

# Advances in OA Research Where are we now...?

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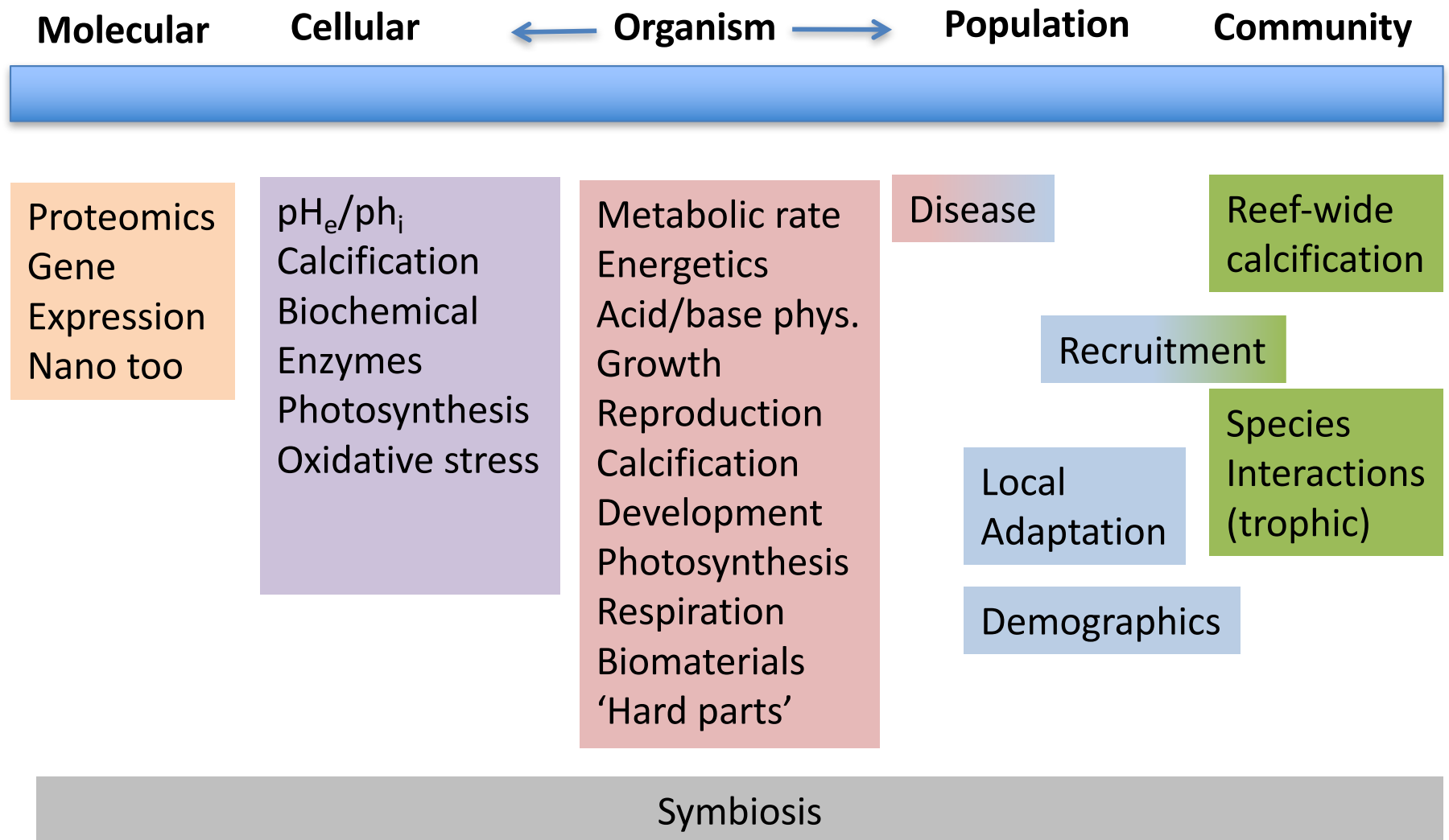
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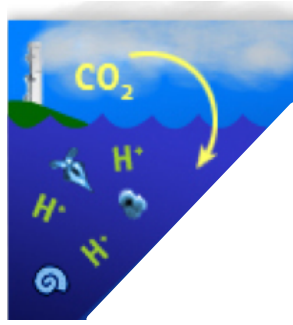
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Gallaudet University's Kellogg Conference Center  
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# Last time we met: “Skin in, Skin out”

## Integrative Biology in OA Research



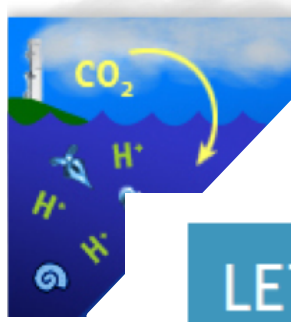


# Methodological Advances\*

## Highlight five developments:

1. Species interactions & ecosystem function
2. Experimental systems to support multistressors
3. Co-locating sensors with “Biology”
4. Use of next-generation sequencing (NGS)
5. Science Communications

\*My humblest apologies for things I might have missed or not covered. Many thanks to those who shared data and images with me.



# 1. Species interactions

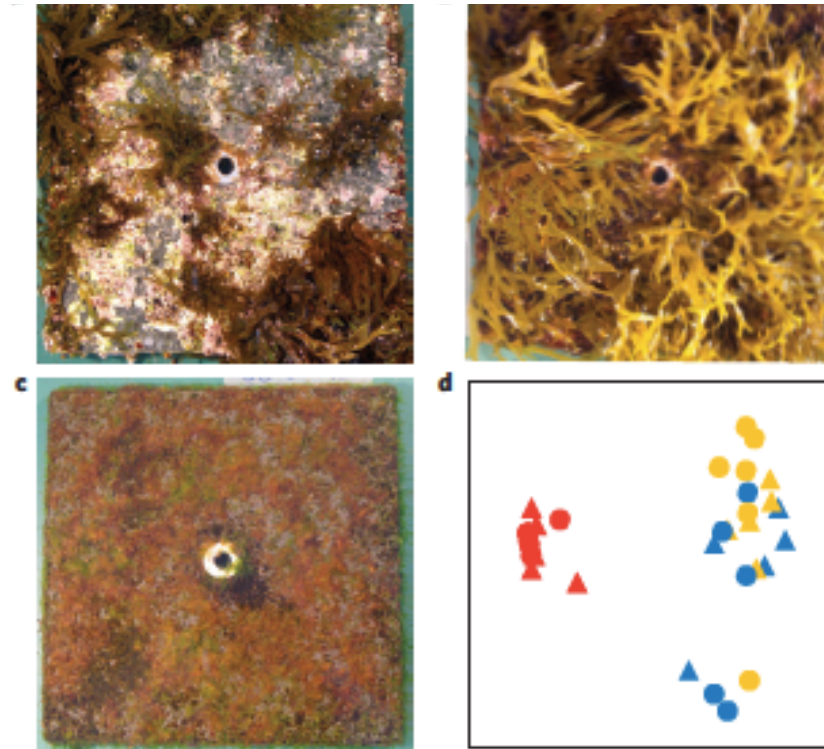
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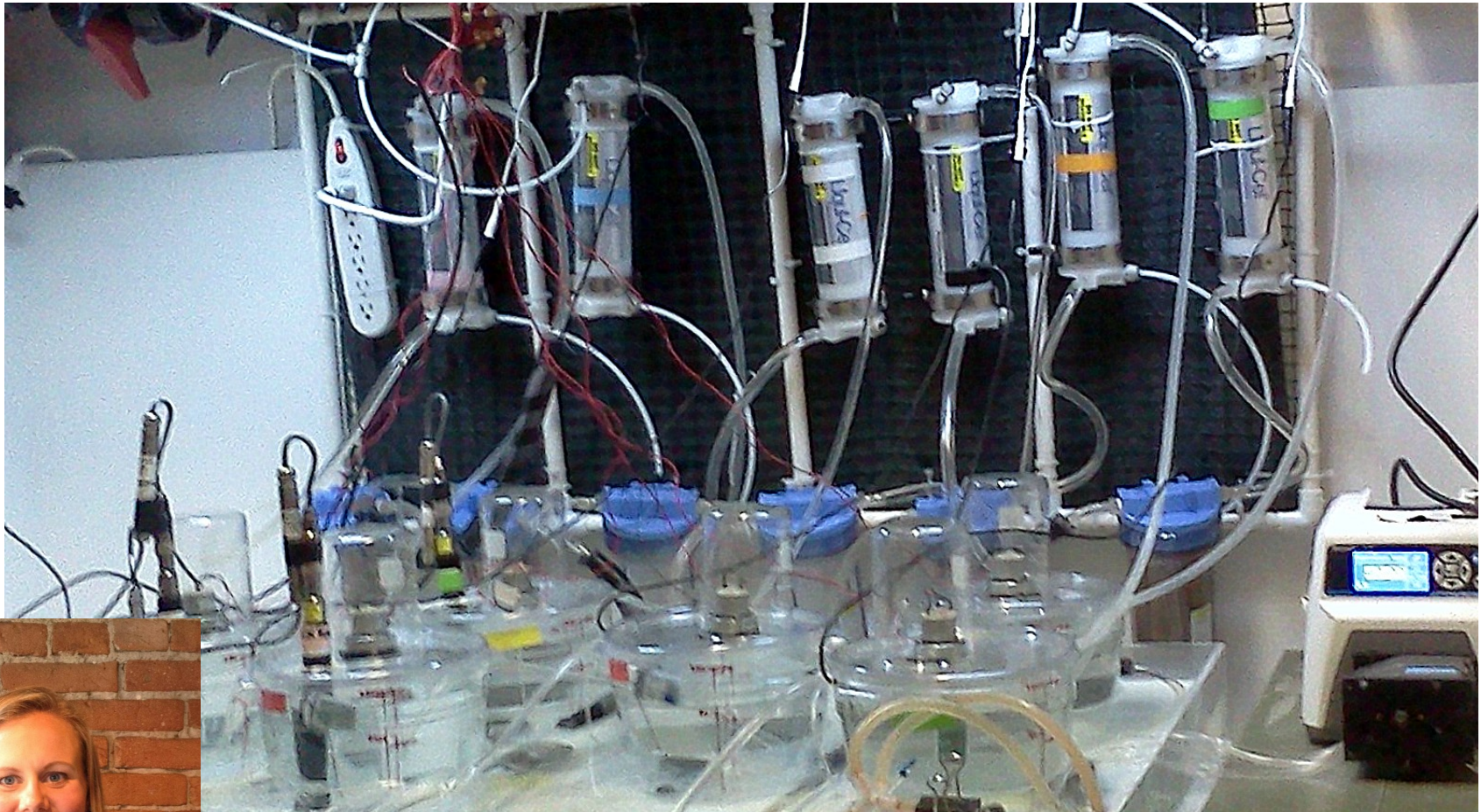
## Ocean acidification causes ecosystem shifts via altered competitive interactions

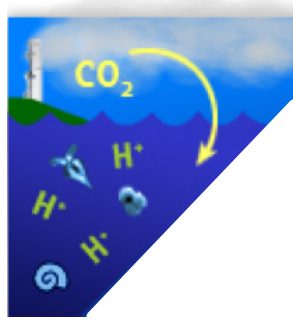
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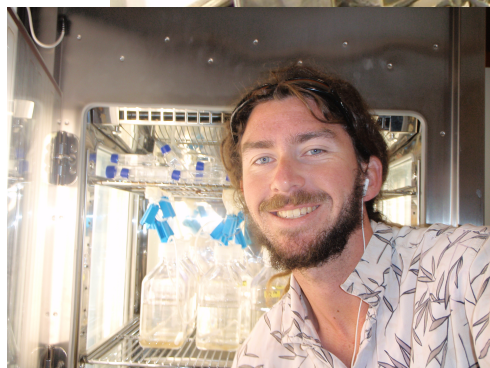
## 2. New lab systems – support “multistressor” studies:

*Apparatus to support independent regulation of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, O<sub>2</sub> levels, and temperature in a controlled environment*





## 2. Diatoms, multistressors & community composition



Tatters et al., (2013) *Phil Trans R Soc B*20120437

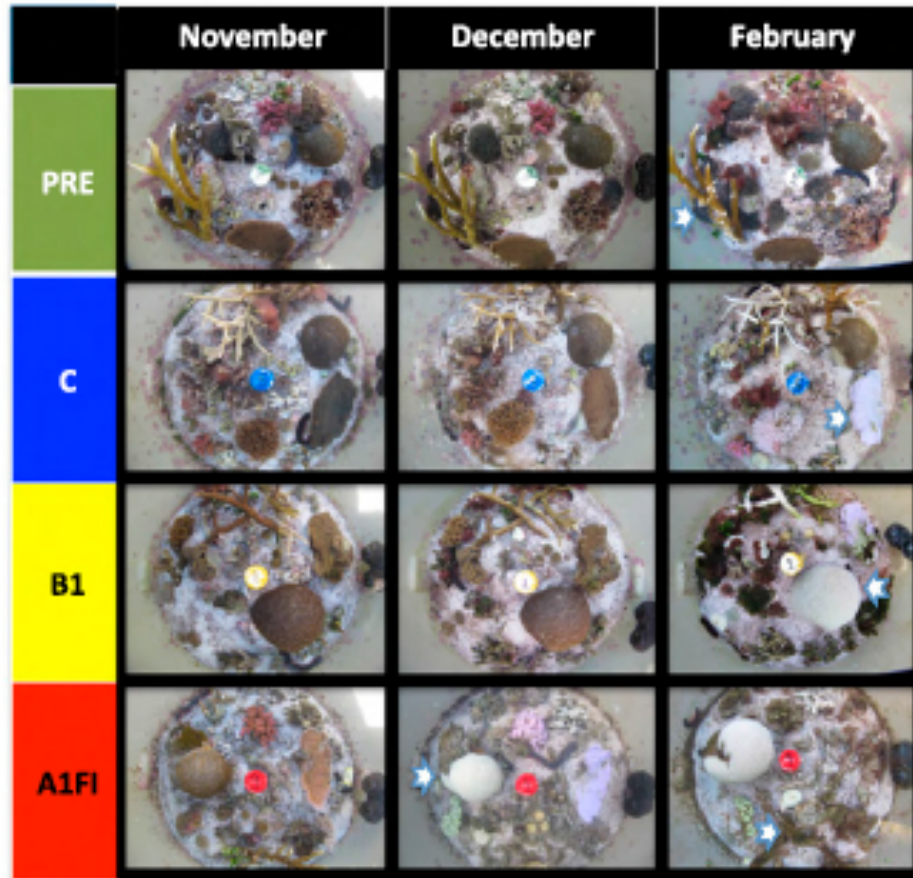
## 2. Experimental coral reefs

# Future reef decalcification under a business-as-usual CO<sub>2</sub> emission scenario

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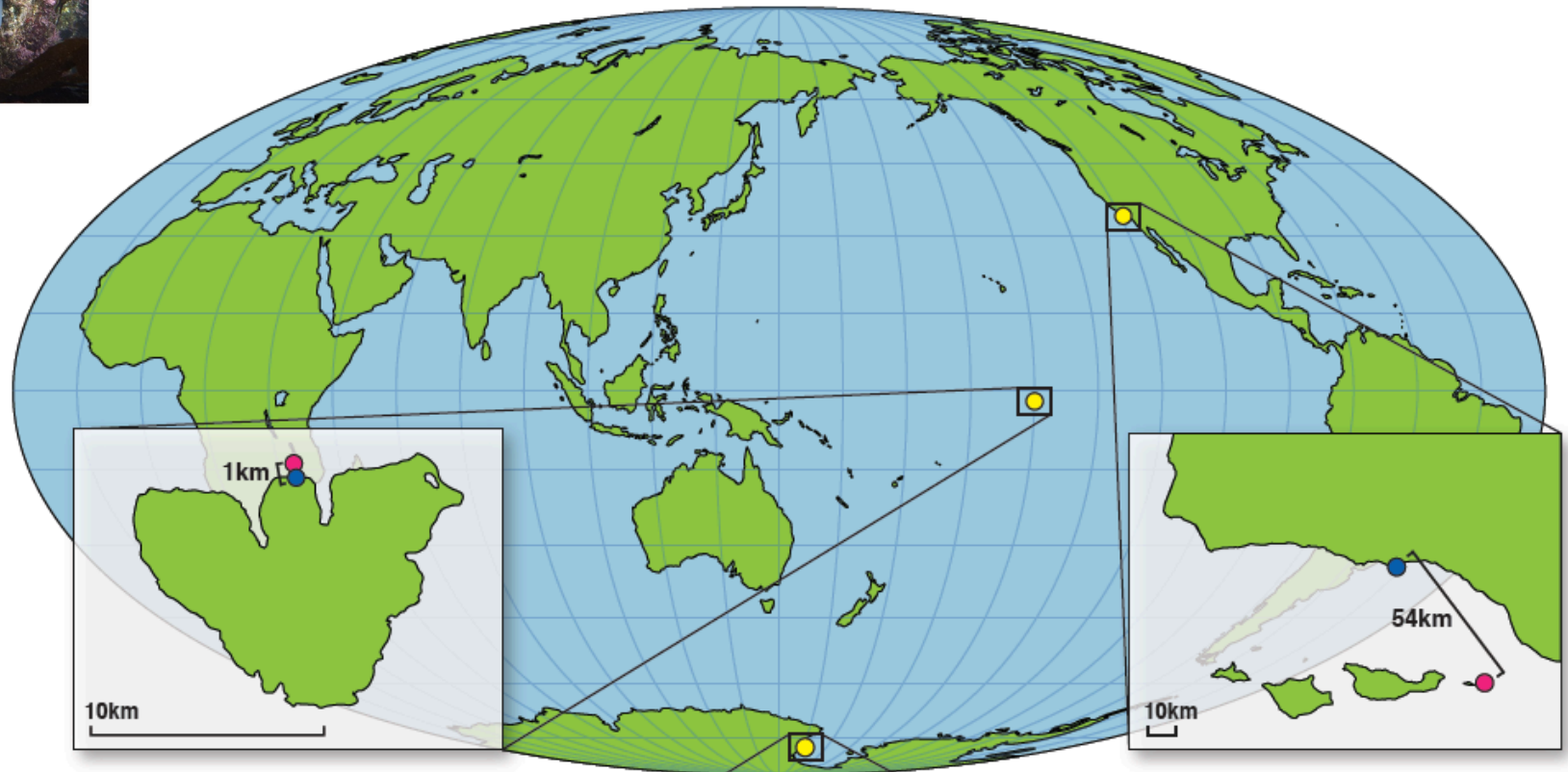
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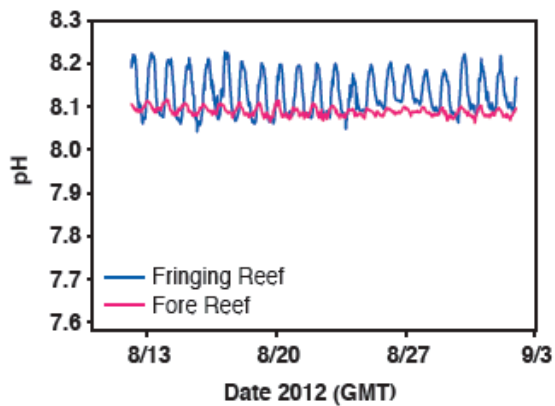




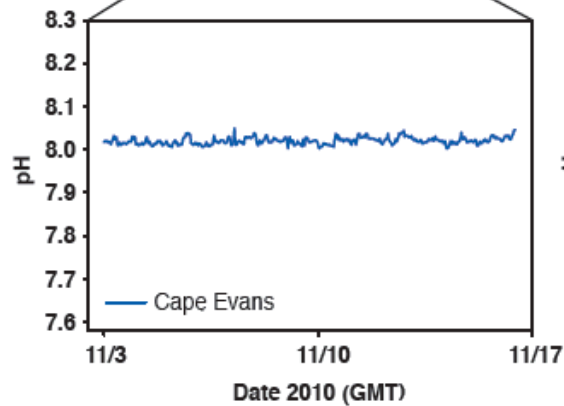
# 3. Co-location of Sensors with Biology



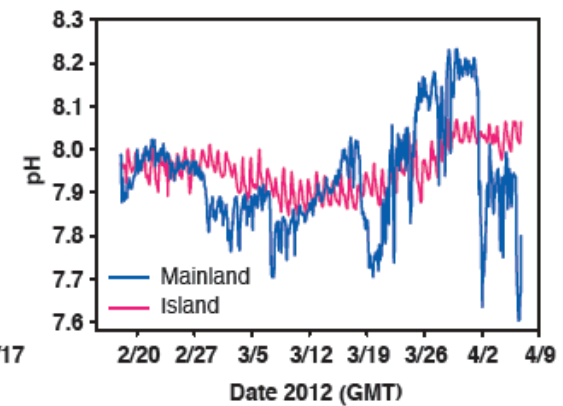
Moorea, French Polynesia



Antarctica

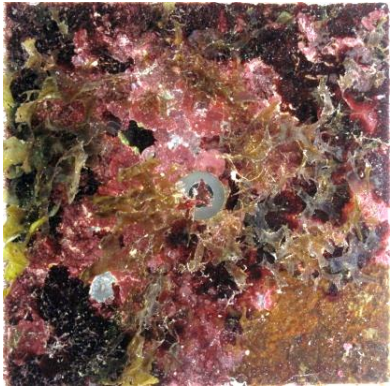


Santa Barbara Channel, USA





Daily seawater pH  
seasonal low

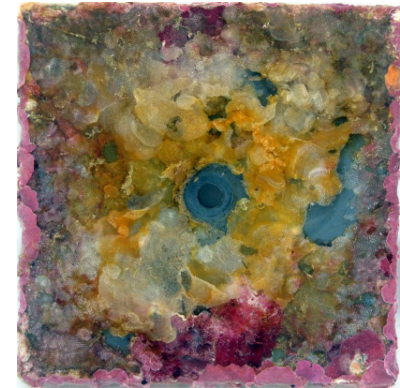
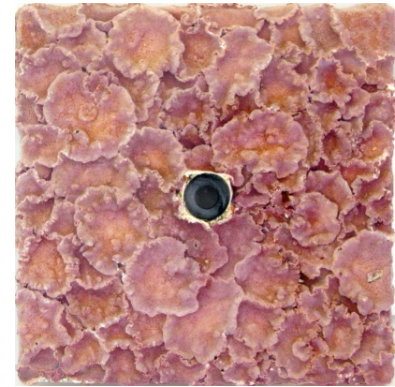


Bioeroders and soft-bodied species

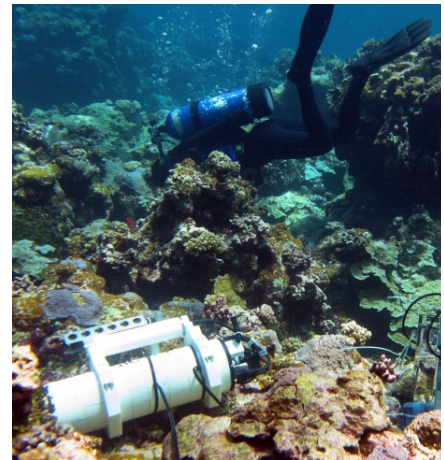
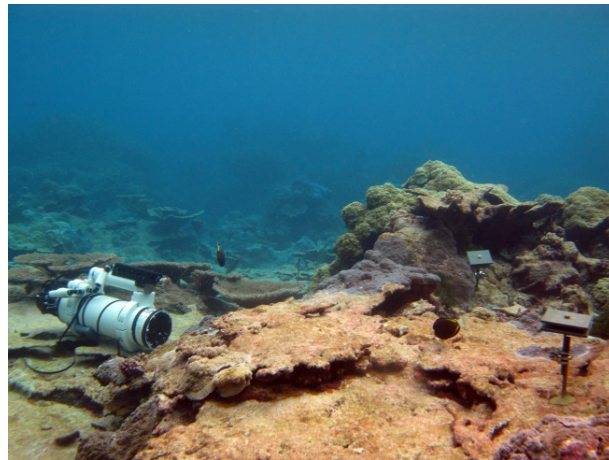
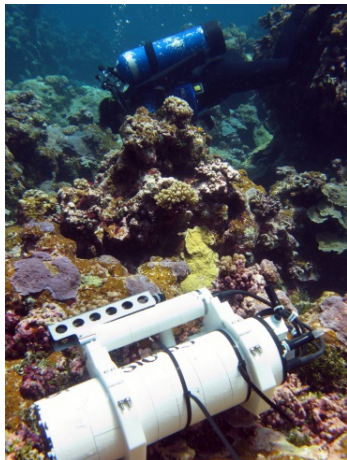
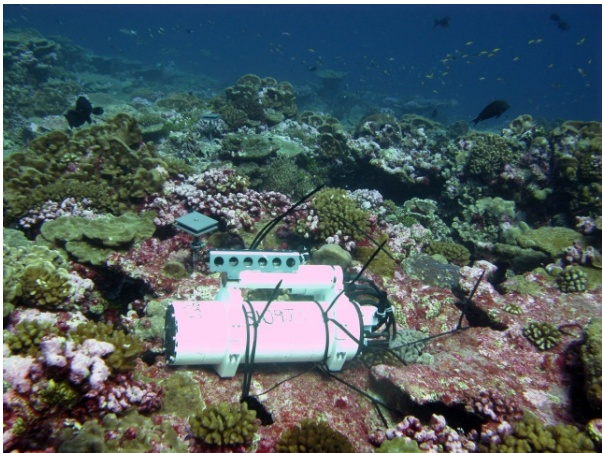
SeapHOxes and SeaFETs are paired with coral recruitment plates to relate development of early successional communities on reefs with environmental condition

Price et al. 2012 *PLoS One*

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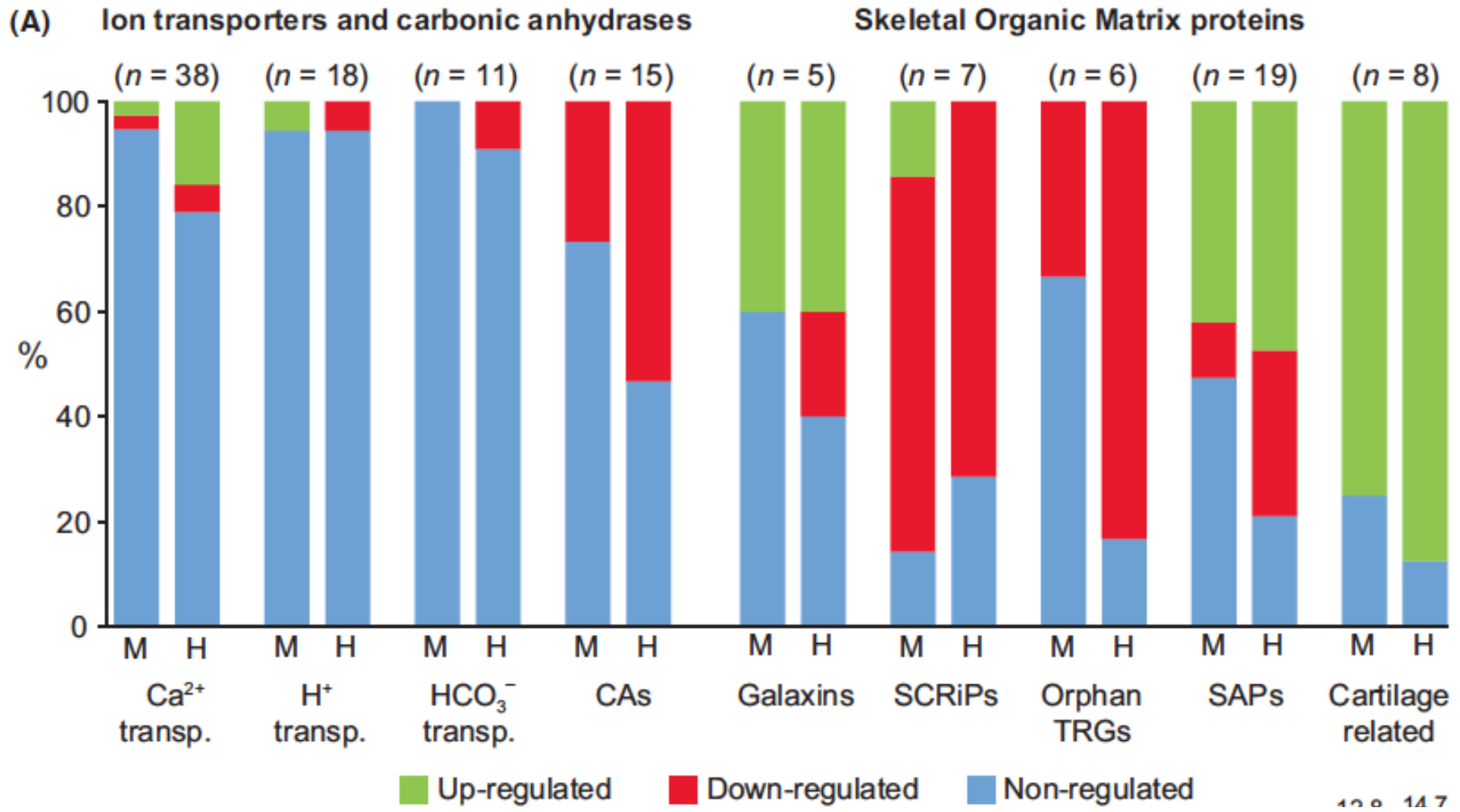
Calcifiers and reef builders



# 4. Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

- Molecular genomic applications
  - NGS available to people who can do a “good experiment”, no longer the provenance of genomicists

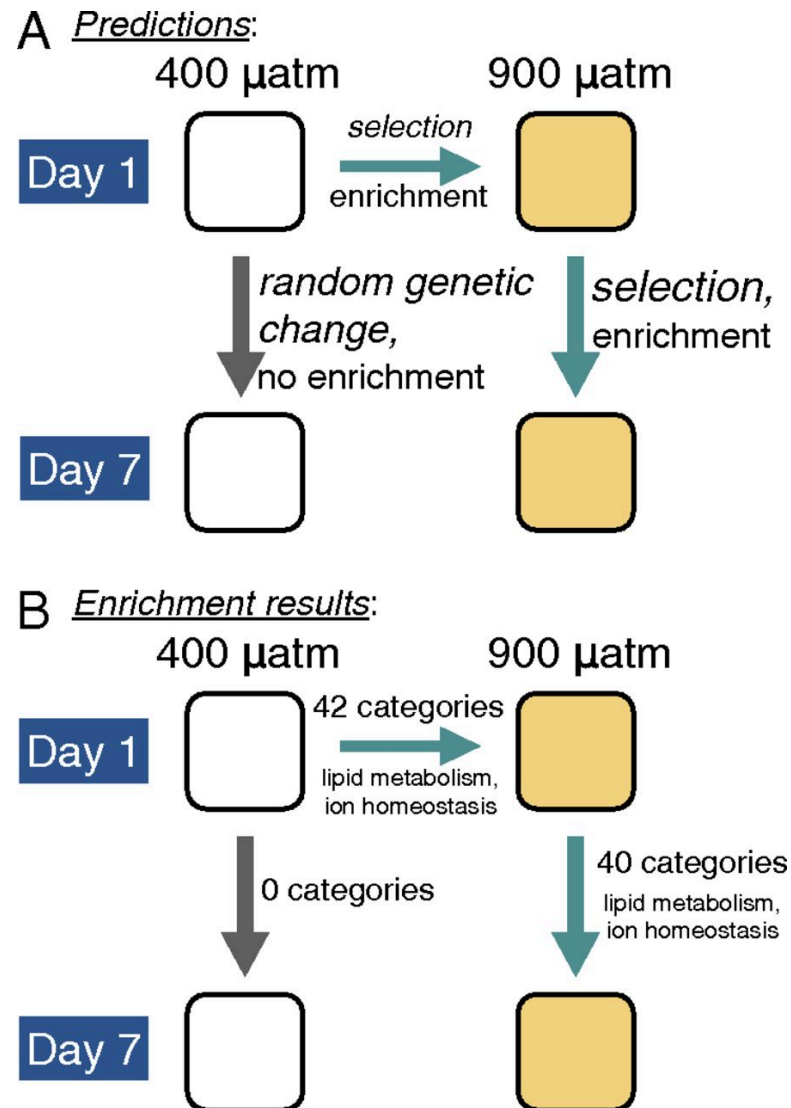
# Whole Transcriptome Analysis of *Acropora millepora* with Illumina RNAseq



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- Examine capacity for adaptation or looking for polymorphisms in the DNA for genes – Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs)
  - Liu S, Yeh C-T, Tang HM, Nettleton D, Schnable PS (2012) Gene Mapping via Bulked Segregant RNA-Seq (BSR-Seq). PLoS ONE 7(5): e36406. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0036406

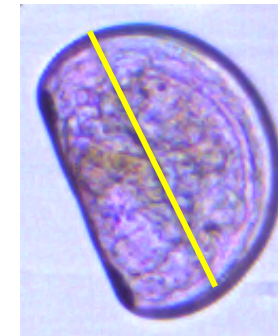
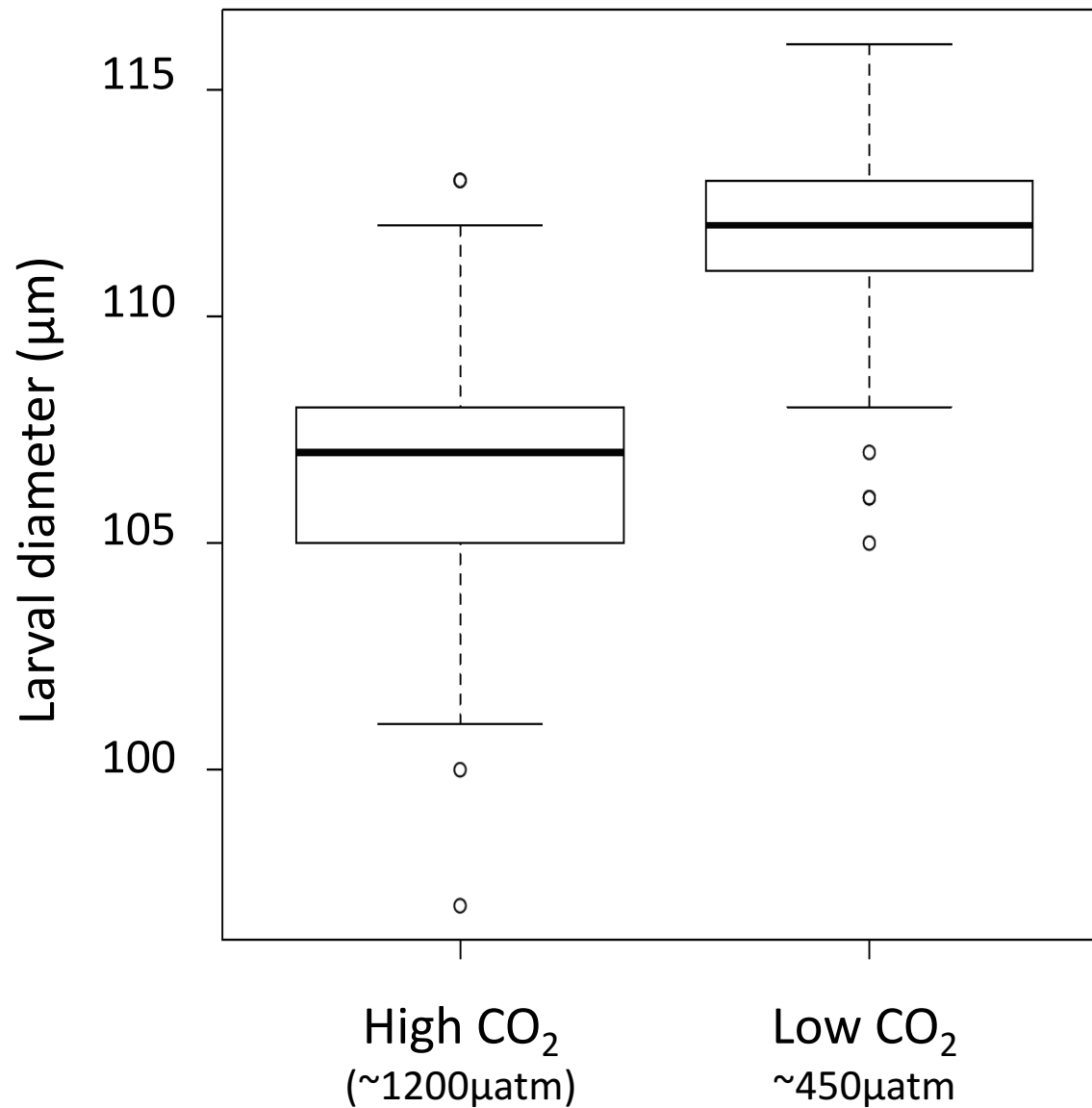
**Summary schematic of predicted evolutionary forces and enrichment results (A) and observed protein function enrichment results for greater changes in allele frequency (B) between the four day and treatment combinations**



Pespeni M H et al. PNAS 2013;110:6937-6942

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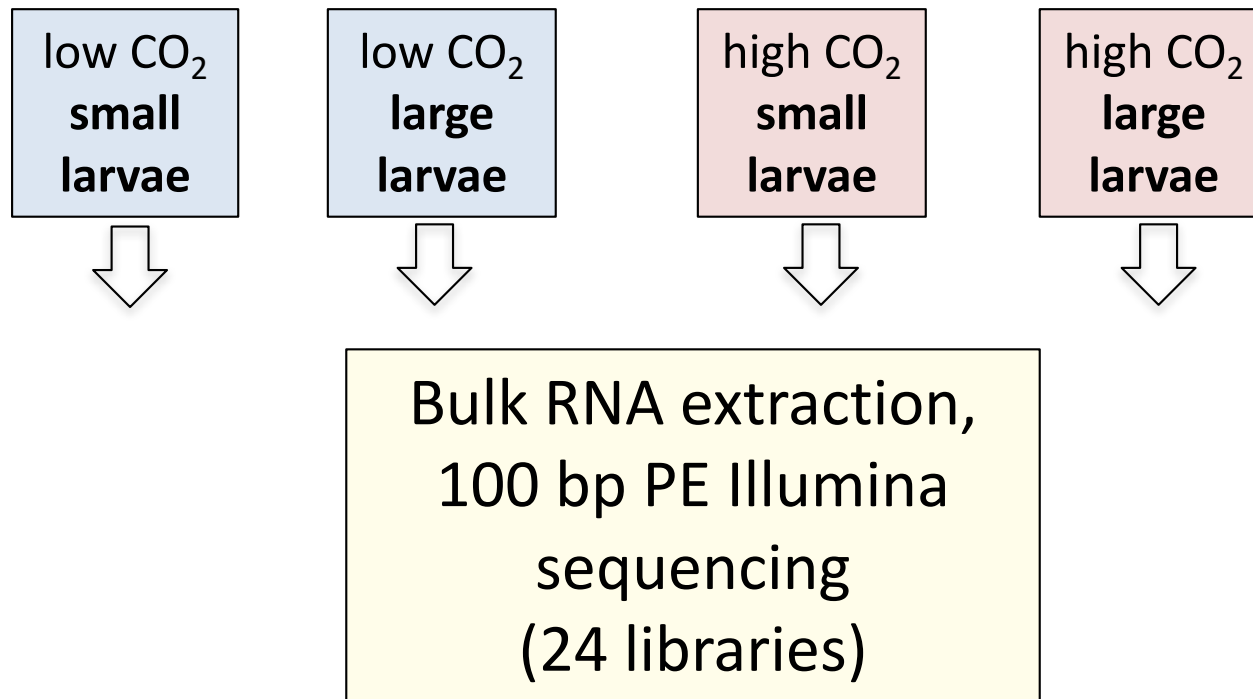
#### 4. An approach to look at the genotype-phenotype connection: *Larvae reared under high CO<sub>2</sub> are smaller...*



*Mytilus californianus*

... but there is lots of variation!

# RNA seq to identify differences among resistant vs. sensitive larvae



## 1) Gene expression:

- What are the expression differences between high and low pCO<sub>2</sub>?
- What are the expression differences in resistant vs. sensitive larvae?

## 2) SNPs:

- Are there **SNPs** associated with larvae that are resistance to high pCO<sub>2</sub>?

# 4. Strategic approaches to measuring evolutionary approaches

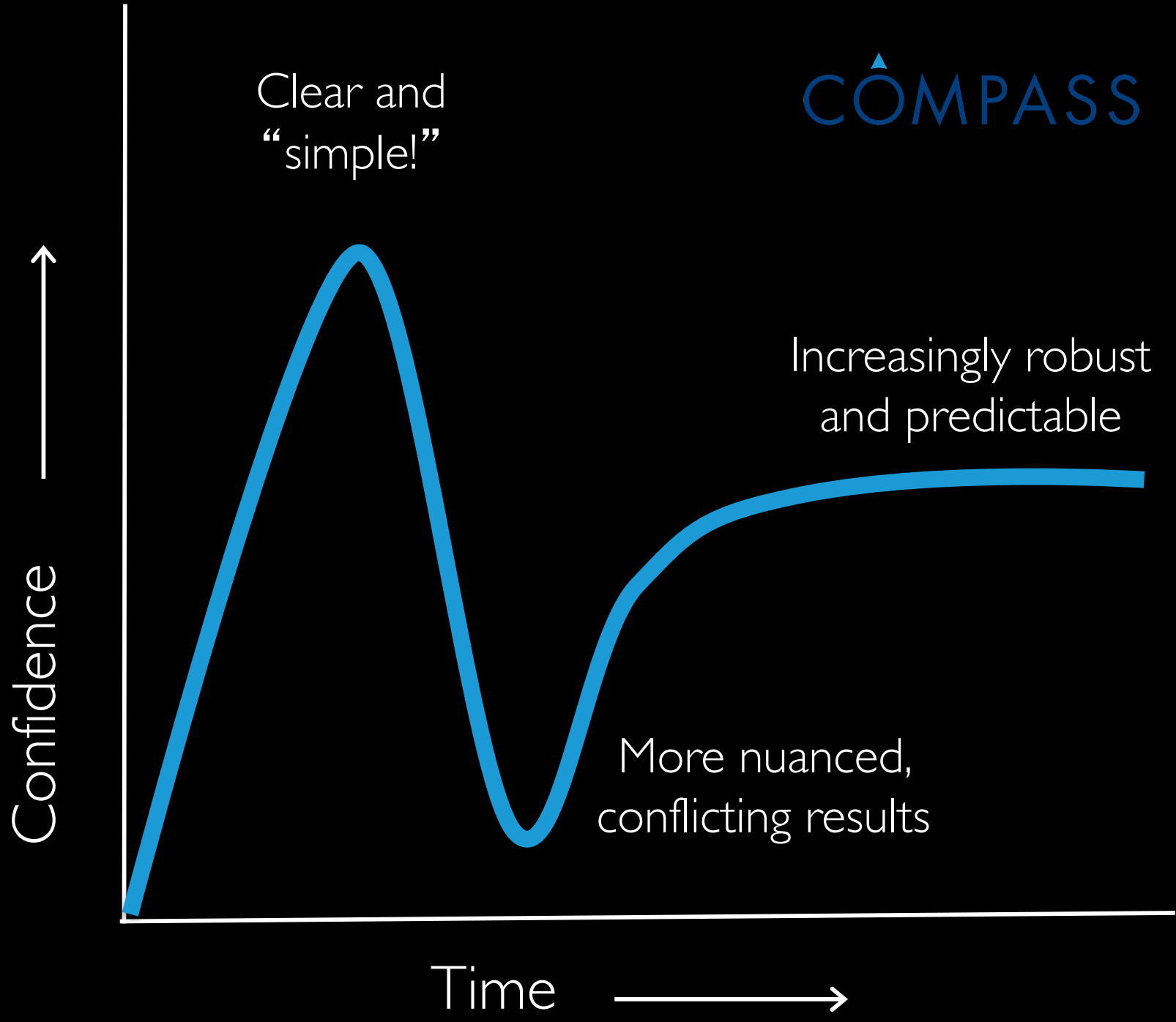
- Munday et al. *Ecology Letters* (Accepted)

Table 1. The various approaches to measuring evolutionary potential, with strengths, limitations, relevant organisms, and some examples from the marine literature.

<i>Approach</i>	<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Limitations</i>	<i>Relevant organisms</i>	<i>Examples</i>
<b>Molecular / genomics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can survey populations for molecular variation (i.e., among individual alleles)</li> <li>• Can give insight into mechanisms of gene expression</li> <li>• Can be applied to natural populations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genotype-phenotype map often poorly resolved: difficult to link allelic variation to heritable phenotypic variation in quantitative traits that are likely to be most relevant in adaptive evolution</li> <li>• May not predict evolutionary potential unless applied to individuals of known pedigree (in which case, some of the limitations of quantitative genetic approaches also apply)</li> </ul>	All organisms, especially large, long-lived or rare species that are not amendable to laboratory breeding experiments or experimental evolution	Barshis et al 2013 Pespeni et al 2013



# COMPASS



Clear and  
"simple!"

Increasingly robust  
and predictable

More nuanced,  
conflicting results

Confidence

Time

# 5. Science Communication

## CÔMPASS

- Three OA trainings:
  - Monterey, here in DC, and next one in Hawaii
- Profiles in OA Courage!

# The Elevator Speech





**Bryan Walsh,  
Time Magazine**



## The Dreaded Banana Phone Interview

**Emily Carrington,  
University of Washington**

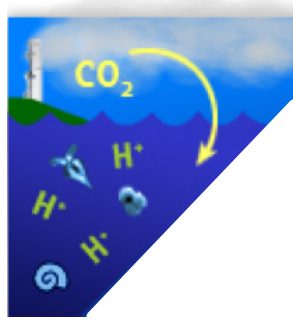
# The Radio Interview

**Jeff Runge**  
*Univ. of Maine (L)*

**&**

**Jon Hamilton (R)**  
*Science Desk, NPR news*





# Summary OAPI 2013

- Advances in understanding species interaction – more on ecosystem function to come
- OA occurs with other abiotic factors
- Observing linked to “Biology” is powerful
- Next generation sequencing, an emerging tool to study evolutionary potential
- By February 2014, 60 people in our community will have advanced training to communicate their OA science