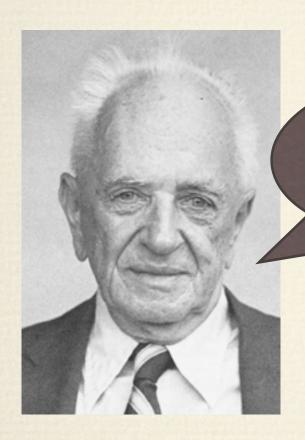
# Nothing in (Micro)biology Makes Sense Except in the Light of Evolution



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### Theodosius Dobzhansky, 1973



Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution!

### Roger Stanier, 1970

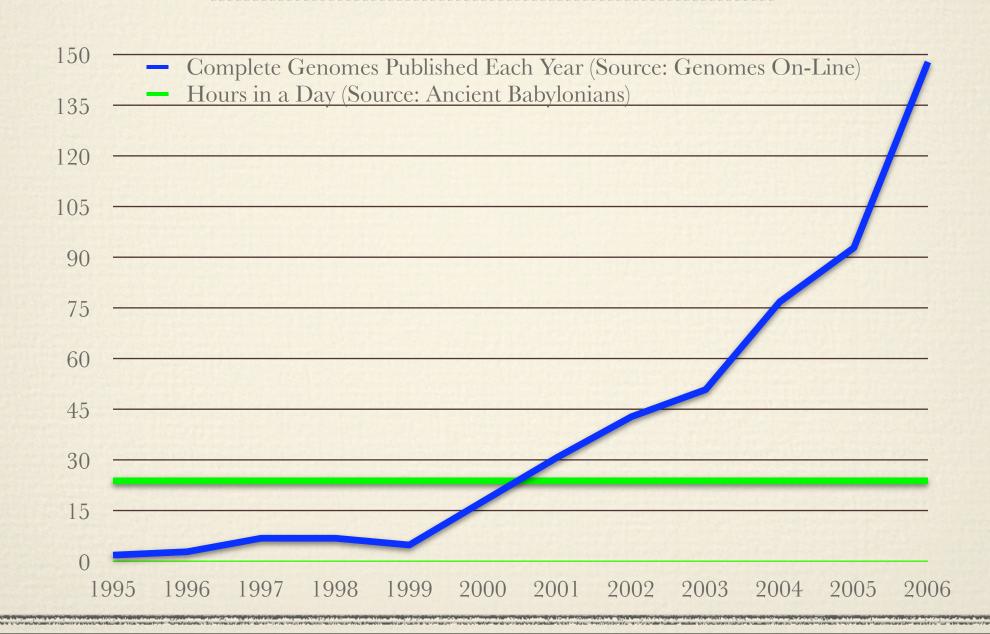
Evolutionary speculation constitutes a kind of metascience, which has the same fascination for some biologists that metaphysical speculation possessed for some medieval scholastics. [...] a harmless habit, unless it becomes an obsession.

Why the difference in opinion? What was lacking?

## The Molecular Revolution in Microbiology

rRNA - 1977 Woese Pace Phylogenetic Tools - 1980s Swofford Felsenstein Olsen Genomes -1995 You know Obvious Ditto

#### Genomes Sequenced Each Year



#### Outline of Talk

- \* Part I: Evolutionary tools I've developed that can help you
  - phylipFasta/paupFasta
  - APIS (Automated Phylogenetic Inference System)
  - \* ECFinder
  - IDEA (contributed to)
- Part II: Examples of how my tools have helped my own research
  - Positive Selection in Geobacter
  - Reverse Gyrase Phylogeny
  - Influenza Phylogeny

phylipFasta/paupFasta

### Phylogenetic Methods & Packages

#### Methods

- Neighbor Joining (NJ) Quick, based on clustering of distances (which can be generated from sequences)
- Maximum Parsimony (MP) Slow, based on finding tree requiring fewest changes in data (sequences)
- Maximum Likelihood (ML) Even slower, based on finding tree maximizing the probability of generating the sequences given a model of sequence evolution

#### Packages

- PHYLIP (free) focused on ML, but can do all
- \* PAUP (commercial) focused on MP, but can do all but protein ML

### Inferring Phylogenies

- In theory, although large phylogenies may take up large amounts of computer time, they shouldn't take much human time
  - Make Alignment
  - Run phylogeny program
  - Go get coffee (or go home & sleep)
  - \* Have nice tree figure to include in papers & presentations
- \* But in practice....

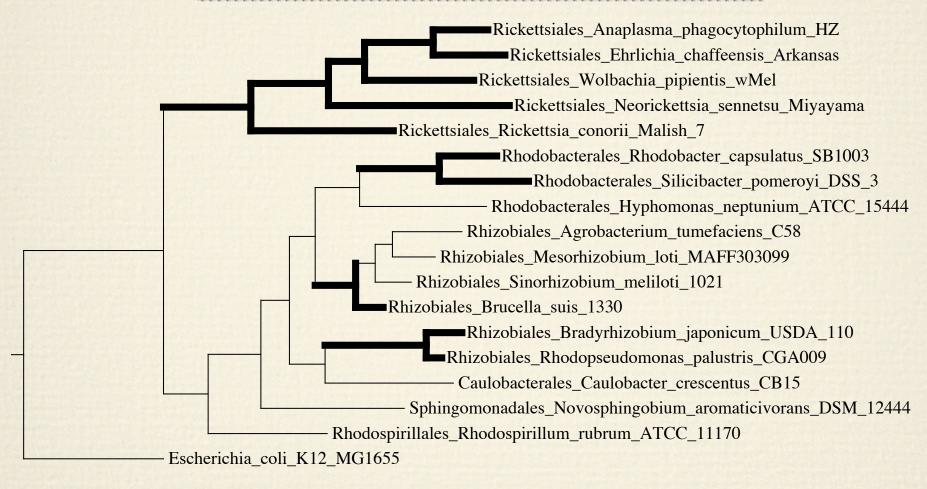
#### The Pains of PHYLIP

- Just to make a bootstrapped tree
  - Format Sequence (10 char header)
  - Make alignment & convert it to PHYLIP format
  - Run Seqboot
  - Run DNA(Prot)dist (if NJ)
  - Run Neighbor/DNA(Prot)Pars/DNA(Prot)ML
  - \* Run Consense
  - Reedit tree to get back meaningful name
- And programs not easily scriptable (use interactive input)

### Enter phylipFasta

- \* From about 20 mins of human time to a couple of seconds
- Creates PDF of trees (as seen in this presentation)
- \* To make ML tree -- just two lines!
  - muscle -in seqs.fasta -out seqs.afa
  - phylipFasta -m ml seqs.afa
- So easy, even faculty members can do it!

### Example of Tree

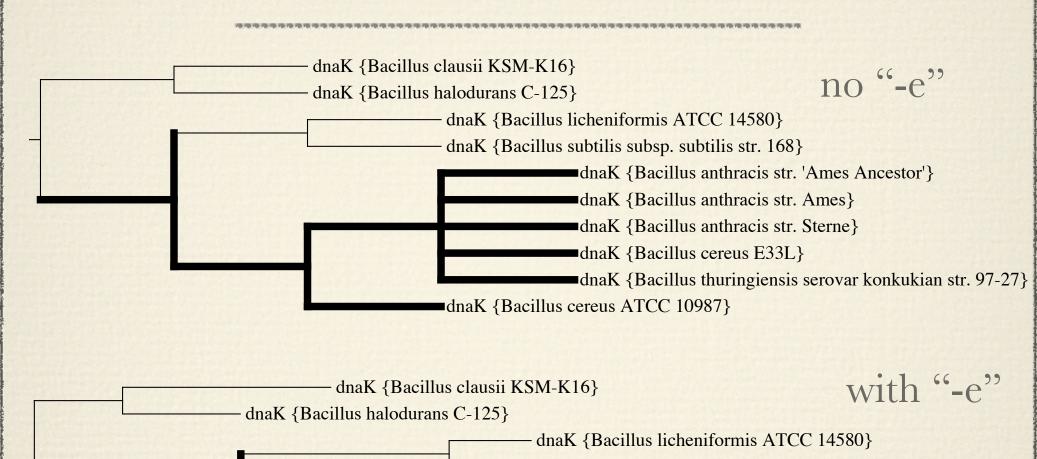


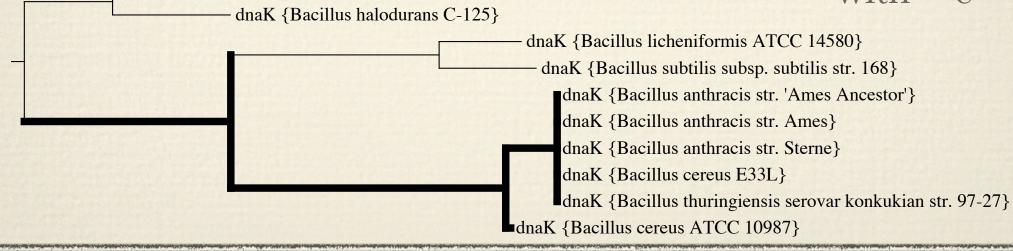
In trees created by my script, branch lengths are proportional to amount of substitution/replacement, dark branches are clades >75% bootstrap support.

### phylipFasta options

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Usage: phylipFasta [options] fasta [fasta..]
-b, --noboot don't bootstrap (default false)
-n, --numboot number of bootstrap reps (default 100)
-e, --estimate estimate branch lengths (default false)
-g, --gamma use gamma distrib. rates (default false)
-m, --method method (default nj - nj, pars, ml valid)
-o, --outgroup
-p, --pam use PAM model (default false)
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### The joys of "-e"





### paupFasta

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Usage: paupFasta [options] fasta [fasta...]
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-o, --outgroup outgroup
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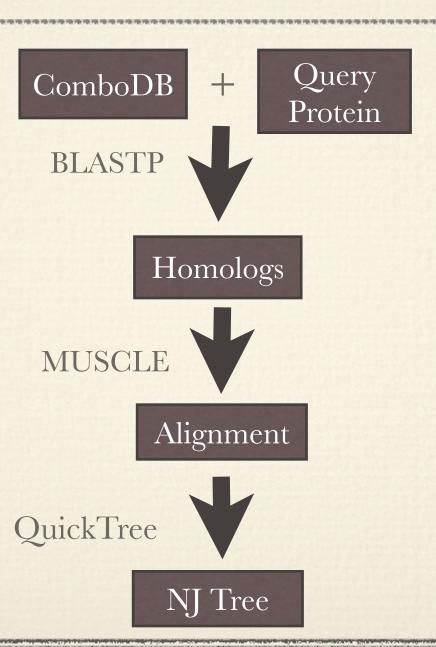
APIS

#### Rationale for APIS

- \* Traditional taxonomy based on one gene 16S rRNA
- Sometimes other markers such as HSP70 used, and sometimes this conflicts with 16S
- \* But systematic phylogeny of all proteins in genome individually not done -- would take too much manual effort
- \* APIS makes this possible; it makes trees for each protein and summarizes results.
- \* Helps find LGT, misclassified organisms

#### APIS Outline

For each query protein in genome:



# APIS: Phylogenomic breakdown of proteins from *Colwellia MT41*

Search for ORF # or description

Recent Lineage Specific Duplications

#### Kingdom

Contained within Bacteria 2447 (83.4%)

Outgroup of Bacteria 318 (10.8%)

Closest relative is unresolved at kingdom level 154 (5.2%)

Outgroup of Archaea 5 (0.2%)

Outgroup of Eukaryota 3 (0.1%)

Outgroup of Viruses 2 (0.1%)

Contained within Eukaryota 1 (0.0%)

#### **Phylum**

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Contained within Proteobacteria 2182 (74.3%)
Outgroup of Proteobacteria 446 (15.2%)
Closest relative is unresolved at phylum level 232 (7.9%)
Outgroup of Bacteroidetes/Chlorobi group 12 (0.4%)
Outgroup of Firmicutes 11 (0.4%)
Outgroup of Actinobacteria 10 (0.3%)
Outgroup of Cyanobacteria 8 (0.3%)
Outgroup of Euryarchaeota 5 (0.2%)
Outgroup of Spirochaetes 4 (0.1%)
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#### Class

Contained within Gammaproteobacteria 1793 (61.1%)

Outgroup of Gammaproteobacteria 611 (20.8%)

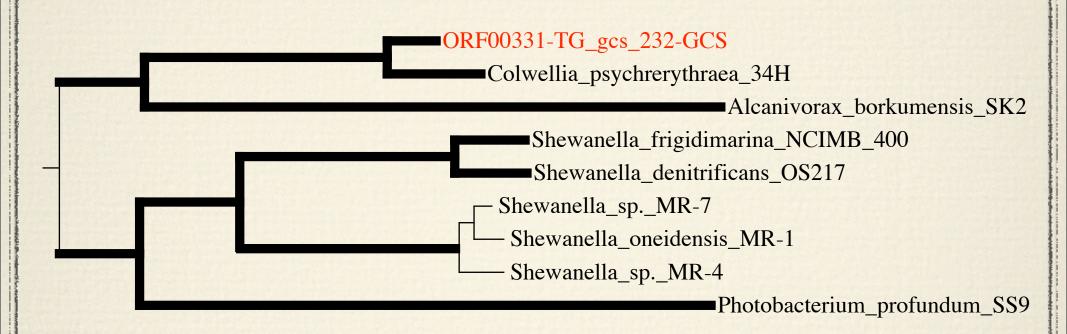
Closest relative is unresolved at class level 355 (12.1%)

Outgroup of Betaproteobacteria 29 (1.0%)

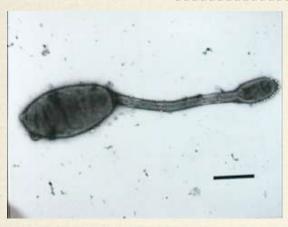
#### APIS: Colwellia MT41: Contained within Bacteria

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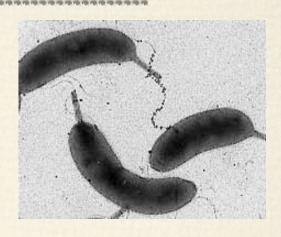
#### APIS Tree



#### What Can APIS Tell Us?



According to APIS, 30% of *Hyphomonas* proteins cluster with *Caulobacter*; only 6% with *Silicibacter*. Why? That goes against the current classification! What is going on?



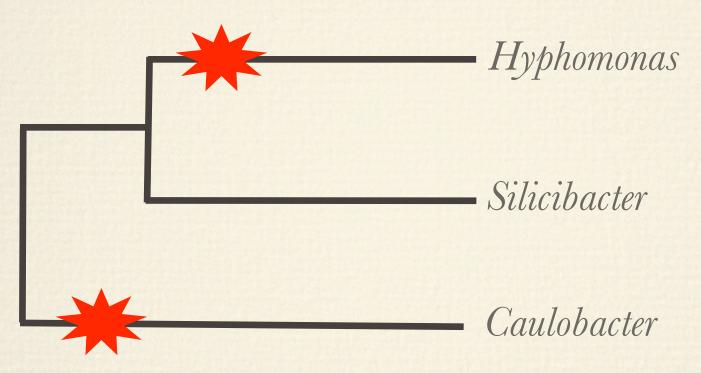
H. neptunium(Order Rhodobacterales)

C. crescentus
(Order Caulobacterales)



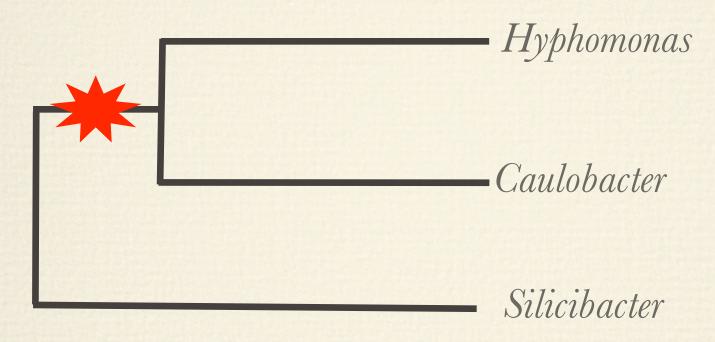
S. pomeroyi
(Order Rhodobacterales)

#### Scenario I



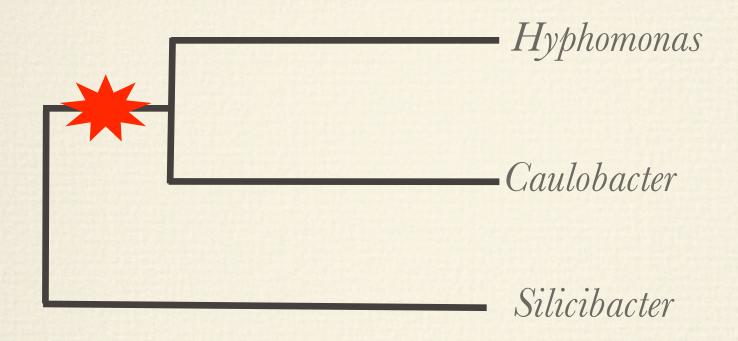
Current Classification according to 16S Would require independent evolution of prosthecate lifestyle in *Hyphomonas & Caulobacter* lineages (stars)

### Scenario II



Scenario Supported by APIS - and by morphology Prosthecate lifestyle evolved once, in shared lineage (star)

### Additional Support for Scenario II



This scenario also supported by other accepted markers, 23S rRNA, EF-Tu, HSP70, concatenated ribosomal proteins

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Genomic analysis of *Hyphomonas neptunium* contradicts 16S rRNA gene-based phylogenetic analysis: implications for the taxonomy of the orders '*Rhodobacterales*' and *Caulobacterales* 

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Hyphomonas neptunium is a marine prosthecate α-proteobacterium currently classified as a member of the order 'Rhodobacterales'. Although this classification is supported by 16S rRNA gene sequence phylogeny, 23S rRNA gene sequence analysis, concatenated ribosomal proteins, HSP70 and EF-Tu phylogenies all support classifying Hyphomonas neptunium as a member of the Caulobacterales instead. The possible reasons why the 16S rRNA gene sequence gives conflicting results in this case are also discussed.

### Other Publications using APIS

#### **BMC Genomics**

Research article

Comparative analysis of programmed cell death pathways in filamentous fungi

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PLOS BIOLOGY

Macronuclear Genome Sequence of the Ciliate Tetrahymena thermophila, a Model Eukaryote

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### Genome sequence of *Synechococcus* CC9311: Insights into adaptation to a coastal environment

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Comparative Genomic Evidence for a Close Relationship between the Dimorphic Prosthecate Bacteria *Hyphomonas neptunium* and *Caulobacter crescentus* 

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### Recent Duplications



#### **Duplication Cluster #40**

ORF02884 peptidase M9A family

ORF03332 putative alkaline serine protease

ORF03839 microbial collagenase

A duplication cluster is a set of proteins which all group with other proteins from the same family -- evidence of expansion in lineage as other species have only one copy

### **ECFinder**

### KEGG Pathways

- \* KEGG Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes & Genomes (Web site run by Kyoto University)
- \* Allows reconstruction of metabolic pathways for novel genome based on known pathways of a related organism.
- \* Uses EC numbers as input.
- \* Therefore, there needs to be some way of automating the assignment of EC numbers to genes in a genome can phylogeny help us?

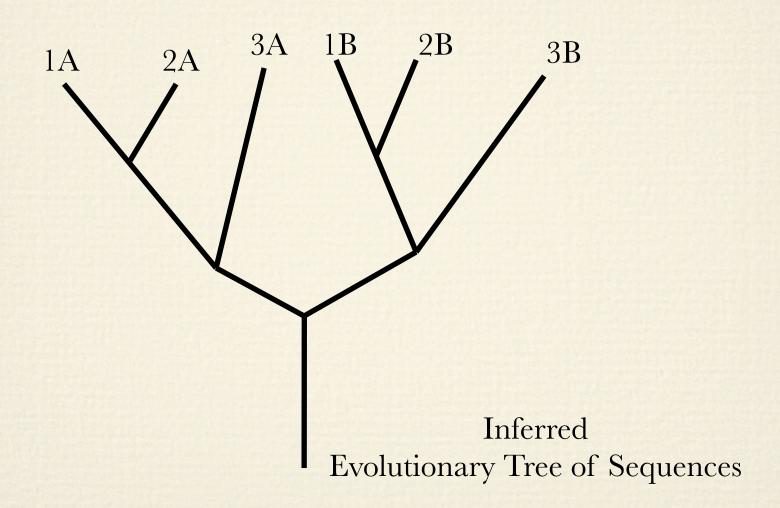
Jonathan Eisen's (1998) concept of assigning function by means of phylogenetic trees

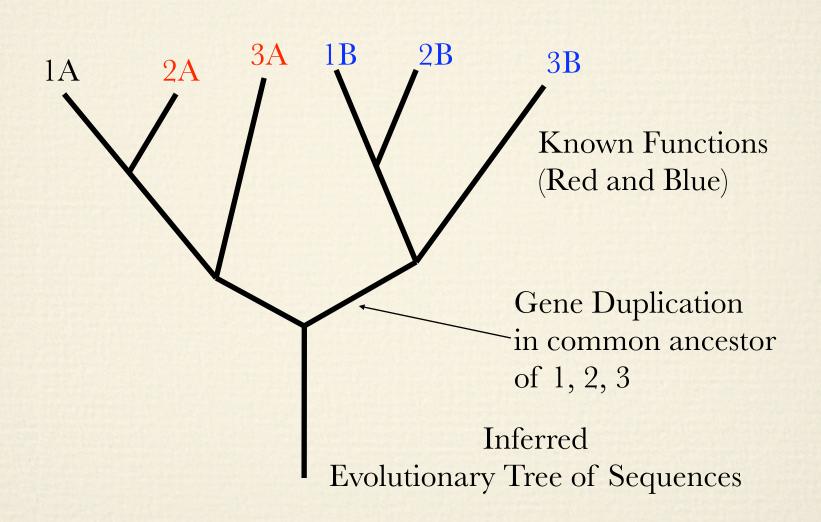
1A

Protein of interest (Function Unknown)

2A
3A
2B
1A
1B
3B

Homologs to 1A found by BLAST (Functions mostly known), from three species (1, 2, and 3)





#### EC Numbers



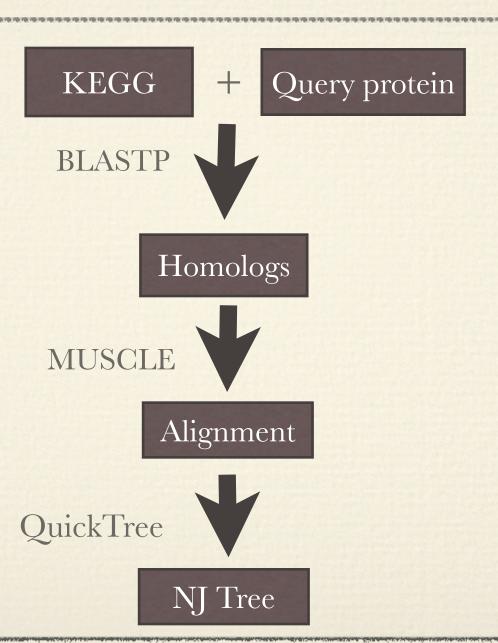
- 1. Oxidoreductases
  - 1.1 Acting on the CH-OH group of donors
    - 1.1.1 With NAD+ or NADP+ as acceptor
      - 1.1.1.1 alcohol dehydrogenase (NAD+)
      - 1.1.1.2 alcohol dehydrogenase (NADP+)
      - 1.1.1.3 homoserine dehydrogenase

Like Call Numbers in a Library; Classification not Phylogeny

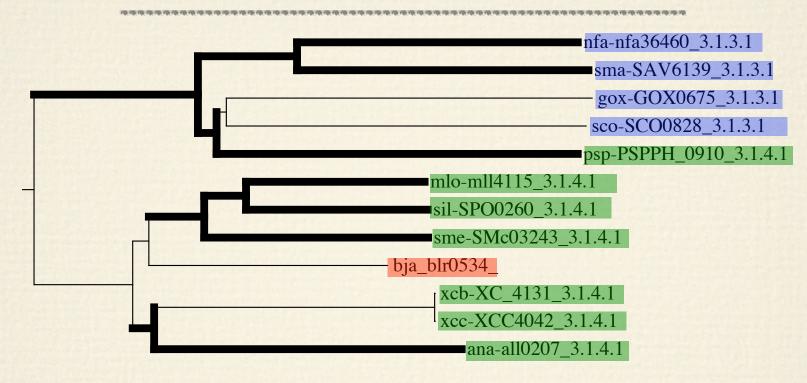
Allow automated comparison of enzyme annotation - no spelling issues, etc.

## ECFinder Outline

For each query protein in genome:



## ECFinder: Example



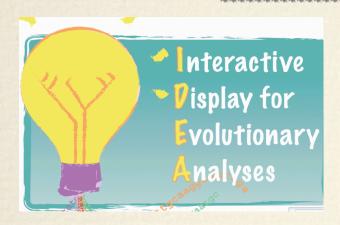
- 3.1.3.1: Alkaline phosphatase
- 3.1.4.1: Phosphodiesterase

## How well does it work?

- \* Test case: *B. japonicum* proteins using version of KEGG database with those removed
- \* 92% of the EC numbers the same
- \* Obviously, KEGG not perfect (combination of experimental & computational annotation) -- but shows that idea works.

## IDEA

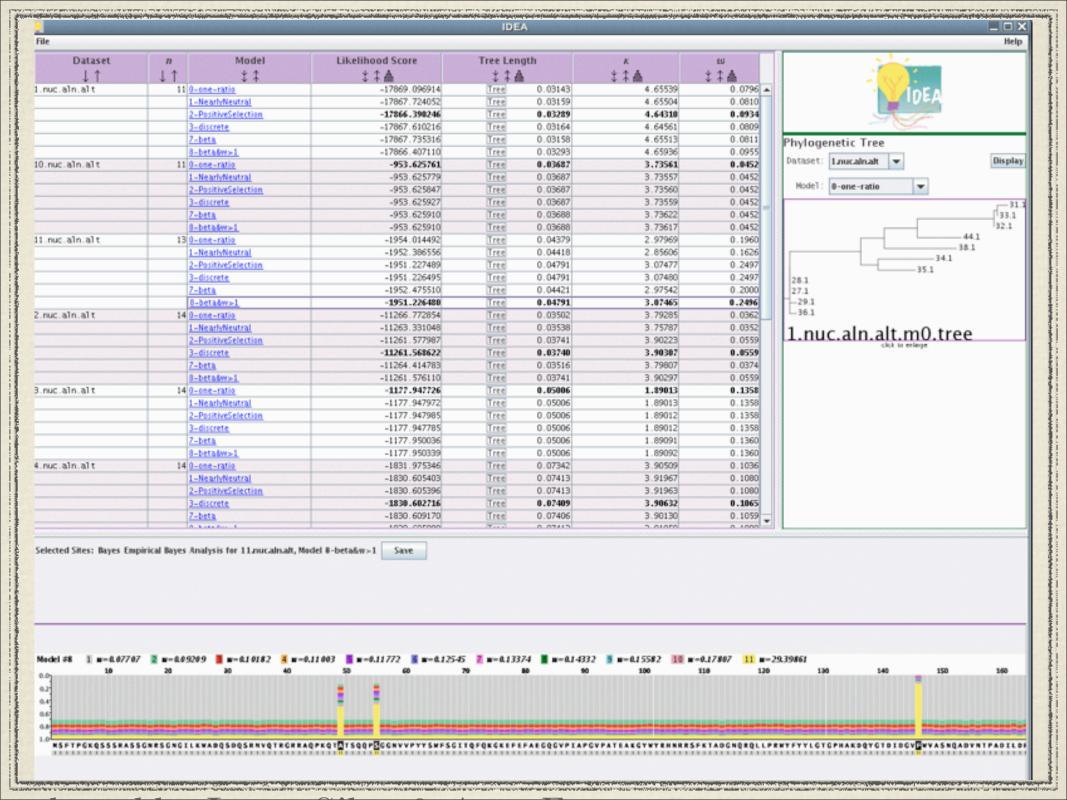
#### IDEA - an Interface for PAML



- \* Project of Joana Silva & Amy Egan
- Provides a friendly interface to scary PAML program
- \* Finds sites under positive selection sites where amino acids changing faster than randomly expected for nucleotide changes.
- Needs phylogeny of sequences -- uses phylipFasta routines

## Why Study Positive Selection?

- \* Besides interest in evolution itself, understanding which residues are evolving quickly can help us:
  - Avoid such sites in designing vaccines
  - Understand what sites are responsible for specificity - protein engineering



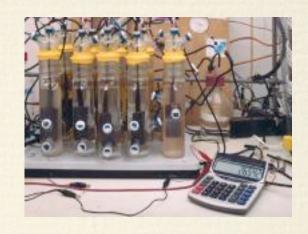
Part II: Case Studies

# Positive Selection in Geobacter

## Positive Selection in Geobacter





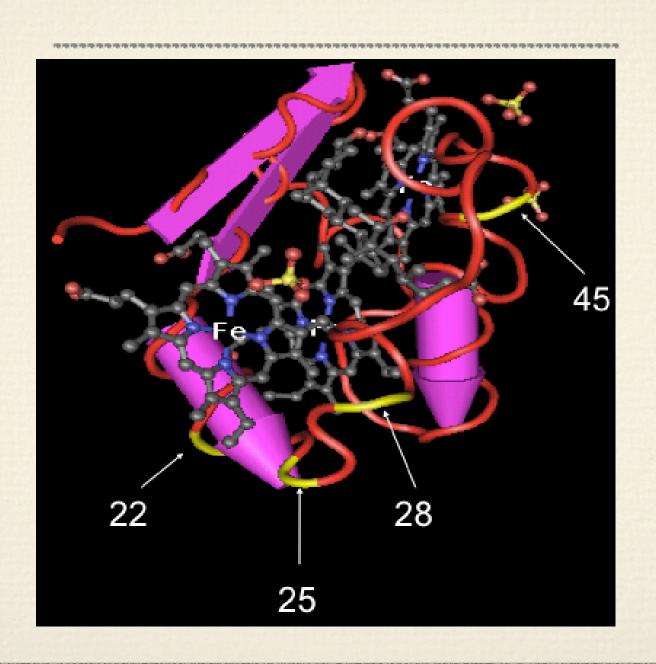


- \* Geobacter -- reduces metals such as iron and uranium -- useful to bioremediation (precipitates metals out of solution) & as biological fuel cells
- \* Geobacter genomes have many cytochromes; are the cytochromes from Geobacters that reduce different metals adapted to help that task?

## Orthologous Clusters in Geobacteraceae

- \* Four complete *Geobacter* genomes + 6 other complete genomes from related species
- \* 26 orthologous clusters of cytochrome c genes that are found in at least 5 of the following 10 genomes: Geobacter sulfurreducens, Geobacter sp. FRC-32, Geobacter metallireducens, Geobacter uraniumreducens, Pelobacter carbinolicus, Pelobacter propionicus, Desulfuromonas acetoxidans, Desulfovibrio desulfuricans, Desulfovibrio vulgaris, Rhodoferax ferrireducens.
- Most clusters had no sites under positive selection
- One had 4 sites under positive selection and structure available.

#### Positive Selected Sites Overlaid on Structure



## Conclusions so far - Geobacter

- \* Most *Geobacter* cytochromes not specialized to help reduce specific metal of host.
- Aim to expand study to include all orthologous clusters in *Geobacter* and relatives -- not just cytochromes.

# Reverse Gyrase Phylogeny

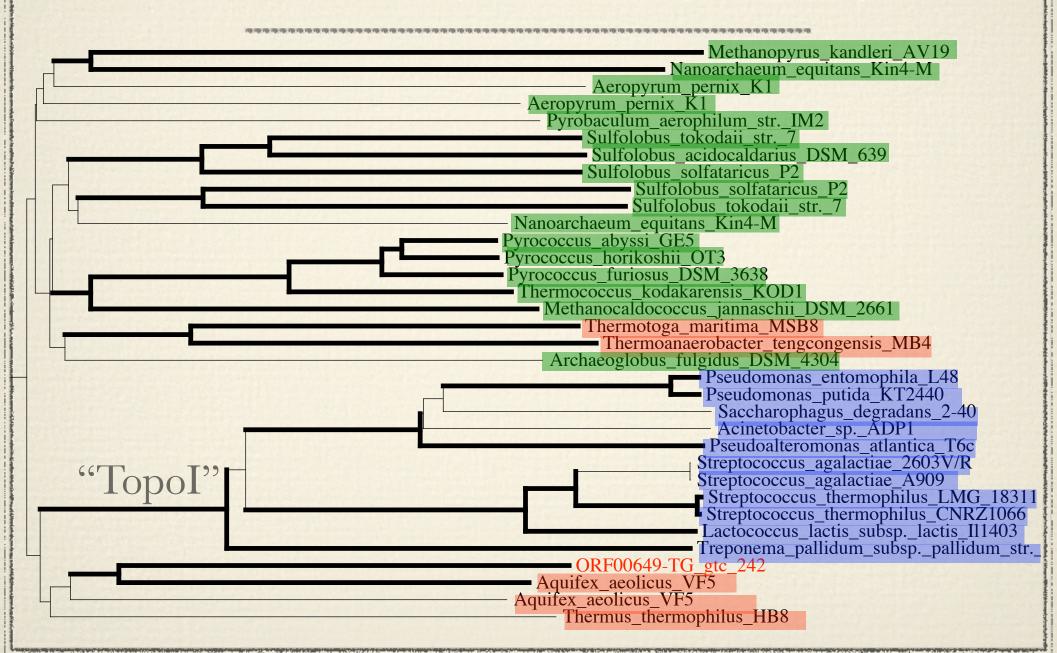
## Thermodesulfobacterium commune

- \* Lives in hot springs in Yellowstone park.
- \* 70C optimal growth temperature
- \* Thought to be in own phylum by 16S, now looks like a deeply branching proteobacterium in light of genome
- Encodes a "reverse gyrase"

## Reverse Gyrase

- Introduces positive supercoils into DNA
- \* Most prokaryotes abhor supercoils -- encode Topo I and gyrase to get rid of them.
- Reverse gyrase thought to prevent DNA from melting
- \* Found in most hyperthermophilic Archaea, some hyperthermophilic bacteria

## Reverse Gyrase Phylogeny



## Conclusions So Far - Reverse Gyrase

- Some non hyperthermophilic bacteria have a rgy homolog annotated as Topo I.
- \* Not closely related to other Topo I proteins
  - In fact, can't even align them
- Perhaps not Topo I at all
  - Organisms all seem to have another protein annotated as Topo I that might be the real one.

## Influenza Phylogeny

#### Influenza B

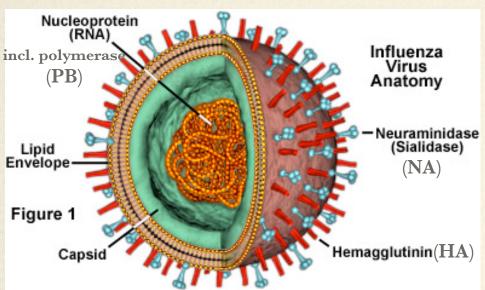


Figure by Michael Davidson, FSU



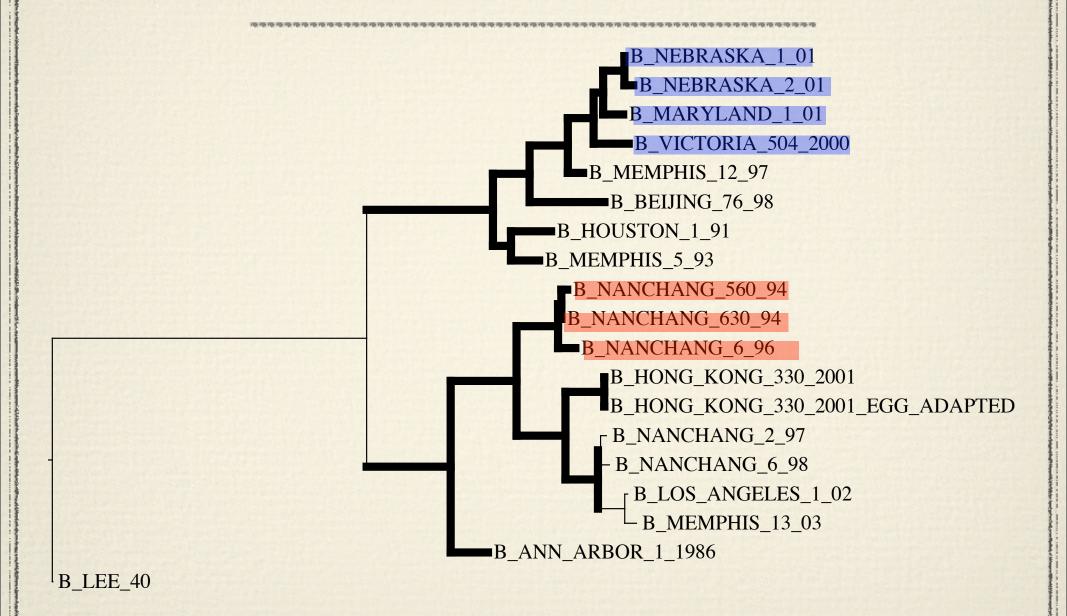
Influenza B vector infecting unidentified human

Genome in 8 pieces of -RNA exterior glycoproteins, HA & NA targets for antivirals

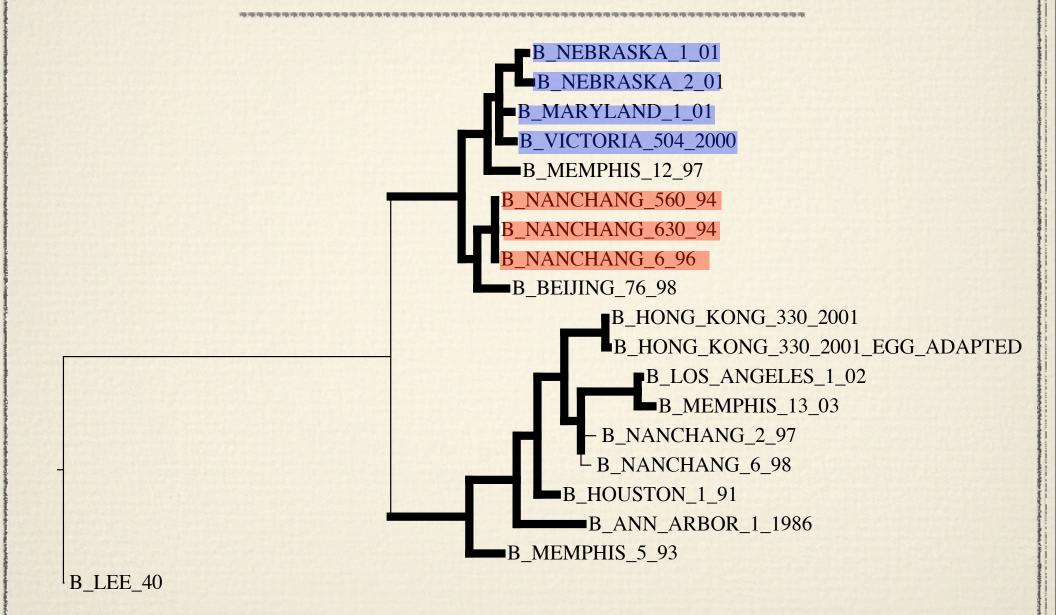
Only known hosts: seals & humans
Normally only causes minor illness
in heathy people

But, wide open for study, much less studied than Influenza A

#### Influenza B - HA

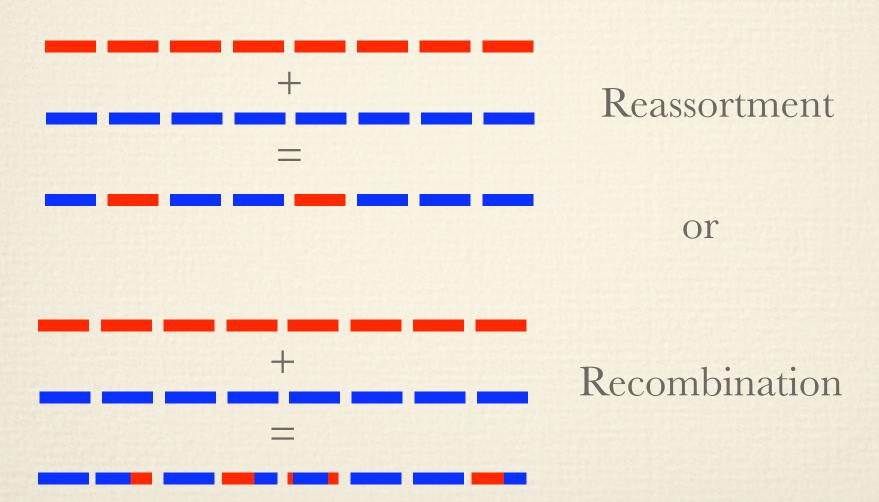


### Influenza B - PB2

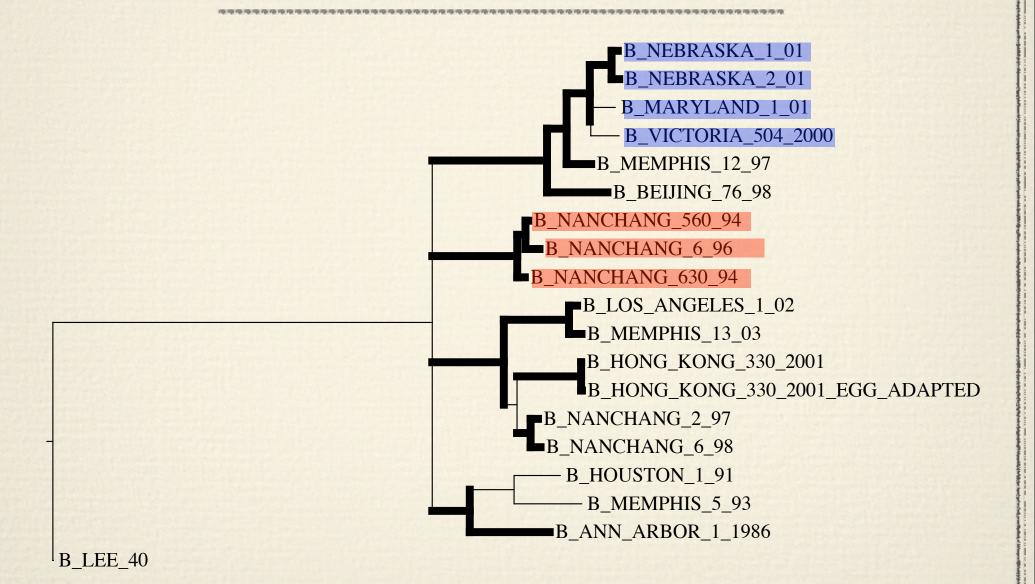


## Reassortment or Recombination?

Given co-infection by two different strains:



### Influenza B - Concatenated



## Conclusions on Influenza B

- \* Trees compatible with either recombination or reassortment.
- \* Based on previous co-infection studies, we are leaning towards reassortment.
- Phylogenies of partial sequences may help resolve question

### Future Directions

- Setting up APIS server for all prokaryotic genomes
- Making APIS better for eukaryotes -- breaking up multi-domain proteins
- Grid Support for APIS & ECFinder
- Better visualizations

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