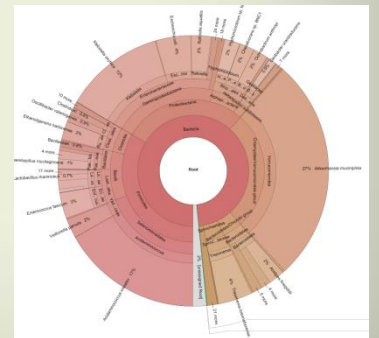
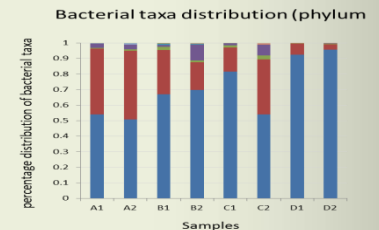


Bioinformatics analysis and Interpretation of Microbiome data



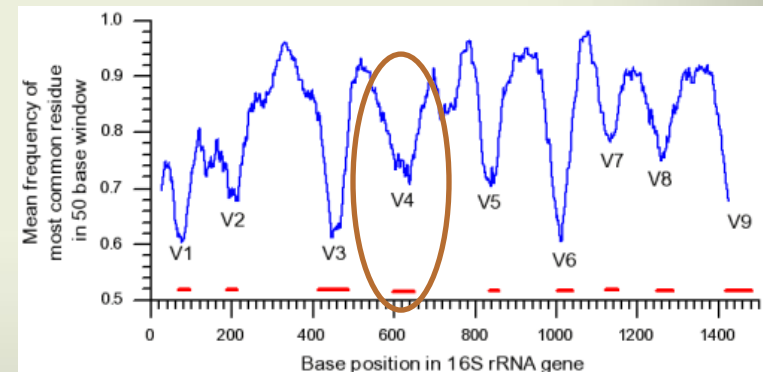
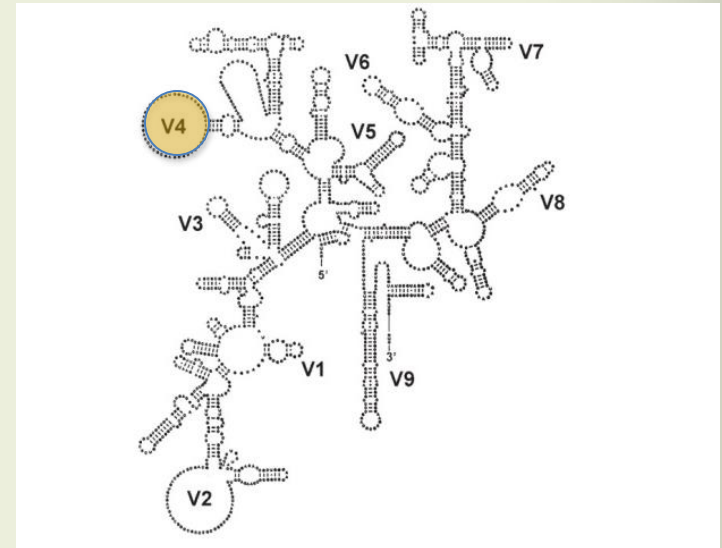
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Studying microbiome : 16S rDNA gene sequencing

- 16S rRNA gene is found in all bacterial species
- Contains regions which are highly conserved and highly variable sequence.
- Variable sequence can be thought of as a molecular “fingerprint”. Can be used to identify bacterial genera and species.
- **Degenerate primers** are designed from the conserved region.
- Large public databases available for comparison.



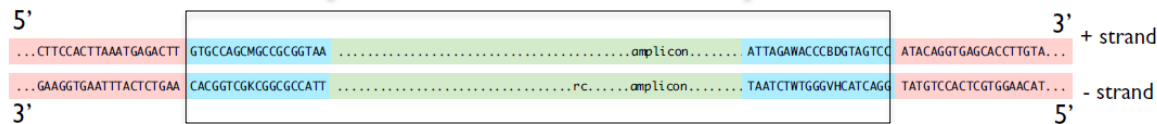
Primer design (V4 region)

Conserved region

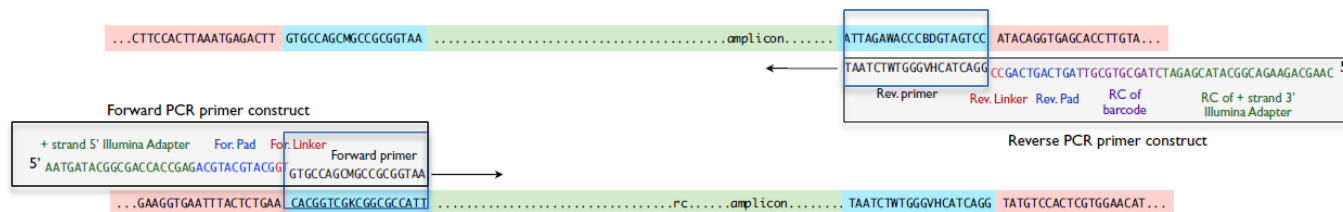
Variable region

Conserved region

Target gene:



Amplification primers with annealing sites:

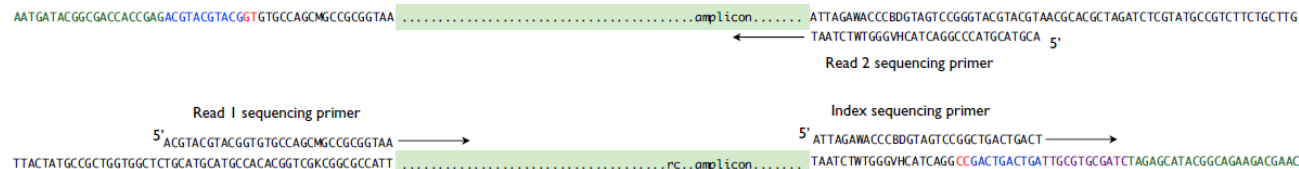


Amplification products:

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Sequencing primers with annealing sites:

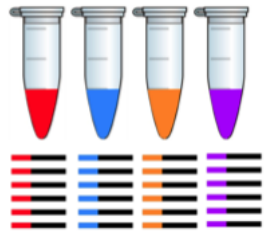


Next Generation Sequencing

- ✓ Culture independent study
- ✓ Low quantity of sample needed (20-50ng DNA)
- ✓ High sequencing depth (identification of rare microbes).
- ✓ Multiplexing of many different samples in one run using indexes (around 90+ samples).

Example : Illumina MiSeq produces 20M reads/lane.
Single run can be multiplexed to include around 90 samples.

Microbiome Analysis in Nutshell



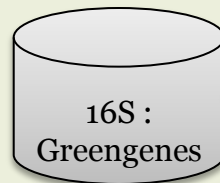
Extract DNA and amplify
16S gene with barcoded
primers



Next Generation
sequencing using GAIIx

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>TCACATGAACCTAGGCAGGACGAA...
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Assign reads to
communities



- Sample De-multiplexing
- Quality Control
- **Sequence clustering into OTUs (Operational Taxonomic Units)**
- Pick representative sequences
- Assign Taxonomy
- **phylogenetic tree**



OTU table



16S sequences

ANALYSIS

Species and OTUs

Species : A species is often defined as the largest group of organisms capable of interbreeding and producing fertile offspring. While in many cases this definition is adequate, the **difficulty of defining species** is known as the **species problem**. Source: Wikipedia

“No single definition has satisfied all naturalists; yet every naturalist knows vaguely what he means when he speaks of a species”

*Charles Darwin,
On the Origin of Species, 1859*

OTUs (Operational Taxonomic unit) : An arbitrary definition of a taxonomic unit based on sequence divergence. Here OTUs are number of clusters of similar sequences. Generally, when **16S sequences are clustered at 97% identity** ~ species.

Taxonomy assignment

- Perfect 1 match to database
- Perfect multiple match to database
- No perfect match to database

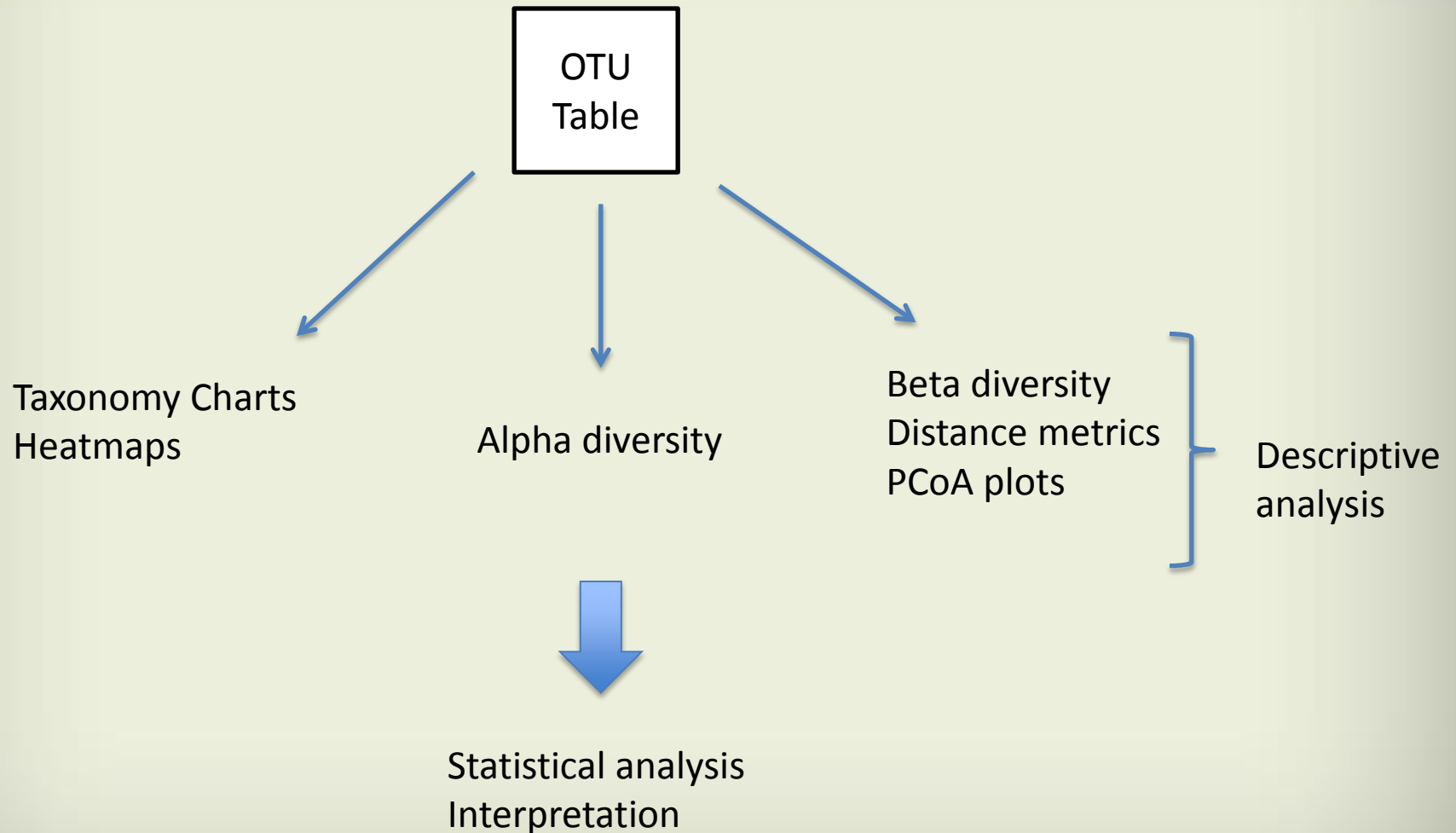
OTU table

# Constructed from biom file									
#OTU ID	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	D1	D2	ConsensusLineage
denovo0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria
denovo1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Ruminococcaceae; g__Oscillospira; s__
denovo2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Bacteroidetes; c__Bacteroidia; o__Bacteroidales; f__Bacteroidaceae; g__Bacteroides
denovo3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Veillonellaceae; g__Dialister; s__
denovo4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Bacilli; o__Lactobacillales; f__Streptococcaceae; g__Streptococcus
denovo5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Ruminococcaceae; g__Oscillospira; s__
denovo6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Ruminococcaceae
denovo7	0	0	0	0	3	1	10	11	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Lachnospiraceae; g__ ; s__
denovo8	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Lachnospiraceae; g__Blautia; s__
denovo9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Ruminococcaceae
denovo10	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Proteobacteria; c__Deltaproteobacteria; o__Desulfovibrionales; f__Desulfovibrionaceae; g__ ; s__
denovo11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__[Tissierellaceae]; g__Finegoldia; s__
denovo12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales
denovo13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Lachnospiraceae
denovo14	12	13	6	13	121	58	1	12	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Veillonellaceae; g__Dialister; s__
denovo15	30	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales; f__Lachnospiraceae
denovo16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Bacilli
denovo17	8	4	0	3	1	0	1	2	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales
denovo18	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales
denovo19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 k__Bacteria; p__Firmicutes; c__Clostridia; o__Clostridiales

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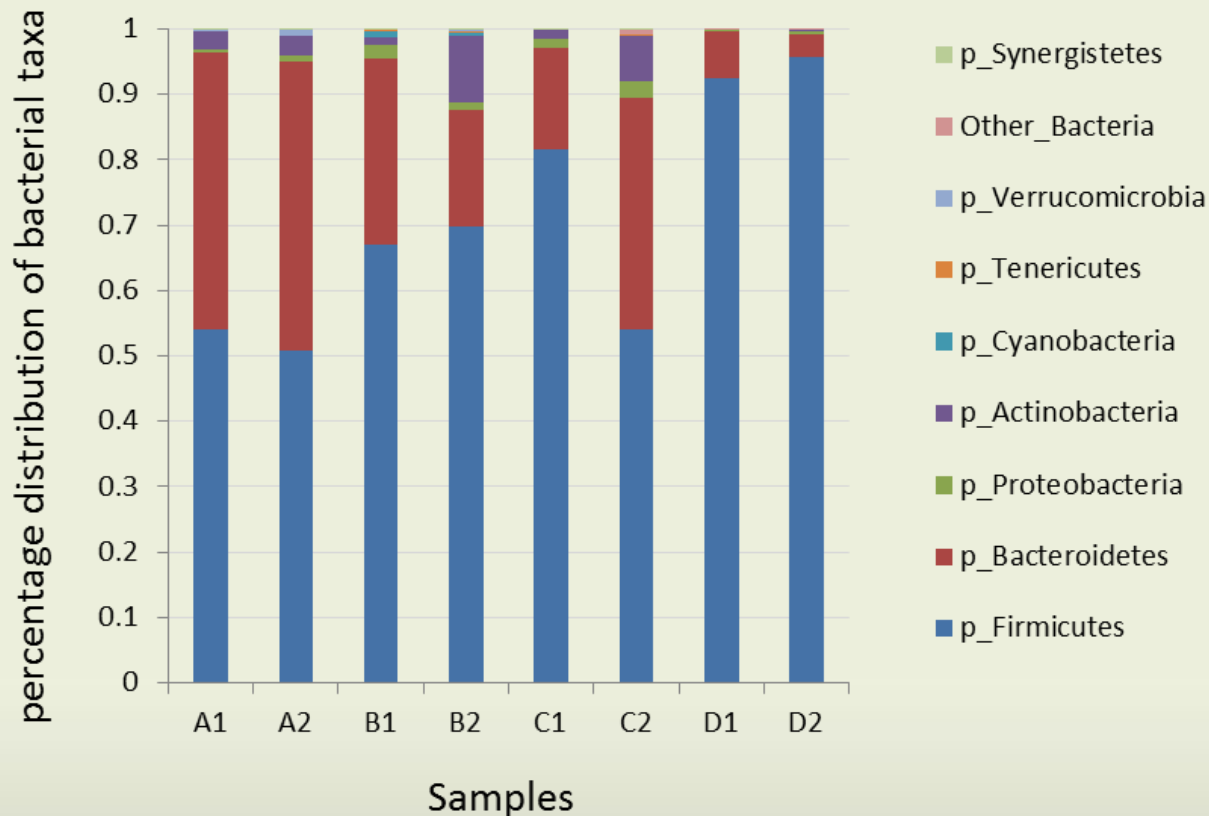
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OTU table -> ANALYSIS

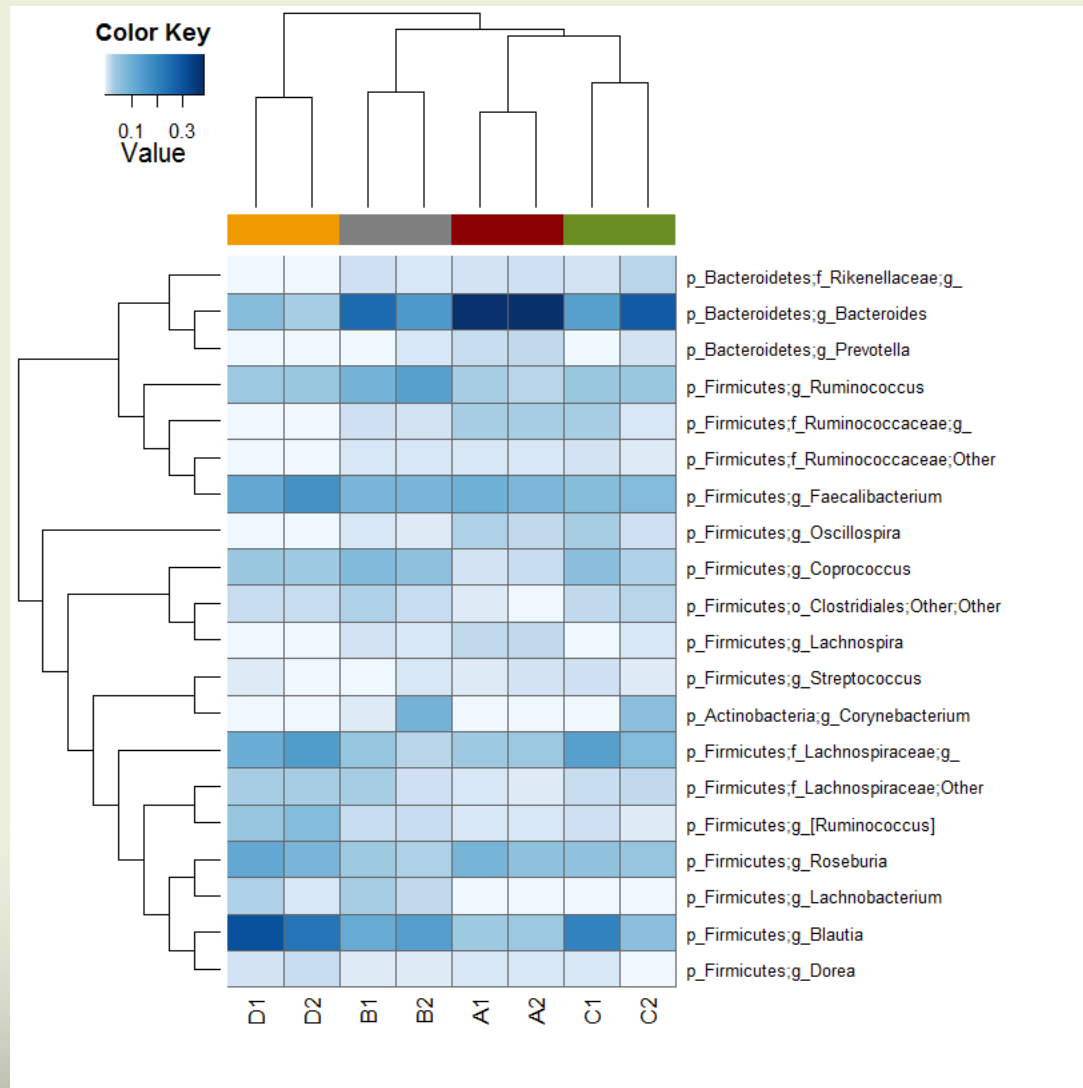


Taxa distribution (bar charts)

Bacterial taxa distribution (phylum level)



Taxa distribution (Heatmap)



Alpha diversity

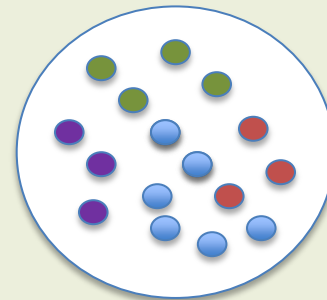
What is Alpha diversity - It is used to measure the **diversity within a sample**. It is calculated as a value for each sample. Different metrics were developed to calculate diversity in different ways.

Count of different microbes (OTU count)

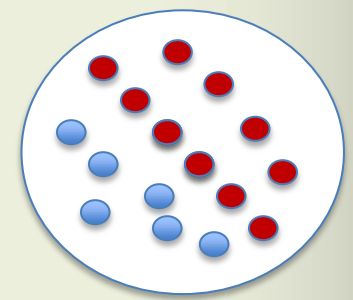
Richness - Richness is a measure of number of species present in a sample.

Distribution of different microbes

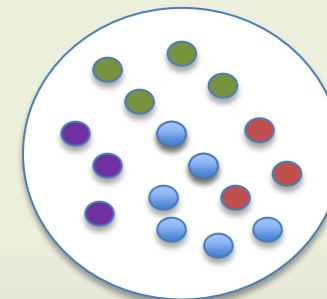
Evenness - Evenness is a measure of relative abundance of different species that make up the richness in that area



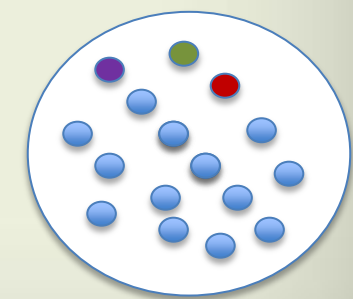
sample1



sample2



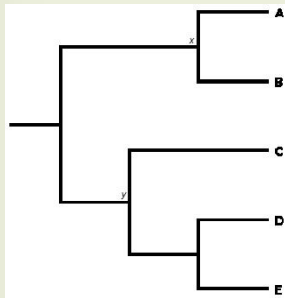
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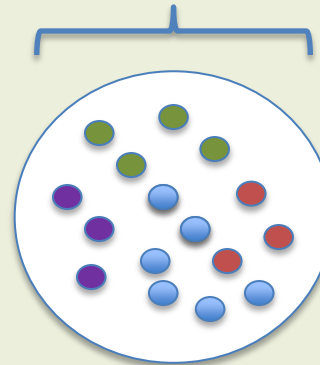
sample4

Alpha diversity

Phylogenetic relationship ??

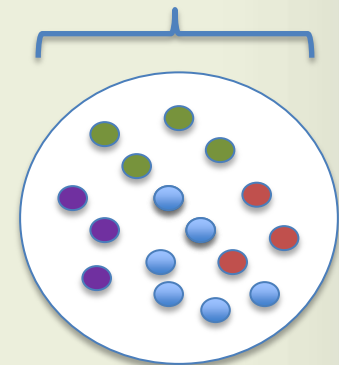


All 4 belong to
genus Streptococcus



sample5

3 belongs to Streptococcus
1 belong to Lactobacillus



sample6

Commonly used diversity metrics

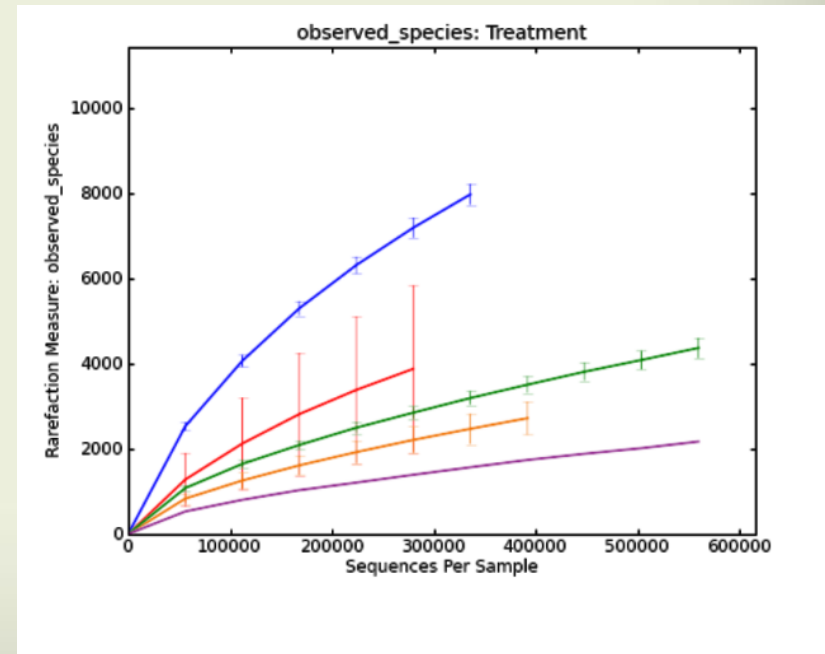
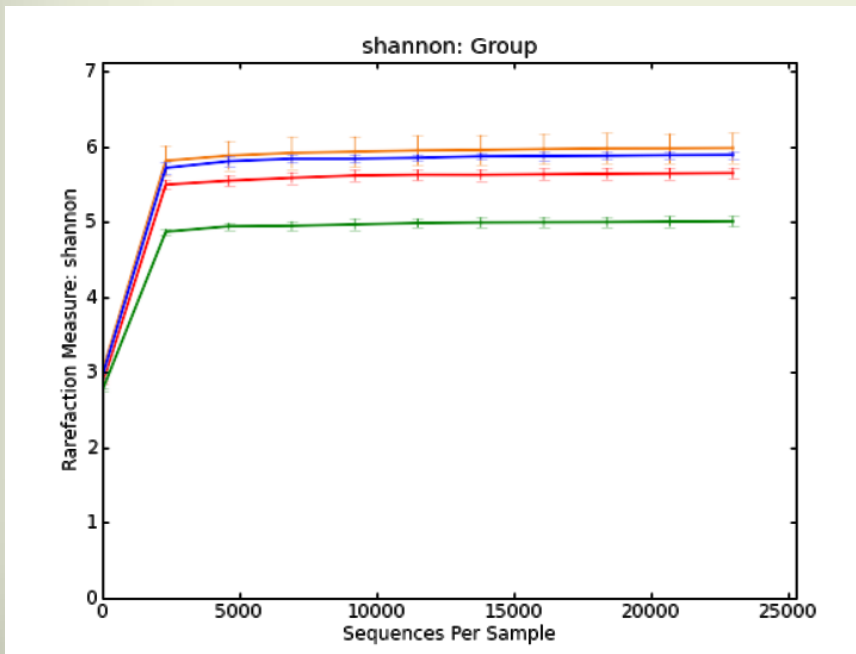
- Observed_species (measure richness only)
- Chao1 (measures richness and evenness)
- **Shannon** (measures richness and evenness)
- **Simpson** (measures richness and evenness)
- PD_whole_tree (includes phylogeny).

Alpha diversity – Rarefaction plot

Have you enough sequences to calculate the alpha diversity?

ANS : Take random subsample 10%, 20%, 30% ...100% and calculate alpha diversity.

Rarefaction plot Rarefaction curve plots the number of individuals sampled versus the number of species.



Beta diversity

What is Beta diversity - It is a term for the **comparison of samples to each other**.
Beta diversity provides a measure of the **distance** or dissimilarity between each sample **pair**.

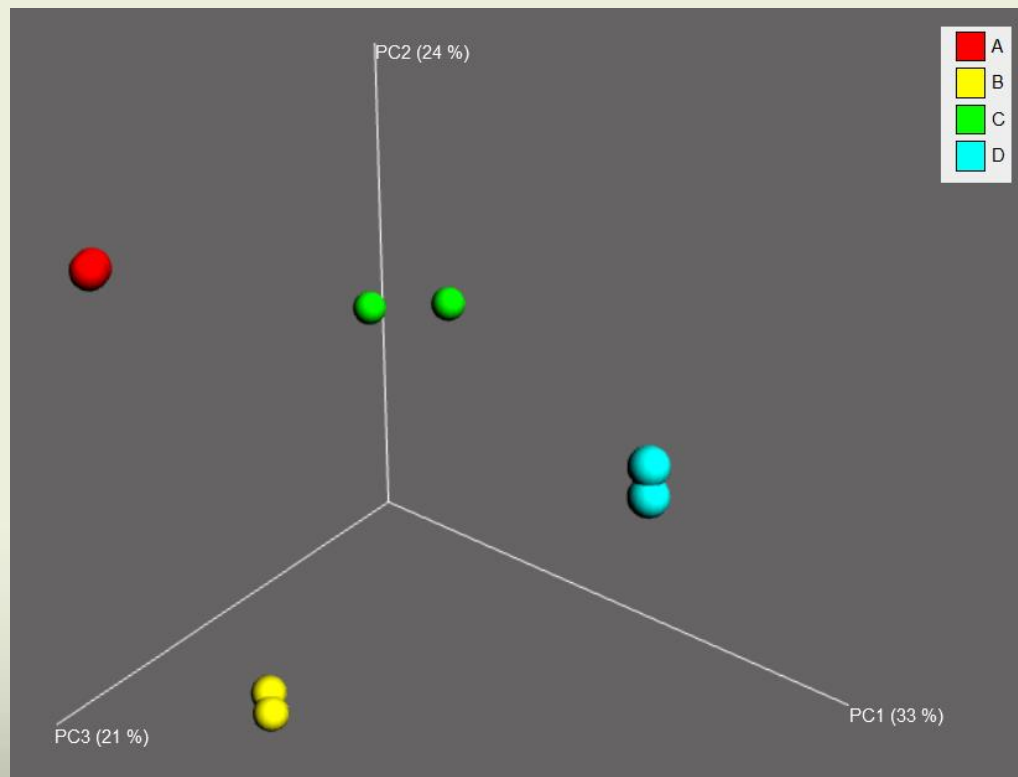
When more than two samples are used, the beta diversity is calculated for every pair of samples to generate a **distance/dissimilarity matrix**. A few of the commonly used beta diversity metrics are:

- **Bray-Curtis**: Non-phylogeny based method that takes abundance into account;
- **Un-weighted UniFrac**: Uses the presence and absence of OTUs and phylogeny
- **Weighted UniFrac**: Uses the abundance information of OTUs and phylogeny.

	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	D1	D2
A1	0.00	0.55	0.66	0.66	0.67	0.63	0.72	0.68
A2	0.55	0.00	0.66	0.65	0.67	0.63	0.72	0.68
B1	0.66	0.66	0.00	0.59	0.67	0.66	0.71	0.69
B2	0.66	0.65	0.59	0.00	0.68	0.64	0.71	0.68
C1	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.00	0.60	0.71	0.68
C2	0.63	0.63	0.66	0.64	0.60	0.00	0.72	0.68
D1	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.72	0.00	0.60
D2	0.68	0.68	0.69	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.60	0.00

Principal Coordinate analysis plot (PCoA)

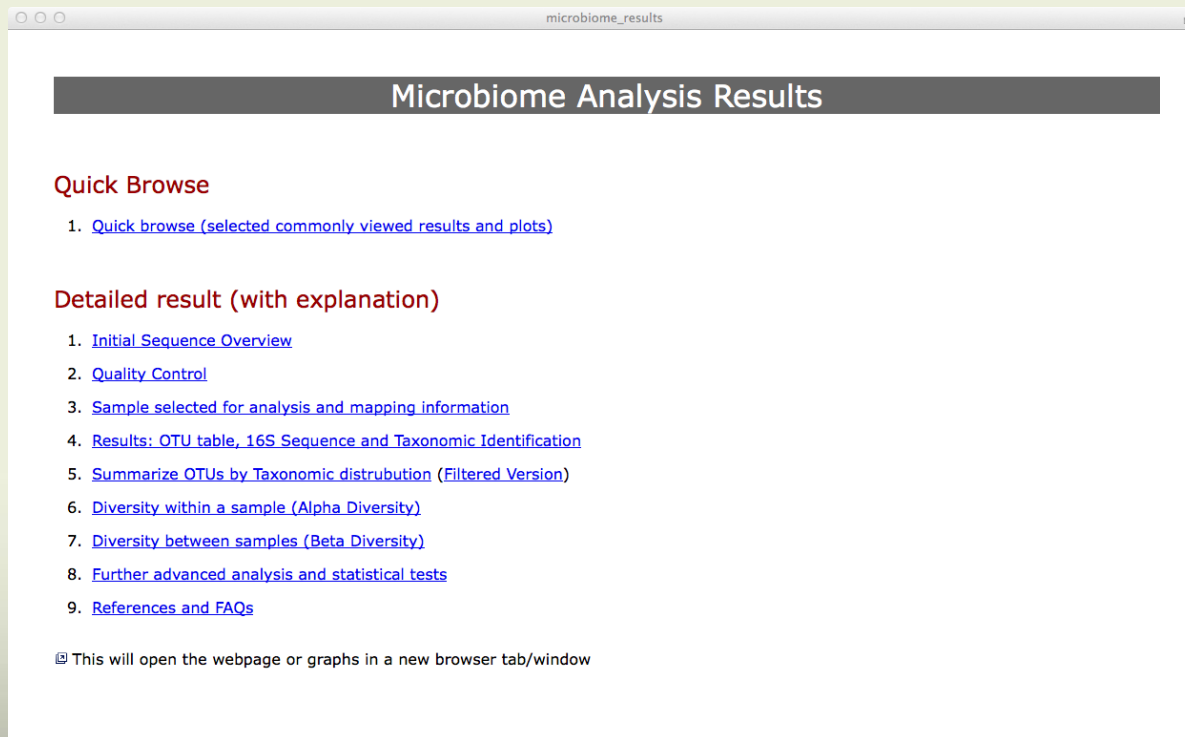
Principal Coordinates Analysis (PCoA) can be used for visualization of the data present in the beta diversity distance matrix in the form of 2-Dimensional or 3-Dimensional plots known as PCoA plots. PCoA transforms the distance matrix into a **new set of orthogonal axes** where the first axis (usually called **PC1**) can be used to explain the maximum amount of variation present in the dataset, followed by the second axis (**PC2**), and so on.



PCoA Plot

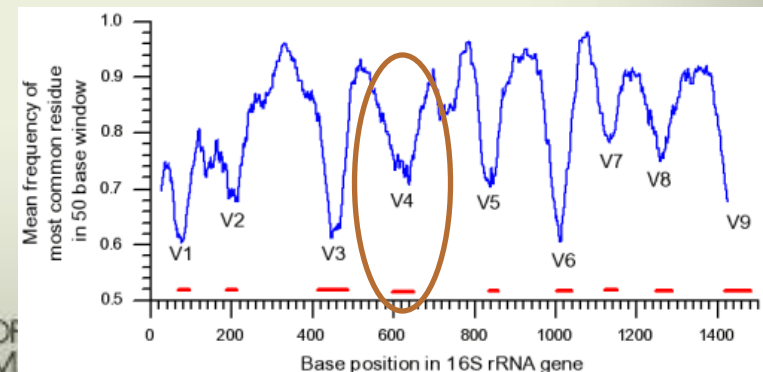
Microbiome analysis pipeline: QWRAP

- Code on Github : <https://github.com/QWRAP/QWRAP>
- Available on Cheaha cluster.
- Browse Live : A copy of example dataset is also available at https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/428435/QWRAP/ANALYSIS/microbiome_report.html



More about 16S rDNA sequencing

- **Qualitative or Quantitative** : 16S Microbiome analysis is Qualitative in nature
- **Taxonomy resolution** – Family / Genus /Species ?
Depends on uniqueness of variable region
 - > **Choice of 16S variable region** : V4 or V3-V4 or V1-V3 or V6 etc.
 - > **Length of variable region** – 100/250/500 bases ?
- **V4 regions 250 bases** can provide resolution at **Genus level** (85%).



Statistics

- Differences in taxa at various levels of taxonomy?
- What are the top most OTUs (or species) ?
- What are the rare OTUs present?
- OTU correlation : Is there a correlation exists between OTUs and other attributes of sample like pH or other environmental conditions.
- Sample Size / Power Calculation
- Differences between 2 or more groups : T-test /ANOVA/PERMANOVA
- Multiple testing Correction
- Correlation with other attributes
- Graphs : Barplots, Heatmaps, PCoA plots, Diversity plots etc.

Thank You or Questions

