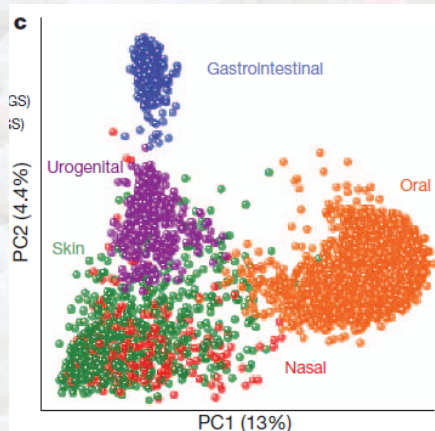


An Introduction to Metagenomics

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Schedule for today

Sec	Day	Start	End	Topic	Lead Instr.
1	Mon	09:00	10:00	Introduction to Metagenomics. Culture independent techniques, 16S rRNA, etc. (60 -75 min)	Joey
2	Mon	10:00	11:00	Introduction to microbiome analysis concepts -- Exploratory data analysis, Distances, PCoA, Ordination, taxa & sample-level inferences (75 min)	Joey
3	Mon	11:00	11:59	Introduction to microbiome analysis practices: QIIME, phyloseq, reproducible research (30 min)	Joey
---	Mon	12:00	14:00	Lunch (120min)	---
4	Mon	14:00	17:00	QIIME Lab (180min)	Daniel
---	Mon	17:00	19:00	Dinner (120min)	---
5	Mon	19:00	22:00	phyloseq Lab (180min)	Joey

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An Introduction to Metagenomics

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 - Why is it useful?
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lecture

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An Introduction to Metagenomics

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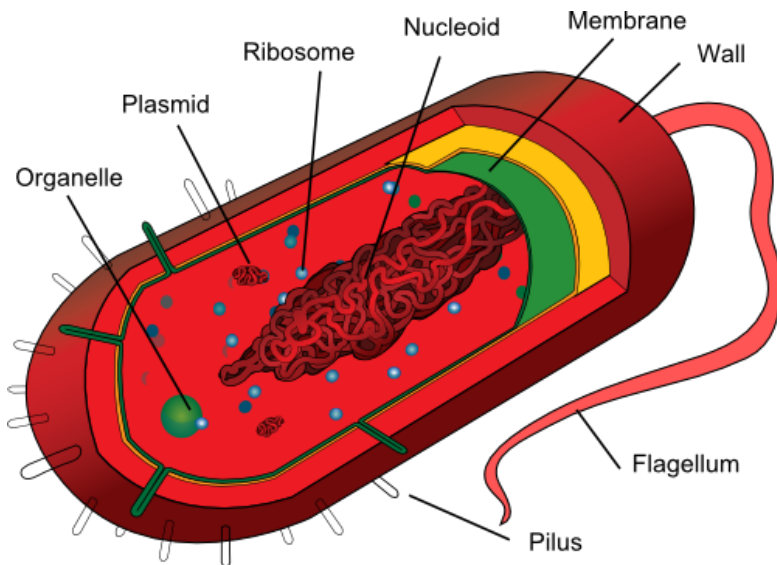
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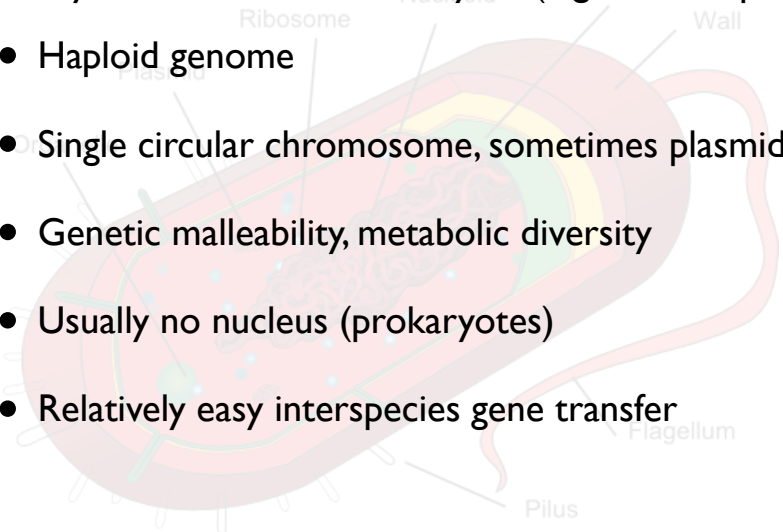
Cell structure



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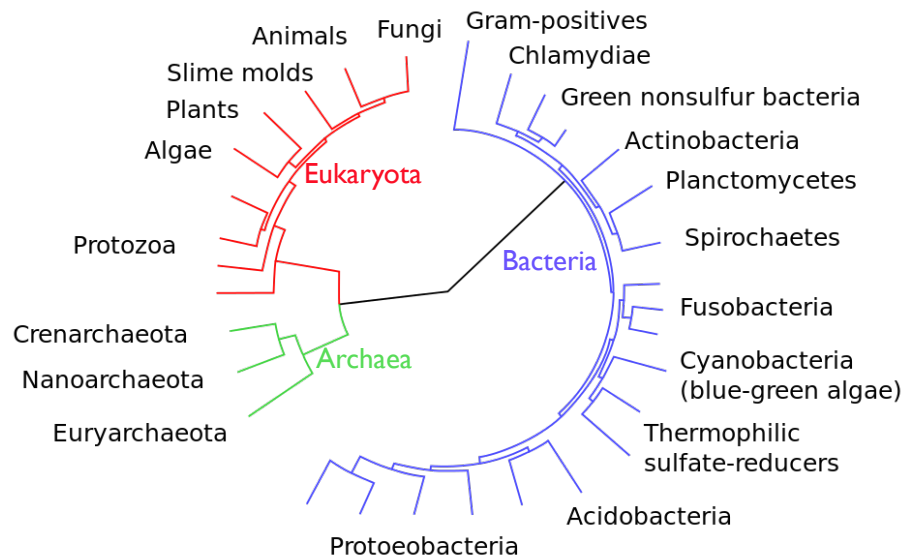
Some key differences from eukaryota (e.g. humans, plants)

- Haploid genome
- Single circular chromosome, sometimes plasmids
- Genetic malleability, metabolic diversity
- Usually no nucleus (prokaryotes)
- Relatively easy interspecies gene transfer



What are microbes?

Ancestry of Life



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tree_of_life_\(biology\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tree_of_life_(biology))

What is a microbiome?

The totality of microbes in a defined environment, especially their genomes and interactions with each other and surrounding environment.

- A population of a single species/strain is a culture, **extremely rare outside of lab, some infections**
- A microbiome is a **mixed population of different microbial species** (microbial ecosystem)

A mixed community is the norm!

Why Study Microbiomes?

Environmental Science

- Critical elemental cycles (carbon, nitrogen, sulfur, iron, ...)
- Pollution control, cleanup
- Ecology / Evolution (chloroplasts, mitochondria, genetic evolution, ...)

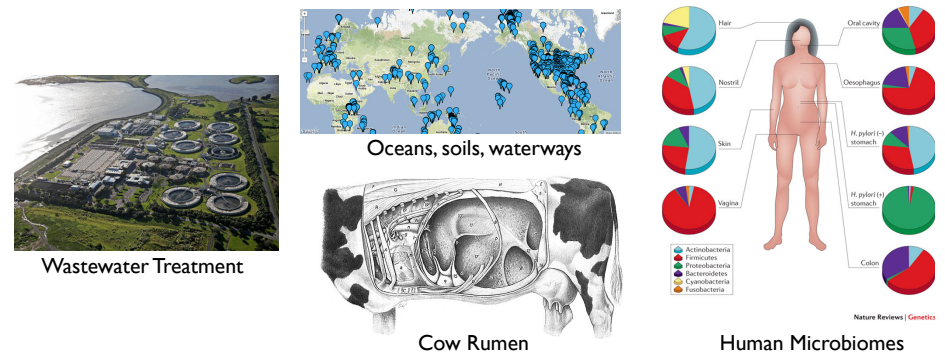
Industrial Applications

- Wastewater treatment (*V. cholera*, algal blooms, etc.)
- Bioprospecting (novel enzymes, compounds)
- Novel biosynthesis
- Fermentations: Consortia (yogurt) / wild (kombucha, Belgian ales)

Human Health

- Protection from pathogens (e.g. *Clostridium difficile*)
- Absorption/Production of nutrients in the gut
- Possible Role in chronic diseases (obesity, Crohn's/IBD, other autoimmune, UTIs, periodontitis, ...)

What is a microbiome?

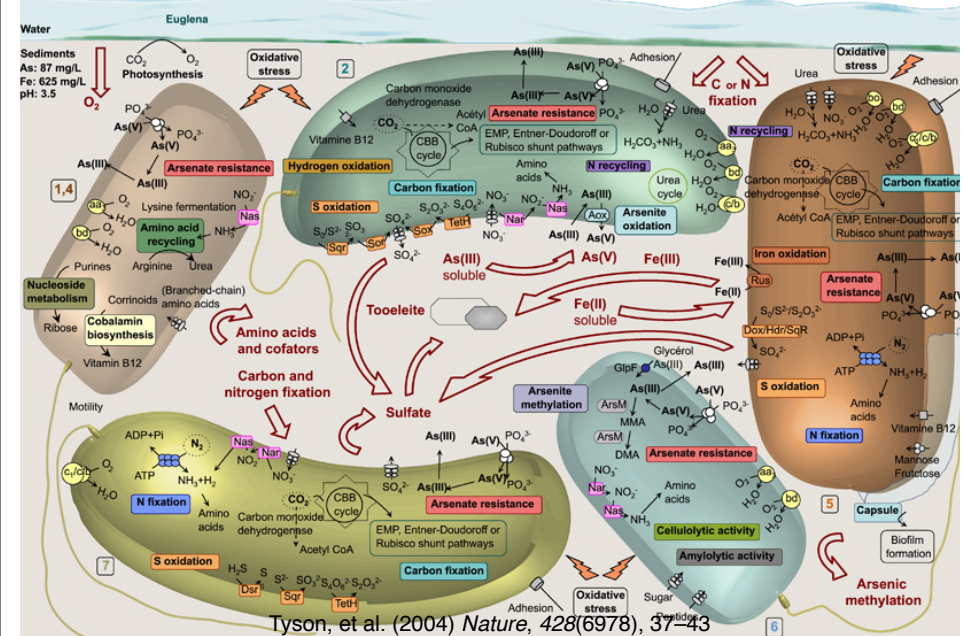


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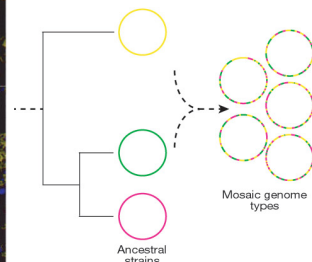
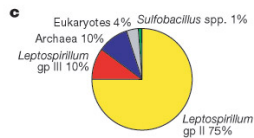


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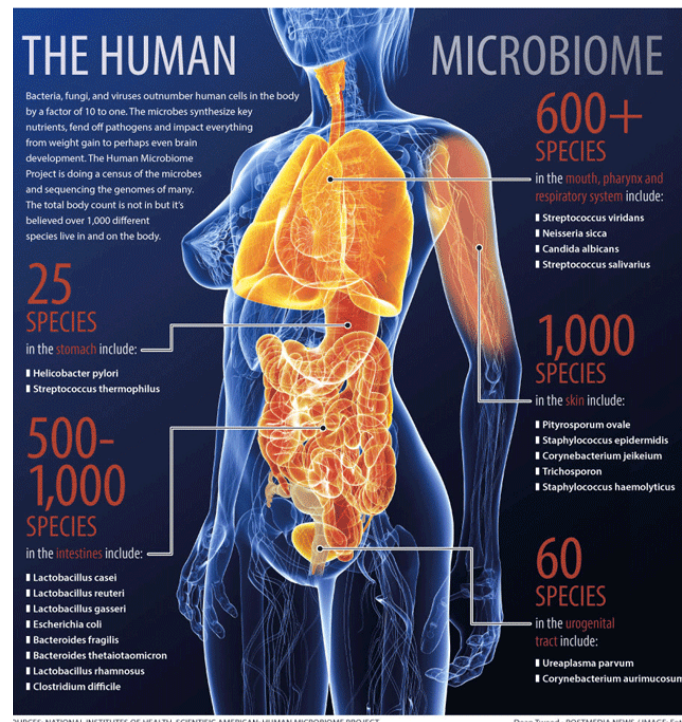
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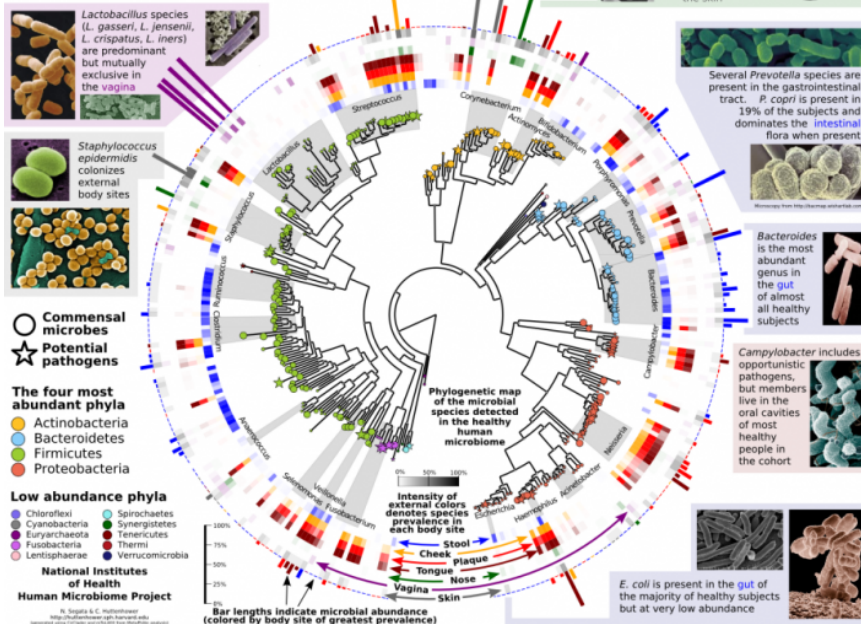
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1–10 times more microbial cells than human cells... depends on timing of your last bowel movement

Typical human microbiome < 2 kg

A map of diversity in the human microbiome



1. "Kill you by acute infection"
2. "Prevent same infection"
3. "Make you fat(ter)"
4. "Give you a heart attack"
5. "Give you cancer"
6. "Rescue you from cancer"

Can you guess the condition / scenario?

The diagram illustrates the pathogenesis of Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) and the role of Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) in its treatment. The cycle begins with a 'Healthy individual' (a) who has a 'Healthy microbiota' (represented by a circle with green and blue bacteria). This state is associated with 'Resolution of symptoms'. The cycle then moves to 'Antibiotics' (b), which leads to 'Reduced gut microbial species and diversity' (represented by a circle with fewer, mostly blue bacteria). This state is associated with 'Recurrent infection'. The cycle then moves to 'Ingestion of C. difficile spores from the environment' (c), which leads to 'Dysbiosis of the gut microbiota' (represented by a circle with many blue bacteria and some red ones). This state is associated with 'Development of CDI'. The cycle then moves to 'Antibiotics' (d), which leads to 'Pseudomembranous colitis' (represented by a circle with many red bacteria and some blue ones). This state is associated with 'Recurrent infection'. The cycle then moves to 'FMT' (e), which leads to 'Restoration of stable, healthy gut microbiota' (represented by a circle with many green and blue bacteria). This state is associated with 'Resolution of symptoms'. The cycle then moves back to 'Healthy individual' (a).

Healthy individual (a)

Healthy microbiota

Resolution of symptoms

Antibiotics (b)

Reduced gut microbial species and diversity

Recurrent infection

Ingestion of *C. difficile* spores from the environment (c)

Dysbiosis of the gut microbiota

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Restoration of stable, healthy gut microbiota

Resolution of symptoms

FMT details:

Donor fecal sample

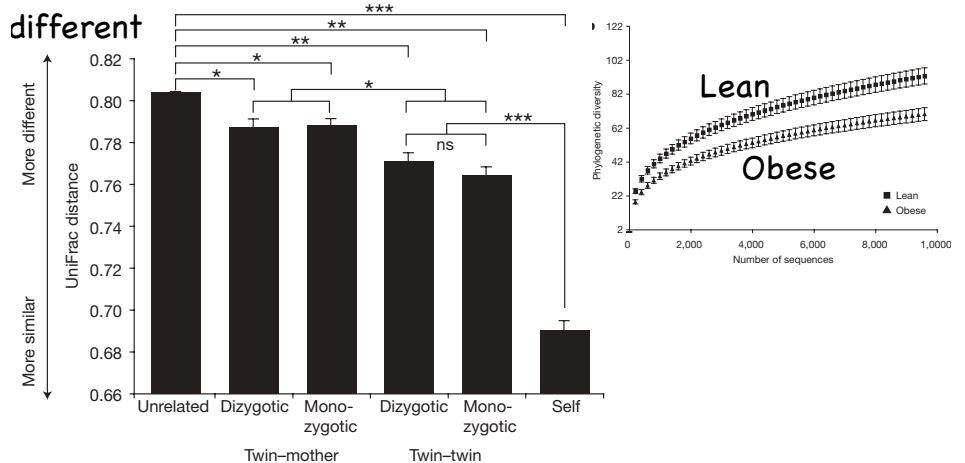
Filtration

Administration by:

- Enema
- Transcolonic infusion
- Nasoduodenal or nasogastric infusion

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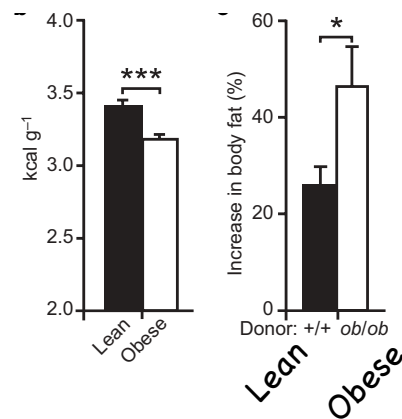
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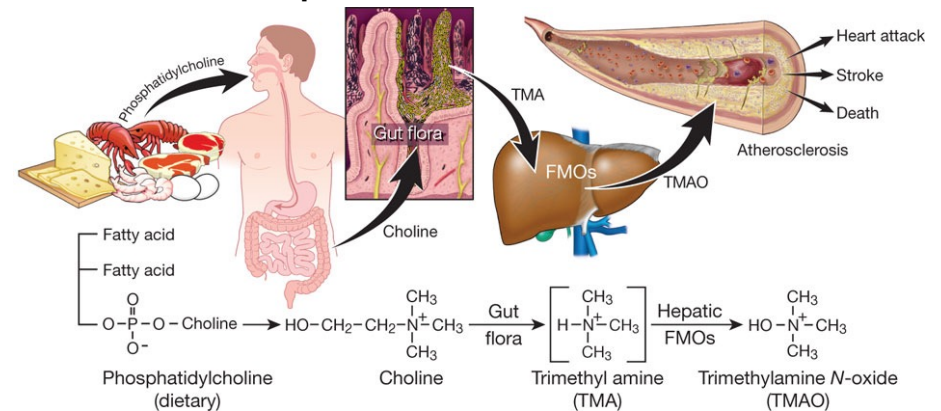
Microbes can make you fat(ter)...

- Lean (n = 10) & obese donors (n=9)
- Colonization of germ-free wild-type mice with microbiota from obese donors causes significant increase in total body fat
- Total body fat content was measured before and after a 2-week colonization
- Confirm that the ob/ob microbiome has an increased capacity for dietary energy harvest



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Gut microbes promote cardiovascular disease



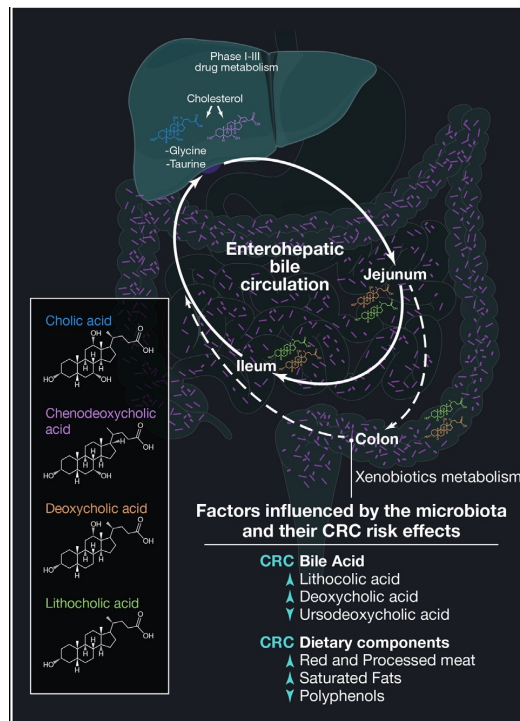
- Gut flora required for production of TMAO
- Supplementing diet with choline or TMAO promotes atherosclerosis (mouse)
- Gut flora suppression (Abx) inhibits dietary choline enhanced atherosclerosis
- TMAO is also a renal (kidney) toxin. Fogelman, A. M. (2015). *Circulation Research*.

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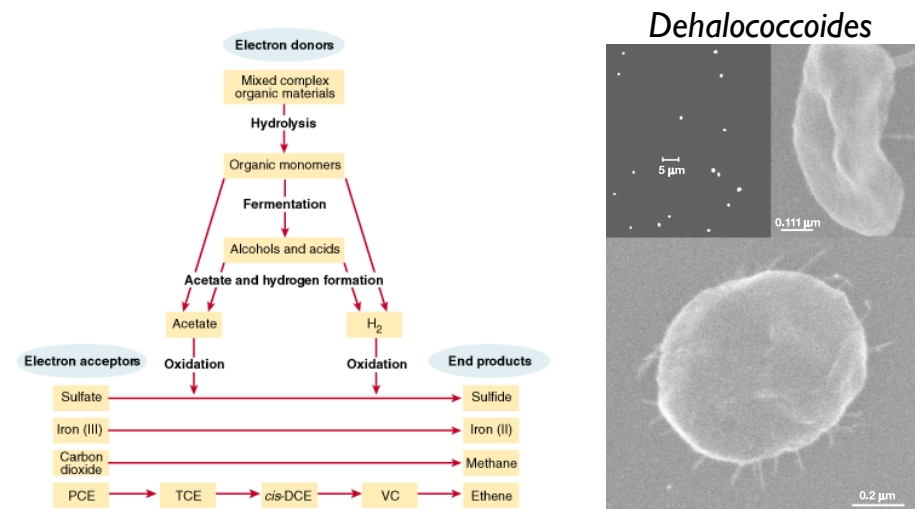
Colorectal Cancer (CRC)

- Microbes affect colonic bile pool exposure, drug metabolism, and mortality-correlated compounds
- Microbe-produced secondary bile acids are among these.
- Gut microbial metabolism may play role in beneficial or detrimental effects of certain foods



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Groundwater: Chlorinated Solvents

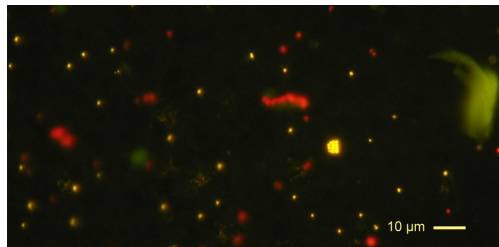
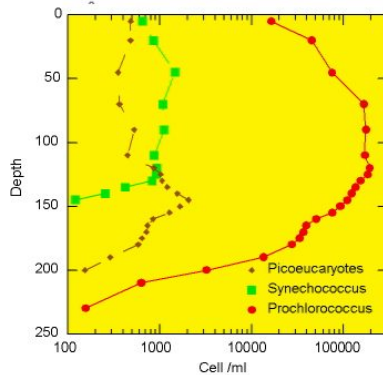


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Marine picoplankton most abundant organism on Earth?

- *Prochlorococcus* appears to be the **most abundant organism on the planet**
- Huge light harvesting proteins
- its density can reach up to **100 million cells per liter**
- it can be found down to a **depth of 150 m** in all of the intertropical belt
- picoplankton synchronize cell division at the same time every day —> **biological clock**

OLIPAC cruise
Pacific Ocean 1994 Oligotrophic 16°S



Vertical distribution of the photosynthetic picoplankton populations determined by flow cytometry in the tropical Pacific (OLIPAC cruise, 1994).

Yellowstone National Park



Octopus Spring

- 90° to 93°C
- extremely low in nutrients
- contains abundant biomass
- home to "oldest" known bacteria



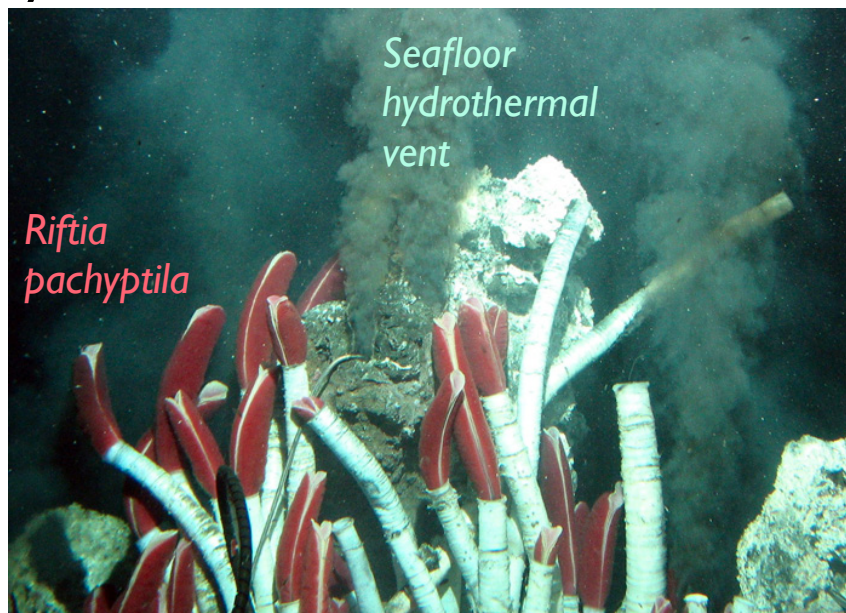
Obsidian Pool

- 75° - 95°C
- high iron (II) hydrogen sulfide
- extensive diversity (previously unknown)

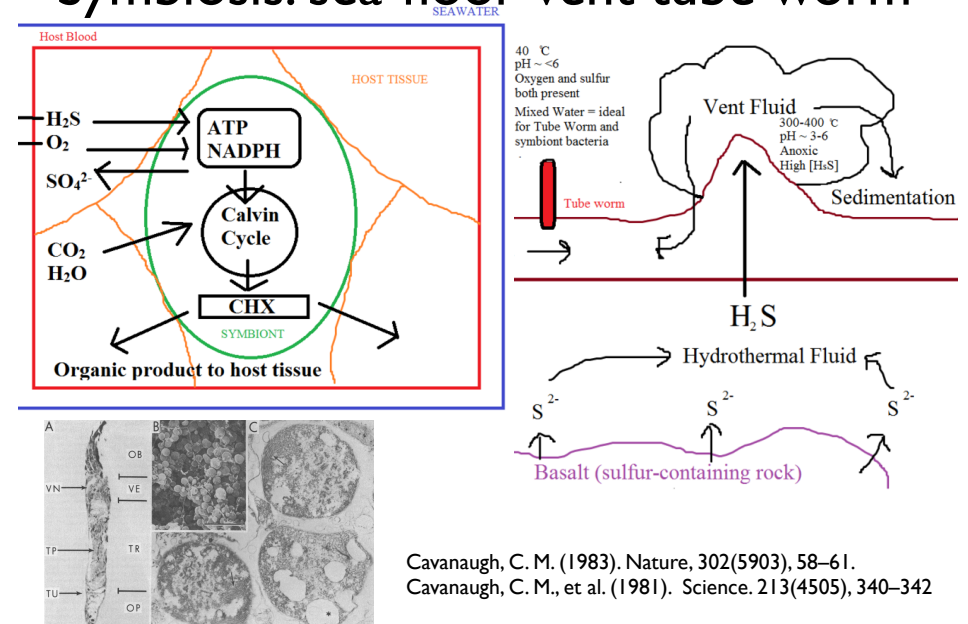
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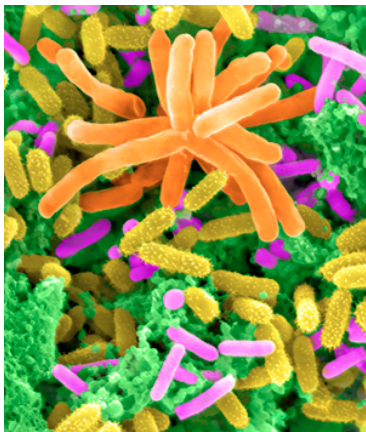
Metagenomics Experimental Methods

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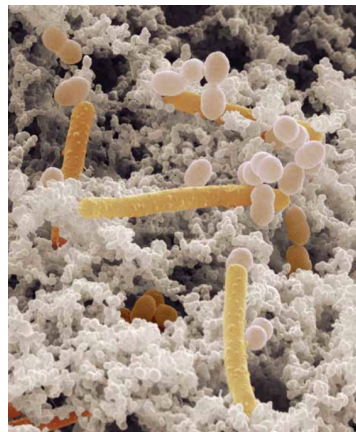
Questions before moving on?

Exercise: How many species are present?

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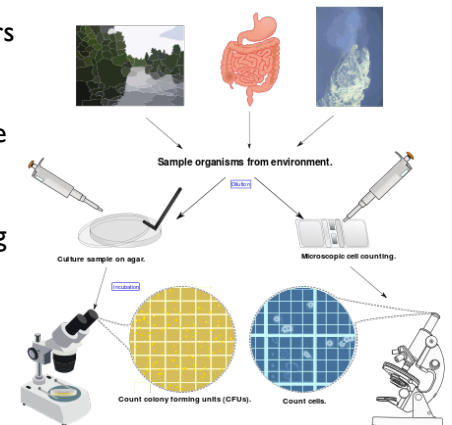
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Confer amongst yourselves. We'll take a poll.

The great “plate count” anomaly

- Cultivation-based cell counts are orders of magnitude lower than direct microscopic observation.
- This is because microbiologists are able to **cultivate only a small minority** of naturally occurring microbes
- Our nucleic-acid derived understanding of microbial diversity has rapidly **outpaced our ability to culture new microbes**

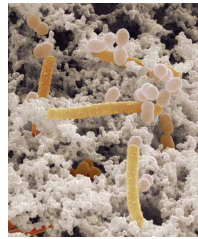
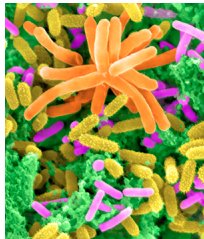


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Why is microbiome research new?

Considering that...

- We have a bacterial endosymbiont in all our cells!
- Humans have always coexisted with bacteria
- We've known about bacteria for a few hundred years



- Historically prokaryotic biology has been focused on microbes that can be grown to large quantities/densities in the lab, especially pathogens; or can be distinguished under the microscope.
- An example of “searching where the light is”...

Why is microbiome research new?

Bias for cultivable microbes, especially pathogens

- Culture-based methods fail to detect most microbes
- Microbes are easy to miss (except pathogens)
- Most microbes are NOT pathogens (even the human-associated)

Availability of tools limited to last 3 decades

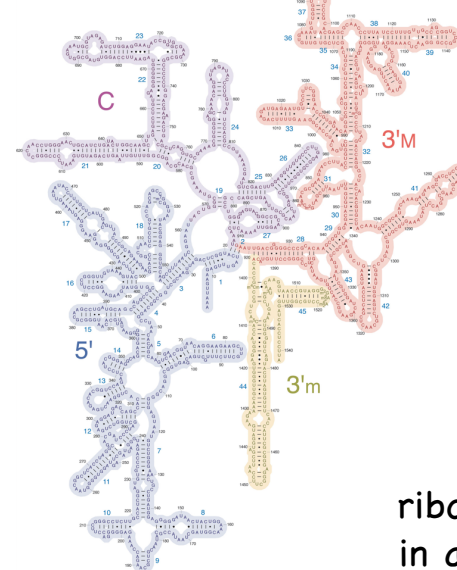
- Discovery of culture-independent techniques
- PCR, fast & cheap DNA sequencing, microarrays, etc

Discovery of *Culture Independent* Techniques

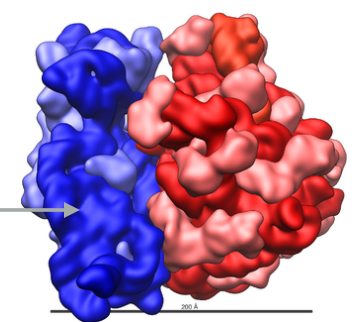
- 1977 rRNA as evolutionary marker - Woese & Fox *PNAS*
- 1985 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) - K. Mullis *Science*
- 1985 “Universal” Primers for rRNA sequencing - N. Pace *PNAS*
- 1989 PCR amplification of 16S rRNA gene - Böttger *FEMS Microbiol.*
- 1996 Large, curated rRNA database (RDP) - Maidak *Nuc.Acids Res*
- 2001 term “microbiome” coined by Joshua Lederberg

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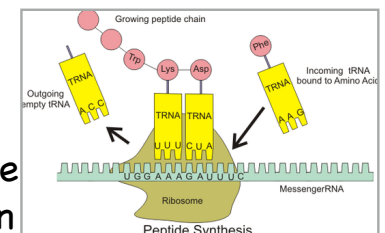
Small subunit “16S” rRNA



ribosome



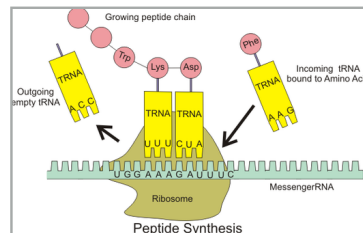
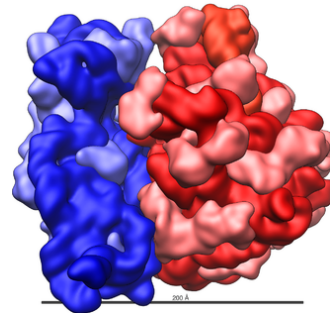
ribosome
in action



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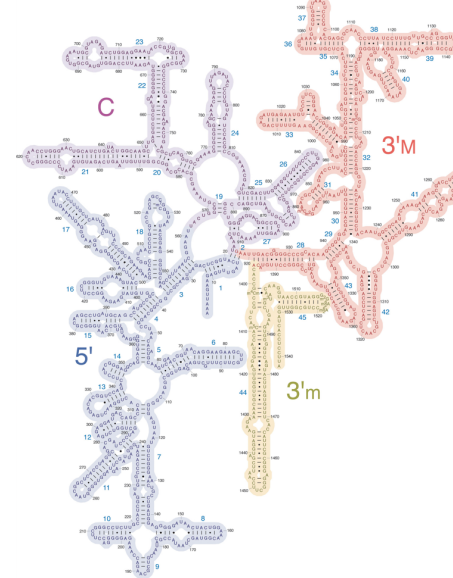
- rRNA has both catalytic and structural function.
- The small and large subunits have different lengths, 2nd-structure, 3D shape; but must work together.
- All of the catalytic activity of the ribosome is carried out by the RNA; the proteins reside on the surface and seem to stabilize the structure.

ribosome



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Small subunit "16S" rRNA

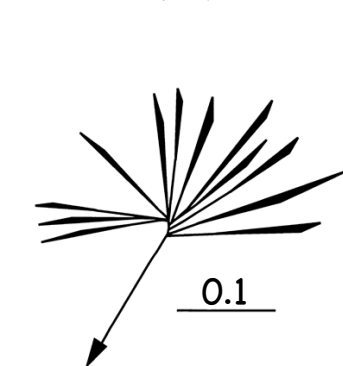


- **Ubiquitous** - present in all known life (viruses don't count)
- **Functionally constant** translation, 2^o-structure
- **Evolves slowly** - mutations more rare than for protein-coding genes
- **Large** - information for evolutionary inference
- **No exchange** - Limited examples of rRNA gene-sharing between organisms

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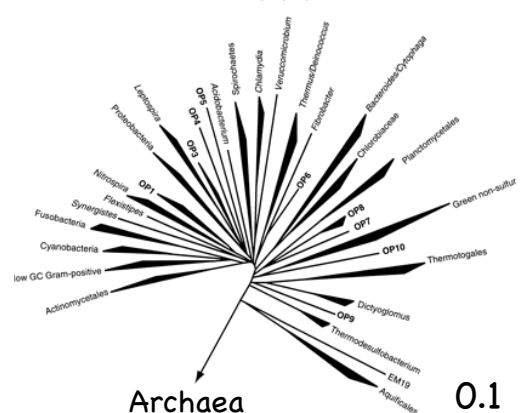
Evolutionary Tree, Known Bacteria

1987



Archaea
Eukarya

1997



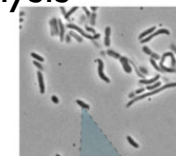
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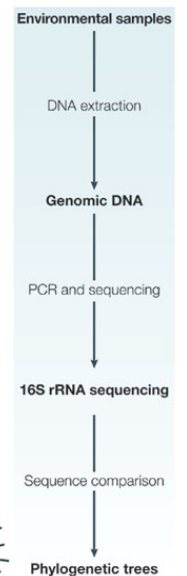
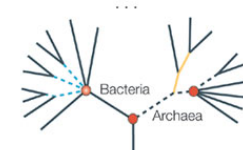
Metagenomics: Nucleic acid sequencing as a tool for microbial community analysis

Single microbiome:

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2. PCR-amplify a **universal gene** from gDNA
3. DNA sequencing from pool of amplified genes
4. Cluster sequences according to species
5. Count each species and make a tree



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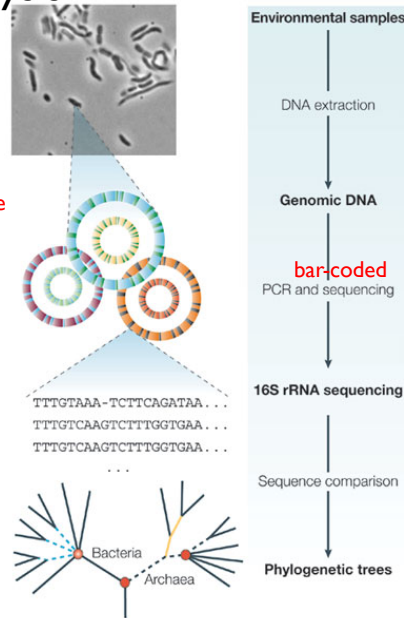


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Metagenomics: Nucleic acid sequencing as a tool for microbial community analysis

Many microbiomes in parallel:

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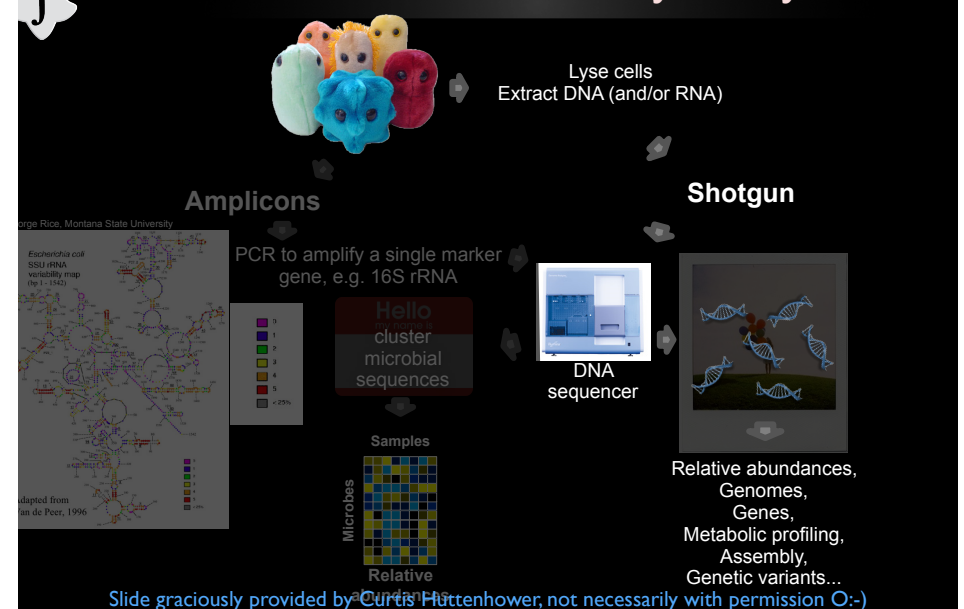
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Nucleic acid sequencing as a tool for microbial community analysis



Sequencing as a tool for microbial community analysis

Who's there?

(Taxonomic profiling)

What are they doing?

(Functional profiling)

What does it all mean?

(Statistical analysis)

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A Summary of Meta'omics

- Piles of short DNA/RNA reads from >1 organism
- You can...
 - Ecologically profile them
 - Taxonomically or phylogenetically profile them
 - Functionally profile them – gene/pathway catalogs
 - Assemble them
- Prior knowledge is helpful
- Caution: Correlation $\neq$ Causation
 - Most 'omics results require lab confirmation

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Working toward high-impact outcomes from meta'omic microbial community profiling

Epidemiology

Privacy and ethics

Disease risk/pathogen exposure
Tracking

Health policy

Early life exposures
Pharma. best practices



Basic biology and molecular mechanism

Microbial experiments

- Quantitative methods
- Integration/meta-analysis of genomes and metagenomes



Host-microbe-microbiome interactions

- Immunity in specific host tissues
- Non-immune mechanisms (metabolites, peptides)
- Model system perturbations, "knock ins" and "knock outs"



Translation

Phenotype association for diagnostics

- Human disease risk: lifetime, activity, outcome
- Longitudinal analysis and study design
- Dense longitudinal measures, multiple nested outcomes



Systems analysis for intervention

- More and simpler model systems
- Systematic understanding of current models
- Ecological models for ecosystem restoration

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- Experimental methods

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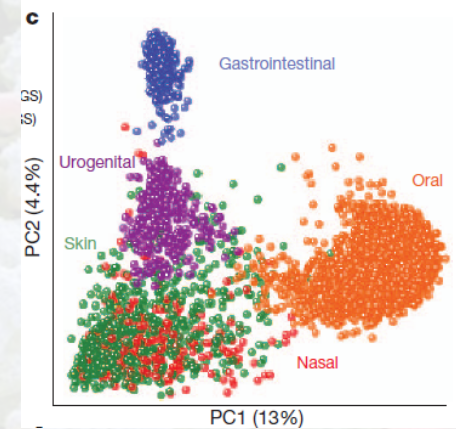
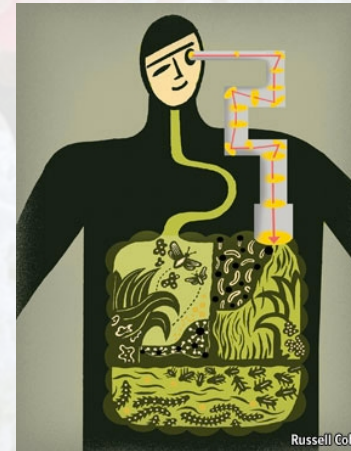
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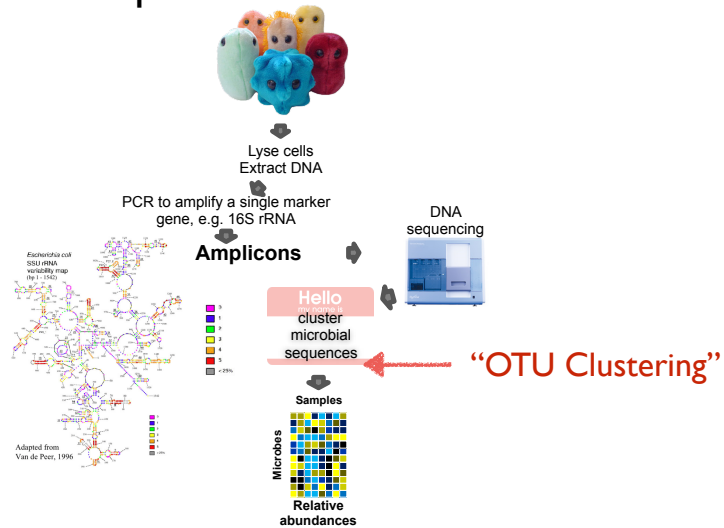
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Introduction to Microbiome / Metagenome Analysis Concepts



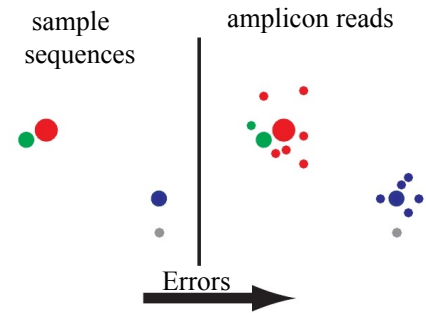
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OTUs - Operational Taxonomic Unit



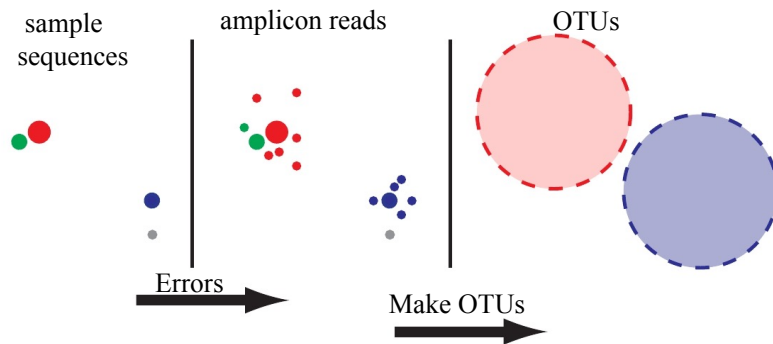
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Sample Inference from Noisy Reads



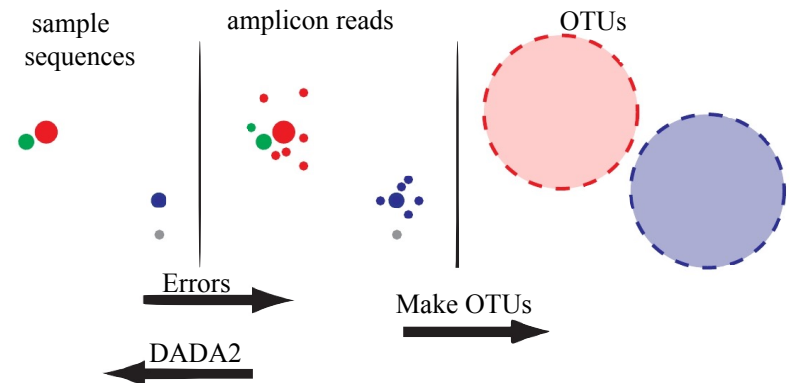
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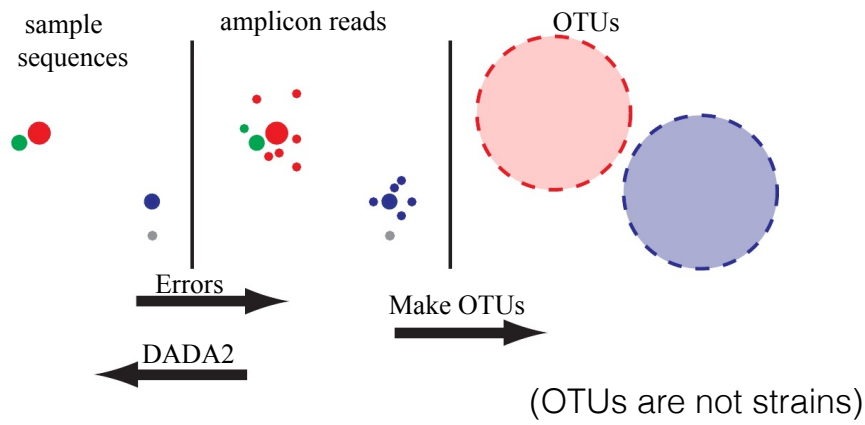
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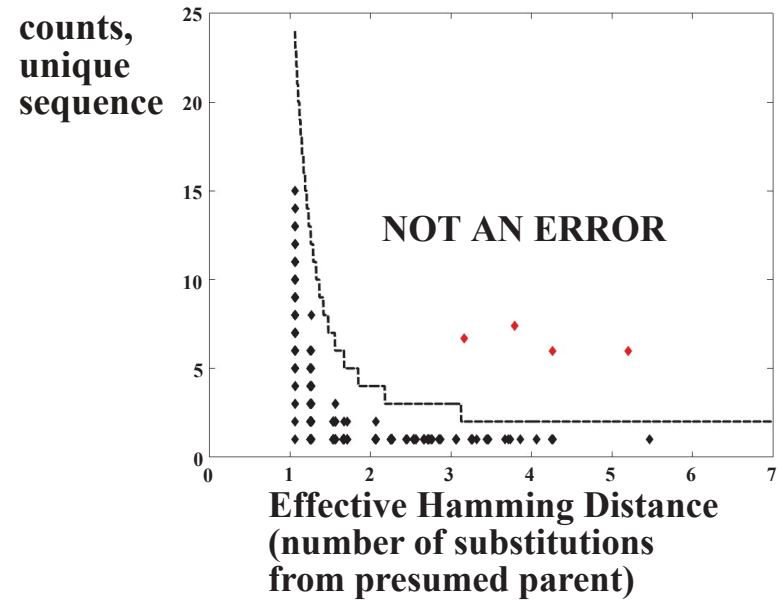


OTUs: Lump similar sequences together
DADA2: Statistically infer the sample sequences

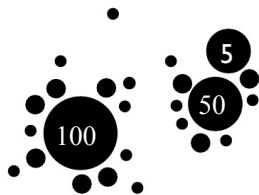
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The true shape of an error cloud

DADA2: Error Model

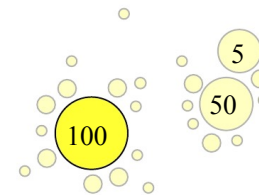


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Initial guess: one real sequence + errors

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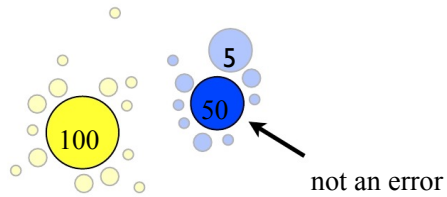


Infer initial *error model* under this assumption.

$$\Pr(i \rightarrow j) =$$

	A	C	G	T
A	0.97	10^{-2}	10^{-2}	10^{-2}
C	10^{-2}	0.97	10^{-2}	10^{-2}
G	10^{-2}	10^{-2}	0.97	10^{-2}
T	10^{-2}	10^{-2}	10^{-2}	0.97

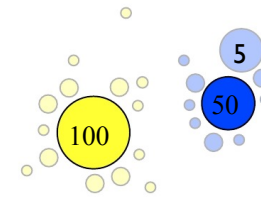
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Reject unlikely error under model. **Recruit** errors.

	A	C	G	T
A	0.97	10^{-2}	10^{-2}	10^{-2}
C	10^{-2}	0.97	10^{-2}	10^{-2}
G	10^{-2}	10^{-2}	0.97	10^{-2}
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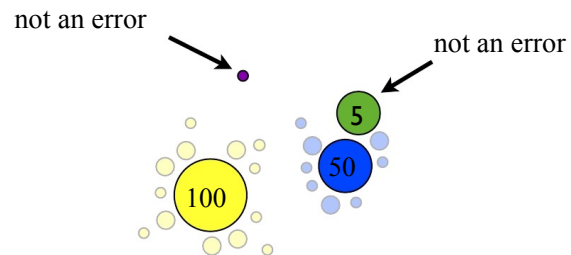
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Update the model.

	A	C	G	T
A	0.997	10^{-3}	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
C	10^{-3}	0.997	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
G	10^{-3}	10^{-3}	0.997	10^{-3}
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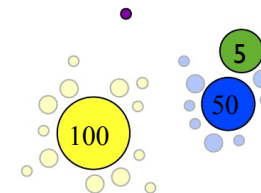
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Reject more sequences under *new* model

	A	C	G	T
A	0.997	10^{-3}	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
C	10^{-3}	0.997	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
G	10^{-3}	10^{-3}	0.997	10^{-3}
T	10^{-3}	10^{-3}	10^{-3}	0.997

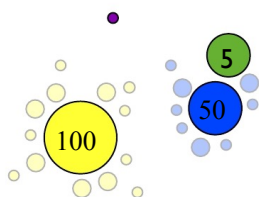
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Update model again

	A	C	G	T
A	0.998	1×10^{-4}	2×10^{-3}	2×10^{-4}
C	6×10^{-5}	0.999	3×10^{-6}	1×10^{-3}
G	1×10^{-3}	3×10^{-6}	0.999	6×10^{-5}
T	2×10^{-4}	2×10^{-3}	1×10^{-4}	0.998

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Convergence: all errors are plausible

	A	C	G	T
A	0.998	1x10 ⁻⁴	2x10 ⁻³	2x10 ⁻⁴
C	6x10 ⁻⁵	0.999	3x10 ⁻⁶	1x10 ⁻³
G	1x10 ⁻³	3x10 ⁻⁶	0.999	6x10 ⁻⁵
T	2x10 ⁻⁴	2x10 ⁻³	1x10 ⁻⁴	0.998

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DADA2: Why is this possible?

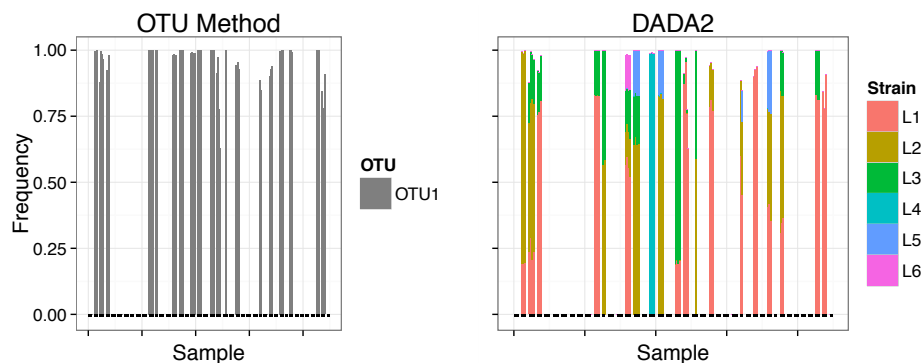
Uses more of the information than traditional OTU clustering

	DADA2	OTUs
Abundance	✓	Ranks only
Sequence Differences	✓	Count only
Quality	✓	No
Error Model	✓	No

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DADA2 Advantages: Real Data

Lactobacillus crispatus sampled from vaginal microbiome 42 pregnant women



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DADA2 Advantages

Analytical

Single nucleotide resolution

- genotypes/strains instead of 97% OTUs

Lower false positive rate

- Better error model, easier to ID chimeras

Computational

Linear scaling of computational costs

- Exact sequences are inherently comparable, so samples can be processed independently.

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DADA2

Divisive Amplicon Denoising Algorithm - ver.2

DADA2: High resolution sample inference from amplicon data

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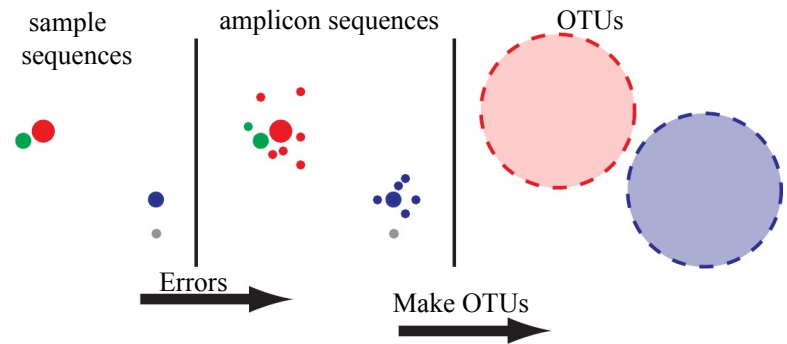
Manuscript draft on bioRxiv
(Revisions in review)

<http://benjjneb.github.io/dada2/>

Basic R package available on GitHub

DADA1: Rosen MJ, Callahan BJ, Fisher DS, Holmes SP
(2012) Denoising PCR-amplified metagenome data. BMC bioinformatics, 13(1), 283.

That said, we are going to use OTUs!

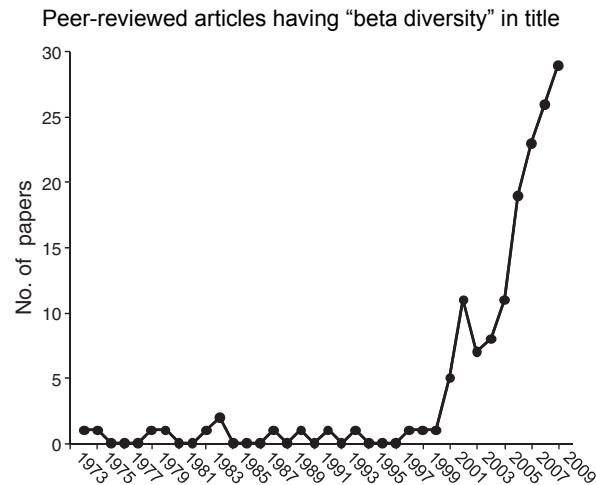


Diversity

Diversity of diversity
(diversity of greek letters used in ecology)

- α – diversity within a community, # of species
- β – diversity between communities (differentiation), species identity is taken into account
- γ – (global) diversity of the site, $\gamma = \alpha \times \beta$, but only this simple if α and β are independent
- Probably others, but α and β are most common

Beta-Diversity



Anderson, M. J., et al. (2011). Navigating the multiple meanings of β diversity: a roadmap for the practicing ecologist. *Ecology Letters*, 14(1), 19–28.

Beta-Diversity

- Microbial ecologists typically use beta diversity as a broad umbrella term that can refer to any of several indices related to compositional differences (Differences in species content between samples)
- For some reason this is contentious, and there appears to be ongoing (and pointless?) argument over the possible definitions
- For our purposes, and microbiome research, when you hear “beta-diversity”, you can probably think: “Diversity of species composition”

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beta_diversity

Distances between microbiomes

Community Distance

Communities are a vector of abundances:

$$\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$$

E. coli: ● ● ●
P. fluorescens: ●
B. subtilis: ●
P. acnes:
D. radiodurans:
H. pylori: ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
L. crispatus:

$$\mathbf{x} = \{3, 1, 1, 0, 0, 7, 0\}$$

Community Distance Properties

- Range from 0 to 1
- Distance to self is 0
- If no shared taxa, distance is 1
- Triangle inequality (metric)
- Joint absences do not affect distance (biology)
- Independent of absolute counts (metagenomics)

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The Distance Spectrum

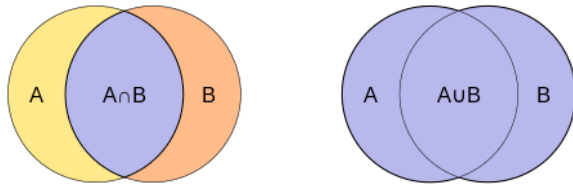
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Presence/ Absence	Jaccard	Unifrac
Quantitative Abundance	Bray-Curtis	Weighted Unifrac

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Jaccard

$$\text{Dist}(A, B) = 1 - (A \cap B) / (A \cup B)$$

$$= ((\mathbf{x}_A > 0) \& (\mathbf{x}_B > 0)) / ((\mathbf{x}_A > 0) \mid (\mathbf{x}_B > 0))$$

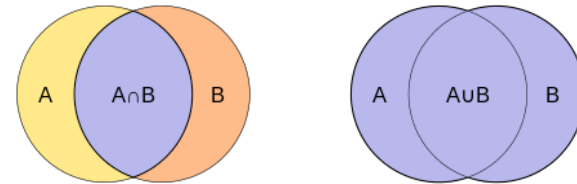


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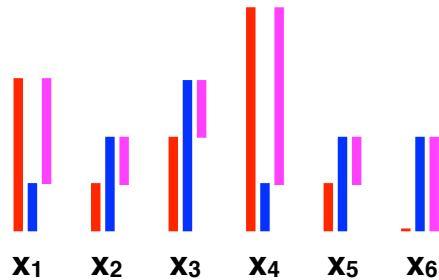


Intuition: Fraction of shared **types** unique to one of the communities

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Bray-Curtis

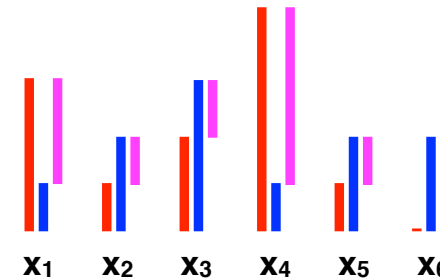
$$\text{Dist}(x, y) = \frac{\sum |x_i - y_i|}{\sum x_i + \sum y_i} = \frac{\text{pink}}{\text{red} + \text{blue}}$$



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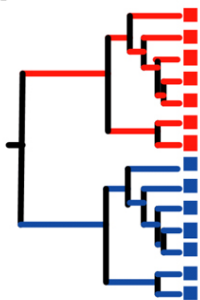
Intuition: *City block distance.* Sum of absolute differences over total abundance.

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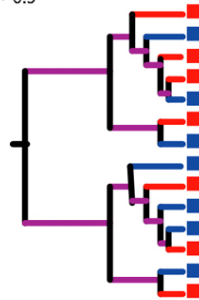
Unifrac

$$\text{Dist}(x, y) = \frac{\text{red} + \text{blue}}{\text{red} + \text{blue} + \text{purple}}$$

D = 1



D = ~ 0.5



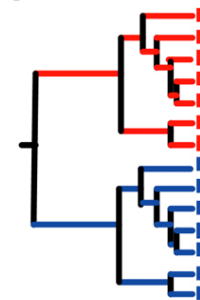
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Lozupone and Knight (2008)

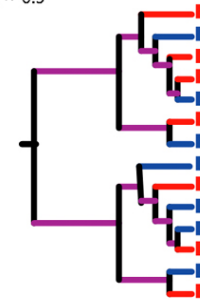
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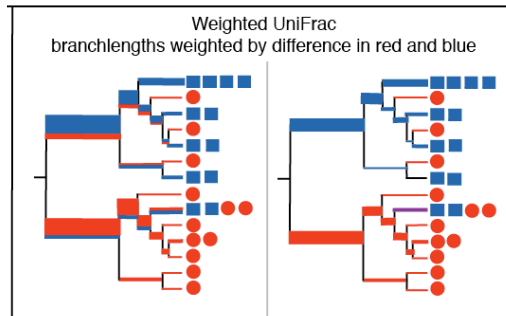


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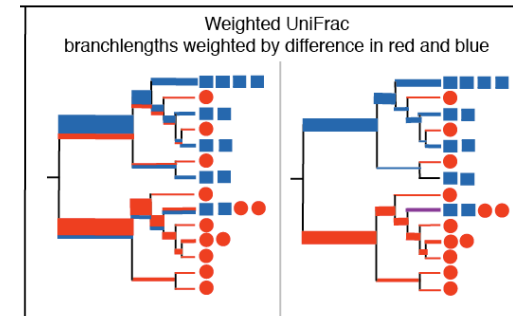
Weighted Unifrac



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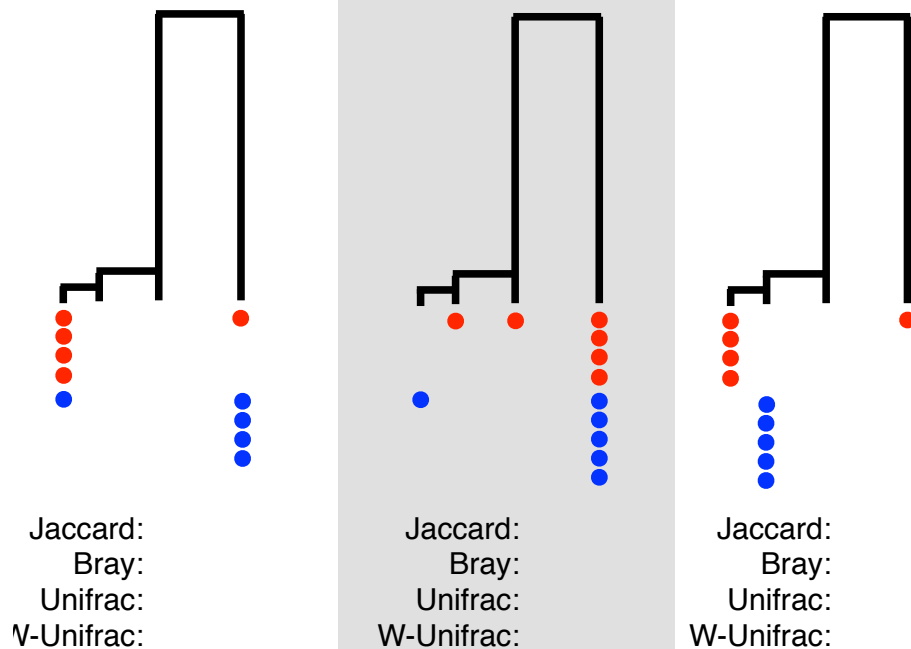
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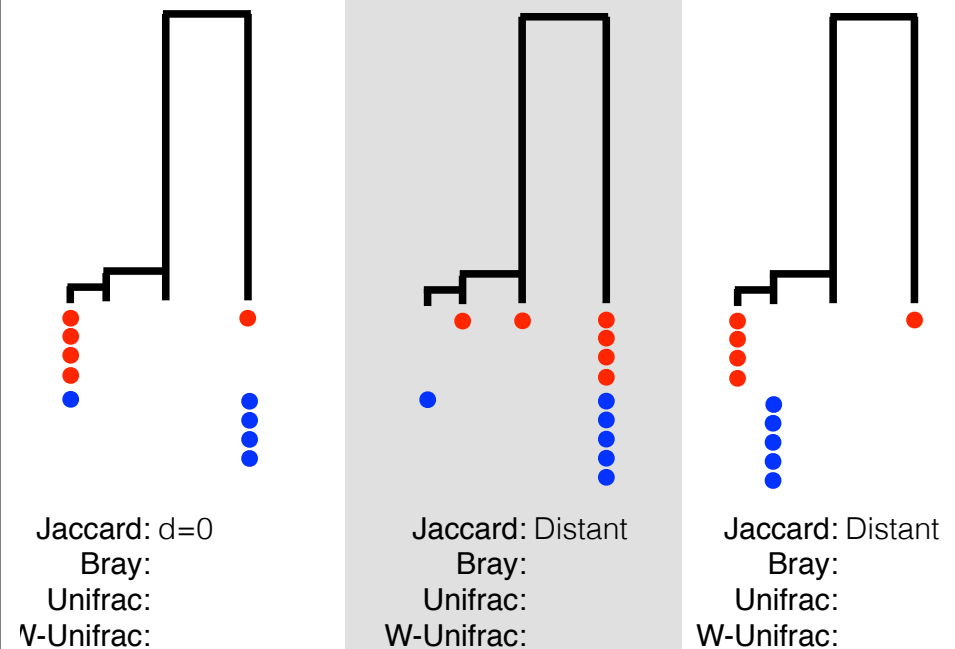
Intuition: The cost of turning one distribution into the other; where the cost is the amount of “dirt” moved times the distance by which it is moved.

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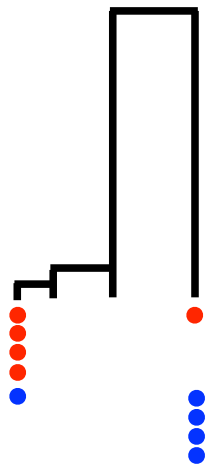
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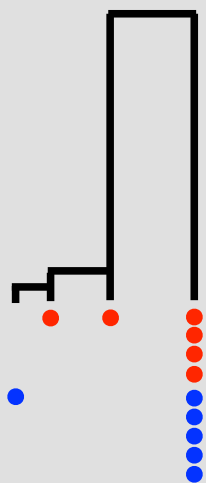


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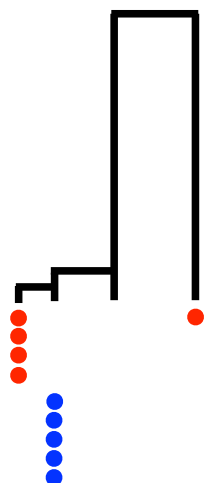


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 Bray: Distant
 Unifrac:
 V-Unifrac:

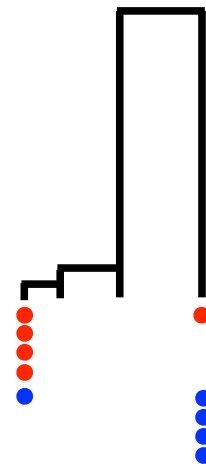
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Jaccard: Distant
 Bray: Similar
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 W-Unifrac:

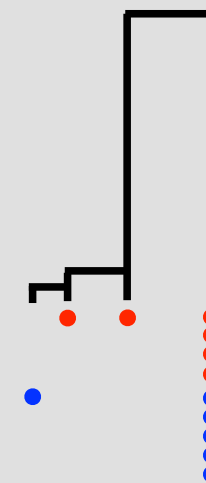


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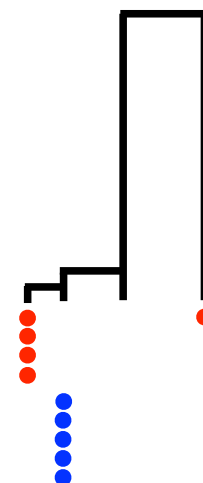


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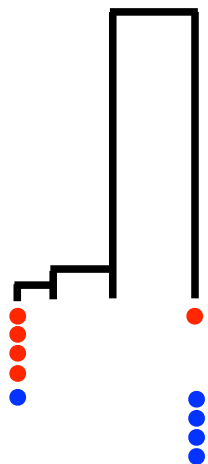
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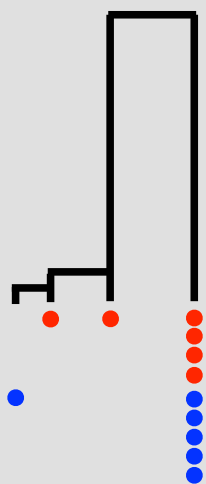


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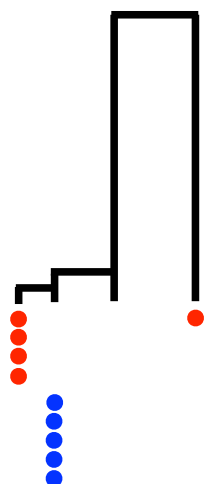


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The Distance Spectrum

	Categorical	Phylogenetic	phyloseq distances
Presence/ Absence	Jaccard	Unifrac	manhattan euclidean canberra bray kulczynski jaccard gower altGower
Quantitative Abundance	Bray-Curtis	Weighted Unifrac	morisita-horn mountford raup binomial chao cao jensen-shannon unifrac weighted-unifrac

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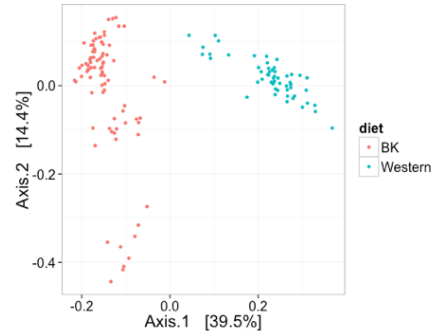
Ordination Methods

Project high-dimensional data onto lower dimensions

P taxa

N samples

0,1,5,1,0,1,2,1,0,0,9,...
7,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,...
0,0,0,0,0,0,8,0,0,0,1,...
0,0,0,1,0,1,2,0,0,0,5,...
0,1,0,2,0,0,0,1,0,0,4,...
0,0,0,1,9,1,2,5,2,0,1,...
0,0,0,0,0,1,2,1,8,0,0,...
0,0,0,0,9,4,0,0,0,0,1,...
.
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P-dimensions

2-dimensions

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Ordination Methods

Intuition:

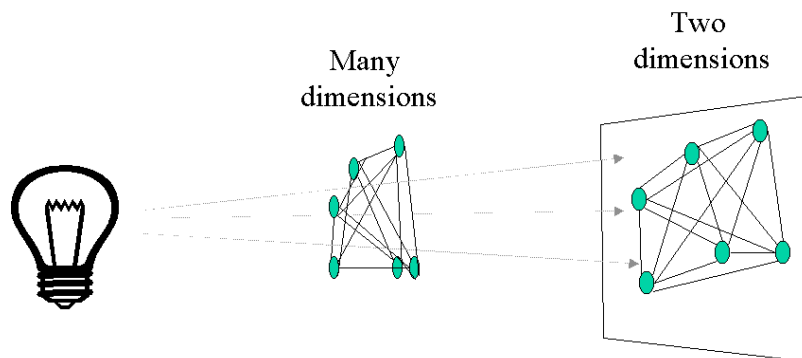
Each PC axis is projection that maximizes the area of the shadow
Equivalently - max(sum of square of distances between points)
Goal: "See" as much variation as possible



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Multi-dimensional Scaling

Why MDS? It works with any distance!



Input distance matrix can be Bray-Curtis, Unifrac, ...

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MDS Details

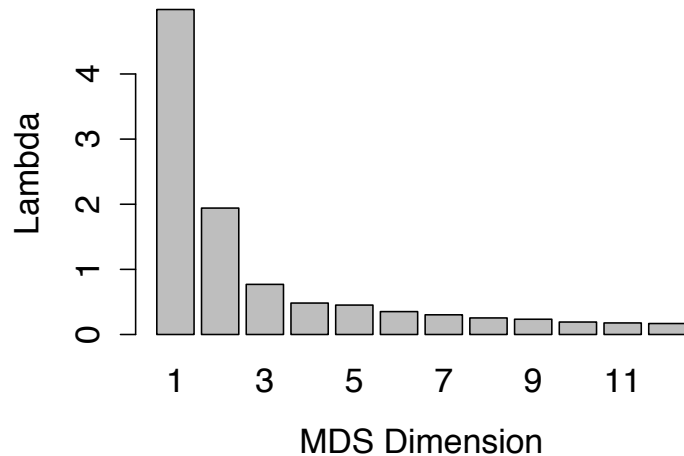
Given distances between each observation (sample), MDS finds the closest approximation of that in lower dimensional Euclidean space.

- Algorithm starts from **D** inter-point distances:
 - Center the rows and columns of the distance matrix:
 $\mathbf{S} = -1/2 \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D}^{(2)} \mathbf{H}$
 - Compute SVD by diagonalizing **S**: $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^T$
 - Extract Euclidean representations: $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda}^{1/2}$
- The relative values of diagonal elements of $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ gives the proportion of variability explained by each of the axes.
- The value of $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ should always be looked at in deciding how many dimensions to retain

NMDS is similar, but minimizes a different function
(difference in distance ranks)

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MDS Scree Plot



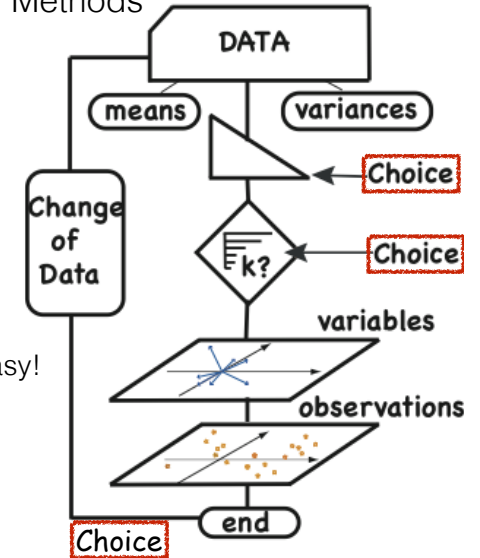
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Exploratory Data Analysis

“Unsupervised Learning”
“Ordination Methods”

Best Practices

- Looking for patterns (the “I-test”)
- Always look at scree plot
- Biplot (if legible)
- Use multiple distances
 - For which D is pattern strongest?
- phyloseq (and R/Rmd) make this easy!



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Exploratory Data Analysis

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What we “learn” depends on the data.

- How many axes are probably useful?
- Are there clusters? How many?
- Are there gradients?
- Are the patterns consistent with covariates
 - (e.g. sample observations)
- How might we test this?

Exploratory Data Analysis

“Unsupervised Learning”
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- Are there clusters? How many?

Technique:
Gap Statistic

Exploratory Data Analysis

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- Are their **gradients**?
- Are they explained by one or more sample covariates?

Technique:

PC regression (statistics' PCR)

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- Are the patterns consistent with covariates?

Technique:

Permutational Multivariate ANOVA

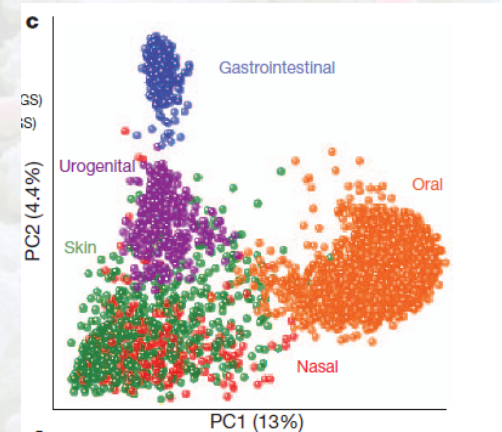
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End:

Introduction to Microbiome /
Metagenome Analysis Concepts

Questions?

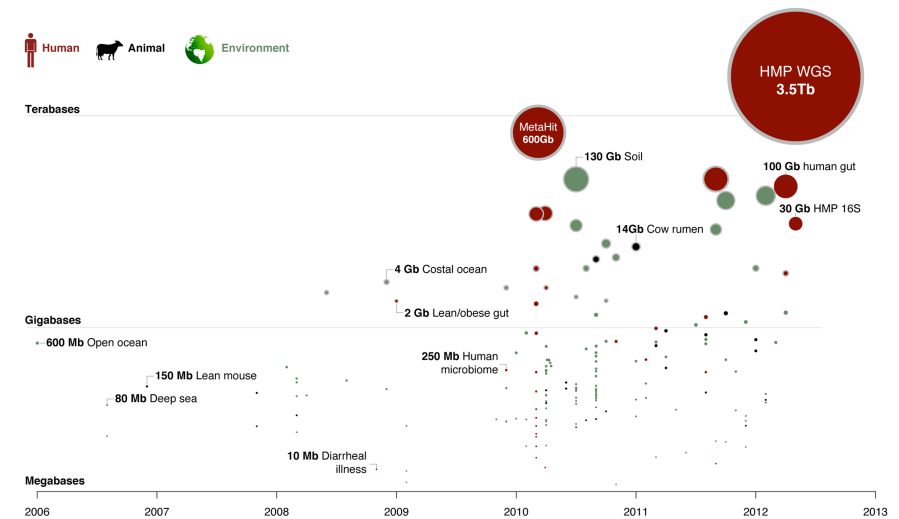
Introduction to Microbiome / Metagenome Analysis Tools and Practices



Introduction to Microbiome / Metagenome Analysis Tools and Practices

1. Probably-not-comprehensive summary of metagenomic tools
2. Short sermon on the virtues of reproducible analysis
3. Introduction to phyloseq & send-off this afternoon's lab

Figure 1. Timeline of microbial community studies using high-throughput sequencing.



Gevers D, Knight R, Petrosino JF, Huang K, et al. (2012) The Human Microbiome Project: A Community Resource for the Healthy Human Microbiome. PLoS Biol 10(8): e1001377. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1001377
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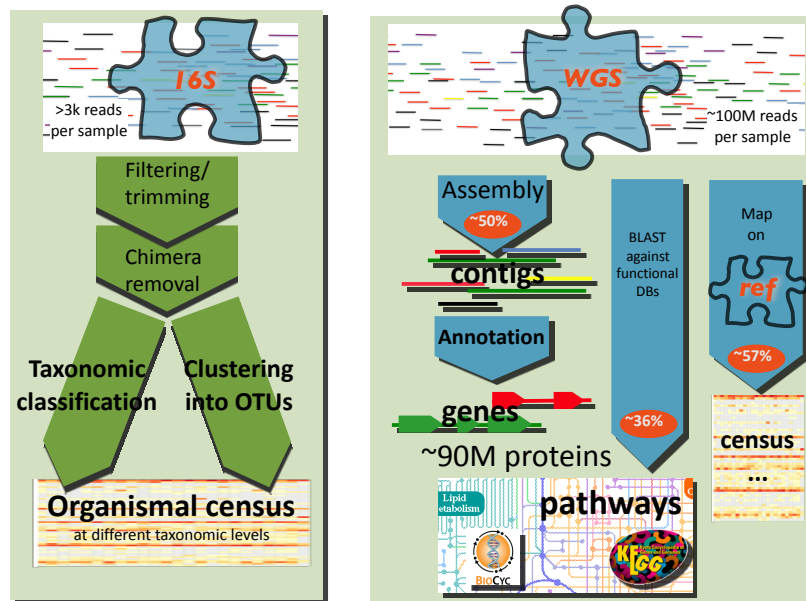
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16S rRNA Databases

- GreenGenes - <http://greengenes.secondgenome.com>
- Silva - www.arb-silva.de
- Ribosomal Database Project (RDP) - <https://rdp.cme.msu.edu>

- ~100Ks - millions of unique 16S rRNA genes
- Curated taxonomy
- Classification tools (e.g. RDP classifier, ARB, etc.)



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(16S rRNA) Amplicon Sequence Processing Tools:

- QIIME (Soon 'Qiita') - <http://qiime.org/>
- mothur - www.mothur.org/
- usearch - www.drive5.com/usearch
- DADA2 - <https://github.com/benjjneb/dada2>

Afternoon will be spent using QIIME
Daniel has much more to say about it...



How to find biology in your meta'ome

- Looking for ecology?
 - Diversity metrics, k-mer analysis, curve fitting
- Looking for specific bugs?
 - Assembly: +novelty, -difficulty
 - Mapping: +speed/ease, -novelty
- Looking for specific processes?
 - Intrinsic annotation: +novelty, -difficulty
 - Extrinsic annotation: +sensitivity, -novelty
- Looking for variants?
 - Clustering: +specificity, -difficulty
 - Mapping: +sensitivity, -novelty
- What else?

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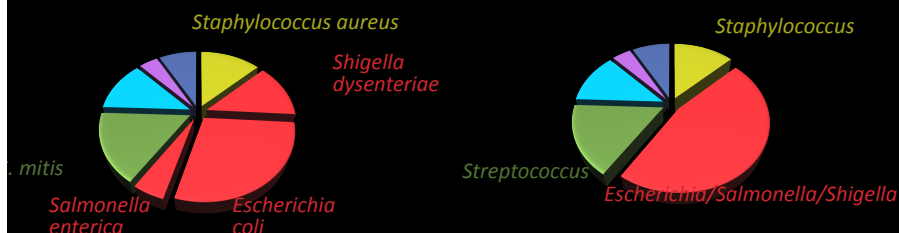


Goal: expose strain level features



The picture using shotgun metagenomics and MetaPhlAn

The picture using 16S rRNA sequencing



Next step: strain-level profiling



- Identify
- Track (e.g. across samples)
- Characterize (genomically)

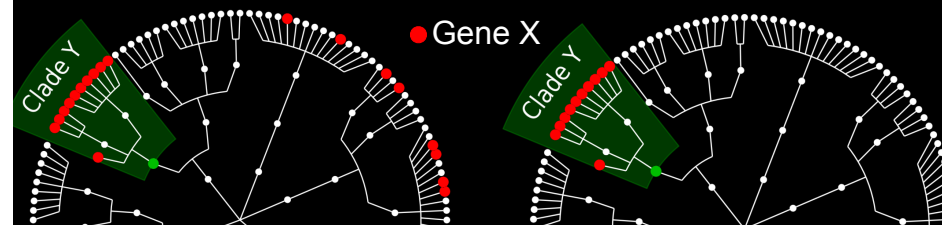
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MetaPhlAn: Taxonomic profiling using unique marker genes

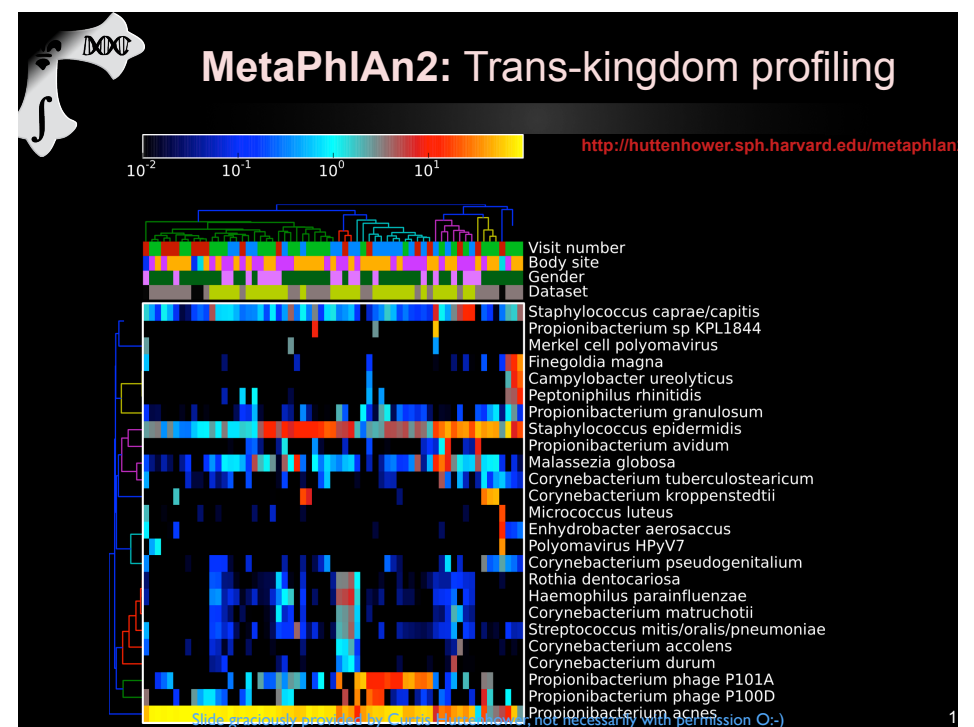
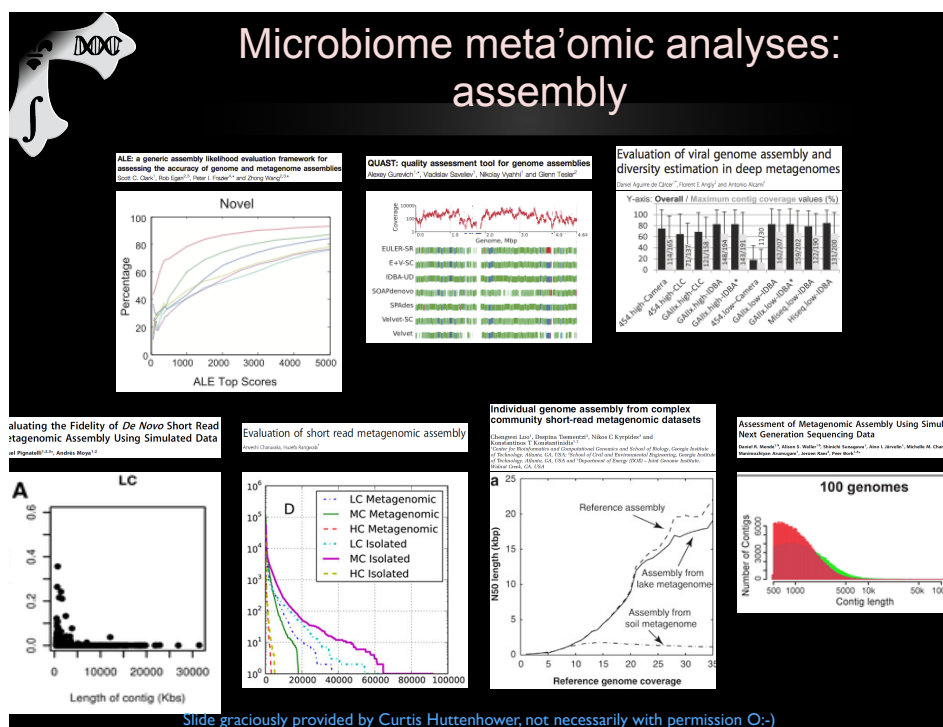
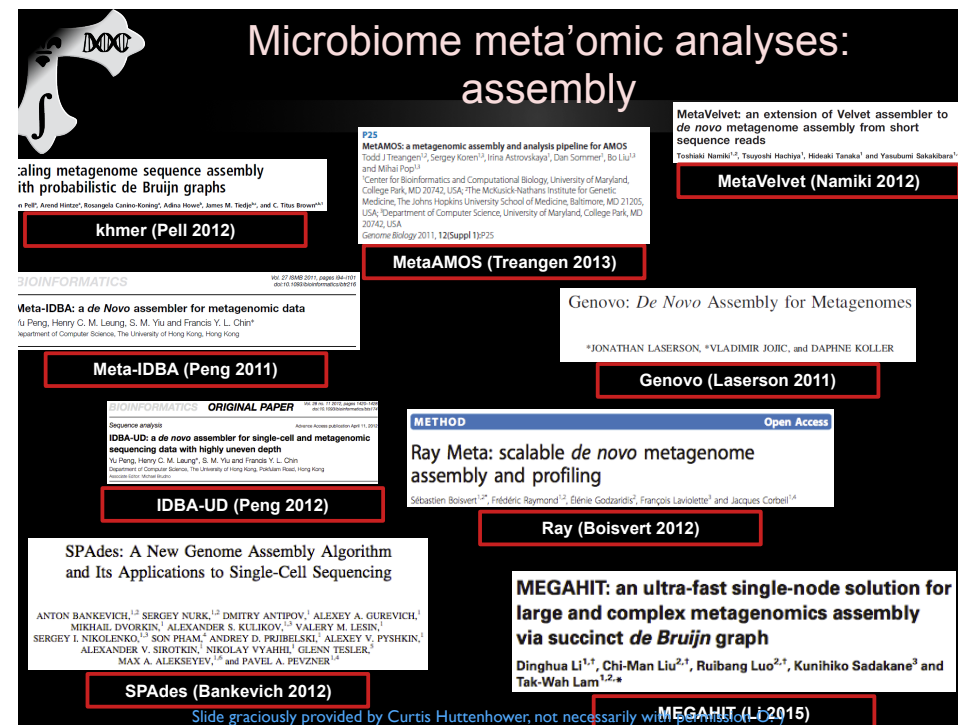
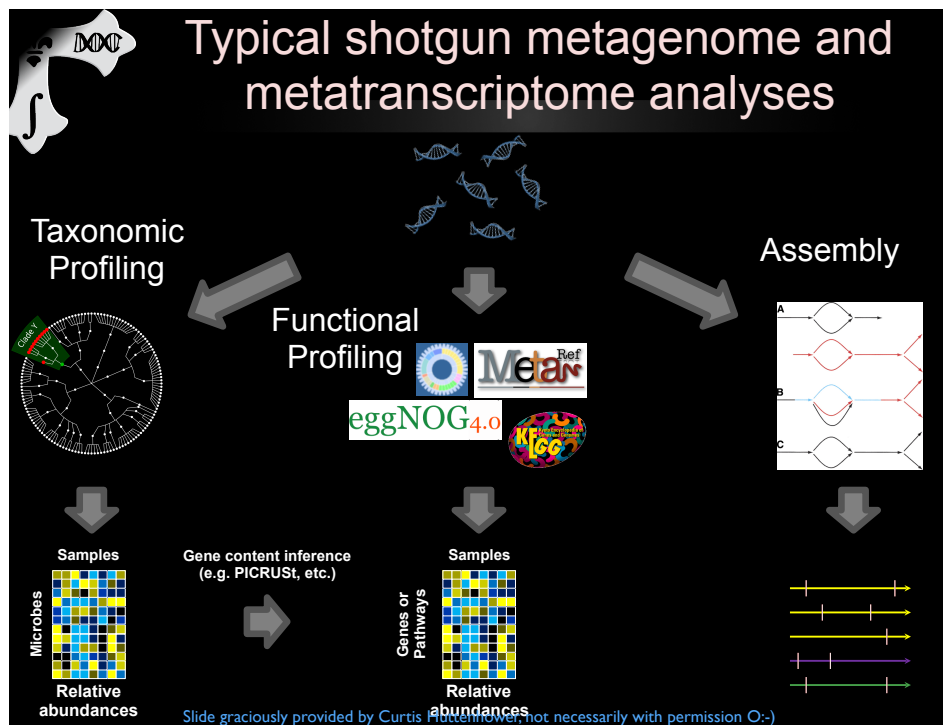
X is a **core gene** for clade Y

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



- ~1M most representative markers used for identification
 - 184±45 markers per species (target 200)
- ~7,100 species (excludes incomplete annotations, spp., etc.)
- False positive/False negative rates of ~1 in 10⁶
- Profiles all domains of life: bacteria, viruses, euk., archaea
- Strain level profiling using marker barcodes and SNPs
- Quasi-markers used to resolve ambiguity in postprocessing

http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/metaPhlAn Slide graciously provided by Curtis Huttenhower, not necessarily with permission O:-)

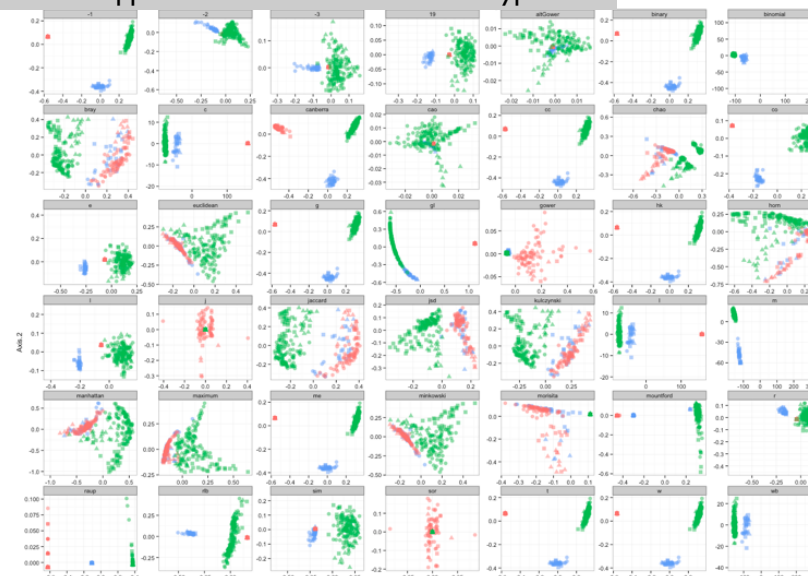


Reproducible analysis of microbiome / metagenome data

- Why make the effort?
- What if I don't want someone else reproducing my analysis?
- What if I don't know how?
- Isn't it enough to provide a cursory description in the methods section with a light sprinkling of literature citations?

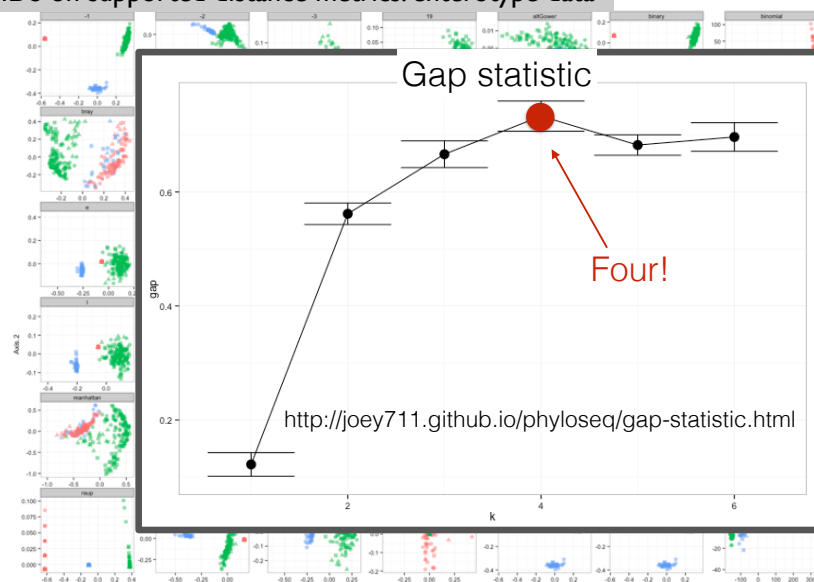
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MDS on supported distance metrics: enterotype data



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microbiome data

Reproducible analysis workflow with R-markdown

source.Rmd

```
# Main title
This is an [R Markdown](my.link.com)
document of my recent analysis.

## Subsection: some code
Here is some import code, etc.
```{r}
library("phyloseq")
library("ggplot2")
physeq = import_biom("datafile.biom")
plot_richness(physeq)
```
```

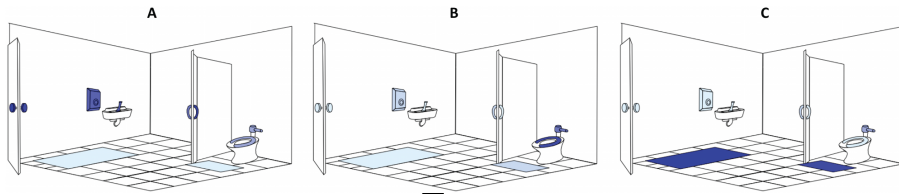
phyloseq +
ggplot2 +
etc.

knitr::knit2html()

markdown
(code + console) +
figures

Complete HTML5

Reproducible analysis workflow with R-markdown



Text

joey711.github.io/phyloseq-demo/Restroom-Biogeography

phyloseq

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phyloseq: An R Package for Reproducible Interactive Analysis and Graphics of Microbiome Census Data

Paul J. McMurdie, Susan Holmes*

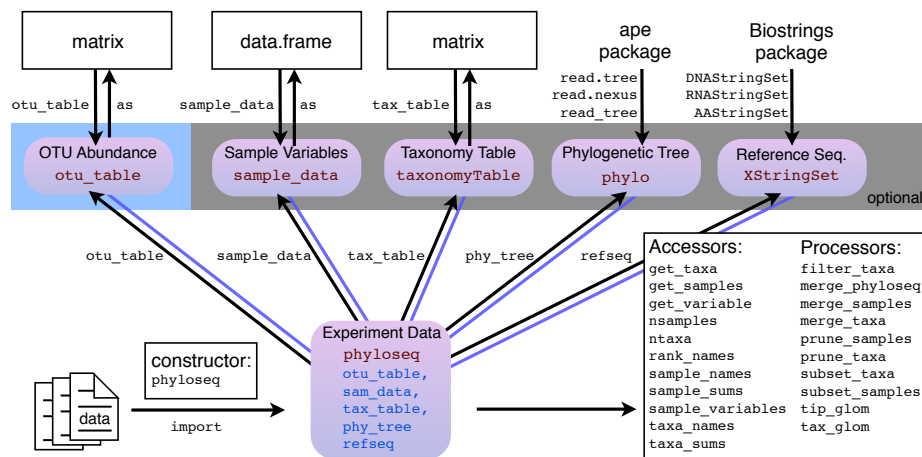
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Key Packages:

vegan
ape
dplyr
phangorn
picante
metagenomeSeq

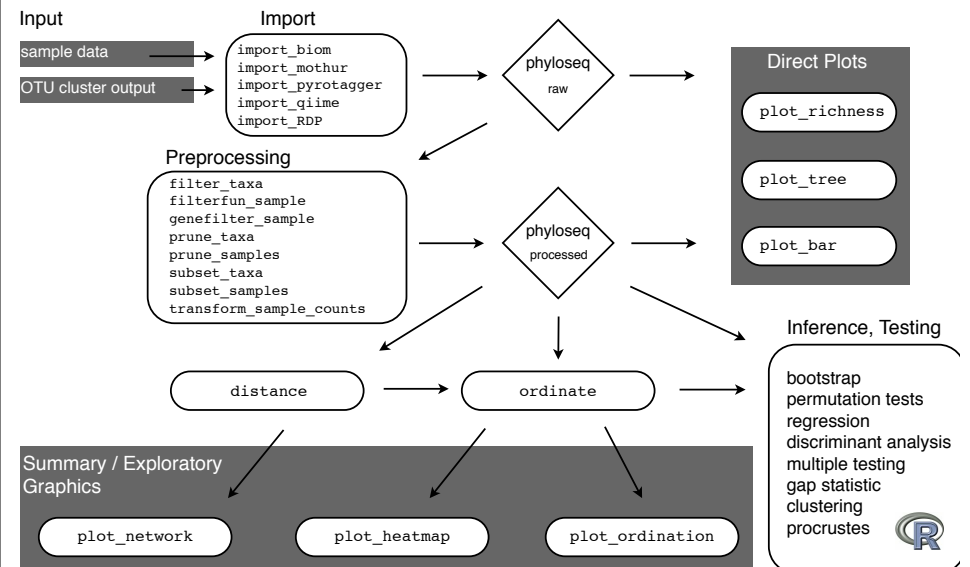
phyloseq

data structure & API



phyloseq

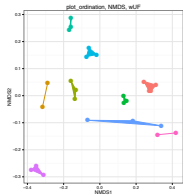
work flow



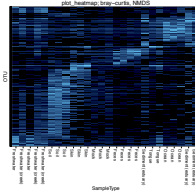
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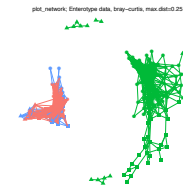
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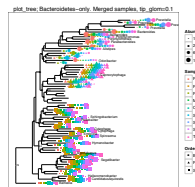
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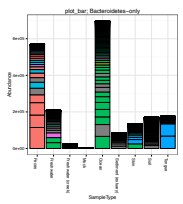
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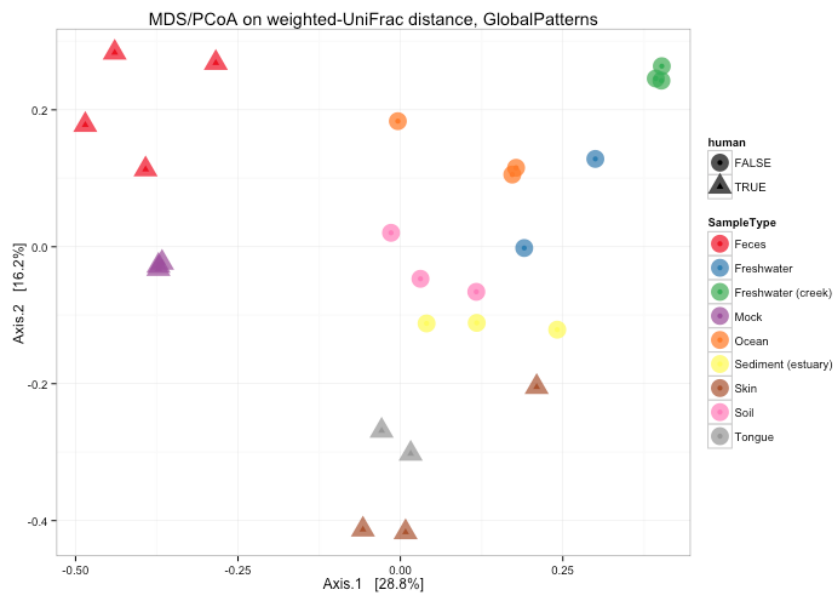
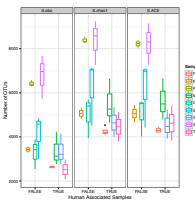
plot_tree()



plot_bar()



plot_richness()

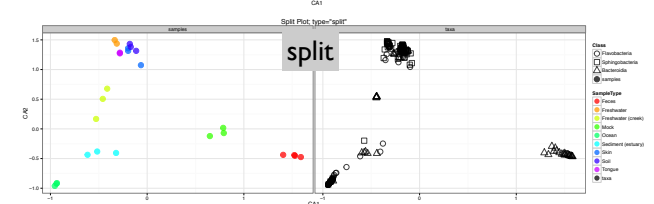
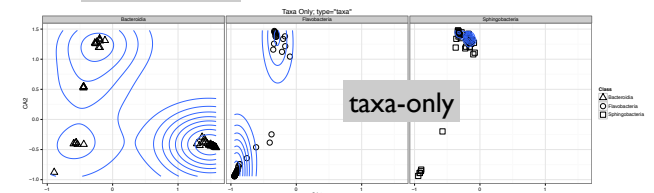
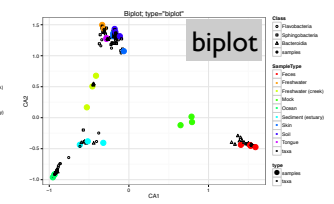
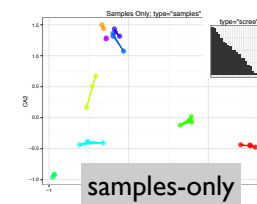


```
ordu = ordinate(GP1, "PCoA", "unifrac", weighted = TRUE)
plot_ordination(GP1, ordu, color = "SampleType", shape = "human")
```

phyloseq

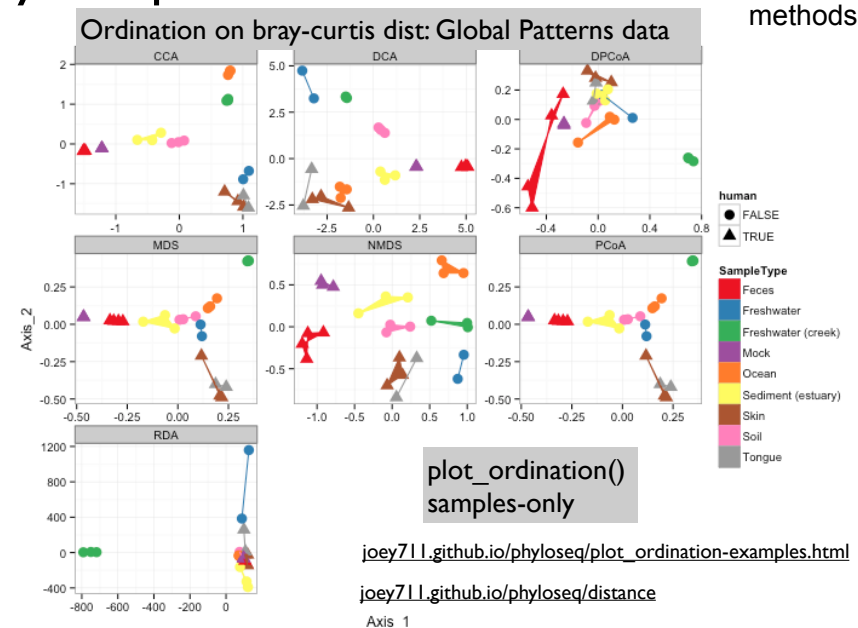
graphics

plot_ordination()



phyloseq

supported
ordination
methods



plot_ordination()
samples-only

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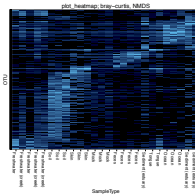
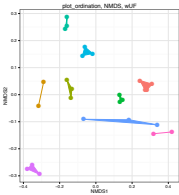
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Axis_1

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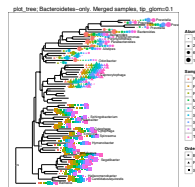
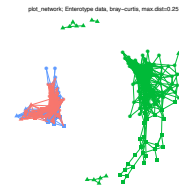
graphics

plot_ordination()



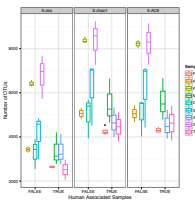
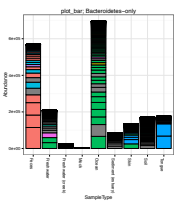
plot_heatmap()

plot_network()

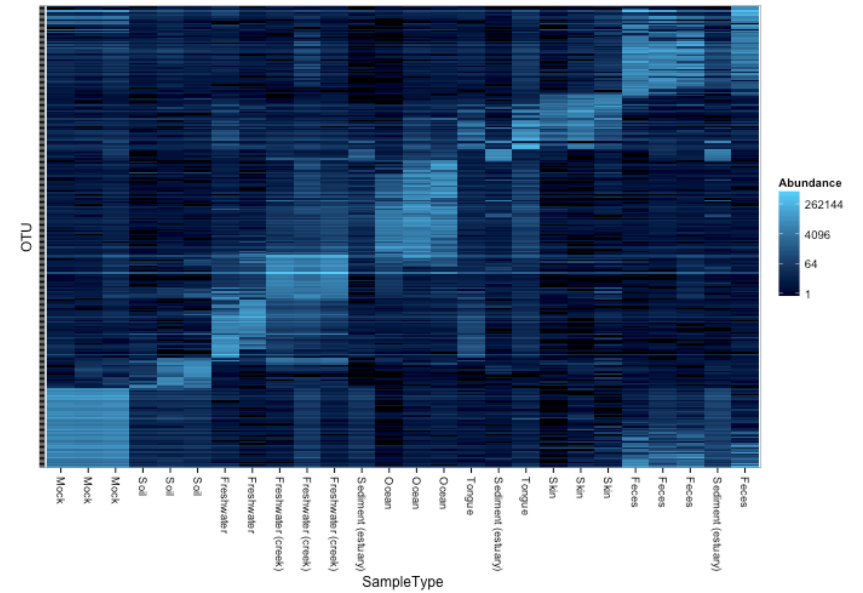


plot_tree()

plot_bar()



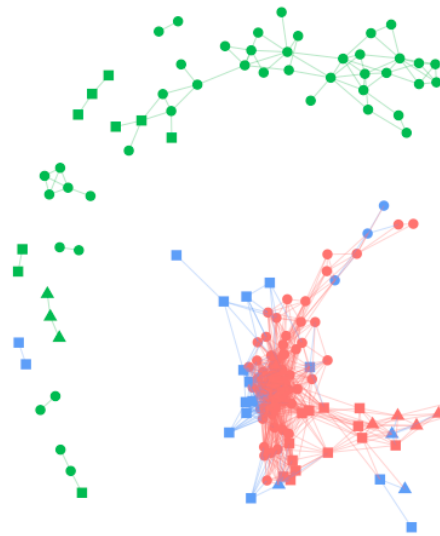
plot_richness()



```
gpt <- subset_taxa(GlobalPatterns, Kingdom == "Bacteria")
gpt <- prune_taxa(names(sort(taxa_sums(gpt), TRUE)[1:300]), gpt)
plot_heatmap(gpt, sample.label = "SampleType")
```

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plot_network()



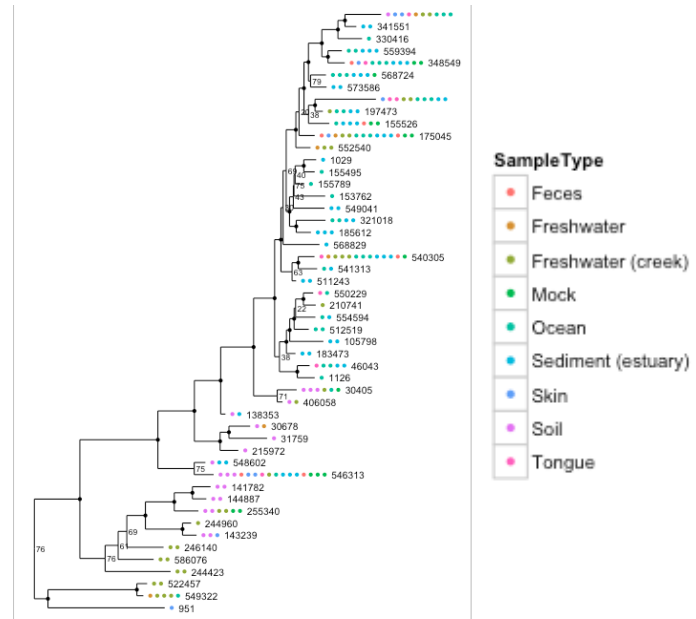
SeqTech
● Illumina
● Pyro454
● Sanger

Enterotype
● 1
● 2
● 3

```
ig <- make_network(enterotype, dist.fun = "bray", max.dist = 0.3)
plot_network(ig, enterotype, color = "SeqTech", shape = "Enterotype",
line_weight = 0.4, label = NULL)
```

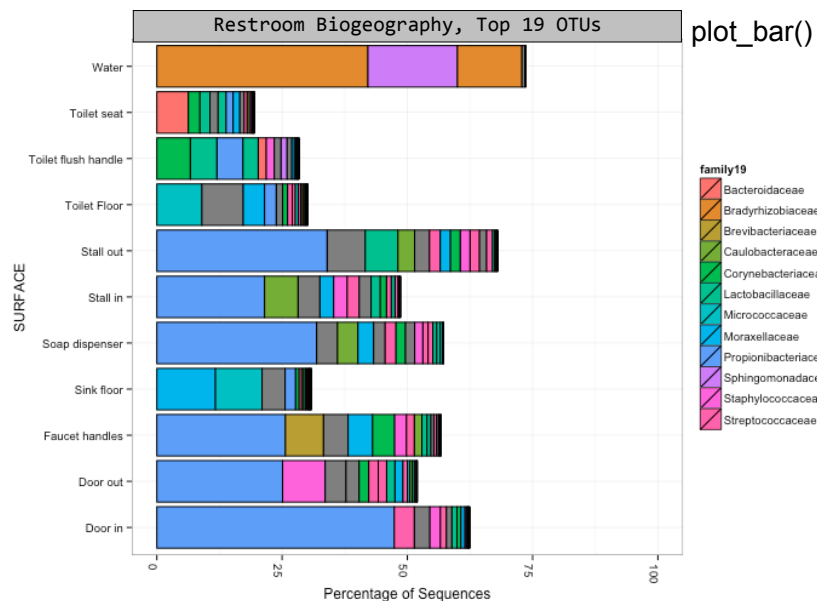
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plot_tree()



```
plot_tree(physeq, nodeLab=nodeplotboot(80, 0, 3), color="SampleType",
label.tips="taxa_names", ladderize="left")
```

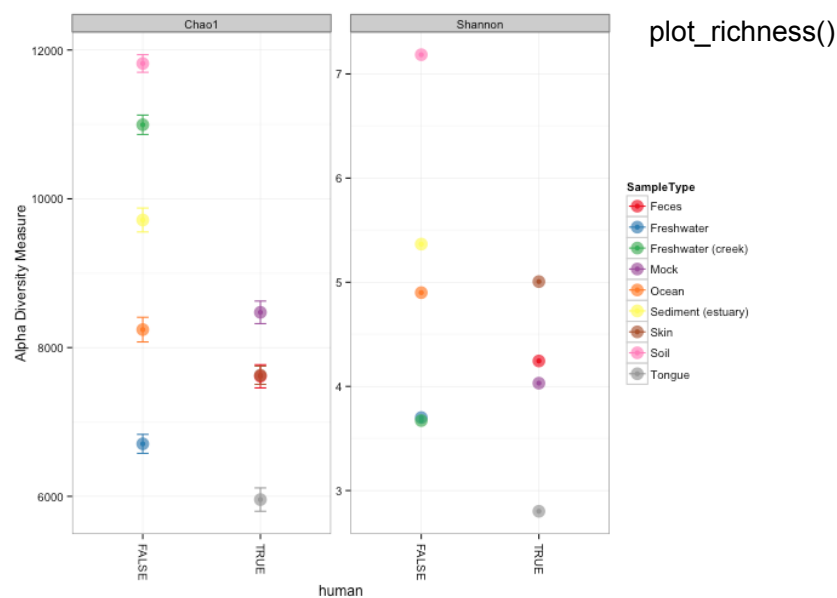
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plot_bar()

```
plot_bar(restroomRm19, "SURFACE", fill = "family19", title = title) + coord_flip()
  ylab("Percentage of Sequences") + ylim(0, 100)
```

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plot_richness()

```
GPst = merge_samples(GP, "SampleType")
p = plot_richness(GPst, x="human", color="SampleType", measures=c("Chao1", "Shannon"))
p + geom_point(size = 5, alpha = 0.7)
```

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Schedule for today

| Sec | Day | Start | End | Topic | Lead Instr. |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|---|-------------|
| 1 | Mon | 09:00 | 10:00 | Introduction to Metagenomics. Culture independent techniques, 16S rRNA, etc. (60 -75 min) ✓ | Joey |
| 2 | Mon | 10:00 | 11:00 | Introduction to microbiome analysis concepts -- Exploratory data analysis, Distances, PCoA, Ordination, taxa & sample-level inferences (75 min) ✓ | Joey |
| 3 | Mon | 11:00 | 11:59 | Introduction to microbiome analysis practices: QIIME, phyloseq, reproducible research (30 min) ✓ | Joey |
| --- | Mon | 12:00 | 14:00 | Lunch (120min) | --- |
| 4 | Mon | 14:00 | 17:00 | QIIME Lab (180min) | Daniel |
| --- | Mon | 17:00 | 19:00 | Dinner (120min) | --- |
| 5 | Mon | 19:00 | 22:00 | phyloseq Lab (180min) | Joey |