Strain-resolved metagenomics for human and food microbiome studies

The microbiome plays a critical role in human health and has also become a key focus in the development of food products. Our understanding of these complex microbial communities has been improved thanks to recent advances in metagenomics and computational development that has enabled large-scale integrative analyses. In this talk, we will provide an overview of recent and ongoing research that explores different aspects of strain-resolved metagenomics. Our work includes the development of tools to achieve microbial analysis at the strain level, as well as large-scale studies across diverse environments, with a focus on the intersection between human and food sources. We will also introduce machine learning approaches for predicting host phenotypes from metagenomic data, highlighting the growing potential for integrating computational methods into microbiome research.

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