

Network inference and analysis for gut microbiota exploration

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People differ by gut bacterial gene counts

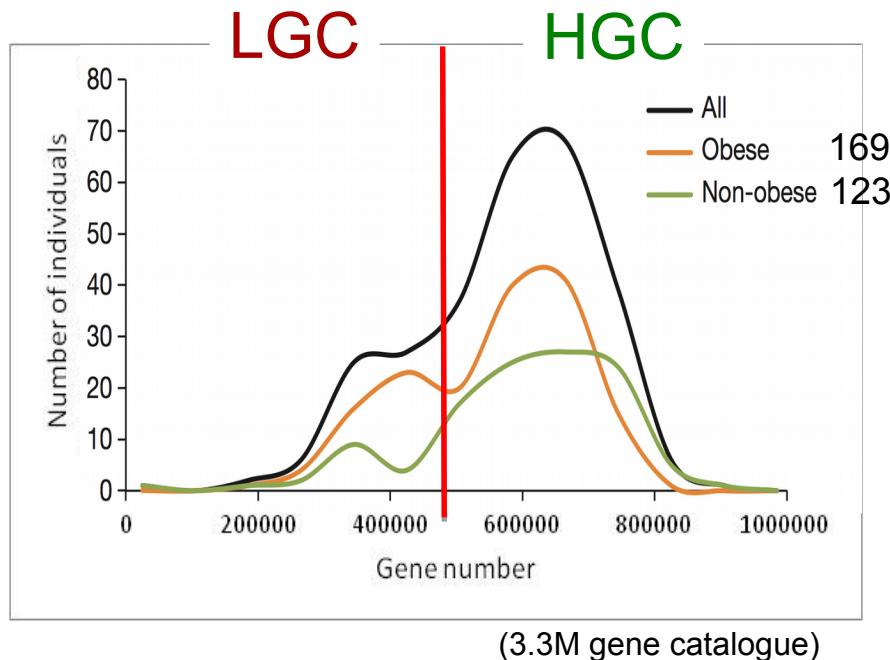
metaHIT obesity cohort (292 Danes)

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genes count

Reference catalogue

item	Ind 1	Ind 2	Ind 3	Ind 4	Ind 5	Ind 6	Ind 7
1	0	36	2	0	43	106	1250
2	0	27	193	0	44	103	8
3	0	31	0	0	0	0	0
4	152	59	282	1	0	0	0
5	115	0	0	1	0	29	2
6	90	783	26	0	2	0	0
7	104	1616	0	0	0	0	5
8	0	82	0	0	0	0	0
9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
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11	30	183	900	13	0	172	0
12	27	228	1120	6	0	324	0
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14	0	30	269	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	95	0
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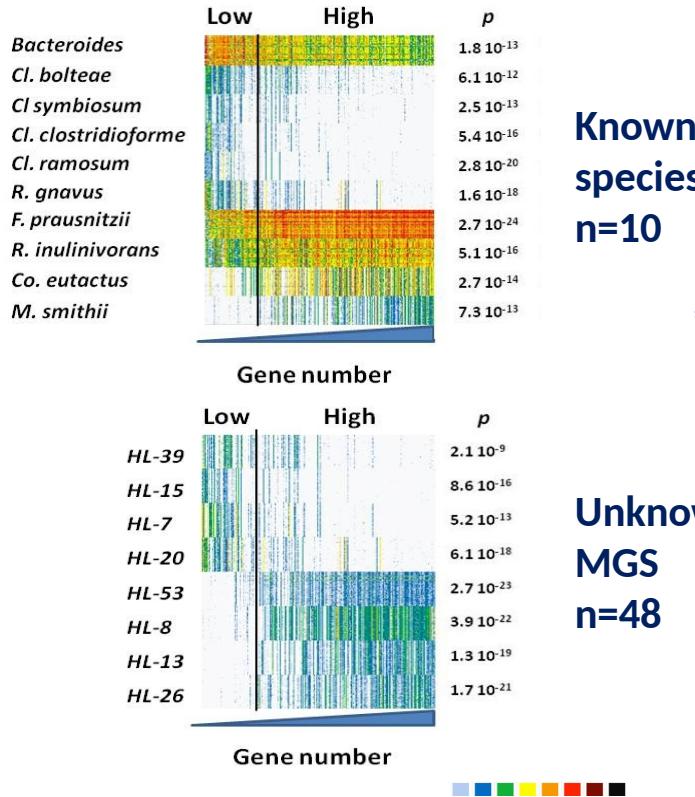
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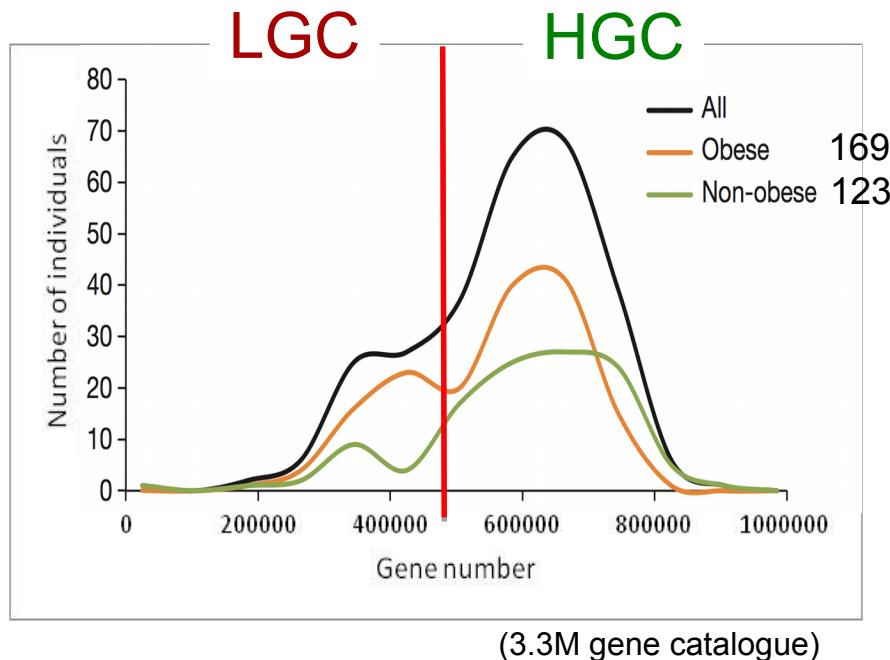


People differ by gut bacterial gene counts and bacterial communities

58 richness MGS



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low richness: a risk phenotype ?

low diversity (LGC) individuals have less healthy metabolic & inflammatory traits

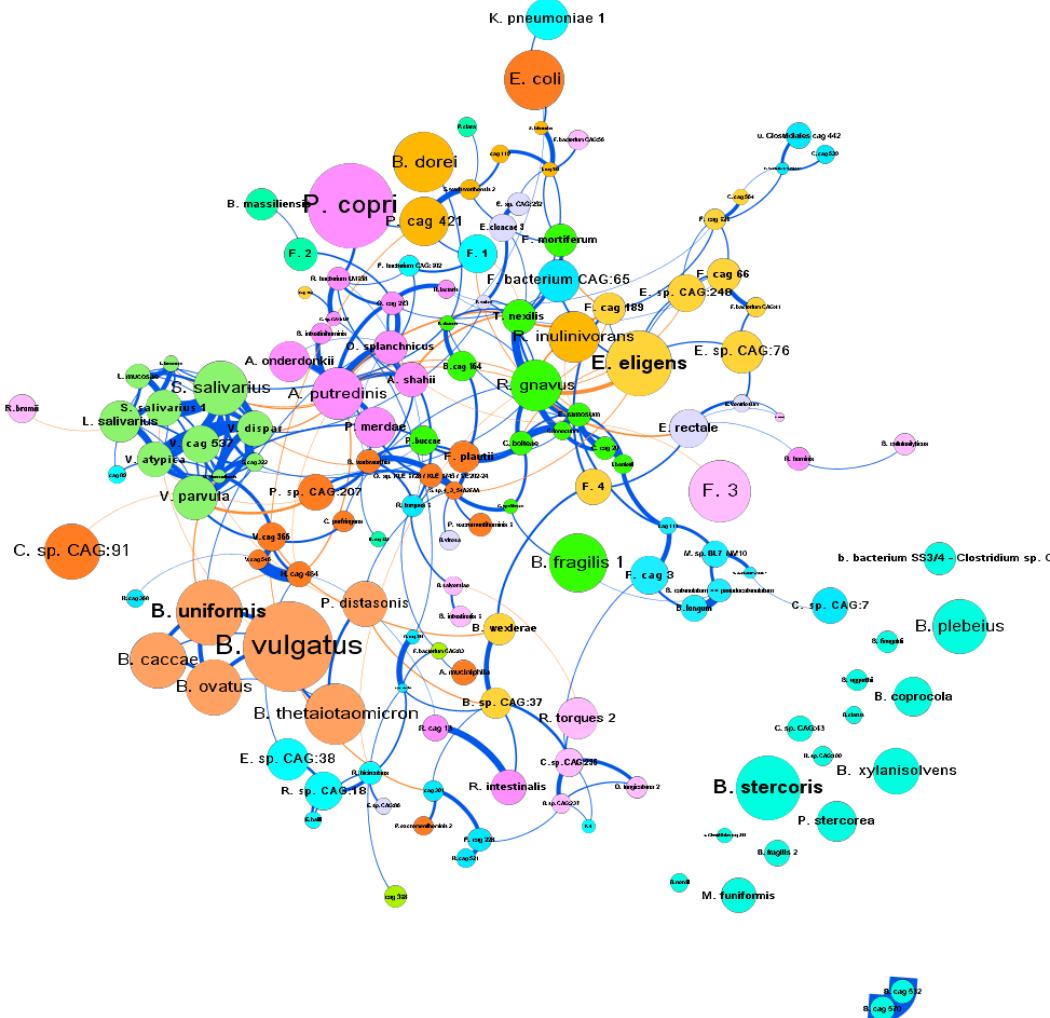
increased adiposity, dyslipidemia, insulin resistance, inflammation, predispose for type 2 diabetes, cardio-vascular disease, cancer ...

	LGC	HGC	p
N (men/women)	68 (23/45)	224 (113/111)	
Age Yrs	56 ± 7.5	57 ± 7.3	0.86
BMI (kg/m ²)	32 (29 - 34)	30 (23 - 33)	0.035
Weight (kg)	95 (75 - 100)	86 (71 - 100)	0.019
Fat %	37 (29 - 42)	31 (25 - 39)	0.0069
S-Insulin (pmol/l)	50 (35 - 91)	44 (26 - 66)	0.0095
HOMA-IR	1.9 (1.2 - 3.3)	1.6 (0.9 - 2.6)	0.012
p-HDL cholesterol mmol/l	1.3 (1.1 – 1.7)	1.5 (1.2 – 1.8)	0.03
p-Triglycerides mmol/l	1.32(0.97 – 1.76)	1.15 (0.82 – 1.57)	0.0014
P-Free fatty acids (mmol/l)	0.55 (0.39 - 0.70)	0.48 (0.35 - 0.60)	0.014
S-Leptin (μl)	17.0 (6.7 – 32.6)	8.3 (3.4 – 26.4)	0.0036
S-Adiponectin (mg/l)	7.5 (5.5 – 12.9)	9.6 (6.7 – 13.7)	0.006
B-leucocytes (10 ⁹ /l)	6.4 (5.2 - 7.8)	5.6 (4.8 - 6.9)	0.0021
B-Lymphocytes (10 ⁹ /l)	2.1 (1.6 - 2.3)	1.8 (1.5 - 2.1)	0.00082
P-CRP (mg/l)	2.3 (1.1 - 5.7)	1.4 (0.6 - 2.7)	0.00088
S-FIAF (μg/l)	88 (72 - 120)	78 (60 - 100)	0.0047

Complex network analysis for microbiota exploration

- ❖ Global indicator of microbiota status (health-dysbiosis): **richness ✓**
- ❖ Retrieve **differentially abundant species** between health and dysbiosis ✓
- ❖ **We would like to represent the modulation of the whole ecosystem between health and dysbiosis**
- ❖ A network is a natural object to represent interactions between MGS. Our goals could be:
 - ❖ **Detect antagonism:** resource competition or interference competition (direct harm by secretion of toxin)
 - ❖ **Detect co-occurrence:** True symbiosis (cross-feeding) or profiting from the same conditions
 - ❖ **Detect keystone species:** if the keystone species abundance varies the whole ecosystem changes

MGS Network representation



- ▶ Node = MGS
- ▶ Undirected graph
- ▶ Weighted graph
- ▶ Co-occurrence edges in blue
- ▶ Antagonism edges in red

Chosen method

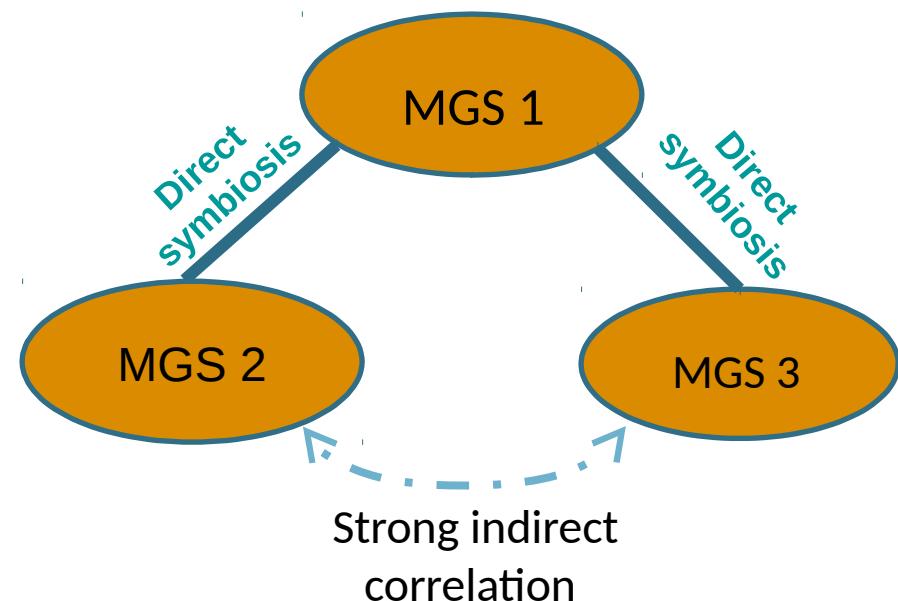
- ❖ We use a Glasso (Graphical Lasso) method to infer the network

Sparse and Compositionally Robust Inference of Microbial Ecological Networks

Zachary D. Kurtz *, Christian L. Müller *, Emily R. Miraldi *, Dan R. Littman, Martin J. Blaser, Richard A. Bonneau 

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- ❖ MGS abundances are represented by a gaussian markov random field
- ❖ The main advantage over correlation based methods is that indirect correlations are not inferred



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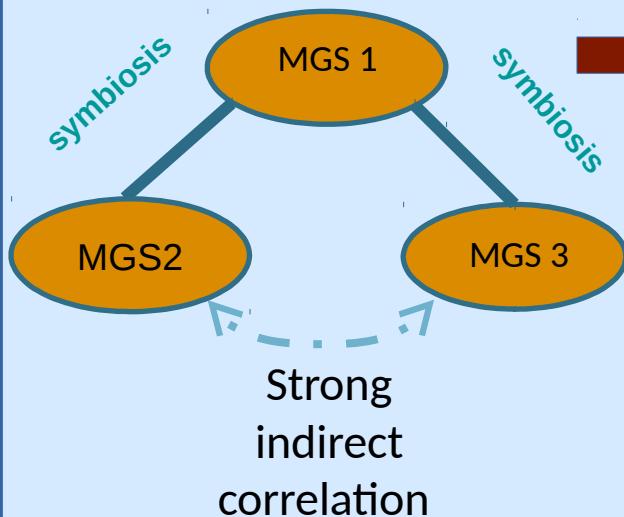
- ❖ MGS abundances are log transformed
- ❖ Find the inverse covariance matrix that satisfy this criterion :

$$\widehat{\Omega}(\lambda) = \arg \min_{\Omega > 0} \left\{ -\ell(\Omega) + \lambda \|\Omega\|_1 \right\}$$

Likelihood Regularisation
 Fit the data at Sparsify
 the closest Avoid overfitting

- ❖ $\widehat{\Omega}(\lambda)$ Is also the **adjacency matrix** of the graph :

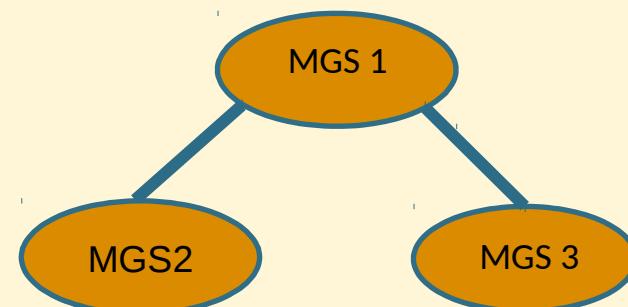
Reality :



Inferred Ω :

	MGS1	MGS2	MGS3
MGS1	.	0,5	0,5
MGS2	0,5	.	.
MGS3	0,5	.	.

Inferred graph :



Select λ to guarantee stability of the edges

$$\widehat{\Omega}(\lambda) = \arg \min_{\Omega \succ 0} \left\{ -\ell(\Omega) + \lambda \|\Omega\|_1 \right\}$$

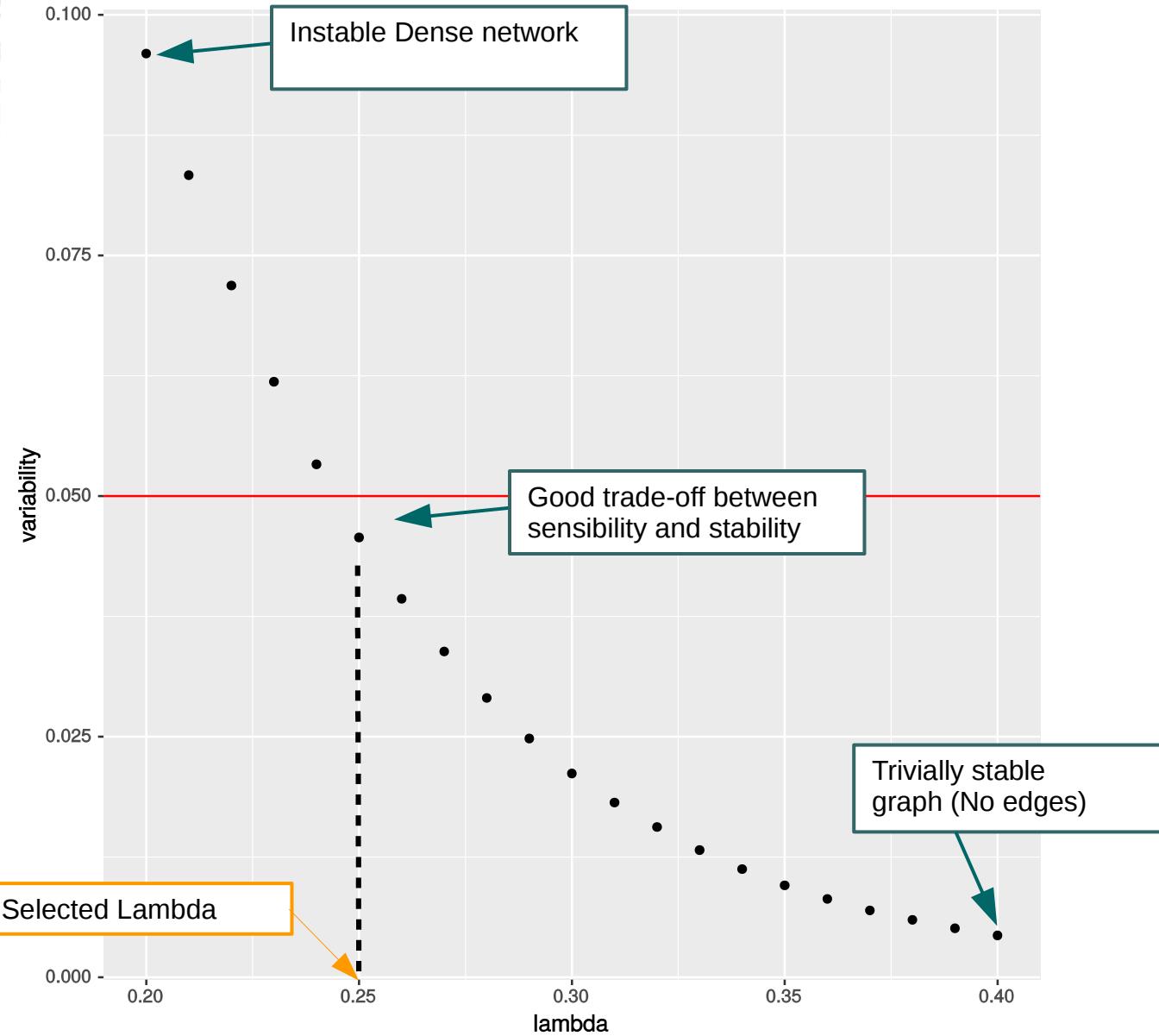
Likelihood Regularisation

- ❖ StARS Stability Approach to Regularization Selection (Liu, Roeder, & Wasserman, 2010)

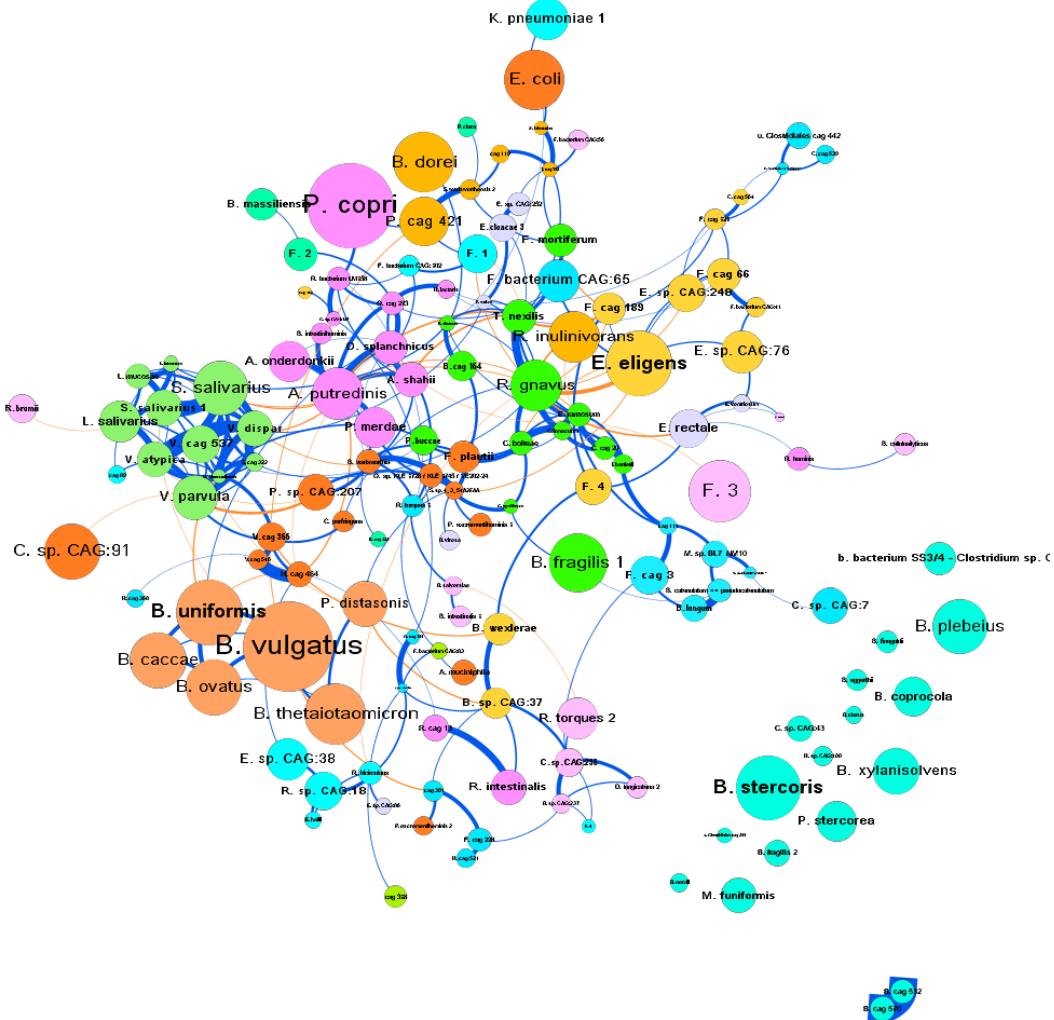
- To select the best λ :
 - For a serie of λ , we draw N sub-samples representing 80 % of the cohort and we infer a network
 - We compute a stability score of the graph over sub-sampling for each λ
 - We select the lowest lambda (which gives the denser graph) that satify an arbitrary stability treshold

Variability of graph edges versus λ

The variability is the fraction of subsamples that disagree averaged over all edges



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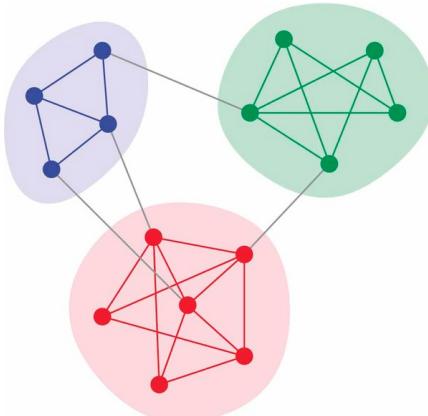
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Interpretation of MGS Network

- ❖ A Network over of ~ 200 MGS species is a complex object and a challenge for interpretation, **possible strategies to decipher it are:**
- ❖ Use the network to compute community of co-abundant MGS
- ❖ Use centrality measures (PageRank, degree, betweenness centrality) to find keystone species
- ❖ Focus on MGS of interest (differentially abundant, functional specificity)

Graph Community

- ❖ Recently, complex networks have become a recurrent object in many scientific fields :
 - Collaboration network
 - Ecology species network
 - Gene regulation network
- ❖ Globally those networks are relatively sparse but dense locally. Few nodes are more connected together than with the rest of the graph : **These nodes form a community**
- ❖ Given a partition of nodes in k groups, modularity assesses how well this partition correspond to k communities



Definition : fraction of intra community edges minus the expected fraction of intra community edges for a graph with the same community partition but with random edges between them

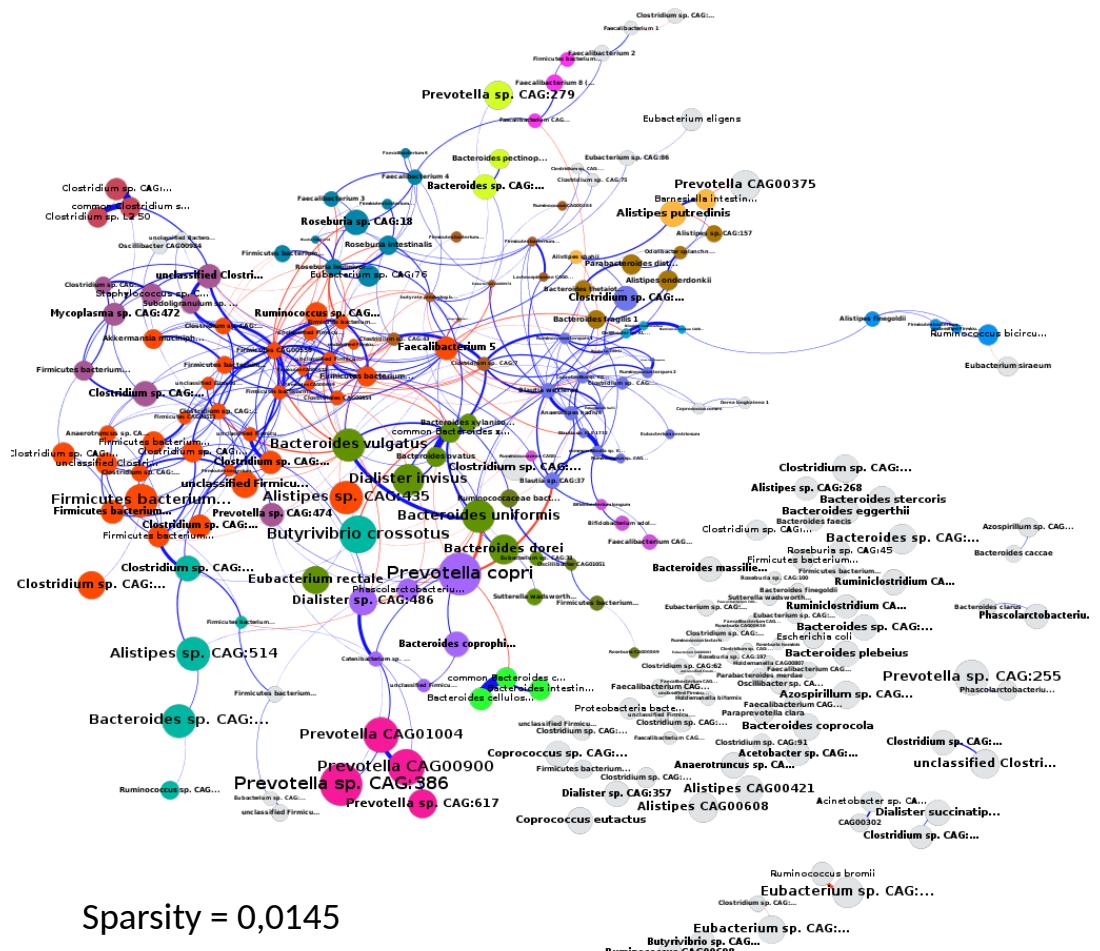
$$Q = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{ij} \left[A_{ij} - \frac{k_i * k_j}{2m} \right] \delta(c_i, c_j)$$

MGS graph and community on the MetaHit cohort

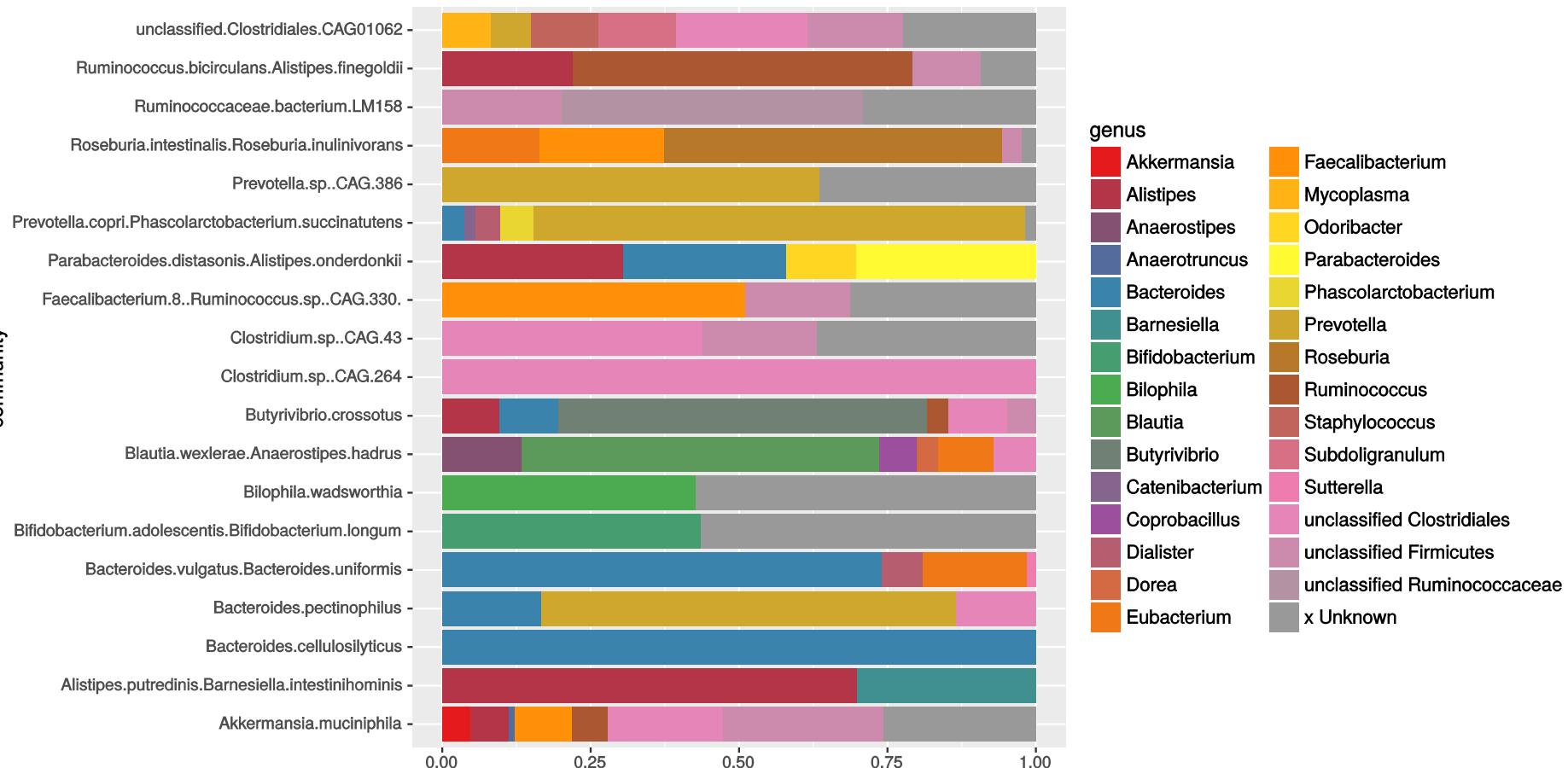
- 233 species
 - 155 species in the main connected component
 - 133 in communities

We achieve a fairly good modularity score with 19 communities (0.71, maximum 1).

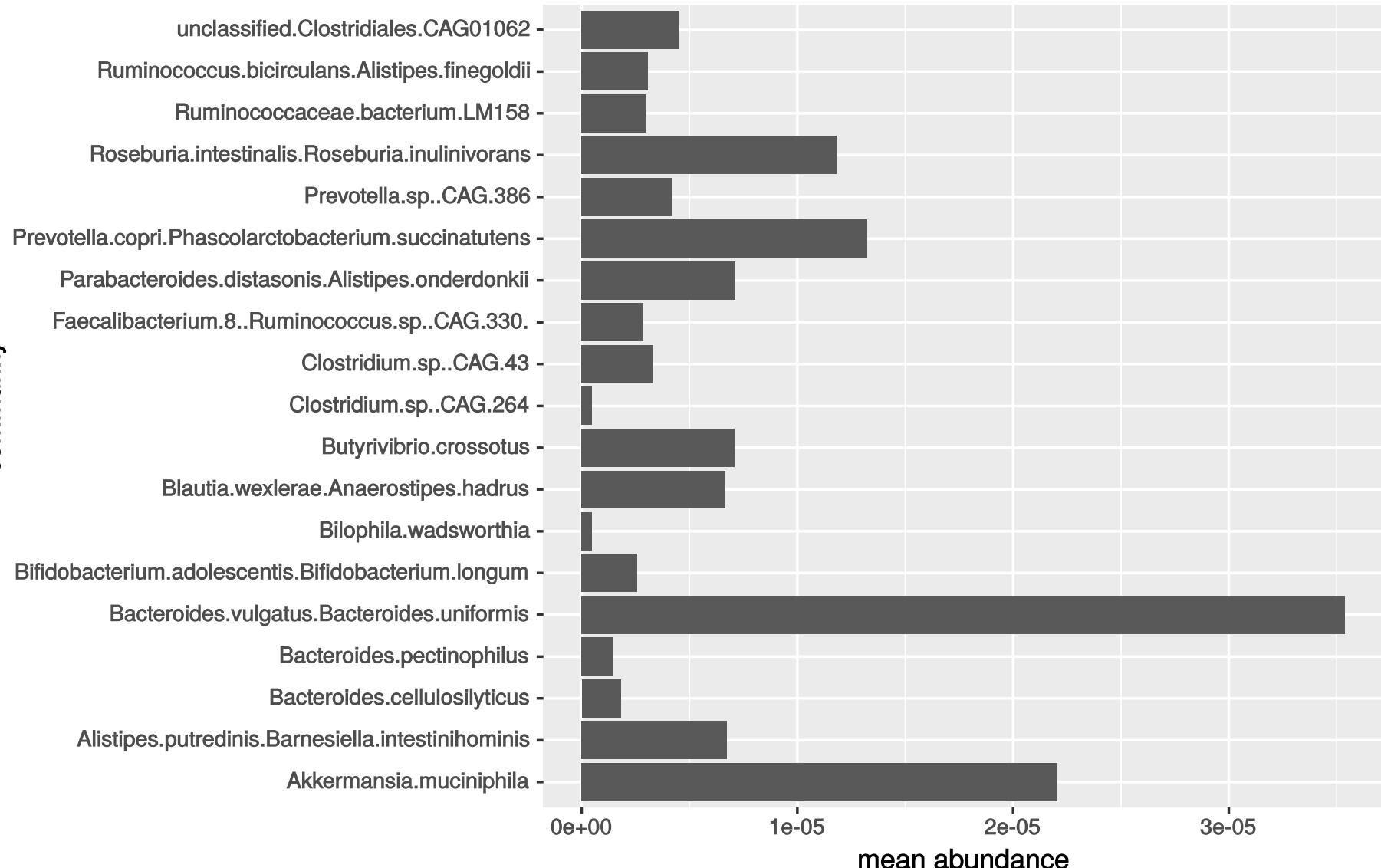
Each color represents a community



Relative abundance of genus in communities



Mean abundance (in all samples) of each community

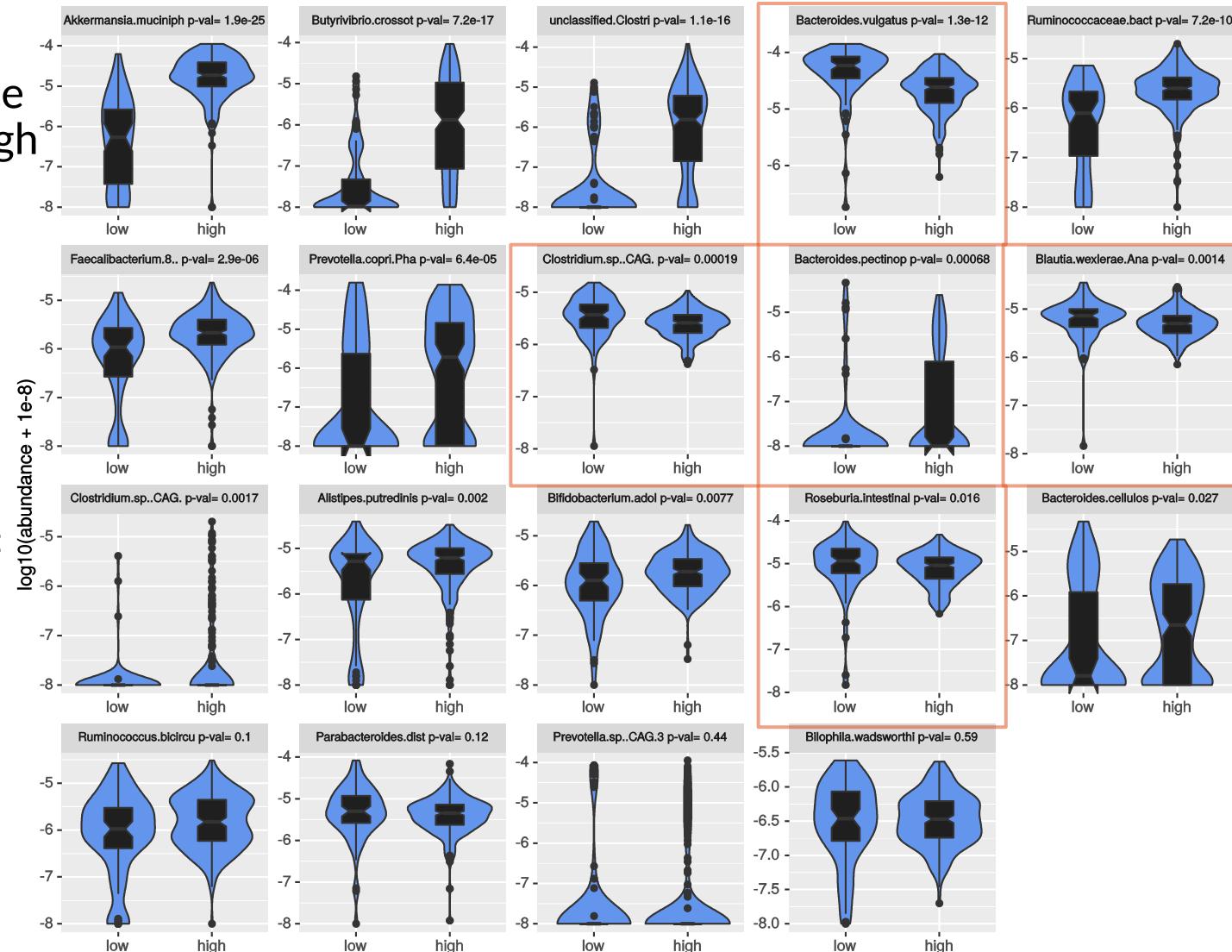


Communities are very relevant to understand the microbiota difference between low and high gene counts

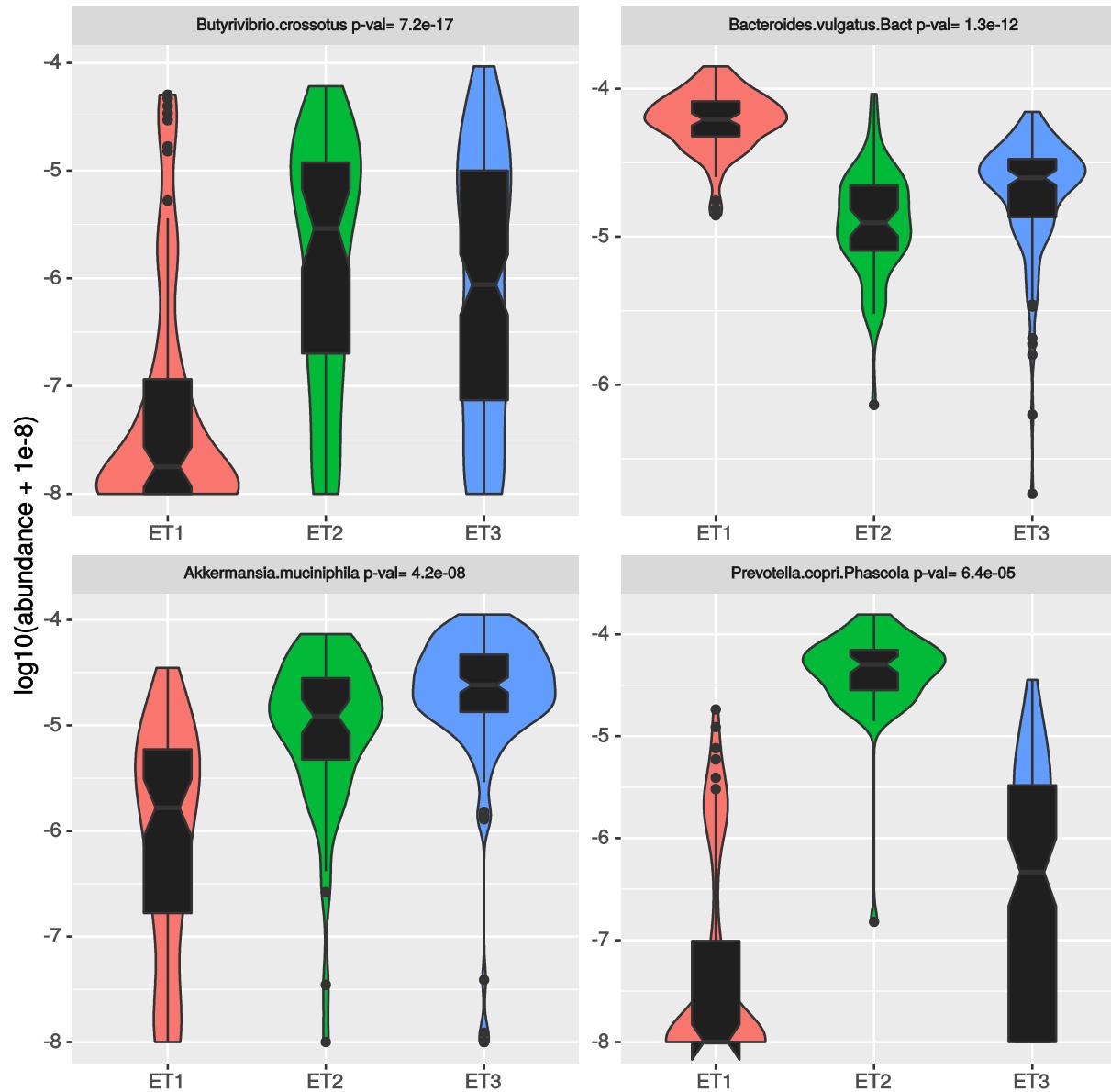
Community abundance is the sum of the abundance of species in the community

Low-gene count microbiota is depleted in most communities except :

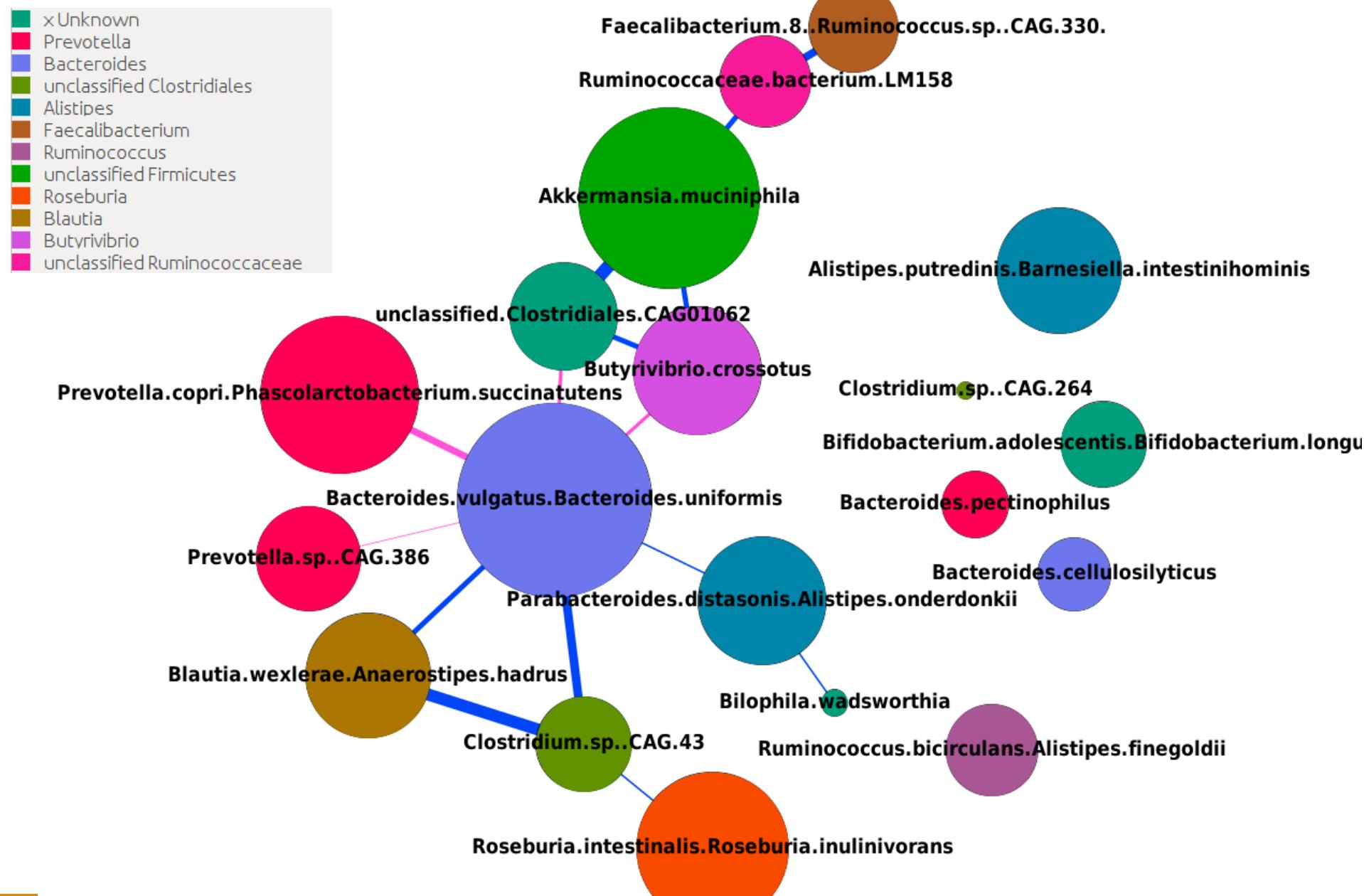
« Bacteroides vulgatus » community, « Blautia wexlerae », « Roseburia intestinal », « Clostridium sp » community



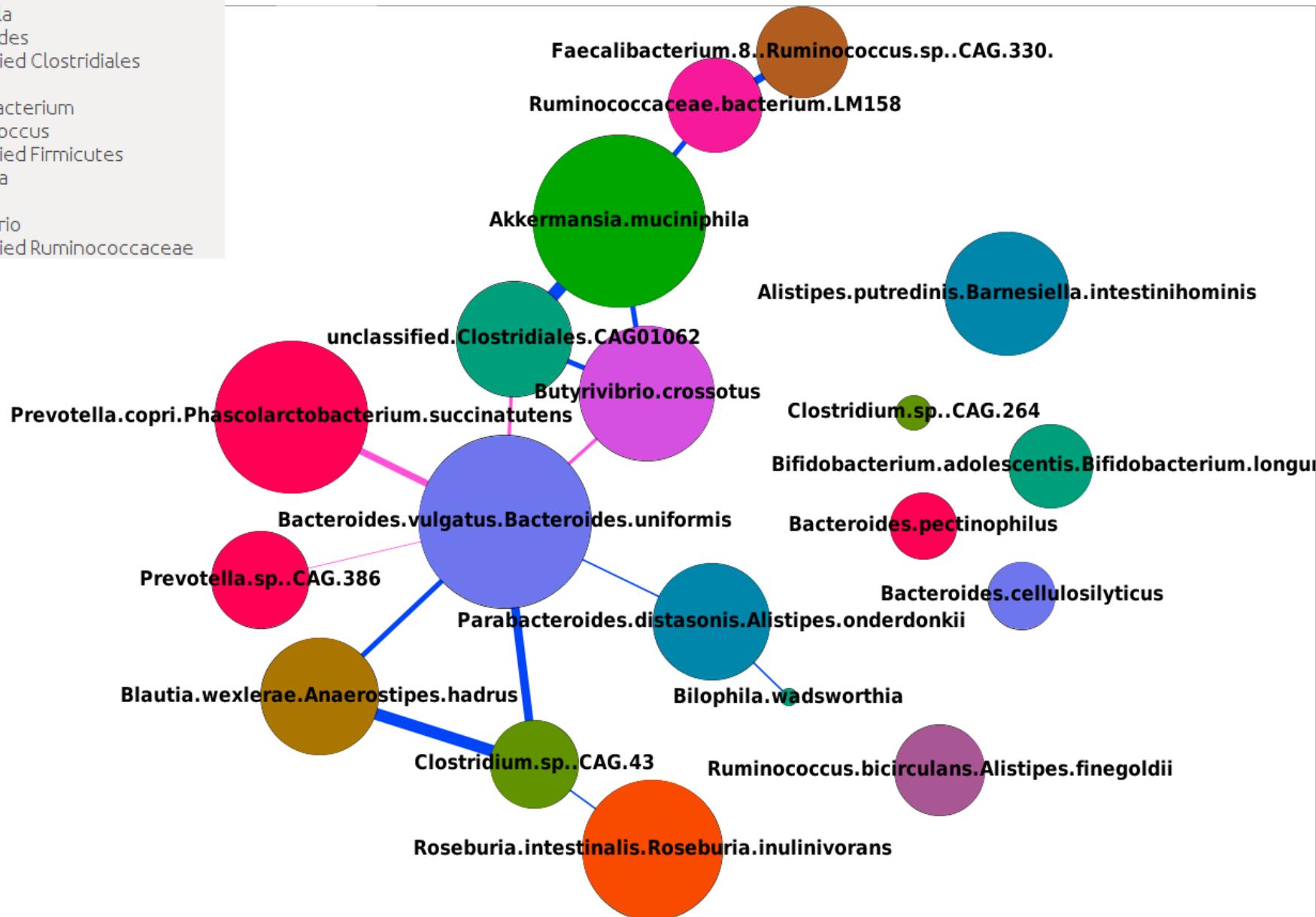
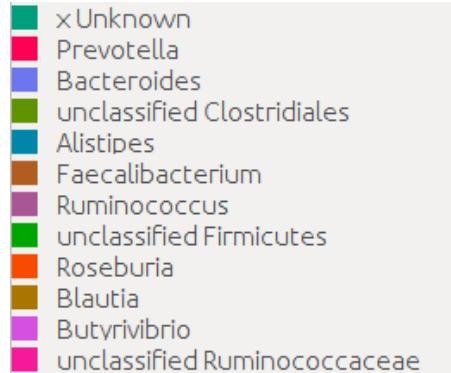
Enterotypes and Communities



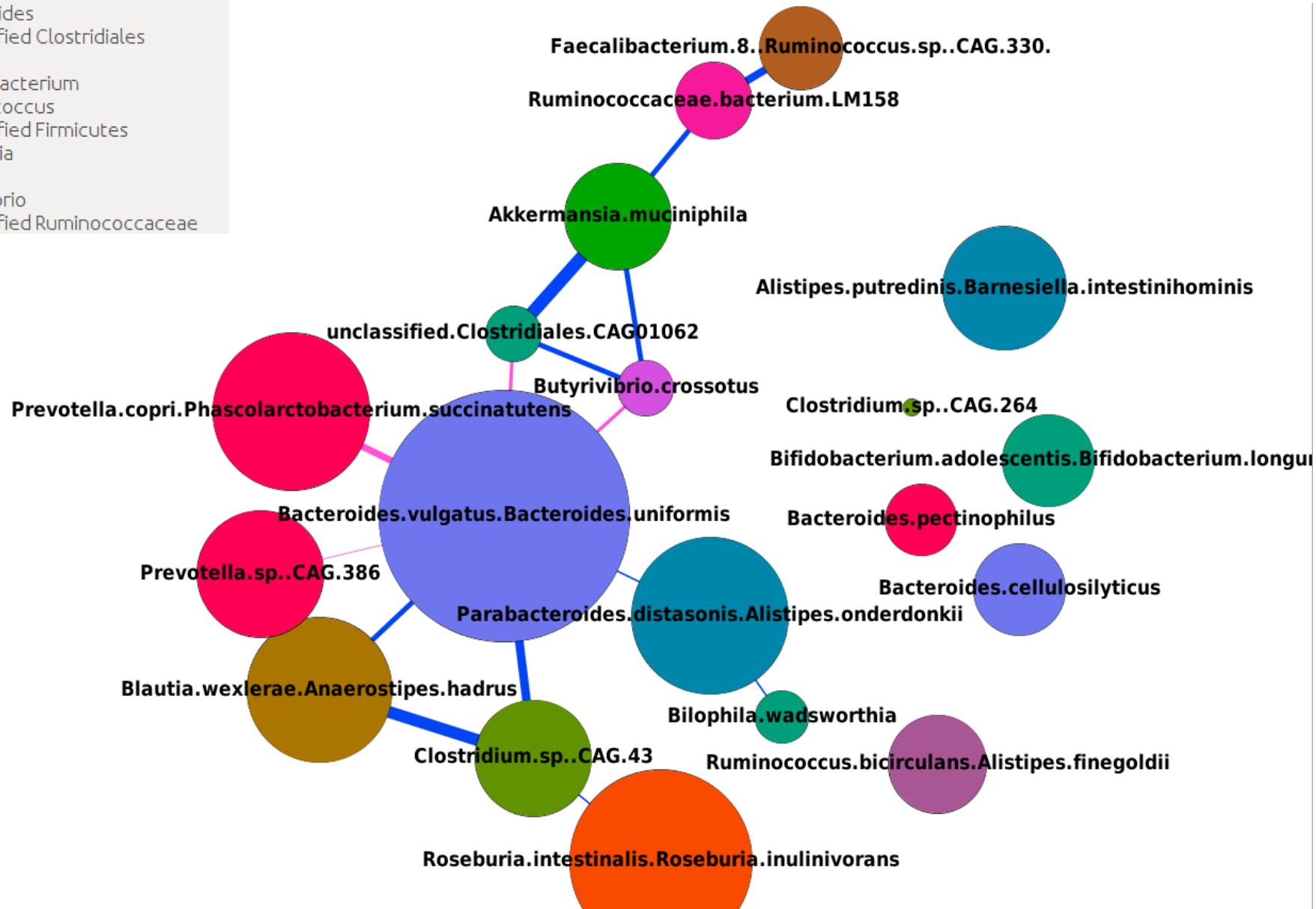
Graph of community abundance: all samples



Graph community: high gc

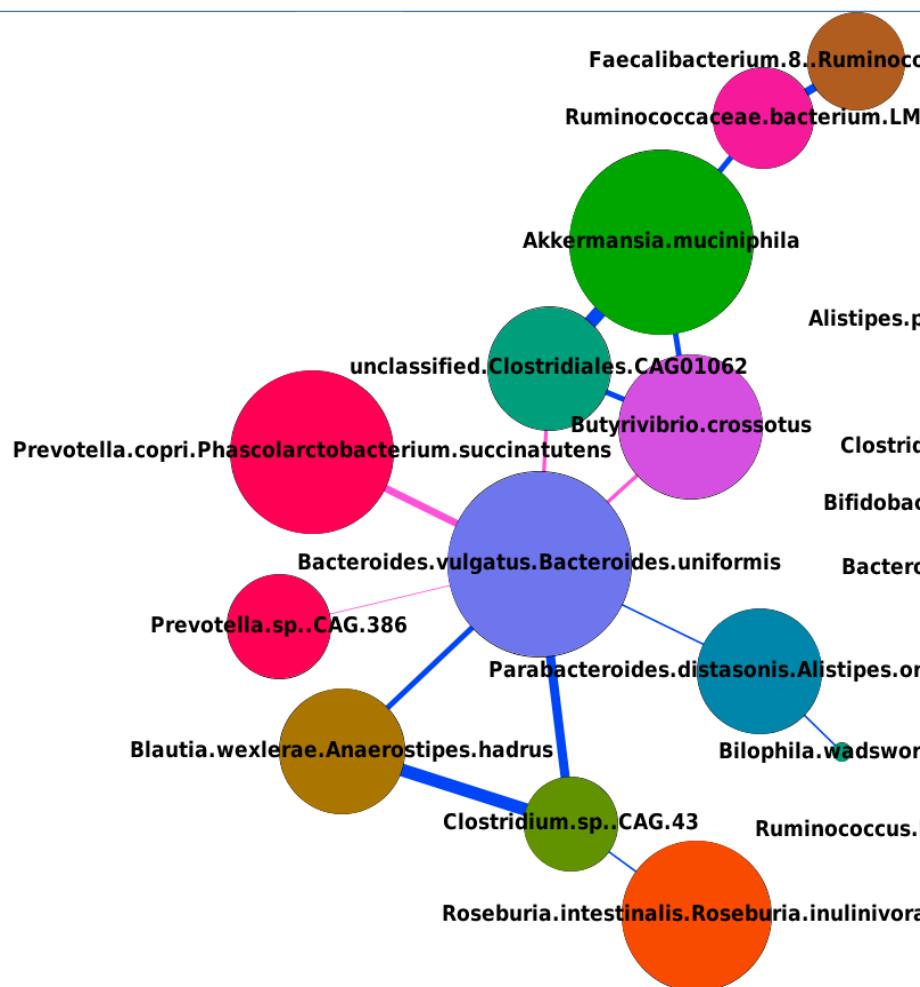


Graph of Community dynamics: low gc individuals

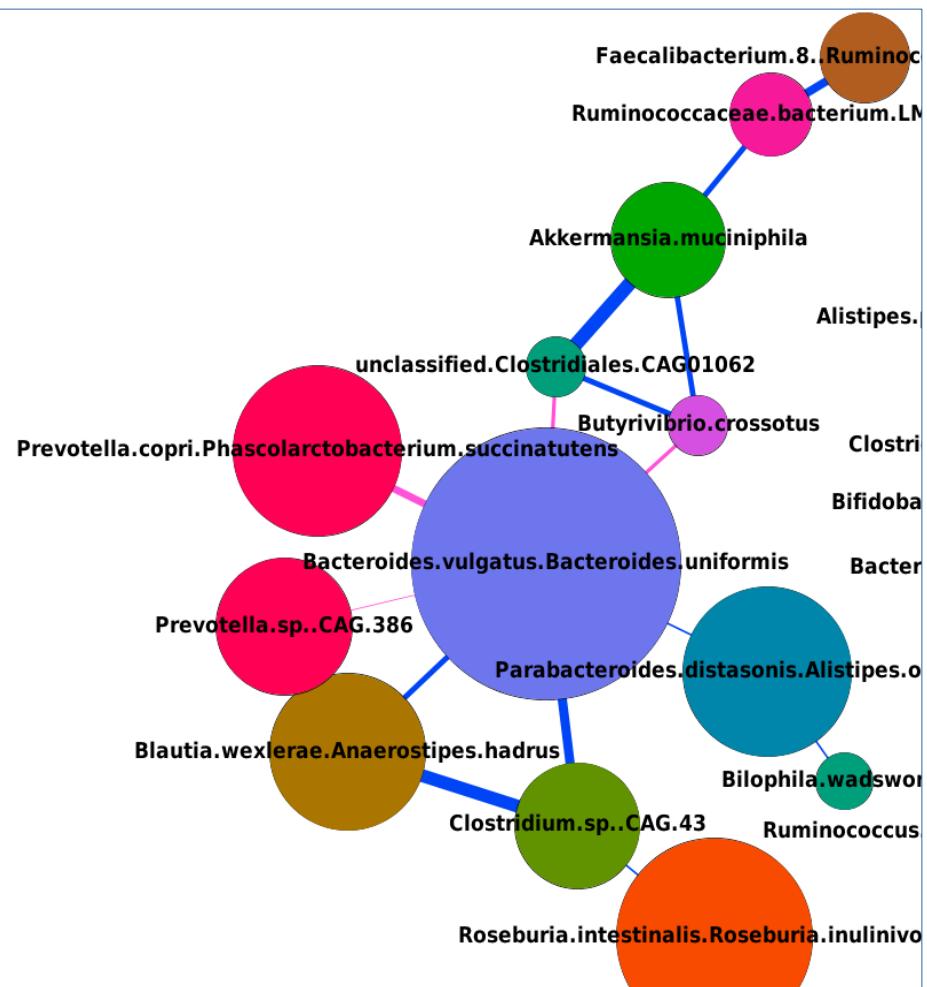


Dynamic of dysbiosis

High-GC graph :



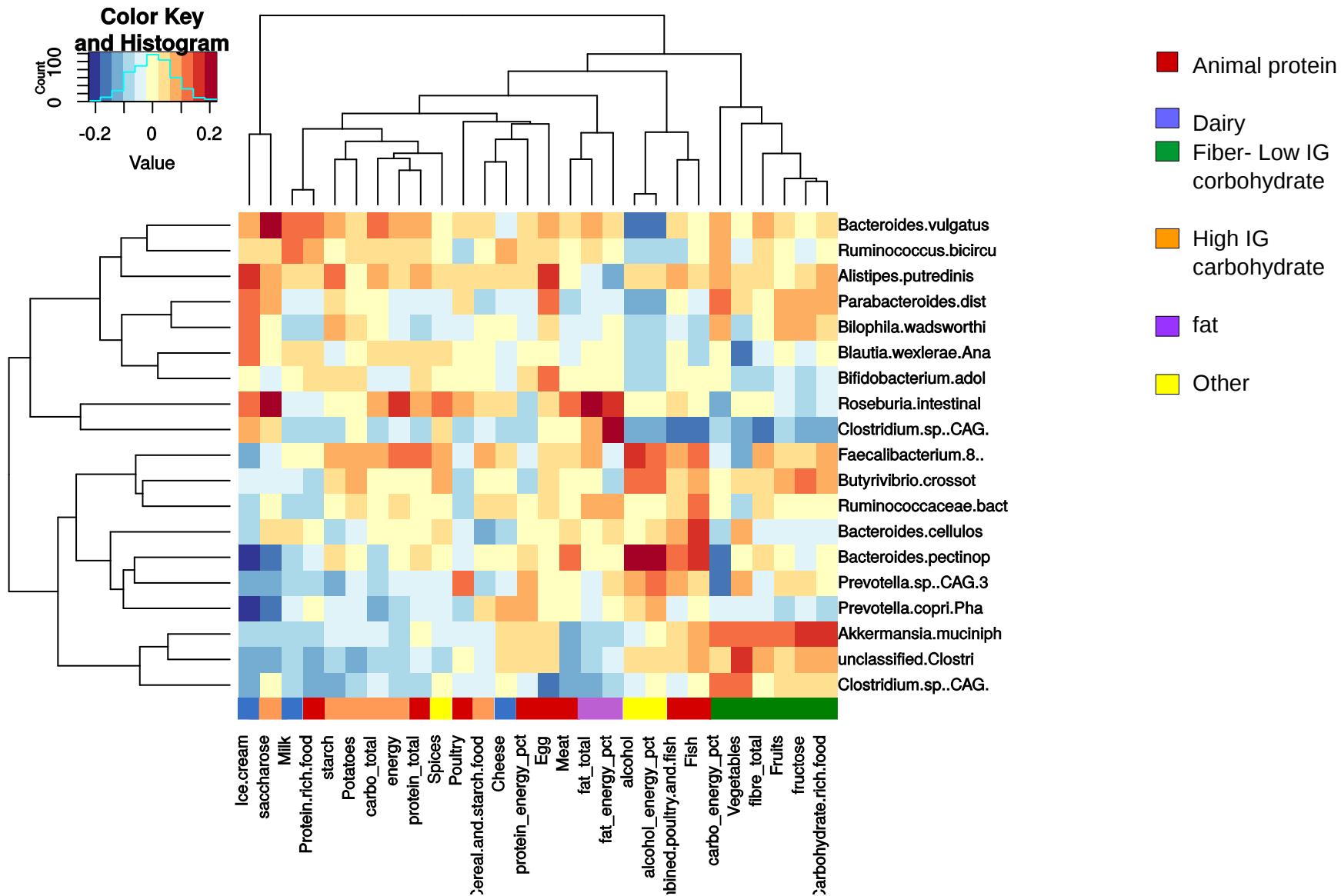
Low-GC graph :



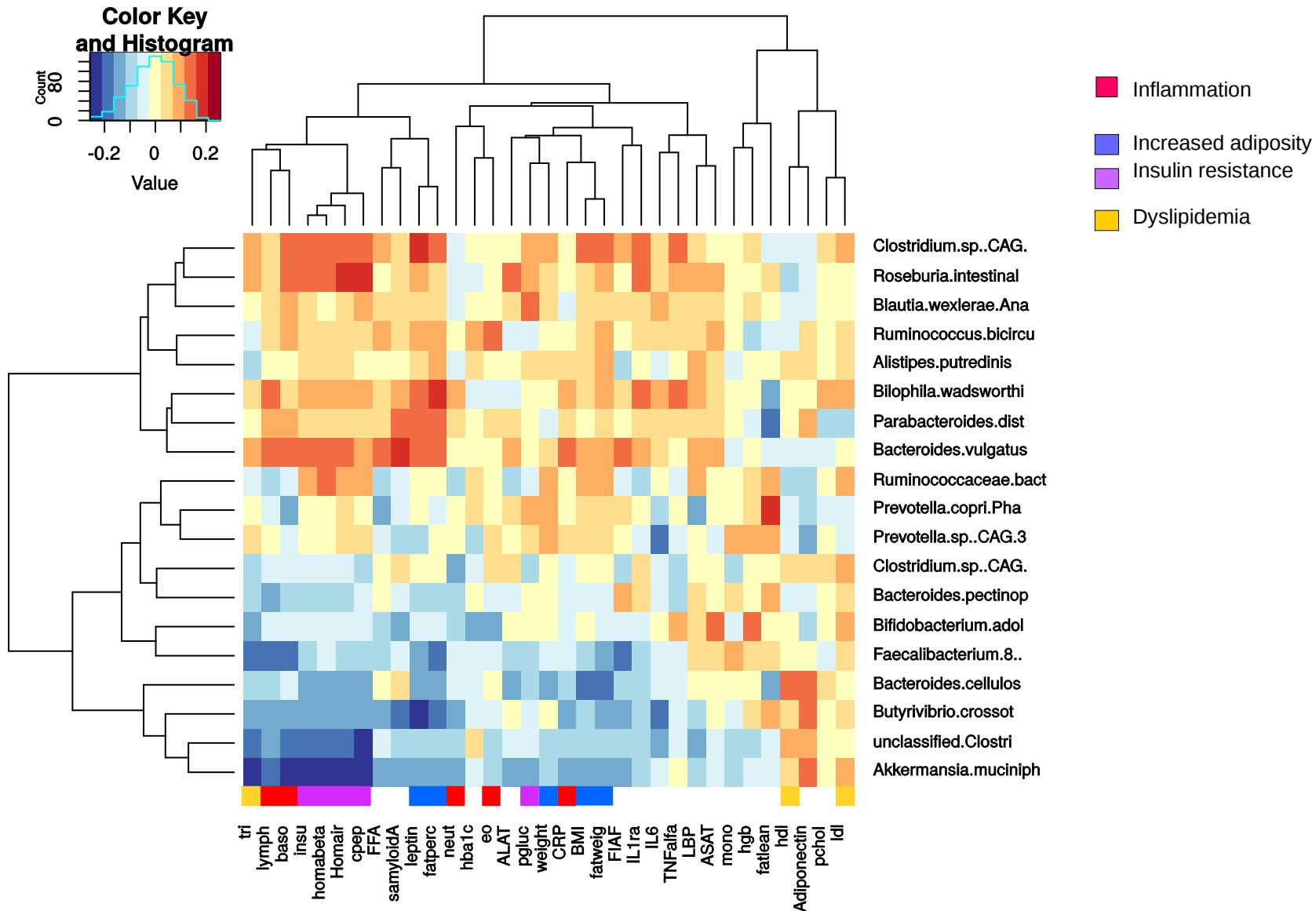
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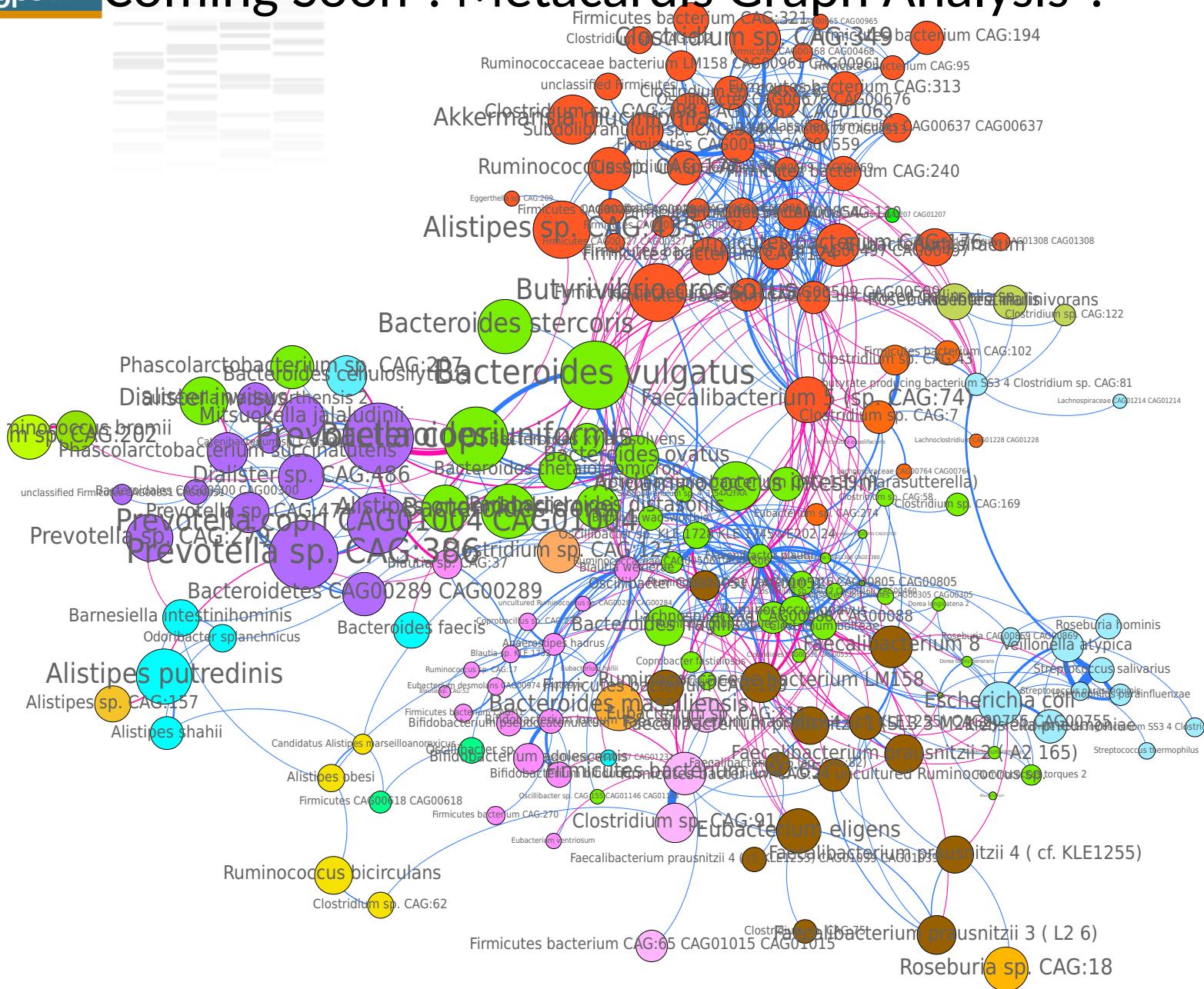
Nutrition – Community - Spearman correlations



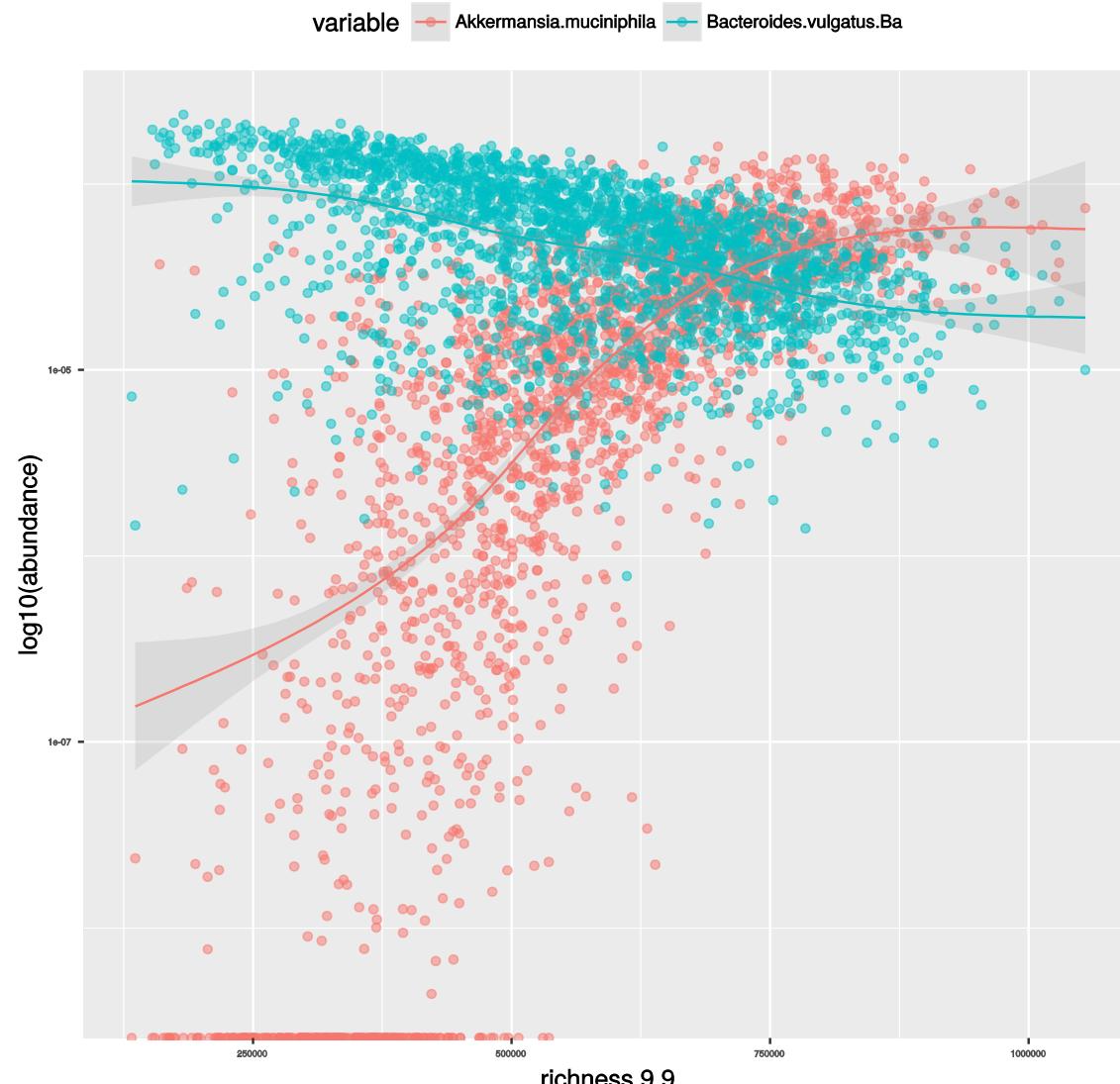
Clinical phenotype – Community - Spearman correlations



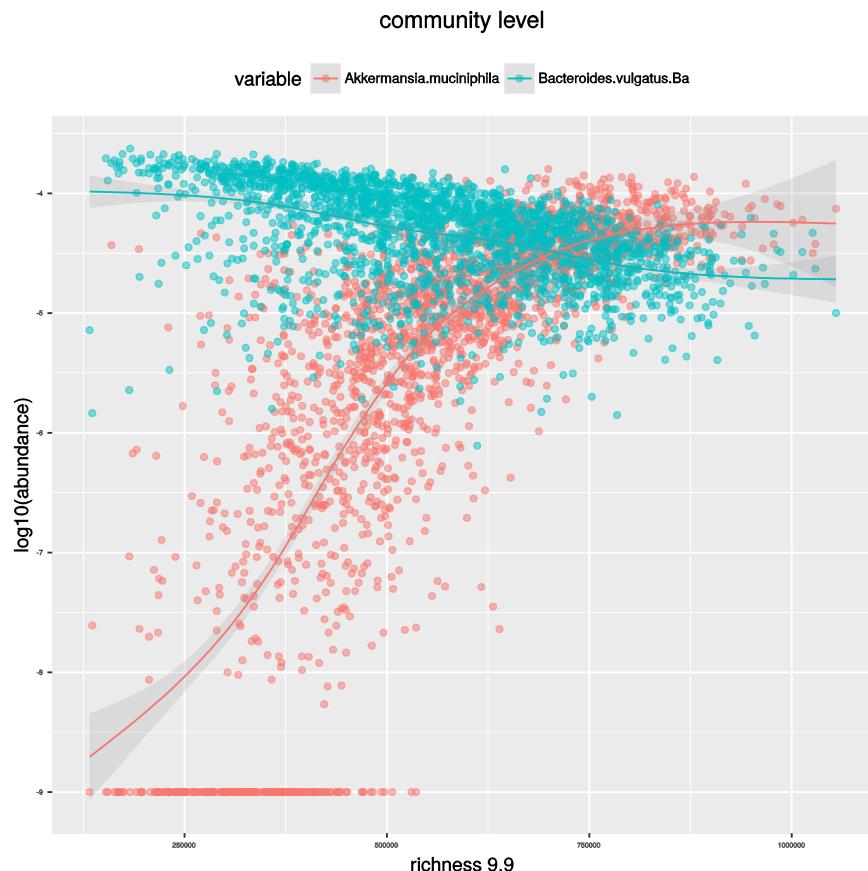
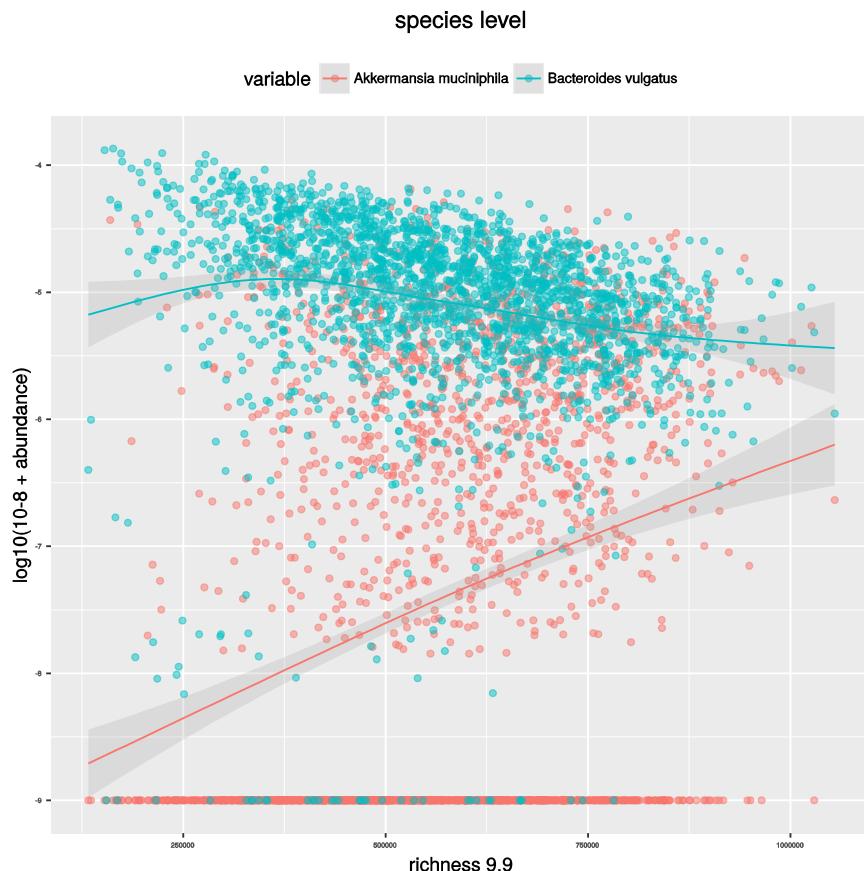
Coming Soon : Metacardis Graph Analysis !



Community abundance versus richness in Metacardis



Species level analysis versus community level analysis



Grouping species in community increase contrast between low richness samples and high richness samples.

This “denoising effect” increase statistical power which is really interesting for the high-dimensional noisy data we are studying in metagenomics.

❖ MGS graph communities :

- **synthesize** gut microbiota on few variables
- show the **modulation** of gut microbiota between high gene count and low gene count status
- Are linked to **nutrition** and **clinical traits** such as insulin resistance, adiposity and inflammation

Perspectives

- ❖ Characterize the functional content of communities
 - 1 Community = 1 function ?
 - Does the loss of one community lead to the loss of specific function?
 - Can functional annotation can help us to understand the nature of edges (cross-feeding, toxin secretion, competition for nutrients...) ?
- ❖ Use the graphical model under the graph to simulate the increase of one MGS and see the effect on the ecosystem
- ❖ Assess the robustness of communities on several cohorts

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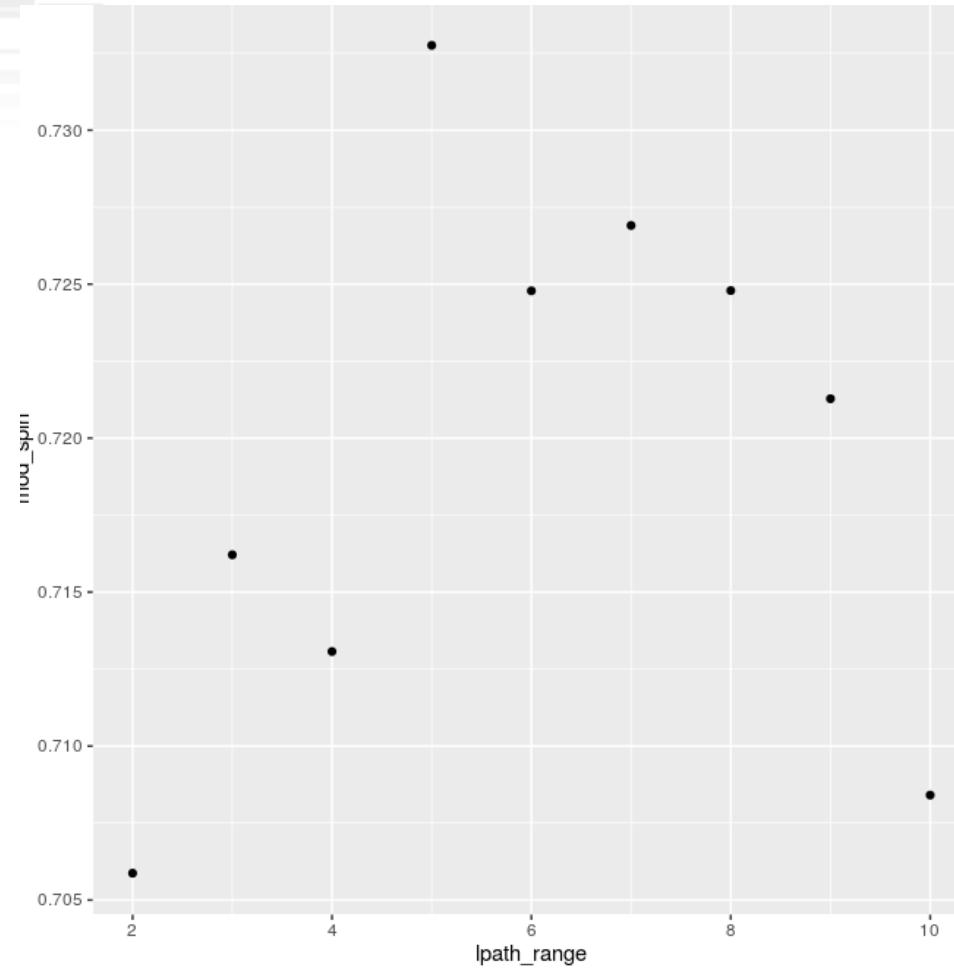
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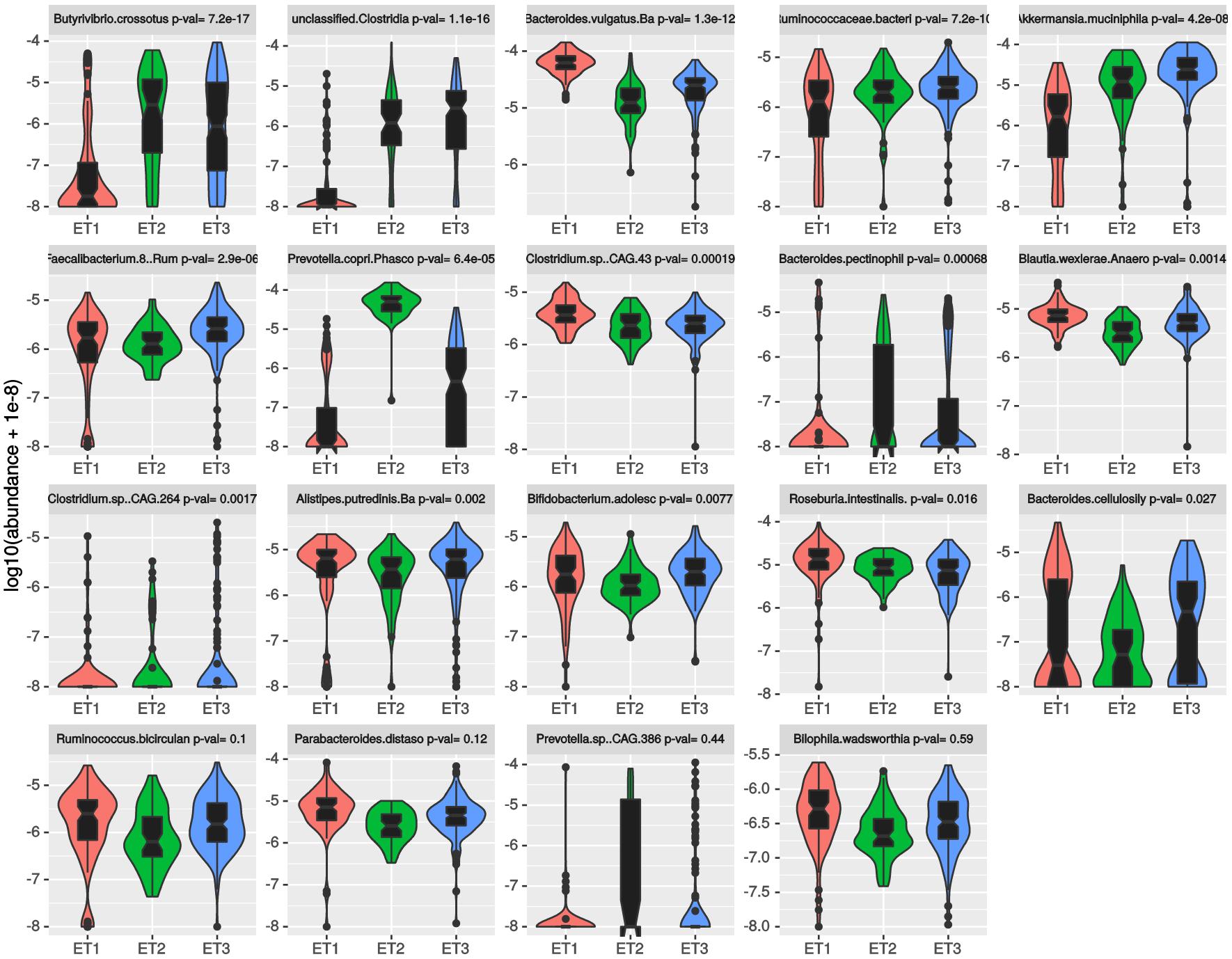


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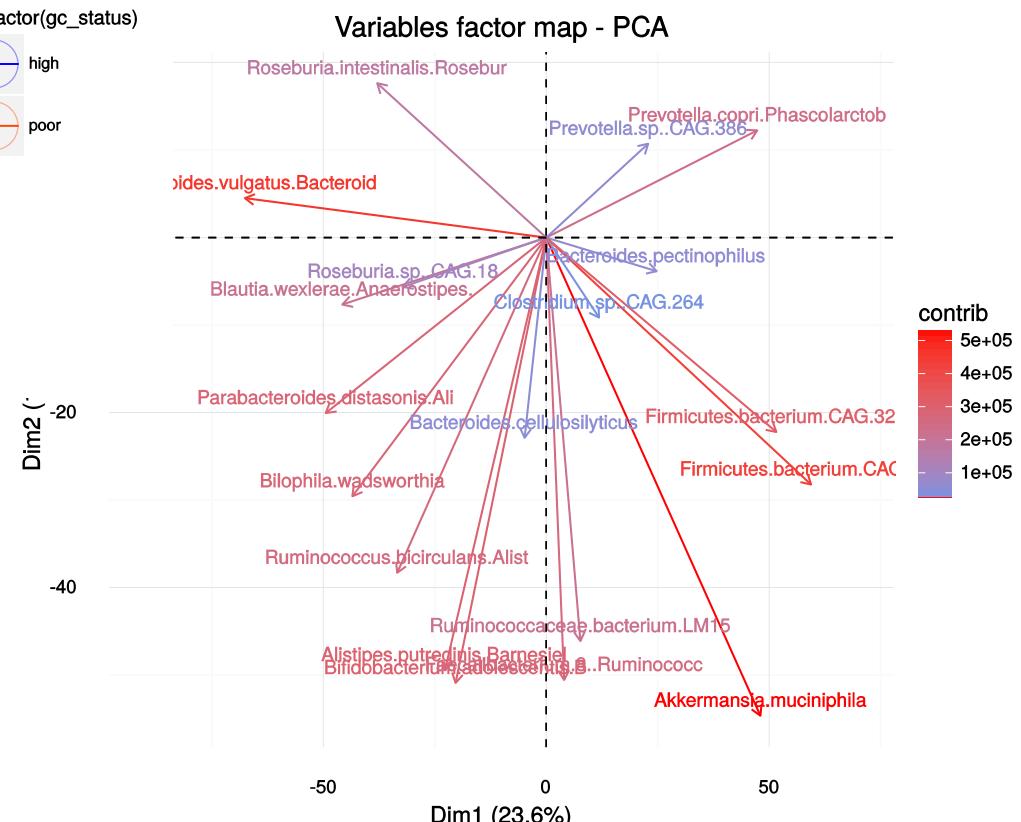
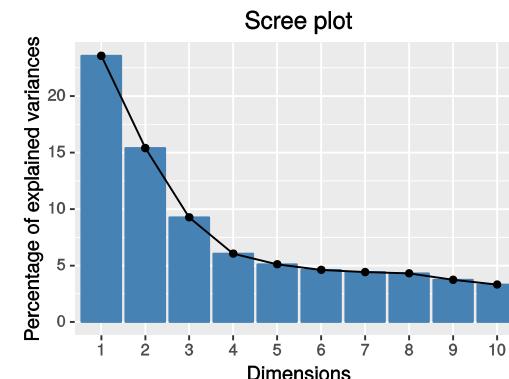
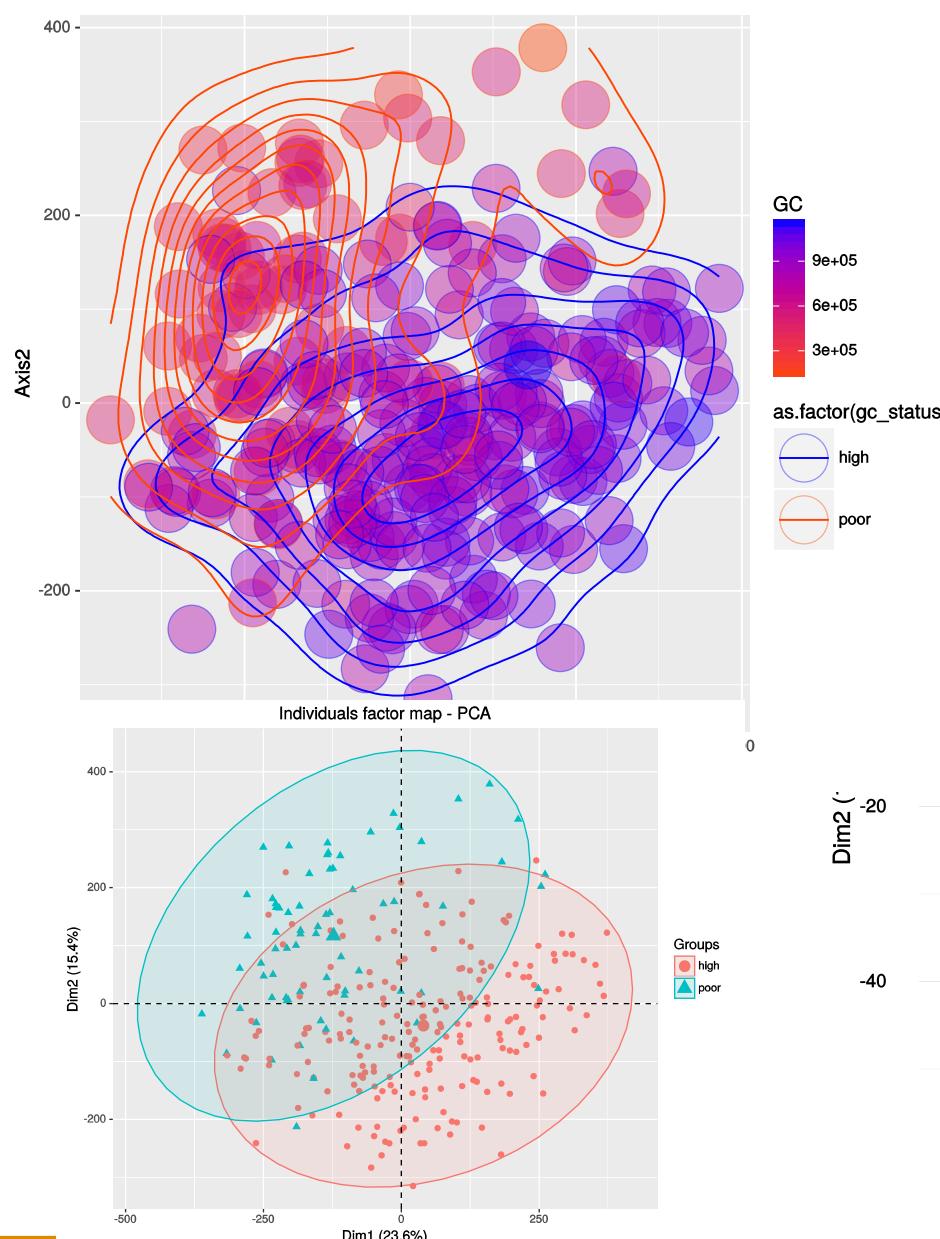
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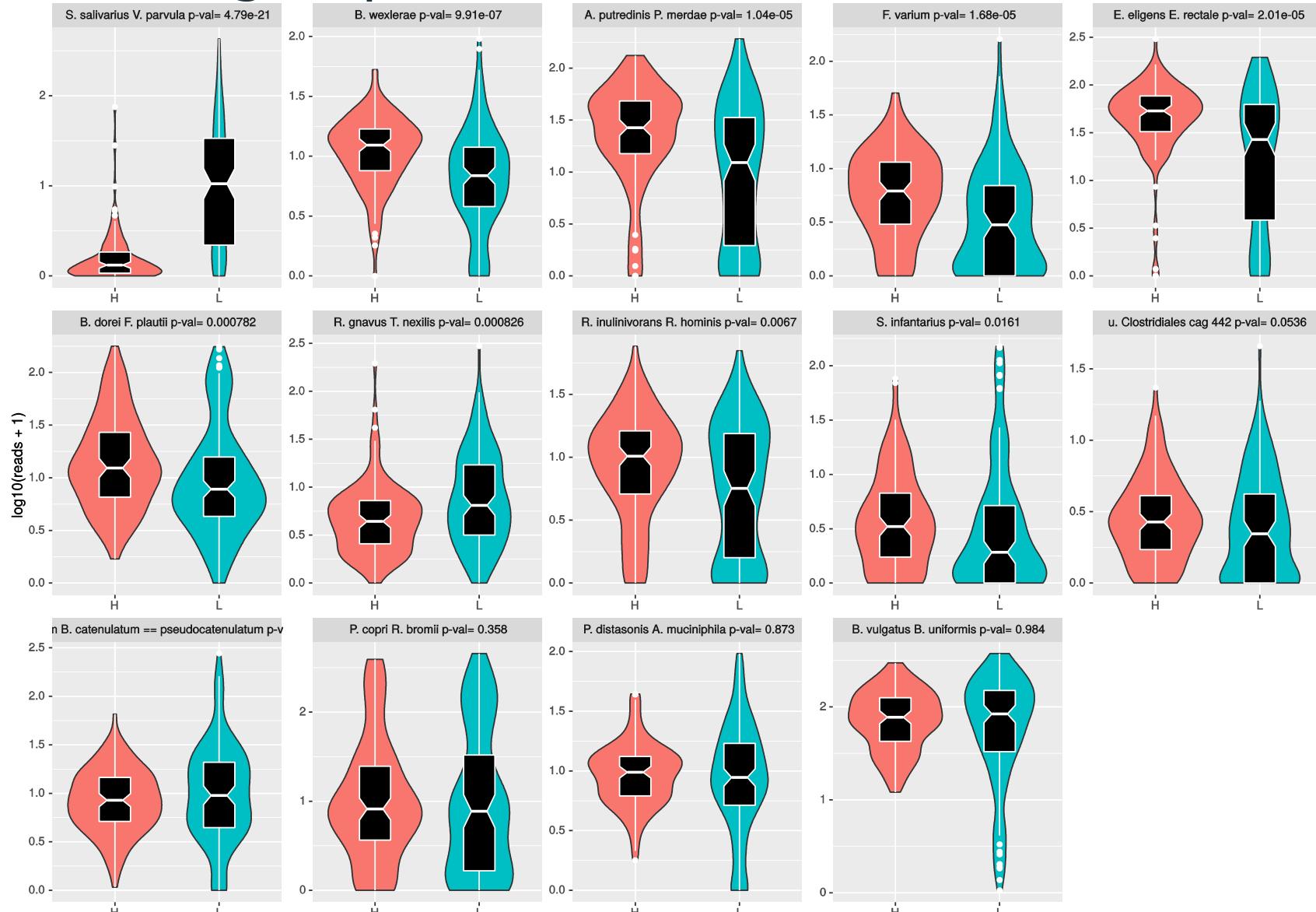




PCA on community vector



Regroupement en communauté LC

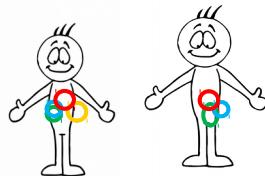


- Augmente le contraste entre Healthy et liverC dans pas mal de cas (cadre rouge). Non systématique
- Synthèse globale de l'état du microbiote plus pertinente que le regroupement par phylum

Quantitative metagenomic pipeline

Sample collection

stool samples



<http://mgps.eu/index.php?id=ibs-tools>

Sequencing



2,5 To / semaine

Primary processing



Gene catalogue

Data analysis



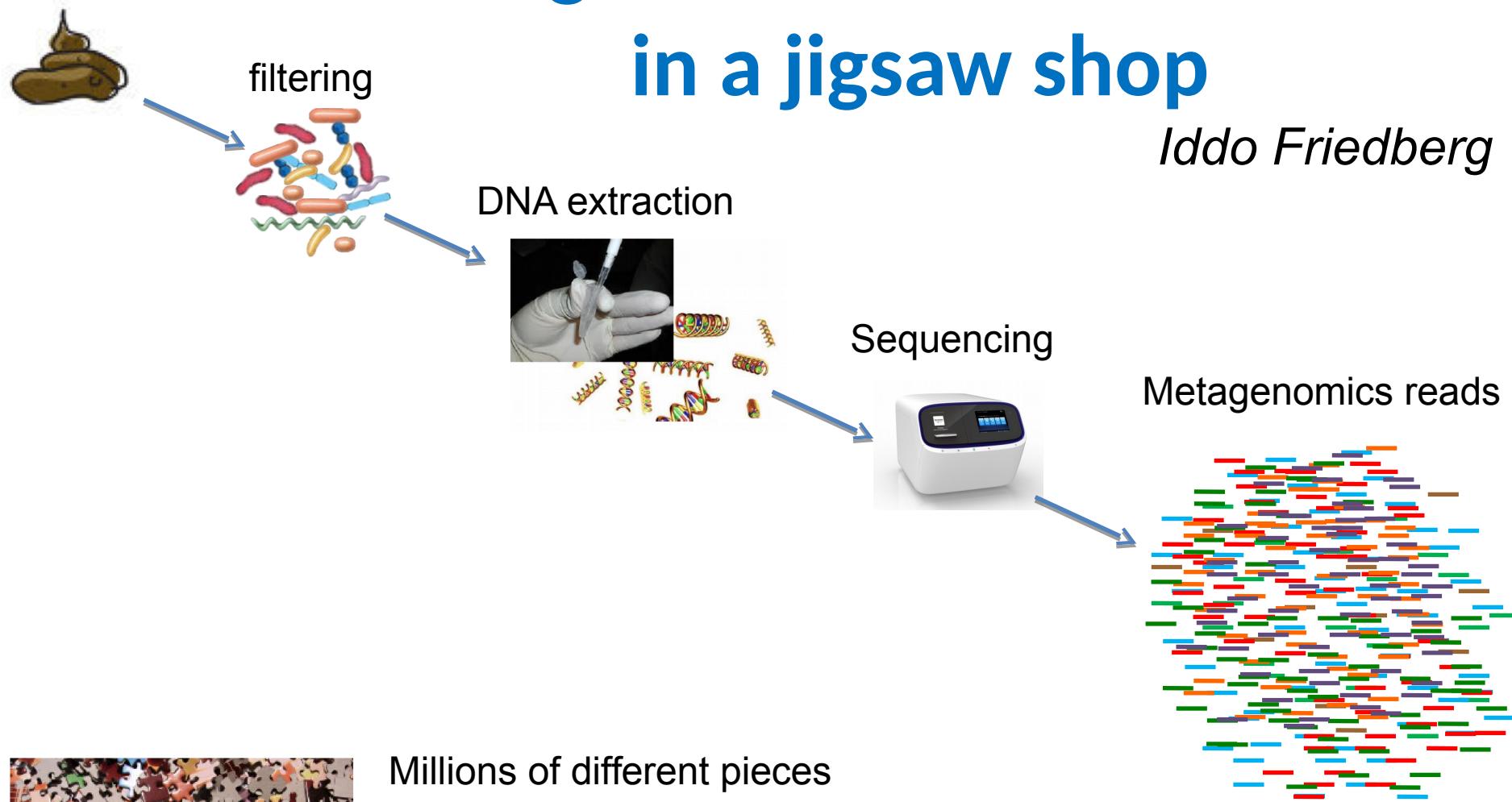
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Species catalogue

Metagenomics is like a disaster in a jigsaw shop

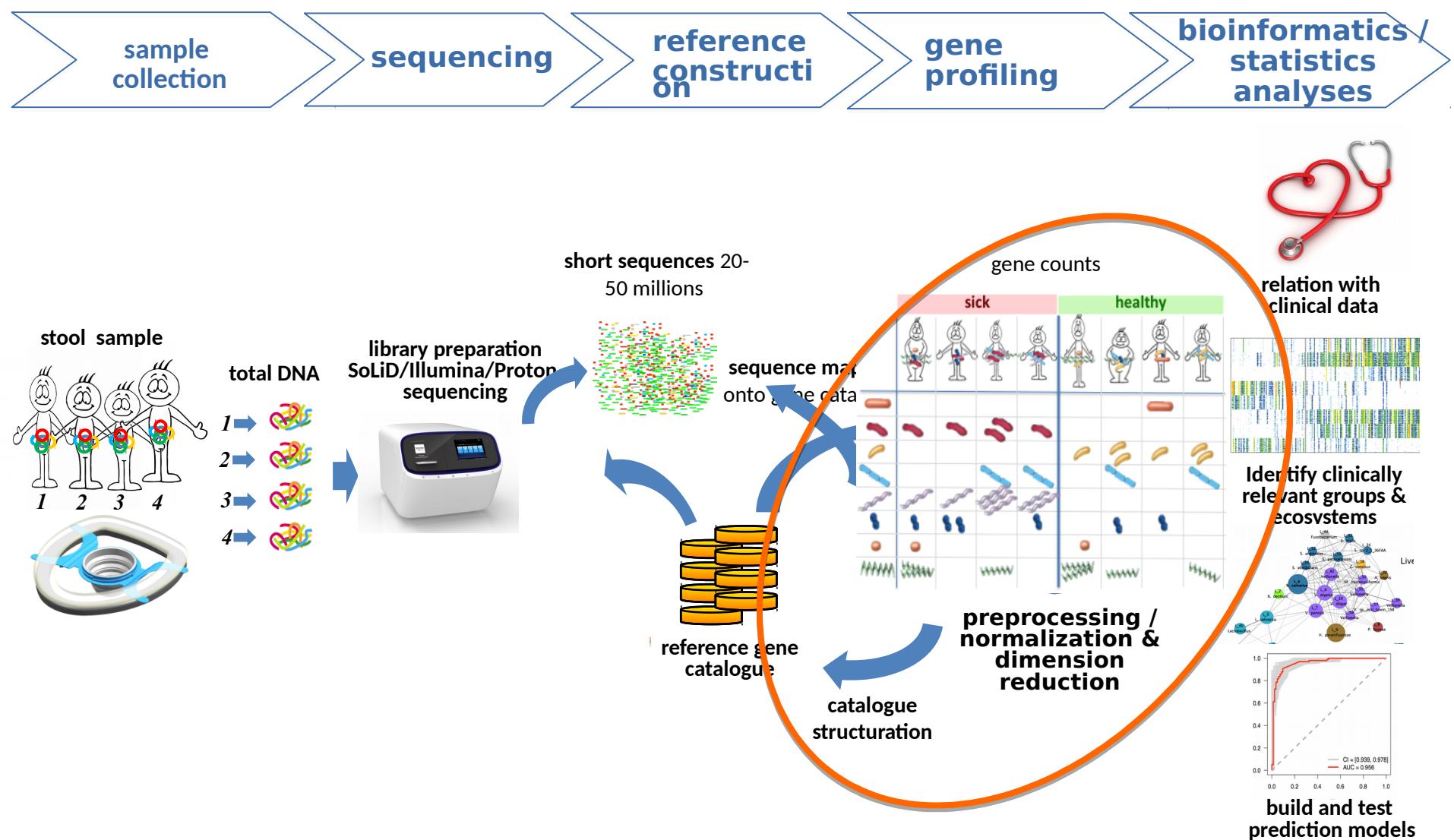
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Millions of different pieces

- thousands of different puzzles
- all mixed together
- most of the pieces are missing
- no boxes to refer to
- some pieces do not match

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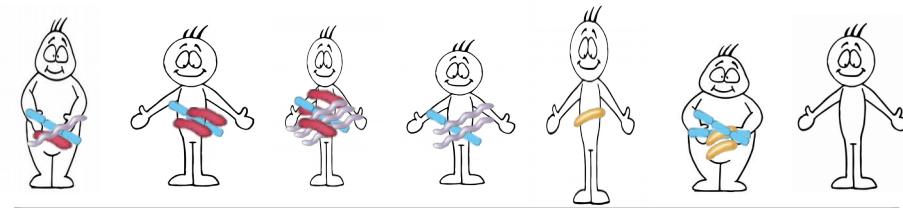
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Clustering genes into MetaGenomic Species (MGS)

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intestinal
gut bacteria



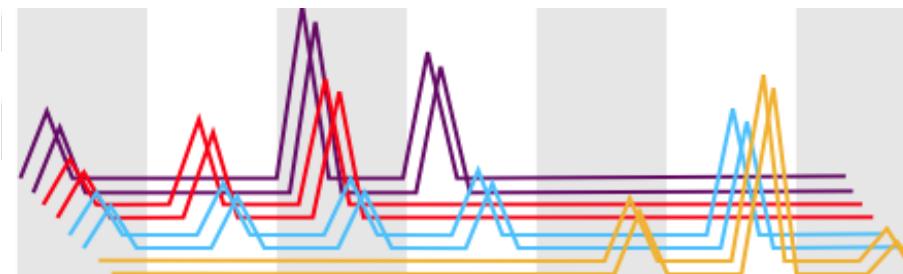
DNA extraction



high throughput
sequencing



abundance profiles of
gene catalogue



organize the catalogue
by co-variance

