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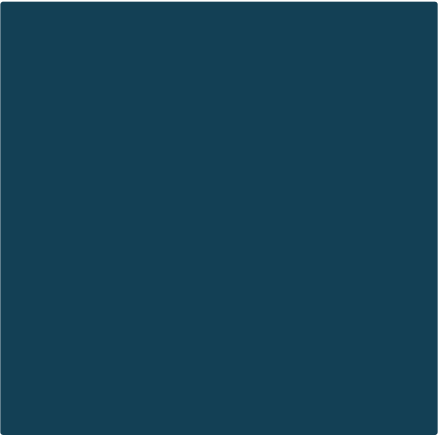
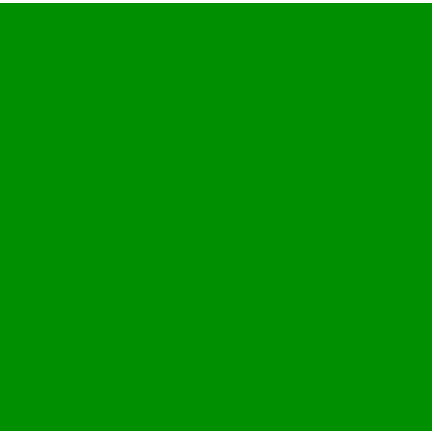
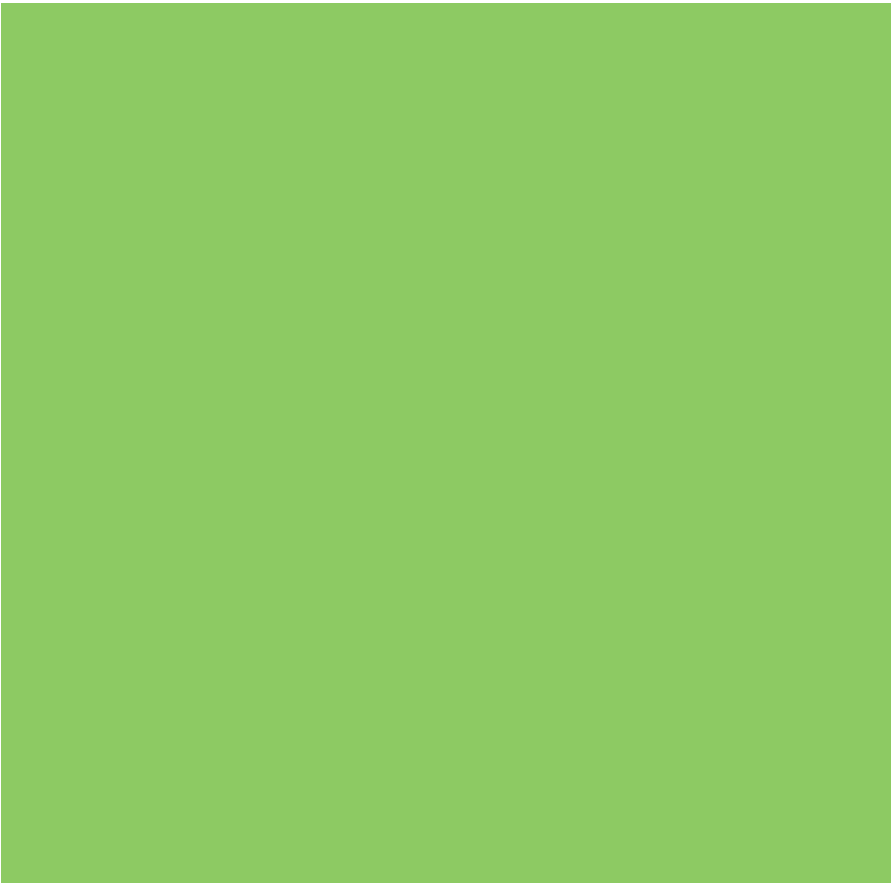


Evaluation of the microbiota of foods with metagenetics

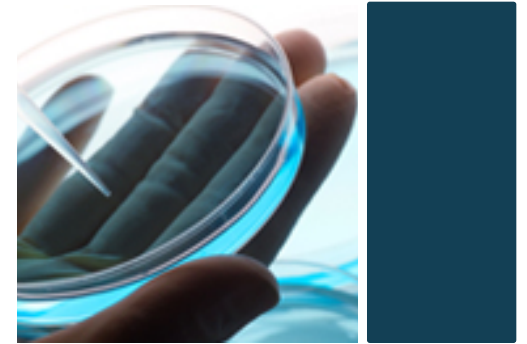
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Agenda



- **Introduction**

- *The food microbial ecosystem*
- *-omic technology*
- *Metagenetics*

- **Case study**

- **Take home message**

- **Objectives**

- *To give an overview of the omics tools available for food industries*
- *To present case studies to apply metagenetics in food industry*



Structural Interdisciplinary Research Center in Fundamental and Appplied Research for Animals & Health

Food science of the University of Liege
Analysis , Inspection, Quality, microbiology and technology



Objectives

- Research
- Teaching
- Services

2 spin offs



Analysis, certification and inspection



Consulting and training

Key facts

Notre groupe en bref



Accrédité
BELAC

Agrément
AFSCA

BIO

Chiffre d'affaires

6 MILLIONS €

2 sociétés

20 freelances

Trois implantations

B-F-NL-UK-D-L

**11 000 audits
annuels**

250 000 tests/an

Organisme certificateur

ISO 22000

61 employés

**XVI %
Croissance**

ISO 17025 : Labo
ISO 17020 : Inspection
EN 45011 : Products Certification
ISO 17021 : Mgmt Systems Cert

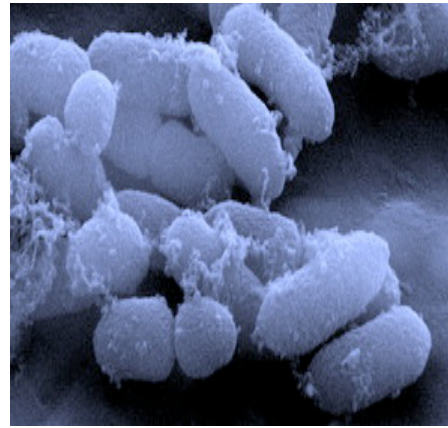
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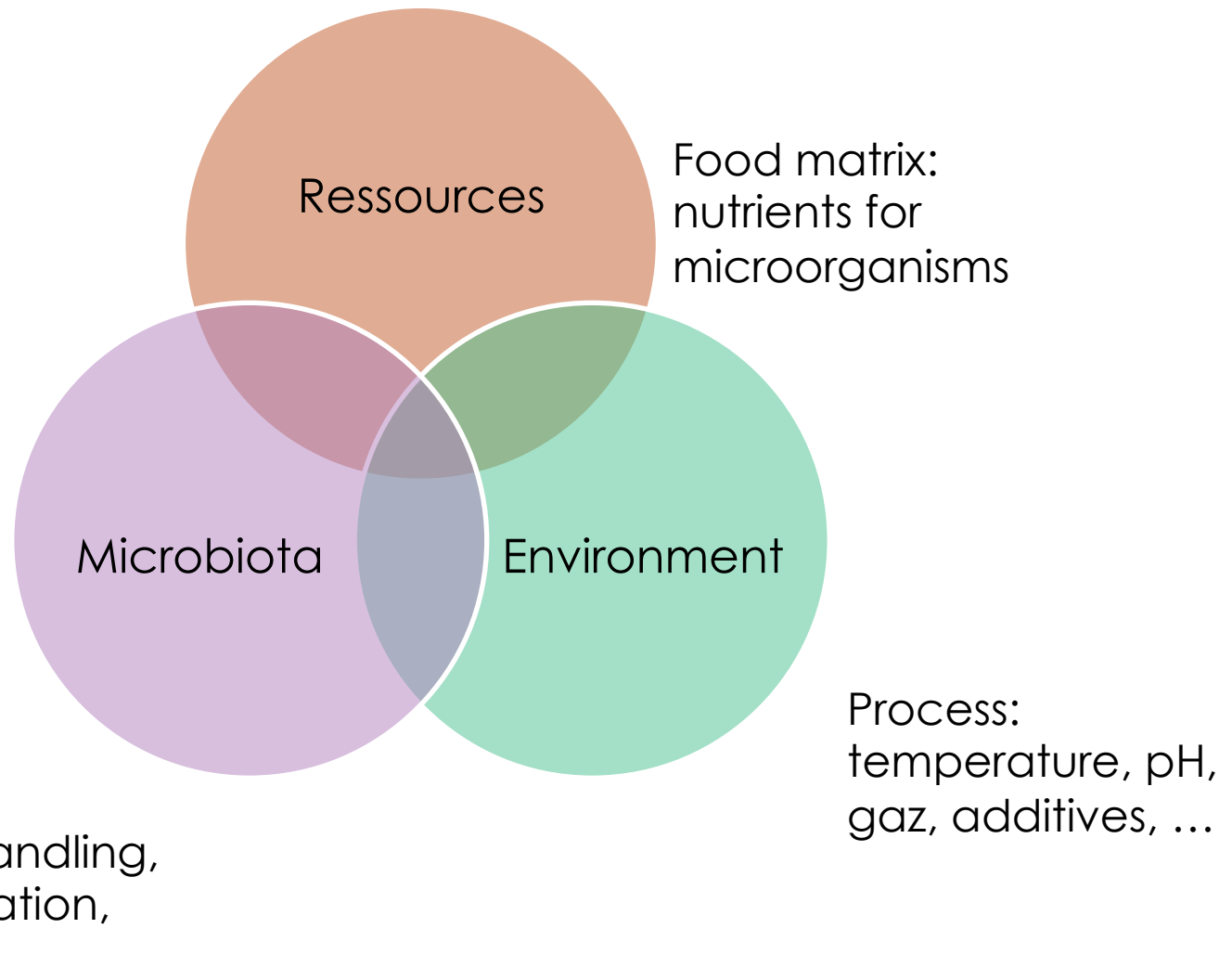


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LABO Food microbio

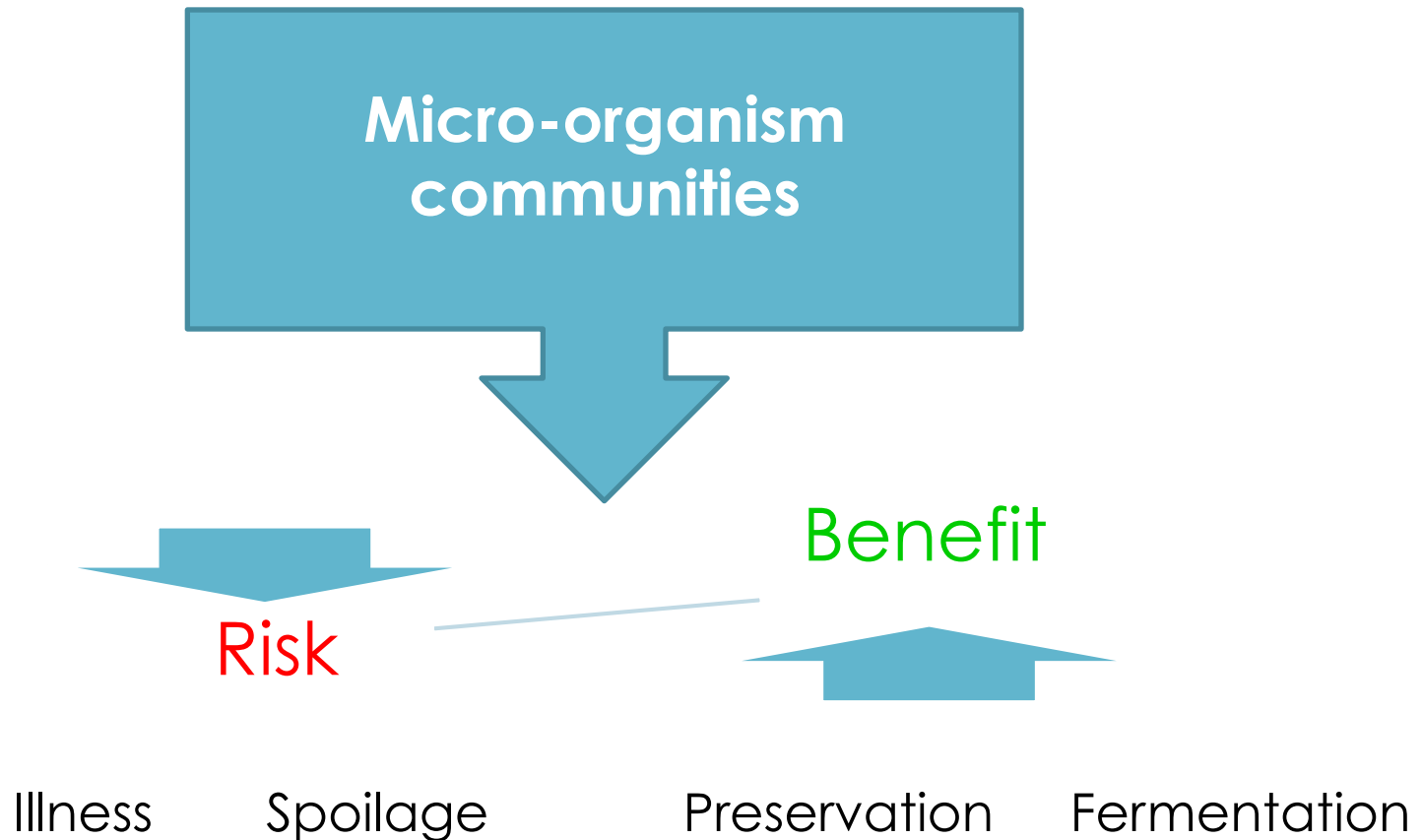


The food microbial ecosystem

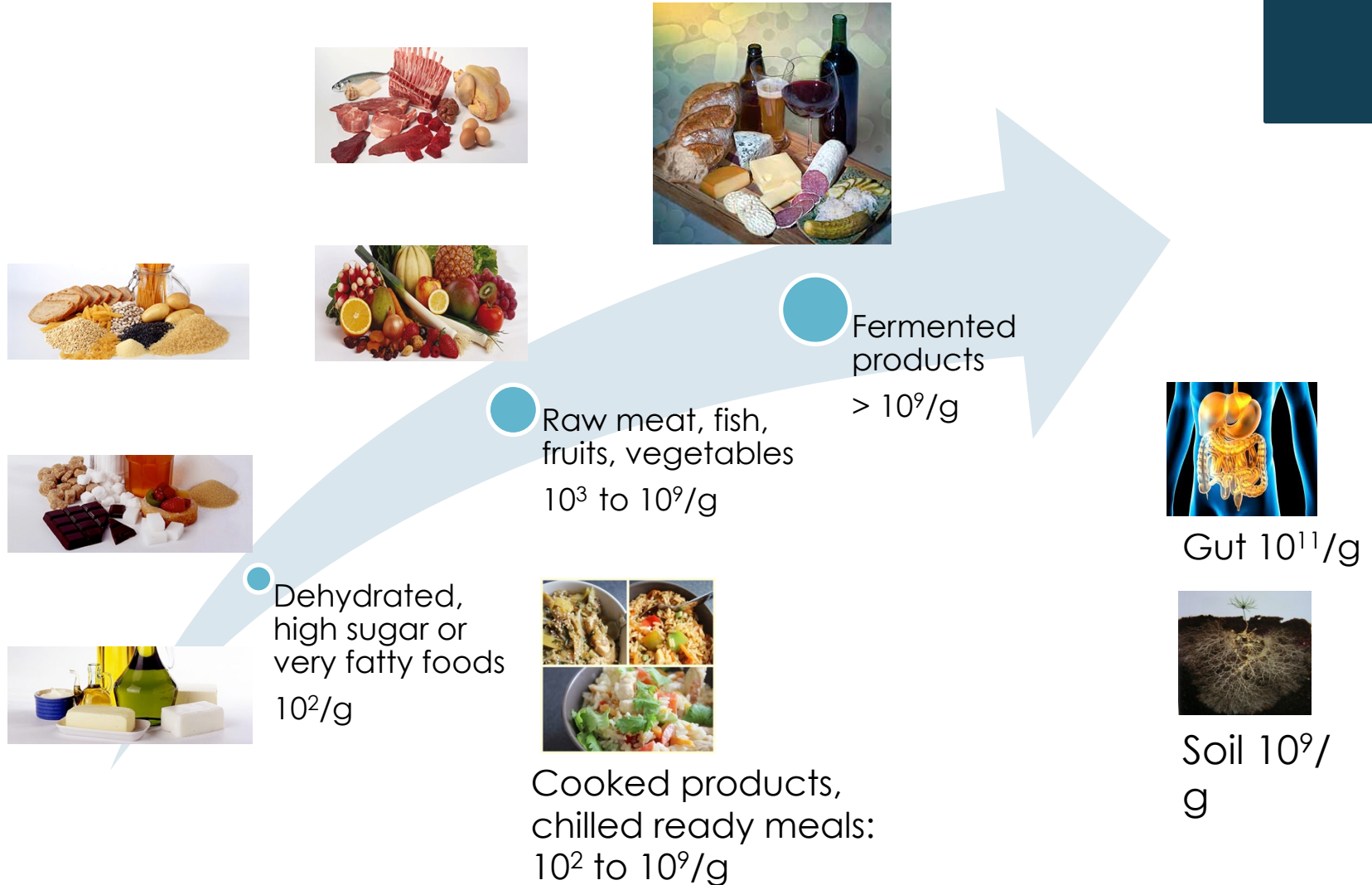
The food ecosystem



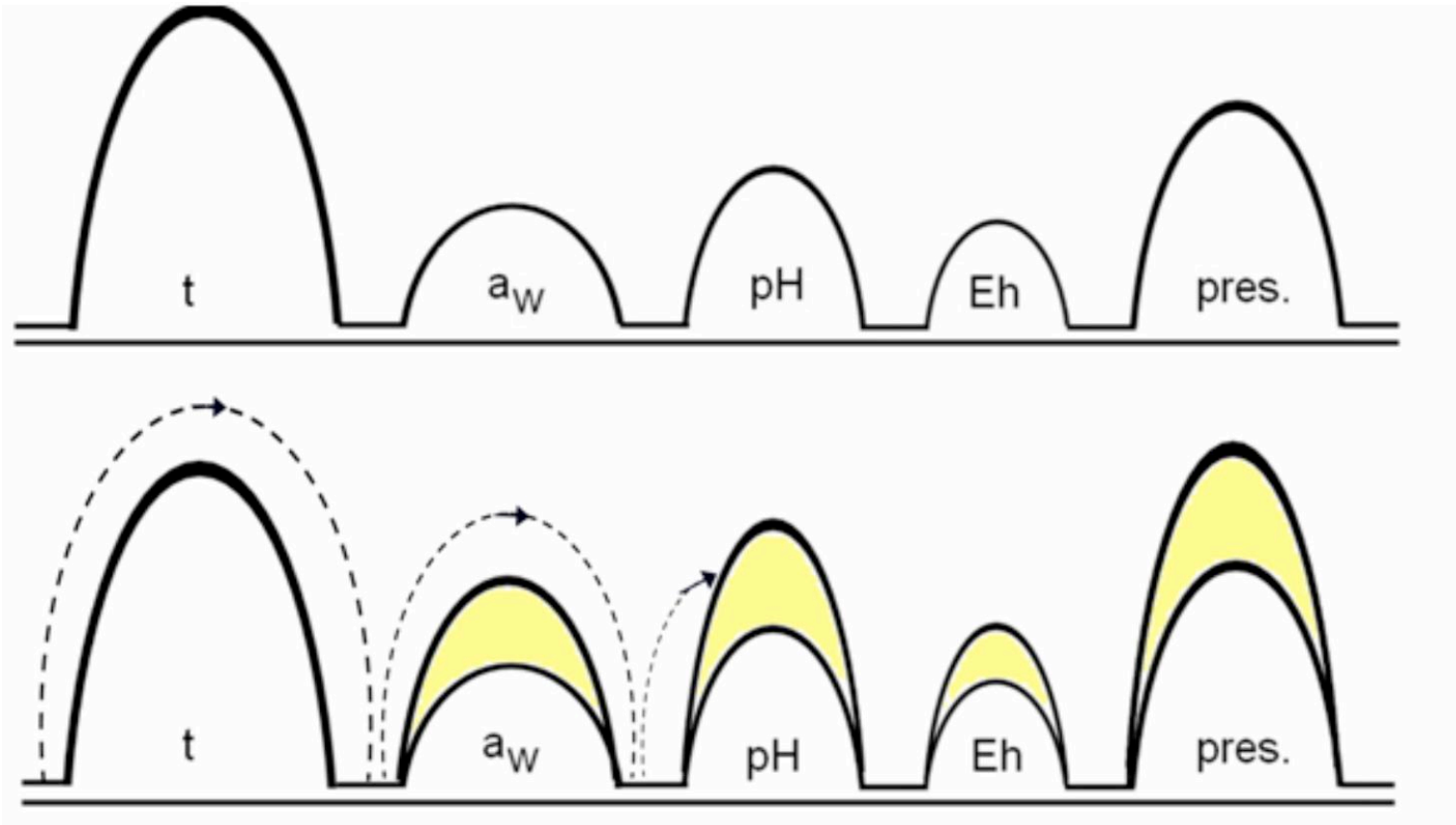
The food ecosystem



The food ecosystem



Hurdle theory

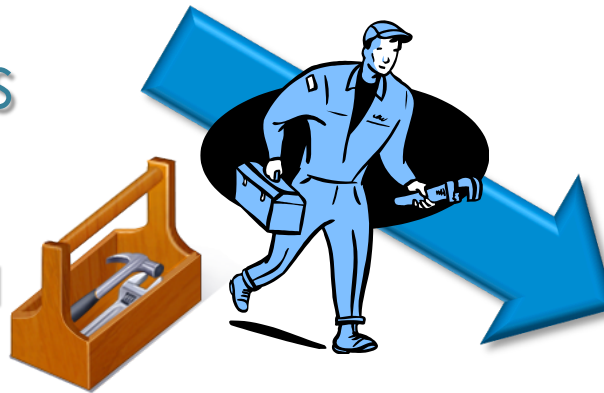


Which challenges?

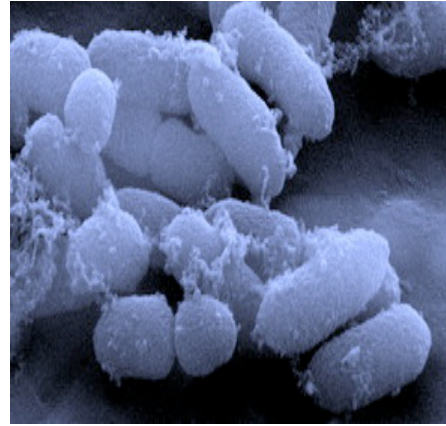
- Moderate complexity of food ecosystem (regarding gut and soil)
- High stringent environment (fermentation/storage)
- Fermentation ? Spoilage?
Preservation? safety? Health benefit?



Metagenomics
Culture independent
analysis of genetic
material of microbial
communities



- Characterizing products
- Looking for new functionalities
- Monitoring process
- Selecting strains



The Metagenomic technologies

How to identify microorganisms?

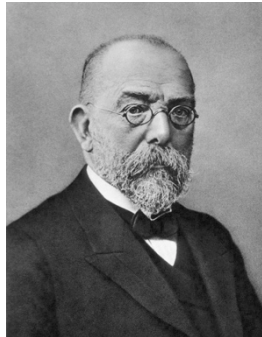
- What do they look like?
- What do they do, eat or produce?
- Who are they: genetic background?
- Alone, single cells
- All together (ecosystem)



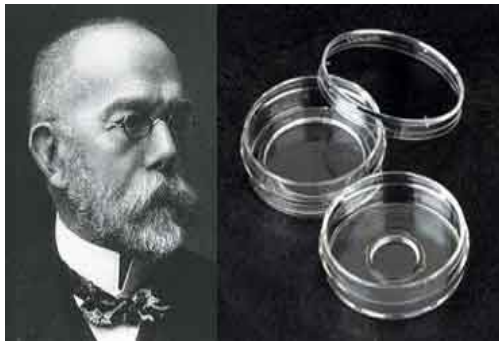
To detect, to identify, to count



Louis Pasteur,
1822-1895



Robert Koch,
1843-1910



Julius Pétri, 1852-1921

Counting



Detection

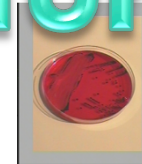
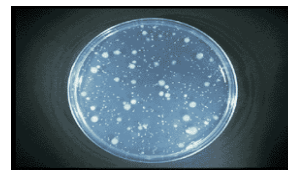


Culture step

24 h to 5 D

3-7 D

24 h



Culture-independent tools



« Looking large to learn more? »



DNA

RNA

Proteins

All components

16S rDNA/Other genes

Random



Metagenetics*

Metatranscriptomics

Metabolomics

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Metagenomics

Metaproteomics



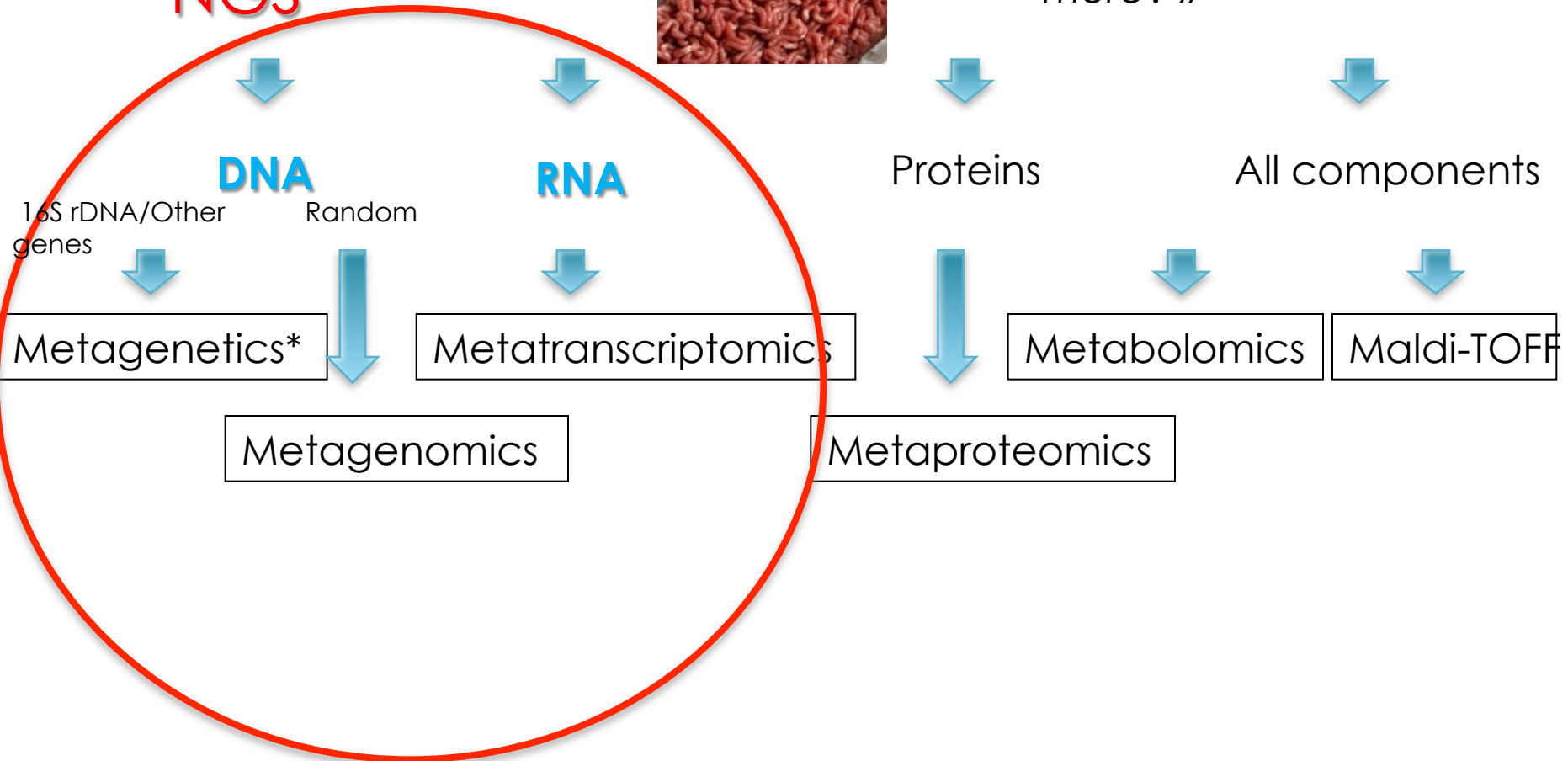
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Culture-independent tools

Sequencing NGS



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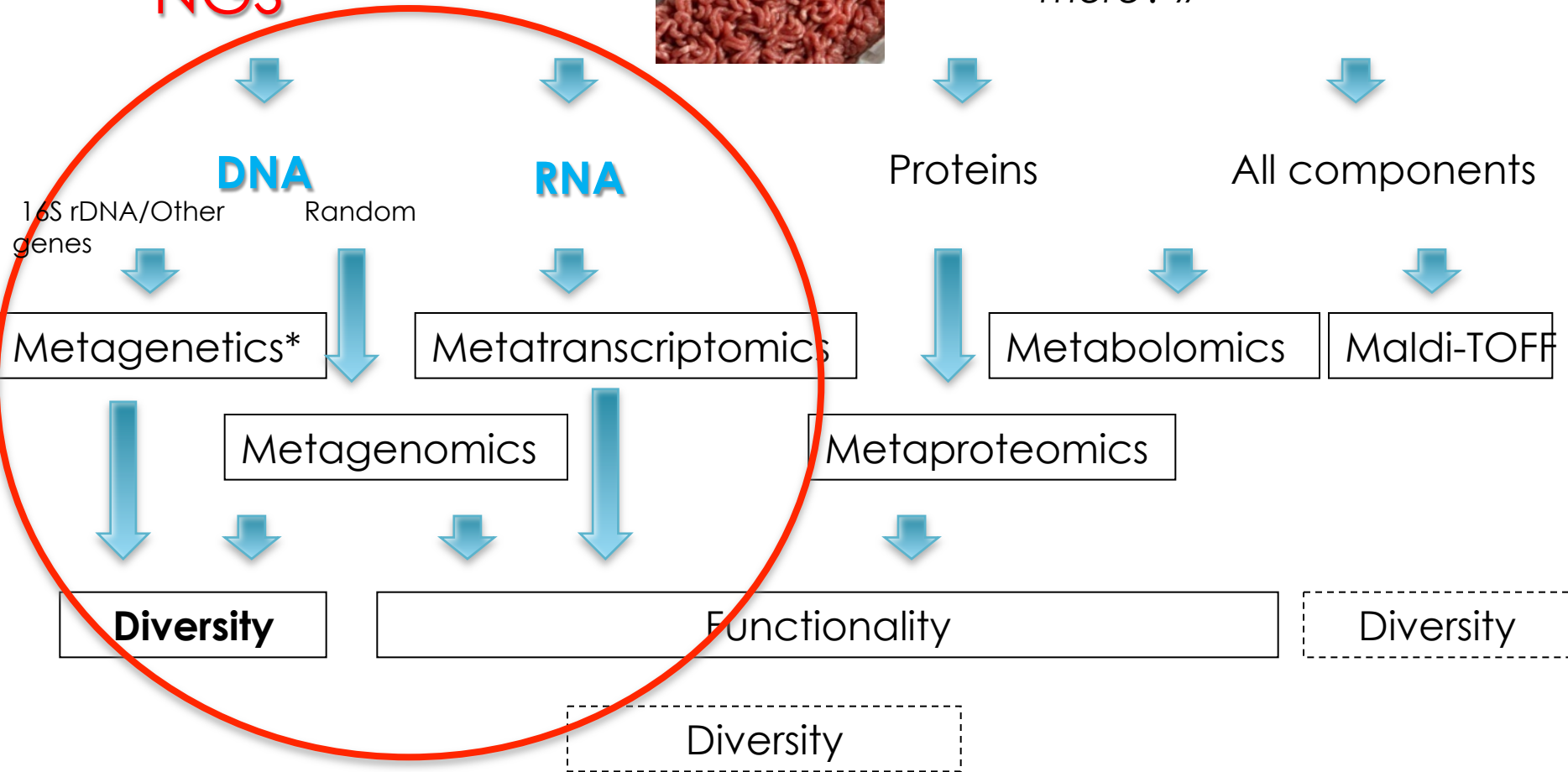
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Culture-independent tools

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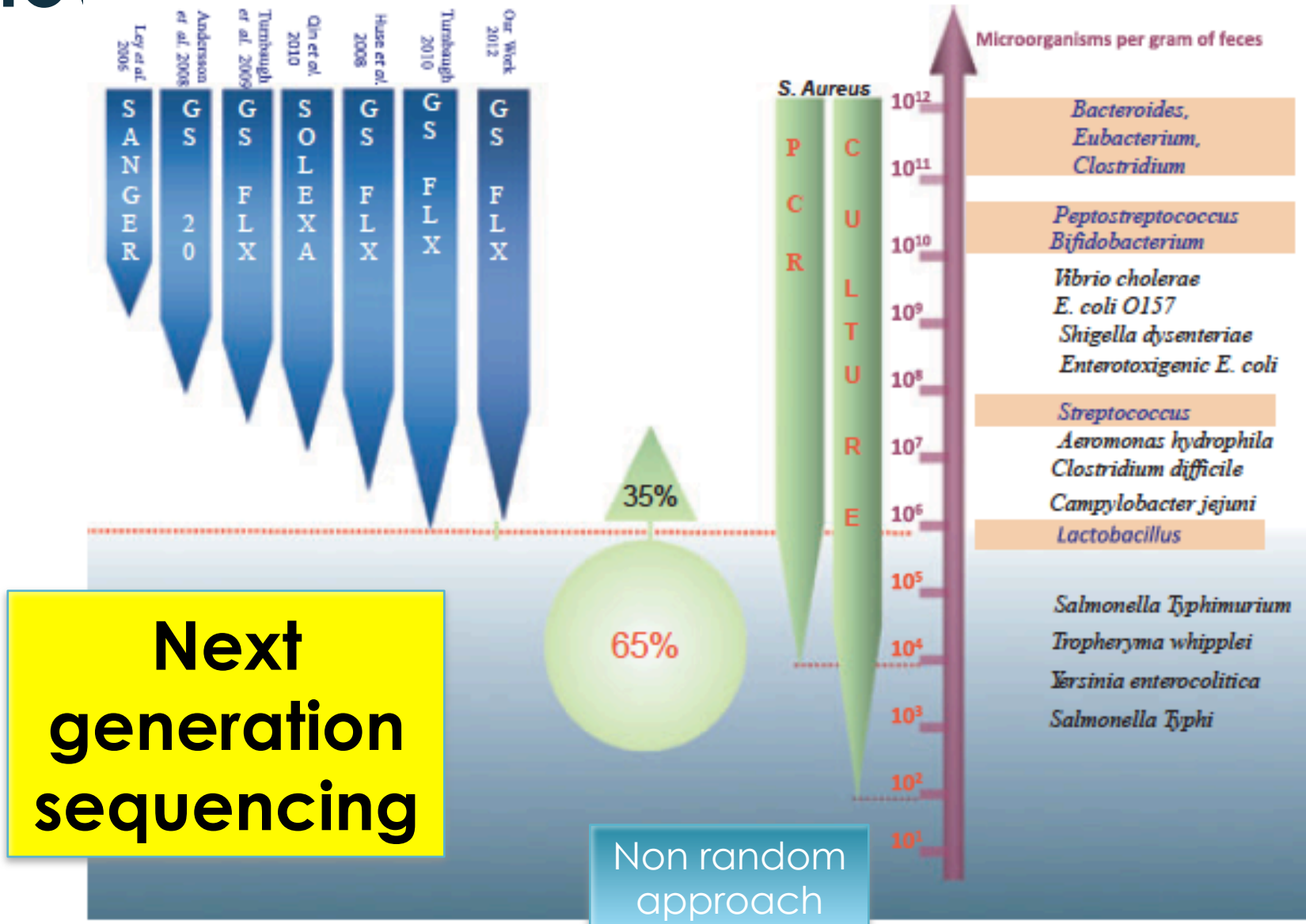


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How does it work?



Metagenetics



A technological breakthrough

Classical approach



Metagenomics



Deposits of 2 european patents: « Metagenomic Analysis of Samples »
« Detection Method »

Patenten

Exclusive services



- European patent n° 13199610.0 deposited the 24 december 2013. **(2013-54 Metagenetic analysis of food samples)**
- European patent n° 13199634.0 deposited the 27 december 2013 **(ref : 2013-55 Detection methods of animal species)**

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Short communication: Evaluation of the microbiota of kefir samples using metagenetic analysis targeting the 16S and 26S ribosomal DNA fragments

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Applications



Food

- Quality control
- Innovation
- R&D, Détermination or extension of the shelf life

Animals

- Feeds
- Pre and probiotics
- Intestinal tract

Cosmetics and phamaceutics

- Quality control
- Innovation
- Determination of the shelf life

Human

- Intestinal tract (ex: Crohn disease)
- Cohort studies
- Pre and probiotics

Environment

- Water
- Soils
- Plant, seeds

What are the applications for food?

Metagenetics for control quality, innovation and trouble shooting

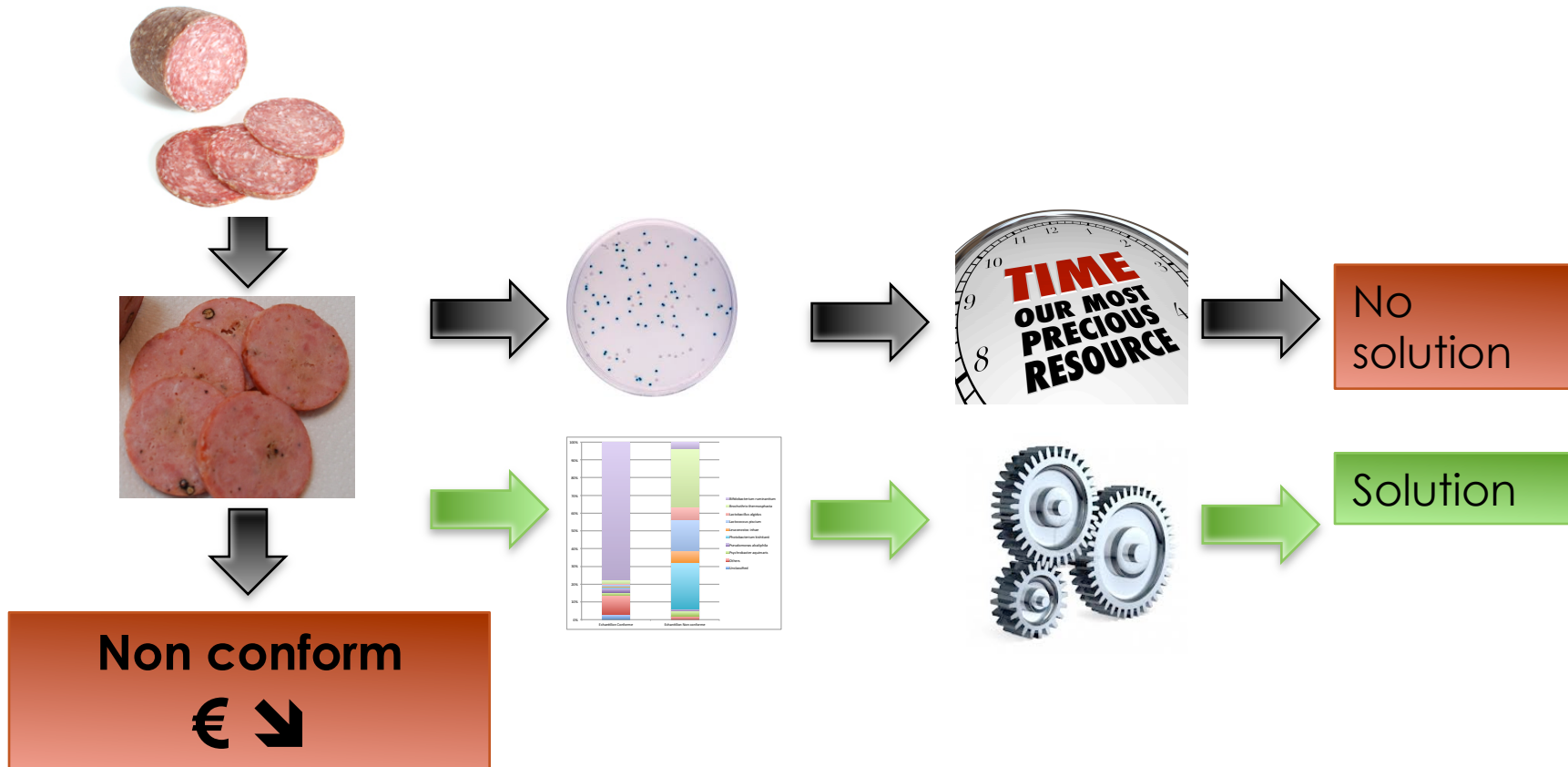
- To control quality of the final product
- To identify bacteria responsible of food spoilage
- To follow and control process/storage
- To monitor strains
- To monitor fermentation process
- To create new food products
- To extend the shelf life
- To improve washing/disinfection procedure
- Etc

CASE STUDY 1

Incident management



Solving problems



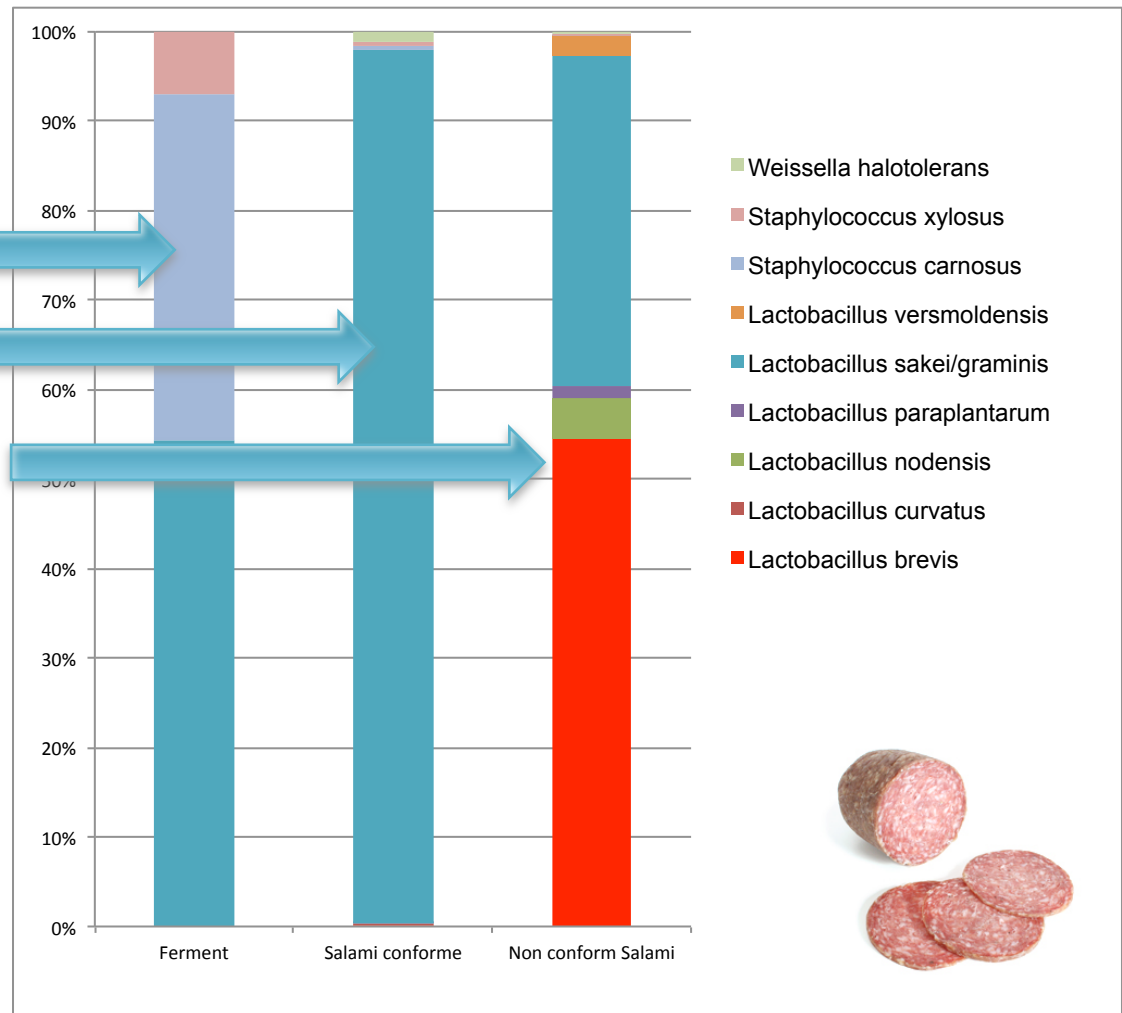
CASE STUDY 1

Incident management

Ferment

Conform product

Non conform product

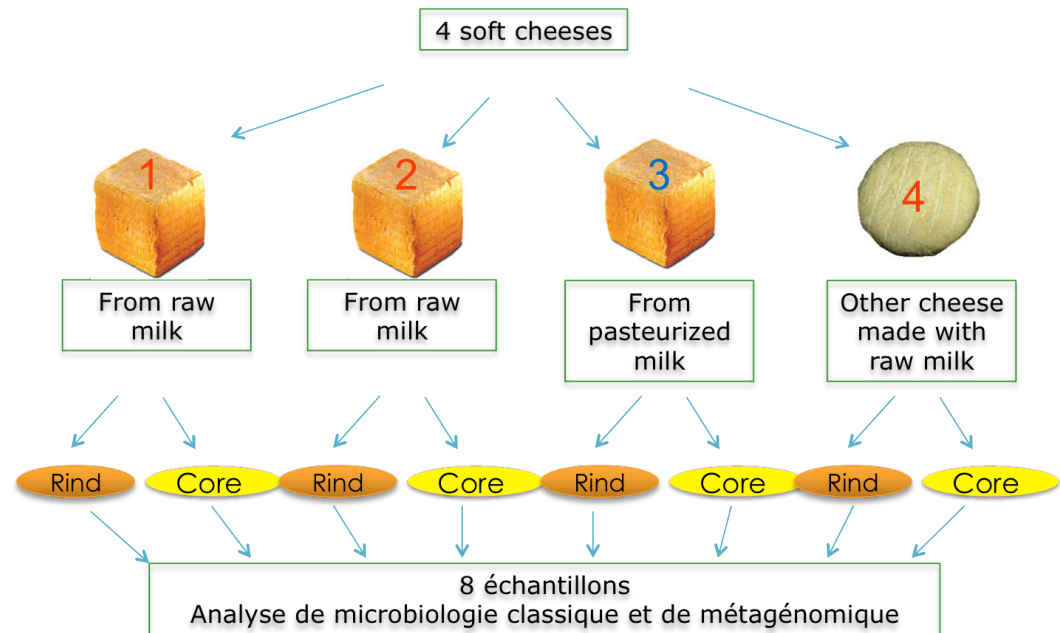


CASE STUDY 2

Process improvement



- Knowledge of the bacterial flora of the cheese
- Comparison between the core and the rind
- Comparison between different manufacturing processes (raw milk / pasteurized)
- Quality control
- Control of the shelf life
- Knowledge of the competitors



Results

Metagenetic



1

Rind

Core



2

Rind

Core



3

Rind

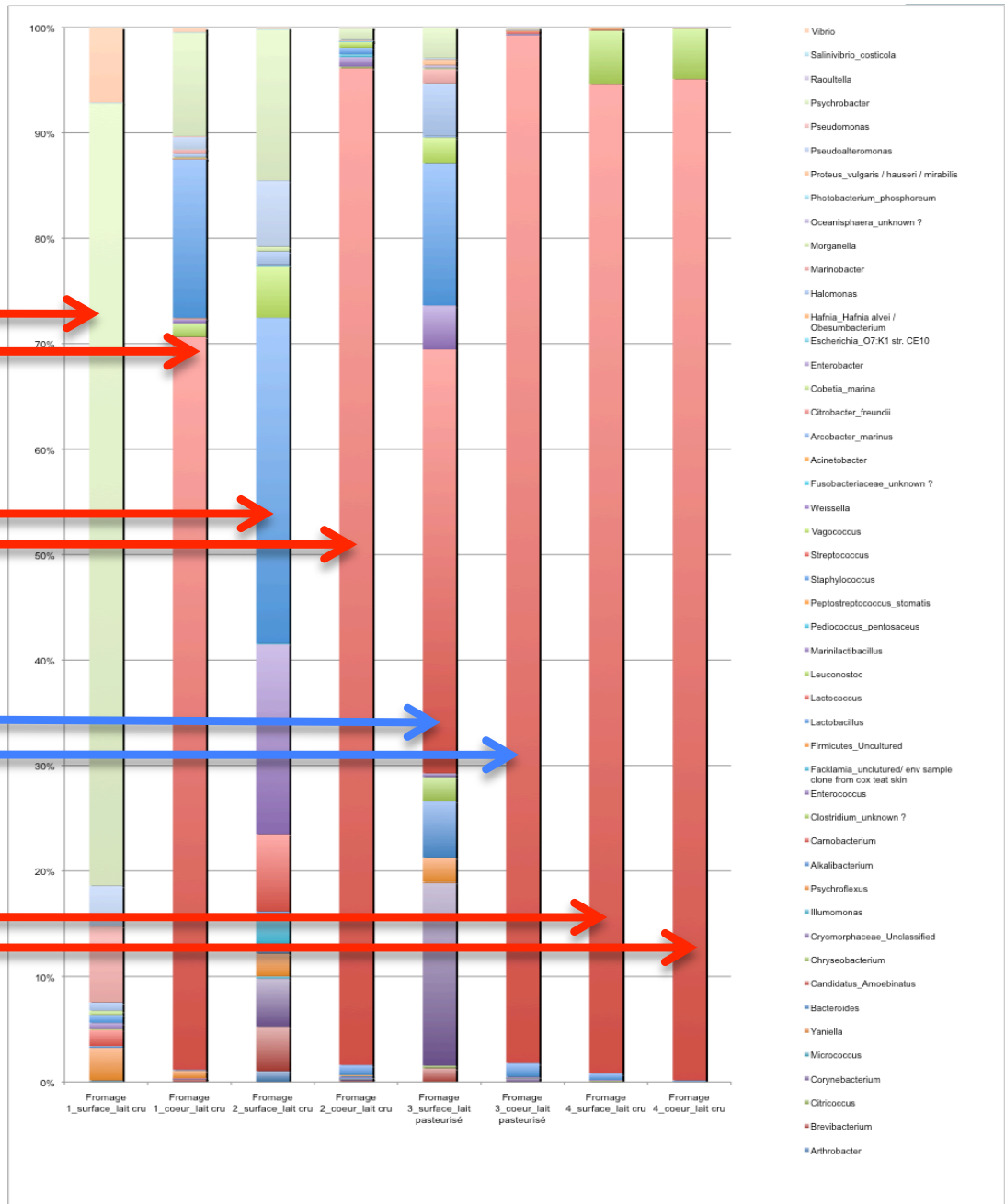
Core



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Rind

Core

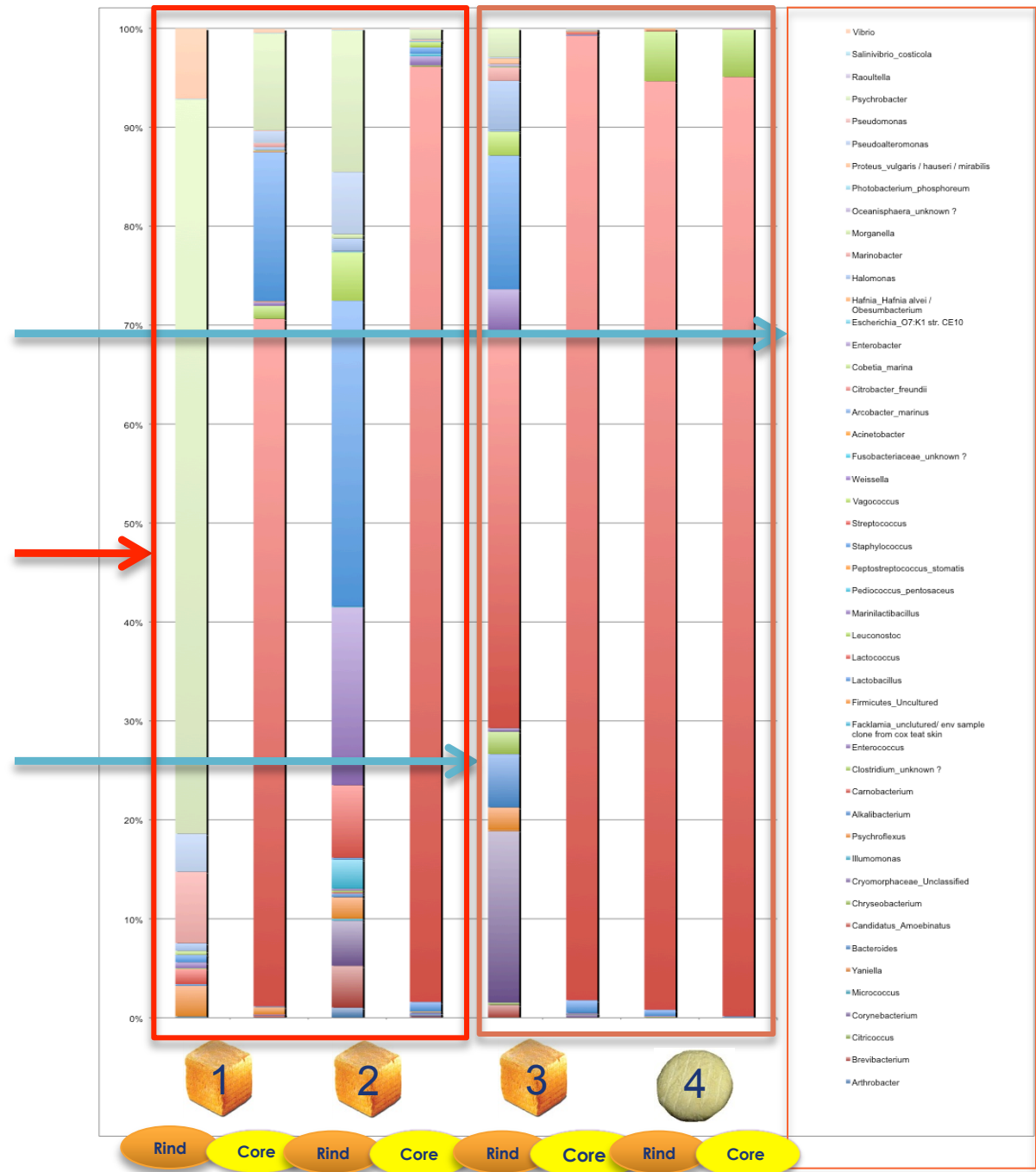


Results

48 genus and 163 species

Many different bacterial species in the cheeses made with raw milk

Mainly *Lactococcus lactis* (97,6%) in the core

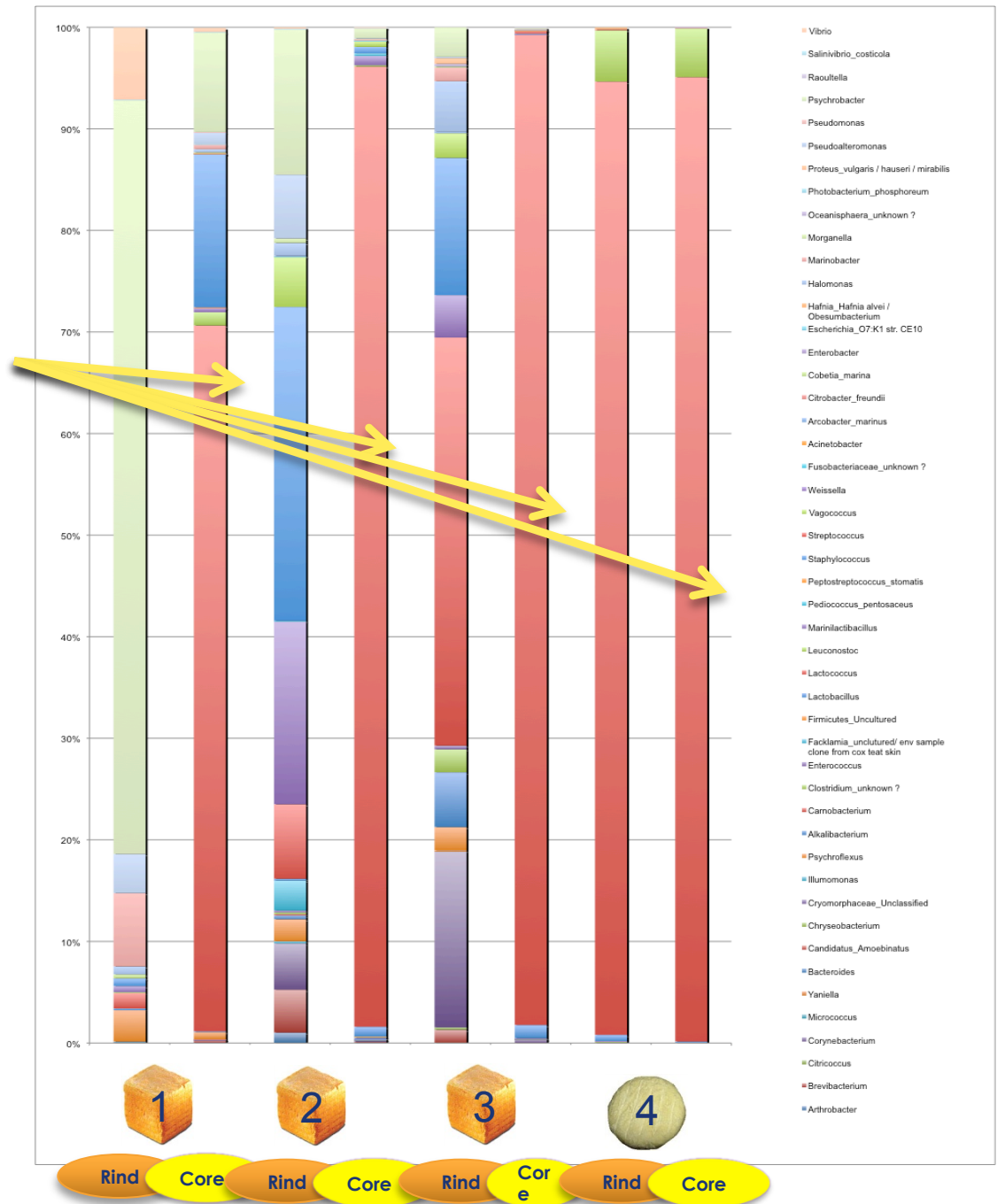


Results

Core: *Lactococcus lactis*
and/or *cremoris*

Rind :

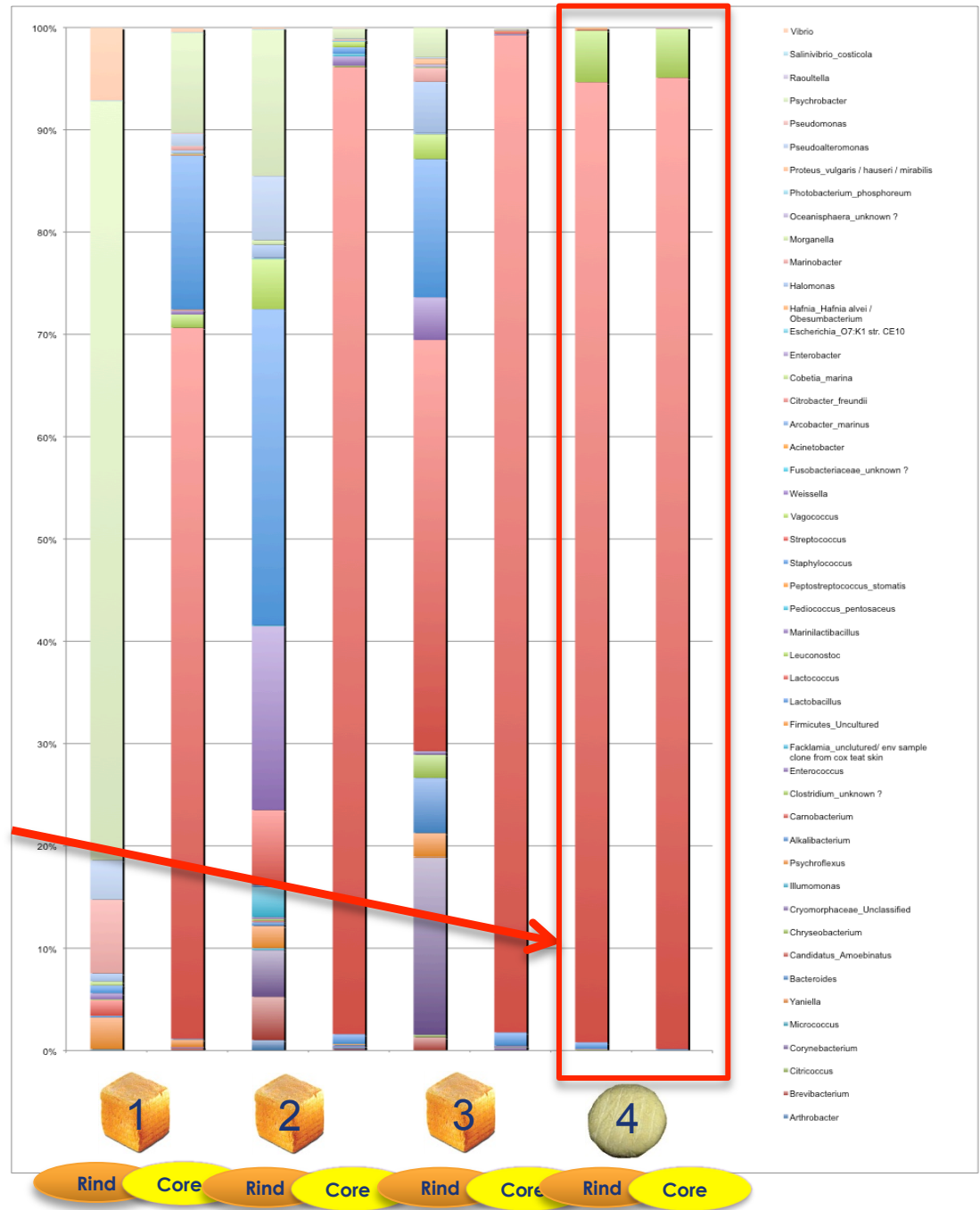
- *Psychrobacter glacinola*
- *Staphylococcus equorum*
- *Corynebacterium casei*
- *Marinilactibacillus psychrotolerans*
- *Brevibacterium* spp
- *Psychroflexus* spp



Results

Only two bacterial species
for this cheese

Lactococcus lactis susp. *Cremoris*
et *Leuconostoc citreum*



CASE STUDY 3

Microbial quality of fresh meat in Belgium

Steak tartare

n=59



Pre packed in supermarket (SM1;n=8) at day 0 and at day 2



Intern butcheries in supermarket (SM2; n=8) and Butcheries (Butchery; n=7) At day 0 and day 2



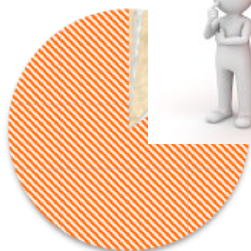
Restaurant (n=6) at day 0



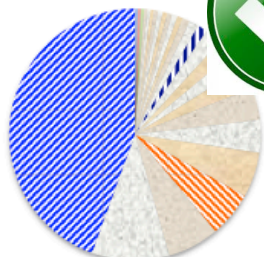
Sandwich bars (n=6) at day 0



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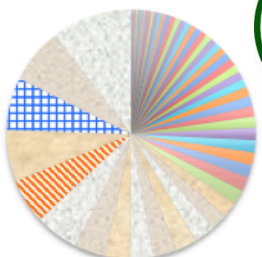


GROUP III



-  *Brochothrix thermosphacta*
-  *Clostridium haemolyticum*
-  *Lactobacillus algidus*
-  *Lactococcus piscium*
-  *Leuconostoc gelidum*
-  *Phobacterium kishitanii*
-  *Pseudomonas antarctica*
-  *Streptococcus thermophilus*
-  *Xanthomonas oryzae*

GROUP IV



GROUP V



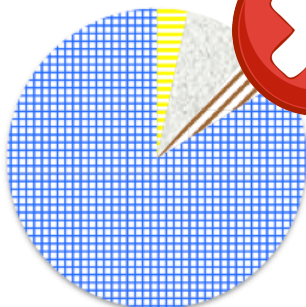
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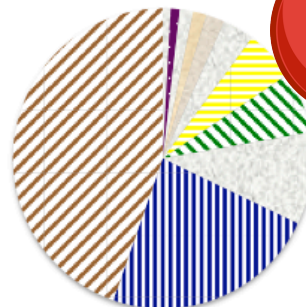
Group VII



Group VIII



Group IX



What about the legislation ?



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VAN DE VOEDSELKETEN**

ADVIES 10-2012

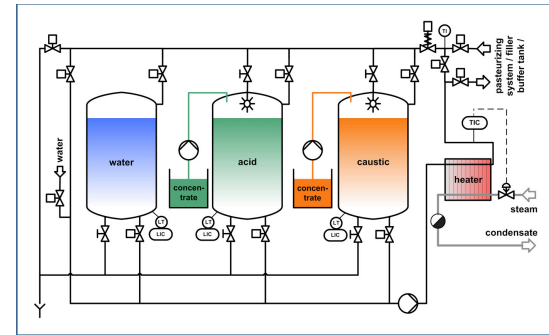
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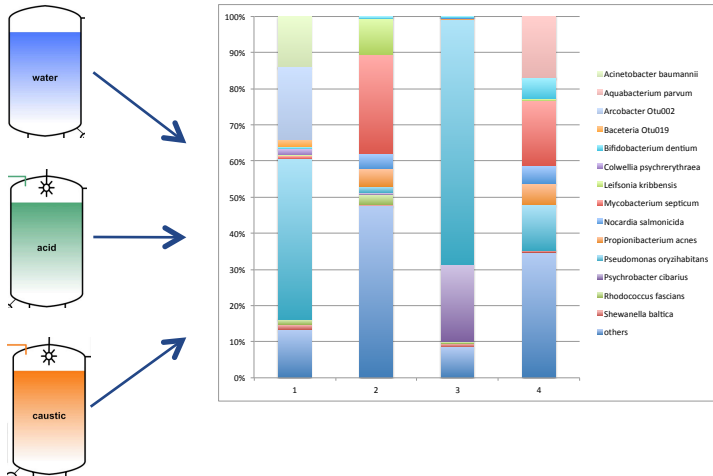
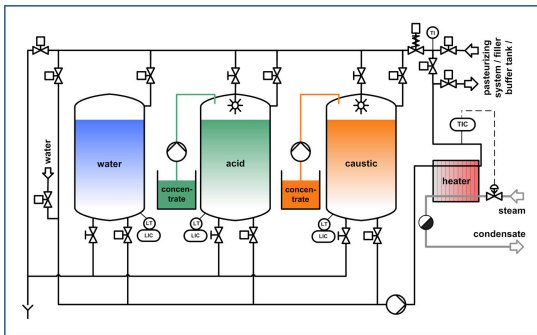
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R&D: process improvement



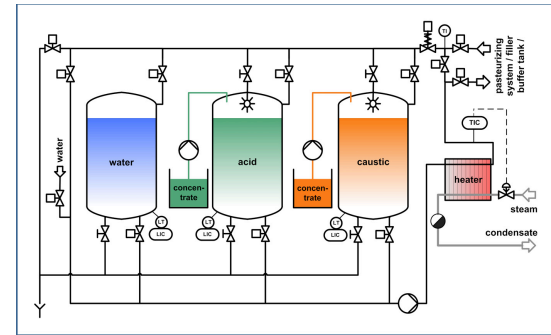
Control quality



Quality management of the whole process

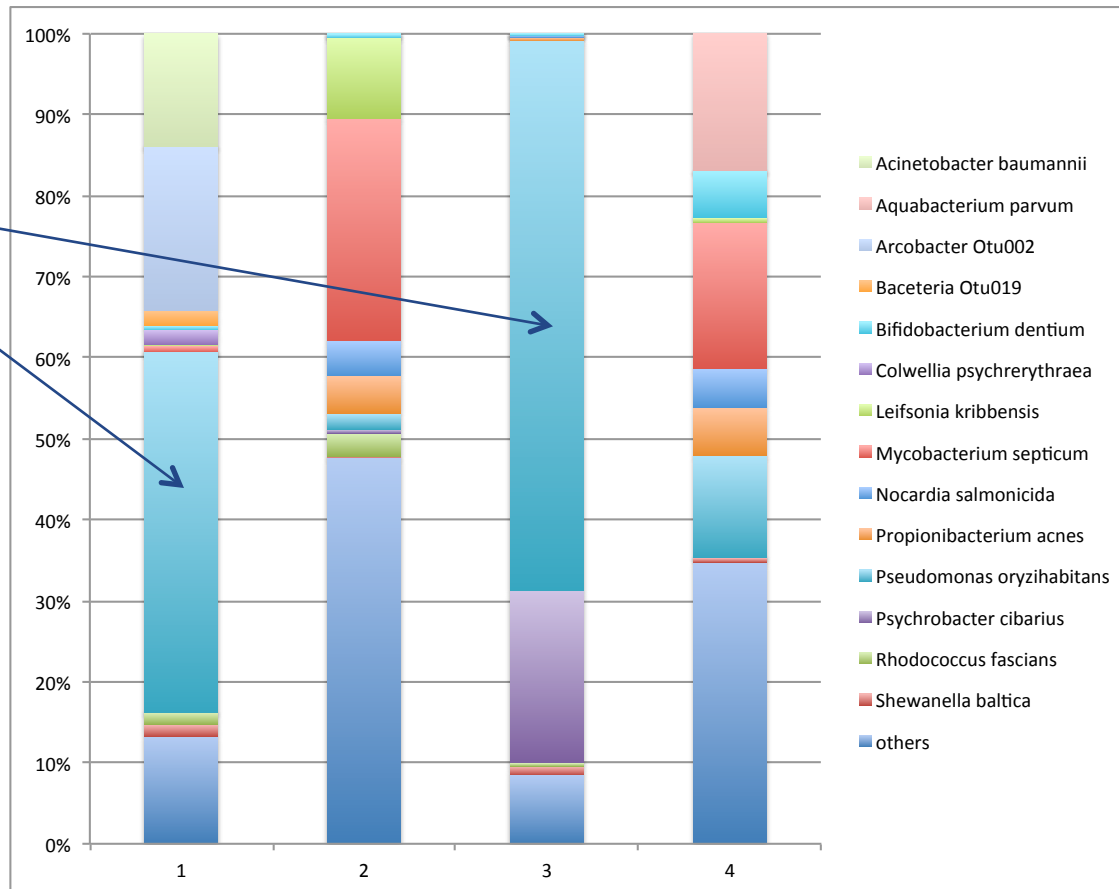
CASE STUDY 4

R&D: process improvement



Cleaning / Disinfection procedures

Pseudomonas
from biofilms



CASE STUDY 6

Patents

Exclusion of dominant taxa/chloroplasts



Exclusion of chloroplasts (Vegetables)
Exclusion of specific taxa

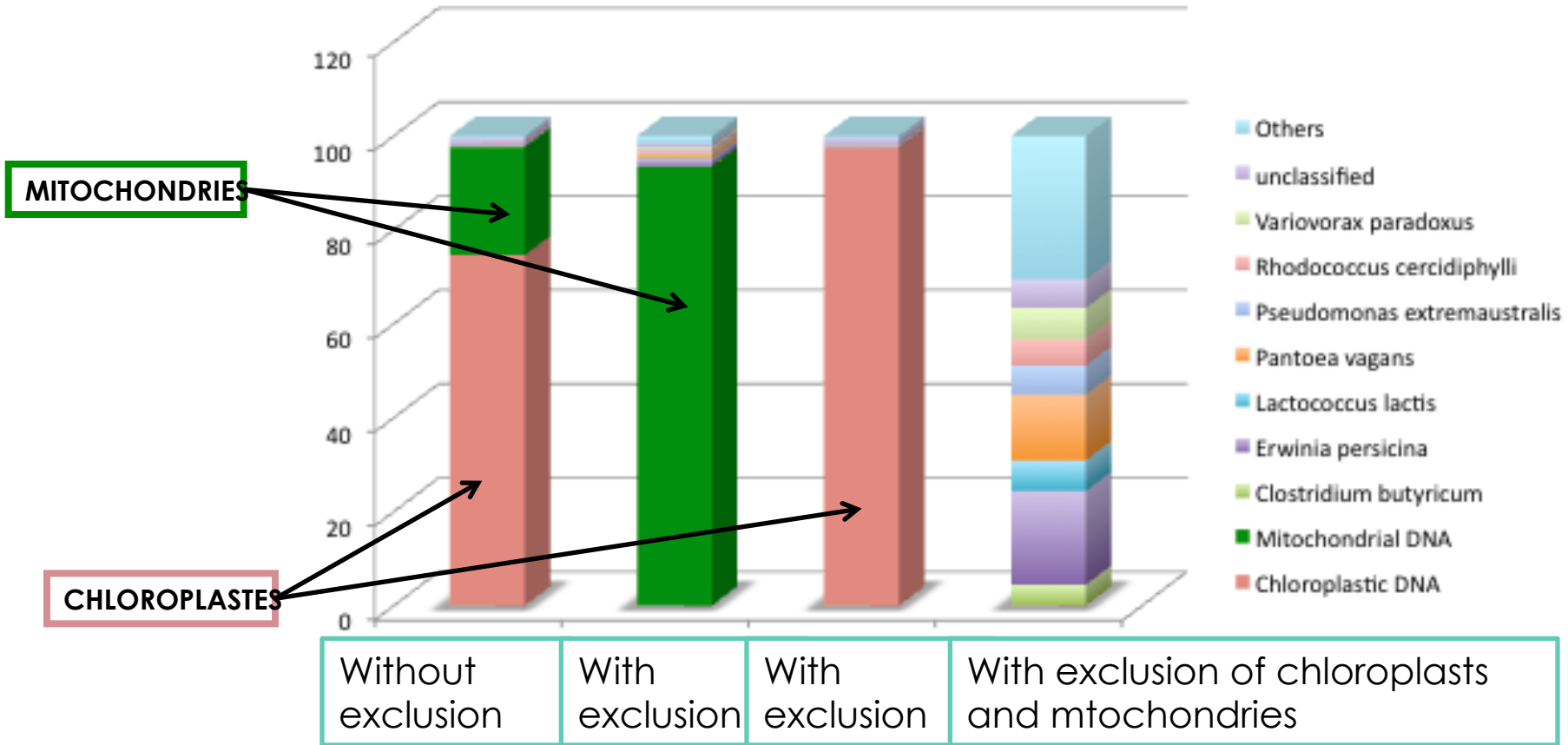
CASE STUDY 6

Patents

PATENTED



Exclusion of dominant chloroplasts



CASE STUDY 6

Yoghourt

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Exclusion of dominant taxa in fermented product



Lactobacillus delbruckii subsp. *bulgaricus*

Streptococcus salivarius subsp. *thermophilus*

Other bacterial flora ?

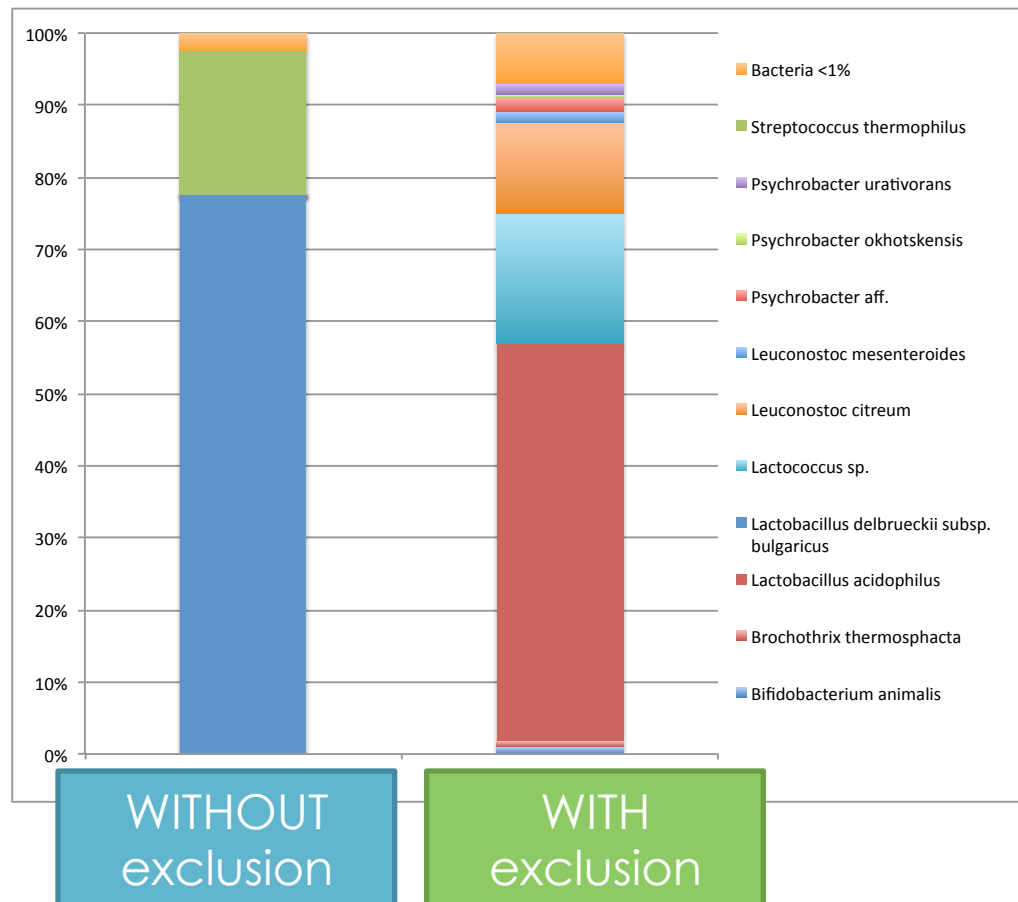
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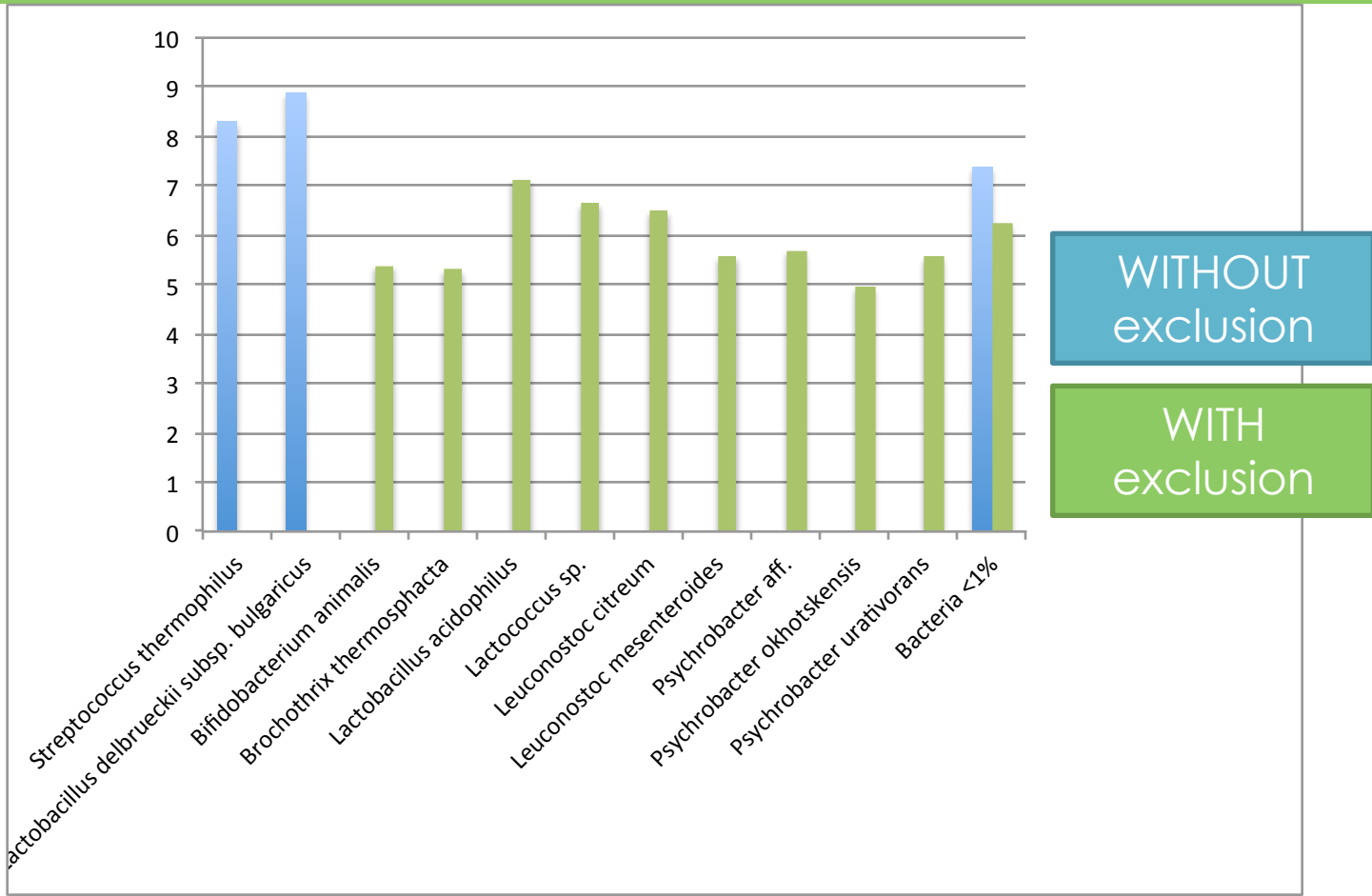
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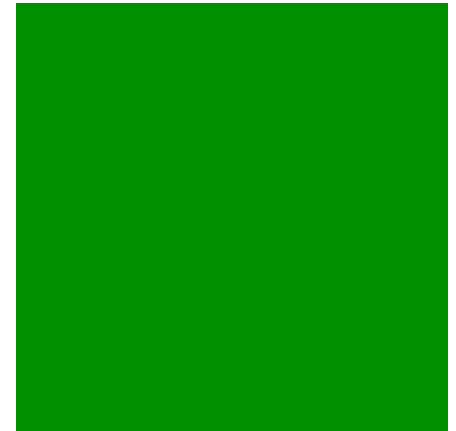
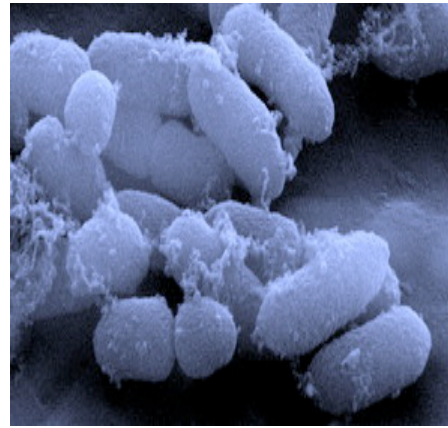
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Exclusion of dominant taxa in fermented product





Conclusions

We are your partner

An integrated approach with exclusive services

- **Sampling preparations**

- ⇒ Exclusion of specific taxa, dead bacteria or chloroplasts
- ⇒ Extraction on different types of samples (food , fecal sample, environment, surfaces, etc)
- ⇒ Complete preparation of samples (from extraction to the bioinformatics)
- ⇒ Complementary techniques Real-time PCR, flow cytometer

- **High throughput sequencing**

- ⇒ Most recent and reliable sequencer
- ⇒ Flexibility
- ⇒ Fast (10 open days)
- ⇒ Targeted metagenomics or genome sequencing

- **Bio-Informatics & scientific support**

- ⇒ Automatic or customized Pipeline
- ⇒ Flexible
- ⇒ Statistical analysis
- ⇒ **Scientific support (microbiologist, helpdesk)**

customized
services



our products and services
customized to suit
your needs



Take home message



- A new starting era for food microbiology
- A revisited vision of food ecosystems
- Exciting and promising future tools
- Already available for food industries (QC, innovation, trouble shooting)
- Competitive price (comparable with classical microbiology)

The future is :

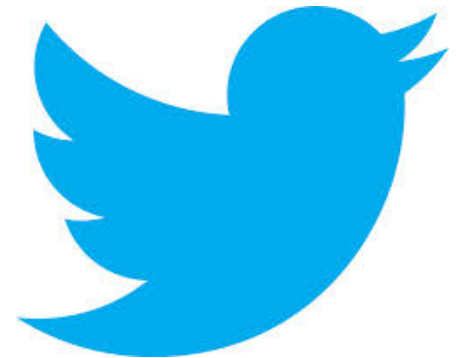
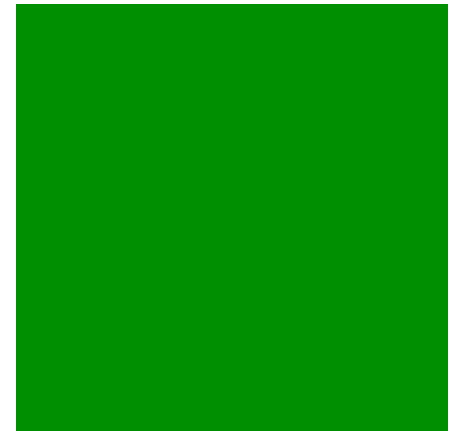
- Widespread the technology and bioinformatics tools
- Routine technique



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