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## LACTIC ACID BACTERIA - RELEVANT FEATURES

### LACTIC ACID BACTERIA

Coccus and rod-shaped

Gram (+)

Catalase (-)

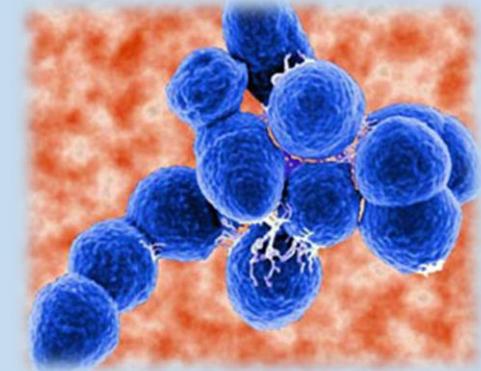
Non  
sporulating

GRAS

High nutritional demands

Strictly fermentative metabolism

Aerotolerant



# LACTIC ACID BACTERIA - RELEVANT FEATURES

## Properties and technological applications

### Fermented food and beverages

- *Lactococcus lactis*
- *Lactobacillus delbrueckii*
- *Streptococcus thermophilus*
- *Lactobacillus paracasei*
- *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*



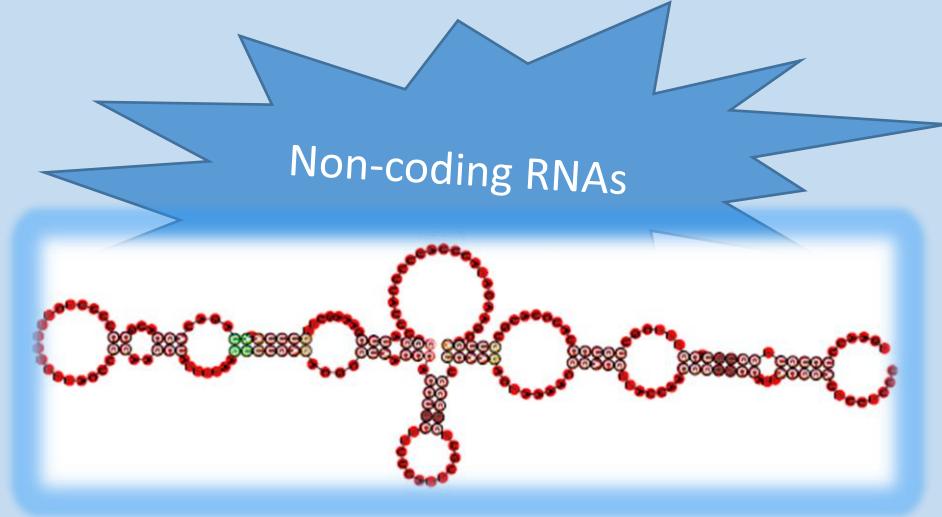
### Oportunistic pathogens

- *Abiotrophia defectiva*
- *Aerococcus sanguinicola*
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- *Enterococcus gallinarum*





Stress resistance



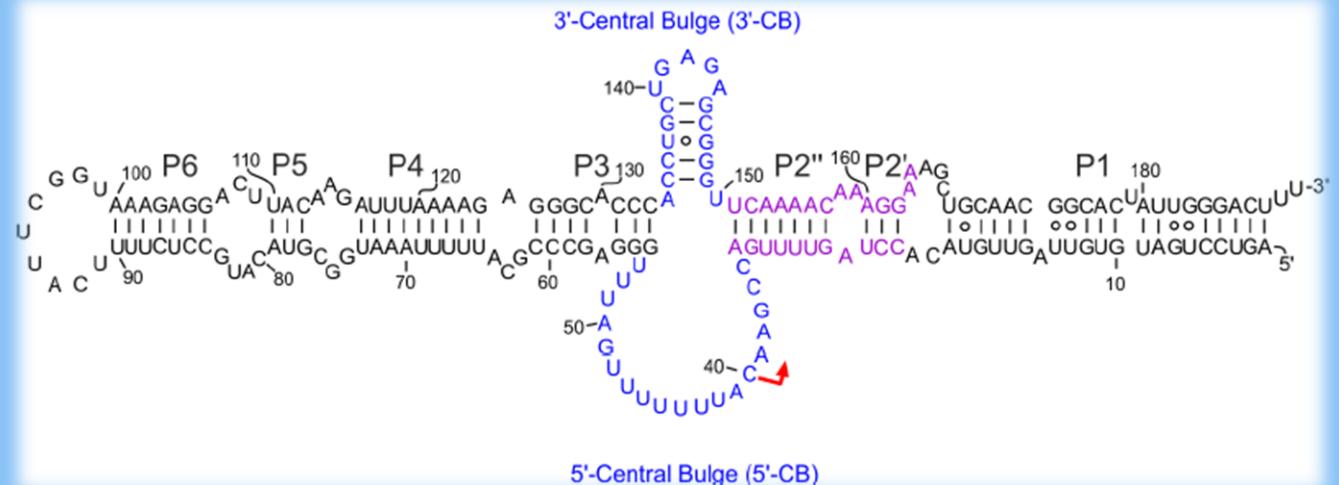
## Main objective

Identification and characterization of 6S RNAs and pRNAs in LAB species

# 6S RNA

# Main characteristics and mechanism

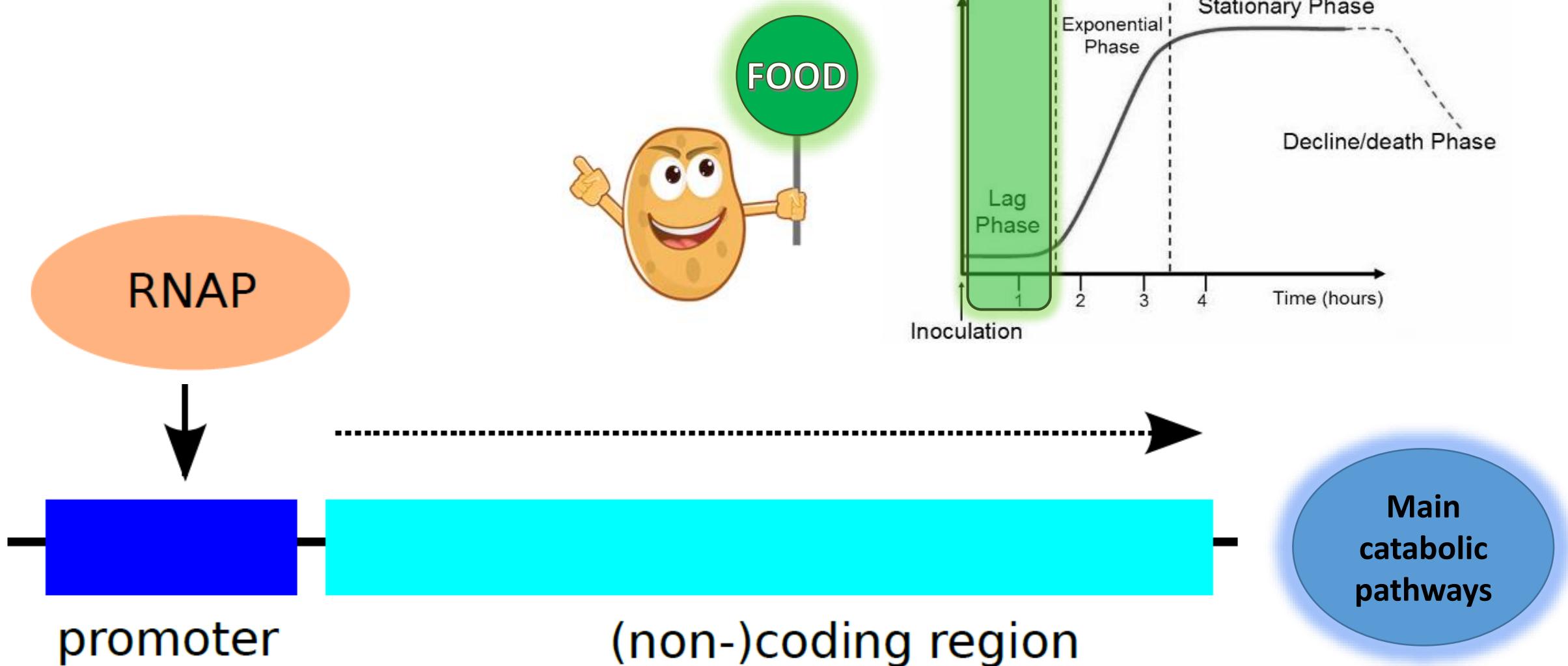
- Small regulatory non-coding RNA
  - 160-200 nt in length
  - Adopts a rod-shaped structure with a large internal loop flanked by largely helical arms on both sides
  - Model organisms: *Escherichia coli* – *Bacillus subtilis*



(Beckmann et al., 2012).

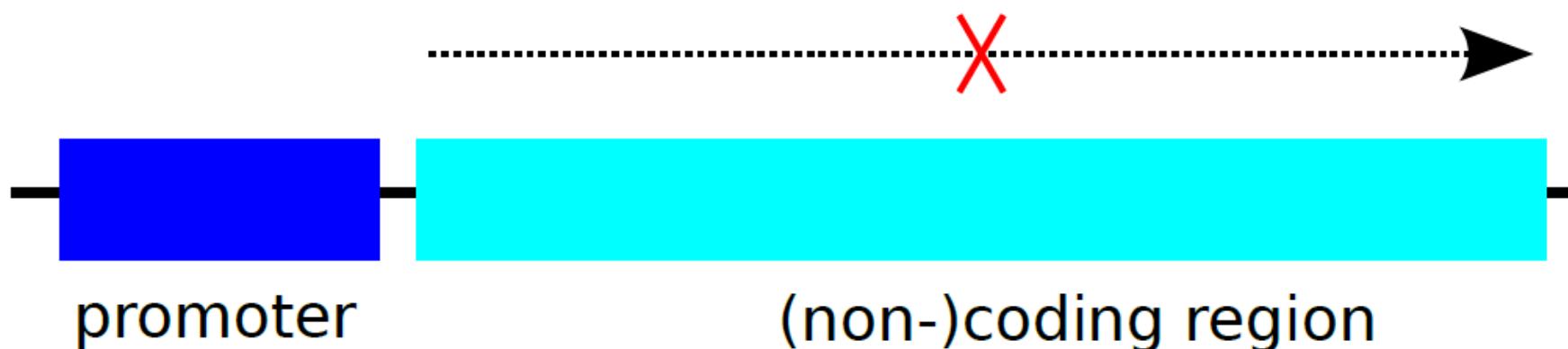
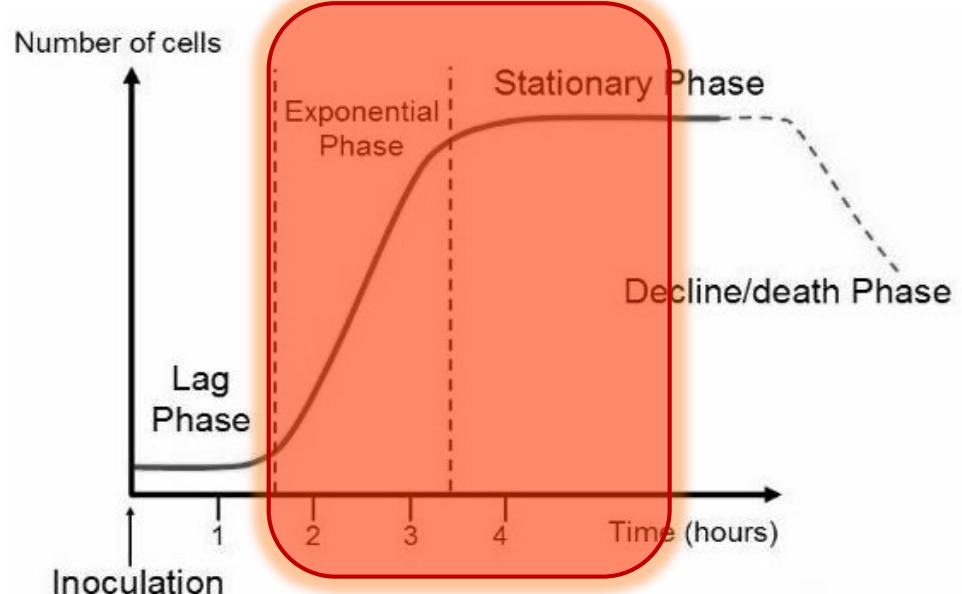
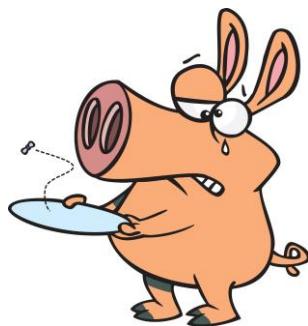
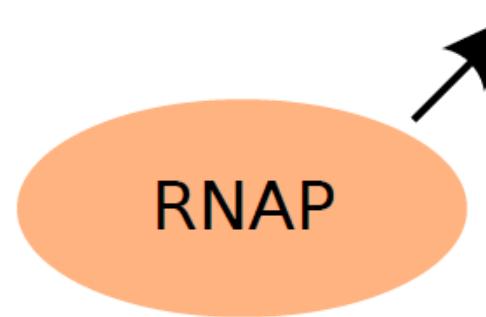
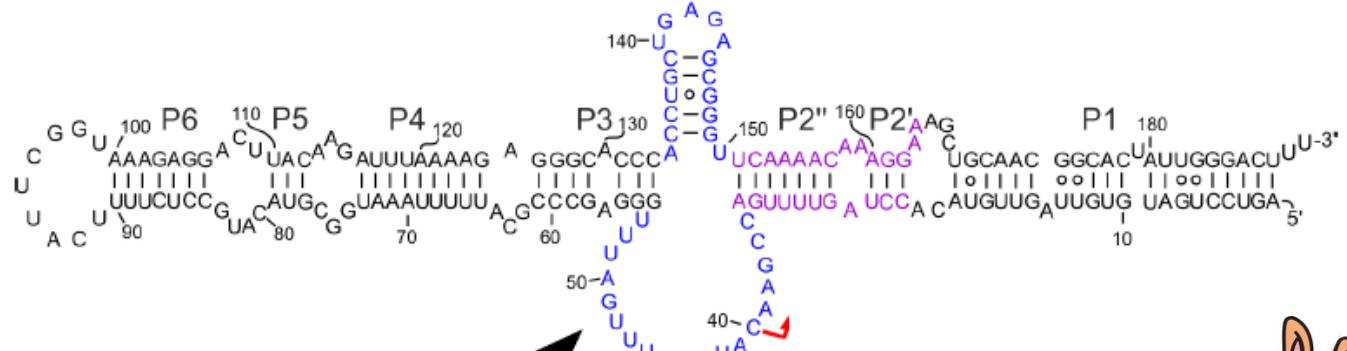
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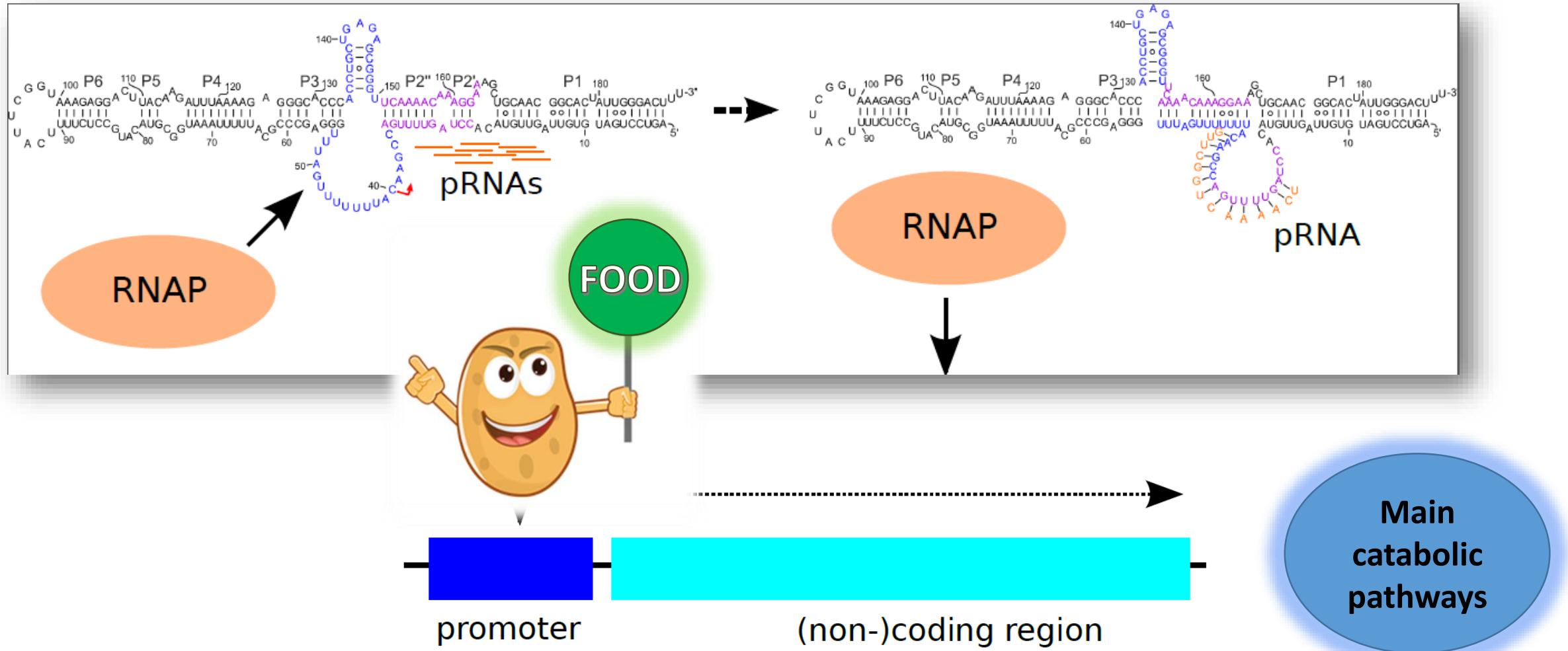
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# 6S RNA

## Main characteristics and mechanism: OUTGROWTH



# LACTIC ACID BACTERIA AND 6S RNA

## What is known so far?



REVIEW ARTICLE

### The Evolution of gene regulation research in *Lactococcus lactis*

Jan Kok\*, Lieke A. van Gijtenbeek, Anne de Jong, Sjoerd B. van der Meulen, Ana Solopova and Oscar P. Kuipers

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### A simple and efficient method to search for selected primary transcripts: non-coding and antisense RNAs in the human pathogen *Enterococcus faecalis*

Aymeric Fouquier d'Hérouel<sup>1,2</sup>, Françoise Wessner<sup>1</sup>, David Halpern<sup>1</sup>, Joseph Ly-Vu<sup>1</sup>, Sean P. Kennedy<sup>1</sup>, Pascale Serradell<sup>1</sup>, Erik Aurell<sup>2</sup> and Francis Repoila<sup>1,\*</sup>

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### Early Transcriptome Response of *Lactococcus lactis* to Environmental Stresses Reveals Differentially Expressed Small Regulatory RNAs and tRNAs

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### RESEARCH PAPER

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# GENOMES SELECTION

## *Lactobacillales* order

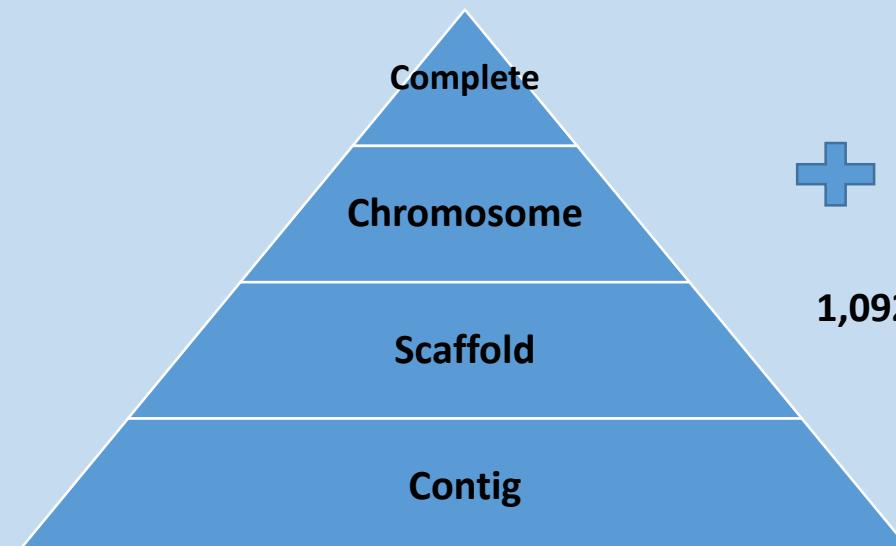
6 Families

Family	Genus	stains / available
Aerococcaceae	<i>Abiotrophia</i>	1 / 2
	<i>Aerococcus</i>	8 / 61
	<i>Dulosicoccus</i>	2 / 3
	<i>Eremococcus</i>	1 / 2
	<i>Facklamia</i>	3 / 9
	<i>Globicatella</i>	1 / 4
Carnobacteriaceae	<i>Agitococcus</i>	1 / 1
	<i>Alkalibacterium</i>	1 / 8
	<i>Allofustis</i>	1 / 1
	<i>Atopobacter</i>	1 / 1
	<i>Atopococcus</i>	1 / 1
	<i>Carnobacterium</i>	9 / 41
	<i>Dulosigranulum</i>	10 / 12
	<i>Granulicatella</i>	1 / 7
	<i>Jeotgalibaca</i>	1 / 4
	<i>Lacticigenium</i>	1 / 1
Enterococcaceae	<i>Marinilactibacillus</i>	1 / 5
	<i>Trichococcus</i>	7 / 15
	<i>Bavariicoccus</i>	1 / 1
	<i>Enterococcus</i>	114 / 2105
	<i>Melissococcus</i>	2 / 14
Lactobacillaceae	<i>Tetragenococcus</i>	5 / 19
	<i>Lactobacillus</i>	460 / 1680
	<i>Pediococcus</i>	25 / 61
Leuconostocaceae	<i>Sharpea</i>	1 / 4
	<i>Convivina</i>	1 / 1
	<i>Fructobacillus</i>	5 / 9
	<i>Leuconostoc</i>	23 / 118
	<i>Oenococcus</i>	3 / 208
	<i>Vagococcus</i>	4 / 6
	<i>Weissella</i>	23 / 43
Streptococcaceae	<i>Floridococcus</i>	2 / 2
	<i>Lactococcus</i>	44 / 168
	<i>Streptococcus</i>	328 / 12076

Genra with potential pathogenic species

Genra with technological and health positive features

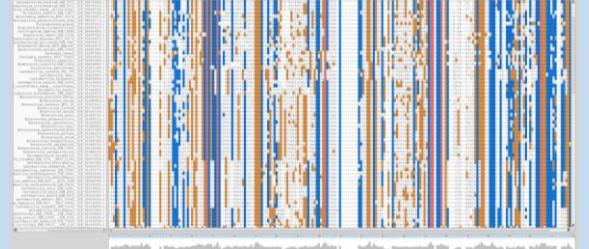
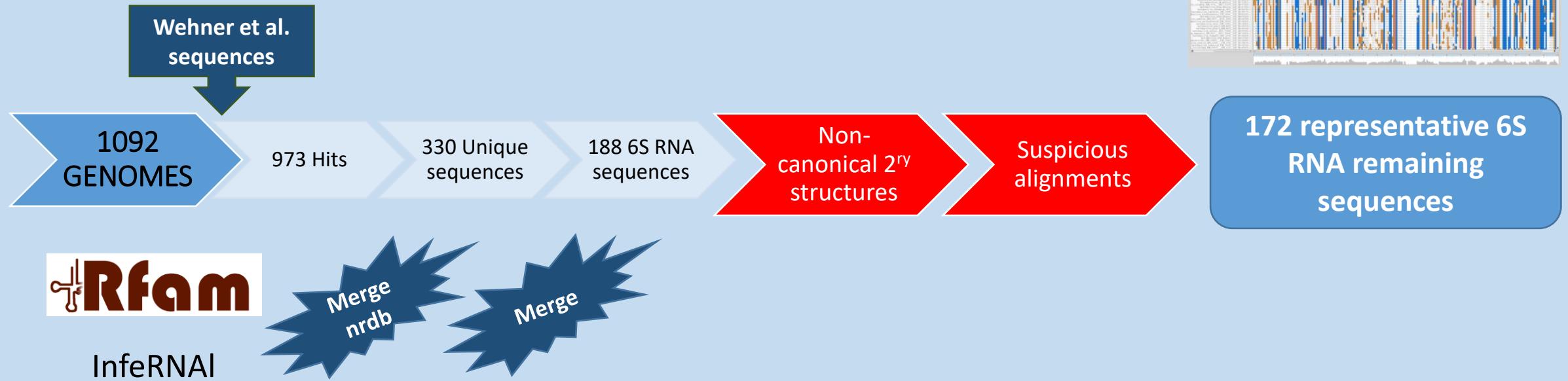
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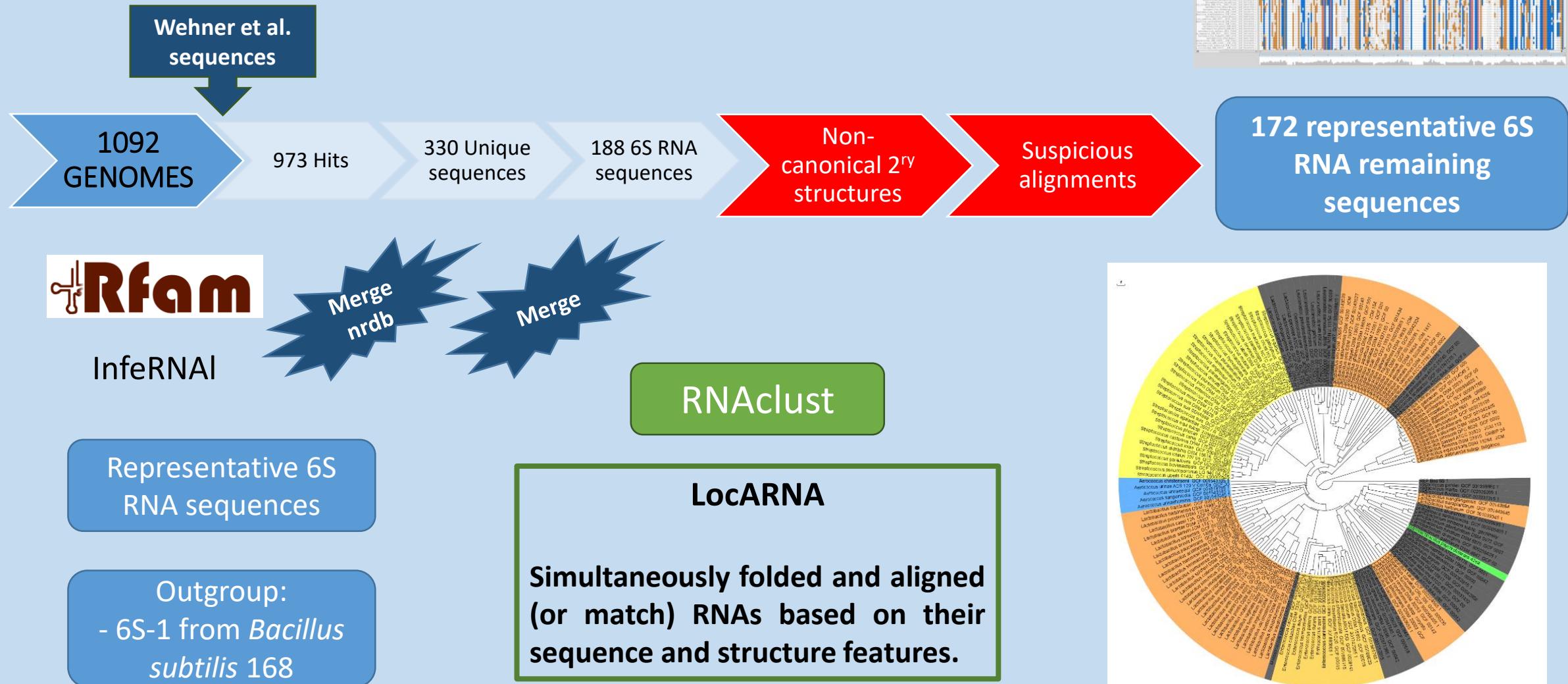
13 strains (CERELA-CONICET)

1,092 genomes were considered in this study

## 6S RNA alignment + Clustering



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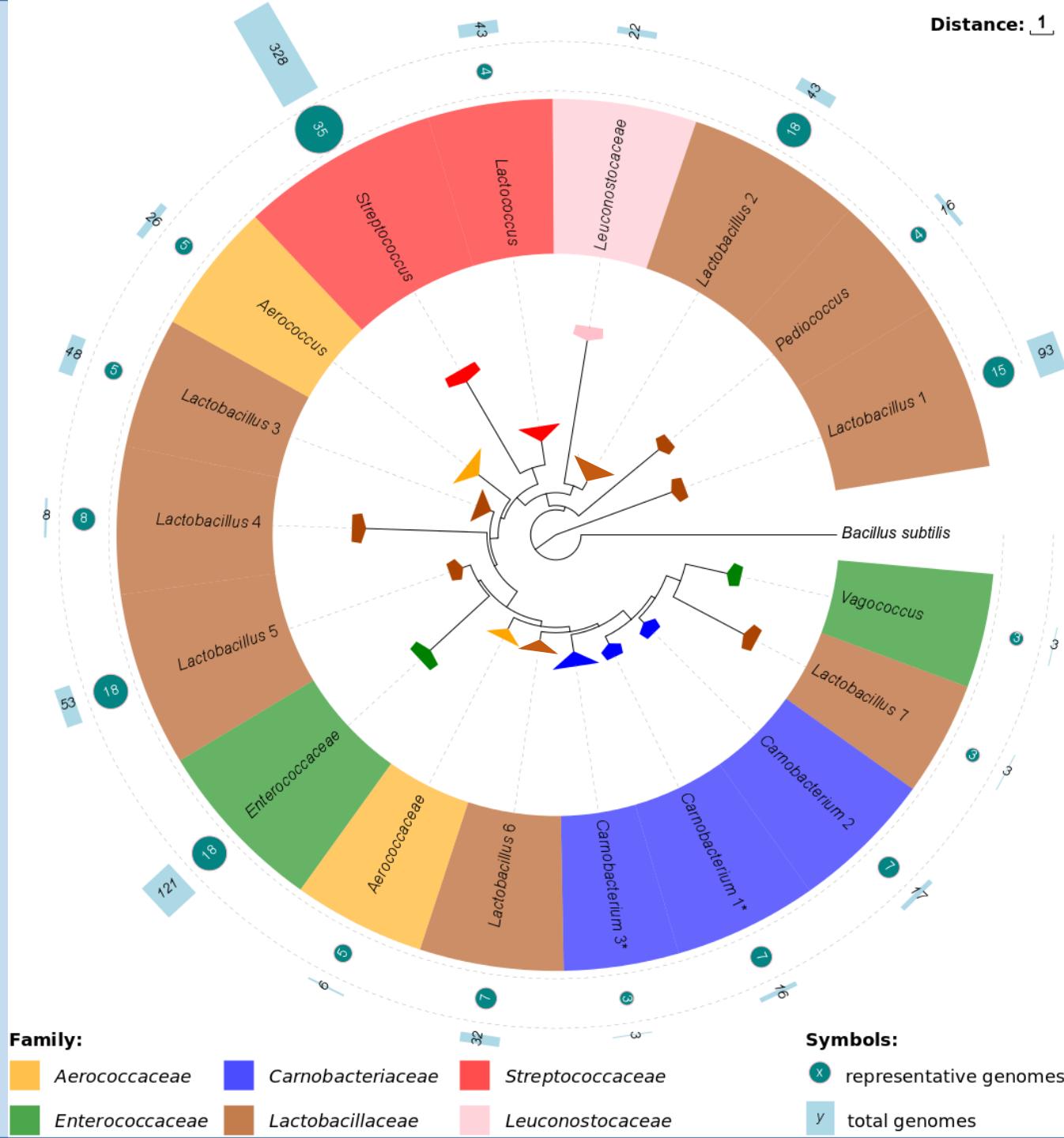


6S RNA -

Weisella

Fructobacillus

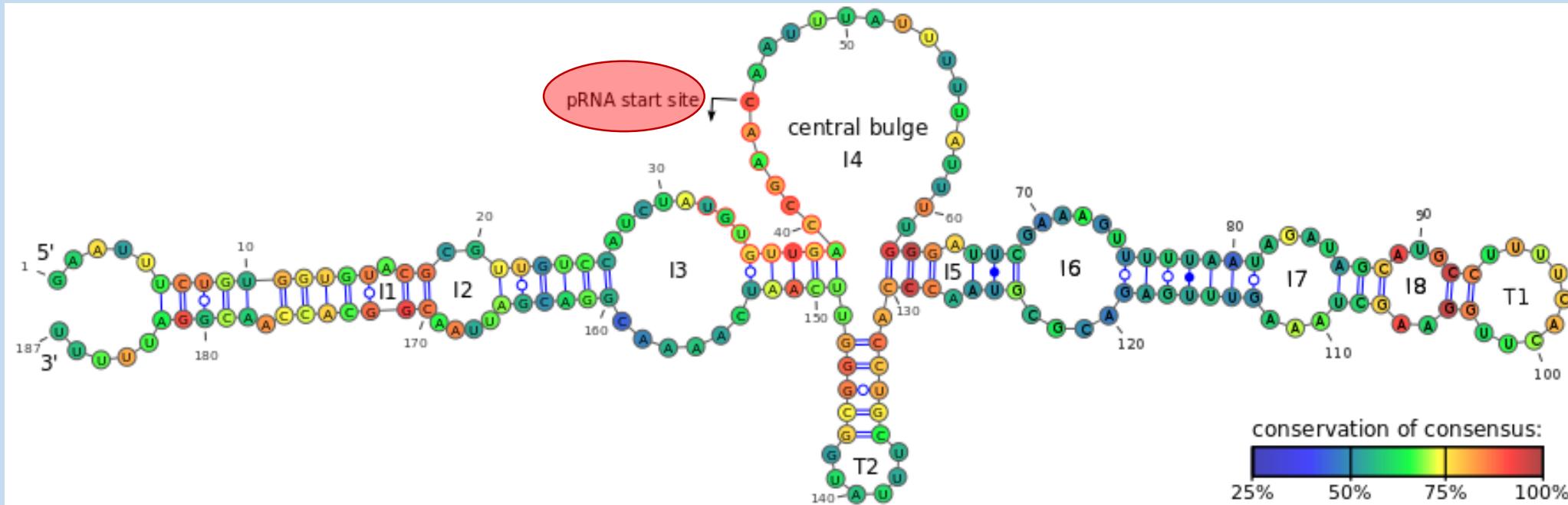
Lactobacillus



Genetic  
heterogeneity within  
the *Lactobacillaceae*  
family

# 6S RNA secondary structure analysis

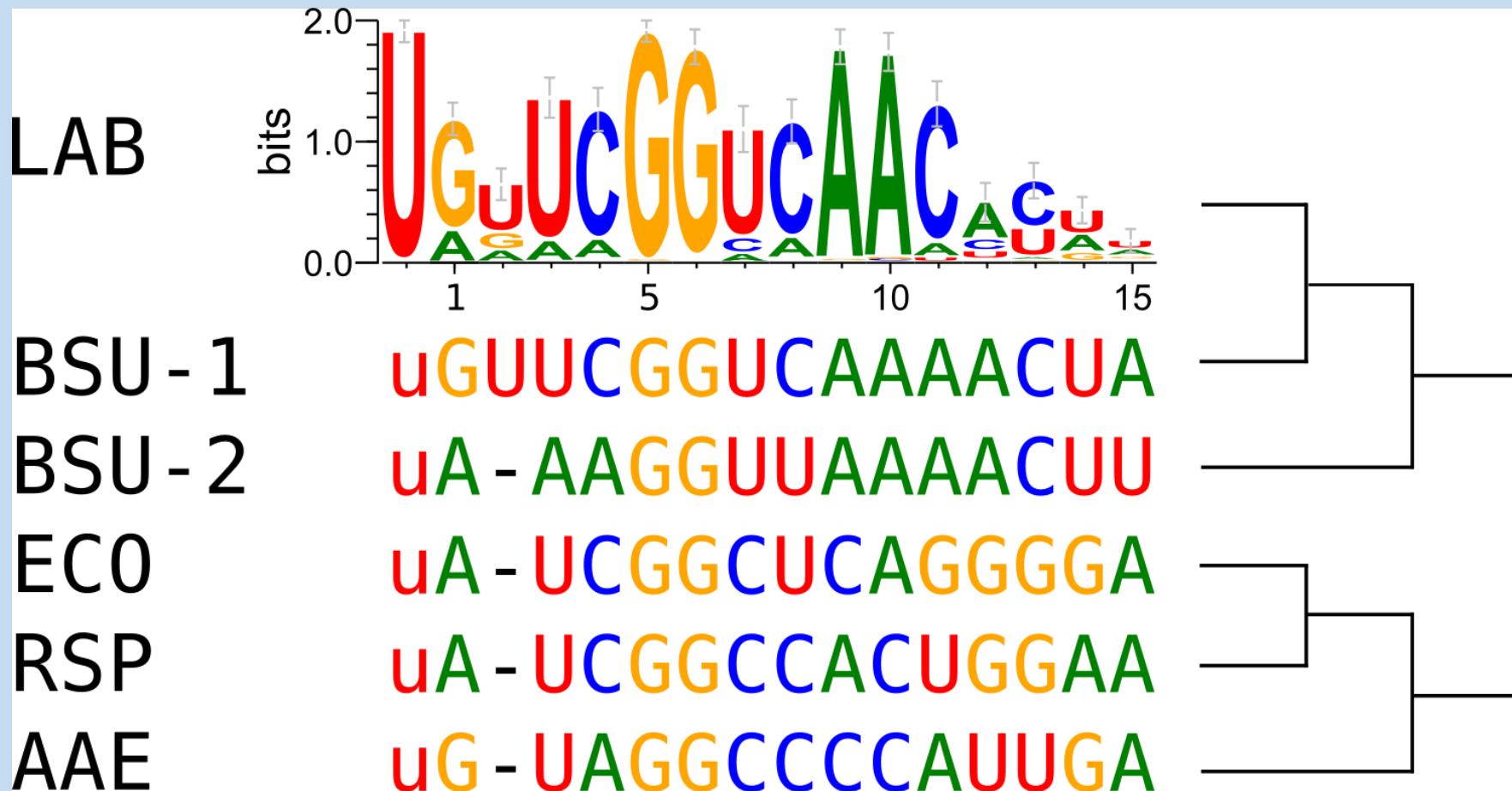
## 6S RNA Consensus secondary structure for LAB (VARNA)



Canonical secondary  
structure

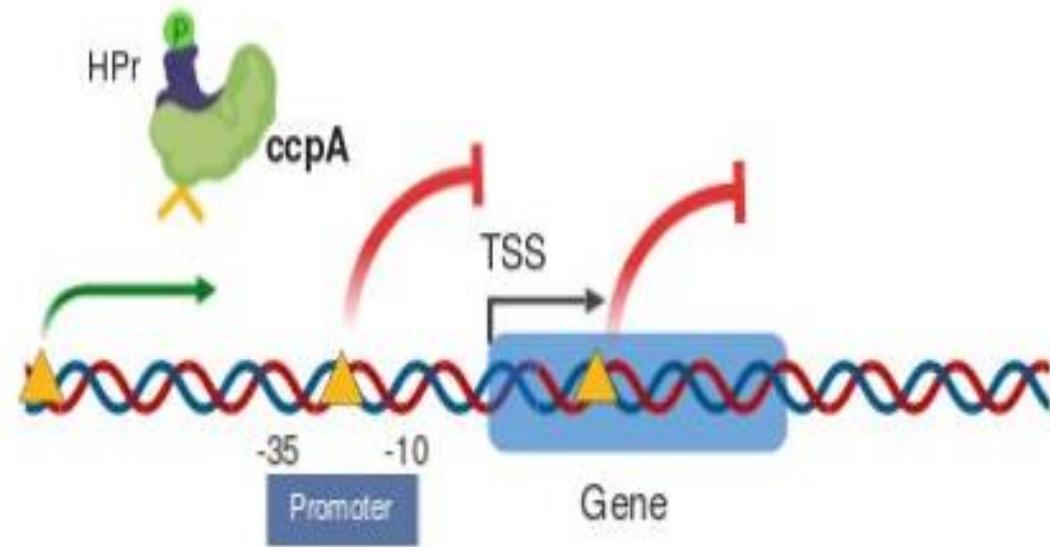
Well conserved  
central region

## pRNAs prediction and analysis



pRNA Motif = New criteria for 6S RNA detection and function?

## CRE Sites



- Degenerate pseudo-palindromes
- Conserved in low GC % Gram (+)
- Are recognized by CCPA

## Key role in C catabolite repression

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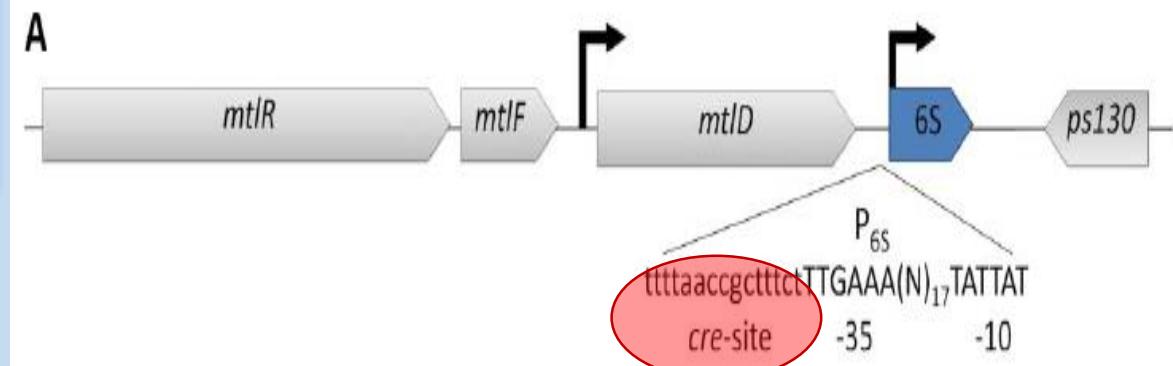


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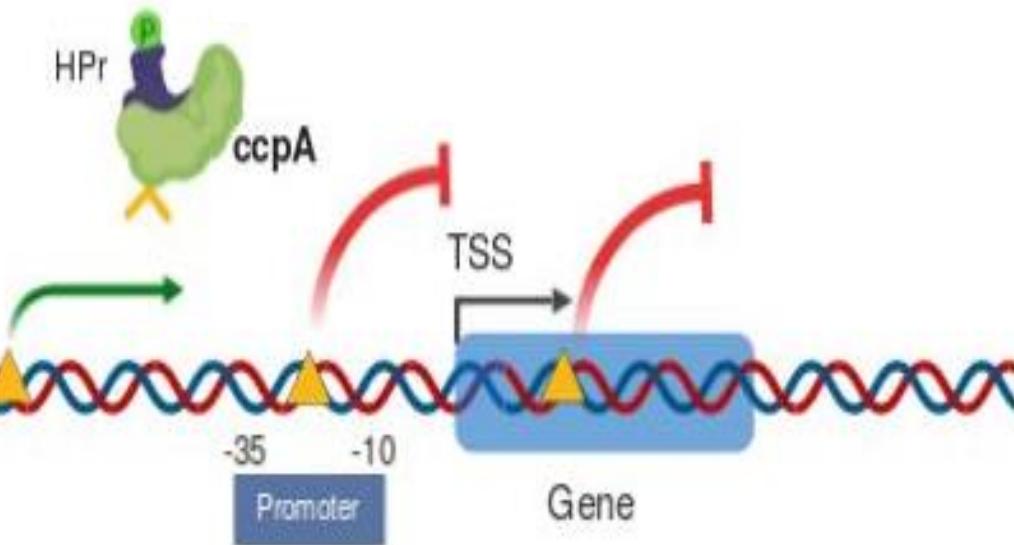
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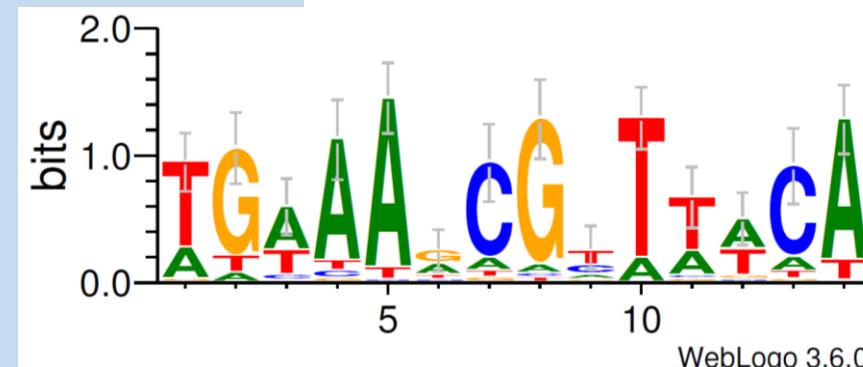
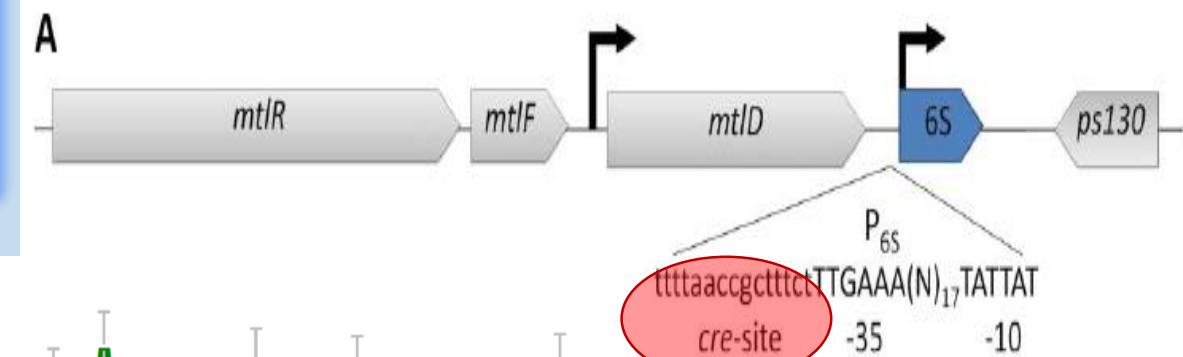


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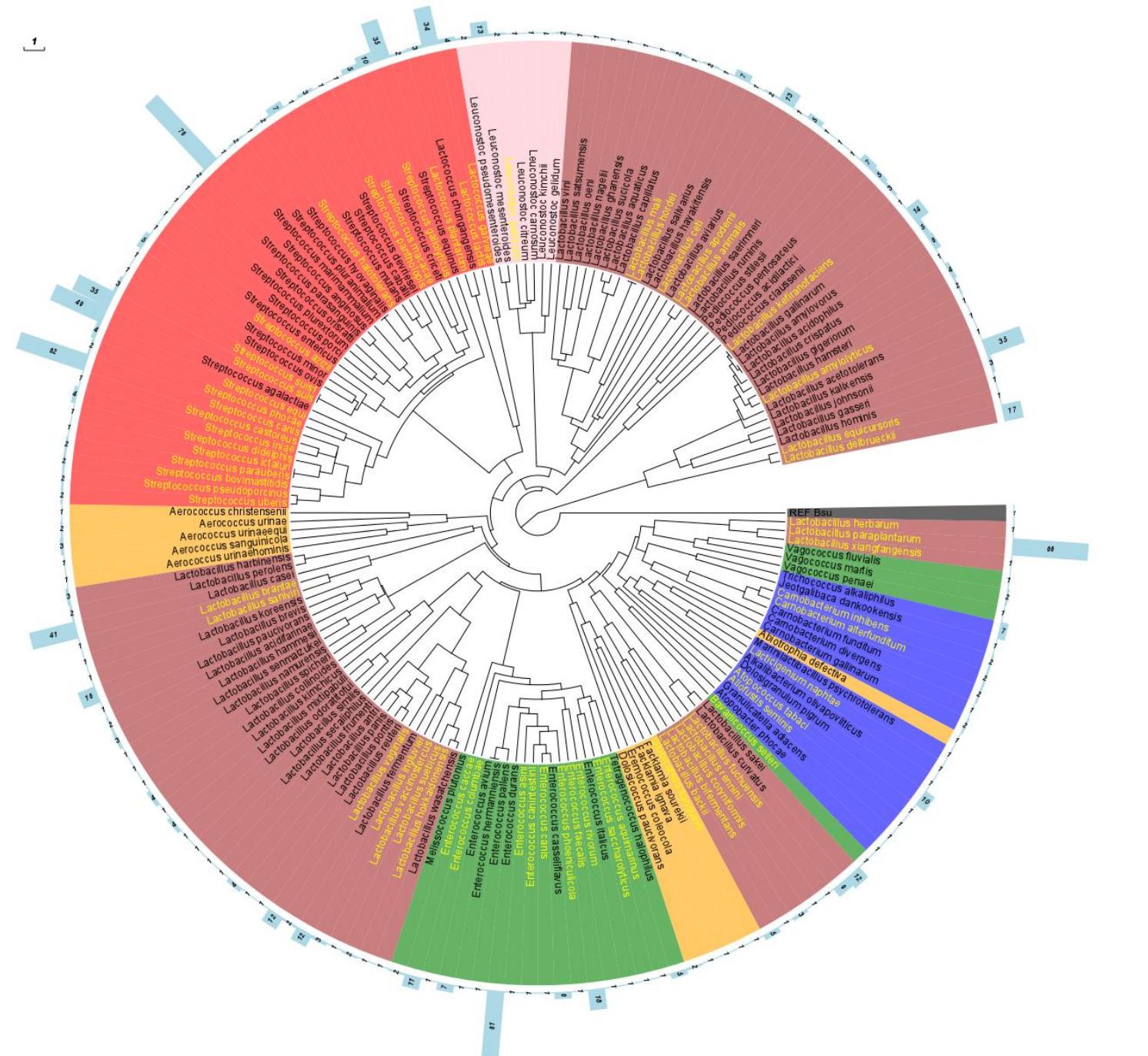
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# CRE Sites analysis

# 200 nt upstream 6S RNA + 6S RNA

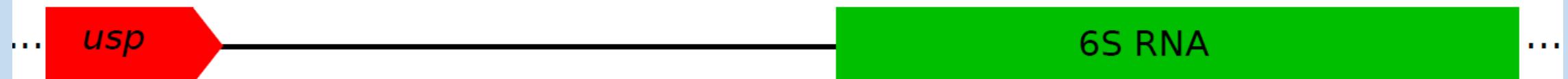
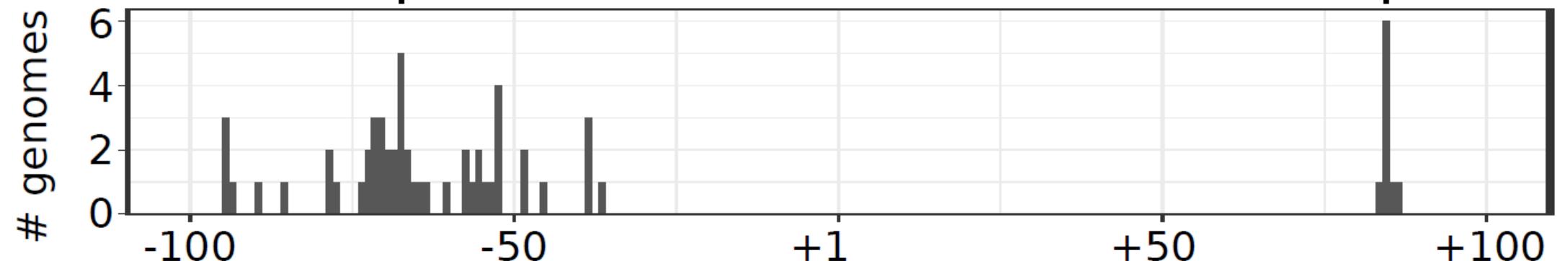
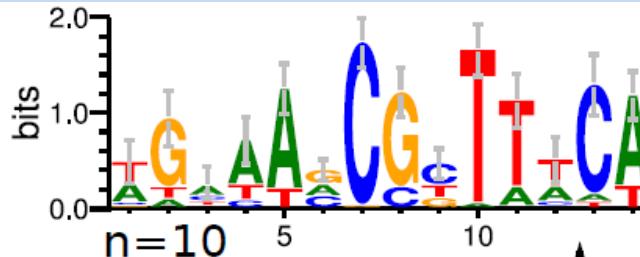
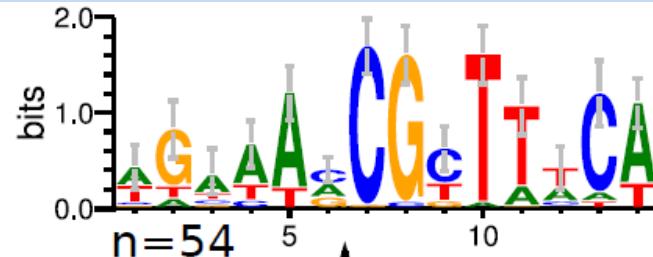


## Present in all 6 LAB families

## CRE Sites analysis

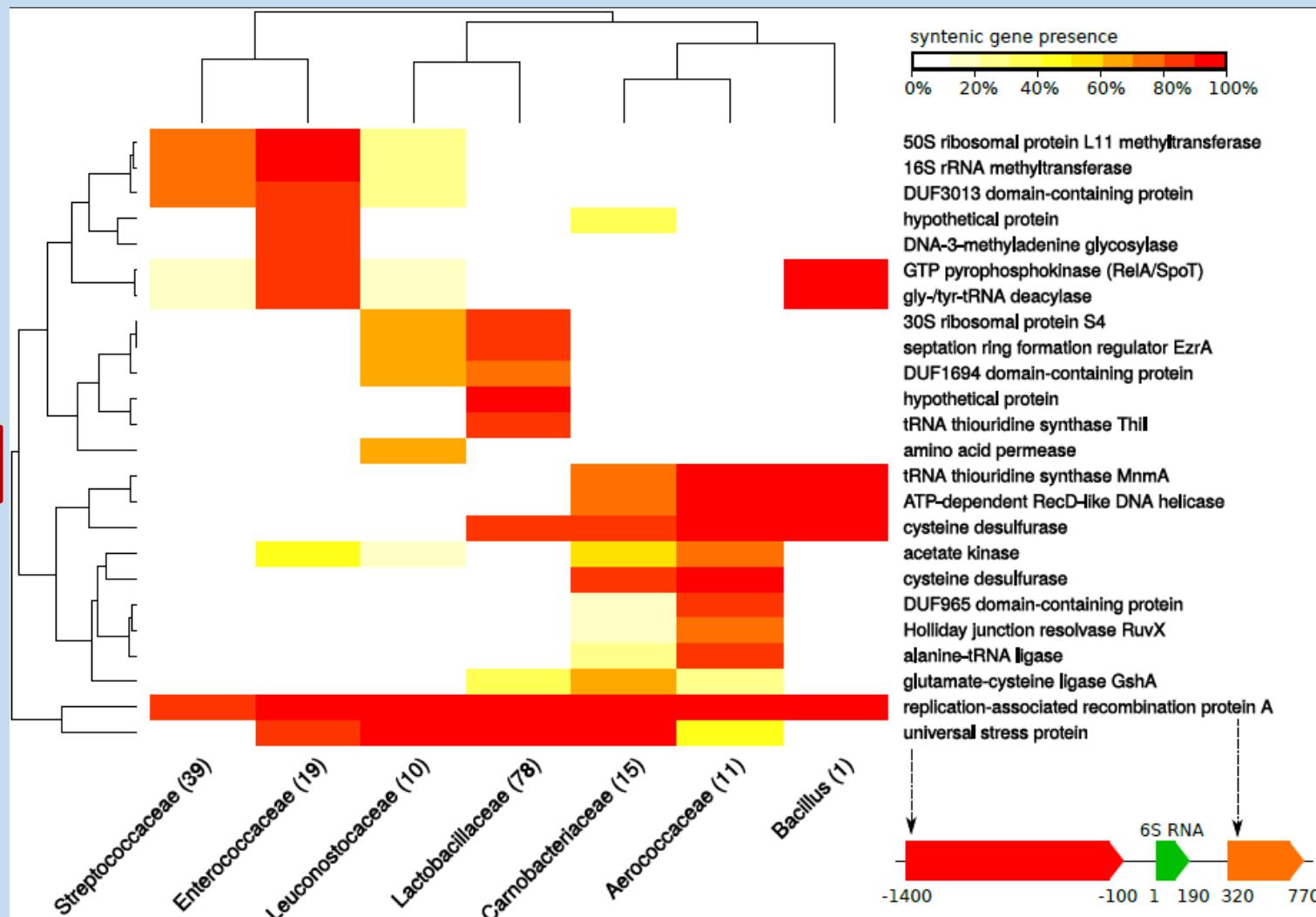
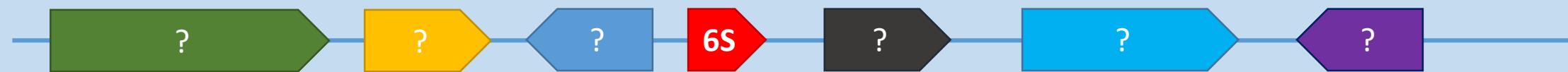
Putative  
activator role

Putative  
repressor role?



position of the strongest cre-site

## Synteny Analysis

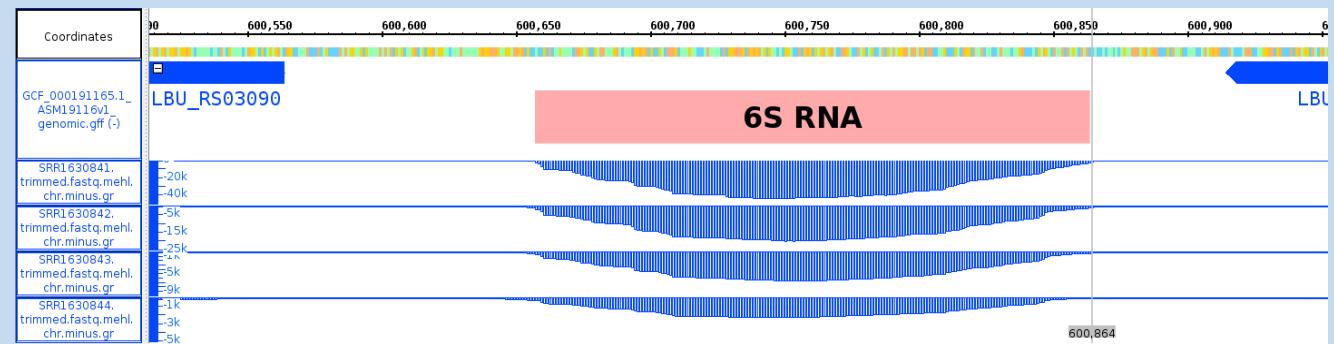


- Universal stress protein
- Replication-associated recombination protein A

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Lactobacillus plantarum LY- 78	YES	NO	3020579-3020748	1-3 k
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Lactobacillus crispatus ST1	NO	NO	778792-778973	110-120 k
Lactobacillus amylovorus GRL118	NO	NO	764895-764077	80-90 k
Lactobacillus acidophilus NCFM	NO	NO	767003-767196	50-60 k
Lactobacillus sakei 23K	NO	NO	824318-824492	38-55 k
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Enterococcus faecalis ATCC29212	YES	NO	956568-956747	800-1200 k
Streptococcus mutans UA159	NO	NO	1929963-1930135	1-7 k
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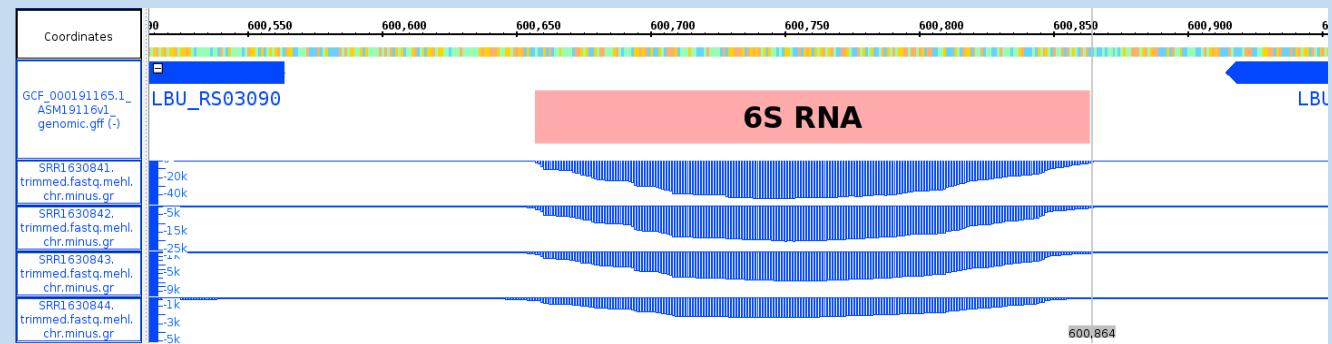


28 Data sets  
22 LAB species

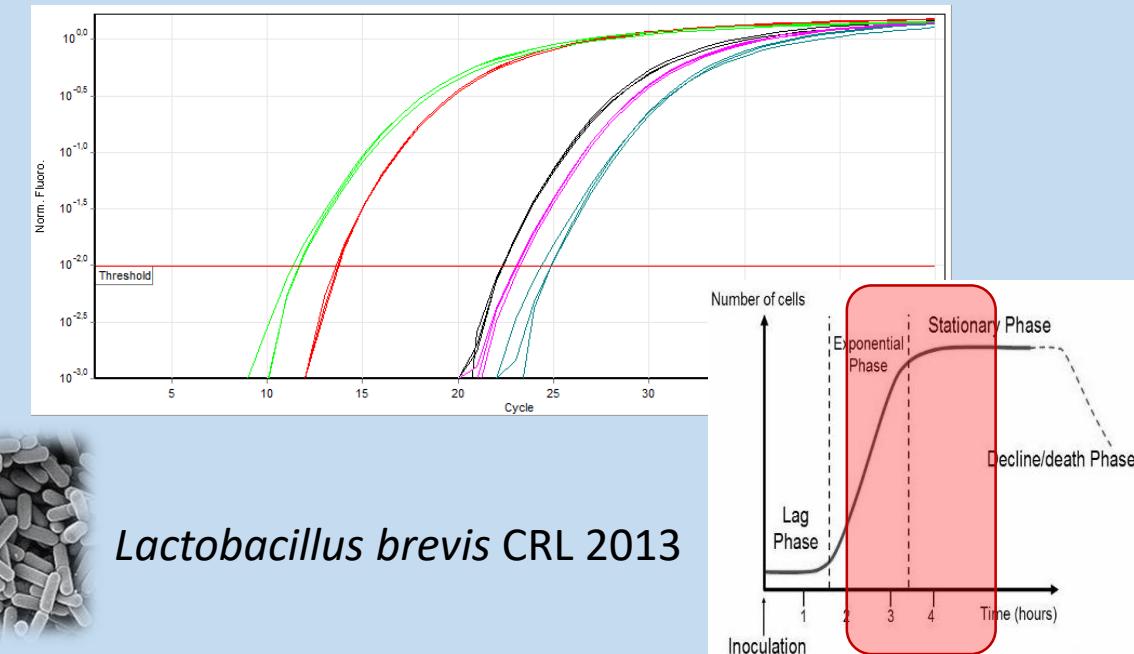
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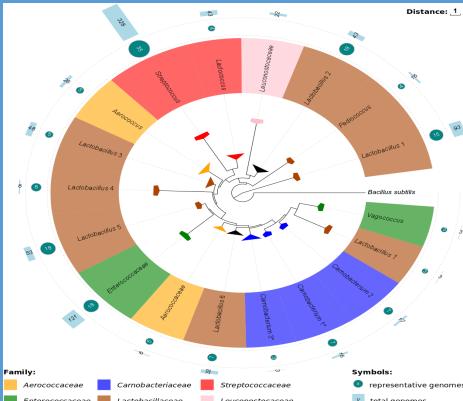


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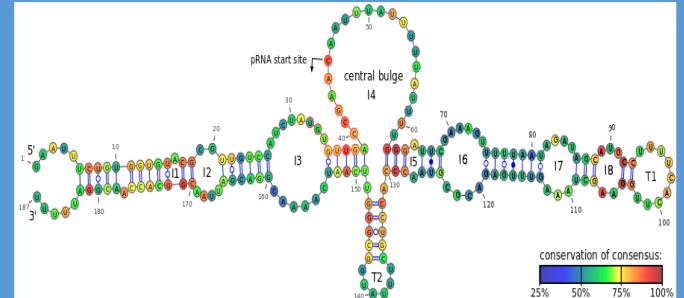


## CONCLUSIONS

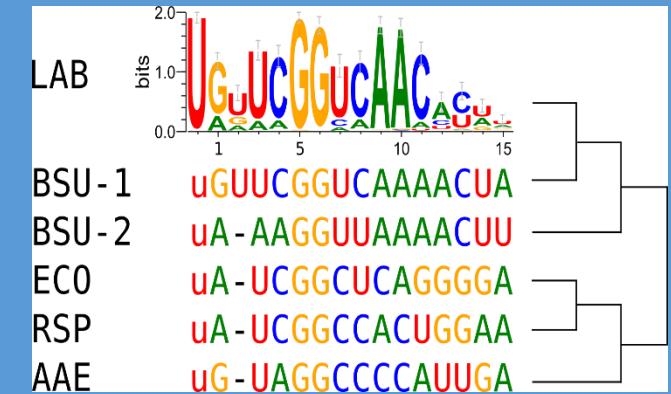
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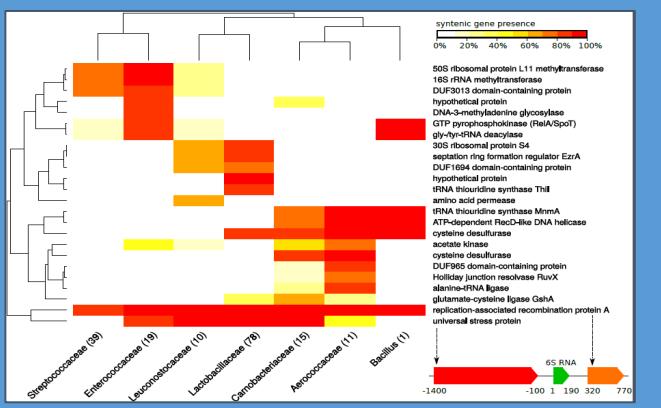
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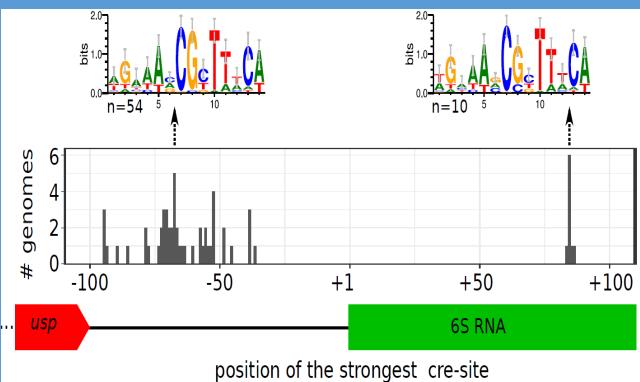
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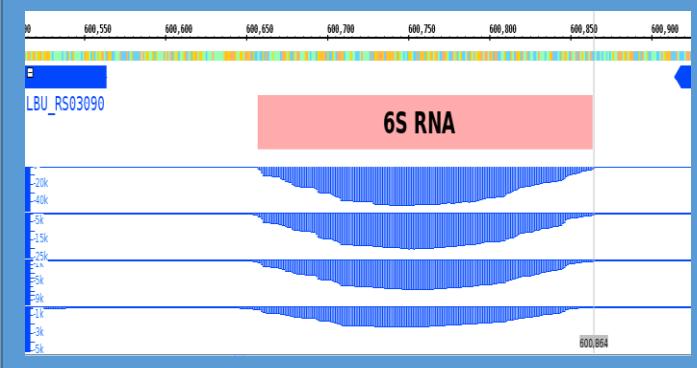
### Synteny



### cre sites



### Experimental



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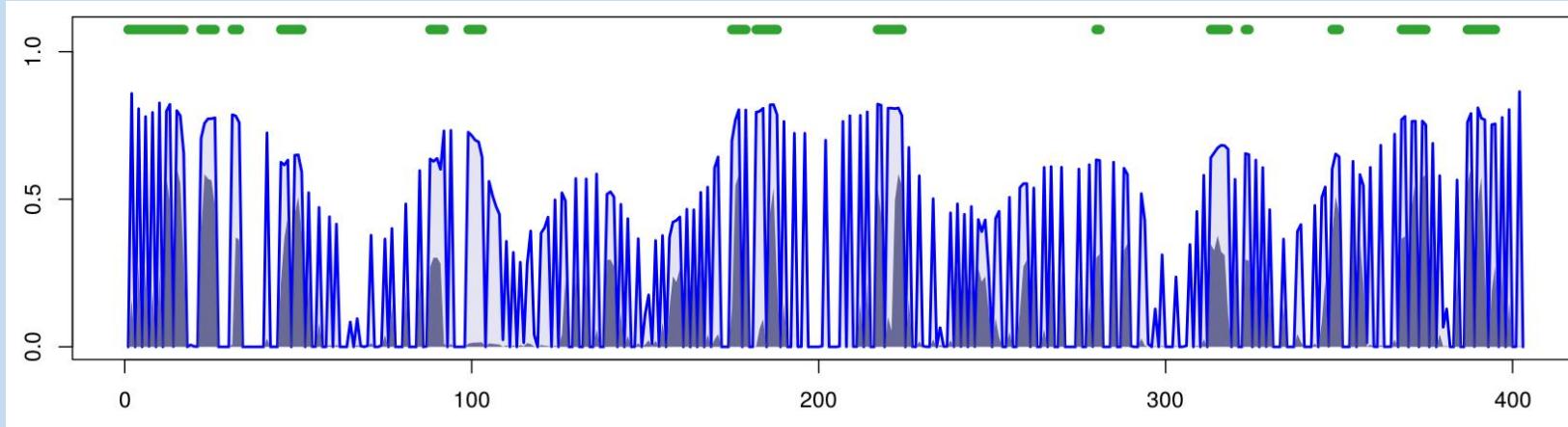


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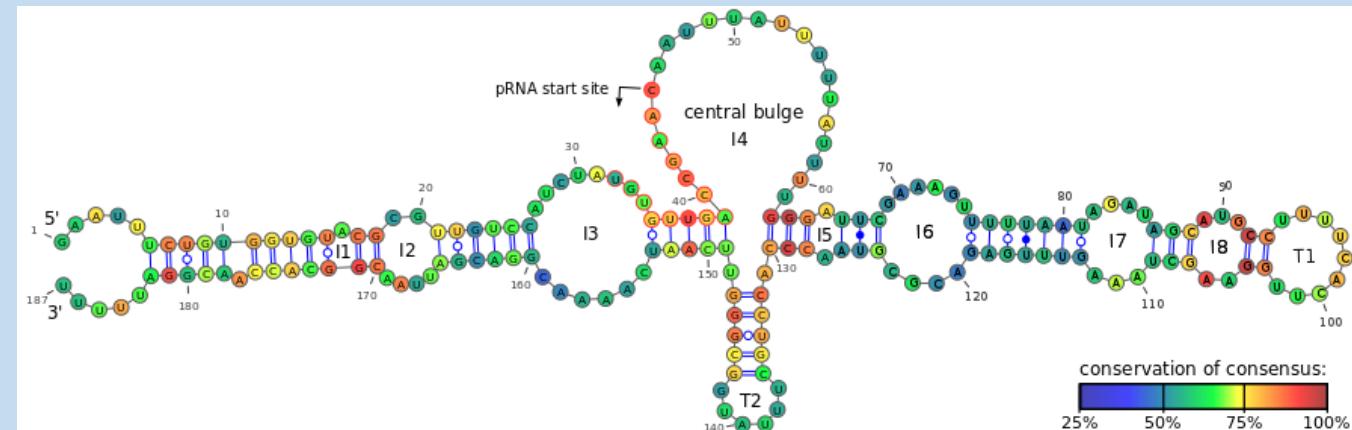
# 6S RNA in lactic acid bacteria

## 6S RNA secondary structure analysis

Reliability plot



## 6S RNA Consensus secondary structure for LAB (VARNA)



# 6S RNA in lactic acid bacteria

## pRNAs prediction

