

MMBL Symbiont Metabarcoding Workshop 2023

1. 16S rRNA sequence analysis (QIIME2)
2. ITS2 rRNA sequence analysis (SymPortal)

Analysis of 16S rRNA sequences for microbial diversity studies

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Outline

- 16S rRNA gene
- Sequencing platforms and protocol
- 16S rRNA sequence analysis pipeline
- Diversity measures
 - Alpha diversity
 - Beta diversity
- Ordination
- Demonstration

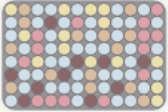

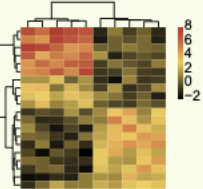
	Method	Advantages	Limitations
	Culturome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-throughput • Targeted selection • Provides microbial isolates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expensive • Laborious • Influenced by media and the environment
	Amplicon (16S/18S/ITS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick analysis • Low-biomass requirement • Applicable to samples contaminated by host DNA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCR and primer biases • Resolution limited to genus level • False positive in low-biomass samples
	Metagenome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxonomic resolution to species or strain level • Functional potential • Uncultured microbial genome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expensive • Time-consuming in analysis • Host-derived contamination

Fig 1. Advantages and limitations of common HTS methods used in microbiome research.

- Marker gene for bacterial phylogeny and taxonomy
- most well-studied and characterized gene
- present in almost all bacteria
- 1,500 bp in length
- comprised of conserved and variable regions

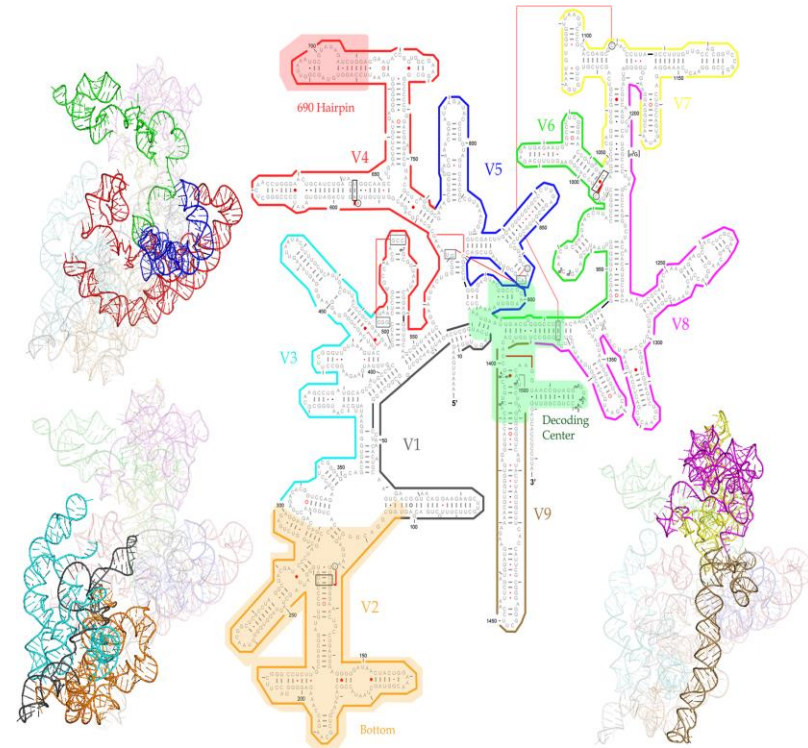


Fig 2. The 2D-3D structures of the 16S rRNA gene.

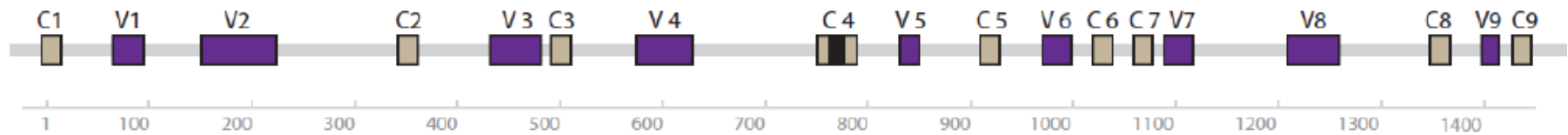


Fig. 3. Schematic representation of the 16S rRNA gene. Location of variable (purple) and conserved (brown) regions in a bacterial 16S rRNA.

conserved regions- allow primers to be designed to target all bacteria

variable regions- allow for determination of various species

16S rRNA Primer Map

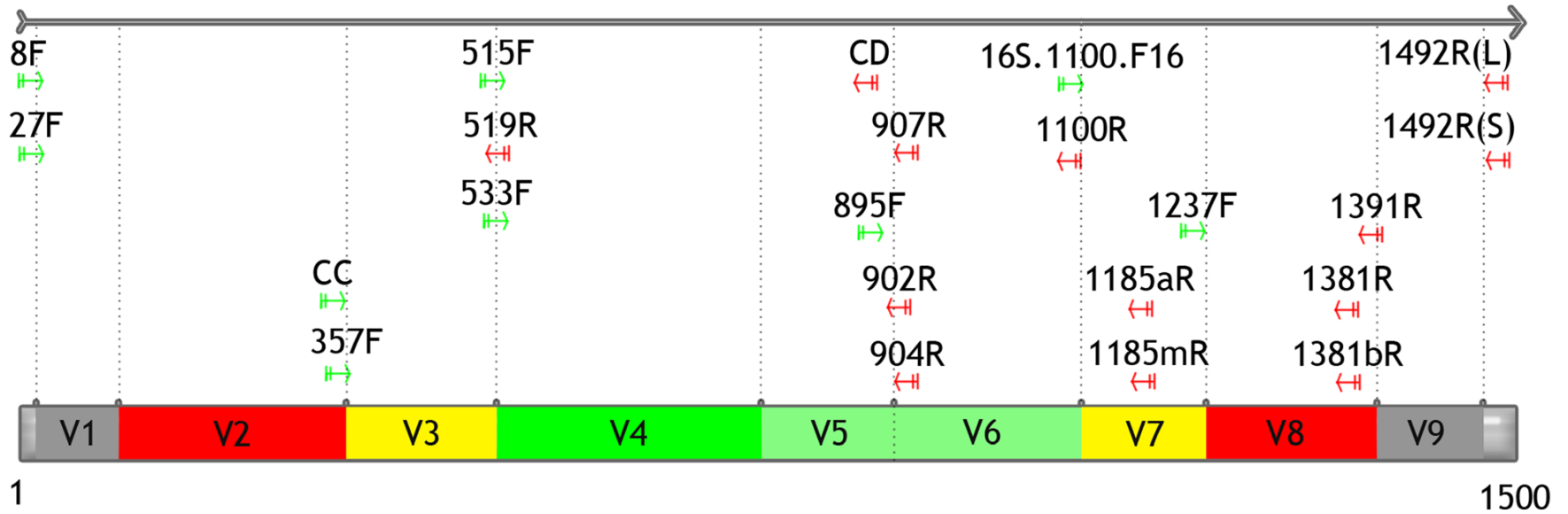


Fig. 4. Illustration of different variable regions.

Table 1. Pros and cons of different primer pairs

	V4–5	V4	V3–4	V1–2
Populations biases: consensus from mock communities and field samples				
Populations under-represented ^b	SAR11 Deep 1 <i>Pseudospirillum</i>	ZD0405 (field)	<i>Euryarchaeota</i> (field) <i>Thaumarchaeota</i> SAR11 Surface 1 SAR11 Deep 1 some SAR116	SAR11 Deep 1 <i>Roseobacter</i> DC5–80-3 <i>Roseobacter</i> OCT
Populations over-represented ^b		<i>Euryarchaeota</i> <i>Thaumarchaeota</i>	<i>Euryarchaeota</i> (mock)	<i>Flavobacteria</i> : NS5
Populations not detected	<i>Roseobacter</i> OCT	some SAR116		<i>Euryarchaeota</i> ^c <i>Thaumarchaeota</i> ^c <i>Roseobacter</i> NAC11-7 some SAR116
Clades with poor classification ^d	<i>Rhodobacteraceae</i>			<i>Rhodobacteraceae</i>

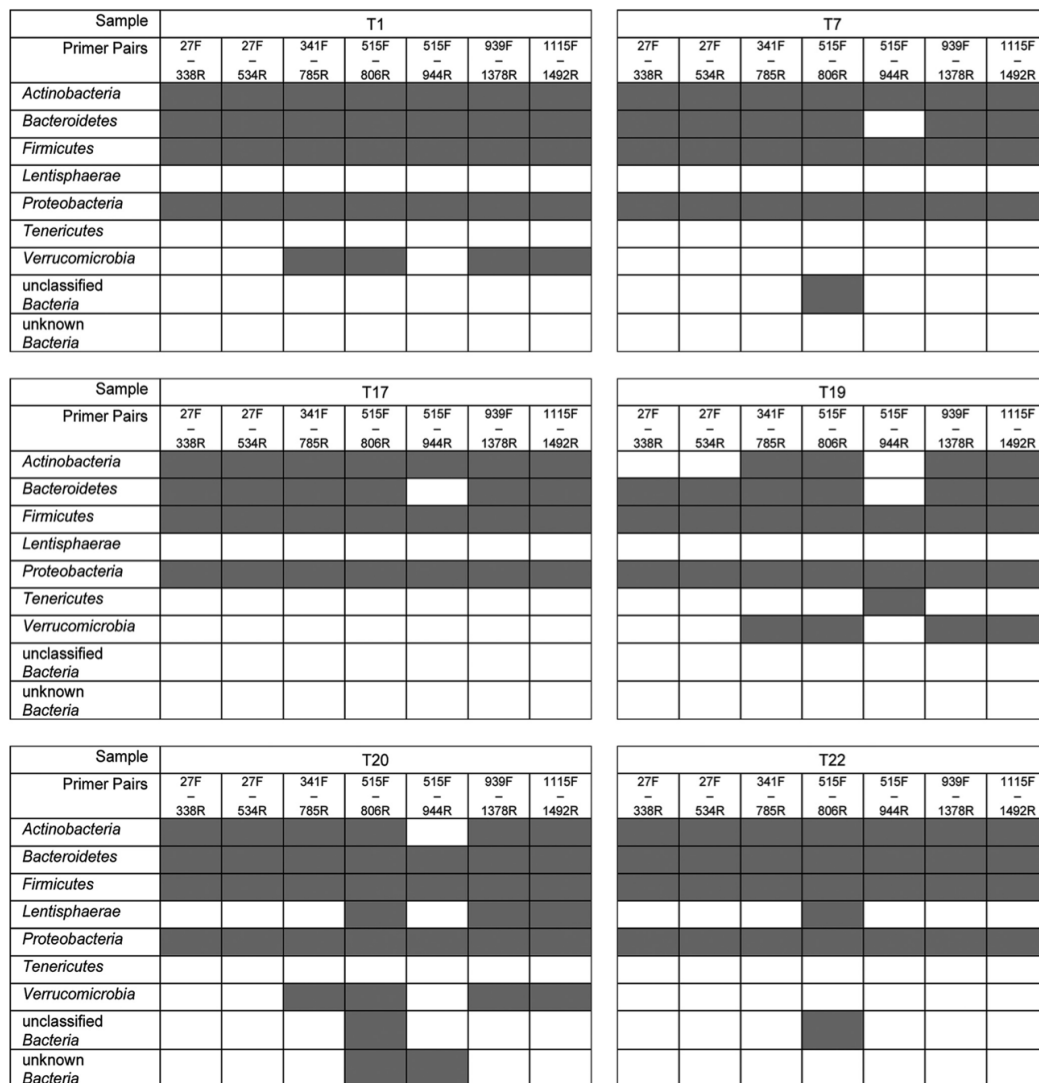
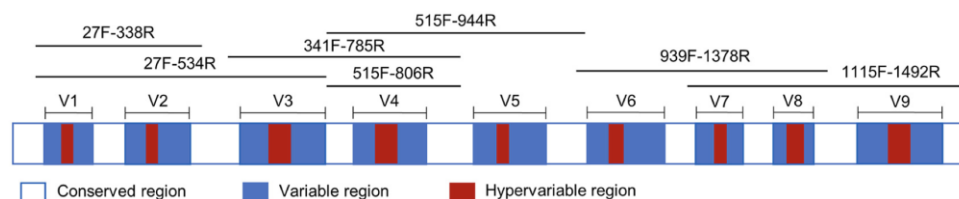


Fig. 5. "Presence-and-absence" map of human samples on phylum level for different V-regions.

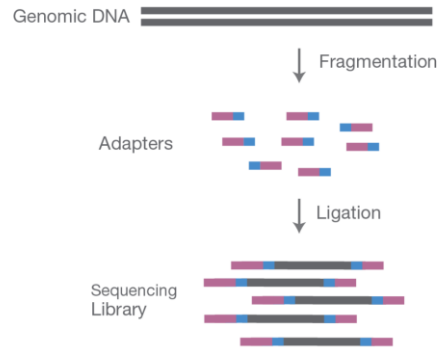


Sequencing platforms

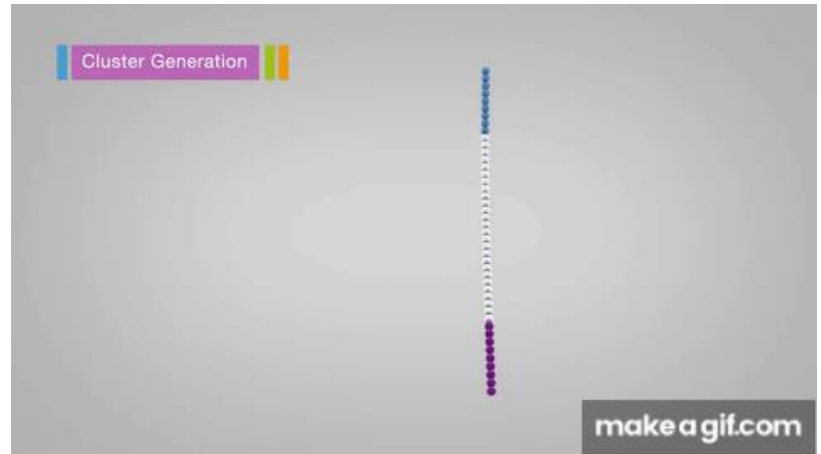
Table 2. Different platforms comparisons.


	Roche 454	Ion Torrent	Illumina MiSeq
Sequencing Kit	GS FLX Titanium XLR70	PGM 400 Sequencing	MiSeq Reagent Kits v2
Expected Read Length	Up to 600 bp	Up to 400 bp	MiSeq Reagent Kit v2: Up to 2 × 250 bp
Typical Throughput	450 Mb	Ion 314™ Chip v2: Up to 100 Mb Ion 316™ Chip v2: Up to 1 Gb Ion 318™ Chip v2: Up to 2 Gb	Up to 8.5 Gb
Reads per Run	~1000,000 shotgun, ~700,000 amplicon	Ion 314™ Chip v2: 400–550 thousand Ion 316™ Chip v2: 2–3 millions Ion 318™ Chip v2: 4–5.5 millions	~15 million reads
Consensus Accuracy	99.995%	99%	99%
Run Time	10 h	Ion 314™ Chip v2: 2.3 to 3.7 h Ion 316™ Chip v2: 3.0 to 4.9 h Ion 318™ Chip v2: 4.4 to 7.3 h	4 h and approximately 39 h depending on the number of cycles
Sample Input	gDNA, cDNA, or amplicons (PCR products)	gDNA, cDNA, or amplicons (PCR products)	gDNA, cDNA, or amplicons (PCR products) Small genome, amplicon, and targeted gene panel sequencing
Weight	532 lbs. (242 kg)	65 lbs. (30 kg)	120 lbs. (54.5 kg)
Instrument cost	~\$500 K	~ \$80 k	~ \$125 k

A. Library Preparation




NGS library is prepared by fragmenting a gDNA sample and ligating specialized adapters to both fragment ends.






MiSeq Series
Small genome and targeted sequencing.

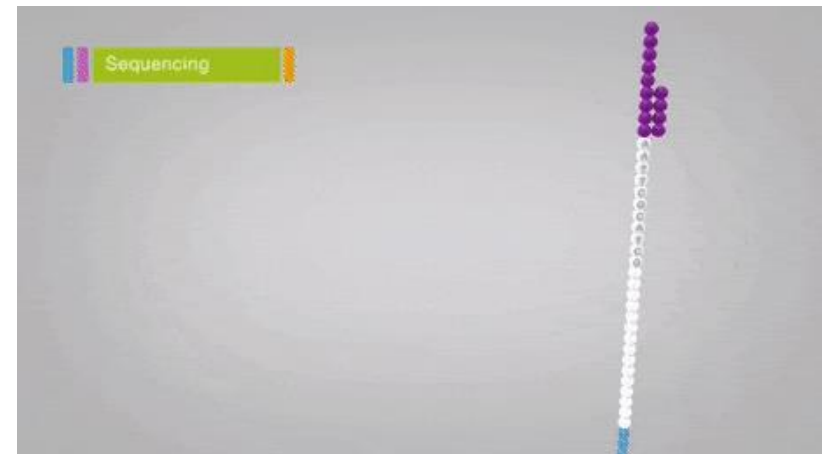


Flow cell

Sequencing



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16S pipeline



Quantitative Insights Into Microbial Ecology version 2
(<https://docs.qiime2.org>)



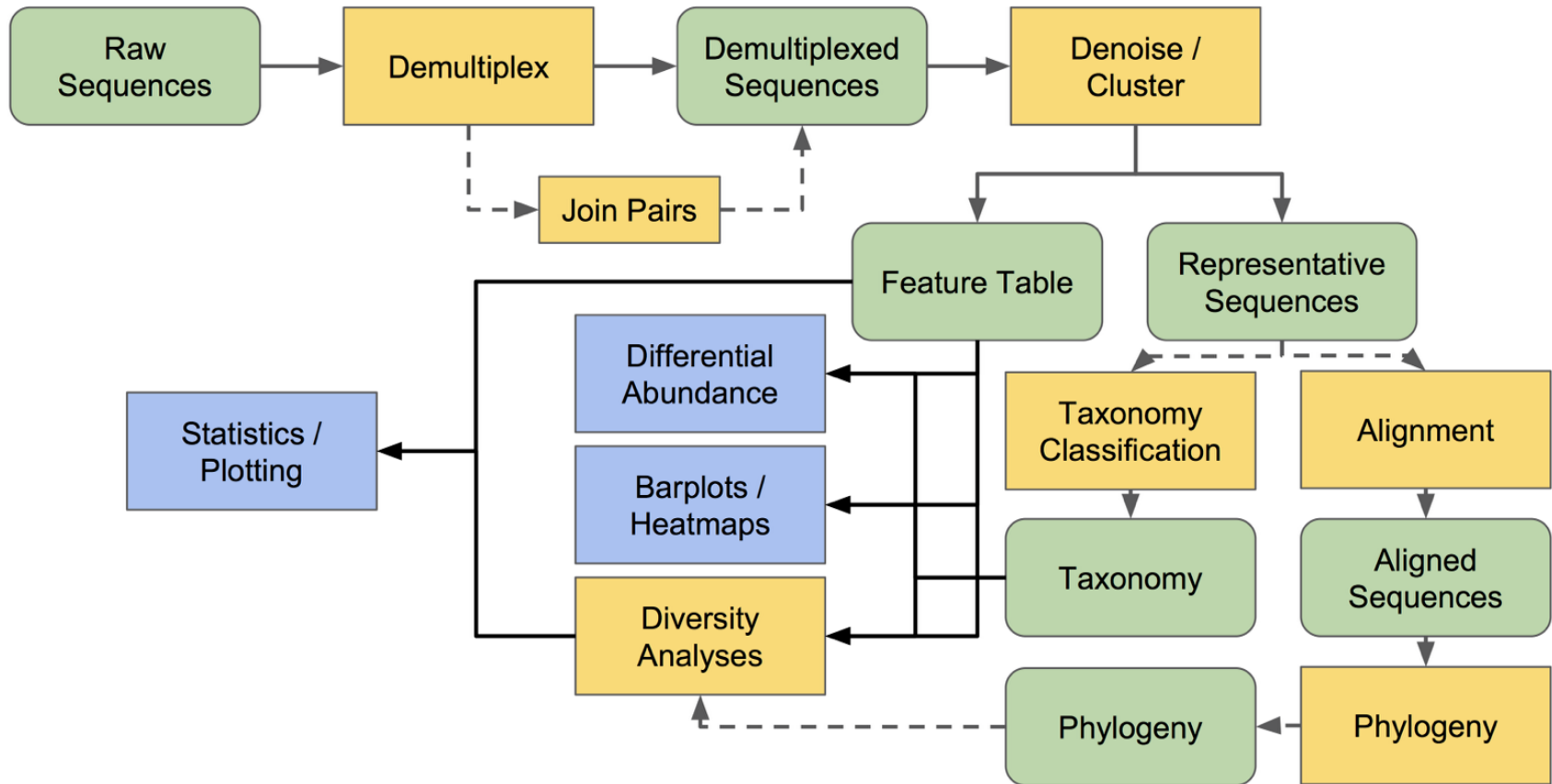
Mothur
(<https://www.mothur.org>)



SILVAngs
(<https://www.arb-silva.de/silvangs>)

and others

QIIME2 pipeline overview



Demultiplexing

Adapter Barcode Overhang adapter Primer



Primer Overhang adapter Barcode Adapter

Multiplexing:

During sequencing, samples were mixed together or multiplex to minimize sequencing cost.

How do we know which sample each read came from?

This is typically done by appending a **unique barcode** (a.k.a. index or tag) sequence to one or both ends of each sequence. Detecting these barcode sequences and mapping them back to the samples they belong allows us to *demultiplex* sequences.

Demultiplexing

Adapter Barcode Overhang adapter



Overhang adapter Barcode Adapter

Sample ID	Barcode sequence
Sample 1	AAGAGGCAGTAAGGAG
Sample 2	GTAGAGGAACTGCATA
Sample 3	GCTCATGAAAGGAGTA
Sample 4	ATCTCAGGCTAAGCCT
Sample 5	ACTCGCTACGTCTAAT
Sample 6	GGAGCTACTCTCTCCG

Removing non-biological sequences



For example:

16S Amplicon PCR Forward Primer

TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAGCCTACGGGNGGCWGCAG

16S Amplicon PCR Reverse Primer

GTCTCGTGGGCTCGGAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAGGACTACHVGGGTATCTAATCC

Available tools to remove non-biological sequences:

- Trimmomatic
- Trim Galore
- Sickle
- Cutadapt - available in Qiime2 workflow

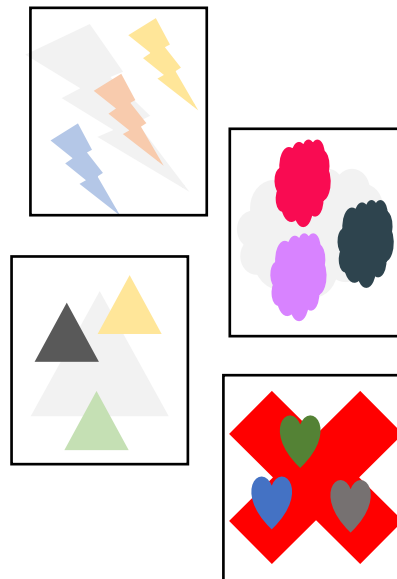
Minimizing the effects of targeted sequencing error

Strategies:

- a. OTU clustering-** based upon the idea that related/similar organisms will have similar target gene sequences and that rare sequencing errors will have a trivial contribution
- clusters often being generated using a similarity threshold of 97% sequence identity
 - **Reference-free (De novo) OTU Clustering and Reference-based OTU Clustering (Open and Closed).**



Reference-free



Reference-based (Closed)

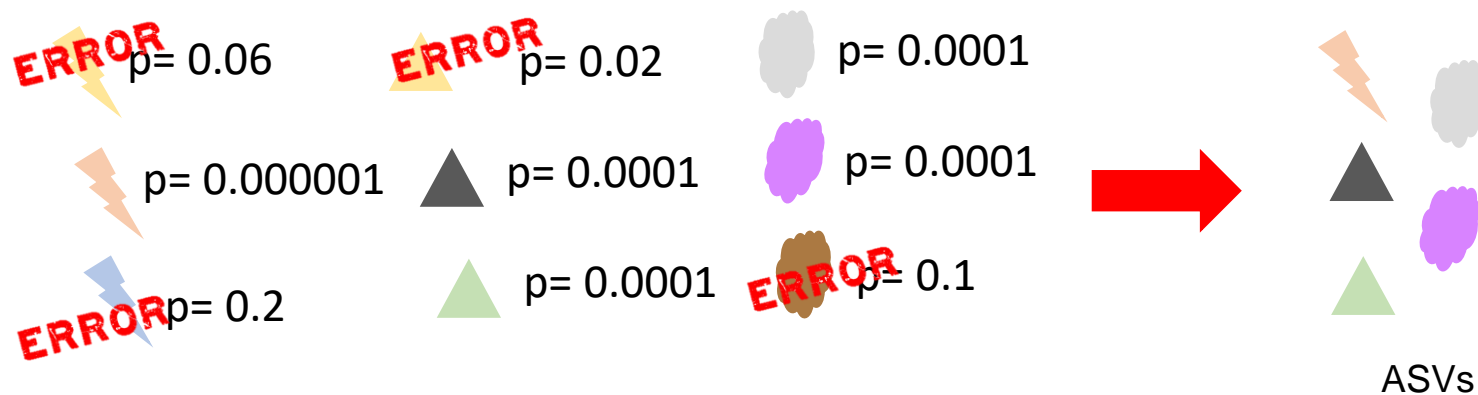


Reference-based (Open)

Minimizing the effects of targeted sequencing error

Strategies:

- b. Amplicon sequence variant approach-** determines which exact sequences were read and how many times each exact sequence was read
- even a single base difference in the sequence will result in a unique ASV
 - data will be combined with an error model for the sequencing run, enabling the comparison of similar reads to determine the probability that a given read at a given frequency is not due to sequencer error
 - sometimes called exact sequence variant or zero-radius OTU (zOTU)



Taxonomic assignment

Table 3. Overview of different taxonomic classifications

Taxonomy	Domains	Lowest rank	Latest release	Sources
SILVA	Bacteria, Archaea, Eukarya	Species	August 2020	Bergey's Taxonomic Outlines; List of Prokaryotic Names with Standing in Nomenclature; International Society of Protistologists
Ribosomal Database Project (RDP)	Bacteria, Archaea, Fungi	Genus	August 2020	International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration
Greengenes (GG)	Bacteria, Archaea	Species	October 2022	Mainly NCBI
NCBI	All organisms	Species	Today	Catalog of Life; the Encyclopedia of Life; Name- Bank; WikiSpecies
Open tree of life taxonomy (OTT)	All organisms	Species	September 2023	IndexFungorum; SILVA, NCBI, Global Biodiversity Information Facility ; Interim Register of Marine and Nonmarine Genera

<https://qiime2.org>



Data analysis

- **Rarefaction curve:** estimates covered diversity by available sequencing depth
 - Plateauing means sufficient sequencing effort

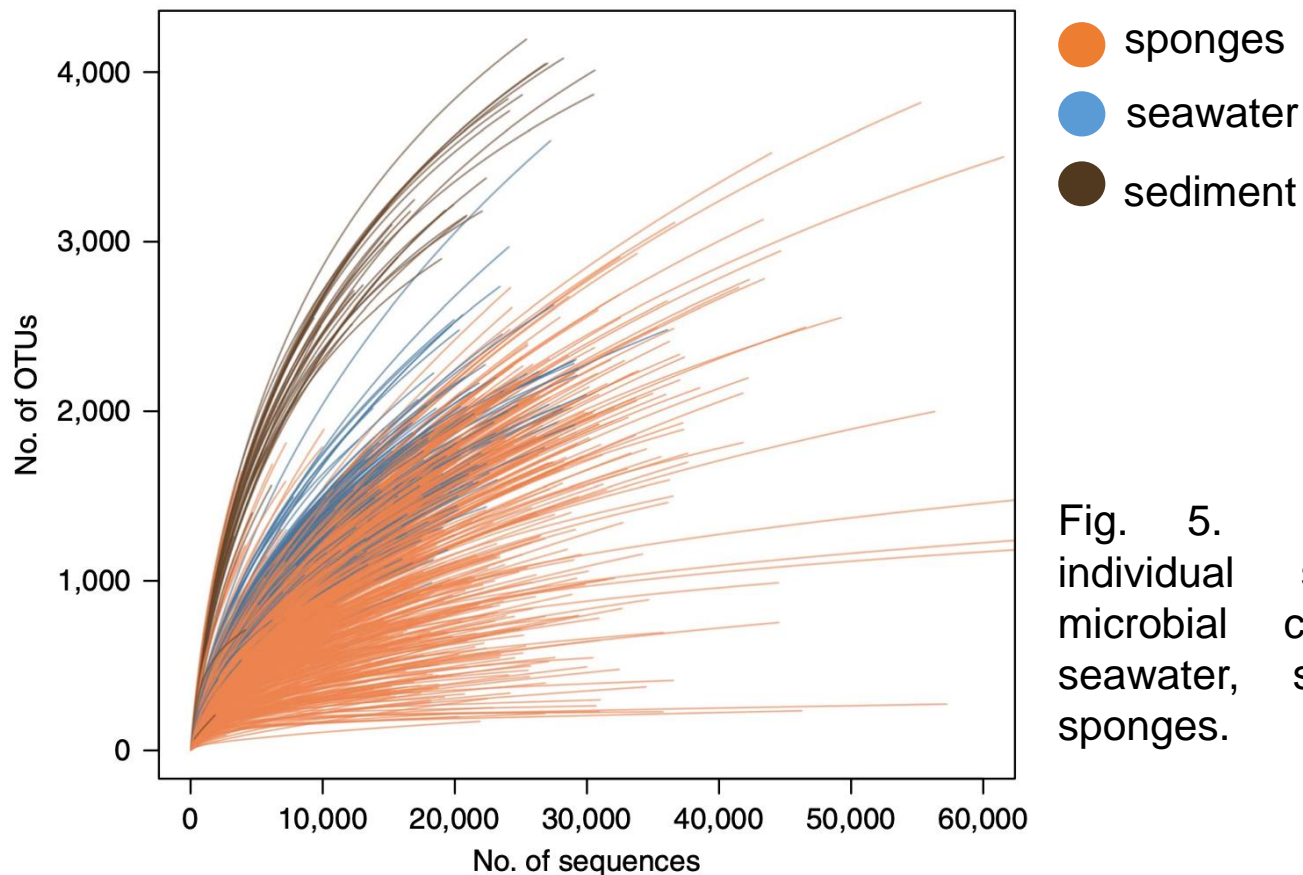


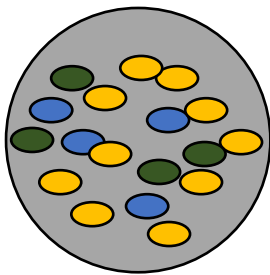
Fig. 5. Richness of individual samples from microbial communities in seawater, sediments and sponges.

Diversity measures

Alpha diversity (within)

What is there? How much is there?

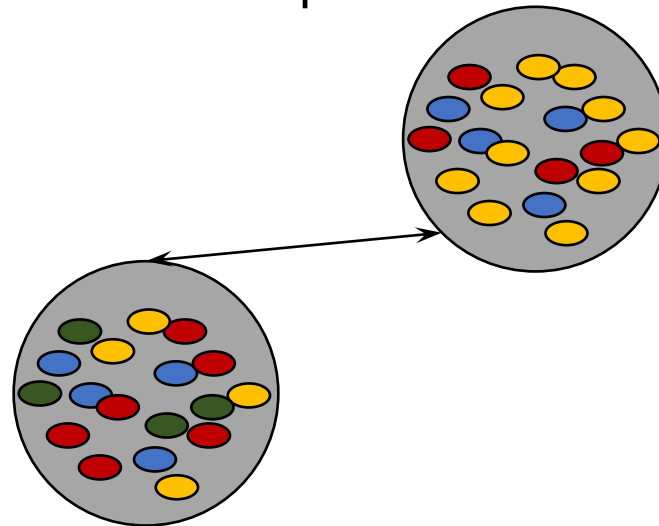
- Diversity within one sample
- Richness
- Evenness



Beta diversity (between)

How similar or different are samples?

- Diversity between samples (comparison)
- Dissimilarity
- Shared species



Alpha diversity

- **Species Richness**- species counts

Sample A

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae
Endozoicomonas gorgoniicola

Sample B

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae

Sample C

Endozoicomonas acroporae

Richness:
Sample A:3
Sample B:2
Sample C:1

Conclusion:

Sample A is more diverse than Sample B, and B is more diverse than C.

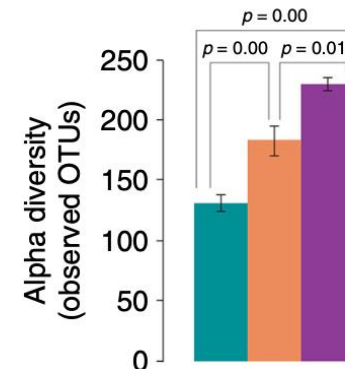
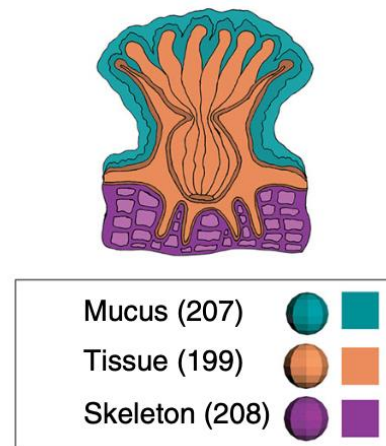


Fig. 6. Richness of microbes from different coral compartments.

Alpha diversity

- **Species Richness**- species counts

Sample A

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae
Endozoicomonas gorgoniicola

Sample B

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae
Vibrio coralliilyticus

Sample C

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Vibrio coralliilyticus
Bacillus flexus



Richness:
Sample A:3
Sample B:3
Sample C:3



Conclusion:
Samples A, B
and C are
equally diverse.

*ignores relatedness of the species

Alpha diversity

- **Phylogenetic diversity index (PD)** - based on phylogeny

Sample A

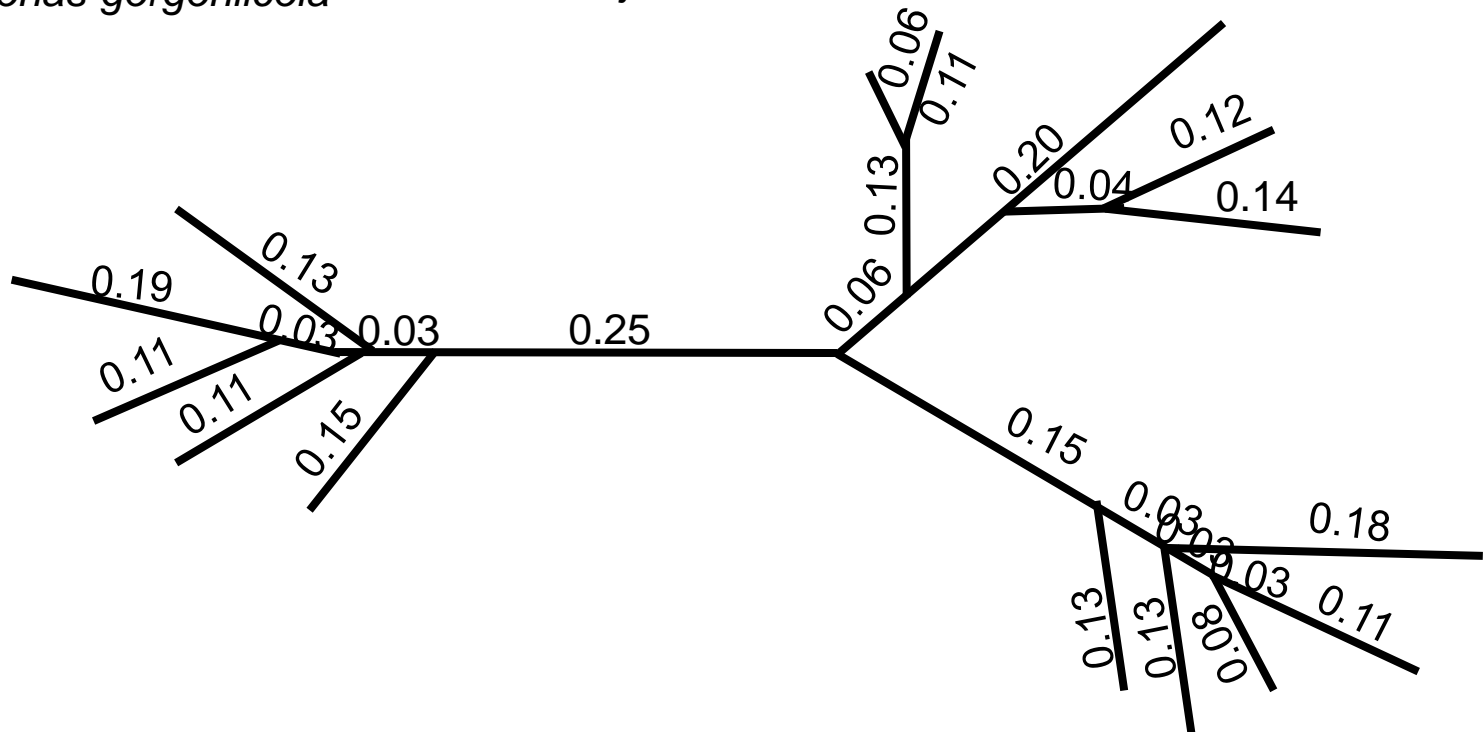
Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae
Endozoicomonas gorgoniicola

Sample B

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae
Hahella chejuensis

Sample C

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Vibrio coralliilyticus
Bacillus flexus



Alpha diversity

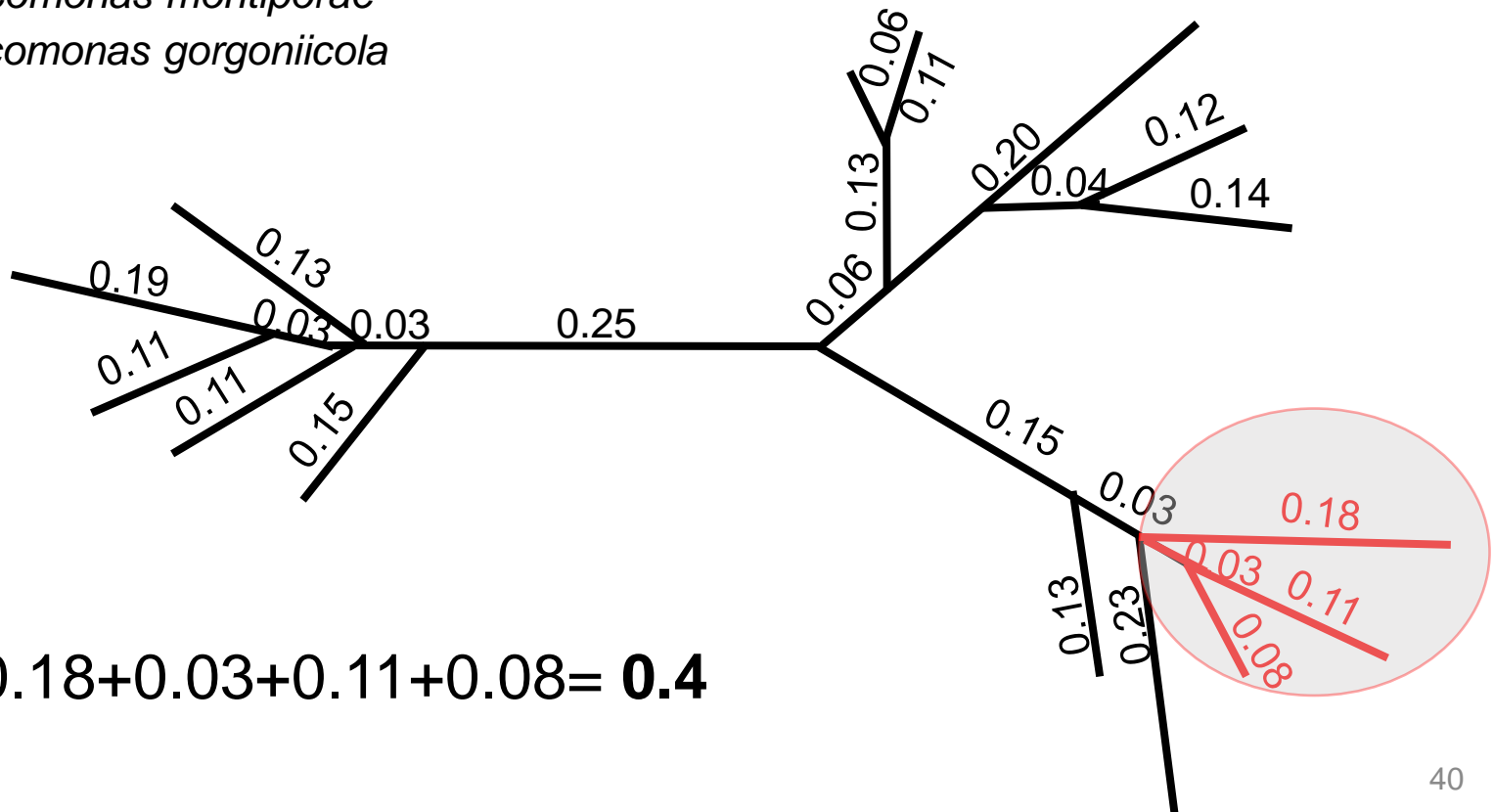
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Endozoicomonas montiporae

Endozoicomonas gorgoniicola



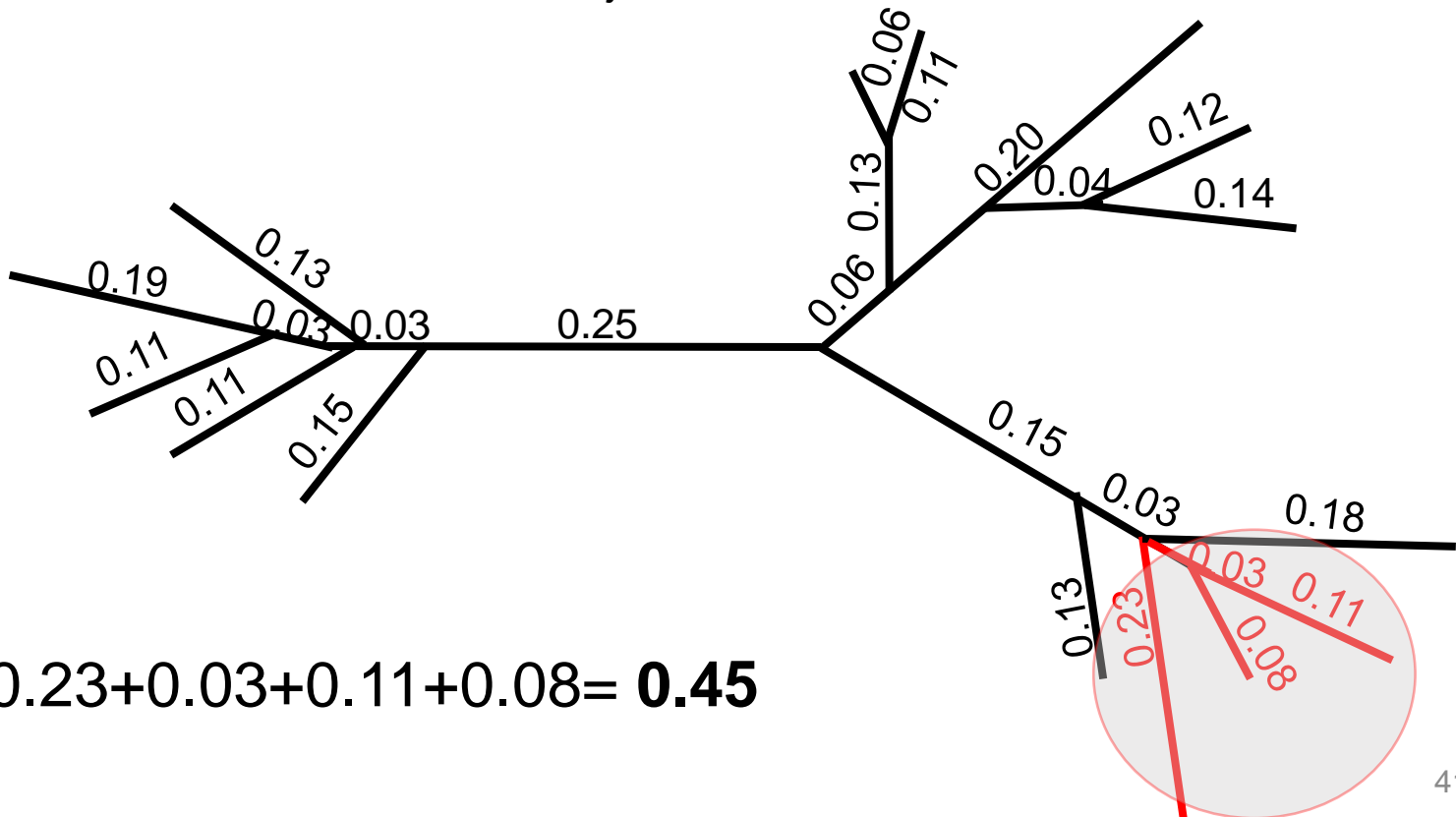
$$\text{PD} = 0.18 + 0.03 + 0.11 + 0.08 = \mathbf{0.4}$$

Alpha diversity

- **Phylogenetic diversity index (PD)** - based on phylogeny

Sample B

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae
Hahella chejuensis



$$\text{PD} = 0.23 + 0.03 + 0.11 + 0.08 = \mathbf{0.45}$$

Alpha diversity

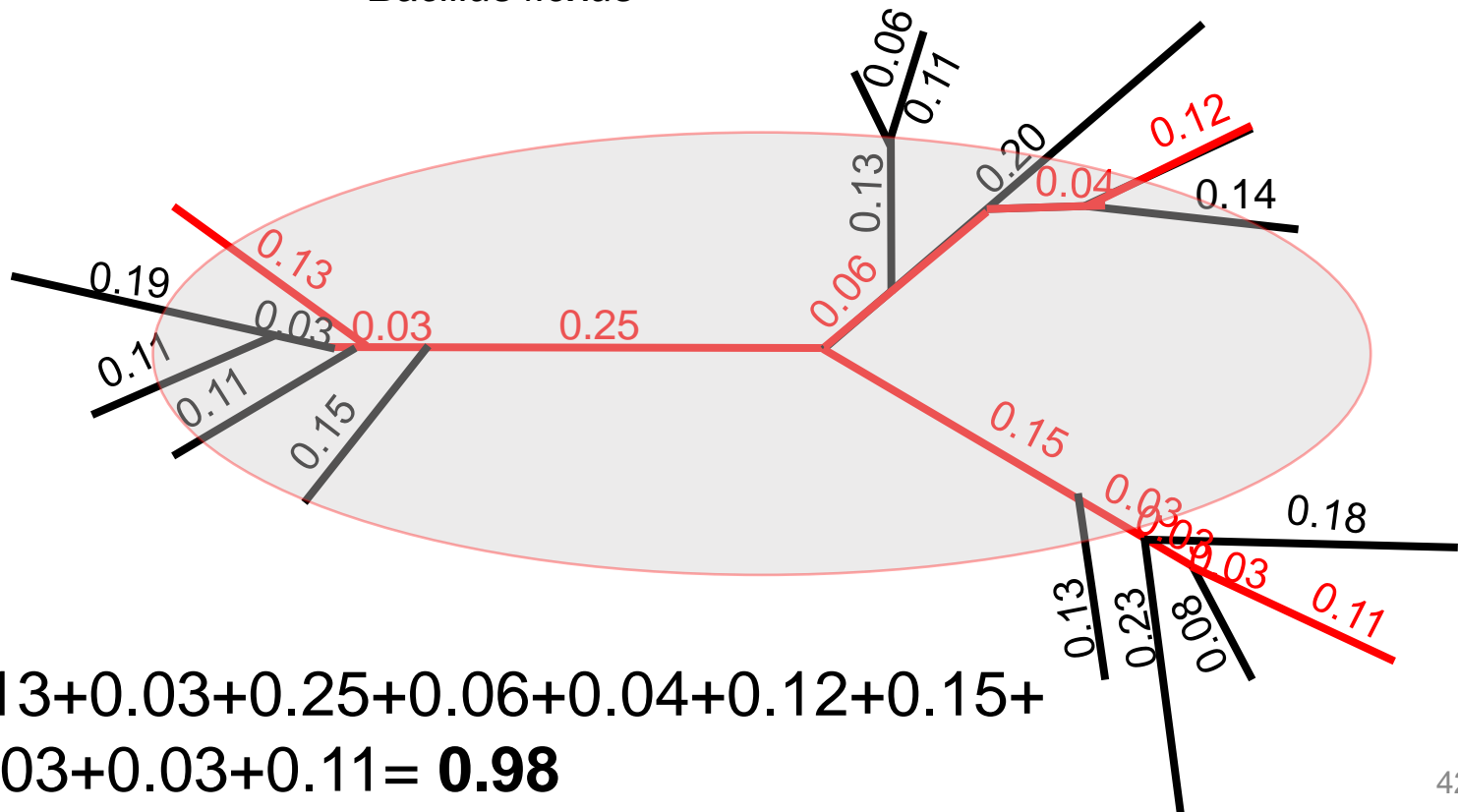
- **Phylogenetic diversity index (PD)** - based on phylogeny

Sample C

Endozoicomonas acroporae

Vibrio coralliilyticus

Bacillus flexus



$$\text{PD} = 0.13 + 0.03 + 0.25 + 0.06 + 0.04 + 0.12 + 0.15 + 0.03 + 0.03 + 0.03 + 0.11 = \mathbf{0.98}$$

Alpha diversity

- **Phylogenetic diversity index (PD)** - based on phylogeny

Sample A

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae
Endozoicomonas gorgoniicola

PD= 0.40

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Sample B

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Endozoicomonas montiporae
Hahella chejuensis

PD= 0.45

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Sample C

Endozoicomonas acroporae
Vibrio coralliilyticus
Bacillus flexus

PD= 0.98

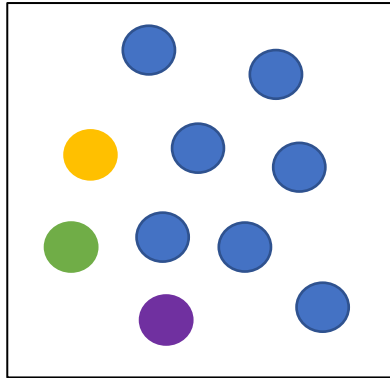
Conclusion:

Sample C is more diverse than Sample B,
which is more diverse than Sample A

Alpha diversity

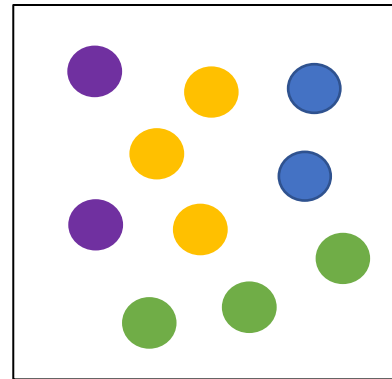
- **Shannon Diversity index (H)**- measures the number of species richness but scales them based on the evenness of the community, more weight on species richness

Sample A



Abundance= 10
Species Richness= 4
Diversity= ?

Sample B



Abundance= 10
Species Richness= 4
Diversity= ?

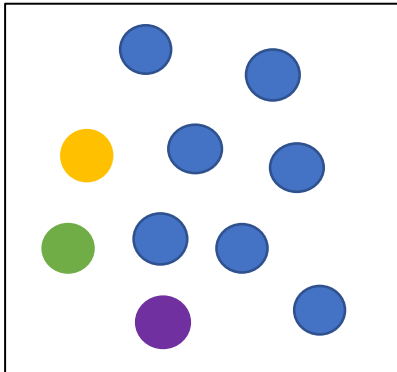
Alpha diversity

- **Shannon Diversity index (H)**- measures the number of species richness but scales them based on the evenness of the community, more weight on species richness

$$H = -\sum (P_i) \times \ln(P_i)$$

where P_i is the proportion of individuals in each species

Sample A



Species	Abundance	Pi	Ln (Pi)	Pi x Ln(Pi)
Blue	7	0.70	-0.51	-0.36
Yellow	1	0.10	-2.30	-0.23
Green	1	0.10	-2.30	-0.23
Violet	1	0.10	-2.30	-0.23
Total	10			-1.05

Sample A H= 1.05

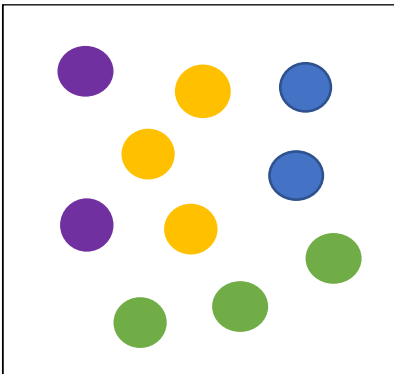
Alpha diversity

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Sample B



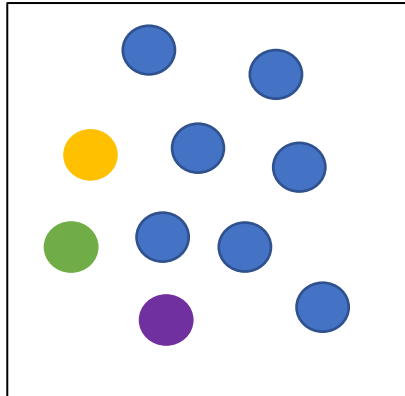
Species	Abundance	Pi	Ln (Pi)	Pi x Ln(Pi)
Blue	2	0.20	-1.61	-0.32
Yellow	3	0.30	-1.20	-0.36
Green	3	0.30	-1.20	-0.36
Violet	2	0.20	-1.61	-0.32
Total	10			-1.36

Sample B $H = 1.36$

Alpha diversity

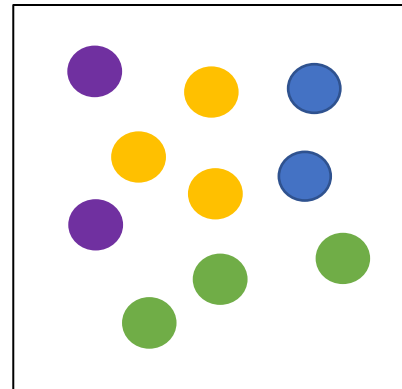
- **Shannon Diversity index (H)**- measures the number of species richness but scales them based on the evenness of the community

Sample A



Abundance= 10
Species Richness= 4
H= 1.00

Sample B



Abundance= 10
Species Richness= 4
H= 1.36

Conclusion:

Sample B is more diverse than Sample A

Alpha diversity

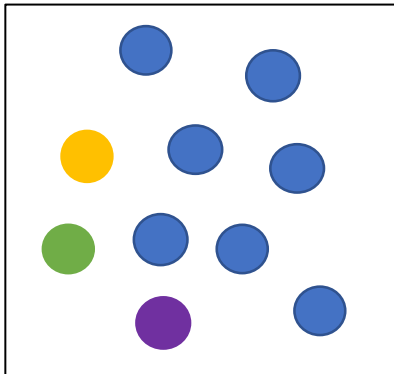
- **Inverse Simpson (D)**- measures the number of species richness but scales them based on the evenness of the community, more weight on species evenness

$$D = \frac{N(N-1)}{\sum n(n-1)}$$

N = total number of organisms of all species found

n = number of individuals of a particular species

Sample A



$$D = 10(10-1) / 7(7-1) + 1(1-1) + 1(1-1) + 1(1-1)$$

$$D = 90 / 42 + 0 + 0 + 0$$

$$\mathbf{D = 2.14}$$

Alpha diversity

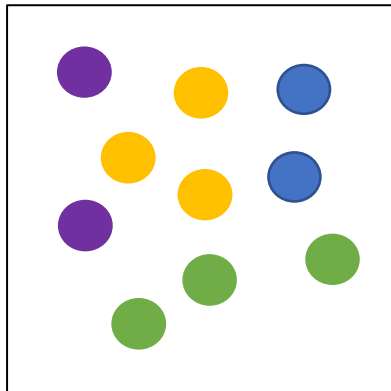
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Sample B



$$D = 10(10-1) / (3(3-1) + 3(3-1) + 2(2-1) + 2(2-1))$$

$$D = 90 / 6 + 6 + 2 + 2$$

$$D = 90 / 16$$

$$\mathbf{D = 5.62}$$

Conclusion:

Sample B is more diverse than Sample A

Alpha diversity

- **Chao1-** considers rare species

$$S_1 = S_{obs} + \frac{F_1^2}{2 F_2}$$

where F_1 and F_2 are the count of singletons and doubletons, respectively, and S is the number of observed species.

Beta diversity

Measure of overall change between samples

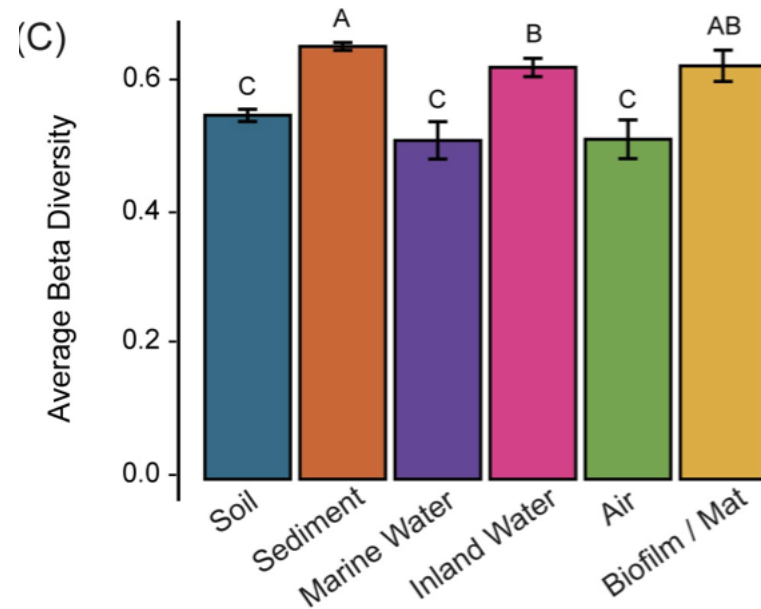


Fig. 7. Beta-diversity pattern of microbial communities from different environments.

Beta diversity

- **Bray-Curtis dissimilarity**-based on abundance or read count data

$$BC_{ij} = 1 - \frac{2C_{ij}}{S_i + S_j}$$

i & j are the two samples,

S_i is the total number of all individuals counted on Sample A,

S_j is the total number of all individuals counted on Sample B,

C_{ij} is the sum of only the lesser counts for each species found in both sites.

values are from 0 to 1

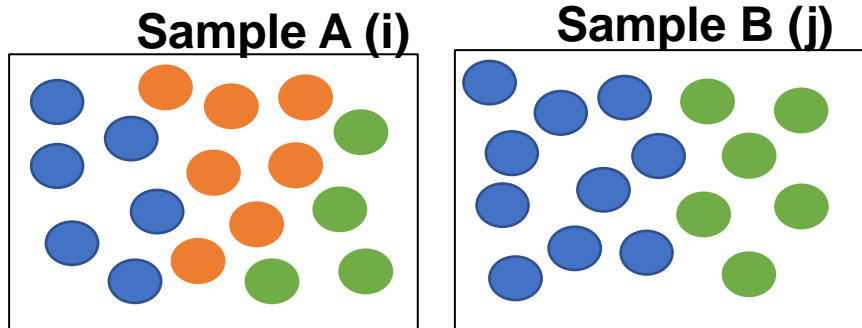
0 means both samples share the same species at exact the same abundances

1 means both samples have complete different species abundances

Beta diversity

- **Bray-Curtis dissimilarity**-based on abundance or read count data

$$BC_{ij} = 1 - \frac{2C_{ij}}{S_i + S_j}$$



$$C_{ij} = 6 + 4 = 10$$

$$S_i = 6 + 7 + 4 = 17$$

$$S_j = 10 + 6 = 16$$

$$\begin{aligned} BC_{ij} &= 1 - (2 * 10) / (17 + 16), \\ &= 1 - 0.61 \\ &= \mathbf{0.39} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion:

Samples A and B are 39% dissimilar to each other

Beta diversity

- **Jaccard index**-based on presence or absence of species (does not include abundance information)

Jaccard Index = (the number of species in both sets) / (the number species in either set) * 100

or

$$J(A,B) = |A \cap B| / |A \cup B|$$

values are from 0% to 100%

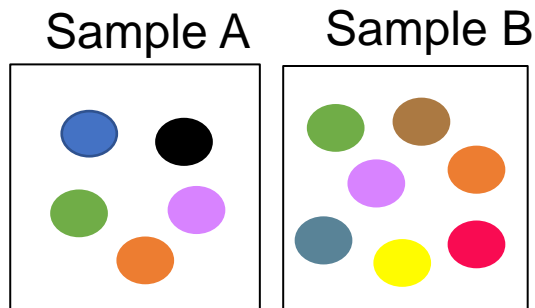
0% means both samples share exact the same species

1 00% means both samples have no species in common

Beta diversity

- **Jaccard index**-based on presence or absence of species (does not include abundance information)

$$J(A,B) = |A \cap B| / |A \cup B| * 100$$



Solution: $J(A,B) = |A \cap B| / |A \cup B|$

$$= \frac{| \text{purple, orange, green} |}{| \text{purple, orange, green, black, blue, grey, yellow, pink, brown} |}$$
$$= \frac{3}{9}$$
$$= 0.33 * 100$$
$$= 33\%$$

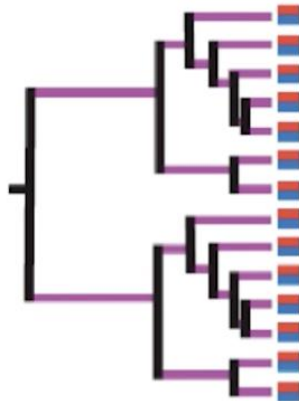
Conclusion:

Samples A and B are 33% similar.

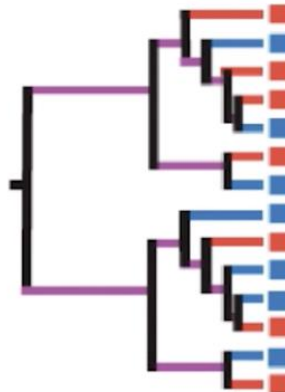
Beta diversity

- **UniFrac**- sequence distances (phylogenetic tree)
 - based on the fraction of branch length that is shared between two samples or unique to one or the other sample

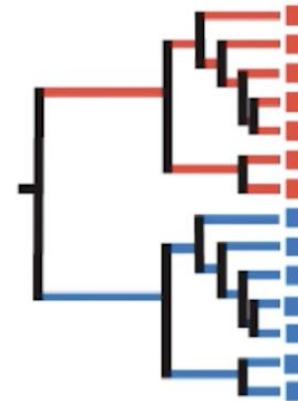
Identical communities
 $D = 0.0$



Related communities
 $D \sim 0.5$



Unrelated communities
 $D = 1.0$



weighted UniFrac: branch lengths are weighted by relative abundances (includes both sequence and abundance information); emphasizes the dominant species

unweighted UniFrac: purely based on sequence distances (does not include abundance information); emphasizes the minor species

Ordination

-summarizes community data by producing low-dimensional ordination space;
similar species and samples are plotted close together, and dissimilar species and samples are placed far apart

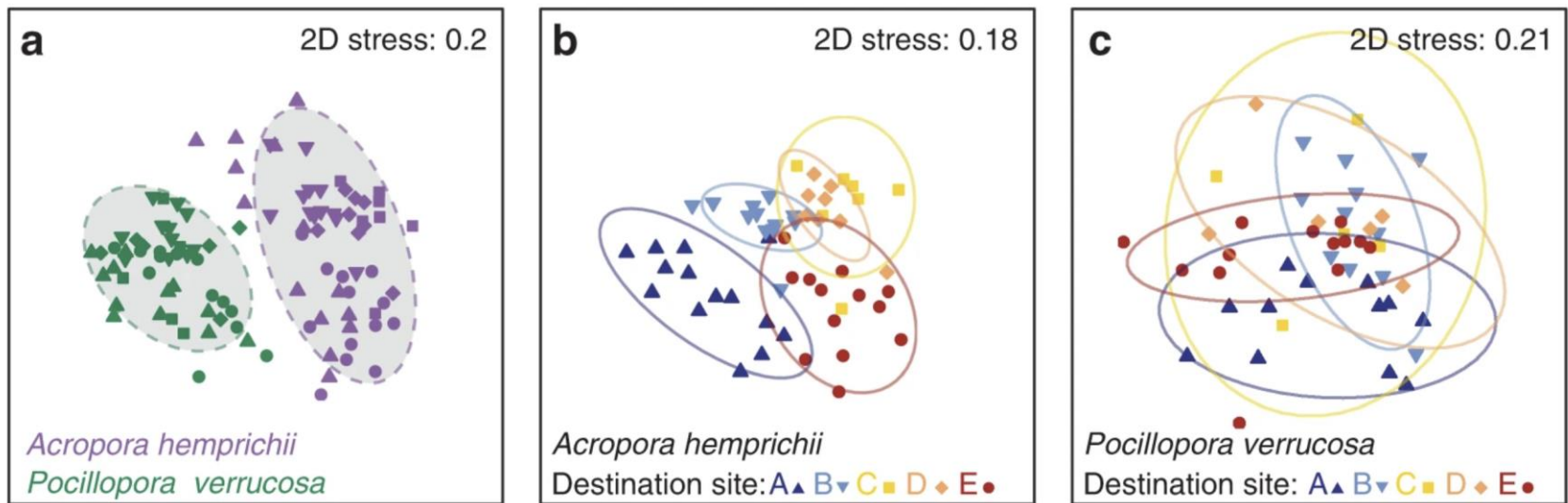
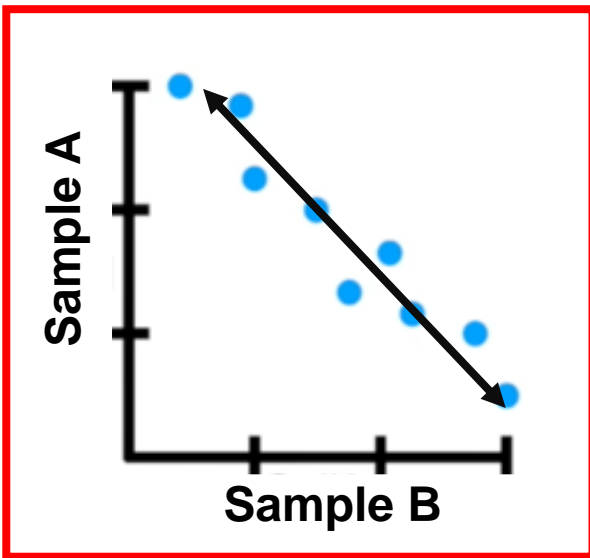


Fig. 8. Bacterial community structure and relative dispersion of the coral species *A. hemprichii* and *P. verrucosa*.

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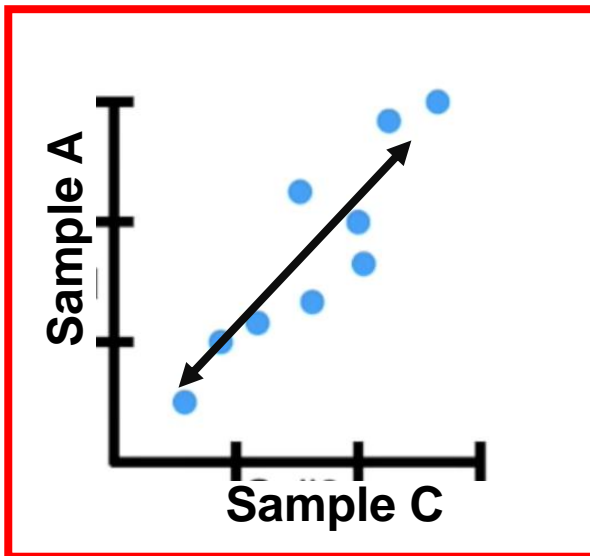


Inversely correlated= dissimilar samples

	Sample A	Sample B	Sample C
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Species 2	2.9	0.8	2.2
Species 3	2.2	1	1.5
Species 4	2	1.4	2
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Species 6	1.5	2	2.1
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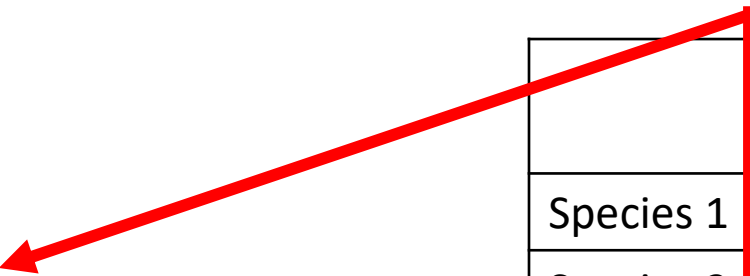
positively correlated= similar samples

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- **Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA)**- converts distances among all the samples into 2-D graph

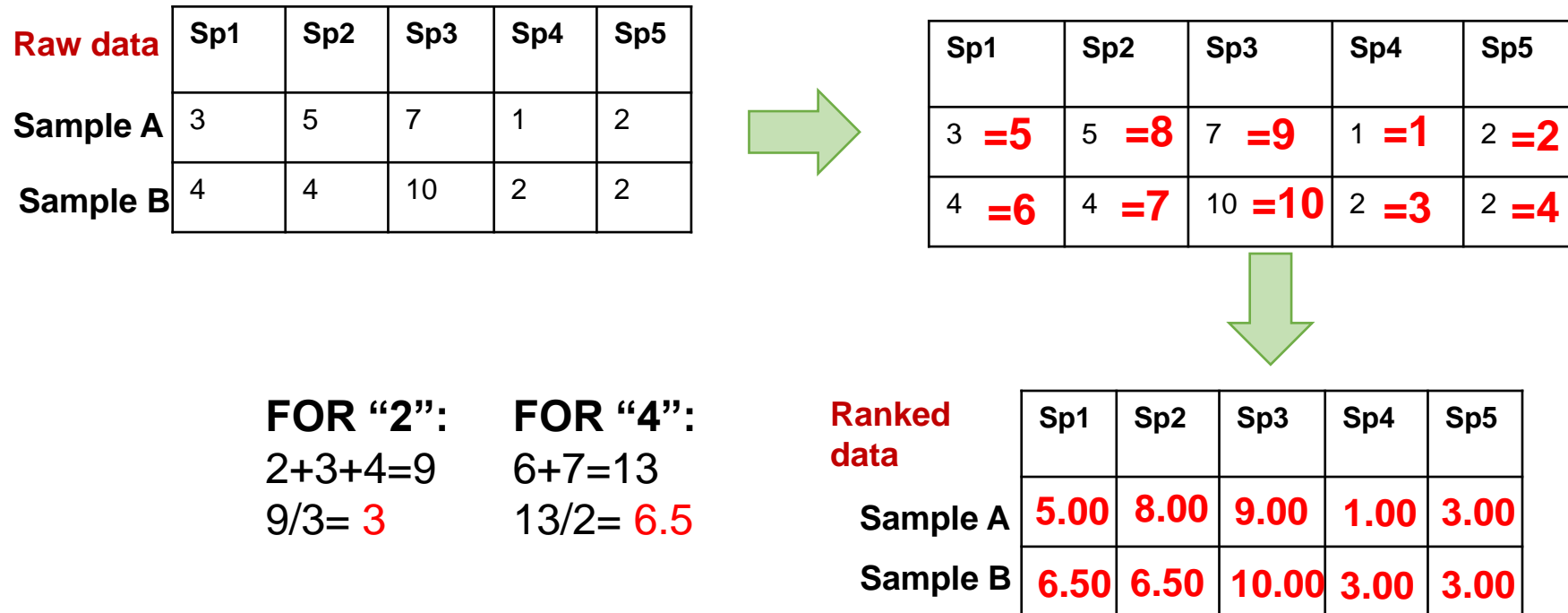
$$BC_{ij} = 1 - \frac{2C_{ij}}{S_i + S_j}$$



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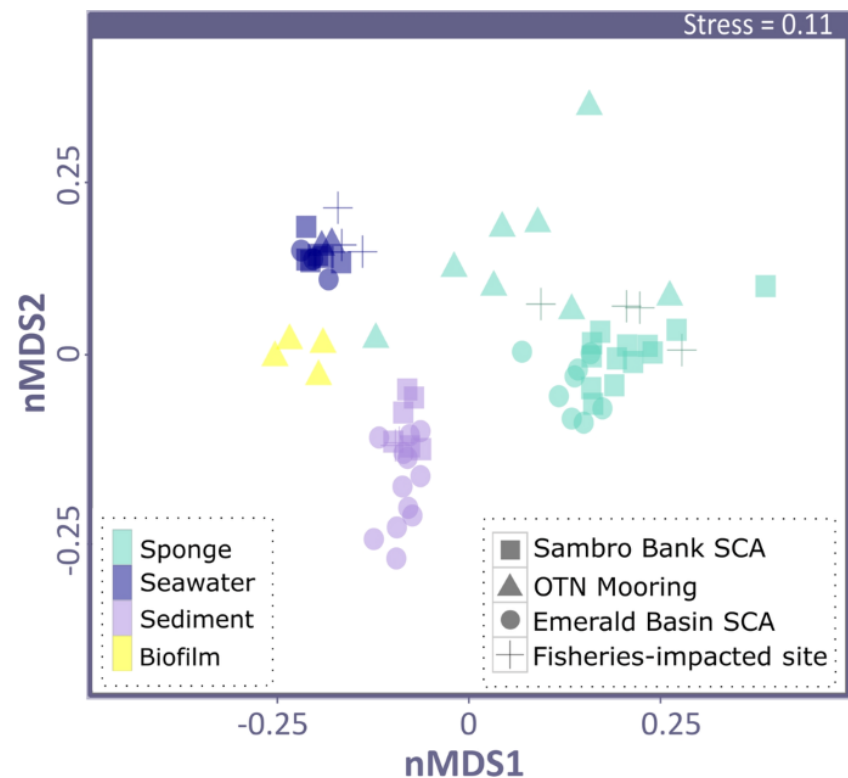
Stress – indicator of goodness-of-fit

Stress values:

>0.2 are generally poor

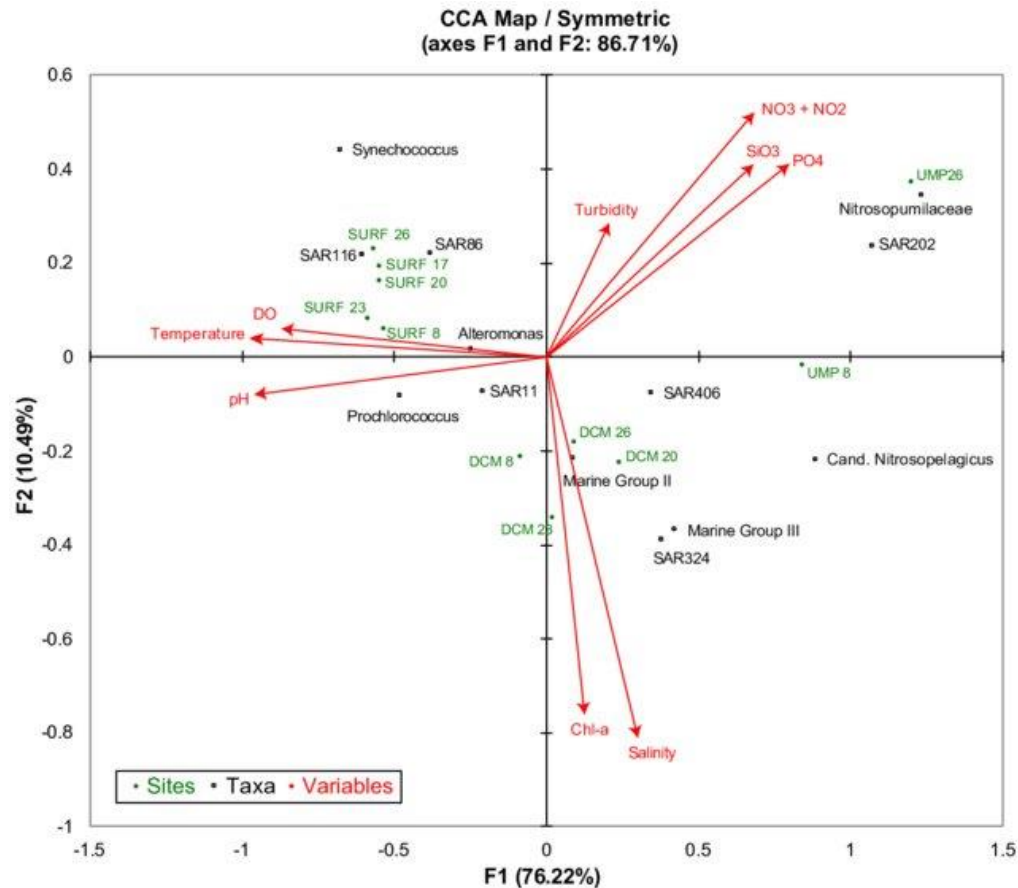
<0.1 are good

<0.05 are excellent



Ordination

- **Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA)**-directly relates species to environmental variables



Other Multivariate statistical tools

- **Multivariate analysis of variance with permutation (PERMANOVA)** - the sum of squared differences between points and their centroid is equal to the sum of the squared interpoint distances divided by the number of points.
 - based on distance matrices and permutation
 - R-squared = variations between samples (0-1; 0=similar, 1=highly variable)
 - F-ratio= indicates group separation (higher the value=more pronounced separation)
 - p value = tells you whether or not this result was likely a result of chance

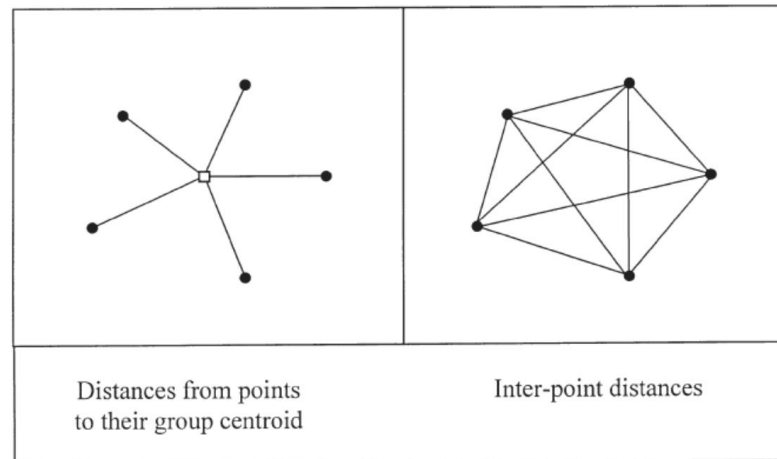


Fig. 2. The sum of squared distances from individual points to their centroid is equal to the sum of squared inter-point distances divided by the number of points.

Other Multivariate statistical tools

Multivariate analysis of dispersion (PERMDISP)- involves calculating the distance from each data point to its group centroid and then testing whether those distances differ among the groups.

-p value = tells you whether or not this result was likely due to differences in location or dispersion

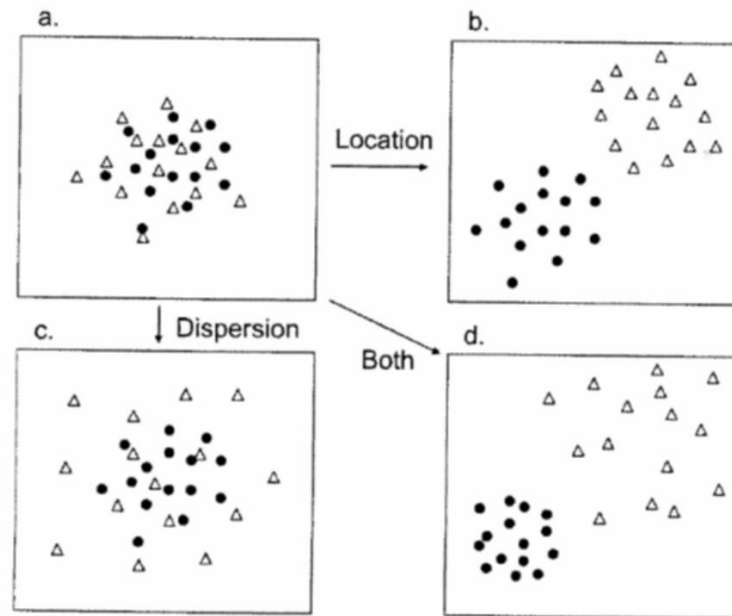


Fig. 2.1. Schematic diagram showing two groups of samples in a bivariate system (two dimensions) that (a) do not differ in either location or dispersion, (b) differ only in their location in multivariate space, (c) differ only in their relative dispersions and (d) differ in both their location and in their relative dispersion.

Other Multivariate statistical tools

- **Analysis of group similarities (ANOSIM)**- used to the mean of ranked dissimilarities between groups to the mean of ranked dissimilarities within groups
 - R=variations between samples (0-1; 0=similar, 1=dissimilar)
 - p value = tells you whether or not this result was likely a result of chance

Helpful resources

- GUiDe to STatistical Analysis in Microbial Ecology (GUSTA ME)! (<https://mb3is.megx.net/gustame>)
- <https://rachaellappan.github.io/VL-QIIME2-analysis/pre-processing-of-sequence-reads.html>
- <https://qiime2.org>

Demo

- **Rarefaction curve**
- **Relative abundance plot**
- **Alpha diversity**
- **Beta diversity**
- **Ordination**

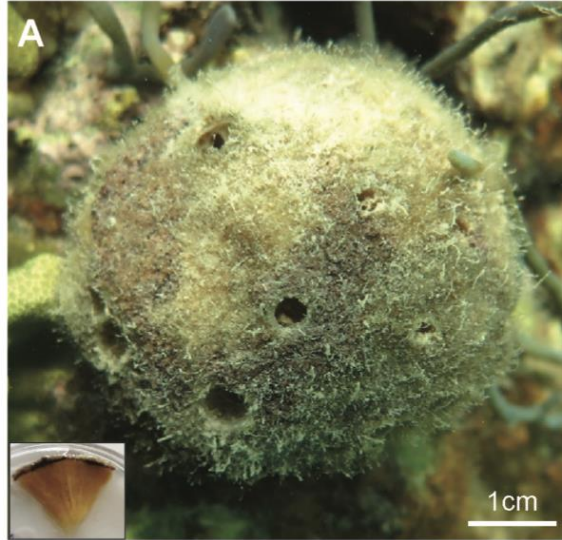
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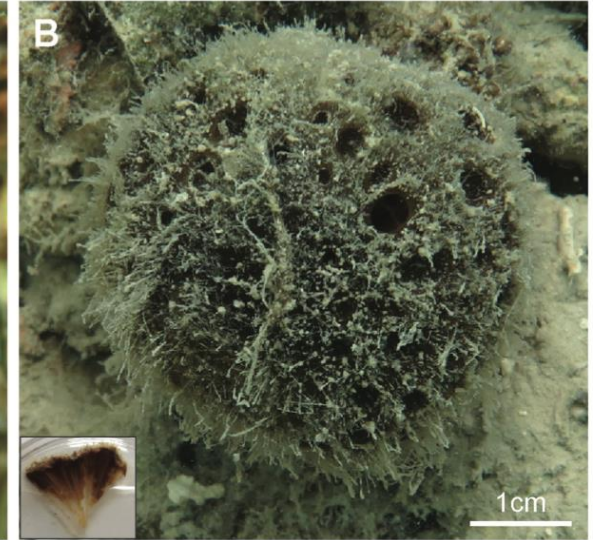
▸ Microbiome of ball sponges in Bolinao Samples:

- *Cinachyrella* sp. (n=3)
- *Paratetilla* (n=3)

▸ 16S rRNA V34 region sequenced



Cinachyrella sp.



Paratetilla sp.

Objective: Examine associated prokaryotic microbial communities of two species of ball sponges from two variable environmental conditions

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