Microbiome Study Workflow Starting with **Extracted Microbial Genomic DNA** Sample 2 Sample 1 Microbial Genomic DNA Amplify 16S rRNA via PCR with primers containing unique barcodes for each sample Pool in equal concentrations Illumina Sequencing **Demultiplex Sequences Based On Unique Barcode Combinations** Sample 1 Sample 2 >Seq1 >Seq1 AGTCGTCGCTCGATGACTAG GCGCTAGCTAGCTATATAGCAT >Seq2 >Seq2 TAGCTAGTAGCTATATAGCTA GATCGCTCTCTCTCGATCGCCC >Seq3 >Seq3 ATATAGCCGCGCCCTAGCTG TCGATAGCTTAGATCGCATCGA **Bin Sequences into Operational Taxonomic Units** and Assign Taxonomies Samples 2 0 Bacteria:Proteobacteria 0 3 5 2 Archaea; Euryarchaeota 1 3 7 0 Bacteria; Actinobacteria Bacteria; Chloroflexi Statistical Analysis Sample2 Sample 1