

1 **Viral spillover risk in High Arctic increases in a**  
2 **glacierised watershed**

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## 12 **Abstract**

13 While many viruses have a single natural host, host restriction can be incomplete, hereby  
14 leading to spillovers to other host species. However, such spillover risks are difficult to  
15 quantify. As climate change is rapidly transforming environments, it is becoming critical  
16 to quantify the potential for spillovers. To address this issue, we resorted to an unbiased  
17 metagenomics approach, and focused on two environments, soil and lake sediments from  
18 Lake Hazen, the largest High Arctic freshwater lake in the world. We used DNA and  
19 RNA sequencing to reconstruct the lake's virosphere and its range of eukaryotic hosts,  
20 and estimated the spillover risk by measuring the congruence between the viral and the  
21 eukaryotic host phylogenetic trees. We show that spillover risk is higher in lake sediments  
22 than in soil and increased with runoff from glacier melt, a proxy for climate change.  
23 Should climate change also shift species range of potential viral vectors and reservoirs  
24 northwards, the High Arctic could become fertile ground for emerging pandemics.

## 25 1 Introduction

26 Viruses are ubiquitous and are often described as the most abundant replicators on Earth  
27 [1–3]. In spite of having highly diverse genomes, viruses are not independent “organisms”  
28 or replicators [4], as they need to infect a host’s cell in order to replicate. These virus/host  
29 relationships seem relatively stable within superkingdoms, and can hence be classified as  
30 *archaeal*, *bacterial* (also known as *bacteriophages*), and *eukaryotic* viruses [5–7]. However,  
31 below this rank, viruses may infect a novel host from a reservoir host by being able to  
32 transmit sustainably in this new host, a process known as viral spillover [8, 9]. Indeed, in  
33 the past years, many viruses such as the Influenza A [10], Ebola [11], and SARS-CoV-2  
34 [12] viruses spilled over to humans and caused significant diseases. While these three  
35 viruses have non-human wild animal reservoirs as natural hosts, others have a broader  
36 host range, or their reservoir is more challenging to identify. For instance, iridoviruses  
37 are known to infect both invertebrates and vertebrates [13], and *Picornavirales* are found  
38 in vertebrates, insects, plants, and protists [2]. Such host restrictions (or alternatively,  
39 spillover risks) are to date poorly defined and hence, difficult to assess without resorting  
40 to expert opinion [14].

41 Numerous factors can influence such a viral spillover risk. For instance, viral particles  
42 need to attach themselves to specific receptors on their host’s cell to invade it [15–17].  
43 The conservation of those receptors across multiple species allows these hosts to be more  
44 predisposed to becoming infected by the same virus [17, 18]. Indeed, from an evolutionary  
45 standpoint, viruses are more prone to infecting hosts that are phylogenetically close to  
46 their natural host [15, 19], potentially because it is easier for them to infect and colonize  
47 species that are genetically similar [20]. Alternatively, but not exclusively, high mutation  
48 rates might explain why RNA viruses spill over more often than other viruses [15], as

49 most lack proofreading mechanisms, making them more variable and likely to adapt to a  
50 new host [17].

51 While more studies are starting to characterize the communities and genomes of viruses  
52 in extreme environments [21–23], only few, if any, describe their spillover risk. The High  
53 Arctic is of special interest as it is particularly affected by climate change, warming  
54 faster than the rest of the world [24–27]. Warming climate and rapid transitions of the  
55 environment increase the risks of spillover events by varying the global distributions and  
56 dynamics of viruses, and their reservoirs and vectors [28, 29], as shown for arboviruses [30]  
57 and the Hendra virus [31]. Furthermore, as the climate changes, the metabolic activity  
58 of the Arctic’s microbiosphere also shifts, which in turns affects numerous ecosystem  
59 processes such as the emergence of new pathogens [32]. It has now become critical to  
60 quantify the risk of these spillovers. An intuitive approach to do this is to focus on the  
61 cophylogenetic relationships between viruses and their hosts [33–37]. Conceptually, if  
62 both viruses and their hosts cospeciate, the topologies of their respective phylogenetic  
63 trees should be identical or *congruent*. On the other hand, the occurrence of spillovers  
64 would result in incongruent virus/host phylogenies, so it can be postulated that measuring  
65 phylogenetic congruency can be used to assess spillover risk.

66 To test this hypothesis in the context of a changing High Arctic environment, we re-  
67 sorted to a combination of metagenomics and of cophylogenetic modelling by sampling, in  
68 an unbiased manner, both the virosphere and its range of hosts [3], focusing on eukaryotes,  
69 which are critically affected by viral spillovers [38]. We contrasted two local environments,  
70 lake sediments and soil samples of Lake Hazen, to test how viral spillover risk is affected  
71 by glacier runoff, and hence potentially by global warming, which is expected to increase  
72 runoff with increasing glacier melt at this specific lake [24, 25]. While microbial eukaryotes  
73 have been identified in Lake Hazen and other Arctic freshwater ecosystems [39–42], the

74 Arctic multicellular macro-eukaryotes have yet to be sufficiently characterized. We show  
75 here that the risk of spillovers increases with warming climate, but is likely to remain low  
76 in the absence of “bridge vectors” and reservoirs.

## 77 **2 Methods**

### 78 **(a) Data acquisition**

79 An overview of data acquisition and analytical pipeline is shown in figure S1. Between the  
80 10<sup>th</sup> of May and the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017, sediments and soil cores were collected from Lake  
81 Hazen (82°N, 71°W; Quttinirpaaq National Park, northern Ellesmere Island, Nunavut,  
82 Canada), the largest High Arctic lake by volume in the world, and the largest freshwater  
83 ecosystem in the High Arctic [25]. Sampling took place as the lake was still completely  
84 covered in ice (table S1), as previously described [24]. The sediment accumulation at  
85 the bottom of the Lake is caused by both allochthonous and autochthonous processes.  
86 The former are characterised by meltwaters that flow between late June and the end of  
87 August, and run from the outlet glaciers along the northwestern shoreline through poorly  
88 consolidated river valleys, while the latter refer to the sedimentation process within the  
89 lake.

90 To contrast soil and sediment sites, core samples were paired, whenever possible,  
91 between these two environments. Soil samples were taken at three locations (figure S2;  
92 C-Soil, L-Soil, and H-Soil) in the dried streambeds of the tributaries, on the northern  
93 shore, upstream of the lake and its sediments. The corresponding paired lake sediment  
94 samples were also cored at three locations, separated into hydrological regimes by seasonal  
95 runoff volume: negligible, low, and high runoff (figure S2; C-Sed, L-Sed, and H-Sed).  
96 Specifically, the C (for *Control*) sites were both far from the direct influence of glacial

97 inflows, while L sites were at a variable distance from Blister Creek, a small glacial inflow,  
98 and the H sites were located adjacent to several larger glacial inflows (Abbé River and  
99 Snow Goose). The water depth at L-Sed and H-Sed was respectively 50 m and 21 m, and  
100 the overlying water depth for site C-Sed was 50 m.

101 Before sample collection, all equipment was sterilised with 10% bleach and 90% ethanol,  
102 and non-powdered latex gloves were worn to minimise contamination. Three cores of  $\sim$   
103 30 cm length were sampled at each location, and the top 5 and 10 cm of each sediment and  
104 soil core, respectively, were then collected and homogenized for genetic analysis. DNA was  
105 extracted on each core using the DNeasy PowerSoil Pro Kit, and RNA with the RNeasy  
106 PowerSoil Total RNA Kit (MO BIO Laboratories Inc, Carlsbad, CA, USA), following the  
107 kit guidelines, except that the elution volume was 30  $\mu$ L. DNA and RNA were thereby  
108 extracted three times per sampling site, and elution volumes were combined for a total  
109 volume of 90  $\mu$ L instead of 100  $\mu$ L.

110 To sequence both DNA and RNA, a total of 12 metagenomic libraries were prepared  
111 ( $n = 6$  for DNA,  $n = 6$  for RNA), two for each sampling site, and run on an Illumina  
112 HiSeq 2500 platform (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) at Génome Québec, using Illu-  
113 mina's TruSeq LT adapters (forward: AGATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCAC, and back-  
114 ward: AGATCGGAAGAGCGTCGTGTAGGGAAAGAGTGT) in a paired-end 125 bp configuration. Each  
115 library was replicated ( $n = 2$  for DNA,  $n = 3$  for RNA) for each sample. Further details,  
116 such as DNA and RNA yields following extractions, can be found in Colby et al. [24].

## 117 (b) Data preprocessing and taxonomic assignments

118 A first quality assessment of the raw sequencing data was made using FastQC v0.11.8 [43].  
119 Trimmomatic v0.36 [44] was then employed to trim adapters and low-quality reads and  
120 bases using the following parameters: phred33, ILLUMINACLIP:adapters/TruSeq3-PE-2.

121 `fa:3:26:10`, `LEADING:3`, `TRAILING:3`, `SLIDINGWINDOW:4:20`, `CROP:105`, `HEADCROP:15`,  
122 `AVGQUAL:20`, `MINLEN:36`. A second round of quality check was performed with FastQC  
123 to ensure that Illumina’s adapter sequences and unpaired reads were properly removed.  
124 Reads assembly into contigs was done *de novo* with both SPAdes v3.13.1 [45] and metaS-  
125 PAdes v3.13.1 [46] for DNA, and with Trinity v2.9.0 [47], rnaSPAdes v3.13.1 [48], and  
126 metaSPAdes for RNA. The choice of an assembly tool was based on (i) the number of  
127 contigs generated, (ii) the taxonomic annotations, (iii) the time of assembly, and (iv) the  
128 contig lengths (see electronic supplementary material). In all cases, the pipelines were  
129 used with their default settings.

130 Once assembled, a high-level (superkingdom) taxonomic assignment was determined  
131 based on BLASTn v2.10.0 [49] searches. Those were performed at a stringent  $10^{-19}$   
132 *E*-value threshold against the partially non-redundant nucleotide (nr/nt) database from  
133 NCBI v5 [50] ([ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/nt\\*tar.gz](ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/nt*tar.gz); downloaded on June 17, 2020).  
134 We chose this threshold to increase the significance of our hits, as our preliminary results  
135 showed less ambiguity with smaller *E*-values, starting at a  $10^{-19}$  cut-off. The proportions  
136 of taxonomic annotations (“Archaea,” “Bacteria,” “Eukaryota,” or “Viruses”) were cal-  
137 culated, and a 95% consensus was taken to assign a superkingdom rank for each contig.  
138 When no such 95% consensus could be determined, the contigs were classified as “Other.”

139 To refine the taxonomic assignment of “viruses,” GenBank’s viral nucleotide sequences  
140 v238.0 [51] were retrieved ([ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/gbvr1\\*seq.gz](ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/gbvr1*seq.gz); downloaded on  
141 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2020), concatenated, converted into FASTA with seqret v6.6.0 [52], and  
142 used to create a local database for BLASTn alignments. For each sampling location, after  
143 combining the DNA and RNA contigs classified as viral in the previous step, BLASTn  
144 searches were again conducted at the same stringent  $10^{-19}$  *E*-value threshold, and the  
145 accession numbers of all the High-scoring Segment Pairs (HSPs) were used to retrieve

146 their corresponding taxonomy identifiers (IDs) and their full taxonomic lineages with the R  
147 package `taxonomizr` v0.5.3 [53]. The viral contigs were also mapped with Bowtie2 v2.3.5.1  
148 [54], using default settings to compare BLASTn and Bowtie2 efficiencies in refining these  
149 taxonomic annotations. As searches were found to be more sensitive with BLASTn than  
150 with Bowtie2 (see electronic supplementary material), only BLASTn results are shown  
151 hereafter, as our goal was to find as many similar sequences as possible in more than  
152 one species to eventually infer the virosphere from the virome. Eukaryotic contigs were  
153 processed as above, based off the nr/nt database. To increase specificity considering that  
154 > 100 hits were found *per* contig, results were filtered by keeping a maximum of 12 HSPs  
155 whose  $E$ -value <  $10^{-100}$  *per* contig, for which lineages were obtained.

156 All samples were filtered to remove non-eukaryotic and uncultured hosts as well as  
157 viral and eukaryotic sequences with no taxonomy information. The ViralZone [55] and  
158 International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) [56] databases were consulted  
159 to obtain host range information on each viral family. These taxonomic assignments were  
160 then used to retrieve their phylogenetic placements according to the Tree of Life (ToL)  
161 ([tolweb.org](http://tolweb.org)), hence generating two trees: one for known viruses and one for known eu-  
162 karyotes. For this, we used the `classification` and `class2tree` functions from the R  
163 package `taxize` v0.9.99 [57, 58]. In each environment, vertices of the viral and eukary-  
164 otic trees were then put in relation with each other according to the Virus-Host DB  
165 (downloaded on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020) [59]. These relations were saved in a bi-  
166 nary association matrix (0: no infection; 1: infection), one for each environment. To  
167 simplify downstream computations without losing any information, only eukaryotic hosts  
168 associated to at least one virus were kept in the non-viral tree.



### 169 (c) Spillover quantification

170 To quantify viral spillovers based on the viral and eukaryotic hosts identified, we employed  
171 the Random Tanglegram Partitions algorithm (Random TaPas) [60]. This algorithm com-  
172 putes the cophylogenetic signal or congruence between two phylogenetic trees, the viral  
173 and the host trees, with the normalised Gini coefficient ( $G^*$ ). When congruence is large,  
174 or “perfect,” the two trees are identical and hence, there is strong cophylogenetic signal –  
175 and absence of spillover. On the other hand, weak congruence is evidence for the existence  
176 of spillovers. Random TaPas quantifies congruence in two ways: a geodesic distance (GD)  
177 [61], or a Procrustes distance (Procrustes Approach to Cophylogeny: PACo) [62], the lat-  
178 ter measuring the distance between two trees geometrically transformed to make them  
179 as identical as possible. To partially account for phylogenetic non-independence when  
180 measuring congruence, Random TaPas further implements a resampling scheme where  
181  $N = 10^4$  subtrees of about 20% of the total number of virus/hosts links are randomly  
182 selected. This selection is used to generate a distribution of the empirical frequency of  
183 each association, measured by either GD or PACo.

184 Each empirical frequency is then regressed against a uniform distribution, and the  
185 residuals are used in two ways: (i) to quantify co-speciation, which is inversely propor-  
186 tional to spillover risk; and (ii) to identify those virus/host pairs that contributed the  
187 least to the cophylogenetic signal, *i.e.*, the most to spillover risk. This risk is finally  
188 quantified by the shape of the distribution of residuals (for GD or PACo), with  $G^*$  that  
189 takes its values between 0 (perfect congruence, no spillover) to 1 (maximal spillover risk),  
190 with a defined threshold of 2/3 indicating a “large” value of  $G^*$  or large incongruence.  
191 To account for phylogenetic uncertainty, the process is repeated  $n = 1,000$  times, each  
192 replicate being a random resolution of the multifurcating virus/host trees of life into a  
193 fully bifurcating tree.

## 194 **3 Results and Discussion**

### 195 **(a) Plant and fungal viruses are overrepresented**

196 Based on our most sensitive annotation pipeline (see electronic supplementary material),  
197 viruses represented less than 1% of all contigs, and our samples were dominated by bac-  
198 teria, with low proportions of eukaryotes (proportions of bacterial and eukaryotic contigs  
199 being respectively  $> 89.2\%$  and  $< 6.4\%$ , in 11 out of 12 samples) (see electronic supple-  
200 mentary material). These results could be due to our extraction process, which might  
201 have been biased towards microbial nucleic acids. For instance, an overrepresentation  
202 of bacteria was also found in a shotgun-metagenomics based study that also used soil  
203 extraction kits [63]. To assess the impact of this potential bias, the extraction process  
204 should be taken into consideration by future studies.

205 RNA viral contigs of all kinds (*i.e.*, dsRNA, +ssRNA, and -ssRNA viruses) were  
206 found to be significantly more abundant than DNA viral contigs in all samples, as 70.5%  
207 to 87.9% of viral families had a RNA genome (binomial tests,  $P < 2.48 \times 10^{-7}$ ; figure 1,  
208 table 1). This dominance of RNA viruses is not unexpected, as fungi biomass for instance  
209 surpasses that of bacteria in Arctic environments by 1-2 orders of magnitude [64], and  
210 eukaryotes are known to be the main targets of RNA viruses [2, 5–7].

211 Our results are however difficult to compare with previous studies in the High Arctic,  
212 as most were solely based on DNA metagenomics sequencing [22, 65, 66], probably because  
213 RNA viruses are thought to be unstable [23], or due to inadequate sampling strategies  
214 to extract RNA viruses [67]. Two studies have been able to recover RNA viruses but  
215 one had not intended to characterise the RNA viral community, rather randomly finding  
216 sequences related to ssRNA viruses [68], and while the other also identified RNA and DNA  
217 viruses from RNA-seq, the environments were slightly different: although they included a

218 freshwater lake, more abundant in ssDNA phages, the Baltic Sea contains varying levels of  
219 salinity [69] unlike Laze Hazen. Nonetheless, our results and those of this previous study  
220 [69] both show that it is possible to recover RNA viruses from RNA-seq metagenomics.

221 All viral genomes confounded, in all samples, known plants and/or fungi viral families  
222 were overrepresented compared to those infecting animals and protists, as proportions of  
223 the former ranged between 69.8% to 87.1% (binomial tests,  $P < 2.48 \times 10^{-7}$ ; table 1).  
224 This overrepresentation might reflect a preservation bias, due to the constitutive defences  
225 found in plants and fungi offered by their waxy epidermal cuticles and cell walls [70], even  
226 if most plant viruses lack a protective lipoprotein envelope as found in animal viruses [71].  
227 But irrespective of such a preservation bias, this imbalance could imply a high spillover  
228 potential among plants and fungi in the High Arctic for two reasons. First, RNA viruses  
229 are the most likely pathogens to switch hosts, due to their high rates of evolution [15, 72].  
230 Second, plant biomass has been increasing over the past two decades in the High Arctic  
231 due to regional warming [73], and is likely to keep doing as warming continues.

## 232 (b) Spillover risk increases with glacier runoff

233 Given these viral and eukaryotic host representations, can spillover risk be assessed in  
234 these environments? To address this question, we resorted to the novel global-fit model  
235 Random TaPas, which computes the congruence between the virus and the eukaryotic  
236 host trees, with large and weak congruent topologies indicating low and high spillover  
237 risk, respectively. The stability of its results was assessed by running this algorithm three  
238 times, and by combining the results for the normalised Gini coefficients ( $G^* \in [0, 1]$ ), a  
239 direct measure of spillover risk (see Methods).

240 When the runoff volume was negligible (the C sites; figure 2a), spillover risk's me-  
241 dian  $G^*$  ranged between 0.675 and 0.725, thus exceeding the 2/3 threshold, and was

242 significantly higher in soil than in lake sediments for both GD and PACo (Dunn test,  
243 Benjamini-Hochberg [BH] correction,  $P < 0.001$ ). However, in the presence of a low  
244 runoff volume (the L sites), spillover risk was higher in lake sediments than in soil for GD,  
245 but lower for PACo, with  $G^* \in [0.70, 0.75]$  (Dunn test, BH correction,  $P < 0.001$ ; figure  
246 2*b*). Finally, in the high runoff regime (the H sites), for both GD and PACo, spillover  
247 risk was higher in lake sediments than in soil, with values of  $G^* > 0.75$  (Dunn test, BH  
248 correction,  $P < 0.001$ ; figure 2*c*). Altogether, these results show that as runoff volume  
249 increases from almost non-existent to high, spillover risk increased with runoff, and shifted  
250 from higher in soil, to higher in lake sediments.

251 This pattern is consistent with the predictions of the Coevolution Effect hypothesis  
252 [74], and provides us with a mechanism explaining the observed increase in spillover risk  
253 with runoff. Lake Hazen was recently found to have undergone a dramatic change in  
254 sedimentation rates since 2007 compared to the previous 300 years: an increase in glacial  
255 runoff drives sediment delivery to the lake, leading to increased turbidity that perturbs  
256 anoxic bottom water known from the historical record [25]. Not only this, but turbidity  
257 also varies within the water column throughout the season [75], hence fragmenting the  
258 lake habitat every year, and more so since 2007. This fragmentation of the aquatic  
259 habitat creates conditions that are, under the Coevolution Effect, favourable to spillover.  
260 Fragmentation creates barriers to gene flow, that increases genetic drift within finite  
261 populations, accelerating the coevolution of viruses and of their hosts. This acceleration  
262 leads to viral diversification which, should it be combined with “bridge vectors” (such  
263 as mosquitoes in terrestrial systems) and/or invasive reservoir species, increases spillover  
264 risk [74]. Lake sediments are environmental archives: over time, they can preserve genetic  
265 material from aquatic organisms but also, and probably to a lesser extent, genetic material  
266 from its drainage basin. The coevolutionary signal detected in lake sediments reflects

267 interactions that may have happened in the fragmented aquatic habitat but also elsewhere  
268 in the drainage basin. Regardless of where the interaction occurred, our results show that  
269 spillover risk increases with runoff, a proxy of climate warming (figure 2).

270 To our knowledge, this is the first attempt to assess the complete virosphere of both  
271 DNA and RNA viruses, and their spillover capacity in any given environments, leading us  
272 to show that increased glacier runoff, a direct consequence of climate change, is expected  
273 to increase viral spillover risk of Lake Hazen. However, as this is the first study applying  
274 the Random TaPas algorithm, we do not have yet any comparators in order to gauge the  
275 efficacy of  $G^*$  in assessing spillover capacity, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Addi-  
276 tional studies including more runs of the algorithm and multiple environmental settings  
277 of the High Arctic would be necessary to further reinforce our results, and to calibrate  
278 the “true” risk of viral spillovers.

### 279 (c) Spillovers might already be happening

280 To go one step further and identify the viruses most at risk of spillover, we focused on the  
281 model predictions made by Random TaPas. Under the null model, the occurrence of each  
282 virus/host association is evenly distributed on their cophylogeny (when sub-cophylogenies  
283 are drawn randomly, from a uniform law). Departures from an even distribution are  
284 measured by the residuals of the linear fit. Positive residuals indicate a more frequent  
285 association than expected, that is pairs of host/virus species that contribute the most to  
286 the cophylogenetic signal. On the other hand, negative residuals indicate a less frequent  
287 association than expected, and hence pairs of host/virus species that contribute little to  
288 the cophylogenetic signal, because they tend to create incongruent phylogenies, a signature  
289 of spillover risk.

290 For both soil and lake sediments, the magnitude of the largest residuals tended either to

291 decrease (Soil; figure 3*a*) or to stay the same (Sediment; figure 3*b*). This means that with  
292 increasing runoff, the strength of the cophylogenetic signal may remain steady, or may  
293 even weaken. On the other hand, the magnitude of the most negative residuals either  
294 remained globally unchanged (Soil; figure 3*a*, 6*a*), or tended to become more negative  
295 (Sediment; figure 3*b*, 6*b*). This latter pattern indicates that as runoff increases, the  
296 strength of the cophylogenetic signal deteriorates, potentially implying a higher spillover  
297 risk in lake sediments.

298 With this, Random TaPas can identify the viruses driving the spillover signal. For  
299 both GD (figure 4) and PACo (figure S7), the 5 most negative residuals of each sample  
300 ( $n = 60$ ) suggest that viruses are most likely to spill over in fungi ( $n = 19$ ), plants  
301 ( $n = 16$ ), and protists ( $n = 15$ ; including different species of microalgae), the other 10  
302 species being mostly insects (animals:  $n = 8$ ; oomycetes:  $n = 2$ ).

303 Altogether, we provided here a novel and unbiased approach to assessing spillover  
304 risk. This is not the same as predicting spillovers or even pandemics, because as long as  
305 “bridge vectors” and/or invasive reservoir species [74] are not present in the environment,  
306 the likelihood of dramatic events probably remains low. But as climate change leads to  
307 shifts in species ranges and distributions, new interactions can emerge [76], bringing in  
308 vectors that can mediate viral spillovers [77]. This twofold effect of climate change, both  
309 increasing spillover risk and leading to a northward shift in species ranges [78], could  
310 have dramatic effect in the High Arctic. Disentangling this risk from actual spillovers and  
311 pandemics will be a critical endeavour to pursue in parallel with surveillance activities,  
312 in order to mitigate the impact of spillovers on economy and health-related aspects of  
313 human life, or on other species [9].

314 **Data accessibility.** The raw data used in this study can be found at [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/556841](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/556841) (DNA-Seq) and at [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA746497/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA746497)  
315 (RNA-Seq). The code developed for this work is available from [github.com/sarisbro/](https://github.com/sarisbro/)  
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575 **Tables**

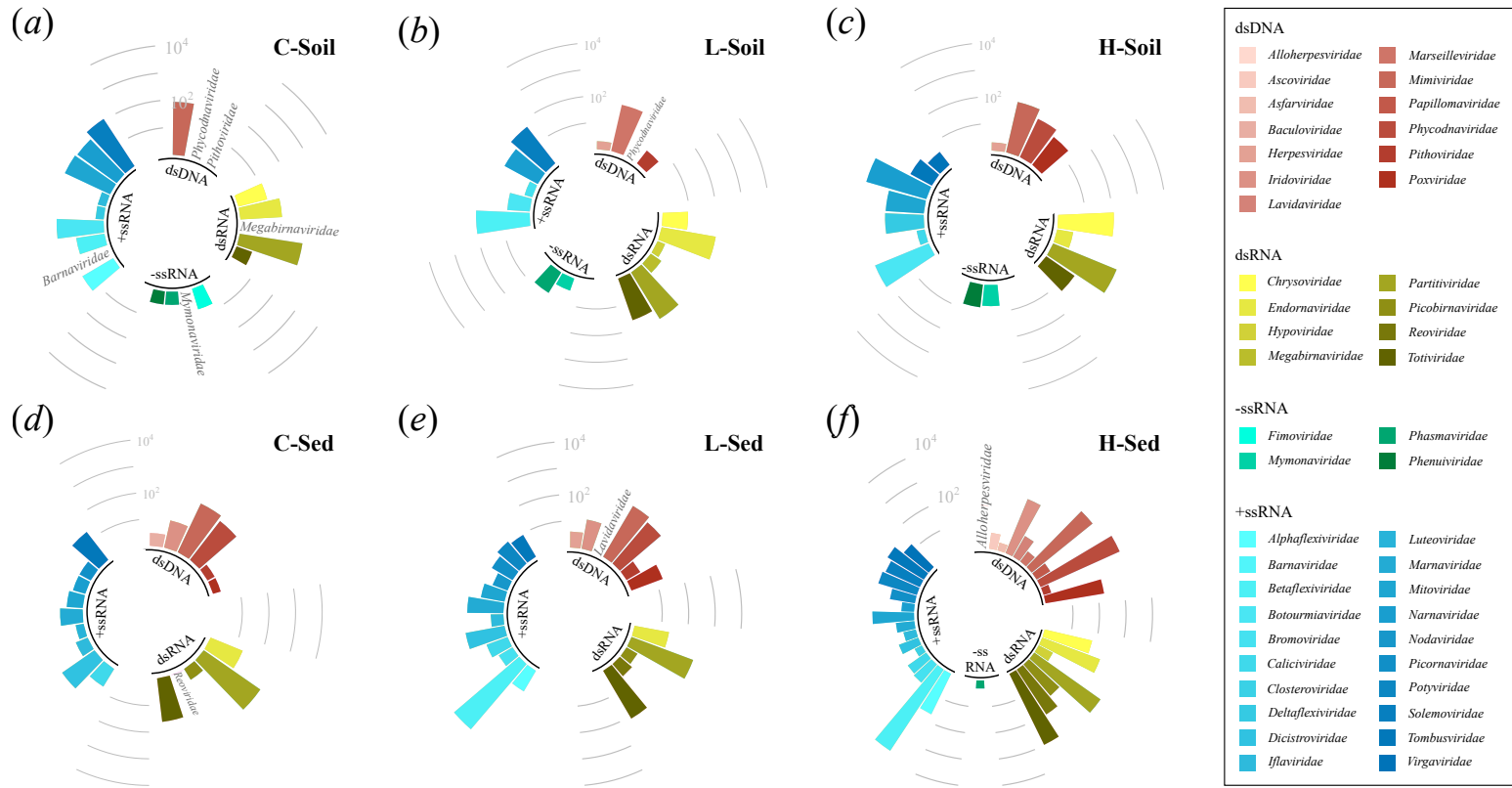


**Table 1.** Abundance of the viral families of the viral HSPs. The host range information was obtained from the ViralZone and International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) databases. Viruses with no or unknown family were excluded from this table.

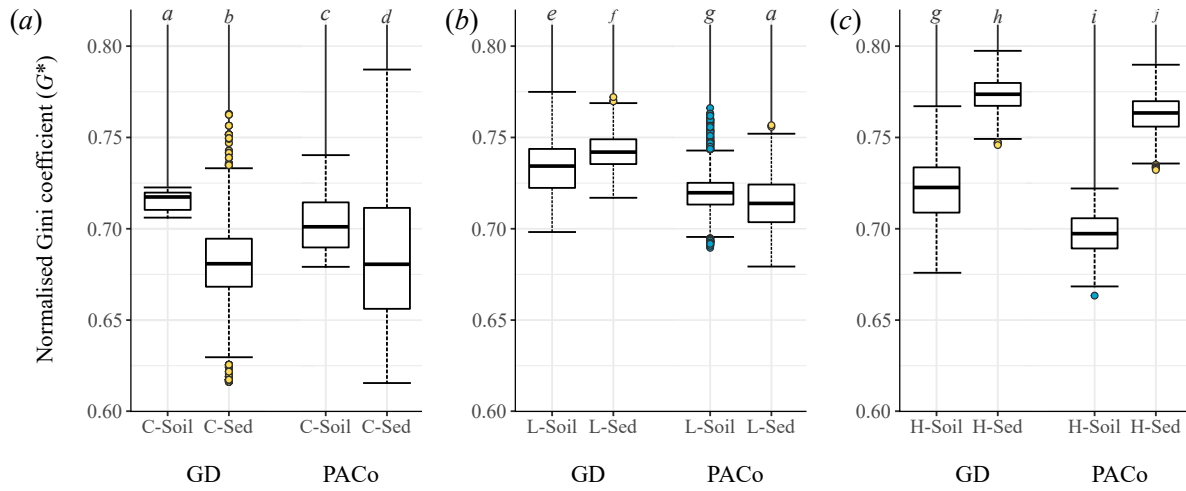
Viral family	Known eukaryotic host range	Count of HSP by site					
		Control		Low runoff		High runoff	
		C-Soil	C	L-Soil	L1	H-Soil	H1
<b>dsDNA viruses</b>							
<i>Alloherpesviridae</i>	Fish						1
<i>Ascoviridae</i>	Insects: mainly Noctuids SfAV: <i>Spodoptera</i> species only						4
<i>Asfarviridae</i>	Pigs warthogs bushpigs Vector: Argasid ticks						2
<i>Baculoviridae</i>	Arthropods: Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, Diptera Crustacean: Decapoda (Shrimps)		3				
<i>Herpesviridae</i>	Vertebrates			2	4	2	
<i>Iridoviridae</i>	Insects		11		13		159
<i>Lavidaviridae</i>	Protists infected by <i>Mimivirus</i>				1		8
<i>Marseilleviridae</i>	Amoeba						3
<i>Mimiviridae</i>	Amoeba	86	105	60	167	82	886
<i>Papillomaviridae</i>	Vertebrates						4
<i>Phycodnaviridae</i>	Alga	1	69	1	108	37	1,858
<i>Pithoviridae</i>	Amoeba	1	2		4		2
<i>Poxviridae</i>	Human, vertebrates, and arthropods		2		18	20	173
<b>dsRNA viruses</b>							
<i>Chrysoviridae</i>	Fungi	12		9		116	69
<i>Endornaviridae</i>	Plants, fungi, and oomycetes	33	20	115	21	4	212
<i>Hypoviridae</i>	Fungi			2			4
<i>Megabirnaviridae</i>	Fungi	1		3			
<i>Partitiviridae</i>	Fungi and plants	206	384	112	304	352	1,140
<i>Picobirnaviridae</i>	Vertebrates and invertebrates		3		3		36
<i>Reoviridae</i>	Vertebrates, invertebrates, plants, and fungi		1		4		106
<i>Totiviridae</i>	<i>Totivirus</i> : Fungi	4	44	45	124	19	957

<i>Victorivirus</i> : Fungi							
<b>-ssRNA viruses</b>							
<i>Fimoviridae</i>	Plant: European mountain ash	6					
<i>Mymonaviridae</i>	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i> fungi	1		3		6	
<i>Phasmaviridae</i>	Insects (mosquitos, cockroaches, water striders, psyllids, odonates, and drosophilids)	3					2
<i>Phenuiviridae</i>	RVFV: ruminants, camels, and humans Vector: Mosquitoes	3		8		7	
<b>+ssRNA viruses</b>							
<i>Alphaflexiviridae</i>	Plants and fungi	20			8		50
<i>Barnaviridae</i>	Cultivated mushroom ( <i>Agaricus bisporus</i> )	1					
<i>Betaflexiviridae</i>	Plants and fungi	11		103	1,716		4,631
<i>Botourmiaviridae</i>	Plants and fungi	52		7		142	
<i>Bromoviridae</i>	Plants			2	4		8
<i>Caliciviridae</i>	Vertebrates		6		7	2	7
<i>Closteroviridae</i>	Plants						2
<i>Deltaflexiviridae</i>	Fungi and plants	2	30			27	
<i>Dicistroviridae</i>	Invertebrates				31		6
<i>Iflaviridae</i>	Insects	2	3		3		3
<i>Luteoviridae</i>	Plants		2				
<i>Marnaviridae</i>	Phytoplankton <i>Heterosigma akashiwo</i>		7		23		5
<i>Mitoviridae</i>	Fungi	66	4		8	26	37
<i>Narnaviridae</i>	Fungi	59	3	26		207	3
<i>Nodaviridae</i>	Vertebrates and invertebrates		3		4		
<i>Picornaviridae</i>	Vertebrates				8		9
<i>Potyviridae</i>	Plants				12		33
<i>Solemoviridae</i>	Plants (few species of Gramineae)	114		54			26
<i>Tombusviridae</i>	Plants		21		9	8	40
<i>Virgaviridae</i>	Plants					4	16
<b>Total</b>		684	723	552	2,604	1,061	10,502

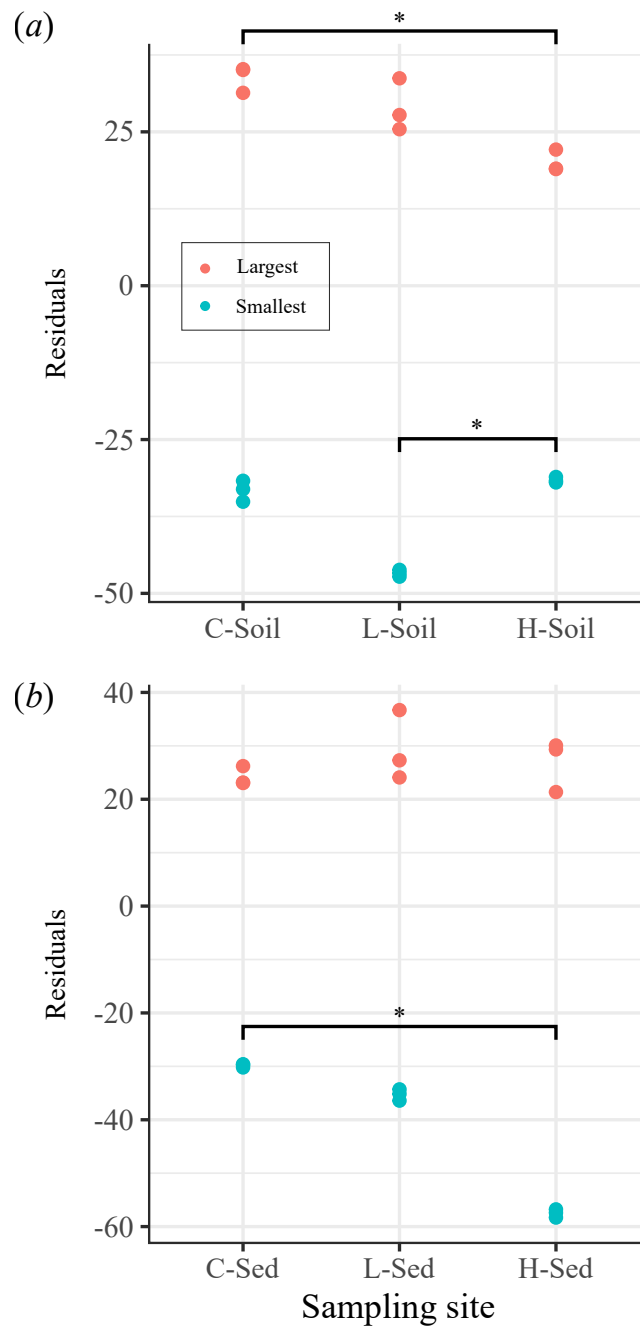
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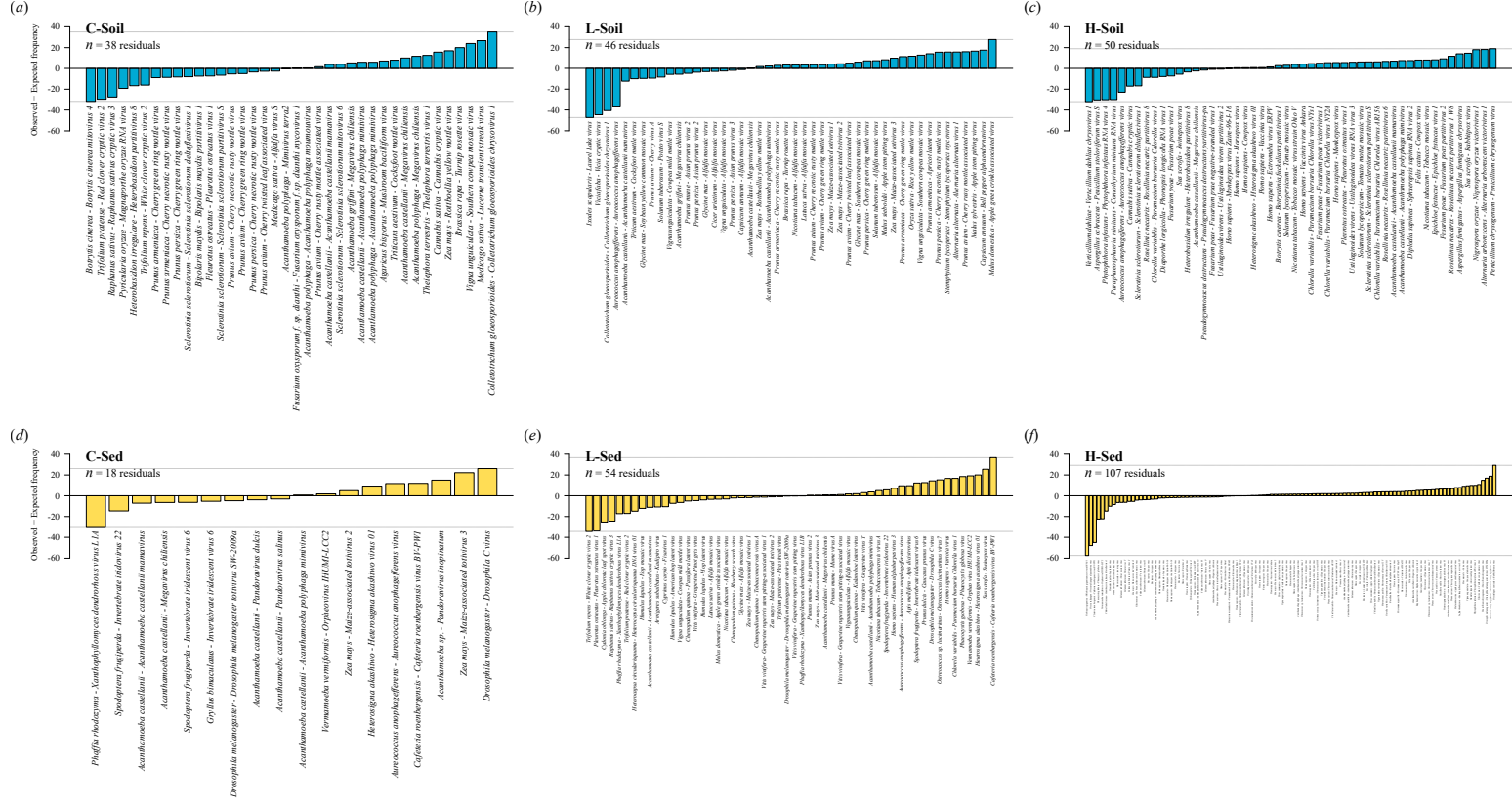
**Figure 1.** Abundance count of the viral families. (a) C-Soil; (b) L-Soil; (c) H-Soil; (d) C-Sed; (e) L-Sed; and (f) H-Sed sites. Abundances were  $\log_{10}$ -transformed. Viruses with a missing family were excluded from this analysis. The data used for this figure can be found in table 1.



**Figure 2.** Normalised Gini coefficients ( $G^*$ ) obtained with Random TaPas ( $n = 3$  runs). The values are separated by runoff volume: (a) control; (b) low runoff; and (c) high runoff. The two global-fit models used were GD (geodesic distances in tree space) and PACo (Procrustes Approach to Cophylogeny). Significant results (Dunn test, BH correction) are marked with letters from *a* to *j* ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). Blue represents the soil and yellow, the lake sediments.



**Figure 3.** Largest and smallest residuals per sampling site for (a) soil and (b) lake sediments samples. Residuals were computed by Random TaPas ( $n = 3$  runs) using GD (geodesic distances in tree space). Significant results (Dunn test, BH correction) are marked with an asterisk (\*) ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). Red represents the largest and blue, the smallest residuals. figure S6 further shows these results to be robust to the distance used to compare trees.



**Figure 4.** Distribution of the residuals computed by Random TaPas ( $n = 1$  run) using GD (geodesic distances in tree space). (a) C-Soil; (b) L-Soil; (c) H-Soil; (d) C-Sed; (e) L-Sed; and (f) H-Sed sites. Blue residuals represent the soil, and yellow the lake sediments.