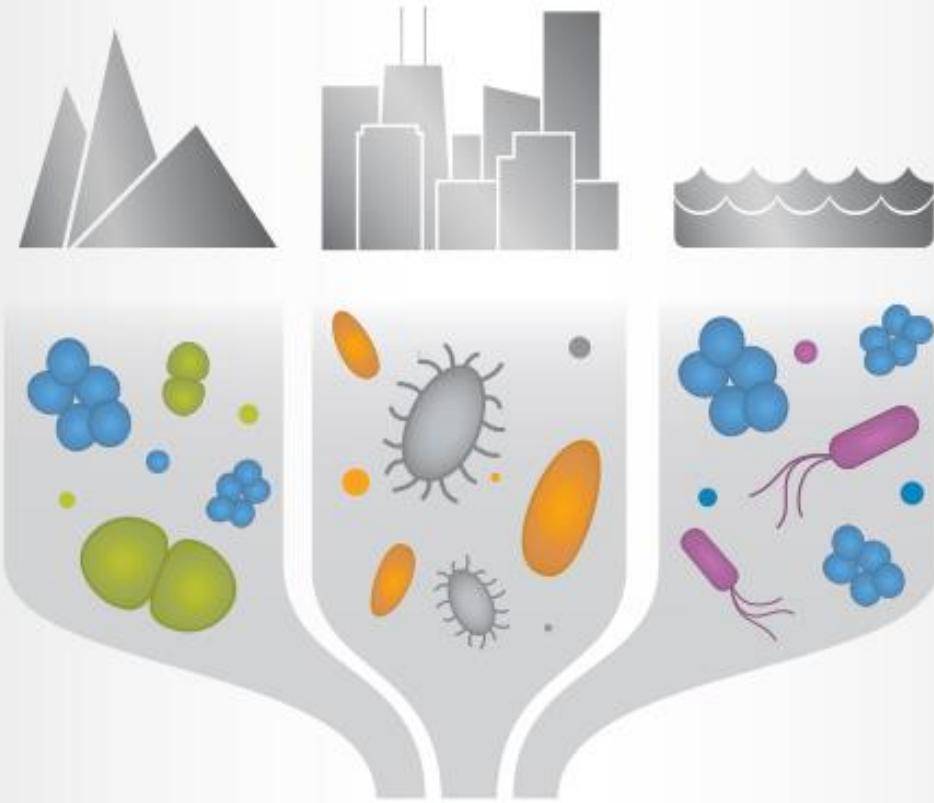


Metagenome sequencing

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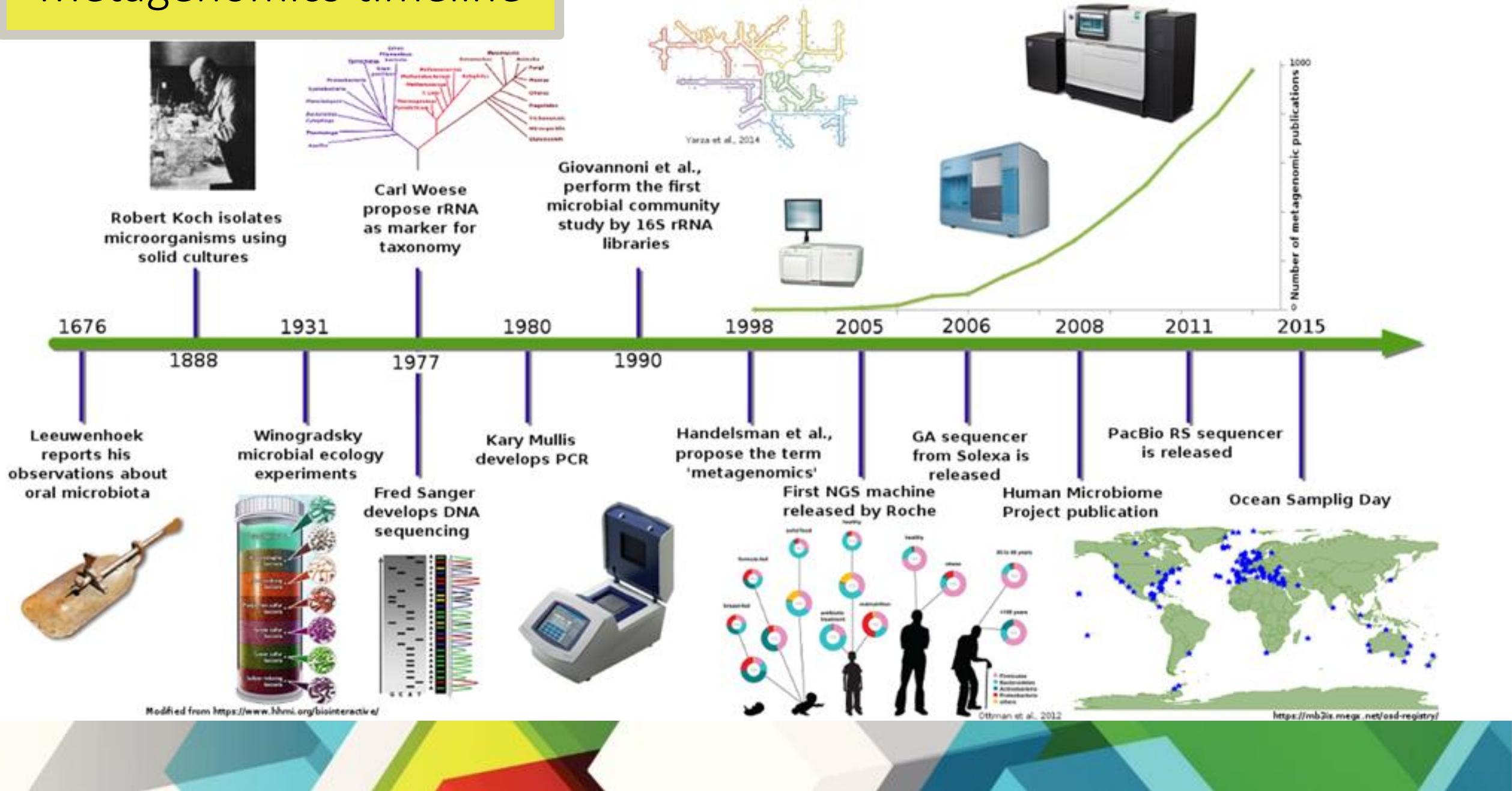
Metagenomics

Cultivation-independent genome-level characterization of communities.

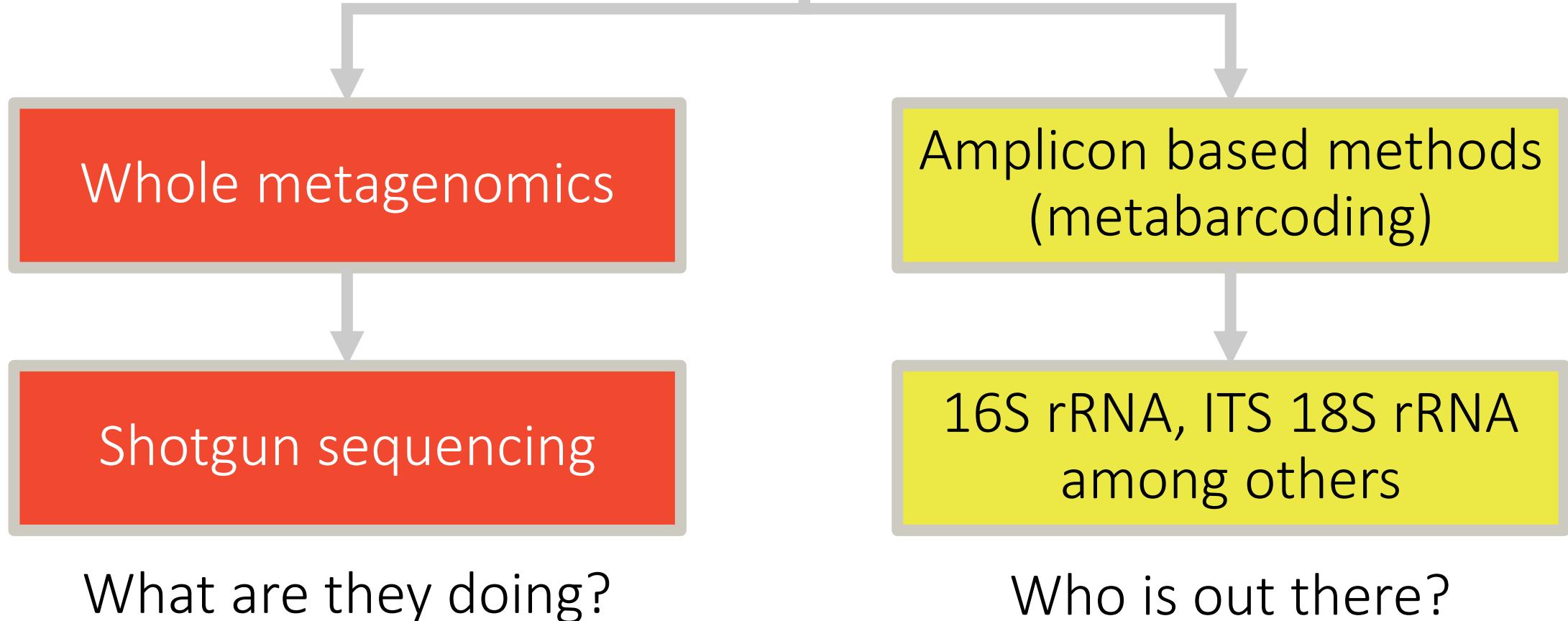
Commonly used to investigate complex microbial communities sampled directly from the environment, without isolating any organism (Ghosh *et al.*, 2018).

Metagenomics timeline

(Escobar-Zepeda *et al.*, 2015)



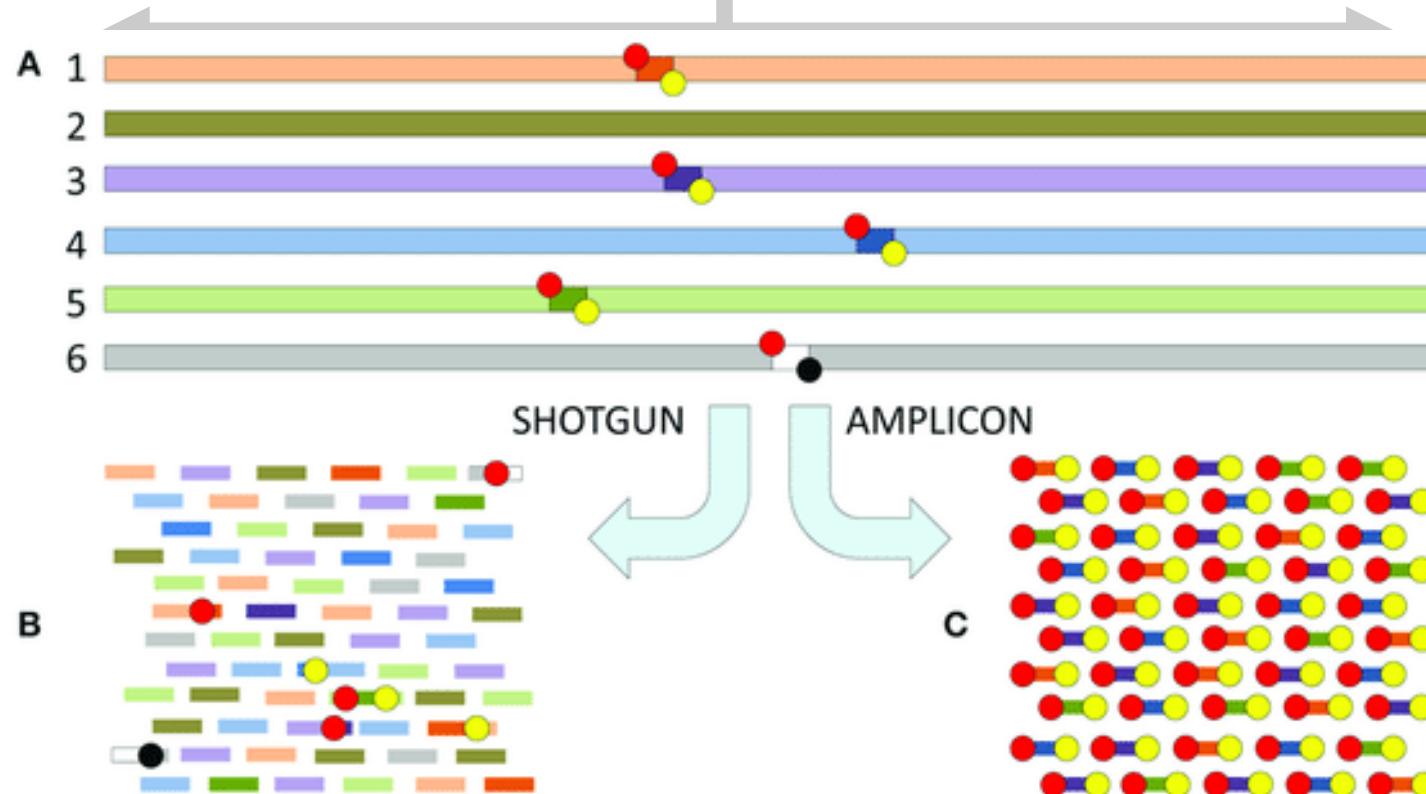
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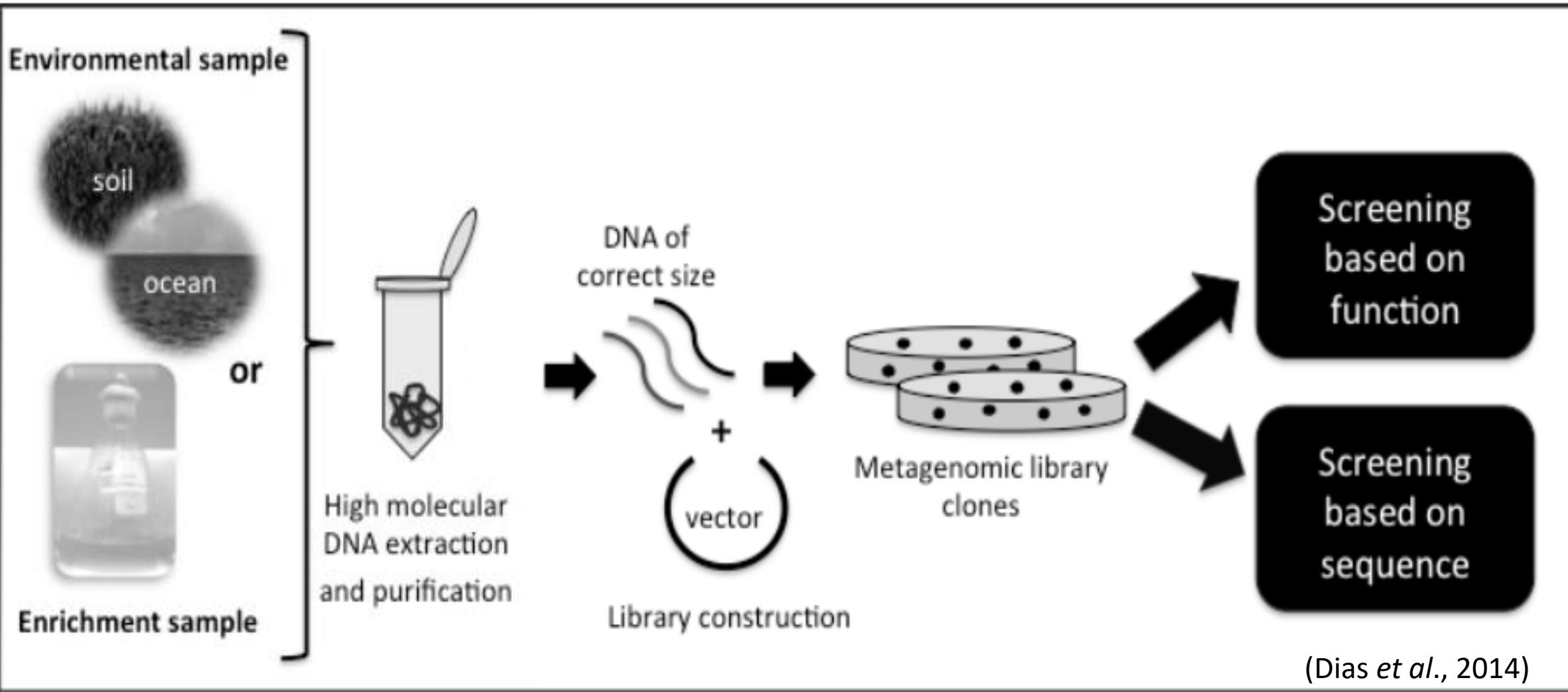
6 different genomes

Conserved motifs



(Sekse *et al.*, 2017)

Early metagenomics



Shotgun sequencing

Reconstruct large fragments or even complete genomes from organism in a community

(Escobar-Zepeda *et al.*, 2015)

Sequence based screens

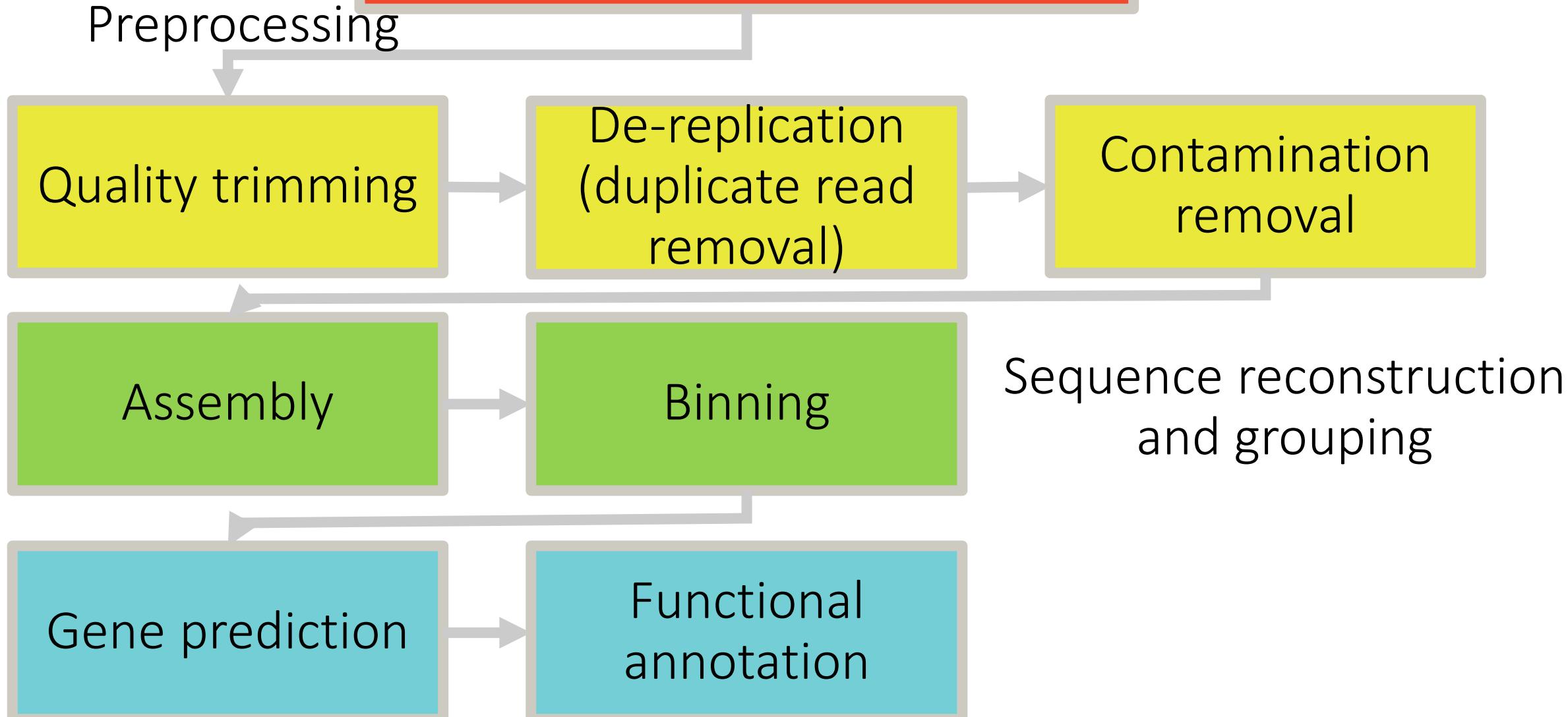
Describe the microbial diversity and genomes of a particular sample

Functional screens

Identify some functional gene products without necessarily determine the species from which is originated

(Ghosh *et al.*, 2018)

Shotgun sequencing workflow



(Ghosh *et al.*, 2018)

Amplicon based methods
(metabarcoding)

Analysis based on
just one gene

Targets specific genes

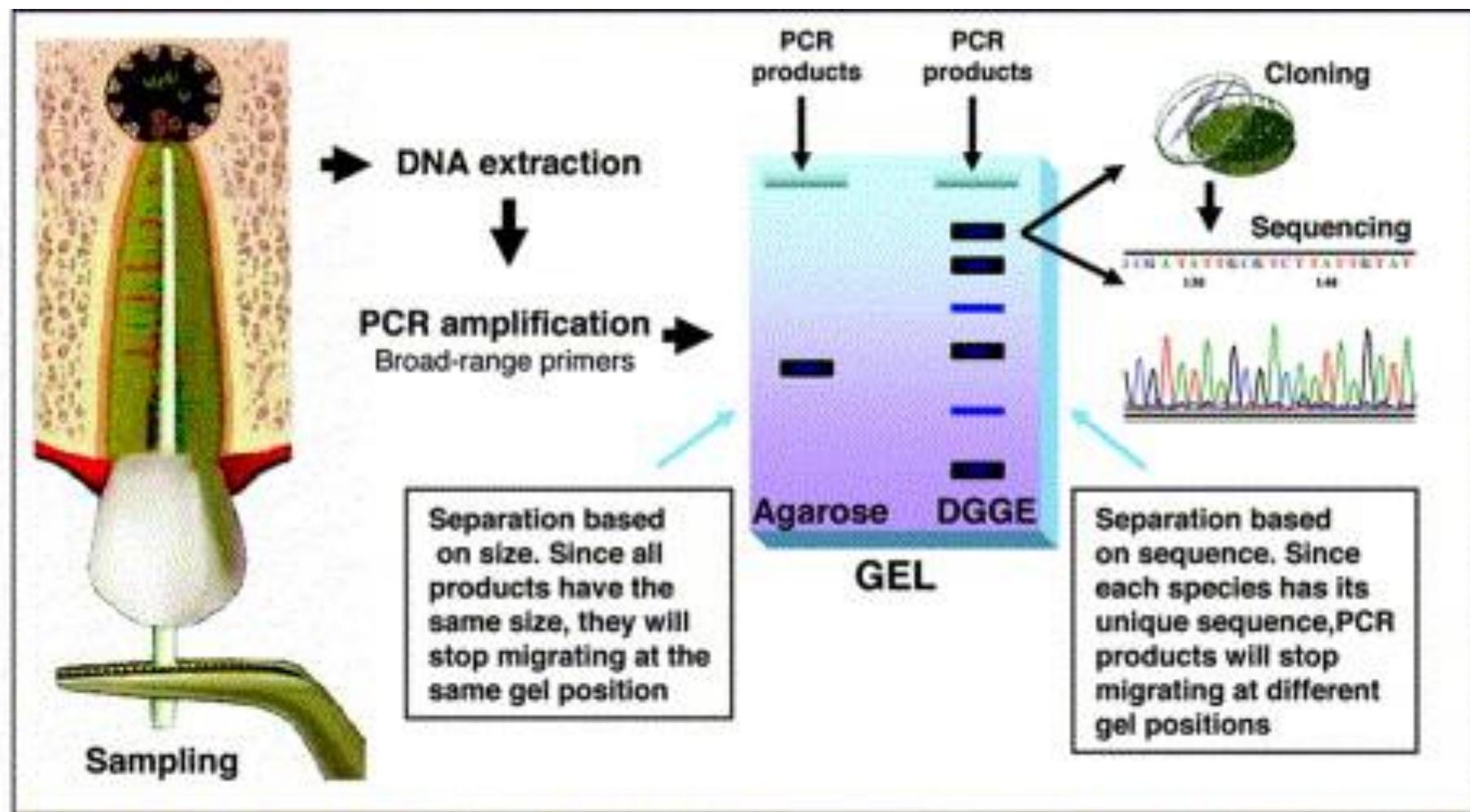
Frequently used for
diversity analysis

Taxonomic and
phylogenetic
classifications in complex
samples

The term
“metagenomics” should
not be used to refer to
amplicon-based analysis

(Escobar-Zepeda *et al.*, 2015)

Denaturing Gradient Gel Electrophoresis (DGGE)



(Siqueira *et al.*, 2005)

Metabarcoding workflow

Qiime
Mothur
DADA2

With multiplexed samples

Demultiplex and trimming

If paired end sequencing

Assembly sequences

Operational Taxonomic Unit (OTU) cluster of sequences with similarity > threshold

Quality Filter sequences

Cluster OTUs

Remove Chimeras

OTU picking: align OTUs to database

Statistical analysis

(Ghosh *et al.*, 2018)

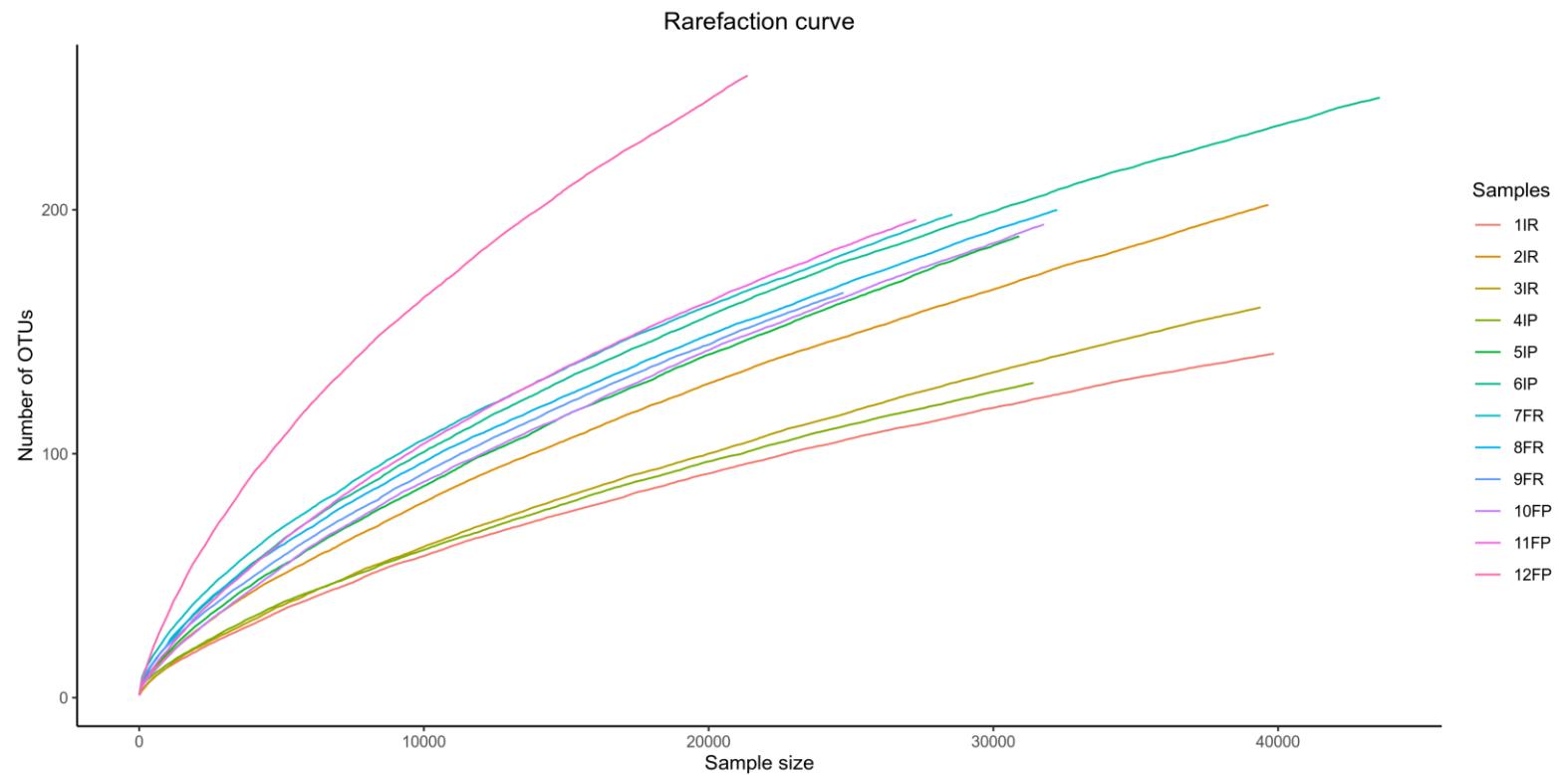
Metabarcoding considerations

Number of reads

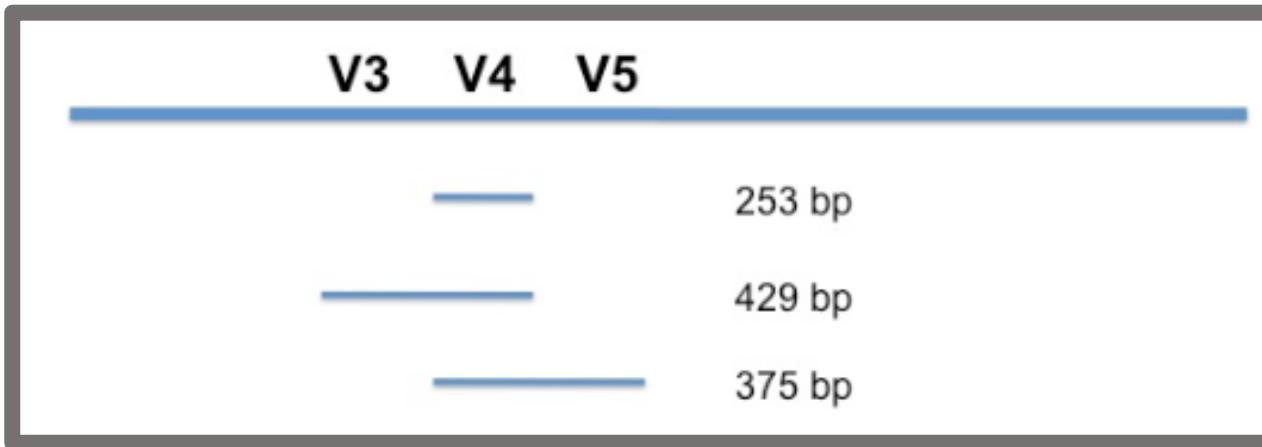
Sequence length

Cost

Rarefaction curve



Error rates



Amount of overlap for 2x250 bp reads:

V4: 247 bp

V34: 71 bp

V45: 125 bp

Study sequencing
a mock
community

REGION	LENGTH	ERROR RATE
V3-V4	429	0.41
V4	253	0.04
V4-V5	375	0.57

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