Measuring the microbial biodiversity by single-cell analysis

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Biodiversity



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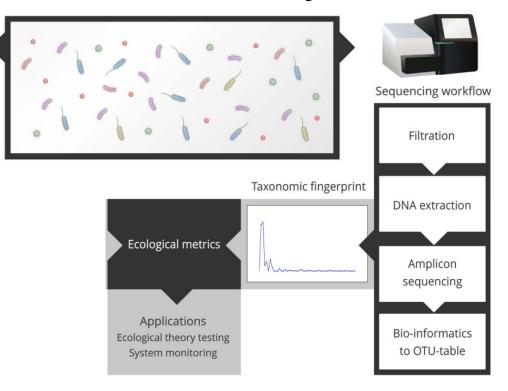
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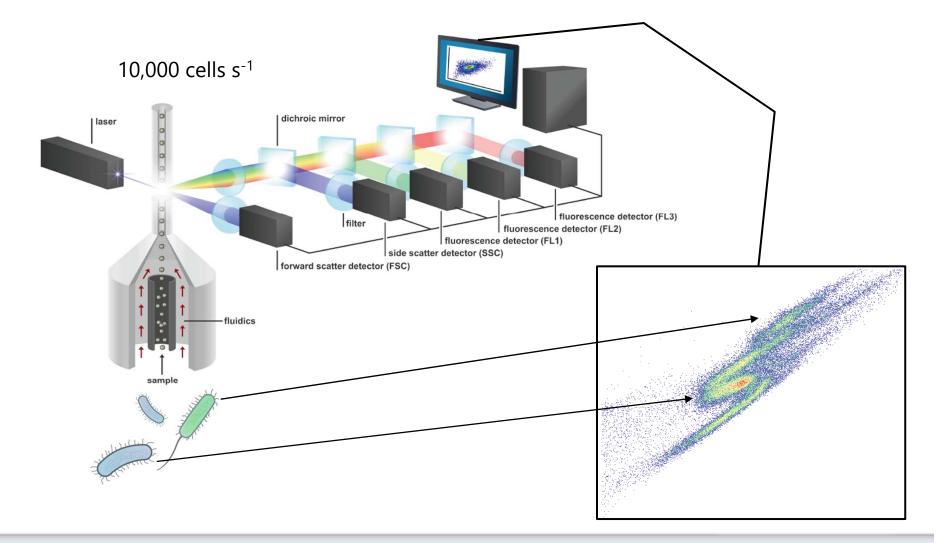


Assessing biodiversity

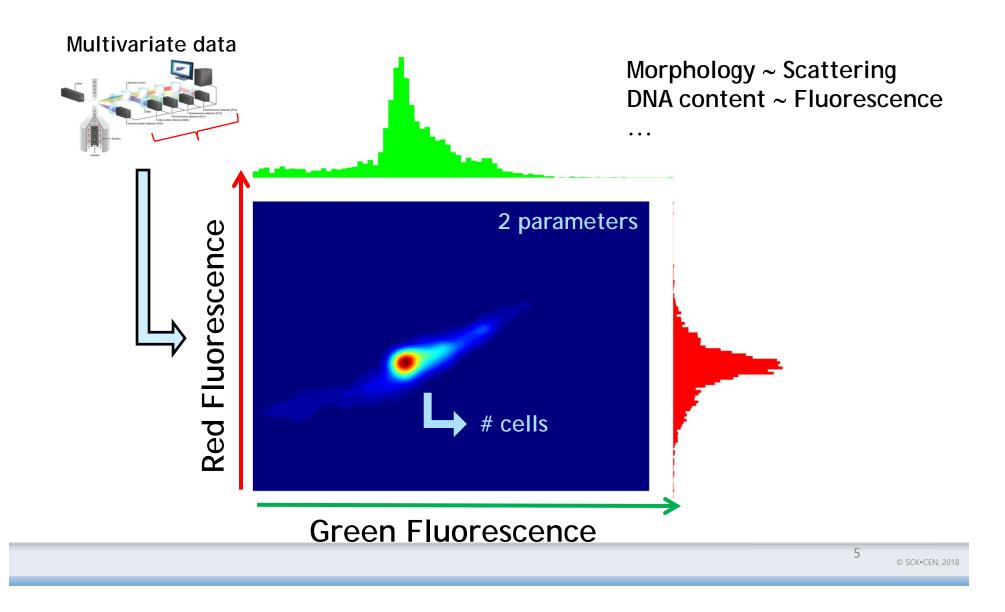
The microbial community



Flow Cytometry

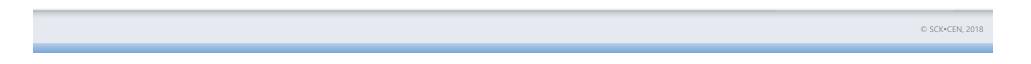


Phenotypic markers

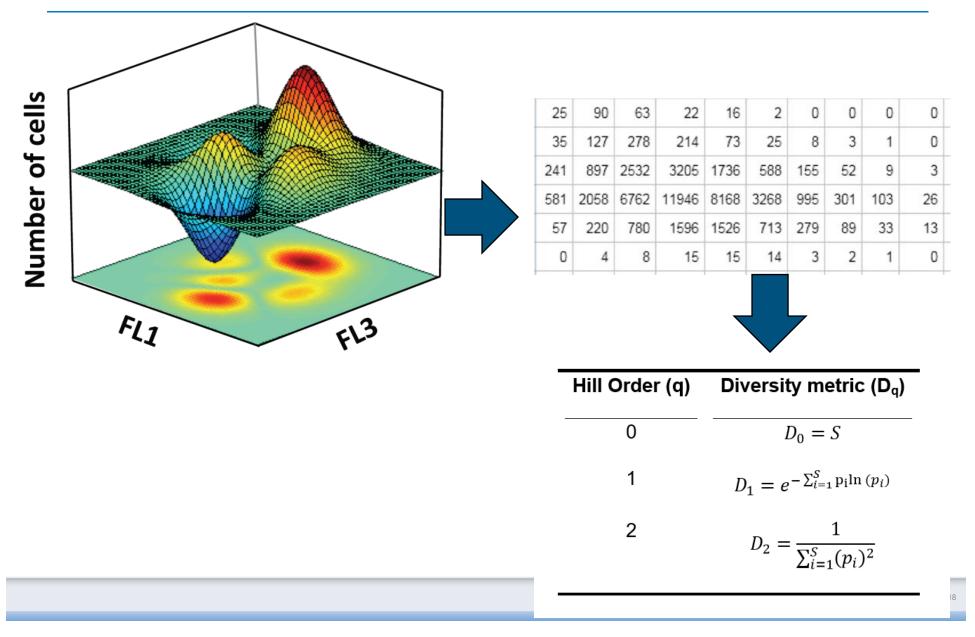


Rationale

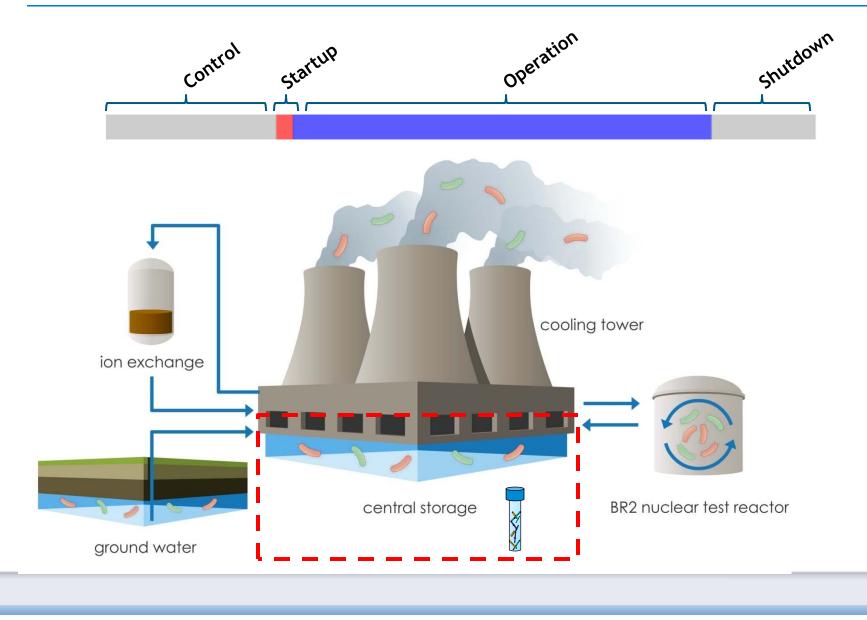
"The community landscape represents a phenotypic state of the whole microbial community." N = 1000 Hypothetical cellular state Number of cells N = 500 N = 750 N = 10FL3 FL1



Rationale



Oligotrophic ecosystem model



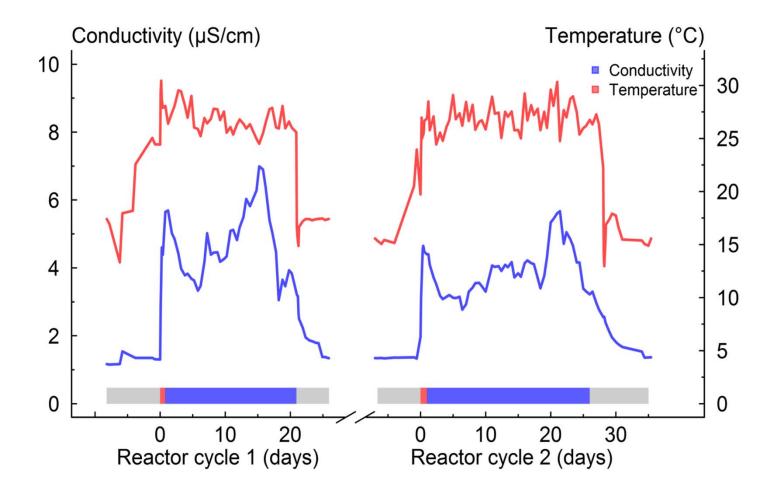
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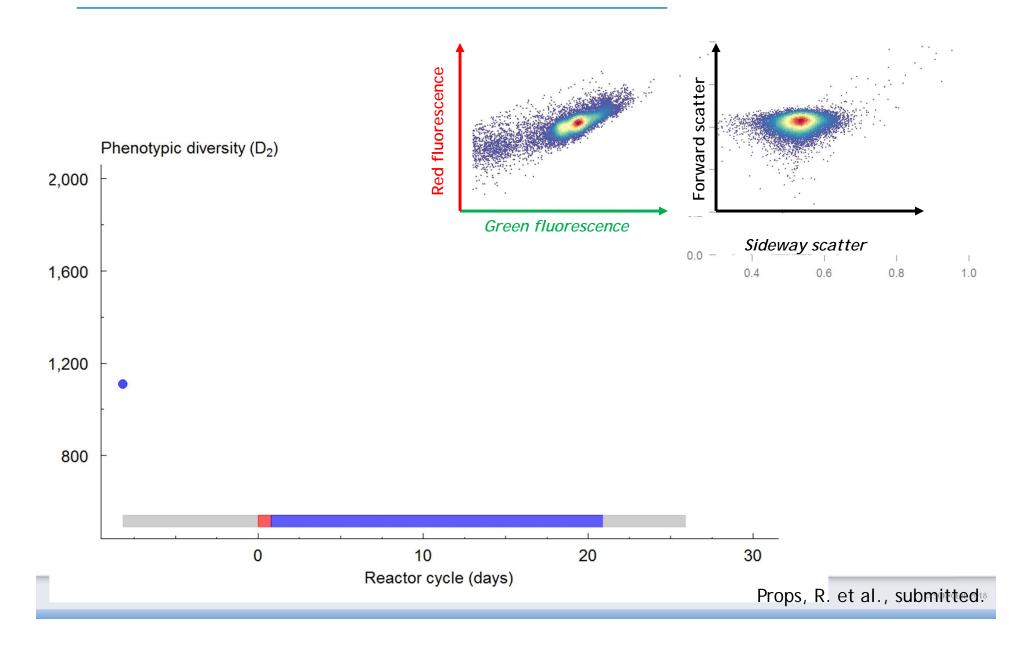
Both a dynamic and stable system

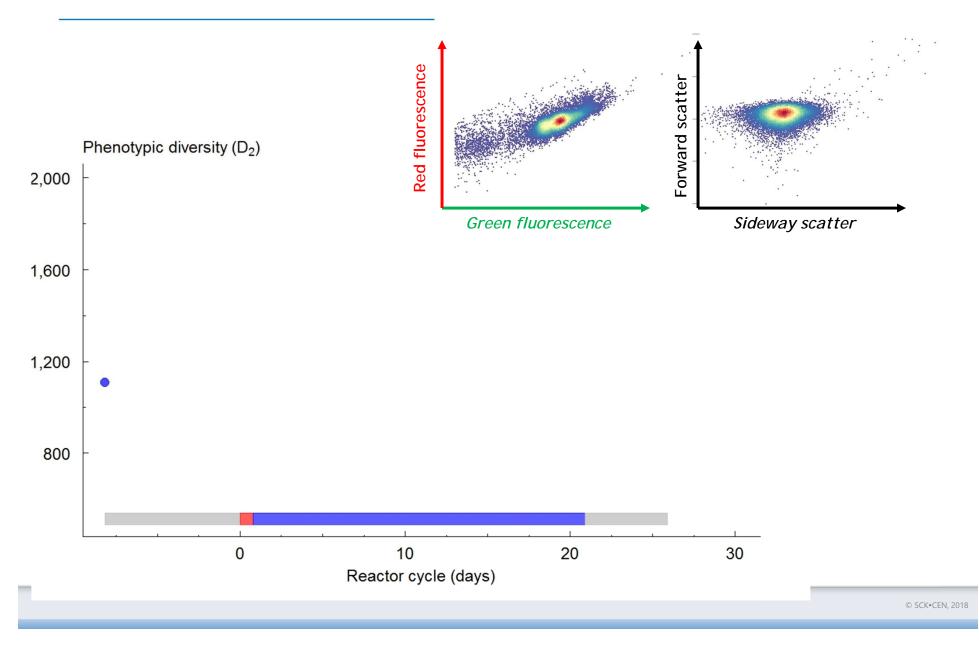
- 60 m³ h⁻¹ \rightarrow 4,000 m³ h⁻¹
- 15 °C → 30 °C
- 1 μ S cm⁻¹ \rightarrow 7 μ S cm⁻¹



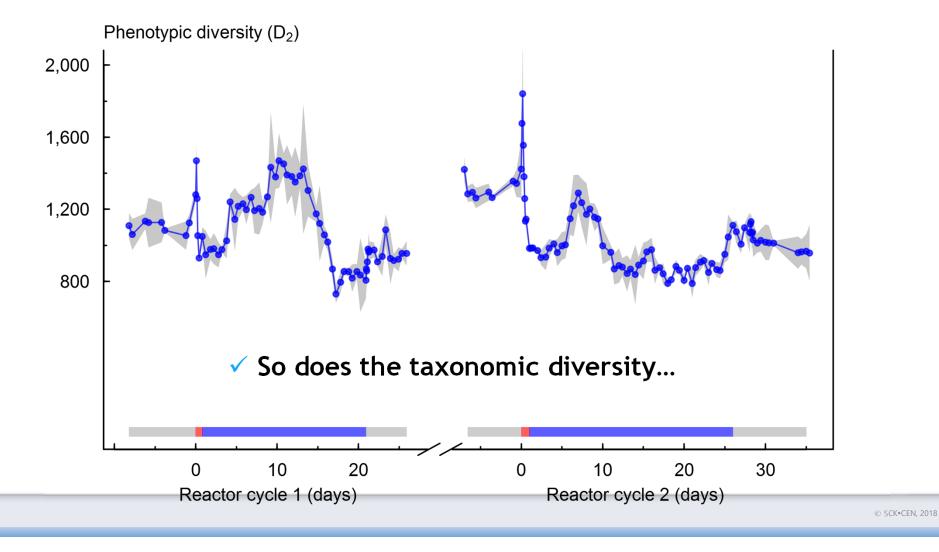
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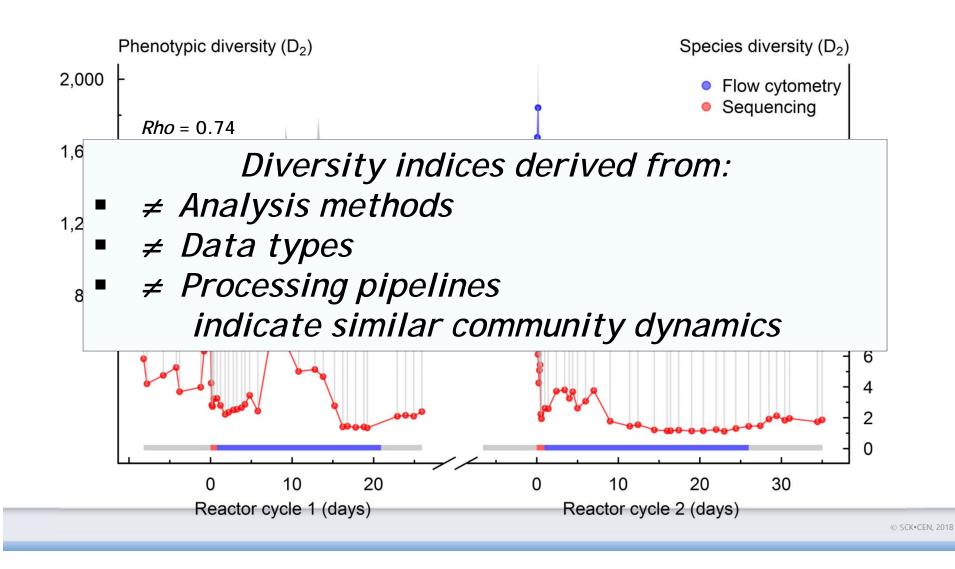




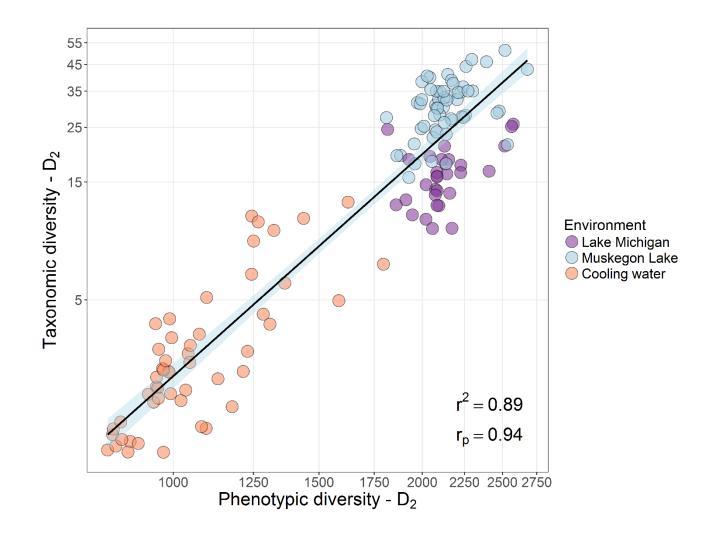


Phenotypic diversity indicates dynamic changes

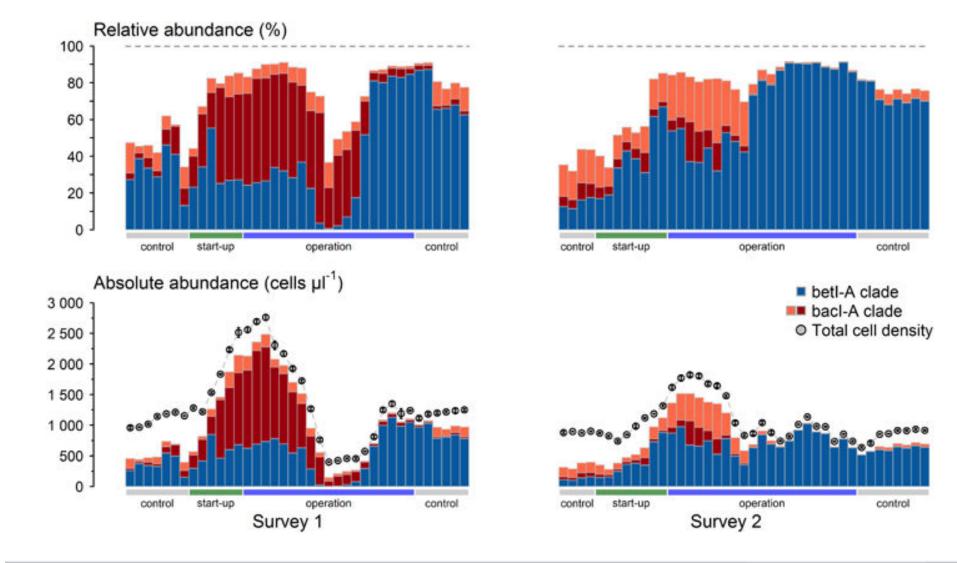




Other Ecosystems



Absolute quantification of OTUs



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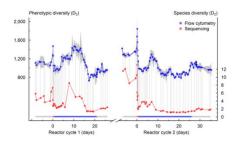
Applications

✓ In-situ real-time monitoring of biodiversity





✓ Intelligent experimental design



When do I sample? And how frequently?

Complementary tool to sequencing platform

https://github.com/rprops/Phenoflow_package

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