



Introduction to metagenomic analysis

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What's metagenomics?

Total collection of **microorganisms** within a **community**

Also **microbial community** or **microbiota**

THE **MICROFLORA** AND THE PRODUCTIVITY OF LEACHED AND NON-LEACHED ALKALI SOIL

J. E. GREAVES¹

Utah Agricultural Experiment Station

Received for publication July 2, 1926

Chemistry & Biology October 1998, 5:R245–249

Molecular biological access to the chemistry of unknown soil microbes: a new frontier for natural products

Jo Handelsman¹, Michelle R Rondon¹, Sean F Brady², Jon Clardy² and Robert M Goodman¹



ness that they are thought to contain. The methodology has been made possible by advances in molecular biology and eukaryotic genomics, which have laid the groundwork for cloning and functional analysis of the collective genomes of soil microflora, which we term the **metagenome** of the soil.

Total **genomic potential** of a microbial community

Study of **uncultured microorganisms** from the environment, which can include humans or other living hosts

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Commensal Host-Bacterial Relationships in the Gut

Lora V. Hooper and Jeffrey I. Gordon*

ber our somatic and germ cells (3). The Nobel laureate Joshua Lederberg has suggested using the term "**microbiome**" to describe the collective genome of our indigenous microbes (microflora), the idea being that a comprehensive genetic view of *Homo sapiens* as a life-form should include the genes in our microbiome (4).

Total **biomolecular repertoire** of a microbial community



2003/2004 - ongoing

Global Ocean Sampling Route



Phylogenetic tree of the genus *Sphaerium* based on 18S rDNA sequences. The tree is rooted at the bottom left with a scale bar of 0.05. Major clades are labeled in orange: Flamingo Pond (Galapagos), Panama Canal, Central America, Galapagos, Eastern U.S. Seaboard, North Atlantic, Sargasso Sea and Yucatan Channel, Mexico, and a small clade at the bottom right. Bootstrap values are shown at the nodes.

J. Craig Venter
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Expected Distribution of Proteobacteriophages Variants According Random Model

Legend:

- epsilon
- theovirine
- theobacteriine
- theobacteriine

Map Labels:

- North Atlantic
- South Atlantic/Caribbean
- Pacific
- Panama Canal (Fresh Water)

Capacity: 240,000 sequences/day or 80 million lanes/year at 24 runs per day



The NIH Human Microbiome Project (HMP): A comprehensive microbial survey

- ***What is a “normal” human microbiome?***
- 300 healthy human subjects
- Multiple body sites
 - 15 male, 18 female
- Multiple visits
- Clinical metadata

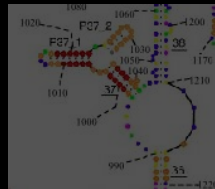




Sequencing as a tool for microbial community analysis

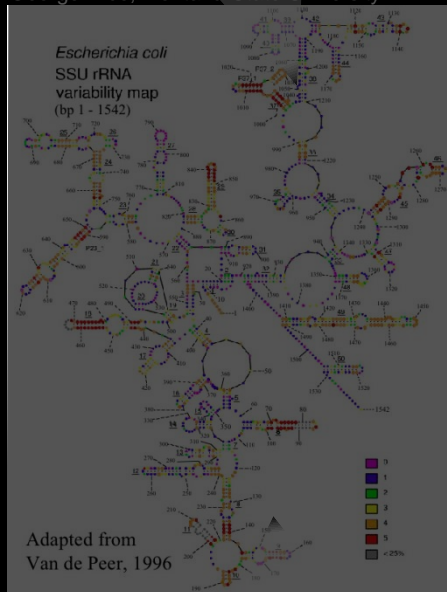


Lyse cells
Extract DNA (and/or RNA)



16S amplicons

George Rice, Montana State University



PCR to amplify the single
16S rRNA marker gene

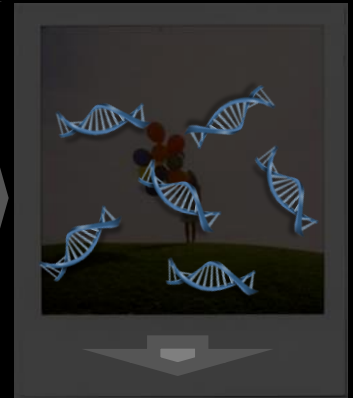
Hello
my name is
Classify sequence
→ microbe

Samples



Relative
abundances

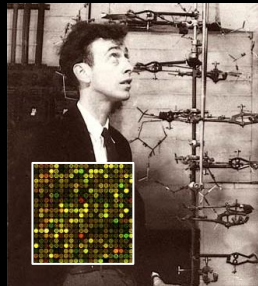
Meta'omic



Genes,
Genomes,
Metabolic profiling,
Relative abundances,
Genetic variants...



What to do with your metagenome?



Reservoir of
gene and protein
functional
information

Comprehensive
snapshot of
microbial ecology
and evolution

Basic science

Translational

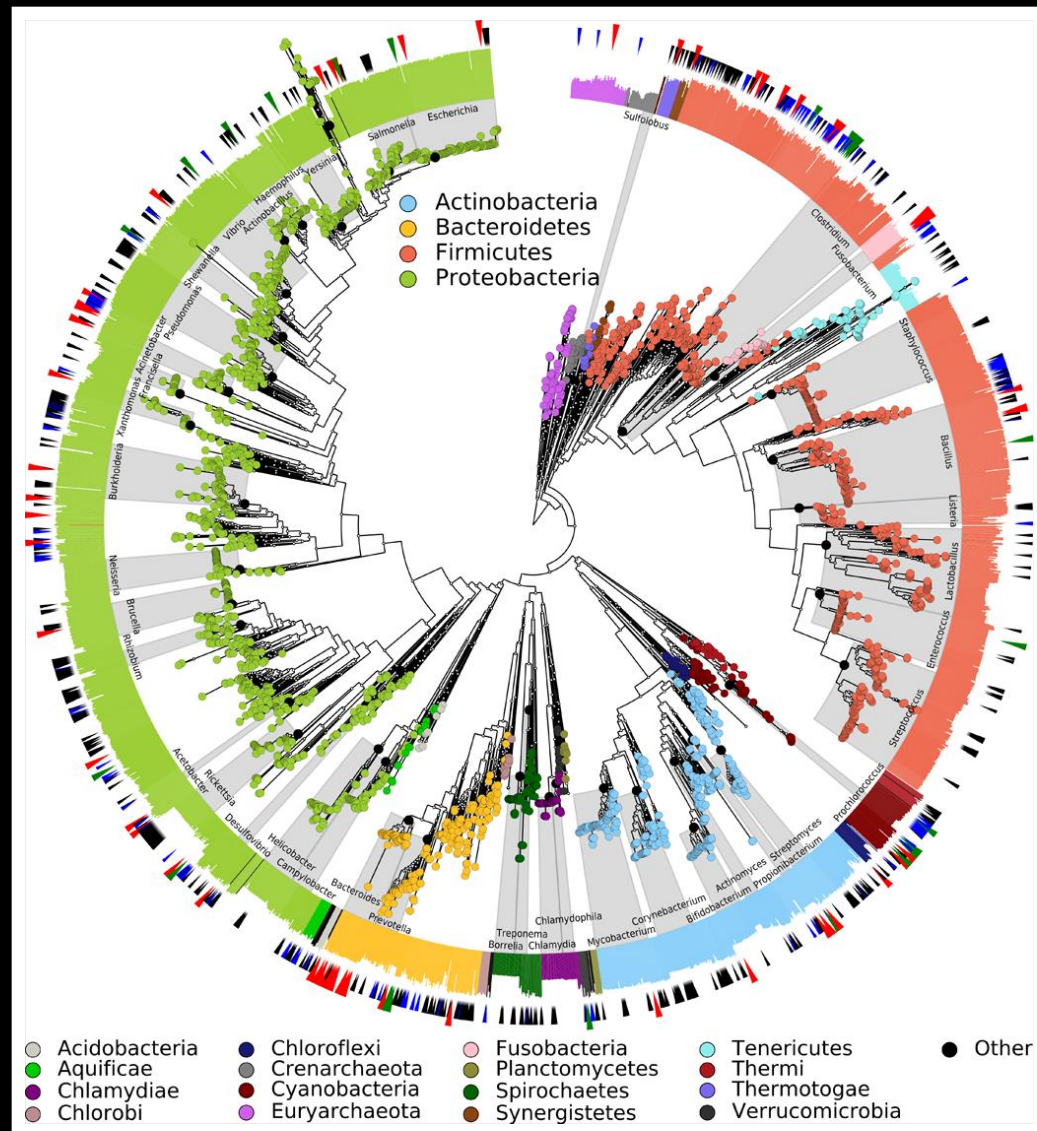
Public health tool
monitoring
population health
and epidemiology

Diagnostic or
prognostic
biomarker for
host disease





Composition-based analyses

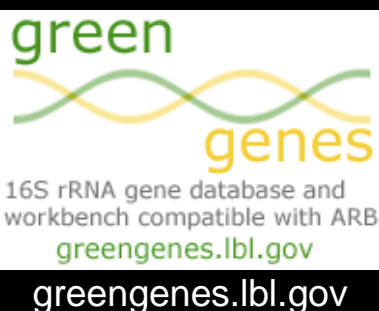




Microbiome composition analyses: phylotypes and binning



rdp.cme.msu.edu

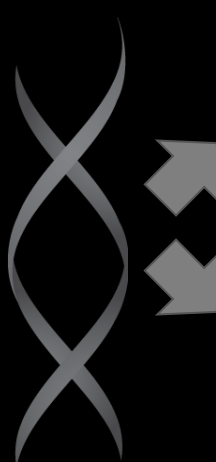
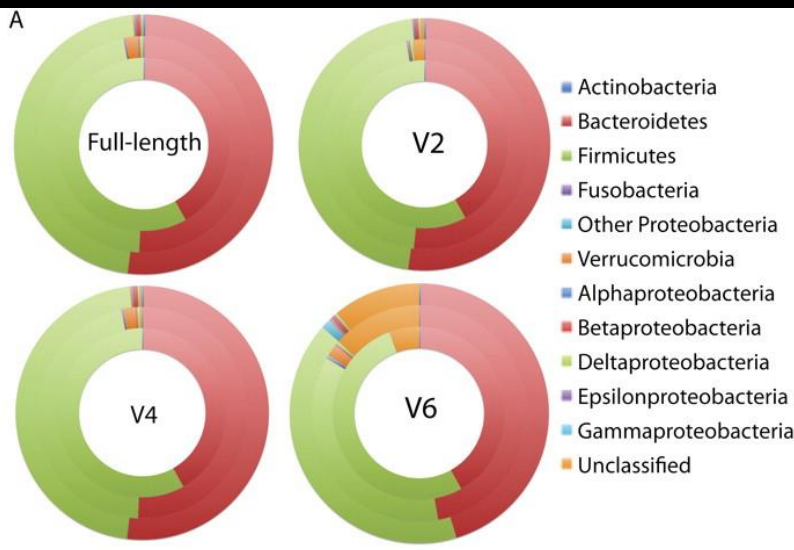


Binning: nontrivial
assignment of reads
to phylotypes

Phylotype or **operational
taxonomic unit (OTU):**
organisms clonal to within some
tolerance (e.g. 95%); “species”

Indirect binning: BLAST etc.
Relies on high similarity,
reference seq.

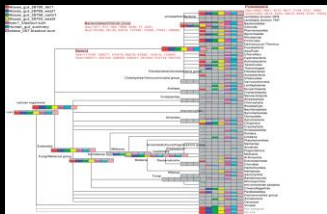
Direct binning: analyzes seq.
characteristics (GC, codons, etc.)
Relies on long reads





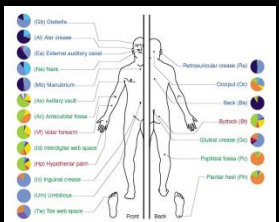
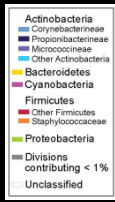
Microbiome composition analyses: diversity

Mitra, 2009



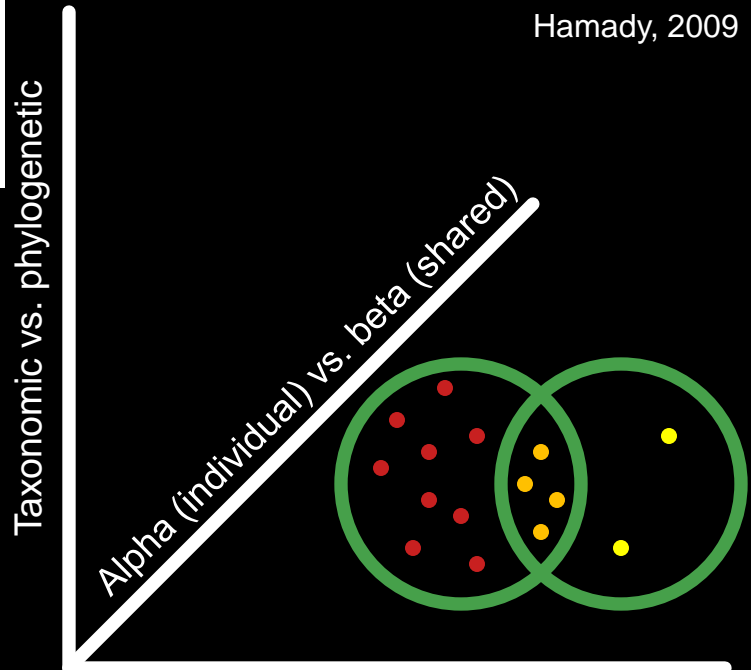
Diversity: broadly, a community's number and distribution of organisms

Also **community composition** or **structure**

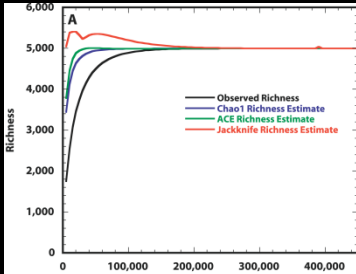
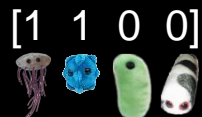


Susan Holmes, Stanford

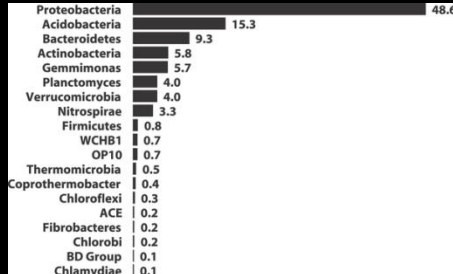
Hamady, 2009



Qualitative vs. quantitative



of sequences

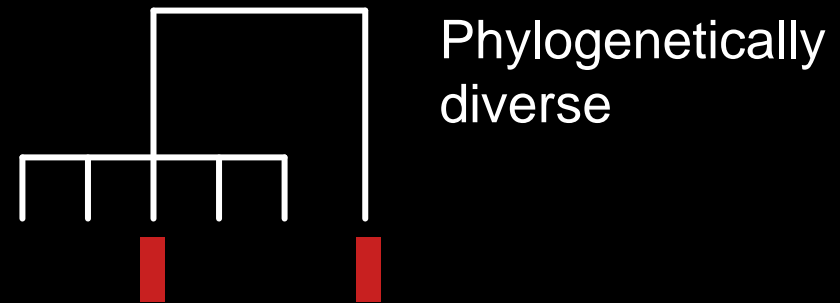
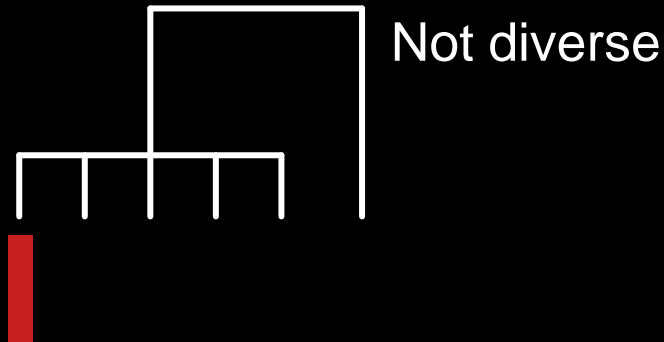


Schloss, 2006

% of sequences

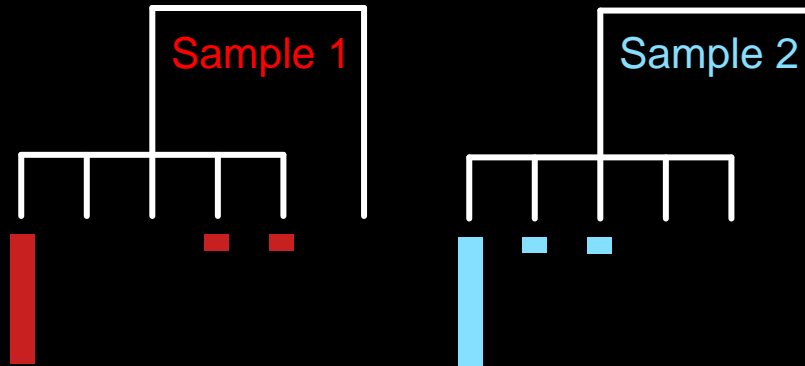


Microbiome composition analyses: **alpha diversity (1-sample) scenarios**

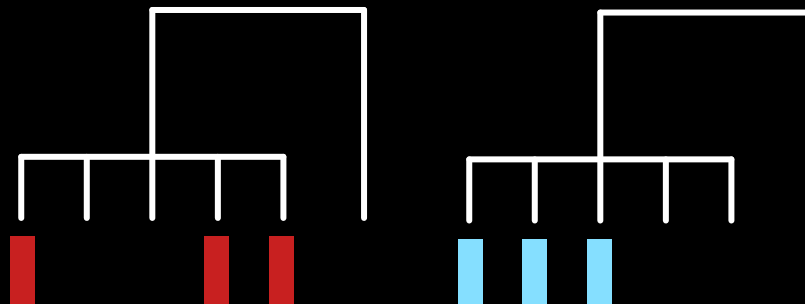




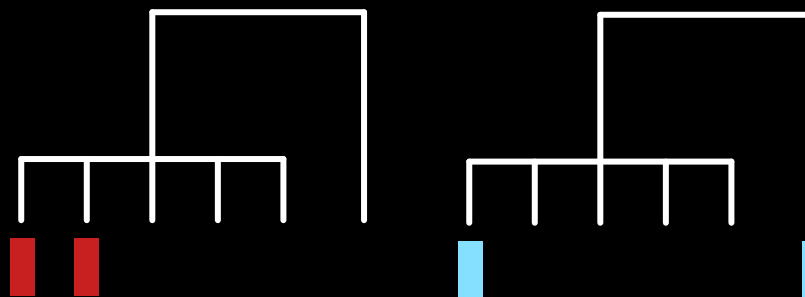
Microbiome composition analyses: **beta diversity (2-sample) scenarios**



Qualitatively diverse
Taxonomically diverse



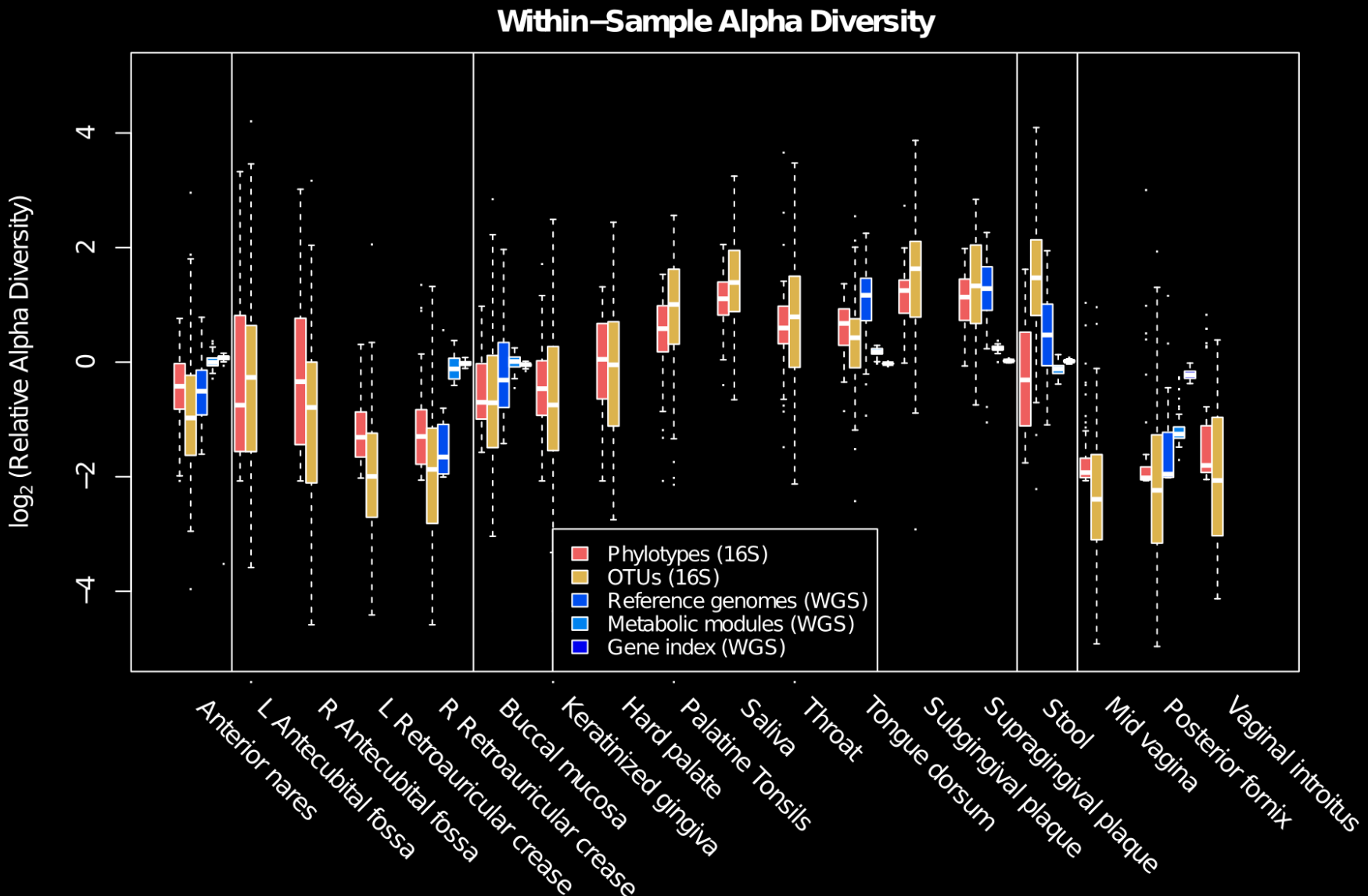
Quantitatively diverse
Taxonomically diverse



Quantitatively diverse
Phylogenetically diverse

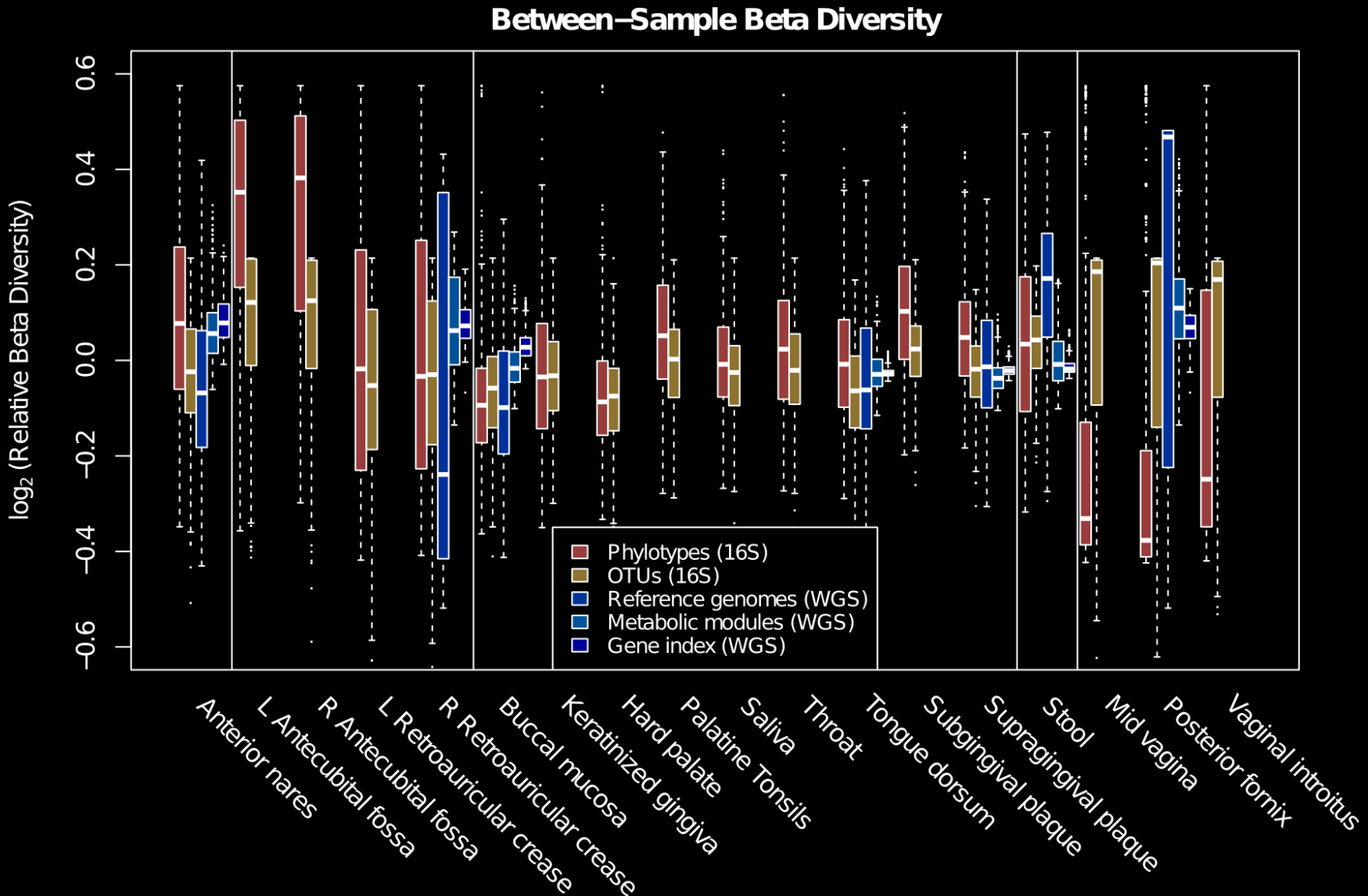


Which human body sites harbor the greatest microbial diversity per individual?





Which human body sites share the greatest microbial diversity among individuals?

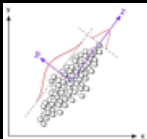




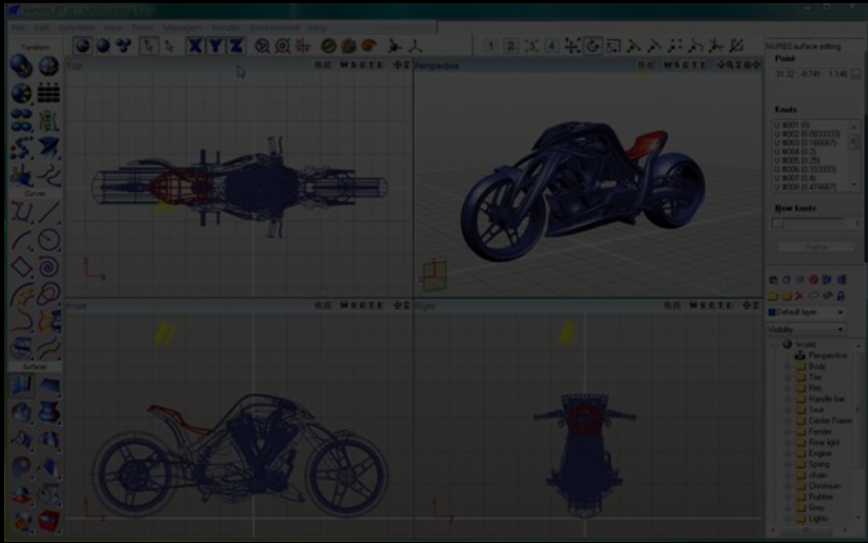
Microbiome composition analyses: ordination

Ordination is the constrained projection of high-dimensional data into fewer dimensions.

PCA or **Principal Component Analysis** guarantees the new dimensions maximize normal variation.

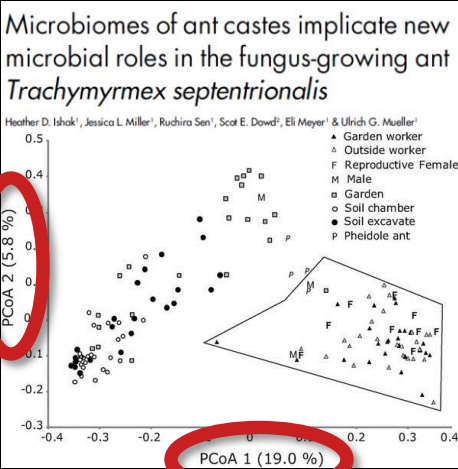
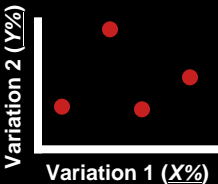
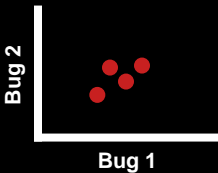


NMDS or **Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling**, also called **PCoA** or **Principal Coordinates Analysis**, guarantees the new dimensions maximize an arbitrary similarity score (such as UniFrac beta-diversity).

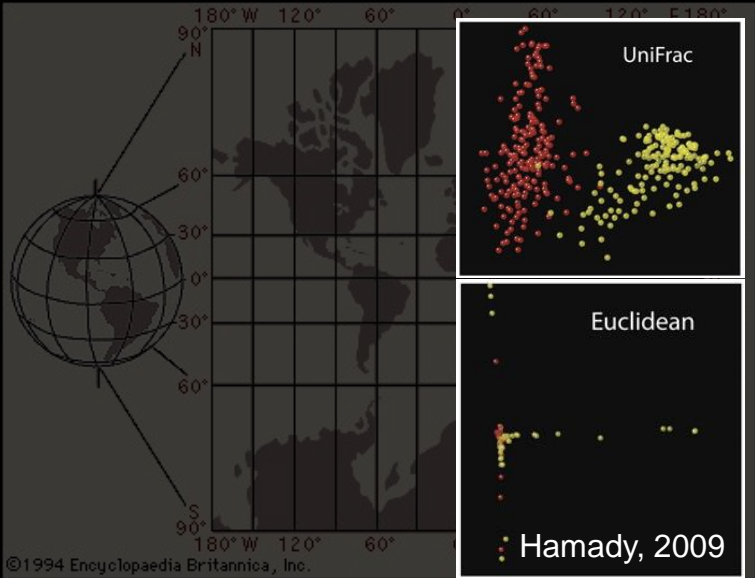


Samples →

Distance between points is Euclidean

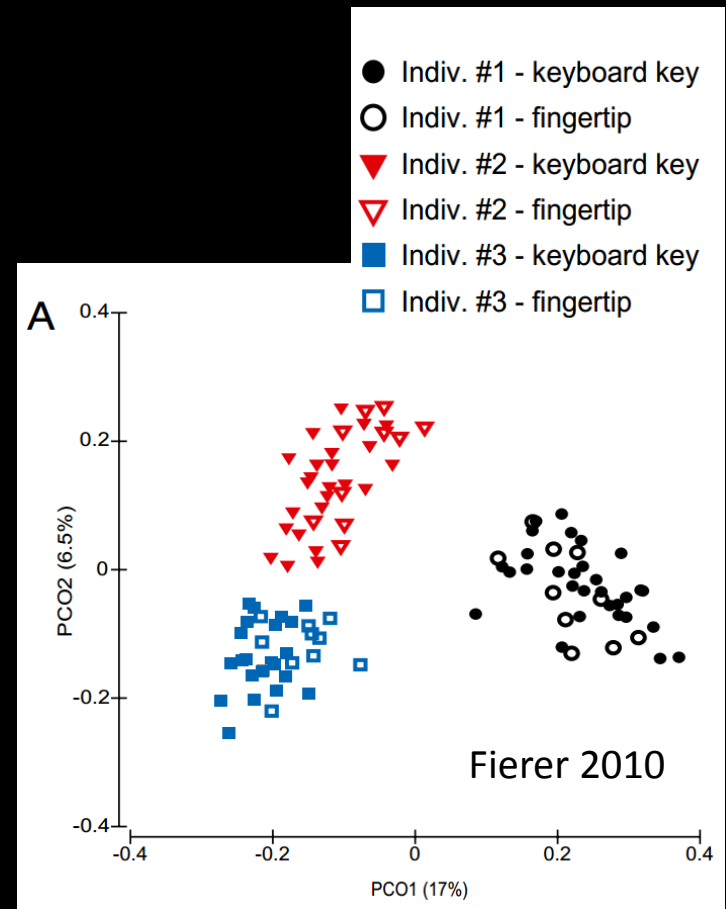
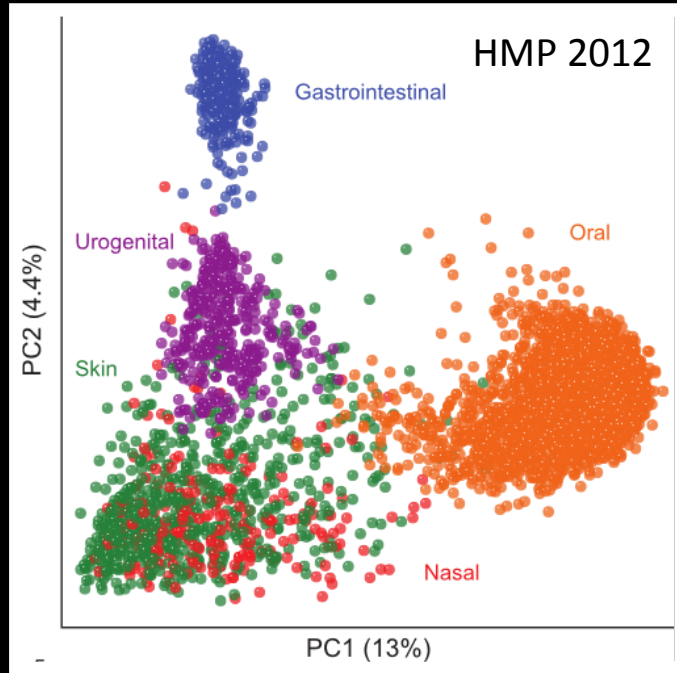


Distance between points is a **proportional function** of their **similarity**





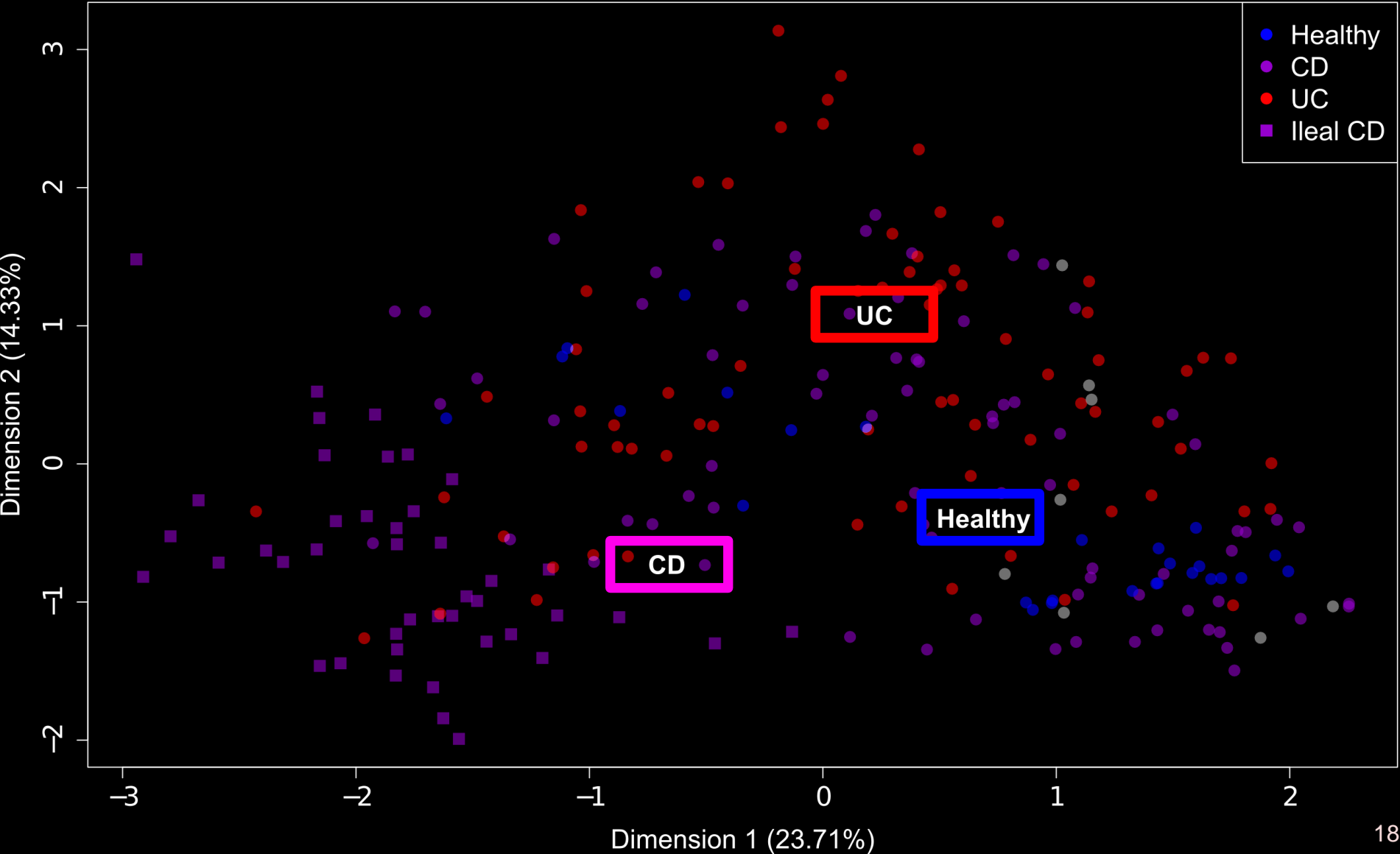
Microbiome composition analyses: ordination examples





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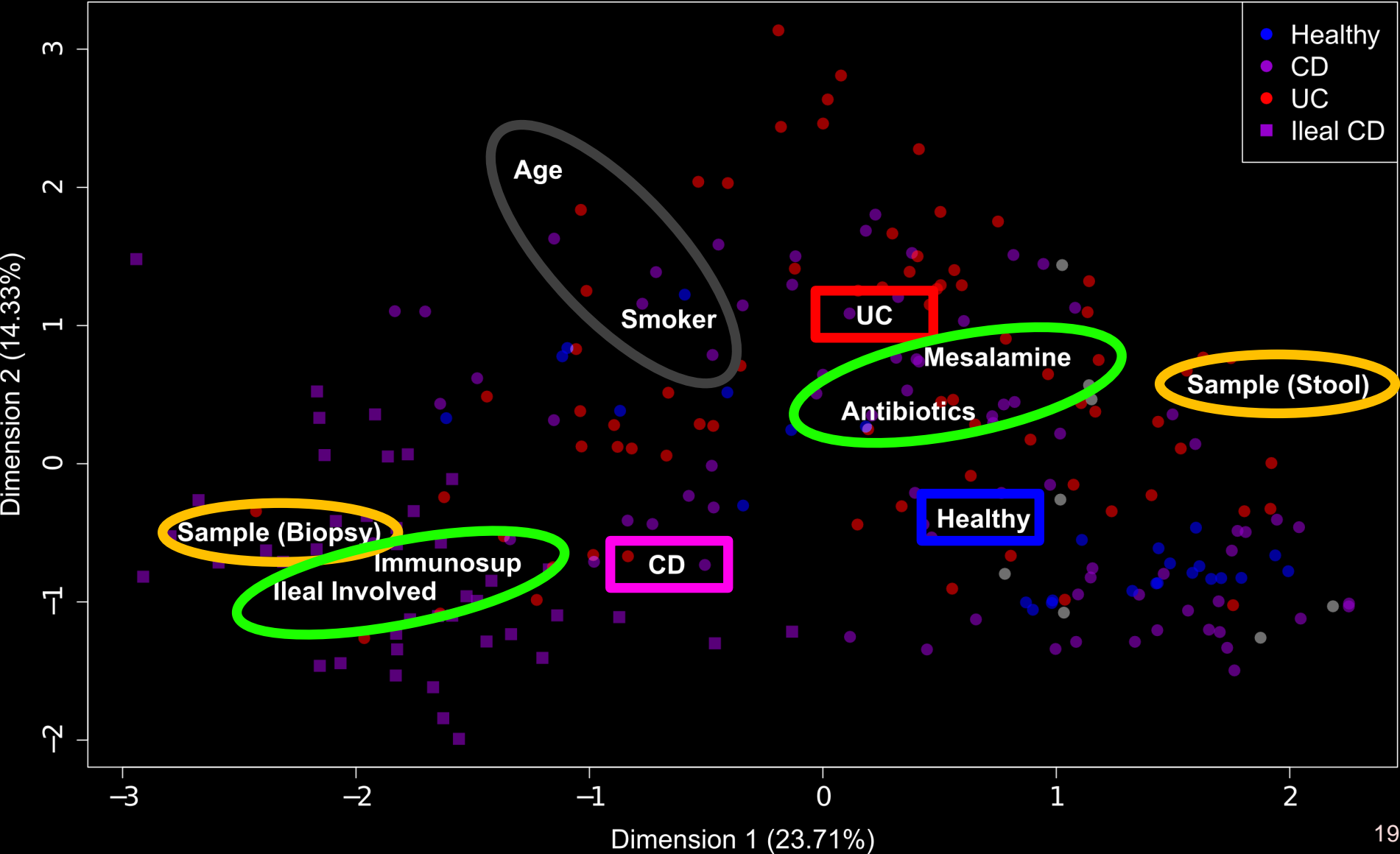
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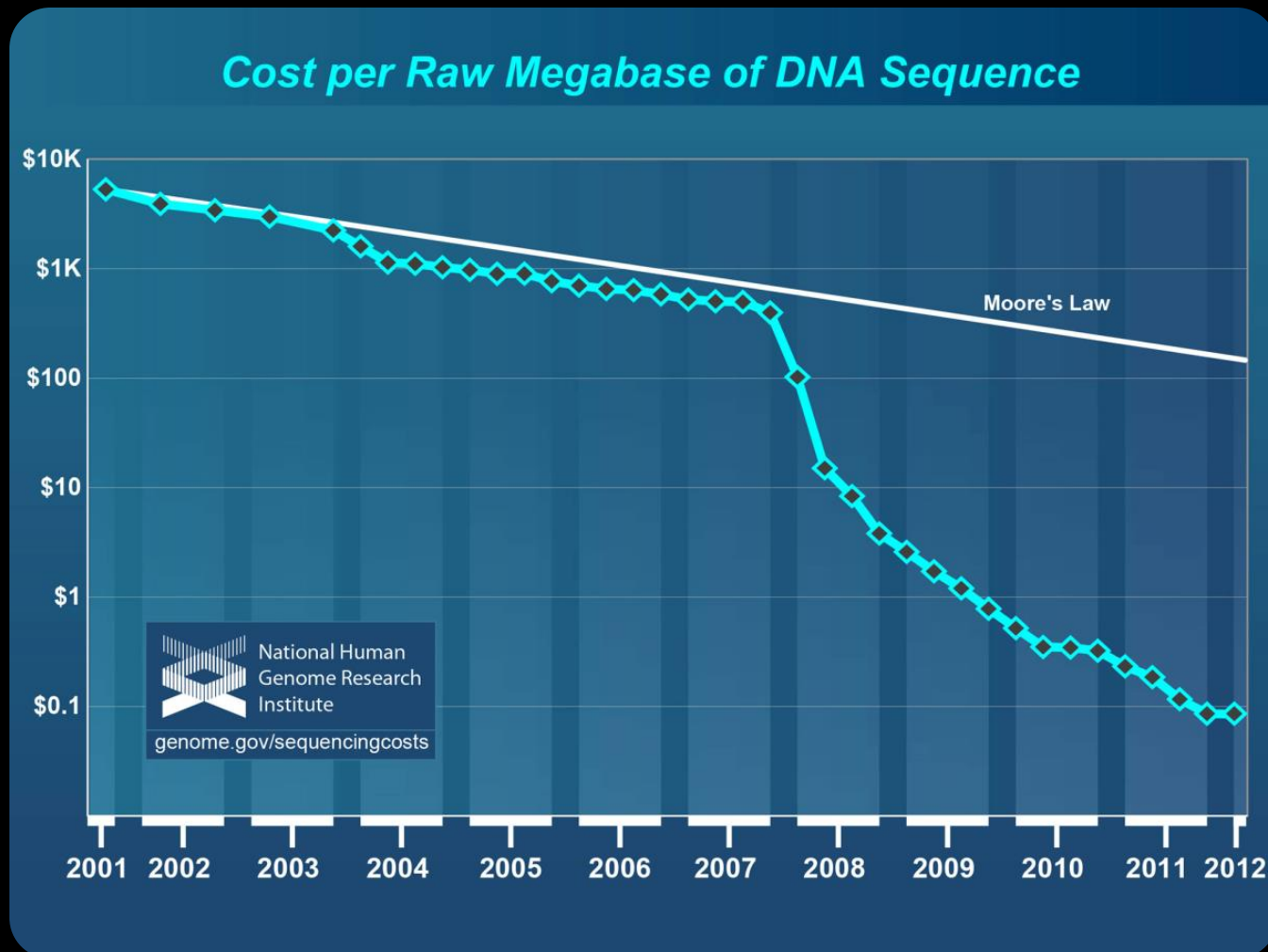
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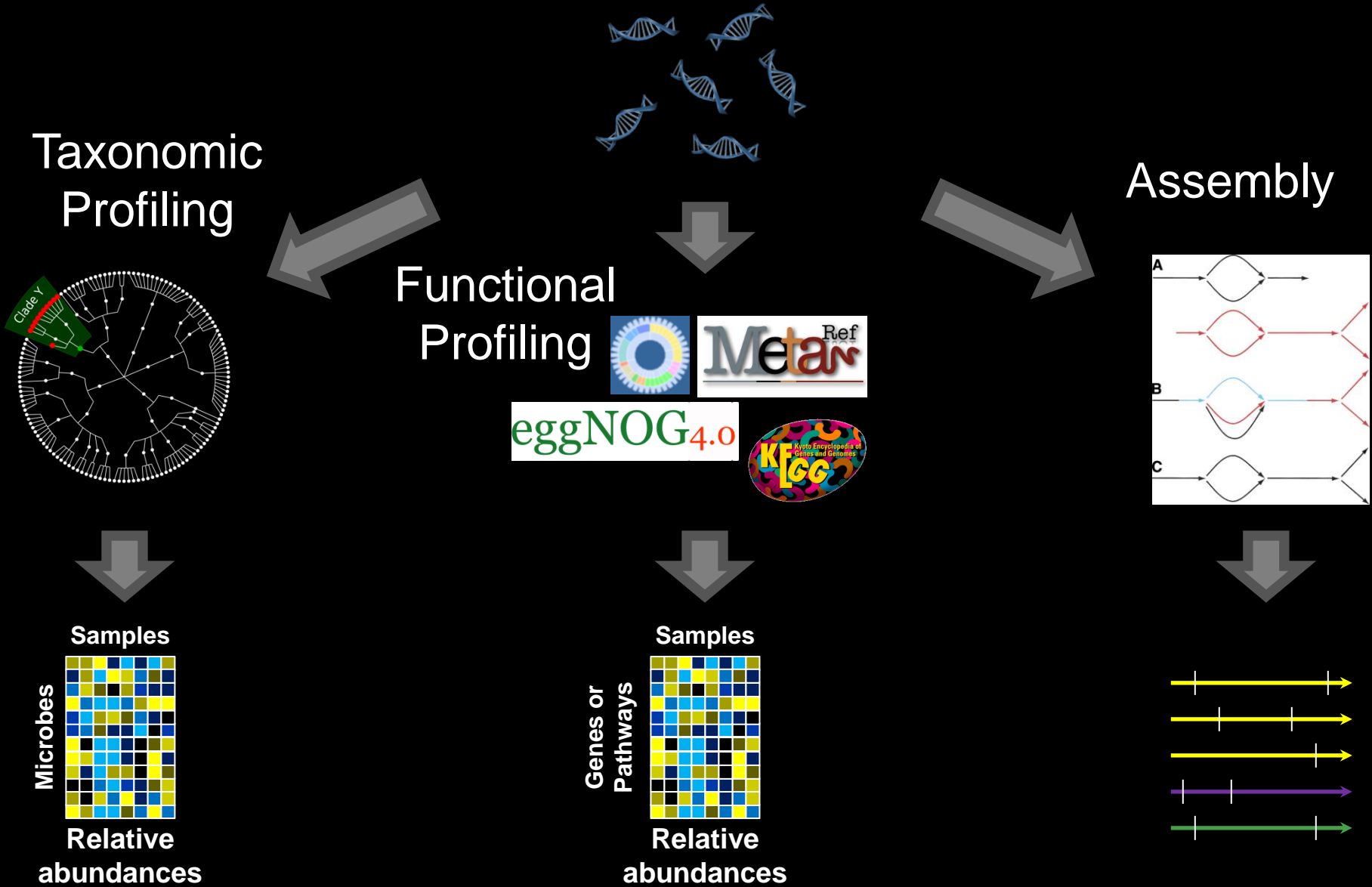


Meta'omic analyses





Typical shotgun metagenome and metatranscriptome analyses





Profiling microbial communities and ecology at species-level resolution

ARTICLE

Arumugam Nature 2012

doi:10.1038/nature09944

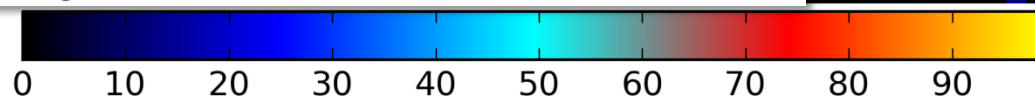
Enterotypes of the human gut microbiome

The New York Times

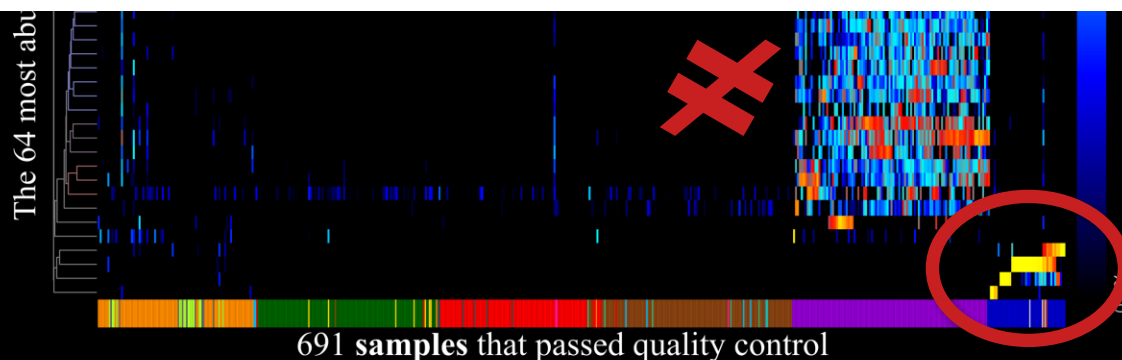
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Bacterial Ecosystems Divide People Into 3 Groups, Scientists Say



Lactobacillus crispatus
Atopobium vaginae
Prevotella amnii
Gardnerella vaginalis
Bifidobacterium breve
Lactobacillus gasseri
Prevotella multiformis
Bifidobacterium dentium



Gut

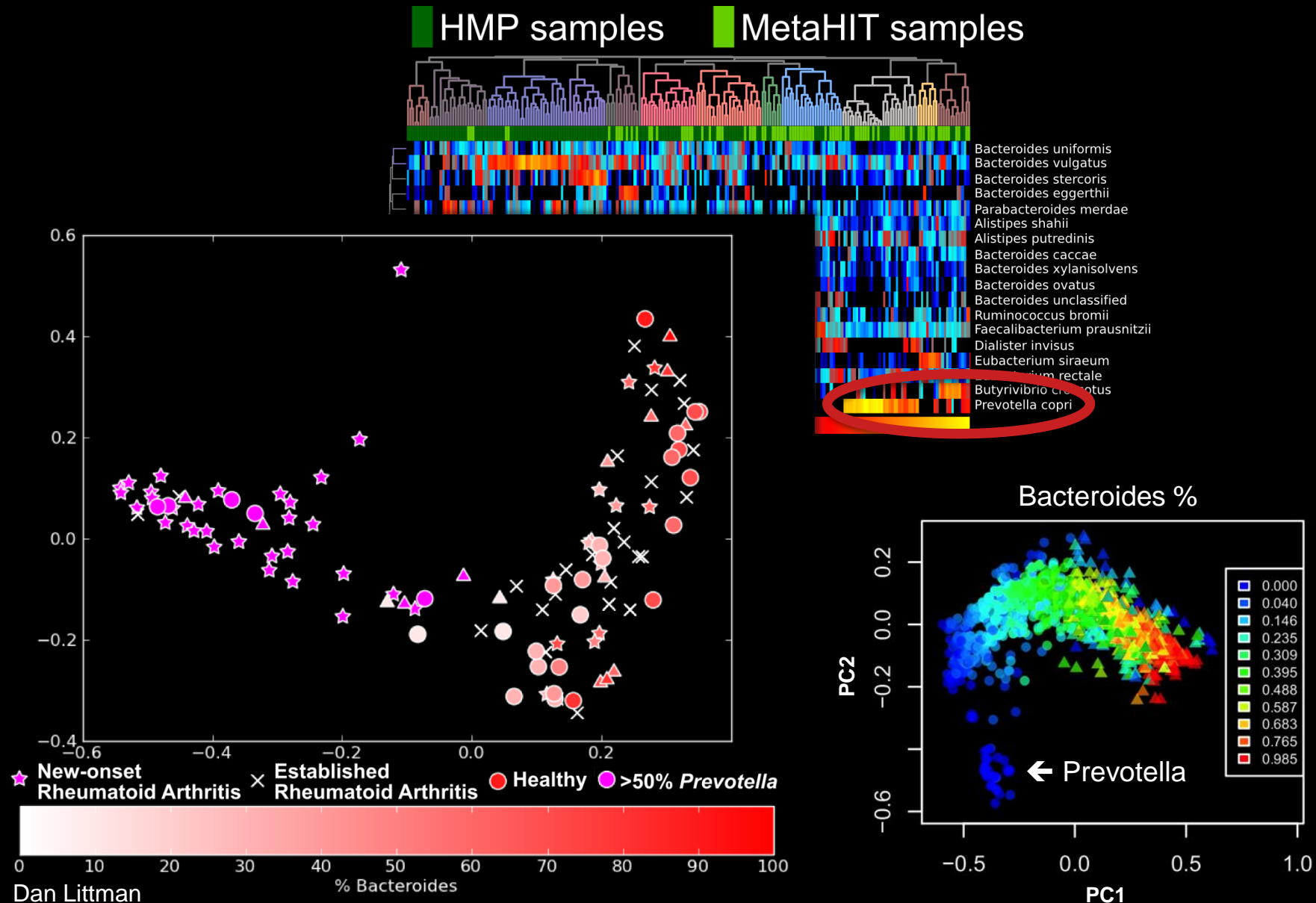
Vaginal

691 samples that passed quality control

anterior nares throat subgingival plaque saliva posterior fornix
right retroauricular crease buccal mucosa tongue dorsum palatine tonsils vaginal introitus
left retroauricular crease supragingival plaque attached keratinized gingiva stool mid vagina

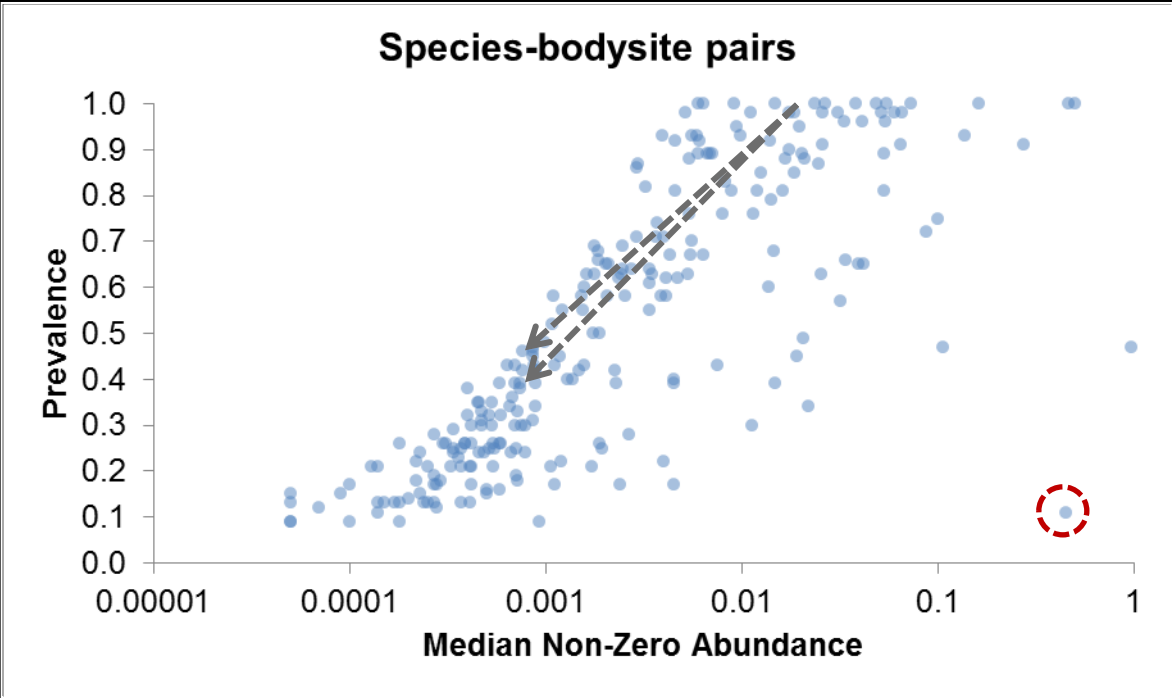


Are there discrete “types” of typical human microbiomes?





Species prevalence vs. species abundance



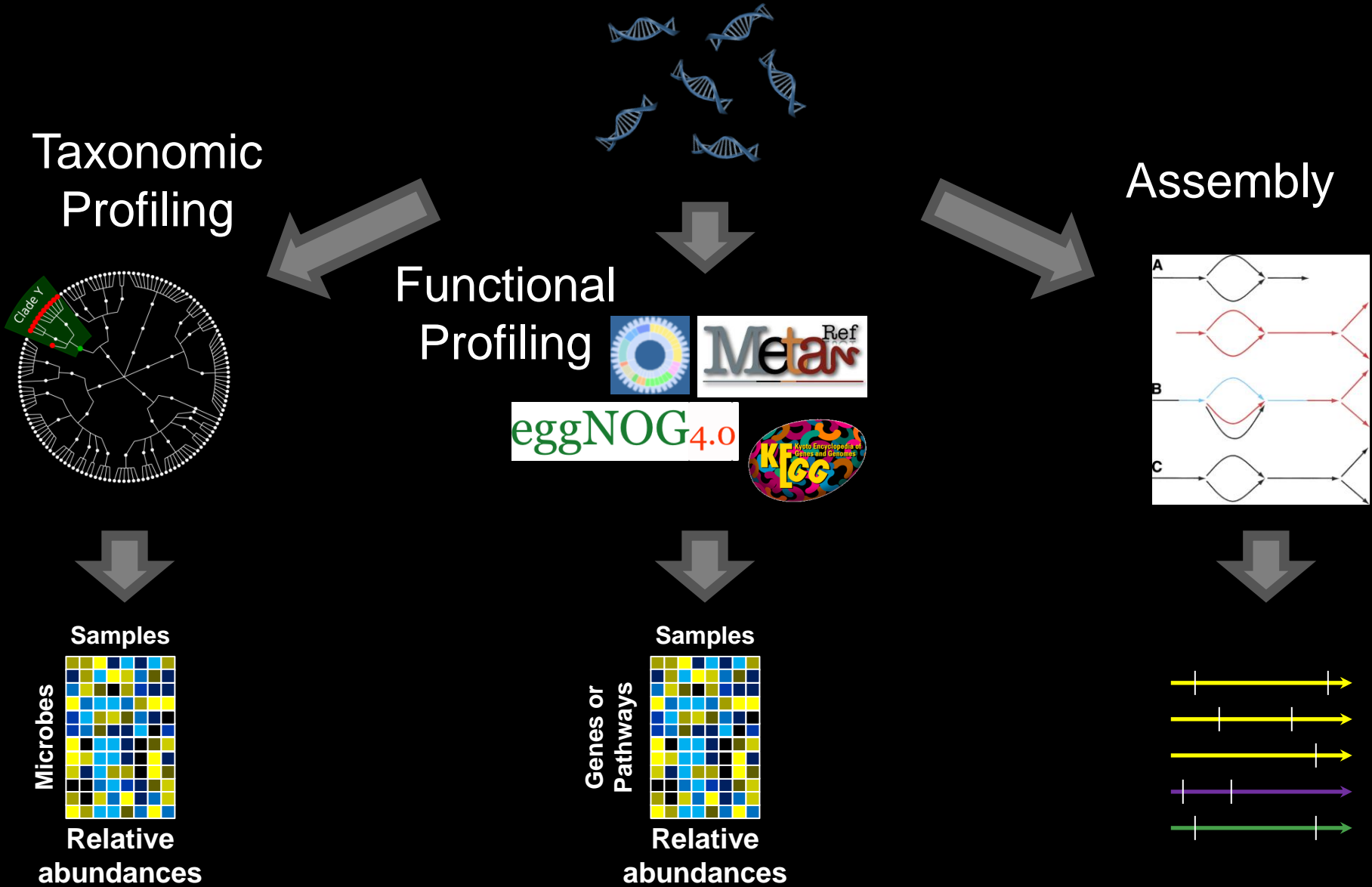
site	bug	log10 med non0 abund	prevalence	tp 1-2 stability
Stool	s__Prevotella_copri	-0.3	0.11	1.00



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Tongue_dorsum	s__Actinomyces_odontolyticus	-1.8	1.00	1.00
Buccal_mucosa	s__Actinomyces_odontolyticus	-3.1	0.47	0.78
Supragingival_plaque	s__Actinomyces_odontolyticus	-3.1	0.38	0.50



Typical shotgun metagenome and metatranscriptome analyses



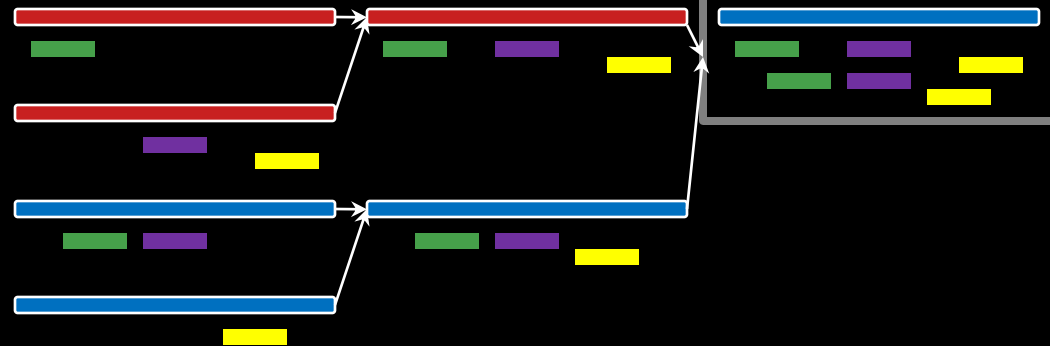


Metagenomic analyses: gene calling and proxygenes

Extrinsic gene calling:
BLAST etc. (proxygenes)

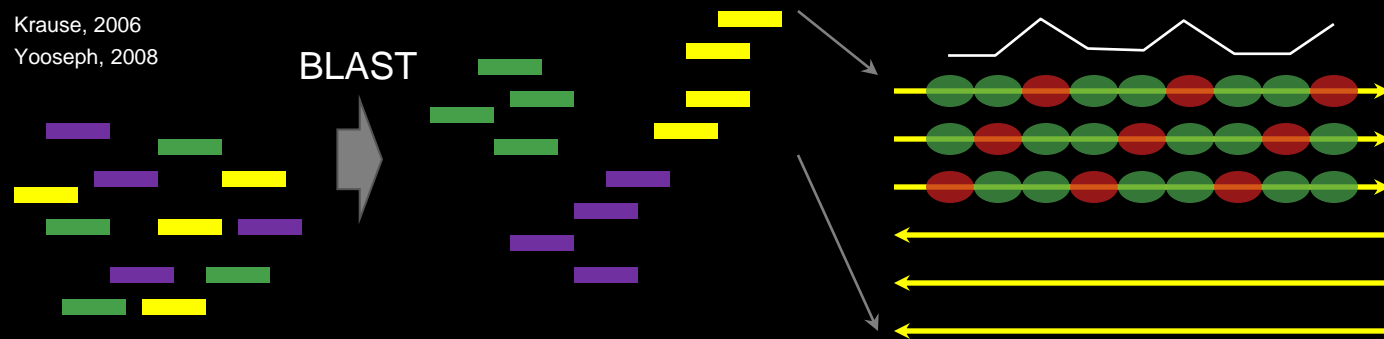
Intrinsic gene calling:
ORF detection from seq.

Dalevi, 2009



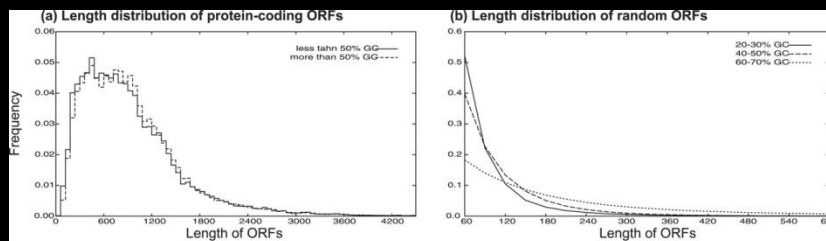
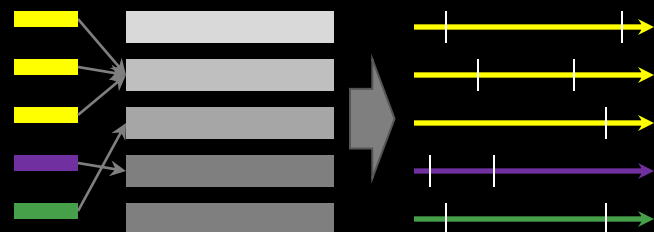
Krause, 2006
Yooseph, 2008

BLAST



Orphelia: Hoff, 2009
MetaGene: Noguchi, 2006

HMM models





Metagenomic analyses: molecular functions and biological roles

Orthology:

Grouping genes by conserved
sequence features
COG, KO, FIGfam...

Structure:

Grouping genes by similar
protein domains
Pfam, TIGRfam, SMART, EC...

Biological roles:

Grouping genes by pathway
and process involvement
GO, KEGG, MetaCyc, SEED...

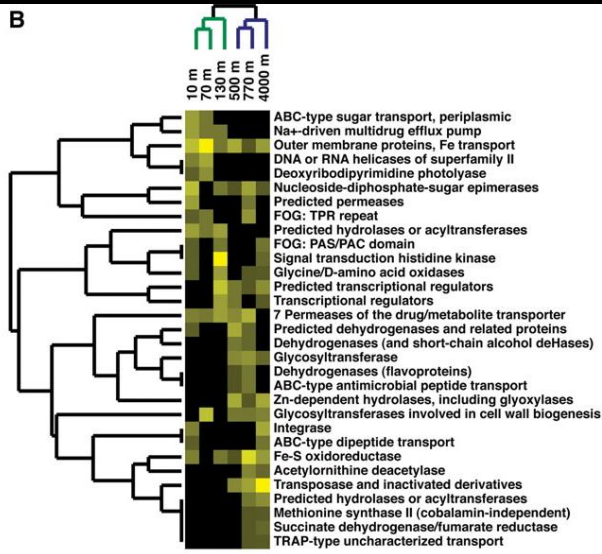
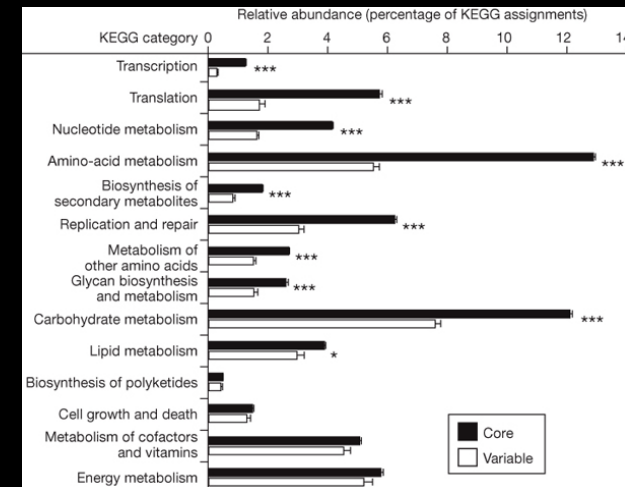


Table 1 | Glycoside hydrolases and carbohydrate-binding modules

CAZy family ^a	Pfam HMM name ^b	Known activities ^c	Termite gut community ^d
Glycoside hydrolase catalytic domains***†			
GH1	Glyco_hydro_1	β-Glucosidase, β-galactosidase, β-mannosidase, others	22
GH2	Glyco_hydro_2_C	β-Galactosidase, β-mannosidase, others	23
GH3	Glyco_hydro_3	β-1,4-Glucosidase, β-1,4-xylosidase, β-1,3-glucosidase, α-L-arabinofuranosidase, others	69
GH4	Glyco_hydro_4	α-Glucosidase, α-galactosidase, α-glucuronidase, others	14
GH5	Cellulase	Cellulase, β-1,4-endoglucanase, β-1,3-glucosidase, β-1,4-endoxylanase, β-1,4-endomannanase, others	56
GH8	Glyco_hydro_8	Cellulase, β-1,3-glucosidase, β-1,4-endoxylanase, β-1,4-endomannanase, others	5
GH9	Glyco_hydro_9	Endoglucanase, cellobiohydrolase, β-glucosidase	9
GH10	Glyco_hydro_10	Xylanase, β-1,3-endoxylanase	46
GH11	Glyco_hydro_11	Xylanase	14
GH13	Alpha-amylose	α-Amylase, catalytic domain, and related enzymes	48
GH16	Glyco_hydro_16	β-1,3(4)-Endoglucanase, others	1
GH18	Glyco_hydro_18	Chitinase, endo-β-N-acetylglucosaminidase, non-catalytic proteins	17
GH20	Glyco_hydro_20	β-Hexosaminidase, lacto-N-biosidase	15

Warnecke, 2007



Turnbaugh, 2009

DeLong, 2006



Niche specialization in human microbiome function

LEfSe:

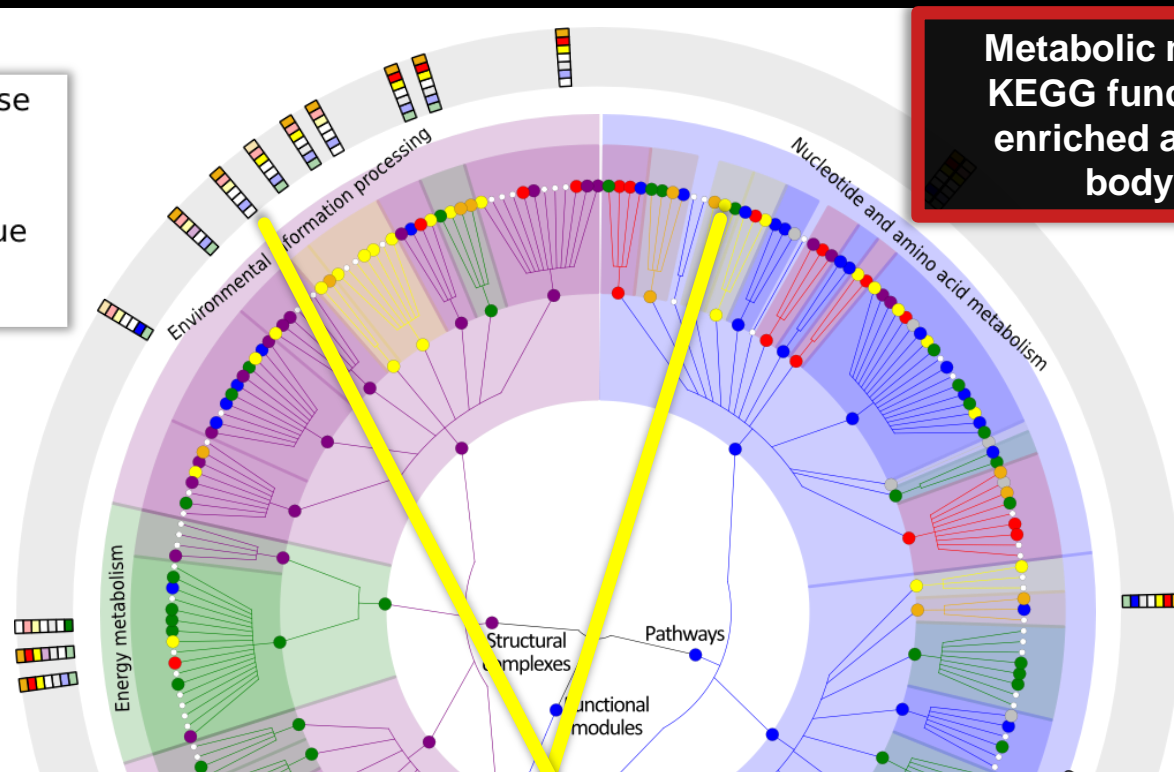
LDA Effect Size

Nonparametric test for microbial and metagenomic biomarkers

<http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/lefse>

Metabolic modules in the KEGG functional catalog enriched at one or more body habitats

- Retroauricular crease
- Stool
- Anterior nares
- Posterior fornix
- Supragingival plaque
- Buccal mucosa
- Tongue dorsum



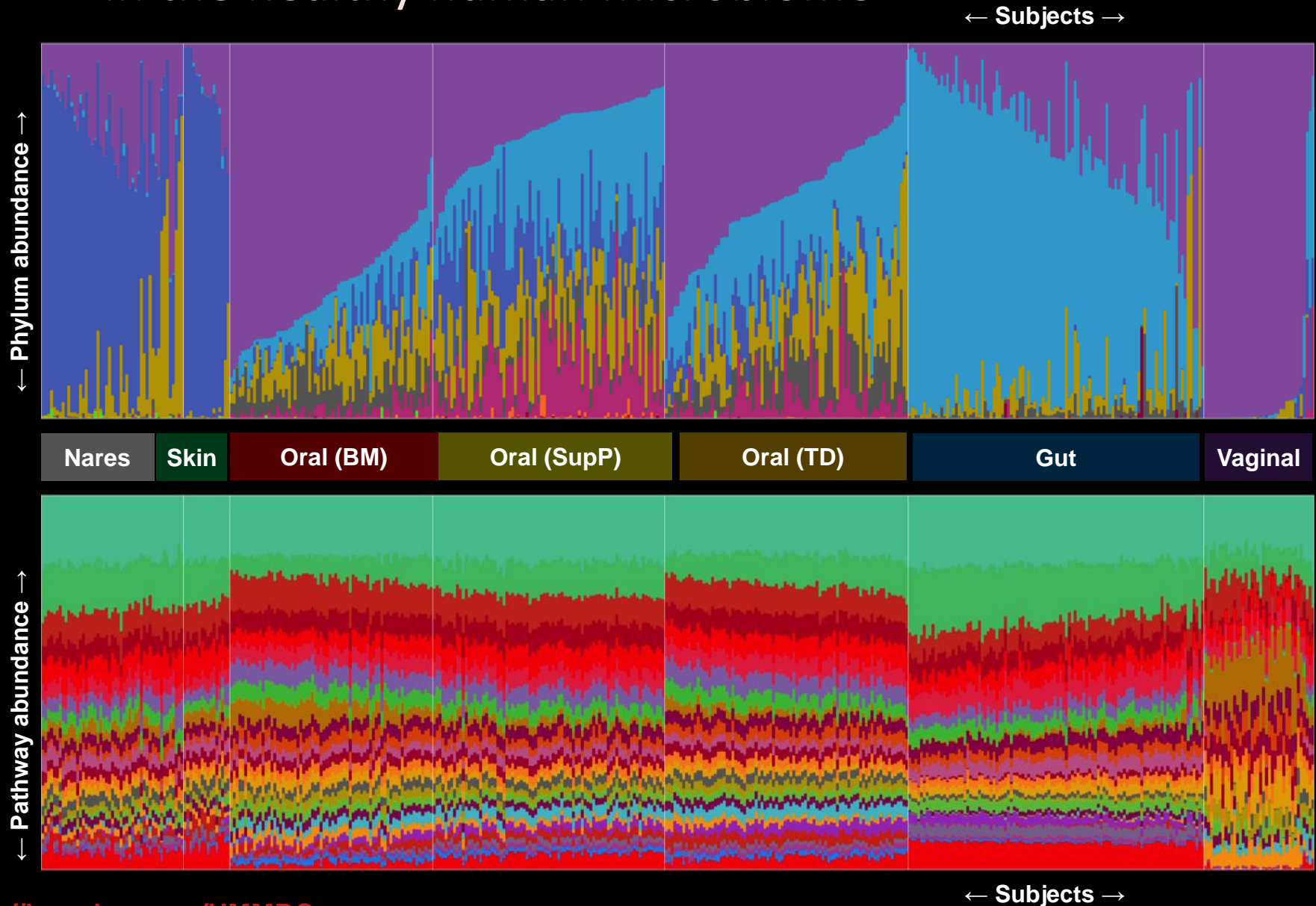
M00142: Complex I (NADH dehydrogenase), NADH dehydrogenase I



- Most **processes are “core”**: <10% are *differentially present/absent* even by body site
 - Contrast **zero** microbes meeting this threshold!
- Most **processes are habitat-adapted**: >66% are *differentially abundant* by body site



“Who’s there,” versus, “What they’re doing,” in the healthy human microbiome





Which *functions* of the gut microbiome are disrupted by IBD?

- Over six times as many microbial metabolic processes disrupted in IBD as microbes.
 - If there's a transit strike, everyone working for the MBTA is disrupted, not everyone named Smith or Jones.
 - Phylogenetic distribution of function is *consistent* but *diffuse*
- During IBD, microbes...

Stop

- Creating most amino acids
- Degrading complex carbs.
- Producing short-chain fatty acids

Start

- Taking up more host products
- Dodging the immune system
- Adhering to and invading host cells



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The two big questions...

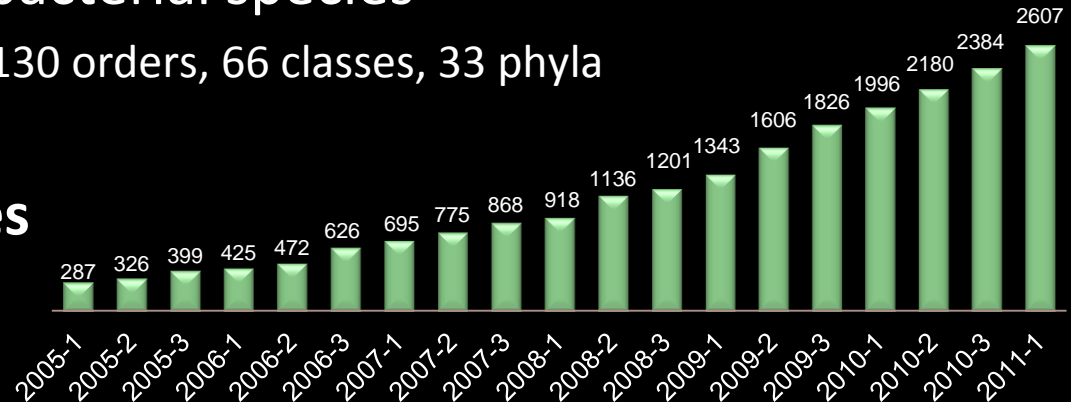
Who is there?
(taxonomic profiling)

What are they doing?
(functional profiling)

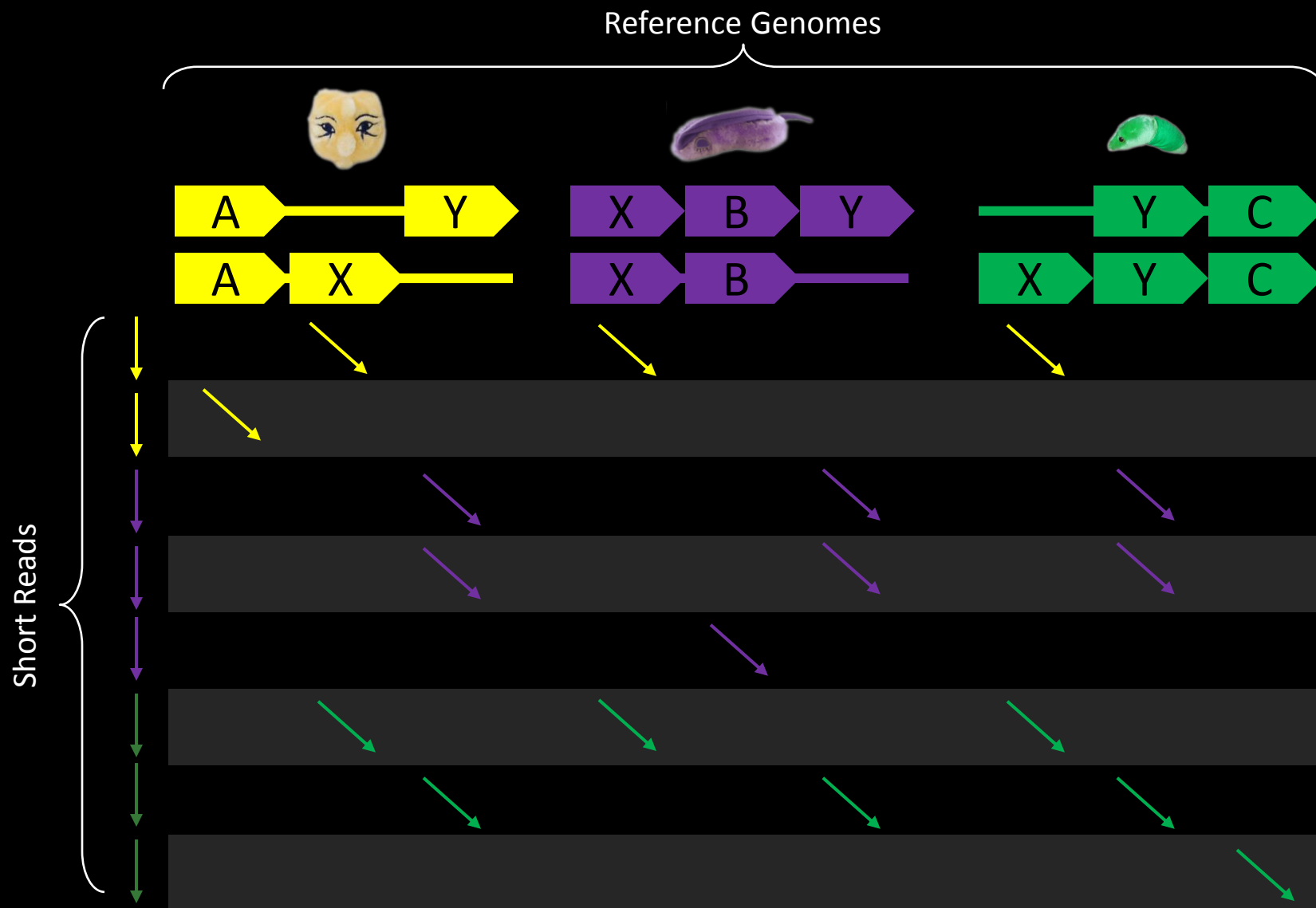


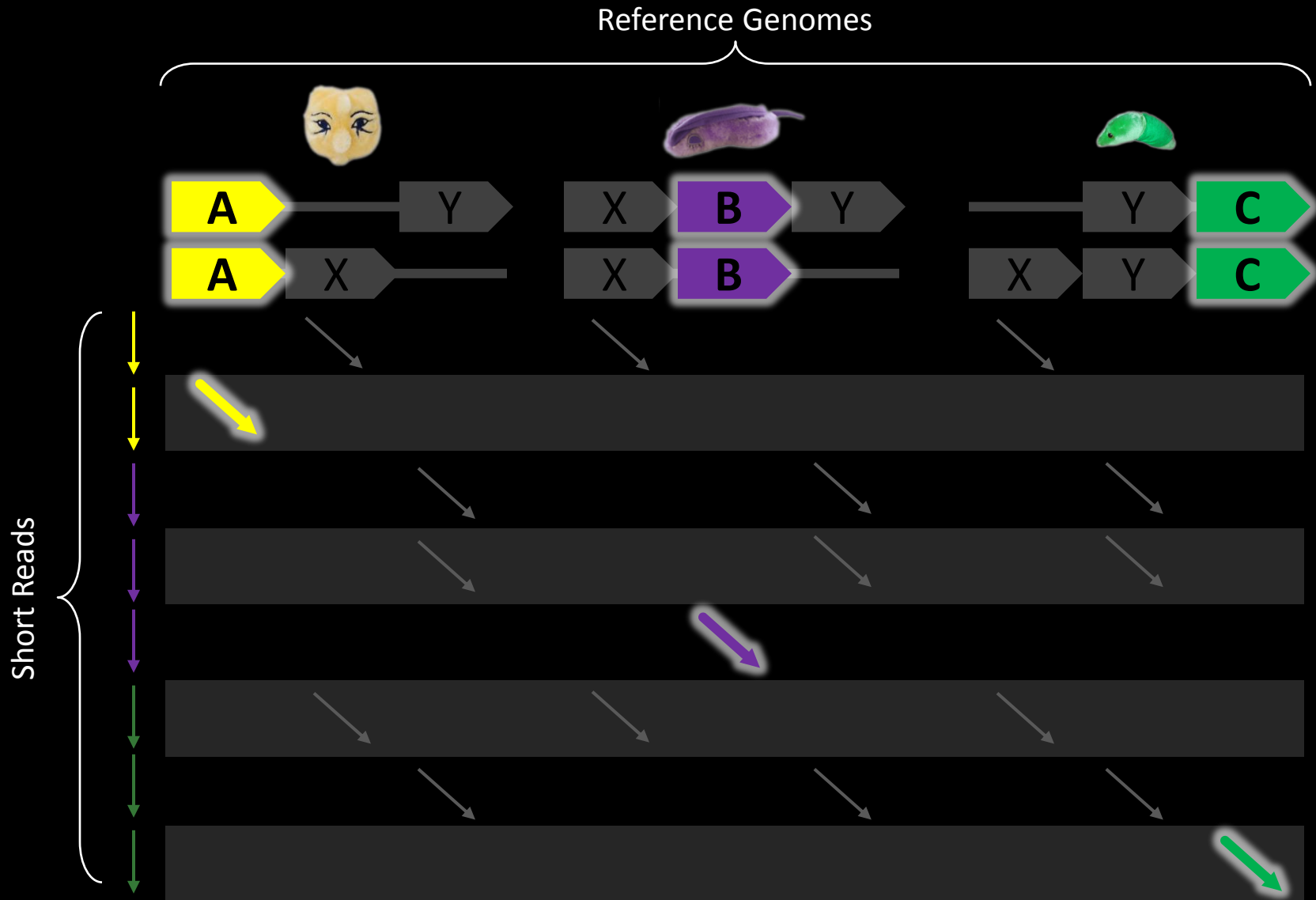
Reference genomes

- IMG alone now contains ~3,100 bacterial genomes
 - Plus ~100 archaeal, ~100 eukaryotic, and a few thousand viruses
 - About half final and half draft
- These comprise 1,222 bacterial species
 - 652 genera, 278 families, 130 orders, 66 classes, 33 phyla
 - 2,383 total clades
- **And roughly 10M genes**



- These genes and genomes are a tremendous resource to:
 - Identify conserved markers that can be used to infer phylogeny
 - Identify unique markers that can be used to infer taxonomy
 - Relate the microbial members of a community to their metagenomic functional potential



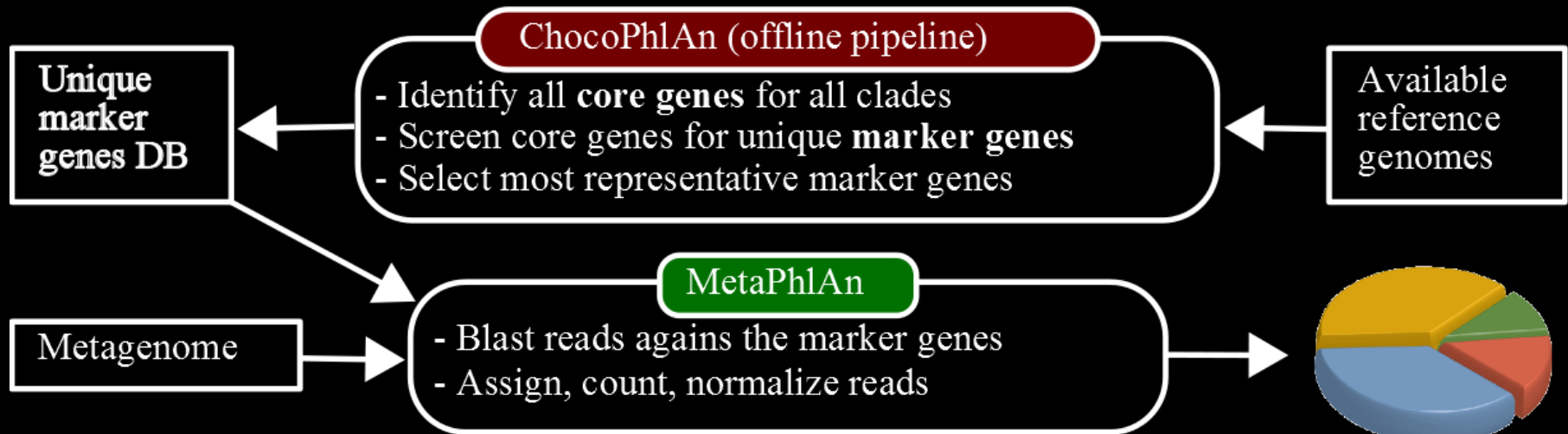
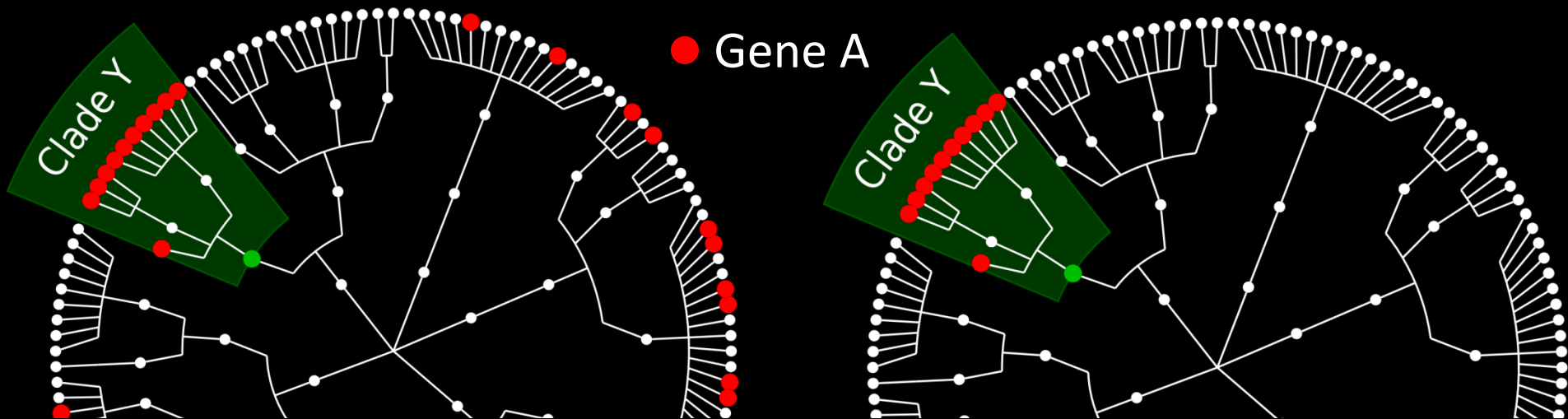




MetaPhlAn overview

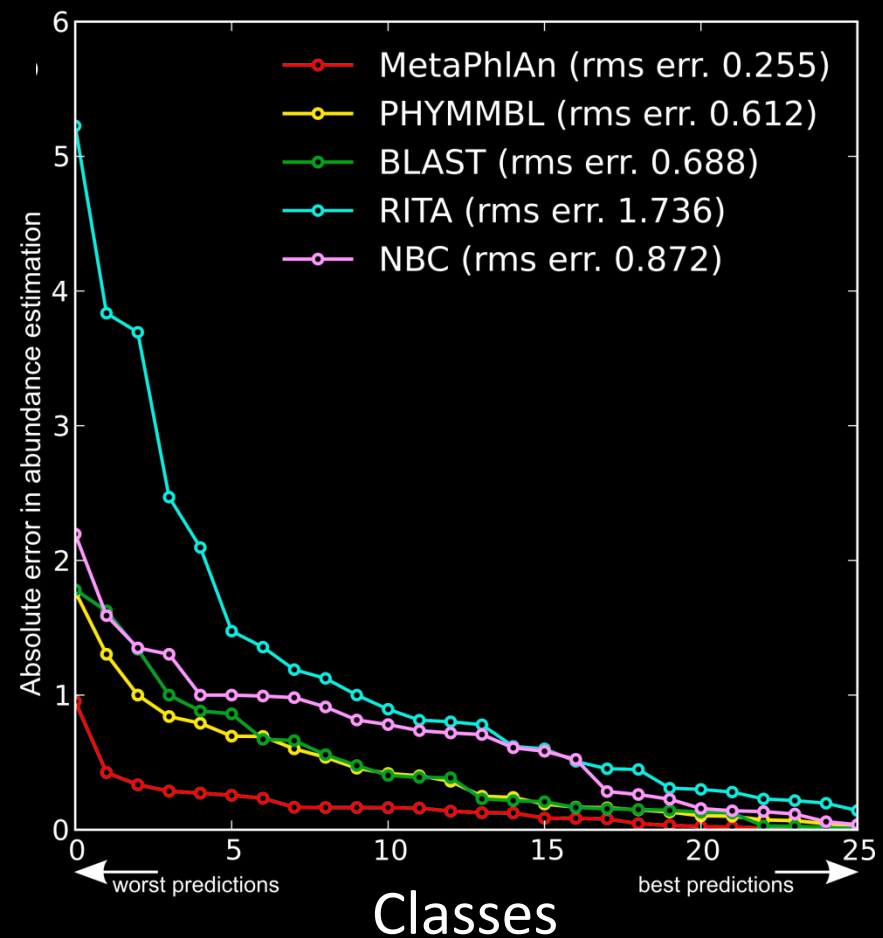
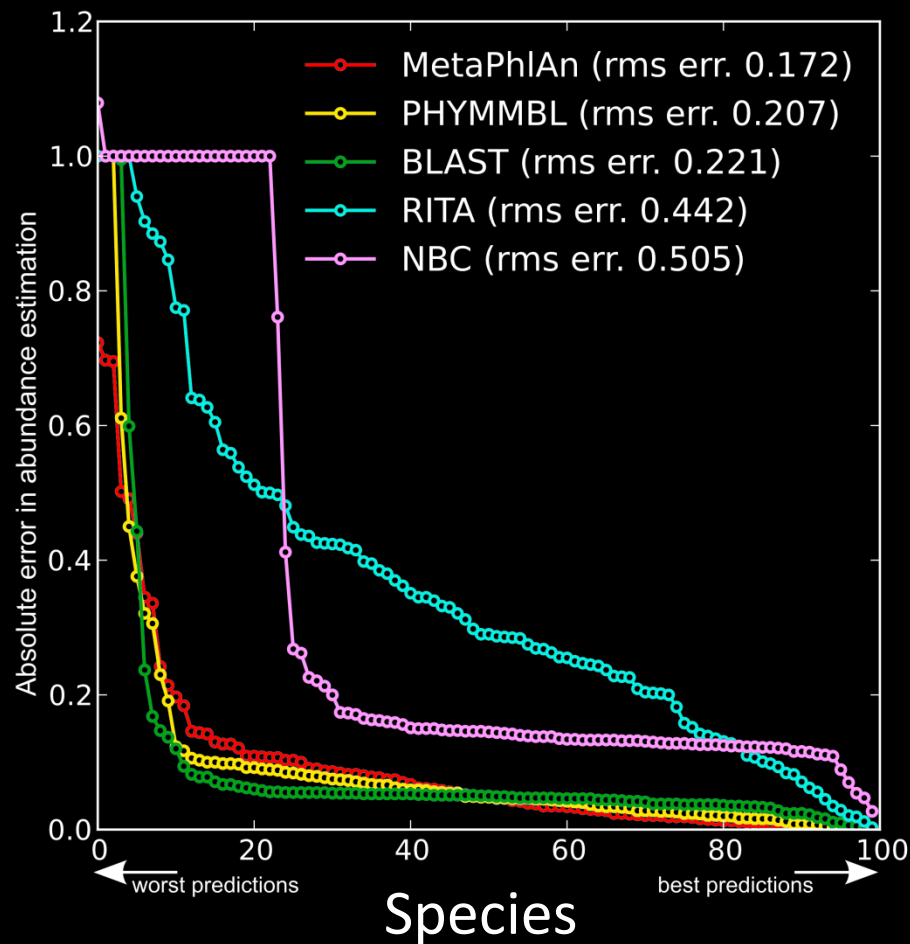
A is a **core gene** for clade Y

A is a **unique marker gene** for clade Y





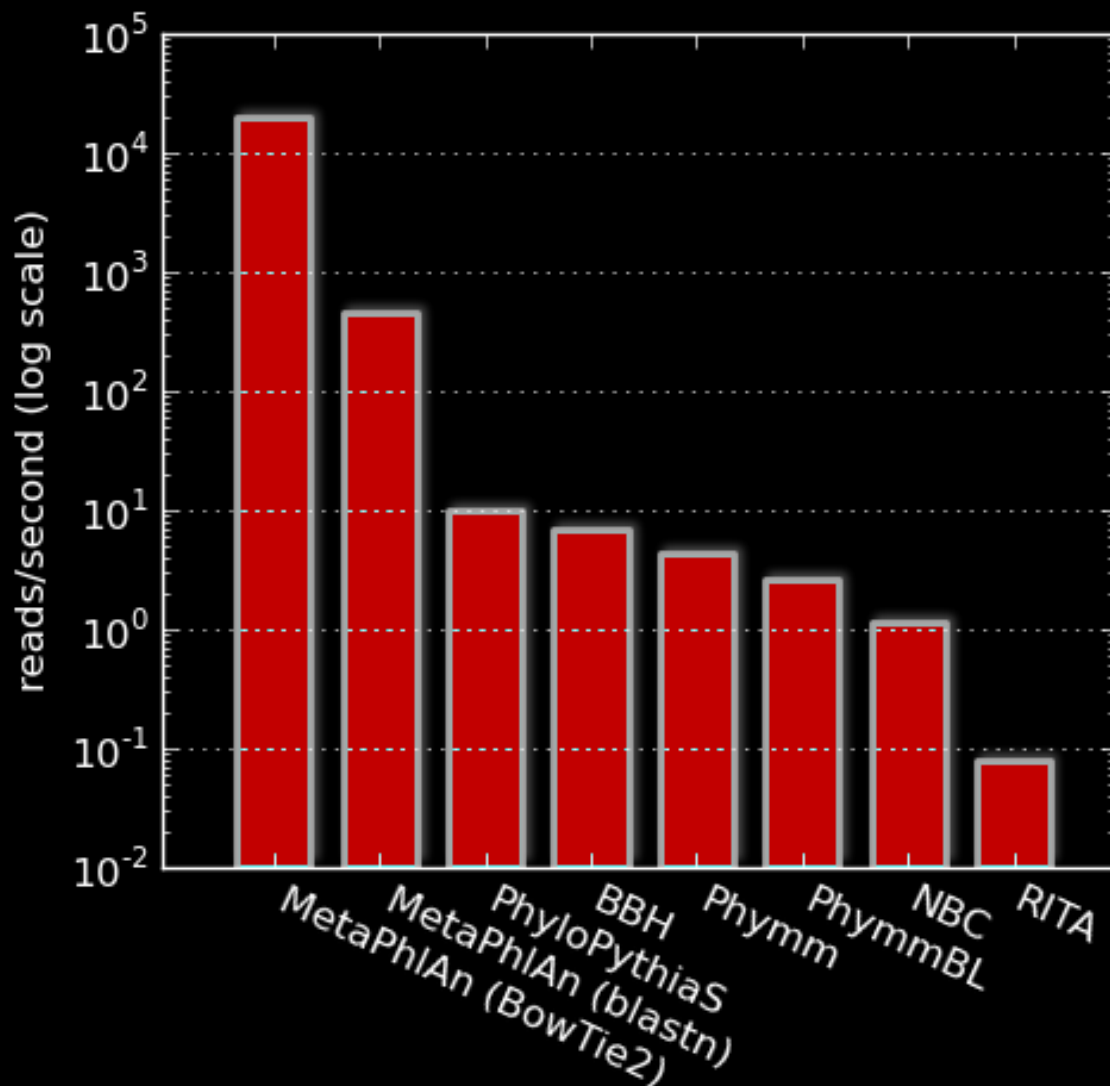
Evaluation of MetaPhlAn accuracy



(Validation on high-complexity uniformly distributed synthetic metagenomes.)



Evaluation of MetaPhlAn performance



>50 times faster than earlier methods

450 reads/sec (BLAST)

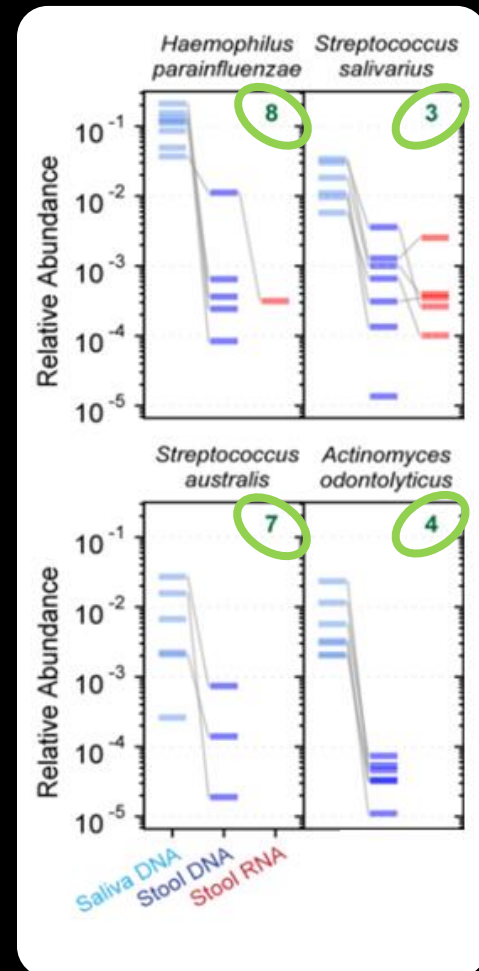
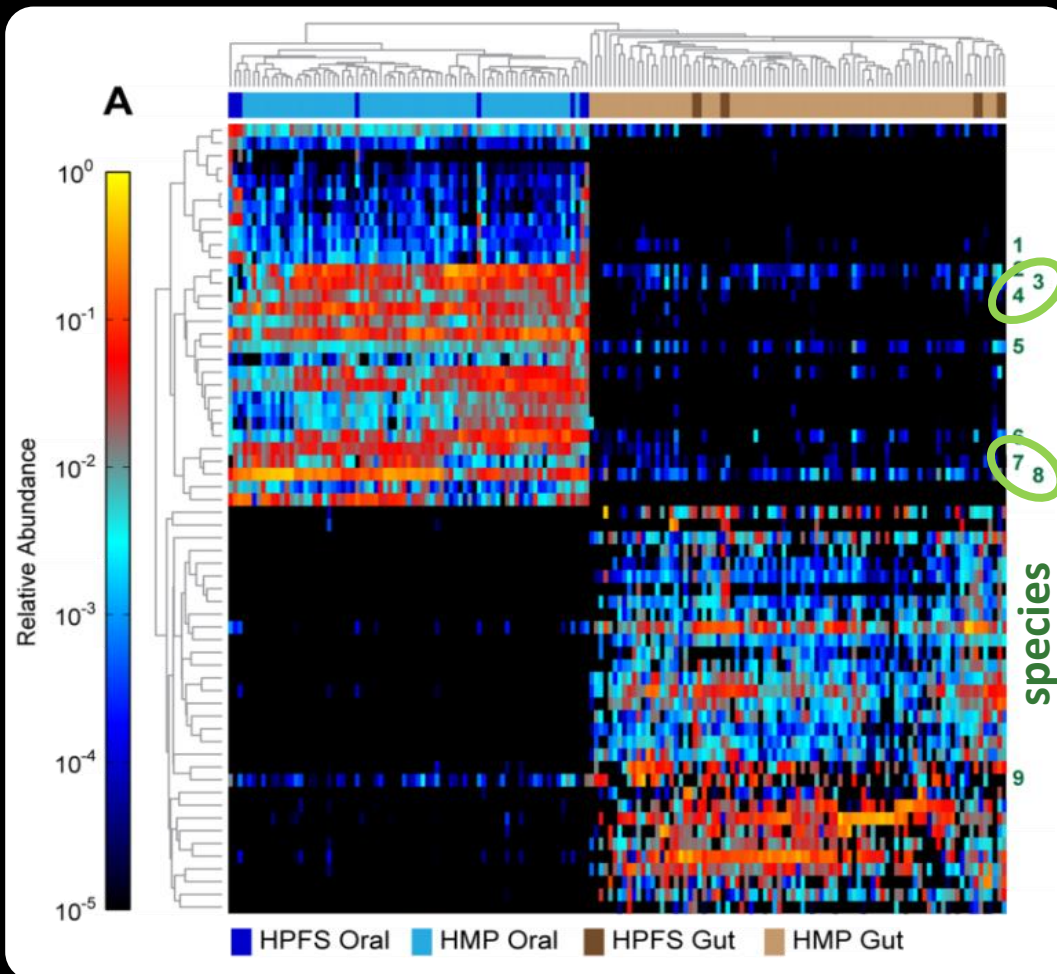
Up to 25,000 reads/sec (bowtie2)

Multi-threaded

Easily parallelizable

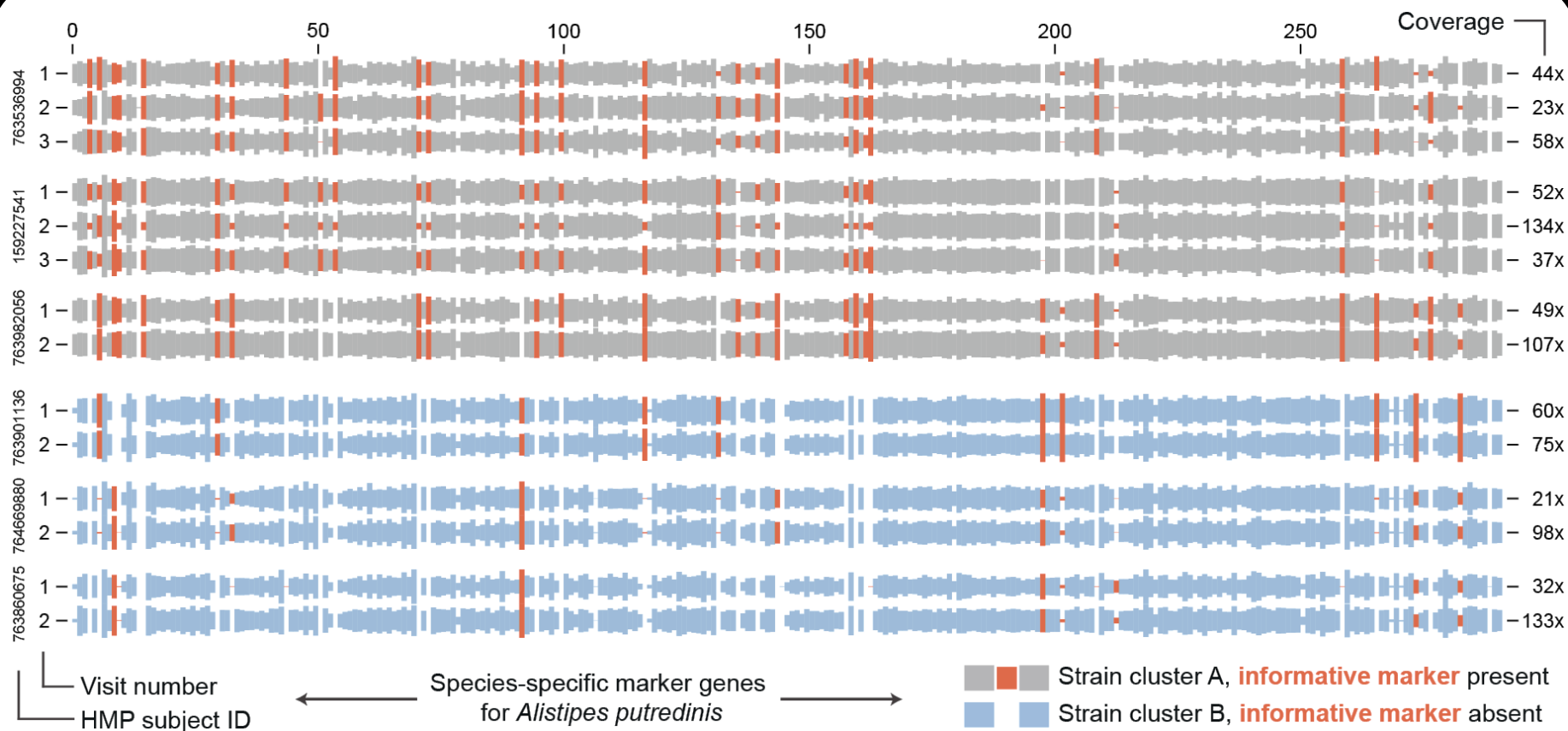


MetaPhlAn in action





MetaPhlAn in action: *strain profiling*



- In practice, not all markers are present
- Individual-specific marker “barcodes”
- Often very stable over time



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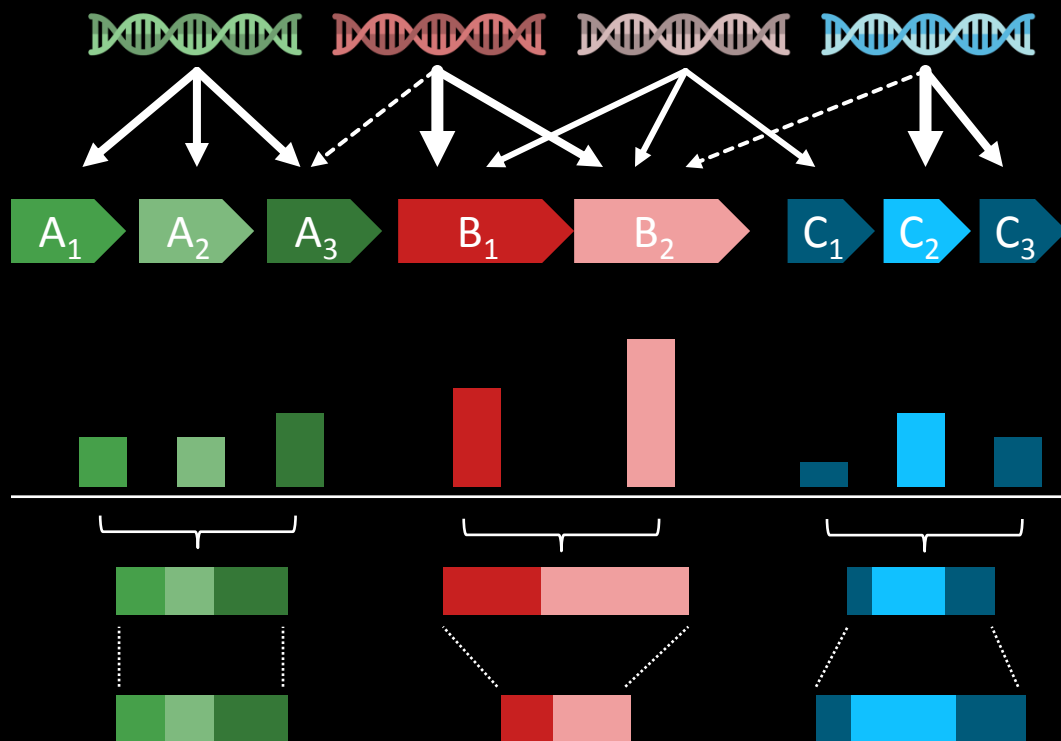
Who is there?
(taxonomic profiling)

What are they doing?
(functional profiling)



HUMAN

HMP Unified Metabolic Analysis Network



	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5
A	Green	Green	White	White	Green
B	Red	White	Red	Red	Red
C	Blue	Blue	Blue	White	Blue

Short reads + protein families

Translated BLAST search

$$c(g) = \frac{1}{|g|} \sum_r \frac{\sum_{a(r)} (1 - p_a) \Delta(a = g)}{\sum_{a(r)} 1 - p_a}$$

Weight hits by significance

Sum over families

Adjust for sequence length

Repeat for each metagenomic or metatranscriptomic sample

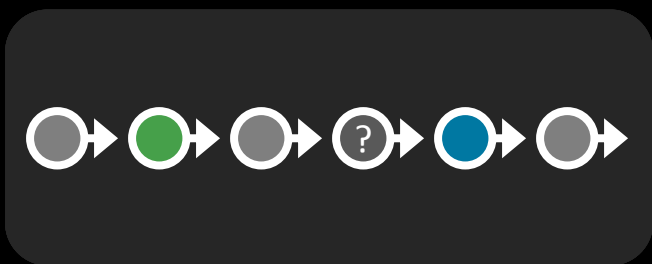


HUMAN

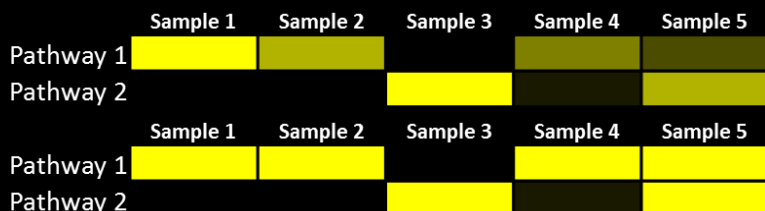
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Millions of hits are collapsed into thousands of gene families (KOs) *(still a large number)*



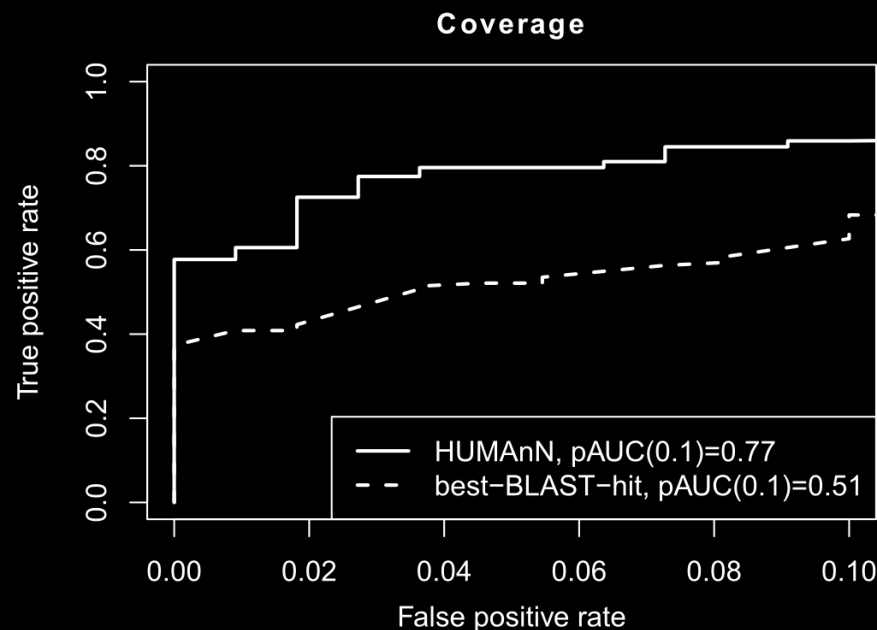
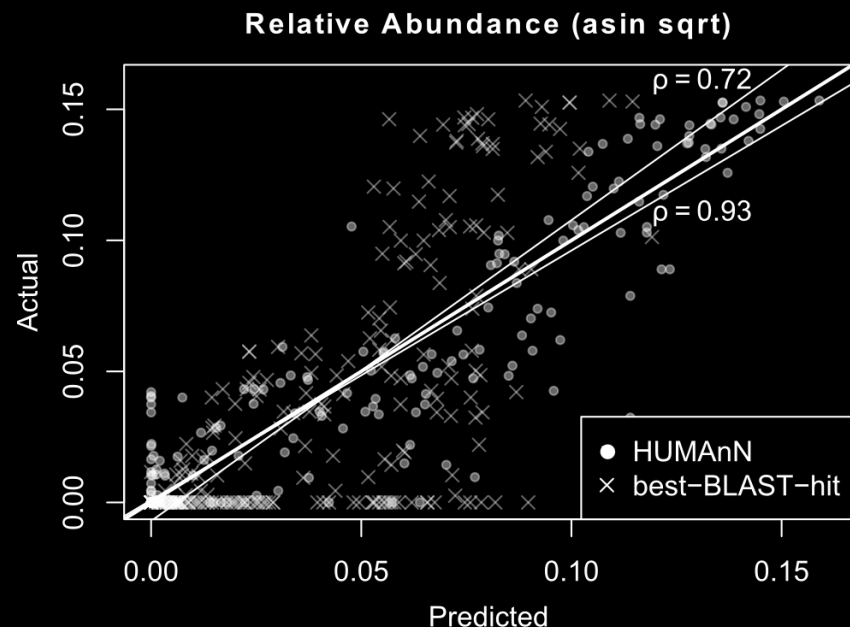
- Map genes to KEGG pathways
- Use MinPath (Ye 2009) to find simplest pathway explanation for observed genes
- Remove pathways unlikely to be present due to low organismal abundance
- Smooth/fill gaps



Collapsing KO abundance into KEGG pathway abundance (or presence/absence) yields a smaller, more tractable feature set



HUMAN accuracy



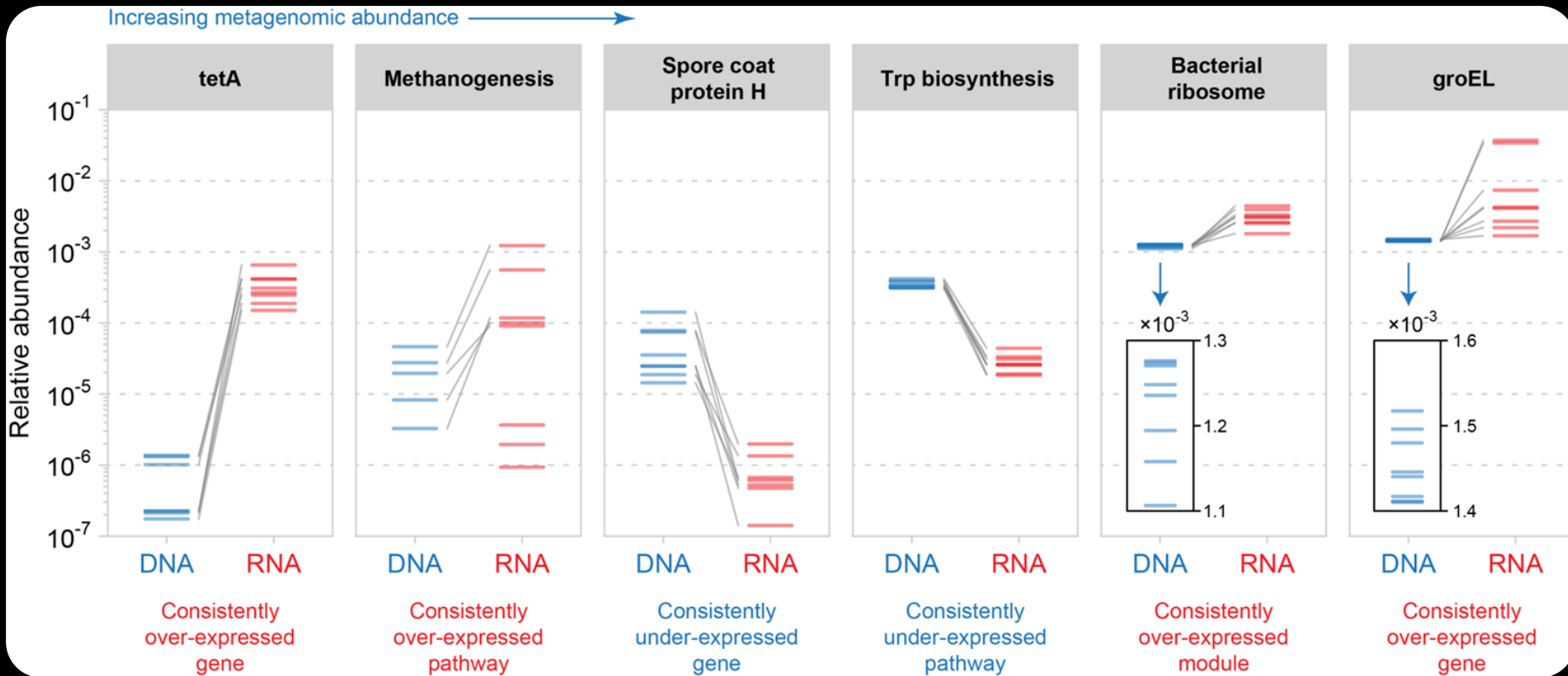
Validated against synthetic metagenome samples
(similar to MetaPhlAn validation)

Gene family abundance and pathway presence/absence
calls beat naïve best-BLAST-hit strategy



HUMAN in action

Functional potential (DNA) vs activity (RNA)

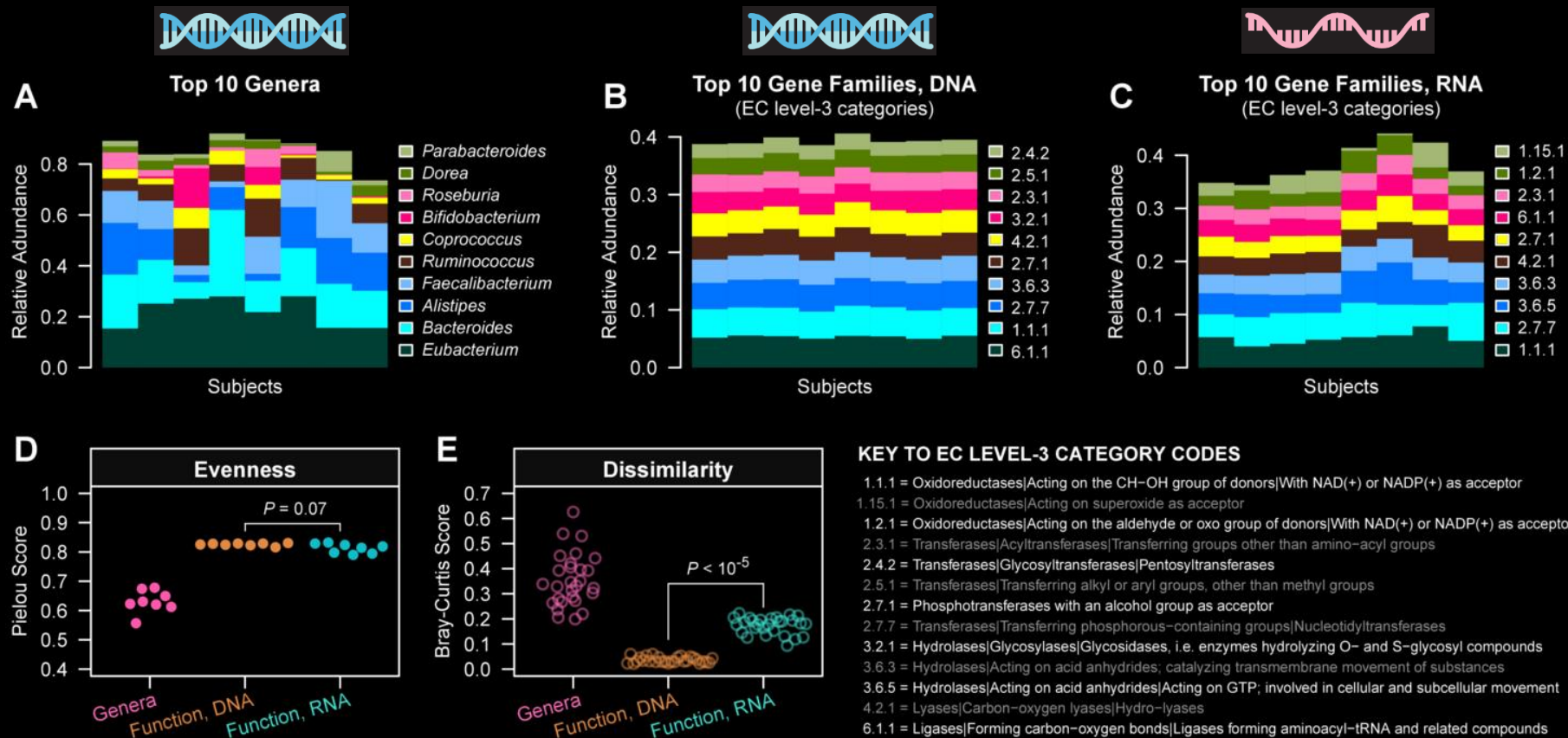


Functional metagenomics & metatranscriptomics
of 8 healthy human stool samples



HUMANn in action

Conserved potential & variable activity





What's there: ShortBRED



Jim
Kaminski

- **ShortBRED** is a tool for quantifying protein families in metagenomes
 - Short Better REad Dataset
- Inputs:
 - FASTA file of proteins of interest
 - Large reference database of protein sequences (FASTA or blastdb)
 - Metagenomes (FASTA/FASTQ nucleotide files)
- Outputs:
 - Short, unique markers for protein families of interest (FASTA)
 - Relative abundances of protein families of interest in each metagenome (text file, RPKM)
- Compared to BLAST (or HUMAnN), this is:
 - Faster
 - More specific

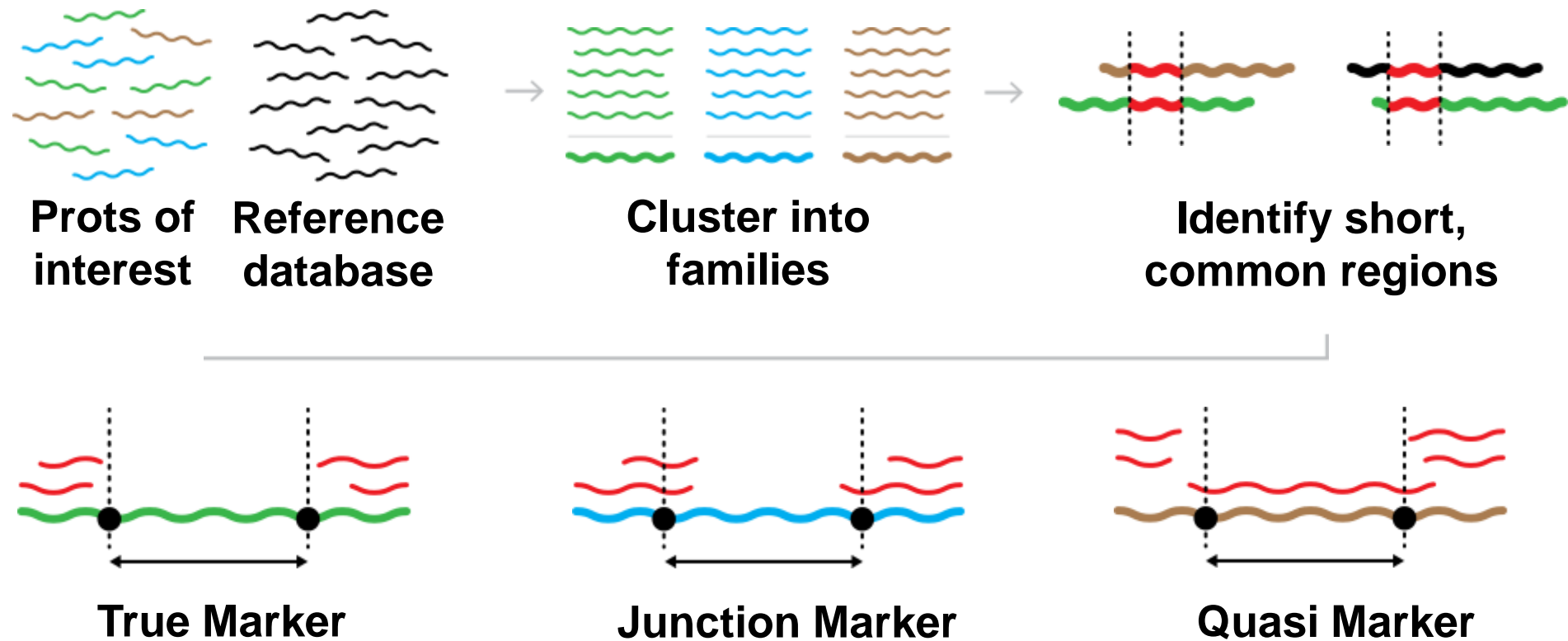


What's there: ShortBRED algorithm

- Cluster proteins of interest into families
 - Record consensus sequences
- Identify unique and common areas among proteins
 - Compared against each other
 - Compared against reference database
 - Remove all of these
- Remaining subseqs. uniquely ID a family
 - Record these as markers for that family

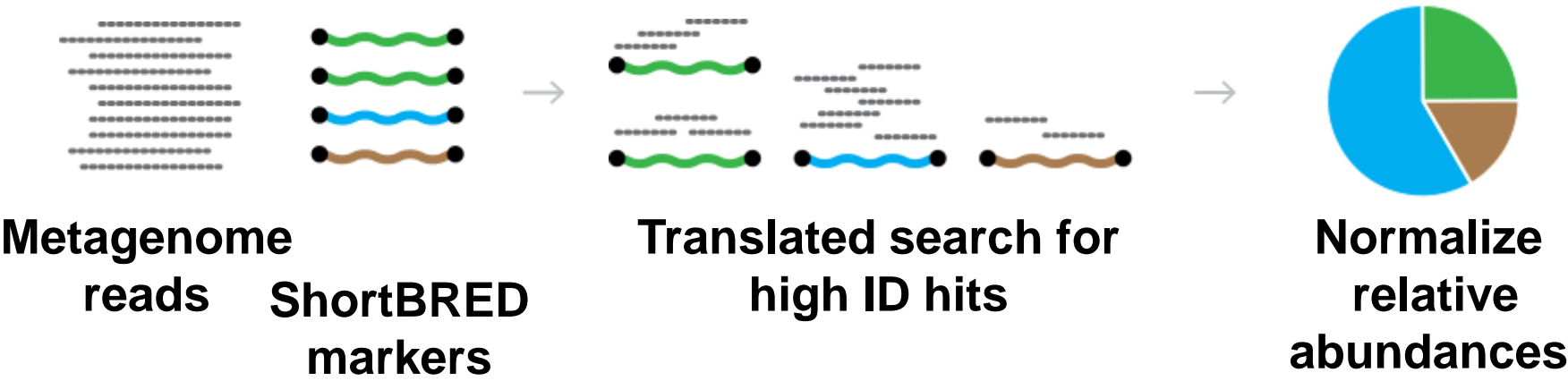


What's there: ShortBRED marker identification





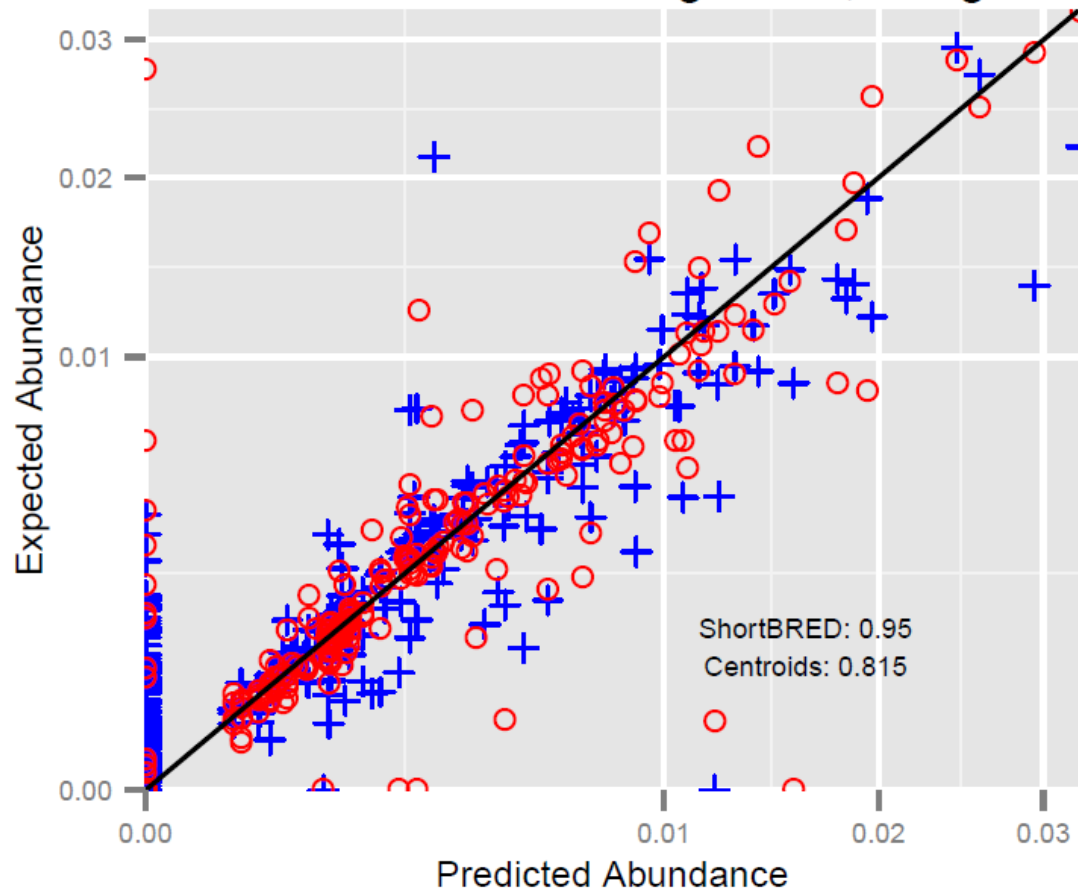
What's there: ShortBRED family quantification





What's there: ShortBRED is accurate

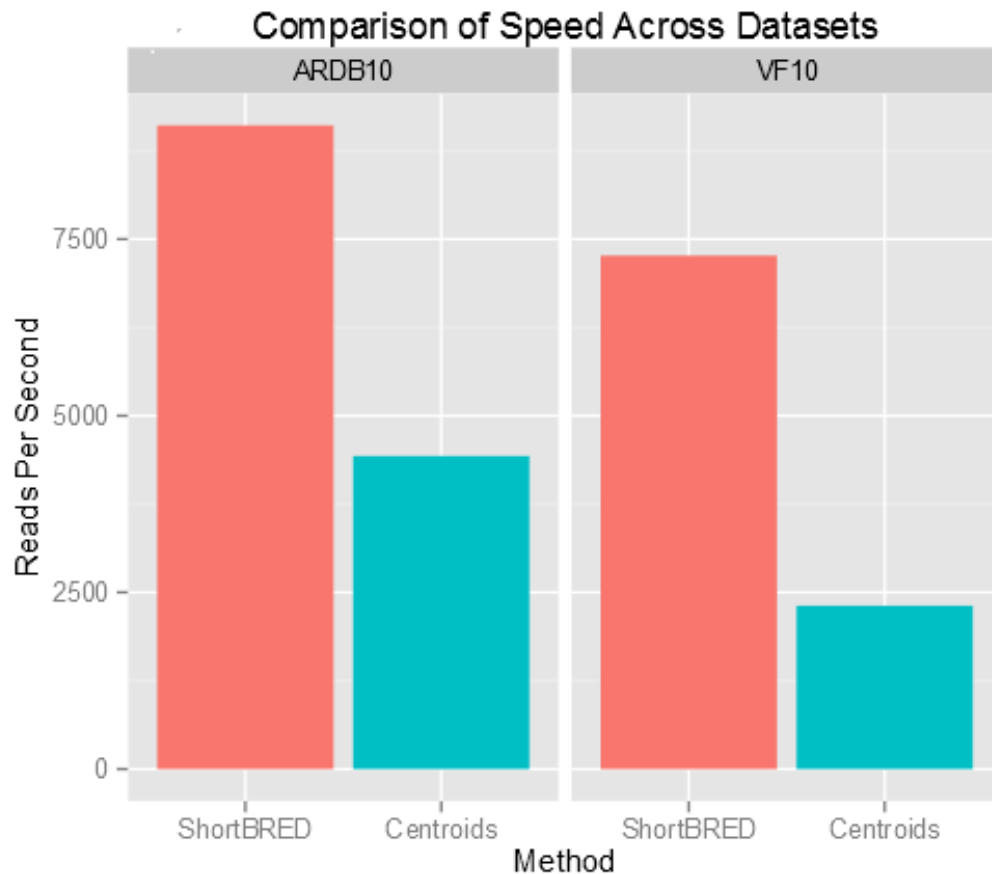
B. Antibiotic Resistance Genes Database
Correlation – 10% of Metagenome, 500 genes



Six synthetic metagenomes from GemSim, spiked with known proteins of interest:
ARDB = Antibiotic Resistance
VFDB = Virulence Factors



What's there: ShortBRED is fast



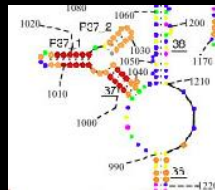
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Can we infer anything about function from 16S data?

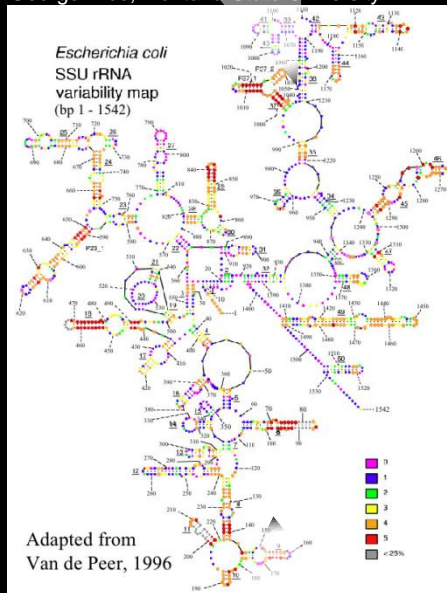


Lyse cells
Extract DNA (and/or RNA)



16S amplicons

George Rice, Montana State University



PCR to amplify the single
16S rRNA marker gene

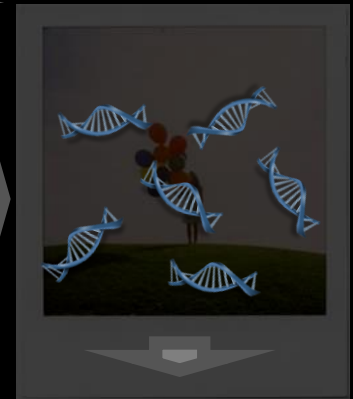
Hello
my name is
Classify sequence
→ microbe

Samples



Microbes
Relative abundances

Meta'omic



Genes,
Genomes,
Metabolic profiling,
Relative abundances,
Genetic variants...



PICRUSt: Inferring community metagenomic potential from marker gene sequencing

With Rob Knight, Rob Beiko

One can recover general community function with reasonable accuracy from 16S profiles.

<http://picrust.github.com>

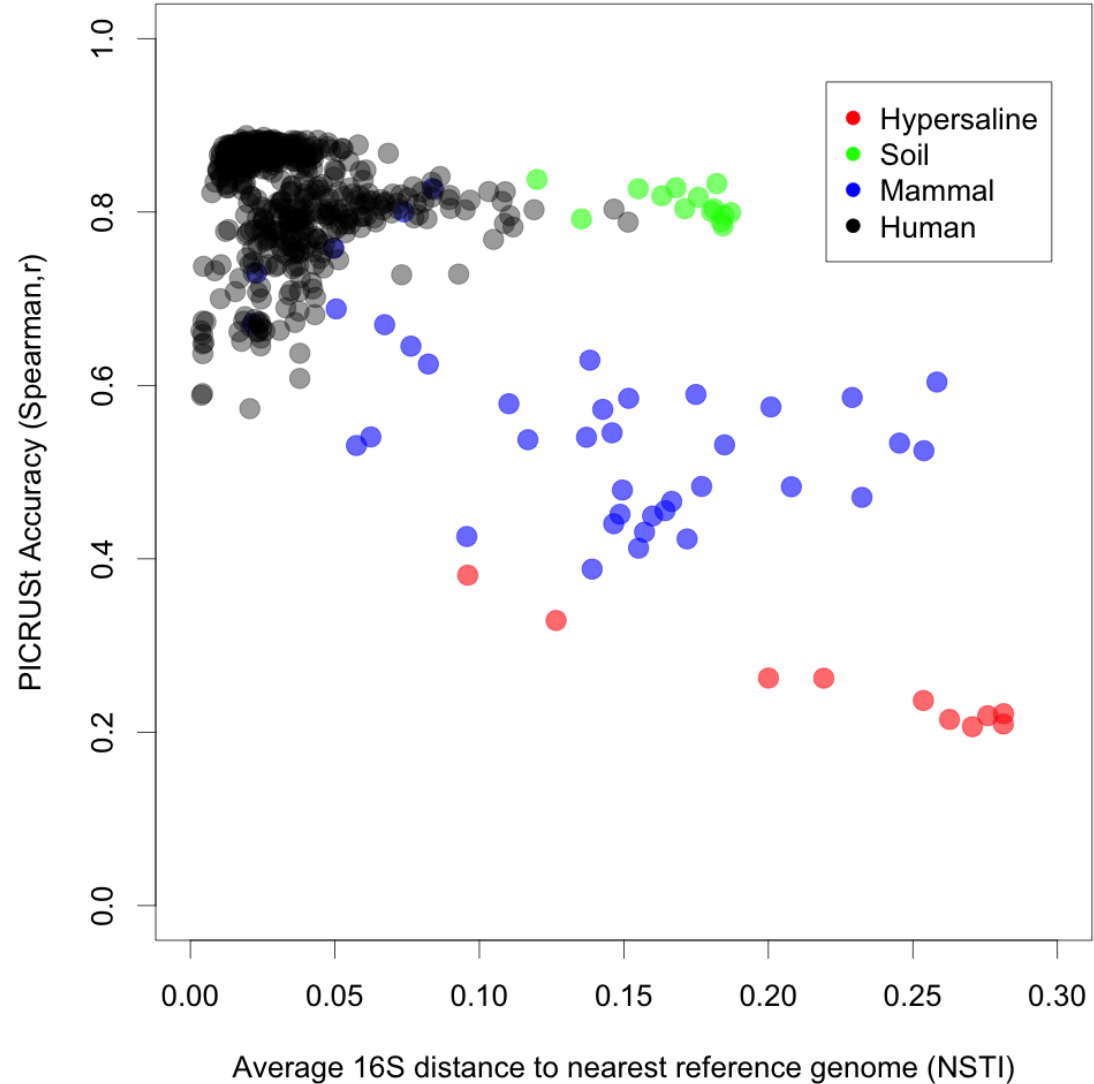
Pathways and modules

Orthologous gene families

Taxon abundances



HUMAnN





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Properties of microbiome data

- Compositional nature ($\Sigma = 1$)
 - Abundance is relative, not absolute
- High dynamic range
- Often sparse (sample dominated by a few species)
- Noisy
- Hierarchical organization

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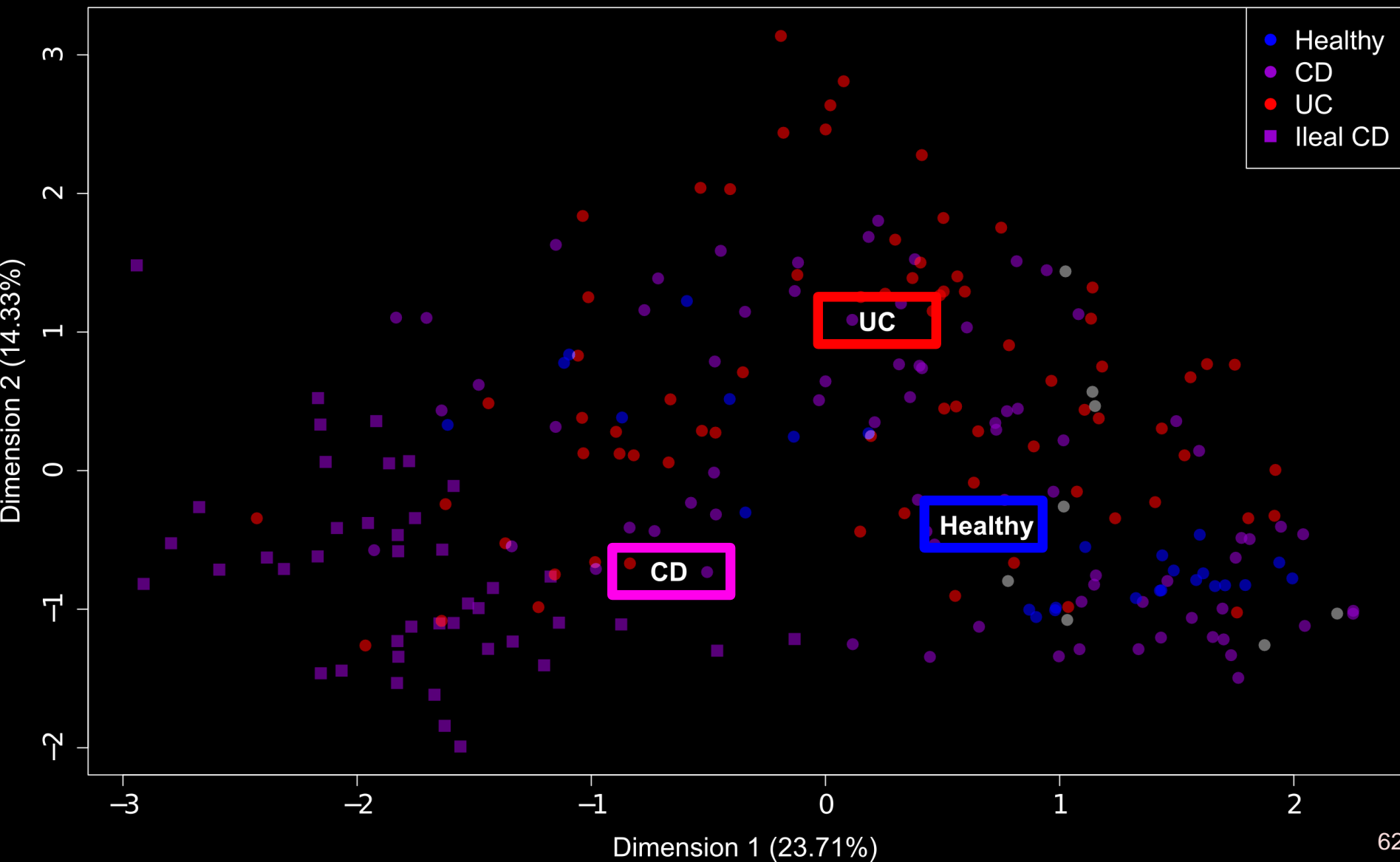
Properties of microbiome data

- General problem: correlate microbiome features with metadata (potentially controlling for other features)
- Intuitively summarize the results

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Recall that ordination is exploratory
(no p -values for a trend, for example)

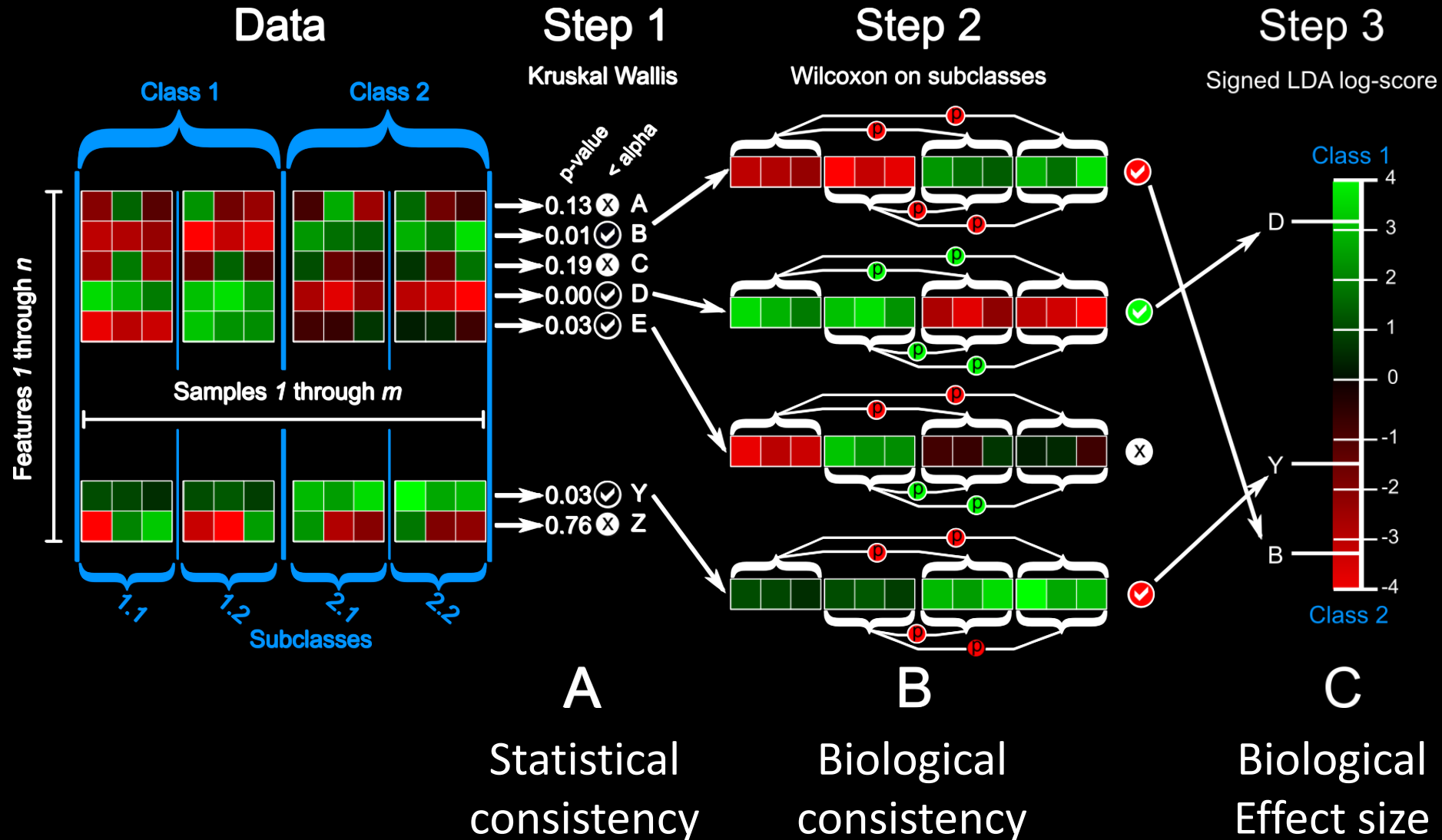




LEfSe: LDA Effect Size

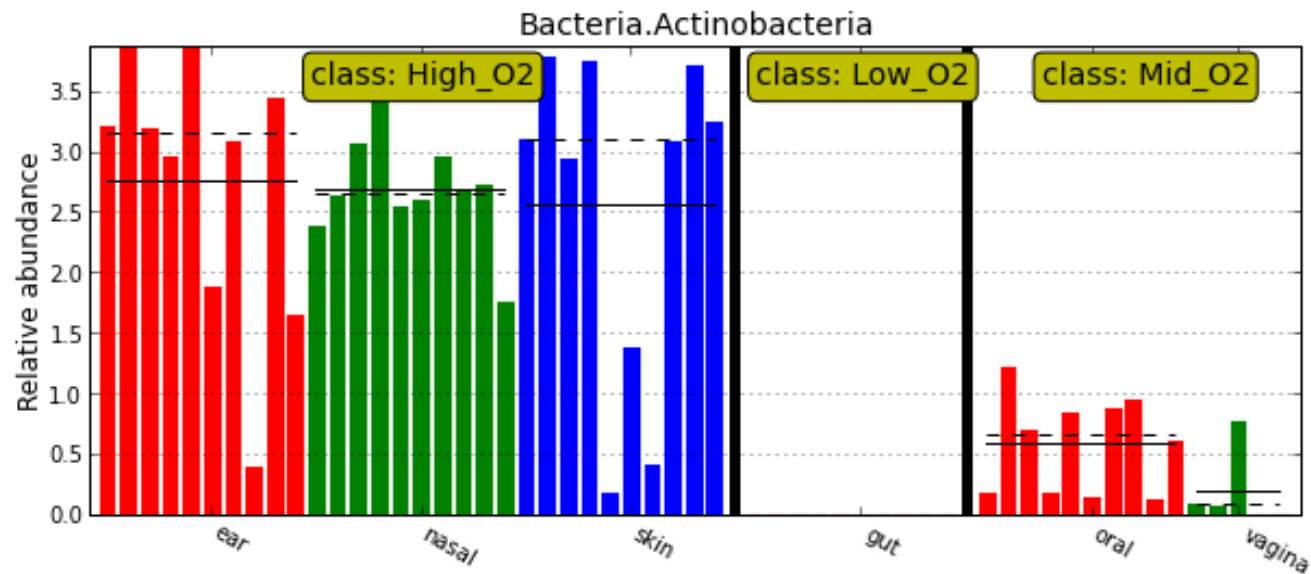
Finding metagenomic biomarkers

Nicola
Segata



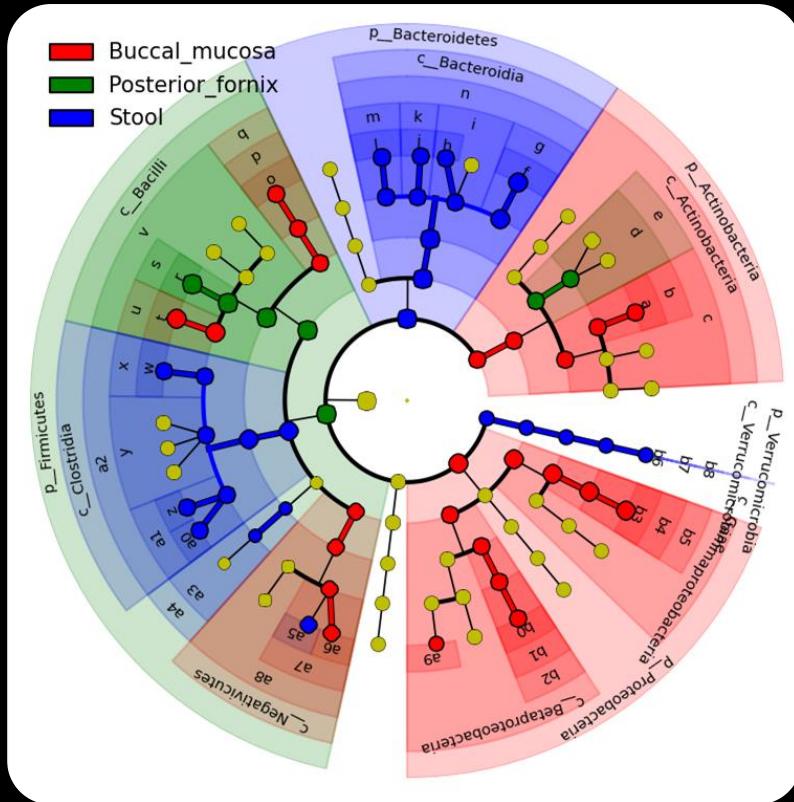


Example LEfSe application: Find O₂-loving bugs (controlling for body site)

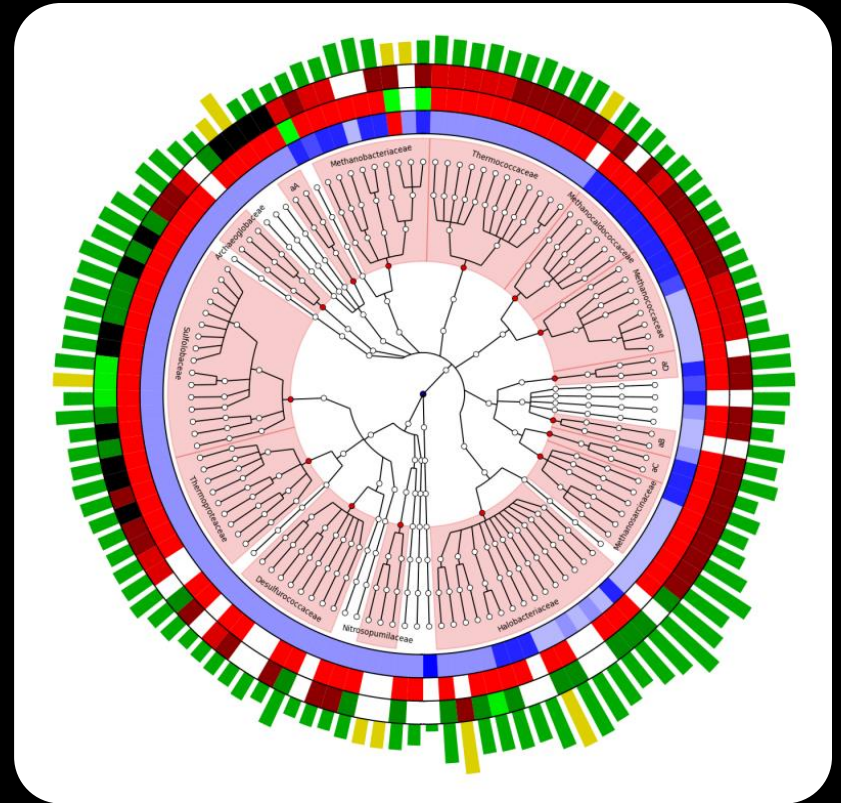




Superimpose enrichments on the tree of life using GraPhlAn



LEfSe Associations

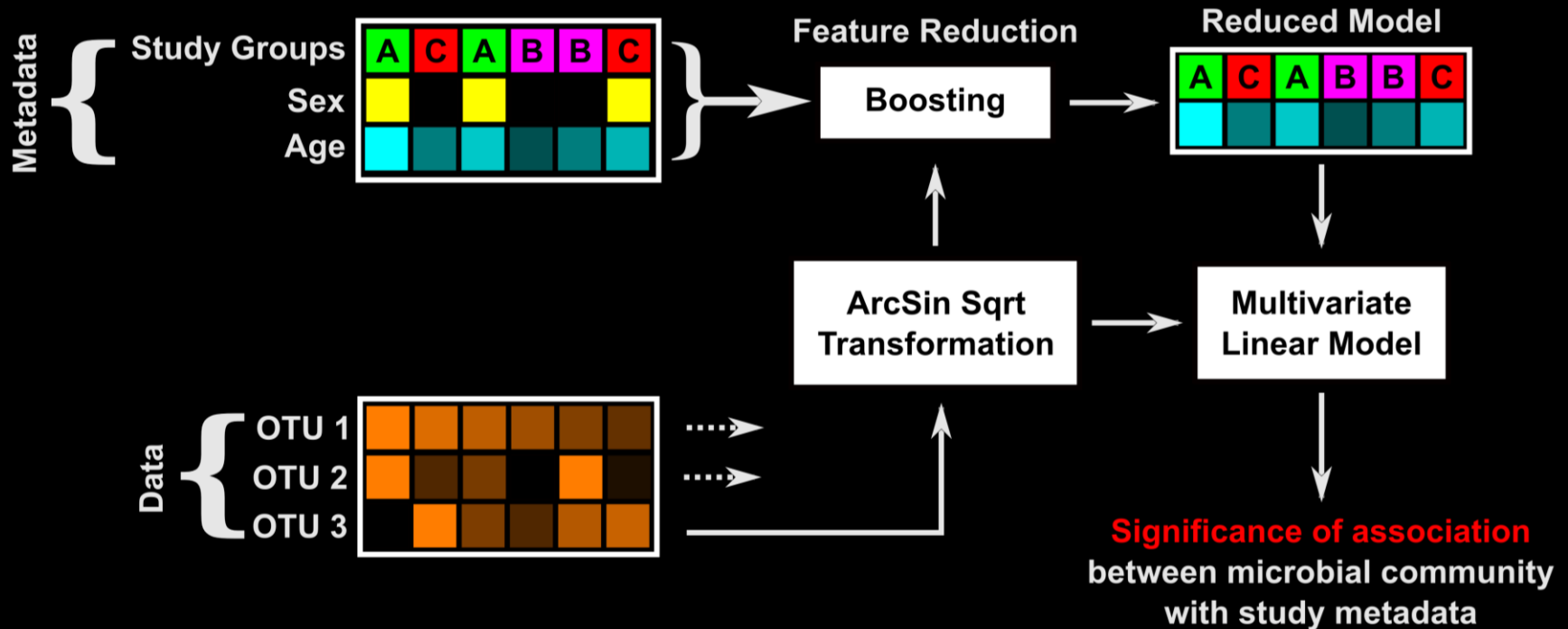


Metadata Rings



MaAsLin

Multivariate Association with Linear Models



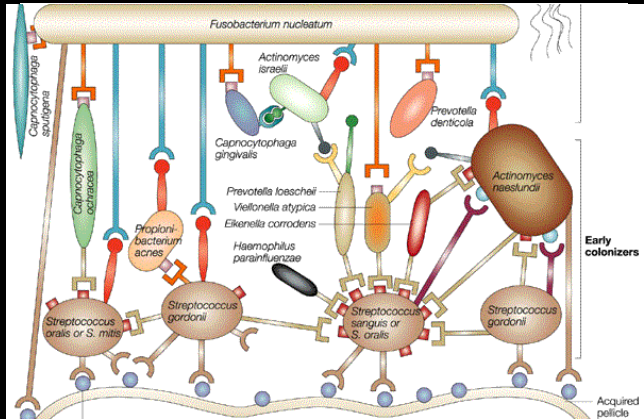
- A more general solution for finding significant metagenomic associations in metadata-rich studies

Tim
Tickle



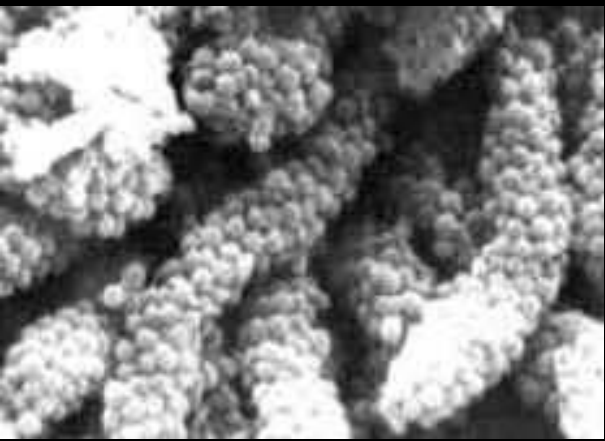


Microbiome downstream analyses: interaction network reconstruction



*It's a jungle in there –
microbial interactions follow
patterns from classical
macro-ecology.*

Mutualism



Predation



Competition

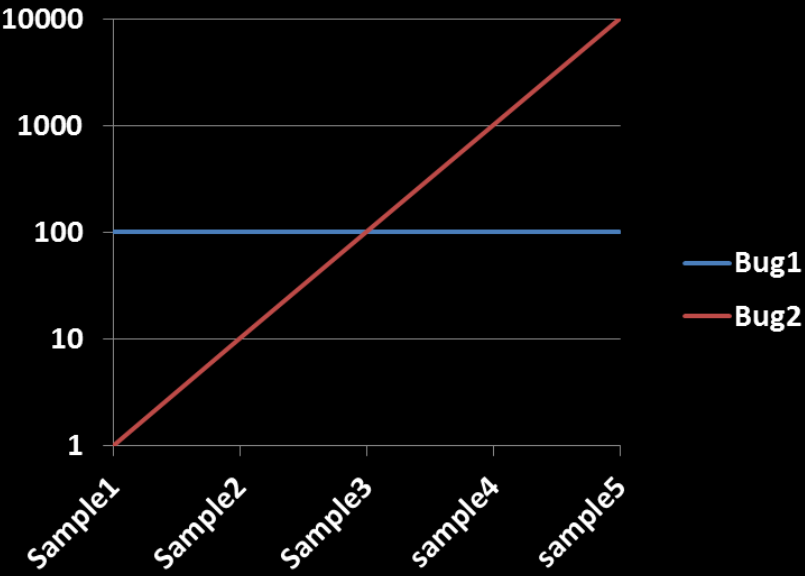


Given microbial relative abundance measurements over many samples,
can we detect co-occurrence and co-exclusion relationships?



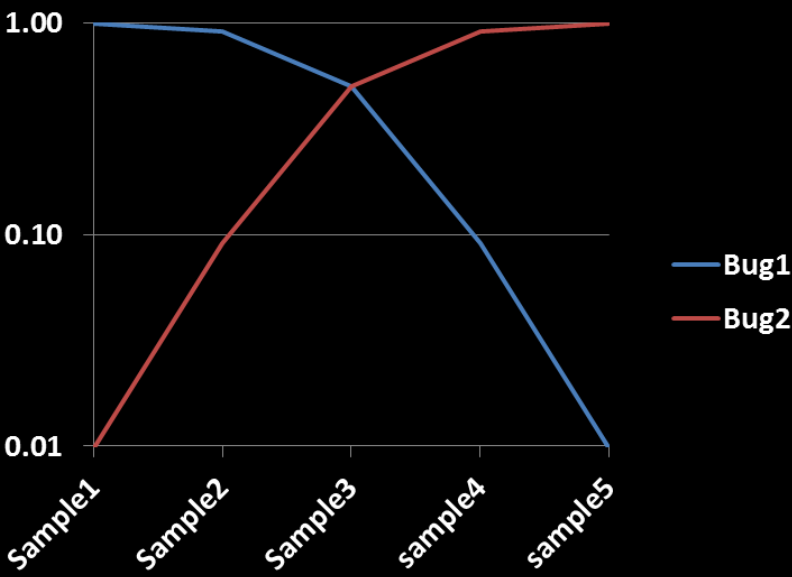
Relative abundance data poses a problem for correlating metagenomic features

	Sample1	Sample2	Sample3	sample4	sample5
Bug1	100	100	100	100	100
Bug2	1	10	100	1000	10000



Absolute (cell) counts
No bug1-bug2 correlation

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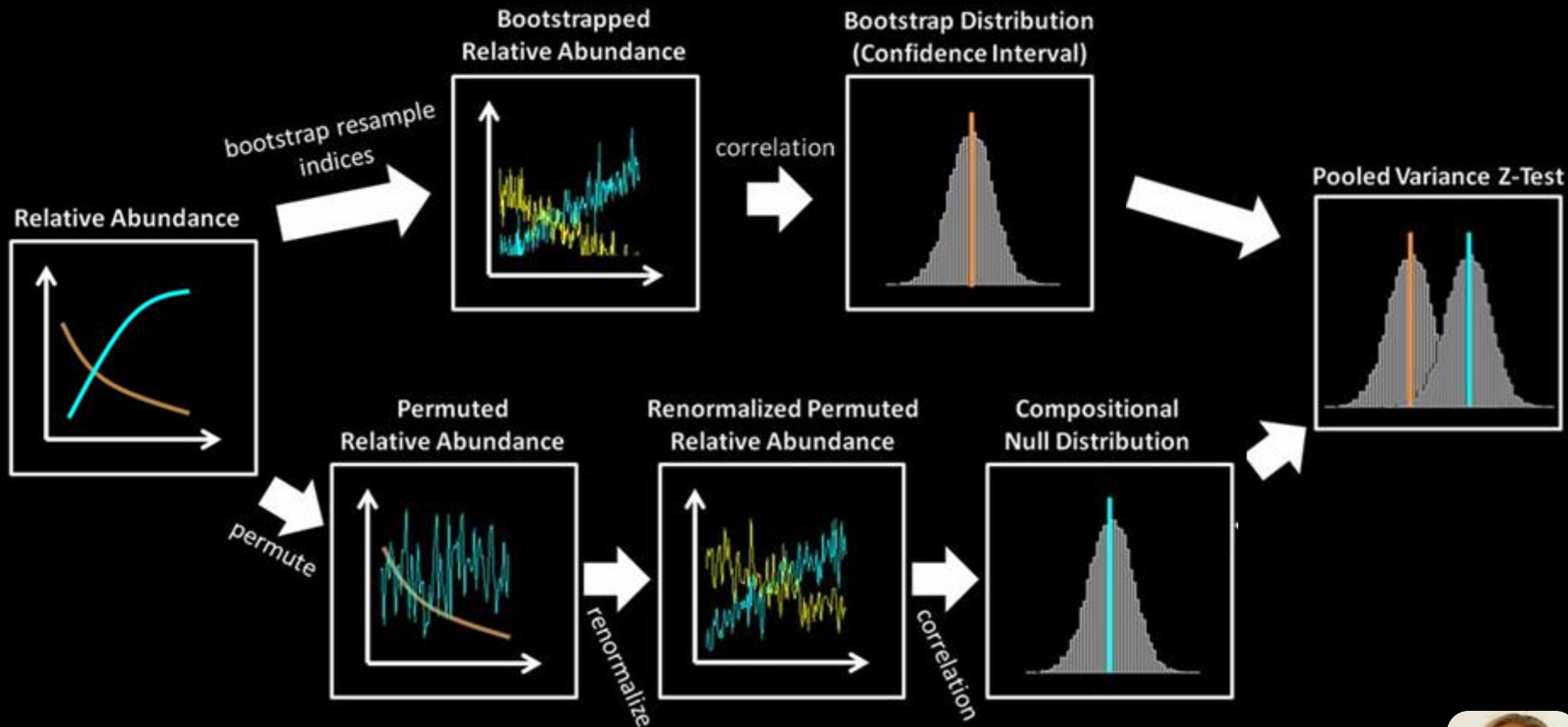


Relative abundance
Spurious bug1-bug2 correlation
(sequencing yields rel. ab.)



CCREPE: Compositionality Corrected by Renormalization and Permutation

Estimating a confidence interval



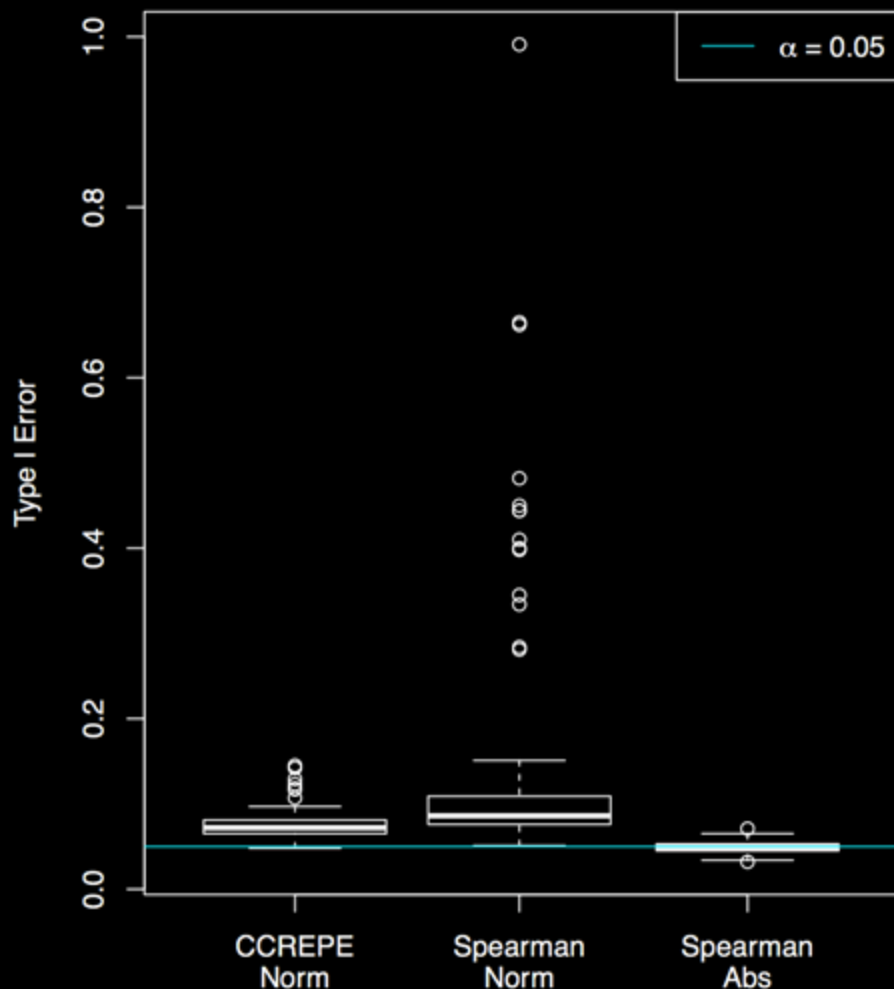
Estimating the null distribution

Emma
Schwager





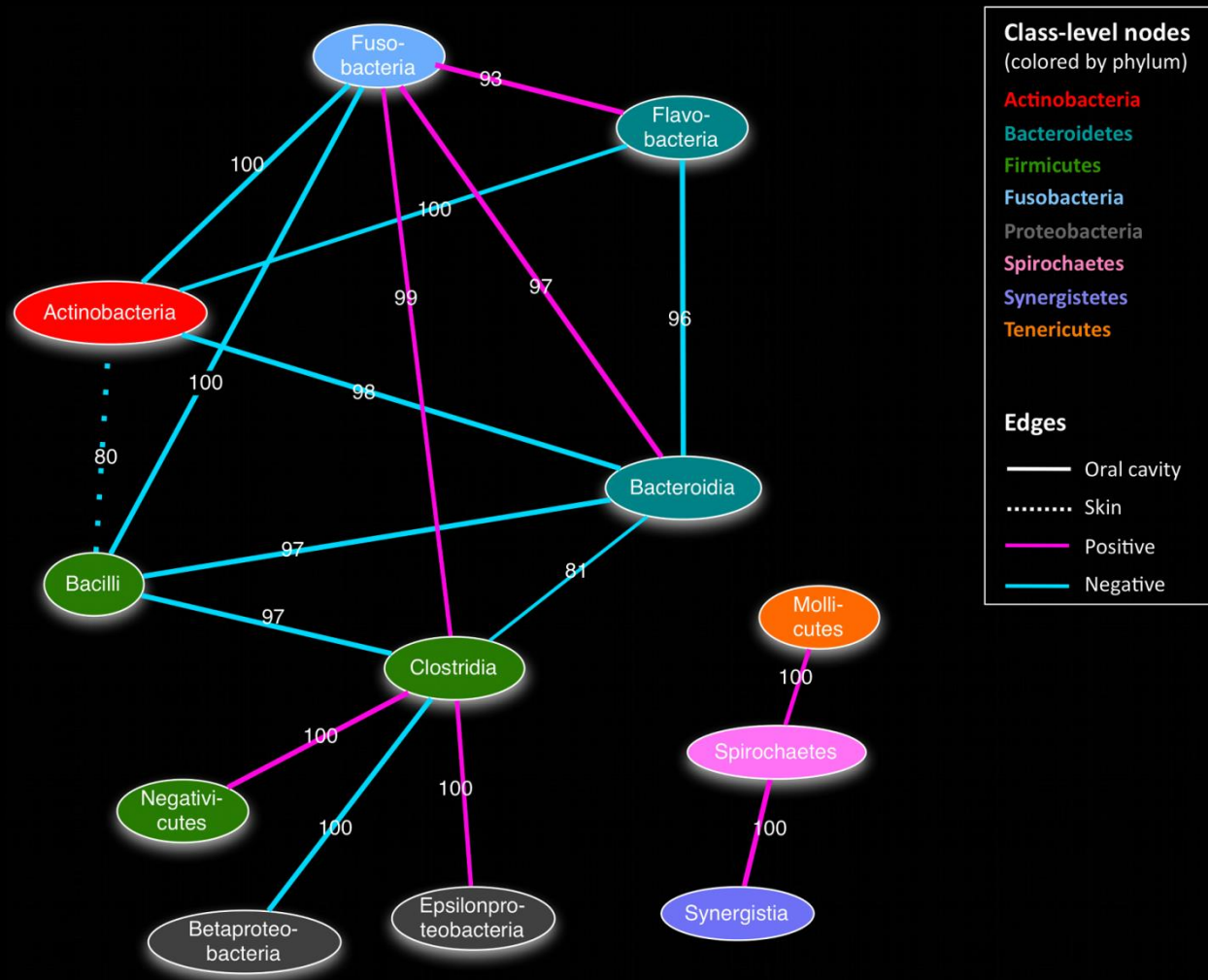
CCREPE: Compositionality Corrected by Renormalization and Permutation



- Synthetic evaluation
- Random sample feature/tables
- No built-in correlation structure



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“Microbial co-occurrence relationships in the human microbiome.”
Faust, et al. *PLoS Comp Biol*, 8:e1002606 (2012).



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Our lab's research interests include metagenomics and the [human microbiome](#), the relationships between microbial communities and human health, microbiome systems biology, and large-scale computational methods for studying all of these areas. In addition to the tools provided here, feel free to take a look at our additional [research](#) and [publications](#), including the [Sleipnir library](#) for computational functional genomics.

The tools are available here without account creation. However, you are strongly invited to create an account for having access to the history, saved analyses, datasets and workflows. You can create an account and/or log in using the User menu in the top-right corner.

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<http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/galaxy>



Tutorials available online

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bioBakery
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Statistical Analysis

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 - Extract 'omics data from repositories
- CCREPE**
 - Assess the significance of general similarity measures in compositional datasets
- LEfSe**
 - Association between metadata (max. 2) and microbial species and abundances
- MaAsLin**
 - Association between metadata (no restriction) and microbial species and abundances
- microPITA**
 - Sample selection in two stage-tiered studies

Visualization

These tools can help visualize taxonomical and phylogenetic information for (i) microbial composition/taxonomy data, (ii) outputs from MetaPhlAn, LEfSe, HUMAnN, MaAsLin. Please click on the link below for detailed tutorial:

<http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/biobakery>
(click on your tool-of-interest)



All tools are open source

The screenshot shows the Bitbucket interface for the 'biobakery' repository. The top navigation bar includes 'Teams', 'Repositories', and a 'Create' button. A search bar contains 'owner/repository'. The repository header shows the 'biobakery' logo, a user icon, and a 'Share' button. Action buttons for 'Clone', 'Branch', 'Pull request', and a dropdown menu are visible. The main navigation tabs are 'Overview', 'Source', 'Commits', 'Branches', 'Pull requests', 'Issues' (with a count of 1), 'Wiki', and 'Downloads'. The 'Wiki' tab is active, showing a 'Home' section with buttons for 'Clone wiki', 'Edit', 'Create', and 'History'. The content area is titled 'Huttenhower Lab Tools' and includes a welcome message. It lists three categories of tools: 'Composition Analysis', 'Phylogenetic Analysis', and 'Protein Analysis'. Each category has a corresponding colored box with a title and a list of tools.

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<http://bitbucket.org/biobakery/biobakery>



The bioBakery Virtual Machine

https://bitbucket.org/biobakery/biobakery/wiki/biobakery_wiki



Ubuntu base image preloaded and configured to run all Huttenhower lab tools; one click up-and-running via Vagrant



Thank you!



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Keith
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George
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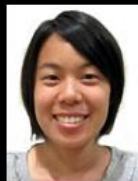
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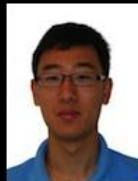
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