

# TerraGenome: a consortium for the sequencing of the soil metagenome

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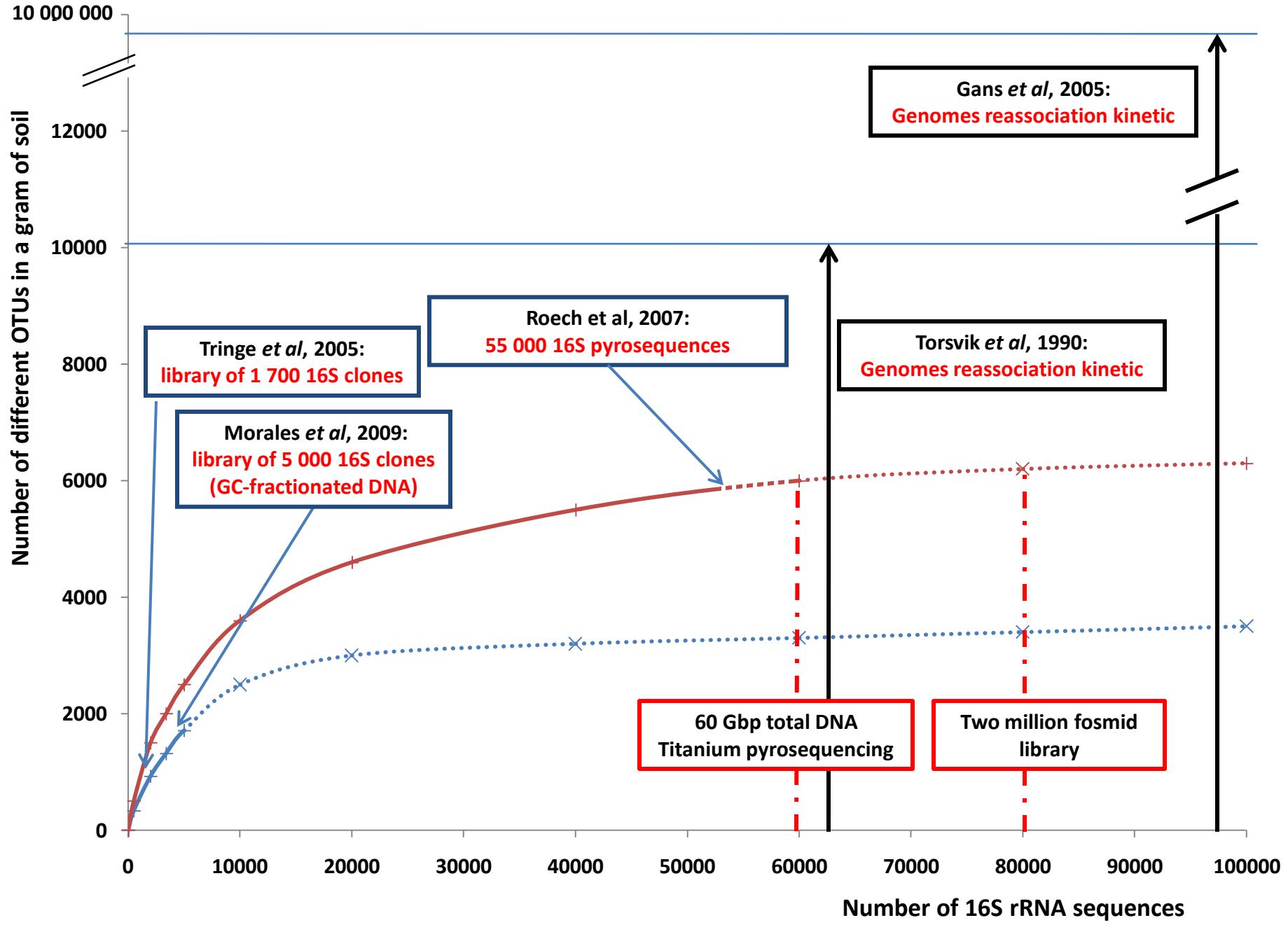


## **Soil Metagenome International Consortium** **METASTED**



## **TERRAGENOME**

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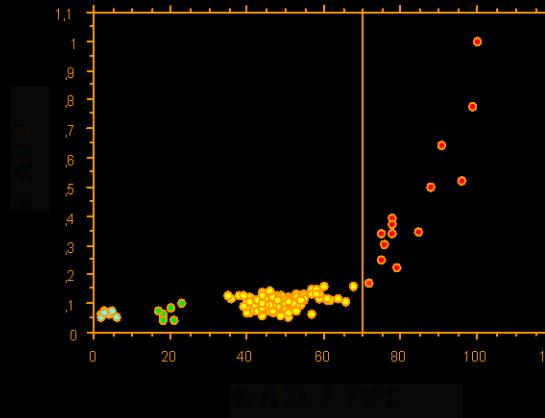
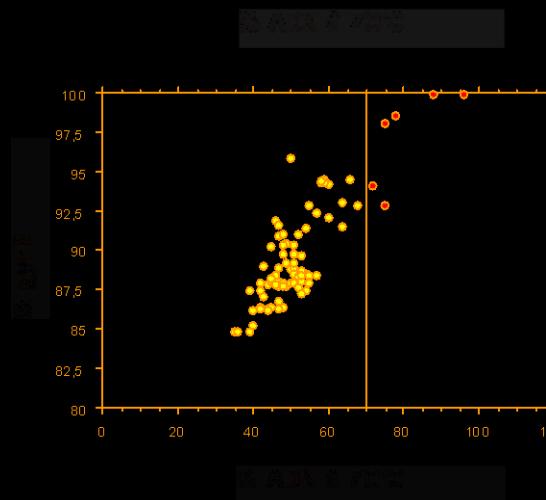
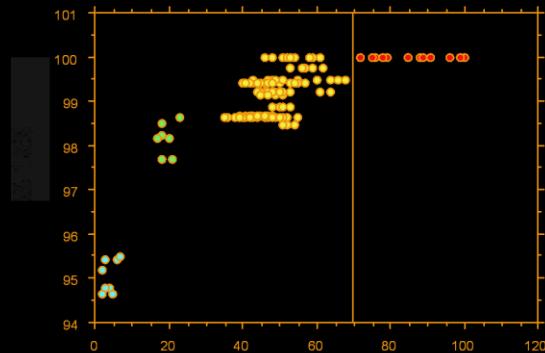




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Macro-phylogeny  
*rrs*  
micro-phylogeny  
*gyrB*  
Population genetics  
AFLP

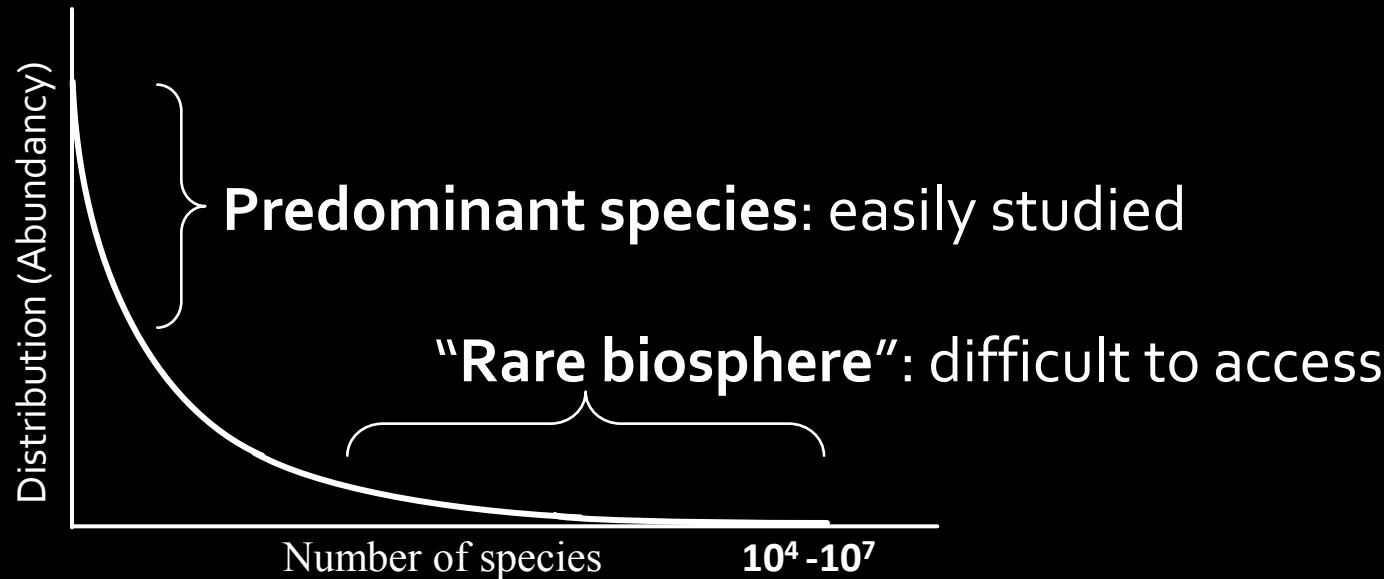


- **infra-specific between closely related species**
- **infra-generic between genera**



- Soil:  $10^4$  -  $10^7$  species / gram

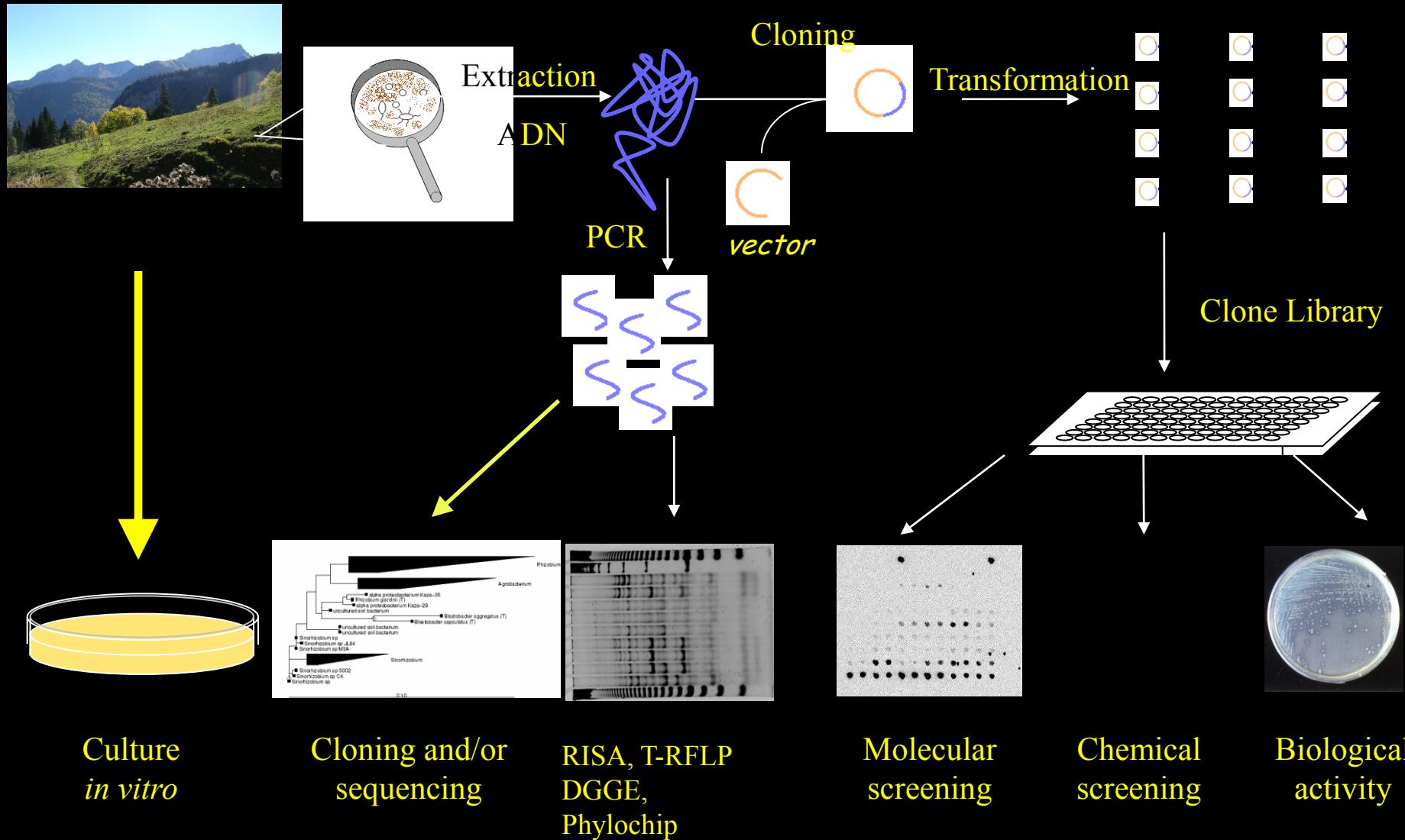
- Uneven distributed



- Terragenome: To sequence and assemble an entire metagenome of soil (Rothamsted, UK).



# Metagenomic approach:





# The long-term experimental site in the UK: **Rothamsted** <http://www.rothamsted.ac.uk/>

- Extensive metadata
- From 50 to 140 years of controlled experiments





## A few problems

“Species”/g soil

$10^4$



Number of bp

$4 \times 10^{10}$



Number of pyroseq Runs (fosmid clones)

$10^2$  ( $10^6$ )

$10^7$



$4 \times 10^{13}$



$10^5$  ( $10^9$ )

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Total b&a/g soil

$10^9$



Number of bp

$4 \times 10^{15}$



Number of runs

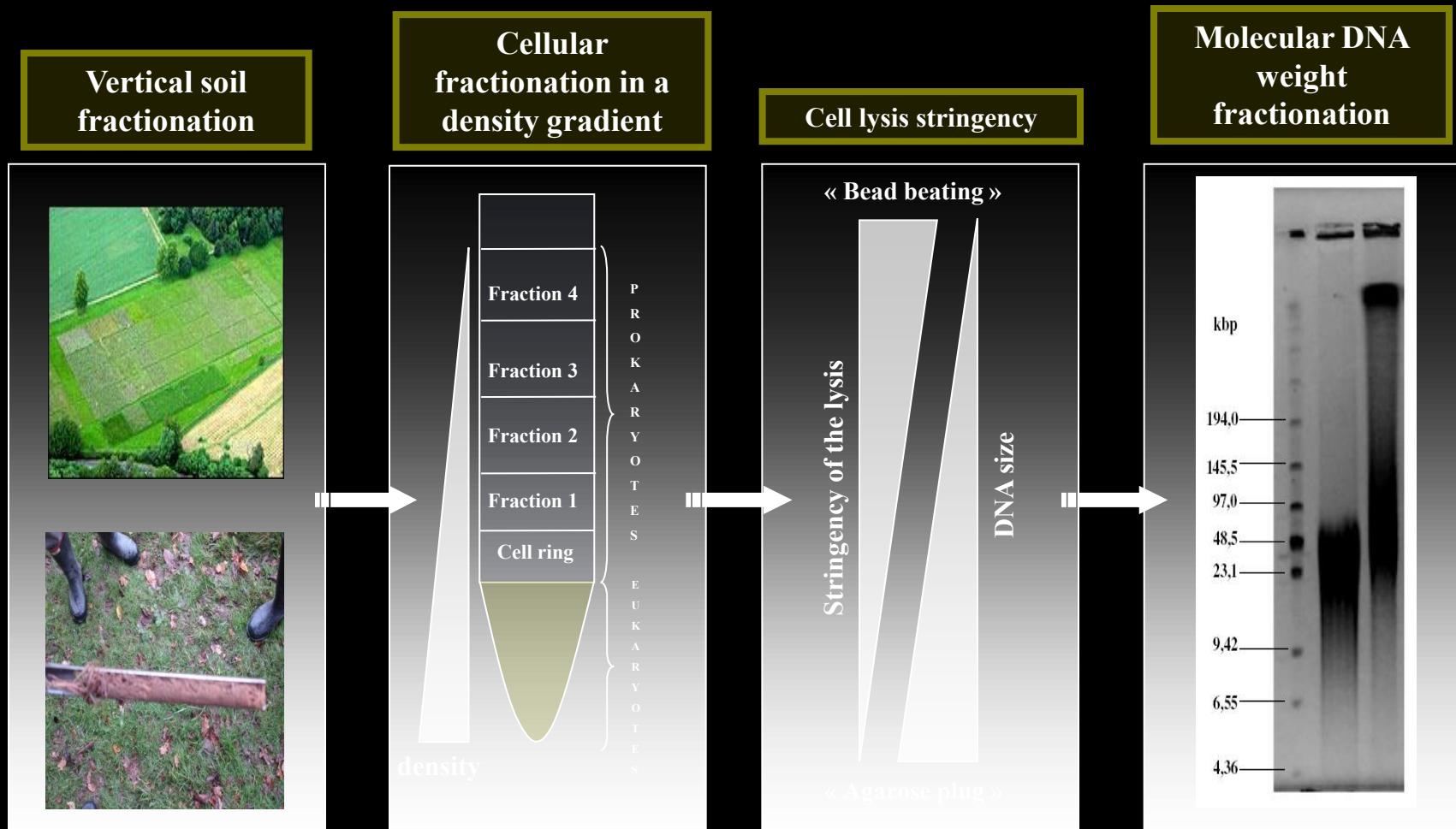
$10^7$  ( $10^{11}$ )

-Need to create strategies to improve soil nucleic diversity accessibility

-Need to find variables that fraction DNA to access parts of the rare biosphere to limit sequencing redundancy



# Searching for genomic diversity





Some people think one needs to do composite sampling



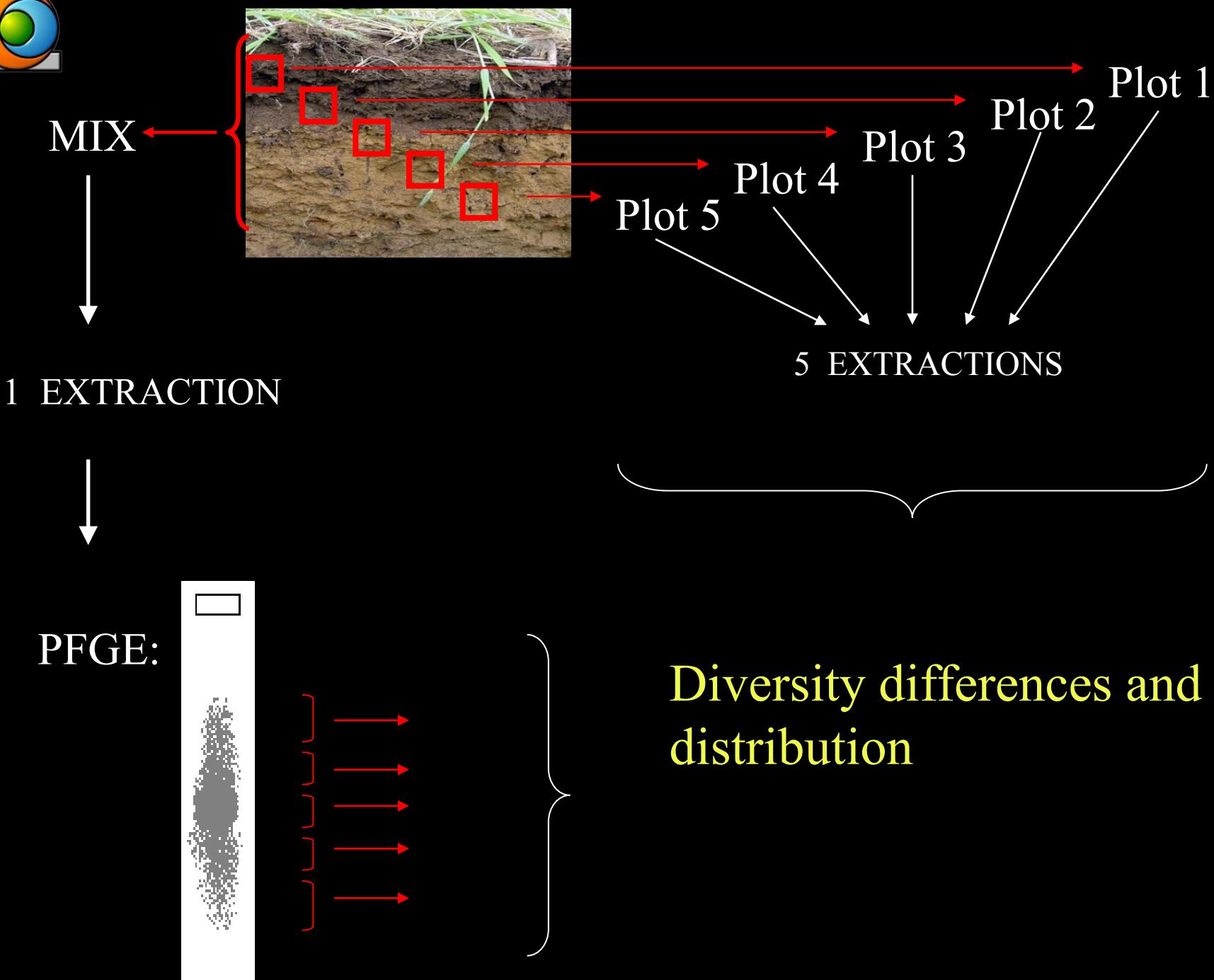
Some people sieve soil and technique is everything



Of course this could vary from person to person





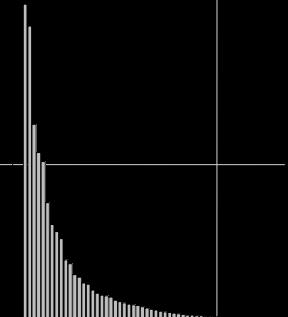




13.6  
%

PCA (Rothamsted soil, axes 1 and 2):

d = 10



**Nucleospin  
Tissue**

**Epicentre  
Gram+**

A3

Gc9

**Gram+**

Gtop

Gc2

Gtop

Atop

Abot

Aw2

Gtop

Aw1

Gtop

**AGAROSE  
PLUG**

BBtop.3  
A5  
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BBtop.2

BBtop.1

BBd2  
BBd4  
BBd3

Direct

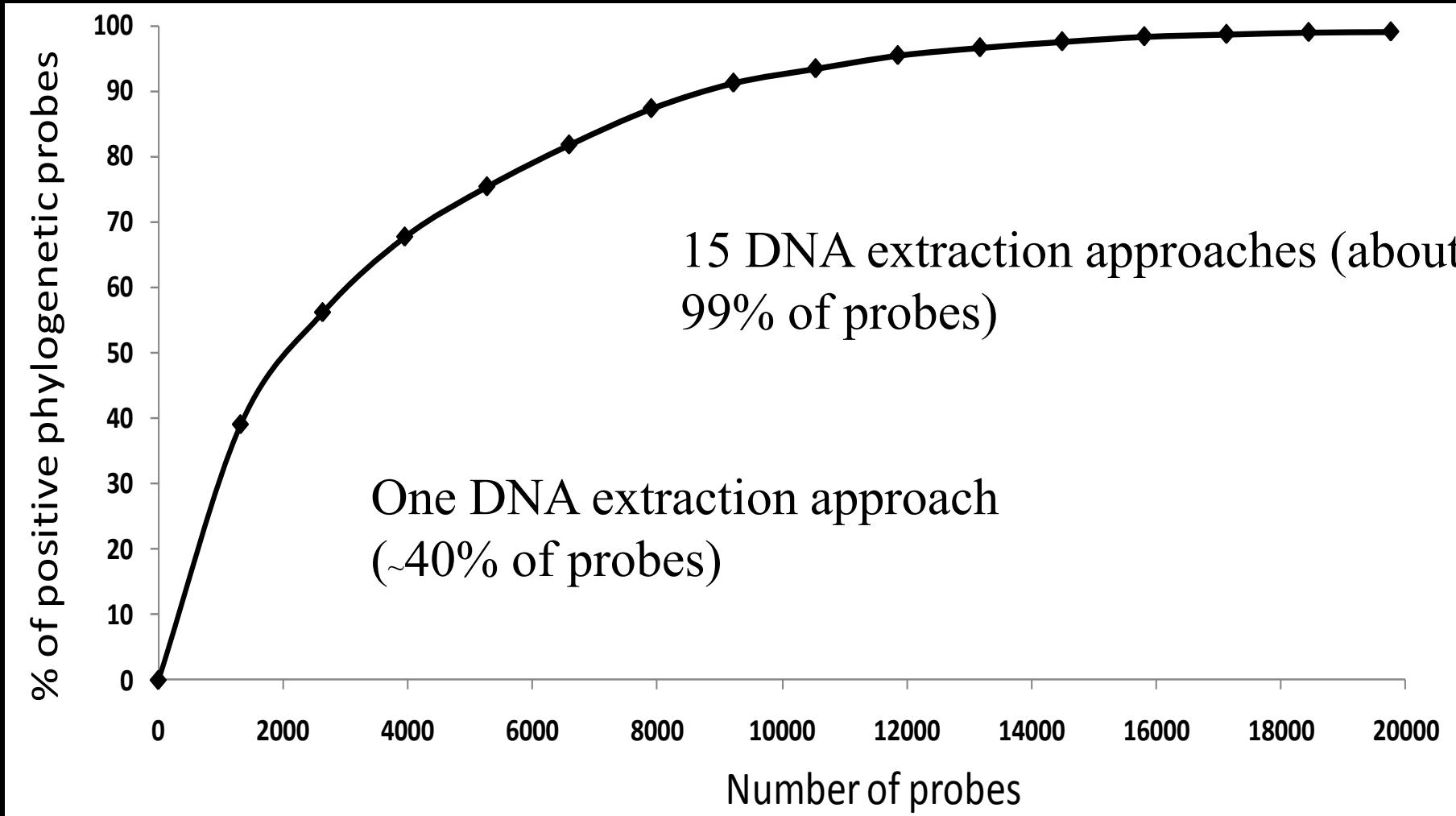
**UltraClean  
Mobio**

**Bead  
beating**

Cell ring

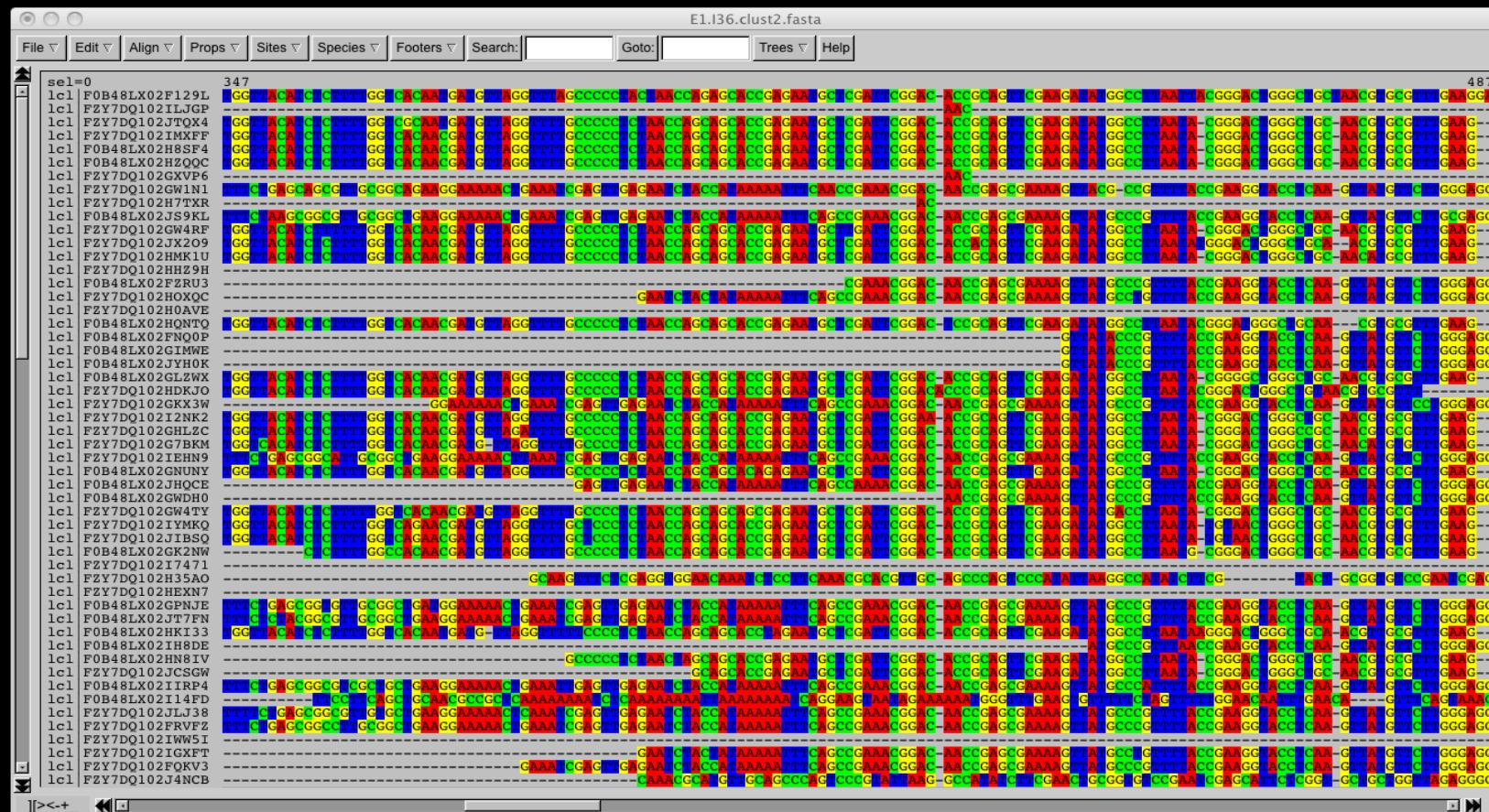


# Rothamsted soil phylochip saturation curve



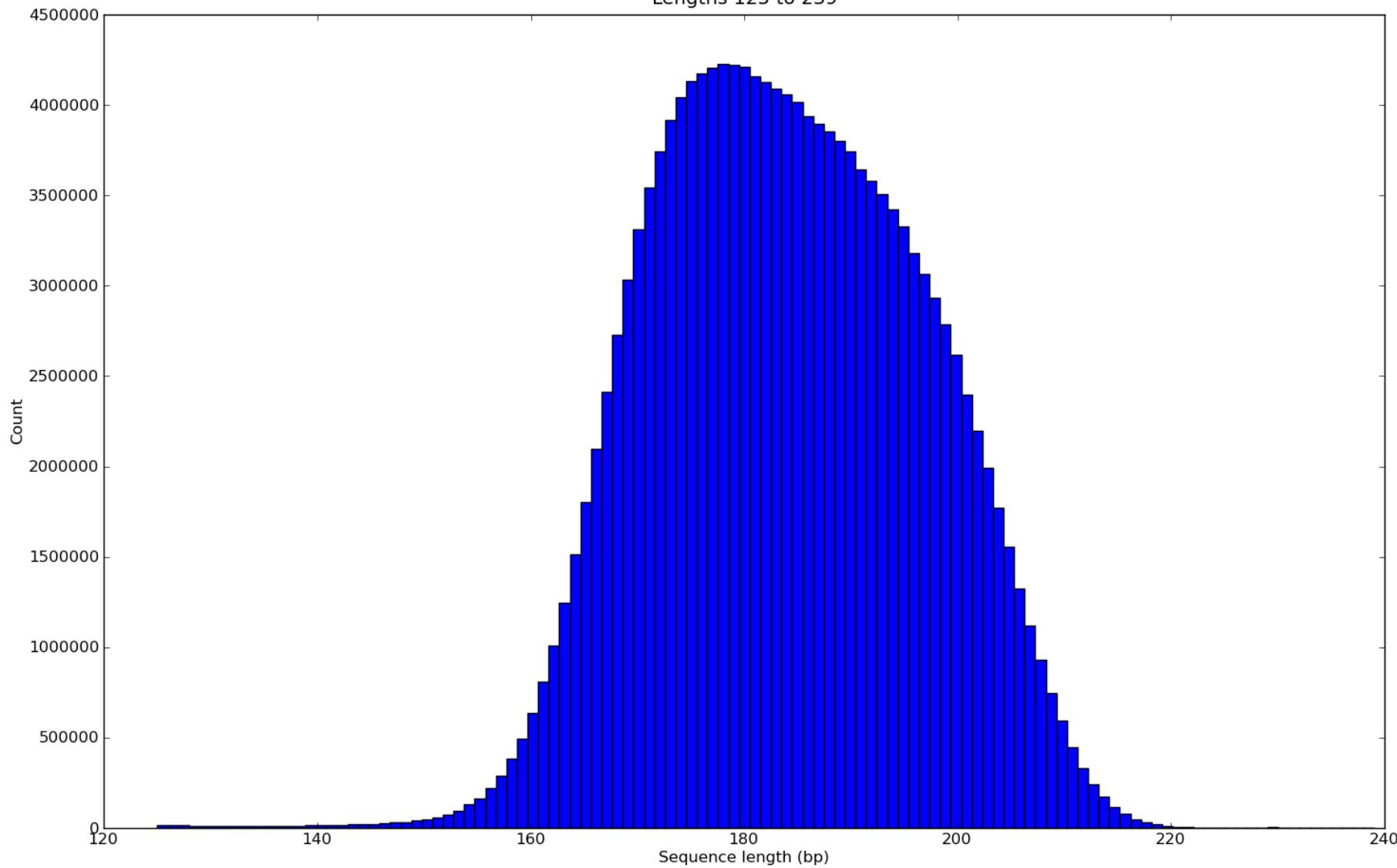


# Pyrosequencing (10<sup>6</sup> sequences 400pb)



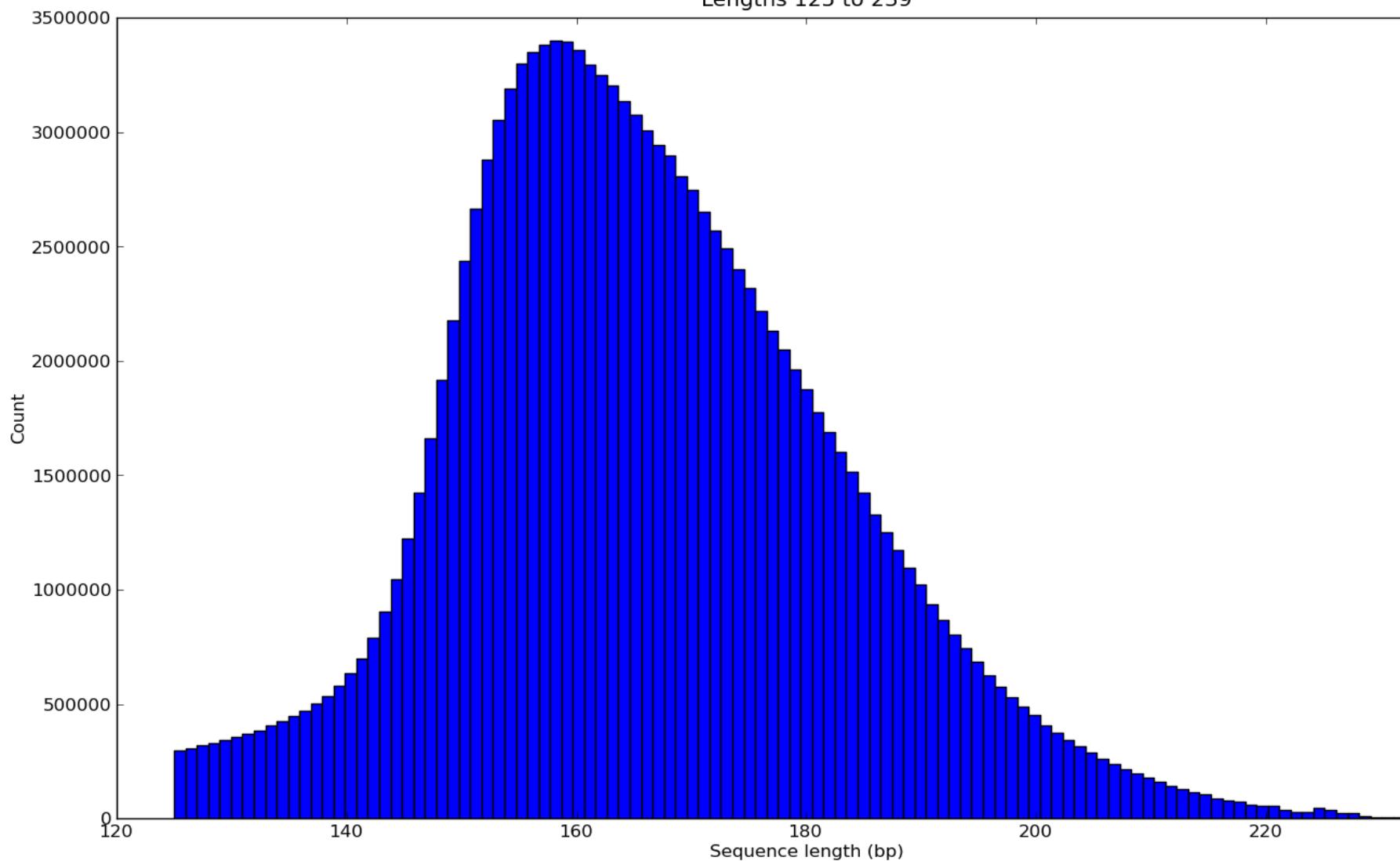


151296376 sequences  
Lengths 125 to 239





130752515 sequences  
Lengths 125 to 239





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### *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* USDA 110

Distribution of hits by evalue

1e-50	916
1e-40	177
1e-30	142
1e-25	72
1e-20	57
1e-15	24
1e-10	8
1e-07	3
1e-05	1

A NC\_004463

### *Blastopirellula marina* DSM 3645

Distribution of hits by evalue

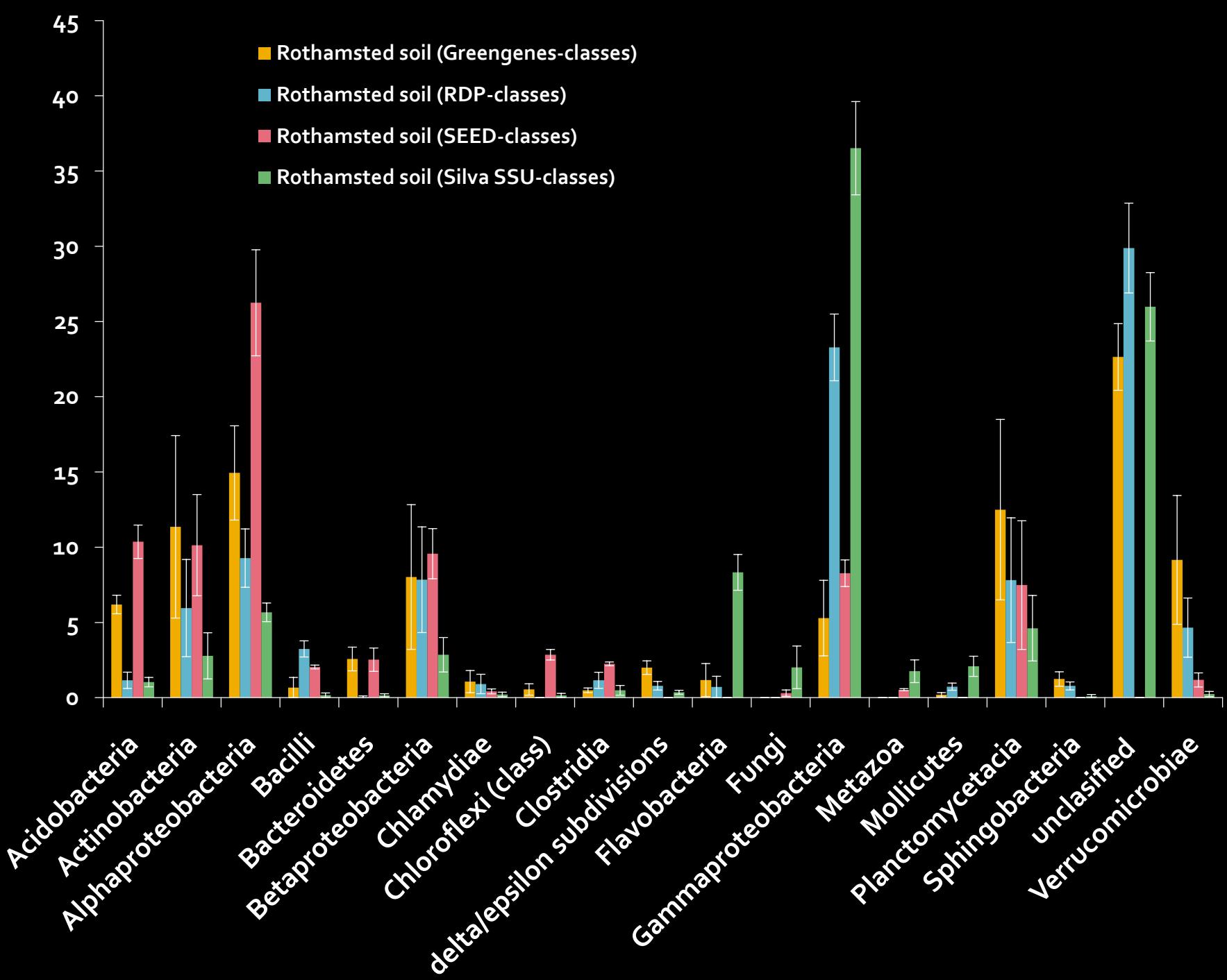
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1e-40	1
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1e-20	2

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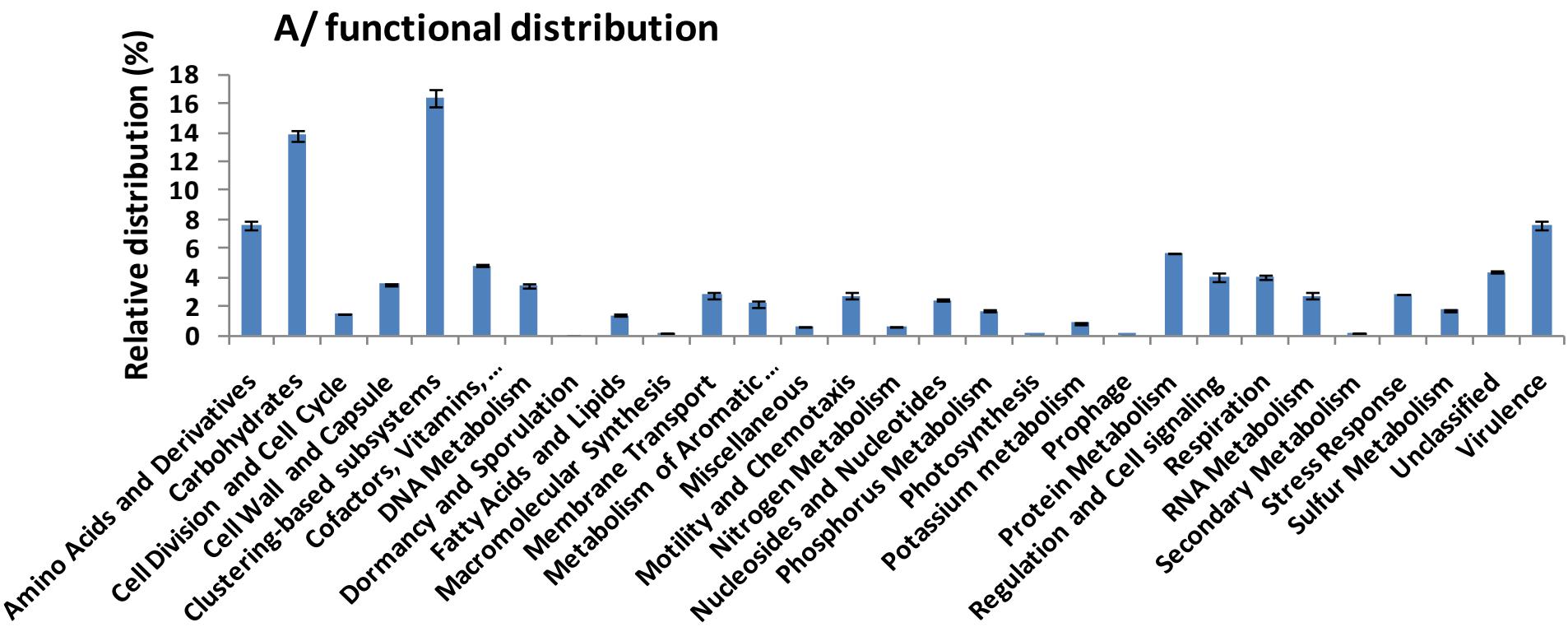
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# Functional Subsystem Distribution





# Is Everything Everywhere?

- {What is everything?      Species, genes, function, sequences}
- { Where is everywhere?      1 g; 1kg; 1 ton of soil }

Is Everything Everywhere? Yes:

Soil community “adaptation” is growth or gene rearrangement and/or exchange

Is Everything Everywhere? No:

“Adaptation is *de novo* gene synthesis w/ or w/o gene exchange  
(Or microbial movement)

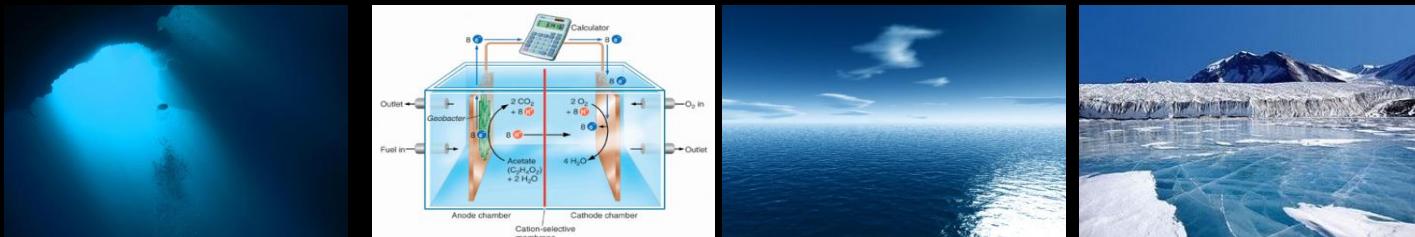
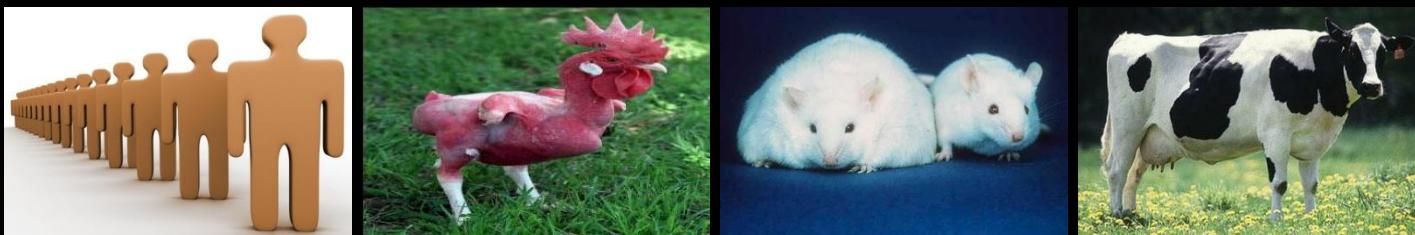


# Soil compared to other « environments »

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Coral atolls  
Deep oceans  
Antarctic lakes  
Arctic snows

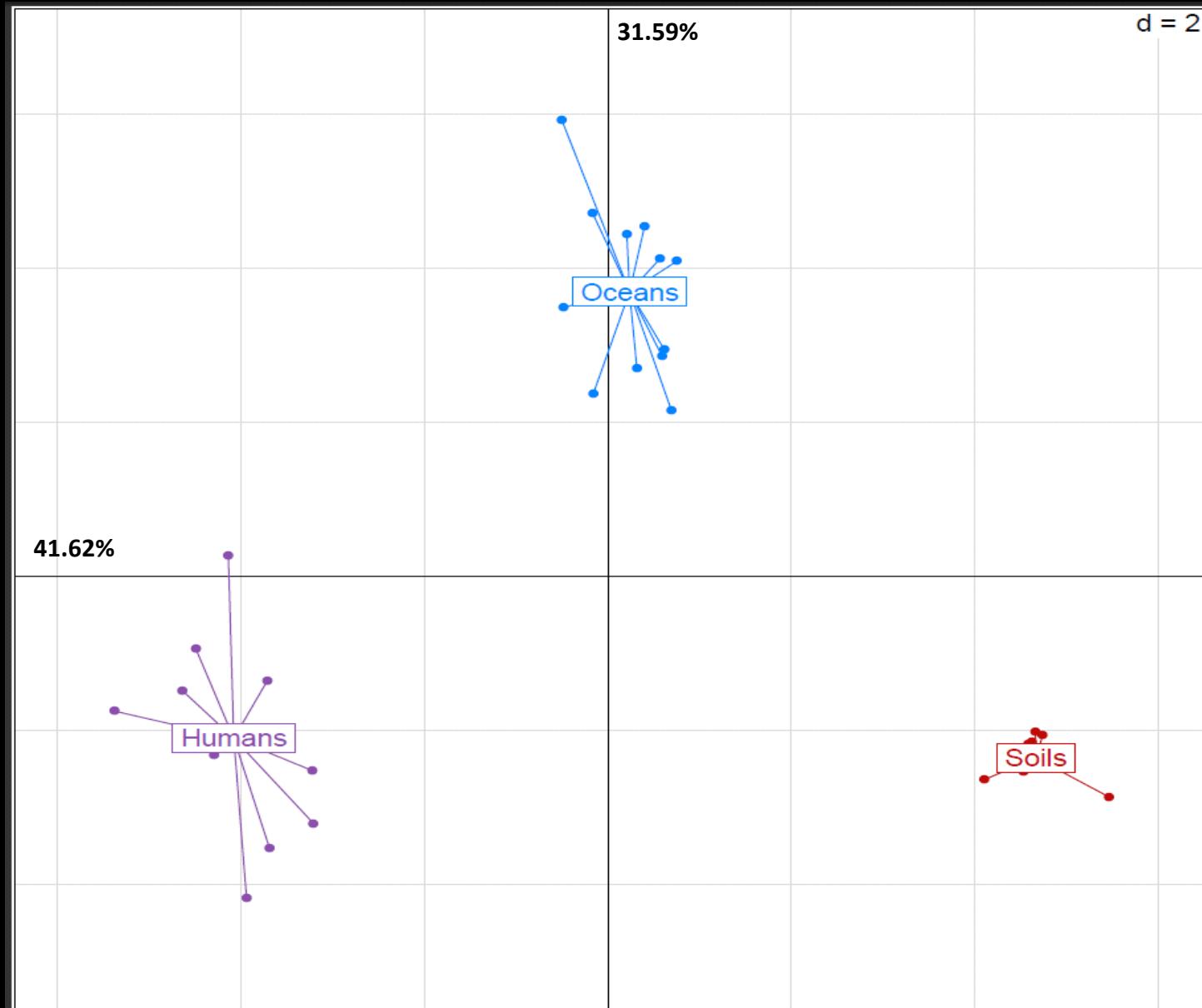
Soils  
Hypersaline sediments  
Sludges  
Microbial fuel cells  
Acid mine drainage biofilms

Polluted air  
Human feces  
Chicken ceacum  
Mouse ceacum  
Cow rumen



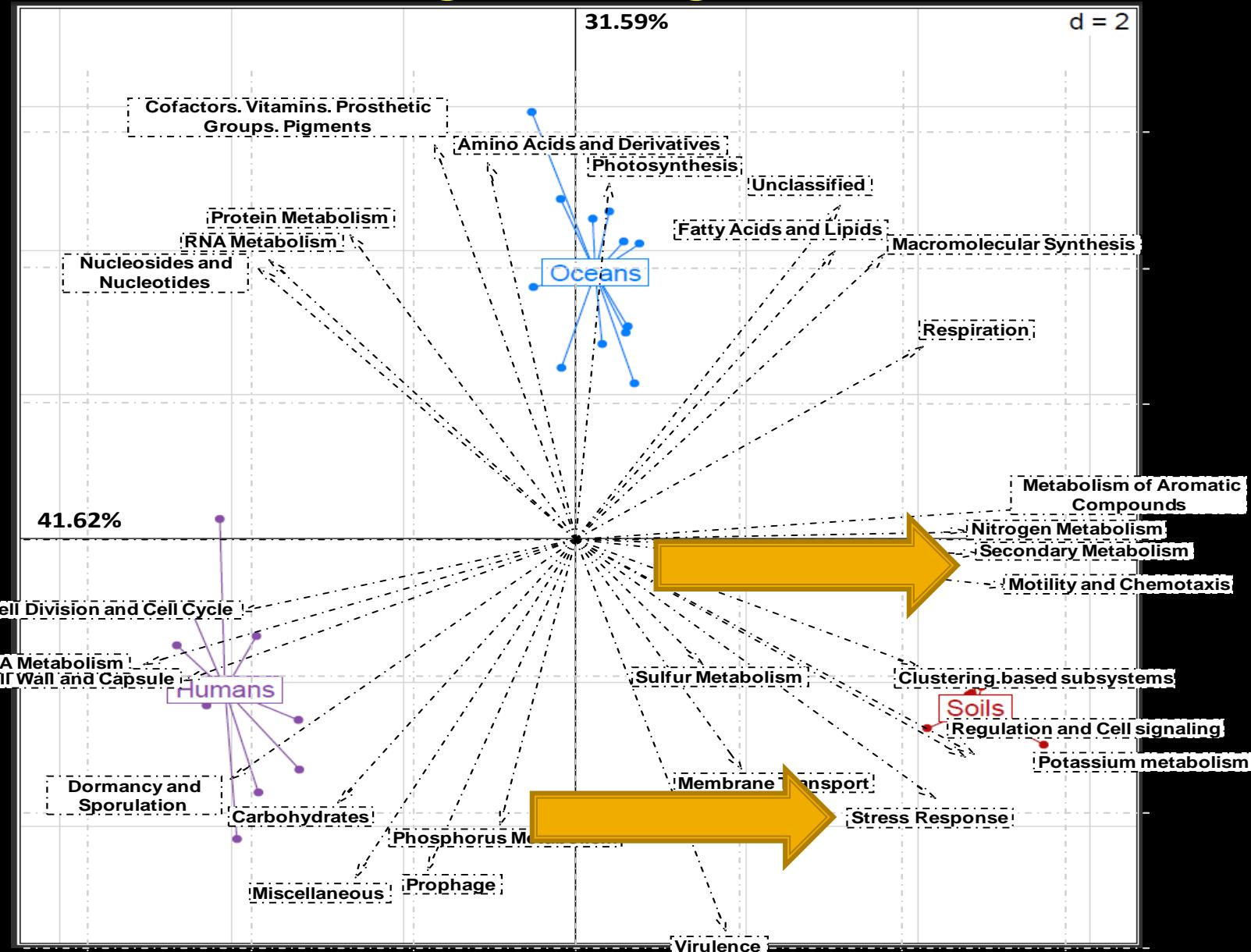


# PCA comparing general functional subsystems distributions among 32 metagenomes



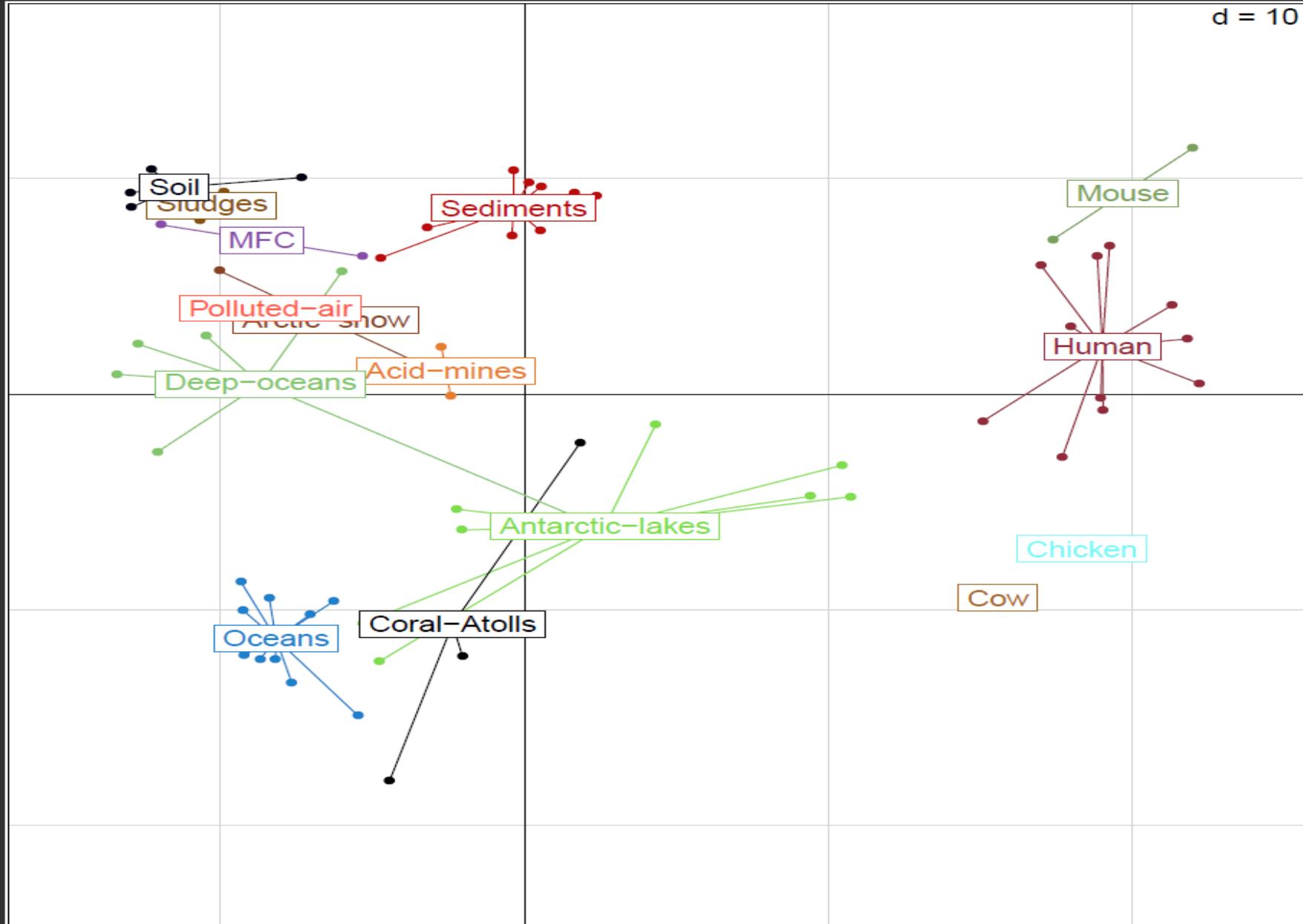


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# Global metagenomic comparison of 15 ecosystems



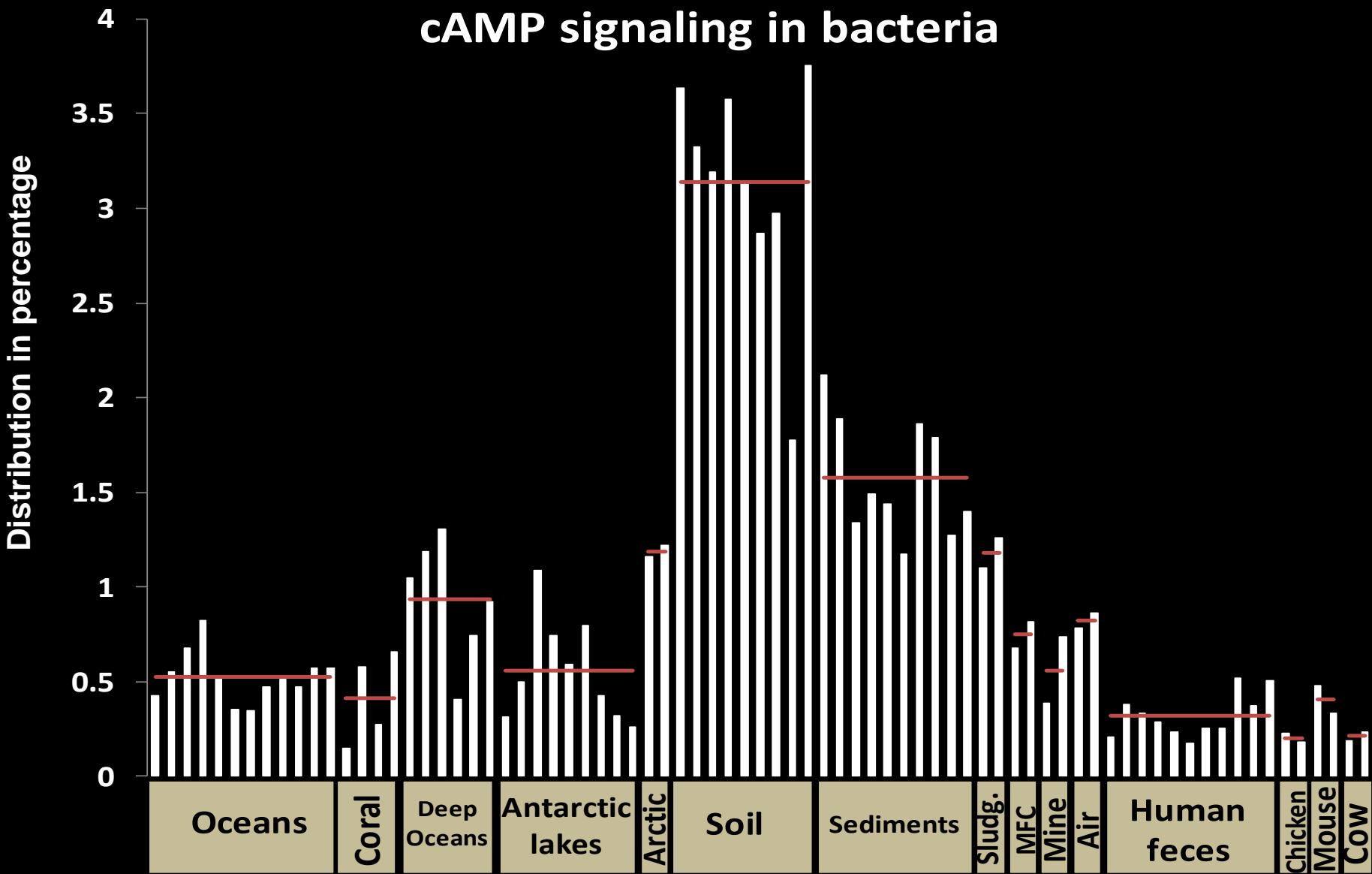


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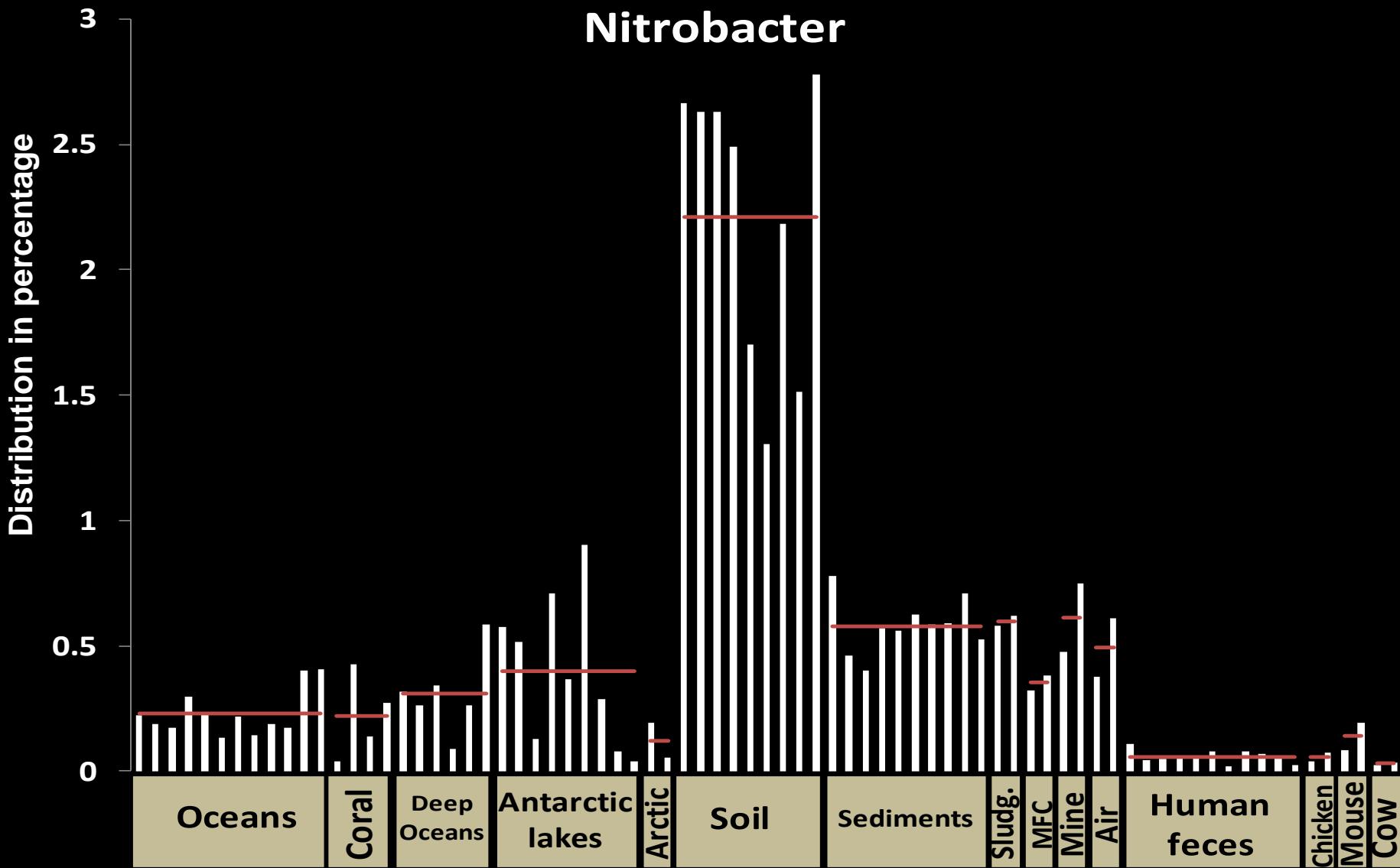


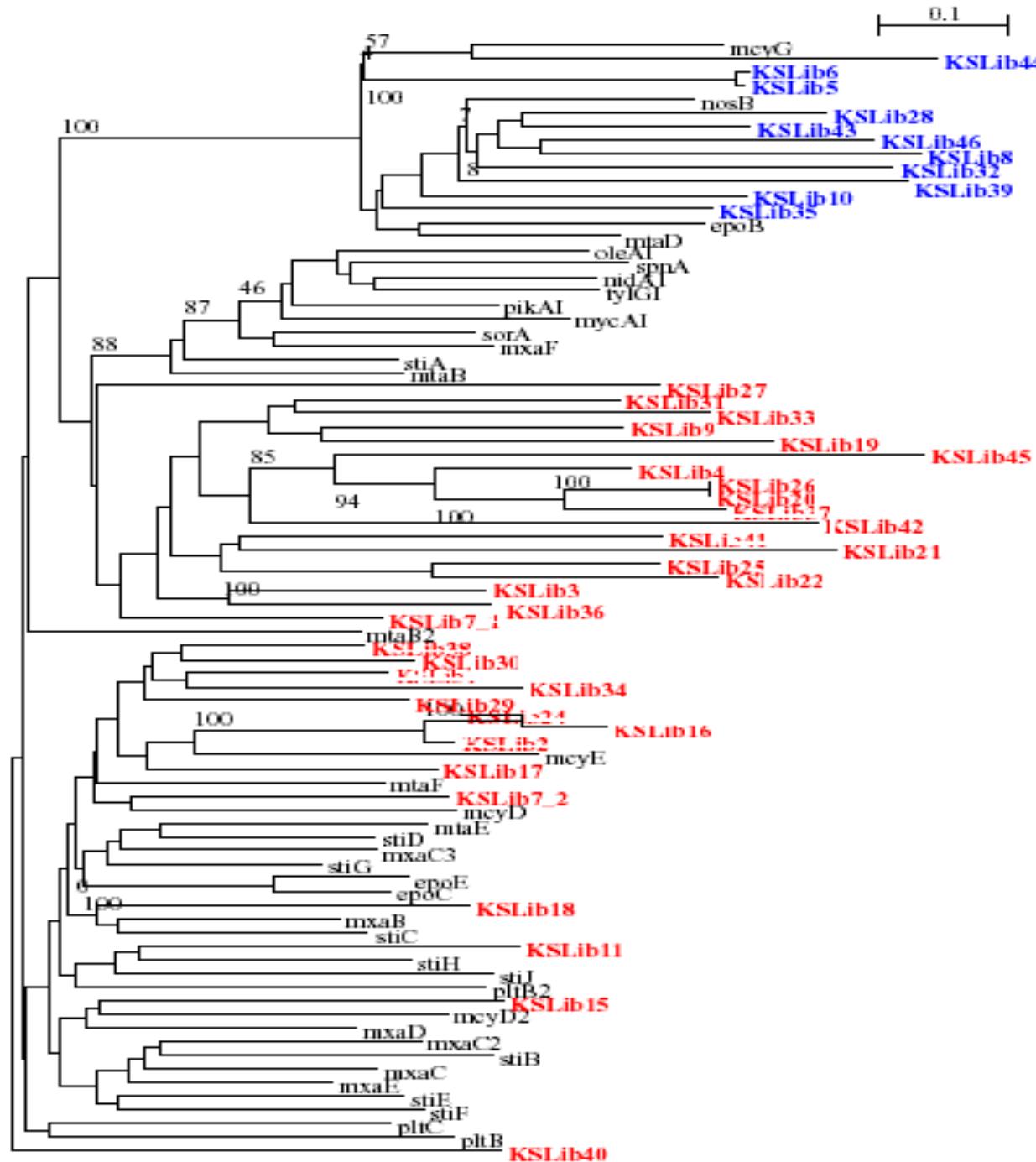
# Functional distribution dominance in one ecosystem





# Genus distribution dominance in one ecosystem

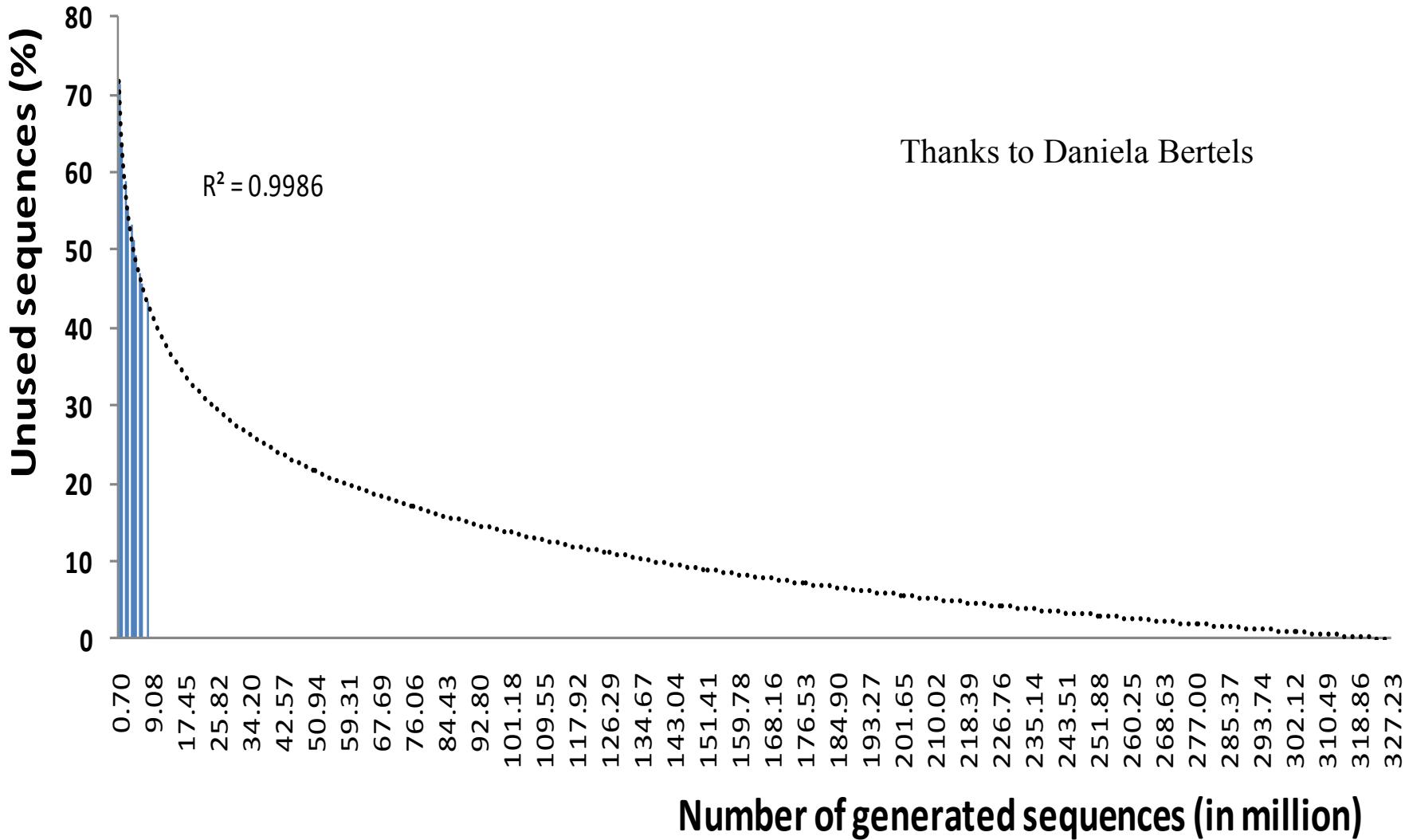




TREE  
VS  
Biodiversity



# Assembly vs Diversity





# CONCLUSIONS

## **Soil Metagenomics provides access to microbial biodiversity**

1. Sequencing helps uncover hidden diversity
  - Sequence interpretation is heavily dependent on genome sequences in database – need more genomes sequenced.
2. Clone libraries provide contiguous sequences
  - Long term possibility of genomic assembly.
3. Definition of sequence and genomic variance affects biodiversity estimates.



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