

A Large-scale Metagenomics Analysis Using OSG

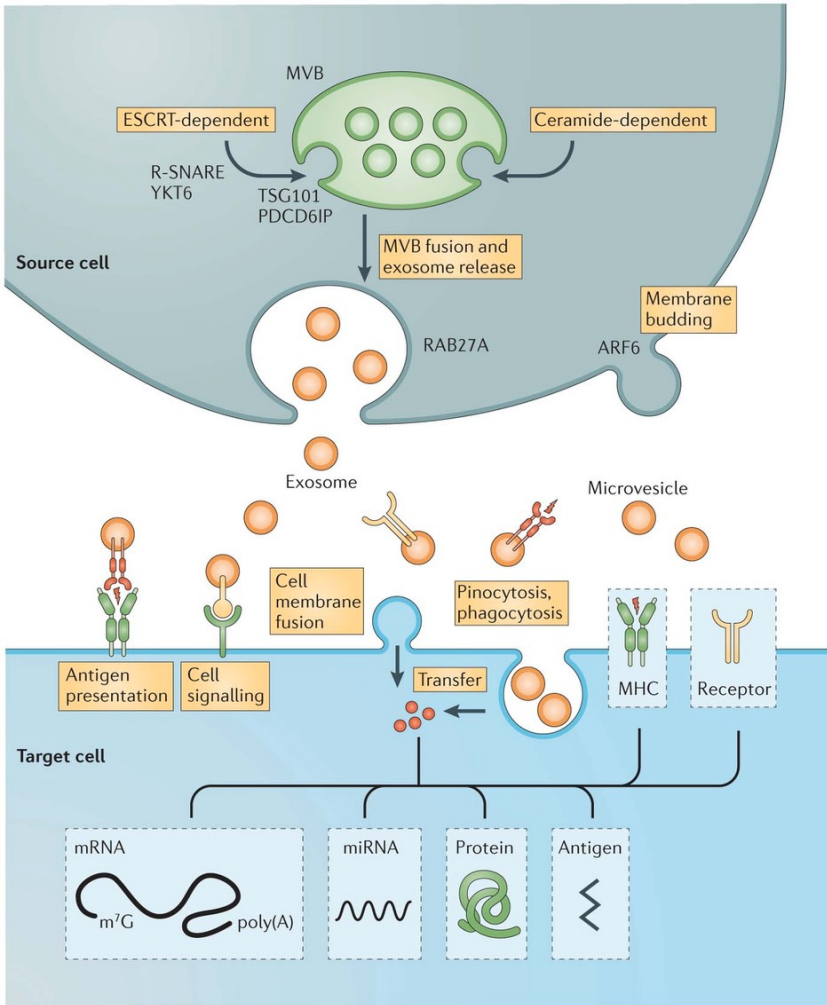
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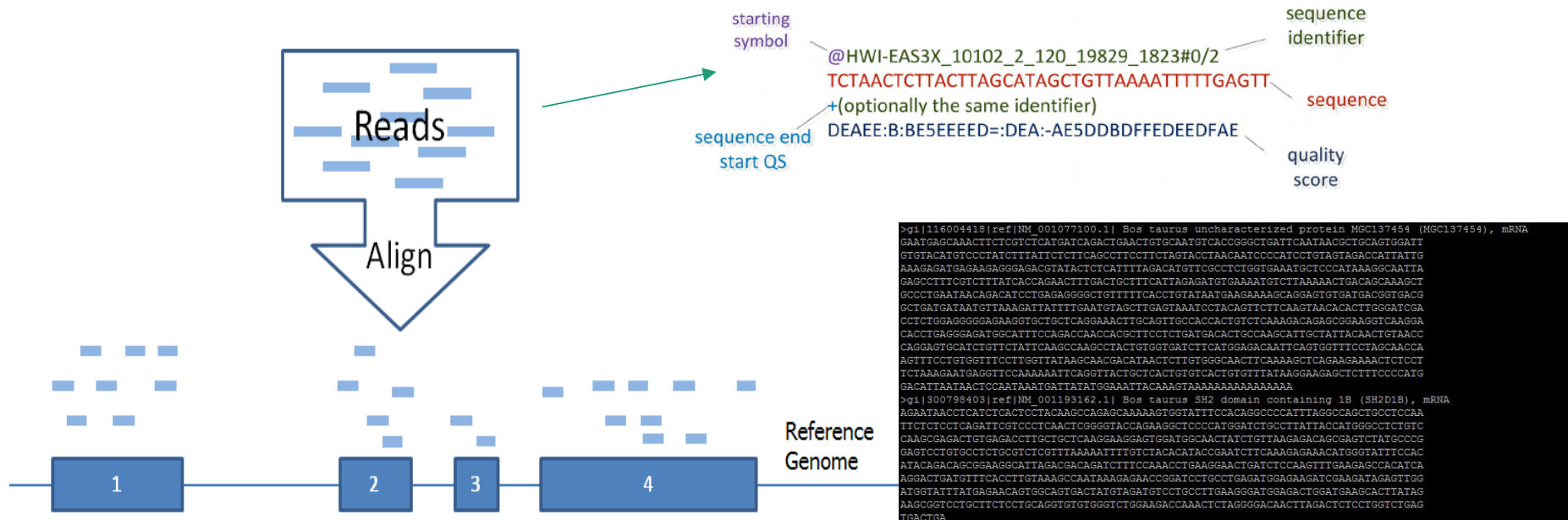


Background

- Exosomes
 - Nanoparticles (40-100 nm) present in biological fluids such as blood.
 - Play an important role in cell-to-cell communication.

Background

RNA sequencing data analysis



Motivation

- In a pervious project, we have isolated exosomes from one type of body fluid of one host species and assessed the molecules inside the exosomes.
- Moreover, we also found many unmapped reads are from microbial species.
- Thus, we designed a follow-up study to **understand the origin of microbial sequences in the exosomes of this type of body fluid.**
 - Metagenomics analysis

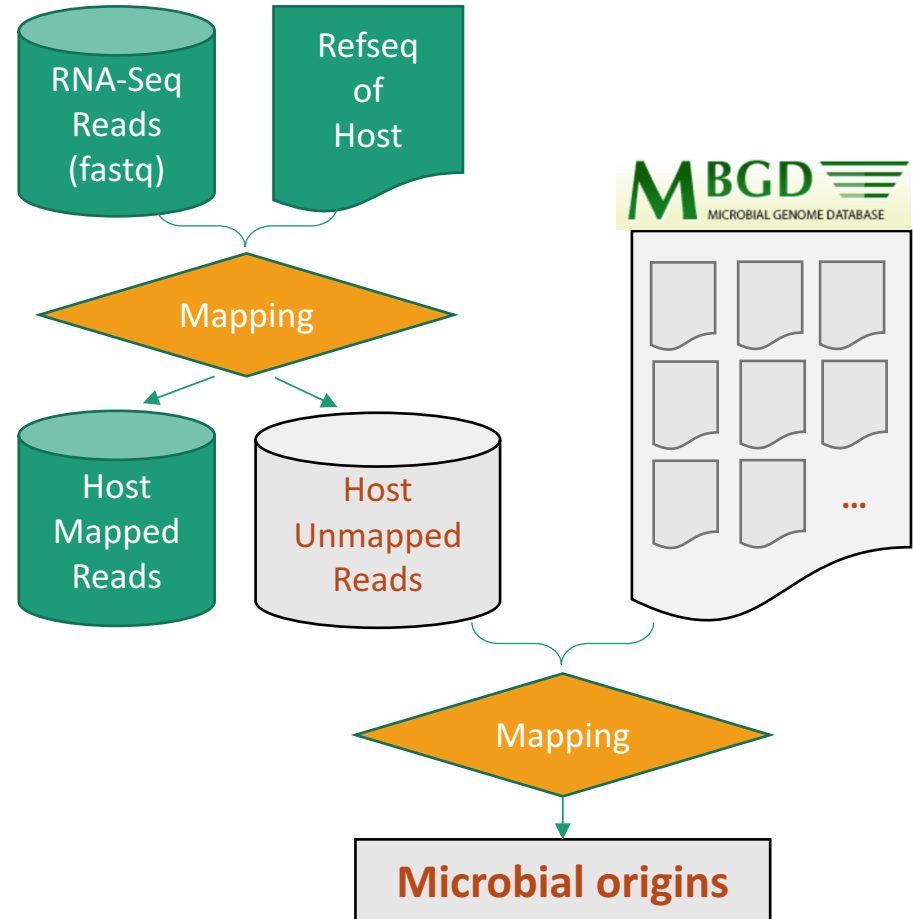
Approach

Two layers of analysis:

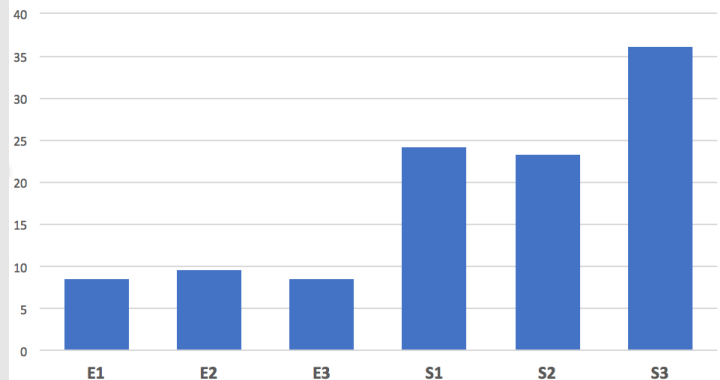
- Extract the reads cannot map to host genome
- Identify the microbial species through another level reads mapping based on host unmapped reads

Microbial genome database:

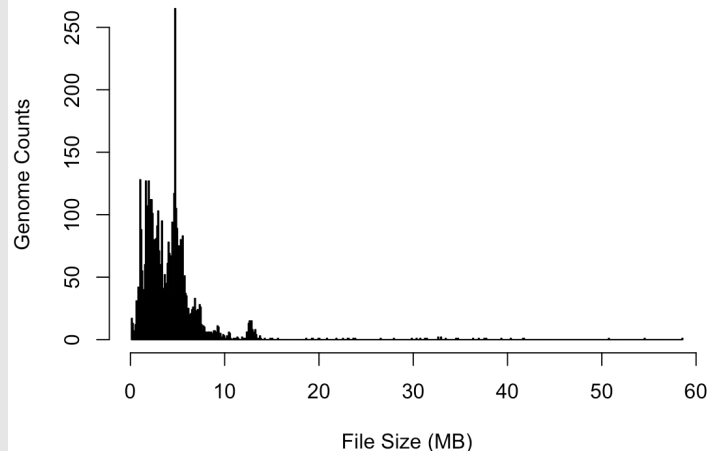
- 4,742 microbial genomes were downloaded from **MBGD**.



Total Reads Counts of Six Samples (Unit: Million)



MBGD Genomes -- File Size



Computational challenges

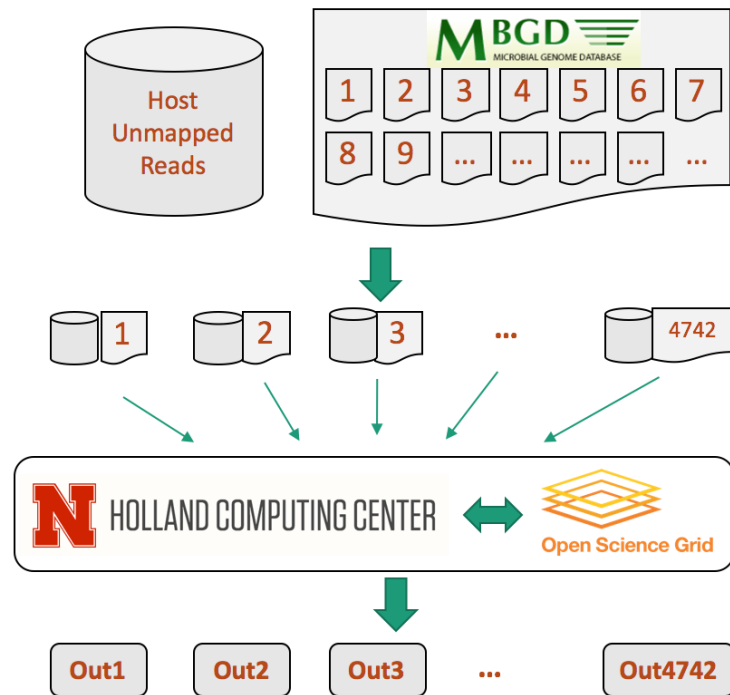
- A large number of target genomes
 - 4,742 genomes (size: 100KB ~ 58MB)
- Six samples contain over 100 million of host unmapped reads
 - Increasing the computing time
- In total, $6 \times 4,742 = \mathbf{28,452}$ mapping tasks

Question: Where to execute this many of jobs?

- Impossible for the lab-server (32 cores)
- Long pending time if submitted it to HCC clusters
 - Dynamic priority scheduling of users/groups
 - More jobs completed -> longer queue time

Perfect Fit of Open Science Grid (OSG)

- The tasks are independent to each other
- Limited file transfer
 - Total size of transferred files ~1GB
- Small memory consumptions
 - Memory < 2GB
- Short running time for each task
 - Maximum: 3 hours (HCC@UNL-Crane)
- Software is available on OSG
 - Pre-installed Bowtie and Tophat
 - No further configuration needed



OSG Preparation: Files

- Input files that transfer to the executing node on OSG
 - Fastq files of each sample
 - Target genome file: *.dnaseq
- Output files that transfer back from the executing node on OSG
 - Mapping results file: accepted_hits.bam (~30MB)
 - Mapping summary file: align_summary.txt (~0.1KB)
- Standard system files:
 - *.out, *.err, *.log (~10KB)

OSG Preparation: Scripts

exe.sh

```
#!/bin/bashsource
```

```
/cvmfs/oasis.opensciencegrid.org/osg/modules/lmod/5.6.2/init/bash
```

```
module load libgfortran/4.4.7
```

```
module load bowtie
```

```
module load tophat
```

```
bowtie2-build "$2".dnaseq "$2"
```

```
tophat -o ./ "$2" "$1"_R1.fastq.gz "$1"_R2.fastq.gz
```

```
echo `hostname`
```

Load the pre-installed software

\$1 -> sample name,

\$2 -> target genome name

Software commands

job.submit

```
universe = vanilla  
executable = exe.sh  
arguments = "E1 afd"
```

\$1 and \$2 in exe.sh

```
error = E1_afd.err  
log = E1_afd.log  
output = E1_afd.out
```

} System files, help on debugging.

```
should_transfer_files = YES  
when_to_transfer_output = ON_EXIT
```

```
transfer_input_files = exe.sh, afd.dnaseq, E1_R1.fastq, E1_R2.fastq.gz
```

```
transfer_output_files = accepted_hits.bam, align_summary.txt
```

```
Requirements = (HAS_MODULES == TRUE)  
on_exit_hold = (ExitBySignal == True) || (ExitCode != 0)  
periodic_release = (NumJobStarts < 2) && ((CurrentTime - EnteredCurrentStatus) > 60)
```

```
queue
```

OSG Preparation: Submission

- All jobs were submitted from login nodes of HCC@UNL-Crane to Open Science Grid
 - `$ Condor_submit job.submit`

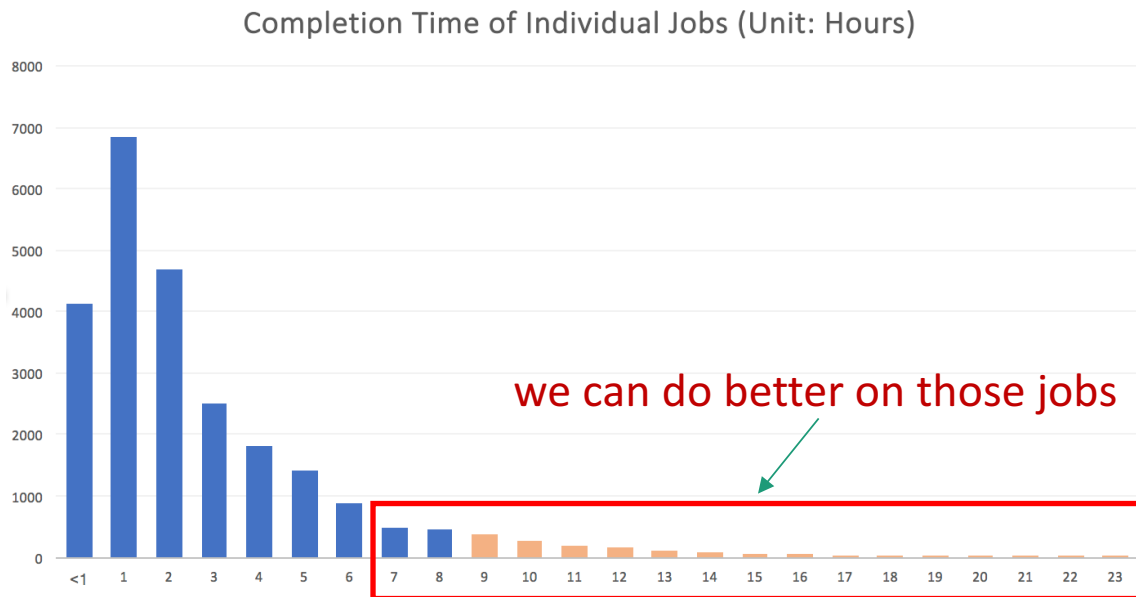


Results

- Several microbial species were identified in the exosomes of this type of body fluid in the host species
- Although some microbial species have been reported in this host species before, this is the first time of identifying microbial sequences in the exosomes of this specific body fluid
- Based on the findings from this analysis, we have designed two experiments to further our understanding in this subject

OSG -- aftermath

- Total computation
 - ~84K CPU hours or 9.2 years
- Completed in
 - 408 hours or 17 days
- At average, ~2,500 jobs were running simultaneously
- 93% of jobs could be completed in 8 hours





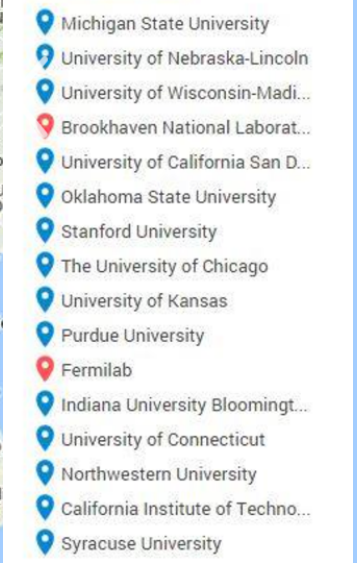
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- In 2016, our team used 2 million CPU hours on OSG on following projects:
 - Metagenomics analysis
 - Bioinformatics analysis, Bowtie and Tophat
 - microRNA target prediction at genome scale
 - Machine Learning, Python
 - Gene regulatory network prediction in cancers
 - Statistical modeling, R
- We appreciate the continued support from HCC@UNL and OSG.

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QUESTIONS
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