



# The Protist Ribosomal Reference databases

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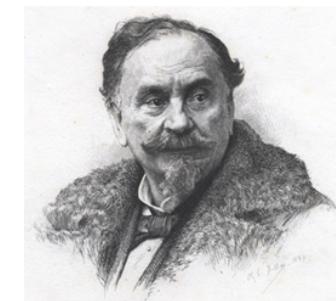
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# La Station Biologique de Roscoff



- 1872 - Antoine Lacaze-Duthiers (150 years ago)
- CNRS and Sorbonne Université
- Staff: 350
- Students : 1,000-2,000 per year



# Ecologie of Marine Plankton team

- Scientists: 14
- Staff: ~ 40
- Research themes:
  - Viruses
  - Bacteria
  - Cyanobacteria
  - Symbioses
  - Parasitism

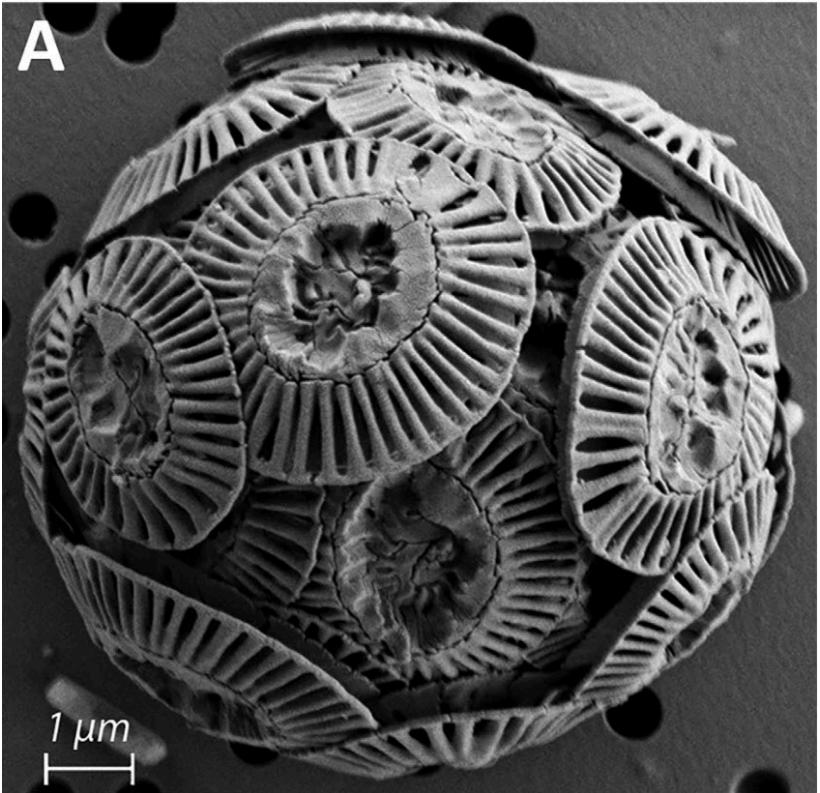
**STATION BIOLOGIQUE DE ROSCOFF**

**ECOLOGY OF MARINE PLANKTON (ECOMAP)**

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# Roscoff Culture Collection

- Largest marine algal collection
- 9,500 strains distributed



<https://roscoff-culture-collection.org/>

The header of the Roscoff Culture Collection website. It features the 'RCC' logo with 'ROSCOFF' and 'Culture Collection' in a circular design. To the right of the logo is a navigation bar with links: HOME, STRAINS, KNOWLEDGEBASE, ORDERING / DEPOSITING, ABOUT RCC, CONTACT, and a shopping cart icon labeled 'MY CART'. There are also 'Login' and 'Register' buttons.

## Welcome to the Roscoff Culture Collection

Since JULY 2021, we ONLY accept payments by credit card via a secured banking system : Paybox.

The Roscoff Culture Collection (RCC) maintains and distributes approximately 5000 strains of marine microalgae, macroalgae, protists, bacteria and viruses. It is located at the Station Biologique in Roscoff (France) which is run by Sorbonne University and the CNRS. The RCC is part of the European infrastructure EMBRC and the French national infrastructure EMBRC-France.

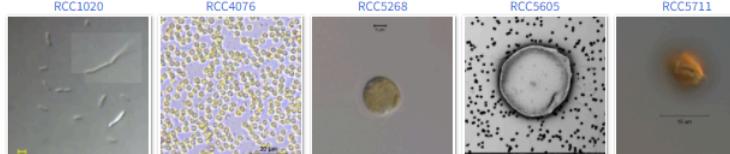
In addition to services offered for public and private laboratories, the RCC supports schools in carrying out practical work. Pour plus d'information sur la fourniture de souches pour les collèges et lycées cliquez ici.

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RCC Number      Class      Genus


## Cyanobacteria    Green algae    Haptophytes    Diatoms    Dinoflagellates



Strains maintained 5,894	Strains distributed 5,528	Strains cryopreserved 1,878	Species available 973
Strain pictures 2,882	Sequences available 6,514	Papers available 447	

Frequently Asked Questions

## RCC Twitter feed

Tweets by @RCC\_algae

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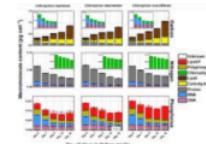
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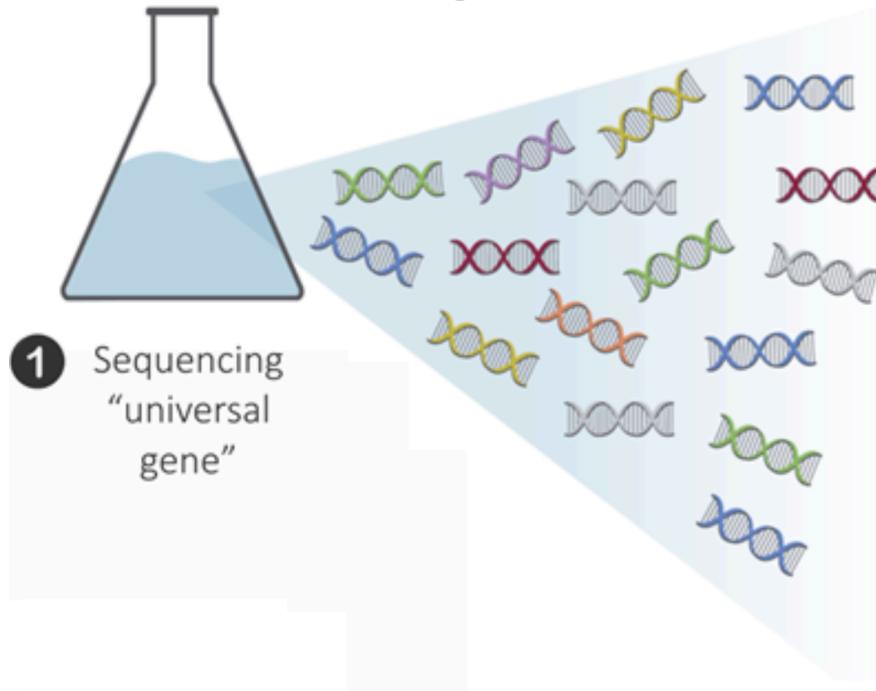
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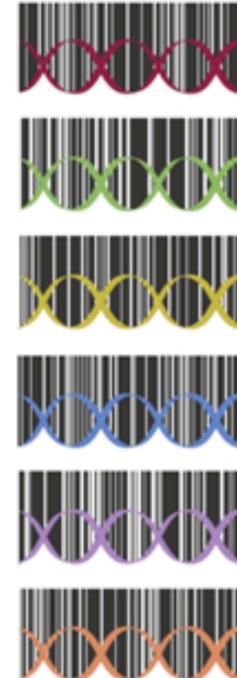
# Outline

- The PR<sup>2</sup> ecosystem
- Protist Ribosomal Reference (PR<sup>2</sup>) database
- PR<sup>2</sup> primers
- metaPR<sup>2</sup>

# Metabarcoding



Accurate sequence database



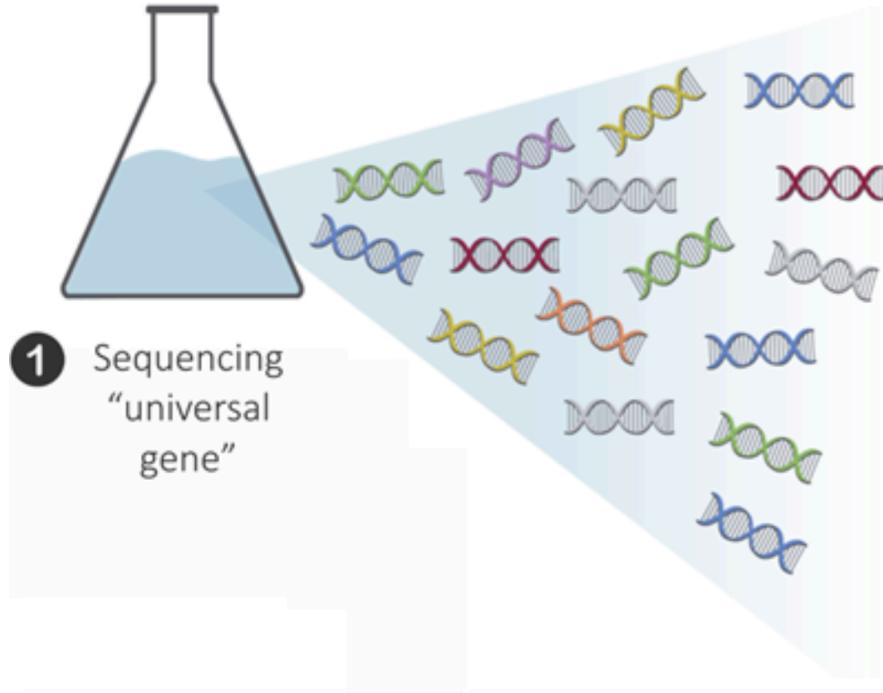
2 Sequence annotation  
→

3 Original sample diversity  
→



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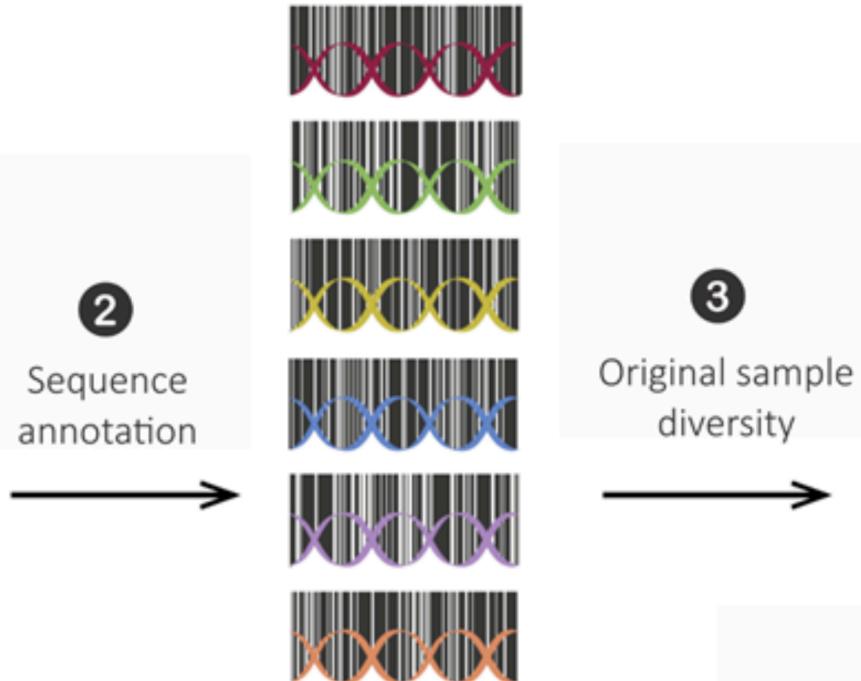


pr2-primers

The PR2 primer database

primer_id	gene	organism	direction	name	sequence	length	start_pos	end_pos	specificity
101	rbcL	plant	inv	PRIM1	GAGGAAAGAAGGCGCTTCA	26			plants
104	rbcL	plant	inv	PRIM2	CCTTTGATTTGGTTTCG	26			higher eukaryotes
242	rbcL	plant	inv	CYT11P	CTTCATGGACGTTTCAAC	22			plants
271	rbcL	plant	inv	CYT11P	AGAGGCGTTTATTAACGCTT	21			plants
71	rbcL	insect	inv		TGGGCTCTGCTGTGTCG	20			Herring
78	rbcL	insect	inv	RBCL	AACTTTTATTTCTTCAT	21			Meier et al. 1998
81	rbcL	insect	inv	ZW10P	ACCTTGTTGATGTTGCG	19			Meier et al. 2001
100	rbcL	insect	inv	BBV10P	ACCTTGTTGATGTTGCG	18			van der Heijden
201	rbcL	insect	inv	BBP10	CTGGTTGTTGTTGCG	18			Hendriks et al. 1998
104	rbcL	insect	inv	PB1	TTCTTTTATTTCTTCAT	20			Phasmidae
105	rbcL	insect	inv	PB1	GACTTGCGAGGTTGCG	20			Phasmidae
106	rbcL	insect	inv	PB2A	CTTTGTTGCGGTTGCG	20			Phasmidae
107	rbcL	insect	inv	PB2B	GTGTTGCGGTTGCG	20			Phasmidae
108	rbcL	insect	inv	NBT	GATGATGATGTTGCG	19			Meier et al. 1998
147	rbcL	insect	inv	CPB10P	CCCTTGTTGTTGCG	20			Crustacea

Accurate sequence database



pr2-database

PR2 database

About PR2

PR2 database

A reference 18S rRNA sequence database

- expert curated taxonomy
- metadata such as geo-localisation
- use to annotate metabarcodes

Download latest version of PR2

Map of global distribution



metapr2

metapr2

Select datasets

Select Taxa

Sequence Analysis

Phylogenetic Tree

Map

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Map of Europe

Phylogenetic Tree



figure: adapted from Adl et al. 2012  
text: Geijeranda

# PR<sup>2</sup> reference database

- Created in 2010 (Biomarks project)

- 240 199 annotated sequences

- nuclear 18S rRNA

- plastid 16S rRNA (PhytoRef)

- bacteria and archaea 16S rRNA

- rRNA operons (web interface)

- Unified taxonomy (9 ranks from domain to species)

- Quality control (e.g. > 500 bp., N < 20, no "NN")

- Metadata (e.g. coordinates, environment)

- Link to other databases (e.g. GBIF)

- Species functional annotation (e.g. ecological function)

- Web interface / Flat file

- Main use: taxonomic annotation of metabarcodes

## PR<sup>2</sup> reference sequence database

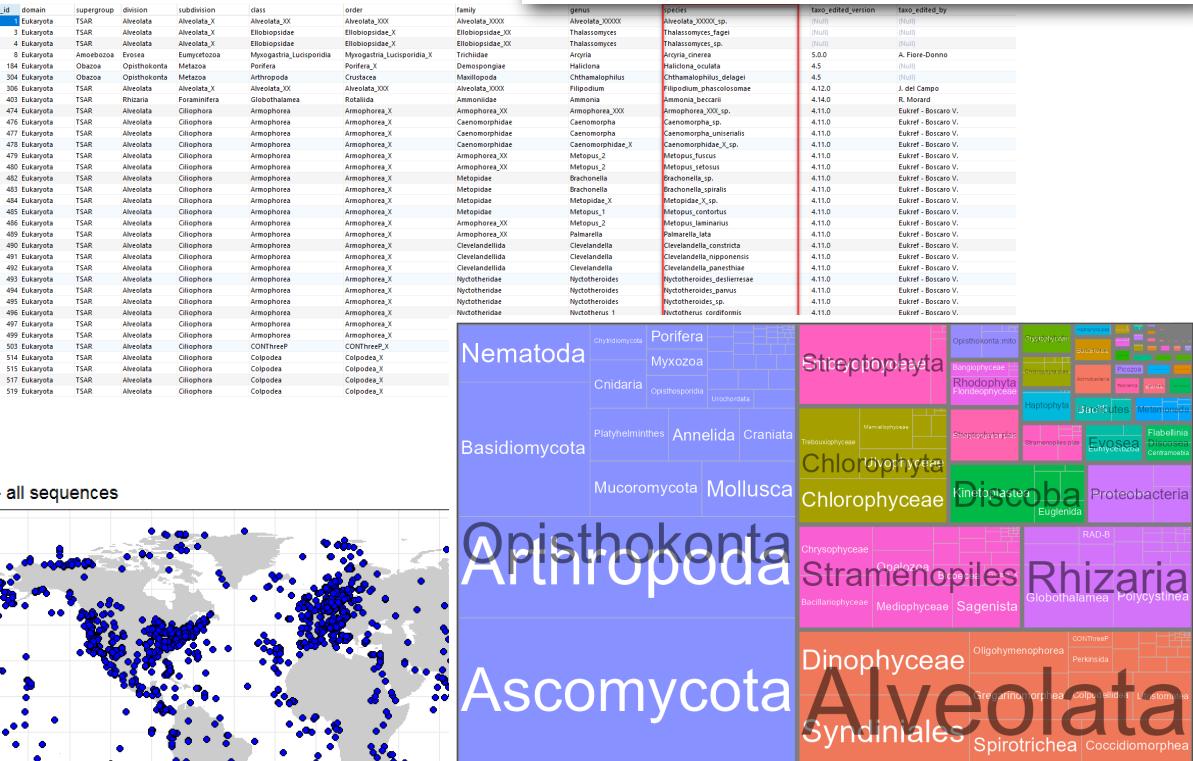
- Current version : 5.0.1
- Last update : 15 May 2023
- Web interface - <https://app.pr2-database.org>
- DOI : [10.5281/zenodo.7805244](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7805244)
- Download files: <https://github.com/pr2database/pr2database/releases>  
downloads 25k

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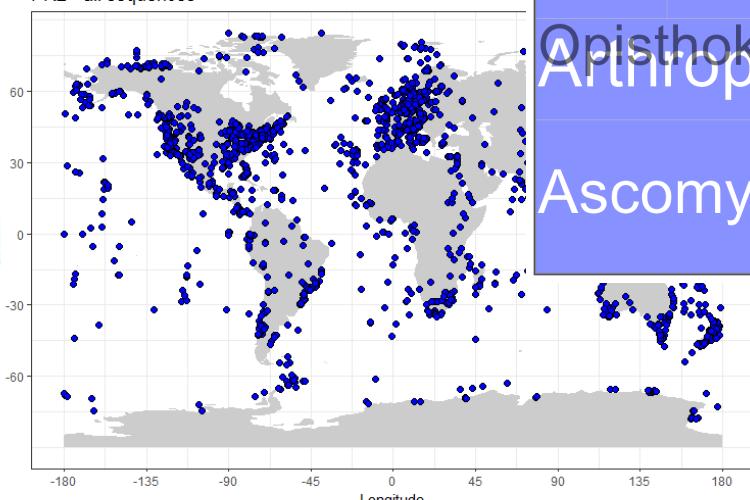
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## The Protist Ribosomal Reference database (PR<sup>2</sup>): a catalog of unicellular eukaryote Small Sub-Unit rRNA sequences with curated taxonomy

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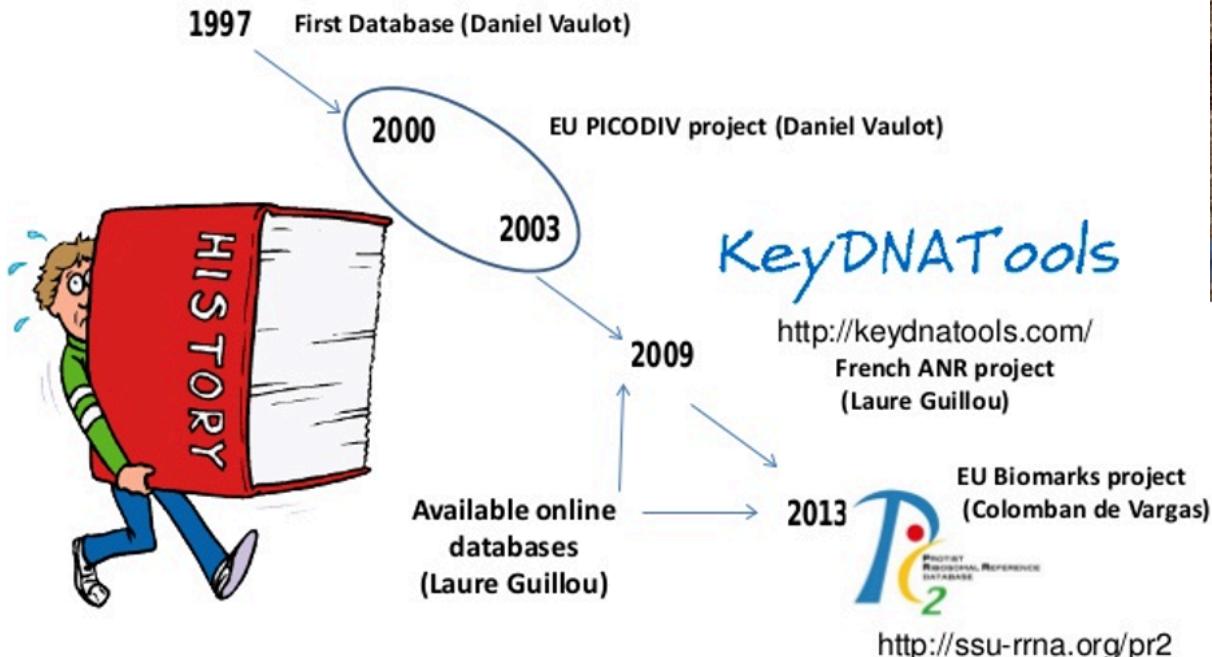
## PR2 - all sequences



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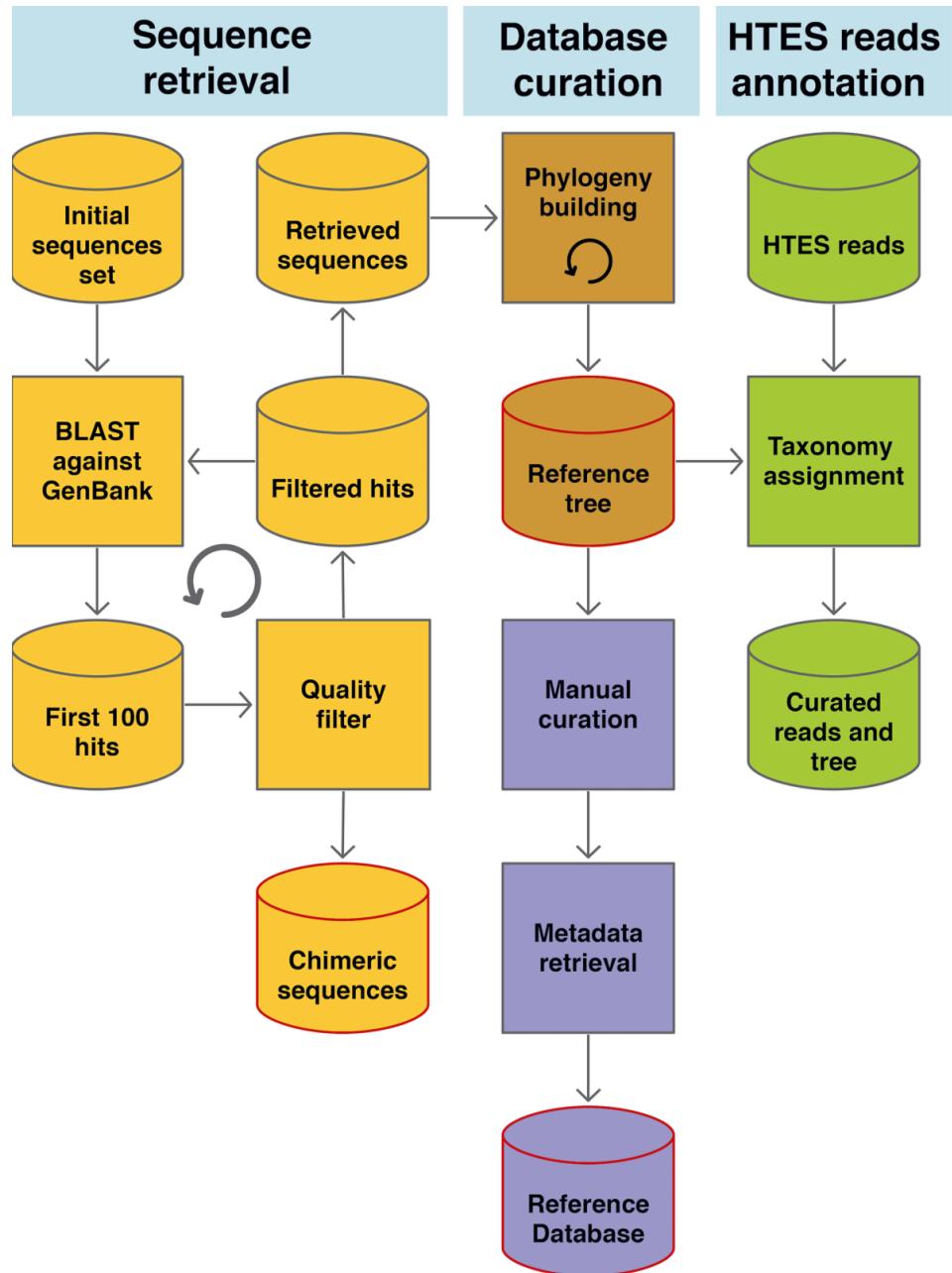
# Annotation - Eukref

Workshop Roscoff 2018

Javier del Campo  
Last updated on 2019-11-29 · eukref



Our third workshop took place at the [Station Biologique Roscoff](#) in Roscoff, France from **November 5 to 9 2018**. This effort brought together taxonomists with expertise in individual lineages that span the eukaryotic tree of life to curate reference 18S rDNA sequences of these lineages by incorporating knowledge of phylogenetic, morphological, and/or environmental contextual data. **This third edition was particularly (but not exclusively) focused on Diatoms, Dinoflagellates, and Green Algae.** During the workshop,



<https://pr2-database.org/eukref/about/>

# Annotation - Eukref



- Simplified pipeline
- Adapt more closely to PR2 structure
- Groups annotated
  - Picozoa
  - Chloropicophyceae
  - Red algae
  - Metazoa
  - Dinoflagellates
  - Basal fungi
  - ...

## Annotation Workshop Barcelona 2023

Javier del Campo

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Our fourth EukRef workshop took place at the [Institute of Marine Sciences](#) in Barcelona, Spain from **July 3 to July 7 2023**.

The workshop was made possible thanks to the generous contribution of the [Moore Foundation](#).

### Organizers

- Javier del Campo, Barcelona
- Daniel Vaulot, CNRS Roscoff
- Chris Lane, University of Rhode Island

# Annotation - Contributions



## Groups with updated annotations

Division	Class	Group	Who	Date	Version
Alveolata	Apicomplexa		J. del Campo	2019	4.12, 4.14
Alveolata	Ciliates		W. Ting, C. Bachy	2017	4.7
Alveolata	Ciliates		V. Boscaro, L. Santoferrara, E. Gentekaki and Q. Zhang	2018	4.11
Alveolata	Dinoflagellates		S. Mordret, D. Sarno	2018	4.9
Alveolata	Dinoflagellates	Suessiales	J. del Campo	2021	4.13
Chlorophyta			M. Tragin, A. Lopes dos Santos	2015	3.0
Excavata			J. del Campo	2021	4.14
Haptophyta			B. Edvardsen	2015	4.0
Prasinodermophyta			D. Vaulot	2021	4.13
Rhizaria	Colloformia		T. Biard	2015	2.0
Rhizaria	Foraminifera		R. Morard	2021	
Rhizaria	Radiolaria		M. Mendez Sandin.	2021	
Stramenopiles			R. Massana	2019	4.12
Stramenopiles	Cafeteria		Alex Schoenlie	2021	4.14
Stramenopiles	Labyrinthulomycetes		J. del Campo	2021	4.14
Stramenopiles	Diatoms	Chaetoceros	C. Gaonkar	2019	4.12
Stramenopiles	Diatoms	Thalassiosirales	L. Arsenieff	2021	4.13
Stramenopiles	Bolidophyceae		D. Vaulot	2017	4.6
Stramenopiles	Pelagophyceae		A.M. Cabello	2021	4.13
Stramenopiles	Chrysophyceae		D. Vaulot	2021	4.13

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DOI: 10.1111/1755-0998.12781

## RESOURCE ARTICLE

WILEY MOLECULAR ECOLOGY RESOURCES

### DINOREF: A curated dinoflagellate (Dinophyceae) reference database for the 18S rRNA gene

Solenn Mordret<sup>1</sup> | Roberta Piredda<sup>1</sup> | Daniel Vaulot<sup>2</sup> | Marina Montresor<sup>1</sup> |

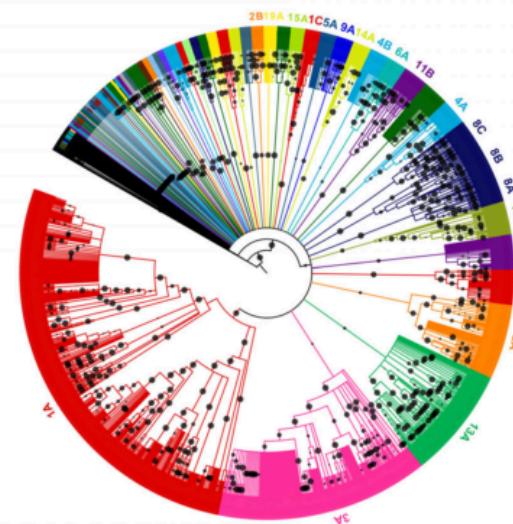
Wiebe H. C. F. Kooistra<sup>1</sup> | Diana Samo<sup>1</sup>

MORDRET ET AL.

MOLECULAR ECOLOGY RESOURCES

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- Superclades**
- # 1 - Gonyaulacales
  - # 2 - Dinophysiales
  - # 3 - Suessiales
  - # 4 - Thoracosphaeraceae
  - # 5 - Amphidomataceae
  - # 6 - Kryptoperidiniaeae
  - # 7 - genera *Penitapharsodium*-*Ensicalifera*
  - # 8 - *Peridiniales* sensu stricto
  - # 9 - *Heterocapsaceae*
  - # 10 - *Podolampadaceae*
  - # 11 - *Prorcentrales*
  - UTD - Uncertain Thecate Dinophyceae
  - # 12 - genus *Akashiwo*
  - # 13 - *Gymnodiniales* sensu stricto
  - # 14 - *Kareniniaceae*
  - # 15 - genus *Gyrodinium*
  - # 16 - genus *Amphidinium*
  - # 17 - *Torodiniales*
  - # 18 - *Tovelliaceae*
  - # 19 - genus *Blastodinium*
  - # 20 - *Ptychodiscales*
  - UND - Uncertain Naked Dinophyceae
  - OUTGROUPS

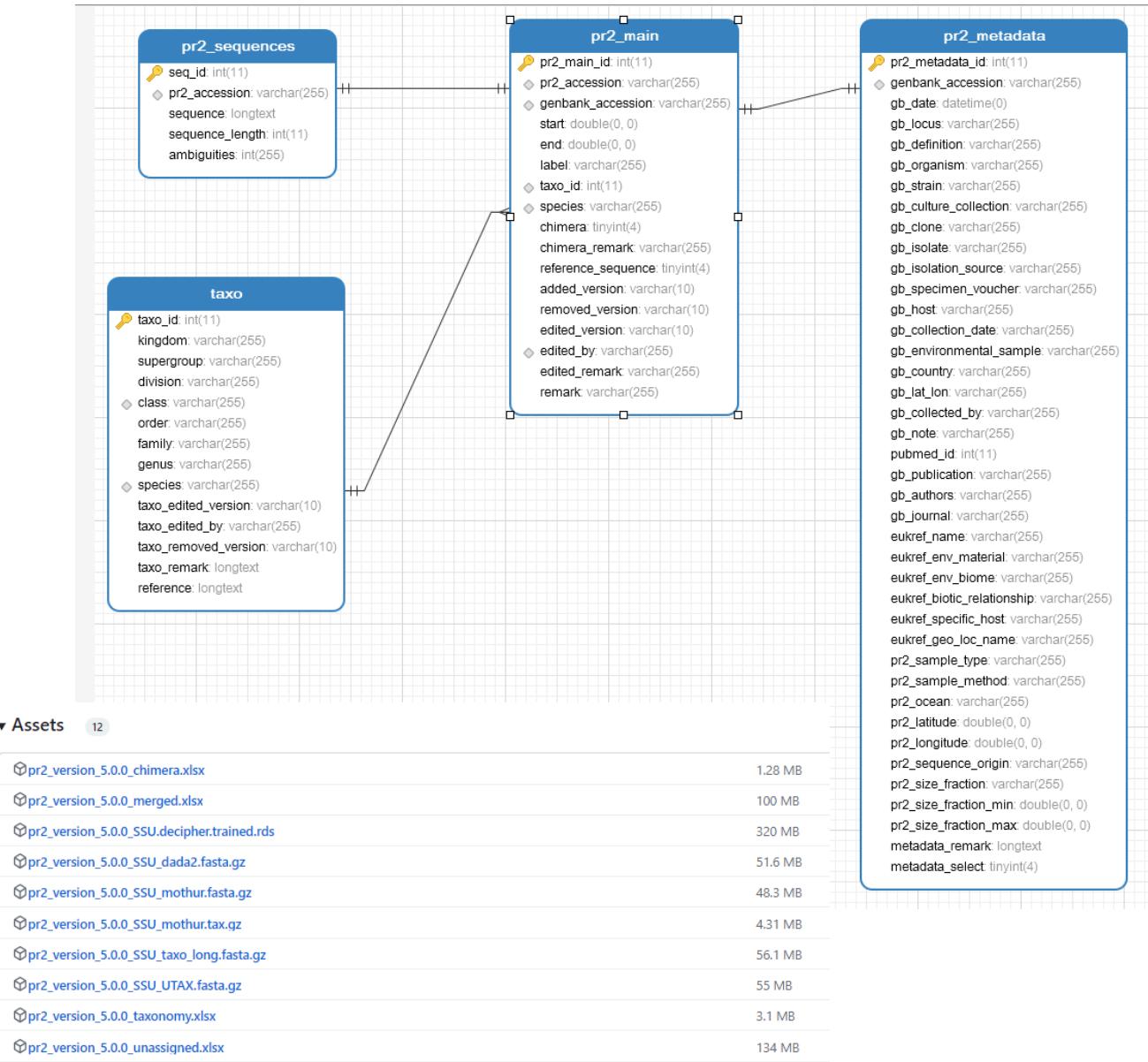


**FIGURE 2** Consensus phylogenetic tree (RAxML, GTR model) based on 1,540 unique 18S rRNA sequences in the DINOREF. Alignment of 2,153 bp with three sequences of Ciliates (U97109; X56165 and X03772) and three sequences of Apicomplexa (M97703; AF236097 and AF291427) used as outgroup. Clades are ordered according to their size and are supported by bootstrap values  $\geq 50\%$ ; black dots are proportional to bootstrap values. The colours of the Superclades and clades correspond to those in Table 1. Clades within each Superclade have been marked (A, B, C, etc.), along the outer rim of the tree, corresponding to their assignment in this figure. The Superclades "Uncertain Naked Dinophyceae" and "Uncertain Thecate Dinophyceae" have not been marked and neither have the small clades on the upper left of the tree. The tree was visualized on iTOL version 3—Interactive Tree of Life (Letunic and Bork, 2016, at <https://itol.embl.de/tree/1932052318357911479398328>) in which all clades are marked.

# Management



- MySQL database
- R scripts for:
  - importing
  - exporting
  - validating
- Data provided as
  - text files (for dada2, mothur)
  - fasta (phylogeny)
  - R package



# R package



pr2database 4.14.0 [Home](#) Get started Reference Articles Changelog

## Get started

Daniel Vaulot

The PR2 database is provided as a R package called `pr2database`. This page provides instruction to install and use the package.

### Installation

Install from the GitHub web site using the `devtools` package

```
install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("pr2database/pr2database")
```

\* installing \*source\* package 'pr2database' ...  
\*\* R  
\*\* data  
\*\*\* moving datasets to lazyload DB  
\*\* byte-compile and prepare package for lazy loading  
\*\* help  
\*\*\* installing help indices  
converting help for package 'pr2database'  
finding HTML links ... fini  
pr2.html  
\*\* building package indices  
\*\* testing if installed package can be loaded  
\*\*\* arch - i386  
\*\*\* arch - x64  
\* DONE (pr2database)  
In R CMD INSTALL

### The R pr2database package

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The PR2 database is now provided as a R package

#### Installation 1

Install from the GitHub web site using the `devtools` package

```
install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("vaulot/pr2database")
```

#### Selecting sequences from a specific taxon 2

Let us select all the available sequences for the Mamiellophyceae *Ostreococcus*

```
# Filter only the sequences for which the column genus contains Ostreococcus
pr2_ostreo <- pr2 %>% dplyr::filter(genus == "Ostreococcus")

# Select only the columns of interest
pr2_ostreo <- pr2_ostreo %>% dplyr::select( genbank_accession, species,
pr2_sample_type, gb_strain, gb_clone,
pr2_latitude, pr2_longitude,
sequence_length, sequence )
```

#### Drawing a map of sequence locations 3

```
library(maps)
world <- map_data("world")

ggplot() +
  geom_polygon(data = world, aes(x=long, y = lat, group = group), fill="grey") +
  coord_fixed(1.3) +
  geom_point(data=pr2_ostreo, aes(x=pr2_longitude, y=pr2_latitude), fill="blue", size=2, shape=21) +
  ggtitle("Ostreococcus")
```

Ostreococcus

lat

long

# Web interface



<https://app.pr2-database.org>

- Built with R shiny
- Panels
  - Taxonomy
  - Sequences
  - Download
    - selected
    - full
  - Query

Screenshot of the PR² Web interface showing the Taxonomy and Sequences panels.

**Taxonomy Panel:**

- PR² 18S rRNA database v. 5.0.1
- 221,085 sequences
- Sample type: culture, environmental, isolate, specimen, unknown
- Minimum sequence length: 374 to 2,000
- Select Taxa: Validate Taxa, Reset Taxa
- VALIDATE after changes to update screen.
- RESET + VALIDATE to cancel choices
- Domain: Eukaryota
- Supergroup: TSAR
- Division: Alveolata
- Subdivision: Dinoflagellata
- Class: Dinophyceae
- Order: All

**Sequences Panel:**

Taxonomy table

Information about database structure

Species with valid WoRMS database entries display link to WoRMS.

Press Validate Taxa to load or update taxonomy table.

Taxo level: class - Taxon name: Dinophyceae - Number of species: 616

Show 50 entries

domain	supergroup	division	subdivision	class	order	family	genus	species	n_sequences	mixoplankton	worms_id
Eukaryota	TSAR	Alveolata	Dinoflagellata	Dinophyceae	Dinophyceae_X	Dinophyceae_XX	Abedinium	<a href="#">Abedinium_dasypus</a>	3	233177	
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BLAST-like search for PR2 sequences similar to query sequence.

All PR2 sequences are searched but only those above % identity min are shown

% identity min: 95

Query: at least 130 bp

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>KU246632.1 Micromonas commoda 18S ribosomal RNA gene, partial sequence
TGTCTAAAGTATTAACCGCTTTACTCTGTTAAACGTCGGCTATTATACGACAGTAGTTCTTGGTGG
TGTTGACTACATGATAACCCTGATGAACTTCTAGACGCTTACATGCCATAAATCCCACCTTCGAAAGGGAAC
GTTATTTAGATAAAAGACCCGACCTGTTCTCGGTGAACTCATGATAAACCTCACGGACCCATGGCCTGG
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Search - be patient

Matching PR2 sequences

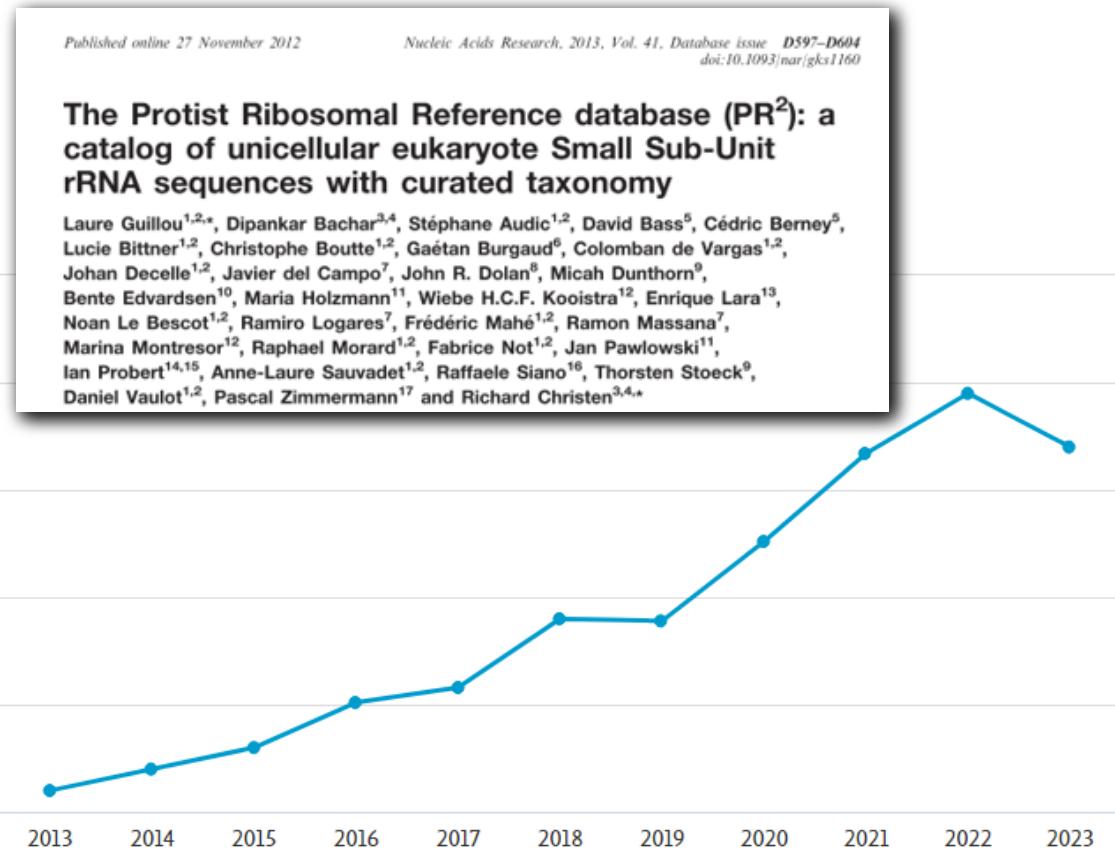
Show 50 entries

pr2_accession	species	pid	mismatches	gaps	query_start	query_end	target_start	target_end
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KU743492.1.1777_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.8	4	0	1	1703	55	1757
AY955001.1.1727_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.8	4	0	1	1703	1	1703
AY955002.1.1727_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.8	4	0	1	1703	1	1703
HM191693.1.1777_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.8	4	0	1	1703	55	1757
CP001575.879464.881247_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.8	4	0	1	1703	56	1758
JX188376.1.1738_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.8	4	0	1	1703	36	1738
CP001575.894647.896426_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.8	4	0	1	1703	55	1757
AB183589.1.1734_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.8	4	0	1	1699	36	1734
AY955001.1.1727_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.6	7	0	1	1703	1	1703
KF129910.1.1738_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.6	7	0	1	1703	36	1738
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AY955007.1.1727_U	Micromonas_commoda_A1	99.6	7	0	1	1703	1	1703
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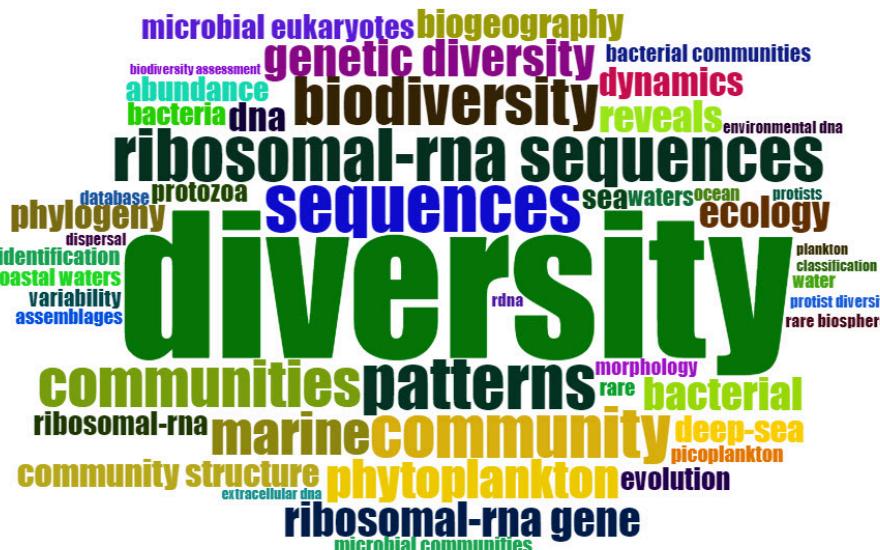
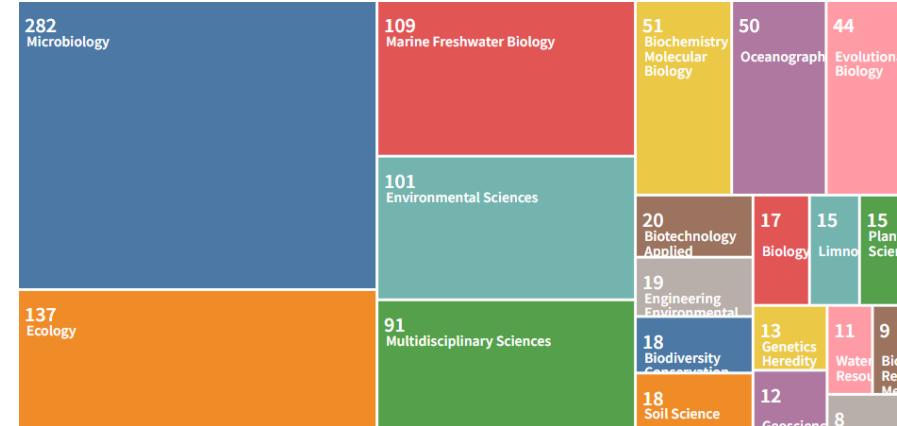
Download filtered results (zip)

# More than 1,700 papers citing PR<sup>2</sup>

Number of citations per year



As of January/February 2022, this highly cited paper received enough citations to place it in the top 1% of the academic field of **Biology & Biochemistry** based on a highly cited threshold for the field and publication year.



# Latest version - 5.1 - April 2025

- Update of some groups

- Picozoa
- Choropicyophyceae
- Rhodophyta
- Dinophyceae
- Foraminifera

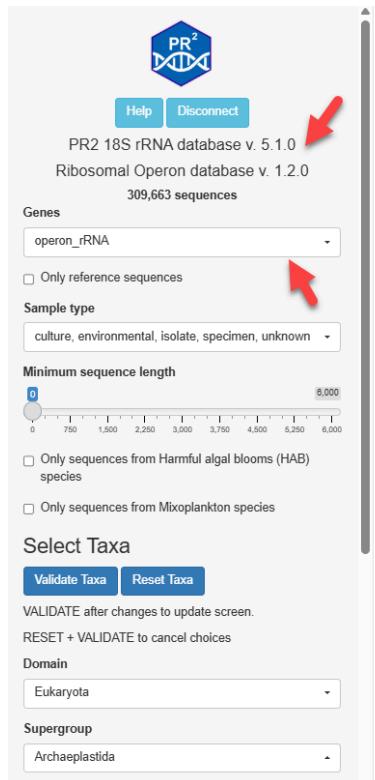
- New sequences from GenBank

- Fixing taxonomy

- Link to GBIF

- Functional traits

- HAB (Harmful Algal Bloom) species
  - ecological function - from Sommeria-Klein et al. 2021
- Web interface to Ribosomal Operon Database (ROD)



The screenshot shows the "Sequence table" interface. At the top, it says "Information about database structure" and "Press Validate Taxa to update taxonomy and load sequence table. You can download these sequences and the corresponding metadata in the "Download selected sequences" tab. Taxo level: supergroup - Taxon name: Archaeplastida - Number of sequences: 47975". Below this is a table with columns: accession\_genbank\_link, gene, species, gb\_organism, sequence\_length, pr2\_sample\_type, and reference\_sequence. The "gene" column is highlighted with a red arrow. The table lists several entries, such as GCA\_026401115 (operon\_rRNA, Tetraselmis\_chuii, Tetraselmis chuii, 5678, culture, Yes), GCA\_022414725 (operon\_rRNA, Microglena\_sp., Microglena sp. YARC, 6410, isolate, Yes), and GCA\_016834605 (operon\_rRNA, Chlamydomonas\_incerta, Chlamydomonas incerta, 5741, culture, Yes). The "Search:" field at the top right is also highlighted with a red arrow.

accession_genbank_link	gene	species	gb_organism	sequence_length	pr2_sample_type	reference_sequence
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GCA_013389655 CM023806.1/6844-1106	operon_rRNA	Chlamydomonas_reinhardtii	Chlamydomonas reinhardtii	5739	culture	Yes
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GCA_018057840 CM031099.1/7090-1349	operon_rRNA	Chlamydomonas_reinhardtii	Chlamydomonas	5742	culture	Yes

# What's next for pr2-database

- Integration of taxonomy into GBIF (in progress)
- Need more participation from taxonomy experts
- Full operon
  - Include metagenomic data ?
- Functional annotation
  - Trophic mode (photo, hetero, mixo...)
  - Size group (pico, nano, micro...)
- Other genes: *coi*

# The PR<sup>2</sup> primer database



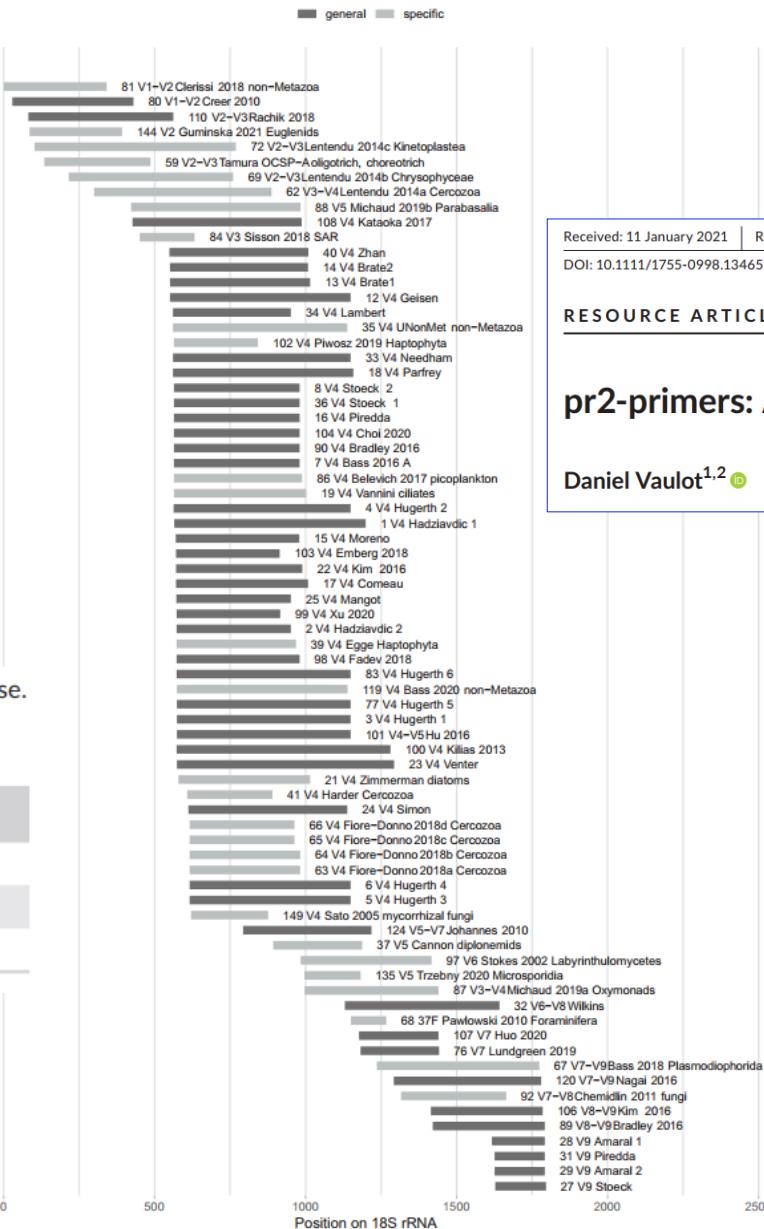
# 18S rRNA primers



- Wide diversity of primers and sets
- No database for protists
- Taxonomic specificity of primers?

**TABLE 1** Summary of primers listed in the pr2-primers database. General primers target all eukaryotes and specific primers only certain taxonomic groups

Direction	General primers	Specific primers
fwd	55	89
rev	53	88
Total	108	177



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## RESOURCE ARTICLE

### pr2-primers: An 18S rRNA primer database for protists

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# pr2-primers database



The PR2 primer database

## Primers

column	definition
primer_id	primer id in pr2-primers database
name	original name of the primer
synonyms	synonyms found in the literature
sequence	
sequence_revcomp	reverse complement of the sequence
direction	forward (fwd) or reverse (rev)
start_yeast	start of primer relative to FU970071
end_yeast	end of primer relative to FU970071
specificity	is the primer specific of a group
reference	original reference where primer was first defined
doi	link to original paper

[Download primers](#)

### Columns to show:

- primer\_id
- gene
- organelle
- direction
- name
- synonyms
- sequence
- sequence\_revcomp
- length
- start\_yeast
- end\_yeast
- specificity
- reference
- doi
- doi\_html

About    Primers    Primer sets    Amplification - overview    Amplification - details    Test your primer set

Show 25 entries

Search:

primer_id	gene	organelle	direction	name	sequence	length	start_yeast	specificity	reference
123	16S rRNA	plastid	fwd	Pla491F	GAGGAATAAGCATGGCTAA	20		plastid	Fuller et al. (2007)
124	16S rRNA	plastid	rev	PP936R	CCTTGAGTTCAYYCTTGC	20		plastid	<a href="https://biomarks.eu/pp936r">https://biomarks.eu/pp936r</a>
212	16S rRNA	plastid	rev	OXY1313R	CTTCAYGYAGGCAGTTGCAGC	22			West et al. (2001)
213	16S rRNA	plastid	fwd	OXY107F	GGACGGGTGAGTAACCGTGR	21			West et al. (2001)
71	18S rRNA	nucleus	fwd	PF1	TGCGCTACCTGGTTGATCCTGCC	23	-5		Keeling, 2002
78	18S rRNA	nucleus	fwd	EukA	AACCTGGTTGATCCTGCCAGT	21	0		Medlin et al. 1988
81	18S rRNA	nucleus	fwd	Euk328F	ACCTGGTTGATCCTGCCAG	19	1		Moon et al. 2001
138	18S rRNA	nucleus	fwd	18SV1V2F	ACCTGGTTGATCCTGCCA	18	1	non-Metazoa	Clerissi et al. (2018)
220	18S rRNA	nucleus	fwd	NSF4/18	CTGGTTGATYCTGCCAGT	18	3		Hendriks et al. (1989)
168	18S rRNA	nucleus	fwd	Pbr1	GGTTGATCCTGCCAGTAGTC	20	5	Plasmodiophora	Niwa et al. 2011
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109	18S rRNA	nucleus	fwd	SF2Dark	GTTGATCCTGCCAGTAGTGT	20	6	Myxomycetes	Fiore-Donno (2016)

# In silico analysis against PR<sup>2</sup>



The PR2 primer database

- Mismatches #
- Mismatches position
- Amplicon size

Precomputed results for primer sets

Against PR2 sequence database

**Primer set**  
004 - V4 Hugersh\_2 - general

**Kingdom**  
Eukaryota

**Supergroup**  
All

**Division**  
All

**Class**  
All

**Update plot**



Precomputed

# Test your own



The PR2 primer database

**Test your primer/probe**

Primer/Probe is tested against the PR2 database.

Use only IUPAC characters ( ACGTTRYSWKMBDHVN ).

**Length of primers:** between 15 and 30 bp.

**Primer/probe (5' -> 3')**

CTTCGAGCCCCCAACTT

**Chlorophyta probe** (highlighted with a red arrow)

**Max mismatches**

0    1    2

**Type**

primer fwd    primer rev/probe

**Run**

**Kingdom**

Eukaryota

**Supergroup**

All

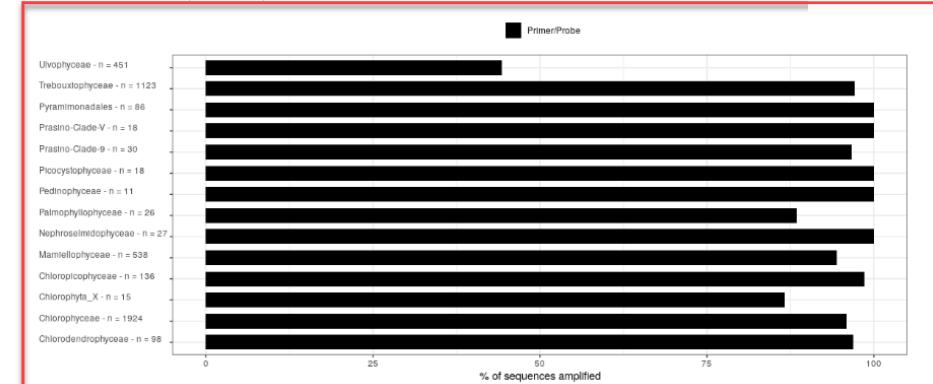
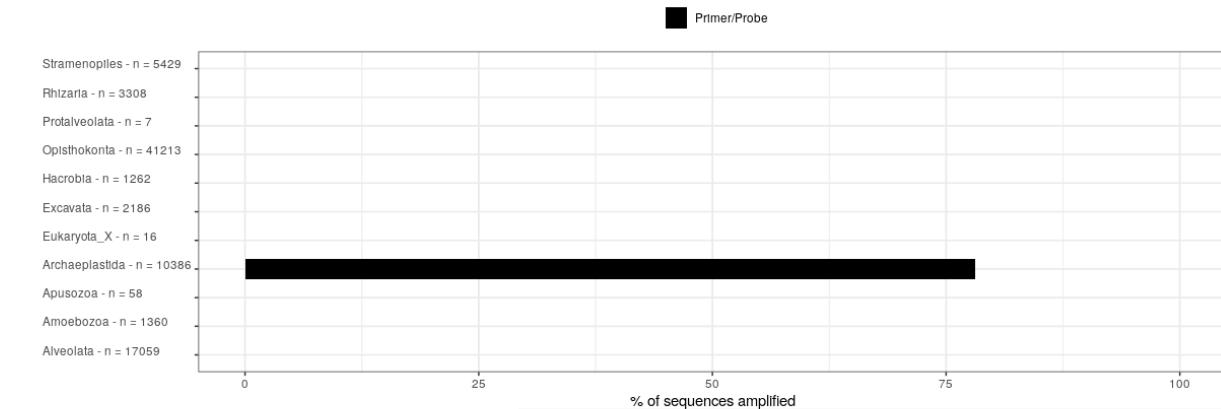
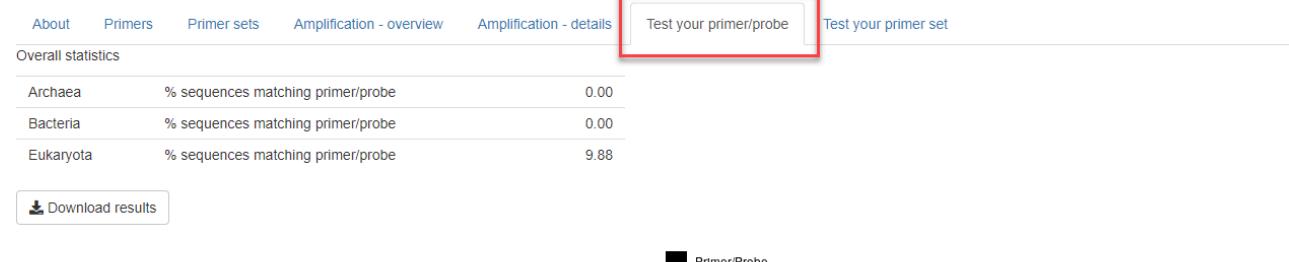
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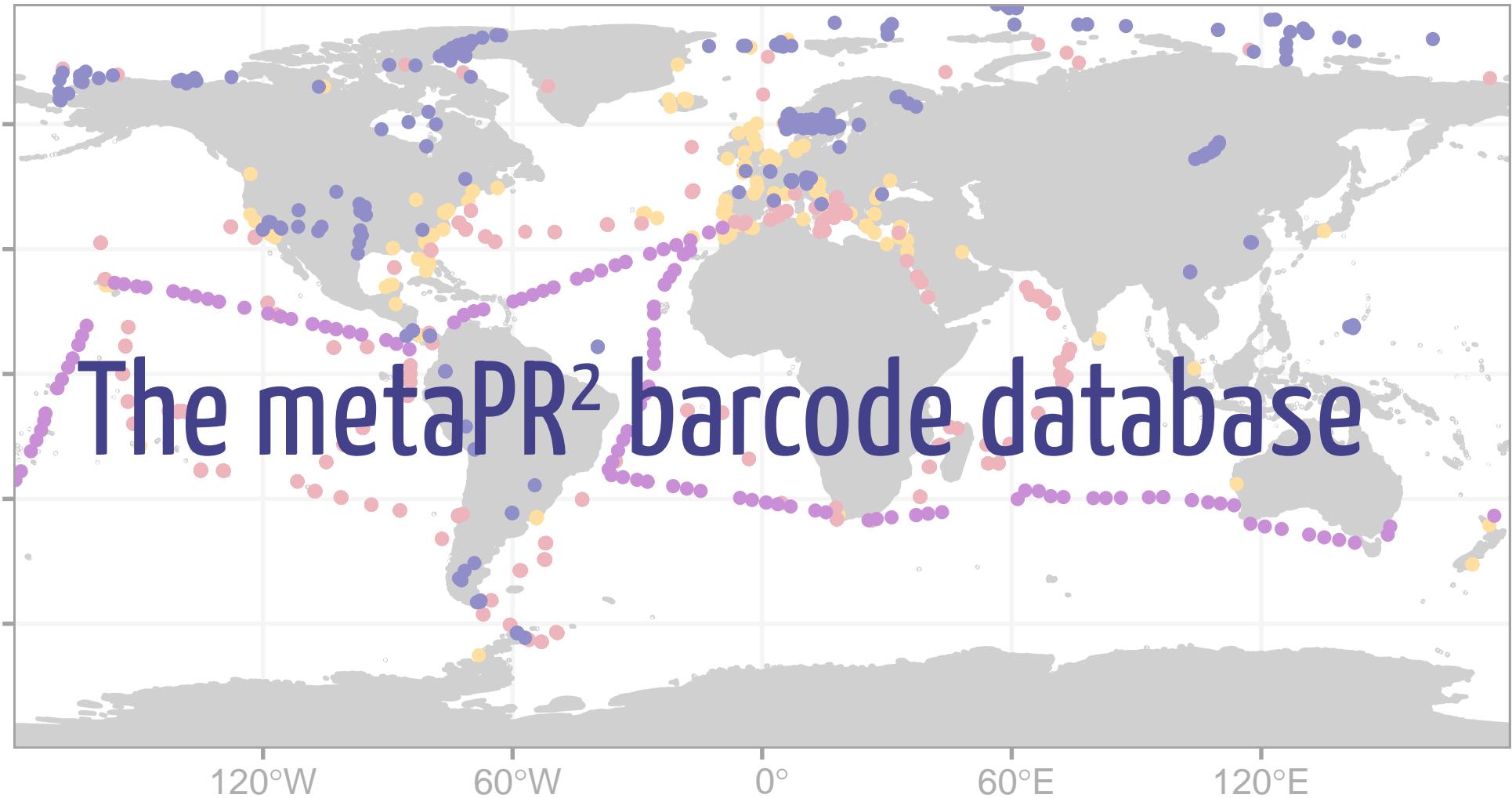
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**Update plot**



# What's next for pr2-primers

- Update PR<sup>2</sup> to 5.1.0
- Include ROD database
- Add more primers
- ITS/28S primers



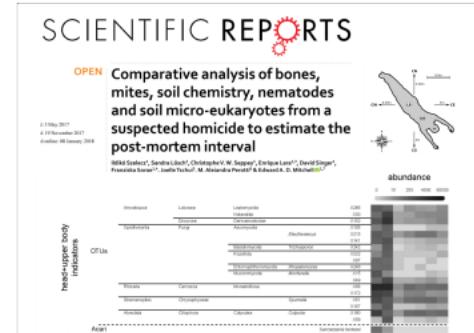
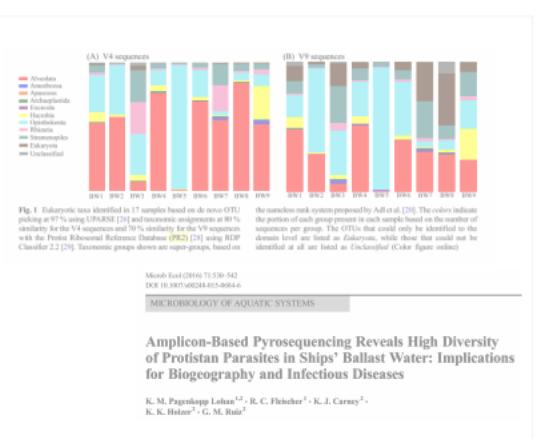
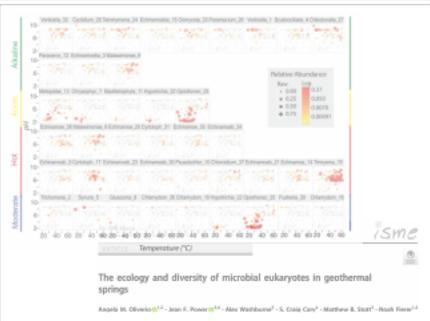
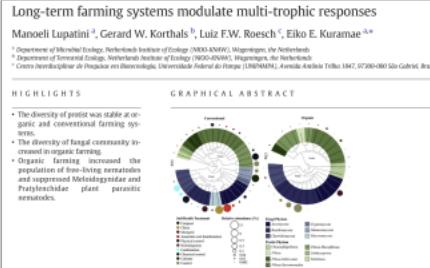
# Motivation

- In the last decade, many metabarcoding studies
- Data hard to compare:
  - Different primers
  - Different processing
  - Different similarity levels
- Processed data usually not available
- Metadata not available
- Few global datasets used (*Tara*, *Malaspina*)
- These datasets only temperate and tropical marine



**Novel Diversity of Deeply Branching Holomycota and Unicellular Holozoa Revealed by Metabarcoding in Middle Paraná River, Argentina**

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# metapr2 - strategy

- Scan papers
- Start from raw data (fastq) available from GenBank SRA
- Use dada2 pipeline producing ASVs
  - Different datasets are comparable
- Annotate taxonomy with PR<sup>2</sup>
- Integrate metadata
  - Latitude and longitude
  - Depth
  - Substrate (water, ice, soil)
- Data stored in MySQL database
- Develop web interface using R shiny

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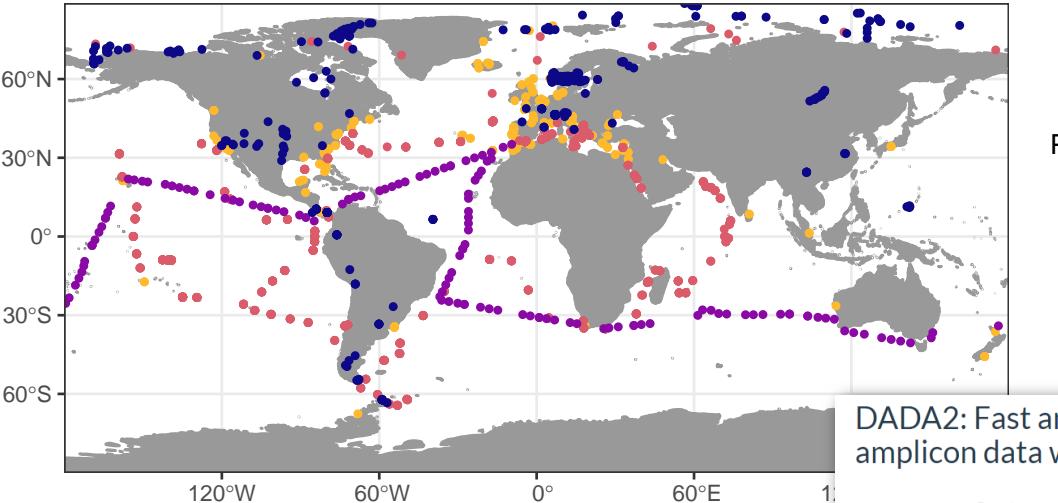
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## metaPR<sup>2</sup>: A database of eukaryotic 18S rRNA metabarcodes with an emphasis on protists

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DADA2: Fast and accurate sample inference from amplicon data with single-nucleotide resolution



# metapr2 - version 2.1

- Datasets: 59

- Tara Oceans (reprocessed with dada2)
- Malaspina
- Ocean Sampling Day - 2014 & 2015
- Arctic datasets
- Deep Sea
- Lakes, Rivers, Soils

- Samples: 6,200

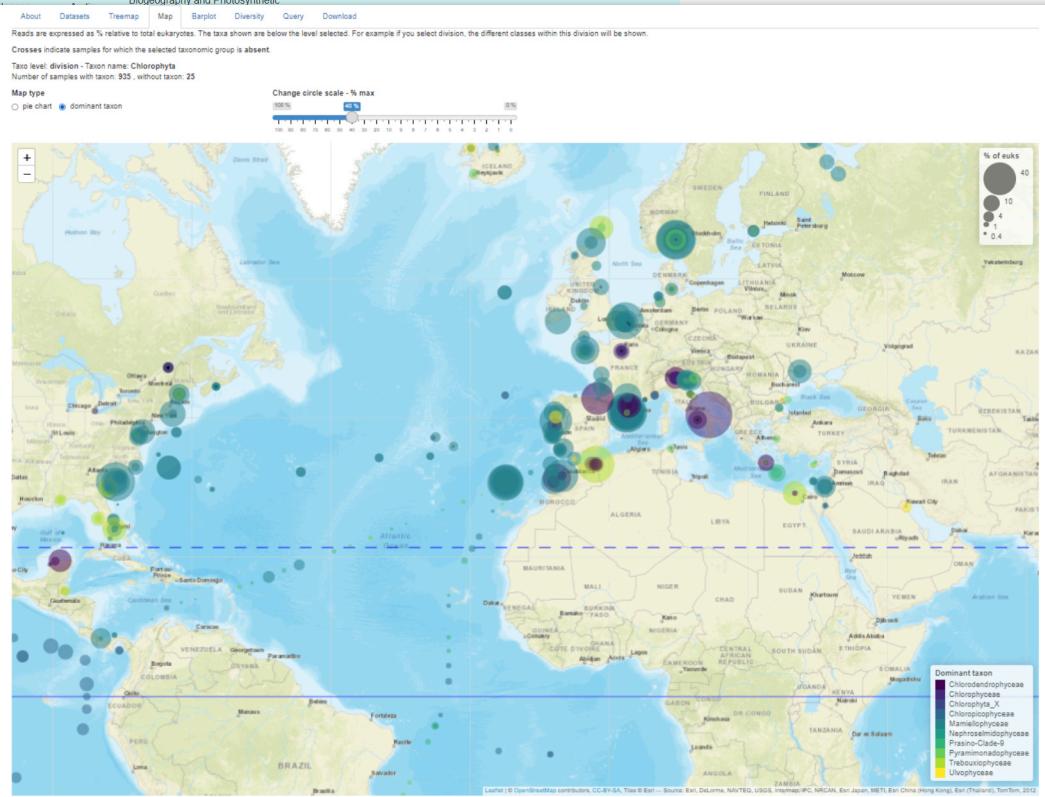
- ASVs: 90,000

- Annotated with PR2 version 5.0.1

The screenshot shows the 'Select datasets' interface. At the top, there's a search bar and a dropdown menu 'Show 10 entries'. Below is a table with columns: dataset\_id, dataset\_name, region, paper\_reference, sample\_number, asv\_number, n\_reads\_mean, and selected. The table lists several datasets from the Southern Ocean, such as 'Antarctic\_Fields\_Bay\_2013' and 'Antarctic\_Fields\_Bay\_2015\_18S\_V4', along with their respective details and read counts.

The screenshot shows the 'Select Samples' interface. It includes a search bar, a dropdown for 'Gene regions' set to 'V4', and a 'Map' section with dropdowns for 'Depth levels', 'Soil surface', and 'Spa'. Below these are sections for 'Select ASVs' (minimum total reads per ASV: 100) and 'Select Taxa' (with dropdowns for Supergroup, Division, Class, Order, Family, Genus, and Species). A note at the bottom says 'Press VALIDATE after changing taxonomy to update screen. Press RESET to reset taxonomy to top level (need to press validate after reset)'.

This screenshot shows a detailed view of dataset 11, 'Antarctic Fields Bay - 2013', from the 'Datasets' interface. The table has columns for dataset\_id, dataset\_name, region, paper\_reference, sample\_number, asv\_number, n\_reads\_mean, and selected. The paper reference is by Luo et al. (2015), detailing molecular diversity of microbial eukaryotes in sea water from Fildes Peninsula, King George Island, Antarctica. The sample number is 10, and the mean number of reads is 13631.

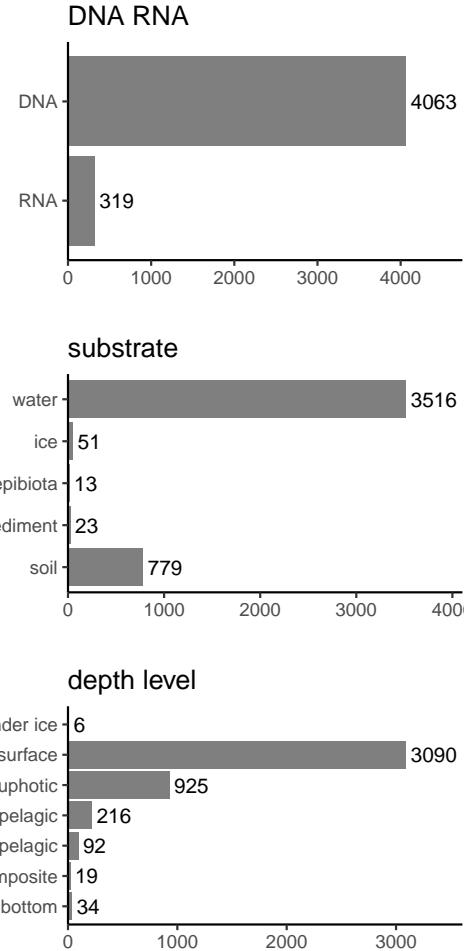
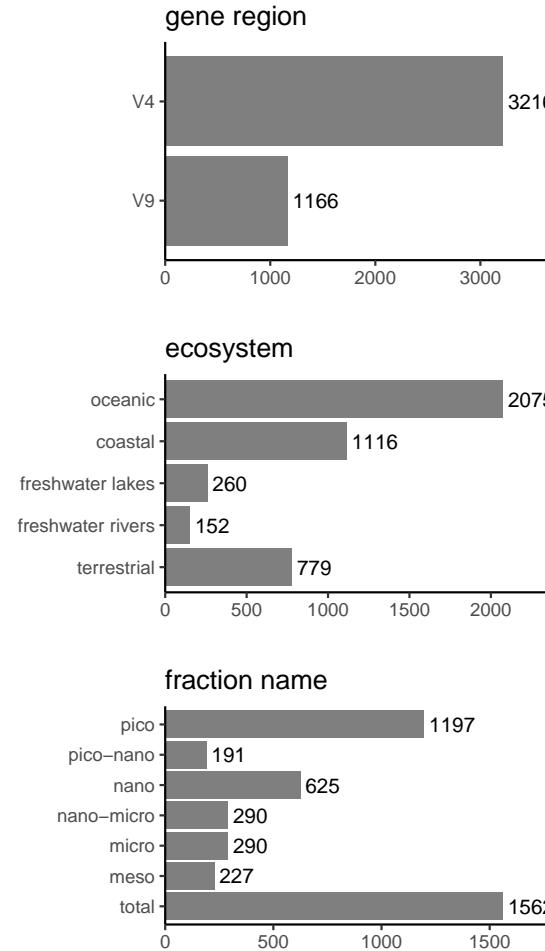


<https://app.metapr2.org>

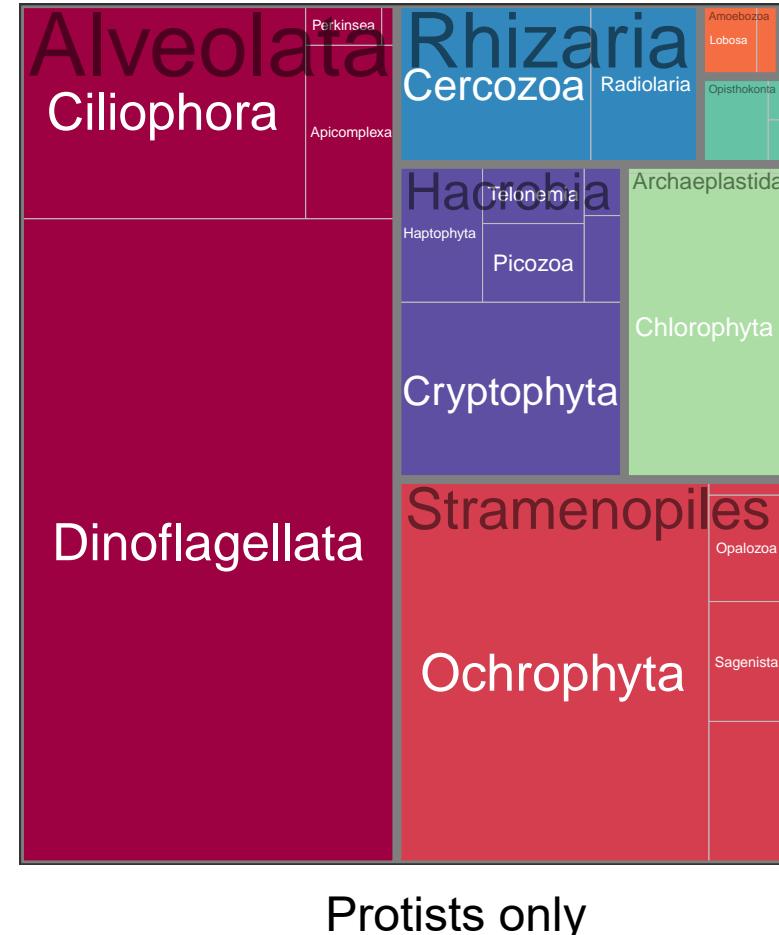


# Samples and ASVs

Number of samples



Reads



Protists only

# Web interface

<https://app.metapr2.org>



- Built with R shiny
  - Available also as R package
- Panels
  - Datasets
  - Treemaps
  - Maps
  - Barplots
  - Diversity
  - Query
  - Download

The metaPR2 database

Select datasets  
41 items selected

Select Samples

Gene regions: V4

DNA or RNA: DNA

Ecosystems: oceanic, coastal, freshwater lakes, freshwater rivers, terrestrial

Substrates: water

Size fractions: pico, total

Depth levels: surface

Select ASVs  
Minimum number of total reads per ASV: 100

Select Taxa

Validate Taxa Reset Taxa

Press VALIDATE after changing taxonomy to update screen.  
Press RESET to reset taxonomy to top level (need to press validate after reset)

Supergroup: Archaeplastida

Division: Chlorophyta

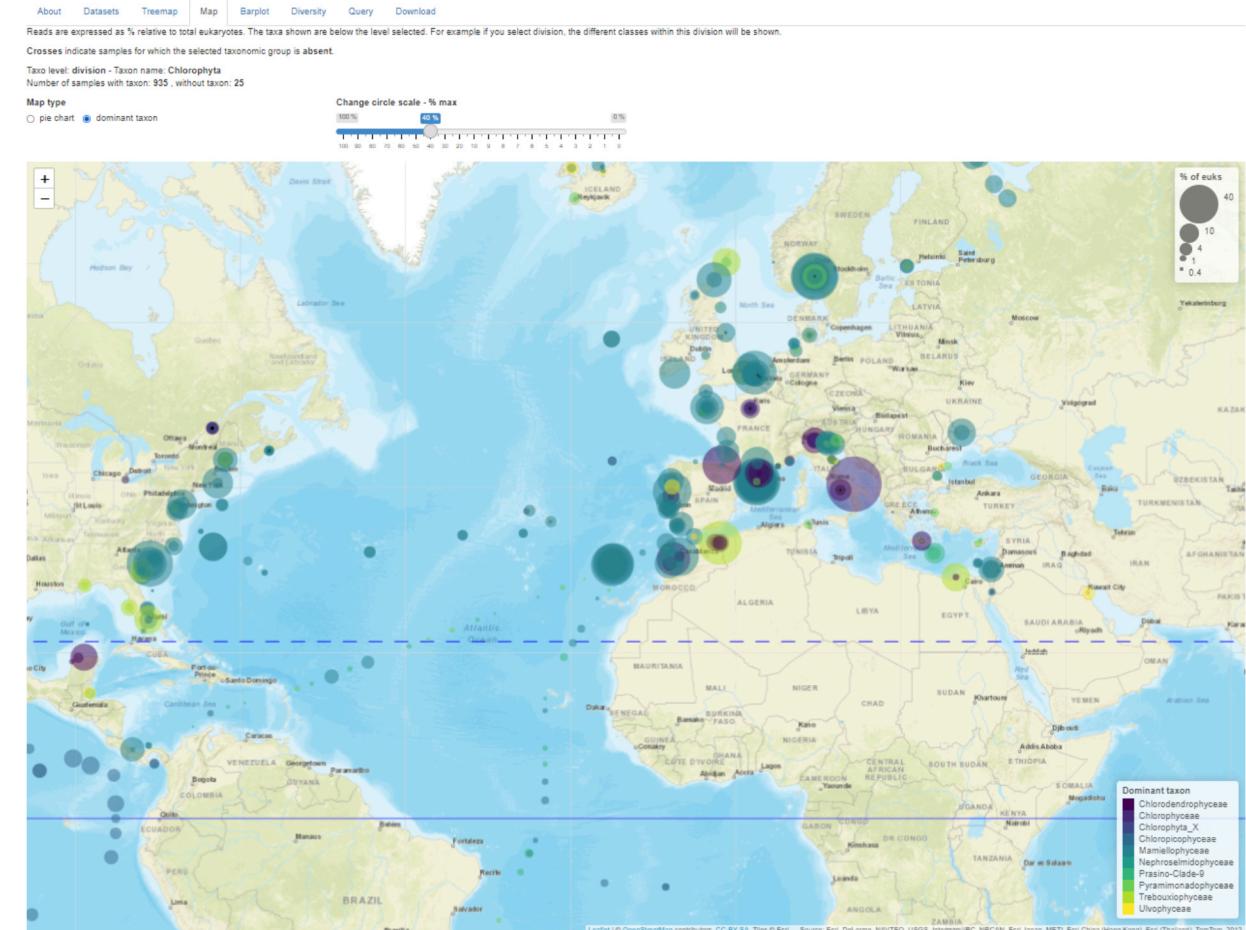
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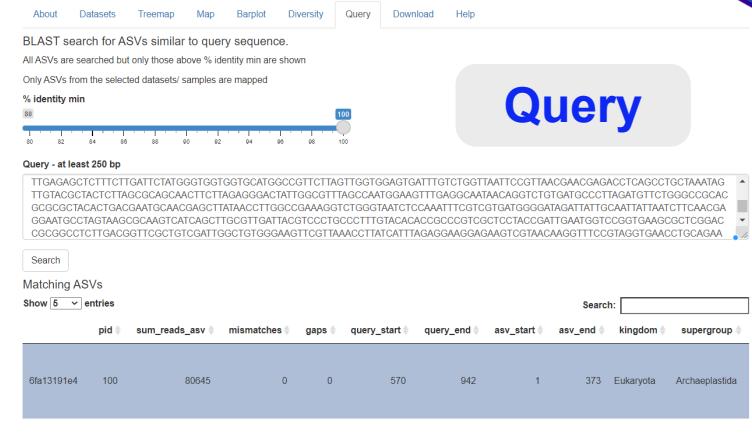
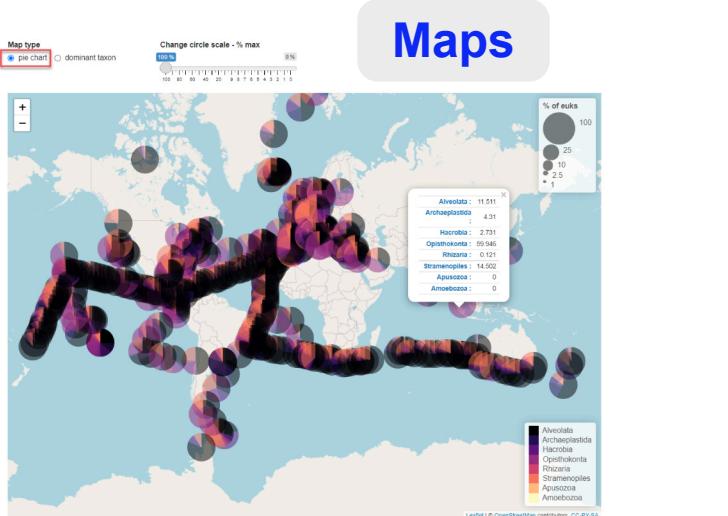
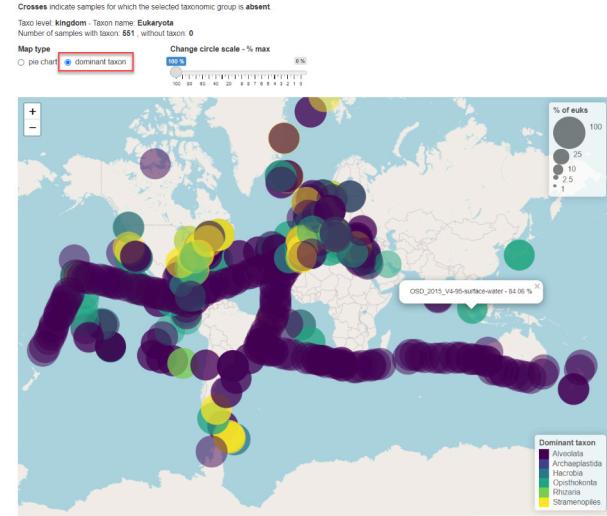
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# Web interface



# Biogeography

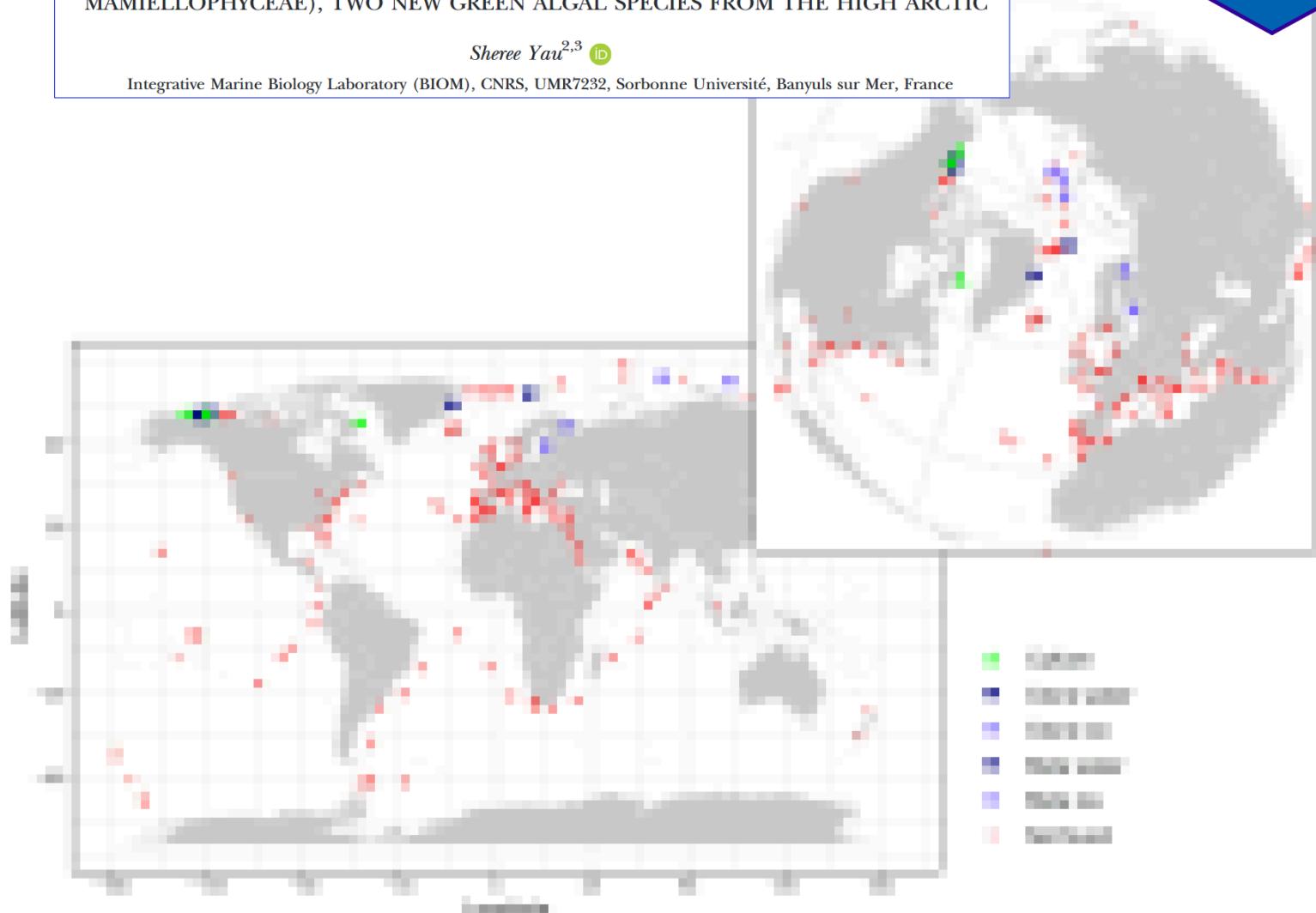
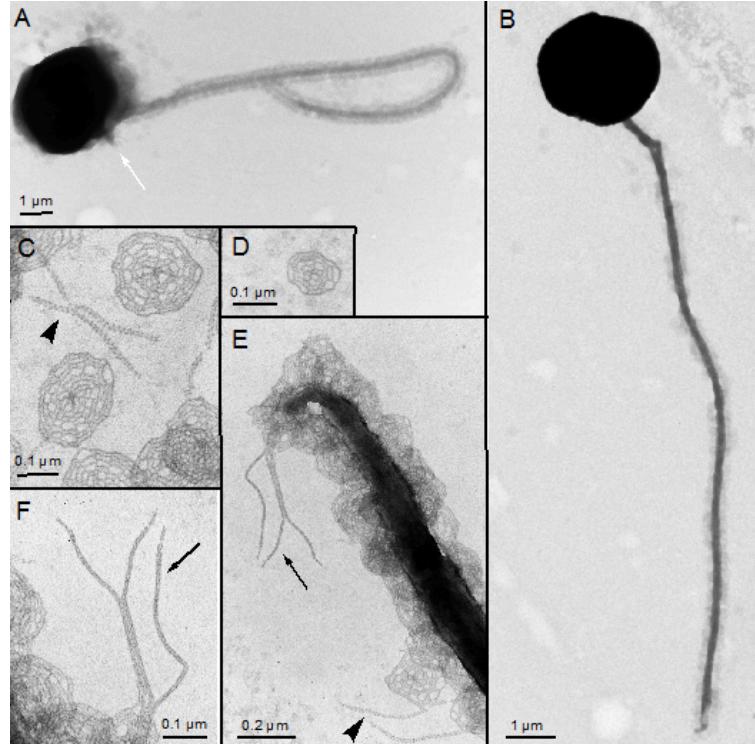
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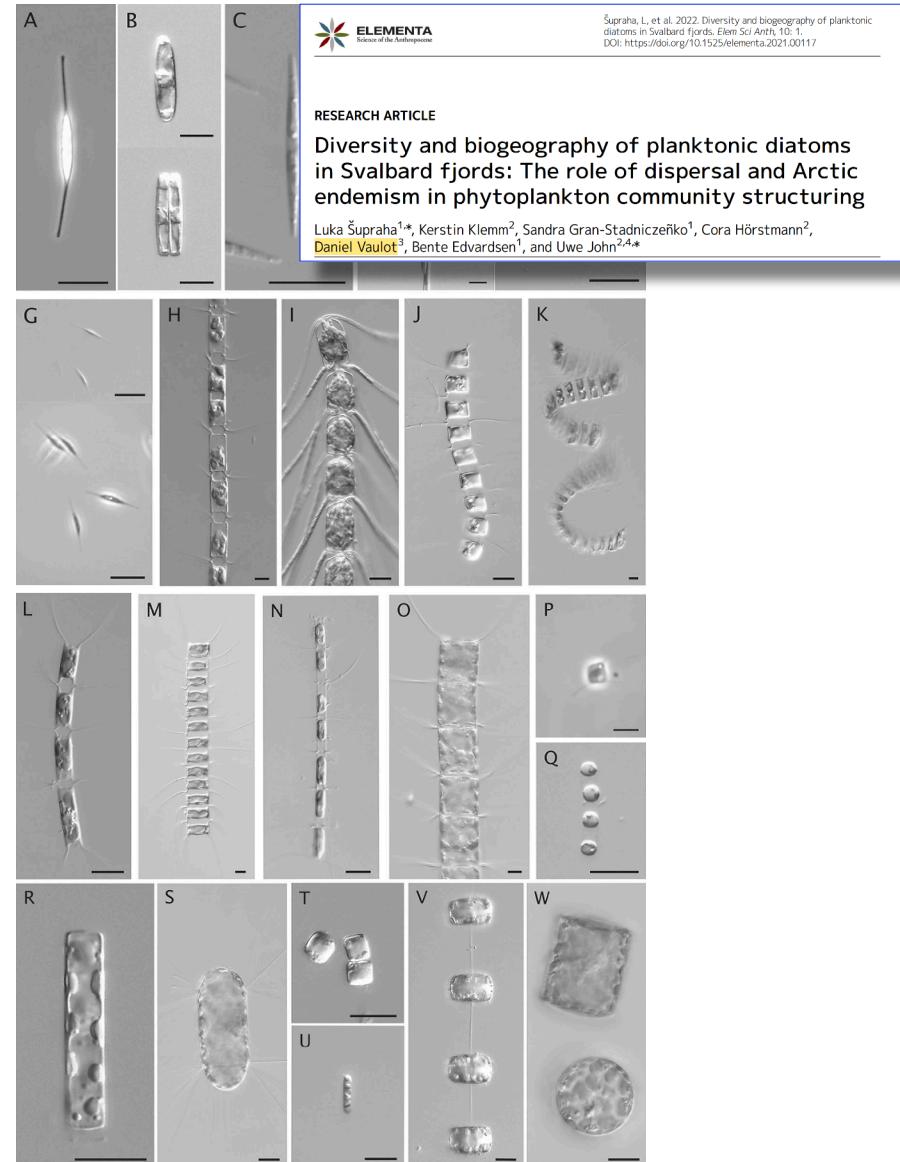
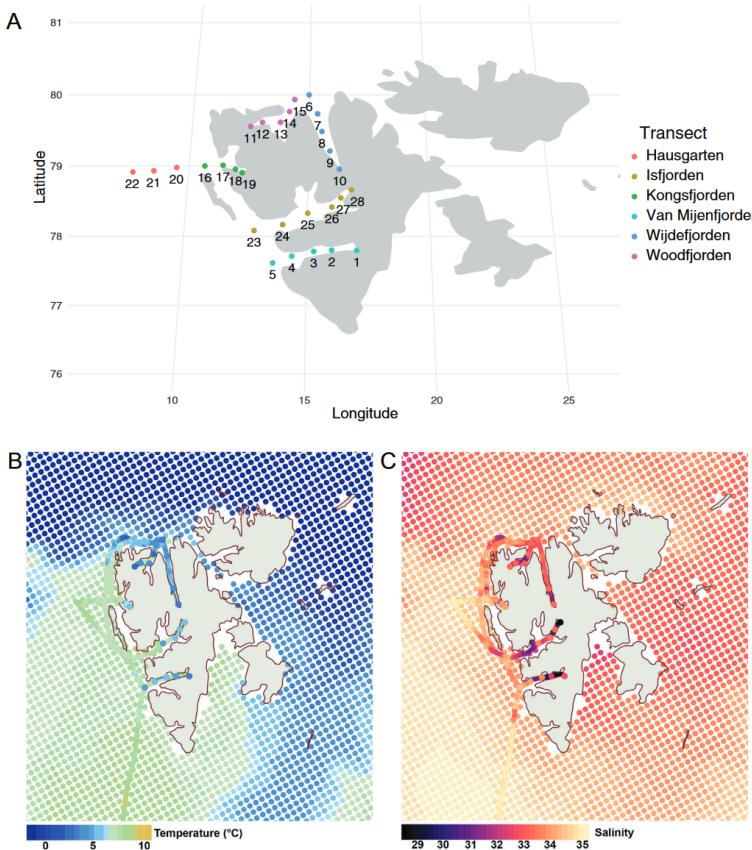
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# Svalbard diatoms



# Biogeographic distribution types

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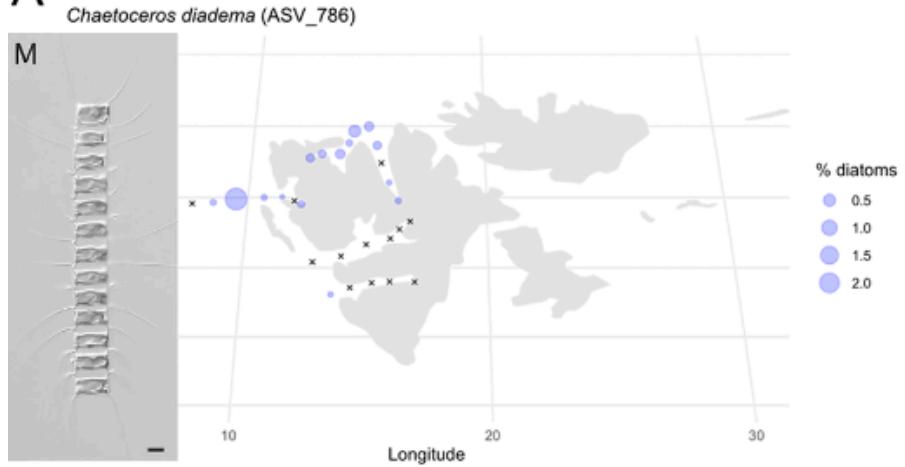
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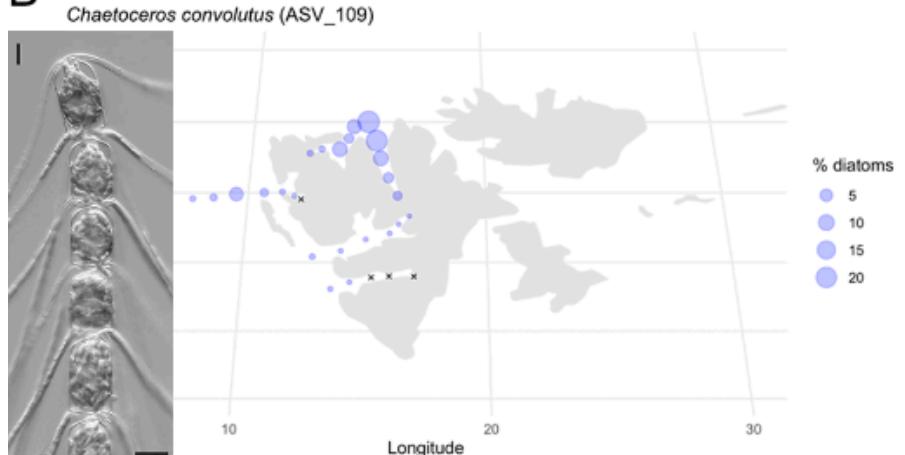
Biogeographic Distribution Type	Description
Arctic	Genotype has a biogeographic distribution mostly restricted to the Arctic circle above 66°N
Arctic-temperate	Genotype is present in the Arctic and at temperate latitudes 30°N–66°N and 30°S–66°S
Cosmopolitan	Genotype is present in the Arctic and has a cosmopolitan distribution

# Polar genotypes

A



B

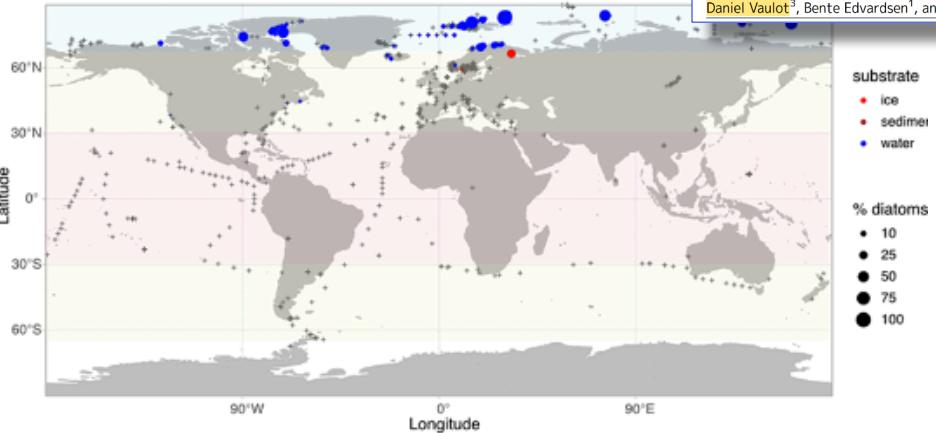


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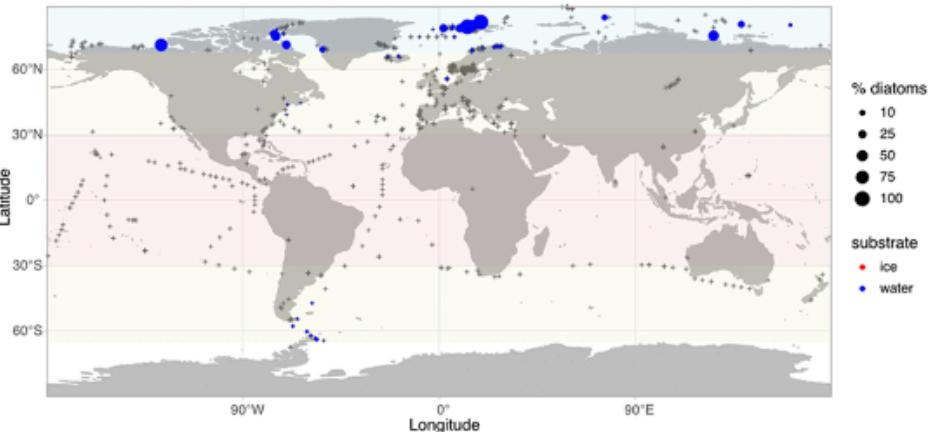
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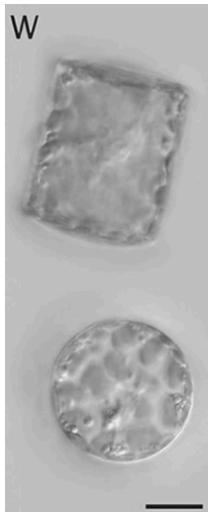
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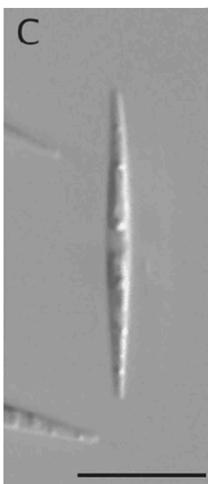
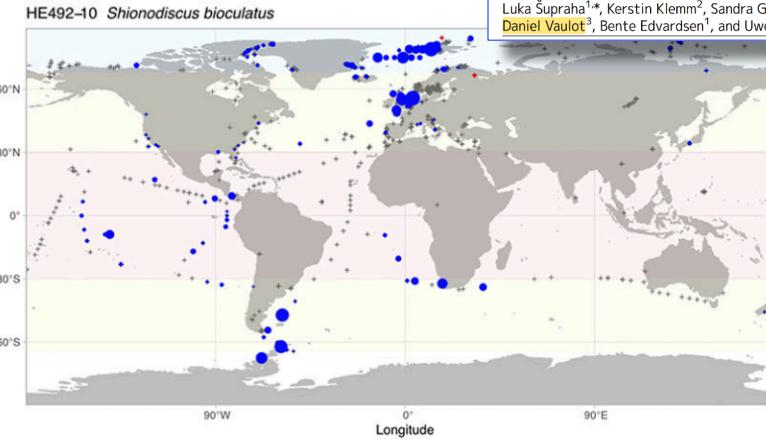
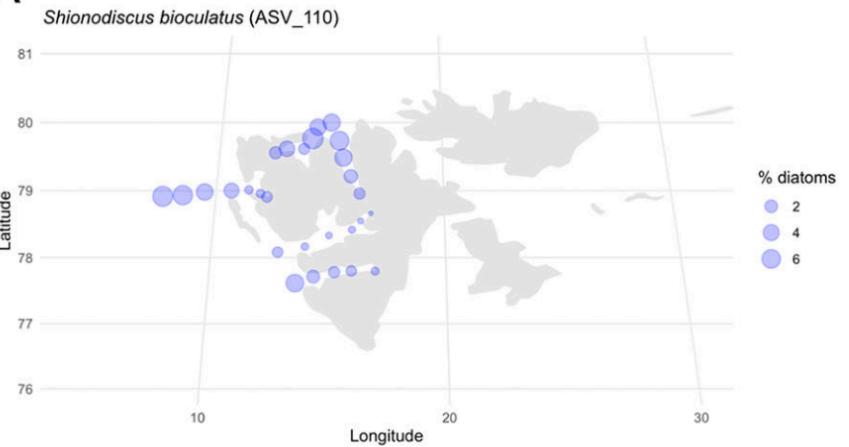
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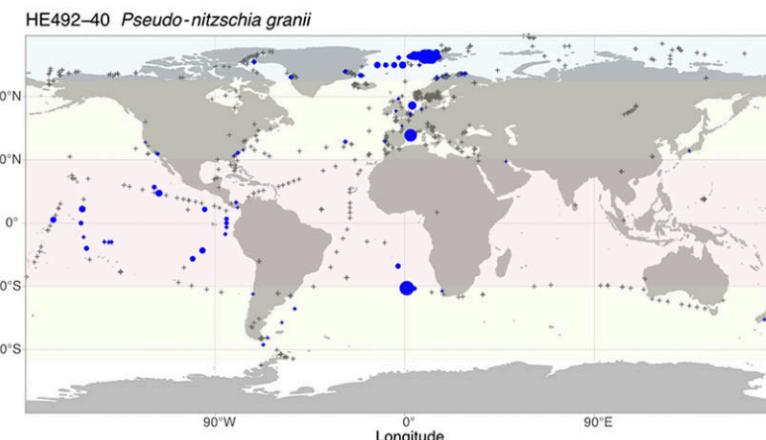
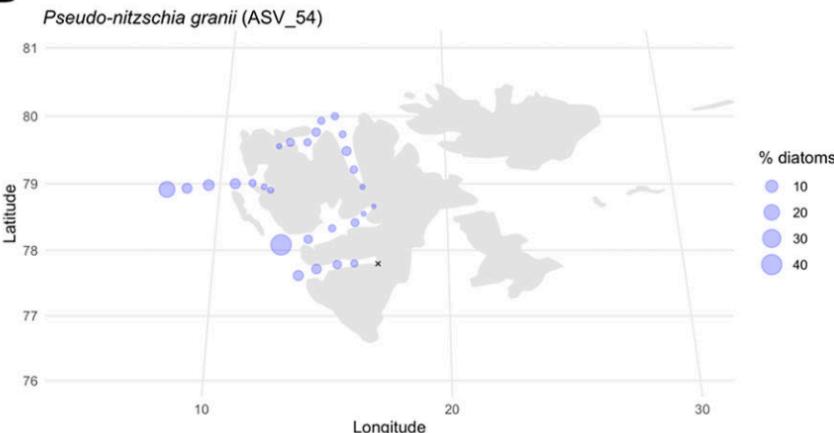
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A



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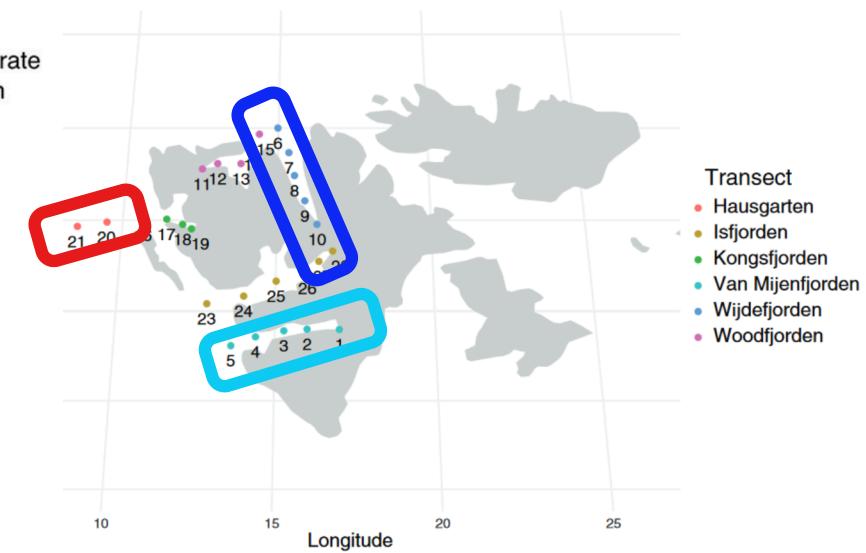
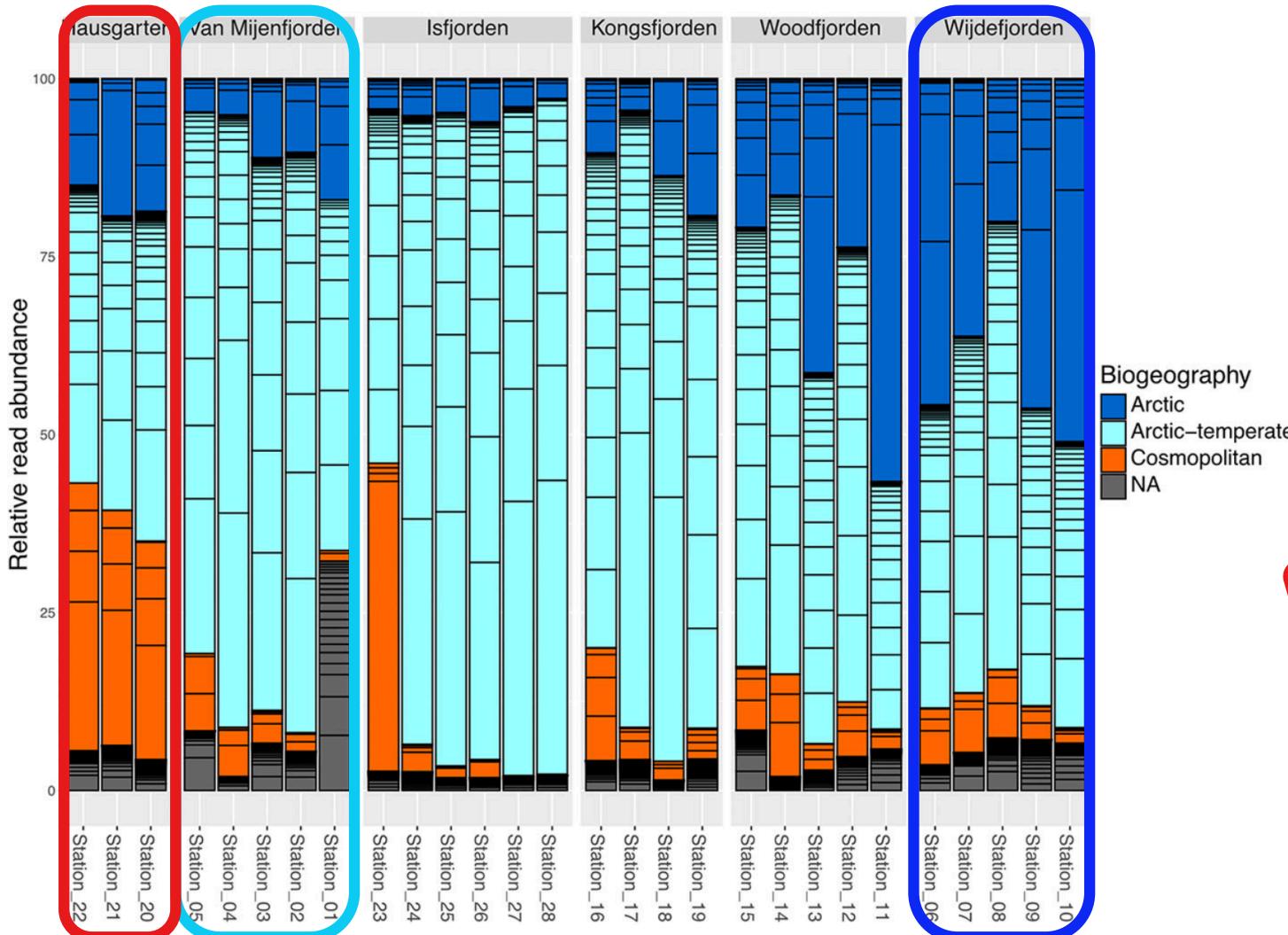


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# What's next for metapr2

- More datasets
  - antarctic, tropical, equatorial
  - soils, sediments
  - freshwater
  - microbiomes
- Reannotate with PR<sup>2</sup> version 5.1
- Include long read metabarcodes ?

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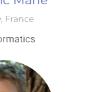
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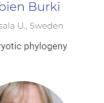
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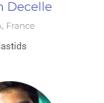
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Three interconnected 18S rRNA databases

- PR2 reference sequence database
- PR2 primers
- metaPR2 metabarcodes

The PR<sup>2</sup> database ecosystem

The eukaryotic tree. From Burki et al. 2019. The New Tree of Eukaryotes. Trends in Ecology & Evolution. DOI: 10.1016/j.tree.2019.08.008.

The PR<sup>2</sup> (Protist Ribosomal Reference) database ecosystem is a set of three interconnected 18S rRNA databases that are useful in particular for metabarcoding applications. This web site focuses on the PR<sup>2</sup> reference sequence database.

The PR<sup>2</sup> reference sequence database

- Current version : 4.14.0
- Last update : 25 June 2021
- DOI [10.5281/zenodo.5031733](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5031733)
- Download: <https://github.com/pr2database/pr2database/releases> downloads 22K
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PR2 announcements and questions The Protist Ribosomal Reference database of eukaryotic rRNA sequences. <https://pr2-database.org/> Please ask here any question about PR2, pr2-primers or metapr2

The main changes are as follows

- New database: version 2.0 ~ 59 datasets (18 new)
- Clustering: An option is now provided to use either all ASVs or clustered ASVs on the welcome screen. ASVs are clustered at 100% identity with VSEARCH --id 1.00 See the metaPR2 paper (<https://doi.org/10.1111/1755-0998.13674>) for more information.
- It is also possible to use version 1.0 of the database by entering 'v1' on the welcome screen
- Taxonomy: This new panel provides a table with all the taxa present in the current metaPR2 version with the number of ASV for each species. The table can be easily searched.
- Taxonomy is constructed from all the samples and not only samples selected
- Barplots: The right side of the graph indicates, for each parameter range, the number of samples that fall into that range as well as the number of samples that contain the taxa selected.

In addition, if you have some strong request for new features let me know.

A big thanks in advance. Daniel (edited)

MetaPR2 English Choose datasets Datasets ('blank' for version 2.0 and 'v1' for version 1.0); Password ('blank' for version 1.0 and 2.0);

Monday

pavel.skaloud 17:25 Daniel Vaultot Groom Dear all...

Dear Daniel, thank you for such an amazing effort! I am still new to PR2 - I tried to check the Ochrophyte-Chrysophyte databases and it seems there is still an older taxonomy (Synurophyceae, Chrysophyceae\_X as a single order, and so on). Yours, Pavel

Daniel Vaultot 17:54 Dear Pavel.

Thanks for checking metaPR2. The taxonomy used for metaPR2 is still that of PR2 4.14.0. I am planning an update of PR2 (4.15.0) hopefully before the end of the year and this will include the Chrysophyceae update that you provided. Once PR2 is updated then I will update metaPR2... This is long process with small steps.

Tuesday

pavel.skaloud 00:42 Daniel Vaultot Dear Pavel.

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Great to know, thanks :).

Daniel Vaultot 09:57 An paper relevant to PR2 management just came out: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1755-0998.13723>

Management of DNA reference libraries for barcoding and metabarcoding studies with the R package refdb - Wiley Online Library

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