

# DNA quality requirements for Single-Molecule sequencing

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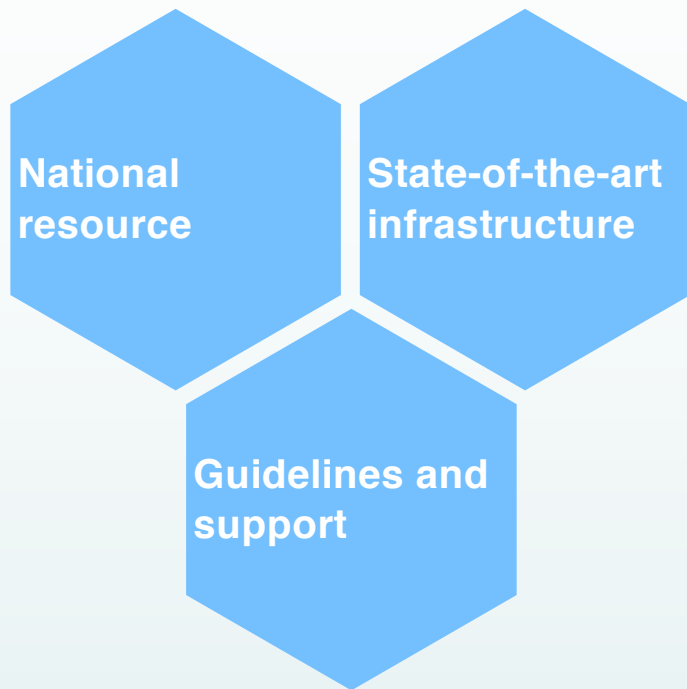
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# NGI: Mission statement

Since Jan 1, 2013, National Genomics Infrastructure (NGI) is a **national resource** for next generation sequencing (NGS)



## Our mission

- To make a **state-of-the-art infrastructure** for massively parallel NGS and SNP genotyping available to researchers all over Sweden enabling internationally competitive research in genomics.
- To provide **guidelines and support** for study design, sample collection, protocol selection and bioinformatic analysis.



***“This research infrastructure is world class and a jewel in the crown of Swedish bioscience.” (Swedish Research Council)***



# SMRT smörgåsbord at NGI: every project is unique

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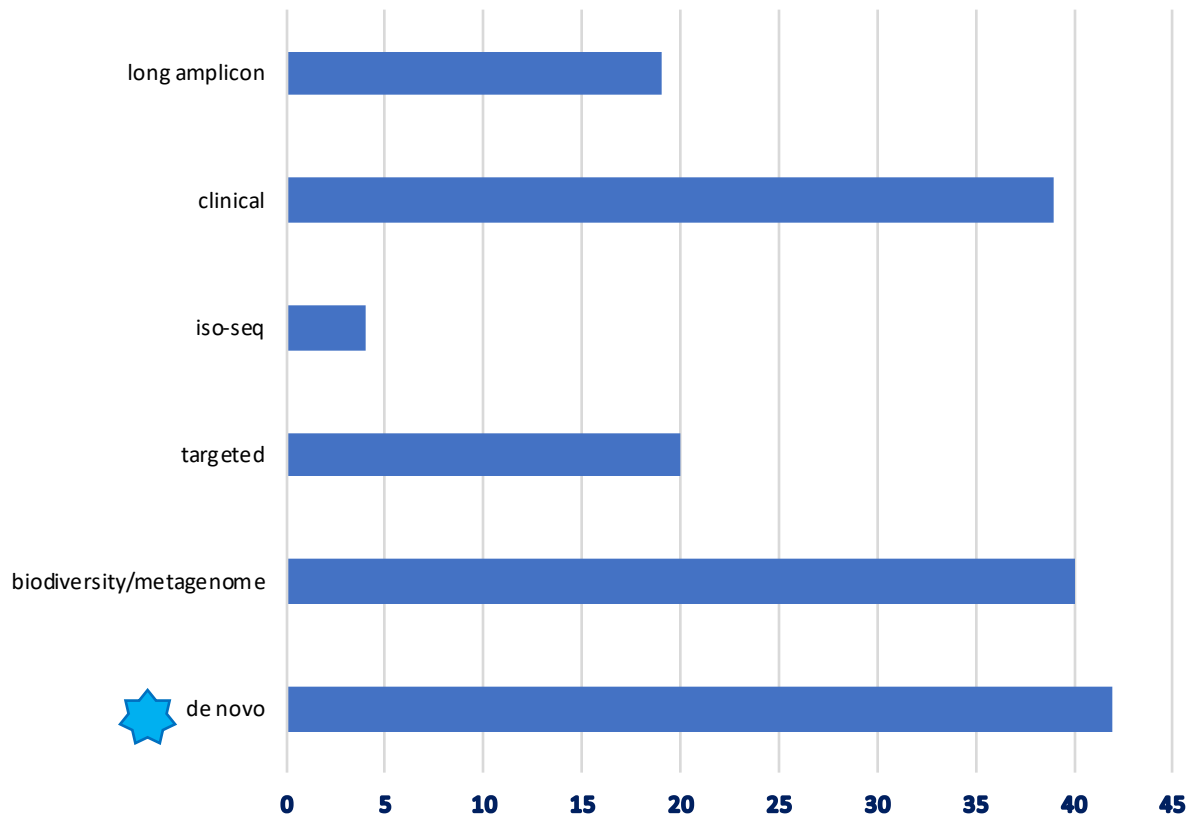
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Instrument(s): Sequel System



#projects



154 projects in 2018

- Protists
- Bacteria
- Fungi
- Insects
- Plants
- Mammals
- Arachnids

# Who am I to judge...



1997 – 2004 Mycologist by training (plant pathogenic fungi)

2004 – 2007 Genomic architecture of Bartonellae (HMW-DNA & PFGE)

2007 – 2012 Fungal genomics (extremophiles)

2012 – current time: Project Coordinator at NGI over 600 projects circa 200 *de novo* projects on PacBio and ONT

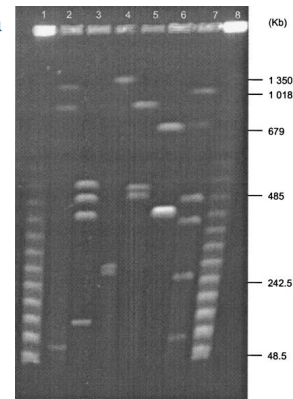
2018 – current time: member of the VGP sample-prep group

Comprehensive Summaries of Uppsala Dissertations from the Faculty of Science and Technology 917



Approaches to Species Delineation in Anamorphic (mitosporic) Fungi: A Study on Two Extreme Cases

BY  
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Research article | Open Access

Genome and physiology of the ascomycete filamentous fungus *Xeromyces bisporus*, the most xerophilic organism isolated to date

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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A hybrid de novo genome assembly of the honeybee, *Apis mellifera*, with chromosome-length scaffolds

Andreas Wallberg<sup>1</sup>, Ignas Buniks<sup>2†</sup>, Olga Vinnere Petterson<sup>2</sup>, Mik-Britt Mosbeck<sup>2</sup>, Anna K. Childes<sup>3,4</sup>, Jay D. Evans<sup>5</sup>, Alexander S. Milheyev<sup>6</sup>, Hugh M. Robertson<sup>6</sup>, Gene E. Robinson<sup>6</sup> and Matthew T. Webster<sup>1\*</sup>

Combination of short-read, long-read, and optical mapping assemblies reveals large-scale tandem repeat arrays with population genetic implications

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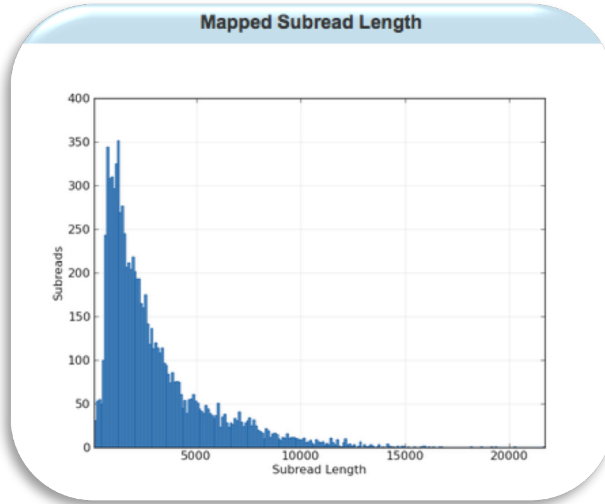
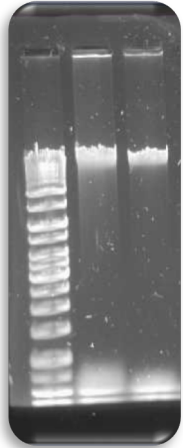
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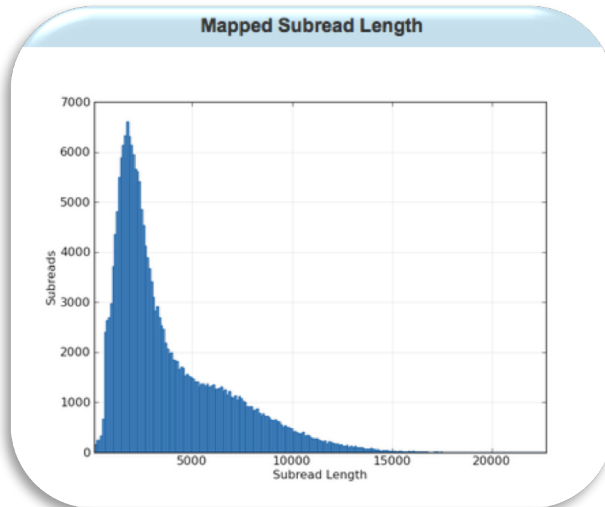
De novo assembly of *Dekkera bruxellensis*: a multi technology approach using short and long-read sequencing and optical mapping

Remi-Andre Olsen<sup>1†</sup>, Ignas Buniks<sup>2†</sup>, Ievgenia Tulova<sup>3</sup>, Kicki Holmberg<sup>1</sup>, Bettina Lötsch<sup>1</sup>, Olga Vinnere Petterson<sup>2</sup>, Volkmarr Pascoth<sup>4</sup>, Max Küller<sup>4</sup> and Francesco Vezzi<sup>1</sup>

# 2013: a wake-up call



Polished Contigs	223	Max Contig Length	36,298
N50 Contig Length	2,932	Sum of Contig Lengths	480,087



Polished Contigs	9	Max Contig Length	1,508,929
N50 Contig Length	1,353,702	Sum of Contig Lengths	7,813,244



**For Long Reads one needs to have *long and pure* DNA**

# "Easy" example: *de novo*, *Corvus sp.*



**Genome:** 1.2 Gb (2n)

**Application:** *de novo*

**Sequencing:** 20 kb insert size

60x (30x per strand)

6 hour movies

*Sequel I*

**Sample requirements:**

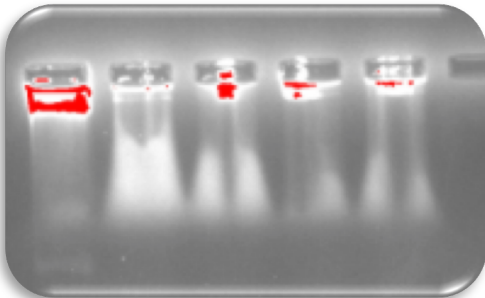
HMW DNA

10 ug minimum

260/280 = 1.8 – 2.0

260/230 = 2.0 – 2.2

May 15, 2015



260/280 = 0.78

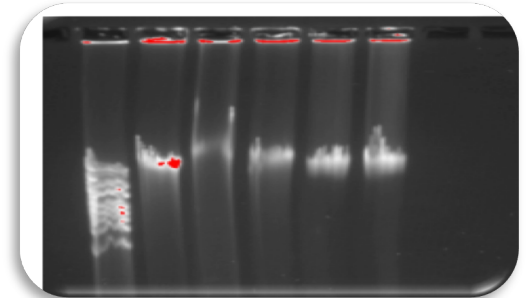
260/230 = 1.64

74 e-mails



Intermediate QC

Jun 16, 2015



260/280 = 1.86

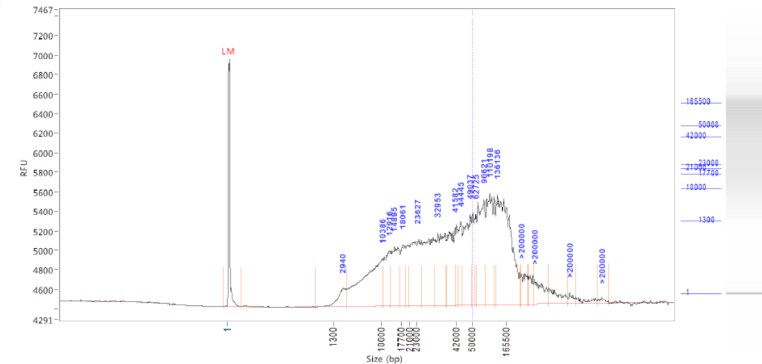
260/230 = 2.24



## Corvus sp.

CONTIGS	Primary	Associated	Unzipped Primary	Unzipped haplotigs
# contigs	2996	2136	1481	6349
# >50Kb	457	586	354	3193
Largest	52,5Mb	0,18Mb	52,6Mb	3,11Mb
N50	11,4Mb	0,05Mb	12,1Mb	0,42Mb
Total	1,12Gb	97,8Mb	1,07Gb	1,01Gb

20 kb library – perfect DNA  
60x

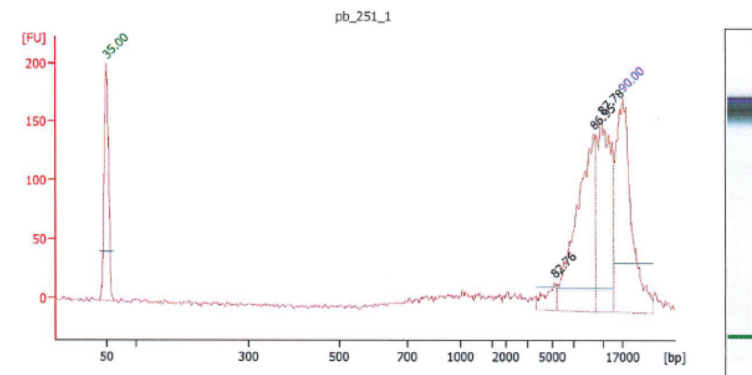


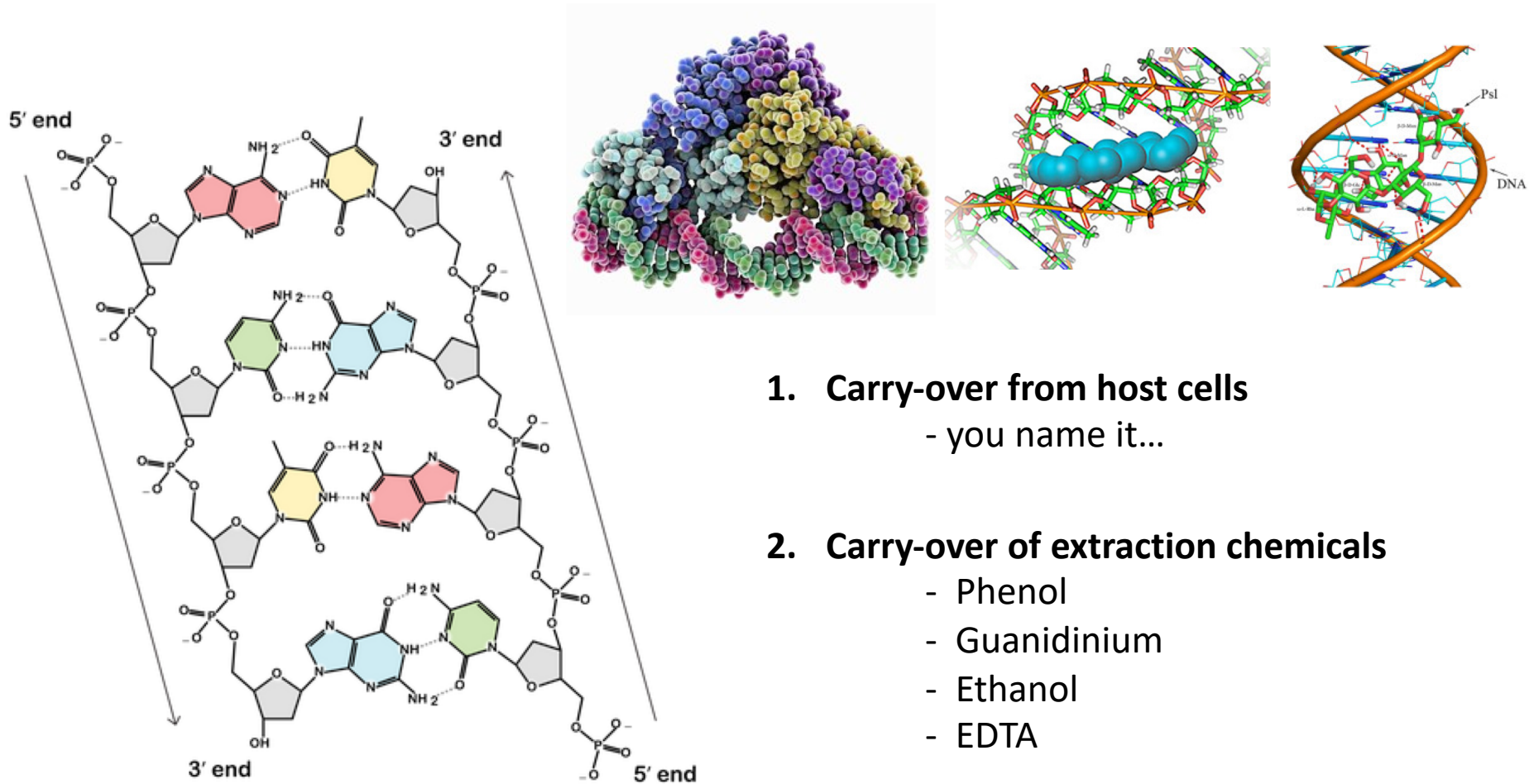
## Bird 2

SCAFFOLDS	Unphased
# scaffolds	38231
# >50Kb	201
Largest	2,01 Mb
N50	0,21 Mb
Total	1,21Gb

*User insisted to proceed despite warning*

10 kb library – short, dirty & little DNA  
36X

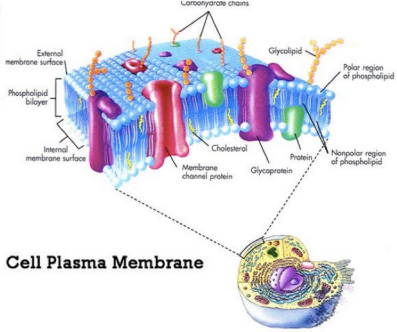
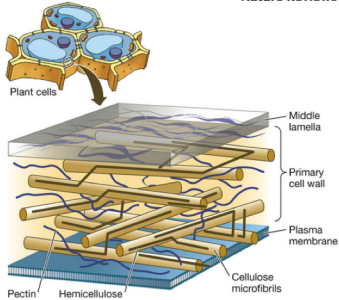
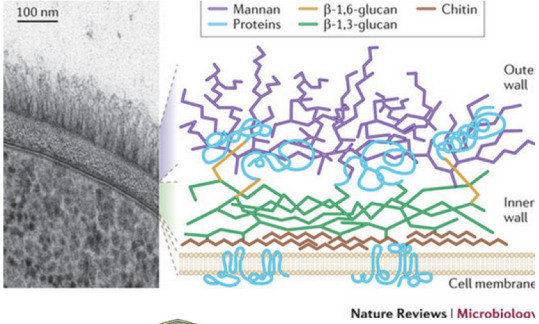
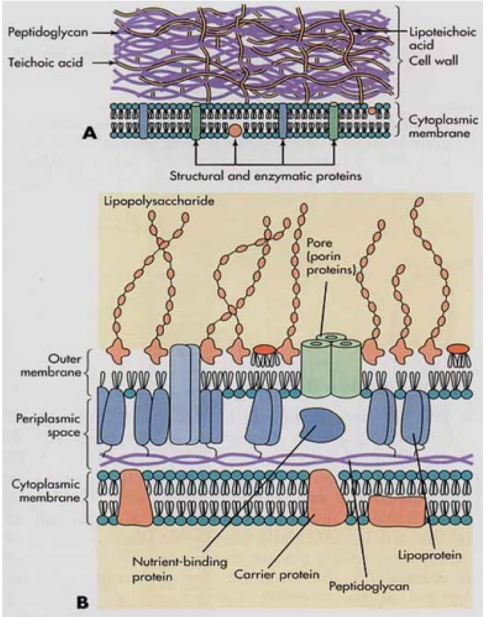
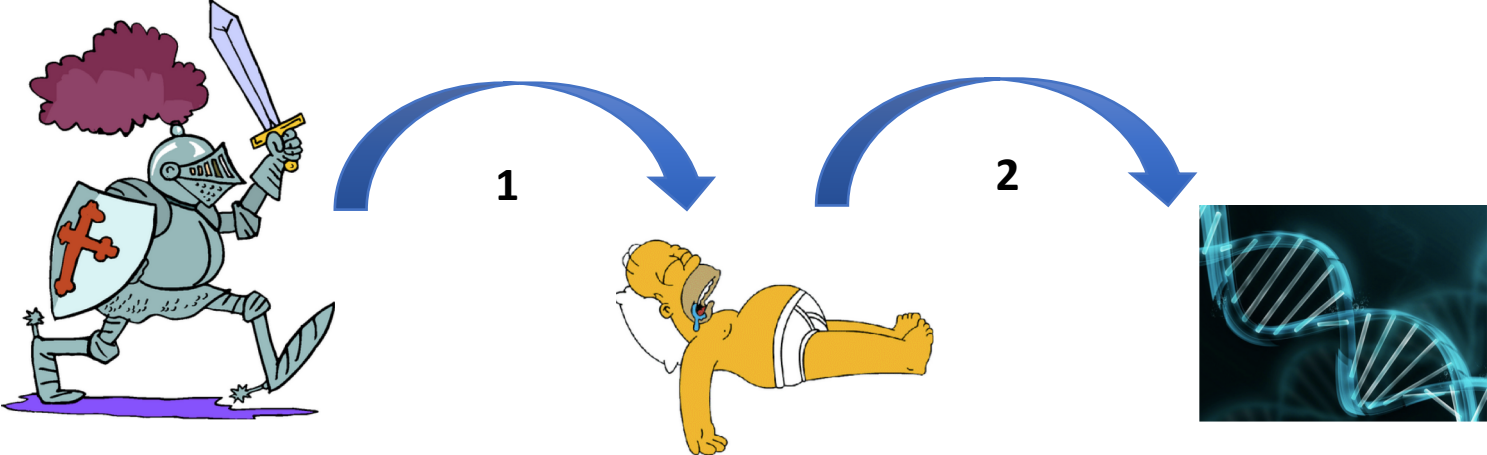




*Most have dual action:*

- Enzyme inhibition
- DNA-binding

# The DNA extraction process



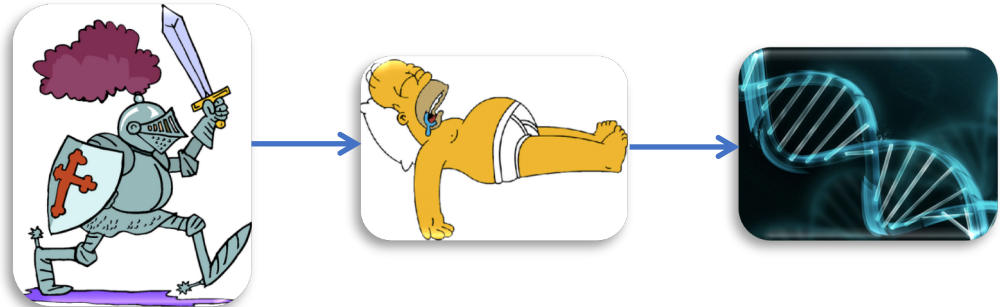
# Sources of DNA contamination



## Carry-over from DNA extraction:

- Native cell wall components
- RNA & proteins
- Secondary metabolites
- Phenol
- Salts
- Ethanol

[goo.gl/u8OiGb](https://goo.gl/u8OiGb)



**Bacteria:** LPS, secondary metabolites

**Fungi:** chitin, secondary metabolites, proteins, pigments, polysaccharides

**Plants:** polyphenols and other aromatics, polysaccharides, secondary metabolites, pigments

**Insects:** proteins, chitin, pigments

**Animals:** tissue specific

# What do absorption ratios tell us?

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## Pure DNA 260/280: 1.8 – 2.0

< 1.8:

Too little DNA compared to other components of the solution; presence of organic contaminants: proteins and phenol; glycogen - **absorb at 280 nm**.

> 2.0:

High share of RNA.

## Pure DNA 260/230: 2.0 – 2.2

<2.0:

Salt contamination, humic acids, peptides, aromatic compounds, polyphenols, urea, guanidine, thiocyanates (latter three are common kit components) – **absorb at 230 nm**.

>2.2:

High share of RNA, very high share of phenol, **high turbidity**, dirty instrument, wrong blank.

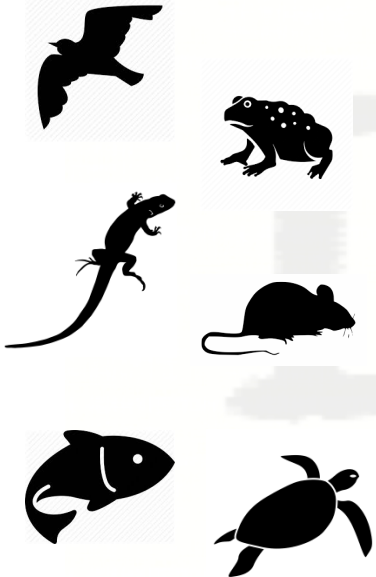
# Focus on chemical purity: why so important?

Lower chemical purity = worse loading and shorter reads,  
*ergo* higher sequencing and analysis costs.

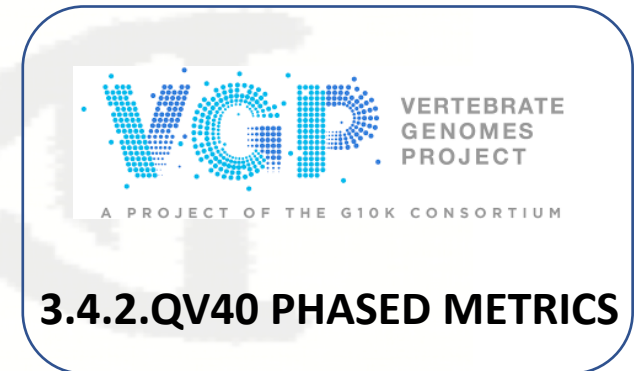
Organism type, <i>de novo</i> application, 60x	2 Gb / SMRT	4 Gb / SMRT	7 Gb / SMRT
Bacterium (3.2 Mb)	2-4 strains	6-8 strains	10-12 strains
Insect (300 Mb)	N cells: 9 Price: 10 kEUR	N cells: 5 Price: 6 kEUR	N cells: 3 Price: 4 kEUR
Bird (1.2 Gb)	N cells: 43 Price: 47 kEUR	N cells: 22 Price: 25 kEUR	N cells: 12 Price: 14 kEUR
Mammal (3.2 Gb)	N cells: 96 Price: 105 kEUR	N cells: 48 Price: 53 kEUR	N cells: 27 Price: 30 kEUR

*Numbers are old (Sequel I, V2 chem), but the problem remains!*

# Earth Biogenome Project: VGP sample prep group



Tissues  
Collection method  
Preservation  
Extraction  
QC  
Storage



# Insects and DNA extraction



*If possible: use pupae*

*If dissectable imago: use thorax, leg muscles, male genitalia*

Avoid gut at all cost

Use the whole body *only if there is no other choice*

**[shorturl.at/rsuvR](https://shorturl.at/rsuvR)**

**[Atuta.slack.com](https://atuta.slack.com)** (Mara Lawniczak)



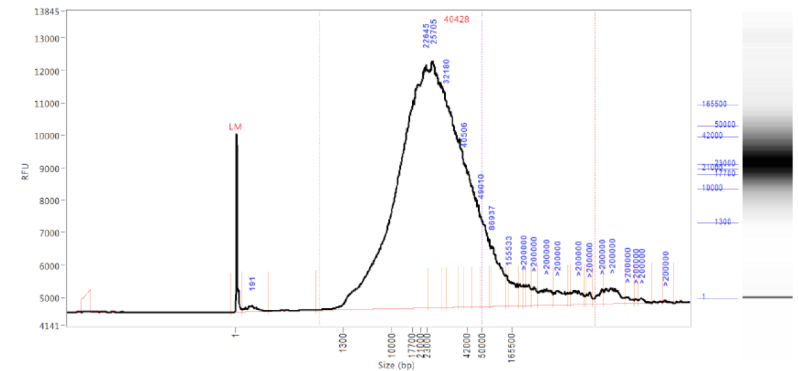
# Insect (large body, large genome) example



QC stats	Insect 1	Insect 2
260/280	2.0	3.5
260/230	1.8	1.83
Char. fragment length, FEMTO	25 kb	14 kb
Insert size	25 kb	9.5 kb
Size-selection	17 kb	8 kb
Loading, per SMRT	7 Gb	6.5 Gb
Read N50	17 kb	8 kb
#contigs	279	21 808
Longest contig	17.4 Mb	2.4 Mb
Contig N50	7.9 Mb	281 kb

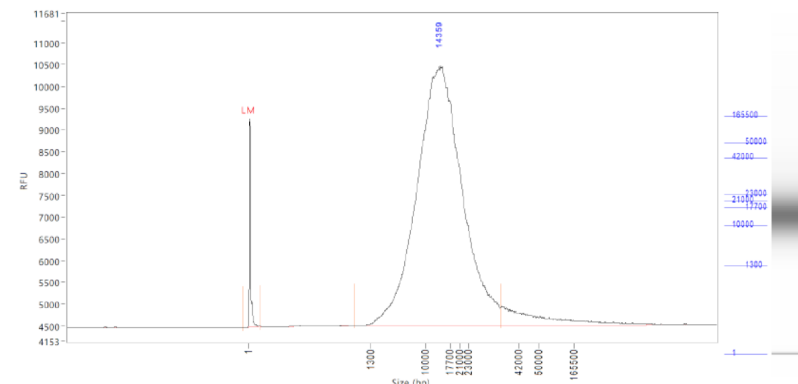
## Insect 1:

Pupae, flash-frozen,  
agarose plug extraction



## Insect 2:

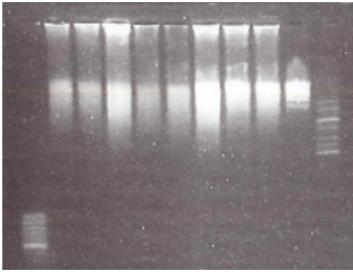
Imago, frozen in 95% EtOH,  
leg muscles, MagAttract kit



# A painful journey of seed beetles



- 1: High-salt / ethanol protocol, whole body -> black DNA -> **FAIL**
2. MagAttract, entire body ->  
 $260/280 = 2.1 - 2.2$   
 $260/230 = 0.32 - 0.45$  -> **FAIL**
3. MagAttract, muscle -> A260 within range

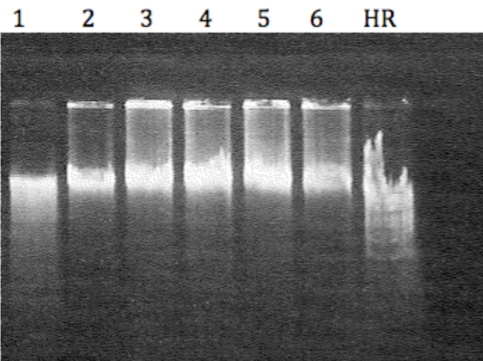


-> **FAIL**



*Callosobruchus maculatus*

4. MagAttract -> Zymo DNA purification -> A260 low -> **FAIL**
5. High-salt / ethanol -> Zymo DNA purification -> A260 low -> **FAIL**
6. GenomicTip 20G stand-alone, muscle -> A260 in range -> **FINALLY!!!**



## The genomic footprint of sexual conflict

Ahmed Sayadi, Alvaro Martinez Barrio, Elina Immonen, Jacques Dainat, David Berger, Christian Tellgren-Roth, Björn Nystedt & Göran Arnqvist [✉](#)

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## The Evolution of Dark Matter in the Mitogenome of Seed Beetles



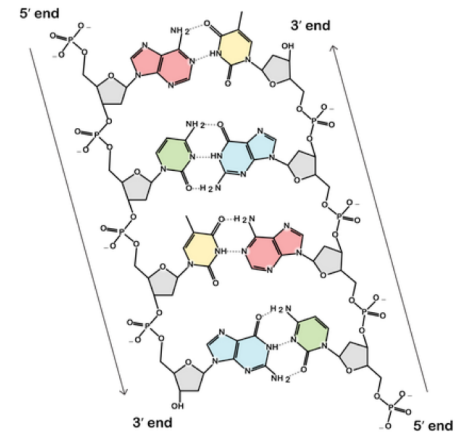
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# A journey to HMW-DNA world

HMW-DNA behaves very differently from LMW-DNA



## High viscosity:

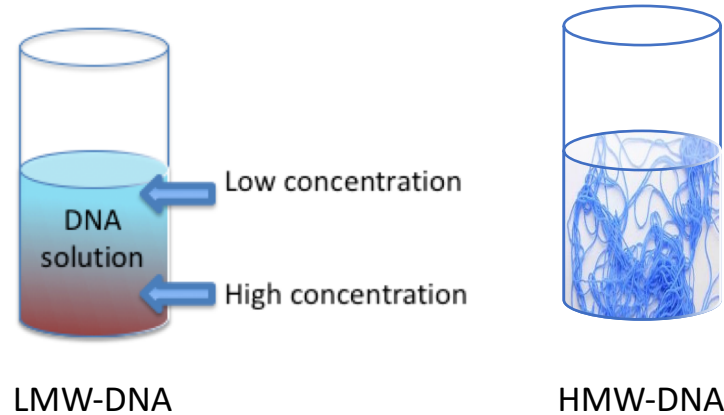
1. **Bad hydration** -> topological issues  
-> getting HMW-DNA in solution without any concentration gradient is an issue
2. **Presence of contaminants**

# Getting "correct" readings of HMW-DNA

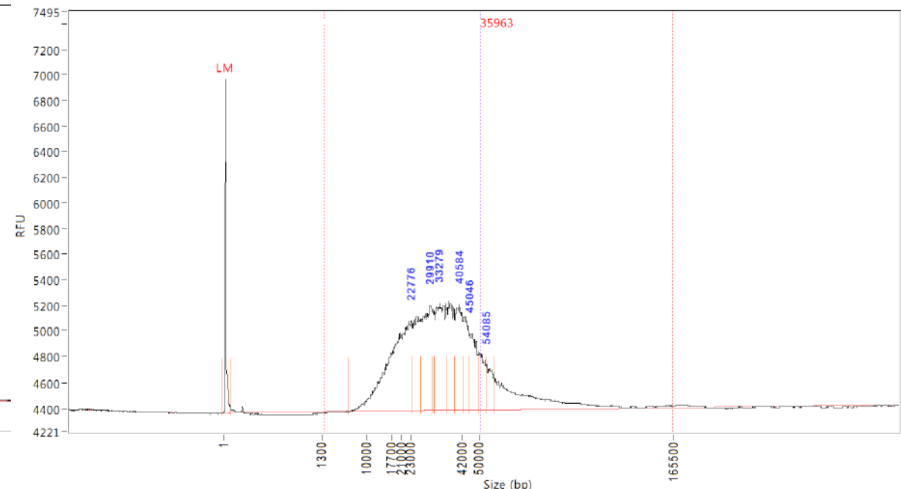
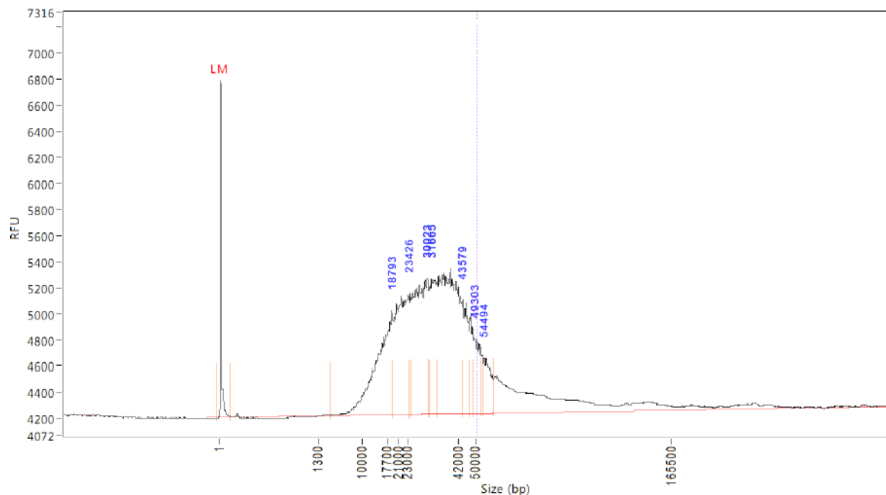
## DNA-spa: let the molecules relax!

- 3-7 days at RT or +4°C
- Gentle agitation
- Playing with ionic strength

HMW-DNA	Read N50, kb
<i>E.coli</i> in situ - fresh	13.3
<i>E.coli</i> in situ - relaxed	22.3



## FemtoPulse measurements: several replicates (and dilution series)



# Causes of DNA degradation

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**Mechanical damage** during tissue homogenization.

**Wrong pH and ionic strength** of extraction buffer (-> hydrolysis).

Incomplete removal / contamination with **nucleases**.

**Phenol**: too old, or inappropriately buffered (**pH 7.8 – 8.0**); incomplete removal.

Wrong pH of the **DNA solvent** (acidic water).

*Recommended: Low TE for short-term storage, 1xTE for long-term storage.*

**Vigorous pipetting** (wide-bore pipet tips).

**Vortexing** of DNA in high concentrations.

Too many **freeze-thaw** cycles (*we tested 5, still Ok*).

**Sequence-dependency**

# General recommendations



**Treat DNA as a crystal vase: it is fragile when in solution**

As soon as DNA is released from the cells – use **wide-bore** tips

Limit pipetting to minimum

**Never vortex!**

Do not heat above 65°C

Reduce amount of freeze-thaw cycles

**Store at maximum -70°C, in TE-buffer**

**NEVER** store DNA in water

**ALWAYS** wear gloves when handling tubes

**If shipping: solid frozen on dry ice**



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