



To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm my willingness and intent to collaborate with Prof. Jens Stoye on the project "Dual Sparse De-Bruijn Subgraphs (DSDS)" proposed to the German Research Foundation (DFG) in August 2007. In recent years I have been involved in the development of Analysis Systems for large scale sequencing projects. My main line of research is the integration of DNA sequence, proteomics and gene expression data. As such I have been dealing with fragment assembly for 10 years now and I am very interested in extending my collaboration with Prof. Stoye and his group in this area, especially towards efficient implementation of such methods.

I am also willing to receive researchers from Prof. Stoye's group in Brasília anytime. My laboratory has appropriate physical accommodations for visitors, including 2 vacant Sun Ray 270 Virtual Display Clients allowing access to any of our 4 servers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'F' followed by a horizontal stroke and a small loop at the end.

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