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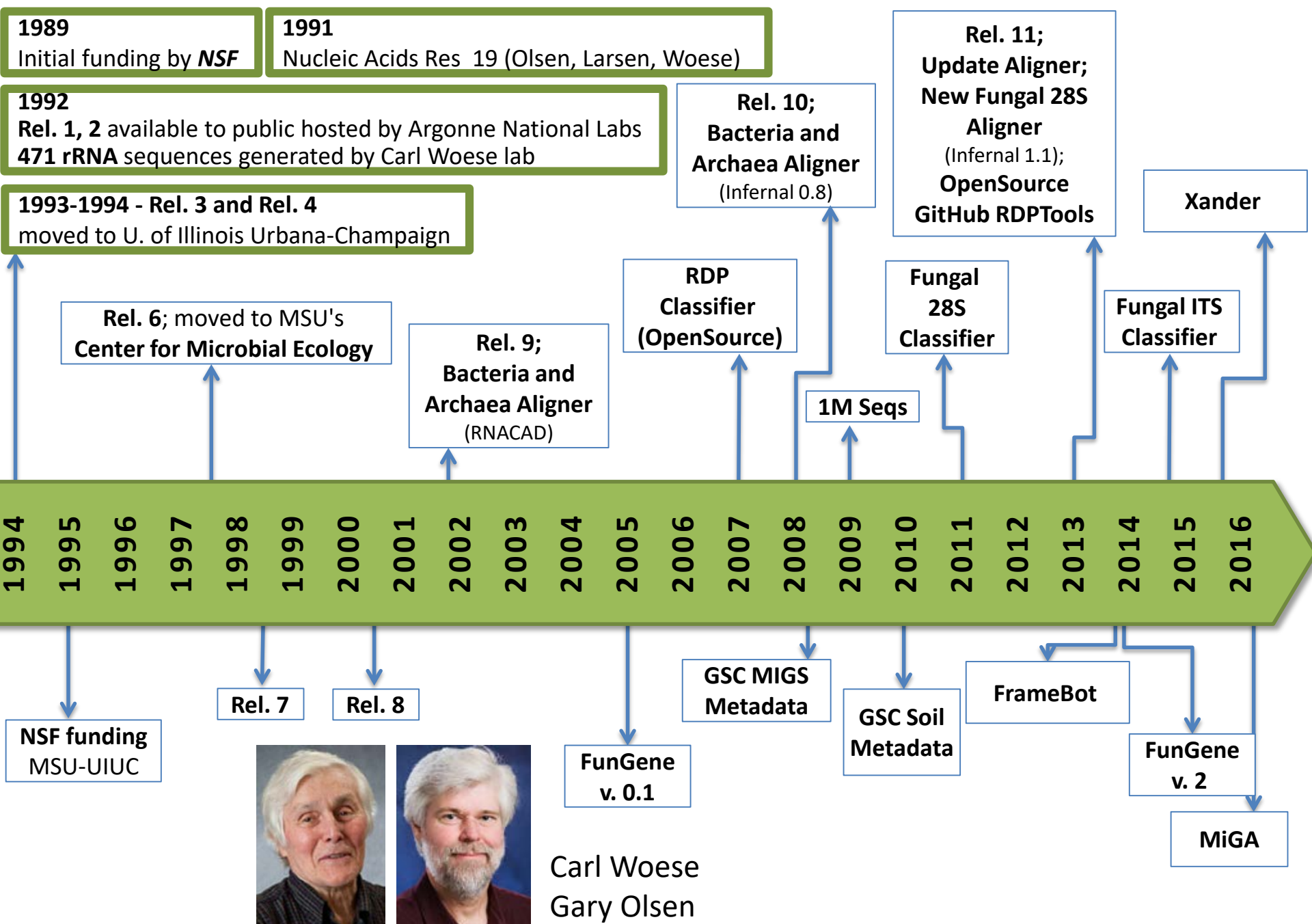
# Collaborations in Molecular Microbial Ecology Bioinformatics

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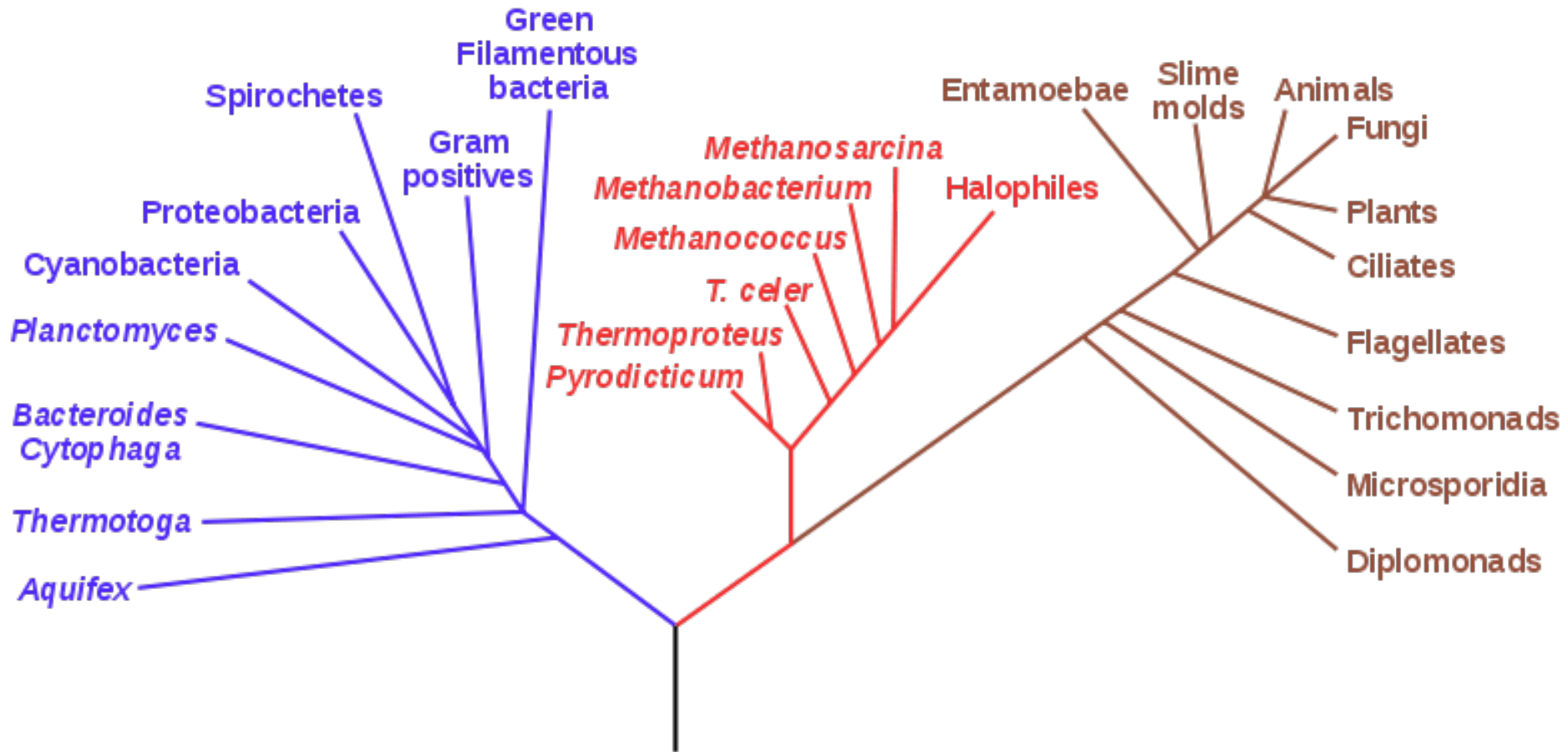


# Phylogenetic Tree of Life

## Bacteria

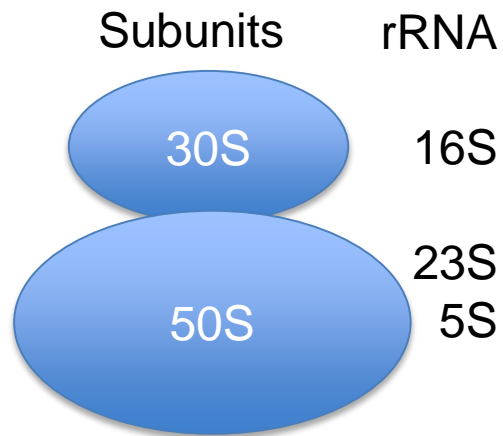
## Archaea

## Eucaryota

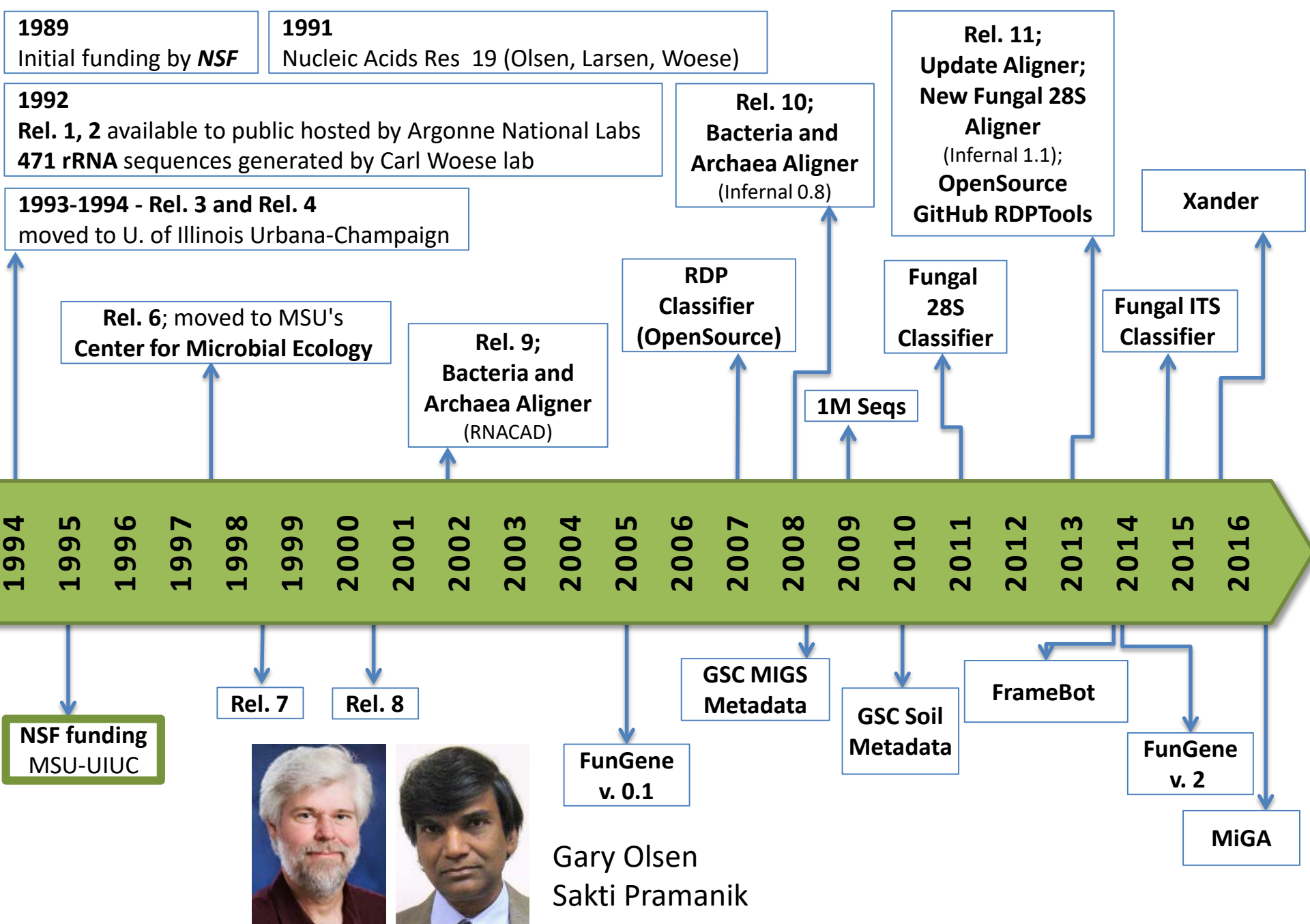


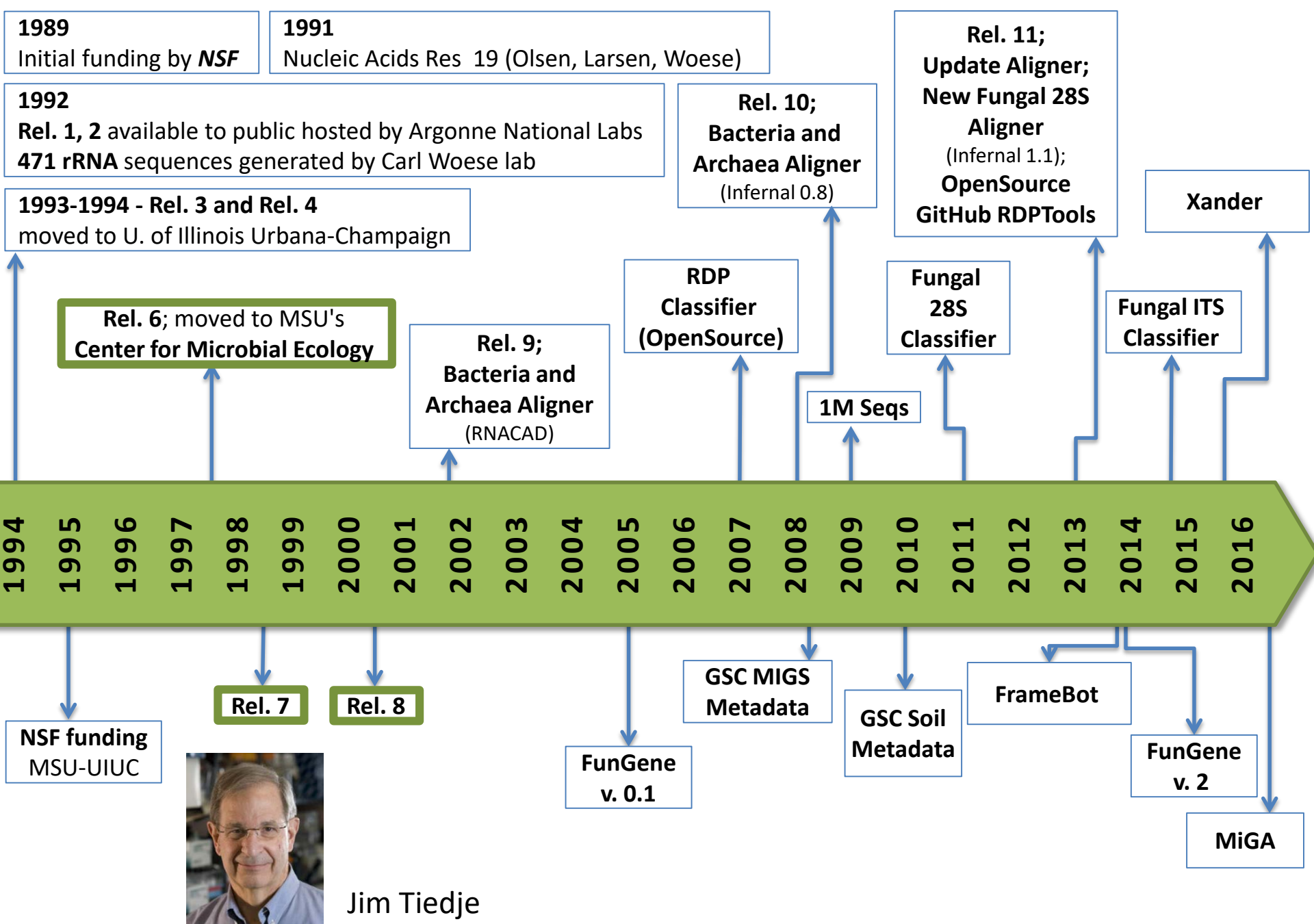
Three domains of life based on the work of Carl Woese and colleagues

# Why Ribosomal RNA Sequences



- Ribosomes are the protein synthesis factories.
- Core function present in all cellular organisms.
- Very little evidence of horizontal gene transfer.
- Historically easy to work with.
  - Purify by centrifugation and extract rRNA.
- Now we use PCR to amplify from genomic DNA.
  - rRNA genes have conserved regions interspersed with highly variable regions.
  - Conserved regions used for both PCR primers and sequencing primers.







## RDP Release 11, Update 4 :: May 26, 2015

**3,224,600 16S rRNAs :: 108,901 Fungal 28S rRNAs**  
**Find out what's new in RDP Release 11.4 here.**

***Cite RDP's latest tool articles.***

### **New to RDP release 11:**

- RDP tools have been updated to work with the new fungal 28S rRNA sequence collection.
- A new Fungal 28S Aligner and updated Bacterial and Archaeal 16S Aligner. We optimized the parameters for these secondary-structure based Infernal aligners to provide improved handling for partial sequences.
- Updated RDPipeline offers extended processing and analysis tools to process high-throughput sequencing data, including single-strand and paired-end reads.
- Most of the RDP tools are now available as open source packages for users to incorporate in their local workflow.

RDP provides quality-controlled, aligned and annotated Bacterial and Archaeal 16S rRNA sequences, and Fungal 28S rRNA sequences, and a suite of analysis tools to the scientific community.



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<a href="#">RDPTools</a>	Collection of commonly used RDP Tools for high throughput sequence processing and analysis.	Package
<a href="#">classifier</a>	RDP extensible sequence classifier for fungal large subunit rRNA, bacterial & archaeal 16S rRNA.	Java
<a href="#">ReadSeq</a>	Sequence file reader and format converter.	Java
<a href="#">Xander_assembler</a>	A gene-targeted assembler tool for metagenomic sequences.	Shell
<a href="#">AlignmentTools</a>	Tools for pairwise sequence comparison, distance calculation, and hidden markov model sequence scoring (using HMMER3 models).	Java
<a href="#">Framebot</a>	Dynamic programming based frameshift detection and correction tool with nearest neighbor classification.	Java
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<a href="#">fungene_pipeline</a>	Scripts and resources for analyzing sequence data for select eco-functional genes.	Python
<a href="#">KmerFilter</a>	Tool for kmer analysis.	Java
<a href="#">TaxonomyTree</a>	Taxonomy tree building and traversal utility tool.	Java
<a href="#">SeqFilters</a>	Tool for sorting and selecting nucleotide sequences according to given filters and tags.	Java
<a href="#">SequenceMatch</a>	K-mer based sequence matching tool to calculate nearest neighbors of sequences.	Java
<a href="#">ProbeMatch</a>	Tool for finding (and removing) DNA/RNA primers in sequence reads.	Java
<a href="#">AbundanceStats</a>	Tool for generating various ecological abundance statistics.	Java
<a href="#">FungeneUtils</a>	Package of tools for protein sequence analysis.	Java
<a href="#">SOAP-examples</a>	Code samples from various languages for interacting with RDP soap services.	Perl
<a href="#">gffclassify</a>	A gene family classifier that allows for fast and accurate classification of amplicons (or open reading frame) nucleotide sequences.	C and Python

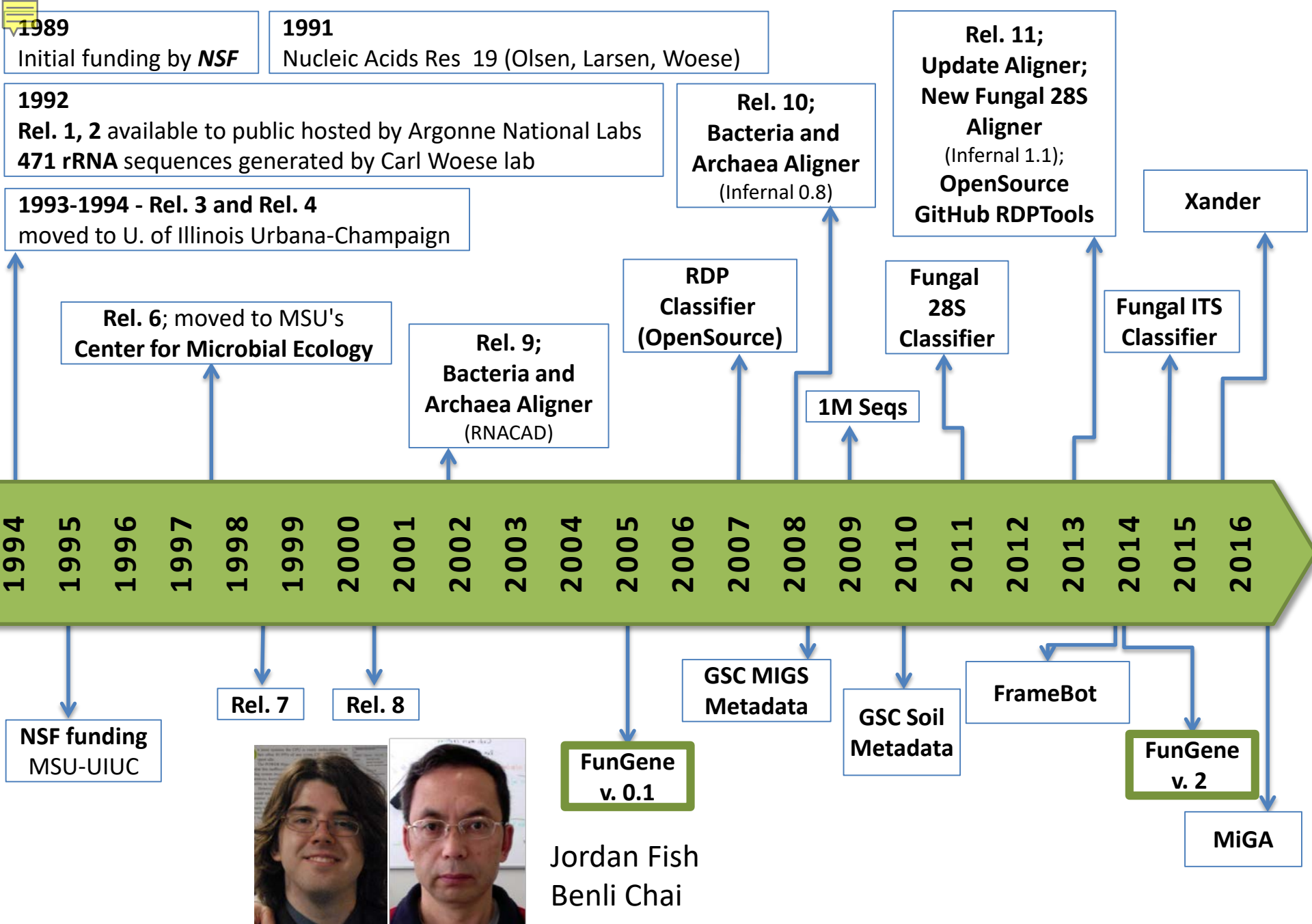
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# Genes Beyond rRNA

- Faster evolving and single copy phylogenetic markers
- Genes encoding important ecological functions often not phylogenetically coherent.



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[leuS](#)—Scott Santos/Howard Ochman

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[recA](#)—Scott Santos/Howard Ochman

[recG](#)—Scott Santos/Howard Ochman

[rplB](#)—Scott Santos/Howard Ochman

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## Biogeochemical cycles (46)

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[txtB](#)—RDP

## Metal Cycling (4)

gene—contributor

[arsA](#)—PFAM

[arsB](#)—PFAM

[arsC](#)—PFAM

[arsD](#)—PFAM

## Biodegradation (12)

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[bph](#)—Gerben Zylstra

[bphA1](#)—Stephan Gantner

[bphA2](#)—Stephan Gantner

[carA](#)—Shoko Iwai

[dbfA1](#)—Shoko Iwai

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[BEL](#)—Syed Hashsham

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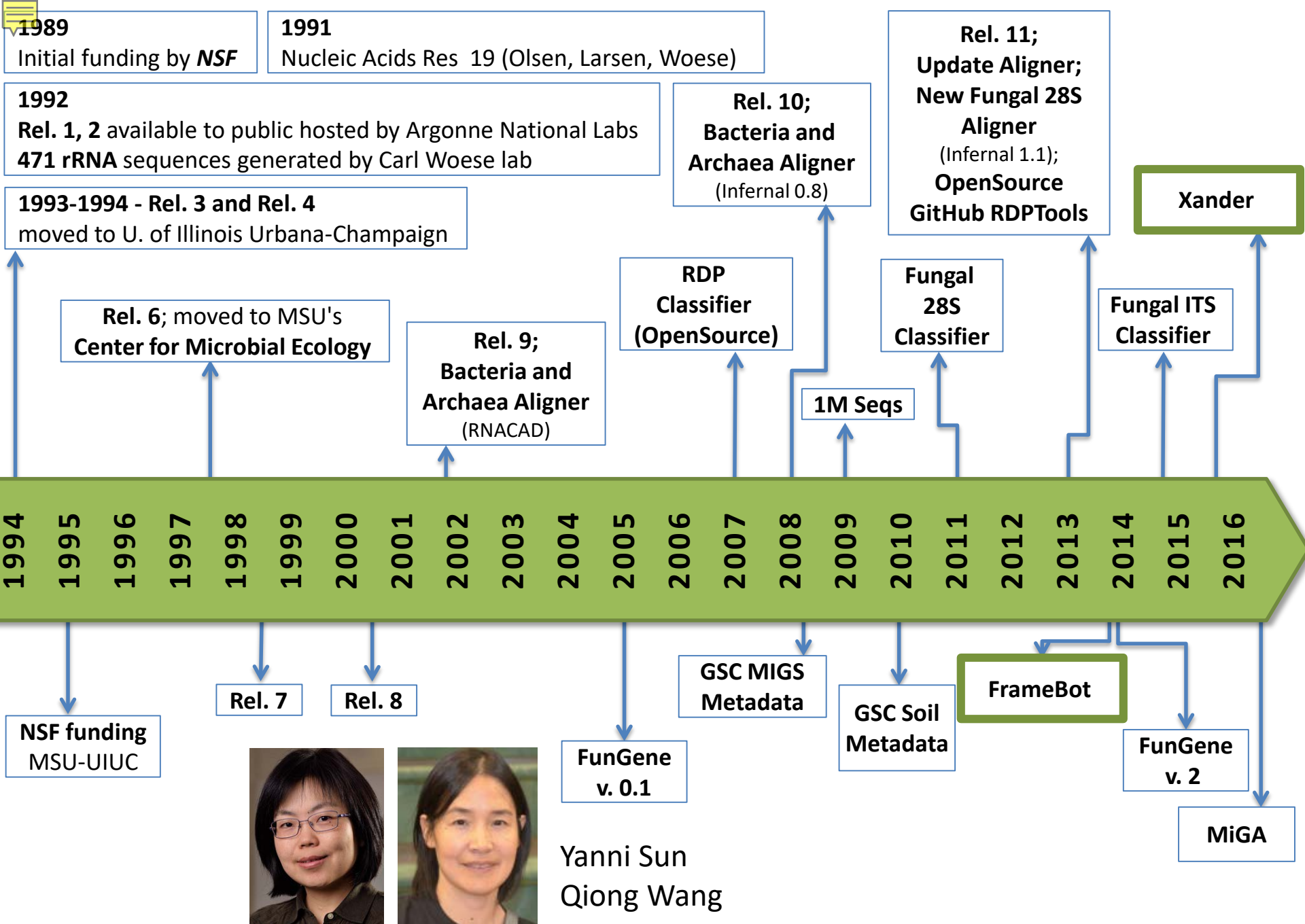
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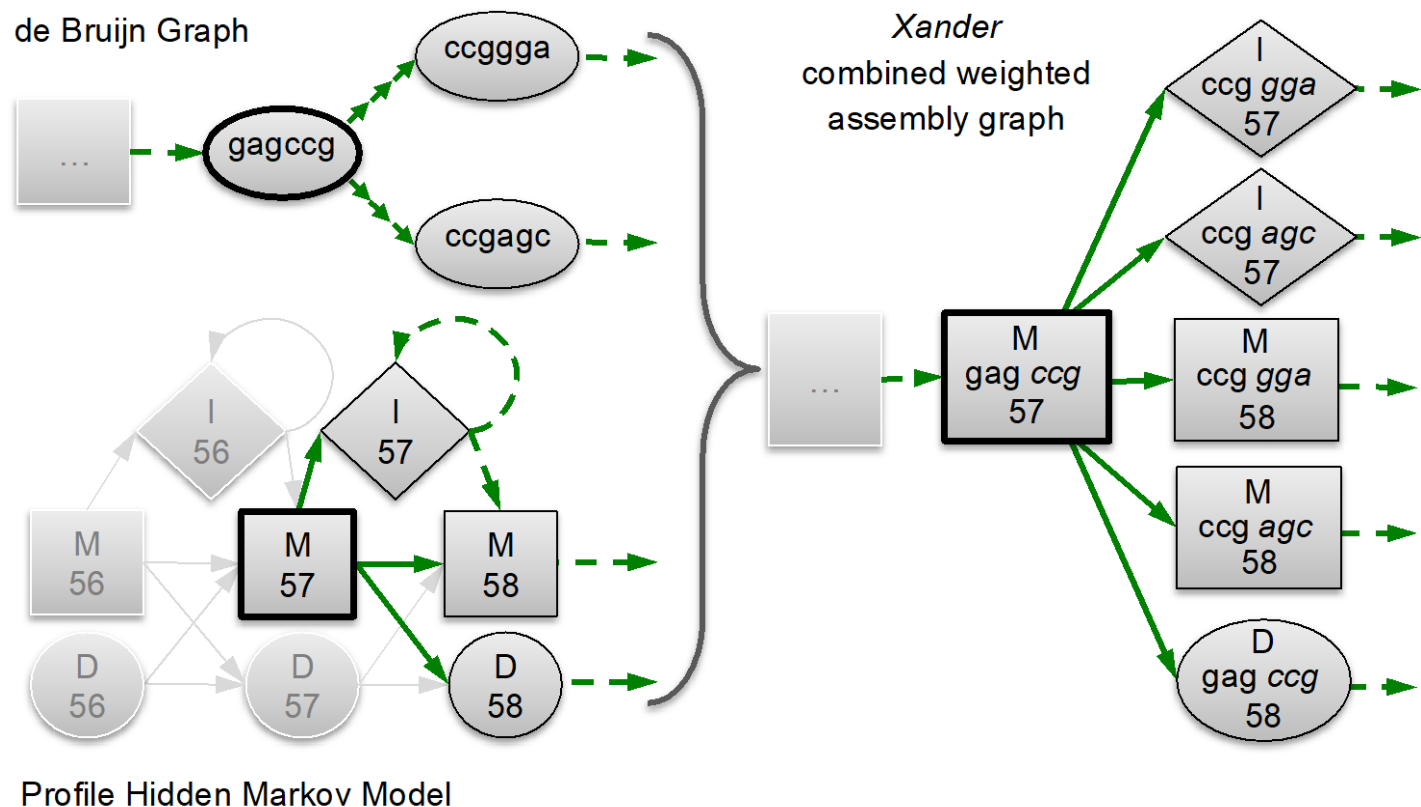
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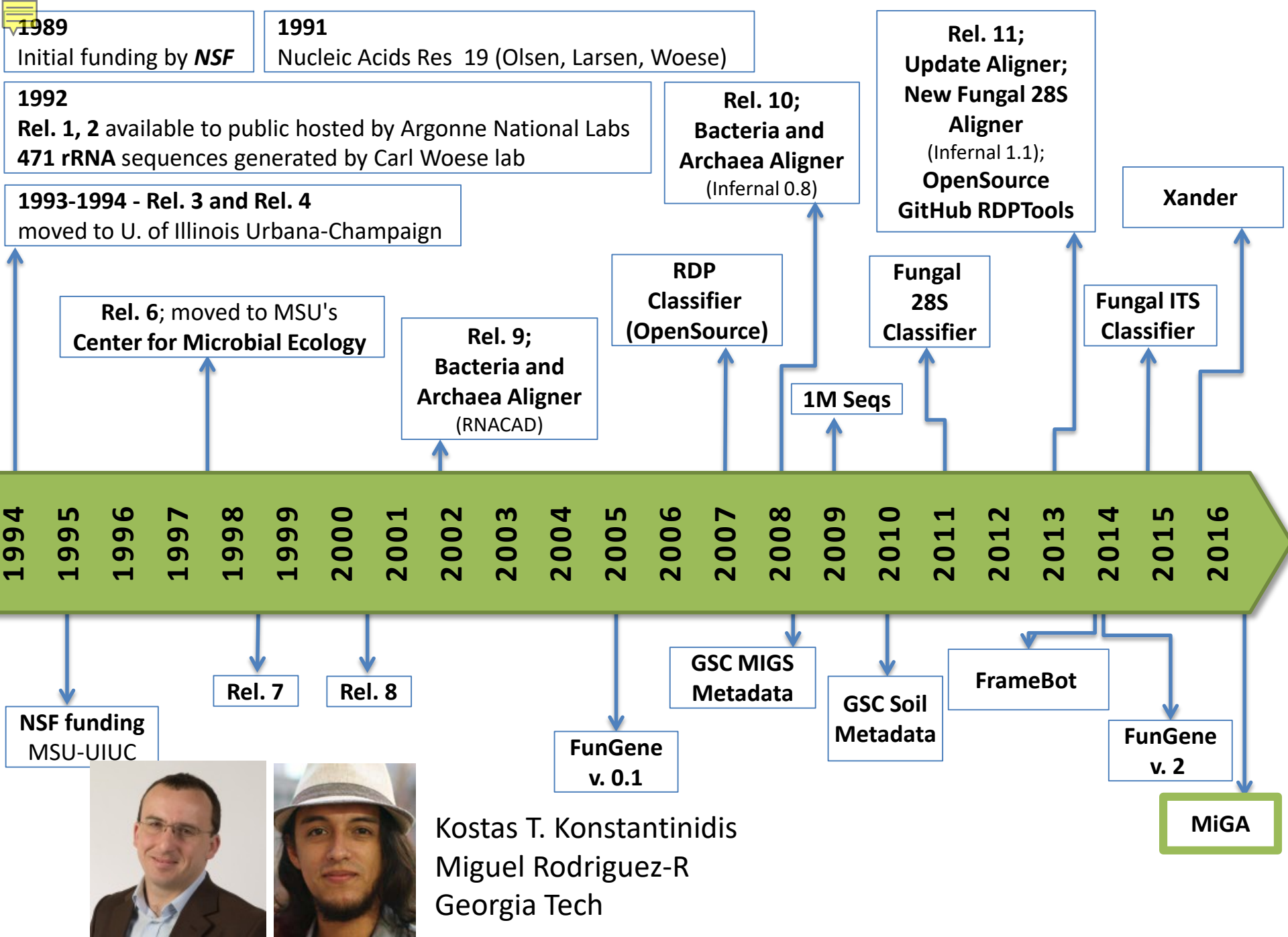
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# Xander: Gene-Targeted Assembler

## Combining de Bruijn Graph and HMM





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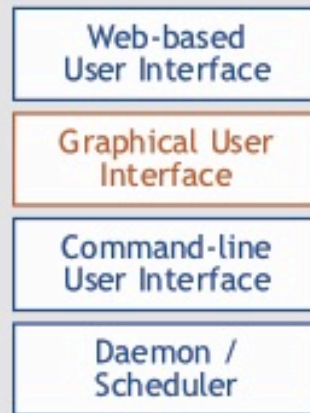
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# **The Microbial Genomes Atlas (MiGA) webserver: taxonomic and gene diversity analysis of *Archaea* and *Bacteria* at the whole genome level**

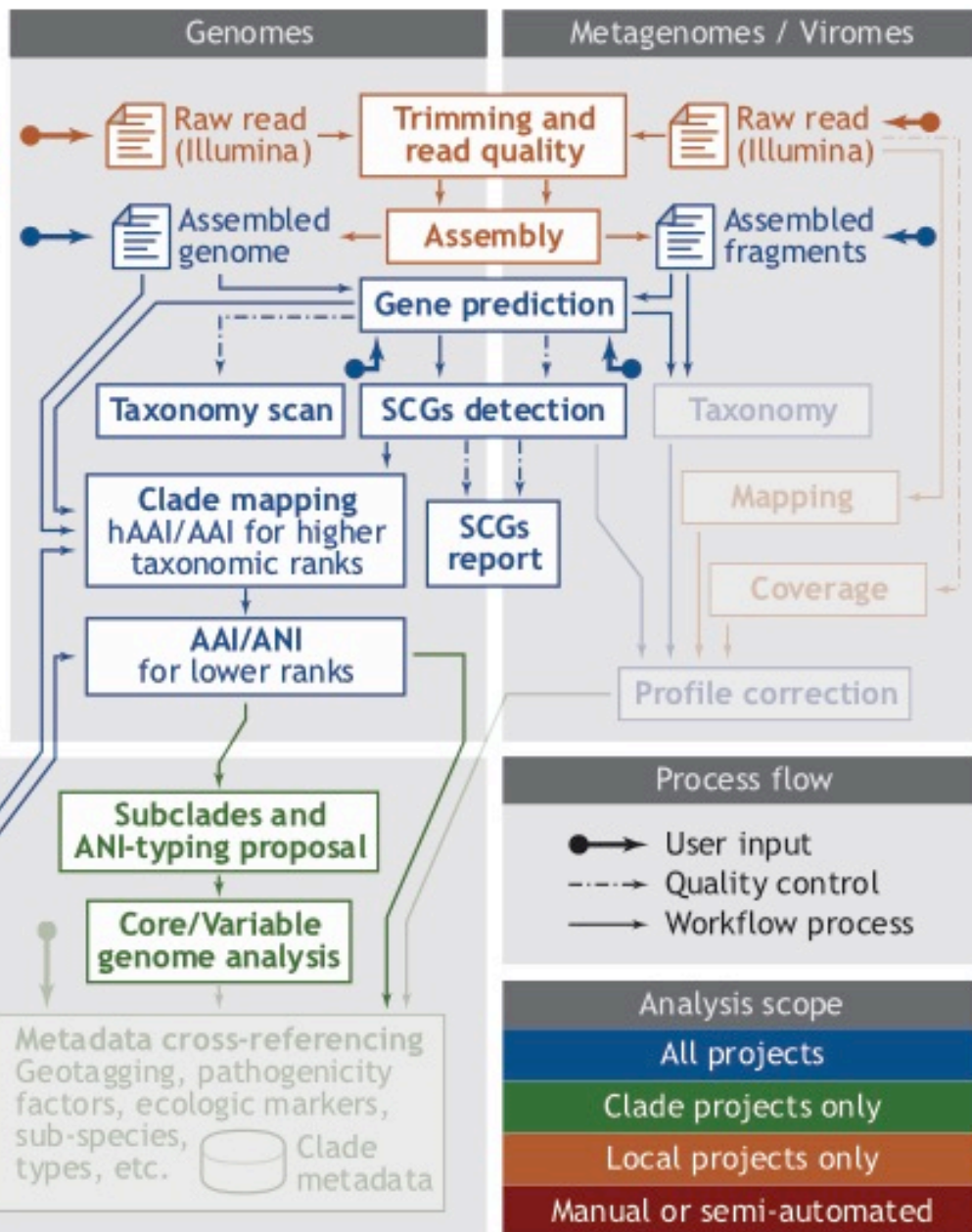
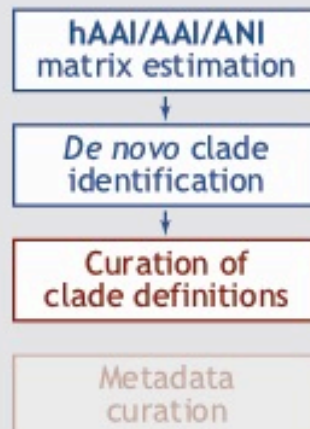
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Operative layer



Project-wide analyses



Chief workflow (v4, Jul 2015)



## **Nonpareil 3: Fast Estimation of Metagenomic Coverage and Sequence Diversity**



# Nonpareil Collaboration

- GaTech
  - Initial Implementation
  - Applications
- MSU
  - Speed up 300-fold
  - Harden for release

# Environmental Antibiotic Resistance

**ARGs- OAP v2.0 with an expanded SARG database and Hidden Markov Models for enhancement characterization and quantification of antibiotic resistance genes in environmental metagenomes**

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# Environmental Antibiotic Resistance

## Our Role:

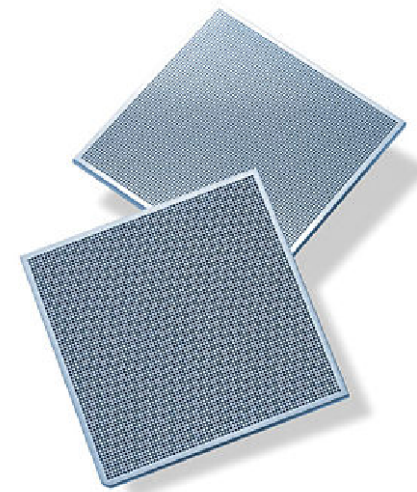
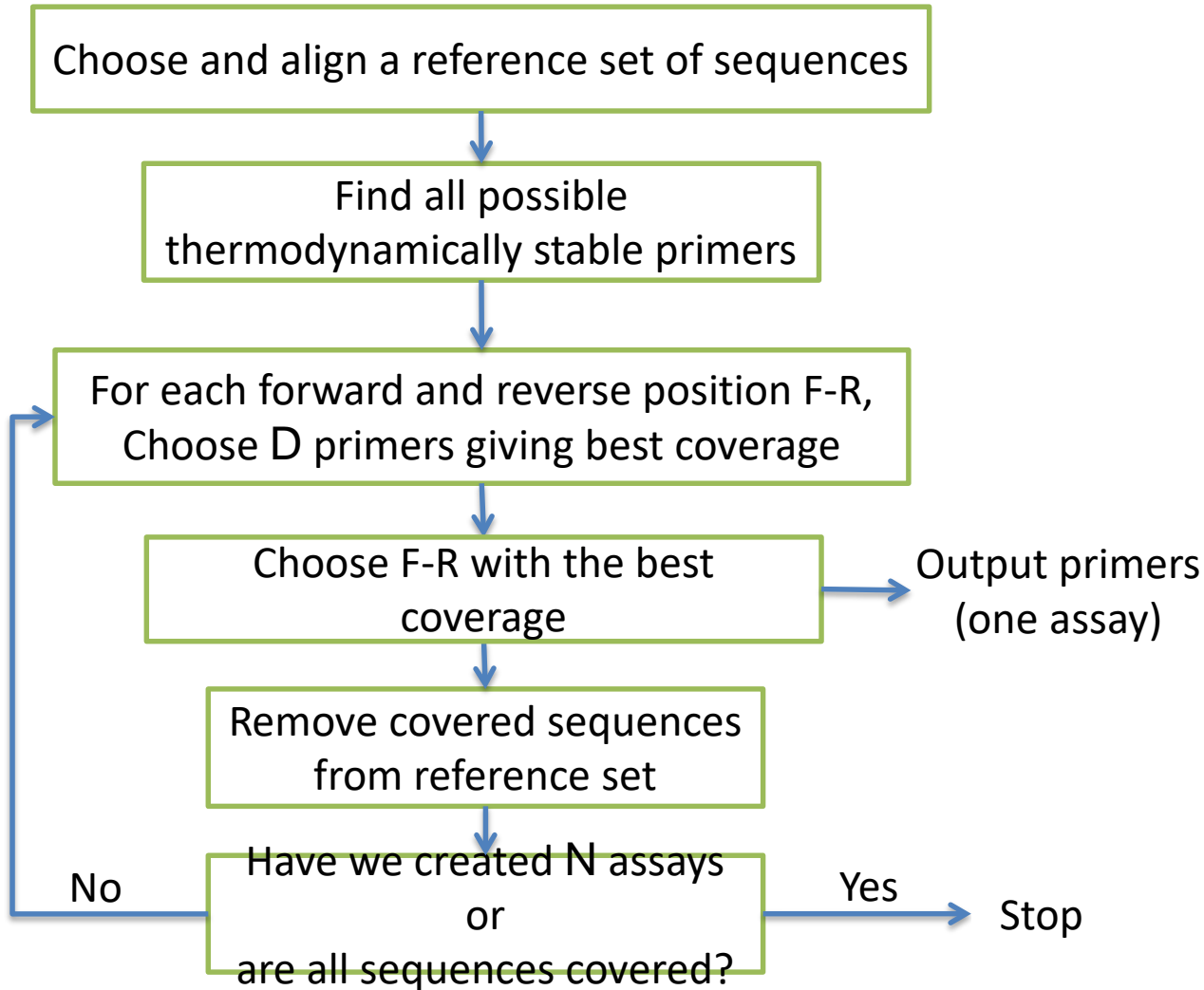
- Develop tools to test consistency of sequences in antibiotic types and subtypes and to assure clear demarcation subtypes.
- Help develop strategy and tools for detecting antibiotic ARGs in environmental metagenomes.

# Reminder:

## DNA less conserved than Protein

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# EcoFunPrimer – Primer Design



Smart Chip: 5184 well  
qPCR platform

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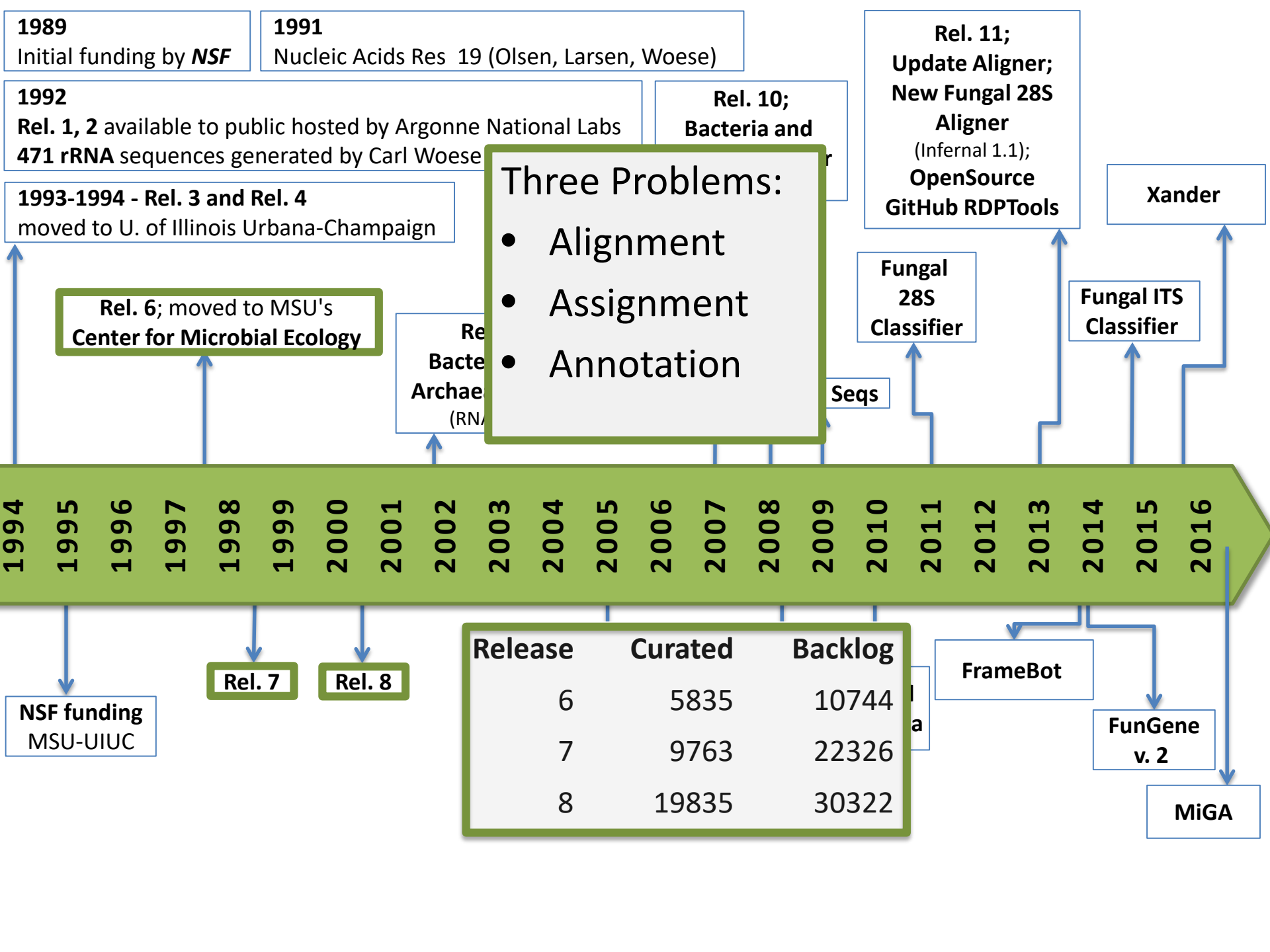
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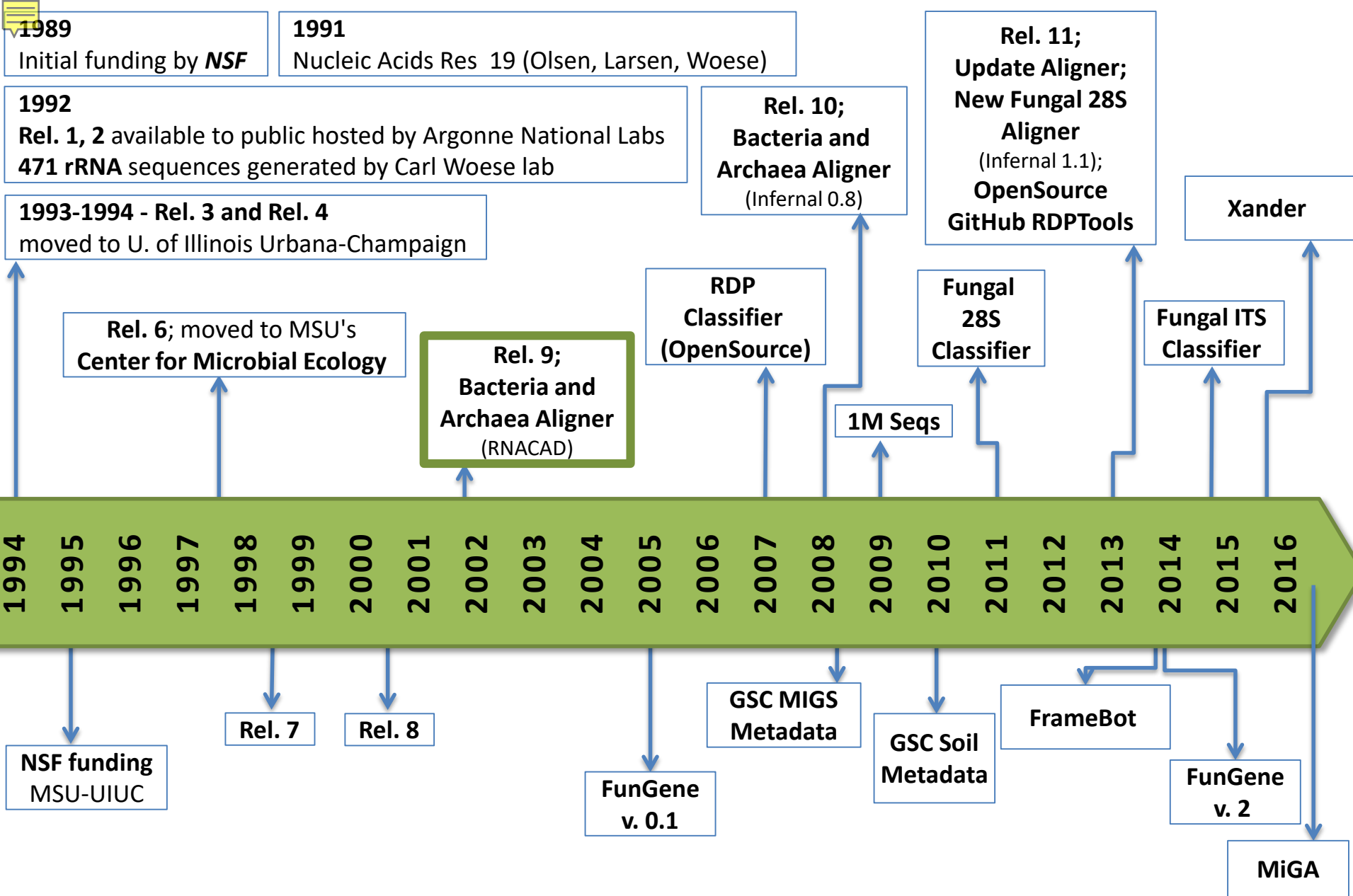
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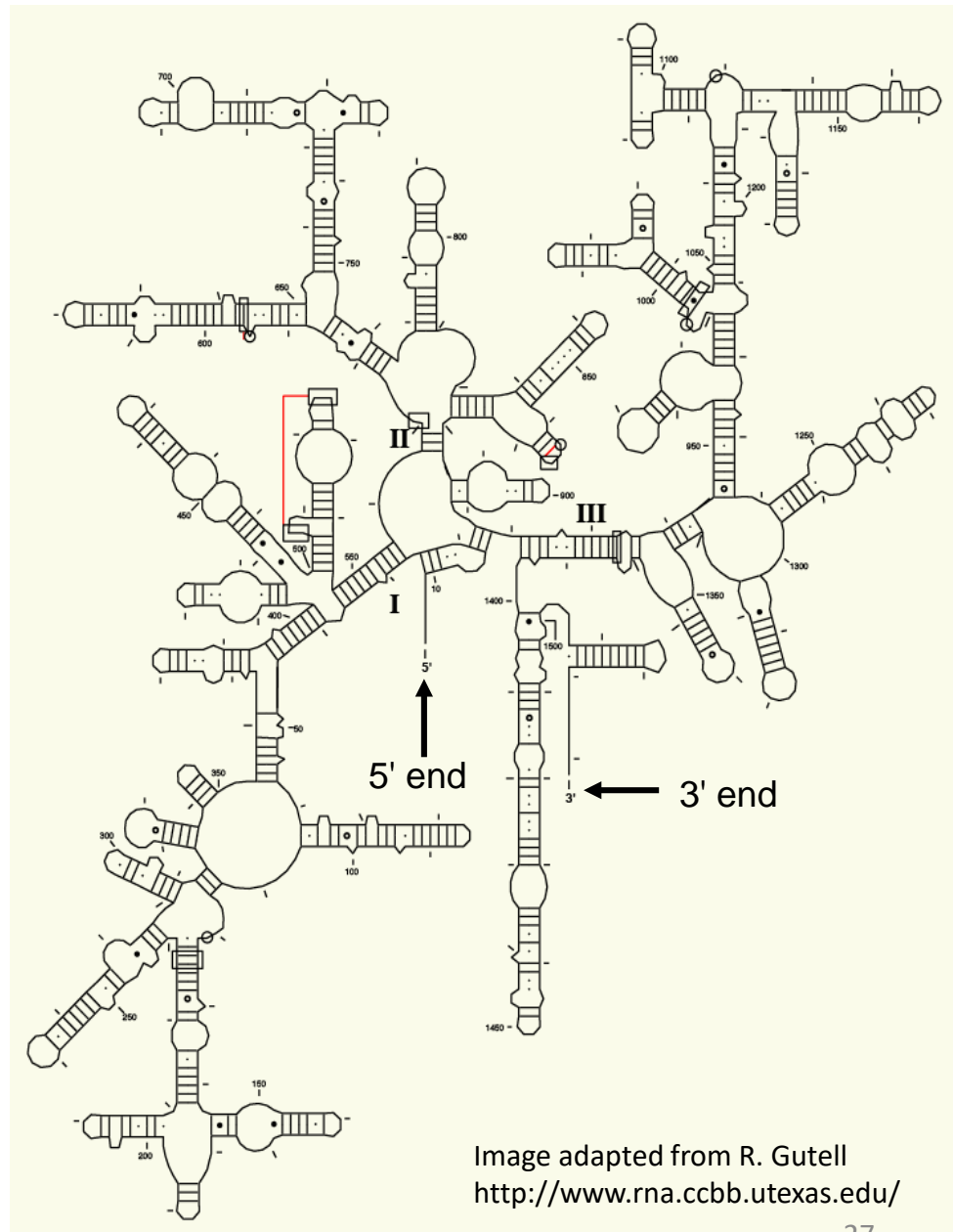
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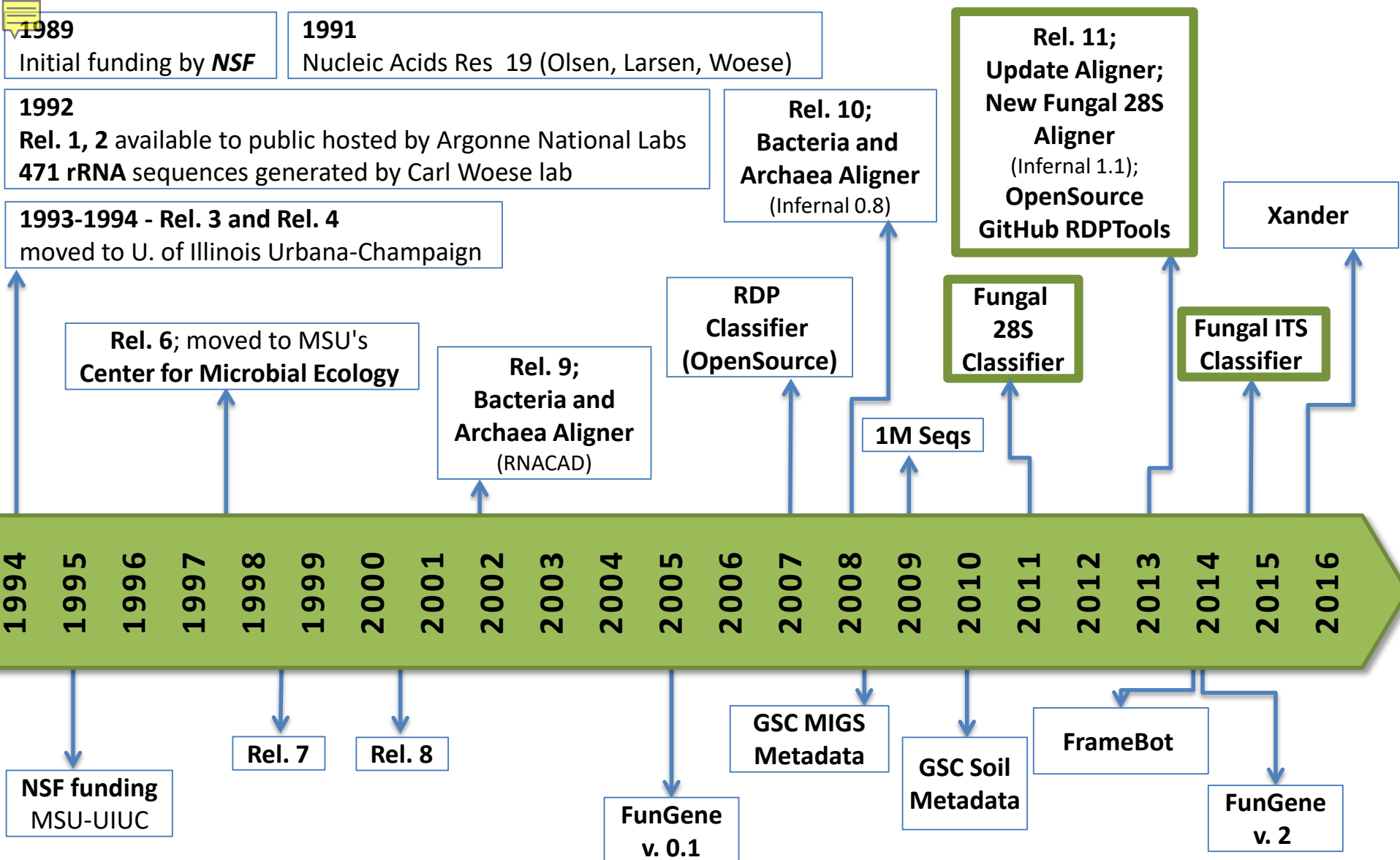
# Secondary structure of small-subunit ribosomal RNA





# Xander

## Gene-Targeted Metagenome Assembly





# Major rRNA Databases

- Ribosomal Database Project
  - Dept. of Plant Soil and Microbial Sciences
- Arb/Silva
  - Max Planck Inst. For Oceanography
- GreenGenes
  - UCSD Biomedical Sciences
- Human Oral Microbiome Database
  - Forsyth Institute

# 36 Years of rRNA gene Sequencing

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## Complete nucleotide sequence of a 16S ribosomal RNA gene from *Escherichia coli*

(recombinant plasmids/DNA sequence analysis/*rrnB* cistron)

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**ABSTRACT** The complete nucleotide sequence of the 16S RNA gene from the *rrnB* cistron of *Escherichia coli* has been determined by using three rapid DNA sequencing methods. Nearly all of the structure has been confirmed by two to six independent sequence determinations on both DNA strands. The length of the 16S rRNA chain inferred from the DNA sequence is 1541 nucleotides, in close agreement with previous estimates. We note discrepancies between this sequence and the most recent version of it reported from direct RNA sequencing [Ehresmann, C., Stiegler, P., Carbon, P. & Ebel, J. P. (1977) *FEBS Lett.* 84, 337-341]. A few of these may be explained by heterogeneity among 16S rRNA sequences from different cistrons. No nucleotide sequences were found in the 16S rRNA gene that cannot be reconciled with RNase digestion products of mature 16S rRNA.

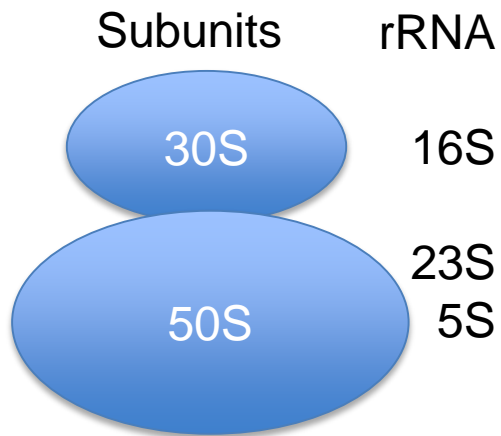
sequence have been confirmed, and additional errors have been found involving oligonucleotide sequences, ordering of oligonucleotides, and, in one instance, the location of a larger section of the primary structure. No nucleotide sequences were found that cannot be accounted for from the RNase digestion products of mature 16S rRNA.

## METHODS

**Cloning and Mapping of DNA.** The 16S rRNA gene from the *rrnB* cistron of *E. coli* was cloned from two *EcoRI* restriction fragments of  $\lambda$ rif<sup>d</sup>18 (17, 18) in the ColE1 plasmid vector. Determination of the location of the 16S rRNA sequences and restriction enzyme cleavage sites will be described elsewhere.

rRNA is becoming increasingly important in our current per-

# Why Ribosomal RNA Sequences



- Easy to purify ribosomes and rRNA species by sedimentation.
- Now we use PCR with primers targeting conserved regions to amplify rRNA genes.



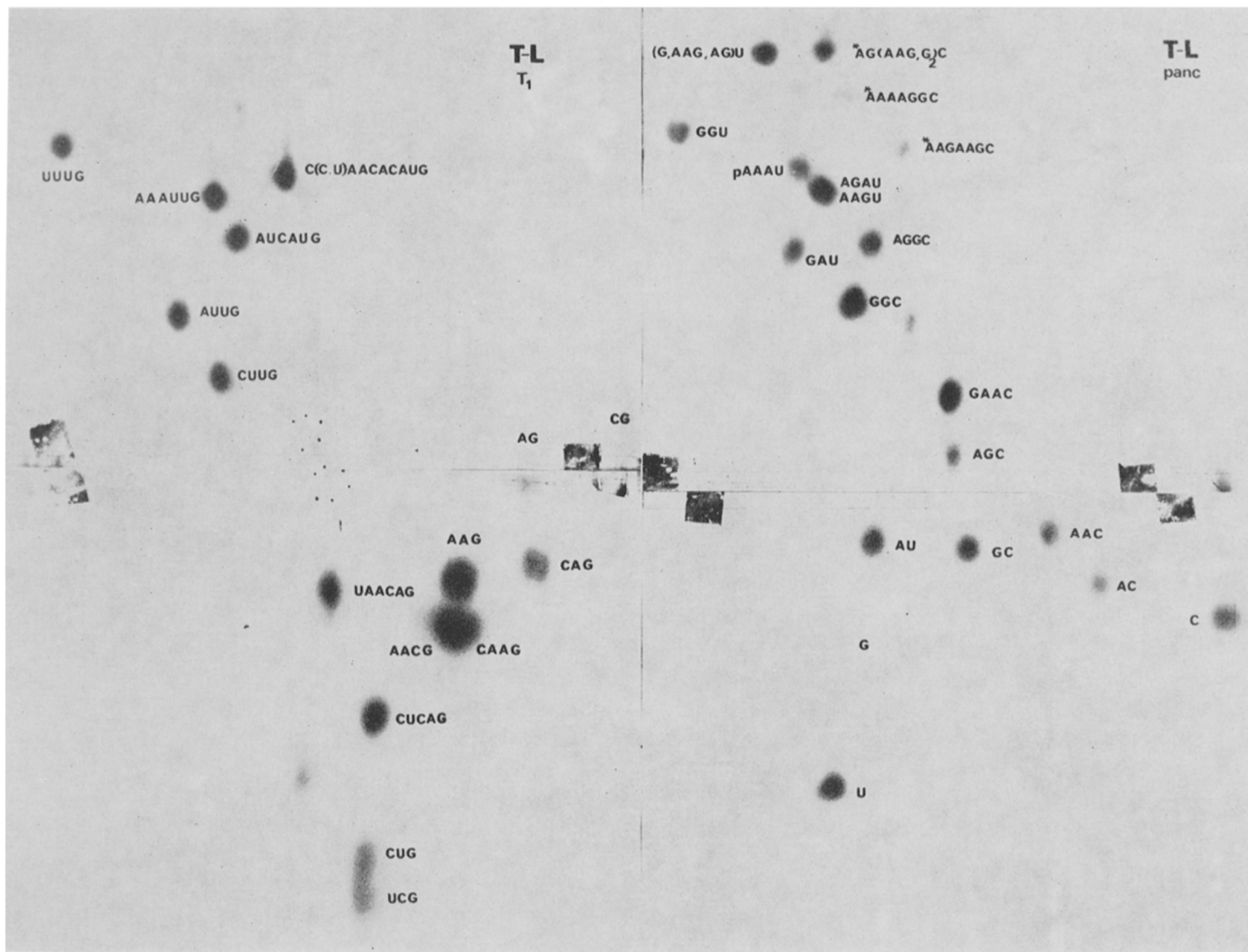


FIG. 2. — *T.* (+ alkaline phosphatase) and pancreatic ribonuclease fingerprints of section *L*. This fragment was obtained from the digestion of intact 30 S subunits (see figure 1). Some degradation products (AUG and C(C. U)AACAC) arising from spot C(C. U)AACACAUG can be detected in the sample.

Table 1. Association coefficients ( $S_{AB}$ ) between representative members of the three primary kingdoms

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1. <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> , 18S	—	0.29	0.33	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.08
2. <i>Lemna minor</i> , 18S	0.29	—	0.36	0.10	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.07
3. L cell, 18S	0.33	0.36	—	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.07
4. <i>Escherichia coli</i>	0.05	0.10	0.06	—	0.24	0.25	0.28	0.26	0.21	0.11	0.12	0.07	0.12
5. <i>Chlorobium vibrioforme</i>	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.24	—	0.22	0.22	0.20	0.19	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.09
6. <i>Bacillus firmus</i>	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.25	0.22	—	0.34	0.26	0.20	0.11	0.13	0.06	0.12
7. <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i>	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.28	0.22	0.34	—	0.23	0.21	0.12	0.12	0.09	0.10
8. <i>Aphanocapsa</i> 6714	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.26	0.20	0.26	0.23	—	0.31	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10
9. Chloroplast ( <i>Lemna</i> )	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.21	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.31	—	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.12
10. <i>Methanobacterium thermoautotrophicum</i>	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.06	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.14	—	0.51	0.25	0.30
11. <i>M. ruminantium</i> strain M-1	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.12	0.07	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.51	—	0.25	0.24
12. <i>Methanobacterium</i> sp., Cariaco-isolate JR-1	0.08	0.13	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.25	0.25	—	0.32
13. <i>Methanosarcina barkeri</i>	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.12	0.09	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.12	0.30	0.24	0.32	—

The 16S (18S) ribosomal RNA from the organisms (organelles) listed were digested with T1 RNase and the resulting digests were subjected to two-dimensional electrophoretic separation to produce an oligonucleotide fingerprint. The individual oligonucleotides on each fingerprint were then sequenced by established procedures (13, 14) to produce an oligonucleotide catalog characteristic of the given organism (3, 4, 13–17, 22, 23; unpublished data). Comparisons of all possible pairs of such catalogs defines a set of association coefficients ( $S_{AB}$ ) given by:  $S_{AB} = 2N_{AB}/(N_A + N_B)$ , in which  $N_A$ ,  $N_B$ , and  $N_{AB}$  are the total numbers of nucleotides in sequences of hexamers or larger in the catalog for organism A, in that for organism B, and in the interreaction of the two catalogs, respectively (13, 23).

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# The Complete Nucleotide Sequence of the Ribosomal 16-S RNA from *Escherichia coli*

## Experimental Details and Cistron Heterogeneities

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The complete nucleotide sequence of the 16-S RNA from *Escherichia coli* has been determined using rapid RNA-sequencing gel methods. The experimental data are fully described in this paper. The specificities of the ribonucleases, especially the ribonuclease *PhyI* are discussed and the consequences of the persistence of stable secondary structure are considered. The proposed sequence contains 1541 nucleotides and agrees completely with the DNA sequence of the *rrnB* cistron deduced by Brosius, J., Palmer, M. L., Kennedy, P.J., and Noller, H. F. [*Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* (1978) 75, 4801—4805]. But there are several cistron heterogeneities of which we described 16 single-base heterogeneities, 7 of the deletion/insertion type and 9 of the transition or transversion type. Our observations suggest the existence, among the 7 ribosome RNA cistrons, of one or two mutated ones. The respective advantages and disadvantages of both RNA and DNA sequencing methods are discussed.

The sequence of the ribosomal 16-S RNA from *Escherichia coli* has been studied for ten years [1] in the hope of gaining information about the organization and function of ribosomes.

When the only available sequencing technique was that of Sanger et al. [2] extreme technical difficulties were encountered that reflect the intrinsic limitations

fragments and subsequent fractionation of the digests on polyacrylamide gels [5, 6]. These two technological improvements enabled us to determine the complete sequence of the 16-S RNA, which has been briefly reported already [7]. The experimental data are fully described in this paper. The sequence is compared with the DNA sequence of a 16-S RNA gene deduced

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# Elucidation of the three domains of life

**Carl Woese**  
(1929 – 2012)



**Ribosomal RNA sequence as  
phylogenetic marker**

- Discovered  
“3<sup>rd</sup> kingdom”
- Archaea and Bacteria  
separate domains

# Average Nucleotide Identity and Average Amino Acid Identity

## Whole Genome Comparison

### Genomic insights that advance the species definition for prokaryotes

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# Diversity of uncultured organisms explored by rRNA sequencing

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## Analysis of Hydrothermal Vent-Associated Symbionts by Ribosomal RNA Sequences

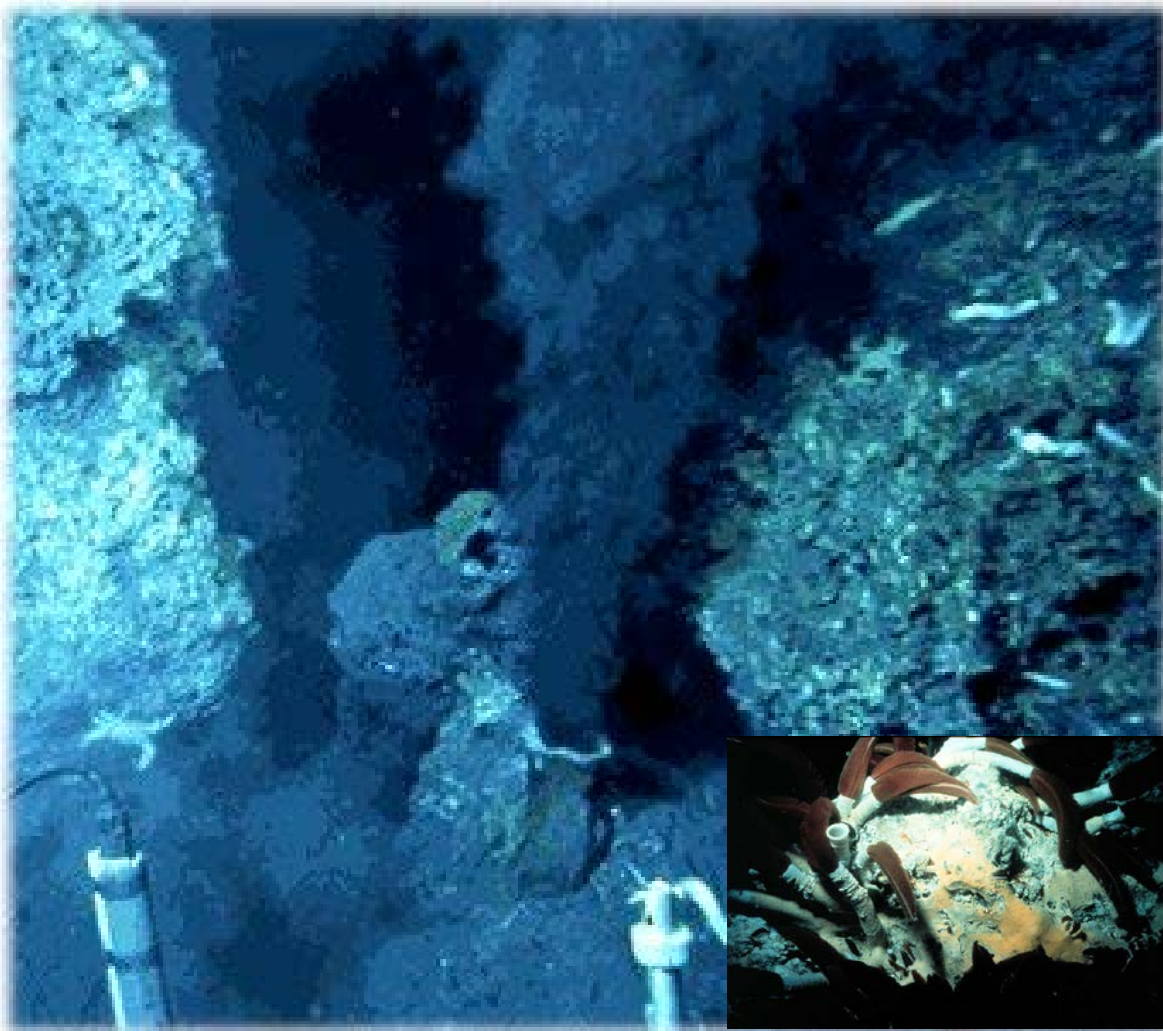
**Abstract.** *Ribosomal RNA (rRNA) sequences were used to establish the phylogenetic affiliations of symbioses in which prokaryotes appear to confer sulfur-based chemoautotrophy on their invertebrate hosts. Two submarine hydrothermal vent animals, the vestimentiferan tube worm Riftia pachyptila and the clam Calyptogena magnifica, and a tidal-flat bivalve, Solemya velum, were inspected. 5S rRNA's were extracted from symbiont-bearing tissues, separated into unique forms, and their nucleotide sequences determined and related to other 5S rRNA's in a phylogenetic tree analysis. The prokaryotic symbionts are related to one another and affiliated with the same narrow phylogenetic grouping as Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa. The sequence comparisons suggest that Riftia is more closely related to the bivalves than their current taxonomic status would suggest.*

Evidence has accumulated that sulfur-oxidizing microbes can establish symbiotic relationships with certain invertebrates, producing "chemoautotrophic animals" (1). The putative symbionts were identified histologically and by the presence of high levels of certain Calvin cycle and sulfur-oxidative enzymes in the hydrothermal vent tube worm *Riftia pachyptila* (2), in which the bacteria fill a

One approach to characterizing uncultivable organisms is to establish their phylogenetic relationships to better-known organisms by appropriate macromolecular sequence comparisons (5). Ribosomal RNA's (rRNA) seem well-suited among cellular macromolecules for such analyses because of their ubiquitous distribution, functional constancy, high conservation of primary structure

(trunk wall and trophosome) and *Calyptogena magnifica* (gill tissue) and live specimens of *Solemya velum* were obtained (7); gill and foot tissues were excised and frozen immediately upon receipt. Total RNA was isolated from homogenized tissues extracted with hot phenol and sodium dodecyl sulfate and fractionated by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (Fig. 1A). After elution, the mixtures of 5S rRNA's (host and symbiont) were labeled at their 5' termini with [ $\gamma$ - $^{32}$ P]ATP (adenosine triphosphate) and polynucleotide kinase or at their 3' termini with [5'- $^{32}$ P]pCp (C, cytosine) and RNA ligase and were resolved by electrophoresis on 8 percent polyacrylamide sequencing gels (Fig. 1B). All 5S rRNA's were sequenced from both termini by enzymatic and chemical partial digestions (Fig. 1C). The derived sequences and the alignments used for phylogenetic analysis are shown in Fig. 2.

The relation of the symbiont 5S rRNA's to those of better-known organisms is best understood as a phyloge-



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# Microbial diversity in the deep sea and the underexplored “rare biosphere”

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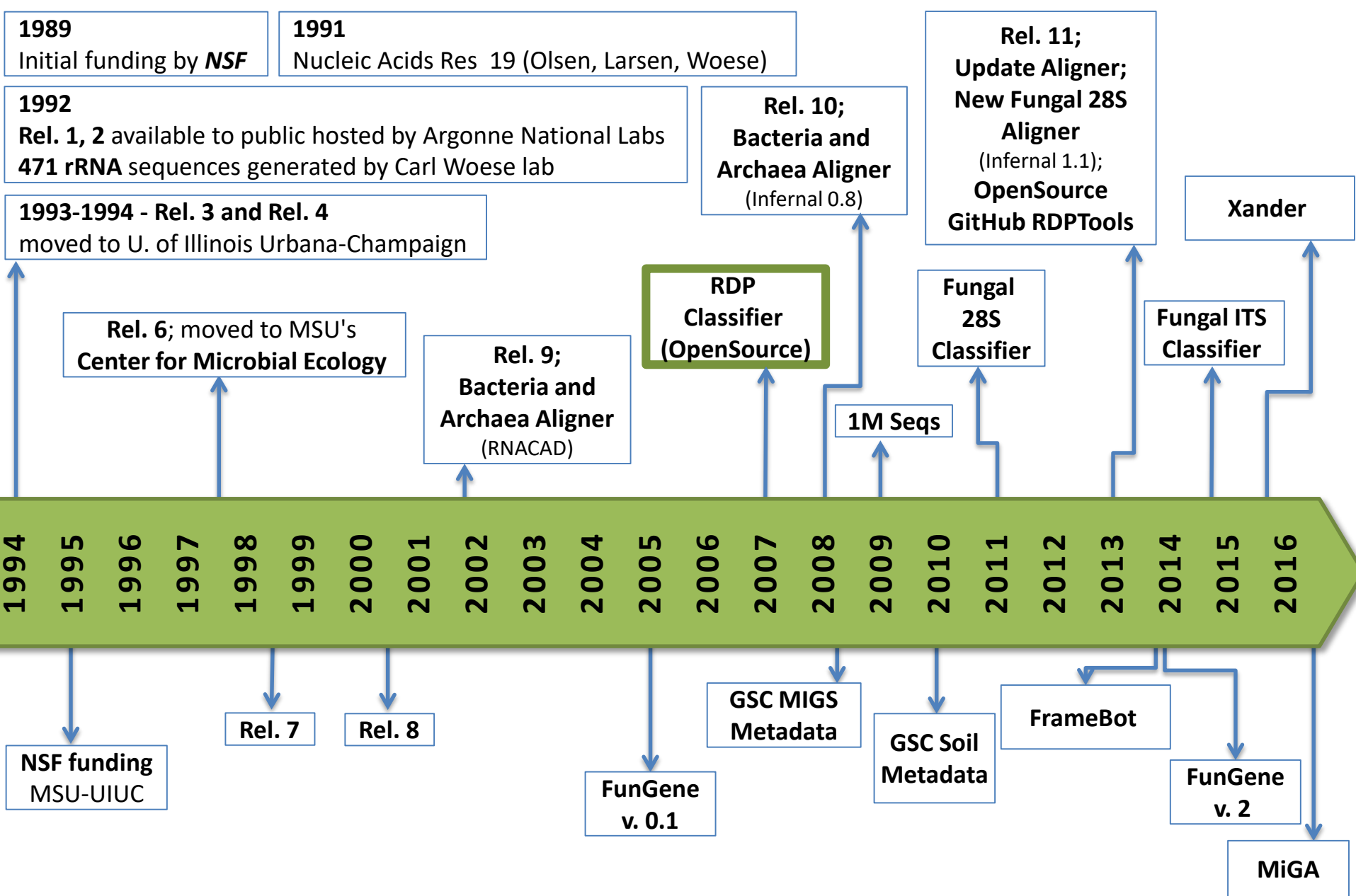
The evolution of marine microbes over billions of years predicts that the composition of microbial communities should be much greater than the published estimates of a few thousand distinct kinds of microbes per liter of seawater. By adopting a massively parallel tag sequencing strategy, we show that bacterial communities of deep water masses of the North Atlantic and diffuse flow hydrothermal vents are one to two orders of magnitude more complex than previously reported for any microbial environment. A relatively small number of different populations dominate all samples, but thousands of low-abundance populations account for most of the observed phylogenetic diversity. This “rare biosphere” is very ancient and may represent a nearly inexhaustible source of genomic innovation. Members of the rare biosphere are highly divergent from each other and, at different times in earth’s history, may have had a profound impact on shaping planetary processes.

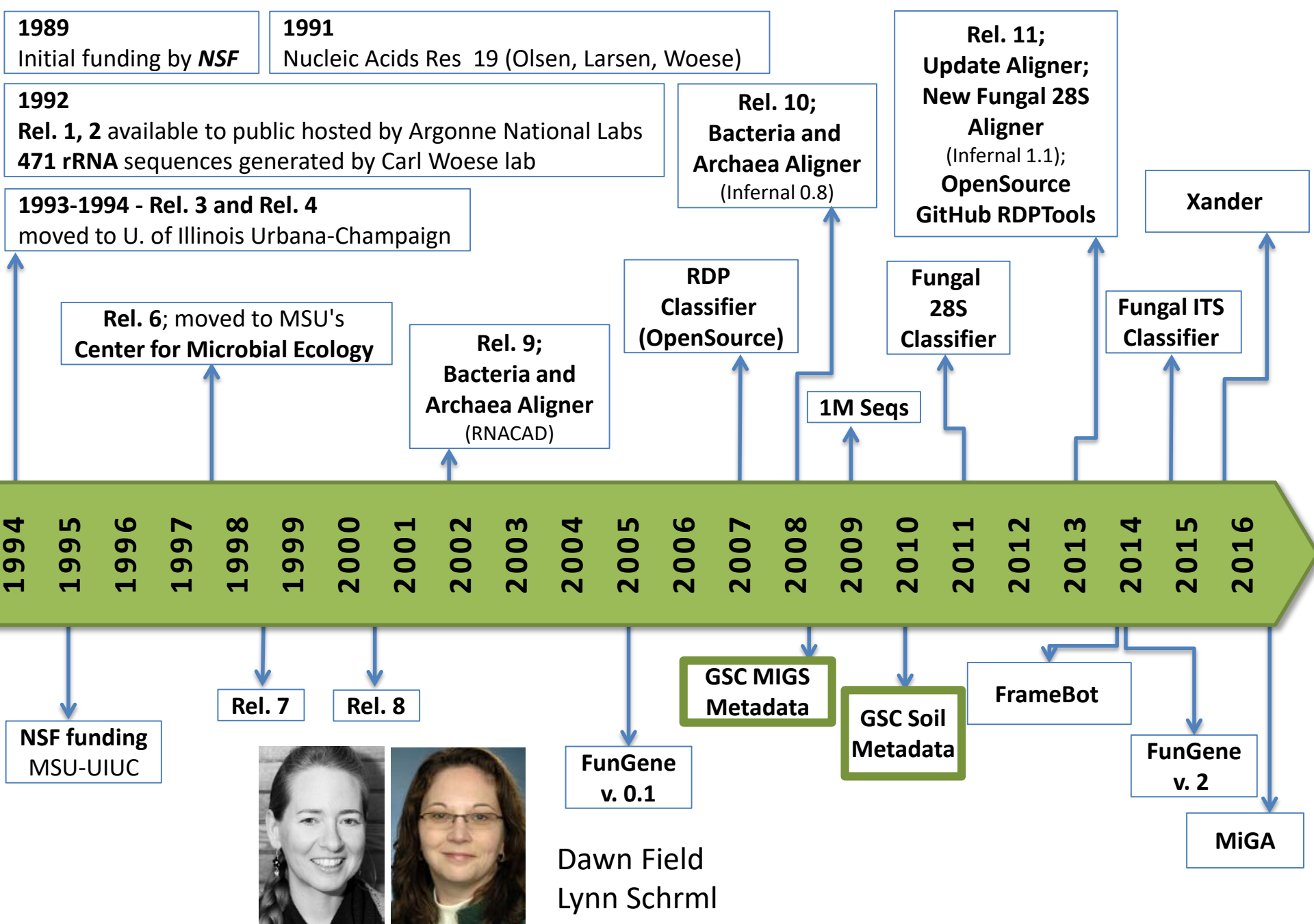
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The world’s oceans are teeming with microscopic life forms. Nominal cell counts of  $>10^5$  cells per ml in surface sea water (1, 2) predict that the oceans harbor  $3.6 \times 10^{29}$  microbial cells with a total cellular carbon content of  $\approx 3 \times 10^{17}$  g (3). Communities of bacteria, archaea, protists, and unicellular fungi

Gene sequences, most commonly those encoding rRNAs, provide a basis for estimating microbial phylogenetic diversity (5, 7, 14–18) and generating taxonomic inventories of marine microbial populations (5, 7, 14–18). Evolutionary distances between orthologous sequences (19) or similarities to database entries identified through BLAST (20), FASTA (21), or Bayesian classifiers (22) identify operational taxonomic units (OTUs) that correspond to species or kinds of organisms. A variety of parametric and nonparametric methods extrapolate information from observed frequencies of OTUs or species abundance curves to predict the number of different microbial taxa in a local sample (23–26). Richness estimates of marine microbial communities through comparisons of rRNAs range from a few hundred phylotypes per ml in the water column (19) to as many as 3,000 from marine sediments (27, 28). One of the largest water column surveys (1,000 PCR amplicons) described the presence of only 516 unique sequences and estimated occurrence of  $\approx 1,600$  coexisting ribotypes in a coastal bacterioplankton community (29). Using data from metagenomic surveys of the Sargasso Sea, nonparametric treatments of rRNA sequences from marine systems argue that the oceans might contain as many as  $10^6$  different kinds of microbes (26). Yet, all of these inferences suffer from a paucity of data points (a small number of homologous sequences used to document the presence of









*The mission of the GSC is to work with the wider community towards:*

- the implementation of new genomic standards
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- harmonization of metadata collection and analysis efforts across the wider genomics community

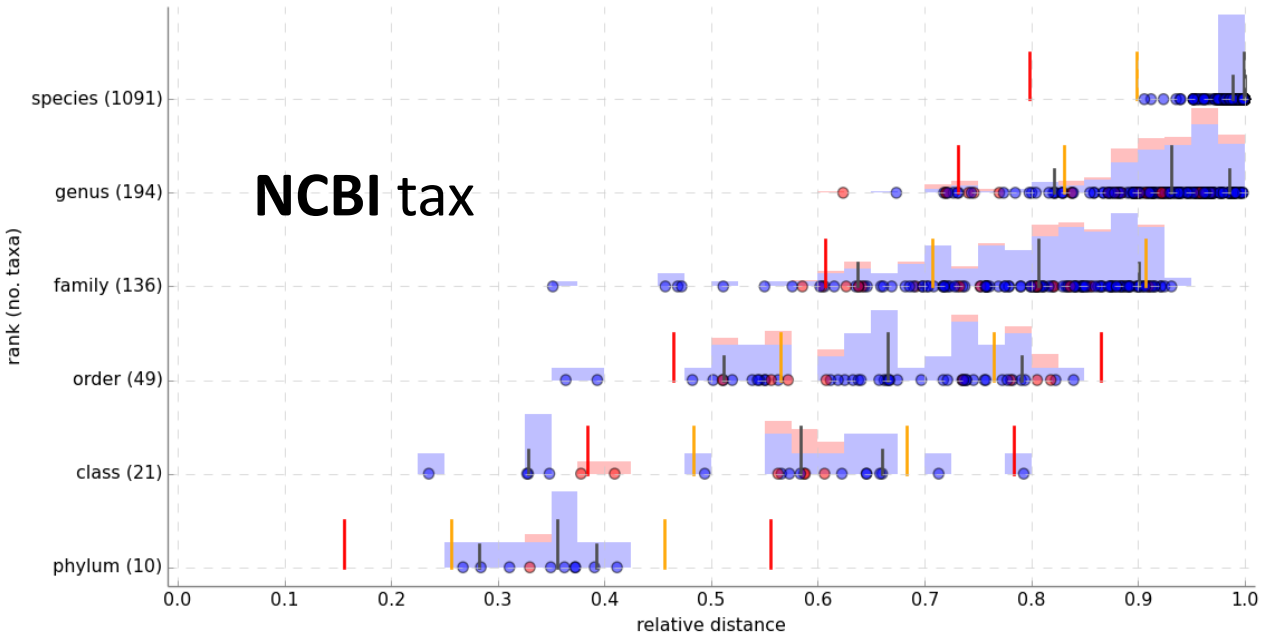
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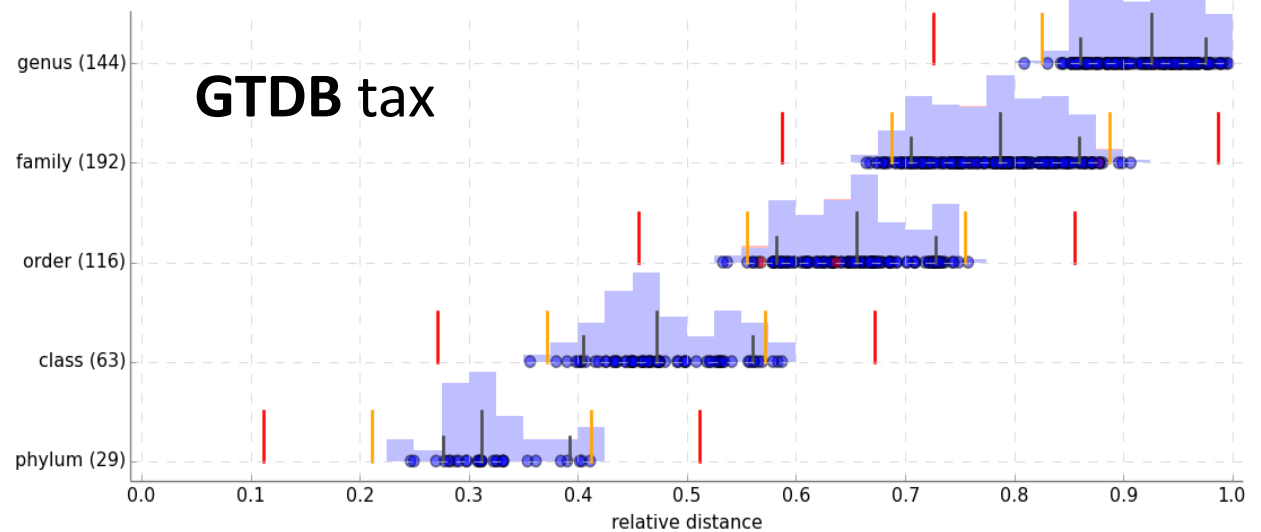
# Current Trends

- Migration back to high-fidelity near-full-length environmental amplicons (e.g. PacBio)
- Integration of higher resolution genomic data into 16S based phylogeny and taxonomy

## NCBI tax



## GTDB tax



- polyphyletic groups  
removed

- ranks normalised

# Ribosomal RNA Shows the Framework



# Functional Genes Show the Details





# Rhizosphere Soil Data, Xander Assembly

Gene	<i>nirK</i>			<i>nifH</i>			<i>rplB</i>		
Crop	C	M	S	C	M	S	C	M	S
# chimeric clusters	16	207	11	0	1	0	14	28	44
# protein contig clusters	1993	1807	1581	39	57	41	19287	20463	17334
# OTUs at 95% aa identity	741	674	582	14	24	17	6100	6887	6004
Median (aa)	215	230	208	294	256	255	274	274	274
Longest (aa)	380	372	370	296	296	296	285	285	284
Median % aa identity	88.3	84.7	Gene abundance calculated from the ratio of <i>nirK</i> or <i>nifH</i> reads to <i>rplB</i> reads, corrected for gene length.						76.3
Max % aa identity	100	99.4							100
# reads covering kmers	27404	19815	16661	411	534	461	225985	179867	149661
Gene Abundance	0.121	0.11	0.111	0.002	0.003	0.003			

# Elucidation of the three primary lineages

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## Phylogenetic structure of the prokaryotic domain: The primary kingdoms

(archaebacteria/eubacteria/urkaryote/16S ribosomal RNA/molecular phylogeny)

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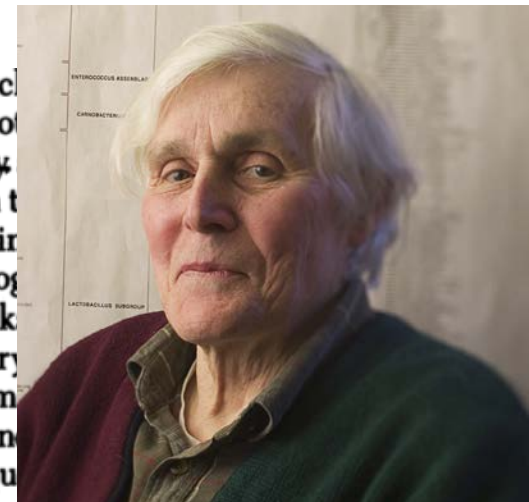
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**ABSTRACT** A phylogenetic analysis based upon ribosomal RNA sequence characterization reveals that living systems represent one of three aboriginal lines of descent: (i) the eubacteria, comprising all typical bacteria; (ii) the archaeobacteria, containing methanogenic bacteria; and (iii) the urkaryotes, now represented in the cytoplasmic component of eukaryotic cells.

The biologist has customarily structured his world in terms of certain basic dichotomies. Classically, what was not plant was animal. The discovery that bacteria, which initially had been considered plants, resembled both plants and animals less than

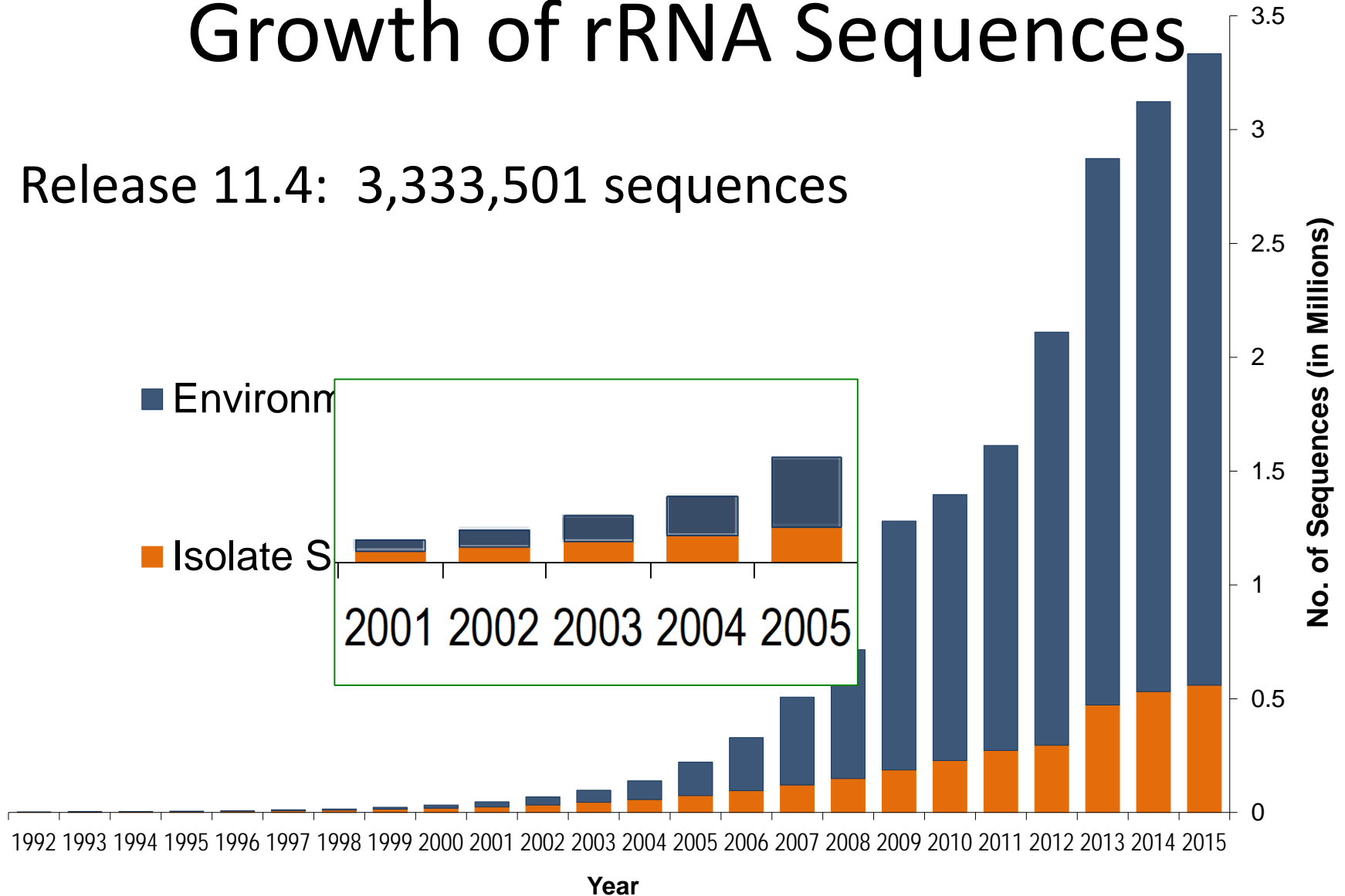
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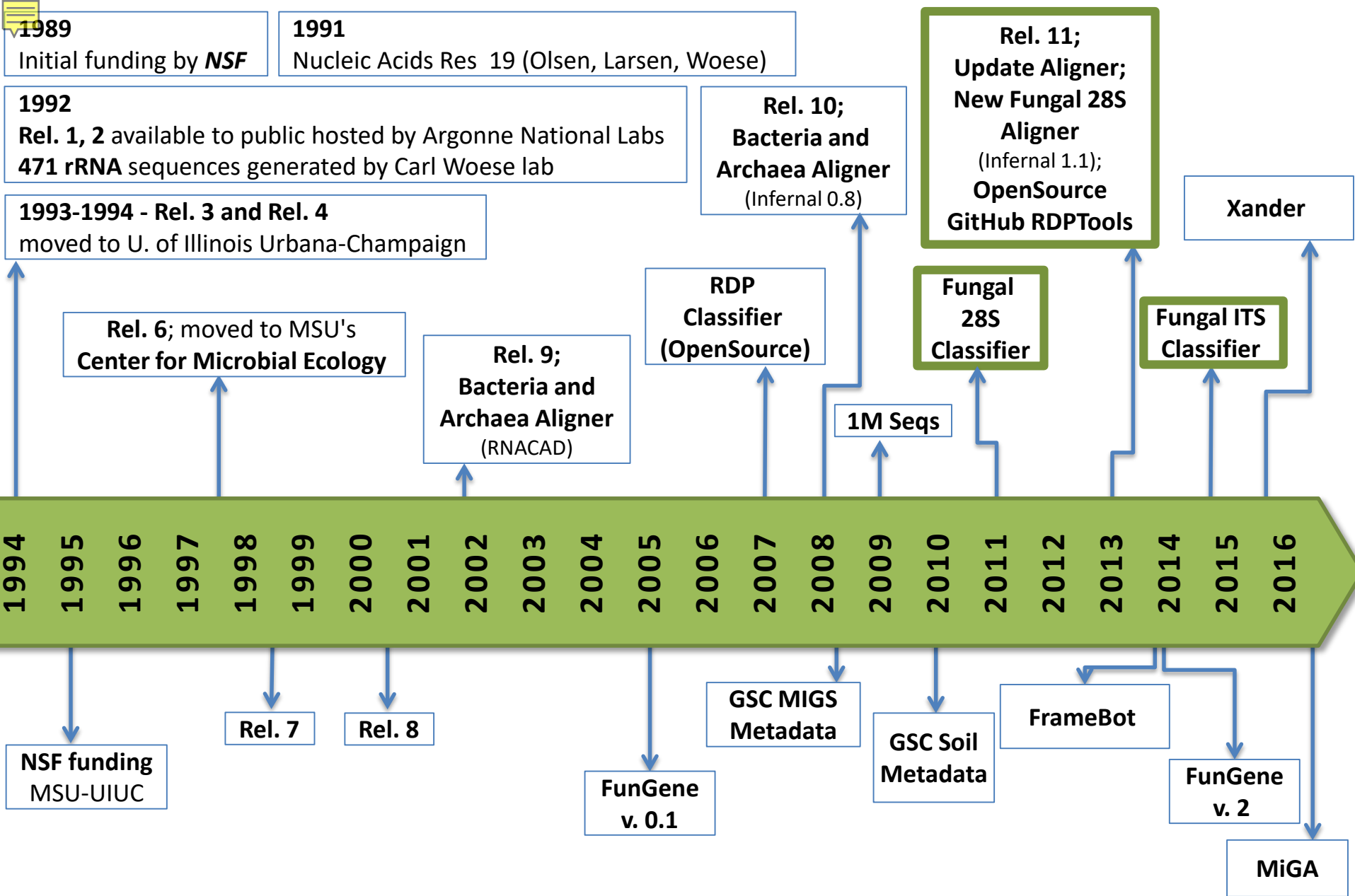
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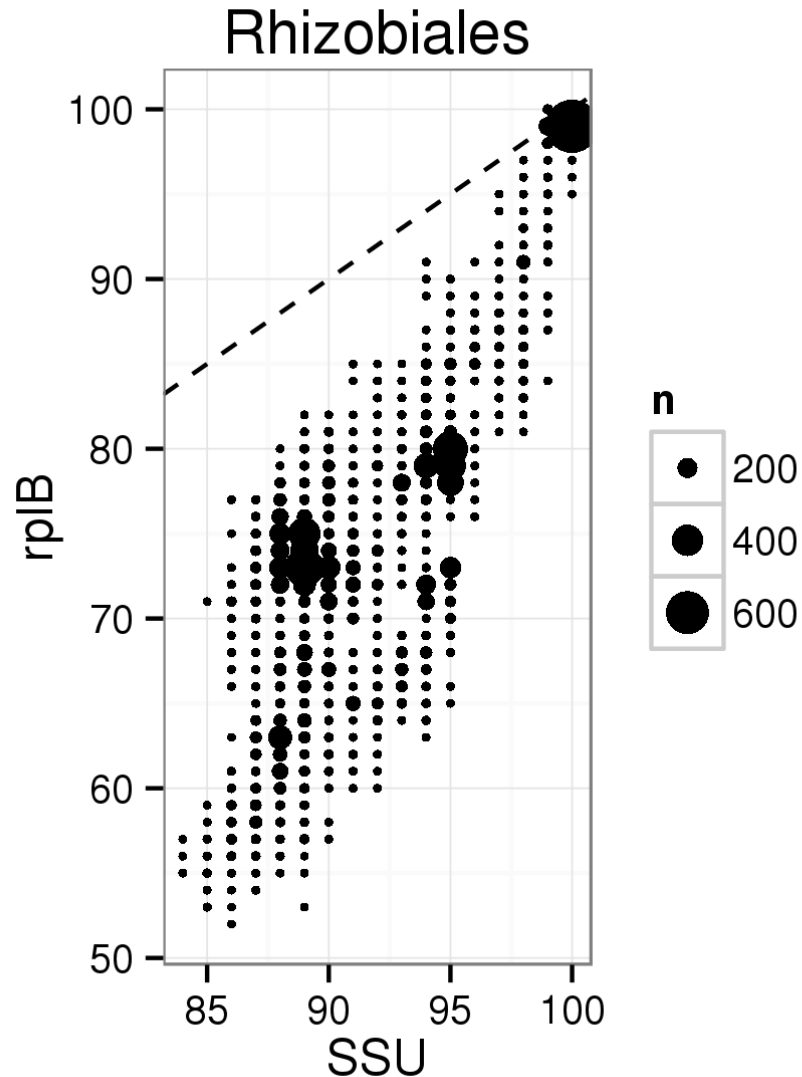




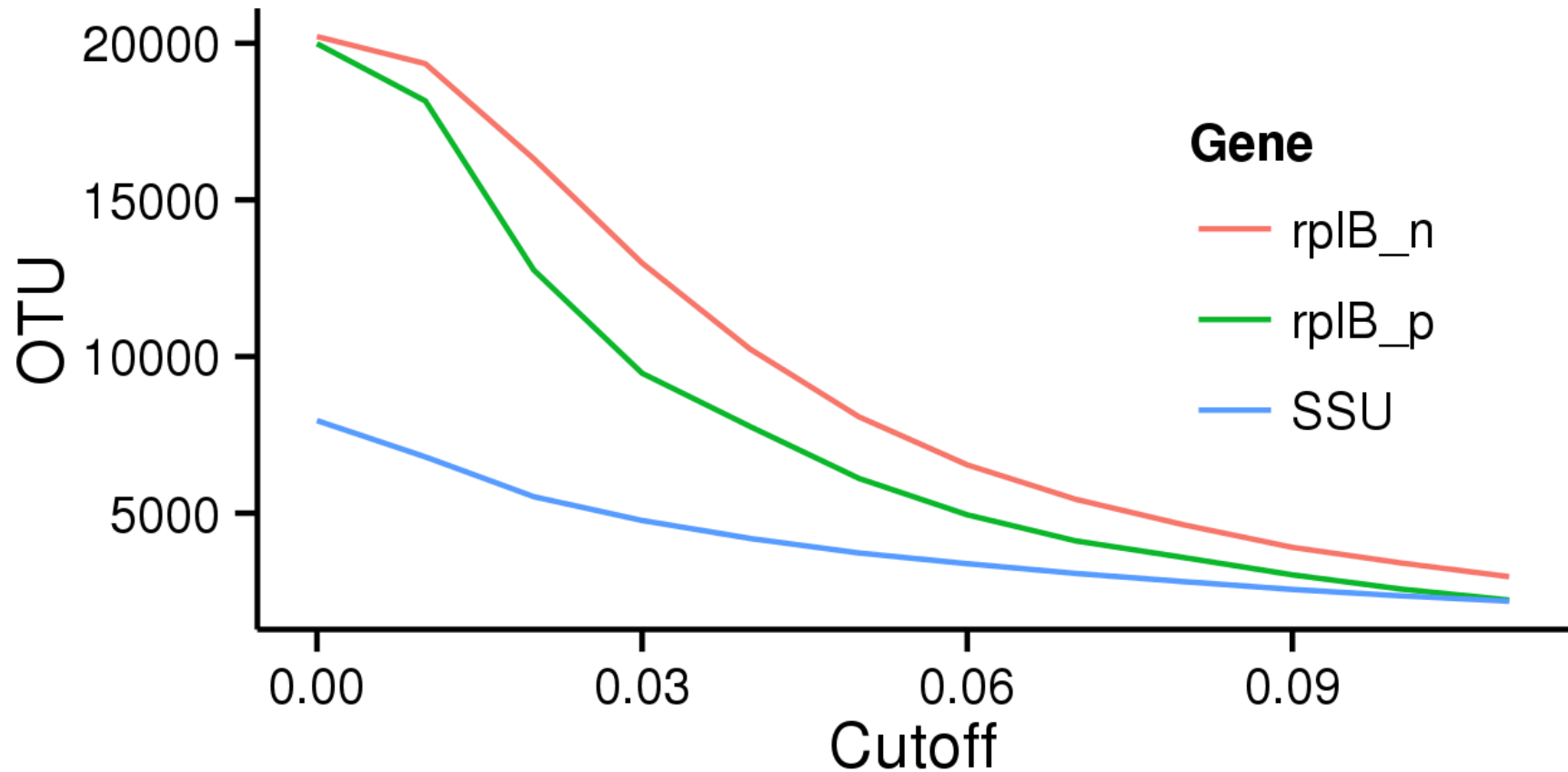
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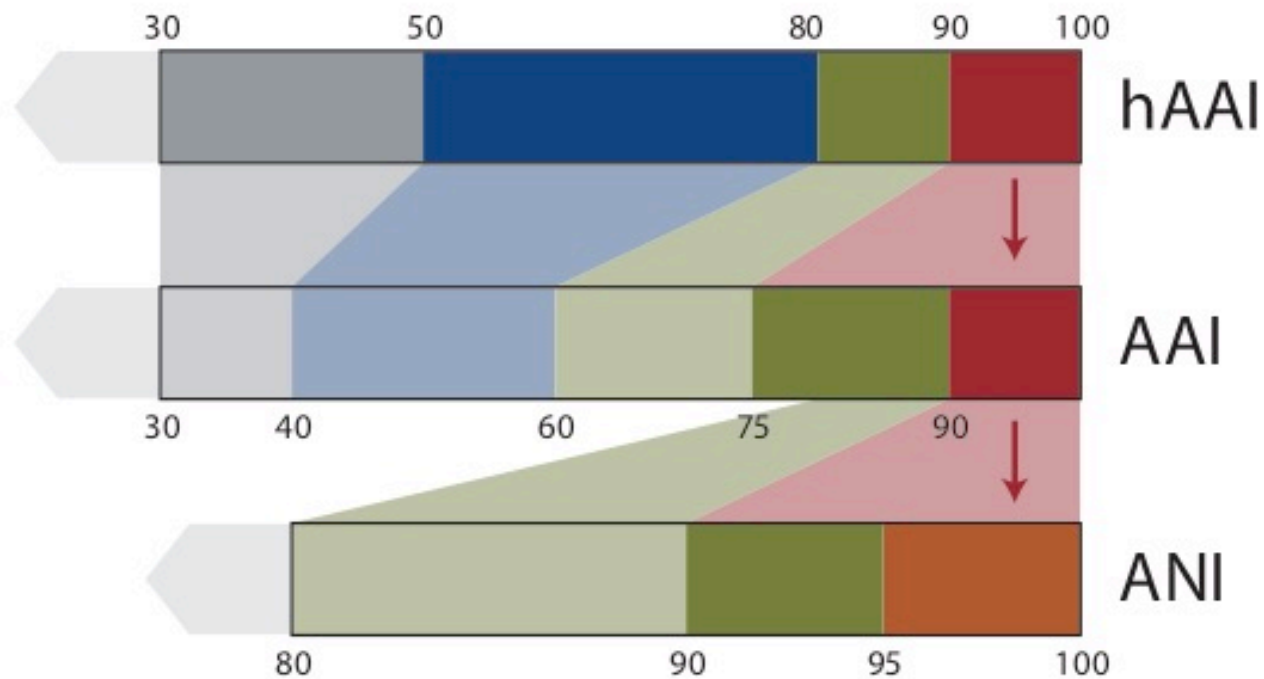


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# Number of OTUs in Agricultural Rhizosphere Soil Metagenome Sample





Novel phylum from known domain

Novel genus from known phylum

Novel species from known genus

Known species

Unreliable value

Hierarchical approach to genome classification



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## Essential genes

Genes commonly found in Bacteria and Archaea detected:

Essential genes found: 107/111.

Completeness: 96.4%.

Contamination: 10.8%.

Multiple copies:

- 4 tRNA-synt\_1d: tRNA synthetases class I (R).
- 2 Methyltransf\_5: MraW methylase family.
- 2 TIGR00234: tyrS: tyrosine--tRNA ligase.
- 2 TIGR00392: ileS: isoleucine--tRNA ligase.
- 2 TIGR00418: thrS: threonine--tRNA ligase.
- 2 TIGR00436: era: GTP-binding protein Era.
- 2 TIGR00442: hisS: histidine--tRNA ligase.
- 2 TIGR00663: dnan: DNA polymerase III, beta subunit.
- 2 TIGR00967: 3a0501s007: preprotein translocase, SecY subunit.
- 2 TIGR01059: gyrB: DNA gyrase, B subunit.

Missing genes:

- TIGR00388: glyQ: glycine--tRNA ligase, alpha subunit.
- TIGR00471: pheT\_arch: phenylalanine--tRNA ligase, beta subunit.
- TIGR00775: NhaD: Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> antiporter, NhaD family.
- TIGR02387: rpoC1\_cyan: DNA-directed RNA polymerase, gamma subunit.

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MiGA found that the closest relatives in the database were [Bacillus cereus ATCC 14579](#) (96.8% AAI) and [Bacillus thuringiensis serovar konkukian str 97 27](#) (93.07% AAI).

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Dataset	AAI (%)	Standard deviation (AAI%)	Fraction of proteins shared (%)
<a href="#">Bacillus cereus ATCC 14579</a>	96.8	7.15	85.47
<a href="#">Bacillus thuringiensis serovar konkukian str 97 27</a>	93.07	8.82	84.94
<a href="#">Bacillus anthracis str Ames</a>	92.83	9.23	82.76
<a href="#">Bacillus cereus Rock4 18</a>	92.78	9.3	84.54
<a href="#">Bacillus cereus AH621</a>	90.58	10.91	79.91
<a href="#">Bacillus mycoides Rock1 4</a>	81.79	15.48	69.39
<a href="#">Bacillus cytotoxicus NVH 391 98</a>	81.63	14.99	79.56
<a href="#">Geobacillus stearothermophilus NUB3621</a>	58.23	0.0	(estimated)
<a href="#">Bacillus subtilis subsp spizizenii TU B 10</a>	57.89	0.0	(estimated)
<a href="#">Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius C56 YS93</a>	57.72	0.0	(estimated)

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■ Environmental Sequences

Year	Sequences
1992	636
1993	887
1994	2688
1995	8791

sequences

