Basic research for a better monitoring in anaerobic digestion

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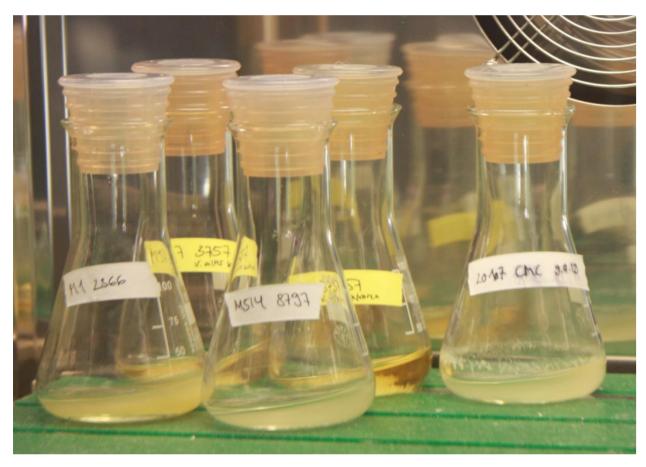
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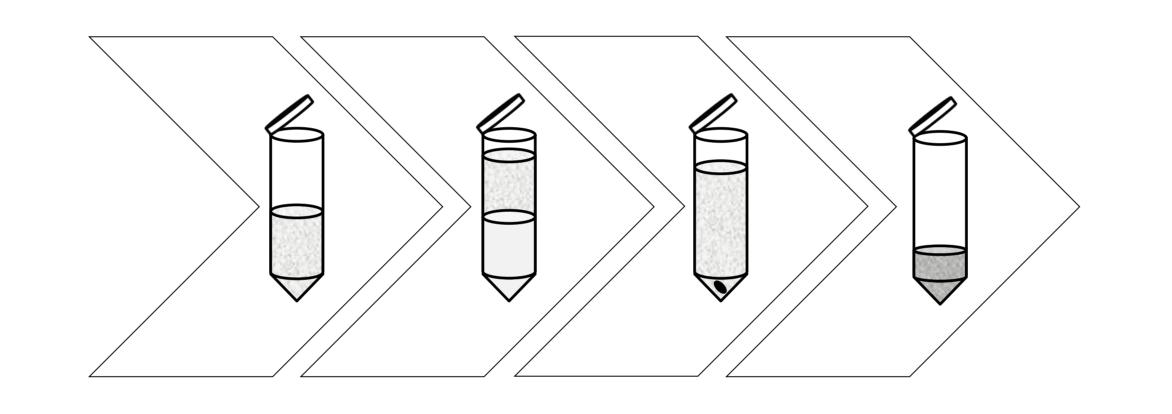
Motivation

The anaerobic digestion of organic materials is a complex multi-stage process. Due to the difficult nature of the biochemical conversion of organics to biogas, the process is very sensitive. Therefore monitoring via chemical parameters can be problematic because changes are mainly caused by disturbances between the microbes. Investigating the biological state in the fermenter seems to be a good way to predict the status of the process because microbes react direct to modifications of exogenous conditions.

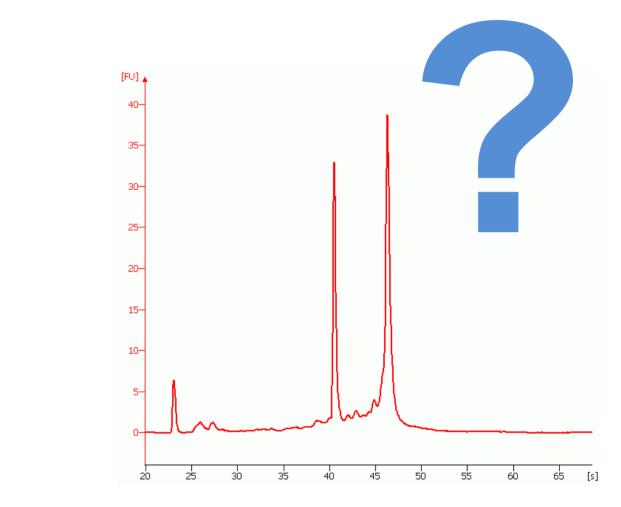
Analyzing the metatranscriptome requires high quality RNA, which represents all microorganisms in the fermenter. Especially in inhomogeneous mixed cultured samples biases may occur since the extraction of RNA can be problematic.

Material and Methods



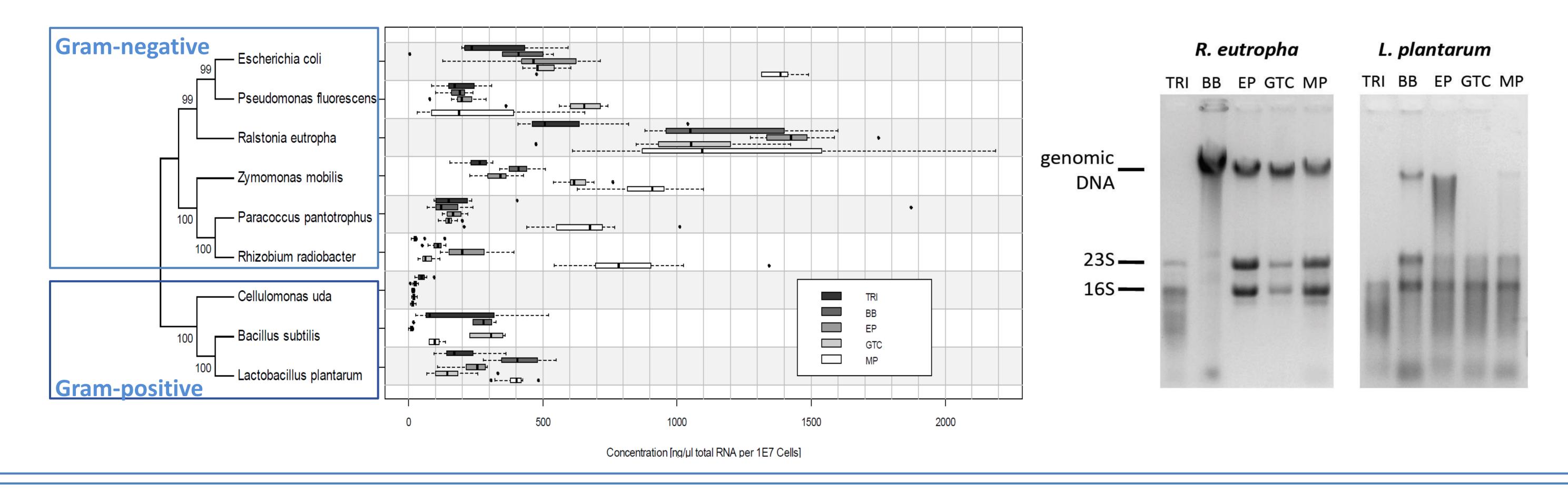


RNA-Isolation with 5 extraction principles

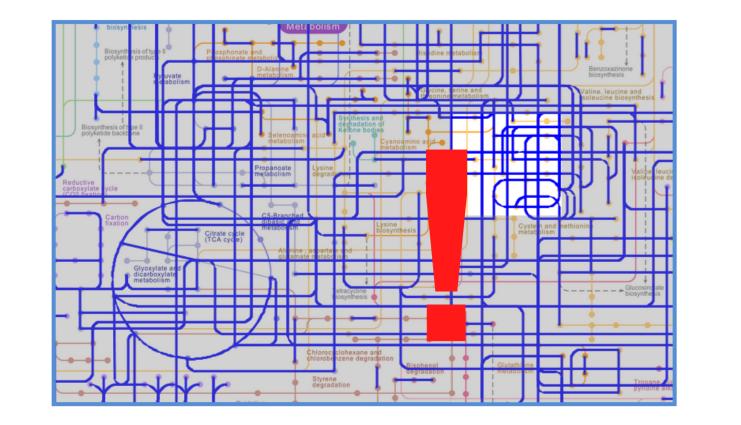


Measuring the quantity

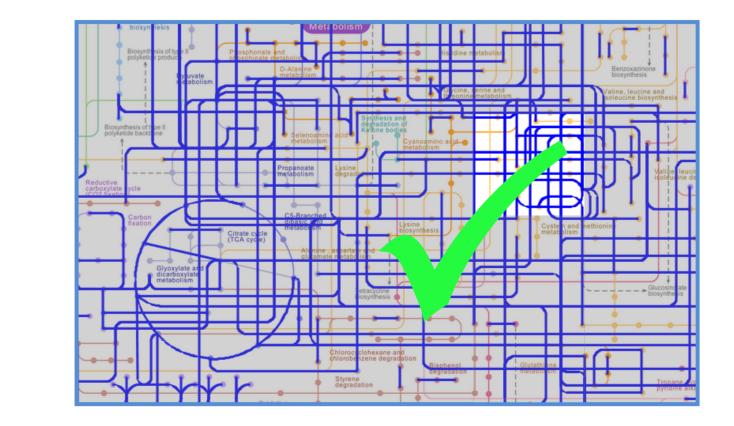
Results











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