

Optimization Framework For Phylogenetic Compression

Comité de Suivi Individuelle (1st year)

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My Background: International & Multidisciplinary

2018-2021: Licence MIAE – Rennes University

2021: Full-stack developer – Enedis, Paris

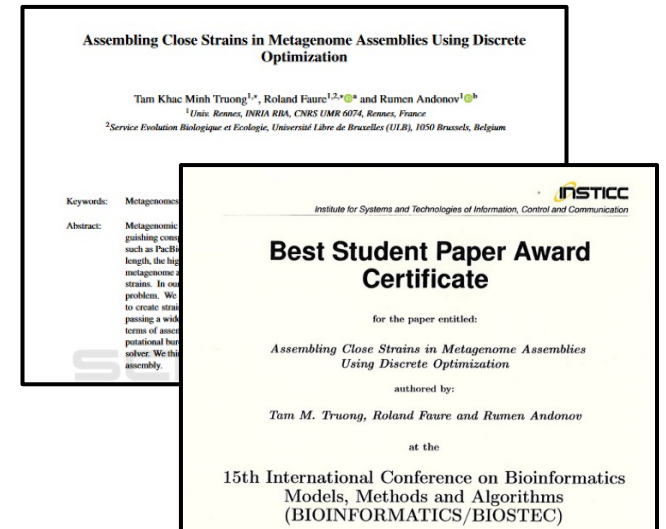
2021-2023: Dbl-deg Master Data Science & Business:
Rennes & Aalto Univ (Finland)

2022 & 2023: 2 Internships at INRIA:
Optimization for strains separation - Supervisor: R. Andonov

Start: Nov. 2024
PhD: Optimization for Phylogenetic Compression

Multidisciplinary competences

Big data
Method development & researching
Master's internships in bioinformatics



Training Programs

First Year

- Transversal training (50h)
 - Starthèse: Entrepreneurship
 - French language B1
- Scientific training
 - Conferences: SeqBim
 - Various programming training: Git, Good practices

Plan: Second Year

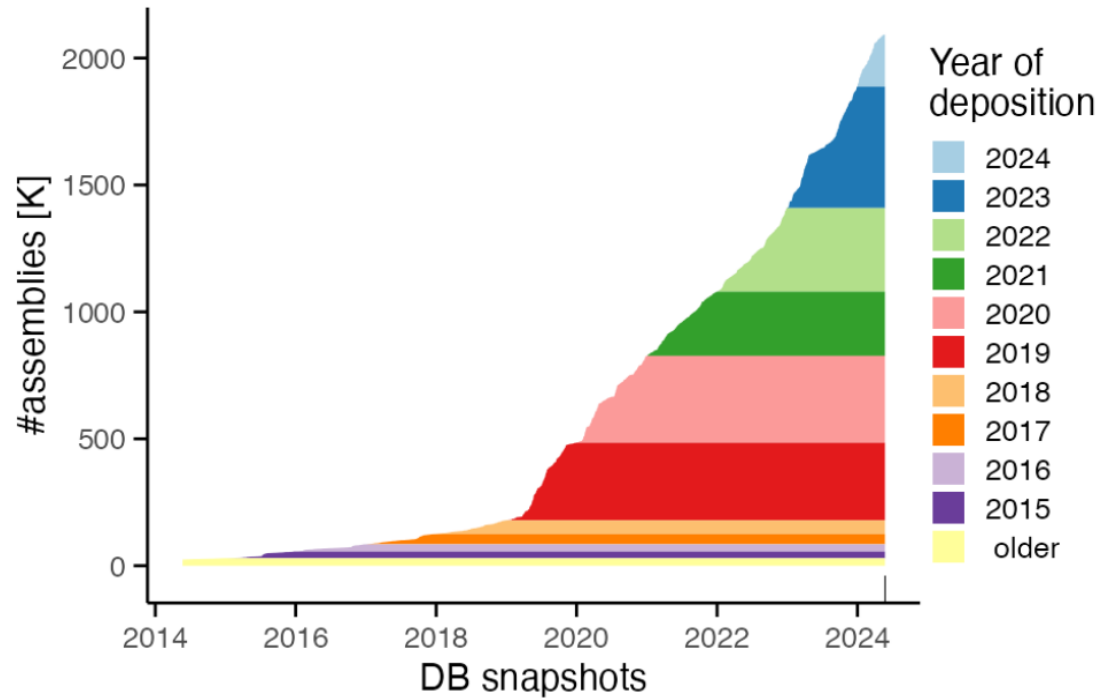
- Transversal training
 - Ethic for Science
- Scientific training
 - Scientific writing
 - Teaching

My PhD Thesis

Motivation & State Of The Art

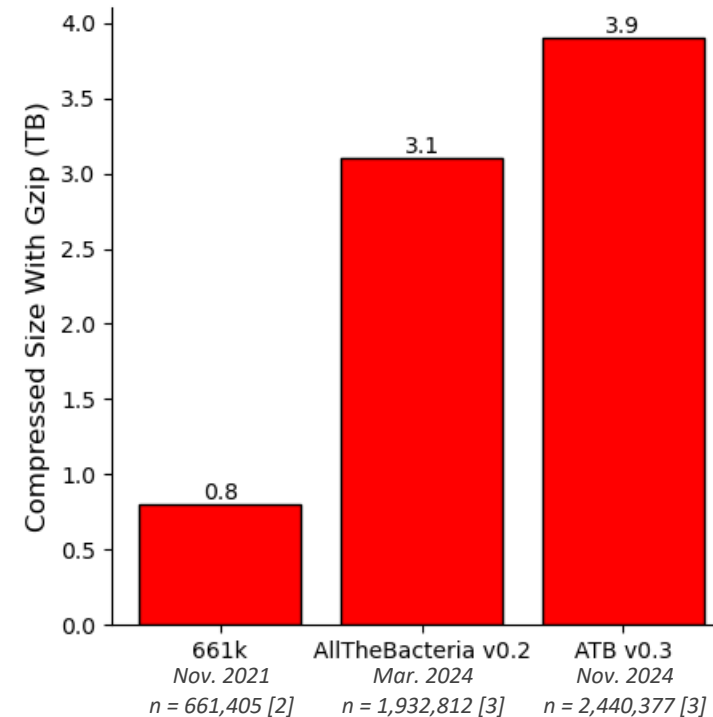
Motivation: Rapidly Growing Bacteria Genome Data & Collections

Fast Growth Of Bacterial Genomes Data¹ (NCBI)



Karel Brinda, 2024 (CC) <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.25879258>

Multi-Terabytes Microbial Genome Collections



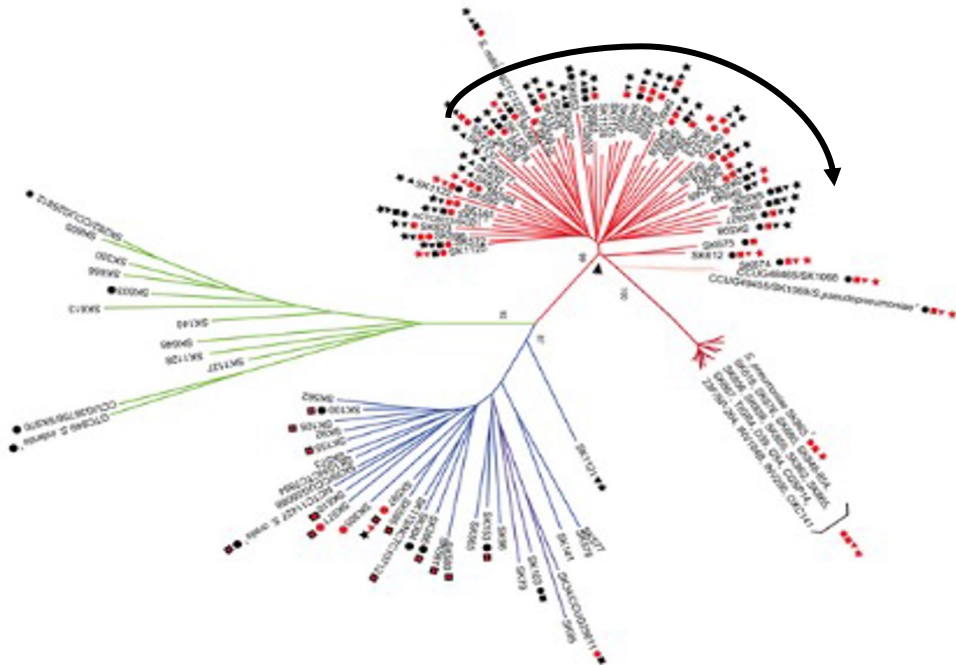
18 Jun 2025: ATB v0.4 with 330k new genomes

Next decade: Even larger collections ($n = \sim 10^7$), higher diversity, ...

Challenging: Efficient storage & analysis (indexing, searching)
Standard compression protocol is not sufficient

[1] Brinda et al. 2025, [2] Blackwell et al. 2021, [3] Hunt et al. 2024

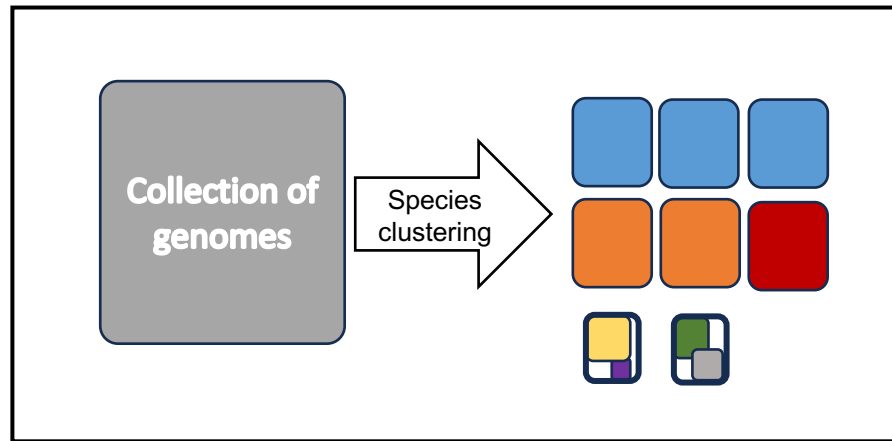
Phylogenetic Compression: New Method For Microbial Genomes Compression



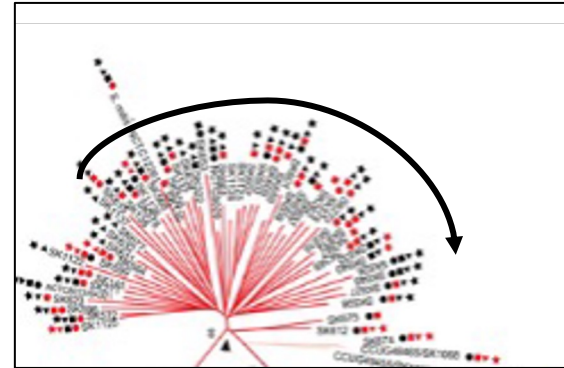
Difficulty: Compression of genomes is challenging due to the widespread redundancy in the data.

Key Idea: Reordering genomes based on evolutionary history enhances local compressibility¹

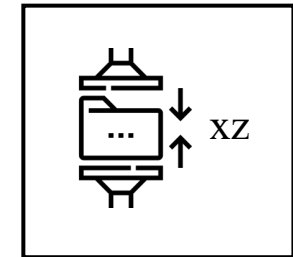
Phylogenetic Compression: Key Steps – Implemented in MiniPhy



Step 1 : Phylogenetic Species-based
Pre-ordering & Batching

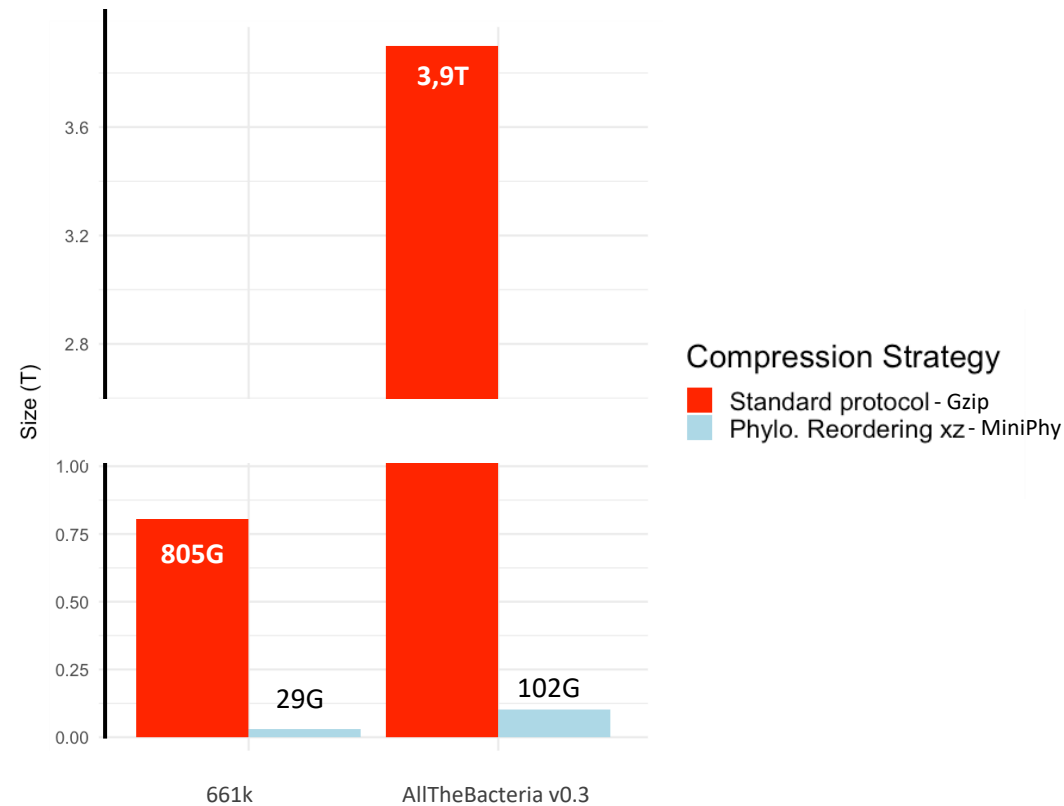


Step 2 : Phylogenetic Reordering Per Batch



Step 3 : Compression

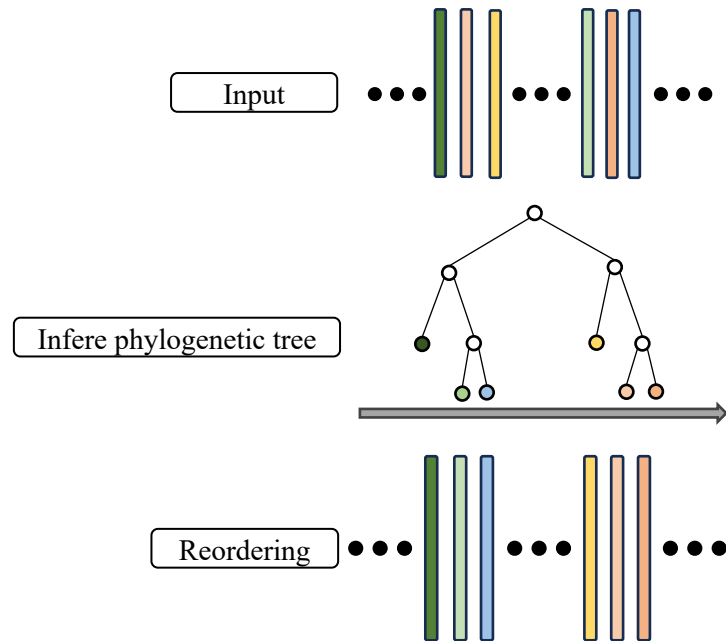
Phylogenetic Compression: Applications On Large Genomes Collections – 1-2 Orders Of Magnitude Reduction In Size



➔ Core compression technique for ATB, currently the largest microbial genomes collection

Key Concepts

Ordering In Phylogenetic Compression

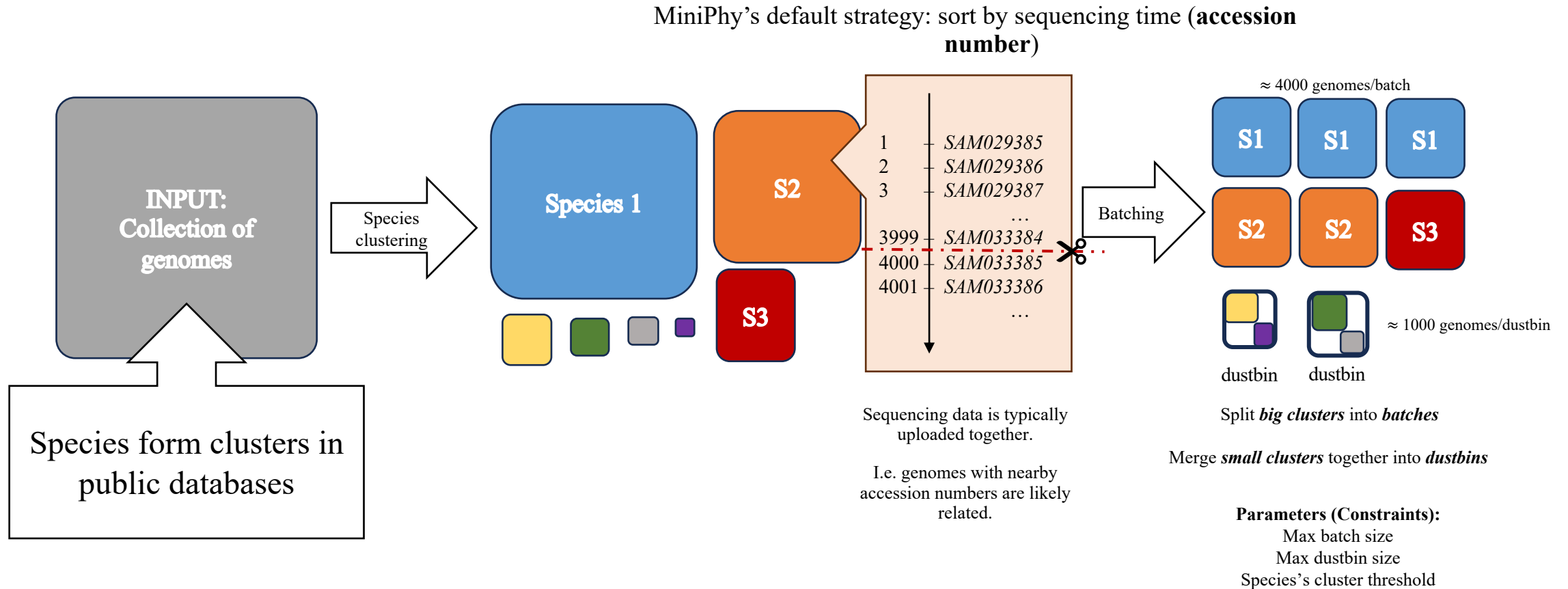


Redundancies are predictable because they result from evolution and sampling

Ordering puts similar genomes closer to each other → Improve local compressibility

Not scalable to million of genomes: inferring phylogenetic tree has quadratic complexity [2]

Batching In Phylogenetic Compression (MiniPhy)



Limitations

Lack Of Suitable Methods For The Phylogenetic Batching Step

No Formalization Of Batching As
An Optimization Problem.

Order-awareness

Constraints on:

Uncompressed sizes

Compressed sizes

Number of genomes

Bounds on size of the used search indexes

Batching Are Not Suitable For
Hardware Specific Target
Application.

*Search on GPUs or for processing-in-memory
(PIM) architectures*

Heavily Dependent On Metadata
For An Approximative Input Order

*Accession number
Species labels*

Optimization Formulation For Phylogenetic Compression

Optimization Problem Formulation For Phylogenetic Compression

Inputs:

- $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$: set of genomes
- We want to split G into m ordered batches, $m \leq n$
- $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$: set of ordered batches

Parameters:

- u : bound on uncompressed size
- c : bound on compressed size
- e : bound on number of genomes

Decision Variables:

- $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$: 1 if genome g_i is in batch b_j , 0 otherwise
- $y_j \in \{0,1\}$: 1 if batch b_j is used, 0 otherwise

Functions:

- $U(b_j) = f_{uncompressed}(\text{ordered } \{g_i: x_{ij} = 1\})$
 - Exp: disk size of a batch
- $C(b_j) = f_{compressed}(\text{ordered } \{g_i: x_{ij} = 1\})$
 - Exp: xz compression of a batch (param: level 9 compression,...)

Objective function:

- Minimize total compressed batch sizes :
 - Find the order to achieve the best compression
- Minimize the number of batches :
 - Fewer batches \rightarrow better compression
- Combined:

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^m C(b_j) \cdot y_j$$

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^m y_j$$

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^n C(b_j) \cdot y_j + \sum_{j=1}^n y_j$$

Subjects to (possible) constraints:

- 1) $\sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$: a genome must be assigned
- 2) $x_{ij} \leq y_j \quad \forall i, j$: no genomes in unselected batches
- 3) $U(b_j) \leq u \cdot y_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$: bound on uncompressed size
- 4) $C(b_j) \leq c \cdot y_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$: bound on compressed size
- 5) $\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \leq e \cdot y_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$: bound on genomes count per batch

Example Scenarios For Optimization

Internet Transmission & Memory Constraints Platforms

Objective function – xz compressor:

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^n c_{xz}(b_j) \cdot y_j + \sum_{j=1}^n y_j$$

Subjects to:

- 1) $\sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- 2) $x_{ij} \leq y_j \quad \forall i, j$
- 3) Each compressed batch must be less than 100 MB
$$c(b_j) \leq 100(\text{MB}) \cdot y_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

Computation on many CPUs with shared memory

Objective function:

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^n c_{RLE}(b_j) \cdot y_j + \sum_{j=1}^n y_j$$

Subjects to:

- 1) $\sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- 2) $x_{ij} \leq y_j \quad \forall i, j$
- 3) $\text{Search_index}(b_j) \leq 8(\text{GB}) \cdot y_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

The Two Tracks Of My Work: Preordering & Partitionning

OBJECTIVE:

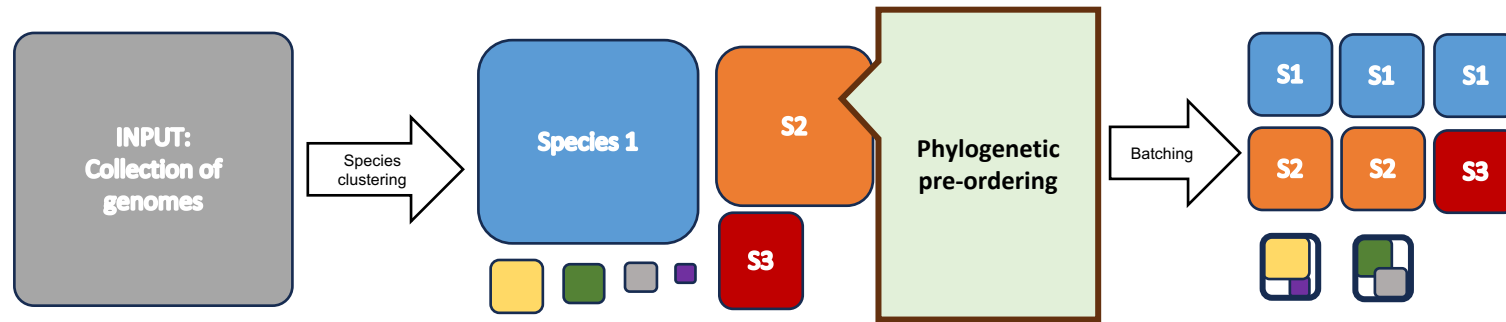
$$\min \left[\sum_{j=1}^n c(b_j) \cdot y_j \right] + \left[\sum_{j=1}^n y_j \right]$$

1. Phylogenetic Pre-ordering Of Genomes

2. Order-based Genome Batching

Axis 1: Phylogenetic Pre-ordering Of Genomes

Track's Objective: Achieving Global Phylogenetic Pre-order At The Million-genome Scale

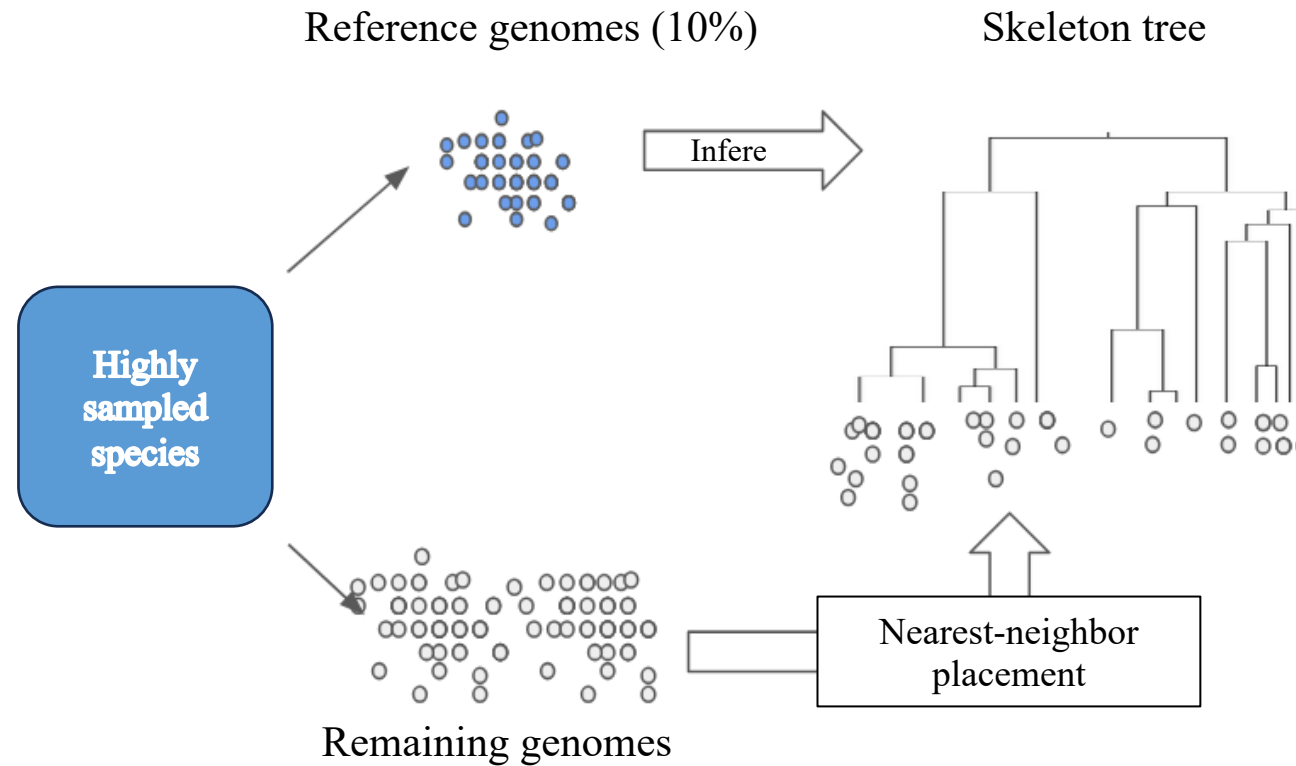


Infer phylogenetic tree for each species : Distance estimation (Mash) + Neighbor joining tree (Quicktree)

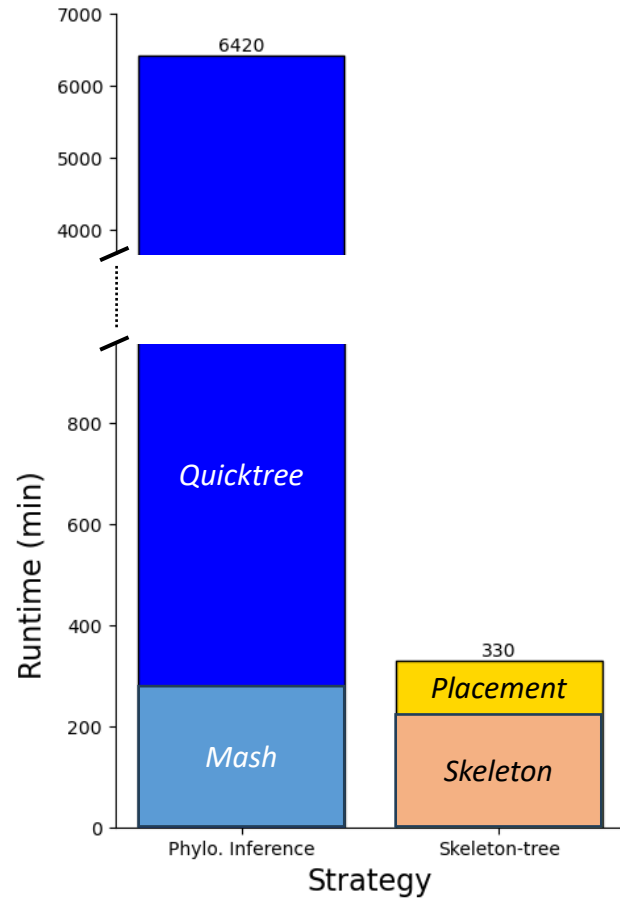
Challenging for highly sampled species (>50k genomes)

Infeasible for large modern collection (million-genome scale)

Skeleton-tree Based Pre ordering – For Highly Sampled Species



Run Time Comparison: >10x Improvement Compared To Standard Strategy



Comparing execution time of 2 pre-ordering strategies:

- *Phylogenetic inference* vs *Skeleton-tree based*
- *Test dataset*: ~90k genomes of E. coli from the 661k collection

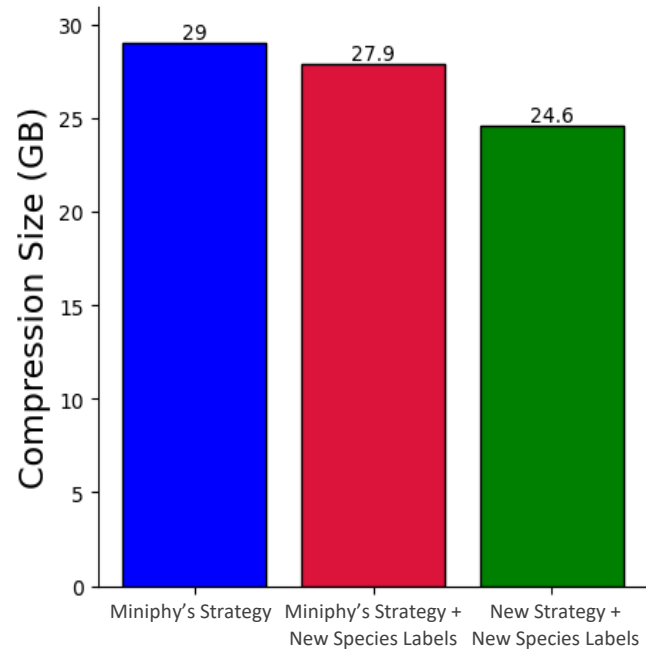
Compression result:

- Cut into batches of 4000 genomes then compress with xz

	Phylo. Inf.	Ske. Tree
Comp. size	3.03 G	3.05G

Significantly faster and produce similar compression result

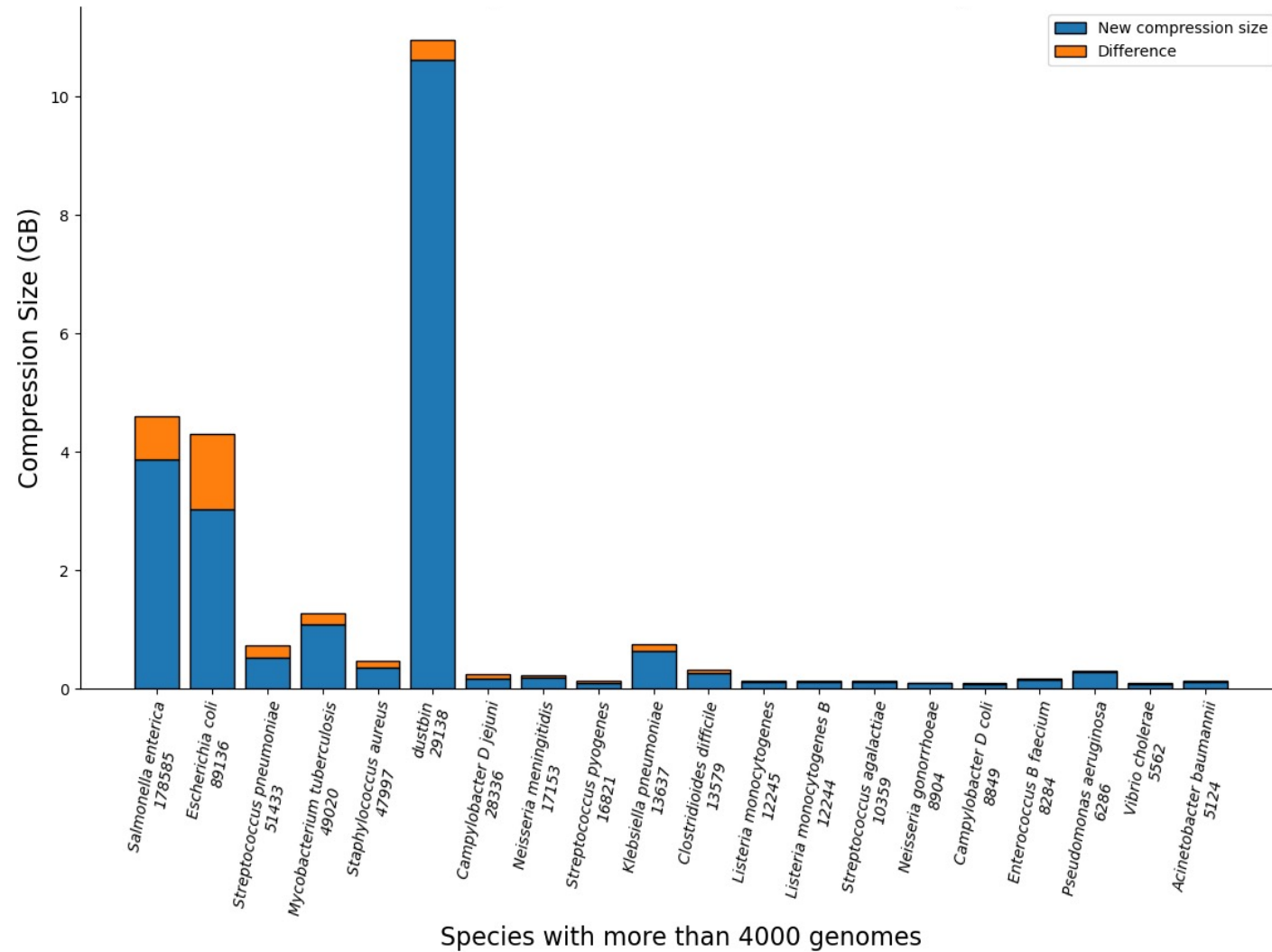
Result (661k) Species-wise: 18% Size Reduction (With New Species Labels)



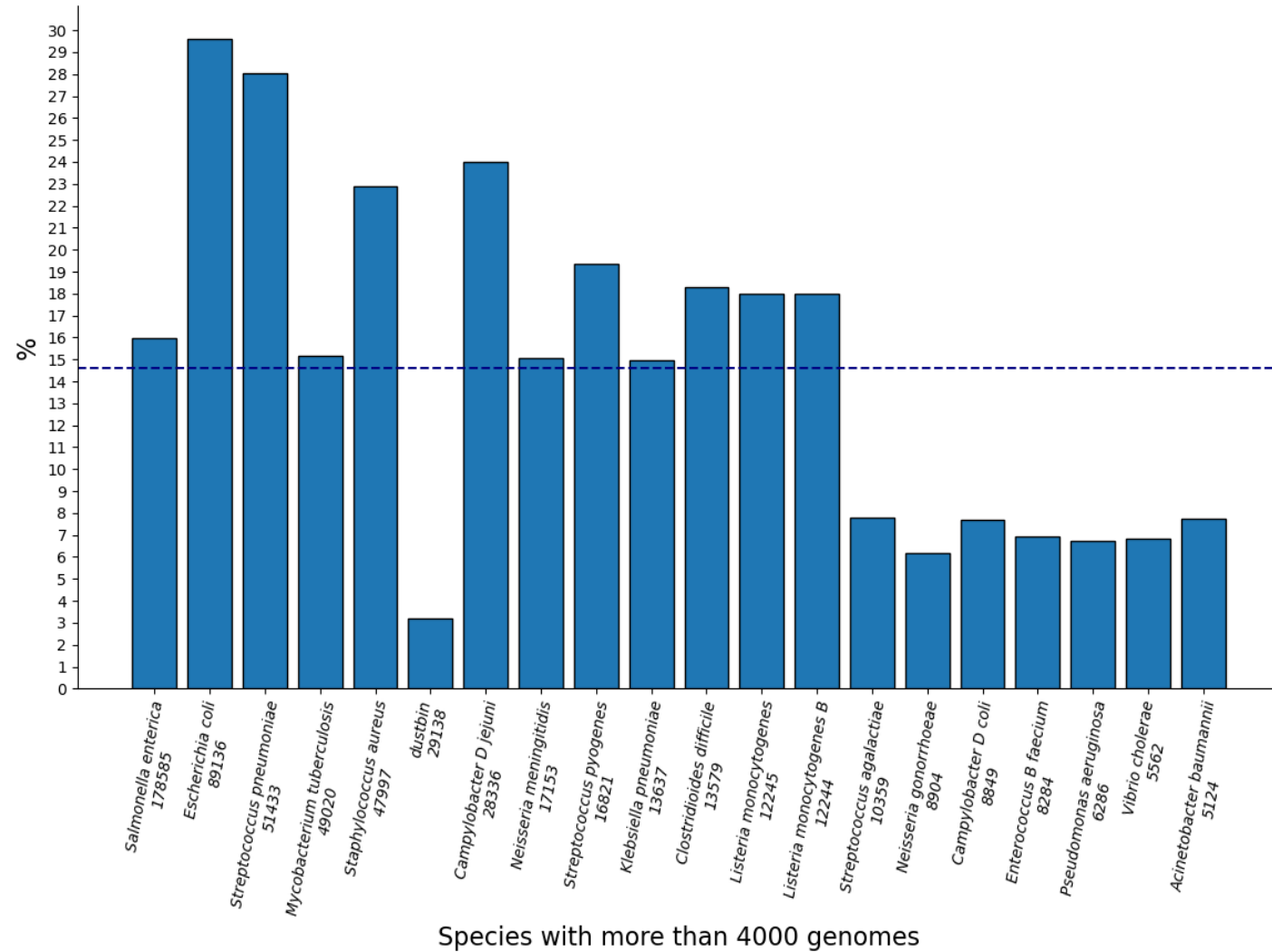
Compression size of
3 most highly sampled species & dustbin [GB]

	Original	New
<i>S. enterica</i>	4.6	3.8
<i>E. coli</i>	4.3	3.0
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	0.7	0.5
Dustbin	10.9	10.6

Result (661k) Species-wise: Absolute Compressed Size Reduction P. Species



Result (661k) Species-wise: Relative Compressed Size Reduction Per Species

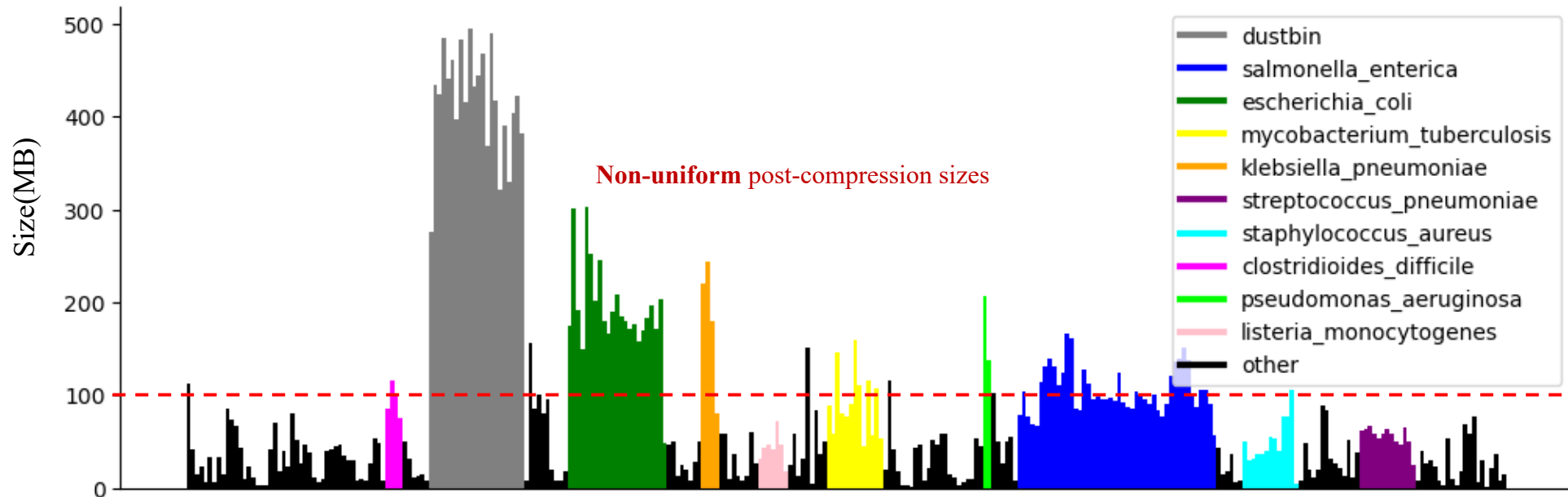


Axis 2: Order-based Genome Batching

Limitation Of The Current Batching Results

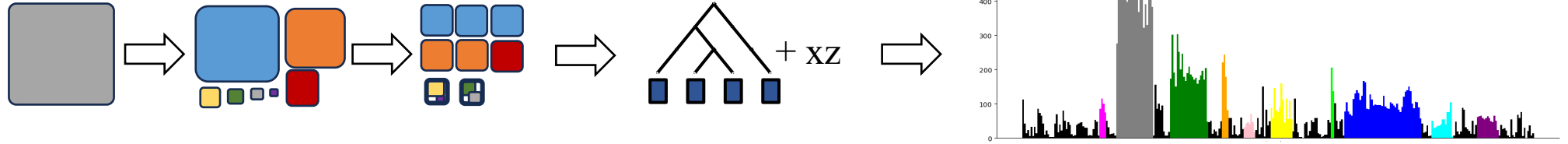
Reminder: After batching (step 1), batches are reordered (step 2) then compressed

Compression result of 661k Batches



Consequences and Applications of Uniform Batches

MiniPhy:



Consequences of Non-uniformity:

Unbalanced Workloads

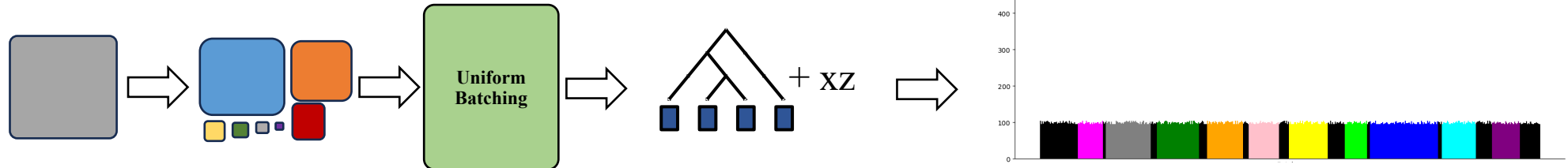
Inefficient Transmission

Hinder Parallelization

Memory Overuse

Inconsistent Query Time

Objective:



Application for balance batches: Portable Devices (remote setting, field work, rapid diagnostic), Parallel Platforms (GPU, Processing-in-Memory)

Bin Packing For Microbial Genomes Compression

Inputs:

- $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$: ordered set of genomes
- Species labels
- We want to split G into m ordered batches, $m \leq n$
- $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$: set of ordered batches

Parameters:

- c : bound on compressed size

Decision Variables:

- $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$: 1 if genome g_i is in batch b_j , 0 otherwise
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Functions:

- $C(b_j) = f_{compressed}(\text{ordered } \{g_i : x_{ij} = 1\})$

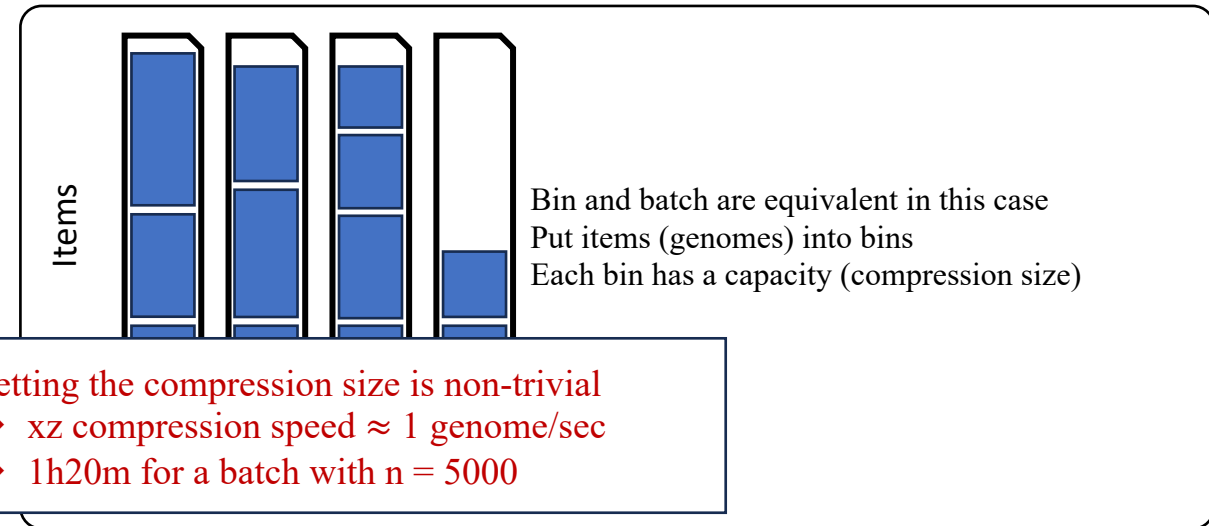
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- 3) $C(b_j) \leq c \cdot y_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$: bound on compressed size

Objective function:

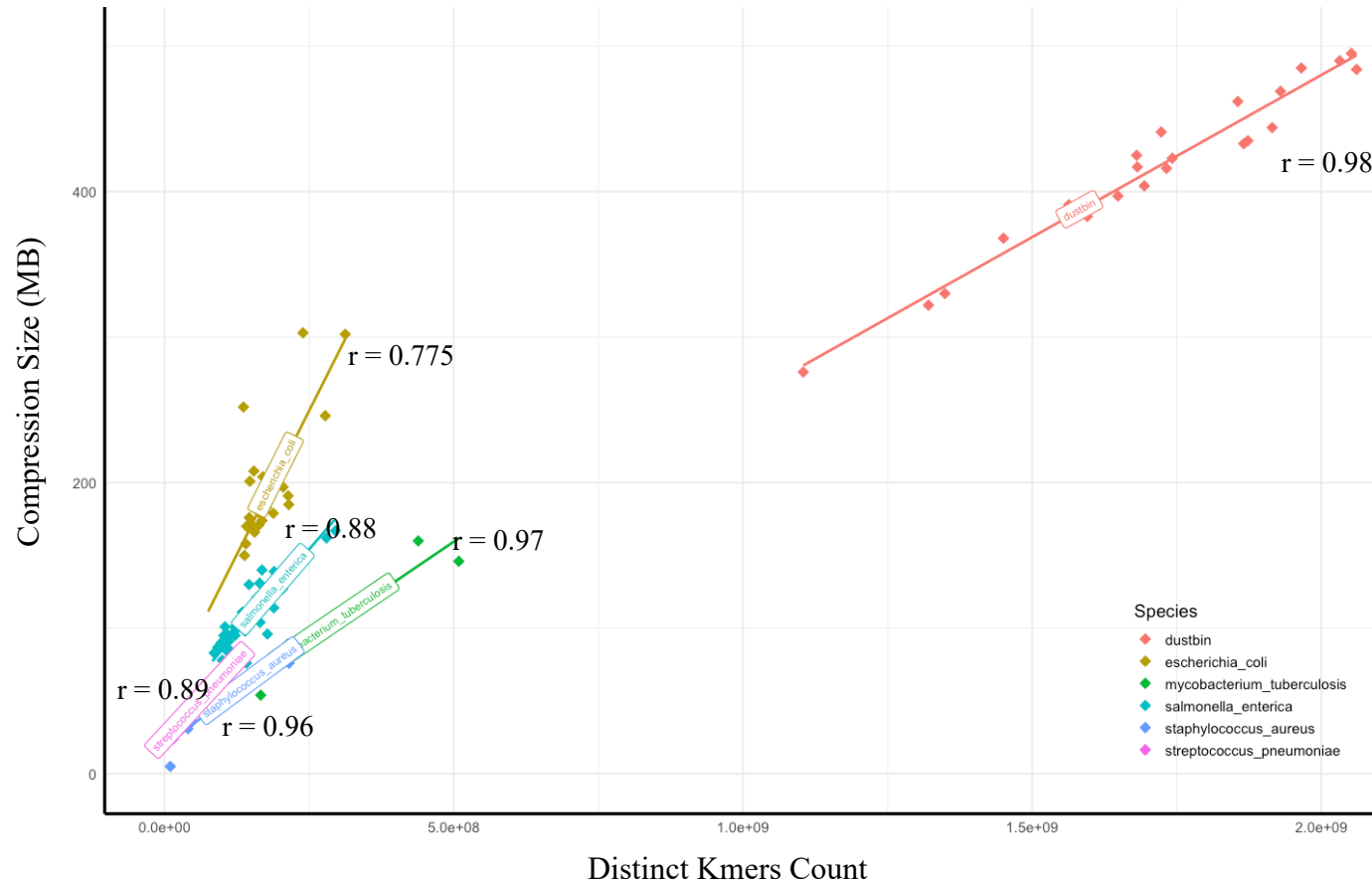
$$\min \sum_{j=1}^n \cancel{C(b_j)} \cdot y_j + \sum_{j=1}^n y_j$$

Bin packing [1]



Compression Size Estimation Using Proxy: Distinct K-mers Counts

Compression Size Vs Distinct Kmers Count – 661k Collections – Top 5 Highly Sampled Species & Dustbin



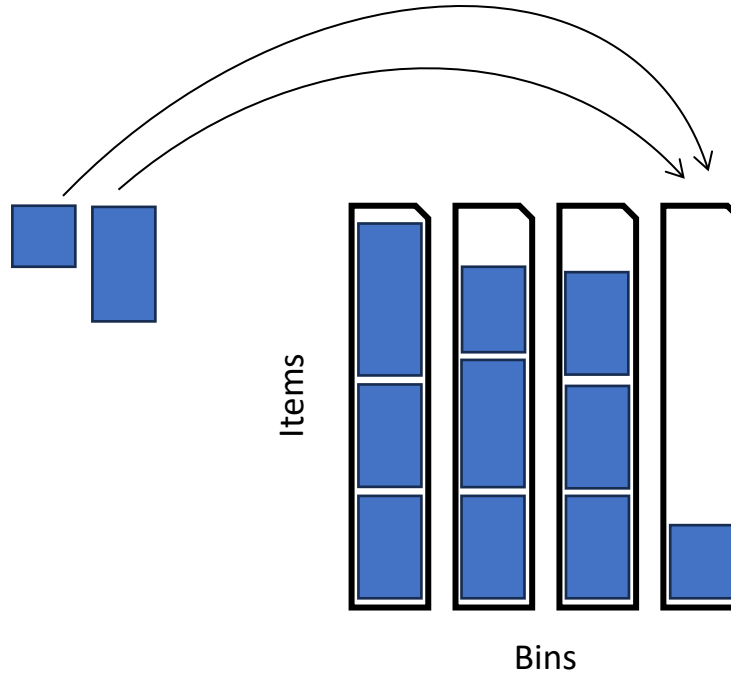
K-mers : length k substring of a genomes

K-mers estimation using HyperLogLog sketching [1,2]

First-fit Bin Packing Algorithm

Fit item in the first available bin

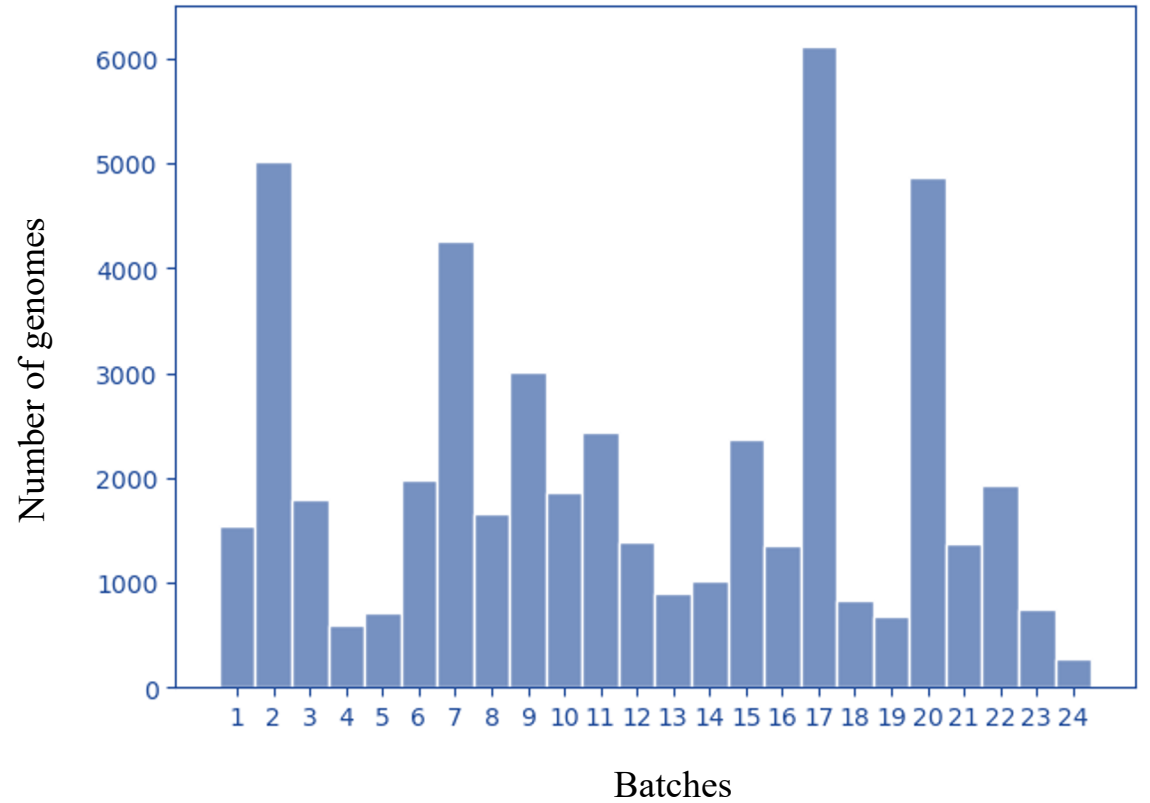
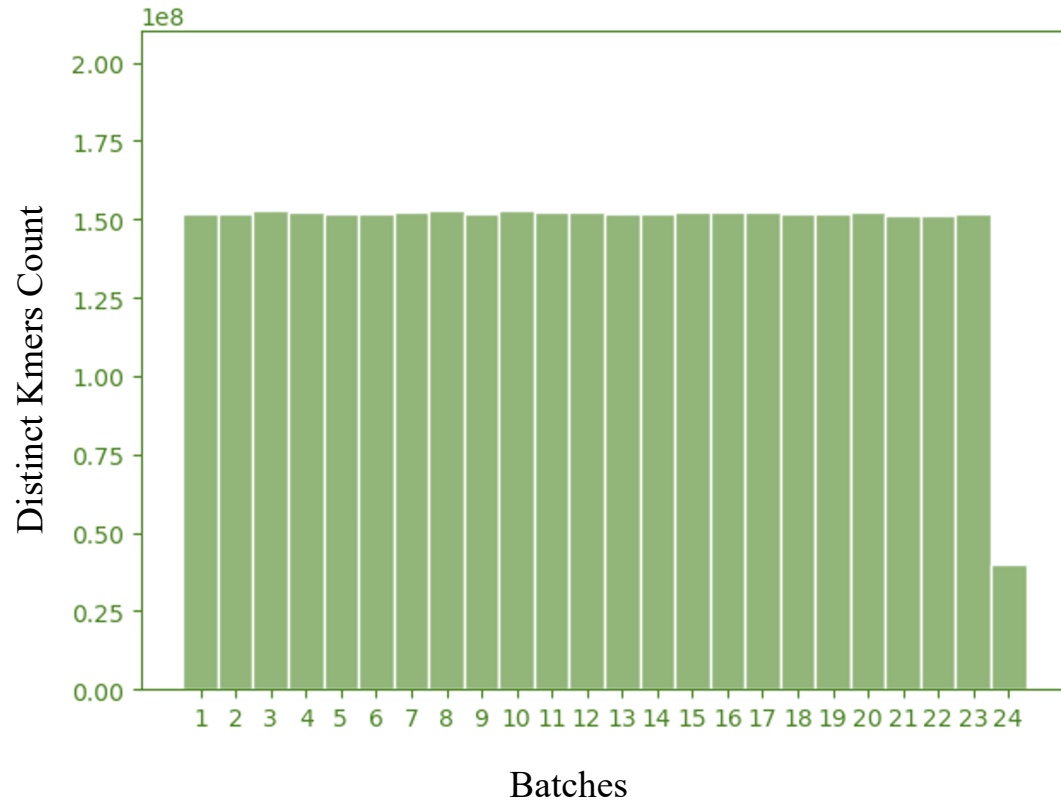
Preserve the order of the input items



Axis 2 Experimental Result:

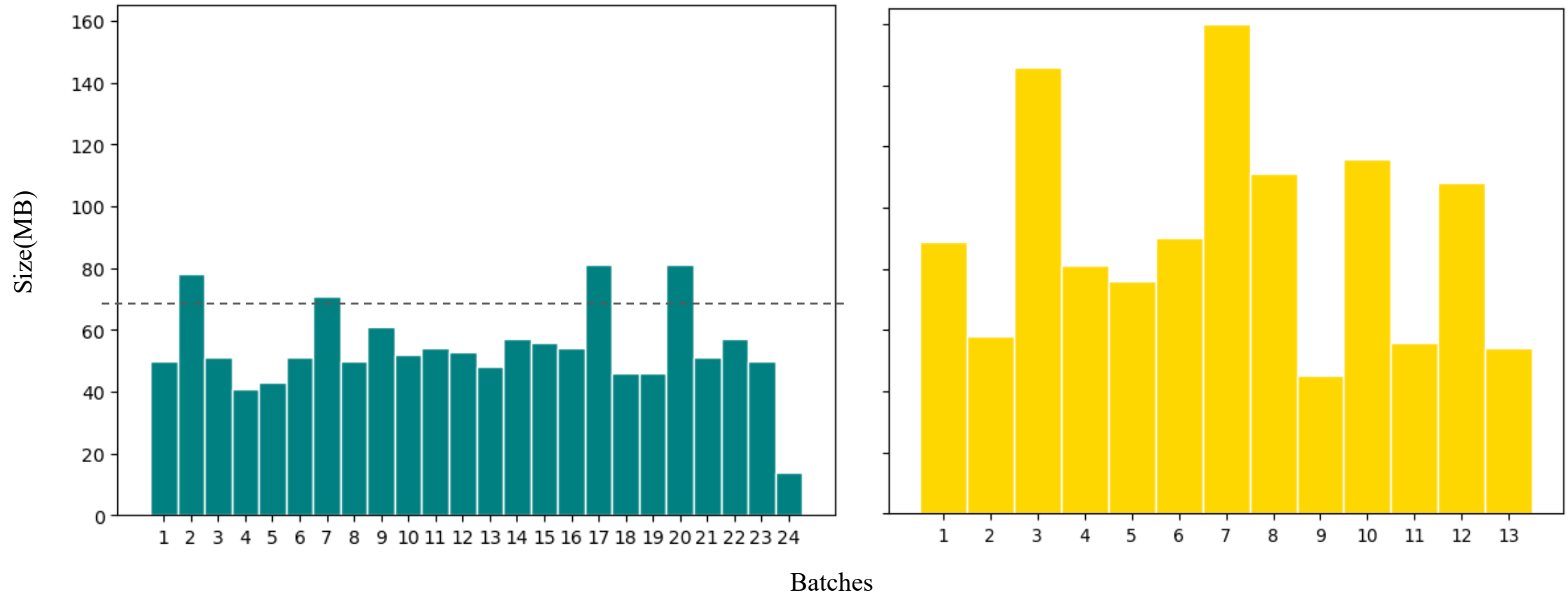
- Dataset: Assemblies of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* from 661k collection
- Number of Genomes: around 49,000
- We want the compression size stay below 64MB (DRAM for PIM [1,2])
 - CAPACITY (distinct kmers count) of batches: 152,000,000

Distinct Kmers Count And Number Of Genomes Per Batches



Balanced distinct kmers count, varied number of genomes per batches

Compression size per batch



Most batches stay below 64MB and relatively balanced (except 4 batches)

Outcome and Next Steps

- Poster at the DKM department seminar
- Presentation an internal GenScale meeting
- **Next step:**
 - Species-oblivious pre-ordering
 - Improve prediction accuracy
 - Long term: extend to other genomic representation, such as indexes
- **Future deliverables:**
 - Presentation at upcoming SeqBim and DSB conferences
 - Tools:
 - Genome ordering and batching tool
 - Co-developing MiniPhy2 – released soon
 - Submit to conferences such as RECOMB and ISMB/ECCB
 - Eventual Publication in bioinformatics journals
 - Collaboration: incorporated into the next update of AllTheBacteria

