

# All Microbes, All The Time

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# The Story of a Bird



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Field Guide to the

# Birds

of North America







**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius* L 9P (24 cm)  
 Gray-brown above, with darker head and tail, bill yellow; underparts brick red, lower belly white. Most western birds are paler and duller overall than eastern and southwestern forms. In most eastern birds (shown here), tail has conspicuous white bands. Juvenile's underparts are tinged with cinnamon, heavily spotted with brown. Compared with spotted thrushes both forest and scrub with its loud, liquid song, a variable cheerily cheer-up chirr. Varied calls include a rapid rat rat worse; also rats insects, berries. Nests in shrubs and trees and on sheltered windowills, eaves. In winter, found in moist woodlands, swamps, scruboaks, parks. Numbers vary greatly from winter to winter in the southwest and in California.

**Rufous-backed Robin** *Turdus rufopariatus* L 9P (24 cm)  
 Mexican species, casual visitor in winter to southern Arizona, rare from southern and southwest Texas to southern California. Distinguished from American Robin by bright rufous-brown back and wing-coverts, gray head, and more extensively streaked throat. Somewhat secretive; found in trestops and dense shrubbery.

**Clay-colored Robin** *Turdus grayi* L 9P (23 cm)  
 Mexican species, casual visitor and very rare breeder in southernmost Texas. Brownish-olive above; tawny-buff below; pale buffy throat is lightly streaked with olive. Lacks white around eye conspicuous in American Robin. Very shy; forages in dense thickets, streamside brush, woodlands. Calls include a nasal meow, song resembles American Robin's but is slower, clearer, much less varied.

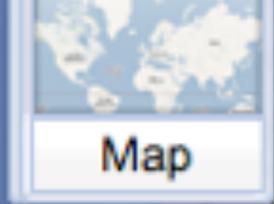
**Aztec Thrush** *Aidwayia pinicola* L 9P (24 cm)  
 Mexican species, rare visitor to southeastern Arizona, southern Texas. Male is sooty-brown above, with white patches on wings and uppertail coverts; tail broadly tipped with white; breast is dark; belly and undertail coverts white. Female is paler. Juvenile is heavily streaked above with creamy-white; underparts whitish, heavily streaked with brown.



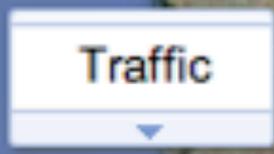




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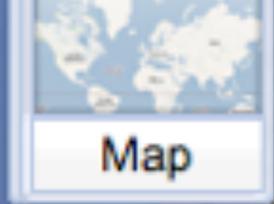
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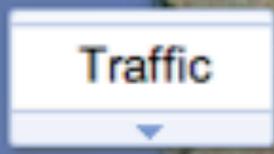
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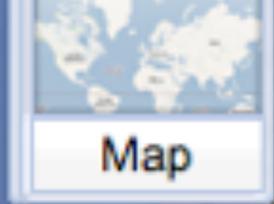
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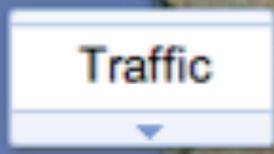
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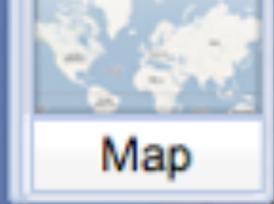
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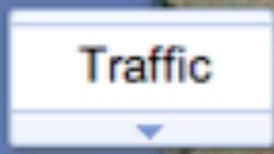
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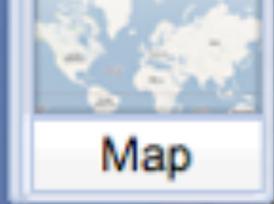
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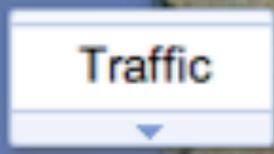
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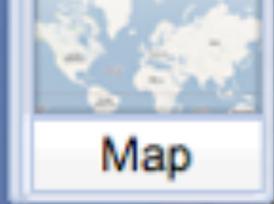
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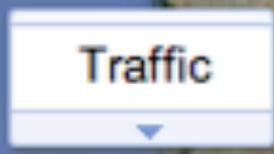
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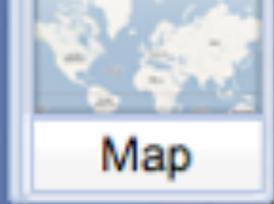
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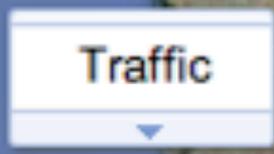
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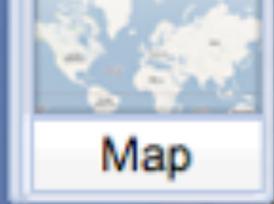
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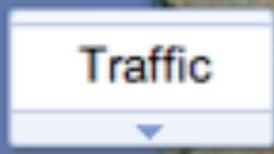
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## Twitchers watch robin served rare

**Birdwatchers from all over Britain who gathered in Grimsby to catch sight of a rare American robin were horrified to see it eaten by a passing sparrowhawk.**



Sparrow hawks hunt insects, mammals, birds and reptiles

They were still setting up their cameras when the predator swooped down from a row of drab factories and warehouses on an industrial estate.

The young bird, from the southern US, "didn't really live to enjoy her moment of fame," a twitcher told the Guardian.

The robin's vivid red breast made it an obvious candidate for a lunch date.

"It was a terrible moment," Graham Appleton, of the British Trust for Ornithology,

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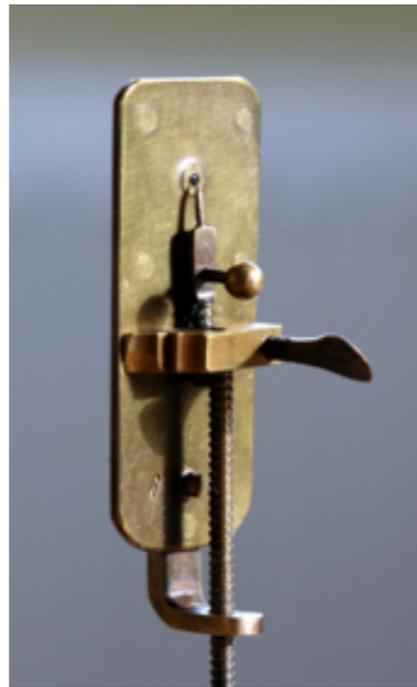
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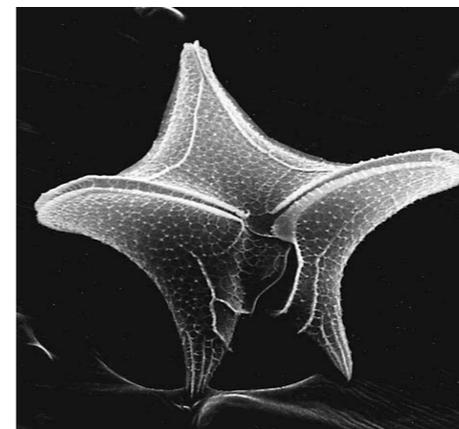
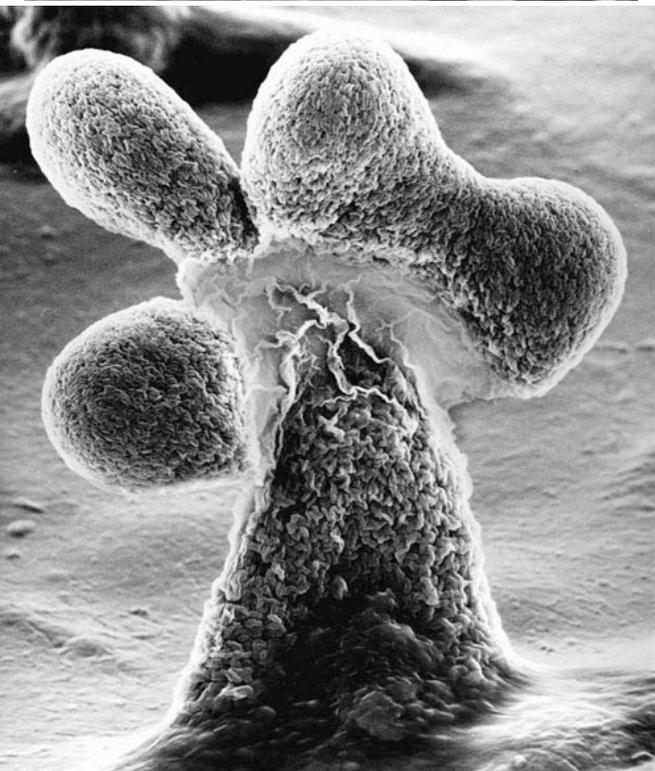
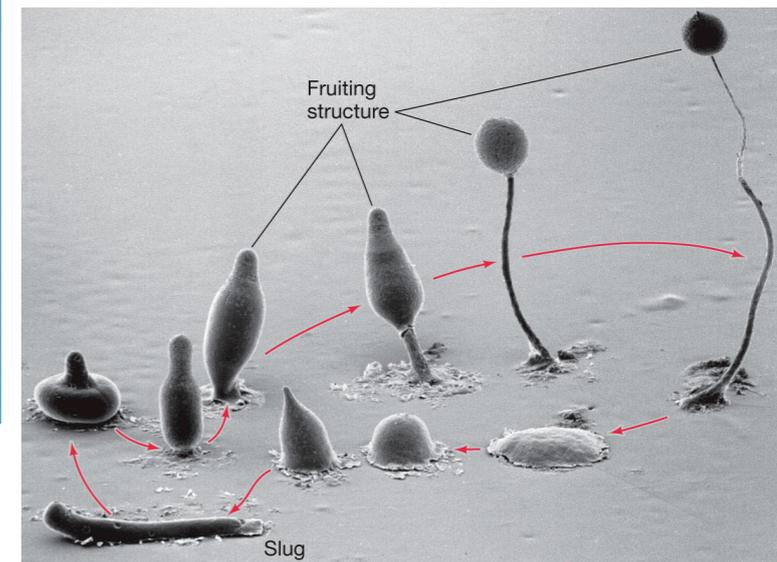
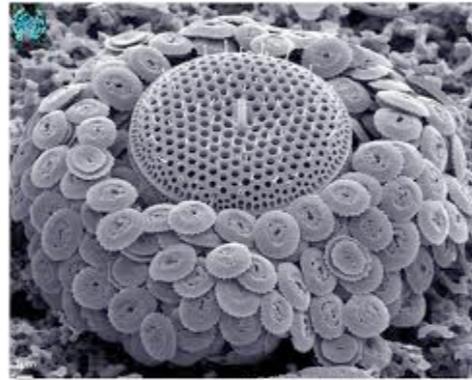
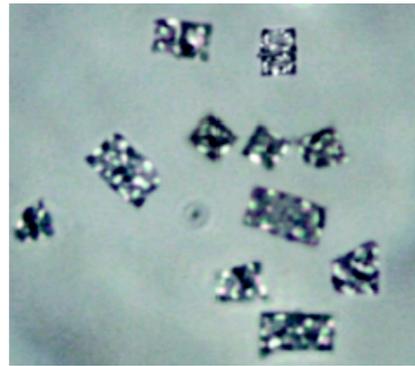
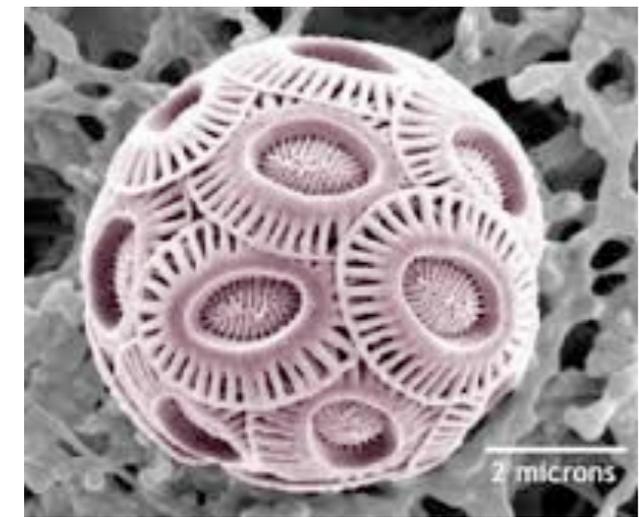
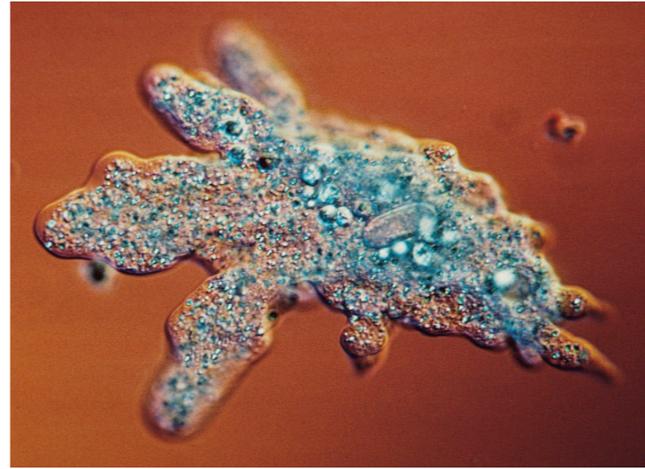
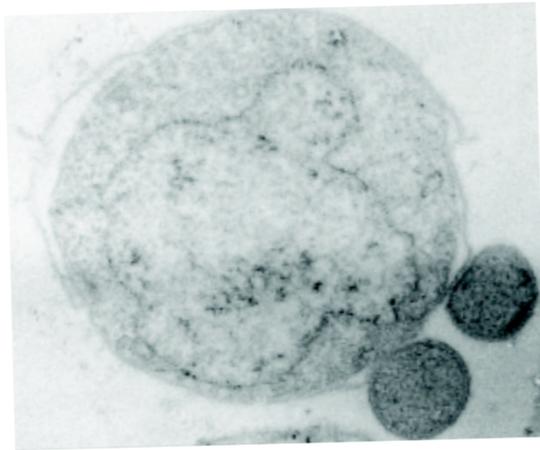
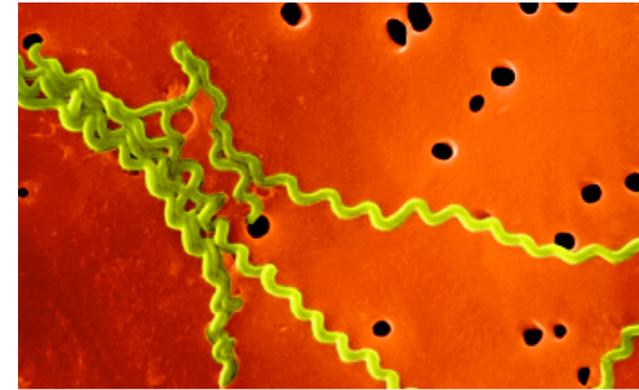
# Microbes 101



- Microbes are small
- But diversity and numbers are very high
- Most are NOT causes of infectious diseases
- Little known about their diversity in most locations



# Diversity of Form



# Diversity of Function

## The Bad



## The Good



## The Unusual



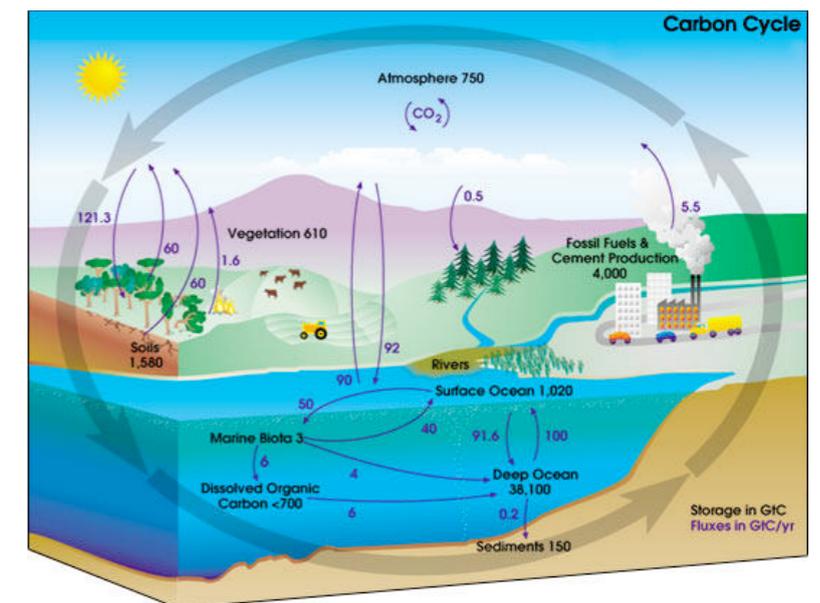
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# Genetic and Evolutionary Diversity



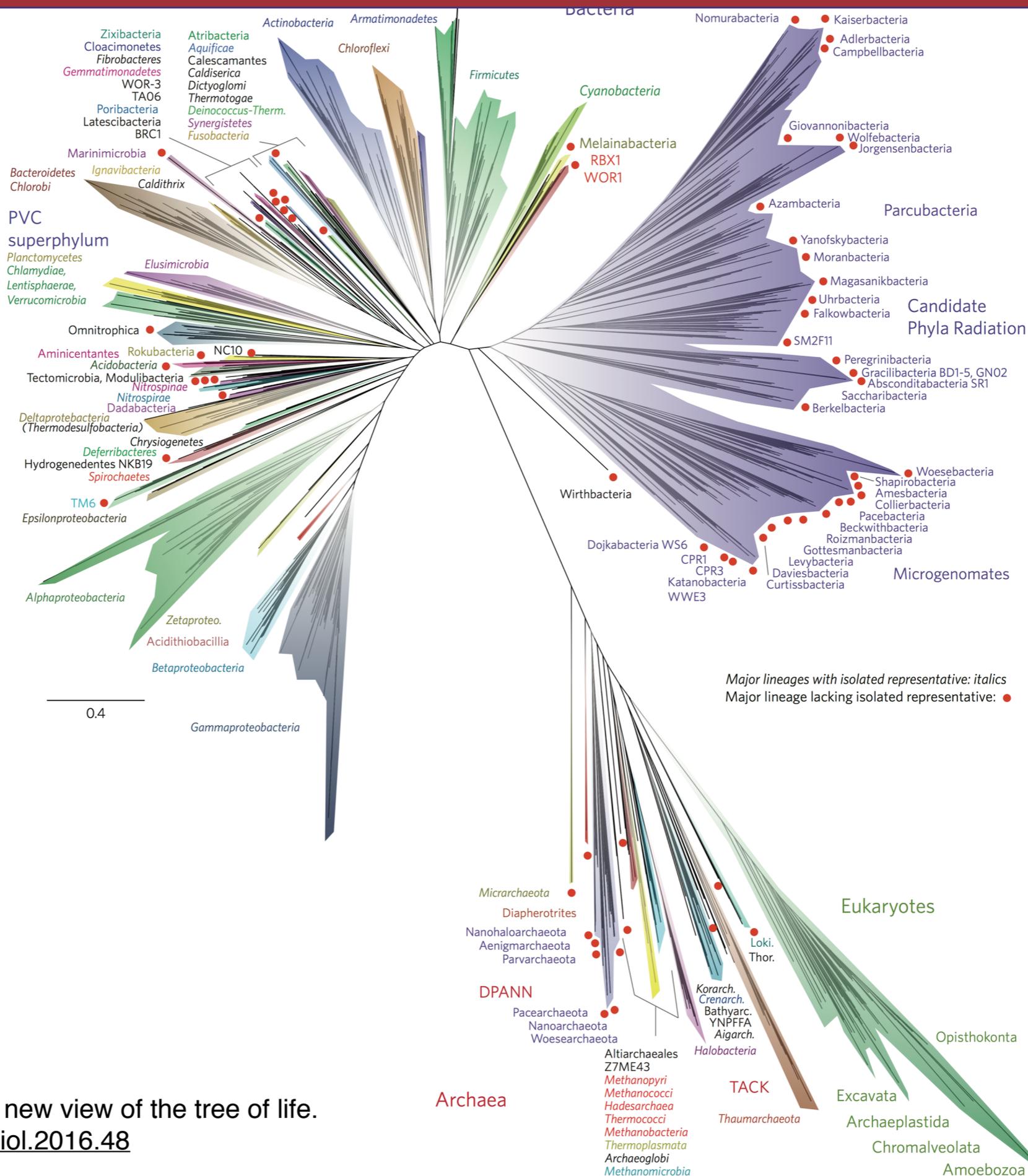
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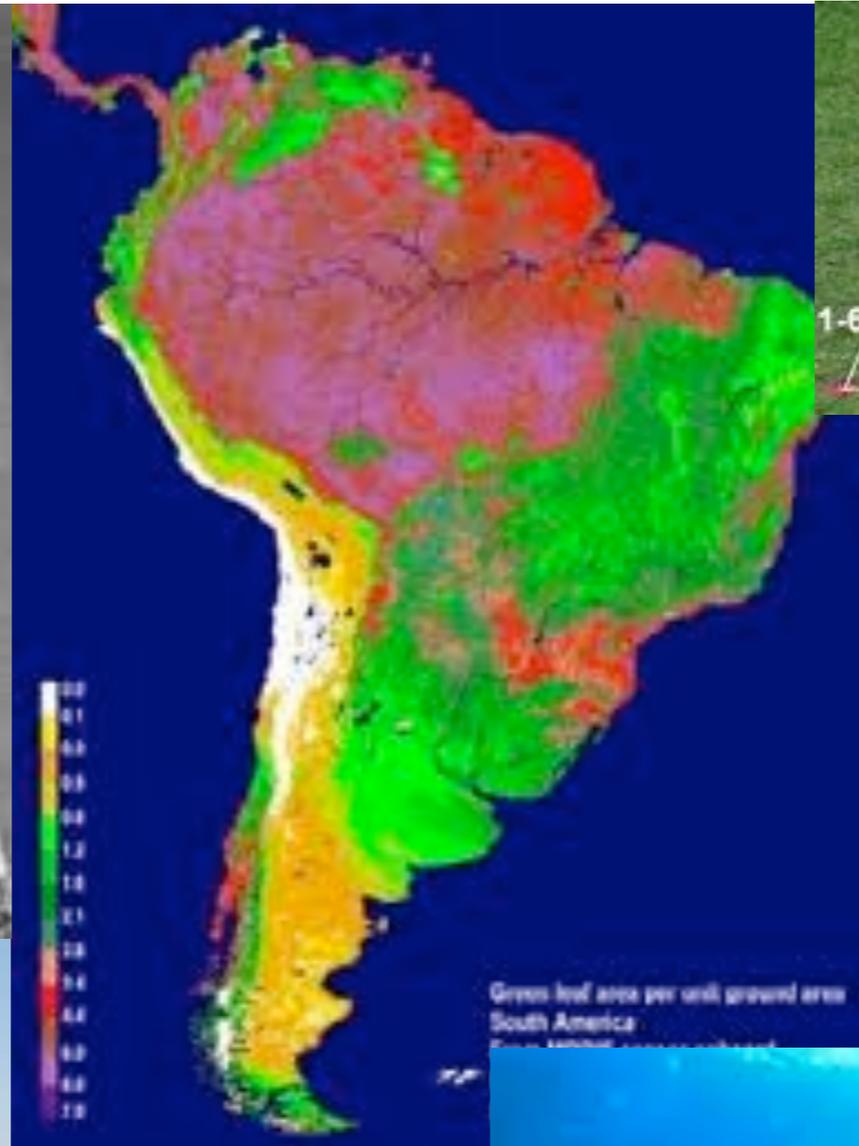
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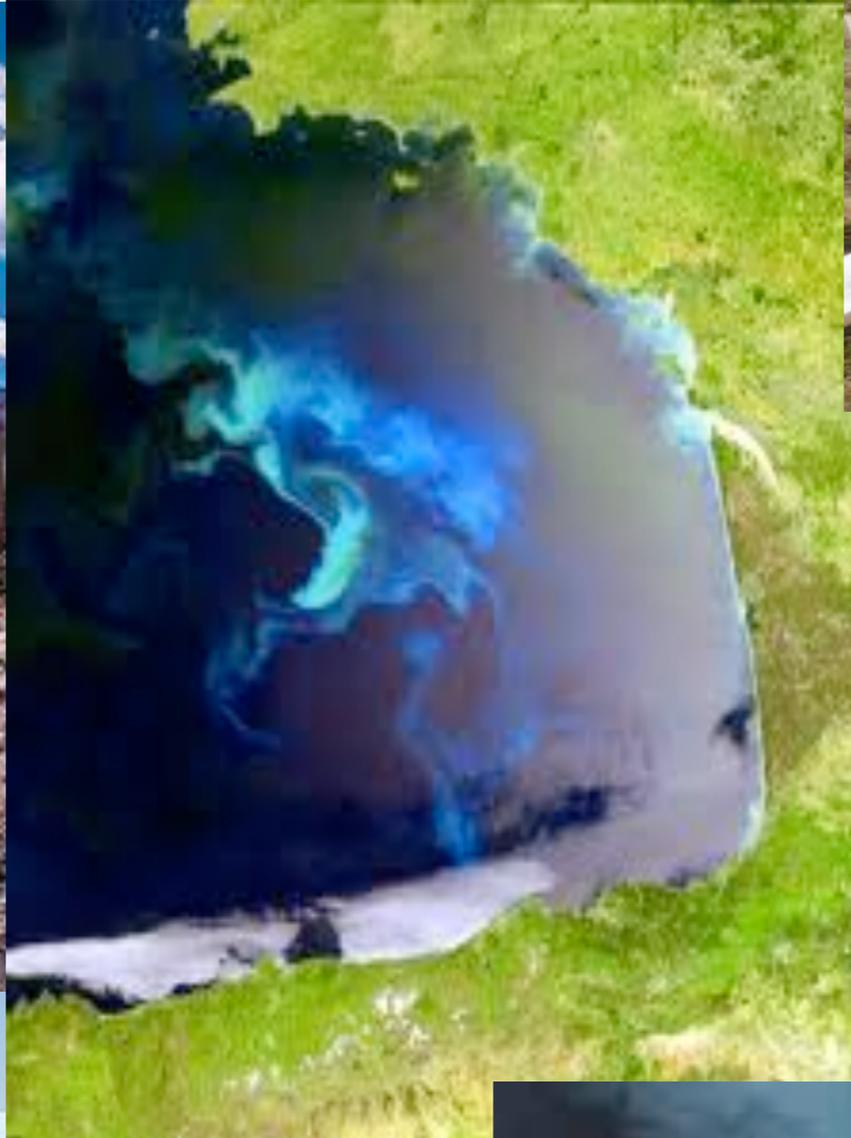


# Studying Microbes

# Field Observations Are Important Tools



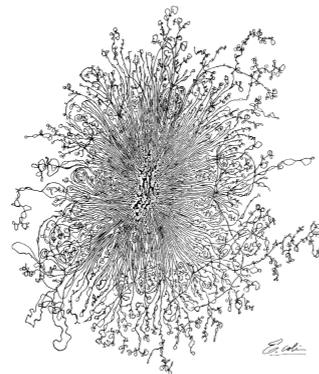
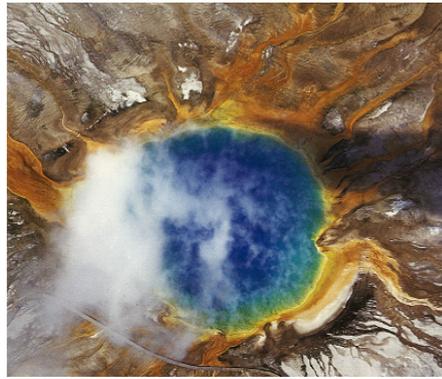
# Field Observations Important in Microbial Studies



# Culturing Microbes



# The Great Plate Count Anomaly



Culturing

**DNA**

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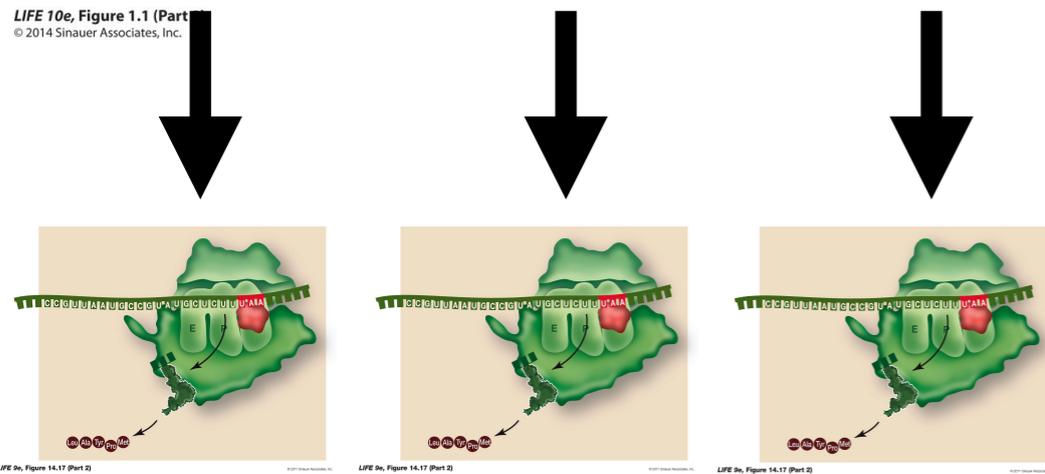
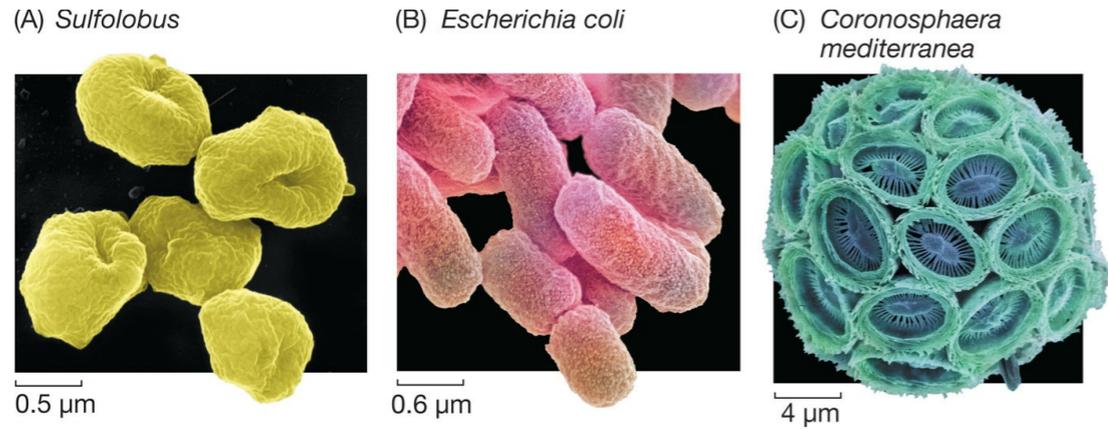


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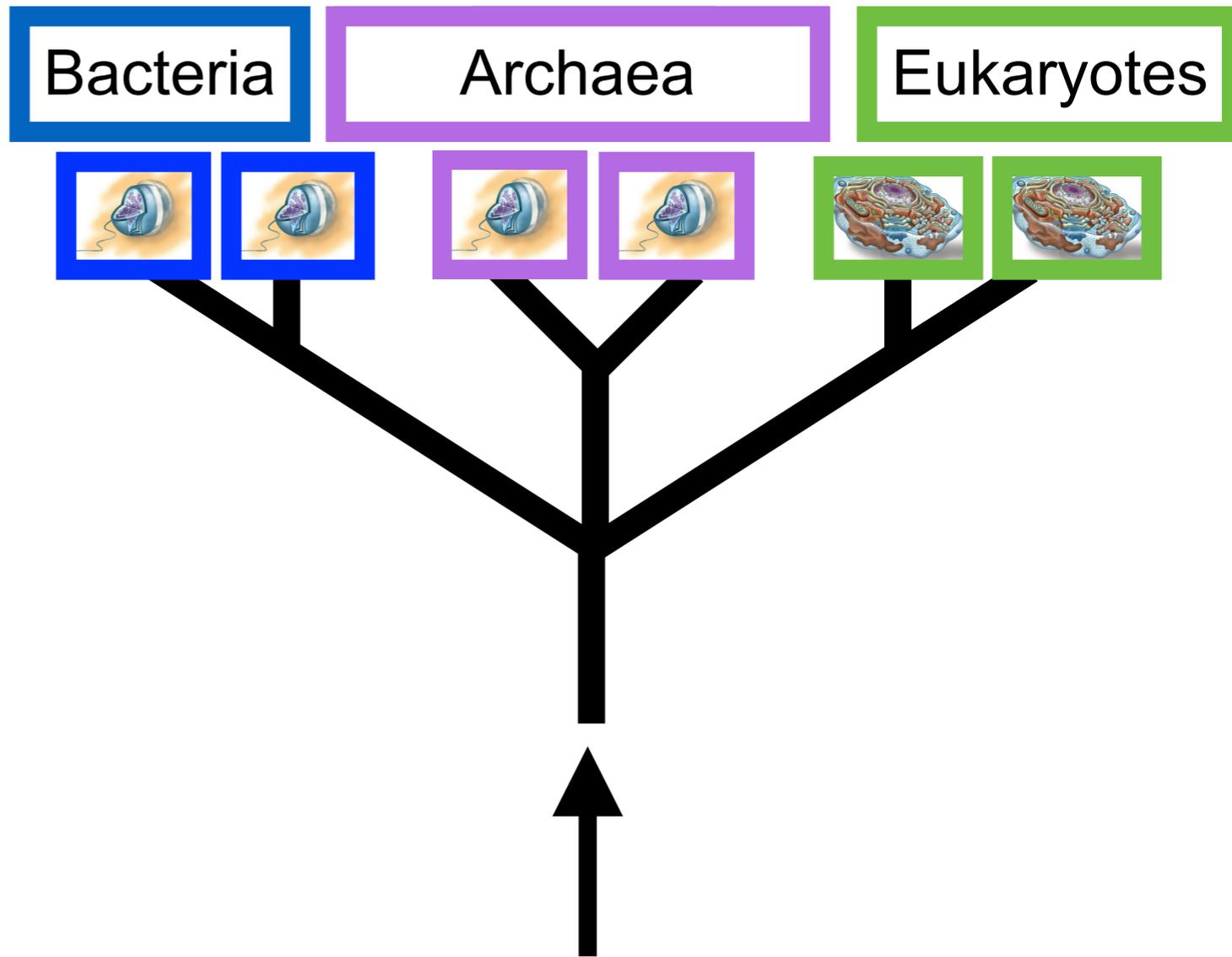
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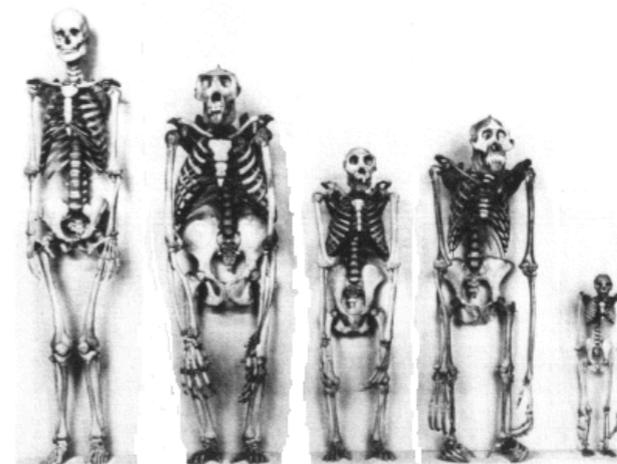
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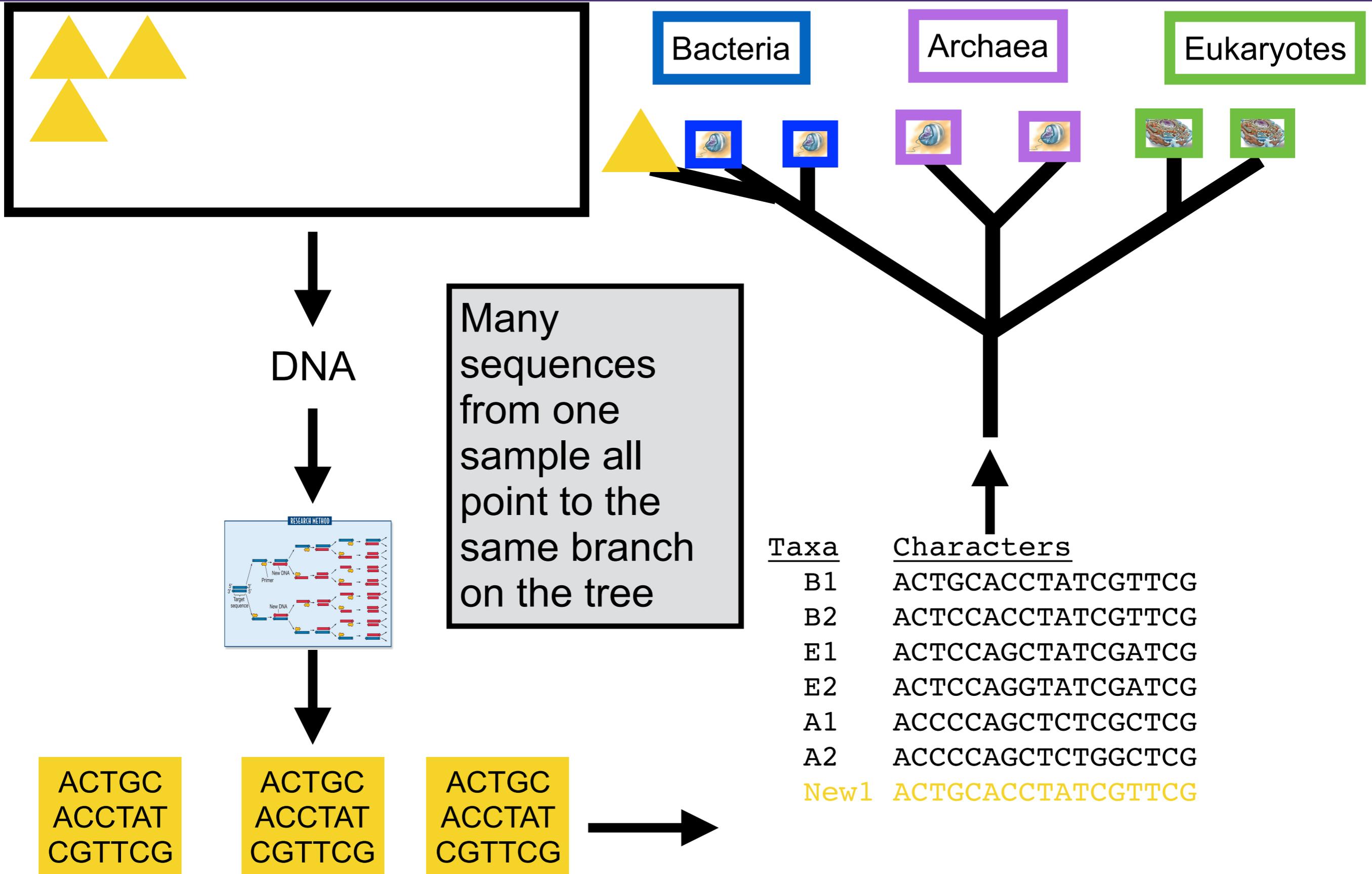
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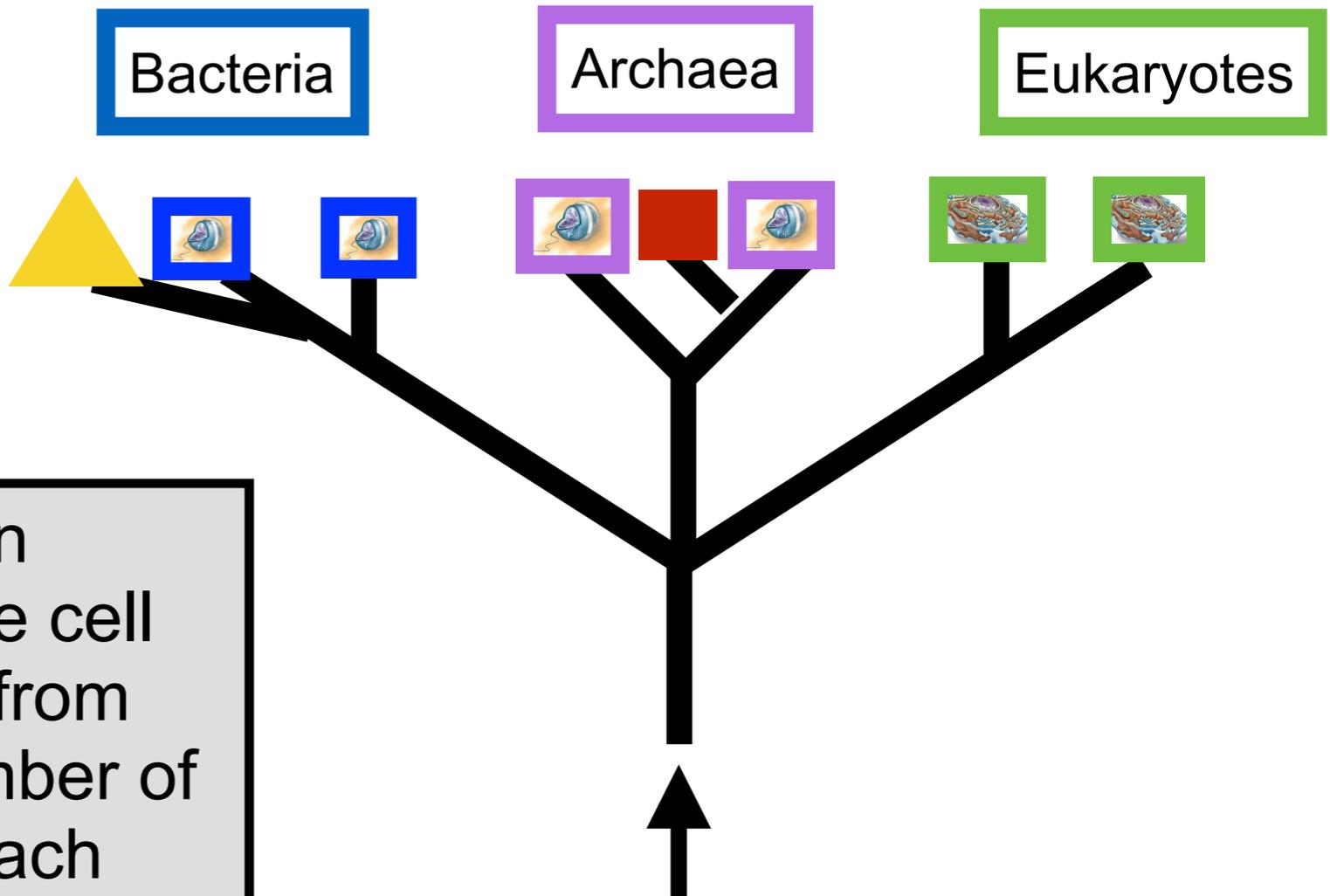
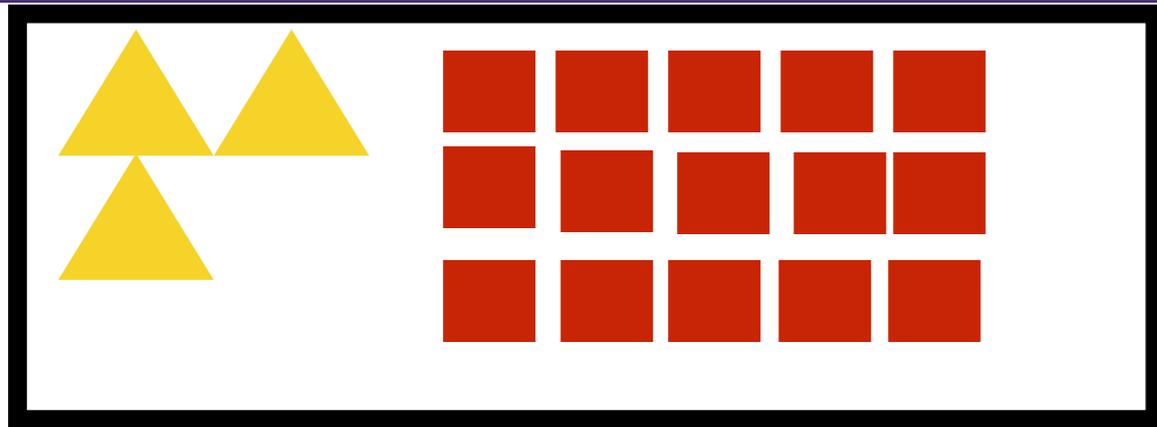


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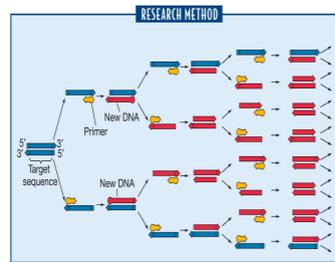
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One can estimate cell counts from the number of times each sequence is seen.

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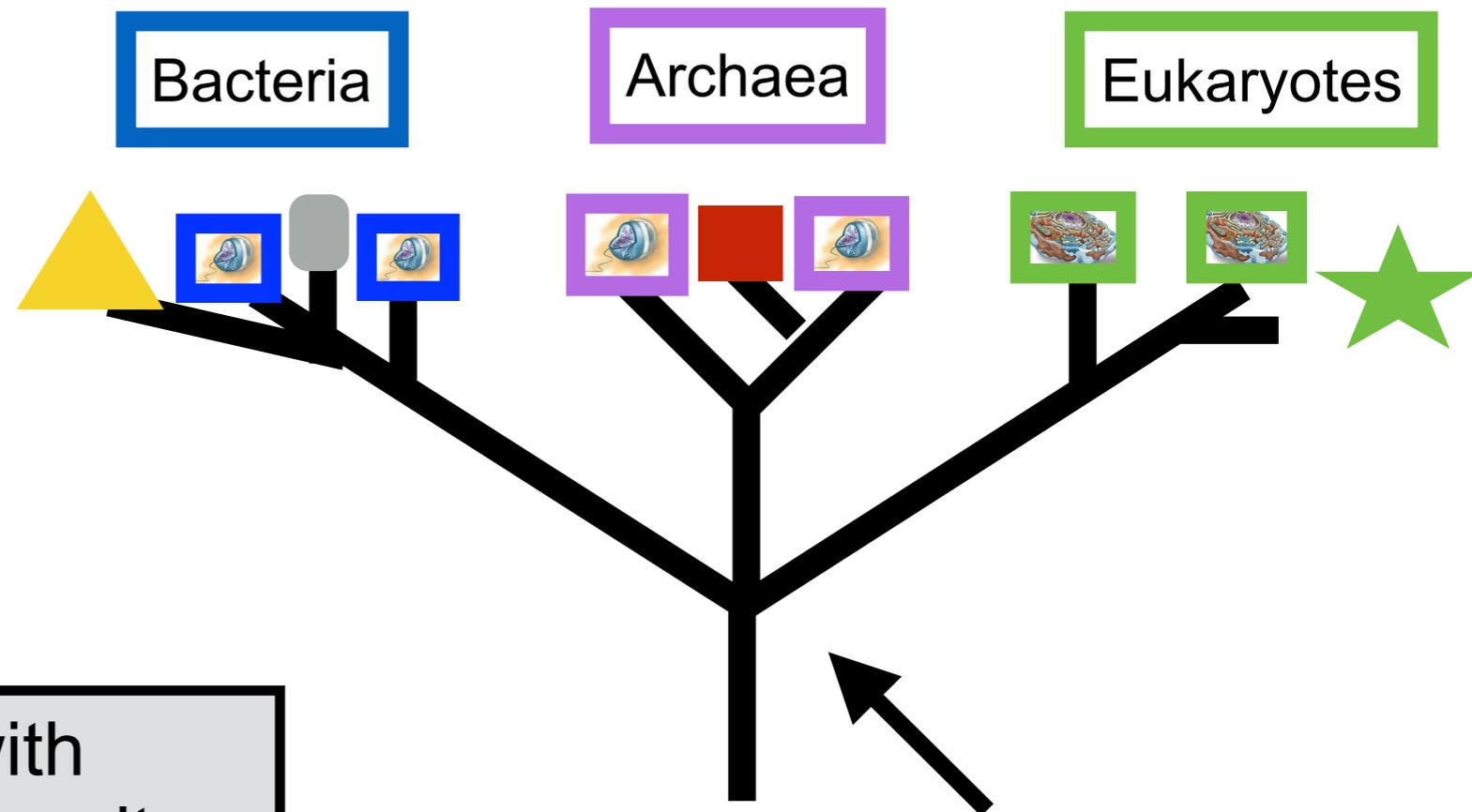
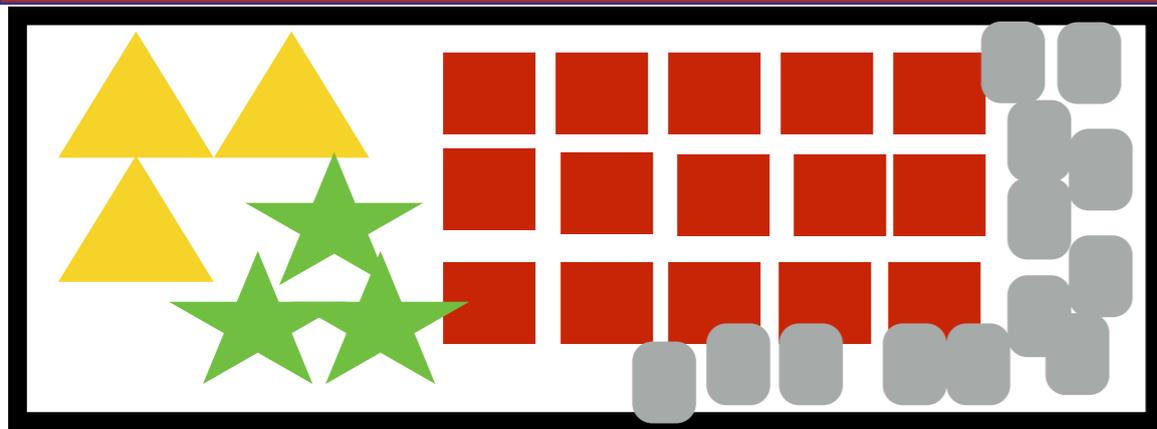
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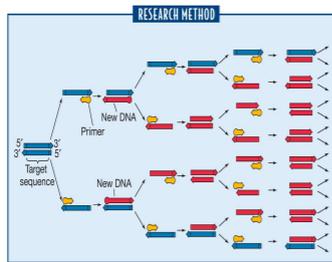
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# DNA and Microbes 2: Uncultured



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Even with more taxa it still works



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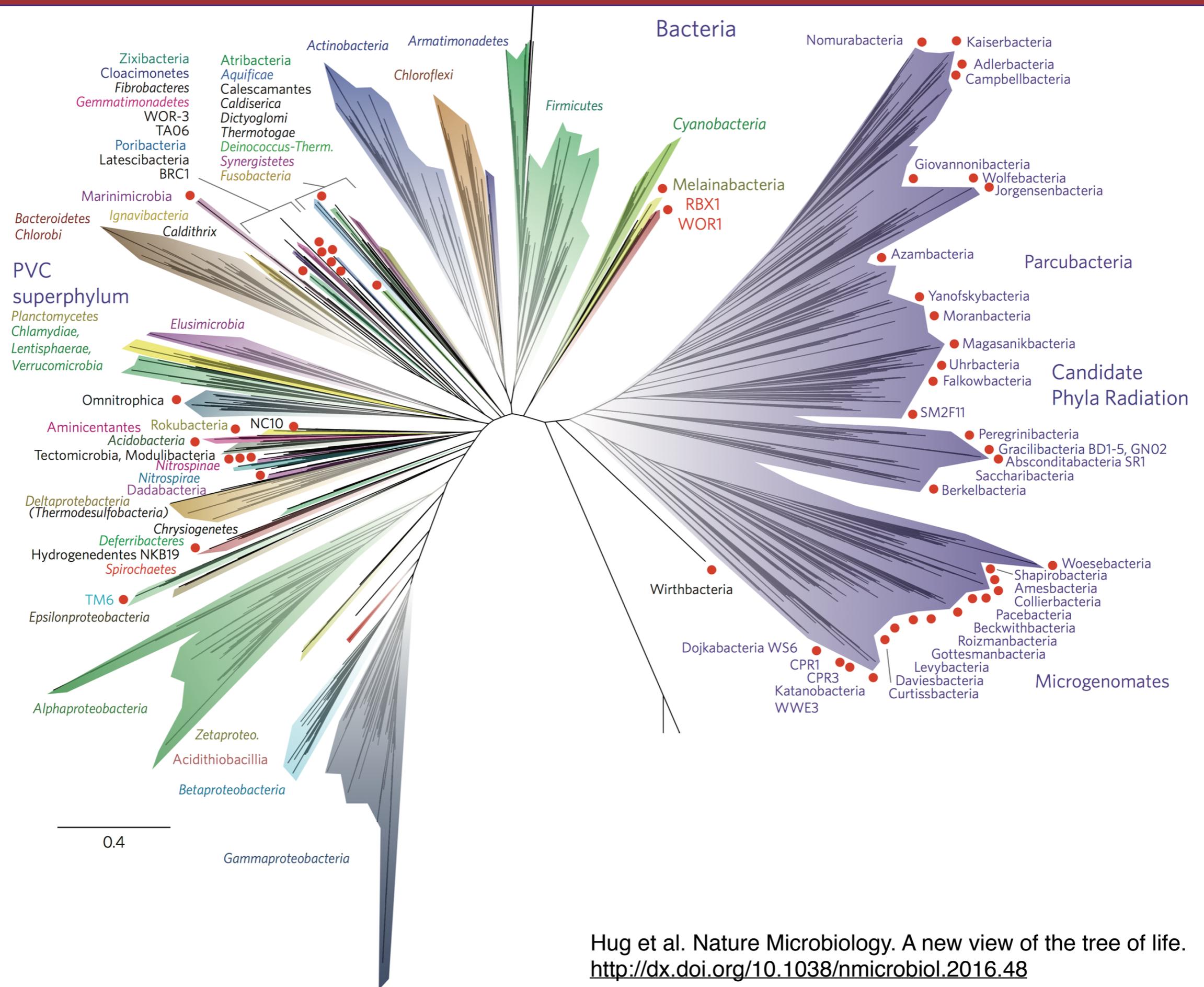
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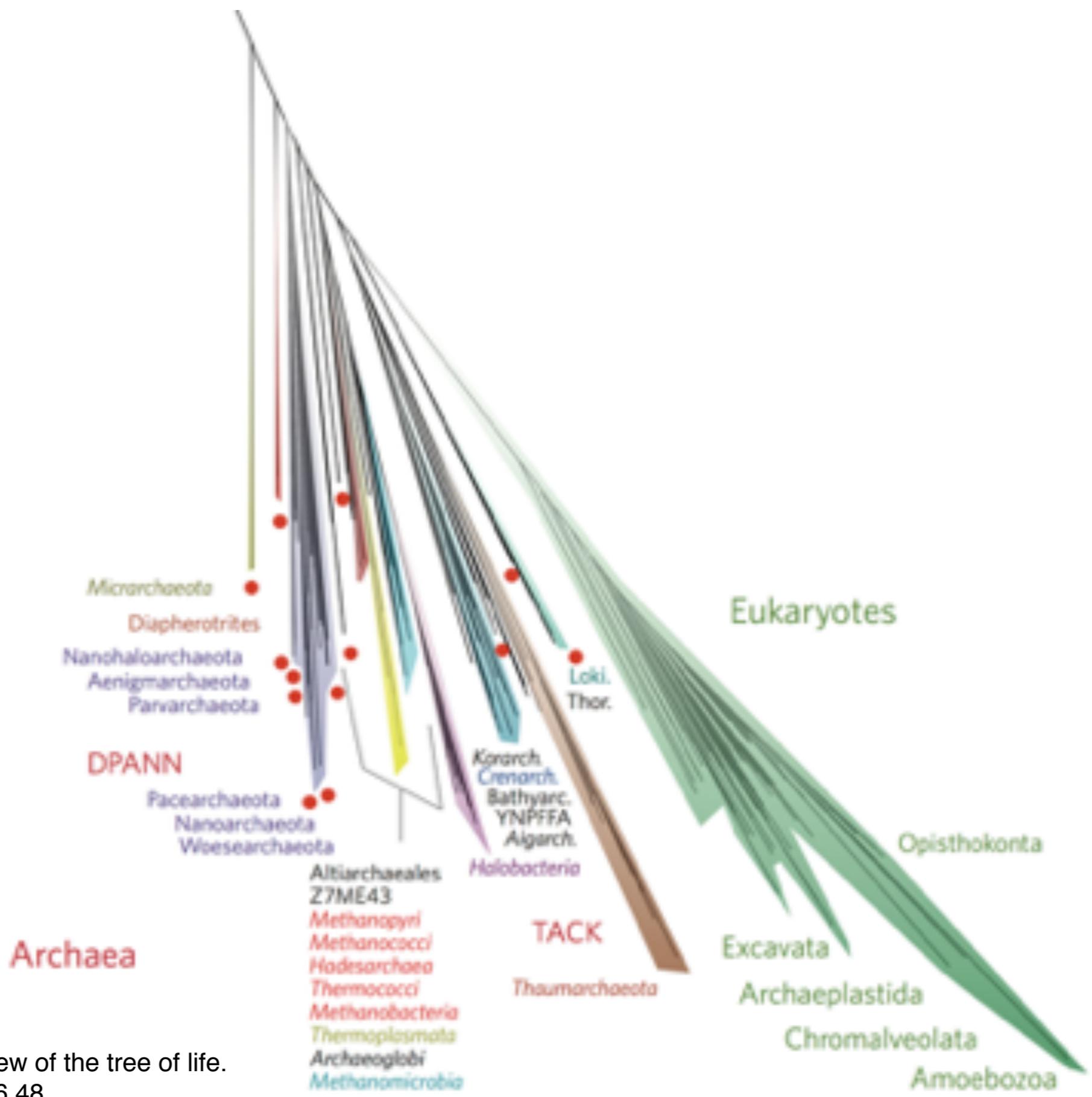


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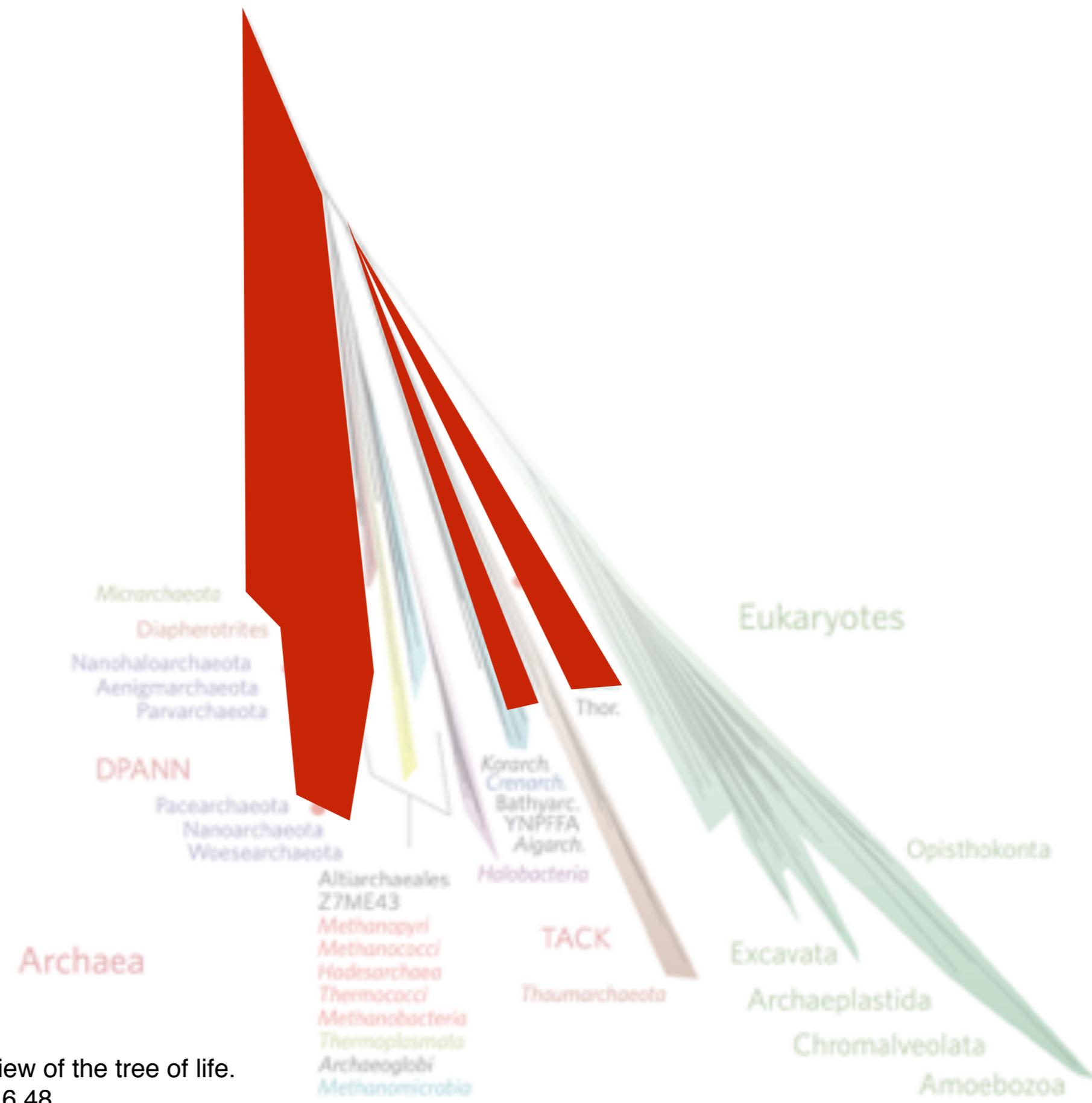






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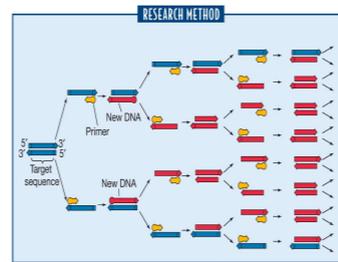
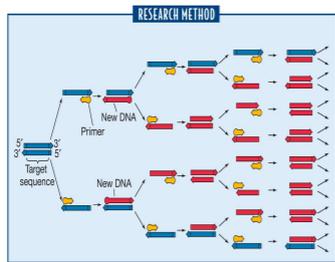
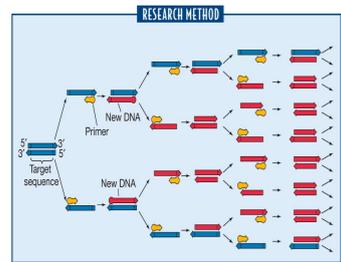
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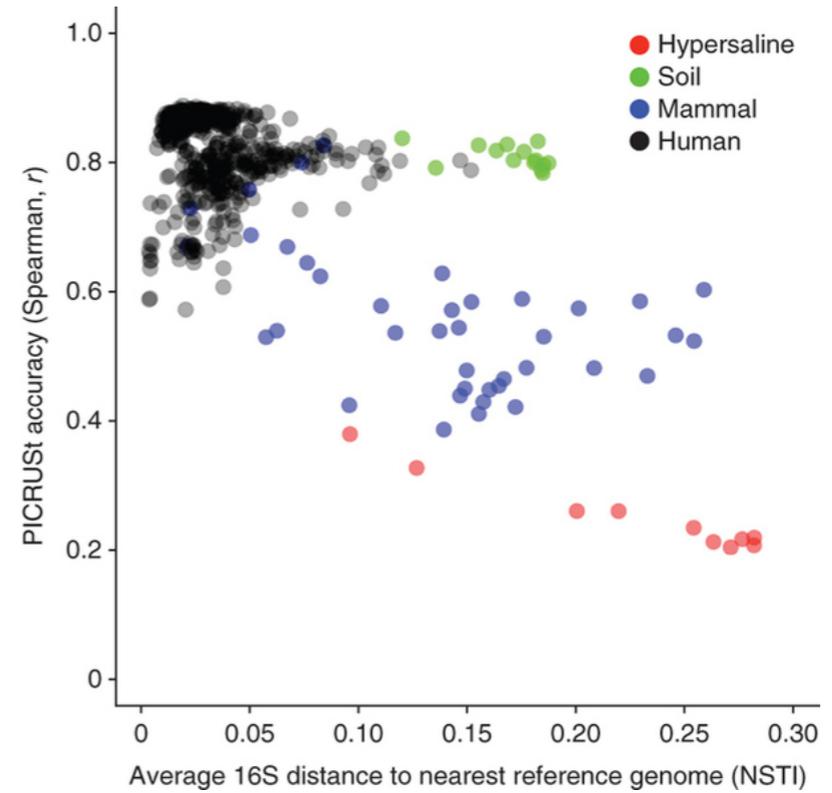
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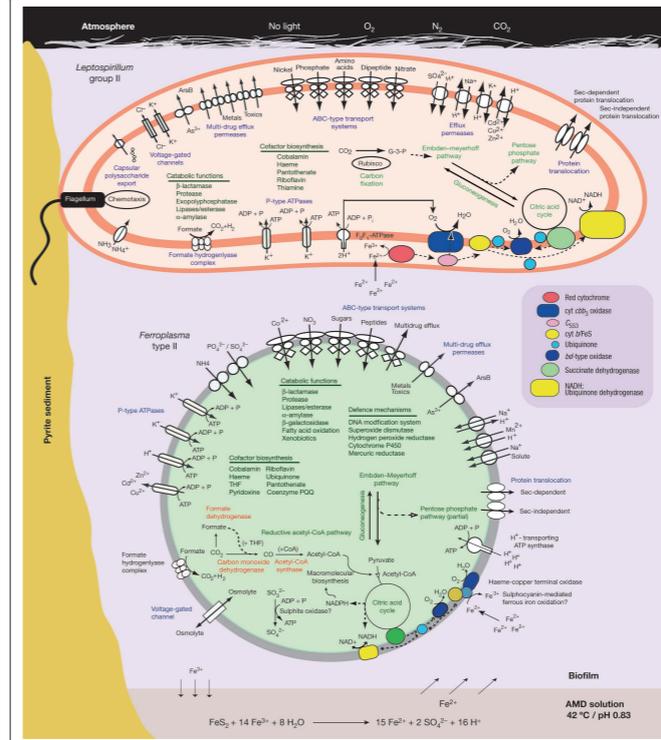
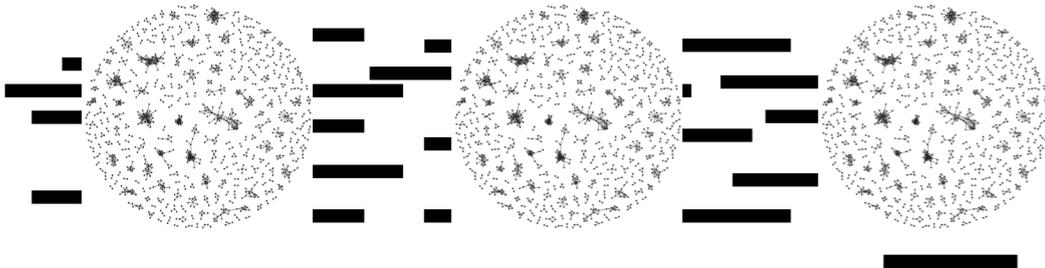


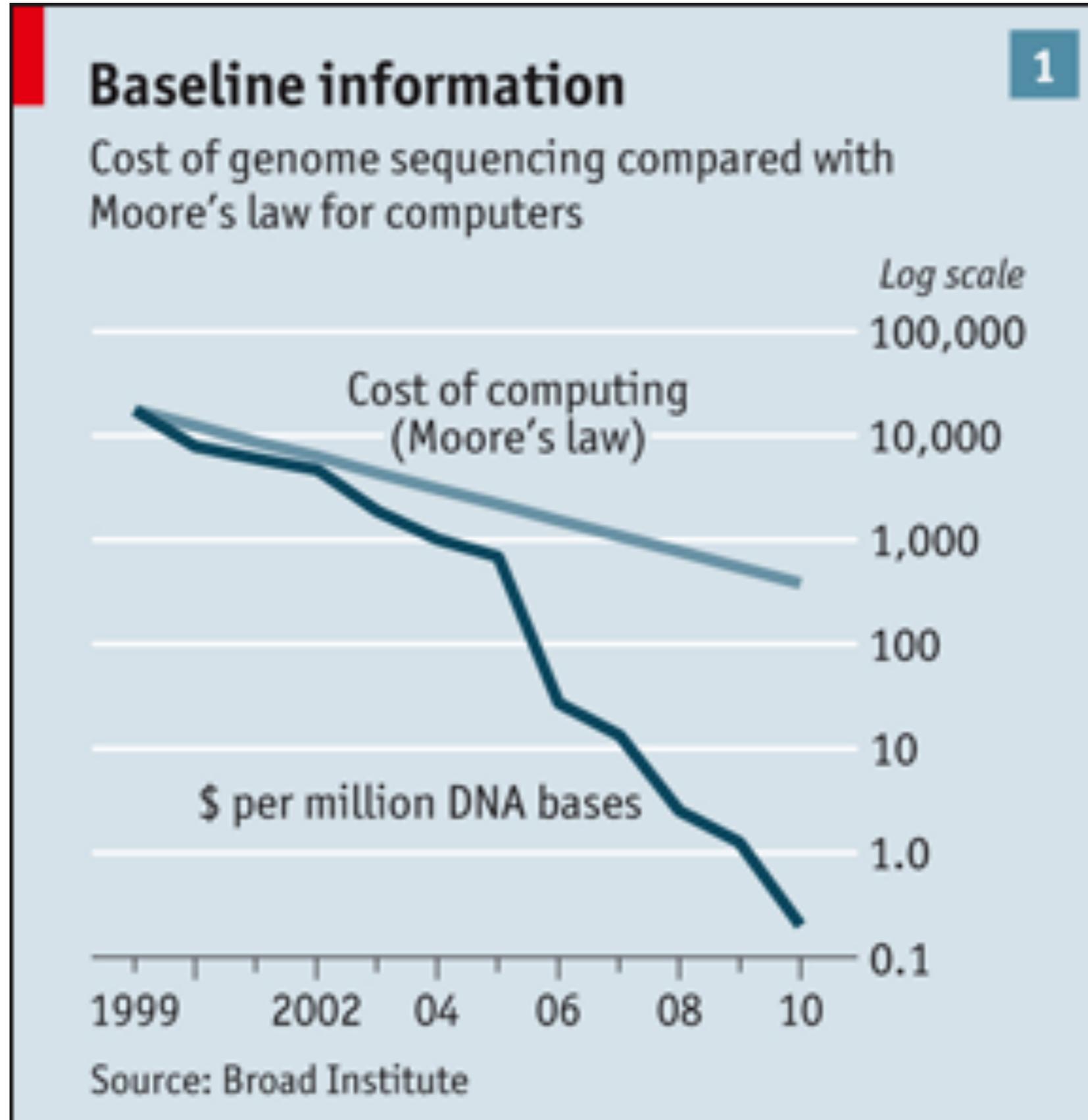
Figure 4 Cell metabolic cartoons constructed from the annotation of 2,180 ORFs identified in the *Leptospirillum* group II genome (83% with putative assigned function) and 1,931 ORFs in the *Ferroplasma* type II genome (58% with assigned function). The cell cartoons are shown within a biofilm that is attached to the surface of an acid mine drainage stream (viewed in cross-section). Tight coupling between ferrous iron oxidation, pyrite dissolution and acid generation is indicated. Rubisco, ribulose 1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase-oxygenase. THF, tetrahydrofolate.

Taxa

Characters

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
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| B2   | ACTCCACCTATCGTTTCG |
| E1   | ACTCCAGCTATCGATCG  |
| E2   | ACTCCAGGTATCGATCG  |
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| A2   | ACCCAGCTCTGGCTCG   |
| New1 | ACCCAGCTCTGCCTCG   |
| New2 | AGGGGAGCTCTGCCTCG  |
| New3 | ACTCCAGCTATCGATCG  |
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# Sequencing Has Gone Crazy



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# Microbiome and Function

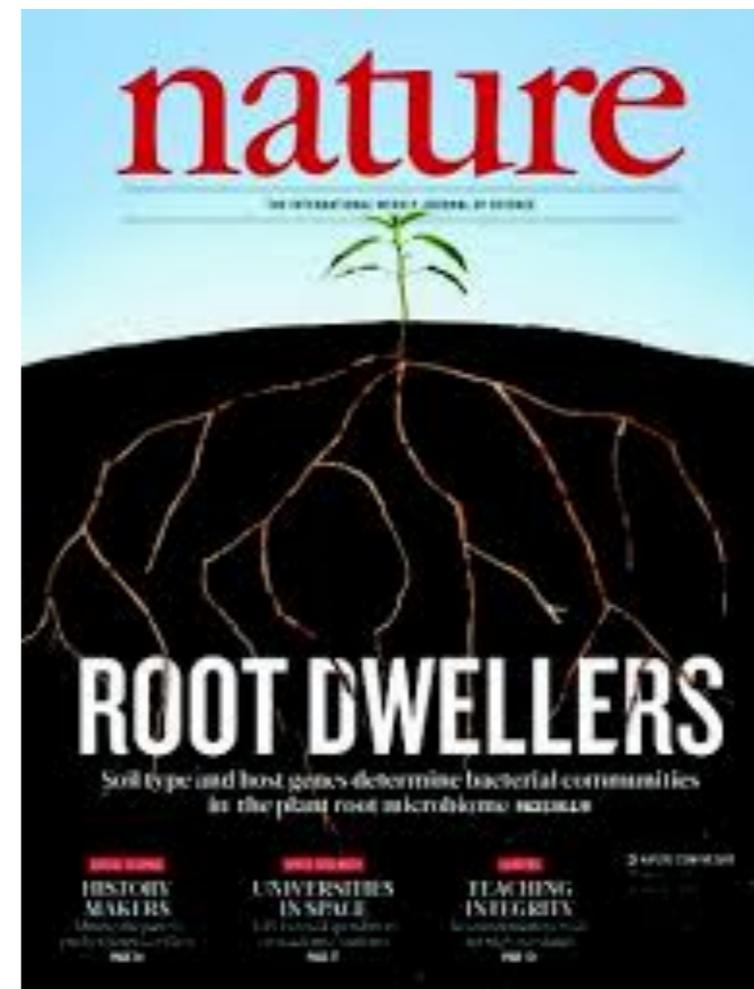
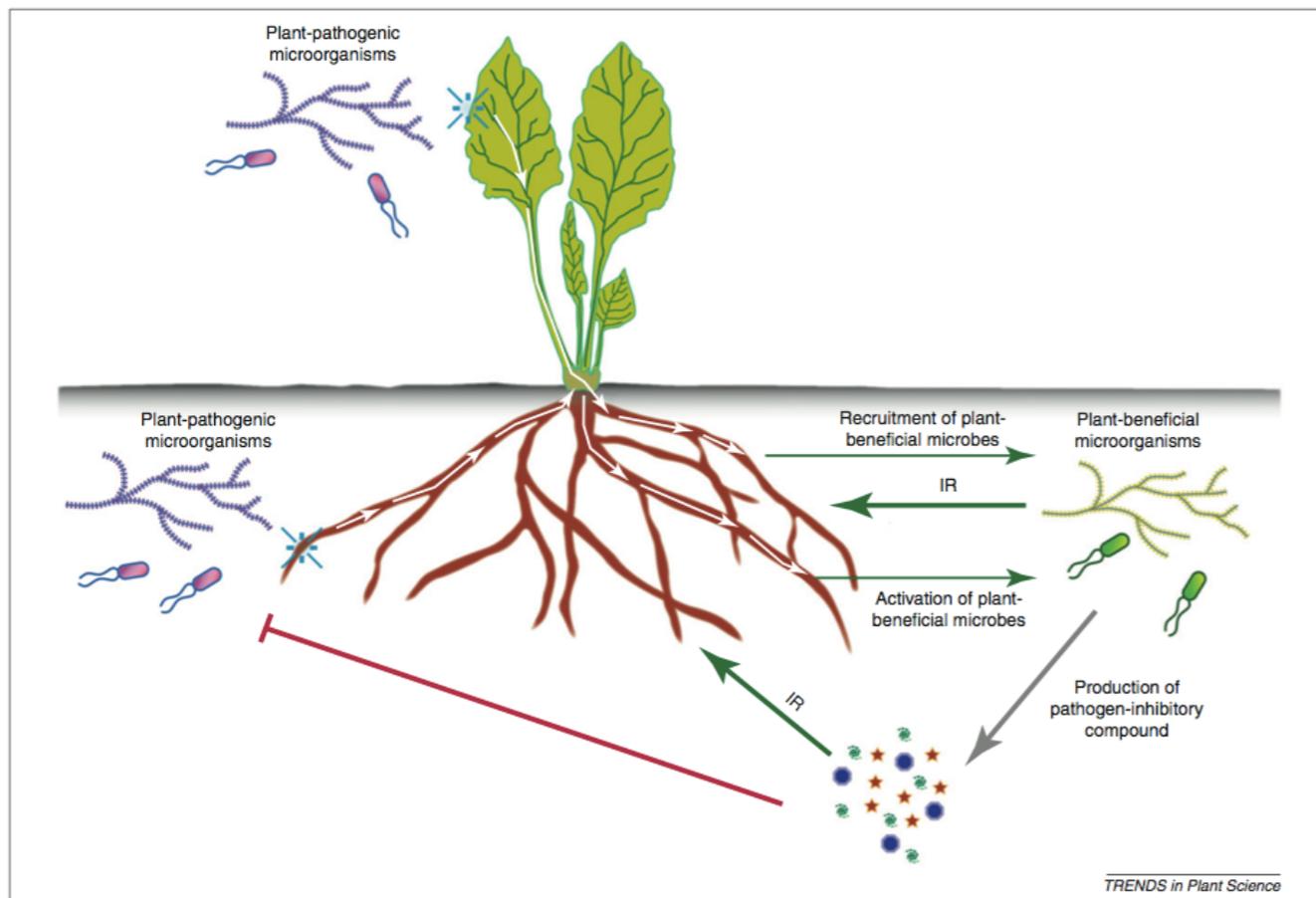


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# Asthma, Dust, Dogs and Microbiomes

## Research Shows How Household Dogs Protect Against Asthma, Infection

Study Led by UCSF, U Michigan Scientists Points to Changes in Gut Microbes

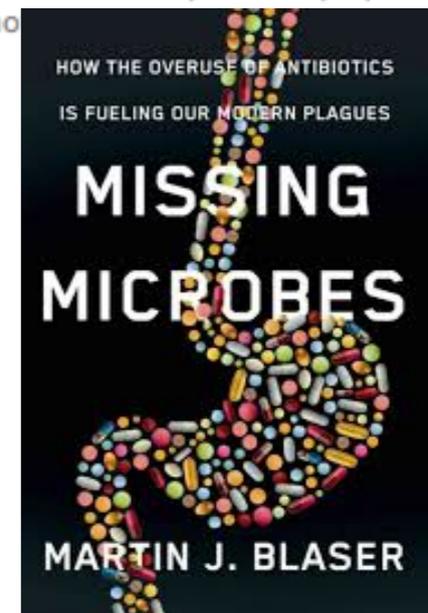
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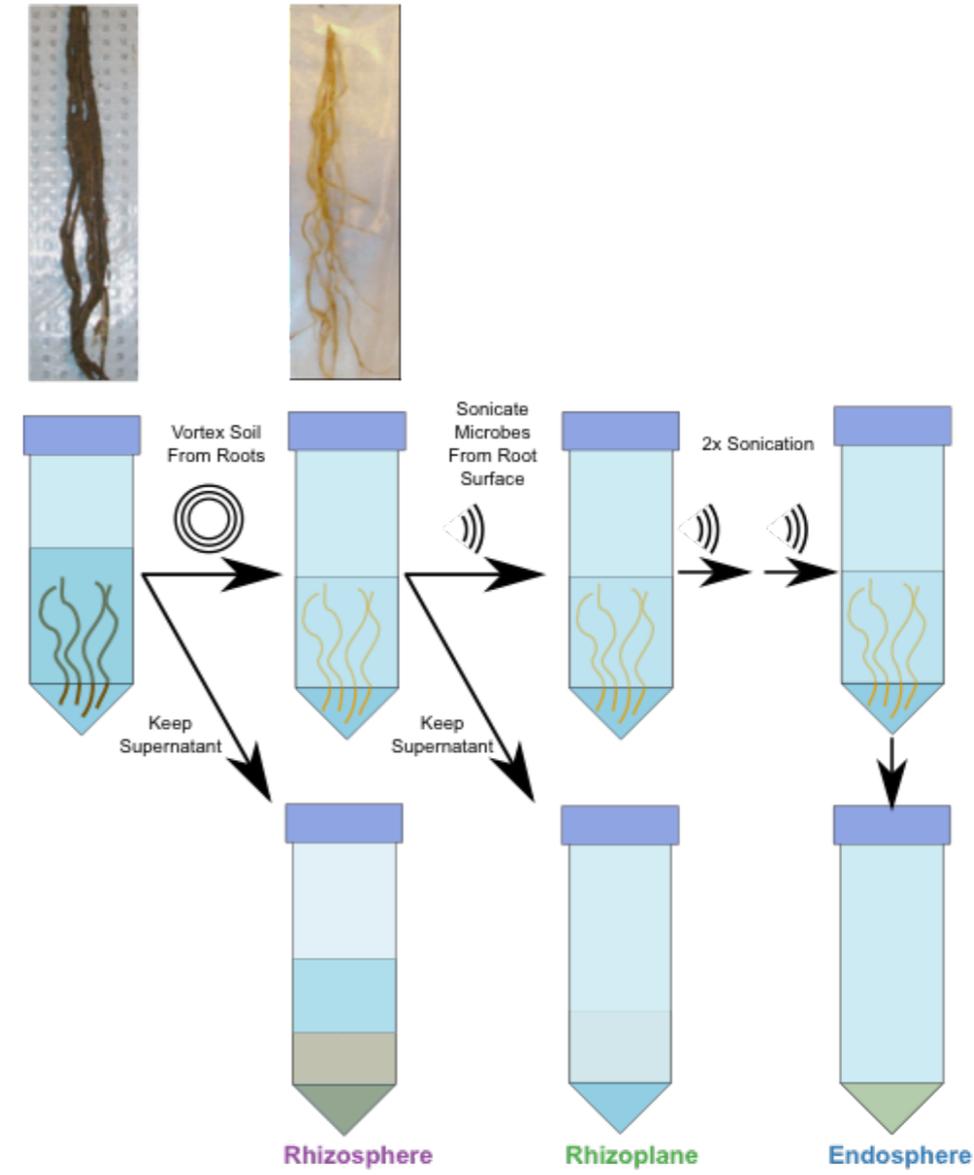
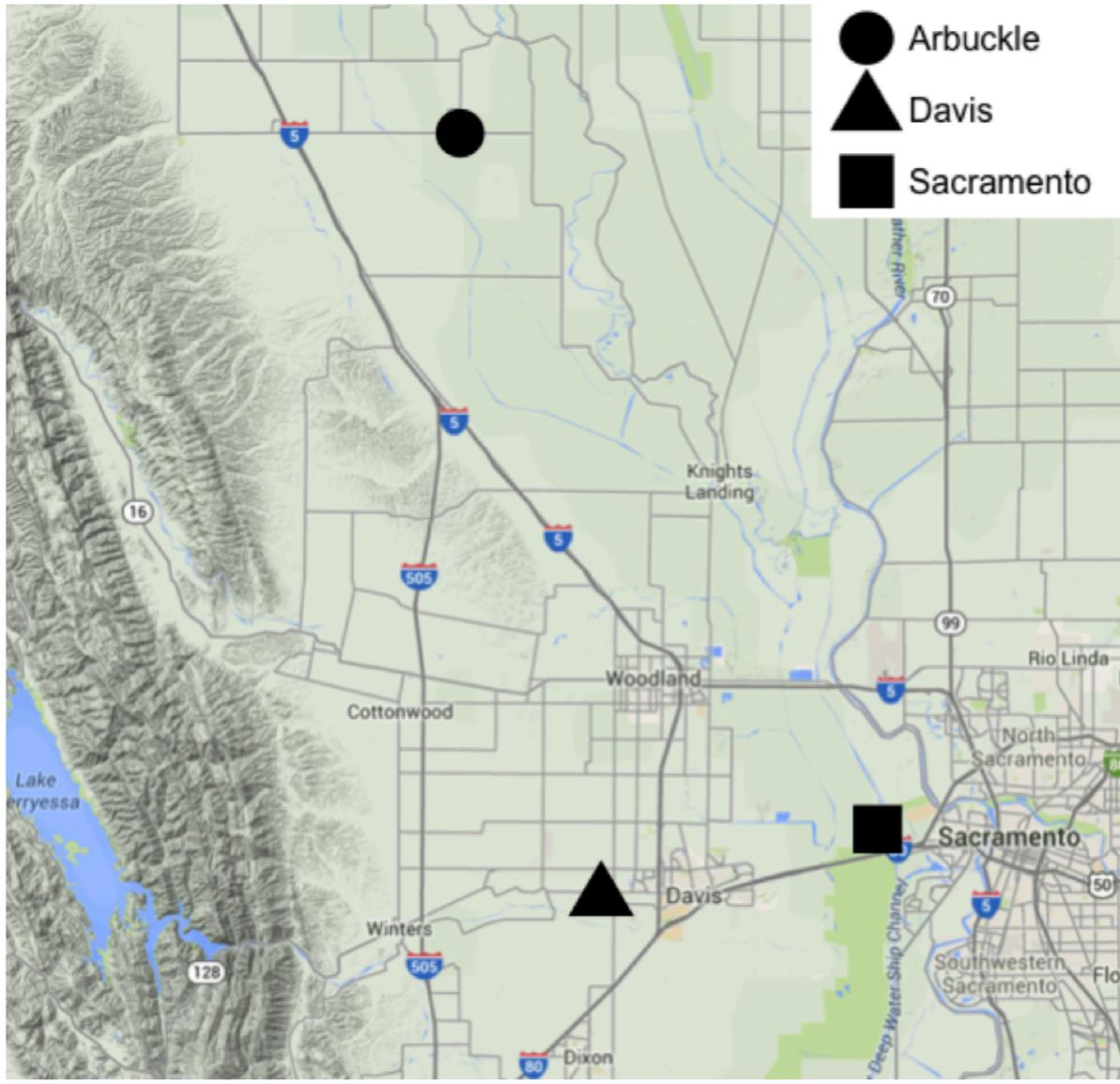
A boy and his dog: How sweet it is and healthy, too! Young Guthrie, who is learning to talk, calls Annie "Good Girl" because everyone keeps praising Annie for being such a "good girl." Courtesy photo



# Microbiome Functions

- Pathogen resistance
- Nutrient acquisition
- Stress resistance
  - Drought
  - Temperature
  - Salinity
- General vigor and yield
- Food quality
  - Spoilage
  - Storage
  - Flavors
  - Nutrients

# Example: Rice Microbiome

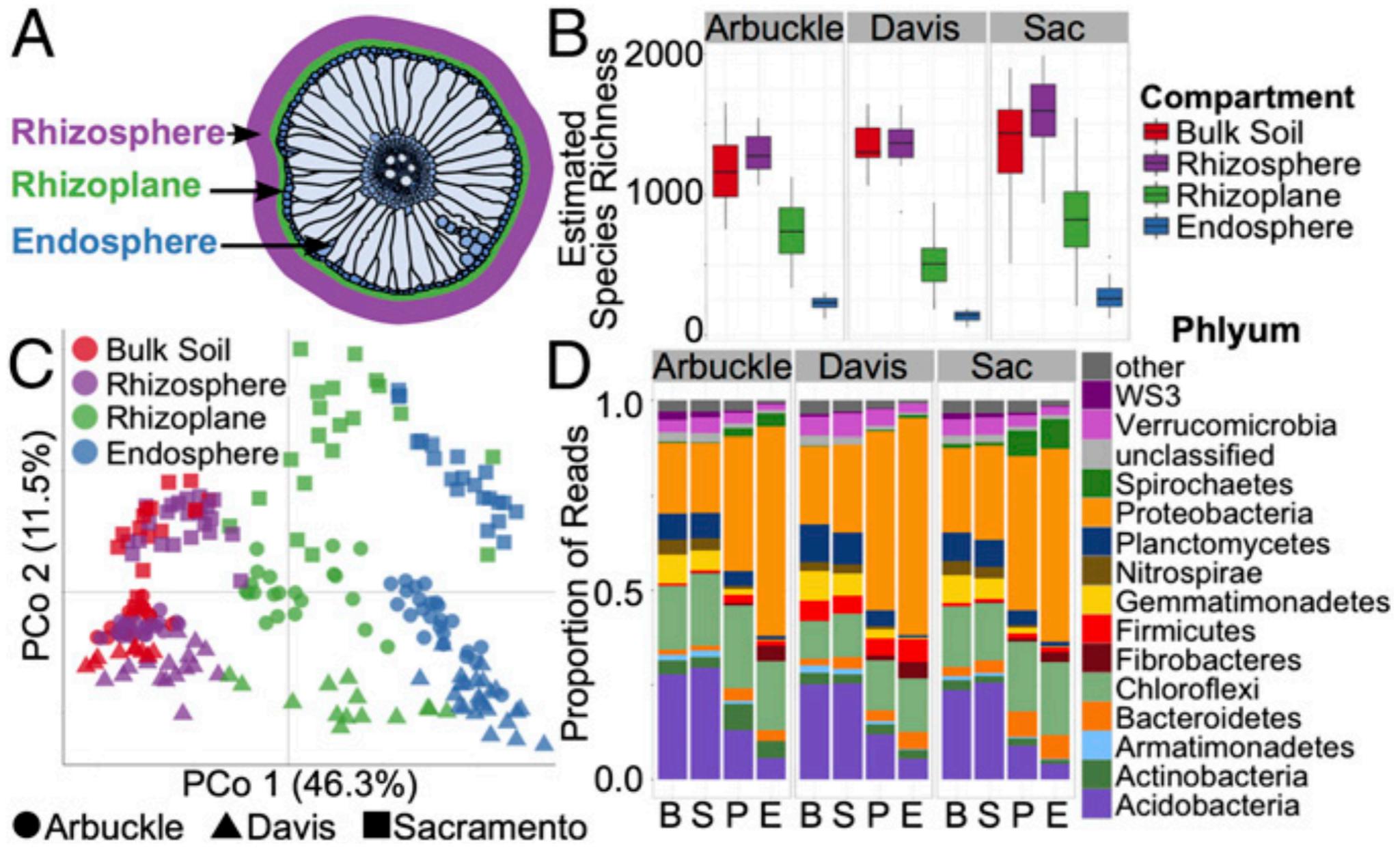


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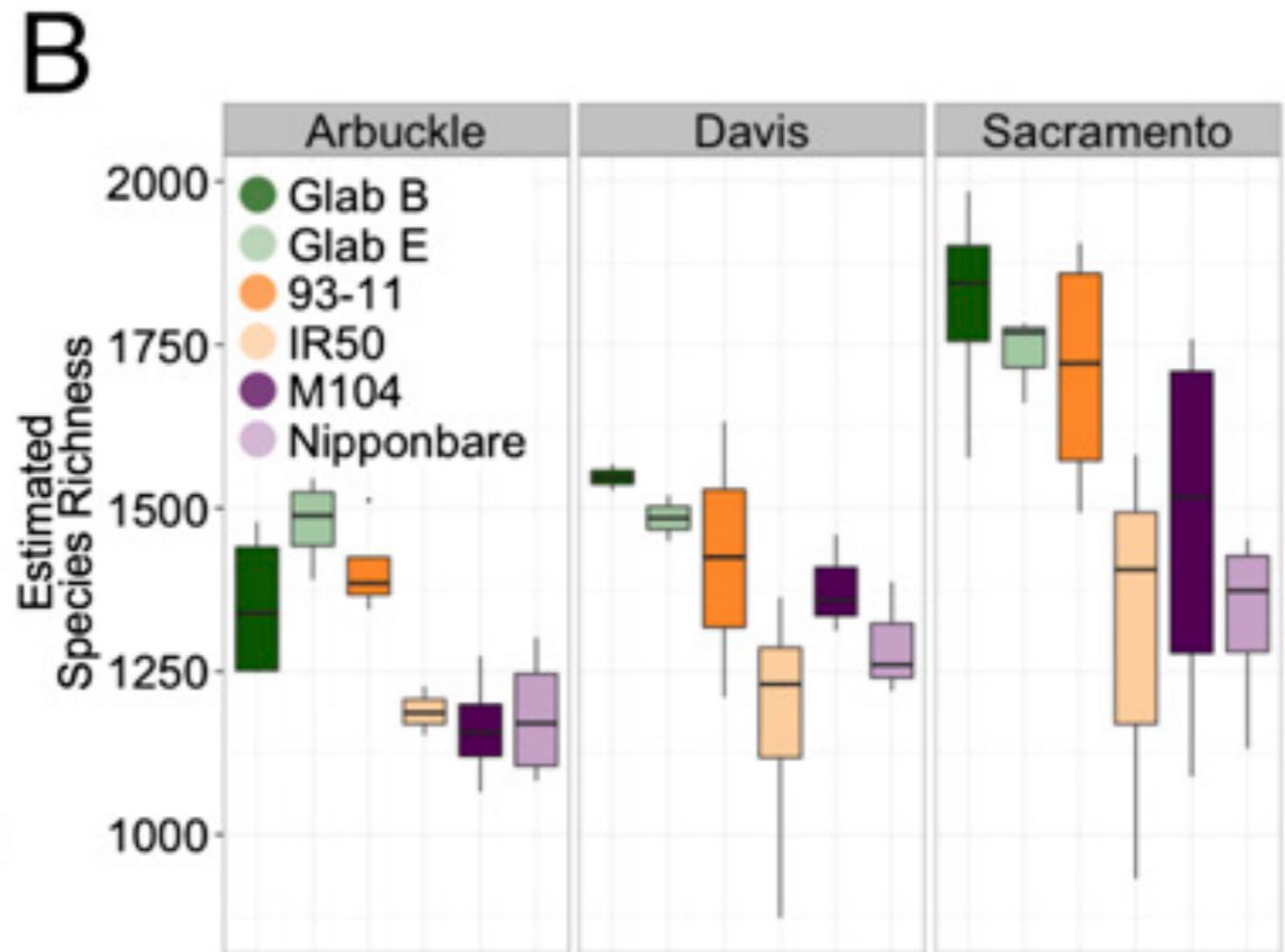
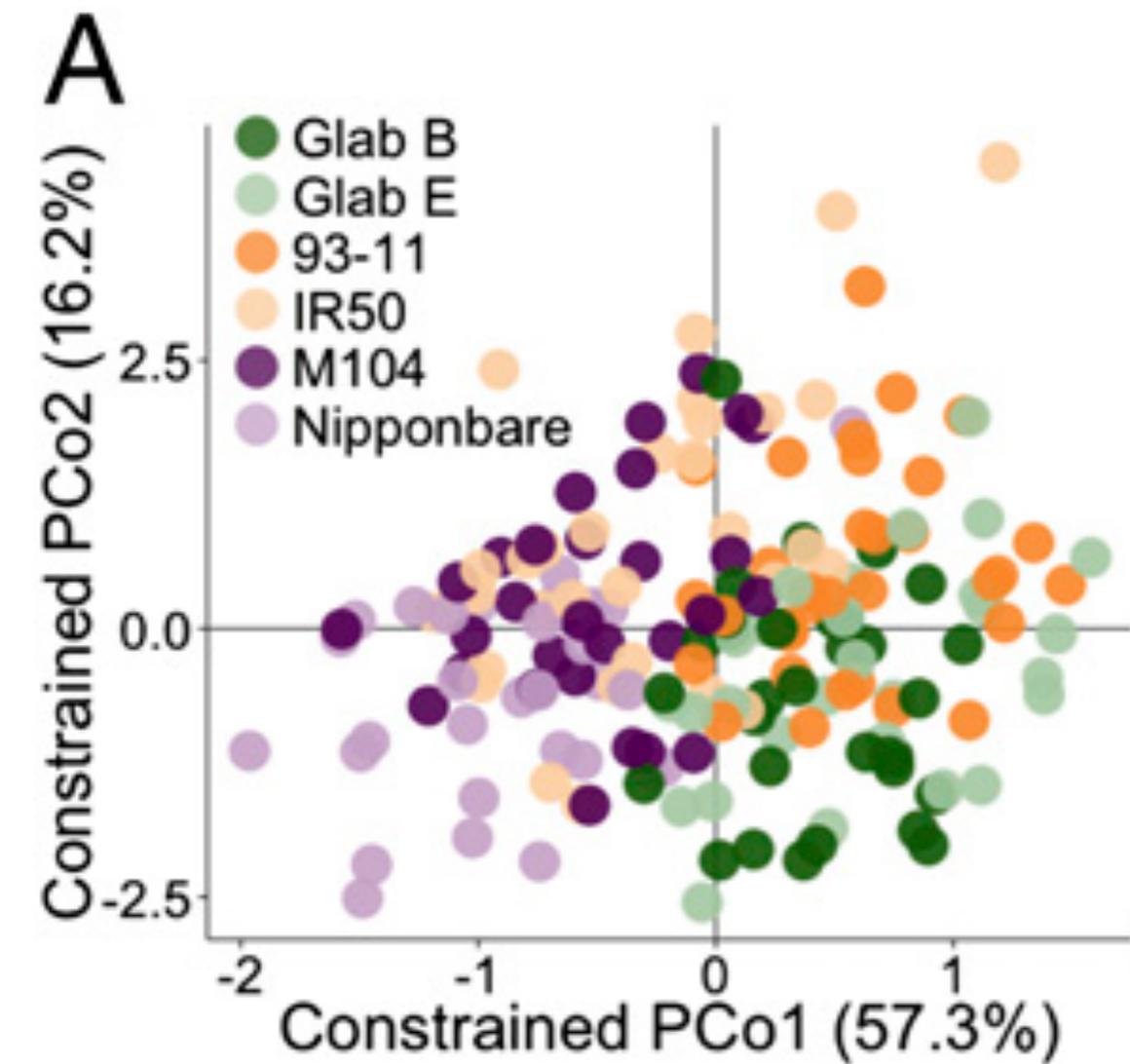
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# Rice Microbiome Variation Within Plants



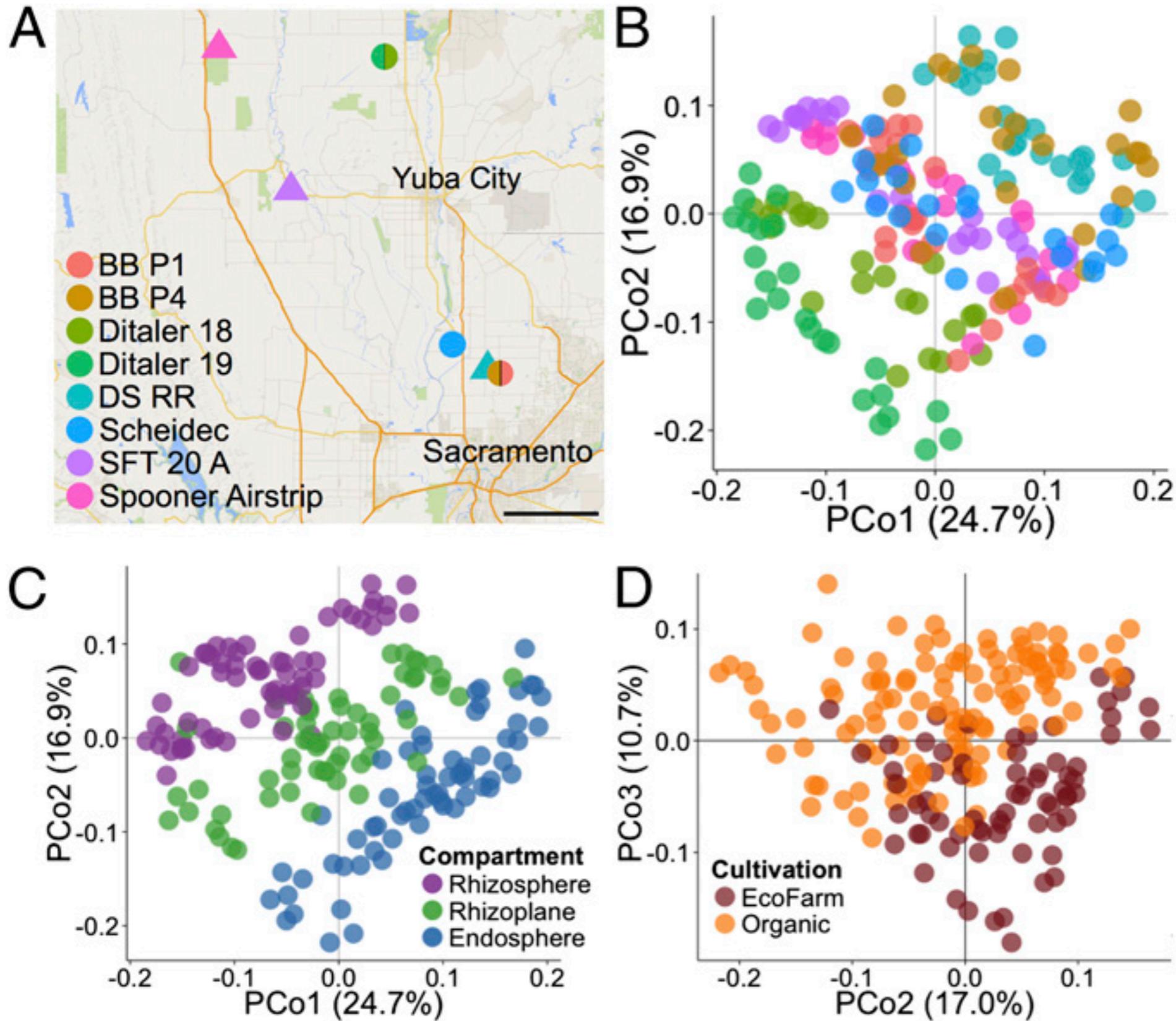
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# Rice Genotype Affects Microbiome



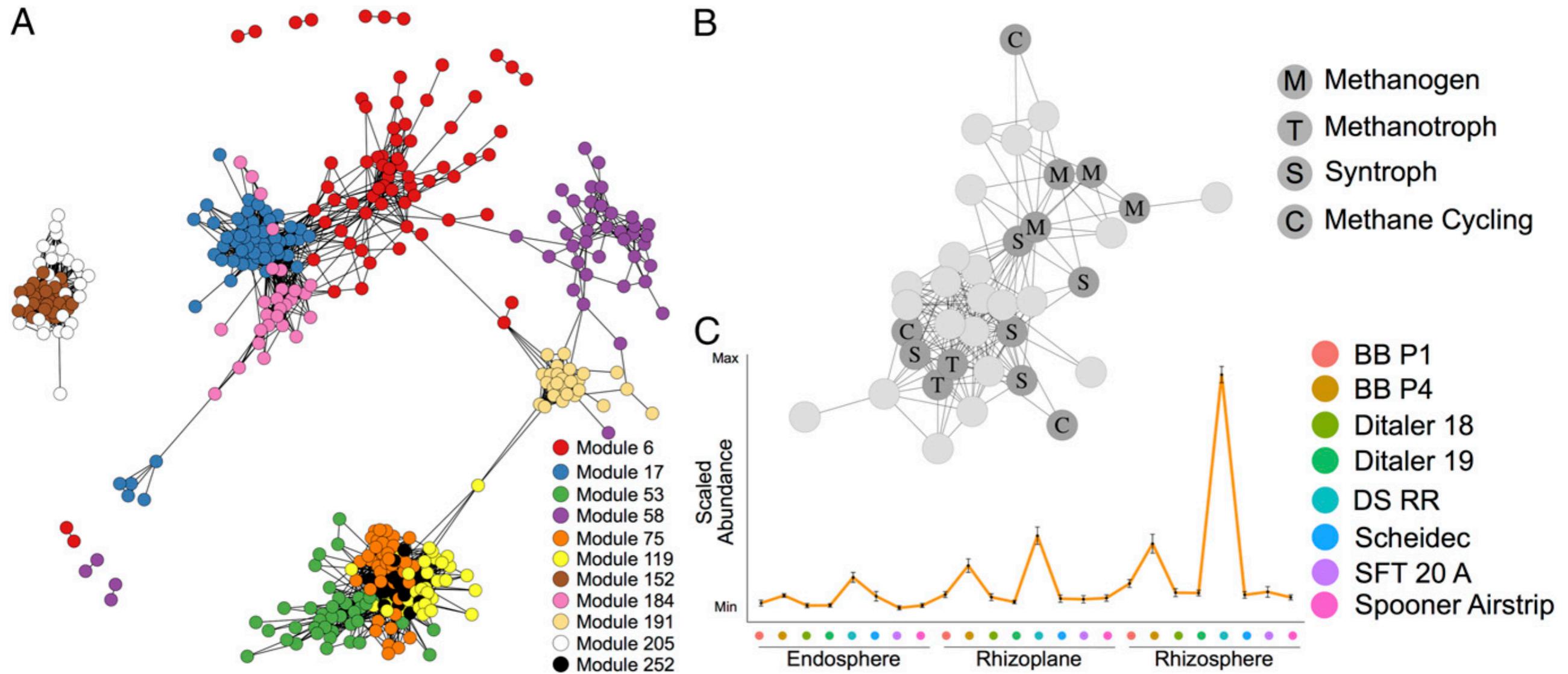
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# Rice: Cultivation Site Effects



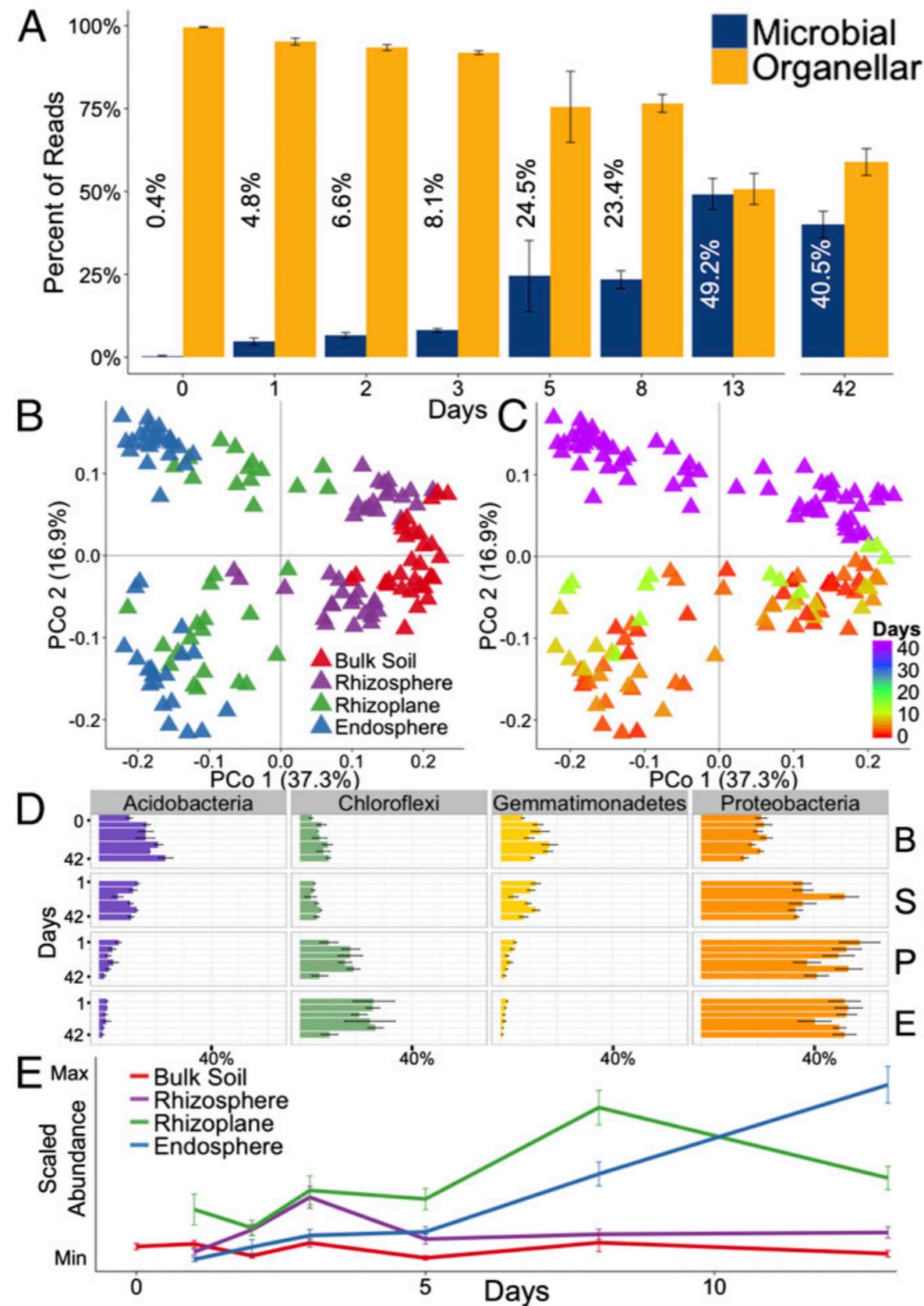
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# Rice: Functional Enrichment x Genotype



**Fig. 5.** OTU coabundance network reveals modules of OTUs associated with methane cycling. (A) Subset of the entire network corresponding to 11 modules with methane cycling potential. Each node represents one OTU and an edge is drawn between OTUs if they share a Pearson correlation of greater than or equal to 0.6. (B) Depiction of module 119 showing the relationship between methanogens, syntrophs, methanotrophs, and other methane cycling taxonomies. Each node represents one OTU and is labeled by the presumed function of that OTU's taxonomy in methane cycling. An edge is drawn between two OTUs if they have a Pearson correlation of greater than or equal to 0.6. (C) Mean abundance profile for OTUs in module 119 across all rhizocompartments and field sites. The position along the x axis corresponds to a different field site. Error bars represent SE. The x and y axes represent no particular scale.

# Rice Developmental Time Series



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**Fig. 6.** Time-series analysis of root-associated microbial communities reveals



# Opportunities

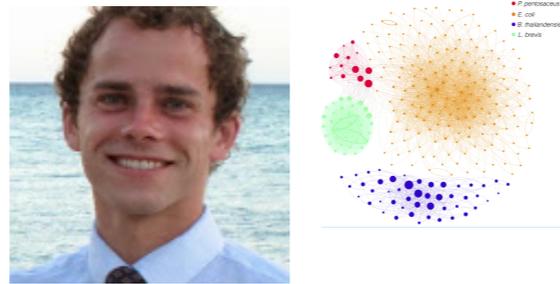
- Probiotics for agriculture
- Manipulate environment to modify microbiome
- Match varieties to environments based on microbiome functions and interactions
- Microbiome as target in breeding

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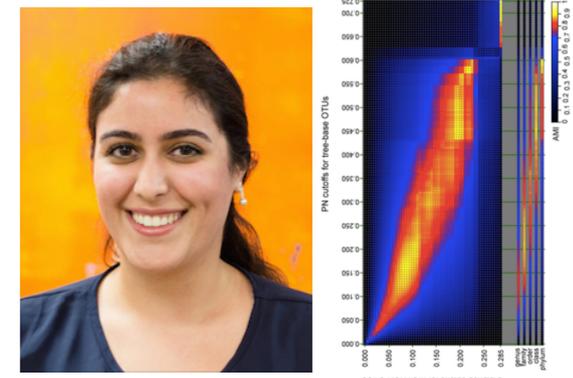
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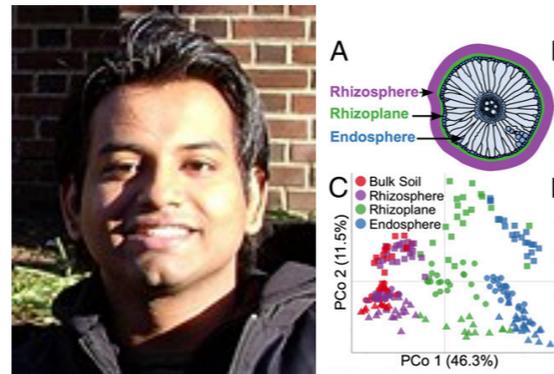
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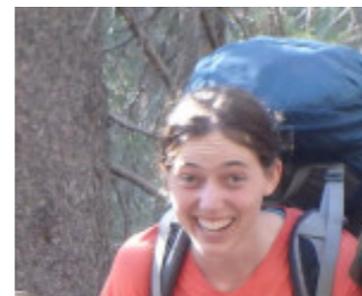
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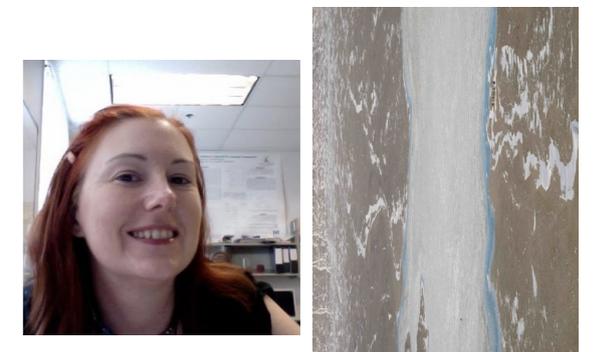
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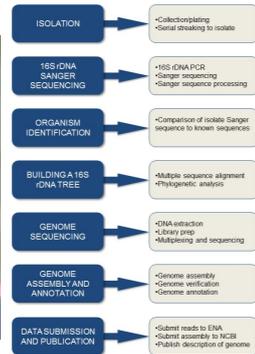


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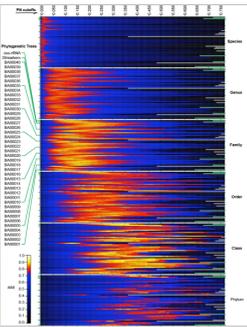
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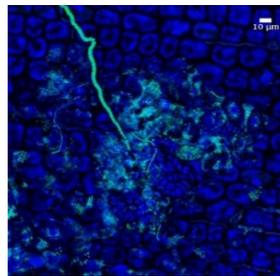
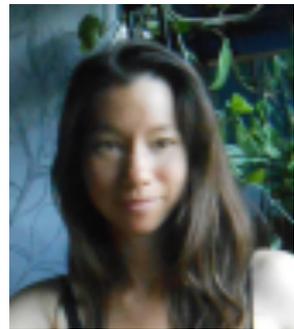
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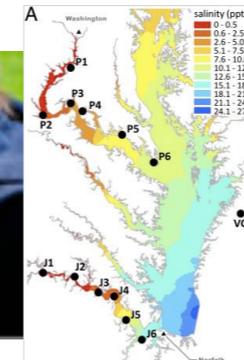
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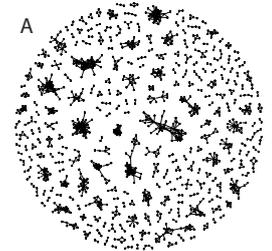
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