Lab Log

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18/10/2017

- Autoclaved the soil again
- Autoclaved 1 L of DI millicule water
- Autoclaved 1 L of 0.6% soft agar
- Autoclaved a spoon to weigh out soil
- Got some $SBW25\phi2$ from Floh. Around 1 mL at 7.26 x 10^8.
  - Grow up overnight
  - Transfer 60 µl of bacteria and 10 µl of phage (around 7 x 10 ^{6} pfus) into 6 mL of KB agar
  - Should give a concentration of around 10^8 phage/mL
  - Done this in triplicate
- Grow up *lacZ* and *WT* strains overnight. Should give concentration of around ~10^8 cells in 60 µl.
- Do these in triplicate
- Added 60 µL of frozen overnight culture from first experiment (18/08/2017 *lacZ* and WT)

Retrospectively work out density of the overnight stocks and phage

19/10/2017

- Put 80g of soil into each 10cm x 10cm microcosm
  - Used autoclaved spoon
  - Placed scale in laminar flow hood (cleaned with ethanol before and after)
- Placed 5 mL (~ 200 µl per microcosm) of *lacZ* and WT into separate 12 mL centrifuge tubes
  - Centrifuged for 15 minutes at max speed (~4500 r.p.m) on big centrifuge
  - Want to get to 5 mL per microcosm for inoculating (~ 125 mL in total)
  - Resuspended pellet into 2250 µl, vortexed and placed 620 µl, 620 µl and 810 µl into three different falcon tubes
  - Filled these three falcon tubes up to 40 mL, 40 mL and 45 mL respectively
    - This guaranteed the same concentration of sample in each falcon tube
  - Placed 5 mL of *lacZ* or WT strain into each microcosm
  - Froze (-80 ºC) 900 µl of inoculate in 900 µl of glycerol (25% final concentration)
- In the no phage treatments, we added 5 mL of M9
- Added 5 mL of phage to phage treatments
  - Place 900 µl of bacteria + phage into three centrifuge tubes
  - Add 100 µl (10%) chloroform into each tube (under fume hood)
  - Vortex rigorously
  - Centrifuge for 2-3 minutes at full speed (minifuge)
  - Take out supernatant and placed in a single tube (took out 800 µl of each tube)
  - Put 40 mL of M9 into 6 tubes
  - Added 400 µl into each tube (~100 fold dilution from the initial stock)
  - Shake each tube and add 5 mL into each microcosm
- Place microcosms into the 26 ºC incubator (Level 1 incubator room)

22/10/2017

- setup 2 WT microcosms up for spot assays of phage
- used a crystal from T_0
- autoclaved 2 L of KB agar. Put in small autoclave