


# Evolution & the Microbiome

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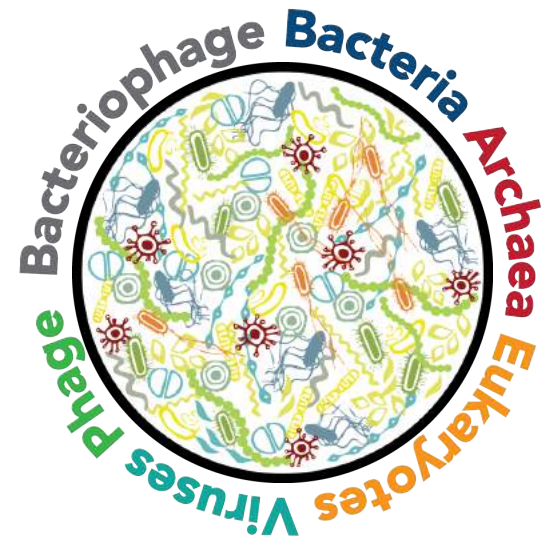
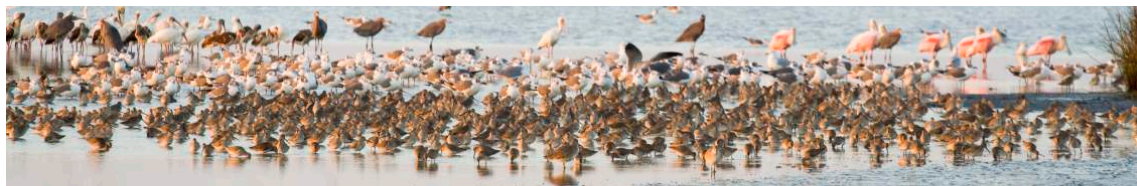
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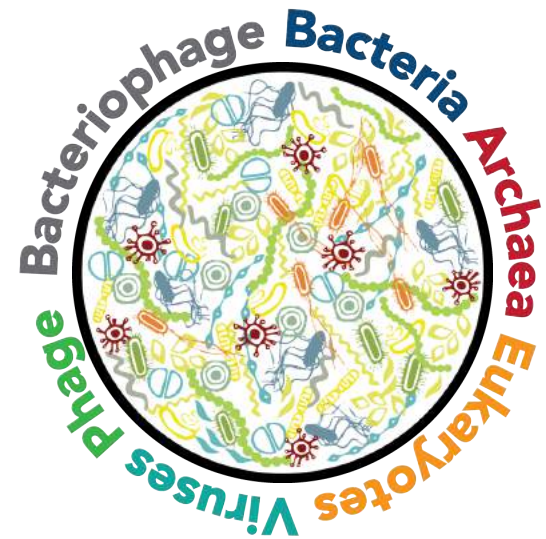
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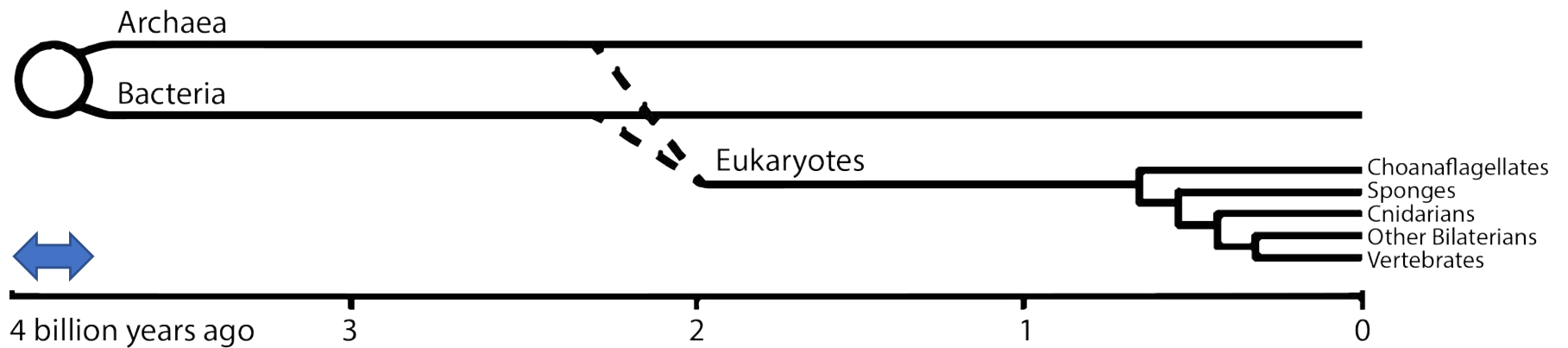
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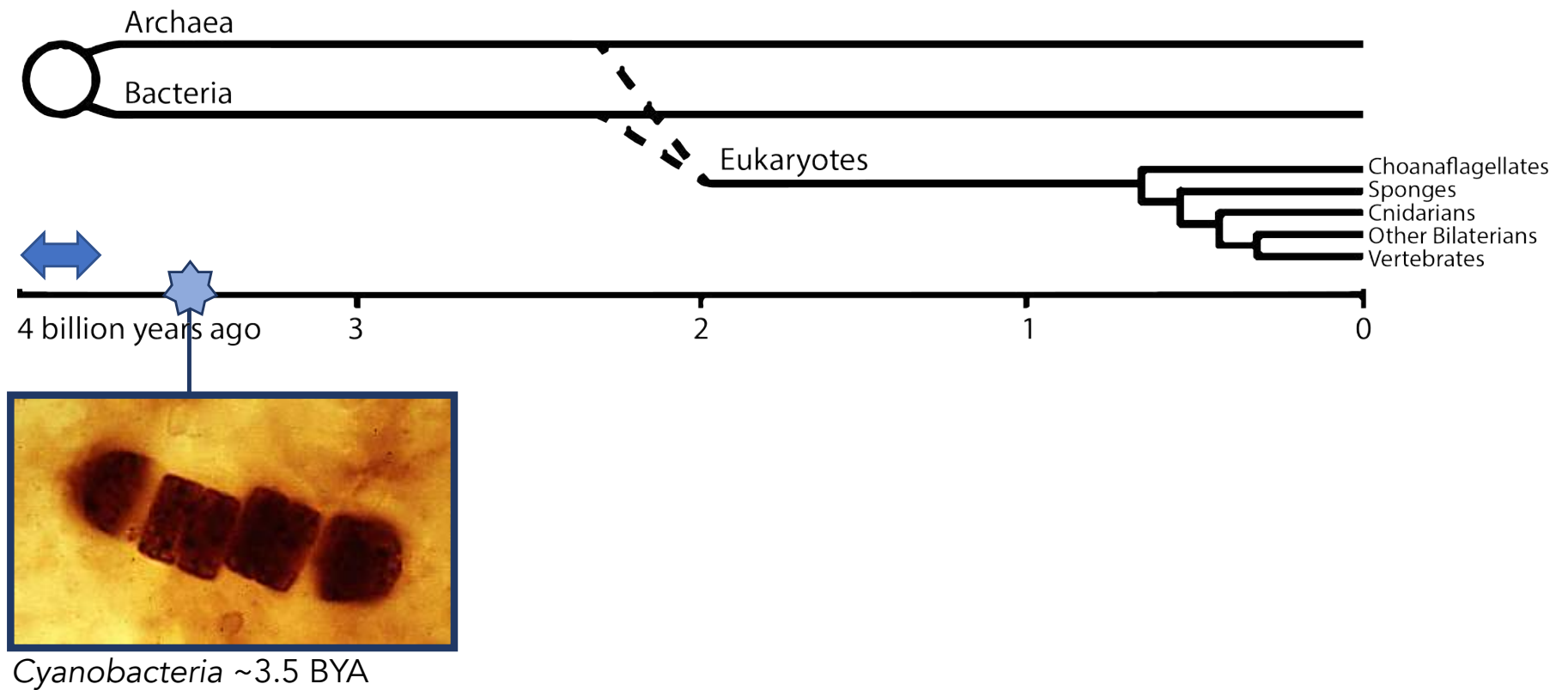
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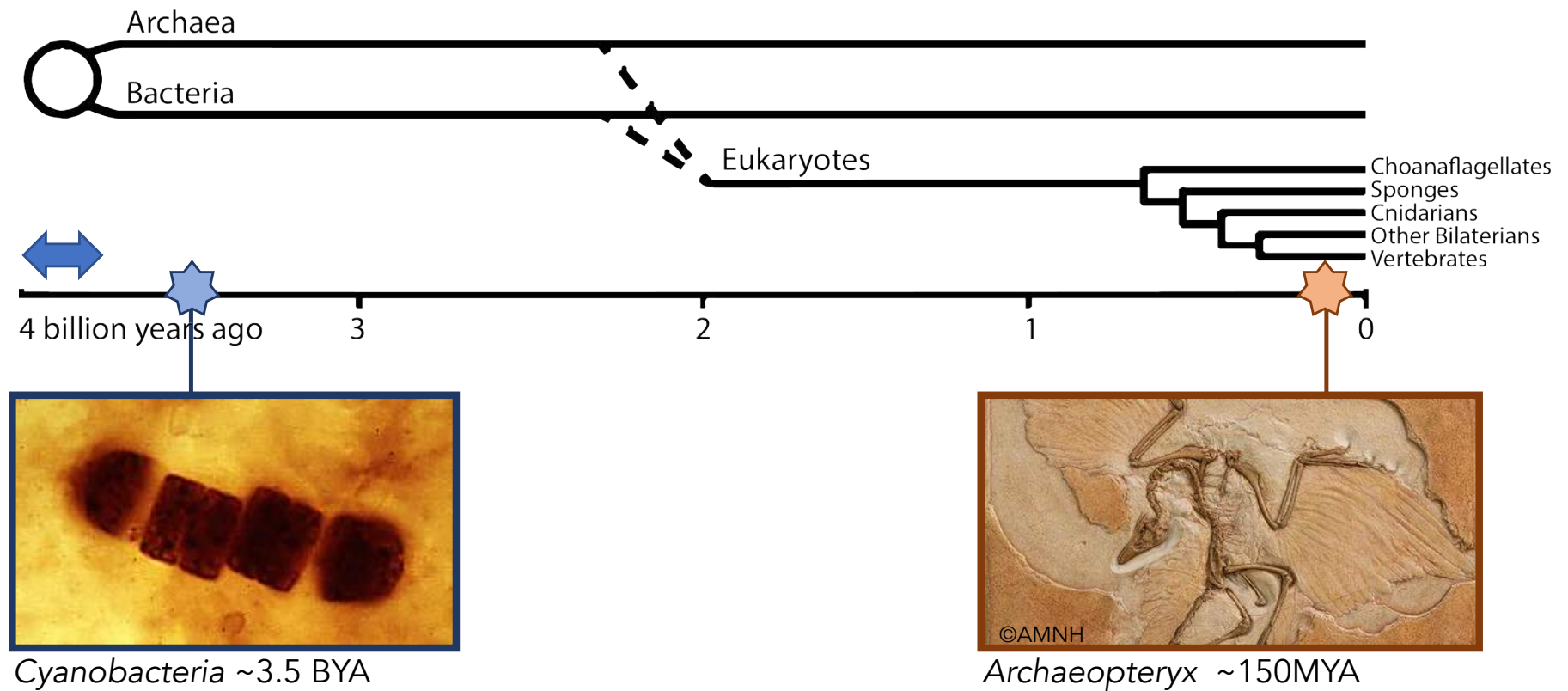
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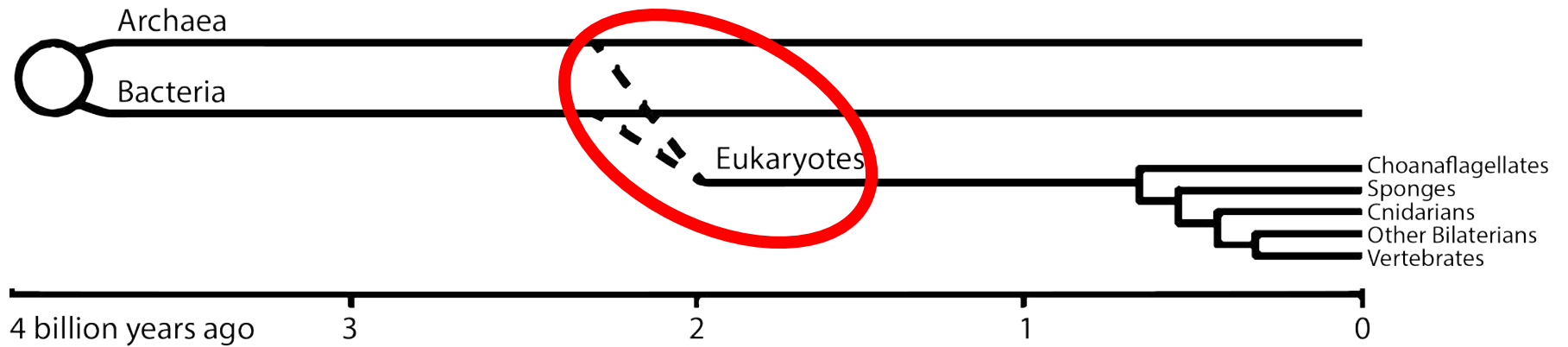


# Animals evolved in a microbial world.

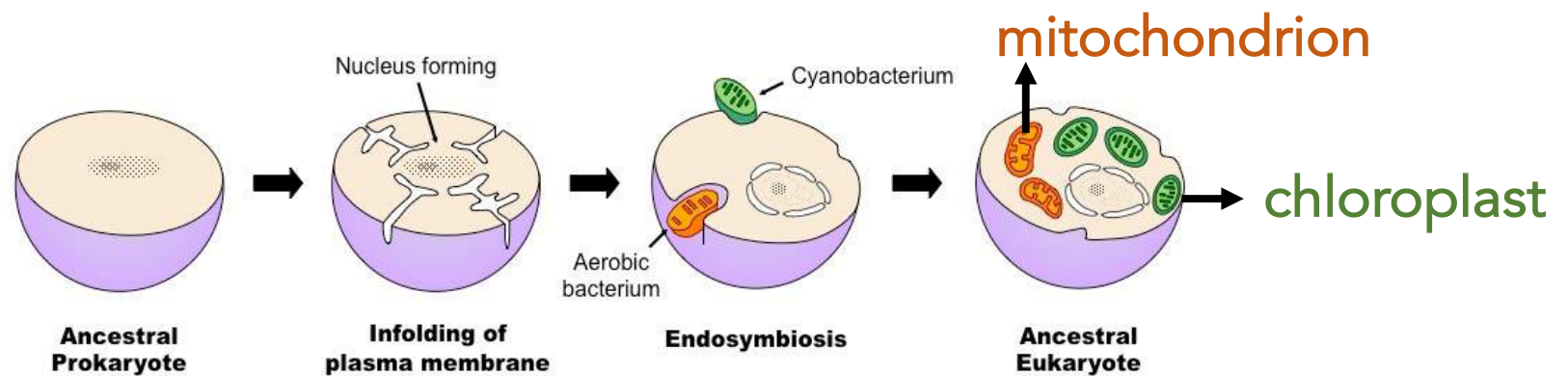




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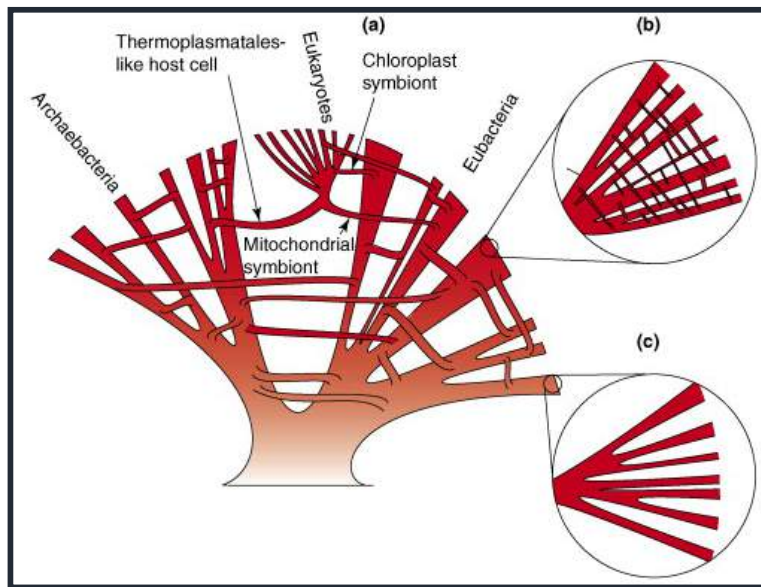


# Endosymbiont Theory (Margulis 1981)



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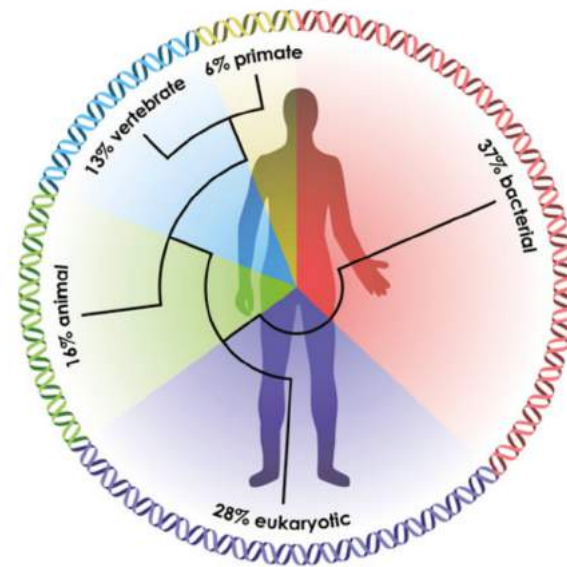
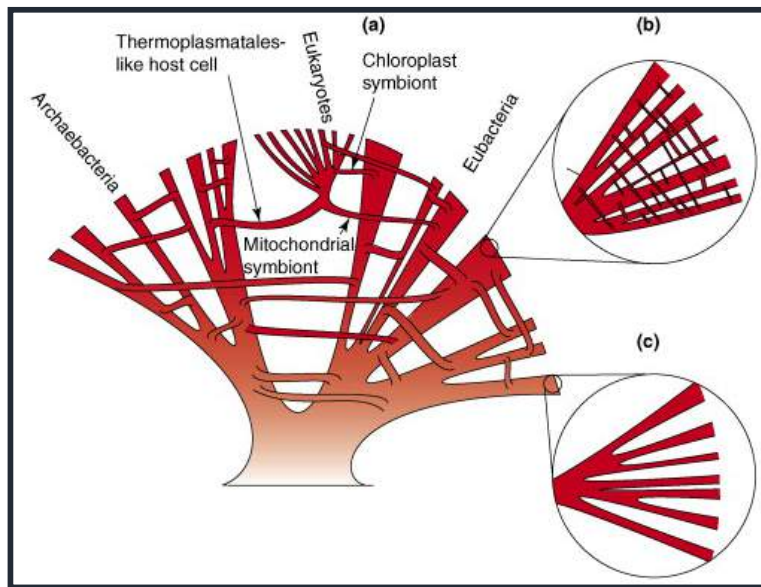
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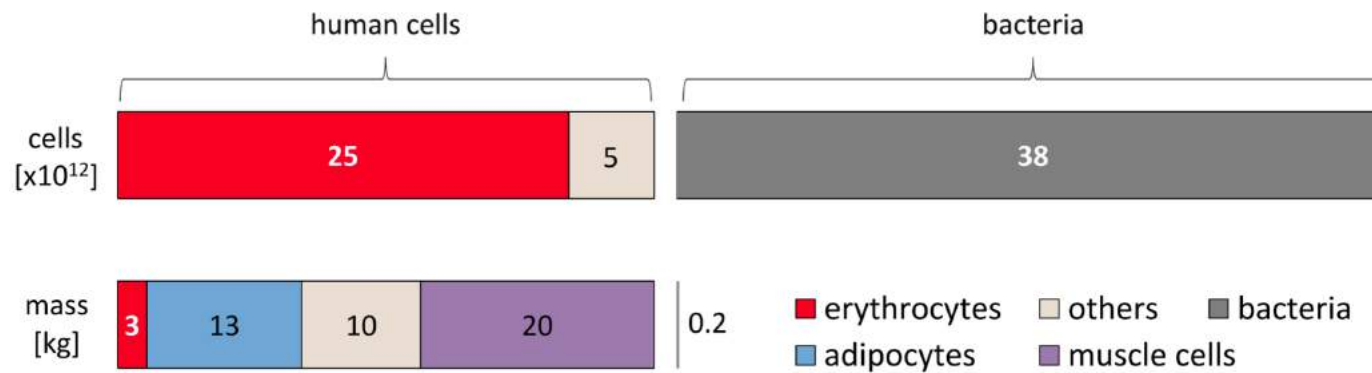


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# We are holobionts.

“assemblages of different species that form ecological units”



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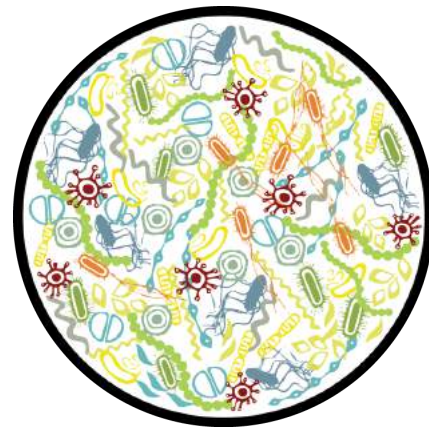
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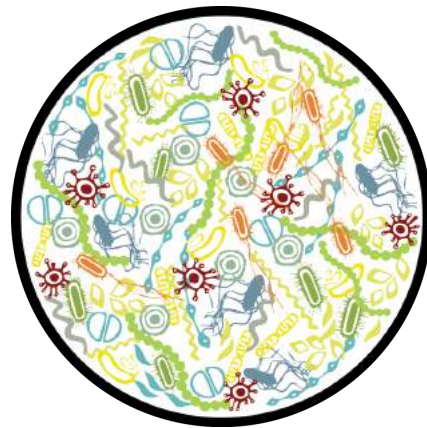
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**Understanding the  
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contributes to all  
three of these  
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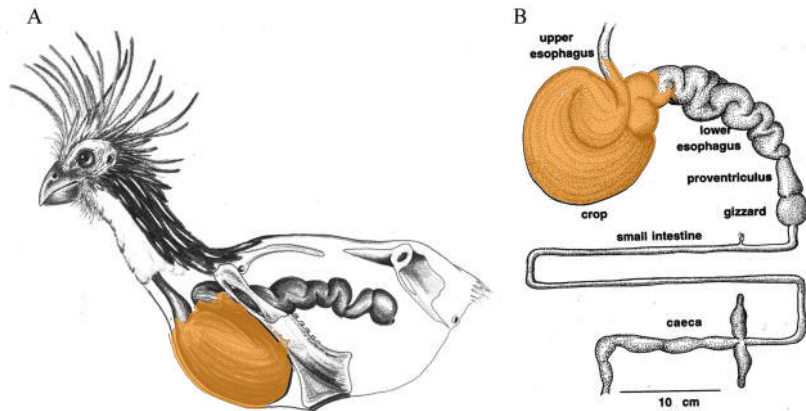


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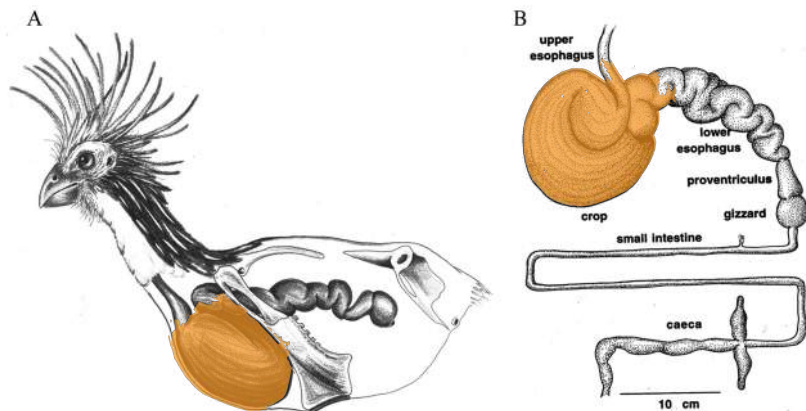
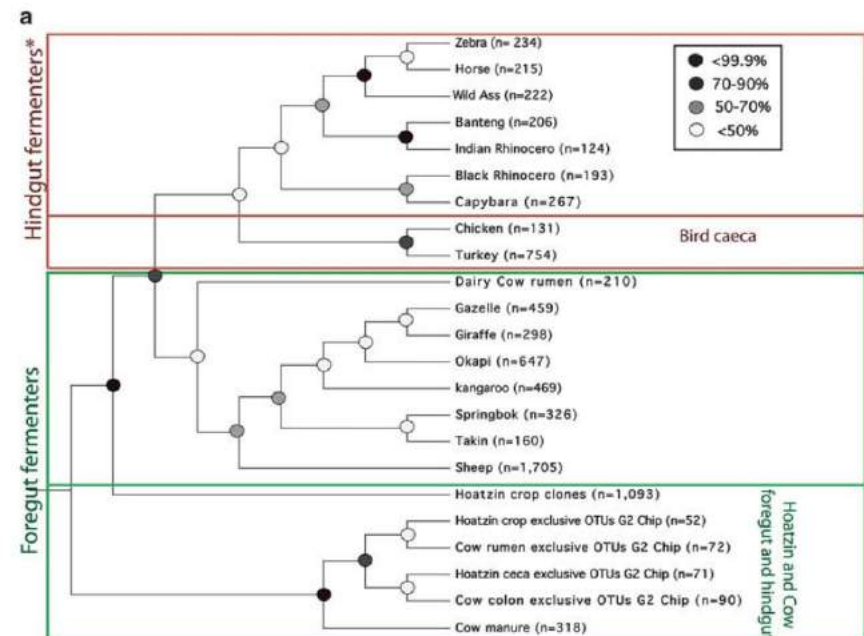


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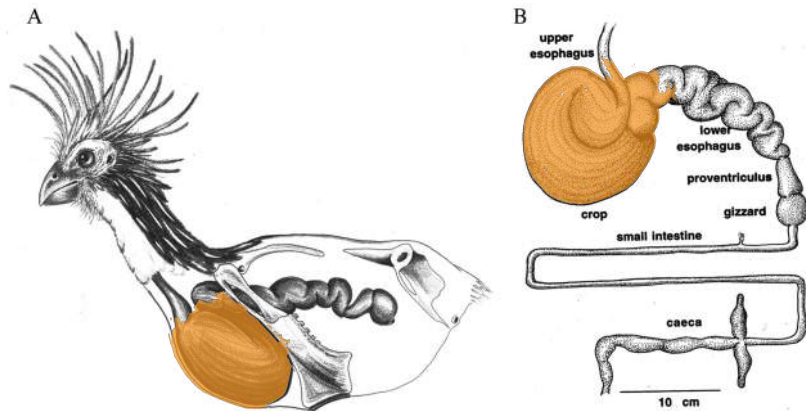
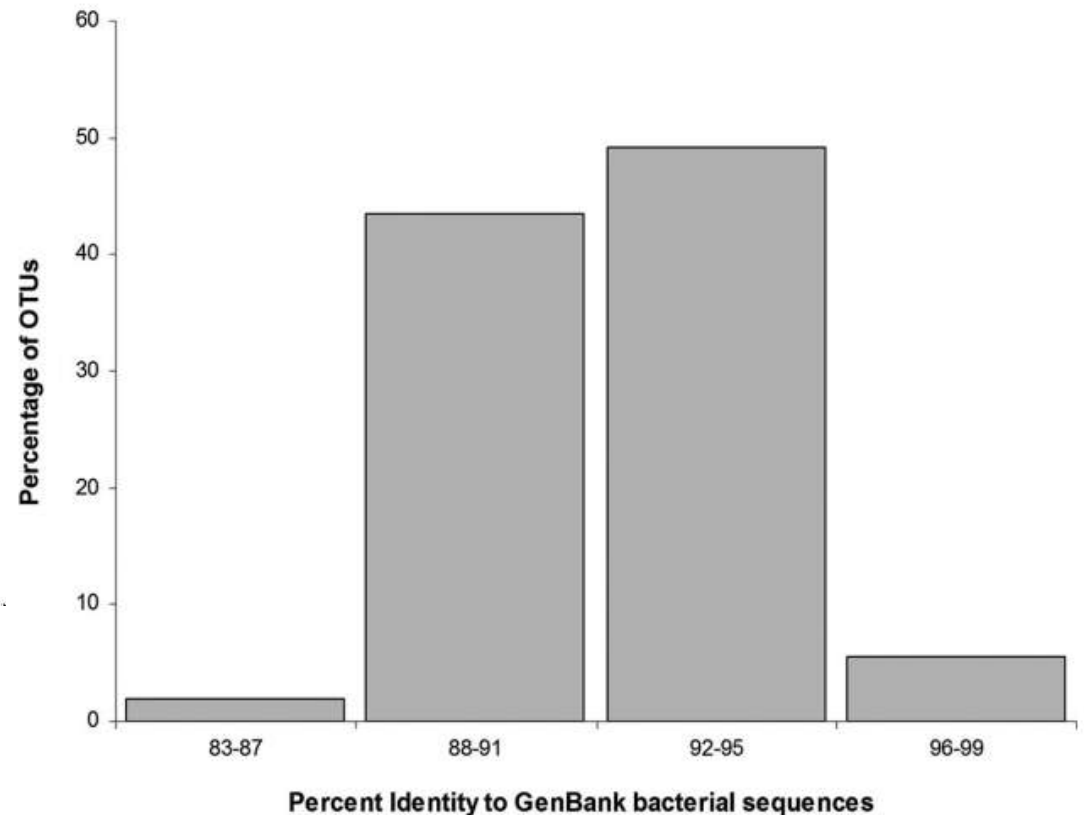
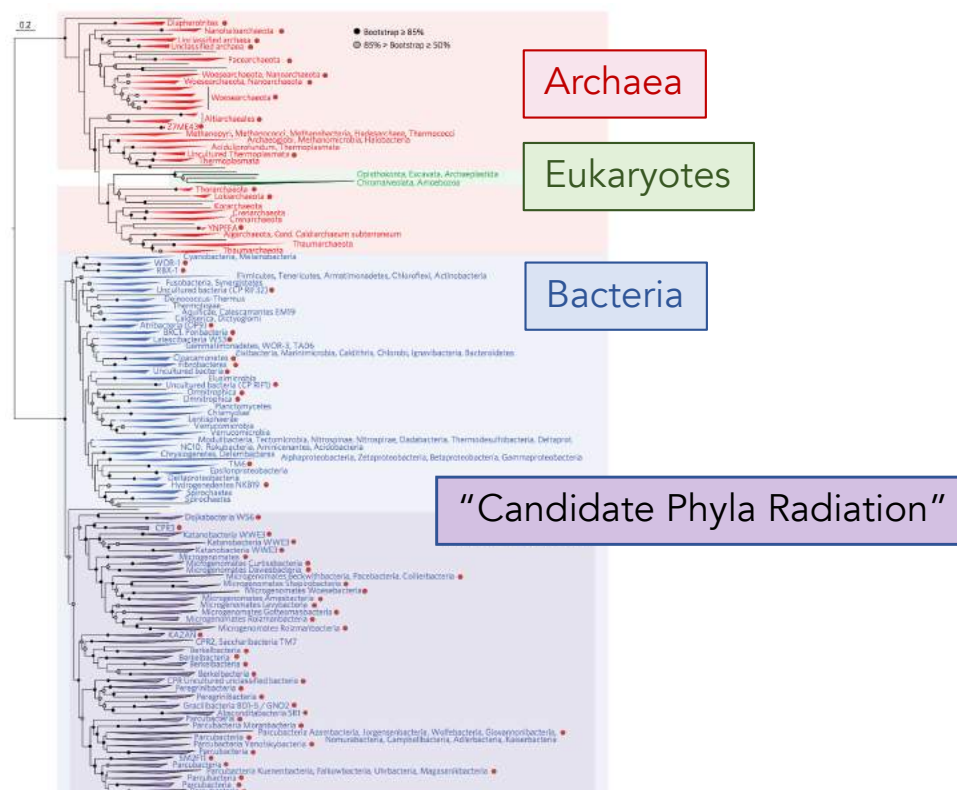


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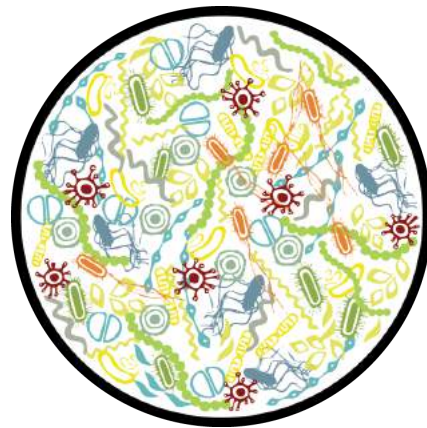
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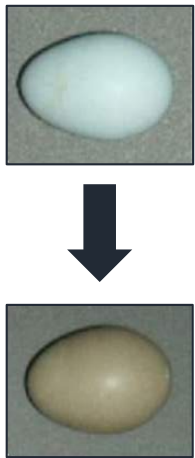


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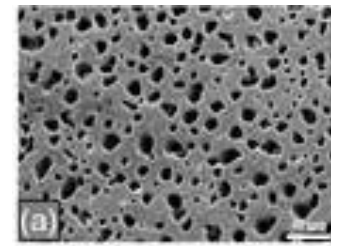
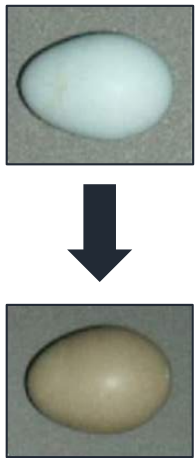


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# Evolutionary biology needs wild microbiomes!



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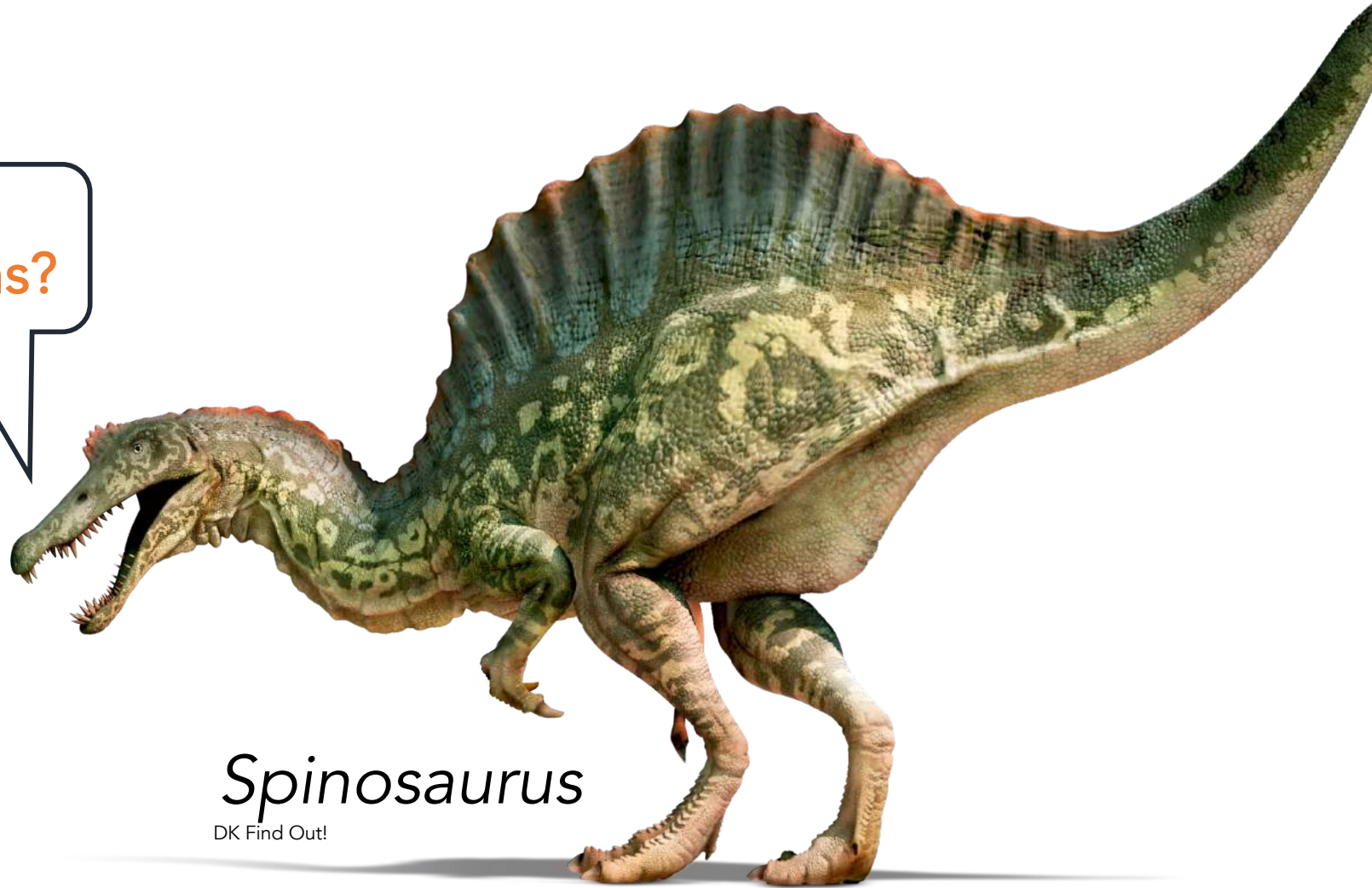
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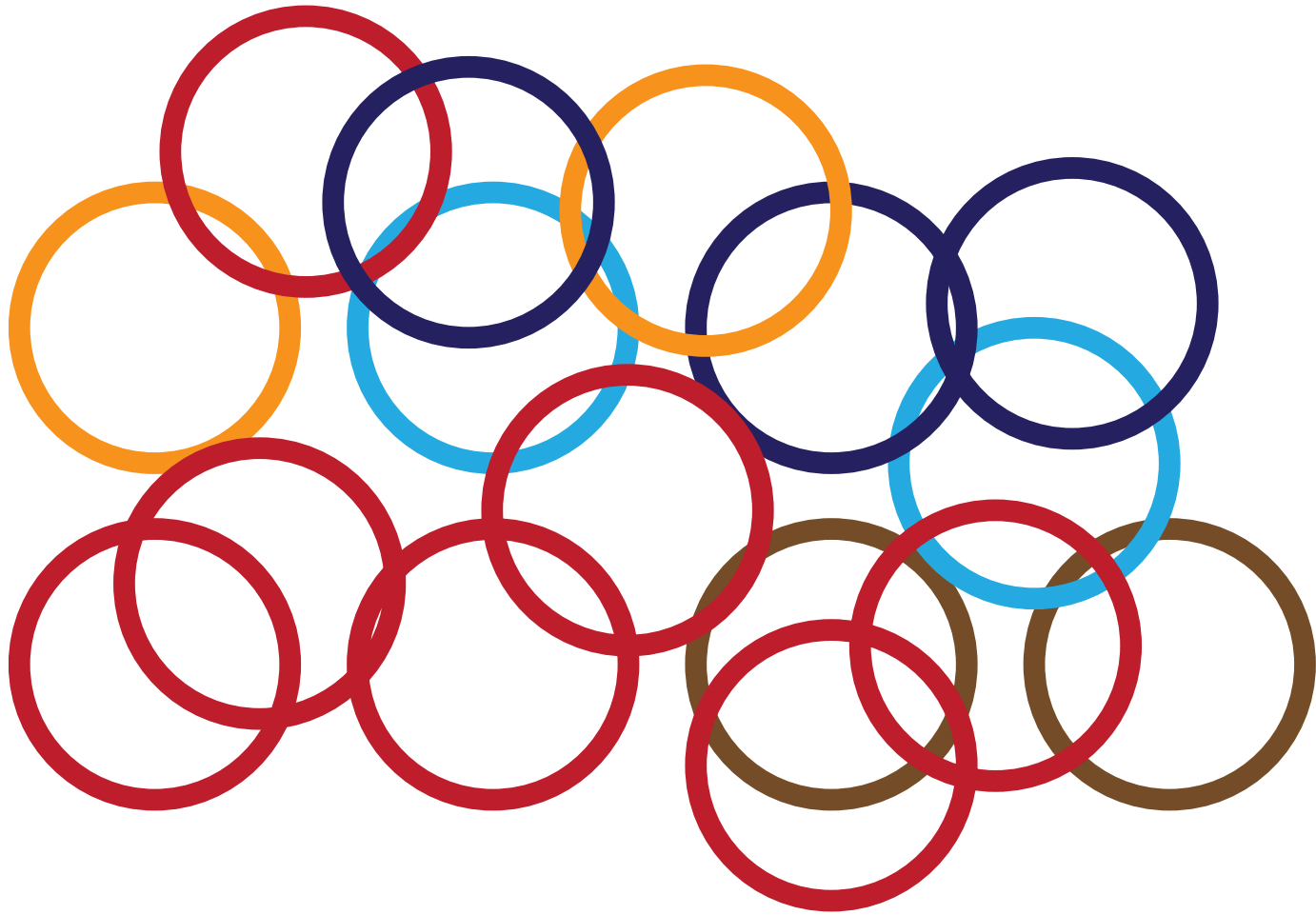
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# A microbial community



# Microbiome Methods

1. Develop a question
2. Design the study
3. Conduct the study
4. Analyze the results 
5. Interpret the results
6. Publish; share data

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Leading Edge  
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## Conducting a Microbiome Study

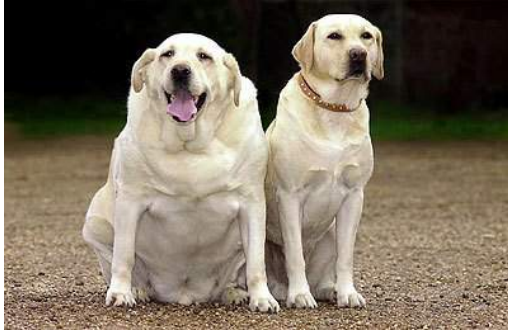
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# 1. Develop a question



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*Do the dogs have any medical conditions?*

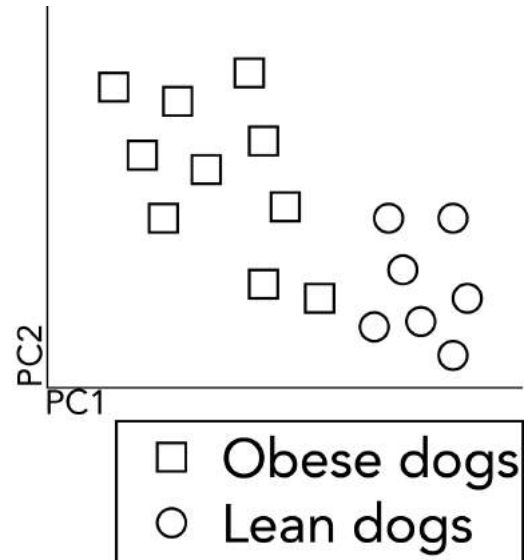
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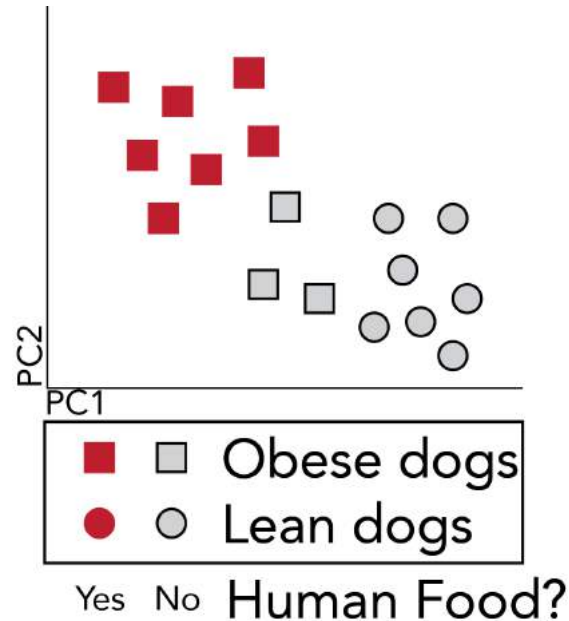


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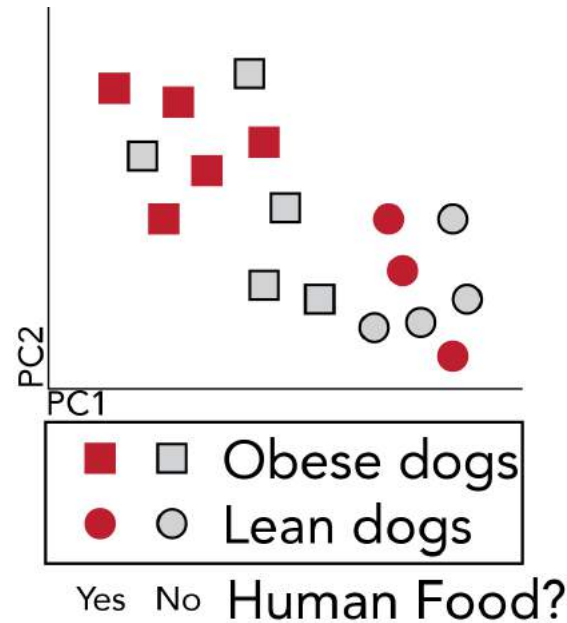


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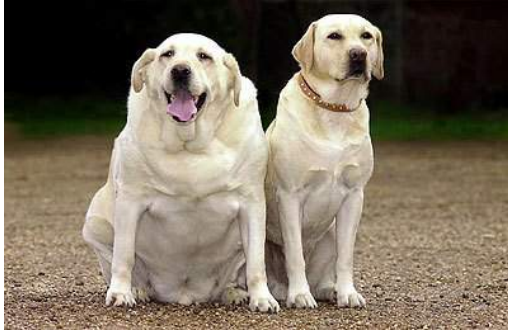


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You may not be able to do anything about some of these variables, but you need to **RECORD RELEVANT METADATA** to understand observed patterns.

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The Bottom Lines For designing a microbiome study:

- Sample design
  - Sample size
  - Sequences needed
- Confounding variables / associated metadata

# 3. Conduct the study

Sequence the samples





# What do I sequence?

Two main avenues for sequence-based microbiome research (right now):

- **Amplicon-based** studies ("16S")
- **Shotgun metagenomics**

These are very different.

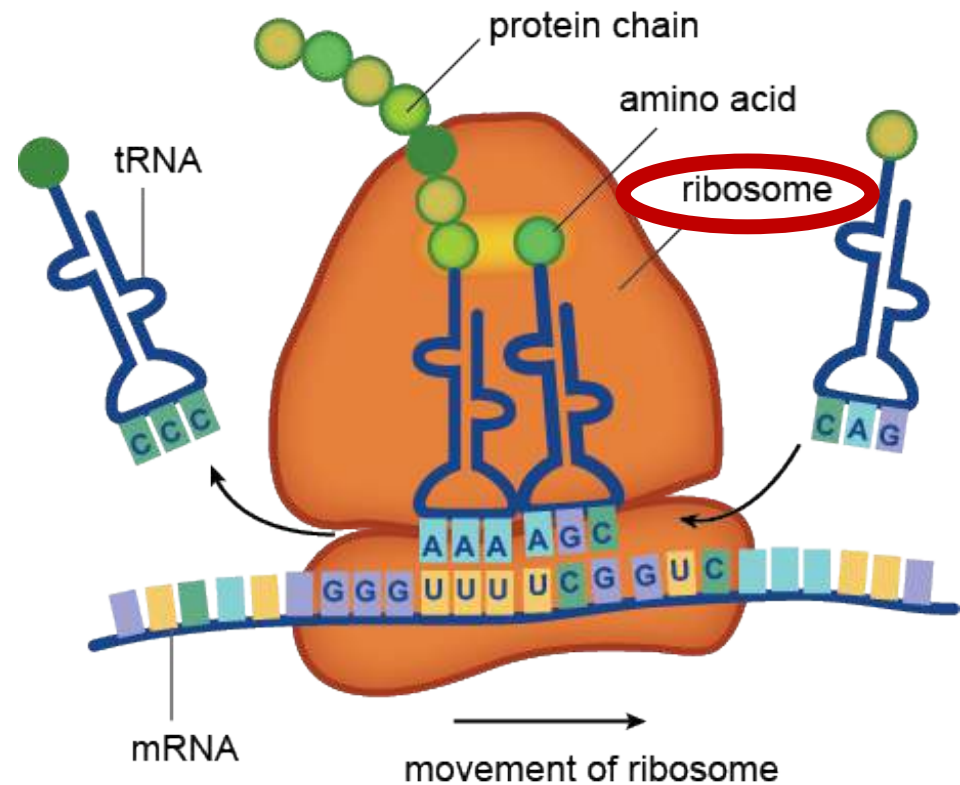


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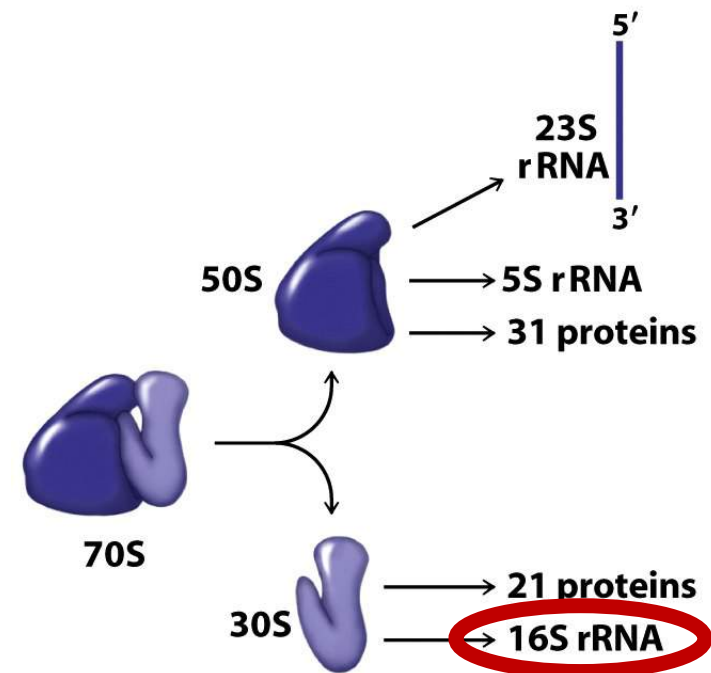
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**Prokaryote**

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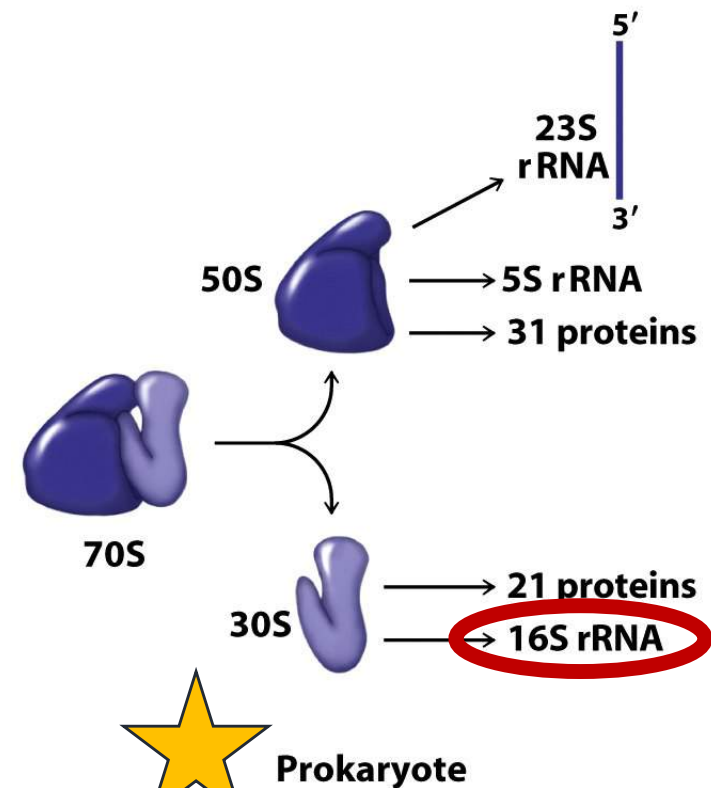


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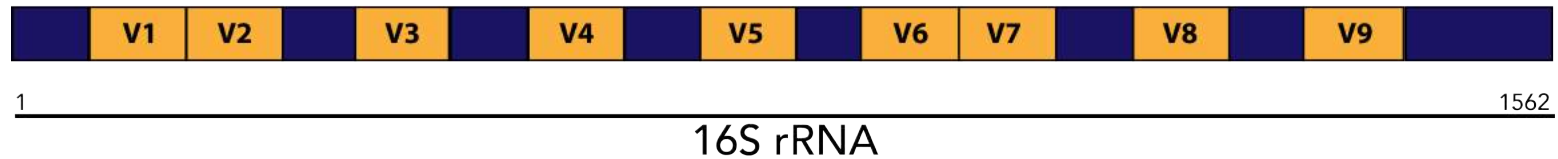


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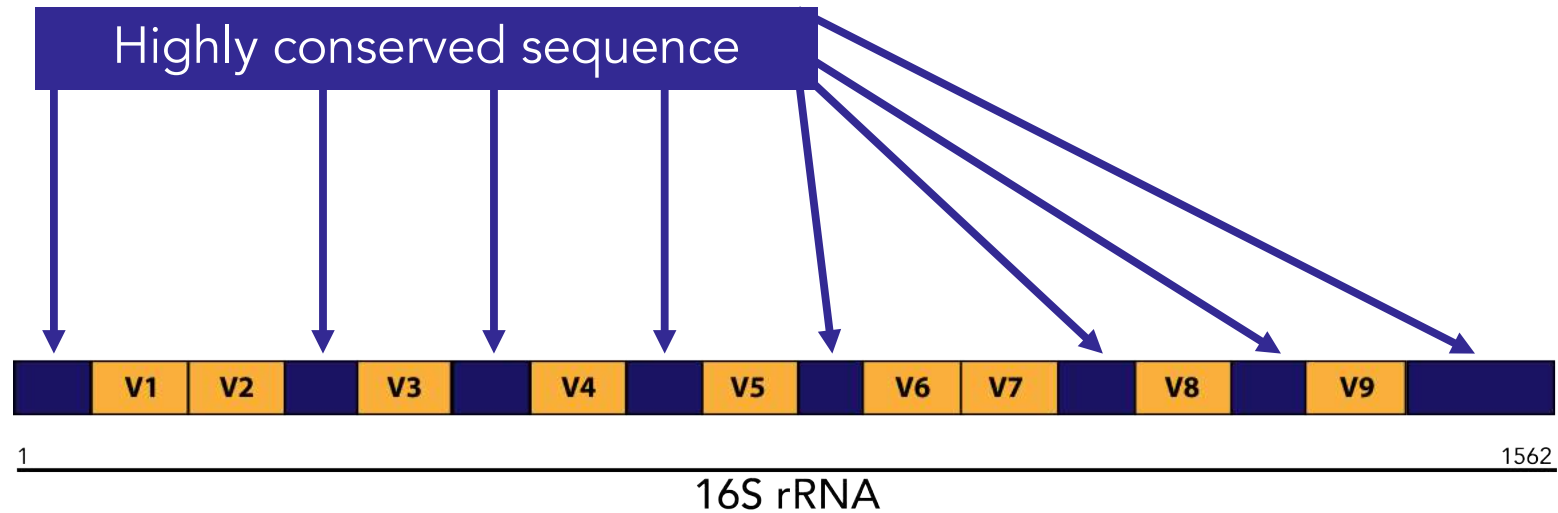


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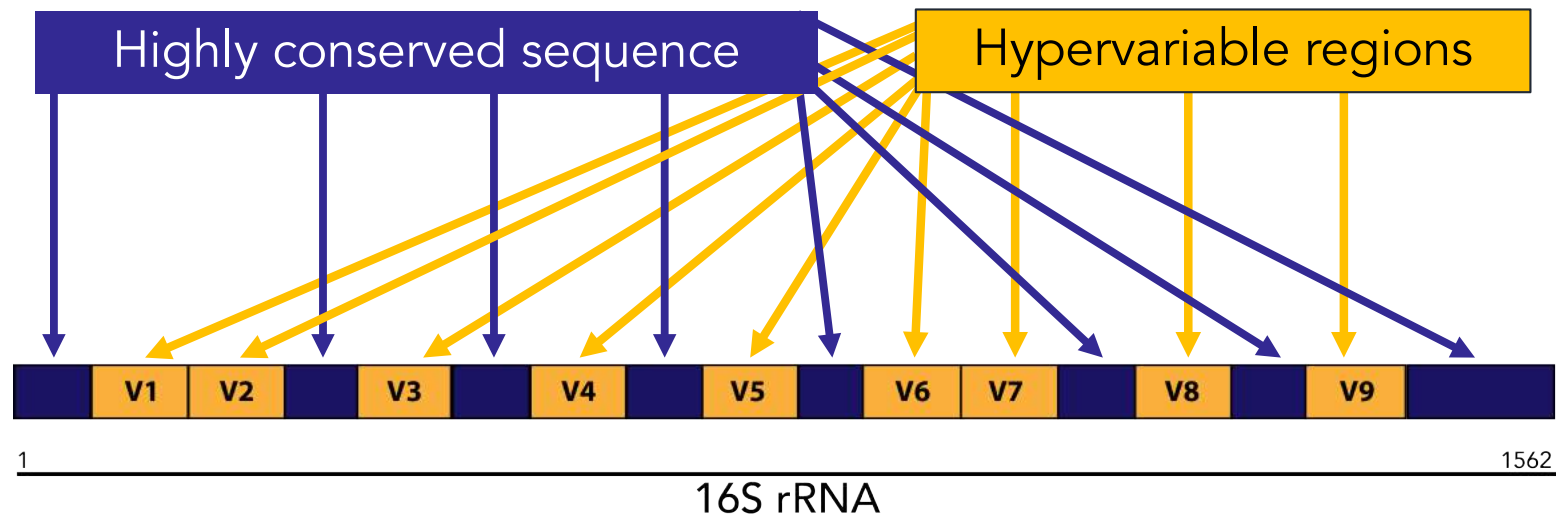


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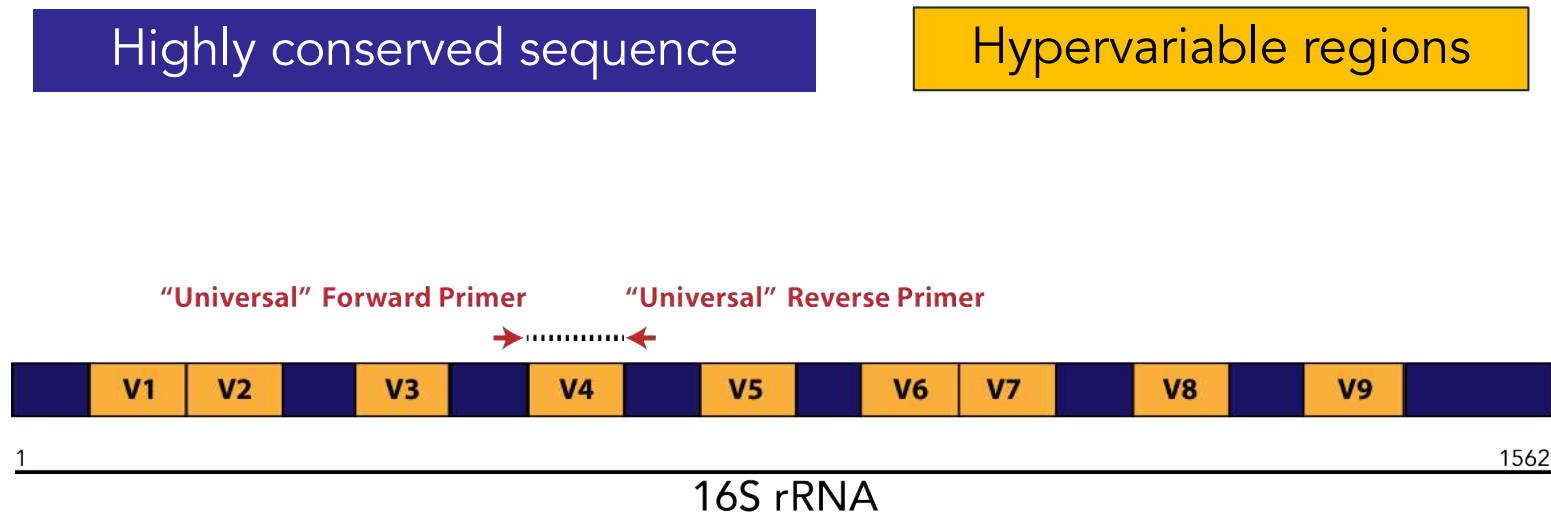
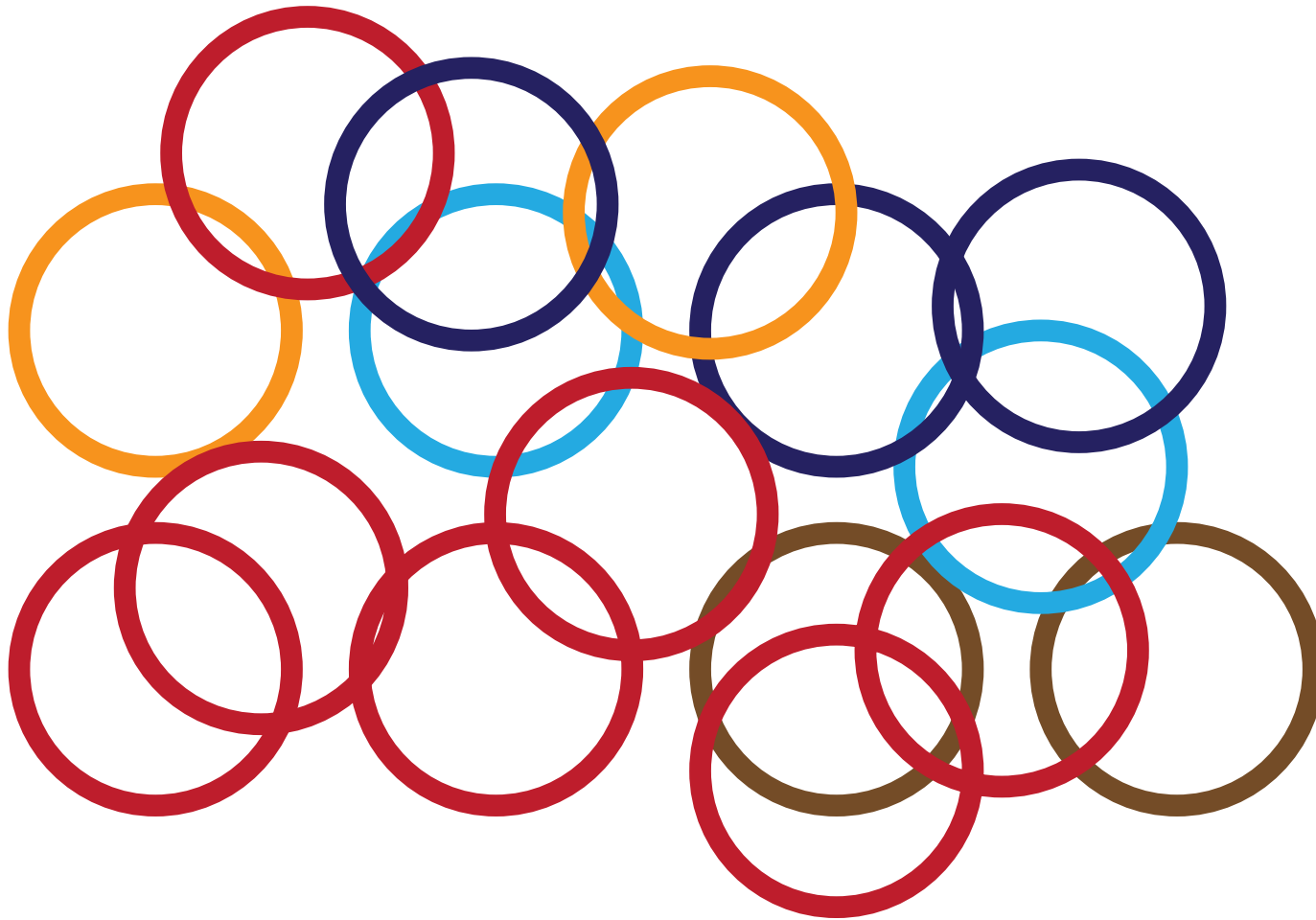
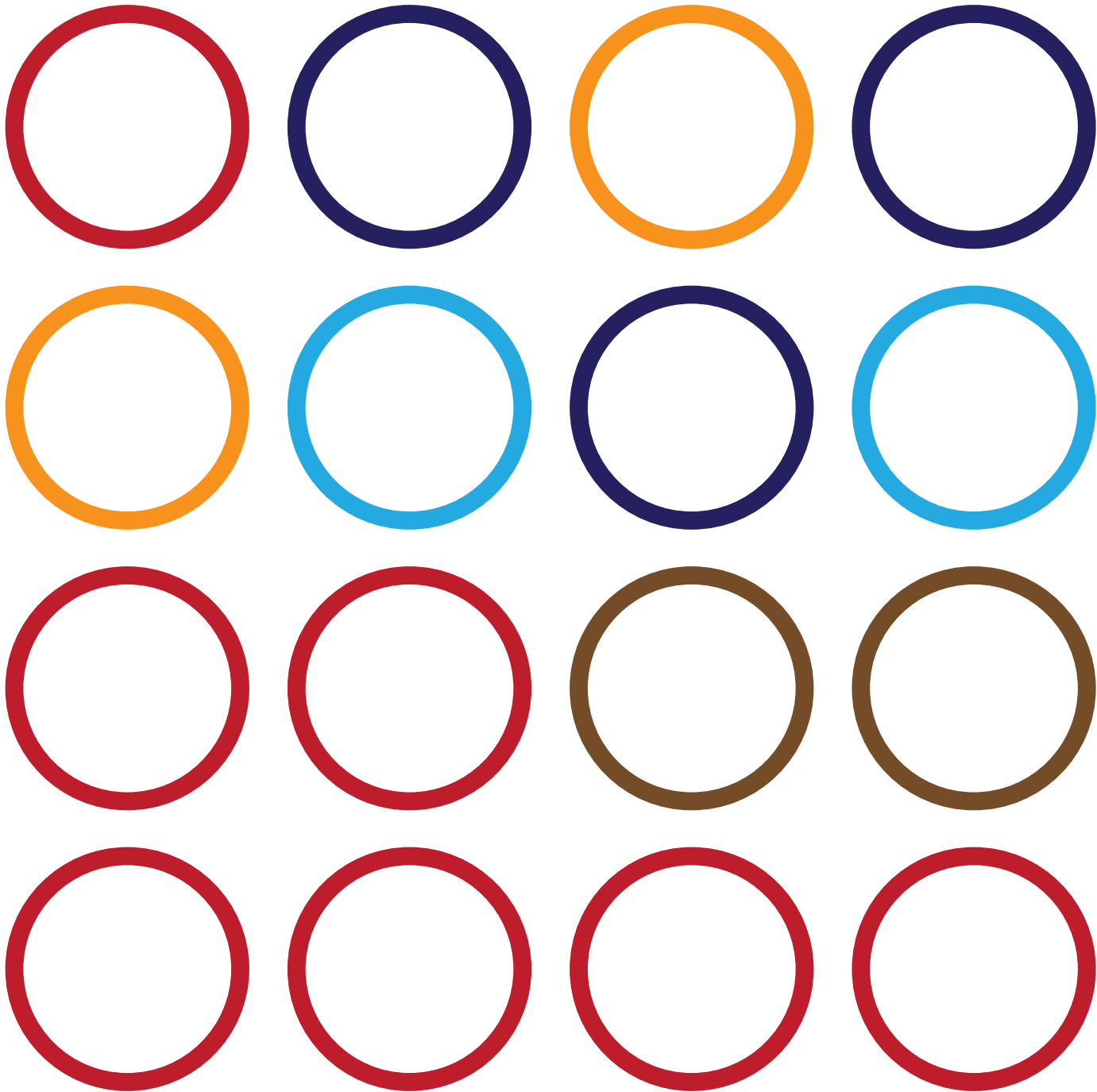
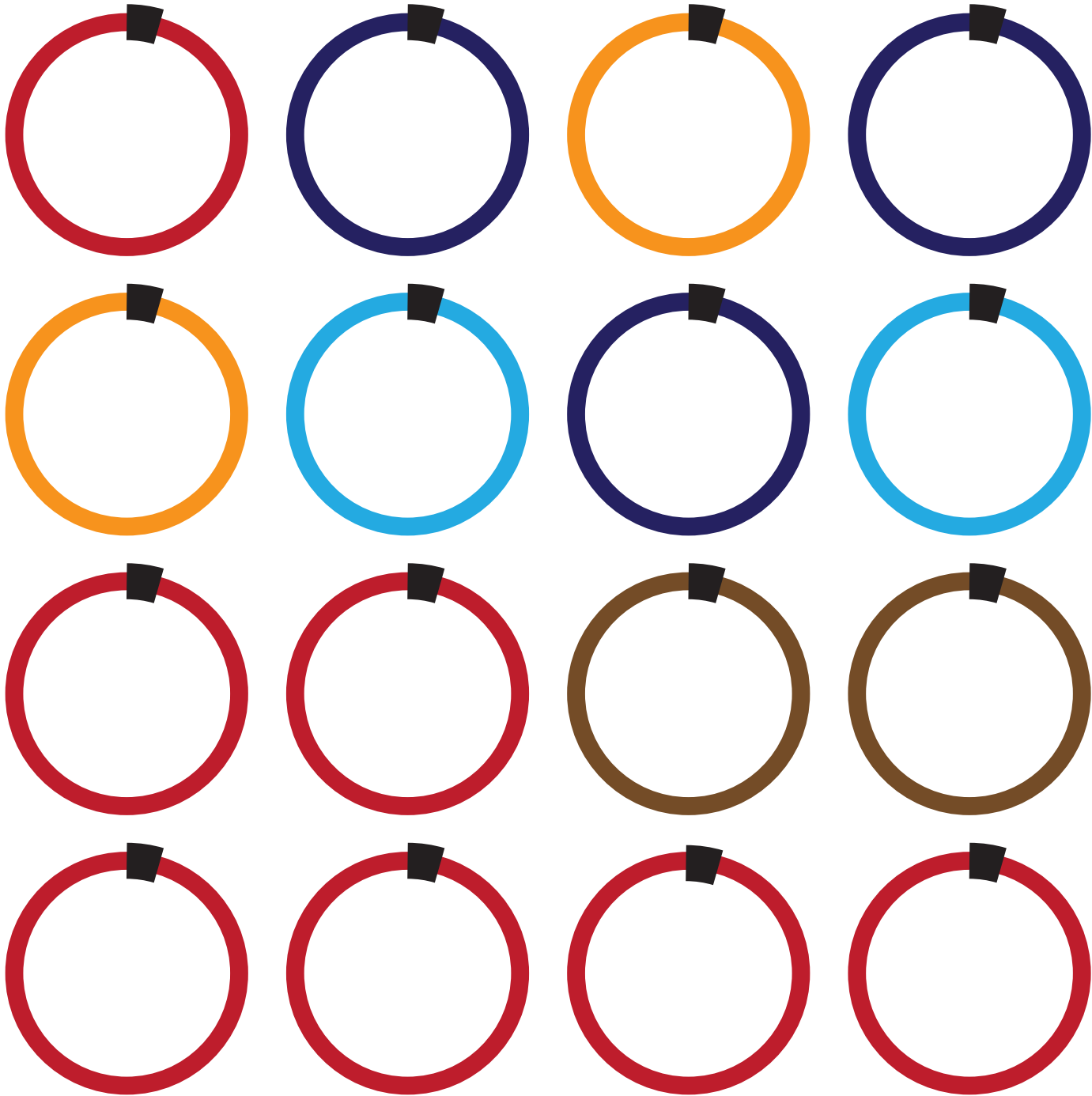


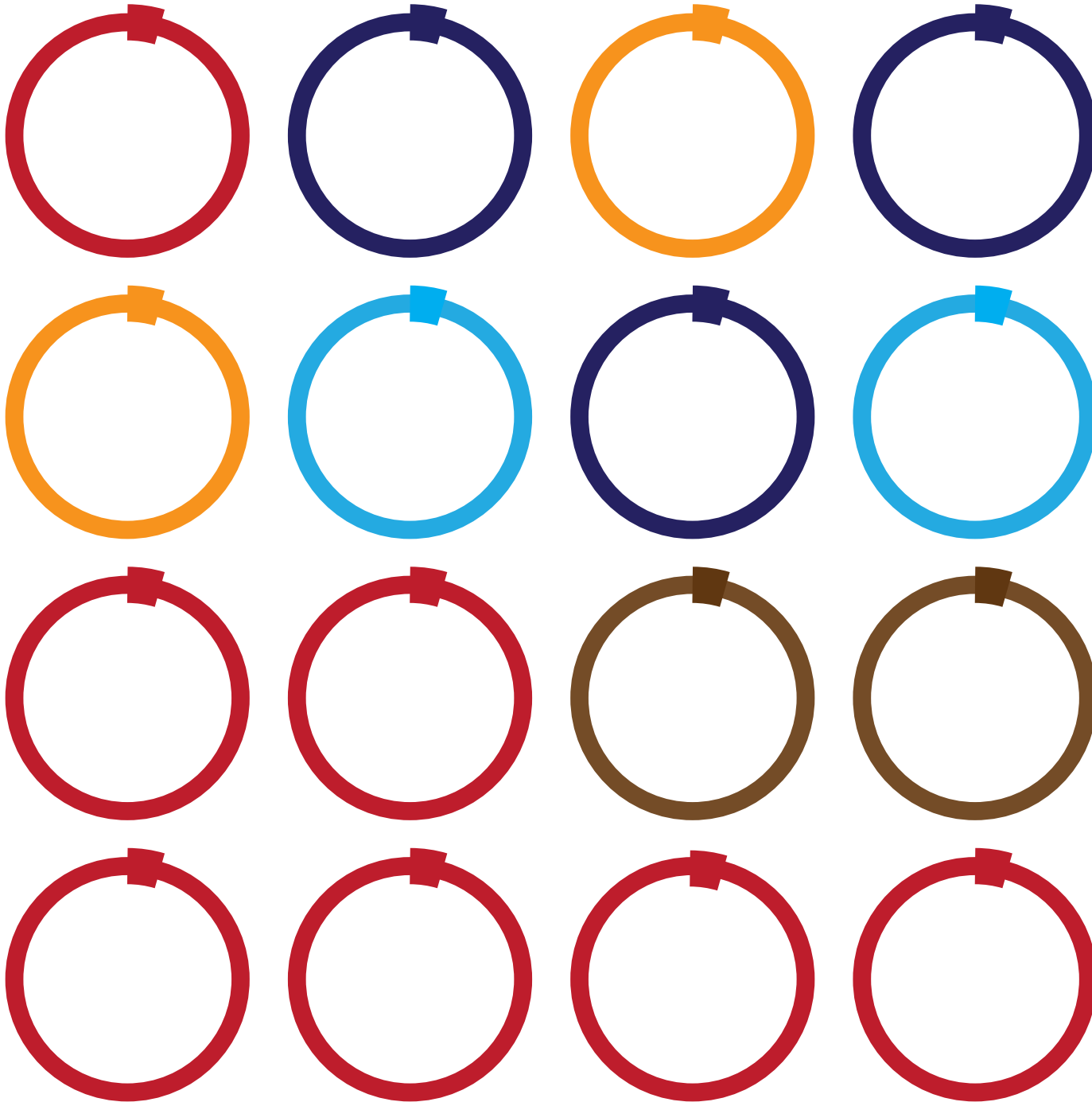
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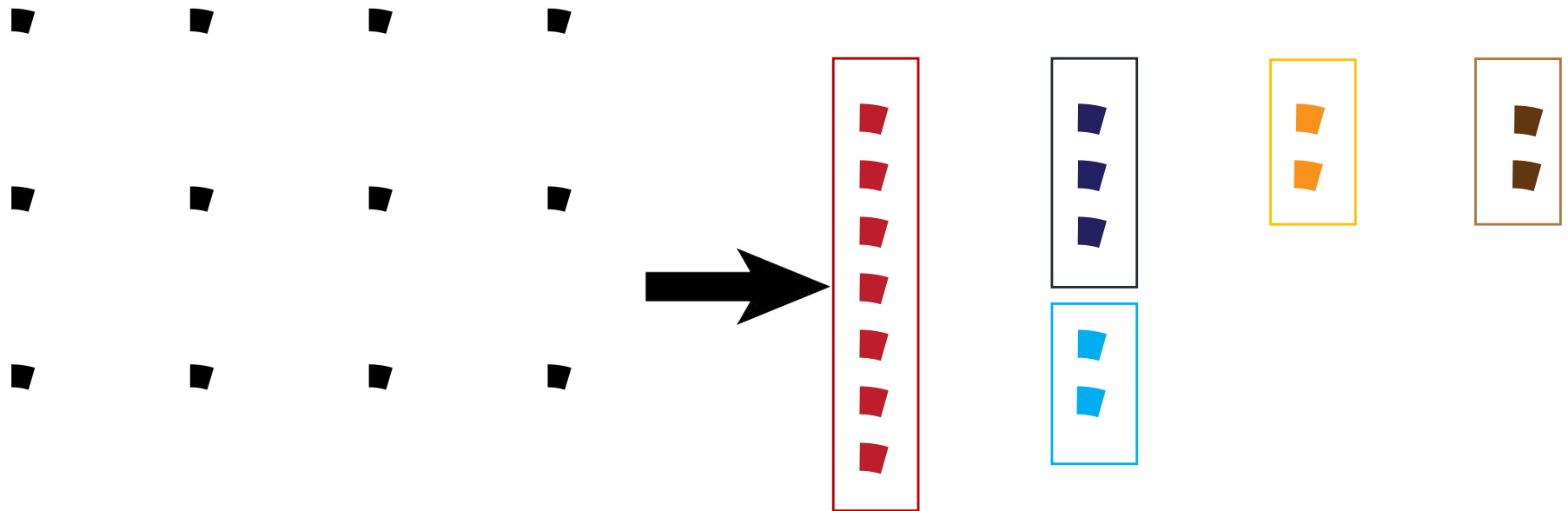












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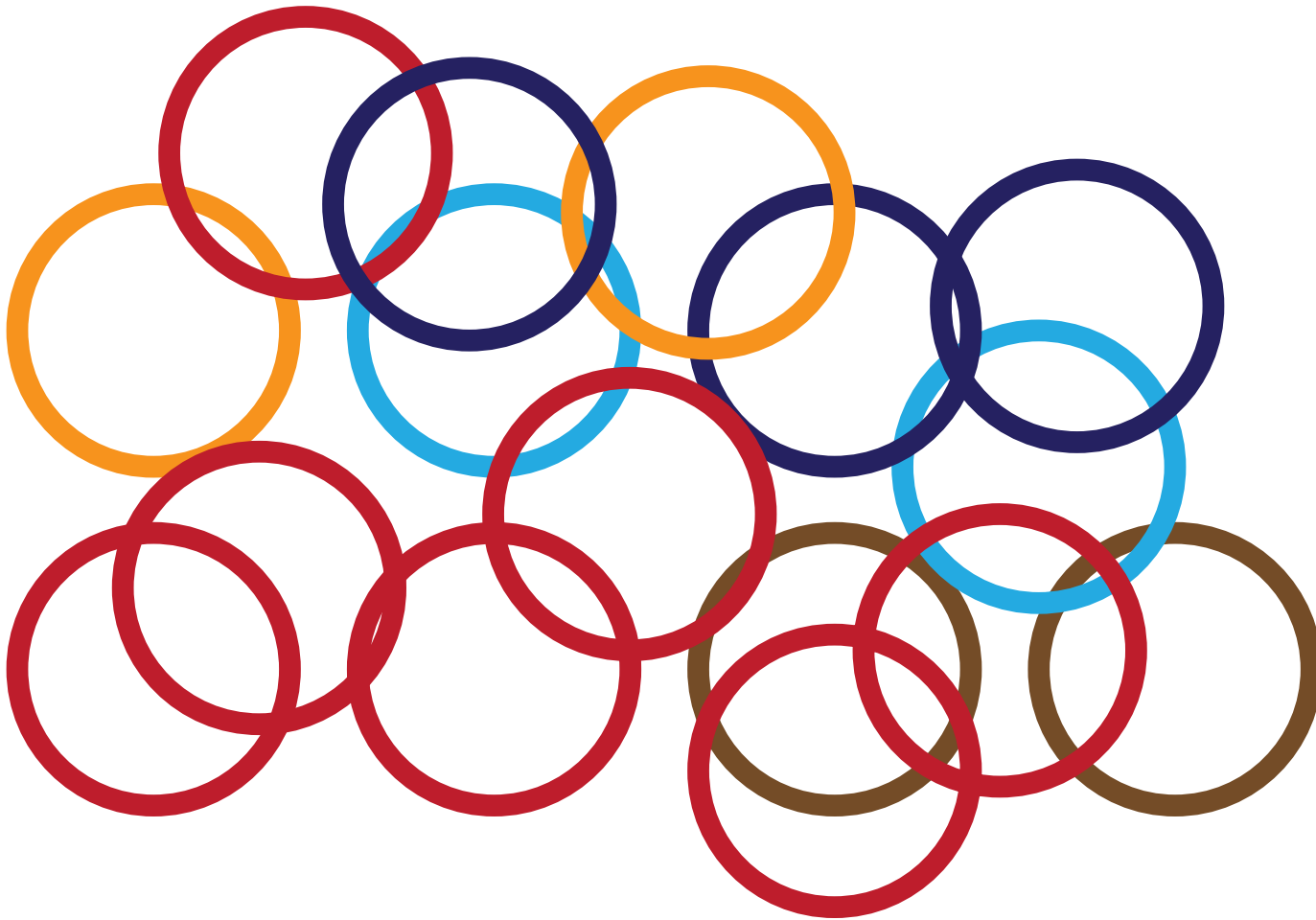
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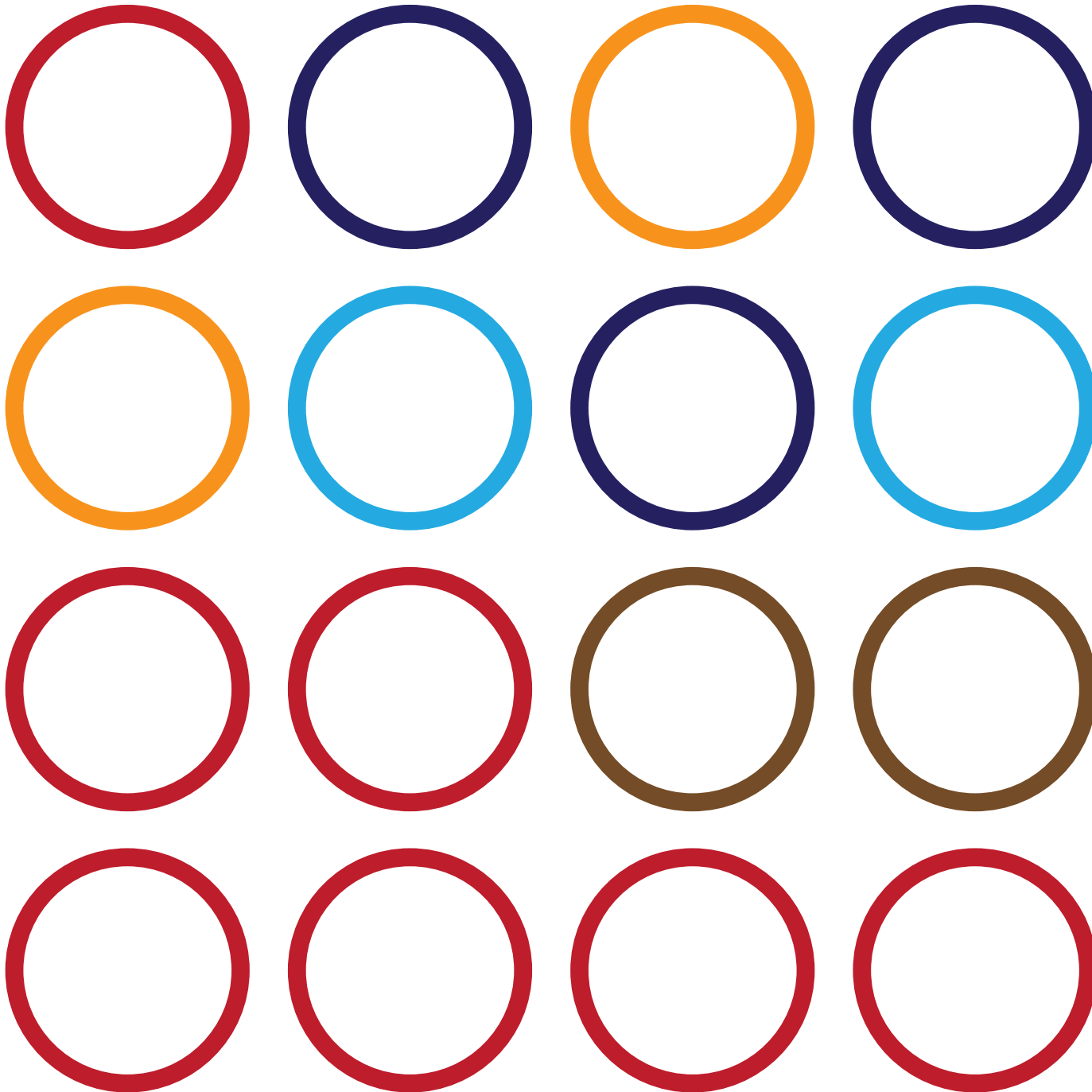
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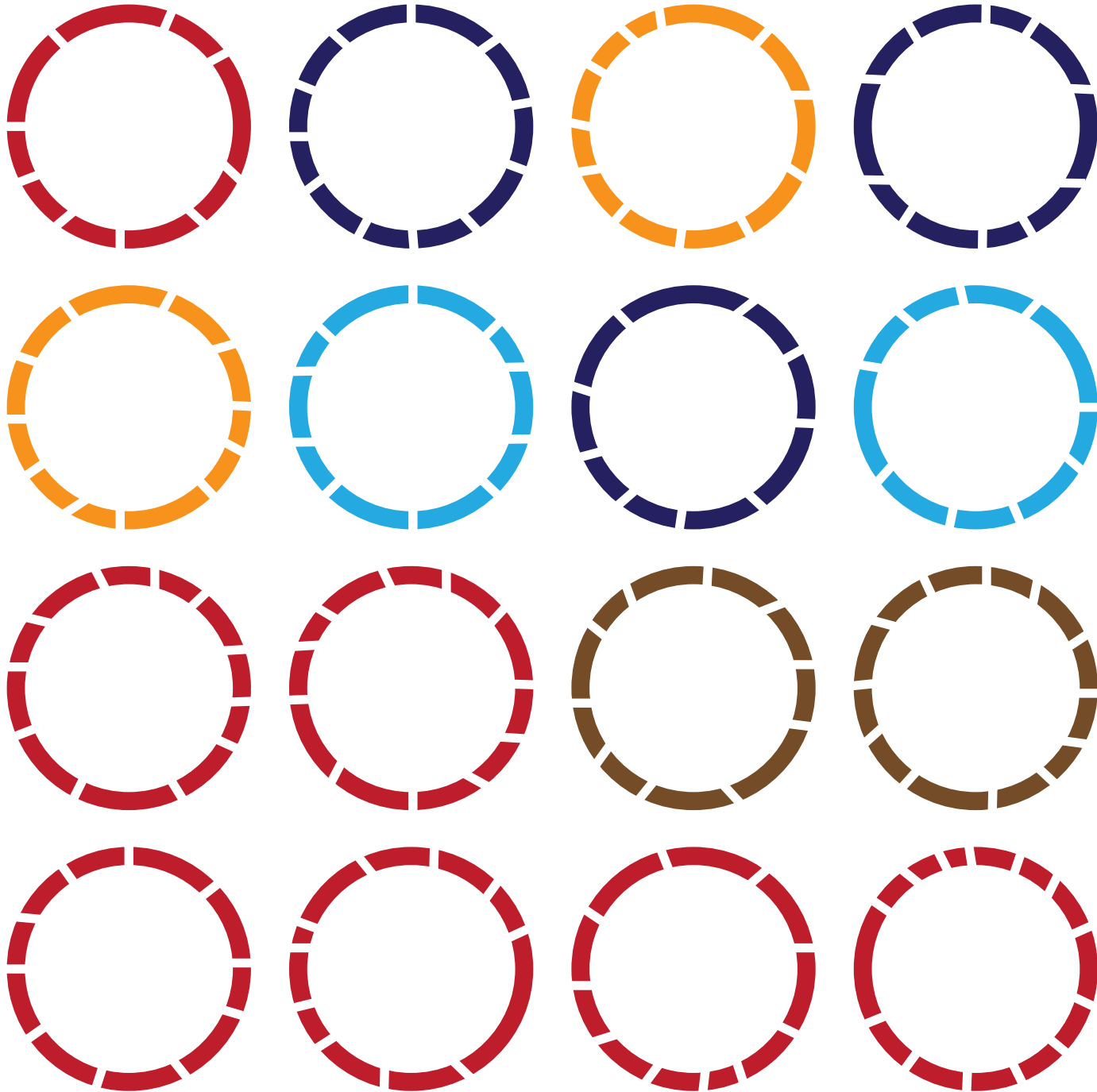
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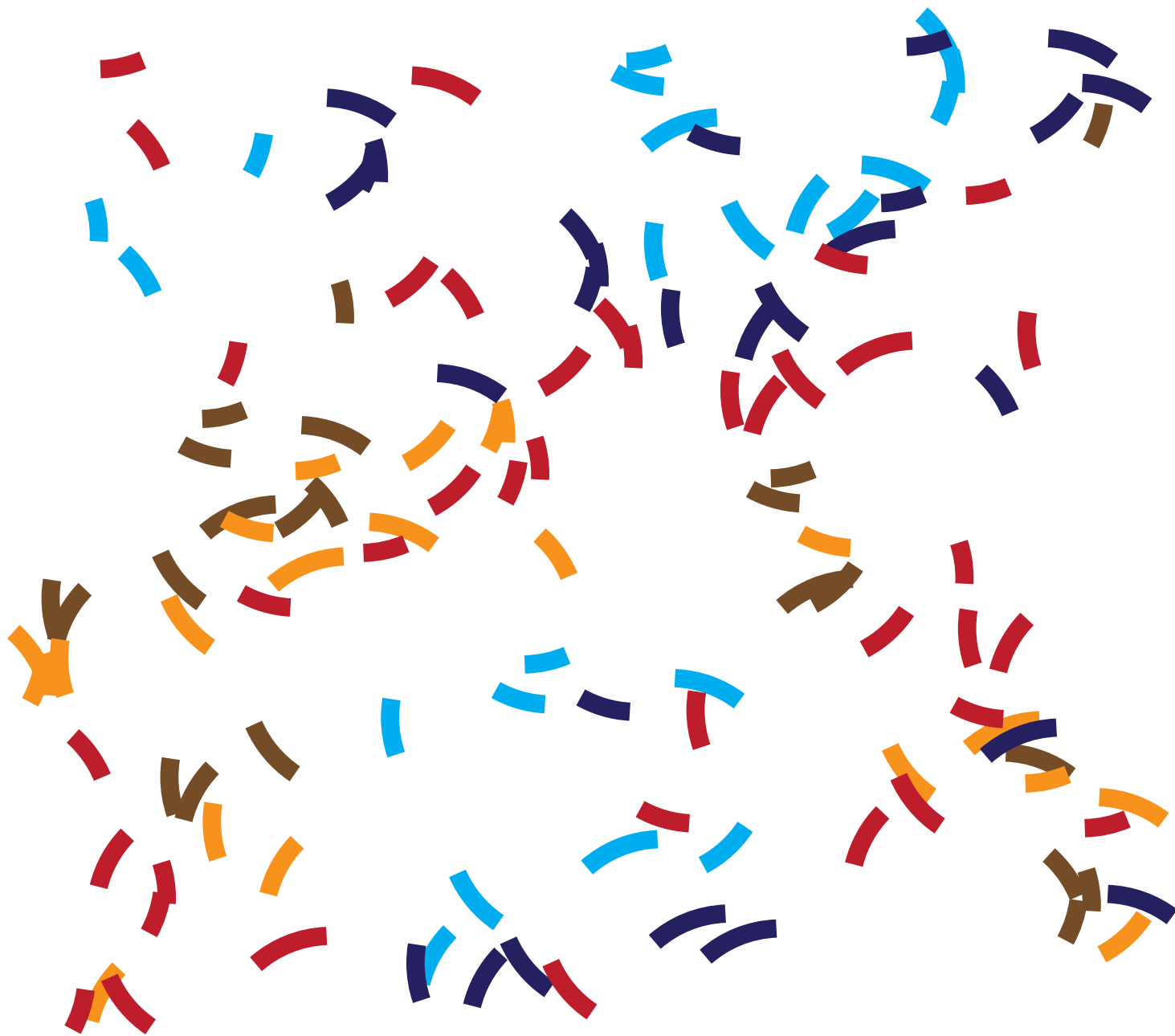
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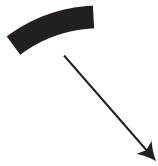




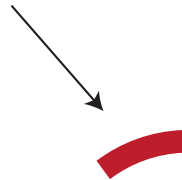








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Second most popular method for microbiome studies.

Because:

- Gene content!
- Genome assembly (?)
- No PCR
- “Multi-locus”

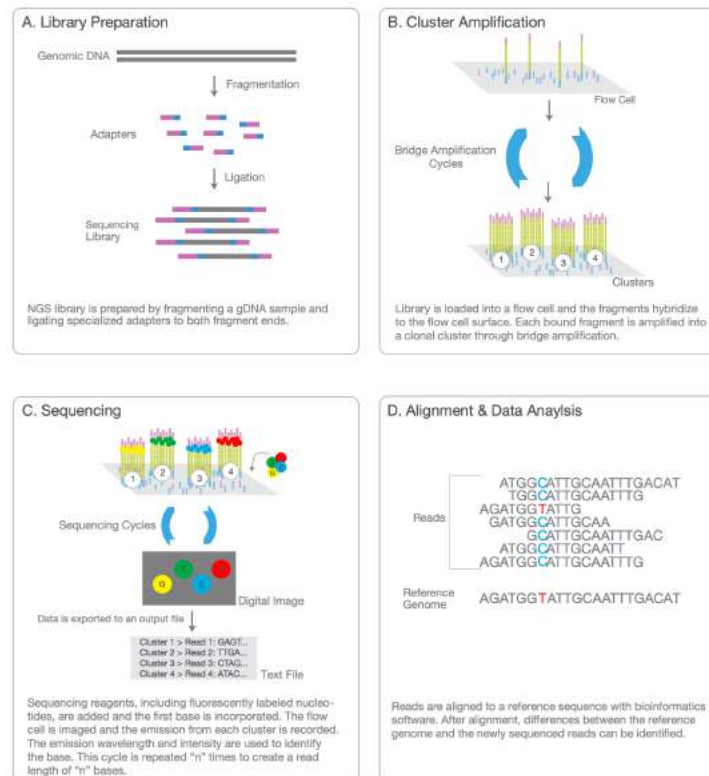
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- Data intensive
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- Expensive!

# The Big One:

Illumina is a favorite method for high throughput sequencing.

illumina®



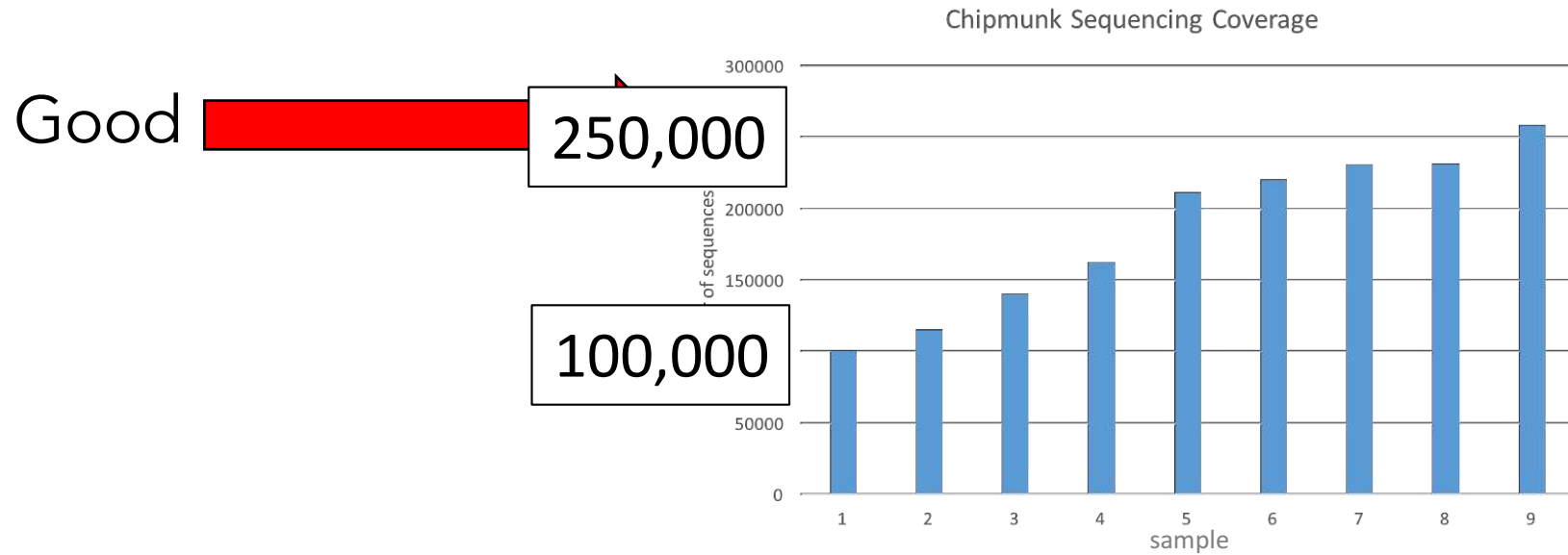
# The End Result:

GASP! Sequences!

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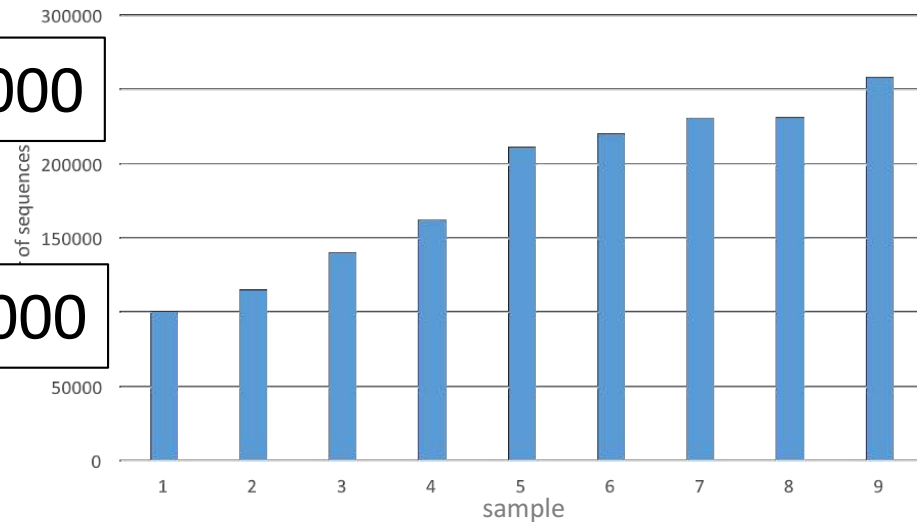
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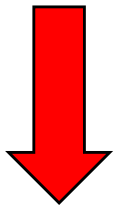
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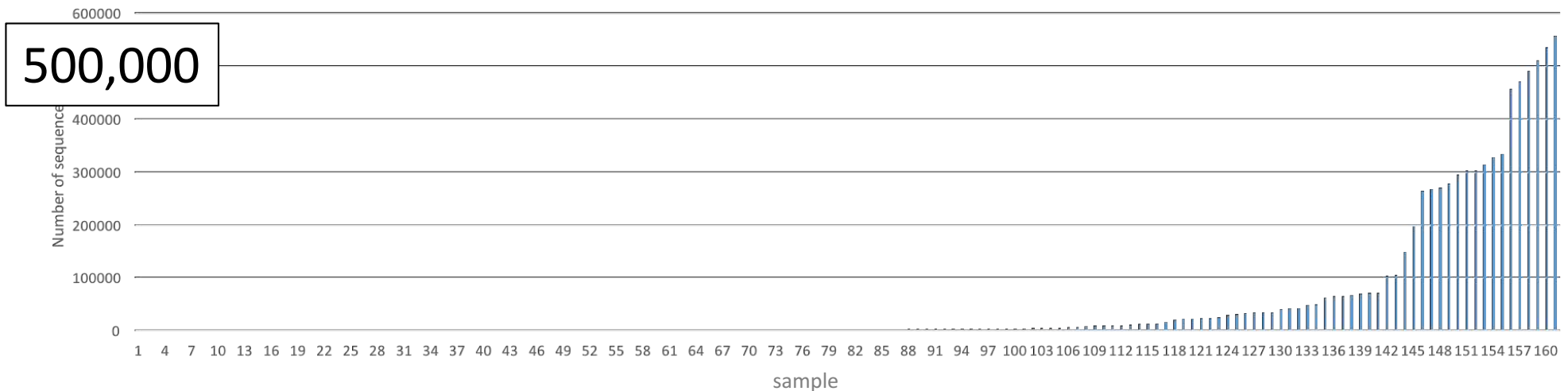
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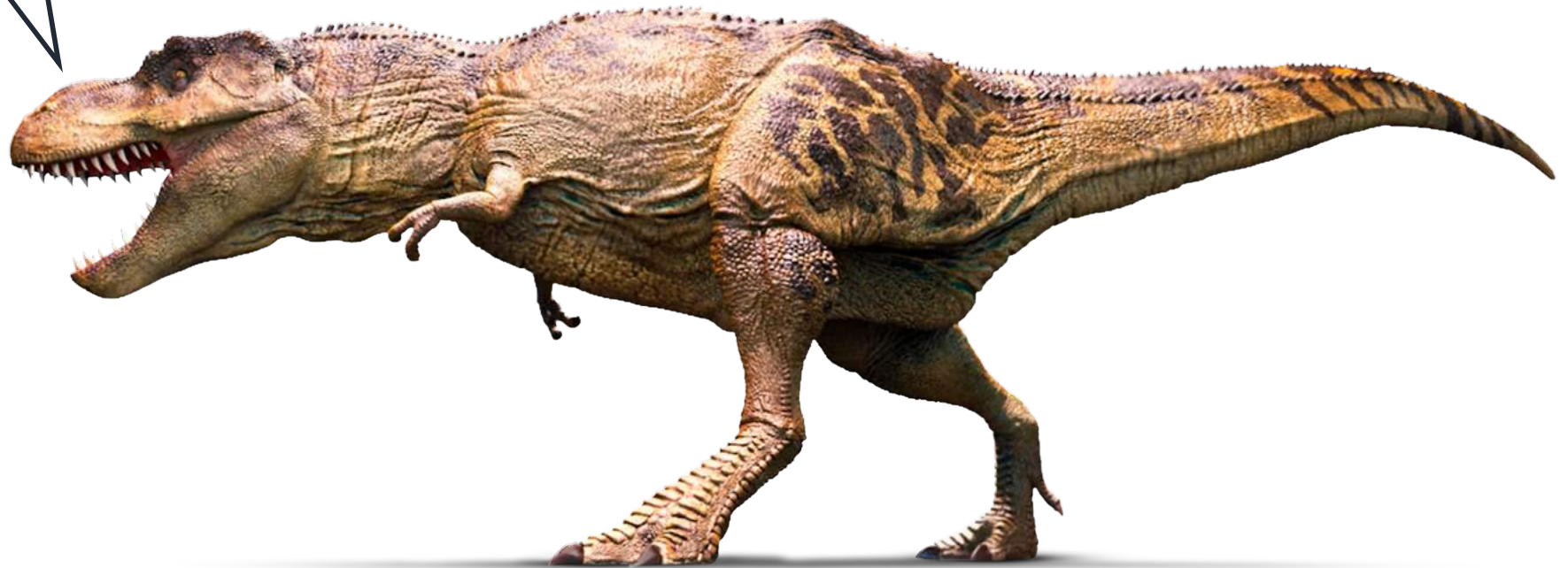
Boohoo



Equatorial Guinea Birds



Any  
questions?

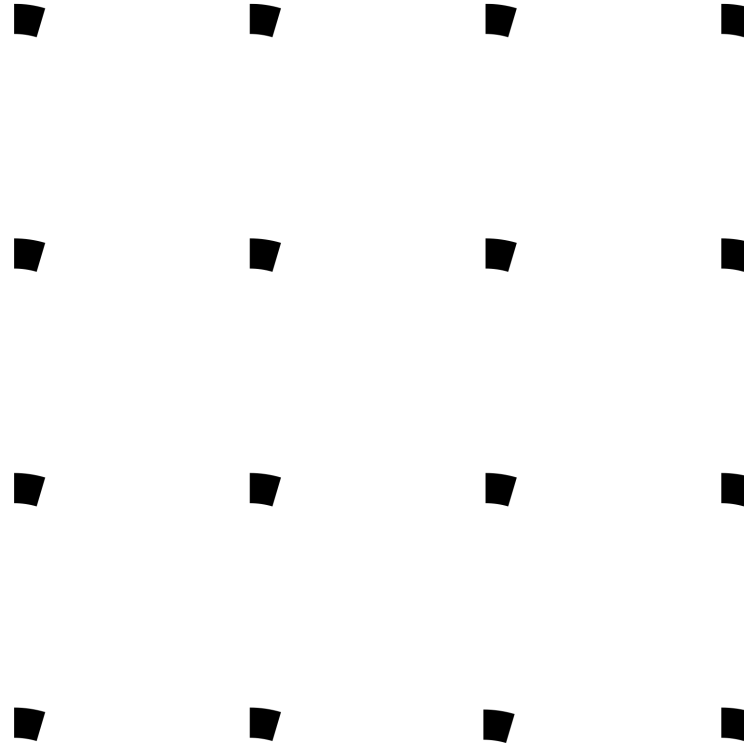


*Tyrannosaurus*  
DK Find Out!

# 4. Analyze the results (16S)

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**phyloseq: Import, share, and analyze  
microbiome census data using R**

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In order to analyze ANYTHING – we must have **BIOLOGICAL UNITS.**

These include:

Species

Genera (etc)

OTUs

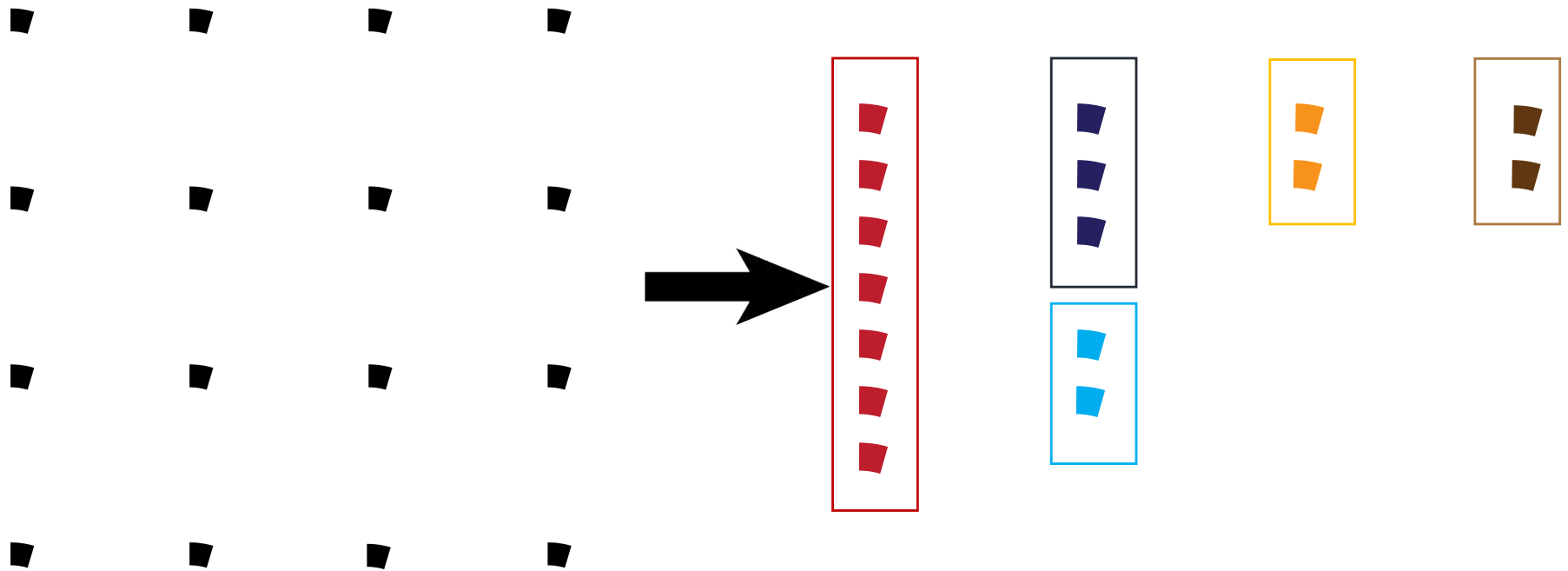
**This is a fundamental issue in microbiome research!**



## OTU picking

"Operational Taxonomic Unit"

Given a set of sequences: how do you sort them into "species"?



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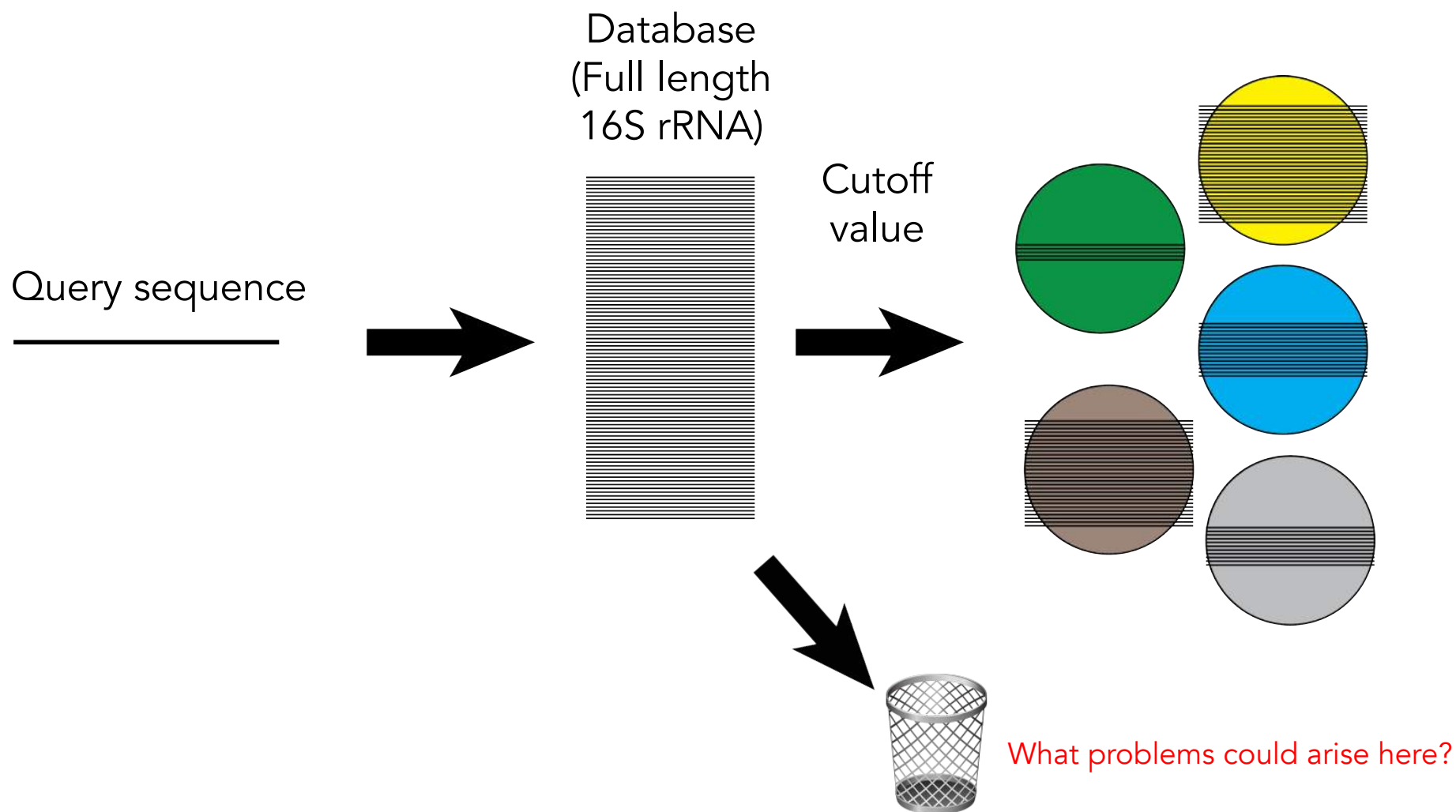
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Three (classes of) methods:

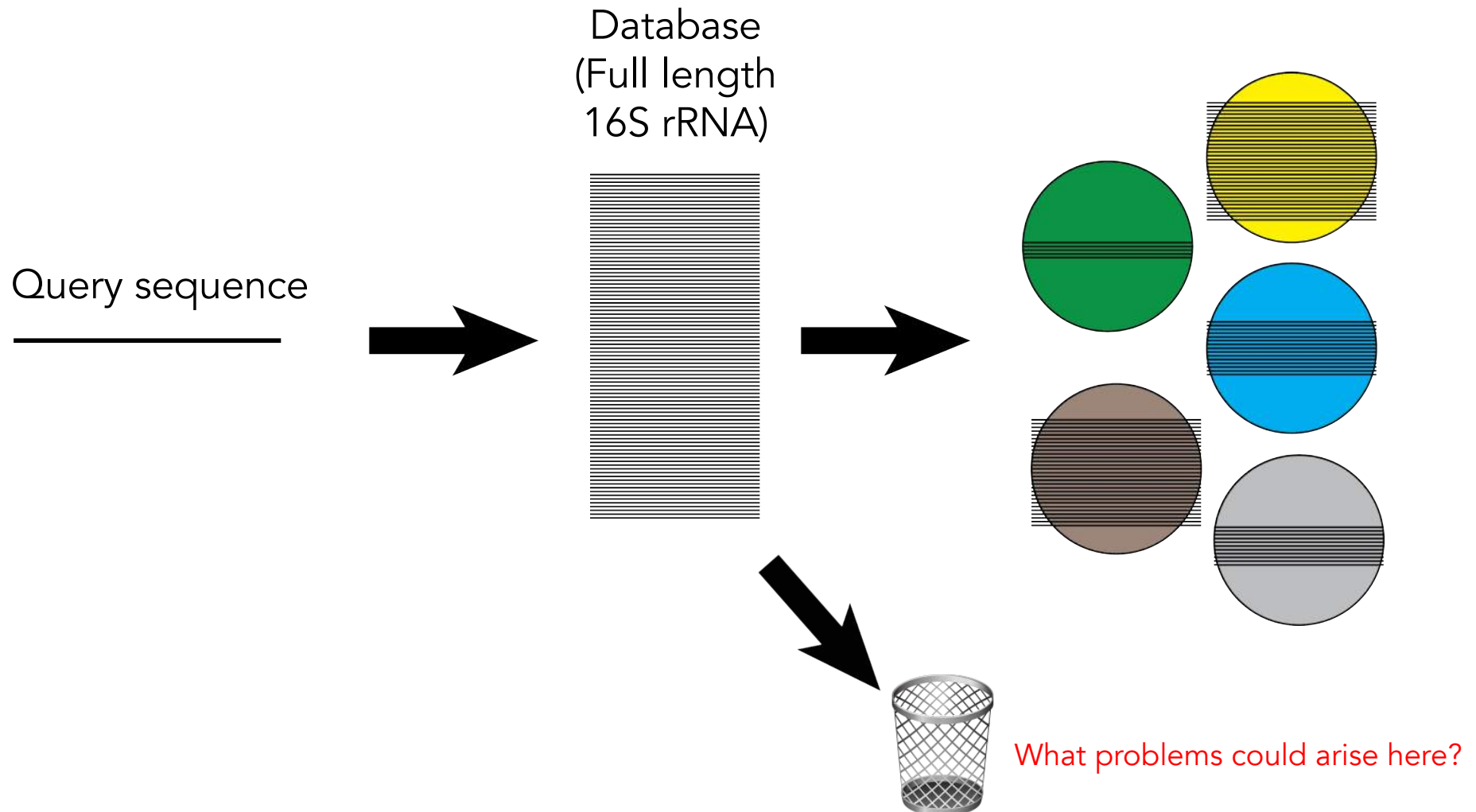
- Closed reference
- De novo
- Exact Sequence Variants (ESV)

## OTU picking: Closed reference



## OTU picking: Closed reference

Justification = Using database allows for comparison across datasets



## OTU picking: Closed reference

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Research article

Bioinformatics

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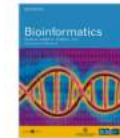
Microbiology

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“Biological inferences obtained using these methods are therefore not reliable.”

## OTU picking: De novo (UCLUST)



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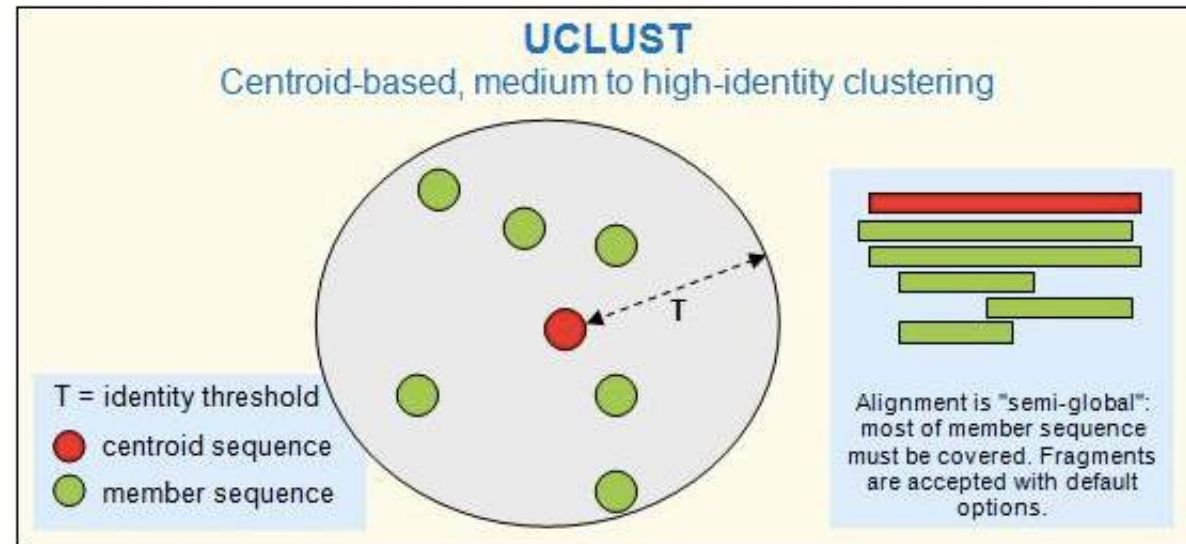
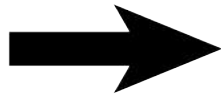
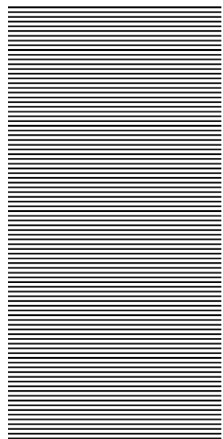
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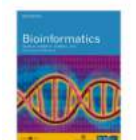
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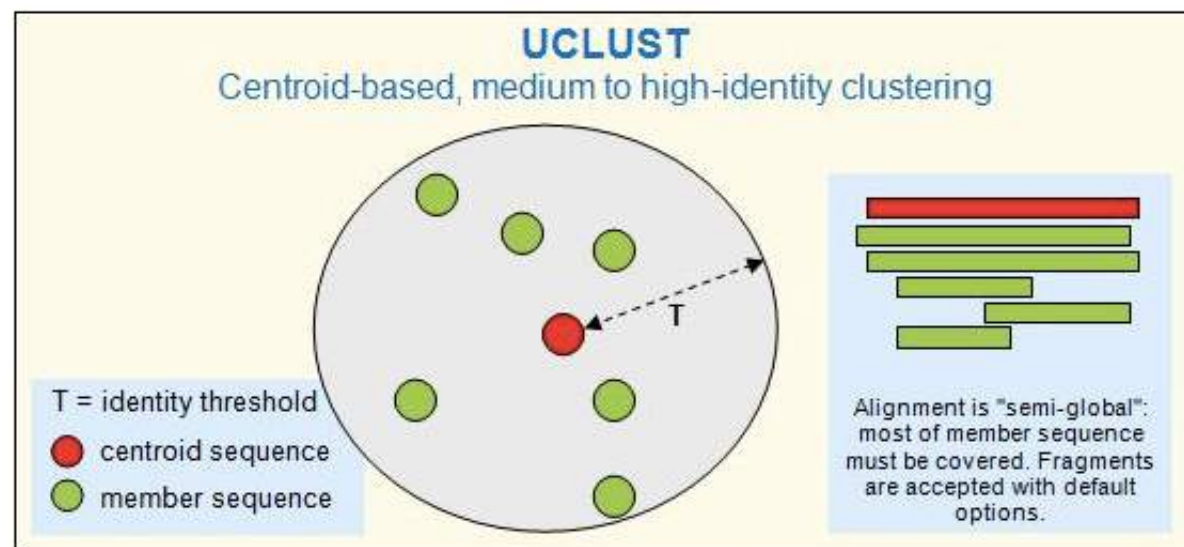
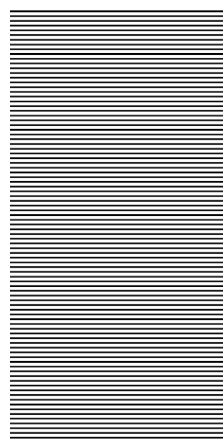
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PROS: Fast, efficient, pairwise (no global alignment step)  
CONS: threshold, input order dependent, overlapping clusters

## OTU picking: De novo (swarm)



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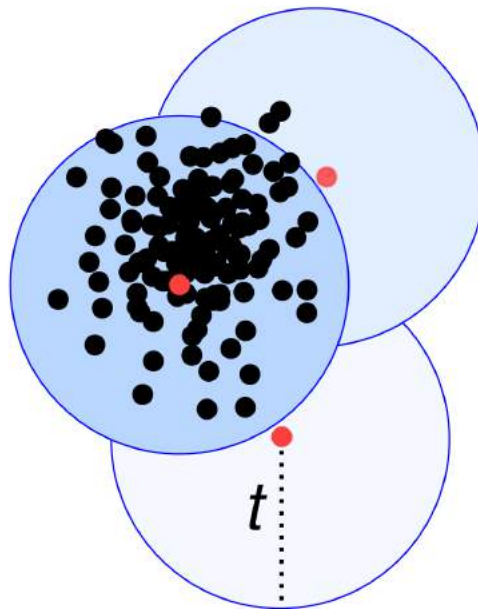
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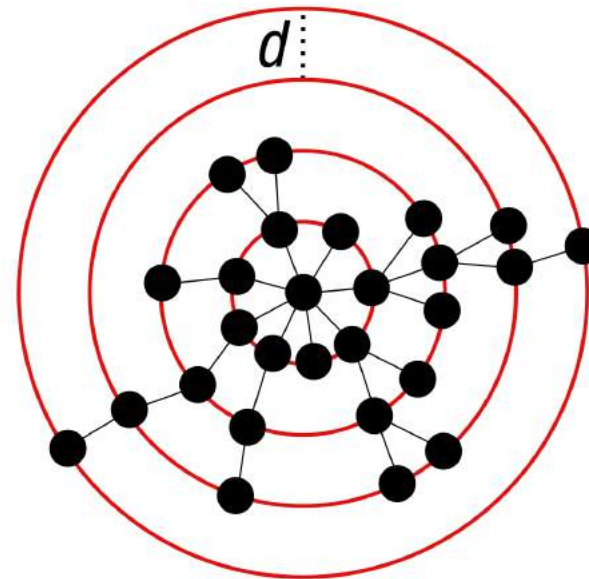
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Micah Dunthorn<sup>3</sup>

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b





## OTU picking: 97%

- Frequently cited as a good species threshold for microbes because it was established that it worked well for some known species using the full 16S gene (~1500bp)
- Highly debated / disputed value
- No single cutoff works for all life.

## OTU picking: ASVs



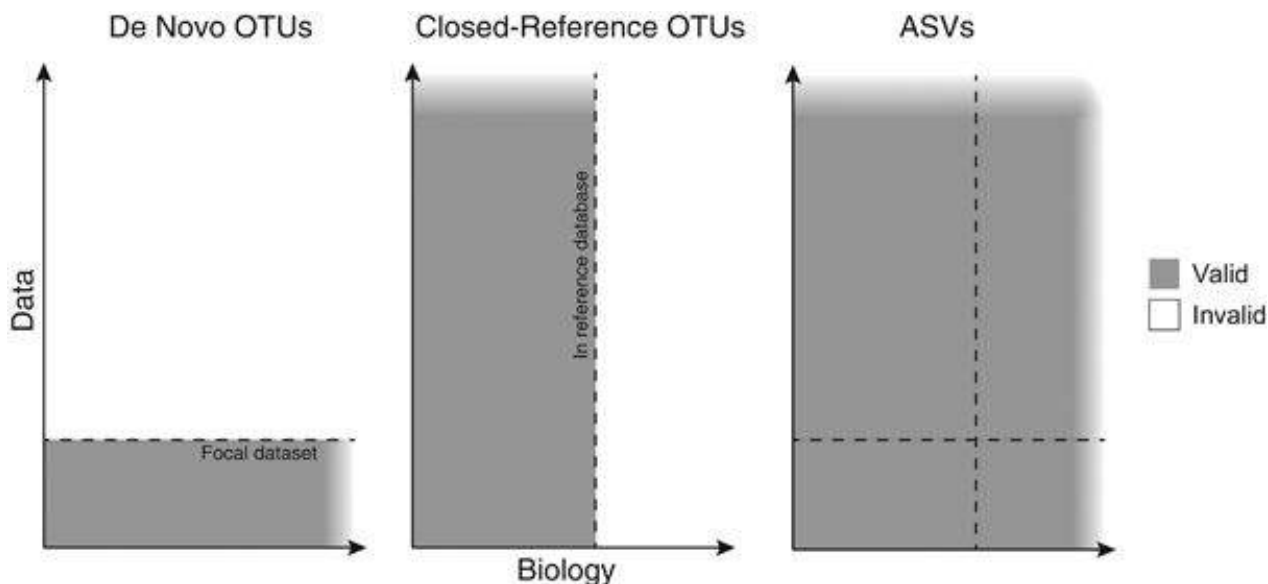
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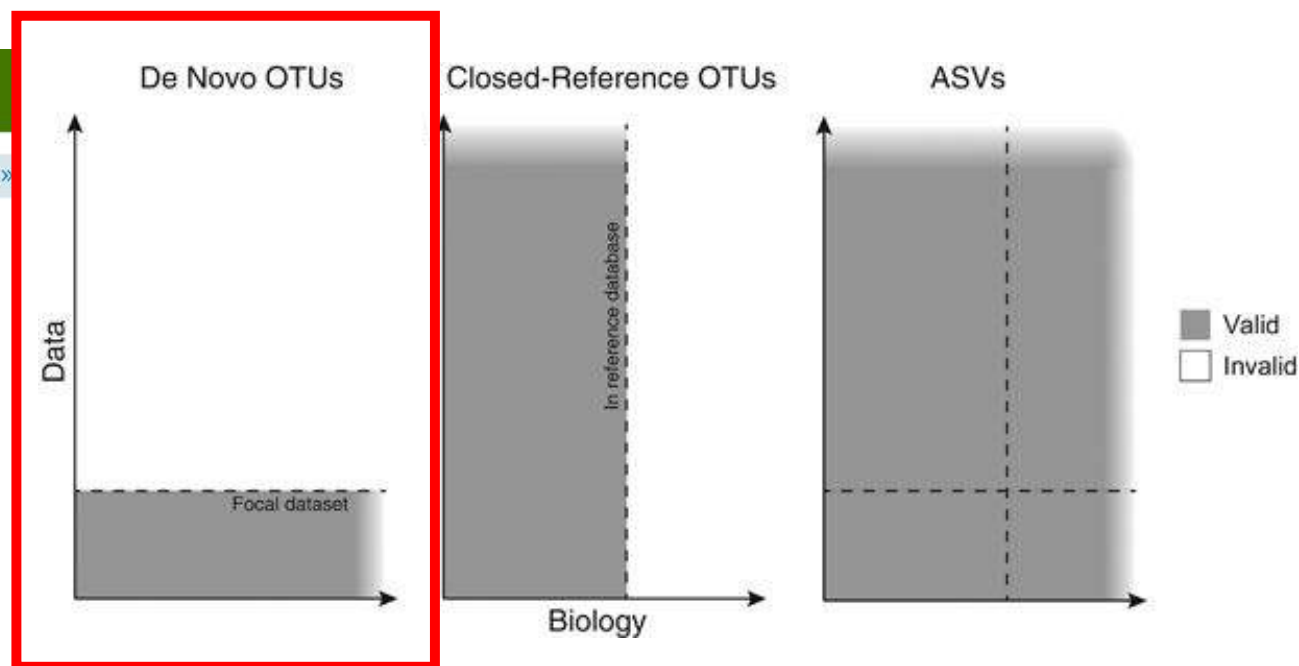
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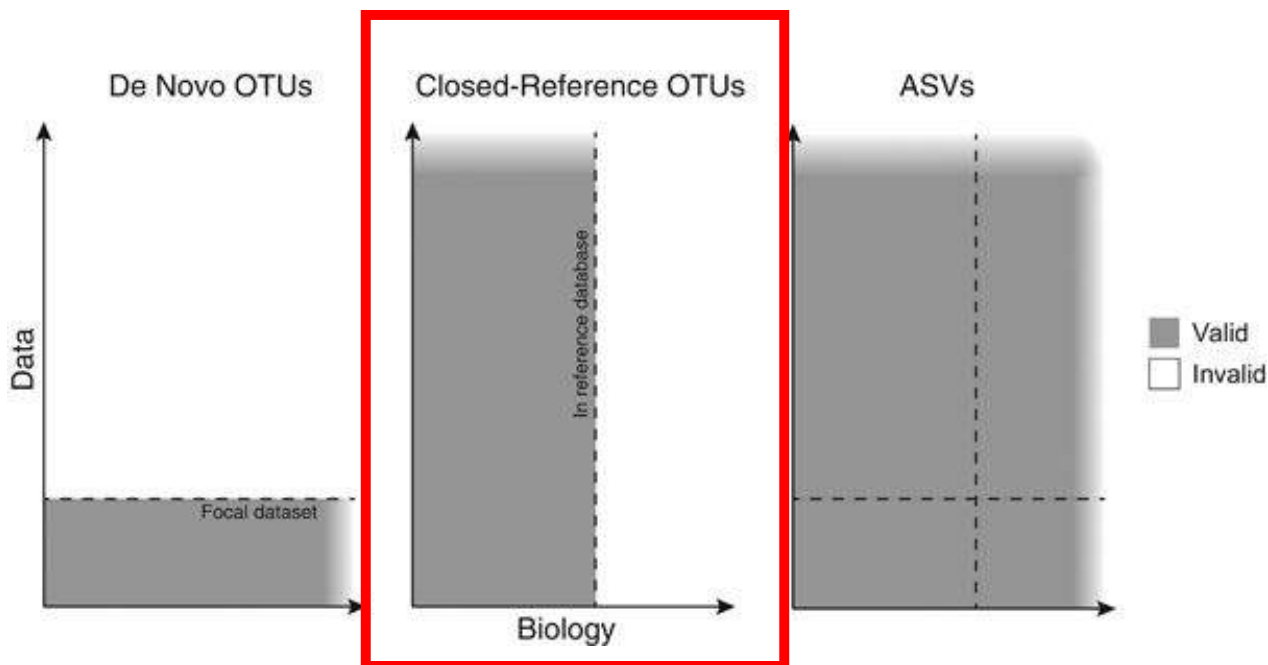
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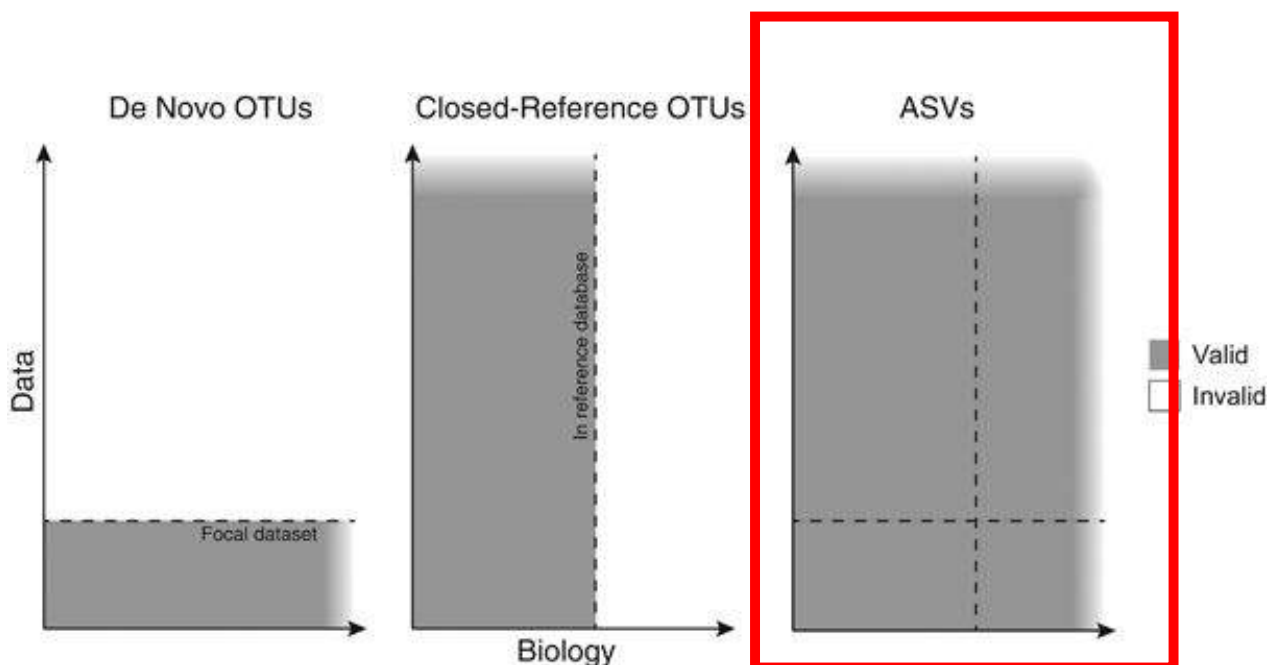
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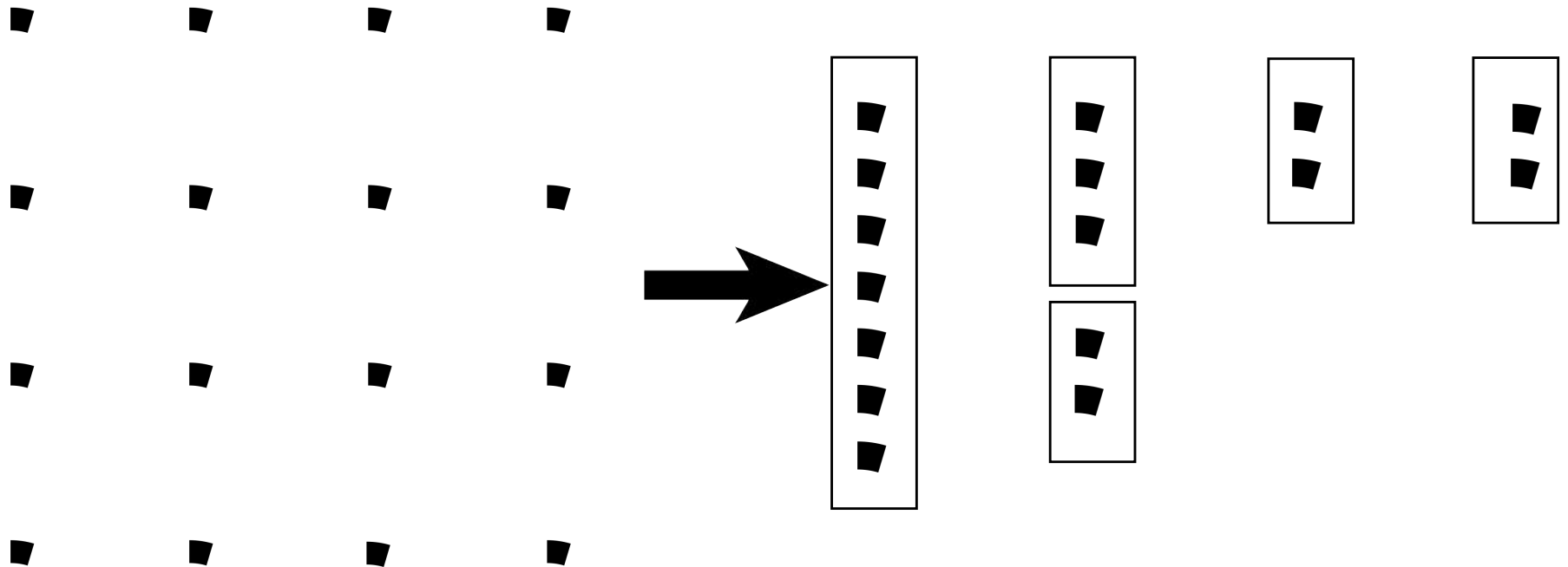
etc.

# OTU picking: ASVs (DADA2)

Does quality filtering of each sequence (So must have fastq files)

Processes data within each sample (an error in one sample doesn't make something an error in another sample)







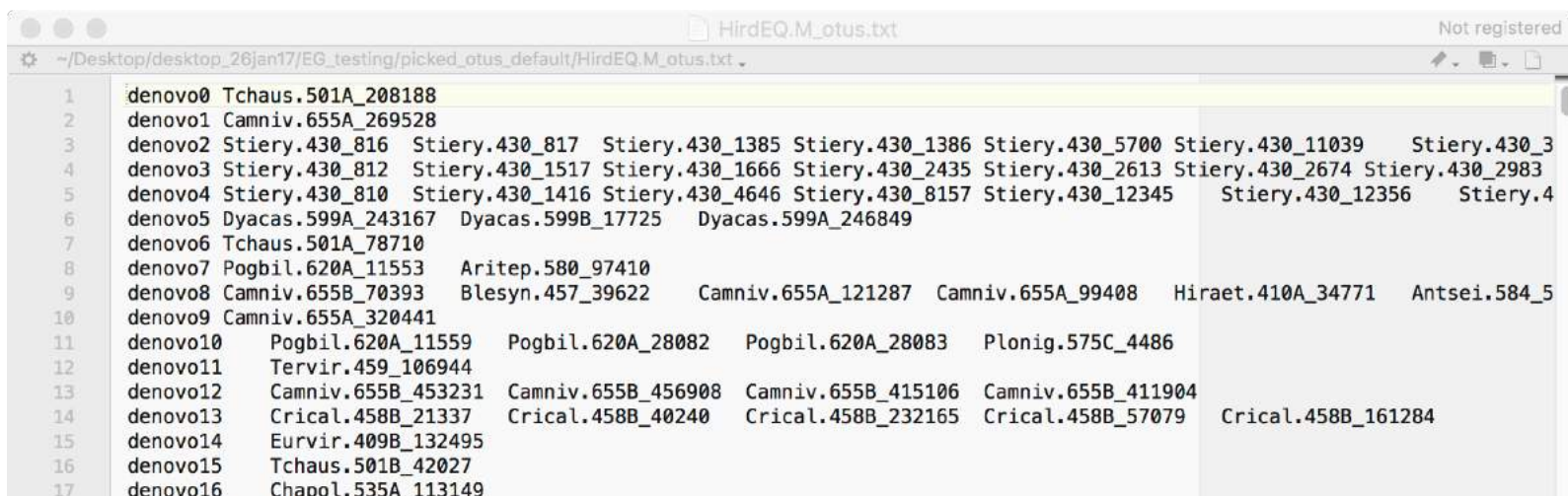
# OTU picking creates a list

Sample 1:

- OTU001 = Sequence001, Sequence098, Sequence10232
- OTU002 = Sequence004
- OTU003 = Sequence002, Sequence003, Sequence007... (contains 50,000 sequences)
- OTU004 = Sequence006, Sequence45, Sequence15601, Sequence48973
- Etc.

Many samples together:

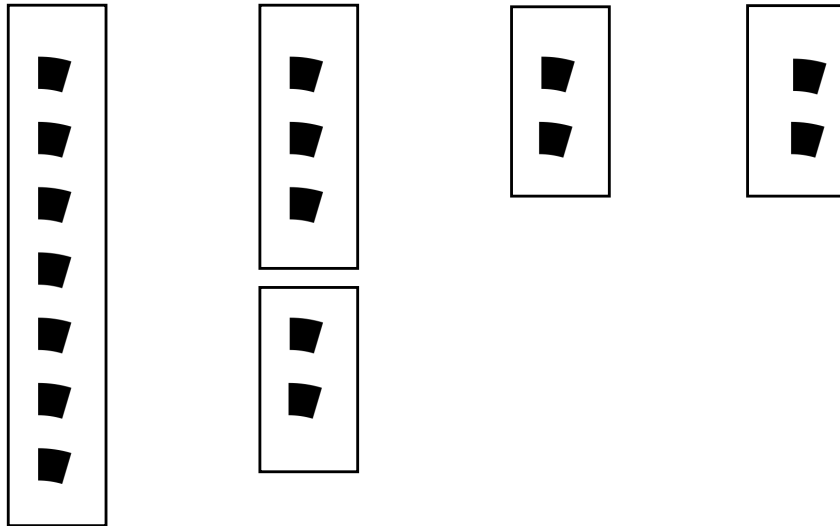
OTU001 = SampleA\_Seq001, SampleA\_Seq098, SampleB\_Seq10232  
OTU002 = SampleA\_Seq004  
OTU003 = SampleB\_Seq002, SampleC\_Seq003, SampleC\_Seq005 ... (contains 50,000 sequences)  
OTU004 = SampleA\_Seq006, SampleA\_Seq45, SampleB\_Seq15601, SampleC\_Seq48973  
Etc.



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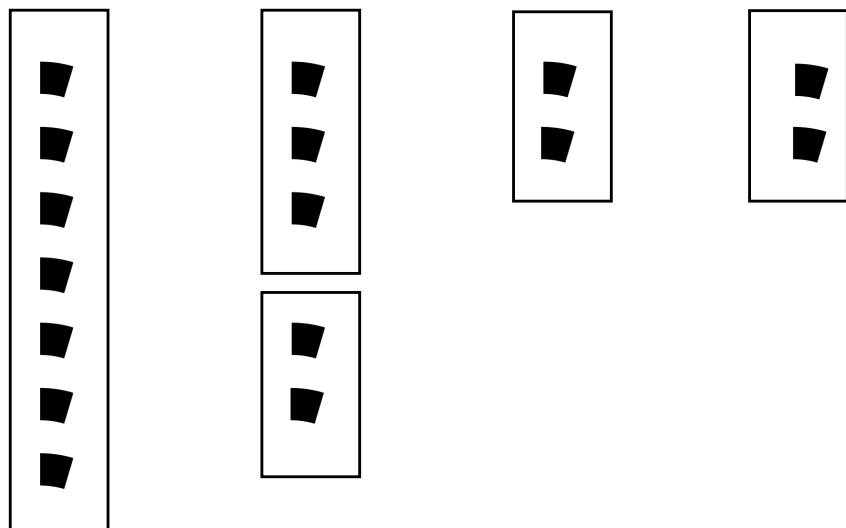
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Just by grouping sequences into OTUs, we already have some information about the diversity of this sample:

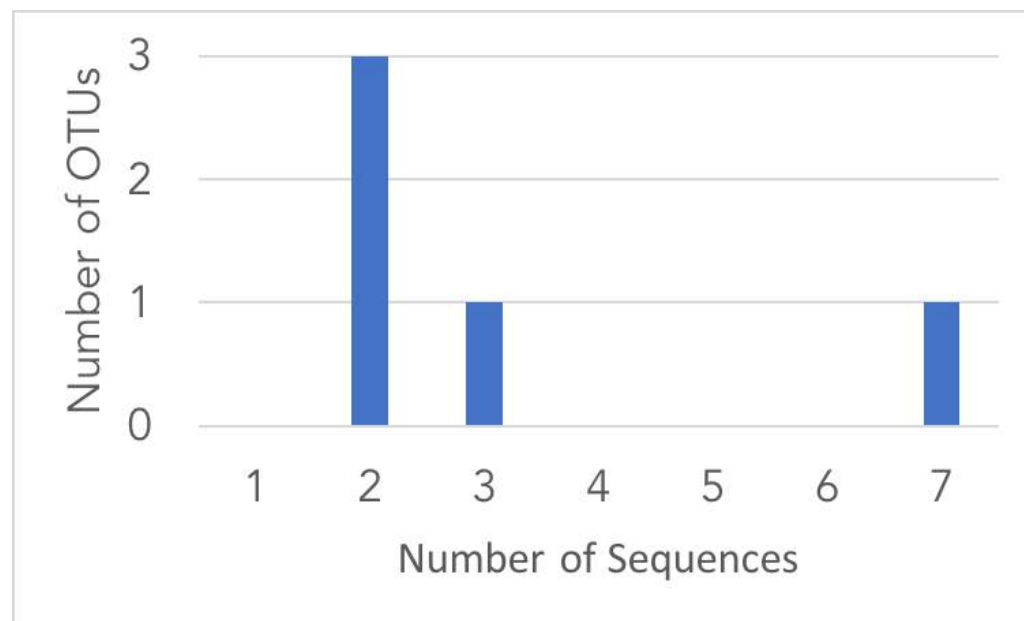


SampleA: 5 OTUs

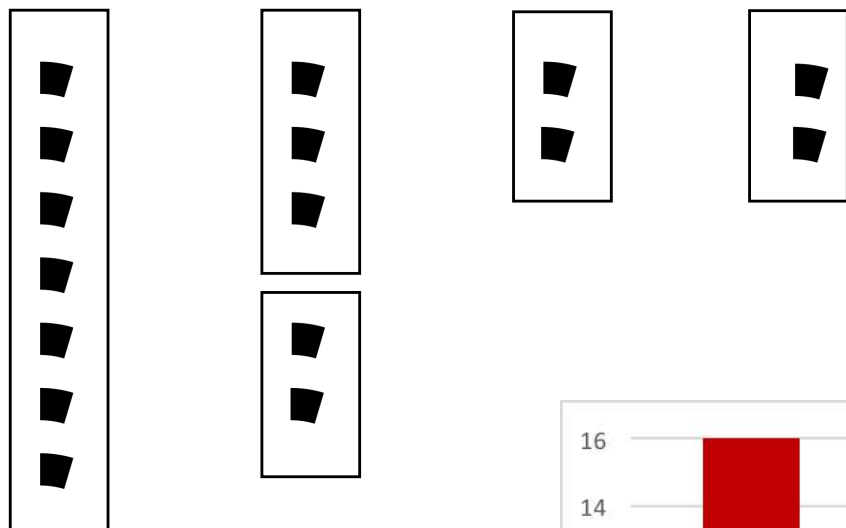
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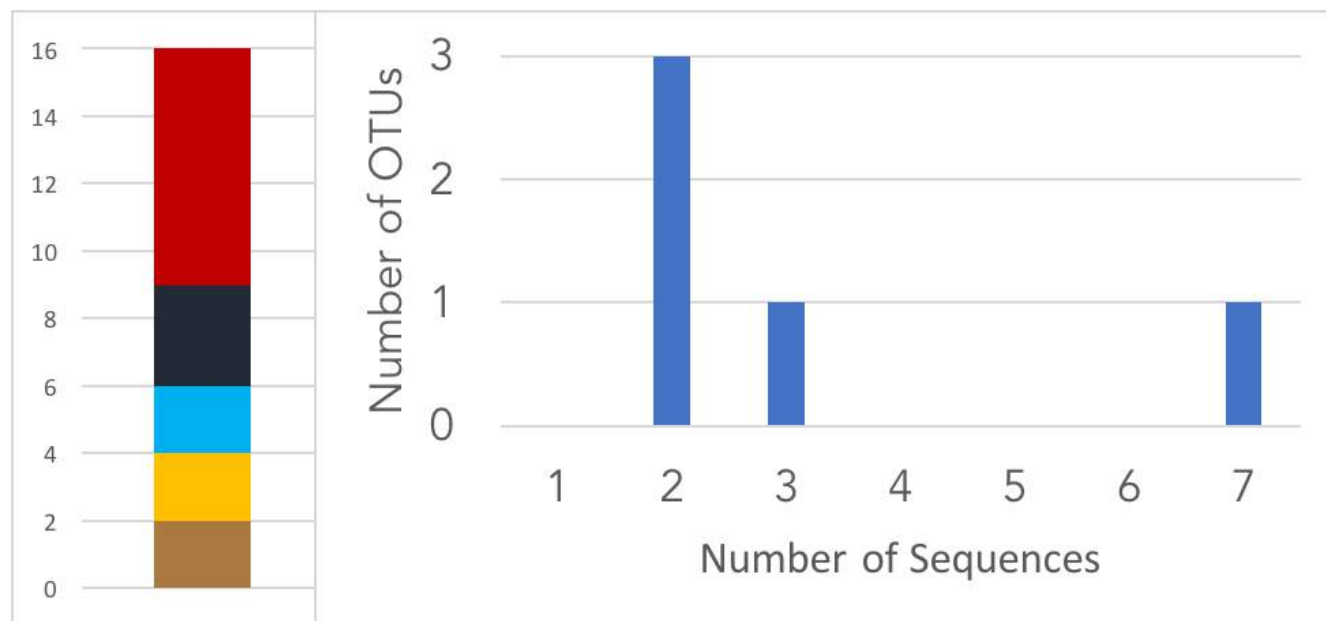
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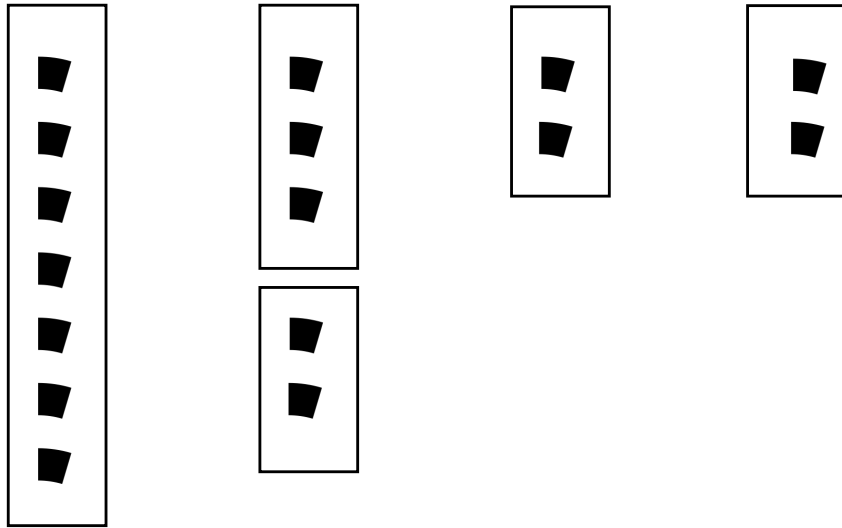
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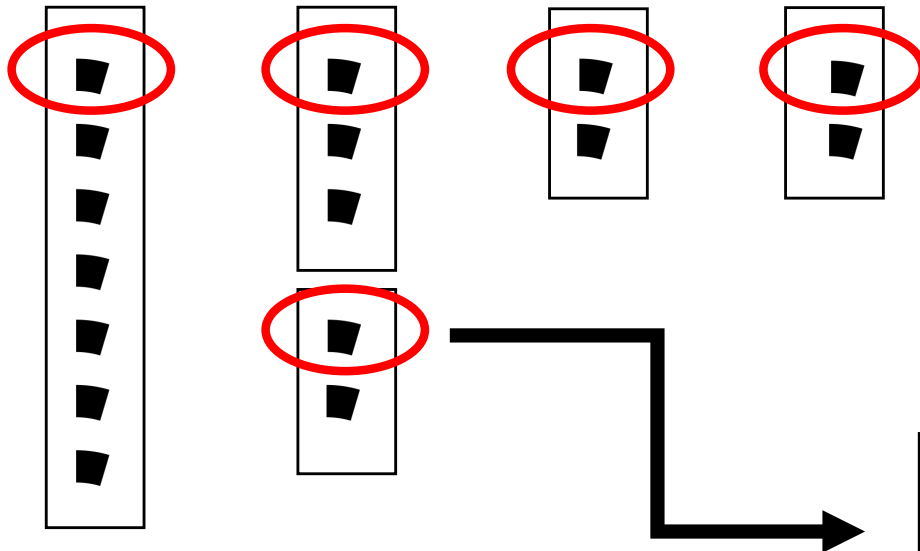
## Alpha diversity



How many (and what) things are in a single community?

- ✓ Richness (how many)
- ✓ Evenness (how distributed / abundance)
- Composition (who)

## Assign taxonomy



Use A Database (and a cut-off)



**GREENGENES**  
The 16S rRNA Gene Database and Tools

# Assign taxonomy

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# More QC: Throwing out data

Taxonomic assignment: Unassigned



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Taxonomic results: Mitochondria and Chloroplast

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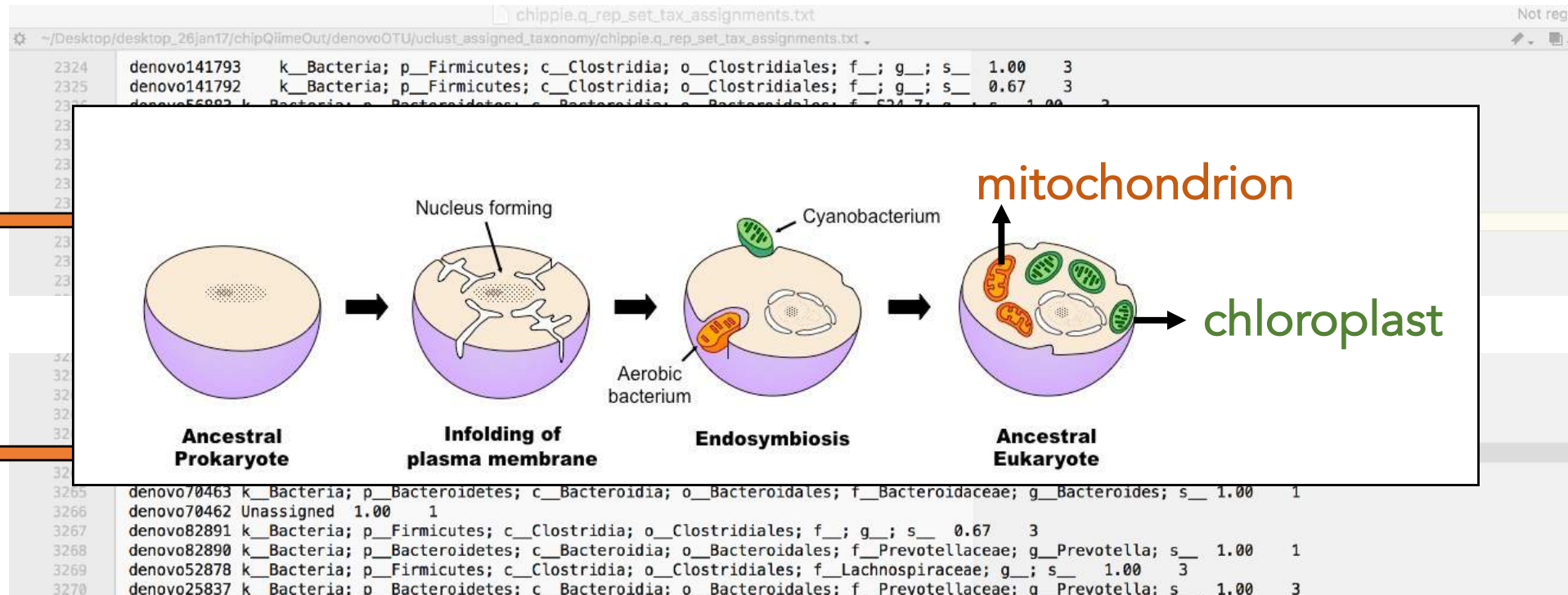


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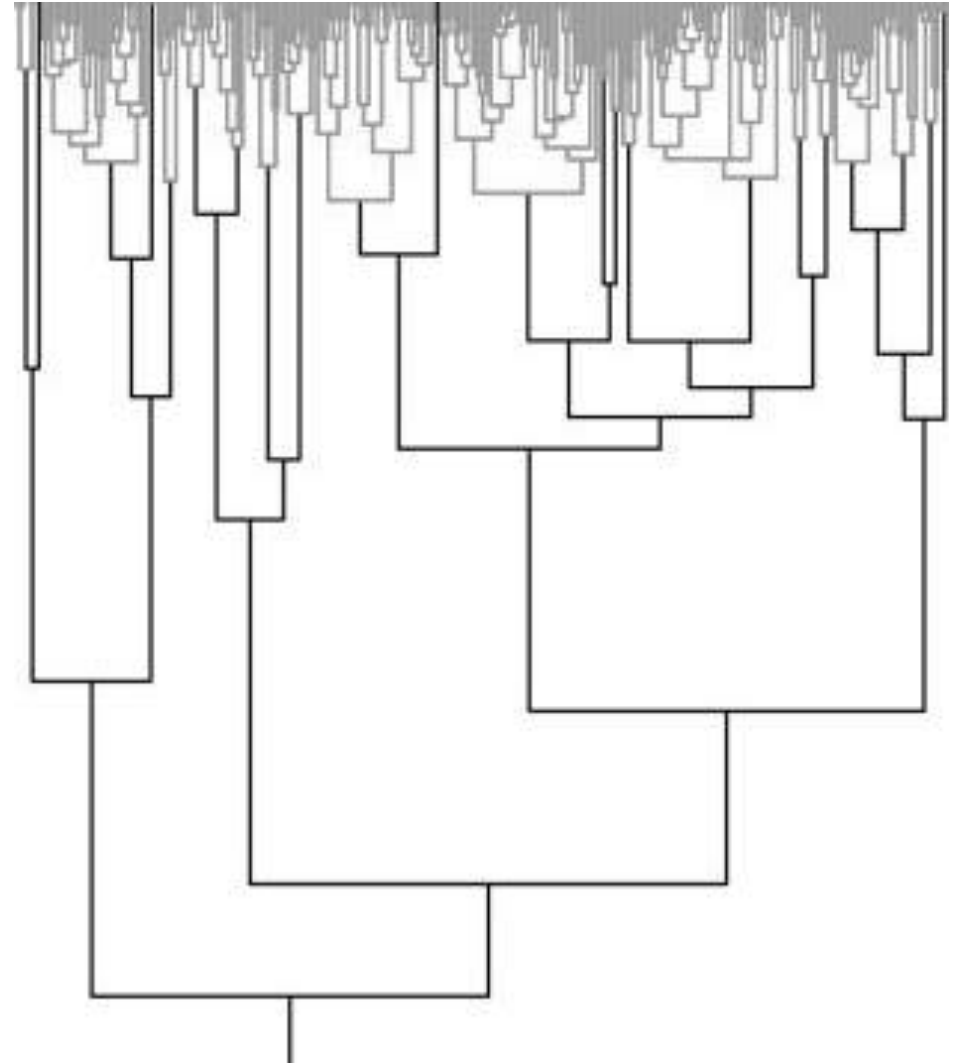
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## Alpha diversity

- Richness (how many)
- Evenness (how distributed / abundance)
- Composition (who)
- Phylogenetic diversity

## Phylogenetic diversity

**Faith's phylogenetic diversity** = minimum total branch length that includes all OTUs



# Other alpha diversity metrics

- Chao1 = richness estimate; uses singletons to account for undiscovered species; how likely are undiscovered species?
- Can also use abundance information to estimate diversity

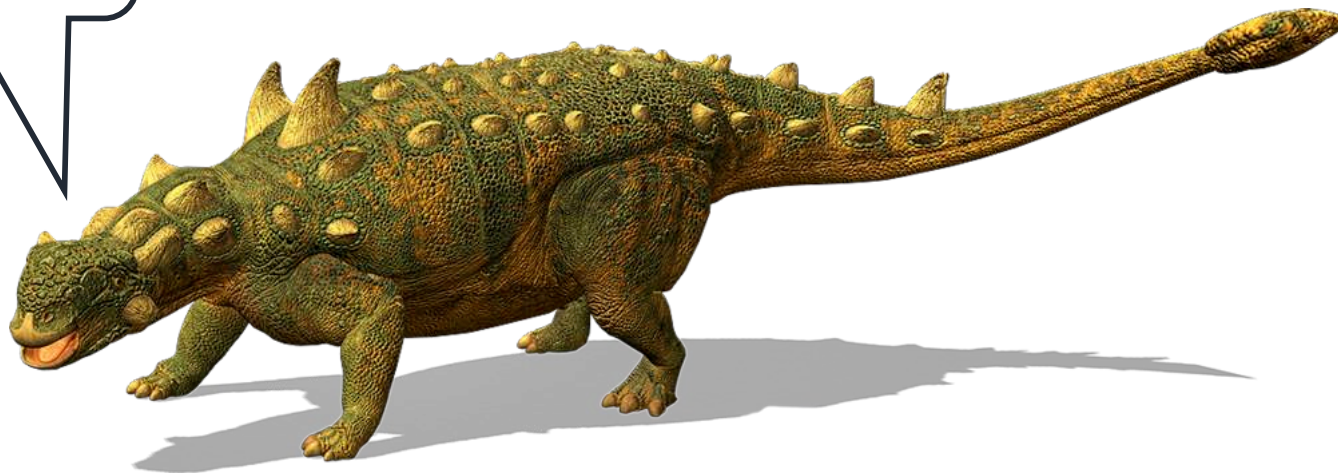
$$H' = - \sum_{i=1}^R p_i \ln p_i$$

Shannon Diversity Index = complicated equation, accounts for evenness; how likely are you to predict the next species found?

$$l = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^R n_i(n_i - 1)}{N(N - 1)}$$

Simpson's Index = simple equation, accounts for evenness; what is the probability that two sequences belong to the same species?

Any  
questions?

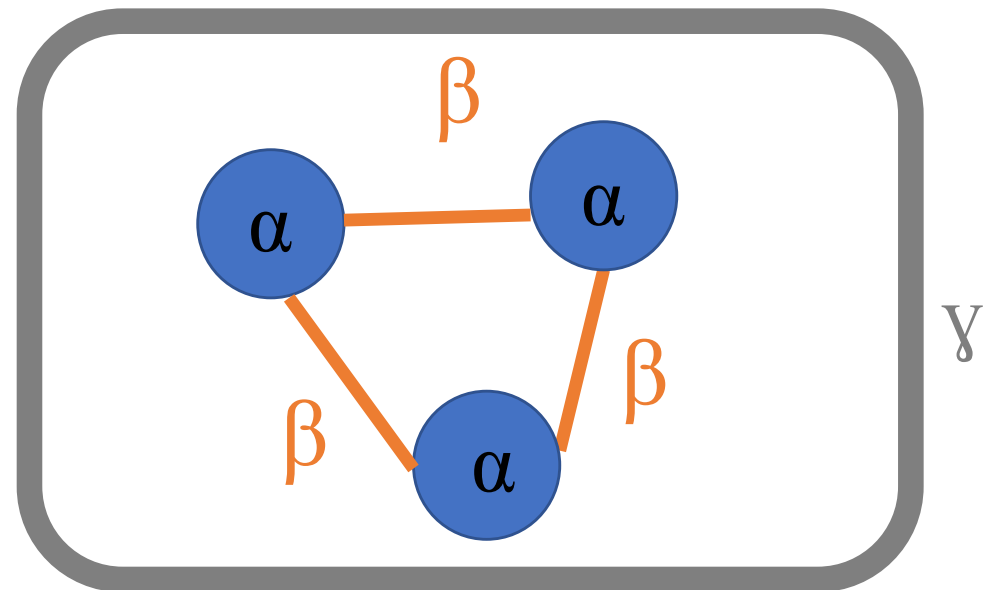


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## Measures of species diversity

- ✓ Alpha diversity: diversity within a site
- Beta diversity: diversity between sites
- Gamma diversity: total diversity of a region

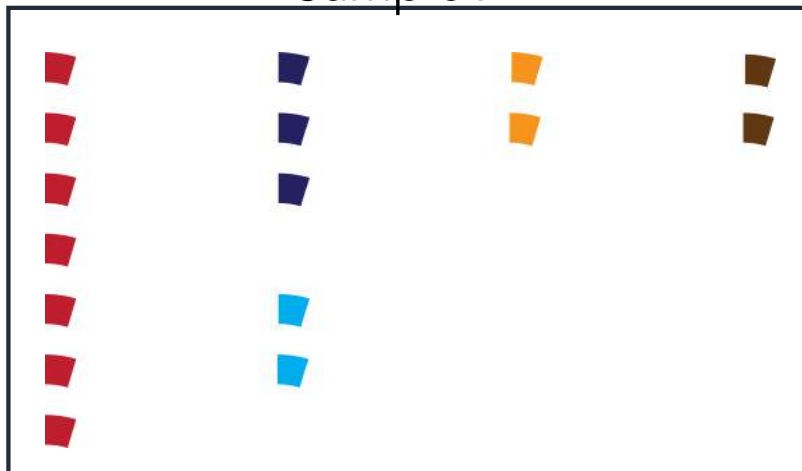


## Beta diversity

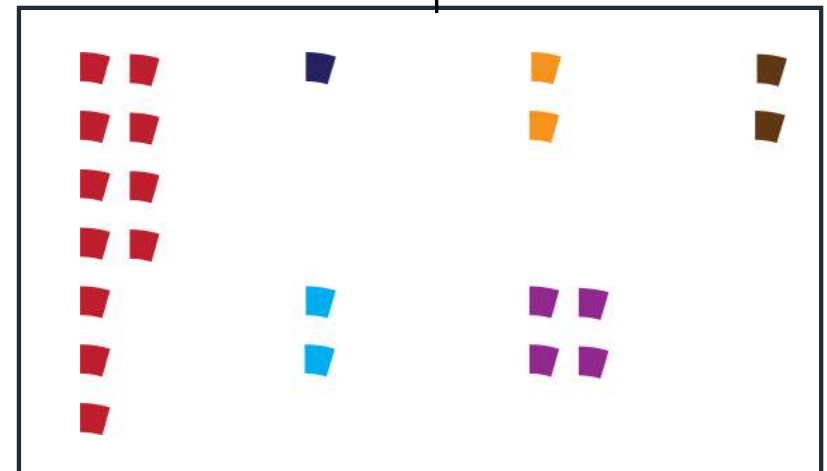
- How similar are these communities?



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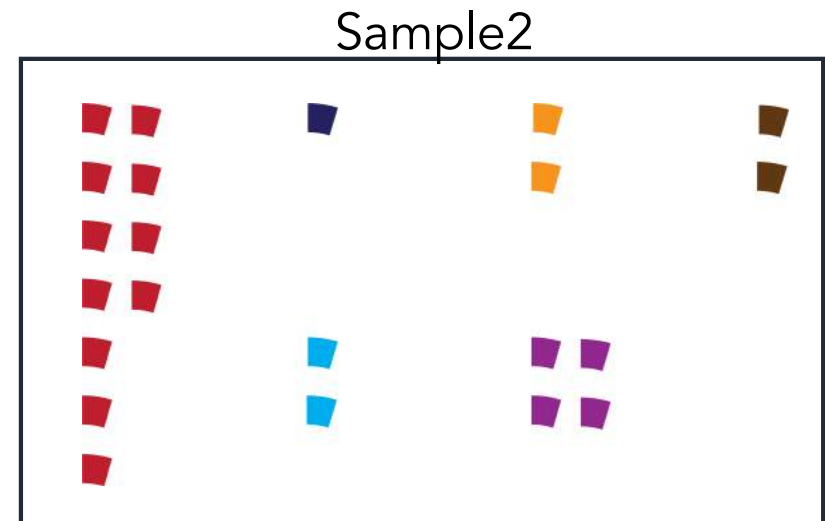
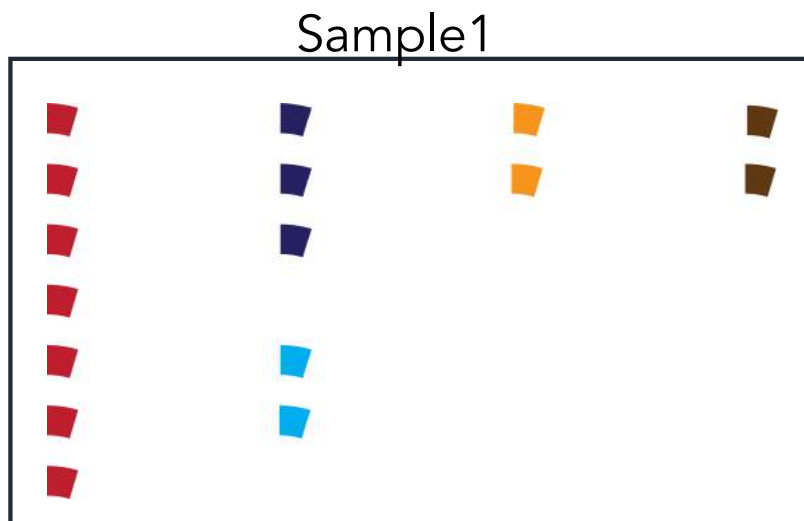


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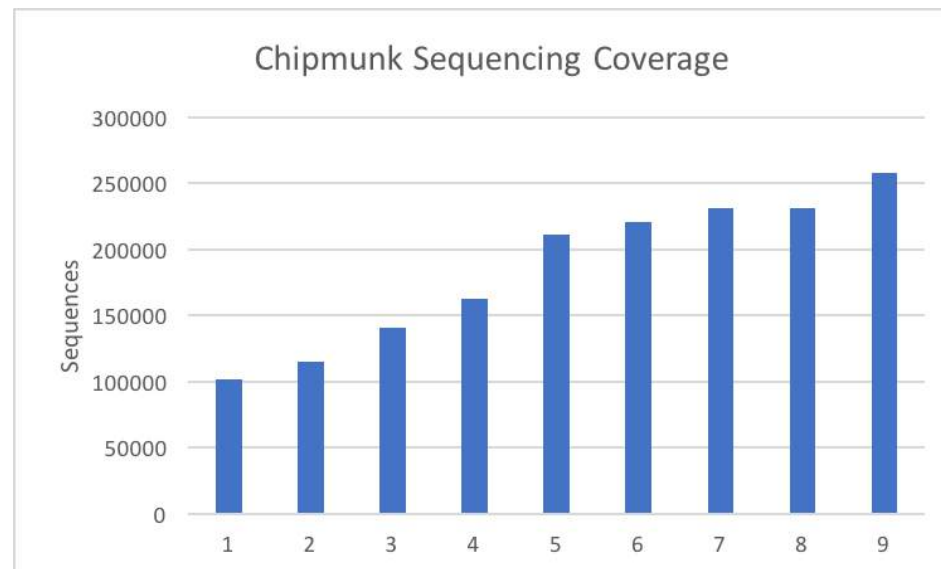
## Beta diversity

- How similar are these communities?
- Usually need equal sampling effort.
  - Rarefy the data.



# Rarefying data

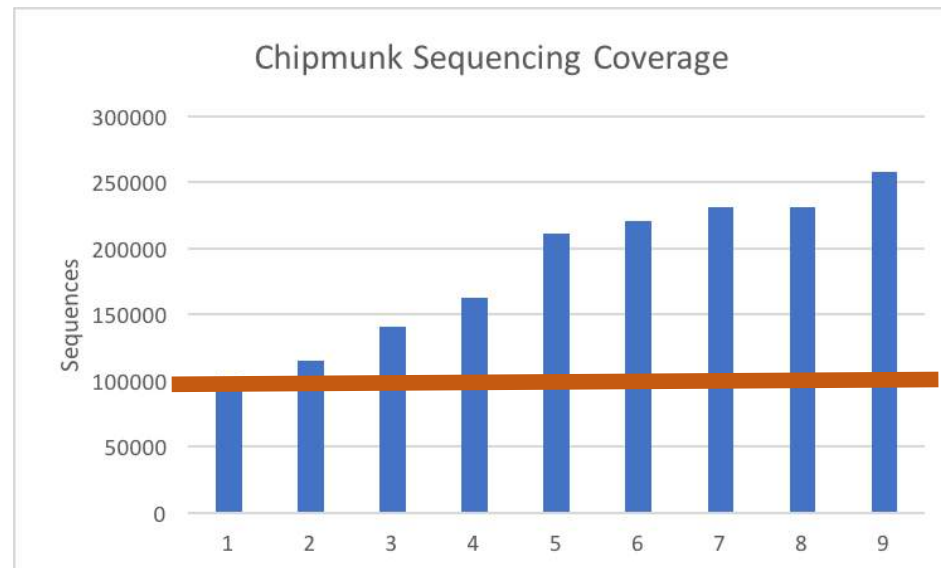
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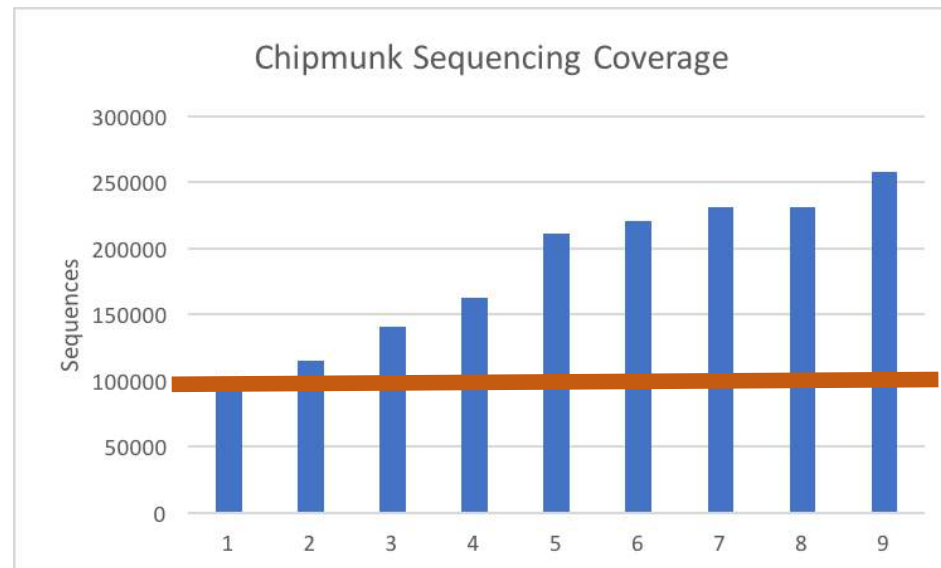
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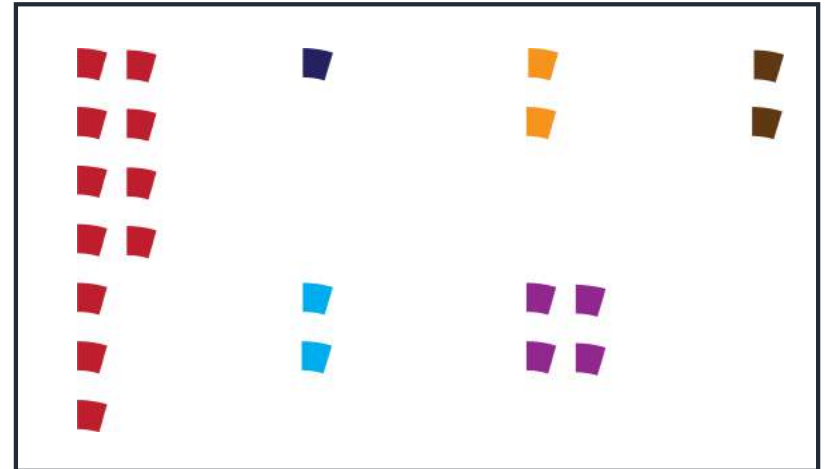
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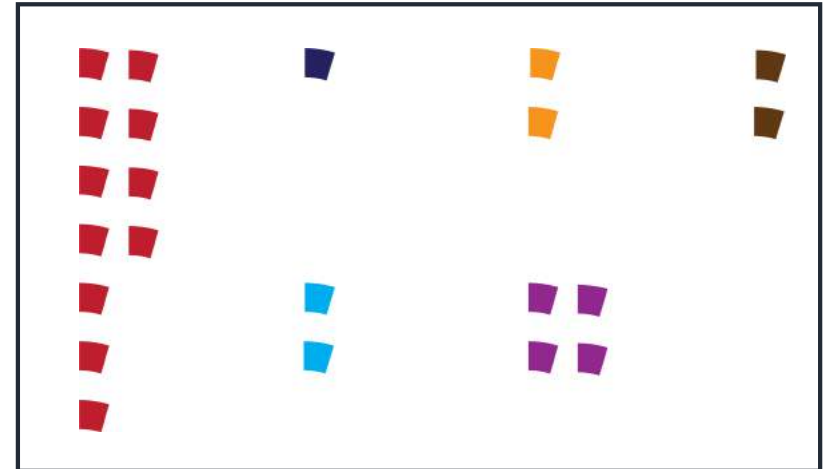
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Sample1



Sample2





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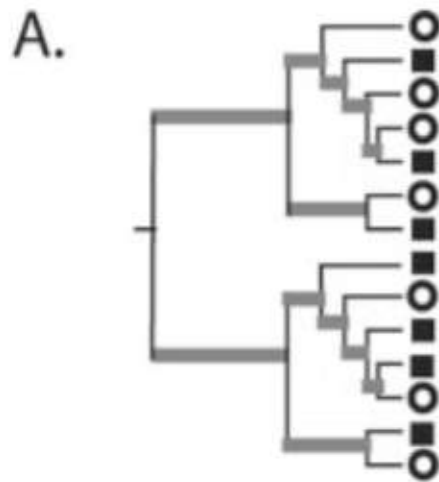
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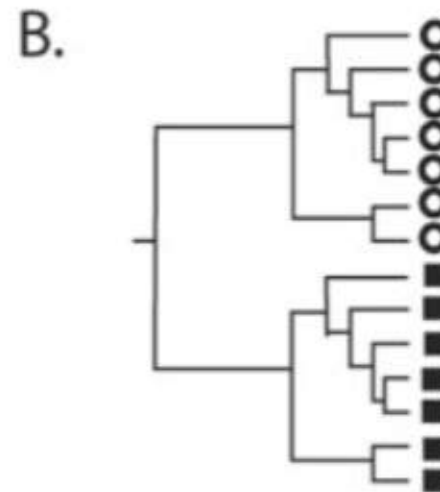
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# UniFrac distances

Phylogenetic metric. Calculates the UNIque FRAction of the tree belonging to each community

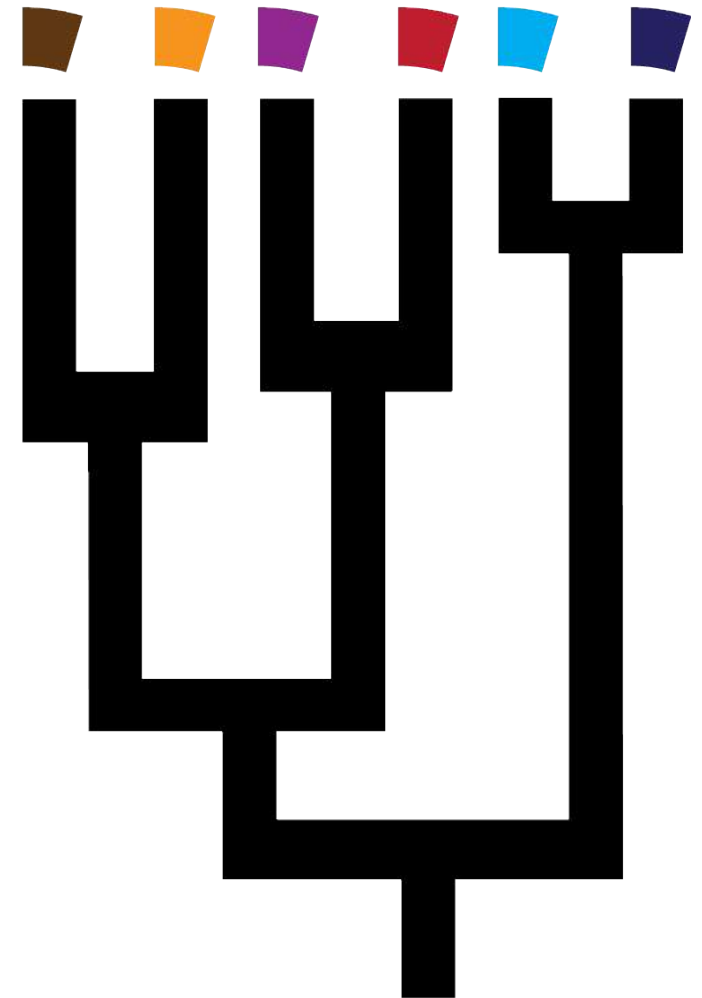


UF = ~0.5



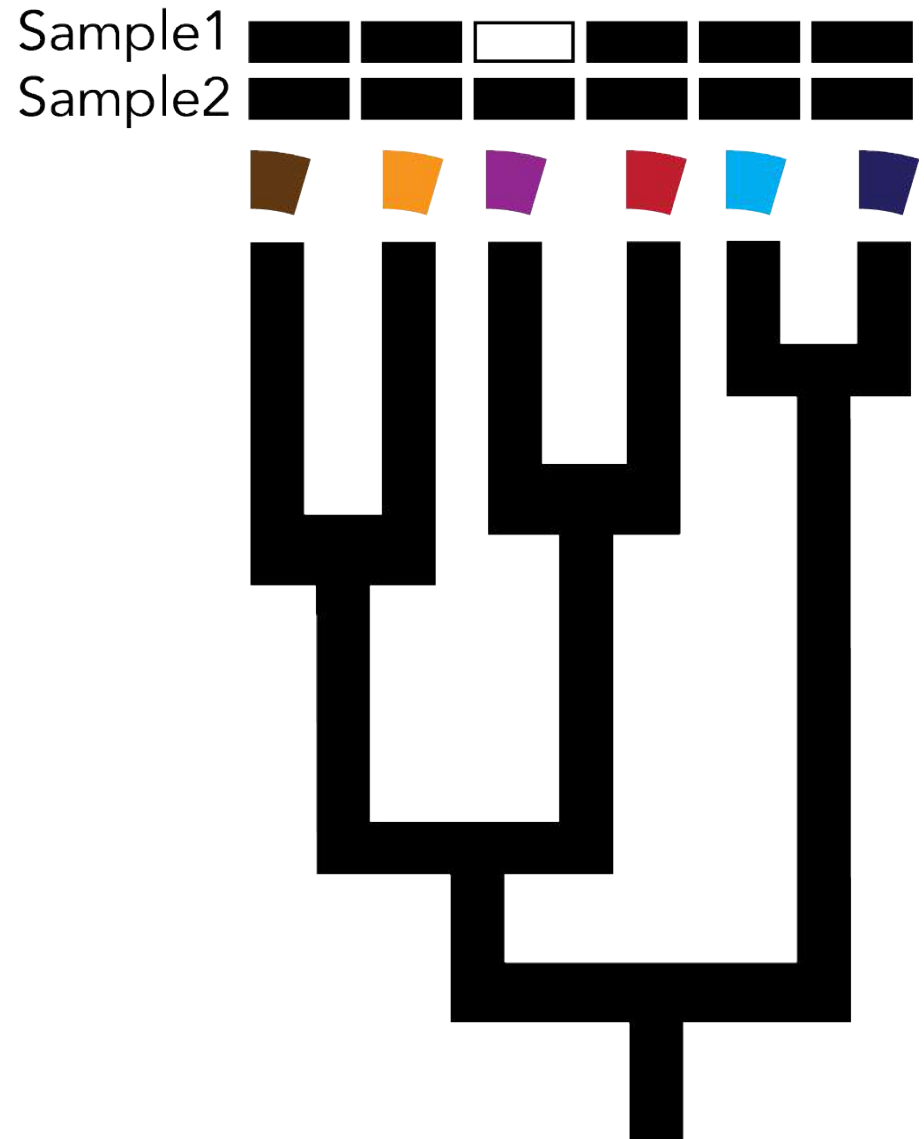
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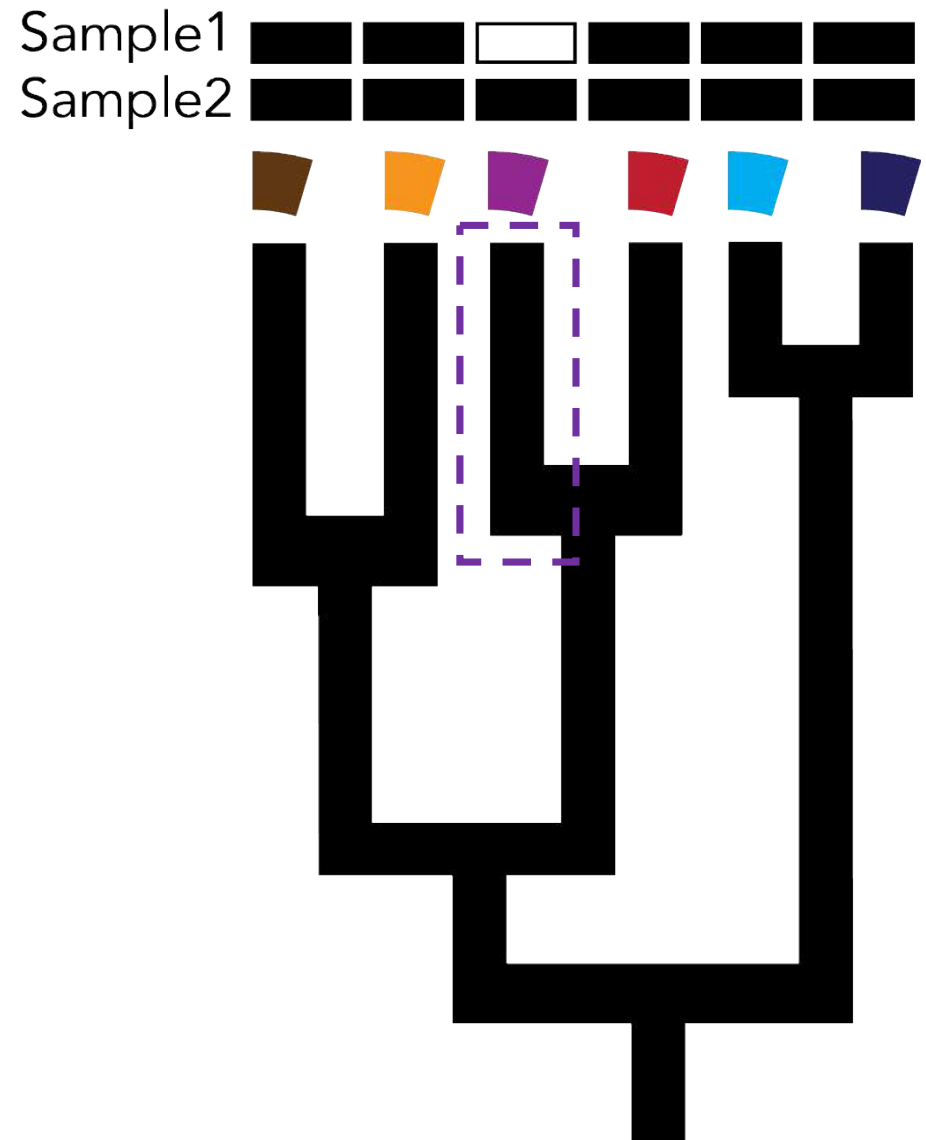
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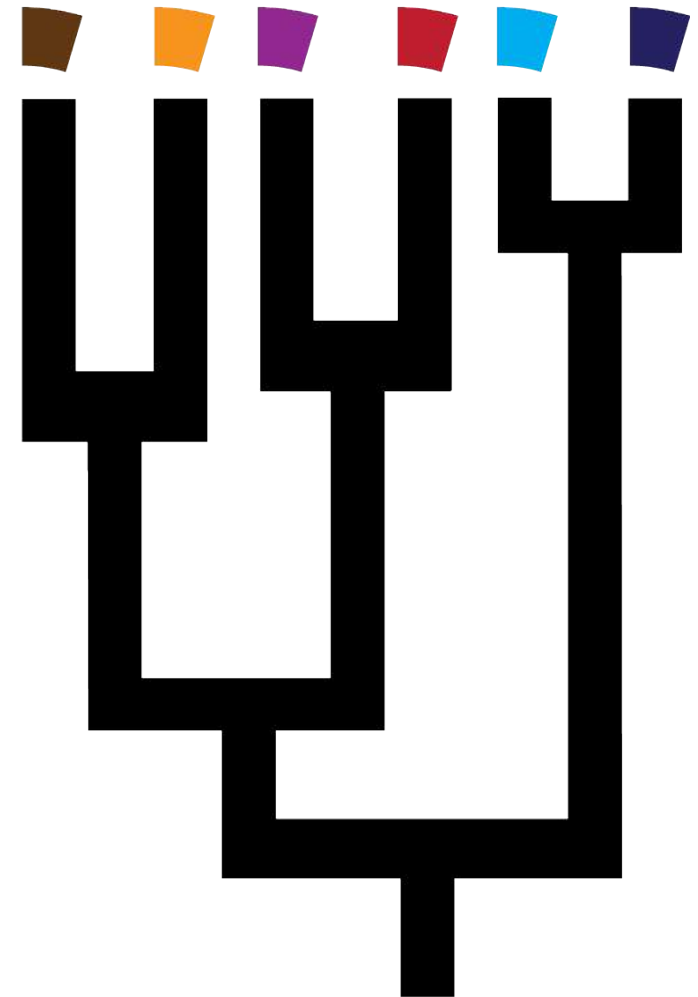




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N=nodes

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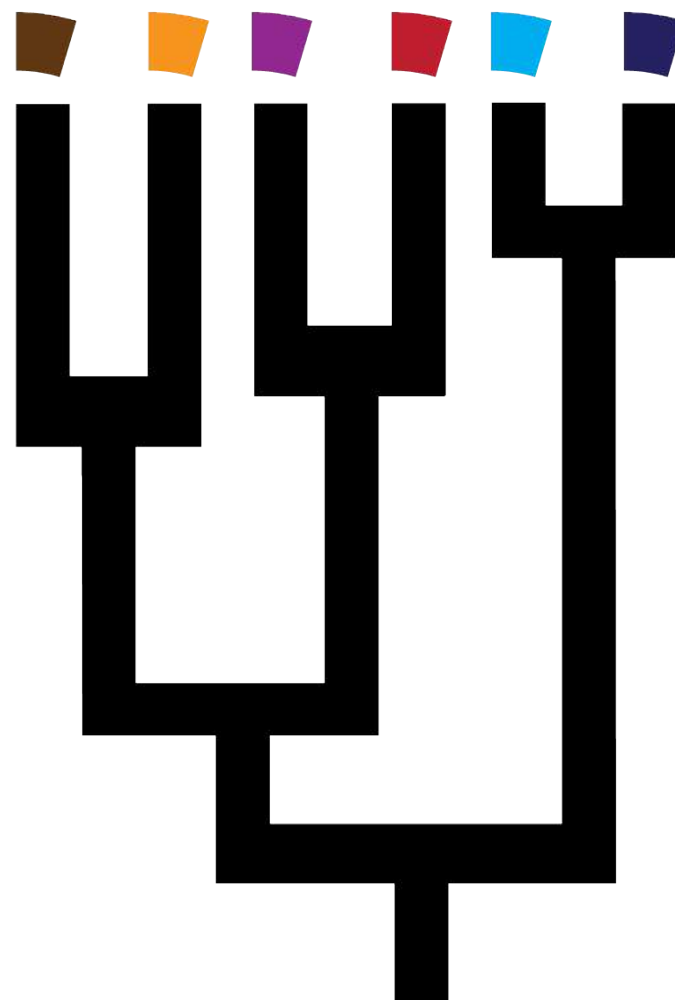
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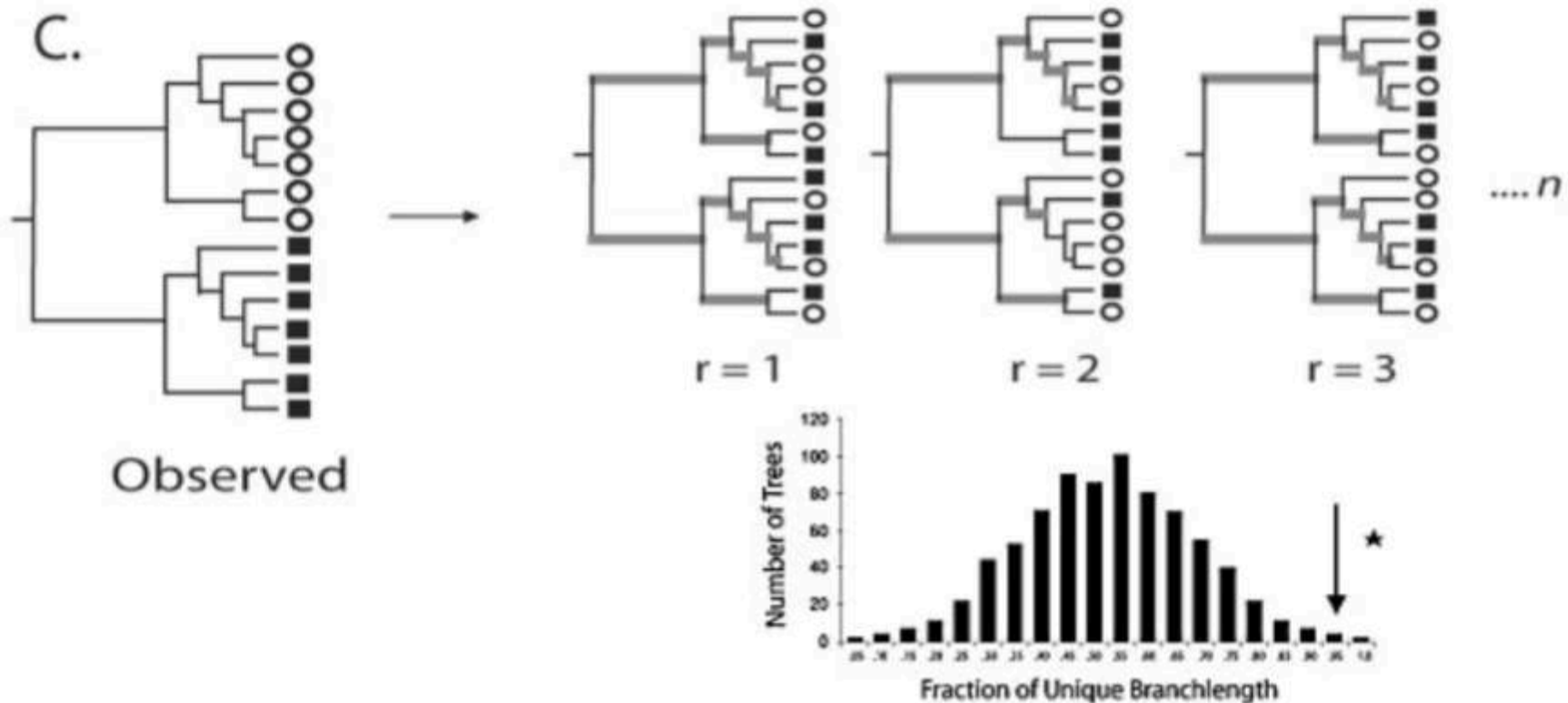
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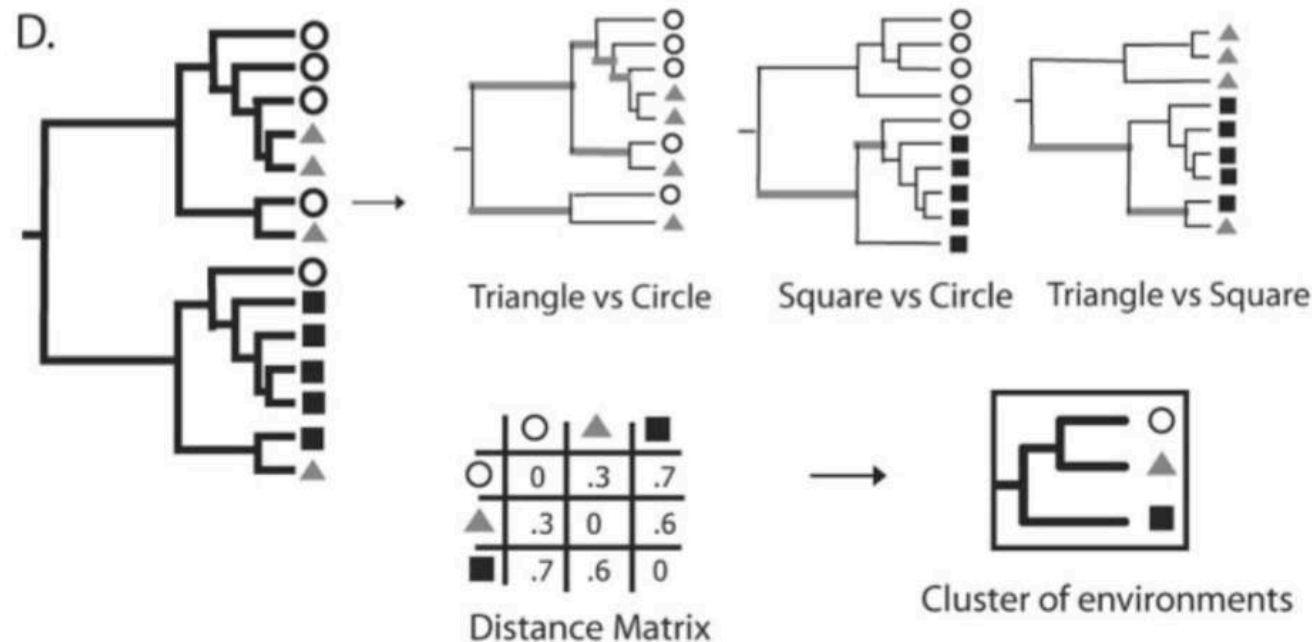
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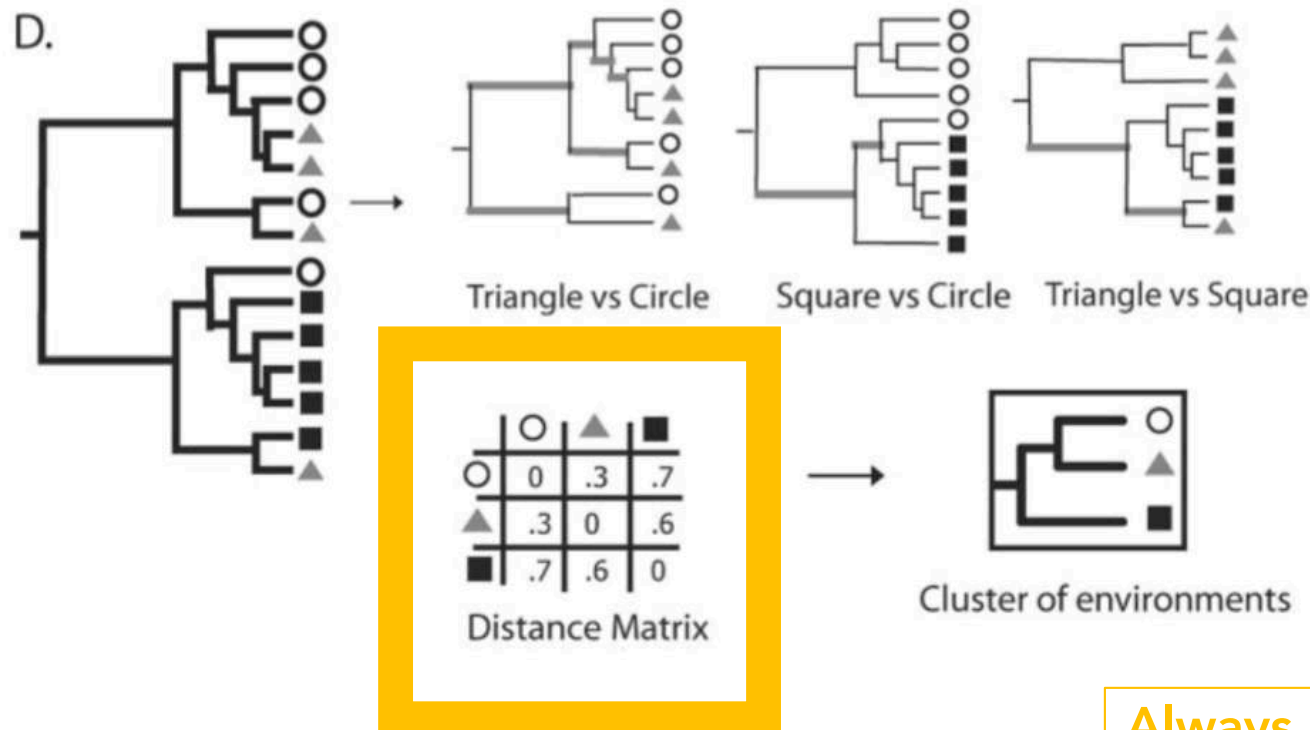
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WATER_2		-	0.42	0.77	0.76	0.71
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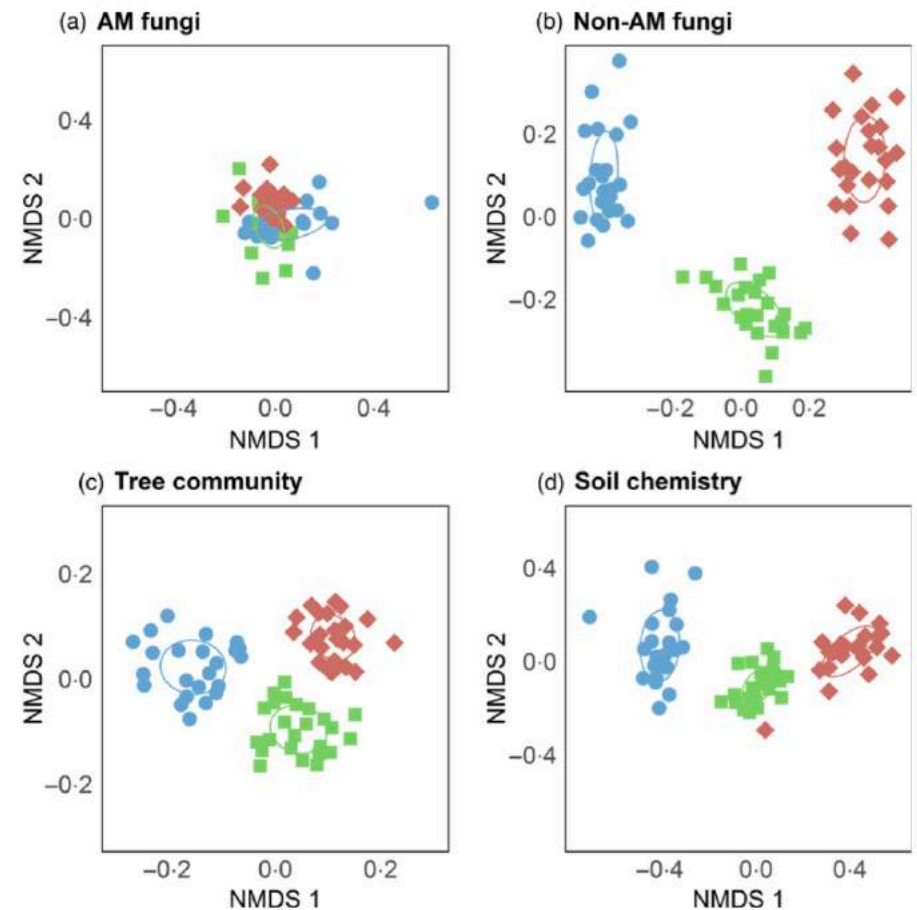
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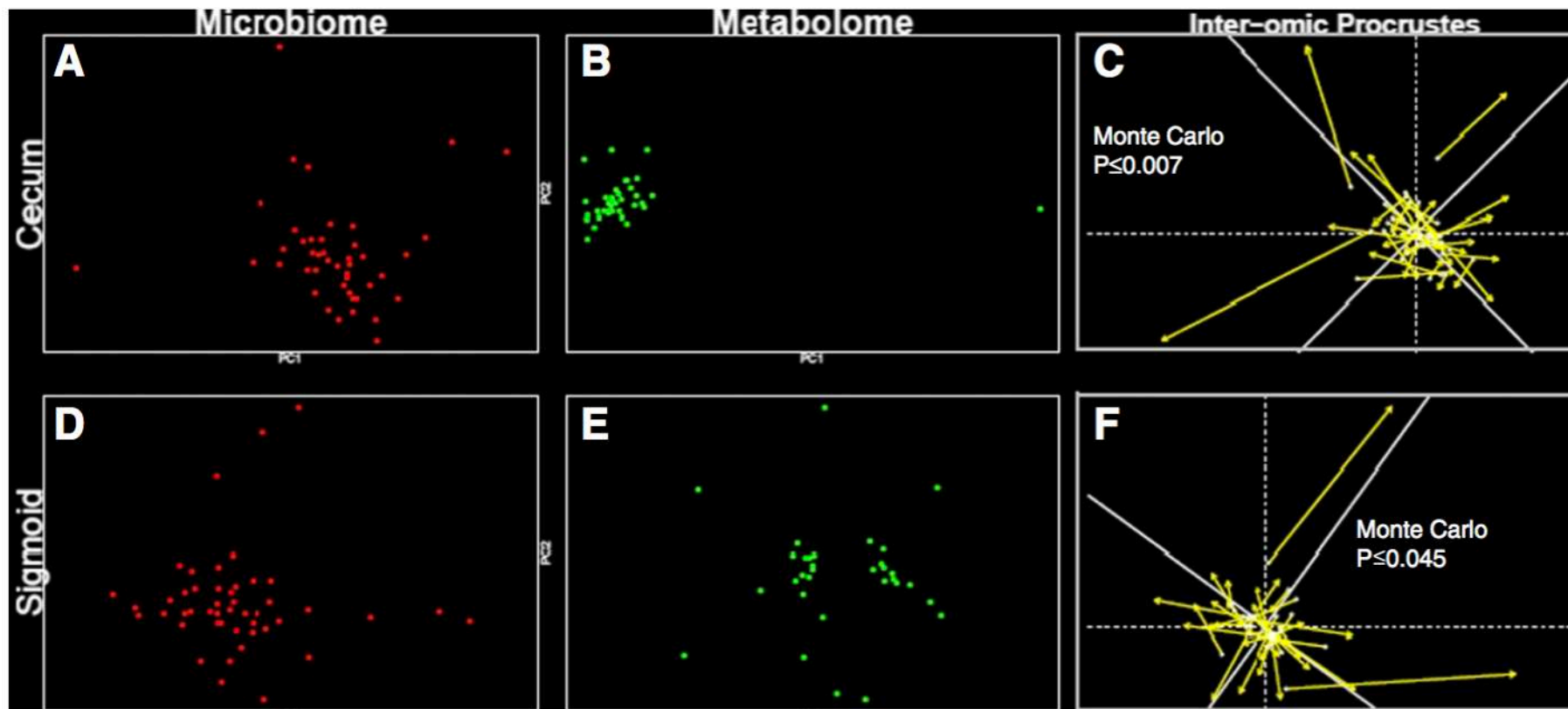
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- NMDS (Nonmetric multidimensional scaling)
- PCA (Principle Components Analysis)
- PCoA (Principle Coordinates Analysis)



## Comparing ordinations: Procrustes rotation

Do we draw the same conclusions using different methods/metrics?

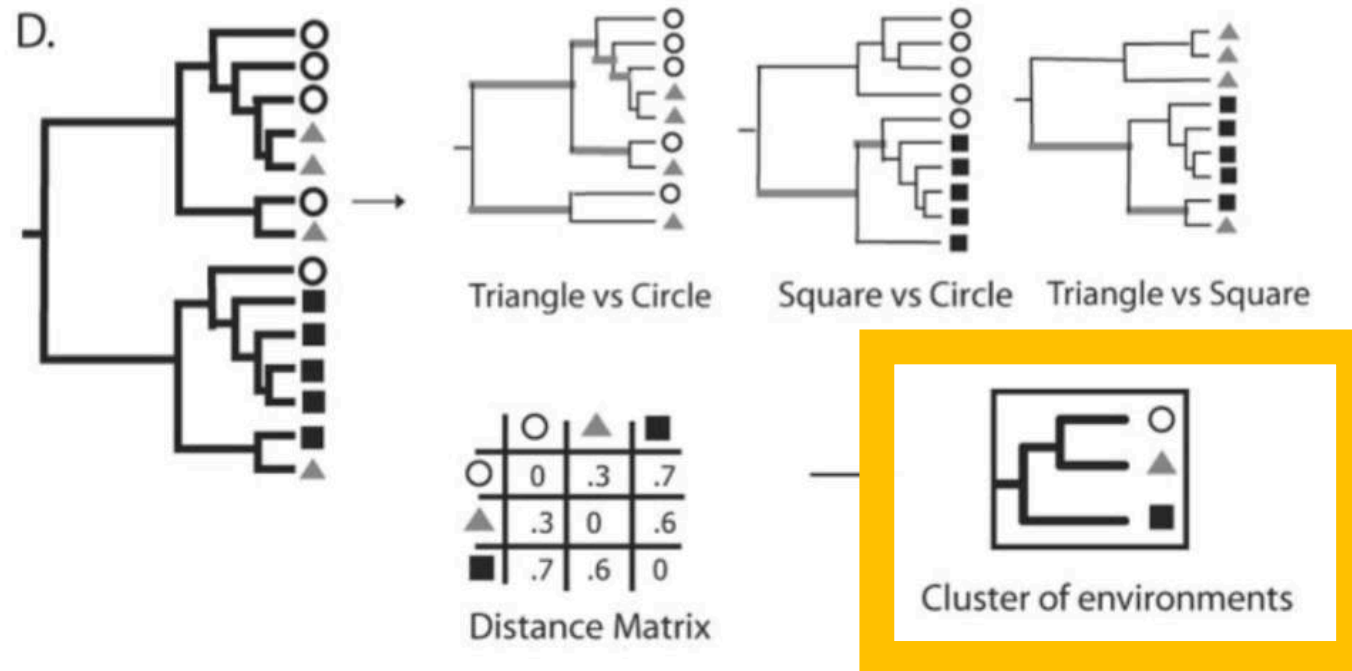


**Fun fact!**  
(Wikipedia)

In Greek mythology, **Procrustes** (Προκρούστης *Prokroustes*) or "the stretcher [who hammers out the metal]", also known as **Prokoptas** or **Damastes** (Δαμαστής) "subduer", was a rogue smith and bandit from Attica who physically attacked people by stretching them or cutting off their legs, so as to force them to fit the size of an iron bed.

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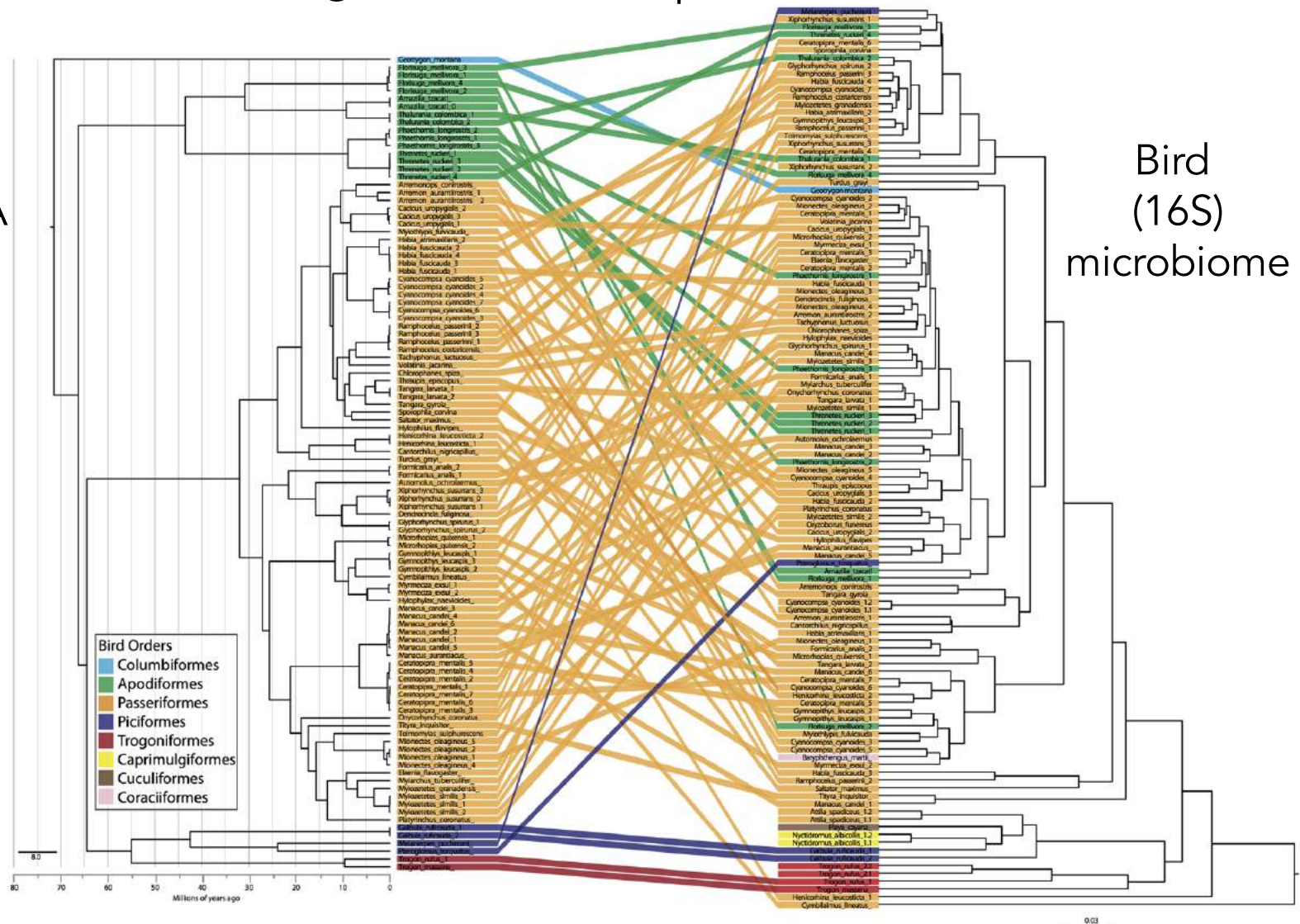
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Bird  
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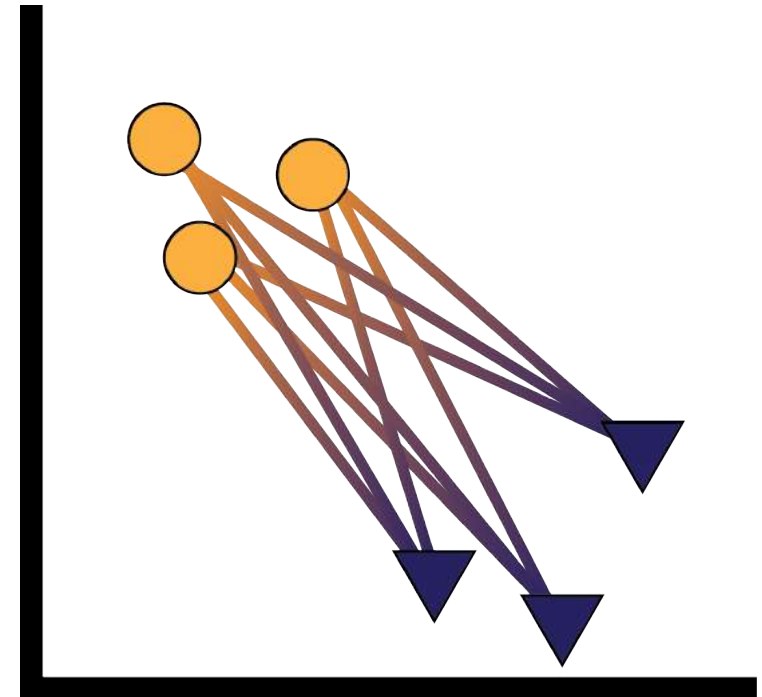
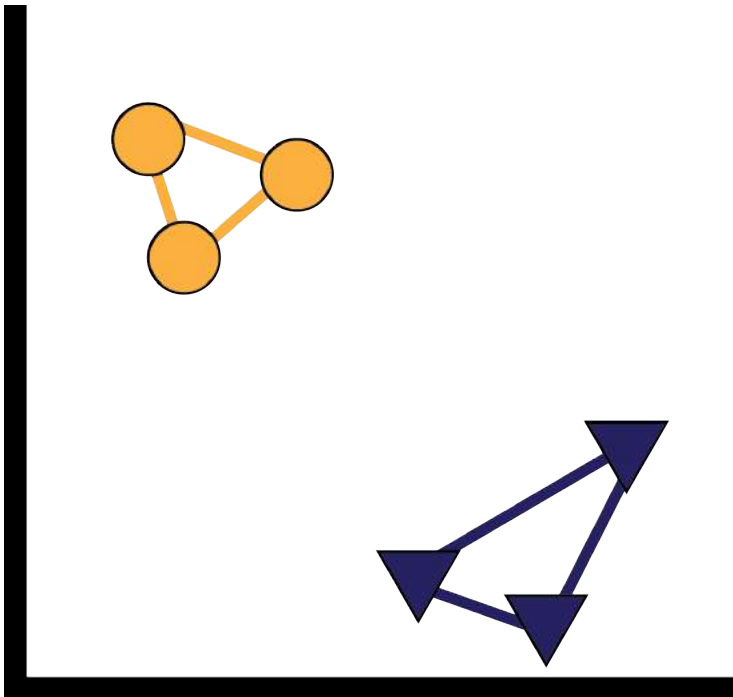
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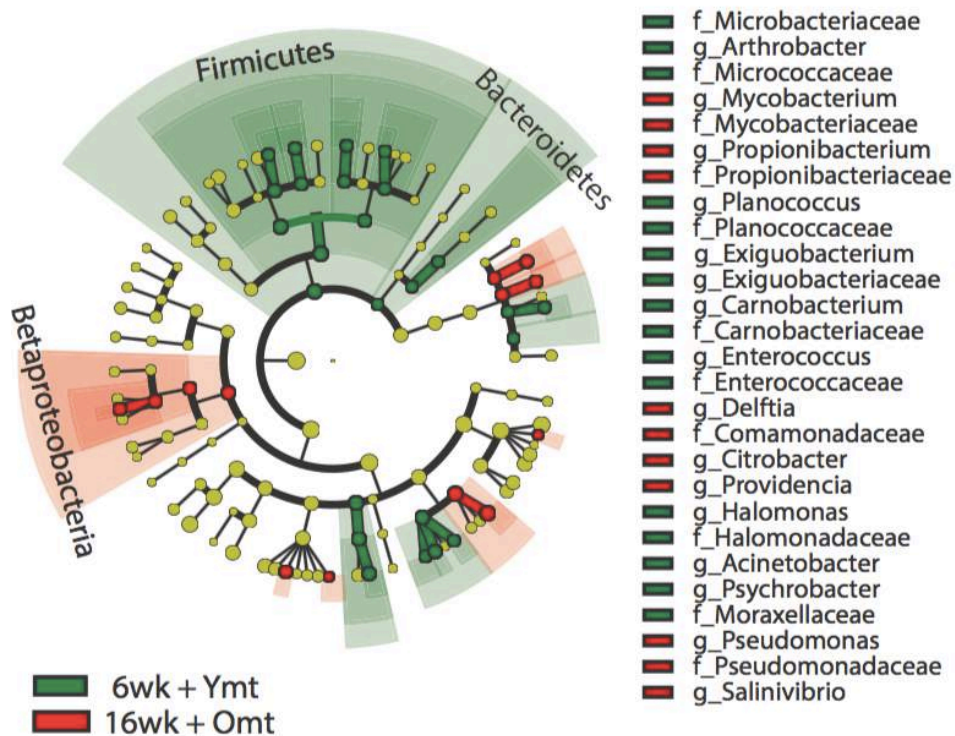
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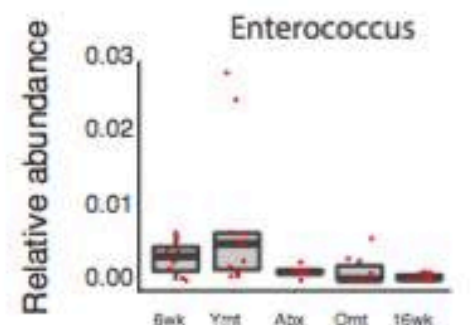
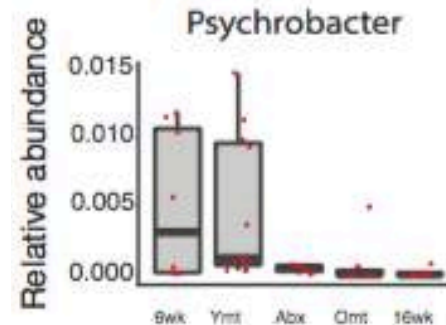
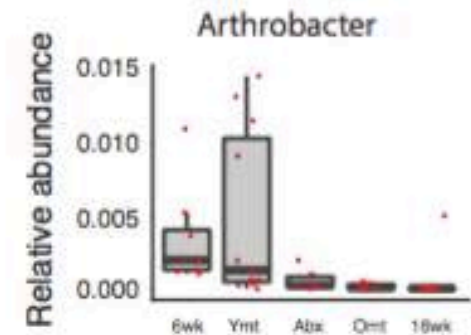
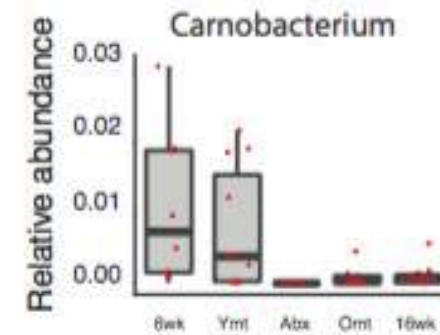
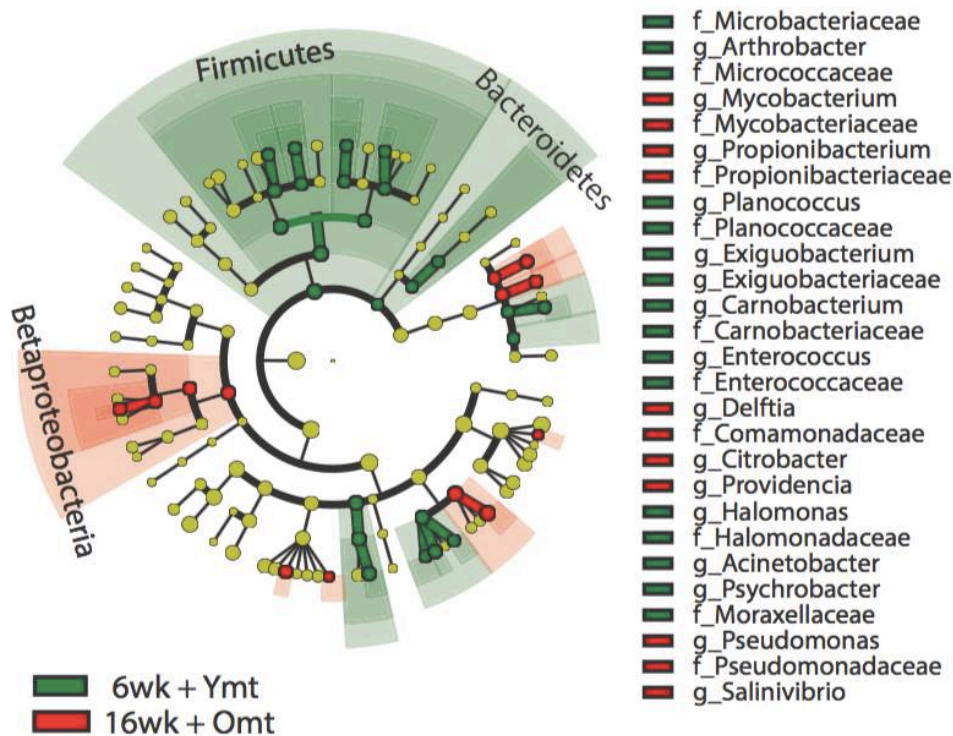
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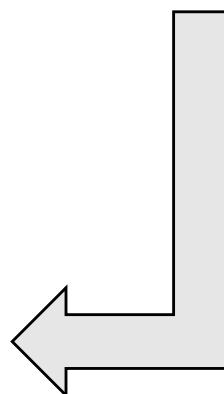
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**SUMMARIZE**  
(percentage of  
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## Networks

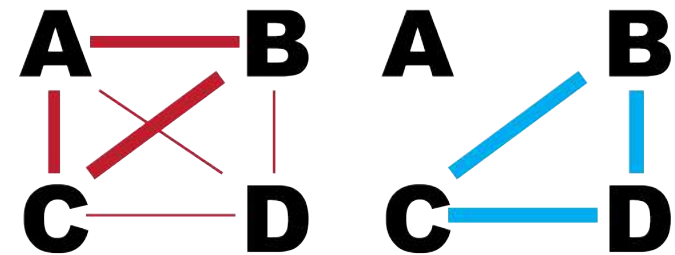
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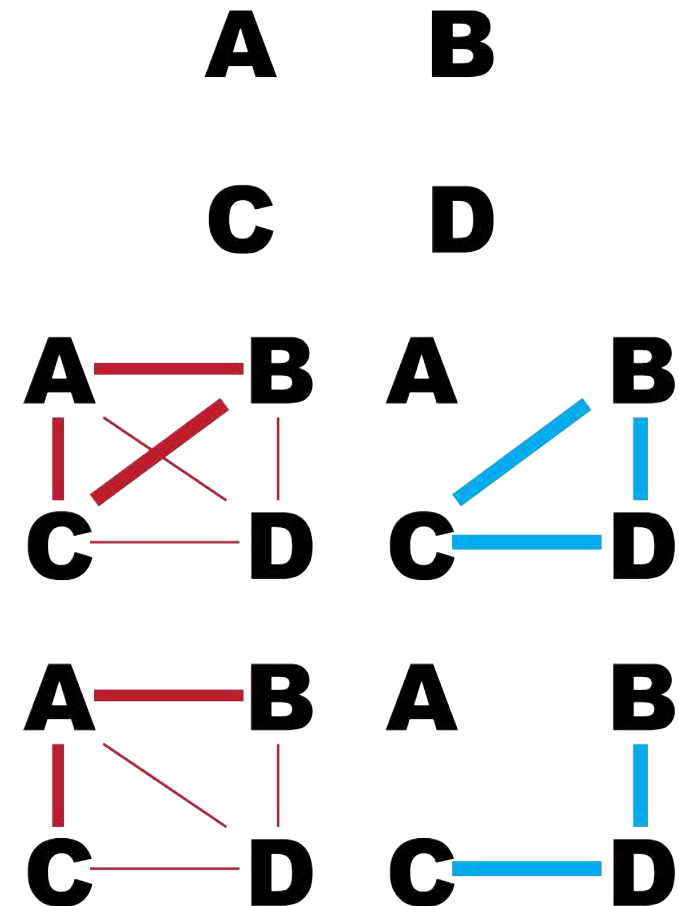


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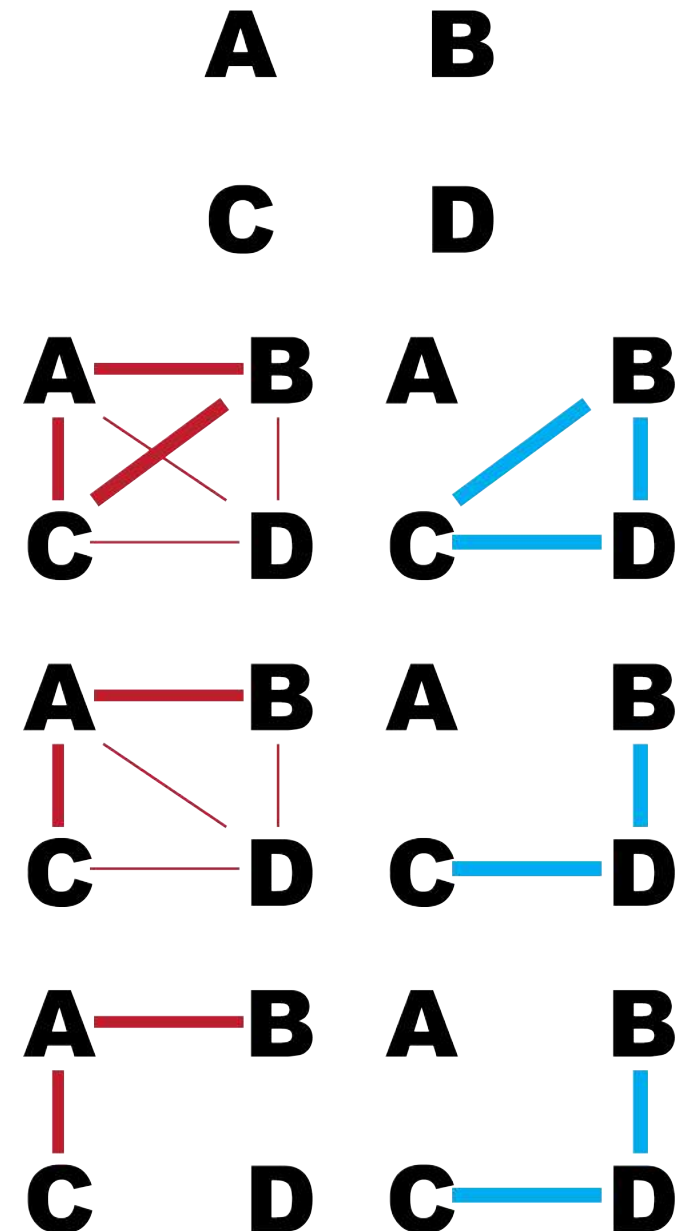
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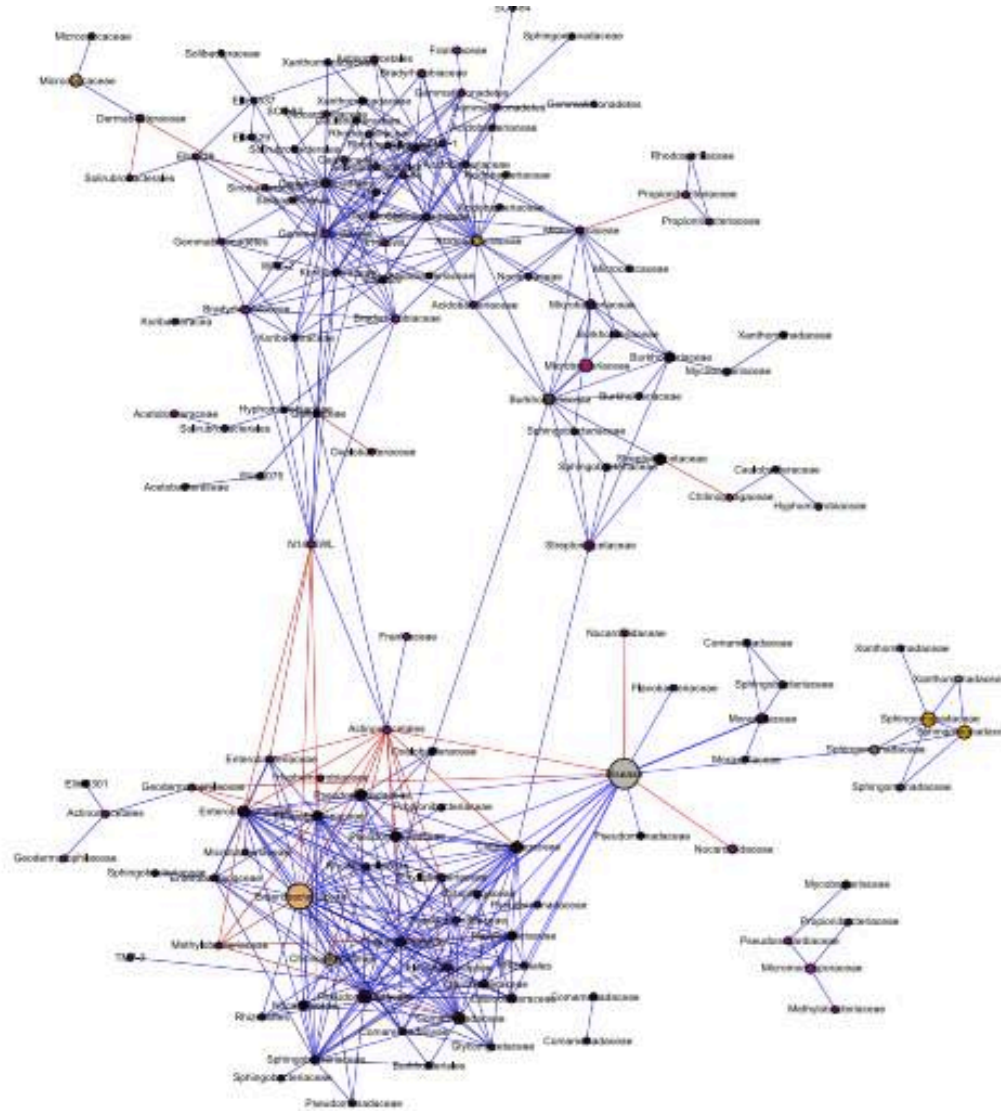
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- A & D are mutually exclusive
- A & D are connected to identical OTUs
- Phylogenetic information
- Function



## Networks



(Intentionally no citation)

# 4. Analyze the results (16S)

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- **Identify** "who" is there
- **Describe**/measure/quantify diversity (alpha and beta)
- **Compare** categories



Any  
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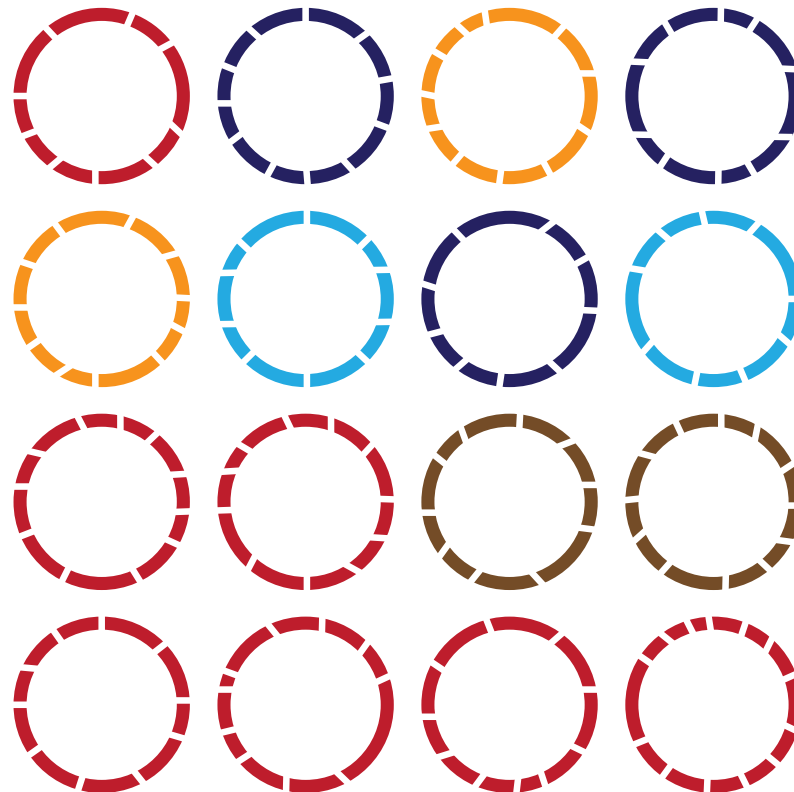
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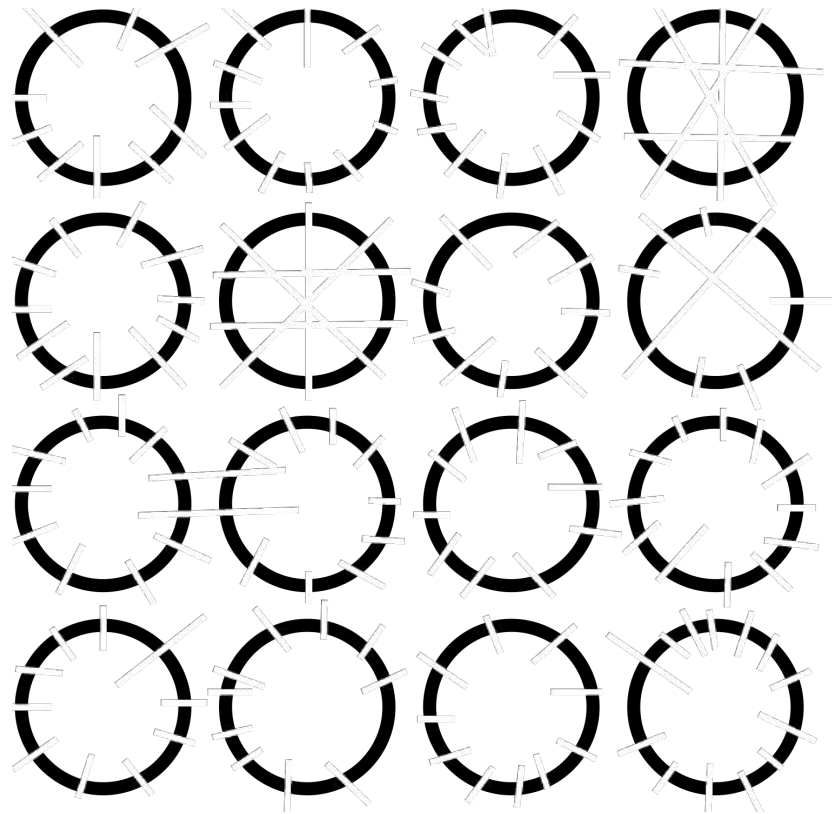
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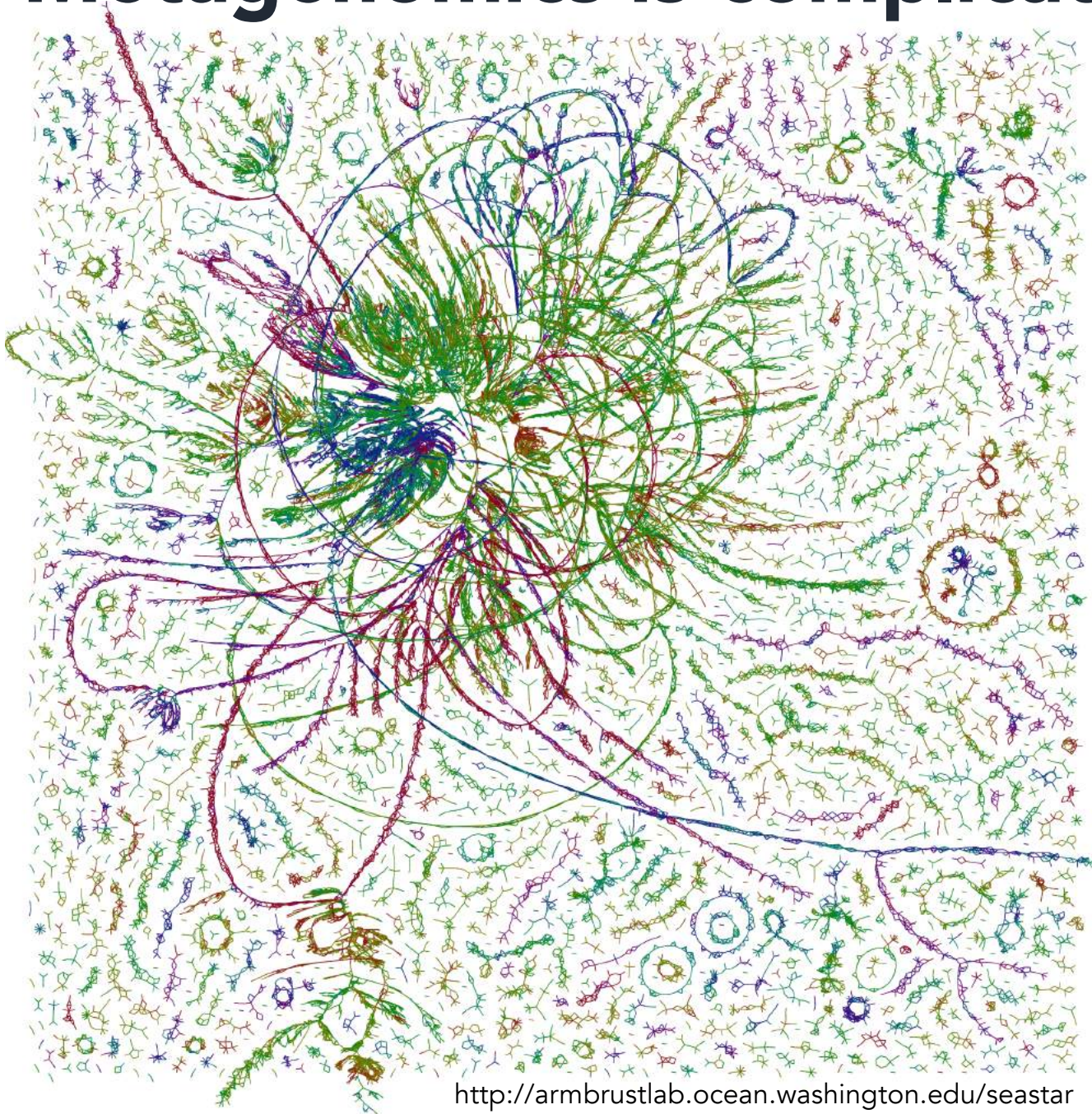
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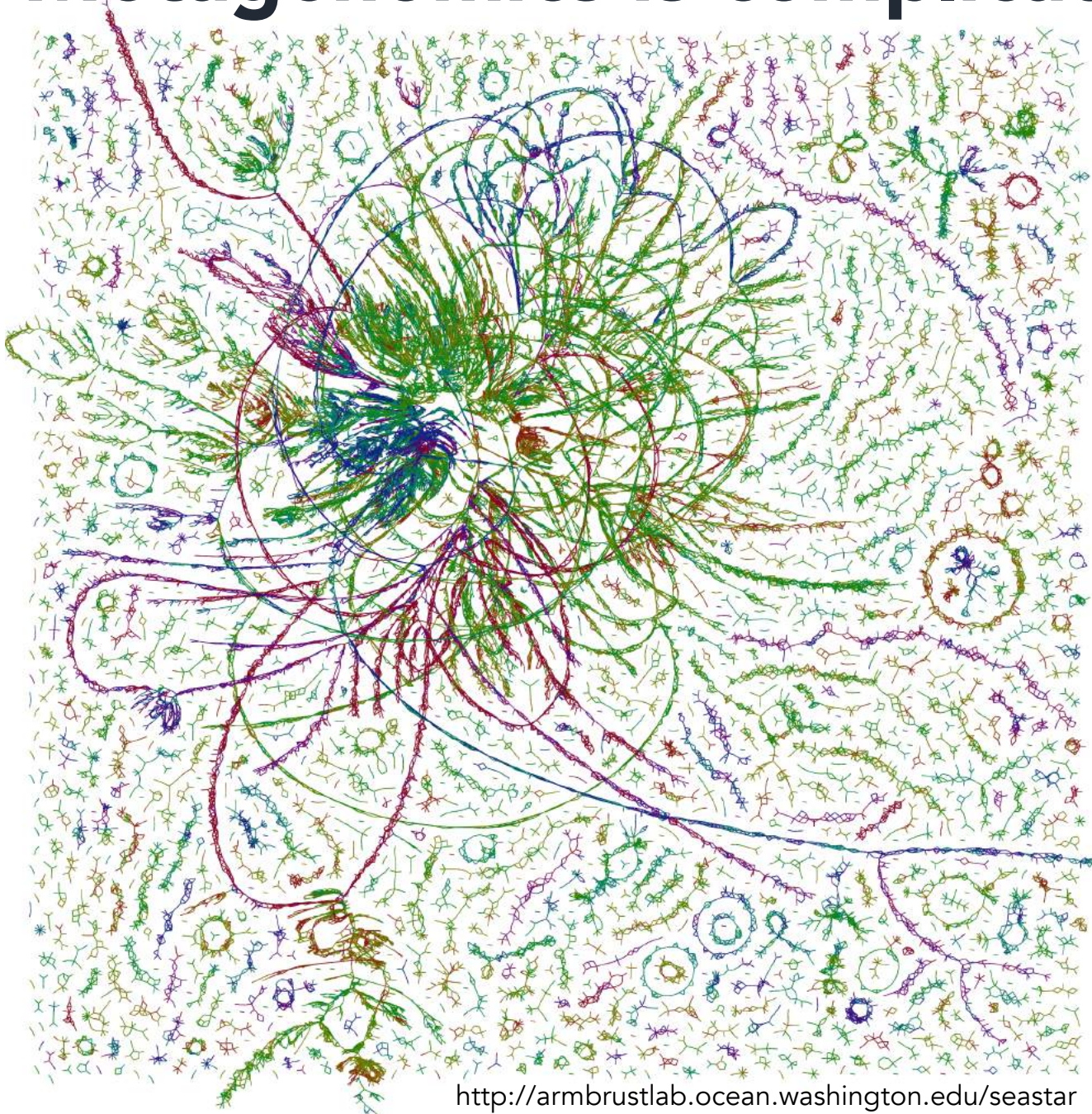


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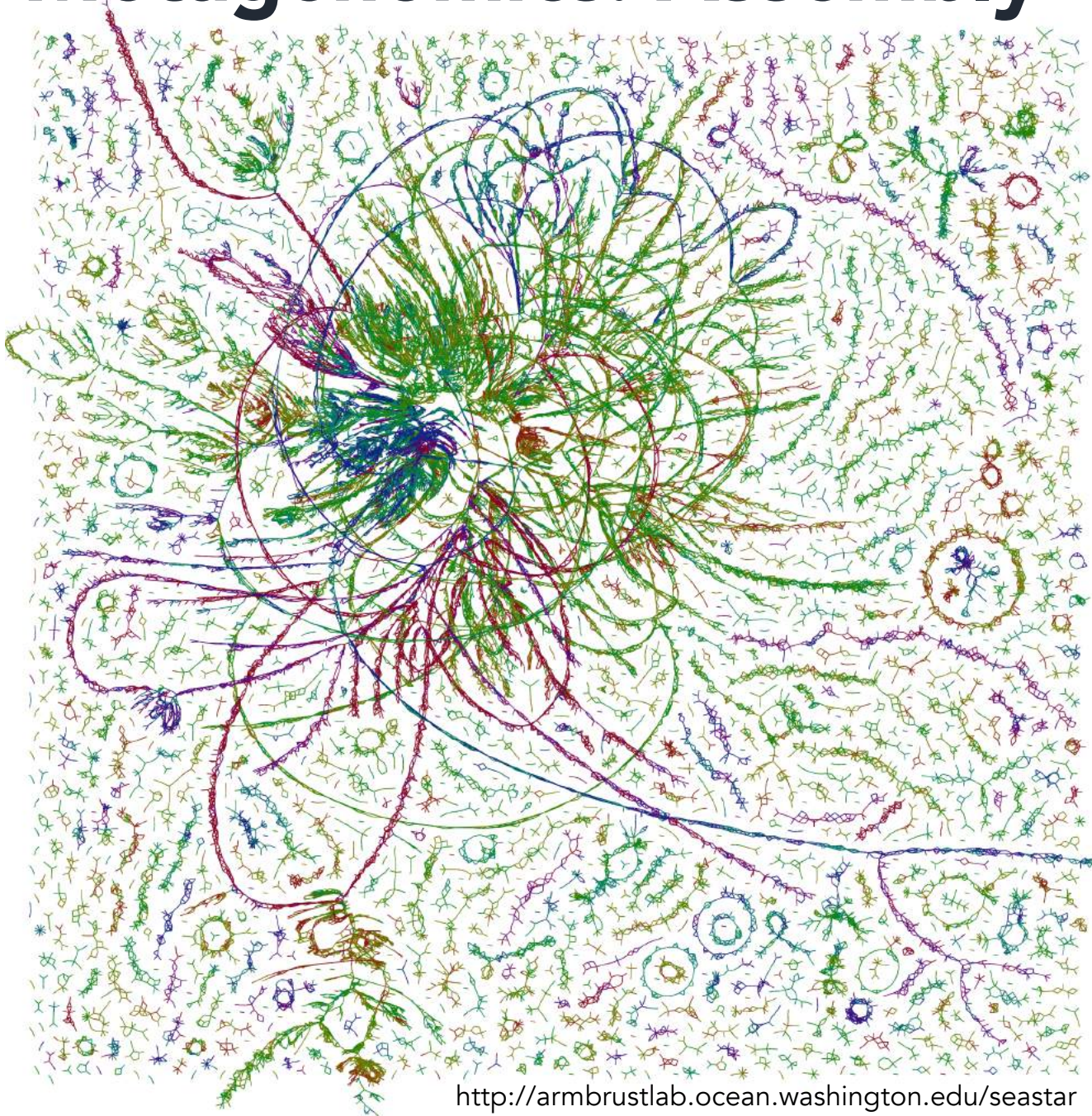
Assemble (or not)

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# Metagenomics: Assembly



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Similar to genome assembly

Repetitive sequences and homologous regions make things difficult

deBruijn graphs are frequently utilized



# Metagenomics: Align and Assign

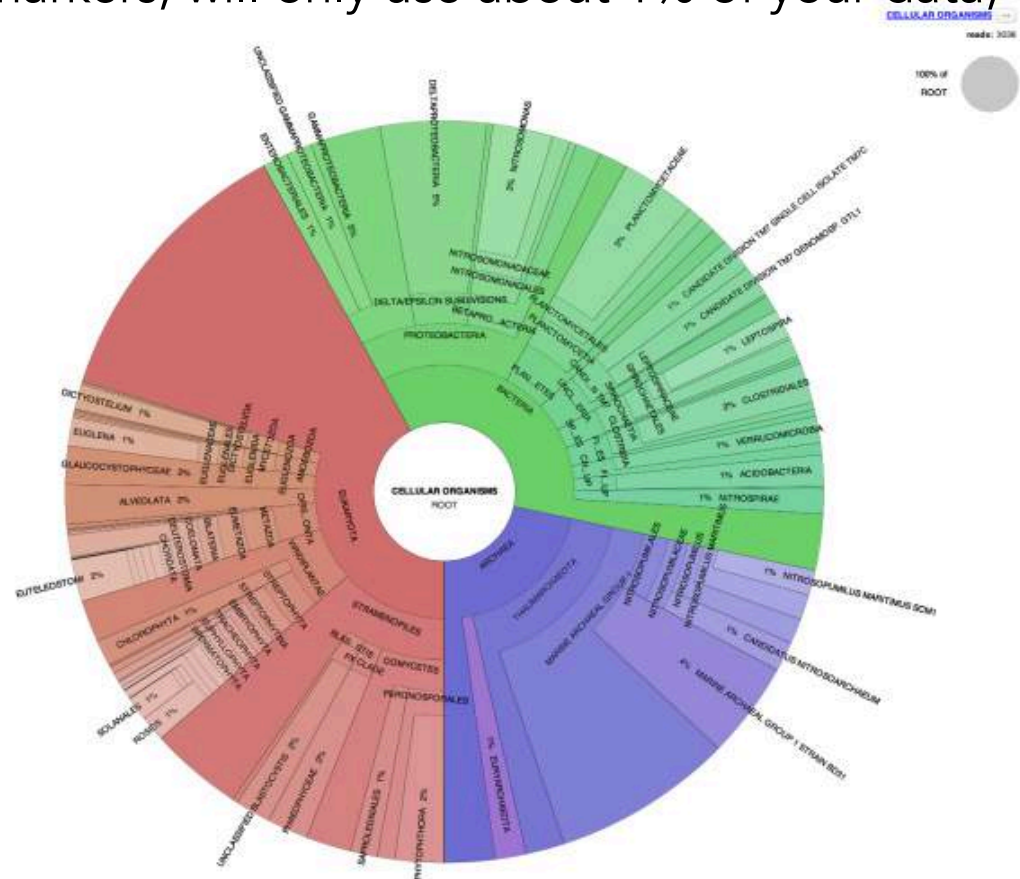
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# PROGRAMS

PhyloSift: Uses database of ELITE markers; will only use about 1% of your data; taxonomic identification

- Low copy number
- "Universal"



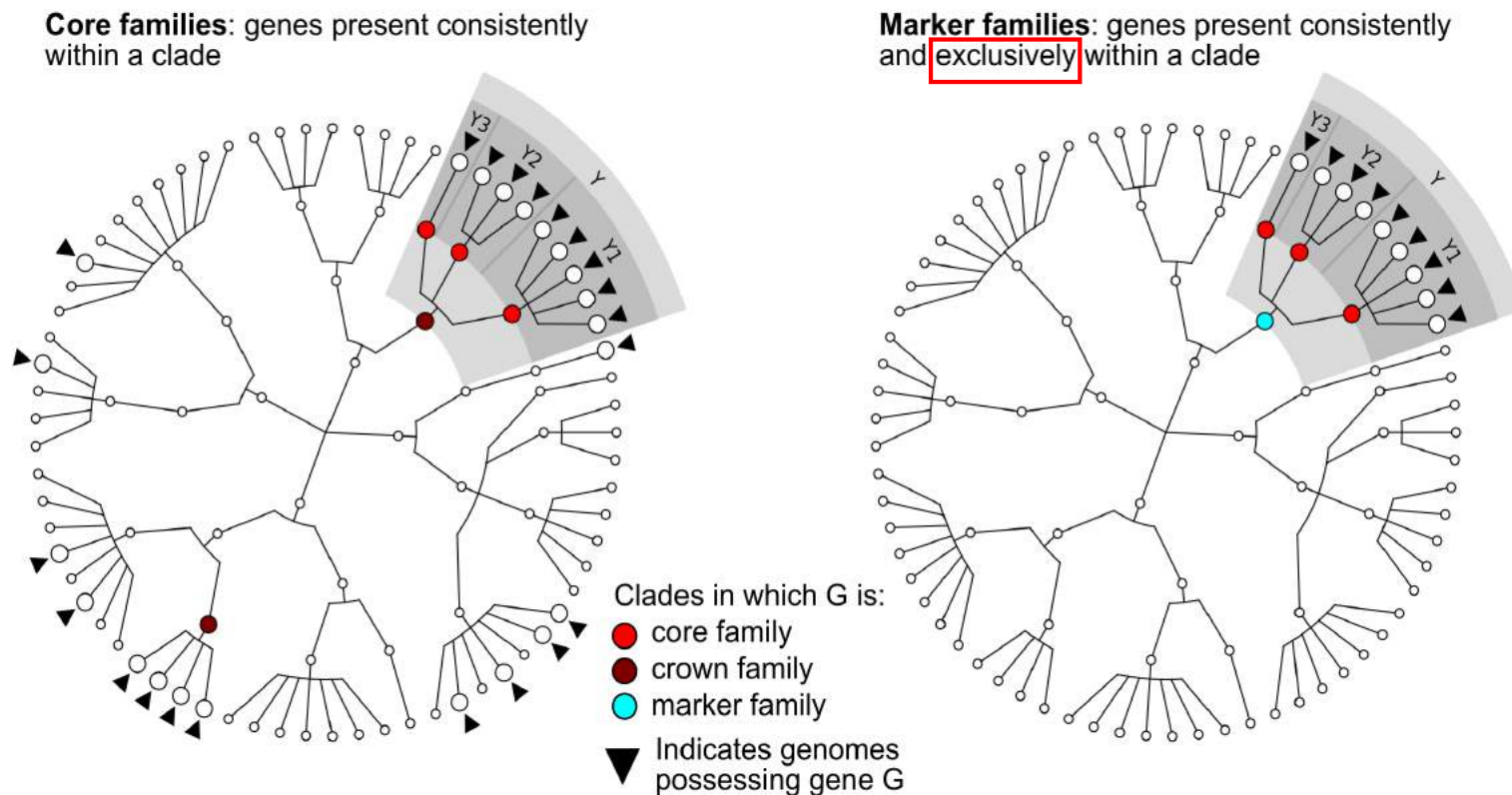
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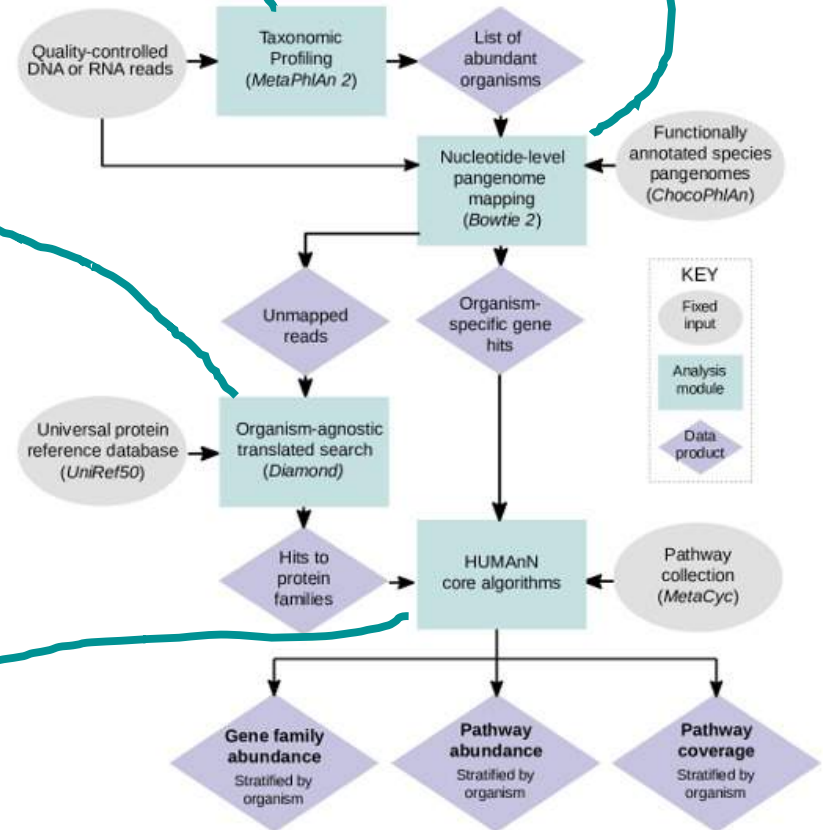
Functional Profiling still requires databases.

WHAT are the microbes (genes) doing?

## PROGRAMS

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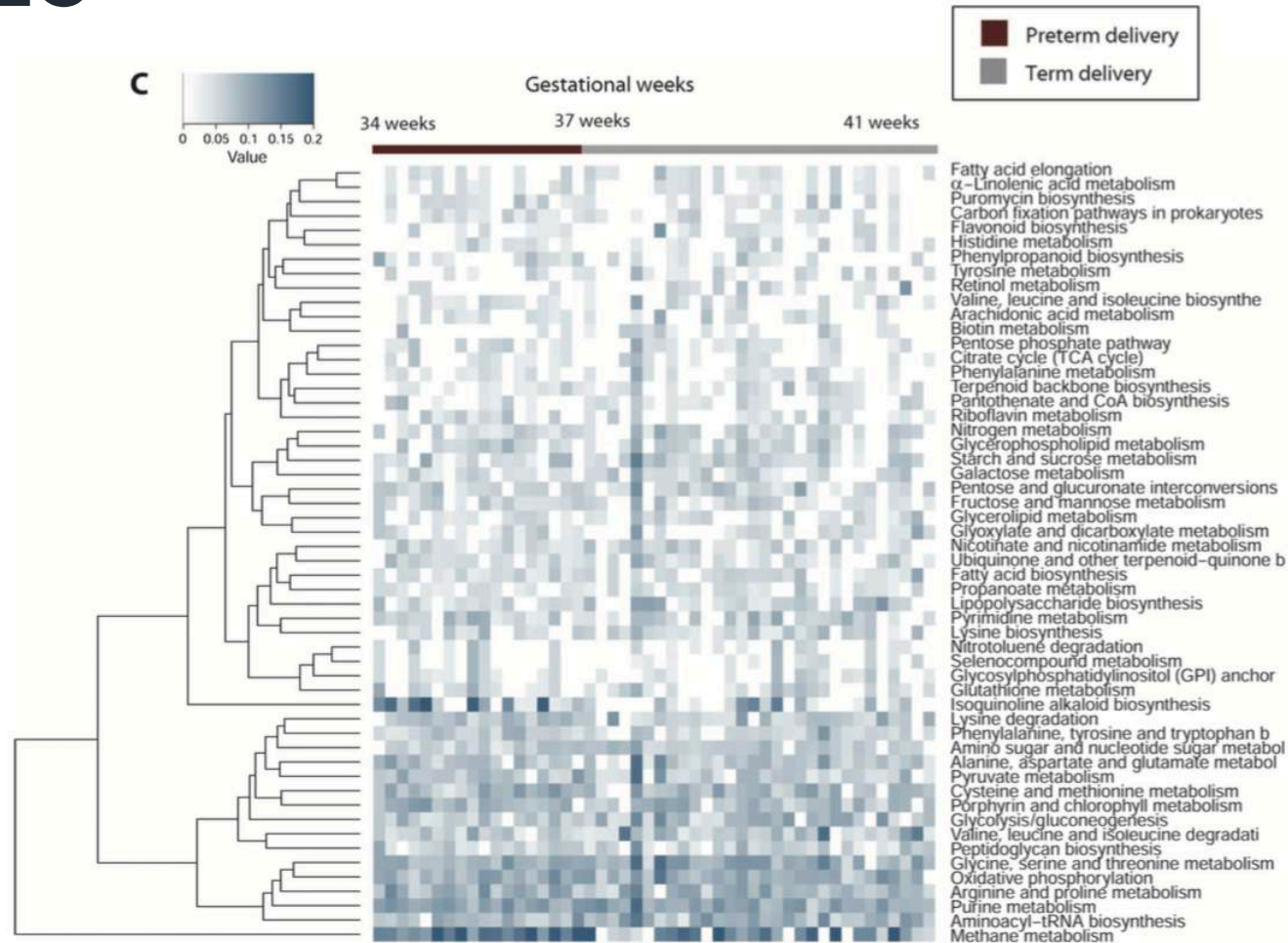
1. Identify who is there and specific genes
2. Identify anonymous genes
3. Summarize



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# Metagenomics: Analyze



## MICROBIOME

### The Placenta Harbors a Unique Microbiome

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# *Pachycephalosaurus*

DK Find Out!

**5. Interpret the results**  
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# Microbiome Methods

1. Develop a question
2. Design the study
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**Cell**

Leading Edge  
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## Conducting a Microbiome Study

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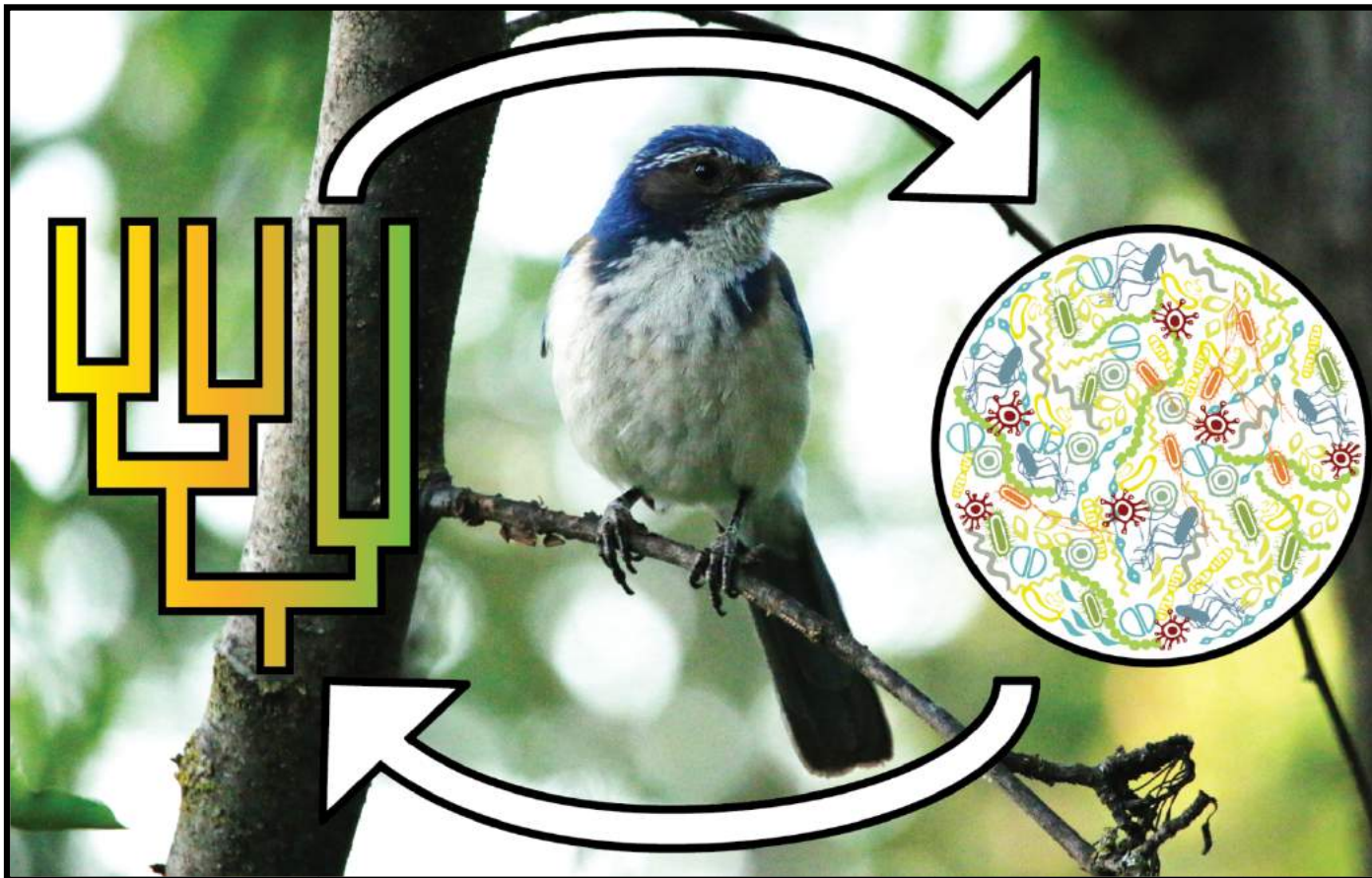
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INTRODUCTION

# My Research Interests

How does the microbiome affect the evolution of hosts (birds)?

How does the host affect the evolution of the microbiome?





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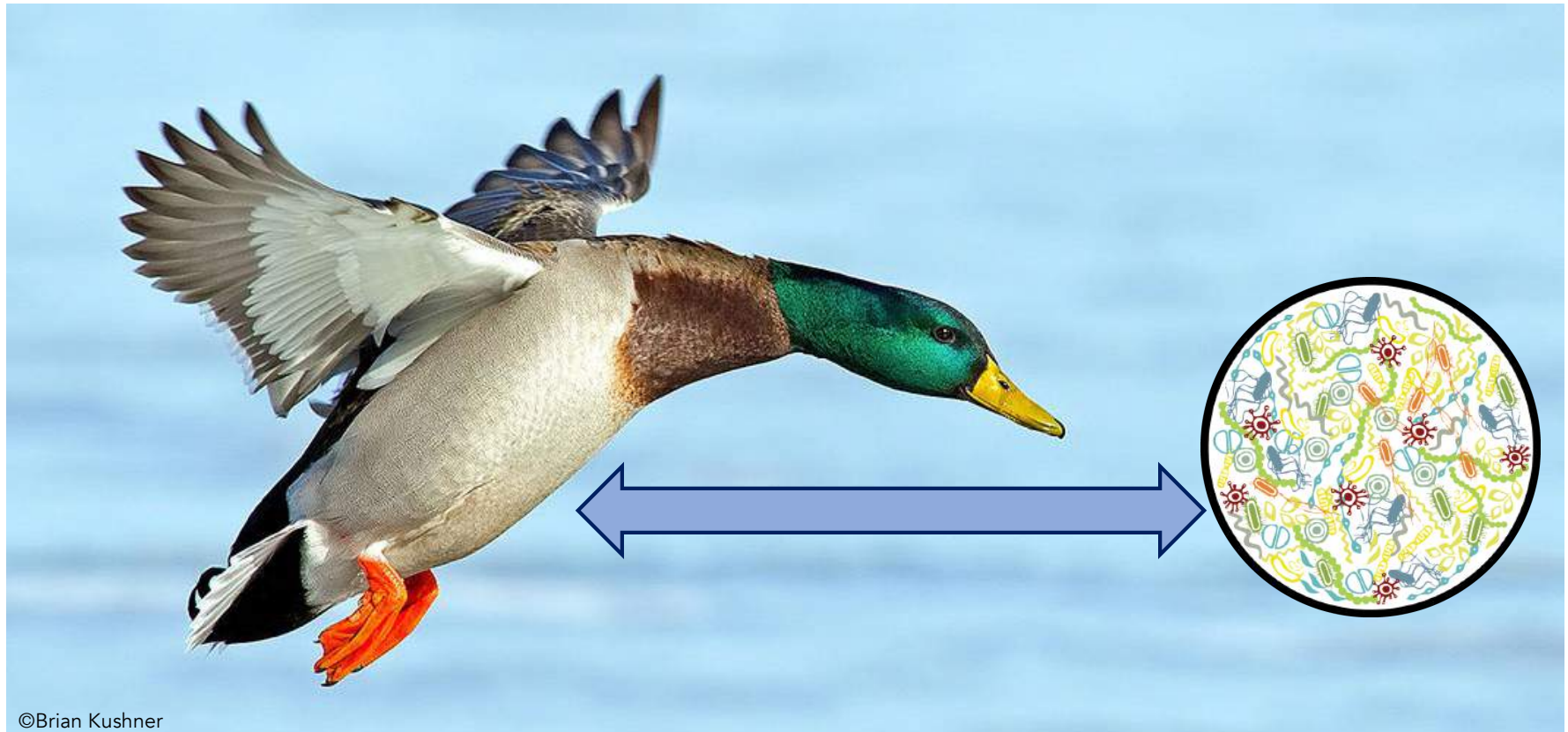
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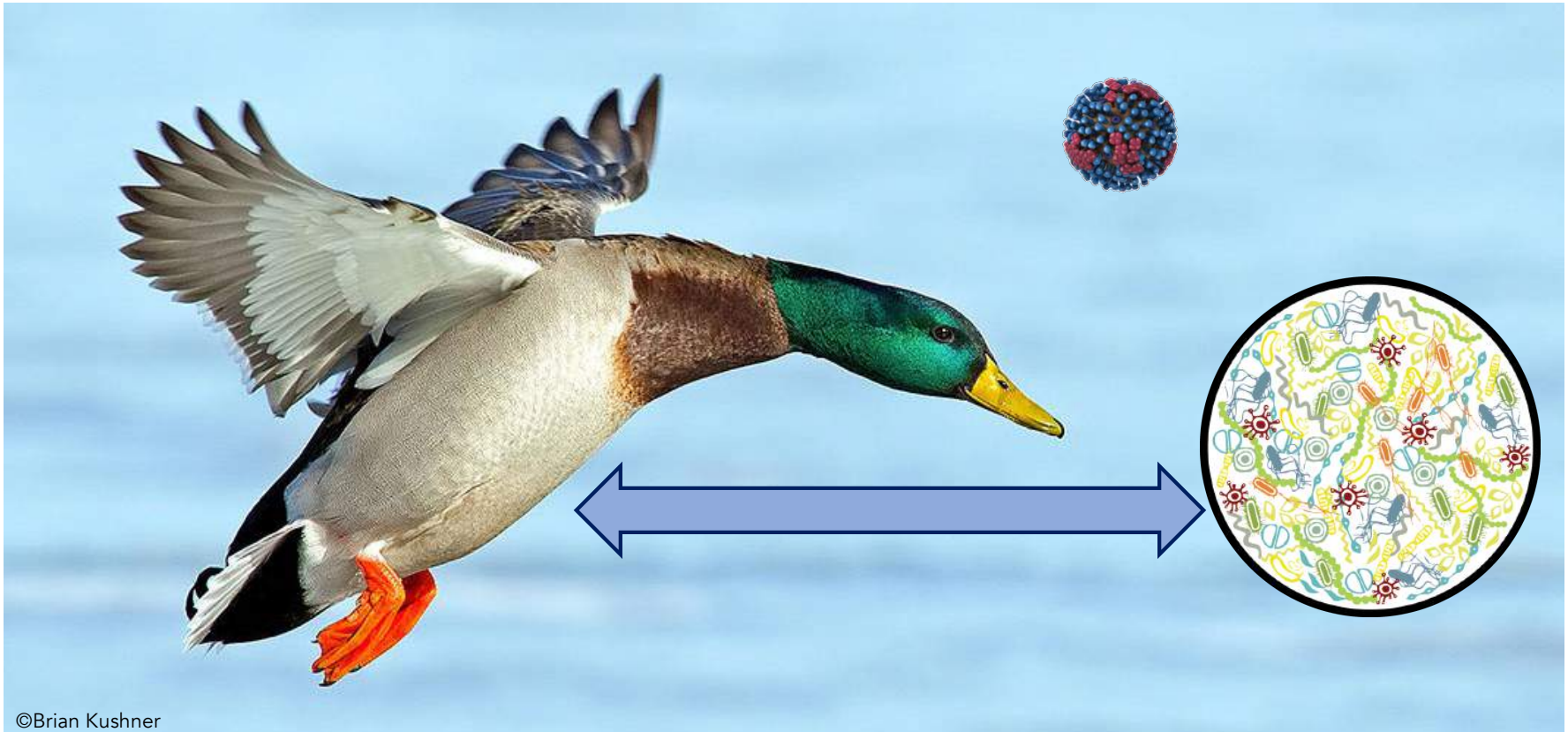
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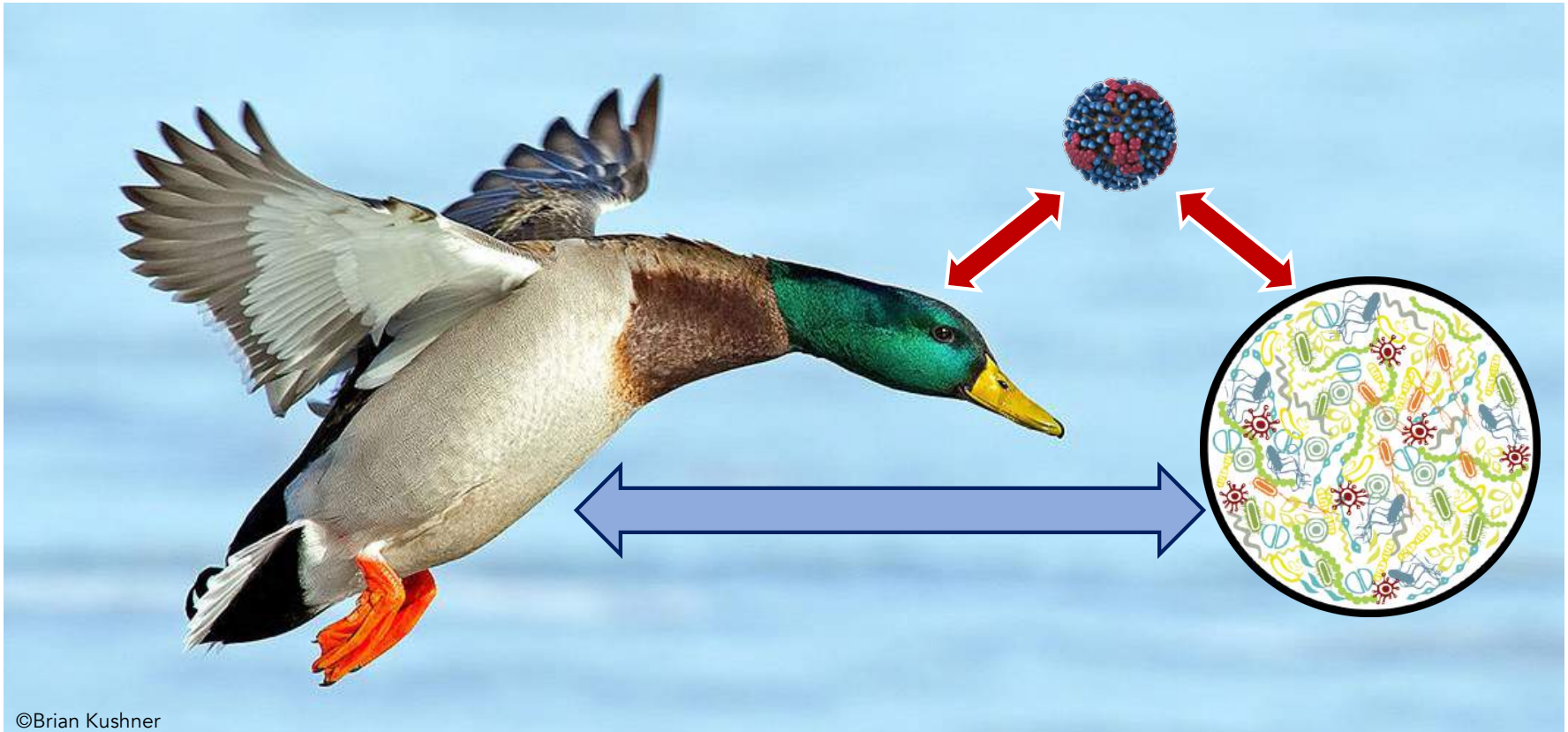
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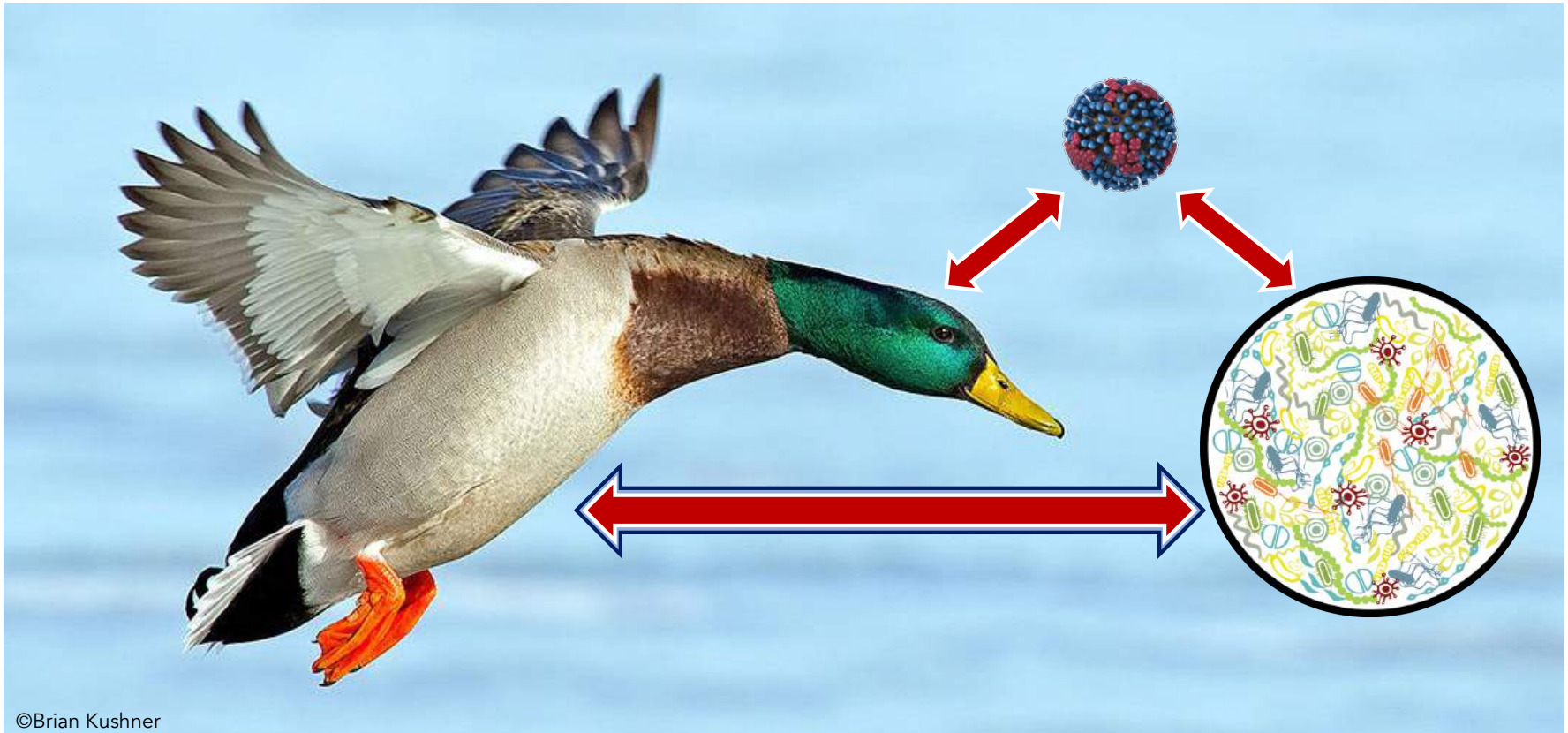
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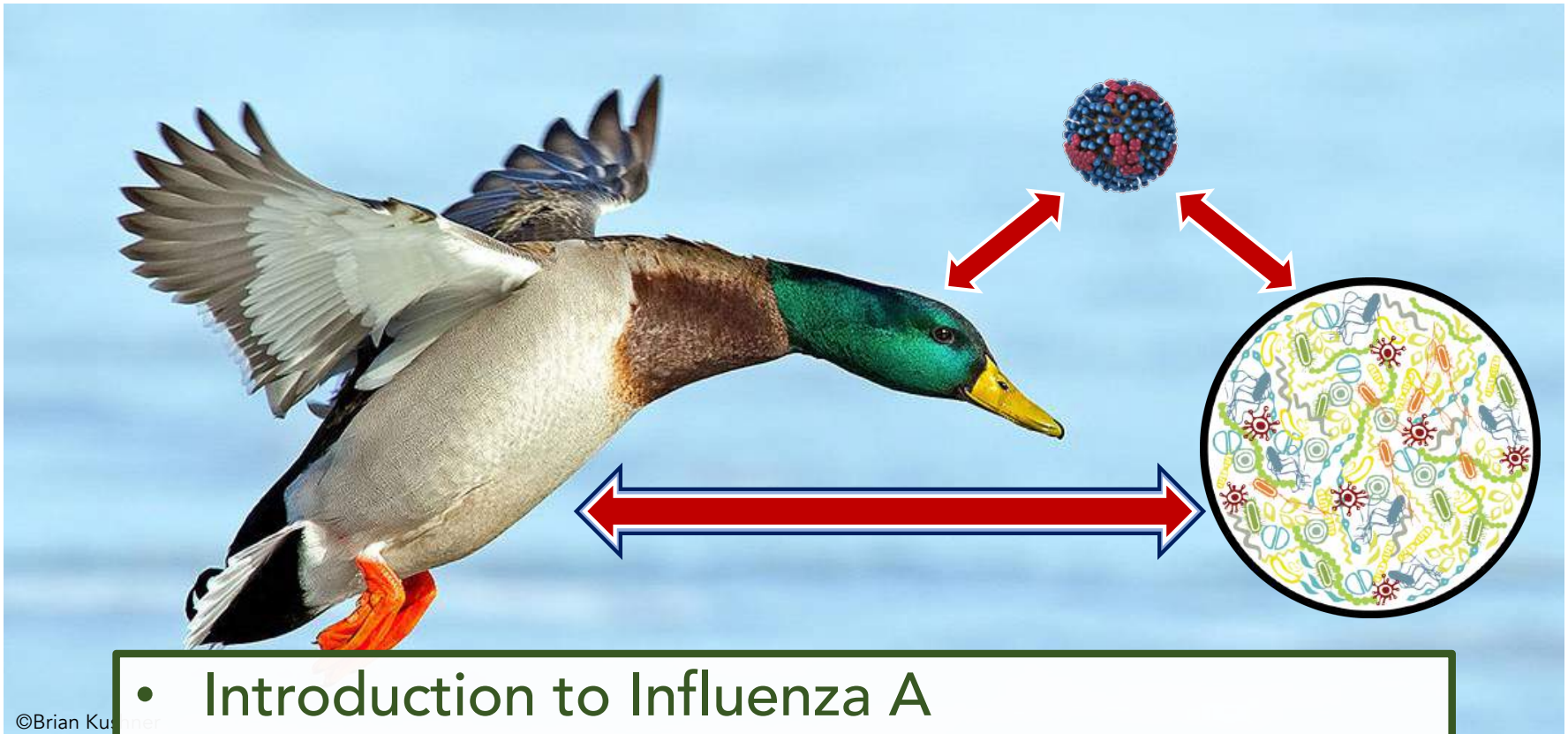


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# Mini-talk outline



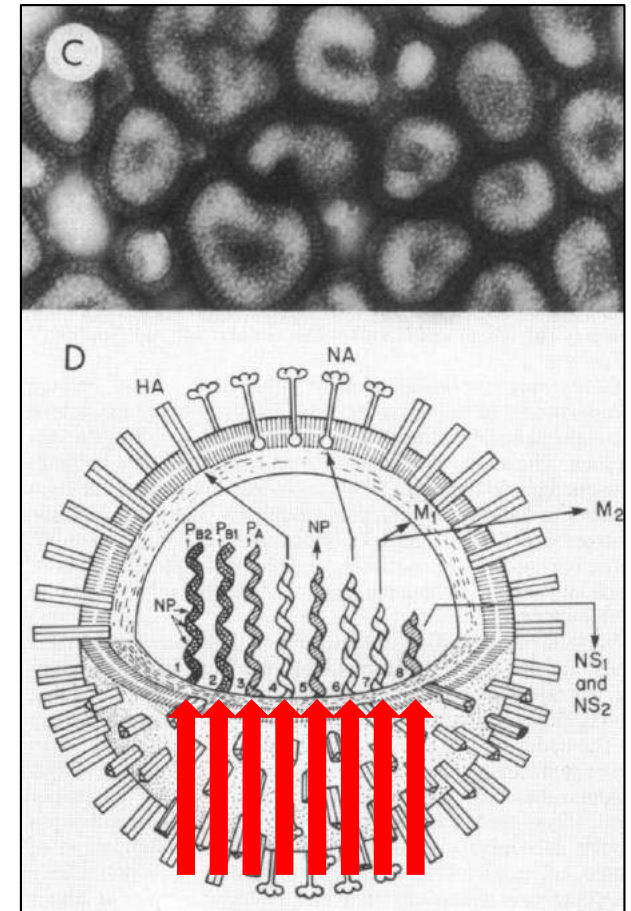
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- Introduction to Influenza A
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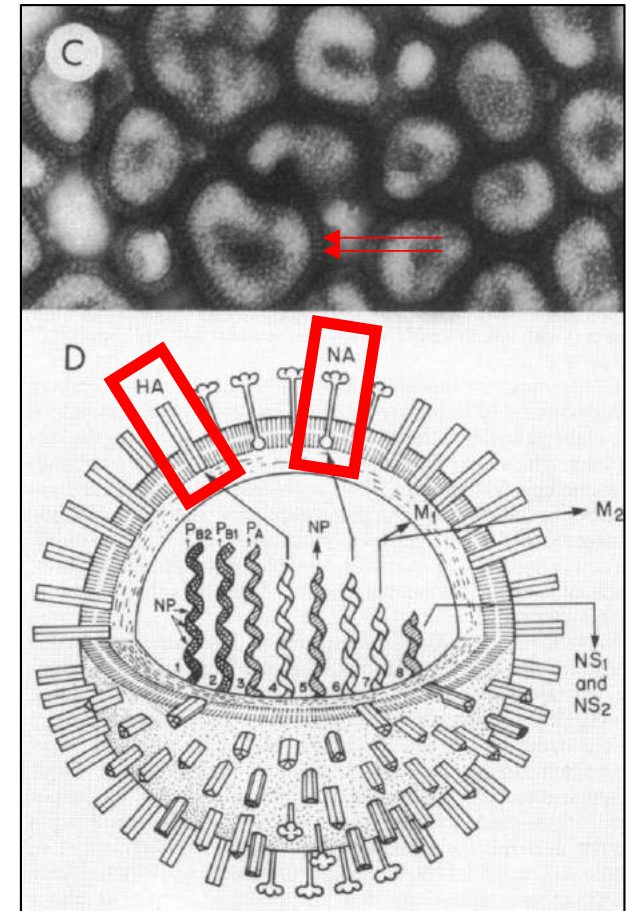
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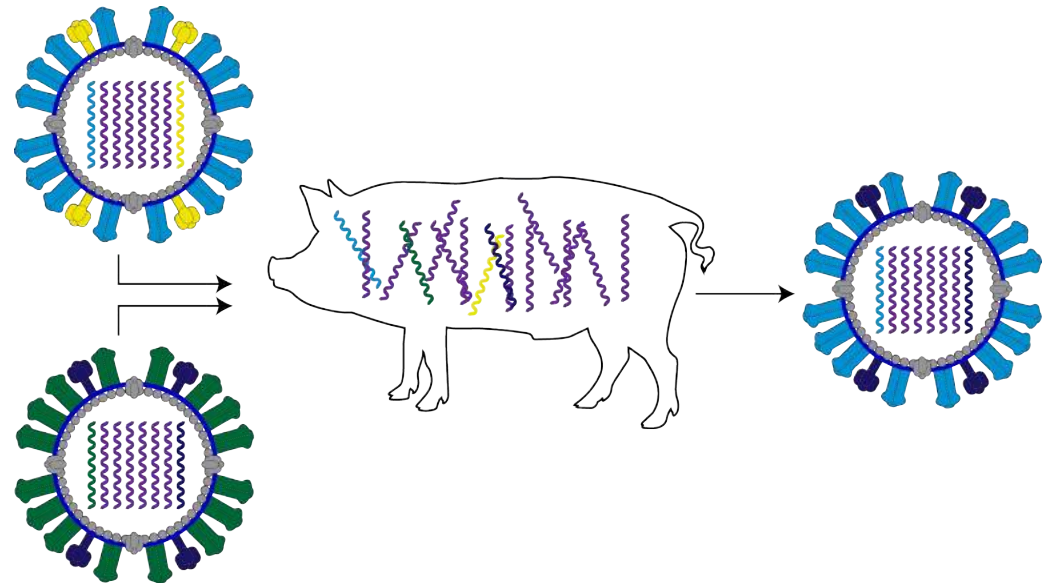


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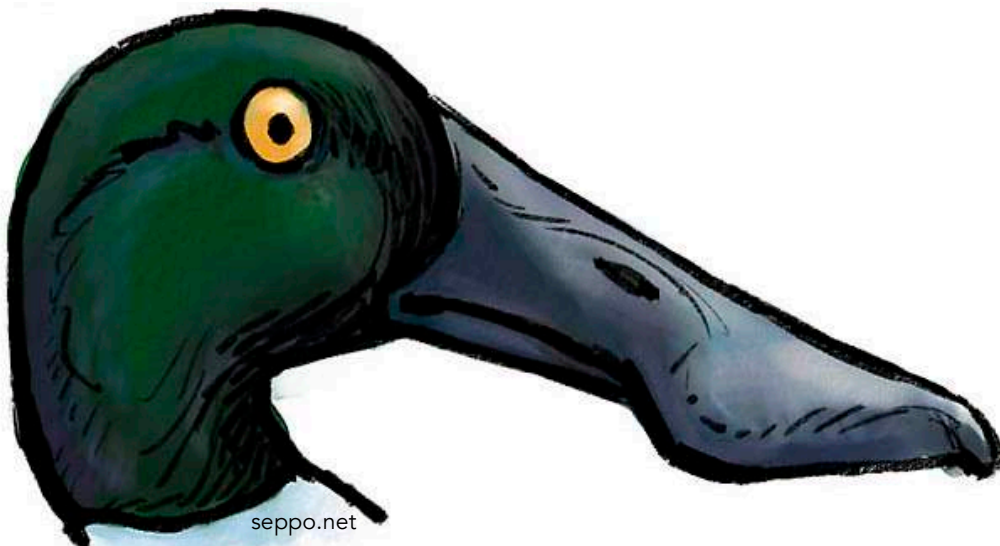
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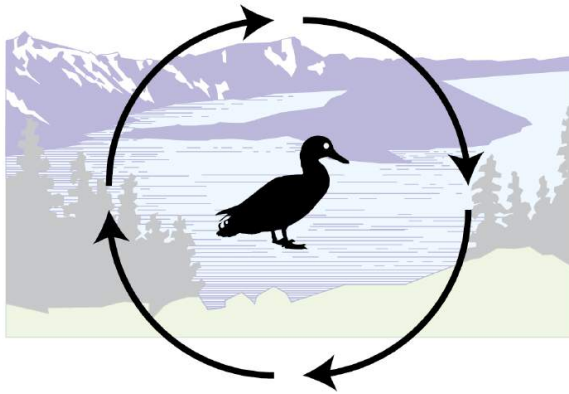
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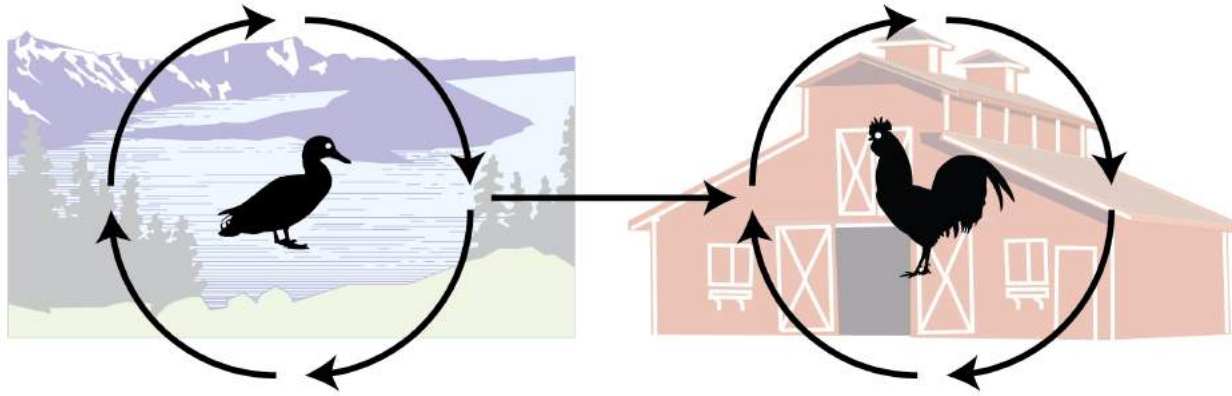


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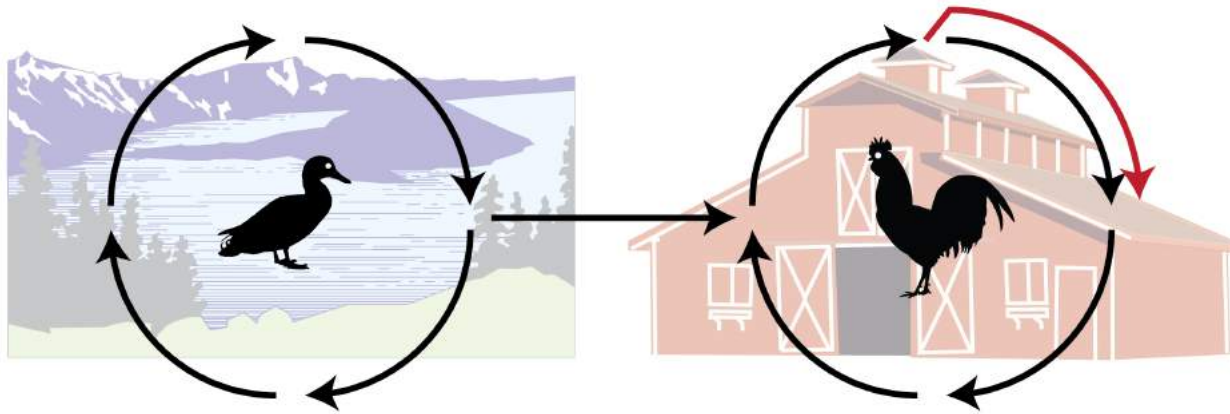
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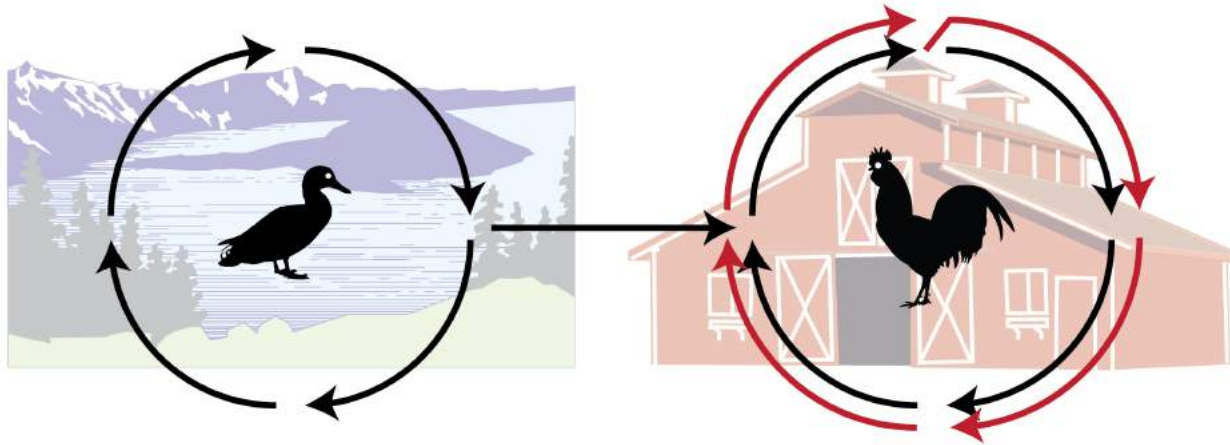
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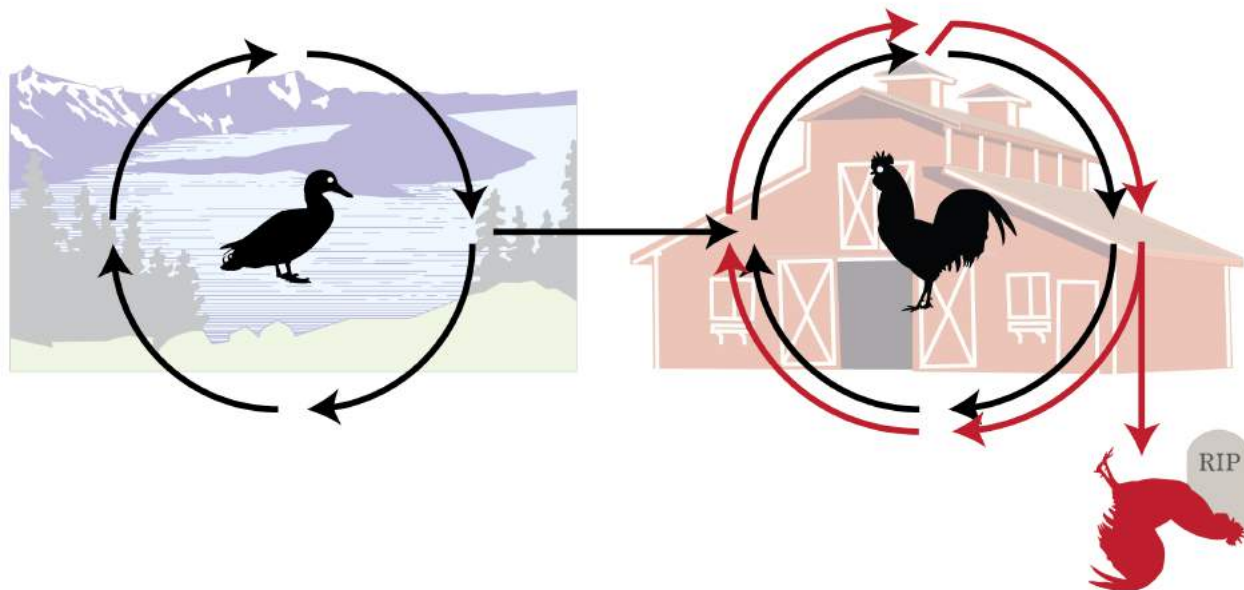


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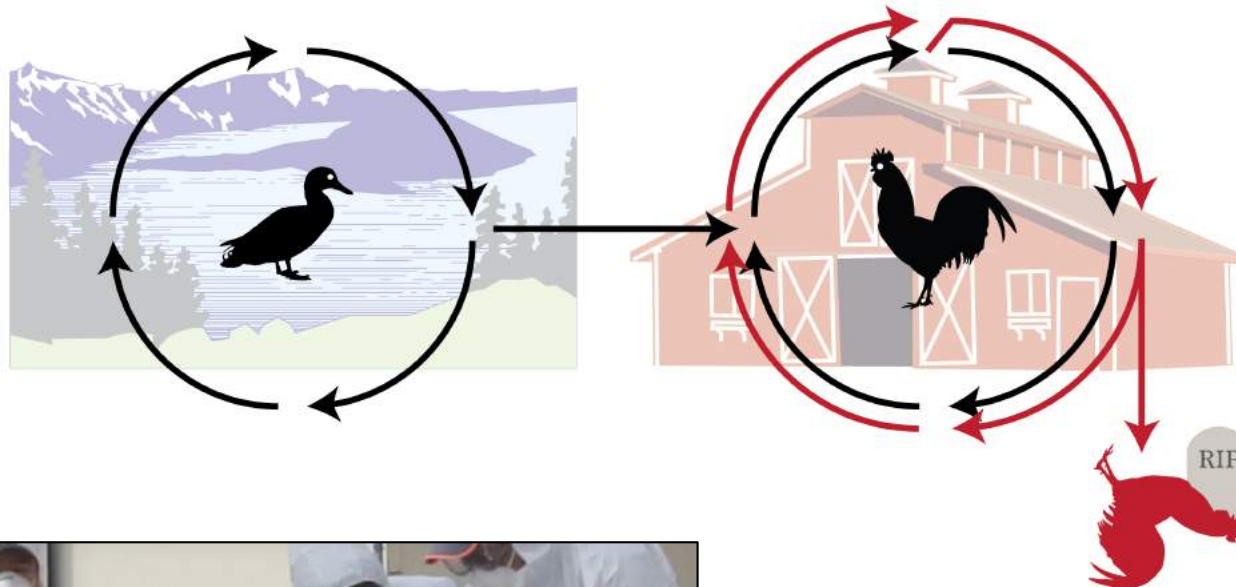




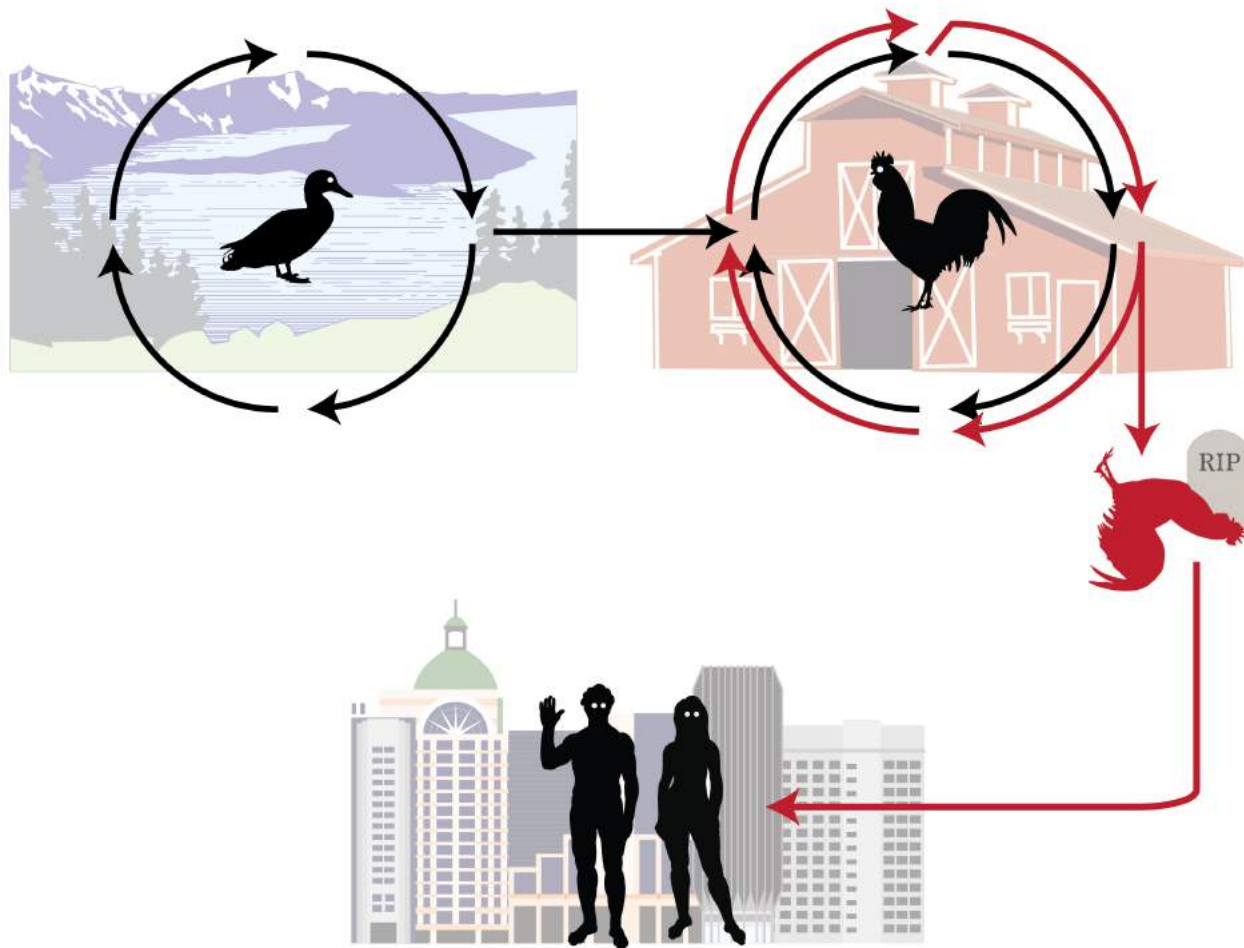
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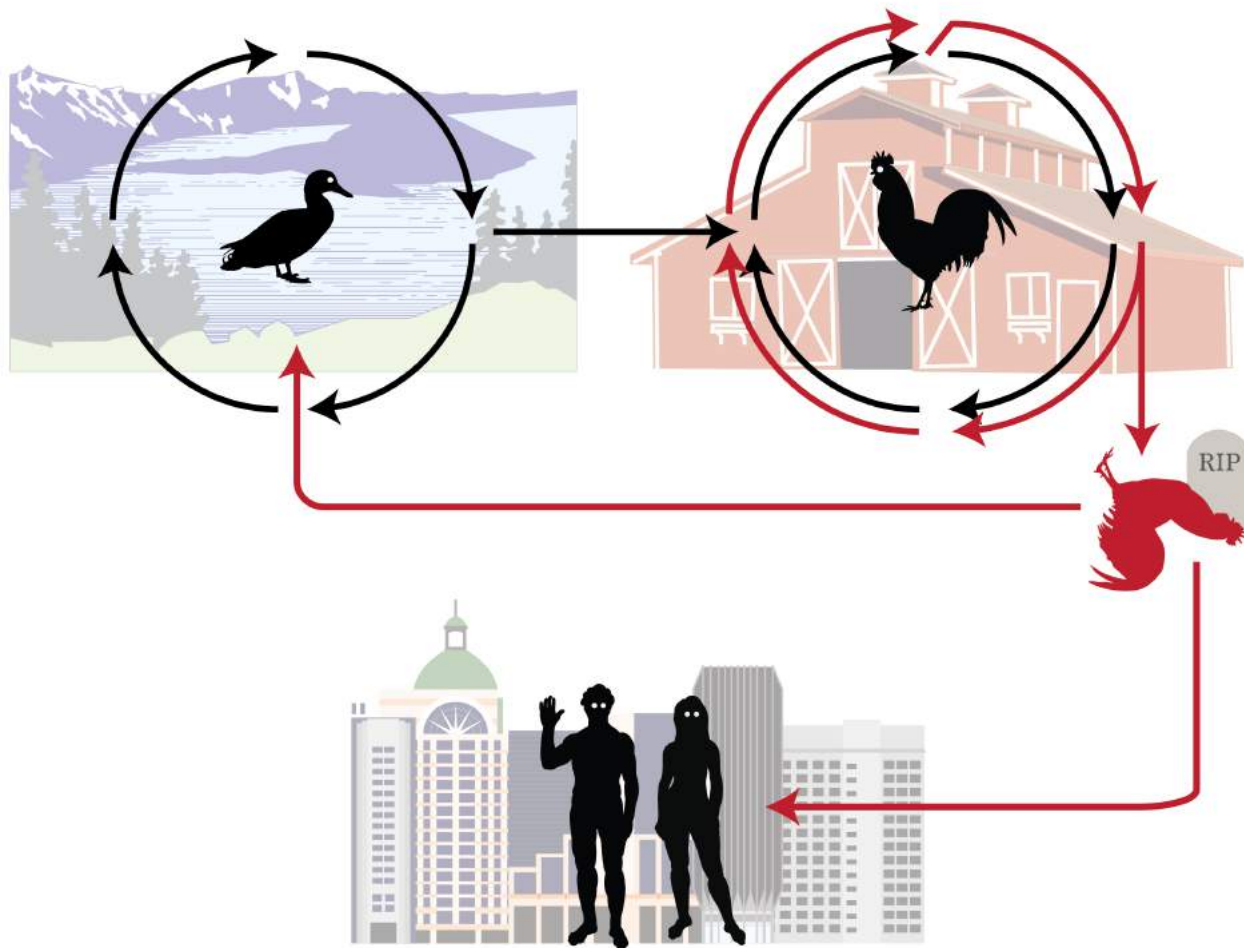
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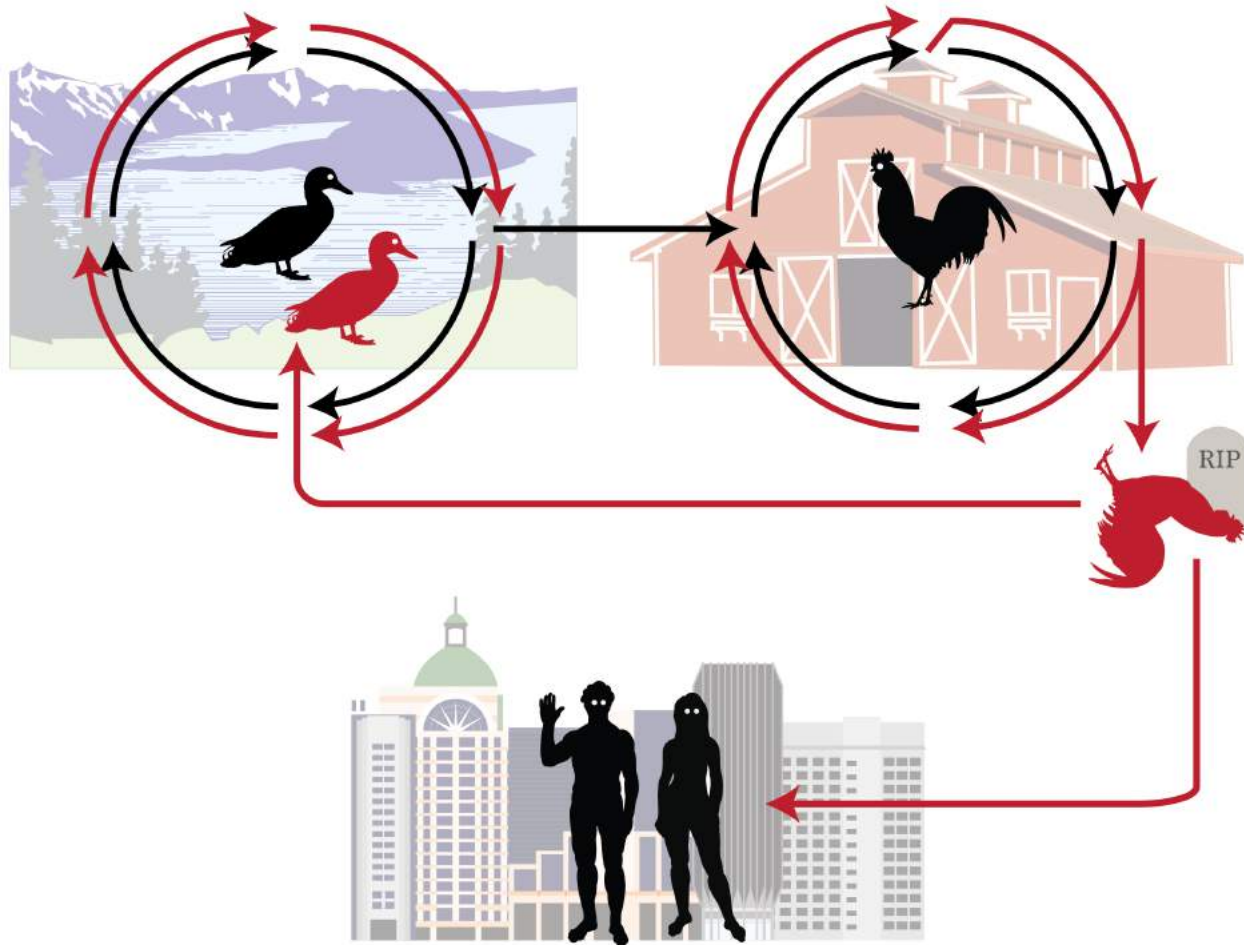
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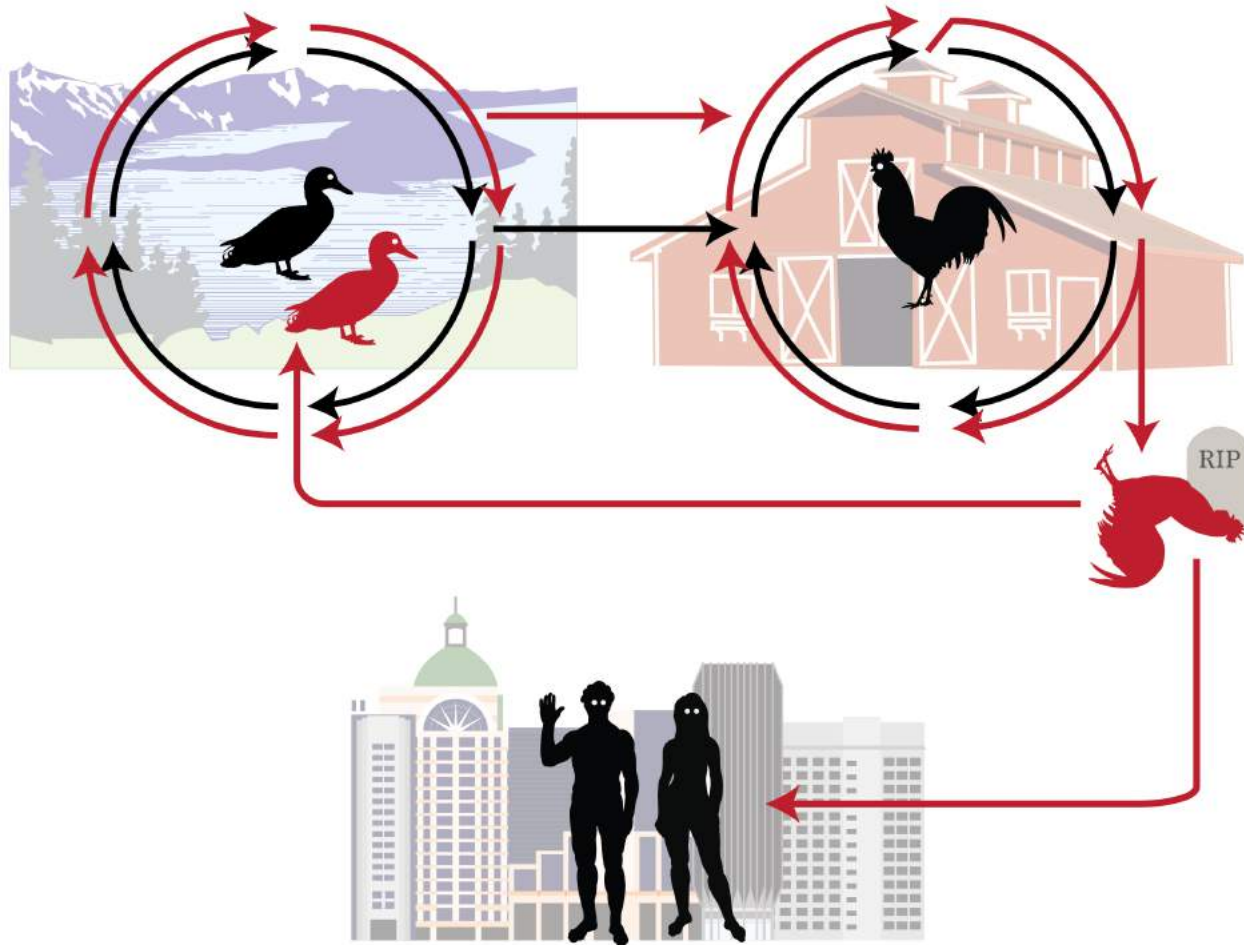
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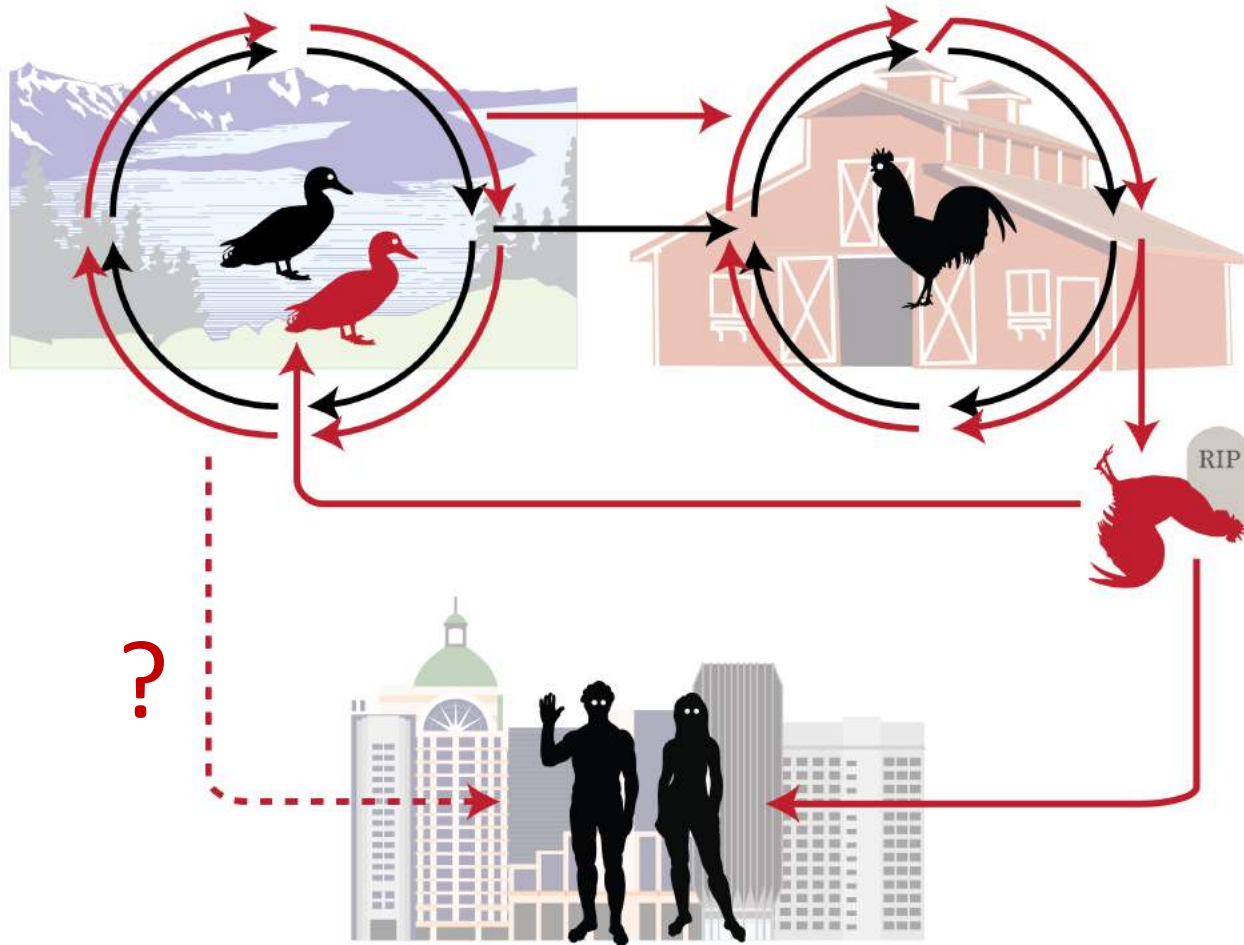


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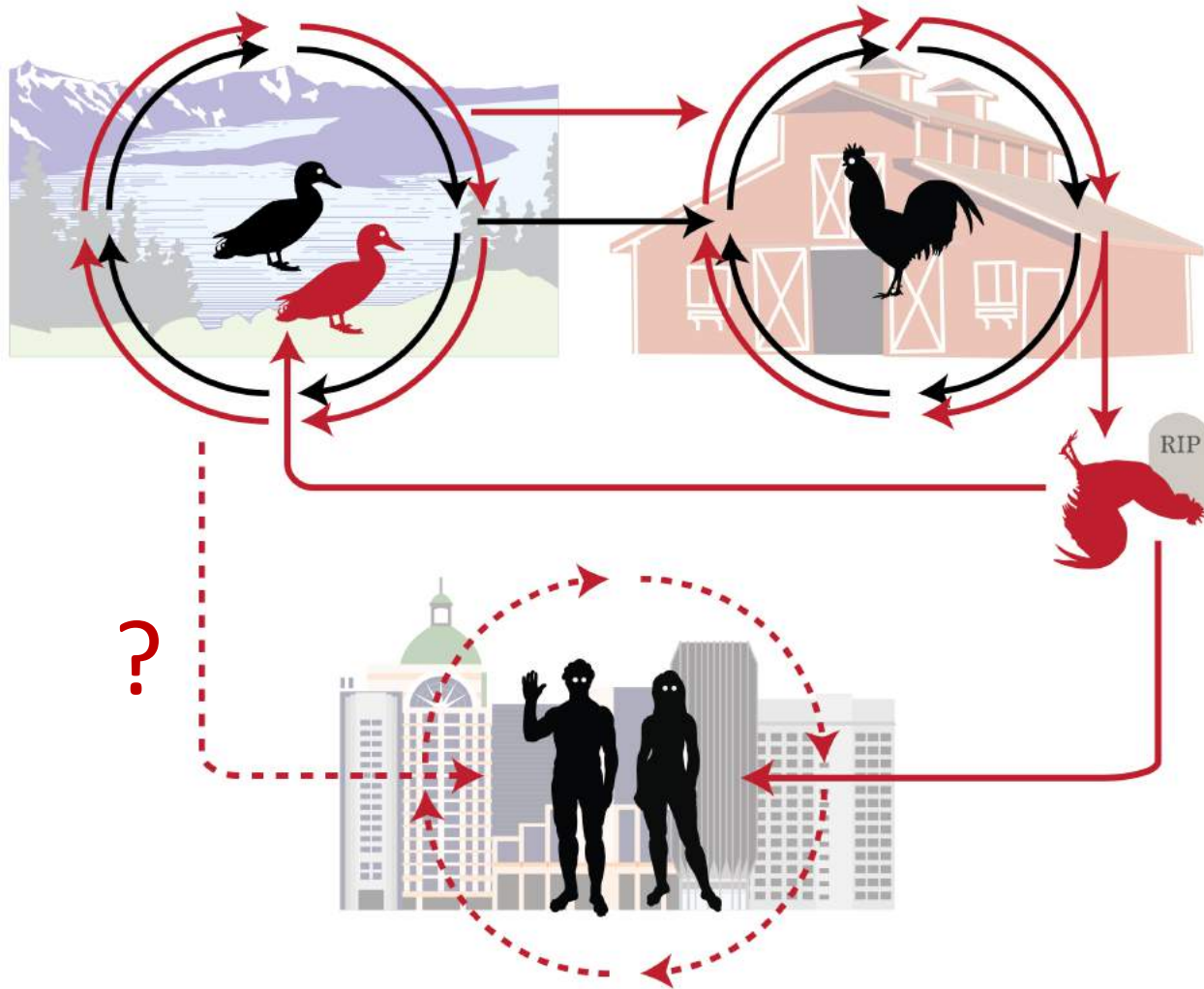


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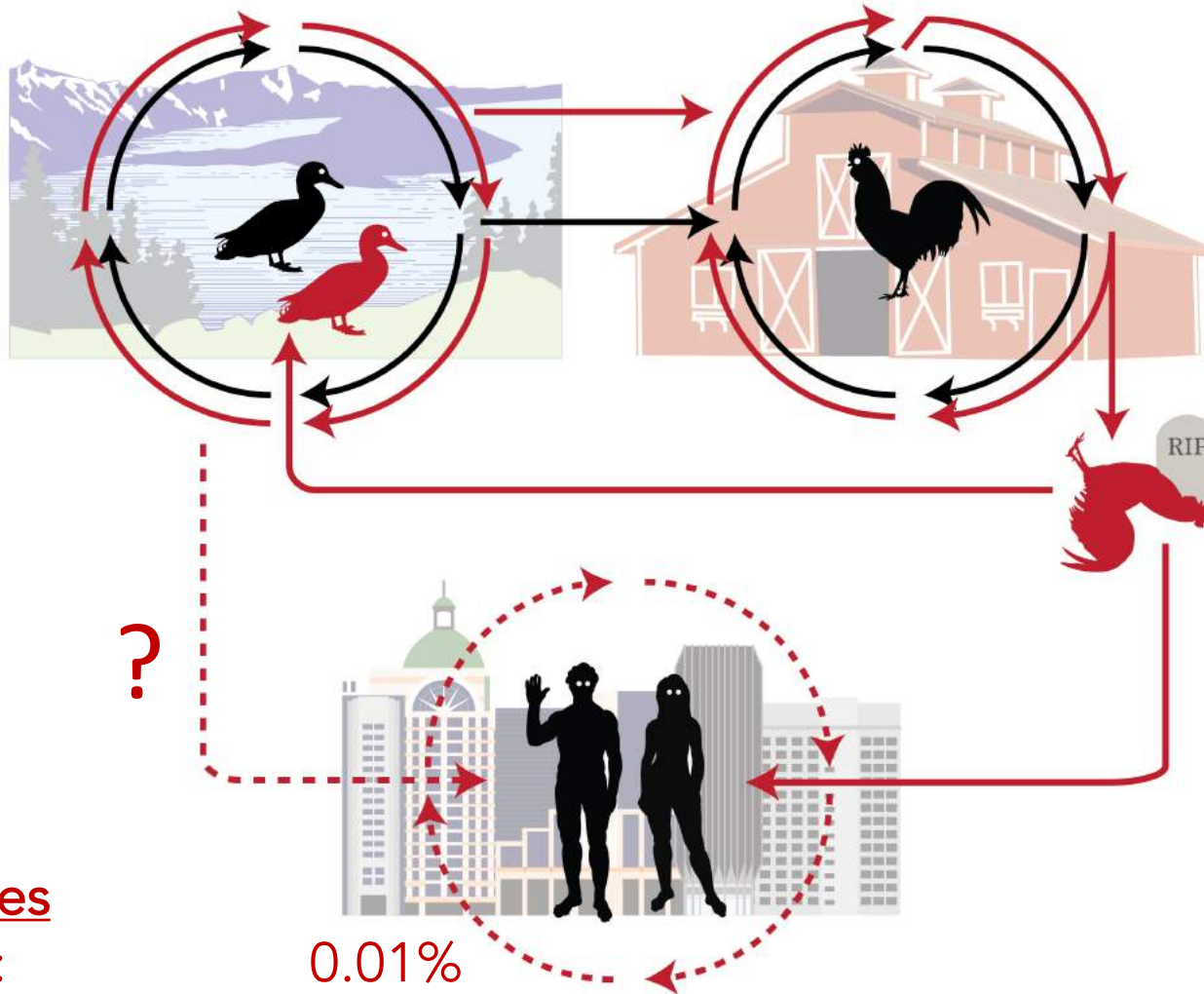




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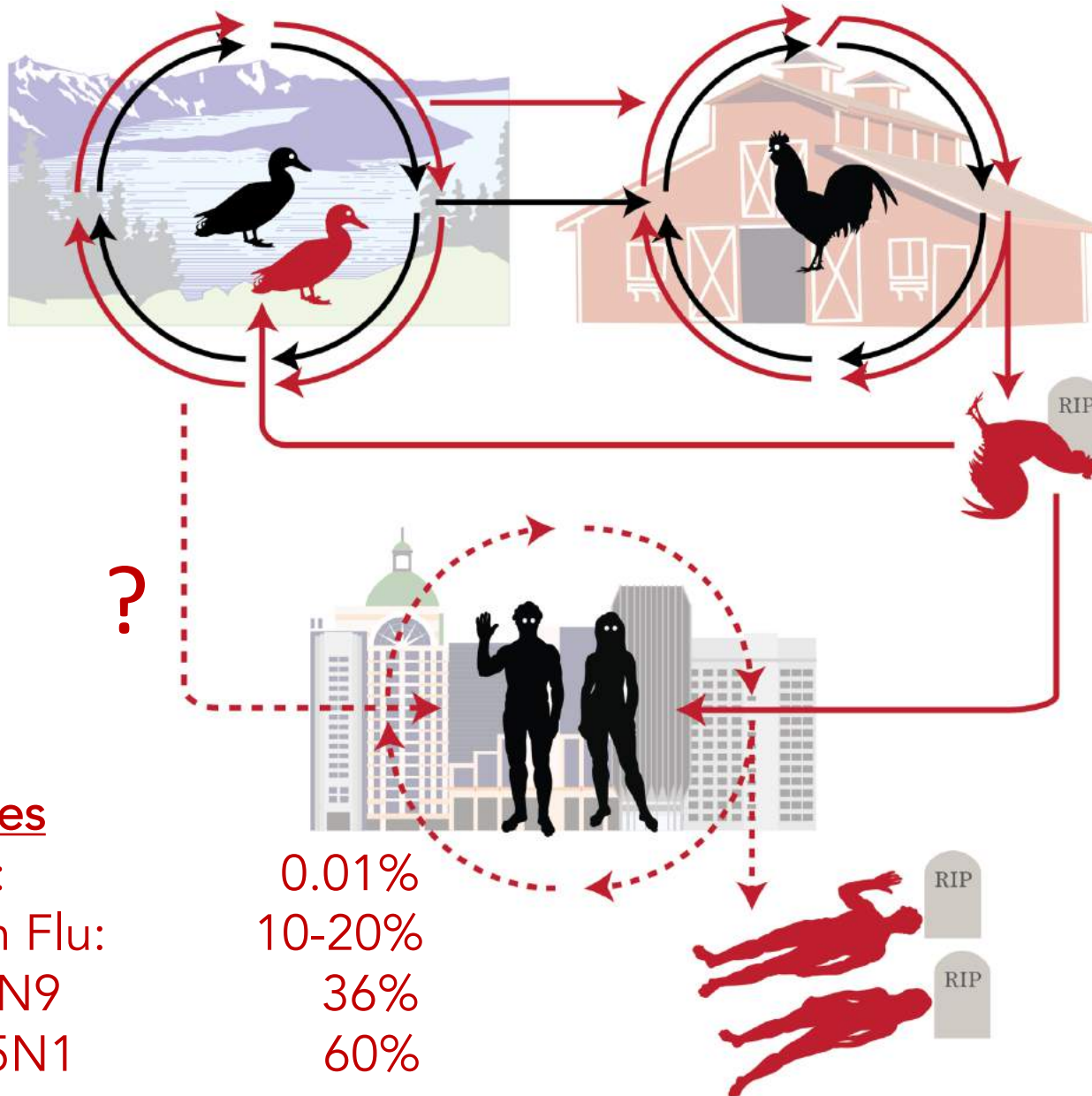
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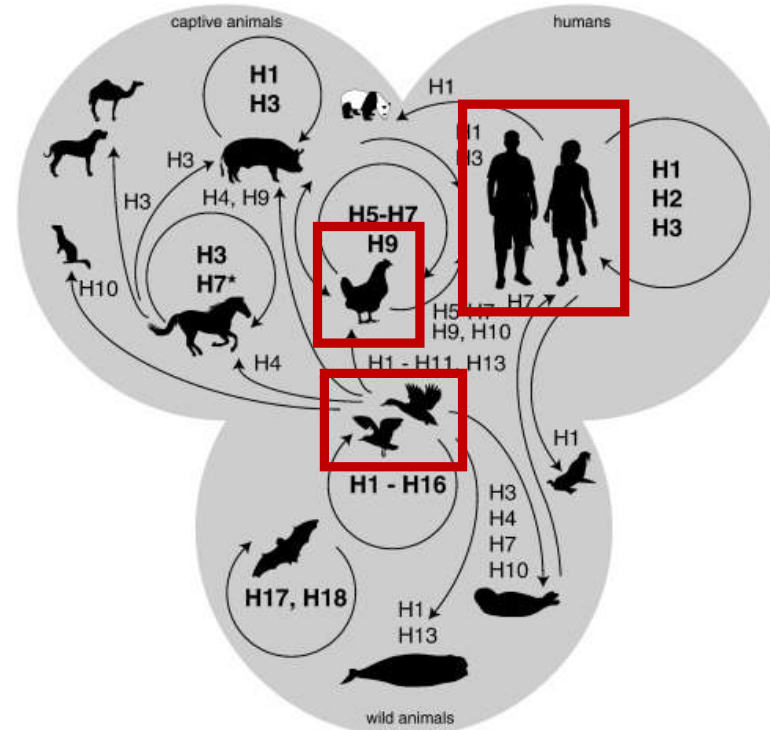
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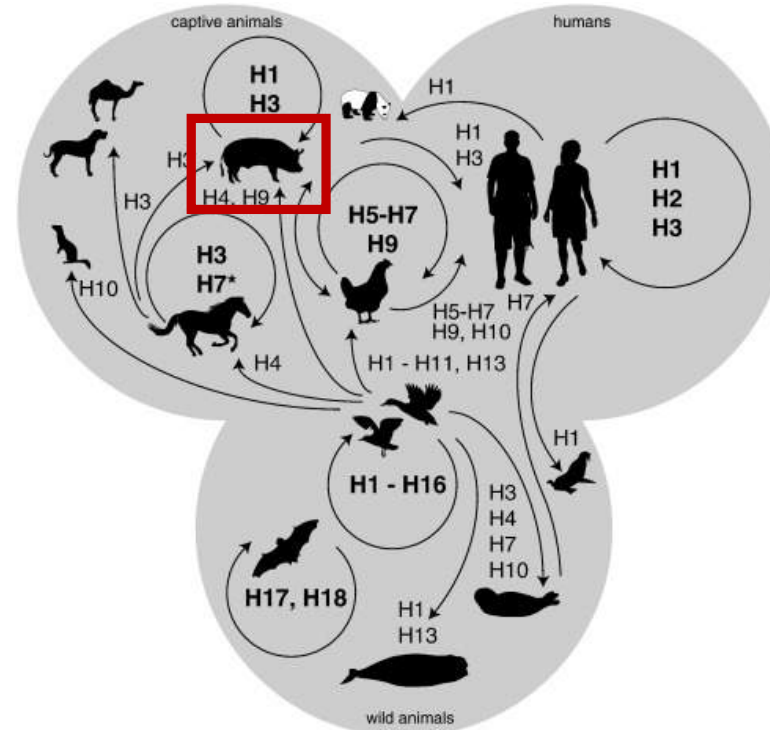
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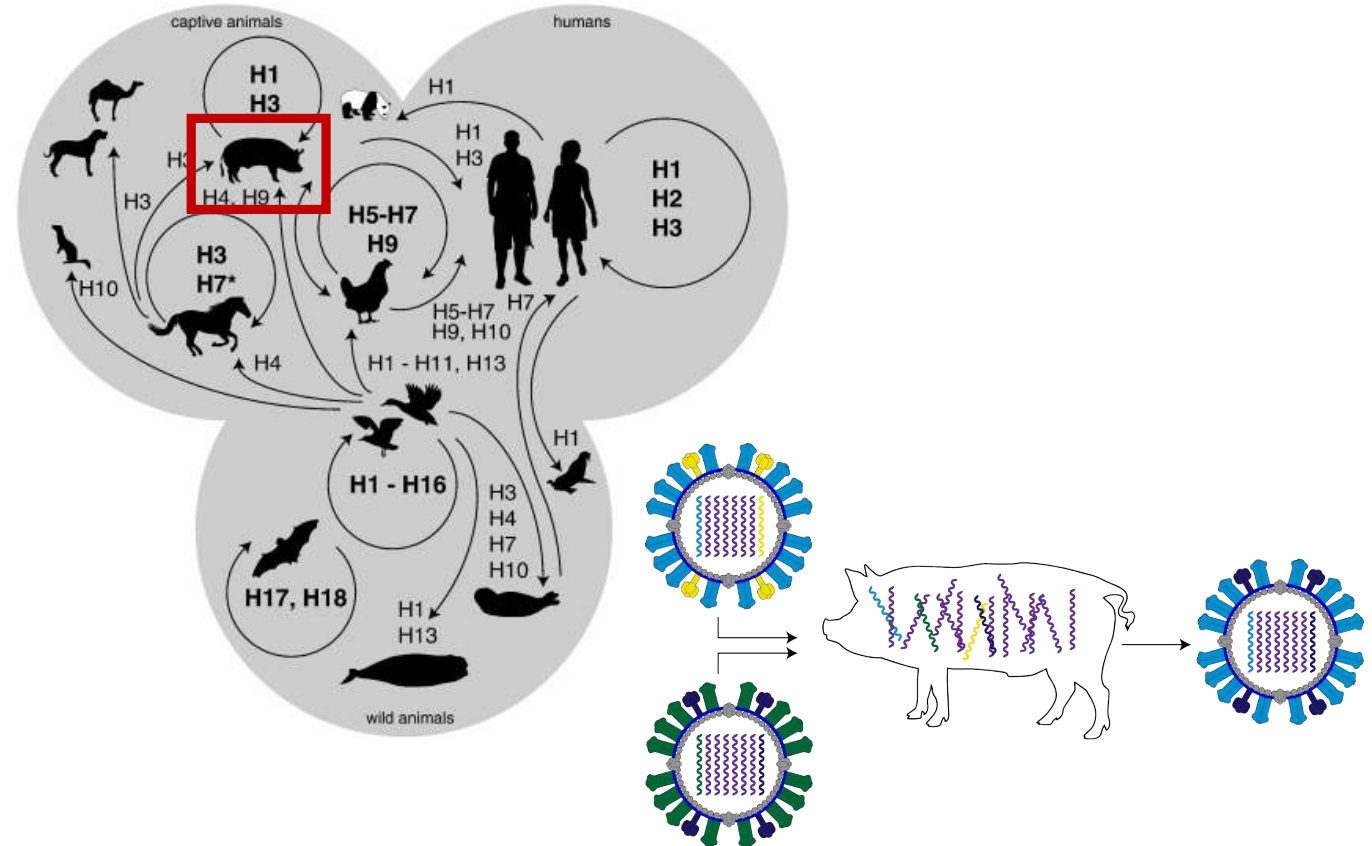
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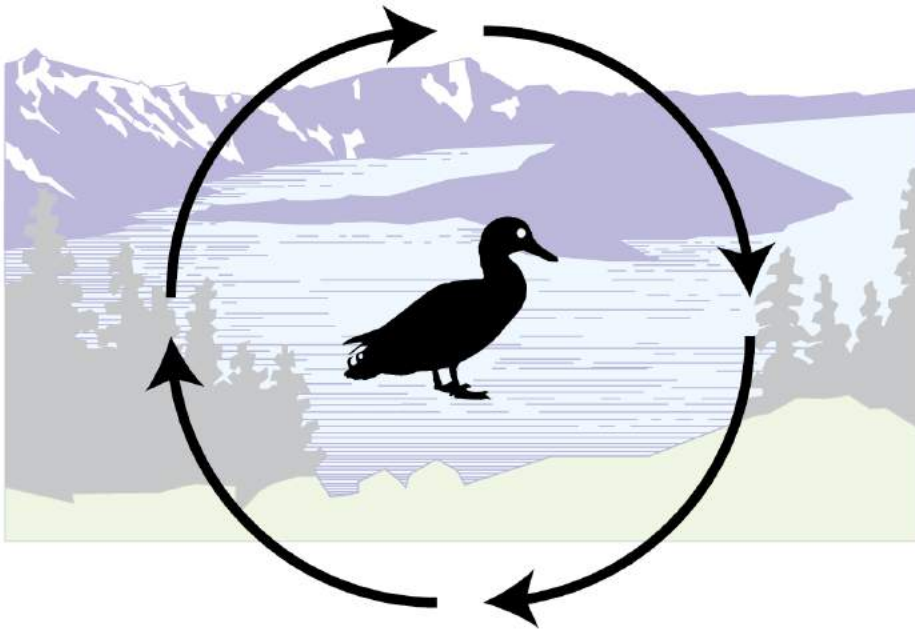
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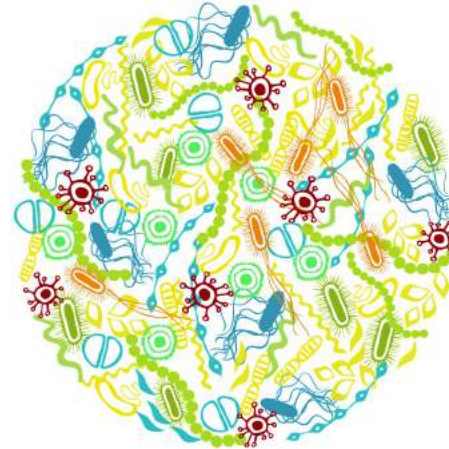
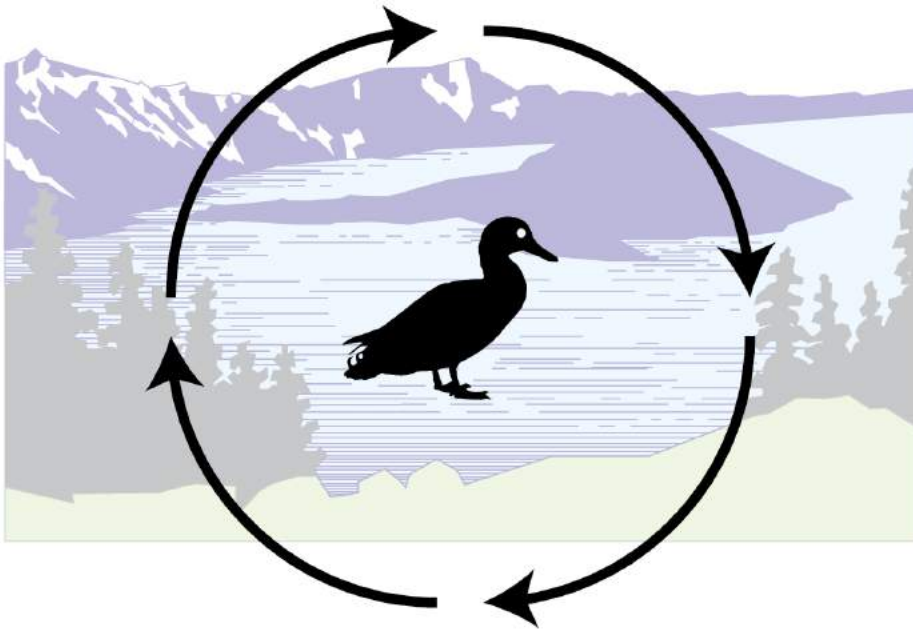
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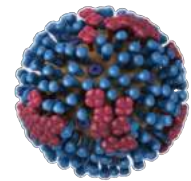
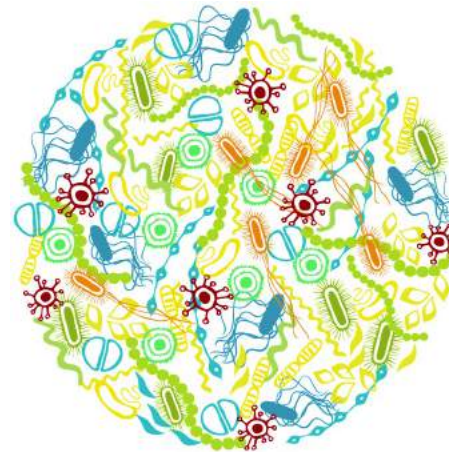
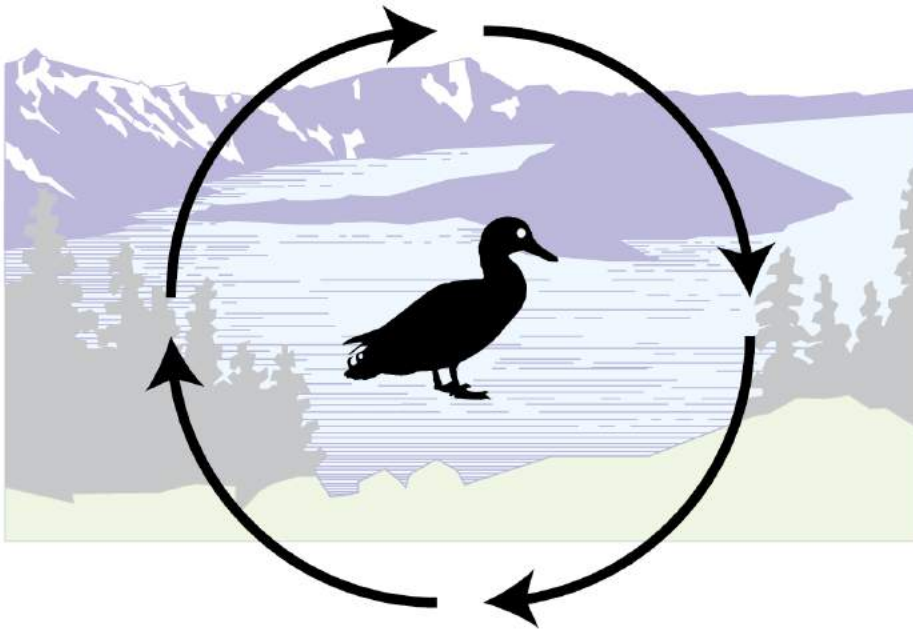
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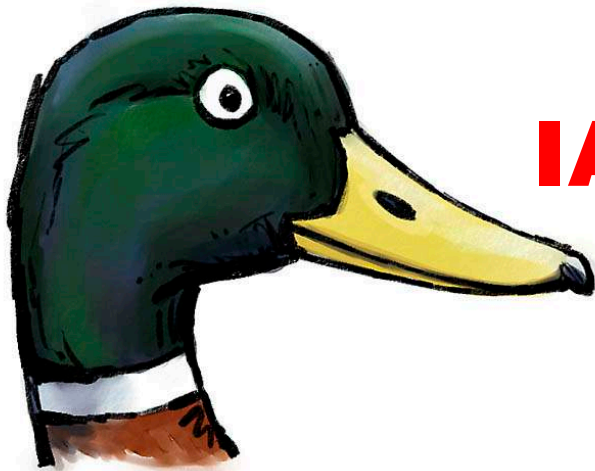
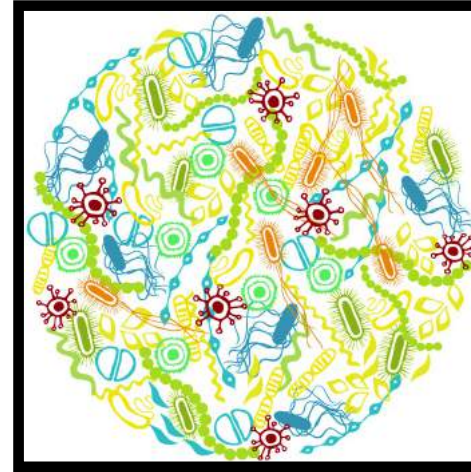
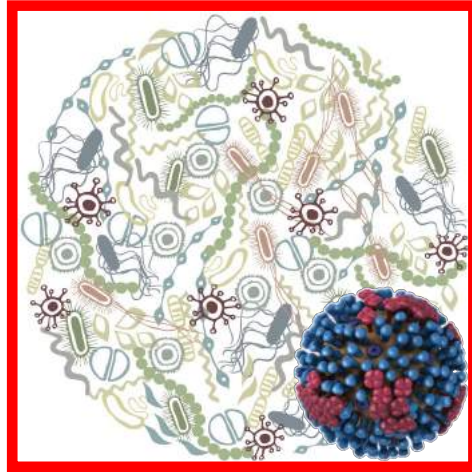
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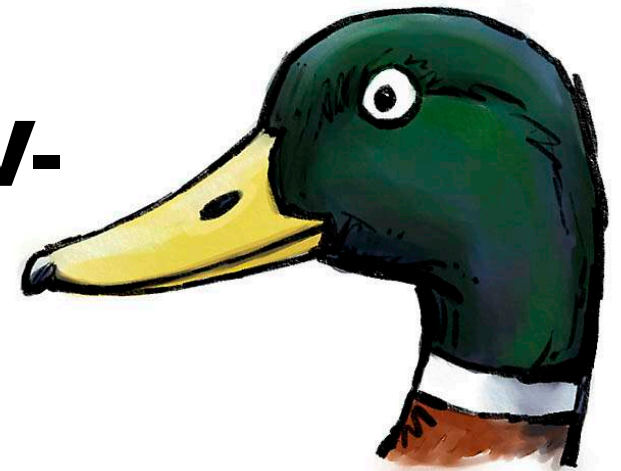


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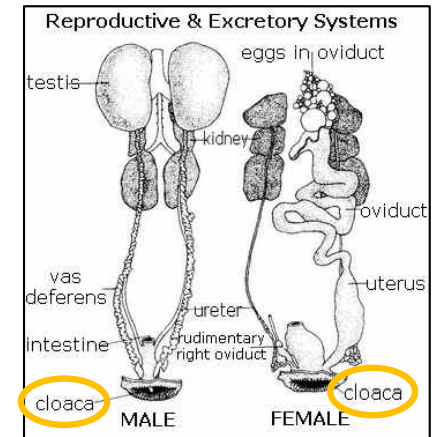
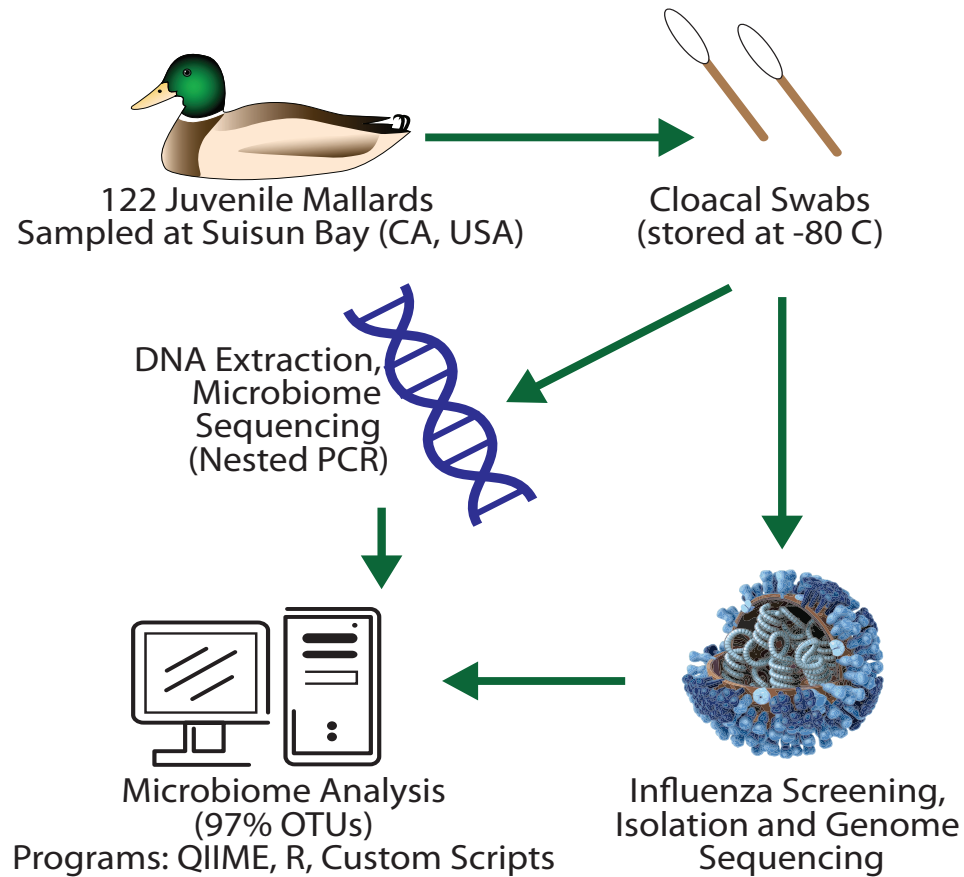
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## Q1: METHODS

# Mallards

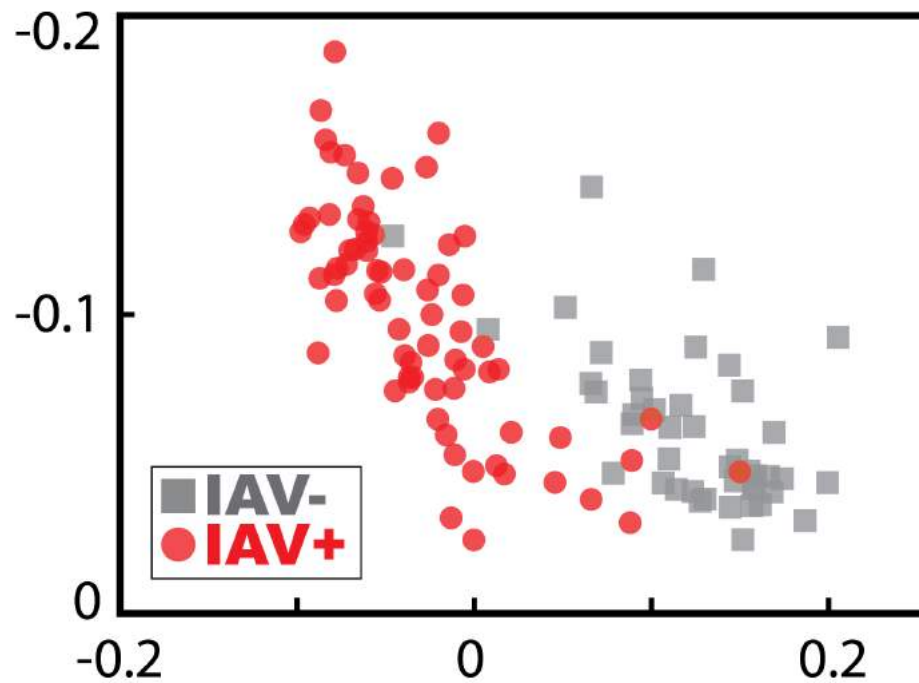


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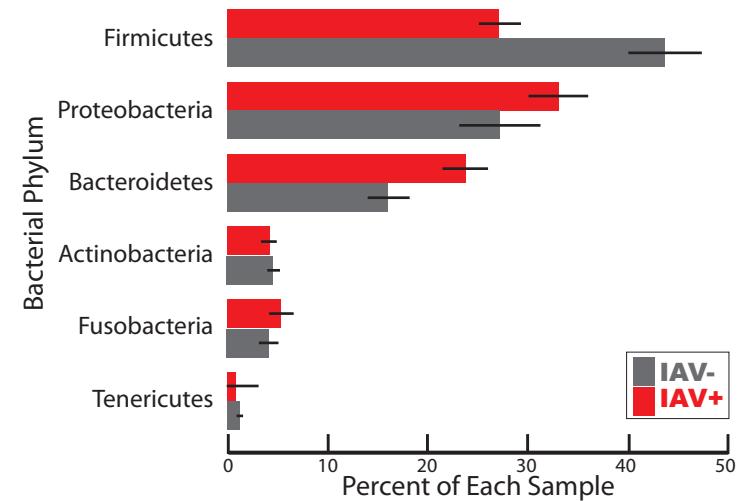
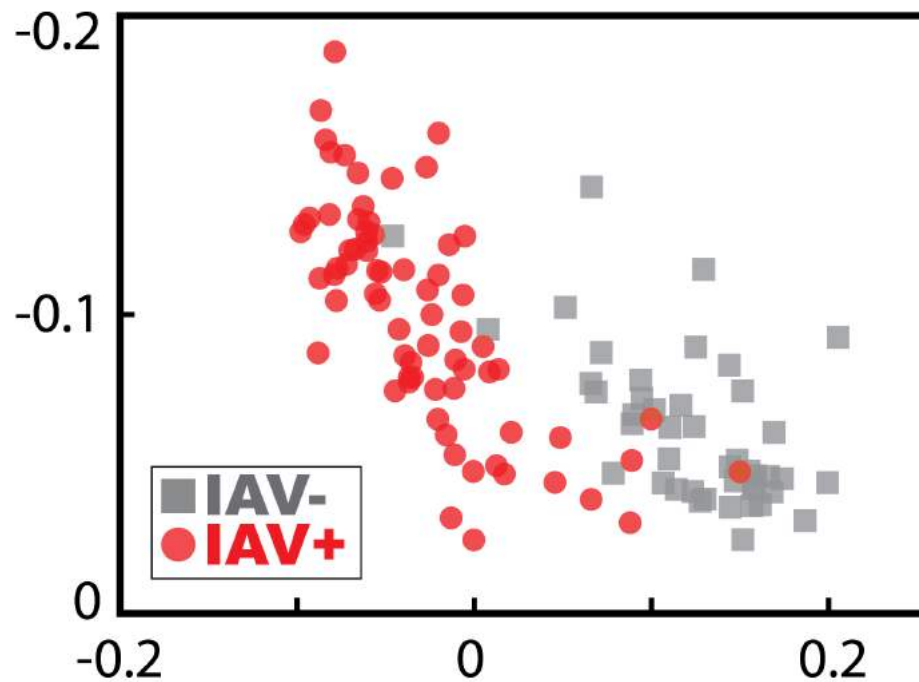
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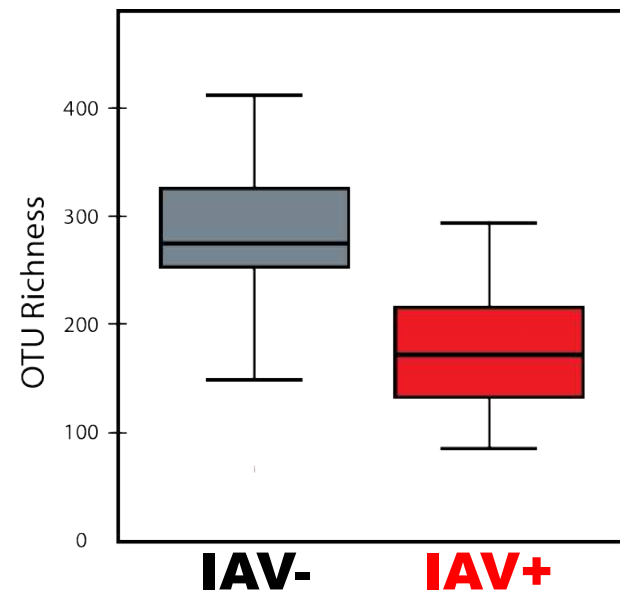
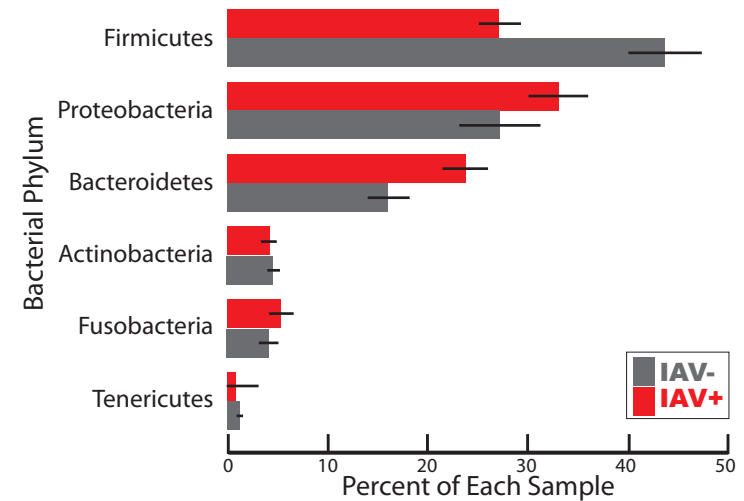
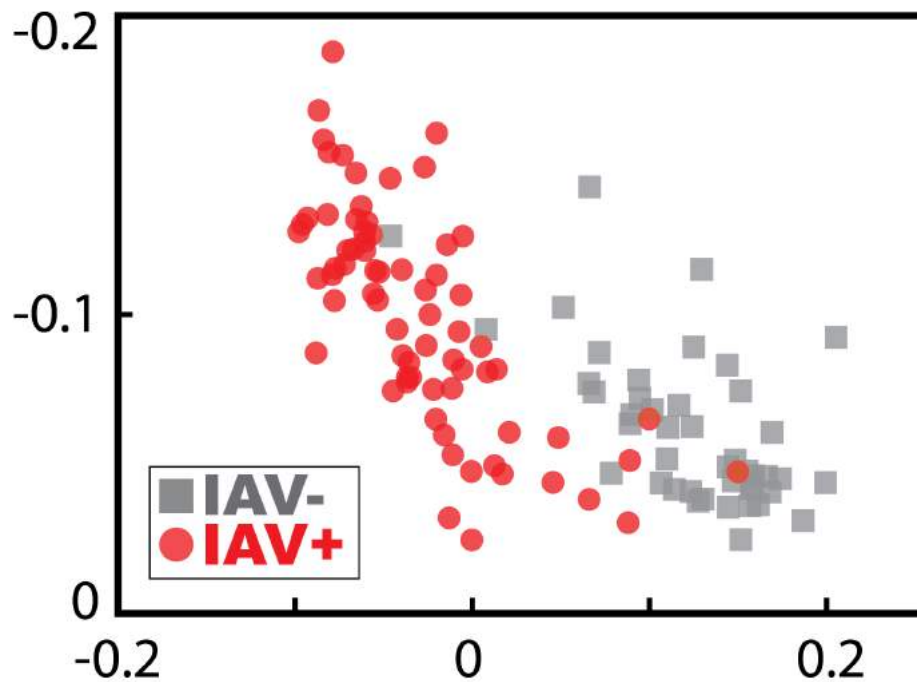
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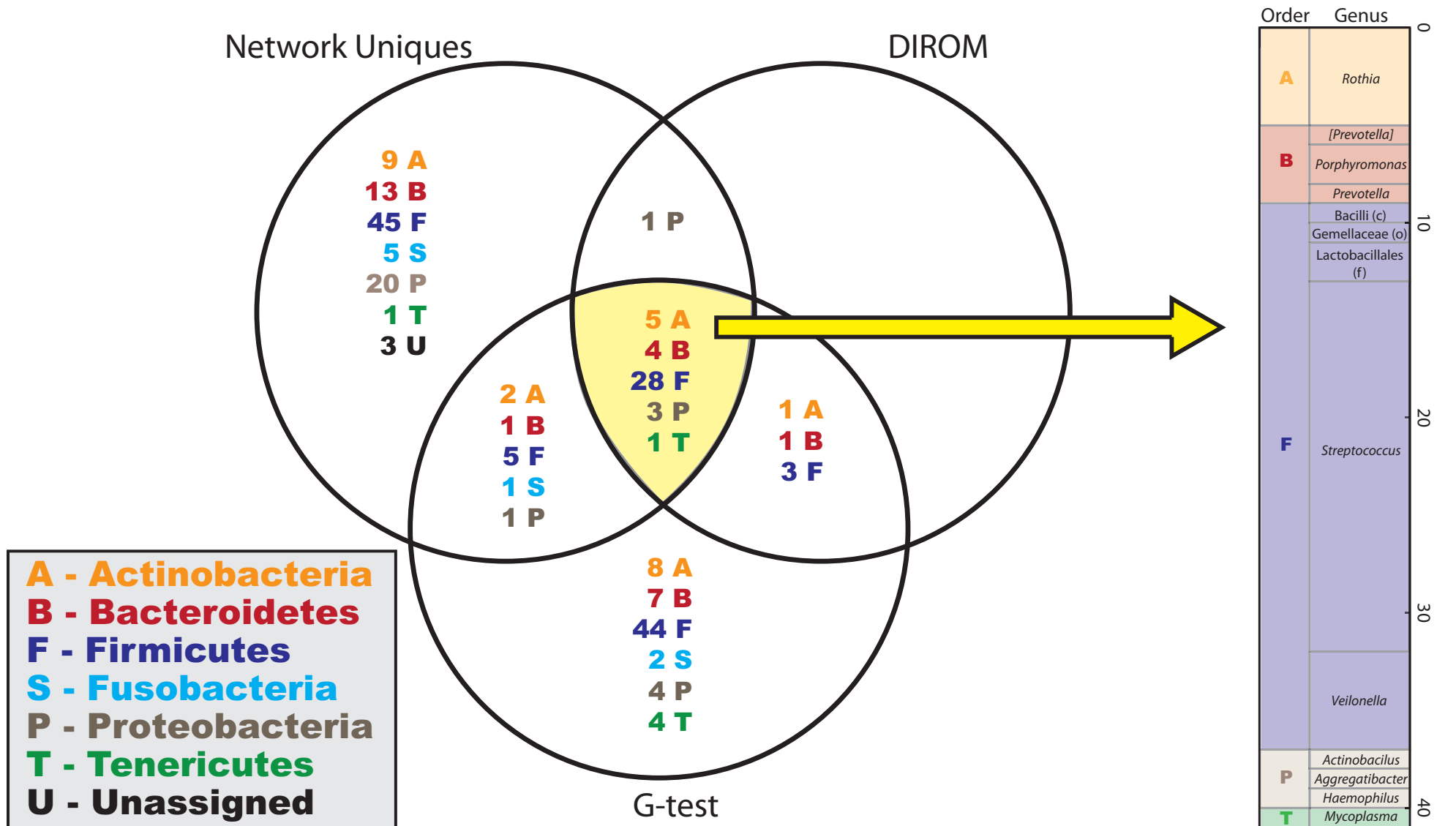
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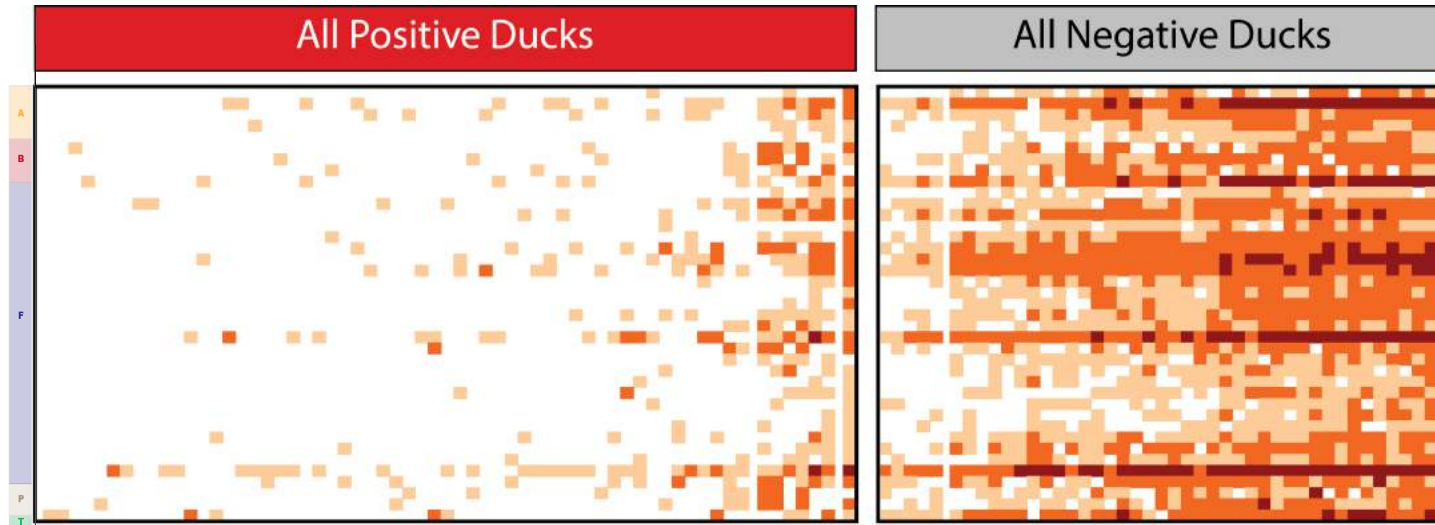
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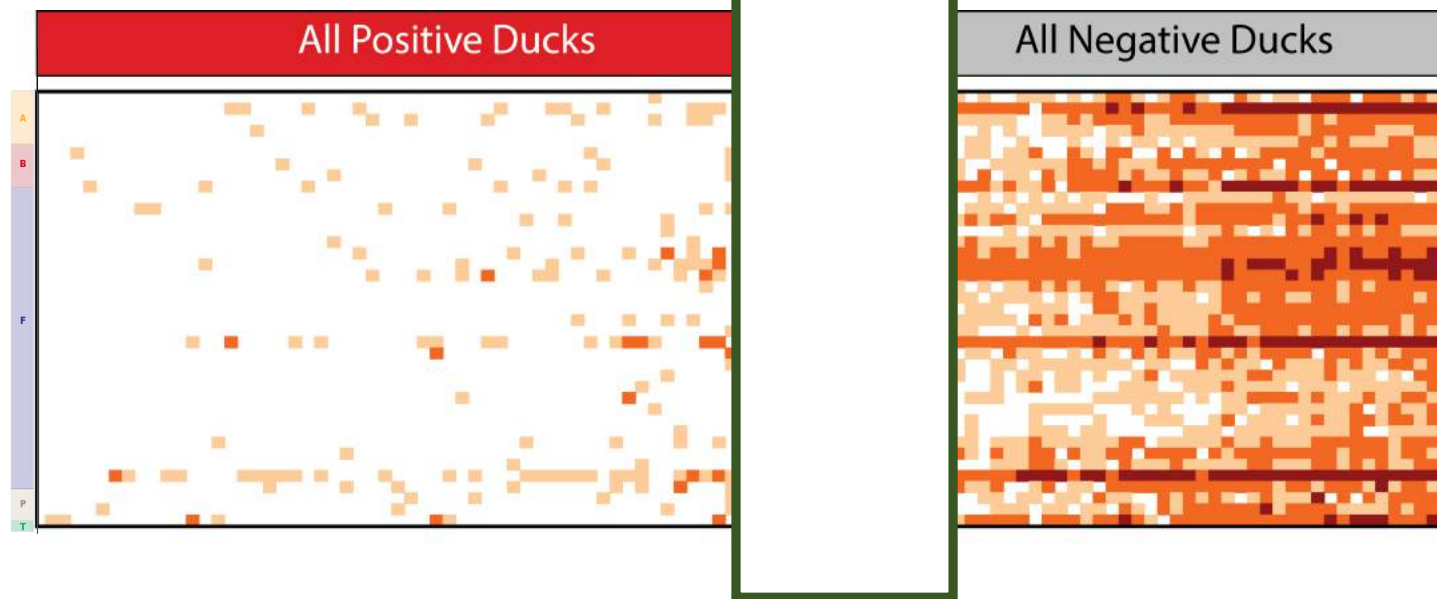
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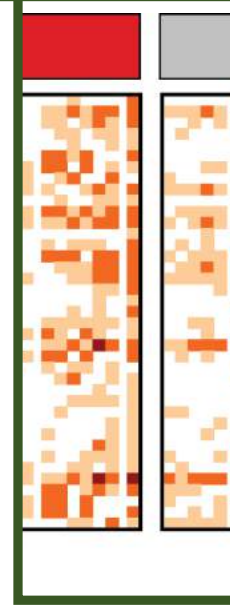
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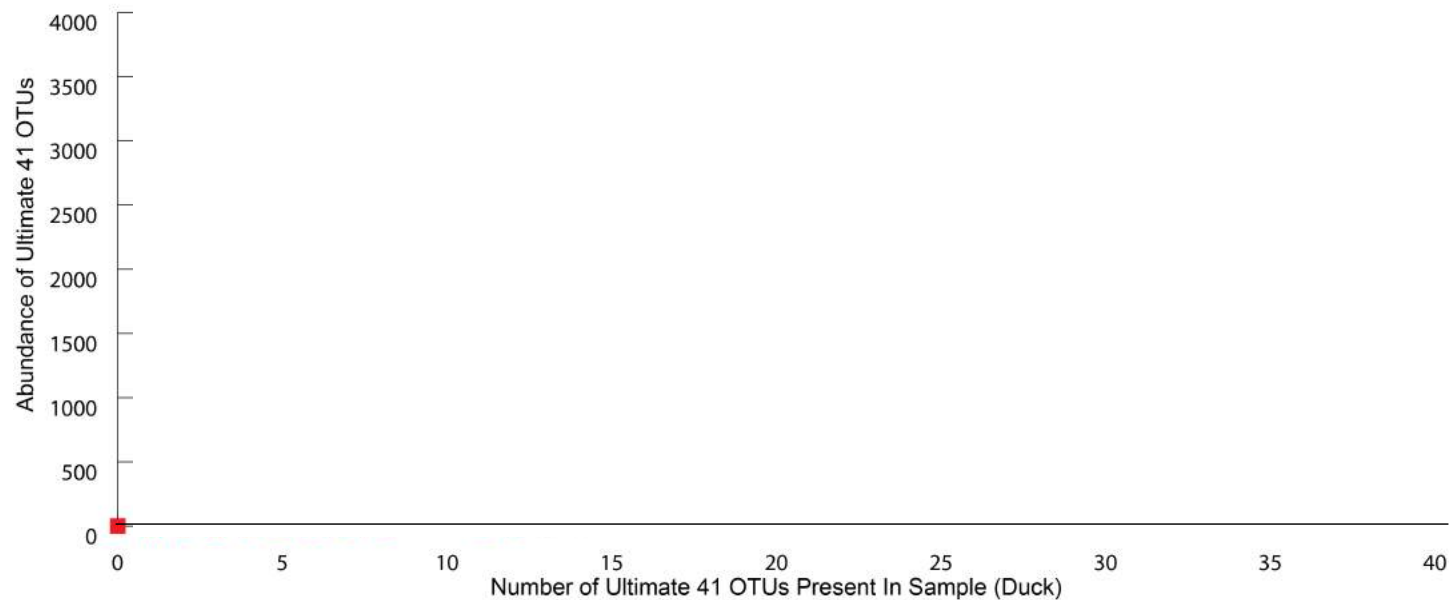
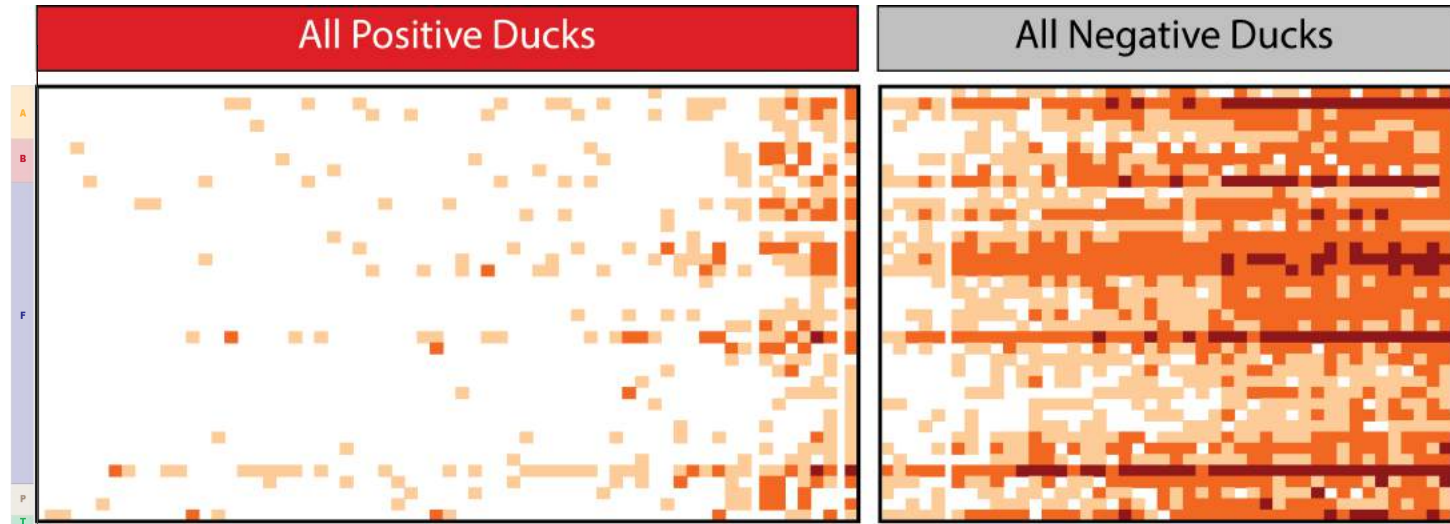
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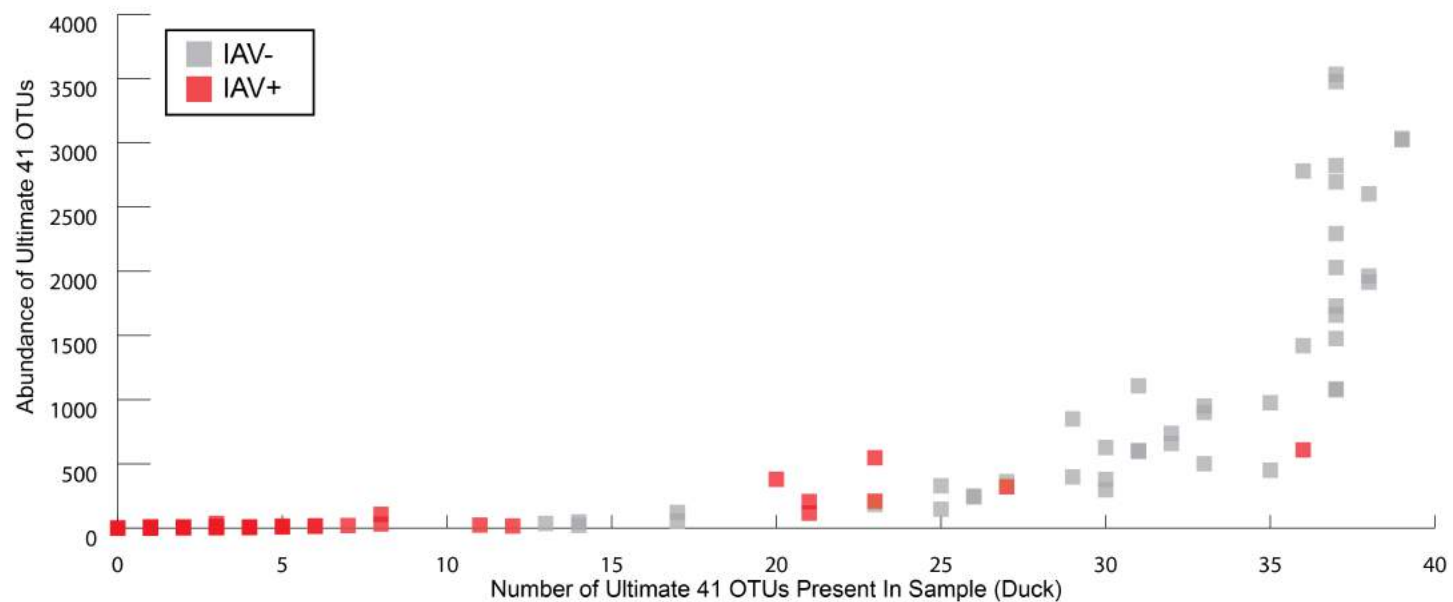
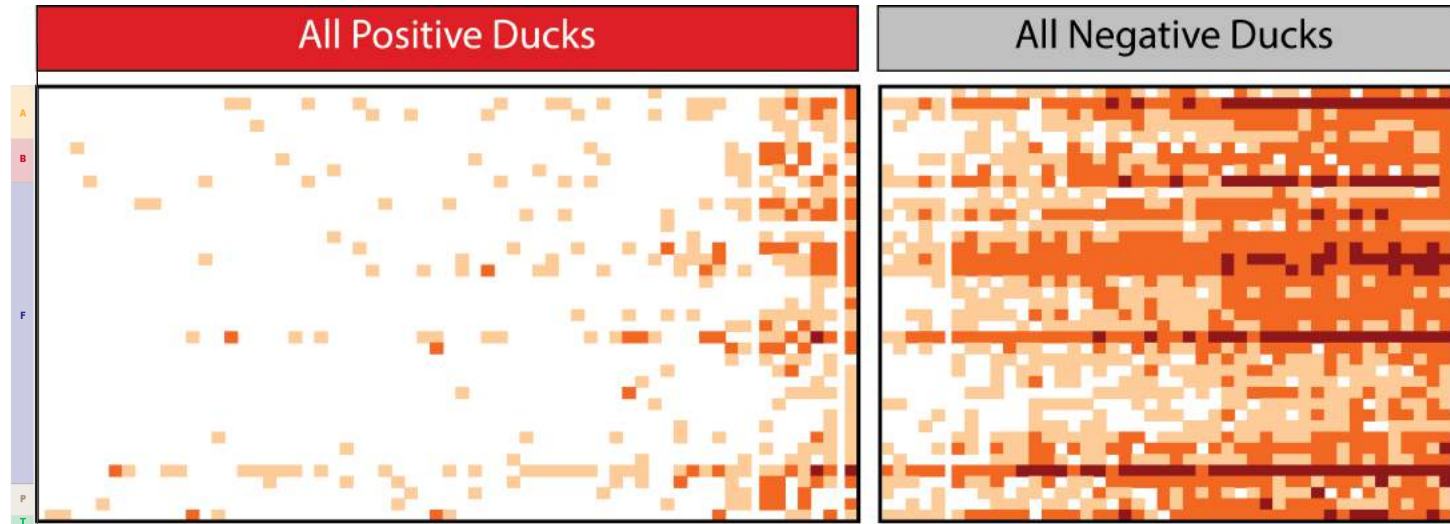
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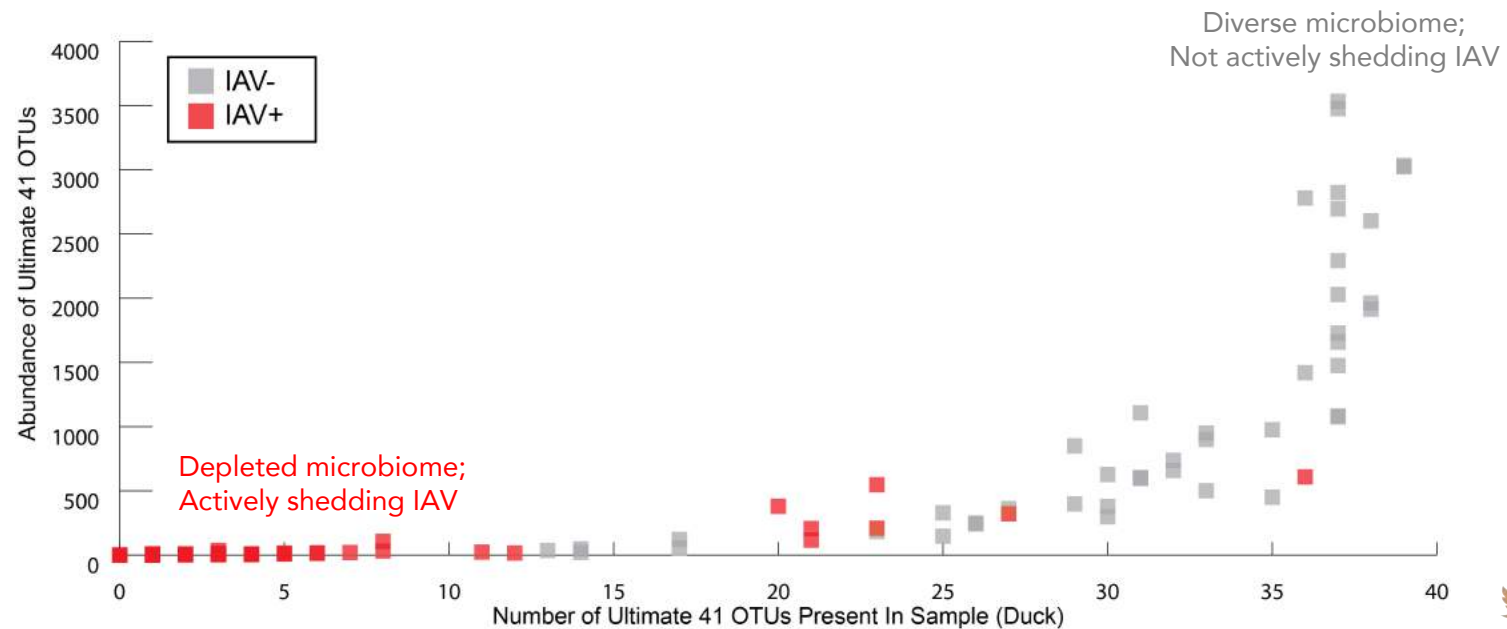
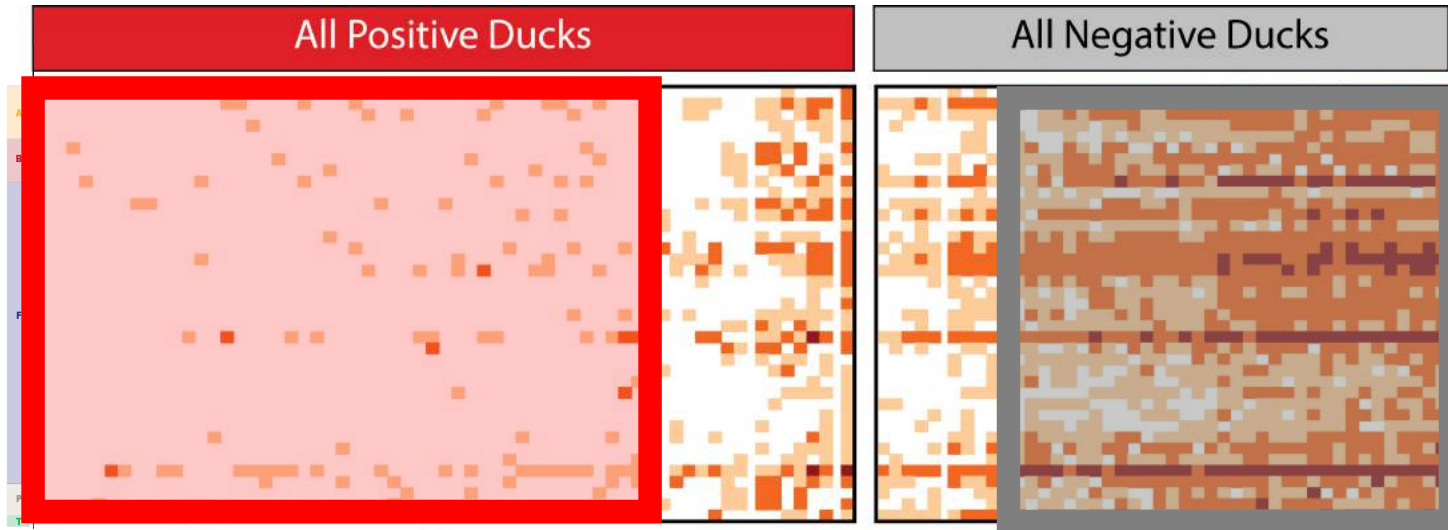
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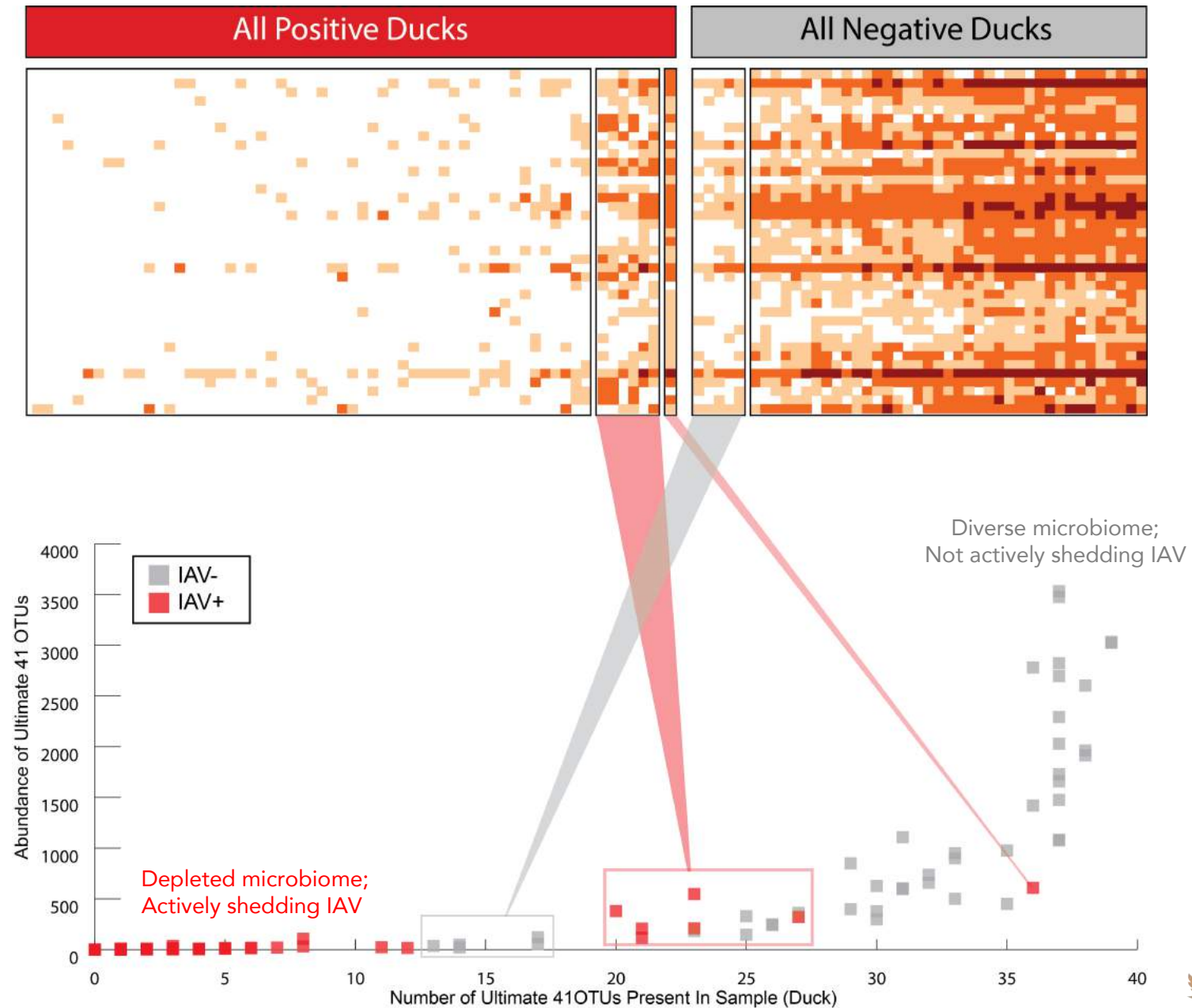
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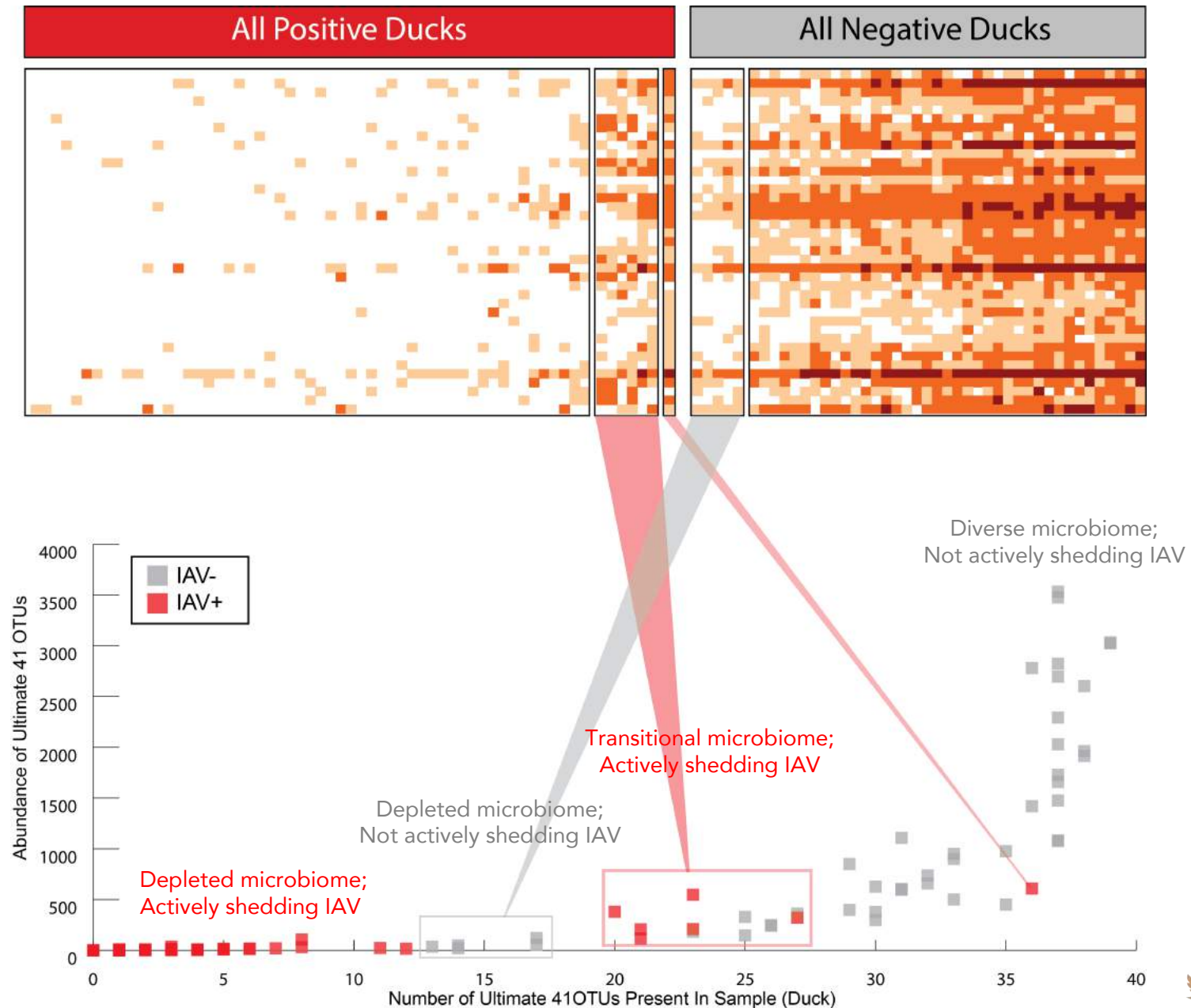
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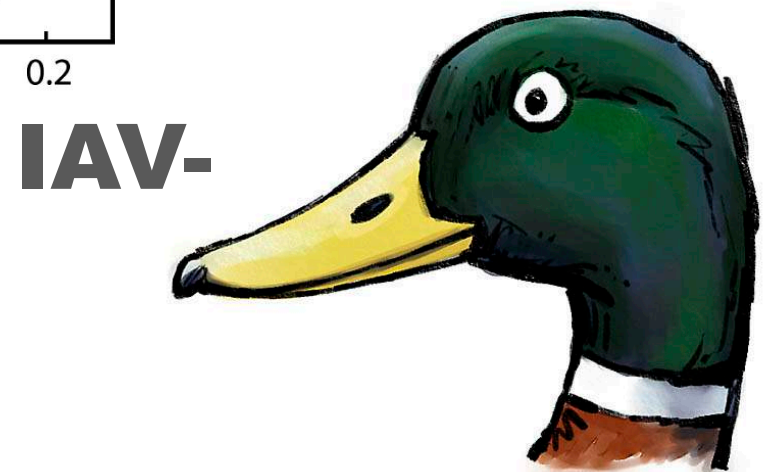
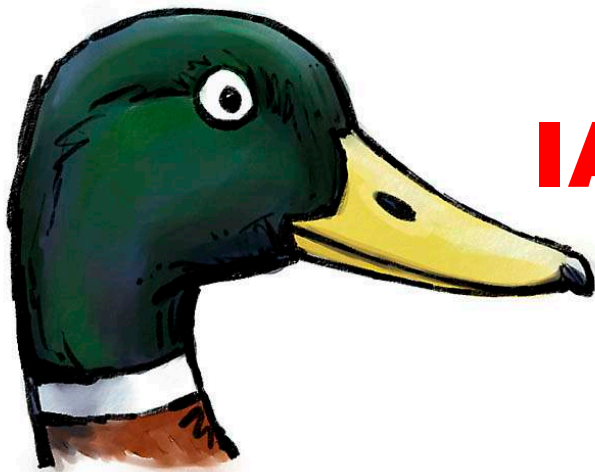
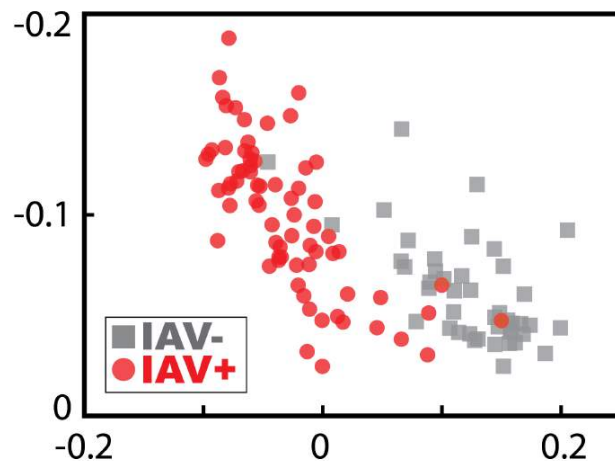


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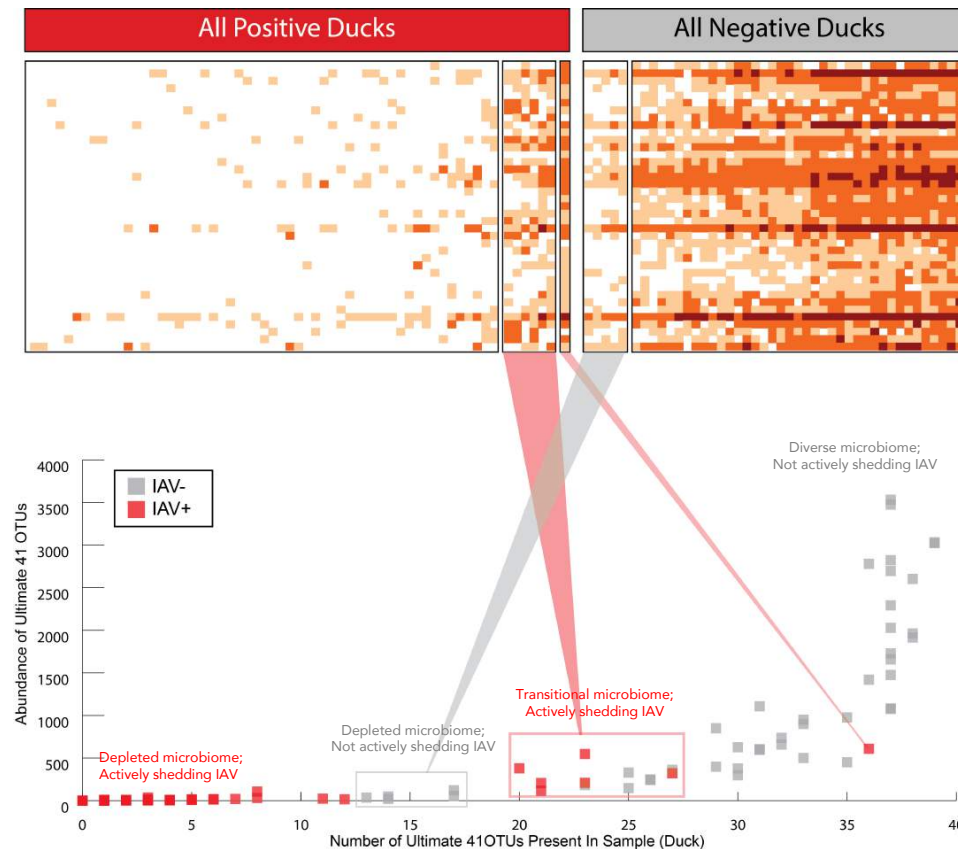




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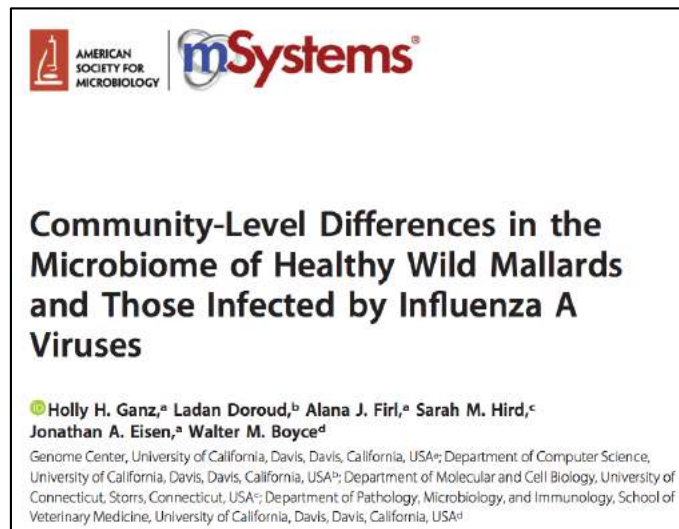


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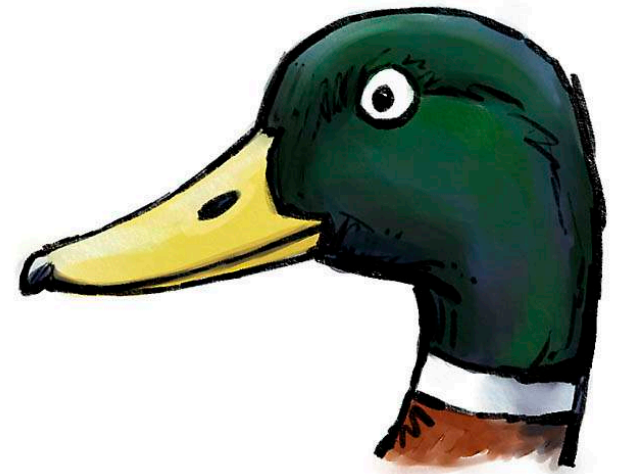
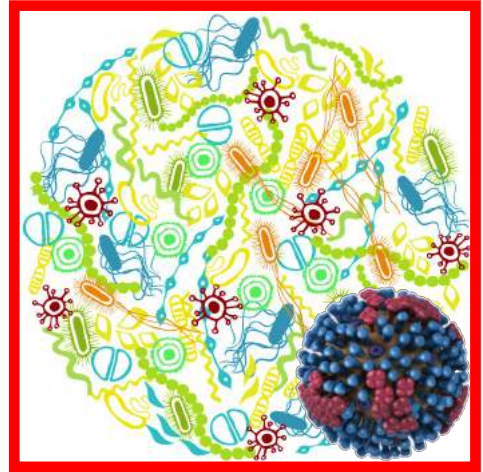
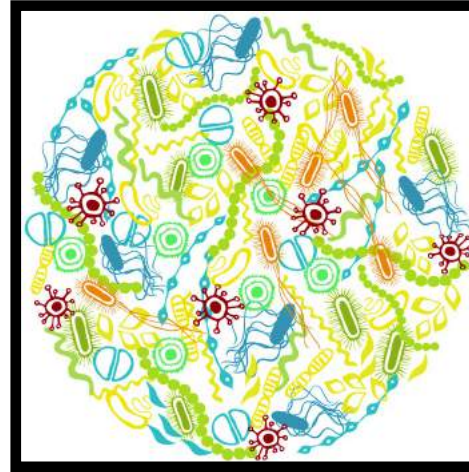
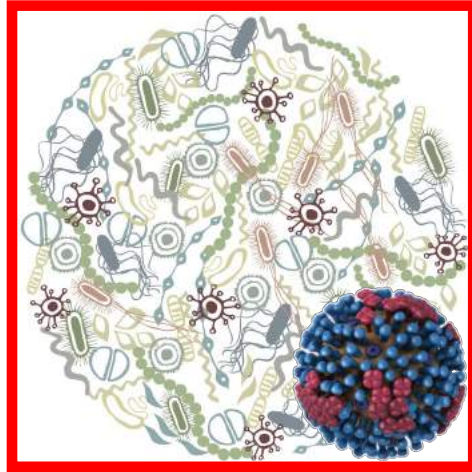
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## Question 2

Does IAV affect the microbiomes of different wild duck species in the same way?



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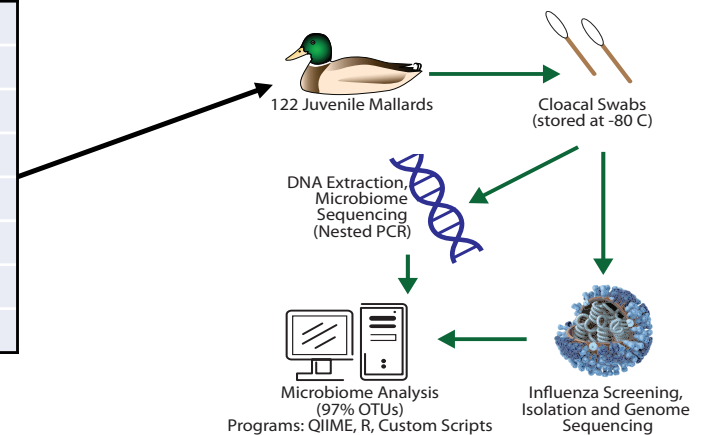


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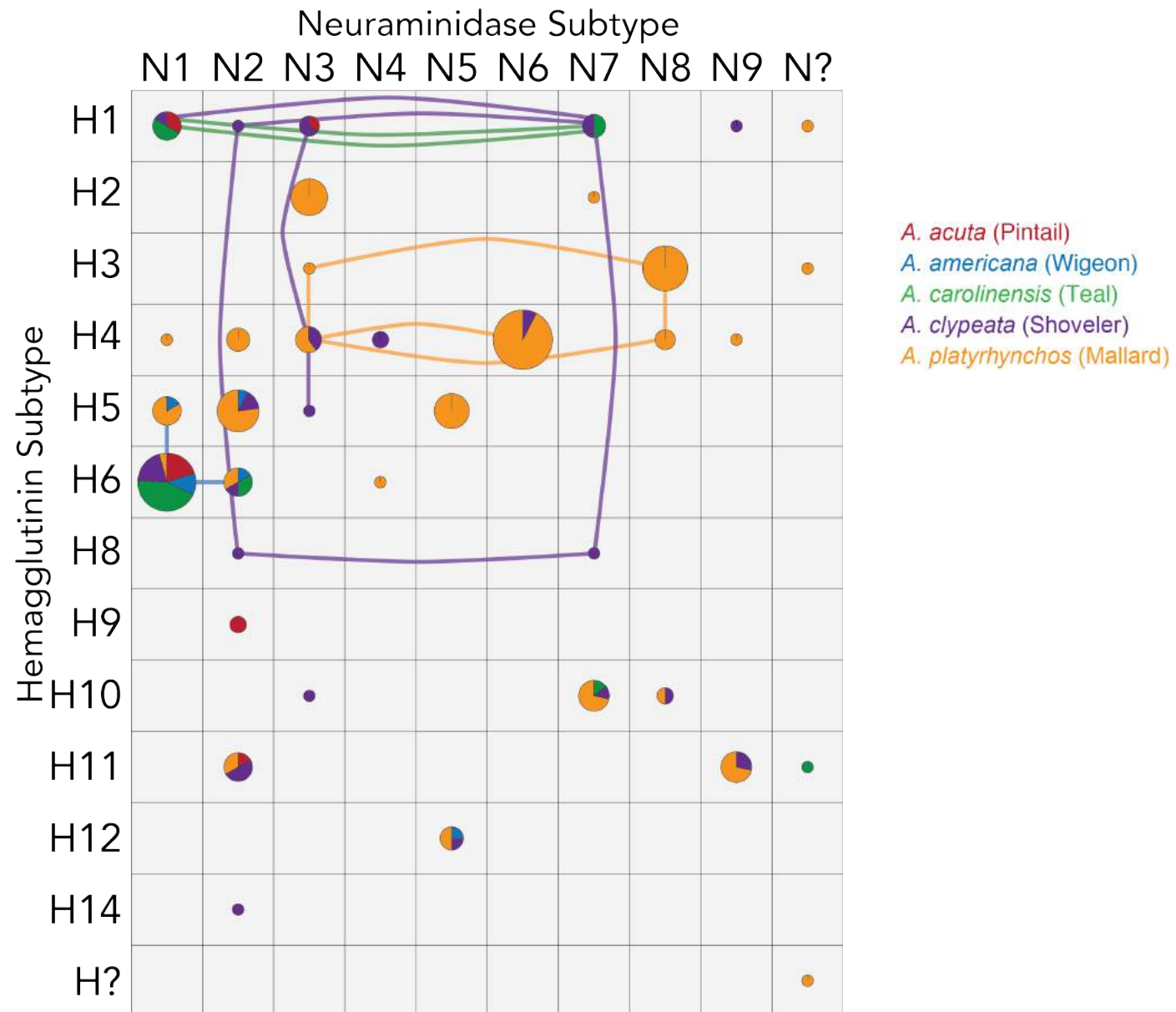


		SAMPLING LOCALITY				
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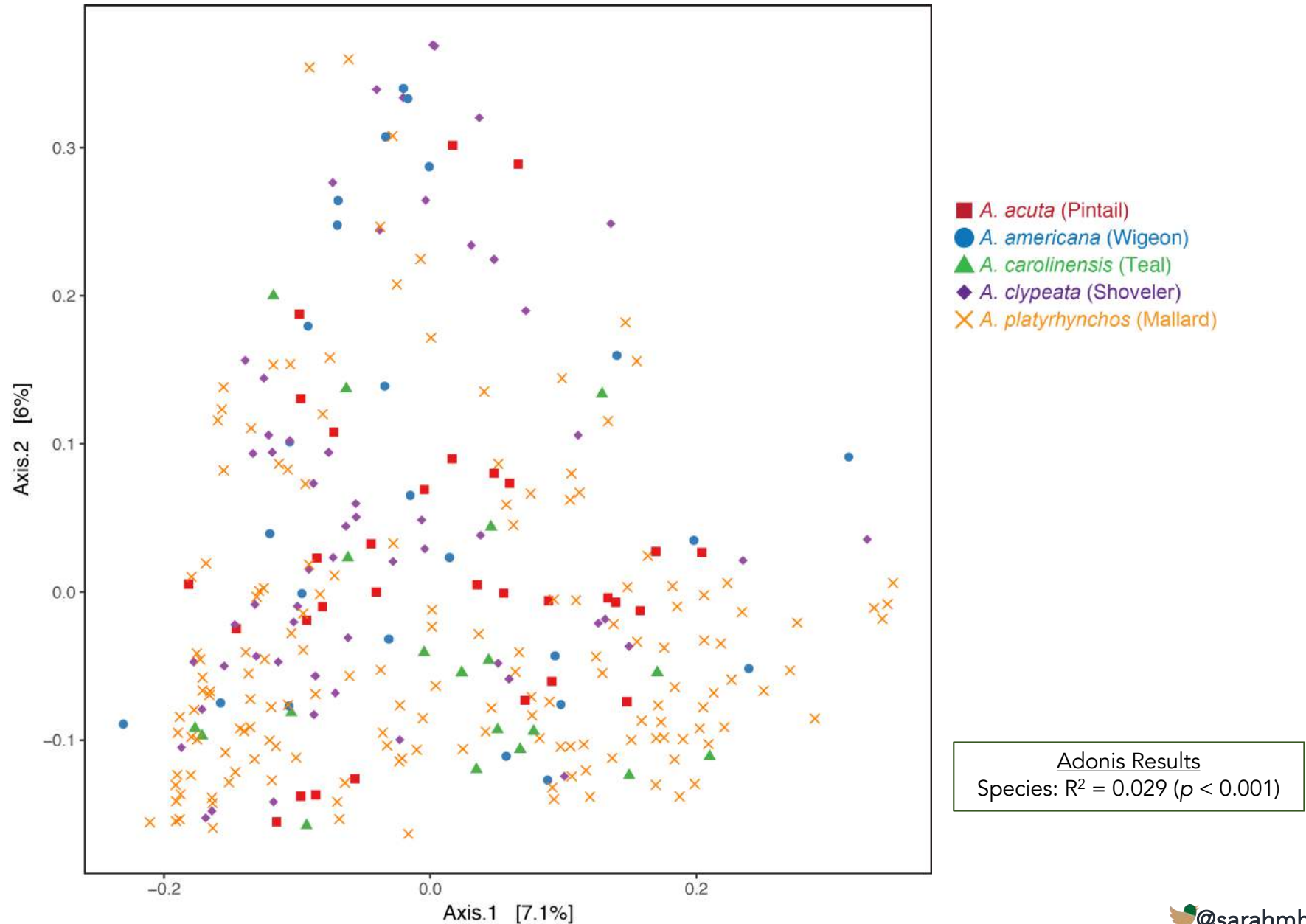
# Meet the flu

**Lots of  
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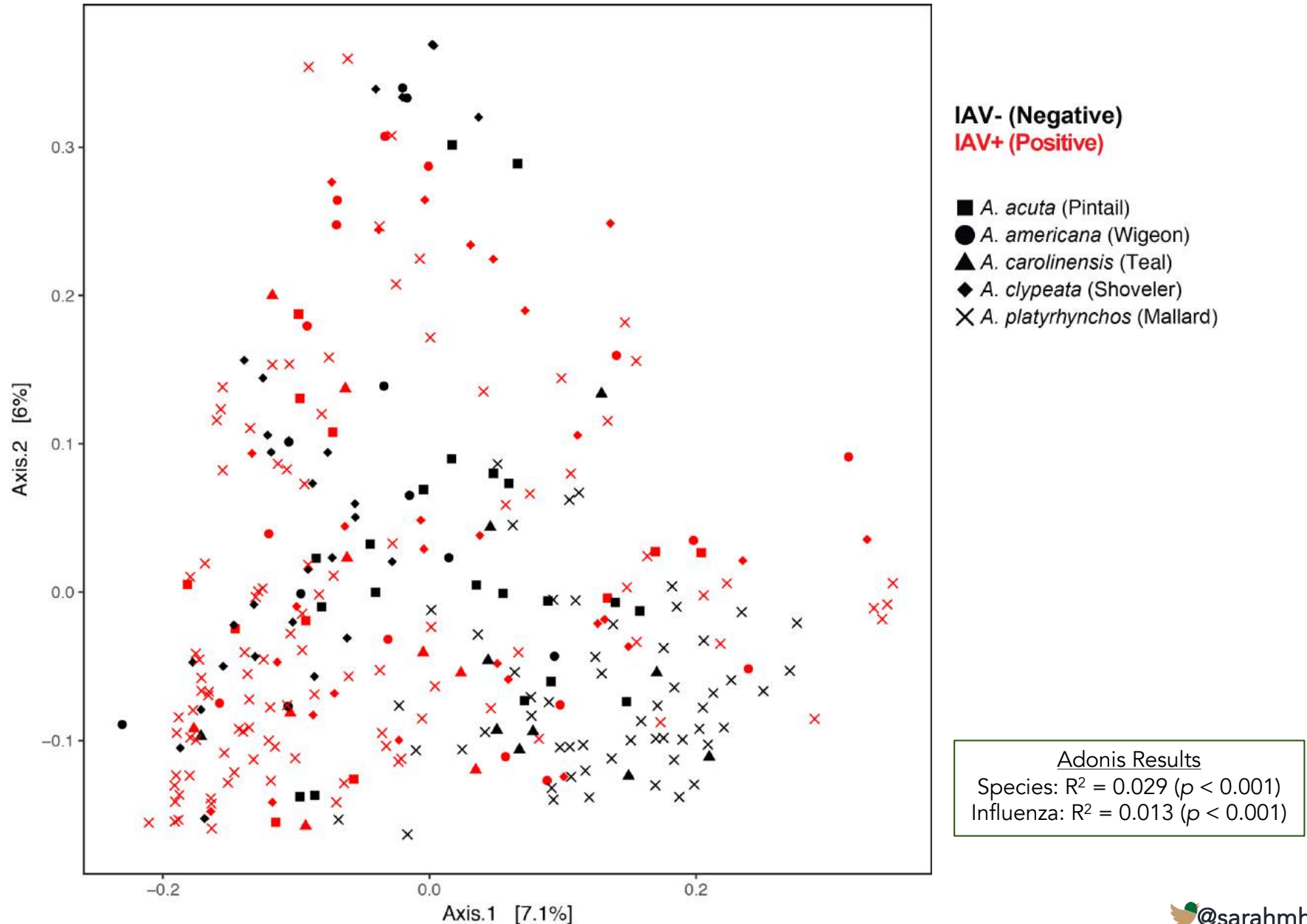
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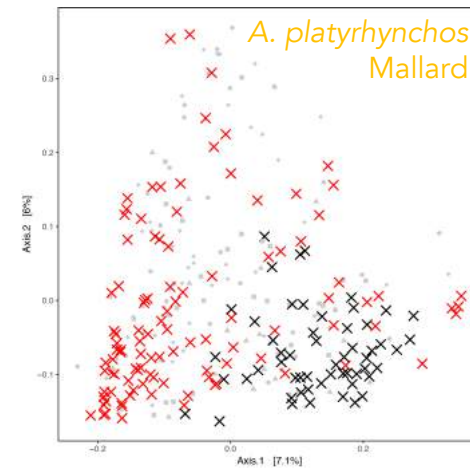
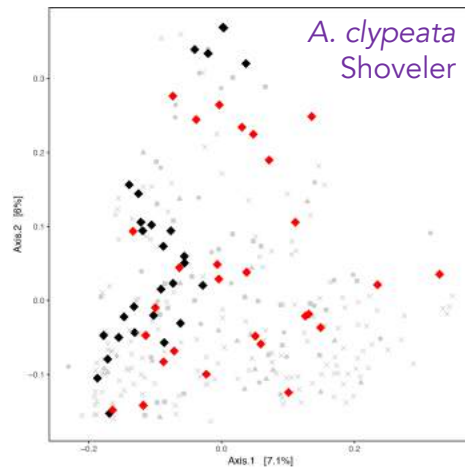
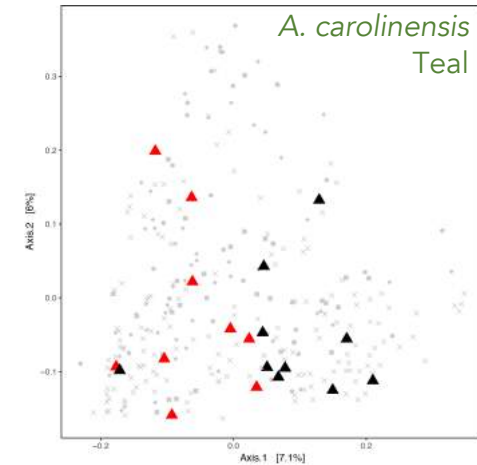
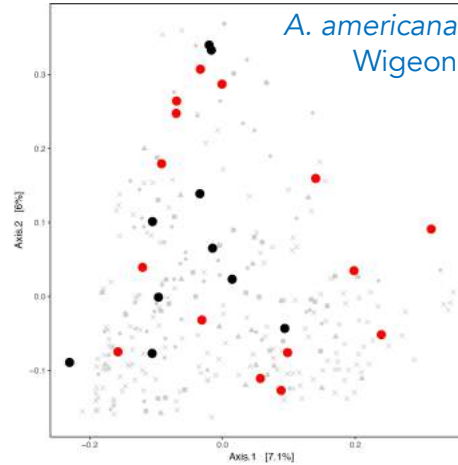
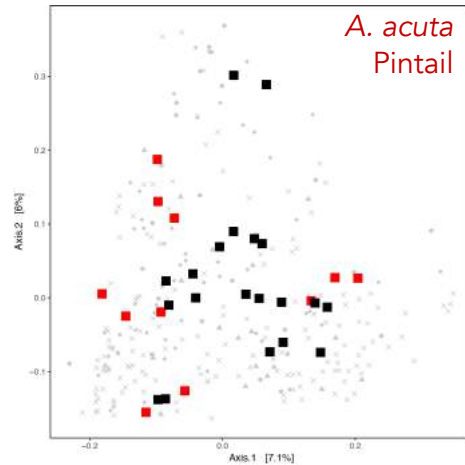
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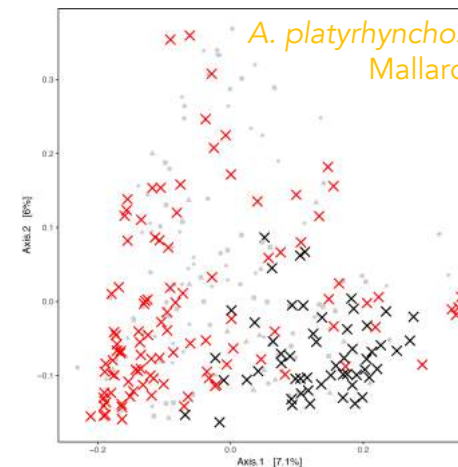
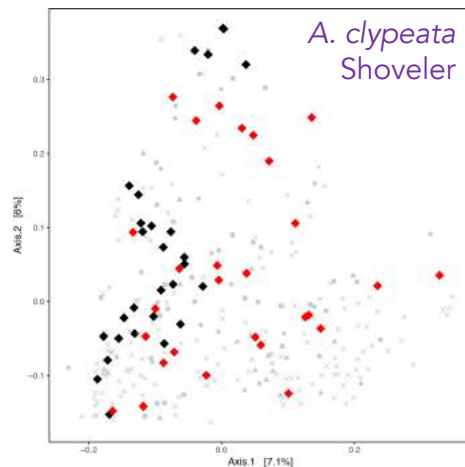
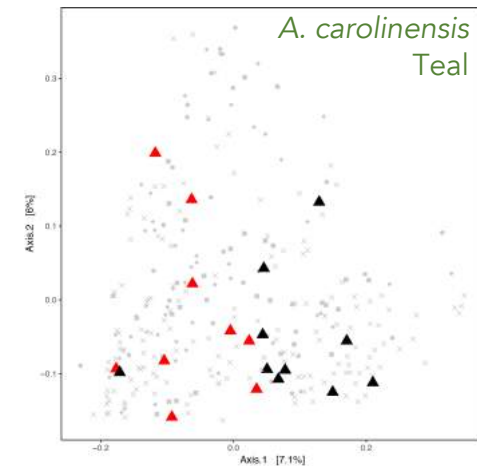
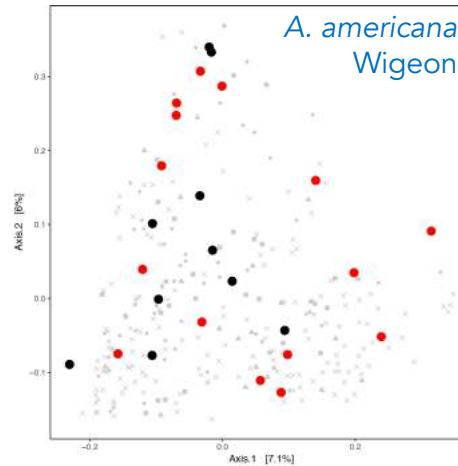
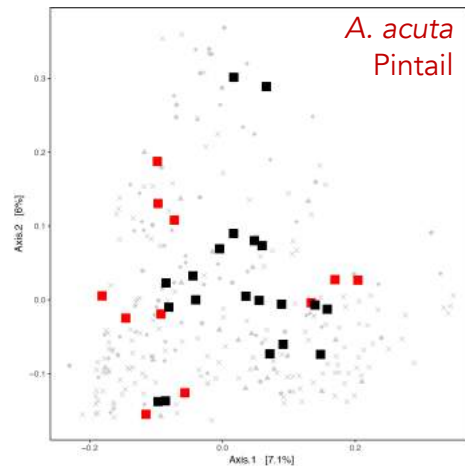
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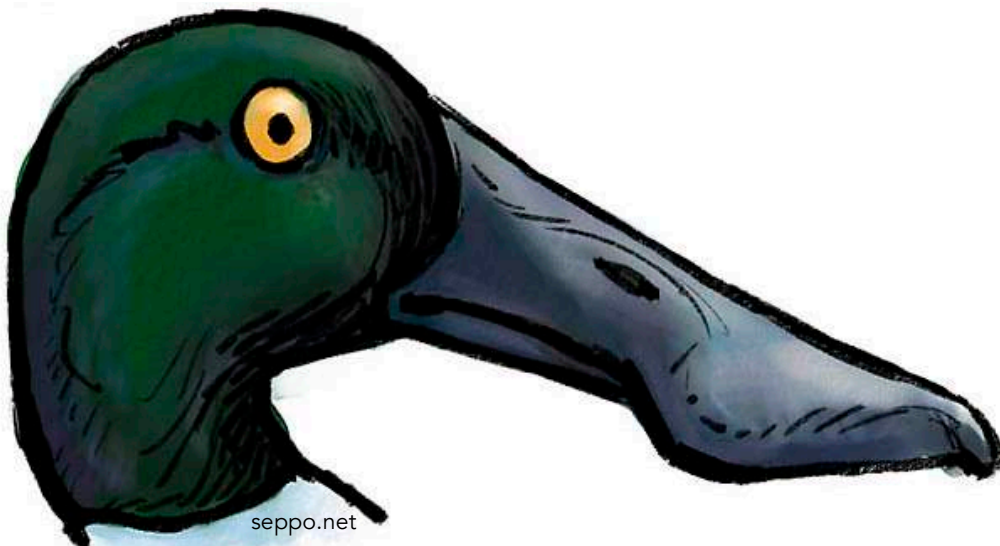
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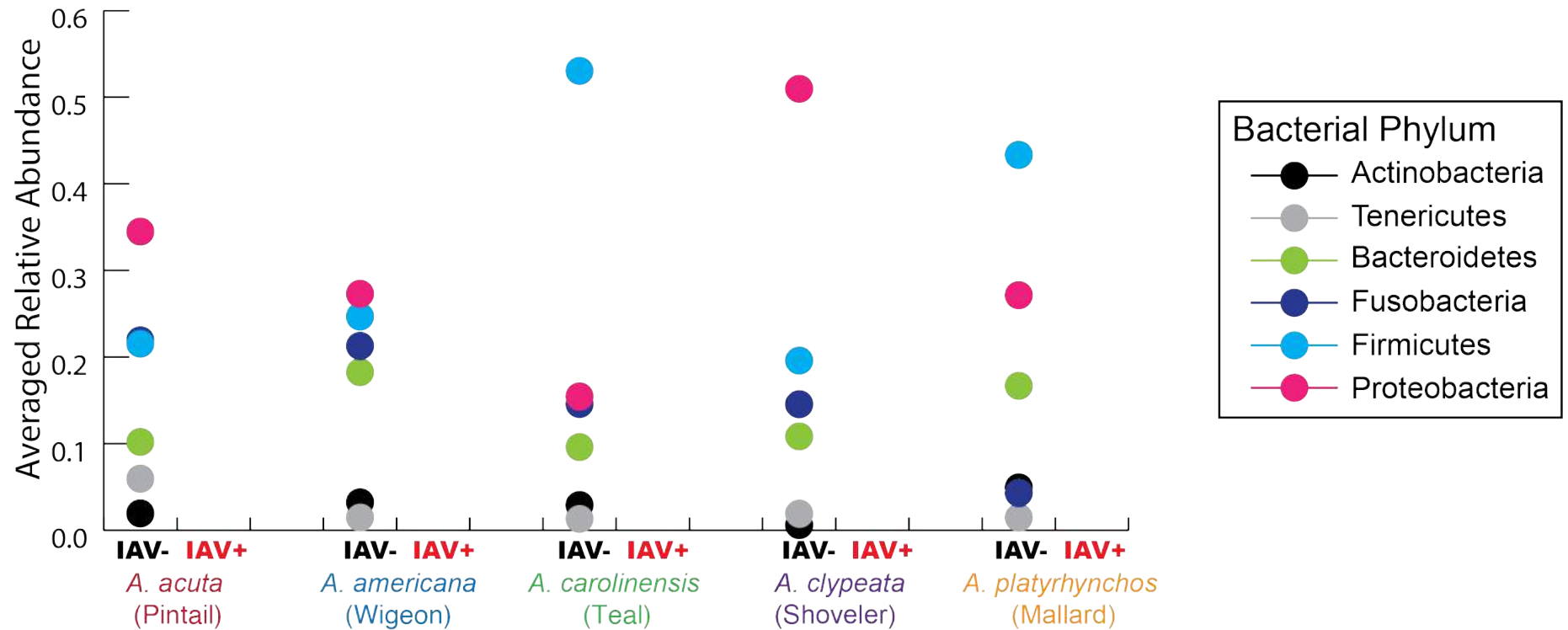
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**What do the communities look like?**

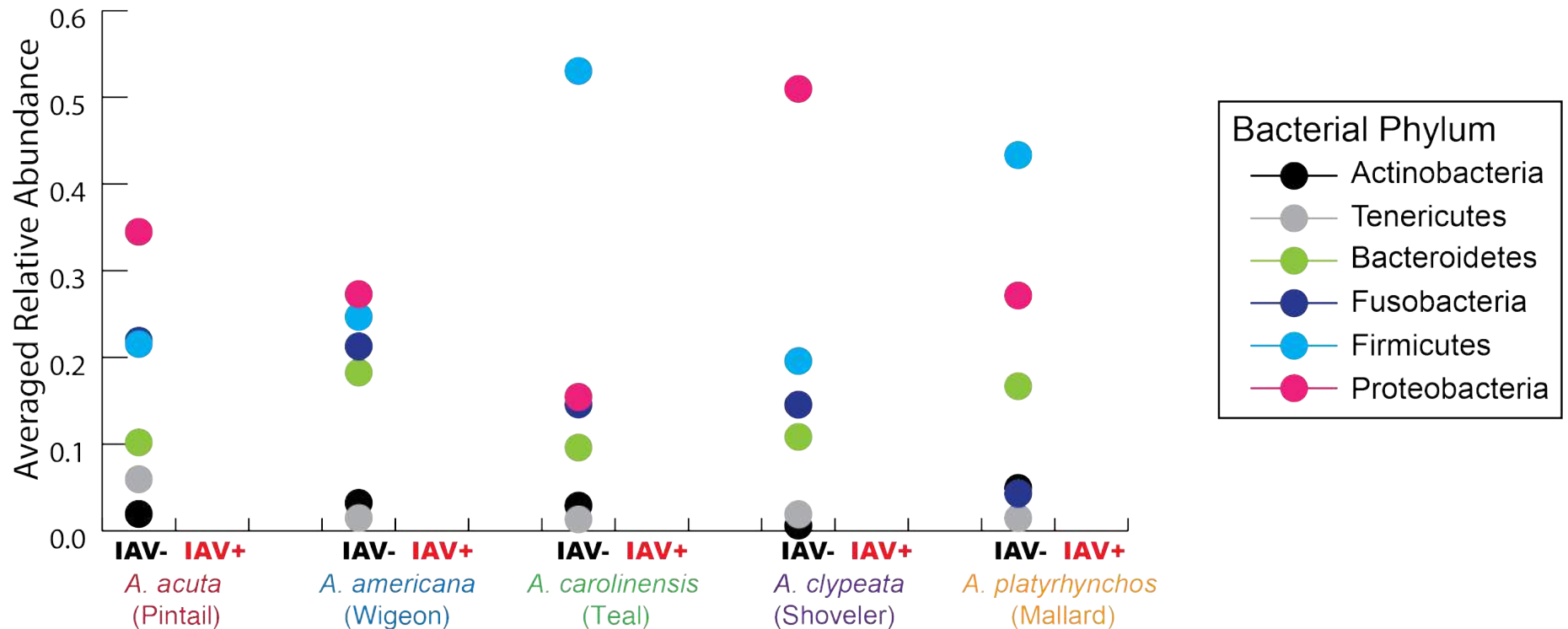


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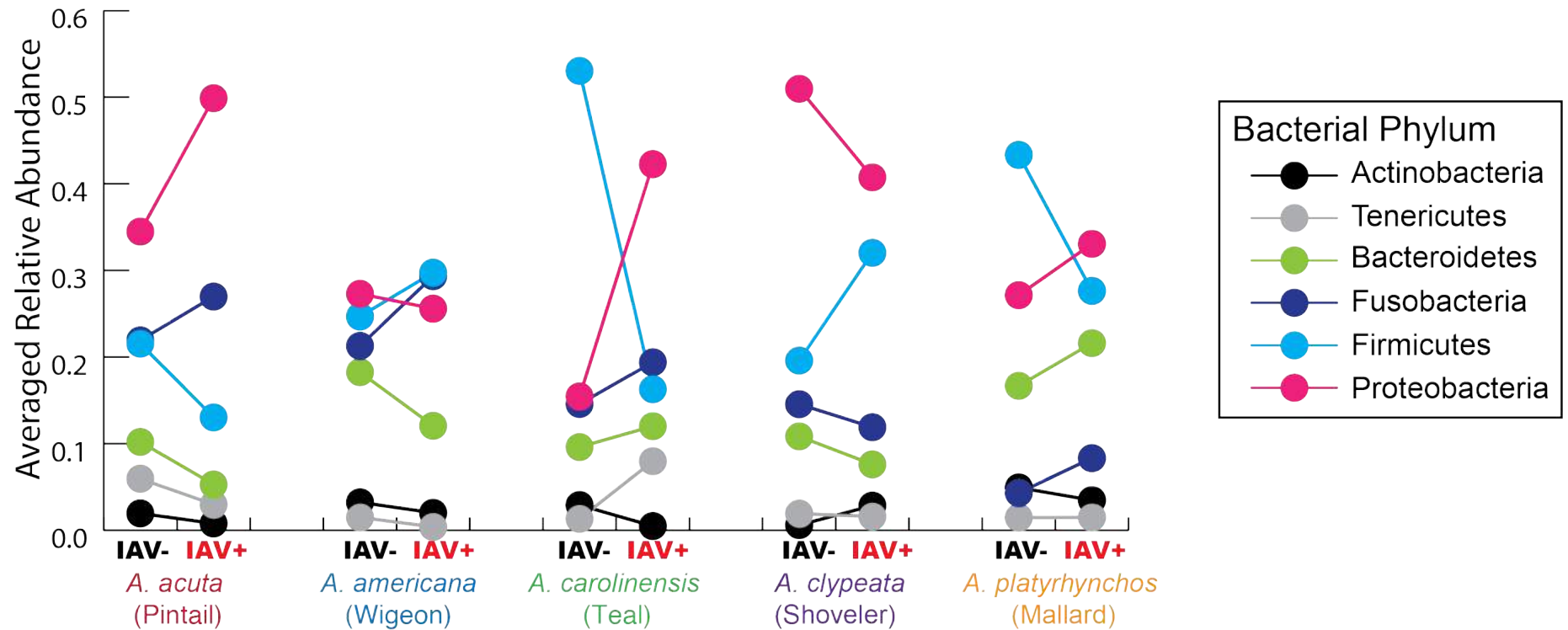
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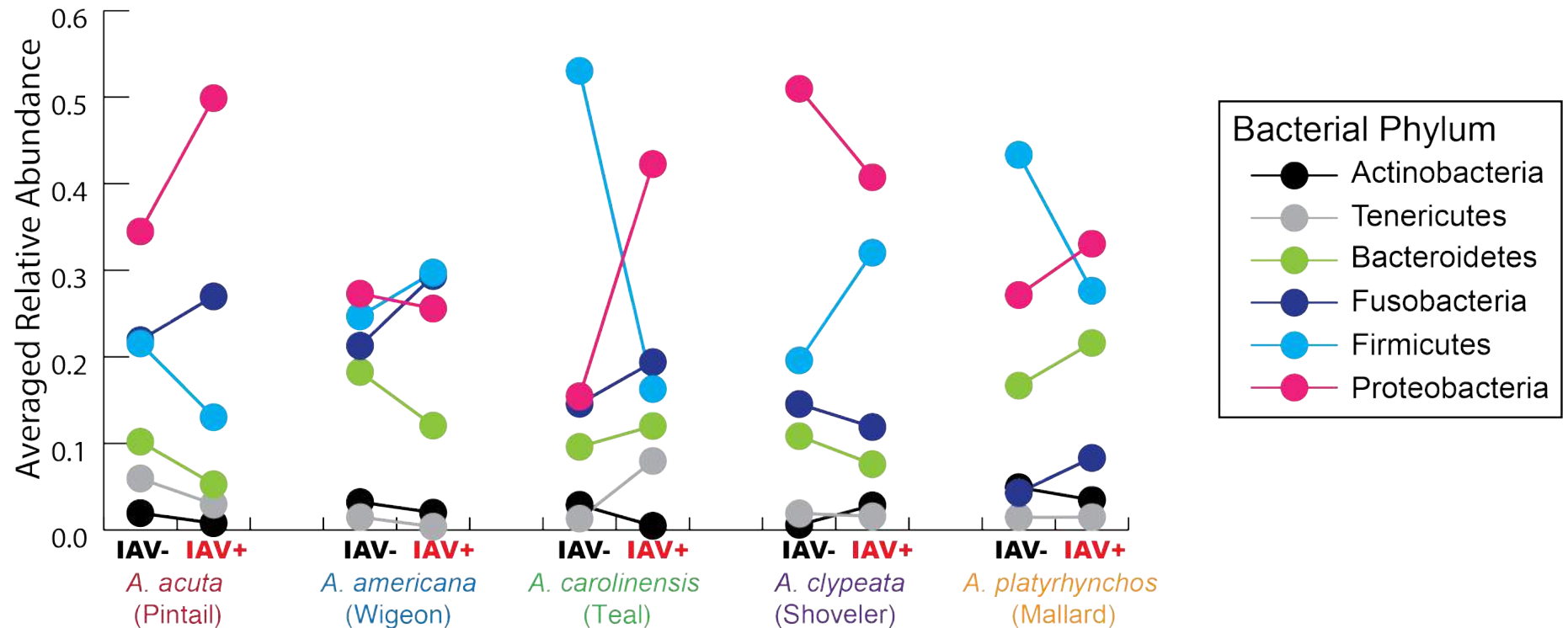
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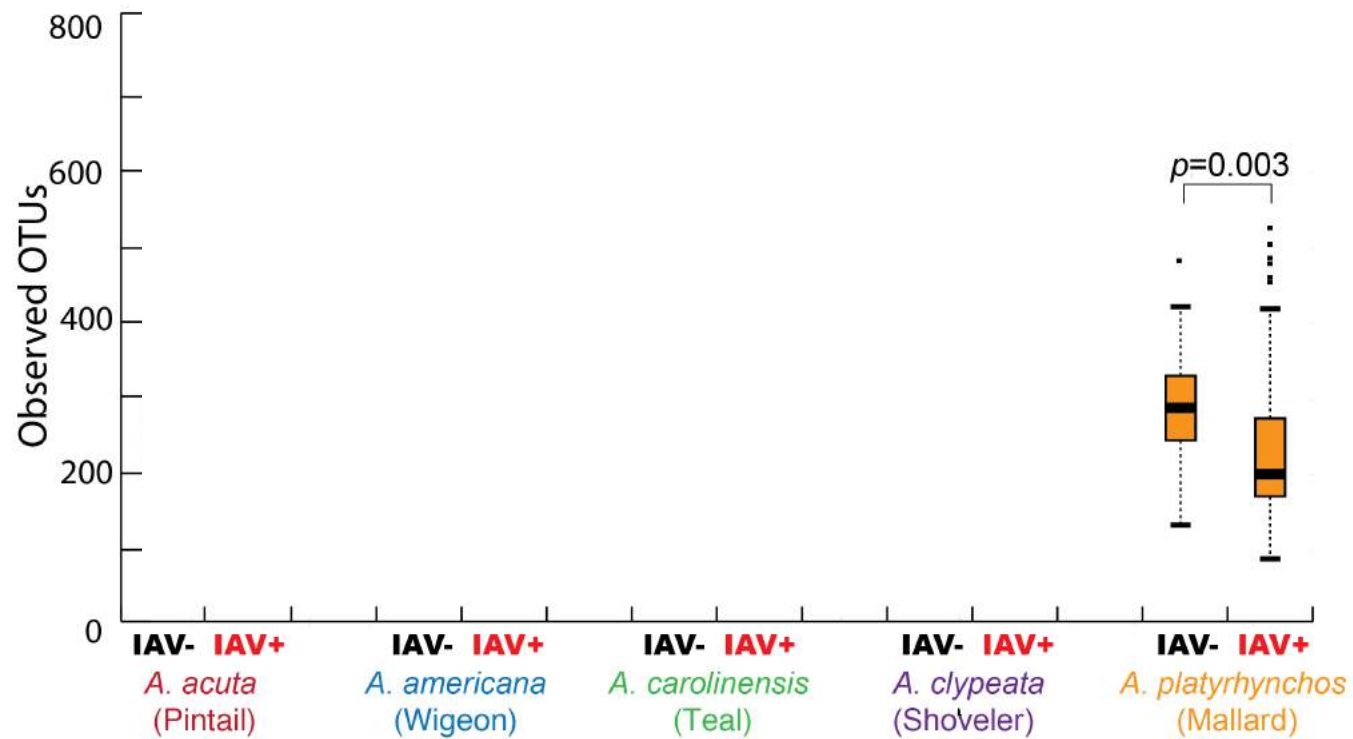
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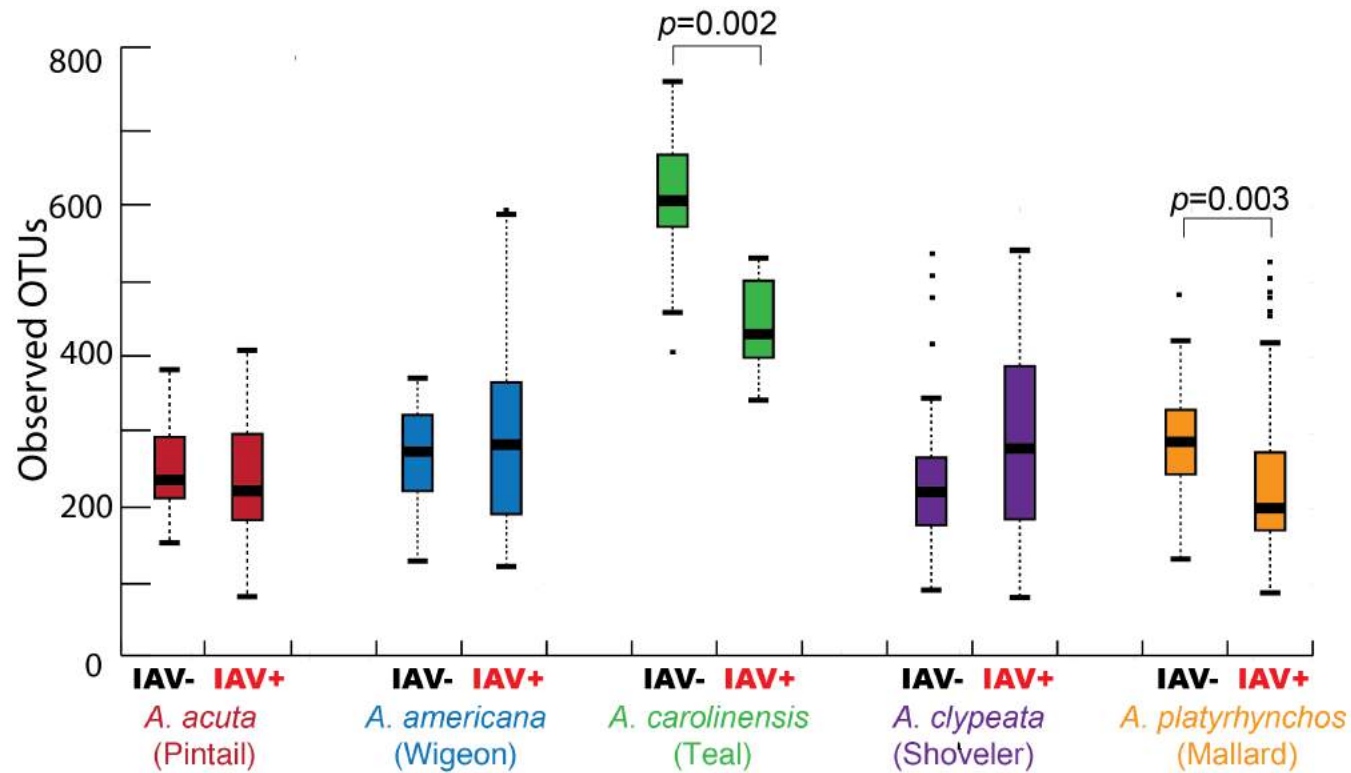
Q2: RESULTS

# Community Richness





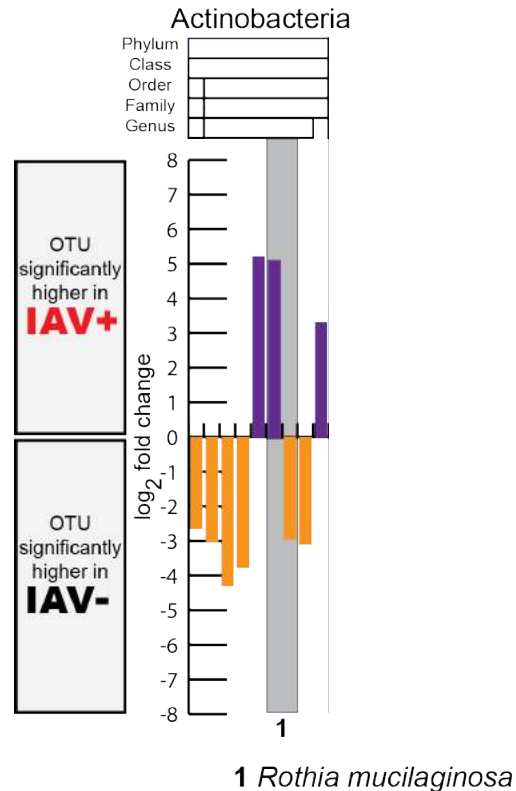
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**No pattern in community richness across species.**

## Q2: RESULTS

# Significantly different OTUs



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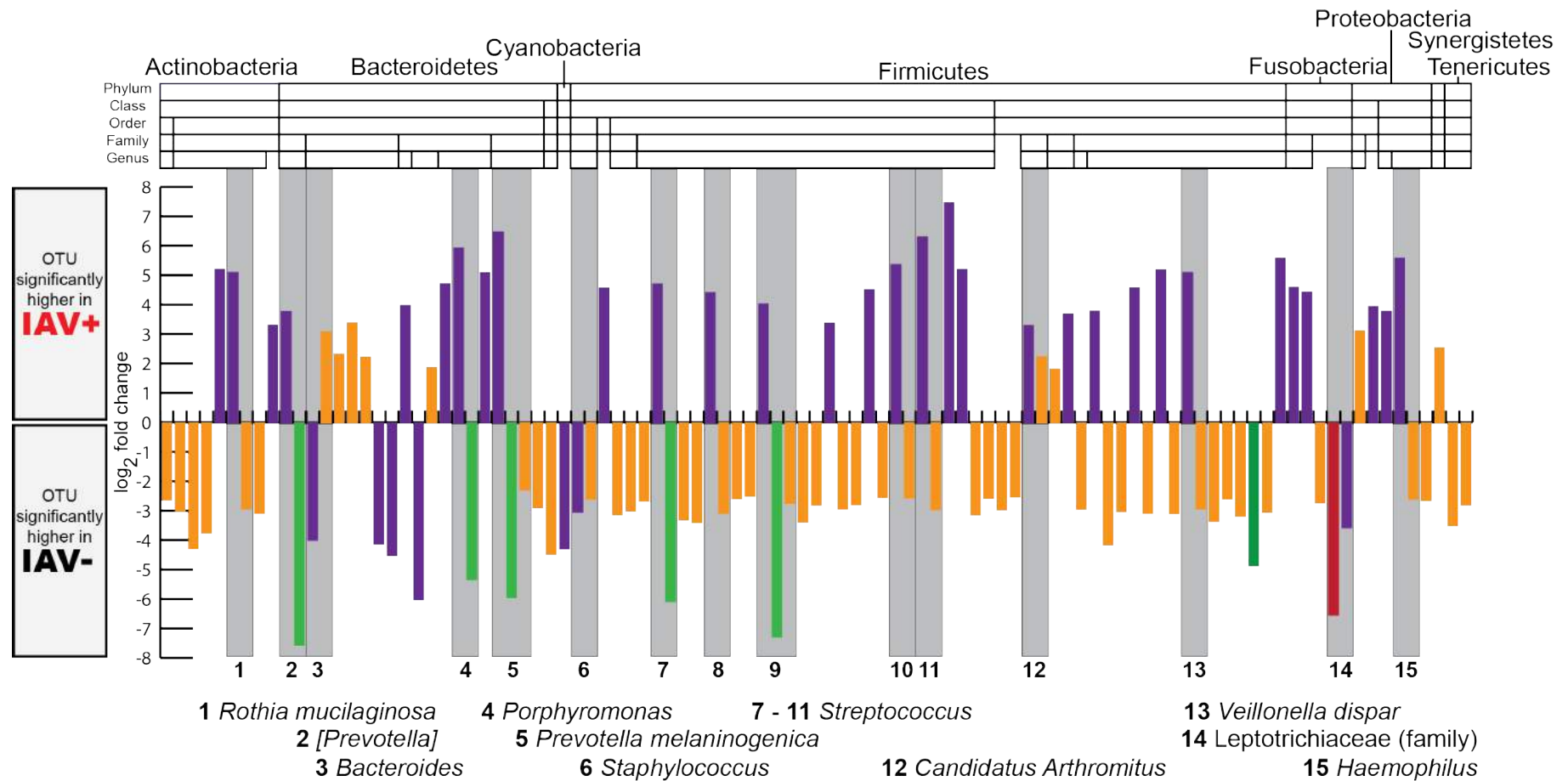
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## Q2: RESULTS

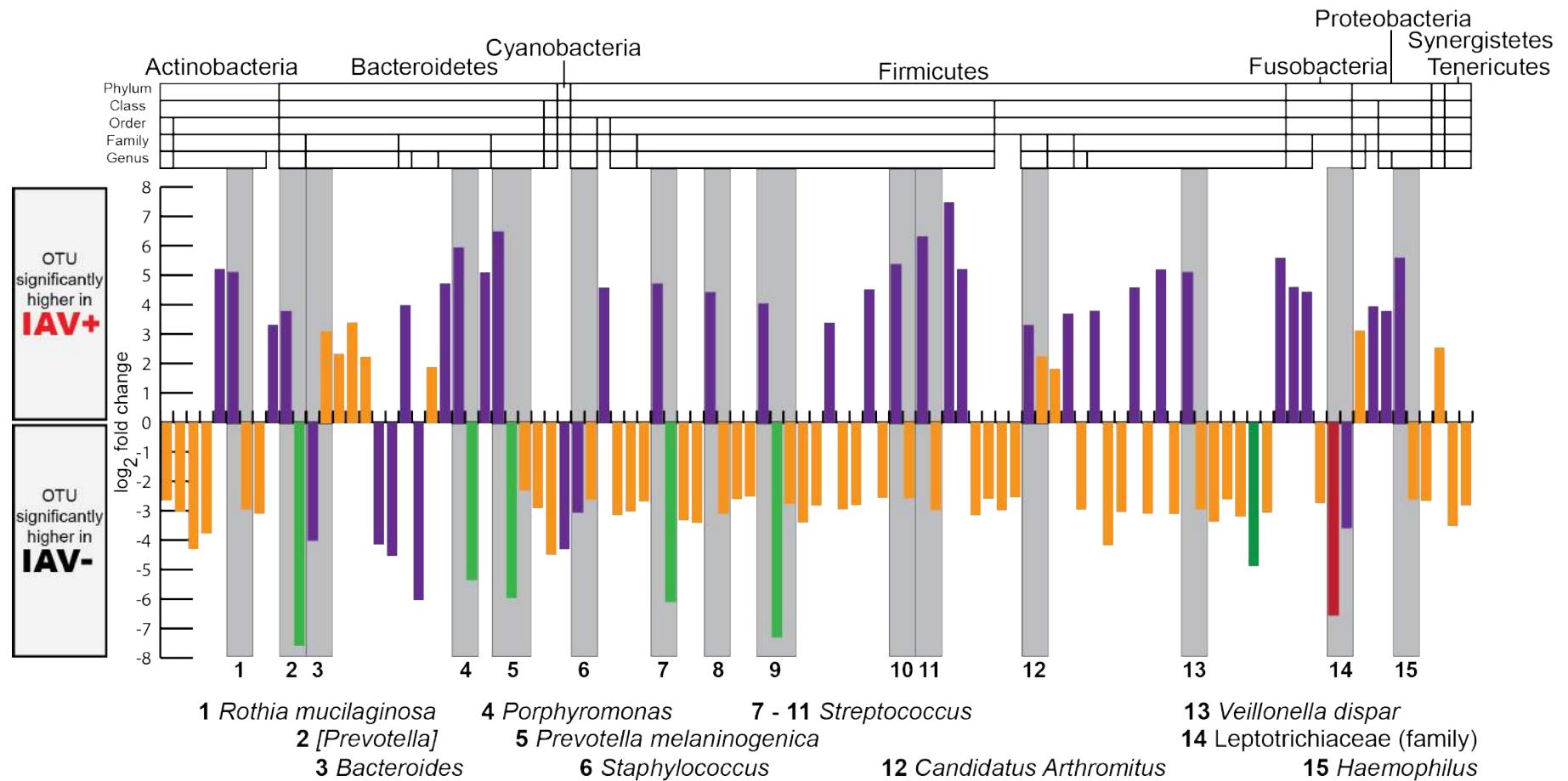
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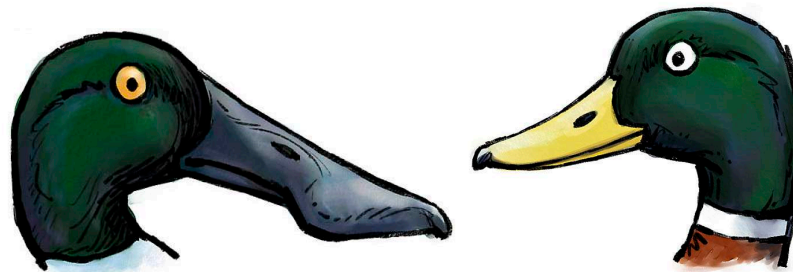
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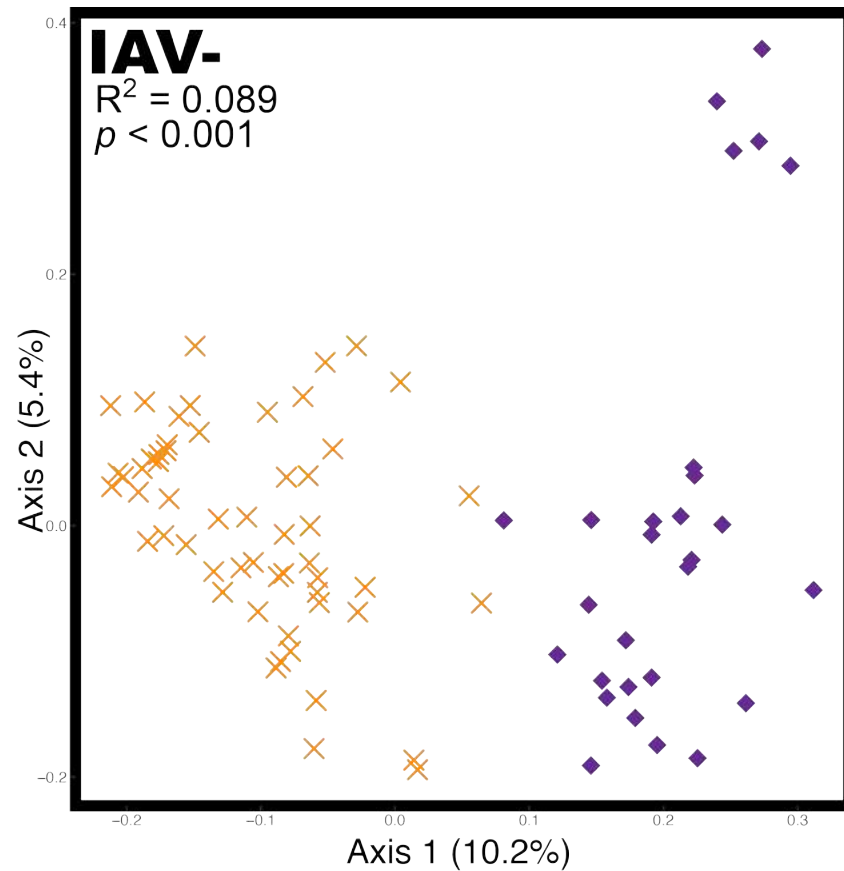


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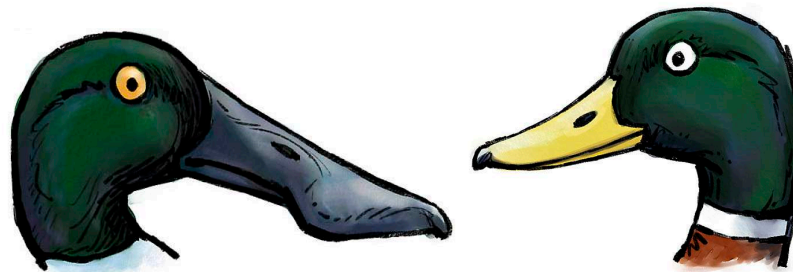


Q2: RESULTS (BETA DIVERSITY)

# PCoA (Unweighted UniFrac Distances)

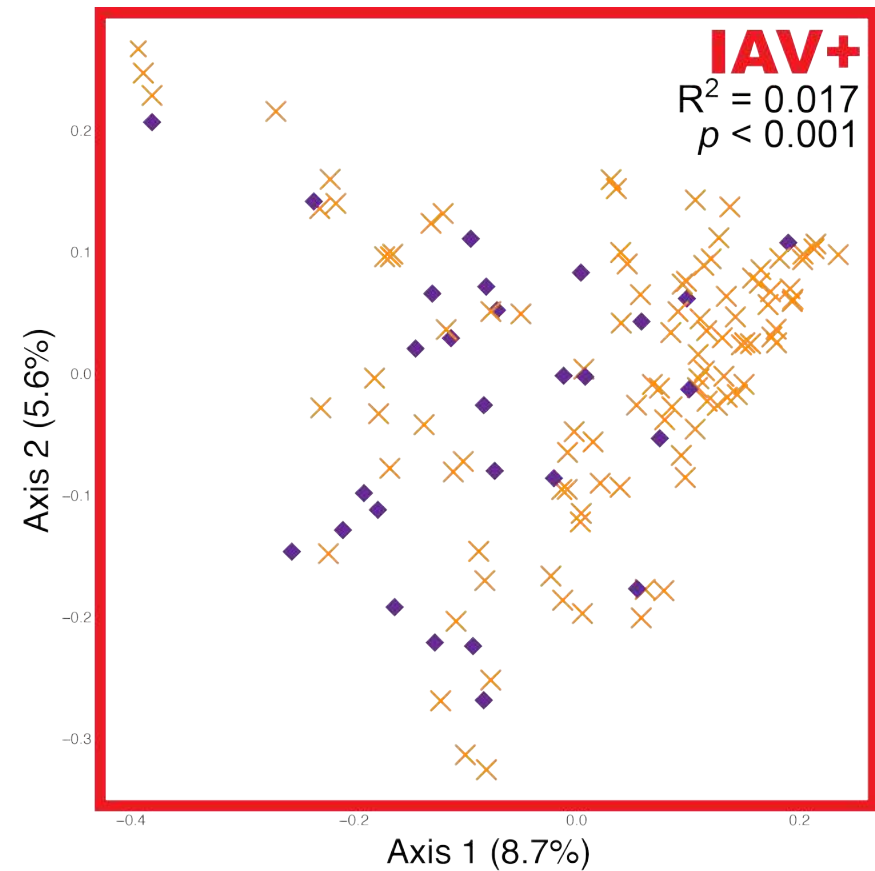
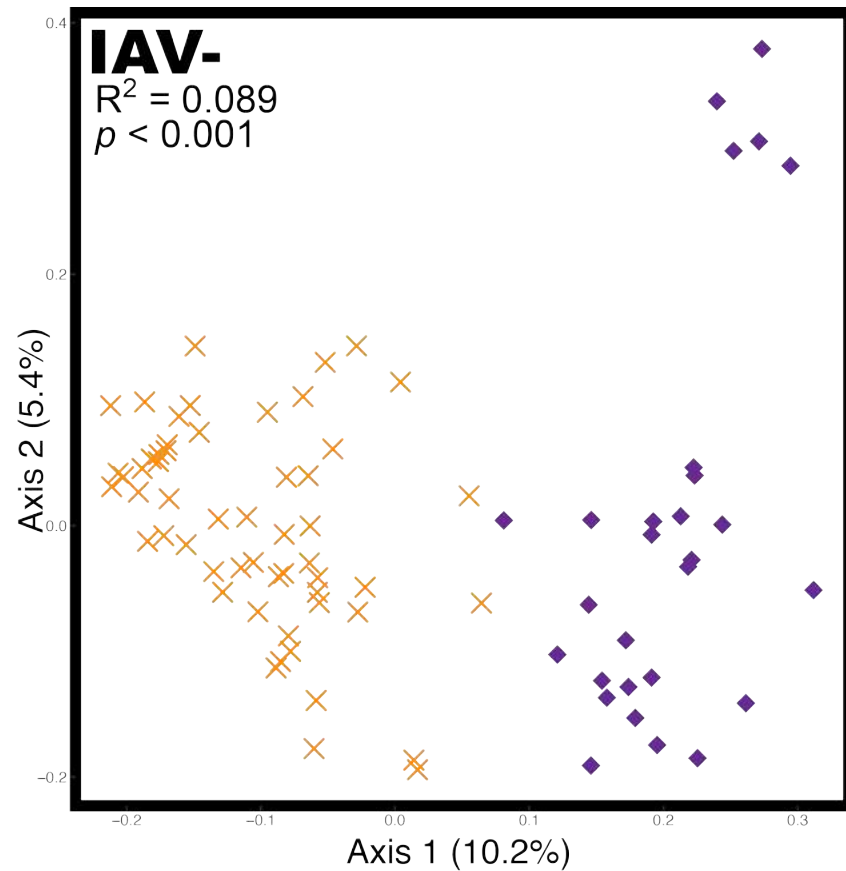


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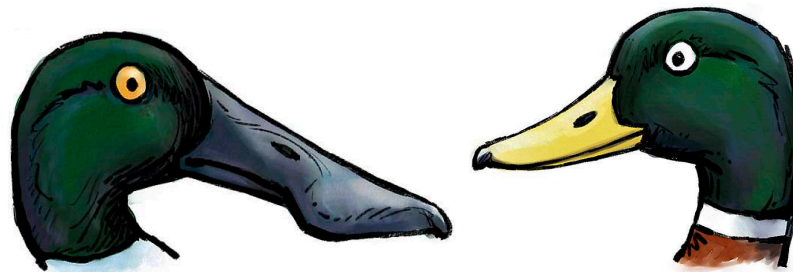


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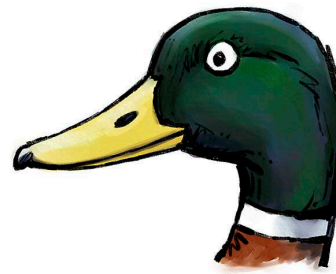
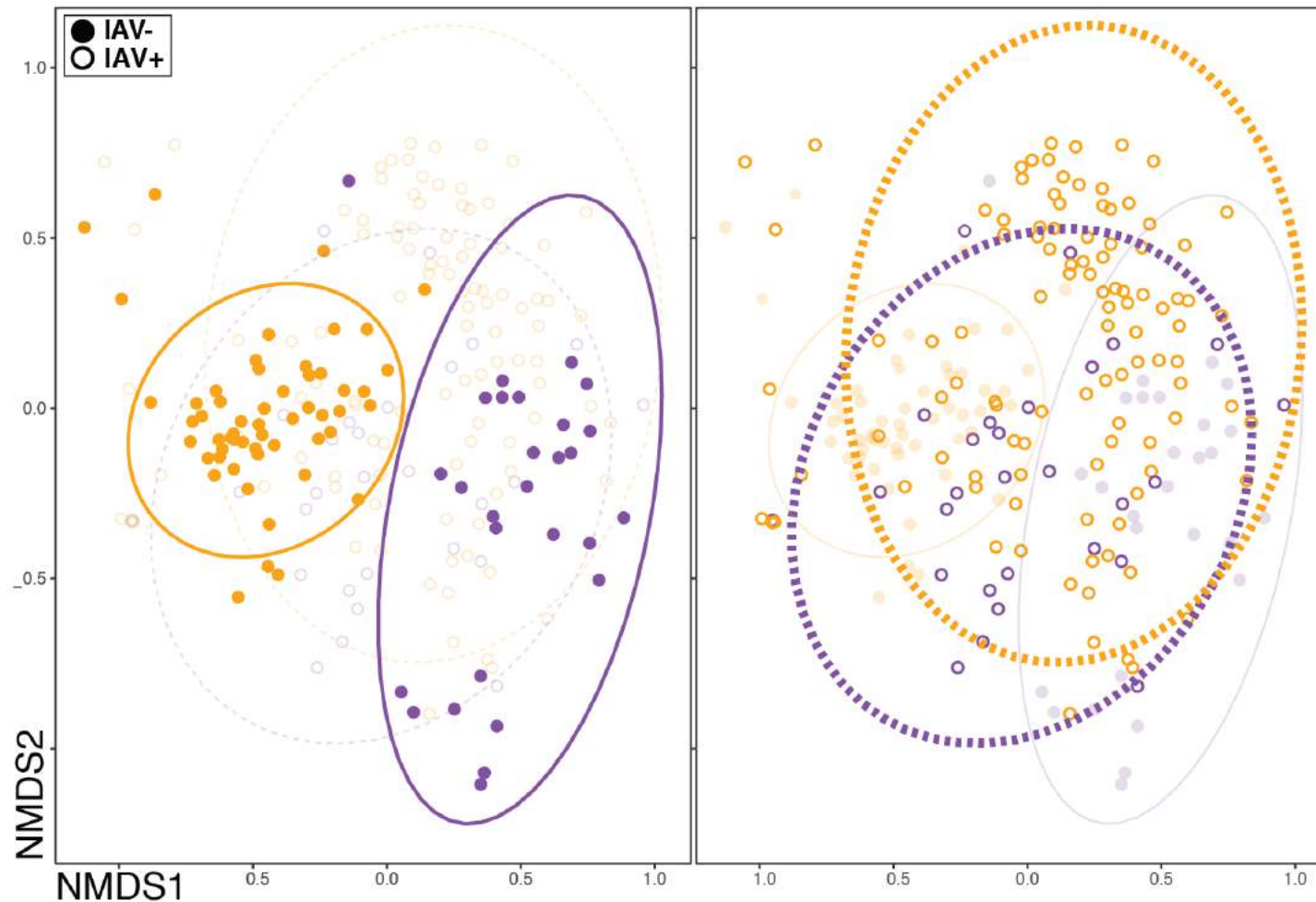


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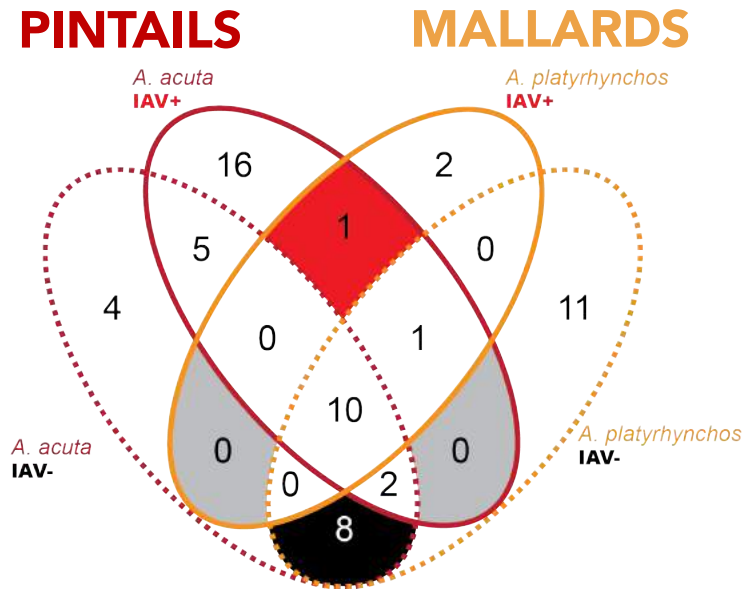
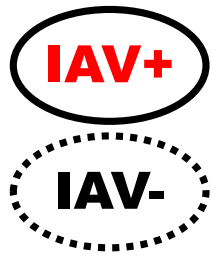
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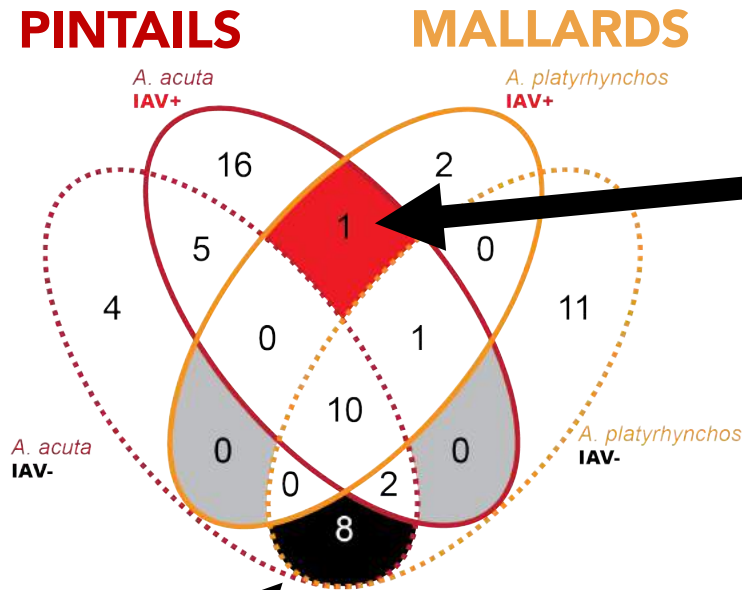
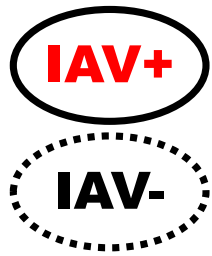
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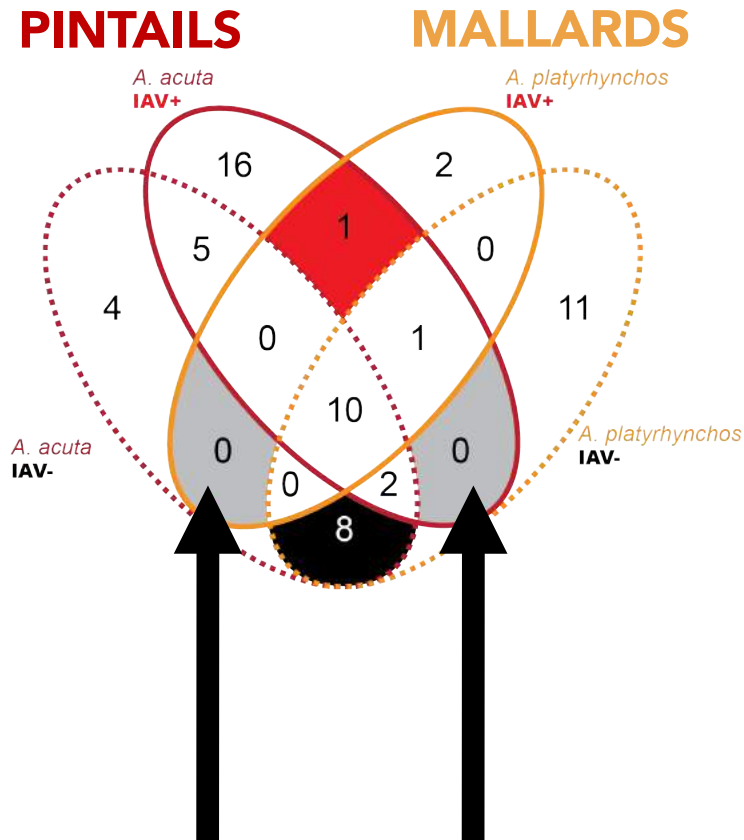
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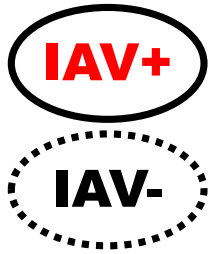
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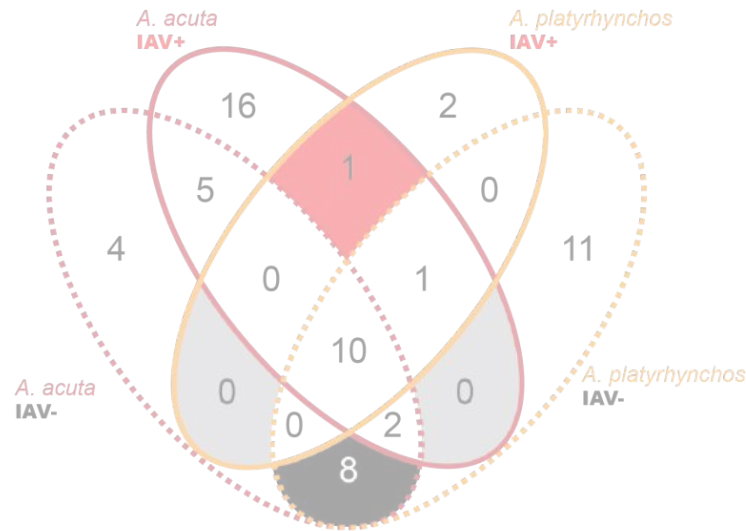
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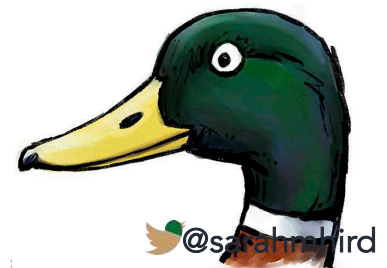
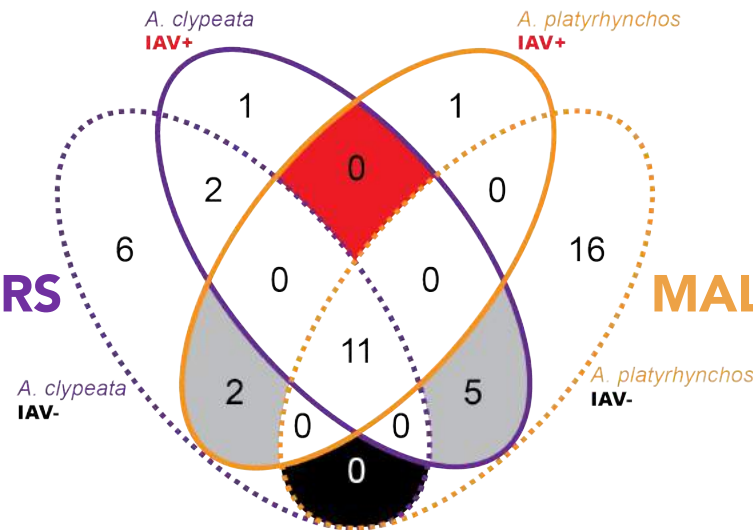
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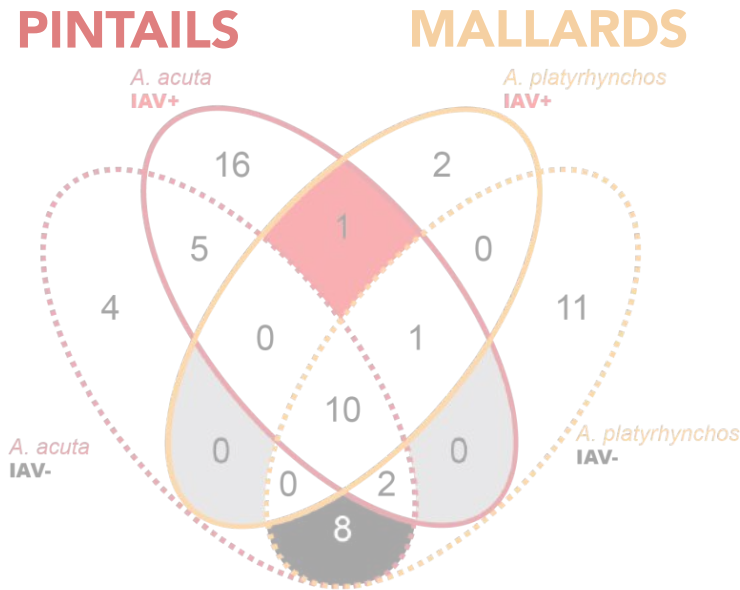
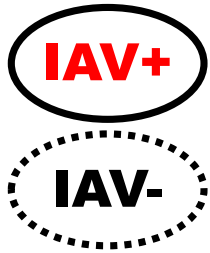
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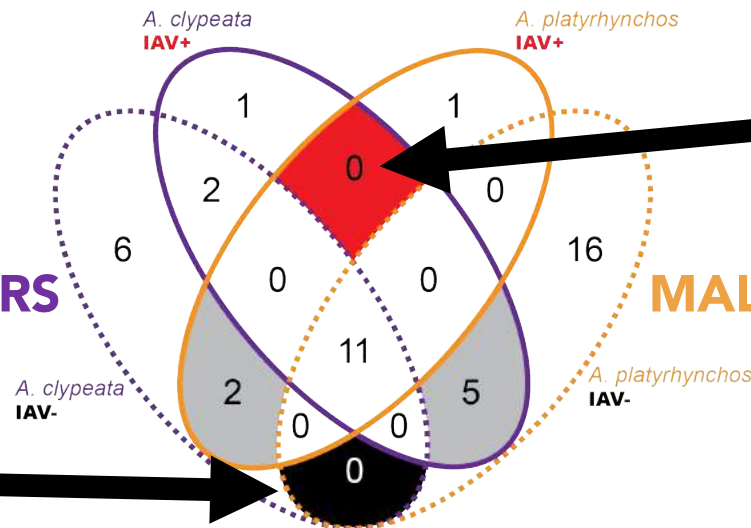
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**SHOVELERS**

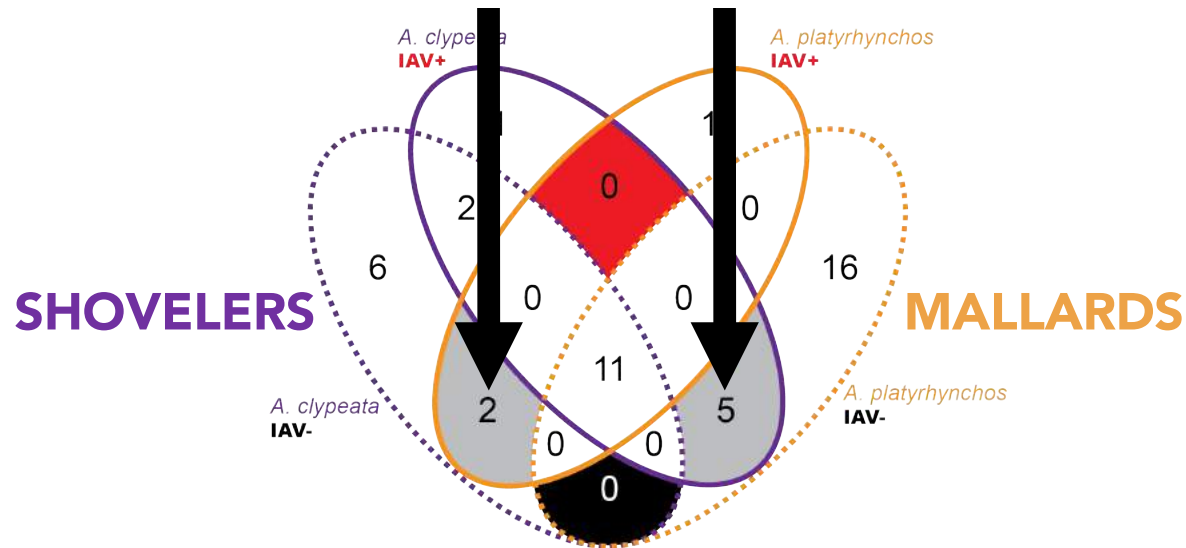
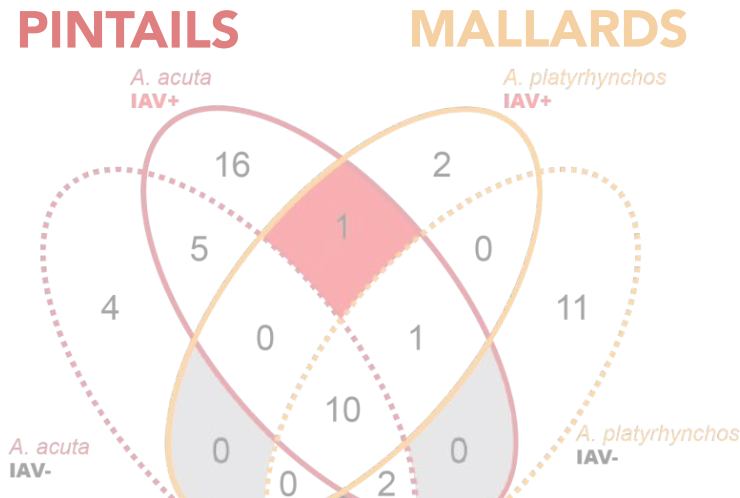
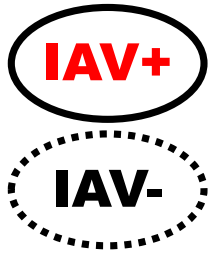


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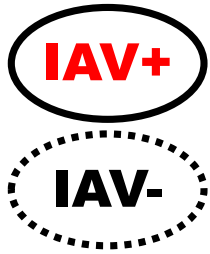
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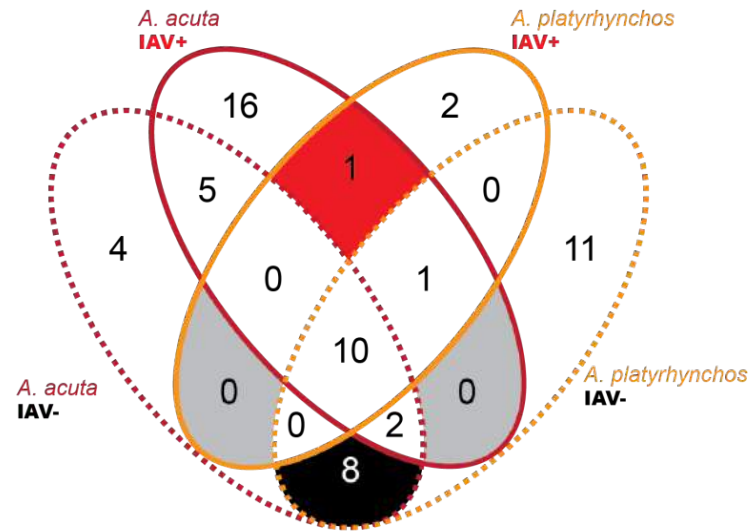
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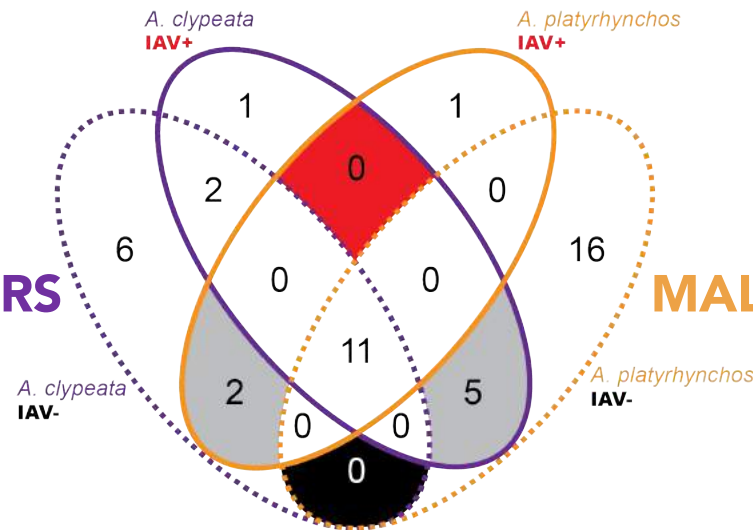
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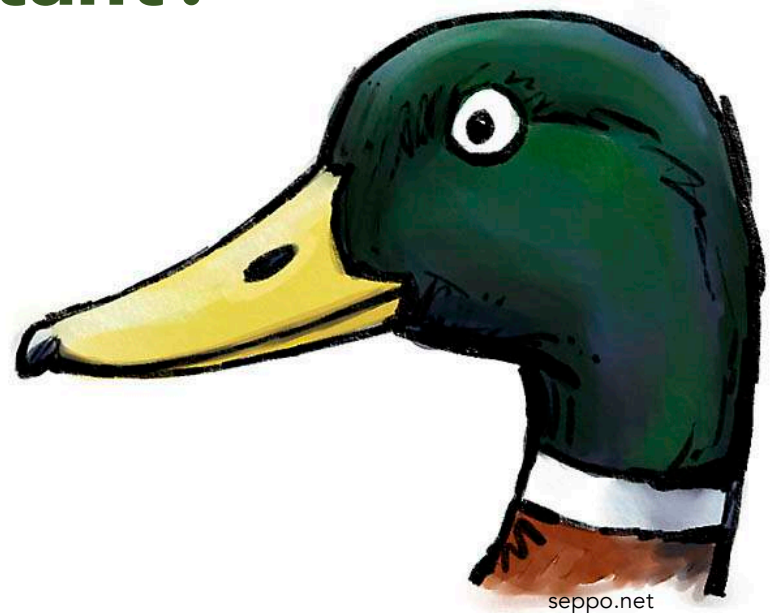


Q2: INTERPRETATION

# A role for ecology?



**So what's important?**



# Possibly important variables

**IAV:** IAV+ vs IAV-

**Species:** 5 species

**Location:** 5 sampling localities

**Age:** Adult, Hatchyear and Unknown

**Season & Year:** When collected

**HA Subtype**

**NA Subtype**

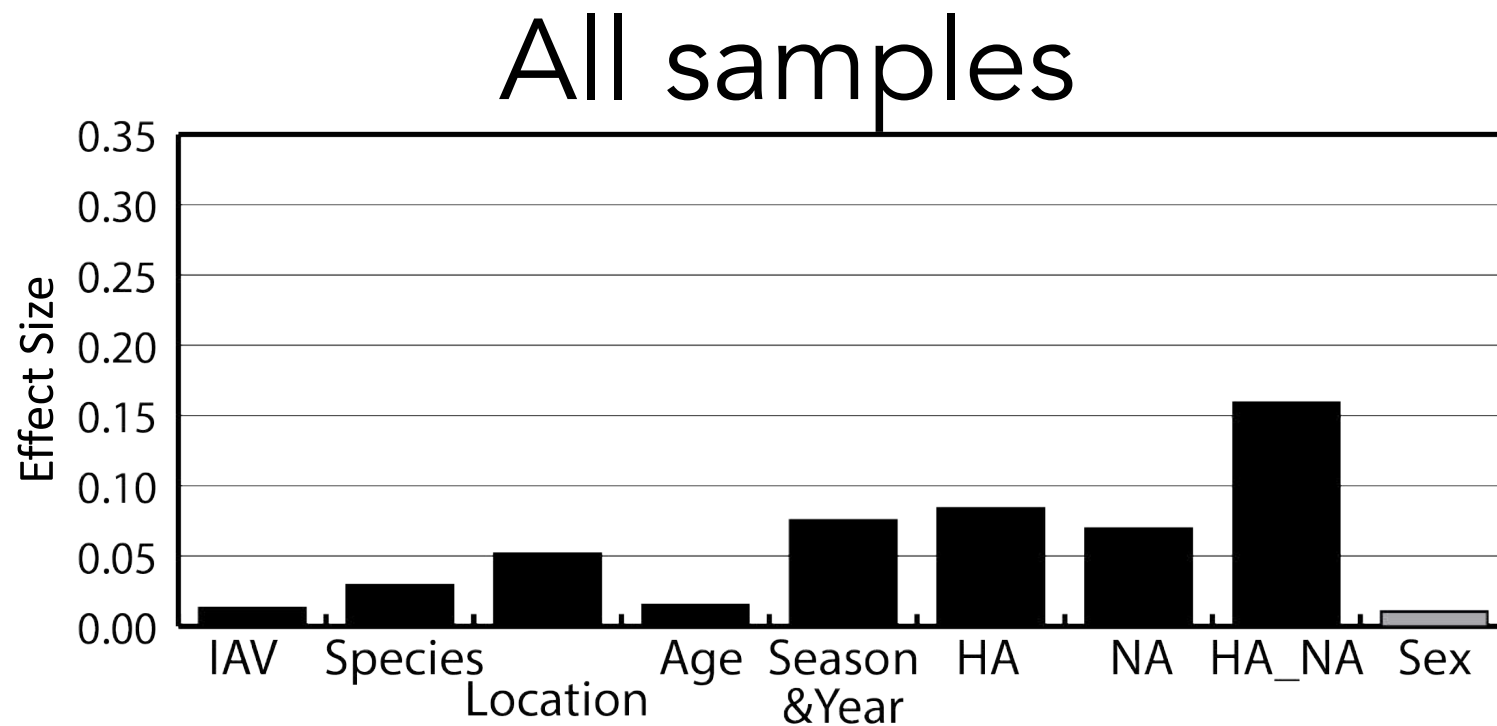
**HANA combination**

**Sex**

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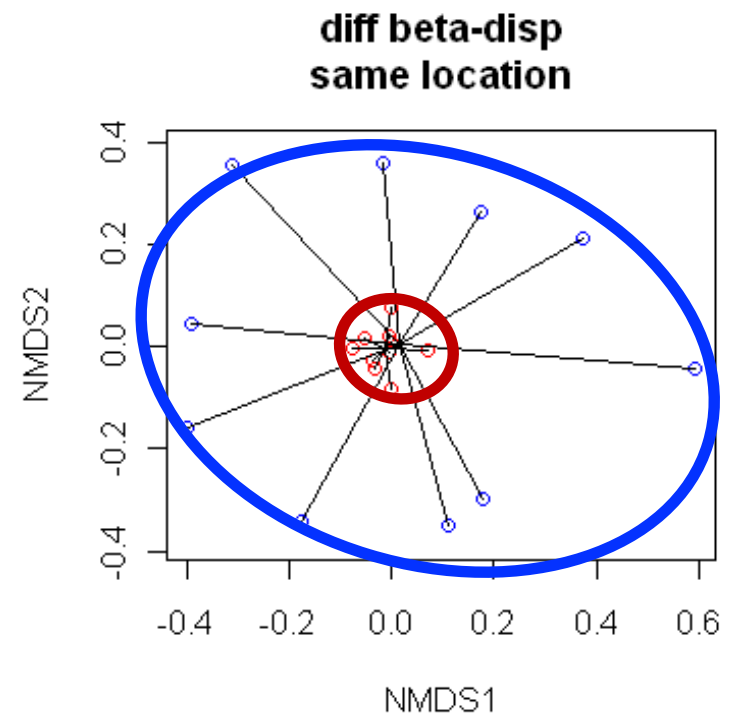
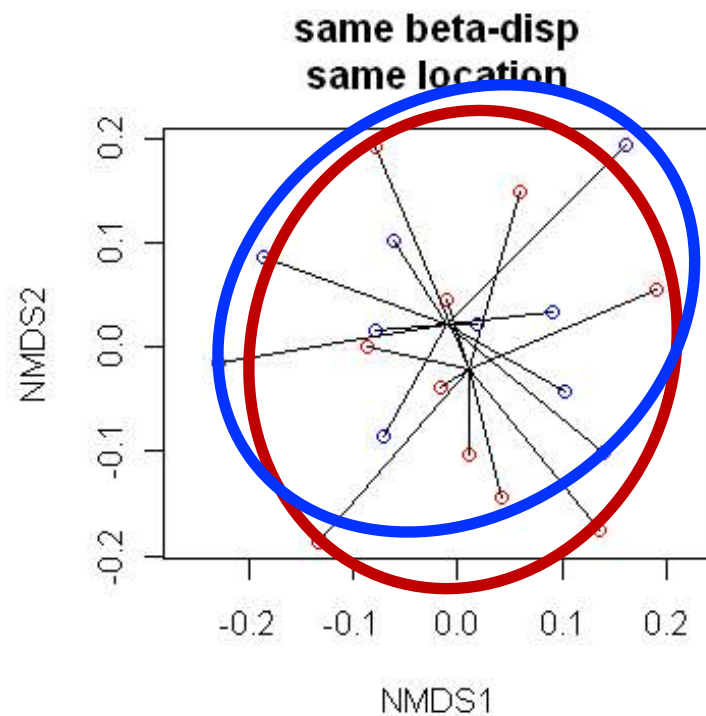
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**Everything is significant!**  
**(Although some with very low effect sizes)**

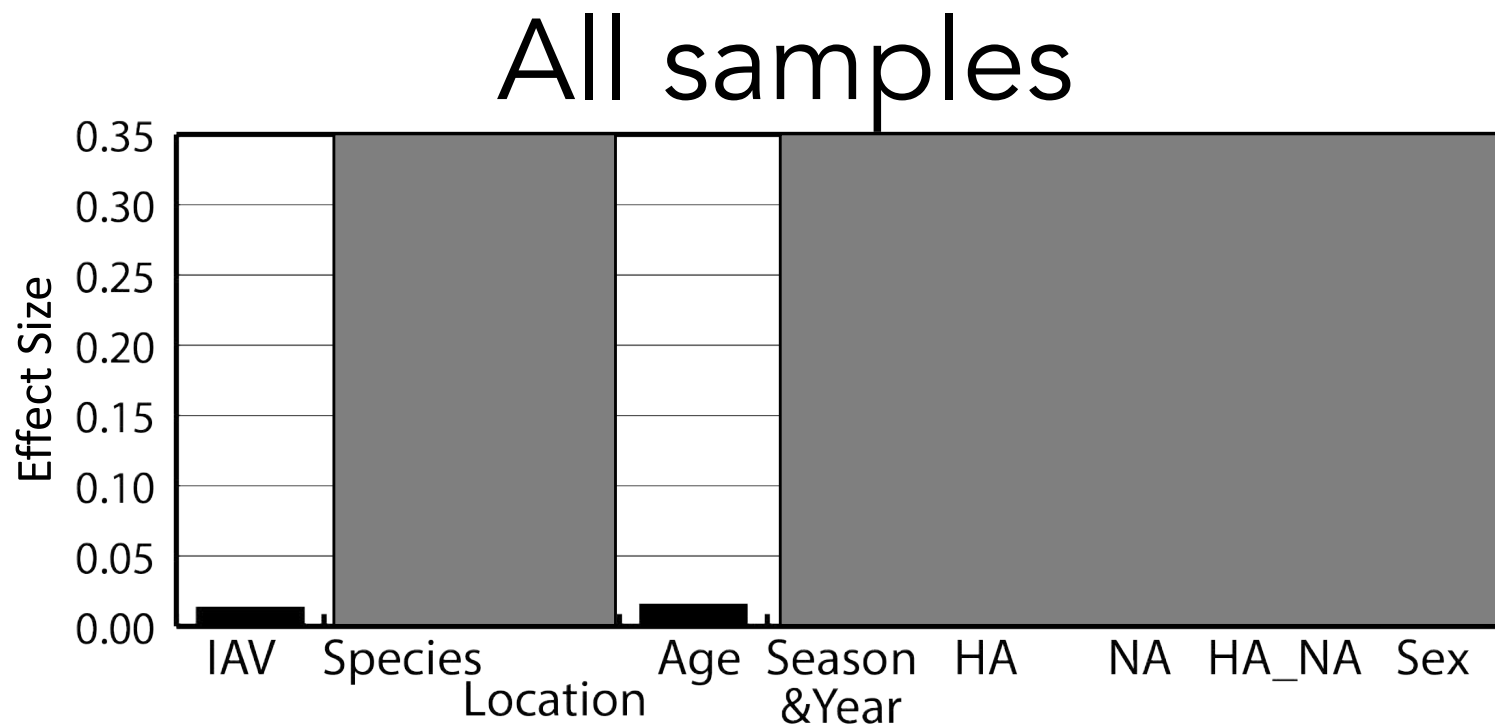
# What is associated with the microbiome?

But wait...must test for difference in dispersions.



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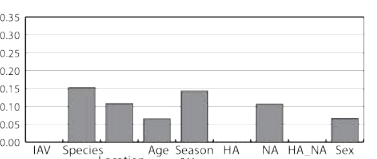
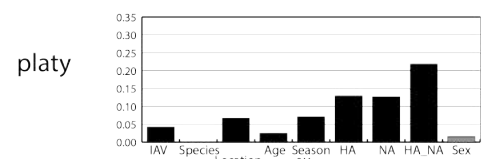
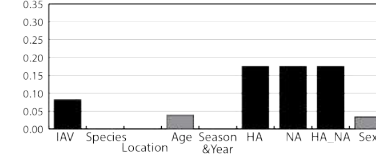
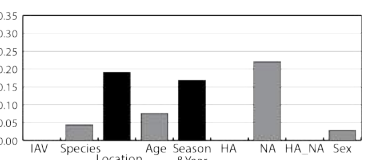
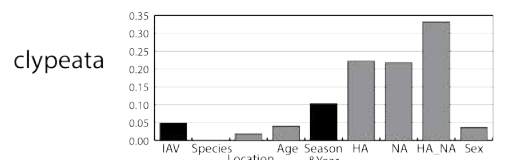
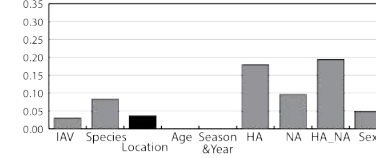
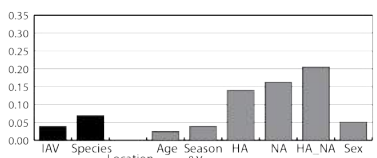
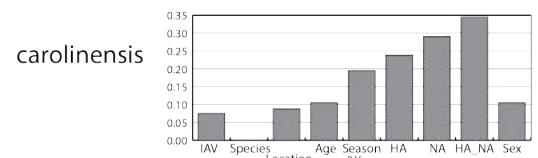
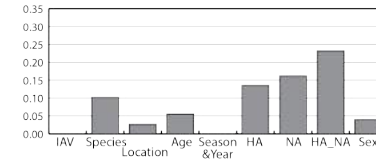
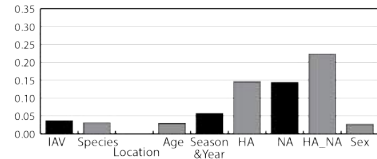
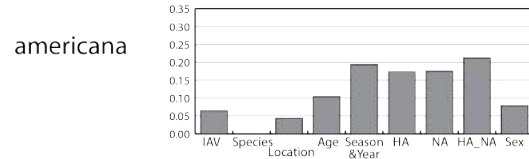
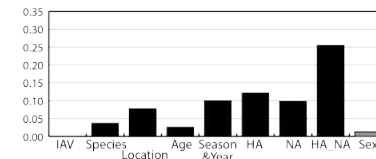
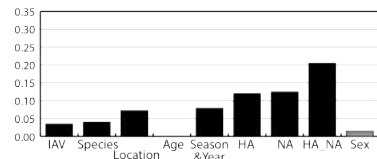
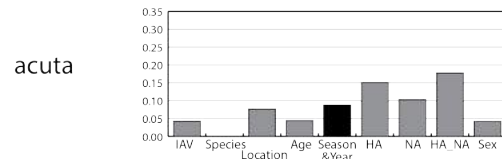
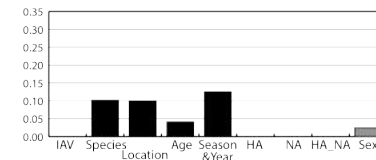
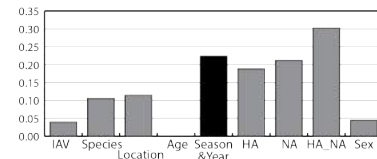
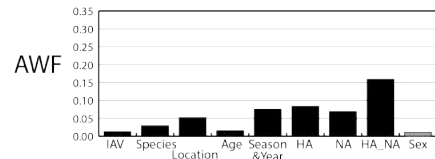
**IAV and Age are legitimately significant.  
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## Q2: Adonis TESTS

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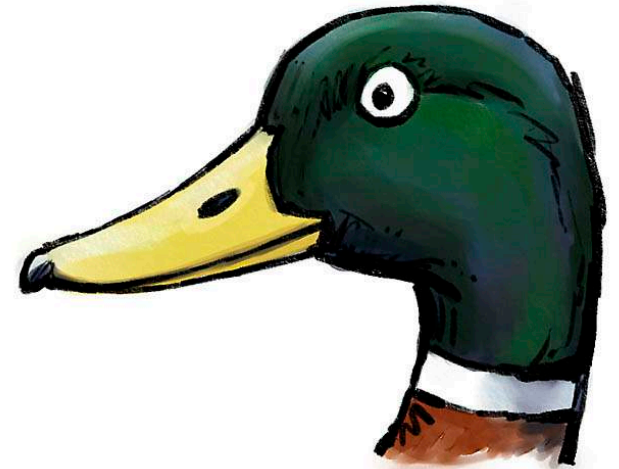
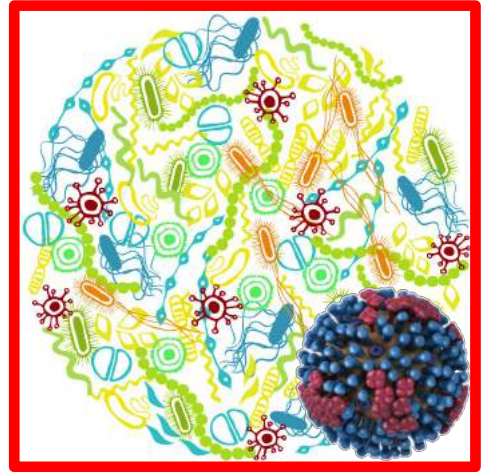
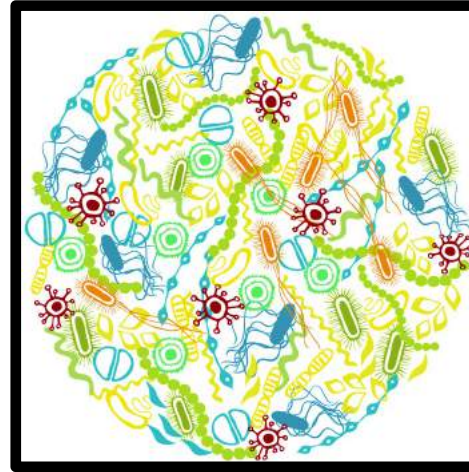
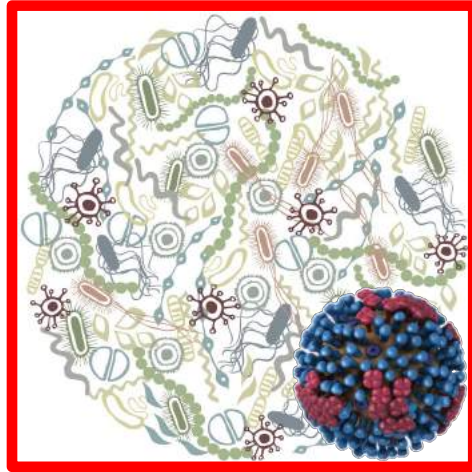
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CONCLUSION

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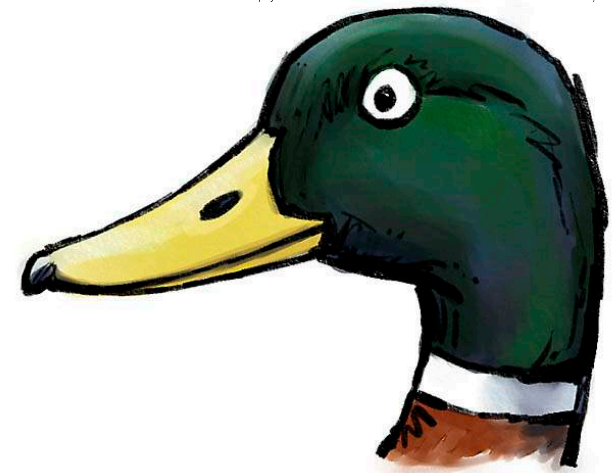
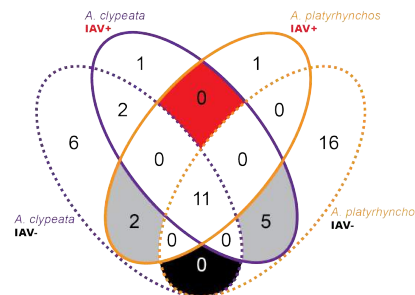
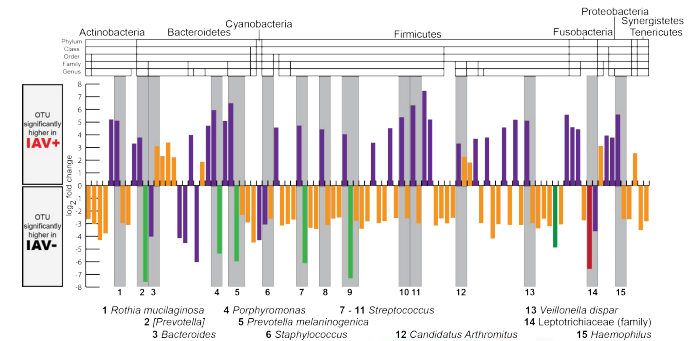
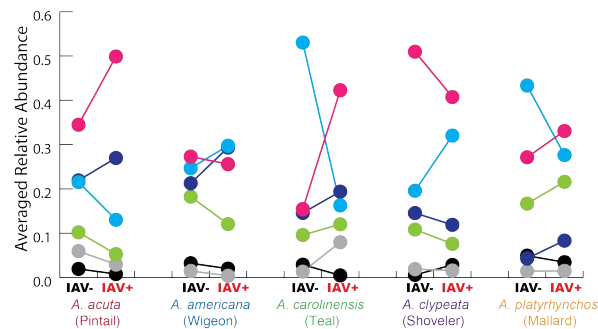
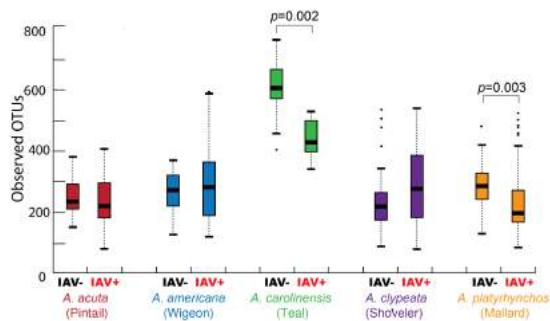


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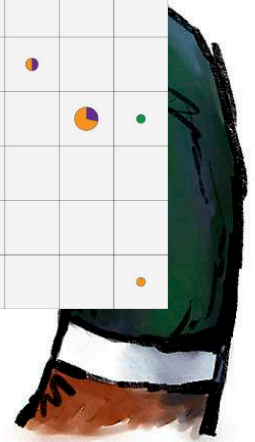
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**No. But...**



## Question 2

# No. But...

A detailed illustration of a bird's head in profile, facing right. The bird has a dark green, almost black, head with a large, prominent yellow eye with a black pupil. Its beak is long, straight, and greyish-blue. The bird is shown from the chest up, with a small patch of light blue feathers visible at the bottom.





Any  
questions?

*Therizinosaurus*

DK Find Out!

# Thank you.

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