

An introduction to *Klebsiella* genomics & strain typing

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Today's schedule

Time	Activity
11:15-12:00 (45 mins)	Lecture: Introduction to <i>Klebsiella</i> genomics & strain typing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genomics and sequencing technologies• Species typing and the <i>Klebsiella</i> genome• Strain typing and the <i>Klebsiella</i> population structure• Case study: <i>Klebsiella</i> strain typing in Kathmandu, Nepal
12:00-12:10 (10 mins)	Class discussion
12:10-12:50 (40 mins)	Lecture: <i>Klebsiella</i> virulence typing - part I <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An introduction to <i>Klebsiella</i> virulence determinants• The capsule and K-/KL-types• Lipopolysaccharides (LPS) and O-types• An introduction to Kaptive
12:50-13:00 (10 mins)	Class discussion
13:00-14:00 (1 hour)	Lunch
14:00-15:15 (1 hour 15 mins)	Kaptive hands on practical
15:15-15:30 (15 mins)	Break
15:30-16:00 (30 mins)	Kaptive hands on practical (continued)
16:00-16:30 (30 mins)	Data sharing workflow mapping (Nicole Dagata)

Lecture outline: An introduction to *Klebsiella* genomics and strain typing

1. Genomics and sequencing technologies
2. Species typing and the *Klebsiella* genome
3. Strain typing and the *Klebsiella* population structure
4. Case study: *Klebsiella* strain typing in Kathmandu, Nepal

Genomics & sequencing technologies

Why use genomics to study *Klebsiella* epidemiology?



Genomics is increasingly used as a **core method for pathogen characterisation** in research and public health laboratories



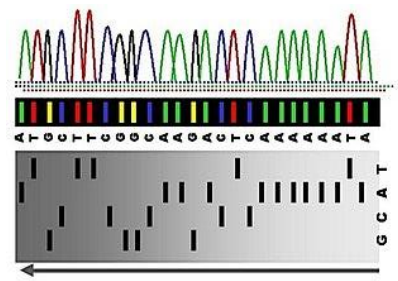
Genomic characterisation is **robust, reproducible, and informative**



Genome data are **easily stored, shared, re-analysed, and re-interpreted** as knowledge develops

Timeline of bacterial whole genome sequencing (WGS)

Capillary sequencing



1977: Sanger sequencing



1980

1990

2000

2010

2020

1995: Free-living bacterial genomes
(*M. genitalium* & *H. influenzae*)

1997: *E. coli* & *B. subtilis*

1998: *M. tuberculosis*

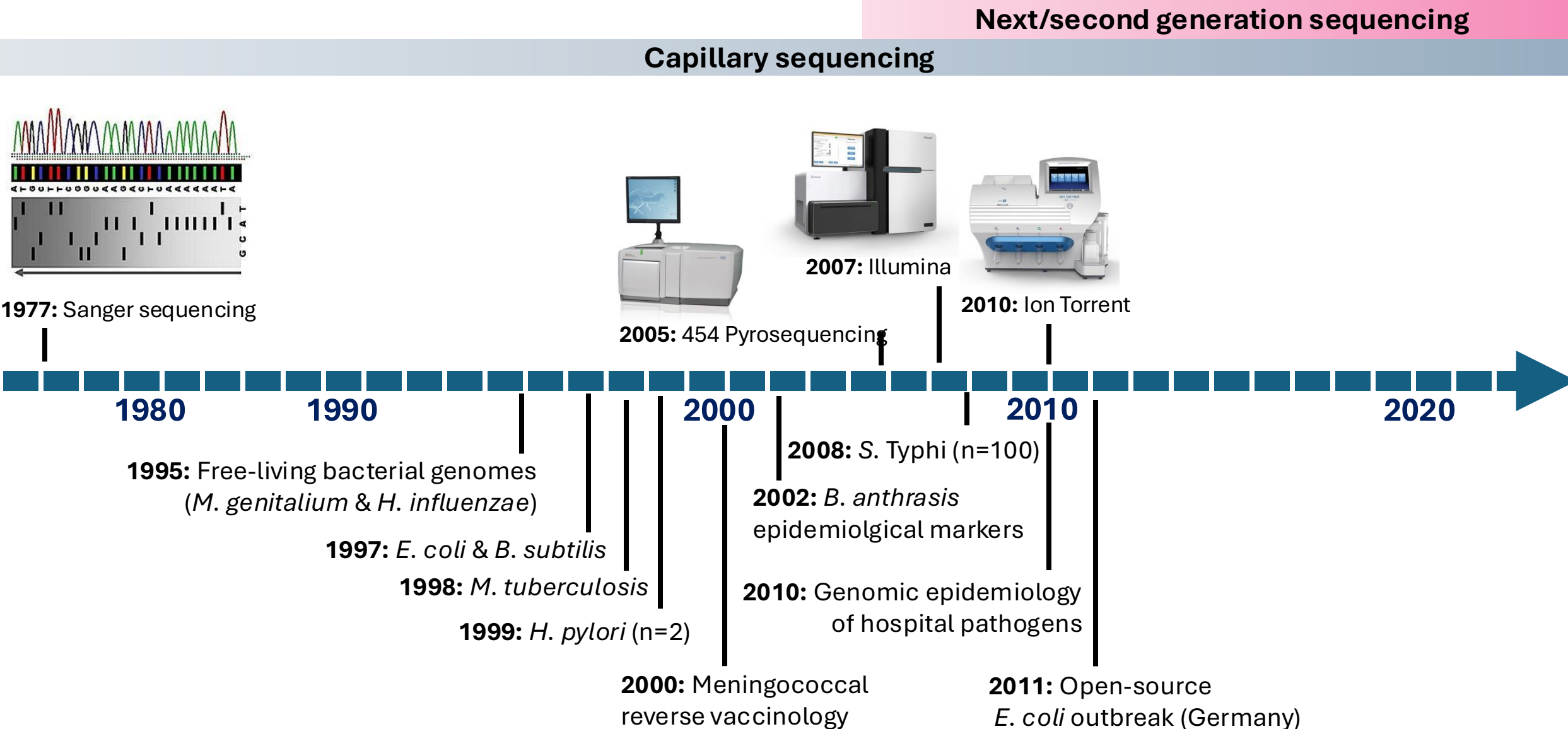
1999: *H. pylori* (n=2)

2000: Meningococcal
reverse vaccinology

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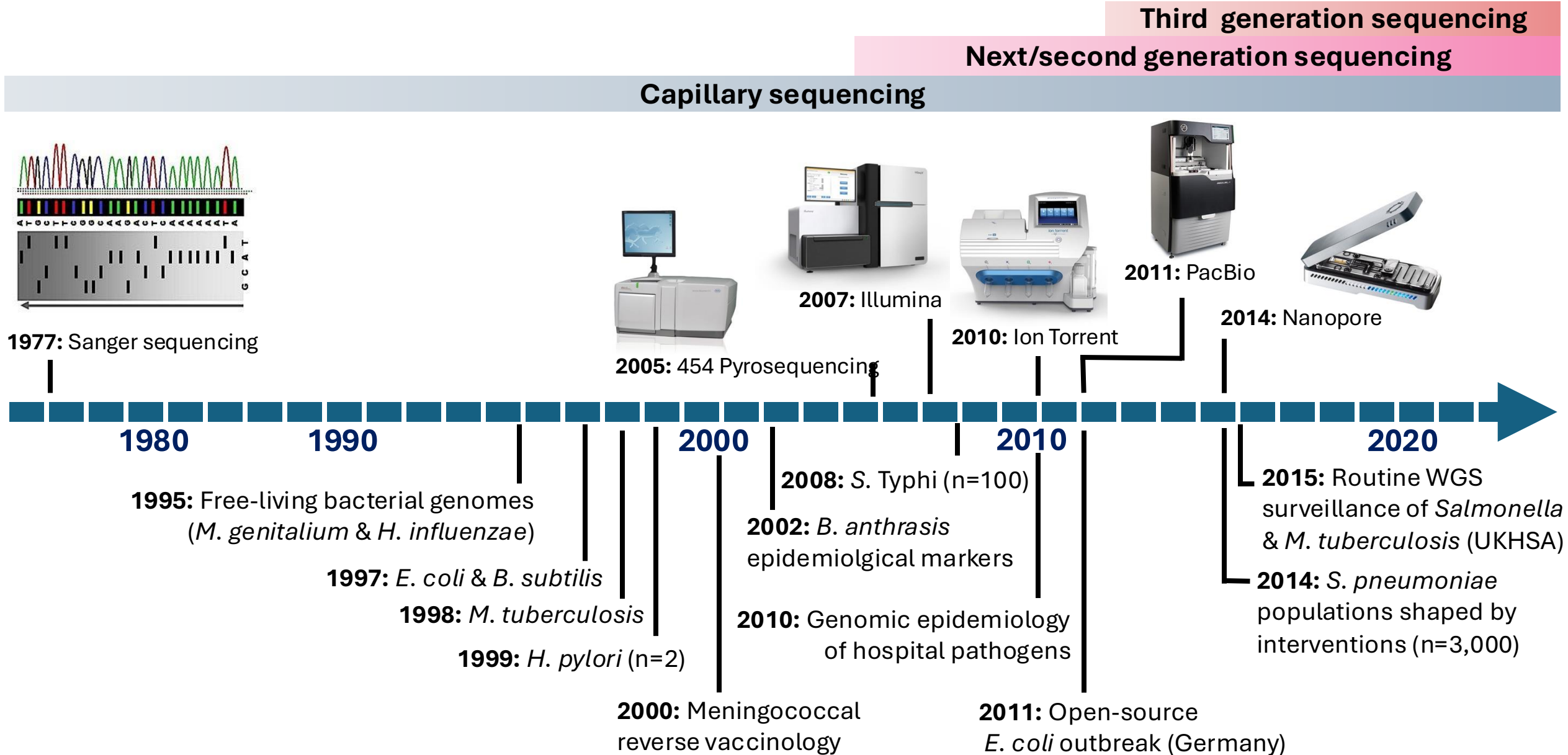
Comparative genomics

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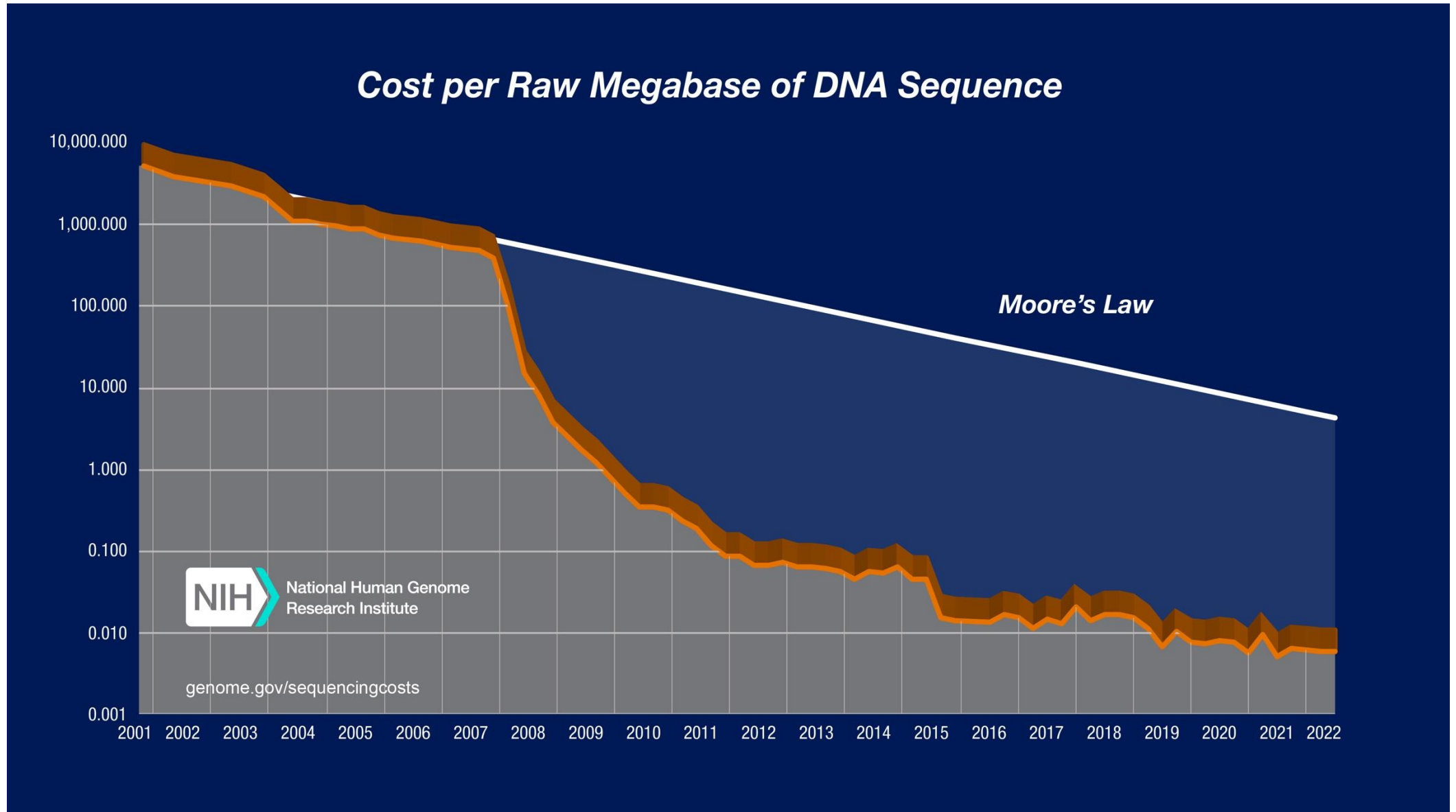
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Comparative genomics + Genetic epidemiology + Surveillance

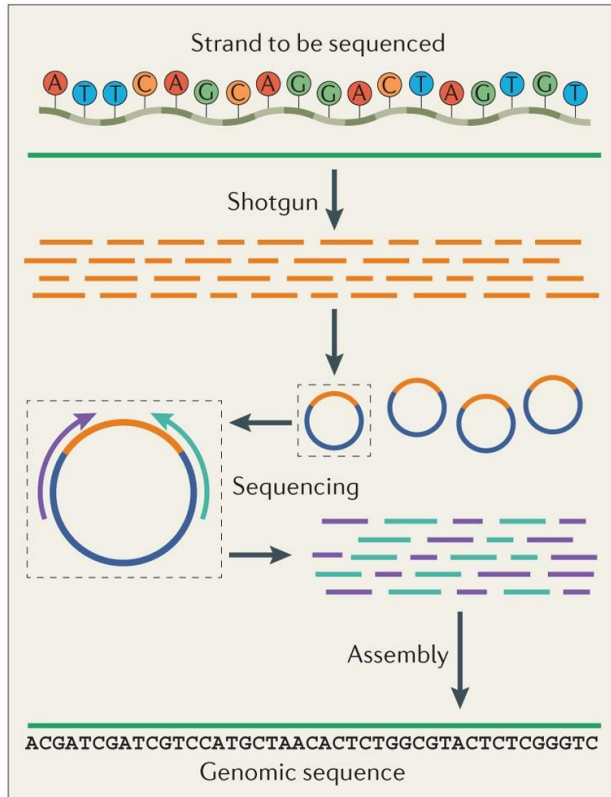
Decline of sequencing costs over time



Platforms commonly used for WGS

20 years of bacterial genome sequencing

The First Revolution Whole-genome shotgun

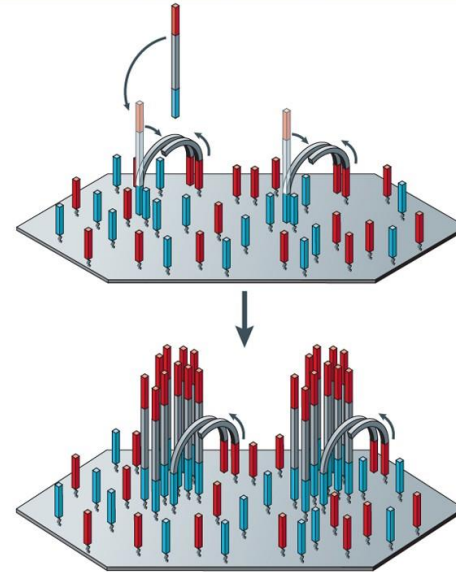


Sanger shotgun sequencing

- Sequencing by synthesis
- Amplified templates generated *in vivo*
- Requires onerous colony picking and plasmid preparation

For example, ABI capillary sequencer (ABI)

The Second Revolution High-throughput sequencing



454 sequencing

- Sequencing by synthesis
- Amplified templates generated *in vitro*
- High accuracy outside homopolymers but short read lengths

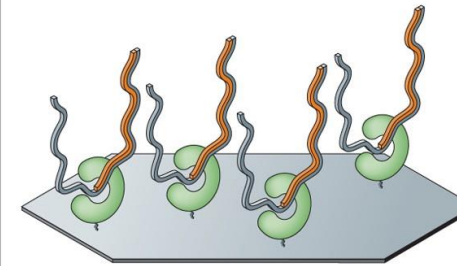
For example, 454 GS FLX+ (Roche)

Illumina sequencing

- Sequencing by synthesis
- Amplified templates generated *in vitro*
- High accuracy but short read lengths

For example, MiSeq (Illumina)

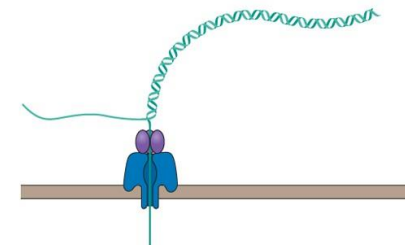
The Third Revolution Single-molecule sequencing



Pac Bio SMRT sequencing

- Sequencing by synthesis
- Single-molecule templates
- Low accuracy but long read lengths

For example, PacBio RS
(Pacific Biosciences)



Oxford Nanopore sequencing

- Nanopore sequencing
- Single-molecule templates
- Low accuracy but long read lengths


For example, MinION
(Oxford Nanopore)



R9 Nanopore chemistry

- ONT only assemblies were comparable to Illumina only and Illumina-ONT hybrid assemblies
- Reliable capsule (K) type calls for all strains (100% exact or best matching locus)
- Reliable multi-locus sequence type (MLST) assignment (98.3% exact match or single-locus variants)
- Good detection of acquired AMR genes and mutations (88–100% correct identification across the various drug classes)
- Calling outbreak clusters was problematic due to inflation of SNP counts

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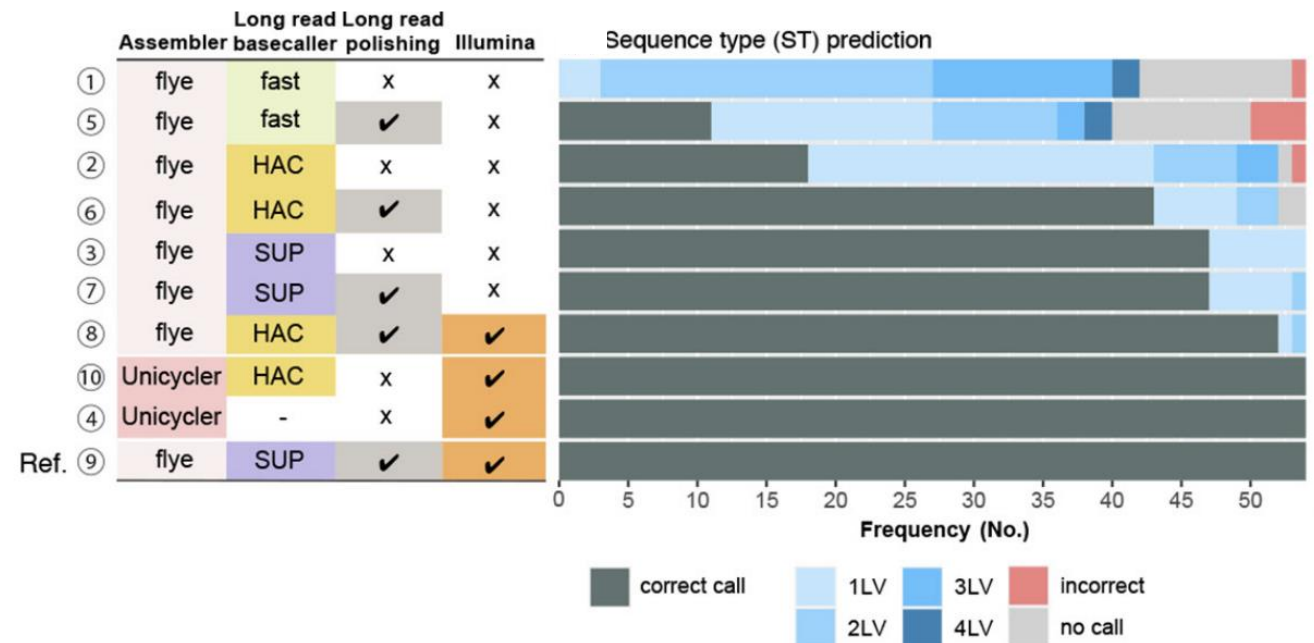
Foster-Nyarko et al., *Microbial Genomics* 2023;9:000936
DOI 10.1099/mgen.0.000936

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Nanopore-only assemblies for genomic surveillance of the global priority drug-resistant pathogen, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*


Ebenezer Foster-Nyarko^{1*}, Hugh Cottingham², Ryan R. Wick², Louise M. Judd², Margaret M. C. Lam², Kelly L. Wyres², Thomas D. Stanton¹, Kara K. Tsang¹, Sophia David³, David M. Aanensen³, Sylvain Brisse⁴ and Kathryn E. Holt^{1,2}



R10 Nanopore chemistry

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Oxford nanopore long-read sequencing enables the generation of complete bacterial and plasmid genomes without short-read sequencing

Wenxuan Zhao^{1,2}, Wei Zeng^{1,3}, Bo Pang¹, Ming Luo⁴, Yao Peng¹, Jialiang Xu⁵, Biao Kan^{1,3*}, Zhenpeng Li^{1*} and Xin Lu^{1*}

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BRIEF COMMUNICATION

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-022-01539-7>



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Oxford Nanopore R10.4 long-read sequencing enables the generation of near-finished bacterial genomes from pure cultures and metagenomes without short-read or reference polishing

Mantas Sereika^{1,4}, Rasmus Hansen Kirkegaard^{1,2,4}, Søren Michael Karst¹, Thomas Yssing Michaelsen¹, Emil Aarre Sørensen¹, Rasmus Dam Wollenberg³ and Mads Albertsen¹✉

Most commonly used sequencing platforms

- **Illumina (most common)**

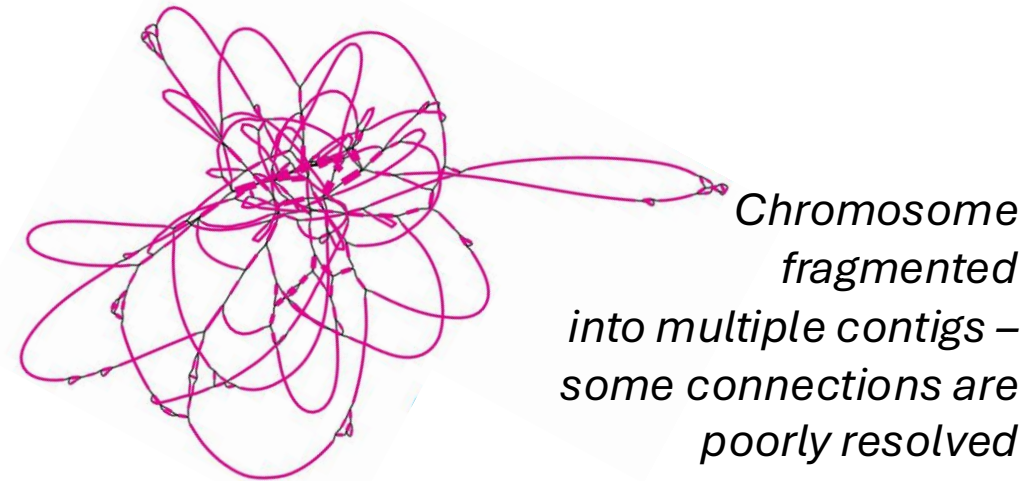
- Highly accurate short reads
- Cost effective in some settings
- Appropriate for most common applications (mapping, phylogenetics, gene screening, draft assemblies) and downstream applications

- **Nanopore (increasingly common)**

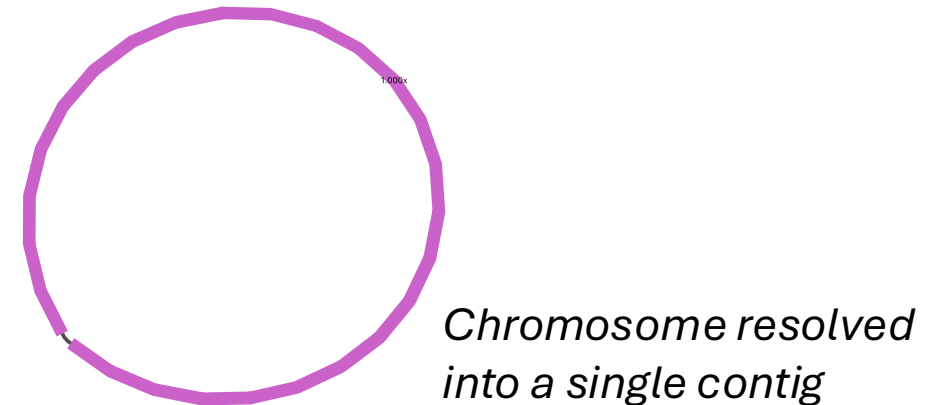
- Longer reads with systematic errors
- Portable
- Finishing genomes
- Resolving mobile elements e.g. plasmids
- Large-scale rearrangements

- Often used in combination

e.g. **hybrid** genome assembly



Illumina only de Bruijn genome assembly graph

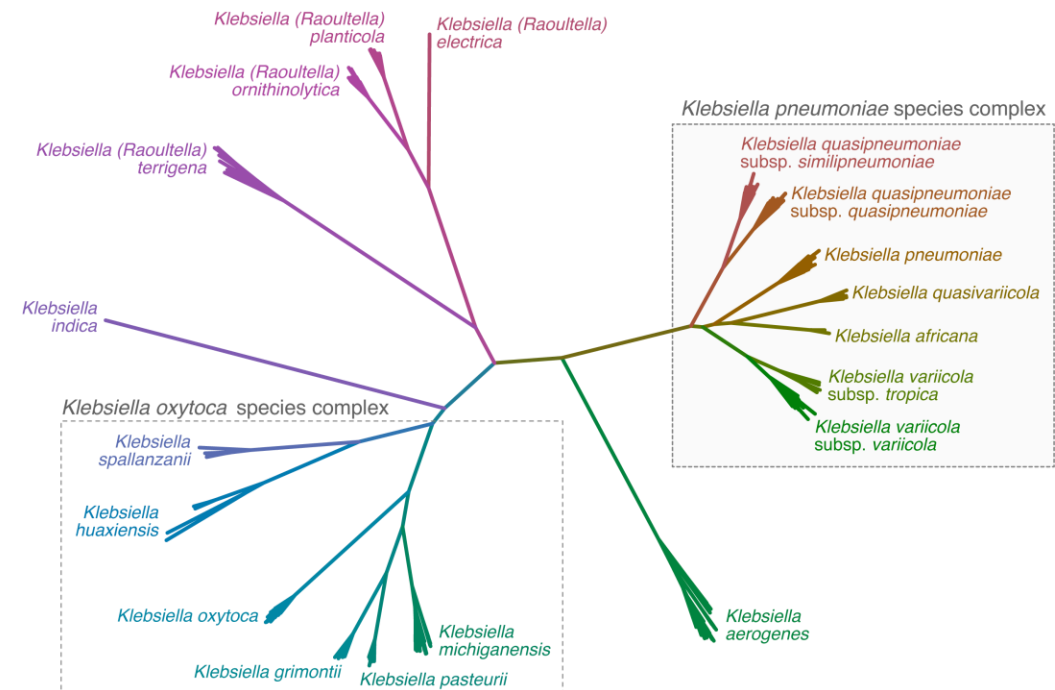


Hybrid (Illumina + Nanopore) de Bruijn genome assembly graph

Species typing & the *Klebsiella* genome

The *Klebsiella pneumoniae* species complex

- Whole genome sequencing has revealed that many organisms previously classified as *Klebsiella pneumoniae* belong to closely related species that share 95-96% average nucleotide identity
- Members of the *Klebsiella pneumoniae* species complex (KpSC) share 90% nucleotide identity with other *Klebsiella* species
- New KpSC species defined by $\geq 3\%$ genome-wide average nucleotide identity
- *K. pneumoniae sensu stricto* cause ~85% of clinical cases



Phylogroup	Phylogroup (sub)species
Kp1	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>
Kp3	<i>K. variicola</i> subsp. <i>variicola</i>
Kp5	<i>K. variicola</i> subsp. <i>tropica</i>
Kp2	<i>K. quasipneumoniae</i> subsp. <i>quasipneumoniae</i>
Kp4	<i>K. quasipneumoniae</i> subsp. <i>similipneumoniae</i>
Kp6	<i>K. quasivariicola</i>
Kp7	<i>K. africana</i>

The *Klebsiella* genome is diverse

- *K. pneumoniae* genomes
 - ~5-6 Mbp in size
 - Encodes ~5,000-6,000 genes
 - ~1700 genes conserved
 - Remainder are variable
- Extremely diverse pangenome
 - Likely exceeds 100,000 genes
 - Majority of accessory genes are rare (present in <10% of genomes)
- Horizontal gene transfer common
 - Mobile genetic elements (IS, plasmids, phage)
 - 4-6 plasmids common, up to 10 reported
 - Homologous recombination common

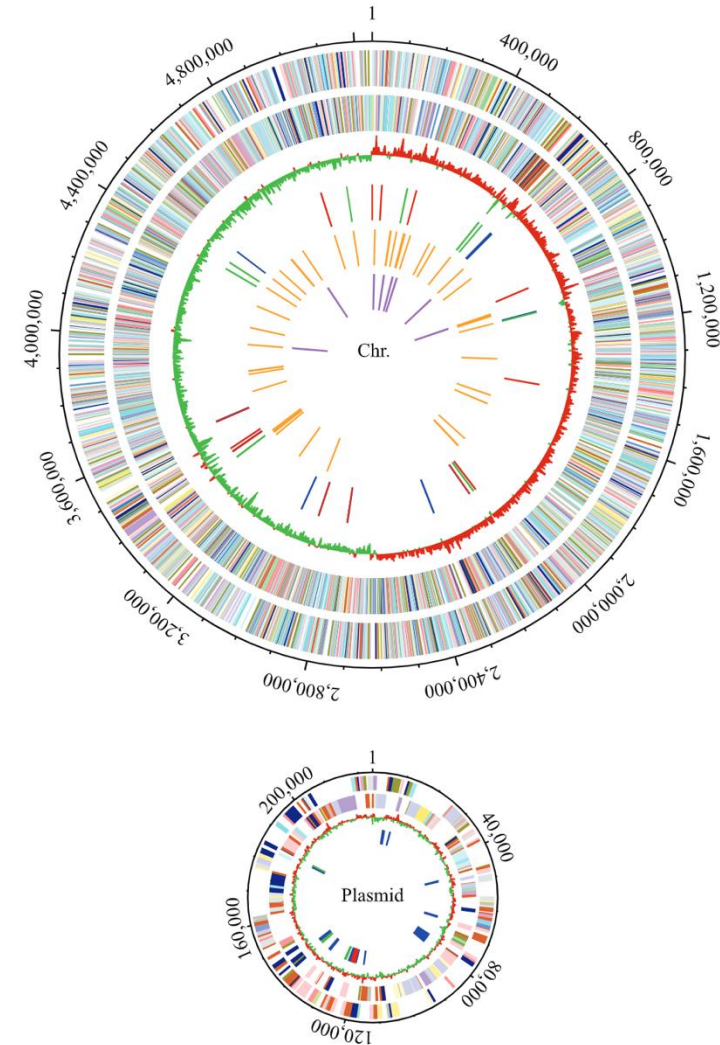
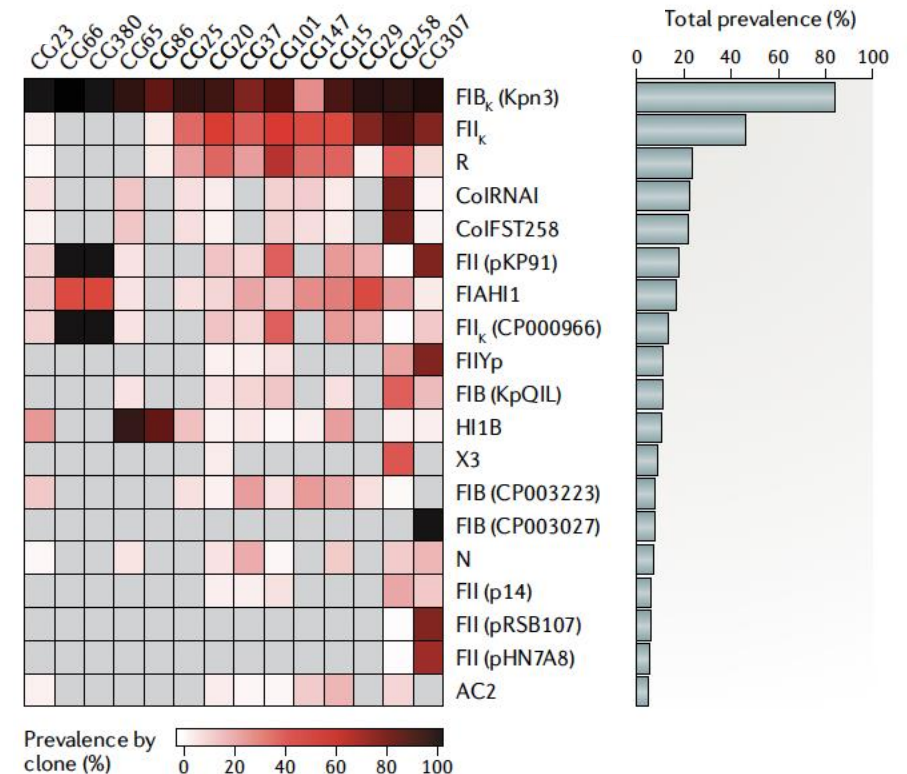
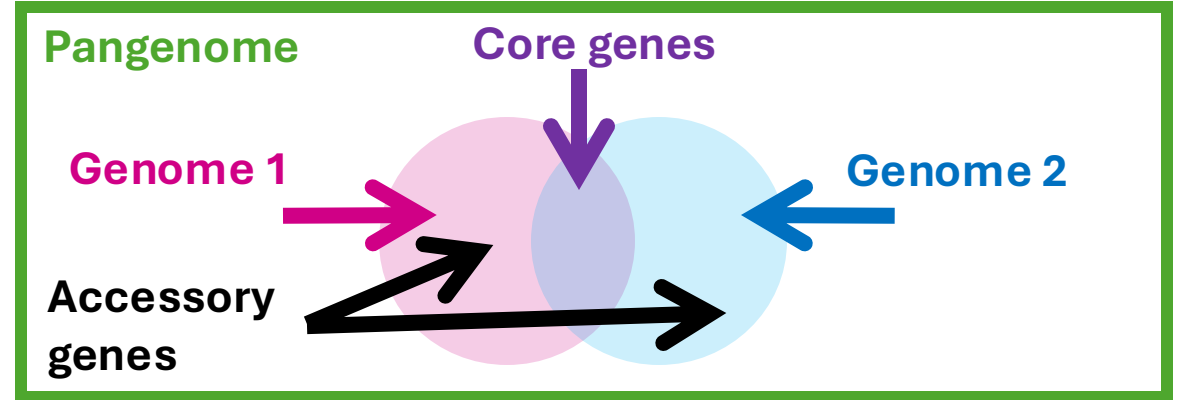


FIG. 1. Genomic maps of the *K. pneumoniae* NTUH-K2044 chromosome and plasmid. From the outside in, the first and second circles show the predicted protein-encoding regions on the plus and minus strands, by role, using the colors for the COG functional categories (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/COG/grace/fiew.cgi>). The third circle shows the GC skew. The fourth circle shows the transposases/transposons (blue), integrase/recombinases (green), and insertion sequences (red). The fifth and sixth circles show tRNAs and rRNAs, respectively.

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**Strain typing & the *Klebsiella*
population structure**

Reference frameworks: databases & schemes

Schemes for identifying and naming sub-species level variants are essential for recognition and communication about variants of clinical or public health concern

- **Genotype schemes**

- based on marker SNPs that define clades, subclades, etc in the global tree
- hierarchical names, e.g. 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 are sister subclades, within the parent clade 1.2
- used for slow-evolving pathogens with limited diversity
e.g. *M. tuberculosis*, *Salmonella Typhi*, *Shigella sonnei*

- **Multi-locus sequence typing (MLST)**

- based on common genes, unique combination of gene seqs define a unique ST
- organism-specific databases, curated by research communities
- all databases hosted via **BIGSdb** at **pubmlst.org**, incorporated into many tools
- **commonly used for KpSC**

Multi-locus sequence typing (MLST)

- Defined set of seven core genes for typing (e.g. *rpoB*, *gapA*, *mdh*, *pgi*, *phoE*, *infB*, *tonB* for *Klebsiella*)
- For each gene, every unique allele is assigned a number (e.g. *gapA*-1, *gapA*-2, *gapA*-3)

locus	allele id	sequence
gapA	1	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	2	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	3	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	4	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	5	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	6	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	7	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	8	AATCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	9	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	10	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	11	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC
gapA	12	AACCTGAAGTGGGAC . . . ACCGGTATGGCGTTC

***Klebsiella gapA* alleles in MLST scheme**
- *gapA* currently has 392 unique alleles

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- Each unique combination of gene alleles defines a unique sequence type (ST)
- Each genome can then be represented by the set of allele numbers across these genes
- MLST database made up of
 - (i) set of all allele sequences
 - (ii) lookup table of allele number combinations to ST

ST	<i>gapA</i>	<i>infB</i>	<i>mdh</i>	<i>pgi</i>	<i>phoE</i>	<i>rpoB</i>	<i>tonB</i>
1	4	4	1	1	7	4	10
2	3	4	1	1	9	4	17
3	5	5	1	1	9	6	11
4	3	1	1	1	3	3	1
5	2	2	1	1	3	3	3

***Klebsiella* MLST scheme**

- Currently has >7500 unique allelic profiles

Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST)

- Originally developed for use with PCR primers and Sanger sequencing

Locus	Putative function of gene	Primer sequence ^{b,c}	Size (bp)	Location ^d	Temp (°C)	No. of alleles	Nucleotide diversity	Polymorphic sites (nonsynonymous substitutions)
<i>rpoB</i>	Beta-subunit of RNA polymerase B	VIC3: GGC GAA ATG GCW GAG AAC CA	501	4,771,502–4,772,002	50	8	0.00166	7 (1)
<i>gapA</i>	Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase	VIC2: GAG TCT TCG AAG TTG TAA CC gapA173: TGA AAT ATG ACT CCA CTC ACG G	450	1,347,540–1,347,091	60	6	0.00136	5 (0)
<i>mdh</i>	Malate dehydrogenase	gapA181: CTT CAG AAG CGG CTT TGA TGG CTT mdh130: CCC AAC TCG CTT CAG GTT CAG	477	4,004,045–4,003,569	50	10	0.00161	10 (3)
<i>pgi</i>	Phosphoglucose isomerase	mdh867: CCG TTT TTC CCC AGC AGC AG pgi1F: GAG AAA AAC CTG CCT GTA CTG CTG GC	432	4,831,091–4,831,522	50	6	0.00092	5 (0)
<i>phoE</i>	Phosphoporine E	pgi1R: CGC GCC ACG CTT TAT AGC GGT TAA T pgi2F(seq): CTG CTG GCG CTG ATC GGC AT pgi2R(seq): TTA TAG CGG TTA ATC AGG CCG T phoE604.1: ACC TAC CGC AAC ACC GAC TTC TTC GG phoE604.2: TGA TCA GAA CTG GTA GGT GAT	420	320,309–320,728	50	14	0.00727	18 (2)
<i>infB</i>	Translation initiation factor 2	infB1F: CTC GCT GCT GGA CTA TAT TCG infB1R: CGC TTT CAG CTC AAG AAC TTC infB2F(seq): ACT AAG GTT GCC TCC GGC GAA GC	318	3,937,568–3,937,885	50	10	0.0038	11 (0)
<i>tonB</i>	Periplasmic energy transducer	tonB1F: CTT TAT ACC TCG GTA CAT CAG GTT tonB2R: ATT CGC CGG CTG RGC RGA GAG	414	2,394,251–2,394,664	45	21	0.01019	14 (5)

Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST)

- Several general software tools have been developed that can use MLST schemes to type isolates from WGS data
- These software tools can be used to analyse WGS data for any pathogen where an MLST scheme has been developed

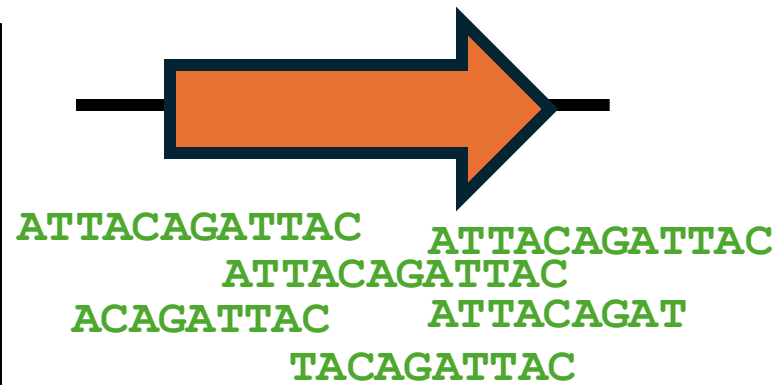
Inouye *et al. Genome Medicine* 2014, **6**:90
<http://genomemedicine.com/content/6/11/90>



SOFTWARE Open Access

SRST2: Rapid genomic surveillance for public health and hospital microbiology labs


Michael Inouye^{1,2}, Harriet Dashnow^{3,4}, Lesley-Ann Raven¹, Mark B Schultz³, Bernard J Pope^{4,5}, Takehiro Tomita^{2,6}, Justin Zobel⁵ and Kathryn E Holt^{3*}





MLST <https://github.com/tseemann/mlst>

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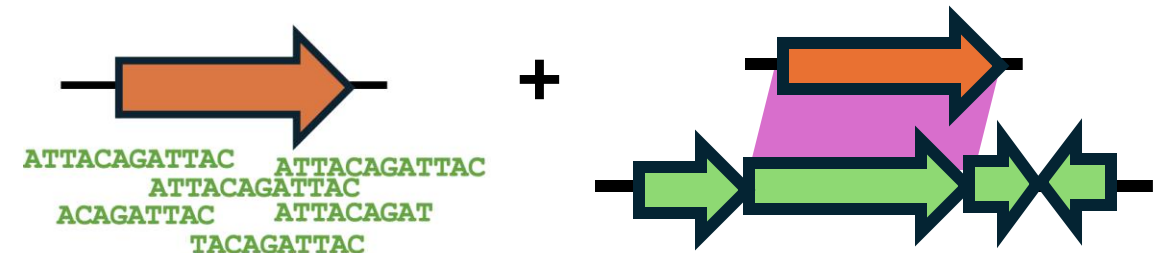
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Hunt *et al., Microbial Genomics* 2017;3
DOI 10.1099/mgen.0.000131



ARIBA: rapid antimicrobial resistance genotyping directly from sequencing reads

Martin Hunt,¹ Alison E Mather,^{1,2} Leonor Sánchez-Busó,¹ Andrew J Page,¹ Julian Parkhill,¹ Jacqueline A Keane¹ and Simon R Harris^{1,*}



Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST)

- Specialist software tools have been developed specifically for *Klebsiella* that include MLST typing



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A genomic surveillance framework and genotyping tool for *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and its related species complex

Margaret M. C. Lam ^{1✉}, Ryan R. Wick ¹, Stephen C. Watts², Lou Kathryn E. Holt ^{1,3}

Clinical Infectious Diseases

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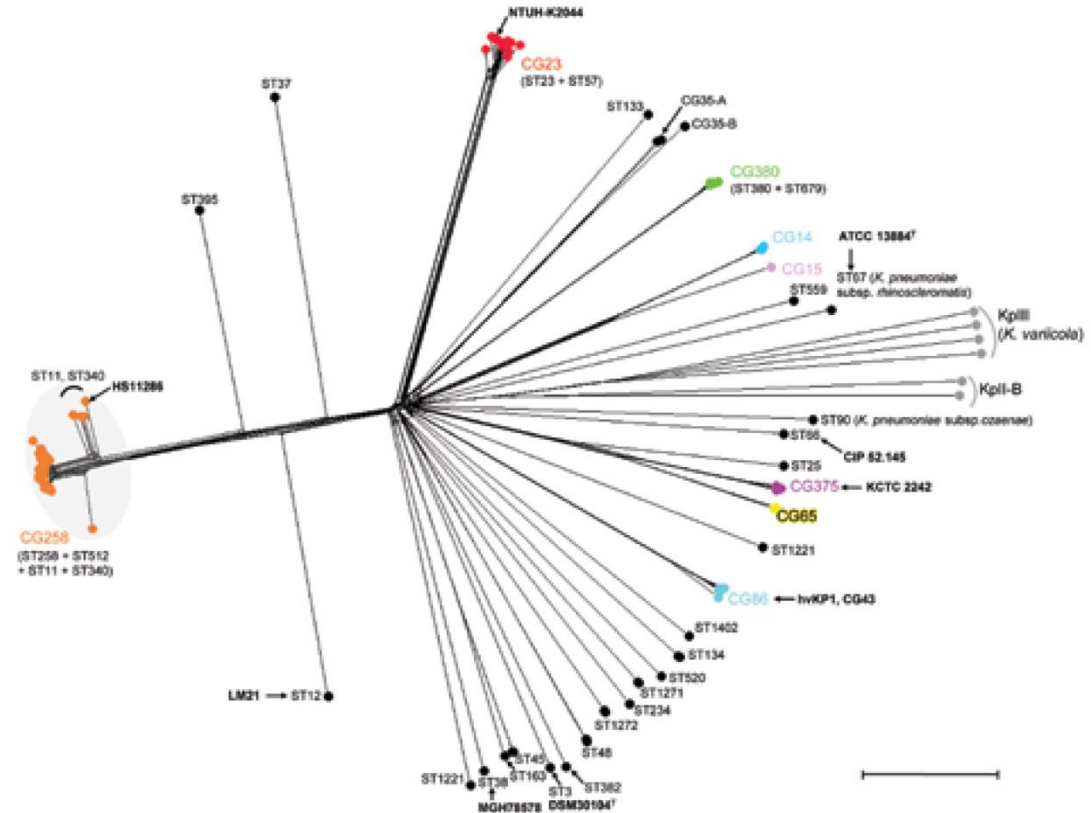


Rapid Genomic Characterization and Global Surveillance of *Klebsiella* Using Pathogenwatch

Silvia Argimón,^{1,a} Sophia David,^{1,a} Anthony Underwood,¹ Monica Abrudan,¹ Nicole E. Wheeler,¹ Mihir Kekre,¹ Khalil Abudahab,¹ Corin A. Yeats,^{1,2} Richard Goater,¹ Ben Taylor,^{1,2} Harry Harste,¹ Dawn Muddyman,¹ Edward J. Feil,³ Sylvain Brisse,⁴ Kathryn Holt,^{5,6} Pilar Donado-Godoy,⁷ K. L. Ravikumar,⁸ Iruka N. Okeke,⁹ Celia Carlos,¹⁰ and David M. Aanensen^{1,2}; for the NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Genomic Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance^b

Core Genome MLST (cgMLST)

- Uses ~700 core genes (defined using pangenome approaches)
- Same principle as for MLST
- ~100x more resolution
- **Clonal groups (CGs)** correspond to deep branching lineages that share ≥ 594 alleles with at least one other member of the group (~0.5% nucleotide divergence)
 - e.g. CG258 includes closely related STs (ST258, ST11, ST512, ST340)



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


Genomic Definition of Hypervirulent and Multidrug-Resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Clonal Groups

Suzanne Bialek-Davenet,¹ Alexis Criscuolo,¹ Florent Ailloud, Virginie Passet, Louis Jones, Anne-Sophie Delannoy-Vieillard, Benoit Garin, Simon Le Hello, Guillaume Arlet, Marie-Hélène Nicolas-Chanoine, Dominique Decré, and Sylvain Brisse

Other MLST schemes

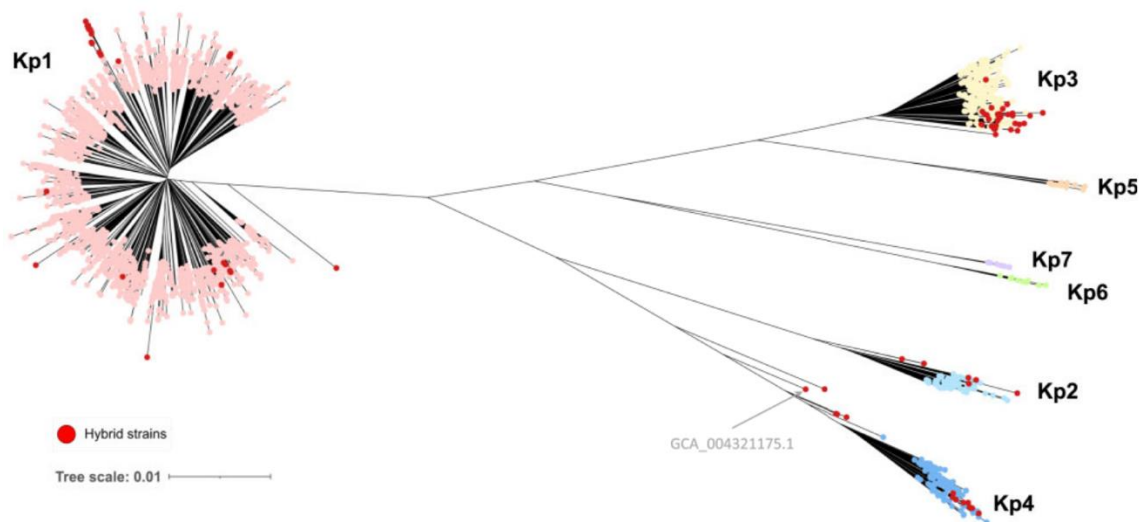
- Using the same principles, MLST schemes have been developed for many different genetic loci, including plasmids and virulence factors
- Kleborate includes typing for major virulence determinants e.g. Salmochelin, Aerobactin, Yersiniabactin, Colibactin, *rmpA/D/C*

Schemes are collections of loci. They may be indexed, in which case they have a primary key field that identifies unique combinations of alleles. The following schemes are indexed.

Name	Download	Profiles	Description	Curator(s)	Last updated
AbST		99	MLST-style typing of the aerobactin locus	Margaret Lam, Kat Holt, Federica Palma	2024-04-16
MLST		7,608	The standard 7-gene MLST scheme, initially defined by Diancourt et al. in 2005.	Margaret Lam, Kat Holt, Radek Izdebski, Marit Andrea Klokhammer Hetland, Virginie Passet, Carla Rodrigues, Federica Palma, Mélanie Hennart	2024-08-26
CbST		82	Colibactin typing scheme using allele combinations from the clbABCDEFGHIILMNOP loci.	Margaret Lam, Kat Holt, Federica Palma	2024-04-16
RmST		171	<i>rmpA</i> , <i>rmpD</i> & <i>rmpC</i>	Margaret Lam	2024-04-16
scgMLST629_S		49,050	An update of scheme scgMLST initially identified in Bialek-Davenet et al, 2014. This 629-loci scheme is described in Hennart et al, 2021.	Federica Palma	2024-08-27
SmST		49	MLST style typing of salmochelin locus	Margaret Lam, Kat Holt, Federica Palma	2024-04-16
wzi		618	This scheme contains a unique gene, wzi. Profiles numbers are identical to wzi alleles, and some of them are linked to capsular types as defined by phenotypic serotyping.	Kat Holt, Virginie Passet, Carla Rodrigues, Federica Palma	2023-09-04
YbST		600	Typing scheme for yersiniabactin virulence operon (<i>ybtS</i> <i>ybtX</i> <i>ybtQ</i> <i>ybtP</i> <i>ybtA</i> <i>irp2</i> <i>irp1</i> <i>ybtU</i> <i>ybtT</i> <i>ybtE</i> <i>fyuA</i>).	Margaret Lam, Kat Holt, Federica Palma	2024-04-16

LIN (Life Identification Number) codes

- Extension of cgMLST using ~600 core genes
- Multi-position integer-based code attributed to each genome
- Preserves species typing and MLST typing using LIN code prefixes and lookup tables (backwards compatibility)
- Better handling of interphylogroup hybrid strains



A Dual Barcoding Approach to Bacterial Strain Nomenclature: Genomic Taxonomy of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Strains

Melanie Hennart ^{1,2}, Julien Guglielmini ³, Sébastien Bridel ¹, Martin C.J. Maiden ⁴, Keith A. Jolley ⁴, Alexis Criscuolo ³ and Sylvain Brisse ^{*1}

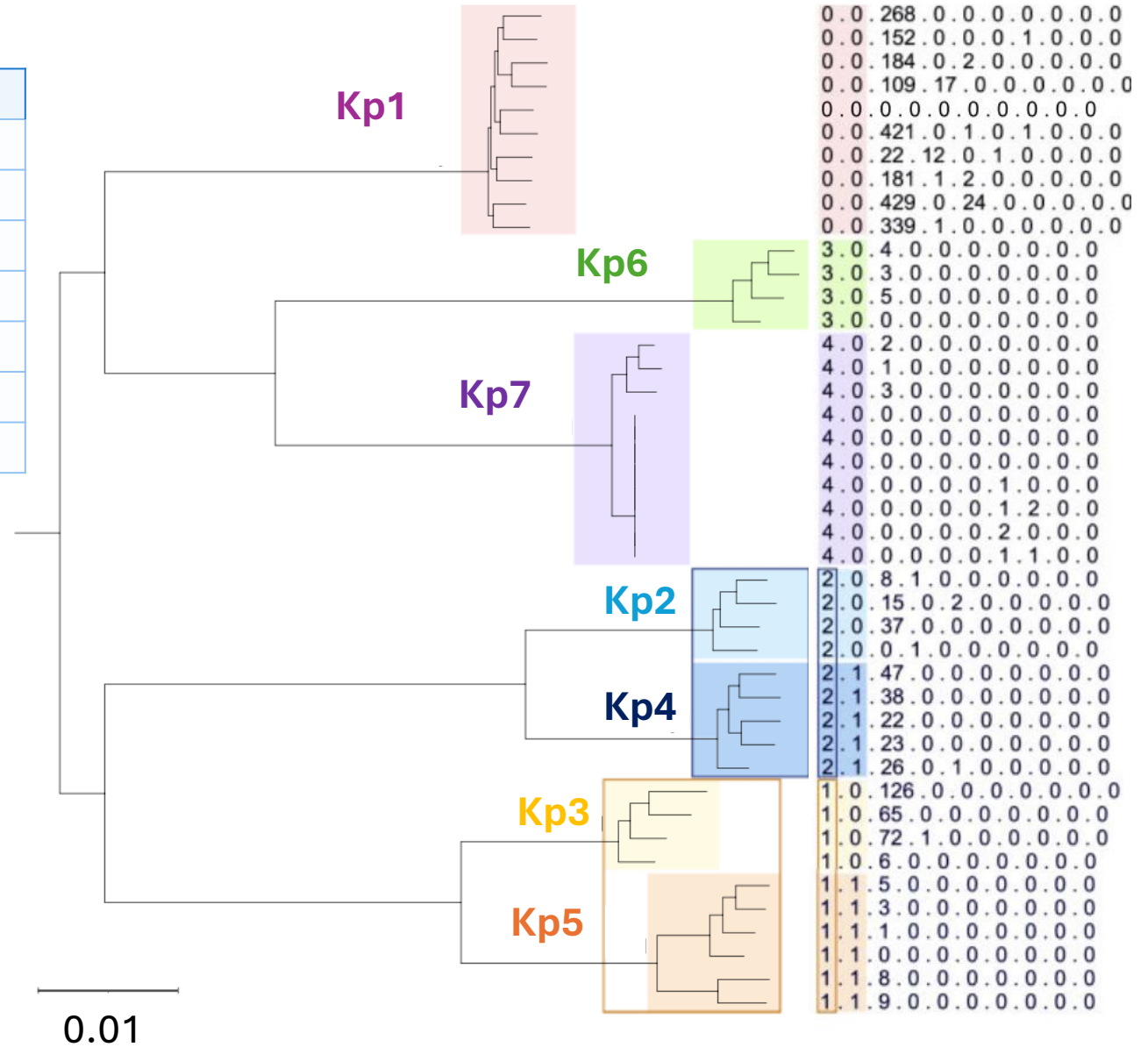
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2	Subspecies	[610-585]
3	Sublineage (SL)	[585-190]
4	Clonal Group (CG)	[190-43]
5	-	[43-10]
6	-	[10-7]
7	-	[7-4]
8	-	[4-2]
9	-	[2-1]
10	-	[1-0]

<https://bigsd.b.pasteur.fr/klebsiella/cgmlst-lincodes/>

LIN (Life Identification Number) codes

LIN Prefix	Phylogroup	Phylogroup (sub)species
0_0	Kp1	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>
1_0	Kp3	<i>K. variicola</i> subsp. <i>variicola</i>
1_1	Kp5	<i>K. variicola</i> subsp. <i>tropica</i>
2_0	Kp2	<i>K. quasipneumoniae</i> subsp. <i>quasipneumoniae</i>
2_1	Kp4	<i>K. quasipneumoniae</i> subsp. <i>similipneumoniae</i>
3_0	Kp6	<i>K. quasivariicola</i>
4_0	Kp7	<i>K. africana</i>

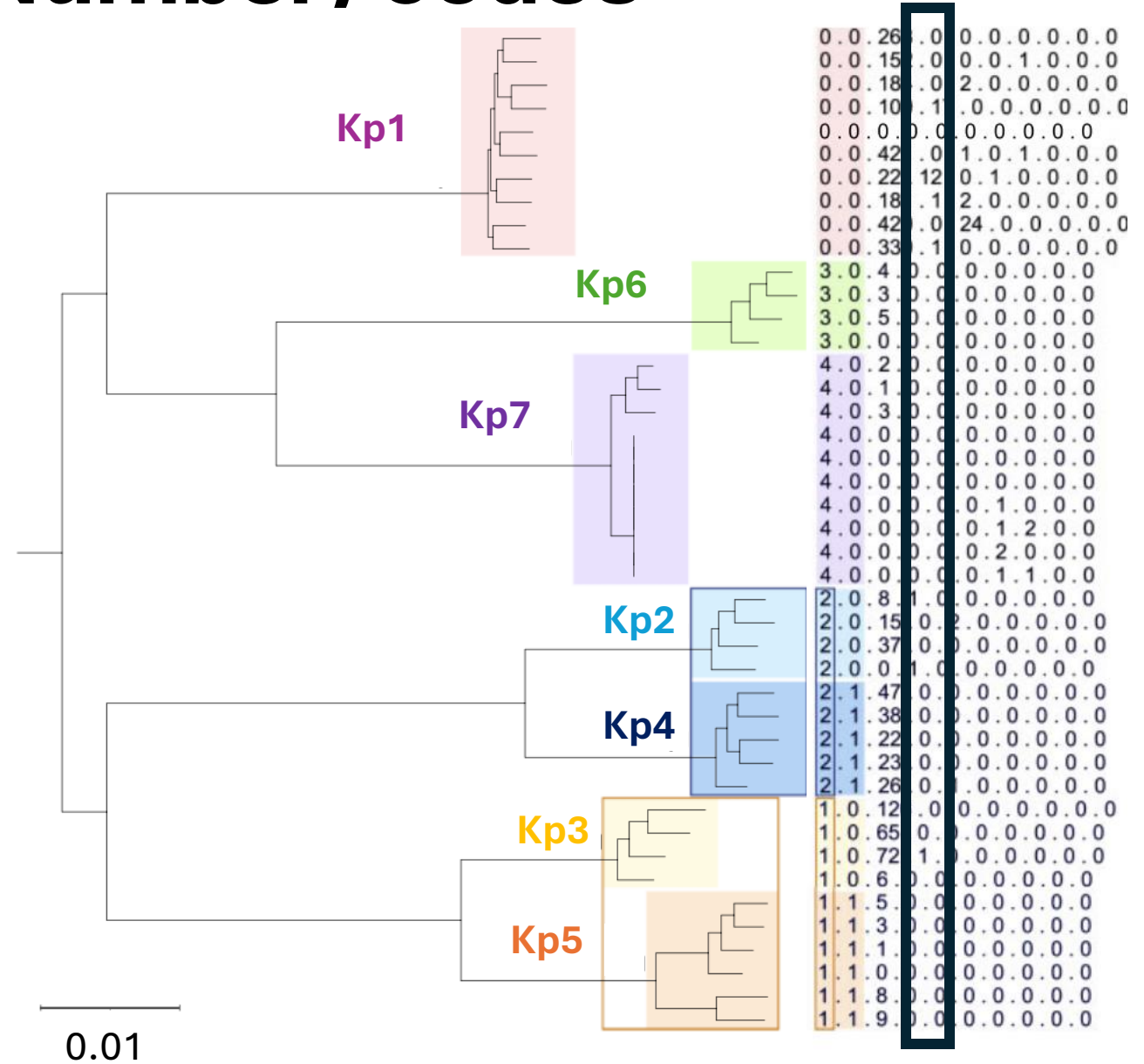
First two digits correspond to phylogroup & species/subspecies



LIN (Life Identification Number) codes

LIN Prefix	Clonal Group (CG)	Main ST
0_0_0_0	CG15	ST15
0_0_429_0	CG23	ST23
0_0_105_6	CG258	ST258
0_0_158_8	CG45	ST45
0_0_197_0	CG147	ST147
0_0_369_0	CG307	ST307
0_0_84_0	CG101	ST101
0_0_1_1	CG14	ST14

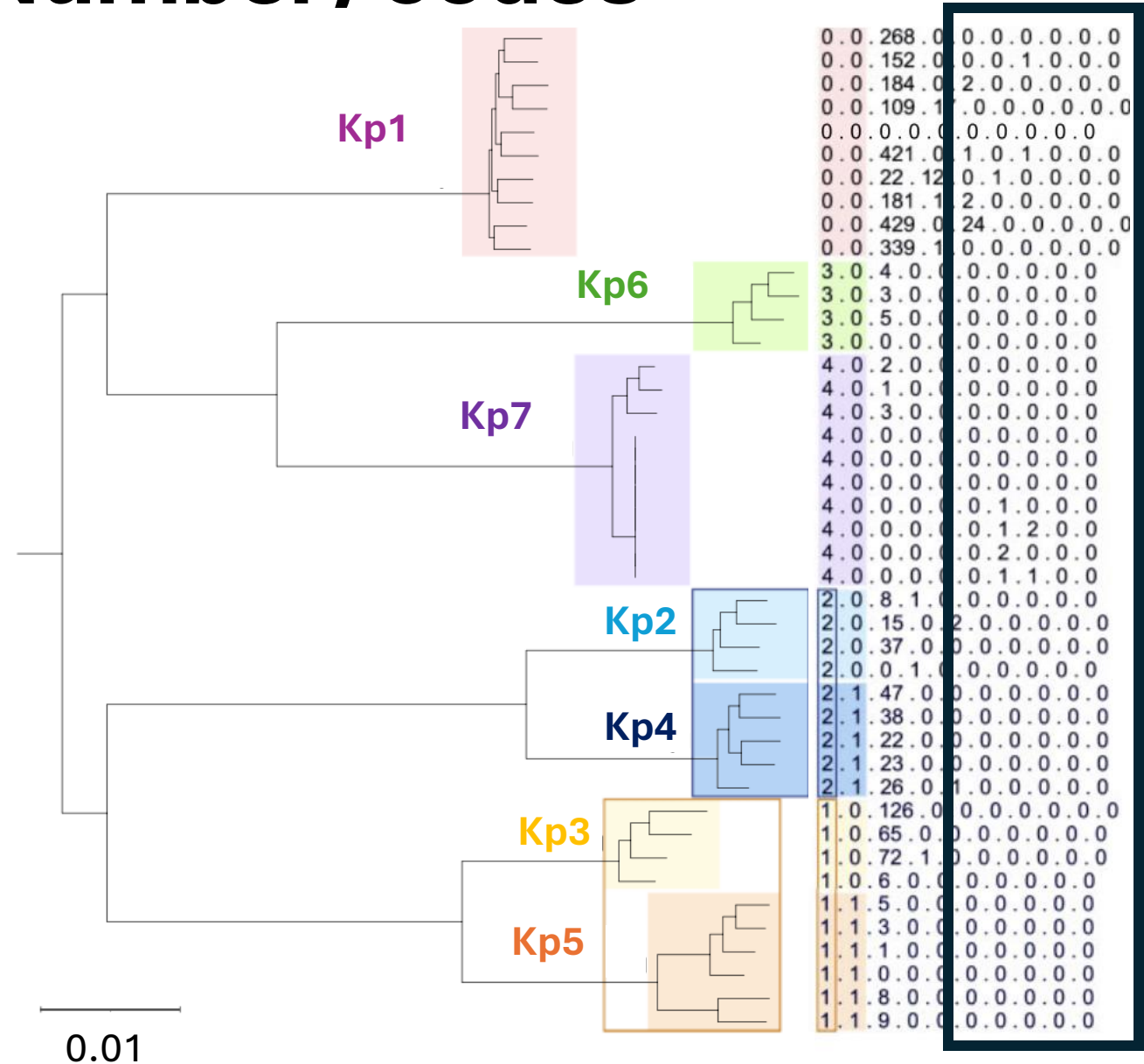
*Next digit corresponds to MLST profiles
(Clonal group/CG level)*



LIN (Life Identification Number) codes

bin	classification	No. allele mismatches
1	Species	[629-610]
2	Subspecies	[610-585]
3	Sublineage (SL)	[585-190]
4	Clonal Group (CG)	[190-43]
5	-	[43-10]
6	-	[10-7]
7	-	[7-4]
8	-	[4-2]
9	-	[2-1]
10	-	[1-0]

Remaining digits give higher resolution data on allelic differences based on the number of mismatches




Typing databases freely available online

- All databases hosted or mirrored via **BIGSdb** software at **pubmlst.org**

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Klebsiella pneumoniae species complex

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This website provides access to genomic data and genotypic definitions for isolates of the *K. pneumoniae* species complex (also called *K. pneumoniae* sensu lato, i.e., including *K. pneumoniae*, *K. quasipneumoniae*, *K. varicola* and related taxa) based on Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST), core genome MLST (cgMLST), ribosomal MLST (rMLST), capsular typing (wzc and wzi sequencing) and MLST of virulence gene clusters. Please see [references](#) for more details. Note that this database is the primary source of data for the above genotypic and allelic definitions, as curated data are first imported here. Consequently, this database may be more up to date than external databases that download and provide our curated data on other platforms.

The nomenclature of **beta-lactamases OKP, LEN and OXY** and virulence schemes (Aerobactin, Colibactin, Yersiniabactin, Salmochinelin) are also curated and maintained within this database and can be accessed through the [download page](#), section beta-lactamases, AbST, CbST, YbST and SmST.

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The BIGSdb website [Policy](#) concerning the platform & data use agreement and the privacy notice of BIGSdb-Pasteur was updated on March 25, 2024. Please consult it before using the platform and the data.

The [procedure for submitting data for curation](#) were updated on Mai 03, 2024. Please consult them before making a new submission. If any questions, [contact us](#).

Alleles & profiles database

The typing database contains nomenclature - allele definitions that provide an identifier for every unique allele sequence, and MLST profiles that index each unique combination of alleles with a sequence type (ST).

Isolates & genomes database

The isolate database consists of isolate records containing provenance and phenotype information linked to molecular typing information. These records may also include genome assemblies.

Submission guidelines

Before contacting the curators, please download and read carefully the files below:

- [Submission of data for curation](#)
- [Quality criteria for whole genome assembly](#)
- [Metadata fields description](#)
- [Infographic](#)
- [Template for Klebsiella pneumoniae genomes](#)

We appreciate if you can recognize our efforts in the acknowledgments section of your publications:

Curators access

Data Curation is performed on a voluntary basis and is based on a community effort.

- [Sequences and Profiles](#)
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Typing methods provide useful nomenclature

1. To stratify cases into pathogen subtypes

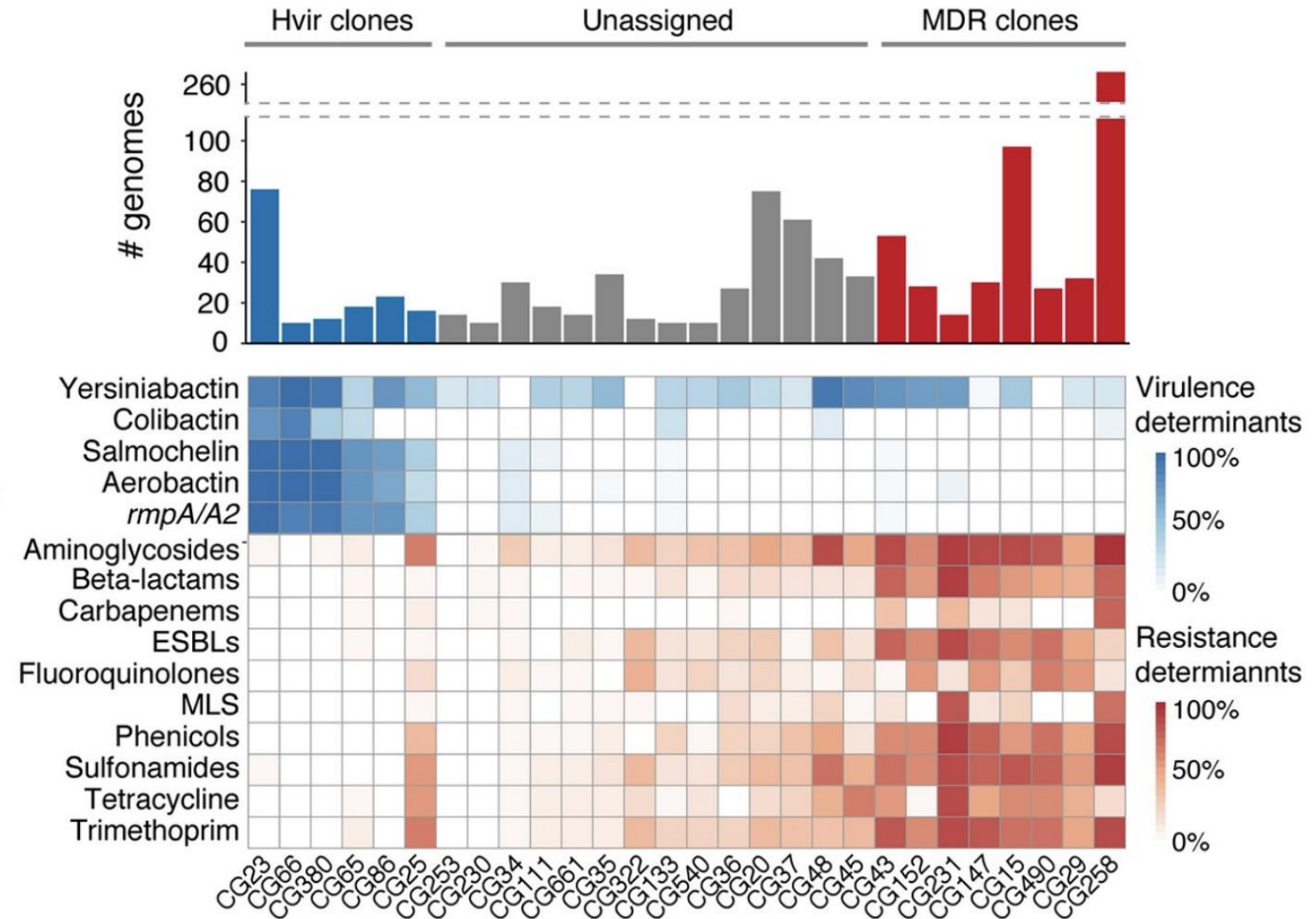
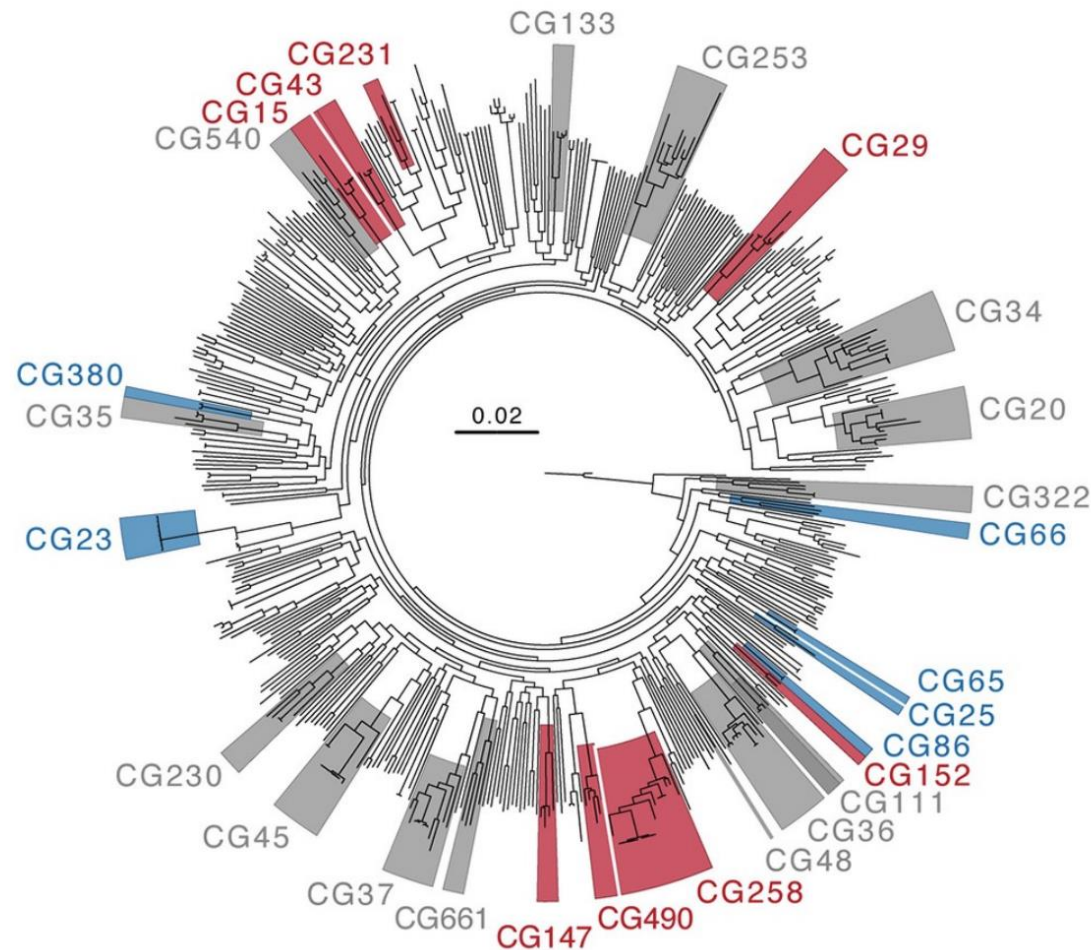
- To identify / define those with different genomic / biological traits and assess whether they have distinct epidemiology, so they can be managed in a targeted way
- May consider phylogenetic relatedness to define groups, or use non-phylogenetic groupings

2. To investigate emergence and spread

- Of the infectious disease generally, or variants of special clinical interest such as drug resistant or hypervirulent strains
- Identify sources of infection, track transmission events, investigate outbreaks

Typing methods provide useful nomenclature

For example, CG23 is a known hypervirulent strain type, whereas CG258 is often described as a ‘classical’ MDR strain type. These classifications are due to the presence of marker genes, and corresponding phenotypes, for either hypervirulence (blue) or drug resistance (red).

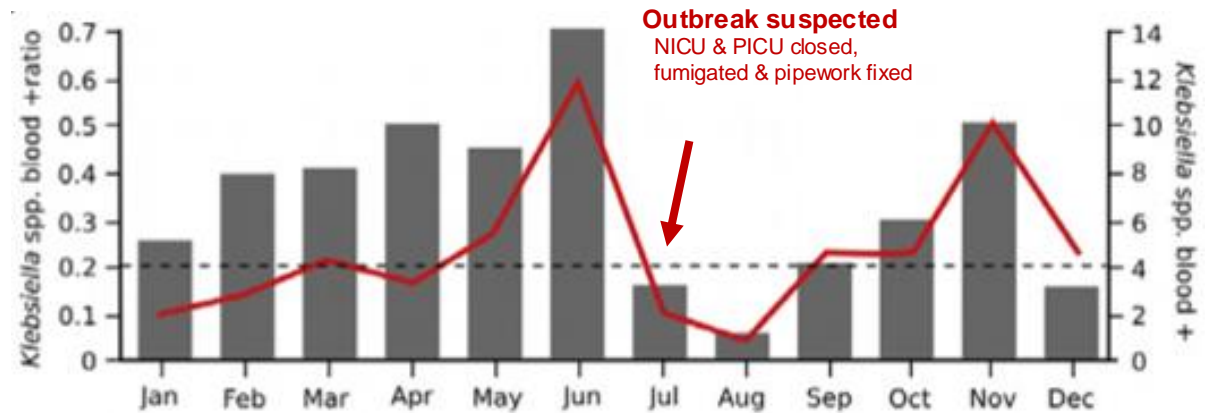


Case study

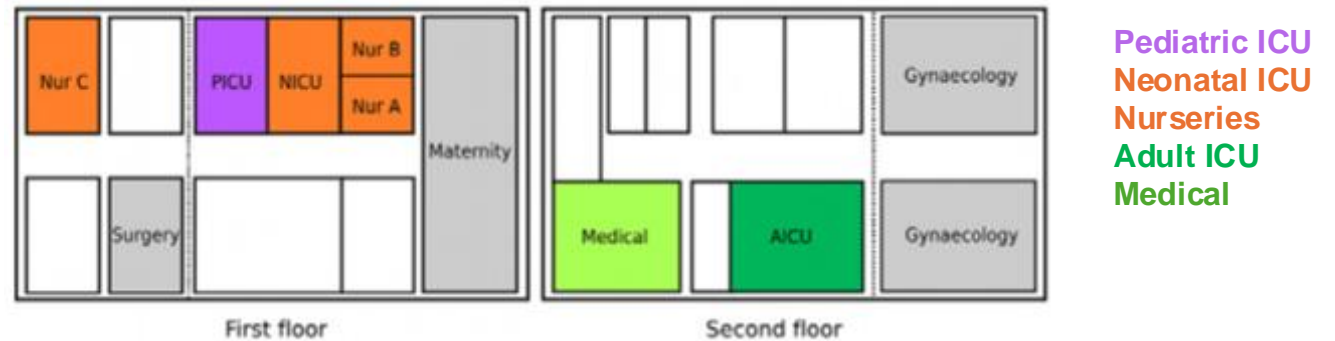
Case study: *Klebsiella* strain typing

- Setting: Patan Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Increase in blood isolates of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* from neonatal and pediatric intensive care units
- Sequencing investigation:
 - 29 suspected outbreak isolates
 - N=8 from NICU
 - N=7 from PICU
 - N=14 from nurseries
 - 60 randomly selected from other wards

Monthly isolations of *K. pneumoniae* from blood

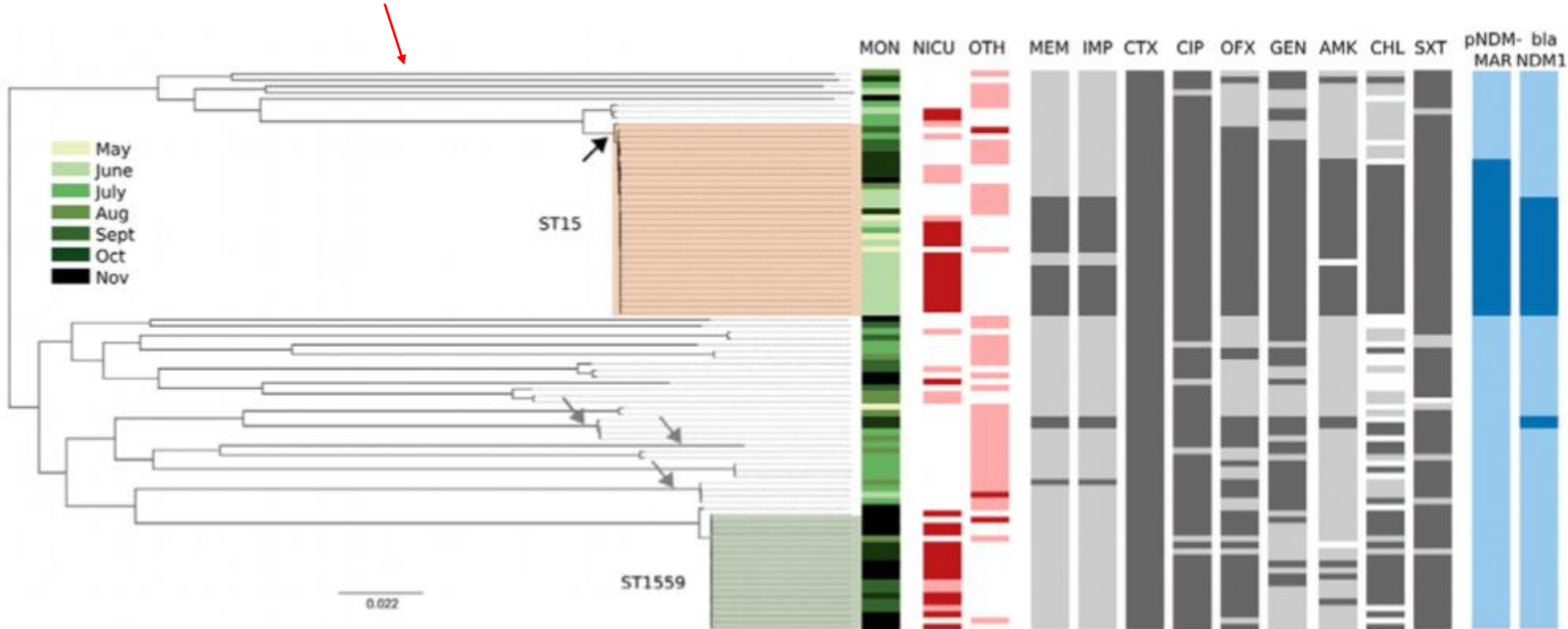


Wards affected by *K. pneumoniae* outbreak



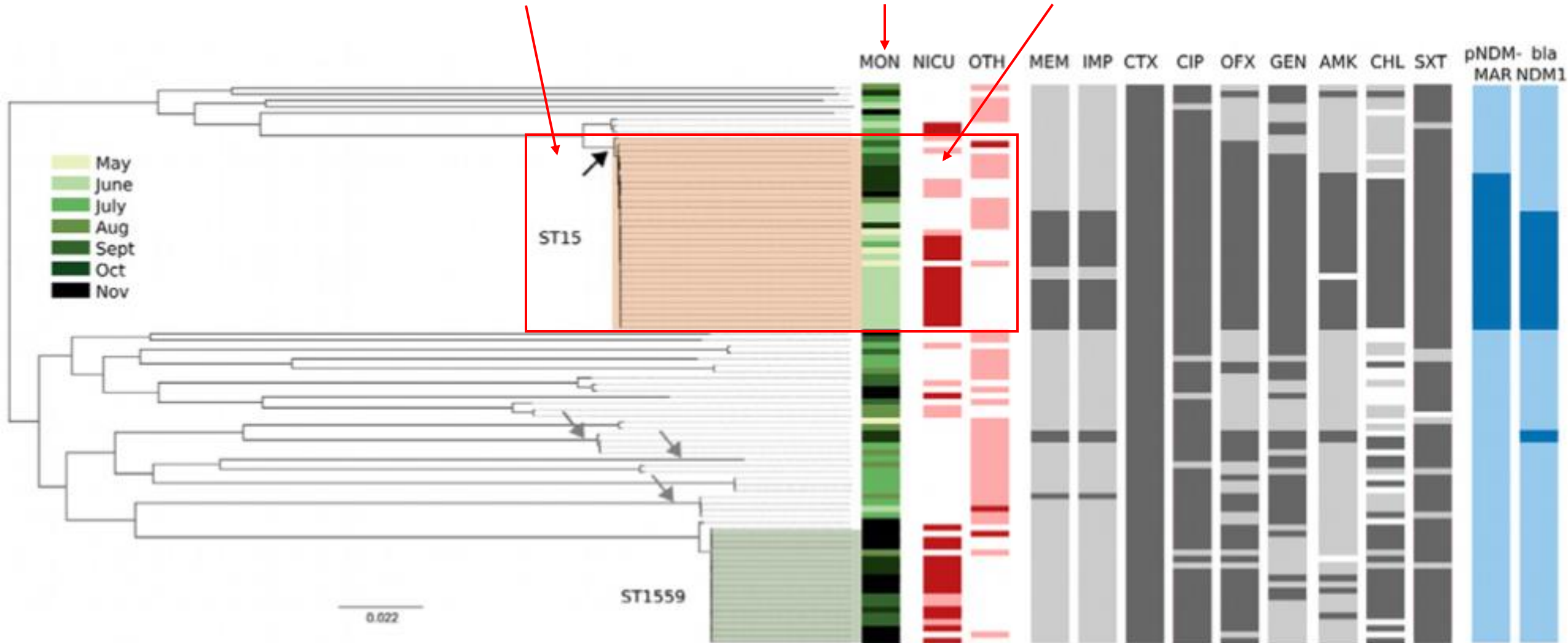
Case study: *Klebsiella* strain typing

Whole-genome SNP tree
(tips = cases / genomes)

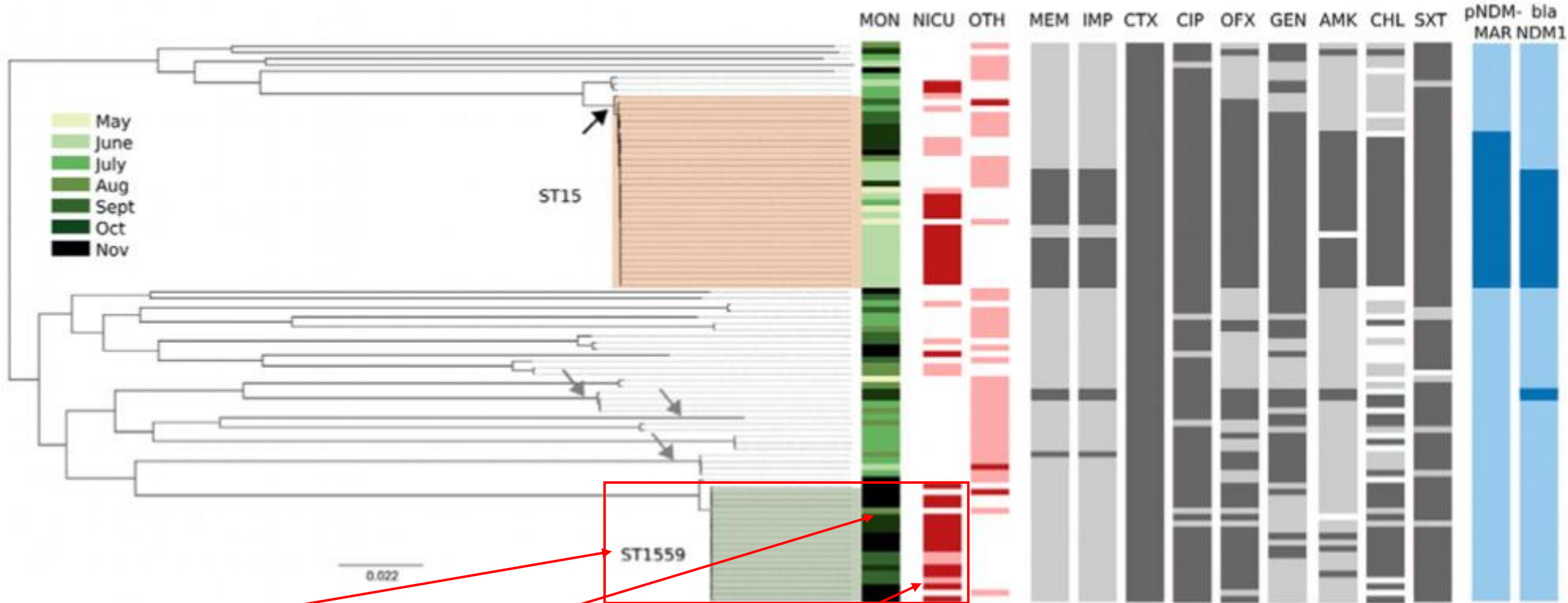


Case study: *Klebsiella* strain typing

Cluster 1: ST15, isolated mainly May-June, from NICU & nurseries



Case study: *Klebsiella* strain typing



Case study: *Klebsiella* strain typing

Research Article



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A high-resolution genomic analysis of multidrug-resistant hospital outbreaks of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

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Any questions or reflections?