

Transitioning the PulseNet USA network to whole genome sequencing: the final push

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Impact of Foodborne Diseases

Disease Burden in the US



1 in 6
Americans



128,000
Hospitalizations



3,000
Deaths

Economic Impact



15+ Billion each year

Pathogens

Salmonella
Campylobacter
Listeria
Shigella

9 Billion \$
each year

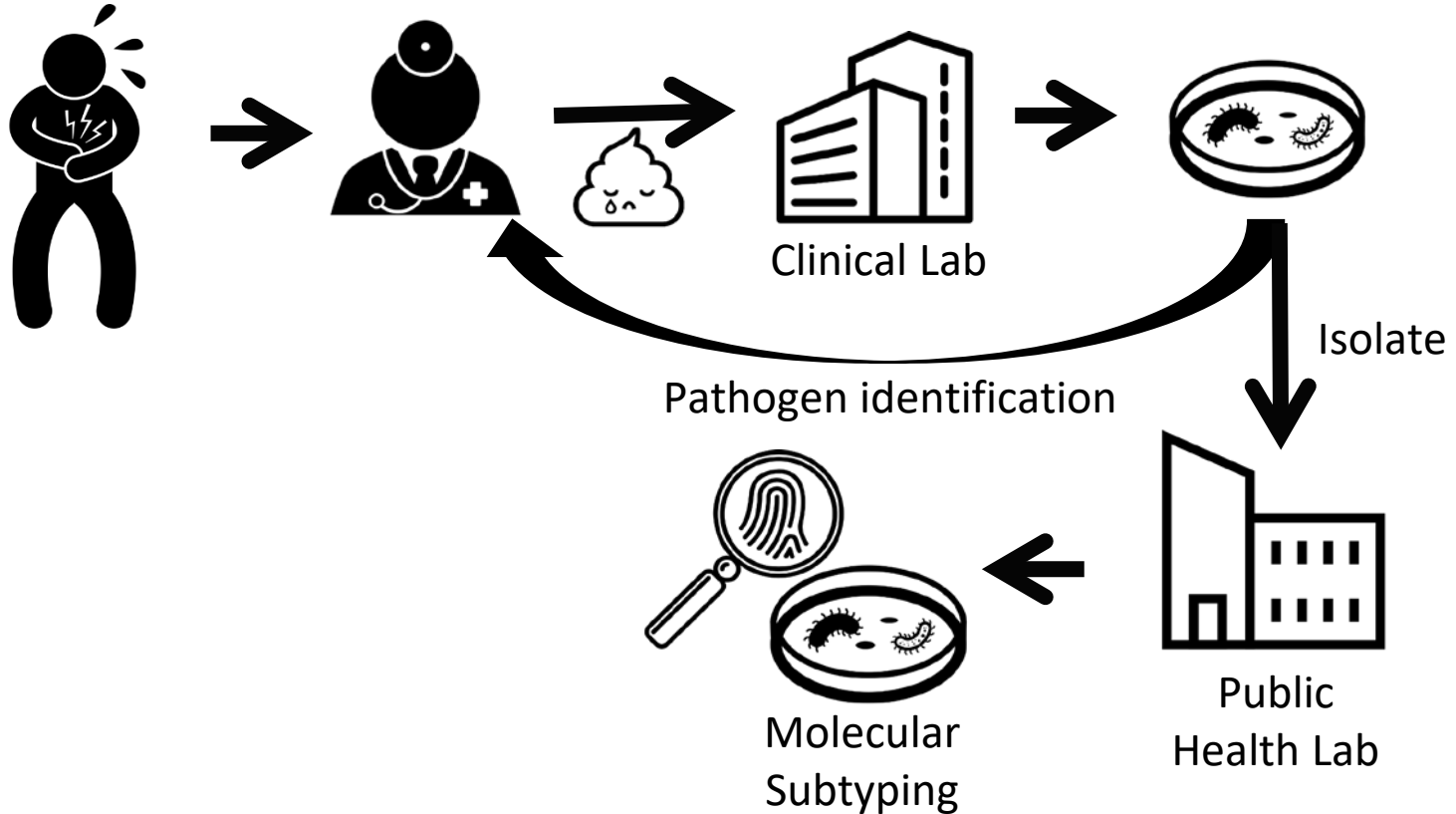
Vibrio
E coli

Disease Burden Worldwide



230,000
Deaths

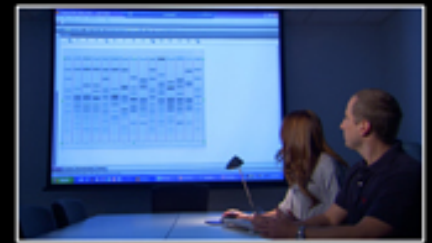
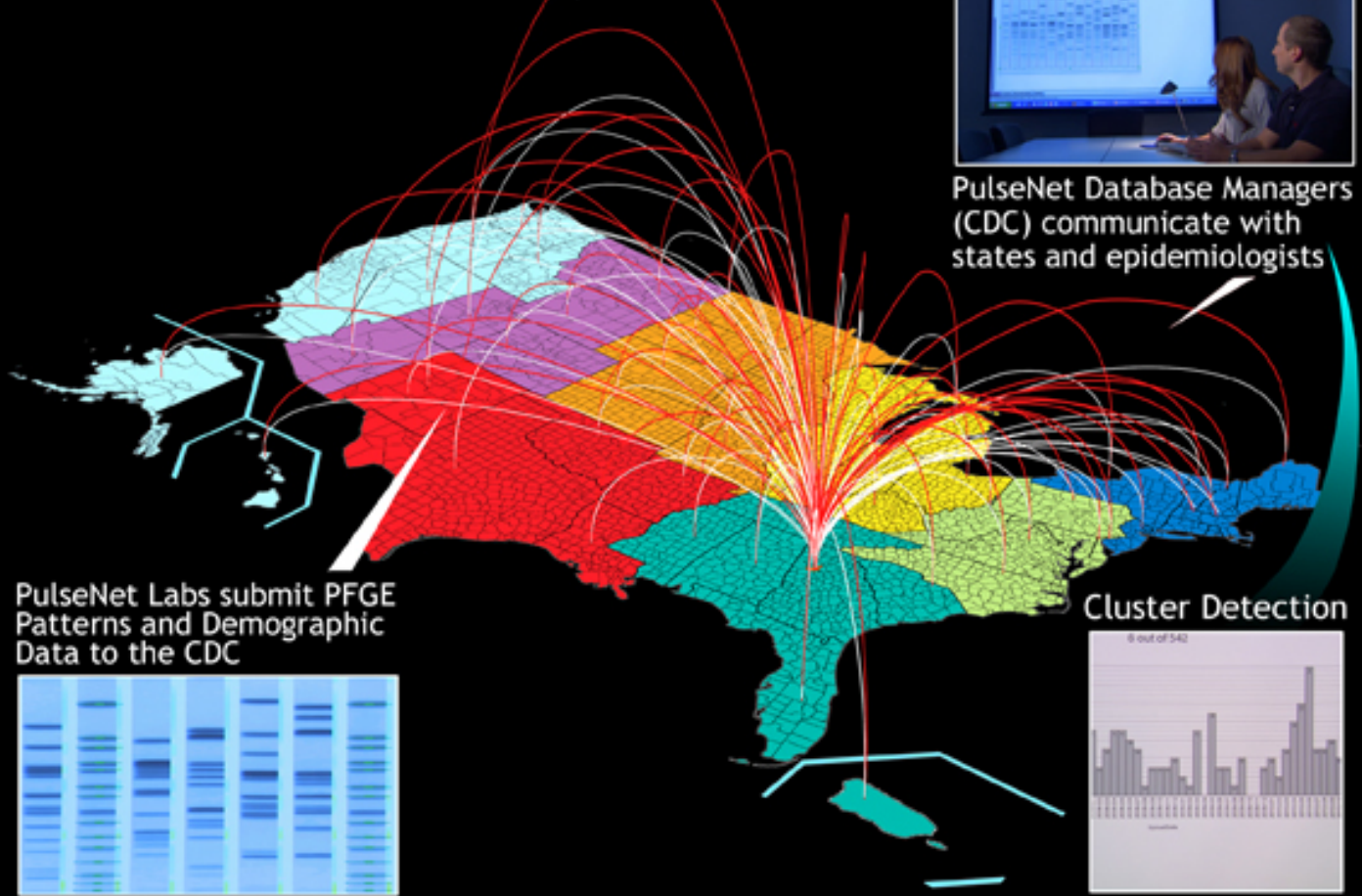
Foodborne illness: From patient to public health surveillance



**PulseNet:
National
Molecular
Subtyping
Network
for
Foodborne
Disease
Surveillance**

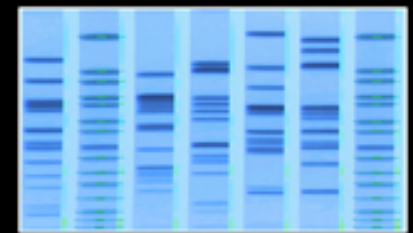


PulseNet Laboratory Network

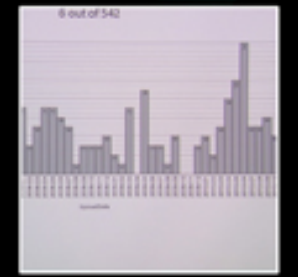


PulseNet Database Managers (CDC) communicate with states and epidemiologists

PulseNet Labs submit PFGE Patterns and Demographic Data to the CDC



Cluster Detection

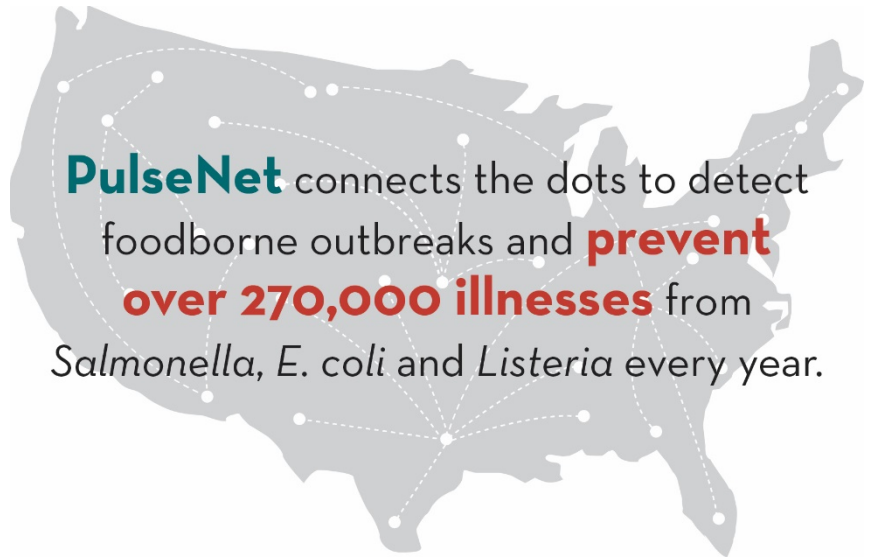


PulseNet: Over 20 years of detecting foodborne outbreaks with PFGE as the primary subtyping method

Every year **PulseNet** saves at least **half a billion dollars** in medical costs and lost productivity.

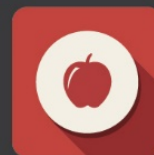


\$1 spent = \$70 saved!



PulseNet connects the dots to detect foodborne outbreaks and **prevent over 270,000 illnesses** from *Salmonella*, *E. coli* and *Listeria* every year.

PulseNet has made these foods safer to eat:



Peanut butter, Sprouts, Eggs, Tree nuts, Poultry products, Leafy greens,
Tomatoes, Frozen entrees, Lunch meat, Spices, Melons

Kratom linked to multistate Salmonella outbreak

By Joseph James Whitworth
21-Feb-2018 - Last updated on 21-Feb-2018 at 09:17 GMT



Shredded coconut causes widespread salmonella outbreak

By Holly VanHorn | The Daily Meal



News

Over 6 Million Pounds of Beef Recalled Due to Salmonella Outbreak

By: Chris Six
Posted Oct 04, 2018 08:34 AM CDT
Updated Oct 04, 2018 11:43 AM CDT



CDC: Five states hit by Salmonella outbreak linked to chicken salad

By Joseph James Whitworth
23-Feb-2018 - Last updated on 23-Feb-2018 at 10:44 GMT



Jimmy John's sprouts linked to multistate salmonella outbreak



'Do Not Eat' Kellogg's Honey Smacks Cereal, CDC Warns

100+ News | NPR | By Patrick Jaramasabanaran | 53min if keep unread if false



1 dead as N.C. meat producer recalls ready-to-eat ham products for listeria concerns

Mike Snider
Published 10:38 AM ET Thu, 4 Oct 2018 | Updated 2:57 PM ET Thu, 4 Oct 2018

Vibrio outbreak linked to crab meat imported from Venezuela



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207 Million Eggs Are Recalled Over Salmonella Fears

April 16, 2018 - 10:44 AM ET

BILL CHAPPELL



Eggs from Rose Acre Farms, one of the largest suppliers in the U.S., have been recalled because of salmonella-related illnesses.

Salmonella outbreak in 26 states linked to raw turkey

USA TODAY NETWORK | USA TODAY | Published 10:03 a.m. ET July 20, 2018 | Updated 10:43 a.m. ET July 20, 2018



(Photo: Getty Images)

Public health officials are investigating a salmonella outbreak in 26 states linked to raw turkey.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 90 people have been infected with the outbreak strain.

No deaths have been reported, but 40 people have been sent to the hospital.

The 26 states where cases were reported are Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South

Multistate E. coli outbreak traced to romaine lettuce from Arizona

Fix News



The outbreak has been traced to the Yuma, Ariz., growing region, but has not been pinned down to a specific grower, supplier, distributor or brand.

A multistate E. coli outbreak has sent at least 22 people to the hospital promoting health



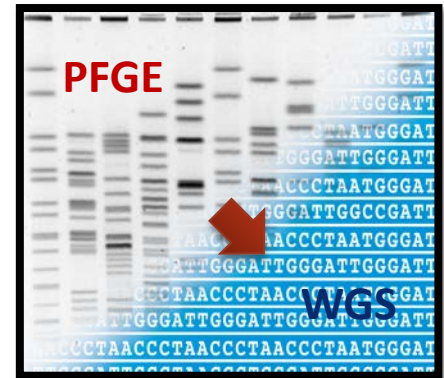
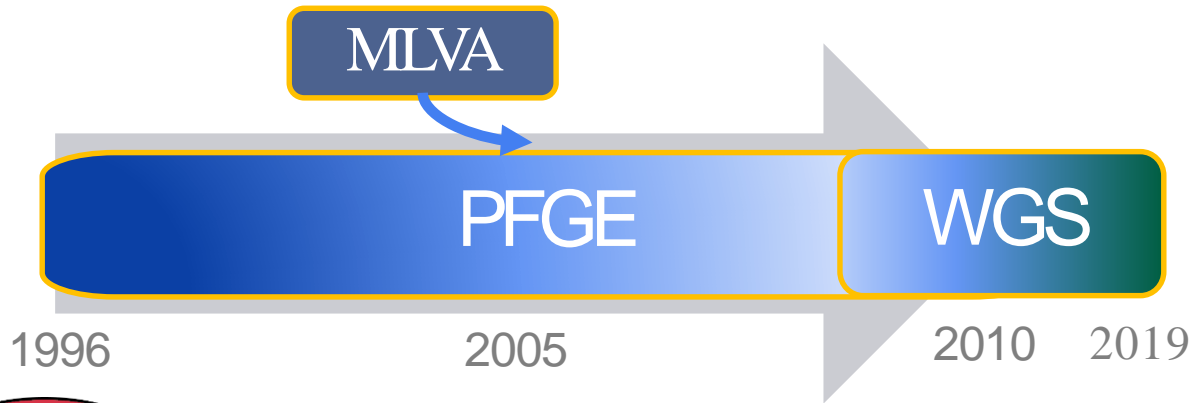
recalling more than 89,000 pounds of



Transitioning to Whole Genome Sequencing

EDLB: Moving PulseNet to Whole Genome Sequencing

Standardized, automated methods to ensure comparability of data generated in different laboratories, save time and resources



*Modified from Carleton
and Gerner-Smidt
(ASM Microbe July 2016)*

PulseNet Surveillance by WGS – greater resolution



PFGE:

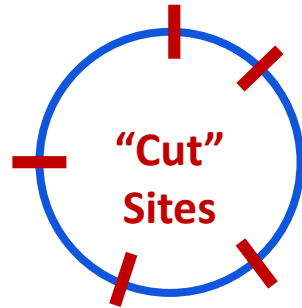
Comparing book chapter sizes



WGS:

Comparing the letters in each
word in the book

PulseNet Surveillance by WGS – greater resolution



PFGE only gives information at a "cut" site via the banding pattern



WGS has the ability to give us information at every position in the bacterial genome

Reference Characterization by WGS: 'One Shot' Characterization Of STEC



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Genus/Species: *Escherichia coli*

Serotype: O104:H4

Pathotype: Shiga toxin-producing and enteroaggregative *E. coli* (STEC/EAEC)

Virulence profile: *stx2a, aqgR, aqgA, sigA, sepA, pic, aatA, aaiC, aap*

Sequence Type: ST678

Allele code: 102.45.26.35.3

Antimicrobial resistance genes: *bla*_{TEM-1}, *bla*_{CTX-M-15}, *strAB, sul2, tet(A)A, dfrA7*

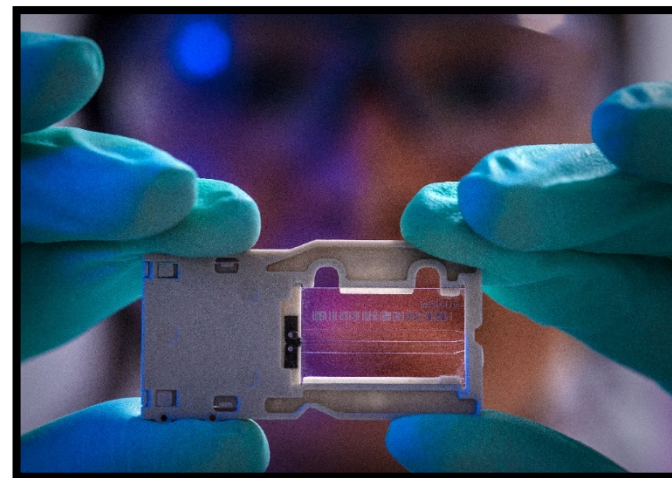
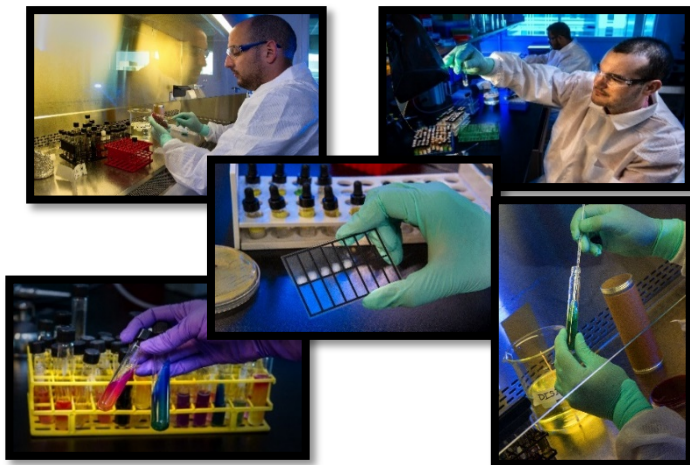
EDLB Vision

REPLACE all enteric workflows:

- Identification
- Serotyping
- Virulence profiling
- Antimicrobial susceptibility
- Subtyping for surveillance and outbreak investigations (PulseNet)

With ONE cost-efficient and precise method:

- All of this information can be derived from the genome sequence



PulseNet WGS-based Foodborne Disease Surveillance Workflow



- DNA extraction and library prep – 4-8 hours (standardized protocols)
- Sequencing 24-36 hours (QC thresholds for sequence data from isolates)
- Analysis 2-4 hours (decentralized databases with centralized analysis capability)

Reference Identification Database (RefID)

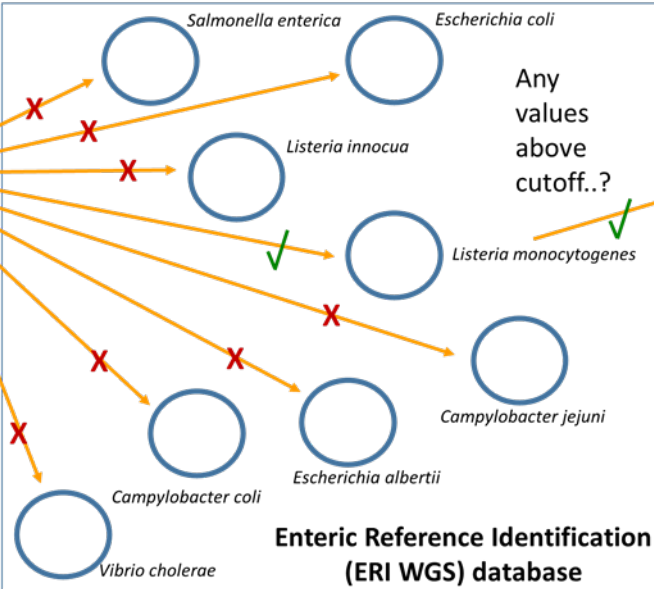
Raw reads, QC



de novo Assembly QC



Query sequence for identification



Average Nucleotide Identity (ANI)

Species specific databases

Add to *Listeria* database for further characterization

Serotyping, MLST, virulence genes, AST, etc. (depending on organism)



Genotyper: Predicting phenotype from genotype



E. coli



Serotype



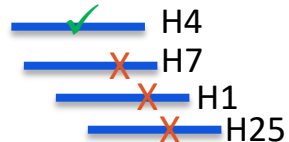
GENOTYPER RESULTS:

Serotype: O104:H4

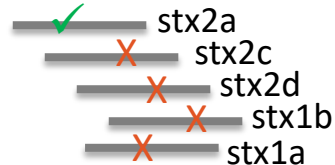
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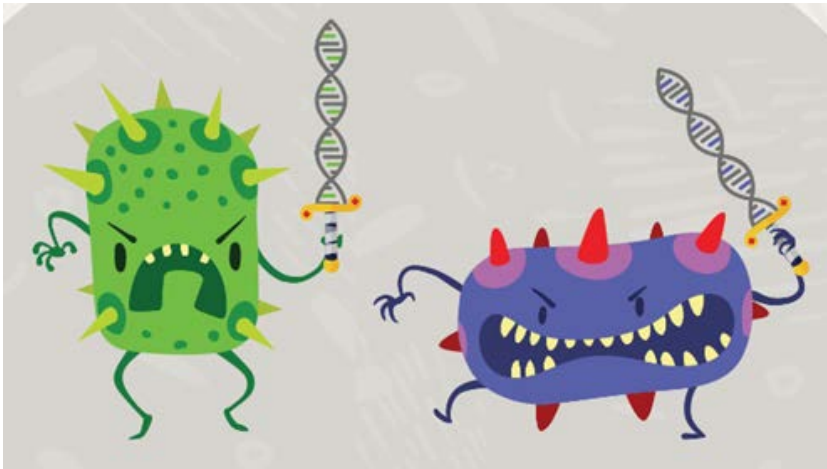


Virulence



Genotyper: Acquired Resistance

- Genes associated with a particular AR phenotype
- 96.9% predictive value
(2015 NTS NARMS data)



Phenotype	Genotype
Ampicillin Amoxicillin/ clavulanic acid	<i>bla</i> _{cmv-2}
Cefoxitin	
Ceftriaxone	
Ceftiofur	<i>aph(3')-Ia</i>
Kanamycin	<i>aac(3)-VIa</i>
Gentamicin	<i>aadA2, strAB</i>
Streptomycin	<i>floR</i>
Chloramphenicol	
Sulfisoxazole	<i>sul1, sul2</i>
Trimethoprim/ sulphamethoxazole	<i>dfrA12, sul1, sul2</i>
Tetracycline	<i>tetA</i>

WGS Genotyping Tools Available in BioNumerics

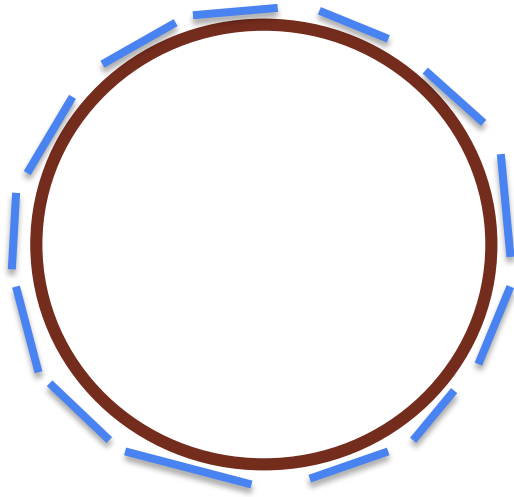
Listeria	Salmonella	Escherichia (O157/Non-O157/Shigella)	Campylobacter
Resistance	Resistance	Resistance	Resistance
Plasmid	Plasmid	Plasmid	Plasmid
	In silico PCR (genes for pathovars)	Virulence (stx/eae/etc. used to determine Pathotype)	
Lineage	Antigenic formula and serotype	Serotype	

Example of output 

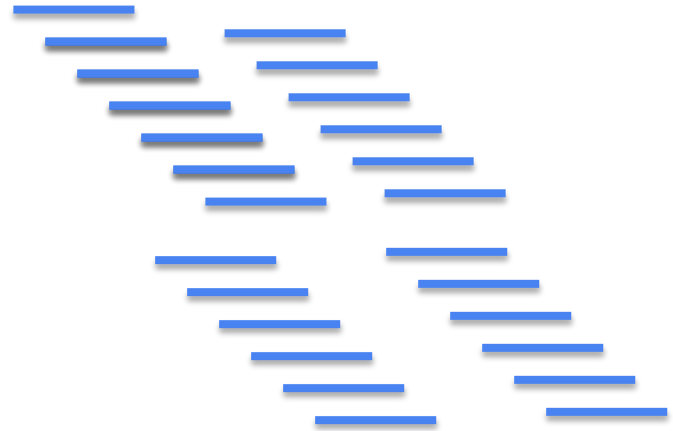
Serotype	Serotype_wgs	Pathotype
E. coli O118:H16	O118/O151:H16	STEC
E. coli O26:H11	O26:H11	STEC
Shigella flexneri	O135/O13:H14	EIEC/Shigella
E. coli O118:H16	O118/O151:H16	STEC
E. coli O103:H11	O103:H11	STEC
E. coli O91:NM	O91:H14	STEC
E. coli O157:H7	O157:H7	STEC

Subtyping by WGS: Core genome MLST

Gene by gene approach: cgMLST analysis



Bacterial Genome

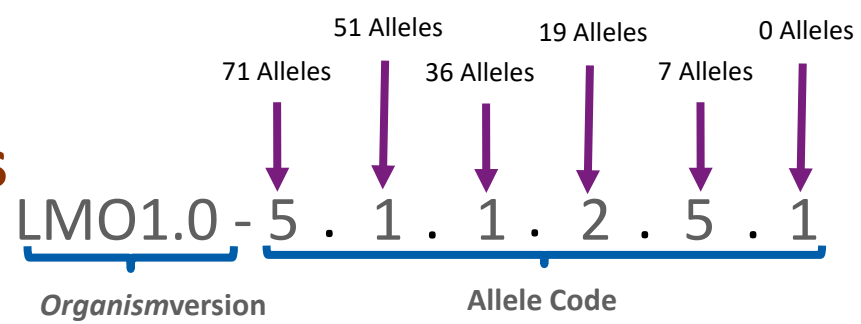


Allele database

Subtyping by WGS: whole genome MLST

Database	Current Version	Total Loci: Whole Genome (wgMLST)	Total Loci: Core Genome (cgMLST)
<i>Campylobacter</i>	v5	6,651	1,343 (<i>C. jejuni</i> , <i>C. coli</i>)
<i>Escherichia</i>	v4	34,453	2,513 (<i>E. coli</i>)
<i>Listeria</i>	Final (v4)	4804	1,748 (<i>L. monocytogenes</i>)
<i>Salmonella</i>	v4	19,384	3,002 (<i>S. enterica</i>)
Vibrio	TBD	TBD	TBD

Subtyping by WGS: Allele Codes



- When sequences have partial names, it means they are *singletons* in clusters below their last digit.
- The sequences below are approximately within 36 and 19 alleles of each other.

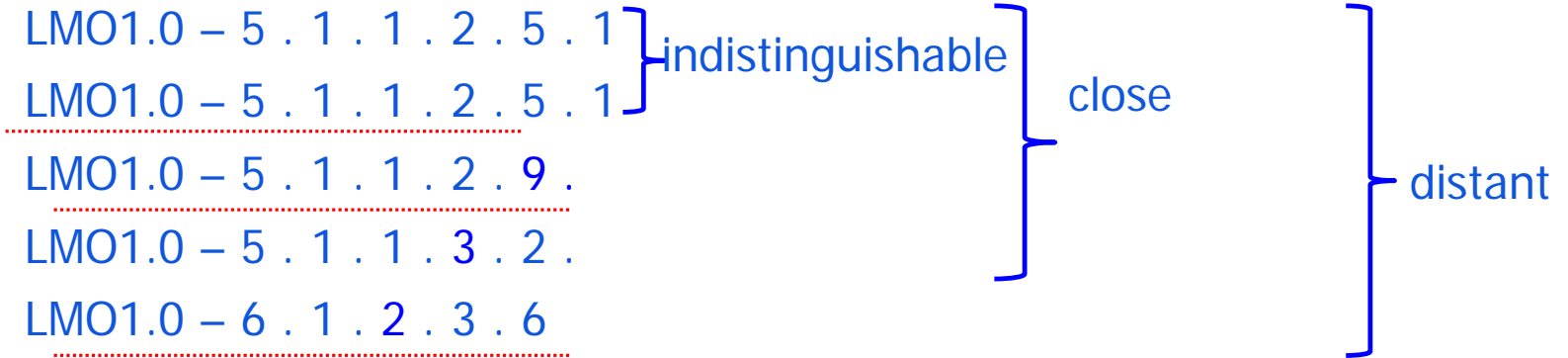
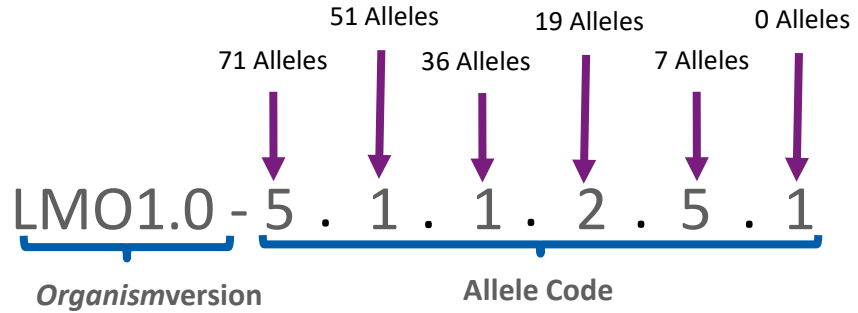
Sequence A

LMO1.0 - 5 . 1 . 2

Sequence B

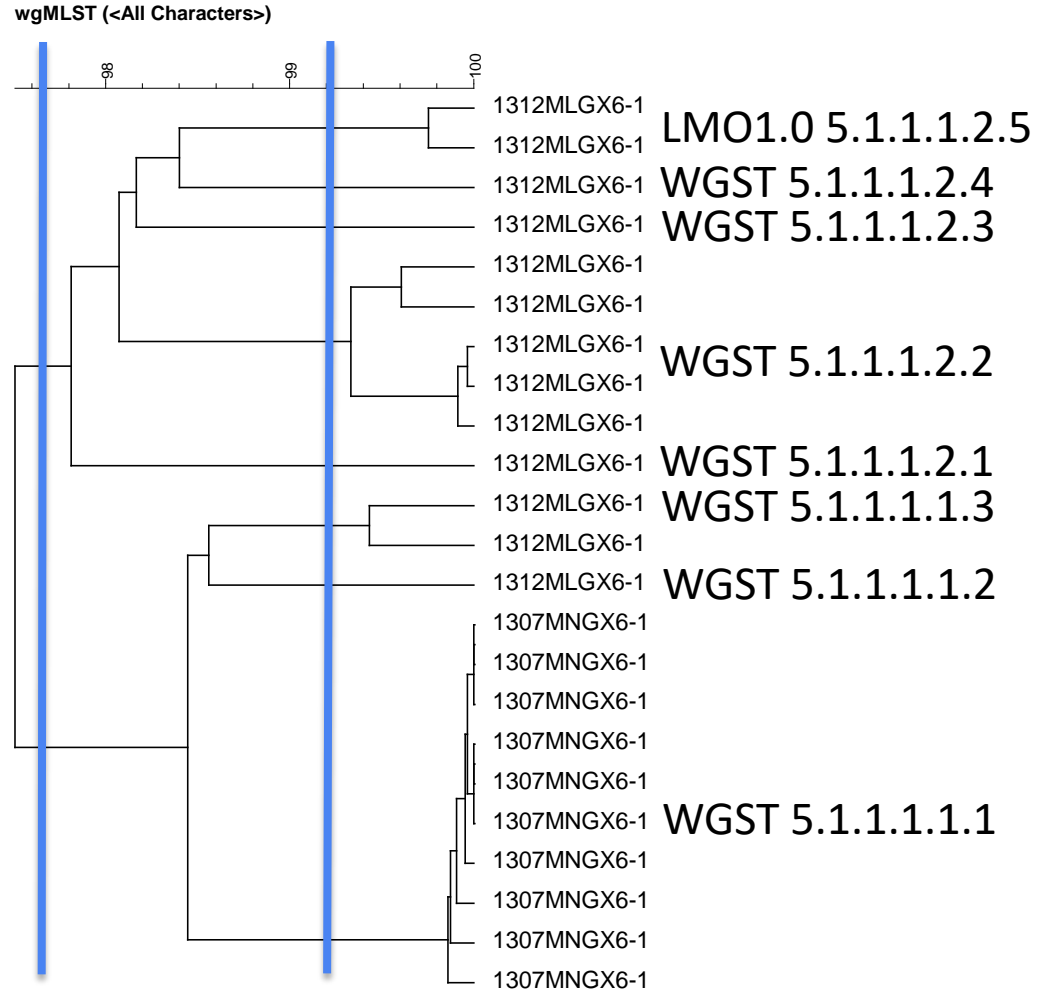
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Listeria
 Nomenclature
 “allele code”

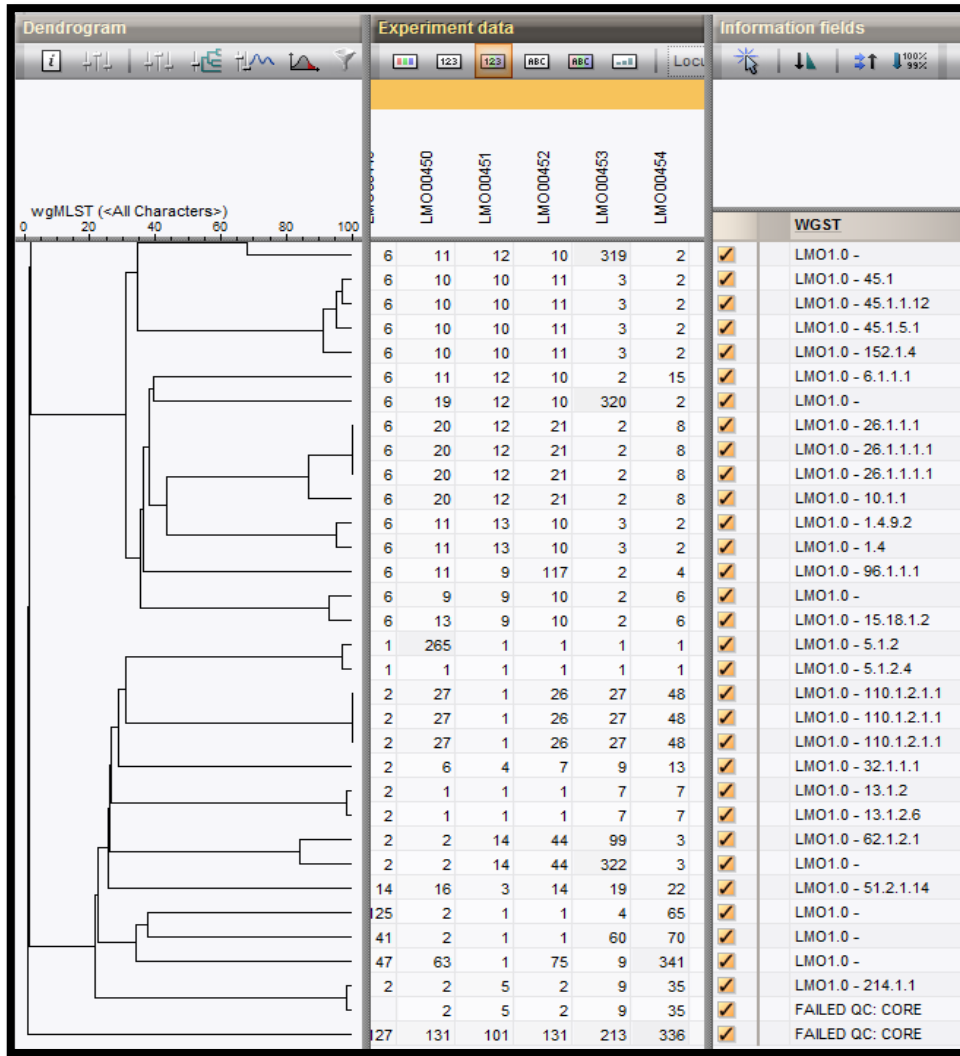


Allele Code

- Allele code can be used as zip code to signify how close isolates are on a tree
- Allele codes vary by organism



Allele Codes in BioNumerics



• Singleton: No close matches, name not assigned

• Two strains in this cluster are identical with 5 digits matching exactly. One is missing the 5th digit so it relates approximately within 19 alleles of the other two identical strains.

• These three strains are identical, 0 alleles different based on the core genome

• These strains failed QC and should be re-sequenced. Core genome less than 95%.

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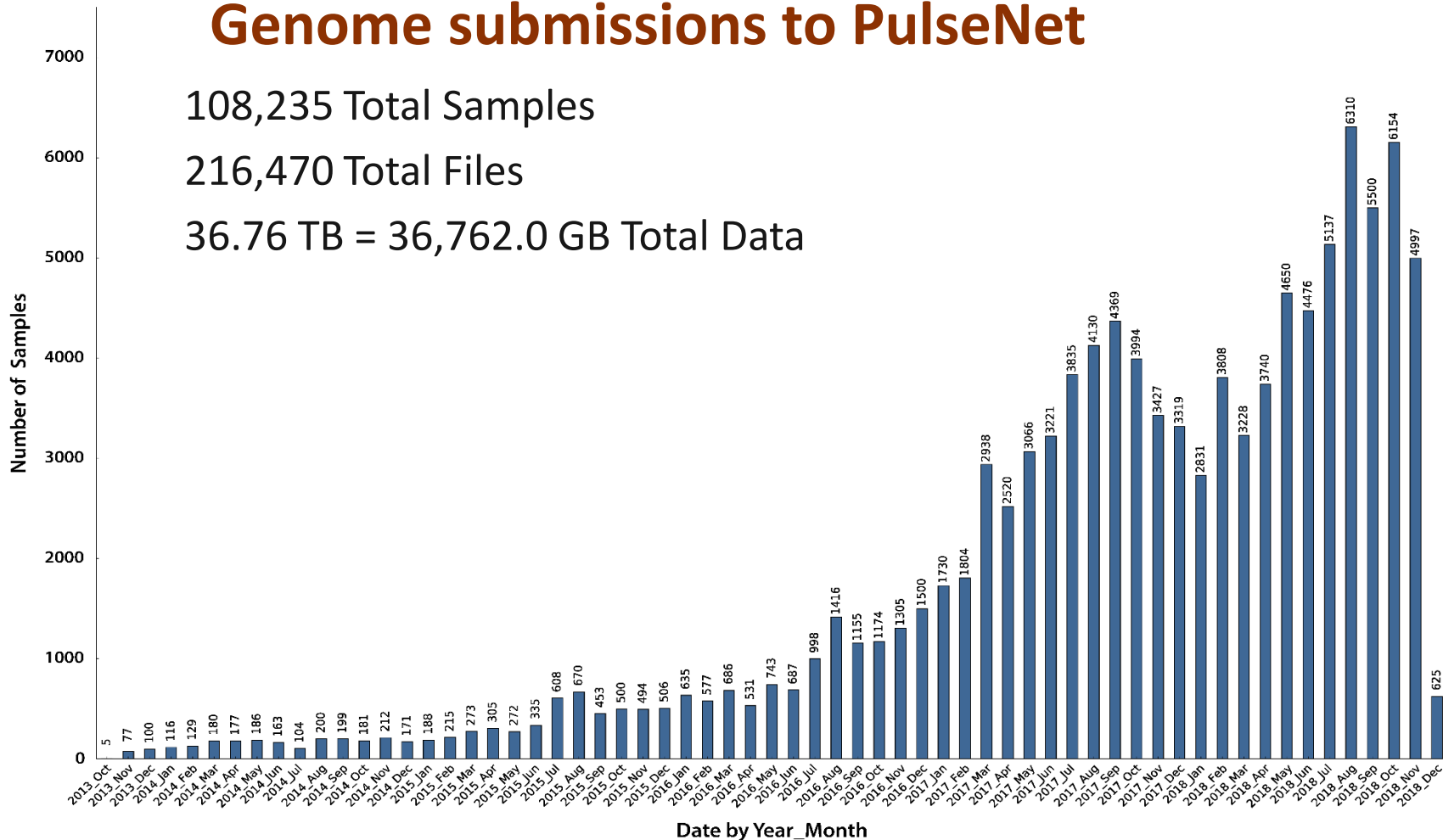
Implementing Whole Genome Sequencing Analysis Workflow

Genome submissions to PulseNet

108,235 Total Samples

216,470 Total Files

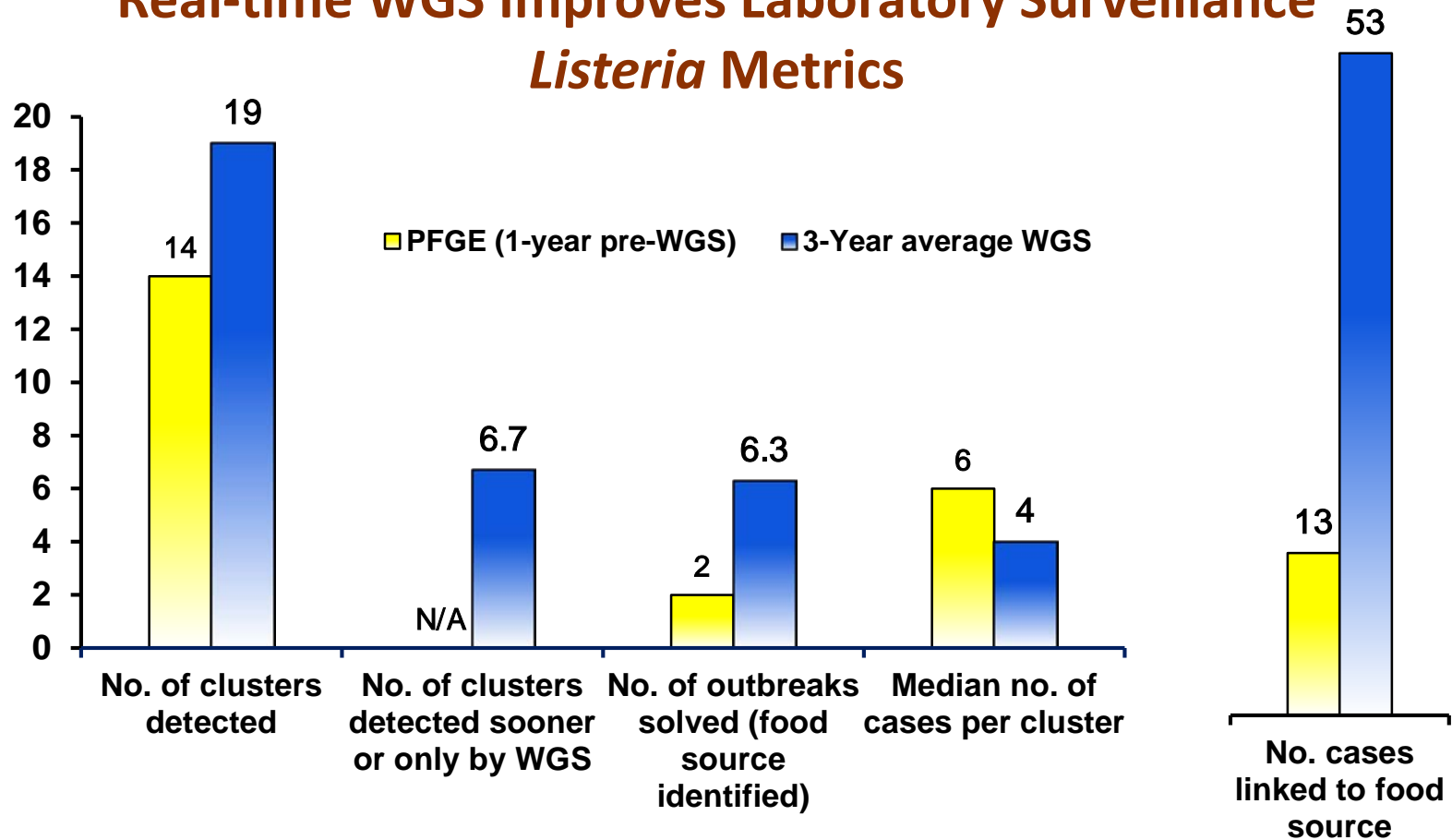
36.76 TB = 36,762.0 GB Total Data



Enteric Bacterial Genomes Sequenced and Uploaded to NCBI

PulseNet Organisms (December 11, 2018)	Genomes on NCBI
<i>Salmonella spp</i>	62,579
<i>E. coli/Shigella</i>	21,643
<i>Campylobacter spp</i>	8,086
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	4,999
<i>Vibrio spp</i>	541
<i>Yersinia spp</i>	16
PulseNet Total	97,864

Real-time WGS Improves Laboratory Surveillance *Listeria* Metrics



WGS Analysis: decentralizing from CDC to PulseNet PHL members



Listeria Pilot



2013

2015

2019





Currently processing: [APX01.0064, APX01.0751]

Name	Title	Department	Status
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APX01.0751

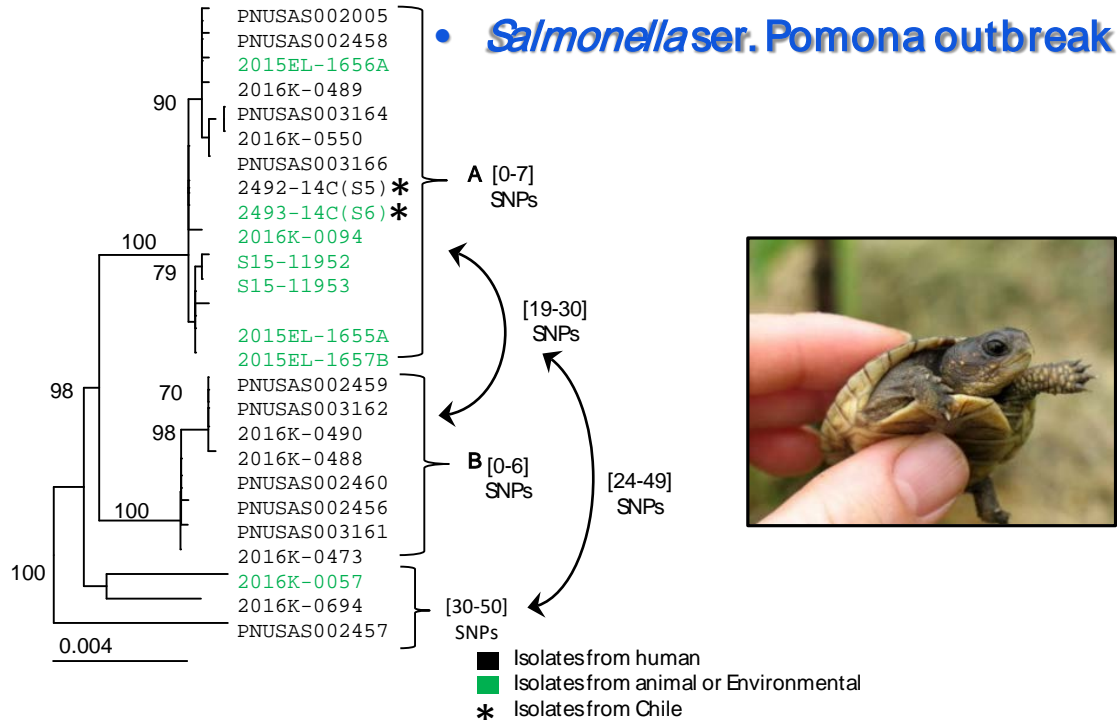
WGS in Action

WGS in Action: How WGS is used for outbreak clusters

- Linking cases with potential sources
- Improving case definitions
- Linking historical clinical cases with ongoing outbreaks

How close is close?

- Zoonotic outbreaks often quite diverse



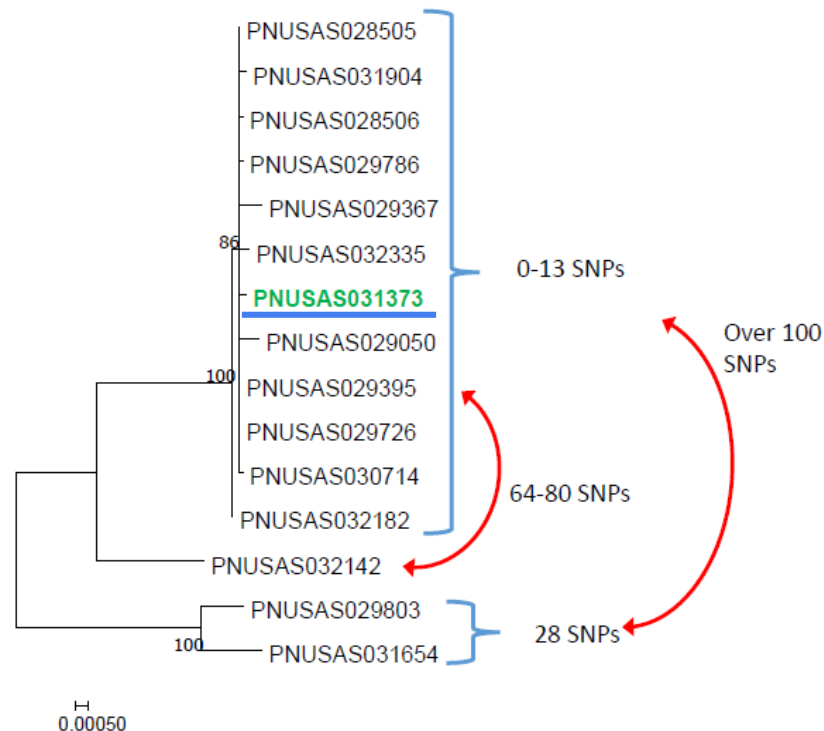
- Turtles were shipped from 8 turtle farms in Louisiana to 47 countries from January 1, 2008 to March 1, 2016
- WGS sequencing confirmed the relationship between US and Chile *Salmonella* Pomona isolates

Don't let the WGS data fool you!

Any supporting information should always be considered

Salmonella ser. Typhimurium strain from Egg Nog clustering with isolates from outbreak associated with laboratory exposure, 2017

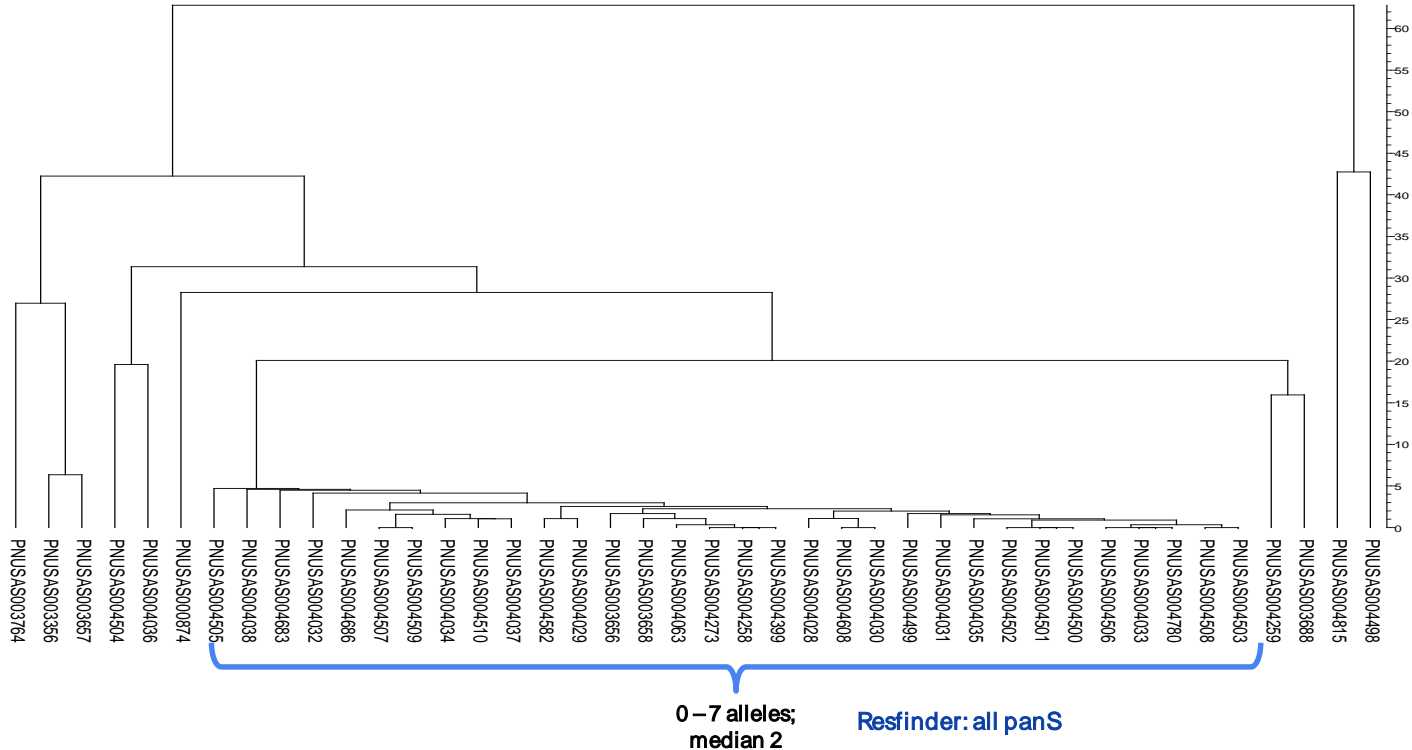
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PNUSAS031904		Stool	1/3/2018
PNUSAS028505		Stool	11/21/2017
PNUSAS032182		Stool	1/5/2018
PNUSAS029395		STOOL	11/22/2017
PNUSAS029726		STOOL	11/30/2017
PNUSAS029050		Stool	11/17/2017
PNUSAS031373		Egg Nog	12/22/2017
PNUSAS032335		stool	12/22/2017
PNUSAS028506		Stool	11/21/2017
PNUSAS029786		Stool	11/21/2017
PNUSAS029803		Stool	12/4/2017
PNUSAS031654		Stool	12/8/2017
PNUSAS030714		Stool	12/14/2017
PNUSAS029367		Stool	11/28/2017



- wgMLST coincides with hqSNP
- **Resfinder:** No resistance genes

Source NOT Identified in All Outbreaks

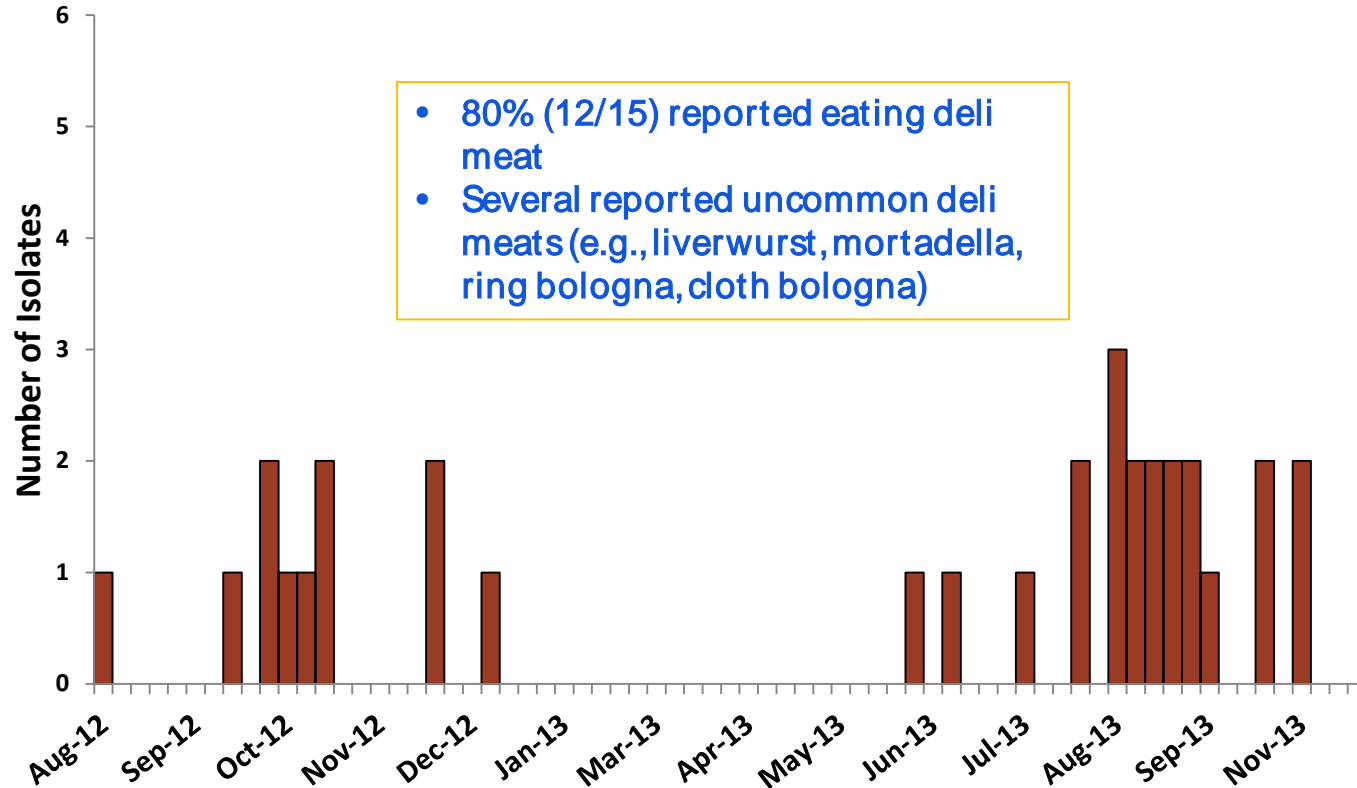
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wgMLST analysis

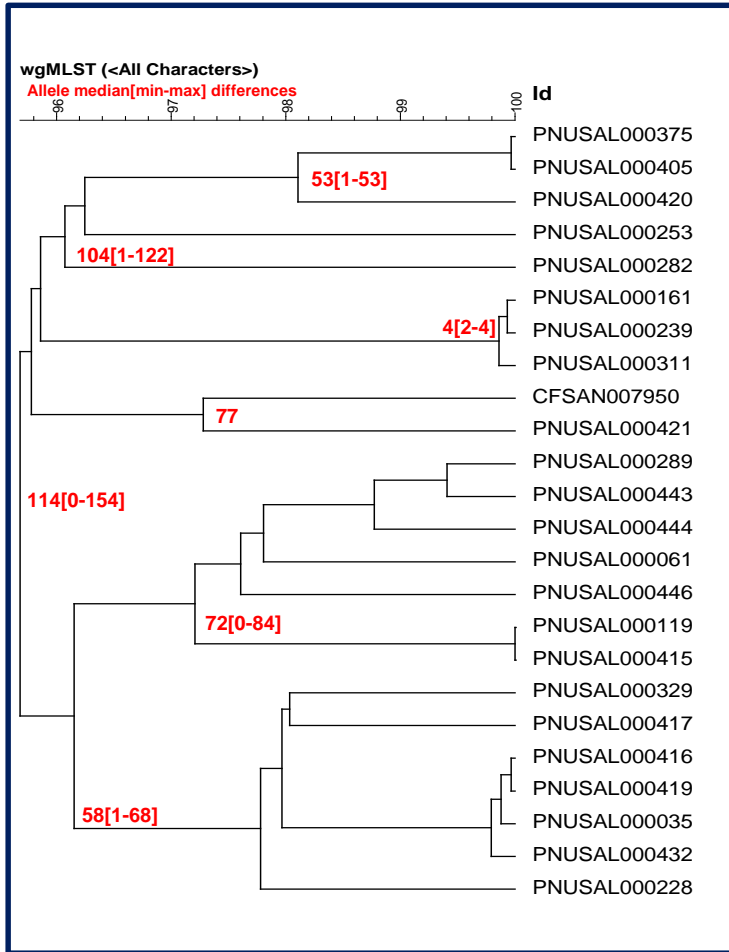


**BREAKING UP PFGE CLUSTERS
IMPROVE CASE DEFINITION**

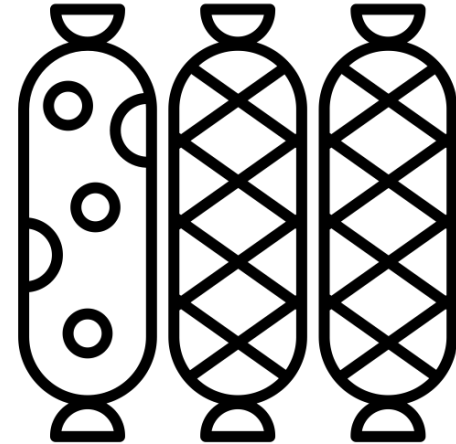
PFGE Cluster Possibly Associated with Uncommon Deli Meats, 2012–2013

An Outbreak That Wasn't





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Improving Case Definition

Salmonella Enteritidis Outbreaks Related to Travel to Mexico (2015)

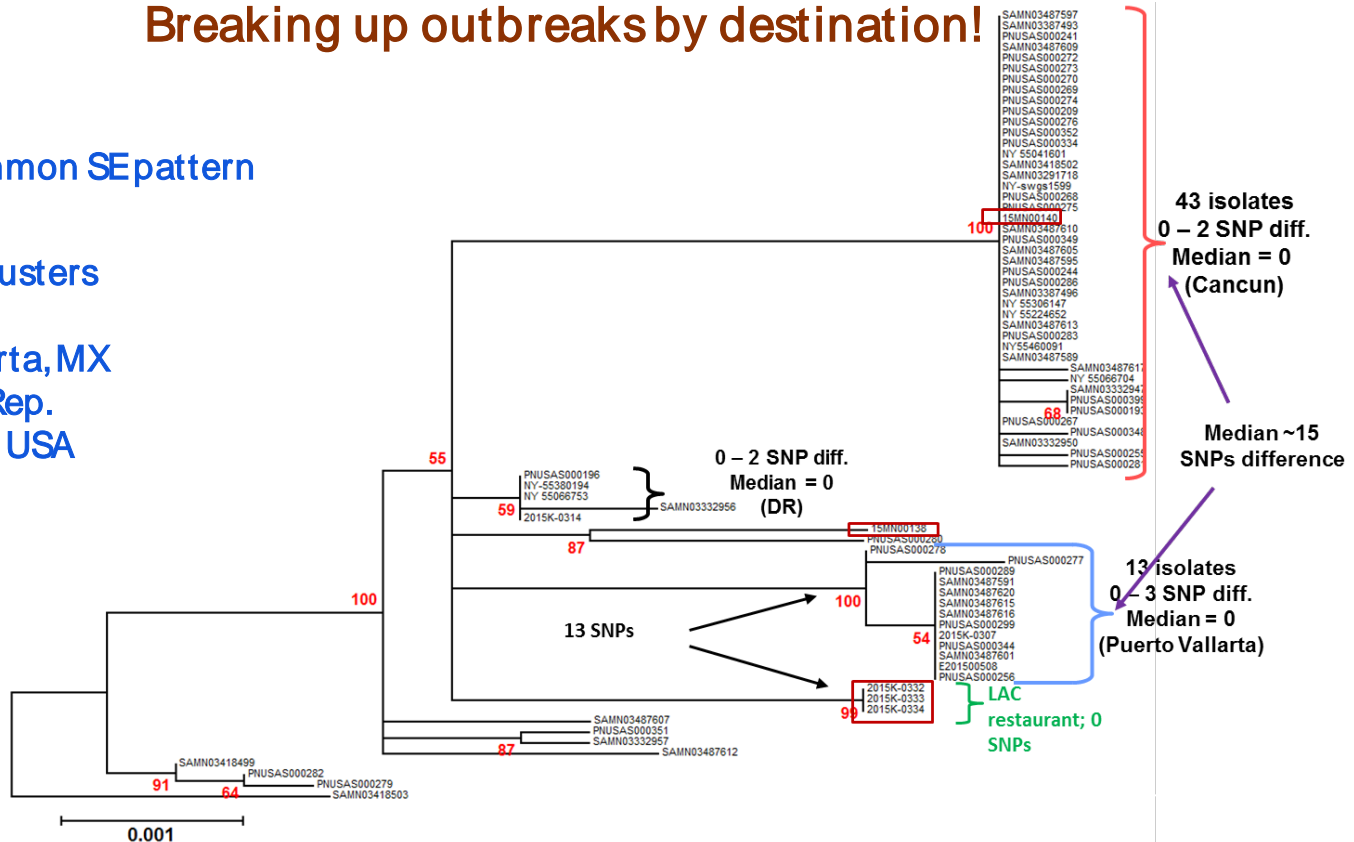
Breaking up outbreaks by destination!

Third most common SE pattern

~500 cases

-Distinct sub-clusters

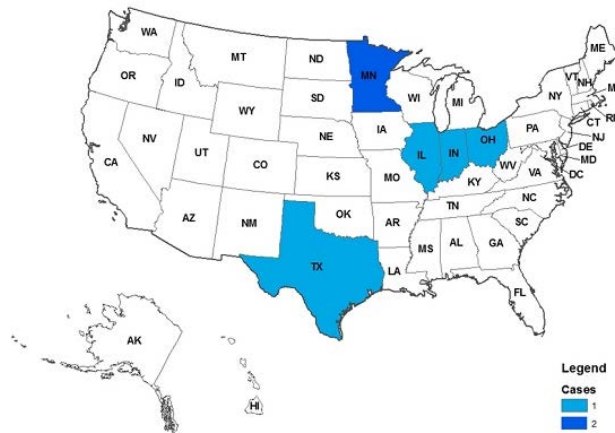
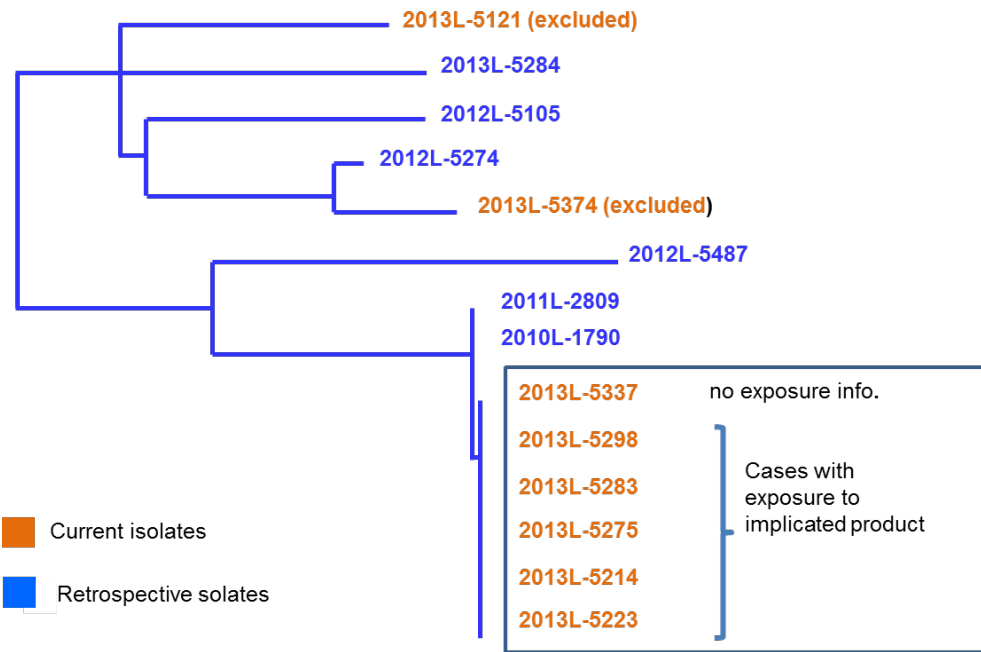
- Cancun, MX
- Puerto Vallarta, MX
- Dominican Rep.
- Los Angeles, USA



Improving Case Definition

Listeria Outbreak Linked to Artisan Cheese (2013)

All the same PFGE pattern



At a Glance:

- Case Count: [6](#)
- States: [5](#)
- Deaths: **1**
- Hospitalizations: **6**
- Recall: **Yes**



LONG-TERM PATHOGEN RESERVOIRS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

Salmonella Heidelberg multistate outbreak associated with chicken from manufacturer X (2012- 13)

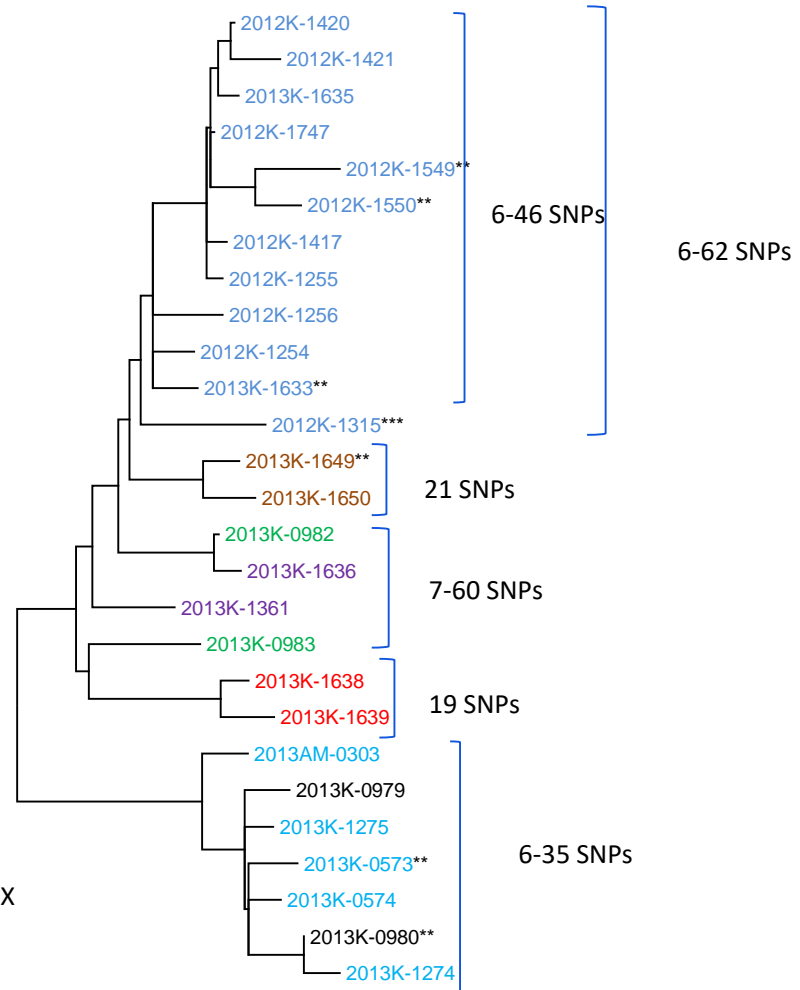
Multiple PFGE patterns- By WGS Some Related, some not related



PFGE patterns

- Pattern 122
- Pattern 672
- Pattern 45
- Pattern 22
- Pattern 326
- Pattern 41
- Pattern 258

** Chicken from manufacturer X
 *** Clinical isolate from 2011

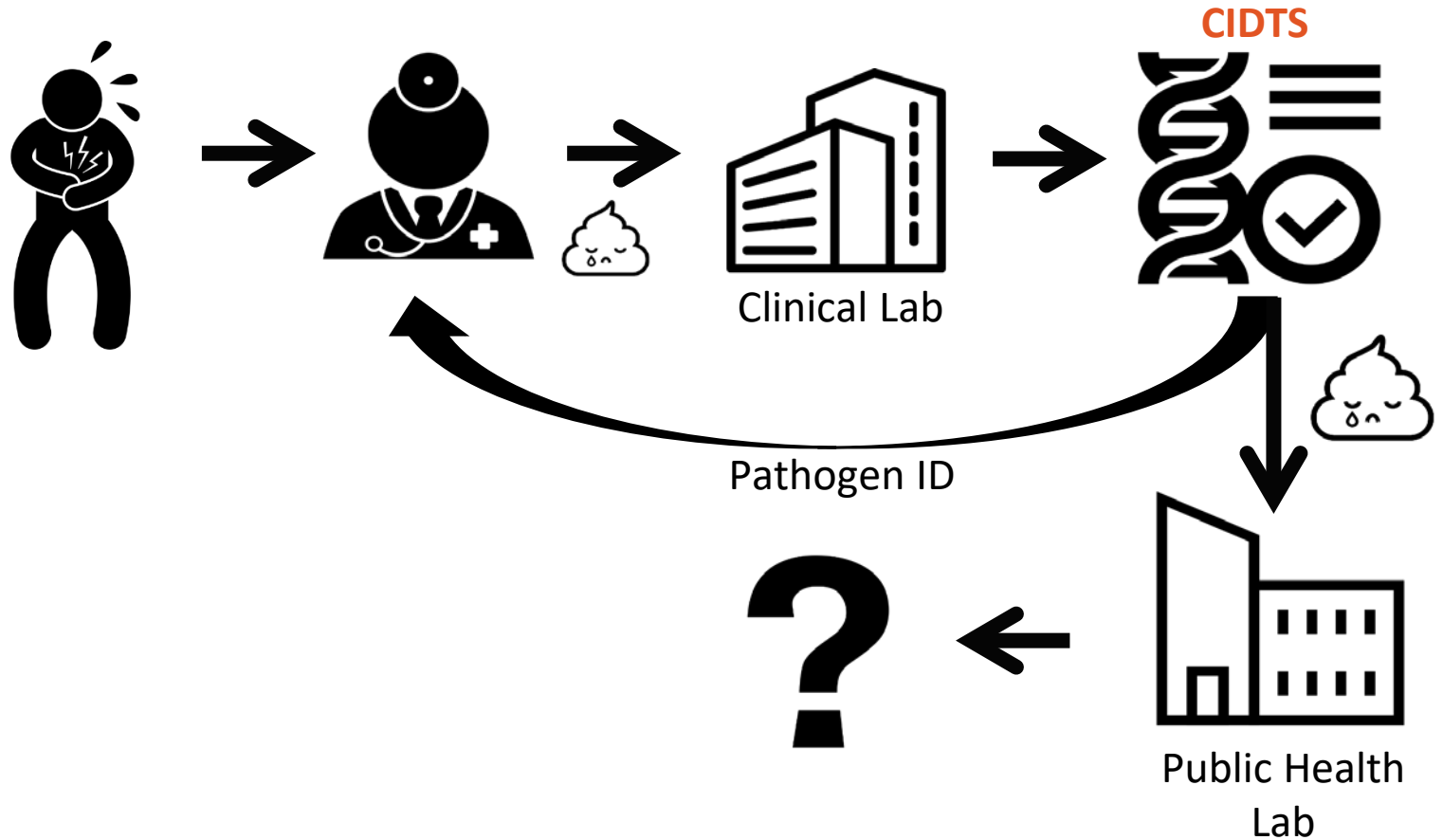


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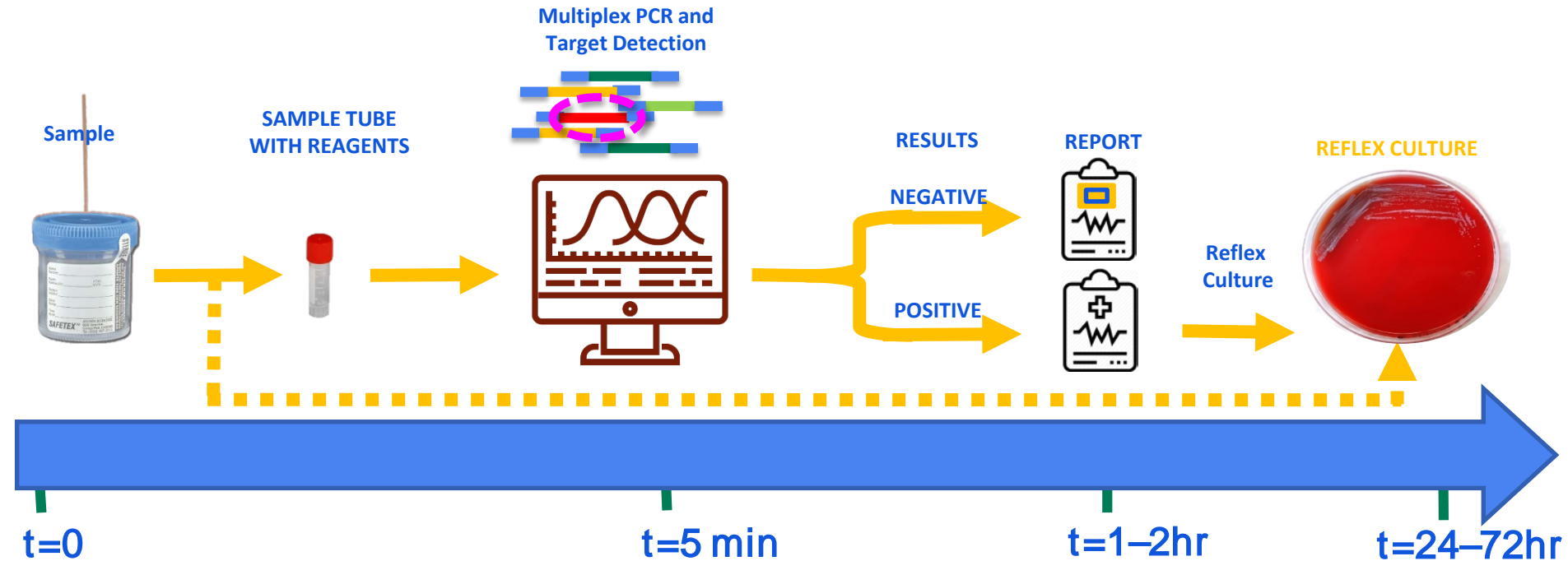
Beyond WGS



Public health surveillance workflow in transition



Why use CIDT – go from sample to answer faster



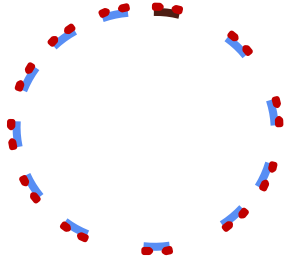
What is the new subtyping workflow?



- How to go from sample to subtype rather than isolate to subtype

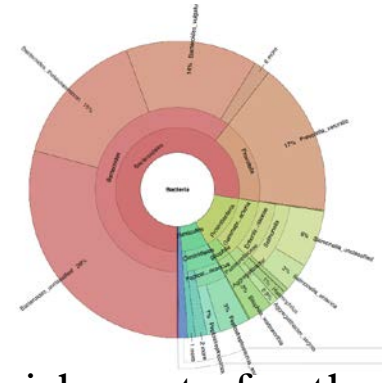
Approaches to sample based subtyping

Amplicon sequencing



1,000's of MLST targets

Shotgun metagenomics



- Enrichment of pathogen targets
- Unbiased sequencing

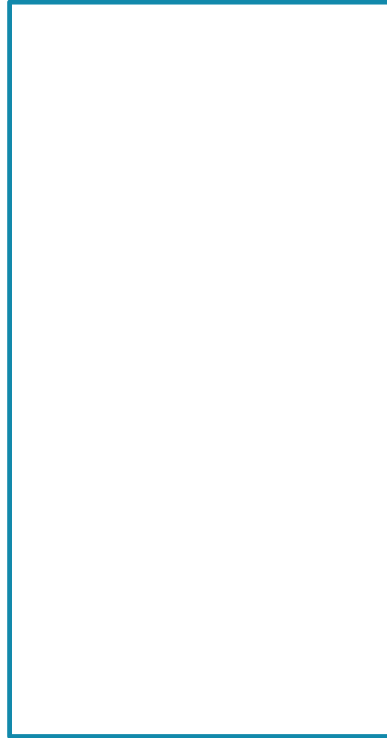
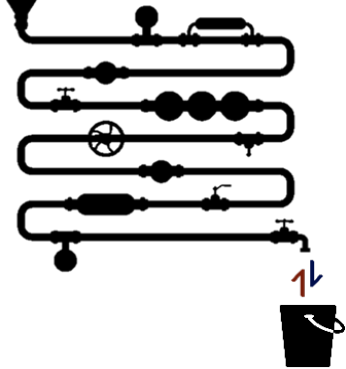


Amplicon sequencing approach for subtyping

Primer design
pipeline



ATTGCGAACG





Resolution similar between amplicon and isolate WGS approach

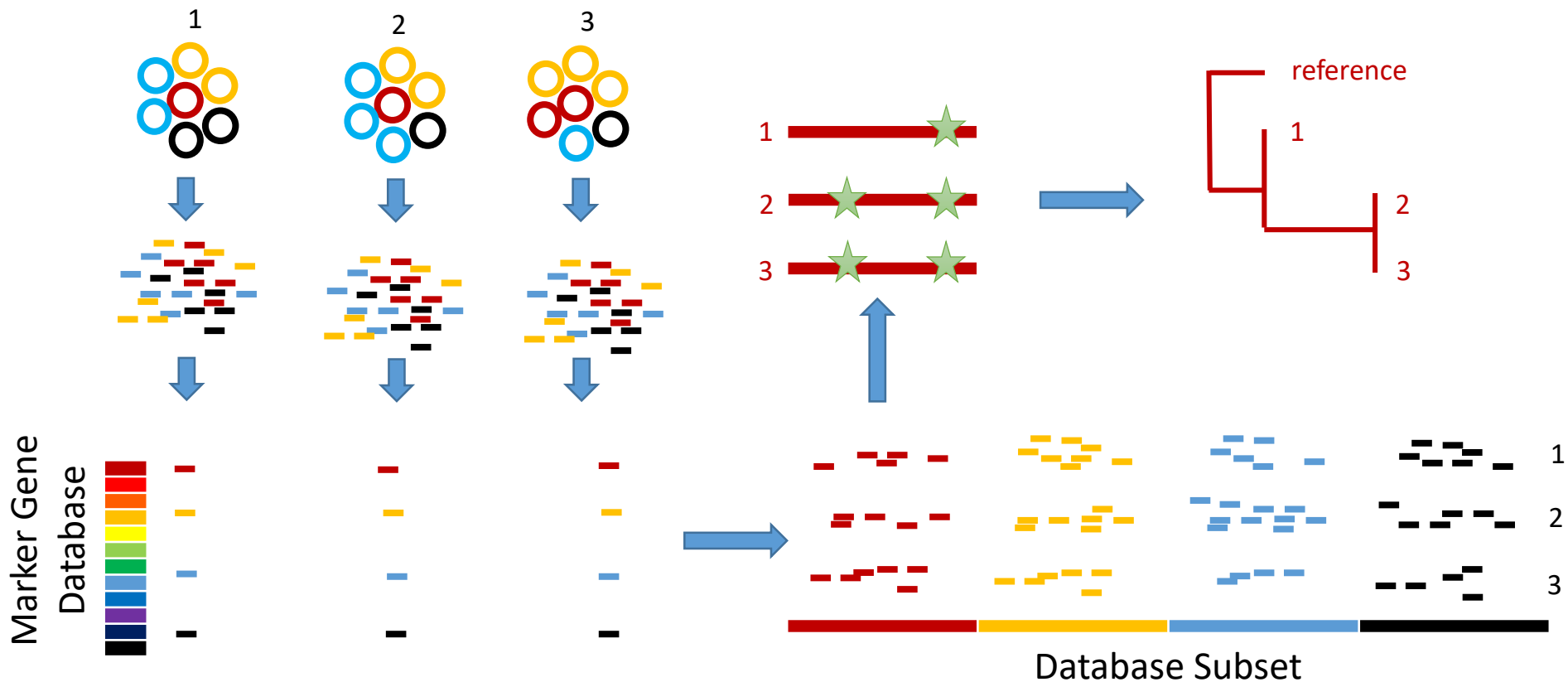


Strain-level characterization of metagenomics samples

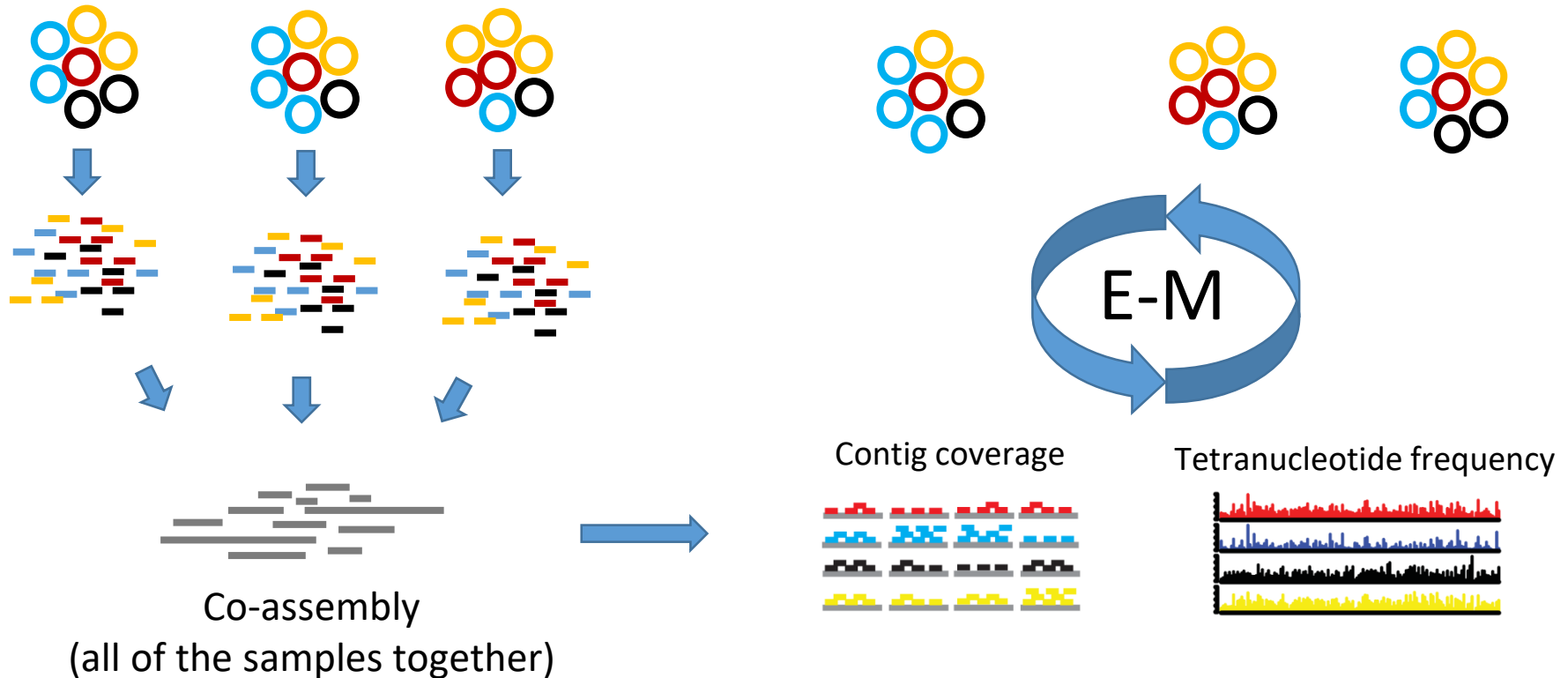


- Challenge of strain level characterization of bacteria from stool – identifying databases and analysis tools to correctly identify and classify pathogen-associated sequence and AR genes

Reference-based Binning with MIDAS

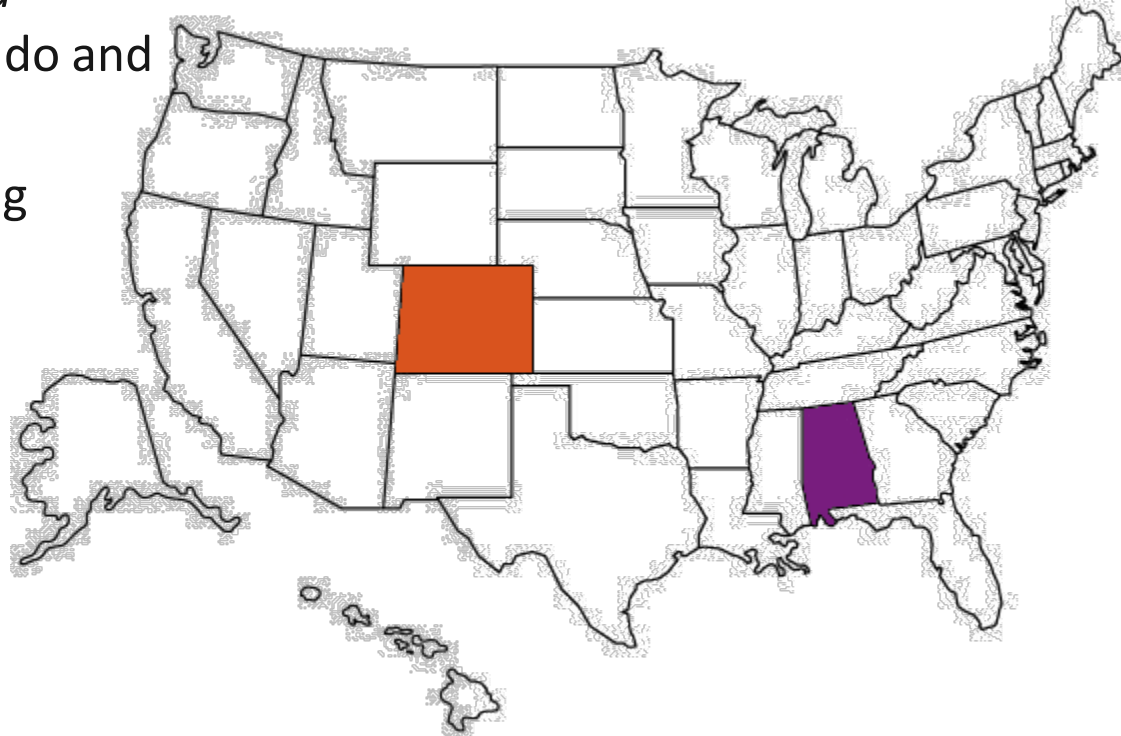


Reference-free Binning with MaxBin



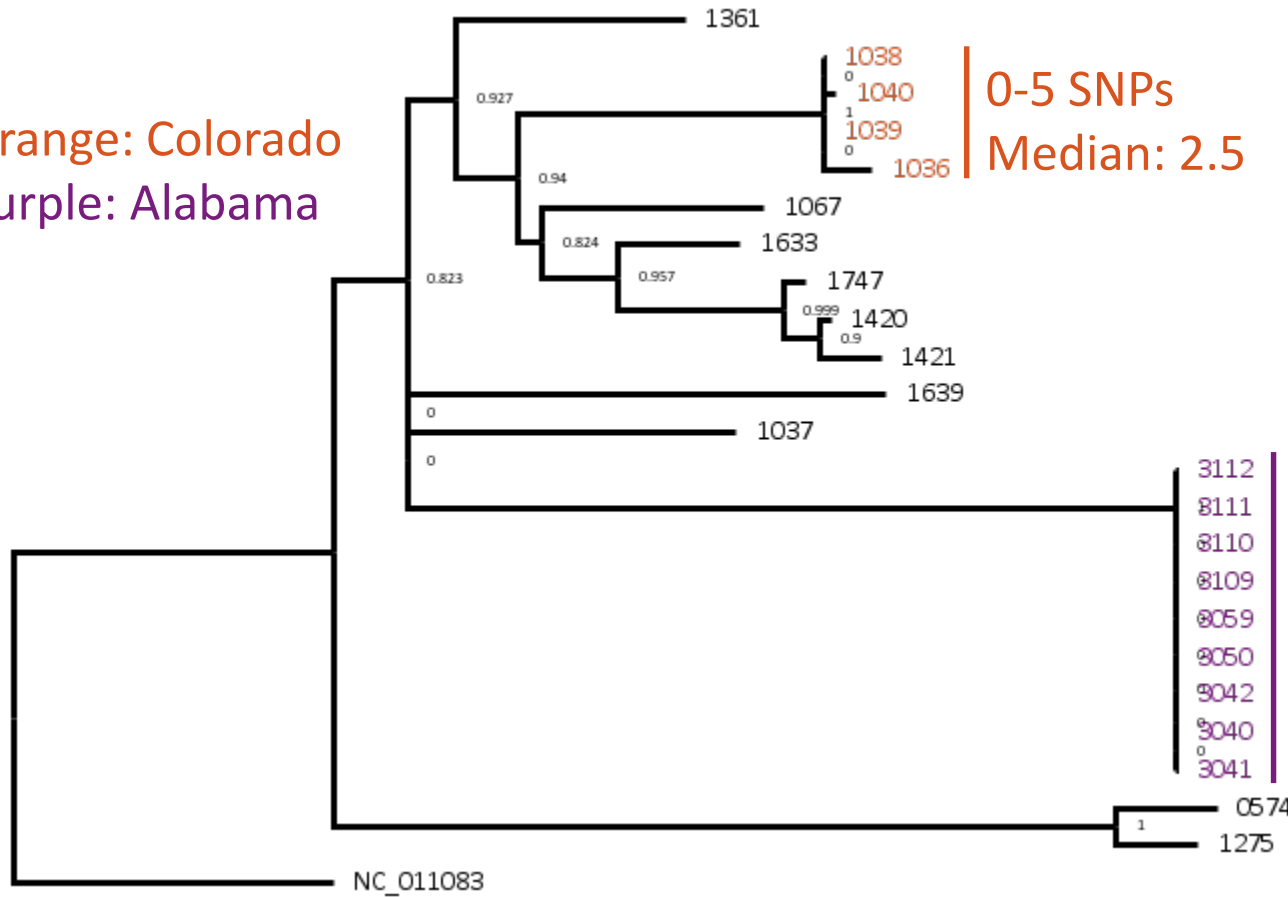
Metagenomics Case Study: Colorado and Alabama Outbreaks

- Two similar 2013 *Salmonella enterica* outbreaks in Colorado and Alabama
- Originally distinguished using epidemiological and isolate genomic data



Isolate Tree (Gold Standard): Outbreaks are Separated

Orange: Colorado
Purple: Alabama



0-5 SNPs
Median: 2.5

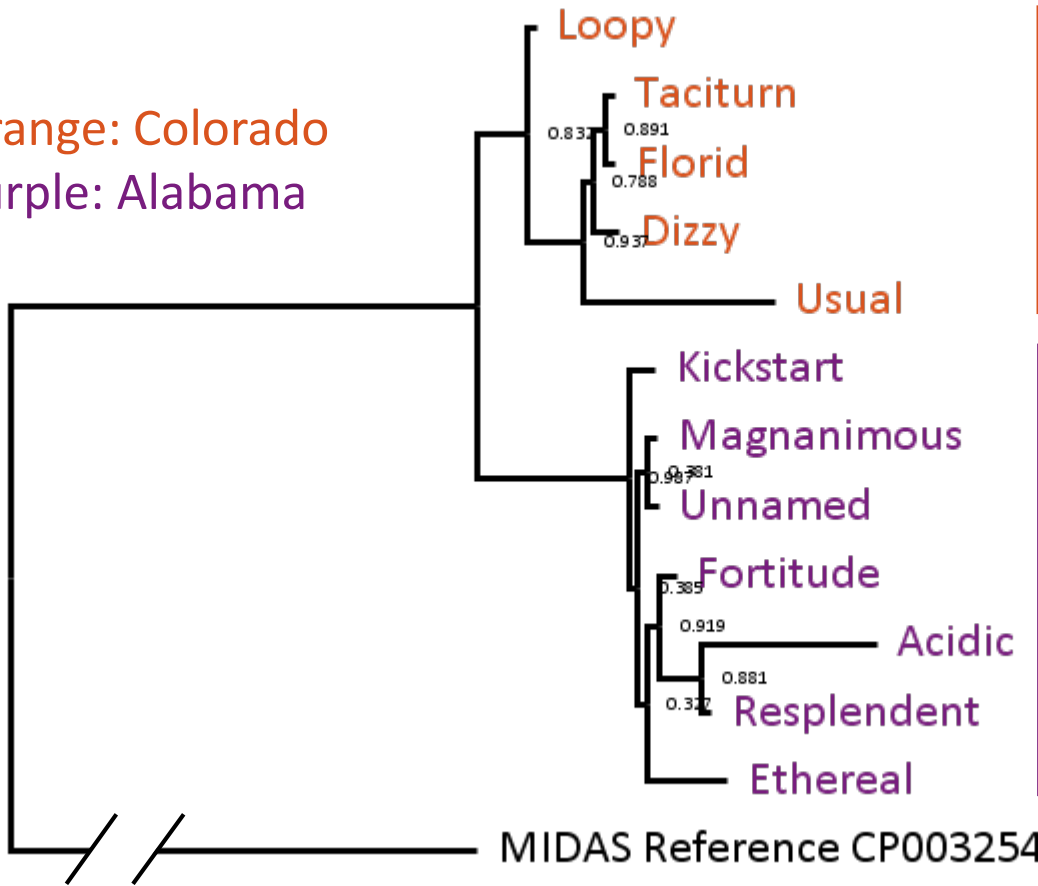
0 SNPs

1-95 SNPs
Median: 79



MIDAS Tree (Reference-based): Outbreaks are Separated

Orange: Colorado
Purple: Alabama



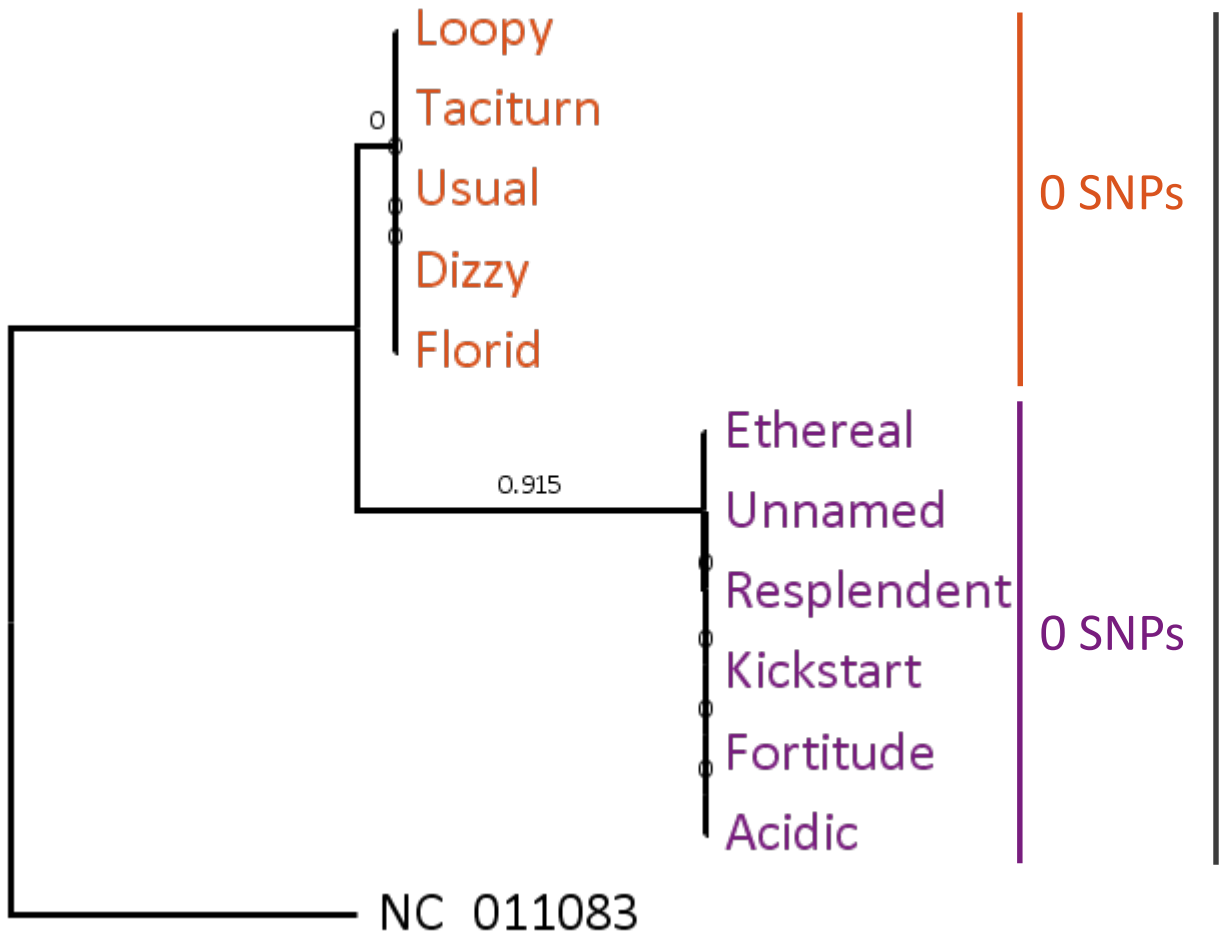
1-15 SNPs
Median: 13

7-19 SNPs
Median: 17

1-33 SNPs
Median: 22.5



MaxBin Tree (Reference-free): Outbreaks are Separated



0-34 SNPs
Median: 34

Orange: Colorado
Purple: Alabama



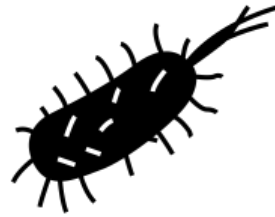
Conclusions

- WGS provides more resolution to identify outbreak clusters
- WGS data gives outbreak subtyping and genotyping information through the same workflow
- WGS is just the first step for PulseNet, next step is culture independent subtyping methods

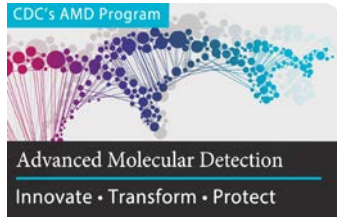


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