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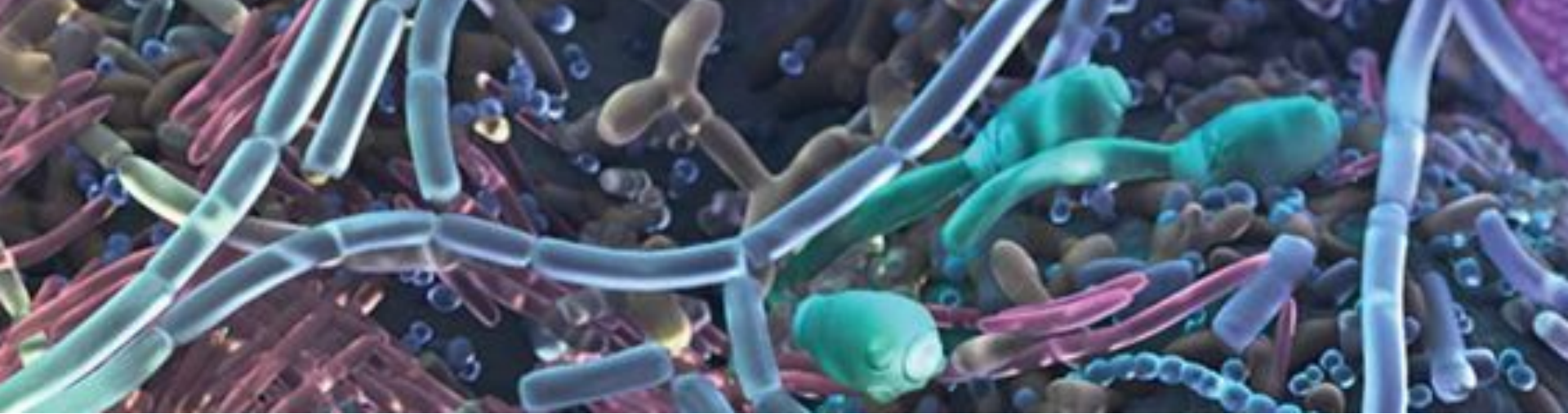
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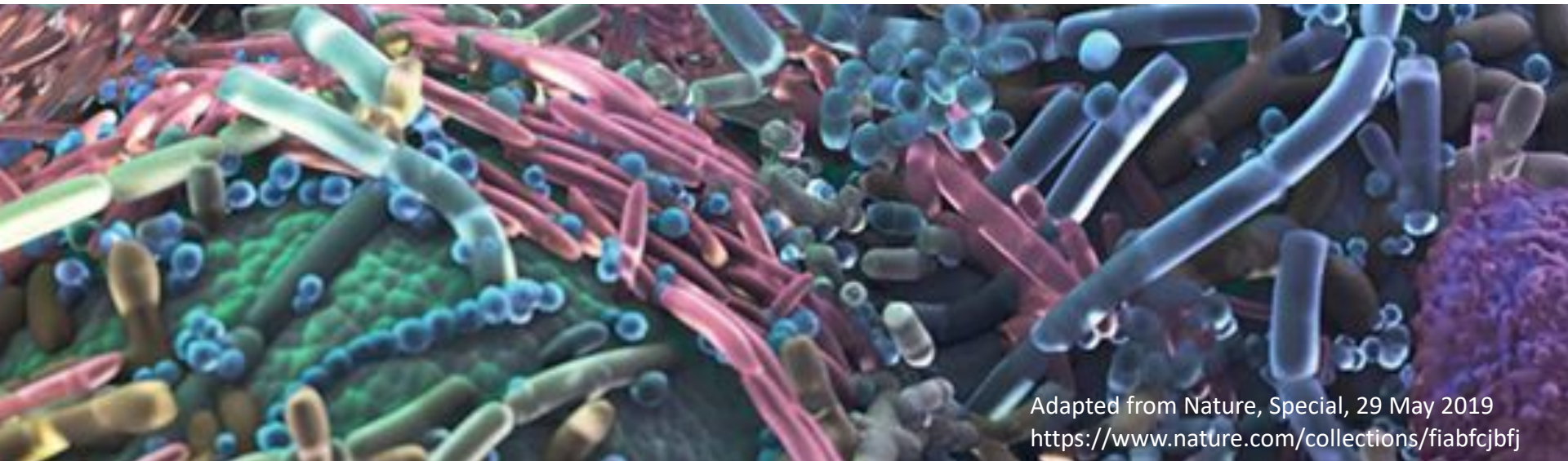
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# Content

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- Definitions
- Microbiome importance
- Scientific questions
- Differences between metagenomics and metabarcoding

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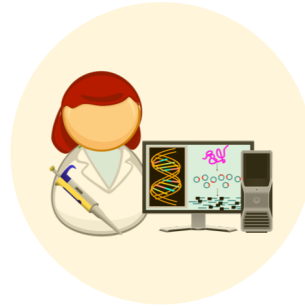
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# Definitions

**Microbiota** is the **assemblage of microorganisms** present in a defined environment. Microbiota includes archaea, bacteria, fungi, protists and viruses.

**Metagenome** is the **collection of genomes** and genes from the members of a microbiota.

**Microbiome** refers to the **entire habitat**, including the microorganisms (bacteria, archaea, lower and higher eukaryotes, and viruses), their genomes (*i.e.*, genes), and the surrounding environmental conditions.

Marchesi and Ravel *Microbiome* (2015) 3:31  
DOI 10.1186/s40168-015-0094-5



**Microbiome**

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The vocabulary of microbiome research: a proposal



Julian R. Marchesi<sup>1,2</sup> and Jacques Ravel<sup>3,4\*</sup>

# Microbiome importance

## Human microbiome: our second genome

- ~10 times more cells than you
- ~100 times more genes than you
- ~1000s different species

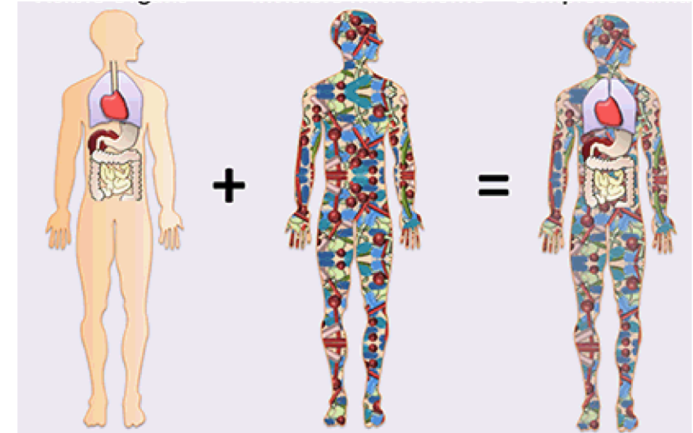
## The Human Microbiome Project



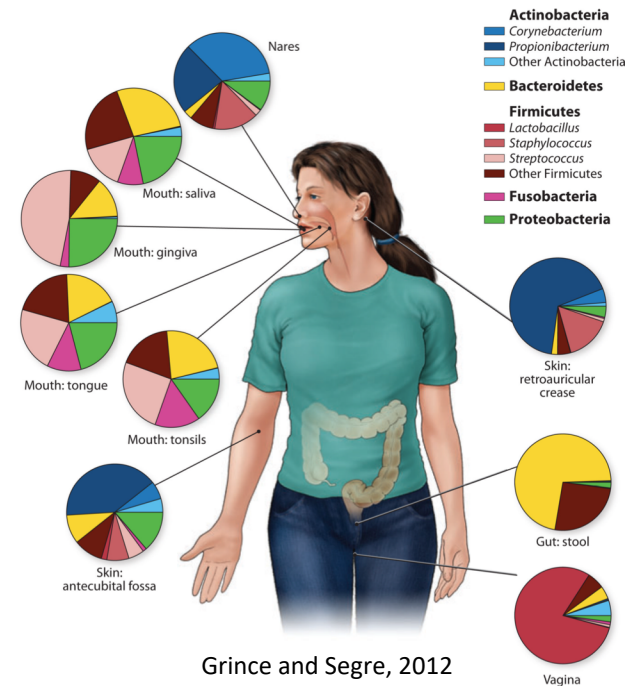
- Characterize human microbiome
- Analyse its role in human health and disease

## Human microbiome links to health

- Influence metabolism
- Modulate drug interaction
- Link to irritable bowel syndrome, cancer, mental health, obesity, diabetes, asthma, etc.



Adapted from Appanna V.D. (2018) The Human Microbiome: The Origin. In: Human Microbes - The Power Within. Springer, Singapore



Grince and Segre, 2012

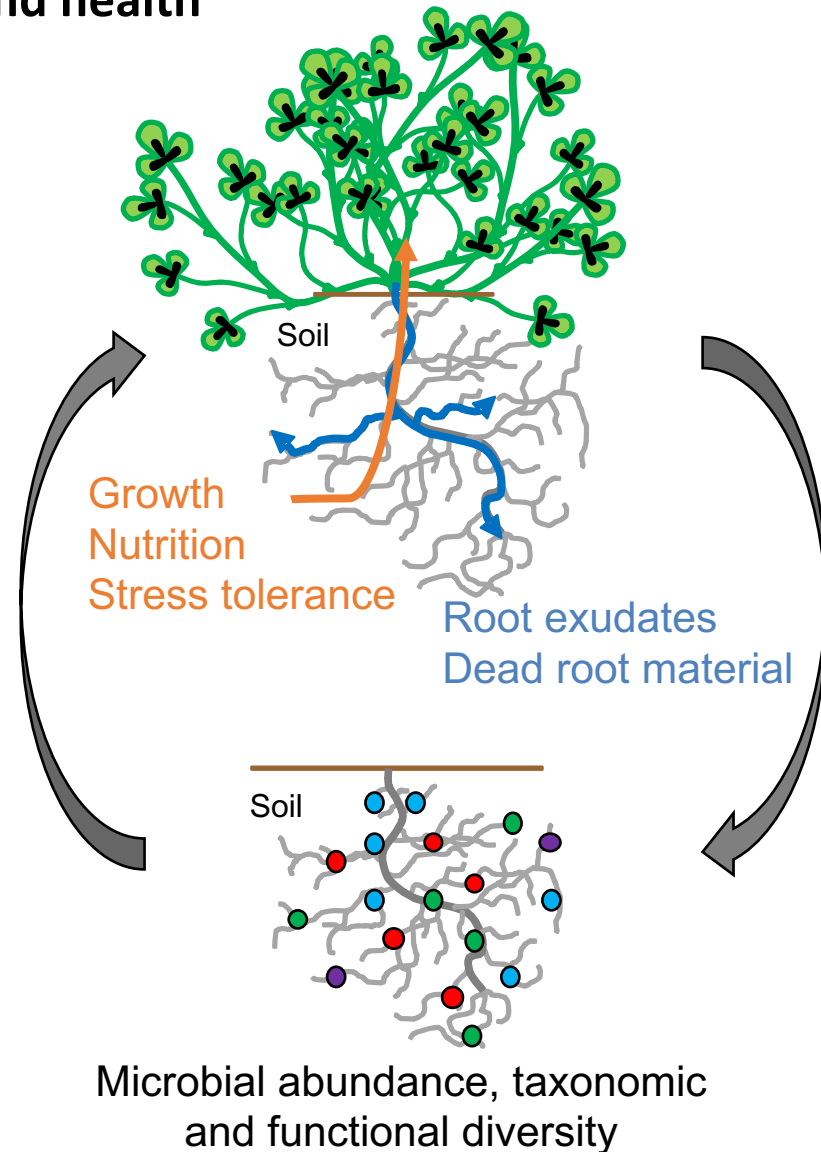
# Microbiome importance

## Plant microbiome can improve plant growth and health

- Biofertilisation
- Phytostimulation
- Rhizoremediation
- Improve stress tolerance

## Plant drives its microbiome

- Root exudates  
(nutrients and signalling molecules)

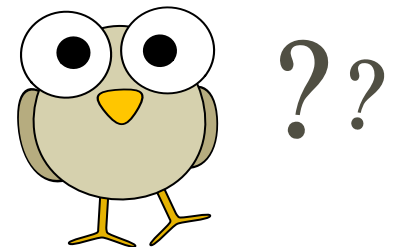




# What is microbiome and its importance?

## Test your knowledge...

- Please answer the 3 questions in the following quiz [https://bigdata\\_microbiome.presenterswall.nl/](https://bigdata_microbiome.presenterswall.nl/)



# What is microbiome and its importance?

- Microbiota = assemblage of microorganisms
- Metagenome = collection of genomes
- Microbiome refers to the entire habitat
- Microbiome is important in:
  - ecosystem functioning
  - plant growth and health



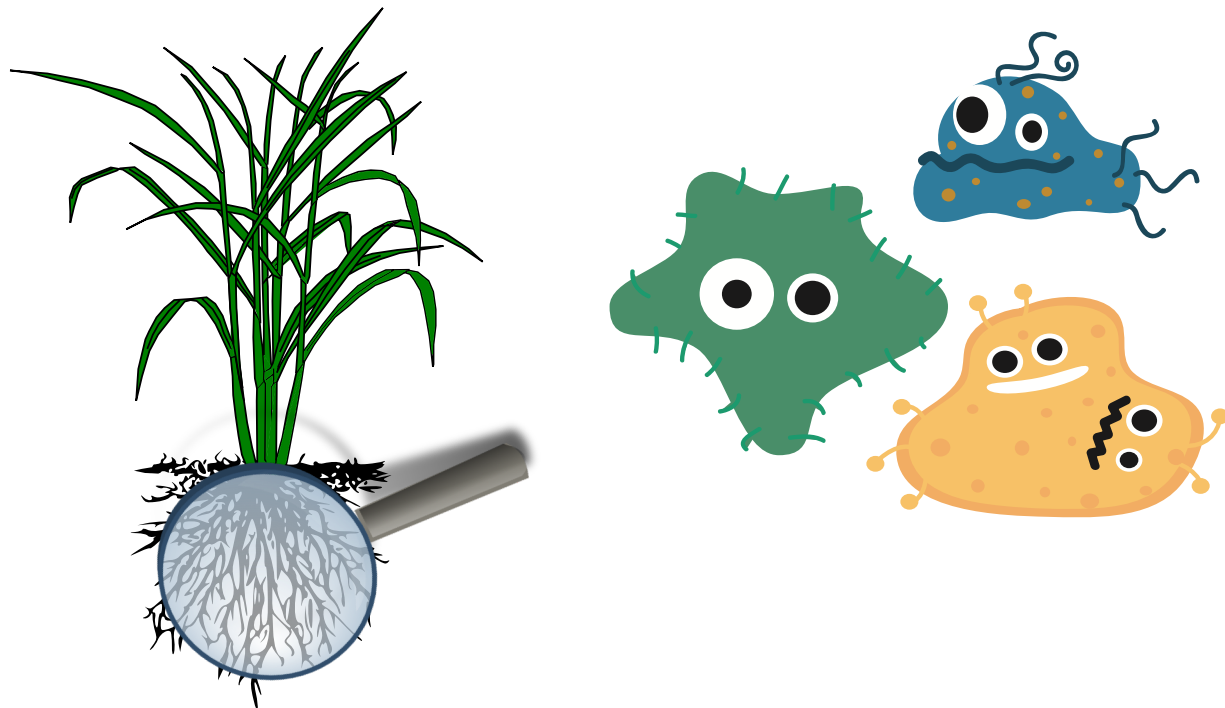
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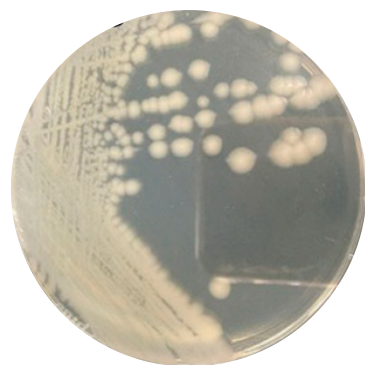
# Main biological questions and methods



## Main biological questions

- Who is there?
- What are they doing?

Challenge:  
Most of the microbes  
are not cultivable

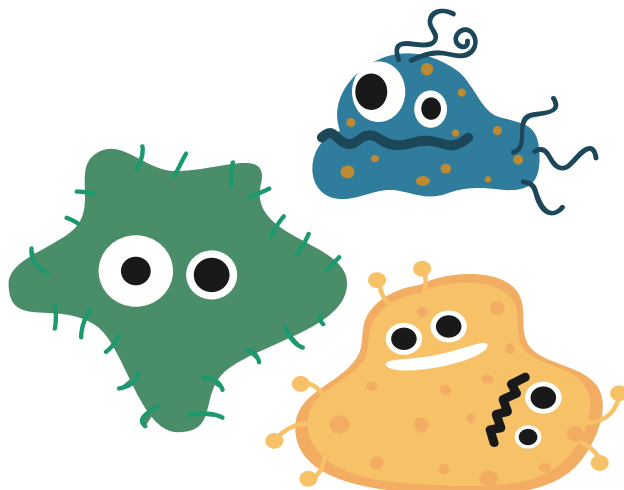
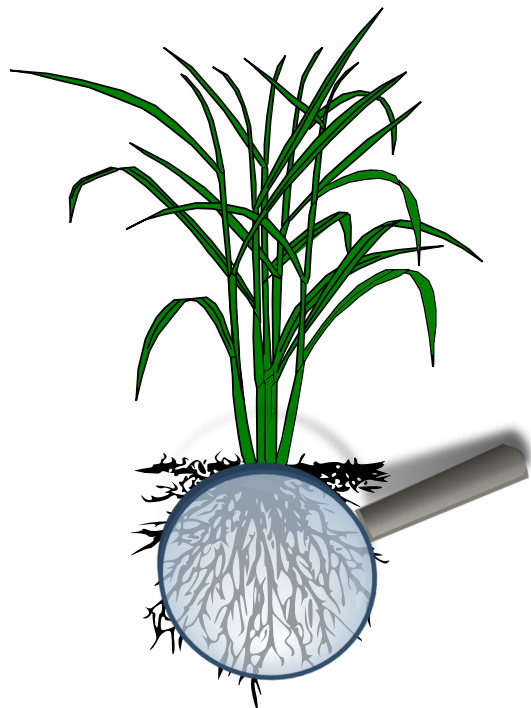


From culturing area



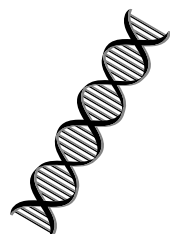
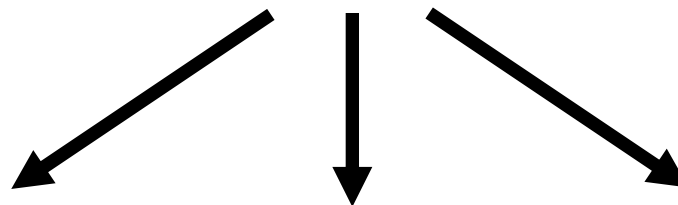
to sequencing area

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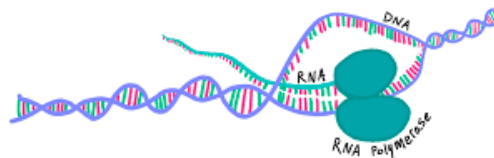


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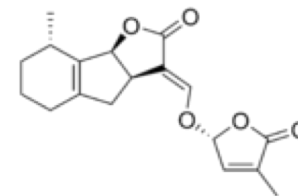
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Metabarcoding  
Metagenomics



Metatranscriptomics

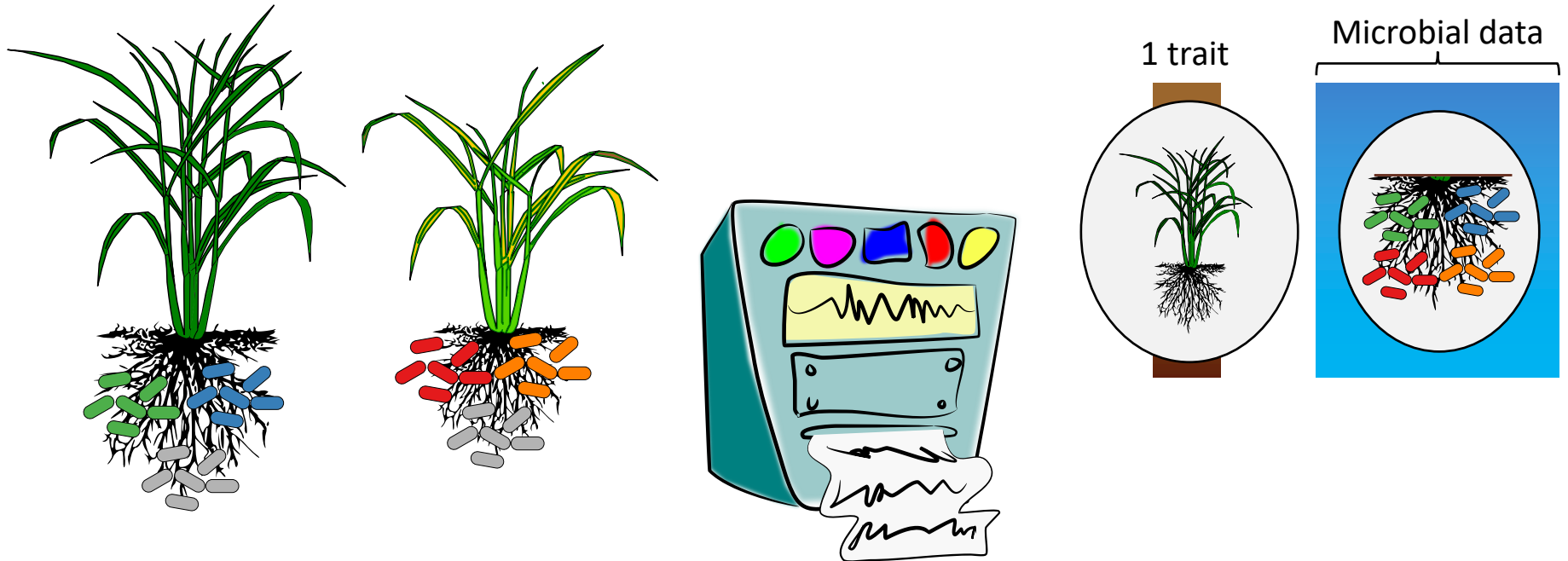


Metaproteomics  
Metabolomics

# Main biological questions and methods

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- **Who is there?**
- **What are they doing?**
- **Which microbe is associated with a specific phenotype? (*i.e.* feature selection)**



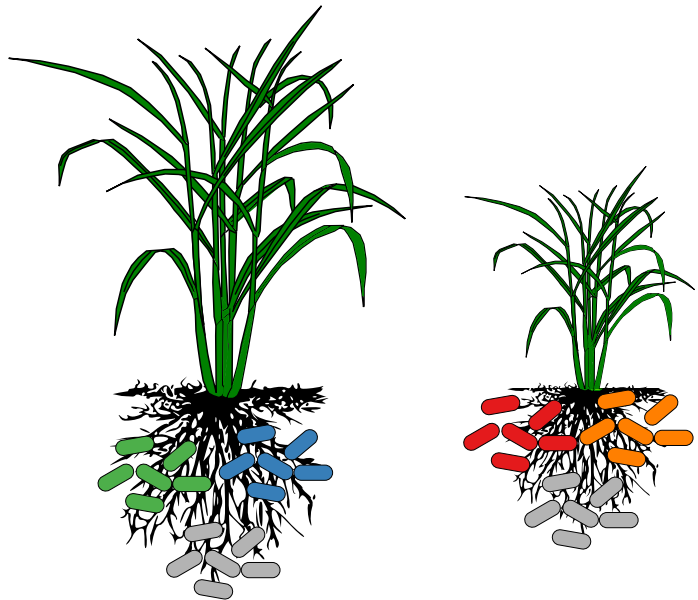
Statistical approaches  
& machine learning



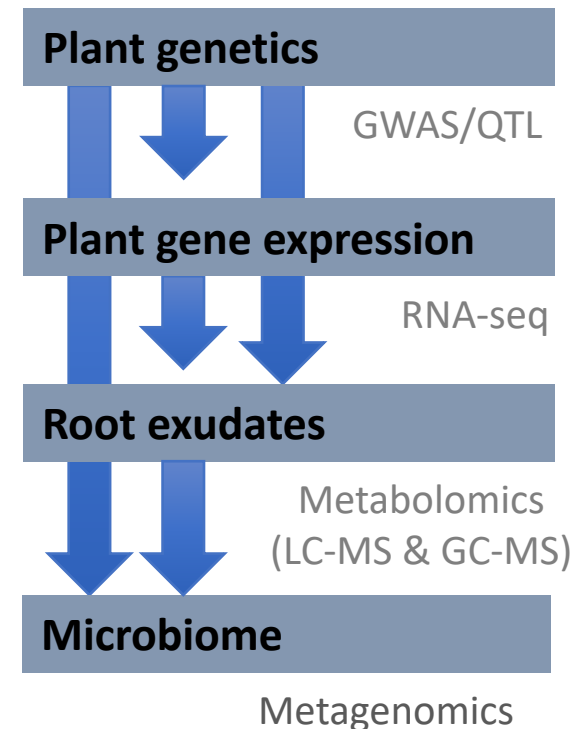
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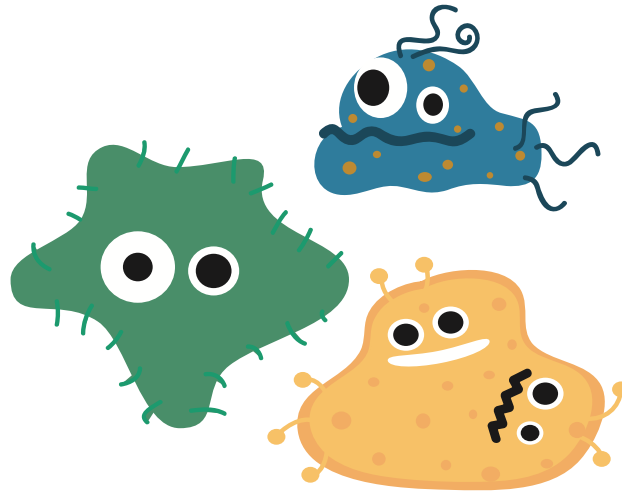
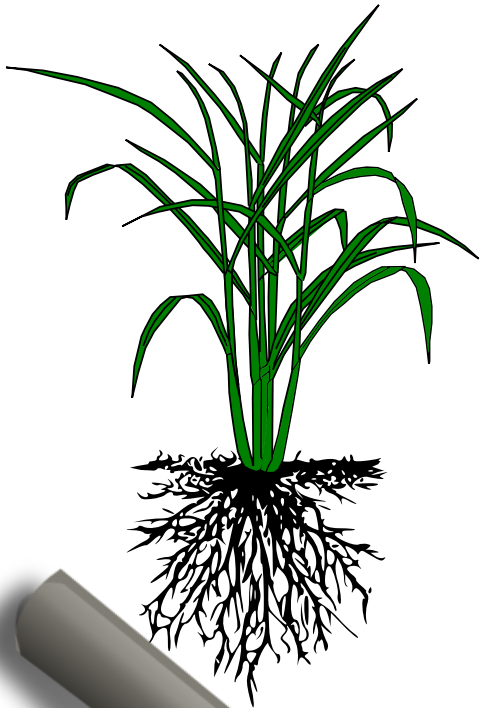
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- Which microbe is associated with a specific phenotype? (*i.e.* feature selection)
- Unravel how microbiome is recruited?



Multi-omics approach  
and data integration

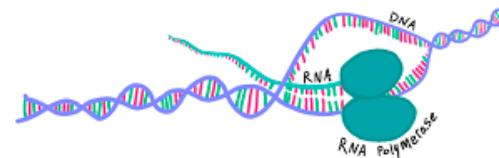
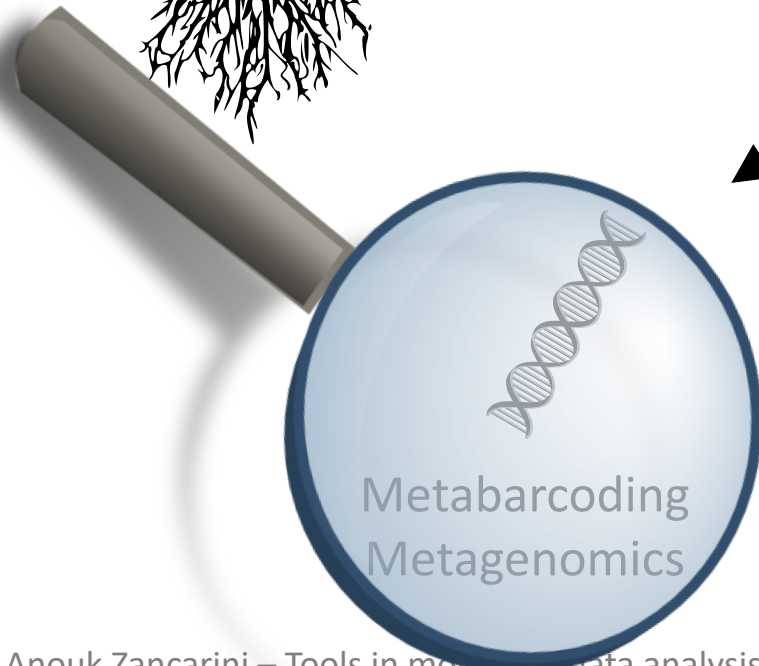


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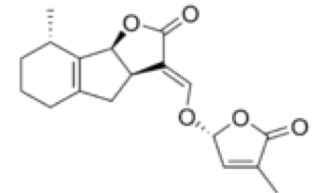


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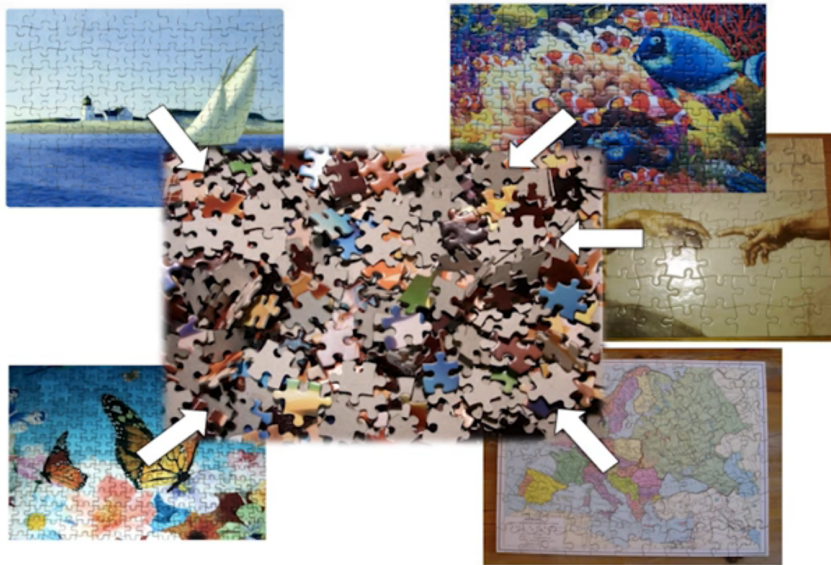
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Metaproteomics  
Metabolomics

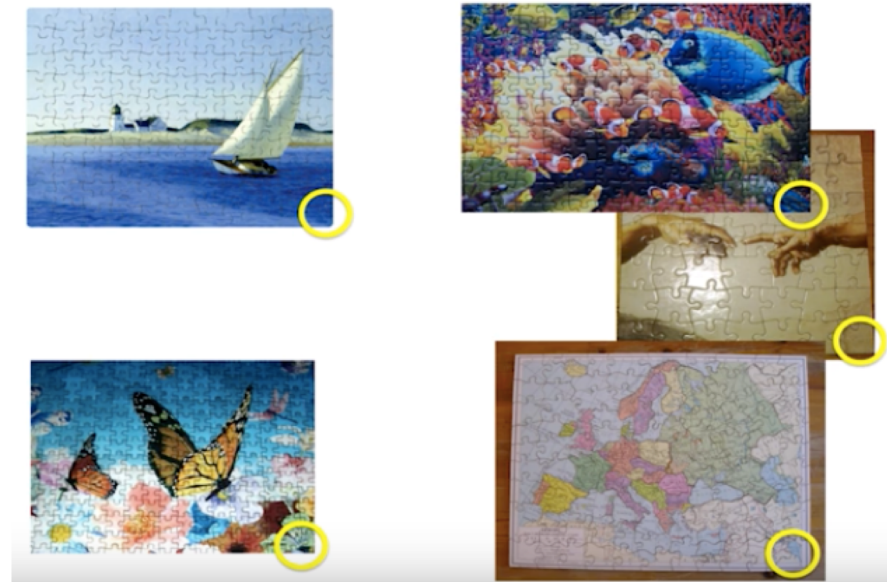
# Methods to assess microbial composition and diversity

## Metagenomics (shotgun sequencing)



- Sequence all DNA
- Higher cost
- Higher complexity
- Environmental contamination
- Functional information

## Metabarcoding (amplicon sequencing)



- Sequence only specific gene
- Cheaper
- Less complex to analyse
- Primer amplification bias
- No functional information
- Difficult to identify species

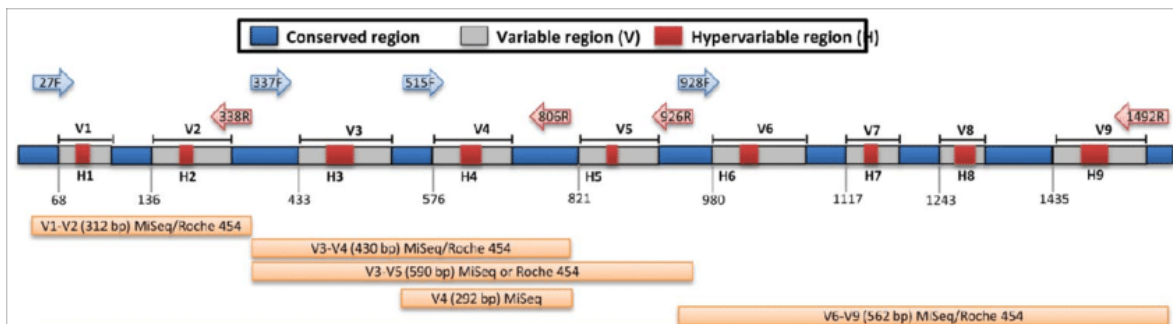
# A targeted approach: metabarcoding/amplicon sequencing

## Requirements

- Gene ubiquitous
- With conserve and variable regions

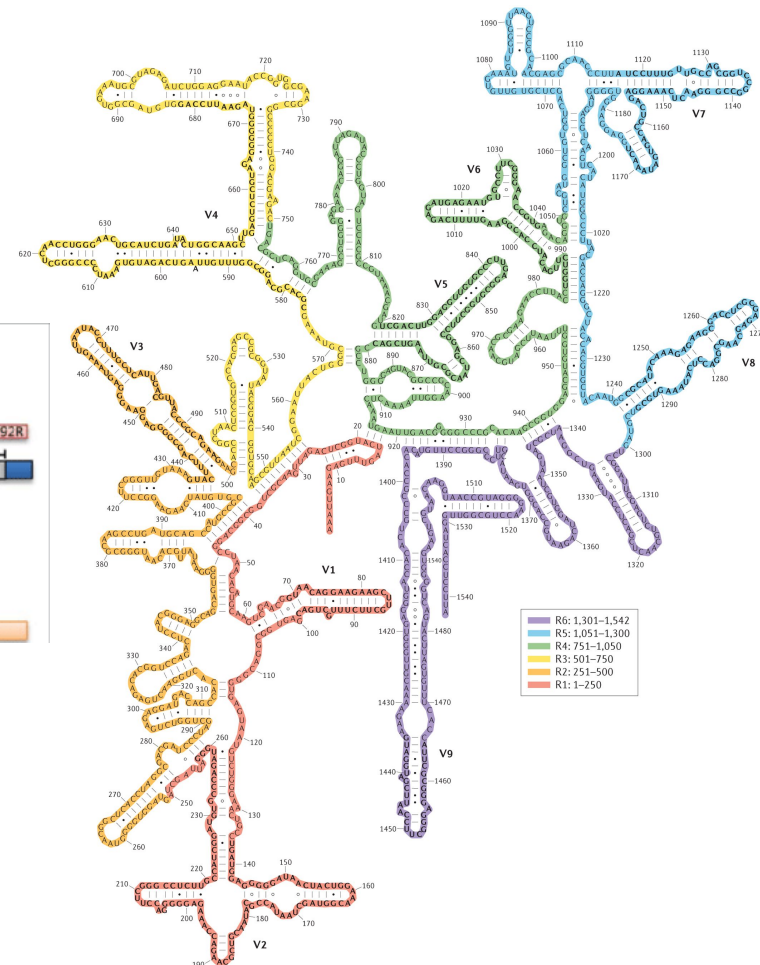
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Adapted from Shahi et al 2017

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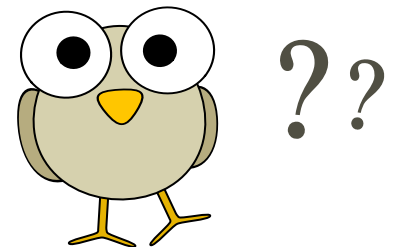
Yarza et al. 2014

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# Main biological questions and methods

- Who is there? What are they doing?
- Different approaches based on DNA
  - Metagenomics = all DNA
  - Metabarcoding = one specific ubiquitous gene with conserved and variable regions (16S rRNA, 18S rRNA or ITS)





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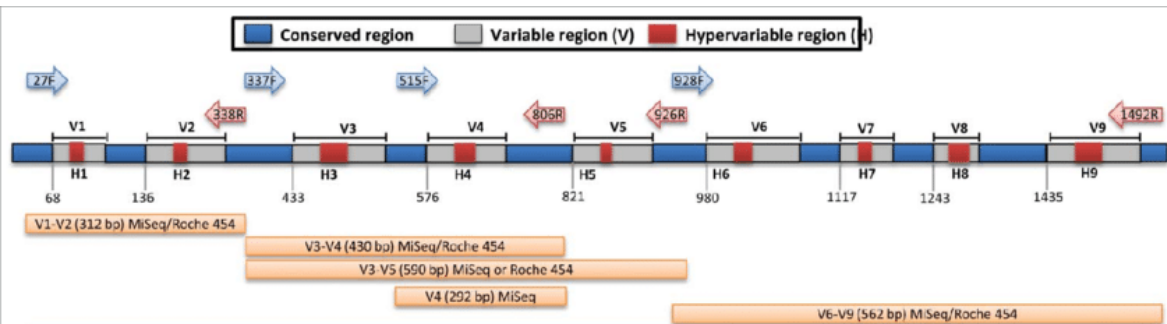
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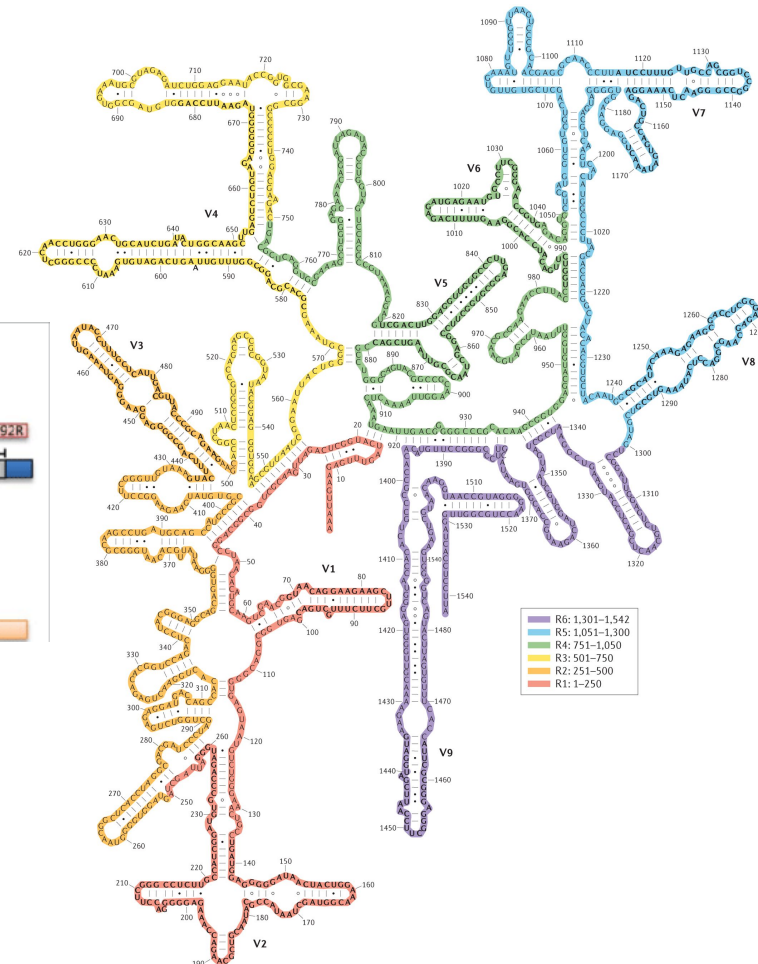
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# A research example: plant root microbiome

Objective: illustration through a concrete case

## LETTER

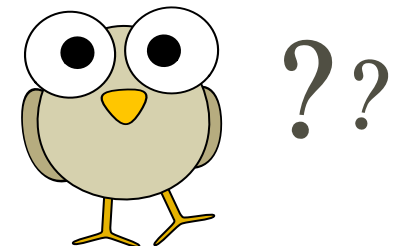
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**Please answer two quiz questions...**

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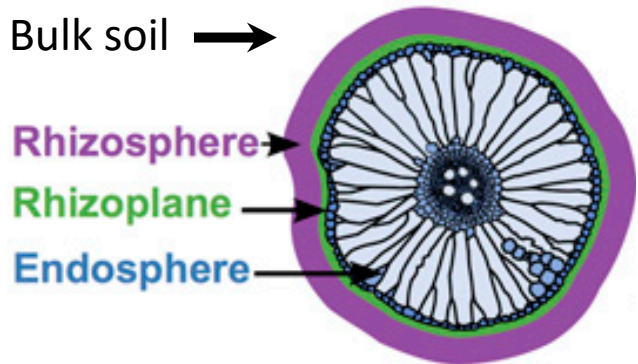


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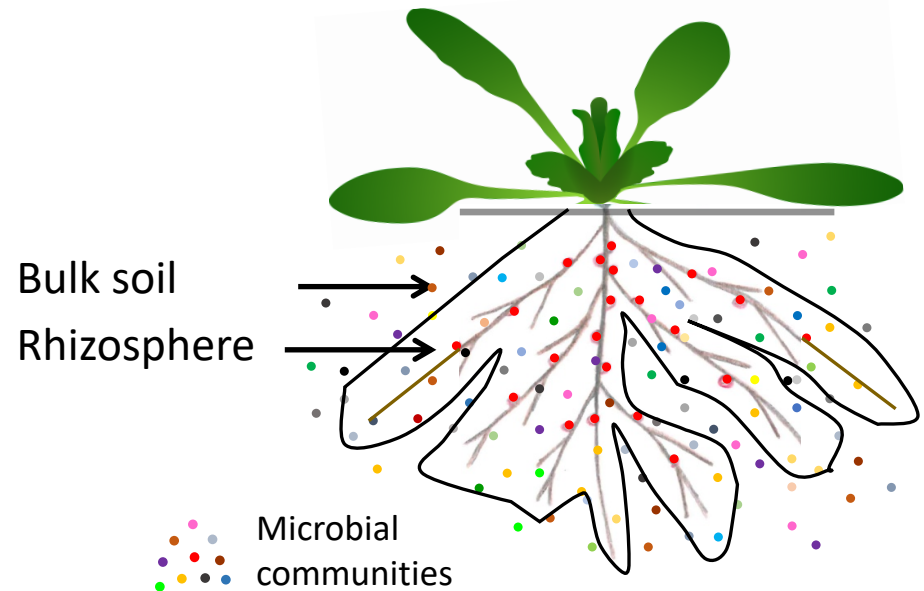
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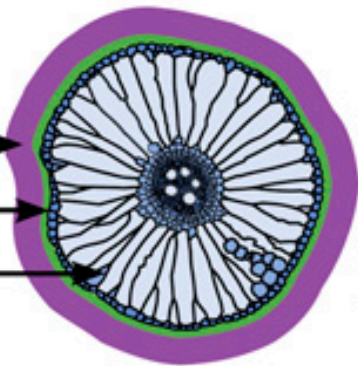
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Bulk soil →

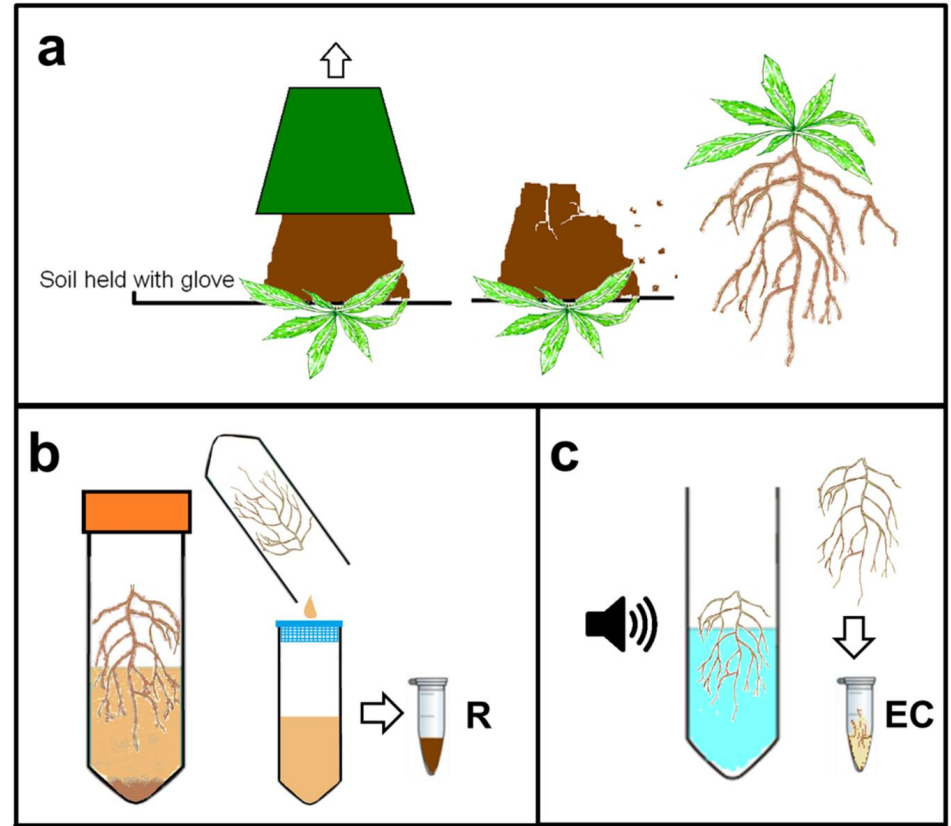
Rhizosphere  
Rhizoplane  
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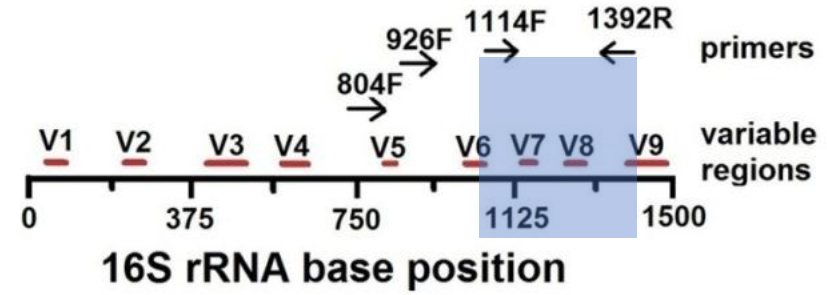
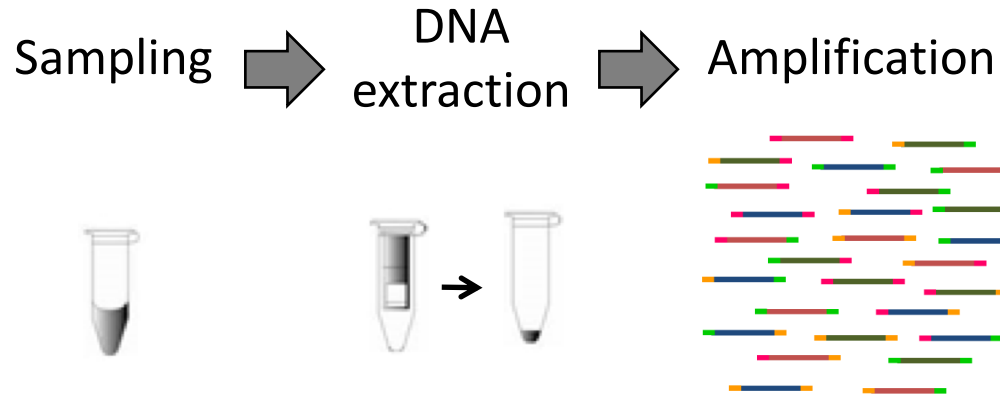
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Lundberg et al. 2012

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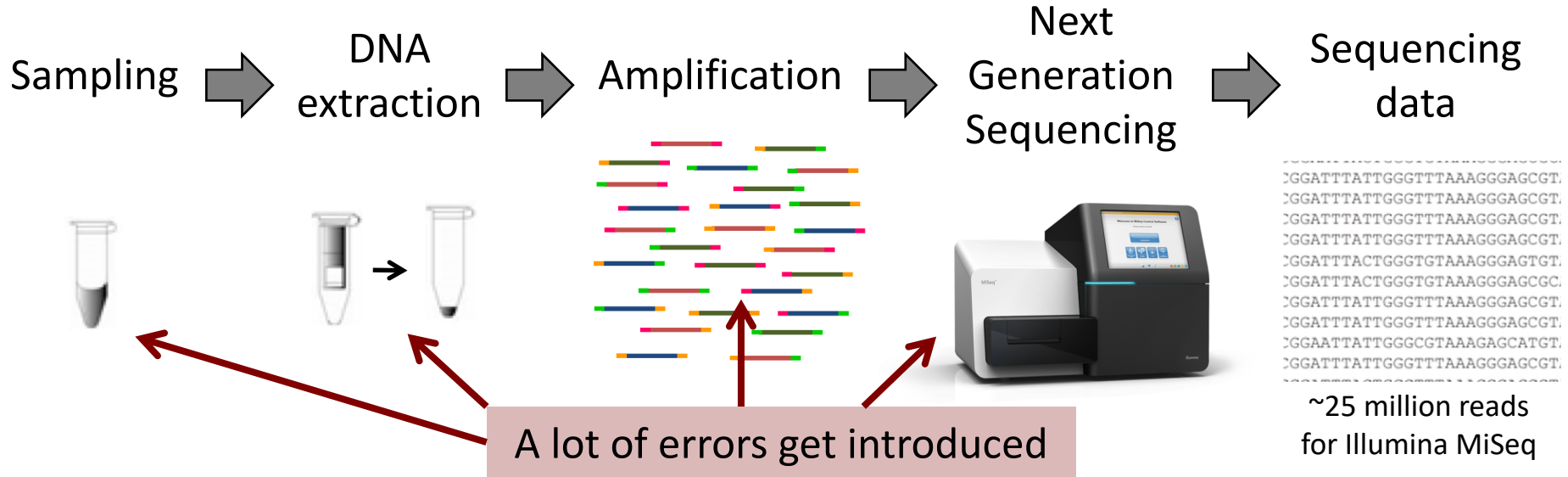
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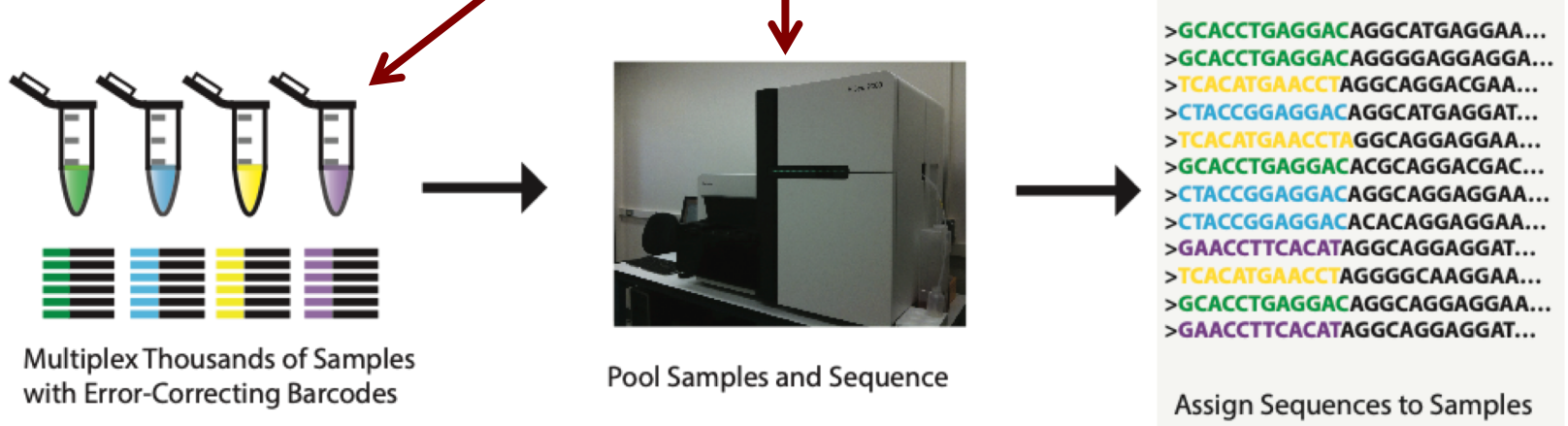
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## Mixing samples in one sequencing run



Adapted from Metcalf, Jessica (2014): Overview of data generation, processing and analysis using QIIME. Figshare. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.902219.v1>



## Step 1: From sample to sequences

- Don't forget that there are bias  
It will be difficult to
  - Assess the entire microbial community
  - Obtain same amount of sequences per sample



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Sequencing data



Pre-processing

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>TCACATGAACCTAGGCAGGACGAA...
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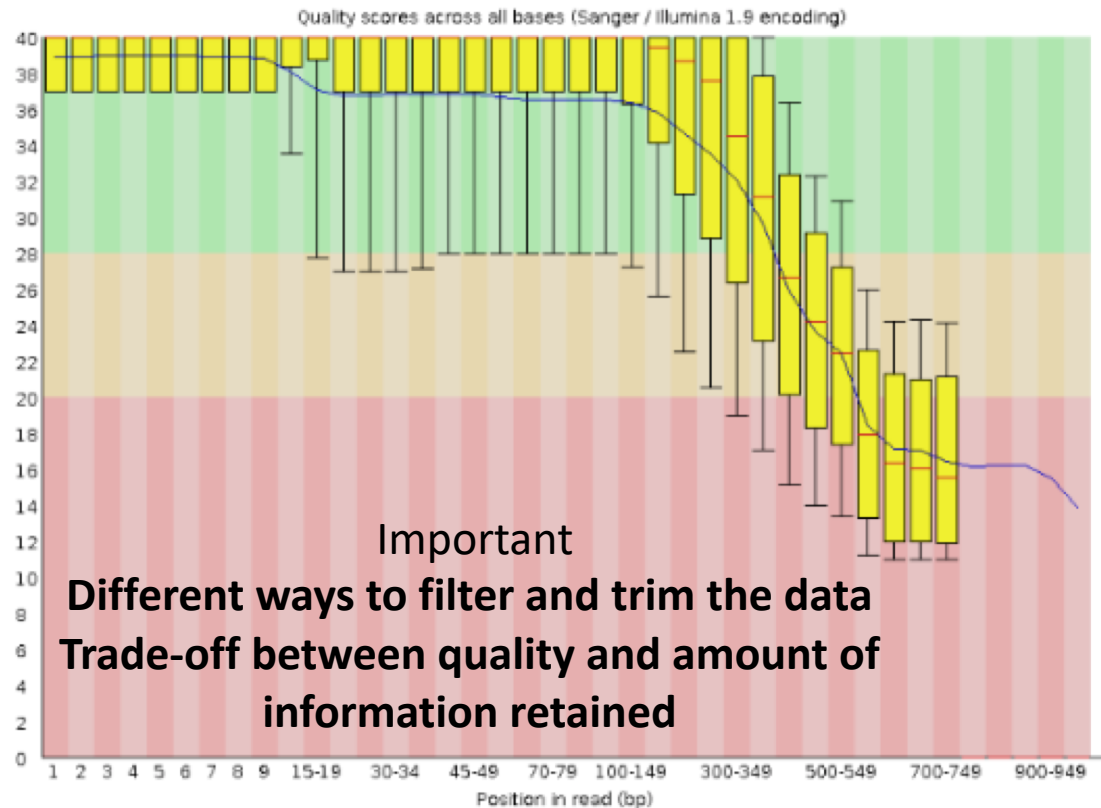
Metcalf 2014

- De-multiplex (*i.e.* assign a sequence to a sample)
- Remove adaptor and barcode
- Remove low quality reads (*i.e.* filtering step)

Good

Okay

Bad



## Step 2: From sequences to microbiota data sets

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Sequencing data

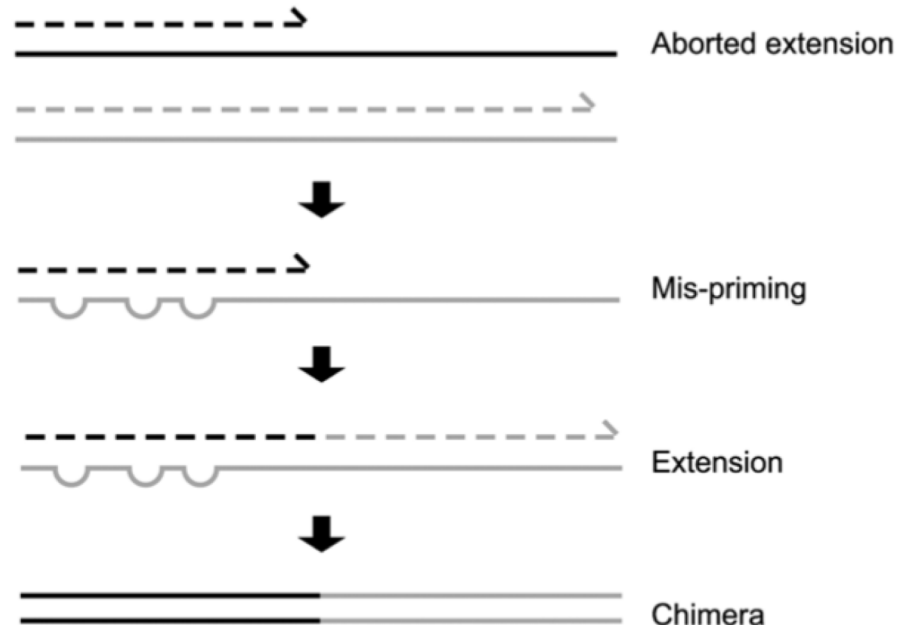


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Metcalf 2014

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- Remove chimeras



During PCR multiple sequence can combine to form a hybrid  
Chimeras must be removed

## Step 2: From sequences to microbiota data sets

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- Merged pair-end reads

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Metcalf 2014

PCR amplification  
of bacterial 16S rRNA gene



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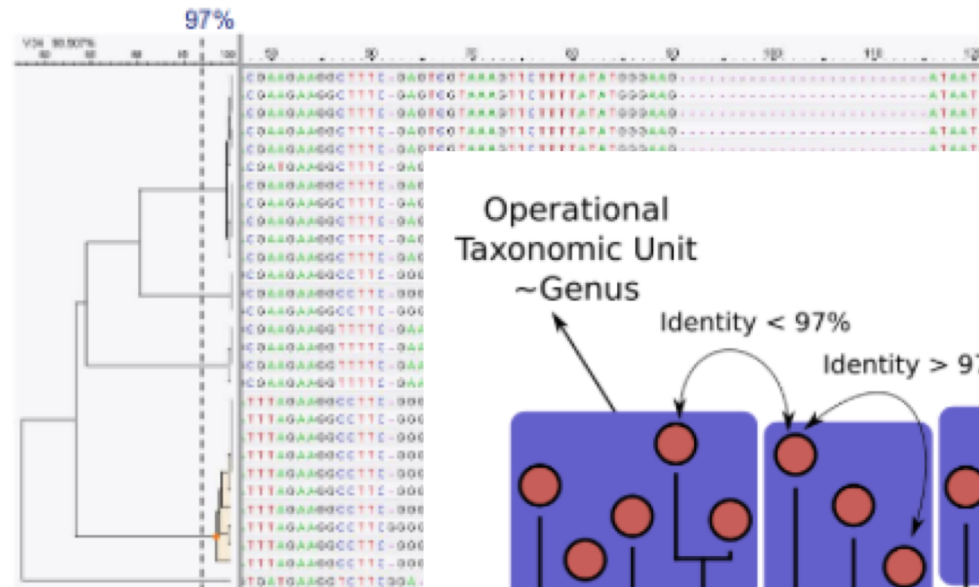


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- Sequence clustering in OTU

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>TCACATGAACCTAGGCAGGAGGAA...
>GCACCTGAGGACACCGAGGACGAC...
>CTACCGGAGGACAGGCAGGAGGAA...
>CTACCGGAGGACACACAGGAGGAA...
>GAACCTTCACATAGGCAGGAGGAT...
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>GCACCTGAGGACAGGCAGGAGGAA...
>GAACCTTCACATAGGCAGGAGGAT...
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### BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS

## DADA2: High-resolution sample inference from Illumina amplicon data

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Check quality



`plotQualityProfile()` visualize the quality profile

Filtering



`filterAndTrim()` trims sequences to a specific length and filters based on quality

Denoising



`learnErrors()` learn the error rates & `dada()` implements DADA

Merging



`mergePairs()` merges forward and reverse if they exactly overlap

ASV table



`makeSequenceTable()` construct the amplicon sequence variant table

Chimeras  
removal



`removeBimeraDenovo()` identifies sequences that are exact bimeras (two-parent chimeras) of more abundant sequences

Taxonomy  
assignment



`assignTaxonomy()` assign taxonomy to the ASV

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- Looking for sequence homology with ref databases
- Accuracy depends on quality and completeness of the database



SILVA  
database

Ribosomal Data  
Project database



Greengenes  
database



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Microbiota data

## Data sets output

- Sample metadata
- Occurrence data
- Observation metadata (taxonomic assignment)

### Sample metadata

	A	B	C
1		Treatment_1	Treatment_2
2	sample_01	A	X
3	sample_02	A	X
4	sample_03	A	X
5	sample_04	A	
6	sample_05	A	
7	sample_06	A	2 sample_01
8	sample_07	A	3 sample_02
9	sample_08	A	4 sample_03
10	sample_09	A	5 sample_04
11	sample_10	A	6 sample_05
12	sample_11	B	7 sample_06
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			24 sample_23
			25 sample_24

~100 samples

~10,000 features

### Occurrence data

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Seq_0003	Seq_0004	Seq_0005	Seq_0006	Seq_0007	Seq_0008	
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	153						
7	32						
8	97						
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10	31						
11	12						
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25	0						

### Observation metadata

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Seq_id	Domain	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus
2	Seq_0001	Bacteria	Chloroflexi	Anaerolineae	Anaerolineales	Anaerolineaceae	Bellilinea
3	Seq_0002	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Pseudomonadales	Pseudomonadaceae	Pseudomonas
4	Seq_0003	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Pseudomonadales	Moraxellaceae	Enhydrobacter
5	Seq_0004	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Propionibacteriales	Nocardioidaceae	Kribbella
6	Seq_0005	Bacteria	Planctomycetes	Phycisphaerae	Phycisphaerales	Phycisphaeraceae	Phycisphaera
7	Seq_0006	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Thermoleophilia	Solirubrobacterales	Undefined	Undefined
8	Seq_0007	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Betaproteobacteria	Burkholderiales	Comamonadaceae	Undefined
9	Seq_0008	Bacteria	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined
10	Seq_0009	Bacteria	Acidobacteria	Holophagae	Holophagales	Holophagaceae	Holophaga
11	Seq_0010	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Sphingobacteriia	Sphingobacteriales	Chitinophagaceae	Undefined
12	Seq_0011	Bacteria	Planctomycetes	Phycisphaerae	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined
13	Seq_0012	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Deltaproteobacteria	Myxococcales	Sandaracinaceae	Sandaracinus
14	Seq_0013	Bacteria	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined
15	Seq_0014	Bacteria	Bacteroidetes	Sphingobacteriia	Sphingobacteriales	Chitinophagaceae	Undefined
16	Seq_0015	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Deltaproteobacteria	Myxococcales	Sandaracinaceae	Sandaracinus
17	Seq_0016	Bacteria	Actinobacteria	Acidimicrobia	Acidimicrobiales	Iamiaeaceae	Iamia
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22	Seq_0021	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Deltaproteobacteria	Myxococcales	Undefined	Undefined
23	Seq_0022	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Alphaproteobacteria	Sphingomonadales	Undefined	Undefined
24	Seq_0023	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Betaproteobacteria	Burkholderiales	Burkholderiaceae	Burkholderia
25	Seq_0024	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined	Undefined

# Taxonomic assignment

Example of the bacteria *Escherichia coli* O157:H7

Domain	Bacteria
Kingdom	Eubacteria
Phylum	Proteobacteria
Class	Gammaproteobacteria
Order	Enterobacteriales
Family	Enterobacteriaceae
Genus	Escherichia-Shigella
Species	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
Strain	O157:H7

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Order	Enterobacterales
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Genus	Undefined
Species	Undefined
Strain	-

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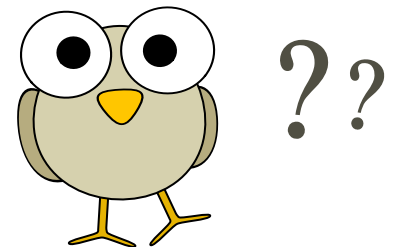
- Data pre-processing: always a trade-off between quality and quantity
- OTU Operational Taxonomic Units  $\neq$  ASV Amplicon Sequence Variants
- Go from fasta files to three tables
  - occurrence table
  - taxonomic assignation
  - sample metadata



# How microbiota data are generated?

## Test your knowledge...

- Please answer the 3 questions in the following quiz [https://bigdata\\_microbiome.presenterswall.nl/](https://bigdata_microbiome.presenterswall.nl/)





# Practice time: from sequences to microbiota data sets



## In the tutorial, look at:

- Getting ready
- Inspect read quality profiles
- Filter and trim
- Learn the error rates
- Sample inference
- Merge paired reads
- Construct sequence table
- Remove chimeras
- Track reads through the pipeline
- Assign taxonomy

## Tutorial link:

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

## Script on Canvas or link:

<https://scienceparkstudygroup.github.io/microbiome-lesson/02-data-preprocess-fastq-to-asv/index.html>

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# How microbiota data are analysed?

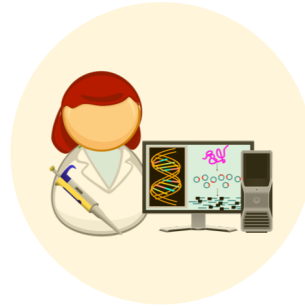
## What is microbiome?



### Part 1

- Definitions
- Microbiome importance
- Scientific questions
- Differences between metagenomics and metabarcoding

## How microbiota data are generated?



### Part 2

- From samples to sequences
- From sequences to data sets

## How microbiota data are analysed?

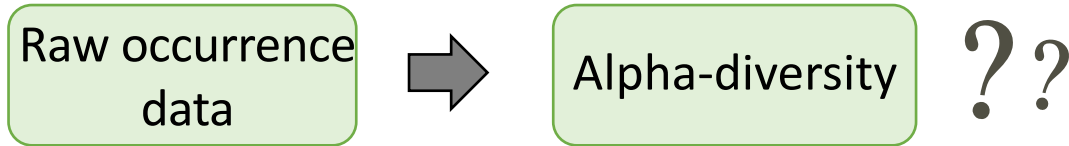


### Part 3

- Alpha-diversity
- Data properties
- Data filtering
- Data normalisation
- Beta-diversity
- Microbial composition

# Step 3: From microbiota data sets to data visualisation

## Process overview



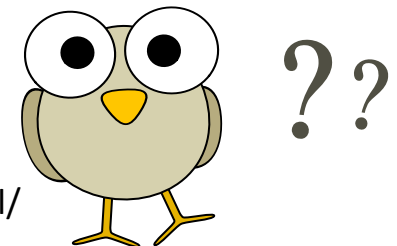
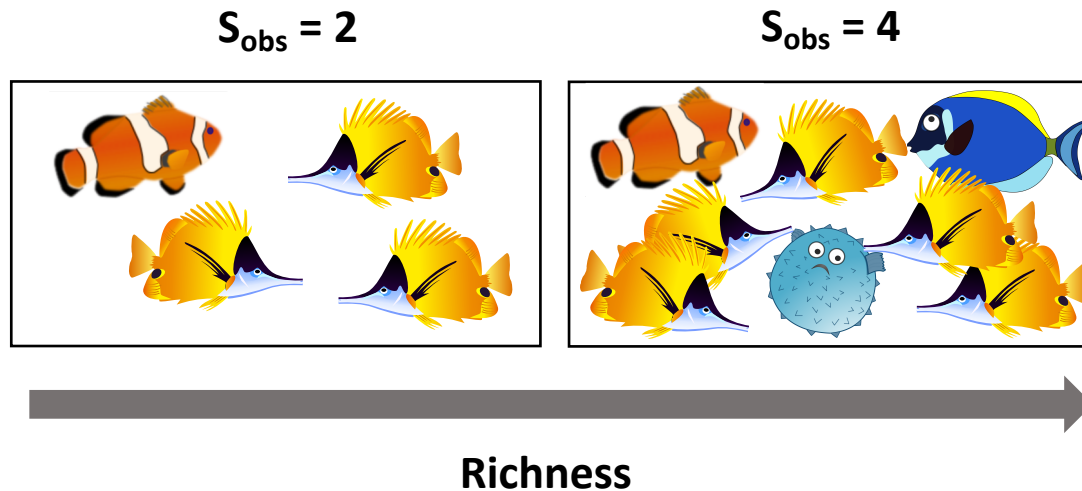
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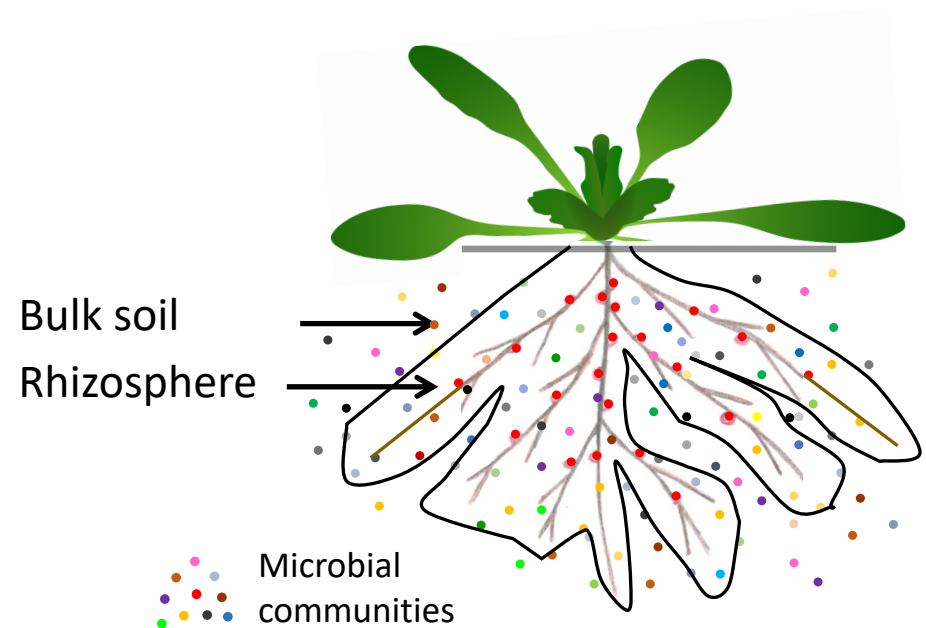
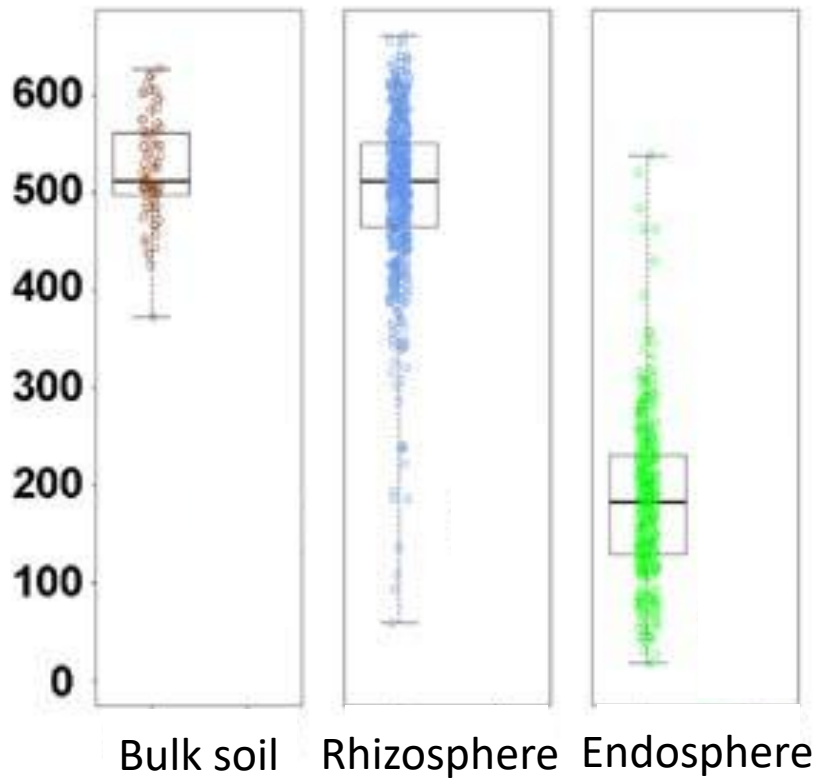


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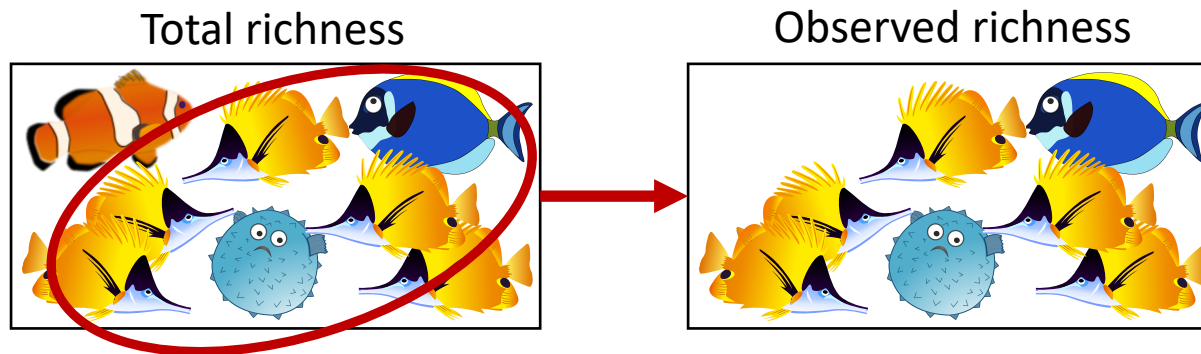
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$$S_1 = S_{obs} + \frac{F_1^2}{2F_2}$$

$S_{obs}$  Number of species  
 $F_1$  Number of singletons  
 $F_2$  Number of doubletons

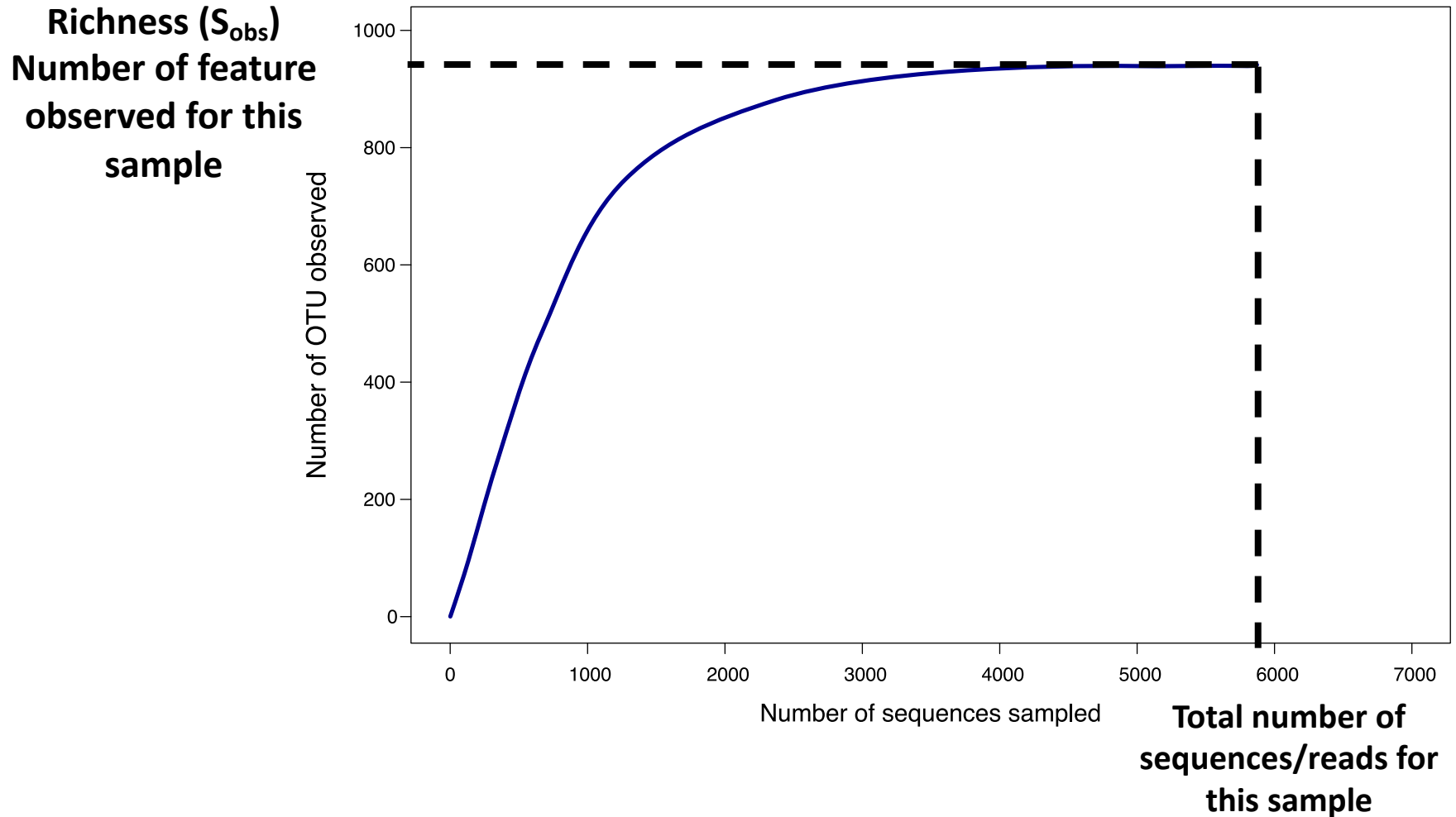
**REMARK: Chao1  
can only be  
calculated on  
raw data**



**REMARK: Difference between observed richness and Chao1  
give you information about the sequencing depth  
(enough if Richness = Chao1; not enough if Richness << Chao1)**

# Sequencing depth

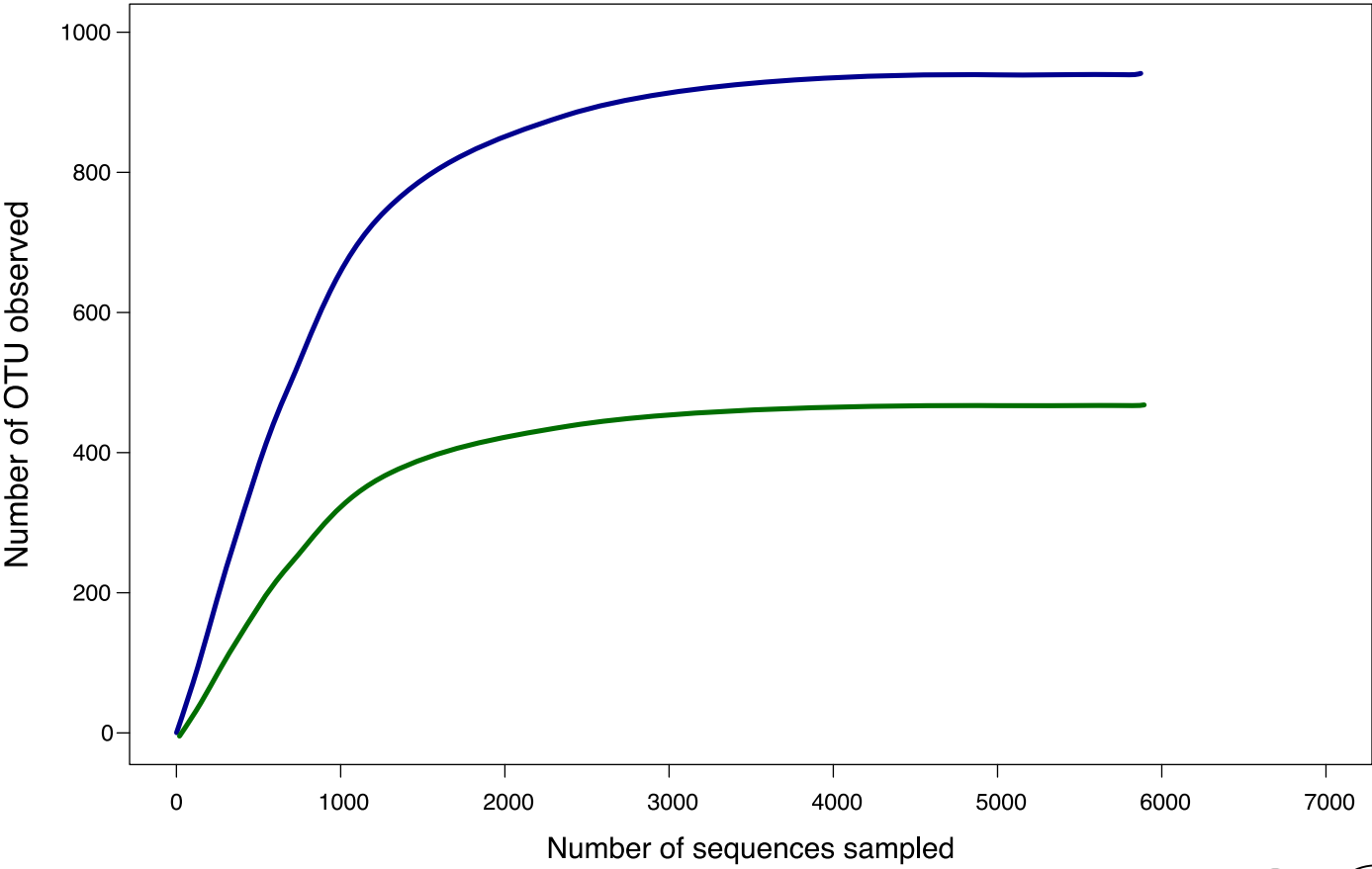
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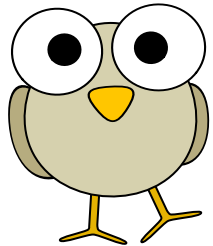


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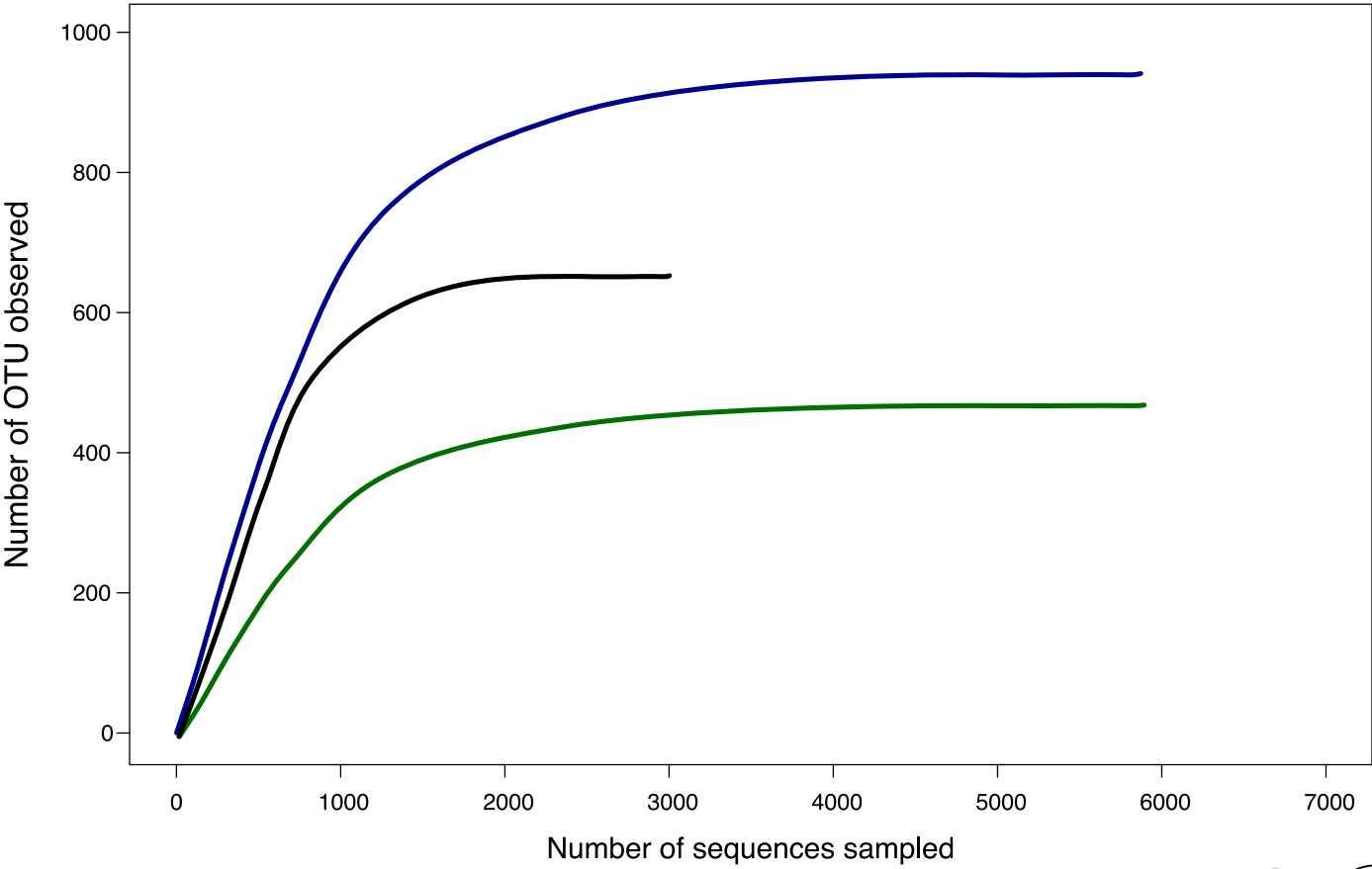
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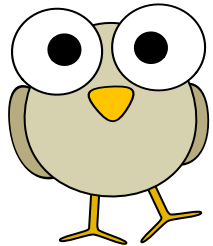
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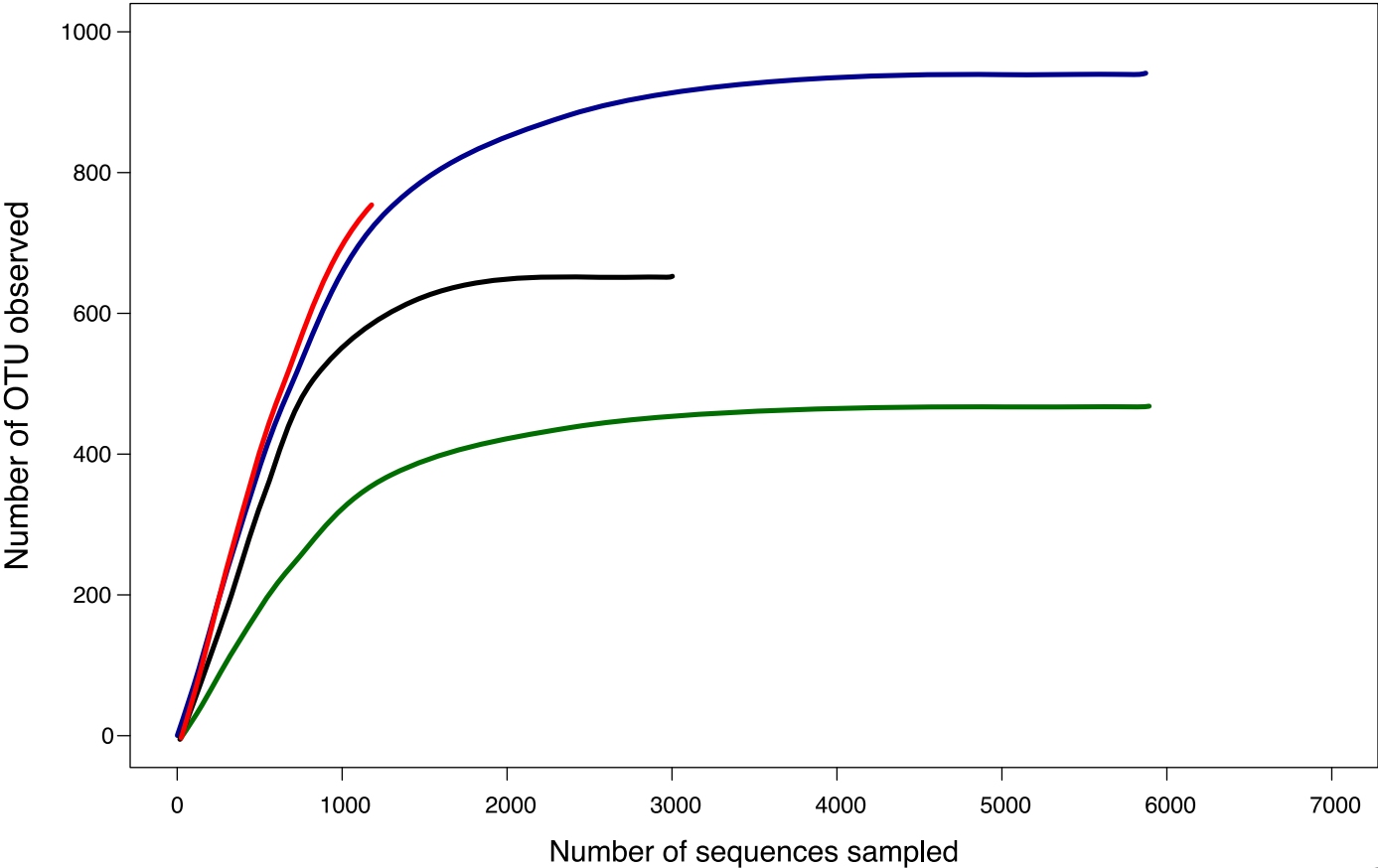
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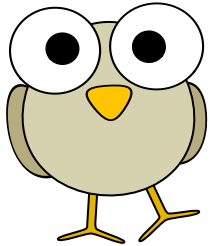
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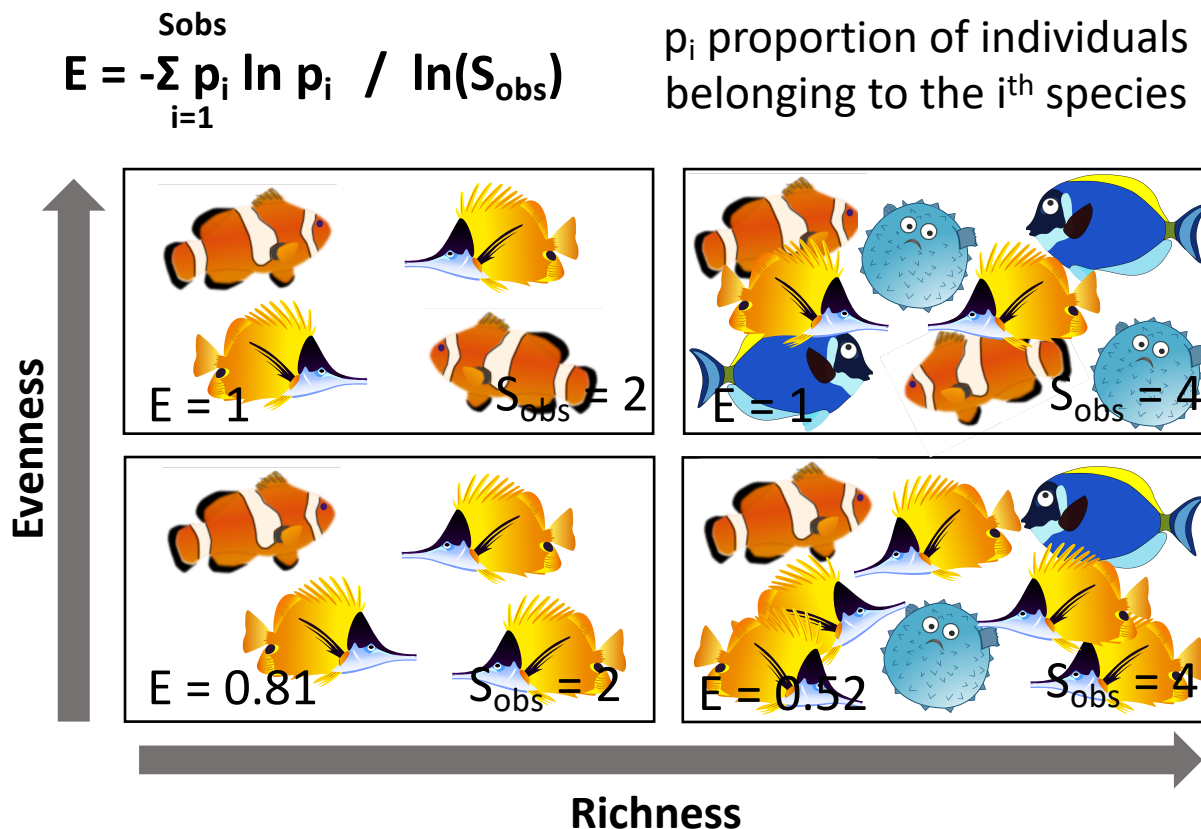


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$$H' = -\sum_{i=1}^{S_{obs}} p_i \ln p_i$$

$p_i$  proportion of individuals  
belonging to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  species

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  - Normal distribution: t-test or ANOVA
  - No normal distribution: Mann Whitney or Kruskal Wallis

# Alpha-diversity

- Diversity within one sample/ecosystem
- Should be calculated on raw data
- Observed richness = number of features observed
- Chao1 = total richness
- Evenness = equity in feature abundance
- Shannon  $\Leftarrow$  richness and evenness
- Sequencing depth  $\Rightarrow$  did I catch all the diversity?



## Practice time: alpha-diversity



### In the tutorial, look at:

- Home page
- 1. Introduction
- 4. Alpha-diversity

### Tutorial link:

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# Microbiota data properties

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Is a zero value a true zero, meaning that this feature is not present in the sample?

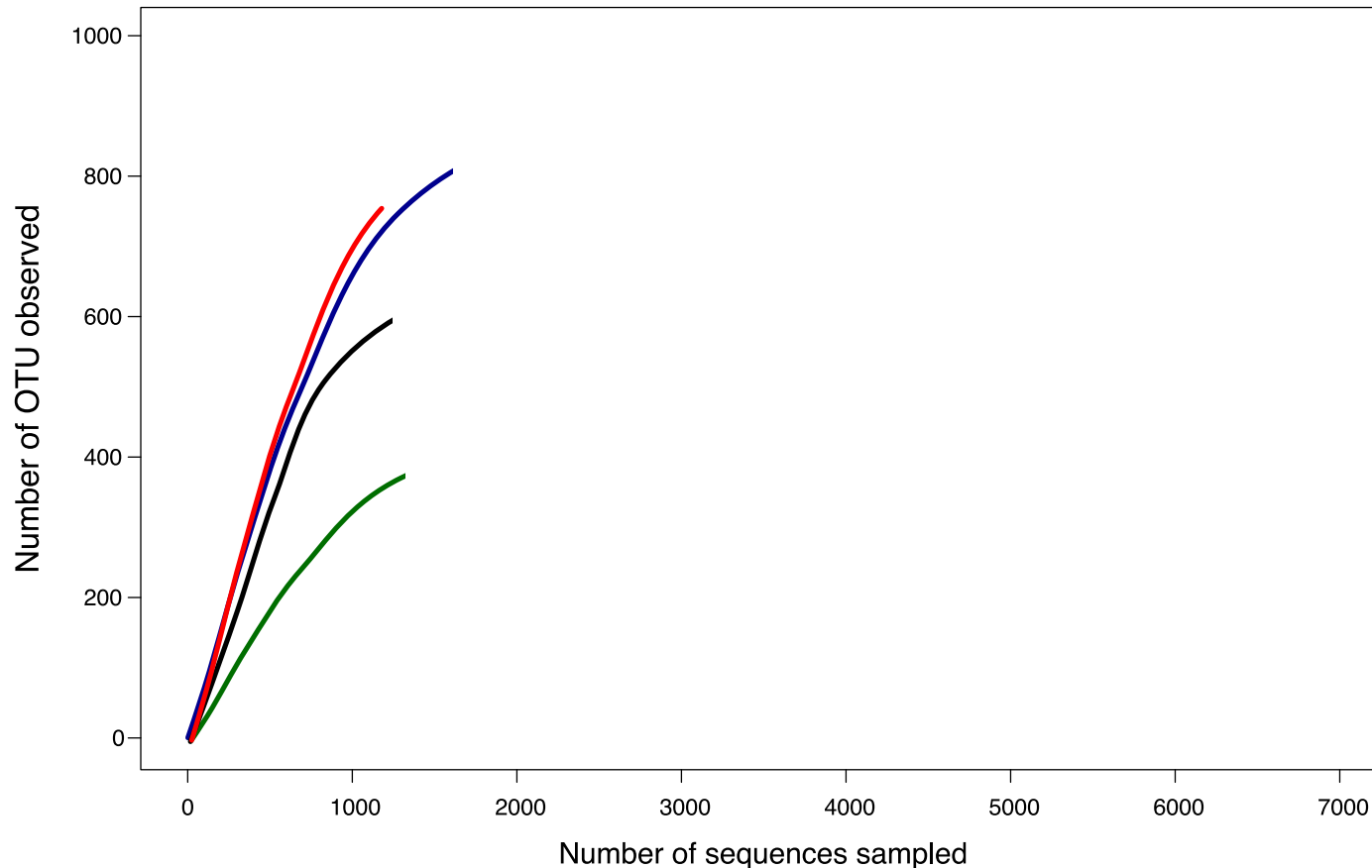
NOT Always!

- $n \ll p$
- Sparse data (~80% of 0)

Filter the data in order to decrease low quality or uninformative features

# Sequencing depth

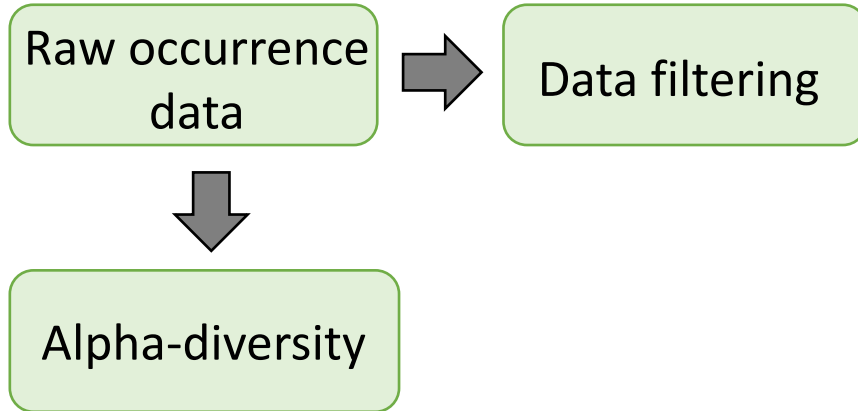
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**REMARK: If the sequencing depth is not enough, it will be difficult to compare difference between samples for low counts. Therefore, it will be better to remove features that have only low counts.**

## Step 3: From microbiota data sets to data visualisation

### Process overview



*Challenge:  
Remove uninformative  
& low quality reads  
Trade-off between  
quantity and quality*

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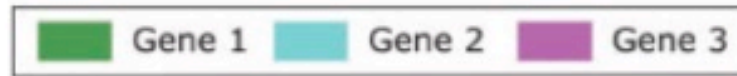
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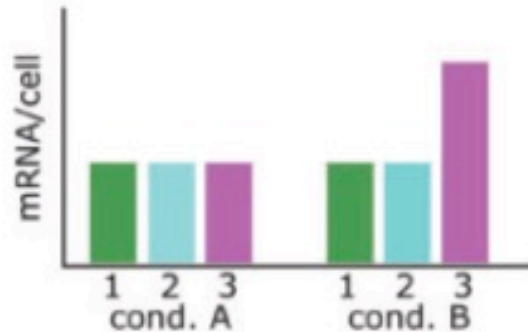
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15	sample_14	31					
16	sample_15	12					
17	sample_16	0					
18	sample_17	0					
19	sample_18	0					
20	sample_19	0					
21	sample_20	0					
22	sample_21	0					
23	sample_22	0					
24	sample_23	0					
25	sample_24	0					

- $n \ll p$
- Sparse data (~80% of 0)
- Compositional data

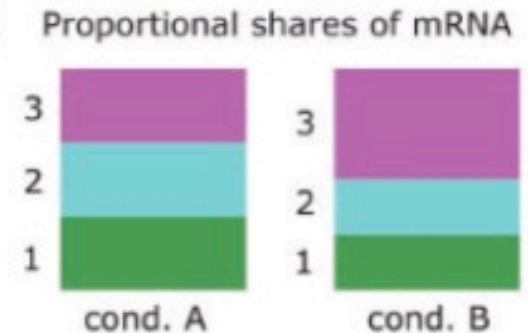
~100 samples



(a)



(b)



REMARK: We describe relative abundances

# Microbiota data properties

## Occurrence table

~10,000 features

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	S
1		Seq_0003	Seq_0004	Seq_0005	Seq_0006	Seq_0007	Seq_0008	S
2	sample_01	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	sample_02	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4	sample_03	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5	sample_04	0	27	0	0	0	0	
6	sample_05	0	10	0	0	0	0	
7	sample_06	0	3	20	0	0	0	
8	sample_07	0	10	58	0	0	0	
9	sample_08	0	14	52	0	0	0	
10	sample_09	0	10	25	0	0	0	
11	sample_10	153	0	0	0	0	0	
12	sample_11	32	0	14	0	0	0	
13	sample_12	97	0	32	0	0	3	
14	sample_13	37	0	40	29	18	0	
15	sample_14	31	0	27	33	13	25	
16	sample_15	12	0	23	33	27	19	
17	sample_16	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	sample_17	0	0	0	0	0	0	
19	sample_18	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20	sample_19	0	55	0	0	0	0	
21	sample_20	0	23	0	0	0	0	
22	sample_21	0	14	0	0	0	0	
23	sample_22	0	26	45	0	0	0	
24	sample_23	0	24	54	0	0	0	
25	sample_24	0	19	56	0	0	0	

~100 samples

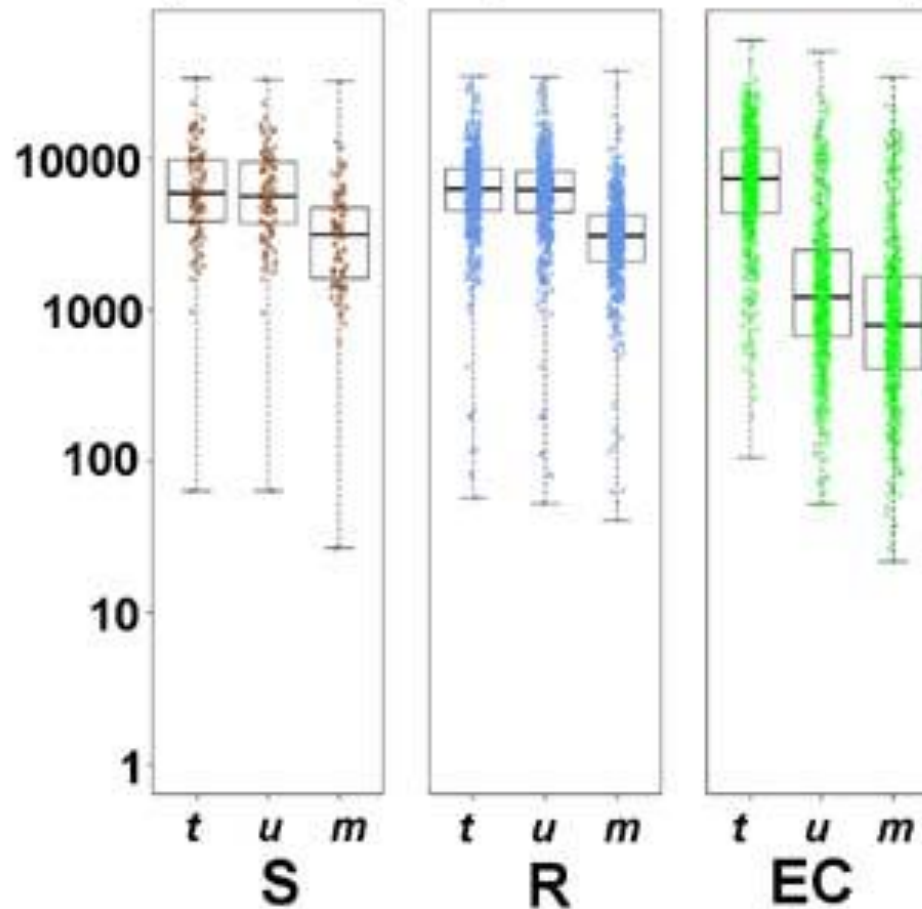
- $n \ll p$
- Sparse data (~80% of 0)
- Compositional data
- Different library sizes (total number of reads/sequences per sample)

Sum = 14  
Sum = 71

# Microbiota data properties: library size per sample

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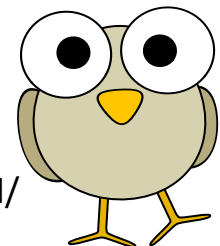


# Microbiota data properties: library size per sample

- Library size is the **total number of reads per sample**

	seq_1	seq_2	seq_3	(...)	seq_p	total_reads
sample_1	500	80	20		5	10,000
sample_2	500	80	20		5	1,000
sample_3	50	8	2		0	1,000
(...)						
sample_n	2000	0	2		0	10,000

[https://bigdata\\_microbiome.presenterswall.nl/](https://bigdata_microbiome.presenterswall.nl/)



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# Microbiota data properties

- Microbiota data usually sparse  $\Rightarrow$  need filtering especially when sequencing depth was not enough
- Uneven library size  $\Rightarrow$  need normalisation for sample comparison



### In the tutorial, look at:

- 3. Data exploration and properties



### Tutorial link:

<https://scienceparkstudygroup.github.io/microbiome-lesson/03-data-exploration-and-properties/index.html>

## Step 3: From microbiota data sets to data visualisation

### Process overview



# Microbiota data normalisation

- Different normalisation methods available (depend on your downstream analysis)
  - **Total Sum Normalisation:** dividing the reads for each OTU in a sample by the total number of reads in that sample and multiplying by 100

	seq_1	seq_2	seq_3	(...)	seq_p	total_reads
sample_1	500	80	20		5	10,000
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sample_1						
sample_2						
sample_3						

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	seq_1	seq_2	seq_3	(...)	seq_p	total_reads
sample_1						100
sample_2						100
sample_3						100

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sample_2	500	80	20		5	1,000
sample_3	50	8	2		0	1,000



	seq_1	seq_2	seq_3	(...)	seq_p	total_reads
sample_1	0.05	0.008	0.002		0.0005	100
sample_2	0.5	0.08	0.02		0.005	100
sample_3	0.05	0.008	0.002		0	100

# Microbiota data normalisation

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  - ❑ **Total Sum Normalisation:** dividing the reads for each OTU in a sample by the total number of reads in that sample and multiplying by 100
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sample_1	500	80	20		5	10,000
sample_2	500	80	20		5	1,000
sample_3	50	8	2		0	1,000



	seq_1	seq_2	seq_3	(...)	seq_p	total_reads
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sample_2						1,000
sample_3						1,000

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sample_1						1,000
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sample_1	52	8	1		0	1,000
sample_2	500	80	20		5	1,000
sample_3	50	8	2		0	1,000

# Microbiota data normalisation

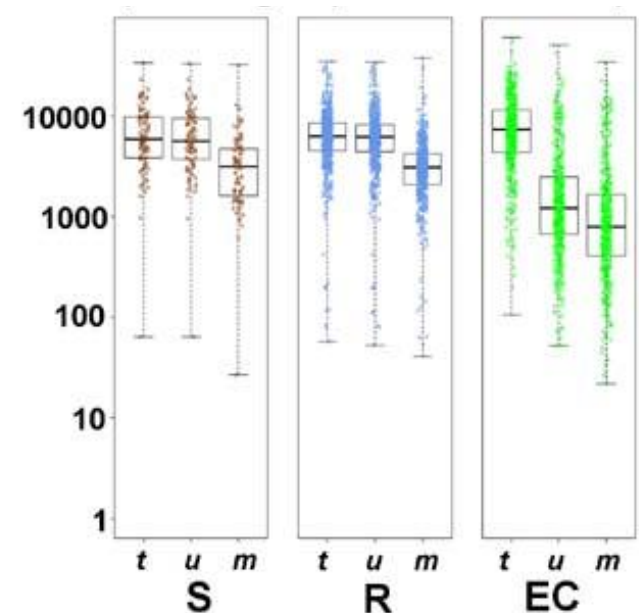
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**REMARK: When the sequencing depth is not enough and you have big differences in library sizes (~x10), it is better to rarefy your data than calculate percentage**

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- Rarefied at 1000 reads per sample



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  - ❑ **DESeq-VS:** a variance stabilizing transformation (used for RNA-seq analysis)
  - ❑ **edgeR-TMM:** a trimmed mean of M-values normalisation

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# Microbiota data normalisation

- Different normalisation methods for sample comparison
  - For community level analysis (TSN or rarefying)
  - For differential abundance testing (DESeq-VS or edgeR-TMM)
- Better to use rarefying when sequencing depth is not enough and there are big differences in library sizes



**In the tutorial, look at:**

- 5. Data filtering and normalisation



**Tutorial link:**

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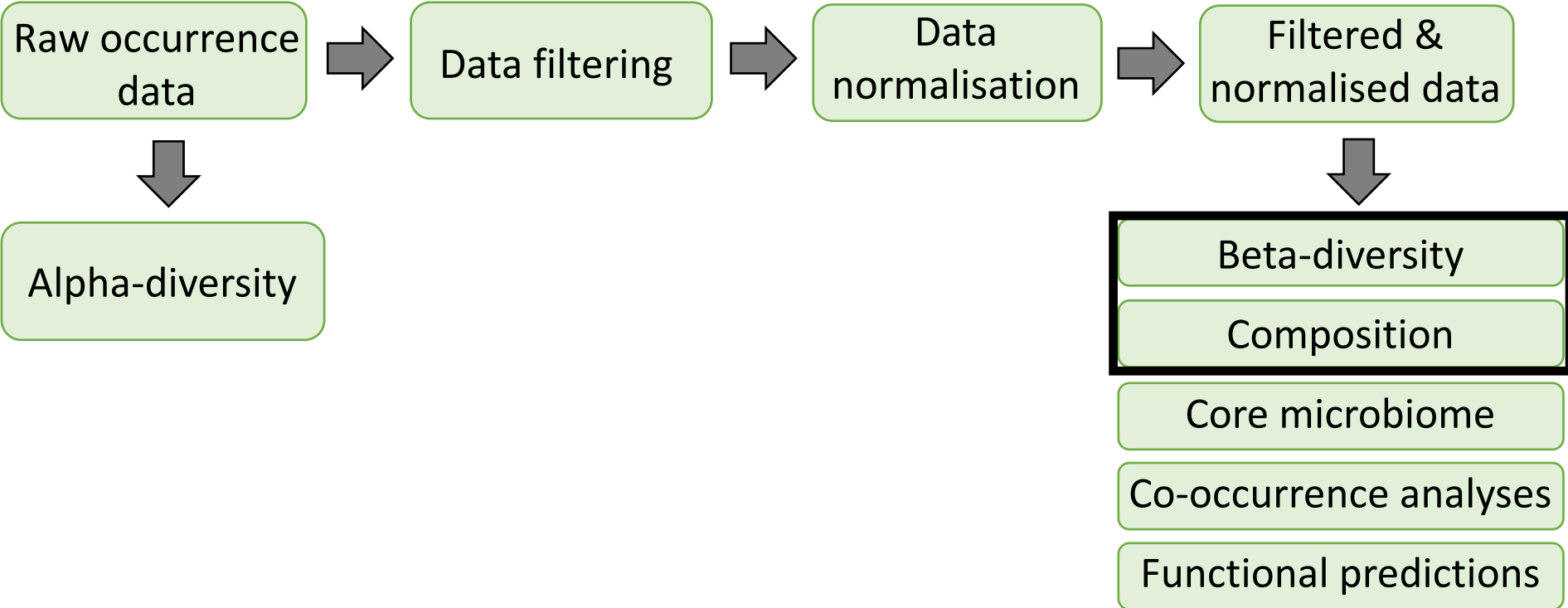
# Learning objectives

- Define microbiome and state microbiome importance
- Identify differences between metabarcoding and metagenomics
- Explain how microbiota data are generated (including bias)
- Explain and perform data pre-processing
- Explain how microbiota data are analysed
- Define, perform and interpret alpha-diversity
- Address sparsity, under-sampling and uneven sampling depth using data filtering and normalization
- Define, perform and interpret beta-diversity
- Generate and interpret multivariate data analyses
- Perform and interpret appropriate statistical tests
- Visualize and interpret microbial community composition



# Step 3: From microbiota data sets to data visualisation

## Process overview



# Beta-diversity

- Diversity **between two samples/ecosystems** (feature level)
- Calculate distances between samples

~10,000 features

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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2	sample_01	0	0	0	0	0	0
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5	sample_04	0	27	0	0	0	0
6	sample_05	0	10	0	0	0	0
7	sample_06	0	3	20	0	0	0
8	sample_07	0	10	58	0	0	0
9	sample_08	0	14	52	0	0	0
10	sample_09	0	10	25	0	0	0
11	sample_10	153	0	0	0	0	0
12	sample_11	32	0	14	0	0	0
13	sample_12	97	0	32	0	0	3
14	sample_13	37	0	40	29	18	0
15	sample_14	31	0	27	33	13	25
16	sample_15	12	0	23	33	27	19
17	sample_16	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	sample_17	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	sample_18	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	sample_19	0	55	0	0	0	0
21	sample_20	0	23	0	0	0	0
22	sample_21	0	14	0	0	0	0
23	sample_22	0	26	45	0	0	0
24	sample_23	0	24	54	0	0	0
25	sample_24	0	19	56	0	0	0

Occurrence table

~100 samples

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Sample_001	Sample_002	Sample_003	Sample_004	Sample_005	Sample_006
2	Sample_001	0	0.23908	0.27290369	0.27015609	0.32592647	0.3145664
3	Sample_002	0.23908	0	0.22634789	0.25973013	0.27045104	0.25883827
4	Sample_003	0.27290369	0.22634789	0	0.25062083	0.22816982	0.19757623
5	Sample_004	0.27015609	0.25973013	0.25062083	0	0.27561193	0.26790506
6	Sample_005	0.32592647	0.27045104	0.22816982	0.27561193	0	0.26401294
7	Sample_006	0.3145664	0.25883827	0.19757623	0.26790506	0.26401294	0
8	Sample_007	0.27750279	0.25117571	0.24768196	0.23136066	0.26097512	0.26521237
9	Sample_008	0.27028096	0.23647505	0.23002234	0.26527989	0.23667924	0.27627939
10	Sample_009	0.24487707	0.2037796	0.21534121	0.2392009	0.25791478	0.25405073
11	Sample_010	0.24336437	0.22464665	0.20907403	0.24104616	0.24482683	0.26057474
12	Sample_011	0.23391494	0.20033022	0.1946183	0.21059208	0.23233099	0.23421601
13	Sample_012	0.29459701	0.24303626	0.23158839	0.24929185	0.24848669	0.26619079
14	Sample_013	0.27217455	0.23425838	0.22840974	0.22761805	0.25302484	0.26064818
15	Sample_014	0.30012914	0.30274836	0.31117419	0.30476292	0.34465027	0.32685011
16	Sample_015	0.2874034	0.23435385	0.22702622	0.25405974	0.23900746	0.25213861
17	Sample_016	0.33154211	0.30263442	0.27035691	0.26775634	0.25289654	0.29847605
18	Sample_017	0.32073908	0.24673584	0.2151443	0.27444787	0.25190747	0.24776896
19	Sample_018	0.26445217	0.25381752	0.24220773	0.2286839	0.26106624	0.27887498
20	Sample_019	0.23640549	0.22388878	0.22726691	0.25204175	0.25267839	0.2775048
21	Sample_020	0.27353721	0.22872632	0.22164178	0.24194033	0.24002447	0.24630637
22	Sample_021	0.25650649	0.25042642	0.25012303	0.2111056	0.26602264	0.2784565
23	Sample_022	0.26840071	0.21753216	0.22134455	0.242505	0.23195371	0.25991912
24	Sample_023	0.31321353	0.24643452	0.26071617	0.27940406	0.28314079	0.28243396
25	Sample_024	0.24583754	0.20350925	0.20950697	0.23671077	0.22333763	0.25635586

Distances matrix





# Beta-diversity

- Diversity between two samples/ecosystems (feature level)
- Calculate distances between samples
  - **Jaccard** (presence/absence in occurrence table)

$$J_{AB} = AB / (AB + A + B)$$

$J_{AB}$ : Jaccard similarity between samples A and B

AB: species present in A and B

A: species only present in A

B: species only present in B

# Beta-diversity

- Diversity between two samples/ecosystems (feature level)
- Calculate distances between samples
  - Jaccard (presence/absence in occurrence table)
  - **Bray-Curtis** (occurrence table)

$$dBC_{AB} = \sum_{s=1} |A_s - B_s| / (n_A + n_B)$$

$dBC_{AB}$ : Bray Curtis distance

$A_s$ : number of reads for species S in sample A

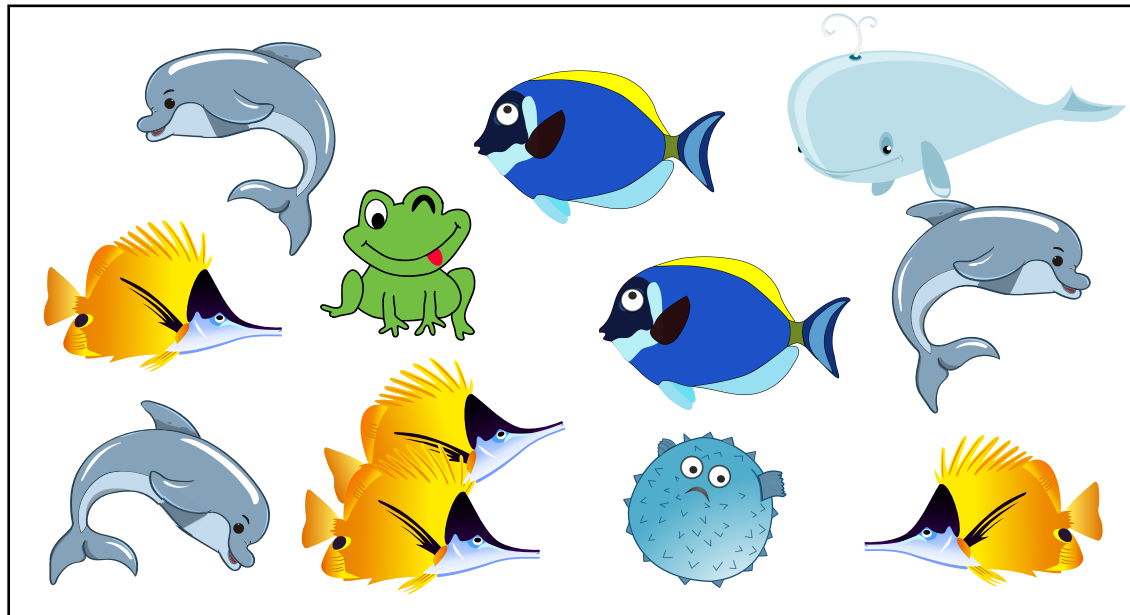
$B_s$ : number of reads for species S in sample B

$n_A$ : total number of reads in sample A

$n_B$ : total number of reads in sample B

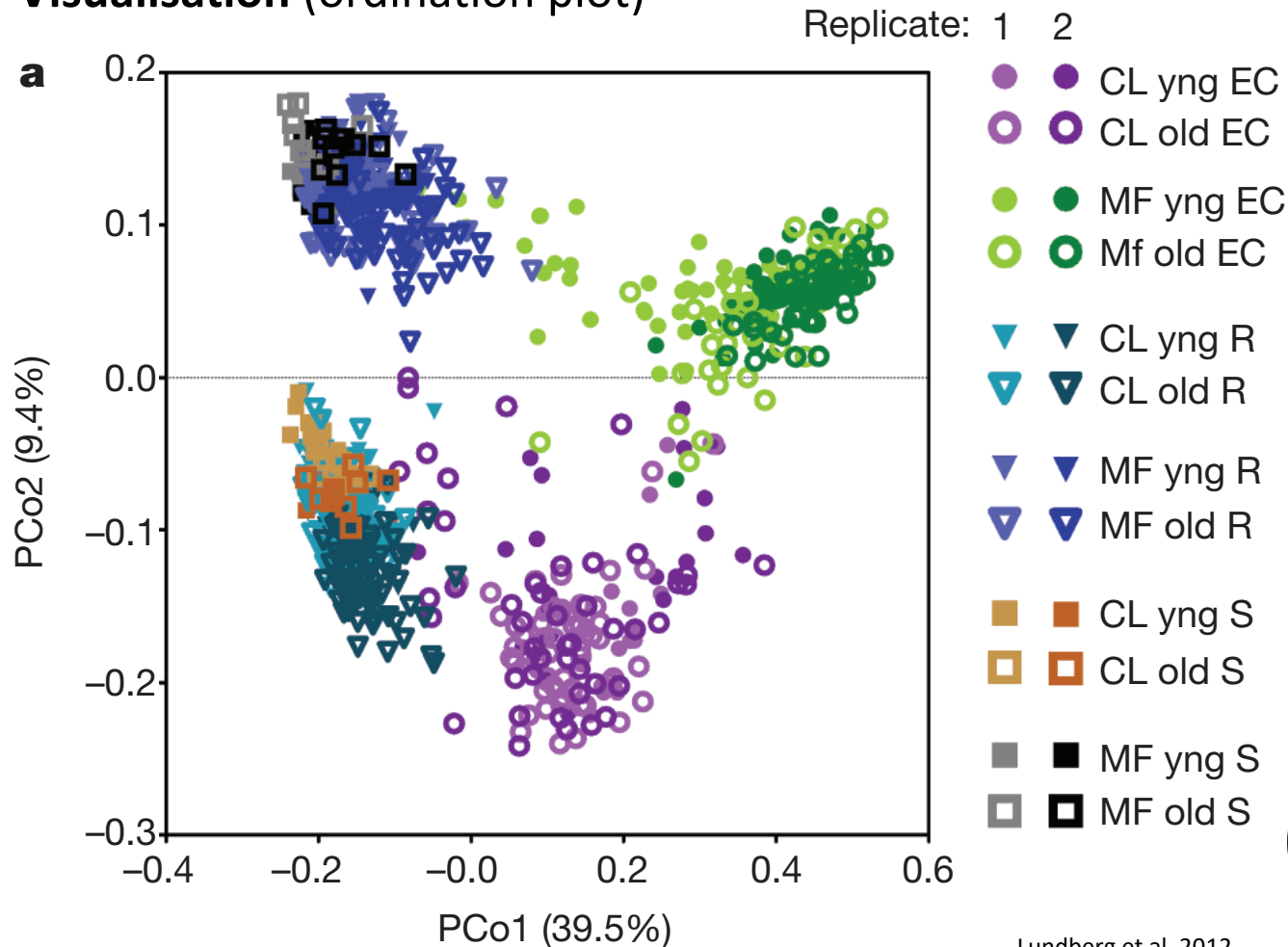
# Beta-diversity

- Diversity between two samples/ecosystems (feature level)
- Calculate distances between samples
  - Jaccard (presence/absence in occurrence table)
  - **Bray-Curtis (occurrence table)**
  - Unifrac (occurrence table and phylogeny)
    - Unweighted
    - Weighted



# Beta-diversity

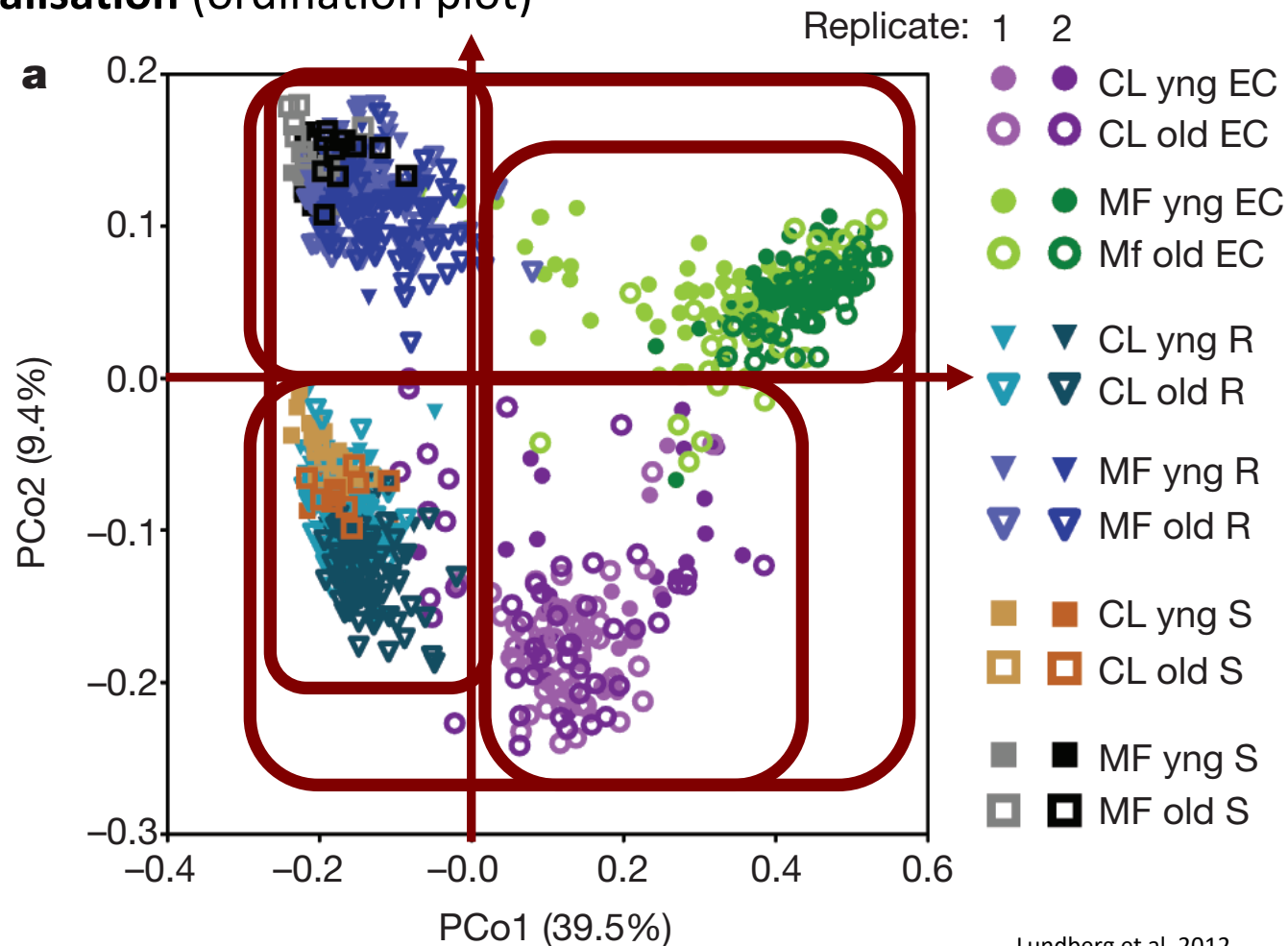
- Diversity between two samples/ecosystems (feature level)
- Calculate distances between samples
- **Visualisation** (ordination plot)



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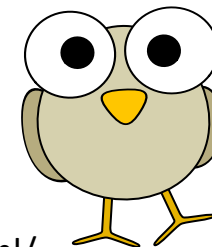
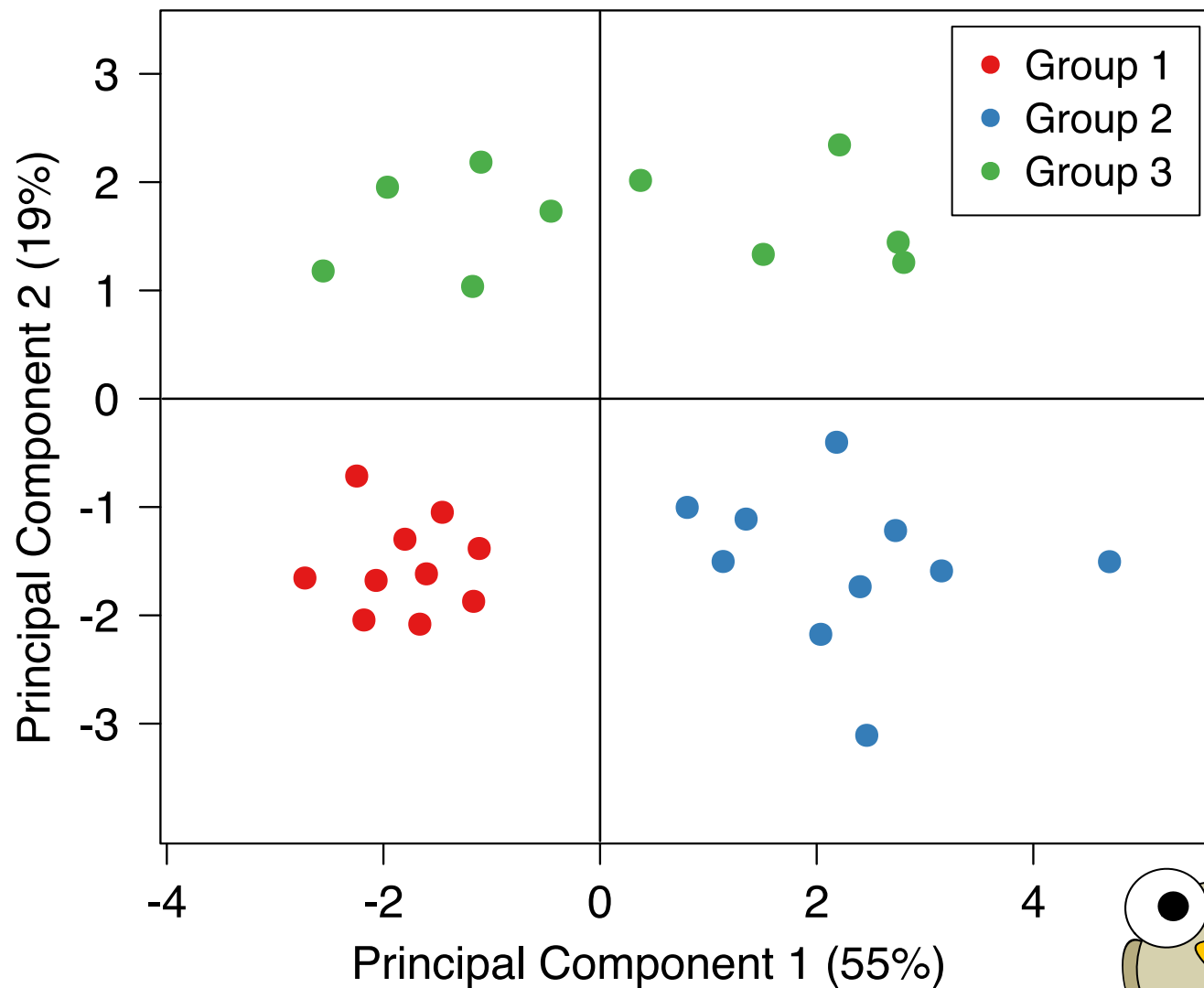
# Beta-diversity

- Diversity between two samples/ecosystems (feature level)
- Calculate distances between samples
- **Visualisation** (ordination plot)



Lundberg et al. 2012

# How do we interpret an ordination plot such as PCA?



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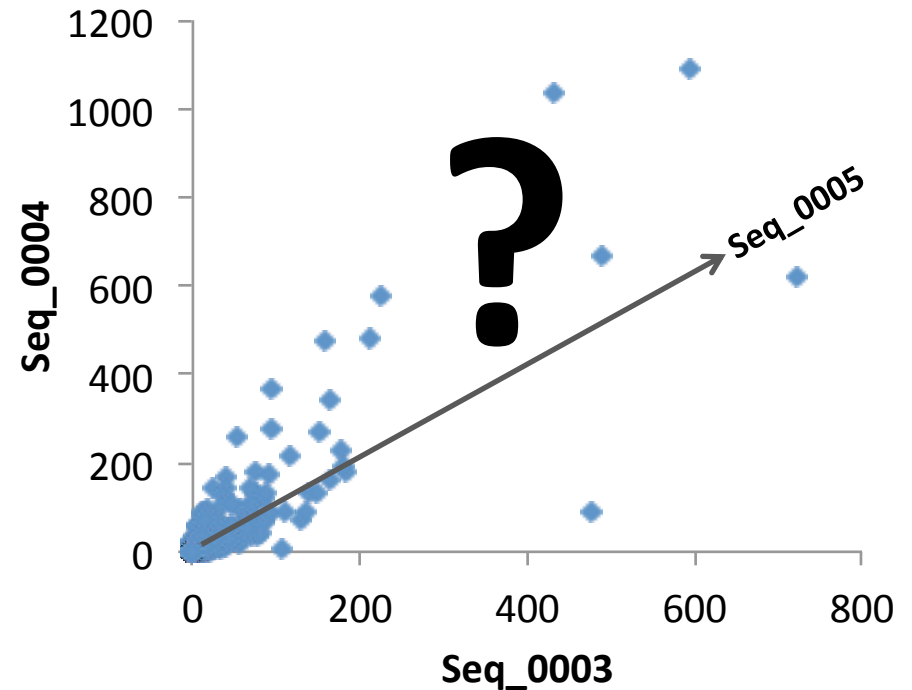
# Why do we use ordination plot such as PCA?

- Visualisation of multivariate data

~100 samples

	A	B	C
1		Seq_0003	Seq_0004
2	sample_01	0	0
3	sample_02	0	0
4	sample_03	0	0
5	sample_04	0	27
6	sample_05	0	10
7	sample_06	0	3
8	sample_07	0	10
9	sample_08	0	14
10	sample_09	0	10
11	sample_10	153	0
12	sample_11	32	0
13	sample_12	97	0
14	sample_13	37	0
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17	sample_16	0	0
18	sample_17	0	0
19	sample_18	0	0
20	sample_19	0	55
21	sample_20	0	23
22	sample_21	0	14
23	sample_22	0	26
24	sample_23	0	24
25	sample_24	0	19

Occurrence table



# Why do we use ordination plot such as PCA?

- Reduce the dimensionality of a data set

~10,000 features

~100 samples

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Seq_0003	Seq_0004	Seq_0005	Seq_0006	Seq_0007	Seq_0008	S
2	sample_01	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	sample_02	0	0	0	0	0	0
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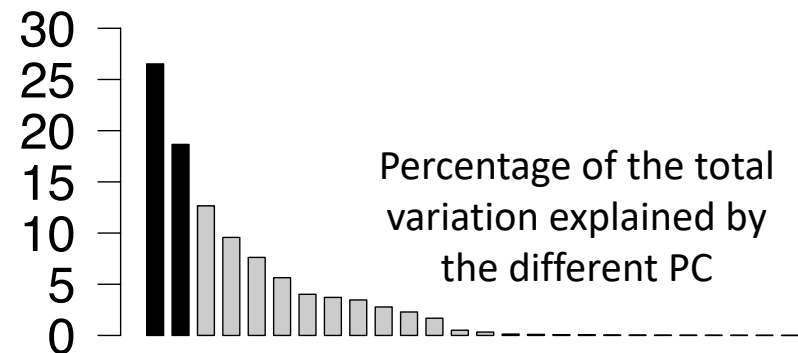


~30 features

~100 samples

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5	PC6	S
2	sample_01	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	sample_02	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	sample_03	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	sample_04	0	27	0	0	0	0
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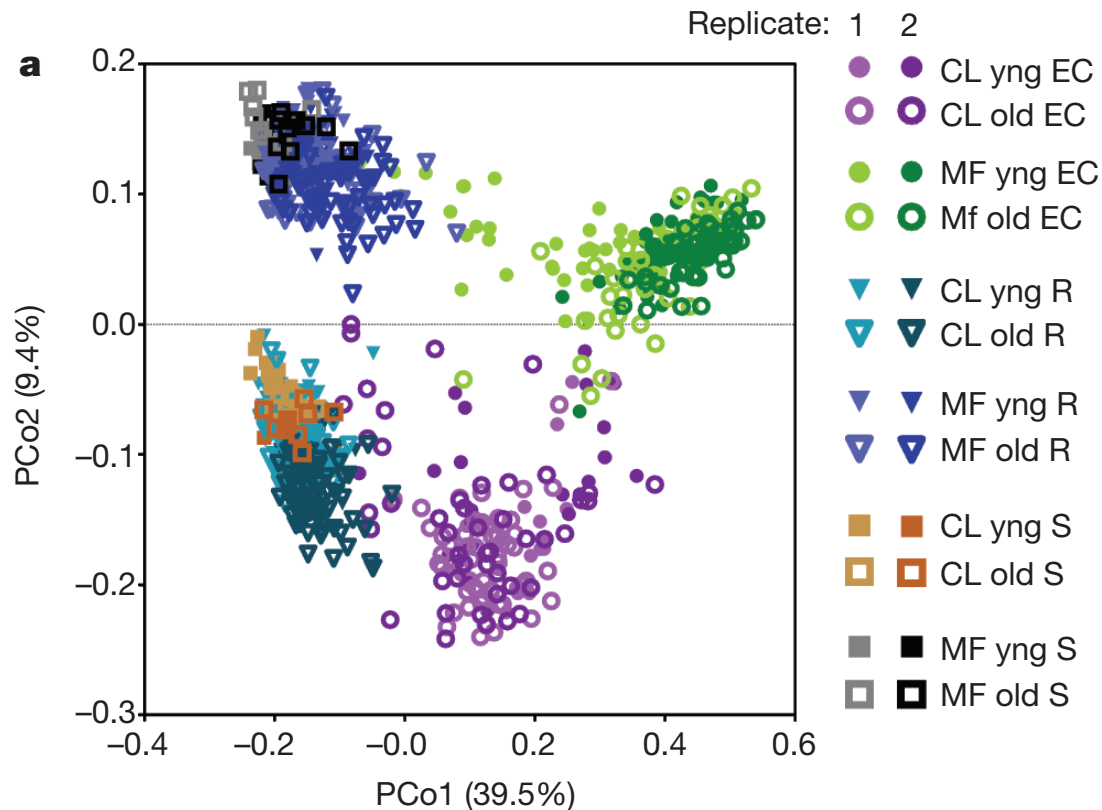
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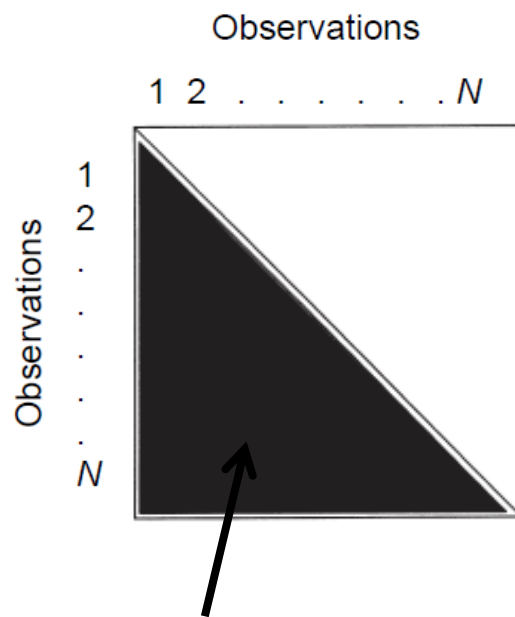
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- Diversity between two samples/ecosystems (feature level)
- Calculate distances between samples
- Visualisation (ordination plot)
  - **Principal Coordinate Analysis (PCoA)**
    - => can handle different types of distance measurements (such as Bray-Curtis)

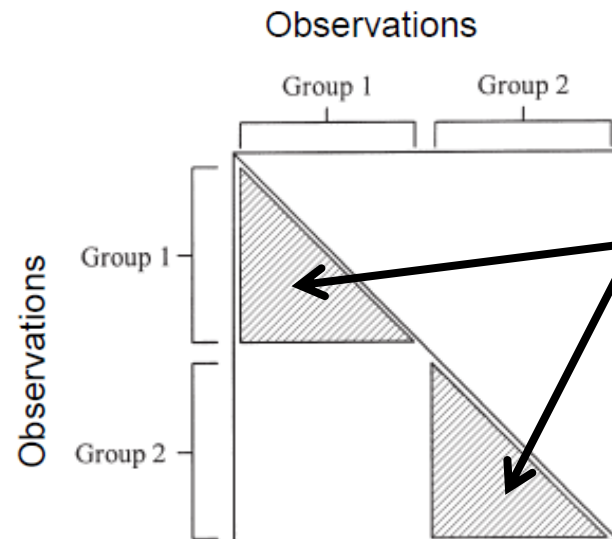


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$SS_T$  = sum of the squared distances in the half-matrix, divided by the total number of observations ( $N$ )



$SS_W$  = sum of the squared distances between replicates in the same group, divided by the number of replicates per group ( $n$ ).

$$SS_A = SS_T - SS_W$$

$$F = \frac{SS_A / (a - 1)}{SS_W / (N - a)}$$

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# Beta-diversity

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- Different distance measurements:
  - Jaccard (occurrence table: presence/absence)
  - Bray-Curtis (occurrence table: abundance)
  - Unifrac (occurrence table and phylogeny)
- Visualisation using ordination plot (PCOA)





**In the tutorial, look at:**

- 6. Beta-diversity

**Tutorial link:**

<https://scienceparkstudygroup.github.io/microbiome-lesson/06-beta-diversity/index.html>

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# Microbial composition

- Aggregate sequences according to their taxonomic assignment

~10,000 features

Occurrence data

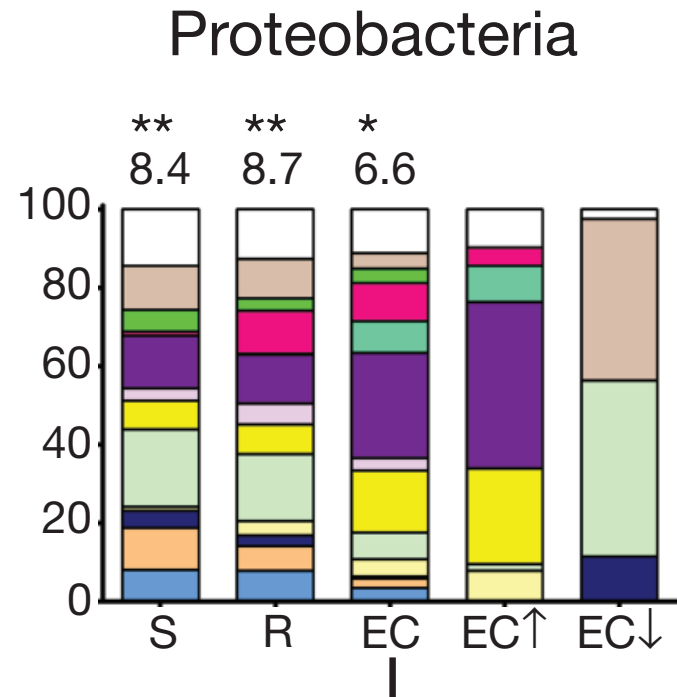
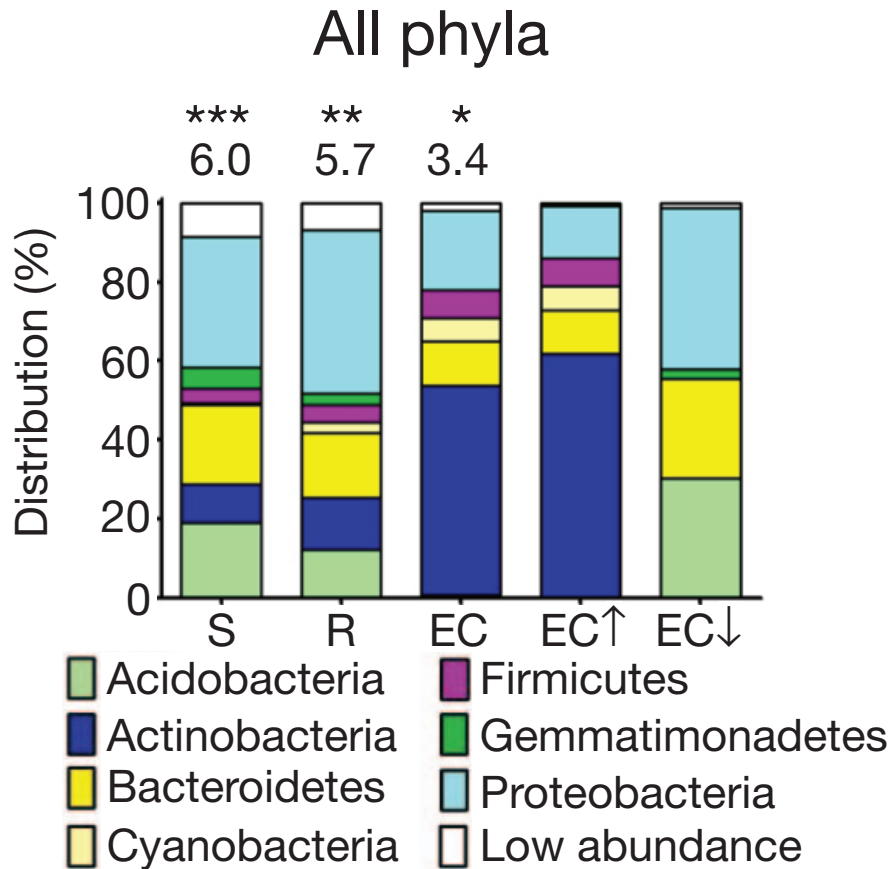
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3	sample_02	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Seq_id	Domain	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus
2	Seq_0001	Bacteria	Chloroflexi	Anaerolineae	Anaerolineales	Anaerolineaceae	Bellilinea
3	Seq_0002	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Pseudomonadales	Pseudomonadaceae	Pseudomonas
4	Seq_0003	Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Pseudomonadales	Moraxellaceae	Enhydrobacter
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# Microbial composition

- Aggregate sequences according to their taxonomic assignment
- Plot microbial composition



## Defining the core *Arabidopsis thaliana* root microbiome

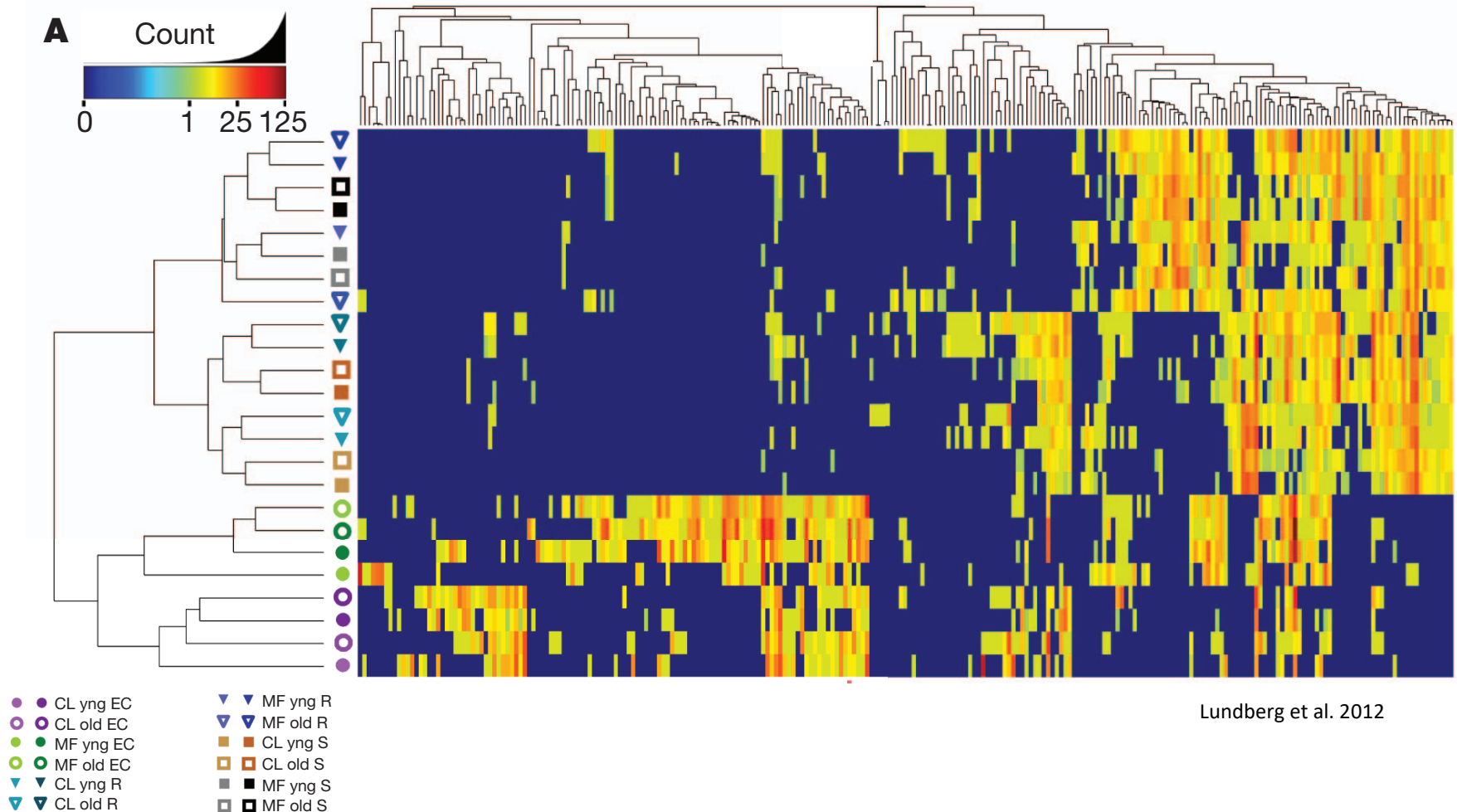
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Lundberg et al. 2012



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## Practice time: microbial composition

**In the tutorial, look at:**

- 7. Bacterial community composition

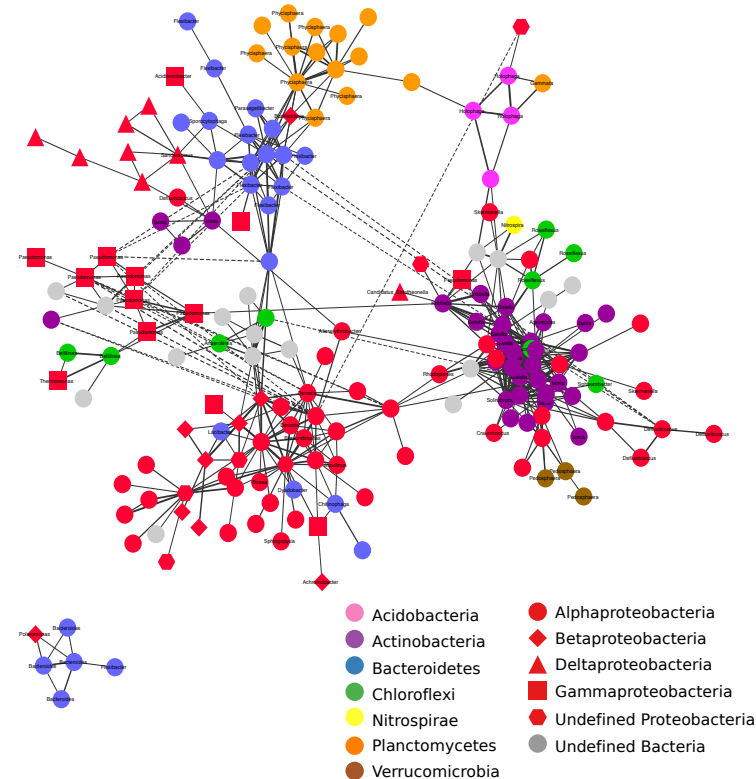
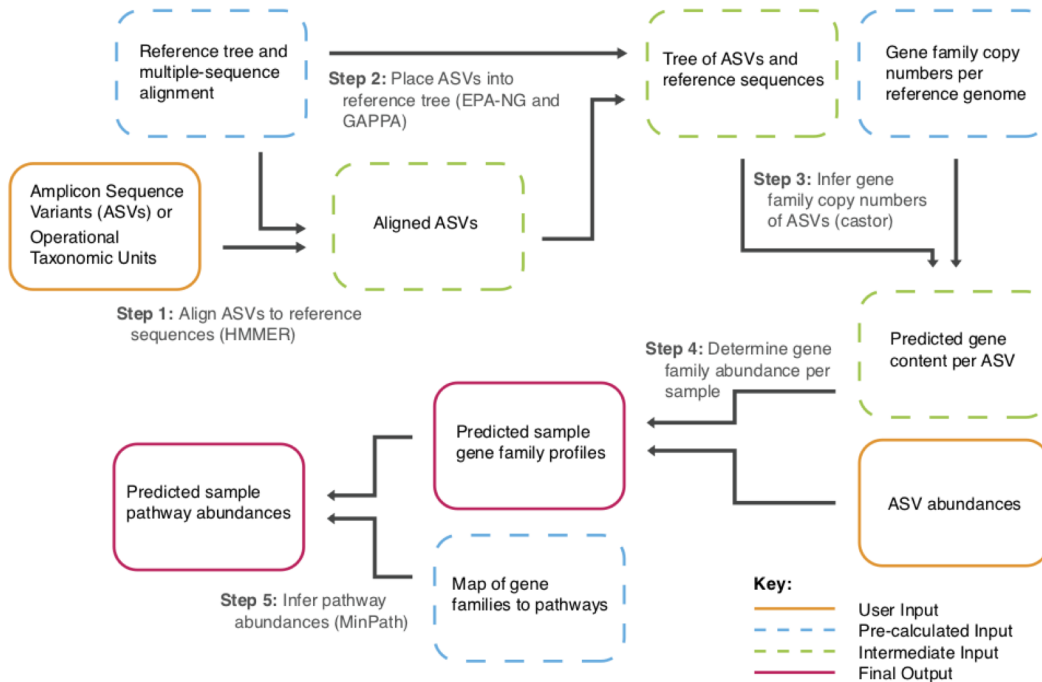


**Tutorial link:**

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# Other classic microbiota analyses and perspectives

- Co-occurrence analyses
- Functional prediction (*e.g.* PICRUST)
- New sequencing technologies
  - Long reads for a better identification
  - No amplification



# Microbiota analysis : data analysis overview

Sampling  
↓  
DNA extraction  
↓  
Amplification  
↓  
Next Generation Sequencing



Sequencing data  
↓  
Quality checks  
↓  
Filtering, denoising, merging  
↓  
Chimera removal  
↓  
Raw occurrence data  
↓  
Taxonomy assignment



Filtered & normalised data

↑  
Data Normalisation

↑  
Data filtering

↑  
Cleaned raw occurrence data



Beta-diversity

Composition

Core microbiome

Co-occurrences

Functional prediction



Alpha-diversity

**TUTORIAL & ASSIGNMENT**

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- Rmarkdown report in pdf
- Think about reproducibility
  - What have you done?
  - Why?
- Include, describe and interpret your plots & statistical results

Detailed instructions  
available on Canvas