

Technical Strategies for Oxford Nanopore Sequencing and Rapid Pathogen Detection and Biosurveillance

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- Member Genomics Standards Consortium

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Antibiotic Modification of the Bacterial Population of the Digestive System of the Bruchid Beetle, Acanthoscolides obtectus. Brenneman, Kristine, and Harold Speidel. Dept. of Biol. Sciences, Nor. Ariz. Univ., Flagstaff, Ariz.

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The ABRF Metagenomics Research is a team devoted to study and improve methods and consumables used in metagenomics research

The screenshot shows the ABRF website with the following elements:

- Header:** ABRF logo, "The Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities", and social media icons (Twitter, YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, YouTube, Google+).
- Navigation Bar:** About ABRF, Membership, Research Groups, ABRF Resources, Meetings, Careers, Education.
- Main Content:**
 - Section Header:** Metagenomics (MGRG)
 - Mission:** *Many of the Members on the MGRG have been involved in microbiome analysis for over 20 years and have a strong appreciation for the field. They are dedicated and understand the needs of this new and exciting field that continues to grow at an exponential rate.*
 - Text:** "If you would like to be part of the MGRG, please contact Scott Tighe at scott.tighe@uvm.edu. Requirements of the research group are 1) Active membership in the ABRF, 2) copy of your CV, and 3) a letter of interest describing your interest, motivation, and how you can contribute."
 - Text:** "The ABRF Metagenomics Research Group is composed of Core lab managers, bench scientists, and bioinformaticists. The goals of the MGRG will be to establish and evaluate techniques that core laboratory operators, directors, managers, and users commonly ask. Initial studies include assembling microbial standards and to characterize shortcomings of current metagenomic techniques. this includes optimizing DNA extraction protocols, library synthesis methods for different NGS platforms and developing best approaches for bioinformatics. The development of bacterial cocktails includes working with specific vendors in the field to establish a bacterial counting platform (similar to simple low cost mammalian cell counters) that can be used for low cost, high speed bacterial cell counting as needed for both research and clinical metagenomic quality control requirements. This enumeration device will be validated against standard techniques such as flow cytometry, Microscopic, and LSC techniques. Development of a fixation technique that preserves DNA and RNA without cell leakage is also required. We intend to work very closely with the appropriate vendor of the field to help advance this technology."
- Sidebar:**
 - RG Resources:** Research Group Handbook, Data use guidelines to be sent with each RG study sample, Information for vendors supporting RG studies, Orientation presentation for new chairs, Reimbursement Form for Research Group Study related expenses, Conflict of Interest Policy.
 - About Research Groups:** Genomics, ABRF Next Generation Sequencing Study (ABRF-NGS), Genome Editing (GERG), DNA Sequencing (DSRG), Genomics (CRG), **Metagenomics (MGRG)**, Proteomics, Metabolomics & Mass Spectrometry, Imaging/Flow, Bioinformatics.

The XMP is a proving ground for studying consumables on the most challenging of sample types



As well as collect shotgun data on novel sample sites

Oxford Nanopore Sequencing and Rapid Pathogen Detection and Biosurveillance

- Rapid Pathogen Screening has its Challenges
- Many sample types have limited DNA
- Require some amplification
Swabs, drinking water, food wash, ect
- Bacteria are difficult to lyse uniformly
- Lysis slurries often inhibit PCR reactions and other synthesis reactions

Recent Innovations Enable Rapid Lysis and Amplification

- Metapolyzyme
- PrepMan Ultra™
- Unreactive beater beads-Diamond
- High performance Titanium Taq Polymerase
- Modified SKQ-RAB201 Oxford Nanopore Protocol



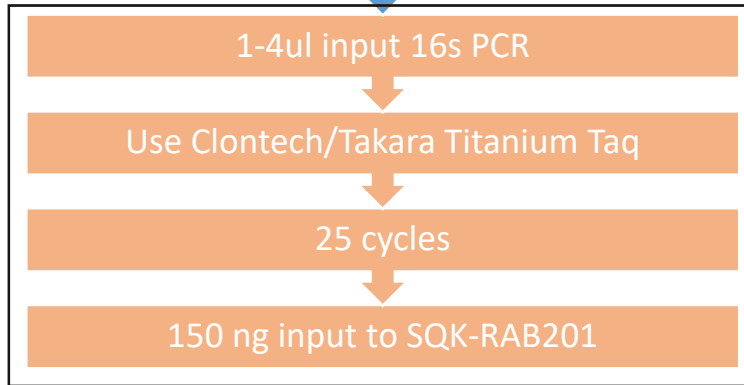
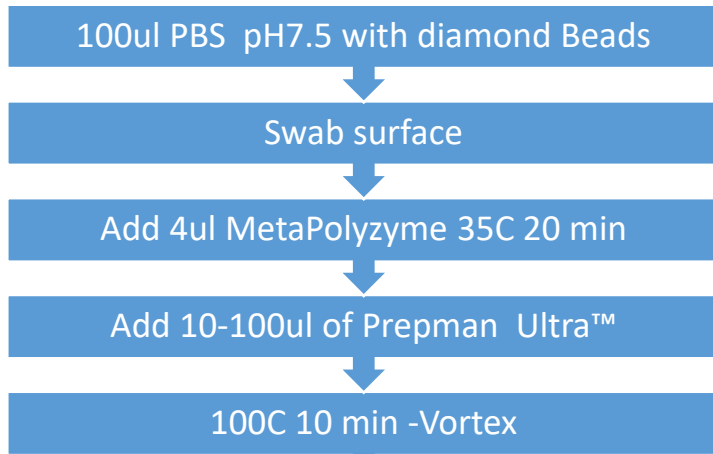
Originally designed for rapid screening of *Legionella pneumophila*



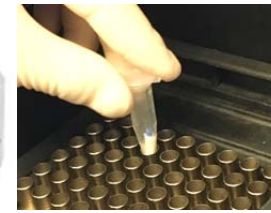
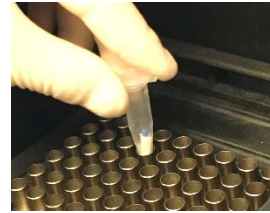
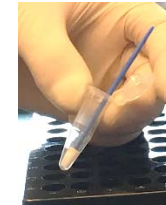
The Goal: Swab to Sequence in 60 minutes

Swab Technique modified from *Mason et al* MetaSub International Metagenomics Consortium

Workflow for Rapid Bacterial Screening

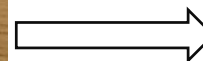


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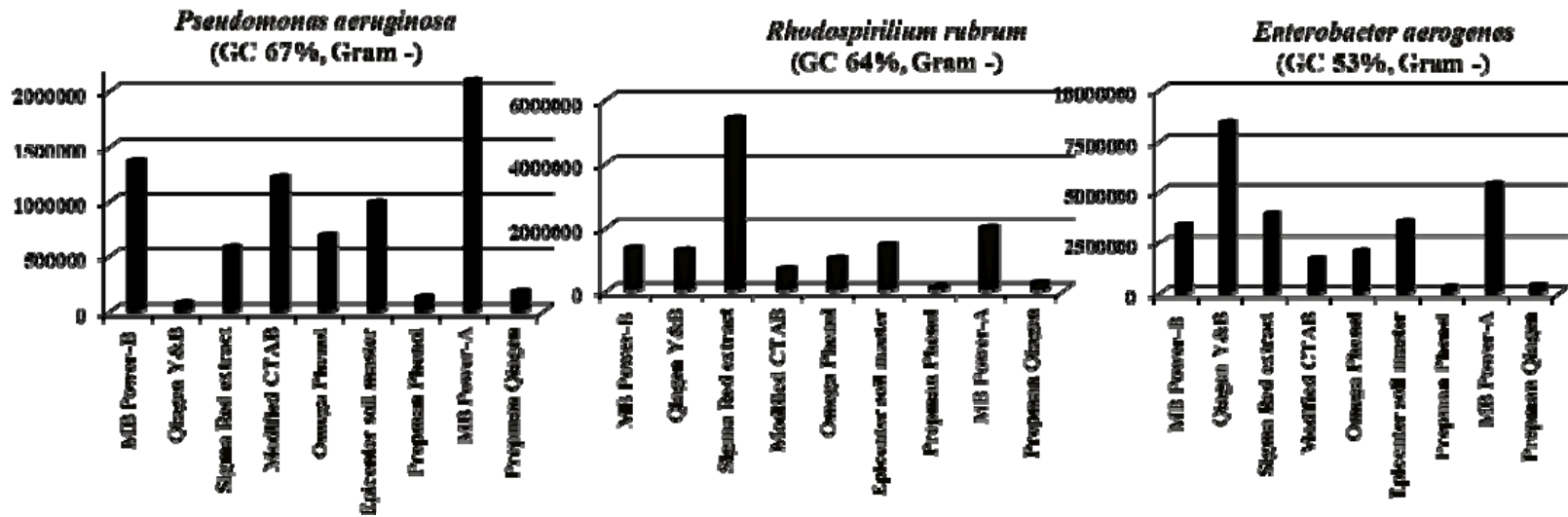
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Ampure Beads



Bacteria and Fungi have a Cell Wall and are Difficult to Lyse

- DNA extraction efficiency studies
- DNA extraction Study with 12 bacteria at known concentration by the ABRF Nucleic Acids Research group in 2011.
- Whole cell microbial standard -ETOH fixed
- Microscopically counted

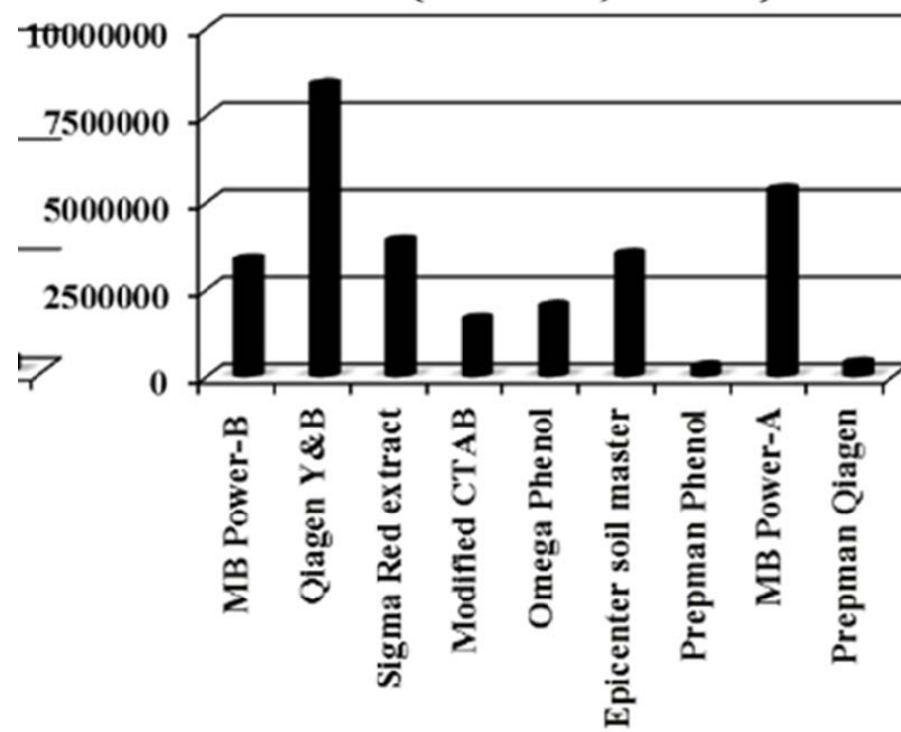


ABRF Nucleic Acids Research Group 2012-2013 Study
Evaluating DNA Extraction Methods for Metagenomic Analysis

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Enterobacter aerogenes
(GC 53%, Gram -)

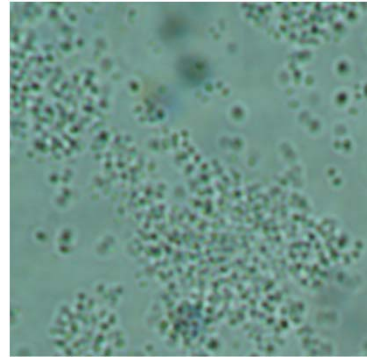


Chemical and beads alone don't lyse all cells

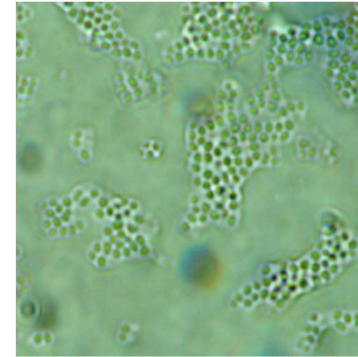
Micrococcus luteus lysis vs chemical and Beater Beads



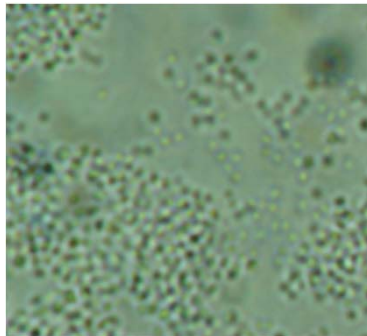
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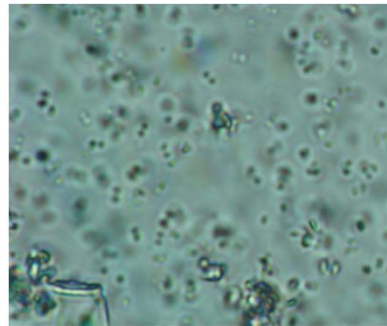
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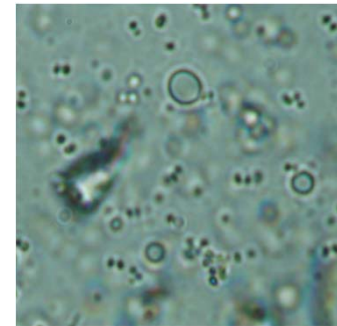
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CTAB+Beater Beads



CTAB+Phenol+Beater

New Innovations=New Approaches

Metapolyzyme

PrepMan Ultra

Titanium Taq

Oxford Nanopore sequencer

Rapid Analysis Software

Metapolyzyme

35C pH 7.5

Use alone or combined with Lysozyme

REQUIRES PBS pH 7.5 and NO EDTA

Designed specifically for Bacterial, Fungi, and Yeast

Originally formulated in 2004

Tested in 2016 by ABRF MGRG

Commercialized in 2017 by Millipore Sigma



Why Develop Metapolyzyme?

Lysis without beater beads or aggressive vortexing. If you can spheroplast all the cells, Proteinase K and Detergent can do the rest.

Product Information

MetaPolyzme Multilytic Enzyme Mix

Catalog Number **MAC4L**
Storage Temperature **-20 °C**

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Product Description

Metagenomics is a rapidly expanding field of basic and applied research which looks at all DNA that has been isolated directly from given single samples (e.g. environmental samples, biological organisms).^{1,2}

Metagenomics allows for the investigation of microbes that exist in extreme environments, and which have been historically difficult to isolate, culture, and study.³ Metagenomics has revealed the existence of novel microbial species.⁴ Applications of metagenomic studies include public health data analysis,^{5,6} discovery of novel proteins, enzymes and natural products,^{7,8} environmental studies,^{9,10} and agricultural investigations.^{11,12}

This product was evaluated and developed in consultation and collaboration with the Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities (ABRF) Metagenomics Research Group (MGRG).¹³⁻¹⁶ The enzymes in MetaPolyzme are:

- Mutanolysin
- Achromopeptidase
- Lyticase
- Chitinase
- Lysostaphin
- Lysozyme

Mutanolysin (from *Streptomyces globisporus*):

Sphearoplasting is Key

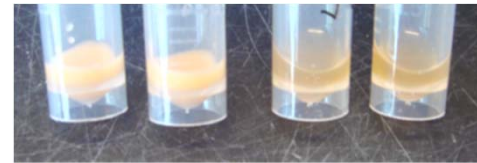
- Multi-lytic Enzyme Mix for Digestion of Cell Walls

MetaPolyzyme

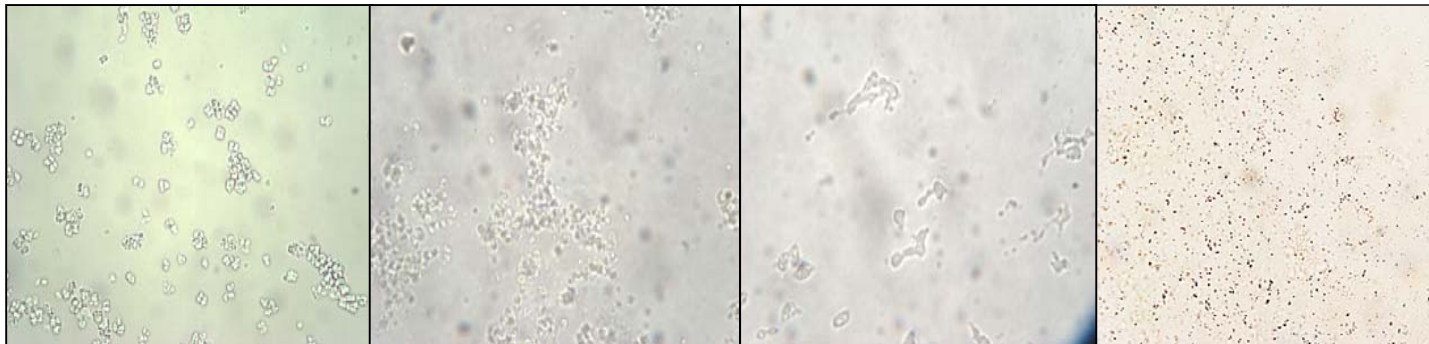
Bacteria, yeast, fungi cell walls

Phylozyme (3 additional enzymes for Plant and Algae)

Testing Started 11/2016



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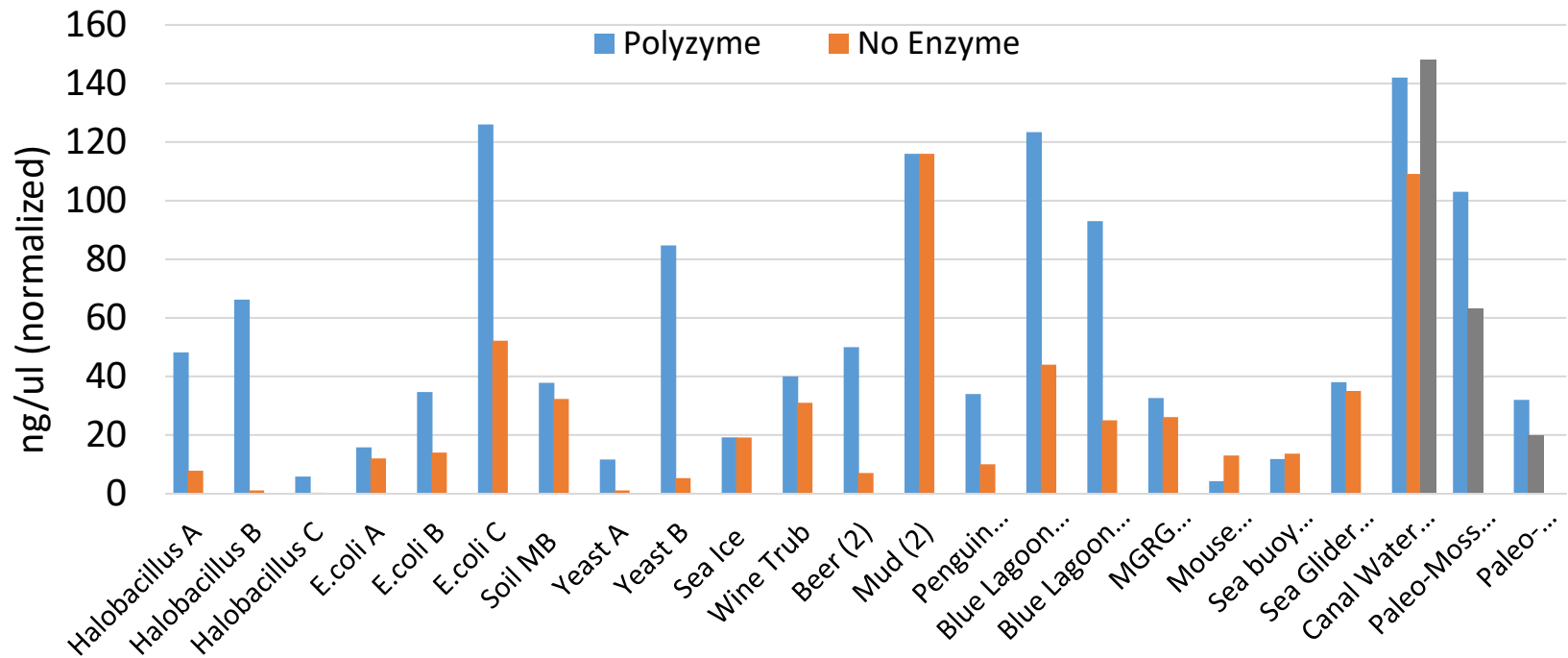


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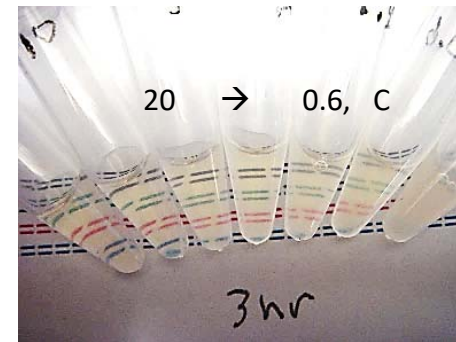
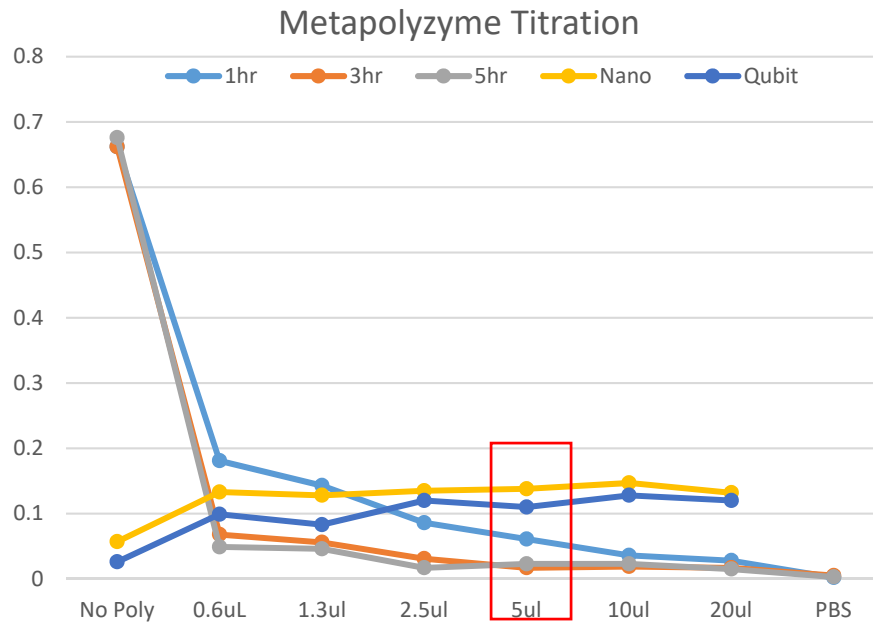
Sphearoplasting vs Exposure time and 0.1% SDS

Beta Test Results

- Over 150 sample trials (Polyzyme, PBS only, Polyzyme only)
- 3 trials with Lysozyme alone-Need more data
- 6 labs , 17 matrices
- Any kits



How Low and Fast can Sphearoplasting Occur?



PrepMan Ultra™

Rapid cell lysis reagent

100c 10min

Used for ABI's MicroSeq ID system

Bacteria and fungi

Very little inhibition on downstream reactions



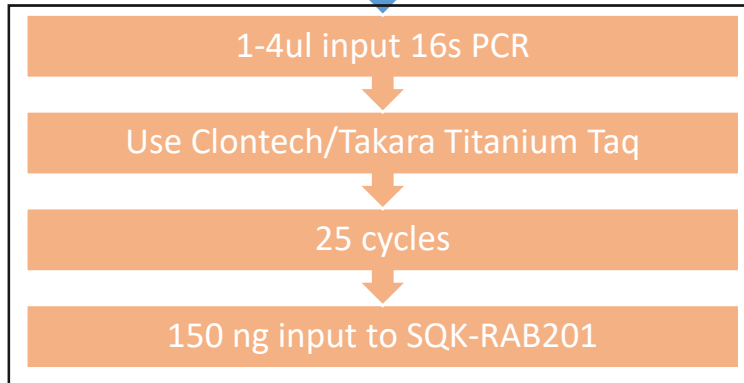
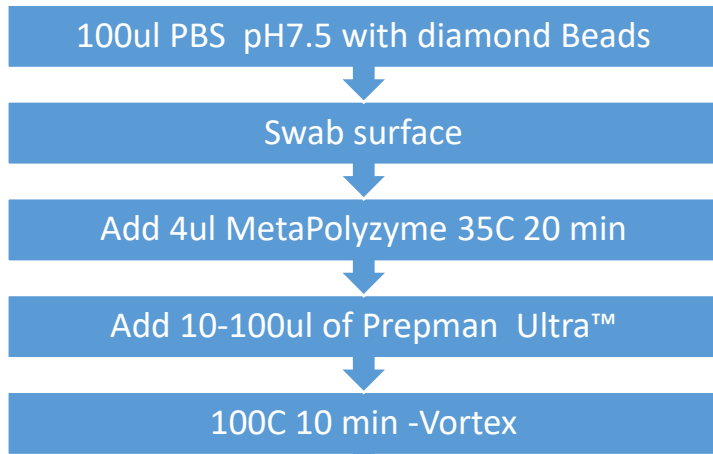
2-Butoxyethanol
Sodium metasilicate
Citric Acid
Buffers

Diamond Beater Beads

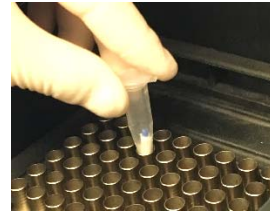
- Beater Beads Fragment DNA
- Not ideal for Oxford Nanopore but ok for full length 16s
- Not desirable when using long read sequencers
- Mild use for 16s full amplicon-1492bp
- Synthetic Diamond is unreactive
- Limited vortexing



Workflow for Rapid Bacterial Screening

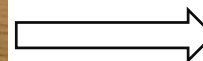
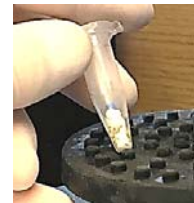


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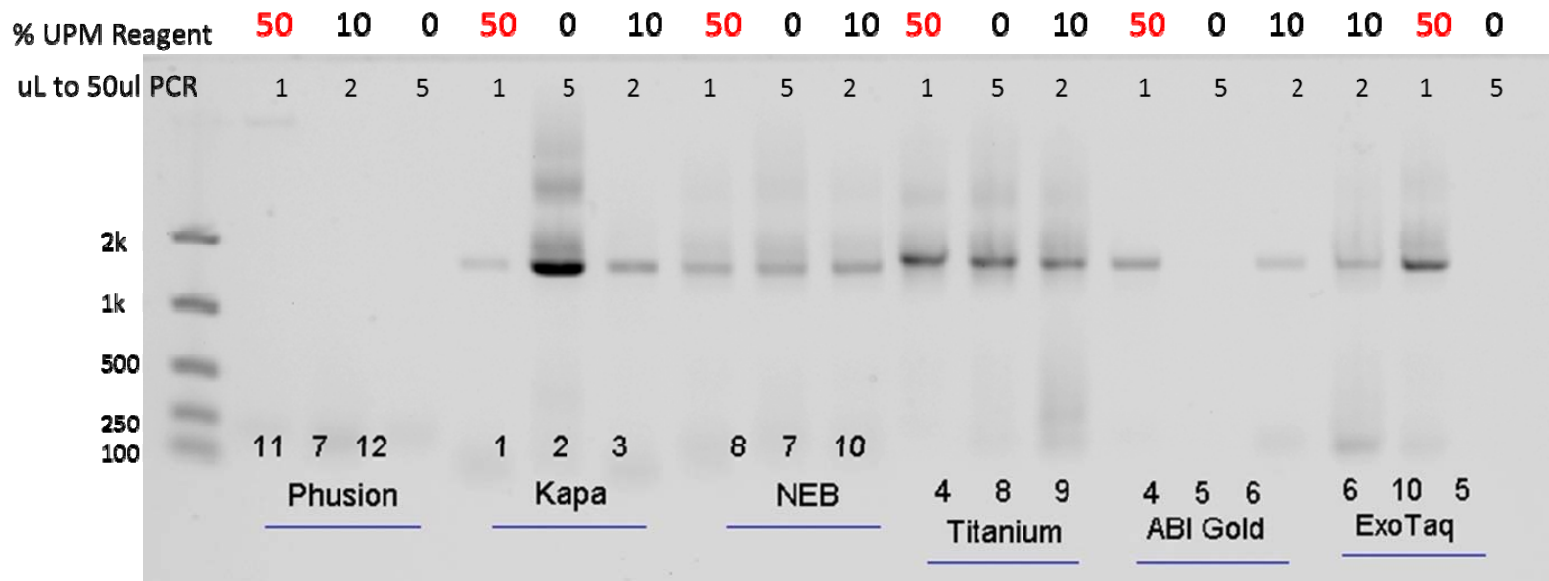
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Successful PCR is the Key

- Tested 6 high performance Taq polymerases
 - Life Phusion
 - NEB Q5
 - KAPA HIFI
 - Takara Ex-Taq
 - ABI Gold MM
 - Takara Titanium
- Mixed with different amounts of lysis material
- Different input of samples
- Used Oxford Nanopore 16s Barcode primers.
 - 1492 rev
 - 27 Fwd -Single degenerate-Not optimal

Comparison of Taq Polymerase in the Presence of MetaPolyzyme and Prepman Ultra



16s Full Length PCR on Rapid Sample
Oxford Nanopore Primers –SQK-RAB201

Oxford Nanopore Sequencing

Use of the 16s Rapid Barcoding Kit (SQK RAB201)

- 10 ng input gDNA (normally)
- 27f (1d) and 1492r PCR step
- Barcoding of 12 samples
- Modified PCR step using Clontech Titanium Taq (639209)
- 25 cycles
- Requires 100 ng input of full length 16s Amplicon library into the sequencer

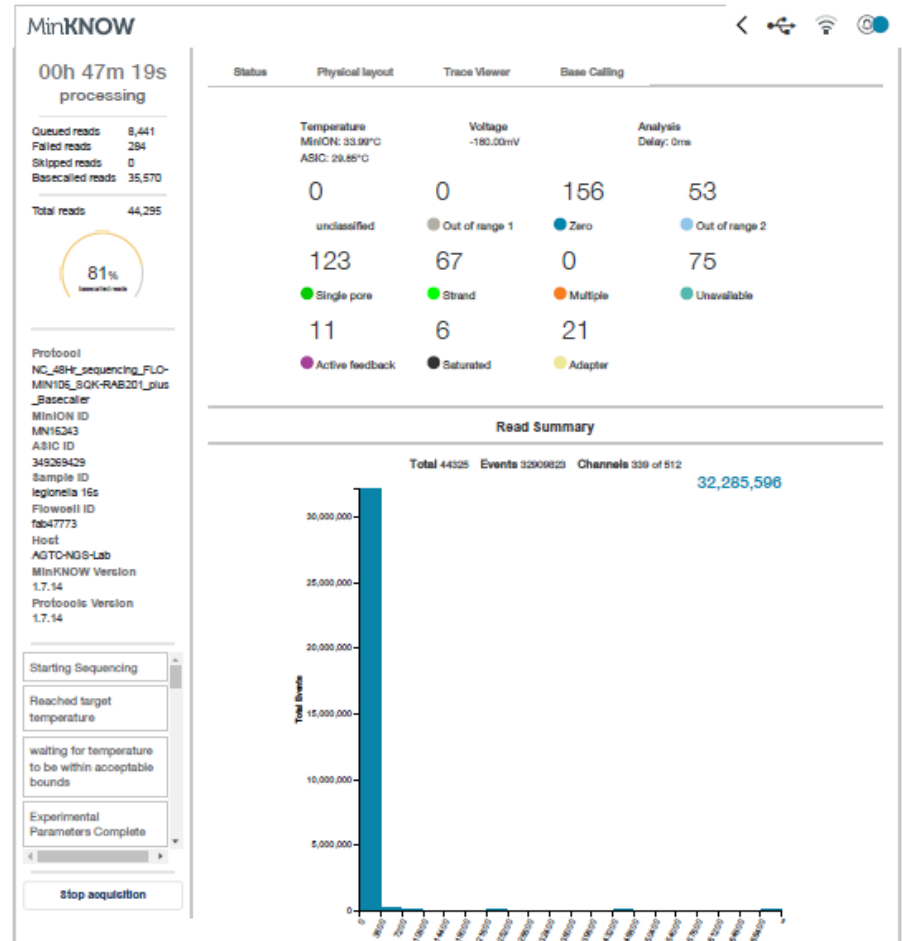


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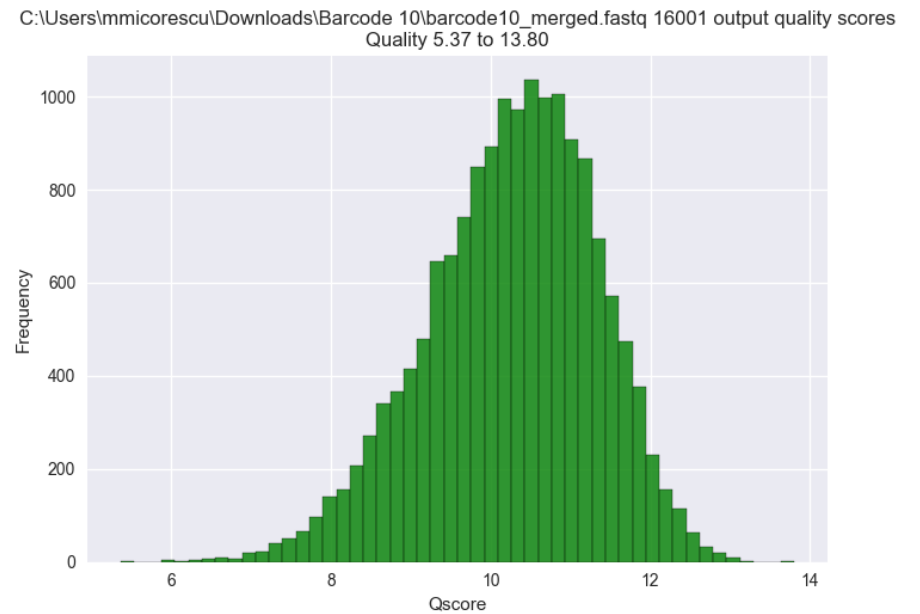
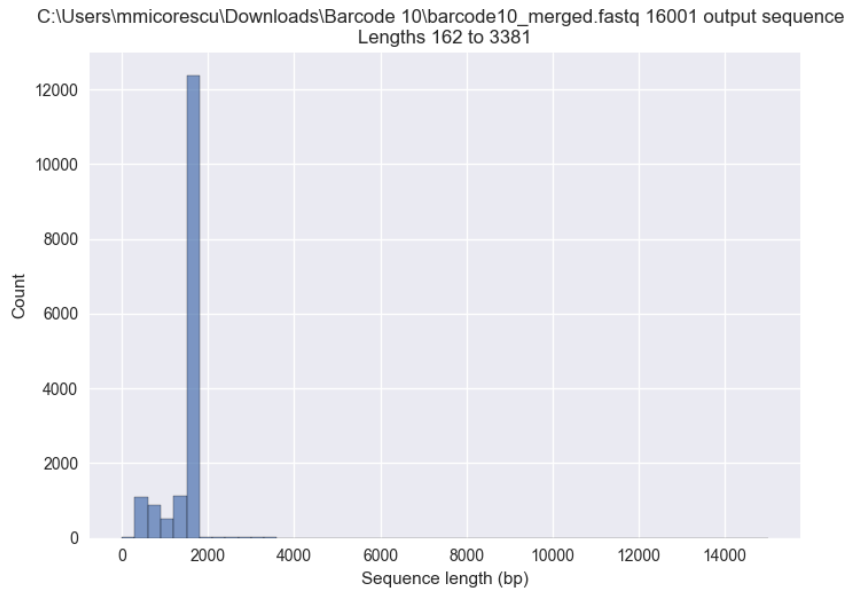
- R9.4 (893 pores)**
- 35,000 reads in 50 minutes
- 150 ng input library
- 500,000 reads in 14 hrs



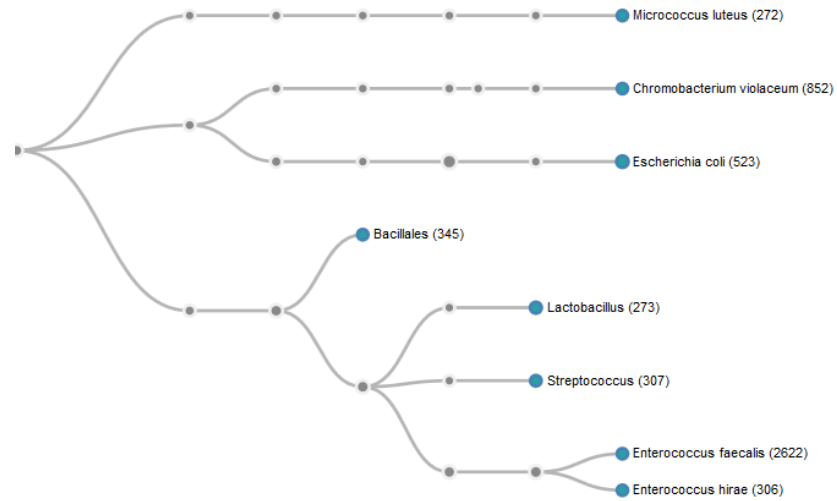
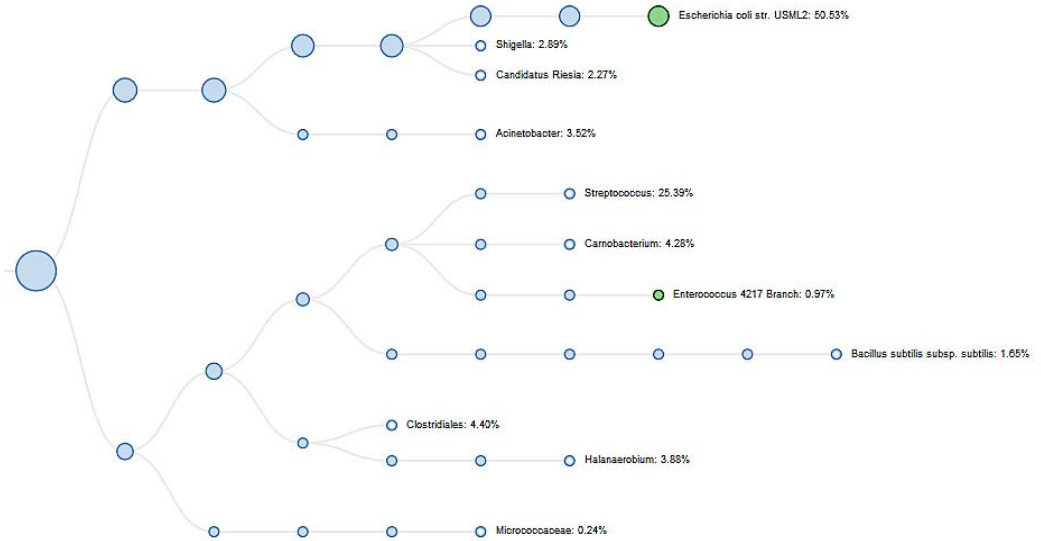
** Flow cell traveled to Antarctica and back and was 6 months old



QC Output for Oxford RAB201-TiTag



Results from Rapid Analysis Software



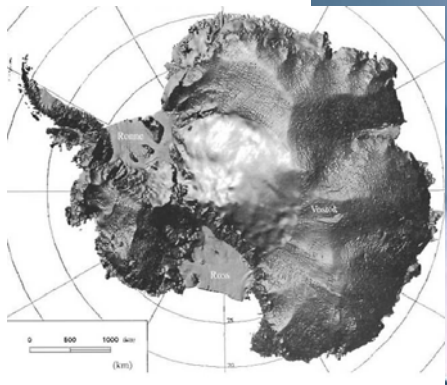
What's Next

- Live vs Dead
- Modified Nextera/Transposase WGS
- Unk-ome or dark matter

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Rapid Field Sequencing in Antarctica using the Oxford Nanopore Sequencer



NSF EAGER grant: Single-Molecule Sequencing of Antarctic Paleolakes



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Real-Time DNA Sequencing in the Antarctic Dry Valleys Using the Oxford Nanopore Sequencer

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Abstract

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The ability to sequence DNA outside of the laboratory setting has enabled novel research questions to be addressed in the field in diverse areas, ranging from environmental microbiology to viral epidemics. Here, we demonstrate the application of offline DNA sequencing of environmental samples using a hand-held nanopore sequencer in a remote field location: the McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica. Sequencing was performed using a Mk1B MinION sequencer from Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT; Oxford, United Kingdom) that was equipped with software to operate without internet connectivity. One-direction (1D) genomic libraries were prepared using portable field techniques on DNA isolated from desiccated microbial mats. By adequately insulating the sequencer and laptop, it was possible to run the sequencing protocol for up to 2½ h under arduous conditions.

Keywords: Antarctica, extremophiles, MinION, Nanopore sequencing



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Antarctica Dry Valleys





Glacial Lake Victoria

Long gone but microbes remain that we can sequence

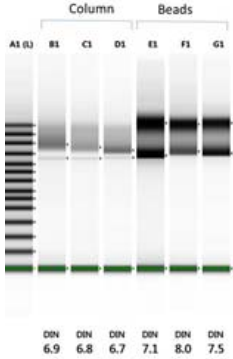
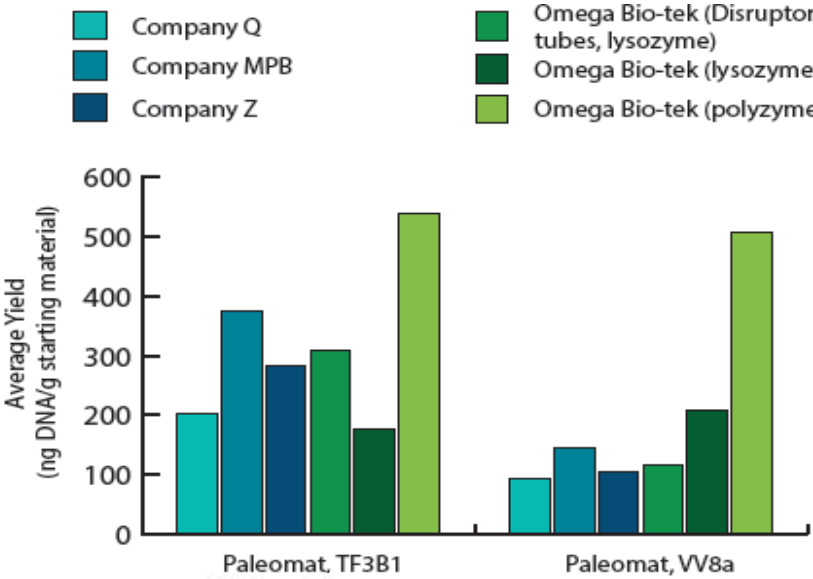


Collecting The Ancient Microbial Biofilms using Nucleic acid free sampling



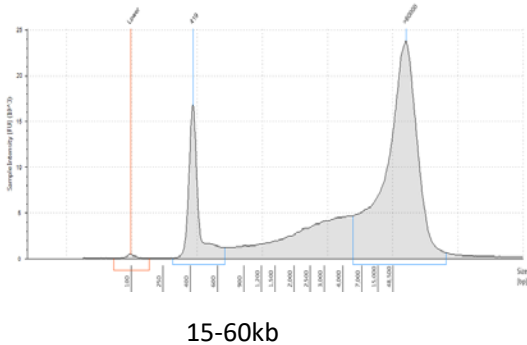
DNA Extraction Results

Average Yield from Victoria land samples

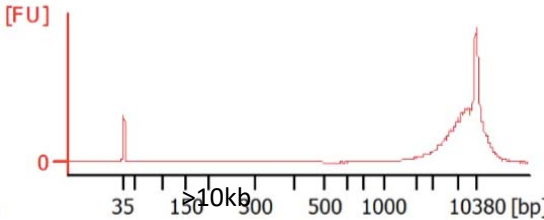


Comparison of Column vs Bead capture. Column reduces DNA size

Agilent 2200 genomic tape



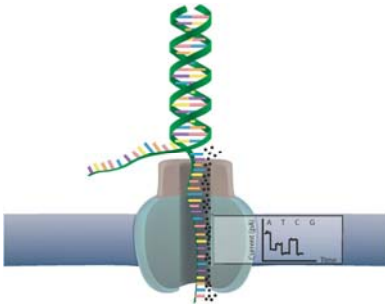
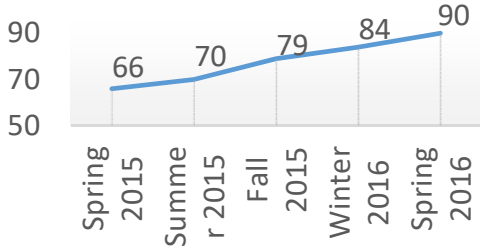
Agilent BA2100 HS Chip



Field Deployable Oxford Nanopore Minion Sequencers



Oxford Nanopore Sequencing Accuracy (%)



DNA Sequencing in the Field

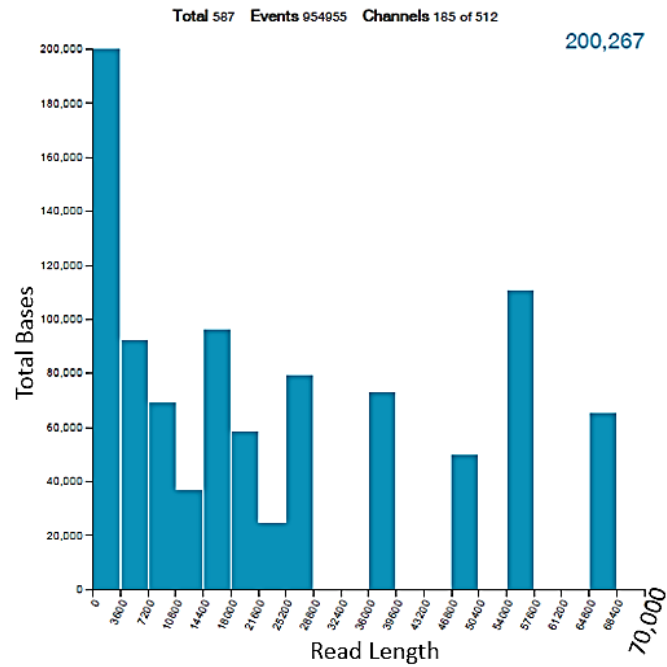
- Library prep in the field with hot water incubator
- Sequencer kept warm with hand warmers
- Proof of principle for Exoplanet grant
- The dry valleys are the perfect Mars analog site



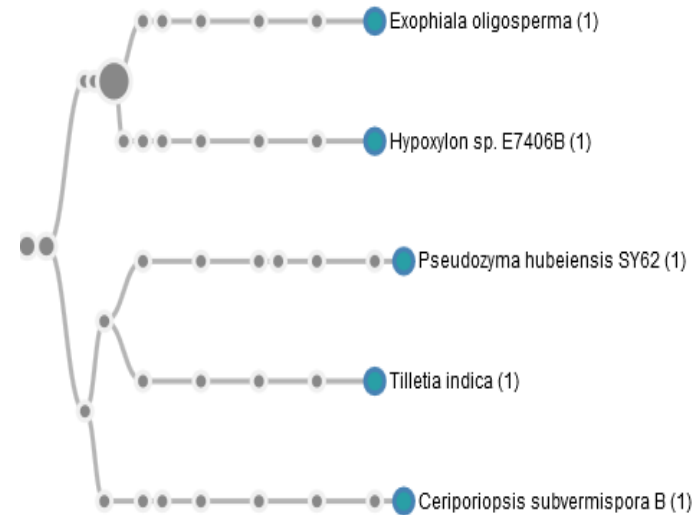
Field Sequencing



First Field : Taylor Valley Antarctica



Read length and nucleotide distribution for the MK1B MinION during field tests in the Taylor Valley, Antarctica.



Partial classification of reads collected in the field analyzed using One Codex Software. Interesting but questionable

Compiled Runs Results

Metadata and ID sequencing run performance for the Antarctic tests

Sample	Description	Sequencing date	Ambient T	Conditions	Sequencing location	Longest pass read, bp	Mean pass read length, bp	Duration of run
Control	lambda Phage DNA	Nov. 23, 2016	RT	S. S. Johnson lab	Georgetown University	79,414	7763	3 h
Control	lambda Phage DNA	Feb. 24, 2017	4°C	S. S. Johnson lab	Georgetown University	15,922	3764	50 min
Calibration	Configuration cell	Dec. 10, 2016	-5°C	Light snow, overcast	Hut Point	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environmental	Paleomat, Lake Fryxell	Dec. 15, 2016	RT	Crary lab	McMurdo Station	90,183	562	10 h
Environmental	Modern mat, Lake Vida	Dec. 17, 2016	RT	Crary lab	McMurdo Station	171,106	3874	8 h
Environmental	Paleomat, Lake Vanda	Dec. 19, 2016	-1°C	Sunny, slight wind	Taylor Valley	22,128	777	50 min ^a
Environmental	Paleomat, Lake Vida	Dec. 20, 2016	2°C	Sunny	Taylor Valley	21,357	3449	2.5 h

^aRun terminated for evacuation in advance of impending weather.

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