

Linking Sequence to Metabolic Function

Case Studies

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1. Secondary Metabolism

Integration of genome sequencing, analysis of biosynthetic clusters, and secondary metabolite data

- Biochemical evidence for aminobacteriohopanetriol biosynthesis in proteobacteria

2. Primary Metabolism

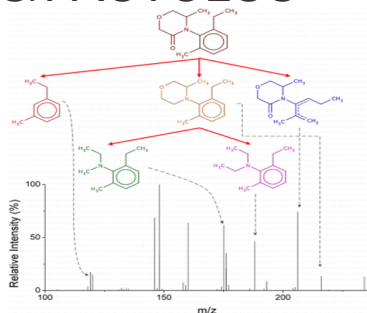
Identification of primary metabolites required for *Chloroflexi* growth in the Great Boiling Spring, Nevada

- Growth of *T. hughenoltzii* in the lab

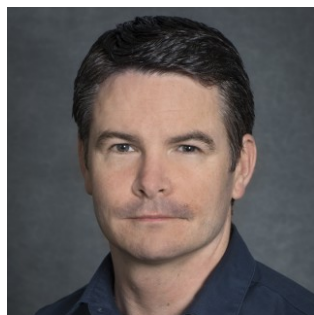
- **Primary Metabolism**
 - Involved in normal growth, development and reproduction
- **Secondary Metabolism**
 - Not directly involved in those processes, but has an important ecological function
 - Typically present in a taxonomically restricted set of organisms

Secondary Metabolite Identification from Diverse Soil Proteobacteria

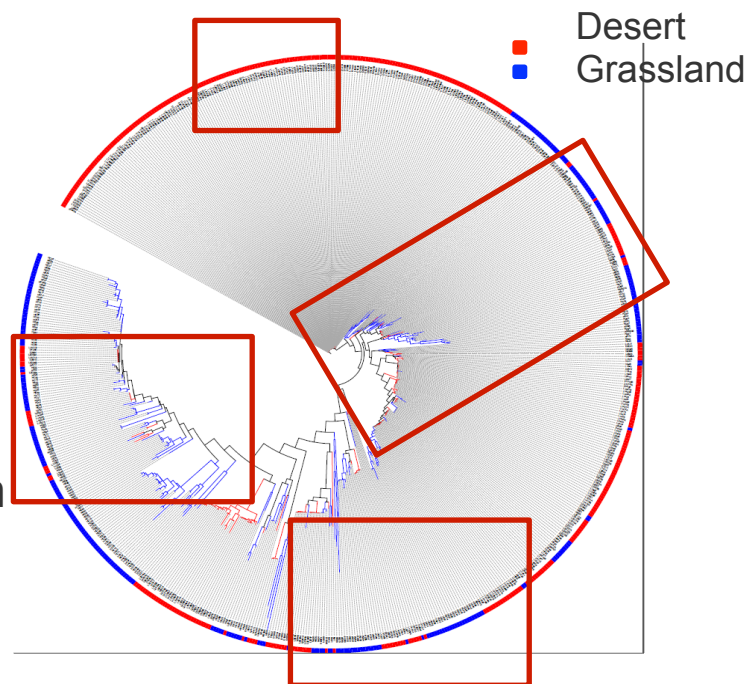
MIDAS/PACTOLUS



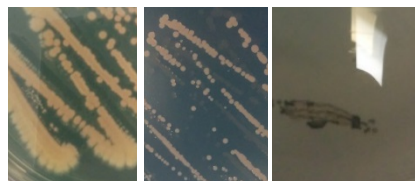
- Putative identification of metabolites missing from our standard libraries
- Link these putative IDs to their respective biosynthetic clusters



- Leveraged an existing isolate collection
Eoin Brodie (UCB/LBNL)



Secondary Metabolite Identification Protocol



Proteobacteria
isolates cultured in
1/10 R2A media

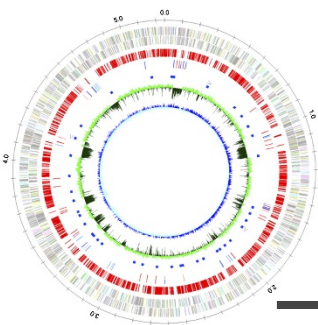


Exometabolites
extracted from the
media of each
sample
(quadruplicate)

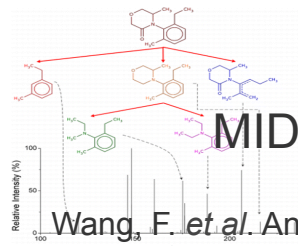
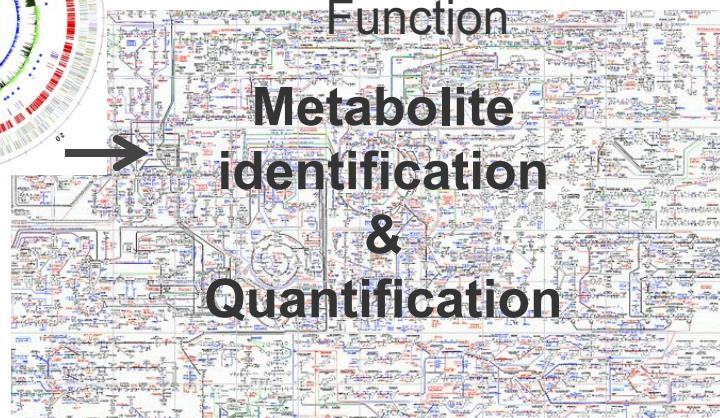


Reconstitute in MeOH +
internal standards (D₄-Lysine,
ABMBA, D₅-Benzoic Acid)

Sequence



Function
**Metabolite
identification
&
Quantification**



Wang, F. et al. Anal. Chem., 2014

Secondary
Metabolites

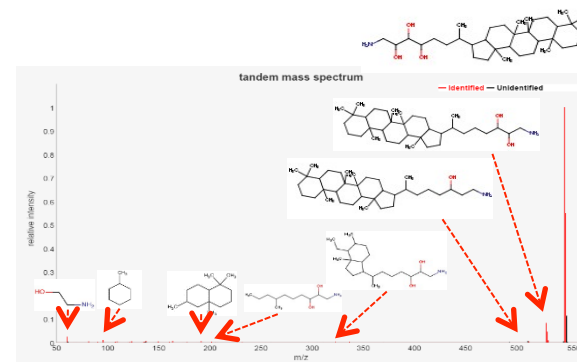
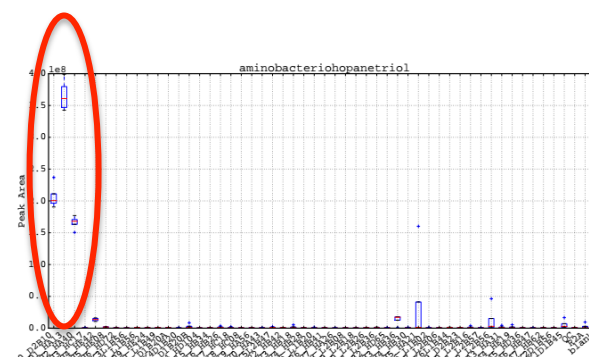
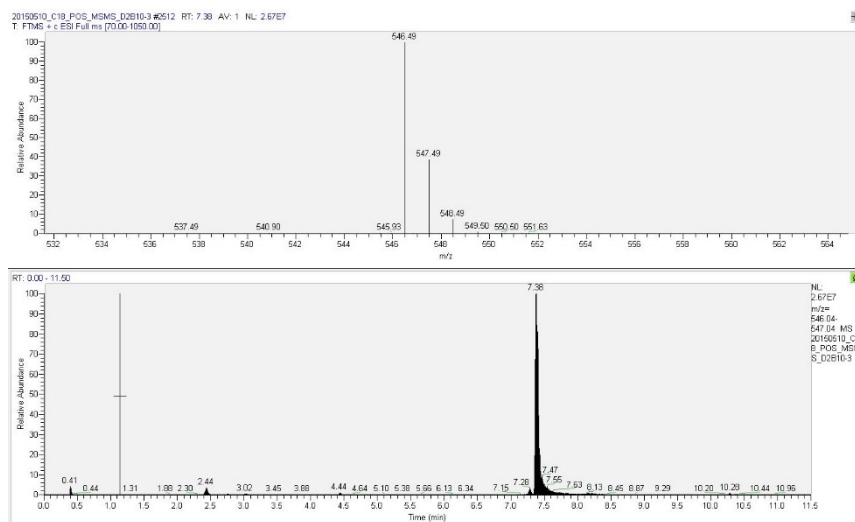
What are the microbes
releasing?

50 mm x 2.1mm, 1.8µm
Zorbax RRHD C18 (Agilent
Technologies)



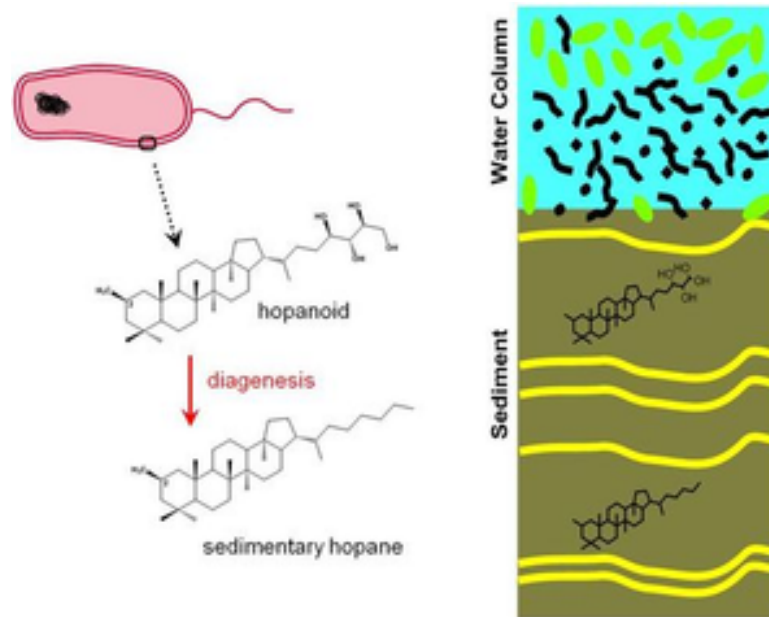
Identification of Aminobacteriohopanetriol

- Pactolus putatively identified 100's of compounds per sample.
- One compound of interest was only found to be released by 3 strains

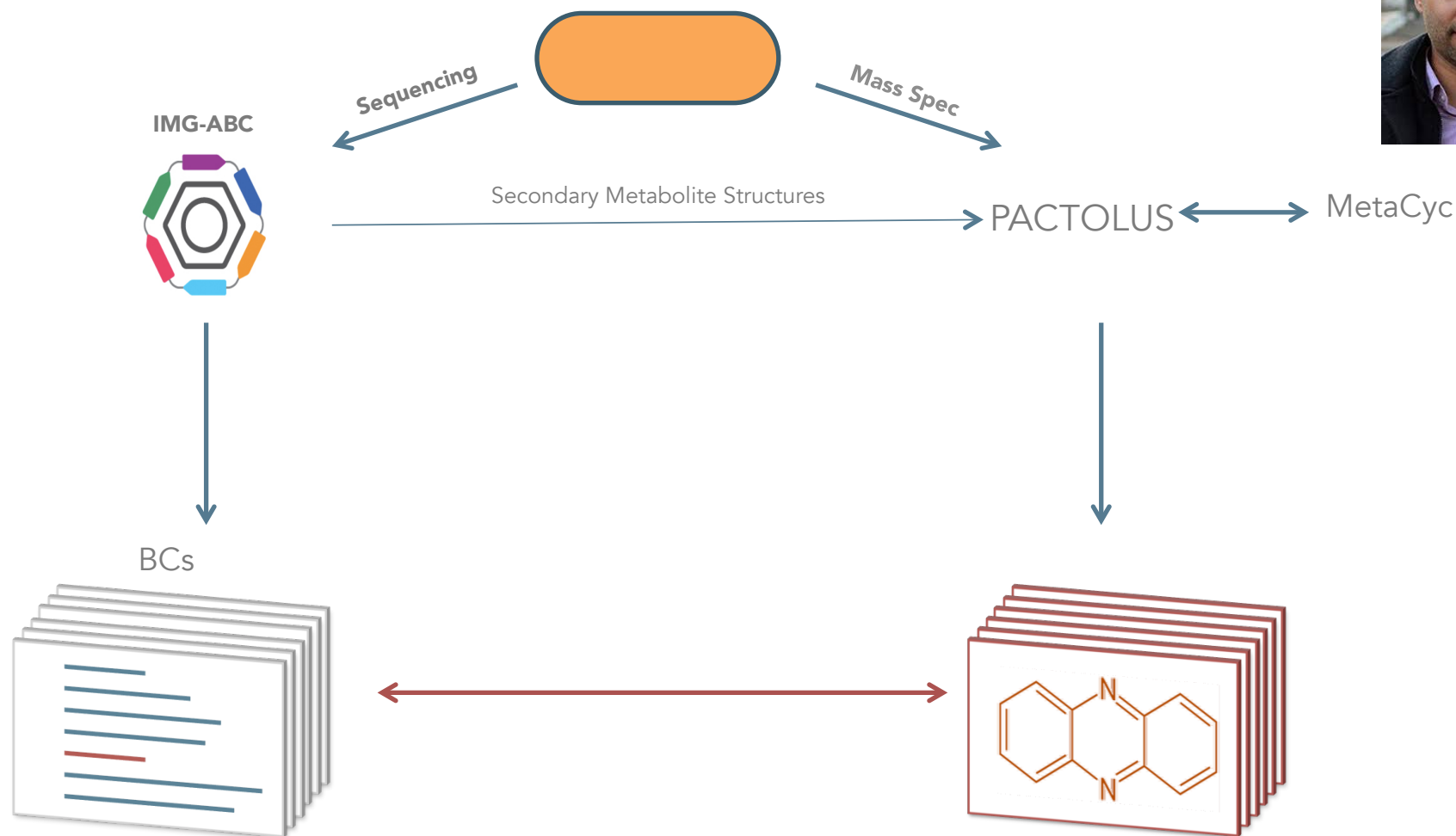


Aminobacteriohopanetriol

- **Hopanoids** – useful molecular fossil biomarkers in reconstruction of early evolution and geology
- They insert themselves in lipid bilayers, and their hydrocarbon derivatives are abundant in organic-rich sediments as old as 2500 Myr



IMG/ABC: Bridging genomics and metabolomics



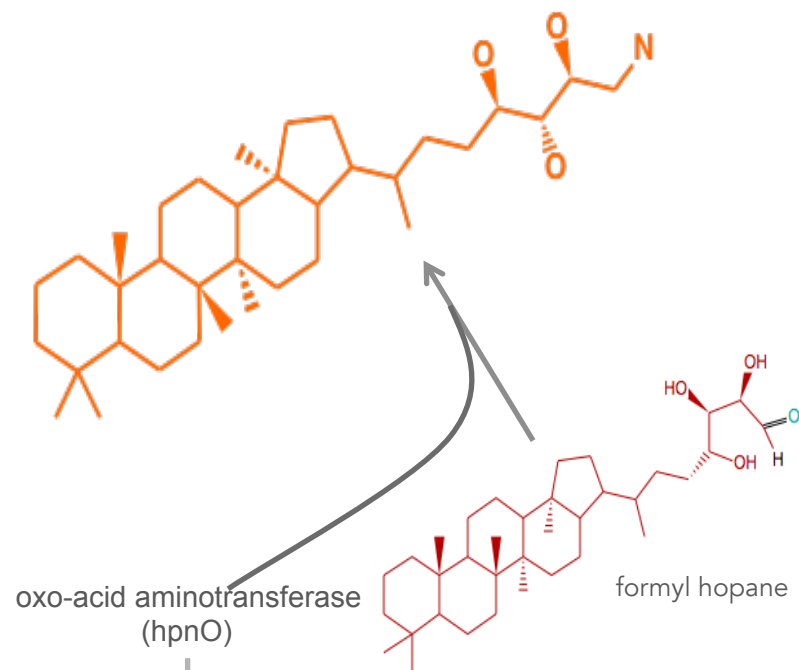
Linking secondary metabolites to biosynthetic clusters

Genomics

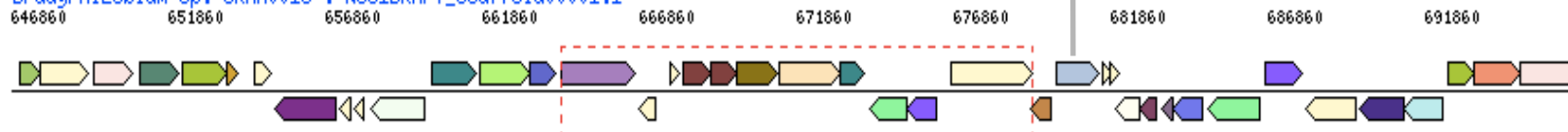
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Metabolomics

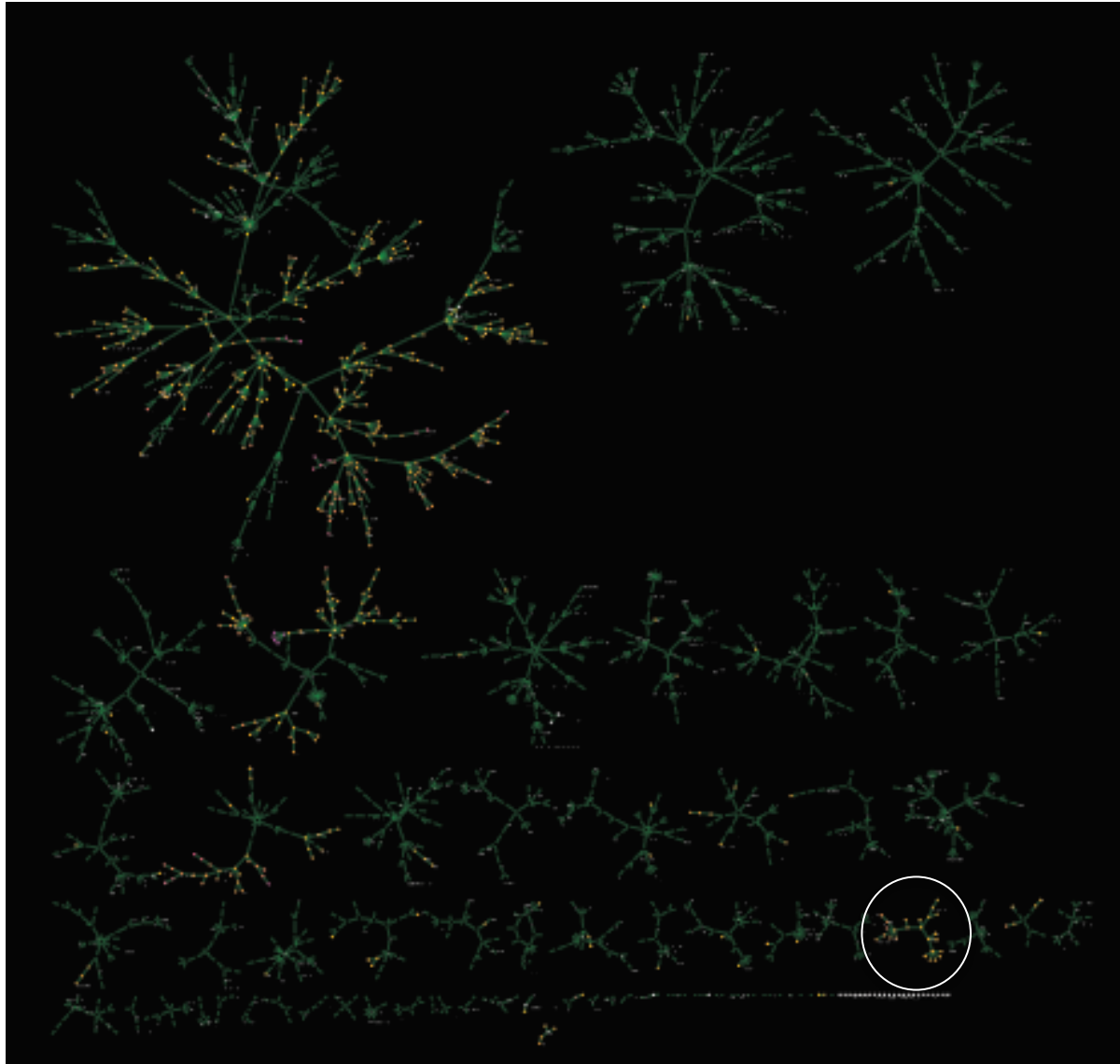
Aminobacteriohopanetriol
(hopanoid, terpene)



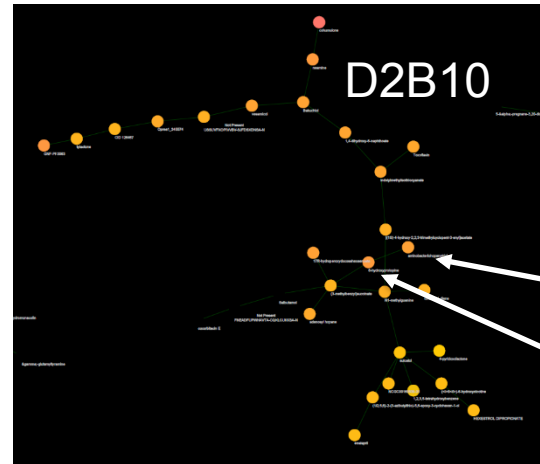
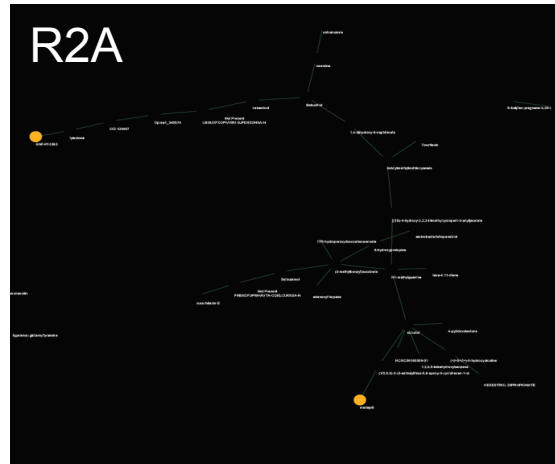
Bradyrhizobium sp. URHA0013 : N551DRAFT_scaffold00001.1



The use of chemical networks to identify closely-related secondary metabolites

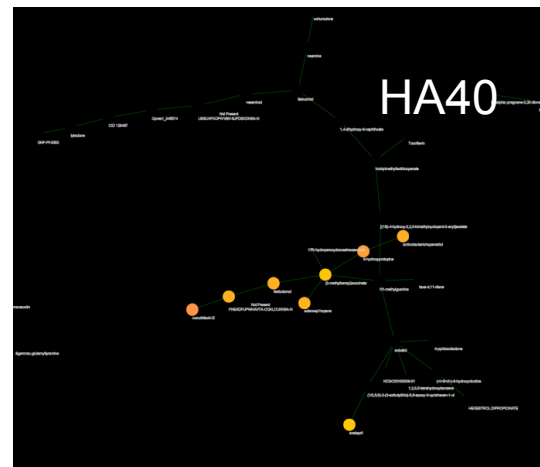
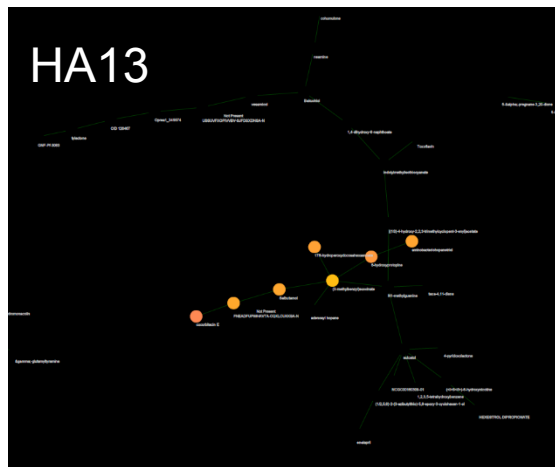


Secondary metabolites that co-occur with aminobacteriohopanetriol



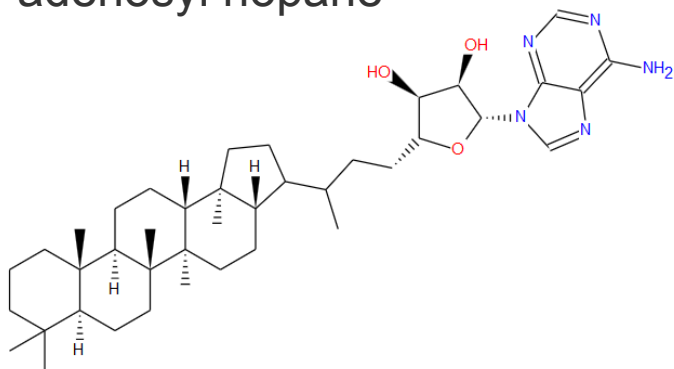
Aminobacteriohopanetriol

Adenosyl hopane

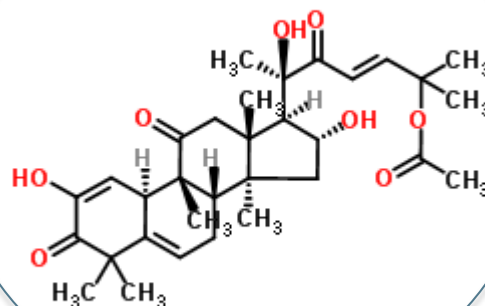


How accurate are these chemical network predictions?

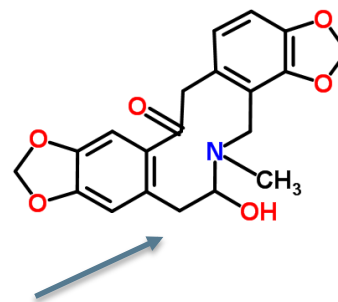
adenosyl hopane



Cucurbitacin E

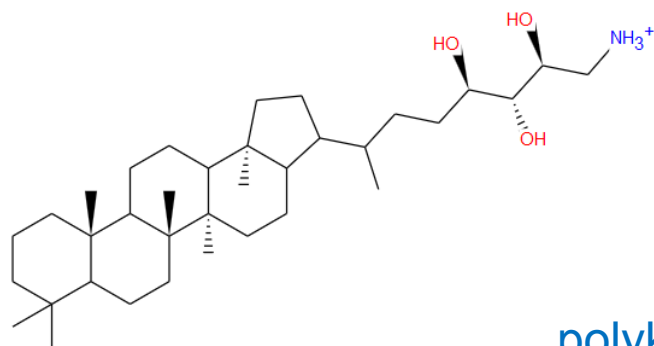


6-hydroxyprotopine

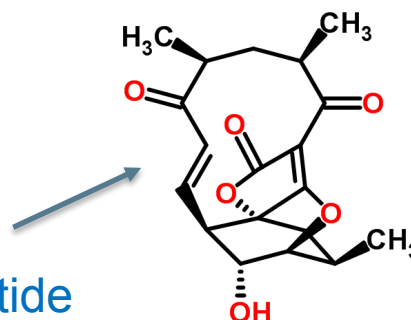


alkaloid

aminobacteriohopanetriol



Atrop-abyssomicin C



polyketide



Great Boiling Spring, Gerlach, Nevada

Understanding metabolic consumption by *T. hugenholtzii* in Great Boiling Spring, Nevada

- 1st cultured representative of a novel class in the phylum Chloroflexi
- The most constrained temperature range for growth in pure culture (67.5-75 °C)
- Uses GBS extract to grow in the lab
- One of the ten dominant species in Great Boiling Spring

2 μm

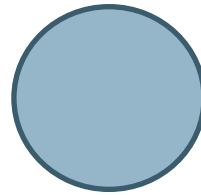


Phase Contrast, Jeremy Dodsworth

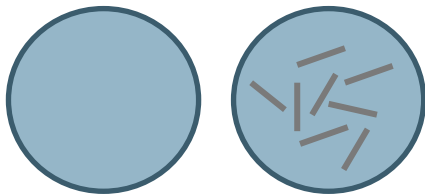
20 μm

What small molecules are in GBS extract that allow *T. hugenholtzii* to grow?

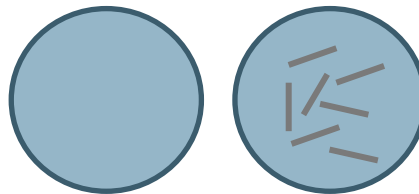
Non-incubated control media



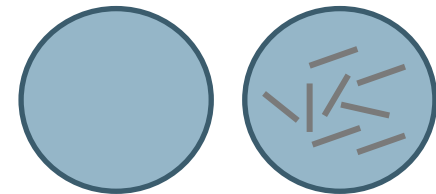
7 day incubation, 75 °C



Culture medium

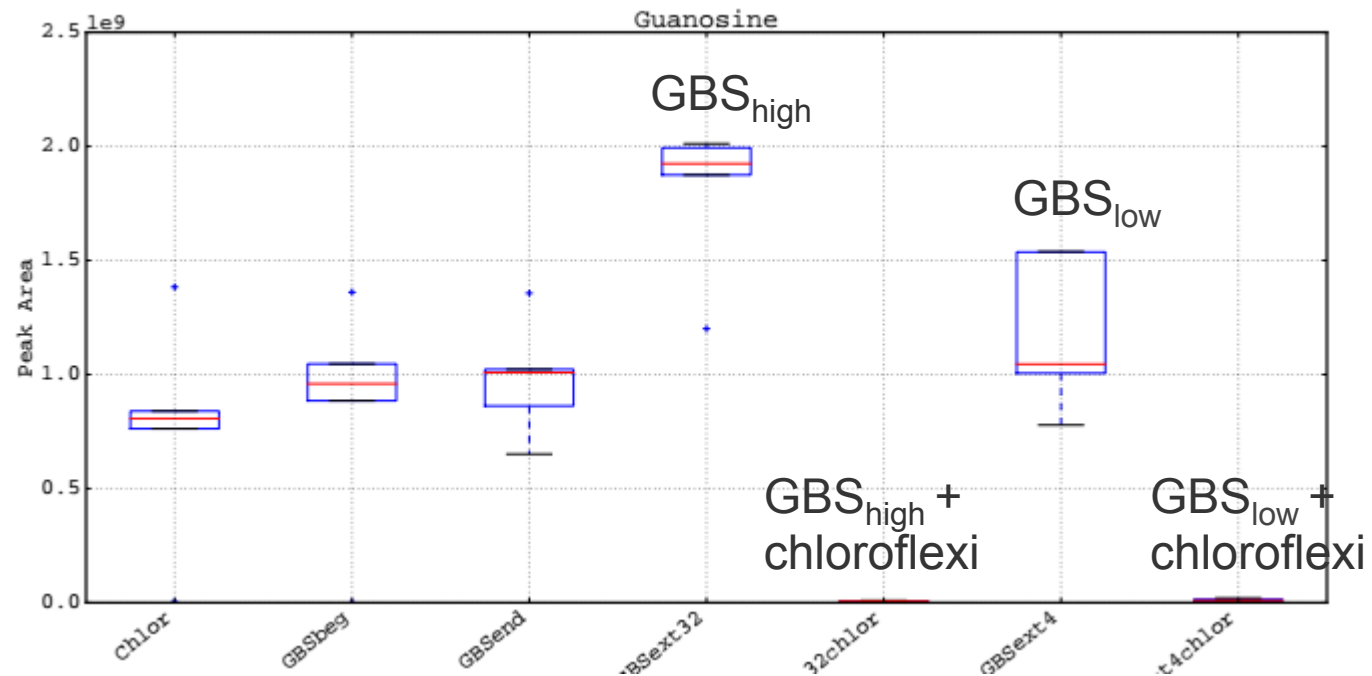
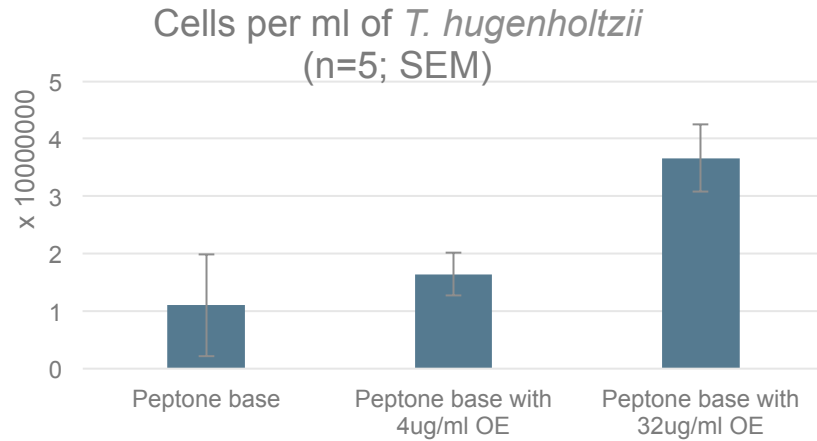


+ high dose GBS extract

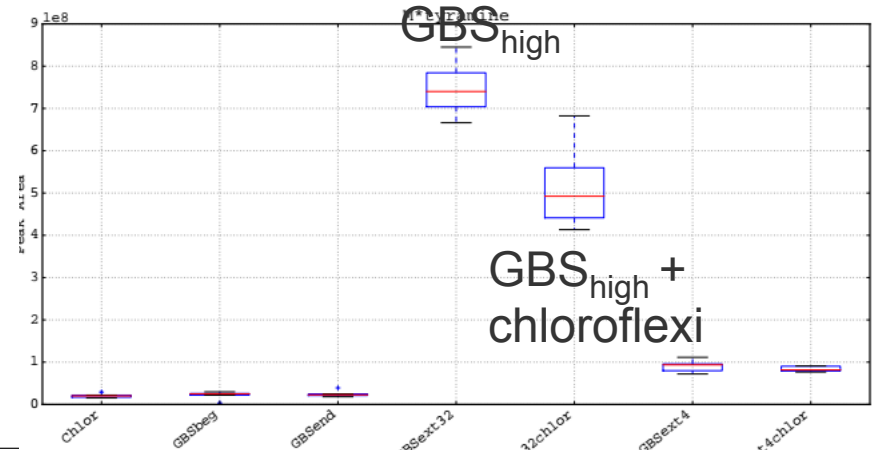
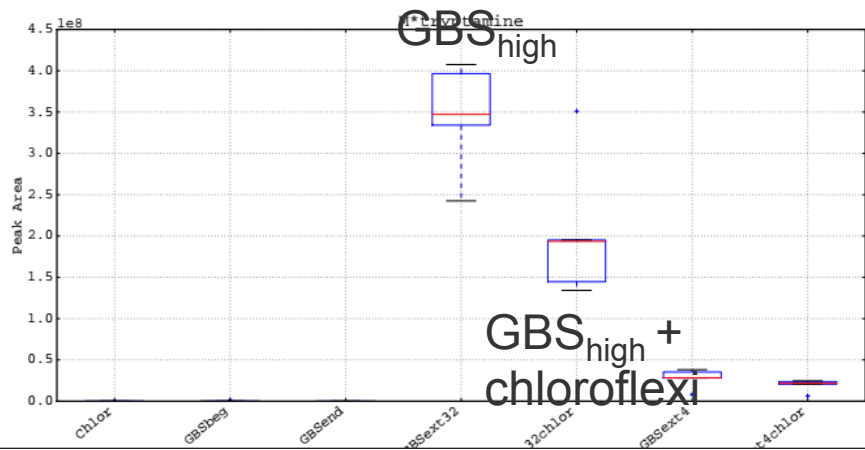
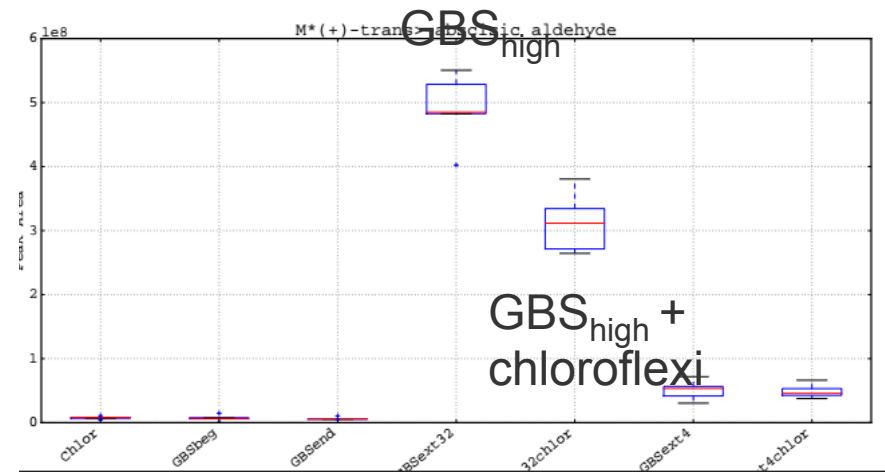
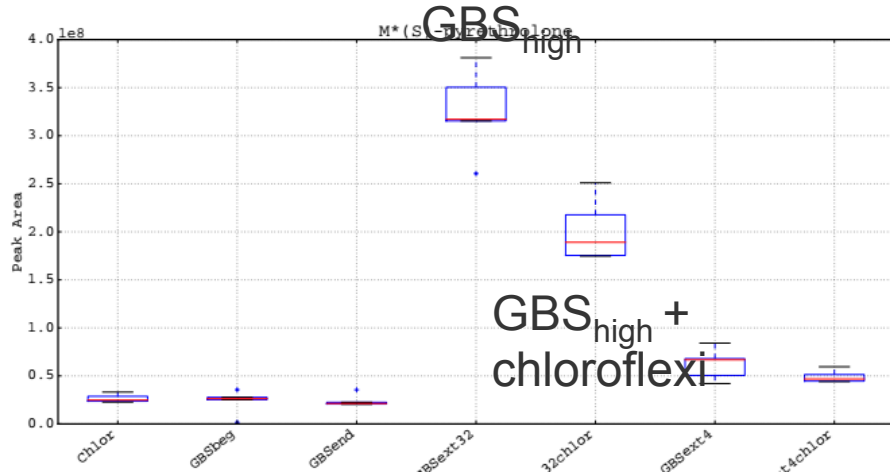


+ low dose GBS extract

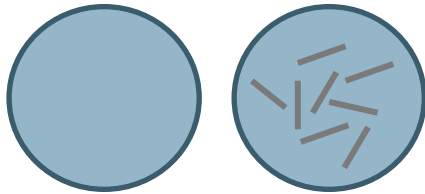
T. hugenholtzii grew best with GBS extract



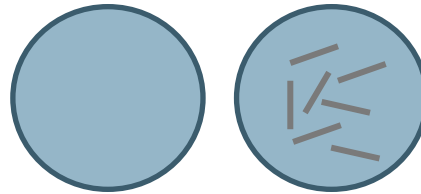
Molecules present only in GBS extract



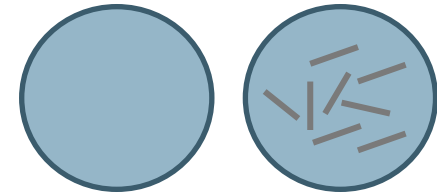
Preliminary Finding



Peptone medium



+ high dose GBS extract



+ identified molecules

Supplementing media with these molecules leads to *T. hugenholtzii* growth, comparable to GBS extract

Identified a way to grow *T. hugenholtzii* comparably in the lab without GBS extract

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Limited capacity to include metabolomics as part of new CSPs

- ***Metabolomics should be in all cases tightly linked with sequencing and/or DNA synthesis***
- Typical metabolomics experiments are around 50-200 samples for polar metabolite analysis and 50-500 samples for secondary metabolite analysis.
- Larger requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

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