

# How Quorum Sensing Interactions Affect Microbial Population Structures

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## Abstract

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\*[OTU]: Operational Taxonomic Unit

## Background

## Methods

## Results

## Comparing QS interaction matrices

## How Sparsity affects model dynamics

## Examining well-known adjacency matrices

## Simulations with OTU data

The data we use is an OTU table  $O_I$ , an  $m \times n$  matrix representing the abundance of  $m$  OTUs across  $n$  samples. For each sample we use the abundance vector as our initial state and run the simulation with a given set of parameters. So after all simulations we get an OTU table  $O_T$  representing the terminal state of the model (abundance vector) for

each initial state. Given the tables  $O_I, O_T$  we can calculate the difference in  $\alpha$ -diversity and  $\beta$ -diversity between  $O_I$  and  $O_T$ . We can also calculate the mean and variance of the Bray-Curtis distance between the initial and terminal states for each sample.

## Simulation with an empirically derived QS interaction matrix

## Discussion

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