

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A DATA DELUGE

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NGS SEQUENCING

~~ZOMBIE~~ SURVIVAL TIP #3:

Panic fire only panics your allies and wastes ammunition.
Stop. Breathe. Aim. Squeeze. Live.

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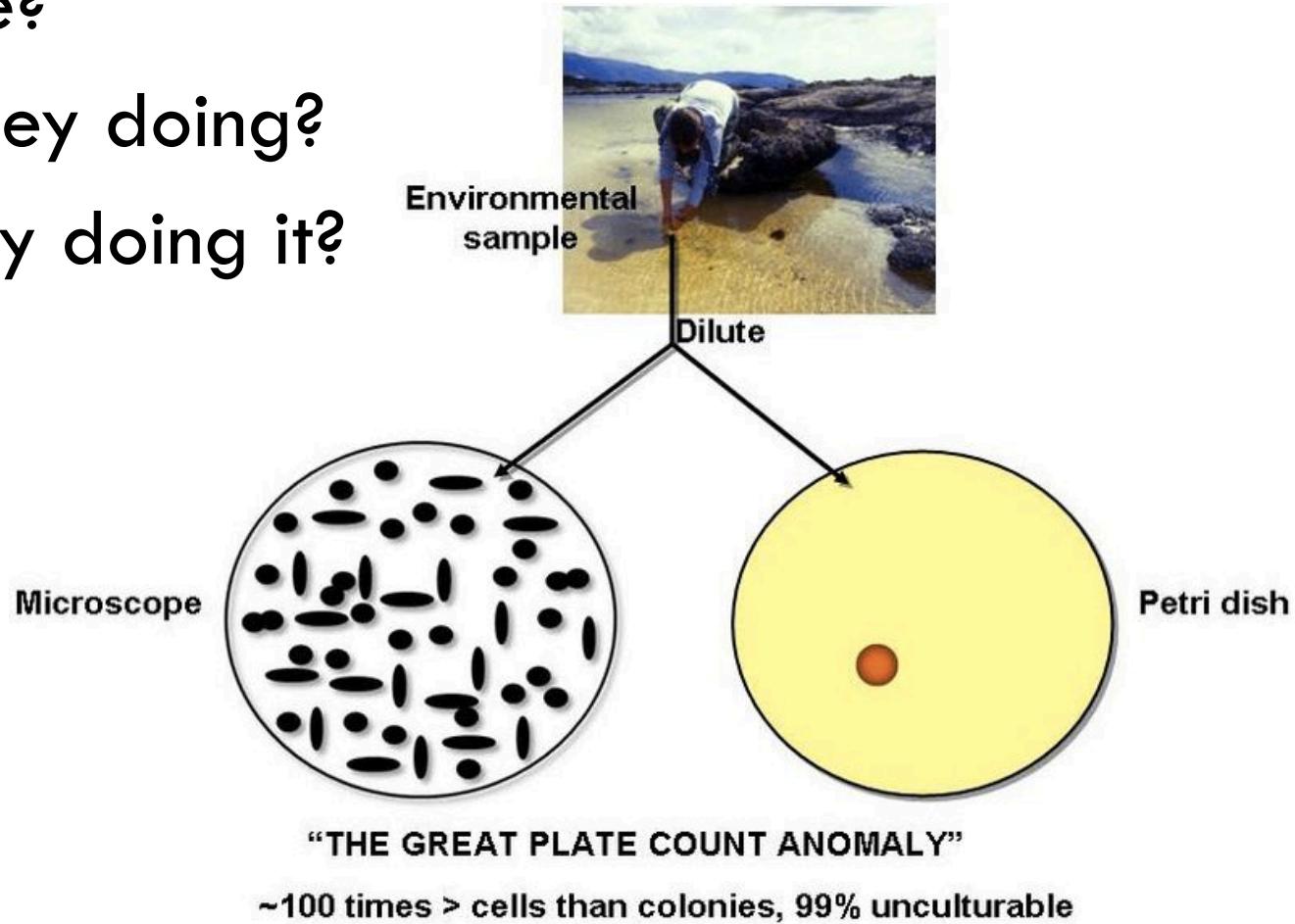
THE PROMISE OF METAGENOMICS



HOW DID WE GET HERE

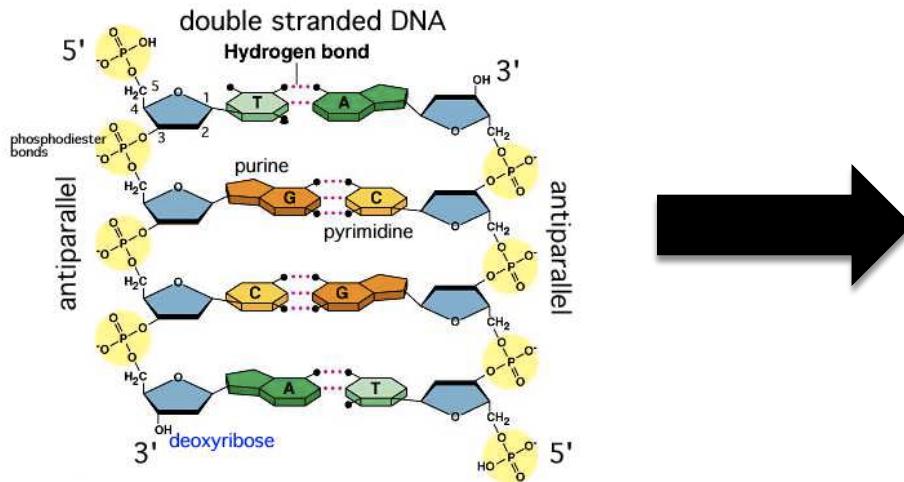
Understanding community dynamics

- Who is there?
- What are they doing?
- How are they doing it?



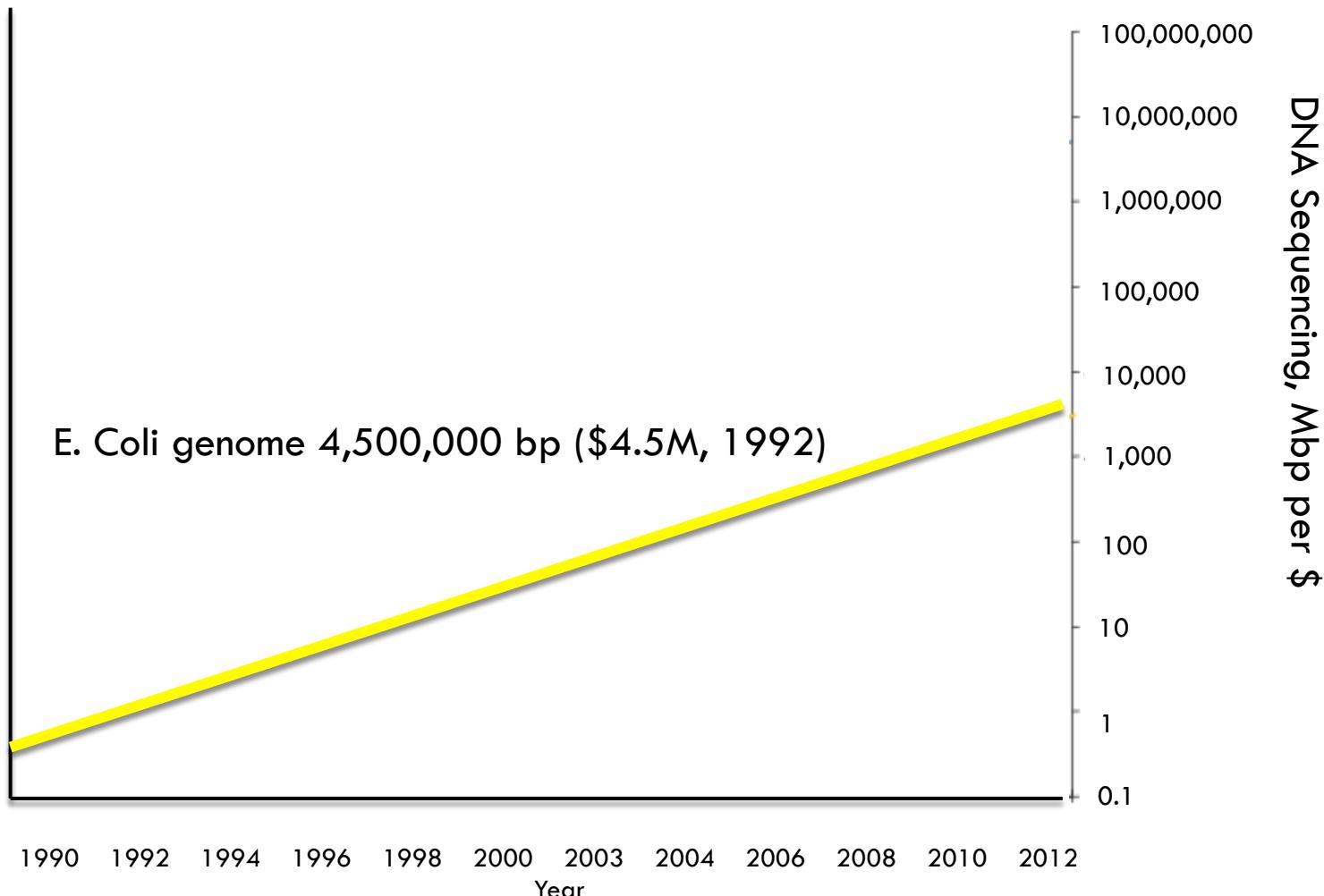
Gene / Genome Sequencing

- Collect samples
- Extract DNA
- Sequence DNA
- “Analyze” DNA to identify its content and origin

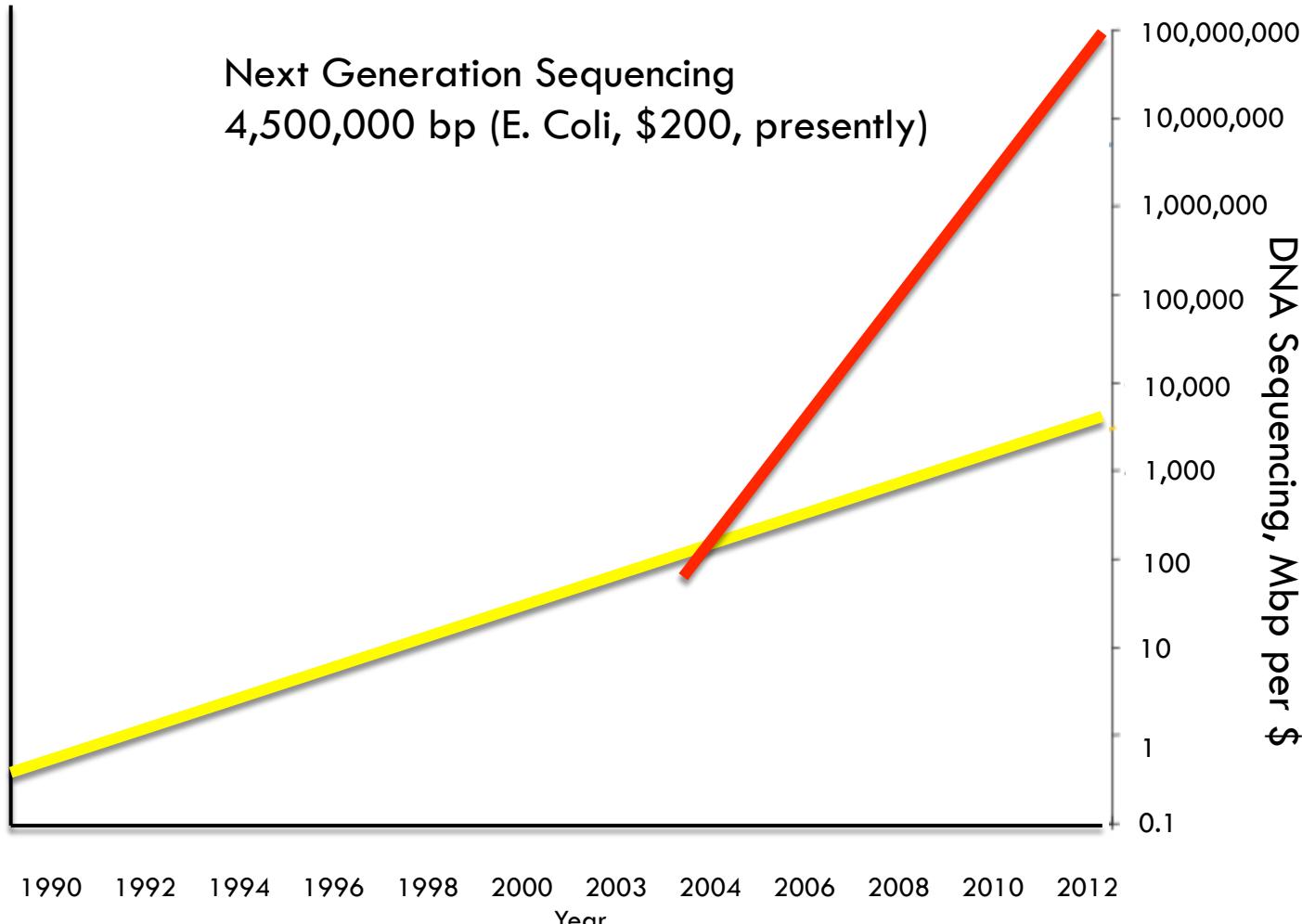


Taxonomy
(e.g., pathogenic E. Coli)
Function
(e.g., degrades cellulose)

Cost of Sequencing



Rapidly decreasing costs with NGS Sequencing



Effects of low cost sequencing...

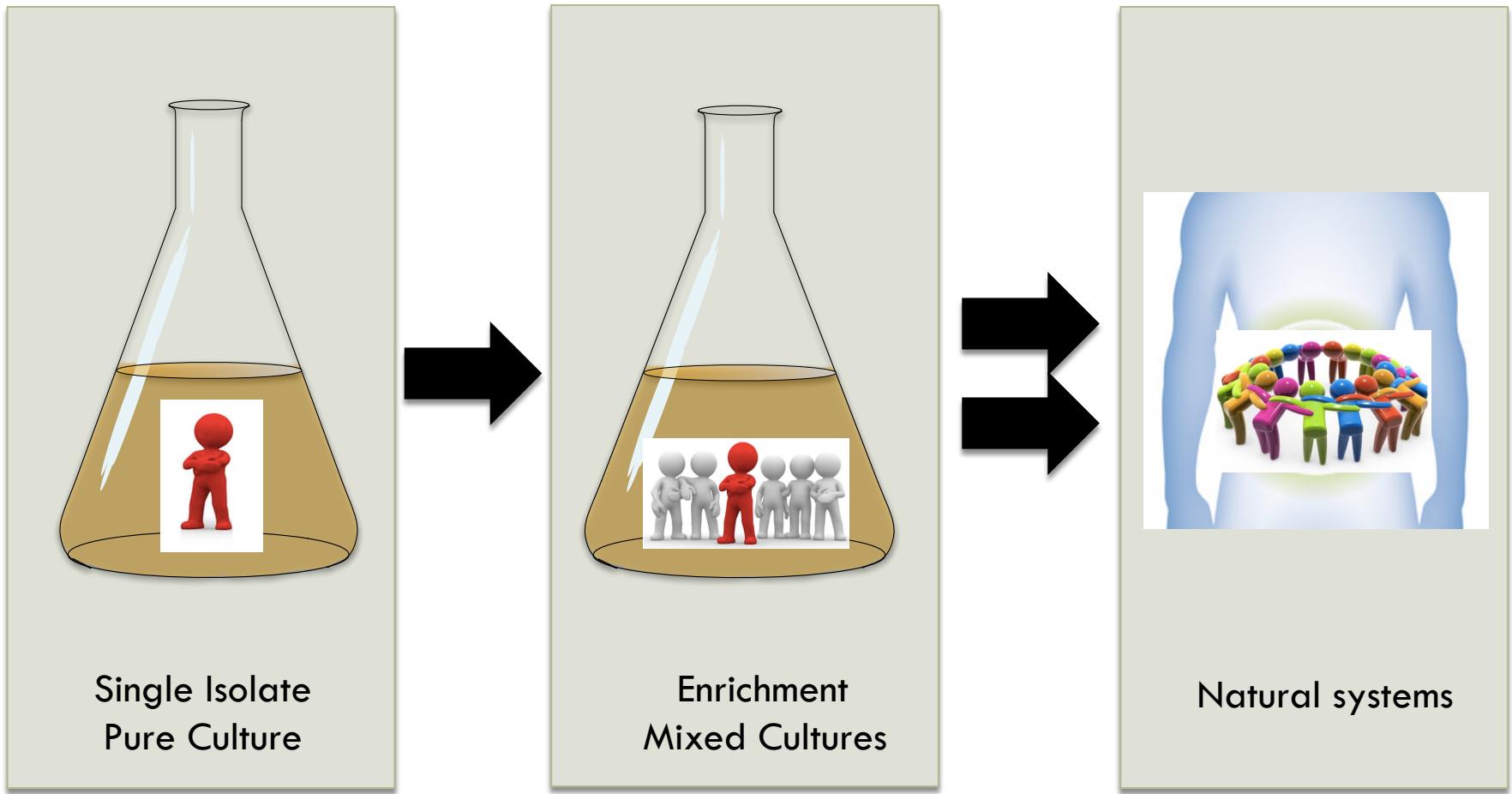


First free-living bacterium sequenced for
billions of dollars and years of analysis

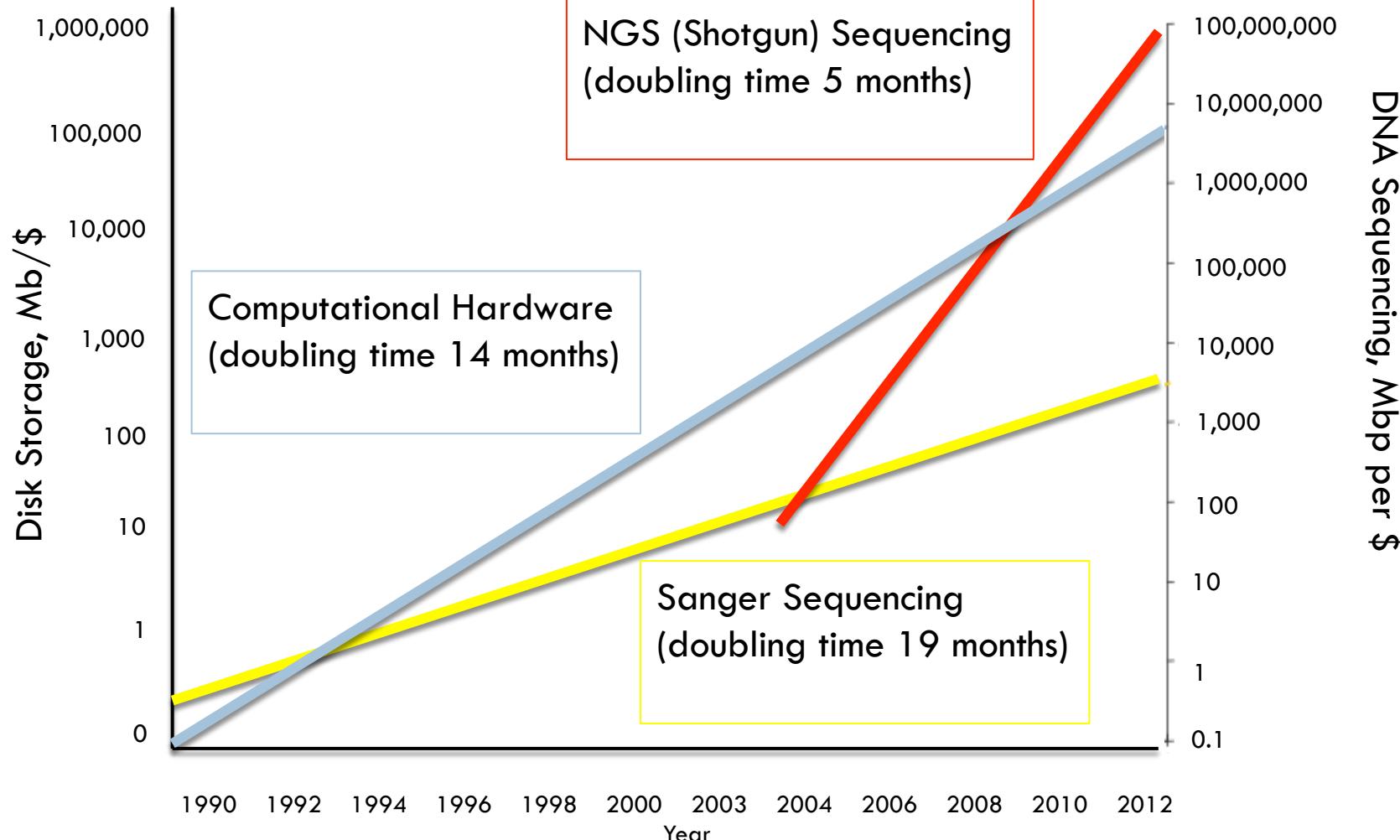
A screenshot of the 23andMe website homepage. The header includes the 23andMe logo, a search bar, and navigation links for welcome, ancestry, health, how it works, store, and help. A banner at the top states "23andMe can help you manage risk and make informed decisions...". The main content area features three main sections: "Ancestry" (with a tree icon), "Health" (with a person running icon), and "Research" (with a lightbulb icon). Below these are sub-sections: "Learn for the present." under Health and "Participate for the future." under Research. A large central callout reads "Learn valuable health & ancestry information." Below it is a price of "\$99" and a pink "Order Now" button. At the bottom, there's an image of the 23andMe DNA spit kit in its green packaging.

Personal genome can be mapped in a few days and hundreds to few thousand dollars

The experimental continuum



The era of big data in biology



Postdoc experience with data

2003-2008 Cumulative sequencing in PhD = 2000 bp

2008-2009 Postdoc Year 1 = 50 Gbp

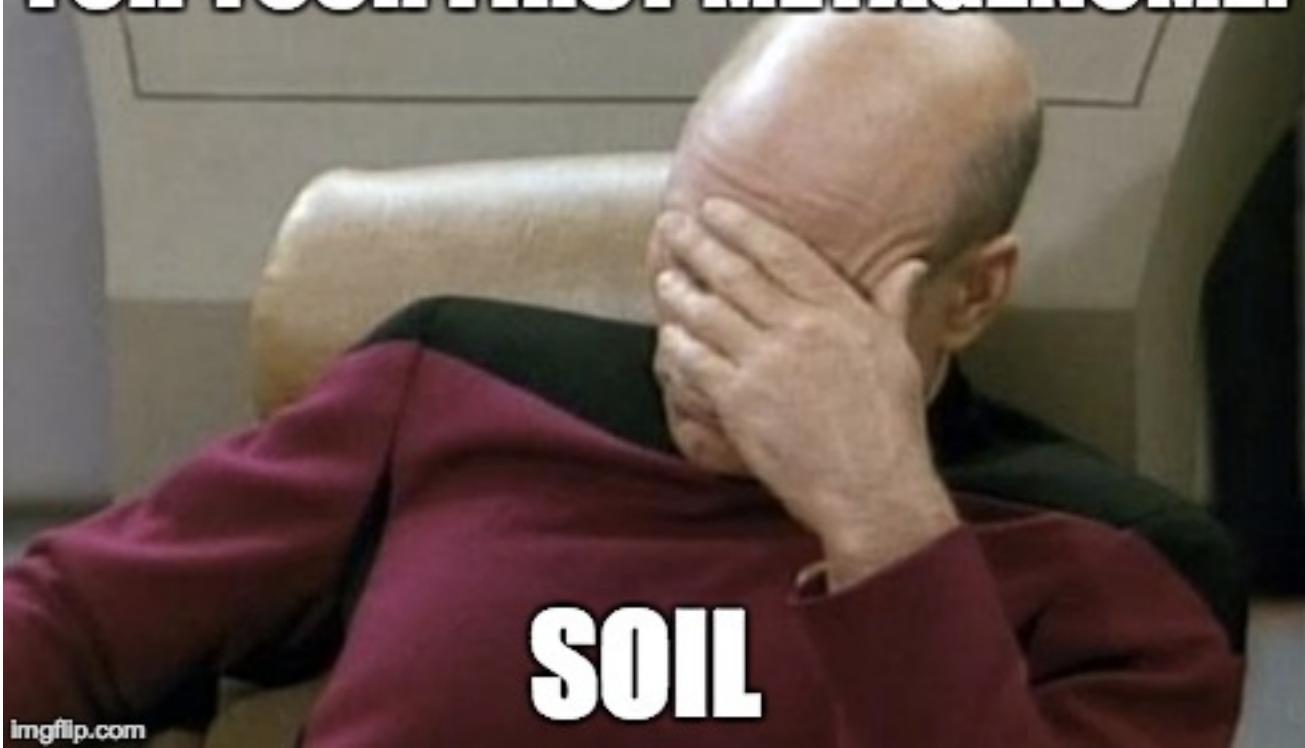
2009-2010 Postdoc Year 2 = 450 Gbp

2014 = 50 Tbp

2015 = 500 Tbp budgeted



FOR YOUR FIRST METAGENOME:

A photograph of Captain Jean-Luc Picard from Star Trek: The Next Generation. He is sitting in a light-colored armchair, wearing his signature maroon Starfleet uniform over a green shirt. His right hand is raised to his forehead, with his fingers resting against his temple, a gesture often used to indicate distress or deep thought. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

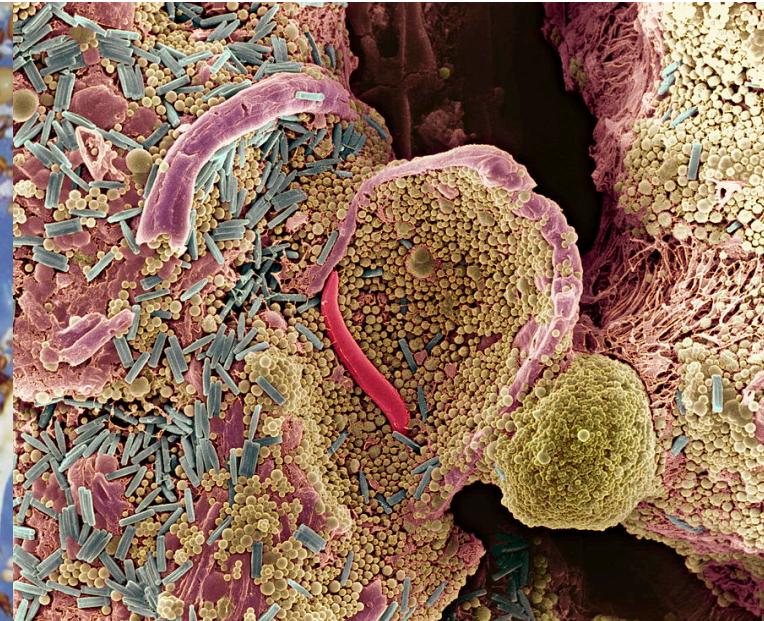
SOIL

THE DIRT ON SOIL

MAGNIFICENT BIODIVERSITY



Biodiversity in the dark, Wall et al., Nature Geoscience, 2010



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SPATIAL HETEROGENEITY

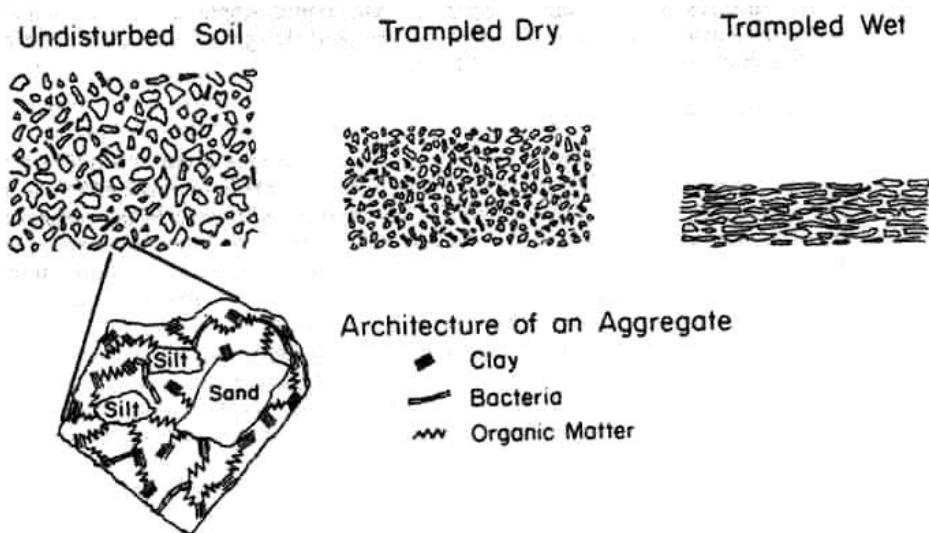
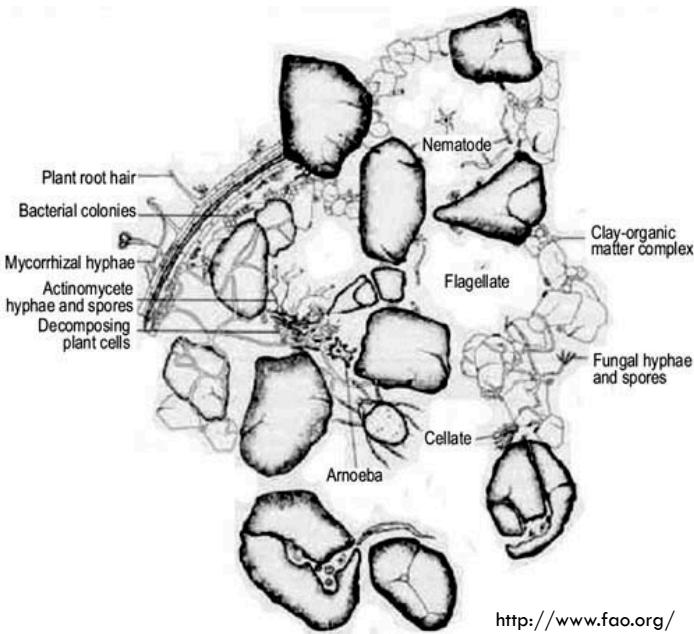


Figure 6.2. Conceptual architecture of a soil aggregate and the changes in soil aggregate structure caused by trampling under wet and dry conditions.

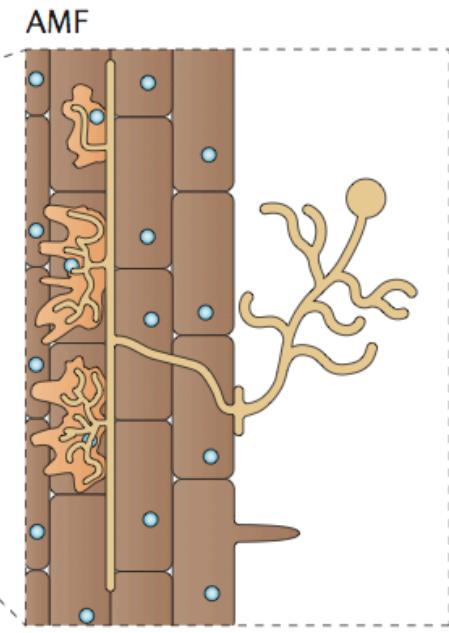
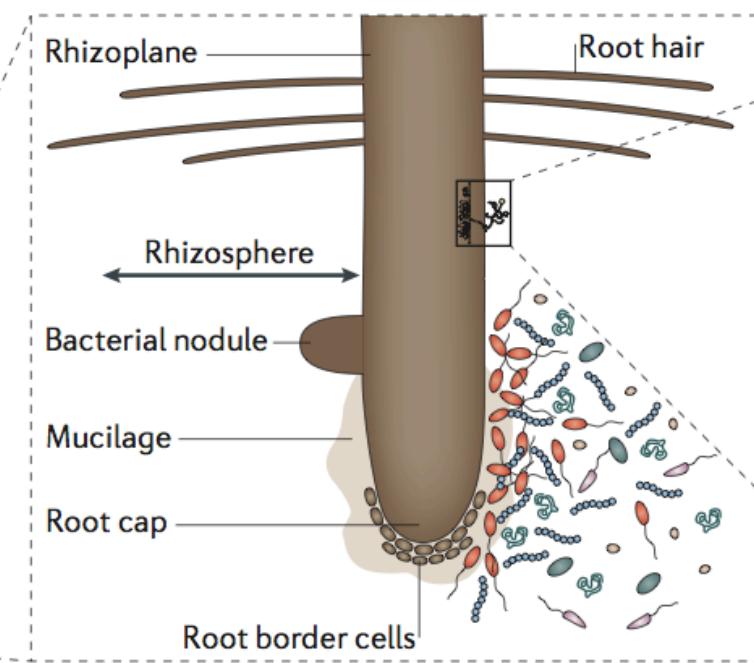
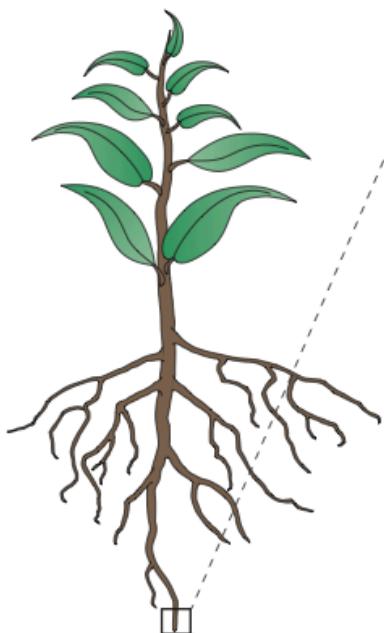
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DYNAMIC



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INTERACTIONS: BIOTIC, ABIOTIC, ABOVE, BELOW, SCALES



Philippot, 2013, *Nature Reviews Microbiology*

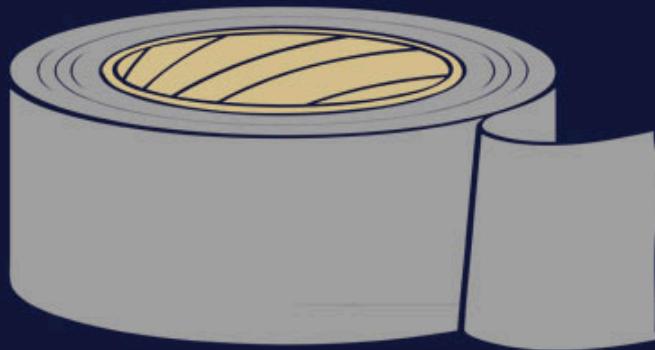
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- I. Methods to tackle metagenomic datasets
 - Computational
 - Experimental
 - I. Bottlenecks for microbiologists

Tackling Soil Biodiversity



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MY TOOL KIT



A Slight Digression: Decisions for the new microbial ecologist

Getting the most out of your data

ID, Abundance, Function

Complex
Samples

16S rRNA amplicon
sequencing

Pros:

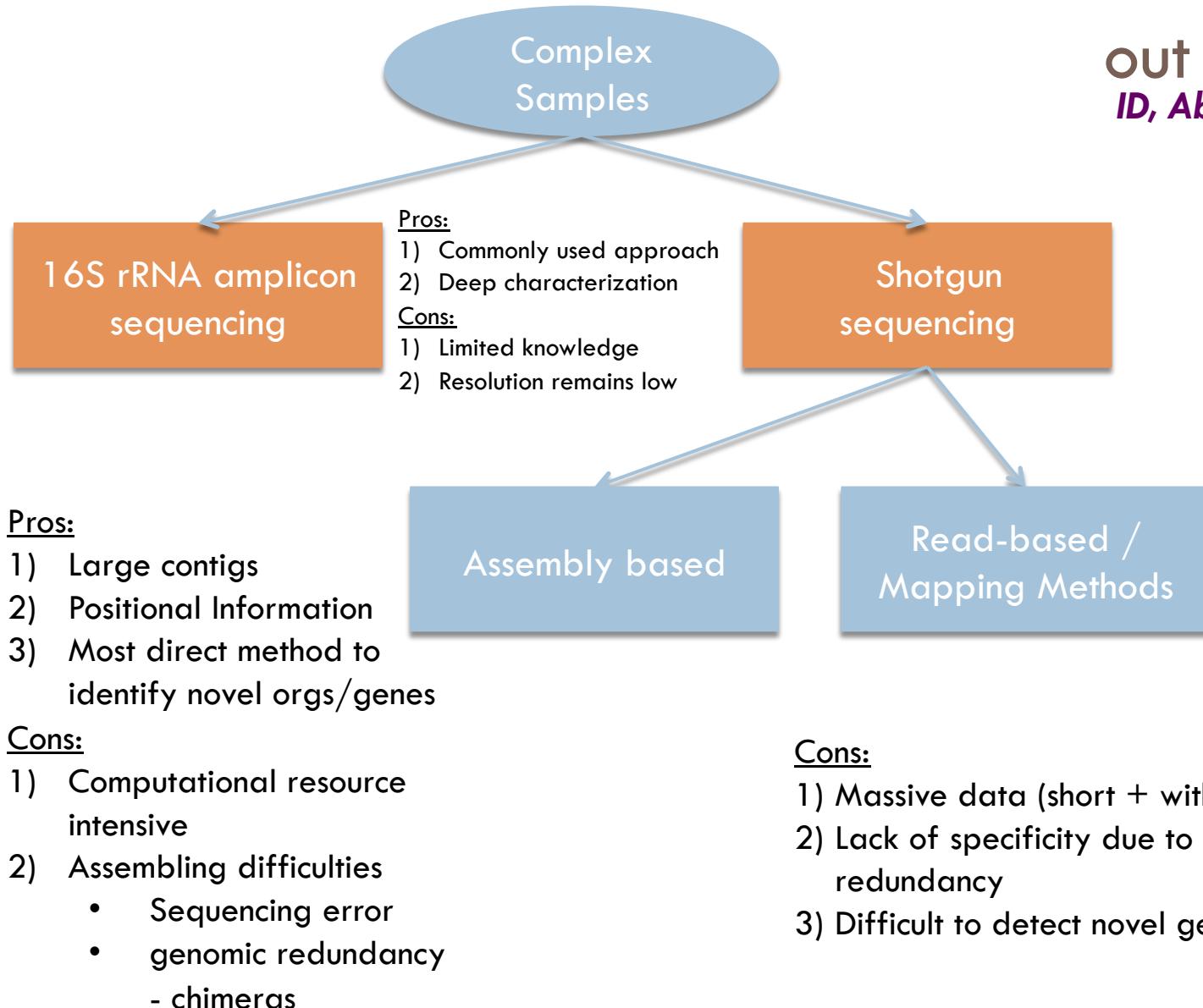
- 1) Commonly used approach
- 2) Deep characterization

Cons:

- 1) Limited knowledge
- 2) Resolution remains low

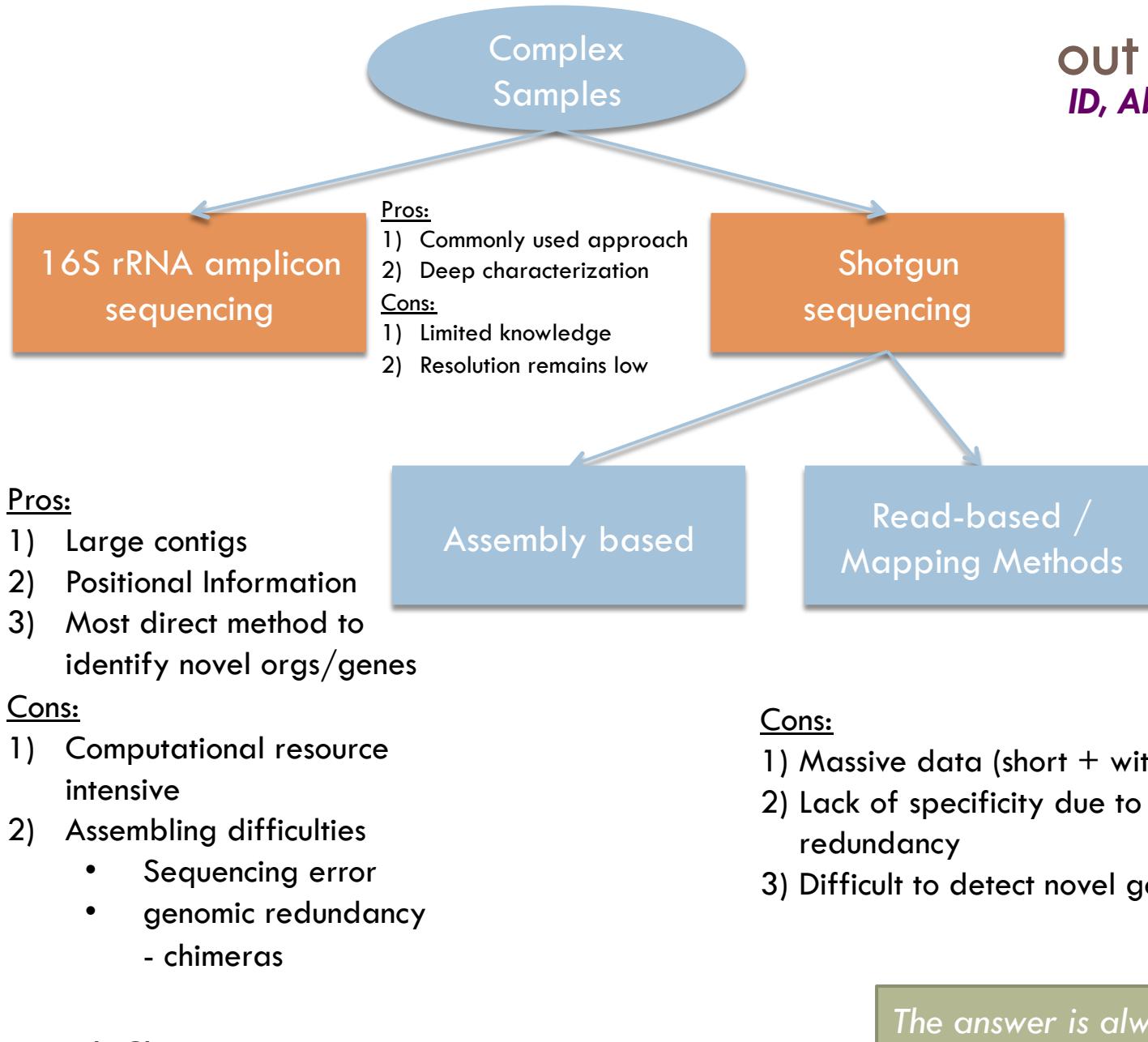
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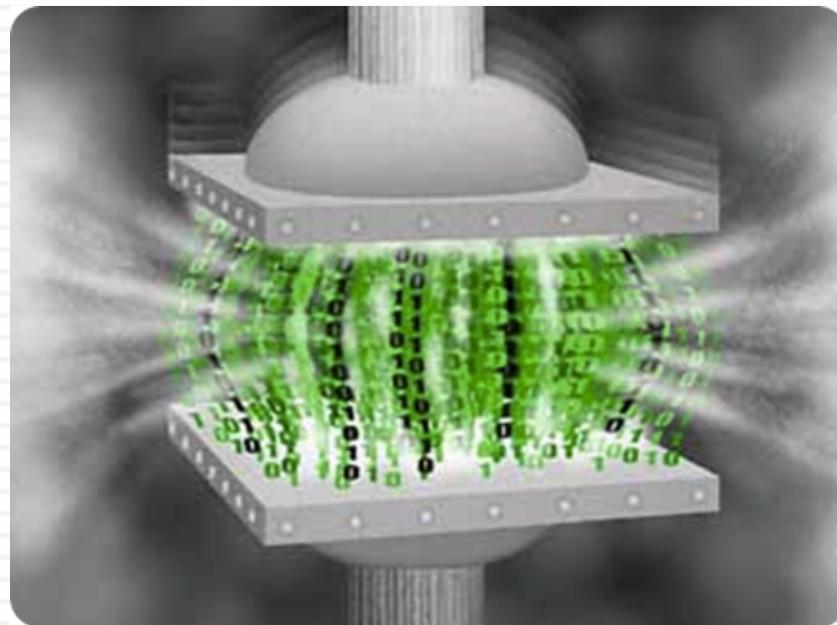


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Example #1: Data compression

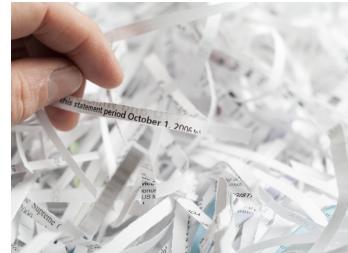


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de novo assembly



Raw sequencing data (“reads”)



Computational algorithms



Informative genes / genomes

- ❖ Compresses dataset size significantly
- ❖ Improved data quality (longer sequences, gene order)
- ❖ Reference not necessary (novelty)

Metagenome assembly...a scaling problem.



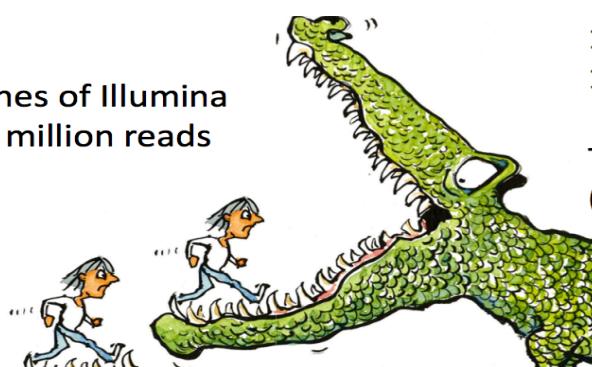
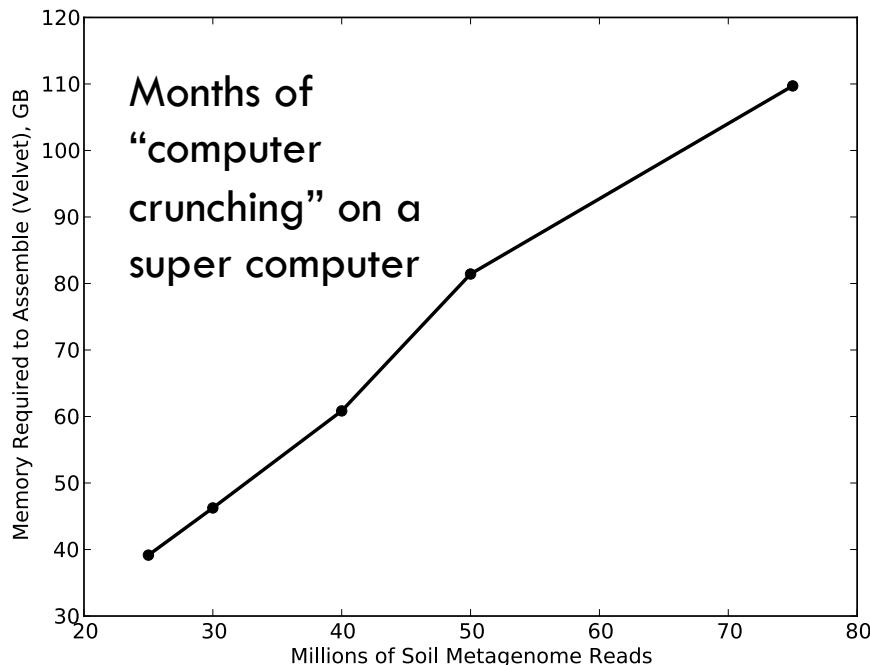
Shotgun sequencing and de novo assembly

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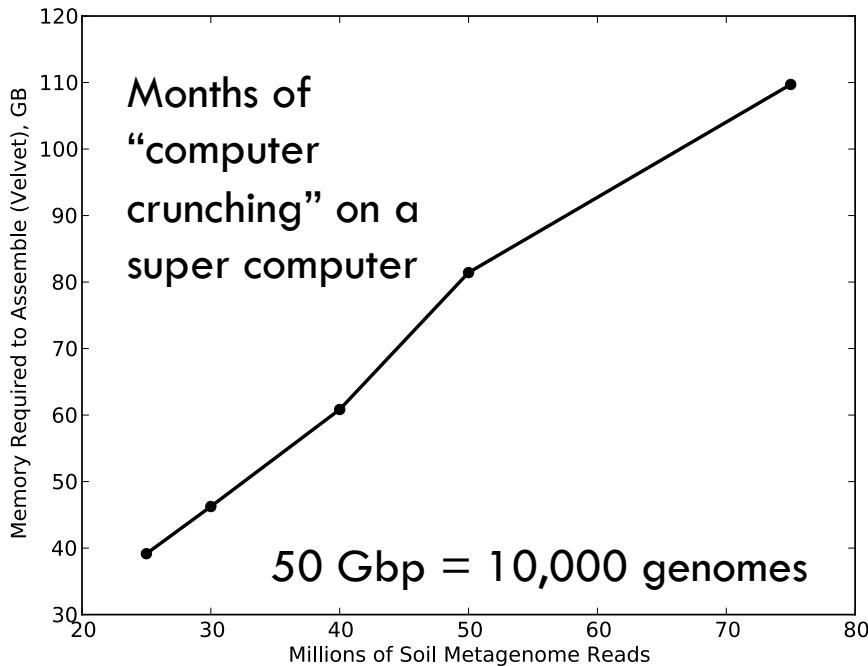


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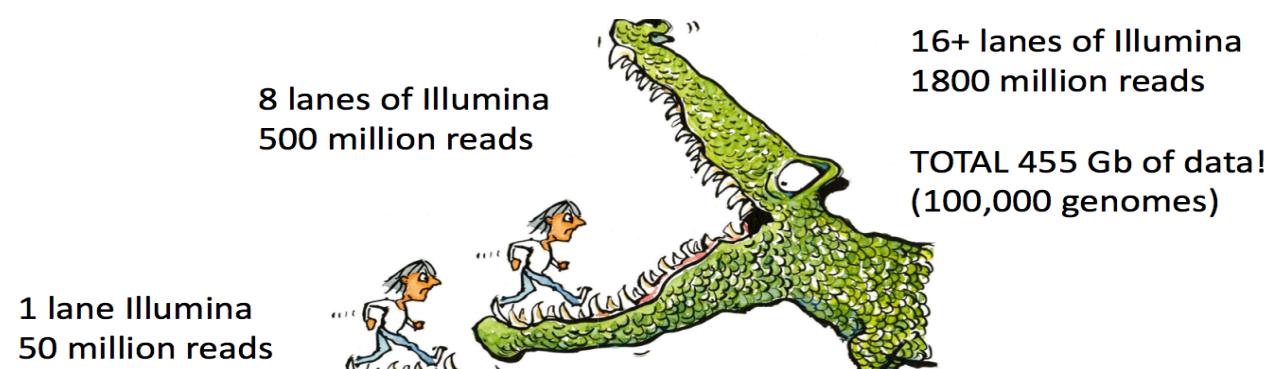
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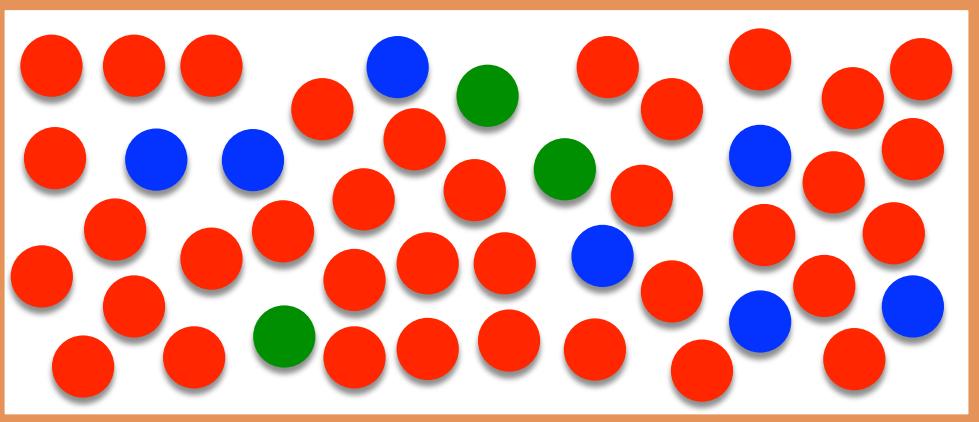
Assembly of 300 Gbp (70,000 genomes worth) can be done with any assembly program in less than 14 GB RAM and less than 24 hours.



Natural community characteristics

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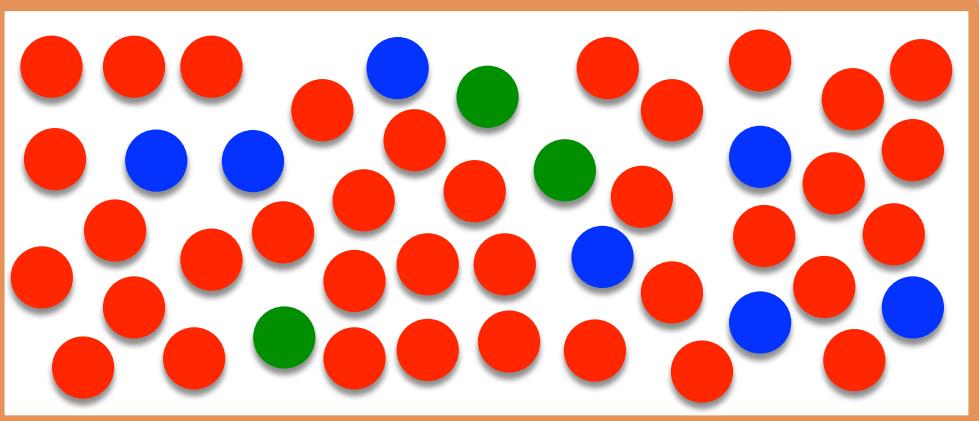
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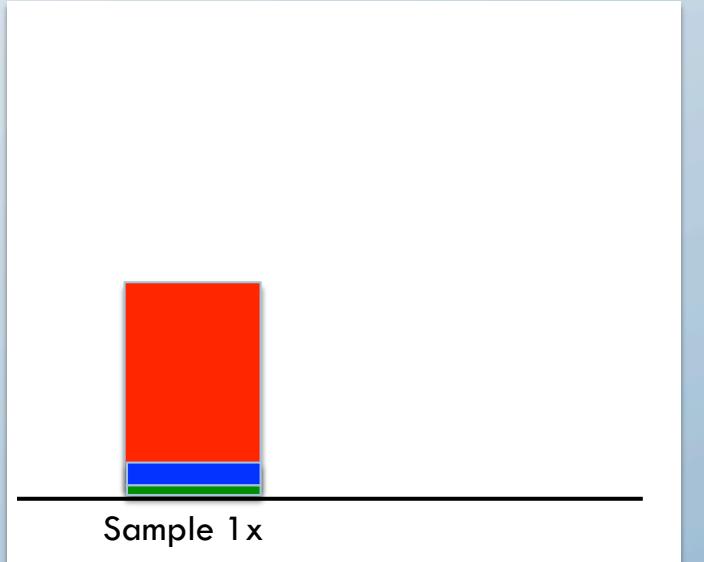
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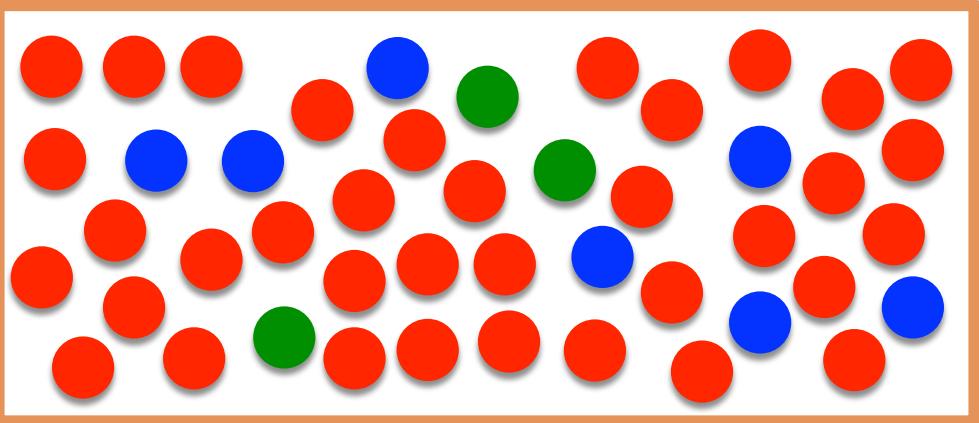
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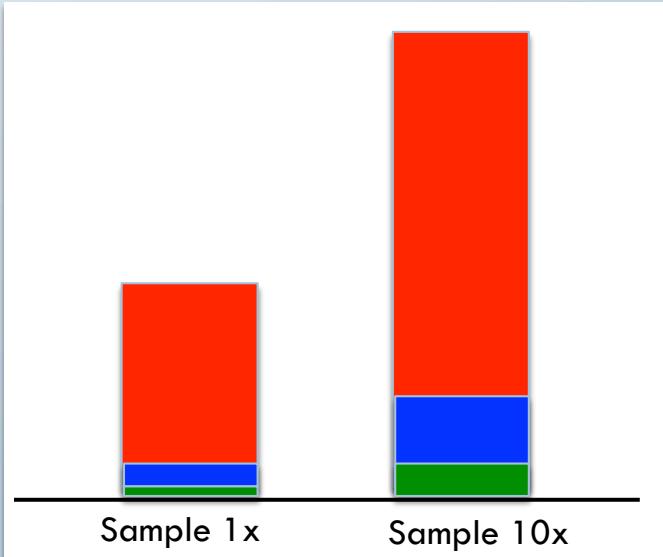
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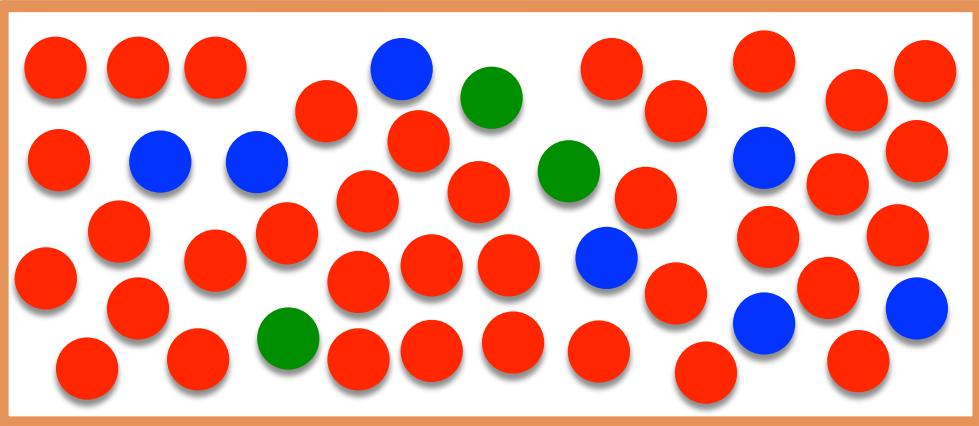
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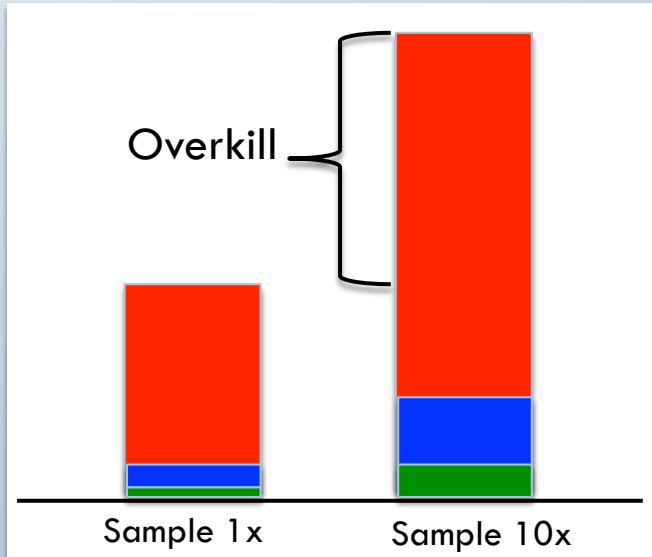
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Digital normalization

ANSWER

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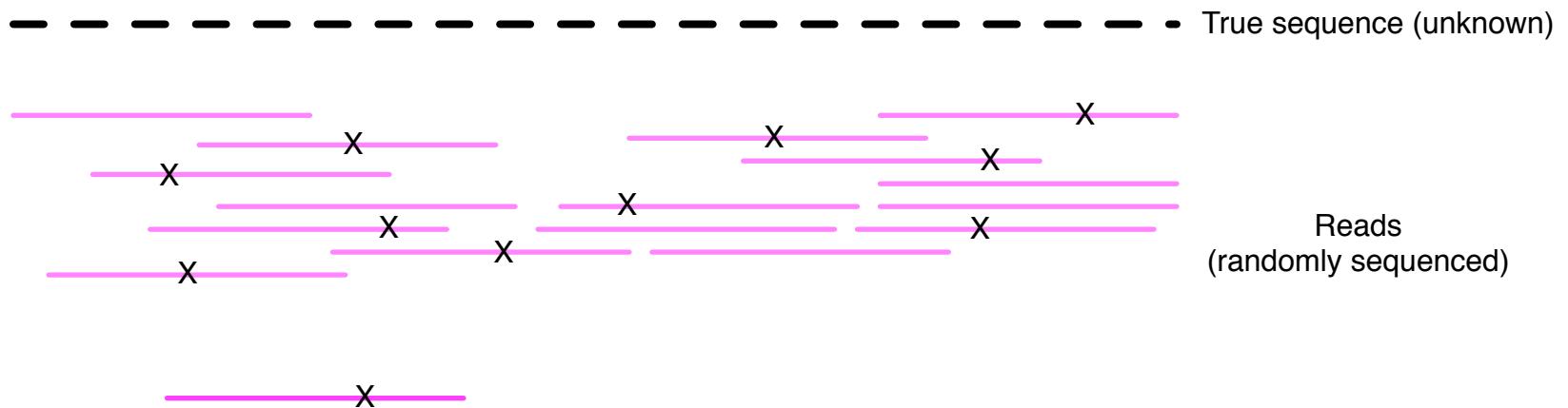
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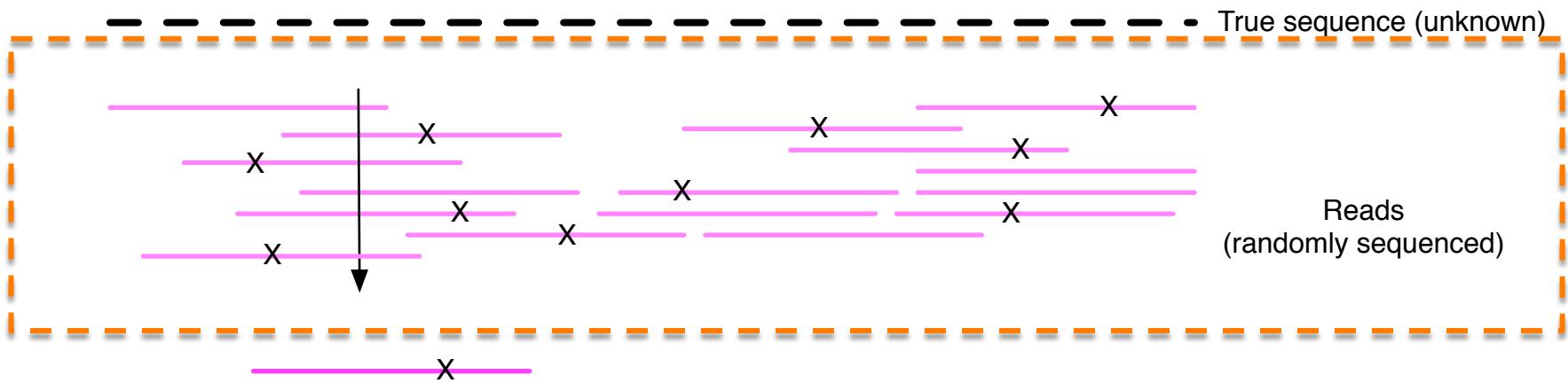
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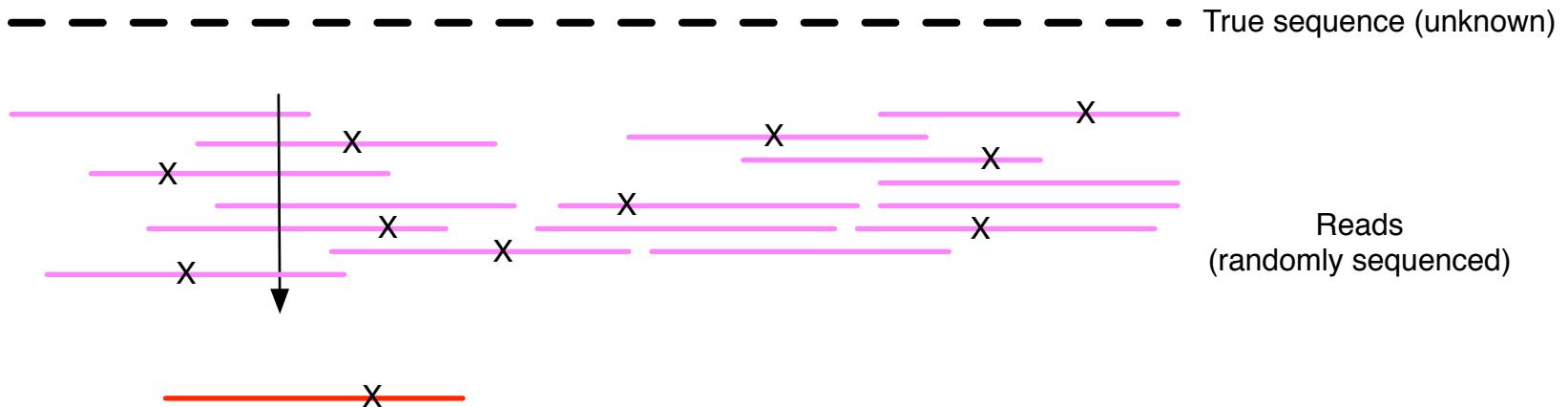


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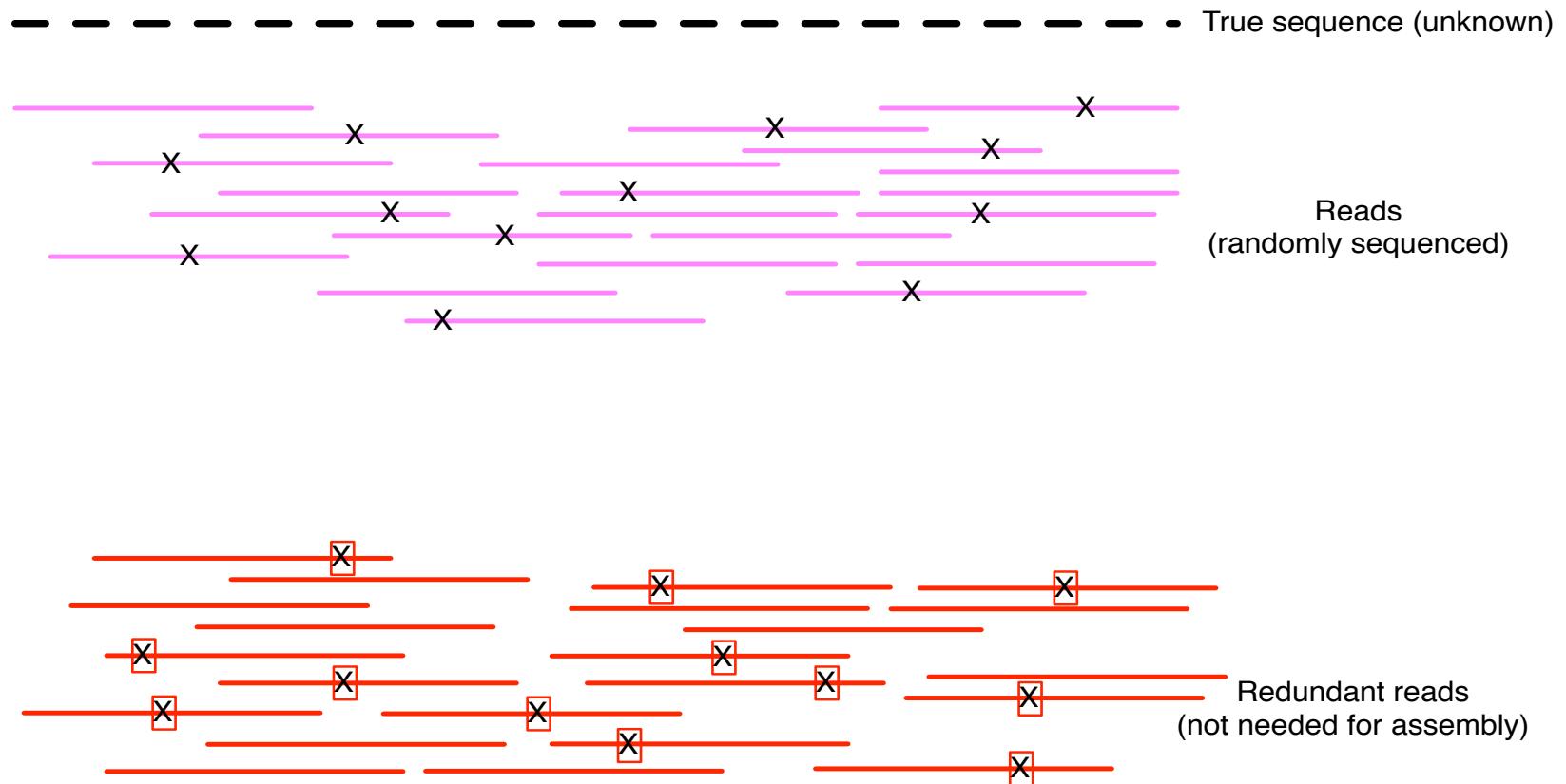
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- ❖ Scales datasets for assembly up to 95% - same assembly outputs.
- ❖ Genomes, mRNA-seq, metagenomes (soils, gut, water)

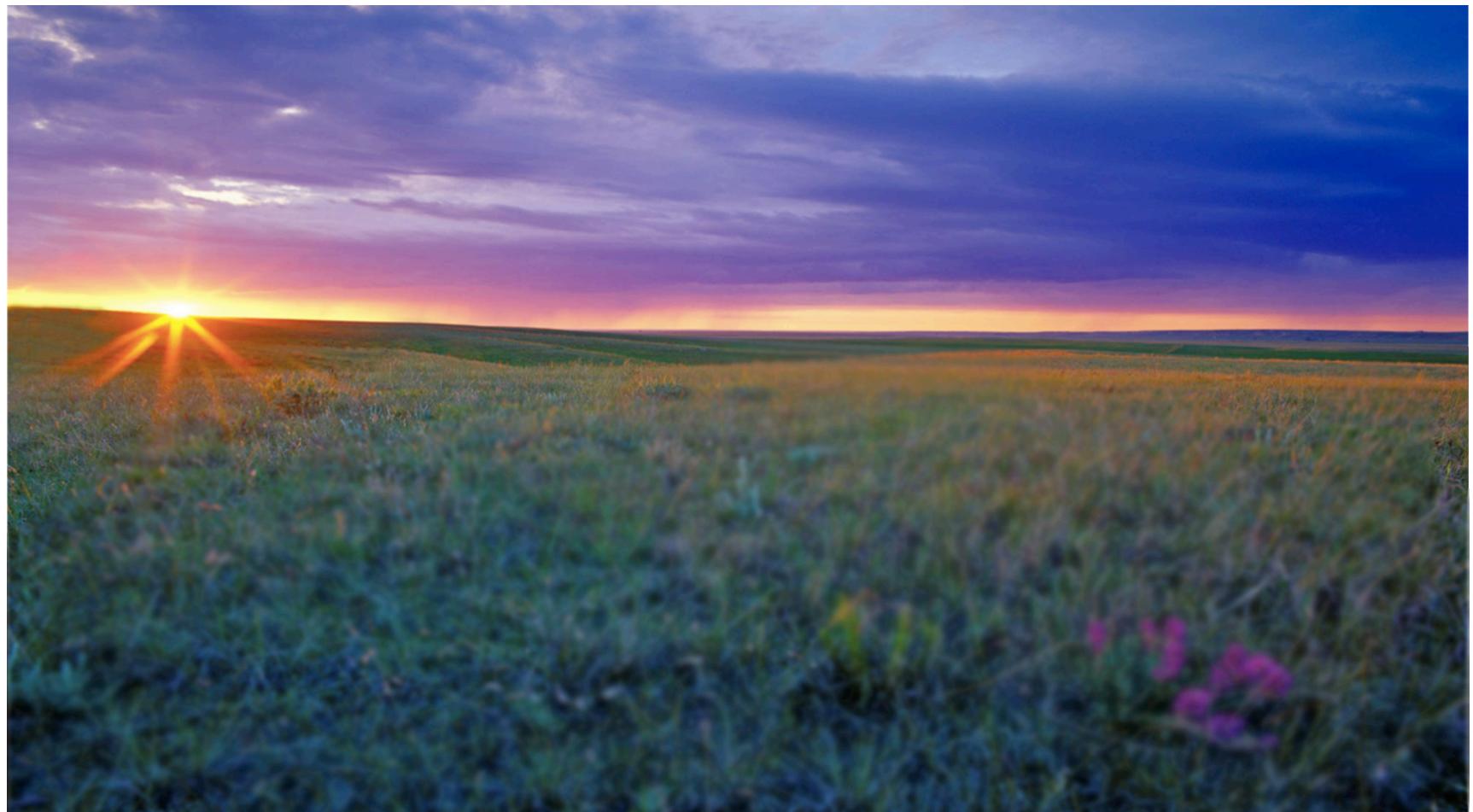
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The reality?



More like...



The Future

- More data, more samples, better references
- Expense will be in sampling – not sequencing or even data analysis
- All biologists will need to know how to use a pipette and write computer programs
- Large-scale, collaborative projects rather than single PI efforts