

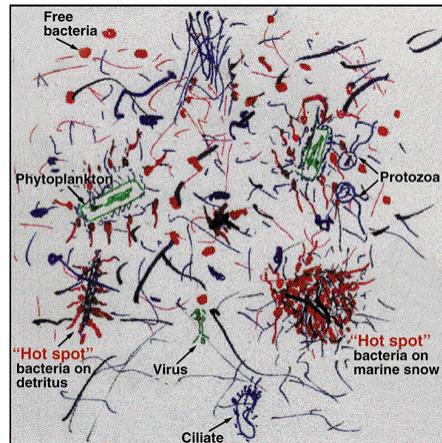


# Longitudinal analysis of microbiota in microalga *Nannochloropsis salina* cultures

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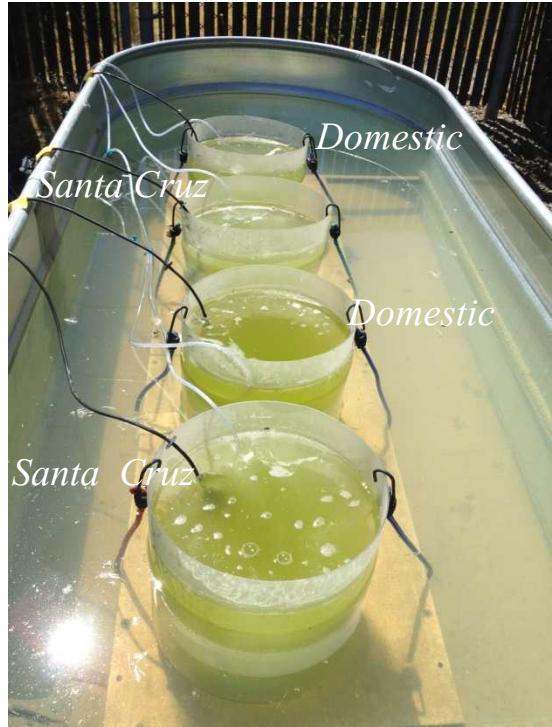
# The algae and microbiota form complex consortia that drive system level functions



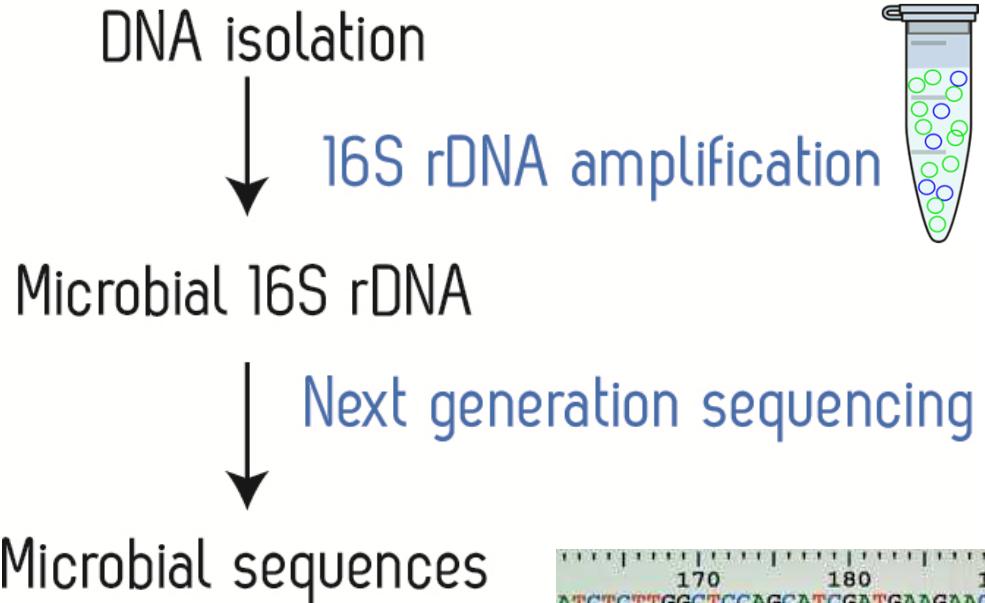
Stable algal communities are complex systems whose stability emerges from the **collective** behaviors of interacting species

Understand **key principles** that maintain stable algal cultures in pond systems and apply this knowledge to create stable microbial consortia

# System-level analysis of algae-bacteria interactions

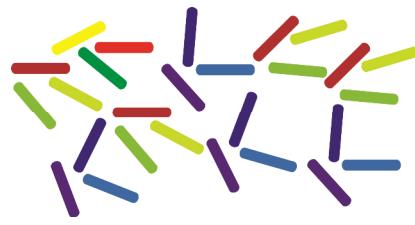


Environmental data  
Temp, pH,  
NH<sub>3</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, LUX,  
PAR

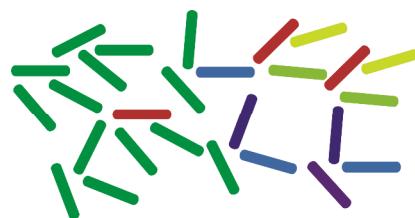


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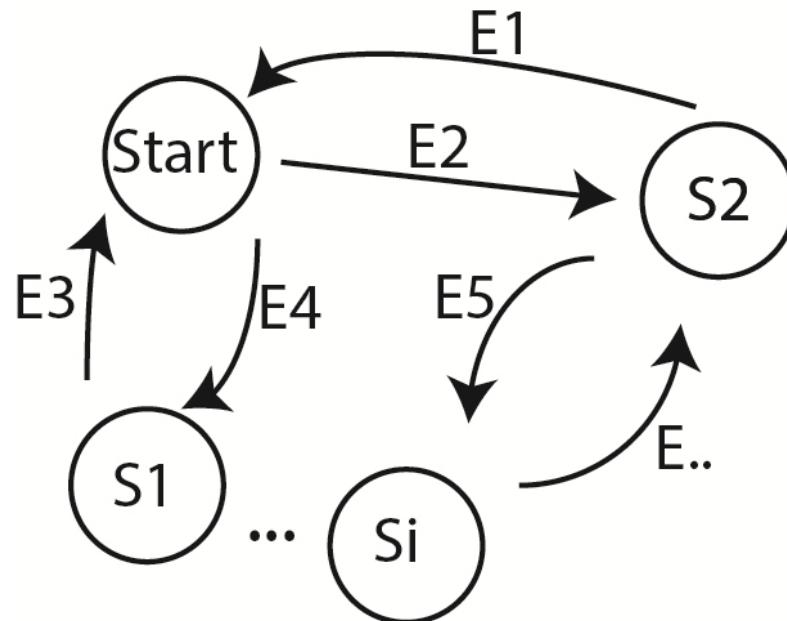
# Microbial community modeling of biological state and transition



State i



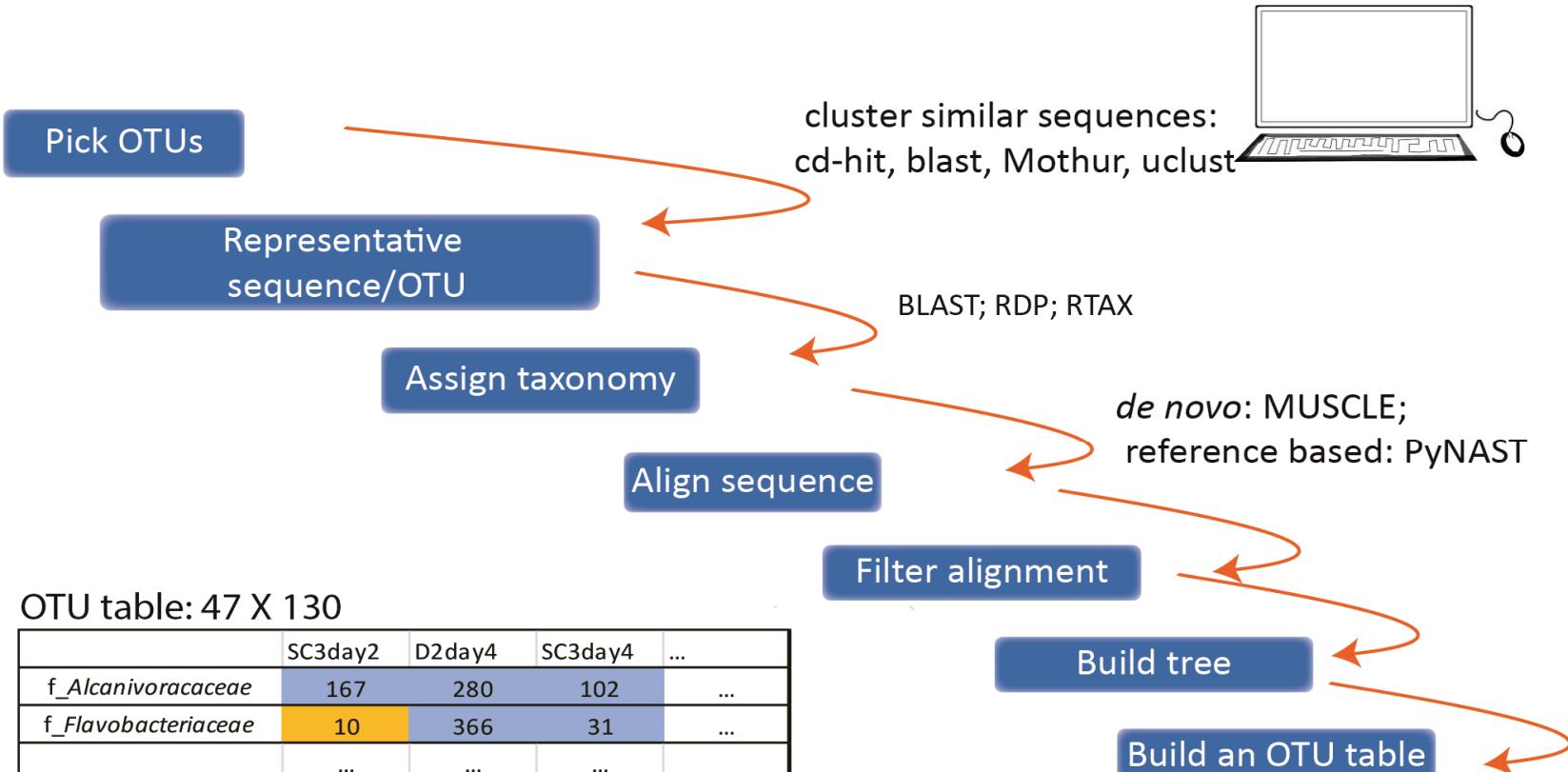
State j



Markov chain

Random process  
“memorylessness”

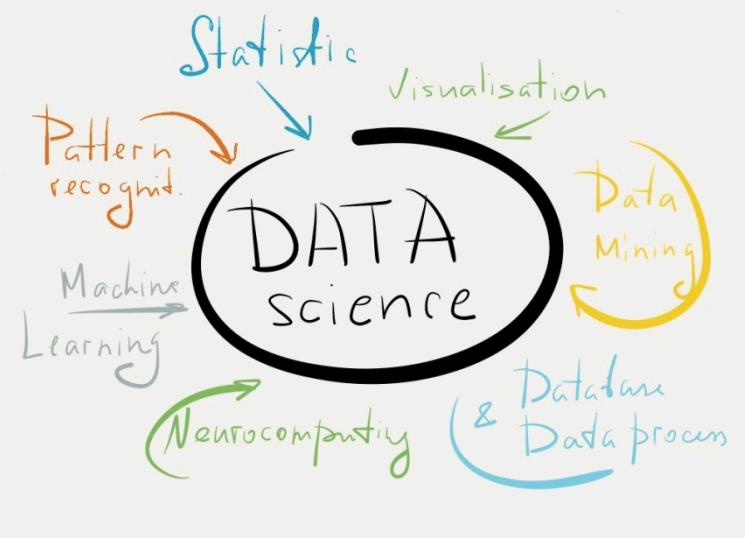
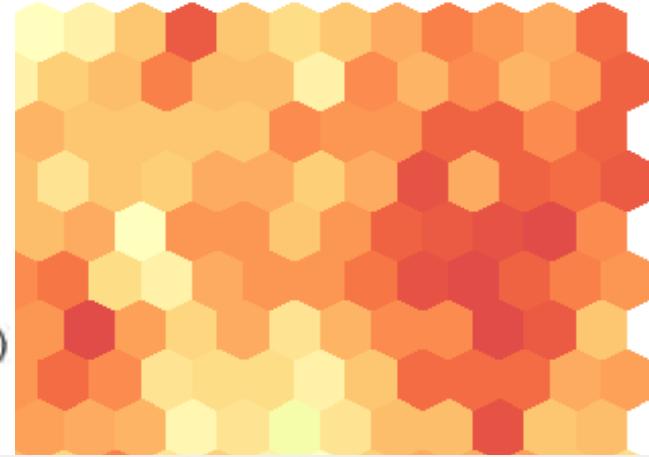
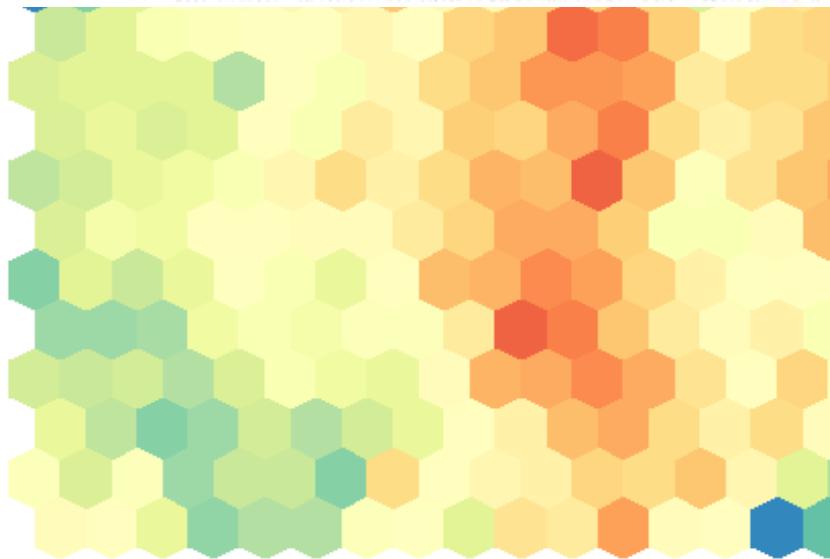
# 16S amplicon bioinformatics framework



16S Operational Taxonomic Units (OTUs)

# Metadata informatics integration from biology to data science

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    #print lines_length  
    DNAlength=[]  
    sequences=[]  
    quality=[]  
    #print ("Hello world2")  
    for i in range (1,lines_length,4):  
        DNAlength.append(len(reading_lines[i]))  
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        quality.append(reading_lines[i+2])
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# Metadata sets in microalgae microbiota

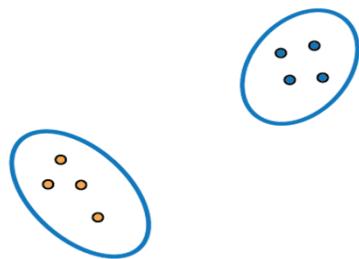
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Multiscale

Informative

Integrative

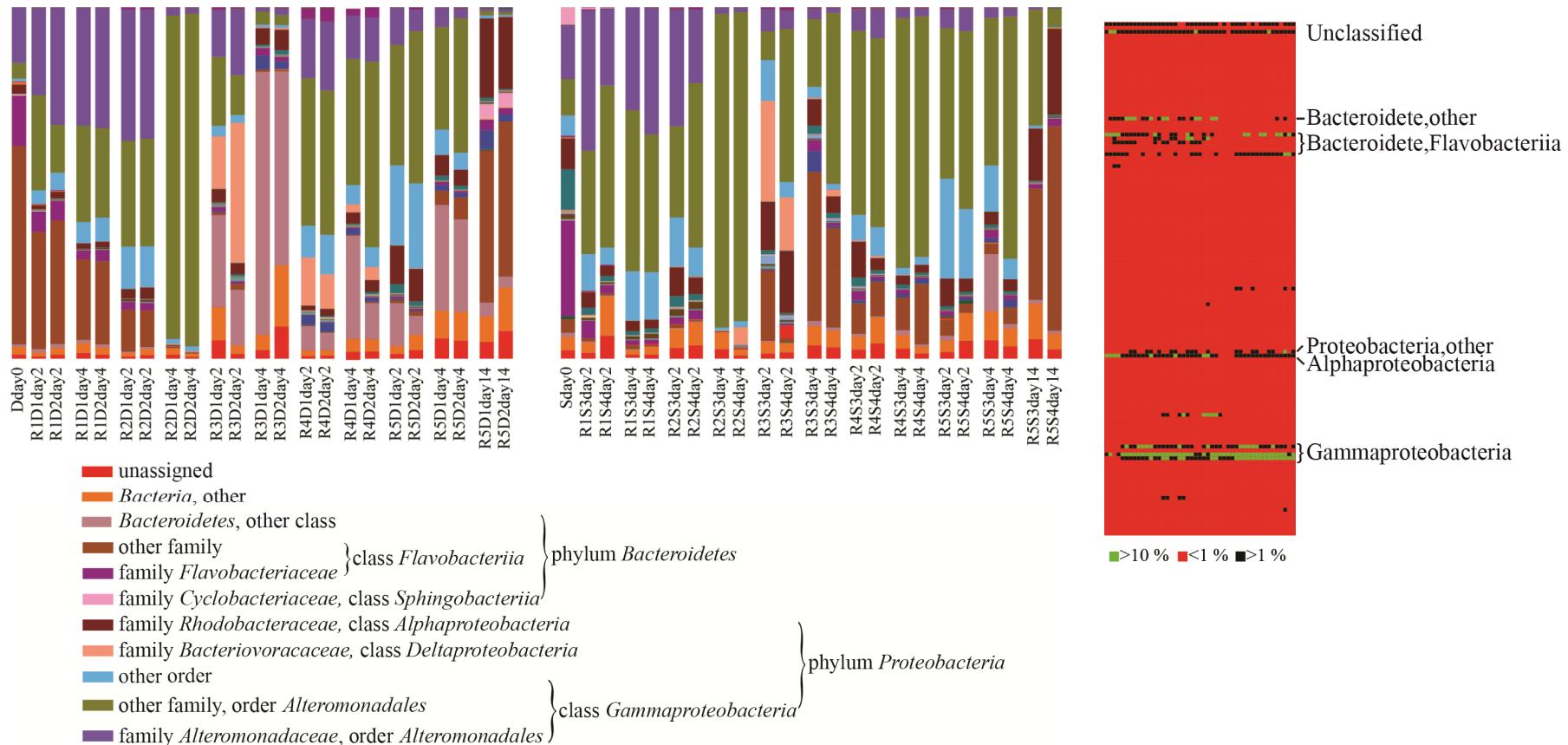
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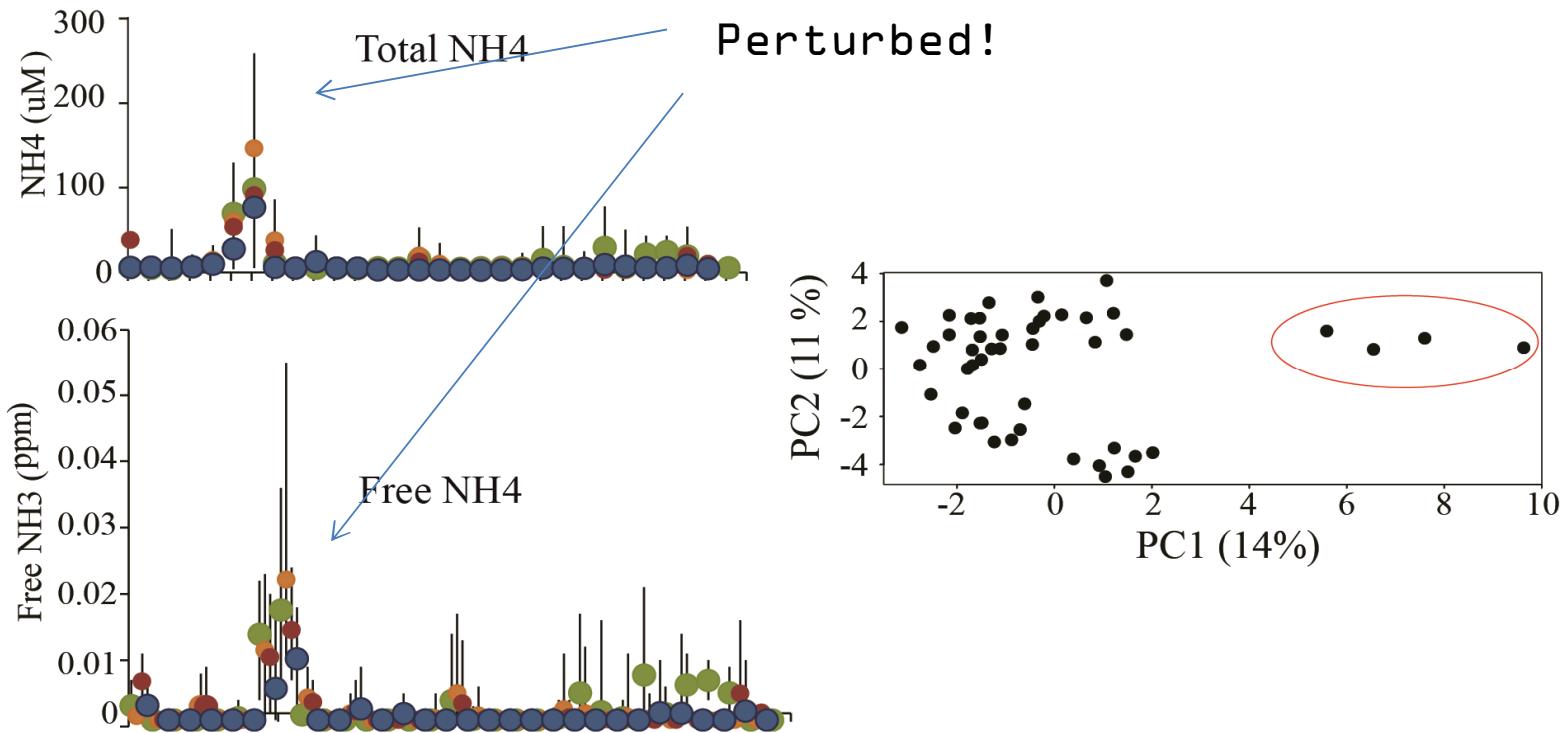
Effective Insight

Valuable Innovation

# Three major phylotypes in *N. salina* microbiota

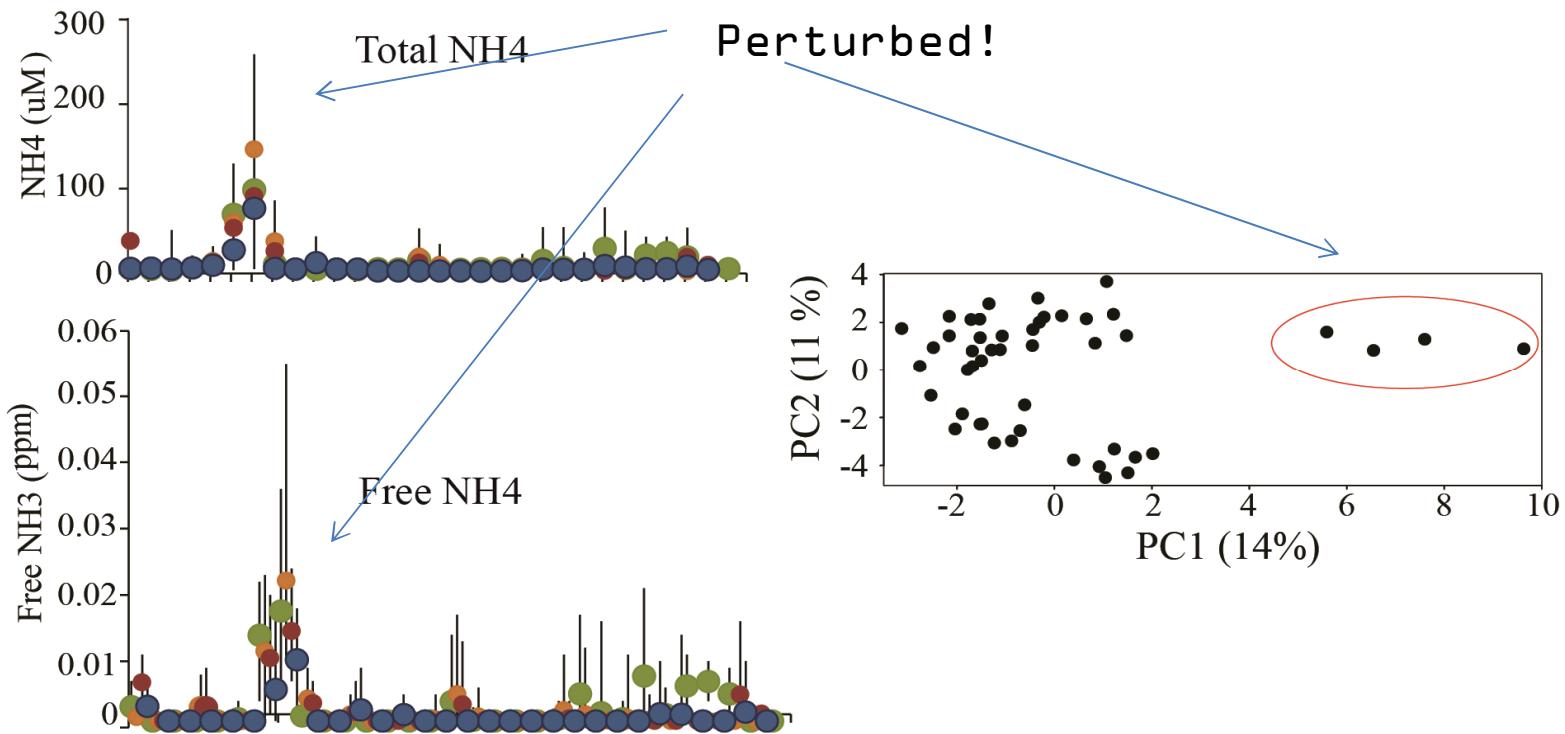


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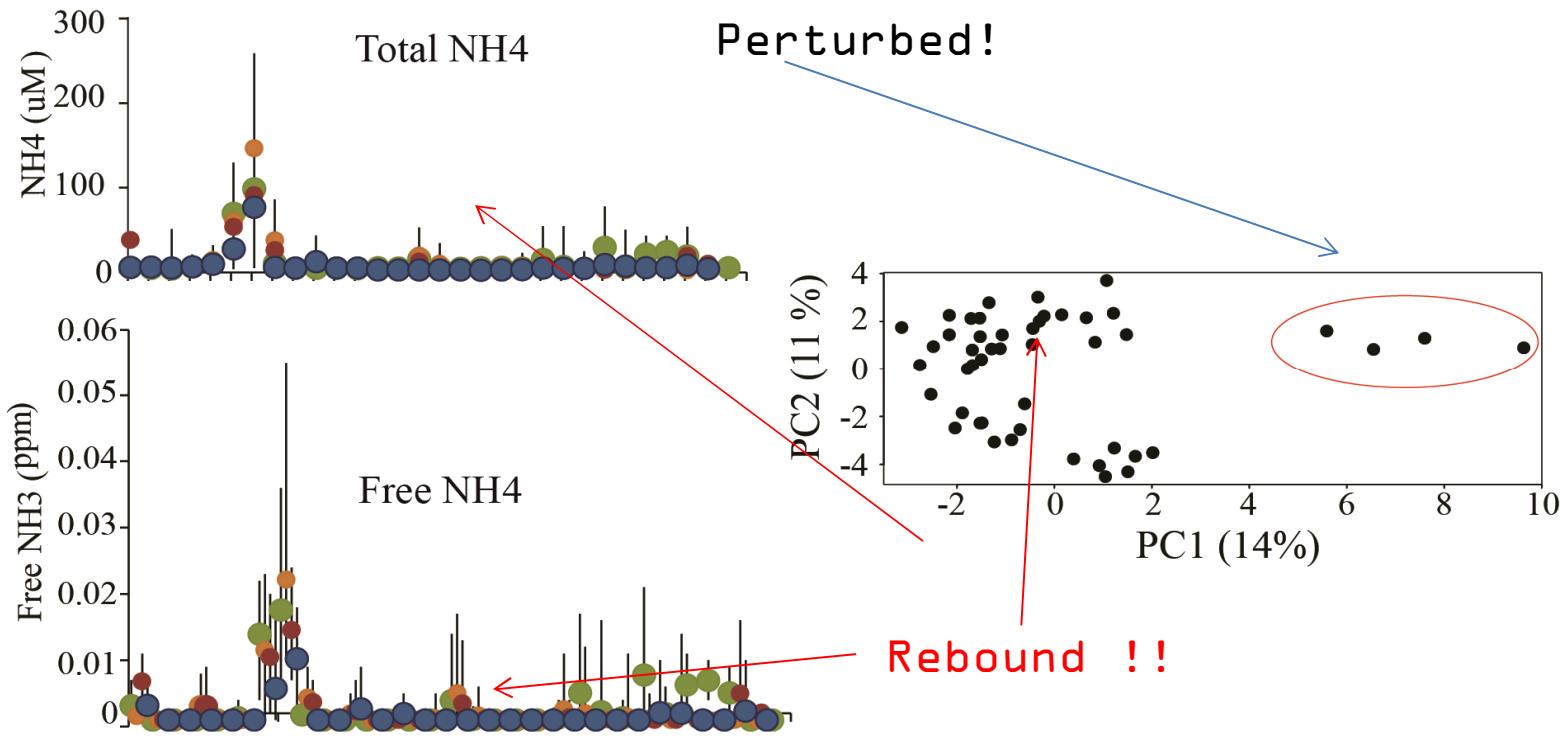
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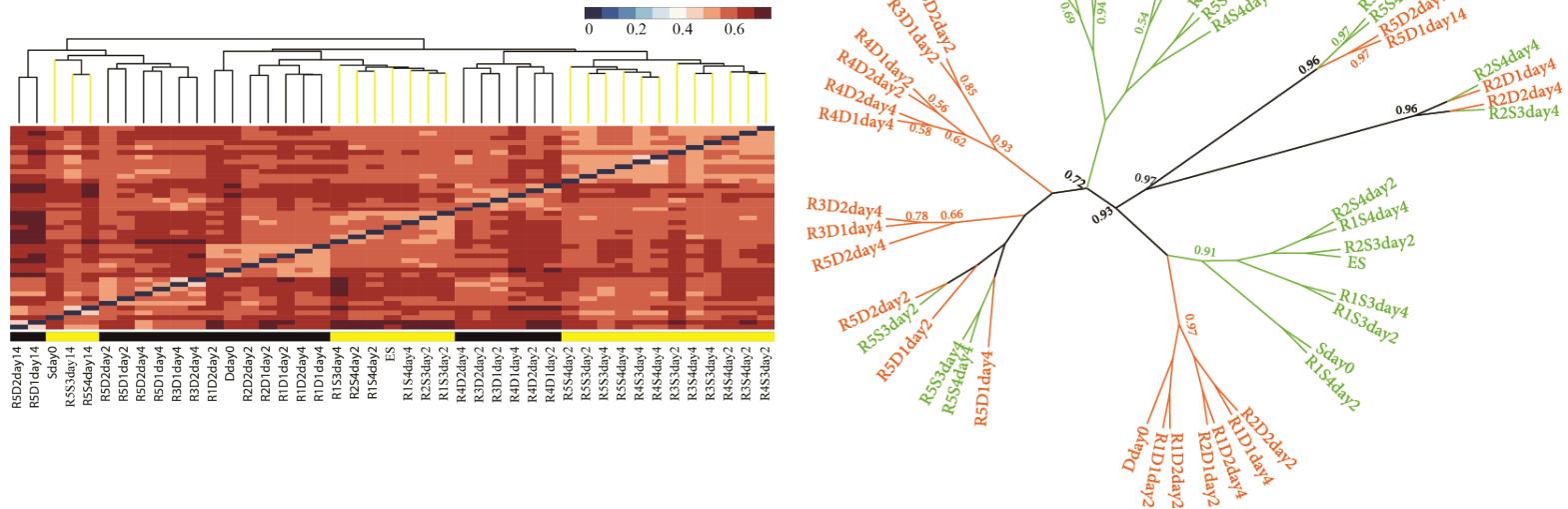
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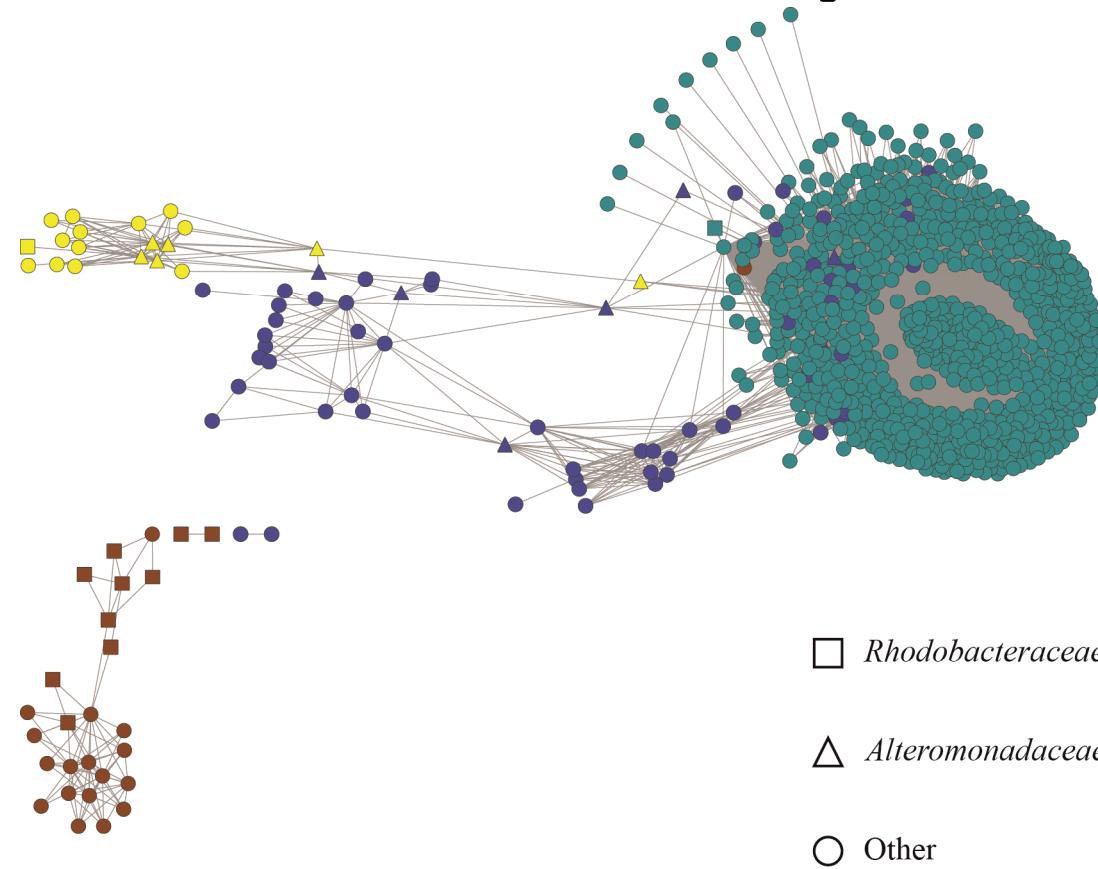
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# Microbial community founder determines microbiota succession



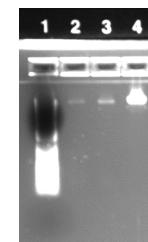
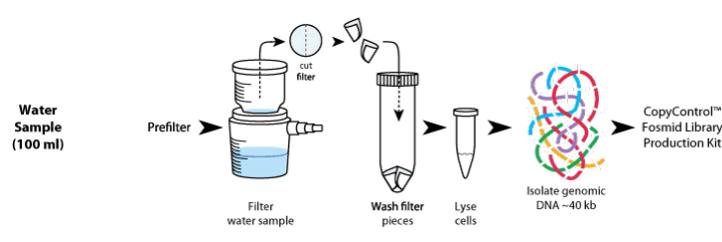
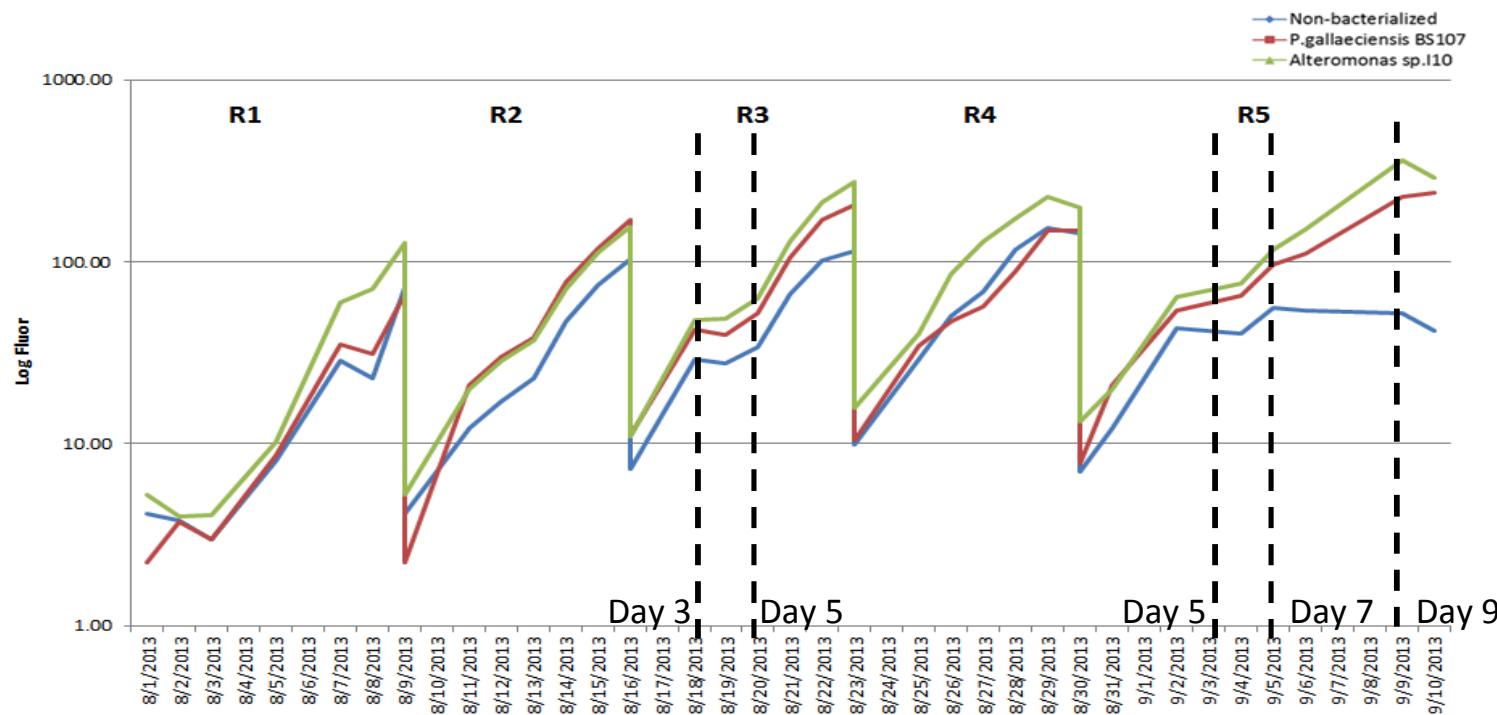
- ❑ Heat map showing pair-wise comparison based on unweighted Unifrac distance matrix
- ❑ Unsupervised hierarchical clustering; Jackknifing of tree
- ❑ The outgroup samples in the tree are the ammonia-perturbed samples
- ❑ Clustering of microbial diversity ( $\beta$ -diversity) showing distinction between samples from different founder cohorts
- ❑ Demonstrated microbiota **stability** Geng et al. *Microb Ecol*. 2016 Jul;72(1):14-24

# Microbiota stability property stems from formation of **error-tolerance** microbial community network



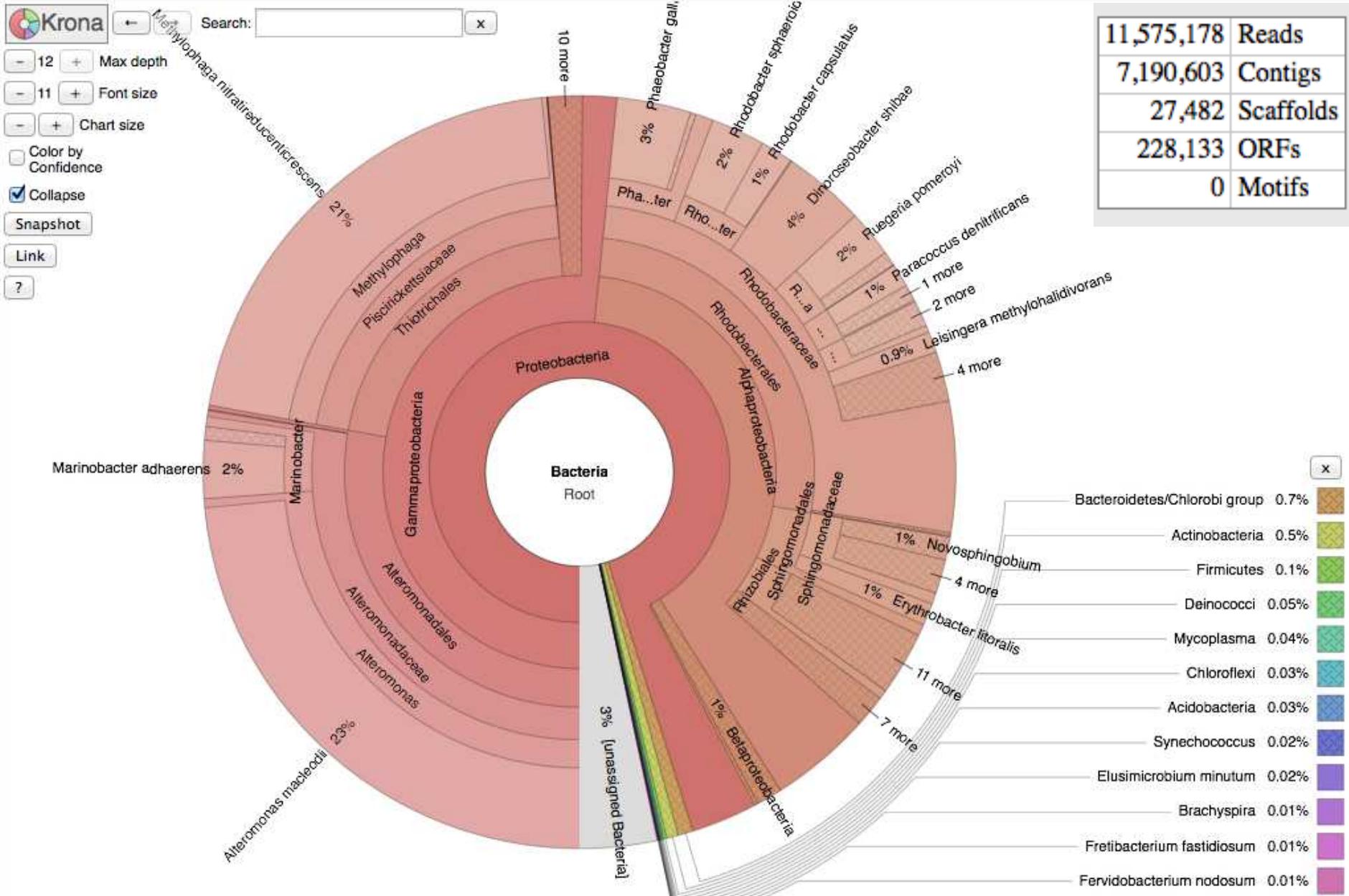
- Proposed “keystone” species for well-beings of algal cultures are from family *Rhodobacteraceae* and *Alteromonadaceae* !

# Whole-Genome Sequencing (WGS) high resolution quantitative characterization of microbiota

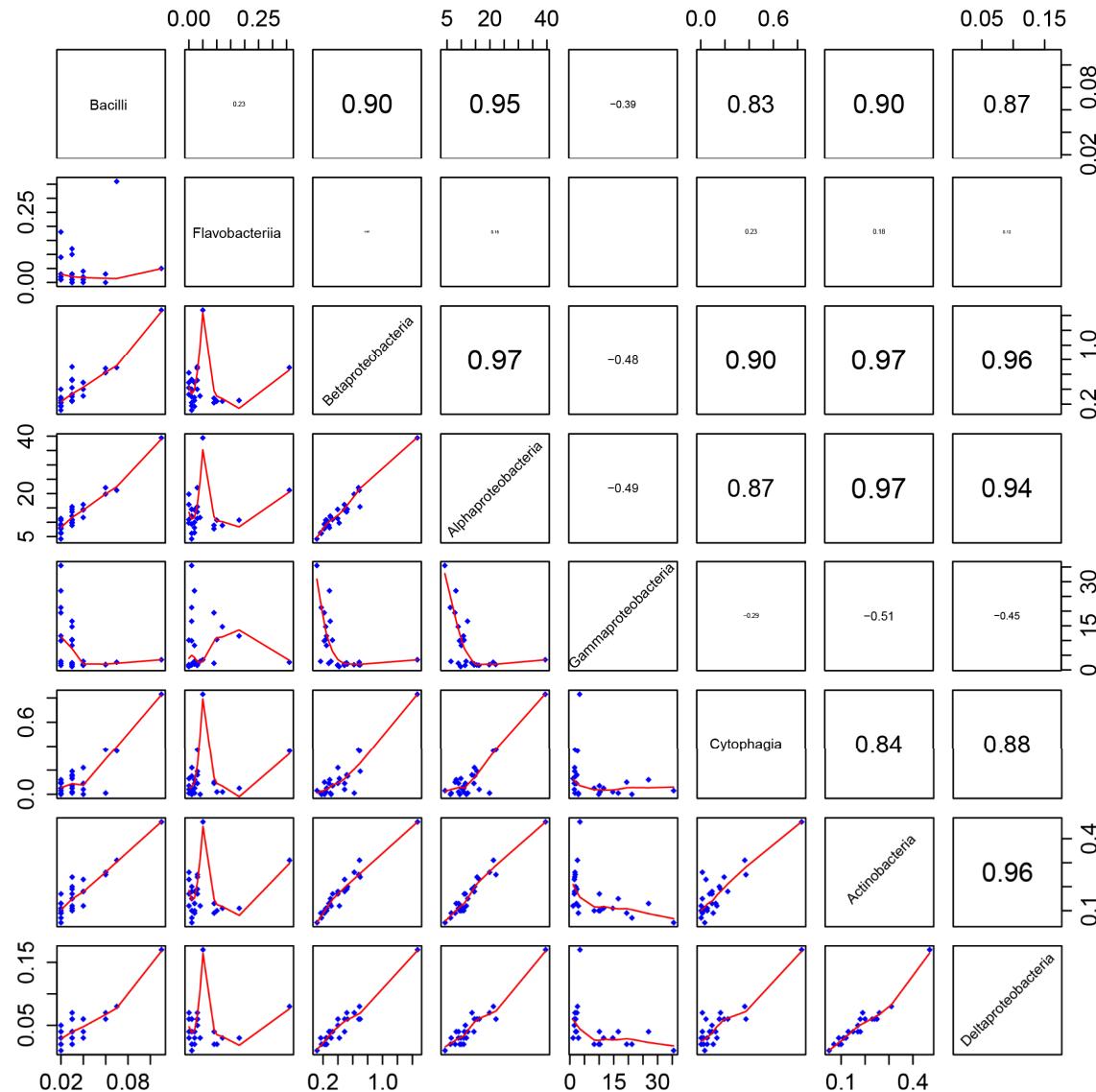


8-week outdoor cultivation period  
(20L mesocosms)

# Species and genes finding with whole genome shotgun

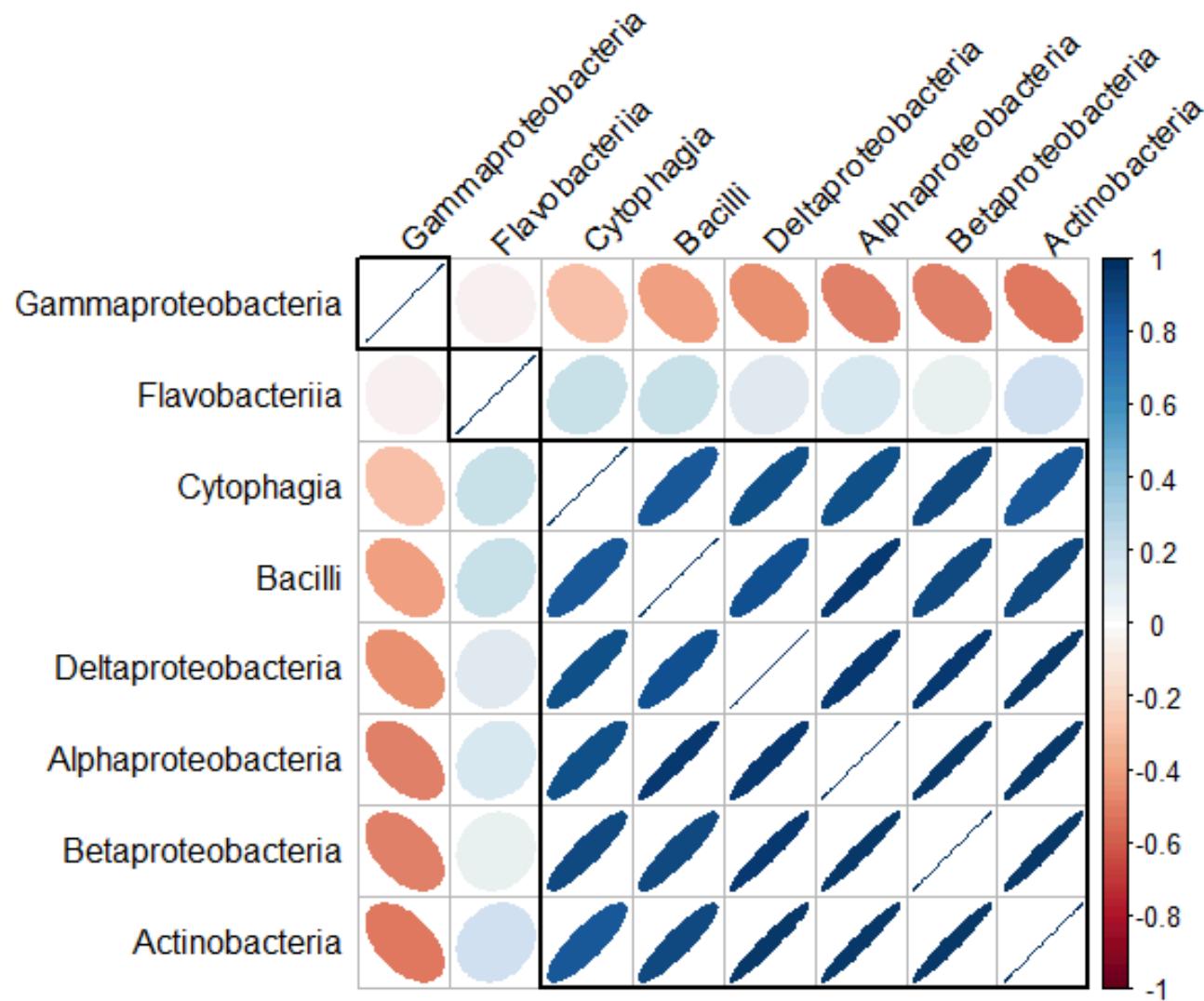


# Microbial **classes** profiling cross samples



- 26 samples x 39 classes
- Cutoff for eight bacterial classes:
- Minimal abundance 1% at least 50 % of samples
  - Bacilli,
  - Flavobacteriia,
  - Betaproteobacteria
  - Alphaproteobacteria
  - Gammaproteobacteria
  - Cytophagia
  - Actinobacteria
  - Deltaproteobacteria

# Correlation between **eight** major bacterial classes in *N. salina* microbiota



# Microbial community patterns transitions between early and sessile phases

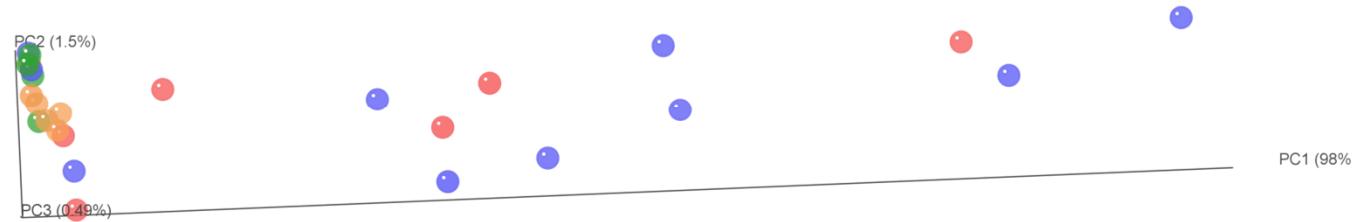
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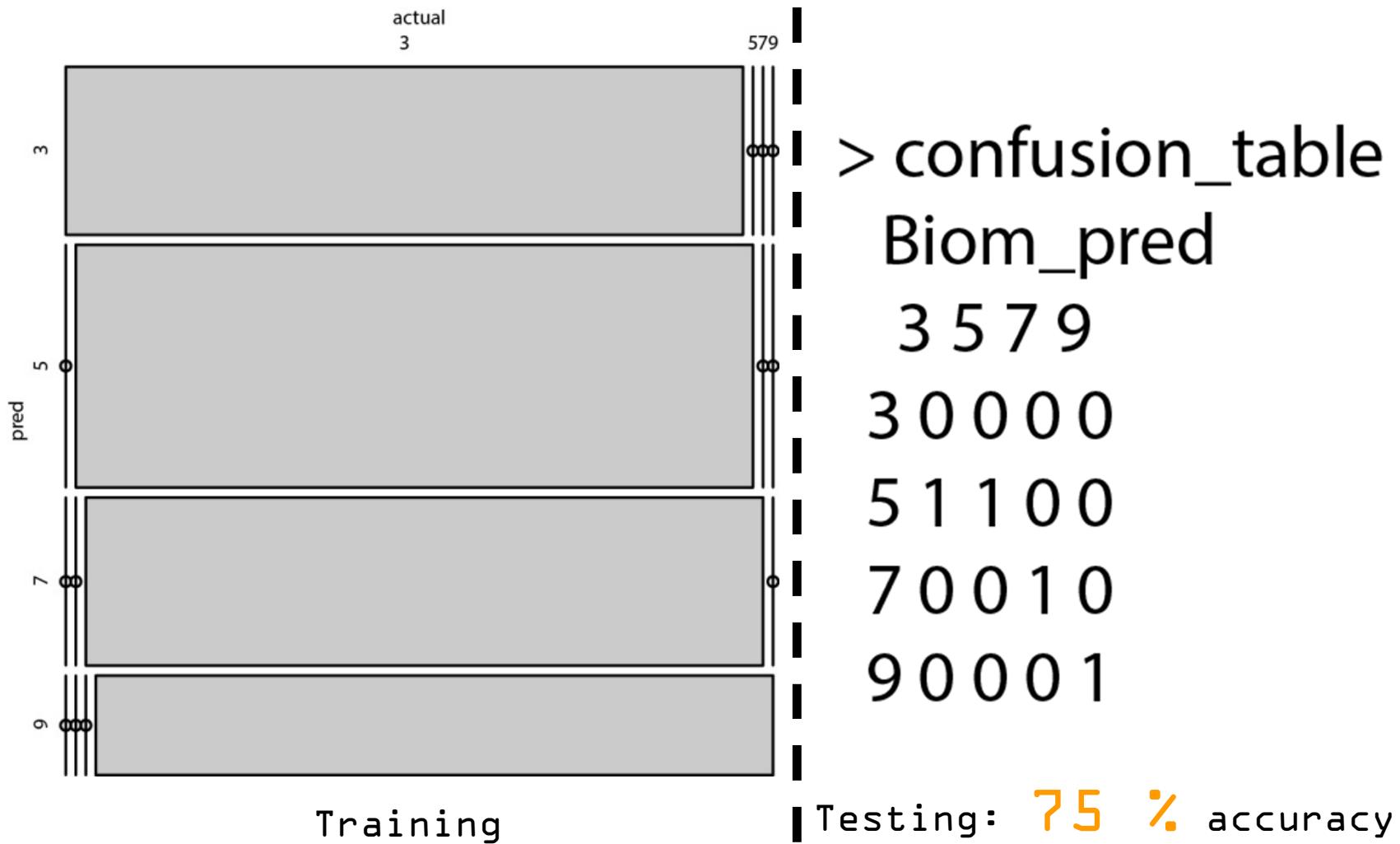
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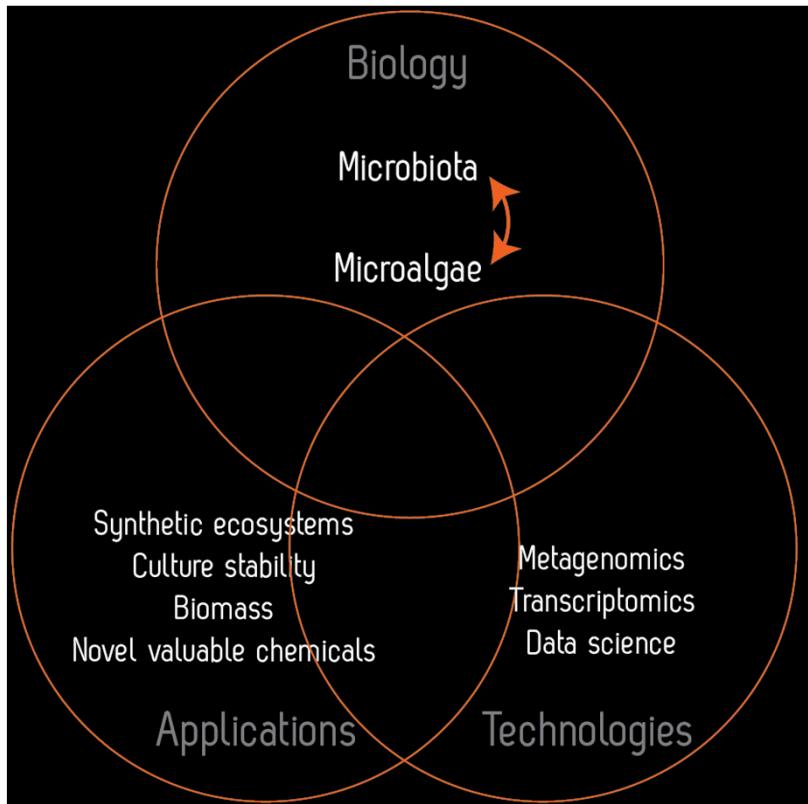
early



# Biphasic lifestyle classified by classification tree in machine learning



# Summary



- Informative, integrative, and interpretative to quantitative analysis of metagenomics metadata sets
- Developed and implemented algae systems biology tools
- Community stability and resilience.
- Microbial complexity network prone to small-world network: sparse matrix error tolerance
- Machine Learning Learnability

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