

# Some Interesting Problems in Systems Biology

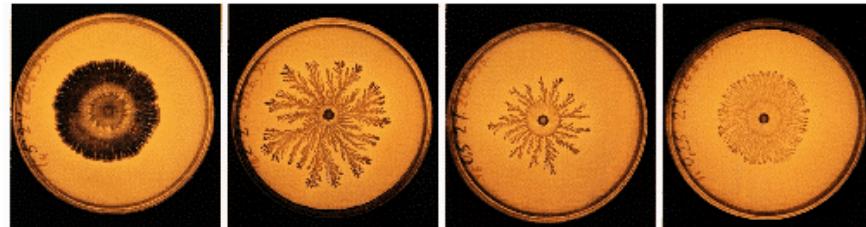
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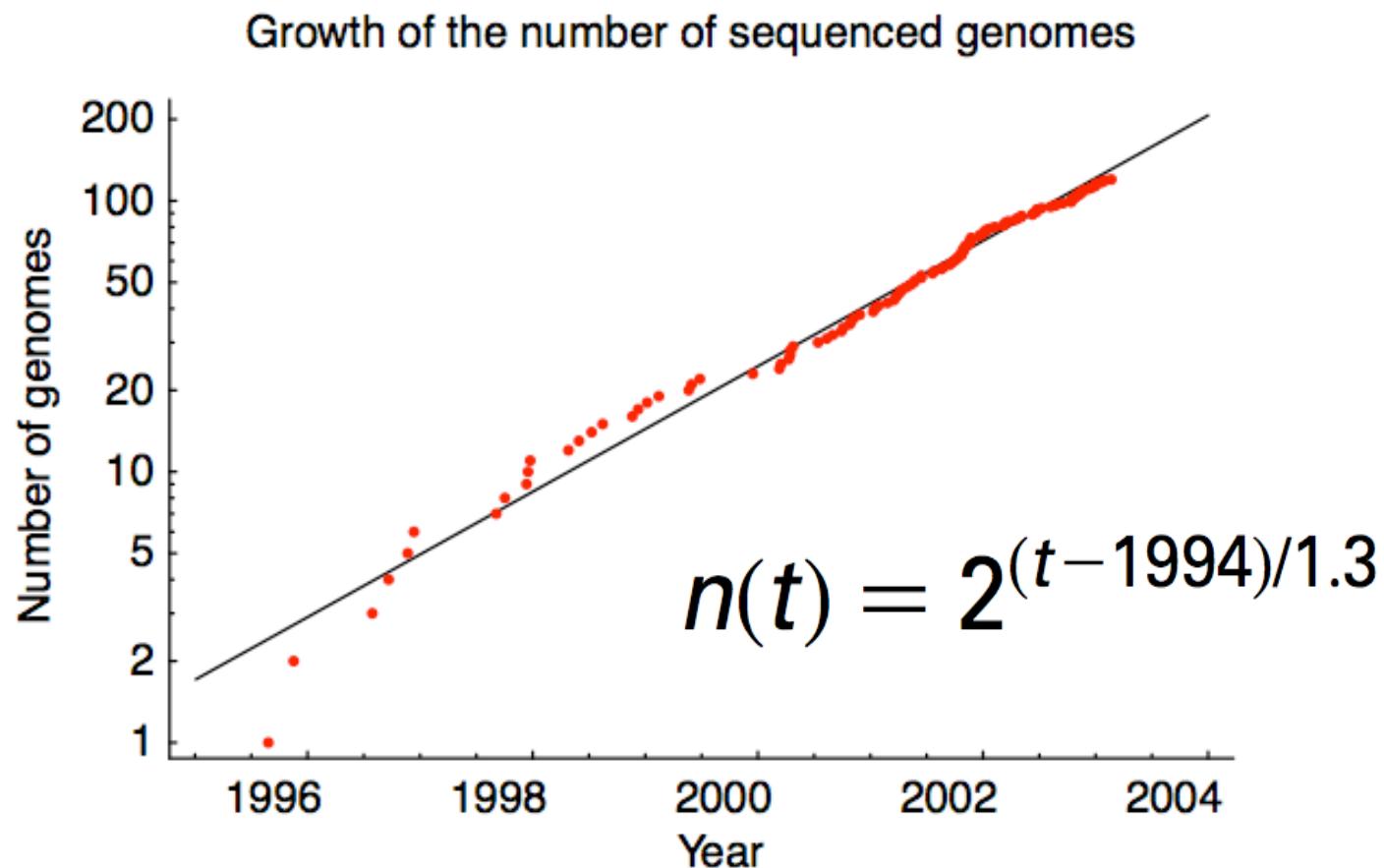
# The Outline of the Biology Revolution

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- There will be many many genomes sequenced.
- Comparative analysis is key to improved genome annotation (assignment of function to genes).
- Evolution is the basis for gaining insight from comparative analysis.
- Advances in computing has made the advent of rigorous systems biology possible.
- Computing will enable biology to become a true theory driven predictive science.
- Strong theory and computing capability will enable the design and engineering of biological systems.

# Growth in the Number of Genome Sequences

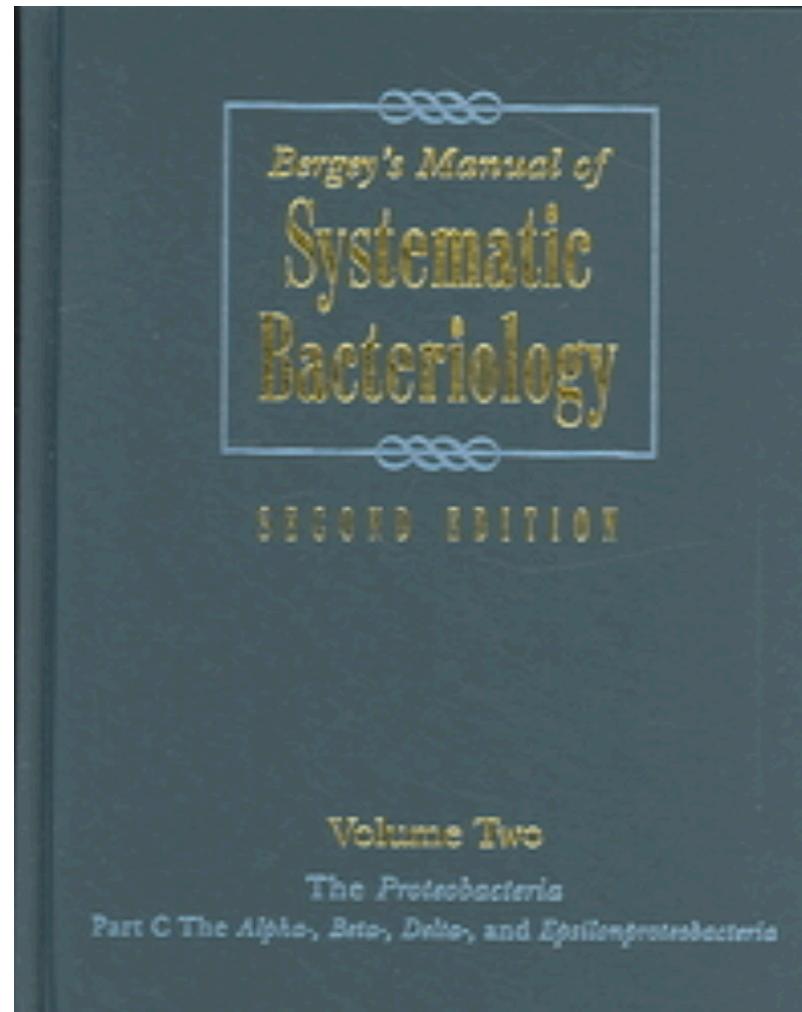
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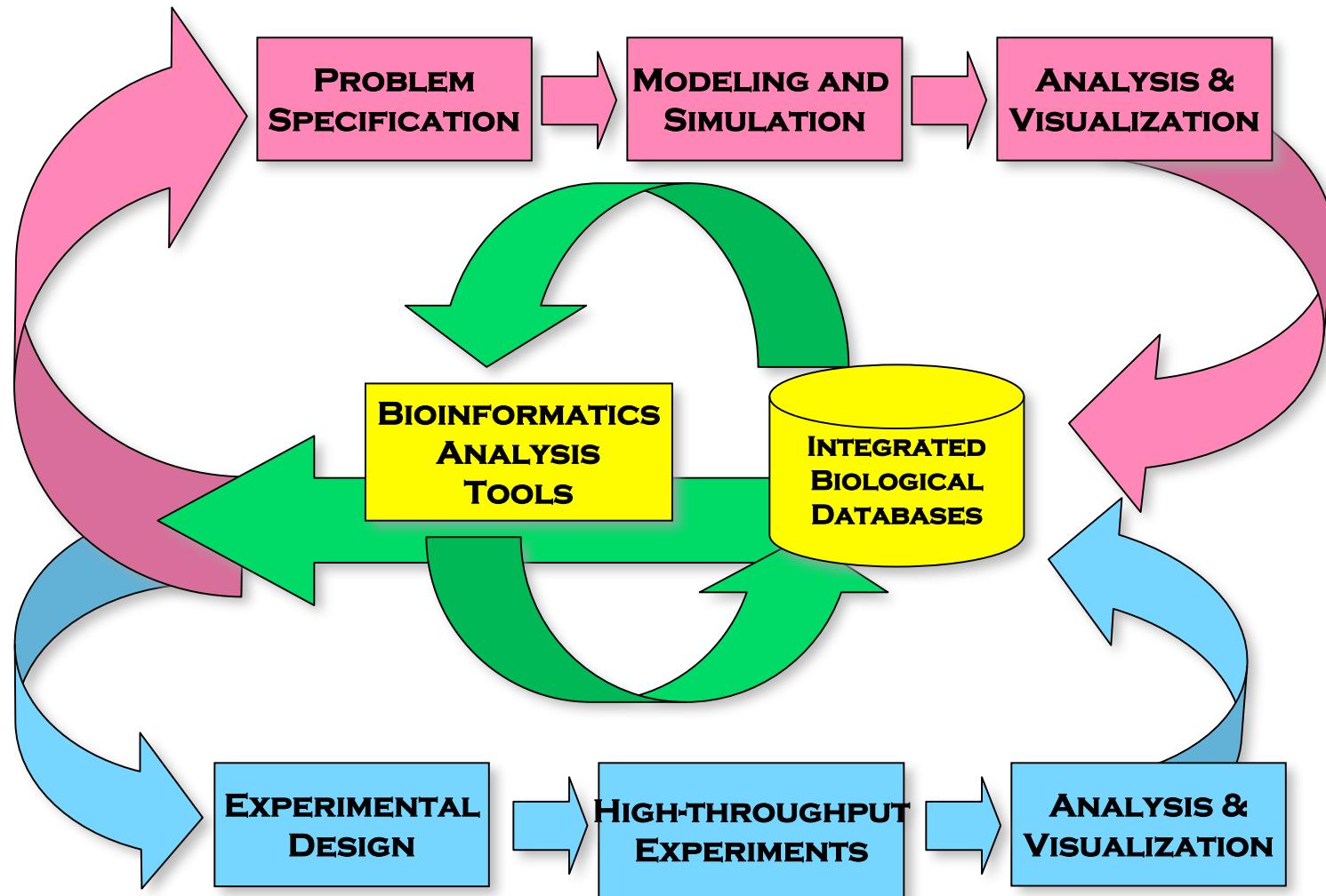
# Sequencing the Bergey's Manual

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- Argonne and DOE's JGI are in discussions to launch a project to sequence all of the Bergey's Manual (all culturable prokaryotic organisms)
- 4900 taxa
- \$10M per year for about five years
- Motivating the high-throughput annotation of genomes (~24 hours turnaround time)



# An Integrated View of Modeling, Simulation, Experiment, and Bioinformatics



# Why Is Computational Biology Important to Me?

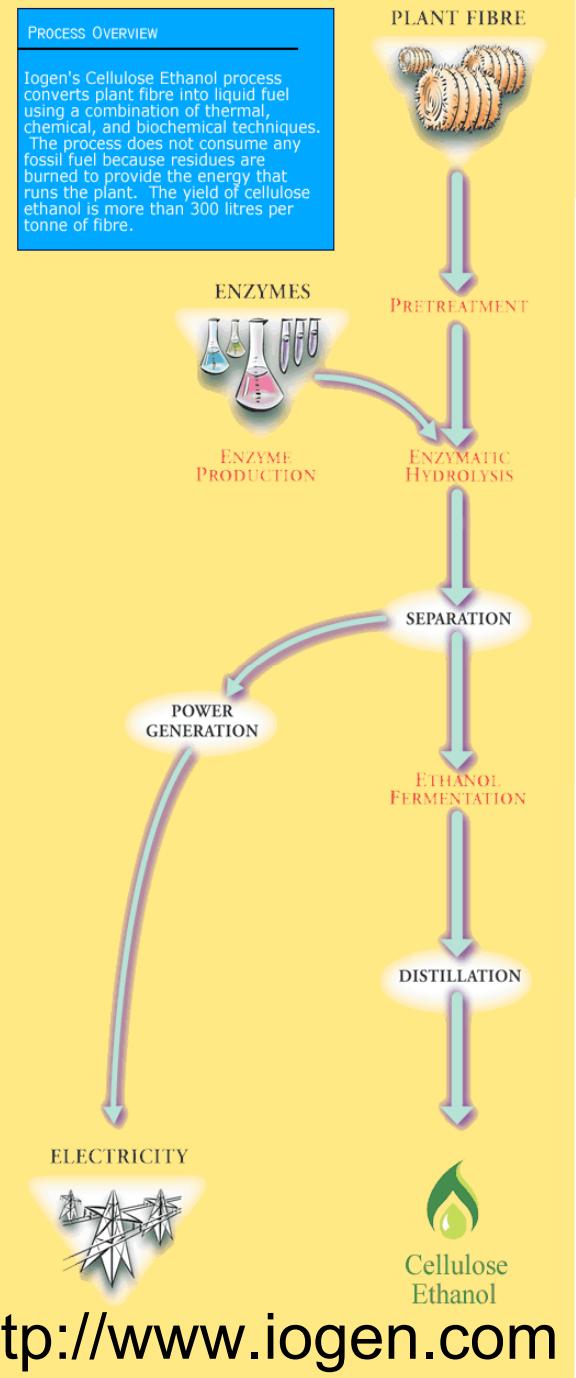
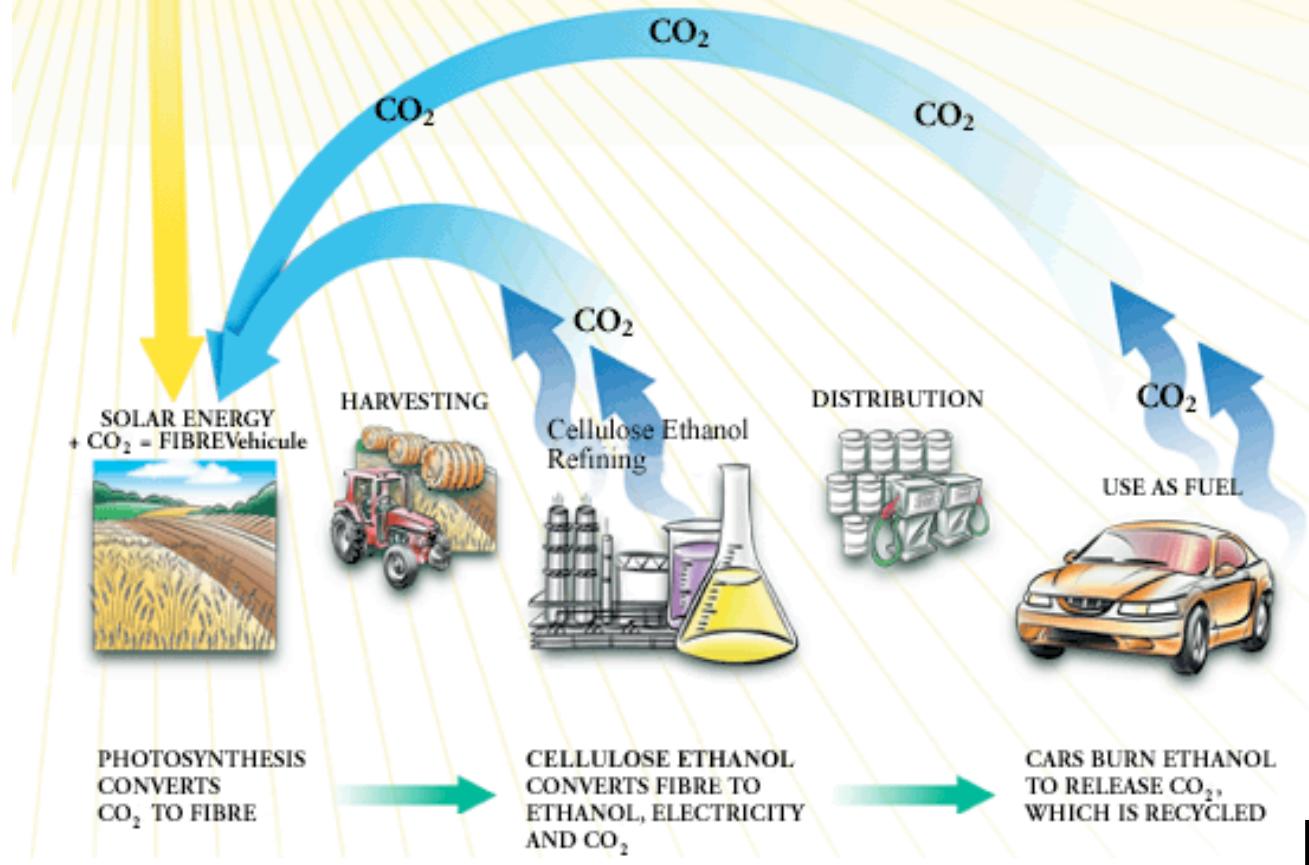
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- Safe and abundant food supplies
  - Natural insecticides from *Photorhabdus luminescens*
- Sustainable and benign energy sources
  - Cellulose to Butanol from *Clostridium acetobutylicum*
- Effective management of disease and aging
  - New antimicrobial drugs targets from *in silico* modeling
- Novel materials and renewable industrial feedstocks
  - Biological production of Hydrogen from biomass
- Advanced computational devices beyond silicon
  - Synthetic biological circuits
- Wide variety of molecular scale machinery
  - Proton powered rotary motors and ion pumps
- Self-assembly and self-reproduction technologies
  - Self perpetuating and environmentally friendly infrastructure

# The Clean Fuel Cycle

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WITH NO GREENHOUSE EFFECT

Plants use the energy of the sun to grow. Plant fibre, called cellulose, is the most abundant organic molecule on earth. Iogen's EcoEthanol™ process takes cellulose and, using enzymes, turns it into fermentable sugars and subsequently into ethanol. Using CO<sub>2</sub> absorbing plant material as an ethanol feedstock offers environmental advantages unequalled by other feedstocks or fuels.



<http://www.iongen.com>

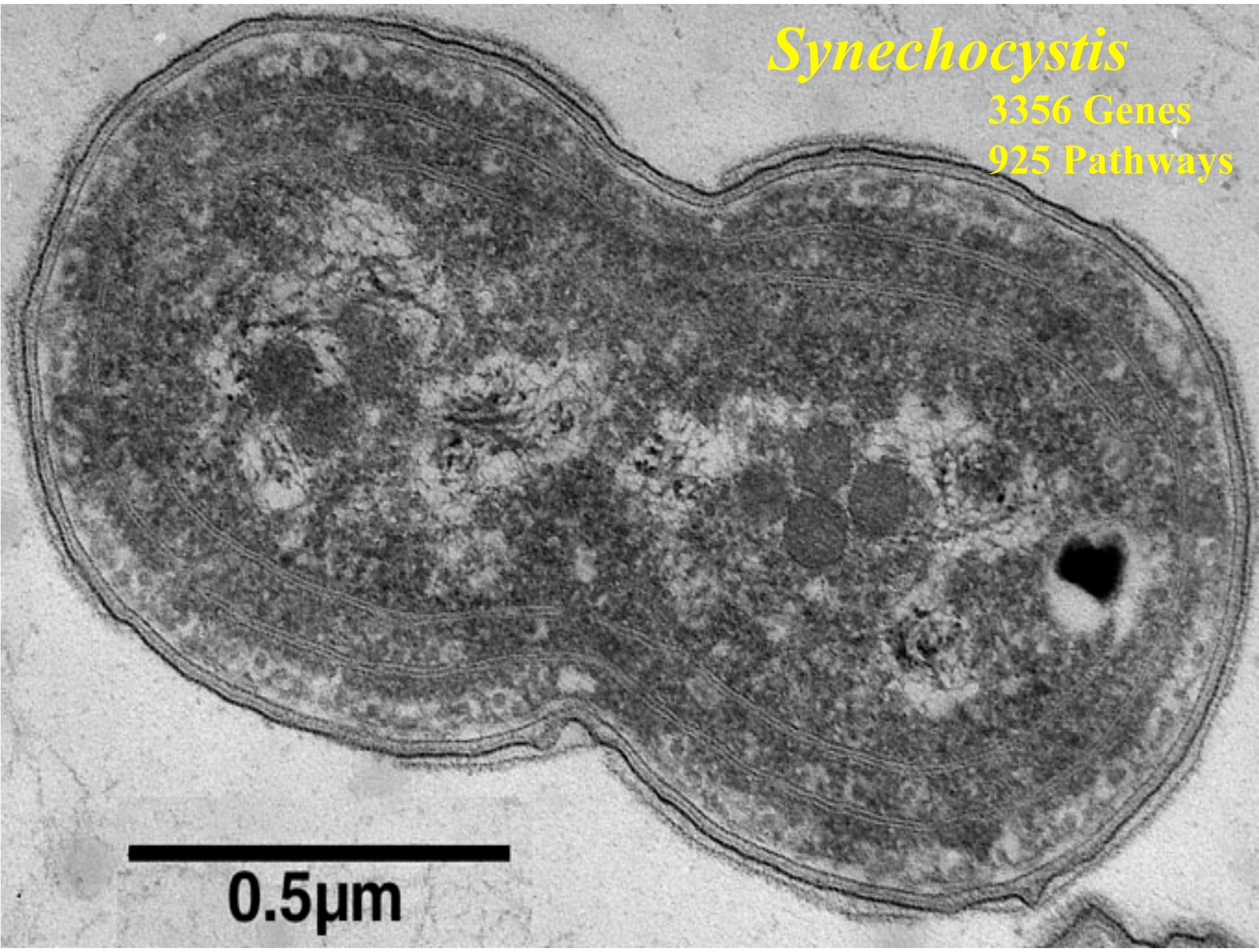
# Microbial Organisms are Important to Study

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- Extremely Diverse Metabolisms
- Window on Biodiversity
- Ancient Origins
- Foundation of the Biosphere
- Agents of Symbiogenesis
- Infectious Disease
- Human Microbiota and Metagenomes
- Complex Community Structures
- Industrial and Agricultural Applications
- Biotechnology Applications
- Biofuels and Alternative Feed stocks
- Inexpensive and Experimentally Tractable



*Beggiatoa*, which lives in sulfurous environments, gets its energy by oxidizing H<sub>2</sub>S and can fix carbon even in the dark. Note the yellow deposits of sulfur inside the cells. (Courtesy of Ralph W. Wolfe.)



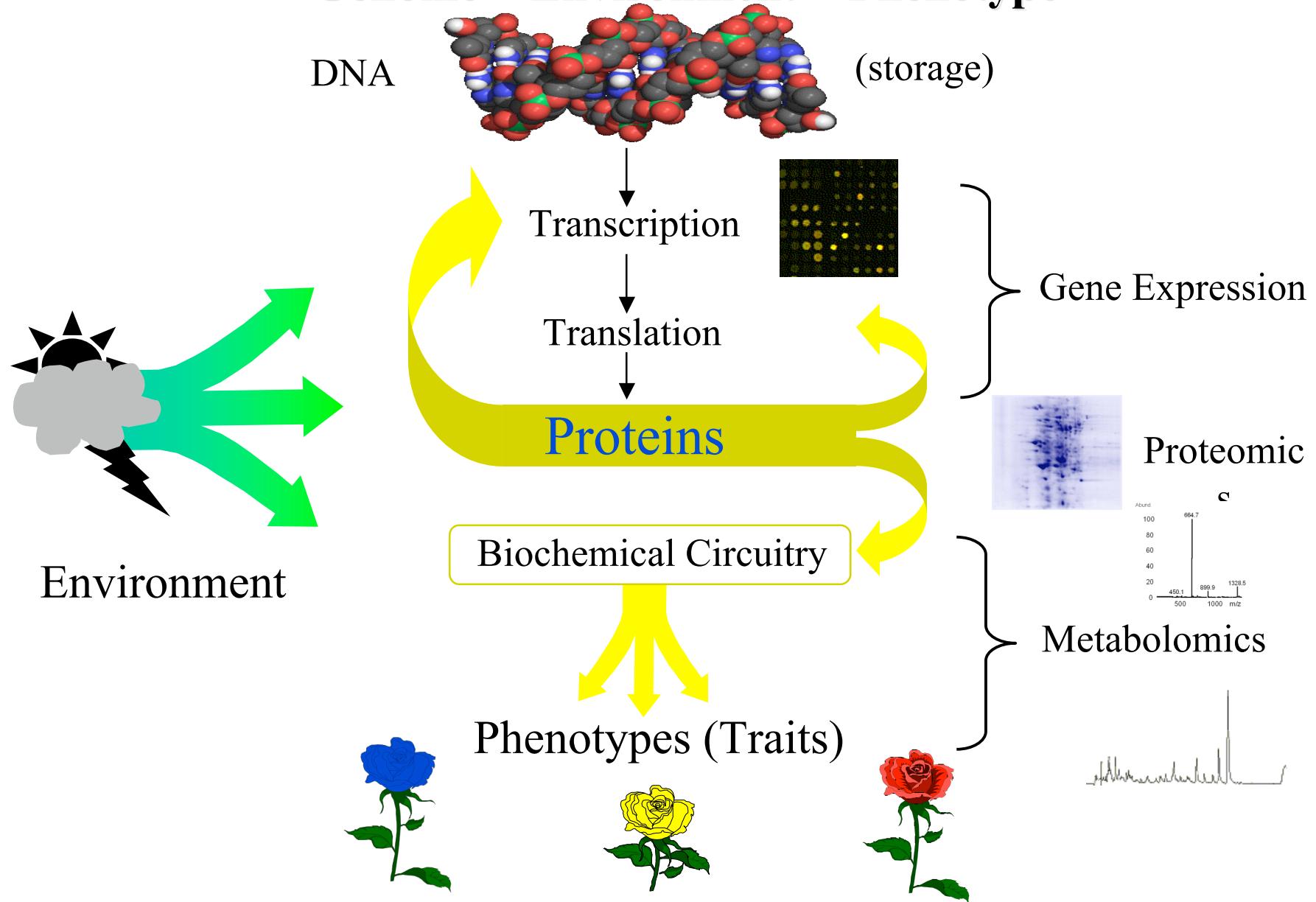
*Synechocystis*

3356 Genes

925 Pathways

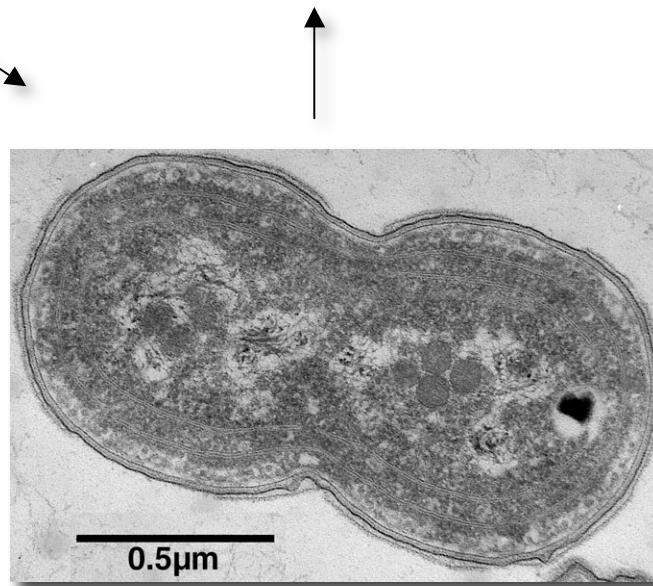
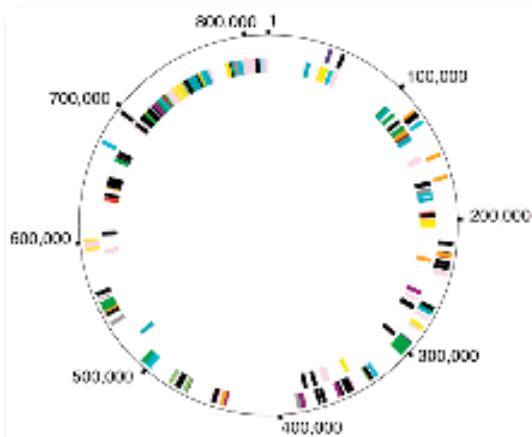
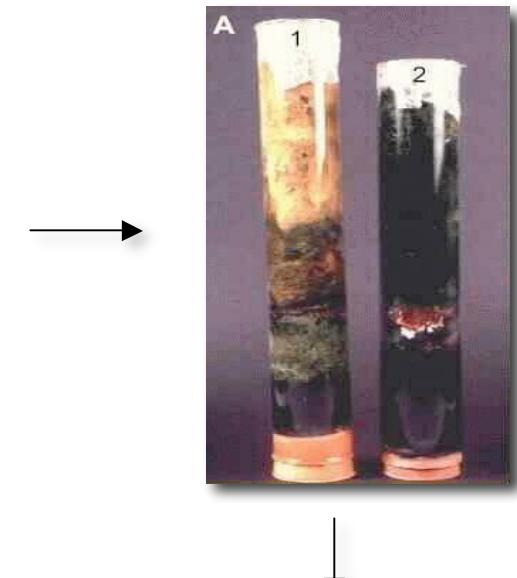
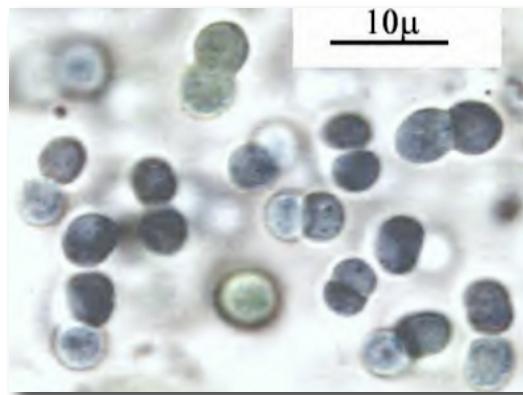
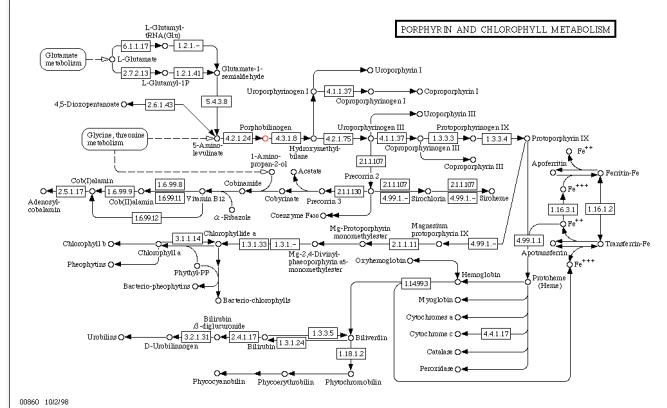
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# Reverse Engineering Living Systems: Genome + Environment = Phenotype

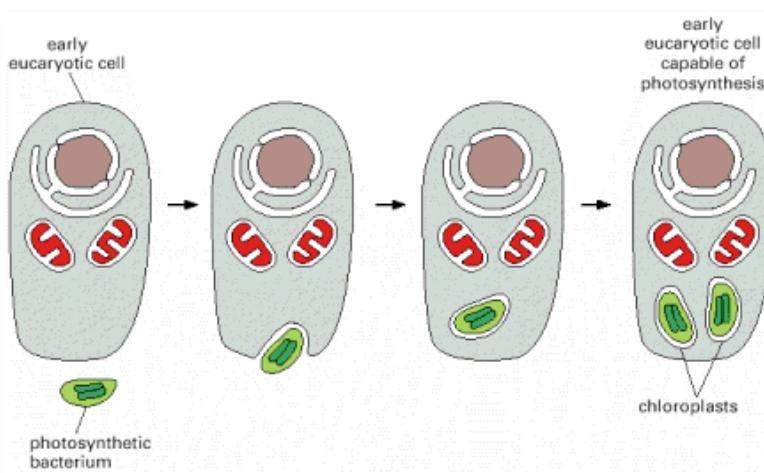
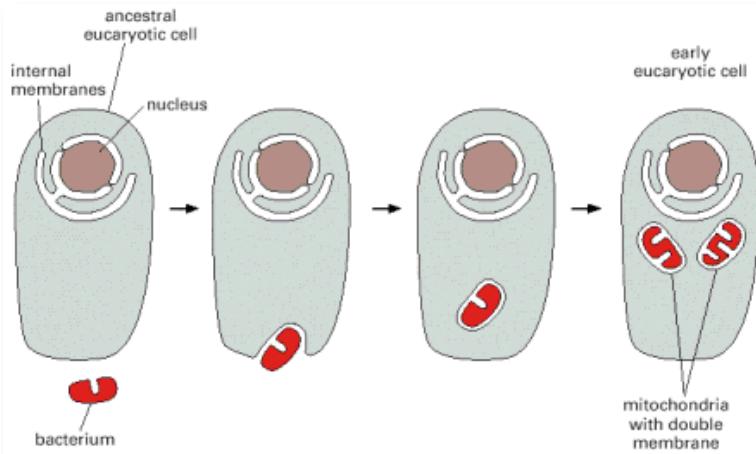


Adapted From Bruno Sobral VBI

# Genes → Proteins → Cell Networks → Cells → Populations → Communities → Ecosystems

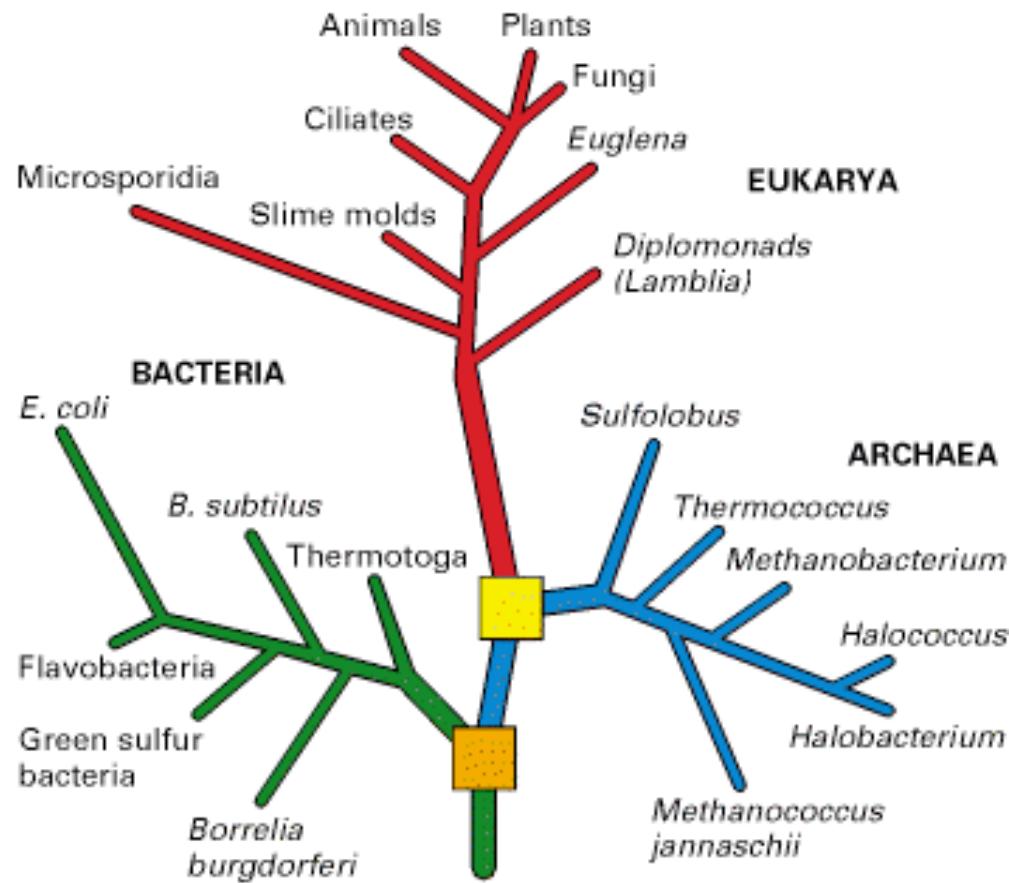


# Deep Motivating Problems



- Understanding the Evolution of Cellular Functions and the Role of Symbiogenesis
- Developing the Concept of Minimum Organisms as a Platform for Bioengineering
- Resolving Details of the Last Universal Common Ancestor(s)
- Designing Hypothetical RNA World Organisms
- Developing Quantitative Understanding of “Possible Biologies”

# Looking for LUCA



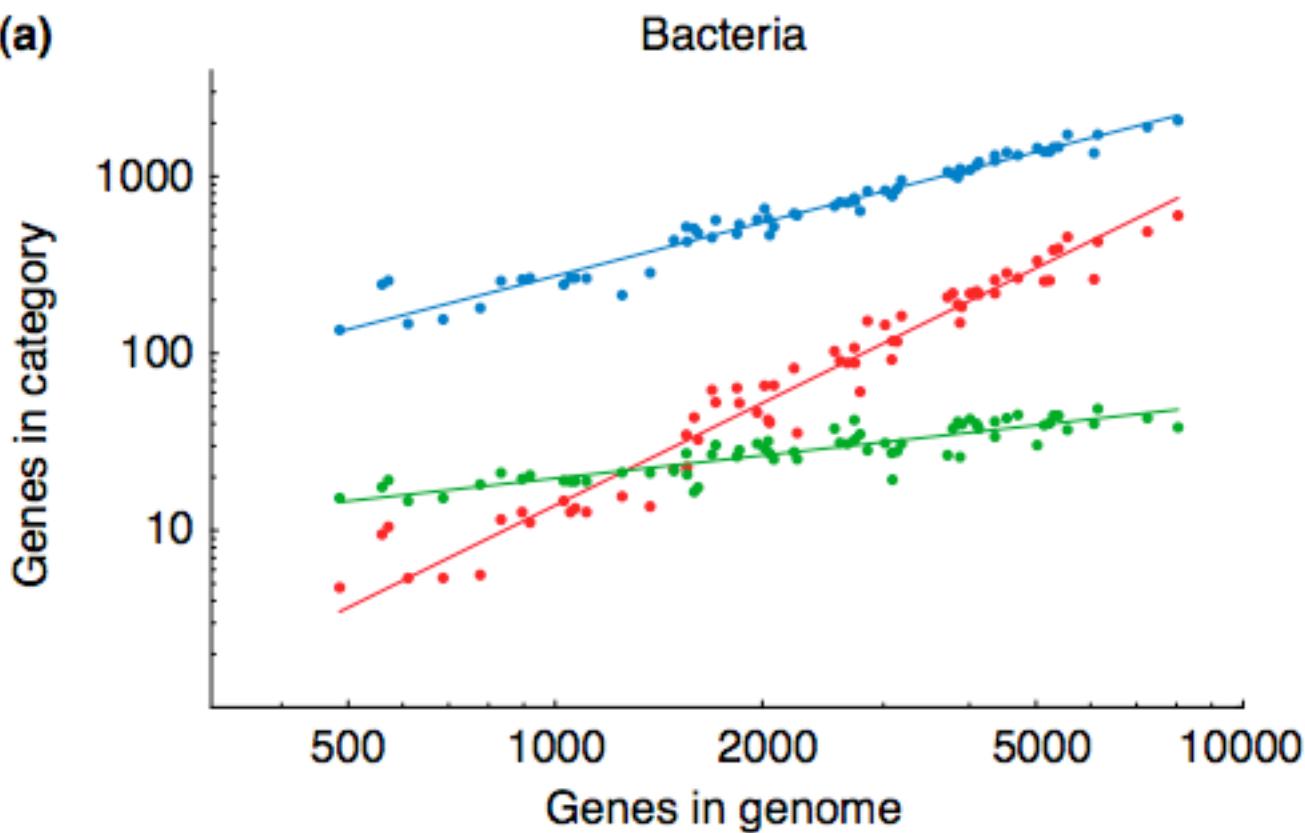
[■] Presumed common progenitor  
of all extant organisms

[■] Presumed common progenitor  
of archaeabacteria and eukaryotes

# Genome Size v. Protein Family (Function)

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(a)



**Table 1. Estimates for the exponents of a selection of functional categories<sup>a</sup>**

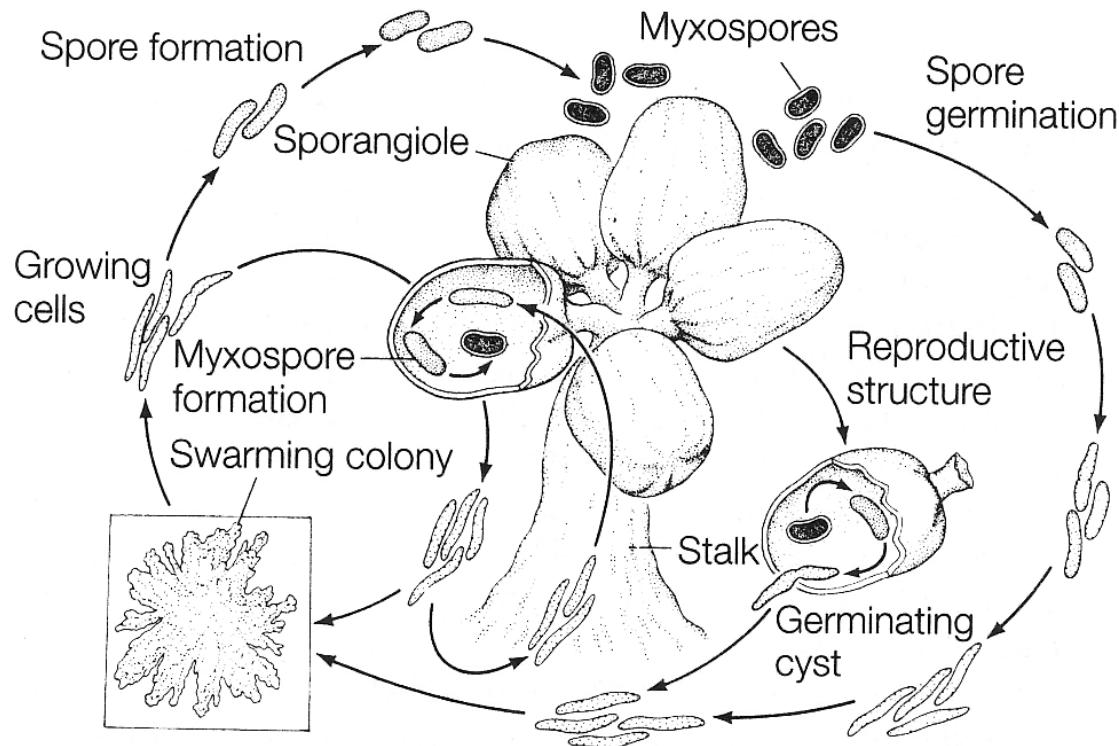
Category	Bacteria	Eukaryotes
Transcription regulation	1.87 ± 0.13	1.26 ± 0.10
Metabolism	1.01 ± 0.06	1.01 ± 0.08
Cell cycle	0.47 ± 0.08	0.79 ± 0.16
Signal transduction	1.72 ± 0.18	1.48 ± 0.39
DNA repair	0.64 ± 0.08	0.83 ± 0.31
DNA replication	0.43 ± 0.08	0.72 ± 0.23
Protein biosynthesis	0.13 ± 0.02	0.41 ± 0.15
Protein degradation	0.97 ± 0.09	0.90 ± 0.11
Ion transport	1.42 ± 0.28	1.43 ± 0.20
Catabolism	0.88 ± 0.07	0.92 ± 0.08
Carbohydrate metabolism	1.01 ± 0.11	1.36 ± 0.36
Two-component systems	2.07 ± 0.21	NA <sup>b</sup>
Cell communication	1.81 ± 0.19	1.58 ± 0.34
Defense response	NA <sup>b</sup>	3.35 ± 1.41

<sup>a</sup>The first number gives the maximum likelihood estimate of the exponent and the second number indicates the boundaries of the 99% posterior probability interval.

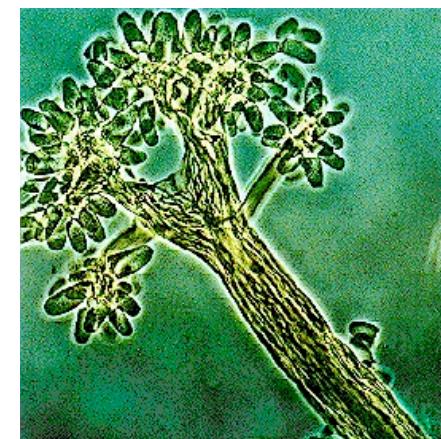
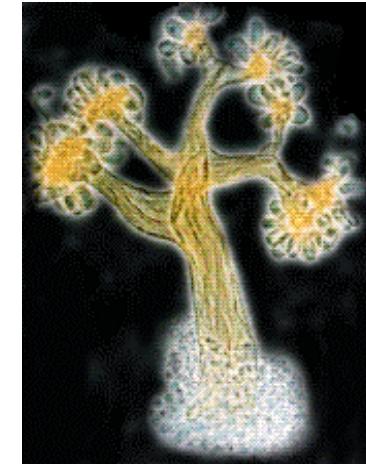
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# Complex Bacterial Life Cycles

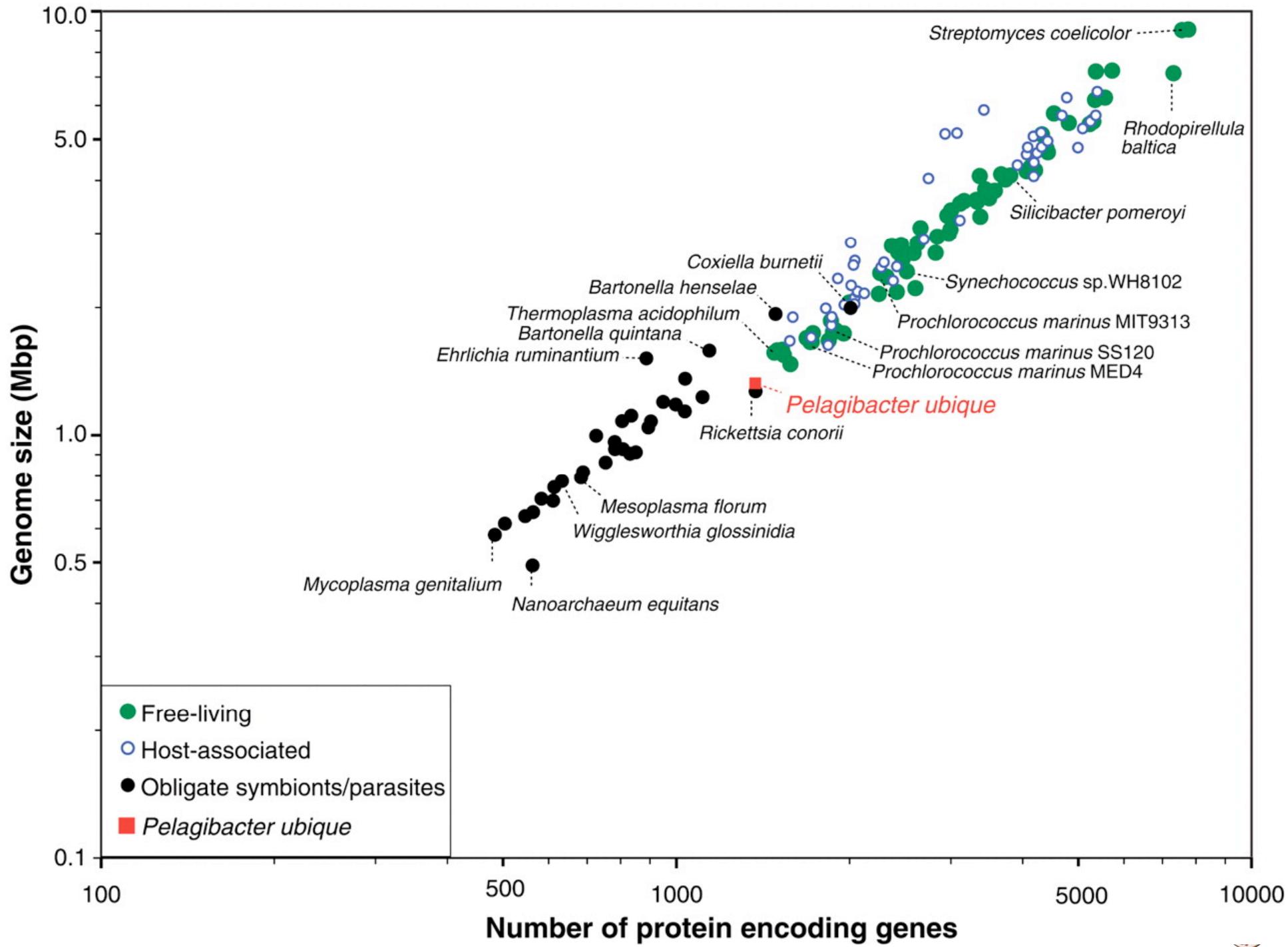


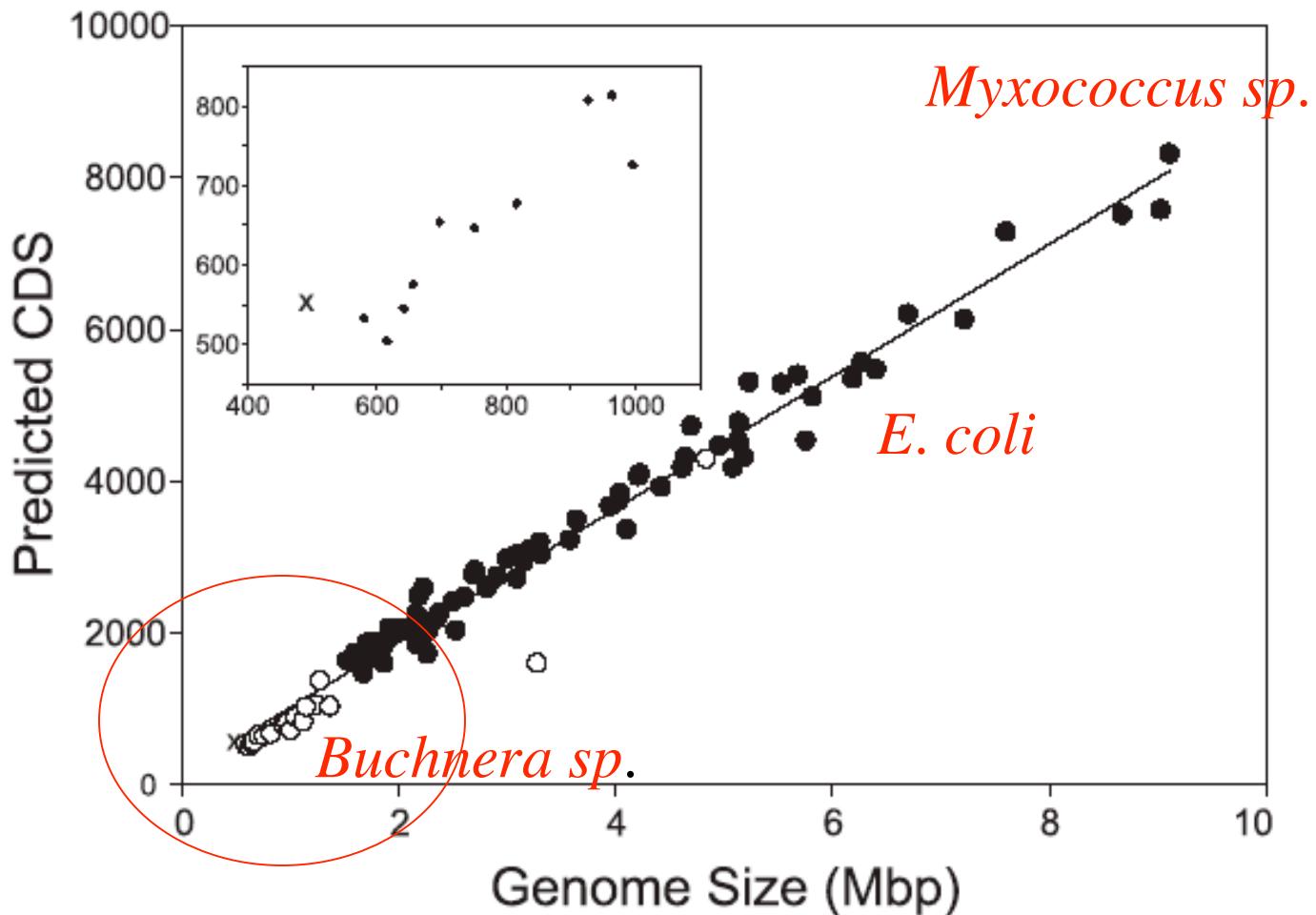
F Life cycle of *Stigmatella aurantiaca*. [Drawing by L. Meszoly; labeled by M. Dworkin.]



From Lynn Margulis and Karlene Schwartz



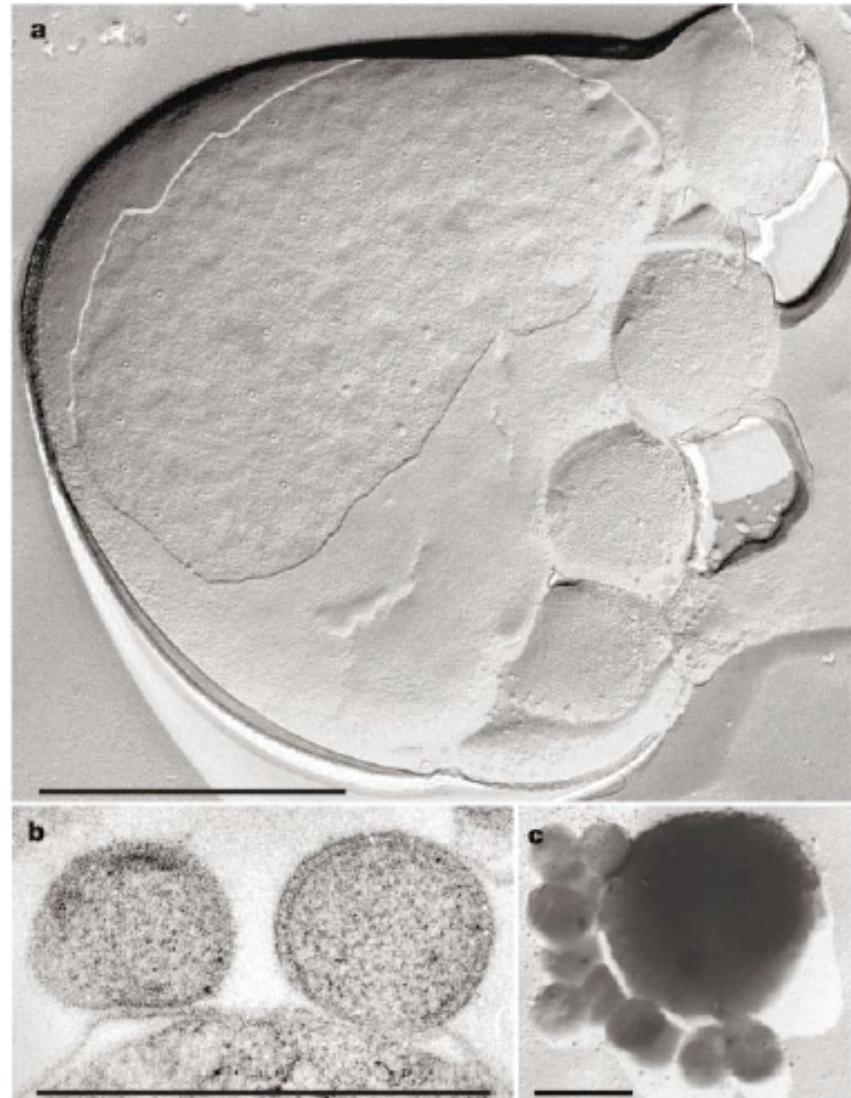




How small  
can a  
functional  
microbial  
genome be ?

**Fig. 1.** Correlation between microbial genome size and the number of predicted coding DNA sequences CDS. Bacterial genomes predicted to be undergoing reductive evolution are indicated by open circles, whereas other genomes are indicated by filled circles. The *N. equitans* genome is marked by "x". (*Inset*) An expansion of the data from small microbial genomes with the abscissa shown in genome size units of kbp.

# *Nanoarchaeum equitans*



**Figure 1** Electron microscopy and fluorescence light microscopy of the '*Nanoarchaeum equitans*-*Ignicoccus* sp. coculture. **a**, Freeze-etched cell of *Ignicoccus* and four attached cells of *Nanoarchaeum*, showing their crystalline S-layer with sixfold symmetry. **b**, Ultrathin section of two cells of *Nanoarchaeum* attached to the outer membrane of *Ignicoccus*. **c**, Cell of *Ignicoccus*, with several cells of *Nanoarchaeum* attached on the left side; platinum-shadowed. **d**, Confocal laser scanning micrograph after hybridization with the CY3-labelled probe 515mcR ('*Nanoarchaeum*') and rhodamine-green-labelled probe CREN499R ('*Ignicoccus*'). **a-d**, Scale bar, 1.0  $\mu$ m.

# In Quest of the Minimum Genome

- What are the Smallest number of genes needed to create a viable organism?
  - Free living on a rich, but defined culture medium
- Experimentally determined essential genes
  - *Bacillus subtilis* ~300 CDS
  - *Escherichia coli* ~400 CDS
- Reduced organisms in nature
  - *Mycoplasma* ~500
  - *Nanoarchaea* ~400
- Bioinformatics predicts a conserved core
  - ~200-400 CDS

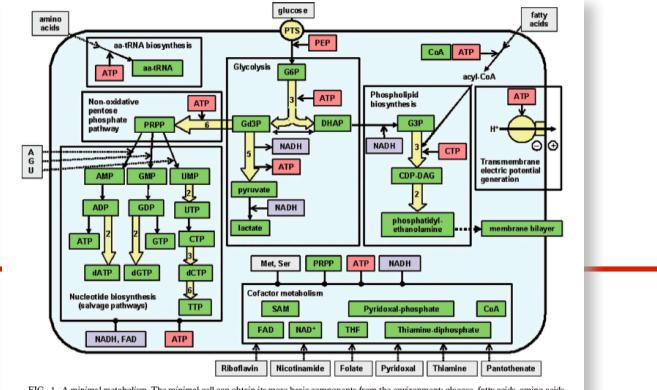


FIG. 1. A minimal metabolism. The minimal cell can obtain its more basic components from the environment: glucose, fatty acids, amino acids, nucleotides, and precursors (nicotinamide, riboflavin, folate, pantothenate, and pyridoxal). Each box includes the metabolic transformations classified in major groups of pathways: glycolysis, phospholipid biosynthesis, nonoxidative pentose-phosphate pathway, nucleotide biosynthesis (salvage pathway), synthesis of enzymatic cofactors (nicotinamide, riboflavin, folate, pantothenate, and pyridoxal). Lines represent incorporation from the enviro several steps away. Step numbers with 1 metabolites for some of the transformations in Metabolites acting as a source of chemical energy are indicated by red symbols and those defined in the DHAf, dihydroxyacetonephosphate; GTP, guanosine triphosphate.

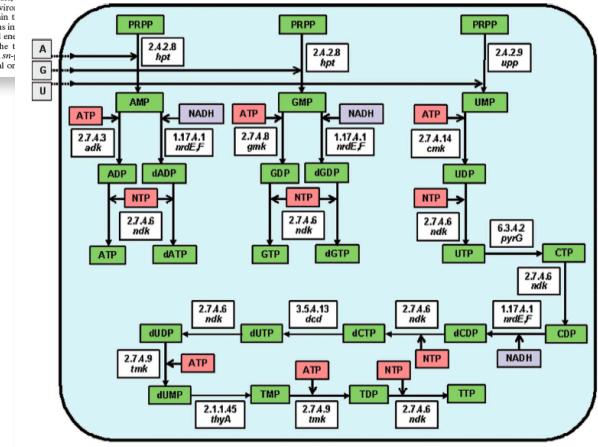


FIG. 2. A minimal nucleotide metabolism based on salvage pathways. Activated ribonucleotides and deoxyribonucleotides are obtained from free bases (A, G, and U), PRPP, ATP-dependent phosphorylating reactions, and NADH-dependent reduction. White boxes indicate the individual enzymatic activity (EC number and coding gene). Other colors are used as in Fig. 1.

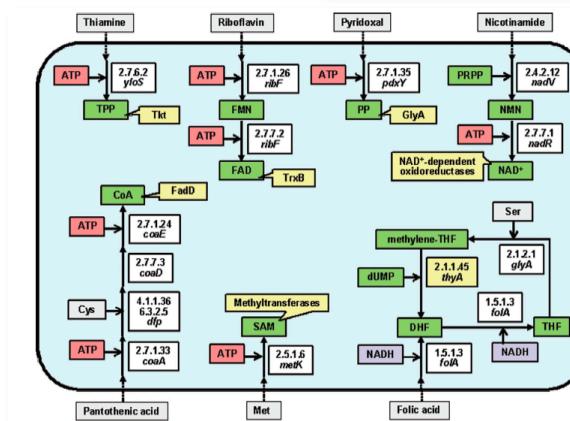
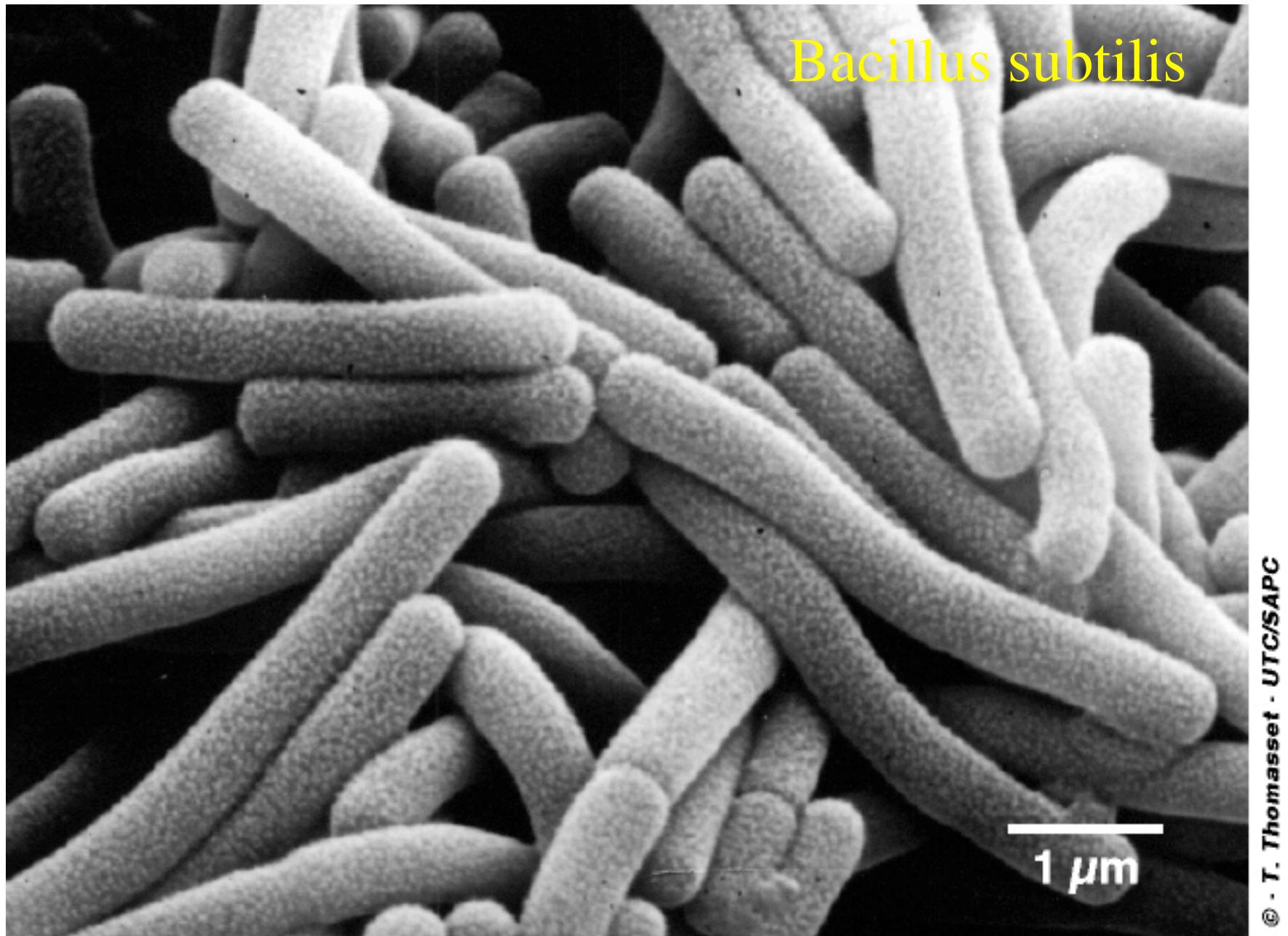


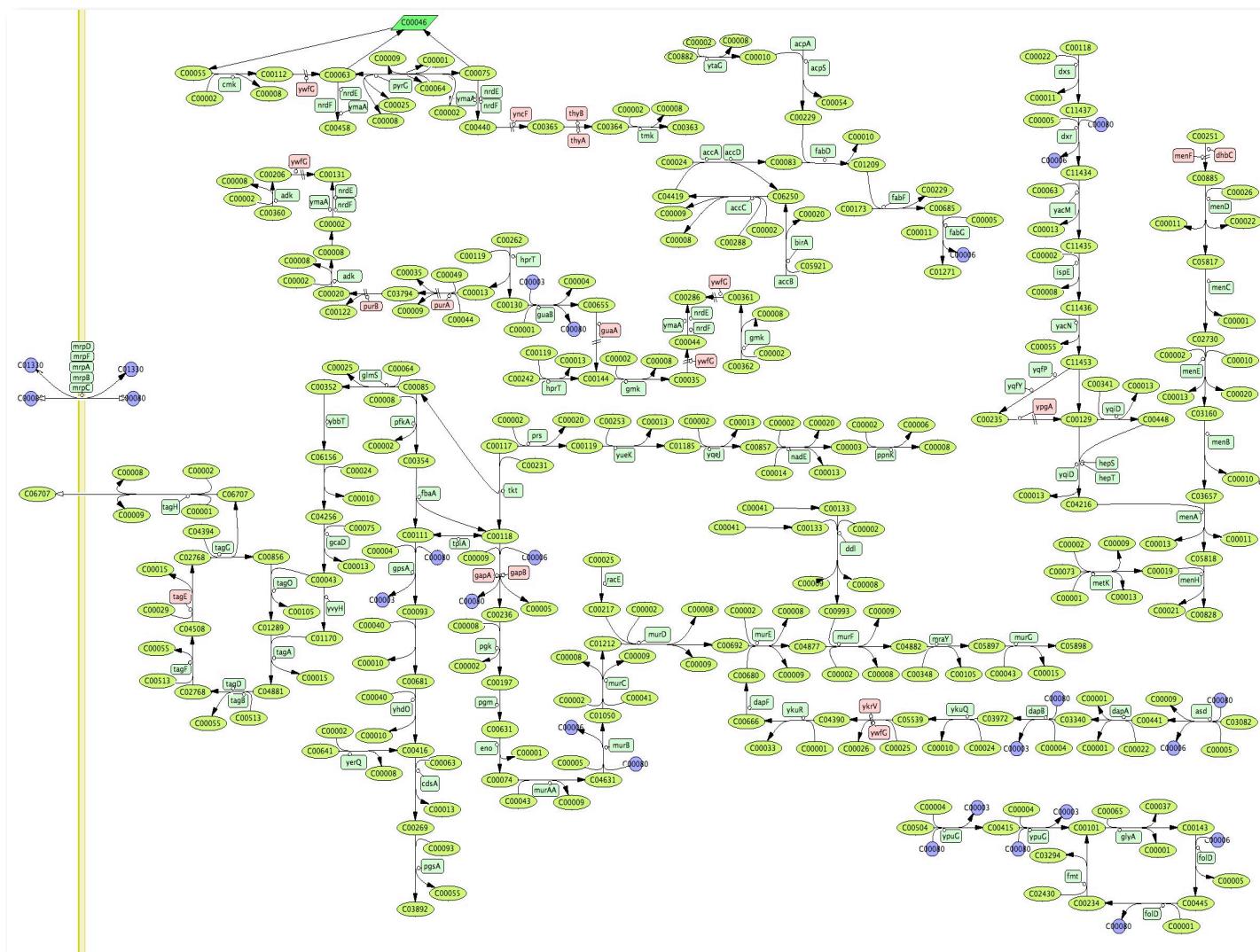
FIG. 3. Biosynthesis of cofactors. A metabolism of essential cofactors used by the minimal cell starting with precursors (i.e., vitamins): nicotinamide, riboflavin, thiamine, pyridoxal, pantothenic acid, methionine, and folic acid. Yellow boxes indicate the enzymes that need each cofactor for their correct function. Other colors and symbols are as in Fig. 1 and 2. PP: pyridoxal-phosphate.

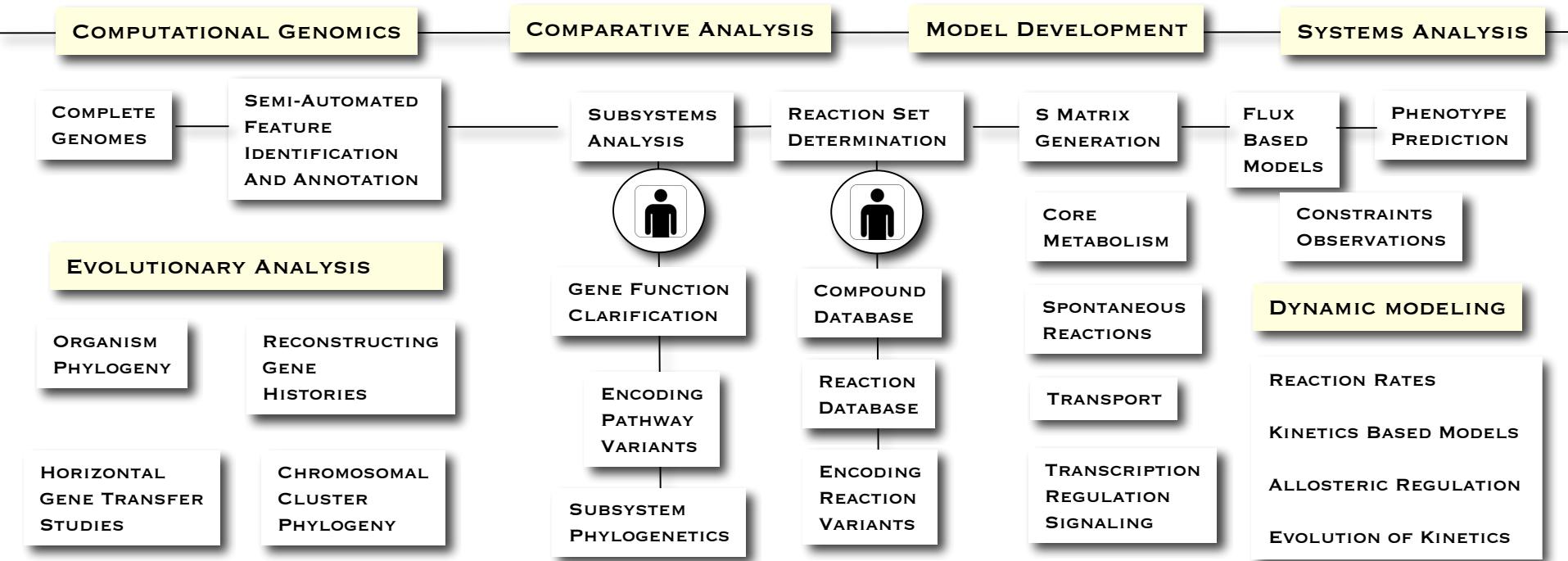


*Bacillus subtilis*

1  $\mu\text{m}$

# Model of *Bacillus subtilis* Essential Core





### SEARCHING FOR CANDIDATES OF HORIZONTAL GENE TRANSFER

$\mathcal{G}$  IS A GENE/PROTEIN INDEX (THINK COHERENT PROTEIN FAMILY OR COG)  
 $\mathcal{O}$  IS SET OF ORGANISMS (WE HAVE ABOUT 300 NOW - WILL HAVE 1,000 IN THREE YEARS)  
 $\mathcal{X}$  IS A SET OF CONSERVED GENES/PROTEINS COMMON TO MANY  $\mathcal{O}$  (ORDER HUNDREDS)

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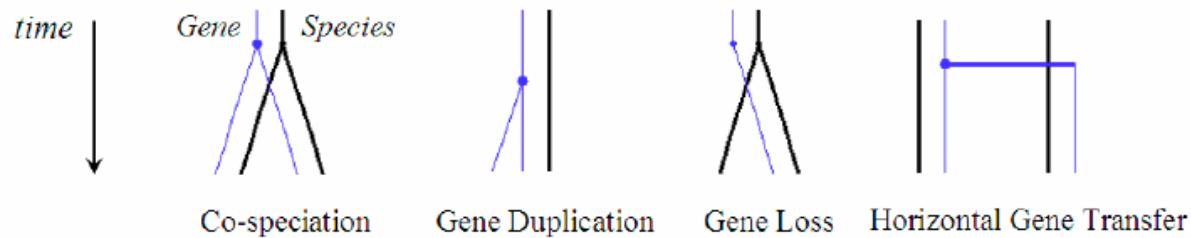
 $dnaSeq[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  EXTRACT CODING DNA SEQUENCES FOR  $\mathcal{X}$  FROM SOME  $\mathcal{O}$ 
 $proteinSeq[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  TRANSLATE DNA TO PROTEIN FOR EACH  $dnaSeq[\mathcal{G}]$ 
 $Bbhs[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  COMPUTE BIDIRECTIONAL BEST HITS FOR EACH  $proteinSeq[\mathcal{G}]$ 
 $TC[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  COMPUTE TRANSITIVE CLOSURE OF  $Bbhs[\mathcal{G}]$ 
 $MSA[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  COMPUTE MULTIPLE SEQUENCE ALIGNMENT OF EACH  $TC[\mathcal{G}]$ 
 $GeneTree[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  COMPUTE MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD TREE FOR EACH  $MSA[\mathcal{G}]$ 
 $OrgTree \leftarrow$  COMPUTE ORGANISM TREE* FOR  $\mathcal{O}$ 
 $ReconTrees[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  RECONCILE  $OrgTree$  WITH EACH  $GeneTree[\mathcal{G}]$ 
 $Candidates[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  SCORE AND SORT  $ReconTrees[\mathcal{G}]$ 
 $TreeGraphs[\mathcal{G}] \leftarrow$  COMPUTE READABLE RECONCILED TREES FOR  $Candidates[\mathcal{G}]$ 
  
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Each functional area admits a complex workflow, similar to the one on the left

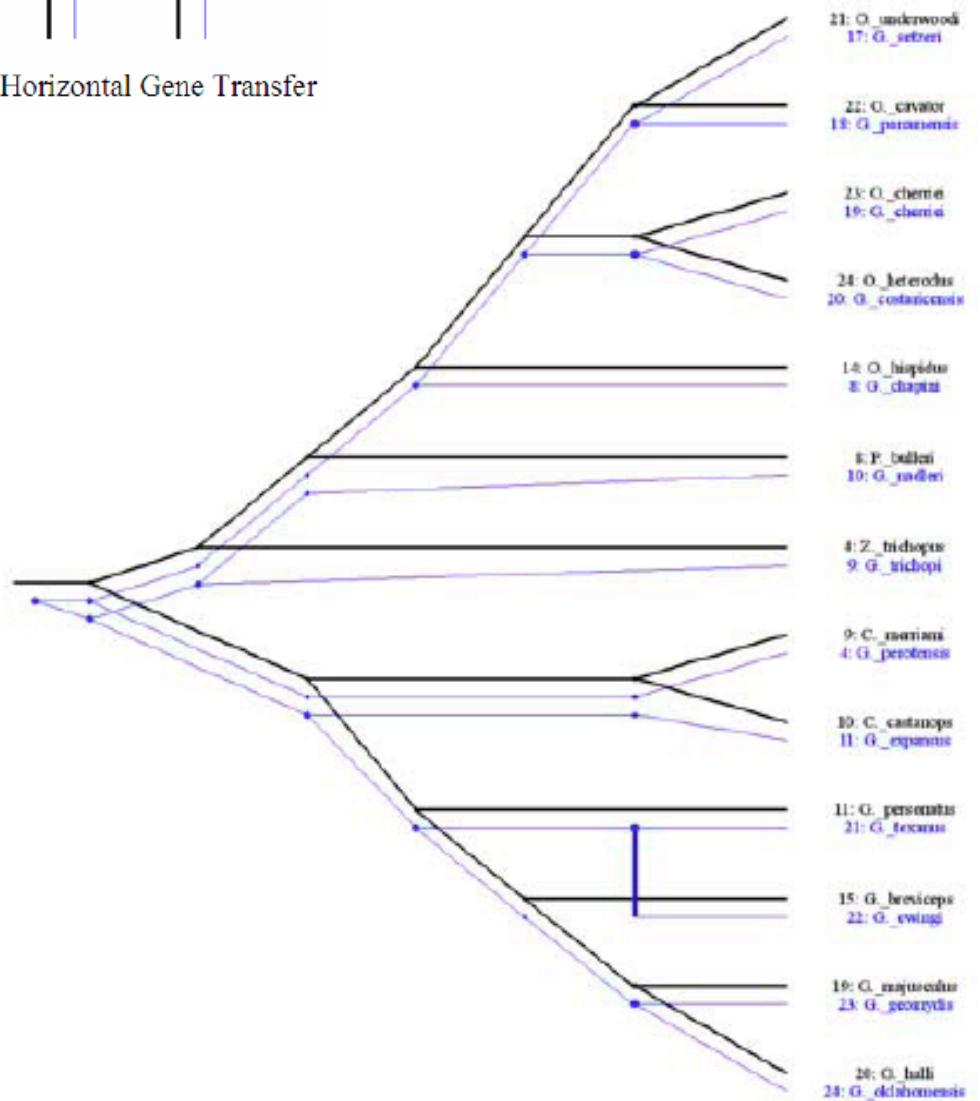
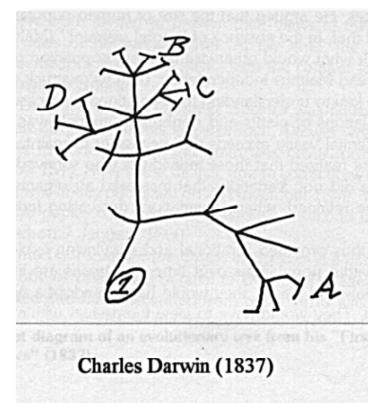
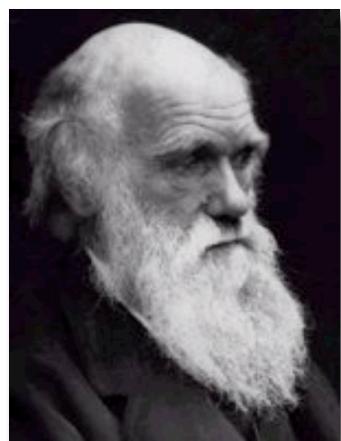
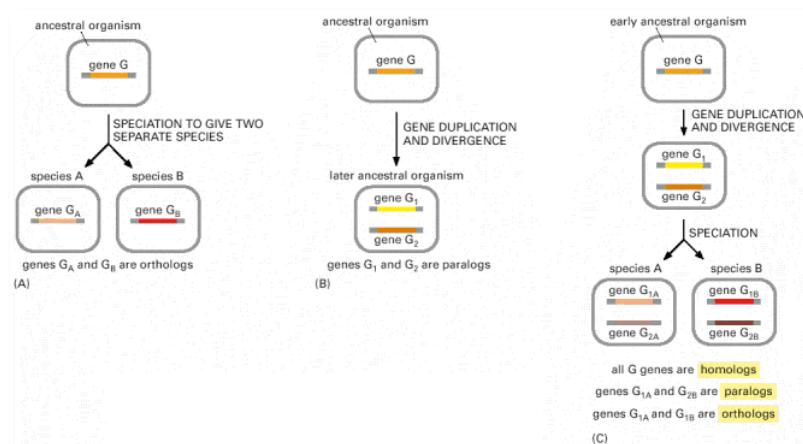
# Large-Scale Computing and the Hunt for Horizontal Gene Transfer

- Organismal Trees
  - 16S rRNA subunit
  - Consensus trees from multiple genes
- Gene Trees
  - Phylogeny for ~1000 most conserved genes x ~200 organisms
  - Core metabolism (TCA, EMP, PPP), DNA replication and repair, nucleotide synthesis, amino acid biosynthesis, etc.
- Operon Trees
  - Phylogeny for ~50 more conserved operons (gene clusters)
- Reconciliation
  - Sorting events, co-speciation, duplication, horizontal transfer
  - About 1 million reconciled trees will be generated



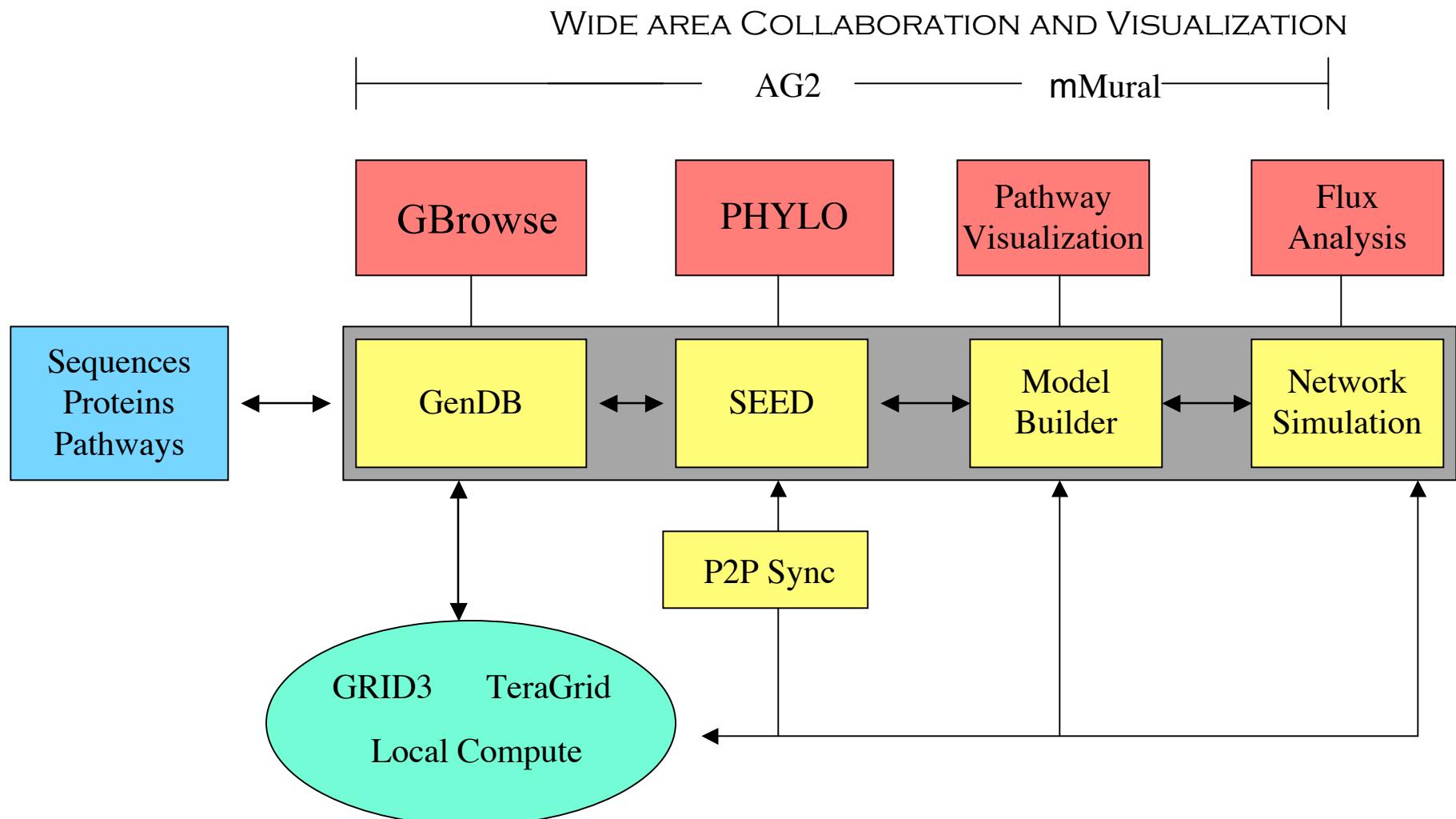


**Figure 1.** Four basic types of evolutionary events



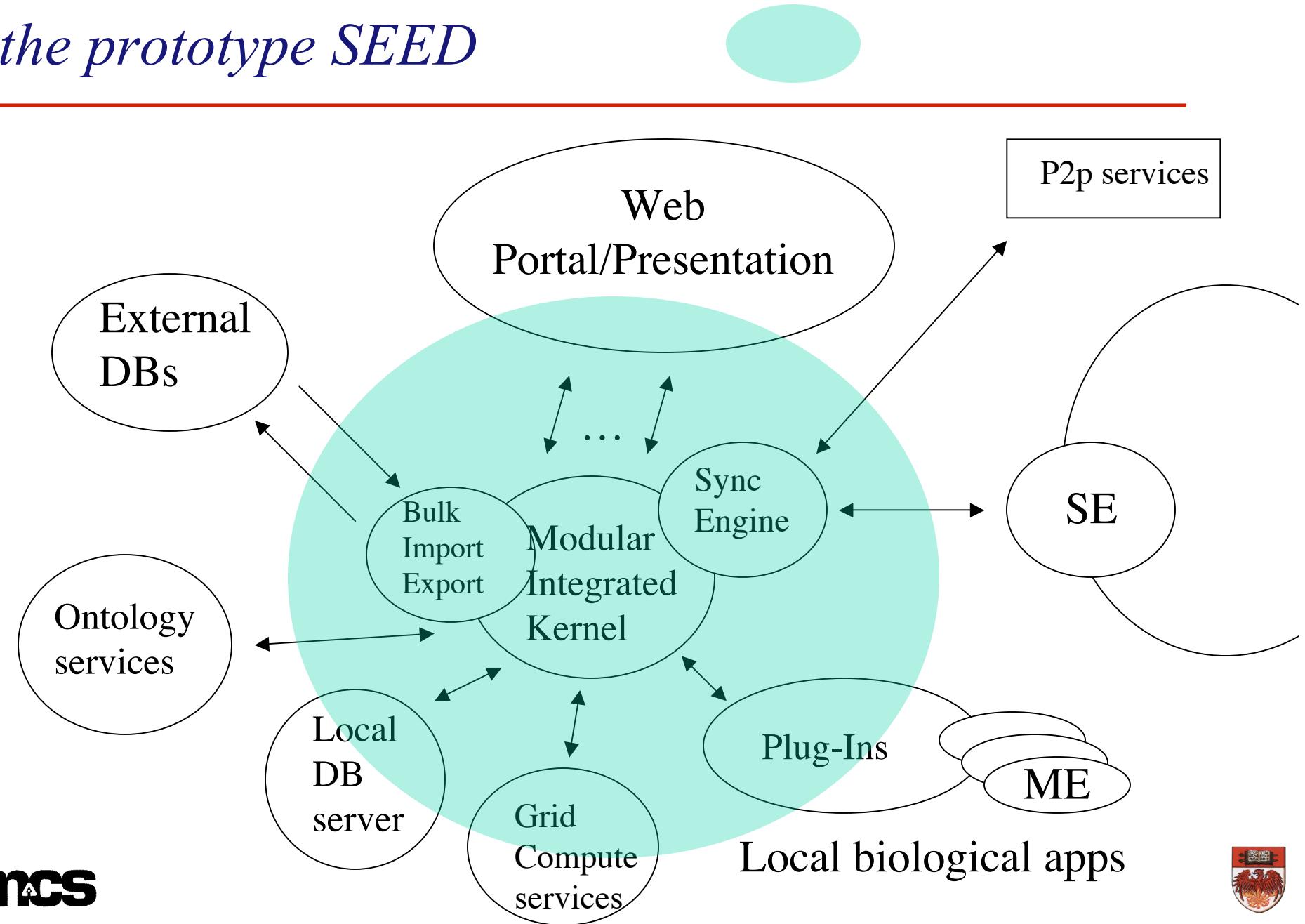
**Figure 4.** Visualized reconciled trees: HKY85 data

# The Chicago Systems Biology Infrastructure



# Peer-to-Peer Bioinformatics

## *the prototype SEED*



# Subsystems and The SEED

## Subsystem: NAD and NADP cofactor biosynthesis global

Functional Roles		
Column	Abbrev	Functional Role
1	TDO	Tryptophan 2,3-dioxygenase (EC 1.13.11.11)
2	IDO	Indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (EC 1.13.11.42)
3	KFA_e	Kynurenine formamidase (EC 3.5.1.9)
4	KFA_b	Kynurenine formamidase, bacterial (EC 3.5.1.9)
5	KMO	Kynureinate 3-monoxygenase (EC 1.14.13.9)
6	KYN	Kynureninase (EC 3.7.1.3)
7	HAD	3-hydroxyanthranilate 3,4-dioxygenase (EC 1.13.11.6)
8	ASPOX	L-aspartate oxidase (EC 1.4.3.16)
9	ASPDH	Aspartate dehydrogenase [same functional role as] (EC 1.4.3.16)
10	QSYN	Quinolinate synthetase (EC 4.1.99.-)
11	QAPRT	Quinolinate phosphoribosyltransferase [decarboxylating] (EC 2.4.2.19)
12	NAMNAT	Nicotinate-nucleotide adenyllyltransferase (EC 2.7.7.18)
13	NNMNAT	Nicotinamide-nucleotide adenyllyltransferase (EC 2.7.7.1)
14	NADS	NAD synthetase (EC 6.3.1.5)
15	GAT	Glutamine amidotransferase chain of NAD synthetase
16	NADK	NAD kinase (EC 2.7.1.23)

Subsets of Roles	
Subset	Includes These Roles
*ASPOX	8,9
*KFA	3,4
*PNAT	12,13
*RNK	21,22
*TDO	1,2
Bacterial_type	8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21
Eukaryotic_type	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,22

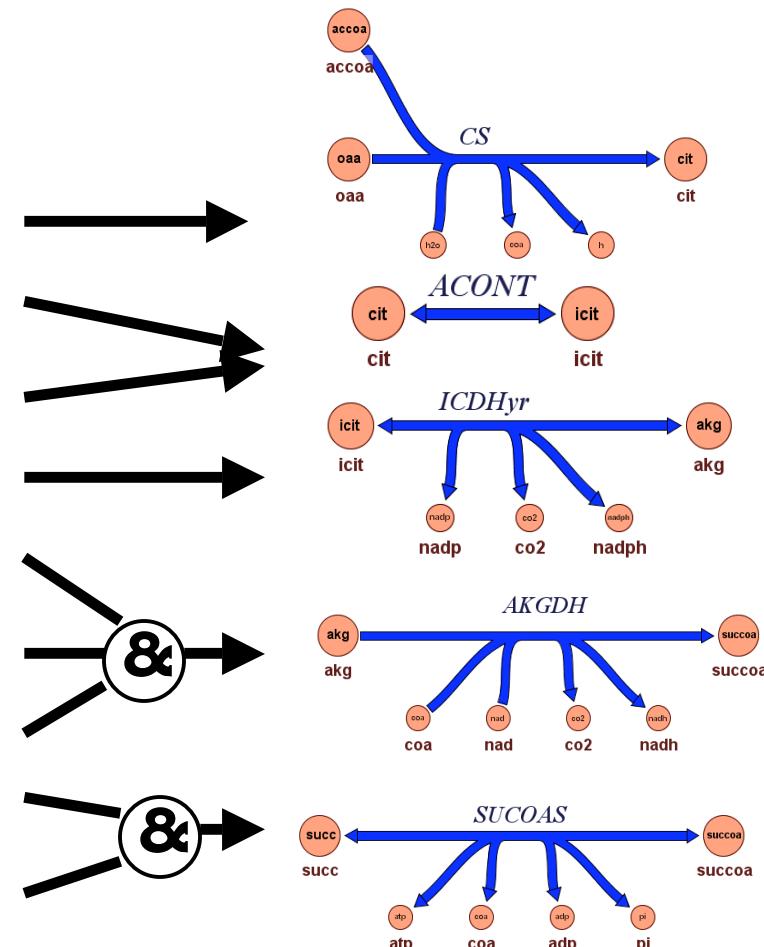
Genome ID	Organism	Variant Code	*TDO	*KFA	KMO	KYN	HAD	QAPRT	*PNAT	NADS	GAT	NADK	NAM	NAPRT	NMPRT	*RNK
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227377.1	Coxiella burnetii RSA 493 [B]	1						<a href="#">94</a>	<a href="#">531-12</a>	<a href="#">821</a>	<a href="#">821</a>	<a href="#">1232</a>			<a href="#">983</a>	
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985.1	Cytophaga hutchinsonii [B]	8	<a href="#">2355-1</a>		<a href="#">839</a>	<a href="#">840</a>	<a href="#">841</a>		<a href="#">262-12</a>			<a href="#">867</a>		<a href="#">1073</a>	<a href="#">2710-22</a>	
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# Functional Roles and Reaction Sets

Reactions in the context of the pathway should be associated with each functional gene annotation

## FUNCTIONAL ROLES

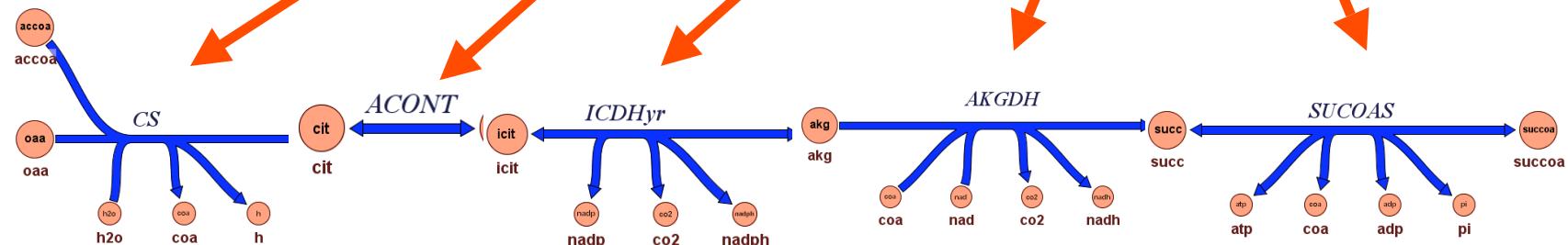
Col	Abr	Functional Role
1	gltA	Citrate synthase (EC 2.3.3.1)
2	acnB	Aconitate hydratase 2 (EC 4.2.1.3)
3	acnA	Aconitate hydratase (EC 4.2.1.3)
4	icd	Isocitrate dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.42)
5	sucA	2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase E1 component (EC 1.2.4.2)
6	sucB	2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase E2 component (EC 2.3.1.61)
7	lpdA	Dihydrolipoamide dehydrogenase (EC 1.8.1.4)
8	sucD	Succinyl-CoA synthetase alpha chain (EC 6.2.1.5)
9	sucC	Succinyl-CoA synthetase beta chain (EC 6.2.1.5)



# Subsystems to Reaction Networks

The reactions that are associated with an organism are combined to form a network based on the subsystems

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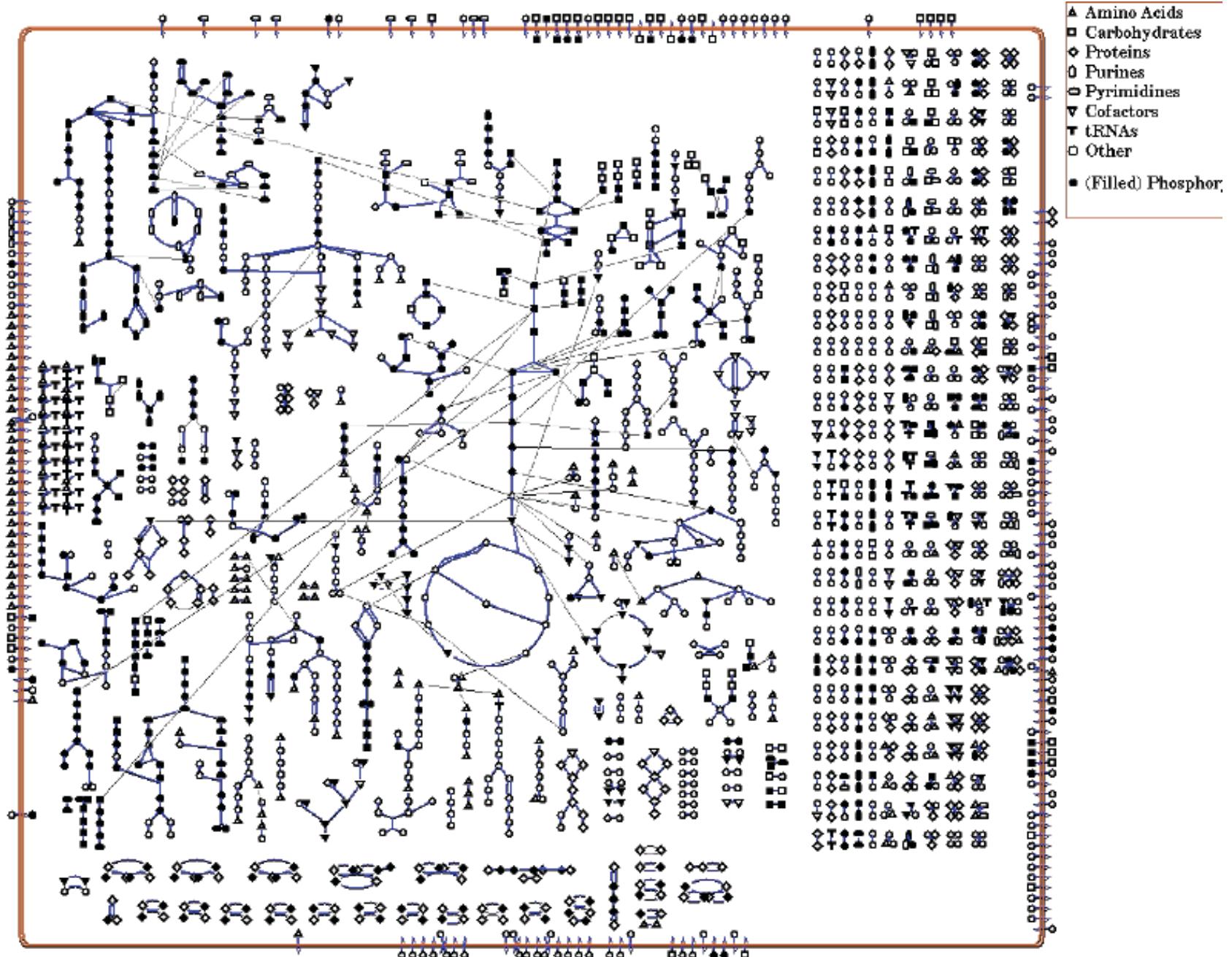


# ~200 SUBSYSTEMS CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT

ABC TRANSPORTER ALKYLPHOSPHONATE (TC 3.A.1.9.1)  
ABC TRANSPORTER ARABINOSE (TC 3.A.1.2.2)  
ABC TRANSPORTER BRANCHED-CHAIN AMINO ACID (TC 3.A.1.4.1)  
ABC TRANSPORTER DIPEPTIDE (TC 3.A.1.5.2)  
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ARGININE\_DEGRADATION  
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BACTERIAL\_CELL\_DIVISION  
BETAIN\_BIOSYNTHESIS  
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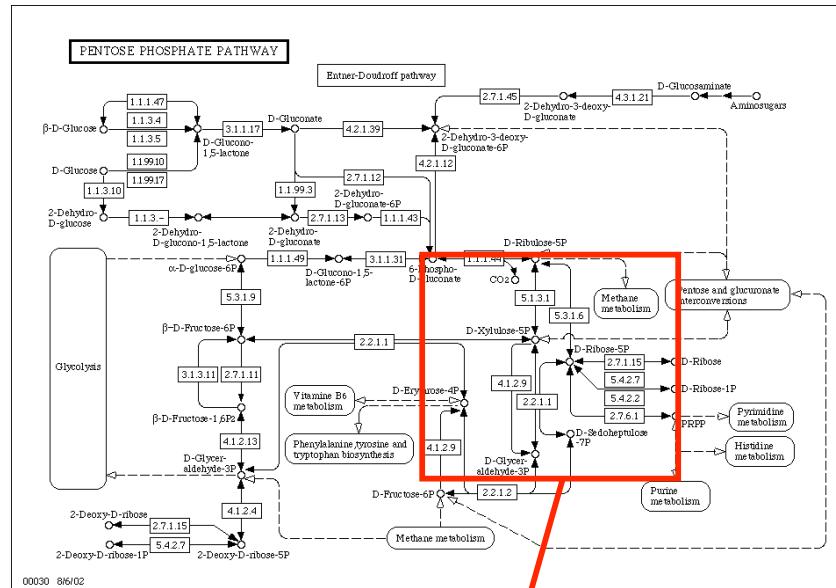
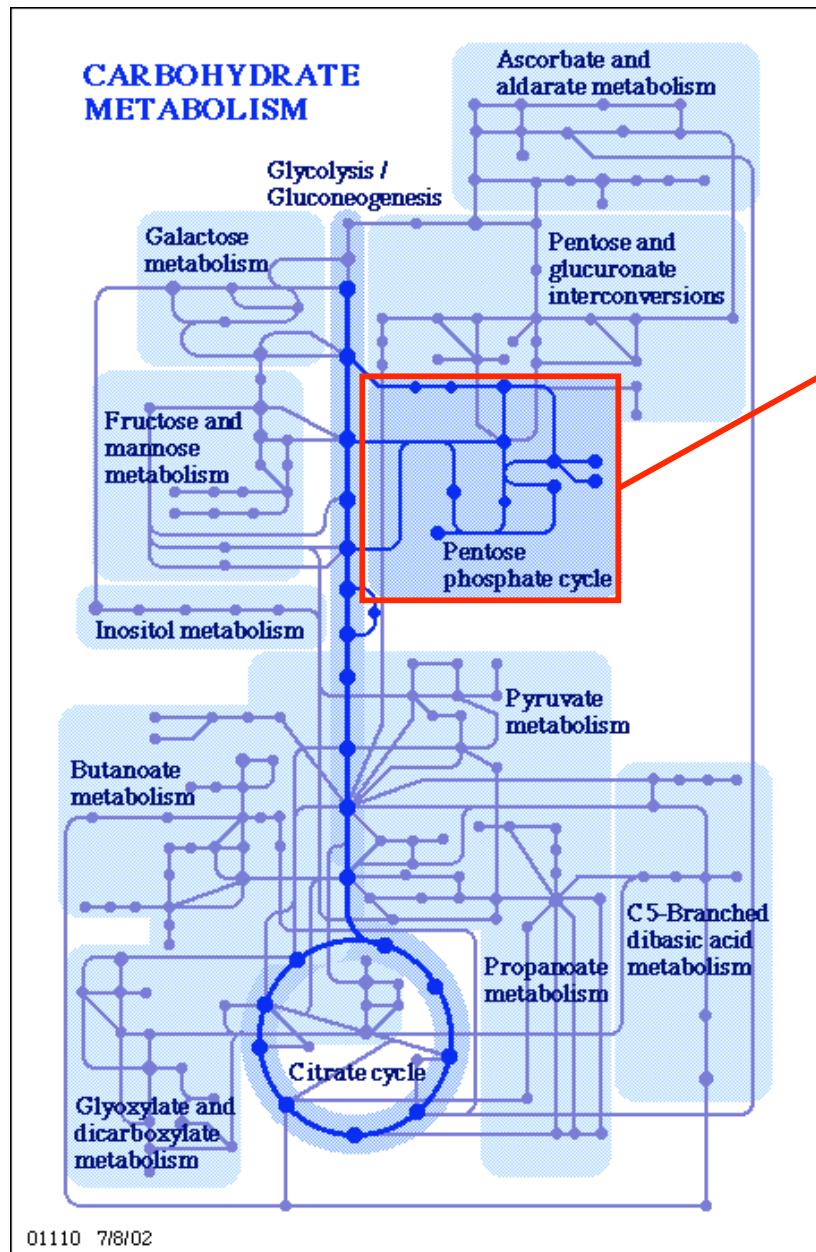
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UDP-N-ACETYL MURAMATE FROM FRUCTOSE-6-PHOSPHATE BIOSYNTHESIS  
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*E. coli* K-12 Metabolic Overview

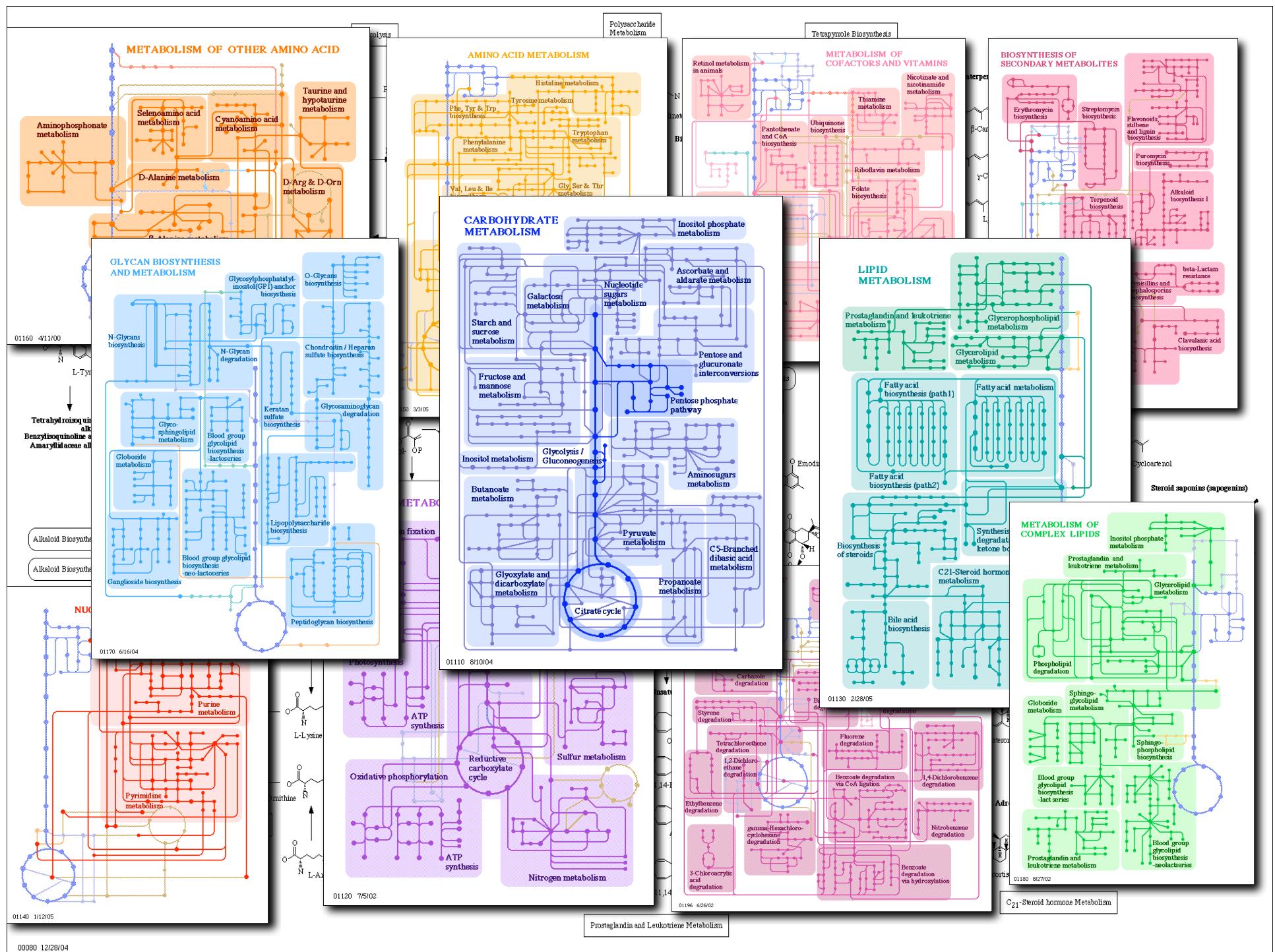
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# MODEL GENERATION FROM DATABASES

## Database Tables

## Model Cores

## Simulation Environments

Genes

Mass and Charge Balance Equations

Flux Balance Models

- Mathematica
- Octave
- GAMS

Cis regions

Regulatory Networks

Stochastic Models

- StochSim
- Stock 2

Regulons

Signaling Networks

Kinetics Models

- e-Cell
- SBML/mathML

Roles

Reaction Rate Equations

Logical Models

- Mathematica
- Prolog

Ecs and TCs

Protein Interaction networks

Kinetics

Boundary Fluxes

Reactions

Organizational Structures

Interactions

Compounds

Locations and Compartments

Constraints

Objective Functions



# Genotype → Phenotype

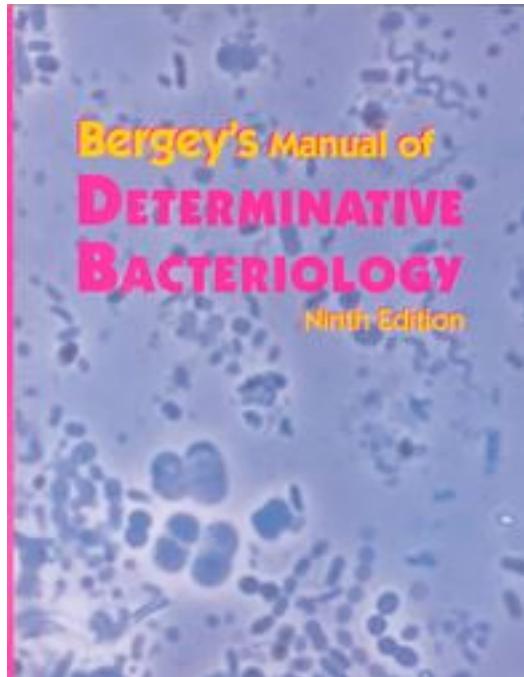
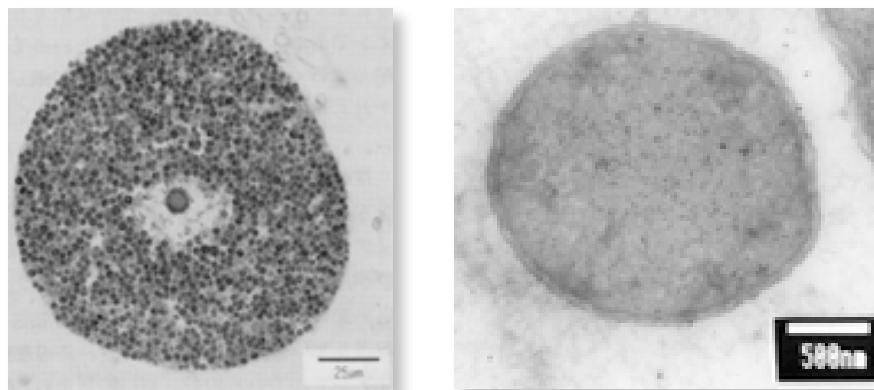
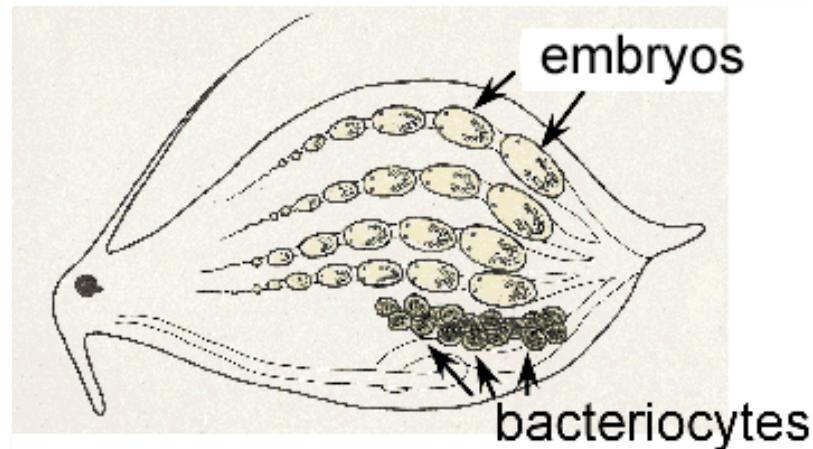


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*Differential characteristics of the species of the genus Bacillus<sup>a,b</sup>*

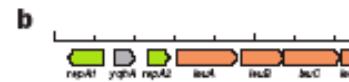
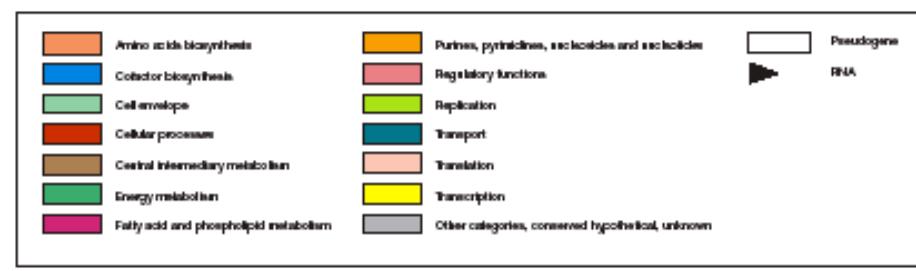
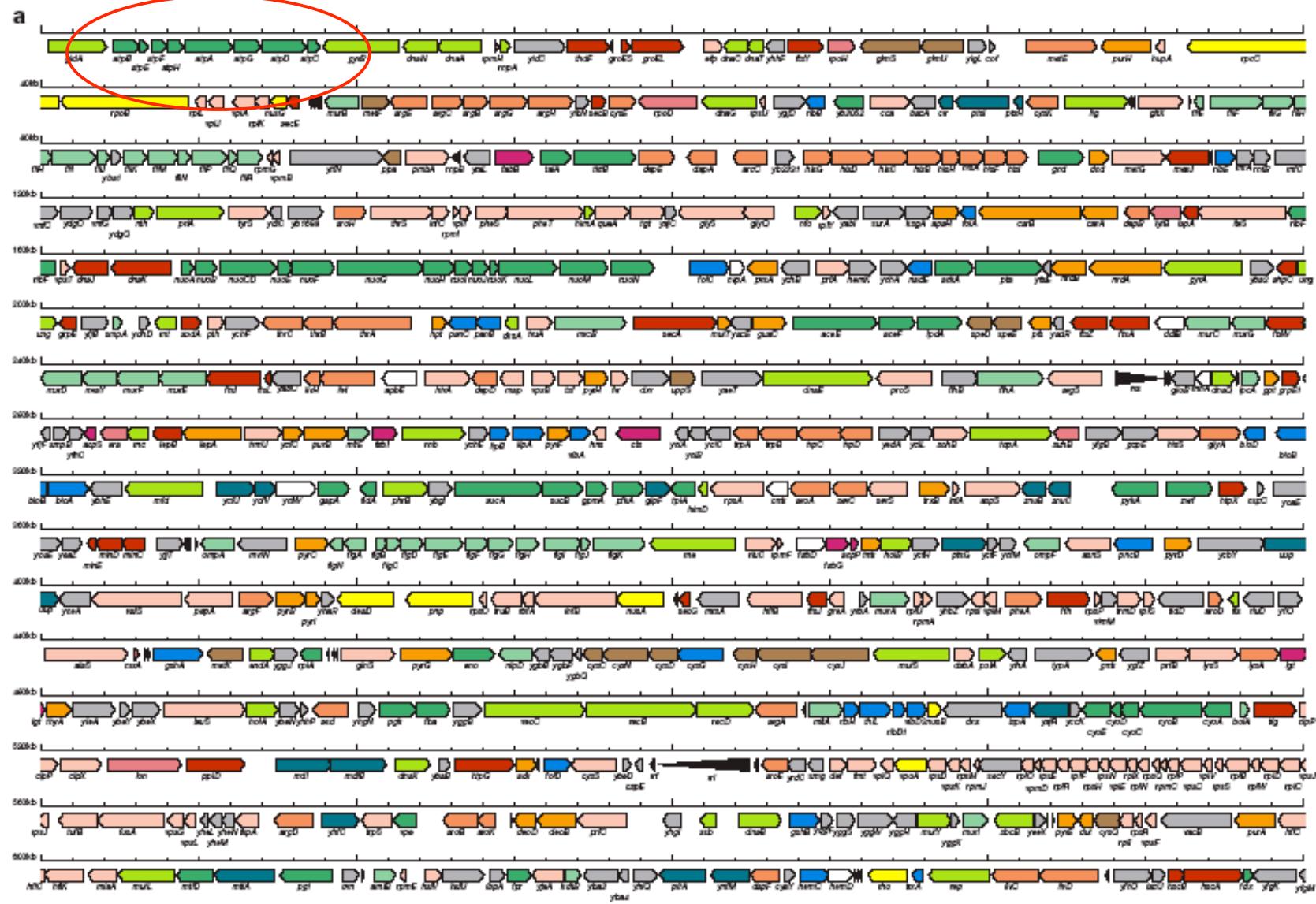
Characteristics	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>B. acidocetabarius</i> <sup>c</sup>	<i>B. alcalophilus</i> <sup>d</sup>	<i>B. alhei</i>	<i>B. anthracis</i>	<i>B. atroformans</i> <sup>e</sup>	<i>B. badius</i>	<i>B. brevis</i>	<i>B. cereus</i> <sup>f</sup>	<i>B. circulans</i>	<i>B. coagulans</i>	<i>B. fastidiosa</i> <sup>g</sup>	<i>B. firmus</i> <sup>h</sup>	<i>B. globisporus</i> <sup>i,k</sup>	<i>B. insolitus</i> <sup>j,k</sup>	<i>B. licheniformis</i>	<i>B. laterosporus</i>
Cell diameter >1.0 µm	-	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spores round	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sporangium swollen	-	ND	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parasporal crystals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catalase	+	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaerobic growth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voges-Proskauer test	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
pH in V-P broth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<6	d	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
>7	-	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acid from	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Glucose	+	ND	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L-Arabinose	+	ND	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Xylose	+	ND	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Mannitol	+	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gas from glucose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hydrolysis of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Casein	+	ND	+	+	+	+	ND	+	d	+	+	+	+	+	+	d	+
Gelatin	+	ND	+	+	+	+	-	ND	-	d	+	+	+	+	+	d	-
Starch	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	d	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Utilization of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Citrate	(+)	-	-	-	-	d	ND	+	d	+	d	d	d	d	d	ND	ND
Propionate	-	ND	-	d	ND	d	-	ND	ND	+	+	+	+	+	+	d	+
Degradation of tyrosine	-	ND	ND	-	d	d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Deamination of phenylalanine	-	ND	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ND	ND
Egg-yolk lecithinase	-	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	d	+
Nitrate reduced to nitrite	(+)	ND	-	-	-	-	ND	-	d	+	d	d	d	d	d	ND	ND
Formation of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indole	ND	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dihydroxyacetone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NaCl and KCl required	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allantoin or urate required	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth at pH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.8, nutrient broth	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.7	+	d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth in NaCl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2%	+	ND	ND	+	ND	+	ND	+	ND	ND	ND	ND	+	+	+	+	d
5%	+	ND	-	d	+	-	ND	-	-	d	d	-	-	-	-	-	-
7%	+	ND	-	-	ND	-	-	-	-	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10%	ND	ND	-	-	ND	-	-	-	-	ND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth at	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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10°C	d	-	ND	-	-	ND	-	-	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	-	-
30°C	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
40°C	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
50°C	d	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55°C	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65°C	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	d	+	d	ND	-	-	-	+	+
Growth with lysozyme present	d	ND	-	+	+	-	-	-	d	+	d	-	-	-	-	-	-
Autotrophic with H <sub>2</sub> +CO <sub>2</sub> or CO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

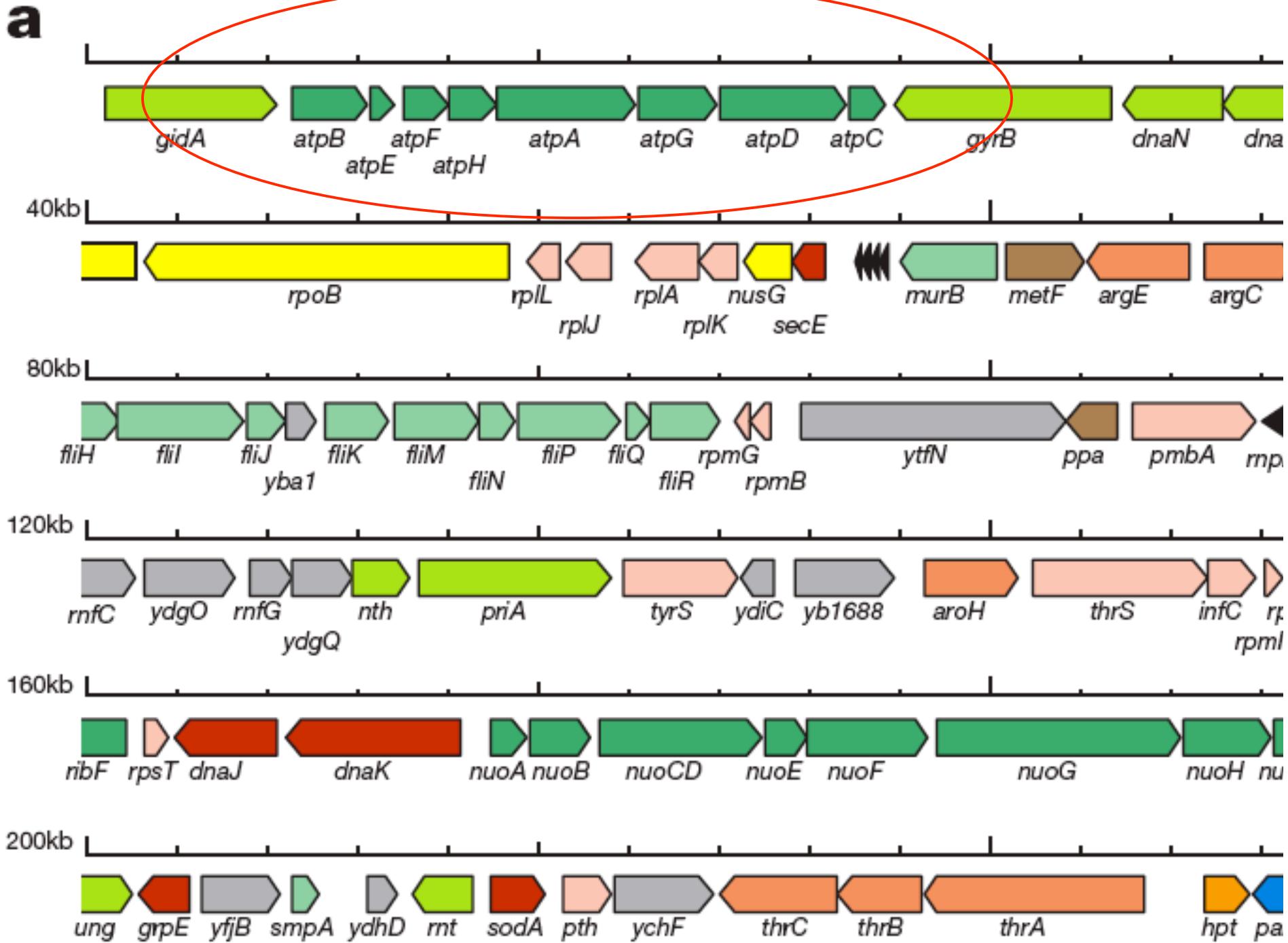
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# *Buchnera aphidcola* sp.



100 copies of the genome per cell, lacks cell defense genes





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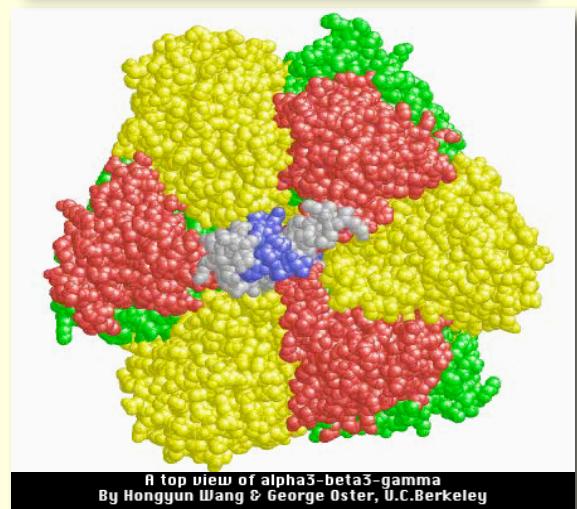
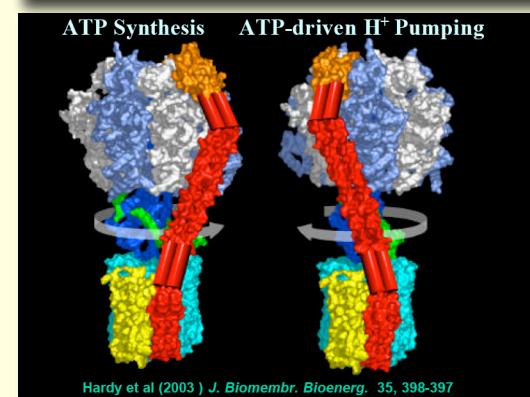
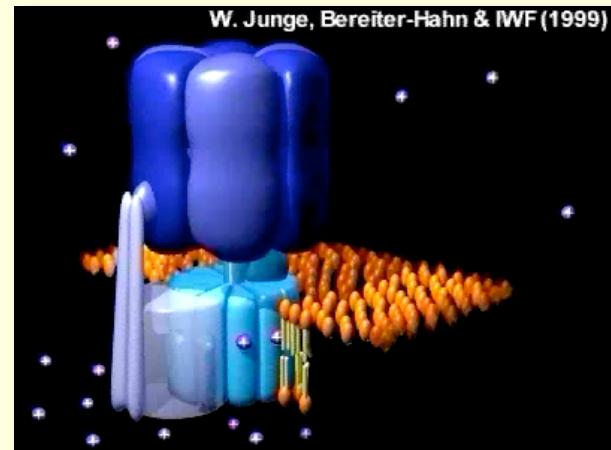
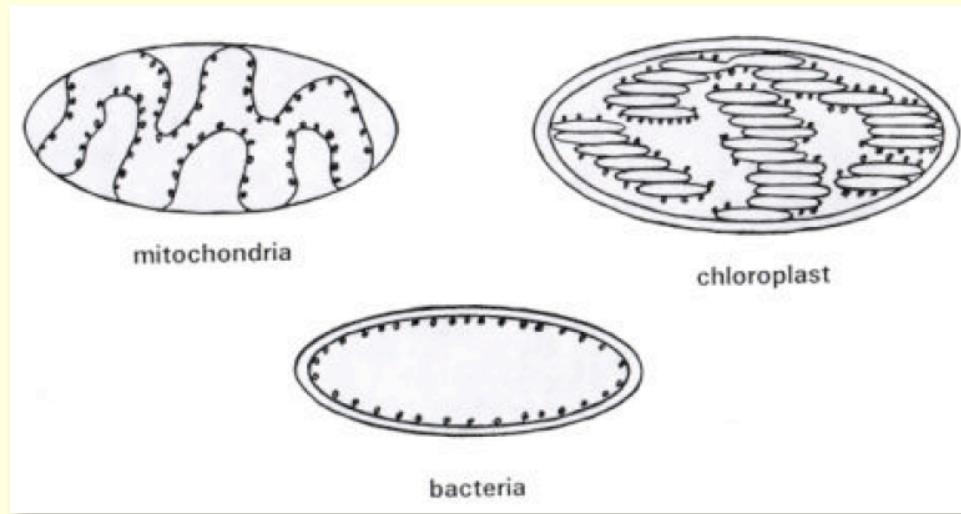
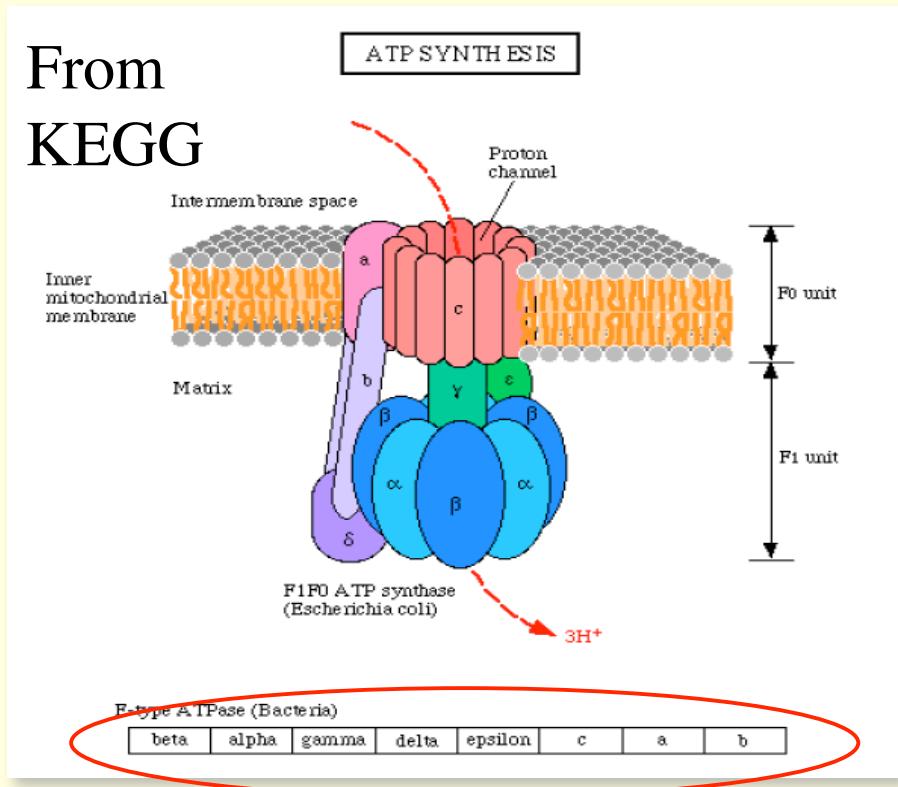
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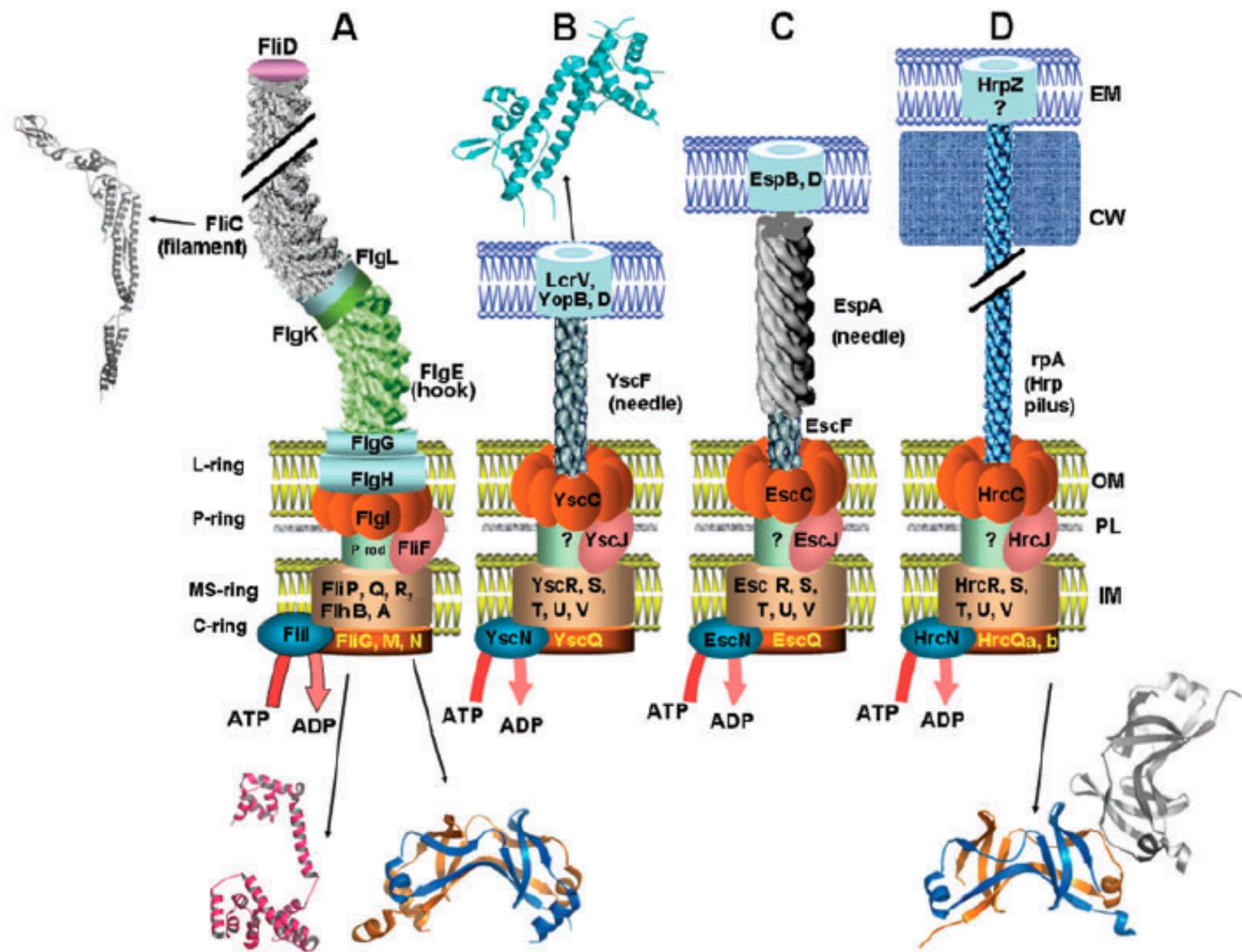
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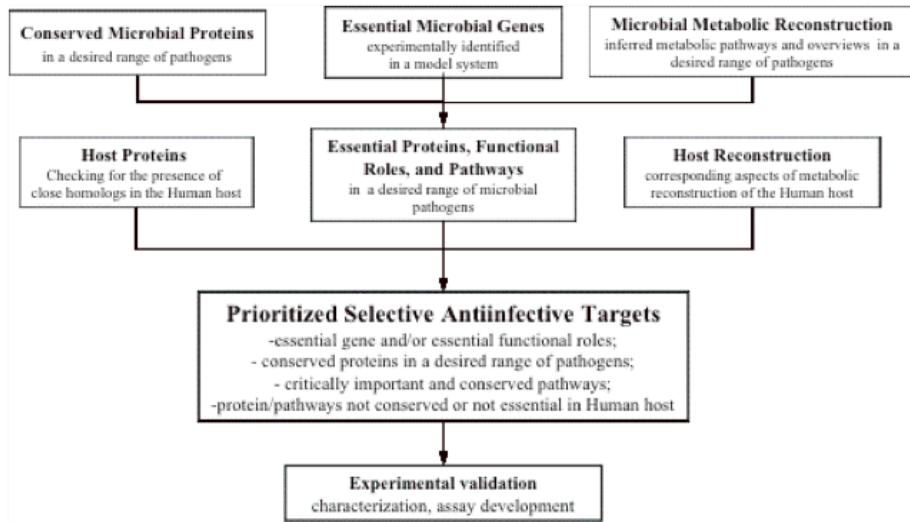




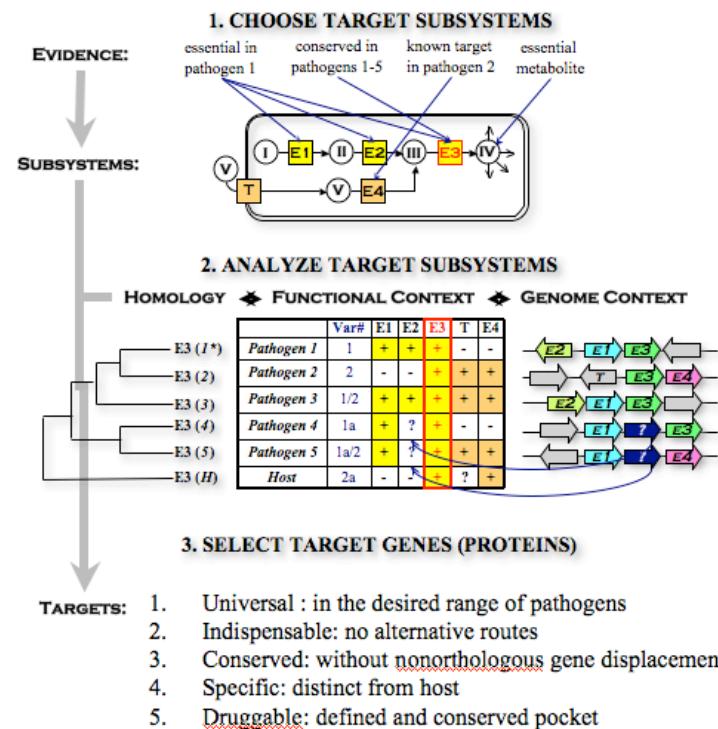
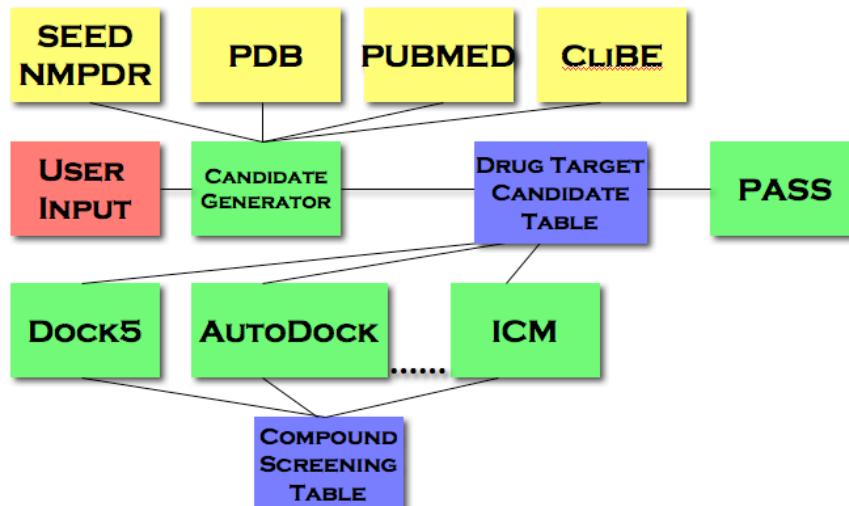
# DRUG DISCOVERY WORKFLOW {NEW ANTIBIOTICS}

1. IDENTIFY GENES/PROTEIN TARGETS FROM THE LITERATURE
  - KNOWN ANTIBIOTIC TARGETS AND KNOWN ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE FACTORS
  - ESSENTIAL GENES AND VIRULENCE ASSOCIATED FACTORS
2. DETERMINE FUNCTIONAL ROLE OF EACH TARGET
  - COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (CLUSTER ANALYSIS, SUBSYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION)
3. SEARCH FOR KNOWN INHIBITORS OF EACH TARGET
  - LITERATURE MINING AND COMPUTATIONAL SCREENING (SEE STEP 8)
4. DETERMINE DEGREE OF CONSERVATION ACROSS SPECIES
  - PHYLOGENY AND SEQUENCE ALIGNMENT
  - CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ACTIVE SITE
  - EARLY SCREEN IN HUMAN AND MODEL SYSTEMS
5. DETERMINE STRUCTURE OF EACH TARGET (PDB, COMPUTATION)
  - DATABASE SEARCH/SIMILARITY AND STRUCTURAL MODELING
6. DETERMINE ACTIVE SITE OF EACH TARGET
  - COMPUTATIONAL ANALYSIS OF EACH STRUCTURE
7. DETERMINE DRUGABILITY OF EACH TARGET
  - SIZE OF POCKET, NUMBER OF POCKETS
8. SCREENING OF COMPOUNDS FOR BINDING AFFINITY ETC.
  - COMPUTATIONAL AND HIGH-THROUGHPUT EXPERIMENTS
9. TOXICITY SCREENING IN HUMAN AND MODEL SYSTEMS
  - COMPUTATIONAL AND HIGH-THROUGHPUT EXPERIMENTS

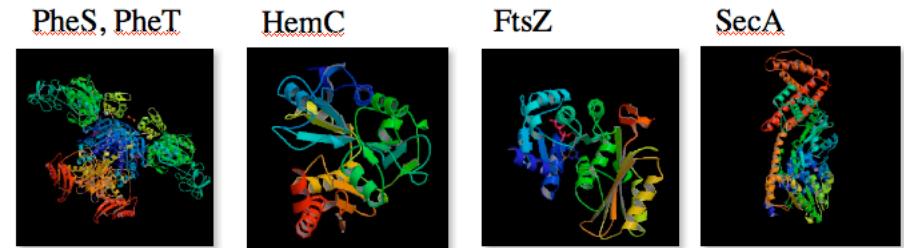
# Functional Genomics Approach to Anti-microbial Agent Development



## Drug Target Development and Screening

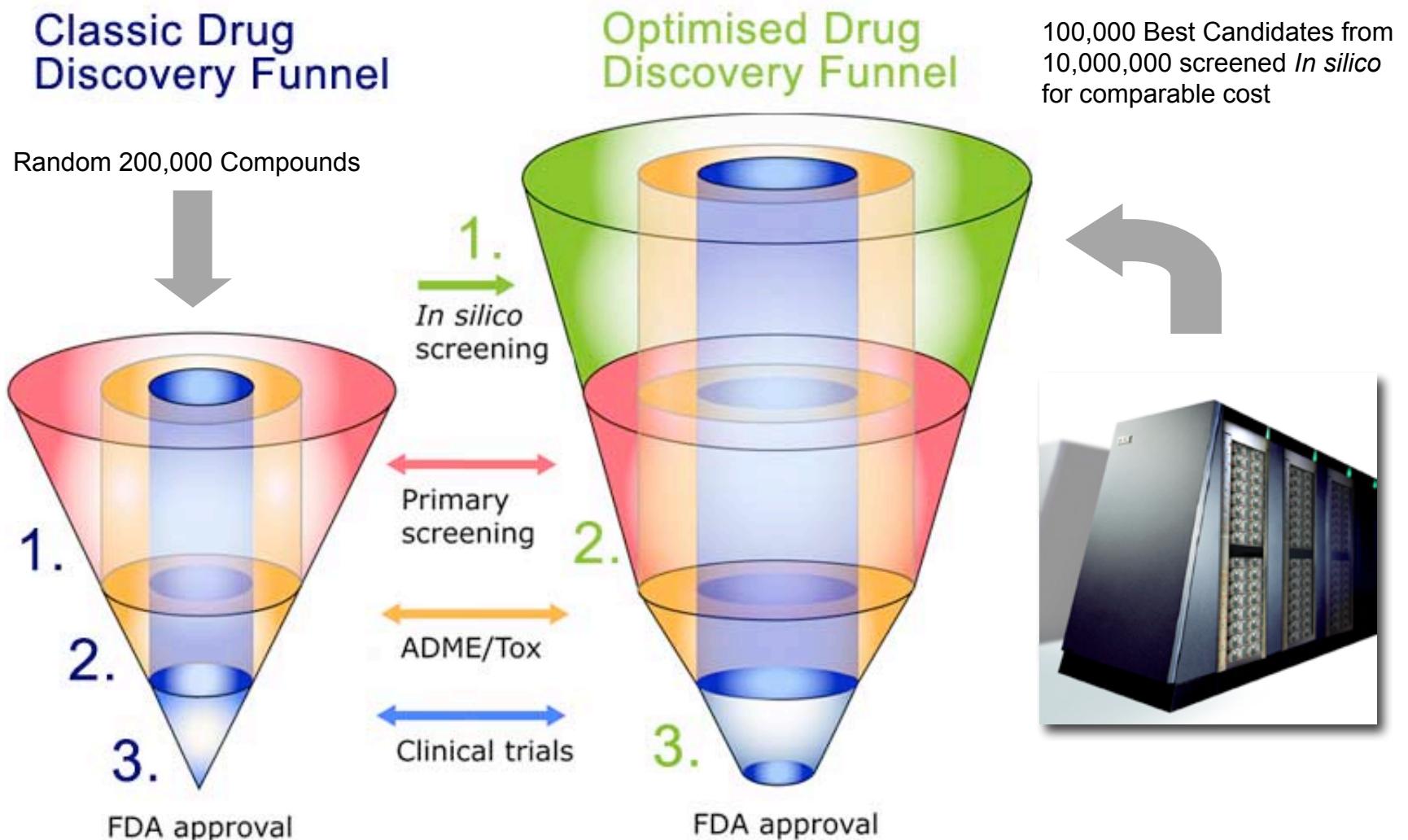


## Anti-Microbial Drug Targets on Blue Gene

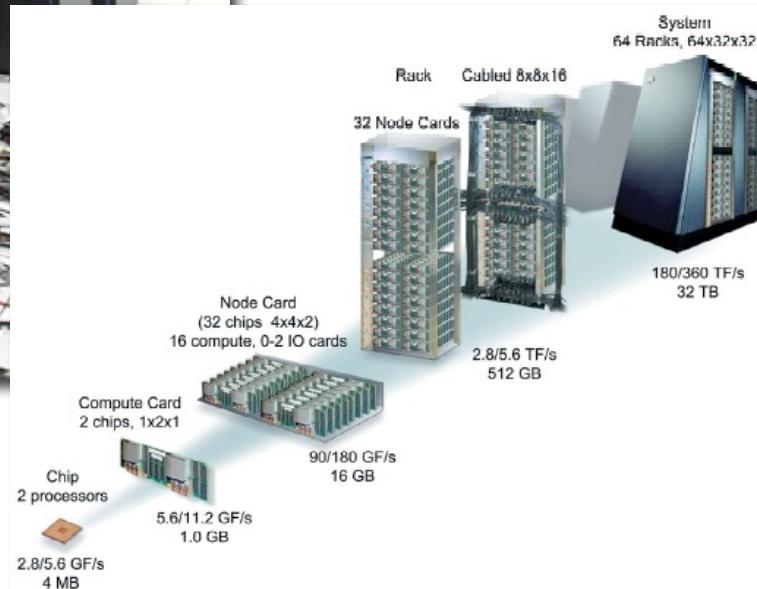
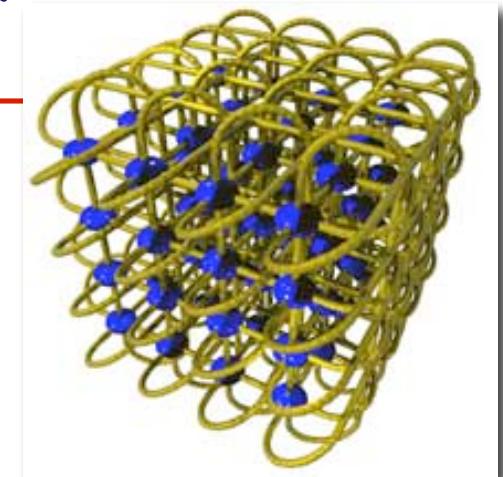
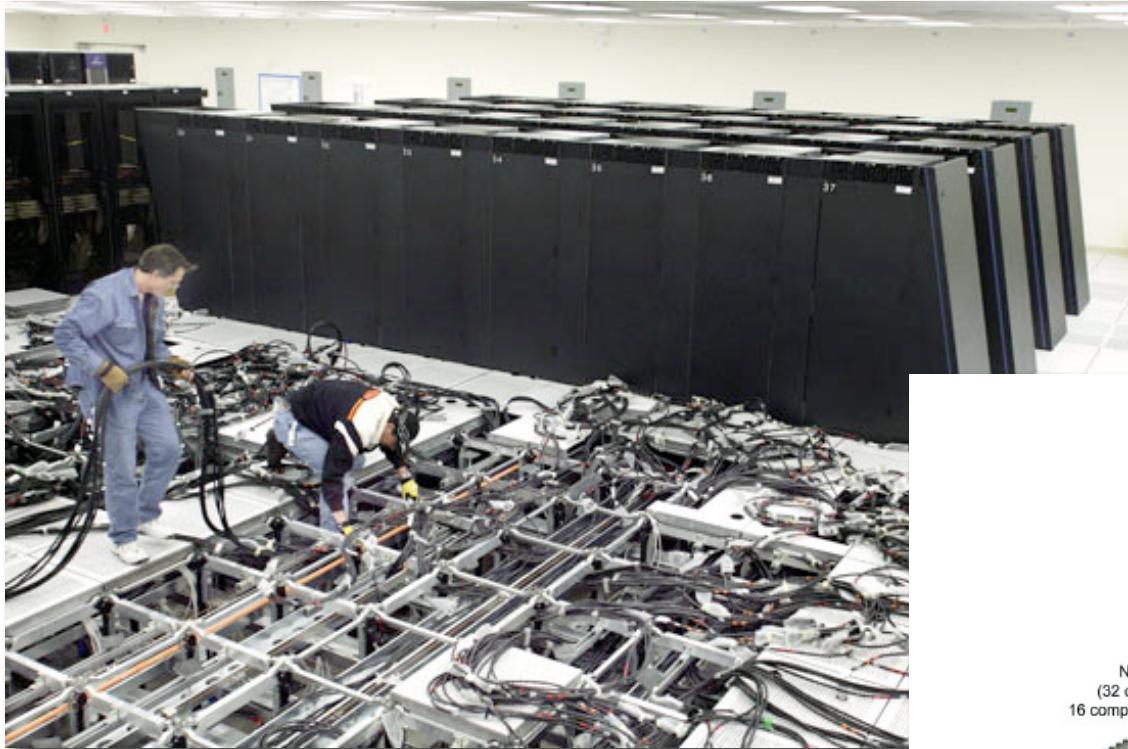


Our preliminary results indicate we can approach an *in silico* initial ligand screening throughput of approximately 100,000 screens per Blue Gene Rack (1024 nodes) per day.

# The Economics of *in silico* Screening



# IBM's Blue Gene Supercomputer



Worlds fastest  
Supercomputer  
280 TeraFLOPS

# Petascale Biological Computations

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- Searching for new antibiotics
  - 300 essential-gene-products x 3.3 million compounds
    - 990 million drug docking computations (each one involves about 20 different computations) ⇒ over 10 billion jobs
- Determining *in silico* essential genes in pathogens
  - Single, double and triple deletion *in silico* mutants
    - 1,000 gene models, 1M runs for double deletion mutants, 1B runs for triple deletion mutants
- Understanding the evolution of protein families
  - Searching horizontal gene transfers in early Prokaryotes
    - ~3000 protein families ⇒ for each one we want to build detailed gene phylogeny and reconcile with species tree
    - Thousands of phylogenies and tree reconciliations

# Computational Biology @ petascale

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Biology Problem Area	@ 360 TF/s	@1000 TF/s	@ 5000 TF/s				
Determining the detailed evolutionary history of each protein family $\Rightarrow$ This will enable rational planning for structural biology initiatives and will provide a foundation for assessing protein function and diversity	3,000 hours to build reference database	300 hours to build reference database	60 hours to build reference database	Model and simulate the precise cellulose degradation and ethanol and butanol biosynthesis pathways at the protein/ligand level to identify opportunities for molecular optimization $\Rightarrow$ This would result in a set of model systems to be further developed for optimization of the production of biofuels	Simulate in detail the directed evolution of individual enzymes	Simulate the co-evolution and optimization of a degradation or biosynthesis pathway of up five enzymes	Simulate the optimization of a complete cellulose to ethanol or butanol production system of over a dozen enzymatic steps
Determining the frequency and detailed nature of horizontal gene transfers in prokaryotes $\Rightarrow$ This will shed light on the molecular and genetic mechanisms of evolution by means other than direct "Darwinian" descent and will contribute to our understanding of the acquisition of virulence and drug resistance in pathogens and the means by which prokaryotes adapt to the environment	1,000 hours to study 200 gene families	1,000 hours to study 2000 gene families	1,000 hours to study 10,000 gene families	Model and simulate the replication of DNA to understand the origin of and the repair mechanisms of genetic mutations $\Rightarrow$ This would result in dramatic progress in the fundamental understanding of how nature manages mutations, which molecular factors determine the broad range of organism susceptibility to radiation and other mutagens	30 ns simulation of DNA polymerase	10 ensembles of different DNA repair enzymes	Complete polymerase mediated base pair addition step
Automated construction of core metabolic models for all the sequenced DOE genomes $\Rightarrow$ This will enable dramatic acceleration of the promise of the GTL program and the use of microbial systems to address DOE mission needs in energy, environment, and science	1 hour per organism, 100 hours per metagenome	10 organisms per hour, 10 hours per metagenome	50 organisms per hour, 2 hours per metagenome	Model and simulate the process of DNA transcription and protein translation and assembly $\Rightarrow$ This would enable us to move forward on understanding post-transcription and post-translation modification and epigenetic regulation of protein synthesis	Validate current understanding of ribosomal function	Explore splisosome function and the evolution of intron/exon functions	Model the complete coupled processes of DNA transcription to Protein translation including regulatory processes
Predict essential genes for all known sequenced micro-organisms $\Rightarrow$ This will enable a broader class of genes and gene products to be targeted for potential drugs and to predict culturability conditions for environmental microbes	300 hours for 1,000 organisms 10 hours to predict culturability per organism	30 hours for 1,000 organisms, 1 hour to predict culturability per organism	30 hours for 5,000 orgs	Model and simulate the interlinked metabolisms of microbial communities $\Rightarrow$ This project is relevant to understanding the biogeochemical cycles of extreme, natural and disturbed environments and will lead to the development of strategies for the production of biofuels and the development of new bioengineered processes based on exploiting communities rather than individual organisms	20 organisms in a linked metabolic network	100 organisms in a linked metabolic network	200 organisms in a linked metabolic network
Computational screening all known microbial drug targets against the public and private databases of chemical compounds to identify potential new inhibitors and potential drugs $\Rightarrow$ The resulting database would be a major national biological research resource that would have dramatic impact on worldwide health research and fundamental science of microbiology	2 M ligands per day per target (1 year to screen all microbial targets)	20 M ligands per day per target (~1 month to screen all microbial targets)	1 machine year to screen all known human drug targets	In silico prediction of mutations and activity, conformational changes, active site alterations	One enzyme	Five-enzyme pathway	Eight enzyme pathway optimization
Biology Problem Area	@ 360 TF/s	@1000 TF/s	@ 5000 TF/s				

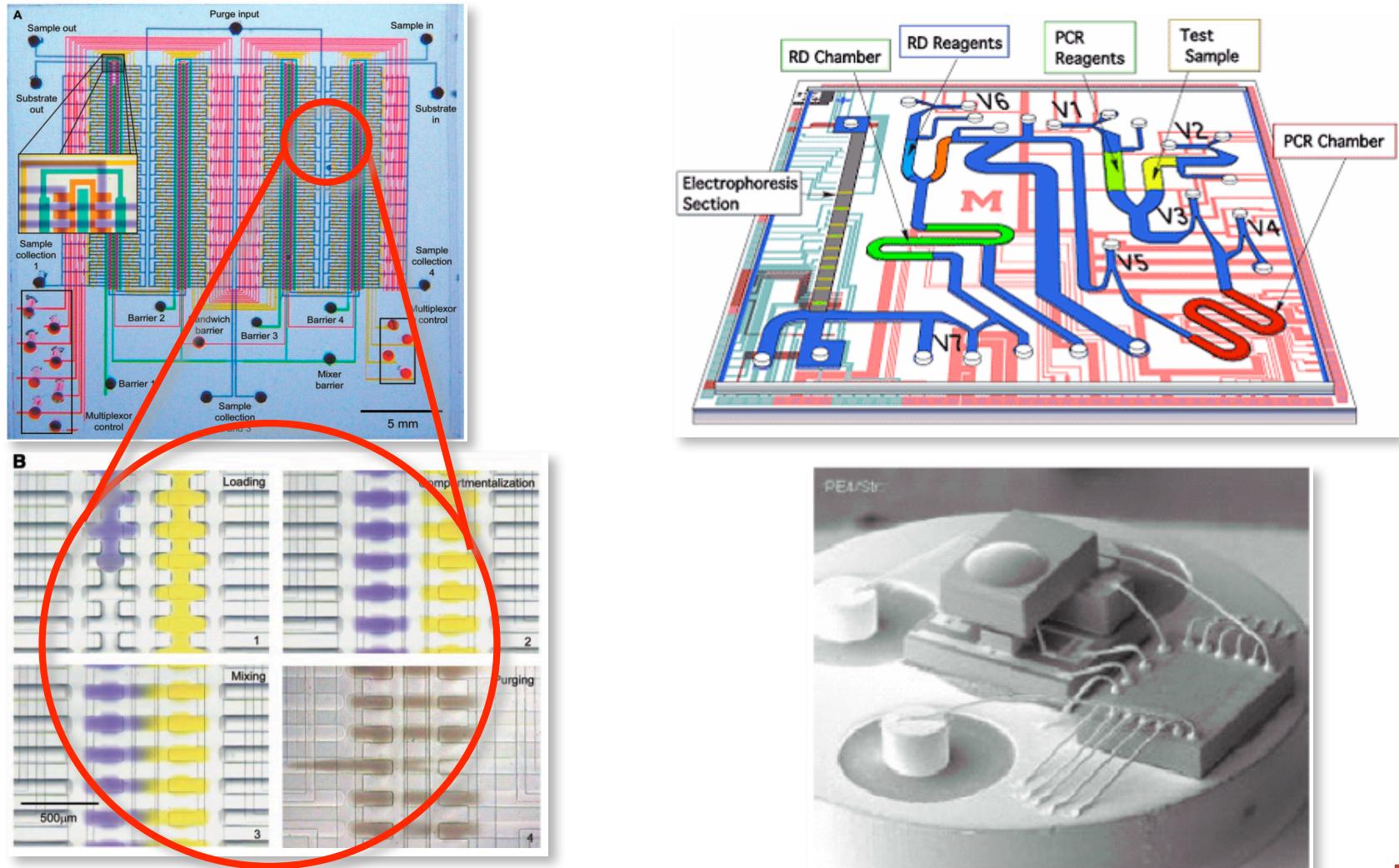
# Data Intensive Science: The Next Revolution

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- HPC has been historically driven in part by the desire to create ever more realistic simulations of natural and man-made systems
- These systems are driven largely by and contribute to the success of “theoretical work”
- However, the availability of high-throughput experimental devices will generate high-quality datasets of unprecedented scale
  - Genome sequencers, gene chips, advanced detectors and imaging systems to large-scale networks of sensors
  - > Moore’s Law like improvements in data collection
  - New generations of mass storage devices and the computing to integrate them
  - New infrastructures, tools and techniques for data collection, archiving, integration, annotation and discovery will be needed
- Peer-to-peer analysis and data product publishing to development of systems for automated analysis, discovery and annotation
- Automated hypothesis creation tools for pattern detection, and capable of suggesting relationships
- In areas like Biology this will enable a new type of “data driven” theory to make powerful, testable predictions in areas previously impossible with analytical theory (e.g. protein structure prediction)

# Molecular Biology Laboratory-on-a-Chip

## What could you do with 10,000 of these?



# The Personal Laboratory



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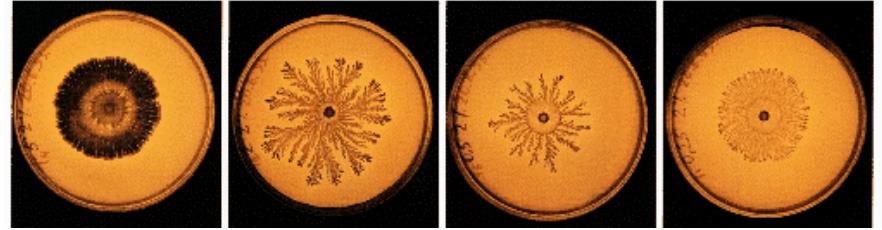
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# Communities and Partners

- Communities
  - Computational Genomics
    - NIH BRCs
    - NSF Genomics
    - DOE JGI
    - NIH NCBI
  - Infectious Disease
    - NIH RCEs
  - Molecular Evolution
    - NSF Tree of Life
  - Bioinformatics Tools
    - NSF, and NIH NCRR
  - Neuroscience
    - NIH NIMH
- Partners
  - University of Chicago
  - Argonne National Laboratory
  - Fellowship for Interpretation of Genomes
  - Universität Bielefeld
  - INRA, France
  - UCSD BIRN, NBCR
  - VBI, Virginia Tech
  - TIGR
  - GGF - Life Science WG
  - IBM
  - Apple



# Conclusions



- Biology is well positioned to co-dominate computing applications for the next several decades
- Biological and Biomedical applications of computing will require dramatic increases in both capability computing and capacity computing
- Data intensive computing is an important aspect of biological applications and will help drive high performance and high-function databases
- Biology and high-performance computing are well suited for each other and IBM's Blue Gene initiative is aimed at this intersection of interests

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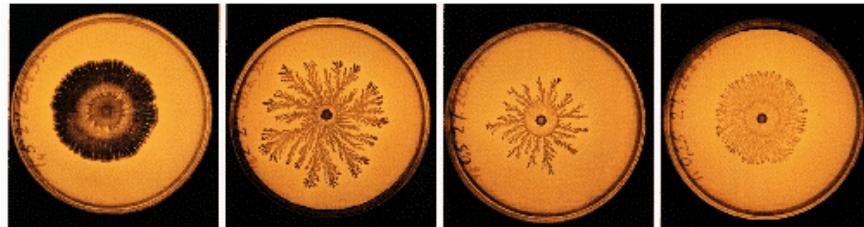


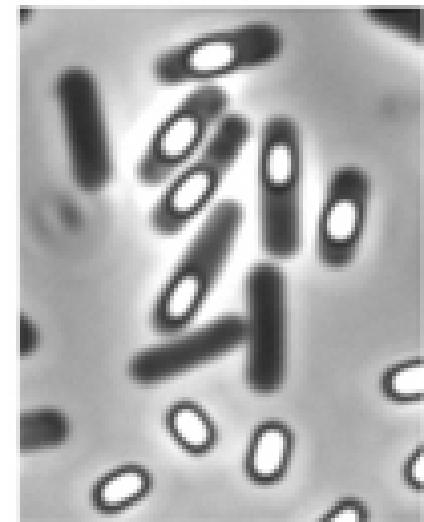
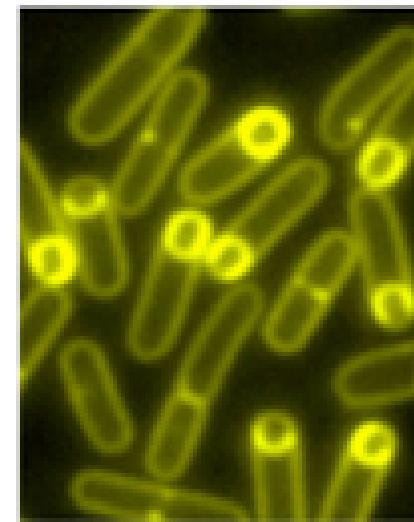
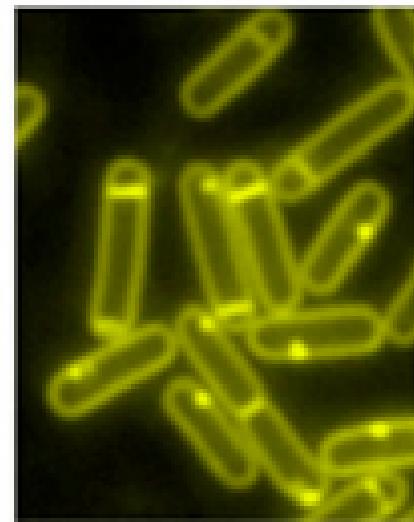
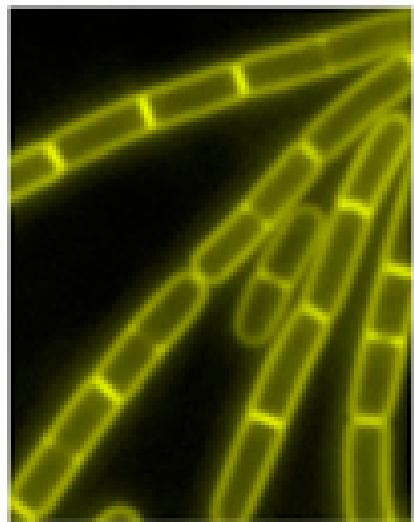
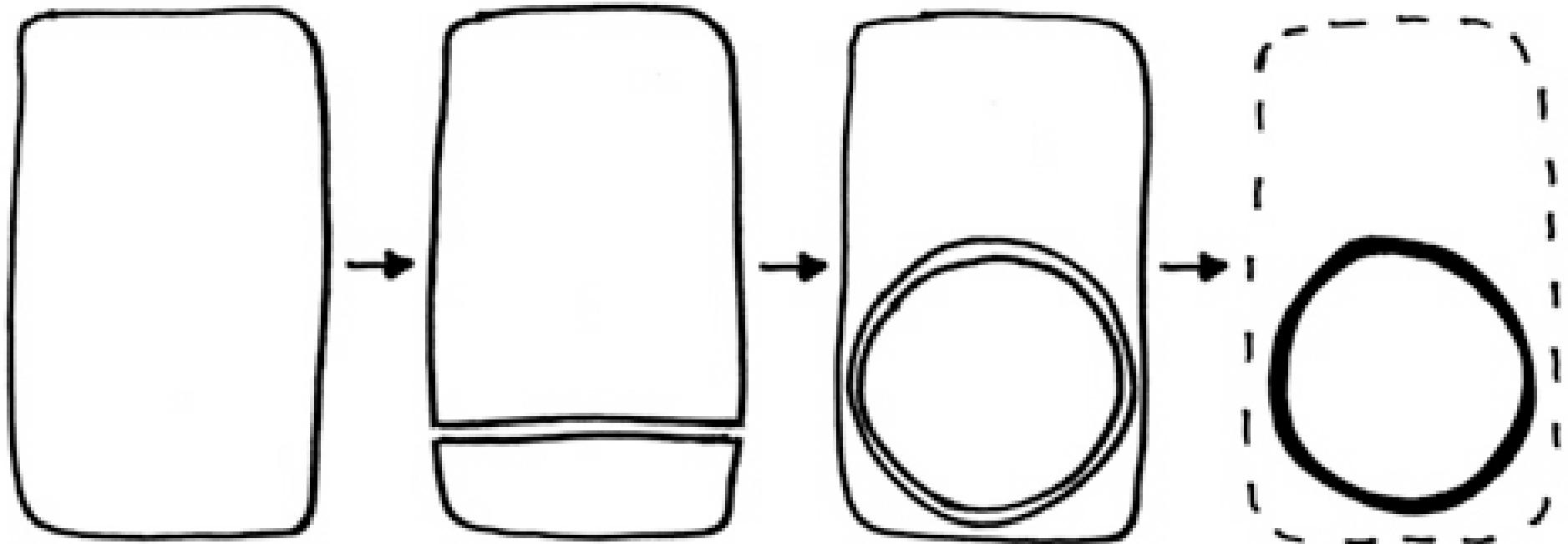
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