

The  
microbial  
world within  
water reuse

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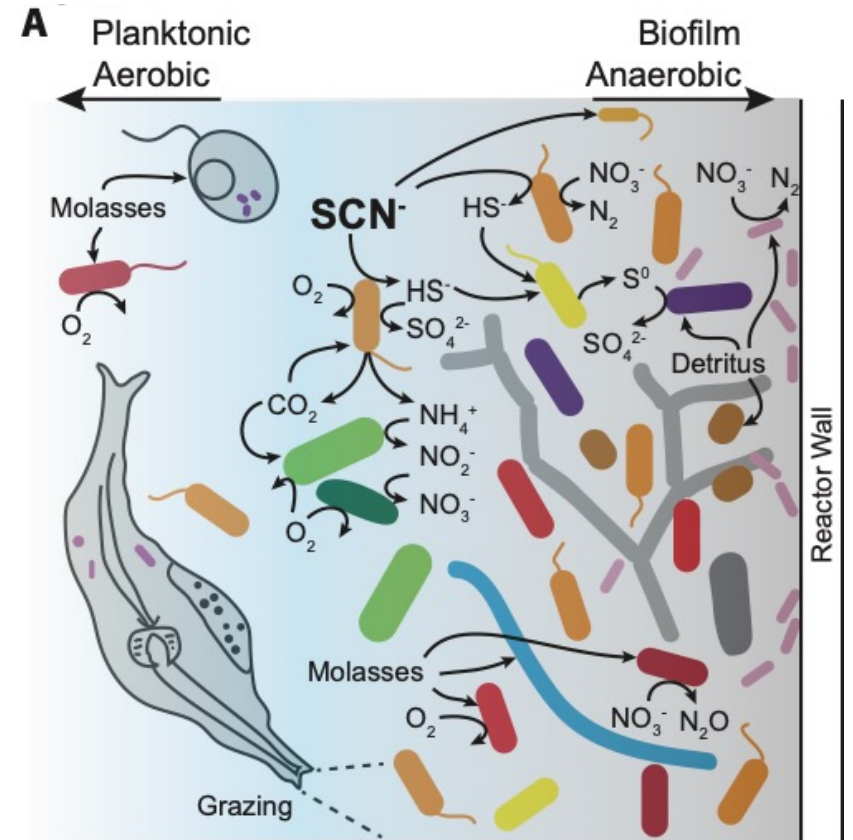
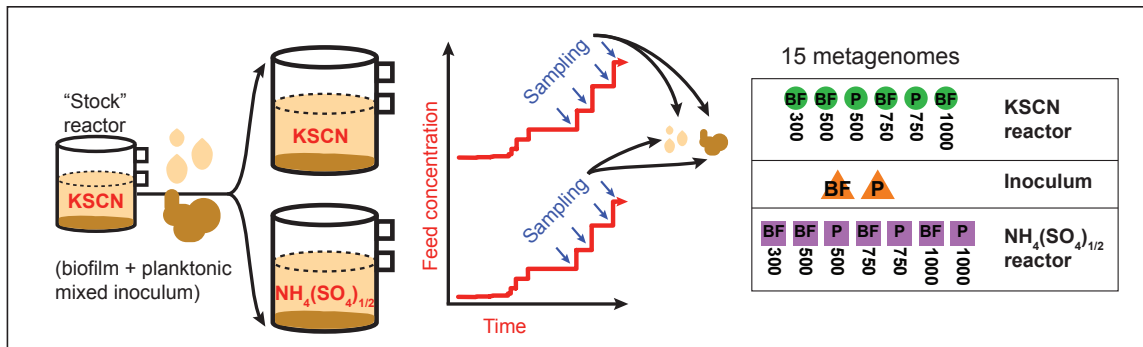


# About me

- Ph.D. in Microbiology, Jill Banfield's group, UC Berkeley
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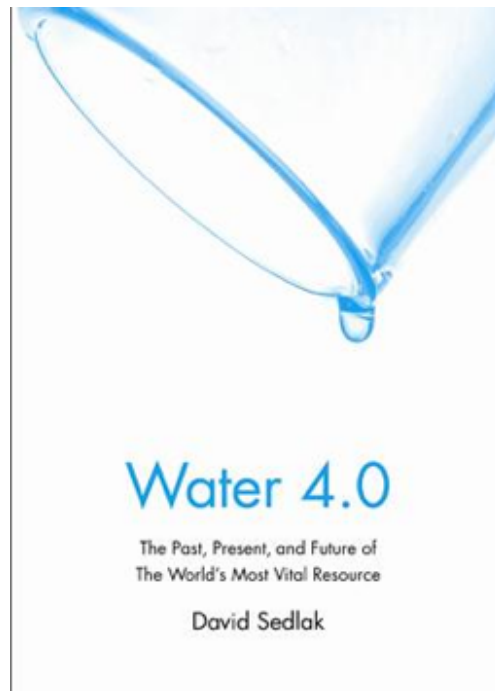
# Metagenomics + water engineering



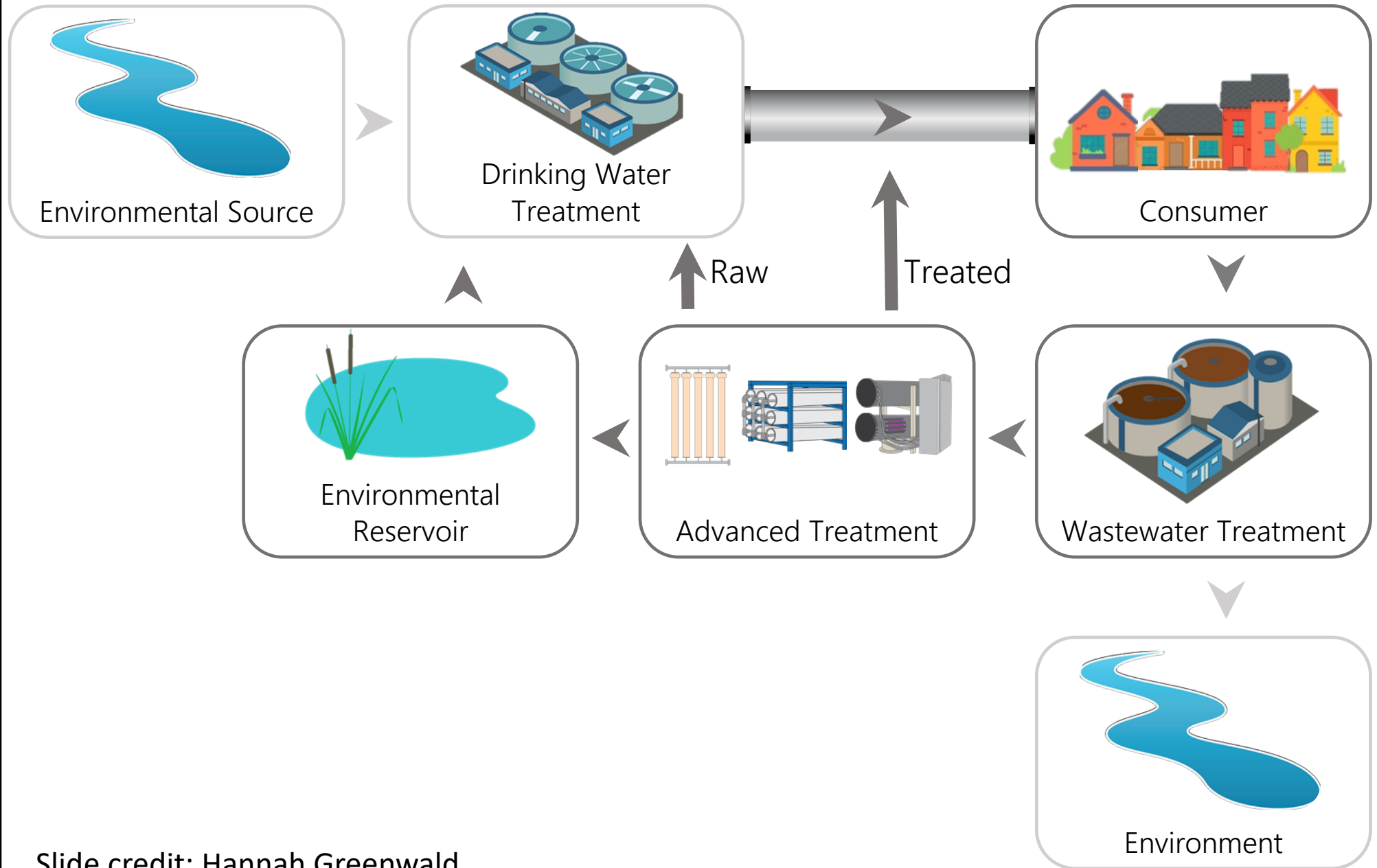
# Background: potable reuse

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# Drinking water



# The water cycle and potable reuse



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What factors are driving the current push for potable reuse?



# Why are we studying DPR in the Nelson Lab?

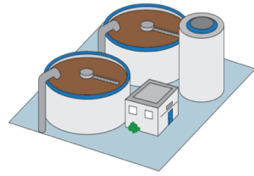
**To understand how treatment processes affect microbial water quality**

To learn what may happen when direct potable reuse water enters a US distribution system

Because California regulations for advanced treatment focus on viruses and protozoans but not bacteria, so they haven't been as well studied

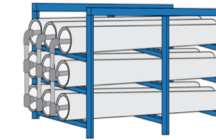
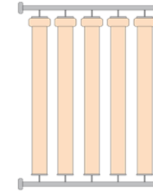
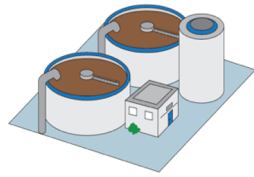


# Processes in affecting microorganisms in advanced water treatment



<b>Process</b>	<b>WWTP:</b> Wastewater treatment plant
<b>Treatment Mechanism</b>	Biological Physical Removal

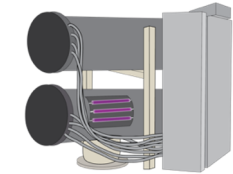
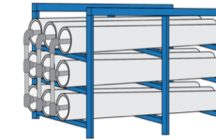
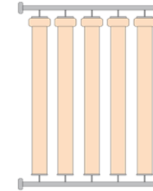
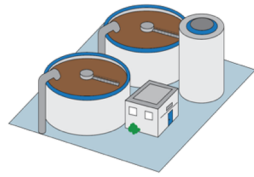
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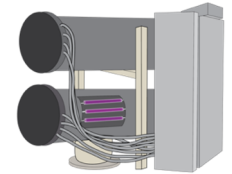
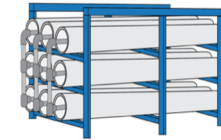
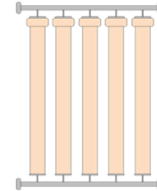
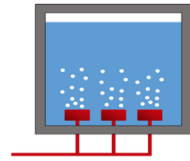
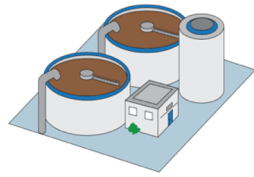
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# Study questions



1. How well does advanced treatment remove bacteria?



2. How does the bacterial community change during treatment?



3. Are the same bacteria present before and after treatment?



4. What are the bacteria capable of doing?

# Study design and methods

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# Methods for studying microbial water quality



Flow cytometry (total and intact cell counts)



ATP concentration (intracellular and total)



amplicon sequencing (16S rRNA gene V4)

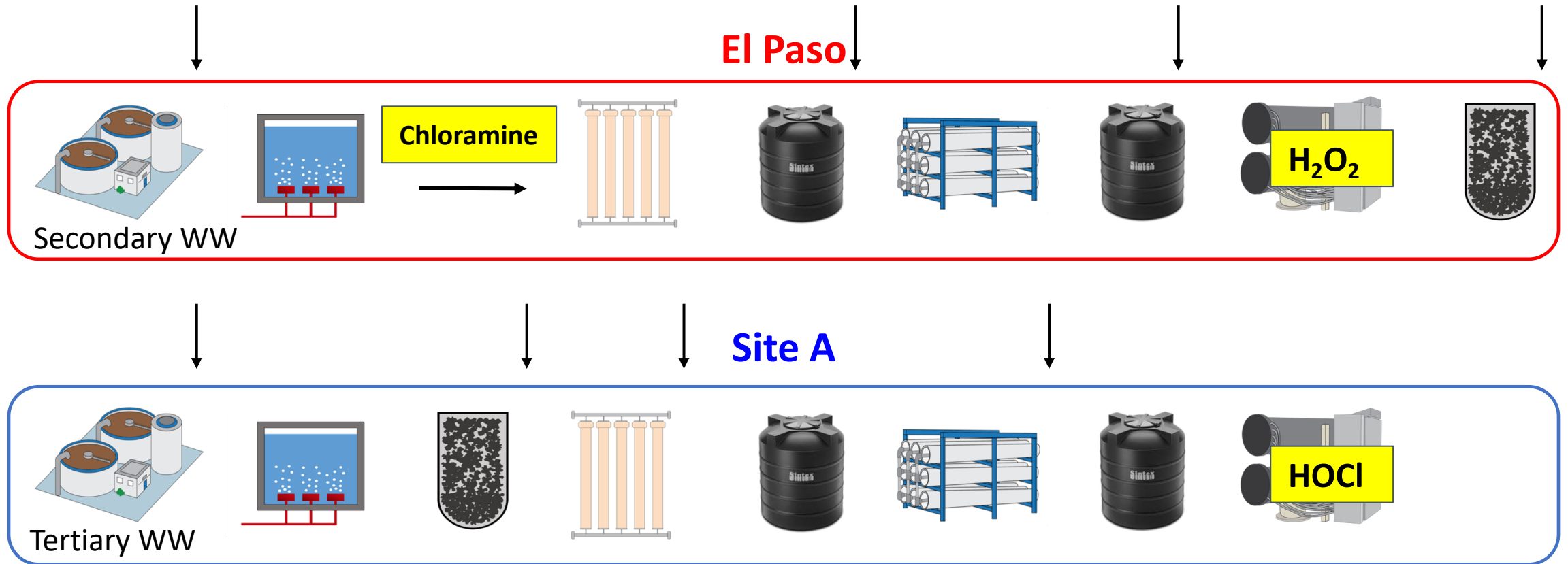


Metagenomics (whole community DNA sequencing)



qPCR (antibiotic resistance genes and pathogens)

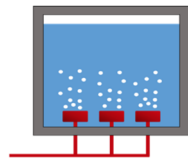
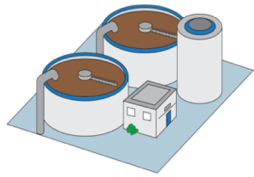
# Study designs



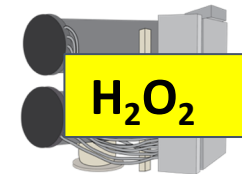
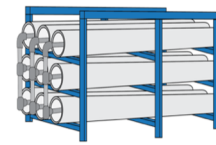
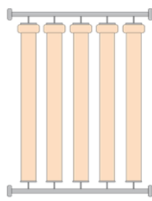


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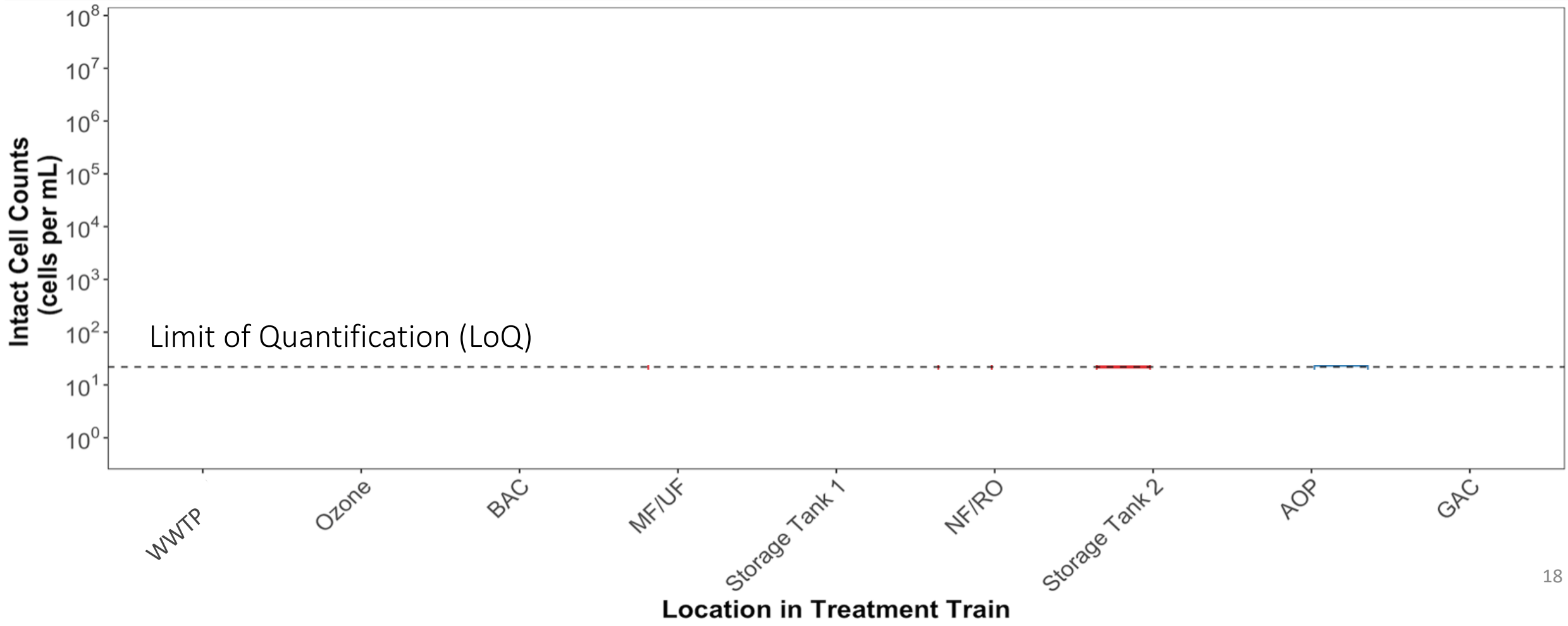
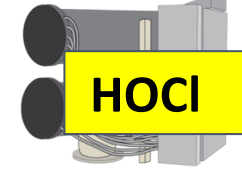
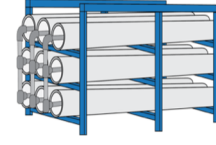
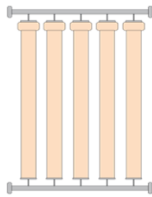
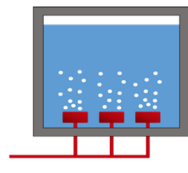
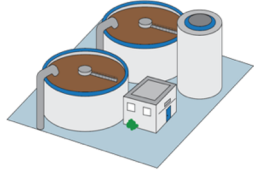
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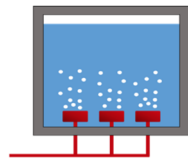
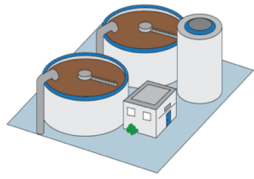
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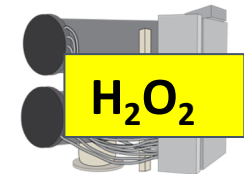
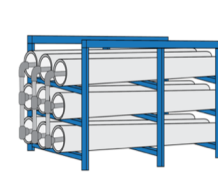
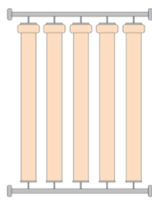
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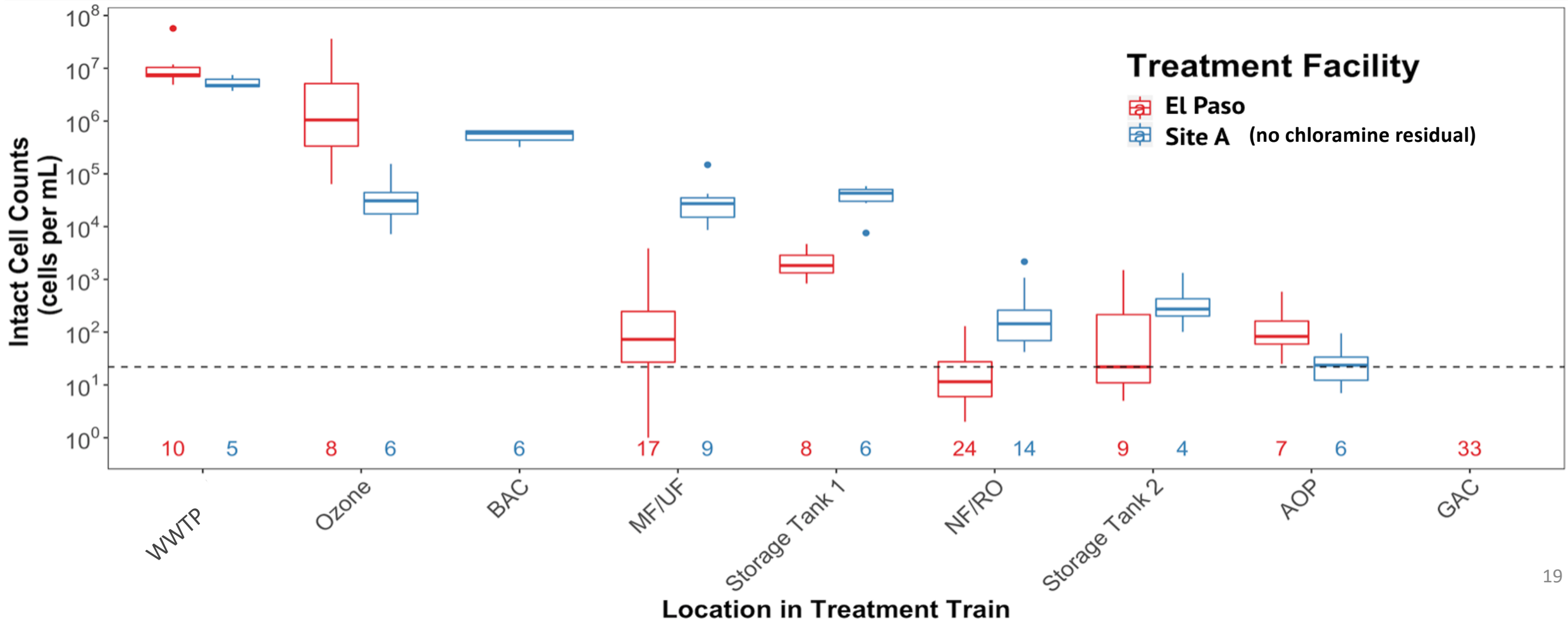
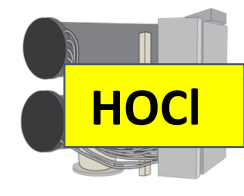
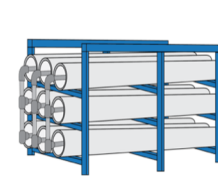
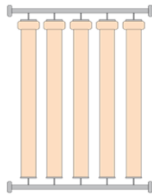
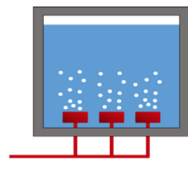
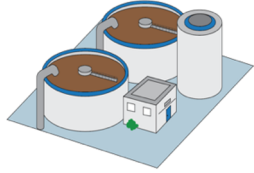
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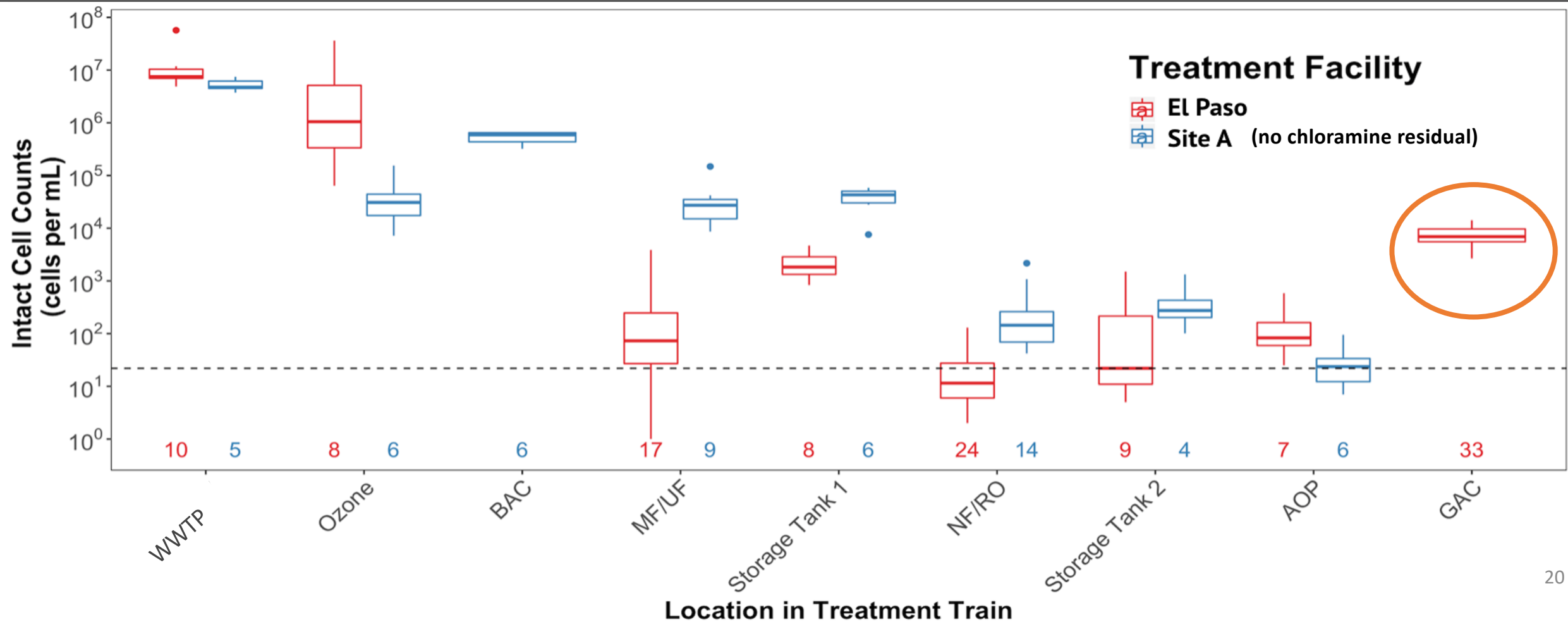
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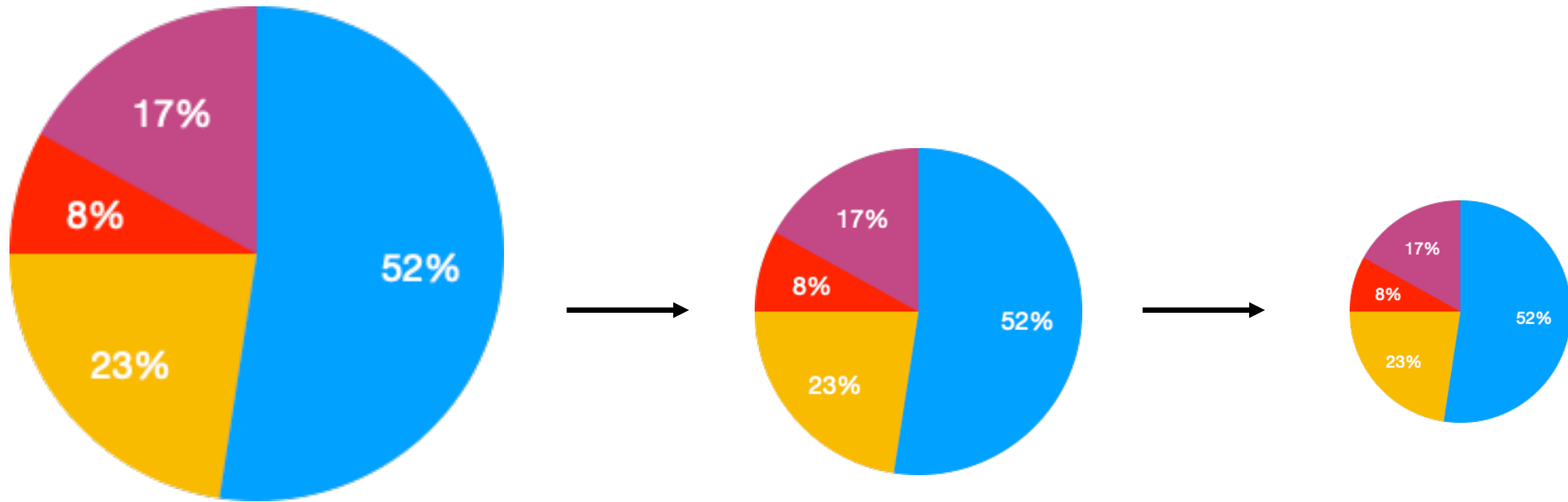
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# 1. Treatment removes nearly all bacteria but there is growth after treatment

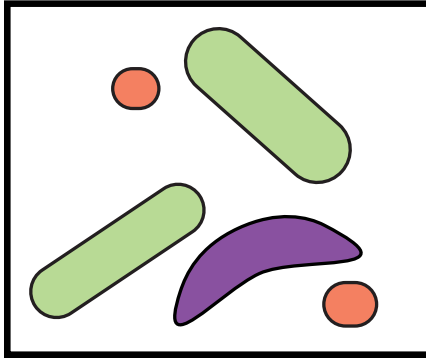


## 2. How does the bacterial community change during treatment?



## 2. 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing

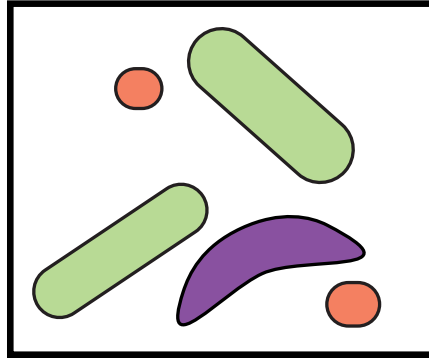
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- Dead-end ultrafiltration
- Filter back-flush
- PEG flocculation

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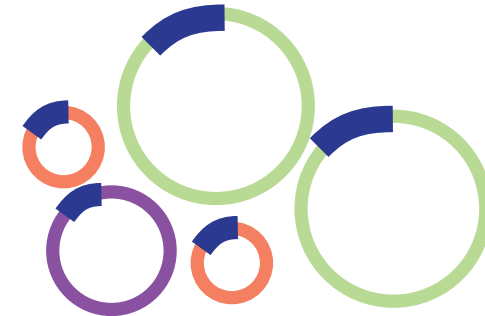
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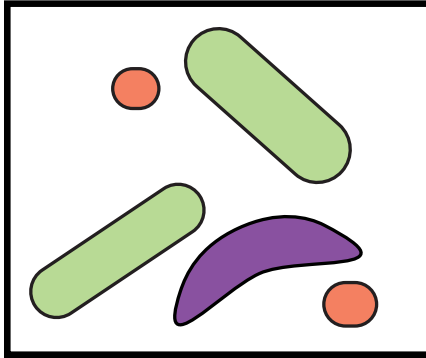


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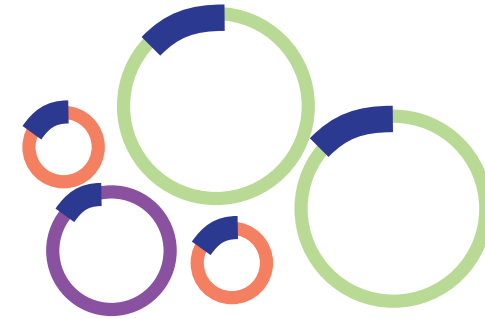
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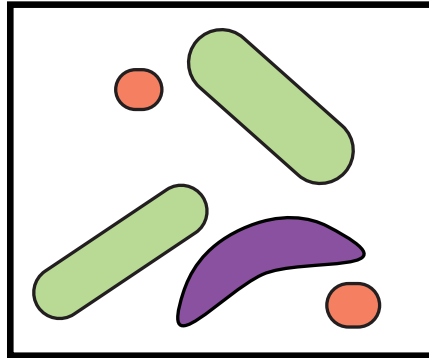
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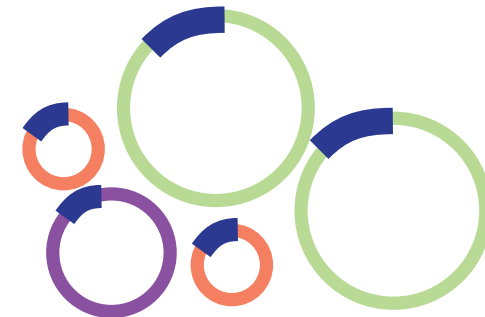
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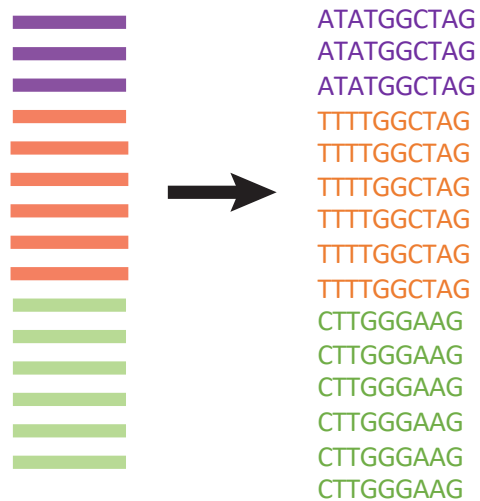


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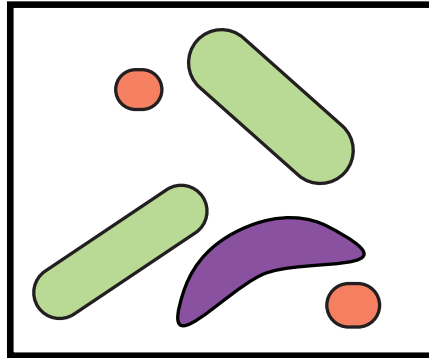
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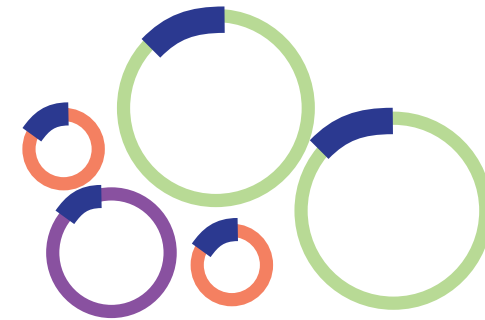
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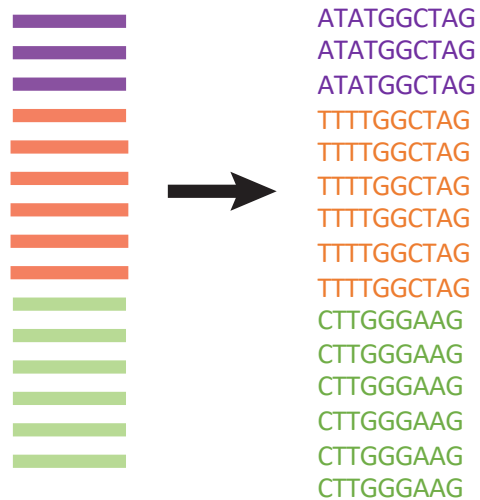
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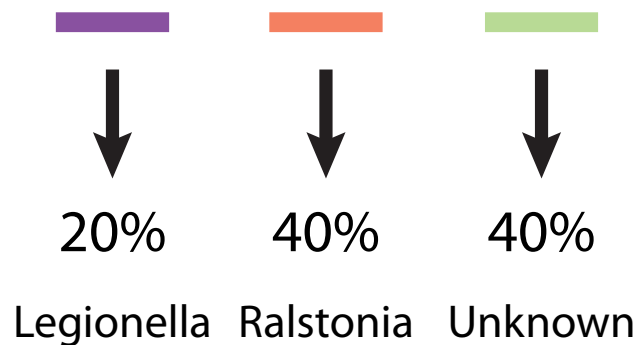
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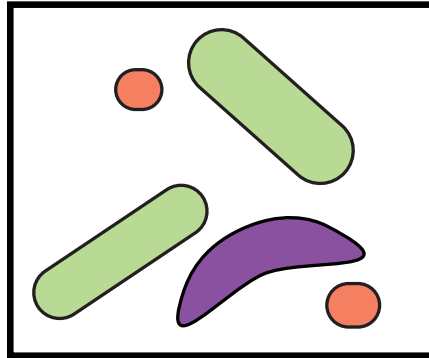


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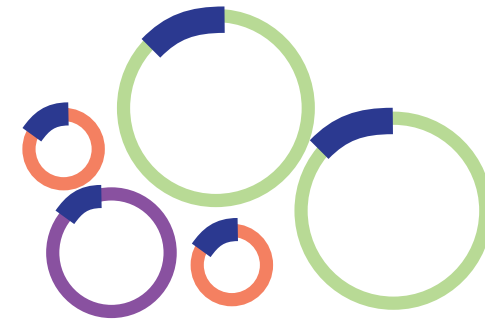
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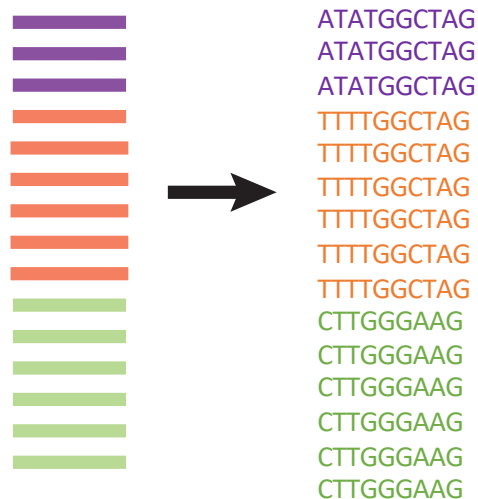
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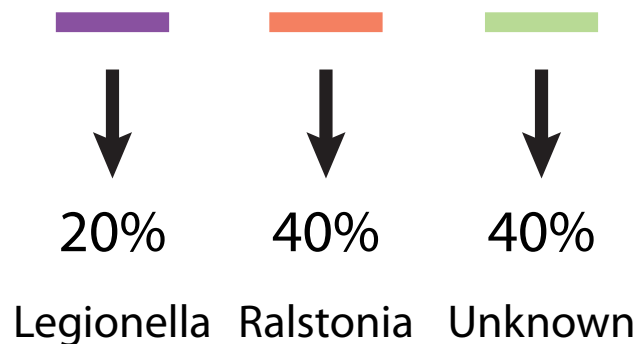


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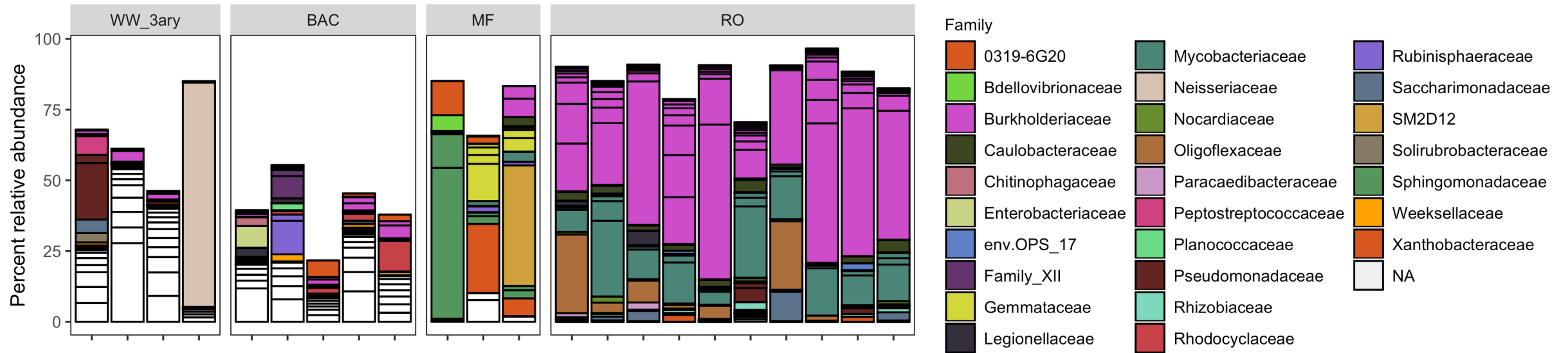
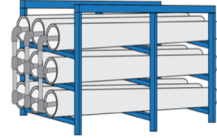
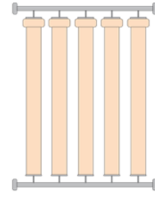
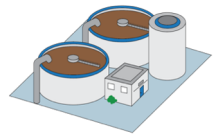
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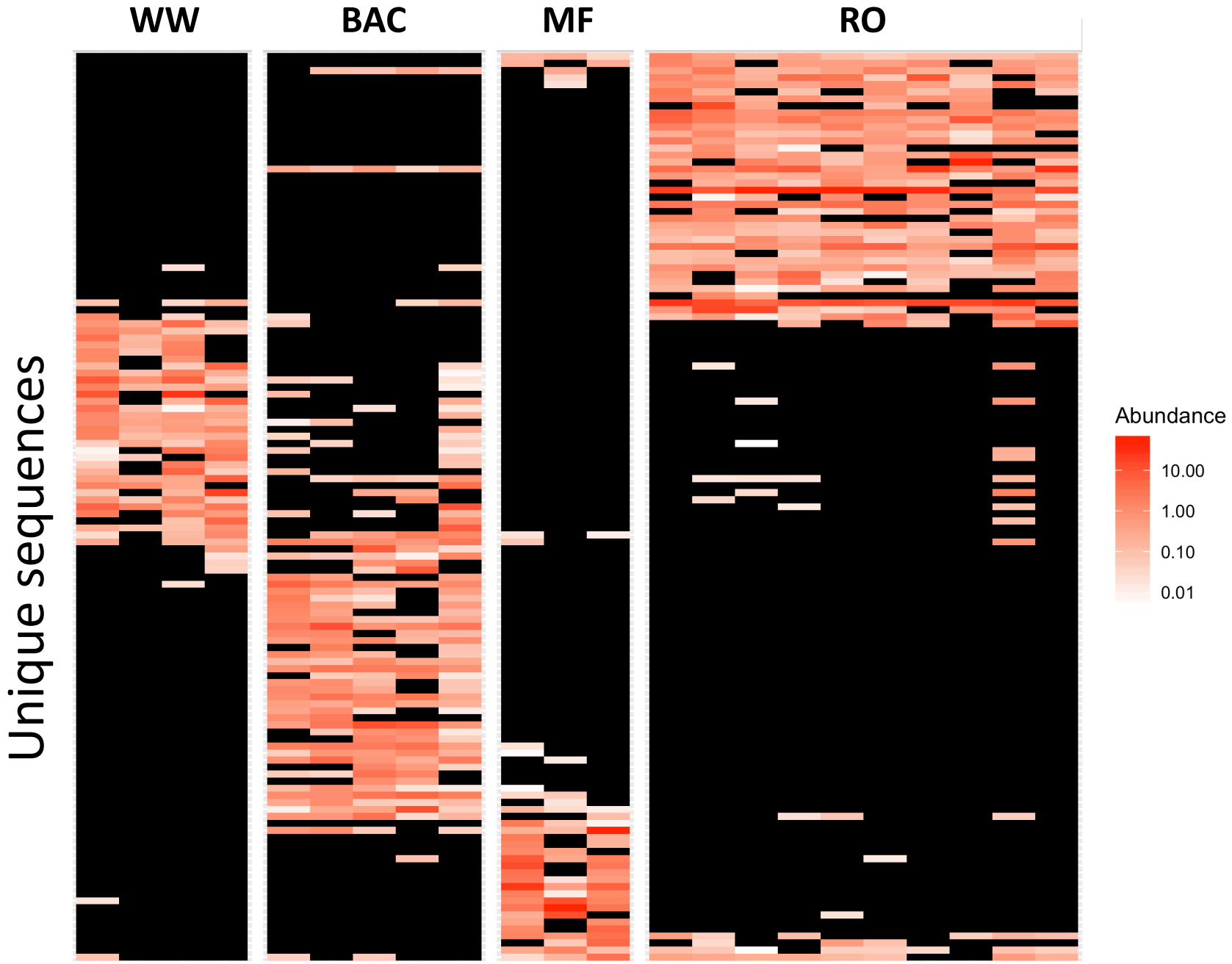
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- DADA2
- DESeq2 (decontamination)
- Phyloseq

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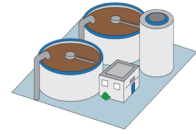


2. Core community composition changes through treatment



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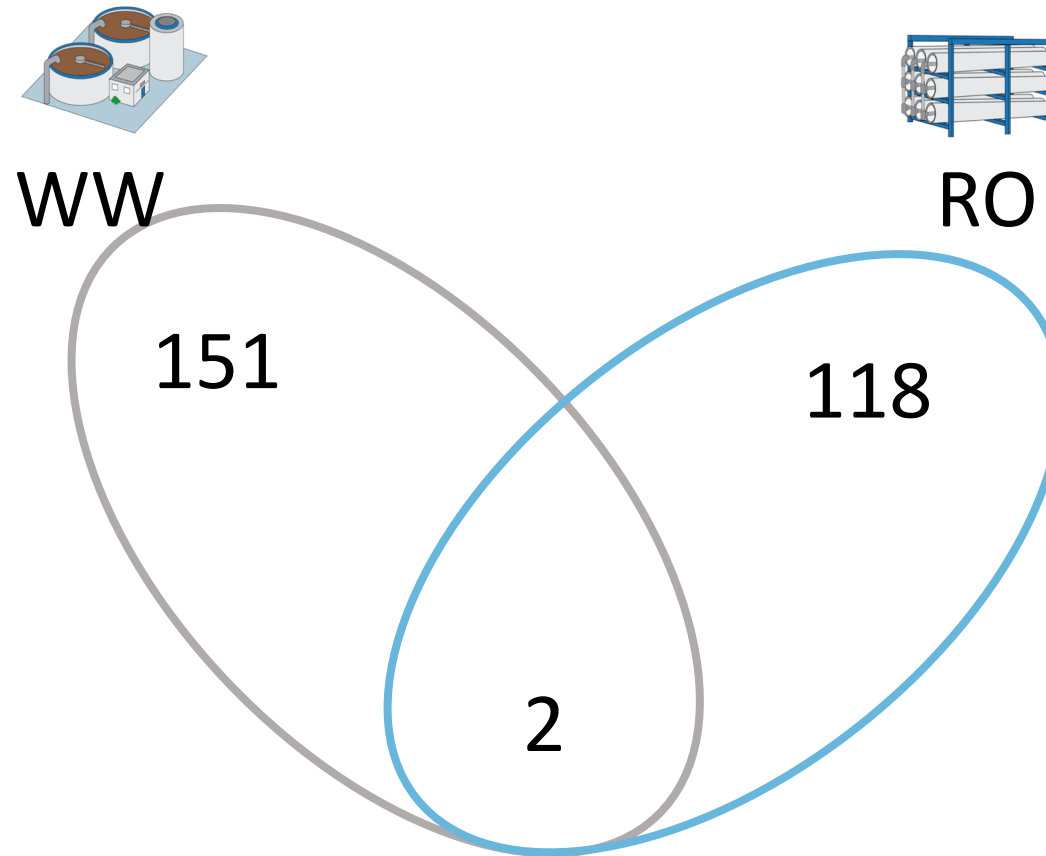
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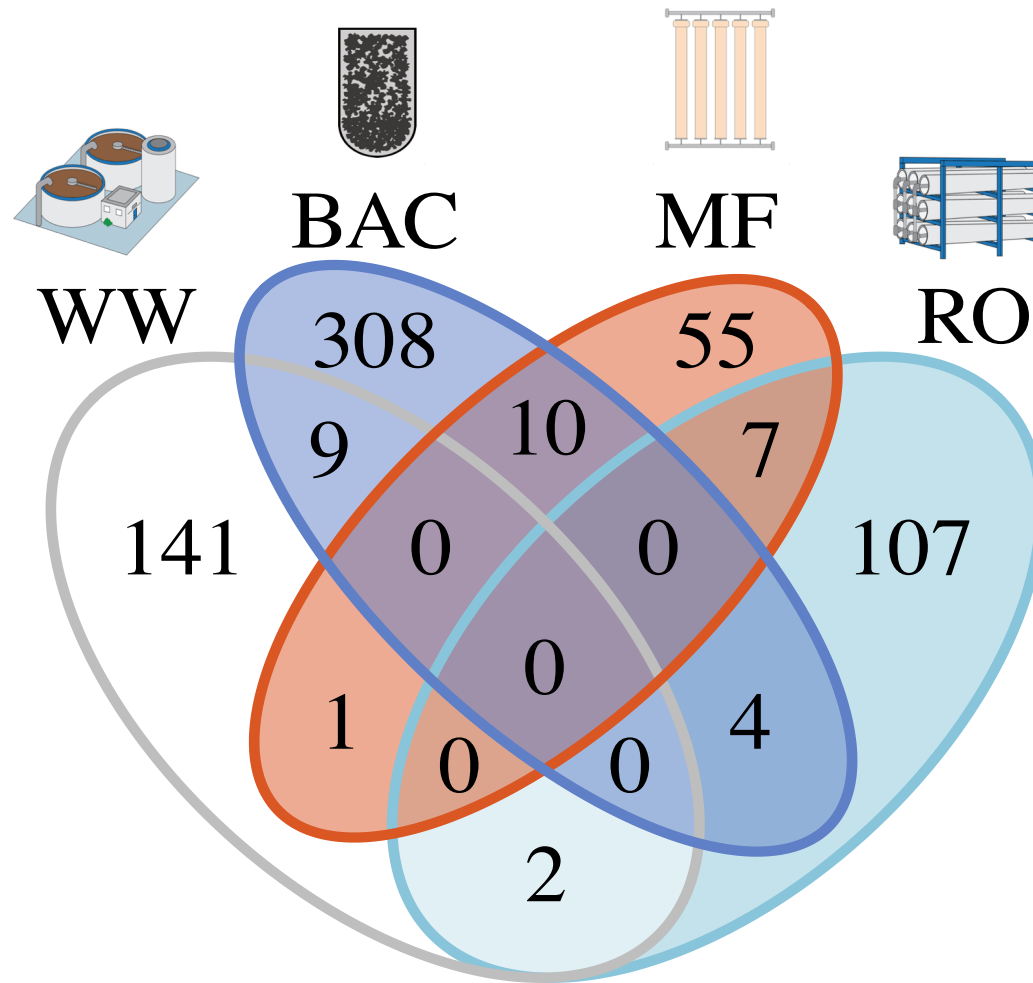
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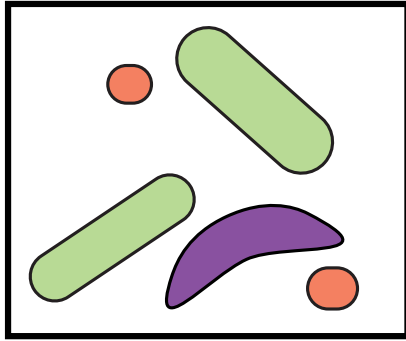
Site A core community overlaps



4. What are the metabolic traits of bacteria found in the treatment train?

# 4. Genome-resolved metagenomics

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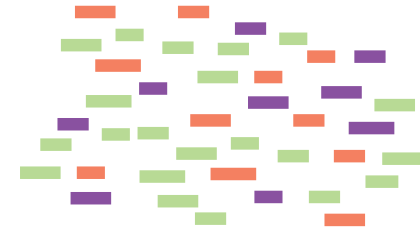


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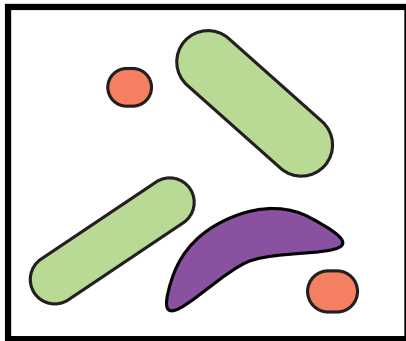
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150 bp paired-  
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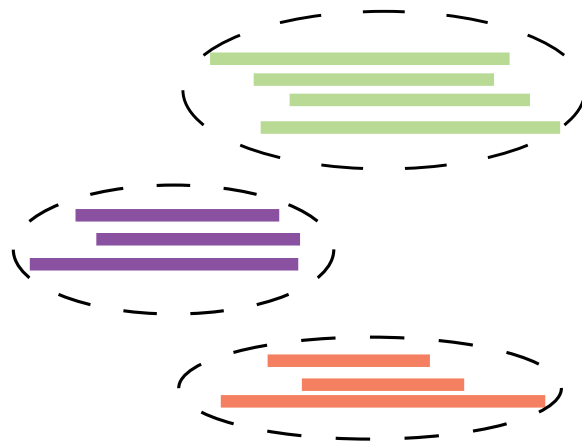
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## 4. Assembly



## 5. Binning

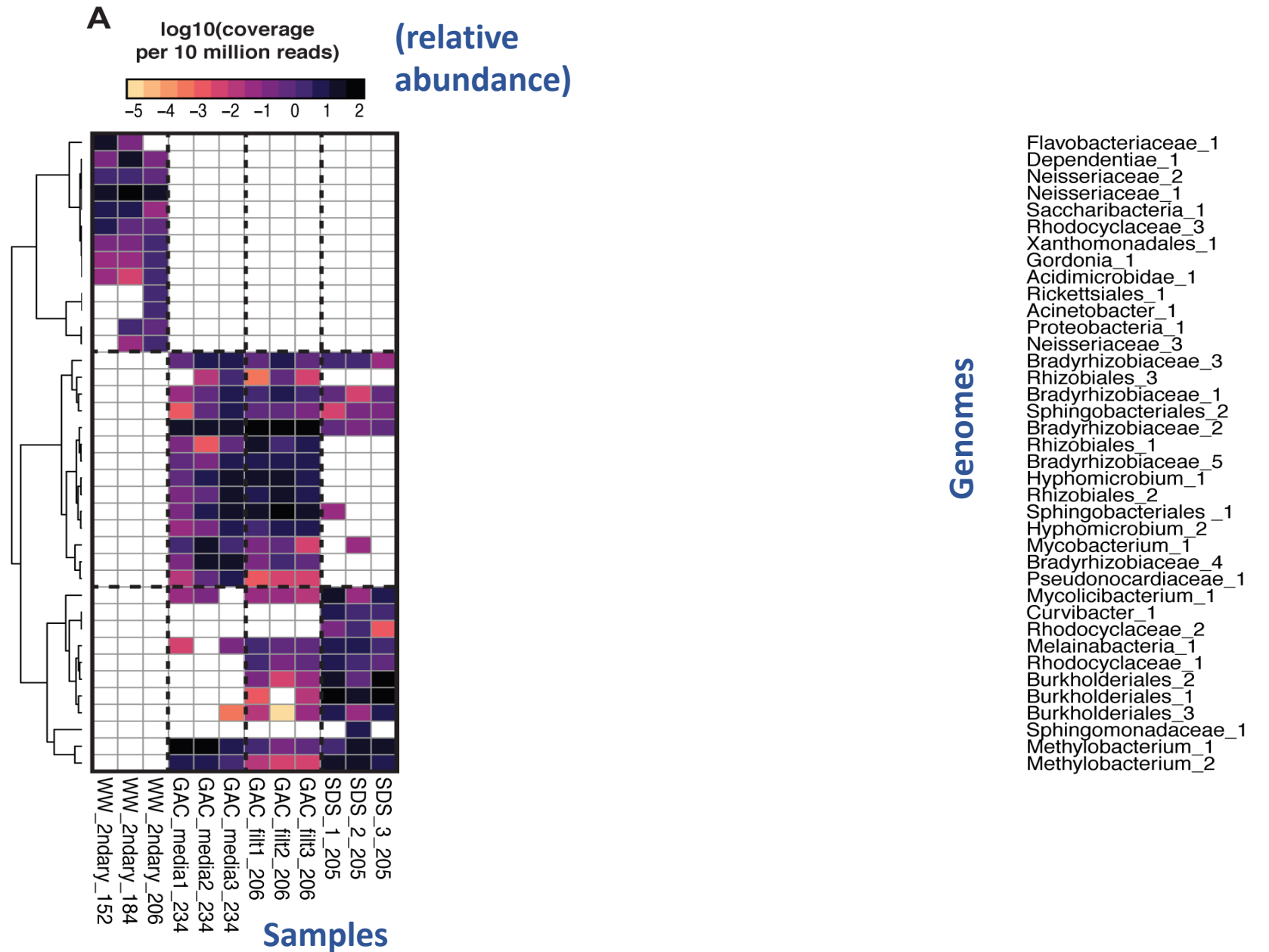


## 6. Annotation and metabolic prediction



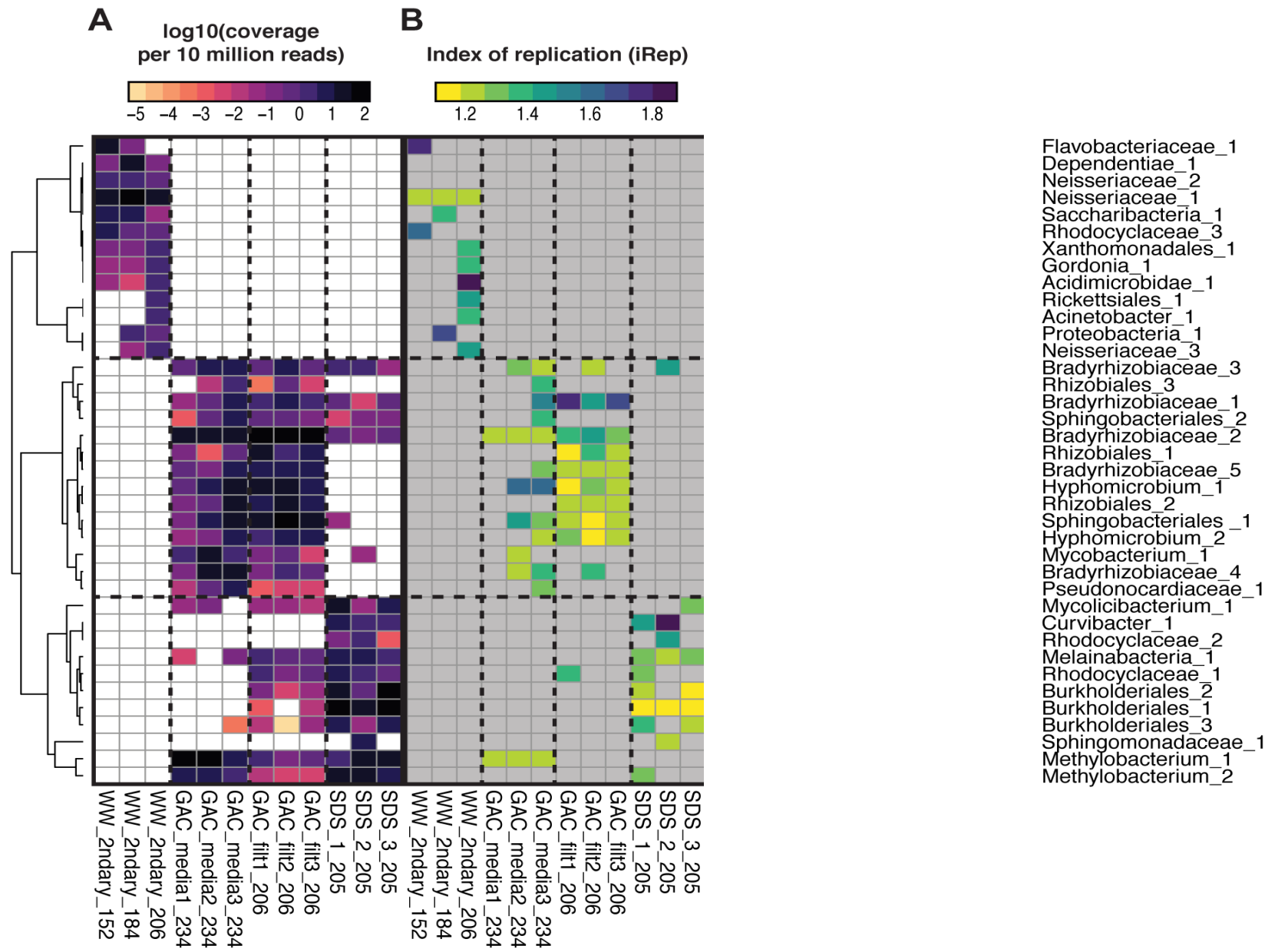
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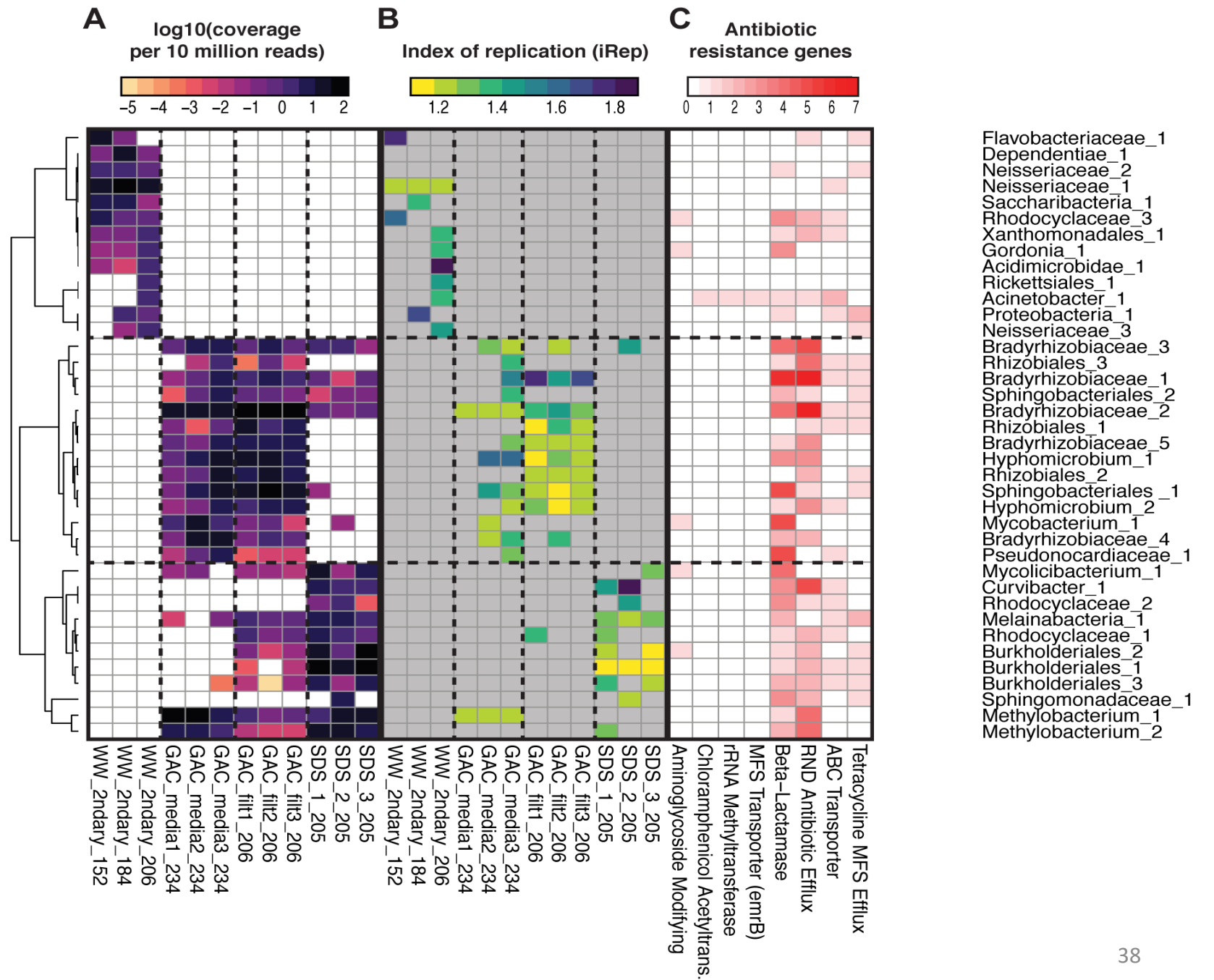
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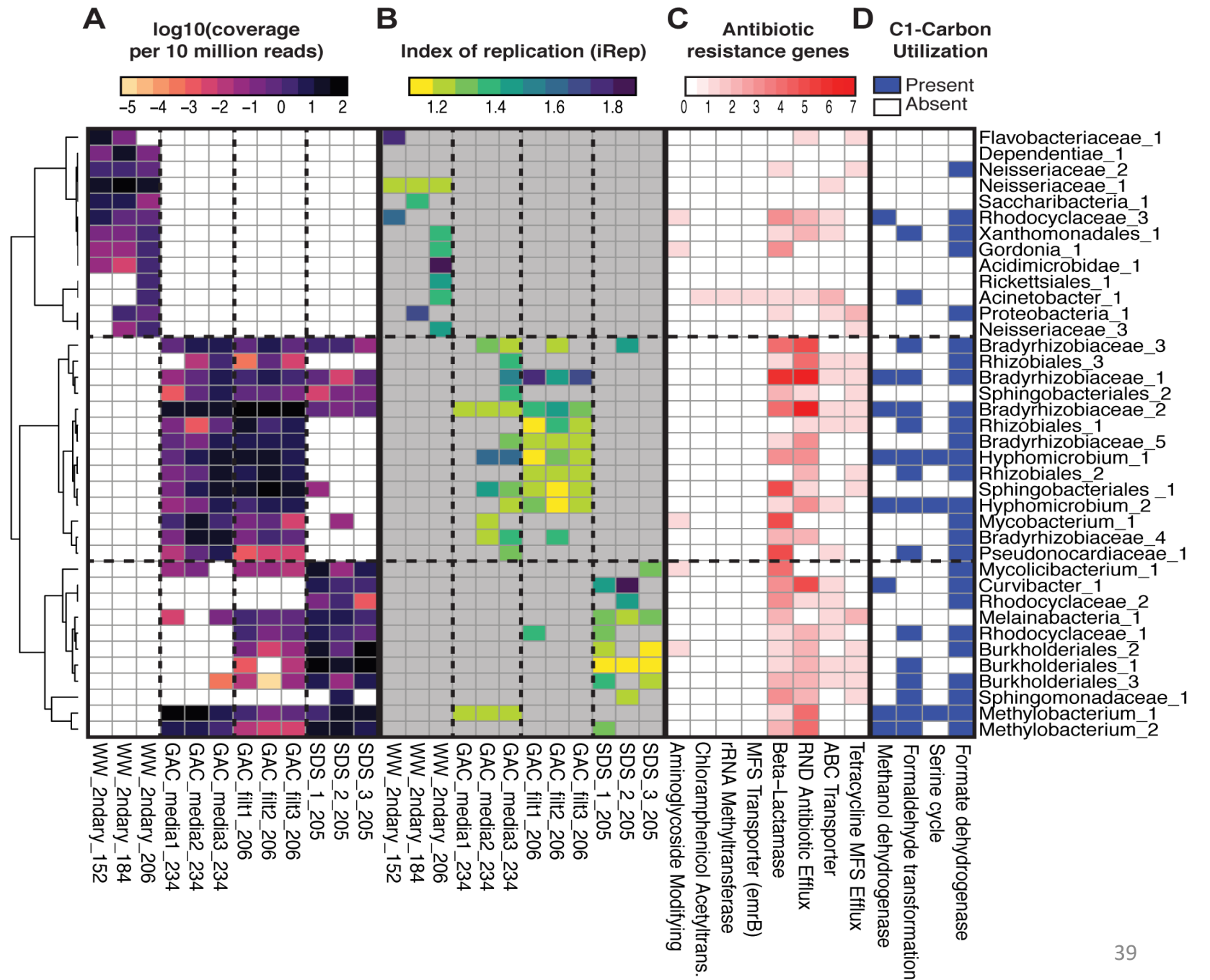
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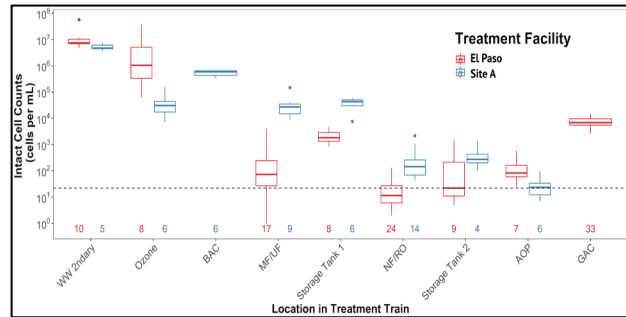


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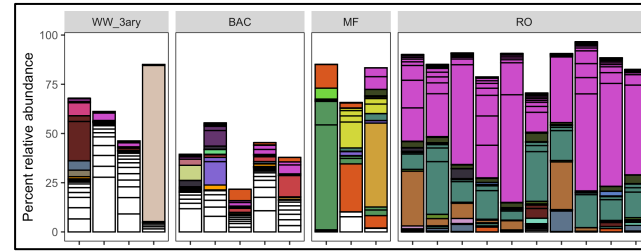
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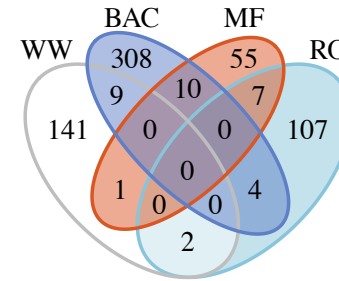
# Conclusions



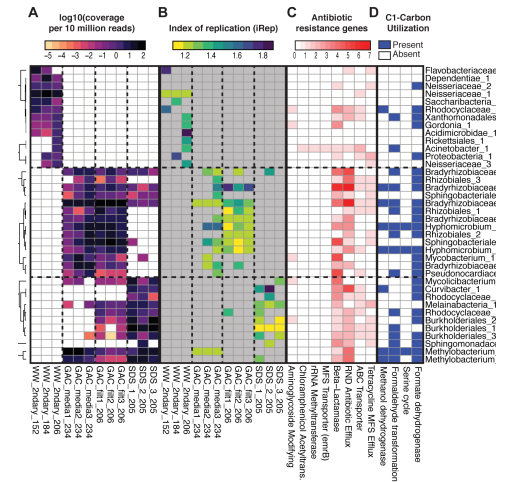
1. Bacteria are nearly completely removed by treatment, growth afterward



2. Community composition changes with each treatment process



3. Different bacteria are present before and after treatment



4. Growth rates, antibiotic resistance, C1-carbon metabolism



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