

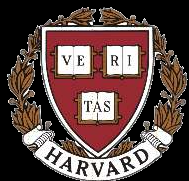


# Introduction to metagenomic analysis

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Metagenomics and Transcriptomics

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# Content

- <http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/content/cfar2014>



# Plan

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- Metagenomics concepts & examples
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- Tools for testing associations
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  - MaAsLin
  - CCREPE
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# What's metagenomics?

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

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

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

J. E. GREAVES<sup>1</sup>

*Utah Agricultural Experiment Station*

Received for publication July 2, 1926

Chemistry & Biology October 1998, 5:R245–249

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

Jo Handelsman<sup>1</sup>, Michelle R Rondon<sup>1</sup>, Sean F Brady<sup>2</sup>, Jon Clardy<sup>2</sup> and Robert M Goodman<sup>1</sup>



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

Total genomic potential of a microbial community

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

www.sciencemag.org SCIENCE VOL 292 11 MAY 2001

## Commensal Host-Bacterial Relationships in the Gut

Lora V. Hooper and Jeffrey I. Gordon\*

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

Total **biomolecular repertoire** of a microbial community





# Examples of metagenomic studies: Global Ocean Sampling

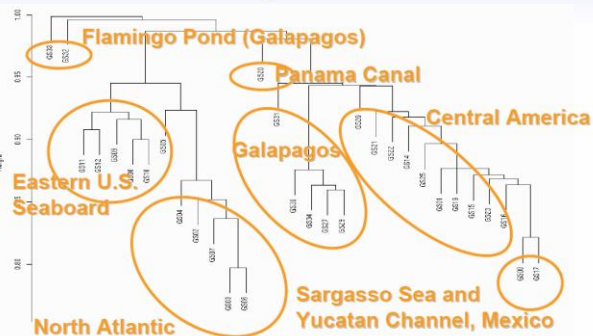
J. Craig Venter™  
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2003/2004 - ongoing

## The Sorcerer II Expedition Global Ocean Sampling Route

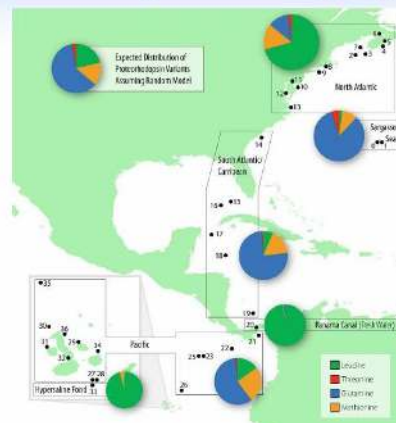


### The Biodiversity of Each New Region is Different



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### Proteorhodopsins Vary by Region



### JTC Sequencer Lab

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



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

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





# Sequencing as a tool for microbial community analysis



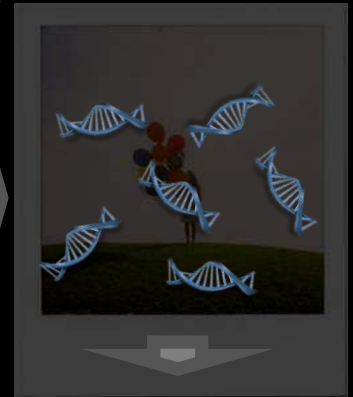
Lyse cells  
Extract DNA (and/or RNA)

**Meta'omic**

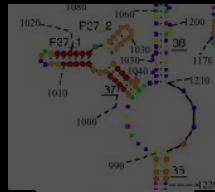
**16S amplicons**

PCR to amplify the single  
16S rRNA marker gene

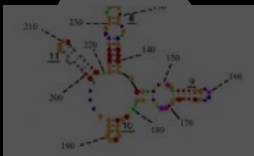
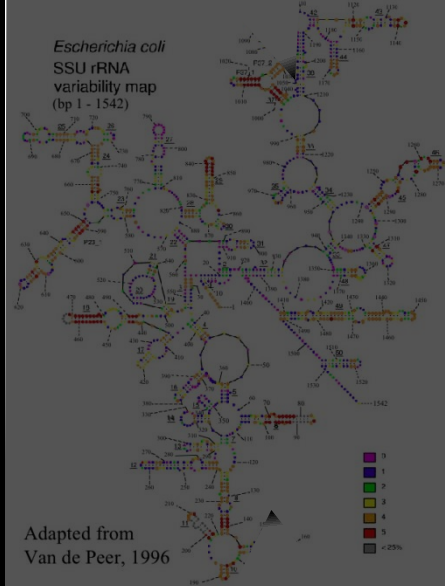
Hello  
my name is  
Classify sequence  
→ microbe



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



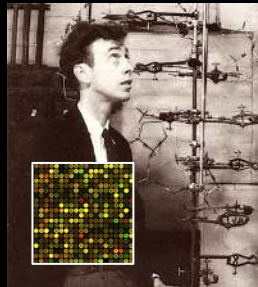
George Rice, Montana State University







# What to do with your metagenome?



Reservoir of  
gene and protein  
functional  
information

Comprehensive  
snapshot of  
microbial ecology  
and evolution

Basic science

Translational

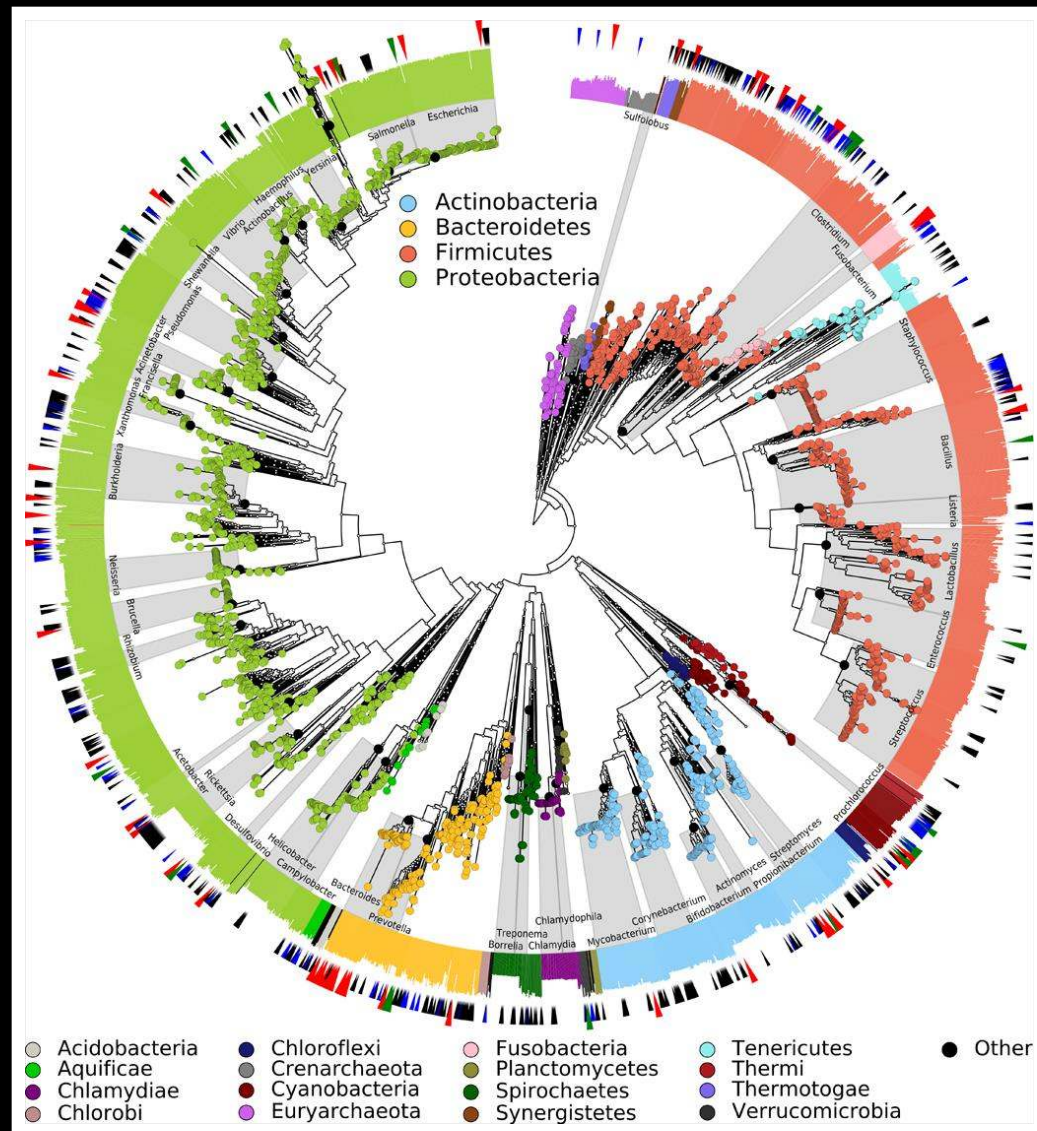
Public health tool  
monitoring  
population health  
and epidemiology

Diagnostic or  
prognostic  
biomarker for  
host disease





# Composition-based analyses

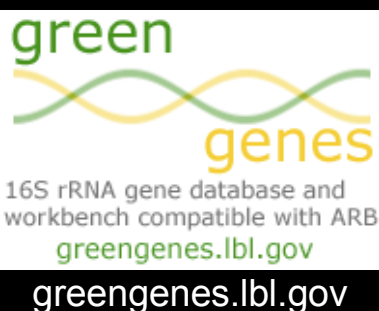




# Microbiome composition analyses: phylotypes and binning



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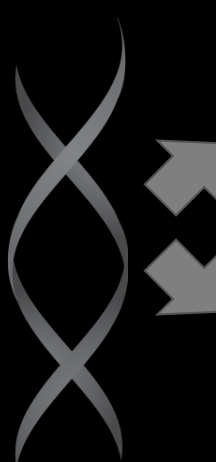
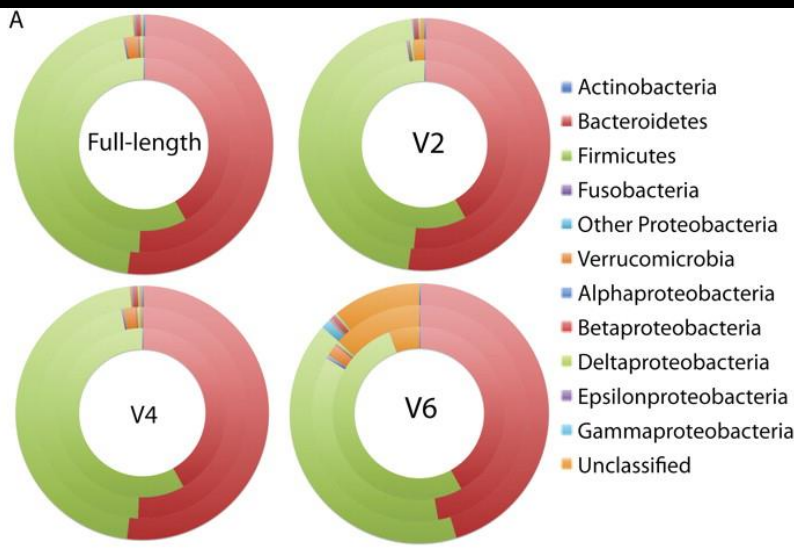


**Binning:** nontrivial  
assignment of reads  
to phylotypes

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

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

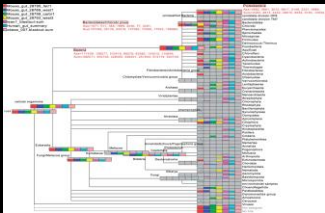
Direct binning: analyzes seq.  
characteristics (GC, codons, etc.)  
Relies on long reads





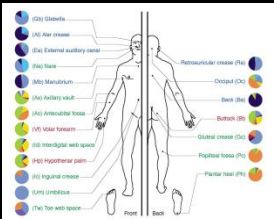
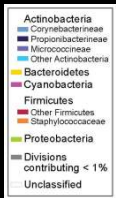
# Microbiome composition analyses: diversity

Mitra, 2009



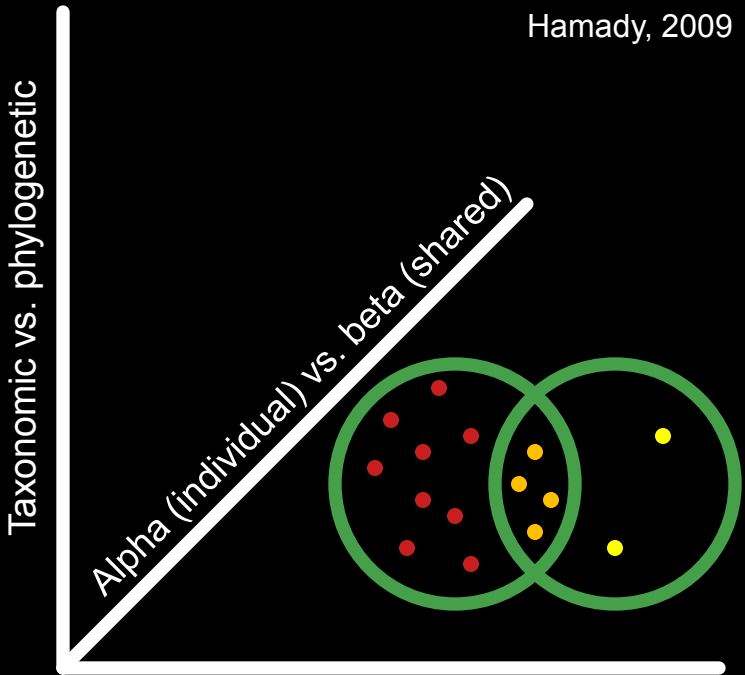
**Diversity:** broadly, a community's number and distribution of organisms

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

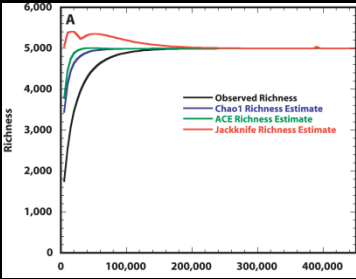
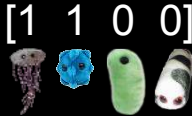


Susan Holmes, Stanford

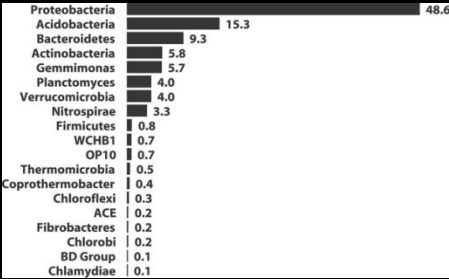
Hamady, 2009



Qualitative vs. quantitative



# of sequences

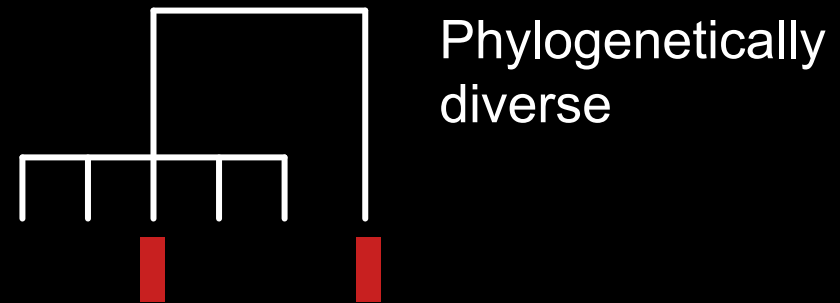
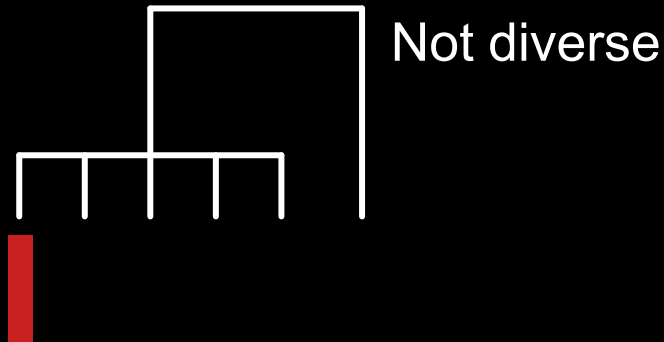


% of sequences

Schloss, 2006



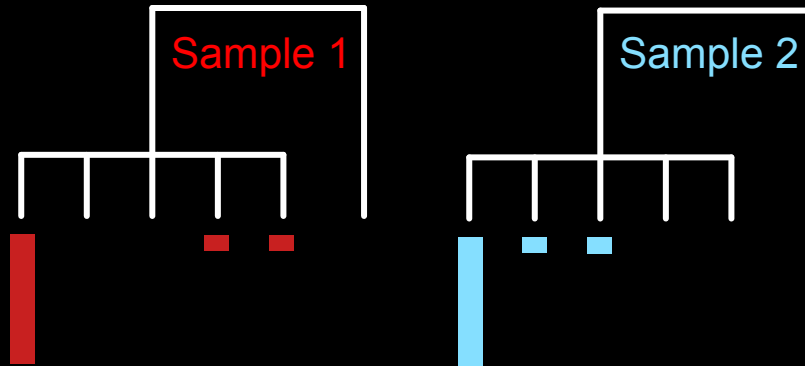
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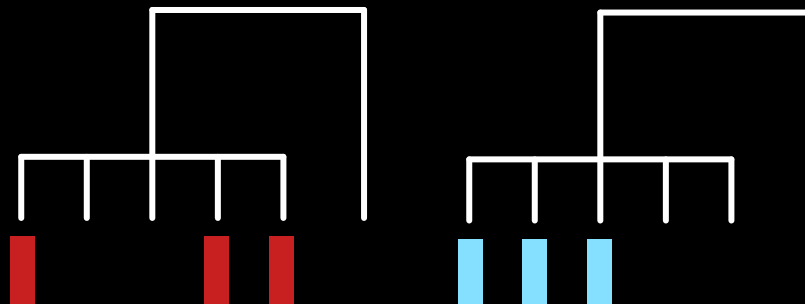




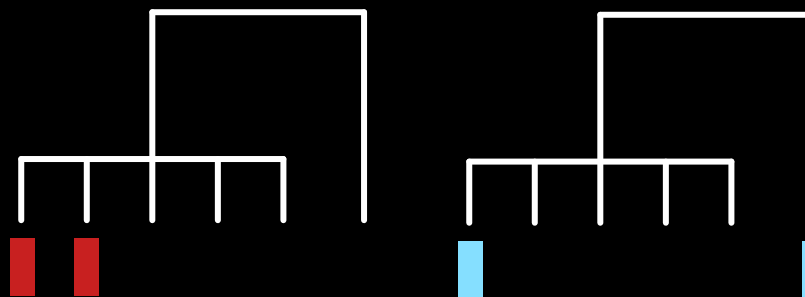
# Microbiome composition analyses: **beta diversity (2-sample) scenarios**



Qualitatively diverse  
Taxonomically diverse



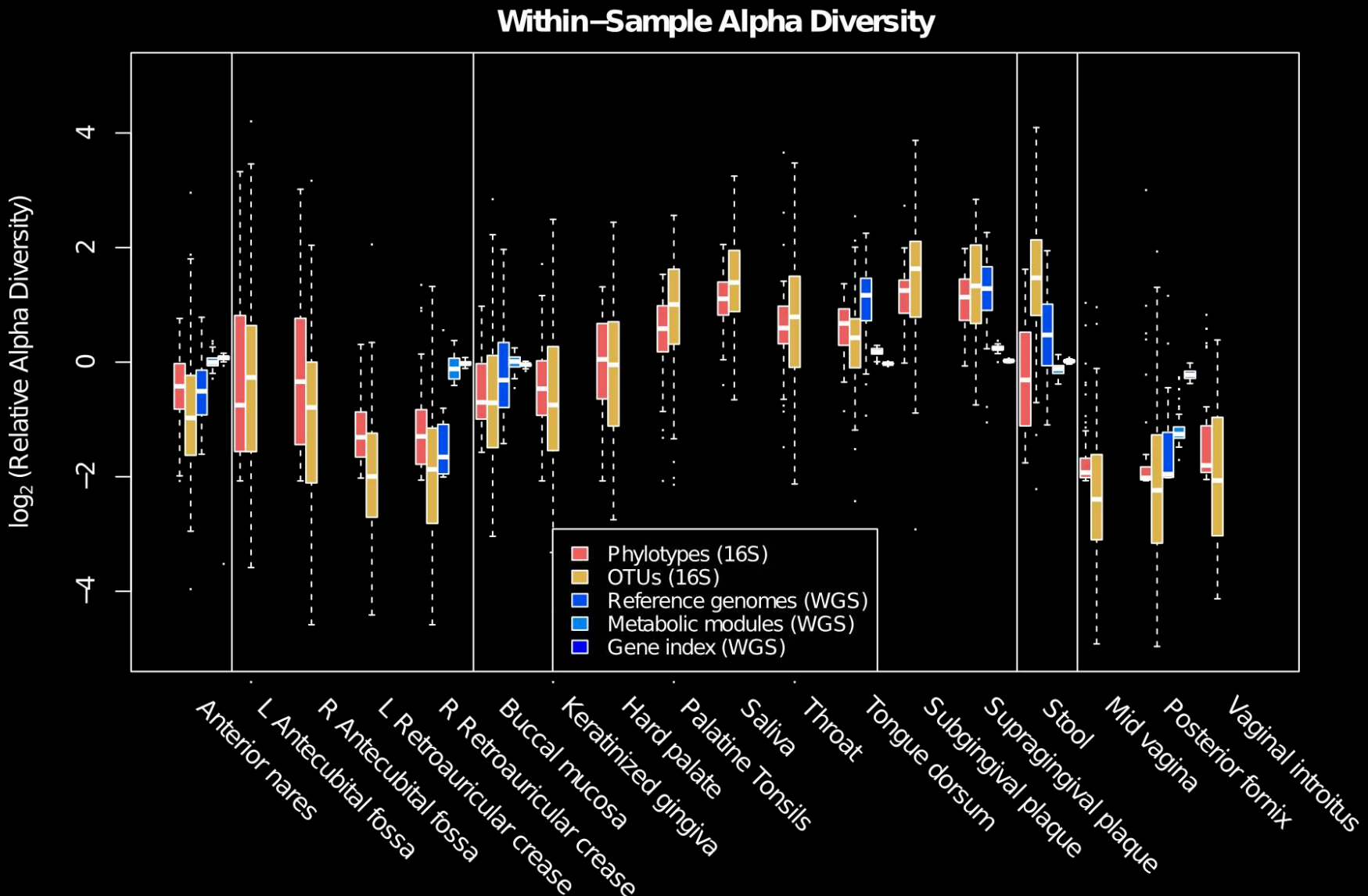
Quantitatively diverse  
Taxonomically diverse



Quantitatively diverse  
Phylogenetically diverse

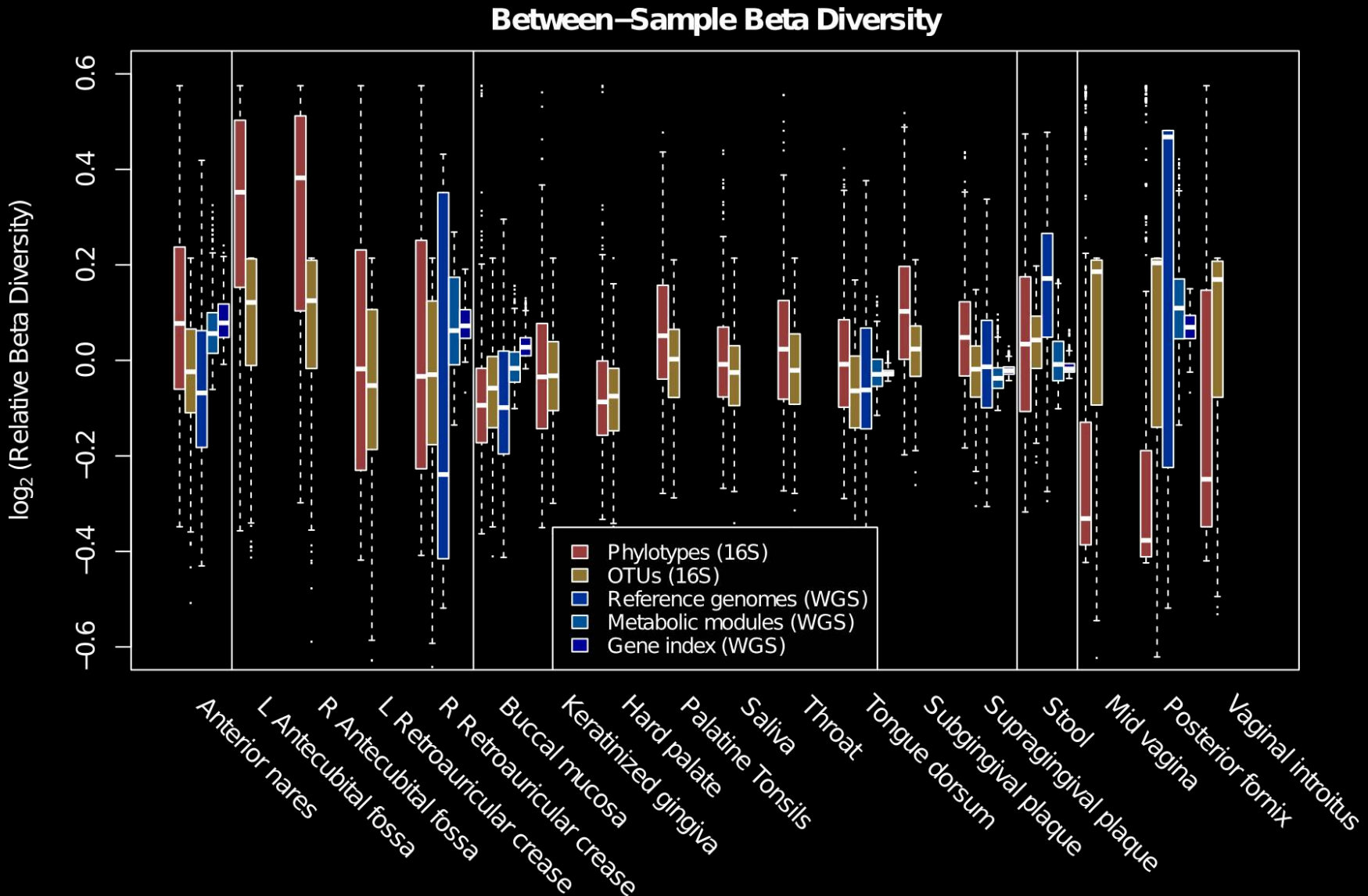


# Which human body sites harbor the greatest microbial diversity per individual?





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

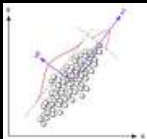




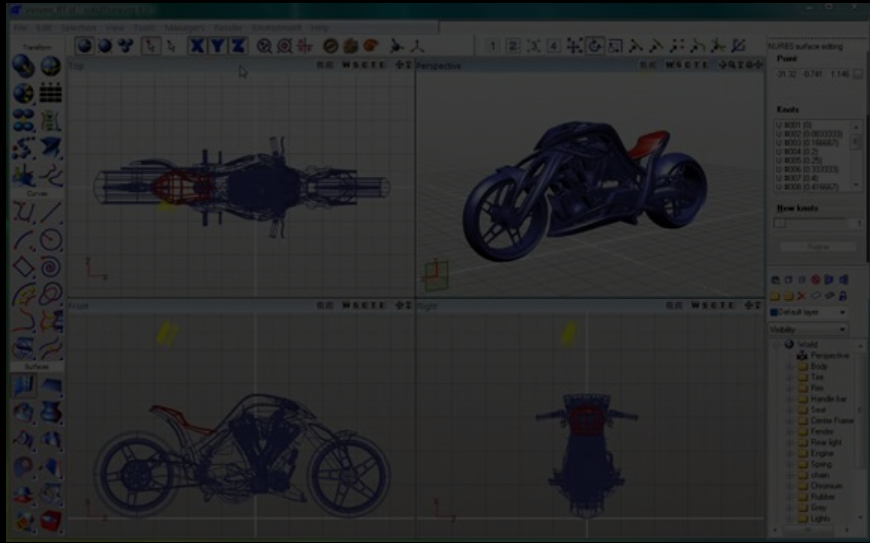
# Microbiome composition analyses: ordination

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

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

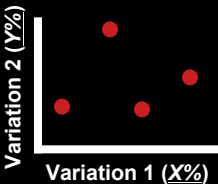
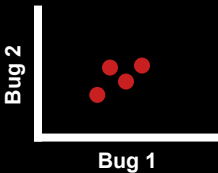


**NMDS** or **Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling**, also called **PCoA** or **Principal Coordinates Analysis**, guarantees the new dimensions maximize an arbitrary similarity score (such as UniFrac beta-diversity).

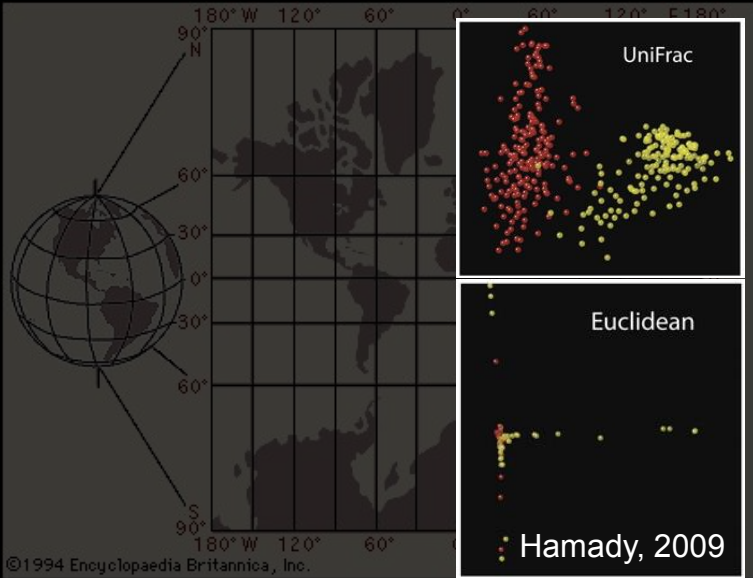
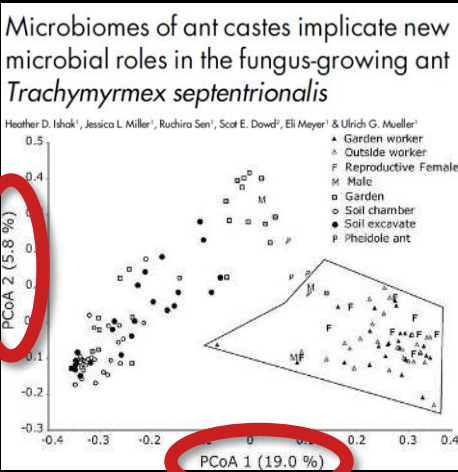


Samples →

Distance between points is Euclidean

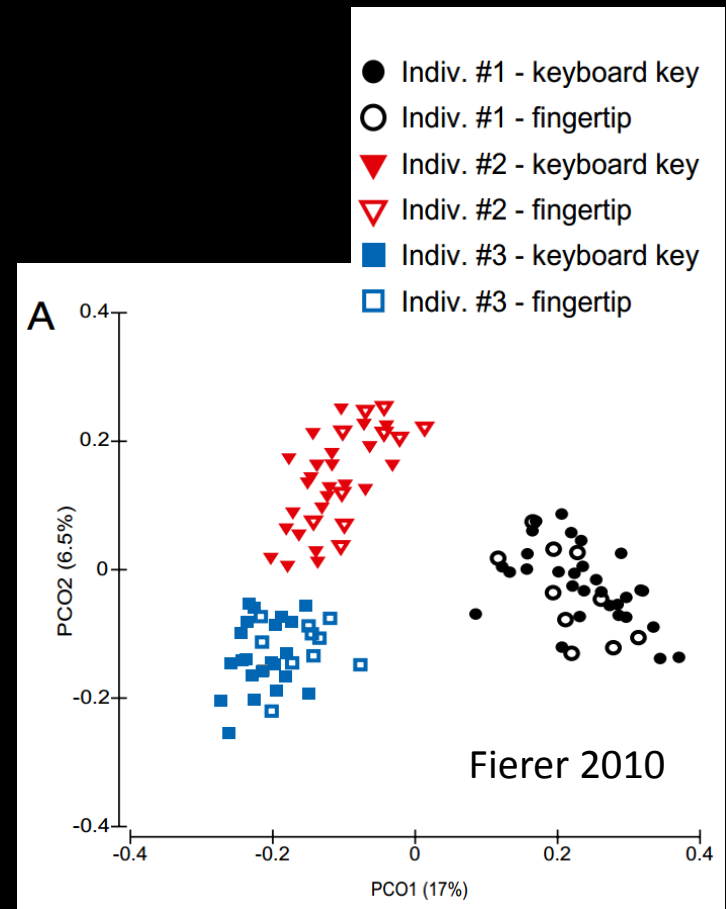
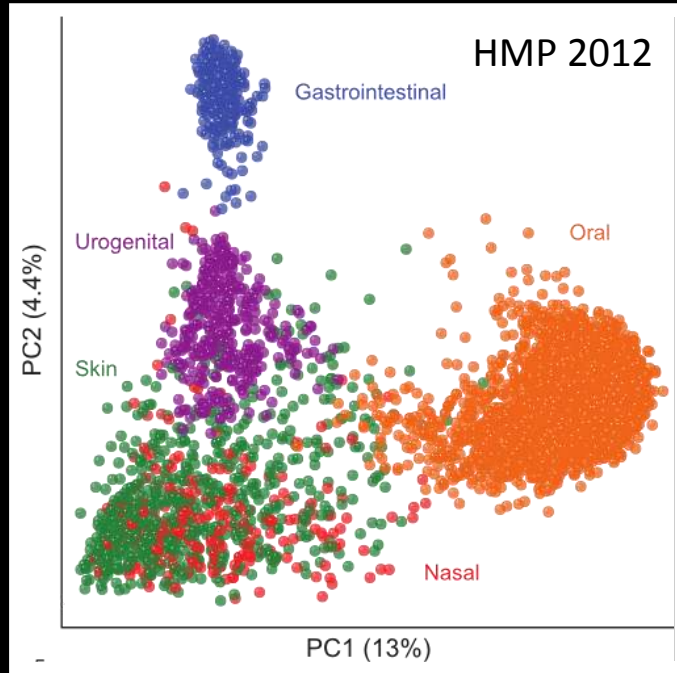


Distance between points is a **proportional function** of their **similarity**





# Microbiome composition analyses: ordination examples

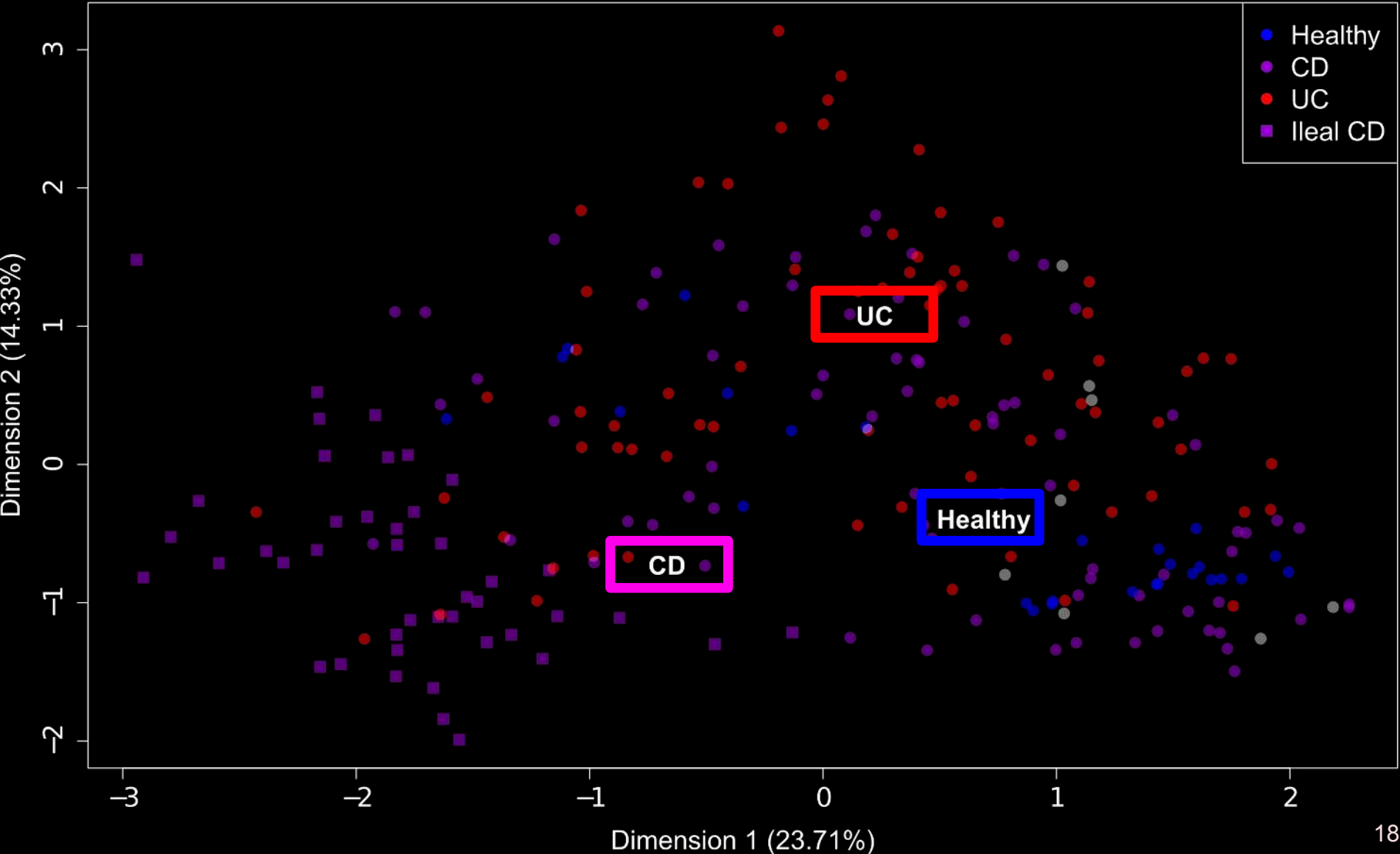






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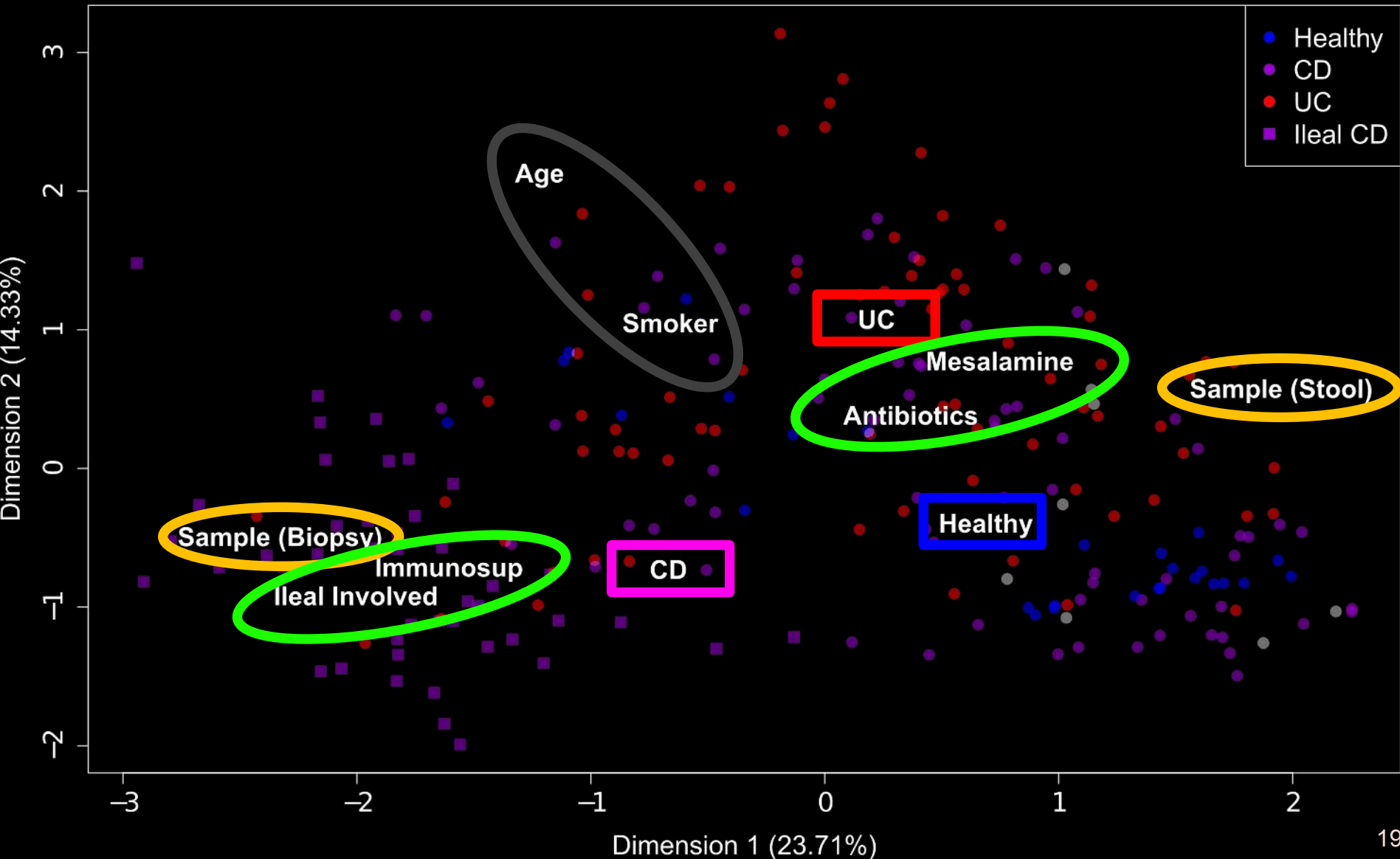
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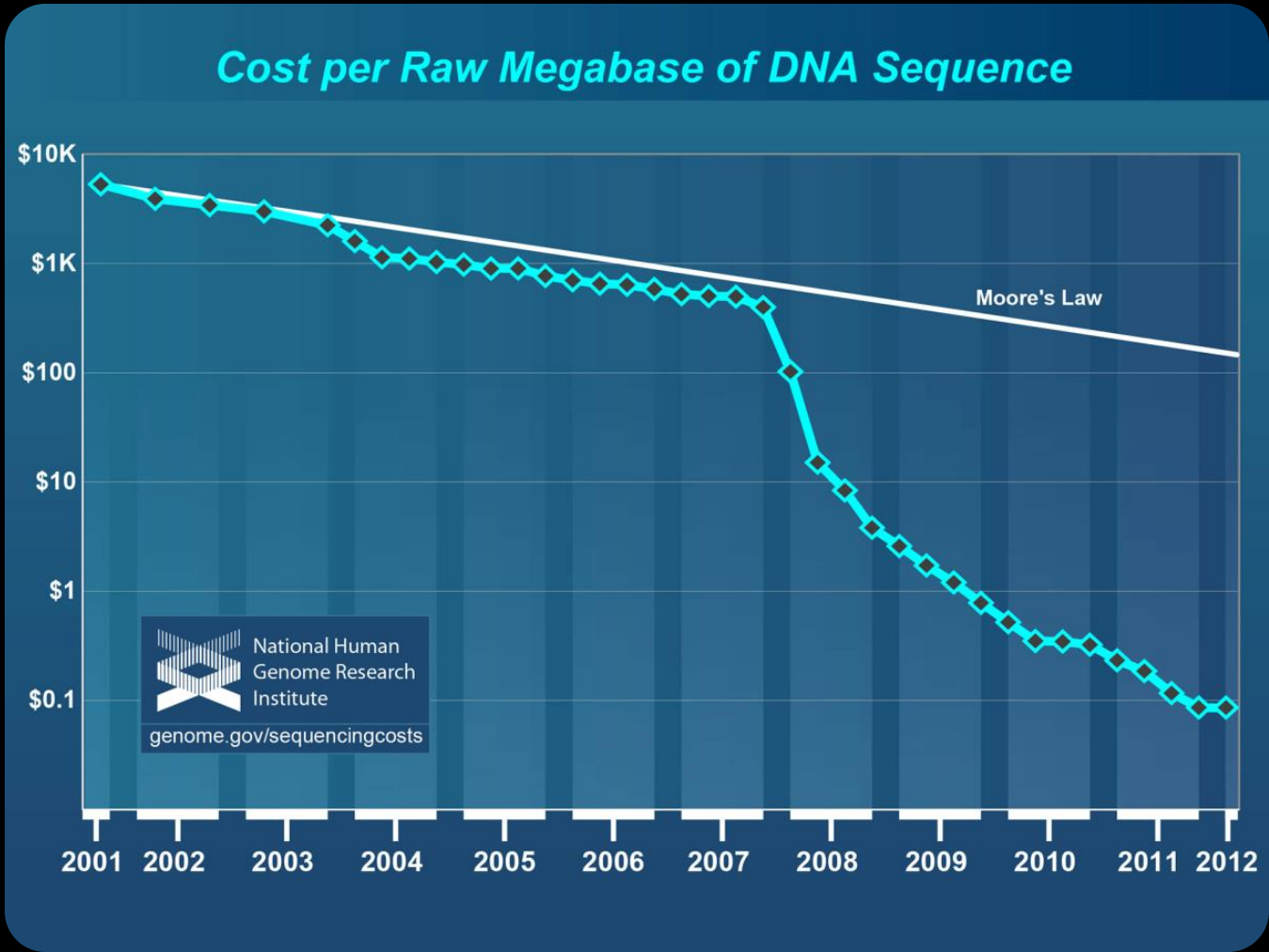
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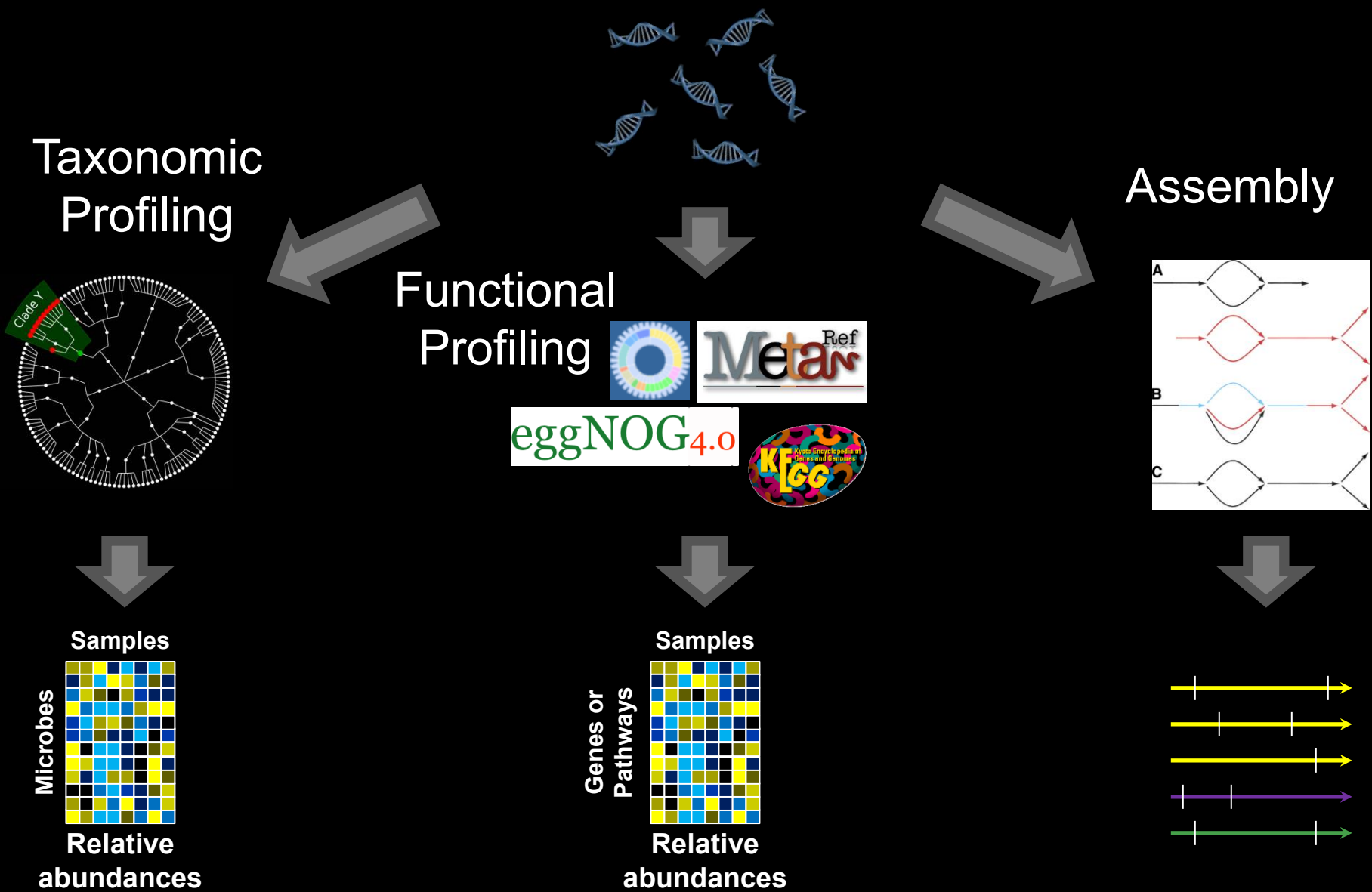


# Meta'omic analyses





# Typical shotgun metagenome and metatranscriptome analyses





# Profiling microbial communities and ecology at species-level resolution

ARTICLE

Arumugam Nature 2012

doi:10.1038/nature09944

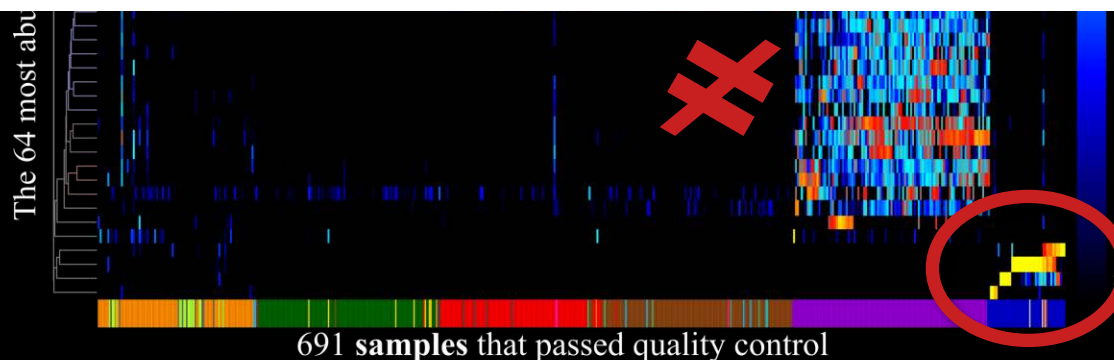
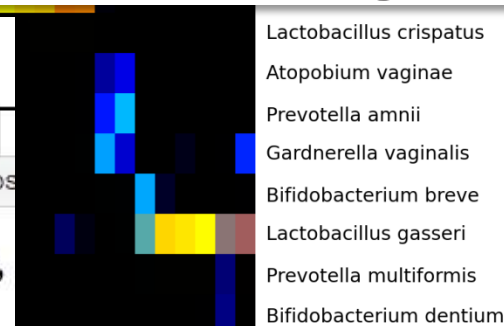
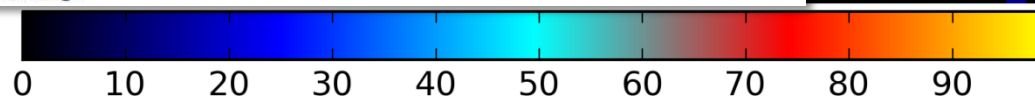
## Enterotypes of the human gut microbiome

The New York Times

Science

WORLD U.S. N.Y. / REGION BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE HEALTH SPORTS ENVIRONMENT SPACE & COS

Bacterial Ecosystems Divide People Into 3 Groups, Scientists Say



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

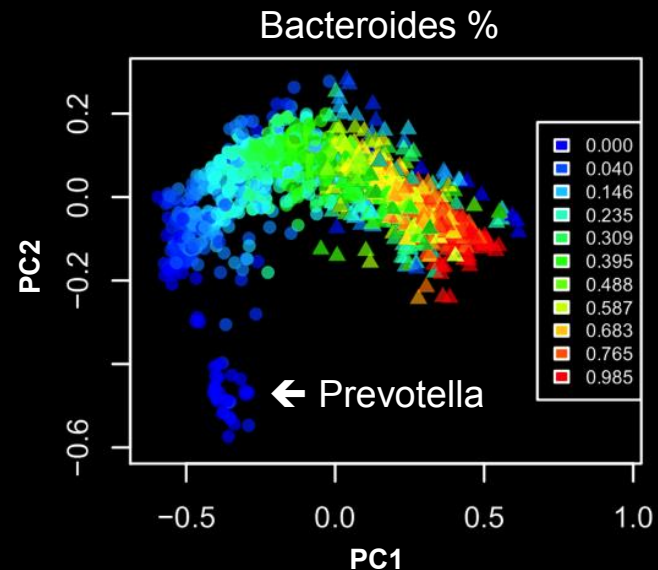
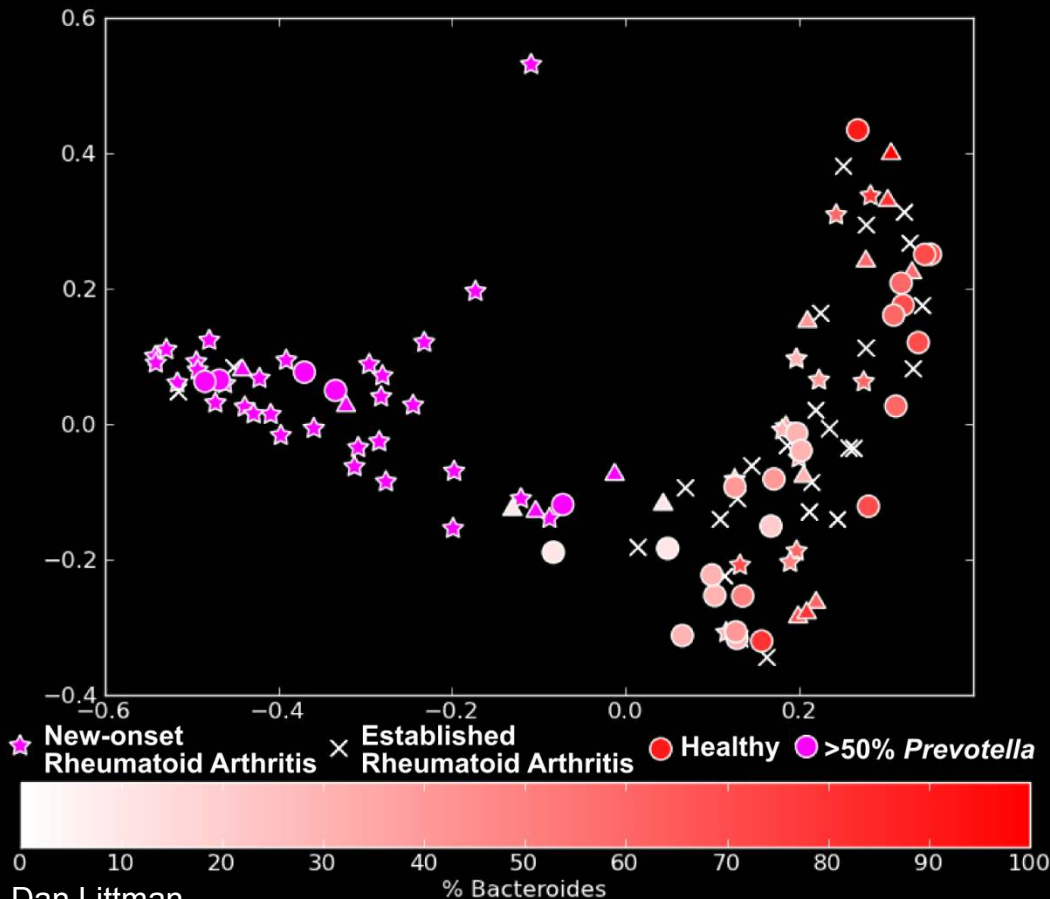
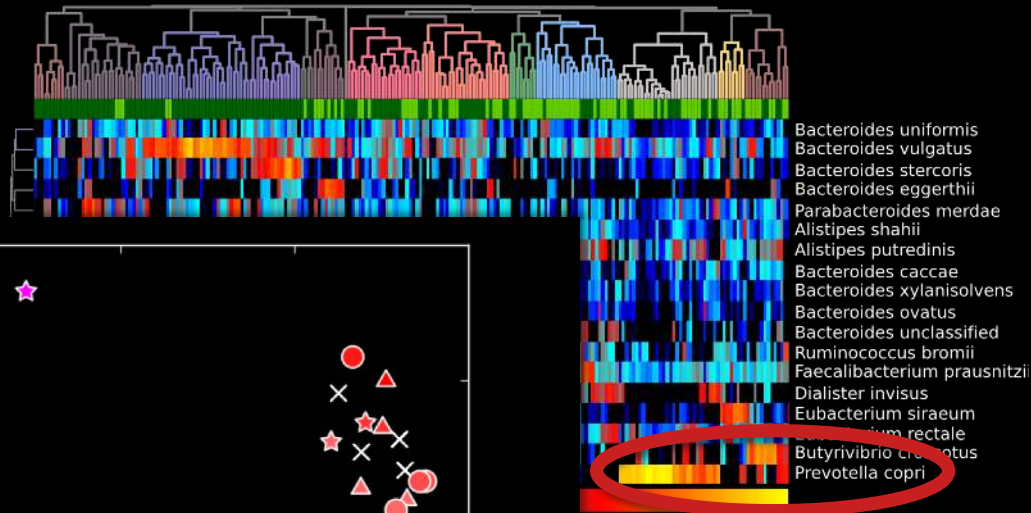
Gut

Vaginal



# Are there discrete “types” of typical human microbiomes?

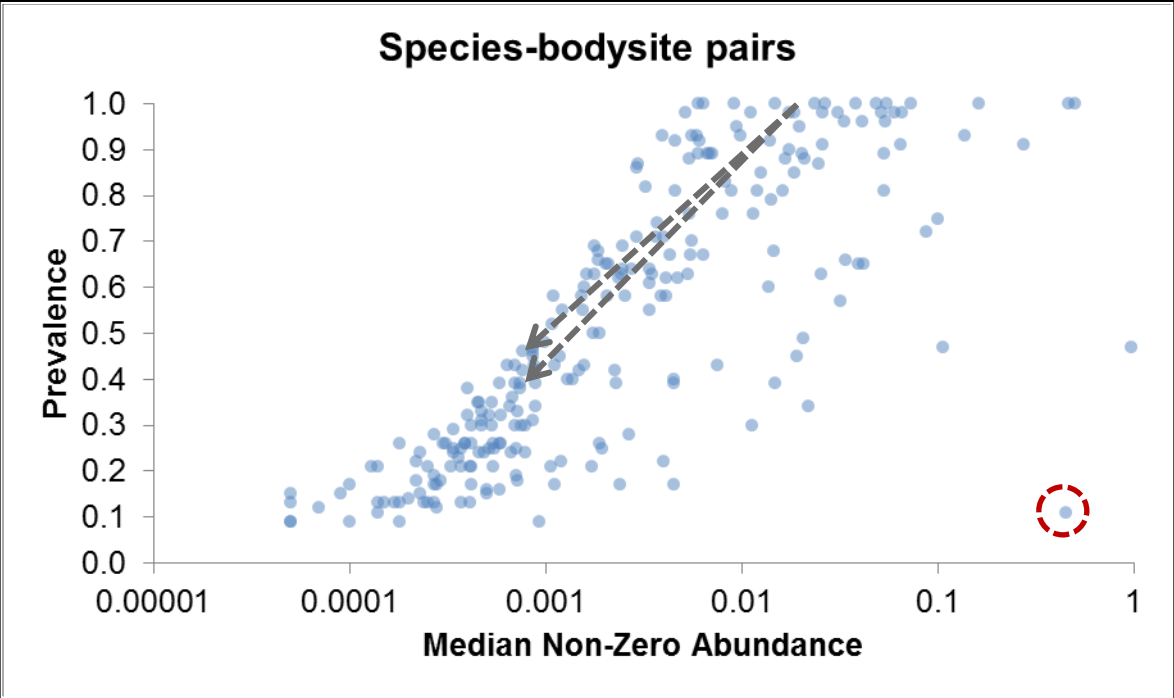
HMP samples    MetaHIT samples







# Species prevalence vs. species abundance



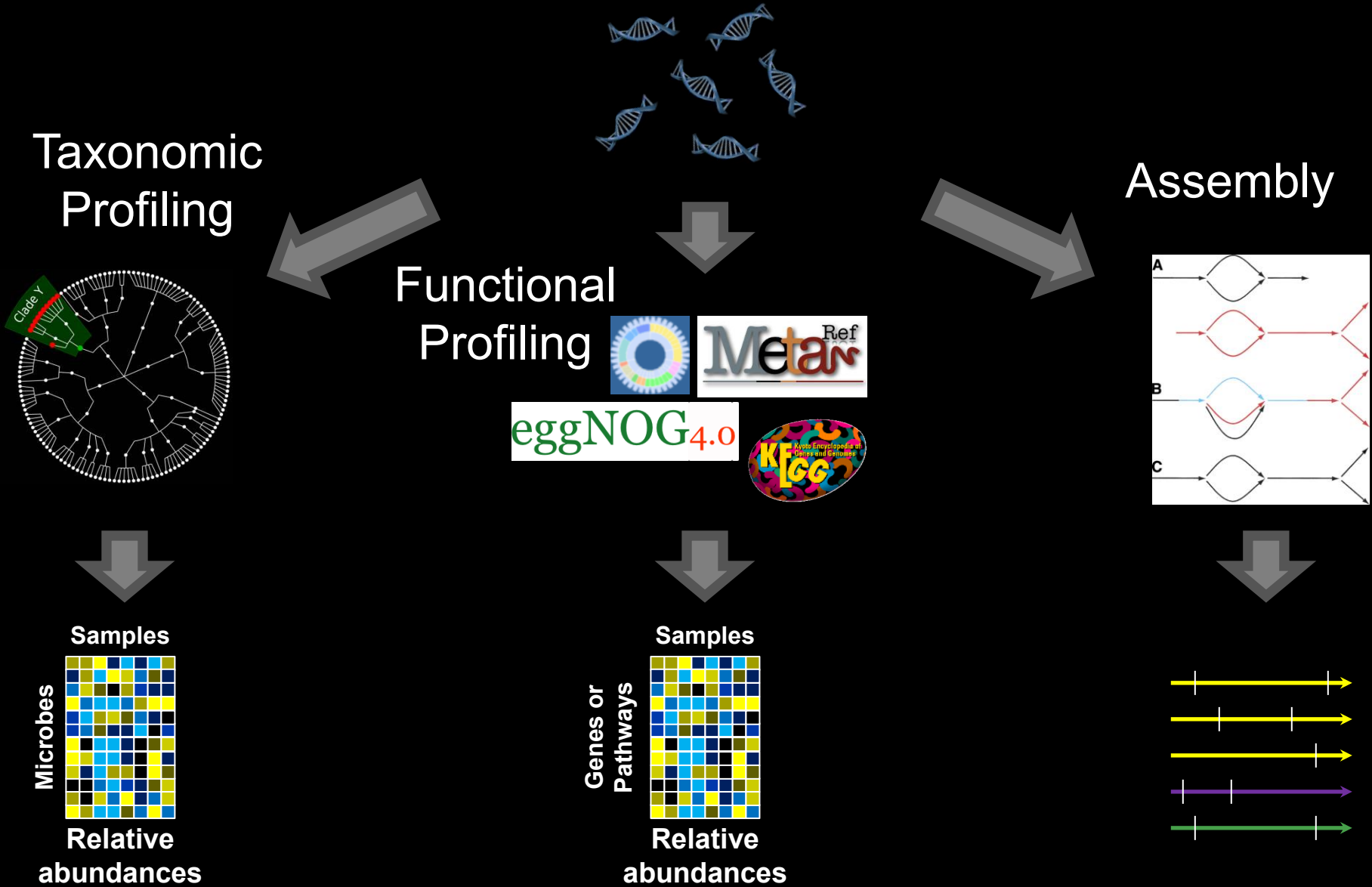
| site  | bug                 | log10 med non0 abund | prevalence | tp 1-2 stability |
|-------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|
| Stool | s__Prevotella_copri | -0.3                 | 0.11       | 1.00             |



| site                 | bug                          | log10 med non0 abund | prevalence | tp 1-2 stability |
|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|
| Tongue_dorsum        | s__Actinomyces_odontolyticus | -1.8                 | 1.00       | 1.00             |
| Buccal_mucosa        | s__Actinomyces_odontolyticus | -3.1                 | 0.47       | 0.78             |
| Supragingival_plaque | s__Actinomyces_odontolyticus | -3.1                 | 0.38       | 0.50             |



# Typical shotgun metagenome and metatranscriptome analyses



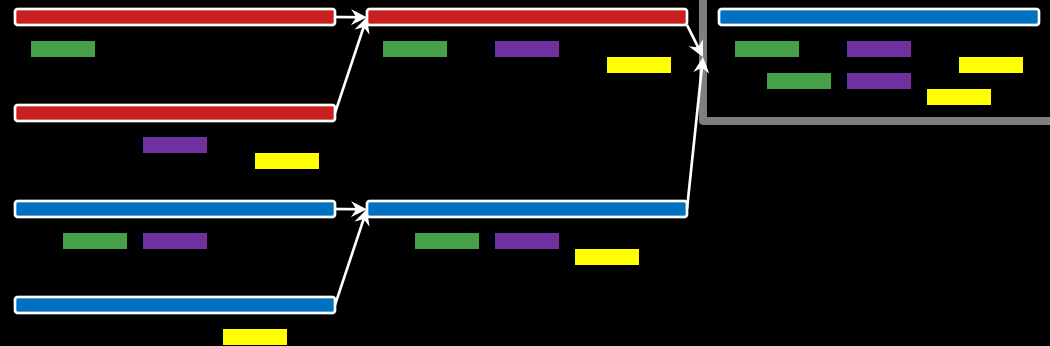


# Metagenomic analyses: gene calling and proxygenes

Extrinsic gene calling:  
BLAST etc. (proxygenes)

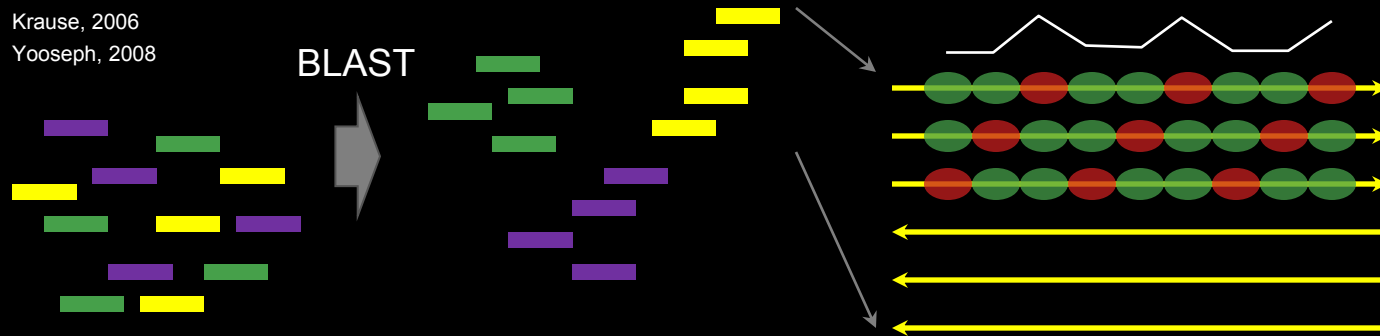
Intrinsic gene calling:  
ORF detection from seq.

Dalevi, 2009



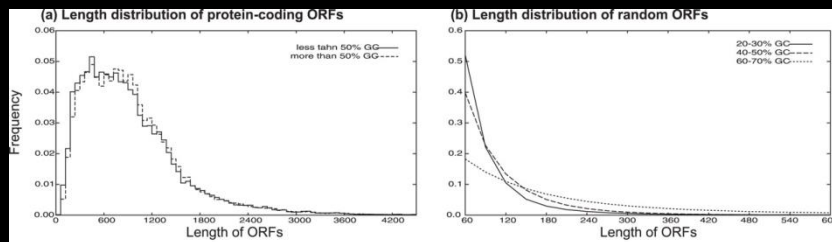
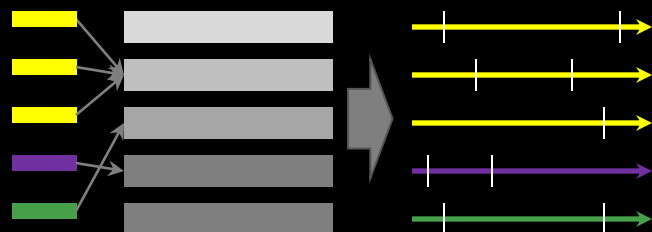
Krause, 2006  
Yooseph, 2008

BLAST



Orphelia: Hoff, 2009  
MetaGene: Noguchi, 2006

HMM models





# Metagenomic analyses: molecular functions and biological roles

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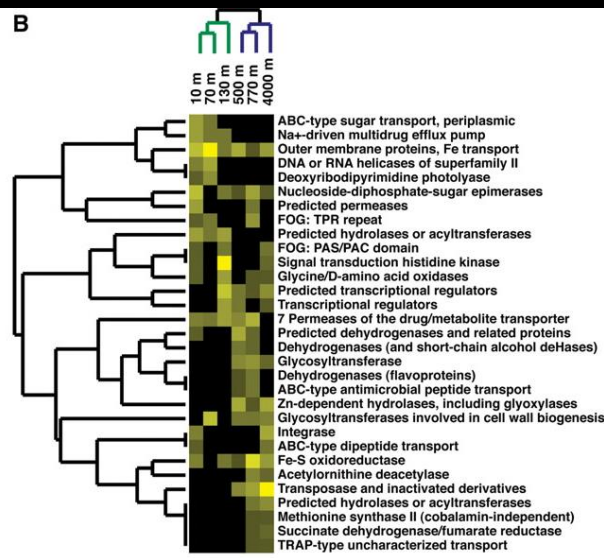
Grouping genes by conserved  
sequence features  
COG, KO, FIGfam...

## Structure:

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

## Biological roles:

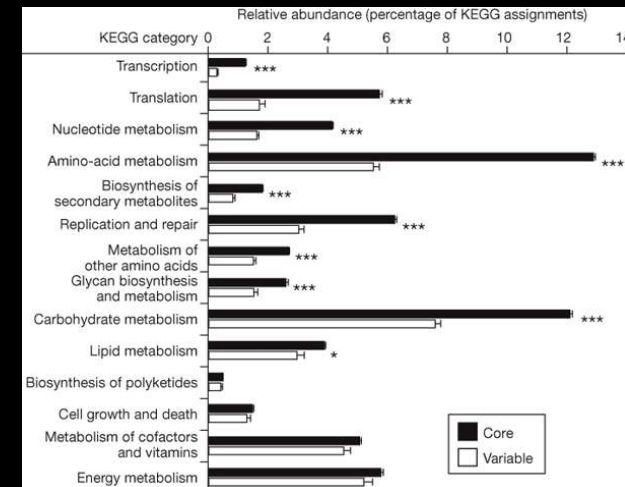
Grouping genes by pathway  
and process involvement  
GO, KEGG, MetaCyc, SEED...



**Table 1 | Glycoside hydrolases and carbohydrate-binding modules**

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

Warnecke, 2007



Turnbaugh, 2009

DeLong, 2006



# Niche specialization in human microbiome function

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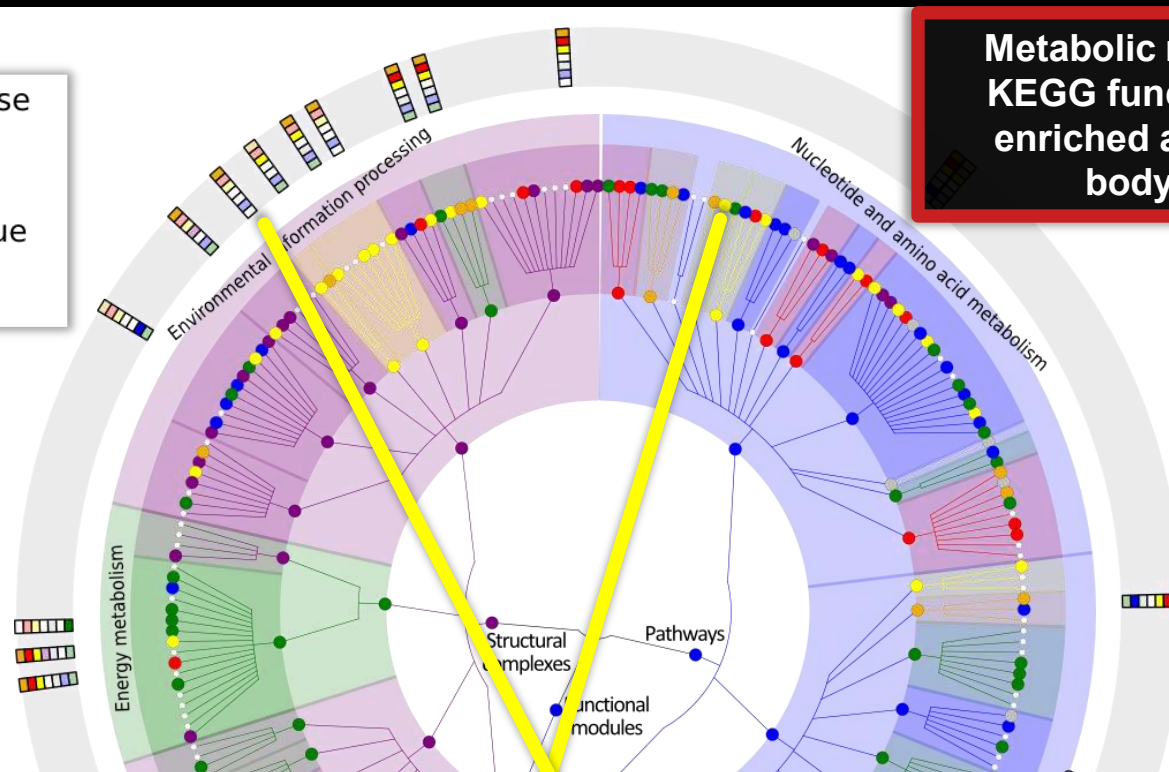
LDA Effect Size

Nonparametric test for microbial and metagenomic biomarkers

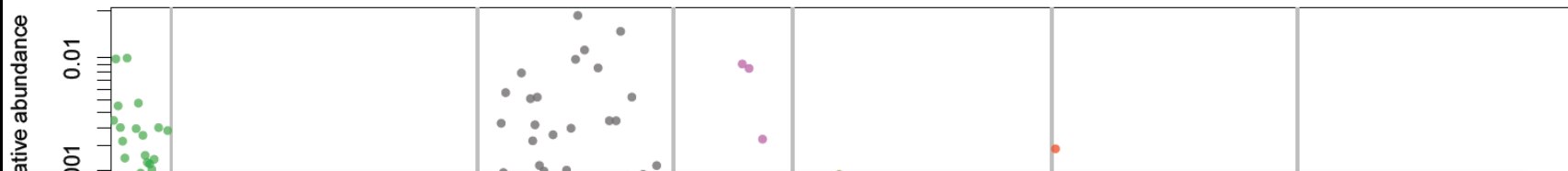
<http://huttenhower.sph.harvard.edu/lefse>

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

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



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

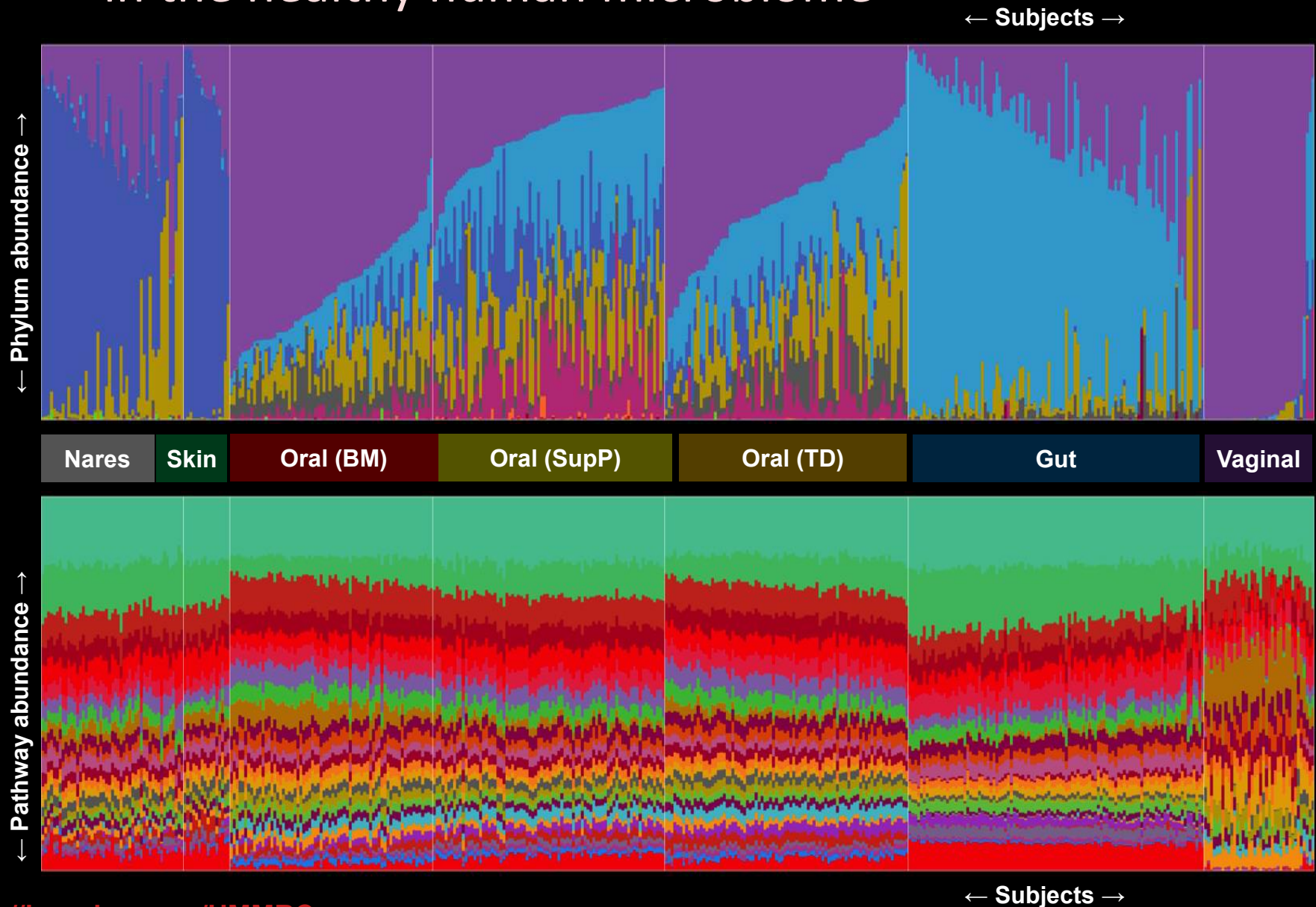


- Most **processes are "core"**: <10% are *differentially present/absent* even by body site
  - Contrast **zero** microbes meeting this threshold!
- Most **processes are habitat-adapted**: >66% are *differentially abundant* by body site





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







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

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

## Stop

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

## Start

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



# Plan

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# The two big questions...

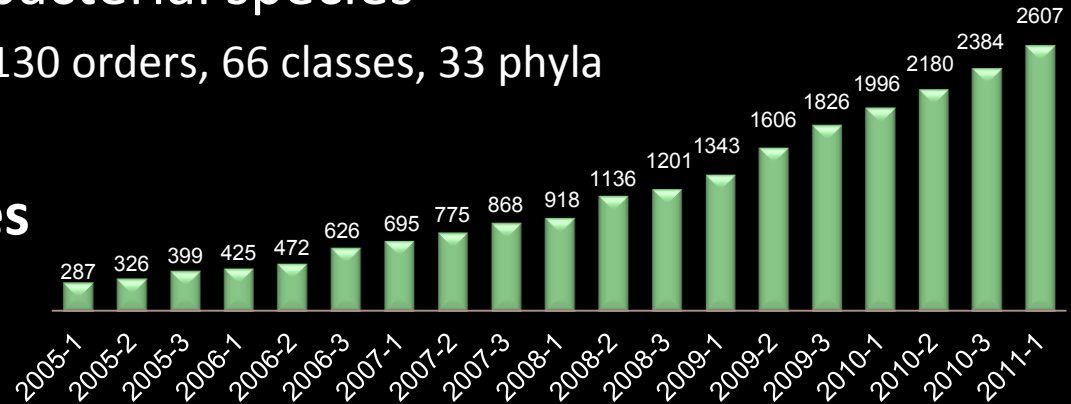
**Who is there?**  
(taxonomic profiling)

**What are they doing?**  
(functional profiling)

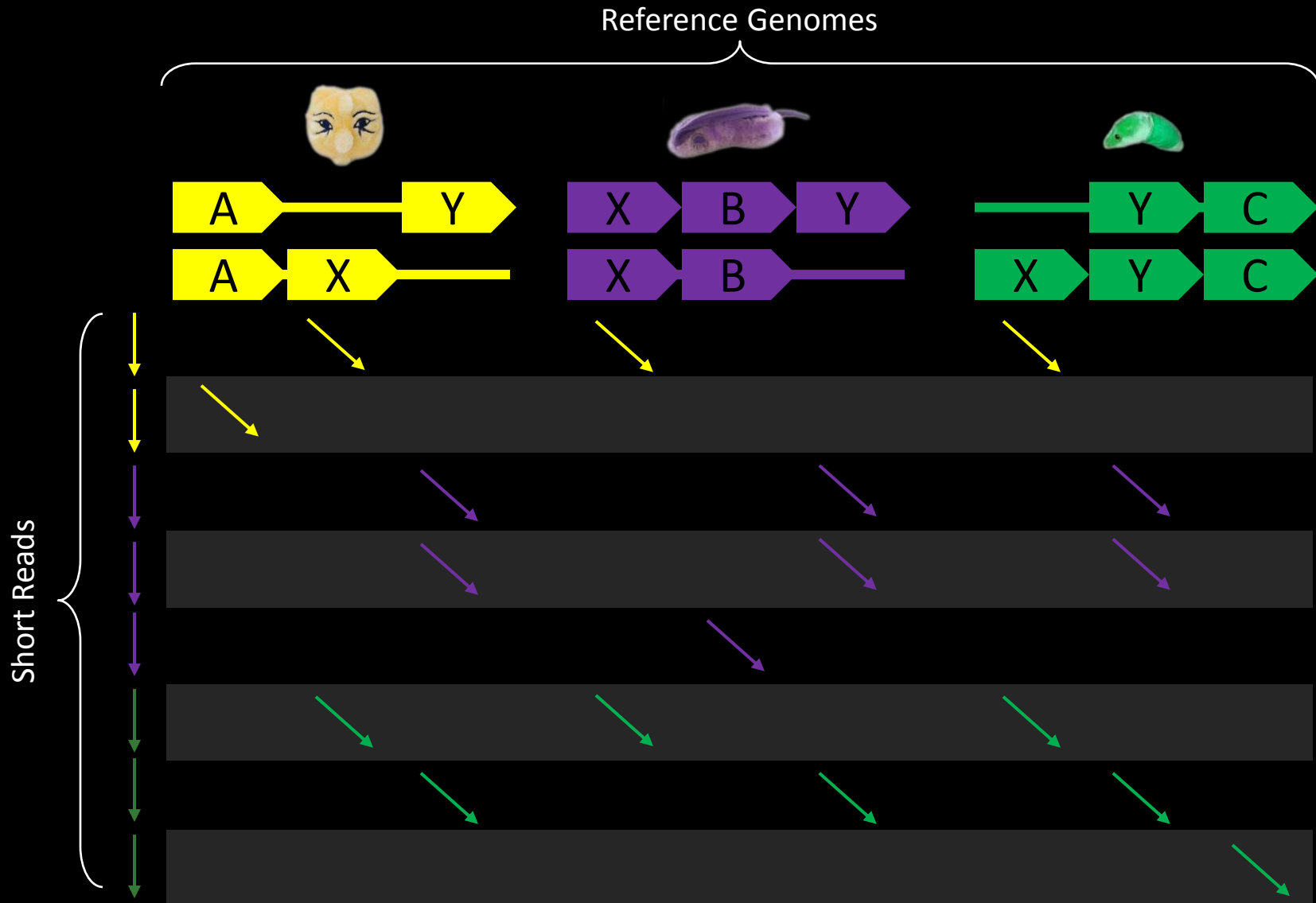


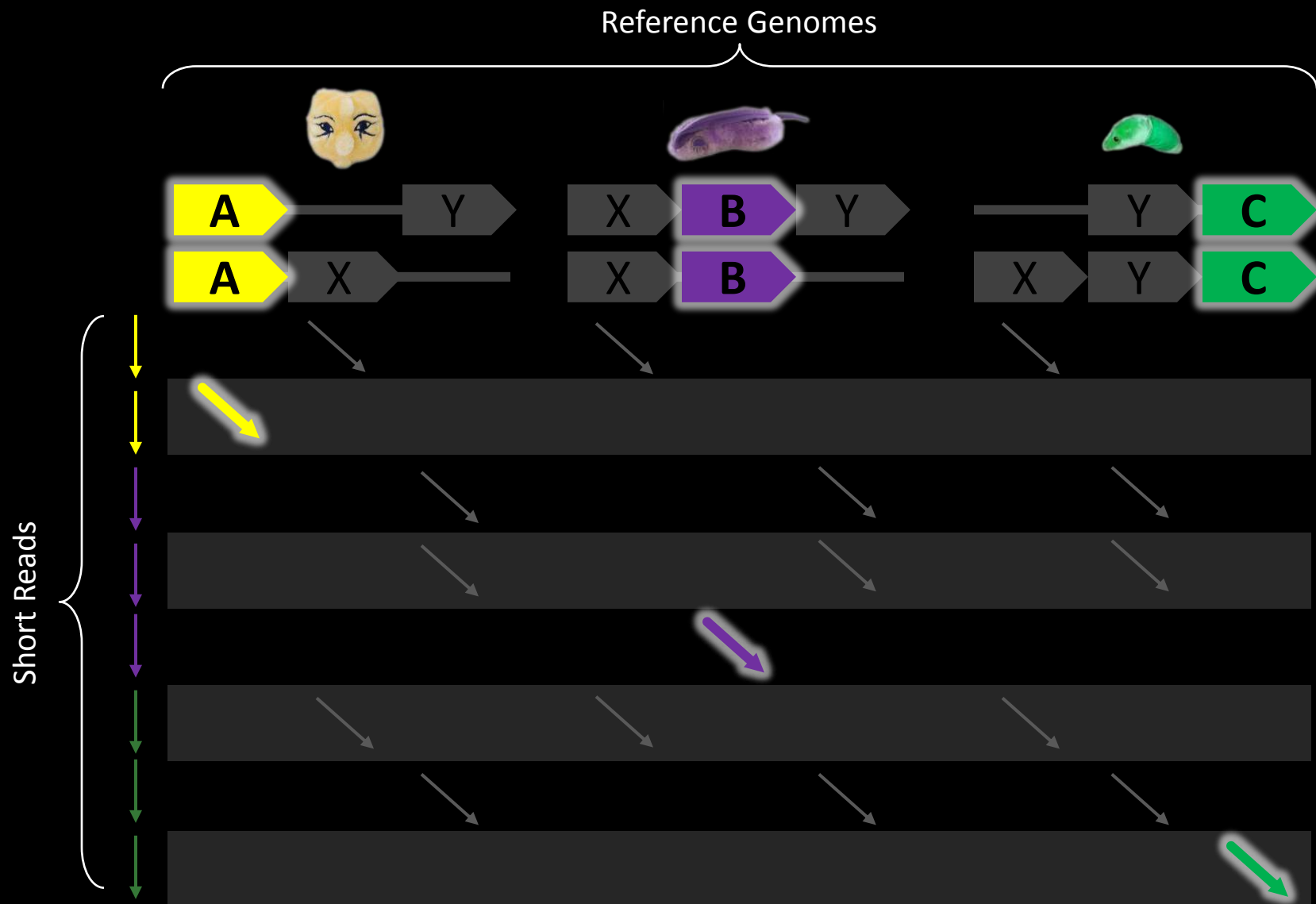
# Reference genomes

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



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





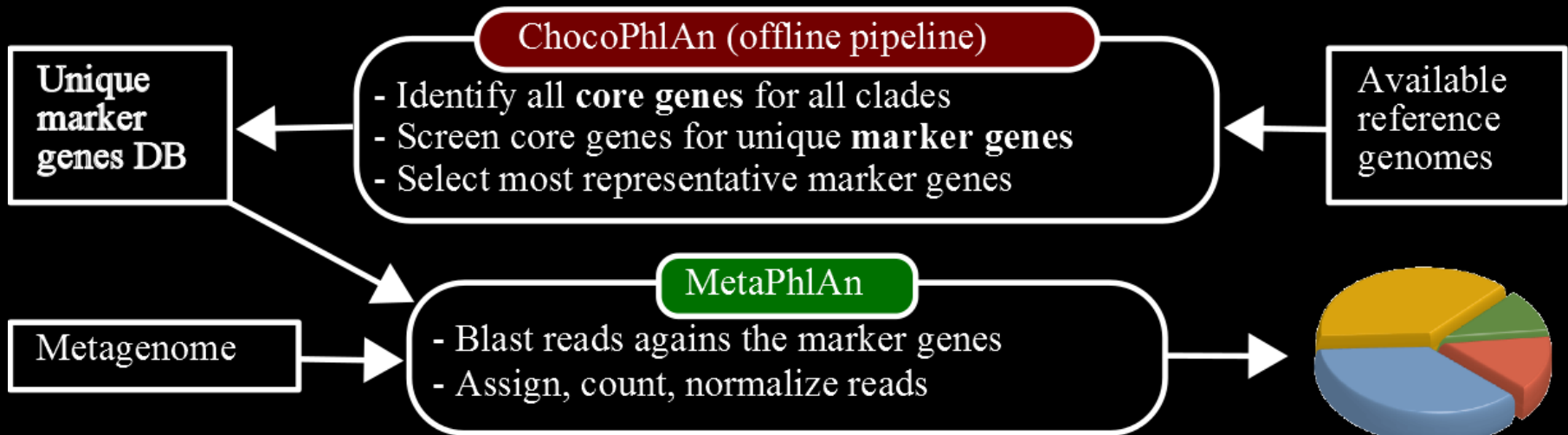
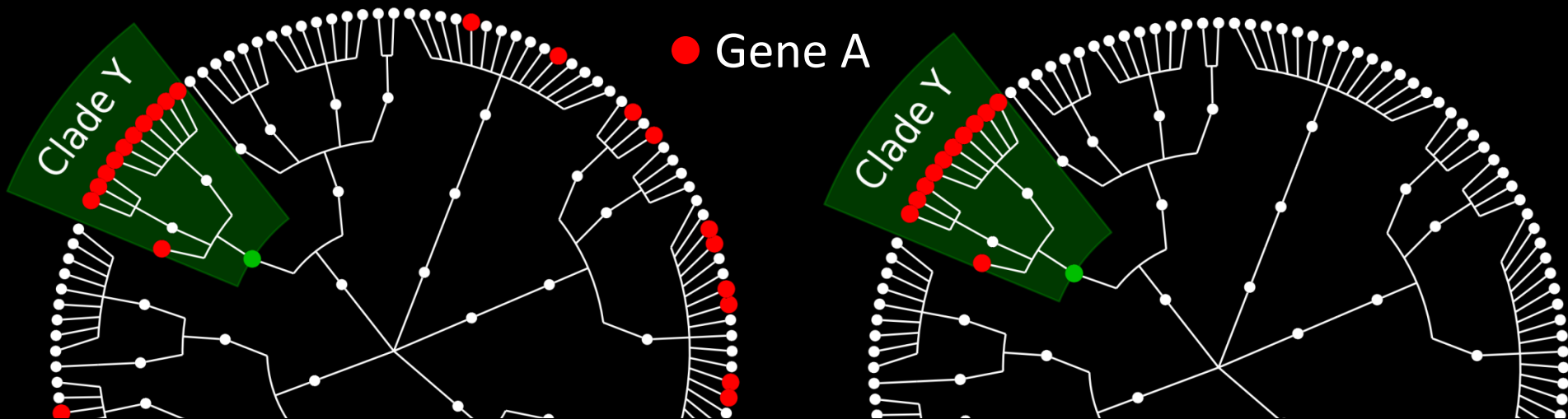




# MetaPhlAn overview

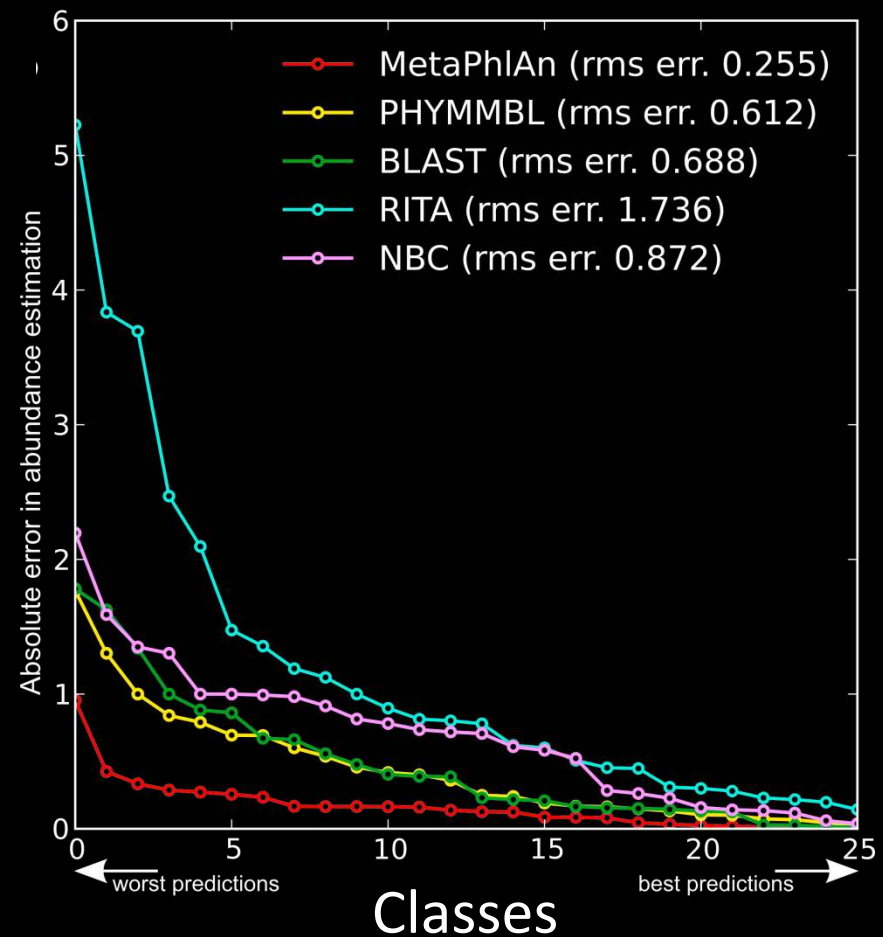
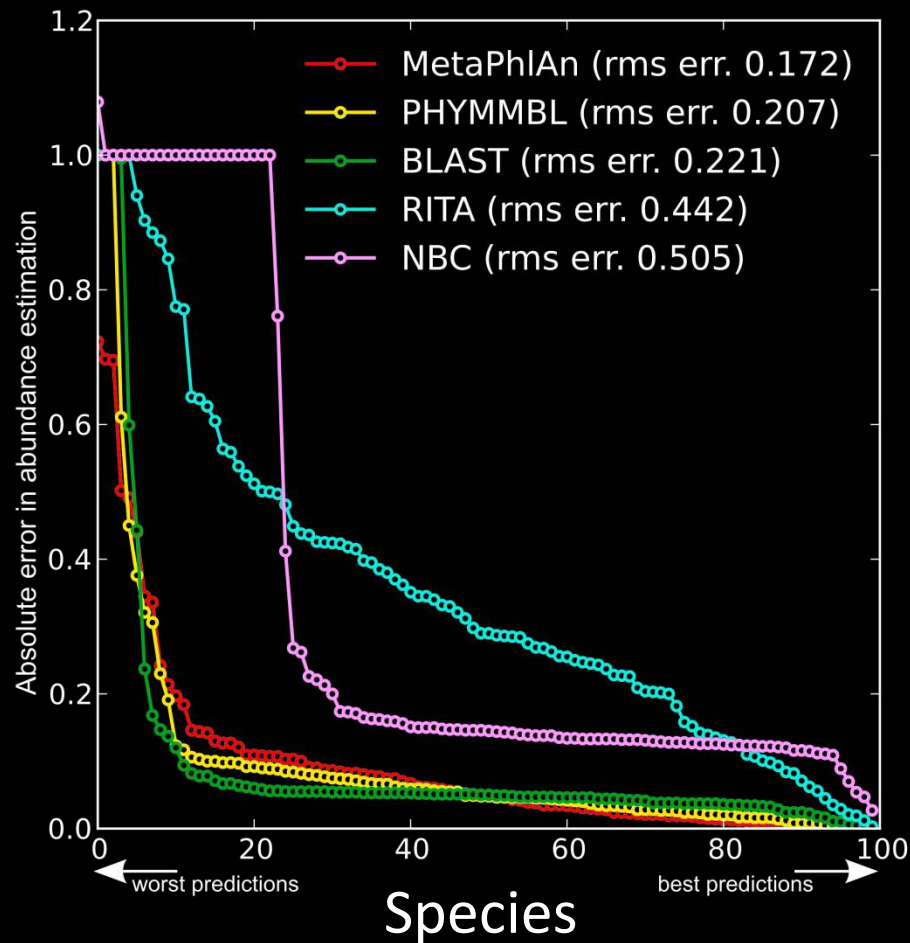
A is a **core gene** for clade Y

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





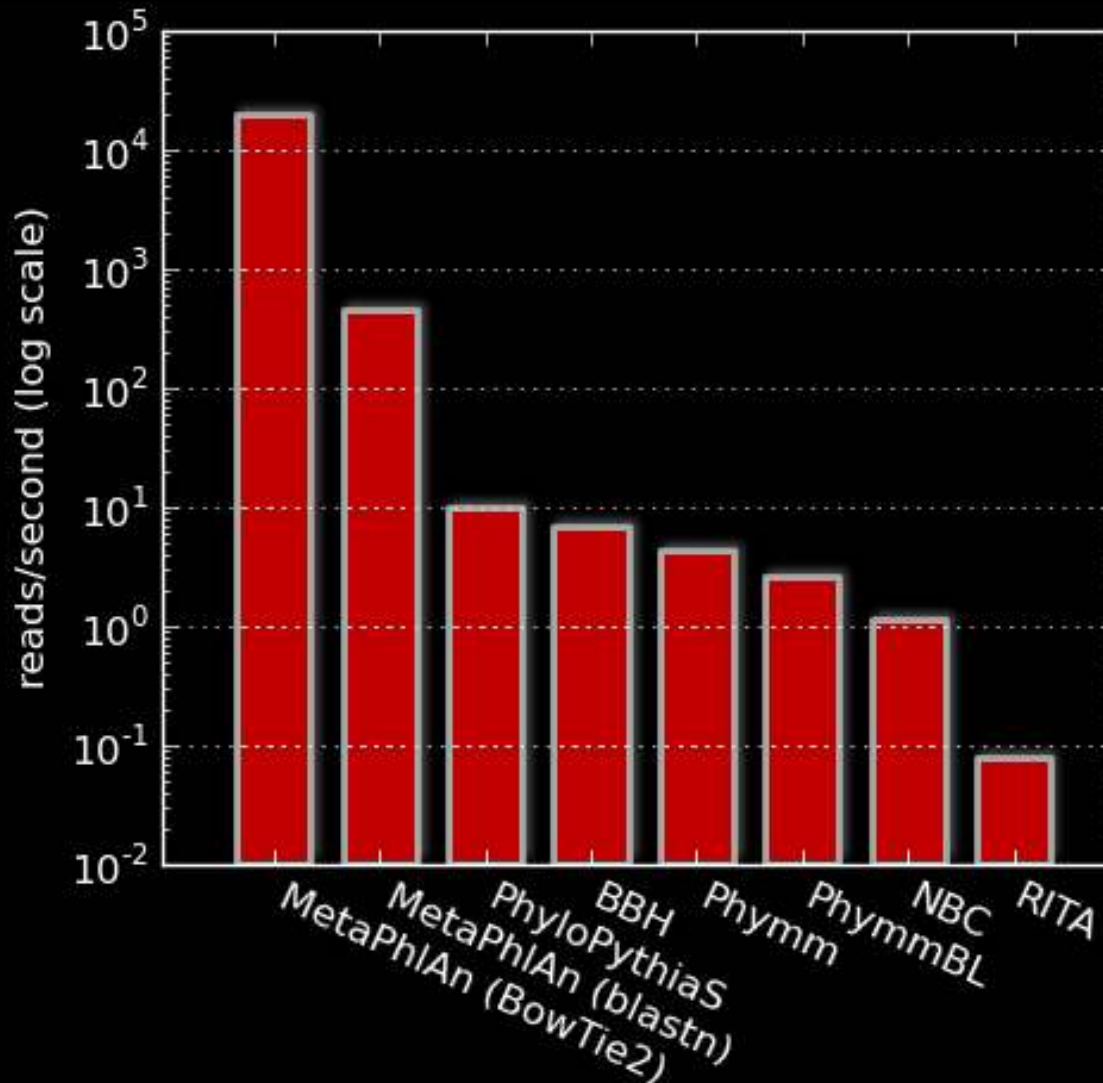
# Evaluation of MetaPhlAn accuracy



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



# Evaluation of MetaPhlAn performance



>50 times faster than earlier methods

450 reads/sec (BLAST)

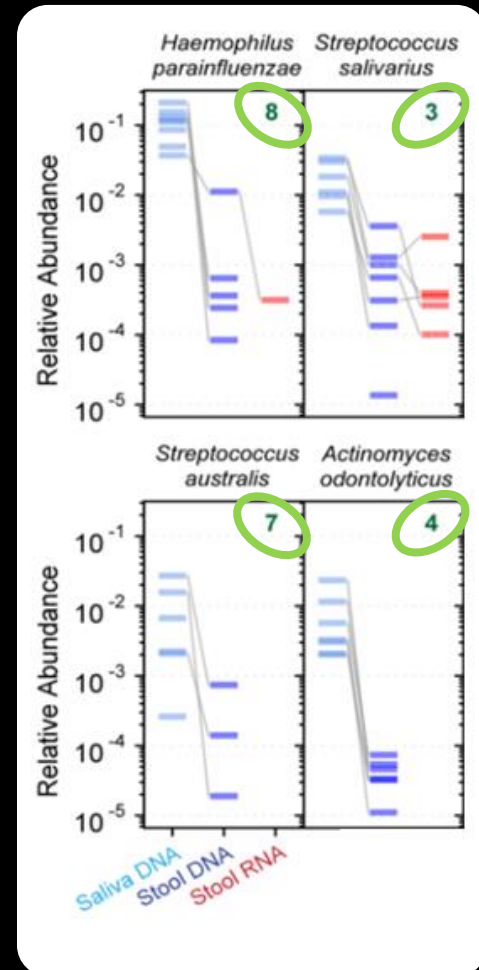
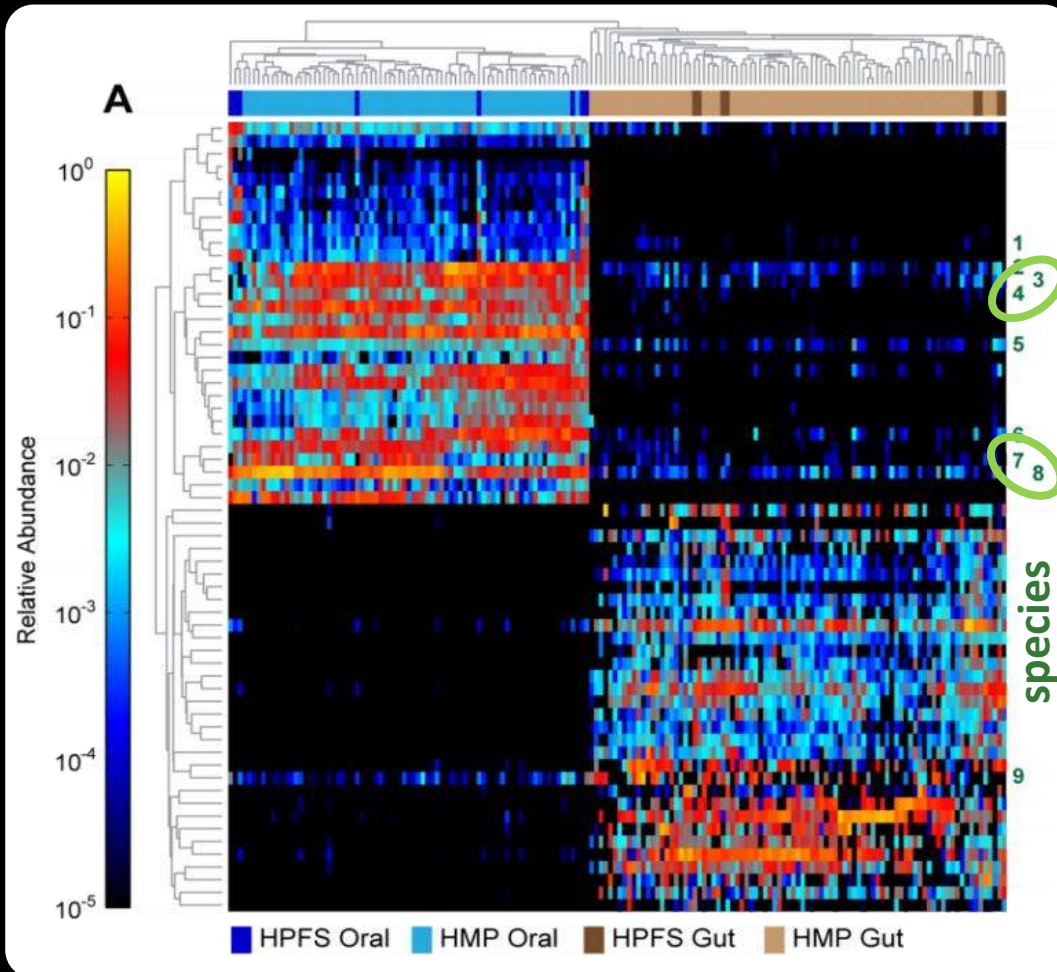
Up to 25,000 reads/sec (bowtie2)

Multi-threaded

Easily parallelizable

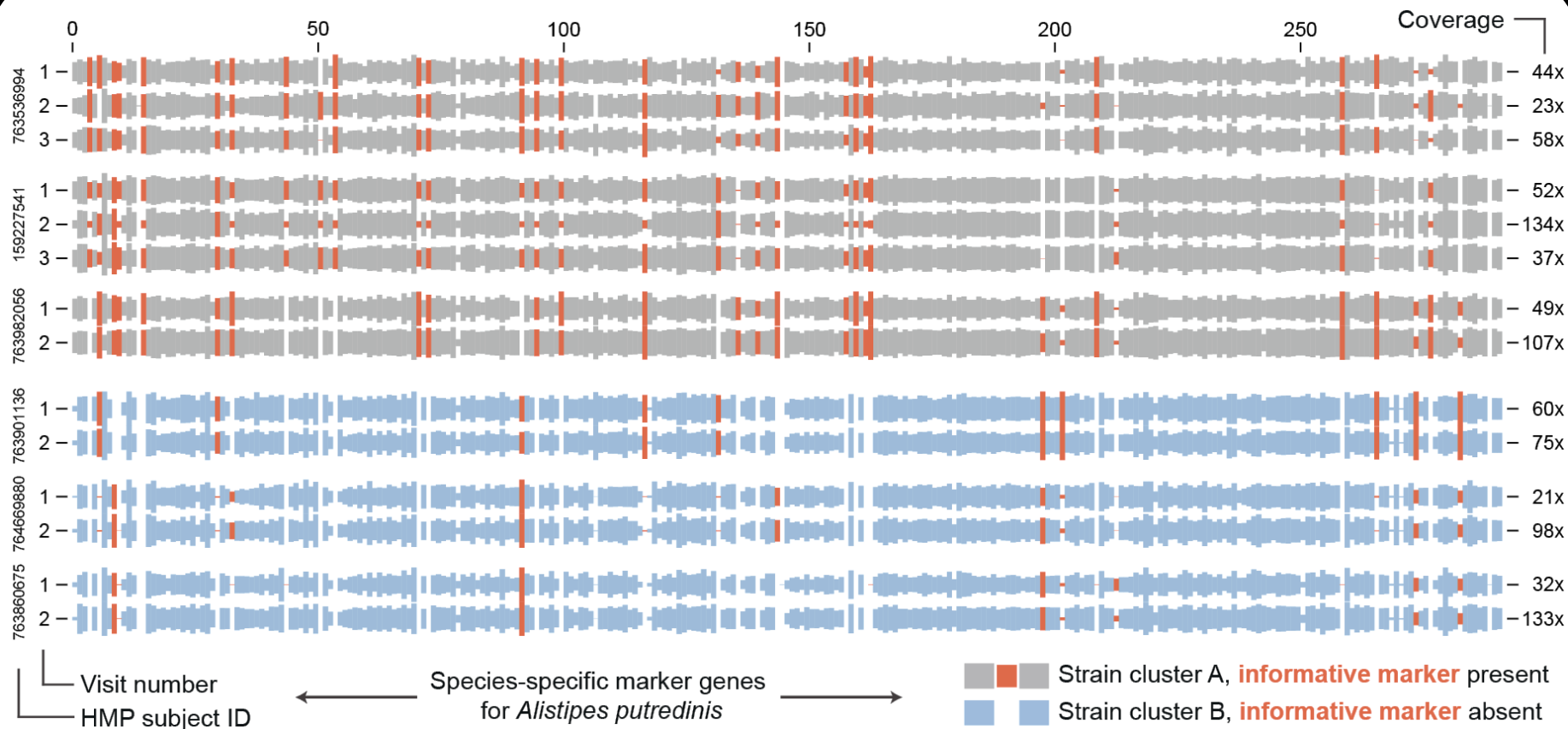


# MetaPhlAn in action





# MetaPhlAn in action: *strain profiling*



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



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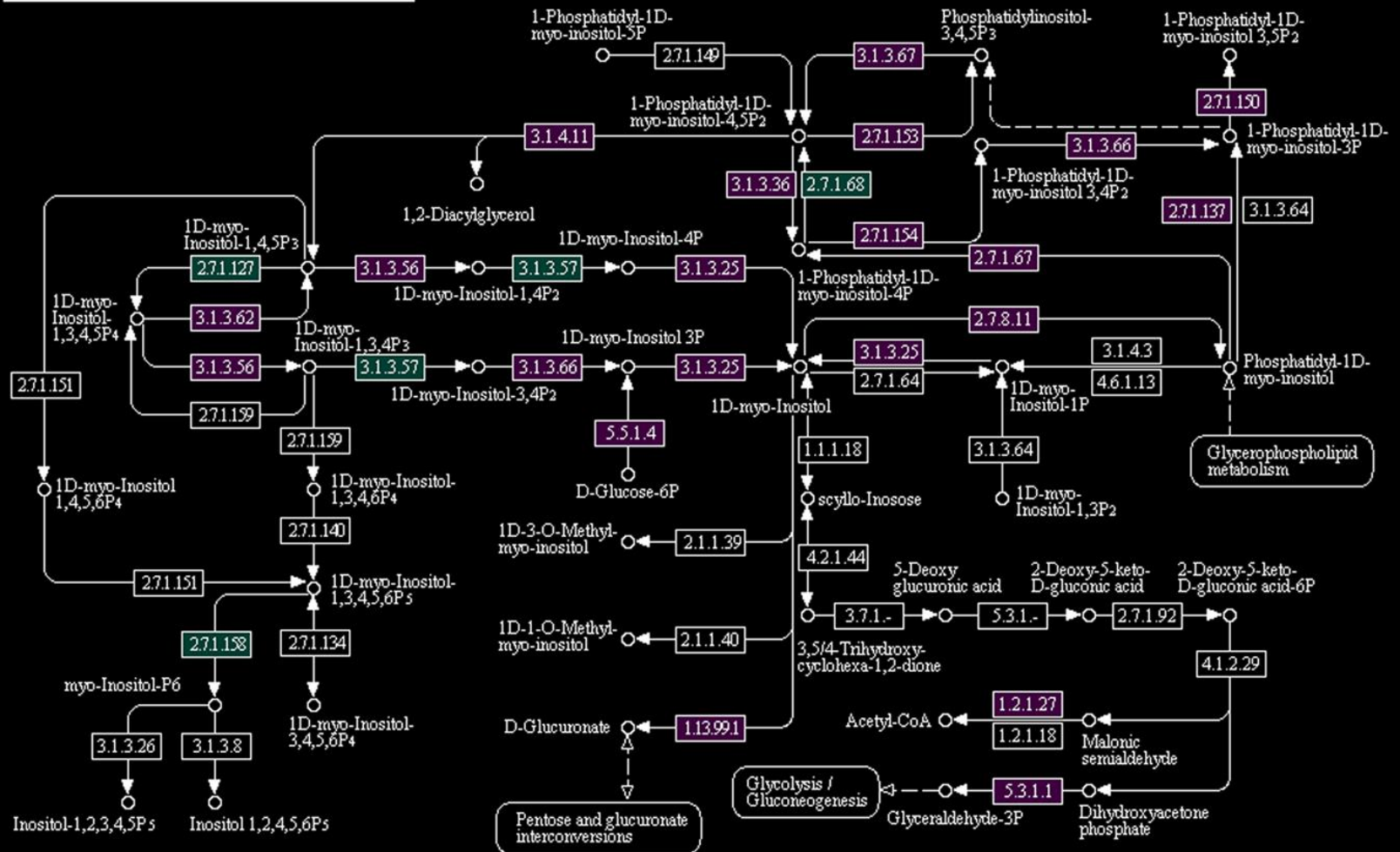
**Who is there?**  
(taxonomic profiling)

**What are they doing?**  
(functional profiling)



# (What we mean by “function”)

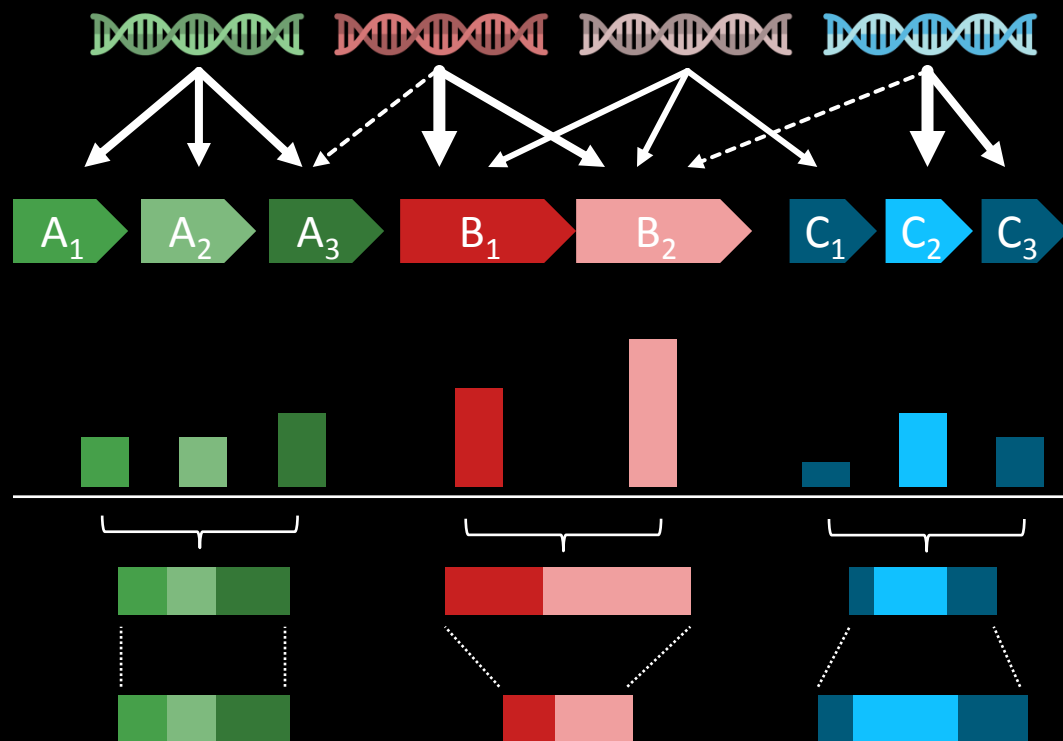
## INOSITOL PHOSPHATE METABOLISM





# HUMAN

## HMP Unified Metabolic Analysis Network



Short reads + protein families

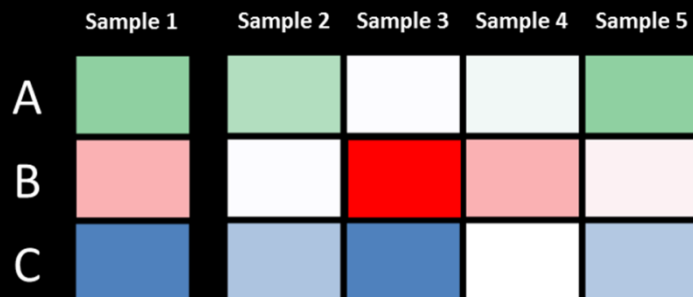
Translated BLAST search

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

Weight hits by significance

Sum over families

Adjust for sequence length

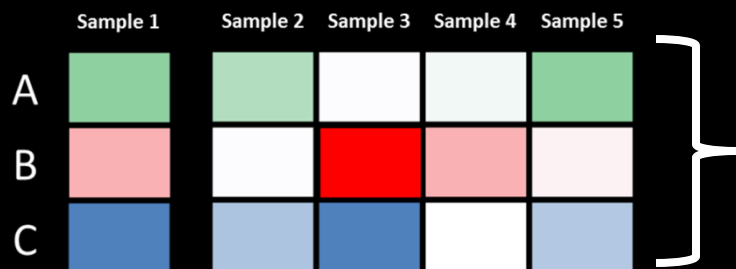


Repeat for each metagenomic or metatranscriptomic sample

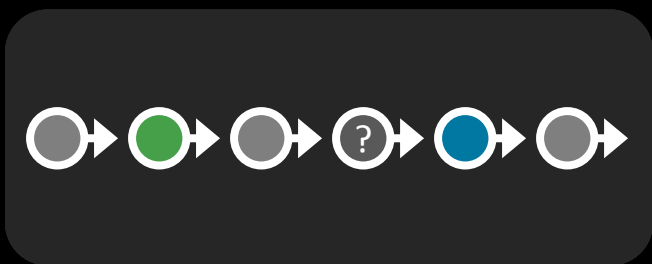


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## HMP Unified Metabolic Analysis Network



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



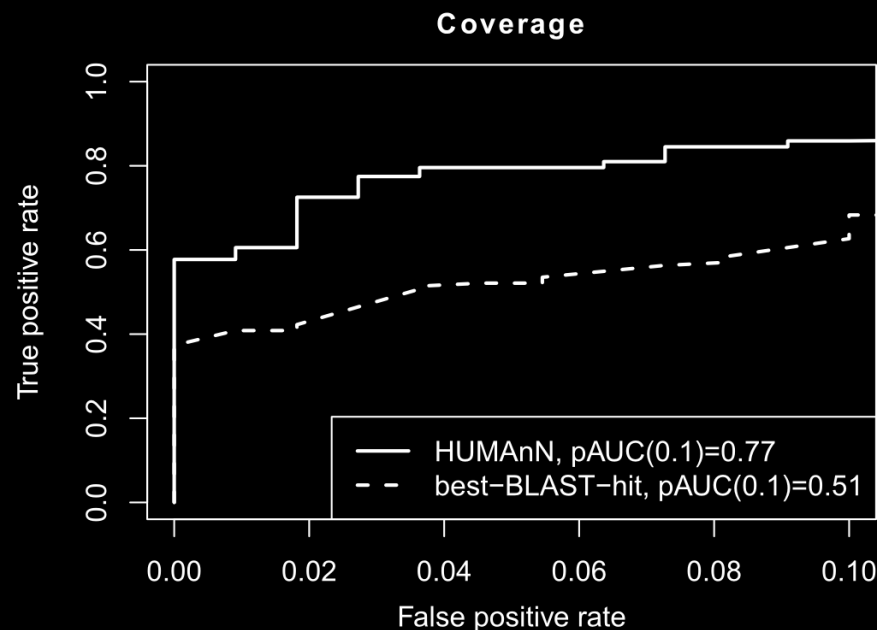
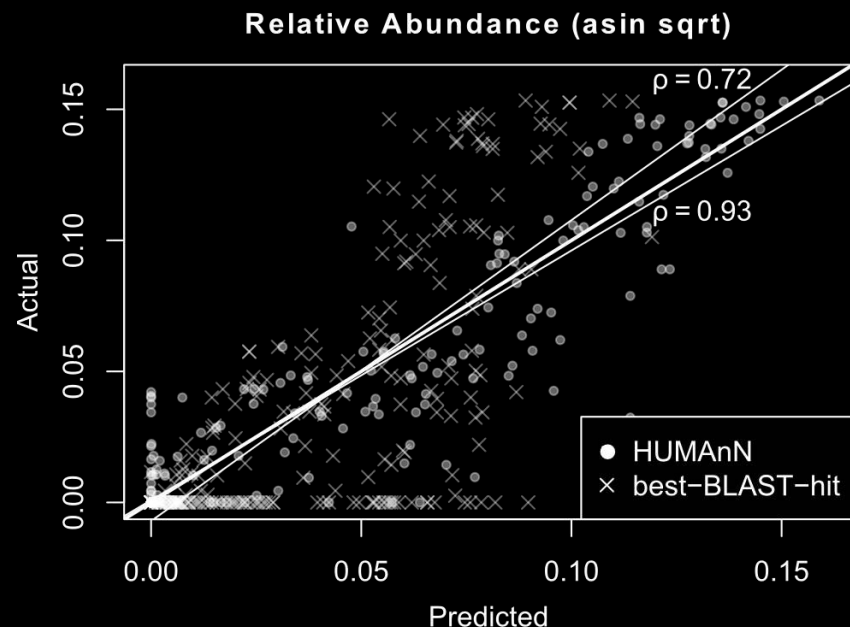
- Map genes to KEGG pathways
- Use MinPath (Ye 2009) to find simplest pathway explanation for observed genes
- Remove pathways unlikely to be present due to low organismal abundance
- Smooth/fill gaps



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



# HUMAN accuracy



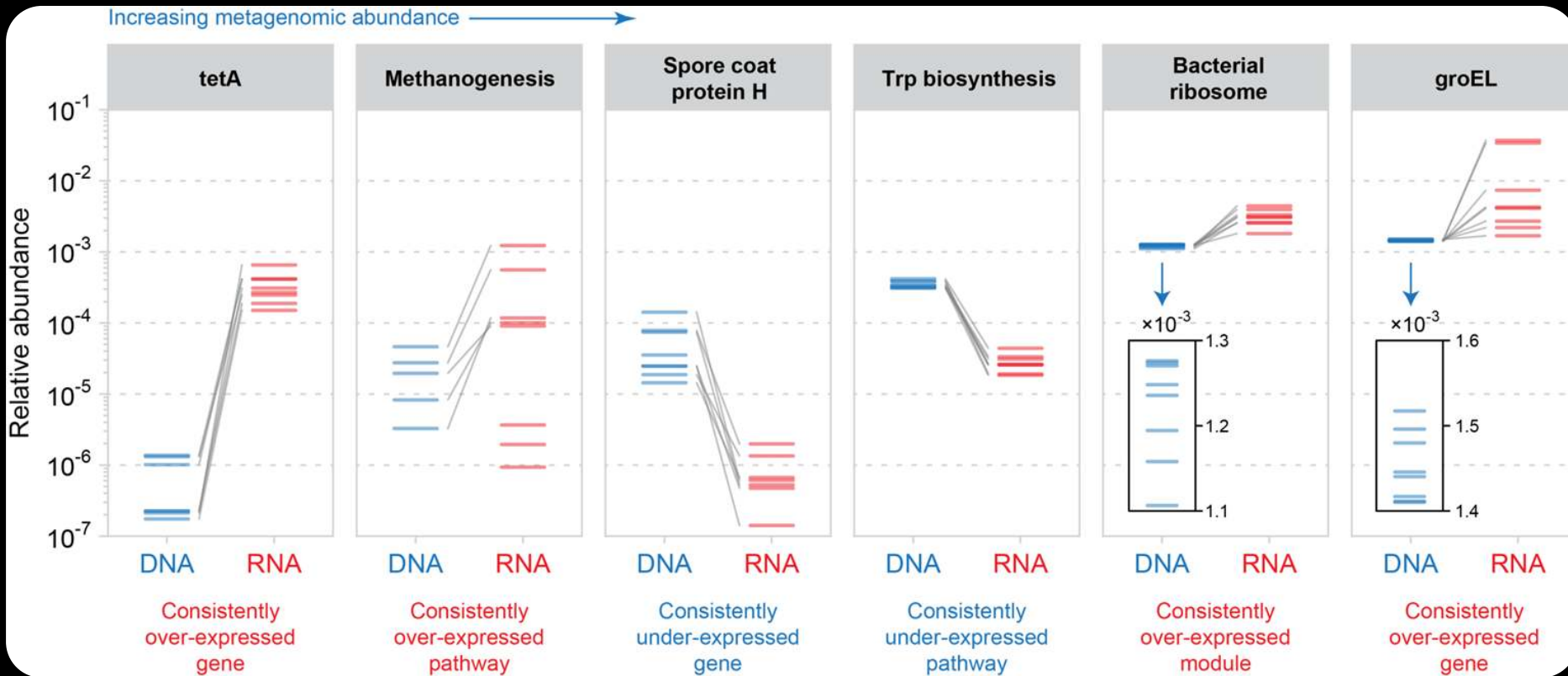
Validated against synthetic metagenome samples  
(similar to MetaPhlAn validation)

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



# HUMAnN in action

## Functional potential (DNA) vs activity (RNA)



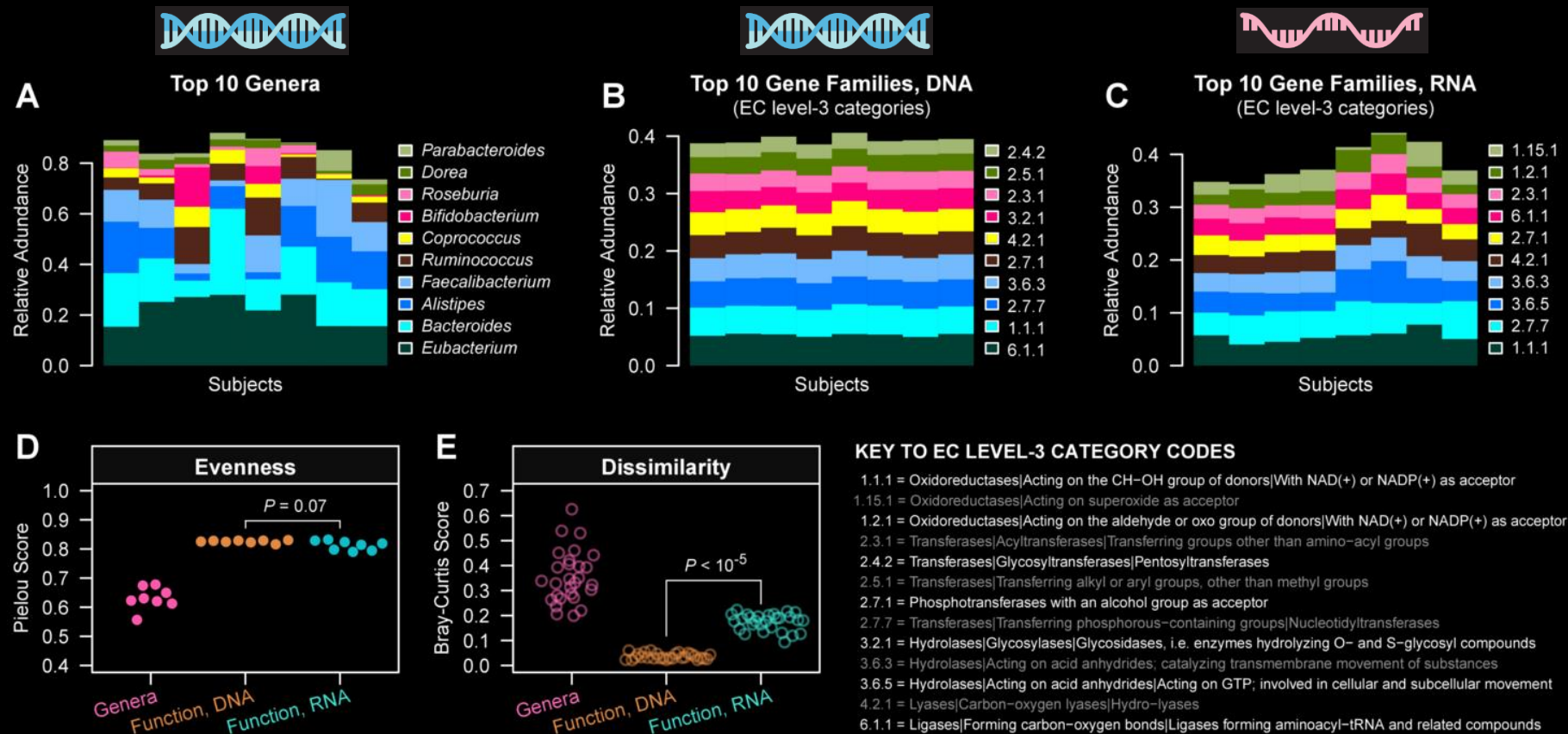
Functional metagenomics & metatranscriptomics  
of 8 healthy human stool samples





# HUMAN in action

## Conserved potential & variable activity





# What's there: ShortBRED



Jim  
Kaminski

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

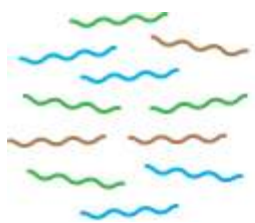


# What's there: ShortBRED algorithm

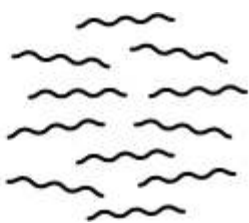
- Cluster proteins of interest into families
  - Record consensus sequences
- Identify unique and common areas among proteins
  - Compared against each other
  - Compared against reference database
  - Remove all of these
- Remaining subseqs. uniquely ID a family
  - Record these as markers for that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



# What's there: ShortBRED marker identification



**Prots of  
interest**



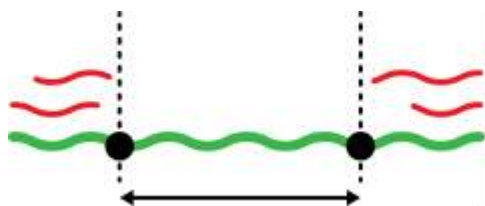
**Reference  
database**



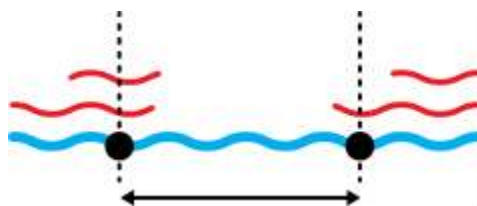
**Cluster into  
families**



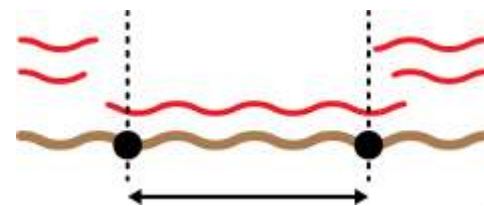
**Identify short,  
common regions**



**True Marker**



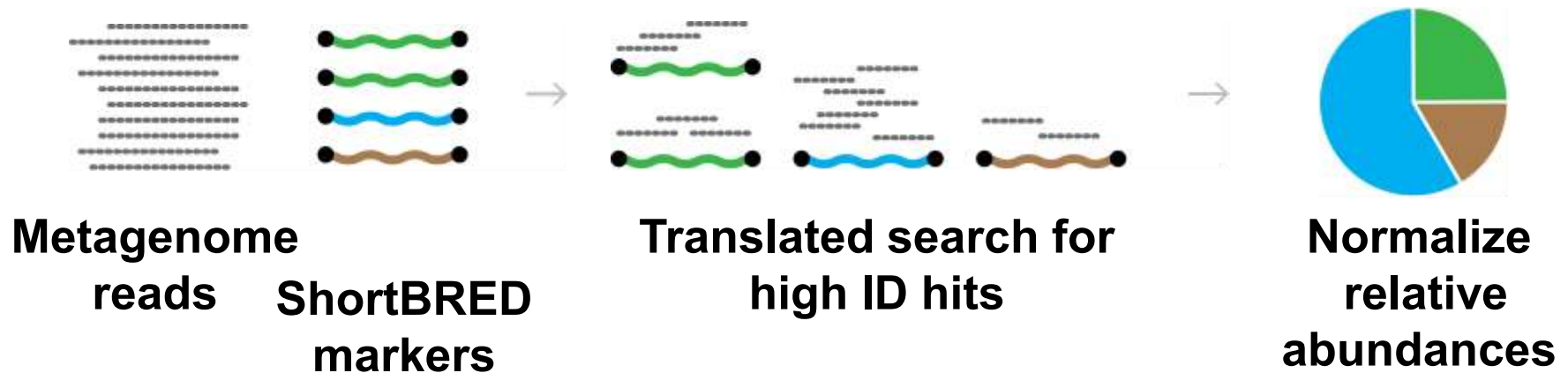
**Junction Marker**



**Quasi Marker**



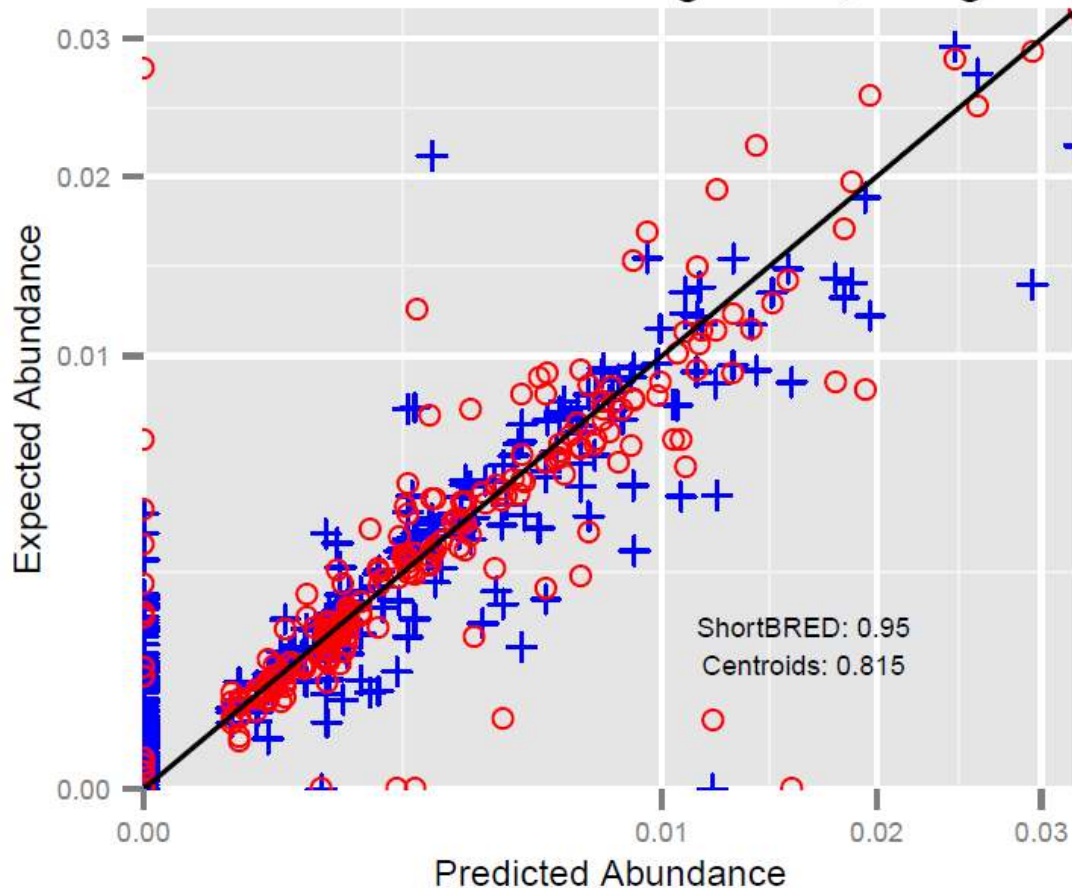
# What's there: ShortBRED family quantification





# What's there: ShortBRED is accurate

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



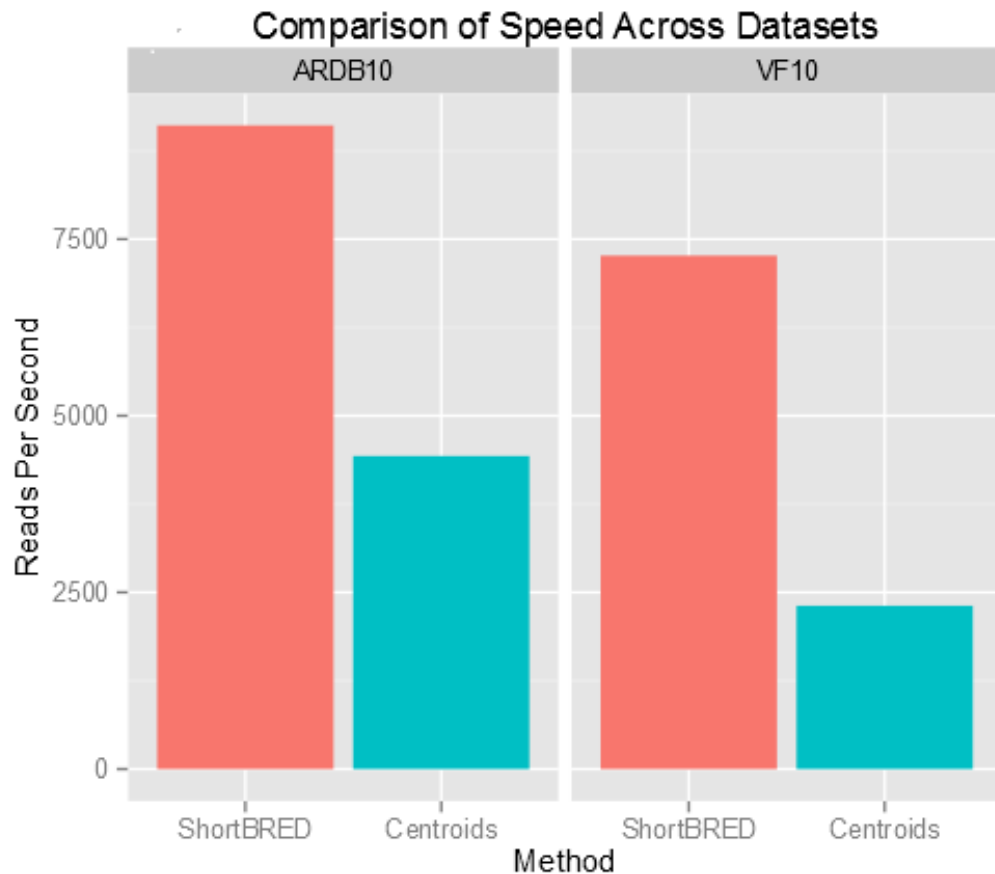
Six synthetic metagenomes from GemSim, spiked with known proteins of interest:  
ARDB = Antibiotic Resistance  
VFDB = Virulence Factors

Method

+ Centroids  
○ ShortBRED



# What's there: ShortBRED is fast



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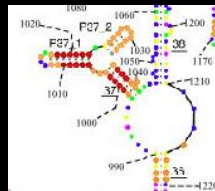




# Can we infer anything about function from 16S data?

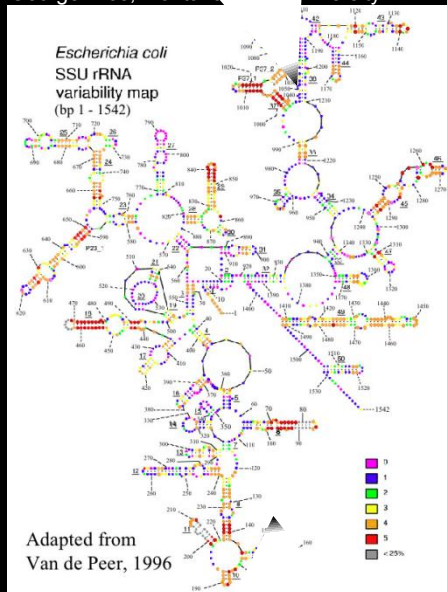


Lyse cells  
Extract DNA (and/or RNA)



**16S amplicons**

George Rice, Montana State University



PCR to amplify the single  
16S rRNA marker gene

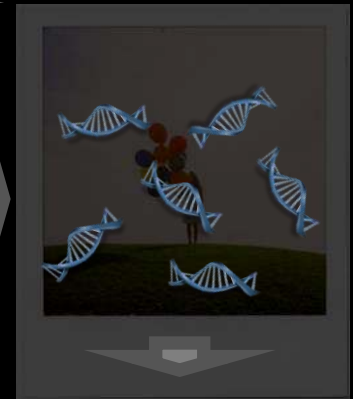
Hello  
my name is  
Classify sequence  
→ microbe

**Samples**



**Microbes**  
**Relative abundances**

**Meta'omic**



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



# PICRUSt: Inferring community metagenomic potential from marker gene sequencing

With Rob Knight, Rob Beiko

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

<http://picrust.github.com>

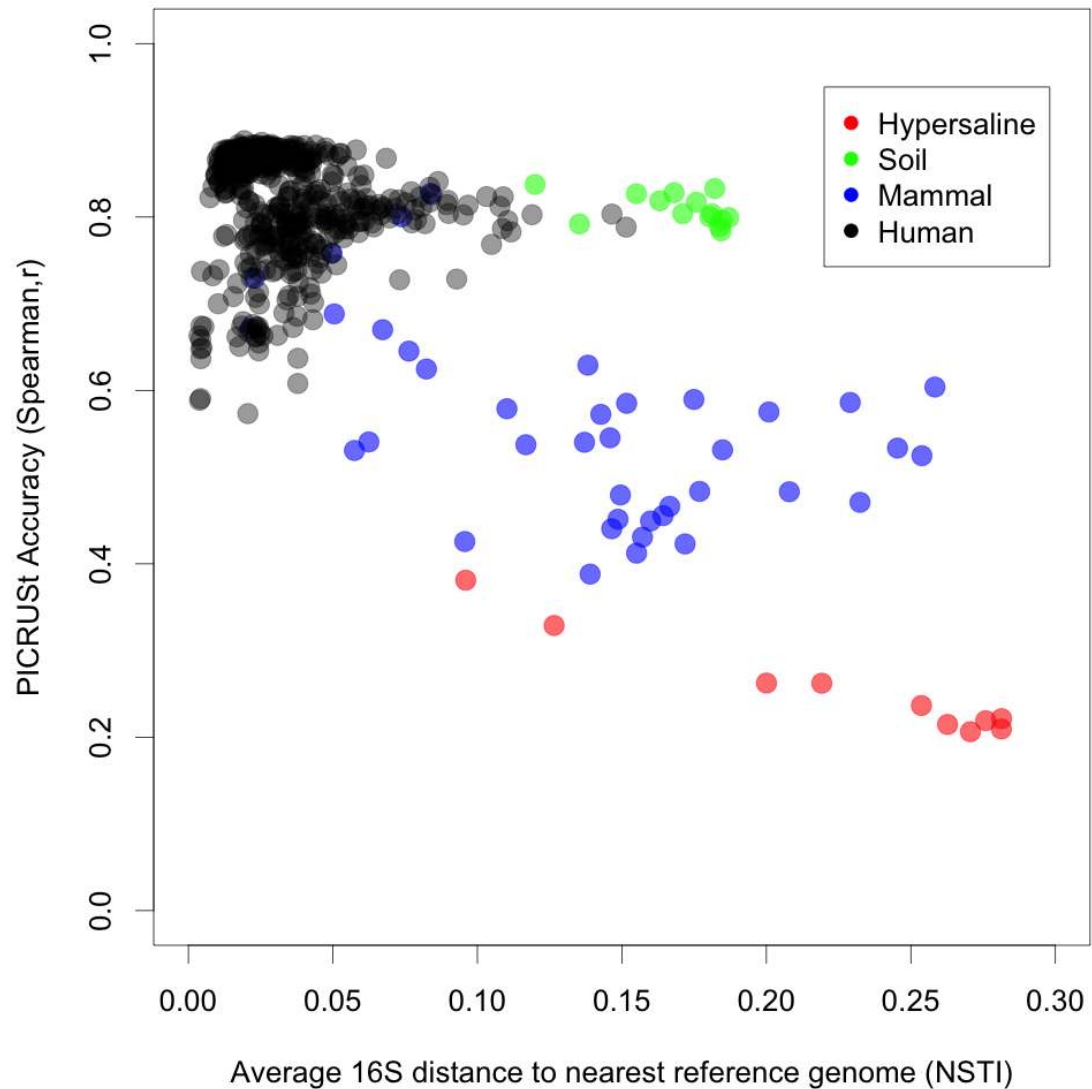
Pathways and modules

Orthologous gene families

Taxon abundances



HUMAnN



Relative abundance



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|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Clade1        | 0.40 | 0.87 | 0.43 | 0.68 | 0.47 | 0.32 |
| Clade1   Bug1 | 0.40 | 0.56 | 0.07 | 0.31 | 0.42 | 0.27 |
| Clade1   Bug2 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.04 | 0.05 |
| Clade2        | 0.60 | 0.13 | 0.57 | 0.32 | 0.53 | 0.68 |
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| Clade2   Bug4 | 0.49 | 0.13 | 0.47 | 0.00 | 0.39 | 0.45 |



# The ~~two~~ three big questions...

Who is there?

What are they doing?

What does it all mean?

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|-------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Profession  | Student | Postdoc | Postdoc | Professor | Student | Student |
| Gender      | Male    | Female  | Female  | Male      | Male    | Female  |
| Site        | Oral    | Gut     | Oral    | Gut       | Oral    | Gut     |
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# Properties of microbiome data

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

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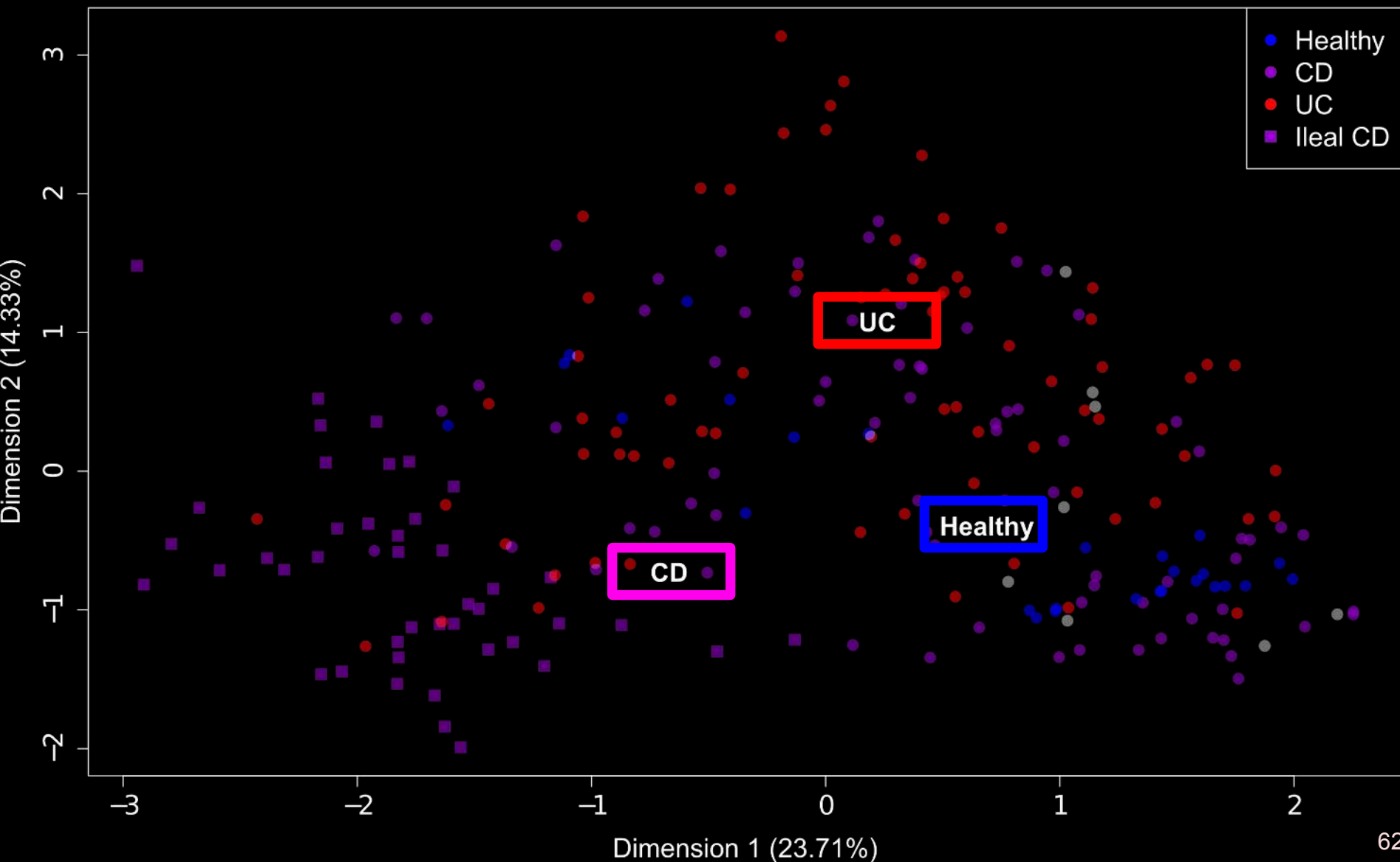
- General problem: correlate microbiome features with metadata (potentially controlling for other features)
- Intuitively summarize the results

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

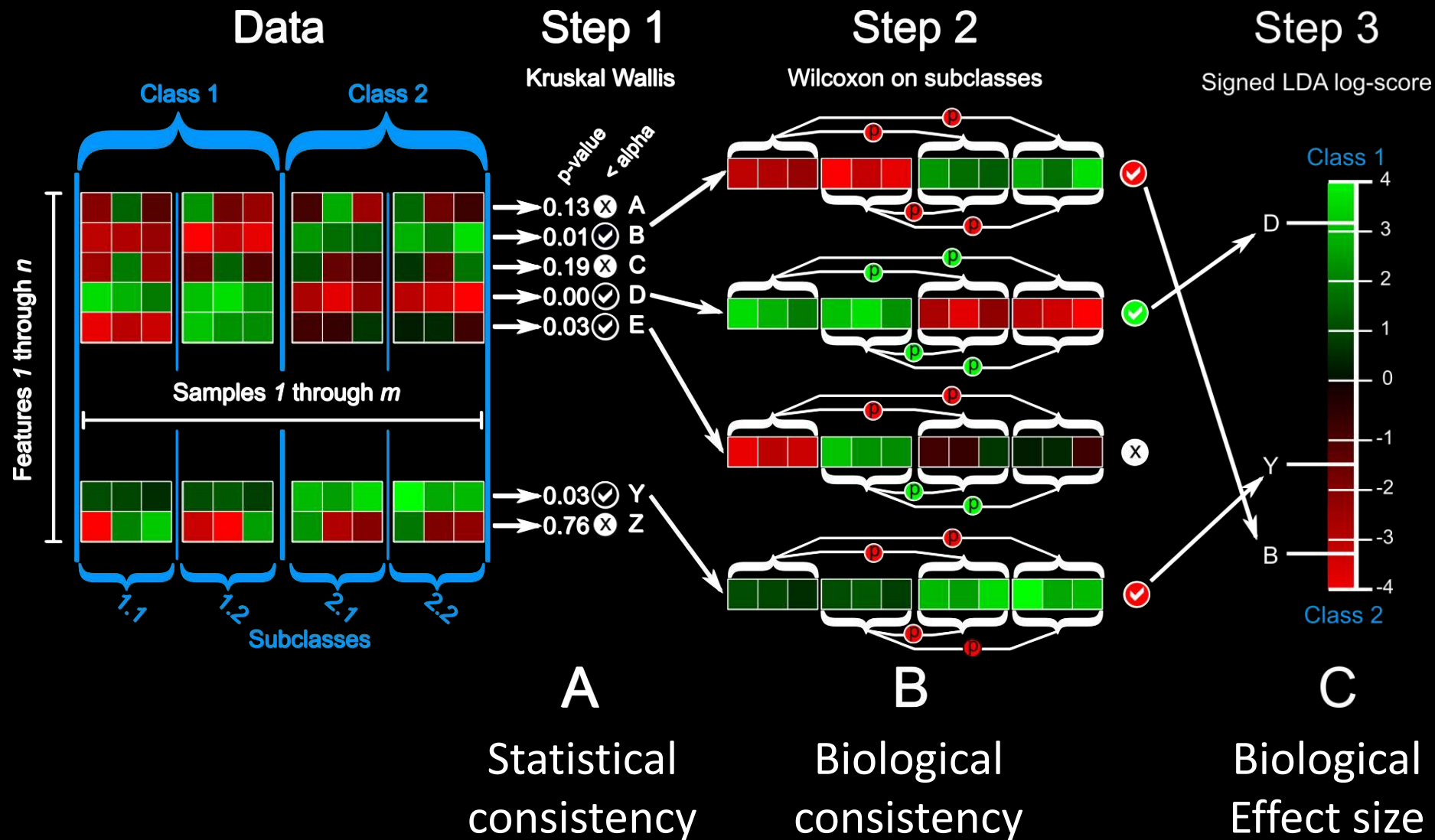




# LEfSe: LDA Effect Size

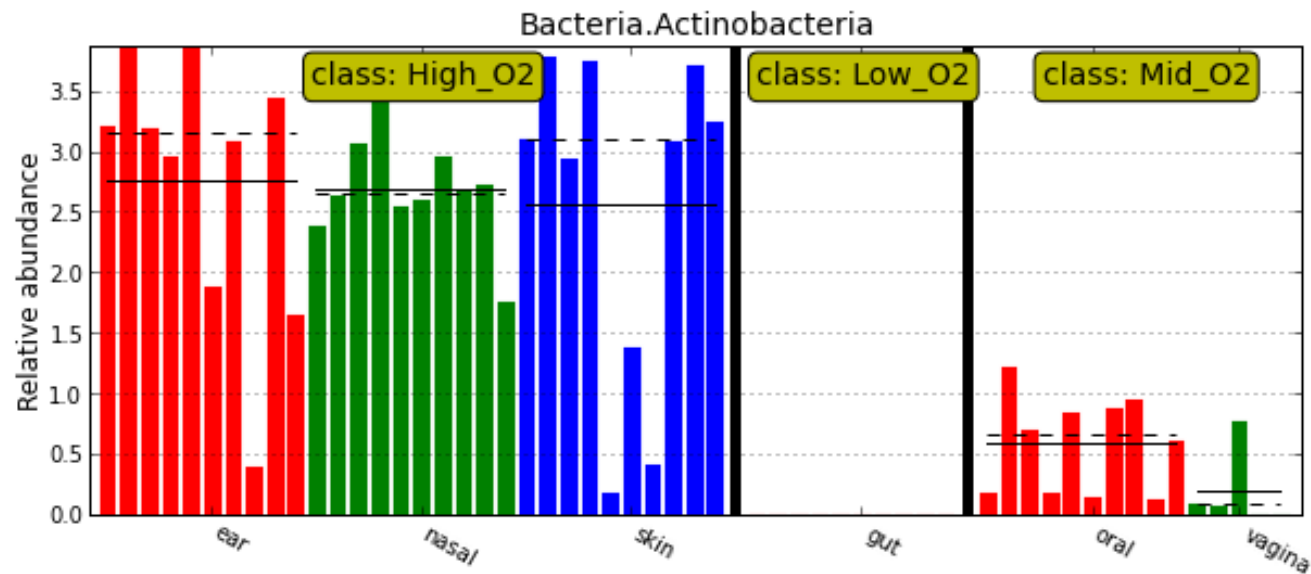
## *Finding metagenomic biomarkers*

Nicola Segata



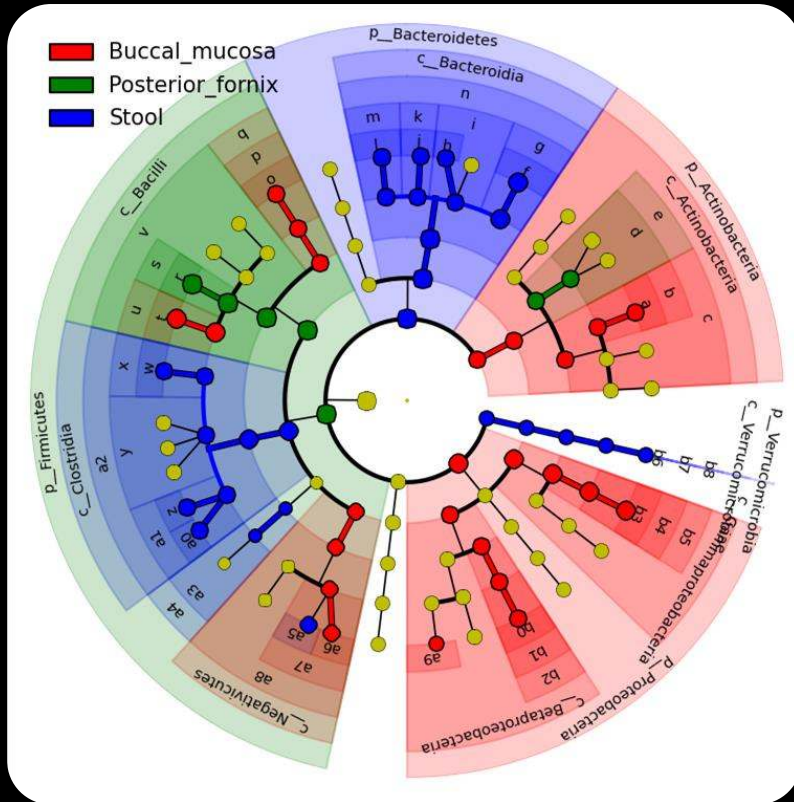


# Example LEfSe application: Find O<sub>2</sub>-loving bugs (controlling for body site)

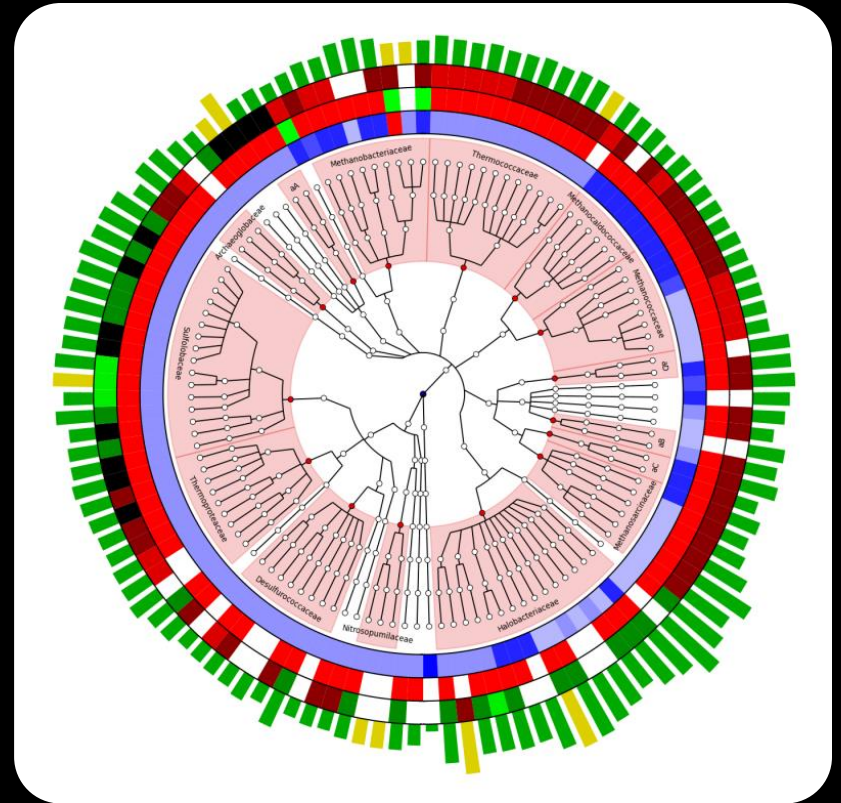




# Superimpose enrichments on the tree of life using GraPhlAn



LEfSe Associations

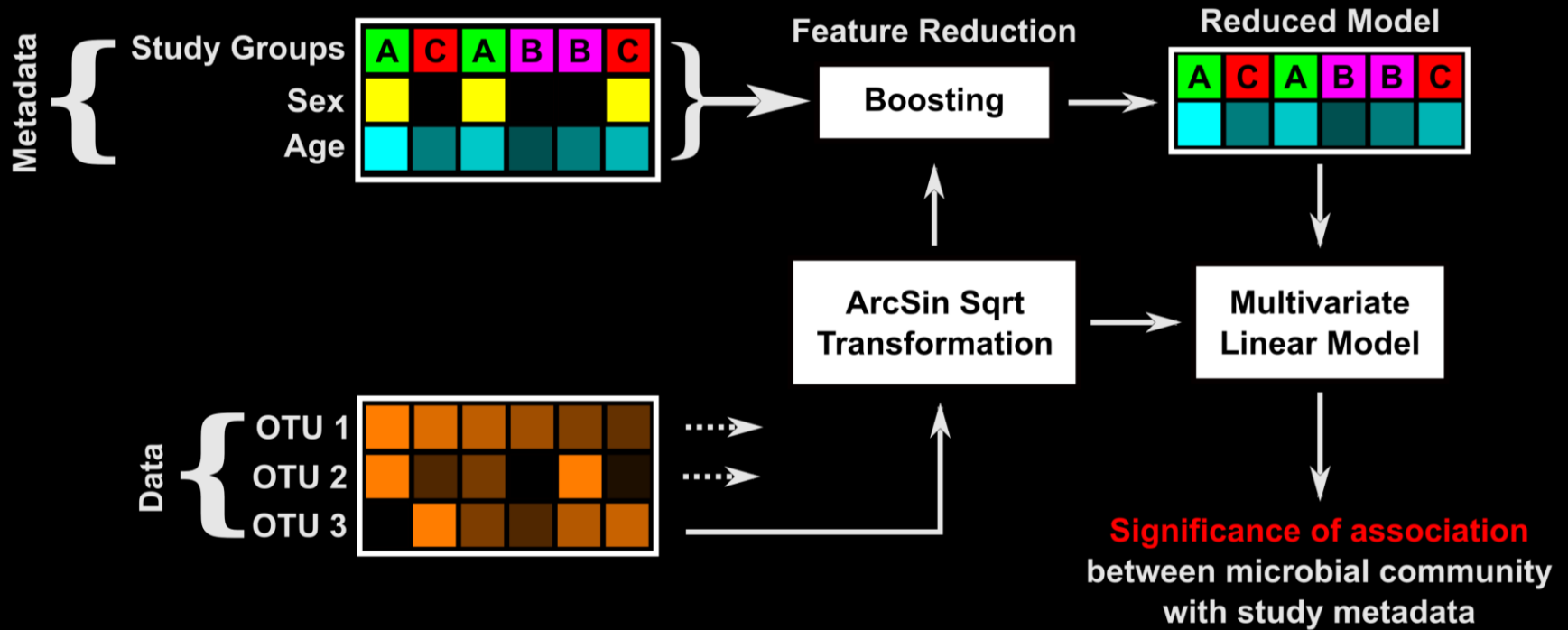


Metadata Rings



# MaAsLin

## Multivariate Association with Linear Models



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

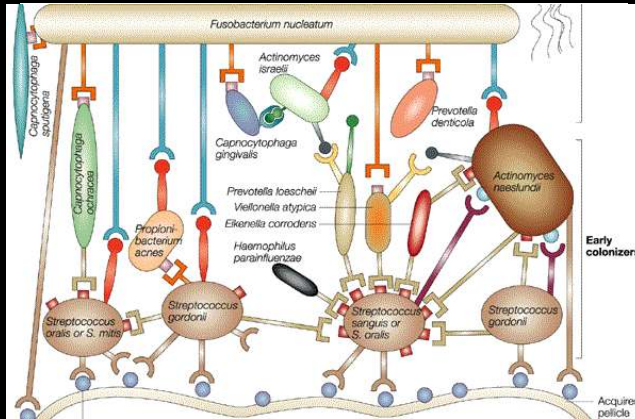
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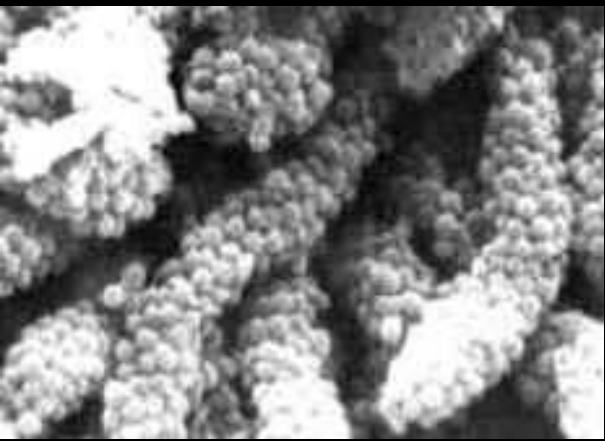


# Microbiome downstream analyses: interaction network reconstruction



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

Mutualism



Predation



Competition

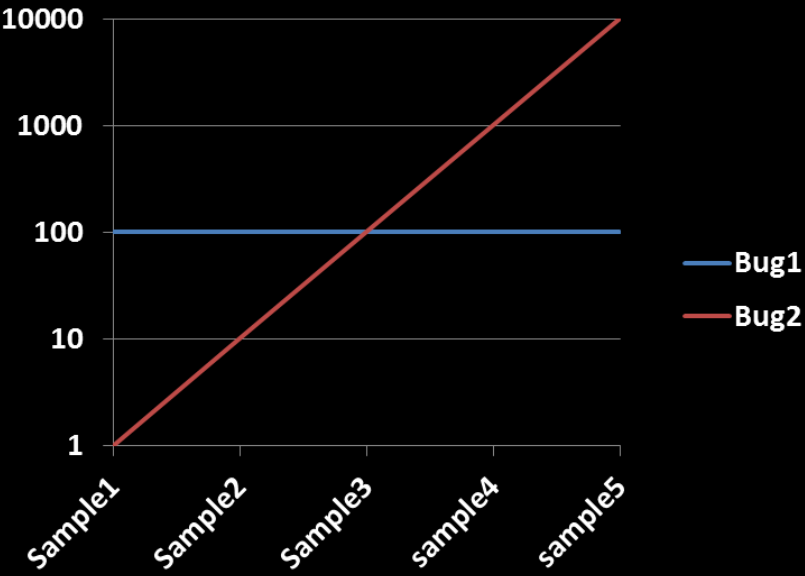


Given microbial relative abundance measurements over many samples,  
*can we detect co-occurrence and co-exclusion relationships?*



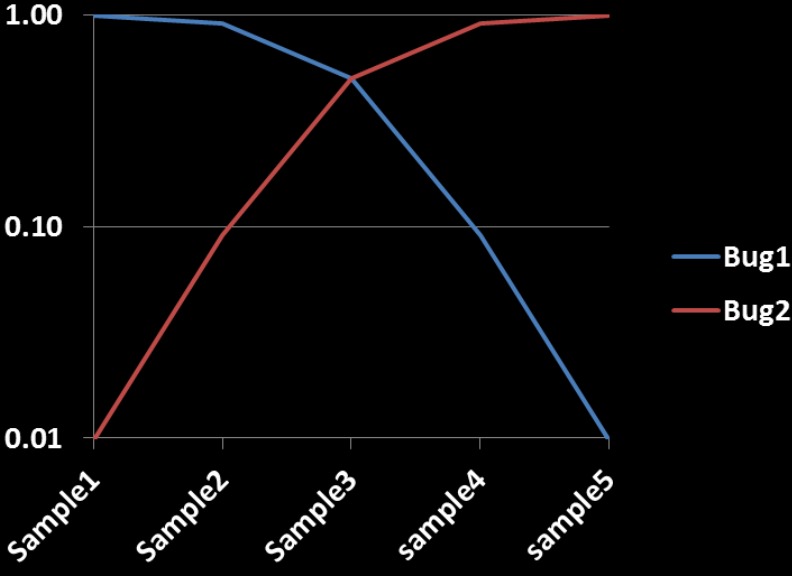
# Relative abundance data poses a problem for correlating metagenomic features

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



Absolute (cell) counts  
*No bug1-bug2 correlation*

|      | Sample1 | Sample2 | Sample3 | sample4 | sample5 |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
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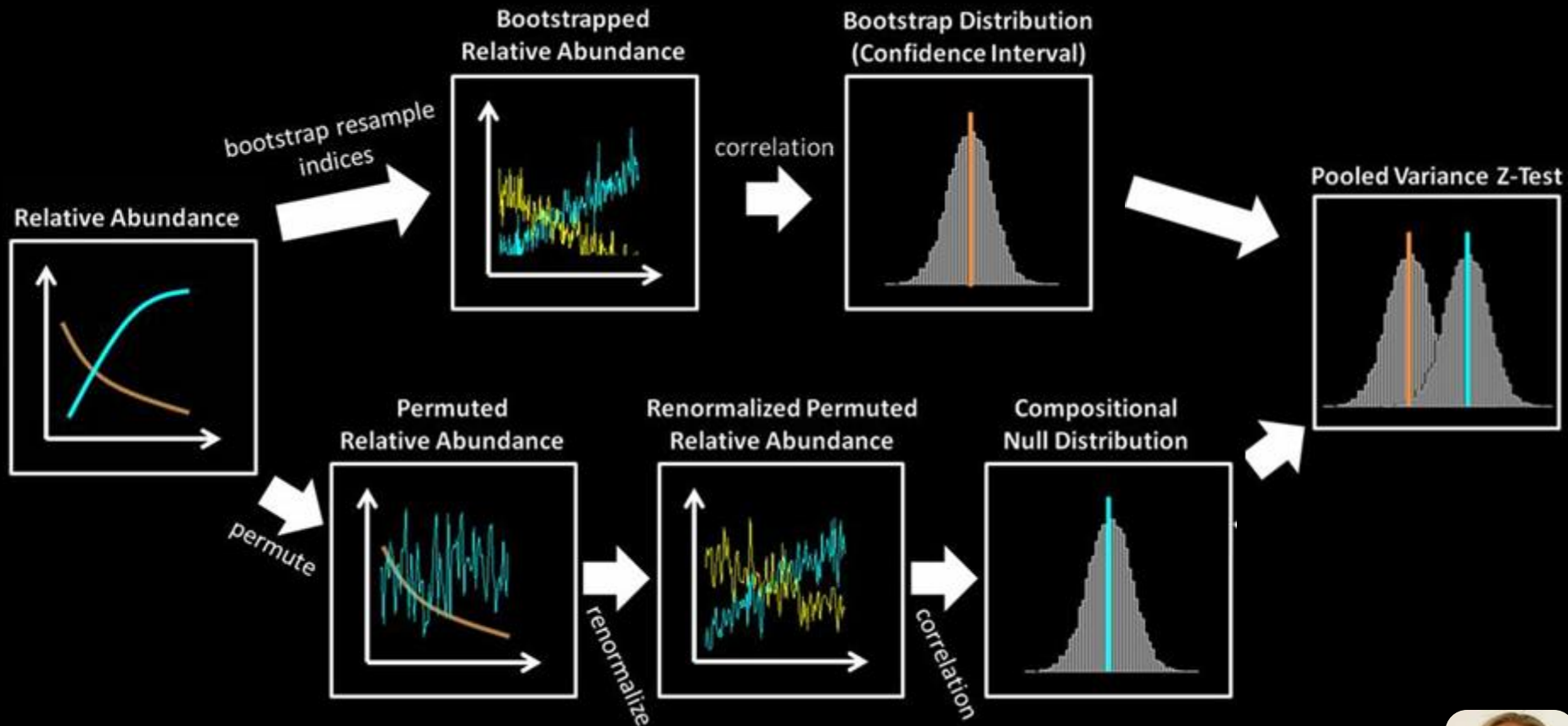
Relative abundance  
*Spurious bug1-bug2 correlation*  
(sequencing yields rel. ab.)





# CCREPE: Compositionality Corrected by Renormalization and Permutation

## Estimating a confidence interval



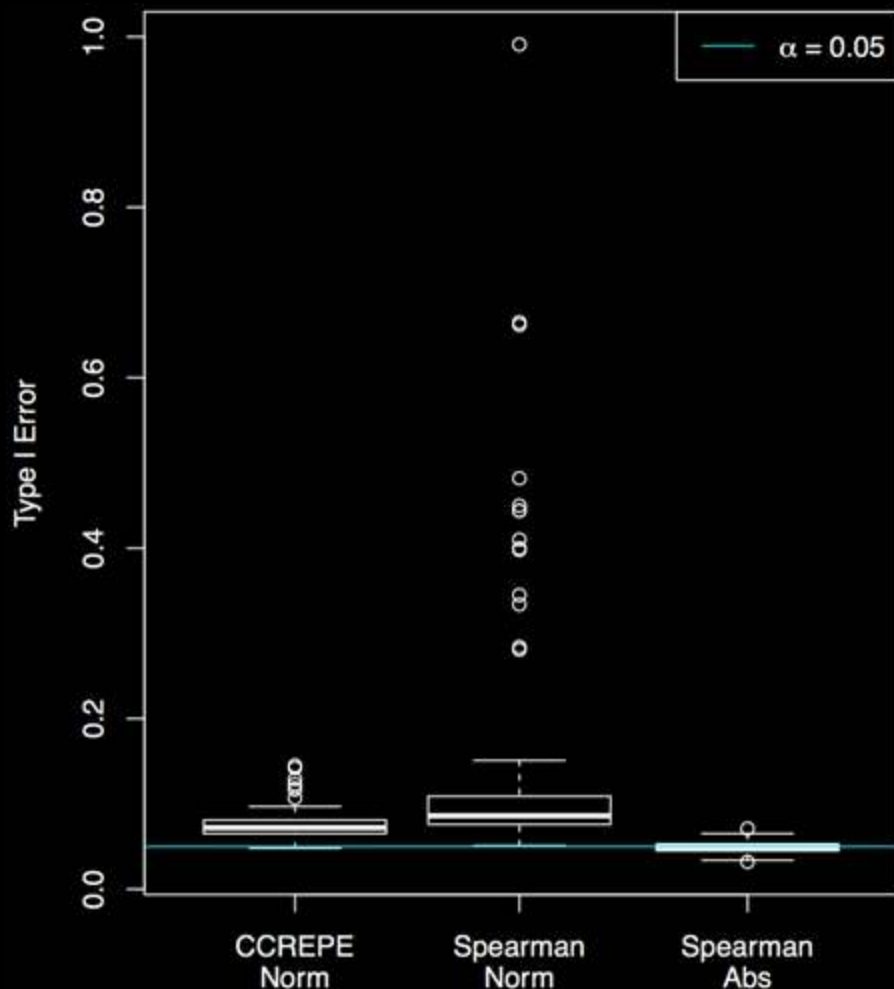
## Estimating the null distribution

Emma  
Schwager





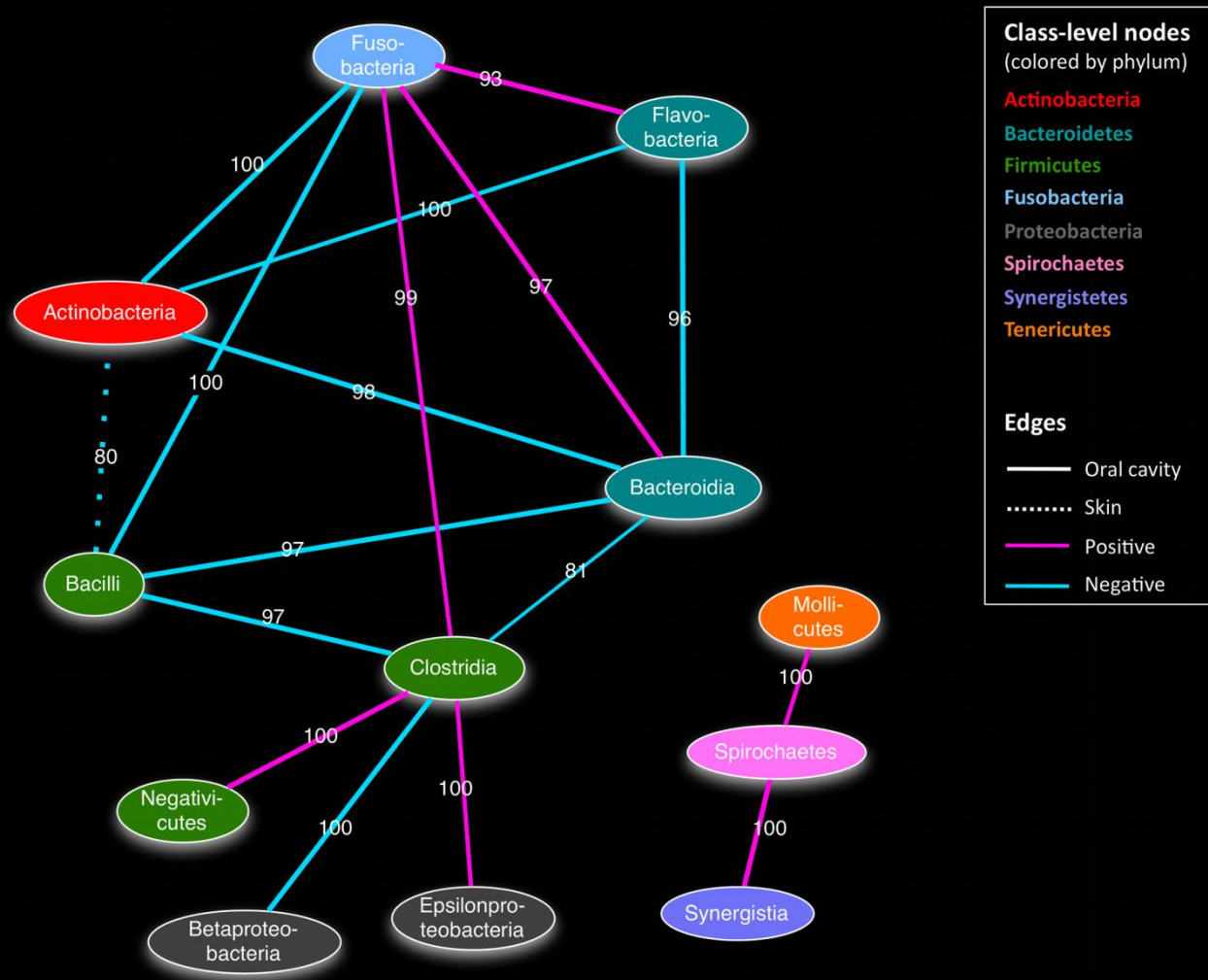
# CCREPE: Compositionality Corrected by REnormalization and PErmutation



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



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



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# Using tools through Galaxy

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



# Tutorials available online

**Huttenhower Lab Tools**

Welcome to the official Huttenhower Tutorials wiki.

We now support **biobakery**, a virtual environment platform that provides Huttenhower tools (already installed). Please click on the button below for more information:

**bioBakery**  
Virtual environment for Huttenhower tools

The wiki provides tutorials for Huttenhower tools, illustrating through demos how to use these tools on your datasets. Huttenhower tools can be divided under three main categories as shown below. Click on the tool for the corresponding tutorial.

**Composition Analysis**

These tools can determine the composition in terms of (i) microbial species and their associated abundances (MetaPhlAn) or (ii) genes and associated pathways (HUMAnN) in the dataset. Please click on the links below for detailed tutorials:

- HUMAnN**
  - Microbial species and associated genes and pathways
- MetaPhlAn**
  - Microbial species and abundances
- PhyloPhlAn**
  - Reconstruction of phylogenetic trees
- PICRUSE**
  - Predict metagenome functional content from marker gene
- ShortBRED**
  - Abundance of proteins of interest in genetic data

**Statistical Analysis**

These tools can determine the associations from the provided metadata information and microbial composition tables. Please click on the links below for detailed tutorials:

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

**Visualization**

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

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





# All tools are open source

The screenshot shows the Bitbucket interface for the 'biobakery' repository. The header includes the Bitbucket logo, navigation links (Teams, Repositories, Create), a search bar with 'owner/repository', and user profile icons. The repository name 'biobakery' is displayed with its logo and a 'Share' button. Action buttons for 'Clone', 'Branch', 'Pull request', and a dropdown menu are visible. The main navigation bar includes 'Overview', 'Source', 'Commits', 'Branches', 'Pull requests', 'Issues' (with a count of 1), 'Wiki', and 'Downloads'. The 'Wiki' tab is active, showing a 'Home' page with a 'Clone wiki' button and 'Edit', 'Create', and 'History' options. The content area is titled 'Huttenhower Lab Tools' and contains a welcome message, a description of the wiki, and a list of tool categories. The 'Composition Analysis' section lists five tools: HUMAnN, MetaPhlAn, PhyloPhlAn, PICRUSt, and ShortBRED, each with a brief description of its function.

**Huttenhower Lab Tools**

Welcome to the official Huttenhower Tutorials wiki. The wiki follows through the computational tools currently being used by our lab, which is also publicly available.

The tools can be divided under three categories:

**Composition Analysis**

These tools can determine the composition in terms of (i) microbial species and their associated abundances (MetaPhlAn) or (ii) genes and associated pathways (HUMAnN) in the dataset. Please click on the links below for detailed tutorials:

- HUMAnN**
  - Microbial species and associated genes and pathways
- MetaPhlAn**
  - Microbial species and abundances
- PhyloPhlAn**
  - Reconstruction of phylogenetic trees
- PICRUSt**
  - Predicted metagenome functional content from marker gene
- ShortBRED**
  - Abundance of proteins of interest in genetic data

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



# The bioBakery Virtual Machine

[https://bitbucket.org/biobakery/biobakery/wiki/biobakery\\_wiki](https://bitbucket.org/biobakery/biobakery/wiki/biobakery_wiki)



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



# Thank you!



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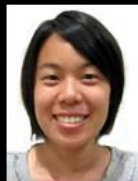
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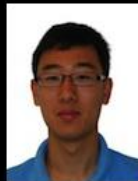
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