

# Examine the eDNA preference



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Extract  
community DNA



Feed DNA to  
*Haloferax volcanii* DS2  
(2x)



Grow to  
stationary  
phase



Remove cells and  
extract remaining  
supernatant DNA

Sequence  
pre feeding  
metagenomes



Sequence  
post feeding  
metagenomes

Analysis

DNA features

1  
00:00:10,940 --> 00:00:08,059  
today I'm going to talk about a very

2  
00:00:16,129 --> 00:00:10,950  
interesting behavior of those solving

3  
00:00:17,630 --> 00:00:16,139  
microbes and then well before I started

4  
00:00:21,019 --> 00:00:17,640  
I would like to thank all my

5  
00:00:23,630 --> 00:00:21,029  
collaborators my lab mates or the grants

6  
00:00:25,730 --> 00:00:23,640  
support this project particularly AB

7  
00:00:31,279 --> 00:00:25,740  
grant committee to give me the chance to

8  
00:00:36,049 --> 00:00:31,289  
present here so this story besides the

9  
00:00:40,930 --> 00:00:36,059  
original of life it's more than like how

10  
00:00:44,000 --> 00:00:40,940  
life could adapt to beyond the earth

11  
00:00:47,360 --> 00:00:44,010  
particularly we already have the

12  
00:00:51,490 --> 00:00:47,370  
evidence that on Mars we have found the

13  
00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:51,500

liquid water in the brine deposit so

14

00:00:59,950 --> 00:00:54,239

make this so loving microbes could be

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00:01:05,479 --> 00:00:59,960

the very promising candidate to survivor

16

00:01:09,710 --> 00:01:05,489

clients are like for example Mars so on

17

00:01:14,630 --> 00:01:09,720

the earth actually we already are simple

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00:01:18,050 --> 00:01:14,640

der study this micro communities all all

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00:01:21,560 --> 00:01:18,060

over the world and then we call this if

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00:01:24,770 --> 00:01:21,570

you're not familiar hello files so the

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00:01:27,260 --> 00:01:24,780

whole group of microbes called and here

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00:01:30,649 --> 00:01:27,270

is an example what are this kind of

23

00:01:33,370 --> 00:01:30,659

habitat looks like so this area connect

24

00:01:37,039 --> 00:01:33,380

to the sea water with relative low

25

00:01:41,240 --> 00:01:37,049

concentration of the salinity and this

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00:01:44,420 --> 00:01:41,250

area is a red color area have a high

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00:01:46,580 --> 00:01:44,430

salt concentration and this color is

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00:01:51,170 --> 00:01:46,590

meaning because of those microbes living

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00:01:54,410 --> 00:01:51,180

this region and this small area is

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00:01:59,440 --> 00:01:54,420

artificial source and pan so evaporate

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00:02:02,030 --> 00:01:59,450

the liquid water to extract salt so

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00:02:04,459 --> 00:02:02,040

normally those region will have the

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00:02:07,100 --> 00:02:04,469

concentration gradient in some of those

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00:02:09,380 --> 00:02:07,110

part or have a really high concentration

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00:02:12,040 --> 00:02:09,390

you can see they already started to

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00:02:13,880 --> 00:02:12,050

crystallize the crust all those

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00:02:17,260 --> 00:02:13,890

concentration gradient

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00:02:19,940 --> 00:02:17,270

the hell file communities have been fund

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00:02:22,340 --> 00:02:19,950

so one of the challenge for those

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00:02:27,220 --> 00:02:22,350

microbes survive in this type of

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00:02:31,510 --> 00:02:27,230

environment is resource limitation okay

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00:02:34,150 --> 00:02:31,520

however ah there's a one potential

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00:02:37,370 --> 00:02:34,160

resources might be available for them

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00:02:41,150 --> 00:02:37,380

which is the extracellular DNA molecule

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00:02:43,970 --> 00:02:41,160

so if we think about DNA molecules we

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00:02:47,060 --> 00:02:43,980

first will think they are genetic

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00:02:50,920 --> 00:02:47,070

information carrier but actually as the

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00:02:55,160 --> 00:02:50,930

large organic molecules there are also

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00:02:59,060 --> 00:02:55,170

very nutrition to see that and then

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00:03:02,420 --> 00:02:59,070

where it come from it could from in all

51  
00:03:06,080 --> 00:03:02,430  
the organisms those individual they die

52  
00:03:12,050 --> 00:03:06,090  
and those DNA materials or release from

53  
00:03:14,660 --> 00:03:12,060  
the cell so basically it exists in all

54  
00:03:19,460 --> 00:03:14,670  
type of ecosystem and kind of abundant

55  
00:03:23,360 --> 00:03:19,470  
and it has been found that some microbes

56  
00:03:27,020 --> 00:03:23,370  
species will take this ed na as

57  
00:03:31,220 --> 00:03:27,030  
nutritional supply so the question is is

58  
00:03:34,940 --> 00:03:31,230  
the hell file could do this so the

59  
00:03:39,140 --> 00:03:34,950  
answer is yes so this experiment is

60  
00:03:41,569 --> 00:03:39,150  
performed in dr. Parker slab showing by

61  
00:03:44,870 --> 00:03:41,579  
fitting this species health Eric's

62  
00:03:50,229 --> 00:03:44,880  
bikini I which is model species of how

63  
00:03:53,300 --> 00:03:50,239

hello files so it can grow on IDI na but

64

00:03:56,180 --> 00:03:53,310

the thing is depends on where the

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00:04:00,009 --> 00:03:56,190

stealing Eden income from its

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00:04:03,560 --> 00:04:00,019

selectively picking for example here

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00:04:06,830 --> 00:04:03,570

health Eric's will grow on the E DNA

68

00:04:10,930 --> 00:04:06,840

from itself but it won't grow on the DNA

69

00:04:14,360 --> 00:04:10,940

from hearing or e coli so this results

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00:04:16,789 --> 00:04:14,370

we want to ask like okay what type of

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00:04:19,400 --> 00:04:16,799

look II DNA they prefer what's the

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00:04:23,270 --> 00:04:19,410

characteristic of those consumed DNA

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00:04:26,750 --> 00:04:23,280

molecules right so talk about DNA

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00:04:30,290 --> 00:04:26,760

molecules so here our many

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00:04:33,230 --> 00:04:30,300

using two while you used characters to

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00:04:36,950 --> 00:04:33,240

describe the features of DNA why is this

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00:04:40,960 --> 00:04:36,960

GC content so DNA molecules have four

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00:04:44,420 --> 00:04:40,970

bases a tgc so GC content basically

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00:04:46,870 --> 00:04:44,430

calculate the percentage of GC in

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00:04:51,080 --> 00:04:46,880

certain region could be genome

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00:04:56,780 --> 00:04:51,090

chromosome or any region were interested

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00:04:59,720 --> 00:04:56,790

in another thing is the DNA modification

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00:05:03,920 --> 00:04:59,730

pattern specifically is a methylation

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00:05:08,030 --> 00:05:03,930

pattern so here this three figures show

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00:05:12,320 --> 00:05:08,040

three type of methylation for bacteria

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00:05:15,020 --> 00:05:12,330

and nakia so what type of methylation

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00:05:18,530 --> 00:05:15,030

will happen or generate here depends on

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00:05:22,760 --> 00:05:18,540

the methylation enzymes this species

89

00:05:25,730 --> 00:05:22,770

have or carry and then different

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00:05:28,970 --> 00:05:25,740

methylation enzyme normally have a

91

00:05:32,870 --> 00:05:28,980

specific recognition motif which is

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00:05:35,450 --> 00:05:32,880

small DNA regions for example later

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00:05:39,350 --> 00:05:35,460

we'll talk about the methylation enzyme

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00:05:44,980 --> 00:05:39,360

of Health erics which using this CTA GC

95

00:05:48,530 --> 00:05:44,990

tag motif as a recognition region so to

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00:05:52,390 --> 00:05:48,540

exam what type of a DNA they prefer to

97

00:05:55,790 --> 00:05:52,400

take we design this experiment so first

98

00:05:59,900 --> 00:05:55,800

extract the community DNA from certain

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00:06:03,100 --> 00:05:59,910

pound and then part of it directly being

100

00:06:07,340 --> 00:06:03,110

sequenced so we obtain this pre fitting

101  
00:06:10,640 --> 00:06:07,350  
meta-genome dead data another part used

102  
00:06:13,910 --> 00:06:10,650  
as edu a source to fit the health erics

103  
00:06:16,970 --> 00:06:13,920  
and after feeding treatment or sequence

104  
00:06:19,310 --> 00:06:16,980  
the post feeling same how to obtain the

105  
00:06:22,340 --> 00:06:19,320  
post feeding meta-genome then we'll

106  
00:06:27,200 --> 00:06:22,350  
compare is pre fitting and post feeding

107  
00:06:30,950 --> 00:06:27,210  
sample to check like DNA features or DNA

108  
00:06:34,330 --> 00:06:30,960  
future changes of those groups so here

109  
00:06:38,180 --> 00:06:34,340  
is the summary of the results to this

110  
00:06:40,150 --> 00:06:38,190  
purple pink circle is the pre feeding

111  
00:06:43,219 --> 00:06:40,160  
sample blue

112  
00:06:47,180 --> 00:06:43,229  
Circle is the post feeding sample so the

113  
00:06:49,490 --> 00:06:47,190

overlap area is those DNA occur in both

114

00:06:52,129 --> 00:06:49,500  
samples so they're like basically

115

00:06:55,600 --> 00:06:52,139  
haven't been consumed so we call the

116

00:06:58,129 --> 00:06:55,610  
leftover group and then this area is

117

00:07:00,650 --> 00:06:58,139  
particularly interesting is the only

118

00:07:03,520 --> 00:07:00,660  
occurred in pre feeding sample but

119

00:07:06,980 --> 00:07:03,530  
disappear in post feeding samples so

120

00:07:09,200 --> 00:07:06,990  
potentially being consumed so we call

121

00:07:11,810 --> 00:07:09,210  
the eaten group then things where we

122

00:07:14,629 --> 00:07:11,820  
repeat that experiment twice so

123

00:07:16,430 --> 00:07:14,639  
eventually we obtain two replicates and

124

00:07:19,640 --> 00:07:16,440  
then the results are pretty consistent

125

00:07:22,610 --> 00:07:19,650  
are there about eight point three eight

126  
00:07:27,740 --> 00:07:22,620  
point five percent of the DNA have been

127  
00:07:32,180 --> 00:07:27,750  
consumed then next about the GC content

128  
00:07:36,050 --> 00:07:32,190  
of those groups are this purple curve is

129  
00:07:39,560 --> 00:07:36,060  
the leftover group which is pretty

130  
00:07:41,300 --> 00:07:39,570  
similar to this black curve is the GC

131  
00:07:44,779 --> 00:07:41,310  
content distribution of the total

132  
00:07:49,839 --> 00:07:44,789  
community sample however the eaten group

133  
00:07:53,870 --> 00:07:49,849  
which is this red orange curve showing

134  
00:07:55,879 --> 00:07:53,880  
they have the bias towards the lower GC

135  
00:07:59,629 --> 00:07:55,889  
content indicate the health Eric's

136  
00:08:04,010 --> 00:07:59,639  
prefer to take the DNA with lower GC

137  
00:08:06,950 --> 00:08:04,020  
cannon and since the GC content of

138  
00:08:10,939 --> 00:08:06,960

genome when we talk about that it's it

139

00:08:13,040 --> 00:08:10,949

has it's basically species-specific so

140

00:08:15,770 --> 00:08:13,050

different species normally have

141

00:08:20,029 --> 00:08:15,780

different GC content our average for

142

00:08:24,649 --> 00:08:20,039

their genome so we want you a check if

143

00:08:29,750 --> 00:08:24,659

this load GC content is contribute to by

144

00:08:32,740 --> 00:08:29,760

specific species so next we do a

145

00:08:36,640 --> 00:08:32,750

taxonomy analysis to analyze the

146

00:08:38,779 --> 00:08:36,650

composition of our sample so here is the

147

00:08:40,969 --> 00:08:38,789

compensation of the total community

148

00:08:44,029 --> 00:08:40,979

sample different color represents

149

00:08:48,230 --> 00:08:44,039

different than general settings this

150

00:08:50,510 --> 00:08:48,240

taxonomy is in genus level and then the

151  
00:08:53,570 --> 00:08:50,520  
leftover groups showing a very similar

152  
00:08:56,690 --> 00:08:53,580  
pattern to the entire community sample

153  
00:09:00,710 --> 00:08:56,700  
however this eatin group are

154  
00:09:03,890 --> 00:09:00,720  
significantly different and I check all

155  
00:09:07,610 --> 00:09:03,900  
the species in those general and haven't

156  
00:09:10,580 --> 00:09:07,620  
found no specific species abundance

157  
00:09:14,600 --> 00:09:10,590  
pieces in this group have low GC content

158  
00:09:18,650 --> 00:09:14,610  
so is this suggests this low GC content

159  
00:09:21,650 --> 00:09:18,660  
bias could maybe just from like some

160  
00:09:26,420 --> 00:09:21,660  
region of the genome or have lower GC

161  
00:09:28,700 --> 00:09:26,430  
content and they take that next about

162  
00:09:31,580 --> 00:09:28,710  
the methylation pattern so already

163  
00:09:38,170 --> 00:09:31,590

mentioned hello ferrets have this

164

00:09:42,410 --> 00:09:38,180

methylation enzyme using seatac motif so

165

00:09:45,710 --> 00:09:42,420

with then if the other species in this

166

00:09:49,180 --> 00:09:45,720

eating group also share this gene then

167

00:09:53,480 --> 00:09:49,190

eventually you will generate similar

168

00:09:56,660 --> 00:09:53,490

methylation pattern so here we exam the

169

00:09:59,990 --> 00:09:56,670

presence absence status of those of this

170

00:10:03,050 --> 00:10:00,000

gene in all those species in the eating

171

00:10:06,470 --> 00:10:03,060

group and then if all the species in

172

00:10:10,220 --> 00:10:06,480

this genus have this gene we color in

173

00:10:14,210 --> 00:10:10,230

dark purple if none of the species in

174

00:10:19,220 --> 00:10:14,220

genus have this gene then we'll color in

175

00:10:23,420 --> 00:10:19,230

white so to map the status here we can

176

00:10:26,450 --> 00:10:23,430

show or we can see a lot of genus or

177

00:10:33,230 --> 00:10:26,460

species in this eating group actually

178

00:10:38,710 --> 00:10:33,240

share this methylation enzyme and we

179

00:10:42,410 --> 00:10:38,720

also connect this presence/absence

180

00:10:46,370 --> 00:10:42,420

status of this gene to this bundles

181

00:10:50,780 --> 00:10:46,380

change changes of those group so here

182

00:10:54,140 --> 00:10:50,790

this green arrow connect the genus if

183

00:10:57,830 --> 00:10:54,150

their proportion increased in Eden group

184

00:11:01,280 --> 00:10:57,840

compared to the proportion in the entire

185

00:11:04,460 --> 00:11:01,290

community sample and then the orange

186

00:11:07,280 --> 00:11:04,470

arrow connect the opposite so if this

187

00:11:09,650 --> 00:11:07,290

genus the proportion decreased

188

00:11:12,249 --> 00:11:09,660

in the Ealing group compared to the

189

00:11:15,889 --> 00:11:12,259

proportion in an entire community sample

190

00:11:19,160 --> 00:11:15,899

anyways can see there is a a very strong

191

00:11:23,120 --> 00:11:19,170

correlation pattern here is almost all

192

00:11:27,699 --> 00:11:23,130

the green error eral have a cross 12

193

00:11:31,999 --> 00:11:27,709

dark purple dot here or the orange arrow

194

00:11:34,670 --> 00:11:32,009

they have like white dot so meaning they

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00:11:37,999 --> 00:11:34,680

don't have this gene so this results

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00:11:40,550 --> 00:11:38,009

might suggest the sharing the similar

197

00:11:44,809 --> 00:11:40,560

methylation pattern could be a signal

198

00:11:48,889 --> 00:11:44,819

for to determine if health Eric's will

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00:11:53,329 --> 00:11:48,899

pick this gene or not so a quick summary

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00:11:56,600 --> 00:11:53,339

here so health Eric's makini I prefer to

201  
00:12:00,110 --> 00:11:56,610  
take the e DNA with lower GC content and

202  
00:12:04,939 --> 00:12:00,120  
similar methylation pattern and with

203  
00:12:07,819 --> 00:12:04,949  
this information we wonder if we put

204  
00:12:09,800 --> 00:12:07,829  
those species sharing this stimulant

205  
00:12:13,420 --> 00:12:09,810  
methylation pattern together to form a

206  
00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:13,430  
community and then my former our

207  
00:12:20,509 --> 00:12:16,800  
resource recycling system then this

208  
00:12:23,720 --> 00:12:20,519  
might be a really nice strategy to adapt

209  
00:12:27,220 --> 00:12:23,730  
the innig source limited environment

210  
00:12:32,269 --> 00:12:27,230  
which you know if this system can work

211  
00:12:36,889 --> 00:12:32,279  
then I guess hello file commit whom we

212  
00:12:42,570 --> 00:12:36,899  
work better okay so with that I would

213  
00:12:50,260 --> 00:12:47,920

thank you sing oh yeah I was wondering

214

00:12:52,720 --> 00:12:50,270

if you looked for the that specific

215

00:12:56,130 --> 00:12:52,730

motif in the not eaten organisms as well

216

00:12:59,130 --> 00:12:56,140

and found that it wasn't present ah

217

00:13:04,990 --> 00:12:59,140

didn't do you know what I mean yeah but

218

00:13:08,560 --> 00:13:05,000

because the well if we see they actually

219

00:13:12,930 --> 00:13:08,570

are so those groups are actually pretty

220

00:13:17,530 --> 00:13:12,940

similar to the total community structure

221

00:13:22,110 --> 00:13:17,540

to the committee samples so basically we

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00:13:25,960 --> 00:13:22,120

already check if they did if those

223

00:13:29,910 --> 00:13:25,970

groups share that gene his you know in

224

00:13:33,120 --> 00:13:29,920

the Eden group they actually have more

225

00:13:36,760 --> 00:13:33,130

general stand out compared to the

226

00:13:39,280 --> 00:13:36,770

community symbol so we did check those

227

00:13:50,740 --> 00:13:39,290

so they are already included sort of

228

00:13:54,730 --> 00:13:50,750

included in this group thank you um so I

229

00:13:57,430 --> 00:13:54,740

was wondering I is there any other kind

230

00:14:00,970 --> 00:13:57,440

of DNA that the hayloft Eric's likes to

231

00:14:04,060 --> 00:14:00,980

eat more than its own or does it it

232

00:14:06,280 --> 00:14:04,070

doesn't always go for its its own kind

233

00:14:14,380 --> 00:14:06,290

of DNA first and then things that are

234

00:14:16,300 --> 00:14:14,390

similar ah yeah all we have some before

235

00:14:21,400 --> 00:14:16,310

we do they will have some hypotheses

236

00:14:24,640 --> 00:14:21,410

like if they take DNA from you know the

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00:14:30,340 --> 00:14:24,650

taxonomy resources saying if they're

238

00:14:32,550 --> 00:14:30,350

from like clothes related species but it

239

00:14:36,010 --> 00:14:32,560

turns out it determined by the

240

00:14:38,040 --> 00:14:36,020

methylation pattern but sharing the

241

00:14:40,930 --> 00:14:38,050

similar methylation pattern doesn't

242

00:14:49,180 --> 00:14:40,940

necessarily mean they are closed related

243

00:14:51,460 --> 00:14:49,190

species so yes so like those are species

244

00:14:53,650 --> 00:14:51,470

in those chilling those general they

245

00:14:55,750 --> 00:14:53,660

they sharing this method similar

246

00:14:58,710 --> 00:14:55,760

methylation pattern but on the phylogeny

247

00:15:01,270 --> 00:14:58,720

fellow genetic tree they are not really

248

00:15:03,870 --> 00:15:01,280

clustering together or they don't have

249

00:15:10,290 --> 00:15:03,880

those kind of pattern they just widely

250

00:15:15,850 --> 00:15:13,900

alright one last question okay so

251  
00:15:18,460 --> 00:15:15,860  
obviously you haven't done this here but

252  
00:15:19,960 --> 00:15:18,470  
has anybody looked into how much of the

253  
00:15:22,380 --> 00:15:19,970  
DNA that's eaten is actually

254  
00:15:27,640 --> 00:15:22,390  
incorporated into the bacterial

255  
00:15:30,700 --> 00:15:27,650  
chromosome ah you mean like map them to

256  
00:15:32,860 --> 00:15:30,710  
the back to that yeah like you'd have to

257  
00:15:37,450 --> 00:15:32,870  
do it with a monoculture and not like

258  
00:15:41,770 --> 00:15:37,460  
this community like you did here um you

259  
00:15:46,650 --> 00:15:41,780  
know because this group is now first

260  
00:15:49,480 --> 00:15:46,660  
it's not just from one species so well

261  
00:15:52,180 --> 00:15:49,490  
it definitely could try to yeah I

262  
00:15:55,810 --> 00:15:52,190  
haven't done that yet but I have those

263  
00:15:59,880 --> 00:15:55,820

like all the DNA because this is I have

264

00:16:01,630 --> 00:15:59,890

those metagenomic samples from all those

265

00:16:04,000 --> 00:16:01,640

generals

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00:16:06,610 --> 00:16:04,010

okay no I was just asking if anybody has

267

00:16:08,890 --> 00:16:06,620

done it with like a monoculture of one

268

00:16:12,760 --> 00:16:08,900

representative of one of these species

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00:16:16,090 --> 00:16:12,770

that eats DNA oh yeah I haven't heard

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00:16:20,230 --> 00:16:16,100

that because for the hell files those

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00:16:22,630 --> 00:16:20,240

are all the all those are most most of

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00:16:25,300 --> 00:16:22,640

them except this one thing most of them

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00:16:28,810 --> 00:16:25,310

are archaea and i think as i know

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00:16:31,840 --> 00:16:28,820

besides health eric's bikini I their

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00:16:33,940 --> 00:16:31,850

only few species are successfully cut

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00:16:36,820 --> 00:16:33,950

you know and can culturing the lab and a