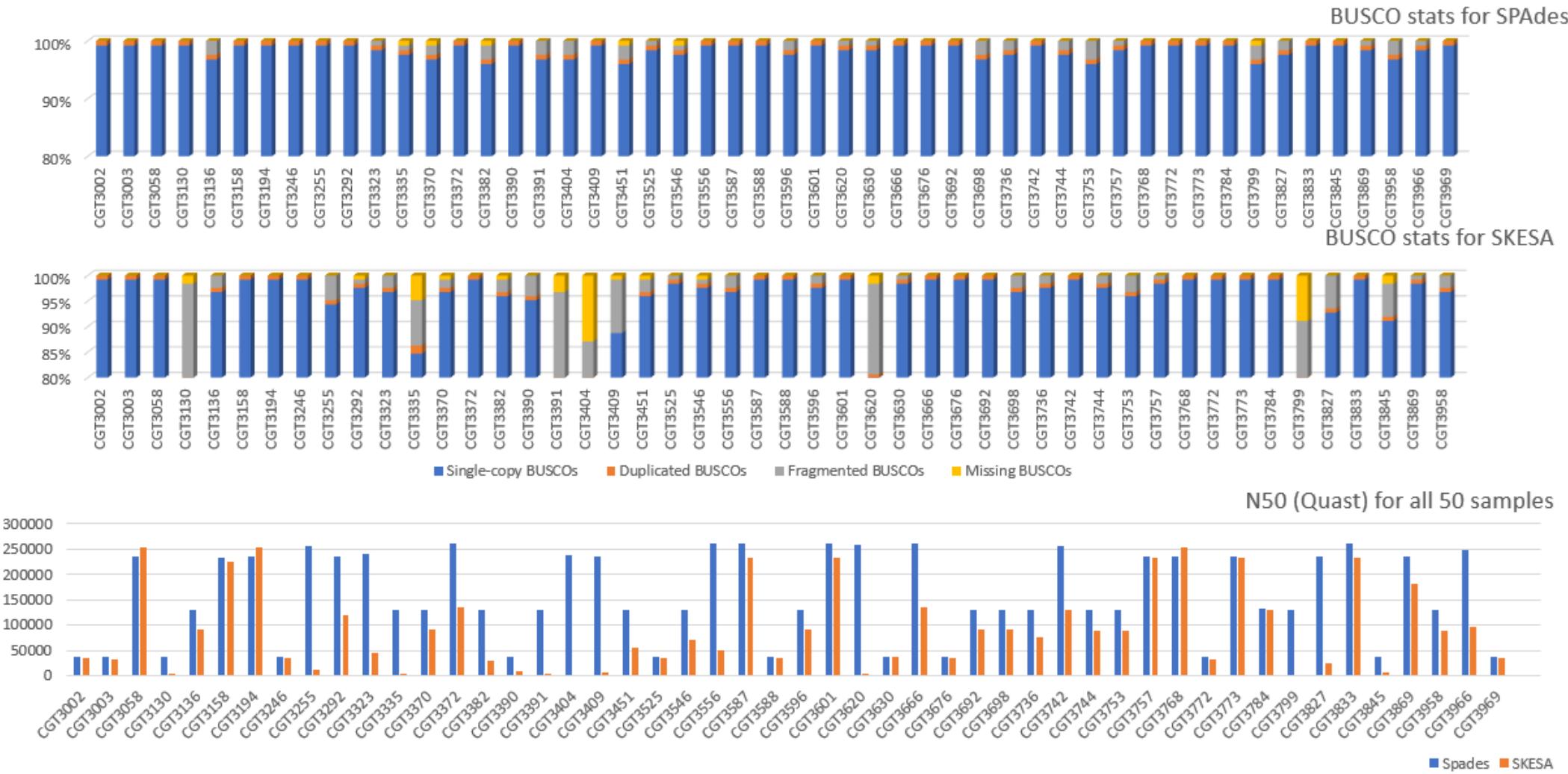


Missing BUSCOs



SPADES seems to be better with completeness of BUSCOs

# Correlation of N50 with BUSCO for all the samples

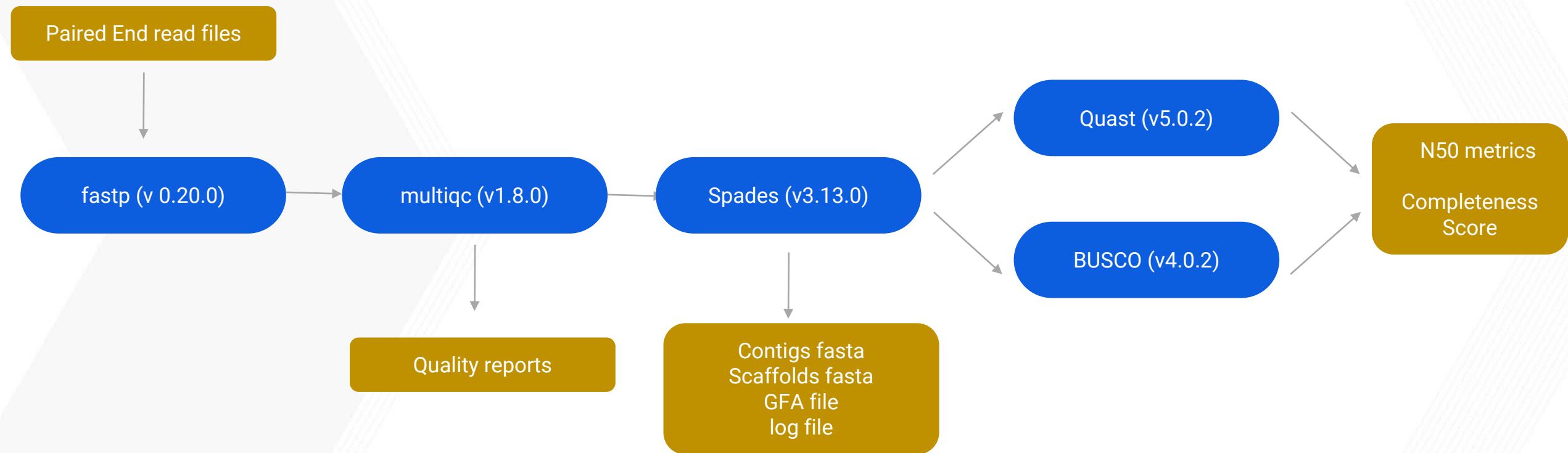


SKESA was not able to handle all the samples provided.

# Summary of Assemblers

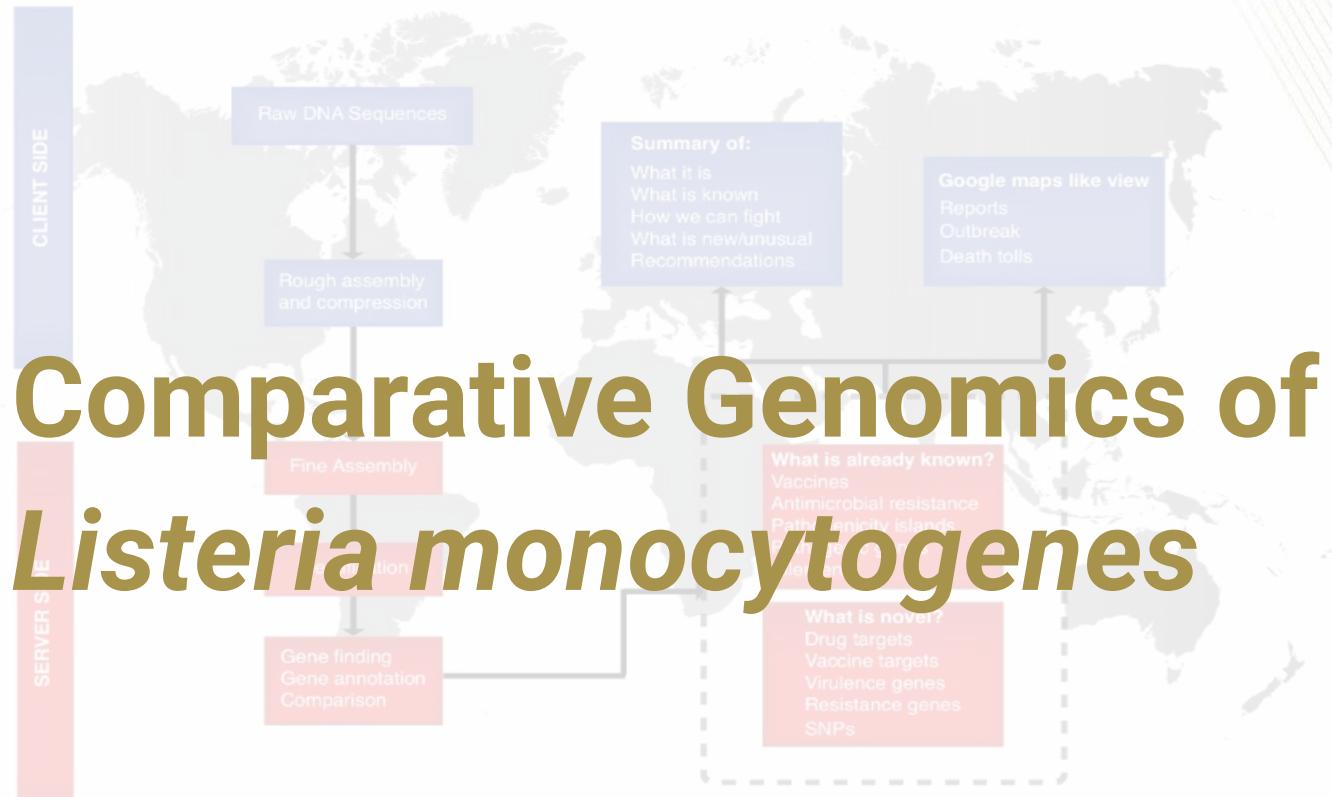
| Criteria         | SPAdes                   | SKESA   | MaSuRCA                                | Abyss  |
|------------------|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| N50              | Relatively large         | Small   | Relatively large                       | Relatively large   |
| Optimization     | Auto-detects k-mers      | Auto-detects k-mers                             | Auto-detects k-mers                    | Requires external k-mer counter or optimization tool           |
| Time             | ~8min                    | <5 min  | 30-40 mins                             | <5mins [Bloom filter]  |
| Post-assembly QC | Good completeness scores | A few samples have very low completeness scores | missing BUSCOs, potential loss of data | as good as the kmer counter, possibility of N's in the contigs |

# Final Pipeline Overview



# References

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# Comparative Genomics of *Listeria monocytogenes*

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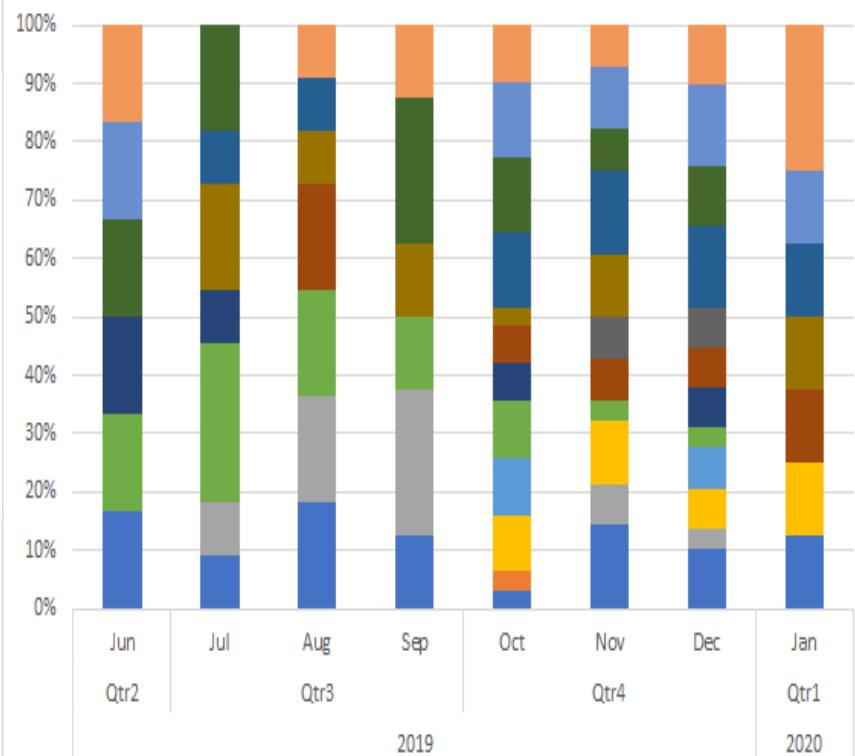
Jie Zhou

# Information at hand - Analysis from previous groups

- Raw fasta, trimmed data, genes predicted, other functionally annotated genes.
- Genes - Virulence factors - VFDB [Virulence Factor Database]
- Genes - Antibiotic resistance - CARD [Comprehensive Antibiotic Resistance Database]
- Plasmid genes for Virulence and antibiotic resistance

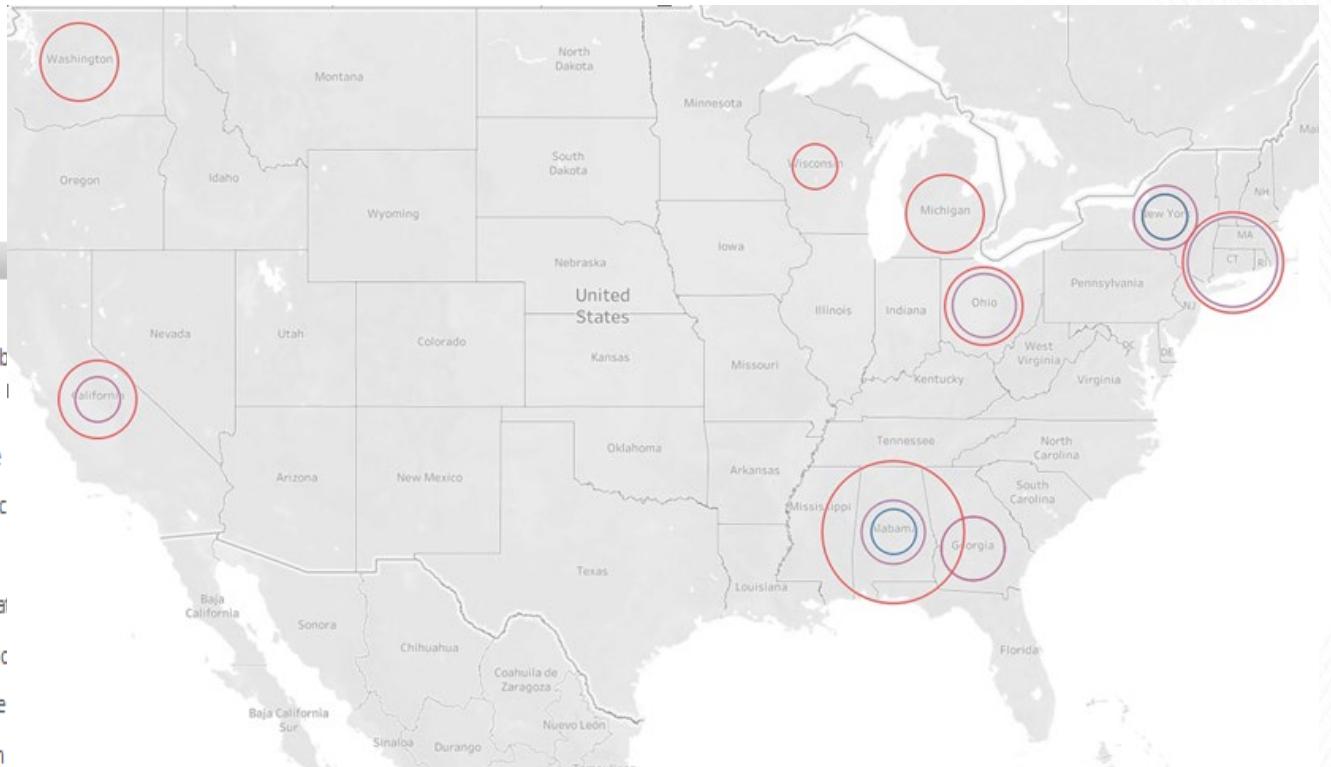
# Information at hand - Epidemiological Data

Percentage of food items consumed as per timeline



Values

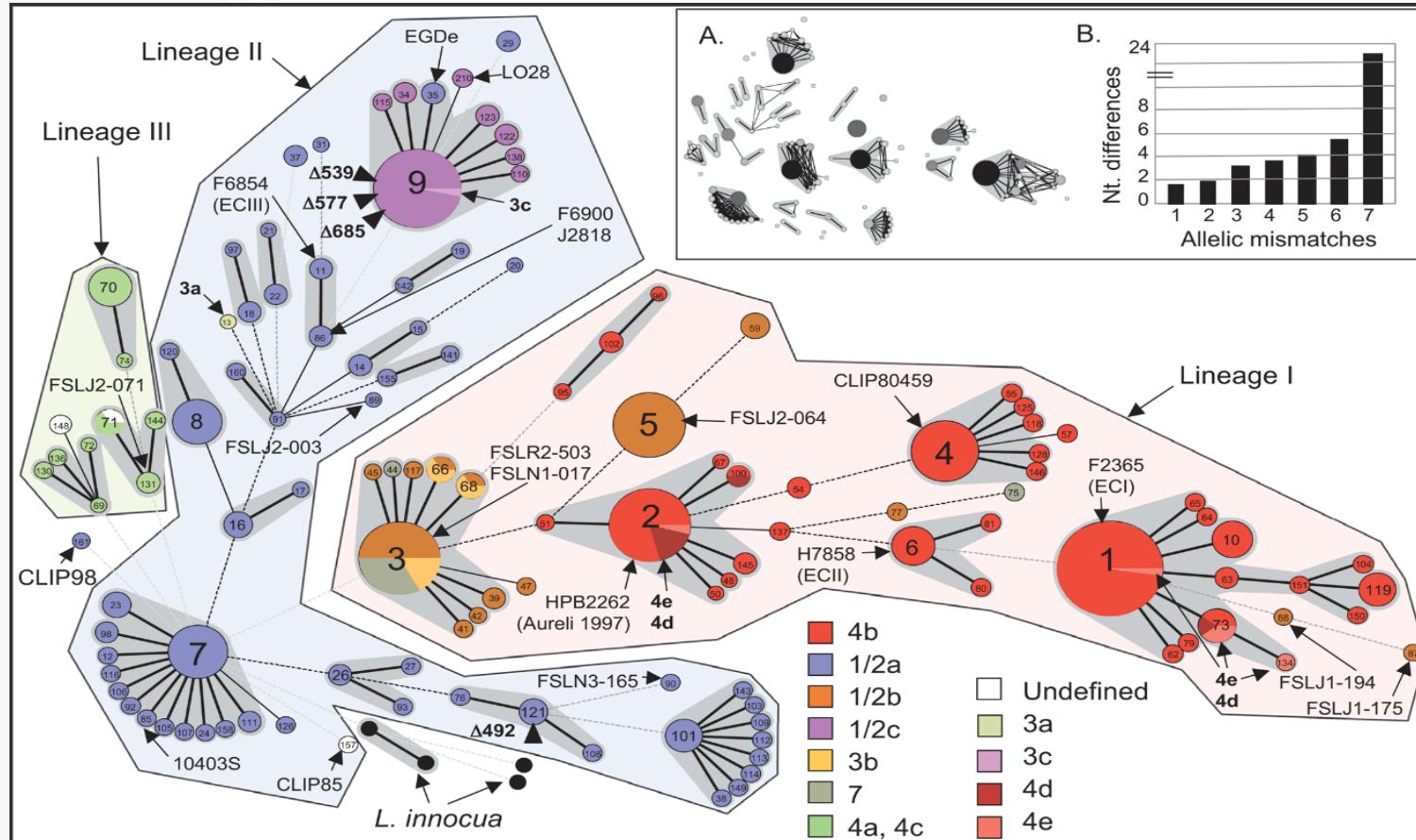
- Sum of Beef
- Sum of Wheat b
- Sum of Chips
- Sum of Lettuce
- Sum of Grilled c
- Sum of Celery
- Sum of Chocolate
- Sum of Avocado
- Sum of Sausage
- Sum of Chicken
- Sum of Oranges
- Sum of Apples



QUARTER(Sample Date)

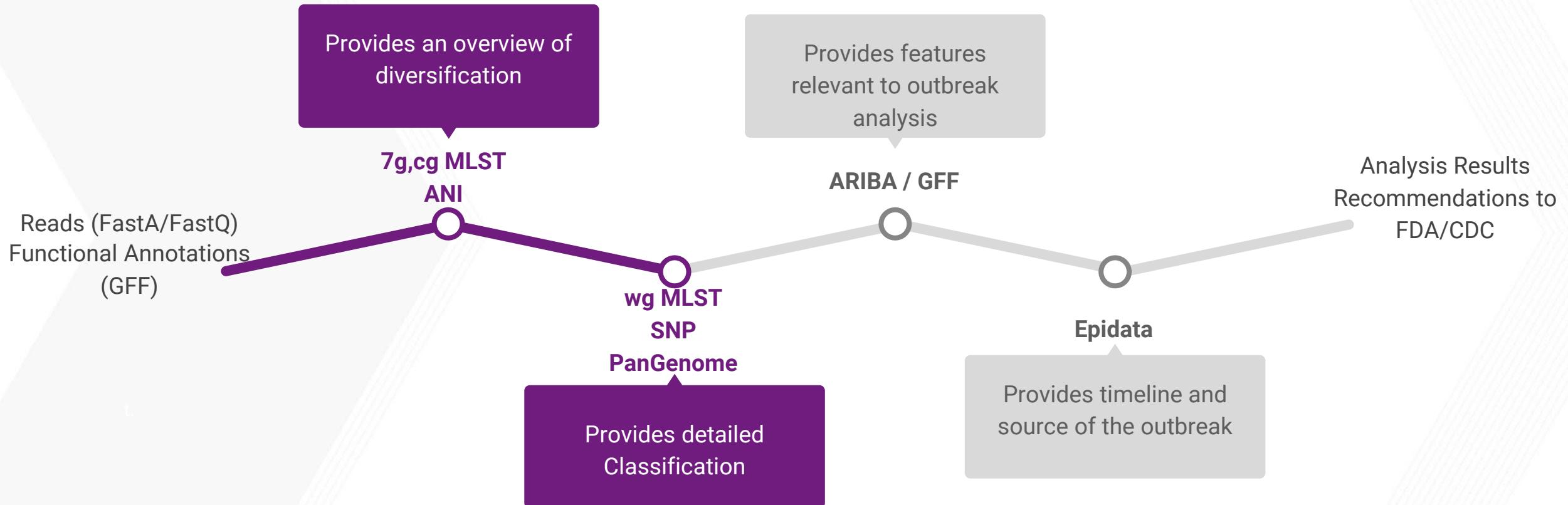
- | Quarter | Year |
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| Q2      | 2019 |
| Q3      | 2019 |
| Q4      | 2019 |
| Q1      | 2020 |

# What we tried to analyze?



<https://journals.plos.org/plospathogens/article?id=10.1371/journal.ppat.1000146>

# Comparative Genomics Pipeline



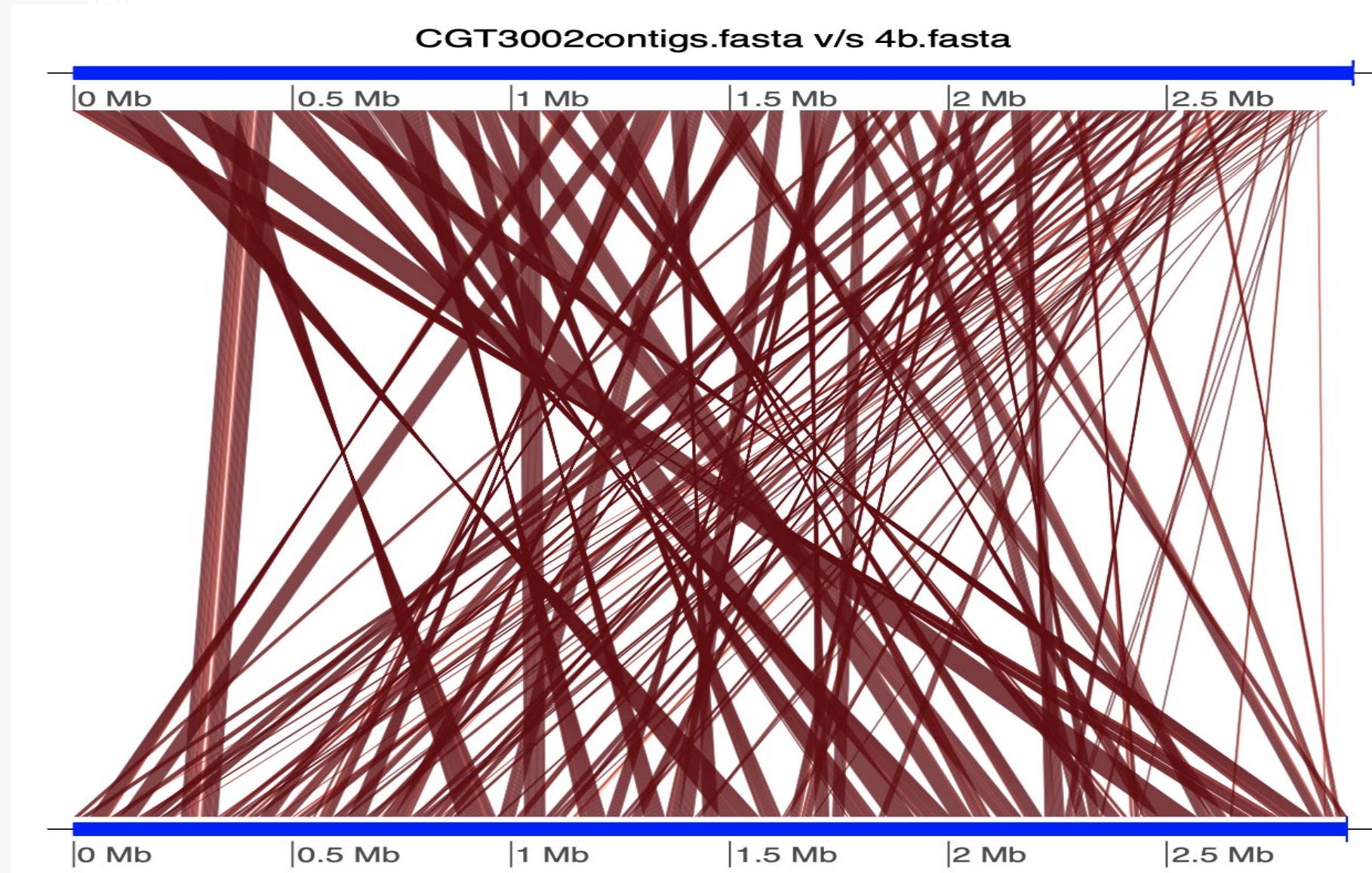
# Average Nucleotide Identity (ANI)

- We used FastANI
- Command line:  
**fastANI --ql query.txt --rl ref.txt -o output.csv**
- Using Listeria (serotype: 1/2a, 1/2b, 4b), Campylobacter and COVID-19 as reference genome.
- The result shows that Listeria (serotype: 4b) has the highest average ANI value.

# ANI results

| Species       | Average ANI |
|---------------|-------------|
| Listeria 1/2a | 99.443%     |
| Listeria 1/2b | 94.736%     |
| Listeria 4b   | 99.641%     |
| Campylobacter | Below 80%   |
| COVID-19      | Below 80%   |

# ANI result

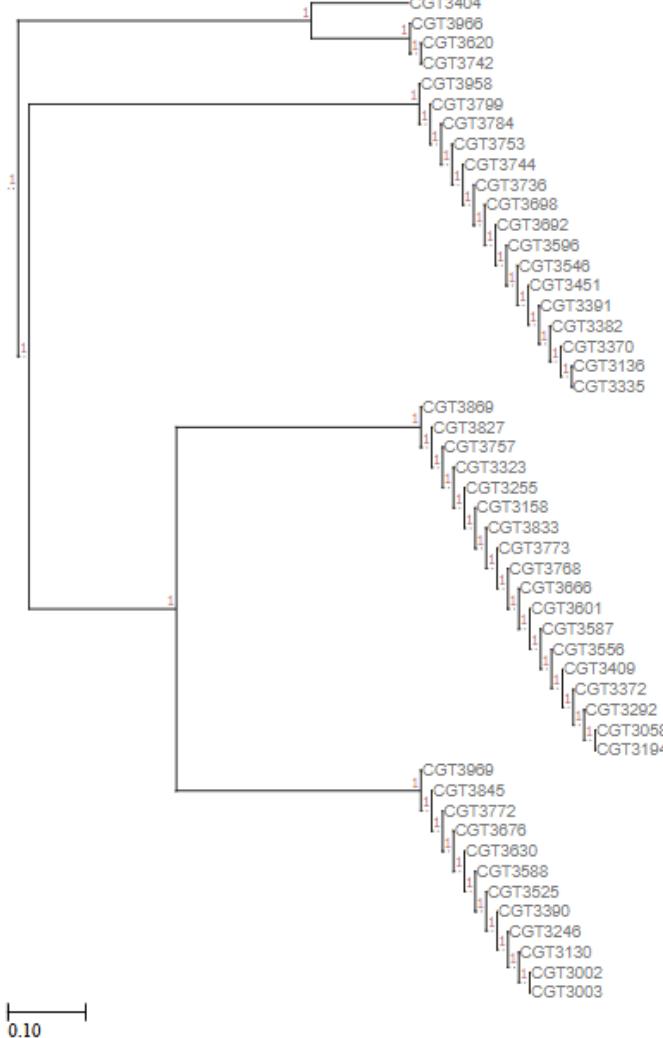


# Tool 1: StringMLST

- Input: raw FASTQ files
- 7 housekeeping genes
- Used existing PubMLST schema of Listeria monocytogenes
  - stringMLST.py --buildDB
- Output format:
  - stringMLST.py --predict

| Sample  | abcZ | bgmA | cat | dapE | dat | ldh | lhkA | ST |
|---------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|----|
| CGT3058 | 3    | 1    | 1   | 1    | 3   | 1   | 3    | 1  |
| CGT3194 | 3    | 1    | 1   | 1    | 3   | 1   | 3    | 1  |
| CGT3292 | 3    | 1    | 1   | 1    | 3   | 1   | 3    | 1  |

# Phylogenetic Tree from 7-gene StringMLST



Based on the traditional MLST analysis, there are 5 distinct sequence types among our 50 samples.

Listeria monocytogenes Sequence Types:

219 (1 sample)

397 (3 samples)

1 (18 samples)

37 (16 samples)

6 (12 samples)

## Tool 2: ChewBBACA

- 2997 loci in total, 540 loci used for cgMLST
- Input: FASTA files from Gene Prediction group
- Construct allele schema based genes from all isolates

chewBBACA.py CreateSchema

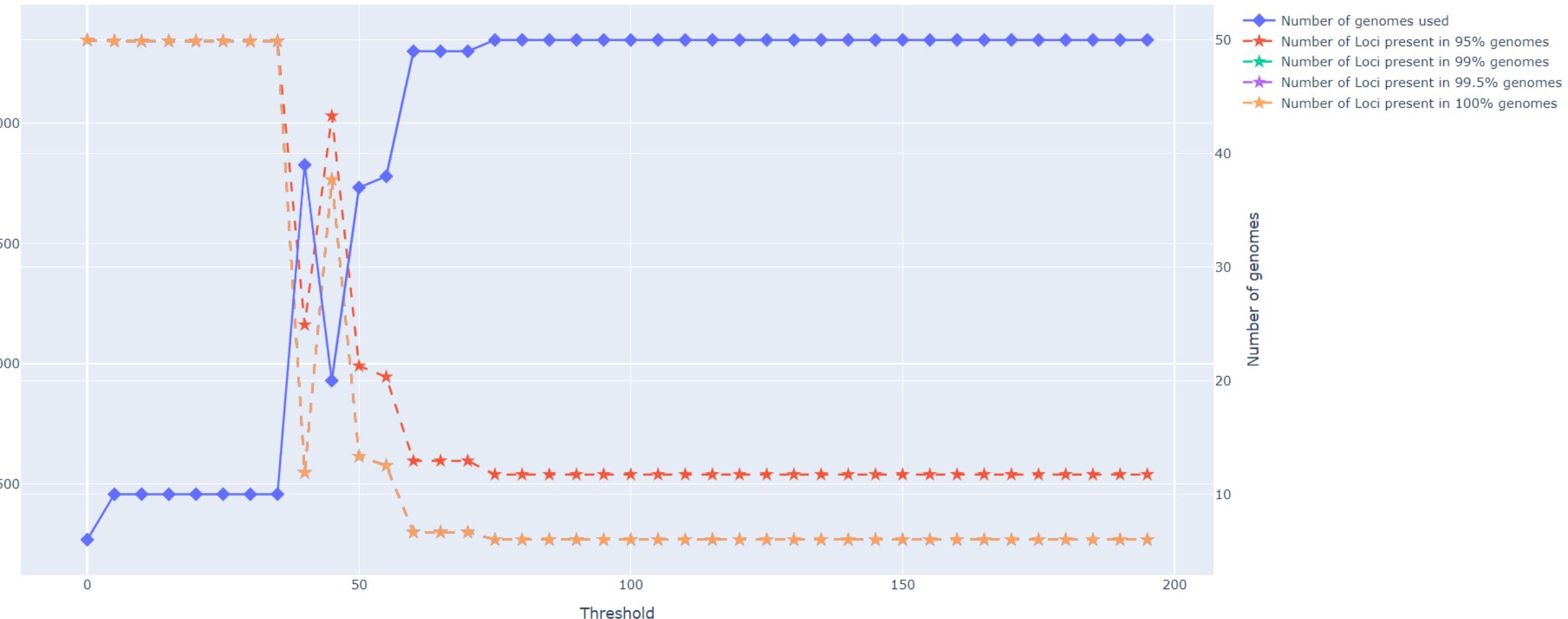
- Calling alleles from the schema

chewBBACA.py AlleleCall

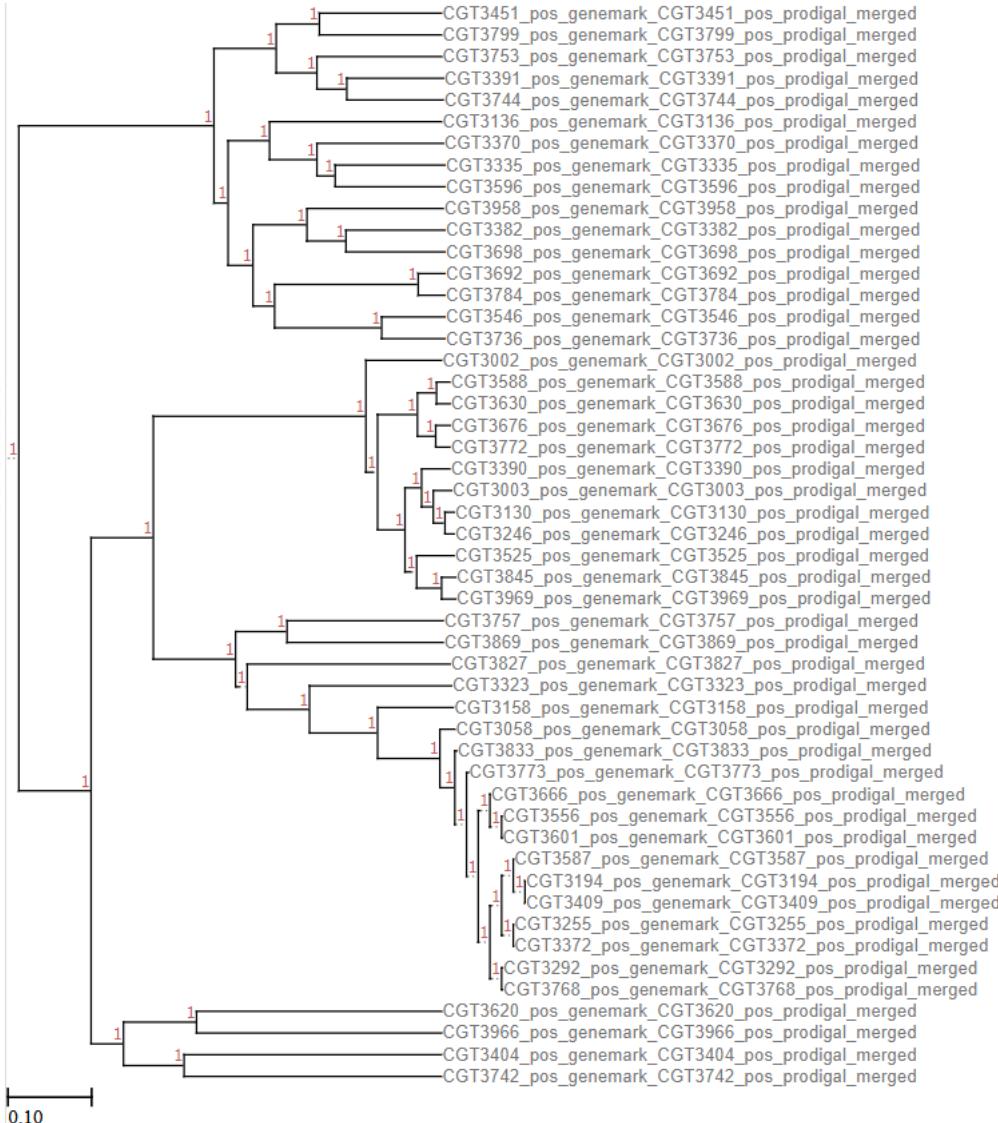
- Run MLST analysis only with the loci present in 95% of the matrix

chewBBACA.py ExtractCgMLST

## Test genomes quality



# Phylogenetic Tree from ChewBBACA cgMLST



# SNP-based Typing

| kSNP  | Output  | Best k  |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• input</li><li>• k-mer</li><li>• less memory</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lower resolution</li><li>• clustering</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 19</li><li>• 99.74%</li></ul> |

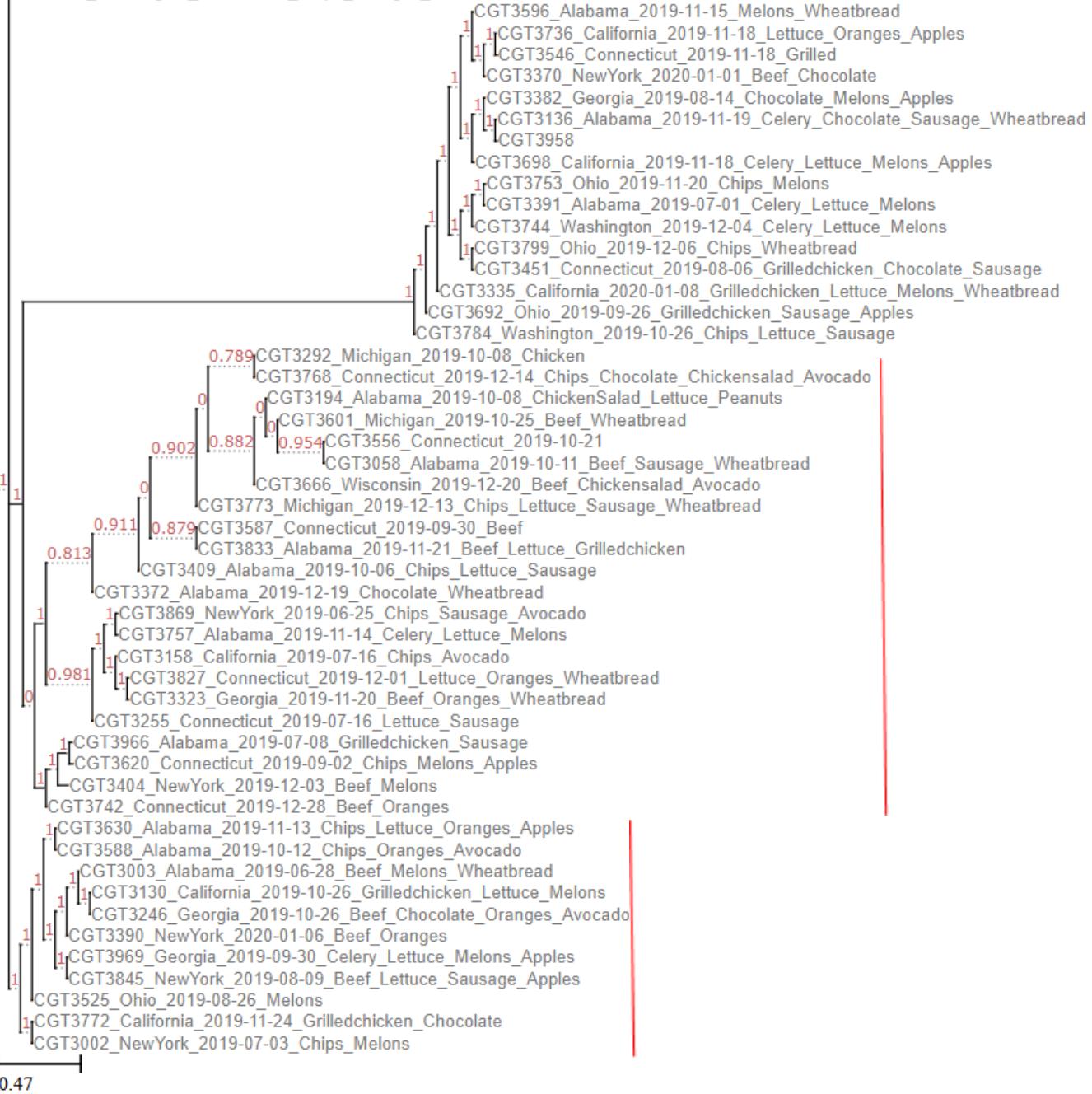
```
(base) [yzheng3466@biogenome2020 SNP]$ cat Kchooser.report
Initial value of k is 13.
When k is 13 0.872395562926884 of the kmers from the median length sequence are unique.
When k is 15 0.981747630863476 of the kmers from the median length sequence are unique.
When k is 17 0.995887747660249 of the kmers from the median length sequence are unique.
The optimum value of K is 19.
When k is 19 0.997407662620663 of the kmers from the median length sequence are unique.

There were 50 genomes.
The median length genome was 2886883 bases.
The time used was 641 seconds

From a sample of 997 unique kmers 594 are core kmers.
0.595787362086259 of the kmers are present in all genomes.
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CGT3676\_Washington\_2019-10-23\_Chips\_Oranges\_Wheatbread

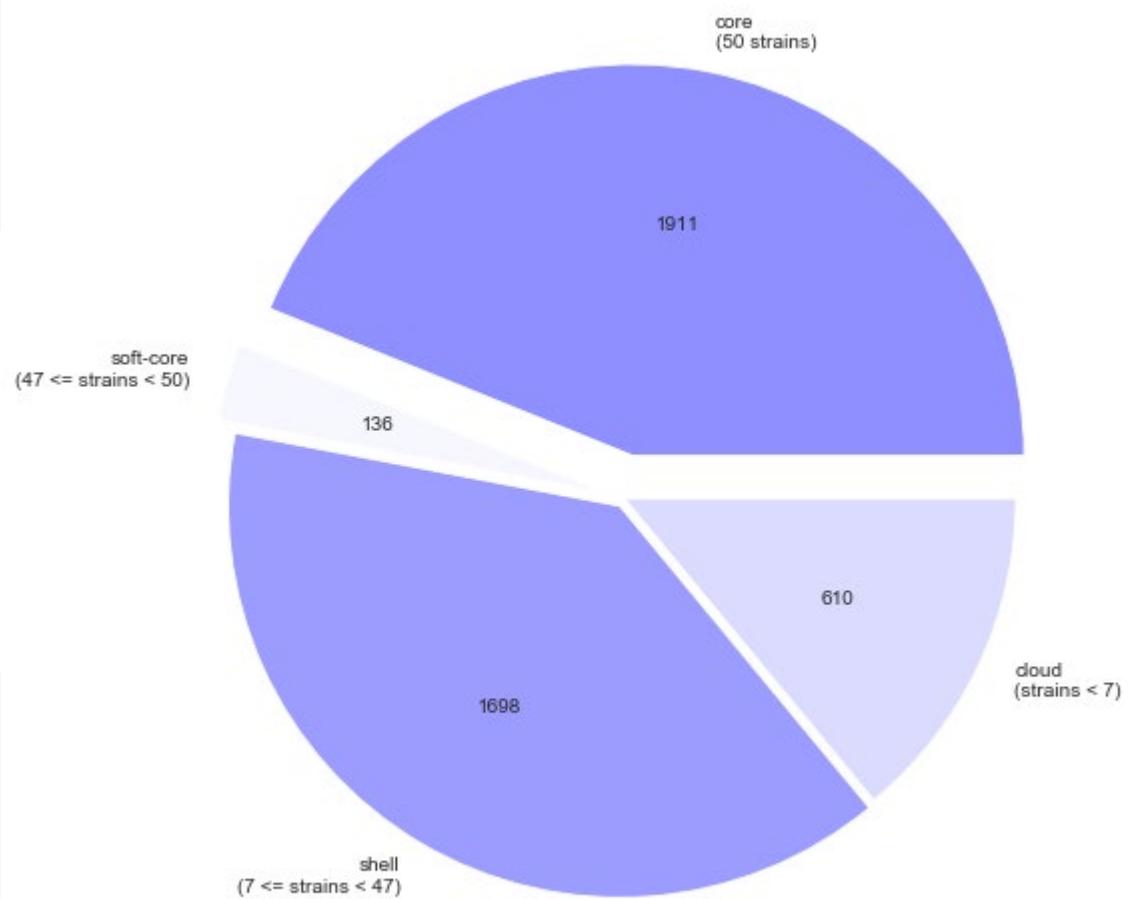
→ Unclustered isolate



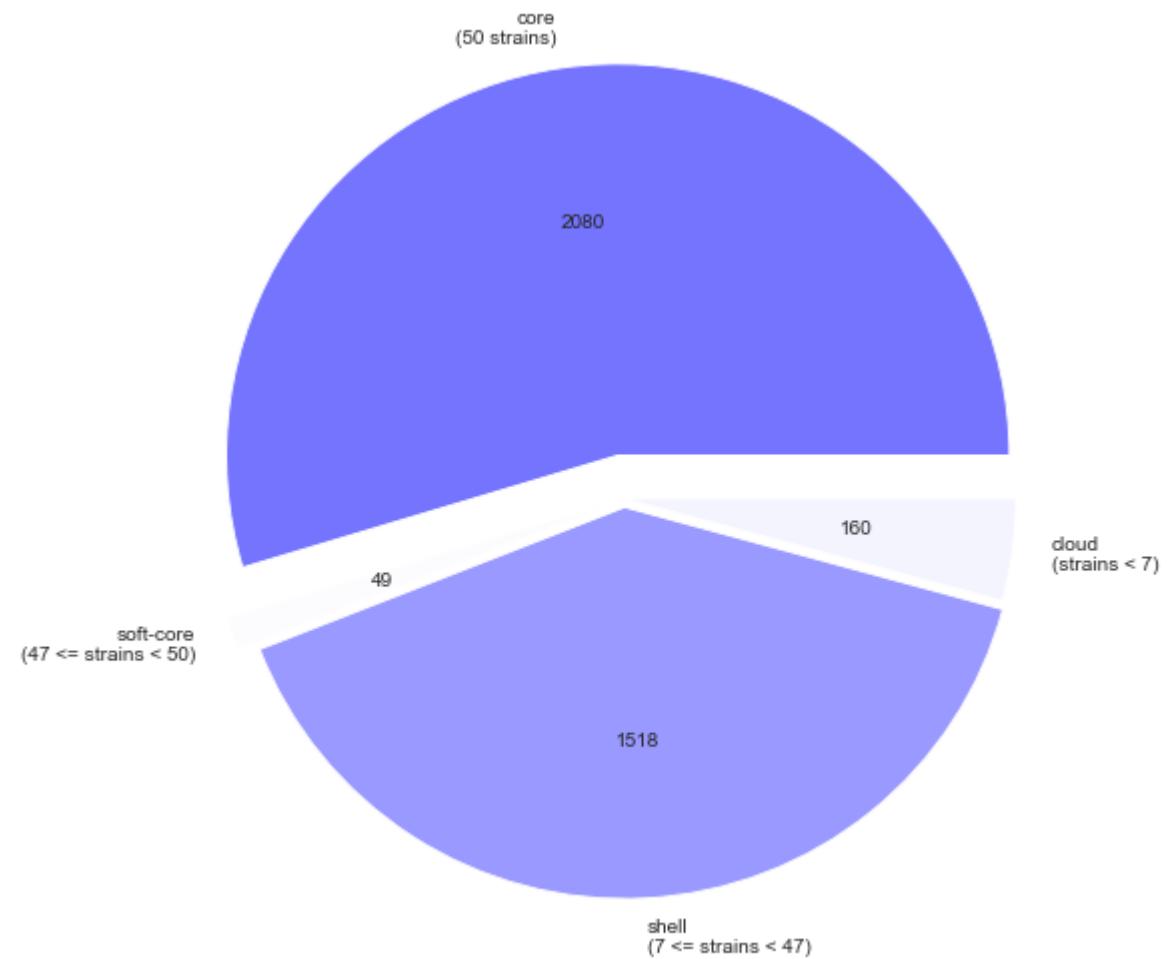
## Maximum Parsimony Tree

- Highest accuracy
- Fewest evolutionary change
- Fail to take into account many factors of sequence evolution
- 3 clusters
- Exclude 1 isolate

# Pan-genome analysis

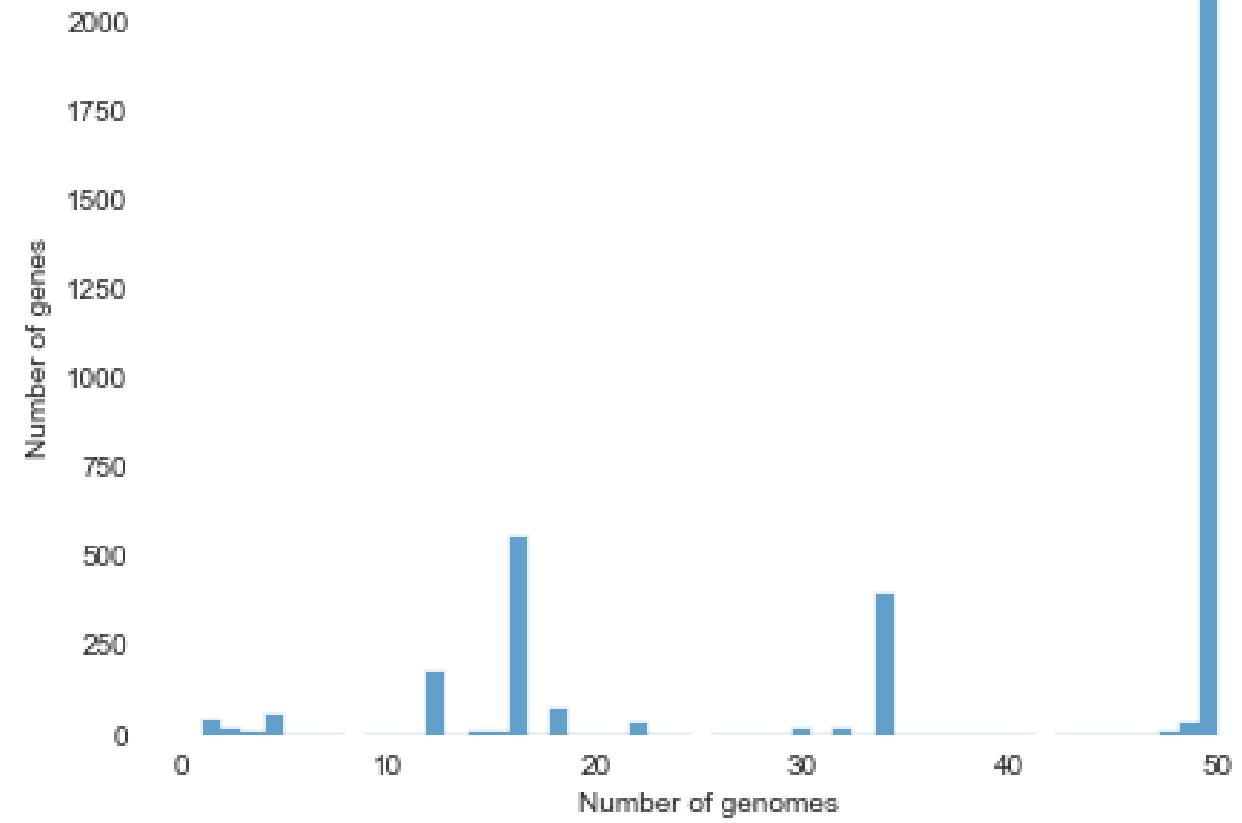
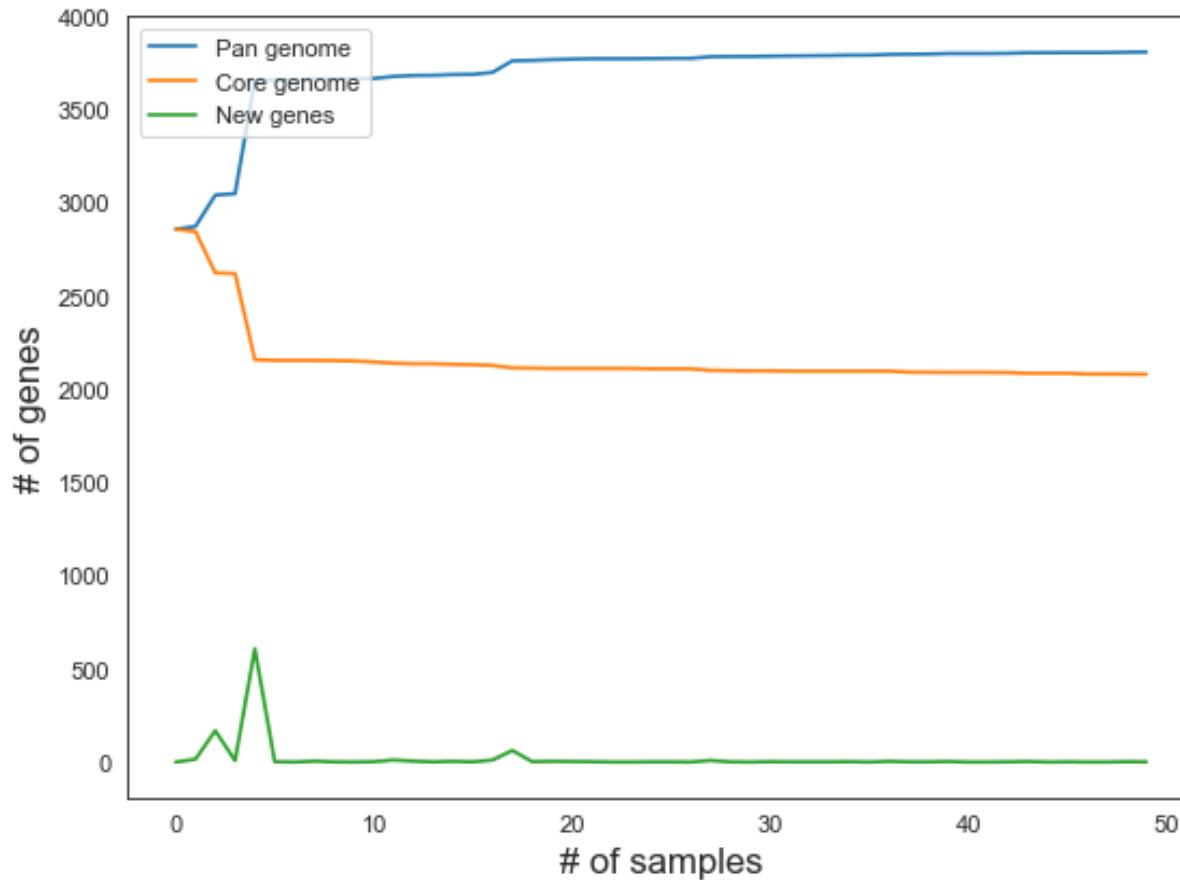


All genes

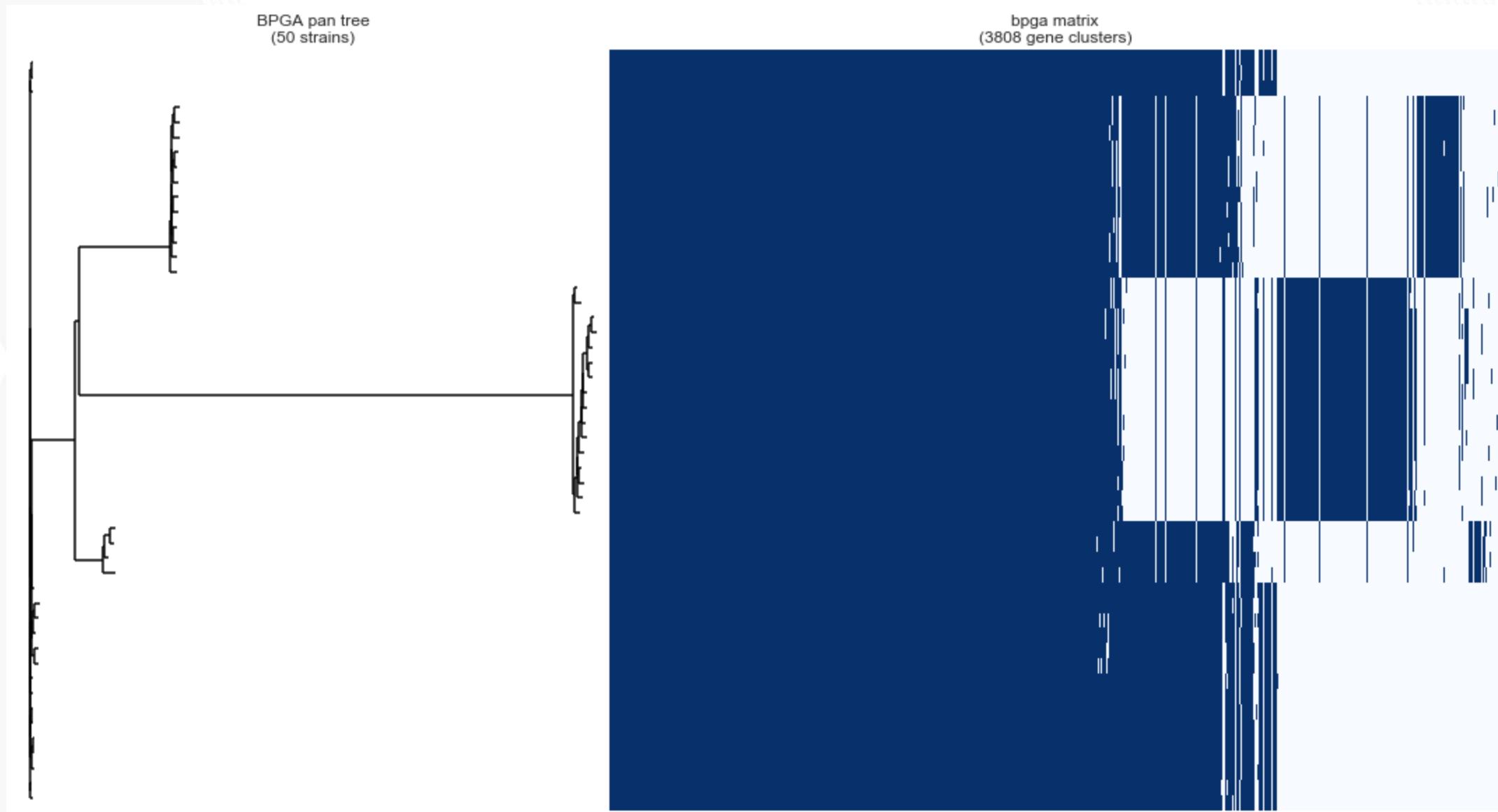


Coding genes

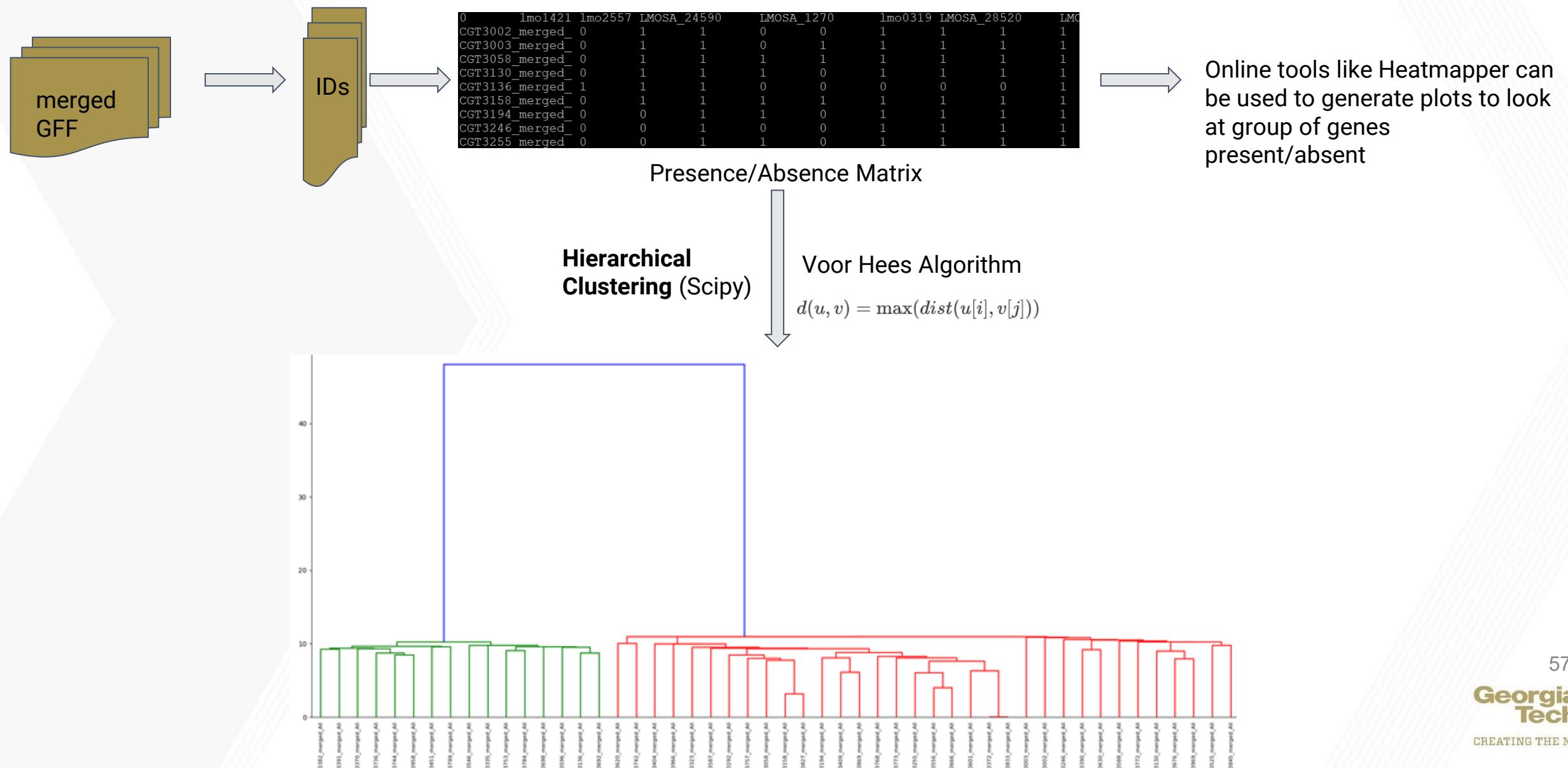
# Pan-genome analysis



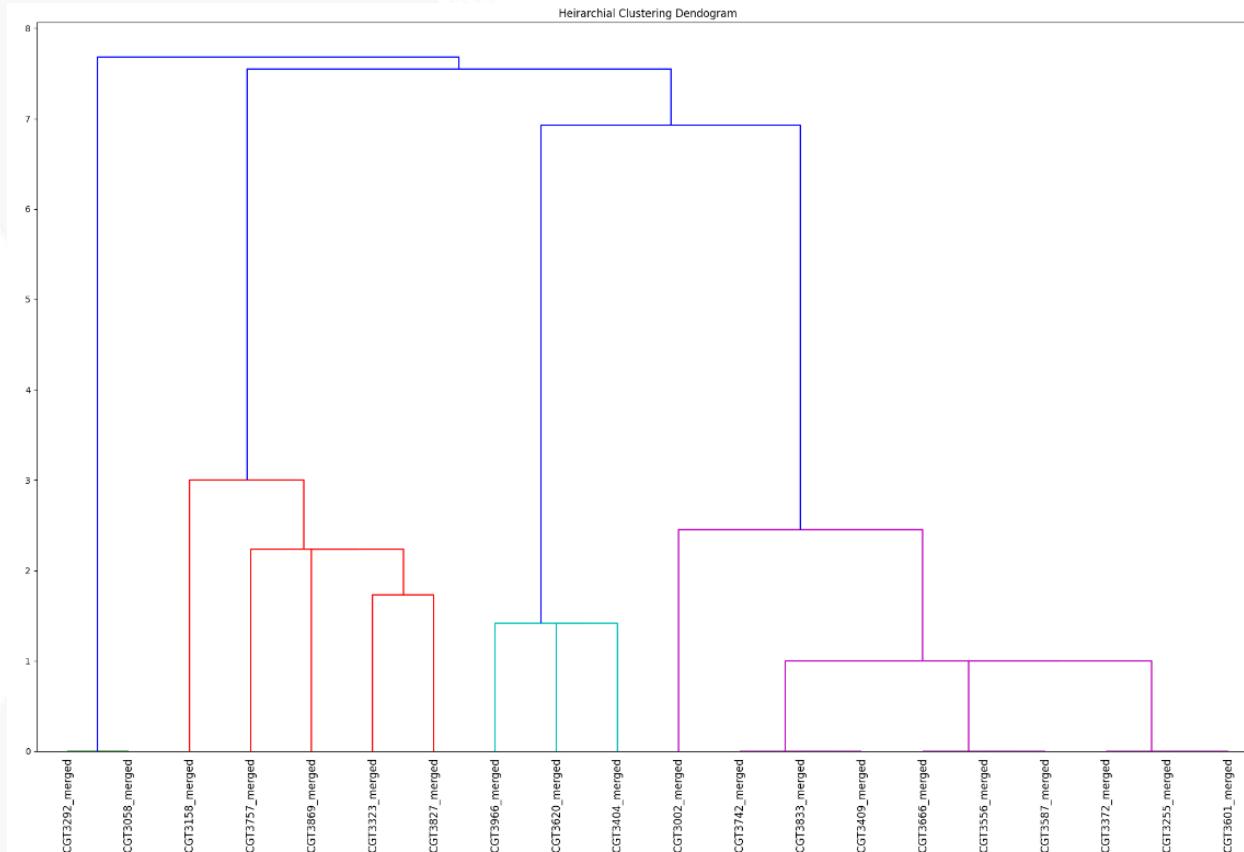
# Pan-genome analysis



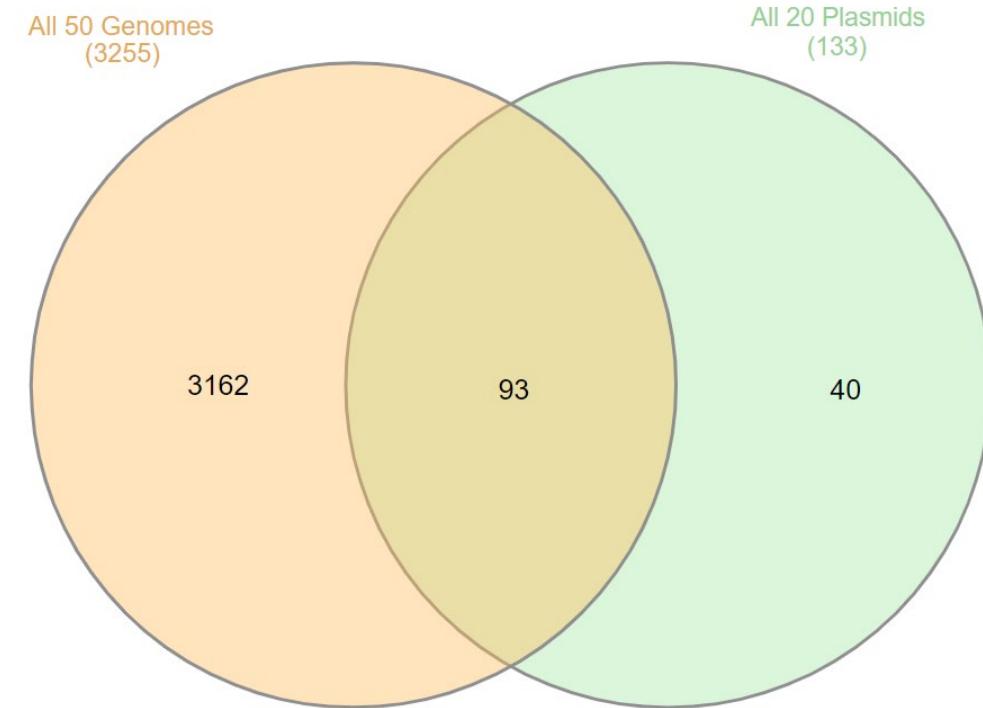
# Information extraction from merge annotated data



# GFF analysis of Plasmids

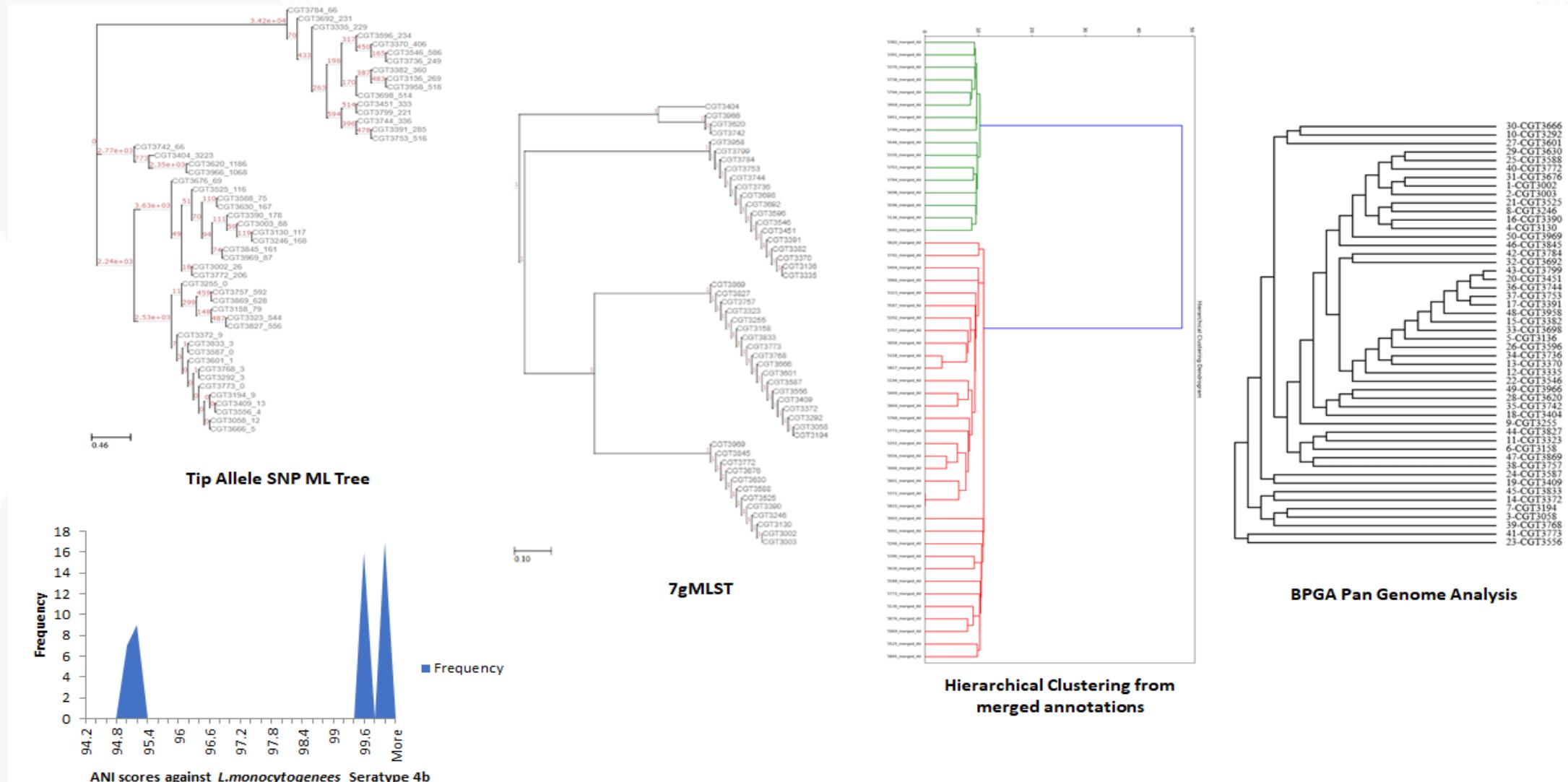


Hierarchical clustering of merged GFF files annotated on assembly files generated using plasmidSPades

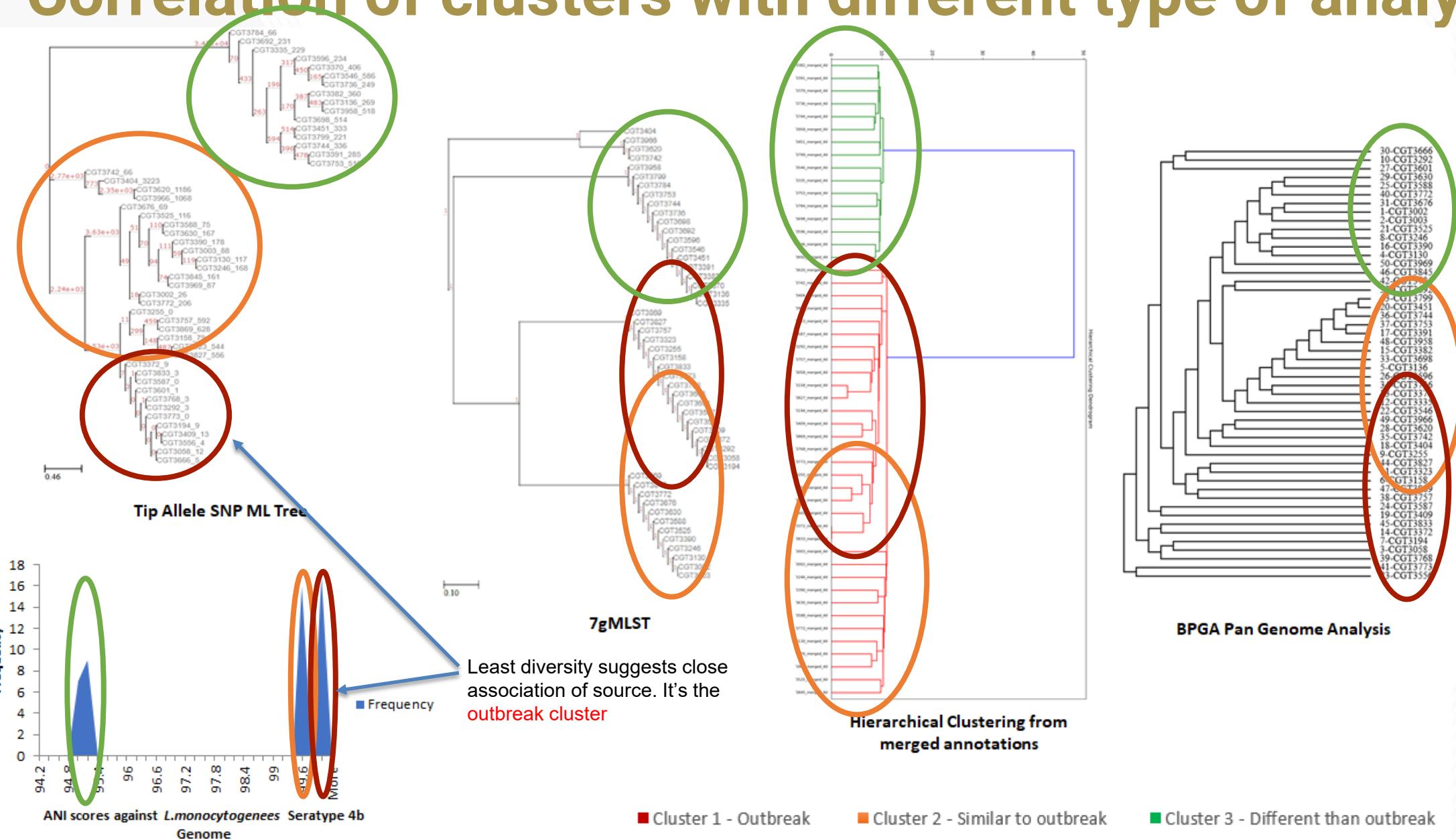


Unique annotations uncovered in plasmid data

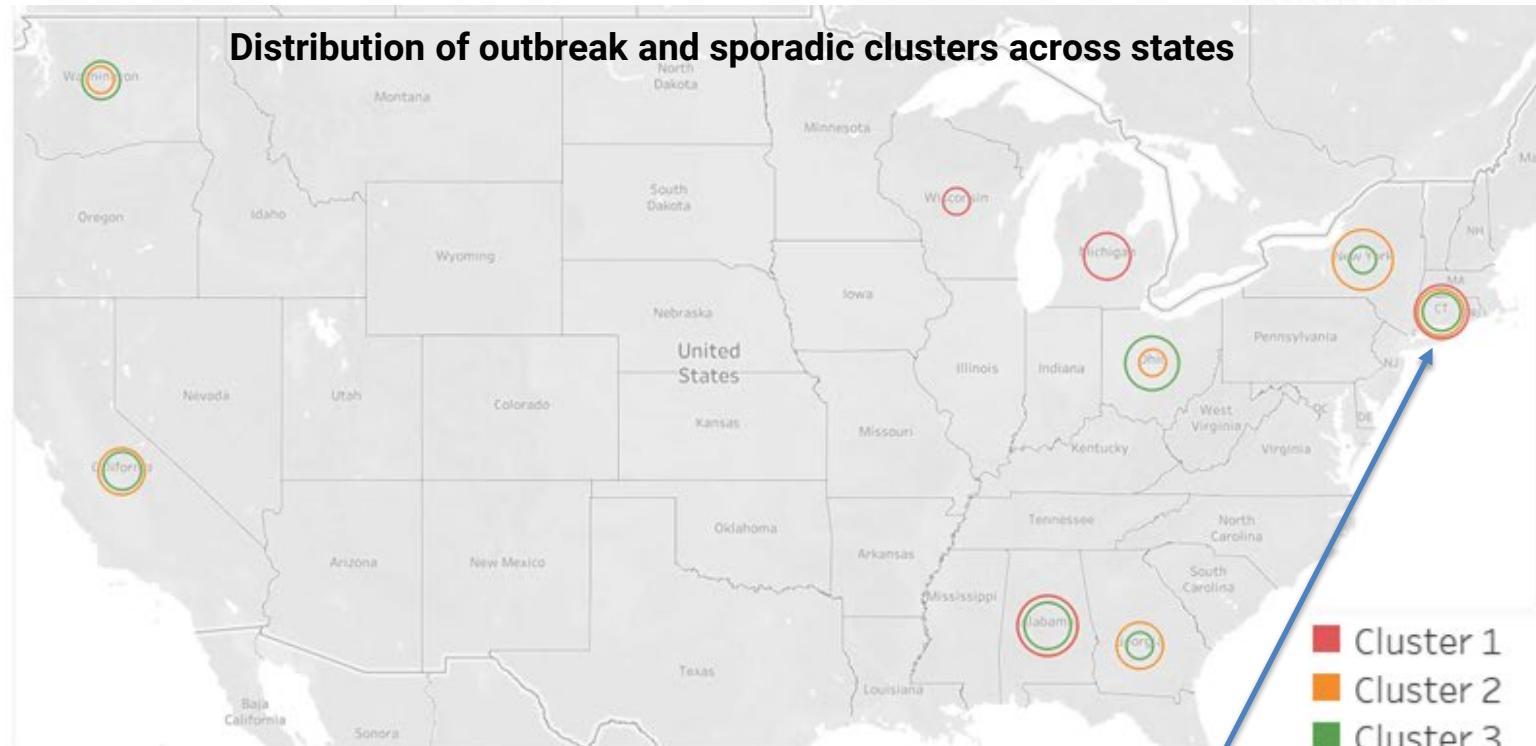
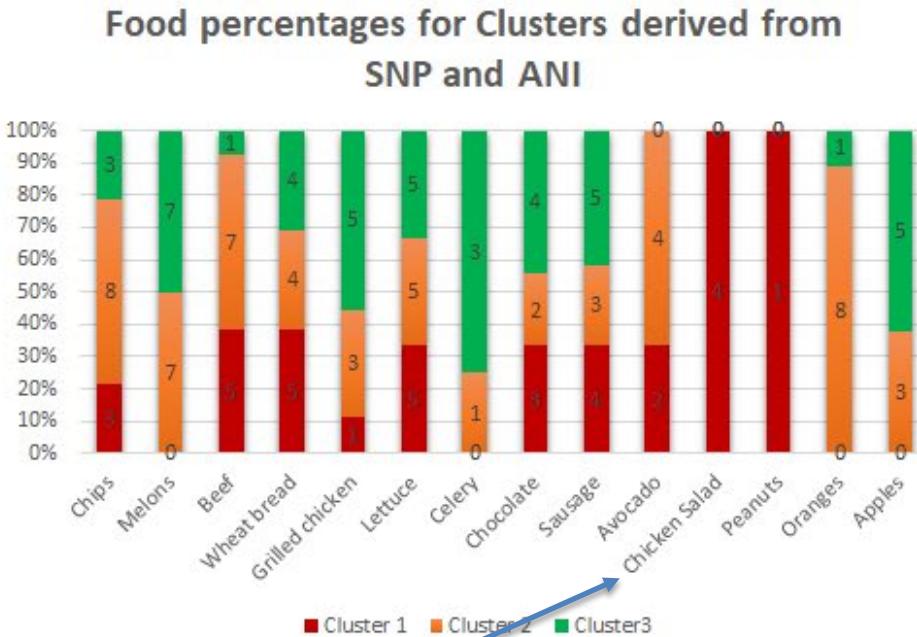
# Correlation of clusters with different typing analysis



# Correlation of clusters with different type of analysis



# Food source and Outbreak locations



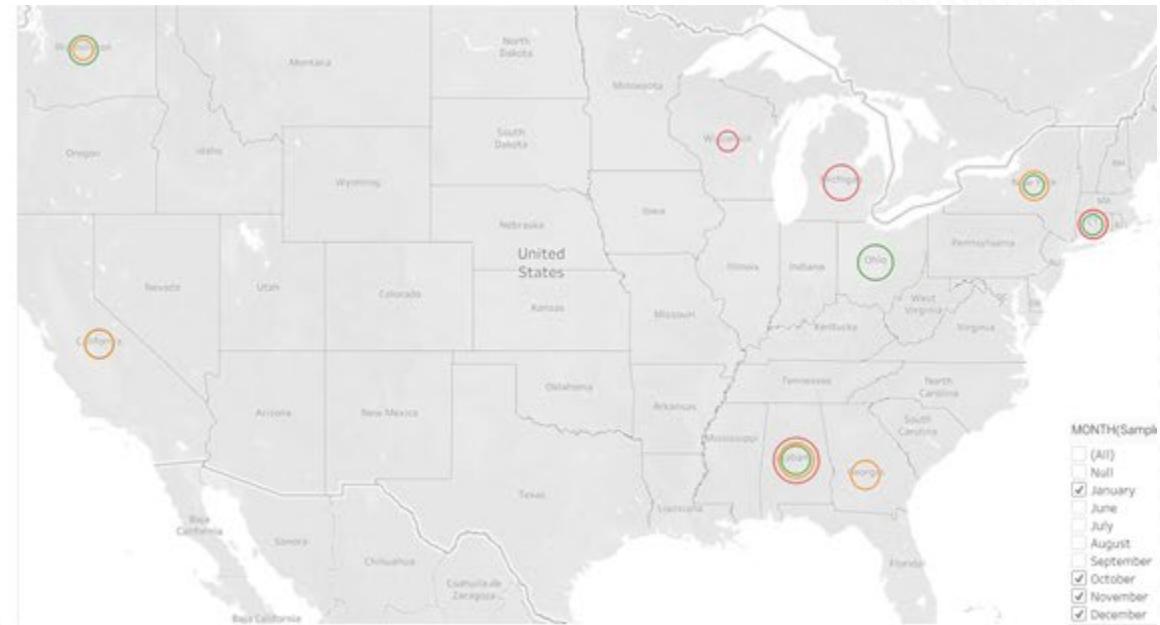
**Chicken Salad** fits the requirement for being the outbreak source for Listeria. (Listeria is seen mostly in ready to eat meats and people who consumed chicken salad were exclusively from the outbreak cluster)

Interesting observation: You see Outbreak cluster(Red) and Cluster(Orange) similar to the outbreak cluster only existing in **Connecticut**

# Timeline and source of Outbreak



Distribution of outbreak and sporadic clusters at the **beginning of the outbreak**



Distribution of outbreak and sporadic clusters at the **peak of the outbreak**

The outbreak source is from **Connecticut!**

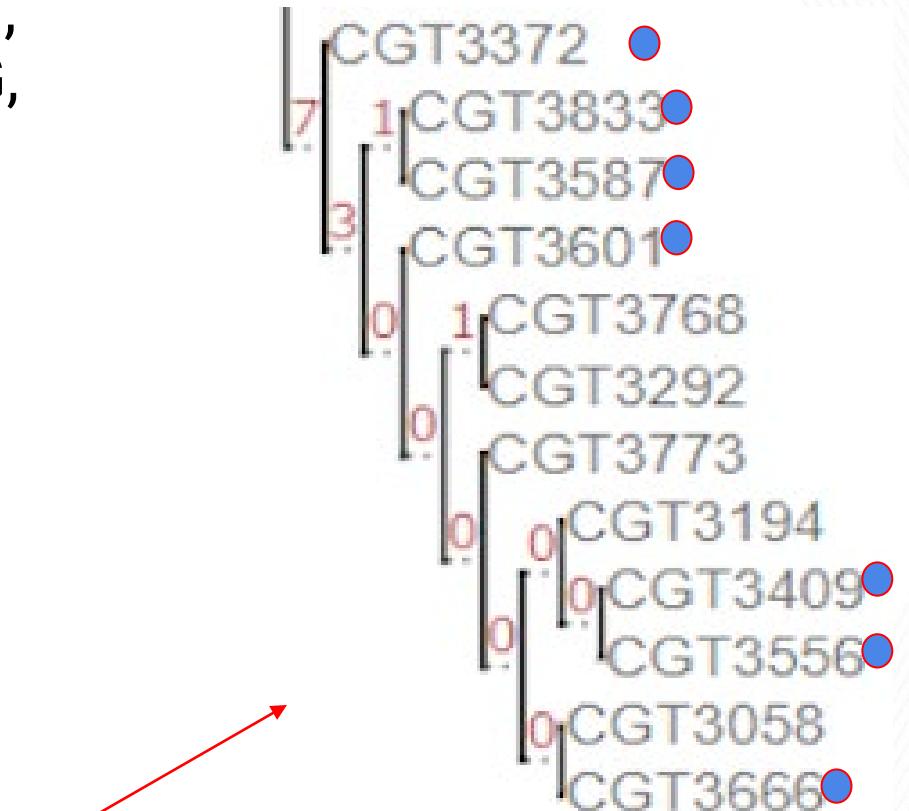
■ Cluster 1 - Outbreak

■ Cluster 2 - Similar to outbreak

■ Cluster 3 - Different than outbreak

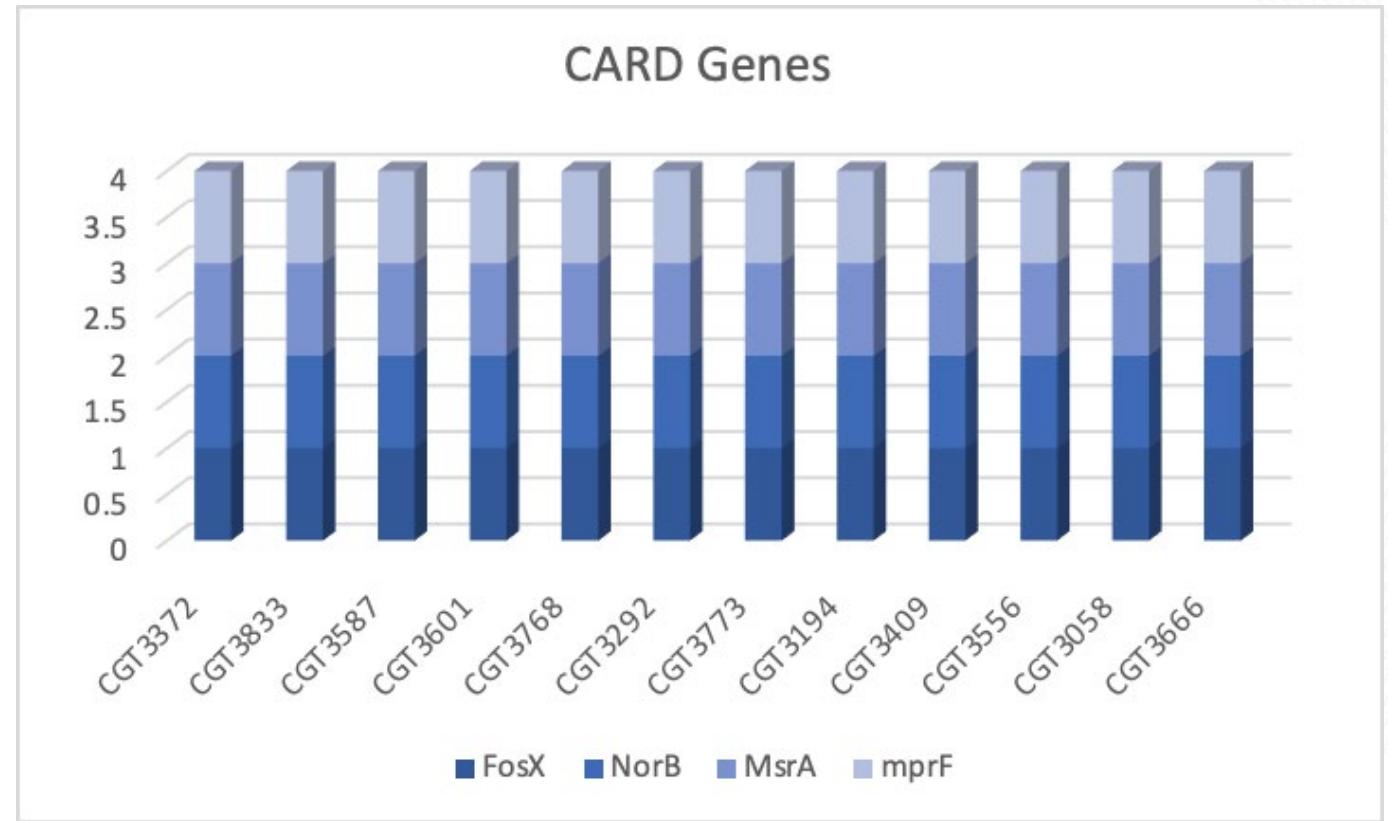
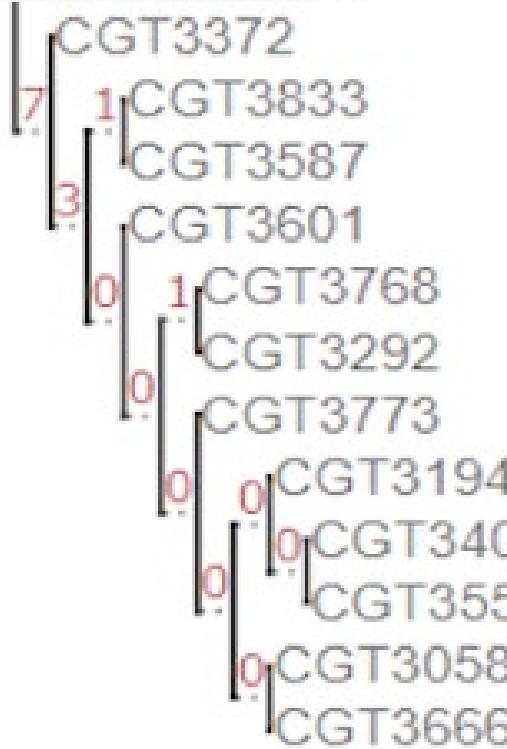
# Outbreak Analysis - VFDB

- 35 common virulence factor genes - *lapB*, *inlJ*, *oatA*, *hpt*, *prsA2*, *IspA*, *prfA*, *llsY*, *llsB*, *llsH*, *llsG*, *llsD*, *llsX*, *lpeA*, *plcA*, *plcB*, *actA*, *pdgA*, *vip*, *hly*, *inlF*, *inlA*, *inlB*, *inlC*, *clpE*, *inlP*, *mpl*, *clpP*, *inlK*, *iap/cwhA*, *fbpA*, *clpC*, *IntA*, *ami*, *lap*, *bsh*
- 3 genes absent in outbreak group but present in other isolates- *llsP*, *gtcA*, *aut*
- plasmid analysis of VFDB gave *IplA1* gene associated with plasmid.



# Outbreak Analysis - CARD gff

Isolates with OUTBREAK strains → Antibiotic resistance genes based on GFF from functional annotation team



# Antibiotic resistance

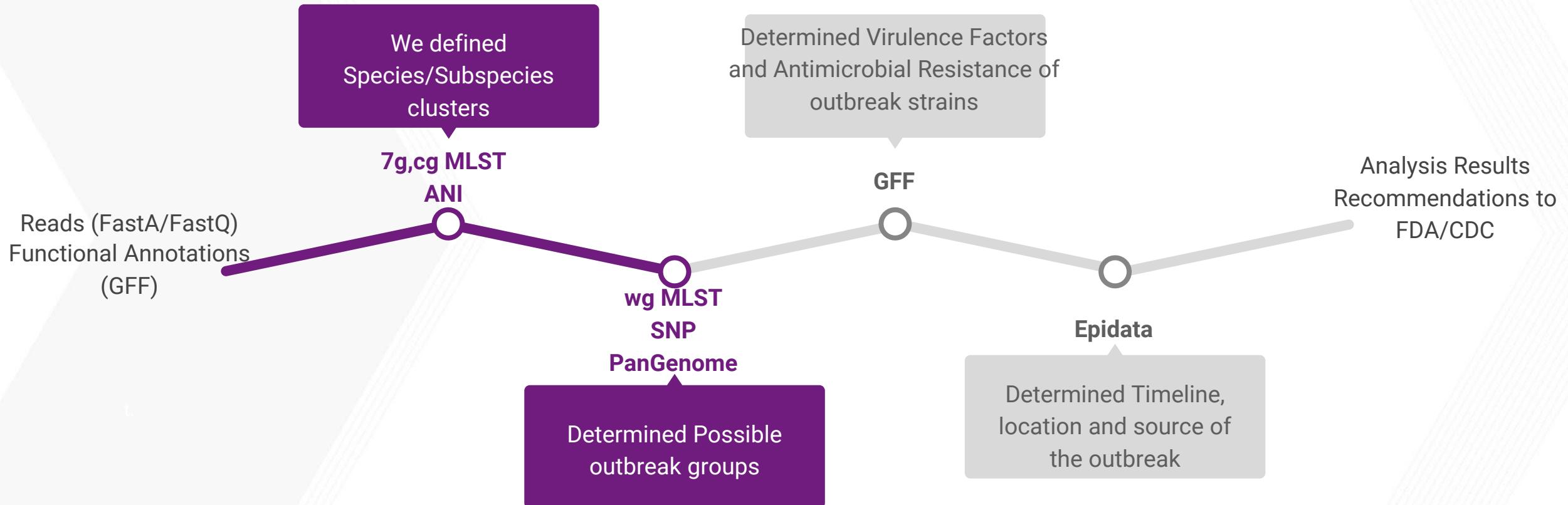
| Database | Gene                        | Present on            | Drug resistance  | Resistance mechanism         | AMR gene family  | Drug class   |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| CARD     | FosX                        | Chromosome            | Fosfomycin   | antibiotic inactivation      | fosfomycin thiol transferase                               | fosfomycin   |
| CARD     | msrA                        | plasmid or chromosome | Erythromycin and streptogramin B   | antibiotic target protection | ABC-F ATP-binding cassette ribosomal protection protein    | streptogramin antibiotic, tetracycline antibiotic, pleuromutilin antibiotic, macrolide antibiotic, oxazolidinone antibiotic, lincosamide antibiotic, phenicol antibiotic |
| CARD     | norB                        | chromosome            | fluoroquinolones and other structurally unrelated antibiotics like tetracycline. | antibiotic efflux            | major facilitator superfamily (MFS) antibiotic efflux pump | fluoroquinolone antibiotic   |
| CARD     | Listeria monocytogenes mprF | chromosome            | defensin resistance  | antibiotic target alteration | defensin resistant mprF                                    | peptide antibiotic   |

# Recommendation for Antibiotic

| Listeriosis treatment using | Antibiotic  | Recommendation |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------|
| β-lactam antibiotic         | <b>ampicillin</b>                                       | YES            |
| aminoglycoside              | gentamicin [+ampicillin]                                | YES            |
| β-lactam antibiotic         | penicillin  | YES            |
| β-lactam antibiotic         | amoxicillin [not used mostly]                           | NO             |
| allergy to penicillin       | trimethoprim - sulfamethoxazole                         | YES            |
| allergy to penicillin       | vancomycin, meropenem, or a macrolide [not widely used] | YES            |
| alternative treatment       | <b>tetracycline</b>                                     | NO             |
| alternative treatment       | <b>erythromycin</b>                                     | NO             |
| alternative treatment       | <b>Fosfomycin</b>                                       | NO             |
| alternative treatment       | <b>Fluoroquinolone</b>                                  | NO             |

\*Cephalosporins, Chloramphenicol are not effective against *Listeria monocytogenes*.

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# Thankyou!