A black and white scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a dense, diverse population of microorganisms. The organisms vary in shape, including rod-shaped bacteria, spherical cells, and more complex, branching or filamentous structures. They are distributed across a dark, textured background, likely representing a natural environmental sample.

Microbial ocean metagenomics : the central dogma meets systems ecology.

Ed DeLong - October 4, 2006 - San Diego

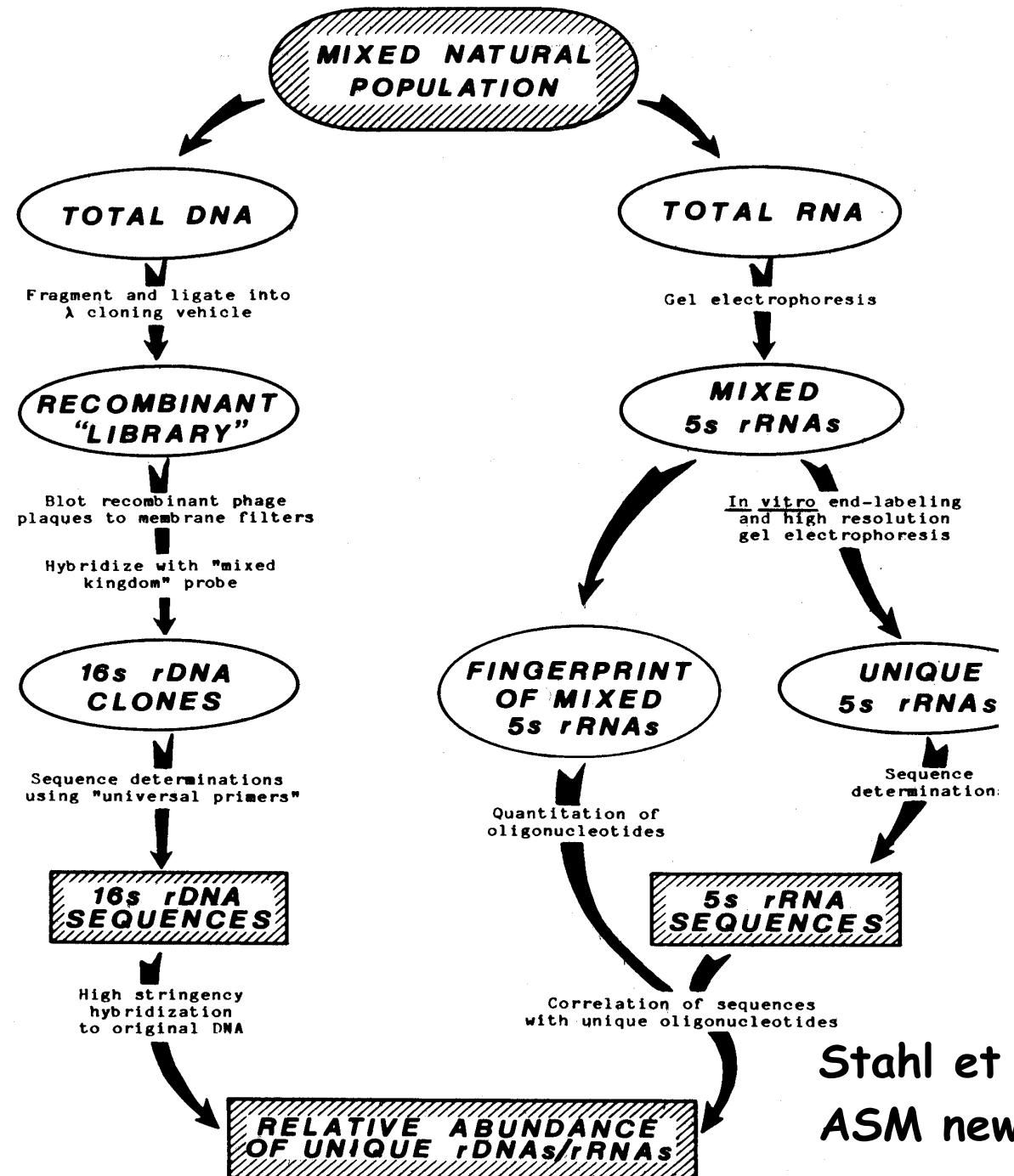
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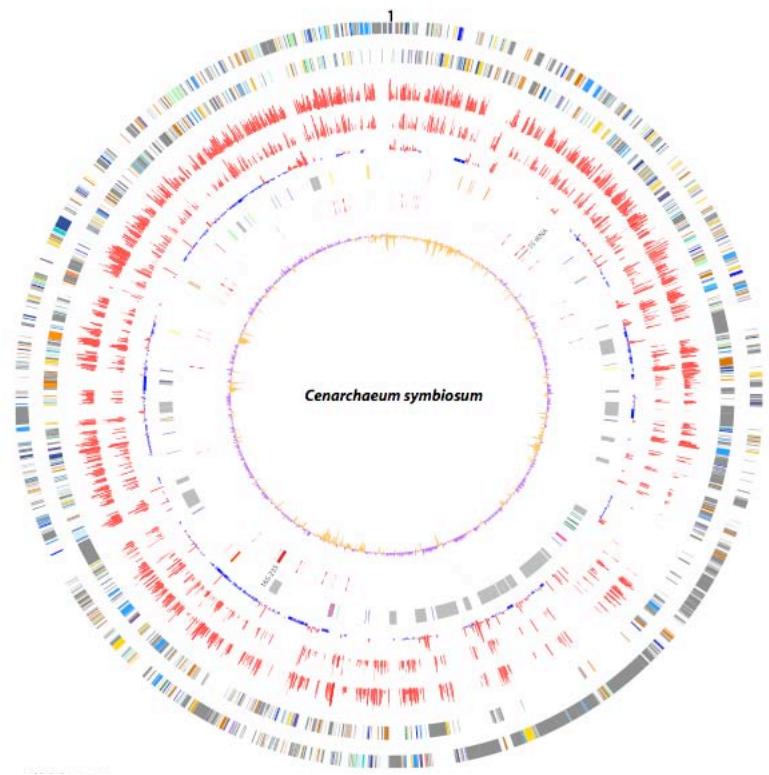
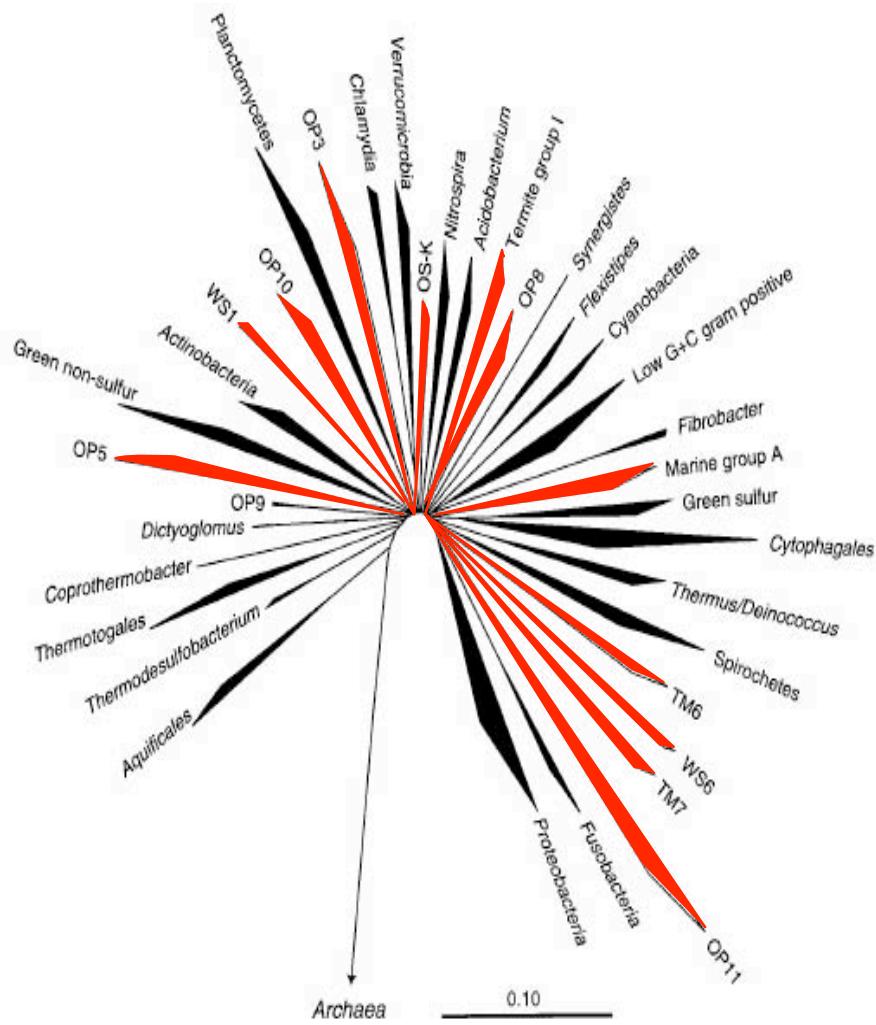
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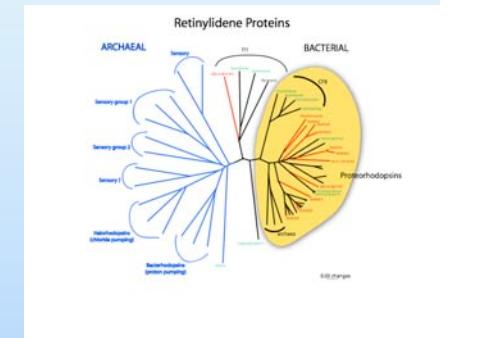


GENOMIC ANALYSES



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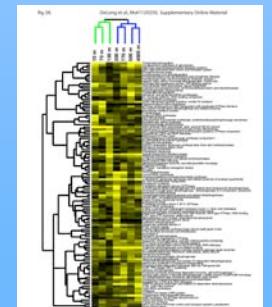
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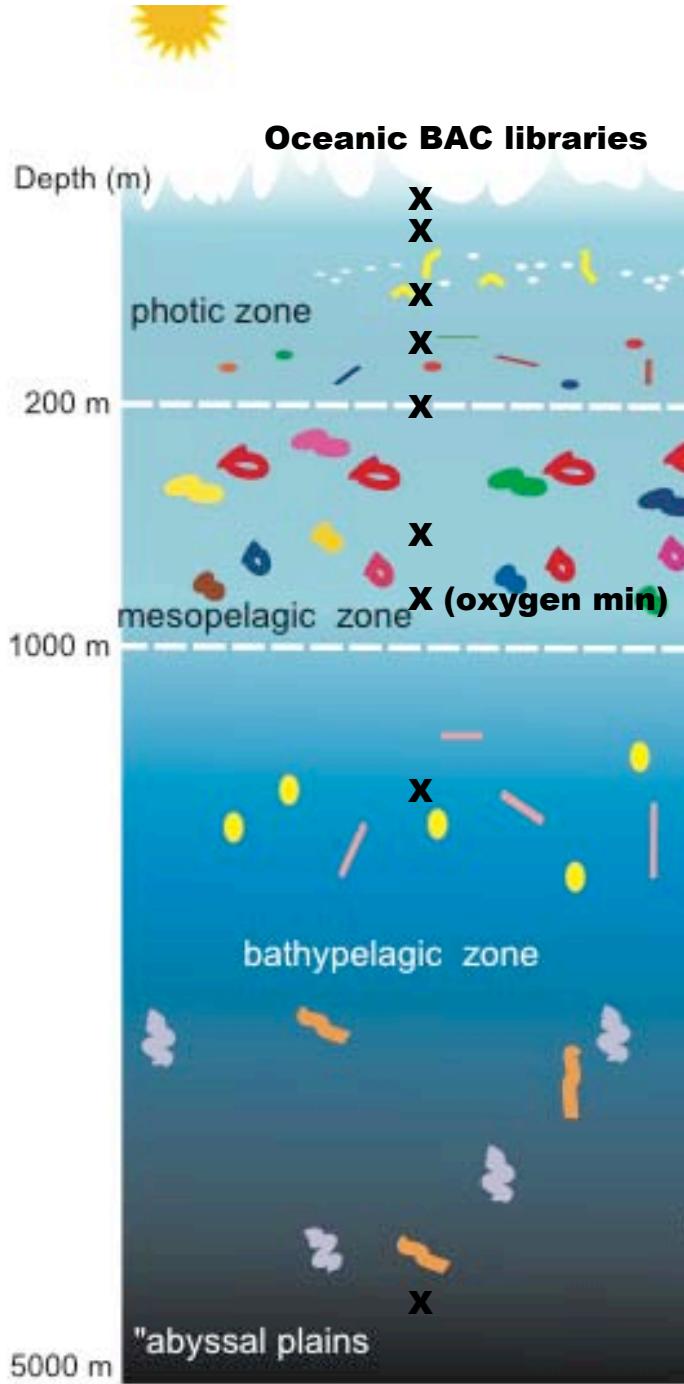
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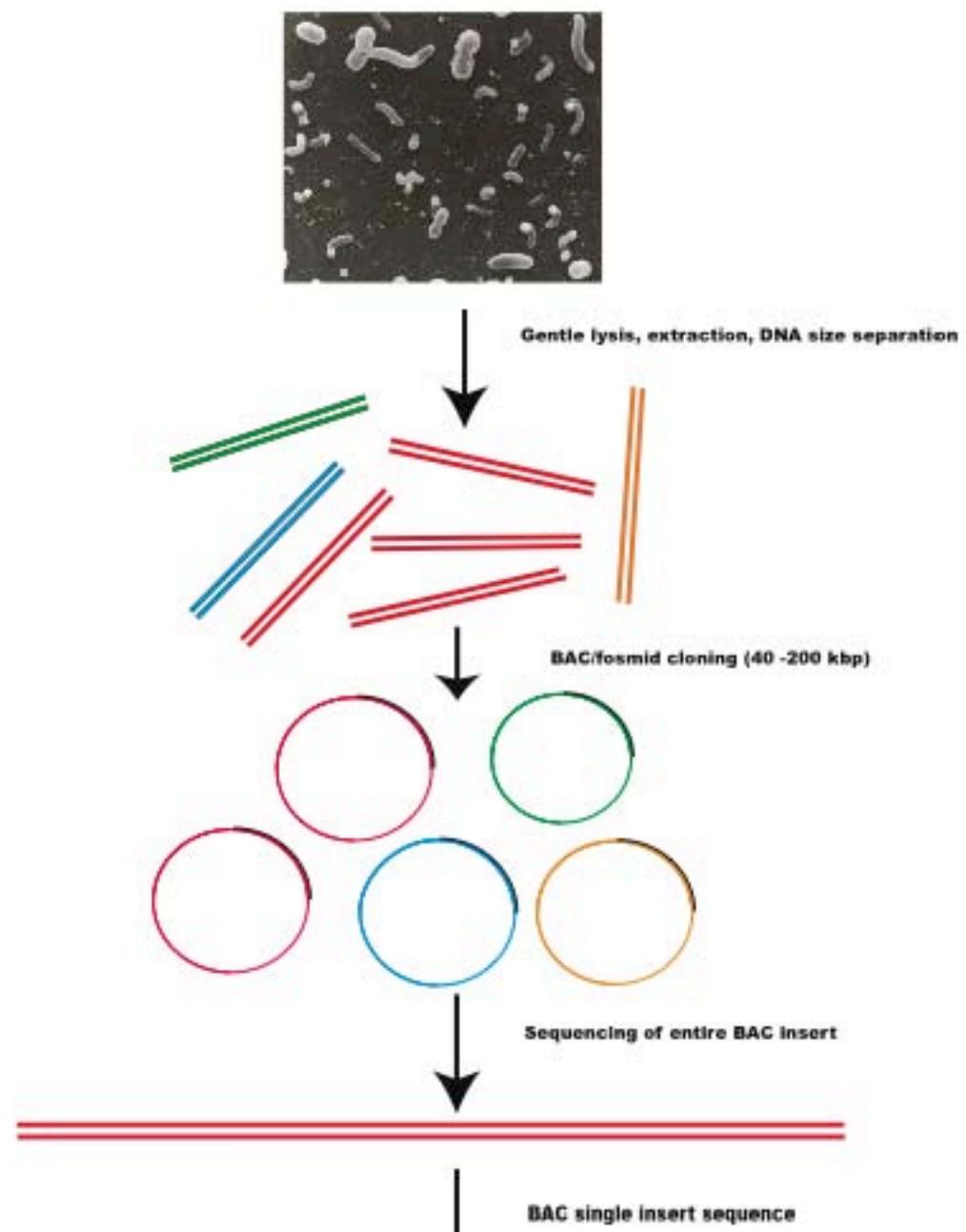
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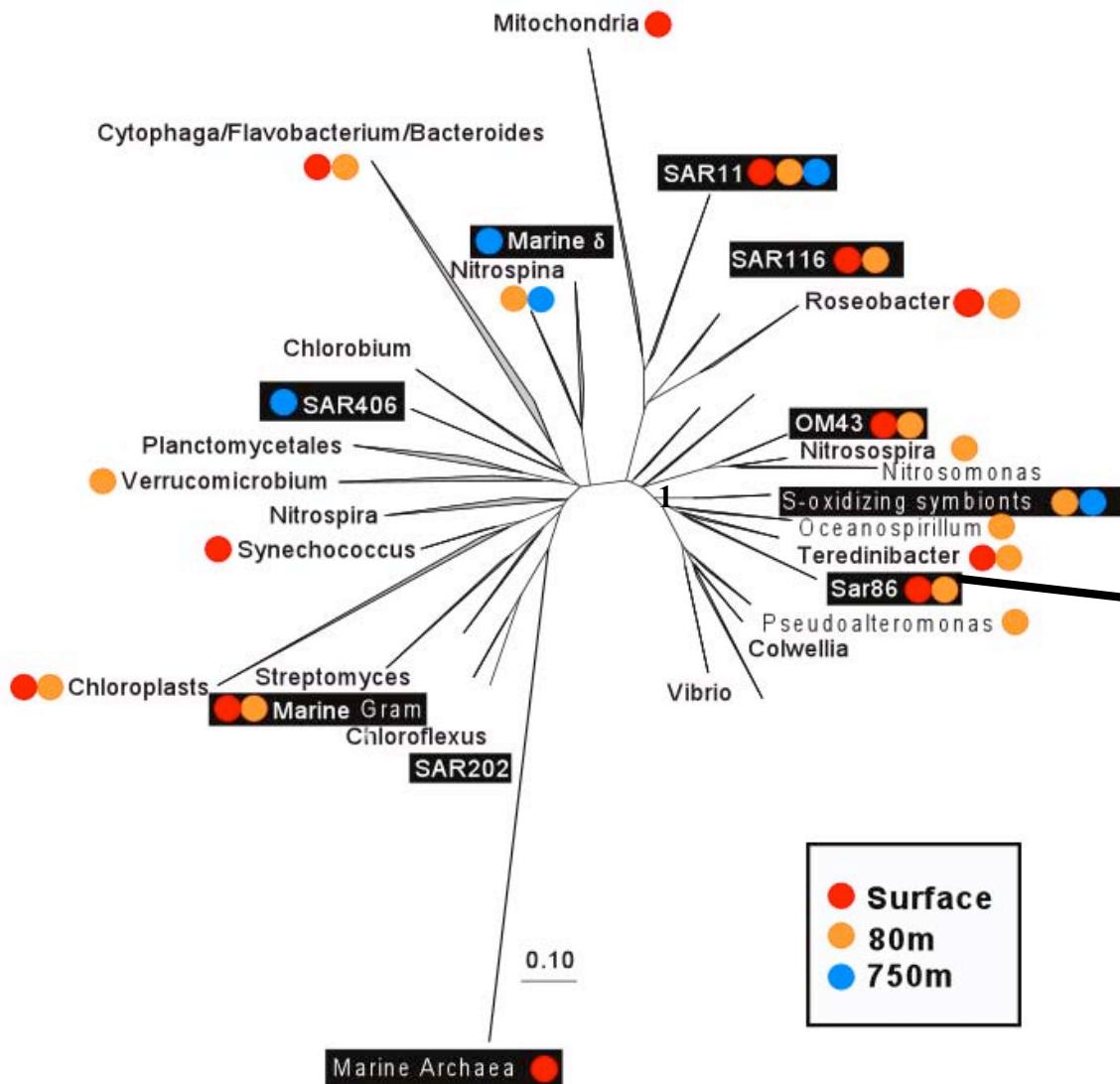
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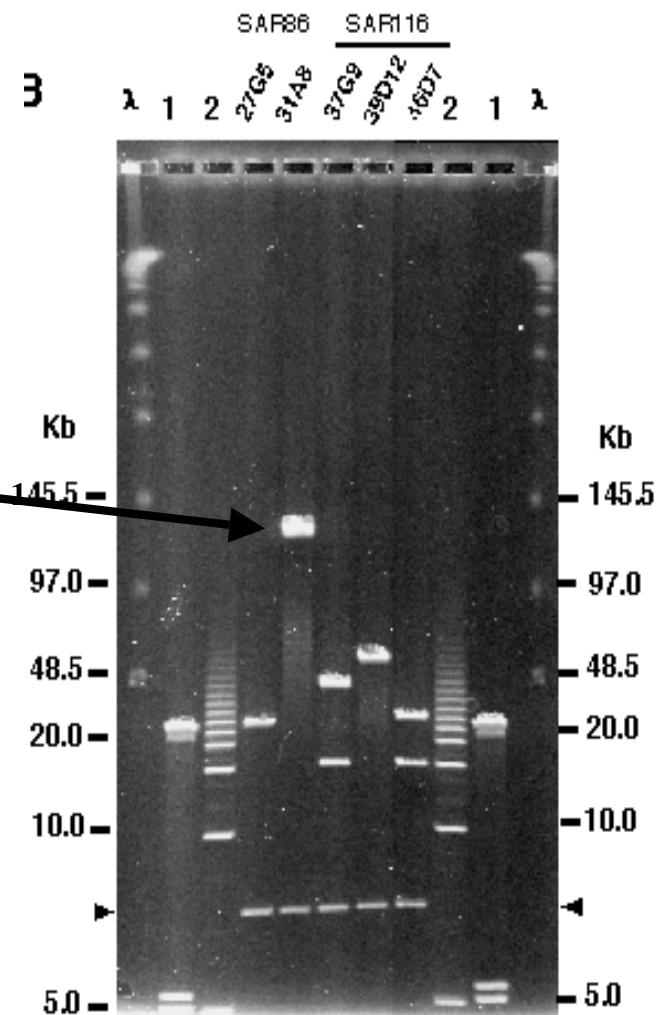
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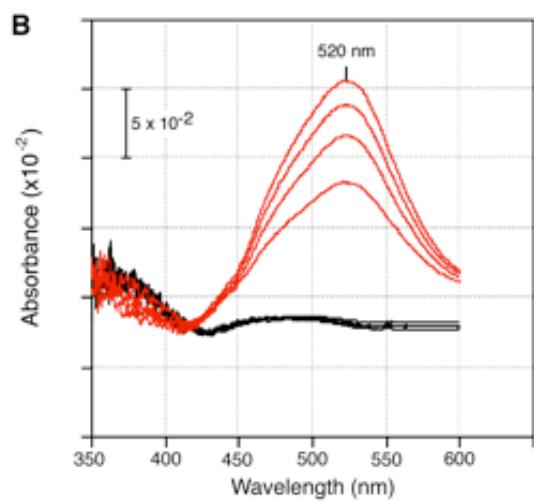


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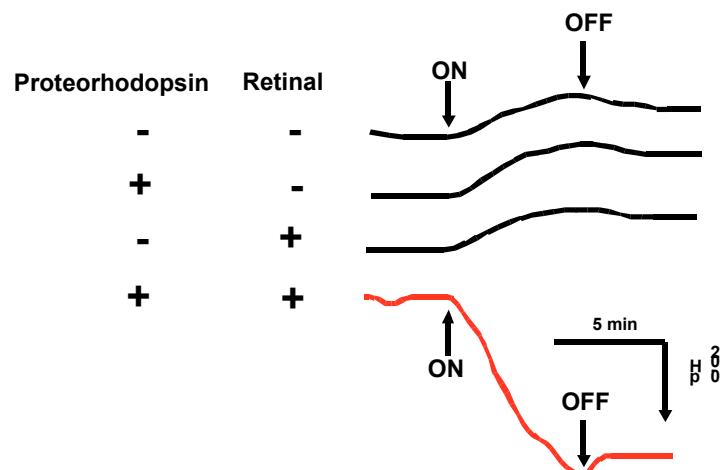




Expression of proteorhodopsin in *E. coli*

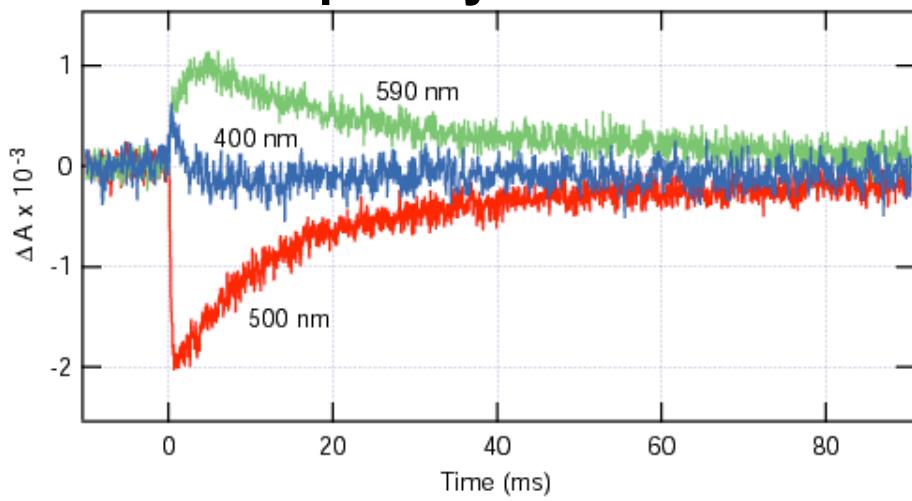
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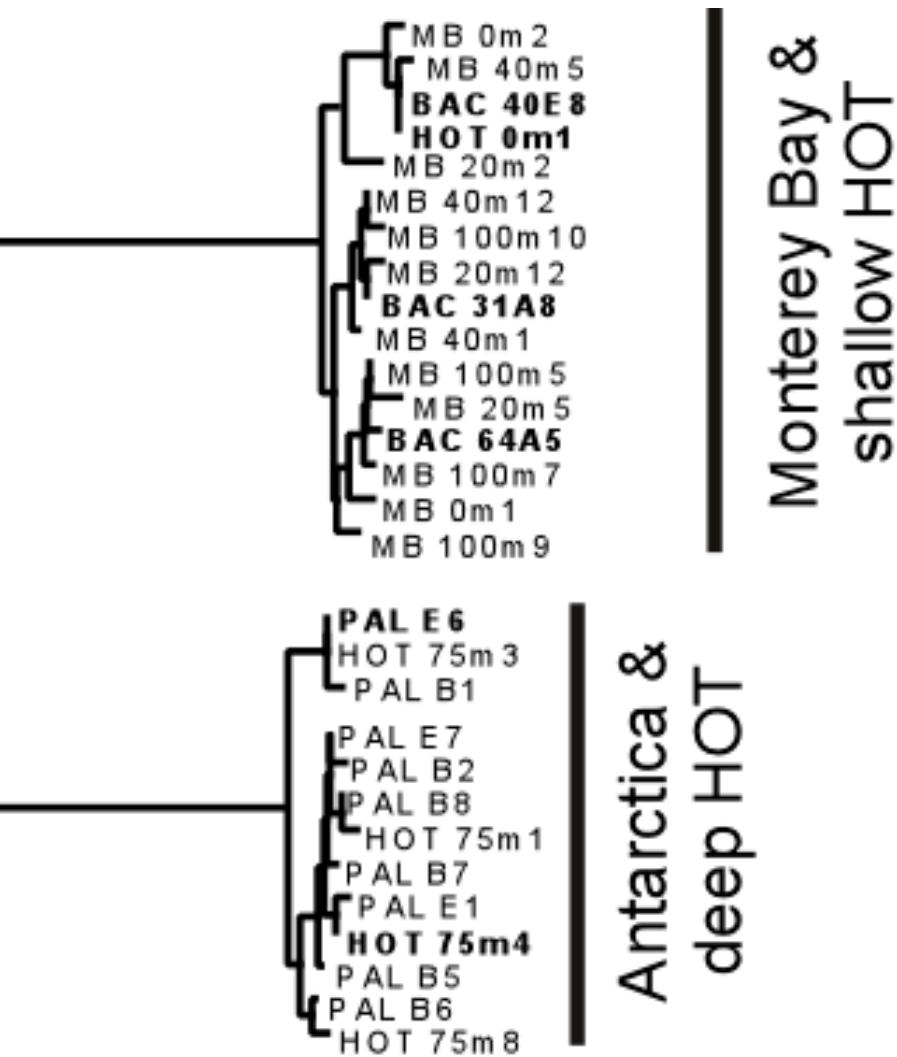


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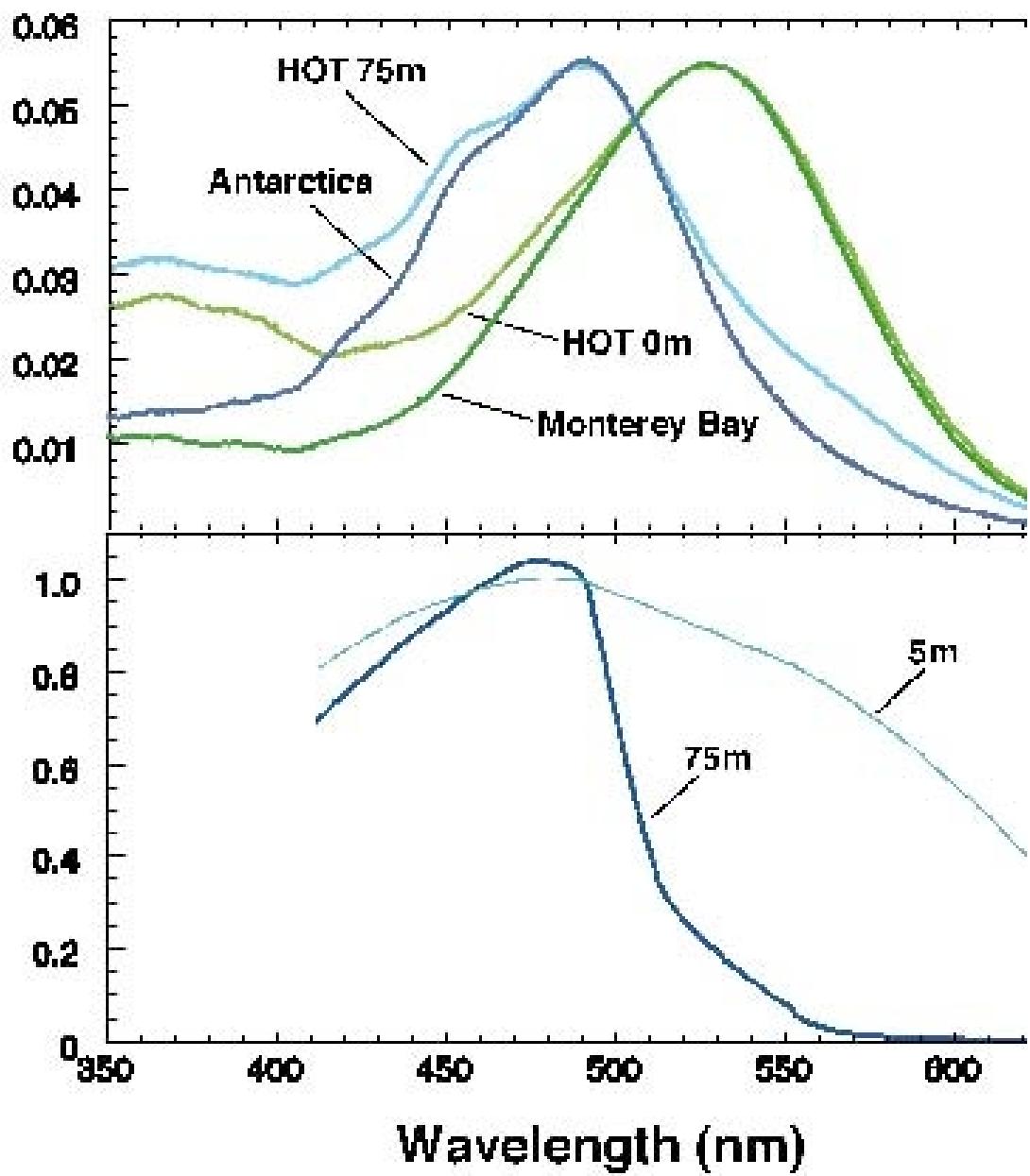
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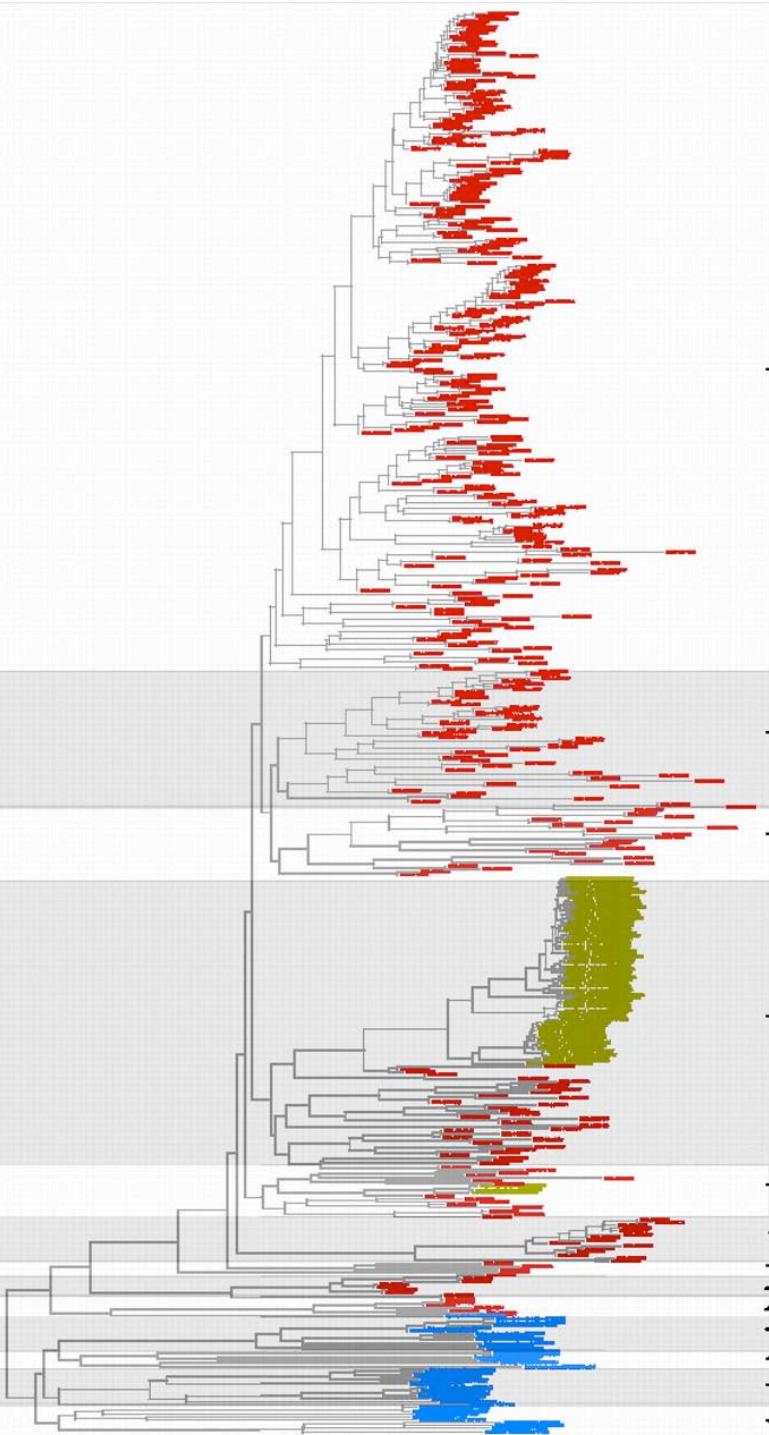


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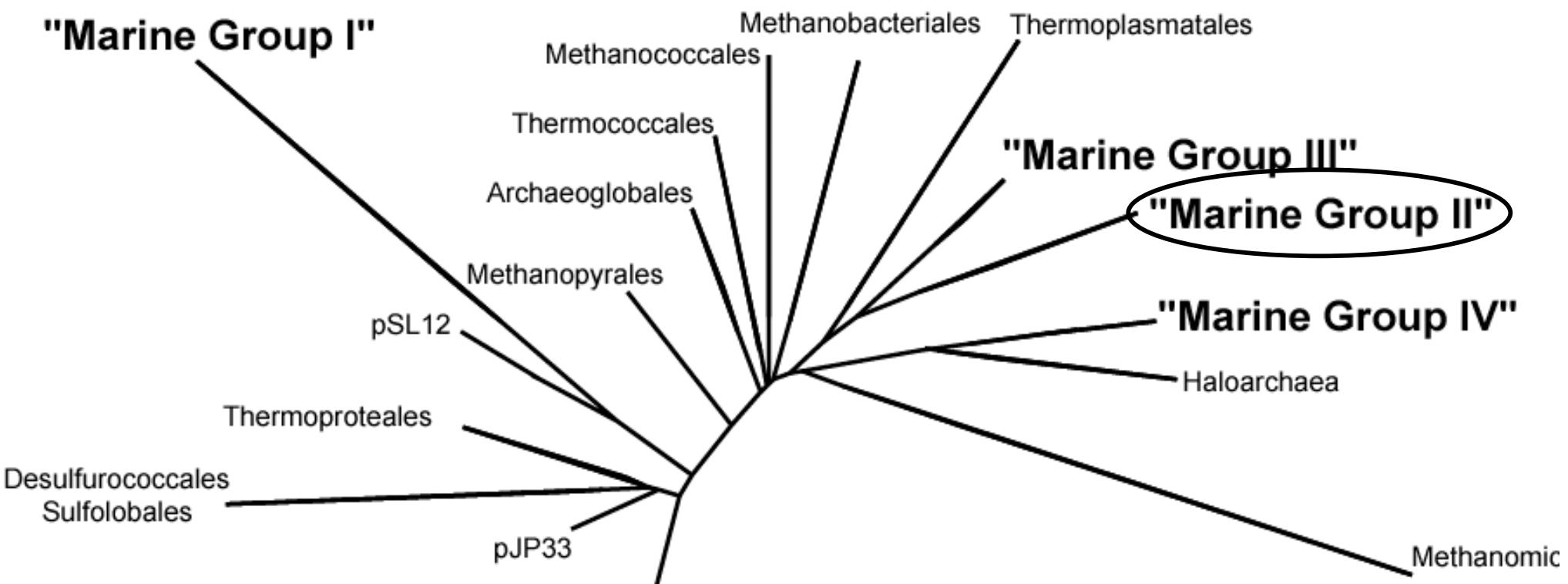
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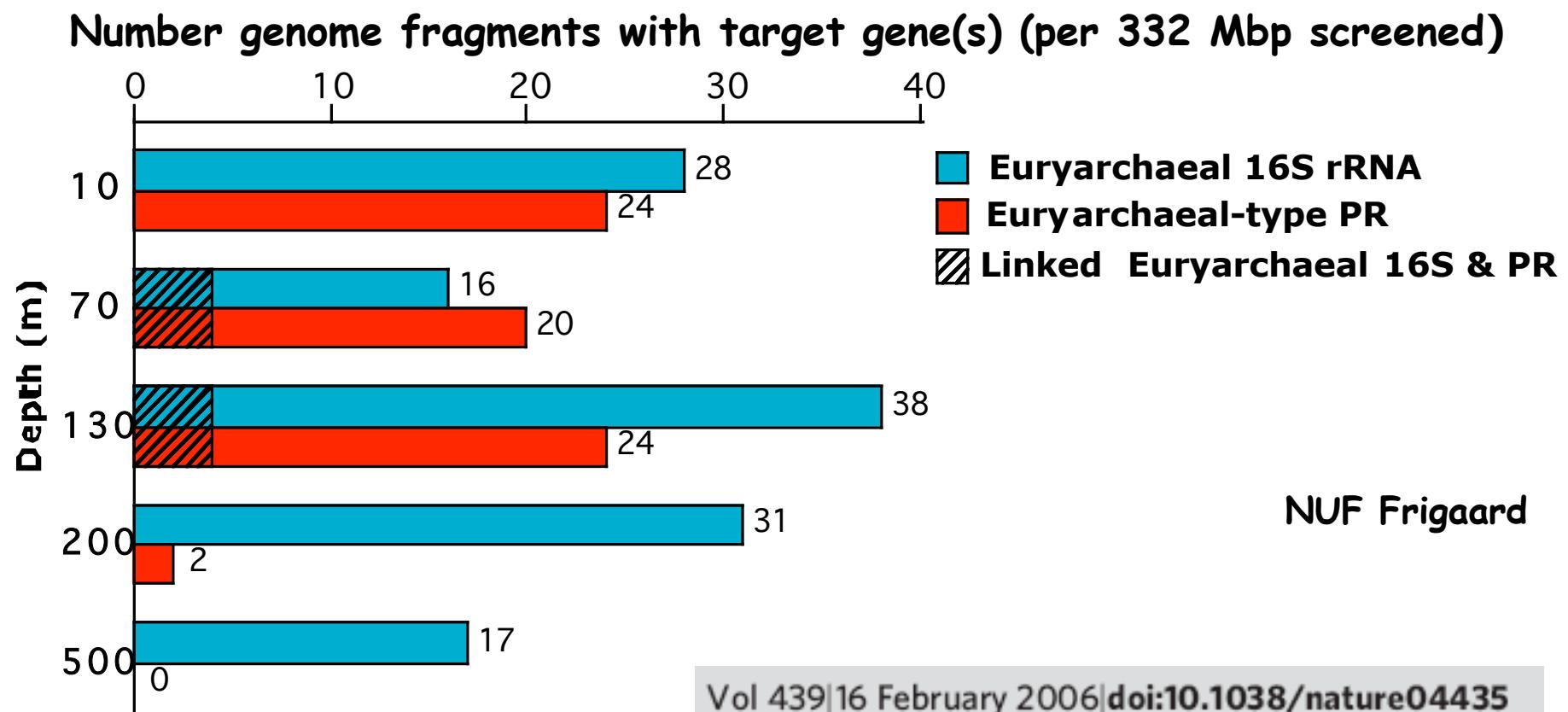
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PLANKTONIC ARCHAEA

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Archaeal PR gene distributions track the light gradient

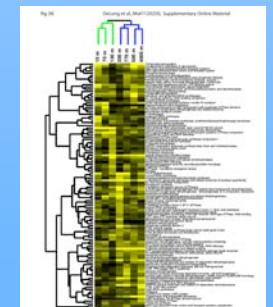
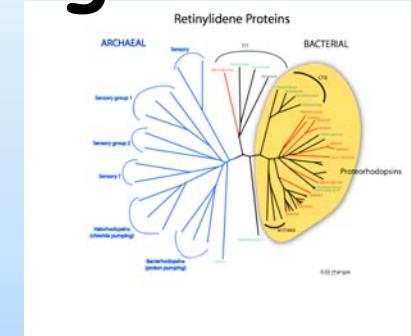


Proteorhodopsin lateral gene transfer between marine planktonic Bacteria and Archaea

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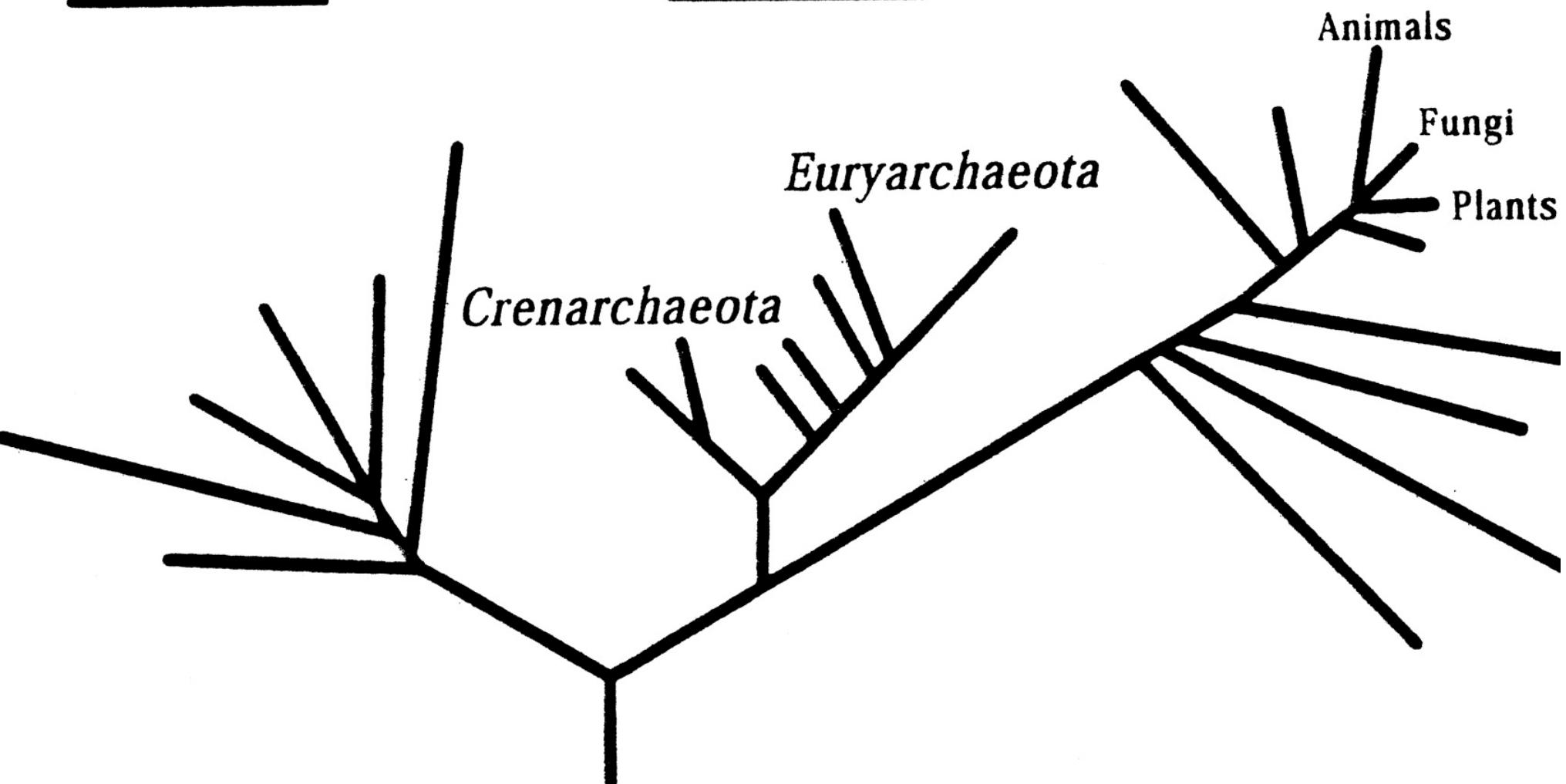
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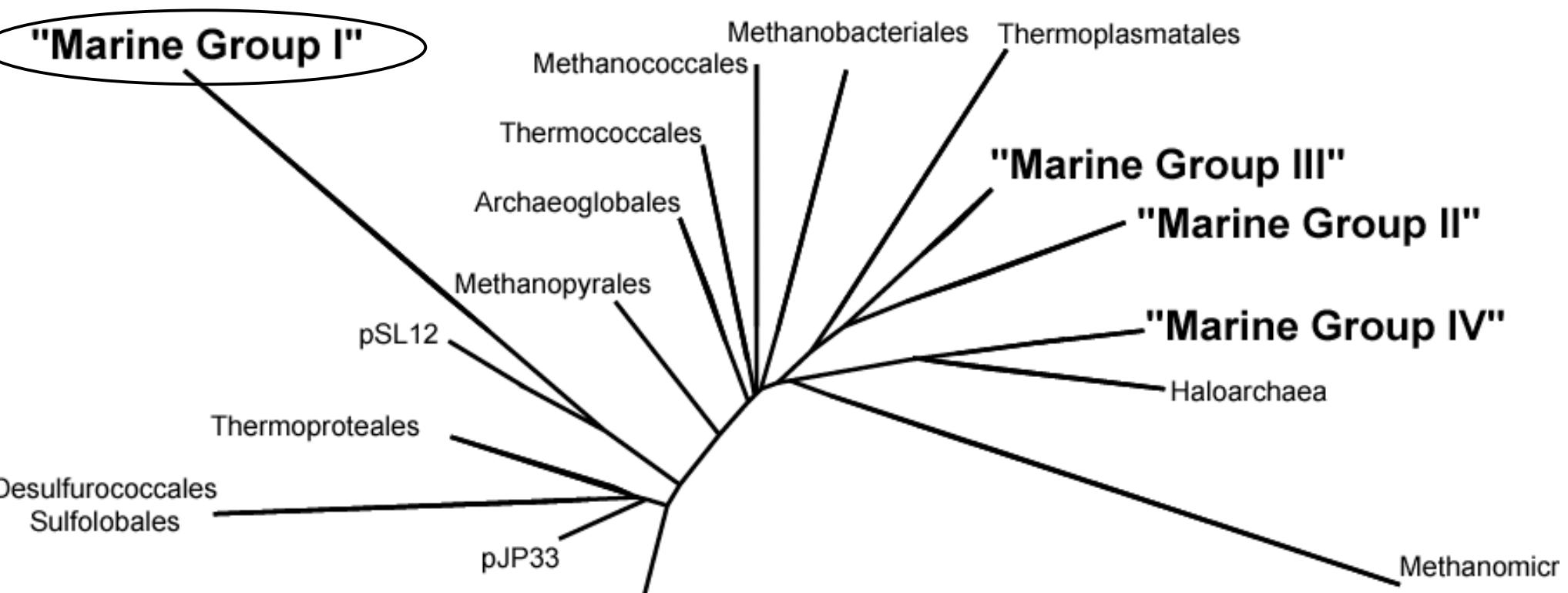
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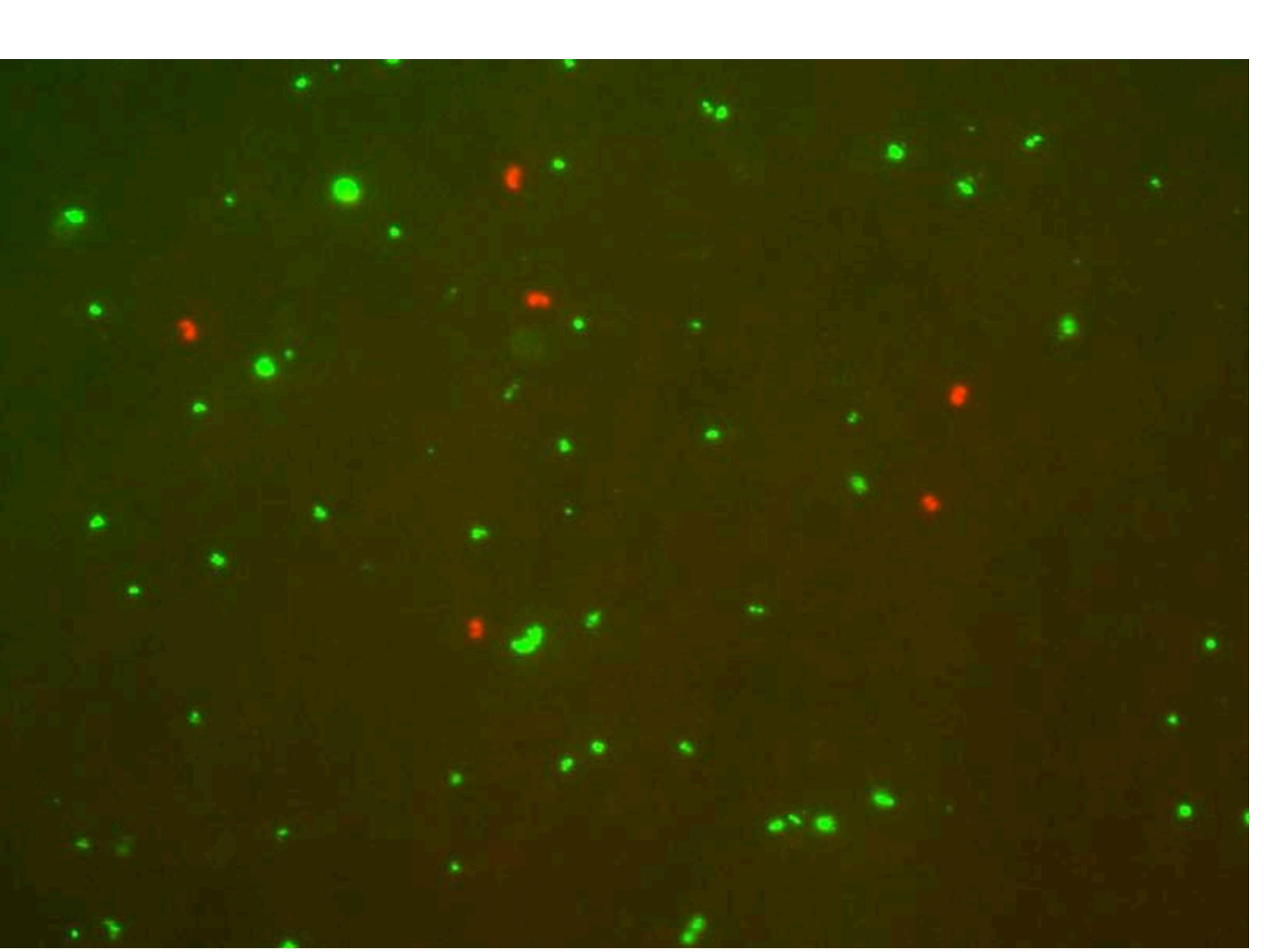


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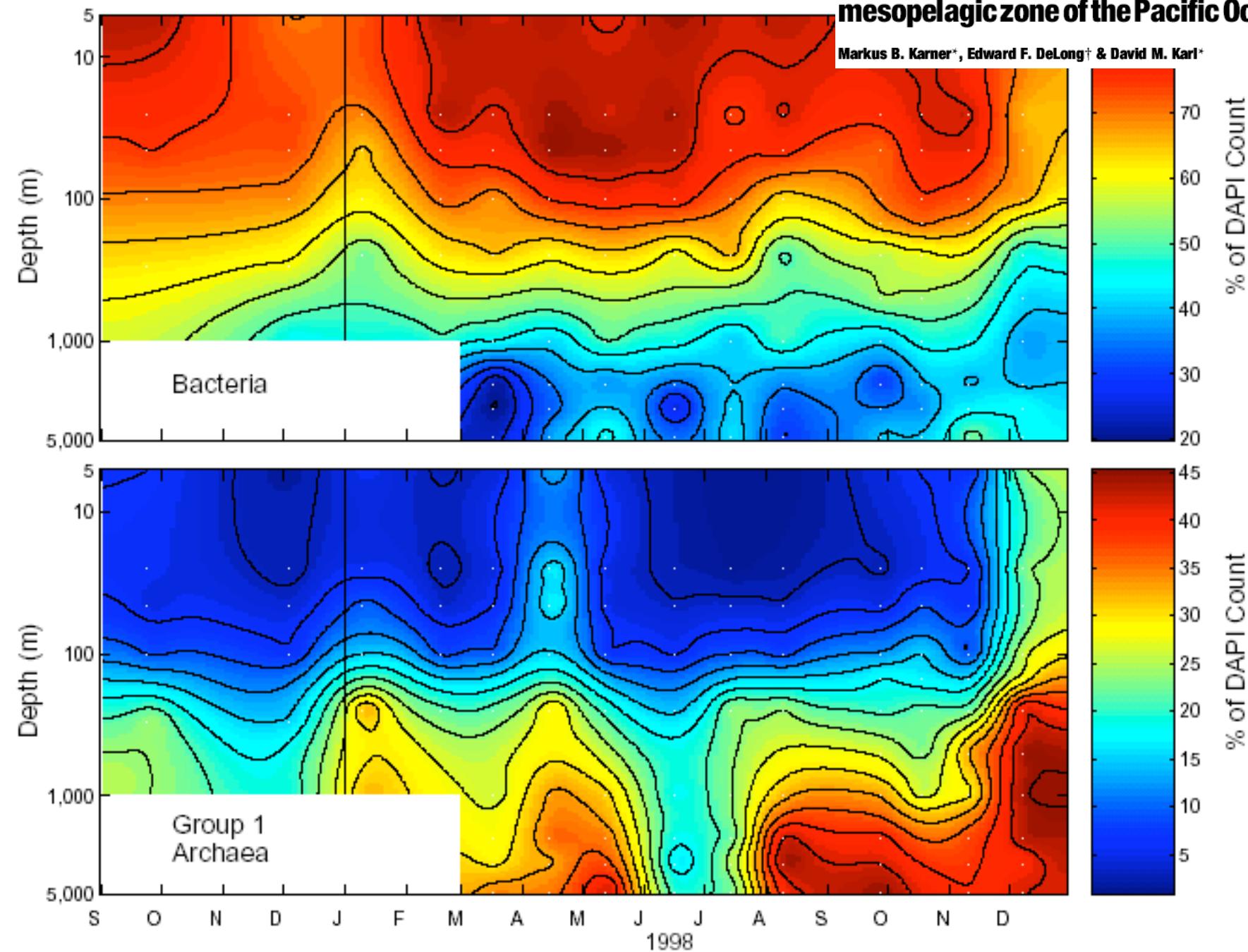
EURYARCHEAEOTA





Archaeal dominance in the mesopelagic zone of the Pacific Ocean

Markus B. Karner*, Edward F. DeLong† & David M. Karl*



Crenarchaea fix CO_2 - what is the reductant ?

Reports of crenarchaeal-associated amoA-like gene fragments

Venter et al, Science 304: 66 (2004)

Schleper, Nat Rev Micro 3: 479 (2005)

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ARCHAEAL NITRIFICATION ????

Isolation of an autotrophic ammonia-oxidizing marine archaeon

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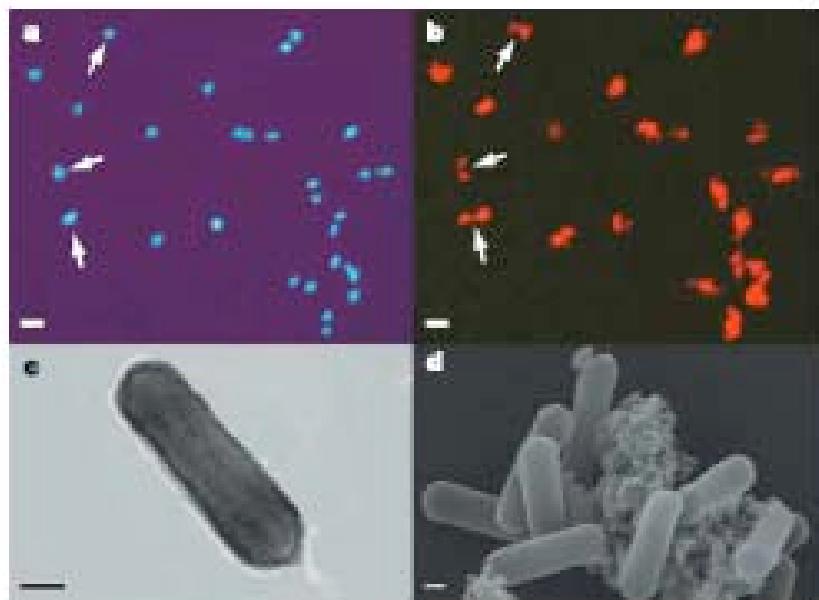


Figure 2 | Photomicrographs of SCM1. a, b, Fluorescence image of cells in identical fields of view stained with DAPI (a) and after hybridization with nucleotide probes targeting SCM1 cells (b). Arrows indicate cells showing the characteristic peanut-like shape of marine Crenarchaeota^{12,13}. Scale bars represent 1 μ m. c, Transmission electron micrograph of negative-stained cells. Scale bar represents 0.1 μ m. d, Scanning electron micrograph of Au/Pd-sputtered cells. Scale bar represents 0.1 μ m.

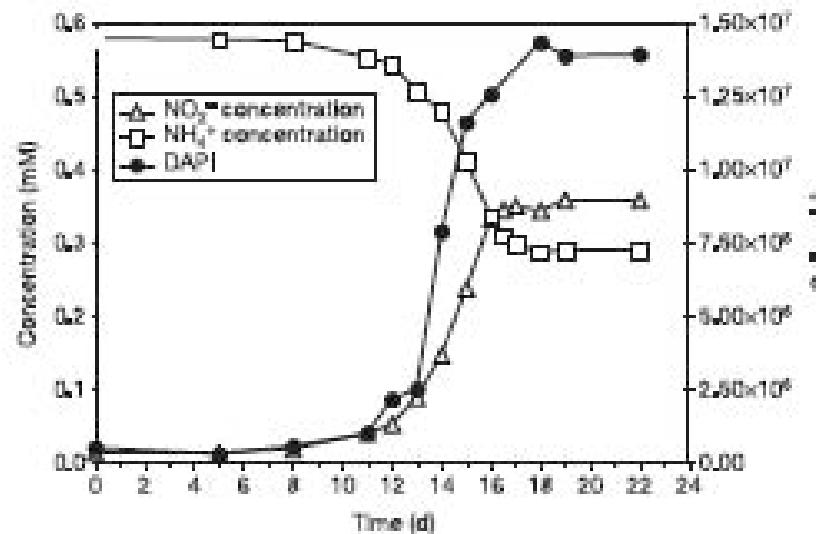
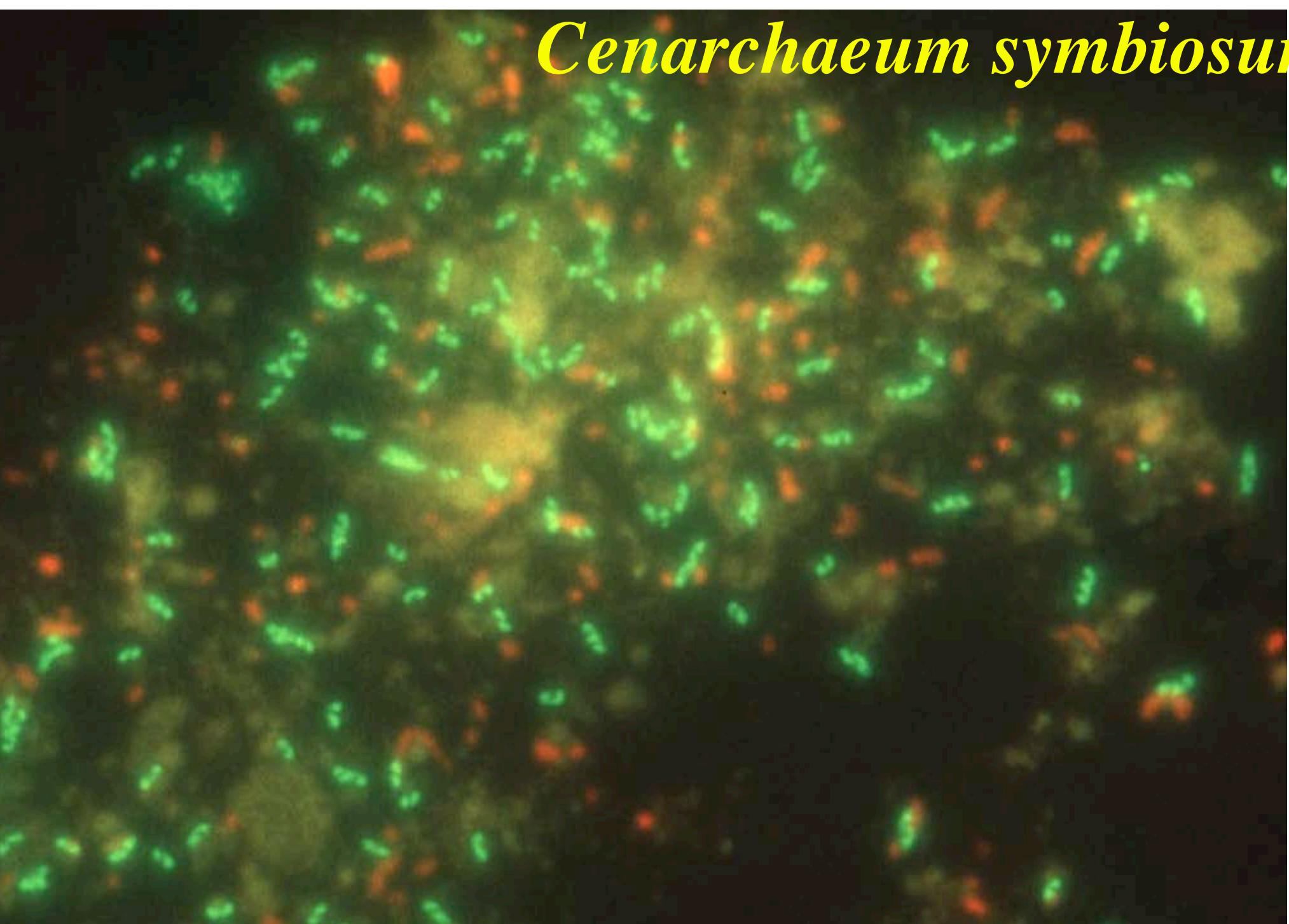
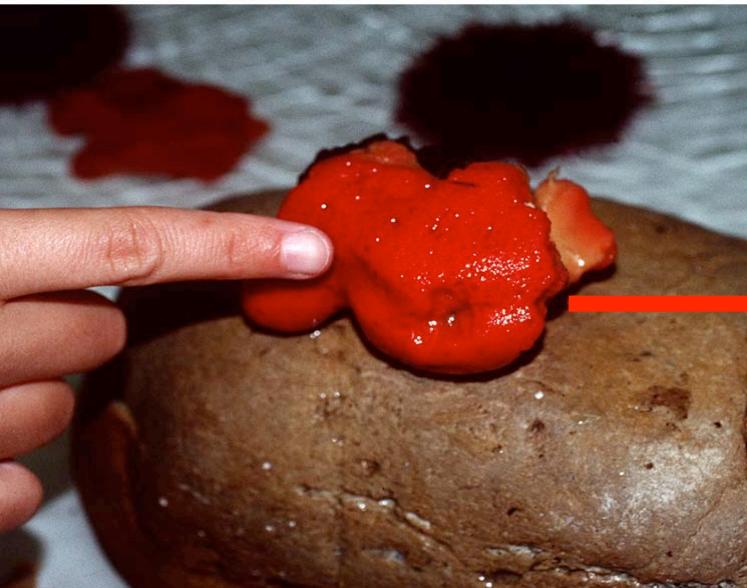


Figure 3 | Near-stoichiometric conversion of ammonia to nitrite by SCM1. Growth of SCM1 in Synthetic Crenarchaeota Media containing ammonium chloride and bicarbonate as sole energy and carbon sources, respectively. DAPI-stained cells were directly counted on filters by fluorescence microscopy. Ammonium consumption and nitrite production were determined in triplicate as described previously¹⁷.

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Cenarchaeum symbiosum

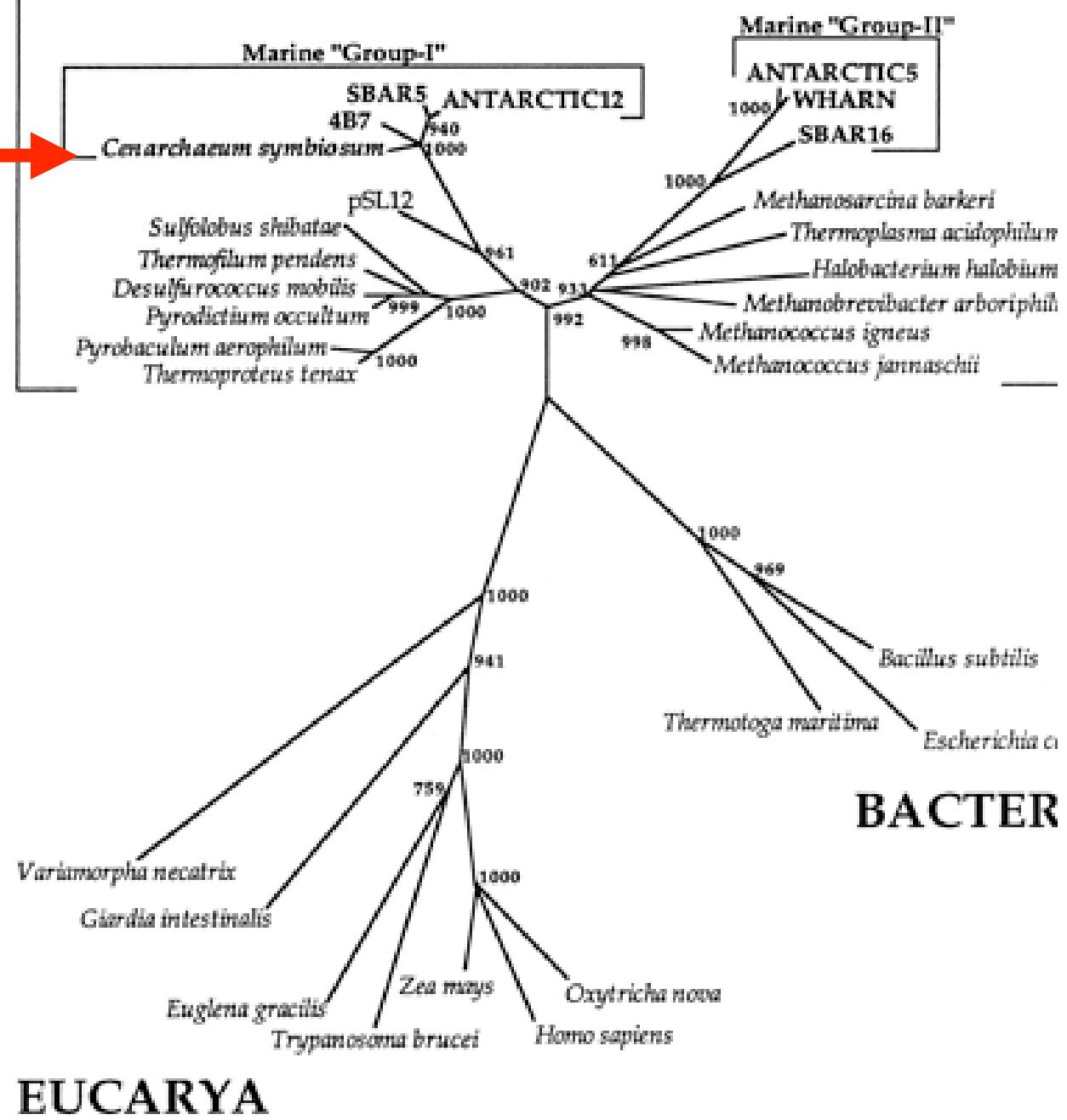




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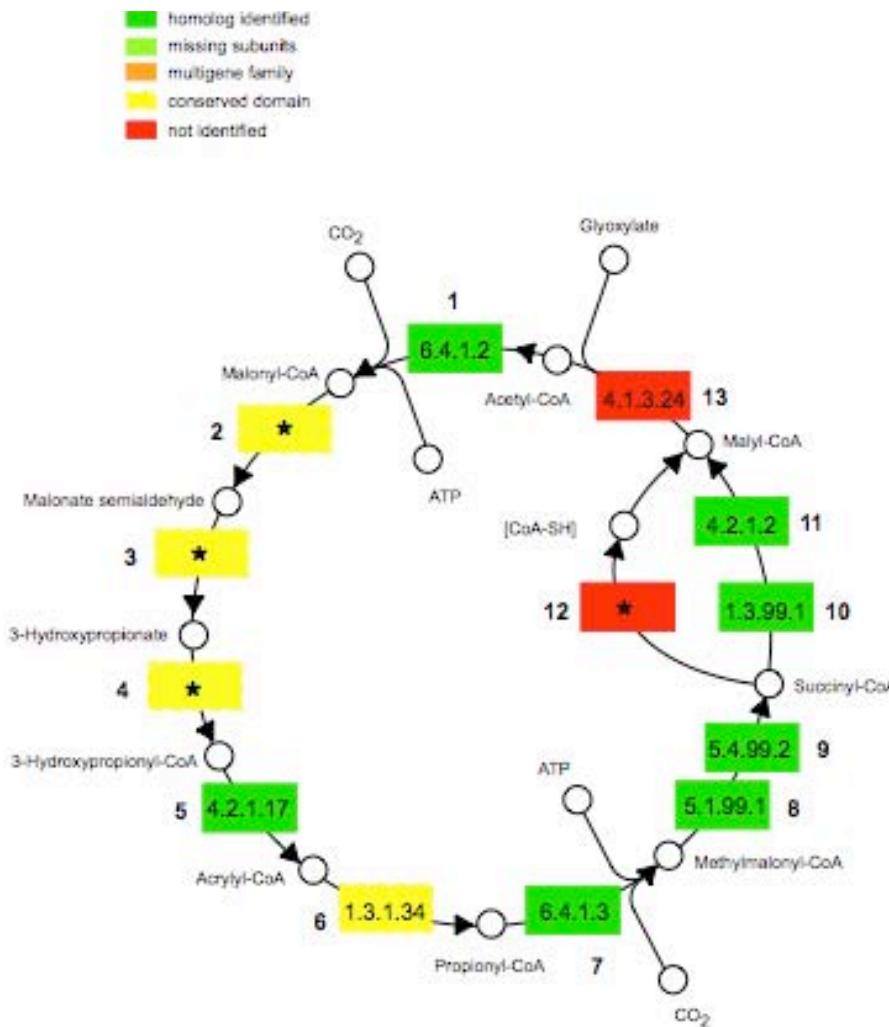
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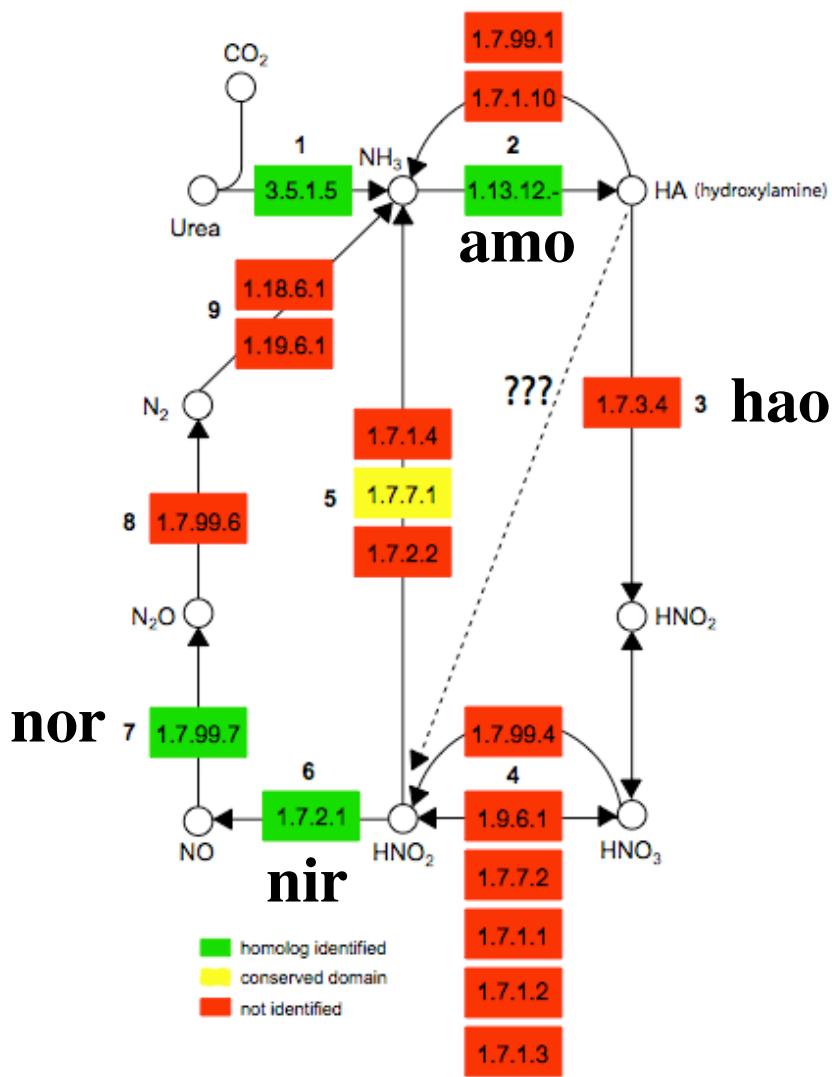
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Hydroxypropionate cycle components in *C. symbiosum*



Marine archaeal NH_4^+ oxidation

Ammonia oxidation

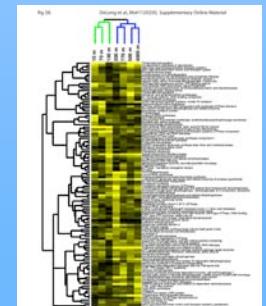
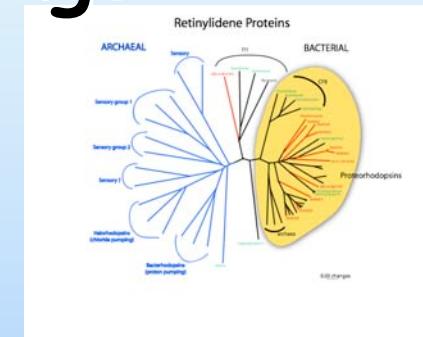


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Gene name	Locus	cenFOS
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urease		
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β <i>ureB</i>		+
γ <i>ureA</i>		+
E <i>ureE</i>		+
F <i>ureF</i>		+
G <i>ureG</i>		+
H <i>ureH</i>		+
ammonia monooxygenase		
A <i>amoA</i>		+
B <i>amoB</i>		+
C <i>amoC</i>		+
hydroxylamine oxidoreductase	<i>hao</i>	-
nitrate reductase	<i>nar</i>	-
nitrite reductase	<i>nirK</i>	+
ferredoxin-nitrite reductase	<i>nirA</i>	+

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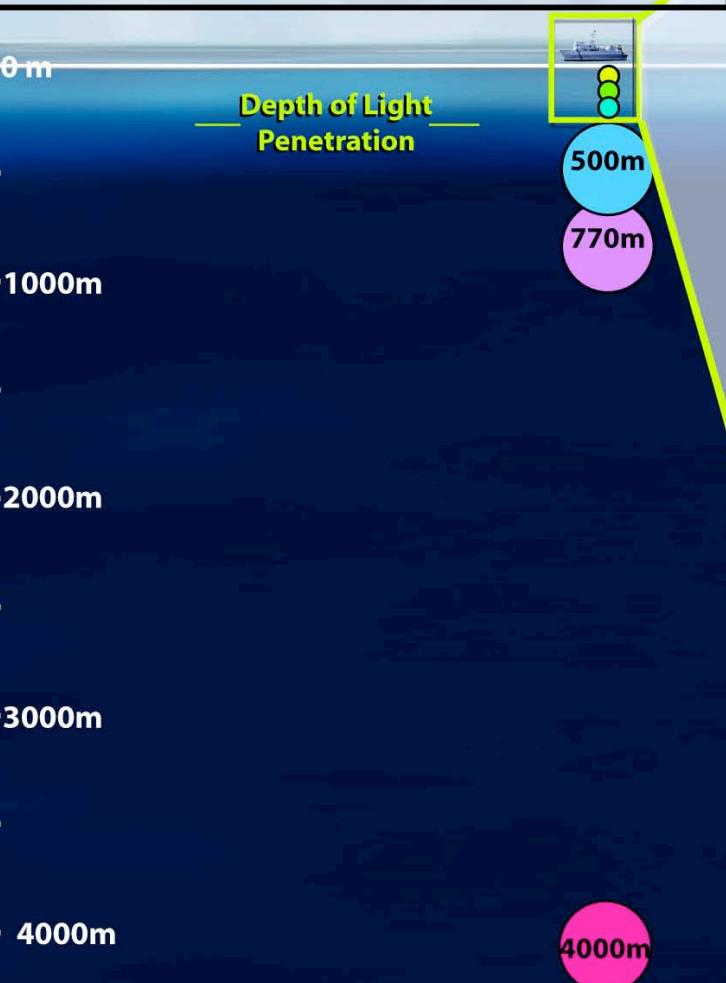


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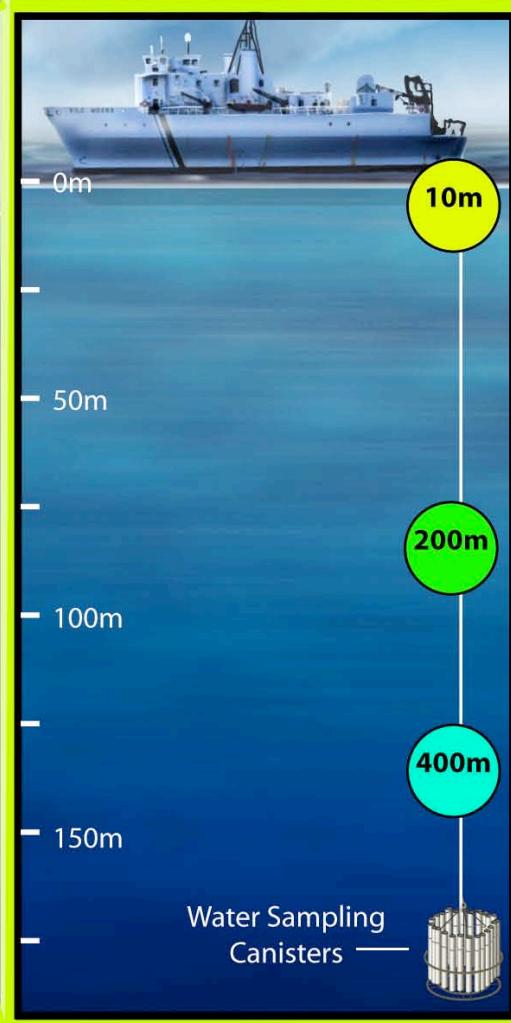
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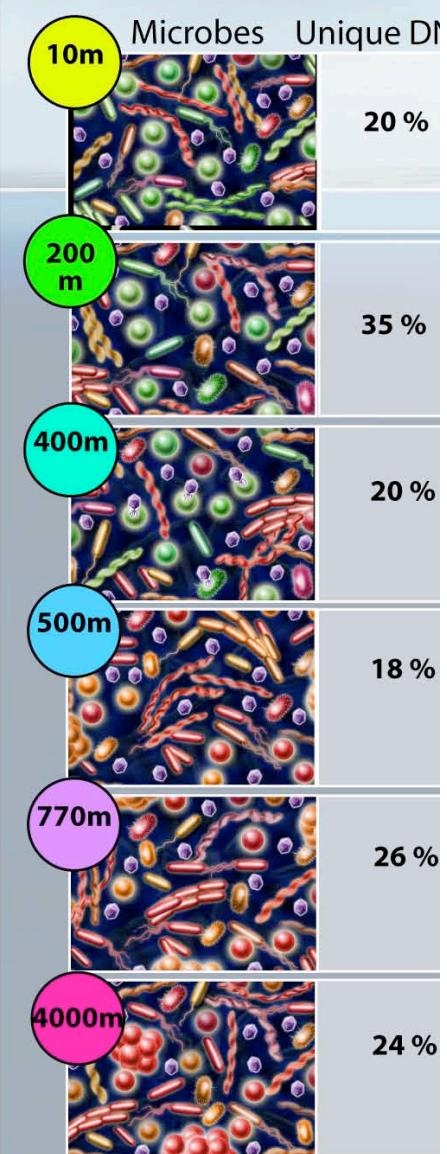
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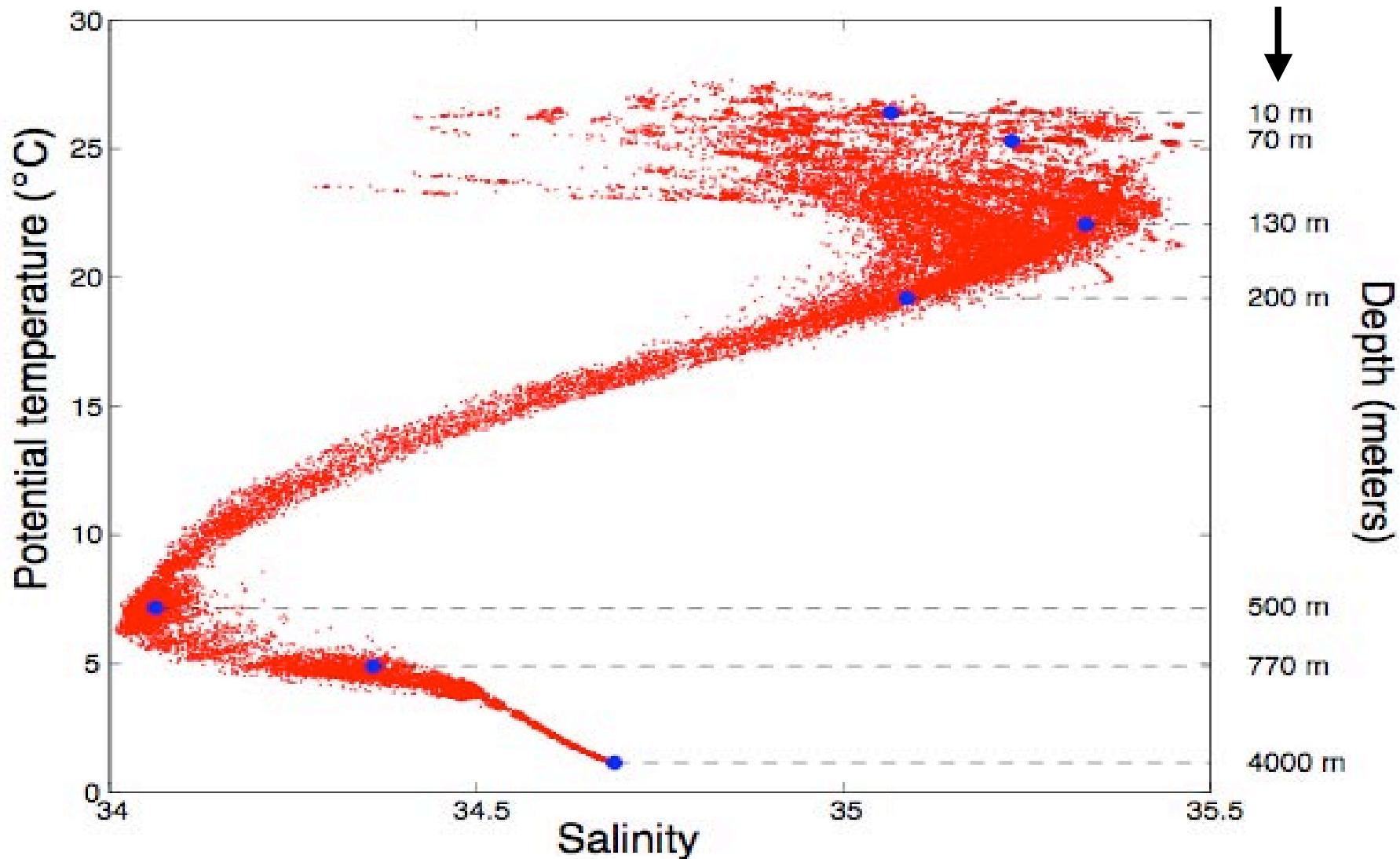
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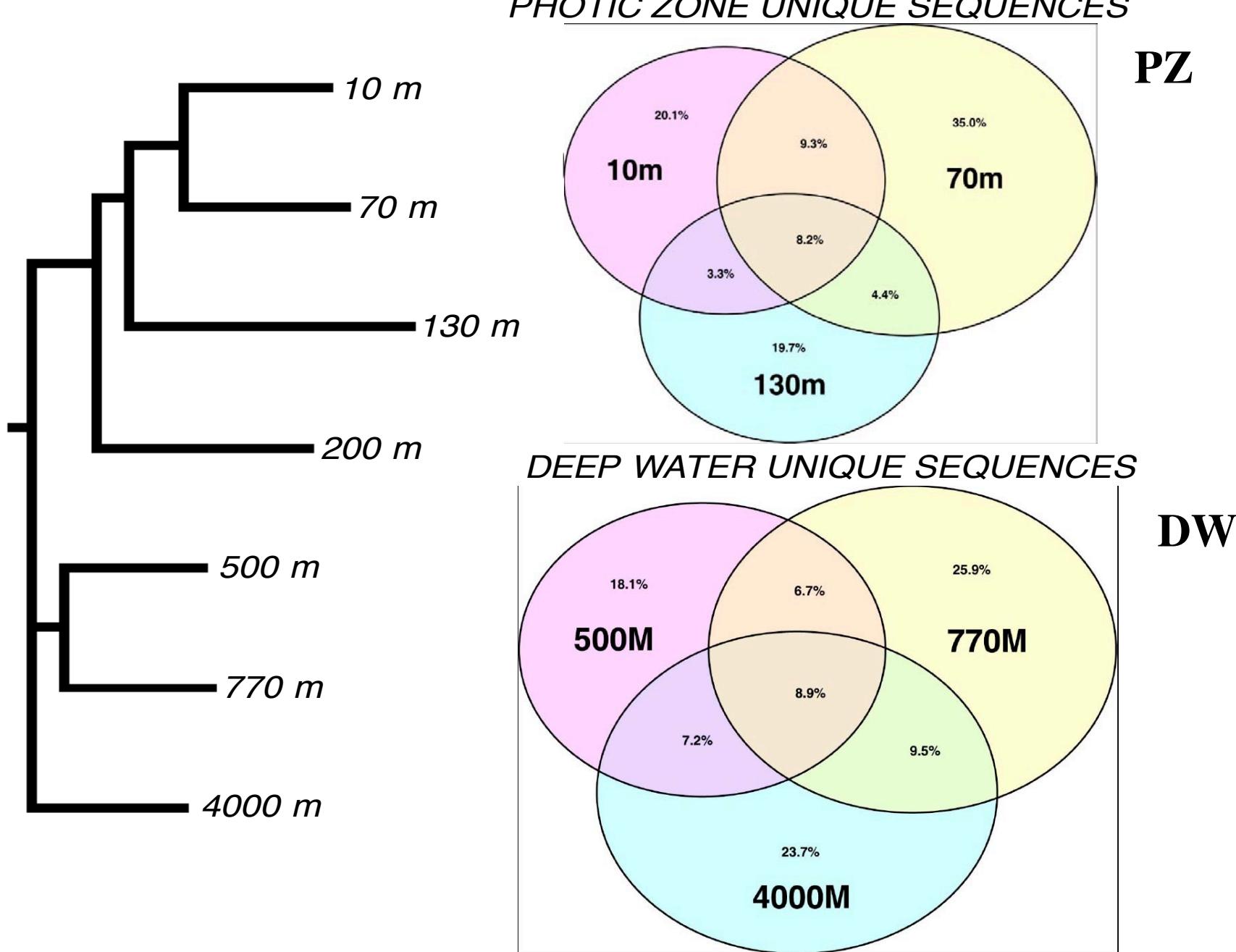


Community Genomics Among Stratified Microbial Assemblages in the Ocean's Interior

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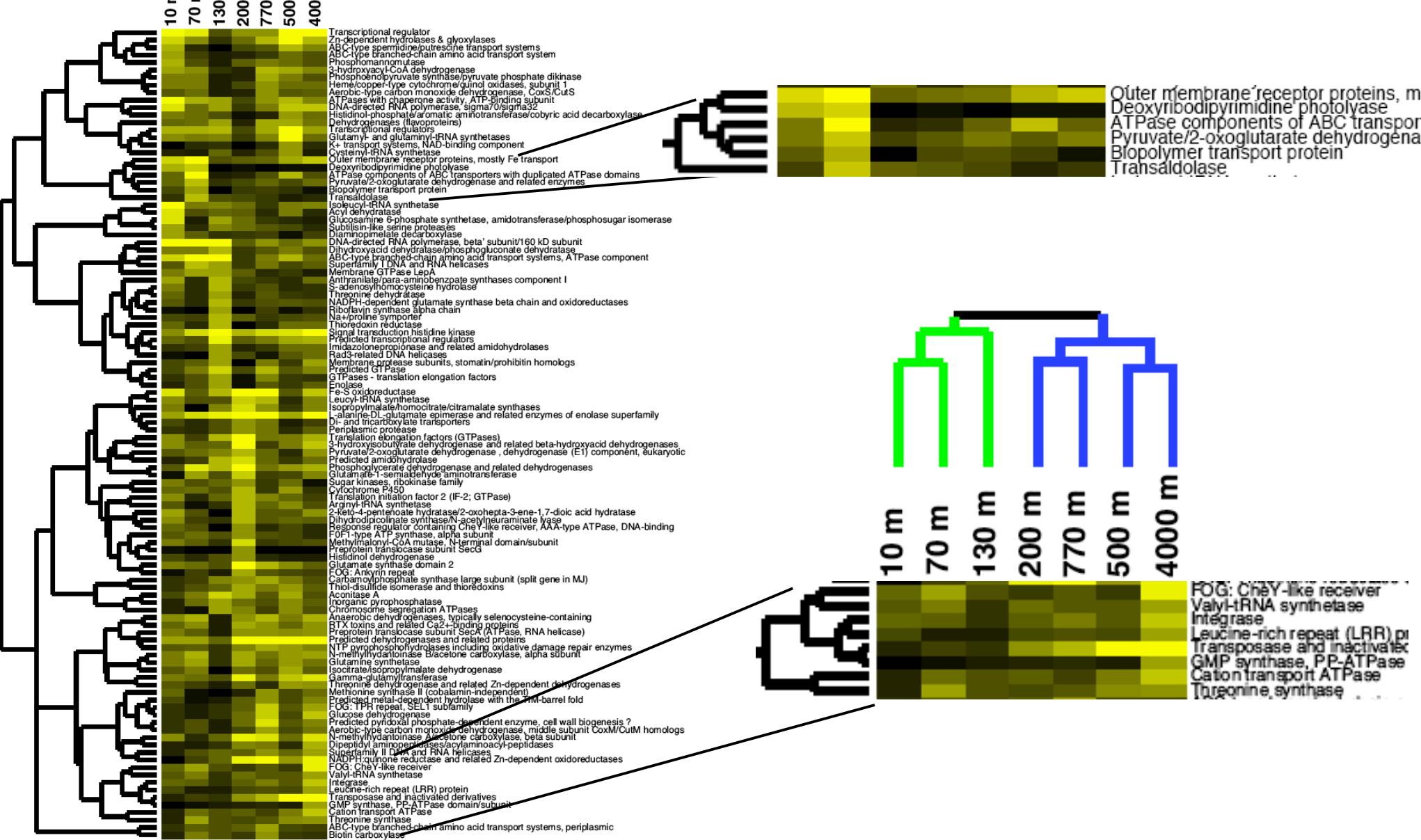
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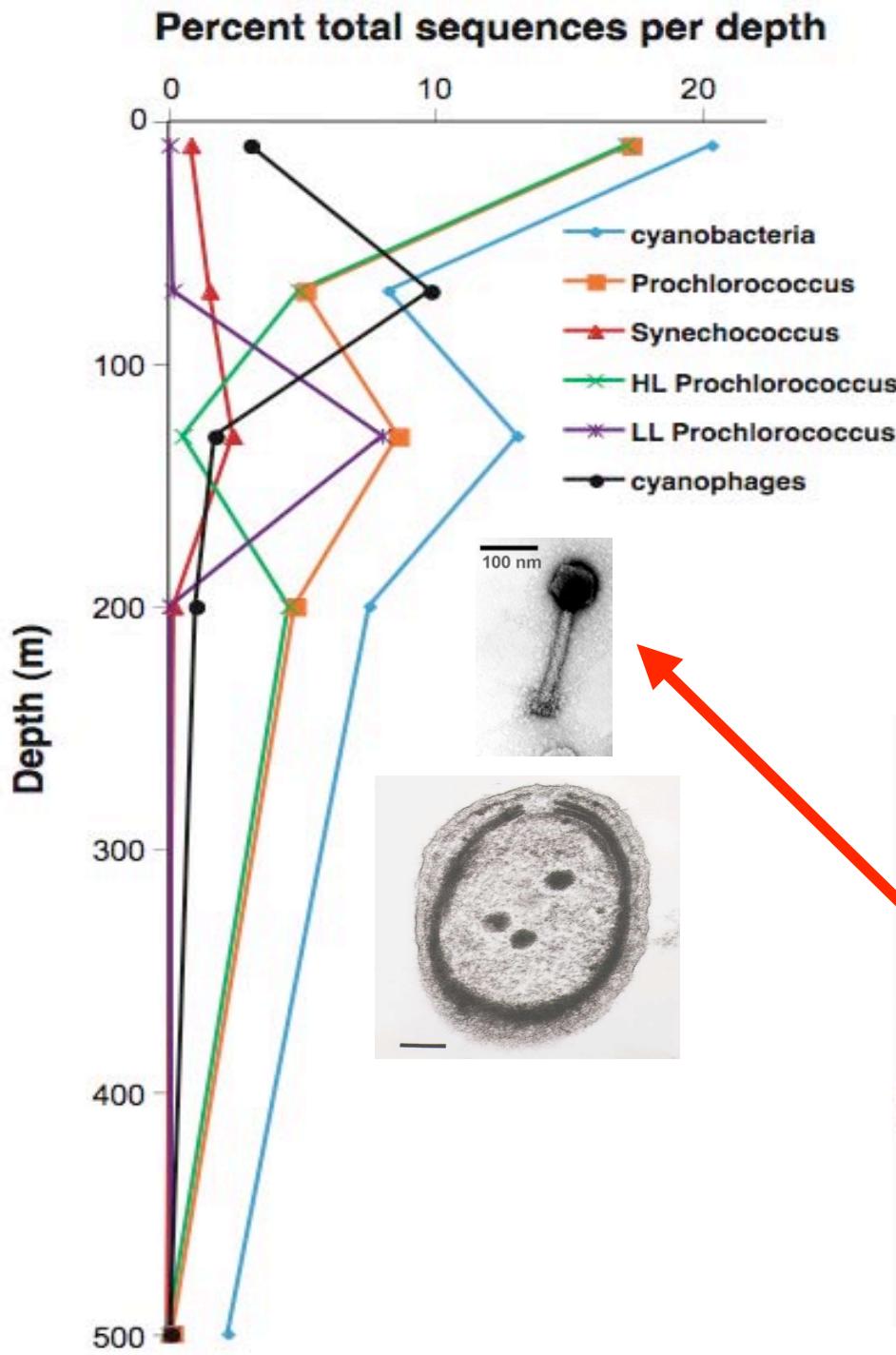




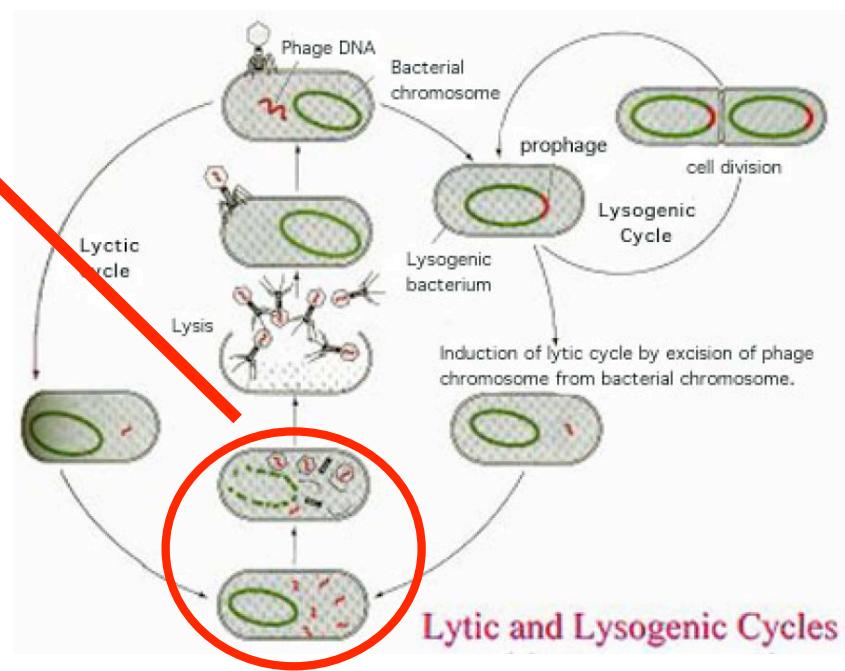
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Variation in COG category representation vs. depth





- 1) Prochlorococcus phylotypes evident
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- 3) Viral recovery decrease below PZ

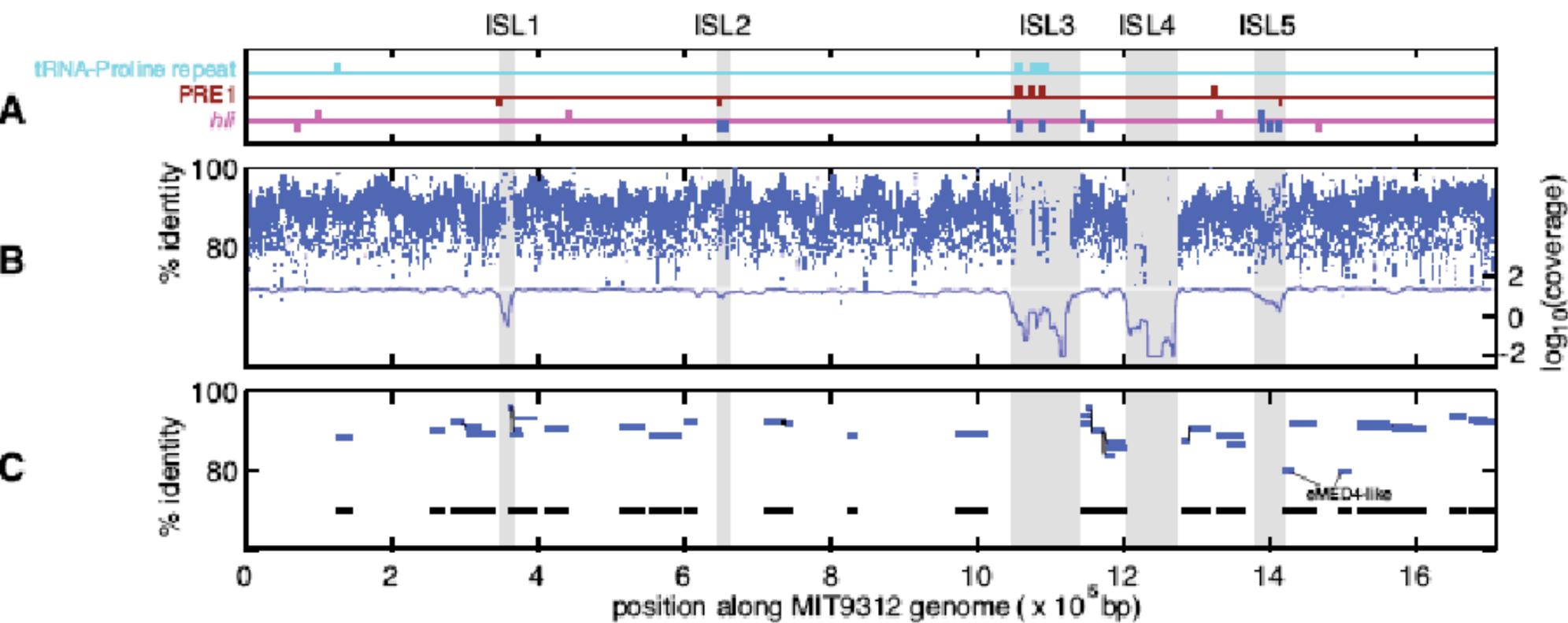


Genomic Islands and the Ecology and Evolution of *Prochlorococcus*

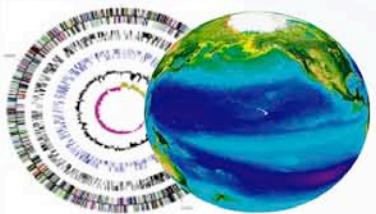
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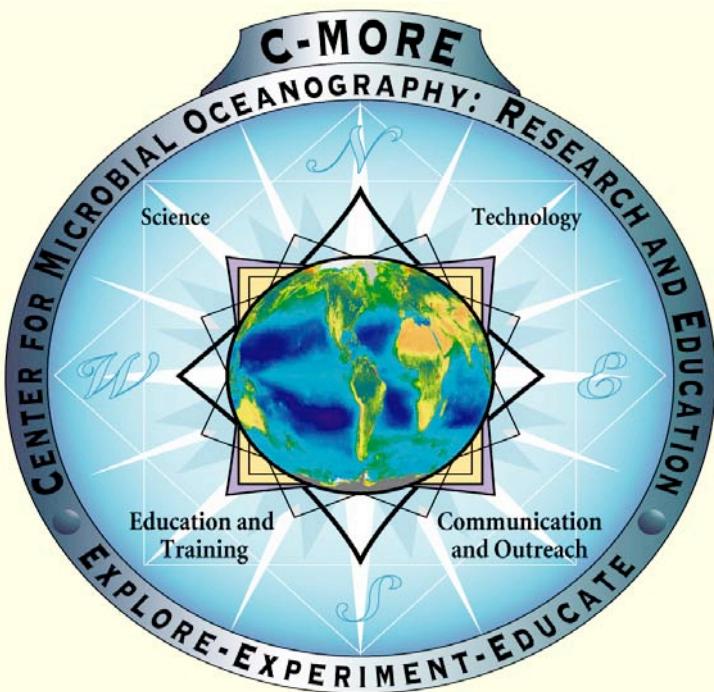


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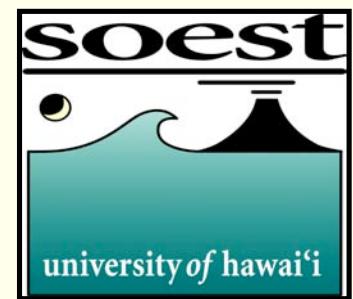


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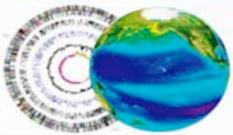
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The C-MORE Team

Employment Opportunities

Partner Institutions

School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology

University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

University of California at Santa Cruz

Project Summary

The Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (C-MORE) is a recently established (August 2006) NSF-sponsored Science and Technology Center designed to facilitate a more comprehensive understanding of the diverse assemblages of microorganisms in the sea, ranging from the genetic basis of marine microbial biogeochemistry including the metabolic regulation and environmental controls of gene expression, to the processes that underpin the fluxes of carbon, related bioelements and energy in the marine environment. Stated holistically, C-MORE's primary mission is: *Linking Genomes to Biomes*.

We believe that the time is right to address several major, long-standing questions in microbial oceanography. Recent advances in the application of molecular techniques have provided an unprecedented view of the structure, diversity and possible function of sea microbes. By combining these and other novel approaches with more well-established techniques in microbiology, oceanography and ecology, it may be possible to develop a meaningful predictive understanding of the ocean with respect to energy transduction, carbon sequestration, bioelement cycling and the probable response of marine ecosystems to global environmental variability and climate change. The strength of C-MORE resides in the synergy created by bringing together experts who traditionally have not worked together and this, in turn, will facilitate the creation and dissemination of new knowledge on the role of marine microbes in global habitability.

The new Center will design and conduct novel research, broker partnerships, increase diversity of human resources, implement education and outreach programs, and utilize comprehensive information about microbial life in the sea. The Center will bring together teams of scientists, educators and community members who otherwise do not have an opportunity to communicate, collaborate or design creative solutions to long-term ecosystem scale problems. The Center's research will be organized around four interconnected themes: (1) microbial biodiversity, (2) metabolism and C-N-P-energy flow, (3) remote and continuous sensing and links to climate variability, and (4) ecosystem modeling, simulation and prediction. Each theme will have a leader to help coordinate the research programs and to facilitate interactions among the other related themes. The education programs will focus on pre-college curriculum enhancements, in-service teacher training and formal undergraduate/graduate and post-doctoral programs to prepare the next generation of microbial oceanographers. The Center will establish and maintain creative outreach programs to help diffuse the new knowledge gained into society at large including policymakers. The Center's activities will be dispersed among five partner institutions: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, University of California at Santa Cruz and Oregon State University and will be coordinated at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

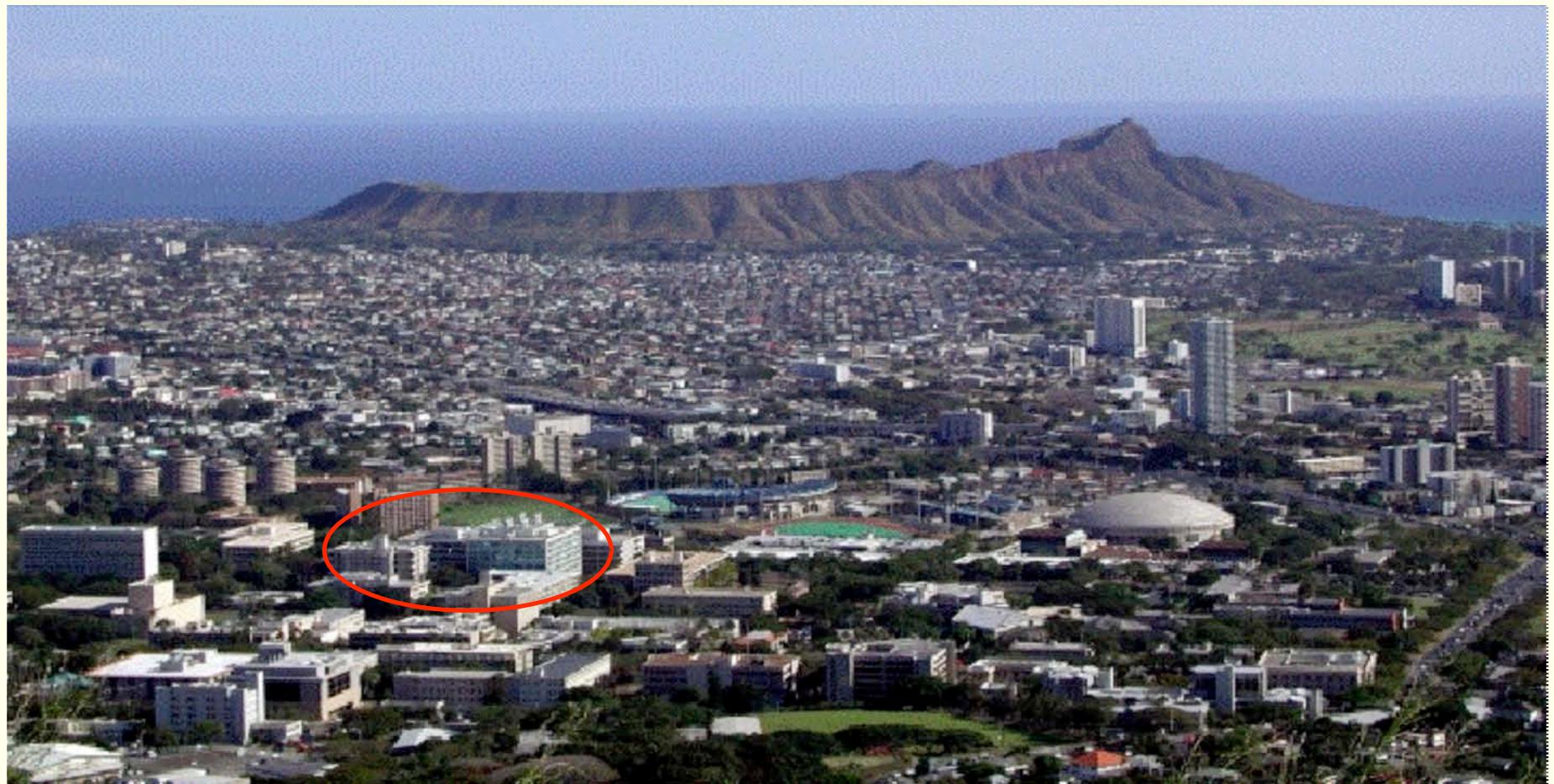
Center Opening

On Tuesday 1 August 2006 at 0730 hr Hawaii Standard Time the Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (C-MORE) officially opened its doors on the UH at Manoa campus and across the nation. The formal opening ceremonies were conducted in the format of a 90-minute videoconference on "Opportunities and Challenges" for the discipline as a whole. Team members from all partner institutions and program officials from the National Science Foundation all participated in this benchmark celebration. The videoconference was taped and can be viewed in full below. The opening event was also commemorated with a "first day of issue" cover that was posted at Honolulu and mailed to all of the participants (see below).

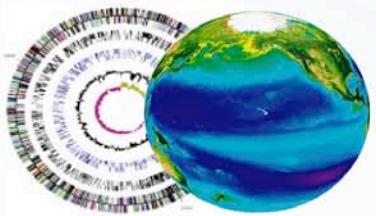


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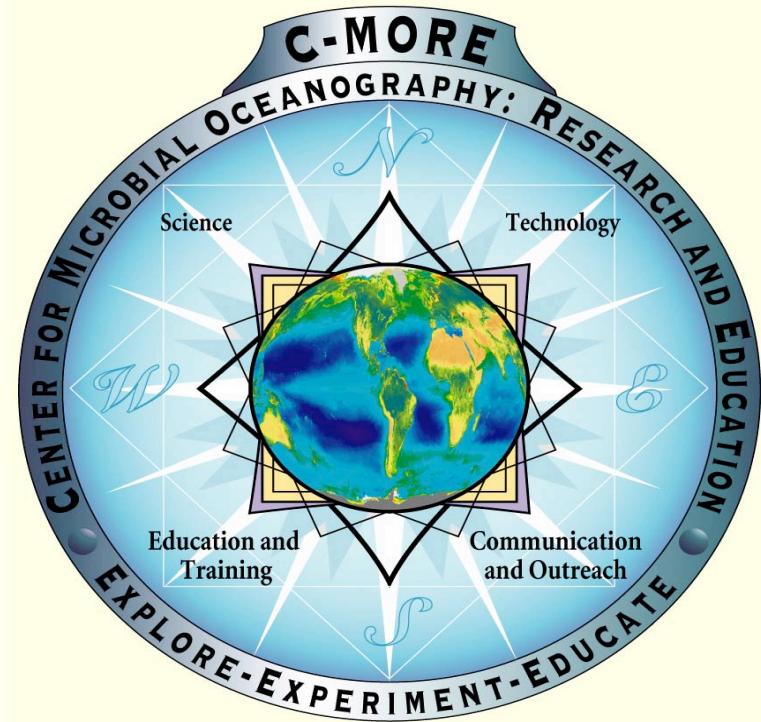
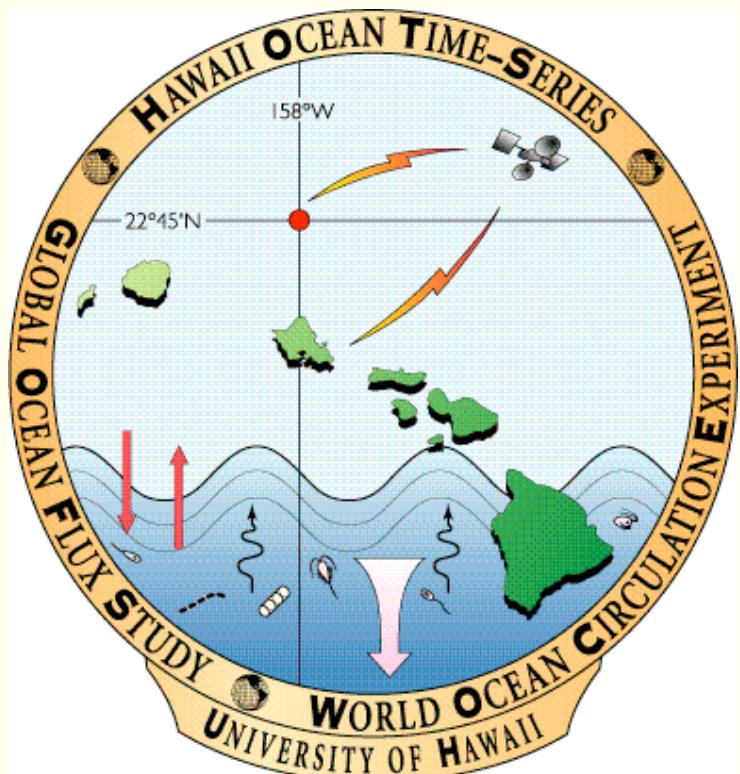


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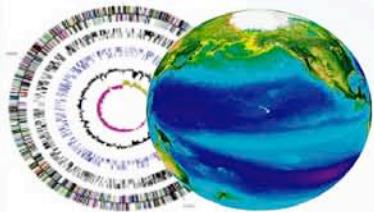
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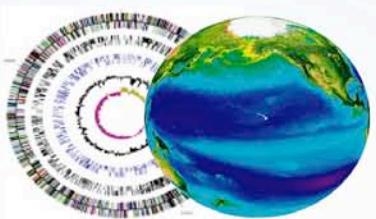
C-MORE GOALS: TO UNDERSTAND

- Mechanisms that drive and sustain diversity & function in oceanic microbes (**systems biology**)
- Mechanisms that link organisms together in robust networks (**ecosystems biology**)



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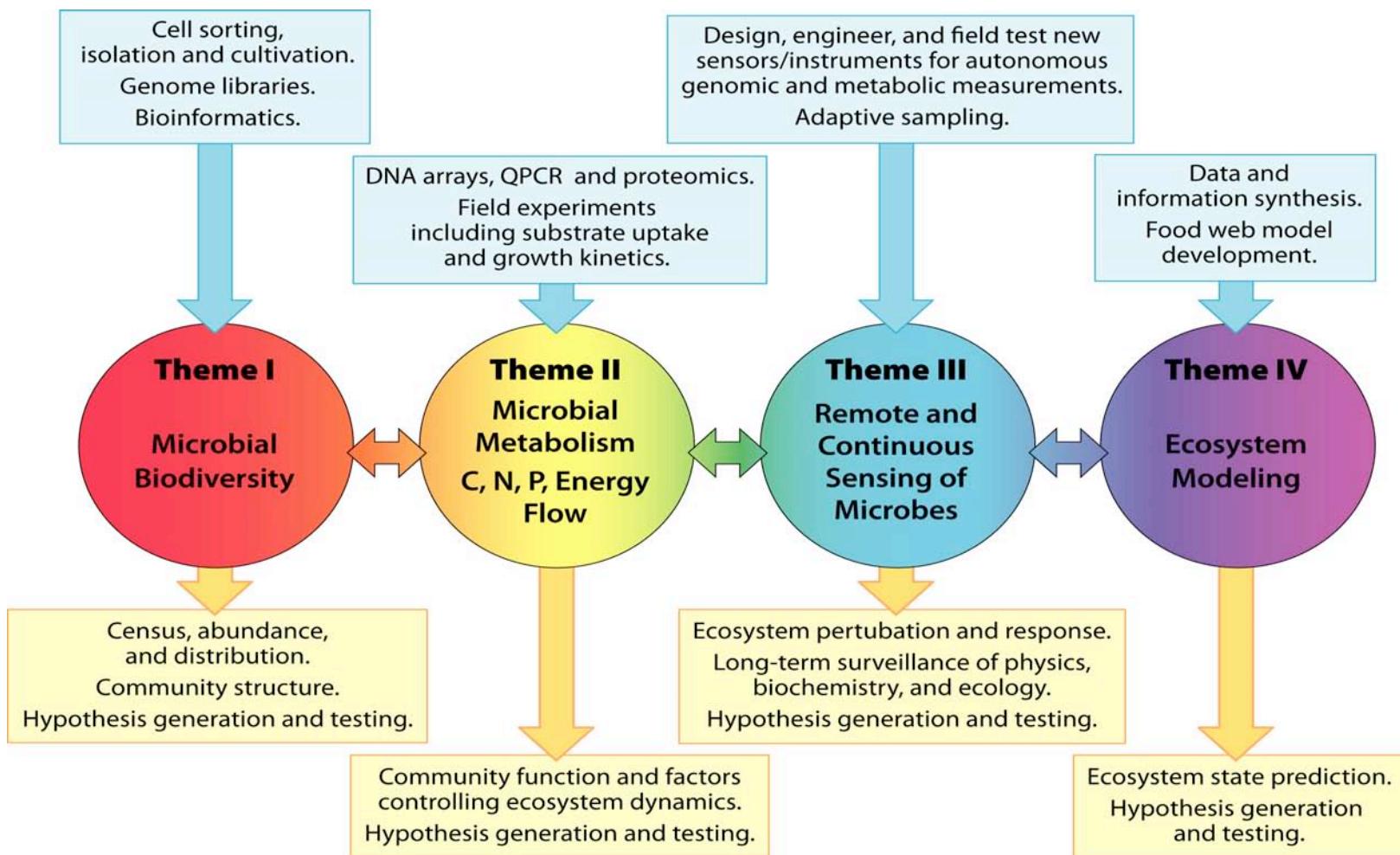
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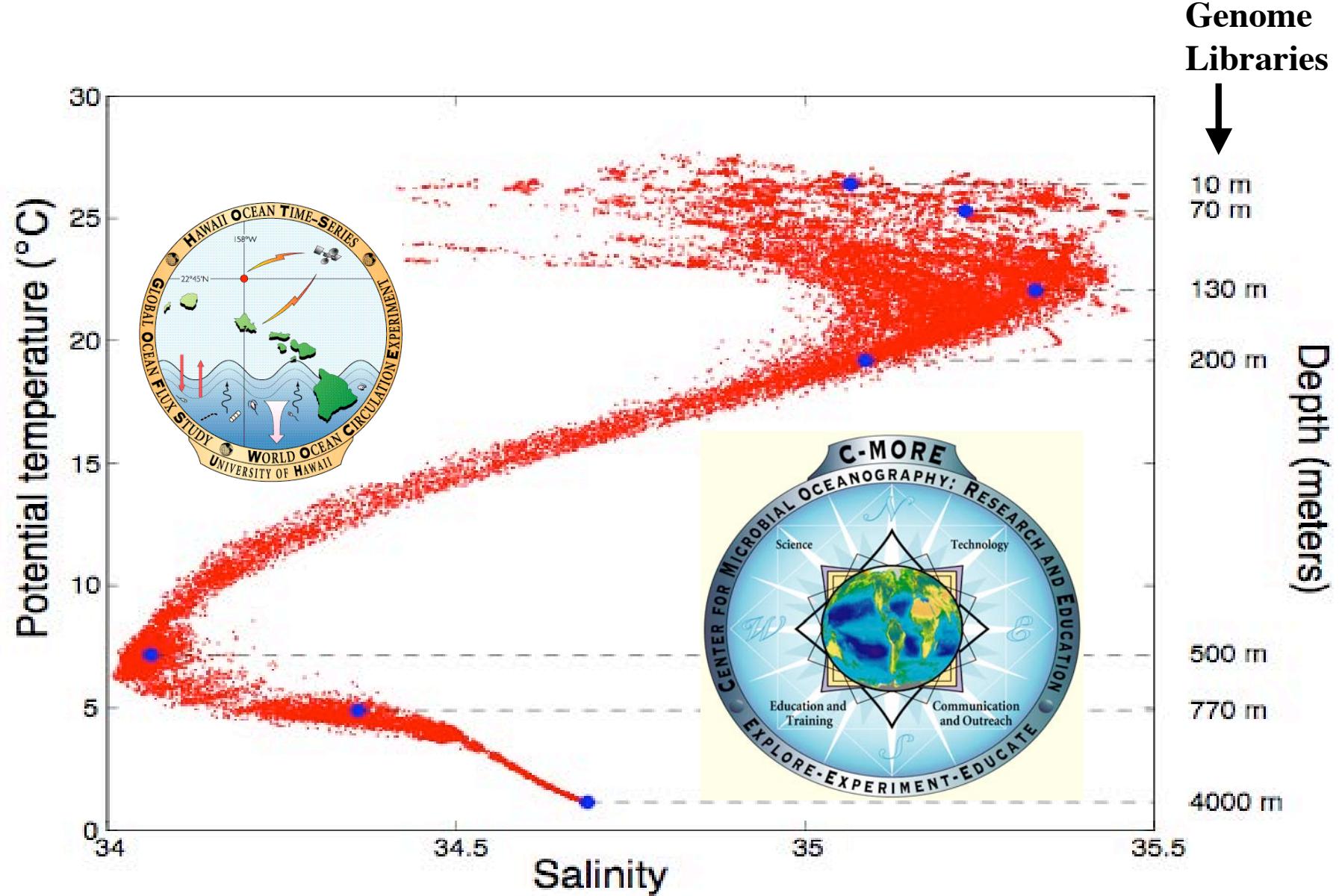


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CMORE *linking genomes to biomes*

- Establish the “parts list” or blueprint: *genomics and phylogenetic, isolate diversity*
- Decode the assembly manual: *gene regulation, physiology and metabolism*
- Integrate across disciplines: *ecogenomics, ecophysiology and systems ecology*

C-MORE RESEARCH

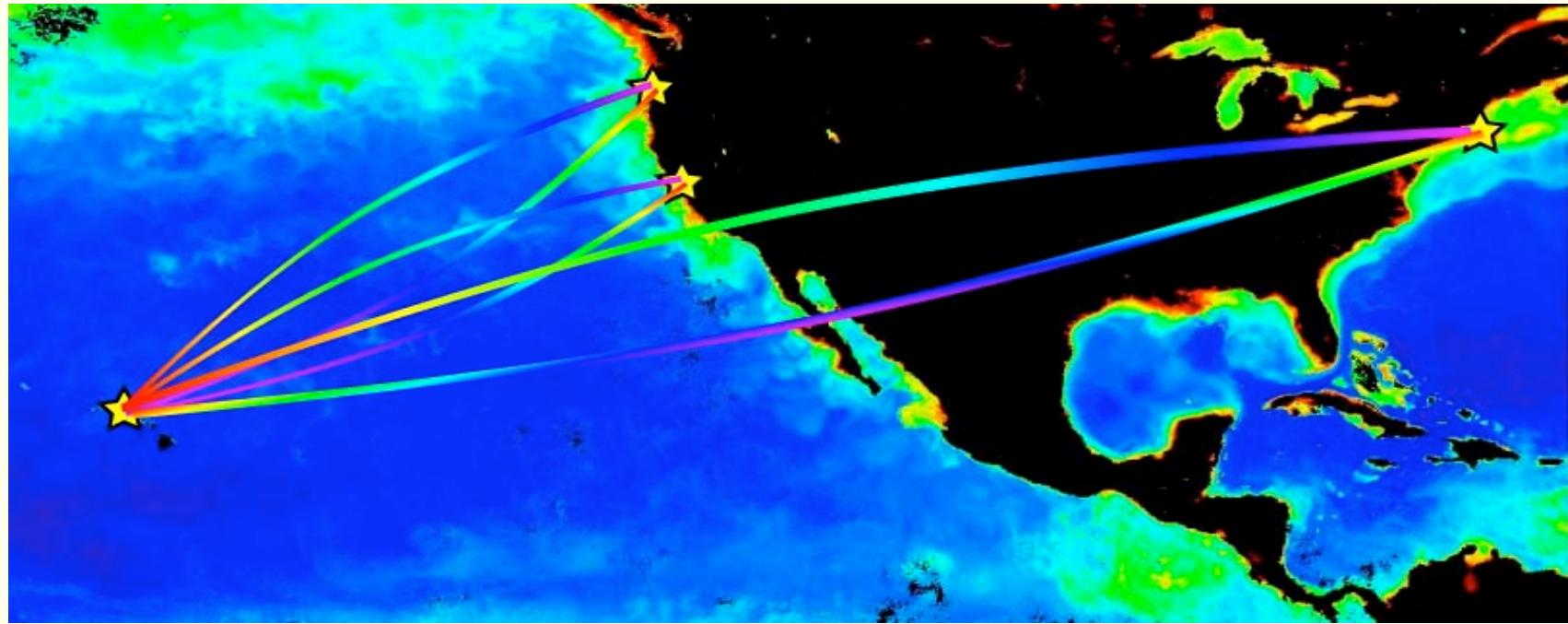




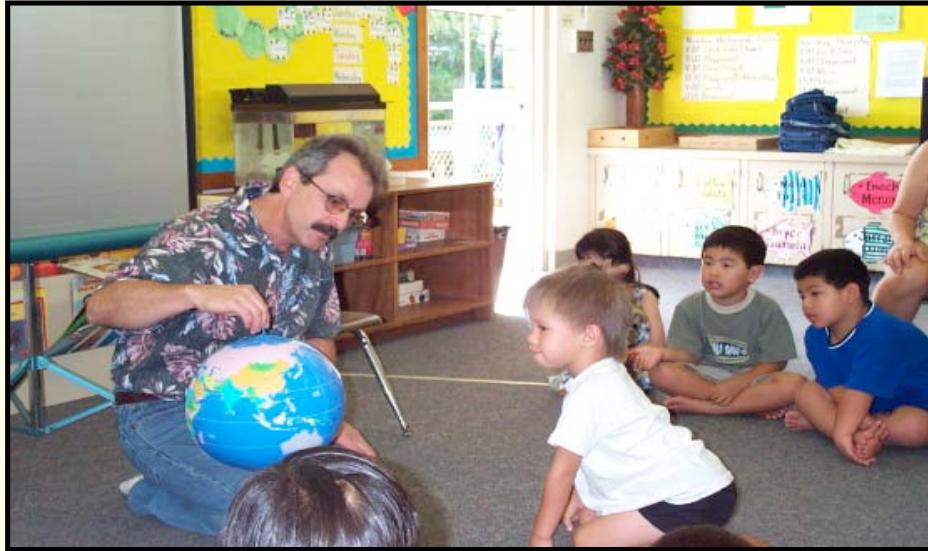
C-MORE CONNECTIVITY

University of Hawaii = Lead Institution

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FORMAL EDUCATION & TRAINING



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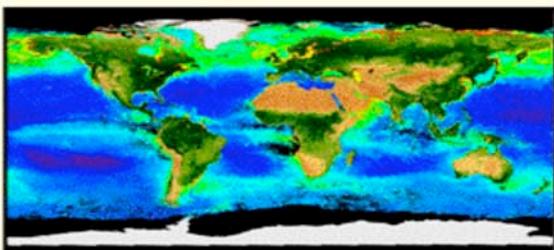
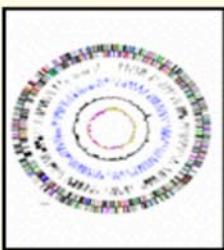
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