

Pathogen Genome Data

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Introduction

What can pathogen genome data do for you?

Combining genomic data with comparative and evolutionary biology, addresses questions of pathogen evolution, adaptation and lifestyle.

“NOTHING IN BIOLOGY MAKES SENSE EXCEPT
IN THE LIGHT OF EVOLUTION.”

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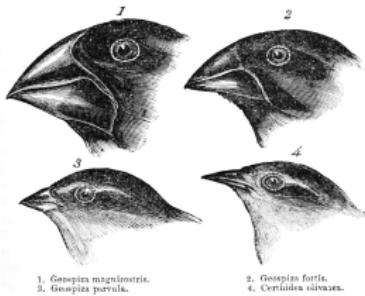




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<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

Repository of record for pathogen (and other) genome data

■ Example: *Ralstonia solanacearum*

- Browser interface
- FTP repositories of genome data
 - RefSeq
 - GenBank

Index of /genomes/refseq/bacteria/Ralstonia_solanacearum/latest_assembly_versions

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GenBank vs RefSeq

GenBank

- part of International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration (INSDC): EMBL/NCBI/DDBJ
- records 'owned' by submitter
- may include redundant information

RefSeq

- not part of INSDC
- records derived from GenBank, 'owned' by NCBI
- stable non-redundant foundation for functional and diversity studies



<http://www.ensembl.org>

Automated annotation on selected genomes

■ Specialised sub-collections

- Ensembl Protists: <http://protists.ensembl.org/>
- Ensembl Bacteria: <http://bacteria.ensembl.org/>
- Ensembl Fungi: <http://fungi.ensembl.org/>

■ Downloadable resource

- e.g. <ftp://ftp.ensemblgenomes.org/pub/protists/>

■ Ready-made comparative genomics!

- *Phytophthora* genomics alignments (Avr3a)
- Gene trees (Avr3a)



Other Sources

- **Sequencing centres, e.g.**
 - JGI Genome Portals
 - Ensembl Bacteria: [Broad Institute](#) - now retiring their online resources
- **Specialist databases, e.g.**
 - [FungiDB](#) - fungi and oomycetes
 - [CPGR](#) - fungi and oomycetes (not recently updated)
- **Your friendly local sequencing centre!**
 - [Aspera](#) is commonly used to connect to your private data



Optional Worksheet

worksheets/01-downloading_data_biopython.ipynb

Downloading genome data from NCBI with Biopython

- MyBinder link



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Why comparative genomics?

- Transfer functional information from model systems (*E. coli*, *A. thaliana*, *D. melanogaster*) to non-model systems
- Genome similarity \propto phenotype? (*functional genomics*): virulence and host range
- Genome similarity \propto relatedness? (*phylogenomics*): record of evolutionary processes and constraints

I think



Then between *A* & *B*. *cavias*
less of relation. *C* & *B*. the
first generation, *B* & *D*
rather greater distinction
Then genera would be
formed. - binary relation



Genomes aren't everything...

Context

- epigenetics
- tissue differentiation/differential expression
- mesoscale systems, etc.

Phenotypic plasticity, responses to

- temperature
- stress
- community, etc.

...and therefore systems biology...

I think



Then between A + B. variation
by selection. C + D. The
first generation, B and D
rather greater distinction
Then genera would be
formed. - binary selection



Levels of comparison

Bulk Properties

e.g. *k*-mer profiles ([MaSH](#), [MetaPalette](#), etc.)

Whole Genome Sequence

- sequence similarity ([BLAST](#), [BLAT](#), [MUMmer](#), etc.)
- structure and organisation ([Mauve](#), [ACT](#), etc.)

Genome Features/Functional Components

- numbers and types of features: genes, ncRNA, regulatory elements, etc.
- organisation of features: synteny, operons, regulons, etc.
- functional complement ([KEGG](#), etc.)



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Whole genome comparisons

Whole genome comparison

Comparisons of one complete or draft genome with another
(...or many others)

Minimum requirement: **two genomes**

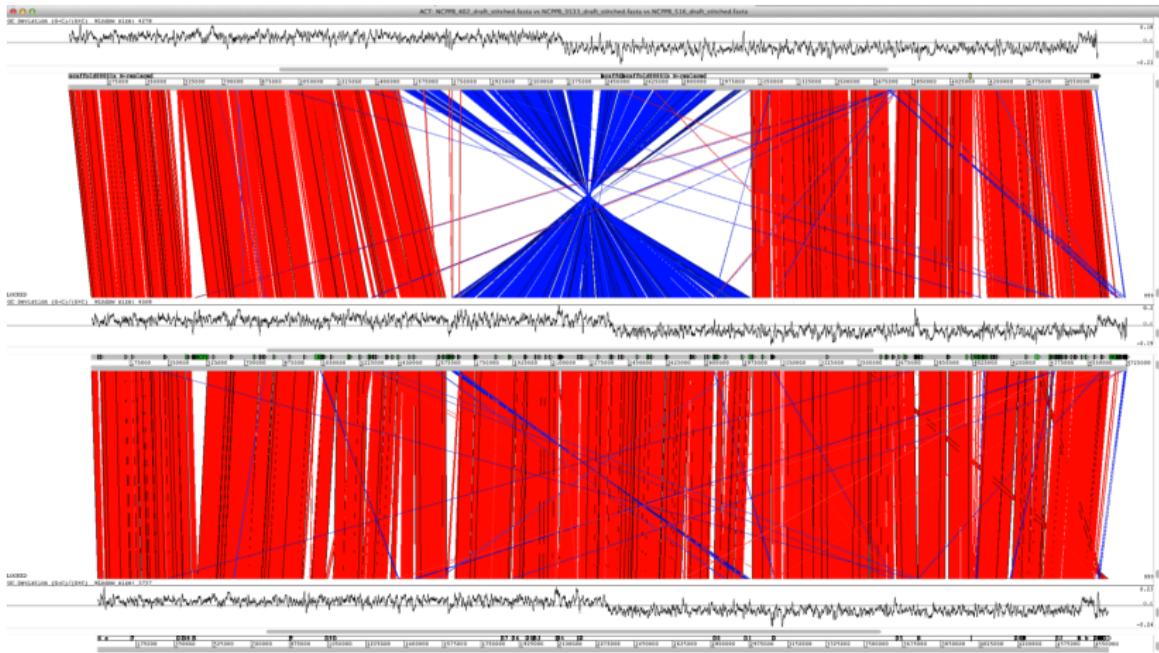
- Reference Genome
- Comparator Genome

The experiment produces a comparative result *that is dependent on the choice of genomes.*



Pairwise genome alignments

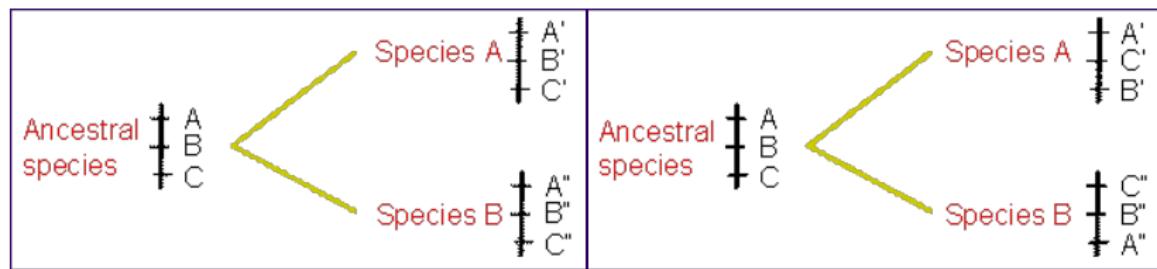
Pairwise comparisons produce alignments of similar regions.





Synteny and Collinearity

Genome rearrangements may occur post-species divergence
Sequence similarity, and order of similar regions, may be conserved



- *collinear* conserved elements lie in the same linear sequence
- *syntenous* (or *syntenic*) elements:
 - (orig.) lie on the same chromosome
 - (mod.) are collinear

Evolutionary constraint (e.g. indicated by synteny) may indicate functional constraint (and help determine *orthology*)



Vibrio mimicus ^a

^a Hasan et al. (2010) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 107:21134-21139 doi:10.1073/pnas.1013825107

Chromosome C-II: environmental adaptation; C-I: virulence genes.
C-II has undergone extensive rearrangement; C-I has not.

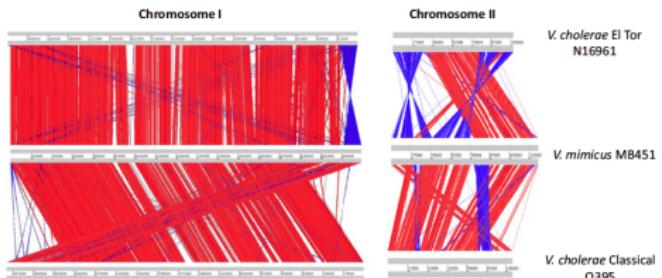


Fig. 2. Linear pairwise comparison of the *Vibrio mimicus* genome by Artemis Comparison Toll. Regions with similarity are highlighted by connecting red or blue lines between the genomes; red lines indicate homologous blocks of sequence, and blue lines indicate inversions. Gaps indicate unique DNA. The gray bars represent forward and reverse strands.

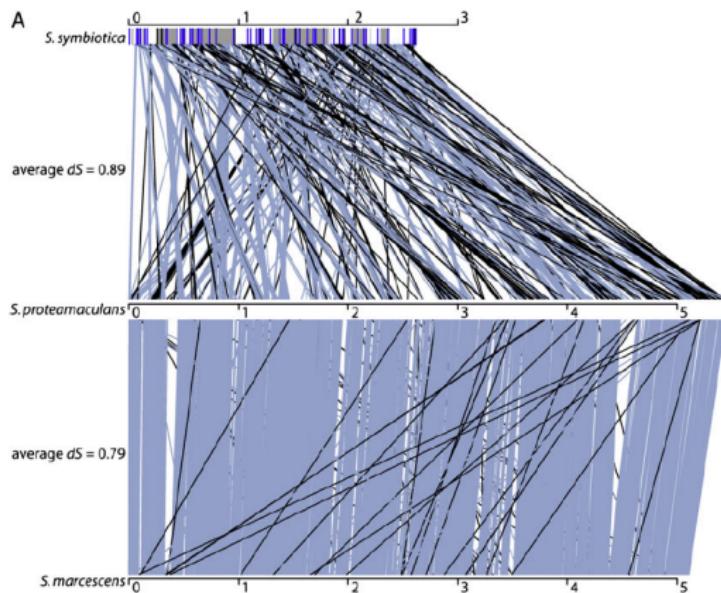
Suggests modularity of genome organisation, as a mechanism for adaptation (HGT, two-speed genome).



Serratia symbiotica ^a

^a Burke and Moran (2011) *Genome Biol. Evol.* 3:195-208 doi:10.1093/gbe/evr002

S. symbiotica is a recently evolved symbiont of aphids
Massive genomic decay: consequence of adaptation

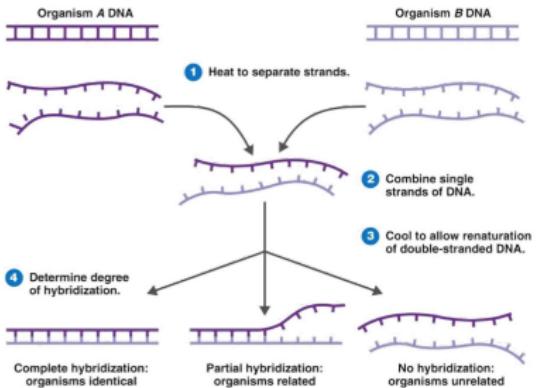




DNA-DNA hybridisation^a

^a Morello-Mora and Amann (2001) *FEMS Micro. Rev.* doi:10.1016/S0168-6445(00)00040-1

- “Gold Standard” for prokaryotic taxonomy, since 1960s. “70% identity ≈ same species.”
- Denature DNA from two organisms.
- Allow to anneal. Reassociation ≈ similarity, measured as ΔT of denaturation curves.



Proxy for sequence similarity - replace with genome analysis^{1?}

¹ Chan et al (2012) *BMC Microbiol.* doi:10.1186/1471-2180-12-302

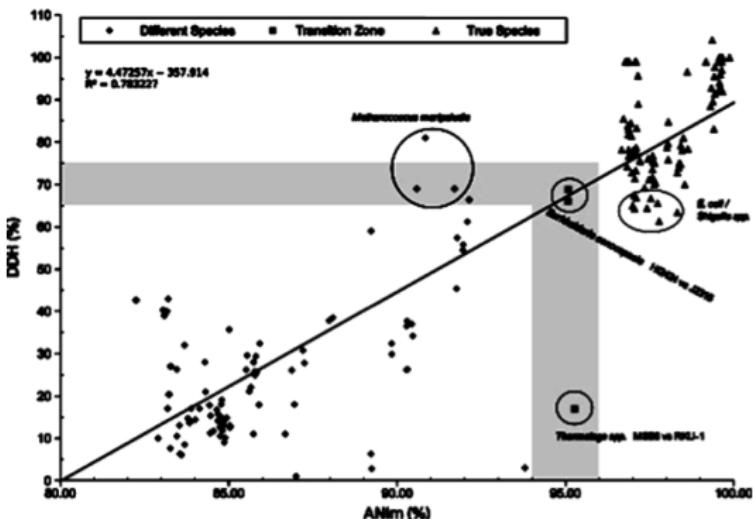


Average Nucleotide Identity (ANIm)^a

^a Richter and Rossello-Mora (2009) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* doi:10.1073/pnas.0906412106

1. Align genomes
(MUMmer)
2. **ANIm:** Mean
% identity of all
matches

- DDH:ANIm
linear
- 70%ID ≈
95%ANib



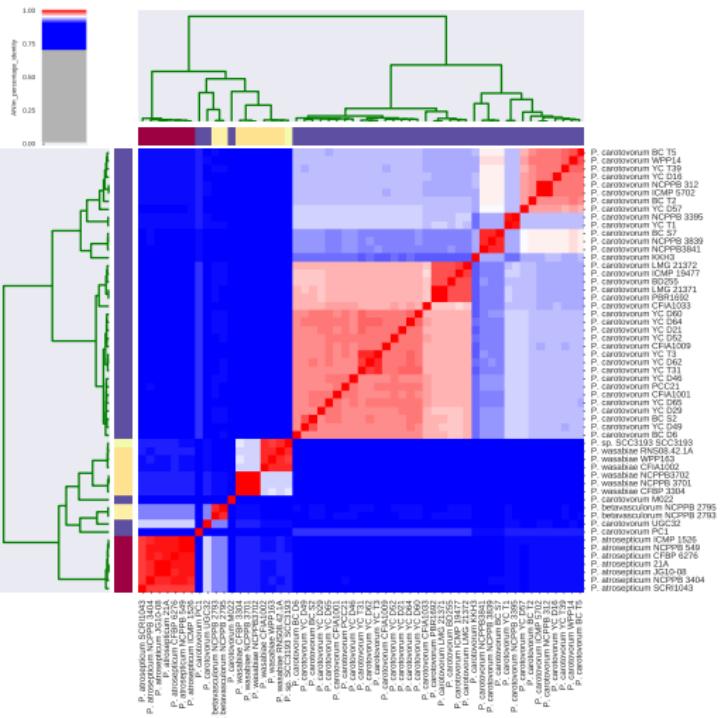
55 *Pectobacterium* spp. ANIm^a



^aPritchard et al. (2016) *Anal. Methods* doi:10.1039/c5ay02550h



- Ten species-level groups (four novel)
 - *P. carotovorum* split: several species
 - *P. wasabiae* split: two species

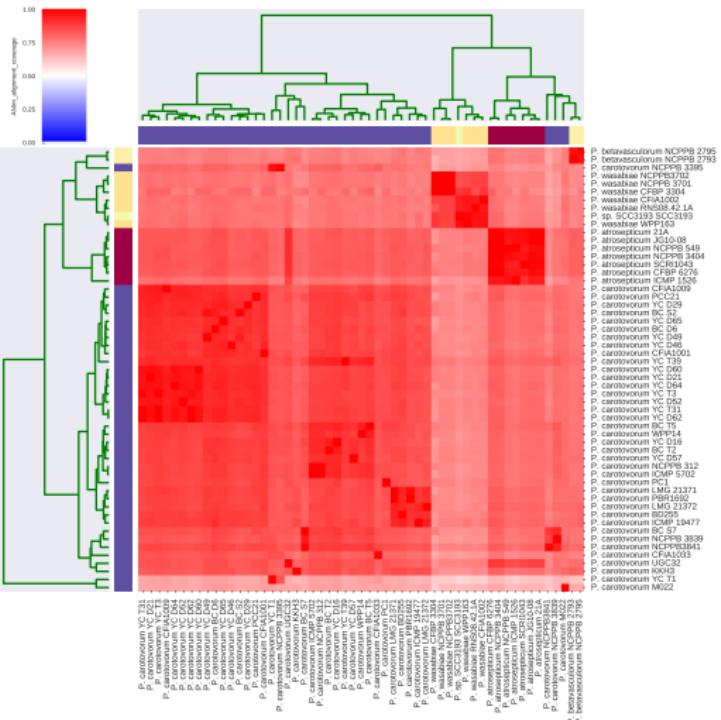


55 *Pectobacterium* spp. ANIm^a



^aPritchard et al. (2016) *Anal. Methods* doi:10.1039/c5ay02550h

- All isolates align over >50% of whole genome





Advantages

- Average identity of all ‘homologous’ regions
- Approximates limiting case of MLST/MLSA/multigene comparisons
- Classification not dependent on dataset composition (unlike tree methods)

Criticisms

- 95% threshold ‘arbitrary’, homologous regions only
- Taxonomic classification, not phylogenetic reconstruction
- No functional (or gene-based) interpretation; still need pangenome classification and analysis



EXERCISE

`exercises/01-whole_genome_comparisons.ipynb`

- Pairwise comparison of *Pseudomonas* genomes
- ANIm classification of *Pseudomonas* isolates

- MyBinder link



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Feature comparisons

Feature comparisons

Comparisons of the annotated features of one genome with another
(...or many others)

- gene features
- RNA features
- regulatory features



Equivalent features

The power of genomics is comparative genomics!

- Makes catalogues of genome components comparable between organisms
- Differences, e.g. presence/absence of equivalents may support hypotheses for functional or phenotypic difference
- Can identify characteristic signals for diagnosis/epidemiology
- Can build parts lists and wiring diagrams for systems and synthetic biology





Orthologues ^{a b}

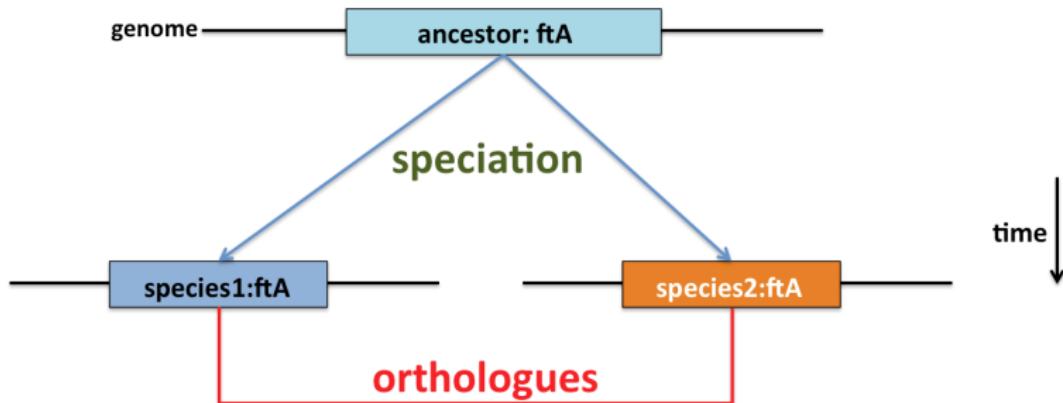
^a Nehrt et al. (2011) *PLoS Comp. Biol.* doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1002073

^b Chen et al. (2012) *PLoS Comp. Biol.* doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1002784

Orthologs/Orthologues

"Homologs that diverged through speciation" (orig.)

"Genes/products we think are probably the same thing" (mod. inform.)





Why orthologues? ^a ^b ^c

^aChen and Zhang (2012) *PLoS Comp. Biol.* doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1002784

^bDessimoz (2011) *Brief. Bioinf.* doi:10.1093/bib/bbr057

^cAltenhoff and Dessimoz (2009) *PLoS Comp. Biol.* 5:e1000262 doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1000262

- Formalise the idea of *corresponding genes* in different organisms.
- Suggest two relationships:
 - Evolutionary equivalence
 - Functional equivalence ("The Ortholog Conjecture")

The Ortholog Conjecture

Without duplication, a gene product is unlikely to change its basic function, because this would lead to loss of the original function, and this would be harmful.



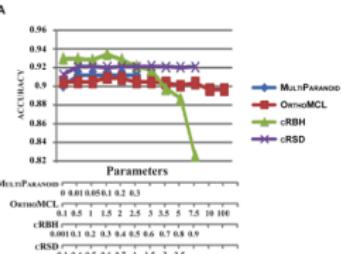
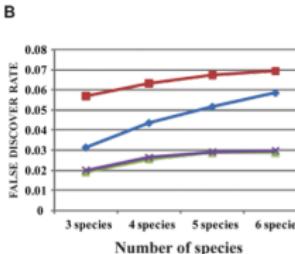
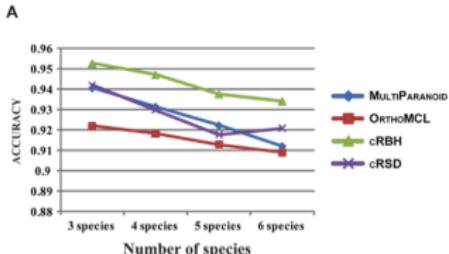
Finding orthologues ^a

^aSalichos and Rokas (2011) *PLoS One* 6:e18755 doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0018755.g006

Which discovery method performs best?

- Four methods tested against 2,723 curated orthologues from six *Saccharomycetes*:
RBBH (and cRBH); RSD (and cRSD); MultiParanoid;
OrthoMCL
- Rated by statistical performance metrics: sensitivity,
specificity, accuracy, FDR

cRBH most accurate and specific, with lowest FDR.





EXERCISE

exercises/02-cds_feature_comparisons.ipynb

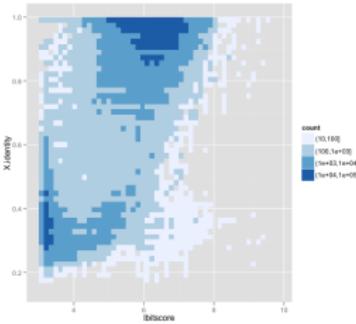
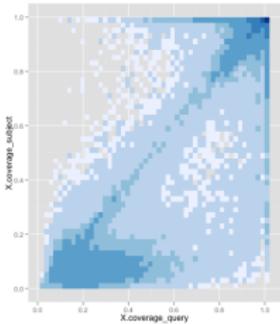
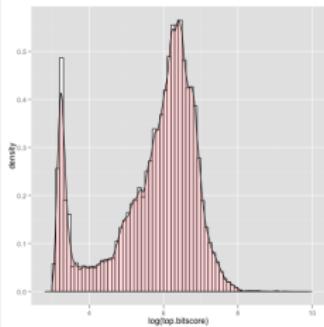
- RBBH analysis of *Pseudomonas* CDS feature annotations

- MyBinder link



One-way BLAST vs RBBH

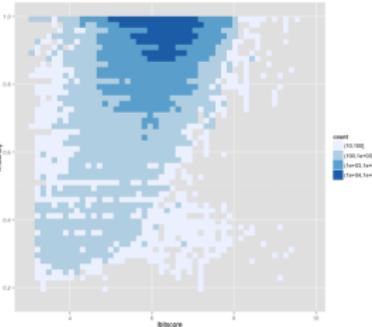
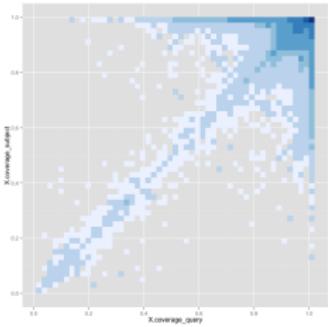
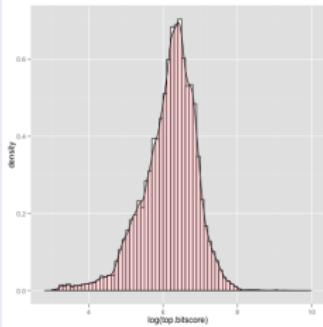
One-way BLAST includes many low-quality hits





One-way BLAST vs RBBH

Reciprocal best BLAST removes many low-quality matches





The Pangenome

The Core Genome Hypothesis

“The core genome is the primary cohesive unit defining a bacterial species”

- Once equivalent genes have been identified, those present in all related isolates can be identified: **the core genome**.
- The remaining genes are **the accessory genome**, and are expected to mediate function that distinguishes between isolates.

Roary: Rapid large-scale prokaryote pan-genome analysis - works on a desktop machine.

Accessory genome ^{a b}

^a Croll and McDonald (2012) *PLoS Path.* 8:e1002608 doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1002608

^b Baltrus et al. (2011) *PLoS Path.* 7:e1002132 doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1002132

Accessory genomes

A cradle for adaptive evolution, particularly for bacterial pathogens, such as *Pseudomonas* spp.

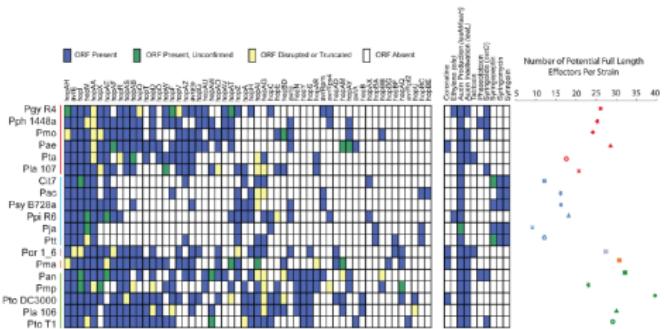


Figure 3. *P. syringae* isolates harbor extensive diversity in virulence gene repertoires. TTE, toxin, and plant hormone biosynthesis genes are listed across the top. *P. syringae* genomes, color-coded by phylogenetic group as in Figure 1. At the left, a blue box indicates presence of full-length ORFs or complete pathways within each genome. Green boxes indicate that genes or pathways are present by similarity searches, but the presence of full-length genes could not be verified by PCR, or the pathways are potentially incomplete. Yellow boxes indicate that genes are either significantly truncated or are disrupted by insertion sequence elements. White boxes indicate absence of genes or pathways from the strains based on homology searches. At the far right, the total number of potentially functional TTE proteins is shown for each genome and displayed according to color-coded strain and group symbols shown in Figure 1.
doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1002132.g003



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