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Next Generation Sequencing Approaches for PRRSV Diagnostics and Beyond



## Thank you for the invitation!

- Director of Science and Technology for the Americas, Indical BioScience
- Over 20 years of diagnostic experience
  - Professorship at University of Minnesota and Kansas State University
  - Diagnostics and research groups focused on swine enteric pathogens and Strep suis.
  - Team used Next Generation Sequencing to understand molecular epidemiology, evolution and emergence of swine pathogens.
- Honor of supporting the Colombian swine industry to identify Senecavirus A and understand the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus 2014 and 2016 epidemic



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Several lineages of PEDV in

Asociación Colombiana de Porcicultores and Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario ICA

## Outline





- Technologies
  - PCR technology
  - Sanger Sequencing
  - Second and Third Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)
- NGS applications for Diagnostics
  - Shotgun Metagenomes
    - PRRSV whole genome sequencing
    - Novel Pathogen detection
    - Pathogens in Feedback
  - Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) bacterial sequencing
    - Streptococcus suis

## **Realtime PCR technology**

- Semi-quantitative measurement of the pathogen in the sample
- Fluorescent probes increases
  diagnostic sensitivity
- High Specificity less false positives
- High throughput multiple samples in a single PCR run
- Multiplexing multiple pathogens detect in the same PCR reaction
- Fast results same or next-day results



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= Ct values

# Sanger Sequencing

- Traditional sequencing method
- A PCR product is created to sequencing
- Capillary electrophoresis
- One trace file per reaction
- ~500-1,000 nucleotides
- Gene Targeted approach
  - PRRSv ORF5, Influenza A HA
- Inexpensive and fast, with results in a few days
- Low sequence coverage



## Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)





- High-throughput, parallel generation of genomic data (reads)
- Multiple samples sequenced with millions of reads
- Everything in the sample is sequenced a broad approach
- Ton of data to analysis

# Second Generation – Short read

- 50-400 nucleotides per read
- High accuracy
- Longer run time
- 1-5 days, depends on data output
- Best known example:
  - Illumina iSeq, MiSeq, NextSeq, NovaSeq

# Third generation - Long Read

- 1,000->10,000 nucleotides per read
- Lower accuracy
- Faster run time
- <1-2 days
- Best known example:
  - Oxford Nanopore MinION, GridION



**Courtesy of Illumina** 

## How and Why Samples can be multiplexed





Second Generation Sequencing (Illumina)



DNA (0.01-1.0 μg)

**Library Preparation** 



## **NGS** applications for Diagnostics



Shotgun Metagenomics

Sequencing "everything" in a sample

- Sequencing from field samples or isolates
  - PRRSV, PCV2, PEDV
- Novel pathogen detection causing disease
- Selection or updating of bacterial/viral strains for autogenous vaccines

Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS)

Sequencing a cultured bacterial isolate

- Identify the epidemiological link between strains
- Serotype, MLST, virulence factors, antimicrobial resistant genes, and other genetic markers of interest
- Selection or updating of autogenesis vaccines

#### Amplicon Sequencing

Sequencing **specific genes** for taxonomy

- 16s metagenomics bacterial differences between health and sick pigs.
- Influenza A genome
- Rotavirus genome

## **NGS** applications for Diagnostics

#### Shotgun Metagenomics

Sequencing "everything" in a sample

- PRRSV sequencing, differentiation, and comparing strains from field samples
- Metagenomic viral complex
  - PCV2 and virome
- Novel pathogen detection causing disease



## Metagenomics - PRRS Investigation Comparing 1-7-4 PRRSV strains



- 1-7-4 strains 2 strains from Minnesota and 1 single strain from North Carolina
  - ORF5 = 98.67% nucleotide identity
  - Whole Genome = 97.09% nucleotide identity



- Major insertions and deletions (INDEL) in NSP2
  - NSP2 plays a role in reducing pig's immune response

## Metagenomics - PRRS Investigation: Comparing 1-3-4 PRRSV strains



- 1 pathogenic strains from Minnesota in an immunized herd, 25% piglet mortality
- 1 pathogenic strains from North Carolina, up 42% mortality in finishers
  - ORF5 = 98.34% nucleotide identity
  - Whole Genome = 92.72% nucleotide identity



### Metagenomics - PRRS Investigation: Comparing 1-7-4 and 1-3-4 PRRSV strains



- Same insert and deletions (INDELs) as the North Carolina's 1-7-4 strains
  - The insertion is evolutionary important
  - New NSP2 ribosomal shift was identified

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						sp2
2. PRRSV2/USA/K9/2009 3. PRRSV2/USA/K10/2010 4. PRRSV2/USA/K11/2011 5. PRRSV2/USA/MN16/2011 6. PRRSV2/USA/MN17B/2013 7. PRRSV2/USA/MN17B/2012 8. PRRSV2/USA/MN14/2012 9. PRRSV2/USA/MN14/2012 9. PRRSV2/USA/MN184A 10. Iowa21/2015 (1-8-4) 11. Minnesota56/2015 (1-7-4) 12. Minnesota58/2015 (1-7-4)						
13. NorthCarolina59/2015 (1-7-4) 14. PRRSV2/USA/MN414/2014-134 manuscript						
16. 2016014737LungB 17. 2016014737LungA 18. 2016014737Tonsil						

Metagenomics - PRRS Investigation: Mixture of PRRSV strains in a sample

- Case from Minnesota
  - ORF5 = 100% nucleotide identity
  - Whole Genome = 99.61-99.84
  - Two variable regions (ORF2a, ORF3, ORF4)
    - 94.99% nucleotide percent identity





- Like ORF5, ORF2a, ORF3, and ORF4 elicit neutralizing antibodies
  - May be involved in viral entry into the cell

## Metagenomics - PRRS Investigation: Comparing PRRSV strains



- Neurological case of PRRS
  - Virus was introduced from another system
  - ORF5 = 100% nucleotide identity
  - Whole Genome = 99.33% nucleotide identity (~100 nt and 19 aa changes)



- What's causing neurological signs?
  - Undiscovered protein, amino acid changes in the PRRSV?

Metagenomics - PRRS Investigation NGS cannot answer every question, yet



- PRRS break in non-immunized herd
  - Severe clinical signs in piglets (Ct values = 6-11)
  - ORF5 =99.17% nucleotide identity to vaccine strain
  - Whole Genome = 99.6% nucleotide identity (61 nt changes)



• Revertant or ancestral relationship of the vaccine strain

## Metagenomics – Novel Pathogen Discovery Unknown cause of enteric disease

# Unknown cause of enteritis

- 12 porcine fecal samples from Texas, USA
- Pigs presenting with diarrhea
- Bacterial cultures lacked grow any pathogenic strains
- Viral qPCR testing was negative for porcine coronaviruses and rotaviruses
- Extracted total RNA for NGS and analysis



















## Metagenomics

**Investigating Porcine Circovirus Associated Disease** 



- Objective: To investigate the involvement of other viruses with Porcine Circovirus Associated Disease
  - Single case from Ohio, 6 samples
  - Five cases from Minnesota

# Metagenomics: NGS Results







- Additional clinically important viruses were not identified in the Ohio samples
- Pasivirus A and Porcine parvovirus 7 were identified in MN1







- Single strain from A, B, and C
- Strain D likely not pathogenic

• Possibly 5 strains

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• Single strain for each grouping

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• Or 4 vaccines, combine B and C



• Possibly 2-3 strains

D (97.8%)

• Single strain for grouping A

## Conclusion

- Next Generating Sequencing is a powerful tool for making betterinformed decisions about pathogens' differences.
- Shotgun Metagenomics allows for
  - Sequence comparison between viral strains.
  - Selection of bacterial and viral strains for autogenous vaccines
  - Novel pathogens detection causing clinical disease
- Complete genome sequencing of known and unknown pathogens allows further identification of strain variation to address emerging and re-emerging viruses.
- Whole Genome Sequencing of bacterial isolates identifies
  - serotype, MLST, virulence factors, and genetic markers

to understand the diversity within a production system, allowing better guidance for selecting autogenous vaccine strain.









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