

# In/formation

a helix  
winds its  
mythical  
way across  
the space  
between  
what is  
not and  
what could  
be, to hook  
up with like  
-minded  
entities  
in order  
to create  
even bigger  
uniquely  
-shaped  
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# Next Generation Sequencing with the Genomics Core

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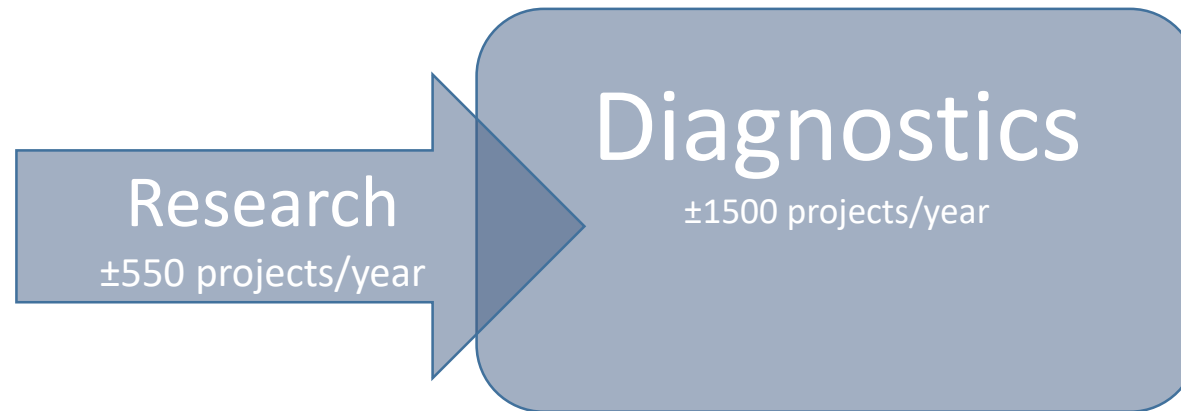
Sciences Workshop Genomics Core



What's the use of technology if it is not usable?

# Mission

- Make the NGS revolution a possibility for everyone
- Introduce novel technologies as service
- Reduce cost by optimizing sequencing
- Diagnose patients



# Who are we?

- 8 wet lab people
- 9 bio-informaticians
- 4 supporting people



# DNA

- Amplicon, MIPs
- *de novo* assembly
- Metagenetics, -genomics
- Bacterial WGS
- Vertebrate WGS
- Long read sequencing

# RNA

- Truseq stranded mRNA
- Lexogen quantseq
- IsoSeq (Pacbio)

# Single cell genomics

- DepArray
- SMART-seq2
- 10x Genomics

Sequencing only

Custom Bio-informatics

# Sequencing

- Illumina



Miseq



Nextseq



HiSeq 4000



NovaSeq

- PacBio



PacBio Sequel

- Nanopore

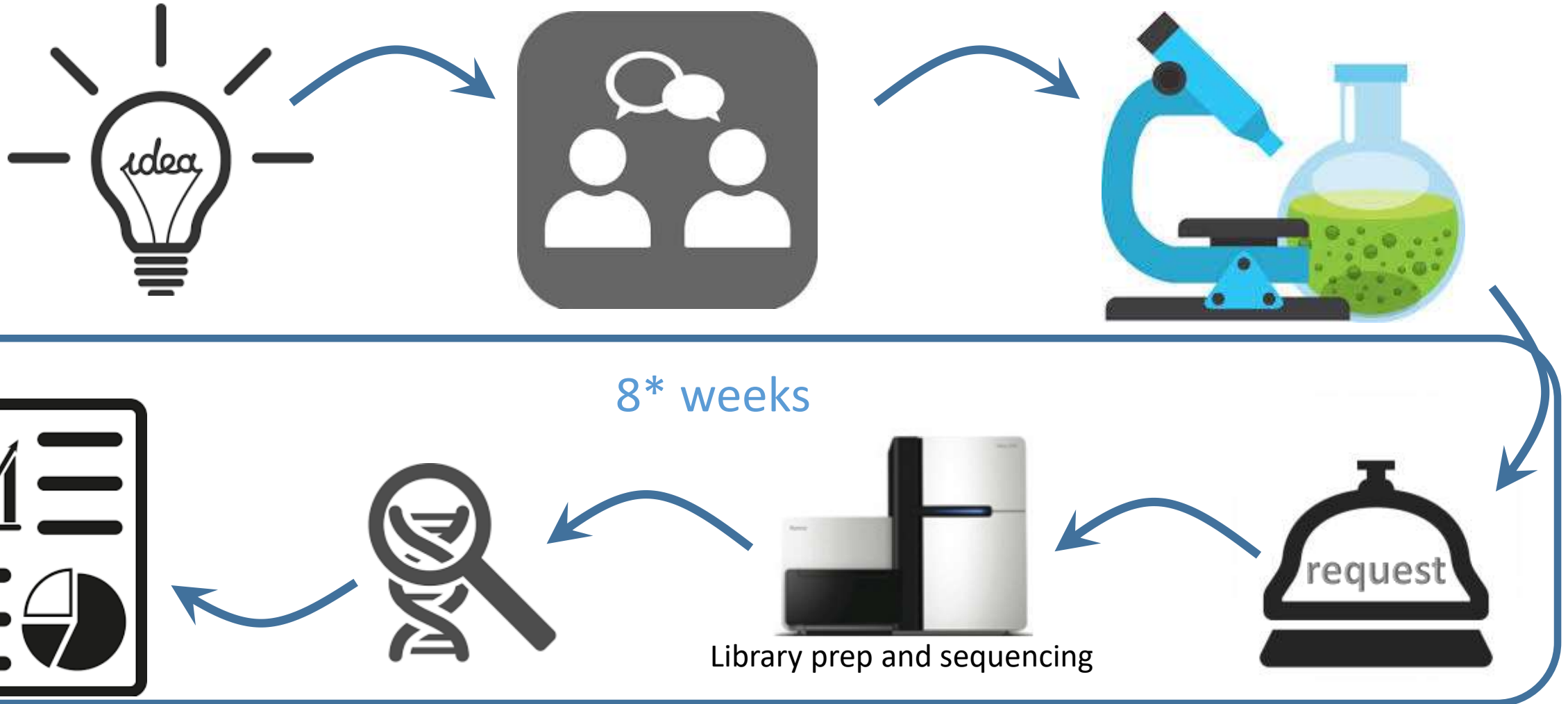


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# How to get started?

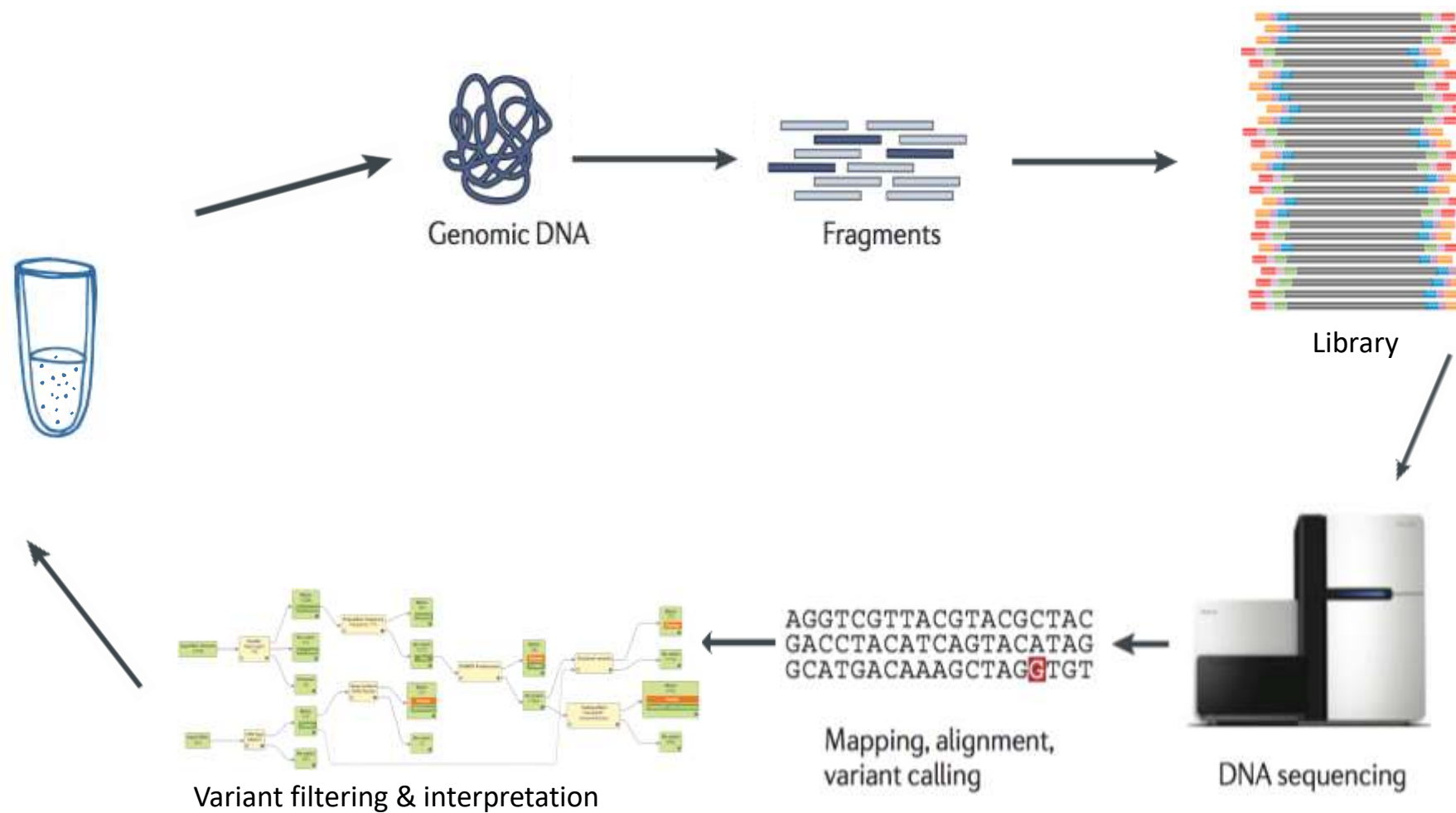




# Data Analysis: What we offer

- Always **demultiplexed** (separate files for separate samples), and **mapped** for species with references genome
- Differential expression analysis included in price of RNAseq library prep
- **Custom** project possible
- **Cloud-enabling services**

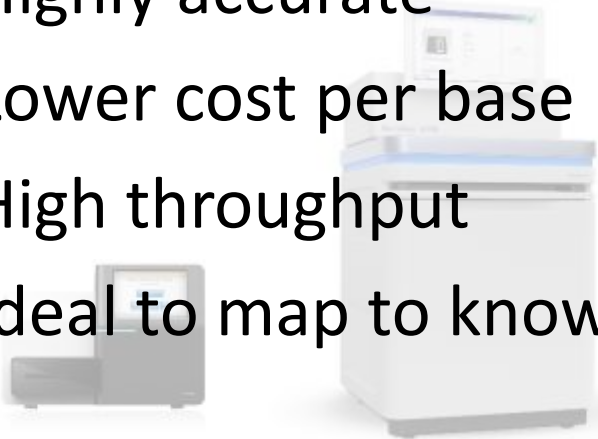
# NGS workflow



# Two main types of NGS

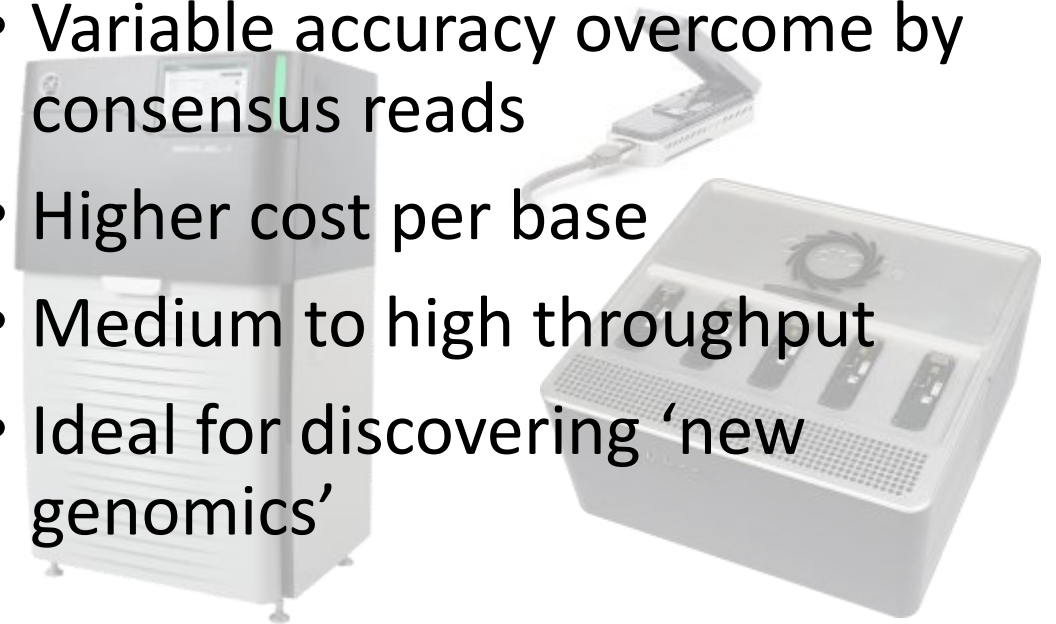
## Short read: Illumina

- From from 35 to 500 bp
- Highly accurate
- Lower cost per base
- High throughput
- Ideal to map to known reference



## Long read: Pacbio and Nanopore

- From 500 bp to 500 kb
- Variable accuracy overcome by consensus reads
- Higher cost per base
- Medium to high throughput
- Ideal for discovering 'new genomics'



# Combining short- and long-read sequencing

## 1. Genome Sequencing

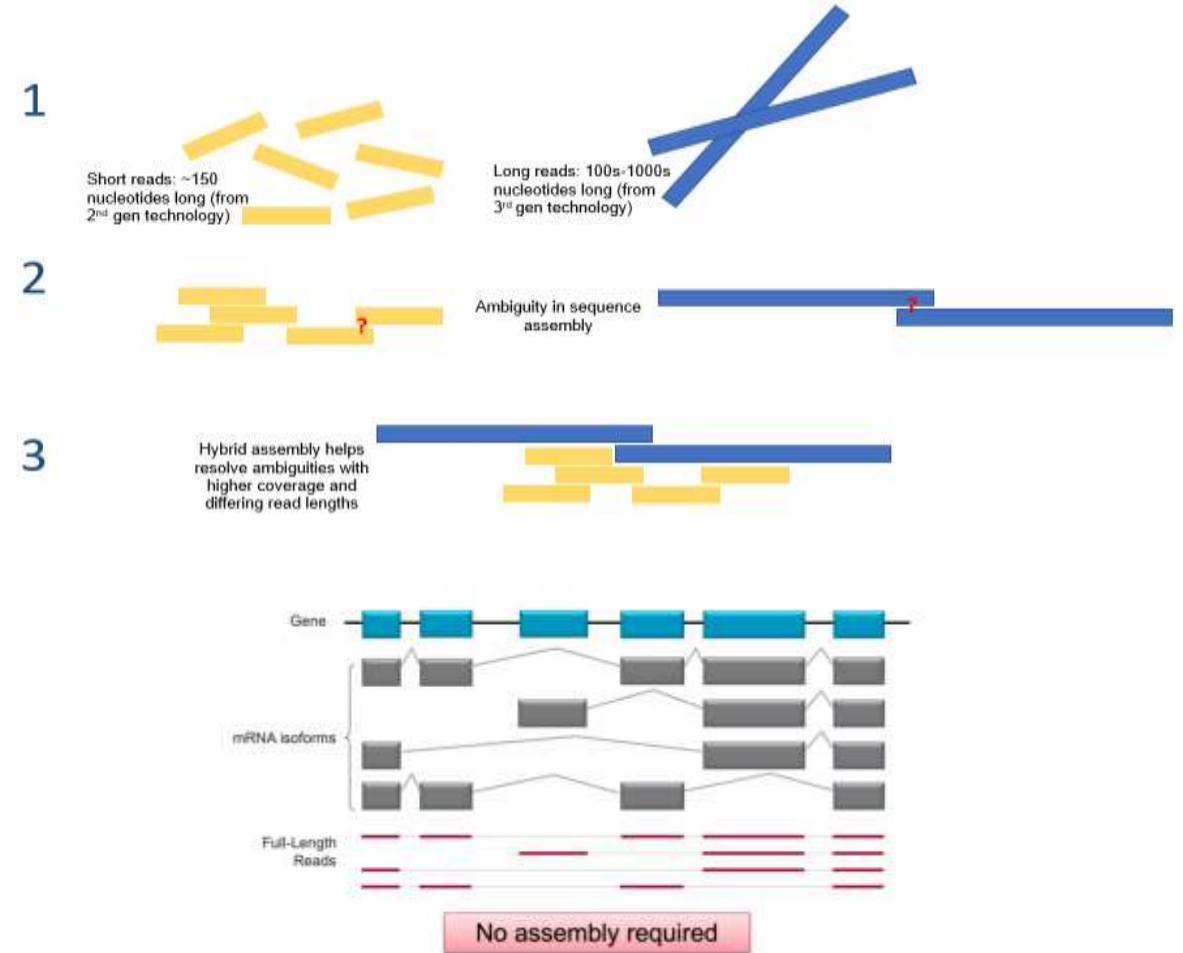
- **Cost-efficient** *de novo* assembly for genomes or difficult regions
- **Complementary**
- HiC & Genome Mapping

## 2. Transcriptome Sequencing

- Full transcripts
- Splice variants
- Isoforms and gene-fusions

## 3. Epigenome

- Methylation signals



# The genomics revolution in non-model organisms...

- NGS used for ecological and non-model questions
- Genetic mechanisms of ecological interactions with other species, the environment and perturbations
- New tools for old questions



# What can we do for you at GC?

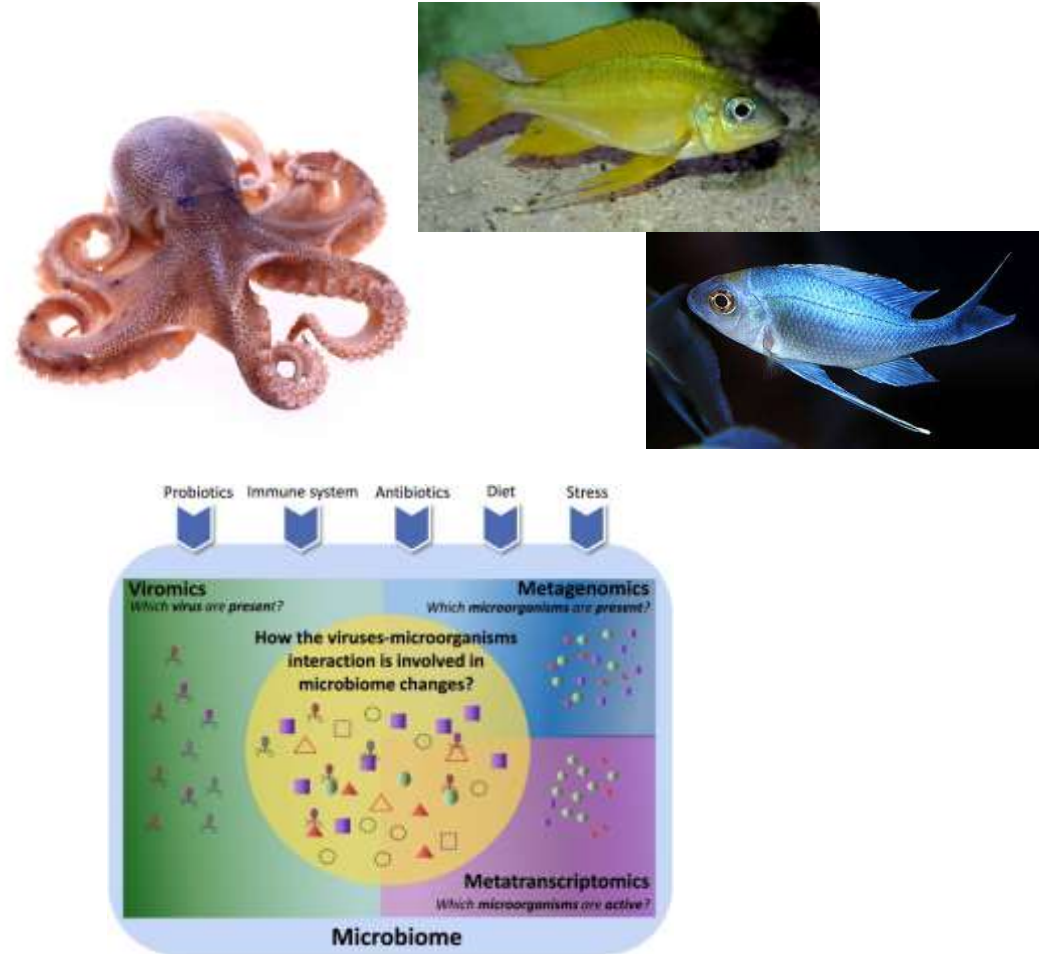
- **Genetic marker** development
- **Species** identification
- **Stock** identification / traceability
- **Sequencing** and **Genotyping** service
- **Ecotoxicogenomics**
- **Breeding/Aquaculture/Wildlife** genetics
- **Bioinformatics** consulting





# Transcriptomics (short & long reads combined)

1. Transcriptome assembly of non-model organisms  
(Full transcripts IsoSeq or deep RNASeq)
2. Differential Gene Expression analysis  
(RNAseq or QuantSeq)
3. Single-cell transcriptomics  
(10X genomics)
4. Metatranscriptomics  
(functional component of microbial communities)



# RNAseq: What is my scientific question?

## Quantify

- ✓ Difference between conditions
- ✓ Change over time

### Expression profile seq

- Partial transcript
- Few reads

Condition A



Condition B



## Identify

- ✓ De novo transcript assembly
- ✓ Fusion genes
- ✓ Isoform

### Whole transcriptome seq

- Full transcript
- Many reads

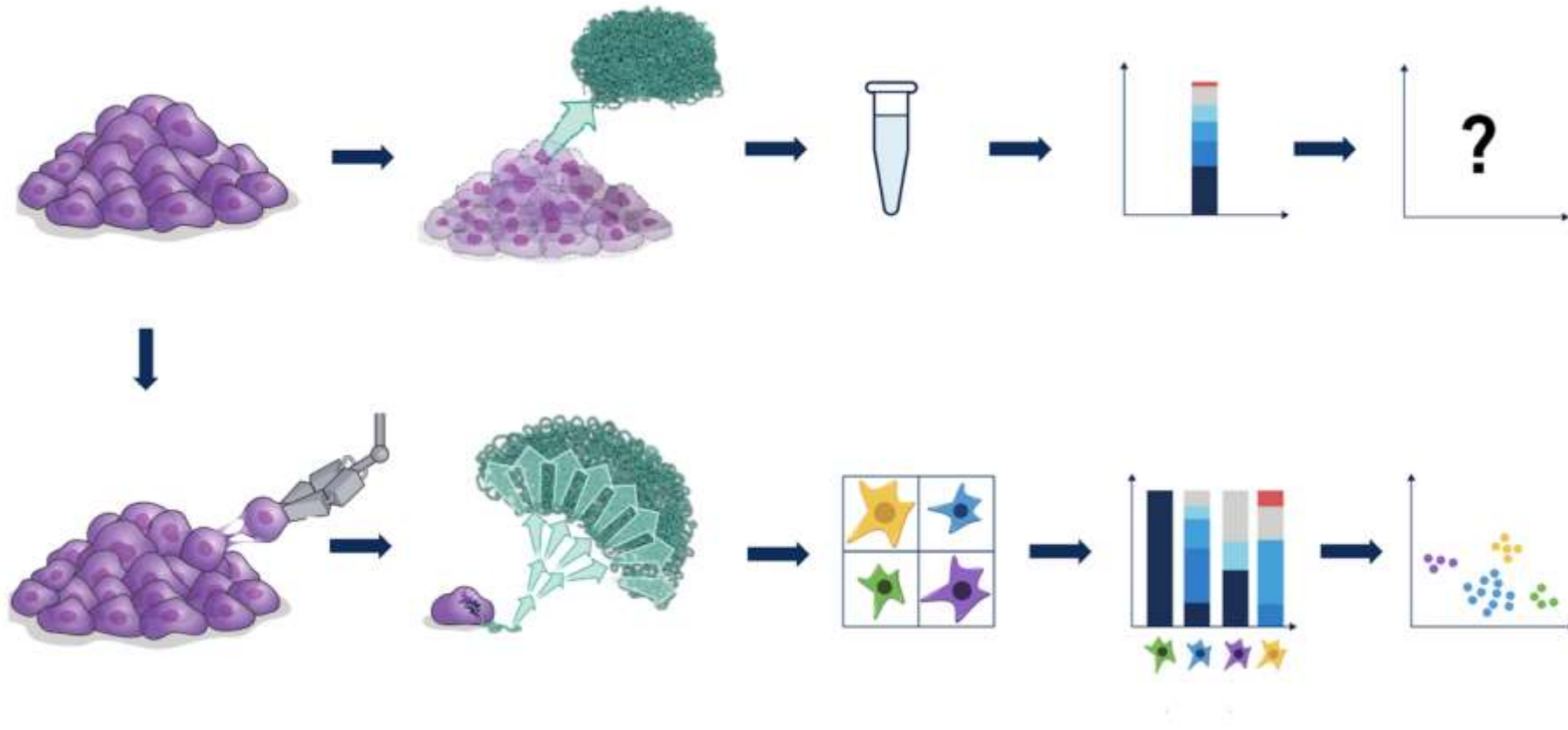




# RNAseq: different library prep methods

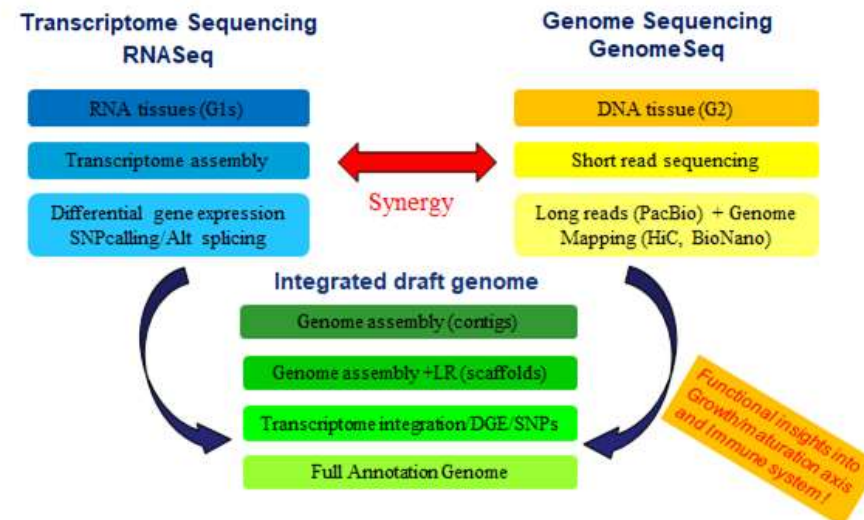
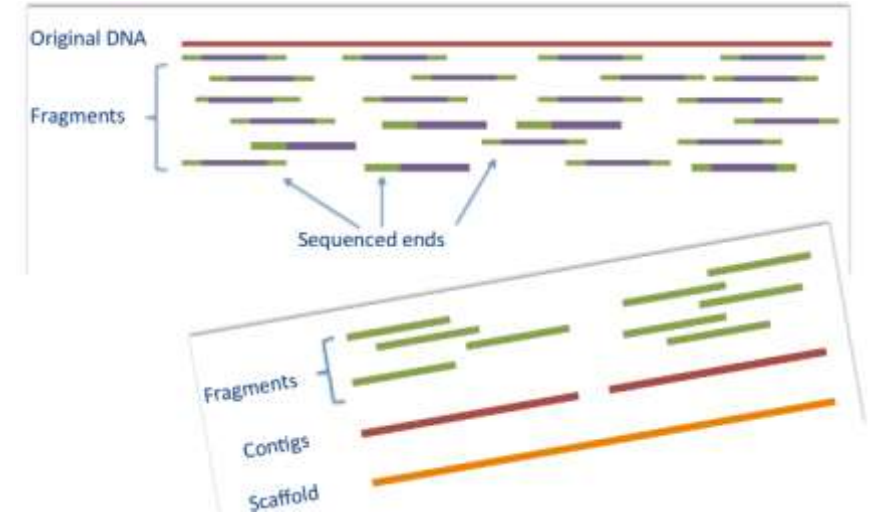
	Differential expression	Whole transcript, fusion, isoforms	Small RNA	Illumina compatible
Lexogen QuantSeq 3' mRNA	✓			✓
Lexogen Small RNA seq	✓		✓	✓
Illumina TruSeq stranded mRNA	✓	✓		✓
Illumina TruSeq stranded total RNA	✓	(✓)	✓	✓
IsoSeq	(✓)	✓		

# Single cell RNA-seq as a complementary technique to bulk RNA-seq



# Whole Genome *de novo* assemblies

1. Organelle (circular) assemblies (mtDNA; Chloroplast DNA)
2. Microbial genome assembly (single strains or metagenomes)
3. Metazoa genomes (combination of sequencing technologies)

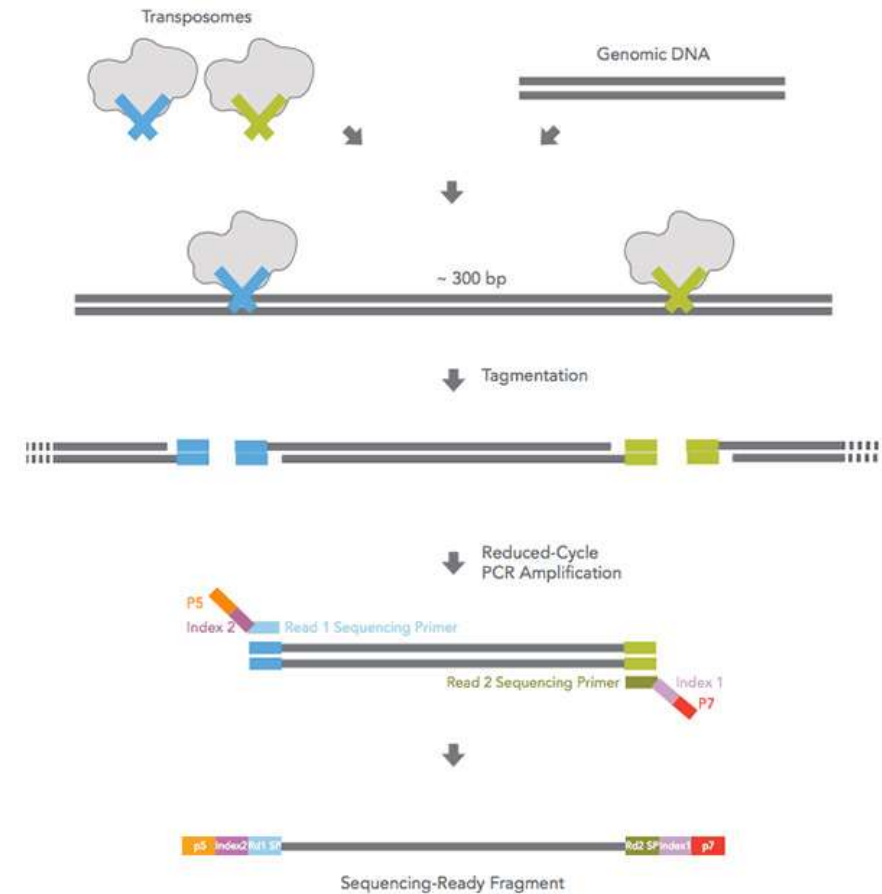


# Whole genome sequencing eukaryotes

- Short reads only:
  - SNV and CNV detection
  - For known reference genomes
  - Validated pipeline for human genome
- Long reads (supplemented with short reads)
  - For SV detection (and SNVs and CNVs)
  - Sequencing difficult regions
  - De novo assembly of genomes
  - Further tools developed for new assembly strategies

# Whole genome sequencing bacteria

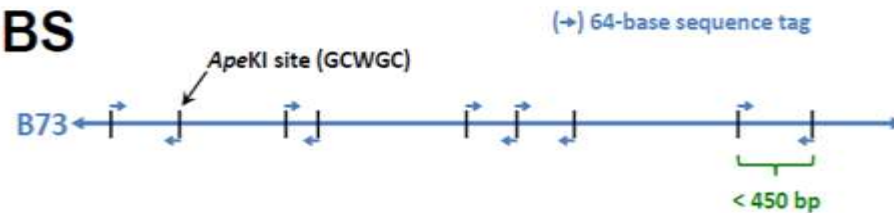
- Nextera XT on Echo Labcyte
  - Proven method
  - Scaled to very low volumes
  - In 384-well plates



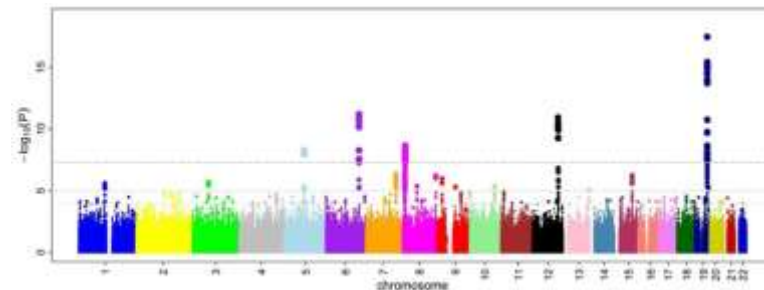
# Genotyping-by-Sequencing (GBS and RAD-Seq)

## Reduced Genome Representation through GBS

### GBS



### WGS



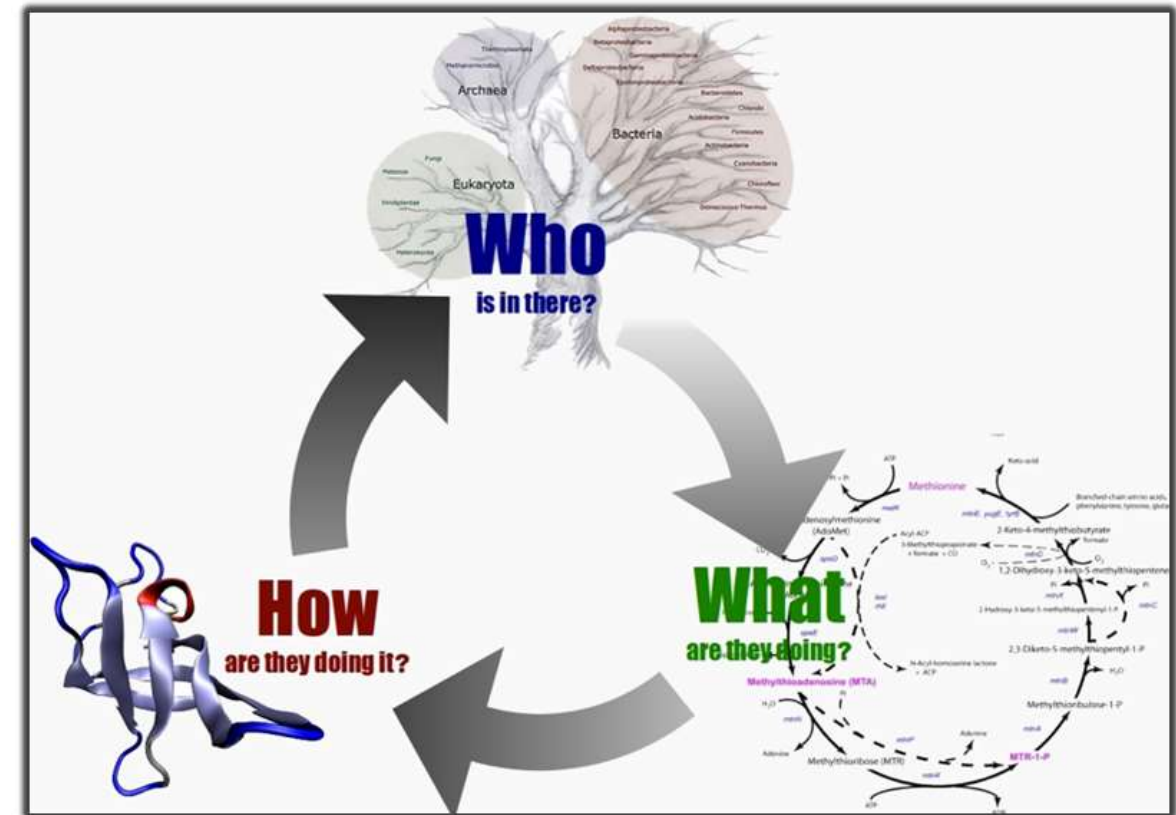
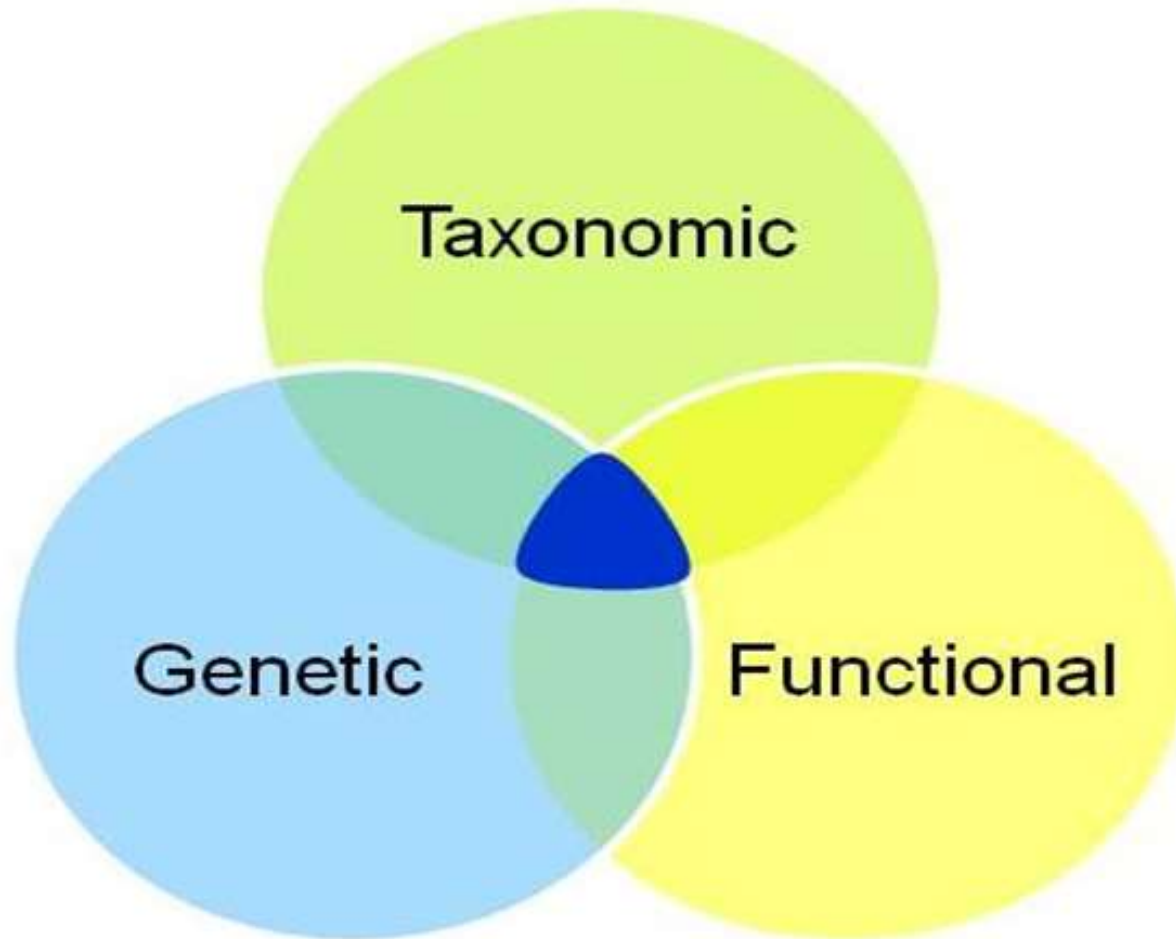
1. Population genomics and connectivity in North Sea fish populations (FWO)
2. Phylogenomics of cichlids in lake Tanganika (BRAIN)
3. GWAS and QTL Mapping of breeding traits in Orchids (O&O project with industry)
4. Population genomics and connectivity around Antarctic (BELSPO)
5. Fisheries forensics and authenticity testing
6. (dd)RAD-seq analyses for population structure, farm characterization and escapee traceability (Sea Bass, bream, turbot) (EU project)

# Starting from a DNA soup...

- Looking what biological groups, species, resistance genes, or variants are present in a DNA sample is called **metagenomics** (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/metagenomics/>) and **metabarcoding** (<http://www.boldsystems.org/>)
- “Sample the entire zoo in a blender to discover which species are present”
- Targeted or shotgun approaches



# Different technologies, different questions





# Different technologies, different questions

- Whole genome approaches
  - Which genes are present?
  - What functions do genes have (transcriptomics)?
  - How does the gene pool react to certain conditions?
- Targeted approaches
  - Which species are present?
  - Which specific gene variants are present?

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Environmental Genome Shotgun Sequencing of the Sargasso Sea

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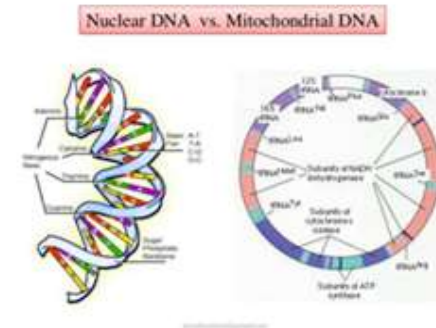
We have applied "whole-genome shotgun sequencing" to microbial populations collected en masse on tangential flow and impact filters from seawater samples collected from the Sargasso Sea near Bermuda. A total of 1.045 billion base pairs of nonredundant sequence was generated, annotated, and analyzed to elucidate the gene content, diversity, and relative abundance of the organisms within these environmental samples. These data are estimated to derive from at least 1800 genomic species based on sequence relatedness, including 148 previously unknown bacterial phylotypes. We have identified over 1.2 million previously unknown genes represented in these samples, including more than 782 new rhodopsin-like photoreceptors. Variation in species present and stoichiometry suggests substantial oceanic microbial diversity.



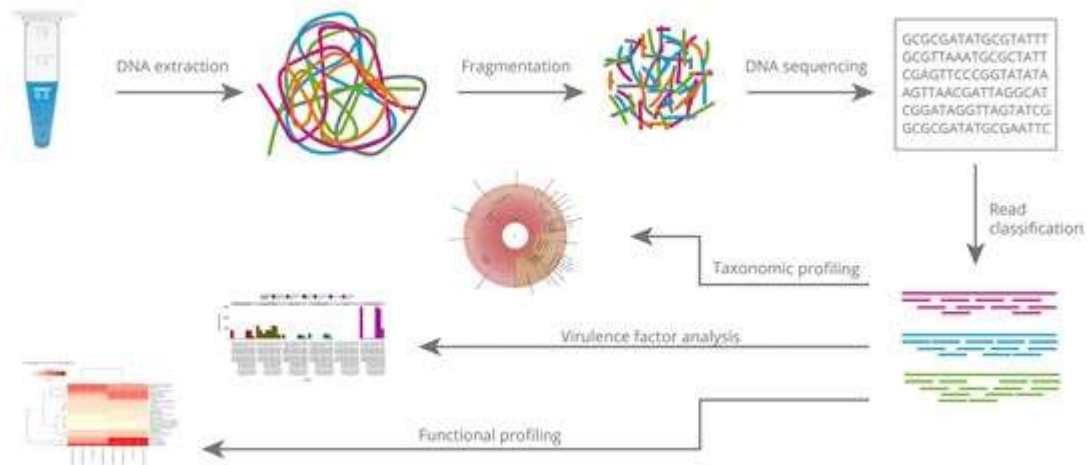
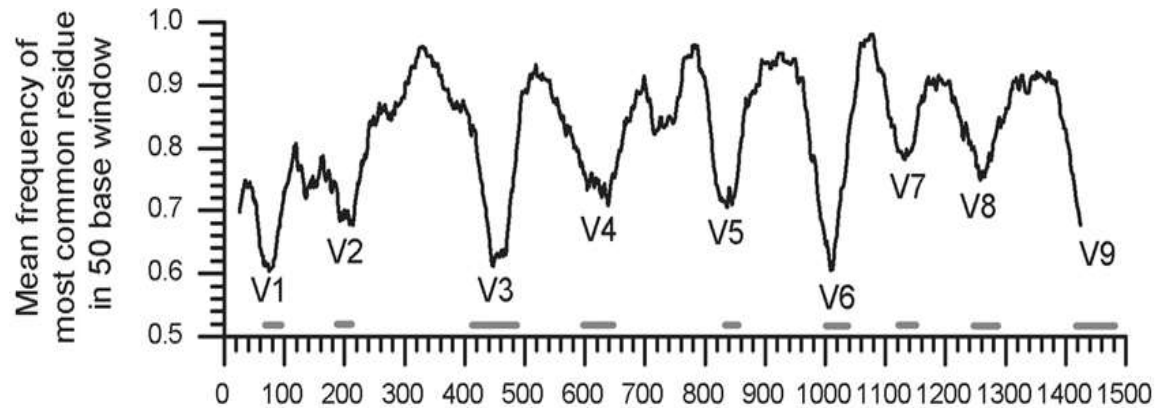
# Metabarcoding (COI)

- Identifying species through sequencing unique but conserved markers
  - Conserved enough to be present in all species
  - Diverse enough to be different for each species
- From single sample identification
- ...to eDNA analysis

- Samples:
  - Bulk (mix, pollen, scat)
  - eDNA (water, soil)
- PCR and NGS dependent
- Targets 1 of a few genes



# Metagenomics (16s amplicon sequencing & WGS)



1. Monitoring drinking water quality (De Watergroep + PIDPA) using Miseq + PacBio
2. Skin and mucus microbiome (fish mucus microbial diversity, immunity interaction metatranscriptome)
3. Gut microbiome analysis and link to diet composition (metabarcoding) and environmental factors
4. Microbiome of Ostracoda living in extreme environments (Pollution, temperature, salinity)
5. Comparison of contemporary and ancient fish microbiome community (archived material, link to climate change)
6. Human gut microbiome (PacBio/Long read of 1600 bp)
7. Microbiome exchange between species (conspecific vs heterospecific matings, host-species adaptation)
8. Full genome metagenomics (various projects)

# Thank you!



# Today's special guests



**Prof. Ellen Decaestecker**

- PhD in Biology (KU Leuven and U Basel (Host-parasite co-evolution)
- Postdoc at Centre for Immunity, Infection and Evolution (U. Edinburgh)
- Professor at KU Leuven/KULAK (host-microbiome research: microbiome transplants, metagenomics and host epigenetics)



**Dr. Shinjini Mukherjee**

- Master Biotechnology (India)
- PhD University Helsinki (bioremediation petroleum hydrocarbons)
- Marie-Curie Postdoc KU Leuven (microbial responses urbanization)
- Currently postdoc KU Leuven on eco-evolutionary microbiome dynamics in *Daphnia* spp.