

**A**

# Is species coexistence an emergent property of communities?

Community  
(system)

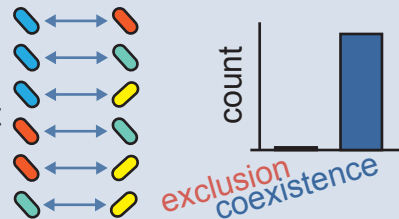


Species pairs  
(simplest units)



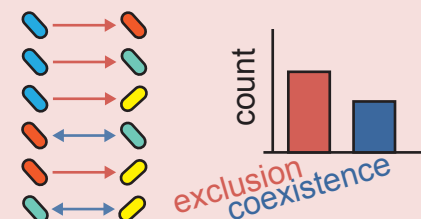
**No**, species coexistence is **predictable** from pairs

Both the community  
and all its pairs coexist

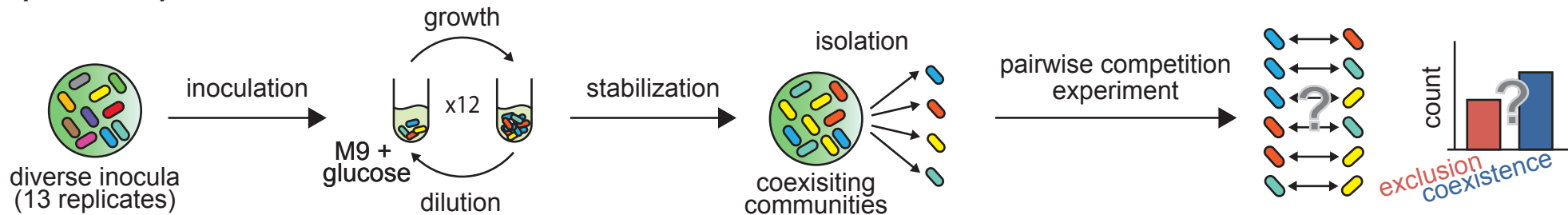


**Yes**, species coexistence is an **emergent** property

The community  
coexists but not  
all the pairs do

**B**

## Experimental protocol

**C**

## Pairwise competition experiment

