



# KBase

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## DOE Systems Biology Knowledgebase

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# What is KBase?

KBase enables users to analyze, share, and collaborate using data and tools designed to help build increasingly realistic models for biological function.



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## **KBase: The United States Department of Energy Systems Biology Knowledgebase**

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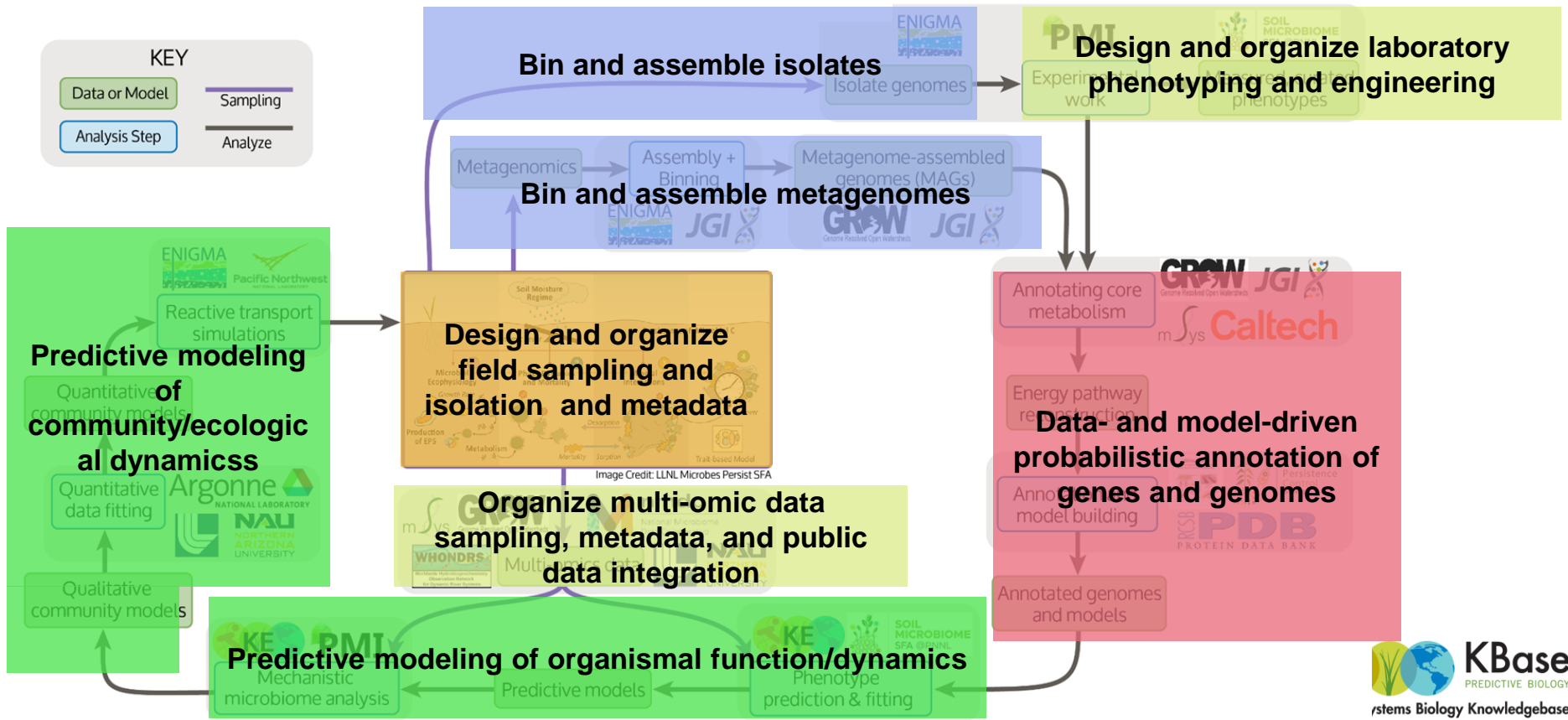
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# A Virtual Cycle for Genotype->Phenotype Prediction from Genes to Ecosystems



# KBase ensures all data & analyses are FAIR and credited

'Narrative' of analysis has everything

Every object fully 'provenanced'

Team member shares an analysis

The screenshot displays the KBase web interface. On the left, the 'Narratives' sidebar shows a list of shared analyses, including 'Geochemical and sequencing data from Goff et. al. 2022'. The main content area shows the selected narrative, which includes a title, author information, and a list of data objects. The 'DATA' section lists various objects such as 'CPT\_16S\_V211127ASV\_taxonomy.v1', 'CPT\_16S\_V211127ASV\_taxonomy.Am...', and 'CPT\_16S\_V211127ASV.v1'. The 'Narrative' section provides a detailed description of the analysis, including the title 'Geochemical and sequencing data from Goff et. al. 2022' and a summary of the study. The 'Contents of narrative' section lists the main topics covered in the analysis. The 'Data View for CPT\_16S\_V211127ASV' section provides a detailed view of the selected data object, including its description, provenance, and a list of related objects. The 'Provenance' section shows the history of the object, including the user who created it and the tools used.



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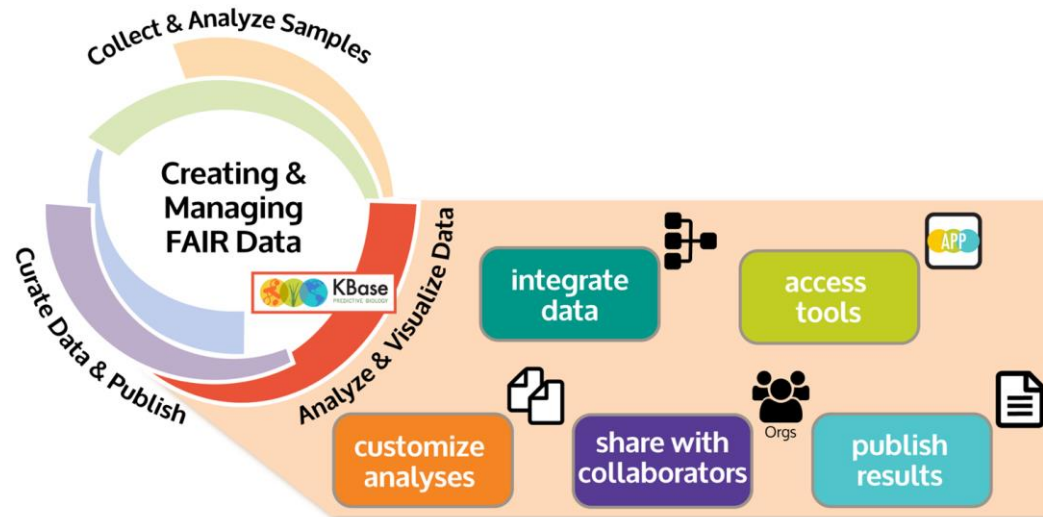


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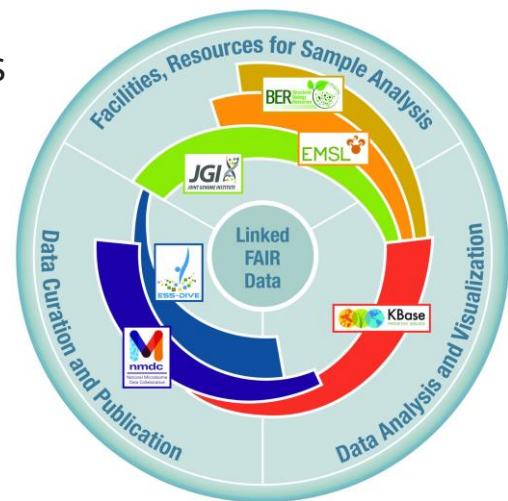
# Why do people use KBase?

- Combine different types of data from many resources
- Create unique, complex, reproducible analyses
- Contribute new knowledge back to the research community



# But it takes a (BER) village to enable FAIR data at scale

- Data (and all research products) must be FAIR across programs
- FAIR data must have provenance across the data life cycle
- BER program can create the infrastructure, but culture change requires *trust*
  - Where the data came from
  - How it was processed
  - Ability to explore quality
  - Ability to see impact and effect of combined power
- People *want* to be FAIR, but it takes support to do well, and they *must get credit for it*
- **Designed KBase to connect everything *and* give credit**



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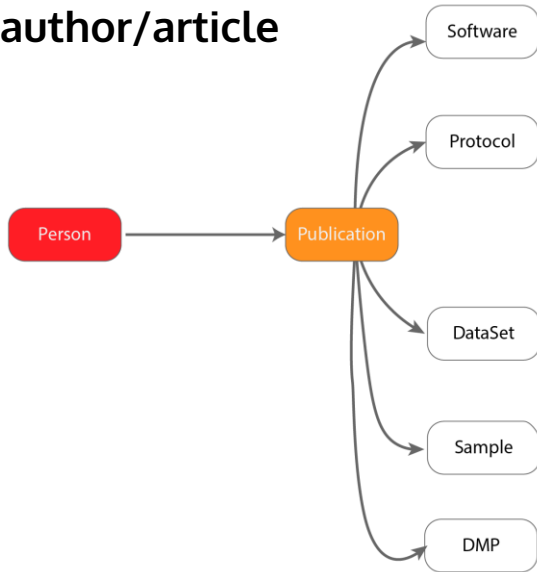


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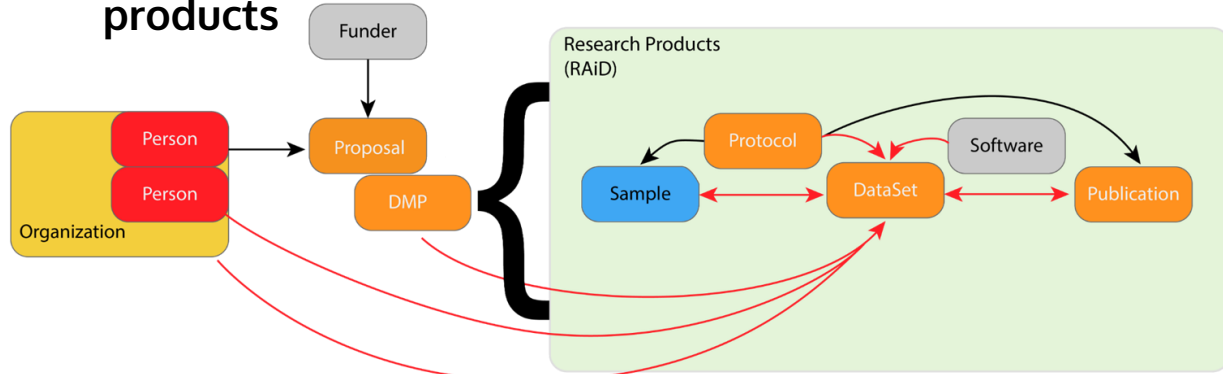
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# Goal: FAIR, trackable research outputs

## Now: Focus on author/article



## Future: Credit to author/funder for all research products



Red arrows: KBase connections between data sets and other PIDs

## Legend



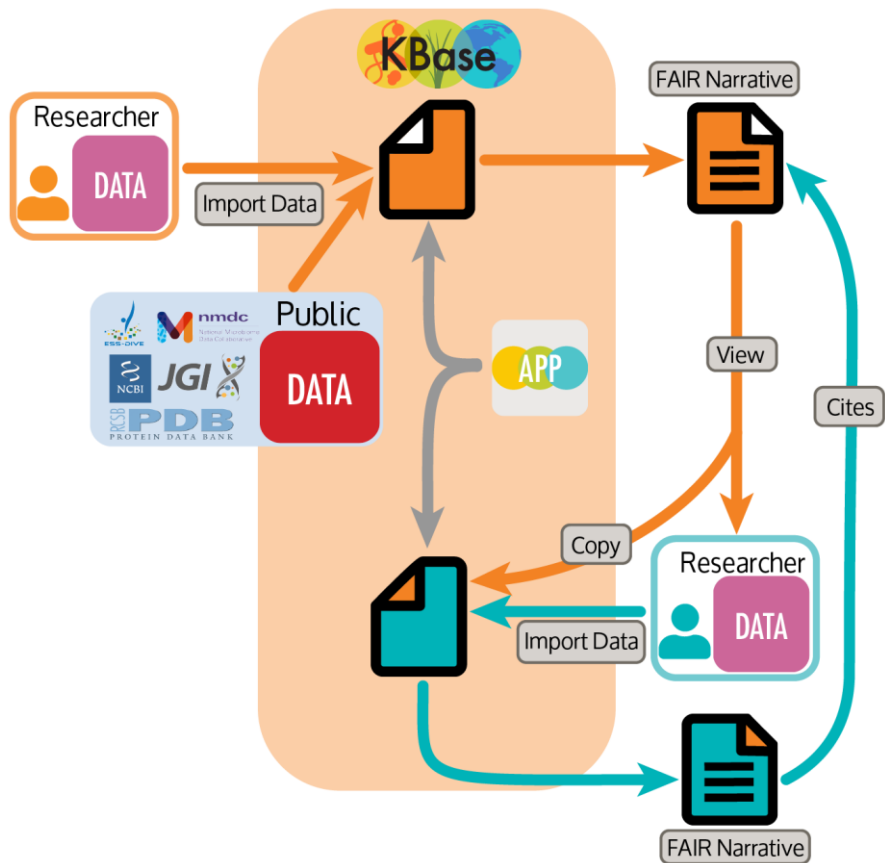
## Glossary of Persistent Identifiers (PIDs)

- DOI - digital object identifier
- RAiD - research activity identifier
- IGSN - international geo/general sample number
- ORCID - open researcher and contributor identifier
- ROR - research organization registry

## Sample Sets Organize Complex Data



# Tracking impact requires provenance and PIDs



- Provenance has always been integral to KBase's design
- We are not alone! KBase is positioned to effectively leverage external resources to ensure BER research products are FAIR, visible, and trackable.
- FAIR data is best reused when truly understood - knowing what it is, who generated it, and how it was generated.



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# Moving FAIR data requires alignment between platforms

JGI-KBase Co-development "Data Transfer Service"

## Data transfer

- file
- type
- md5

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RefSeq: **GROW**  
Genome Resolved Open Watersheds

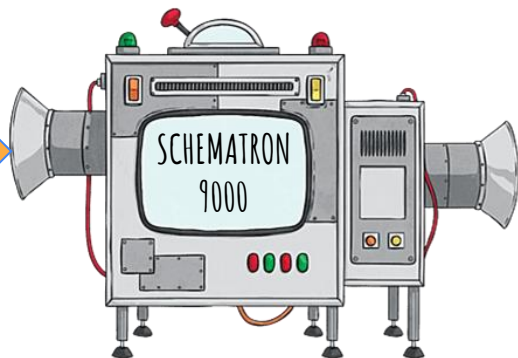
ESS-DIVE  
Deep Insights for Earth Science Data

EMSL  
Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory  
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JGI **Data Portal**

## KBase Credit Engine Metadata Fields

- citation (person, title, date, version, etc)
- license
- funding
- related IDs
  - DOIs (proposal, protocols, data, etc)
  - Sample ID (IGSN, GOLD, etc)
  - ORCID's
  - etc.



## KBase Data Object

### Document of Provenance

This is a genuine KBase object, imported into the narrative at 03:37:19 PST on Thursday October 20th in the year of our lord 2022. Day after day, day after day. We stuck, nor breath nor motion; Rs idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean. Water, water, every where. And all the boards did shrink; Water, water, every where. Nor any drop to drink. The very deep did rot: O Christ! That ever this should be! Yea, slimy things did crawl with legs upon the slimy sea. About, about, in reel and rout the death-fires danced at night; The water, like a witch's oils, Burnt green, and blue and white. And some in dreams assured were of the Spirit that plagued us so: Nine fathom deep he had followed us From the land of mist and snow. And every tongue, through utter drought, Was withered at the root; We could not speak, no more than if We had been choked with soot. Ah! well a-day! what evil looks had I from old and young! Instead of the cross, the flintrose About my neck was hung.

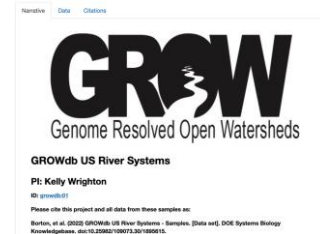
### Credit Metadata

There passed a weary time. Each throat Was parched, and glazed each eye. In weary time a weary time! How glazed each weary eye, When looking westward, I beheld R something in the sky. At first it seemed a little speck, and then it seemed a mist; It moved and moved, and took at last R certain shape.

## FAIR Narrative

GROWdb US River Systems - Samples

GROWdb: data source, Boris Sackler, Christopher Henry, Blake VEC, Peter Alexander Wang, Lu, Jinhua Edginghe, José Pedro Lopes Faria, Maysa Borfan, Maysa A Borfan, Shane Caron, Zach Crockett



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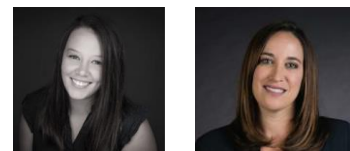


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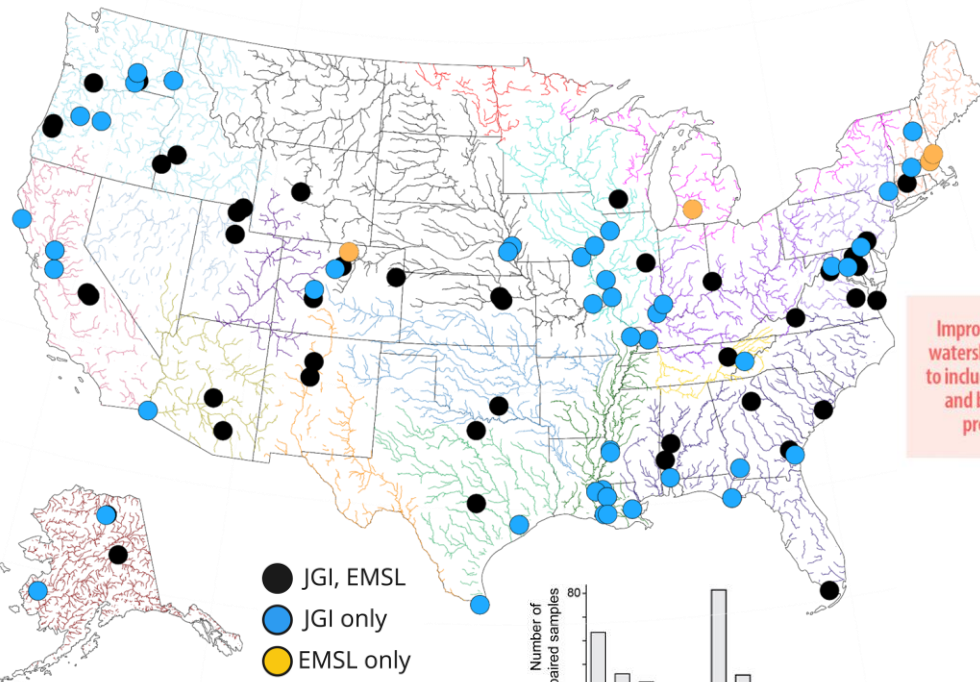
# GROW

Genome Resolved Open Watersheds

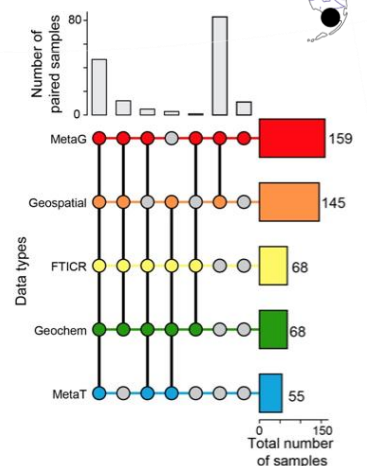


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## MODELS

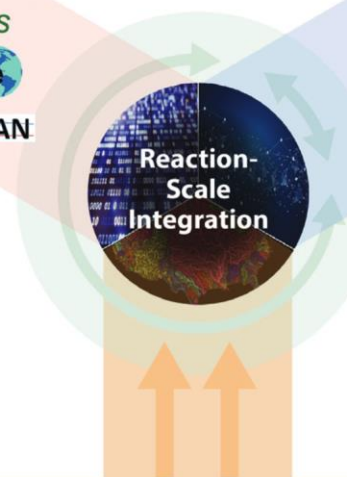
Improvement of watershed models to include chemical and biological processes

ecosys  
KBase  
PFLOTRAN

## DATA

Data assembly, integration, and storage

ESS-DIVE  
nmdc  
National Microbiome Data Collaborative



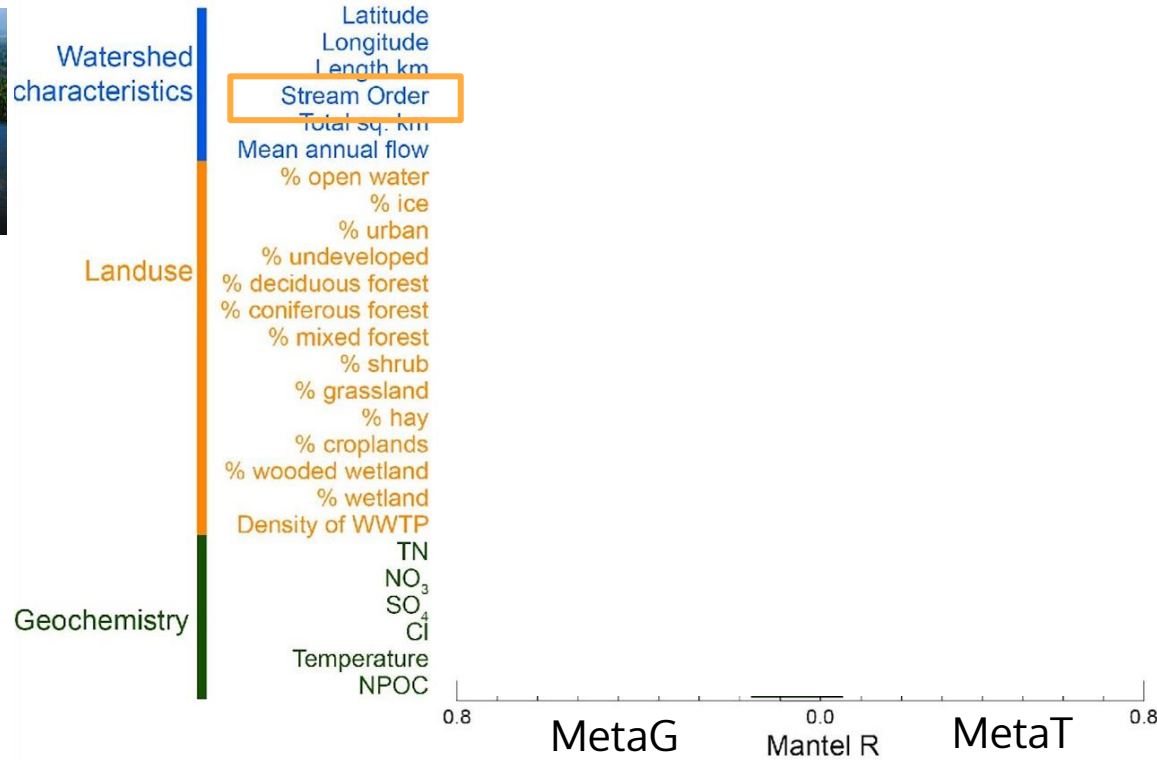
**DISTRIBUTED SCIENCE APPROACH**  
Geochemistry, hydrology, metabolites, metagenomes, and metatranscriptomes

# GROW Science

Hypothesis: Spatial and geochemical features influence river microbiomes



Results: Stream order, geochemistry, and temperature correlate with community structure



# Data integration - provenance, credit



ESS-DIVE: sample metadata and biochemistry



JGI: metaG and metaT



EMSL: metaB

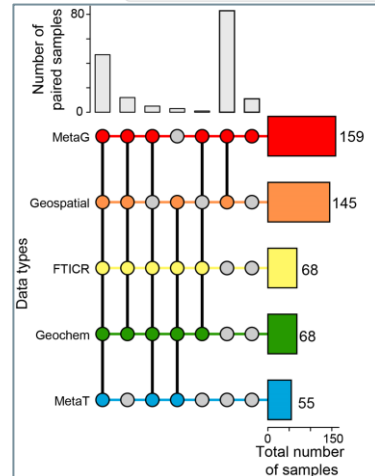


NMDC: study information, standardized analyses



KBase: combines everything to generate community models

**GROW** Genome Resolved Open Watersheds database  
Metagenomes  
owner [Mikayla A Borton](#)  
created Oct 18, 2021  
updated Nov 3, 2022



Apps (0)

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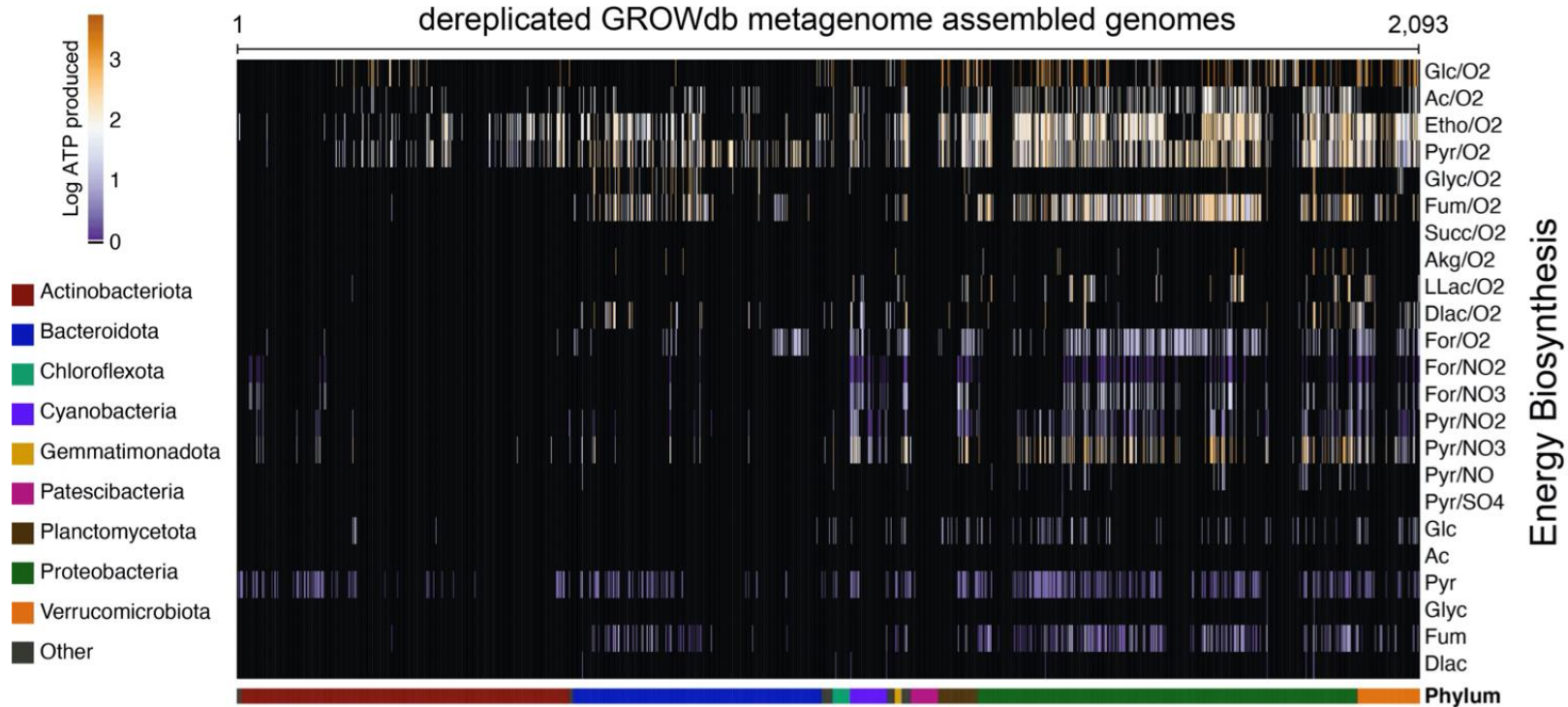
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# GROW Science

Metabolic models of metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs) explore energy biosynthesis across major river phyla



# Publishing to share and get credit

*Samples, data, analyses - all FAIR and free!*

Citation: Borton M, *et al.* (2022) GROWdb US River Systems - Samples. [Data set]. DOE Systems Biology Knowledgebase. doi:10.25982/109073.30/1895615.

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Narrative

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# Current and Future Efforts

Completing the KBase Credit Engine Inside and Out

Maturing our connection to the publishing infrastructure including 'pushing' MRA to ASM journals.

Working with large DOE team on a more universal data transfer system with long term goals of:

- Unified authorization validation
- Universal query with key terms across the resources
- Common identifiers, credit, etc.
- Common Data Transfer System: to uniformly move data among systems and validate on both ends. (near term)



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