Single-cell genomics

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 who we are & what we do
 - Single-cell genomics

- the why, the how & what to expect from it



- Single-cell science vignettes
 - from symbionts to microbial dark matter
 - Crystal ball
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DOE Joint Genome Institute - a National User Facility



- DOE runs 50+ national user facilities
- Incl. JGI, a high-throughput sequencing & analysis facility
 - Walnut Creek
 - 250 employees
 - Research
 - New technologies
 - Collaborative research
 - Building user communities



Serving as a genomic user facility in support of the DOE missions . . .



JGI Programs & Infrastructure



JGI Sequencing Output

FY Total Bases (Gb) Sequenced



Staying State of the Art



Sanger Sequencing to Next-Gen Sequencing by Synthesis





07/2005 01/2007 04/2007 10/2007 07/2008 05/2009 12/2009 7/2010 11/2010 3/2011 12/2011 04/2013



JGI Sequencing Platforms



Most published single cells have been sequenced on the Illumina platform: HiSeq, (MiSeq)

Applications	Generator at	HiSeq	Library QC, R&D	de novo, SynBio validation, methylation/ epigenome
	*Not suppo	orted by Illumina		

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The cultivated minority

~1% cultivated



~99% uncultivated

ecological functions & metabolic capabilities largely unknown

In the context of phylogenetic diversity



Major uncultivated branches in the bacterial ToL



The situation is similar for archaea



Baker et al 2013 (Microbe)

EM3 GN01-GN05, GN09, GN13, GN14 BRC1 "guerrero negro" "bacterial rice cluster" **NKB19** AC1 **OD1** Marine group A = SAR406 "OP11-derived 1" **NC10** OP1-OP4, OP6-OP9, OP11-12 "Nullarbor cave" EM19 "obsidian pool" CD12 WYO **SPAM** TM6, TM7, spring alpine meadow" SR1 "sulphur river" WS1-5, WS6 WWE1, WWE3 Sediment-1 – Sediment-4 KSB2, KSB3 KB1 group MSBL2, MSBL3, MSBL5, MSBL6 TG2, TG3

cultivated

How to access the coding potential?

uncultivated







biased: only some players can	biased: limited lysis & cell	biased: only some organisms	biased: assemblies largely
be cultured	isolation	susceptible to enrichments	limited to abundant players
applicability: +	applicability: +++	applicability: +	applicability: ++++
culturing can introduce	genome snapshot at point in	genome snapshot at point in	genome snapshot at point in
genotype changes	time	time	time
axenic: no assembly	heterogenous populations	heterogenous populations:	heterogenous populations:
challenges	may be dissected	assembly challenge	assembly challenge
phenotypic characterization /	phenotypic characterization /	phenotypic characterization /	phenotypic characterization /
metadata: extensive	metadata: limited to non-	metadata: limited to non-	metadata: limited to non-
	existing	existing	existing
generally less expensive	requires more specialized	possibly requires more	generally less expensive
	equipment, costly, technical	specialized equipment, costly	
	challenges (bias, chimera)		

The single-cell approach: how it works



Multiple displacement amplification (MDA)

- isothermal amplification process
- requires polymerase + random primers + dNTPs

polymerase +	random hexamers	+ =	template DNA	
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MDA on linear & circular templates



J. Rajendhran et al, 2008 (Biotechnology Advances)

Phi29

- DNA polymerase from phage phi29 (Φ29)
- exceptional strand displacement properties
- --> 100 kb amplicons(!)
- replication at moderate temperatures
- extreme processivity
- $3' \rightarrow 5'$ exonuclease activity
- high-fidelity (error rate ~5x10⁻⁶)



Key challenges



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MDA bias

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QC of single cell data is critical

- 16S rRNA gene and marker gene phylogenetic analyzes
- Tetramer analysis (Kmer Frequency Analysis) and GC contents
- BLAST analyzes and IMG's Phylogenetic profiler
- Removal of contamination via binning and data reload

Tetramer analysis

2D View 3D View

Rhizobium sp. JGI 0001009-A16 - Plot of PC1, PC2, and PC3

The 3D below is generated using the KING applet.



This red scaffold has points in the main cloud but extends well out.

Clicking on the points in this scaffold opens a separate window with more detail on the scaffold shown below.

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Tetramer analysis

Staphylococcus sp. JGI 0001002-I23 - Plot of PC1, PC2, and PC3

The 3D below is generated using the KING applet.



GC contents

Select GC Content from drop down menu then click Show Histogram.



Phylogenetic profiler

Guideline by Scott Clingenpeel (https://img.jgi.doe.gov)

V	в	Acidobacteria	7 (1)	<u>1</u> (1)	0.08%	1			1			1
V	в	Actinobacteria	280 (1)	<u>1</u> (1)	0.08%	1			1			1
	в	Cyanobacteria	64 (2)	<u>2</u> (2)	0.17%	1			1			1
V	в	Bacilli	568 (30)	<u>27</u> (15)	2.23%	1 - C	<u>54</u> (19)	4.47%		<u>925</u> (17)	76.51%	
V	в	Clostridia	231 (2)	<u>2</u> (2)	0.17%	1			1			1
V	в	Planctomycetes	11 (2)	<u>2</u> (2)	0.17%	1			1			1
V	в	Alphaproteobacteria	255 (17)	<u>13</u> (12)	1.08%	1	<u>8</u> (6)	0.66%	1	<u>1</u> (1)	0.08%	1
V	в	Betaproteobacteria	179 (2)	<u>4</u> (2)	0.33%	1			1			1
V	в	Deltaproteobacteria	57 (1)	<u>1</u> (1)	0.08%	1			1			1
V	в	Gammaproteobacteria	636 (8)	<u>6</u> (6)	0.50%	1	<u>1</u> (1)	0.08%	1	<u>1</u> (1)	0.08%	1
	в	Spirochaetes	60 (6)	<u>20</u> (6)	1.65%	1	<u>6</u> (1)	0.50%	1			1
V	в	Thermi	19 (1)	<u>1</u> (1)	0.08%	1			1			1
V	в	Thermotogae	14 (1)	<u>1</u> (1)	0.08%	1			1			1
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A fraction of single cells can be recovered



Clingenpeel et al 2014 (Frontiers in Microbiol)

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Chimeric rearrangements



Lasken et al 2007 (BMC Biotechnology)

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MDA – coverage bias



E.coli genome, Mbp

A Copeland

MDA coverage bias

Shotgun sequencing theoretical kmer distribution



A Copeland

MDA DNA normalization (wet lab)


Coverage normalization (computational)



JGI single-cell sequencing pipeline



1-2 ul MDA reactions possible with Echo LH



Current limitations: 100 cells ≠ 100 SAGs



Recovered diversity: 16S tags vs SAGs





Benchmark experiment: what to expect?



P: *Pedobacter heparinus* Size: 5,167,383 bp GC-content: 42%



E: *Escherichia coli* str. K-12 Size: 4,639,675 bp GC-content: 51%

Sequenced 8 single-cell

genomes/each



M: *Meiothermus ruber* Size: 3,097,457 bp GC-content: 63%

Image source: http://www.standardsingenomics.org

Assemblies are draft quality



Clingenpeel et al 2014 (Frontiers in Microbiol)

With minimal errors



Clingenpeel et al 2014 (Frontiers in Microbiol)

SAG assemblies complement each other



Clingenpeel et al 2014 (Frontiers in Microbiol)

Low CP values lead to larger assemblies



A few words on sample preservation & preparation



Does sample pre-treatment affect genome recovery?





Clingenpeel et al 2014 (ISME J)











Large-scale linkage of phylogeny and function



Inferring metabolism of uncultured microbes







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Two draft single-cell genomes



Extensive manual gap closures





17 contigs Longest 680 kb

SAGs are representative of their environment





Green sharpshooter symbionts



5 µm

Green sharpshooter (D. minerva)

- sap-feeding leafhoppers
- harbors two symbionts
- involved in plant pathogen spread (*Xylella*)
- causes serious plant diseases



- uncultured
- small genome size
- simple single cell isolation
- fresh sample availability
- polyploid



Single cell & metagenome approach



Are the genomes identical?



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One complete single-cell genome



Evaluation of population variation





Arabidopsis microbiome project





1117 samplesPlant age – bolting (young) vs. senescent (old)16S pyrotag profilesGenotype – 8 ecotypes

Individual – Aim for 10 individuals per condition

J. Dangl

The Arabidopsis microbiome



Isolates, single cells & enriched metagenomes






Expansion of phylogenetic diversity



Using single-cell genomics to look outside the lamp post

Expansion of phylogenetic diversity



16S rRNA tree of known bacterial phyla



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Samples from 9 sites were selected



Some sites of high underexplored diversity



Sakinaw Lake



From nearly 10,000 cells to 200 draft genomes





Assembly statistics of SAGs



Rinke et al 2013 (Nature)

Estimated genome recoveries



Filling some gaps in the ToL



Genomic and functional novelty



Rinke et al 2013 (Nature)

Single cells as phylogenetic anchors

Example: Sakinaw Lake



Rinke et al 2013 (Nature)

Single cells assist in metagenome assignments



Single cells as phylogenetic anchors



Rinke et al 2013 (Nature)

Single cells as phylogenetic anchors



Novel stop codon reassignment

UAG ("amber") UAA ("ochre") U→ ("→al") → g

 \rightarrow glycine

new translation table:

"Candidate Division SR1 and Gracilibacteria Code"

UGA is an additional glycine codon in uncultured SR1 bacteria from the human microbiota

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Stop codon reassignments in the wild



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Sites of stop codon reassignments



Bacterial opal recoding in freshwater and human



Two stop codon assignment evens in bacteria





Microbial Dark Matter phase II: A community effort



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Expected outcome

- More novel discoveries
- Improved binning of metagenome data

Archaea

- Understanding of DOE—relevant systems of JGI Users
- Microbial ecology & evolution
 - Functional roles of candidate phyla in the environment
 - Phylogenetic distribution of key metabolic functions
 - Co-occurrences of candidate phyla
 - Early evolution of bacterial & archaeal domains

What else is out there?



Search for new major branches



One approach to look for "new major branches"





Amplified sorted single cells without 16S amplicon: ~4,000



Where else should one look?

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Environments mimicking that of early Earth





Sanford Underground Research Facility (D Moser)



 \rightarrow Deep subsurface "oxygen free" environments

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fnx-driven single-cell genomics

Modified from imgkid.com

Function-driven single-cell genomics

- "Next generation single-cell sequencing":
- Identification and pre-enrichment of uncultivated environmental microbes that are involved in biogeochemical processes of interest:
 - targeted/ function-driven
 - prior to sequencing
 - without relying on any known genetic markers
 - without cultivation biases



"finding the needles in the haystack"

Why function-driven genomics?

- Need to move beyond sequencing yet another genome and narrow our focus on studying microbes that are involved in biogeochemical processes of interest
- Function-driven genomics is part of JGIs strategic future
- For single cells, adding a functional component is technologically highly novel ("Next-gen SCG")



What is needed:





<u>Metagenomics</u>: high throughput, but genome context of functional genes often missing <u>Single-cell genomics</u>: enables genome context, but low throughput

Neither methods is generally targeted

Function-driven single-cell genomics















Function-driven single-cell genomics

Two examples:

Nitrifier diversity ETOP: Michi Wagner (Vienna)/ Roman Stocker (MIT)





Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Plant carbon decomposition








Raman-activated colony sorting



Plant-carbon decomposition project



Fluorescent-labeled substrate approach



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