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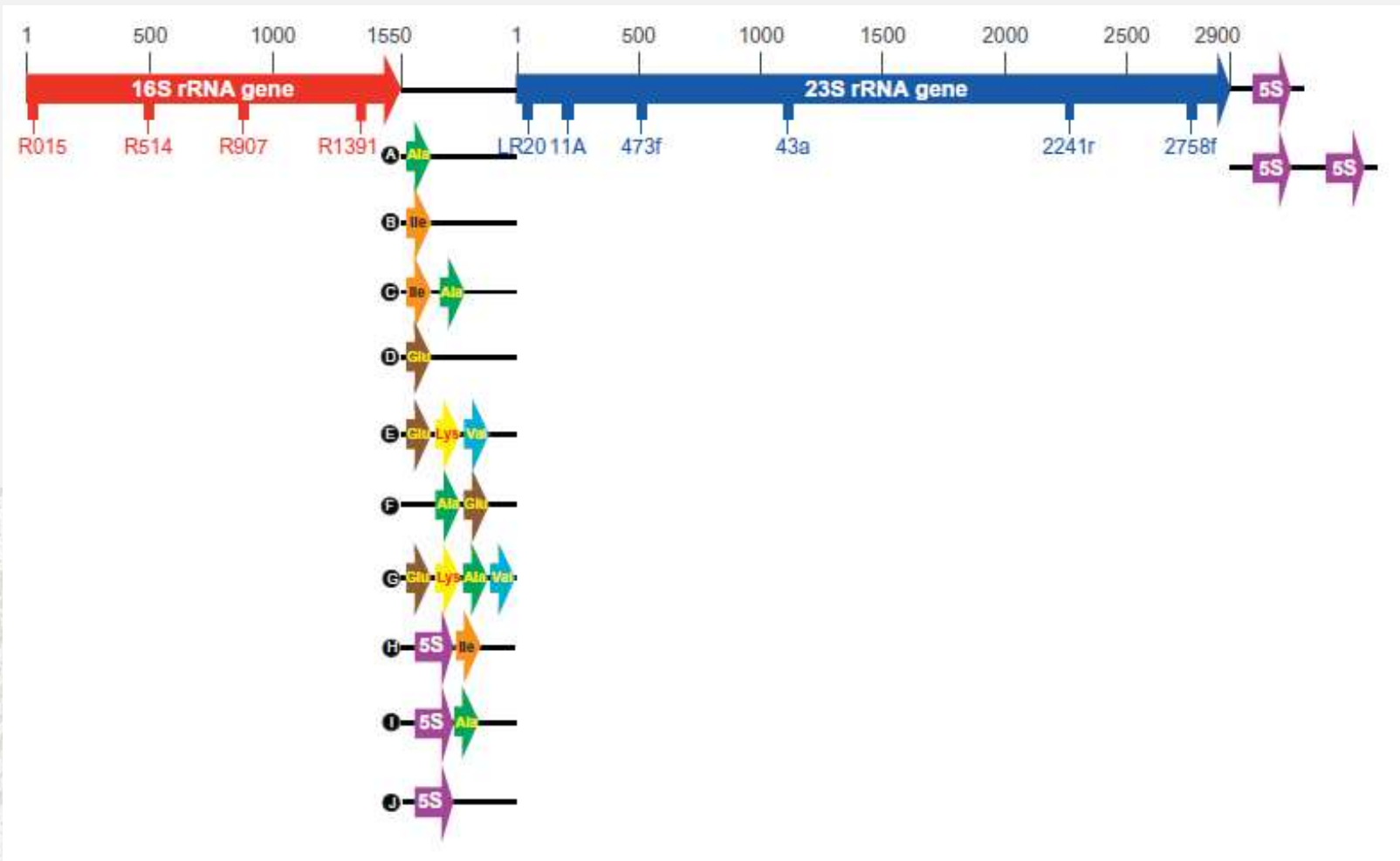
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THAT TIME: SSU rRNA

WOESE AND FOX, 1977.

„THE CHARACTERS WHICH NATURALISTS CONSIDER AS SHOWING TRUE AFFINITY BETWEEN ANY TWO OR MORE SPECIES, ARE THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN INHERITED FROM A COMMON PARENT”

DARWIN, 1859



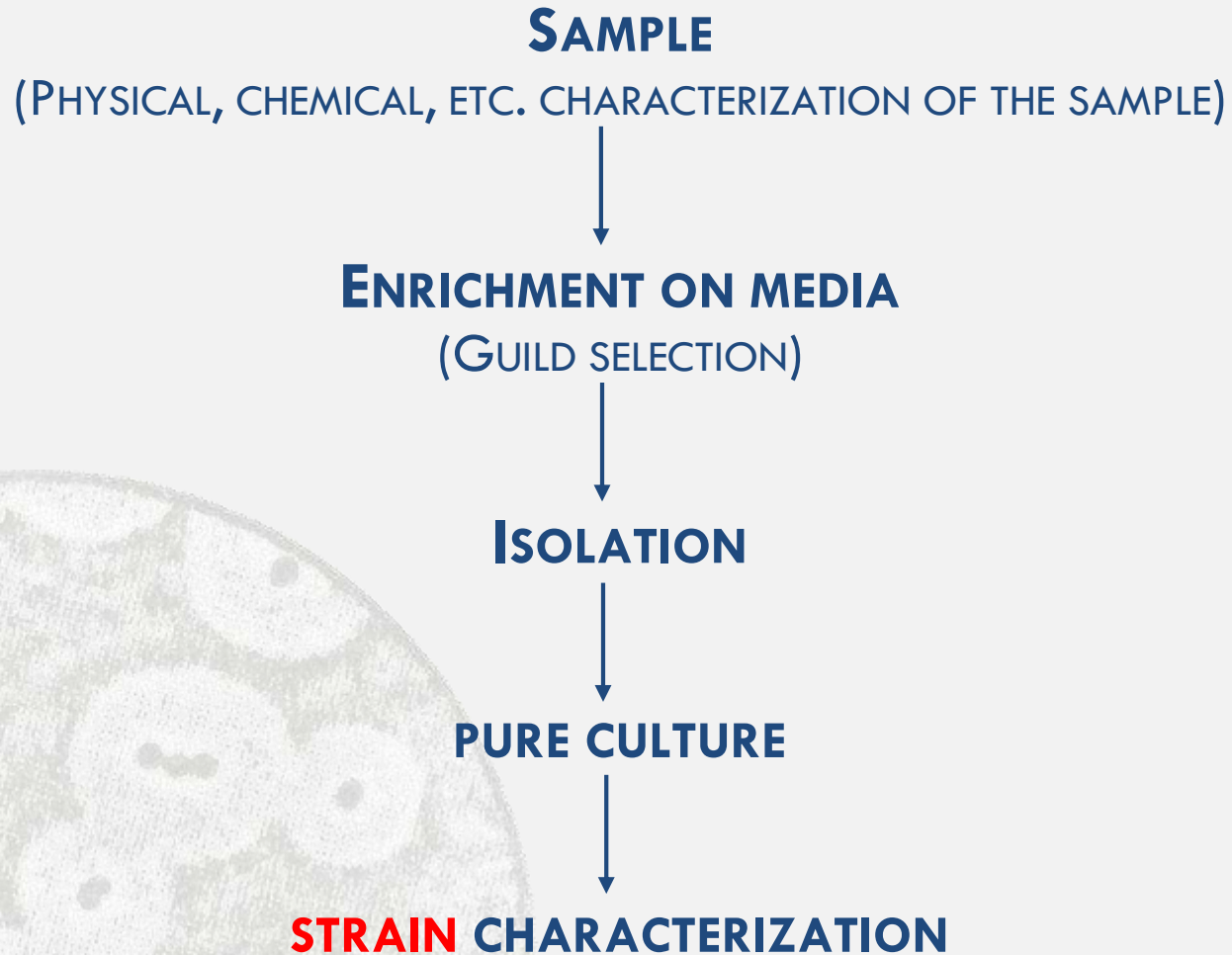
EVOLUTION, PHYLOGENY

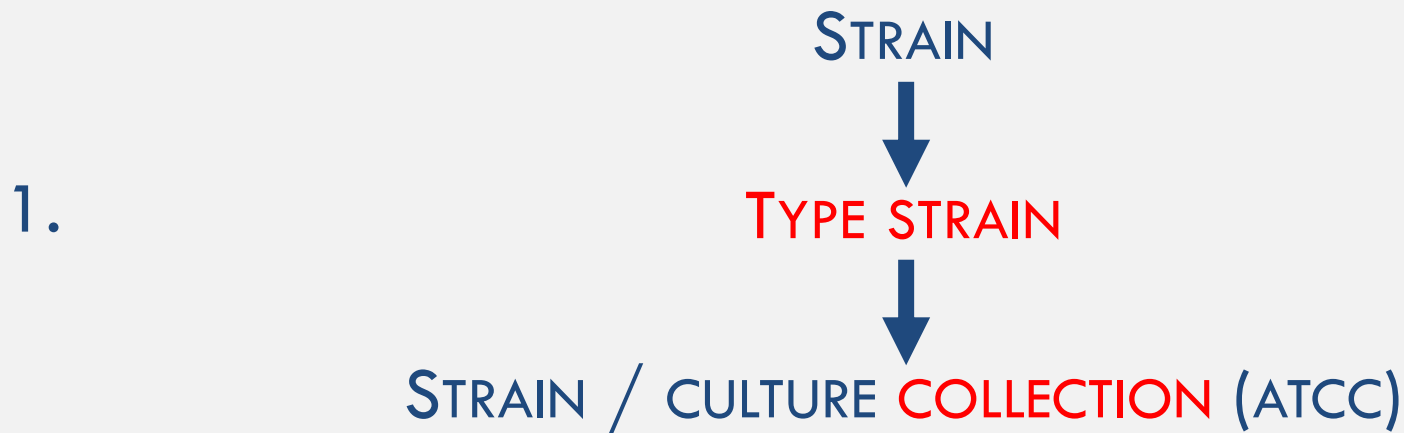
AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF THE ICSB
(INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE SYSTEMATICS OF BACTERIA) (1976):

FIRST DRAFT. APPROVED LIST OF BACTERIAL NAMES.

INT. J. SYST. BACTERIOL., 26, 563-599.

SYSTEMATICS, TAXONOMY





2. VALID DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES: EFFECTIVE PUBLICATION OF THE STANDARD DESCRIPTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SYSTEMATIC AND EVOLUTIONARY MICROBIOLOGY (IJSEM) (FORMERLY INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SYSTEMATIC BACTERIOLOGY - IJSB). SPECIES DESCRIPTION IN AN OTHER JORNAL MUST BE VALIDATED IN IJSEM (VALIDATION LISTS).

S P E C I E S

THE NATURAL, BIOLOGICAL SPECIES CONCEPTION:

„TWO COMMUNITIES HAVE TO BE REGARDED AS TWO SPECIES IF THEY DO NOT EXCHANGE GENES. THE INHIBITION OF GENE FLOW CAN RESULT FROM GEOGRAPHICAL/SPATIAL/TEMPORAL ISOLATION OF TWO COMMUNITIES THAT SHARE A COMMON ANCESTRY. OTHER GENETICALLY CONTROLLED MEANS TO ACHIEVE ISOLATION CAN BE: BEHAVIOURAL, ANATOMICAL, PHYSIOLOGICAL.”

MAYR, 1963; GIBBONS, 1996; MORELL, 1996 ETC.

„A SPECIES FORMS A POPULATION WHOSE MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO INTERBREED FREELY UNDER NATURAL CONDITIONS.”

WILSON, 1992

S P E C I E S

AMONG PROKARYOTES A CONSENSUS SPECIES DEFINITION:

„A BACTERIAL SPECIES MAY BE REGARDED AS A COLLECTION OF STRAINS THAT SHARE MANY FEATURES IN COMMON AND DIFFER CONSIDERABLY FROM OTHER STRAINS. ... ONE STRAIN ... IS DESIGNATED AS THE TYPE STRAIN ... THE PERMANENT EXAMPLE OF THE SPECIES, ... REFERENCE SPECIEMEN”

STALEY, AND KRIEG, 1984

A BACTERIAL SPECIES IS „A CATEGORY THAT CIRCUMSCRIBES A (PREFERABLY) GENOMICALLY COHERENT GROUP OF INDIVIDUAL ISOLATES/STRAINS SHARING A HIGH DEGREE OF SIMILARITY IN (MANY) INDEPENDENT FEATURES, COMPARATIVELY TESTED UNDER HIGHLY STANDARDISED CONDITIONS”

STACKEBRANDT ET AL., 2002

TWO STRAINS REPRESENT THE SAME SPECIES WHEN THEY SHARE

> 70% DNA-DNA HYBRIDISATION RELATEDNESS (HOMOLOGY),

AND

> 97% 16 S rDNA GENE SIMILARITY.

STACKEBRANDT AND GOEBEL, 1994

STRAIN

A STRAIN IS (PREFEREABLY) A PURE CULTURE DENOTED BY THREE ESSENTIAL CHARACTERS:

- STRAIN DESIGNATION (NUMBER);
- KNOWN ORIGIN;
- MAINTENANCE BY CONTINUOUS SUBCULTURING.

A SPECIES IS "... A FICTION, A MENTAL CONSTRUCT WITHOUT OBJECTIVE EXISTENCE".

HALDANE, 1949

"THE ULTIMATE SCIENTIFIC GOAL OF BIOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN THE CASE OF BACTERIA."

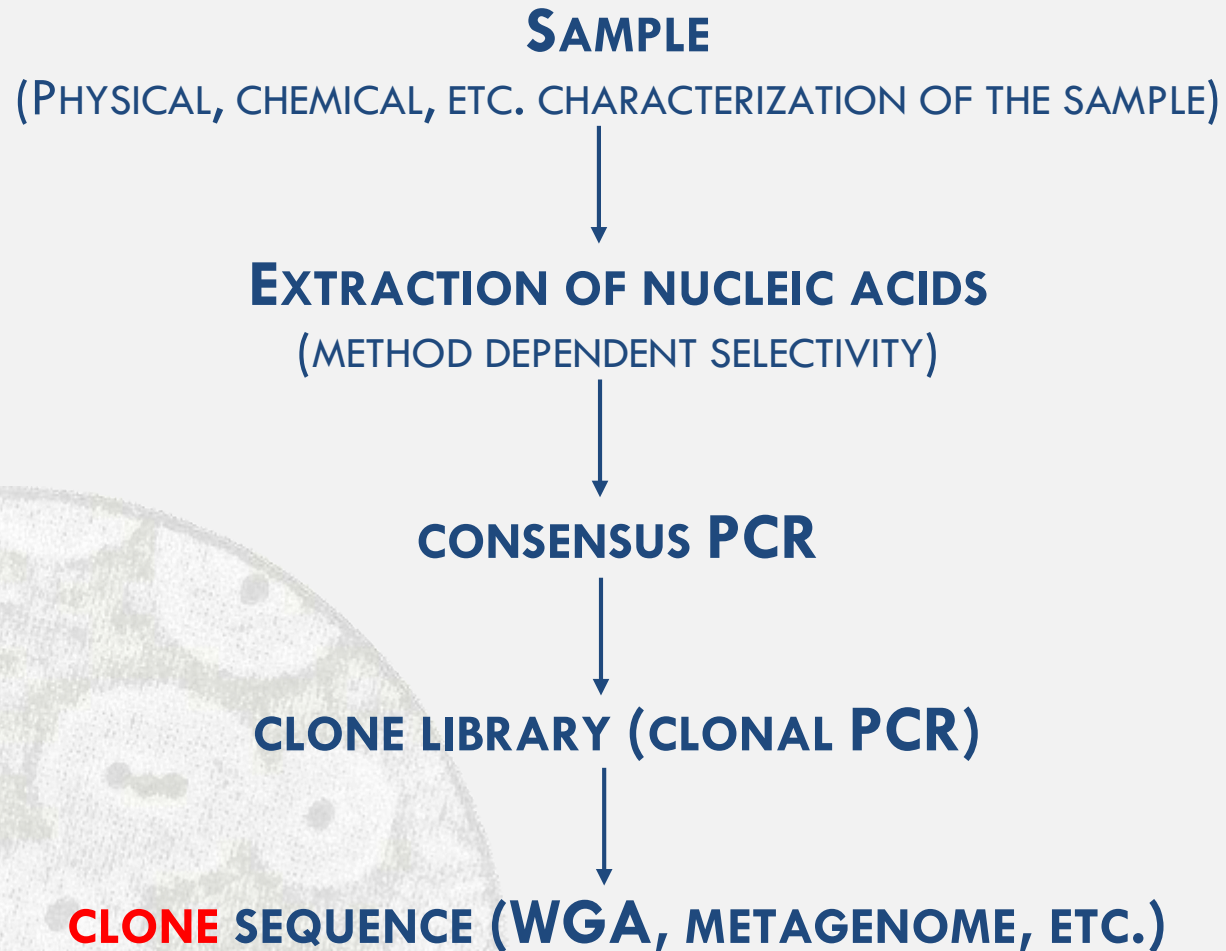
VAN NIEL AND STANIER, 1936-1962

„THERE WILL NEVER BE A DEFINITIVE CLASSIFICATION OF BACTERIA...”

VANDAMME ET AL., 1996

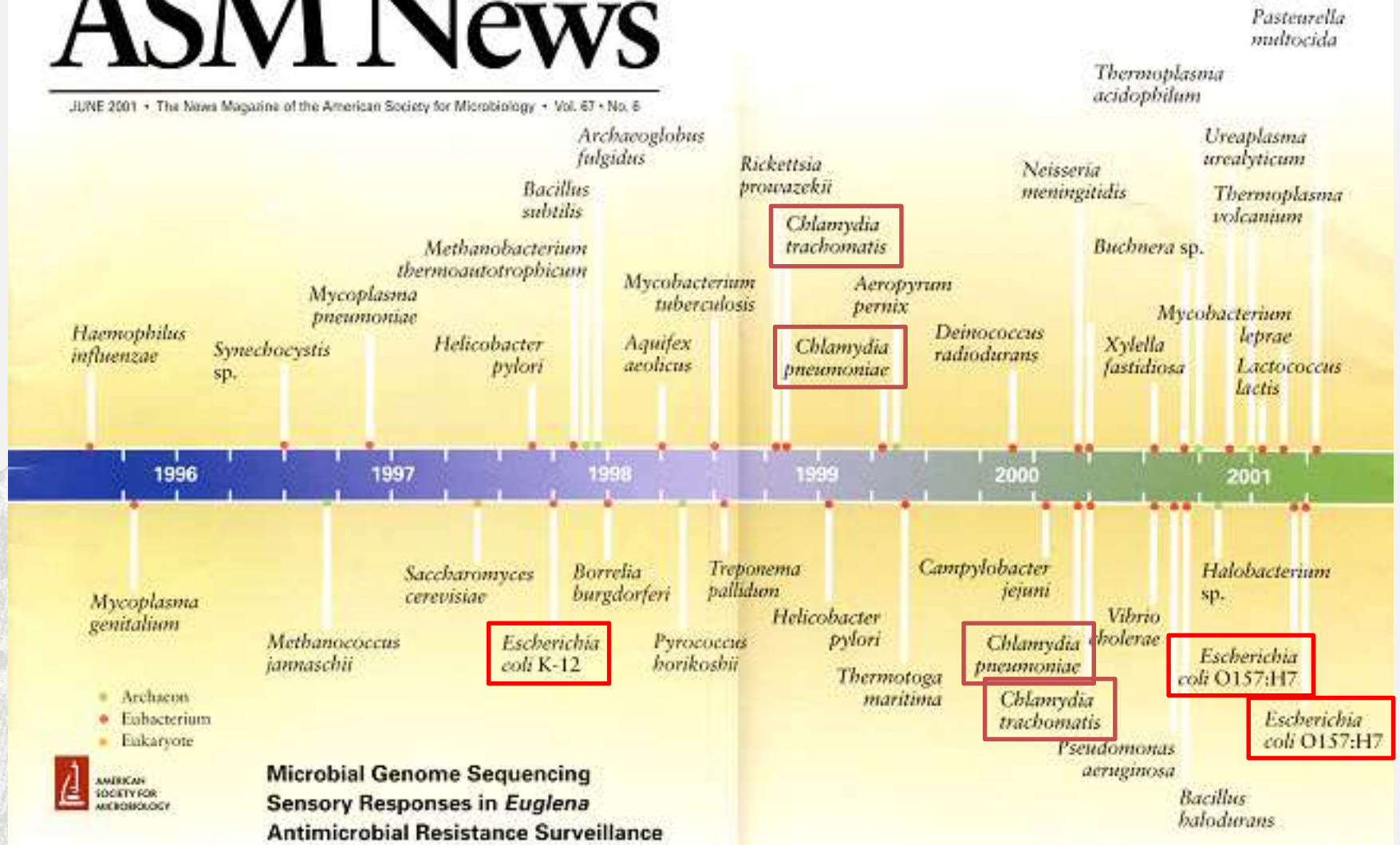
„THE COMPLETE DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) SEQUENCE WOULD BE THE REFERENCE STANDARD TO DETERMINE PHYLOGENY AND THAT PHYLOGENY SHOULD DETERMINE TAXONOMY”

WAYNE ET AL., 1987



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About the Microbial Earth Project

The Microbial Earth project is an international effort to generate a comprehensive catalog from genome sequences of all the archaeal and bacterial type strains. The name of the project comes from the recognition that Earth is a predominantly a microbial planet, and by effect in order to understand life on our planet, we need to understand how microbial life works. [» more](#)

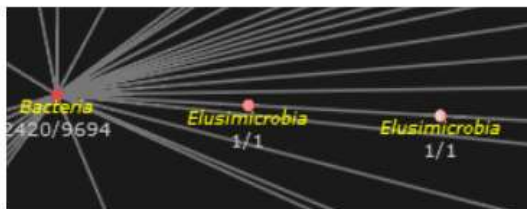
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News & Updates

- December 2012
Presentation of the MEP at the [Biodesert International Conference in Tunisia](#)
- November 2012
Launching of the MEP web site

Type Strains Map



Statistics

Type Strains of Archaea and Bacteria: [10911](#)

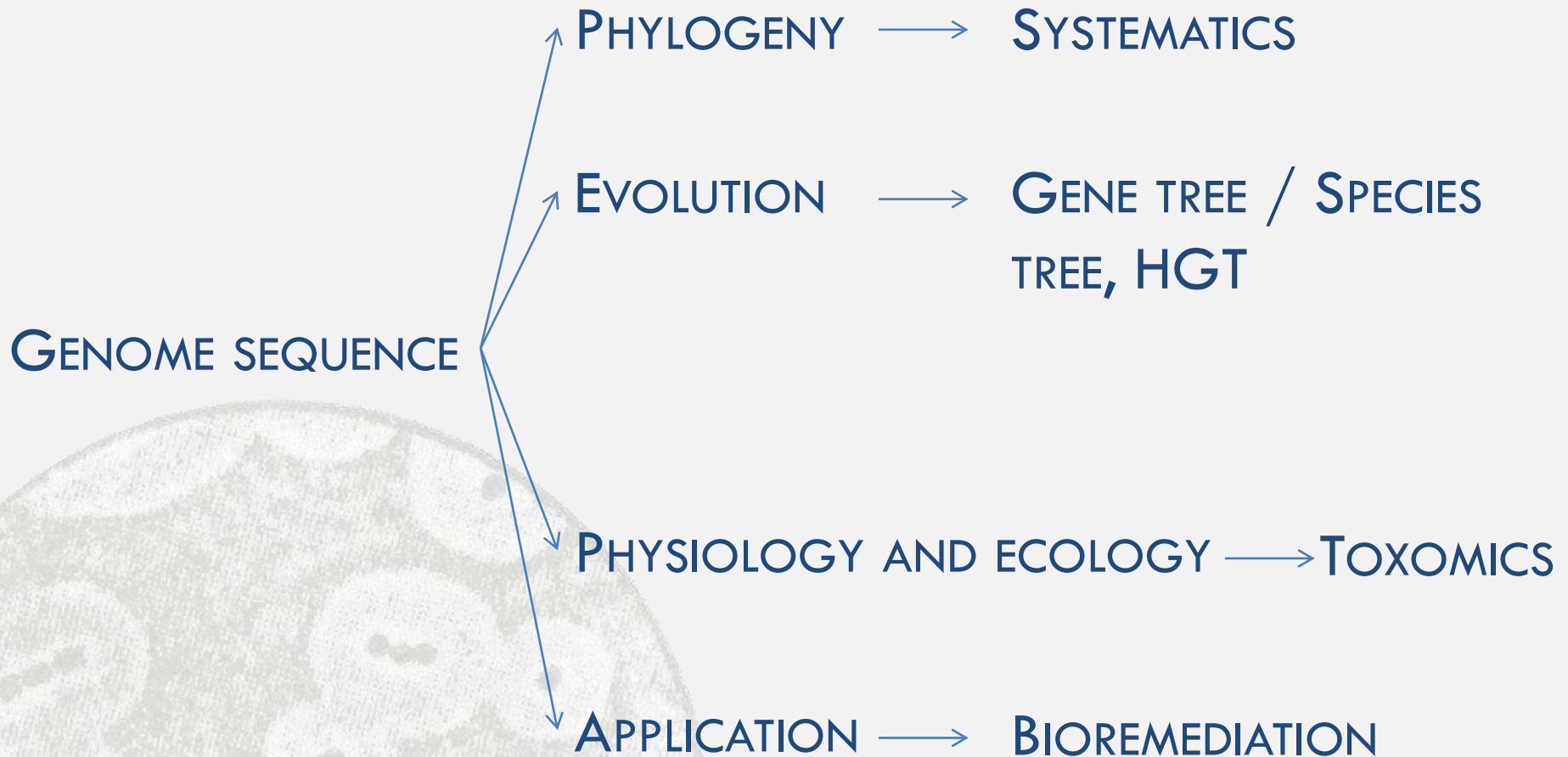
- Finished: [1650](#)
- Draft: [113](#)
- With Genome Projects: [1567](#)
- Without Genome Project: [7581](#)



Project Status

Complete: 1650
In progress: 1680
Proposed: 7581

Domain	Species with:			
	Validly published name	16S rRNA gene sequence (type strain)	Genome sequence (any strain)	Genome sequence (type strain)
<i>Bacteria</i>	10 546	10 420	2518	1567
<i>Archaea</i>	398	397	176	158
Total (prokaryotes)	10 944	10 817	2694	1725
Percentage	100 %	98.8 %	24.6 %	15.8 %



COMPARING GENOMES...

DIFFICULTIES:

LARGE DIFFERENCES IN GENOME SIZE (0.14 - 0,58-13.7 MBP)

GENES ARE DIFFERENT (FEW UNIVERSAL GENES)

GENES ARE AT DIFFERENT POSITIONS WITHIN THE GENOMES

HORIZONTAL GENE TRANSFER BLURS PHYLOGENETIC
RELATIONSHIPS

EVOLUTION OF THE SAME GENE MAY BE DIFFERENT
COMPARING DIFFERENT TAXA

NO GENERALLY ACCEPTED SCHEME (**NO STANDARD METHOD**)

OVERALL GENOME RELATEDNESS INDICES (OGRI)

AVERAGE NUCLEOTIDE IDENTITY (ANI)

- A MEAN OF IDENTITY VALUES BETWEEN MULTIPLE SETS OF ORTHOLOGOUS REGIONS SHARED BY TWO GENOMES
- ARTIFICIALLY CUTTING THE QUERY GENOME SEQUENCE INTO FRAGMENTS OF 1020 BP, SIMULATING THE DNA FRAGMENTATION AT DDH
- ANI VALUES CORRELATE WELL WITH DDH VALUES
- BASED ON ANI, SPECIES THRESHOLD FOR 16S rDNA COMP. IS 98.65%

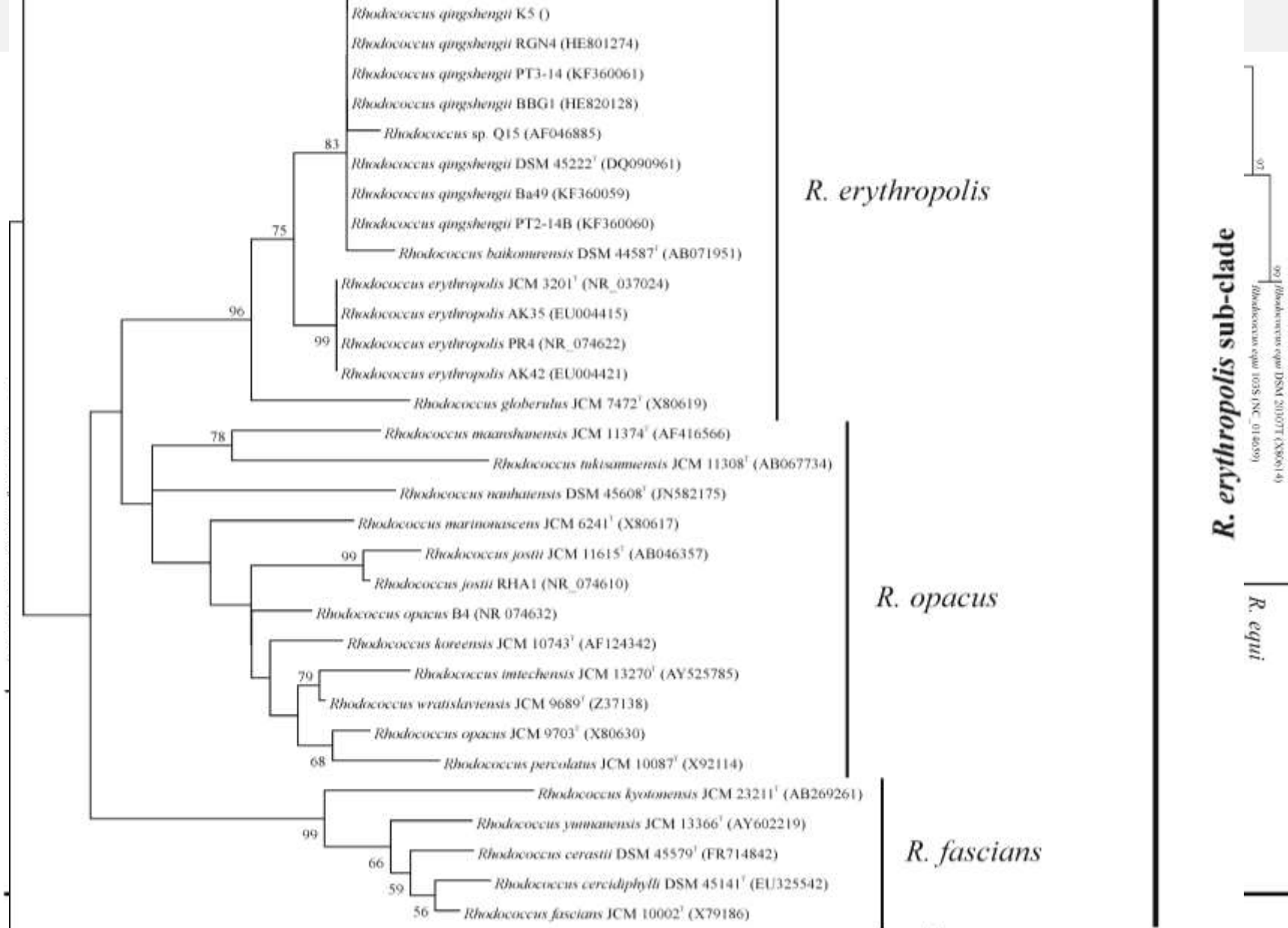
TETRANUCLEOTIDE FREQUENCY

COMPARISON OF THE FREQUENCIES OF ALL 256 POSSIBLE TETRANUCLEOTIDE (A, T, G, C) COMBINATIONS

GENOME BLAST DISTANCE PHYLOGENY (GBDP)

TWO GENOME SEQUENCES ARE ALIGNED AND COMPARED

0.010



R. rhodochrous sub-clade

R. erythropolis sub-clade

R. equi sub-clade

R. erythropolis

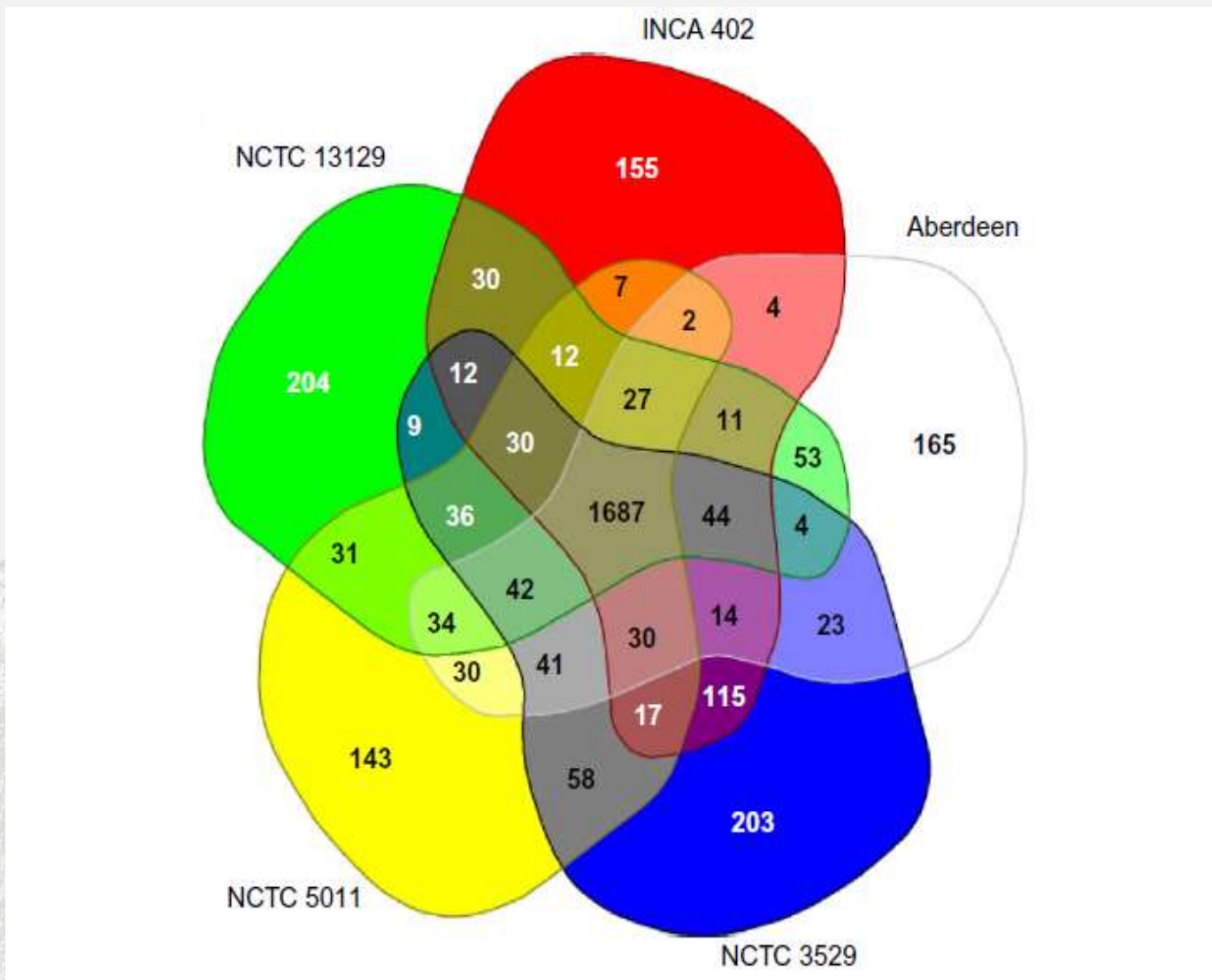
R. opacus

R. fascians

R. erythropolis sub-clade

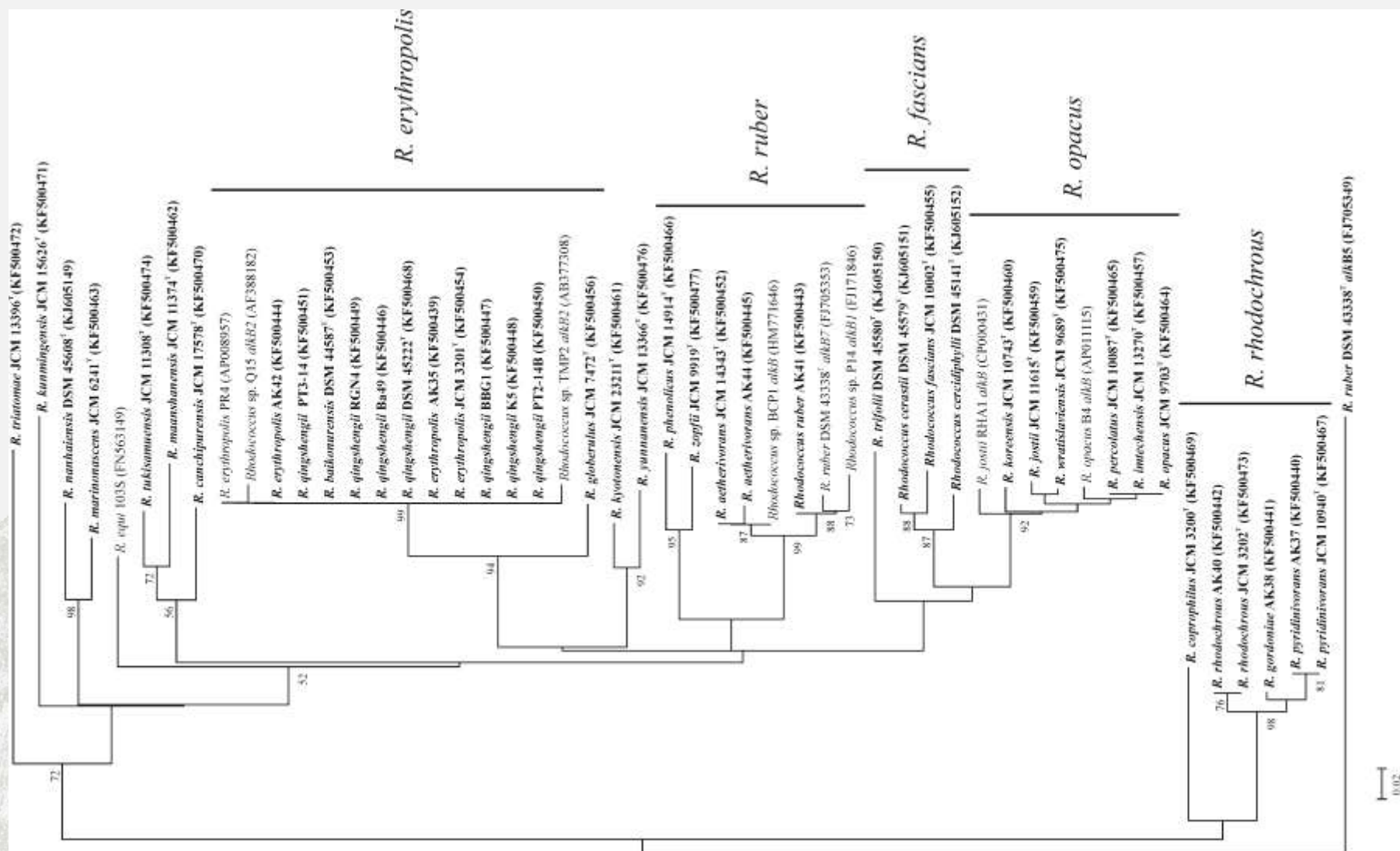
R. equi

16S RRNS GENE

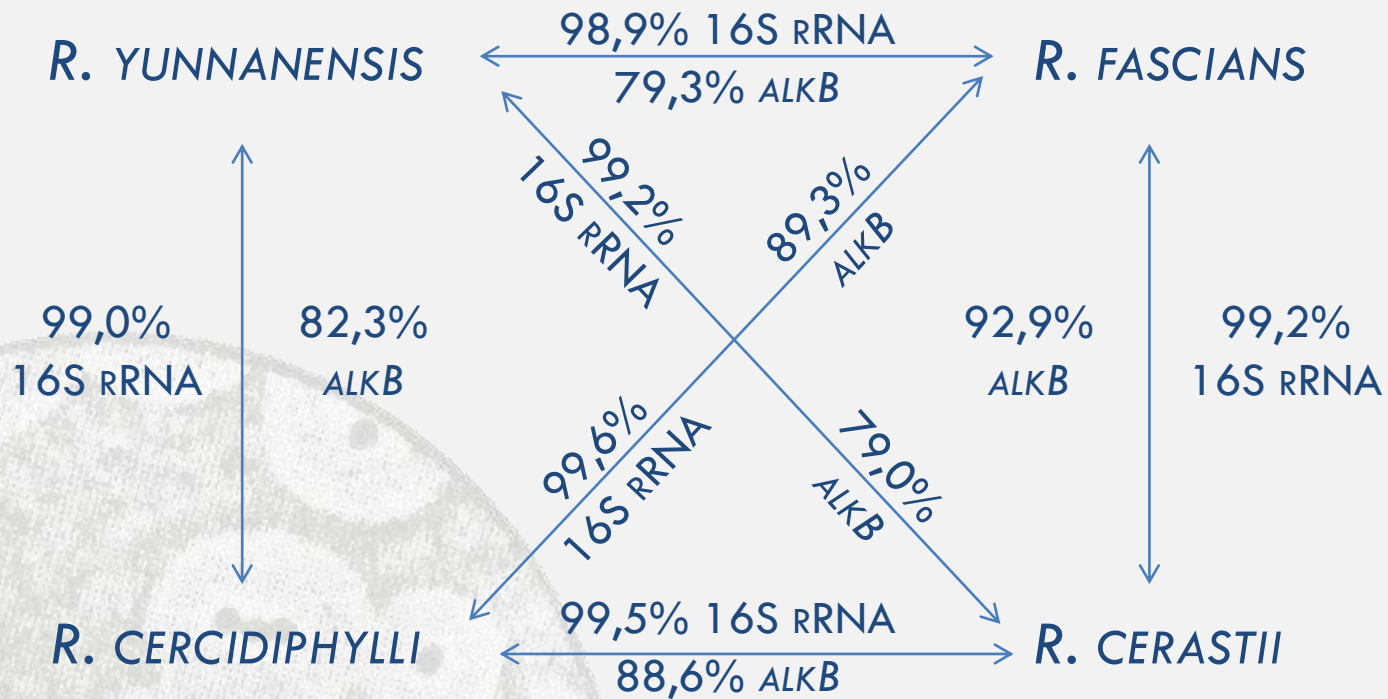


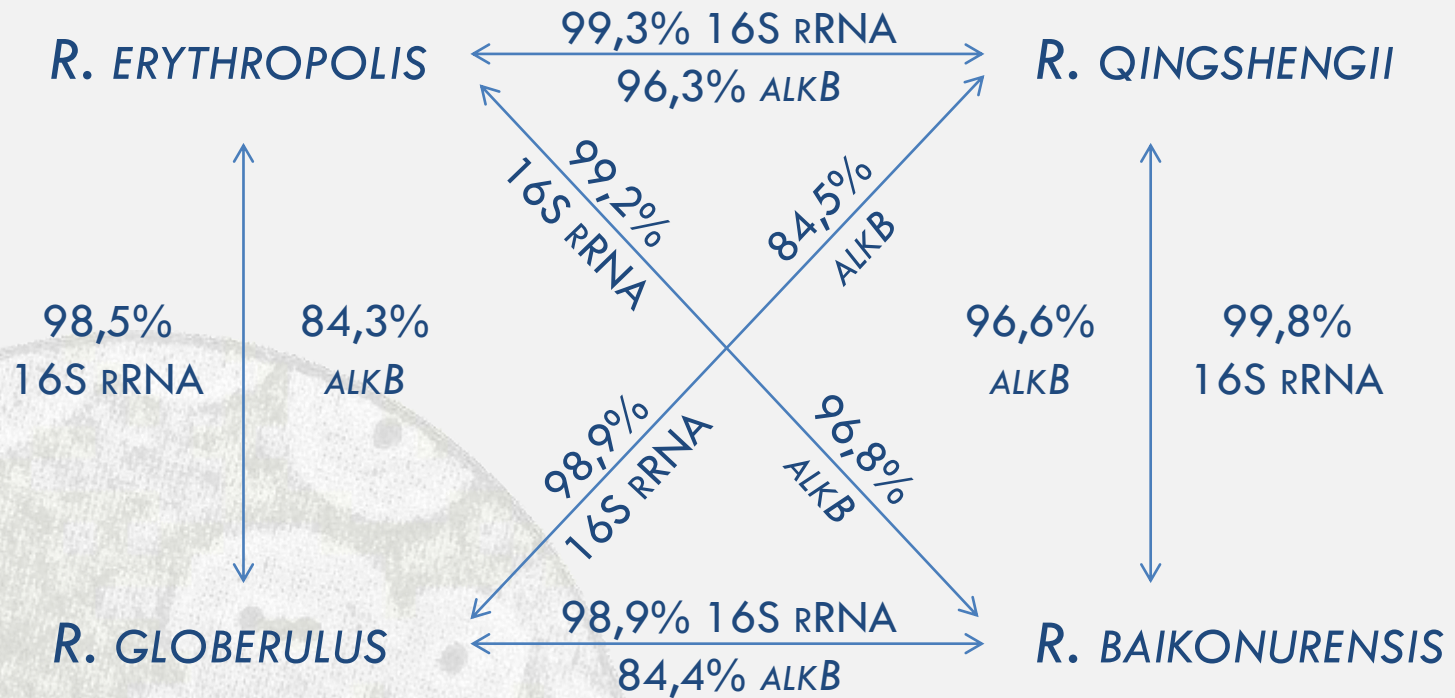
WENN DIAGRAMM:

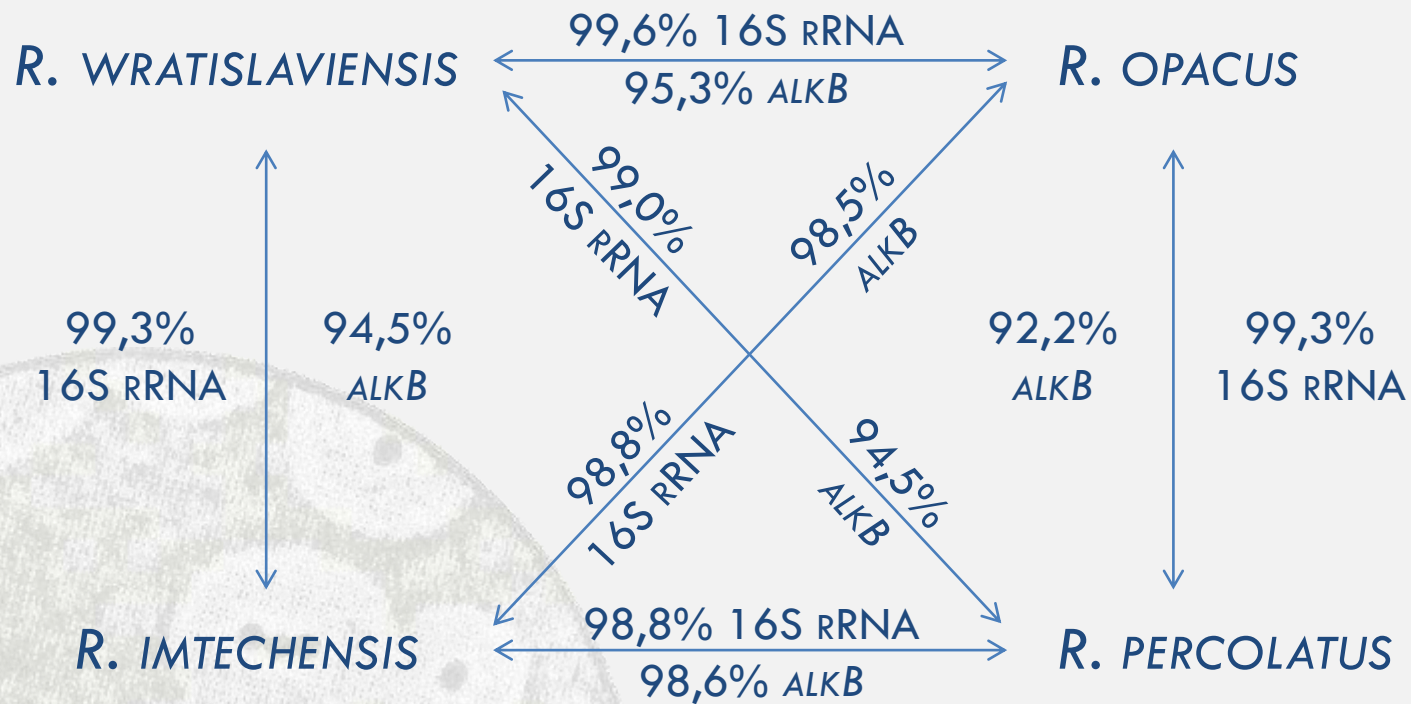
PAN GENOME: 3264 GENES; CORE GENOME: 1687 GENES; DISPENSABLE GENOME: 1577 GENES



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„THERE WILL NEVER BE A DEFINITIVE CLASSIFICATION OF BACTERIA...”

VANDAMME ET AL., 1996

„THE MODERN PRACTICE OF POLYPHASIC TAXONOMY IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN LIGHT OF THE TREMENDOUS NUMBER OF BACTERIAL SPECIES THAT AWAITS FORMAL DESCRIPTION AND NAMING. BACTERIAL TAXONOMISTS MUST URGENTLY RECONSIDER HOW TO DESCRIBE AND NAME NOVEL BACTERIA IN THE GENOMIC ERA, AND SHOULD CONSIDER USING A FULL GENOME SEQUENCE AND A MINIMAL DESCRIPTION OF PHENOTYPIC CHARACTERISTICS AS A BASIC, SUFFICIENT, COST-EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE BIOLOGICAL IDENTITY CARD FOR A SPECIES DESCRIPTION.”

VANDAMME, 2014

STANDARD CONSENSUS METHOD:

MULTI-LOCUS SEQUENCE ANALYSIS, BASED ON PHYLOGENETIC MARKER (CHRONOMETER) GENES TOGETHER WITH ECOLOGICALLY RELEVANT FUNCTIONAL GENES, AND PARALLEL APPLICATION OF HOMOLOGY AND SIMILARITY ASSESSMENTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

