

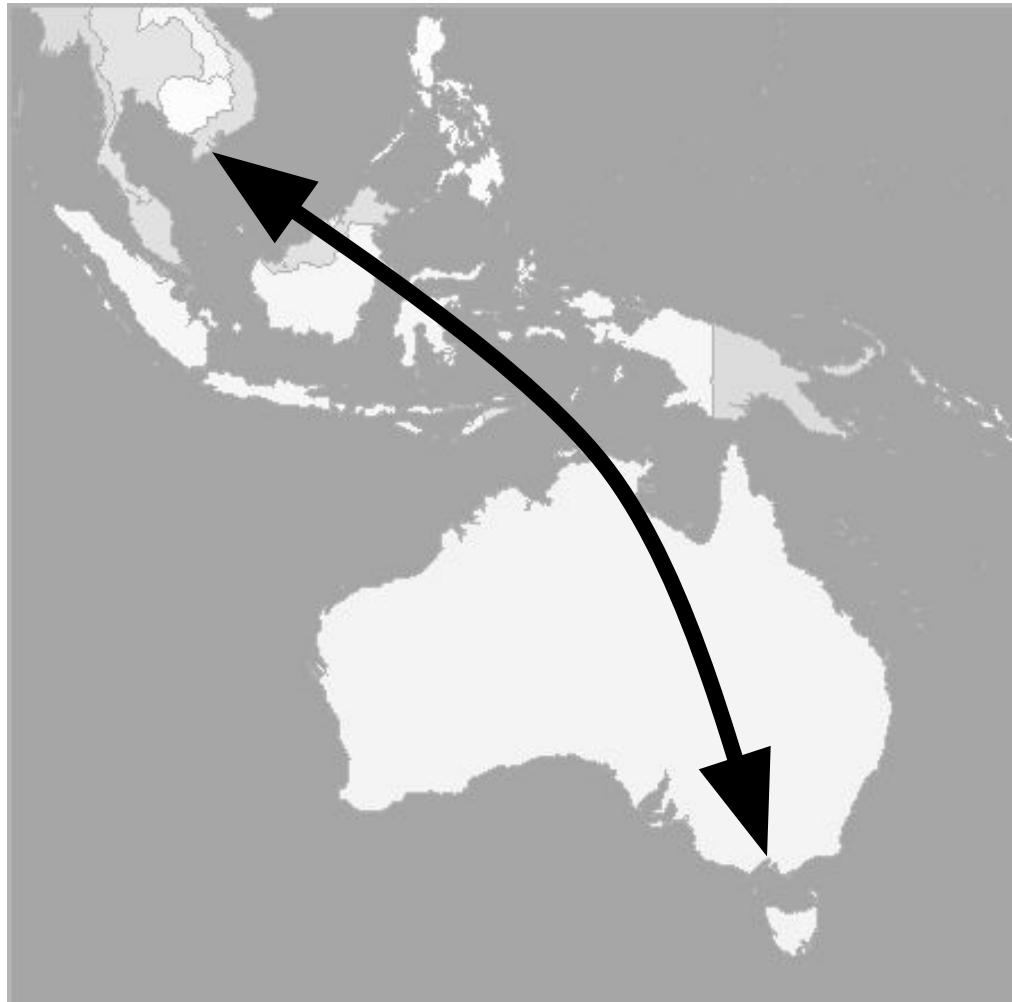
How genomics and bioinformatics is transforming clinical and public health microbiology in Australia

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Introduction

Neighbours





"Immunity and infection"

- Research
- Teaching
- Public health and reference labs
- Diagnostic services
- Clinical care in ID and immunity

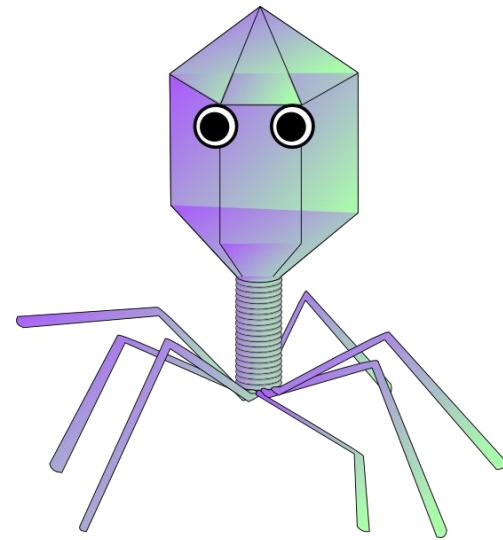
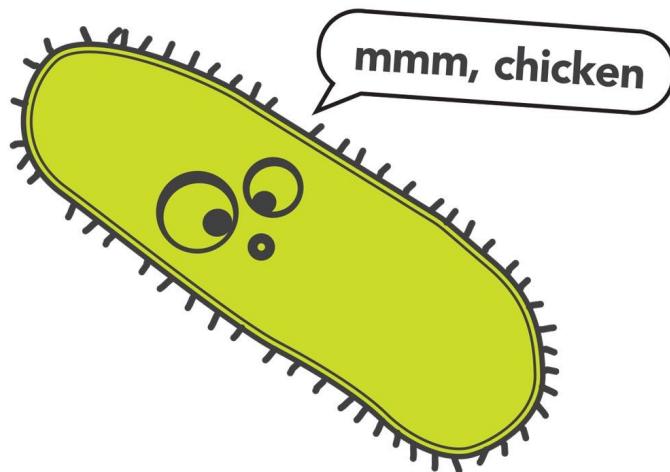


Microbiological Diagnostics Unit

- Oldest public health lab in Australia
 - established 1897 in Melbourne
 - historical ~600,000 isolate collection back to 1950s
- National reference laboratory
 - *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, EHEC
- W.H.O regional reference lab
 - vaccine preventable invasive bacterial pathogens



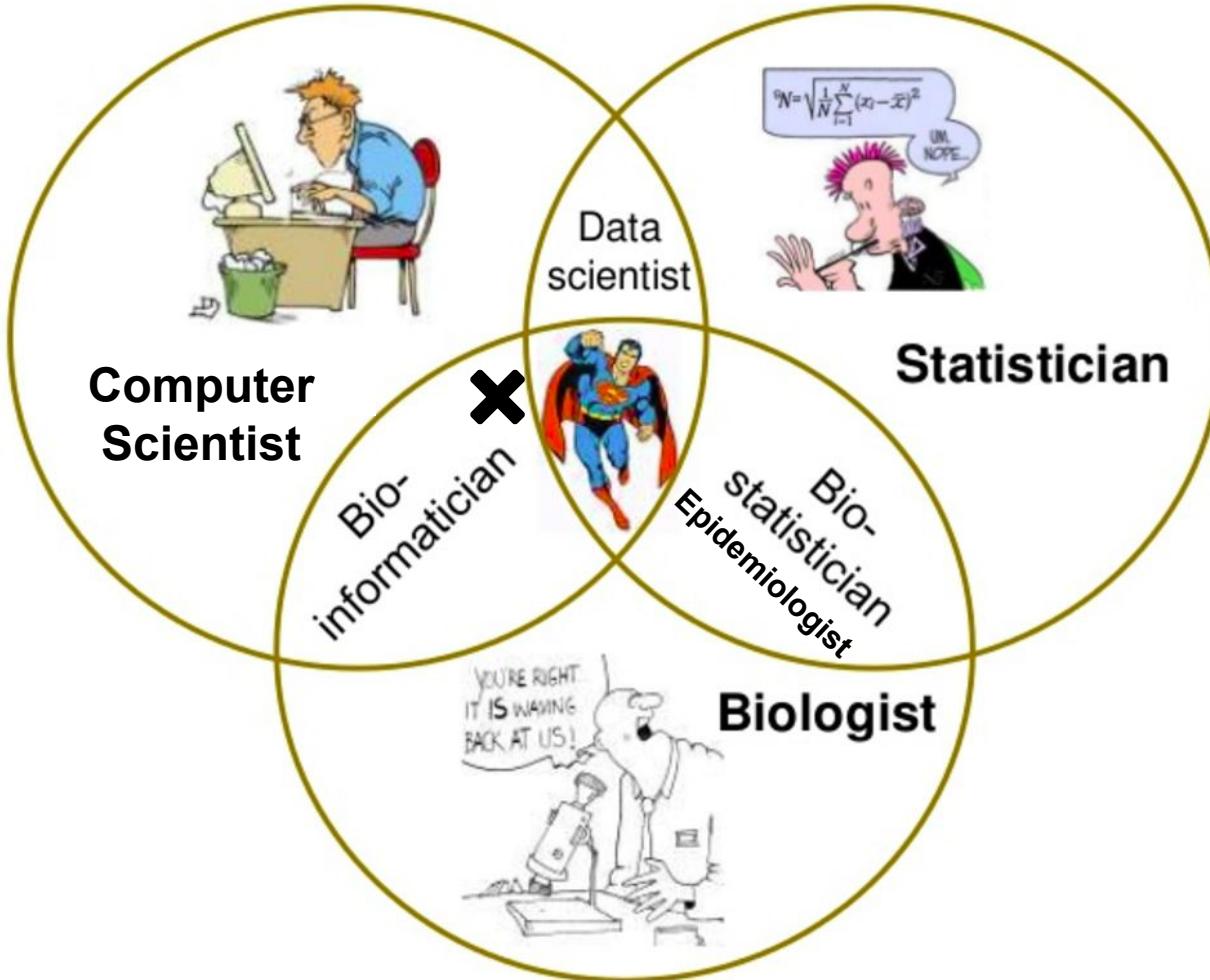
Bacteria + Viruses + Fungi



Foodborne, human (clinical), animal and environmental samples

Lots of genome sequencing





Software tools for bacterial genomics



Torsten Seemann

tseemann

Bioinformatician, microbial
genomics

[Edit bio](#)

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Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

<https://tseemann.github.io/>

Overview

Repositories 70

Stars 65

Followers 284

Following 7

Pinned repositories

Customize your pinned repositories

prokka

Rapid prokaryotic genome annotation

Perl ★ 174 ⚡ 87

snippy

Rapid bacterial SNP calling and core genome alignments

Perl ★ 86 ⚡ 23

shovill

Faster SPAdes assembly of Illumina reads

Perl ★ 64 ⚡ 11

abricate

Mass screening of contigs for antimicrobial and virulence genes

Perl ★ 57 ⚡ 12

nullarbor

"Reads to report" for public health and clinical microbiology

Perl ★ 53 ⚡ 13

mlst

Scan contig files against PubMLST typing schemes

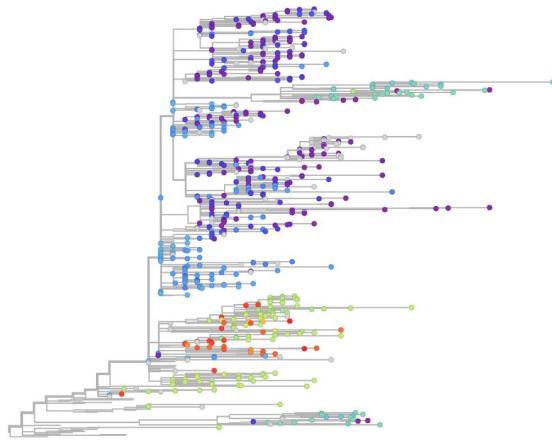
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Traditional public health and clinical microbiology

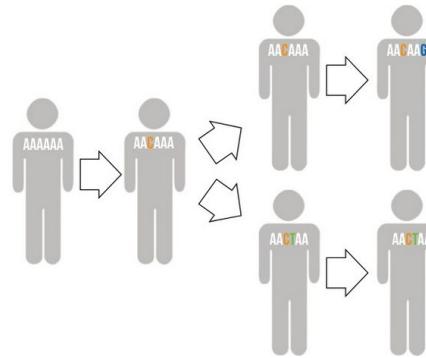
The roles of a public health laboratory



Diagnostics



Surveillance

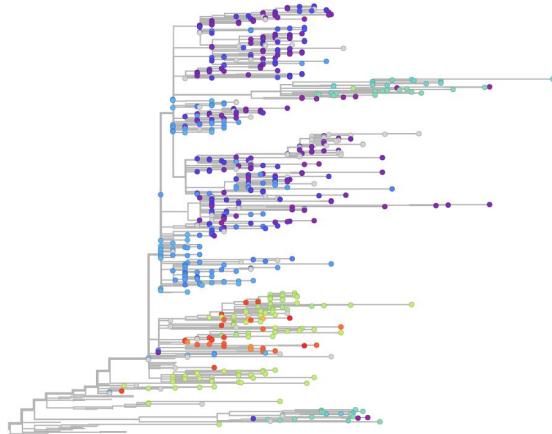


Outbreak response

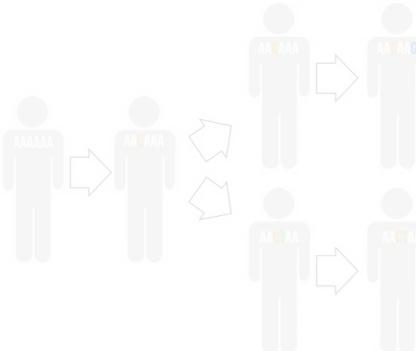
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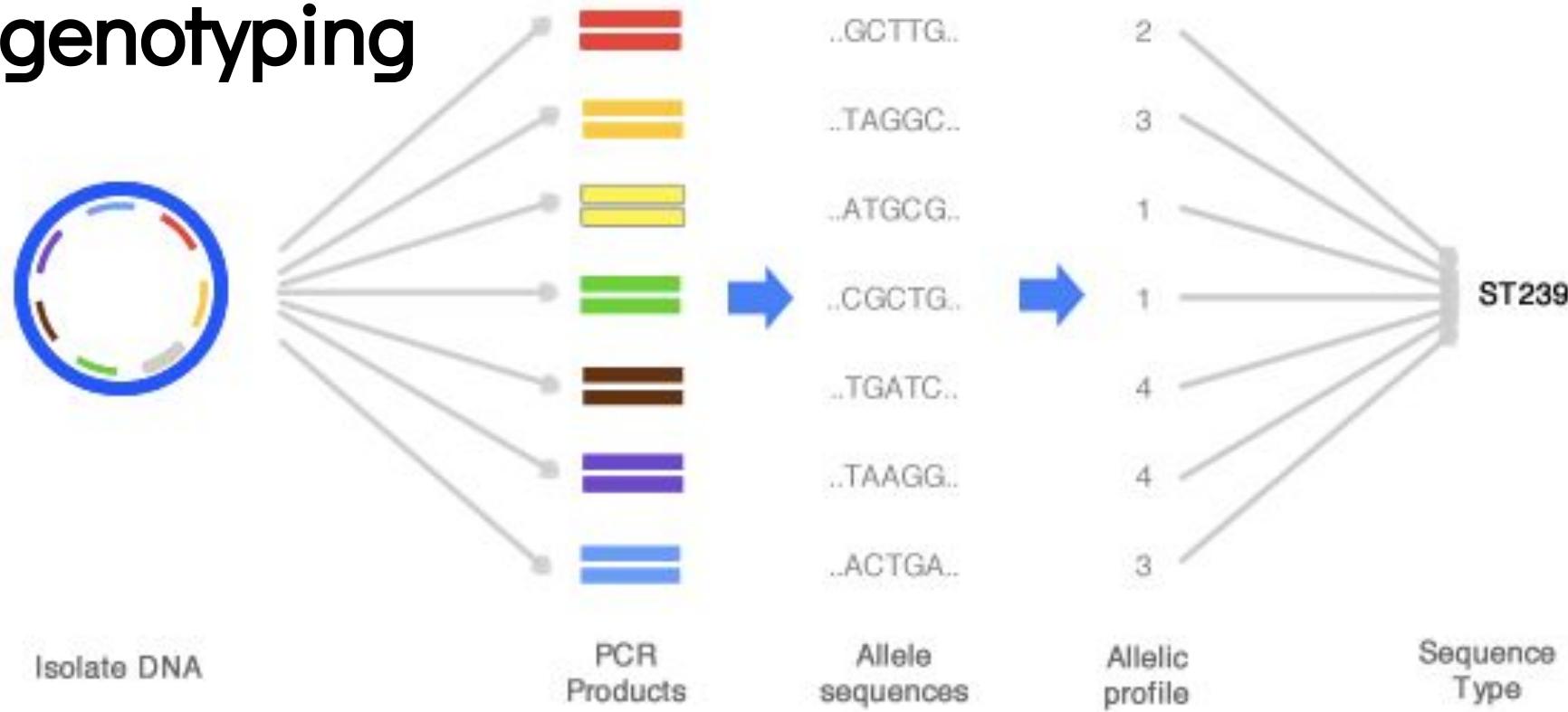


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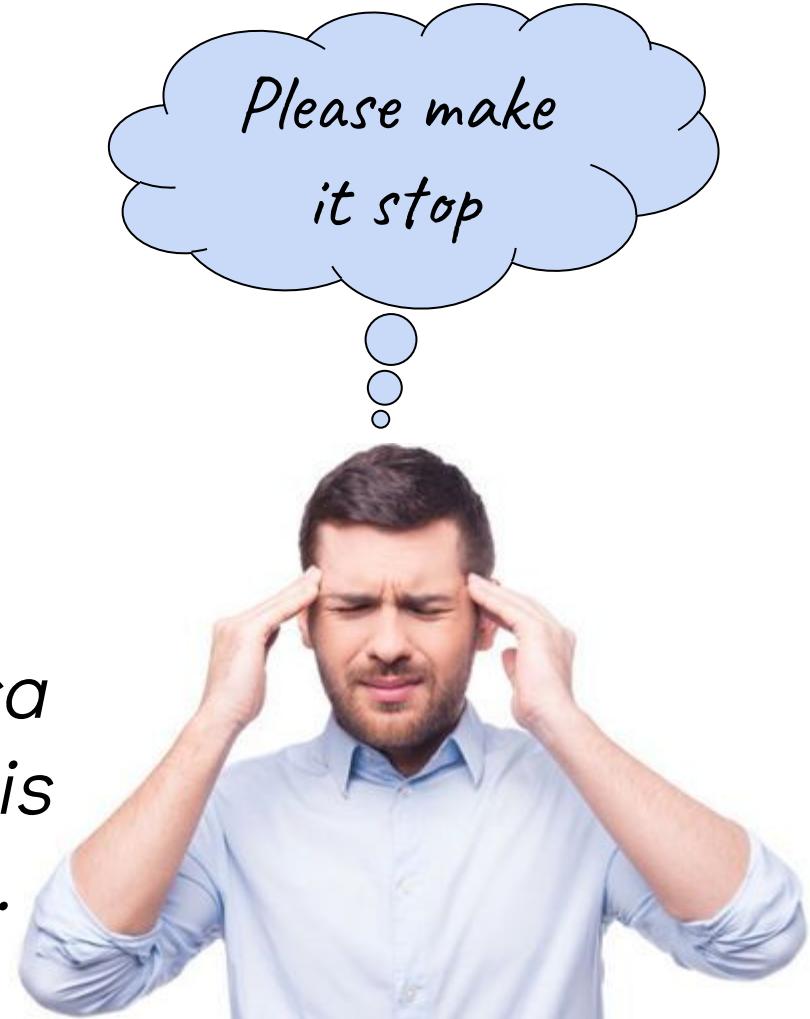
Outbreak response

MLST genotyping



Other schemes

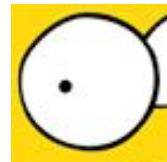
- :: Spa *S.aureus*
- :: EMM *S. pyogenes*
- :: SBT *L.pneumophila*
- :: NG-MAST *N.gonorrhoea*
- :: MLVA *Salmonella enterica*
- :: MIRU VNTR *M.tuberculosis*
- :: Ribotyping *Clostridium* sp.



Pathogen: *Homerbacter simpsonii*

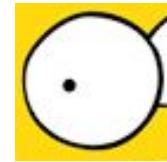
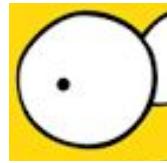


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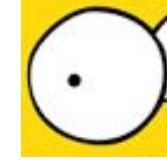
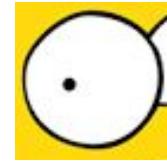
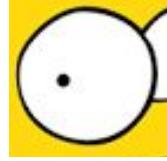
Genotyping via one or more marker genes.

Another sample arrives at the lab



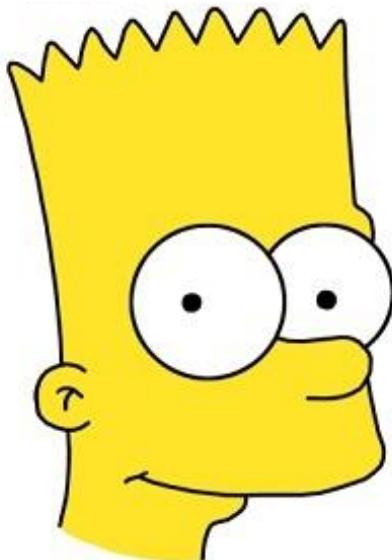
Looks related.

Another sample from same city



Possible outbreak ?

D'oh !



Case study

The Advertiser

SA Health investigating seven salmonella cases with possible link to toxic salad recalled nationwide

Katrina Stokes, Health Reporter, The Advertiser

February 5, 2016 9:38pm

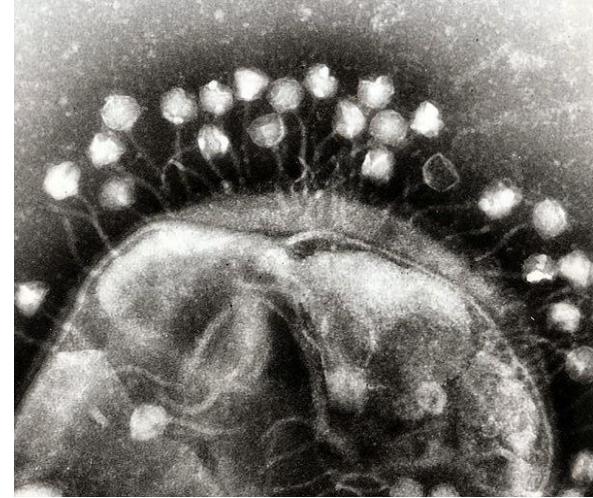
- ['Toxic salad' victim's absolute agony](#)
- [Salmonella outbreak linked to prepacked lettuce](#)



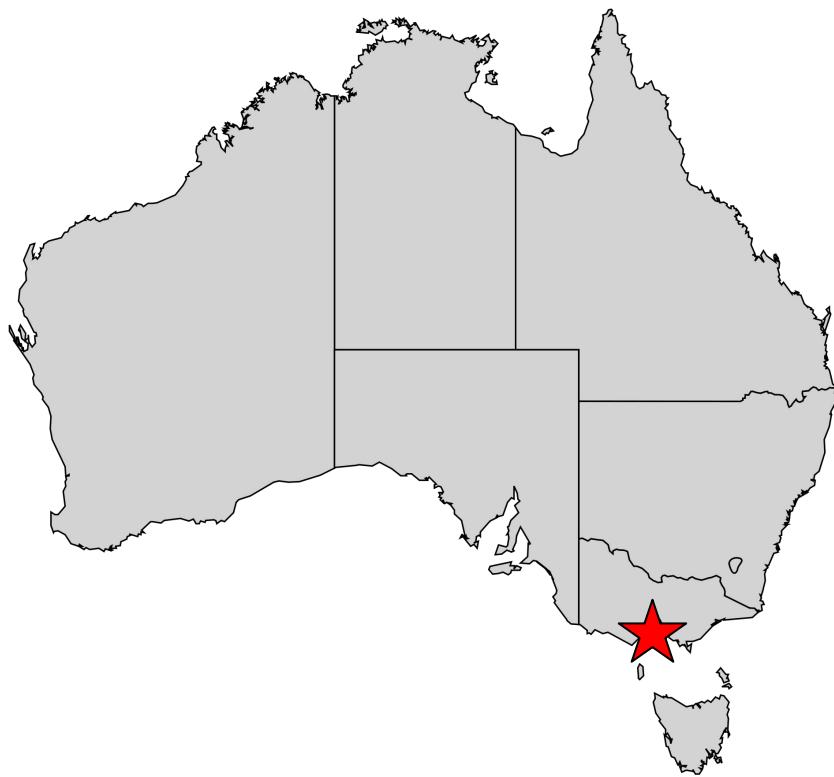
SOUTH Australian health authorities predict more people will be struck down with salmonella in coming days because they have eaten contaminated prepacked lettuce sold in major supermarket chains across the nation.

Salmonella typing

- :: Serotyping
 - : O, H, Vi antigens -> 2500 serovars
- :: Phage typing
 - : Panel of 34 phage -> 200 phage types
- :: MLVA (multilocus variable tandem repeat)
 - : 5 locii -> 100s of MLVA types
- :: MLST (multilocus sequence typing)
 - : 7 locii -> 3000 sequence types



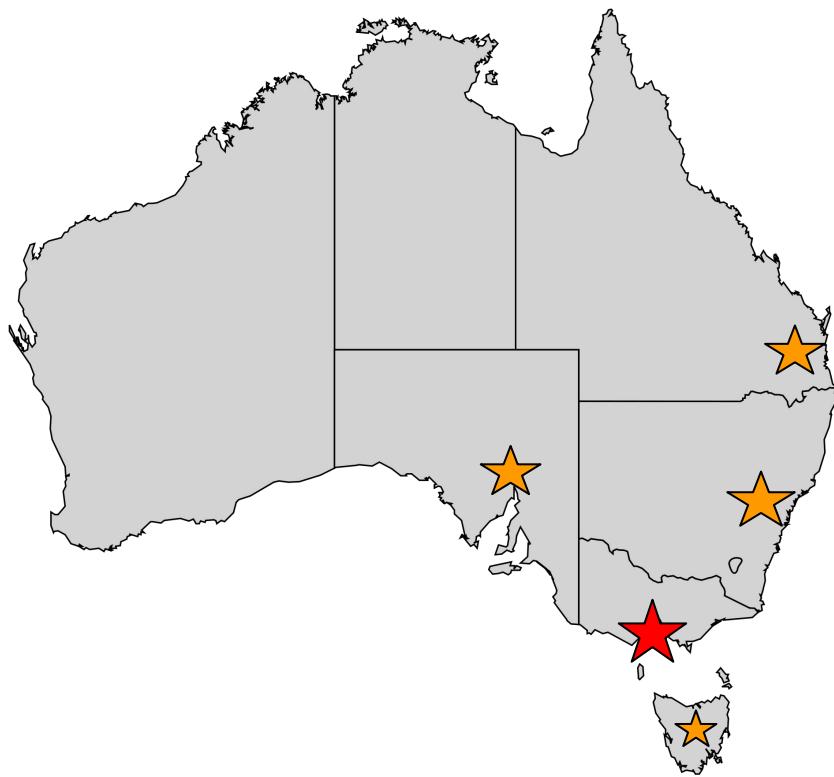
The outbreak begins



- :: Started in Victoria
- :: <100 samples

- :: Sero - **identical**
- :: Phage - **identical**
- :: MLVA - **identical**
- :: MLST - **identical**

The outbreak spreads

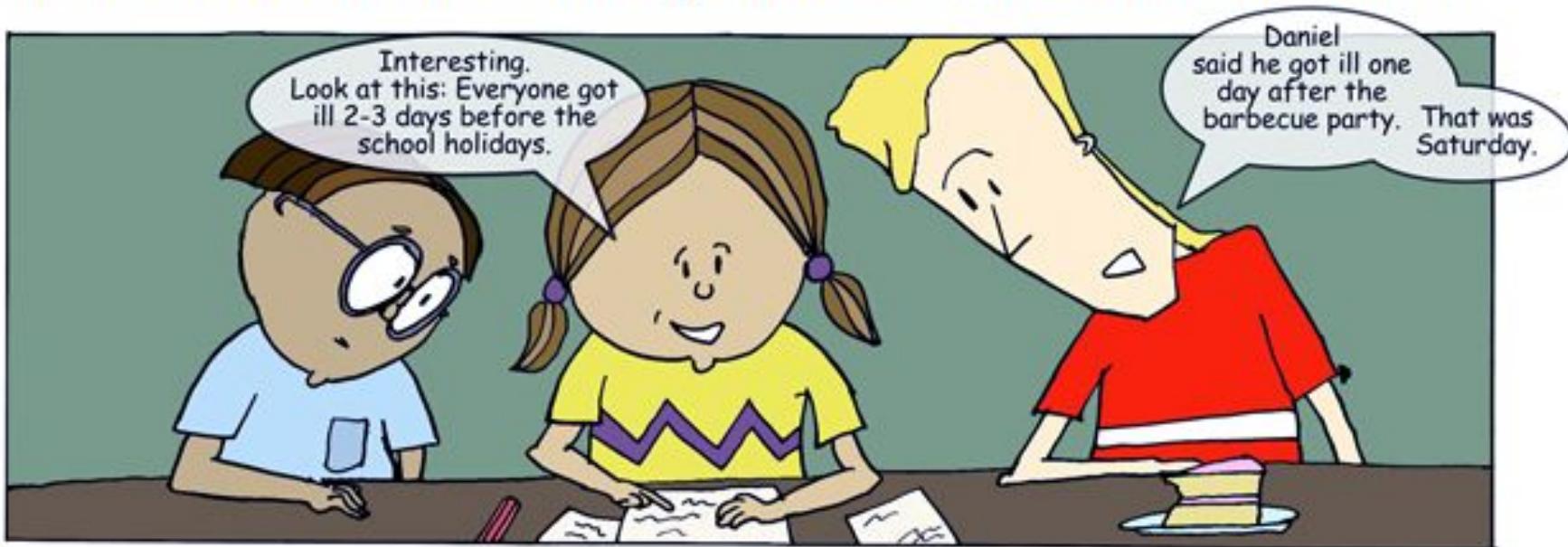


- :: Spreads interstate
- :: 100s of samples

- :: Sero - **identical**
- :: Phage - **identical**
- :: MLVA - **identical**
- :: MLST - **identical**

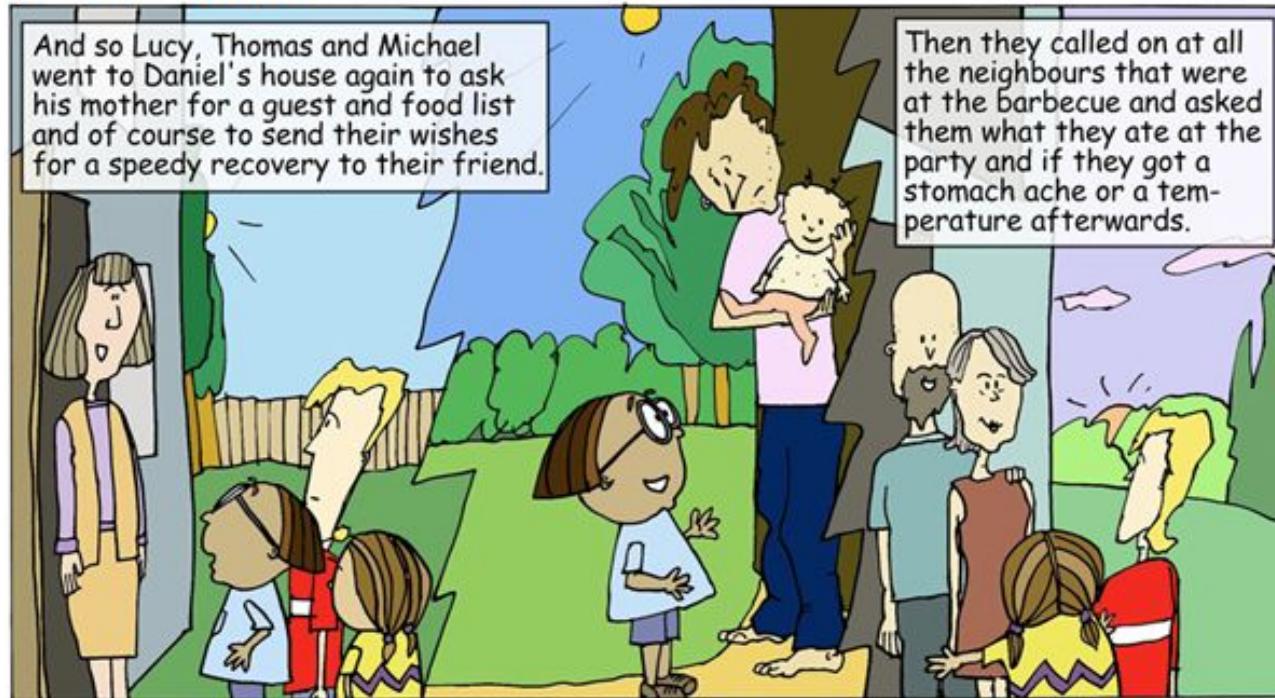
So now what? Epidemiology!

The Disease Detectives detect patterns of disease in their line list



Good - but includes wasted time & effort

The Disease Detectives conducting a cohort study in their neighbourhood



How can we improve this?

Of course you know the answer.

Whole genome sequencing

- :: Use 100% of the genome
- :: Single nucleotide resolution
 - : Infer source and transmission of infection
- :: Full complement of genes
 - : Track mobile elements and antimicrobial resistance



Routine sequencing of isolates



>500 per week
(and increasing+)

Species identification

1.04	1046	1046	U	0	unclassified
98.96	99624	142	-	1	root
98.81	99473	1	-	131567	cellular organisms
98.81	99472	194	D	2	Bacteria
98.57	99233	111	P	1224	Proteobacteria
98.45	99110	318	C	1236	Gammaproteobacteria
98.07	98728	0	O	91347	Enterobacteriales
98.07	98728	52477	F	543	Enterobacteriaceae
44.95	45256	665	G	561	Escherichia
44.20	44498	33391	S	562	Escherichia coli
8.84	8899	8899	-	1274814	Escherichia coli APEC O78
0.29	287	0	-	244319	Escherichia coli O26:H11
0.29	287	287	-	573235	Escherichia coli O26:H11 str 11368
0.21	216	216	-	316401	Escherichia coli ETEC H10407
0.19	193	0	-	168807	Escherichia coli O127:H6
0.19	193	193	-	574521	Escherichia coli O127:H6 str E2348/69

Antimicrobial resistance

Column	Description
FILE	The filename this hit came from
SEQUENCE	The sequence in the filename
START	Start coordinate in the sequence
END	End coordinate
GENE	ABR gene
COVERAGE	What proportion of the gene is in our sequence
COVERAGE_MAP	A visual representation
GAPS	Was there any gaps in the alignment – possible pseudogene?
%COVERAGE	Proportion of gene covered
%IDENTITY	Proportion of exact nucleotide matches
DATABASE	The database this sequence comes from
ACCESSION	The genomic source of the sequence

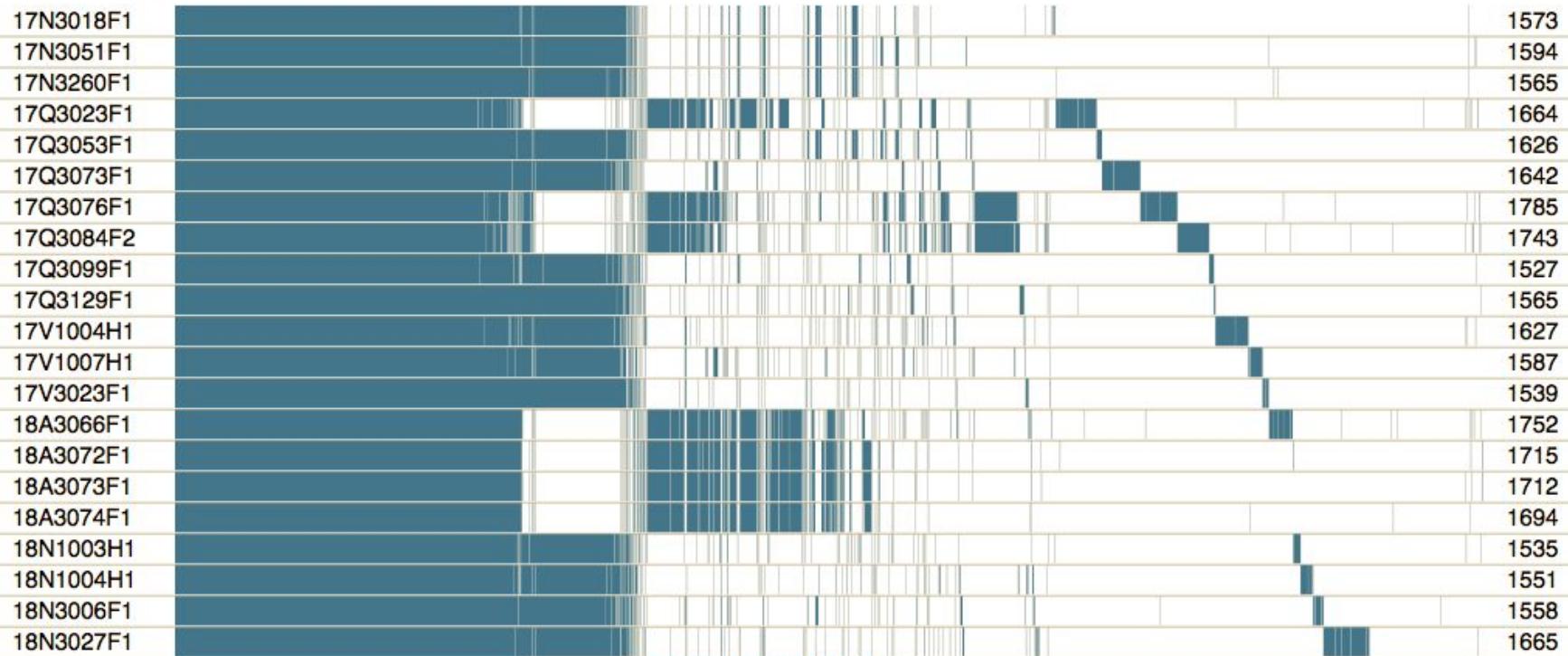
Example Output

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#FILE    SEQUENCE    START    END    GENE    COVERAGE    COVERAGE_MAP    GAPS    %COVERAGE    %IDENTITY    DATABASE
6159.fna  NC_017338.1  39177  41186  mecA_15  1-2010/2010  ======  0/0    100.00    100.000  resfinder
6159.fna  NC_017338.1  727191 728356  norA_1   1-1166/1167  ======  0/0    99.91    92.367  resfinder
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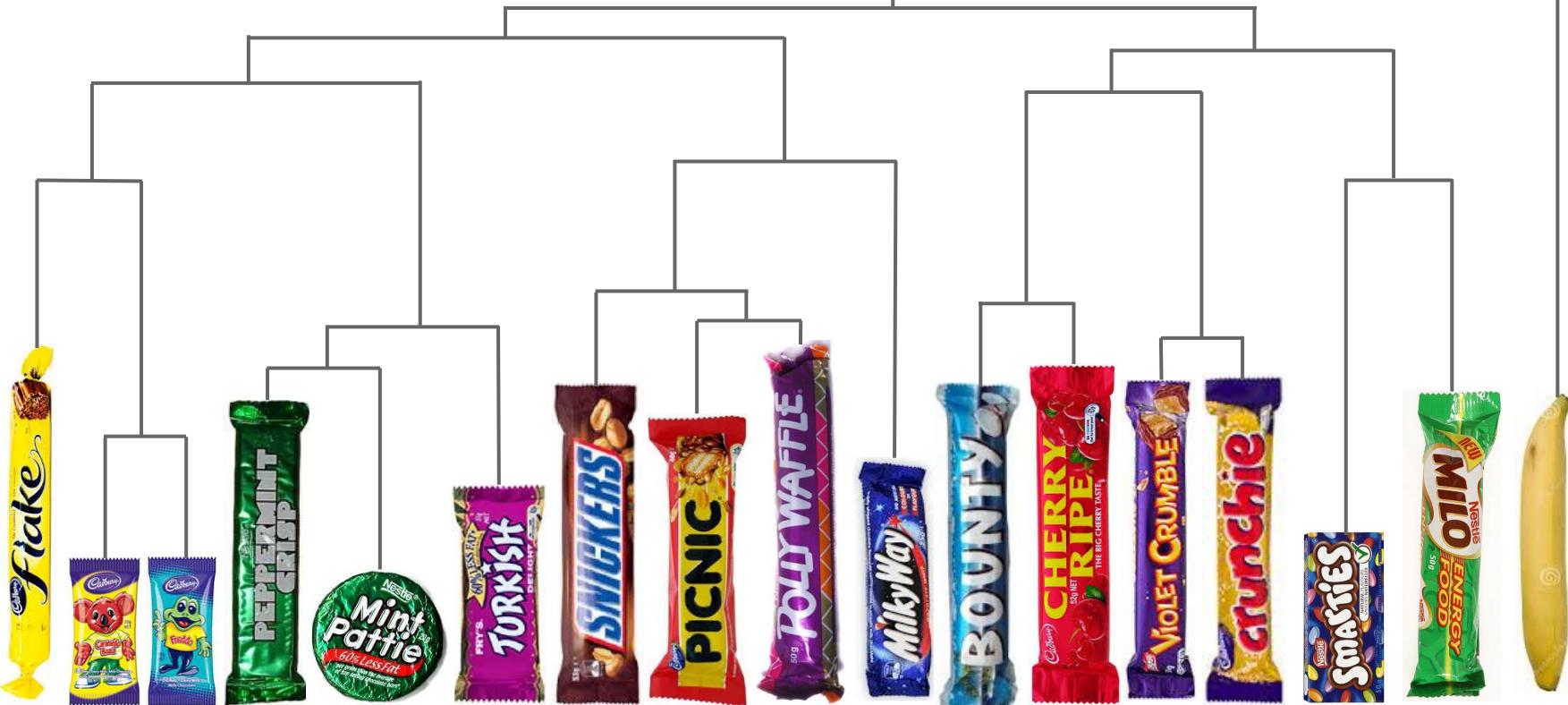
Virulome

Isolate	Found	cheY	cheW	cheV3	cheV	cheA	cadF	acfB	Cjp54	Cj1440c	Cj1437c	Cj1438c	Cj1436c	Cj1435c	Cj1434c	Cj1432c	Cj1427c	Cj1422c	Cj1421c	Cj1420c	Cj1419c	Cj1417c	Cj1416c	Cj1138	Cj1137c	Cj1136	Cj1135	
17N3018F1	89	✓		?	?																							
17N3051F1	89	✓	.	?	?			
17N3260F1	91	✓	.	?	?	?	✓	✓	✓	.	✓	✓	
17Q3023F1	80	✓	.	.	?	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	
17Q3053F1	91	✓	.	?	?	✓	✓	✓	.	✓	✓	
17Q3073F1	78	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	
17Q3076F1	84	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	
17Q3084F2	83	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	
17Q3099F1	90	✓	.	?	.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	
17Q3129F1	90	✓	✓	.	?	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	
17V1004H1	102	✓	✓	.	.	✓	✓	?	✓	?	✓	.	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	

Pan genome content (genes)



Trees show relationship



Every SNP is sacred



- :: Chocolate bar tree
 - : branches were based on phenotypic attributes
 - : size, colour, filling, texture, ingredients, flavour
- :: Genomic trees
 - : want to use every part of the genome sequence
 - : need to find all differences between isolates
 - : show me the SNPs!

Finding differences

SNP Deletion Reference

AGTCTGATTAGCTTAGCTTGATAGCGCTATATTAT

AGTCTGATTAGCTTAGAT

ATTAGCTTAGATTGTAG

CTTAGATTGTAGC-C

TGATTAGCTTAGATTGTAGC-CTATAT

TAGCTTAGATTGTAGC-CTATATT

TAGATTGTAGC-CTATATTA

TAGATTGTAGC-CTATATTAT

Reads

The diagram illustrates the comparison of a reference genome sequence with several sequencing reads. The reference genome is shown at the top in bold black text. Two vertical dashed lines are drawn across the reference sequence: one at position 1 labeled 'SNP' and another at position 5 labeled 'Deletion'. To the right of the reference, the word 'Reference' is written in orange. Below the reference, seven sequencing 'Reads' are listed in black text, each representing a different sequence. The first read matches the reference exactly. The second read starts at position 5 with 'ATTAGCTTAGATTGTAG', indicating a deletion of 'CT' from the reference. The third read starts at position 5 with 'CTTAGATTGTAGC-C', indicating a substitution of 'CT' with 'C'. The fourth read starts at position 5 with 'TGATTAGCTTAGATTGTAGC-CTATAT', indicating a substitution of 'CT' with 'TG'. The fifth read starts at position 5 with 'TAGCTTAGATTGTAGC-CTATATT', indicating a substitution of 'CT' with 'TAG'. The sixth read starts at position 5 with 'TAGATTGTAGC-CTATATTA', indicating a substitution of 'CT' with 'ATT'. The seventh read starts at position 5 with 'TAGATTGTAGC-CTATATTAT', indicating a substitution of 'CT' with 'ATTAT'. The word 'Reads' is written in orange to the right of the second read.

Collate reference alignments

bug1	GATTACCAGCATTAAAGG-TTCTCCAATC
bug2	GAT---CTGCATTATGGATTCTCCATTTC
bug3	G-TTACCAGCACTAA-----CCAGTC

The reference is a “middle man” to generate a “pseudo” whole genome alignment.

Core genome

bug1	GATTACCAGCATTAAAGG-TTCTCCAATC
bug2	GAT---CTGCATTATGGATTCTCCATTG
bug3	G-TTACCAGCACTAA-----CCAGTC
core	

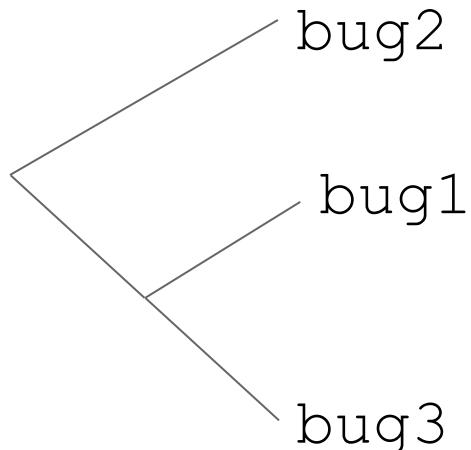
Core sites are present in **all** genomes.

Core SNPs

Core SNPs = polymorphic sites in core genome

Infer phylogeny from aligned core SNPs

bug1	ATAA
bug2	TTTT
bug3	ACAG

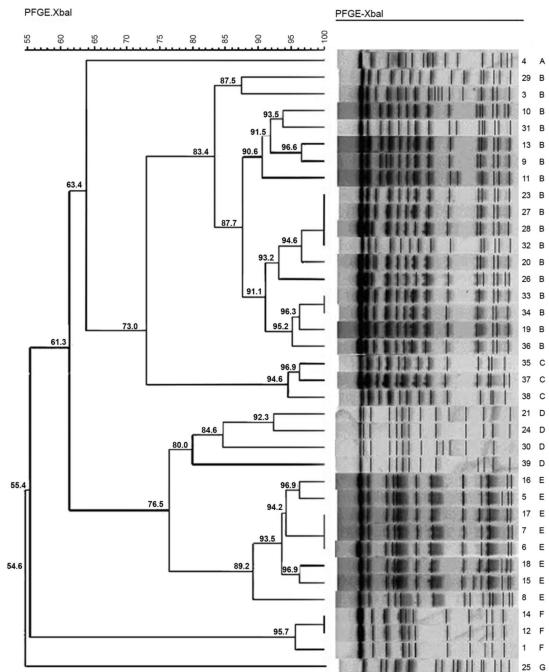
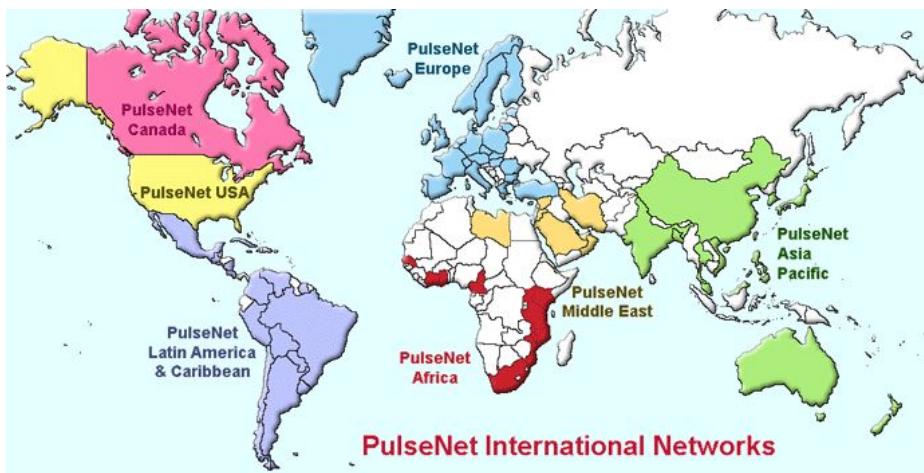


This is the primary information given to tree building software.

Neighbour joining
Minimum evolution
Maximum likelihood
Bayesian models

Pathogens without borders

The success of Pulse Net



GenomeTrakr



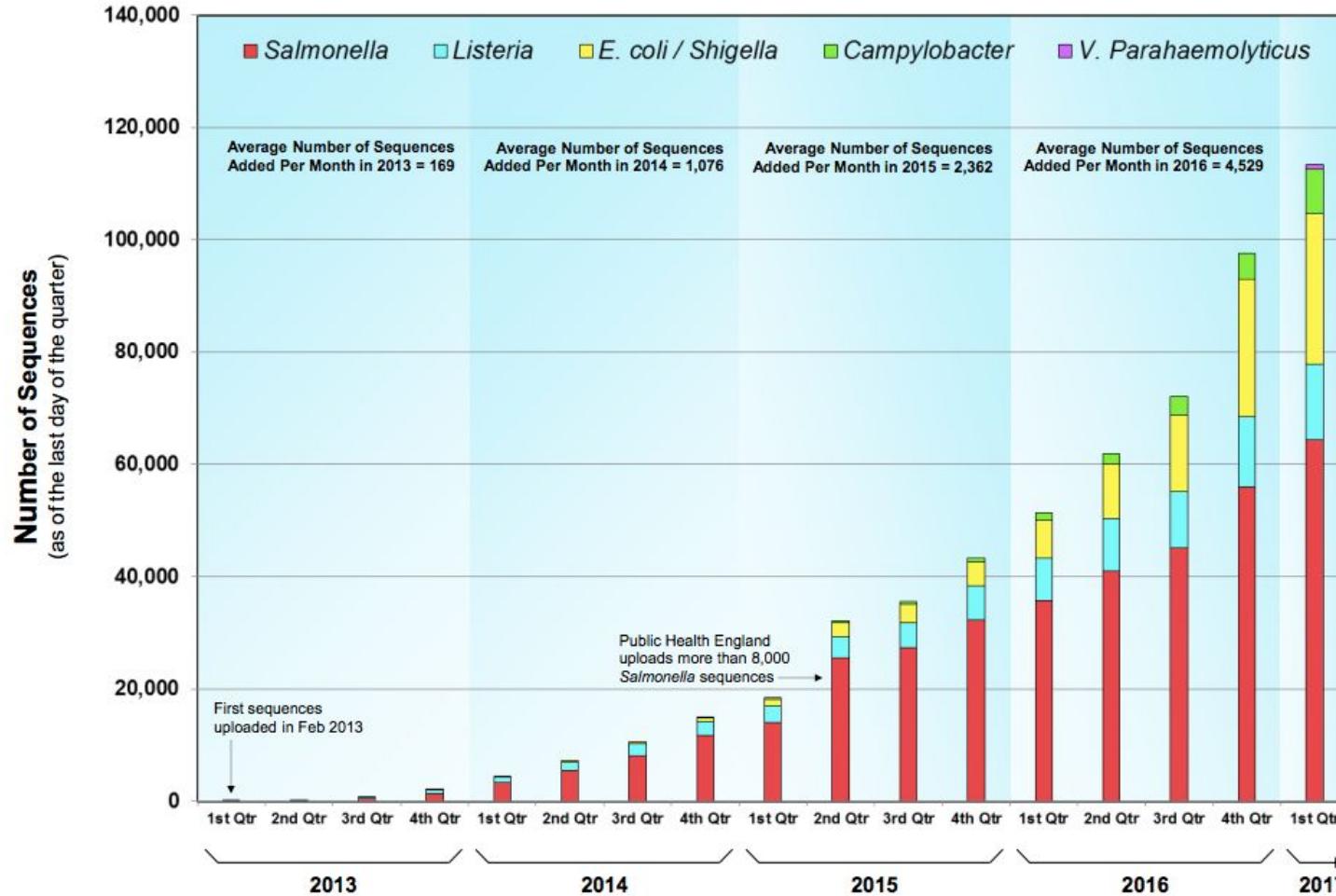
:: International cooperation

- : Led by FDA + NCBI
- : >60 collaborating institutes inc. UK PHE, DK DTU, MX
- : *Salmonella, L.mono, E.coli, Campy, Vibrio*

:: Public SRA BioProject #183844

- : Real-time submission of WGS genome reads
- : Nightly updates of phylogenomic trees
- : Contains ~60,000 strains of *Salmonella*

Total Number of Sequences in the GenomeTrakr Database



GenomeTrakr project: Listeria monocytogenes, MDU PHL, Australia

Whole genome sequencing of Listeria monocytogenes isolates as part of MDU PHL routine national surveillance activities

See Genome Information for Listeria monocytogenes

Accession	PRJNA317408
Data Type	Raw sequence reads
Scope	Multiisolate
Organism	Listeria monocytogenes [Taxonomy ID: 1639] Bacteria; Firmicutes; Bacilli; Bacillales; Listeriaceae; Listeria; Listeria monocytogenes
Submission	Registration date: 5-Apr-2016 Microbiological Diagnostics Unit
Relevance	Medical

Project Data:

Resource Name	Number of Links
SEQUENCE DATA	
SRA Experiments	180
OTHER DATASETS	
BioSample	181

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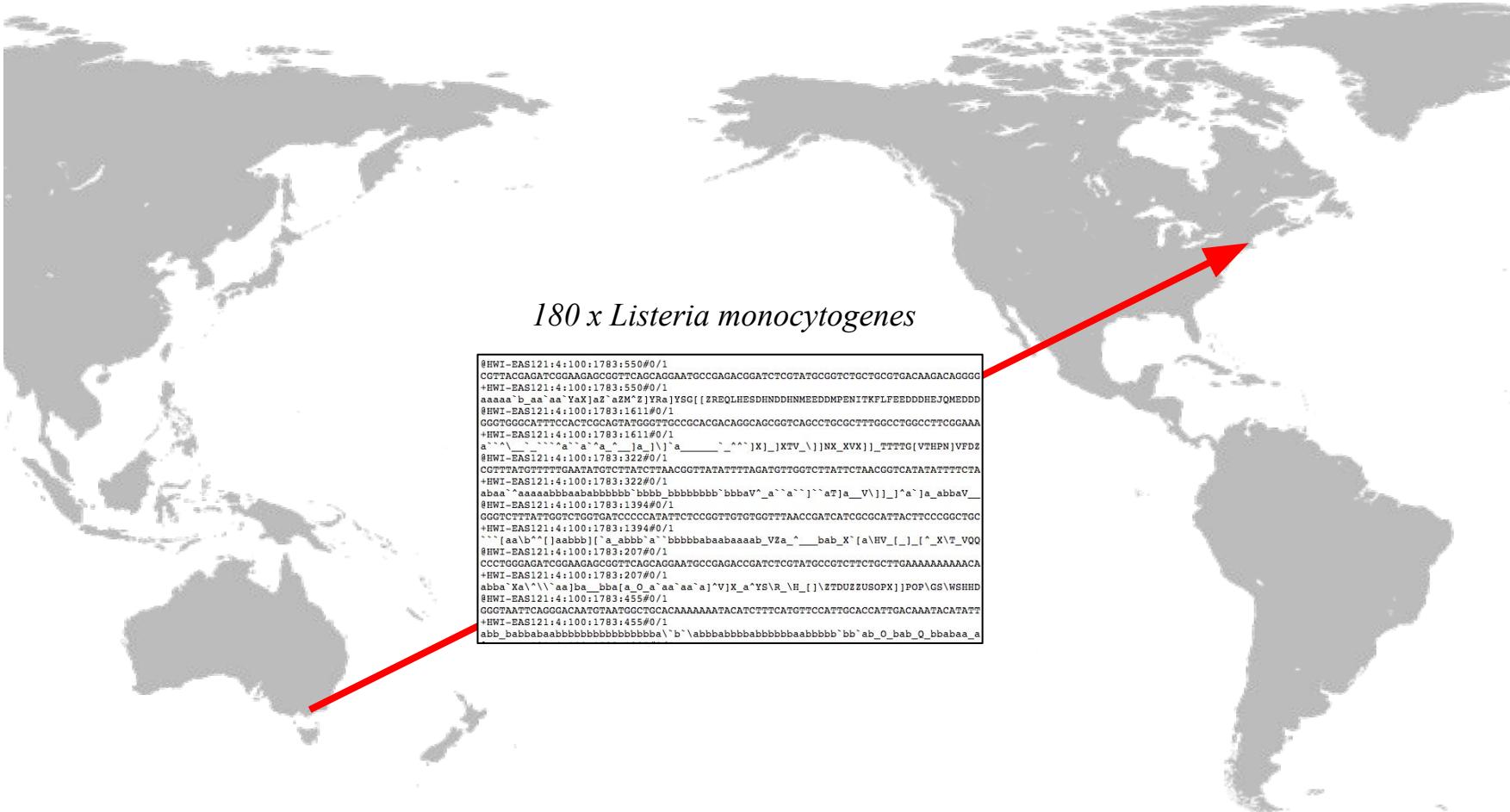
NAVIGATE UP

This project is a component of the Listeria monocytogenes

NAVIGATE ACROSS

403 additional projects are related by organism.

33 additional projects are components of the Listeria monocytogenes.

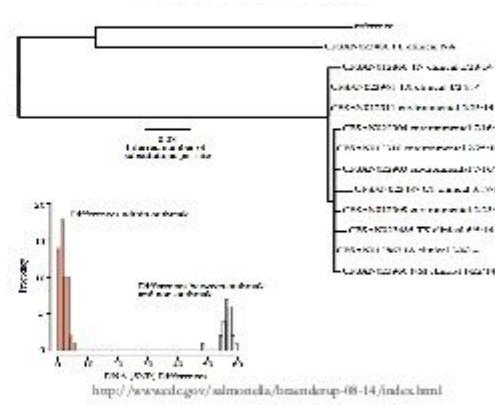
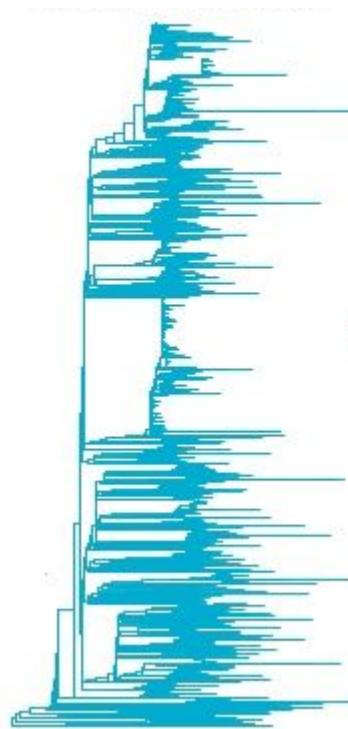


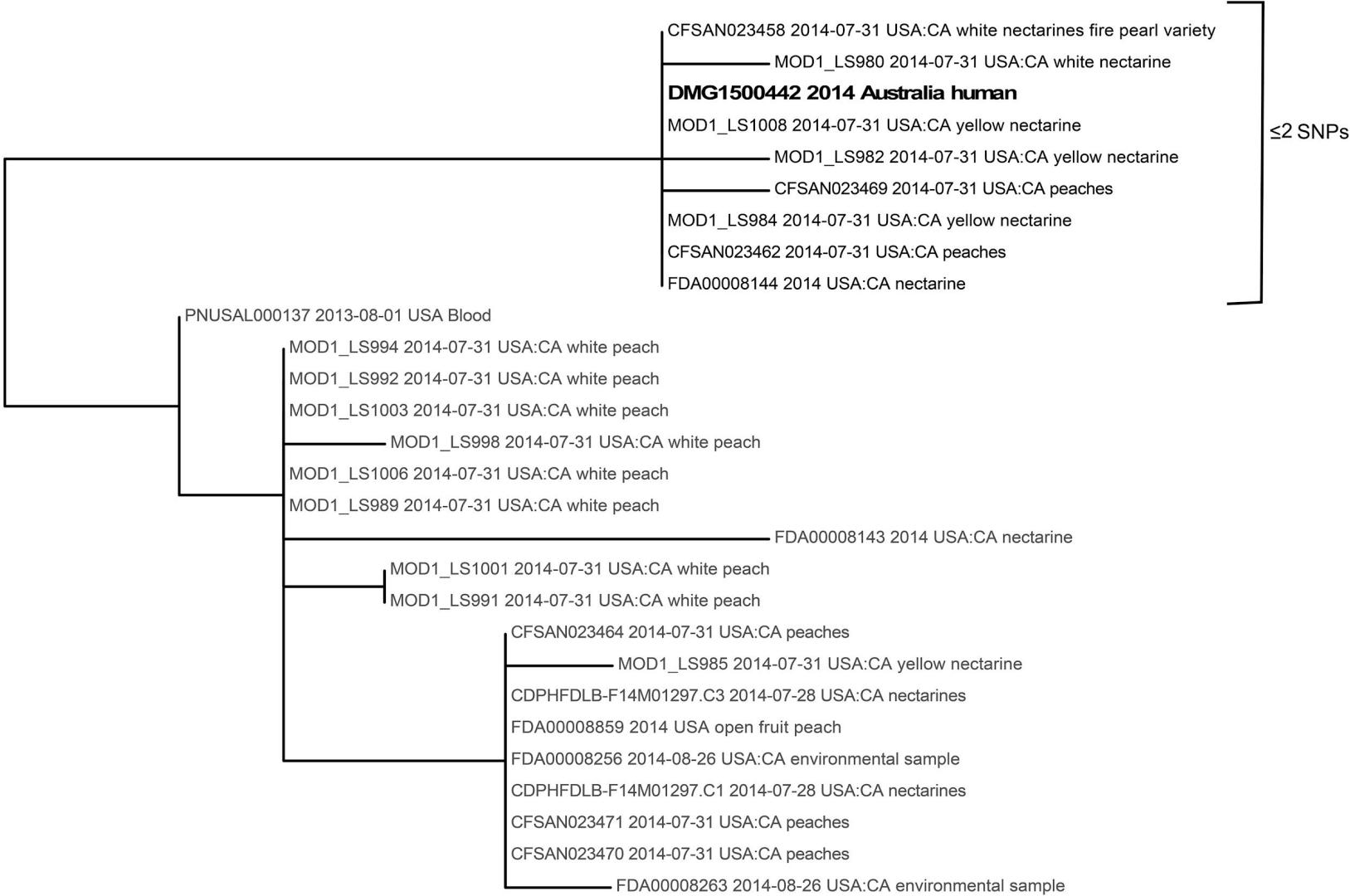
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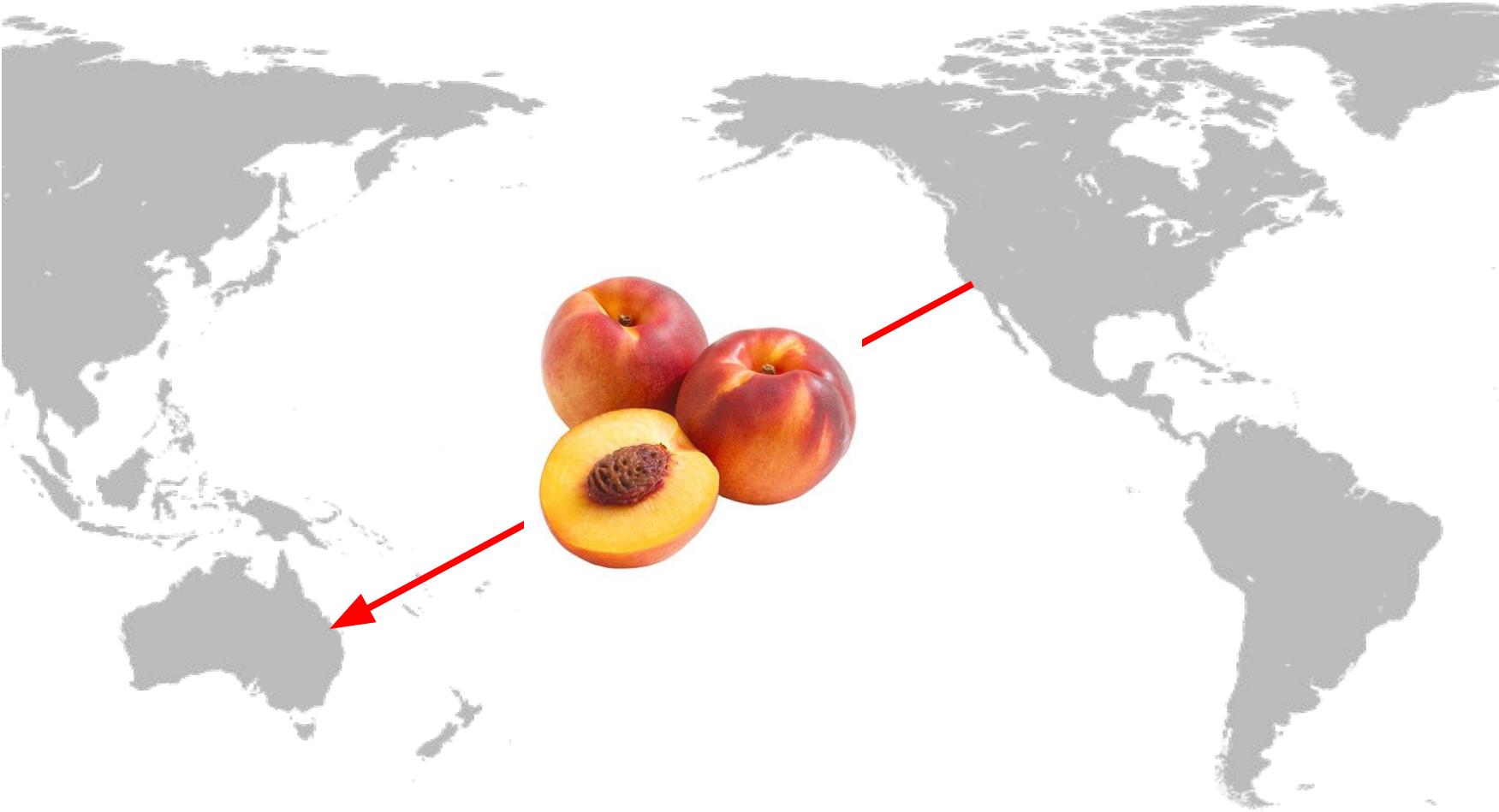
Nightly updates to find new matches



Errol Strain
(FDA)







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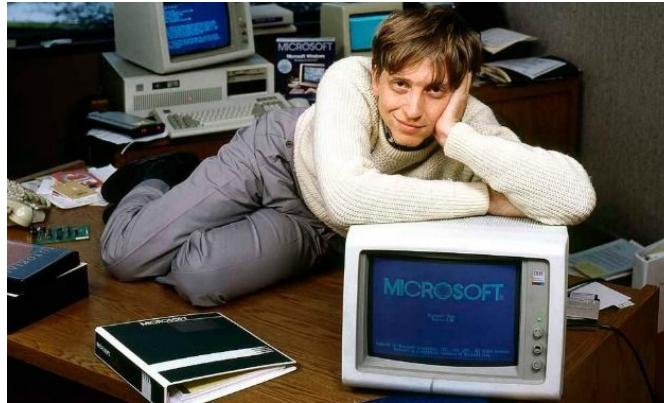
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What is preventing sharing?



A vision for Australia
(and the world)

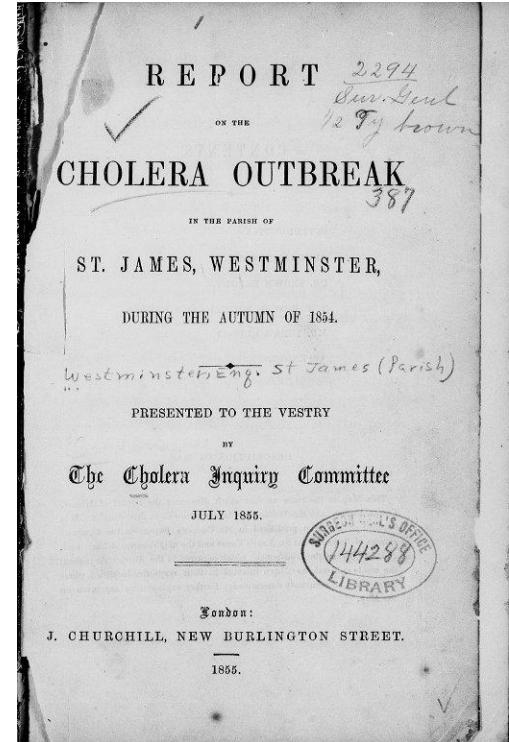
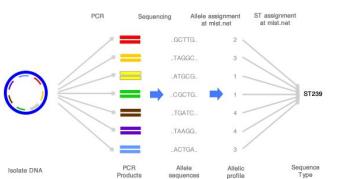
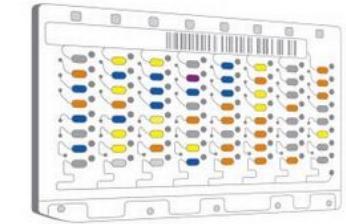
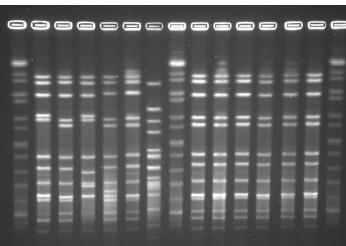
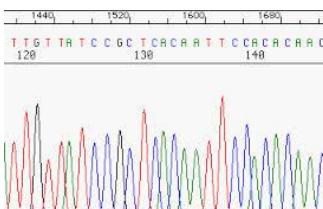
“AusTrakka”

- :: A shared online system for all Australian labs
 - : upload samples
 - : automated standard/specific analyses *in real time*
 - : simple reports and visualization
 - : easy to submit to international archives (SRA)
- :: Access control
 - : each lab controls their own data
 - : jurisdictions can share data in national outbreaks

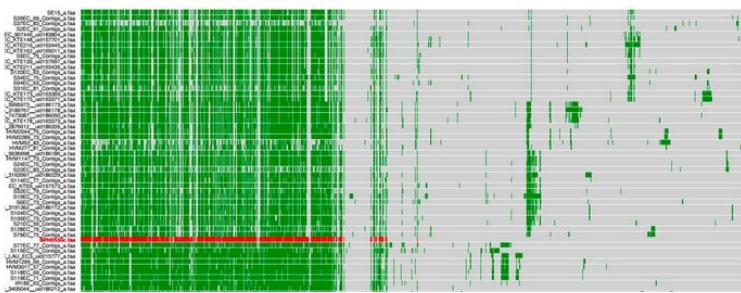
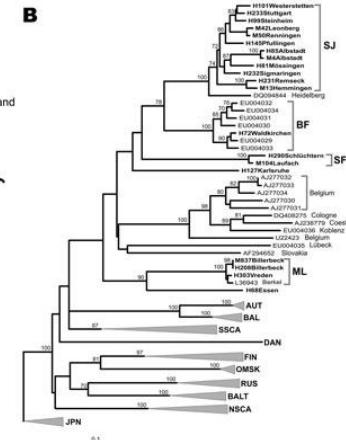
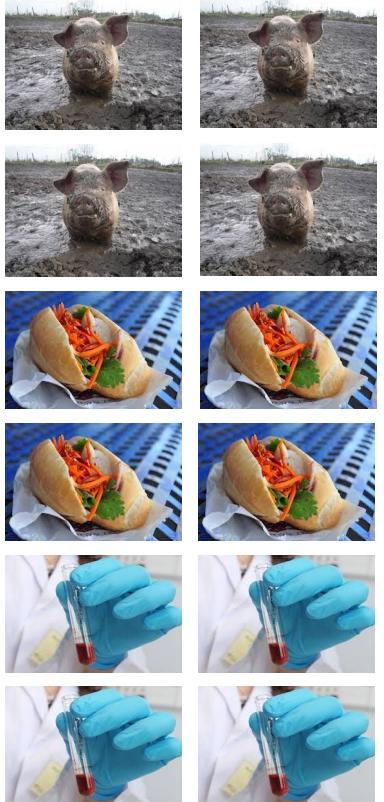


Conclusions

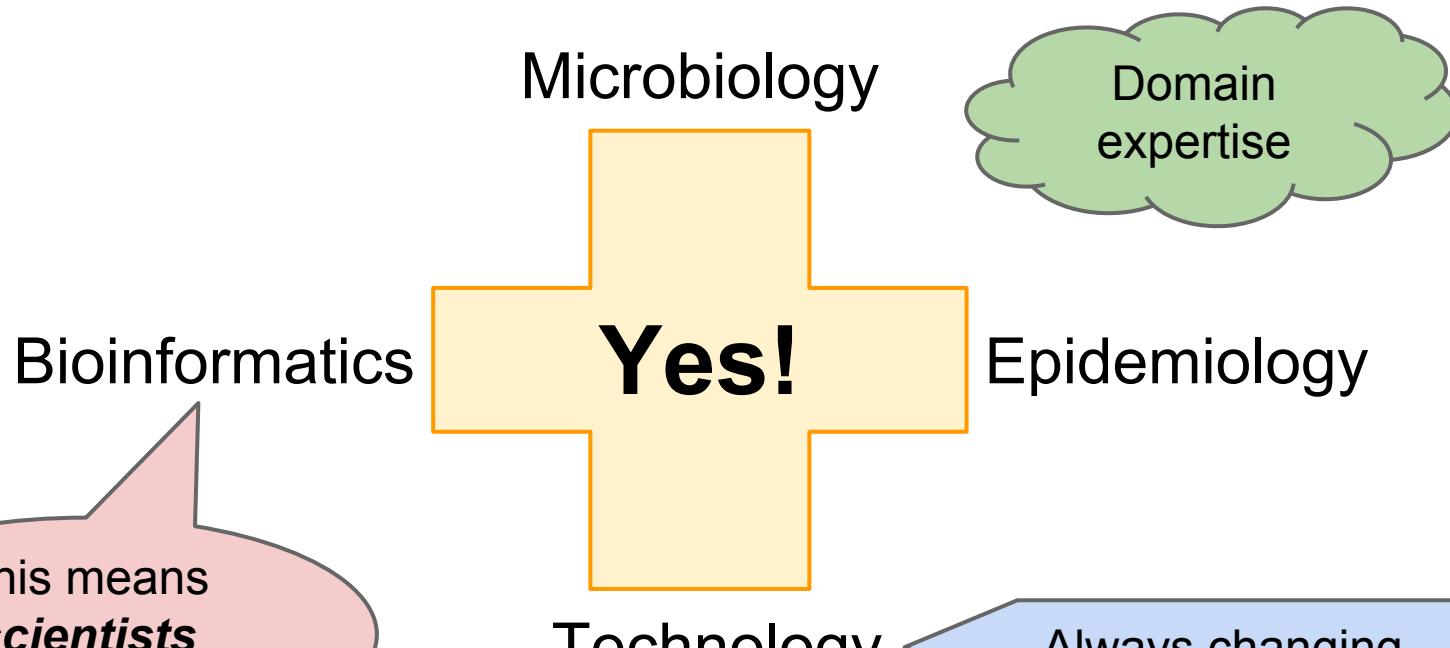
Traditional workflow



Modern workflow



Does WGS deliver?



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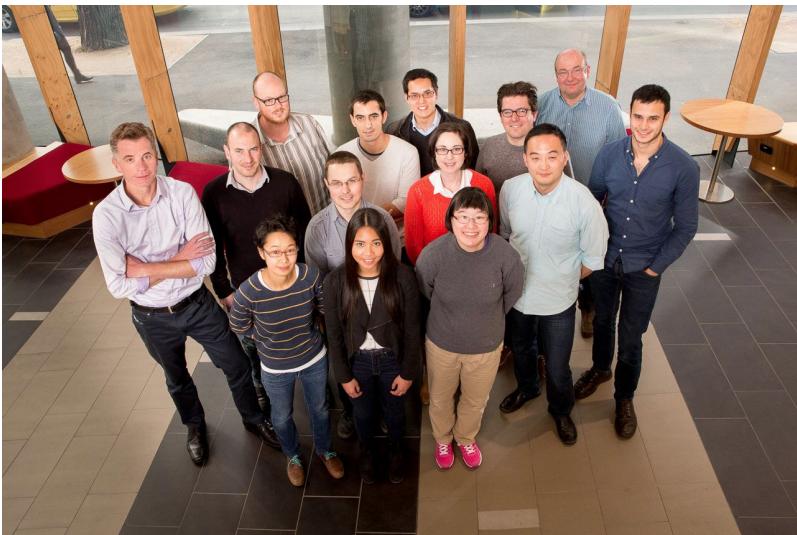
Thuy Vo Thi

Dieter Bulach

Cat Anscombe

Hai Ho

+ my Melbourne colleagues



A chimpanzee wearing black-rimmed glasses and a blue denim shirt is seated at a white desk. It is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. On the desk in front of it are several open books and papers. To its right, a yellow banana hangs from a thin wire or string.

Thank you for listening

The End