

New Pathways for  
Old Metals  
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00:00:00,820 --> 00:00:09,310

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00:00:14,150 --> 00:00:11,690  
so I'll be taking a step back from

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00:00:16,070 --> 00:00:14,160  
multicellularity but not all the way

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00:00:18,859 --> 00:00:16,080  
back to prebiotic chemistry so right in

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00:00:20,779 --> 00:00:18,869  
the middle are all of us microbiology is

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00:00:24,700 --> 00:00:20,789  
trying to understand the diversity in

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00:00:27,140 --> 00:00:24,710  
this tiny cellular organisms and

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00:00:28,790 --> 00:00:27,150  
originally I guess I got involved in

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00:00:30,769 --> 00:00:28,800  
microbiology or interested out of

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00:00:32,990 --> 00:00:30,779  
curiosity but in the context of

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00:00:34,729 --> 00:00:33,000  
astrobiology understanding the whole

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00:00:39,049 --> 00:00:34,739  
diversity of how single cells can make a

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00:00:41,540 --> 00:00:39,059

living is important to understand or or

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00:00:43,310 --> 00:00:41,550

choose proper targets for exploration

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00:00:45,380 --> 00:00:43,320

beyond ocean worlds

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00:00:47,479 --> 00:00:45,390

I also interpret the findings from the

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00:00:49,400 --> 00:00:47,489

data that we get back from our

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00:00:52,910 --> 00:00:49,410

explorations and perhaps also in the

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00:00:55,939 --> 00:00:52,920

future once we if we understand how the

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00:00:58,220 --> 00:00:55,949

breadth of these organism on niches we

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00:01:00,200 --> 00:00:58,230

can prevent an planet cross

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00:01:04,460 --> 00:01:00,210

contamination by preventing organisms

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00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:04,470

from one body going into another so in

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00:01:09,679 --> 00:01:07,520

order to do these we need to understand

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00:01:15,320 --> 00:01:09,689

what is what is the life on how

26  
00:01:17,719 --> 00:01:15,330  
microorganisms make a living essentially

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00:01:20,210 --> 00:01:17,729  
this is something that already explained

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00:01:21,469 --> 00:01:20,220  
but if you want something to if you're

29  
00:01:23,420 --> 00:01:21,479  
looking for something that is alive that

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00:01:26,749 --> 00:01:23,430  
grows reproduces and undergoes evolution

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00:01:28,219 --> 00:01:26,759  
that organism needs to be able to do one

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00:01:30,770 --> 00:01:28,229  
fundamental thing which is obtain energy

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00:01:33,740 --> 00:01:30,780  
and the difference with us that we

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00:01:36,560 --> 00:01:33,750  
depend on oxygen microbes prokaryotes

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00:01:39,440 --> 00:01:36,570  
can employ a wide variety of substrate

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00:01:41,859 --> 00:01:39,450  
to get energy and what that that shows

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00:01:43,670 --> 00:01:41,869  
the redox hour shows is that as long as

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00:01:47,359 --> 00:01:43,680

microorganisms can figure out the

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00:01:50,210 --> 00:01:47,369

biochemical strategy that allows them to

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00:01:52,460 --> 00:01:50,220

take something to transfer electrons and

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00:01:53,990 --> 00:01:52,470

harness the energy from the transfer of

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00:01:55,580 --> 00:01:54,000

electrons from something that has a low

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00:01:58,429 --> 00:01:55,590

redox potential to a higher one and

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00:02:01,060 --> 00:01:58,439

transform that into an 18-2 ATP then

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00:02:03,679 --> 00:02:01,070

then can they can use the energy to

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00:02:07,750 --> 00:02:03,689

perform a wide variety of functions and

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00:02:11,980 --> 00:02:07,760

survive and on earth we have

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00:02:14,410 --> 00:02:11,990

huge number of Nicias tiny and big and

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00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:14,420

all sorts of microorganisms employing

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00:02:19,840 --> 00:02:17,360

different strategies and we had our task

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00:02:22,270 --> 00:02:19,850

as microbiologist in a way is to

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00:02:24,400 --> 00:02:22,280

understand each one of them and see the

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00:02:27,520 --> 00:02:24,410

potential for each one of them even

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00:02:29,470 --> 00:02:27,530

though if on earth they are in very

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00:02:34,690 --> 00:02:29,480

small niches they could be predominant

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00:02:37,420 --> 00:02:34,700

in other planets but we don't not only

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00:02:38,950 --> 00:02:37,430

have this huge planet to explore life we

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00:02:41,650 --> 00:02:38,960

have four other Earth's to explore

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00:02:44,080 --> 00:02:41,660

respiratory diversity perhaps not in

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00:02:47,650 --> 00:02:44,090

this geographical space dimension but in

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00:02:50,830 --> 00:02:47,660

time and as Marcus already showed the

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00:02:52,540 --> 00:02:50,840

earth our earth went through different

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00:02:55,450 --> 00:02:52,550

transition periods over time that

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00:02:57,850 --> 00:02:55,460

depending on on oxygen levels driven in

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00:03:02,560 --> 00:02:57,860

turn by microorganisms and in each one

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00:03:04,150 --> 00:03:02,570

of these scenarios the earth had

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00:03:05,800 --> 00:03:04,160

completely different environments that

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00:03:07,960 --> 00:03:05,810

probably select four different types of

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00:03:09,940 --> 00:03:07,970

organisms at the beginning where there

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00:03:11,410 --> 00:03:09,950

was no oxygen the atmospheric

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00:03:13,530 --> 00:03:11,420

composition was also very different

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00:03:16,420 --> 00:03:13,540

probably full of methane or hydrogen and

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00:03:18,280 --> 00:03:16,430

so different microorganisms that perhaps

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00:03:21,220 --> 00:03:18,290

are not very abundant now probably were

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00:03:23,830 --> 00:03:21,230

very abundant at the beginning in the

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00:03:27,250 --> 00:03:23,840  
future so accordion worlds and also the

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00:03:29,020 --> 00:03:27,260  
oxygen that was drove different other

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00:03:30,970 --> 00:03:29,030  
electron acceptor levels such as iron

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00:03:33,370 --> 00:03:30,980  
and manganese and other substrates that

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00:03:35,710 --> 00:03:33,380  
microorganisms could incorporate for

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00:03:38,770 --> 00:03:35,720  
life and to develop different strategies

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00:03:40,449 --> 00:03:38,780  
to breed and generate energy and I am

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00:03:45,220 --> 00:03:40,459  
interested in particularly in iron and

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00:03:48,610 --> 00:03:45,230  
manganese and we know the broad trend of

85  
00:03:52,000 --> 00:03:48,620  
iron coming down from millimolar micro

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00:03:54,880 --> 00:03:52,010  
molar levels to nano molar in which

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00:03:59,410 --> 00:03:54,890  
nowadays iron becomes even limiting for

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00:04:01,780 --> 00:03:59,420

life manganese is also probably

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00:04:05,340 --> 00:04:01,790

following a similar trend and both can

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00:04:08,860 --> 00:04:05,350

be used by bacteria to harvest energy

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00:04:11,520 --> 00:04:08,870

and nowadays in there are very small

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00:04:15,580 --> 00:04:11,530

pockets of the earth where these ancient

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00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:15,590

conditions prevail and we call them some

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00:04:18,490 --> 00:04:16,880

of them have very similar

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00:04:21,740 --> 00:04:18,500

characteristics let's such as high iron

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00:04:24,020 --> 00:04:21,750

no oxygen and we call these ancient of

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00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:24,030

like the one picture that you see there

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00:04:28,760 --> 00:04:26,160

so our strategy if you want to look at

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00:04:31,850 --> 00:04:28,770

potential primitive mechanisms for life

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00:04:34,490 --> 00:04:31,860

not only now but also in the past is to

101  
00:04:38,120 --> 00:04:34,500  
explore this ancient ocean analogues and

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00:04:41,030 --> 00:04:38,130  
search for the metabolisms that we that

103  
00:04:43,730 --> 00:04:41,040  
were interested in so what that's what

104  
00:04:45,710 --> 00:04:43,740  
we did we trying to understand the

105  
00:04:47,960 --> 00:04:45,720  
different forms of manganese cycling in

106  
00:04:50,300 --> 00:04:47,970  
the environment we took samples from

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00:04:52,940 --> 00:04:50,310  
Lake Madonna which is the original high

108  
00:04:55,340 --> 00:04:52,950  
iron very low carbon ancient ocean

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00:04:56,840 --> 00:04:55,350  
analog that has a manganese cycle as you

110  
00:04:58,690 --> 00:04:56,850  
can see there it's likely driven by

111  
00:05:01,960 --> 00:04:58,700  
microbes that oxidized and reduced

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00:05:07,190 --> 00:05:01,970  
manganese which ends up precipitating

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00:05:09,560 --> 00:05:07,200

but geochemists have looked at this at

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00:05:12,130 --> 00:05:09,570

this lake for a long time but and so

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00:05:14,480 --> 00:05:12,140

it's very well characterized in terms of

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00:05:18,800 --> 00:05:14,490

readouts it's we know that it's

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00:05:21,740 --> 00:05:18,810

permanently anoxic and an iron manganese

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00:05:23,540 --> 00:05:21,750

are our big electron donors acceptors

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00:05:25,700 --> 00:05:23,550

but we don't know much about who is

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00:05:28,430 --> 00:05:25,710

doing who's doing what and who is

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00:05:30,230 --> 00:05:28,440

responsible for the manganese cycling so

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00:05:34,010 --> 00:05:30,240

the strategy that we employed was to

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00:05:36,580 --> 00:05:34,020

take sediments from this lake cultivated

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00:05:39,830 --> 00:05:36,590

under three goe conditions a lot of iron

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00:05:42,080 --> 00:05:39,840

very low oxygen with the selection

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00:05:44,360 --> 00:05:42,090

pressure of adding only manganese as the

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00:05:45,860 --> 00:05:44,370

electron acceptor and over time we hope

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00:05:47,420 --> 00:05:45,870

that we would I say late organisms

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00:05:52,060 --> 00:05:47,430

involved in manganese cycle we would

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00:05:54,740 --> 00:05:52,070

have pure beautiful cultures cells and

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00:05:56,540 --> 00:05:54,750

we would transfer them over time to get

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00:05:59,420 --> 00:05:56,550

rid of all the settlements and and other

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00:06:03,050 --> 00:05:59,430

components to obtain microbes that only

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00:06:06,350 --> 00:06:03,060

use manganese so what what we saw after

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00:06:12,220 --> 00:06:06,360

several transfers over around about a

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00:06:15,710 --> 00:06:12,230

year is that I wish either this and this

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00:06:18,020 --> 00:06:15,720

essentially shows the community

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00:06:23,060 --> 00:06:18,030

structure who is there and what we use

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00:06:25,340 --> 00:06:23,070

is the 16s the ribosome RNA genes as a

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00:06:27,560 --> 00:06:25,350

phylogenetic marker to extract the whole

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00:06:30,710 --> 00:06:27,570

the composition of the whole community

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00:06:33,409 --> 00:06:30,720

and see who is there and the most

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00:06:34,549 --> 00:06:33,419

important point of this figure is to

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00:06:36,409 --> 00:06:34,559

show you that

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00:06:39,349 --> 00:06:36,419

Murdo cyclists and we'll call the yes

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00:06:41,809 --> 00:06:39,359

these two green and blue bars that you

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00:06:46,759 --> 00:06:41,819

can see after a few transfers but not on

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00:06:50,569 --> 00:06:46,769

the original inoculum were appeared and

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00:06:54,019 --> 00:06:50,579

they are both from the same group of

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00:06:57,859 --> 00:06:54,029

bacteria called beta Proteobacteria so

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00:07:01,279 --> 00:06:57,869

we wanted to try to understand why

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00:07:03,949 --> 00:07:01,289

those were enriched in our conditions so

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00:07:07,549 --> 00:07:03,959

we wanted to dig deeper into what were

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00:07:09,589 --> 00:07:07,559

they doing there and and who they

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00:07:13,699 --> 00:07:09,599

actually were so we took the whole comes

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00:07:16,339 --> 00:07:13,709

the whole set of complete sample of DNA

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00:07:18,079 --> 00:07:16,349

and proteins together and we did

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00:07:20,119 --> 00:07:18,089

metagenomics and meta proteomics what

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00:07:22,549 --> 00:07:20,129

this means is that on one hand we took

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00:07:24,739 --> 00:07:22,559

the DNA the DNA is sequenced into very

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00:07:26,359 --> 00:07:24,749

small small fragments are sequenced and

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00:07:28,669 --> 00:07:26,369

then by informatica ly they're put

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00:07:31,549 --> 00:07:28,679

together into bigger chunks eventually

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00:07:34,339 --> 00:07:31,559

maybe making a complete genome if

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00:07:36,409 --> 00:07:34,349

depending on the on your sample on the

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00:07:39,669 --> 00:07:36,419

other hand we took the complete set of

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00:07:43,429 --> 00:07:39,679

proteins also little peptides were

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00:07:46,489 --> 00:07:43,439

passed through LC ms/ms and that pattern

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00:07:49,369 --> 00:07:46,499

that is generated was compared back to a

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00:07:51,949 --> 00:07:49,379

theoretical pattern from the translated

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00:07:53,419 --> 00:07:51,959

nucleotides from the DNA and that way

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00:07:54,919 --> 00:07:53,429

you can see which proteins are expressed

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00:07:57,350 --> 00:07:54,929

and we did that with the help of

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00:08:02,359 --> 00:07:57,360

brooklyn doctrine and from the

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00:08:05,629 --> 00:08:02,369

university of washington so what we we

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00:08:07,879 --> 00:08:05,639

saw that these declare amana that we saw

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00:08:09,829 --> 00:08:07,889

were and reached also we could we were

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00:08:12,649 --> 00:08:09,839

able to get the whole genome from the

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00:08:15,889 --> 00:08:12,659

community and we compared it with known

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00:08:19,779 --> 00:08:15,899

the terminus species we confirmed that

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00:08:22,219 --> 00:08:19,789

this belongs to that genus and we

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00:08:24,139 --> 00:08:22,229

compare the genomes their identity of

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00:08:27,069 --> 00:08:24,149

the genomes to the two more to the one

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00:08:30,709 --> 00:08:27,079

most closely related with the most

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00:08:32,779 --> 00:08:30,719

likely closest relative and we found

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00:08:35,540 --> 00:08:32,789

that they were 85 percent identical so

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00:08:37,429 --> 00:08:35,550

to assign two different organisms into

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00:08:40,489 --> 00:08:37,439

the same species you need at least 95

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00:08:42,829 --> 00:08:40,499

percent so with 85 percent we concluded

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00:08:47,119 --> 00:08:42,839

that this was a new genomics and genomic

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00:08:48,079 --> 00:08:47,129

species we that was enriching our

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00:08:51,379 --> 00:08:48,089

culture but we

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00:08:53,809 --> 00:08:51,389

are still we weren't able to isolate it

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00:08:55,519 --> 00:08:53,819

yet so we're calling it Candida to the

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00:08:58,369 --> 00:08:55,529

terminus of Kolkata because it's still

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00:09:03,590 --> 00:08:58,379

hidden in our samples it was hidden

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00:09:05,869 --> 00:09:03,600

originally in Lake maternal and but but

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00:09:08,509 --> 00:09:05,879

what we did but mentor proteomic reveal

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00:09:09,769 --> 00:09:08,519

does I was that it was responsible for

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00:09:11,509 --> 00:09:09,779

seventy-three percent of all the

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00:09:13,790 --> 00:09:11,519  
peptides that we found which means that

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00:09:16,460 --> 00:09:13,800  
even though we didn't really thought

203  
00:09:17,960 --> 00:09:16,470  
that this was a the most predominant or

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00:09:20,299 --> 00:09:17,970  
dominant member of the community based

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00:09:23,299 --> 00:09:20,309  
on that one genetic marker it was the

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00:09:26,989 --> 00:09:23,309  
most active and the rest of the DNA was

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00:09:29,239 --> 00:09:26,999  
probably from dead cells or or by us

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00:09:31,280 --> 00:09:29,249  
from the PCR or the method itself that

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00:09:35,239 --> 00:09:31,290  
bias is is bias depending on how many

210  
00:09:36,530 --> 00:09:35,249  
copies of that 16s RNA gene you have so

211  
00:09:39,110 --> 00:09:36,540  
then we I'm not going to go into a

212  
00:09:41,929 --> 00:09:39,120  
detail so don't worry but we were

213  
00:09:44,030 --> 00:09:41,939

curious to see what attributes what

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00:09:49,309 --> 00:09:44,040

forms that what lifestyle this bacteria

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00:09:51,410 --> 00:09:49,319

has and we were here is about two things

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00:09:55,100 --> 00:09:51,420

one their ability to transform metals

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00:09:56,329 --> 00:09:55,110

and another thing that colder attention

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00:09:59,119 --> 00:09:56,339

was a presence of a denitrification

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00:10:01,489 --> 00:09:59,129

pathway that was active even though we

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00:10:04,069 --> 00:10:01,499

had hadn't added any substrate to

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00:10:06,799 --> 00:10:04,079

express this pathway but that's another

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00:10:09,650 --> 00:10:06,809

story but back to the multi the multi

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00:10:12,049 --> 00:10:09,660

humid I said these type cytochromes this

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00:10:16,759 --> 00:10:12,059

is probably a case of structure

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00:10:20,030 --> 00:10:16,769

determines function that just heard so

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00:10:20,900 --> 00:10:20,040

the one thing that we rarely pay

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00:10:23,119 --> 00:10:20,910

attention to

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00:10:24,919 --> 00:10:23,129

besides the redox potential of different

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00:10:26,960 --> 00:10:24,929

substrates that organisms use to make

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00:10:29,059 --> 00:10:26,970

energy one has to consider the

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00:10:31,819 --> 00:10:29,069

availability how the organism sees it

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00:10:33,559 --> 00:10:31,829

and how available it is to them and even

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00:10:35,900 --> 00:10:33,569

though manganese and iron are pretty

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00:10:40,129 --> 00:10:35,910

good electron acceptors closer to oxygen

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00:10:41,989 --> 00:10:40,139

than sulfate and sometimes nitrate they

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00:10:43,579 --> 00:10:41,999

are they depend on depending on the

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00:10:46,460 --> 00:10:43,589

redox state of the metal they're going

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00:10:47,269 --> 00:10:46,470

to be found in solid or soluble form so

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00:10:50,799 --> 00:10:47,279

when organisms

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00:10:54,470 --> 00:10:50,809

reduce it or oxidize it they're going to

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00:10:56,059 --> 00:10:54,480

either find it in a in an oxide form so

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00:10:57,619 --> 00:10:56,069

it means that they cannot get it inside

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00:10:58,840 --> 00:10:57,629

the cell like we do with oxygen or

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00:11:01,000 --> 00:10:58,850

nitrate

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00:11:02,380 --> 00:11:01,010

some other organisms or they're going to

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00:11:03,760 --> 00:11:02,390

produce an outside which means they're

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00:11:07,030 --> 00:11:03,770

going to that is going to precipitate

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00:11:08,710 --> 00:11:07,040

and organisms probably do not benefit

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00:11:12,070 --> 00:11:08,720

from precipitating things inside their

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00:11:14,170 --> 00:11:12,080

cells so in both cases whether an

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00:11:19,000 --> 00:11:14,180

organism's organism is oxidizing or

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00:11:21,190 --> 00:11:19,010

reducing somehow very interestingly they

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00:11:22,630 --> 00:11:21,200

use the same type of machinery in a way

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00:11:24,700 --> 00:11:22,640

biochemical machinery they use this

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00:11:25,530 --> 00:11:24,710

electron conduit that is made of

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00:11:27,850 --> 00:11:25,540

cytochromes

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00:11:30,160 --> 00:11:27,860

in the case of metal reducers it's

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00:11:32,440 --> 00:11:30,170

called MTR no reduction and in the case

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00:11:34,720 --> 00:11:32,450

of mine of metal oxidizers it's called

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00:11:38,350 --> 00:11:34,730

MTO or Pio depending on whether the

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00:11:40,810 --> 00:11:38,360

organism is phototrophic or not so we

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00:11:46,510 --> 00:11:40,820

saw for the first time in this type of

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00:11:49,420 --> 00:11:46,520

species that this organism had this gene

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00:11:52,540 --> 00:11:49,430

this conduit that all these genes were

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00:11:54,610 --> 00:11:52,550

together in one operon and we couldn't

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00:11:56,110 --> 00:11:54,620

find it in any other declare Moniz as

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00:11:57,700 --> 00:11:56,120

you can see from this graph these are

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00:11:59,800 --> 00:11:57,710

two copies if you put them in the

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00:12:05,410 --> 00:11:59,810

contact of a tree with closer organisms

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00:12:07,810 --> 00:12:05,420

that also have this dis conduit which is

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00:12:09,610 --> 00:12:07,820

important because if we had just tried

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00:12:11,530 --> 00:12:09,620

to look at the AG on its own in the math

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00:12:12,790 --> 00:12:11,540

the complexity of the community we

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00:12:15,490 --> 00:12:12,800

wouldn't have known it belonged to the

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00:12:17,350 --> 00:12:15,500

determiners with the reason we know it's

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00:12:19,480 --> 00:12:17,360

a declare - units because we mapped it

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00:12:23,260 --> 00:12:19,490

back to the metagenomic beam that we

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00:12:25,710 --> 00:12:23,270

obtained and this this gene and the

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00:12:28,300 --> 00:12:25,720

architecture of this operon is also

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00:12:30,010 --> 00:12:28,310

present in two other beta parameters

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00:12:33,310 --> 00:12:30,020

that are uncultured so this whole branch

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00:12:37,660 --> 00:12:33,320

here are uncultured organisms that have

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00:12:39,550 --> 00:12:37,670

this same operon also these this conduit

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00:12:41,950 --> 00:12:39,560

is not present in the only other declare

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00:12:45,370 --> 00:12:41,960

ramona's that are is unknown iron metal

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00:12:48,910 --> 00:12:45,380

oxidizer under anoxic conditions so this

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00:12:53,560 --> 00:12:48,920

is pretty unique and new - - these novel

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00:12:56,410 --> 00:12:53,570

species another correlated somehow

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00:12:59,440 --> 00:12:56,420

correlated operon that was that we saw

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00:13:03,070 --> 00:12:59,450

is this cytochrome C rich opera as you

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00:13:05,470 --> 00:13:03,080

probably saw from other talks the

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00:13:06,340 --> 00:13:05,480

cytochromes are really good heme groups

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00:13:09,610 --> 00:13:06,350

are really good at transferring

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00:13:11,460 --> 00:13:09,620

electrons so whenever we see multi heme

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00:13:13,890 --> 00:13:11,470

cytochromes in an organism we

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00:13:15,090 --> 00:13:13,900

typically can very confidently say that

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00:13:16,770 --> 00:13:15,100

they're doing some sort of election

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00:13:19,230 --> 00:13:16,780

transfer outside of the South especially

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00:13:22,230 --> 00:13:19,240

when there are Decca hims ten teams or

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00:13:23,880 --> 00:13:22,240

more than ten so again we saw this under

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00:13:26,490 --> 00:13:23,890

kitchen that was present only in these

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00:13:28,260 --> 00:13:26,500

species this new species but not there

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00:13:30,960 --> 00:13:28,270

well at the other determiners relatives

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00:13:32,970 --> 00:13:30,970

again present in uncultured beta

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00:13:34,980 --> 00:13:32,980

Protectorate rota cyclase Angelina

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00:13:38,550 --> 00:13:34,990

Nadia's which means that they must be

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00:13:41,100 --> 00:13:38,560

doing something that we haven't figured

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00:13:44,460 --> 00:13:41,110

out yet many as some of these that are

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00:13:47,880 --> 00:13:44,470

cultured and that have this operon have

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00:13:52,740 --> 00:13:47,890

also been shown to be involved in metal

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00:13:56,940 --> 00:13:52,750

cycling and we were also surprised to

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00:14:00,420 --> 00:13:56,950

see this is just three examples of this

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00:14:02,670 --> 00:14:00,430

whole genome nitrous oxide reductase is

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00:14:04,950 --> 00:14:02,680

which means that is part of the DNA

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00:14:07,140 --> 00:14:04,960

traffic Asian pathway it's not really

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00:14:09,960 --> 00:14:07,150

important to the story but what is

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00:14:13,130 --> 00:14:09,970

important is that these genome this

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00:14:16,080 --> 00:14:13,140

strain as opposed to the other ones was

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00:14:17,820 --> 00:14:16,090

highly enriched in sensors including in

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00:14:19,800 --> 00:14:17,830

this nitrous oxide reductase operon

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00:14:25,620 --> 00:14:19,810

which was pretty unique compared to the

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00:14:27,000 --> 00:14:25,630

others which means it may use the one

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00:14:30,210 --> 00:14:27,010

thing that I did not mention is that the

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00:14:32,100 --> 00:14:30,220

reversibility of this conduit has been

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00:14:34,530 --> 00:14:32,110

seen in many organisms for example metal

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00:14:36,600 --> 00:14:34,540

reducers when you can reduce also

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00:14:38,460 --> 00:14:36,610

electrodes if you instead of a metal you

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00:14:40,020 --> 00:14:38,470

have an electrode but depending on the

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00:14:45,150 --> 00:14:40,030

redox potential of the electron you can

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00:14:46,830 --> 00:14:45,160

make the electrons go back so and many

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00:14:48,150 --> 00:14:46,840

organisms change their metabolism

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00:14:50,190 --> 00:14:48,160

depending on the redox potential of

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00:14:54,090 --> 00:14:50,200

their environment so the high

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00:14:56,400 --> 00:14:54,100

concentration of redox sensors in in

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00:14:58,620 --> 00:14:56,410

metal reduction pathways coupled to

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00:15:01,680 --> 00:14:58,630

nitrogen it could be an indication of

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00:15:03,600 --> 00:15:01,690

the highly versatile flexible metabolism

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00:15:07,860 --> 00:15:03,610

of these beta Porter bacterias in these

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00:15:10,860 --> 00:15:07,870

unique environments so I'll just wrap it

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00:15:14,460 --> 00:15:10,870

up by saying a couple of conclusions

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00:15:15,690 --> 00:15:14,470

from from this short story is that doing

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00:15:17,610 --> 00:15:15,700

this enrichment and putting the

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00:15:19,410 --> 00:15:17,620

selection pressure allowed us to magnify

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00:15:21,960 --> 00:15:19,420

the existence of this novel conduit

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00:15:23,000 --> 00:15:21,970

which we will have seen by targeting the

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00:15:28,010 --> 00:15:23,010

whole

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00:15:30,350 --> 00:15:28,020

in situ even because the concentration

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00:15:34,790 --> 00:15:30,360

of this population was very small the

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00:15:36,770 --> 00:15:34,800

abundance at the same time because we

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00:15:38,870 --> 00:15:36,780

enrich we were able to capture a genome

351  
00:15:42,590 --> 00:15:38,880  
by genomic meaning and that constraints

352  
00:15:44,810 --> 00:15:42,600  
how who we assigned this dysfunction to

353  
00:15:47,980 --> 00:15:44,820  
if we had just looked at a bunch of

354  
00:15:51,260 --> 00:15:47,990  
genes from the from the public from the

355  
00:15:52,880 --> 00:15:51,270  
community in situ we would have probably

356  
00:15:54,920 --> 00:15:52,890  
mapped it to one of different completely

357  
00:15:56,330 --> 00:15:54,930  
different species but now here we have

358  
00:15:58,190 --> 00:15:56,340  
it in the concept context of a whole

359  
00:15:59,870 --> 00:15:58,200  
organism and that's what we're looking

360  
00:16:03,500 --> 00:15:59,880  
for we're trying to understand the

361  
00:16:05,300 --> 00:16:03,510  
evolution of organisms big and this

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00:16:07,370 --> 00:16:05,310  
probably is the product of lateral gene

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00:16:10,160 --> 00:16:07,380

transfer but we were able to map it

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00:16:14,240 --> 00:16:10,170

straight on to these one species and

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00:16:17,420 --> 00:16:14,250

also thanks to my proteomics and meta

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00:16:19,940 --> 00:16:17,430

meta genomics we can see that this whole

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00:16:21,410 --> 00:16:19,950

opera not just one particular gene but

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00:16:23,150 --> 00:16:21,420

different operands we could see them

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00:16:26,240 --> 00:16:23,160

again expressed on different samples

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00:16:27,890 --> 00:16:26,250

from different locations so now even

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00:16:29,870 --> 00:16:27,900

though we were not able to isolate one

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00:16:31,670 --> 00:16:29,880

species we can collect all this

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00:16:35,630 --> 00:16:31,680

information and perhaps that will guide

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00:16:37,580 --> 00:16:35,640

us to further efforts in isolation or

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00:16:40,550 --> 00:16:37,590

understanding what can they be doing as

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00:16:42,980 --> 00:16:40,560

opposed to having one single cell in the

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00:16:45,740 --> 00:16:42,990

lab and I'm still working on trying to

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00:16:47,710 --> 00:16:45,750

isolate this beta protect area too

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00:16:50,090 --> 00:16:47,720

because we do need to characterize

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00:16:54,140 --> 00:16:50,100

biochemically everything that we see

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00:16:56,870 --> 00:16:54,150

from our meta proteome original and I

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00:16:58,670 --> 00:16:56,880

also would like to thank the full

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00:17:00,320 --> 00:16:58,680

astrobiology community it's very

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00:17:04,430 --> 00:17:00,330

inspiring to be here and listening to

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00:17:06,380 --> 00:17:04,440

all it talks and Jen glasses lab but

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00:17:07,670 --> 00:17:06,390

also other mentors that I've been having

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for the past two years like Chris