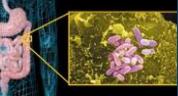


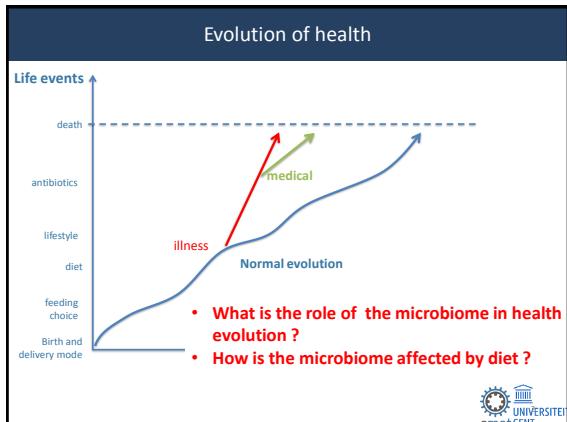
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 Interactie van voeding met het darmmicrobioom: sleutel tot de menselijke gezondheid

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“ You are what you eat “ ???

- Life events
- Life style
- Dietary habits
- Antibiotic use
- Disease
- ...

→ Reality is more complex

Human evolution took place in a microbial world

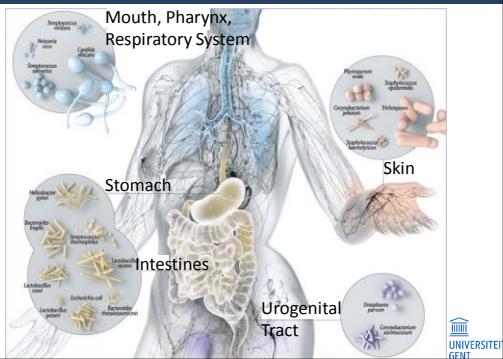
Planet earth	4.5 billion yr
Micro-organisms	3 billion yr
Mammals	200 million yr
Humanoid	2 million yr
<i>Homo sapiens sapiens</i>	200.000 yr

19 evolutionary steps to make a human

- sponges
- anemones
- flatworms
- insects
- vertebrates
- Homo sapiens sapiens*

The slide contains three photographs. The top-left image shows a newborn baby being held by a person wearing blue gloves; the baby's skin appears slightly wrinkled or covered in vernix. The bottom-left image shows a newborn baby lying on its back on a white hospital bedsheet, looking towards the camera. The right image shows a close-up of a newborn's head and shoulders, with a thick, brownish, crusty substance (vernix caseosa) covering the skin, particularly around the eyes and mouth.

Our body harbors microbial worlds

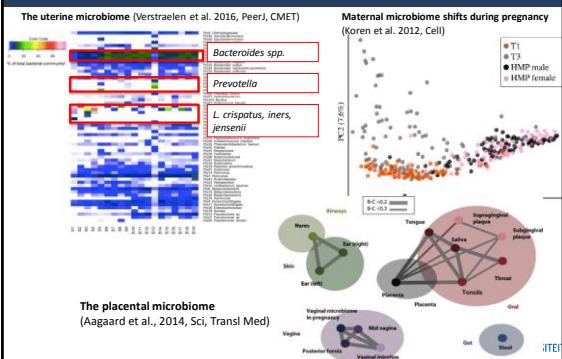


You form a minority group in your own body

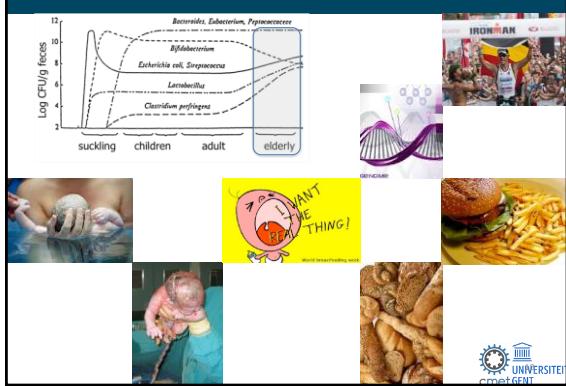


- N° cells in body :
 - 10% human
 - 90% bacterial
 - N° genes:
 - 1% human
 - 99% bacterial

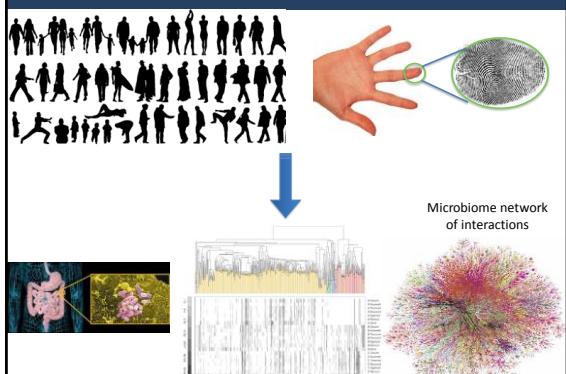
Determinants of a newborn's microbiome



The microbiome evolves within 1 individual



... leading to a unique microbial identity...



... with similar functionality ...

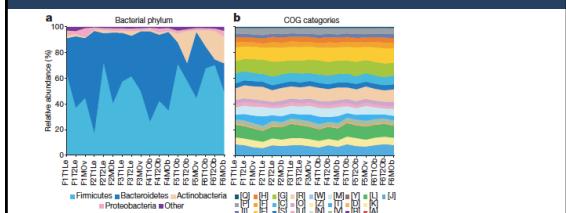
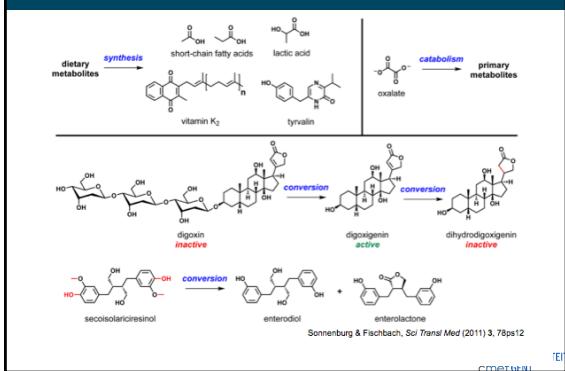
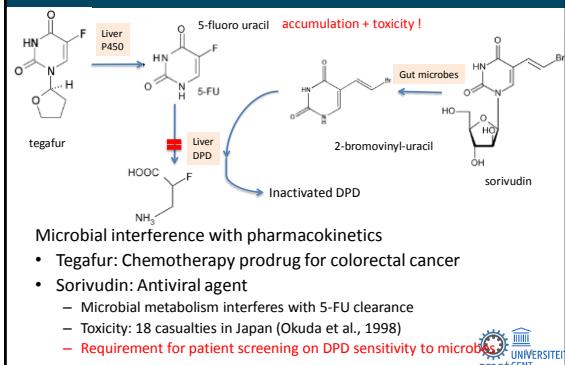


Figure 3 | Comparison of taxonomic and functional variations in the human gut microbiome. *a*, Relative abundance of major phyla across 18 faecal microbiomes from monozygotic twins and their mothers, based on BLASTX comparisons of microbiomes and the National Center for Biotechnology Information non-redundant database. *b*, Relative abundance of categories of genes across each sampled gut microbiome (letters correspond to categories in the COG database).

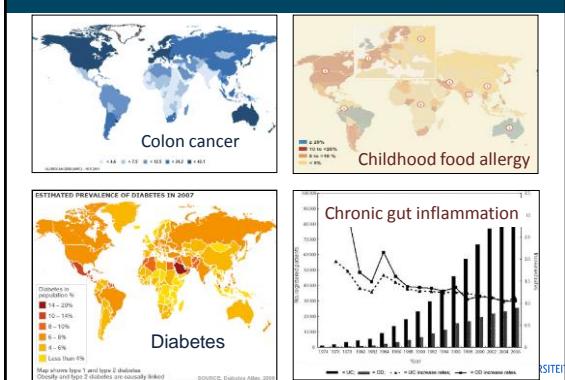
... an enormous metabolic potential (>> liver !)...

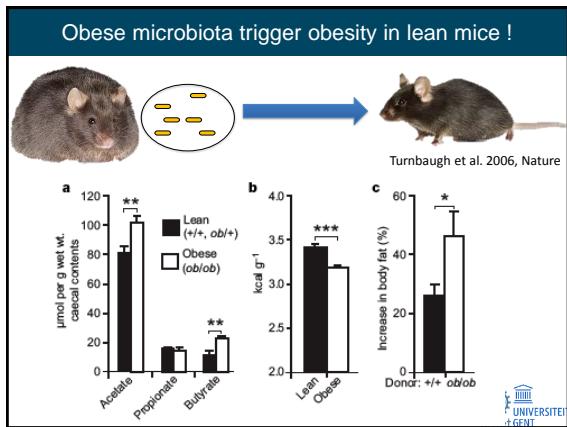
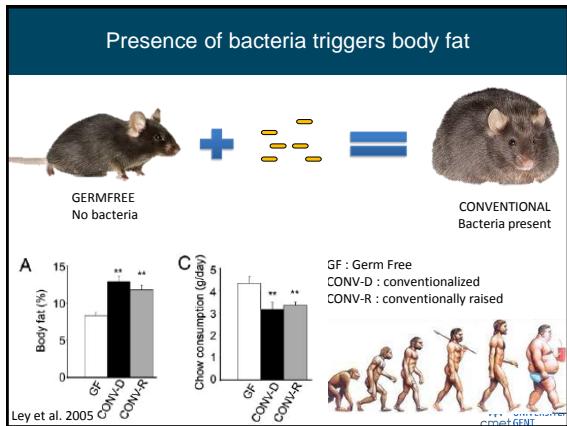
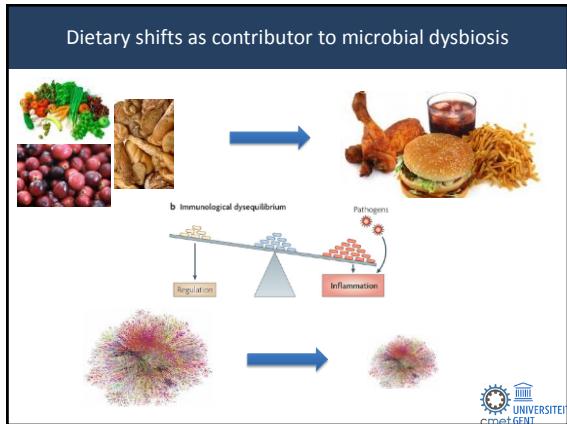


... but sometimes far-reaching consequences.

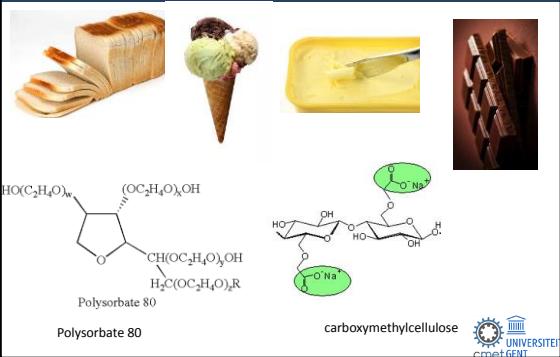


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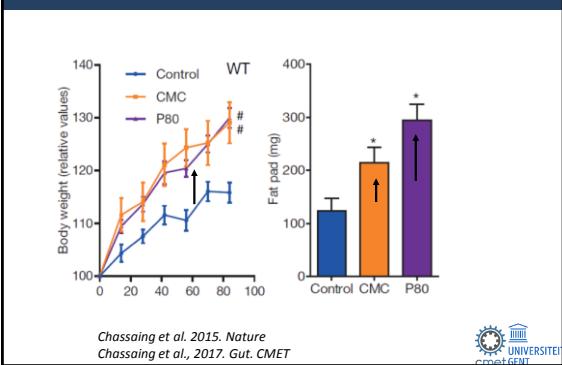




Chemical emulsifiers in western-style diets

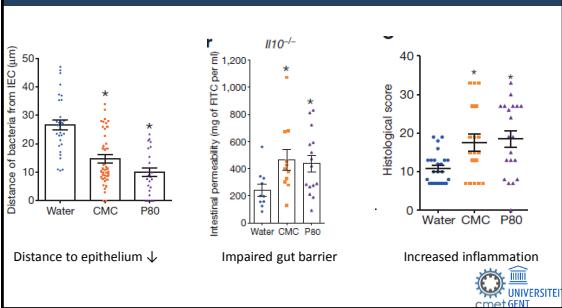


Chemical emulsifiers increase fat mass and body weight



Chemical emulsifiers :

- lower microbial distance to epithelium
 - compromise gut barrier function
 - increase inflammation



Other risk factors: antibiotic resistance → search for novel antimicrobials ?

WHO's first global report on antibiotic resistance reveals serious, worldwide threat to public health

New WHO report provides the most comprehensive picture of antibiotic resistance to date, with data from 114 countries

News release

Deaths attributable to antimicrobial resistance every year by 2050

Melk van Tasmanse duivels doet resisteente bacteriën



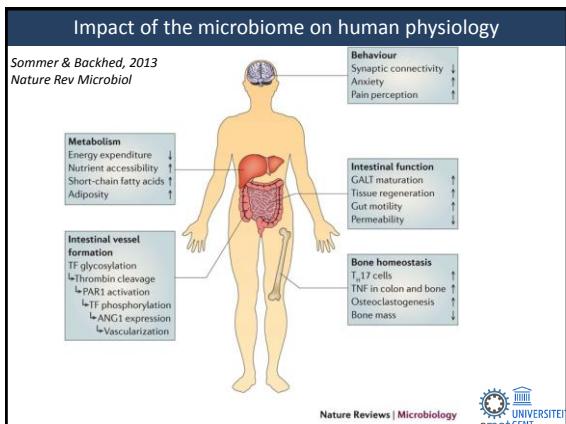

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Antibiotic resistance: World on cusp of 'post-antibiotic era'

By James Gallagher
Health editor, BBC News website

18 November 2015 | health

Source: The Review on Antimicrobial Resistance





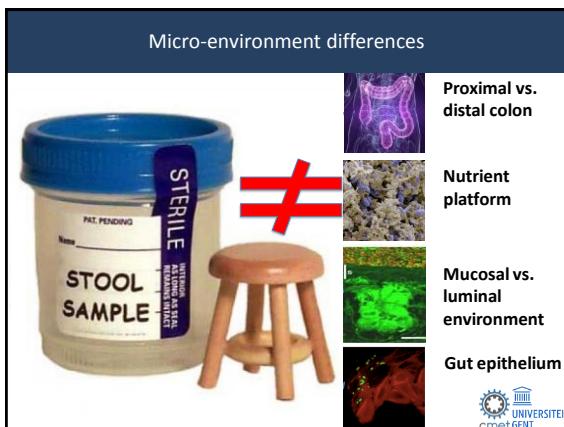
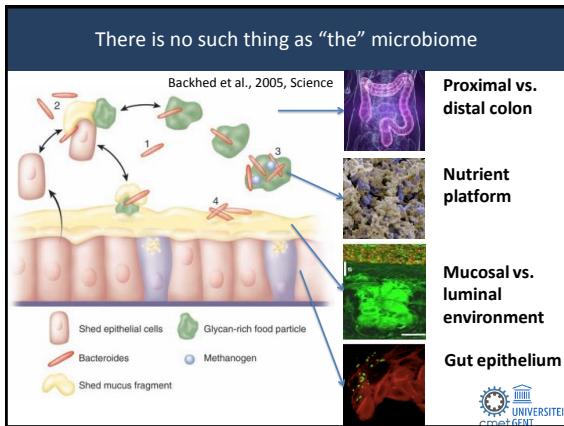
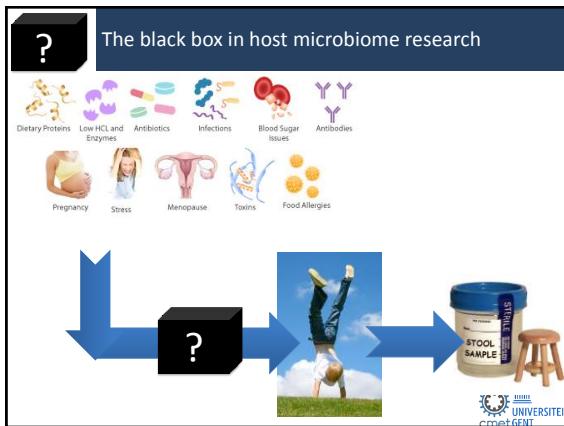
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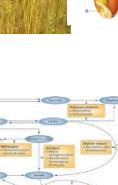
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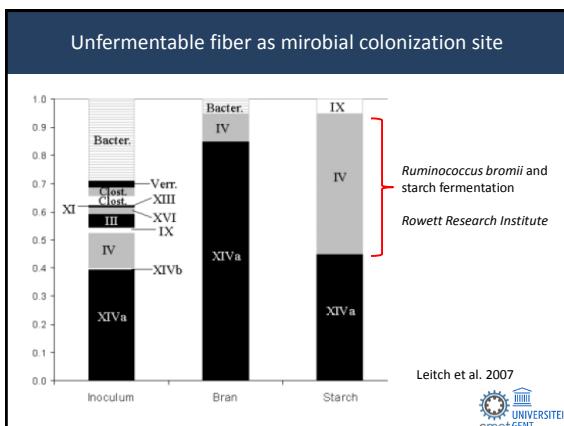
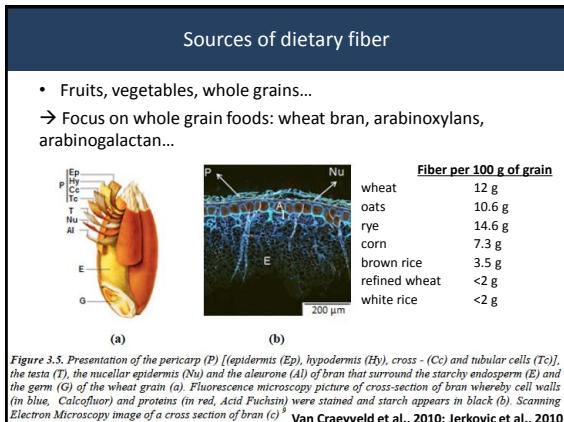
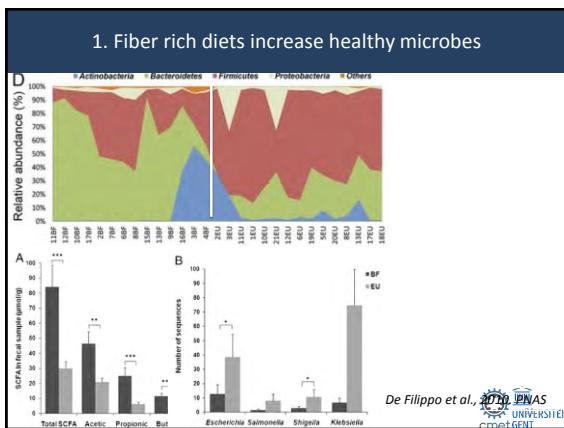


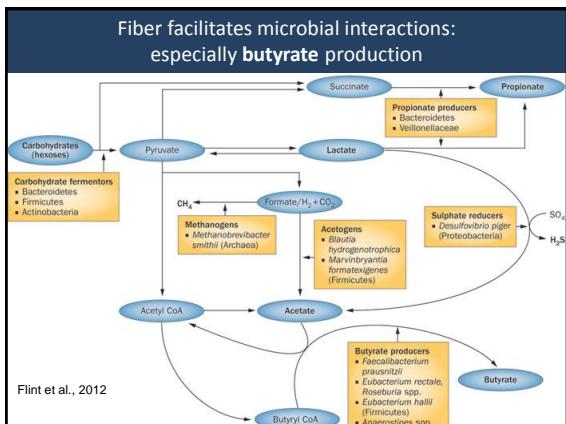
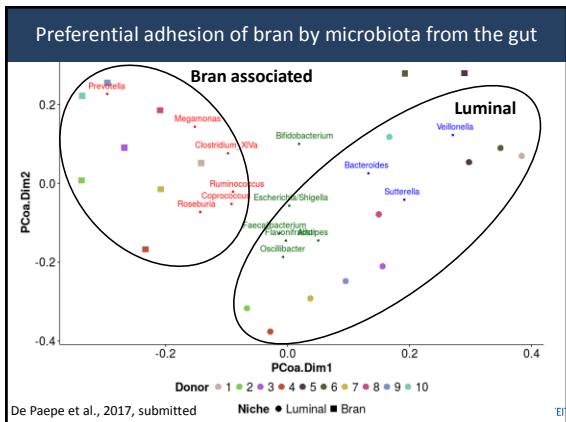
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How to select a “healthy” microbiome ?

Diet	(future) probiotics	Ecosystem restoration
 	 <p>Single or mix</p> 	 



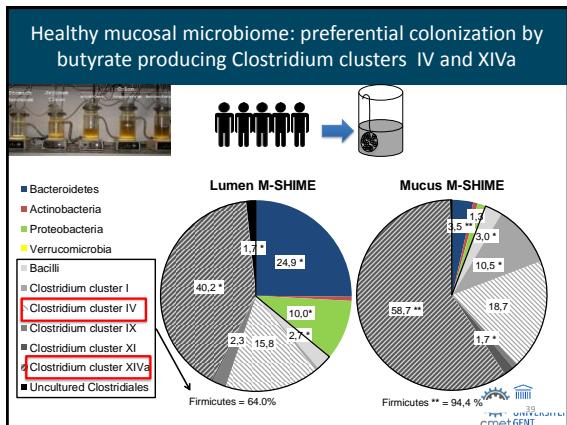
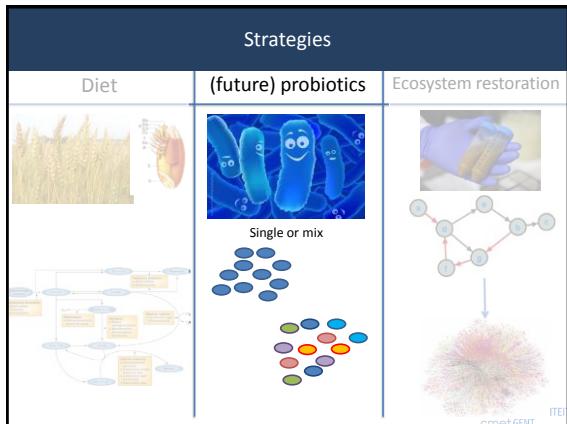
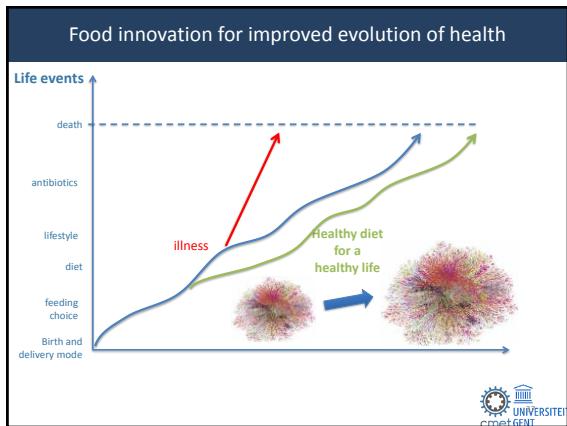


Health impact of dietary fiber ?

De Vries et al., 2015. World J. Gastroenterol.

Physiological properties	reference
Additional energy source	Cummings et al. 1997
Increased satiety	Haber et al. 1977
Control of blood glucose and insulin	Haber et al. 1977
Cholesterol lowering	Fiordaliso et al. 1995
Bile acid dehydroxylation	Munster et al. 1994
Laxative	Cummings et al. 1993
Fecal bulking and improved bowel transit	Phillips et al. 1995
Bifidogenic	Gibson et al. 1995
Improved colon epithelial functioning	Roediger 1980; Cummings et al. 1995
Microbiome modulation	∞

Physiological / microbial effects → Health effects ? (EFSA)



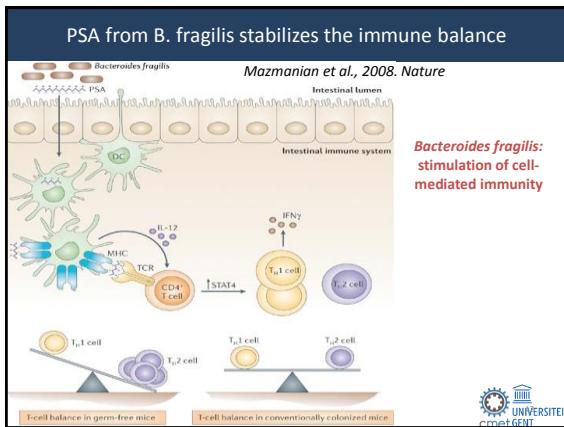
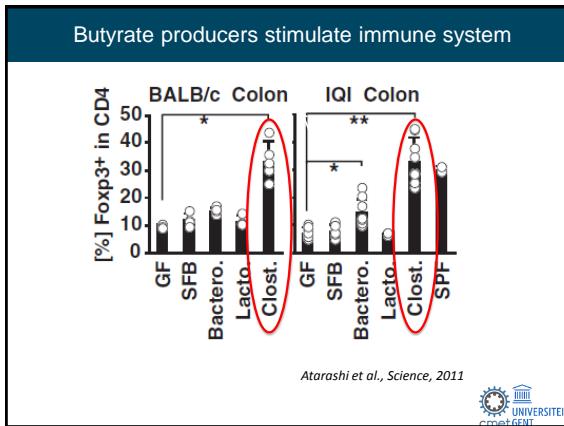
Butyrate producing Clostridia preferentially colonize mucus

e.g. *F. Prausnitzii*

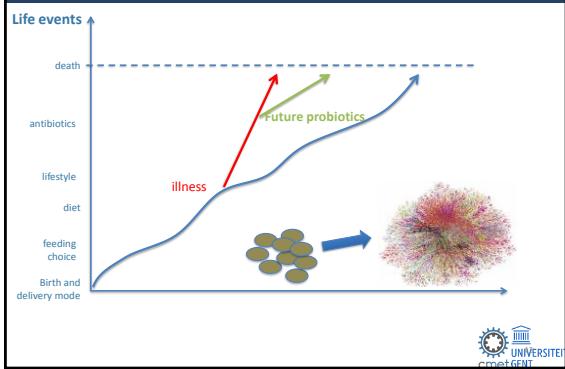
- Downregulated in Crohn's disease / ulcerative colitis

Marzorati et al., 2014, BMC, LabMET

Faecalibacterium prausnitzii copes with mucosal oxidative stress



Novel probiotics for therapeutic medicin



Strategies

Diet	(future) probiotics	Ecosystem restoration
 	 <p>Single or mix</p> 	   

Strategy 3: ecosystem restoration

Fecal Microbial Transplants



- + Success rate:
 - *C difficile* infections: often superior to antibiotics
 - Other diseases: scarce literature

However:

- **Badly characterized**
 - **Infection transmission**
 - **Mode of action: unknown**

➔ No longterm future

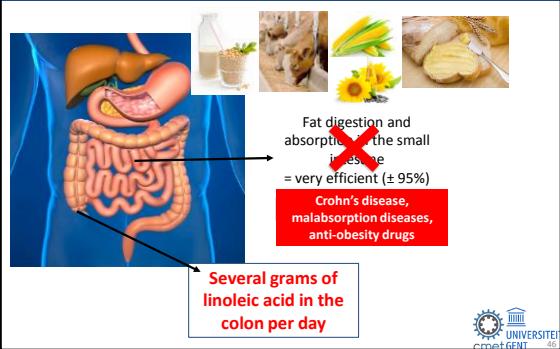
Mimicking the microbiome with miniature ecosystems

Table 1: Composition of mean estimate (Unadjusted)	% of total variance explained
Autonomy	90.1
Autonomy: education less often present	89.5
Autonomy: income less often different	89.4
Autonomy: sex	89.3
Autonomy: age	89.2
Autonomy: education higher	89.1
Autonomy: income higher	89.0
Autonomy: sex female	88.9
Autonomy: age older	88.8
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Autonomy: income less often different	88.6
Autonomy: sex male	88.5
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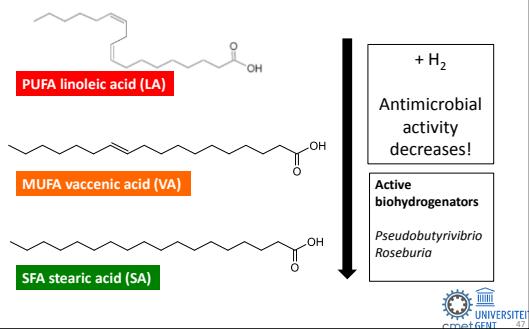


- + Phylogenetic diversity (not just LAB !)
 - + Mode of action known
 - + Perfectly characterized
 - + Specialized ecosystems for specific pathologies
 - + Technically reproducible
 - Regulatory update required

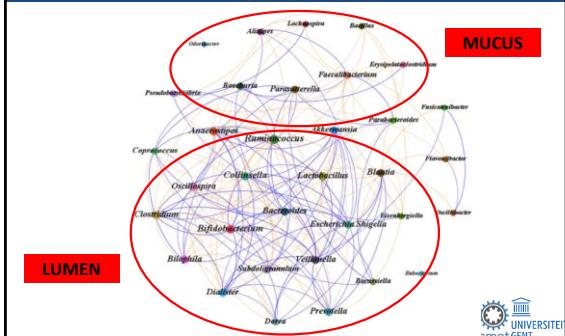
Case study on dietary linoleic acid : how to tease out microbial ecological stabilizers

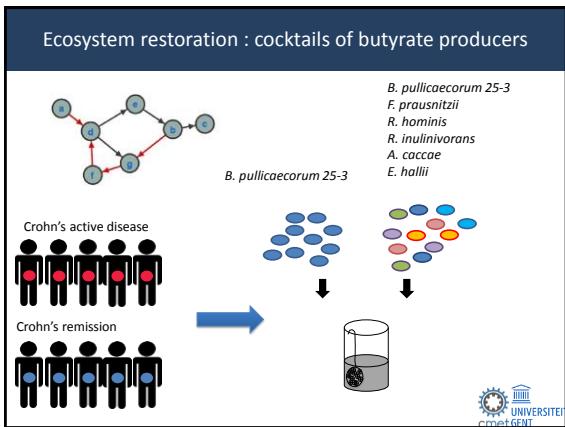
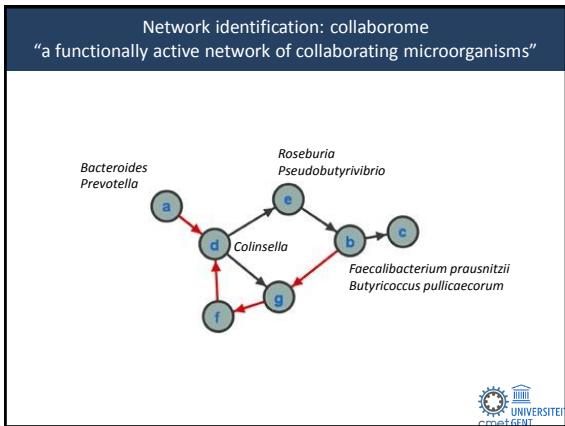
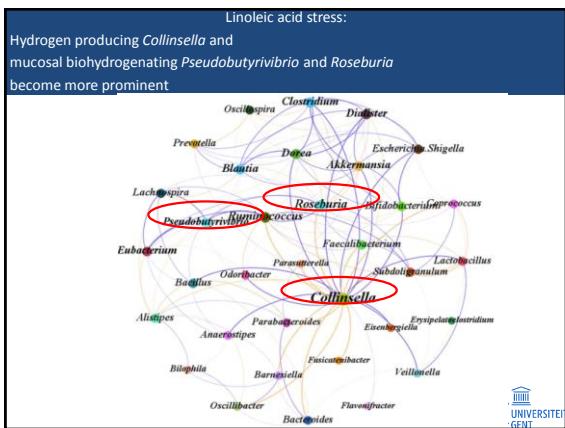


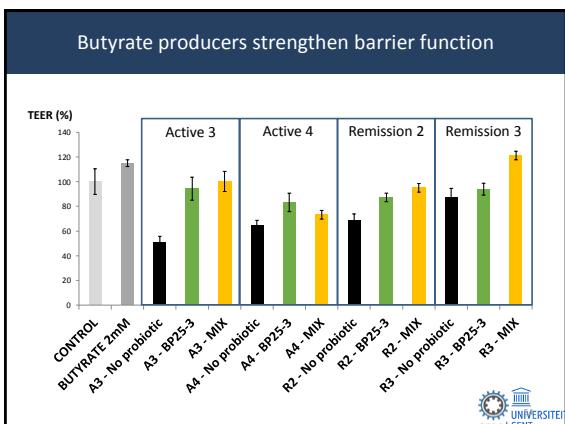
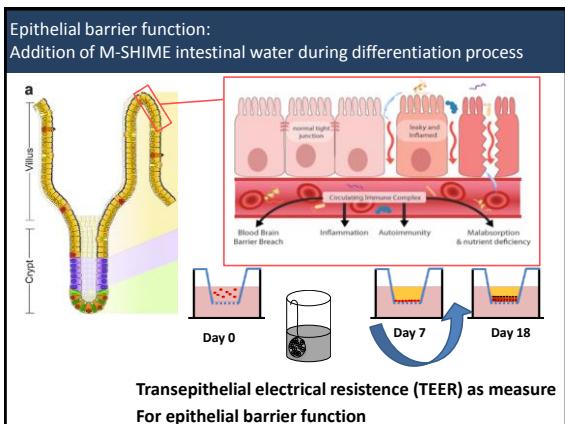
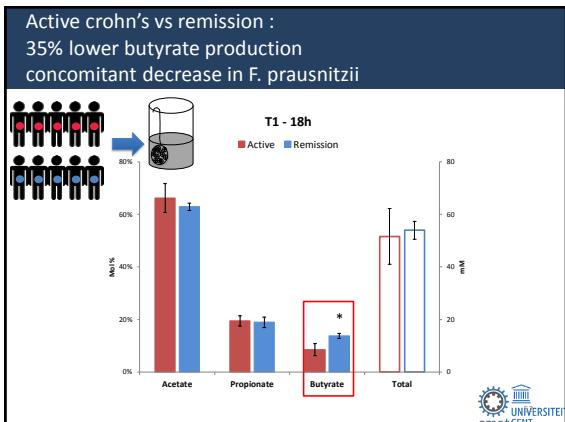
Bioactivity of linoleic acid in the colon: (1) antimicrobial effects and (2) biohydrogenation

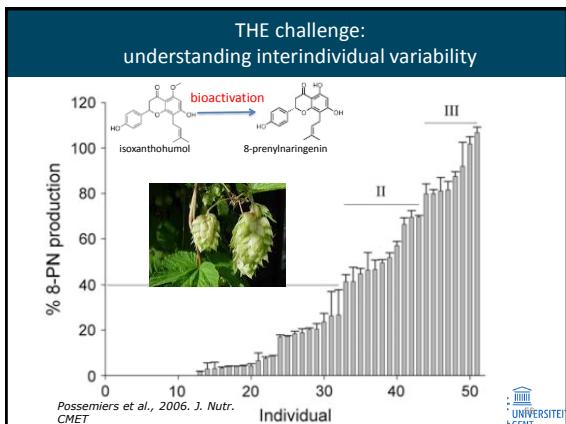
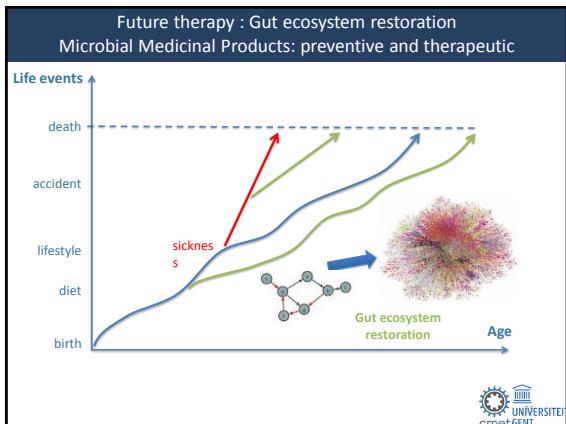


Correlation network for control samples reveals 2 groups:
Large luminal network vs. smaller mucosal network
(containing butyrate producers)









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