

# WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A DATA DELUGE

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**NGS SEQUENCING**

~~ZOMBIE SURVIVAL TIP #3:~~

Panic fire only panics your allies and wastes ammunition.  
Stop. Breathe. Aim. Squeeze. Live.

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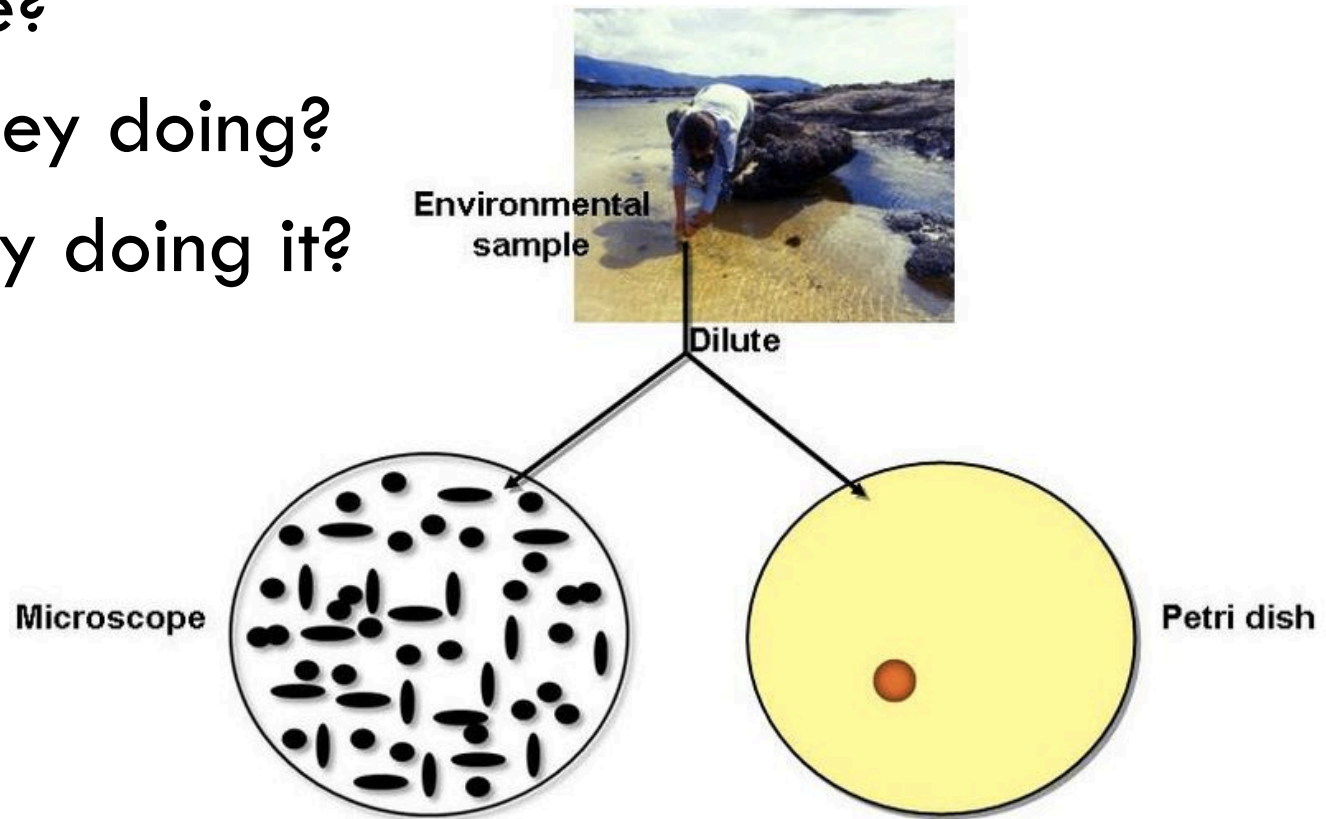
# THE PROMISE OF METAGENOMICS



HOW DID WE GET HERE

# Understanding community dynamics

- Who is there?
- What are they doing?
- How are they doing it?

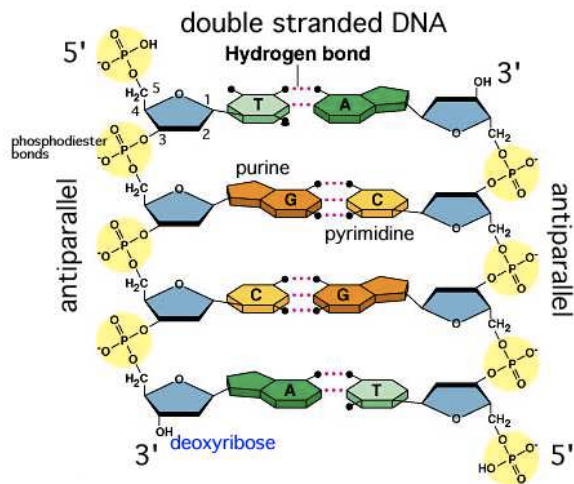


**“THE GREAT PLATE COUNT ANOMALY”**

**~100 times > cells than colonies, 99% unculturable**

# Gene / Genome Sequencing

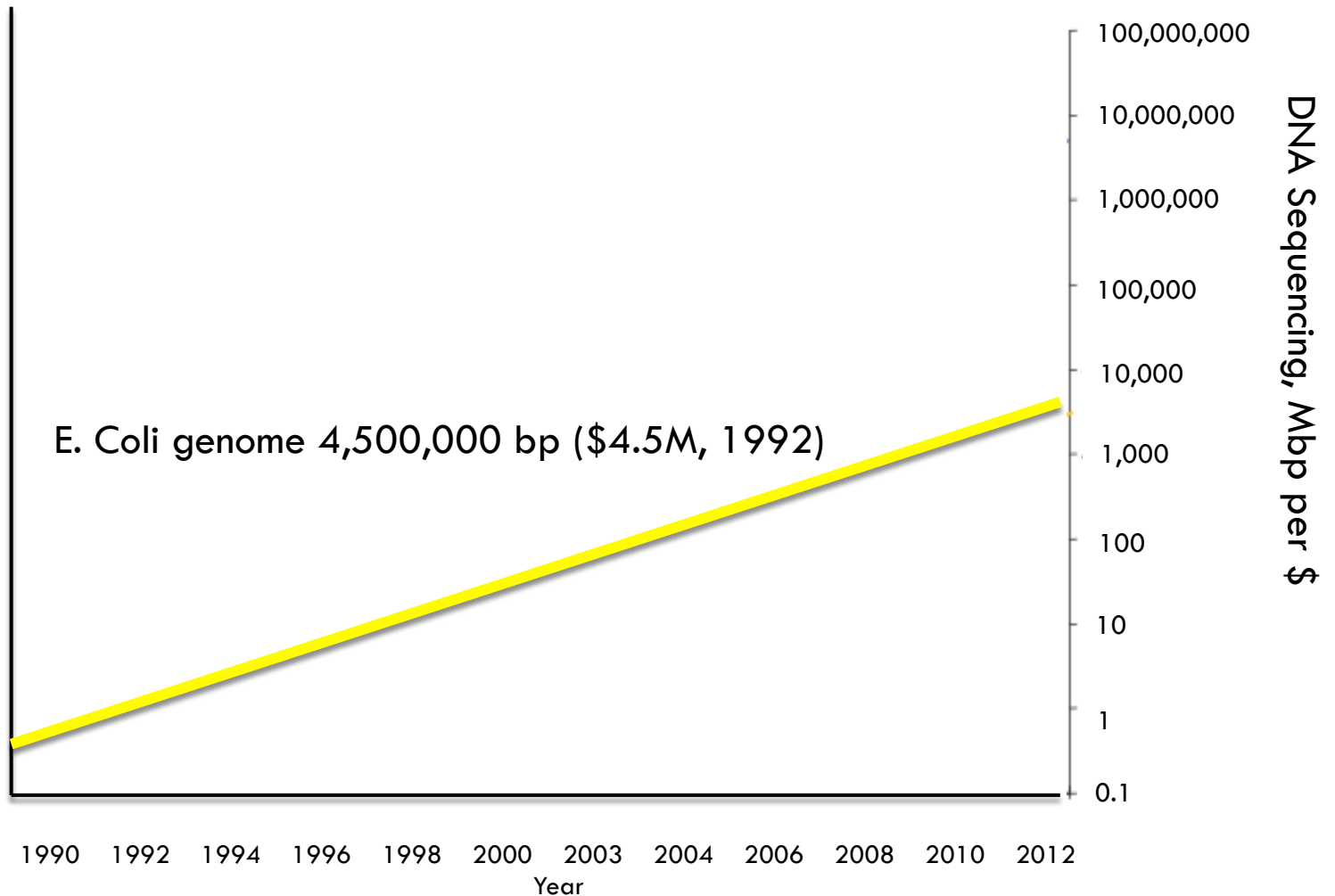
- Collect samples
- Extract DNA
- Sequence DNA
- “Analyze” DNA to identify its content and origin



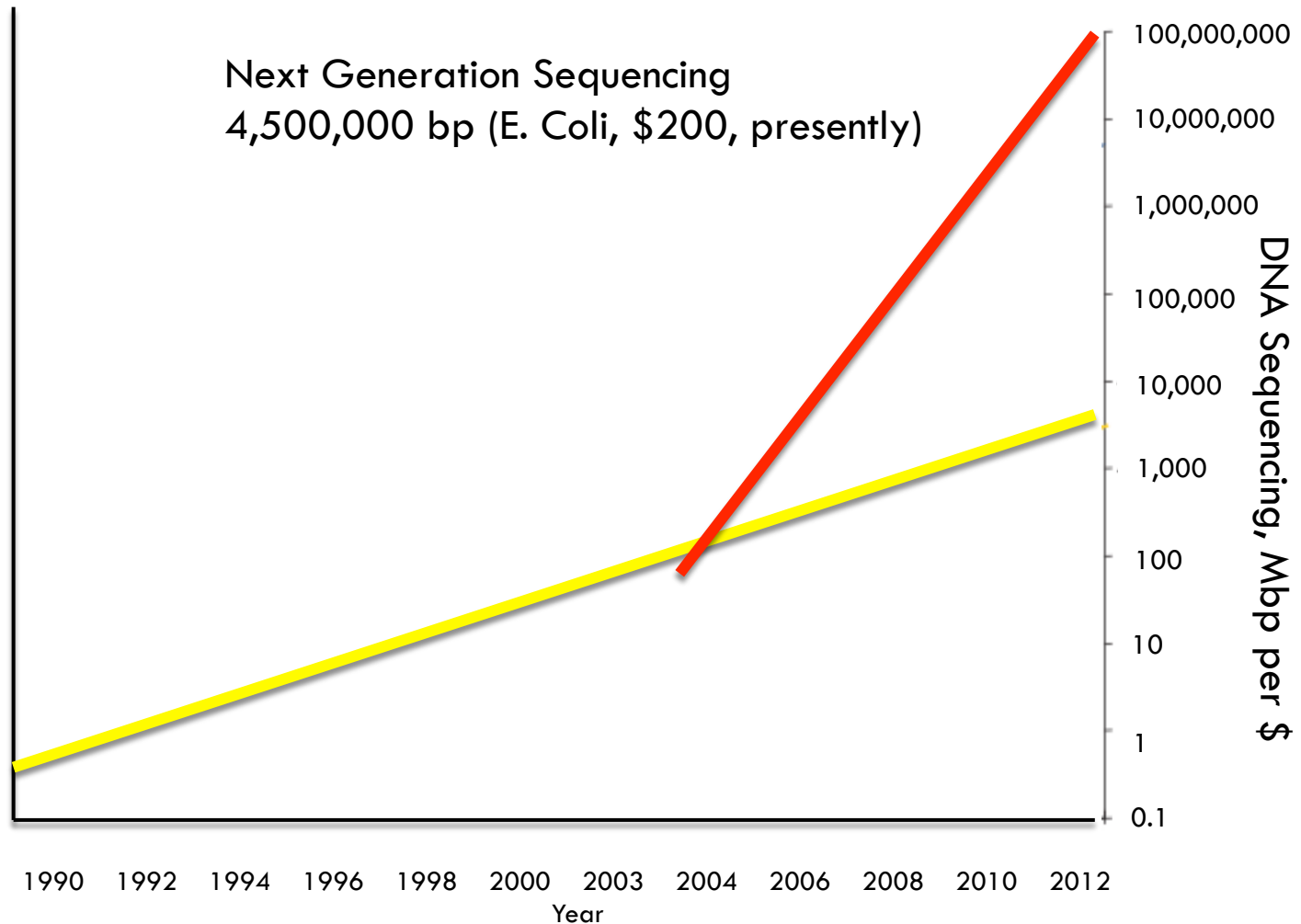
Taxonomy  
(e.g., pathogenic E. Coli)  
Function  
(e.g., degrades cellulose)



# Cost of Sequencing



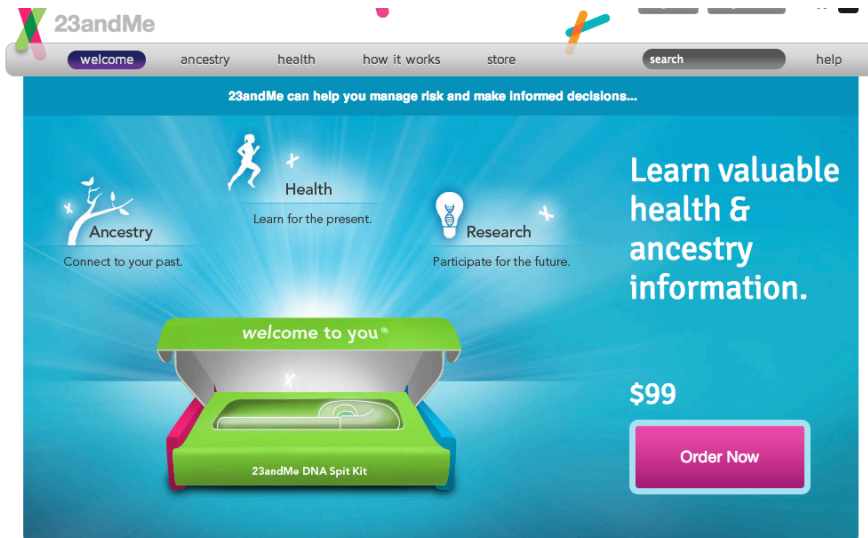
# Rapidly decreasing costs with NGS Sequencing



# Effects of low cost sequencing...



First free-living bacterium sequenced for billions of dollars and years of analysis



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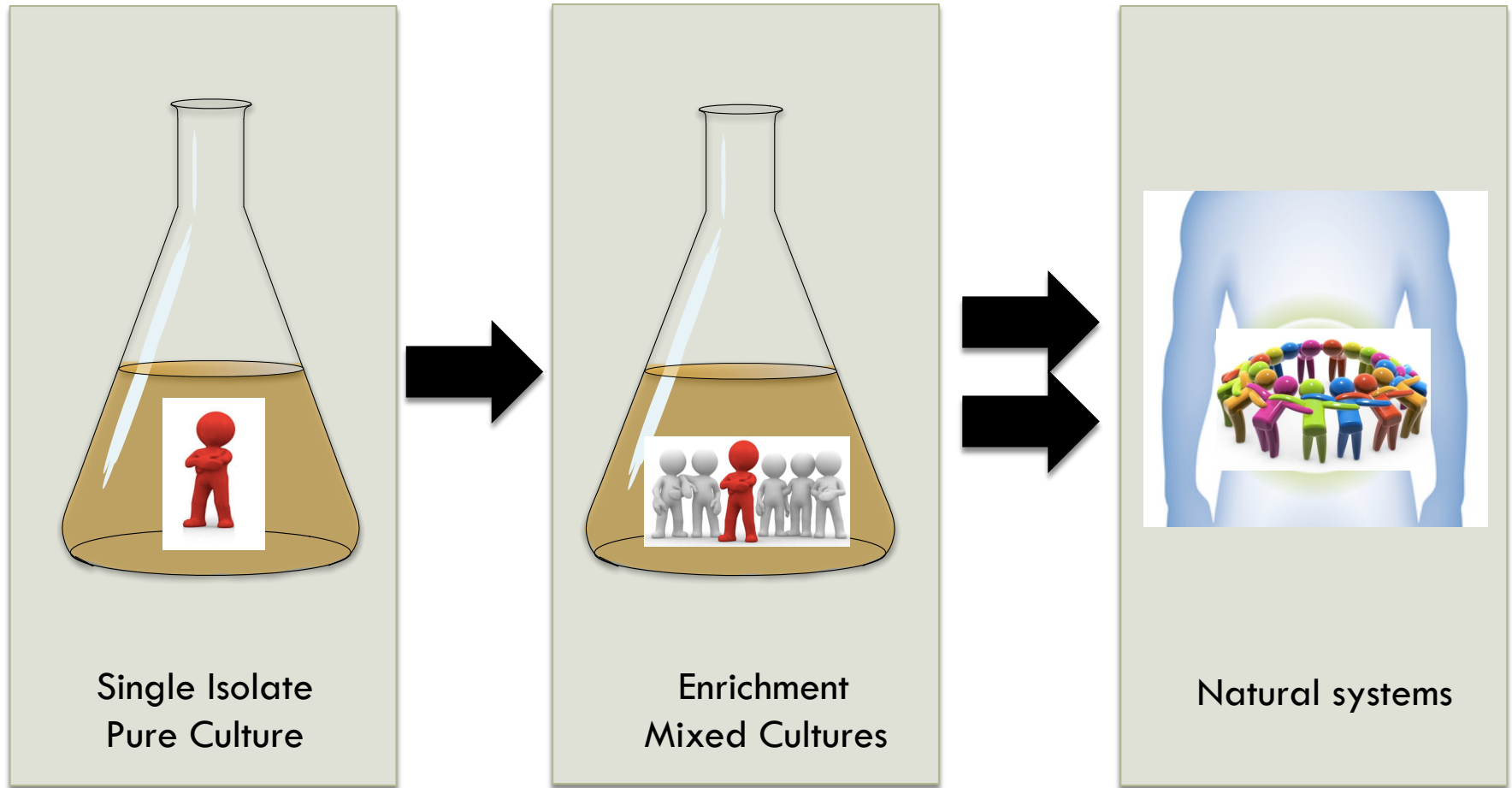
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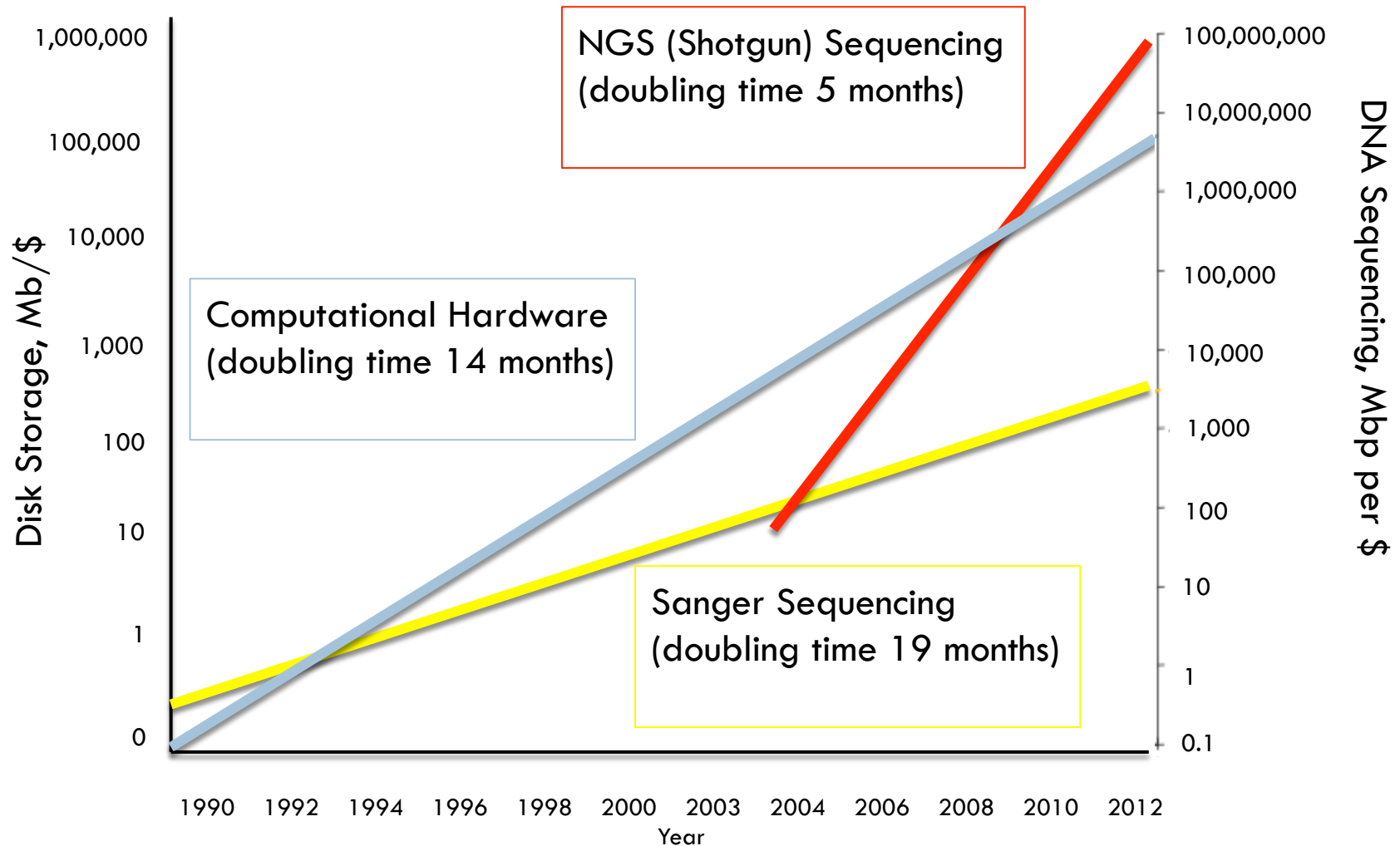
Order Now

Personal genome can be mapped in a few days and hundreds to few thousand dollars

# The experimental continuum



# The era of big data in biology

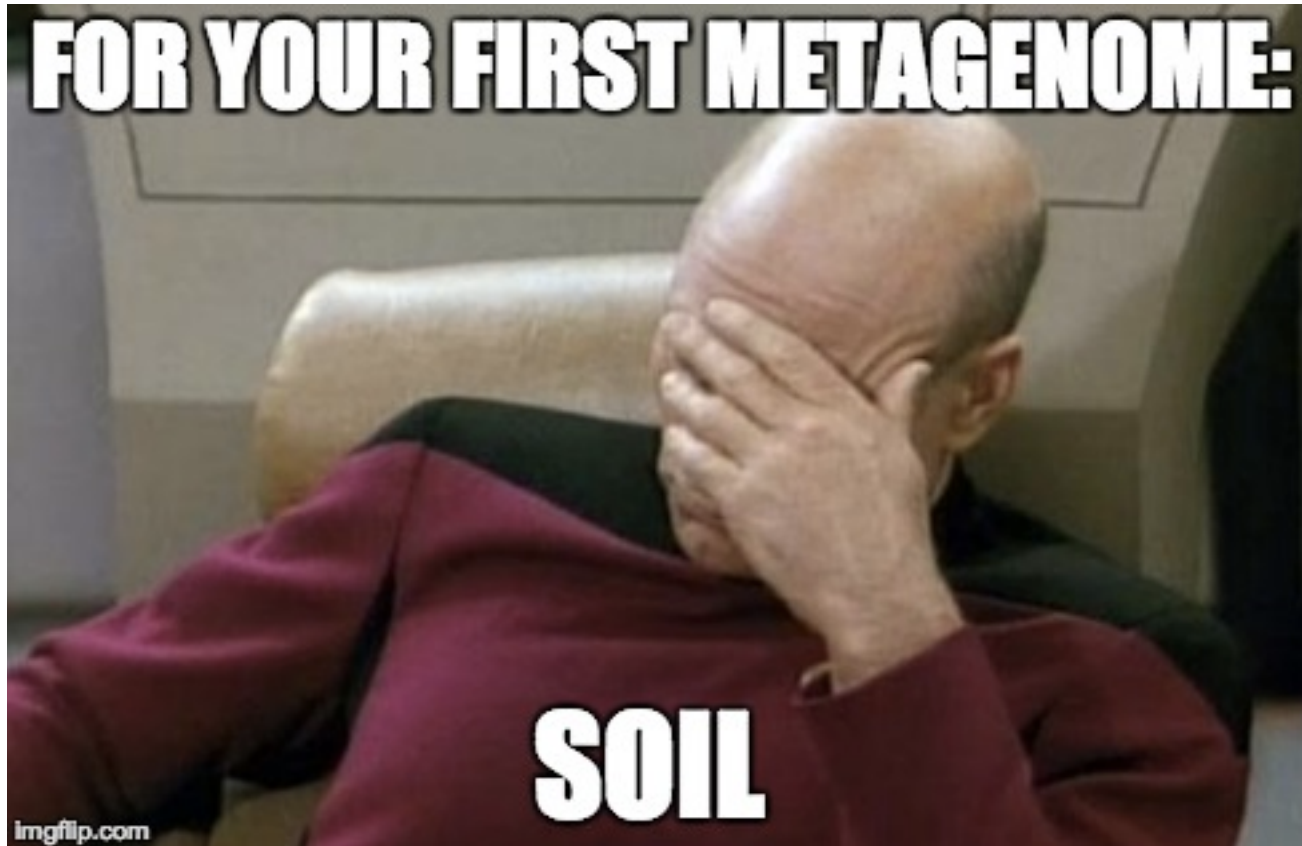


# Postdoc experience with data

2003-2008 Cumulative sequencing in PhD = 2000 bp  
2008-2009 Postdoc Year 1 = 50 Gbp  
2009-2010 Postdoc Year 2 = 450 Gbp  
2014 = 50 Tbp  
2015 = 500 Tbp budgeted



**FOR YOUR FIRST METAGENOME:**

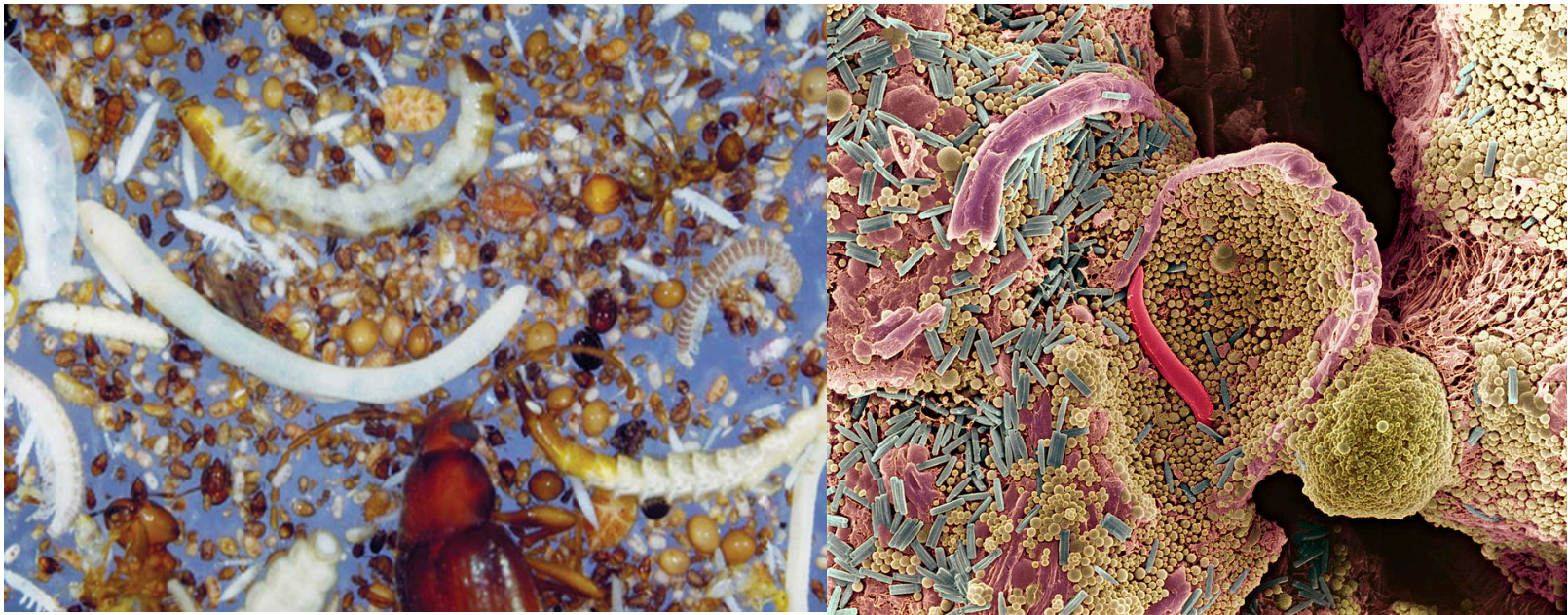


**SOIL**



# THE DIRT ON SOIL

## MAGNIFICENT BIODIVERSITY



Biodiversity in the dark, Wall et al., Nature Geoscience, 2010

Jeremy Burgess



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## SPATIAL HETEROGENEITY

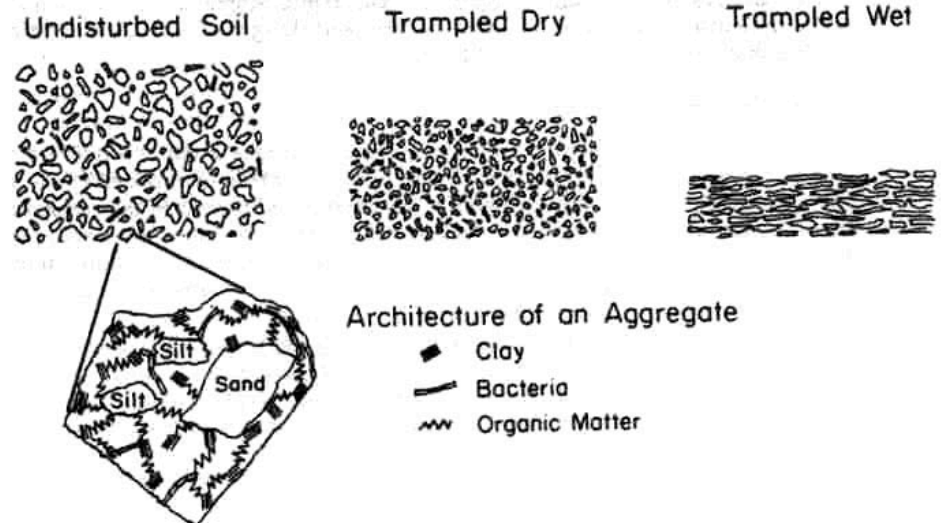
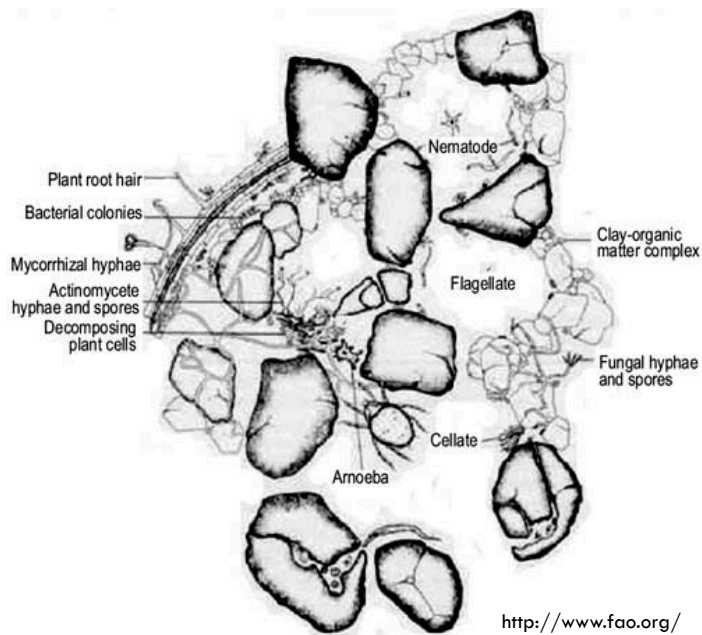


Figure 6.2. Conceptual architecture of a soil aggregate and the changes in soil aggregate structure caused by trampling under wet and dry conditions.

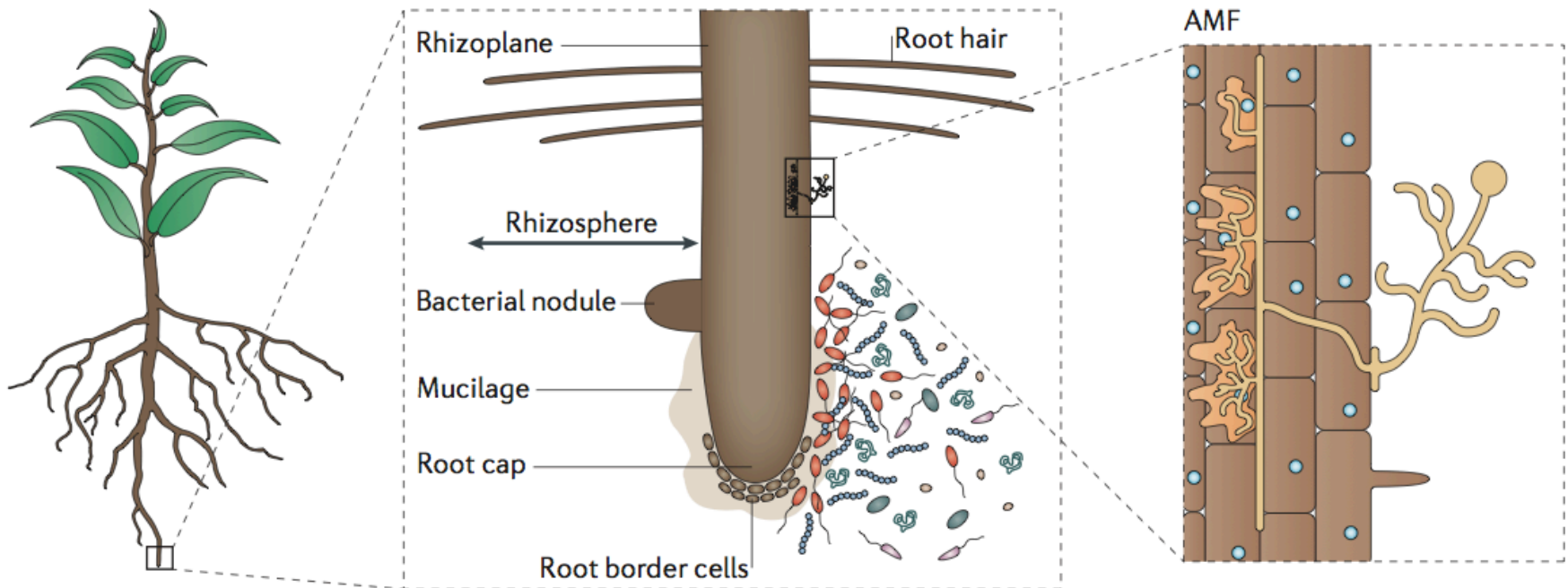
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DYNAMIC



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## INTERACTIONS: BIOTIC, ABIOTIC, ABOVE, BELOW, SCALES



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- I. Methods to tackle metagenomic datasets
    - Computational
    - Experimental
  
  - I. Bottlenecks for microbiologists

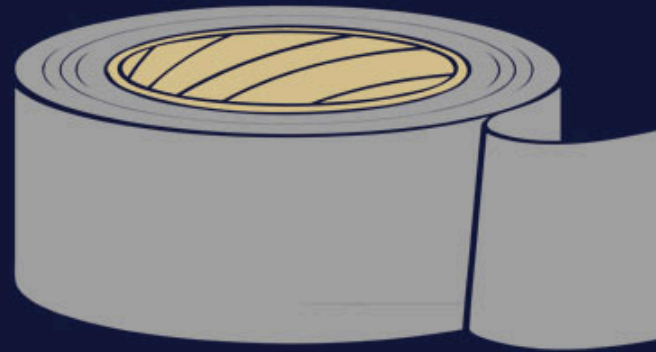


# Tackling Soil Biodiversity



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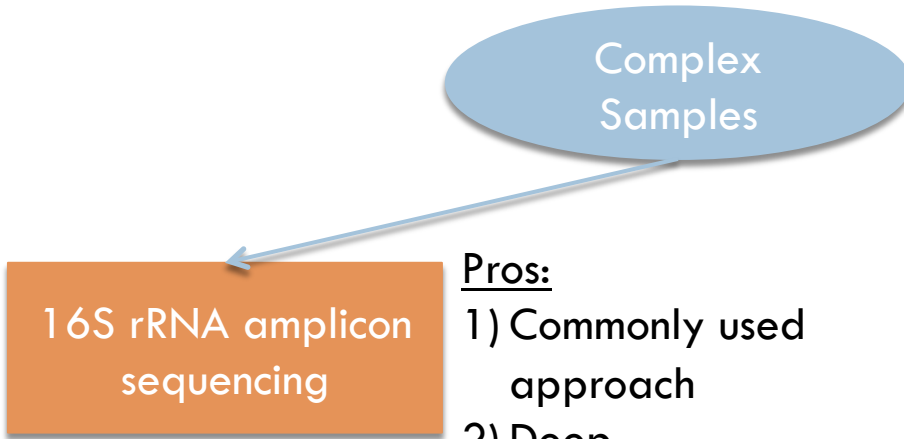
**I'LL GET  
MY TOOL KIT**



A Slight Digression: Decisions for the new microbial ecologist

# Getting the most out of your data

*ID, Abundance, Function*



Pros:

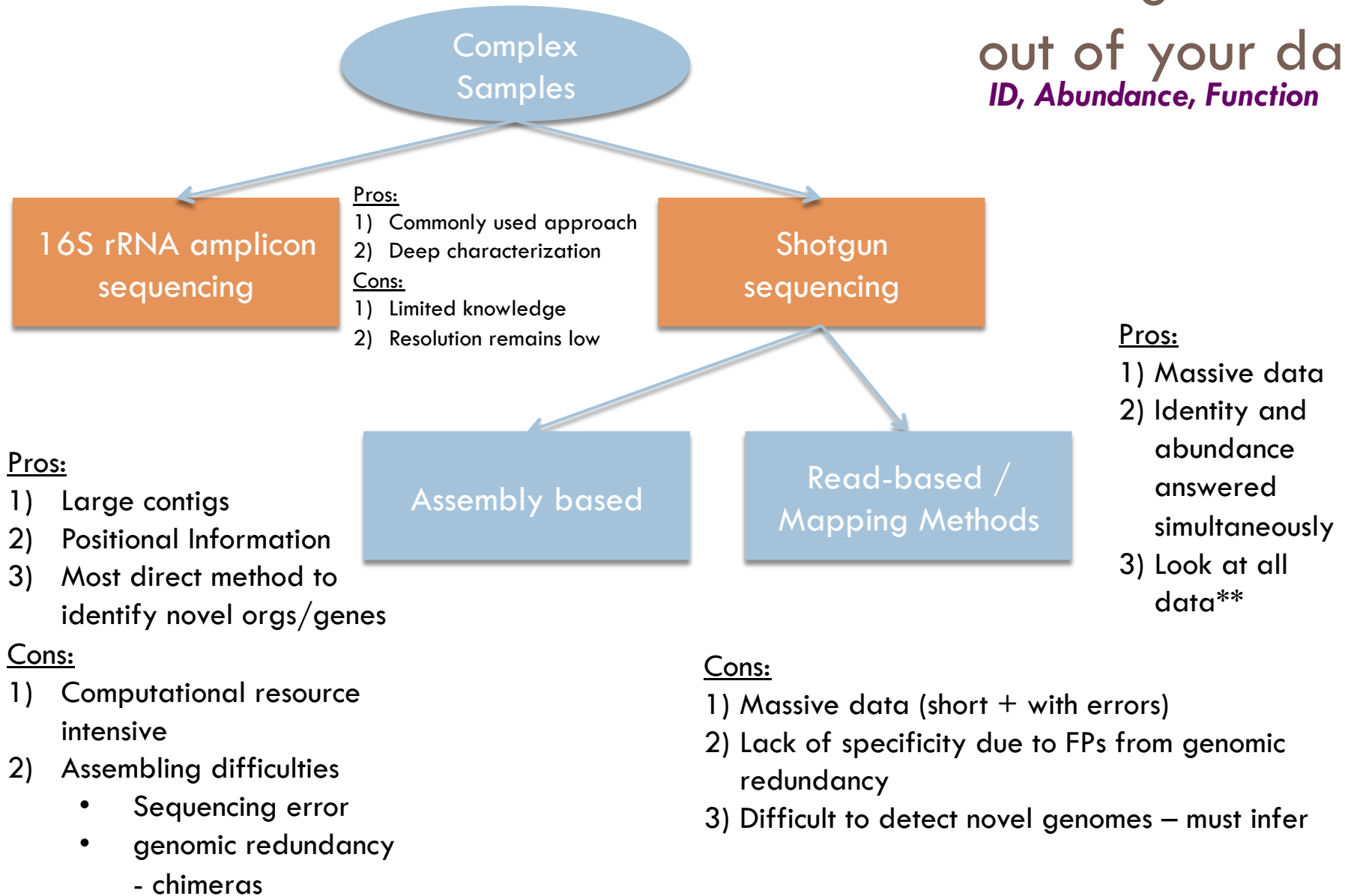
- 1) Commonly used approach
- 2) Deep characterization

Cons:

- 1) Limited knowledge
- 2) Resolution remains low

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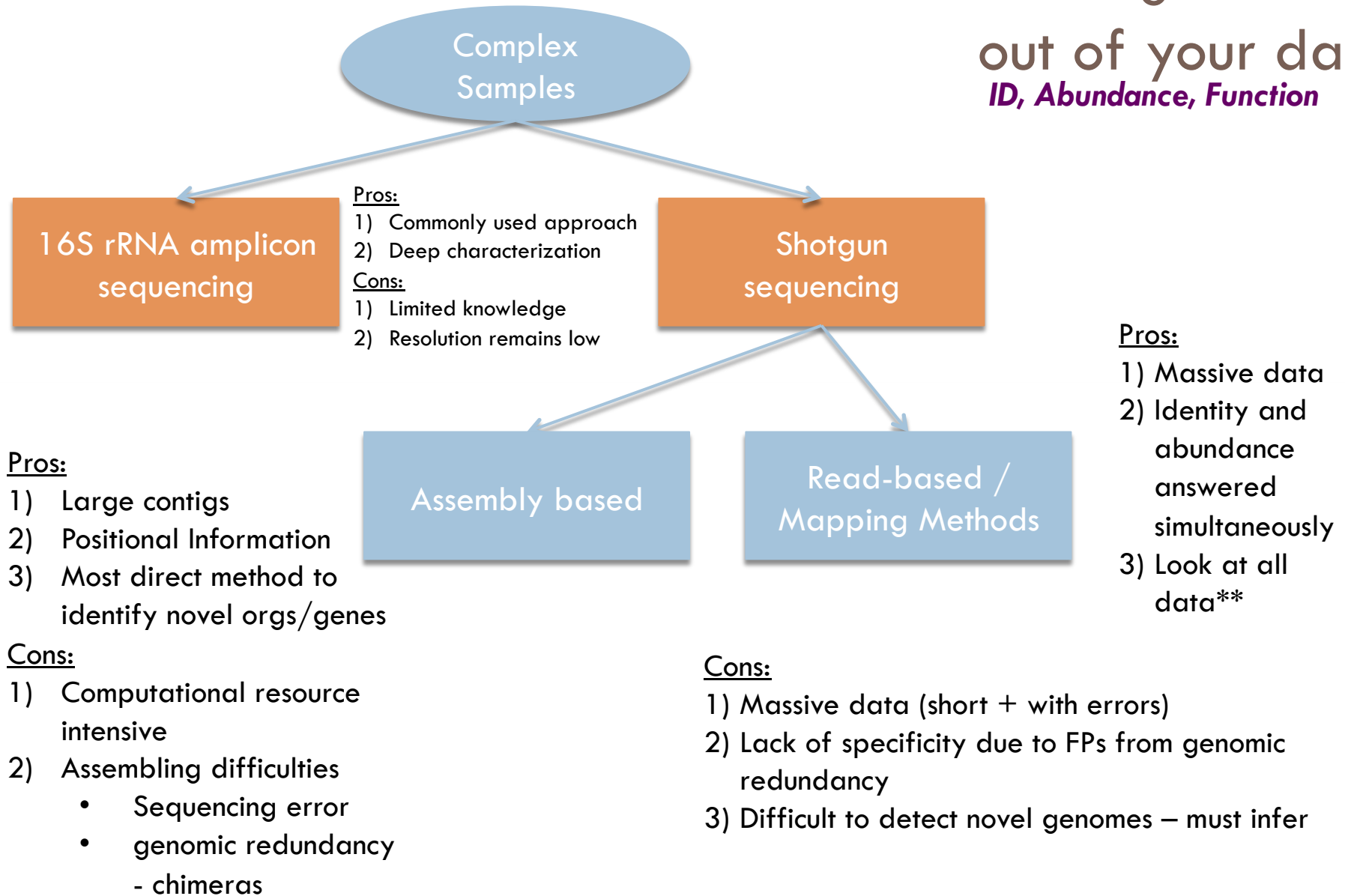
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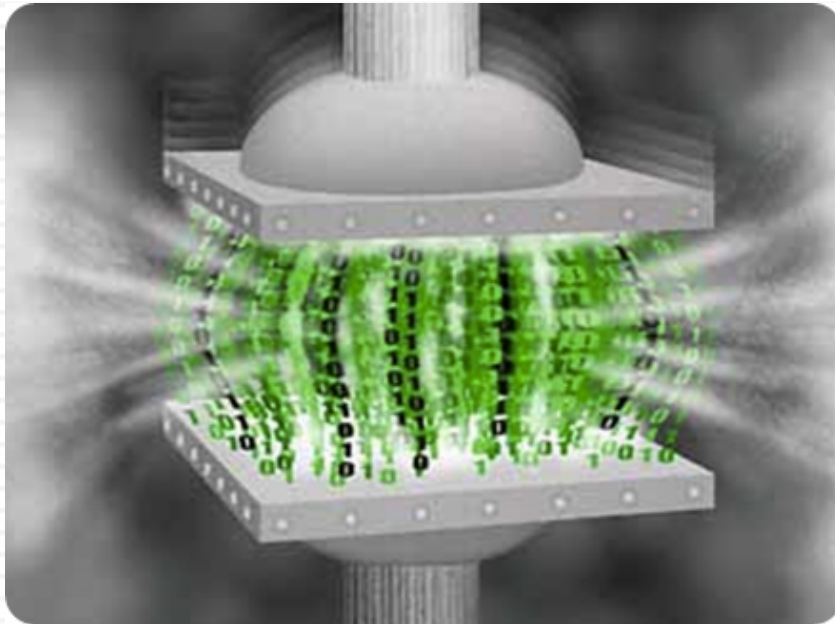
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*The answer is always "it depends".*

# Example #1: Data compression

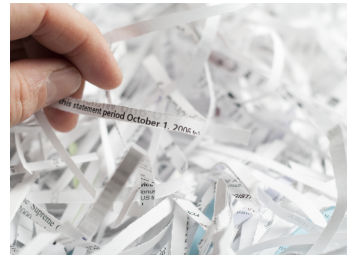


[http://siliconangle.com/files/2010/09/image\\_thumb69.png](http://siliconangle.com/files/2010/09/image_thumb69.png)

# de novo assembly



Raw sequencing data ("reads")



Computational algorithms



Informative genes / genomes

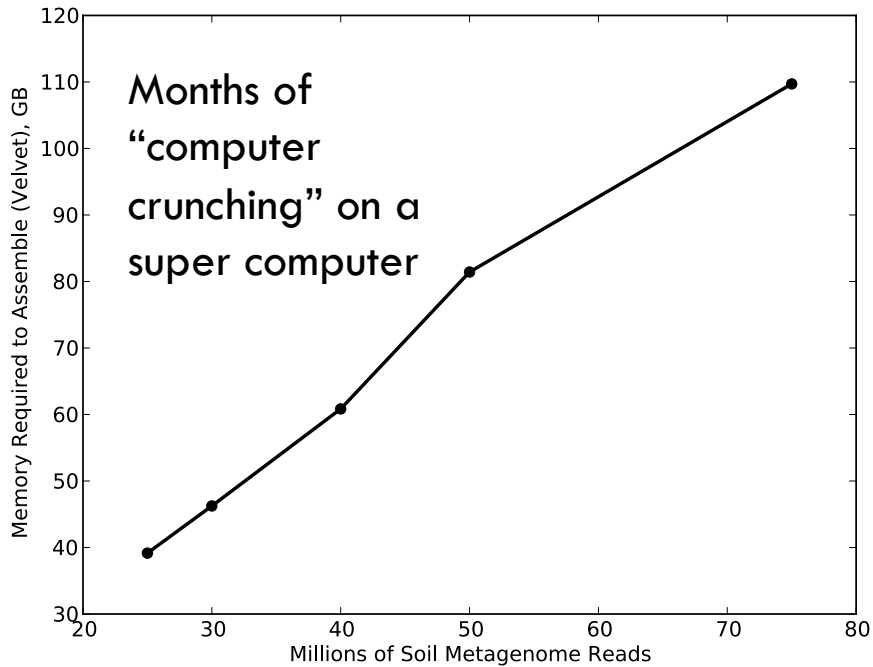
- ❖ Compresses dataset size significantly
- ❖ Improved data quality (longer sequences, gene order)
- ❖ Reference not necessary (novelty)

# Metagenome assembly...a scaling problem.





# Practical Challenges – Intensive computing



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500 million reads

16+ lanes of Illumina  
1800 million reads

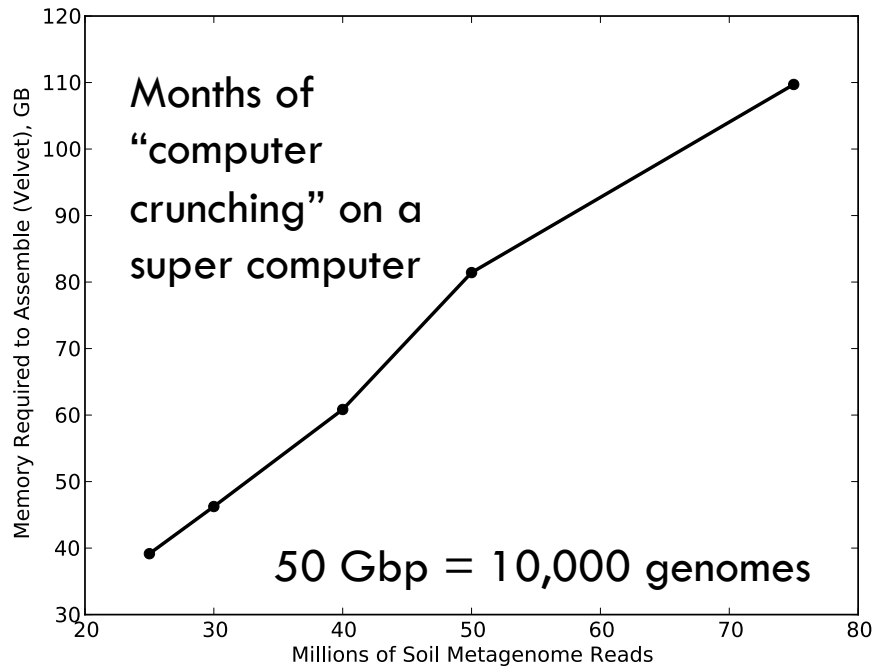
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Assembly of 300 Gbp (70,000 genomes worth) can be done with any assembly program in less than 14 GB RAM and less than 24 hours.

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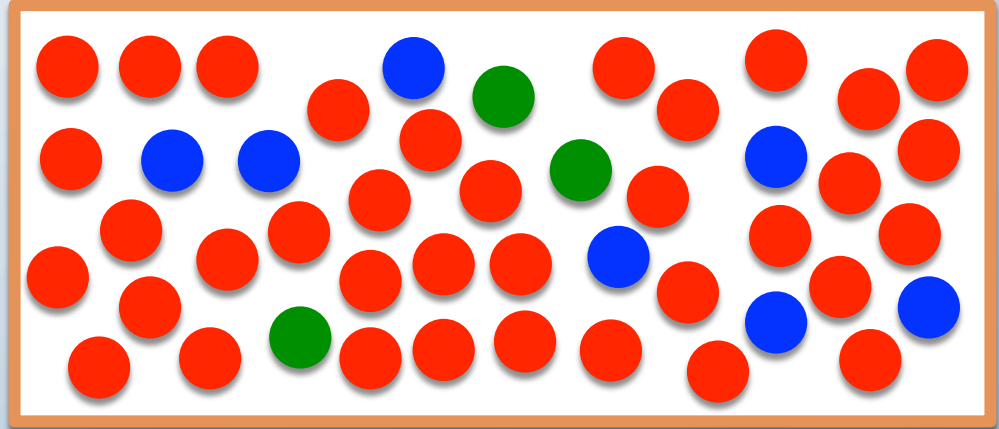
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# Natural community characteristics

## ◆ Diverse

→ Many organisms  
(genomes)

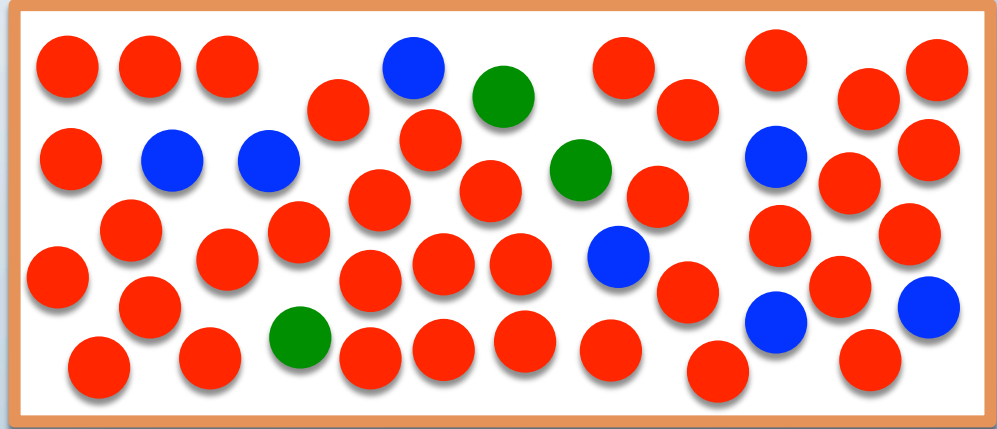




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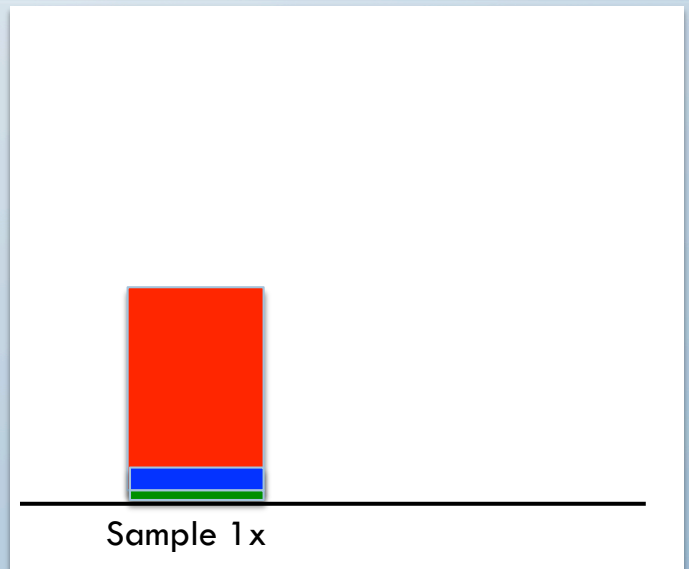
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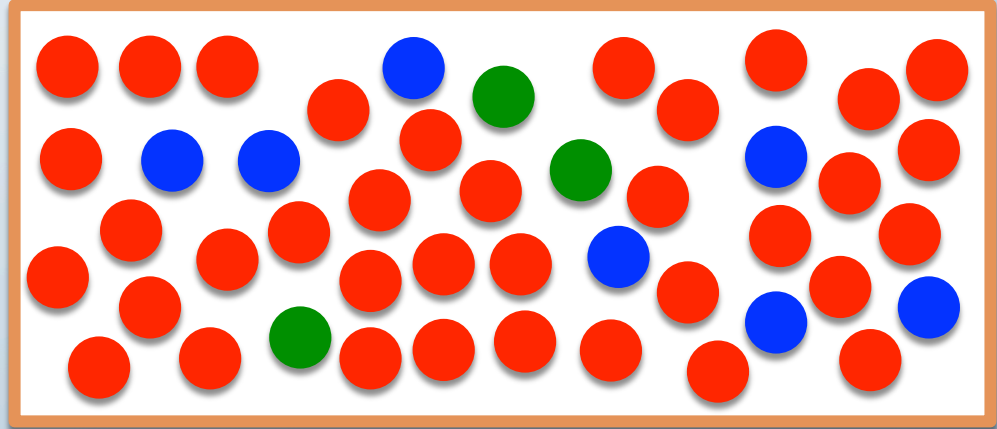
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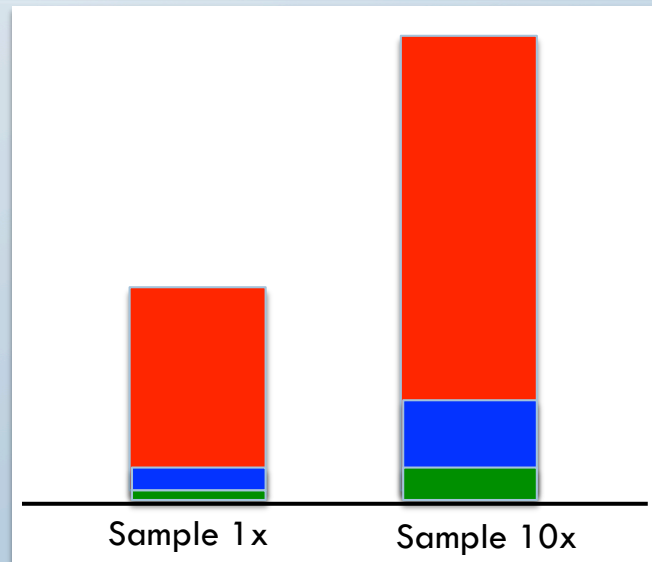
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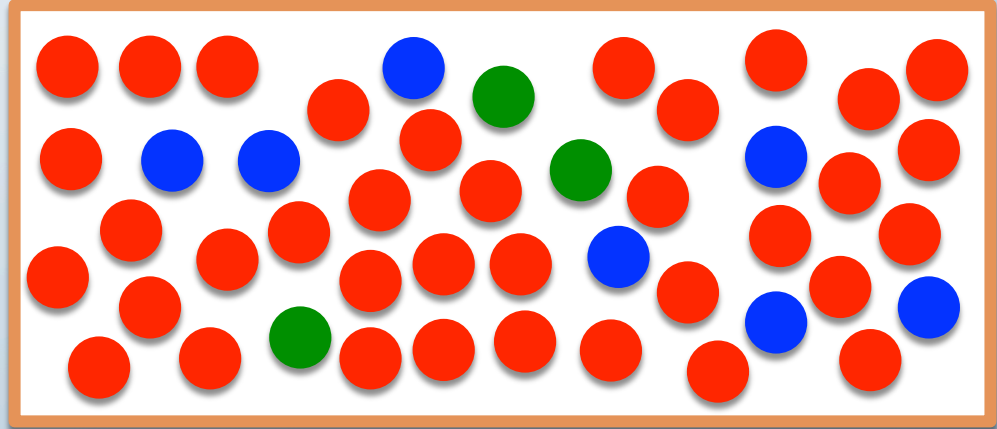
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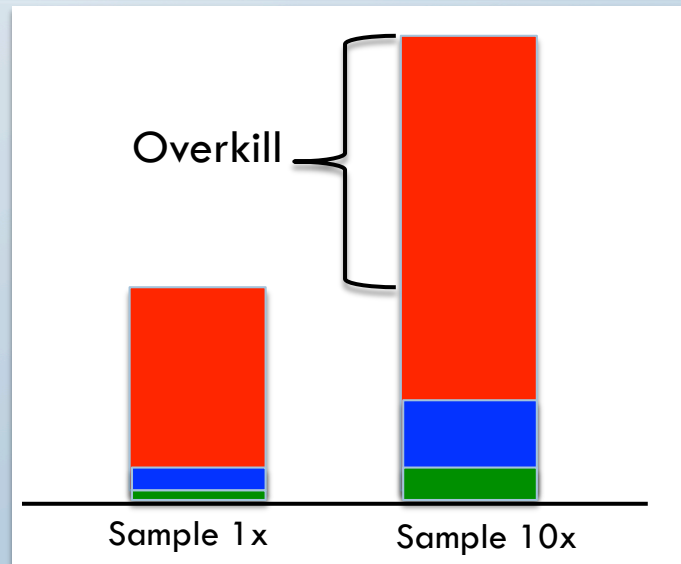
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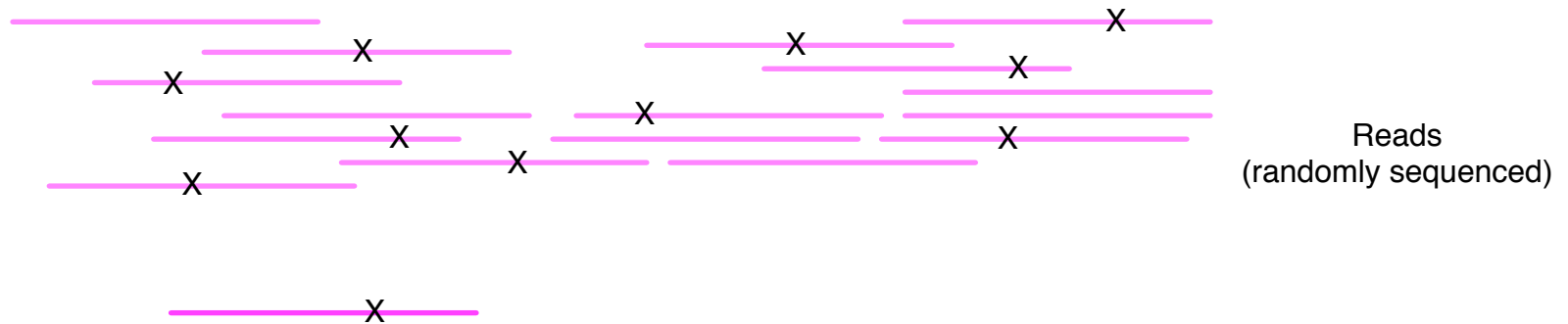
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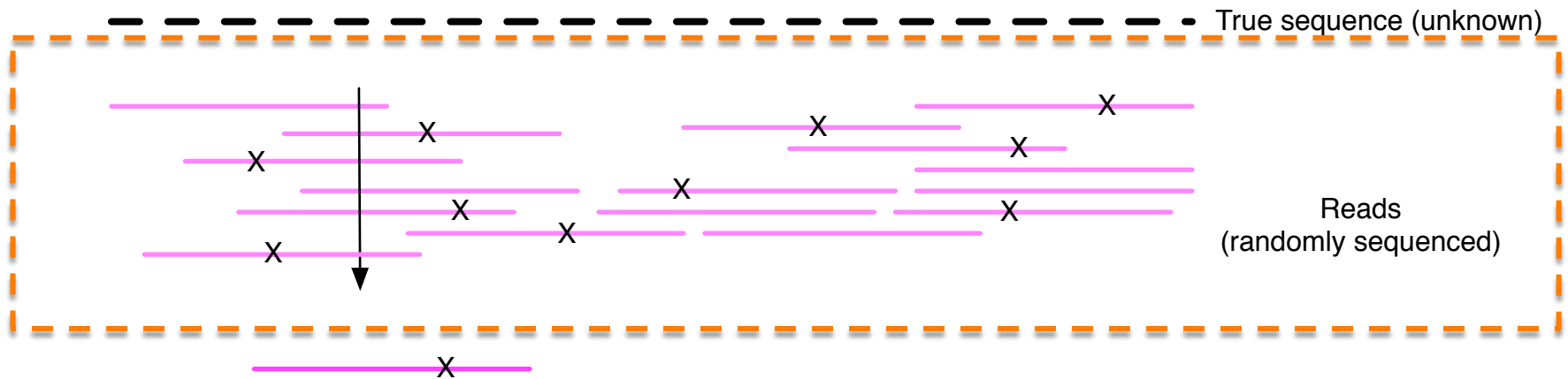
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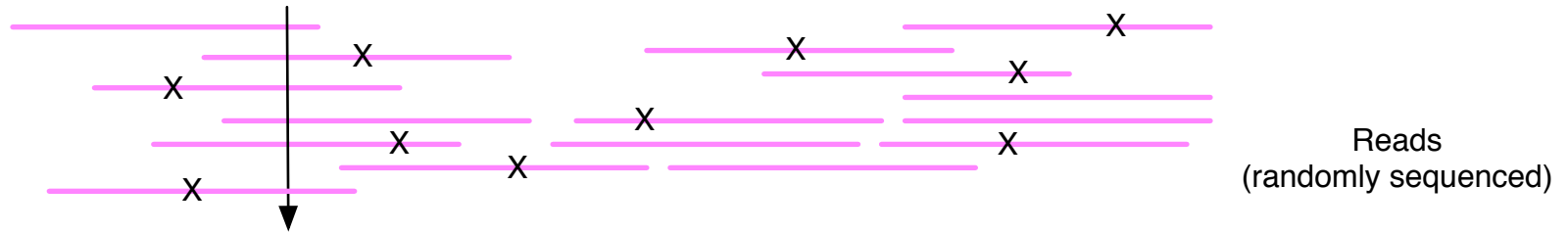


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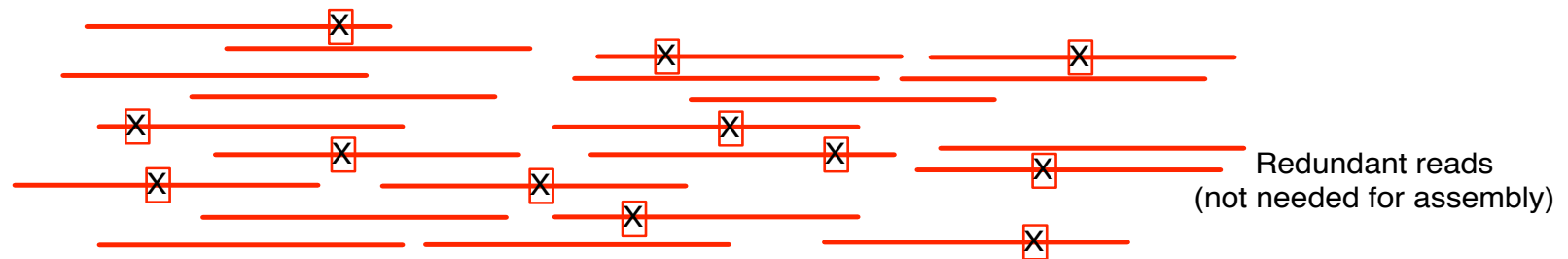
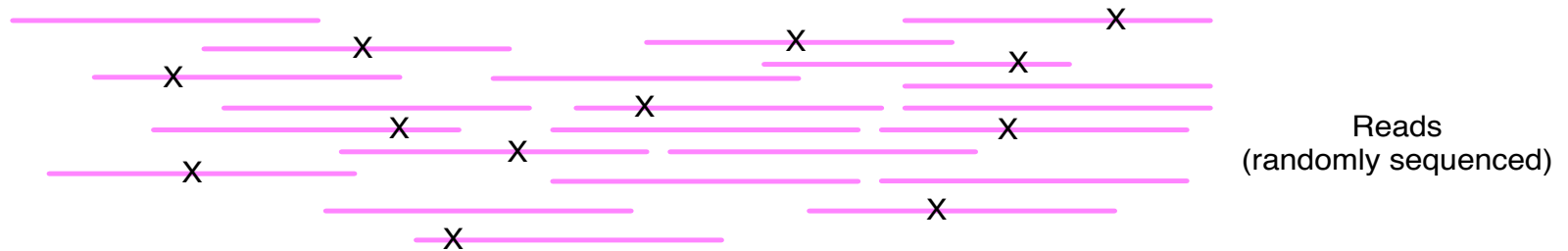
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If next read is from a high coverage region - **discard**



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- ❖ Scales datasets for assembly up to 95% - same assembly outputs.
- ❖ Genomes, mRNA-seq, metagenomes (soils, gut, water)

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# The reality?



# More like...



# The Future

- More data, more samples, better references
- Expense will be in sampling – not sequencing or even data analysis
- All biologists will need to know how to use a pipette and write computer programs
- Large-scale, collaborative projects rather than single PI efforts