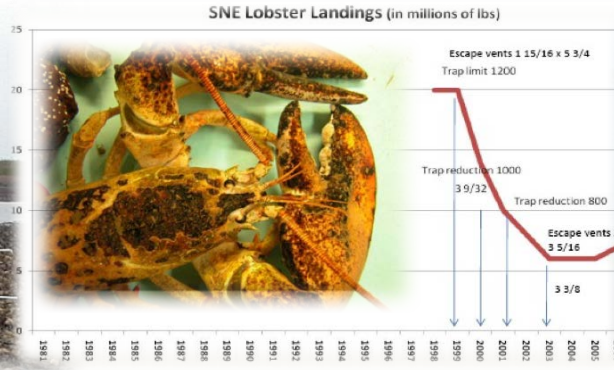


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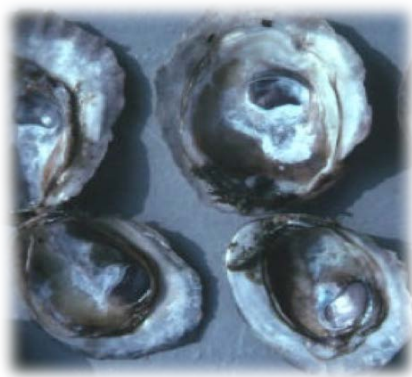
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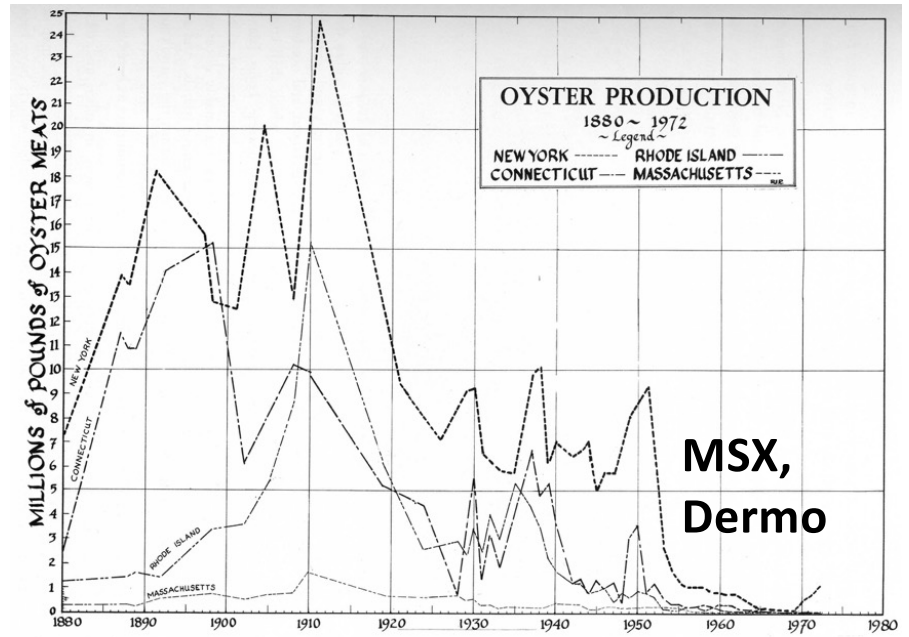
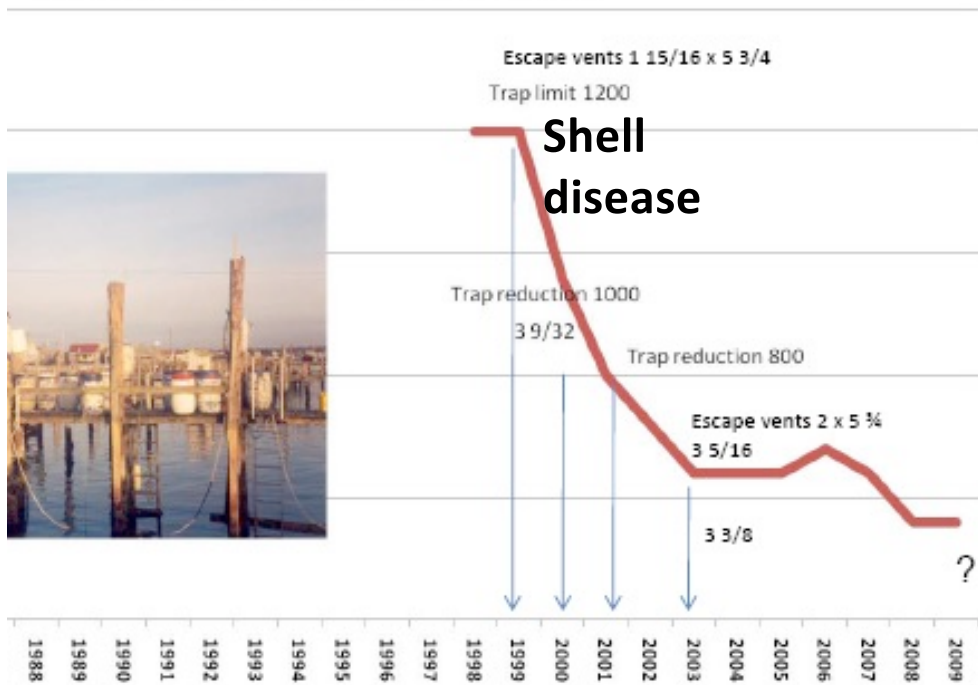


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The role of disease mortality on fisheries

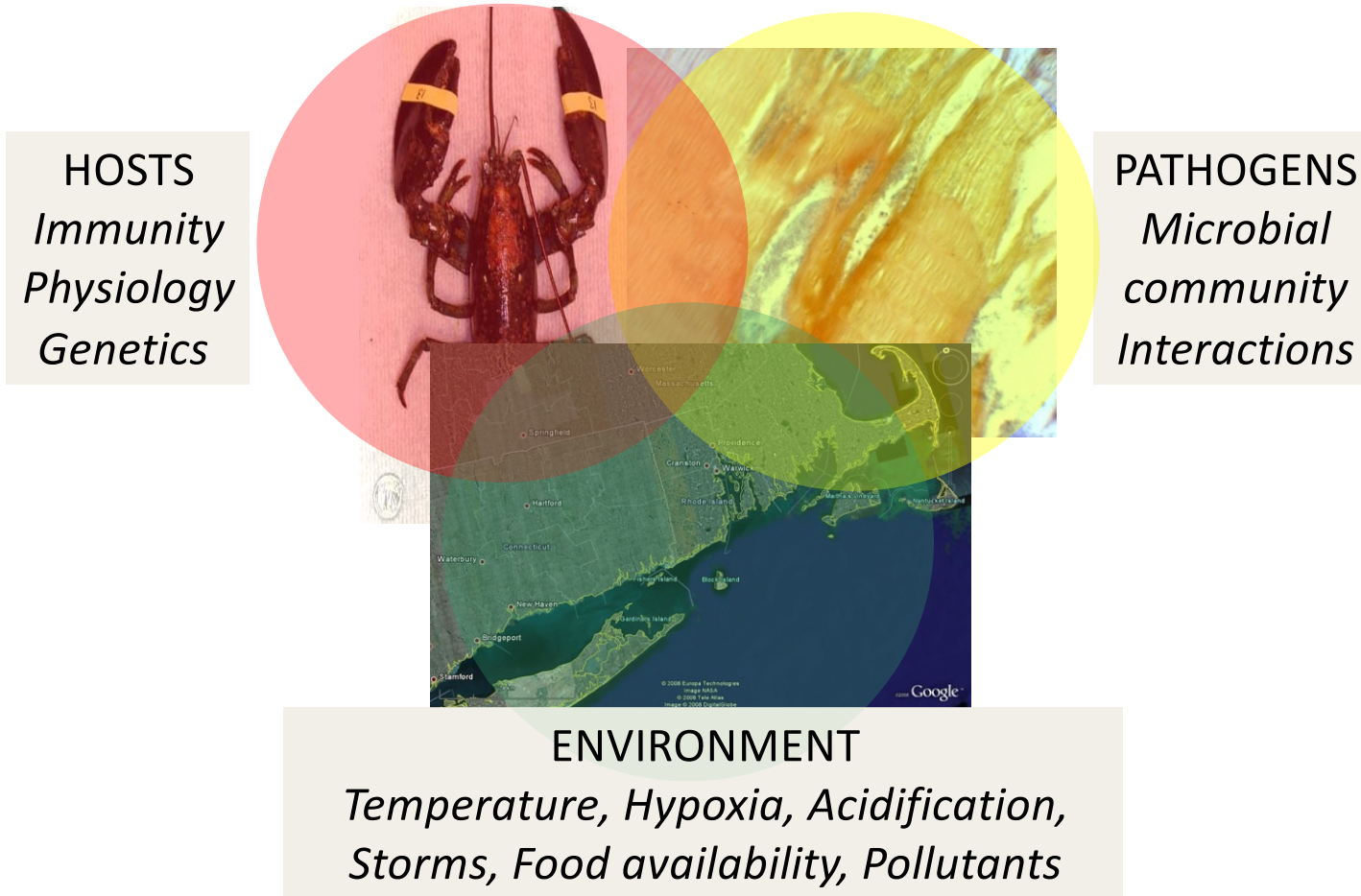
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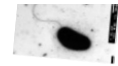


Oyster Production. Drawing by Robert J. Pawlik.

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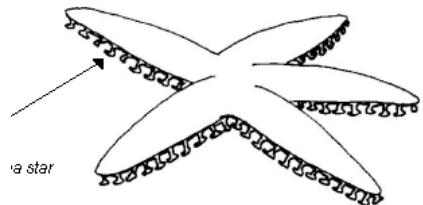
Understanding and Managing Diseases



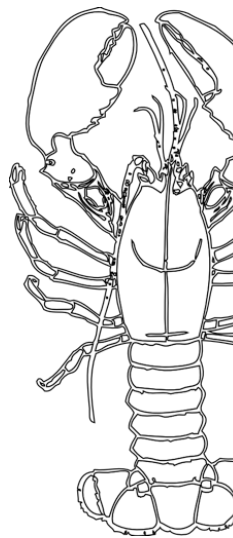


Managing Diseases of Marine Organisms

Pathology Microbiology Biochemistry Chemistry Immunology Nutrition Genetics Genomics Ecology



sea star



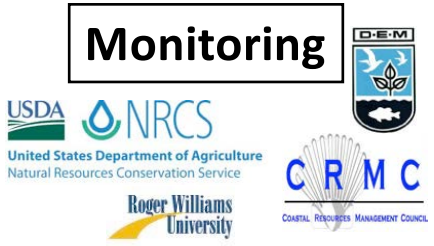
Identification



Mechanisms disease resistance



Monitoring



Host-Pathogen-Microbe Interactions



Tool development, outreach



Impact of the environment

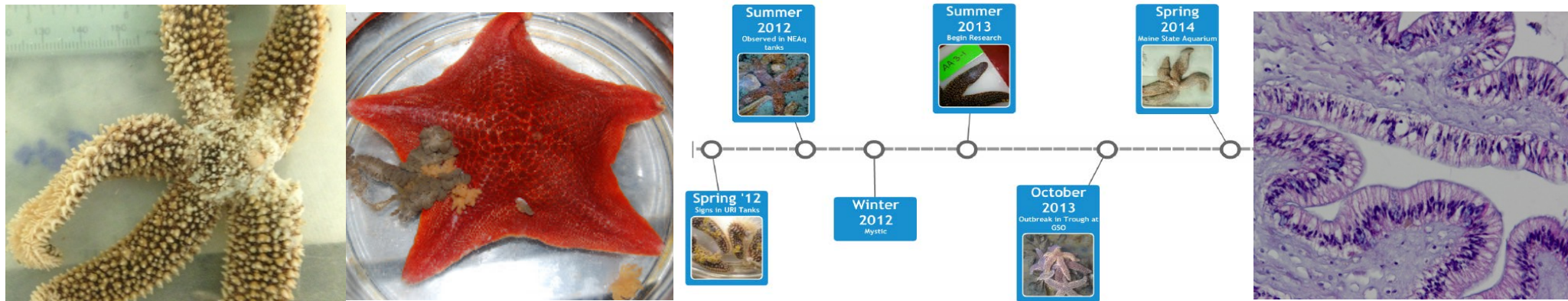


Responses of organisms to climate change: Identification of the causative agent of Sea Star Wasting Disease

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Bucci et al. 2017 – PLOS One

Effects of climate change on species: Disease Monitoring



SHELLFISH INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT DATABASE

Map showing the Saugatucket River area with several red markers indicating collection sites.

Search Criteria

- Farm Wild Restoration
- Collection Date**
Start: 01/01/2012
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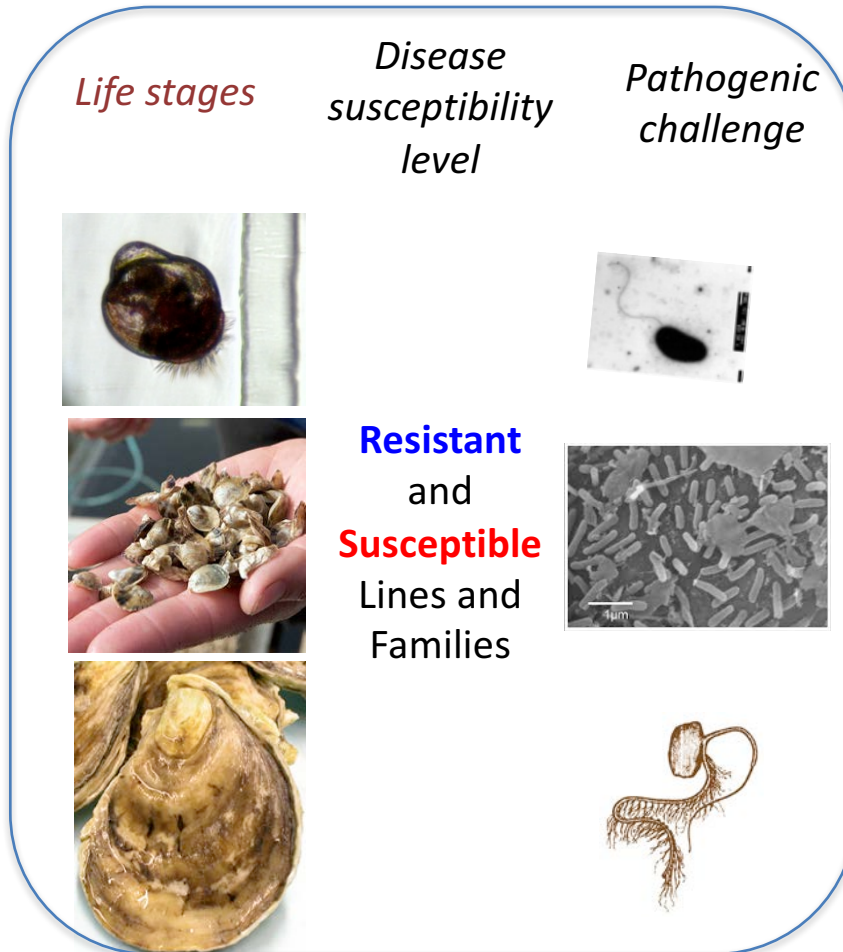
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- Bissel Cove Deep
- Bissel Cove Restricted
- Ninigret Oyster Farm
- Potter Cove Prudence
- Potter Cove Prudence
- Rome Point Farm
- Saugatucket River
- Smelt Brook Cove
- Spectacle Cove North
- Spectacle Cove South

Saugatucket River
New England, RI
Restoration
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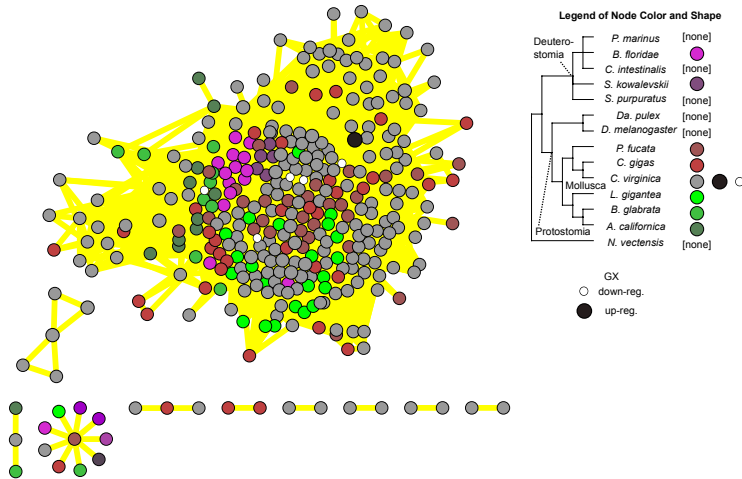
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Oysters as a model to investigate adaptation to environmental stress

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Organism Overview ; [Organelle Annotation Report \[1\]](#)



Crassostrea virginica (eastern oyster)

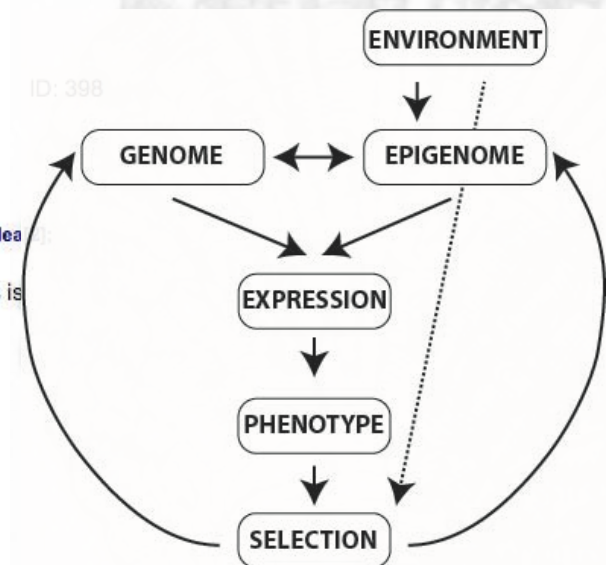
The eastern oyster is a mollusk of commercial importance

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Summary

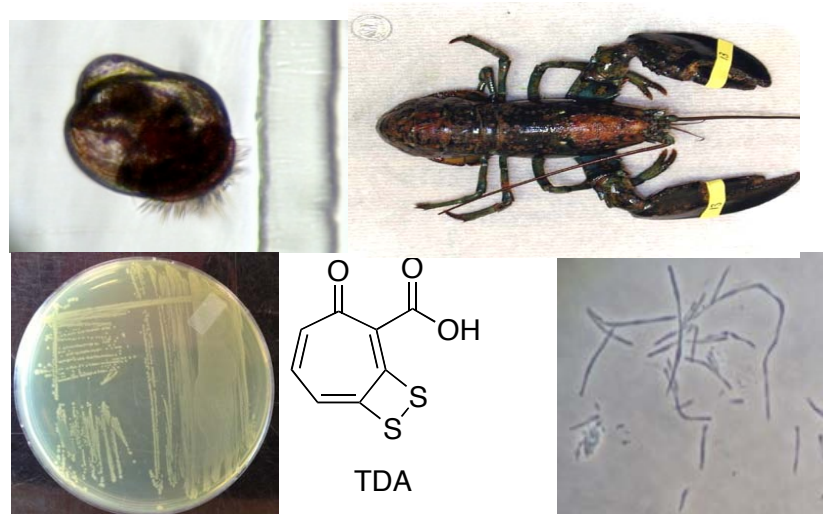
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Exploiting microbial-microbial interactions to manage disease

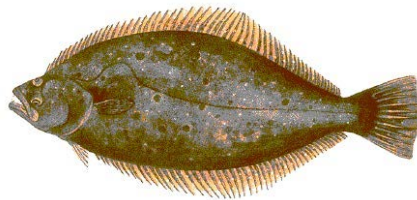
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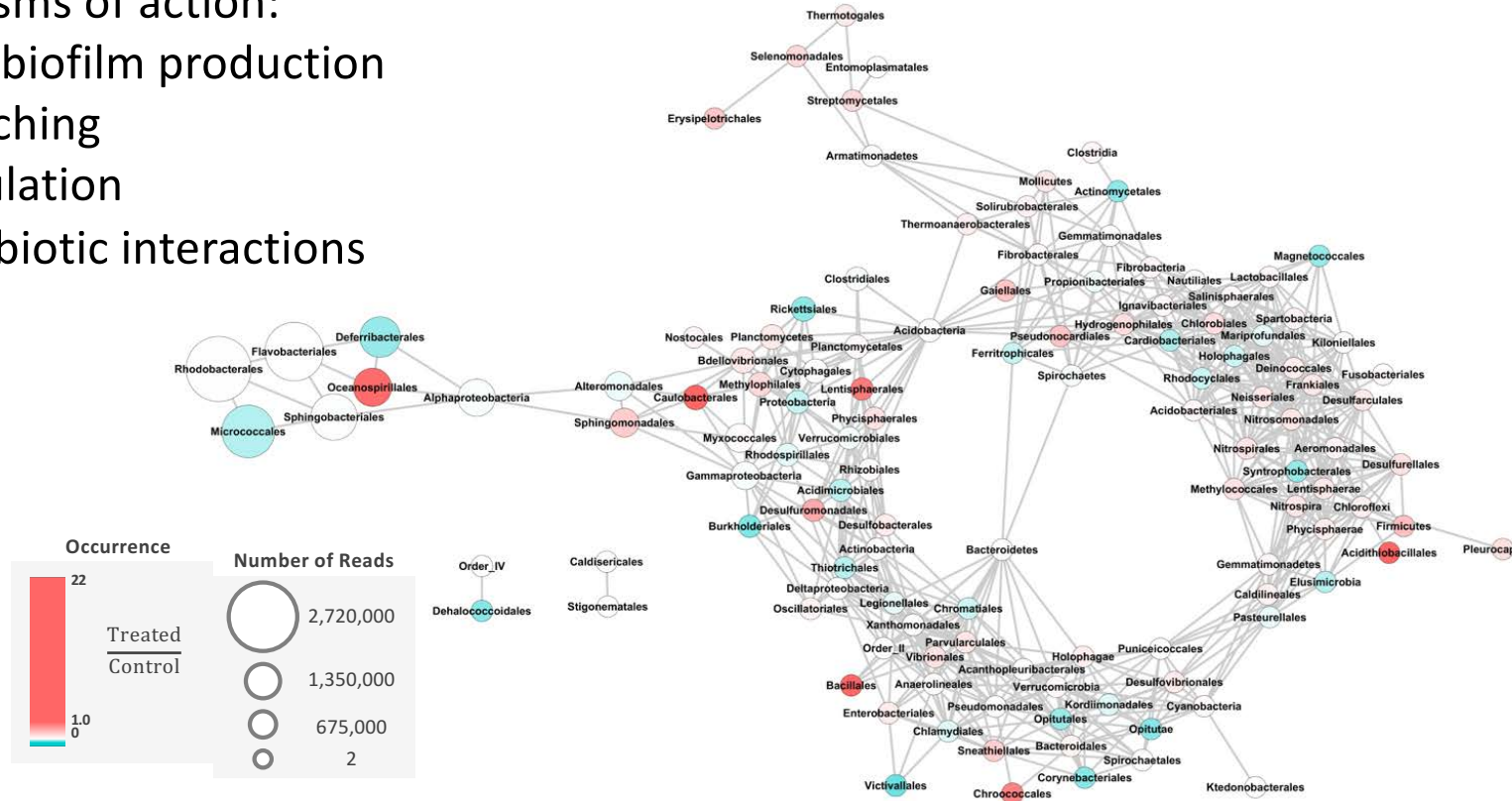
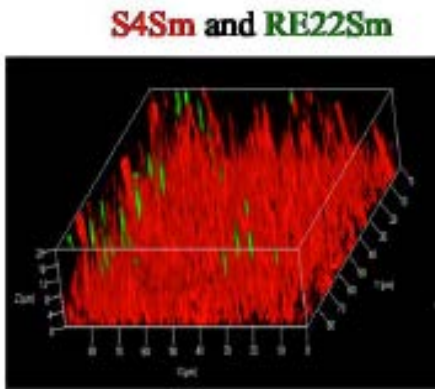
Probiotics and Aquatic Animals

Disease protection in other farmed organisms as diet or water additive

- Bivalves
- Crustaceans
- Finfish



- Developed 2 probiotics that increase oyster and scallop larval survival after disease challenge in the lab and the hatchery
- Probiotic treatment has an effect on the microbial community in the hatchery (*microbiome studies*)
- Complex mechanisms of action:
 - Antibiotic and biofilm production
 - Quorum quenching
 - Immune modulation
- Role of algal – probiotic interactions



Candidate bacterial probiotics that could to **slow down or stop** the progression of Epizootic Shell Disease in lobsters.



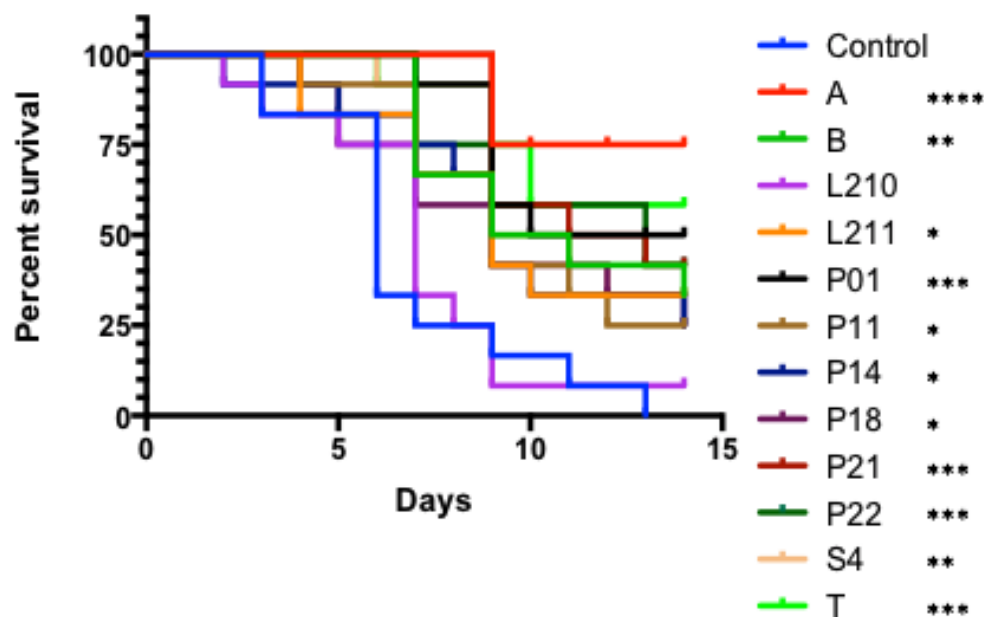
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Screen isolated probiotics on post-larval lobsters (PLs)



- Most candidates were safe to PL lobsters (*Loktanella* spp. may cause lesions)
- Pre-incubation with candidate probiotics reduced PL mortality under stress conditions
- S4 persists in the water longer and forms stronger biofilms *in vivo* when compared with other treatments

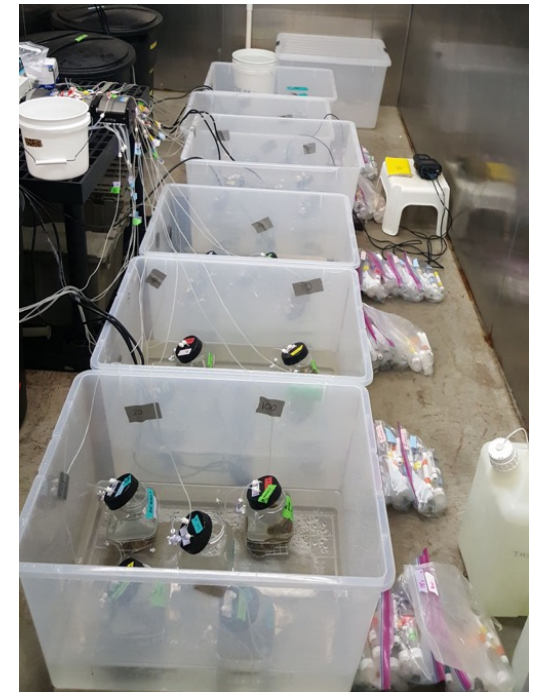
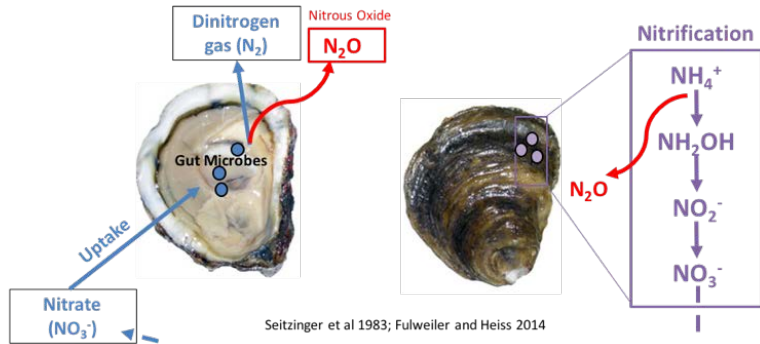
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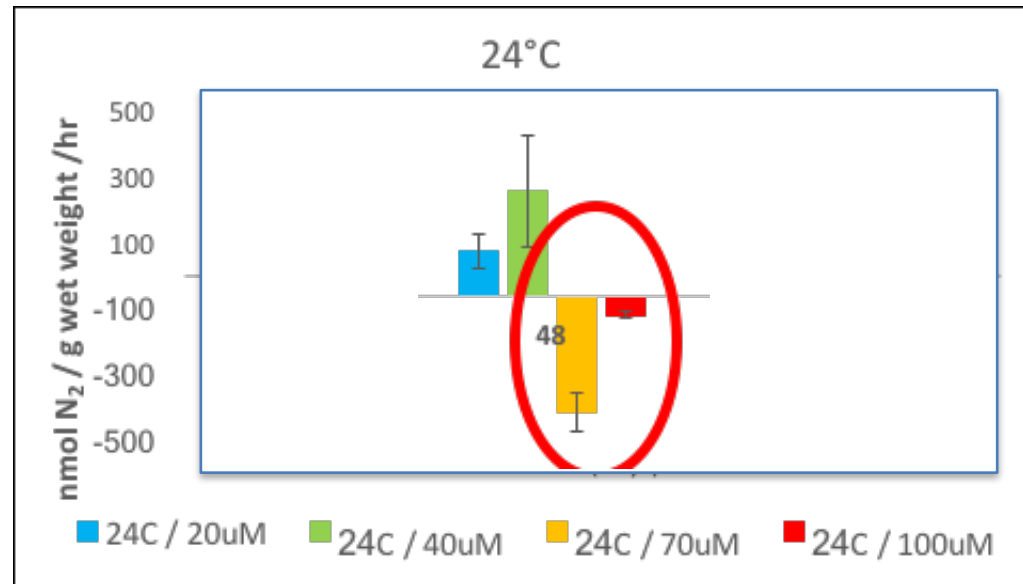
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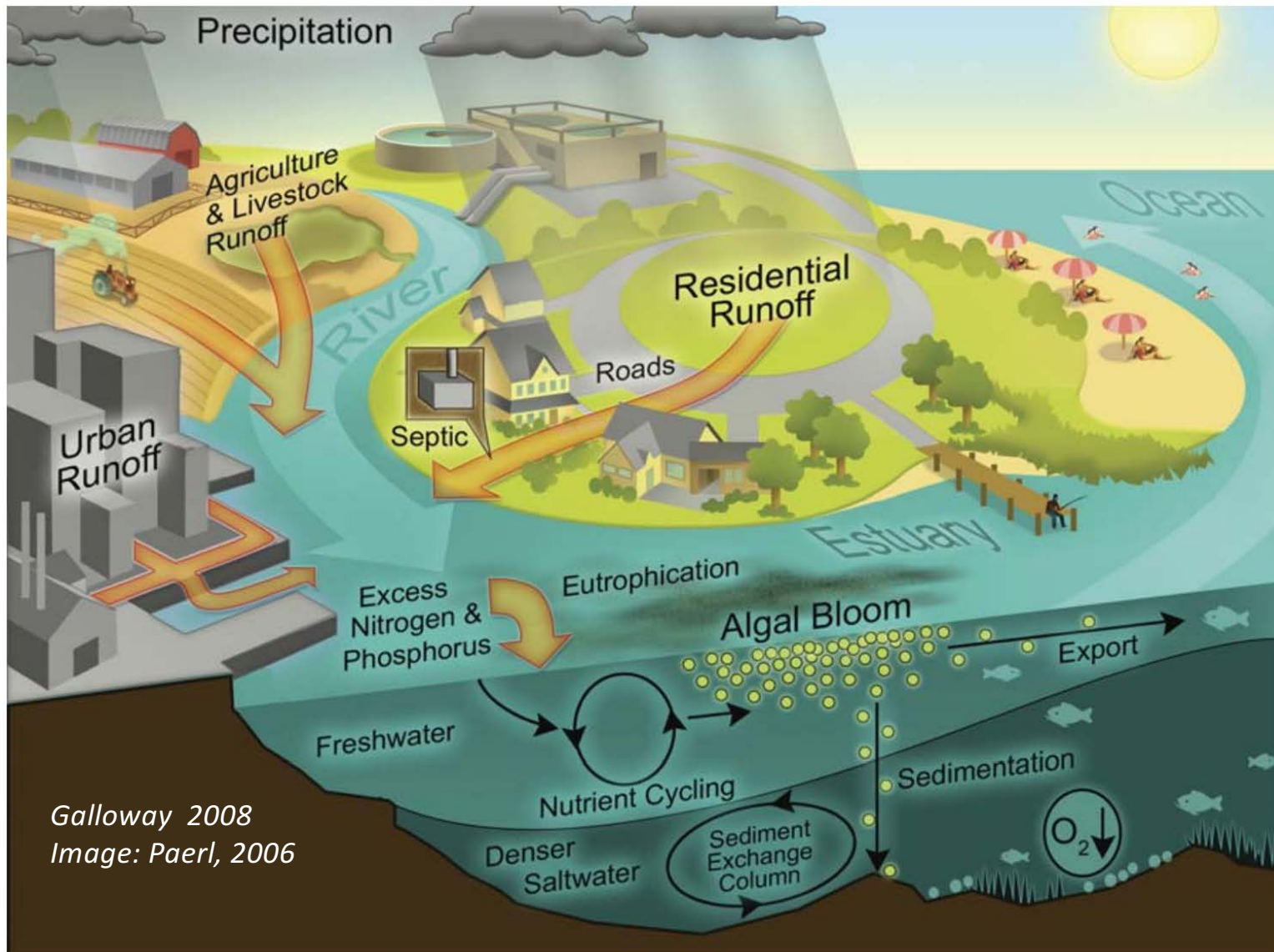


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Disease





Galloway 2008
 Image: Paerl, 2006