

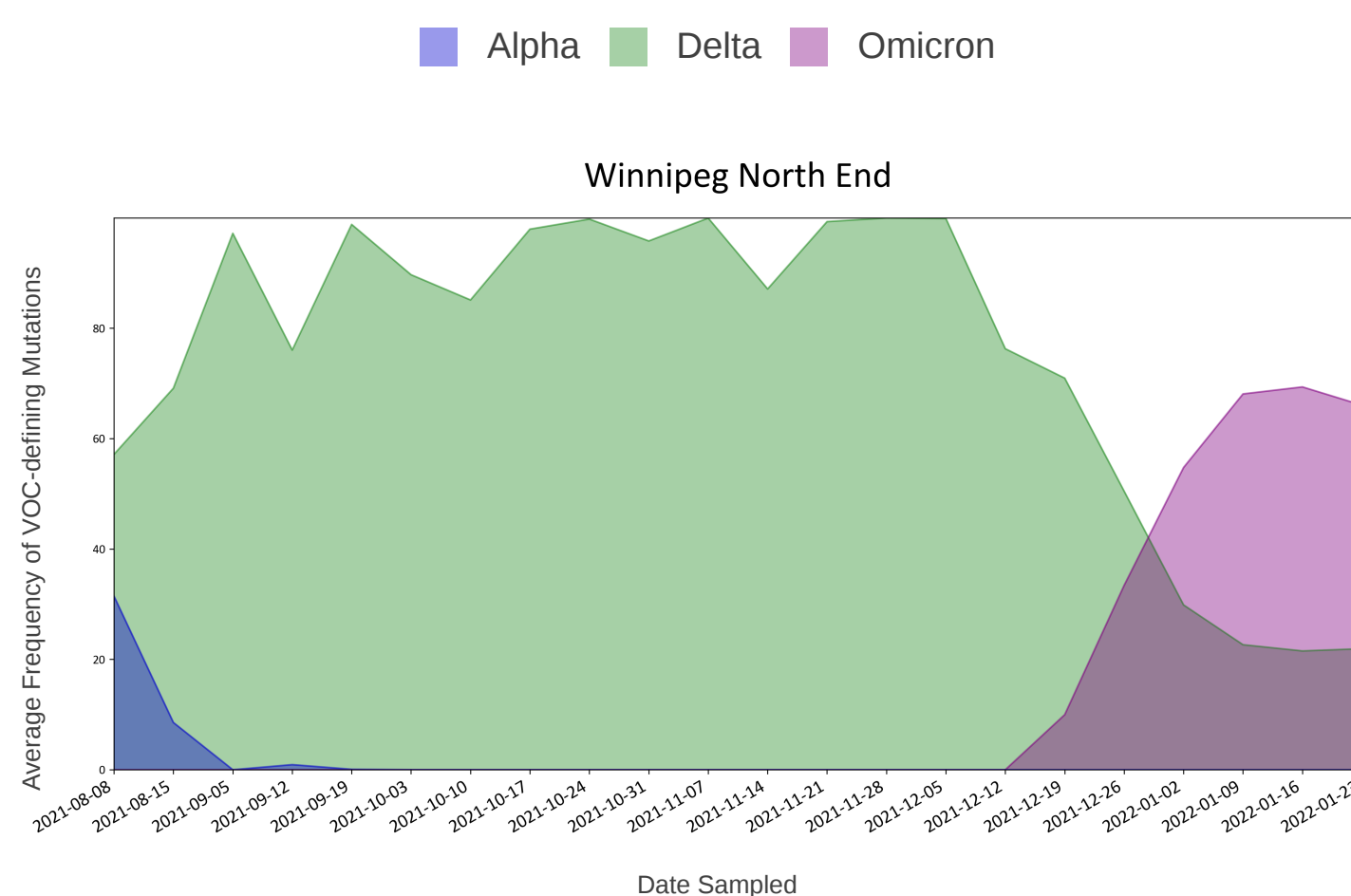
Wastewater Sequencing Trend Report: Detection of SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern by Metagenomic Sequencing



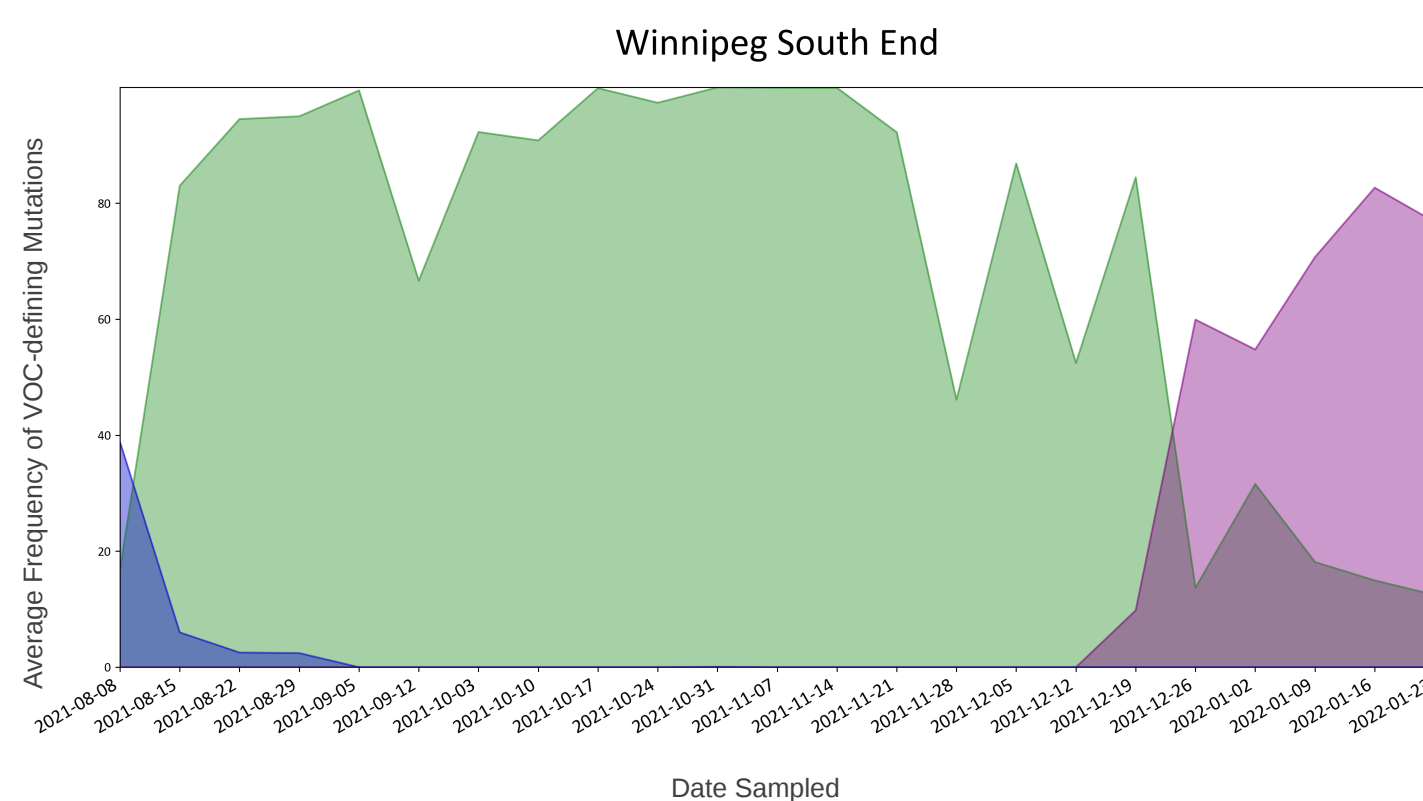
Longitudinal wastewater sequencing data ending 2022-01-23

The plots show the percentage of three SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (Alpha, Delta and Omicron) detected in wastewater samples collected from different sites using metagenomic sequencing. SARS-CoV-2 viral fragments present in the wastewater are isolated and sequenced to obtain a genomic “blueprint” of the virus. Each variant of concern carries small differences in their genomic blueprint called mutations that can be queried using specialized software to identify the presence and abundance of Alpha, Delta and Omicron present in the wastewater sample. The shaded areas in the plot show Delta in green, Omicron in purple and where applicable, Alpha in blue.

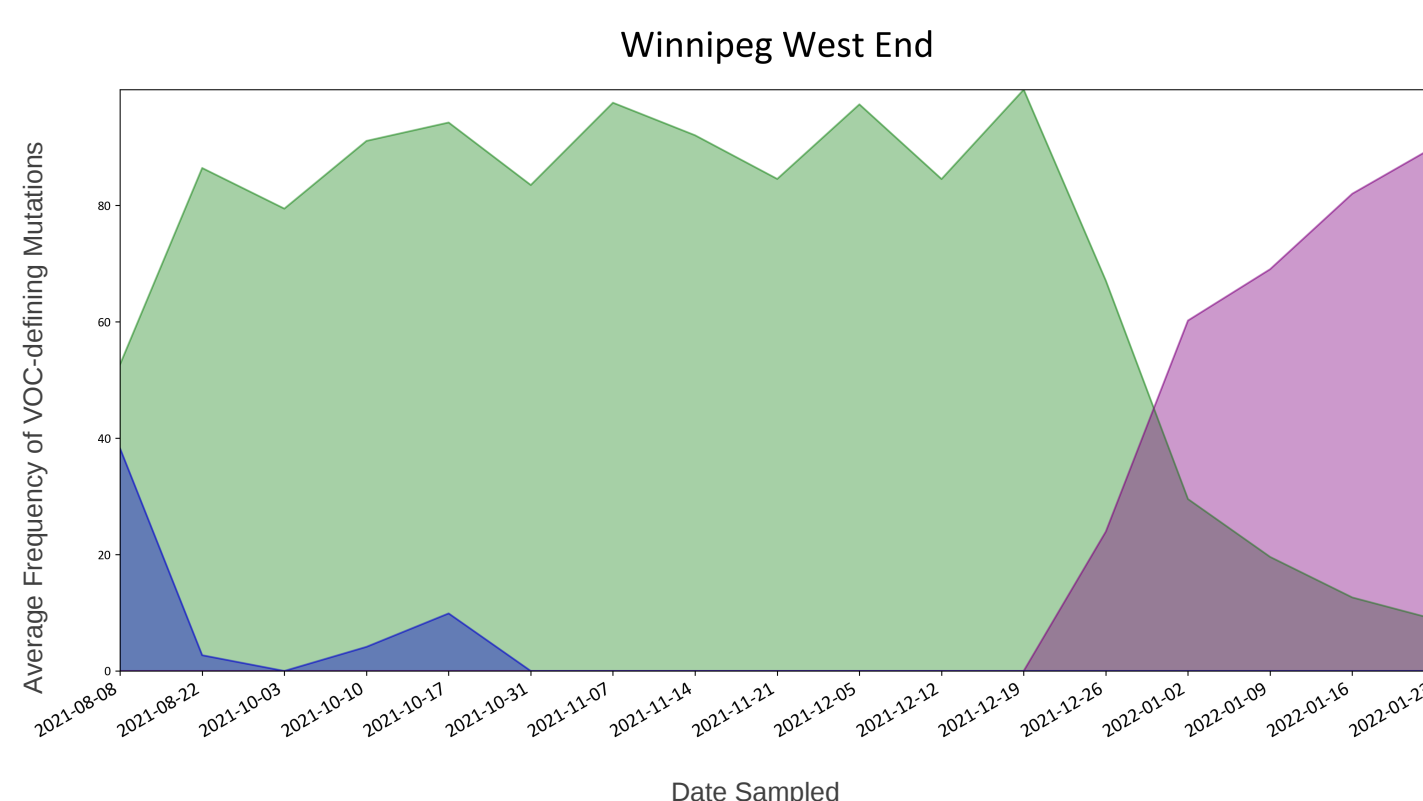
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