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00:00:11,240 --> 00:00:09,379  
hi so I'm Lawrence Tyler I am just

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00:00:13,190 --> 00:00:11,250  
beginning my second year as a postdoc at

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00:00:15,499 --> 00:00:13,200  
Michigan State University working with

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00:00:18,260 --> 00:00:15,509  
Matt shrink and I'd like to talk to you

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00:00:20,390 --> 00:00:18,270  
today about using metabolomics to look

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00:00:22,099 --> 00:00:20,400  
at metabolic processes and surprising

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00:00:24,740 --> 00:00:22,109  
environments I'm very excited to be

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00:00:26,390 --> 00:00:24,750  
kicking off the rocks session and also

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00:00:27,830 --> 00:00:26,400  
to be introducing you to surprising

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00:00:29,089 --> 00:00:27,840  
environment a couple of people in this

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00:00:31,099 --> 00:00:29,099  
session are going to be talking about

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00:00:32,749 --> 00:00:31,109  
them so it's pretty cool that I get to

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00:00:36,110 --> 00:00:32,759

introduce the topic to you if you're not

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00:00:37,790 --> 00:00:36,120

very familiar with it so serpenton

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00:00:40,010 --> 00:00:37,800

ization is the process by which this

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00:00:43,700 --> 00:00:40,020

really pretty green rock turns into this

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00:00:45,590 --> 00:00:43,710

really ugly black rock basically what

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00:00:47,959 --> 00:00:45,600

that means is that the mineral olivene

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00:00:51,740 --> 00:00:47,969

reacts with water and produces

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00:00:53,060 --> 00:00:51,750

serpentine minerals as well as a high

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00:00:55,580 --> 00:00:53,070

amounts of hydrogen so it creates a very

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00:00:58,250 --> 00:00:55,590

high ph environment energy in the form

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00:01:01,849 --> 00:00:58,260

of methane and also these small organics

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00:01:04,100 --> 00:01:01,859

which can be food for microorganisms so

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00:01:06,020 --> 00:01:04,110

it creates this really incredible

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00:01:08,240 --> 00:01:06,030

environment where it's very extreme

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00:01:10,039 --> 00:01:08,250

there's very low amount of dissolved

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00:01:13,130 --> 00:01:10,049

inorganic carbon available because it

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00:01:14,510 --> 00:01:13,140

all precipitates as calcite and very

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00:01:16,100 --> 00:01:14,520

high p age but there's all these

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00:01:18,080 --> 00:01:16,110

organics and there's all this energy

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00:01:19,609 --> 00:01:18,090

available for microbes to harness so

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00:01:23,630 --> 00:01:19,619

it's a very extreme environment but with

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00:01:25,700 --> 00:01:23,640

a lot of opportunities for microbes also

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00:01:28,969 --> 00:01:25,710

it is interesting because not only was

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00:01:31,130 --> 00:01:28,979

it very prevalent on early Earth but

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00:01:32,630 --> 00:01:31,140

it's also very likely that surprising

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00:01:34,640 --> 00:01:32,640

environments exist in the subsurface of

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00:01:37,010 --> 00:01:34,650

Mars and fuel hydrothermal environments

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00:01:40,910 --> 00:01:37,020

on icy worlds like Europa and Enceladus

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00:01:42,560 --> 00:01:40,920

and there are a number of origin of life

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00:01:44,749 --> 00:01:42,570

theories that implicates or penalizing

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00:01:47,450 --> 00:01:44,759

environments because they create these

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00:01:52,389 --> 00:01:47,460

high-energy environments with gradients

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00:01:54,560 --> 00:01:52,399

that can be harnessed by early life so

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00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:54,570

there are a number of different

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00:01:59,270 --> 00:01:57,600

serpentinizing environments all over

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00:02:01,190 --> 00:01:59,280

the globe that our lab studies but I'm

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00:02:03,770 --> 00:02:01,200

going to focus on the Coast Range

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00:02:05,149 --> 00:02:03,780

ophiolite microbial observatory it's a

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00:02:09,979 --> 00:02:05,159  
nice place to work because it's just

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00:02:11,240 --> 00:02:09,989  
north of napa so you know drunk science

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00:02:13,550 --> 00:02:11,250  
but anyway

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00:02:15,890 --> 00:02:13,560  
there's two sites that we work at here

55  
00:02:18,260 --> 00:02:15,900  
at chromel the quarry valley and the

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00:02:20,300 --> 00:02:18,270  
core shed well and I'm going to be

57  
00:02:23,600 --> 00:02:20,310  
talking about some microbes isolated

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00:02:25,790 --> 00:02:23,610  
from quarry valley we have six wells dug

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00:02:27,740 --> 00:02:25,800  
at quarry valley and another six tug at

60  
00:02:33,170 --> 00:02:27,750  
the core shed well and they are highly

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00:02:35,360 --> 00:02:33,180  
alkaline and that's the drill rig that

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00:02:39,620 --> 00:02:35,370  
was used to drill these wells with just

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00:02:41,480 --> 00:02:39,630

a few years ago so we have a ton of 16s

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00:02:43,370 --> 00:02:41,490

data from these wells we have a pretty

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00:02:44,930 --> 00:02:43,380

good idea of what kind of microbes are

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00:02:46,940 --> 00:02:44,940

living in these highly alkaline

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00:02:49,070 --> 00:02:46,950

environments and as you might suspect

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00:02:52,190 --> 00:02:49,080

they're not very diverse because it is a

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00:02:54,290 --> 00:02:52,200

very extreme environment um but we do

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00:02:56,210 --> 00:02:54,300

see some trends associated with pH

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00:02:59,300 --> 00:02:56,220

certain groups show up in the higher pH

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00:03:01,100 --> 00:02:59,310

wells and versus the lower pH 12 I'm not

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00:03:03,080 --> 00:03:01,110

going to focus on any of that today at

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00:03:04,580 --> 00:03:03,090

all I'm not interested in who's there

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00:03:06,890 --> 00:03:04,590

I'm interested in what they're doing and

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00:03:09,800 --> 00:03:06,900

in an environment like this it's very

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00:03:12,229 --> 00:03:09,810

difficult to distinguish between biotic

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00:03:13,640 --> 00:03:12,239

and abiotic processes these reactions

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00:03:15,560 --> 00:03:13,650

occurring between minerals and water

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00:03:18,259 --> 00:03:15,570

producing organics producing methane

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00:03:20,750 --> 00:03:18,269

microbes produce organics and methane so

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00:03:22,940 --> 00:03:20,760

it's difficult for us to figure out

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00:03:24,320 --> 00:03:22,950

what's going on at the geological level

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00:03:26,509 --> 00:03:24,330

and what's going on at the biological

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00:03:27,949 --> 00:03:26,519

level and it's very likely that microbes

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00:03:29,449 --> 00:03:27,959

are feeding off of these geologic

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00:03:34,789 --> 00:03:29,459

processes so there's a very gray area

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00:03:36,410 --> 00:03:34,799

here so that's where a technique like

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00:03:39,140 --> 00:03:36,420

metabolomics comes into play

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00:03:41,569 --> 00:03:39,150

metabolomics basically is a snapshot of

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00:03:43,789 --> 00:03:41,579

the metabolic activity of a microbe it

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00:03:45,890 --> 00:03:43,799

takes all of the small organics that

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00:03:47,509 --> 00:03:45,900

microbes are producing and looks at them

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00:03:49,430 --> 00:03:47,519

at the chemical level to try to figure

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00:03:53,390 --> 00:03:49,440

out what metabolic processes are

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00:03:55,009 --> 00:03:53,400

occurring in the cell and this technique

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00:03:57,340 --> 00:03:55,019

can be used for a number of different

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00:04:00,110 --> 00:03:57,350

applications we can figure out whoops

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00:04:02,120 --> 00:04:00,120

got ahead of myself we can figure out

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00:04:05,420 --> 00:04:02,130

what chemicals are being produced by the

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00:04:08,539 --> 00:04:05,430

cells obviously um we can annotate

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00:04:12,319 --> 00:04:08,549

enzymes based on what is being produced

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00:04:13,880 --> 00:04:12,329

we can look at pathways we can figure

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00:04:16,670 --> 00:04:13,890

out what metabolic processes are

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00:04:18,860 --> 00:04:16,680

occurring we can even phenotype

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00:04:19,789 --> 00:04:18,870

different cells that we can't different

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00:04:21,770 --> 00:04:19,799

organisms that we can't necessarily

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00:04:24,430 --> 00:04:21,780

culture in the lab so this is all very

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00:04:25,900 --> 00:04:24,440

useful right

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00:04:27,910 --> 00:04:25,910

but there are some caveats of course

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00:04:29,740 --> 00:04:27,920

just like with every technique first of

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00:04:30,700 --> 00:04:29,750

all no extraction method is ideal so

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00:04:31,990 --> 00:04:30,710

especially if you're doing a run

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00:04:33,910 --> 00:04:32,000

targeted approach and you want to look

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00:04:37,900 --> 00:04:33,920

at all of the metabolites being produced

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00:04:39,520 --> 00:04:37,910

by microbes now no extraction method is

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00:04:40,780 --> 00:04:39,530

going to get every single metabolite

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00:04:43,780 --> 00:04:40,790

there's always going to be some bias

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00:04:46,180 --> 00:04:43,790

involved there's a bunch of different

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00:04:48,460 --> 00:04:46,190

ways to analyze the metabolites once

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00:04:50,380 --> 00:04:48,470

you've extracted them we use a liquid

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00:04:53,200 --> 00:04:50,390

chromatography mass spec but you can

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00:04:55,960 --> 00:04:53,210

also use GC you can use NMR and each one

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00:04:57,190 --> 00:04:55,970

of those methods has its own perks and

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00:05:01,180 --> 00:04:57,200

drawbacks which I'm not going to get

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00:05:03,130 --> 00:05:01,190

into right now so the way that we

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00:05:05,470 --> 00:05:03,140

characterize each of these compounds

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00:05:07,200 --> 00:05:05,480

once we've extracted them is looking at

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00:05:11,410 --> 00:05:07,210

the mass-to-charge ratio and the

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00:05:13,660 --> 00:05:11,420

retention time in the column but that

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00:05:15,220 --> 00:05:13,670

can vary depending on your methodology

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00:05:16,780 --> 00:05:15,230

right so if you're trying to

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00:05:18,400 --> 00:05:16,790

characterize a compound based on these

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00:05:20,230 --> 00:05:18,410

things and it varies from method to

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00:05:21,790 --> 00:05:20,240

method then one person will get

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00:05:25,480 --> 00:05:21,800

completely different results from yours

137

00:05:27,520 --> 00:05:25,490

in another lab it only provides

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00:05:28,870 --> 00:05:27,530

potential chemical formula and is this

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00:05:31,240 --> 00:05:28,880

is especially a problem if you're

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00:05:34,540 --> 00:05:31,250

looking at really big molecules because

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00:05:36,220 --> 00:05:34,550

you get these results where you have a

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00:05:37,659 --> 00:05:36,230

code cake and have so many carbon atoms

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00:05:39,730 --> 00:05:37,669

and it's so many nitrogen atoms and it's

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00:05:42,130 --> 00:05:39,740

so many oxygen atoms the bigger molecule

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00:05:44,320 --> 00:05:42,140

is the more potential possibilities

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00:05:46,480 --> 00:05:44,330

there are for that molecules identity up

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00:05:50,230 --> 00:05:46,490

to thousands of potential identities

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00:05:52,570 --> 00:05:50,240

right stable isotope waving labeling can

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00:05:55,510 --> 00:05:52,580

help constrain that so if you feed

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00:05:57,400 --> 00:05:55,520

microbes with saying  $^{14}\text{C}$  that will help

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00:05:59,140 --> 00:05:57,410

you constrain it at least how many

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00:06:02,440 --> 00:05:59,150

carbon atoms are in the molecule which

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00:06:03,850 --> 00:06:02,450

narrows things down quite a bit and

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00:06:06,430 --> 00:06:03,860

obviously we haven't identified every

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00:06:09,190 --> 00:06:06,440

single metabolites that exists there's a

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00:06:10,990 --> 00:06:09,200

lot of them um and there's a lot of what

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00:06:12,760 --> 00:06:11,000

we call unknown unknowns we don't know

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00:06:16,110 --> 00:06:12,770

that it's there and we don't know what

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00:06:18,100 --> 00:06:16,120

it is so that's also an issue but

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00:06:19,930 --> 00:06:18,110

databases are currently being developed

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00:06:23,260 --> 00:06:19,940

and they're constantly being added to

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00:06:26,560 --> 00:06:23,270

and work like this helps enhance the

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00:06:27,700 --> 00:06:26,570

development of these databases so a

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00:06:29,530 --> 00:06:27,710

technique like this is a lot more

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00:06:31,870 --> 00:06:29,540

powerful when you combine it with other

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00:06:33,850 --> 00:06:31,880

molecular techniques like genomics or

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00:06:35,770 --> 00:06:33,860

transcriptomics if you know what genes

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00:06:38,380 --> 00:06:35,780

microbes have or what genes that

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00:06:40,510 --> 00:06:38,390

currently have turned on then you can

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00:06:42,430 --> 00:06:40,520

kind of guess it at least what metabolic

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00:06:44,800 --> 00:06:42,440

processes are occurring and then use

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00:06:46,870 --> 00:06:44,810

that to inform your identification of

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00:06:48,790 --> 00:06:46,880

all the metabolites and vice versa if

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00:06:50,410 --> 00:06:48,800

you see certain metabolites that are

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00:06:52,150 --> 00:06:50,420

being produced you can say okay well I

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00:06:54,850 --> 00:06:52,160

know certain metabolic processes are

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00:06:56,890 --> 00:06:54,860

currently occurring so metabolomics can

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00:06:59,620 --> 00:06:56,900

also help you annotate a genome or a

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00:07:01,210 --> 00:06:59,630

transcript on so this is what the data

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00:07:04,090 --> 00:07:01,220

looks like coming out the other side of

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00:07:05,710 --> 00:07:04,100

the LCMS we use tandem liquid

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00:07:08,170 --> 00:07:05,720

chromatography mass spec can bind with

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00:07:09,520 --> 00:07:08,180

quadrupole time-of-flight if you don't

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00:07:11,050 --> 00:07:09,530

know what that is don't worry about it

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00:07:13,570 --> 00:07:11,060

but this is what the data looks like and

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00:07:16,270 --> 00:07:13,580

each one of these Peaks represents an

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00:07:20,080 --> 00:07:16,280

individual metabolites that we can pull

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00:07:21,870 --> 00:07:20,090

out and try to identify um it's not very

189

00:07:27,280 --> 00:07:21,880

informative to look at this though right

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00:07:30,400 --> 00:07:27,290

so this is a tree of a number of

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00:07:32,980 --> 00:07:30,410

isolates that we have from chrome oh and

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00:07:34,270 --> 00:07:32,990

I know every time I see a phylogenetic

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00:07:35,470 --> 00:07:34,280

tree and a talk my eyes start to glaze

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00:07:36,970 --> 00:07:35,480

over because this is a lot of

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00:07:39,310 --> 00:07:36,980

information and it doesn't really mean

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00:07:41,050 --> 00:07:39,320

much but I want you to focus on these

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00:07:43,780 --> 00:07:41,060

two isolates over here but we're

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00:07:47,920 --> 00:07:43,790

isolated from quarry valley 11 well

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00:07:49,060 --> 00:07:47,930

which has a pH of about 11.5 and the

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00:07:51,370 --> 00:07:49,070

reason why it's important is because

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00:07:52,990 --> 00:07:51,380

it's they're both very closely related

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00:07:55,240 --> 00:07:53,000

to each other but they're also closely

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00:07:57,850 --> 00:07:55,250

related to bacillus su de formas which

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00:07:59,800 --> 00:07:57,860

is a very well-known alkyl o file that's

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00:08:02,110 --> 00:07:59,810

pretty well characterized so we decided

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00:08:04,390 --> 00:08:02,120

to focus on these two isolates for now

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00:08:06,850 --> 00:08:04,400

because it they're so closely related to

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00:08:08,950 --> 00:08:06,860

a microbe that's genome has been a

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00:08:11,020 --> 00:08:08,960

sequenced that we know quite a bit about

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00:08:13,750 --> 00:08:11,030

and what its preferences are when we're

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00:08:16,690 --> 00:08:13,760

trying to grow it in the lab so I grew

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00:08:18,430 --> 00:08:16,700

these two isolates and as you can see by

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00:08:19,780 --> 00:08:18,440

the growth curves it's a pretty standard

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00:08:21,250 --> 00:08:19,790

growth curve we have your exponential

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00:08:23,350 --> 00:08:21,260

phase here where the cells are very

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00:08:24,880 --> 00:08:23,360

actively growing and dividing and then

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00:08:26,860 --> 00:08:24,890

they just kind of plateau off here at

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00:08:28,930 --> 00:08:26,870

the stationary phase where you have the

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00:08:32,800 --> 00:08:28,940

same number of cells being produced as

220

00:08:37,300 --> 00:08:32,810

are dying so I what's interesting here

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00:08:39,070 --> 00:08:37,310

is that the number one isolate takes off

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00:08:42,070 --> 00:08:39,080

pretty rapidly but then number two even

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00:08:43,630 --> 00:08:42,080

though it's very simple costly related

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00:08:44,770 --> 00:08:43,640

to number one has kind of a different

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00:08:46,570 --> 00:08:44,780

growth pattern here so it has this

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00:08:49,120 --> 00:08:46,580

little dip in the beginning and then it

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00:08:51,570 --> 00:08:49,130

goes in an exponential phase so we

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00:08:53,370 --> 00:08:51,580

decided to look at this

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00:08:54,540 --> 00:08:53,380

or if our the exponential phase on the

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00:08:56,580 --> 00:08:54,550

stationary phase of both of these

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00:08:58,230 --> 00:08:56,590

isolates and compare the metabolites

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00:09:00,330 --> 00:08:58,240

being produced by both of these isolates

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00:09:03,090 --> 00:09:00,340

to see if they're using different

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00:09:06,870 --> 00:09:03,100

strategies to adapt to this highly

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00:09:09,480 --> 00:09:06,880

alkaline environment and what we found

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00:09:11,390 --> 00:09:09,490

is that this is a PCA plot of the total

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00:09:15,960 --> 00:09:11,400

metabolites of each one of these

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00:09:17,310 --> 00:09:15,970

cultures and you can see that the

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00:09:18,900 --> 00:09:17,320

stationary phase of both of these

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00:09:21,540 --> 00:09:18,910

isolates clumps pretty closely together

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00:09:23,910 --> 00:09:21,550

but they are distinct from each other I

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00:09:25,170 --> 00:09:23,920

likewise for the exponential phase and

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00:09:28,920 --> 00:09:25,180

then our blank is all the way over here

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00:09:33,360 --> 00:09:28,930

which is always nice so we know I have

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00:09:35,490 --> 00:09:33,370

good clean controls here so the cool

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00:09:36,930 --> 00:09:35,500

thing is that we can look at individual

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00:09:38,640 --> 00:09:36,940

peaks and look at their relative

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00:09:40,320 --> 00:09:38,650

abundance between all of our different

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00:09:43,110 --> 00:09:40,330

samples and you can see that there's

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00:09:45,030 --> 00:09:43,120

certain compounds that are present only

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00:09:47,070 --> 00:09:45,040

in the exponential phase of both of

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00:09:49,230 --> 00:09:47,080

these isolates or only in the stationary

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00:09:51,690 --> 00:09:49,240

phase and then there's ones that show up

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00:09:53,850 --> 00:09:51,700

only for example in the number two

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00:09:56,280 --> 00:09:53,860

culture but not in number one at either

256

00:09:57,960 --> 00:09:56,290

phase of growth so that's kind of neat

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00:10:00,270 --> 00:09:57,970

and then there's also compounds that

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00:10:04,170 --> 00:10:00,280

only show up during one phase of growth

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00:10:06,330 --> 00:10:04,180

in one isolate so all of these compounds

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00:10:07,500 --> 00:10:06,340

are distinguishing between these

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00:10:10,320 --> 00:10:07,510

different isolates at their different

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00:10:12,630 --> 00:10:10,330

phases of growth we can use them to look

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00:10:15,690 --> 00:10:12,640

at what metabolic strategies are being

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00:10:17,460 --> 00:10:15,700

used in these isolates we haven't

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00:10:19,560 --> 00:10:17,470

identified these compounds yet and

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00:10:21,930 --> 00:10:19,570

that's going to be an interesting

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00:10:24,360 --> 00:10:21,940

exercise because again they're very

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00:10:25,830 --> 00:10:24,370

likely unknown unknowns if they were

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00:10:28,320 --> 00:10:25,840

very well known metabolites they'd

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00:10:29,730 --> 00:10:28,330

probably be seen in all of the cells

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00:10:32,880 --> 00:10:29,740

because they're extremely common and

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00:10:34,860 --> 00:10:32,890

very readily identified so we're going

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00:10:36,270 --> 00:10:34,870

to start searching the databases and see

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00:10:38,100 --> 00:10:36,280

what we can come up with but we also

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00:10:40,260 --> 00:10:38,110

have transcriptomic data that we need to

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00:10:42,240 --> 00:10:40,270

analyze from these cultures and so we

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00:10:44,280 --> 00:10:42,250

can combine that with the metabolomic

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00:10:46,500 --> 00:10:44,290

data to try to get it exactly what

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00:10:48,330 --> 00:10:46,510

strategy these isolates are using to

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00:10:52,350 --> 00:10:48,340

survive in this extremely alkyl and

281

00:10:53,910 --> 00:10:52,360

environment the thing about these

282

00:10:55,140 --> 00:10:53,920

bacillus cultures though is that they're

283

00:10:56,880 --> 00:10:55,150

not really going to tell us a whole lot

284

00:10:59,390 --> 00:10:56,890

about what goes on in a serpentine izing

285

00:11:02,770 --> 00:10:59,400

environment because they're arif illic

286

00:11:05,050 --> 00:11:02,780

and because bacillus is a pretty

287

00:11:07,630 --> 00:11:05,060

an organism and its found basically all

288

00:11:10,720 --> 00:11:07,640

over the place so we can start to

289

00:11:13,000 --> 00:11:10,730

understand things about like alkyl alkyl

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00:11:14,020 --> 00:11:13,010

0 tolerance tolerance of high pH but

291

00:11:15,670 --> 00:11:14,030

understanding some of the other

292

00:11:18,040 --> 00:11:15,680

processes that occur in surprising

293

00:11:20,410 --> 00:11:18,050

environments looking at the bacillus is

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00:11:23,500 --> 00:11:20,420

not going to be particularly useful so

295

00:11:25,480 --> 00:11:23,510

we have this isolate mehsana bacterium

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00:11:27,100 --> 00:11:25,490

subterranea which is not from a

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00:11:28,990 --> 00:11:27,110

surprising environment but it's very

298

00:11:31,060 --> 00:11:29,000

closely related to organisms that we

299

00:11:33,310 --> 00:11:31,070

have identified in surprising

300

00:11:35,470 --> 00:11:33,320

environments including chroma this was

301  
00:11:40,180 --> 00:11:35,480  
actually isolated from a subterranean

302  
00:11:41,800 --> 00:11:40,190  
aquifer I think in Sweden in 1998 it is

303  
00:11:44,290 --> 00:11:41,810  
alkyl Oh Phillip just like the bacillus

304  
00:11:46,990 --> 00:11:44,300  
cultures and halo halo tolerant it will

305  
00:11:50,080 --> 00:11:47,000  
grow at a wide range of temperatures but

306  
00:11:54,480 --> 00:11:50,090  
it's also a Miss Hannigan and it might

307  
00:11:57,690 --> 00:11:54,490  
convert formate co2 or both into methane

308  
00:12:01,870 --> 00:11:57,700  
so we started growing this in the lab

309  
00:12:03,610 --> 00:12:01,880  
anaerobically and there's a couple of

310  
00:12:05,440 --> 00:12:03,620  
different carbon sources available in

311  
00:12:06,910 --> 00:12:05,450  
the medium I focus on for me and

312  
00:12:08,950 --> 00:12:06,920  
bicarbonate because they're implicated

313  
00:12:12,940 --> 00:12:08,960

in the production of methane and i added

314

00:12:14,620 --> 00:12:12,950

a 13 c label bicarbonate and formate so

315

00:12:16,540 --> 00:12:14,630

I set up cultures where either the

316

00:12:18,520 --> 00:12:16,550

bicarbonate or the formate was labeled

317

00:12:20,860 --> 00:12:18,530

with see 13 in the hopes of tracking

318

00:12:22,960 --> 00:12:20,870

that into the metabolites and these were

319

00:12:25,030 --> 00:12:22,970

harvested during the exponential phase I

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00:12:29,320 --> 00:12:25,040

put a question mark here whoops because

321

00:12:30,430 --> 00:12:29,330

I'm not really sure if this was the

322

00:12:31,960 --> 00:12:30,440

exponential phase we haven't established

323

00:12:34,510 --> 00:12:31,970

a very good growth curve for these

324

00:12:38,830 --> 00:12:34,520

because they clump a lot and it makes it

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00:12:40,840 --> 00:12:38,840

difficult to sell counts unfortunately

326

00:12:43,300 --> 00:12:40,850

we didn't get as much of a distribution

327

00:12:46,120 --> 00:12:43,310

here so the but the media looks an awful

328

00:12:48,220 --> 00:12:46,130

lot like blank media which means that if

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00:12:50,080 --> 00:12:48,230

these cells are producing extracellular

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00:12:51,520 --> 00:12:50,090

metabolites they're not as easily

331

00:12:54,520 --> 00:12:51,530

distinguished from the rest of the media

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00:12:57,250 --> 00:12:54,530

and also we couldn't really tell much of

333

00:12:58,930 --> 00:12:57,260

a difference between the cultures that

334

00:13:00,100 --> 00:12:58,940

were fed  $^{13}\text{C}$ -labeled for meat and the

335

00:13:02,440 --> 00:13:00,110

cultures that were fed  $^{13}\text{C}$ -labeled

336

00:13:05,020 --> 00:13:02,450

acetate and this makes sense if you look

337

00:13:06,760 --> 00:13:05,030

at the piece because if  $^{13}\text{C}$  label was

338

00:13:09,400 --> 00:13:06,770

being incorporated into the metabolites

339

00:13:12,220 --> 00:13:09,410

you would see a distribution of various

340

00:13:15,300 --> 00:13:12,230

Peaks here like a spread where there's

341

00:13:16,710 --> 00:13:15,310

car compounds that kick that

342

00:13:18,480 --> 00:13:16,720

incorporated some of the 13 c and

343

00:13:19,740 --> 00:13:18,490

there's ones that still have 12 see it

344

00:13:22,050 --> 00:13:19,750

doesn't look like any label has been

345

00:13:23,850 --> 00:13:22,060

incorporated here so all of the 13 c is

346

00:13:25,560 --> 00:13:23,860

probably going into the methane and not

347

00:13:27,450 --> 00:13:25,570

into the metabolites or at least most of

348

00:13:30,750 --> 00:13:27,460

it but again we can still see there's

349

00:13:34,590 --> 00:13:30,760

certain compounds that occur only in say

350

00:13:36,180 --> 00:13:34,600

the palate or only in the media so our

351

00:13:38,490 --> 00:13:36,190

next steps are to grow the bacillus in

352

00:13:40,860 --> 00:13:38,500

more defined media sequence the genome

353

00:13:42,750 --> 00:13:40,870

and also look at the transcriptome to

354

00:13:46,170 --> 00:13:42,760

try to tease apart what exactly is going

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00:13:48,079 --> 00:13:46,180

on metabolically in those isolates but

356

00:13:50,760 --> 00:13:48,089

also to take the Madonna bacterium and

357

00:13:51,990 --> 00:13:50,770

try feeding at 13 C acetate to see if

358

00:13:54,120 --> 00:13:52,000

that is incorporated into the

359

00:13:55,800 --> 00:13:54,130

metabolites trace the 13 c into the

360

00:13:57,570 --> 00:13:55,810

headspace gases to see if it's going

361

00:13:59,430 --> 00:13:57,580

into the methane from the older cultures

362

00:14:01,620 --> 00:13:59,440

it should be it's got to be going

363

00:14:03,870 --> 00:14:01,630

somewhere and also look at the

364

00:14:05,370 --> 00:14:03,880

transcriptome and hopefully develop a

365

00:14:07,530 --> 00:14:05,380

better growth curve we've been looking

366

00:14:09,660 --> 00:14:07,540

at protein assays as a substitute for

367

00:14:11,730 --> 00:14:09,670

doing direct cell counts and we're also

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00:14:14,700 --> 00:14:11,740

working on doing field metabolomics on

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00:14:16,230 --> 00:14:14,710

environmental samples from chroma so

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00:14:18,000 --> 00:14:16,240

with that I'm going to thank you for

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00:14:24,530 --> 00:14:18,010

your attention and I'll take your

372

00:14:36,140 --> 00:14:32,850

questions for Lauren yep had a feeling

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00:14:38,700 --> 00:14:36,150

you'd have one so I thought you have a

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00:14:40,170 --> 00:14:38,710

abundant khammam honest and recycle Asia

375

00:14:42,630 --> 00:14:40,180

at the beginning when you sampled and

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00:14:44,460 --> 00:14:42,640

look for the 16s mm-hmm did you also get

377

00:14:48,390 --> 00:14:44,470

to isolate those are in what type of

378

00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:48,400

media um in which in the some of the

379

00:15:00,540 --> 00:14:50,320

earlier the 60s Taylor slice you showed

380

00:15:03,150 --> 00:15:00,550

we're all the 16s of abundance they're

381

00:15:08,850 --> 00:15:03,160

up there okay you have so that pretty

382

00:15:11,760 --> 00:15:08,860

much the Red Army yeah so um I believe

383

00:15:14,130 --> 00:15:11,770

some of these have been isolated I don't

384

00:15:15,660 --> 00:15:14,140

know what media we're currently growing

385

00:15:21,410 --> 00:15:15,670

them in so I've been focusing on the

386

00:15:24,360 --> 00:15:21,420

bacillus but um if you look at the tree

387

00:15:26,400 --> 00:15:24,370

we have a ton of isolates right now that

388

00:15:29,790 --> 00:15:26,410

we just haven't actively culture because

389

00:15:36,510 --> 00:15:29,800

there's just so many of them but that's