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Correction: Several typographical errors were corrected. In lines 1 to 4, the Roman numerals were incorrectly started at II, instead of I. Line 247 and line 258 were missing fig. S10 call outs. Figure S10A incorrectly had *cpr1* marked as significantly different. In the Fig. S10 legend, the wrong statistical test was written; additionally, it was clarified that C and D were plants grown on plates, not in soil. In the Fig. S11 legend, a Methods reference was added.

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18 **Supplemental Table captions:**

19 **ST1 – Description of plant genotypes used**

20 Each of the plant genotypes used. For each genotype the full genotype, the name of each single
21 mutation contained in each mutant, the gene number for each mutation, the expression level in
22 roots, the salicylic acid related phenotype, the reference from where each mutant was created
23 and the origin of the seed stock.

24 **ST2 – Primer sequences**

25 Primer sequences utilized for the different library preparations. For the census experiments
26 primers organized according to sequencing technology and region. For the synthetic community
27 experiments Method 2b) we provide the molecule tagging and PCR step primers as well as the
28 PNA sequences. The index primer sequences can be found in Lundberg et. al 2013 (17). The
29 extra primers required for the microbial density (Method 2b) protocol are also provided.

30 **ST3 – Sample numbers in each experiment**

31 Top: Number of samples per genotype and fraction for each of the census experiments. For each
32 genotype, the samples are divided in endophytic compartment (EC) and rhizosphere (R) with the
33 percent of planted seedlings that survived to be harvested at the formation of an inflorescence
34 meristem, which was when we harvested the samples. Bottom: Number of samples per
35 genotype, fraction, inoculation, and fraction treatment for each of the synthetic community
36 experiments. To account for experimental variability, every experiment contains wild-type Col-0
37 and each mutant genotype was present in at least two experiments.

38 **ST4 – ZINB Model results for census experiments and SynCom**

39 ZINB model results for each of the datasets used in this paper. **A)** The main survey done with
40 Roche 454 at the family level; **B)** same as A but at the OTU level; **C)** subset re-sequencing of
41 region V4 with Illumina MiSeq; **D)** subset re-sequencing of region V8 with Illumina MiSeq. **E)**
42 SynCom. On each table, the results of parameter estimation and testing for each variable and
43 taxon combination is given. Estimate is the coefficient value from the model; StdErr is the
44 standard deviation of the Estimate; z.value is the z-score used for calculating a p-value (p.value);
45 p-values are corrected by the Benjamini-Hochberg method to obtain q-values (q.value); and
46 model indicates the type of model that was selected by the AIC criterion (Method 6b). Finally,
47 the “Legend” tab provides a description for each variable on the models.

48 **ST5 – Percent variance explained by each variable**

49 Results of CAP estimation of the percent of total variation explained by each variable (Method
50 6e). The analysis was performed both on the census and on the SynCom datasets, and a 95%
51 confidence interval was calculated with 1000 bootstrap pseudoreplicates.

52 **ST6 – Genotype Differentially Abundant (DA) families**

53 Bacterial families that are differentially abundant between Col-0 and each of the mutants in the
54 census experiment according to the ZINB model. The table shows families as rows and
55 genotypes as columns, where a value of 1 means enrichment and a value of -1 means depletion
56 relative to Col-0, while 0 means no statistically significant difference. This table was generated
57 by finding all the families with a significant q-value in table ST4a for any of the fracgenE
58 variables, and the sign of the estimate on the same table was used to determine enrichment
59 and depletions. The order of the rows matches the order of families in the heatmap found in fig.
60 S6A.

61 **ST7 – Genotype Differentially Abundant OTUs**

62 Bacterial OTUs that are differentially abundant between Col-0 and each of the mutants in the
63 census experiment according to the ZINB model. The table shows OTUs as rows and genotypes
64 as columns, where a value of 1 means enrichment and a value of -1 means depletion relative to
65 Col-0, while 0 means no statistically significant difference. This table was generated by finding all
66 the OTUs with a significant q-value in table S4b for any of the fracgenE variables, and the sign of
67 the estimate on the same table was used to determine enrichment and depletions. The order of
68 the rows matches the order of families in the heatmap found in fig. S7A.

69 **ST8 – Technically robust EC-enriched and EC-depleted families**

70 List of families that have overlapping enrichment or depletion in EC with respect to bulk soil in
71 the three census datasets: Roche 454 V8, Illumina MiSeq V8 and Illumina MiSeq V4. These
72 families were obtained by finding all of the families that had a significant q-value for any of the
73 fracgenE variables in table S4 while overlap in enrichment or depletion is defined as the value of
74 “Estimate” in table S4 having the same sign.

75 **ST9 – List of SynCom isolates**

76 For each isolate this table provides its phylum and family. It also indicates whether the family of
77 that isolate was enriched in the endophytic compartment (EC-enriched) or differentially
78 abundant between wildtype and a mutant (genotype-DA) in the census experiment. It also
79 shows the results from the SynCom experiments, indicating which isolates were robust
80 colonizers, EC-enriched or EC depleted (Fig. 2C), as well as which isolates were genotype-DA (Fig.
81 3C) or SA-DA (Fig. 4). The column Category summarizes the consistency between census and
82 SynCom experiments: EC-enriched confirmed indicates that an isolate is EC enriched both in the
83 census and SynCom; similarly, DA-confirmed indicates that an isolate is genotype-DA in both the
84 census and SynCom. Finally we provide genome assembly identifiers for the sequenced isolates
85 and full isolate names, these two terms can be used to retrieve the genome sequence and
86 annotations on the IMG/ER website.

87 **ST10 –Salicylic acid metabolism in isolates**

88 For isolates noted at left with sequenced genomes, we performed BLAST searches to identify
89 salicylic acid degradation or biosynthesis (A) genes (Method 6g). For each isolate, we show the
90 results of the ZINB model regarding salicylic acid (same information as table S4D), and we show
91 the percent identity and percent query coverage (number in parenthesis) for each
92 experimentally characterized gene involved in salicylic acid metabolism. Yellow background
93 indicates a strong match, while a green background indicates that both the query and the
94 subject had the same annotation, regardless of the quality of the match. Query genes were
95 retrieved from MetaCyc and their sequences can be found in (B).

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162 **1) Census study experimental procedures:**

163 **a. Soil collection and preparation:** For each experiment, we collected the top 20cm of earth
164 from Mason Farm (MF), which is managed by the North Carolina Botanical Garden. This site is
165 free from pesticide and fertilizer use and has low human disturbance, providing a fairly stable
166 soil source. Soil micronutrient analysis was used to define this as a loam soil with a variety of
167 nutrients and a pH of 6 (10). Soil was dried and crushed using an aluminum mallet. After
168 crushing, debris was removed by sifting, resulting in a very fine soil. To improve drainage, soil is
169 mixed 2:1 with steamed and autoclaved sand. The resulting soil mixture is used to grow plants in
170 2 x 2 inch square pots for each experiment.

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172 **b. Defense phytohormone mutant genotypes:** Plant-associated microbial communities promote
173 plant productivity by improving accessibility to nutrients, producing plant growth stimulating
174 factors, and inducing protection against pathogen infection and various abiotic stresses (18, 19).
175 The plant immune system detects microbes using highly polymorphic external and internal
176 receptors, which recognize both general microbe-associated molecular patterns and specific
177 pathogen virulence molecules. Salicylic acid (SA) biosynthesis is induced by immune receptor-
178 mediated recognition of microbial pathogens that require living host tissue (biotrophs) (20). By
179 contrast, ethylene and jasmonic acid (JA) biosynthesis are induced by pathogens that cause and
180 exploit host cell death (necrotrophs); the consequence of their action contributes to limiting
181 necrotrophic infections (20).

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183 In order to determine the role for the phytohormones salicylic acid, jasmonic acid, and ethylene
184 production and signaling in controlling microbiome community composition, we examined the
185 microbial communities of roots in a variety of *Arabidopsis thaliana* defense phytohormone
186 mutants (table S1). We used four hyper-immune mutants (*cpr1*, *cpr5*, *cpr6*, and *snc1*) previously
187 characterized to constitutively produce enhanced levels of salicylic acid and constitutive defense
188 signaling through salicylic acid in leaves (21-24). We investigated two classes of
189 immunocompromised mutants, which either lack pathogen-induced biosynthesis of salicylic acid
190 (*sid2*; (25)), or produce salicylic acid, but lack sensitivity to it (*pad4*; (26)). We examined the role
191 of salicylic acid biosynthesis or signaling in combination with a loss in jasmonic acid (JA)
192 biosynthesis and ethylene sensitivity (with *dde2 ein2 pad4 sid2* (DEPS); (27)). In the second class

193 of immunocompromised mutants, we examined the role of salicylic acid sensitivity in
194 combination with jasmonic acid sensitivity (with *npr1 jar1* (NJ); (28)), ethylene sensitivity (with
195 *ein2 npr1* (EN); (28)), or sensitivity to salicylic acid, jasmonic acid, and ethylene (with *jar1 ein2*
196 *npr1* (JEN); (28)). Root expression of each of these genes in wild type Col-0 roots was confirmed
197 via Genevestigator's plant biology database (https://genevestigator.com/gv/doc/intro_plant.jsp)
198 with the exception of *CPR6*, which was not in the database.
199

200 **c. Seed sterilization, germination and plant growth:** All seeds were surfaced-sterilized by
201 treatment with 70% ethanol with 0.1% Triton-X100 for 1 minute, 12 minutes of treatment with
202 freshly made bleach solution (10% household bleach and 0.1% Triton-X100), and 3 rinses with
203 sterile distilled water. Seedlings grown from such seeds have previously been shown to not
204 contain endophytic microbes, and this treatment eliminates any seed-borne microbes on the
205 seed surface (10). Seeds were stratified at 4°C in the dark for 3 days and germinated on 0.5%
206 agar containing ½ strength Murashige and Skoog (MS) vitamins and 1% sucrose for 1 week at
207 24°C under 18 hours of light. Healthy 1 week old seedlings were aseptically transplanted from
208 the MS germinating plates into sterile 2.5 inch square pots filled with Mason Farm soil prepared
209 as described above. We also included "bulk soil" controls, which were pots without plants added
210 to them and were randomly interspersed among the planted pots. All pots, including bulk soil
211 controls, were watered from the top with non-sterile distilled water to avoid chlorine and other
212 tap water additives 2-3 times a week. In order to promote large rosette and root growth, plants
213 were grown in growth chambers with short day, 8 hours of light (108-135
214 and 16 hours of dark at 18°C until the formation of an inflorescence meristem. ☐Einsteins) at 21

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216 **d. Harvesting and DNA extraction:** Plants and bulk soil controls were harvested and their
217 rhizosphere and endophytic compartment microbial communities isolated as previously
218 described (10). At the formation of an inflorescence meristem, the above ground plant organs
219 were aseptically removed and loose soil was physically removed until only soil within 1mm from
220 the root surface remained. The roots were placed in a clean and sterile 50mL conical tube
221 containing 25mL of phosphate buffer (6.33g of NaH₂PO₄*H₂O, 16.5g of Na₂HPO₄*H₂O, and
222 200uL Silwet L-77 in 1L of water). Rhizospheres (R) were separated from the roots by vortexing
223 the root system in buffer at maximal speed for approximately 15 seconds. The resulting turbid
224 solution was filtered through a sterile 100µm nylon mesh cell strainer (BD Biosciences) into
225 another sterile 50mL conical tube to filter out plant material, sand, and other large debris. The
226 filtrate was centrifuged in 2 steps to form tight pellets (averaging 250mg), defined as our
227 "rhizosphere" (R) sample. Bulk soil samples were taken by discarding the top 1cm of soil from
228 the pot, homogenizing the remaining soil on a sterile work surface, and scooping approximately
229 250mg of the mixed soil into a buffer tube and following the same protocol as rhizosphere
230 samples. To isolate the endophytic compartment (EC) microbial community, roots were rinsed in
231 sterile distilled water and debris was aseptically removed with tweezers. Roots were
232 subsequently placed in new sterile phosphate buffer for sonication to remove soil or microbial
233 aggregates remaining on the root surface using a Diagenode Bioruptor set on the low frequency
234 for five minutes (five 30s bursts followed by five 30s rests). The clean sonicated roots constitute
235 the EC samples. All Bulk soil, R, and EC samples were flash frozen and stored at -80°C until DNA
236 was extracted with the 96-well format MoBio PowerSoil kit. For the EC samples, we performed a
237 pre-homogenization step by lyophilizing the root samples, putting them in a 2mL tube with 3
238 glass beads (4 mm), snap freezing again and running through a cycle on the MPBio FastPrep 24
239 for 20s at 4.0 m/s. This pre-homogenization allowed us to grind the tissue before adding lysis
240 buffer and ensure that the kit was able to work efficiently.

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242 **e. Measuring root length and morphology:** For both root length and root morphology
243 measurements, surface sterilized mutant seeds and control seeds were grown vertically on
244 plates containing ½ strength Murashige and Skoog (MS) salt mixture, 1% sucrose, 2.5 mM 2-(N-
245 morpholino) ethanesulfonic acid (pH5.7), and 0.5% phytagar for 7 days. Root lengths were
246 measured using ImageJ (29), and the Student's t-test was used to determine statistical
247 significance (fig. S10C). Seedlings were stained in 10 mg/ml propidium iodide for 0.5 to 2
248 minutes and mounted in water. Imaging was on a Zeiss LSM710 confocal laser-scanning
249 microscope using the 488-nm laser line for excitation and a 40x water objective (fig. S10D).

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251 **f. Measuring salicylic acid production in leaves and roots:** We confirmed the salicylic acid
252 hyper-accumulation phenotypes in leaves of *cpr1*, *cpr5*, *cpr6*, and *snc1*, and the absence of
253 salicylic acid in biosynthetic *sid2* mutant leaves. However, we noted low salicylic acid levels in
254 roots of all genotypes grown in wild Mason Farm soil (fig. S10A). Further, *cpr1*, *cpr5*, *cpr6*, *snc1*,
255 *pad4*, and *sid2* seedlings were grown axenically for 18 days in vertical plates as described above
256 for tissue to measure salicylic acid accumulation (fig. S10B). Finally, root morphological
257 differences between genotypes grown on agar could not explain the observed overlap in
258 microbiome differences from wildtype (fig. S10C and S10D). Previously, production of salicylic
259 acid has been measured in the leaves of many of the mutants used in this study (21-24). For
260 measuring salicylic acid production in the leaves and roots in MF soil, hyper-responsive mutants
261 (*cpr1*, *cpr5*, *cpr6*, and *snc1*) as well as negative control (*sid2*) and isogenic wild type (Col-0) were
262 grown in Mason Farm soil as described above with the exception that 4-5 seedlings of each
263 genotype were grown in a 4.5" pot together to increase the amount of plant material harvested
264 for each sample. When the inflorescence meristem formed, plants were harvested and four
265 100mg samples of leaves and roots were taken. Samples were snap frozen and stored at -80°C
266 until SAG levels were assessed biochemically. Briefly, the levels of total salicylic acid and salicylic
267 acid glucoside (SAG) were determined for each genotype using the *Acinetobacter* sp.
268 ADPWH_lux biosensor (30).

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270 **2) Massive parallel sequencing library preparations:**

271 **a. 454 16S library preparation and pyrotag sequencing:** 454 pyrosequencing libraries were
272 created in triplicate using the same protocol as in (10) and sequencing was performed at the
273 Joint Genome Institute and Roche. The raw data from the 454 survey experiment is available in
274 the Short Read Archive (ERP010780), and the processed OTU representative sequences are in
275 Supplementary Dataset 3.

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277 **b. Illumina library preparation and sequencing at JGI:** Three sets of primers were used to
278 amplify the V4 region of the 16S rRNA gene (515F-806R), V8 region of the 16S (1114F-1392R),
279 and ITS intergenic sequence (ITS4 and ITS9) (table S2). In each case, the reverse primer had a
280 unique molecular barcode for each sample. This allowed multiplexing of 92 samples for V4, 48
281 samples for V8, and 92 for ITS. PCR reactions with ~20ng template were performed with 5 Prime
282 Hot Master Mix in triplicate along with a positive and negative control to reveal contamination.
283 The PCR program used was 94°C for 3 min followed by (94°C for 45 sec, 50°C for 1min, 72°C for
284 1.5 min) x 35 cycles, followed by 72°C for 10 min and then cool down to 4°C. Reactions were
285 purified using 1.2X volume of AMPureXP magnetic bead and quantified with Qubit HS assay.
286 Amplicons were pooled in equal amounts following qualitative analysis with a Bioanalyzer.
287 Pooled amplicons were then diluted to 10uM and submitted for qPCR for quality control. For
288 family-level microbiome comparisons, samples were sequenced on an Illumina MiSeq machine

289 at the Joint Genome Institute with a target cluster density of 500K/mm². Each sample was
290 spiked with approximately 25% PhiX control to increase sequence diversity. The data from the
291 Illumina re-sequencing on the JGI portal. We will need to provide the following url in the
292 appropriate section (<http://genome.jgi.doe.gov/Immunesamples/Immunesamples.info.html>)
293 and the processed OTU representative sequences are in Supplementary Dataset 3.
294

295 **c. Illumina library preparation for SynCom experiment:** Illumina libraries for the SynCom
296 experiments were created using the same protocol as in (17), which allows counting of original
297 template molecules, and sequencing was performed at UNC. The raw data for the SynCom
298 experiments is available in the Short Read Archive (ERP010863).
299

300 3) Processing of sequencing data:

301 **a. Sequence processing pipeline:** Sequences from each platform, library preparation method
302 and experimental design were first pre-processed as described below into a fasta file containing
303 high quality sequences matched to a given sample on the fasta headers. The resulting sequences
304 were then converted into a count table either by clustering into Operational Taxonomic Units
305 (OTUs) or mapping to known isolates' 16S rRNA gene. Representative sequences from OTUs
306 were further taxonomically annotated (see OTU and isolate annotation below). Samples that
307 had less than 1000 usable reads in the census were pooled *in silico* with samples of the same
308 fraction, developmental stage, genotype and experiment that also had less than 1000 usable
309 reads to provide enough depth for statistical analyses (Methods 3h). A number of off-the-shelf
310 tools were used, and in-house Perl scripts filled the gaps (see details below).
311

312 **b. Pre-processing Roche 454 census experiments:** As each 454 plate was sequenced, raw reads
313 from individual plates were immediately run through Pyrotagger (31) to diagnose plate quality
314 (based on the number of reads passing quality checks) and determine if a plate needed to be re-
315 sequenced. Plates with a reasonable number of long, high quality raw reads with matching
316 barcodes were processed and quality controlled following the pipeline defined in (10). Briefly,
317 reads were trimmed to 220bp and short reads removed, low quality reads were removed using
318 default quality control settings in QIIME-1.3.0 (32) with the `split_libraries.py` script, and
319 individual reads were matched to sequence barcodes.
320

321 **c. Pre-processing Illumina MiSeq census experiment:** MiSeq lanes with a high number of
322 sequence pairs matching barcodes and successful merging of paired-ends were used for
323 downstream analysis. An in-house pipeline was implemented in Perl to process these sequences
324 with the following steps: i) sequence pairs were identified and unpaired sequences were
325 discarded; ii) reads were trimmed to 165bp and merged using FLASH (33) (options: `-m 30 -M`
326 `165 -x 0.25 -r 165 -f 282 -s 20`), any read pair that did not merge was discarded; iii) expected
327 primer sequences were matched to the merged sequences using standard regular expression
328 techniques, primer sequences were removed and the resulting "*in silico* amplicons" were kept;
329 any sequences without primer matching were discarded; iv) for the V4 region only, sequences
330 shorter than 240 bp were removed because the primers used for this region also amplify
331 oomycete mitochondrial genes; v) sequences were de-multiplexed.
332

333 **d. Pre-processing Illumina MiSeq synthetic community experiments:** Libraries were prepared
334 following the protocol from (1). MiSeq reads were processed with MT-Toolbox (17, 34). Briefly,
335 sequence pairs were merged with FLASH (33) and merged sequences were binned by molecule

336 tag (MT). The resulting bins were used to correct for PCR and sequencing errors and biases. Only
337 MTs with at least 3 merged sequences were kept for downstream analysis.

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339 **e. Clustering sequences into OTUs:** For the census experiments (both from 454 and MiSeq), the
340 high quality sequences were clustered into Operational Taxonomic Units (OTUs) using custom
341 made implementation of OTUpipeline (<http://www.drive5.com/usearch/manual/otupipeline.html>) with
342 USEARCH6 (35). Our implementation performs the following steps: i) de-replicate sequences; ii)
343 de-noising by clustering at 99% identity; iii) cluster de-noised sequences at 97% to define OTUs;
344 iv) identify chimeric sequences using both a reference-based and a de-novo chimera detection
345 step. Sequences from Roche 454 were further scanned for chimeric OTUs using ChimeraSlayer
346 (36) as implemented in QIIME (32). The number of reads matching a given OTU were counted
347 for each sample and a count table was generated for each set of libraries (454, Illumina V4 with
348 PNA, Illumina V4 without PNA, Illumina V8 and Illumina ITS2). Comparison of the Illumina V4
349 with PNA and V4 without PNA showed a very high degree of reproducibility (fig. S11) and thus
350 the resulting count tables were combined to generate a single Illumina V4 count table.

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352 **f. Mapping MT consensus to isolate 16S genes:** For the synthetic community experiments,
353 every high quality consensus sequence produced by MT-Toolbox (34) was mapped with BWA
354 version 0.7.10-r78 (37) to a reference set of sequences made up of the Sanger 16S sequence
355 from the 38 isolates in the synthetic community, as well as to known plant nuclear and
356 organellar rRNA genes. Up to 3 mismatches were allowed during mapping and the number of
357 consensus sequences matching to each isolate or host sequences were used to create a count
358 table for downstream analysis.

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360 **g. OTU and isolate annotation:** We profiled the bacterial and the fungal communities by high-
361 throughput sequencing of segments of the 16S rRNA gene and intergenic transcribed spacer (fig.
362 S11). For each prokaryotic dataset (454 V8, Illumina MiSeq V8 and Illumina MiSeq V4),
363 representative sequences from each OTU were given a taxonomic annotation using the RDP
364 classifier (38) as implemented in QIIME 1.3.0. The 2011/-2/04 Greengenes database was used as
365 a training set. OTU representative sequences were also BLASTed (39) against: i) a modified
366 Greengenes database that includes plant and oomycete-derived sequences, and ii) the GOLD
367 database (<http://drive5.com/uchime/gold.fa>). Any OTU annotated as plant, archaea or
368 oomycete-derived (nuclear or organellar) by any of the three methods was removed from
369 downstream analysis. For the fungal ITS dataset, OTUs were classified by BLAST against the
370 UNITE database (<https://unite.ut.ee/>) which was modified to contain the *A. thaliana* nuclear and
371 organellar ITS region.

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373 Profiles of the strongly immunocompromised *jar1 ein2 npr1* (JEN) triple mutant and the *dde2*
374 *ein2 pad4 sid2* (DEPS; table S1) quadruple mutant contained a disproportionate abundance of
375 sequences not classified as bacteria, despite our use of bacteria-specific 16S rRNA gene primers
376 (table S2). The vast majority of these sequences corresponded to two Operational Taxonomic
377 Units (OTUs) that were ~20bp shorter than bacterial amplicons, and matched mitochondrial
378 sequences from the oomycete genera *Phytophthora* and *Pythium* (fig. S2). Our identification of
379 oomycete sequences closely related to known plant pathogens is consistent with increased
380 susceptibility of these mutant lines to infection (27, 28). Presumably as a consequence, both the
381 JEN and DEPS mutants survived poorly on wild soil over the experimental time course, resulting
382 in a lower number of replicates (table S3). Because oomycete prevalence and abundance were

383 otherwise rare across samples (fig. S2), we removed these sequences during sequence
384 processing (fig. S3) in order to focus on the alterations in the respective bacterial communities.

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386 For the synthetic community experiments, sequences were classified “isolate” (matching one of
387 the isolates added), “contamination” (matching a plant derived sequence), or “unmapped” (not
388 mapping anything in the reference set); both contamination and unmapped reads were
389 removed for downstream analysis. The resulting counts, after removing host contamination, are
390 referred to as the usable reads/counts/portion of the data, and are the basis for statistical
391 analysis, where the total number of usable reads per sample is defined as the sampling depth
392 for that sample.

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394 **h. *In silico* pooling of samples in census experiments:** In the 454 dataset, some DNA samples
395 were barcoded and sequenced on multiple plates in an effort to achieve adequate depth. The
396 resulting OTU counts from barcodes corresponding to the same original DNA sample were
397 pooled (added) *in silico* after processing, but prior to any statistical analysis. Any barcode with
398 50 or less total reads was discarded, but samples that had between 50 and 1000 usable reads
399 were matched with samples from the same experiment, fraction and genotype and, when
400 possible, pooled to obtain samples with at least 1000 reads that were amenable to rarefaction.
401 To allow for direct comparison between the Illumina and 454 datasets, samples that were
402 pooled in the 454 dataset were also pooled in all the Illumina datasets regardless of their depth.

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404 **4) Microbial quantification procedures:**

405 a. **CARD-FISH:** We used CARD-FISH (40) to show that the relative abundance decrease in
406 Actinobacteria in the salicylic acid signaling mutant *pad4* EC samples compared to wildtype Col-0
407 EC controls was due to a decrease in the absolute number of metabolically active Actinobacteria
408 in *pad4* EC tissue (fig. S8A). On the other hand, the relative abundance increase of
409 Proteobacteria in *cpr5* roots was due to a lower total number of other types of metabolically
410 active Eubacteria (fig. S8B).

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412 We applied a previously described protocol (10, 40). Briefly, several root systems from bolting
413 plants grown in Mason Farm soil were fixed using 4% formaldehyde in PBS at 4 °C for 3 h,
414 washed twice in PBS and stored in 1:1 PBS:molecular-grade ethanol at -20 °C. Bulk MF soil,
415 rhizosphere, and ground EC samples from 3 sets of Col-0, *cpr5*, or *pad4* samples were pooled
416 and harvested as described above. Samples were made equal by mass and probe sonicated for 5
417 minutes in 30 sec bursts. The sample suspension was diluted 1:500 in water and applied to a 25-
418 mm polycarbonate filter with a pore size of 0.2 mm (Millipore) using a vacuum microfiltration
419 assembly. Filters were embedded in 0.2% low-melting point agarose and dried. Prepared filters
420 were treated with lysozyme solution (1 h at 37 °C, 10 mg ml⁻¹; Fluka) and achromopeptidase
421 (30 min at 37 °C, 60 U ml⁻¹; Sigma) and subsequently washed. Endogenous peroxidases were
422 inactivated with methanol treatment amended by 0.15% H₂O₂ at room temperature for 30 min
423 and washed again. Probes targeting either the 16S or the 23S rRNA of eubacteria (EUB338 (5'-
424 GCTGCCTCCCGTAGGAGT-3', 35% formamide), actinobacteria (HGC69a (5'-
425 TATAGTTACCACCGCCGT-3', 25% formamide), proteobacteria (1:1:1, ALF968 (5' -
426 GGTAAGGTTCTGCGGTT- 3', 20% formamide), (5' -Bet42a (5' -GCCTTCCCACTTCGTTT- 3', 35%
427 formamide), and Gam42a (5' -GCCTTCCCACATCGTTT- 3', 35% formamide)) and the negative
428 control (NON338 (5'-ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGC-3', 30% formamide) were defined using
429 probeBase (41), labeled with enzyme horseradish peroxidase on the 5' end (Invitrogen), diluted
430 in hybridization buffer (final concentration of 0.19 ng ml⁻¹) with each probe's optimum

431 formamide concentration, and hybridized at 35 °C for 2 h. Unbound probes were washed away
432 from samples in wash buffer (NaCl content adjusted according to the formamide concentration
433 in the hybridization buffer) at 37 °C for 30 min. Fluorescently labeled tyramide was used for
434 signal amplification, and samples were washed before mounting on glass slides. For double
435 CARD–FISH, samples went through a second round of the protocol, starting at the peroxidase
436 inhibition with a second variety of fluorescently labeled tyramide used to be able to distinguish
437 the signals from each probe. Filter sections were mounted on glass slides using Vectashield with
438 DAPI (Vector Laboratories, catalogue no. H-1200) for mounting solution, and sealed with nail
439 polish for storage. All microscopy images were made on a Nikon Eclipse E800 epifluorescence
440 microscope.

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442 For quantification of bacteria, positive EUB338 probe signals that co-localized with a DAPI signal
443 were counted as Eubacteria. Positive Actinobacteria or Proteobacteria signals were counted as
444 positive when the HGC69a probe or a combination of the ALF968, Bet42a, and Gam42a probes
445 co-localized with both EUB338 and the DAPI signal. For each filter set, 20 fields were counted.
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448 **b. Differential eukaryotic 18S and prokaryotic 16S determination:** To measure the bacterial
449 density in plant roots we used a protocol that simultaneously amplifies bacterial 16S and plant
450 nuclear 18S, and calculated the ratio between these two groups of sequences across different
451 genotypes. We refer to this method as density PCR (dPCR). Early attempts showed that the
452 16S:18S ratio was too low (data not shown) so we implemented a linear amplification step prior
453 to exponential PCR. In the first step we performed 50 linear amplification steps with the 338F
454 primer (5'-ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCA-3'). This primer amplifies bacterial 16S preferentially over
455 organellar 16S. The linear amplification step was performed with the following reaction:

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456	5uL	Kapa Enhancer
457	5uL	Kapa Buffer A
458	0.4uL	5uM 338F
459	0.375uL	mixed PNAs (1:1 mix of 100uM pPNA and 100uM mPNA)
460	0.5uL	Kapa dNTPs
461	0.25	Kapa Robust Taq
462	8uL	dH2O
463	5uL	DNA

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465 Temperature cycling

466 95 for 45 seconds

467 50 cycles of

468 95 for 15 seconds

469 78 (PNA) for 5 seconds

470 60 (338F) for 30 seconds

471 72 for 30 seconds

472

473 Bead clean

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475 Following linear amplification, we performed the molecular tagging protocol as described
476 previously (17), but substituting the tagged primer 806R (806R_f1-806R_f6, ST2) for tagged
477 926R (926R_f1-926R_f4, ST2). Primer 926R is universal (while 806R is bacteria specific) thus
478 allowing to amplify nuclear 18S templates. For the forward primer we used the bc1 modification

479 suggested by Lundberg et al 2013 (515F_bc1_f1-515_bc1_f6, ST2, 17). The molecular tagging
480 protocol with this modification is:

481 Reaction
482 5uL Kapa Enhancer
483 5uL Kapa Buffer A
484 0.4uL 5uM 515F TAGGED
485 0.375uL mixed PNAs (1:1 mix of 100uM pPNA and 100uM mPNA)
486 0.5uL Kapa dNTPs
487 0.25 Kapa Robust Taq
488 13uL DNA (all the elution volume from linear amplification step)

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490 Temperature cycling
491 95 for 60 seconds
492 78 (PNA) for 5 seconds
493 60 (515F) for 60 seconds
494 72 for 60 seconds

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496 Remove reaction from PCR block and add the following mix while on ice:

497 Reaction
498 0.4uL 5uM 926R TAGGED
499 1.6uL dH2O

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501 Temperature cycling
502 95 for 60 seconds
503 78 (PNA) for 5 seconds
504 50 (926R) for 60 seconds
505 72 for 60 seconds

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507 Bead clean and proceed to exponential PCR.

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509 Reaction
510 12.5uL Kapa HiFi HotStart ReadyMix
511 0.375 mixed PNAs (1:1 mix of 100uM pPNA and 100uM mPNA)
512 2.5uL index primer (ST2)
513 10uL DNA (all the elution volume from the molecule tagging step)

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515 Temperature cycling
516 95 for 45 seconds
517 35 cycles of
518 95 for 15 seconds
519 78 (PNA) for 5 seconds
520 60 (index primer) for 30 seconds
521 72 for 30 seconds
522 4 forever

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524 We chose 192 samples covering all mutants in different experiments on MF soil, and we applied
525 this protocol. There are only 96 index primers but we used combinations in the frameshift

526 length of the molecule tagging to multiplex all 192 samples in one sequencing run, while
527 keeping the average size the same:

528 Plate1: 515F_bc1_f1, 515F_bc1_f3, 515F_bc1_f5, 926R_f2, 926R_f4

529 Plate2: 515F_bc1_f2, 515F_bc1_f4, 515F_bc1_f6, 926R_f1, 926R_f3

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531 After applying the dPCR protocol to these samples, we ran each reaction on an agarose gel to
532 confirm the presence of two bands of the right sizes (one for the 16S and a larger one for the
533 18S). Then we pooled 3uL of each reaction into a master mix and bead cleaned twice eluting in
534 200 uL. This library mix was run on an agarose gel to confirm the presence of two bands of the
535 right size and the absence of primer dimer. This library master mix was quantified with pico
536 green (Quant-IT) and loaded into an Illumina MiSeq instrument (following the manufacturer's
537 protocol) using a 50-cycle V2 chemistry kit.

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539 Resulting sequences were demultiplexed and quality controlled with Sickel (42) by removing any
540 sequence that had at least one base with a Q-score < 30. The remaining sequences were
541 matched to a reference set that included the Arabidopsis 18S, Arabidopsis organellar 16S and
542 the 17 most abundant bacterial sequences in the Greengenes database. No mismatches were
543 allowed during this phase. After mapping the sequences, a ratio of bacterial 16S to plant 18S
544 was calculated (Bactratio) and the results were analyzed with ANOVA and a post-hoc Tukey test
545 using the "aov" and "tukeyHSD" functions in R. Results are presented in fig. S8C.

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547 **5) Synthetic community (SynCom) experimental procedures**

548 **a. Microbe isolation:** To isolate putative endophytic bacteria from root systems, samples were
549 harvested as described above, rinsed in several water washes and debris was removed with
550 sterile tweezers. Cleaned roots were then surface sterilized with freshly made 10% household
551 bleach with 0.1% Triton-X100 for 12 minutes. Following the bleaching, roots were rinsed once in
552 sterile distilled water, then placed in 2.5% sodium thiosulfate to neutralize the bleach for 2
553 minutes, and rinsed once more with sterile distilled water. Small pea-sized chunks of resulting
554 surface-sterilized roots were then pulverized fresh in an autoclaved 2mL tube with 3 glass beads
555 with 300uL of PBS, using the MPBio FastPrep 24 for 20s at 4.0 m/s. 300uL of 80% glycerol was
556 then added to the crushed material for a final glycerol concentration of 40%. Tubes were then
557 flash frozen and stored at -80°C. To isolate microbes, root material was diluted 1:100-1:1000 in
558 sterile water and plated on a diverse set of low nutrient solid media plates including: 1/10 LB,
559 1/50 TSA, KB, 1/10 869, LB with 1% Humic acid, R2A, Pseudomonas Media, TSA with polymyxin
560 B. We also utilized media with sterile filtered MF soil as the nutrient source, and homogenized
561 sterile roots as the carbon source of another media.

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563 **b. Synthetic community experiments:** In order to validate our sequencing results and
564 associations found by the ZINB analysis of our census data, we performed three independent
565 microcosm reconstitution experiments (table S3). Each experiment consisted of *A. thaliana*
566 plants inoculated with a simplified synthetic mix of bacteria. *A. thaliana* seeds were surface-
567 sterilized and germinated the same way as we did for the wild soil experiment (Methods 1c).
568 Seedlings on MS plates were transferred to 2.5 inch square plastic pots (Kord Products Ltd.)
569 containing (~100 mL) sterilized (autoclaved) calcined clay (Diamond Pro Calcined Clay Drying
570 Agent, (<http://www.diamondpro.com/Products/CalcinedClayDryingAgent>) pots supplemented
571 with 40% volume (~ 40mL) of ¼ MS (no sugar source), and inoculated with a mix of 38 bacterial
572 strains (table S9) that could each be readily differentiated by 16S amplicon sequencing; these
573 isolates were isolated from surface sterilized *A. thaliana* roots grown in either MF soil, or

574 another previously characterized wild soil from Clayton, North Carolina, plus laboratory *E. coli*
575 (table S9 (10)). Strains were selected from a set of isolates in order to maximize the number of
576 strains with differentiable 16S genes so that they could be accurately quantified via 16S
577 amplicon sequencing.

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579 We applied exogenous salicylic acid (0.5 mM) every 3 days to leaves and soil of additional plants
580 as part of our 8-week synthetic community experiment. Roughly half of the samples for each
581 experiment were sprayed with 0.5mM salicylic acid every 3 days, which is above physiological
582 levels (43), but can induce systemic acquired resistance (20). This treatment can also induce
583 runaway cell death in a mutant that is hyper-responsive to salicylic acid via activation of an
584 immune receptor, *Isd1* (44). Under our synthetic community experiment control, this treatment
585 elicited runaway cell death in control *Isd1* plants (45), but not Col-0 leaves 96 hours after
586 spraying (fig. S12). Plant roots and bulk soil controls were harvested when an inflorescence
587 meristem formed. Unlike the Mason Farm soil experiments, only EC and bulk soil fractions were
588 collected due to the granular texture of the calcined clay that made rhizosphere harvest
589 difficult. DNA from both bulk soil and EC samples was extracted using the MoBio PowerSoil kit.
590 We utilized a recently published improvement of Illumina library preparation, which takes
591 advantage of molecular tags (MT) to allow direct counting of original DNA templates in the
592 sample, thus reducing PCR and sequencing errors and biases, as well as peptide nucleic acid to
593 block amplification of host DNA (17). We sequenced the V4 region of the bacterial input
594 (inoculum) as well as EC and bulk soil samples, with primers 515F and 806R (table S2) from three
595 independent biological replicates.

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597 **c. Growth curves:** Growth curves were performed in 1/10 LB with 0.1M phosphate buffer
598 containing 0.01% yeast extract (46) and either 0, 0.125, 0.25, or 0.5mM salicylic acid added.
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600 plate and grown at 28°C shaking at 150 rpm. Optical density at 600 nm was measured every 2
601 hours for 50 hours of growth using a Synergy 2 multi-detection microplate reader (BioTek).
602 Supernatants were harvested from liquid cultures of #273 or #303 grown in ½ and 1/10 LB with
603 either 0, 0.125, 0.25, or 0.5 mM salicylic acid added after 0, 24, or 48 hours of growth and total
604 salicylic acid was measured as described in Method 1f. No loss of total salicylic acid signal was
605 detected for either culture in any media conditions (data not shown). For #303 growth on agar
606 plate, minimal salts media ((NH₄)₂SO₄ 2g, K₂HPO₄ 14g, KH₂PO₄ 6g, sodium citrate 1g, MgSO₄
607 0.2g per L) was supplemented with 0.5 mM salicylic acid in phosphate buffer, or phosphate
608 buffer alone. #303 colonies were evident after 4 days of growth on this media and after 2 days
609 of growth on LB.

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611 **6) Statistical analysis:**

612 **a. Diversity analysis for census experiments:** Alpha and beta diversity were calculated on count
613 tables that were rarefied to 1000 reads. Samples with less than this number of usable reads
614 after pooling (see processing section) were discarded. Alpha diversity (Shannon index, richness,
615 Simpson index) metrics were calculated using vegan (47), and differences between groups were
616 tested with ANOVA. Beta diversity metrics were calculated with QIIME (UniFrac) or vegan (Bray-
617 Curtis), and Principal Coordinate Analysis (PCoA) was performed with labdsv (48).

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619 **b. ZINB family and OTU-level analysis for census experiments:** To determine which taxonomic
620 groups associate differentially with each variable of interest, we took a linear modeling
621 approach. We first collapsed OTUs assigned to the same bacterial family (see processing

622 section), by aggregating their counts into a family-level count table. We decided to focus mainly
 623 on family-level abundances, because most of the data (i.e. the Roche 454 census experiments) is
 624 based on fragments of only 220bp, and it has been previously shown that only a small portion of
 625 sequences can be accurately given a genus level assignment (49), and it has been suggested that
 626 genus level assignments should only be performed with at least 250bp sequences (50). We also
 627 prefer family-level over OTU based analysis, because taxonomic families likely represent
 628 monophyletic groups while OTUs can be (and many are) paraphyletic (51).
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630 Despite all of these drawbacks, we analyzed the OTU-level count table as well using exactly the
 631 same model specification that we used in the family-level analysis, and we observed similar
 632 trends (fig. S7). We previously found that only OTUs with at least 25 reads in at least each of 5
 633 different samples, produce reproducible abundances, and we defined these as “measurable
 634 taxa” (10). We restricted our analysis to these measurable taxa, and applied a Zero-Inflated
 635 Negative Binomial (ZINB) model (fig. S9). A ZINB model (52) acknowledges that some proportion
 636 of the observed zeroes in the count tables might not be biologically meaningful, but rather
 637 experimental error (fig. S9, upper branch) and was therefore appropriate to use on our sparse
 638 family tables. At the same time, a ZINB model can focus on the variability associated with the
 639 variables of interest (fig. S9, lower branch). A ZINB model achieves its purpose by combining a
 640 classic count GLM with a “bad zero” generating process, and it links the two processes via a
 641 single parameter (p) that indicates the proportion (i.e. the probability) that a given zero is a “bad
 642 zero” (fig. S9; equation 1).

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \pi + (1 - \pi)f_{nb}(y) & y = 0 \\ (1 - \pi)f_{nb}(y) & y > 0 \end{cases}$$

- π =probability of a bad zero (controls for sparsity)
- f_{nb} =Probability under Negative Binomial process, depends on β and α :
 - β = effects of interest and confounders
 - α = Controls for overdispersion

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648 Like other linear modeling approaches, the ZINB model allows one to model a set of
 649 observations with a combination of variables. Besides the biological variables that interest us
 650 the most (fraction, genotype and the interaction between the two), we included batch variables
 651 to control for technical error. We used two batch variables: experiment, which includes
 652 plant/harvest date, growth chamber, DNA extraction and soil dig; and plate which corresponds
 653 to library preparation and sequencing plate batches. The full set of variable is in the legend of
 654 table S4, and the sample metadata and design matrices for the model are in supplementary
 655 dataset SD2.
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657 The implemented ZINB model depends on three parameters: i) p is the probability of a “bad
 658 zero”, ii) k is an over-dispersion parameter that quantifies the deviation of the count process
 659 from the standard Poisson assumption of equality between mean and variance, and iii) a vector
 660 of coefficients β that quantifies the association of counts with each variable of interest. Each of
 661 these parameters has to be estimated in a full ZINB model, but p and k can be fixed to a set
 662 value by making extra assumptions and simplifying the model (fig. S9). It is impossible to say *a*
 663 *priori* whether the extra assumptions made by simple models are justified, so we fit each of the
 664 four models from fig. S9 on each family for each dataset, and then compared the model fits by
 665 means of the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), which is a measure that combines the quality of
 666 the model fit while penalizing more complex models, so that extra parameters are only included
 667 when justified (53).
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669 Each of the four models was fit with the same design matrix plus the natural logarithm of the
670 number of usable reads per sample (*i.e.* depth) (see legend sheet on table S4 for details on the
671 variables, and supplementary dataset SD2 for the design matrices), and the best model was
672 chosen for each family on each dataset based on the AIC. The design matrix was constructed in a
673 way that the genotype coefficients represent the difference with respect to Col-0 wildtype, and
674 the fraction coefficients represent the difference with respect to bulk soil samples. The resulting
675 coefficients (β) were tested for significance with z-tests and corrected for multiple testing with
676 the Benjamini-Hochberg method (54). Model fits were performed with the stats (55) MASS (56)
677 and pscl (57) packages in R.

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679 **c. Definition of a technically robust set of enrichments and depletions:** We re-sequenced a
680 subset of samples from a single experiment (3 soil samples, 3 Col-0 R samples, and 90 EC
681 samples from nine genotypes, table S3) using the Illumina MiSeq platform and two different
682 hypervariable regions of the 16S rRNA gene (fig. S11a). Four libraries were prepared (V8, V4 with
683 peptide nucleic acid (PNA), V4 without PNA and ITS2 (see above and (17)). Each MiSeq lane was
684 multiplexed to 48 samples. Sequences from each lane were run through the DOE JGI iTags
685 pipeline at the DOE JGI for basic quality control. We used the same ZINB model approach on
686 each dataset to identify family-level enrichments with respect to soil while controlling for batch
687 effects within each platforms. We noted that the two V4 libraries (with and without PNA) gave
688 identical results so we combined them into one abundance table. We also noted that the
689 Illumina MiSeq gave much more consistent results, regardless of the variable region, than the
690 Roche 454 instrument. Nevertheless, both platforms and all variable regions recapitulated the
691 differences between EC and R samples and the alpha-diversity patterns (fig. S11). Further, we
692 found that even when different 16S rRNA gene regions are assessed across sequencing
693 platforms (MiSeq V4 vs. 454 V8), the correlation between taxonomic profiles is ~80% (fig. S11b).
694 Finally, bacterial families that were enriched or depleted consistently in all three bacterial
695 datasets (Illumina V4, Illumina V8 and Roche 454 V8) according to the ZINB model (Table S4)
696 were considered to be technically robust (fig S11c-d), and represent a core set of enrichments
697 and depletions that are insensitive to technical variation and thus are likely to represent true
698 biological differences.

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700 **d. Comparison of enrichment profiles between genotypes:** The ZINB model allowed us to
701 identify the bacterial families that are enriched or depleted in the EC of specific plant genotypes
702 with respect to Col-0. In order to compare the enrichment/depletion profiles between
703 genotypes, each genotype is given a profile, which is a vector of numbers defined as following:
704 each enriched family gets a value of 1, depleted families get a value of -1 and families that are
705 not significantly different from Col-0 are given a value of 0. In this manner, each genotype gets
706 an ordered vector of numbers, and such a vector can be compared directly to vectors of other
707 genotypes. We chose the Manhattan distance, because given our definition of enrichment
708 depletion profiles, only families that are different contribute to the distance metric, and families
709 that have opposite effects between two genotypes (*i.e.* families enriched in one genotype and
710 depleted in another) contribute more than families where the difference is between effect and
711 no effect. Notably, DEPS EC samples had 52 DA families, nearly all of which were depletions (Fig.
712 1C; fig. S6). The decrease in alpha-Diversity observed in DEPS EC samples (Fig. 1B) likely reflects
713 these depletions. This large number of depletions and low diversity in DEPS roots cannot be
714 explained by their oomycete burden, since the equally oomycete-laden JEN EC samples
715 exhibited only four DA families (fig. S6A), and only one of these was shared with DEPS.

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717 Finally, to test whether the observed distances between genotypes are significant, we used a
718 Monte Carlo procedure, by randomly permuting the order of the enrichment/depletion profiles
719 1000 times and re-calculating the Manhattan distance in each instance. This approach provides
720 an empirical null hypothesis that can be compared to the value observed on the original data,
721 and an empirical p-value can be calculated as the proportion of cases in the simulation that have
722 distance values at least as extreme as the distance from the real data. The table of p-values is
723 provided in figure S6c for the family level analysis, and figure S7b for the OTU level analysis.
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725 **e. PCA and CAP analysis of synthetic community experiments:** For the synthetic community,
726 the count table was rarefied to 400 consensus, and Principal Component Analysis was
727 performed with the “princomp” function of R. Canonical Analysis of Principal Coordinates (CAP)
728 (14) was performed using the “capscale” function of the vegan package (47) in R. CAP was
729 performed on the full table of both the survey and the SynCom data and the constrained
730 variation of fraction (fig. S13B) and salicylic acid (fig. S14A) was obtained after conditioning for
731 every other technical and covariate. The proportion of variance explained by each variable
732 (table S5), was estimated as the proportion of the total variation explained by the constrained
733 axis of CAP, and confidence intervals were obtained by bootstrapping the taxa of the count
734 tables for 1000 pseudoreplicates. For all of the CAP analysis, the CY Index, sometimes referred
735 as Cao Index (58) was used as implemented in the “vegdist” function of the vegan package.
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737 **f. ZINB analysis of synthetic community experiments:** For the synthetic community
738 experiments, we repeated the ZINB analysis performed on the census datasets, but at the
739 isolate level since we chose the isolates to have easily differentiable 16S sequences on the basis
740 of Sanger sequencing of their 16S gene. The same four model structures were used, and AIC was
741 used to decide on the best model. Hypothesis testing and multiple testing correction were done
742 in the same manner as described above. The same software was utilized. A different design
743 matrix (corresponding to the experimental design differences) was used, and the variables
744 included are described in the legend sheet of table S4.
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746 **g. Genomic analysis of isolates in synthetic community experiments:** Experimentally verified
747 pathways that involve salicylic acid (SA, salicylate) were first obtained from MetaCyc
748 (<http://www.metacyc.org/>). Five pathways were identified for SA degradation: salicylate
749 degradation I, salicylate degradation II, salicylate degradation III, salicylate degradation IV, and
750 enzyme salicylate 1,2-dioxygenase (accession number G-12243 MetaCyc). Of the two salicylic
751 acid biosynthesis pathways, only one has evidence in bacteria (salicylate biosynthesis I) and so it
752 was the only one used in our analyses. Among three other *Streptomyces* strains in the SynCom
753 inoculum (#136, #299; table S9) and two additional Actinobacteria that were significantly
754 associated with salicylic acid treatment prior to multiple testing correction (#29 and #362), the
755 only obvious salicylic acid metabolism gene was an salicylic acid dioxygenase found in
756 *Arthrobacter* sp. #362 (59, 60). The amino acid sequence of all the characterized genes in this
757 reaction were retrieved from the databases linked by MetaCyc (table S10c) and were used to
758 perform a BLAST searches against the predicted ORFs of the isolates’ genomes. BLAST searches
759 were performed on the IMG/ER webserver with default parameters. The results of the best hit
760 (identity percent, and query coverage) are given in table S10a-b. Yellow color in table S10
761 indicates a good homolog hit while green indicates matching annotations between query and
762 subject regardless of the hit quality.
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764 **h. Defining robust colonizers in synthetic community experiments:** We observed that some
765 isolates were normally present in the vast majority of the SynCom EC samples, while others
766 were rarely present. The presence/absence pattern in the root was not fully explained by the
767 abundance in the soil or inoculum We defined robust colonizers as those isolates that have a
768 probability of being present in a given EC sample, that is significantly higher than 50% (q-value <
769 0.05, one-tailed binomial test, Benjamini-Hochberg correction). Presence was defined as the
770 existence of one consensus sequence matching the given isolate, but almost identical results
771 were obtained to raising this threshold to 5 consensus (data not shown). Only wild-type Col-0
772 root samples were used for this analysis, and so the list of robust colonizers represent bacteria
773 that have a high chance of colonizing a wildtype plant. Isolates that fail to reject the null
774 hypothesis in this test are dubbed sporadic or non-colonizers.
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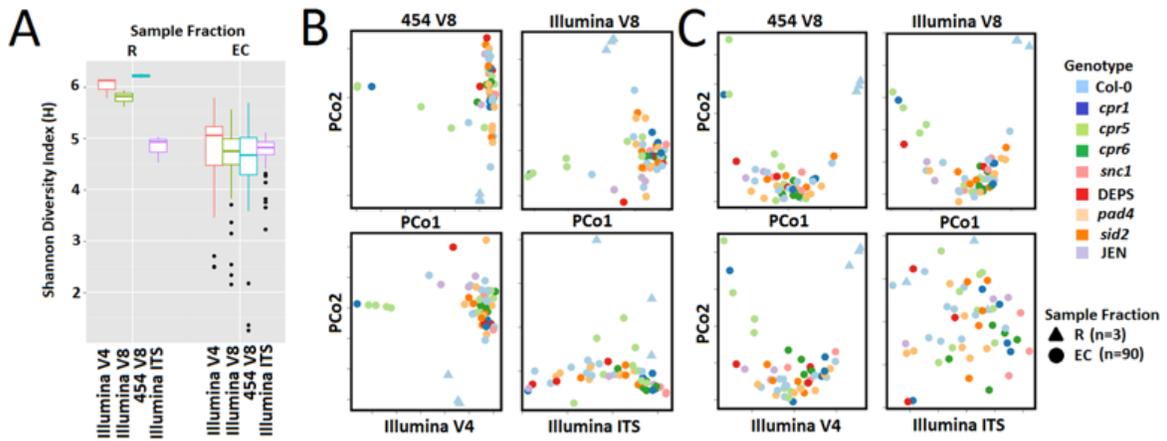
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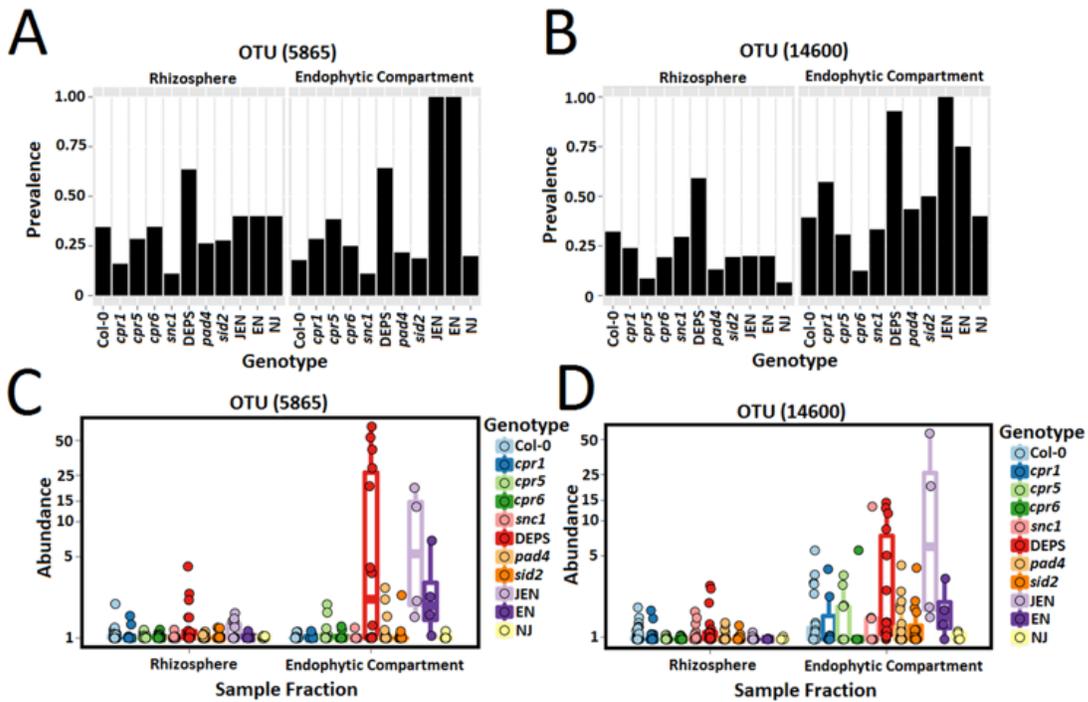
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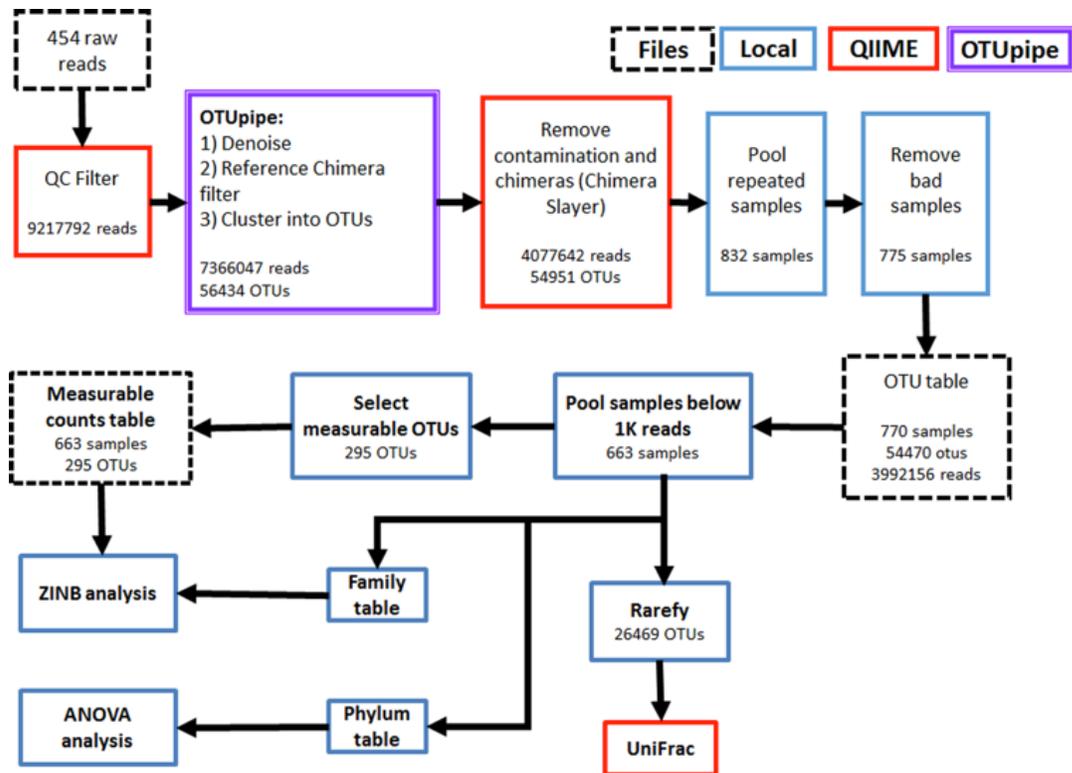
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Supplementary Figure S1: Alpha and beta diversity for different 16S rRNA and ITS regions. (A) Shannon diversity index (H) for Illumina V4, Illumina V8, 454 V8, and Illumina ITS in both R and EC samples. Principal Coordinate Analysis of weighted UniFrac **(B)** and unweighted UniFrac **(C)** R (triangles) and EC (circles) samples sequenced by Illumina V4, Illumina V8, 454 V4, and Illumina ITS demonstrates that bacterial profiles differ between R and EC samples regardless of sequencing platform and variable region. In contrast ITS profiles are remarkably similar (both in alpha and beta diversity) between R and EC samples.



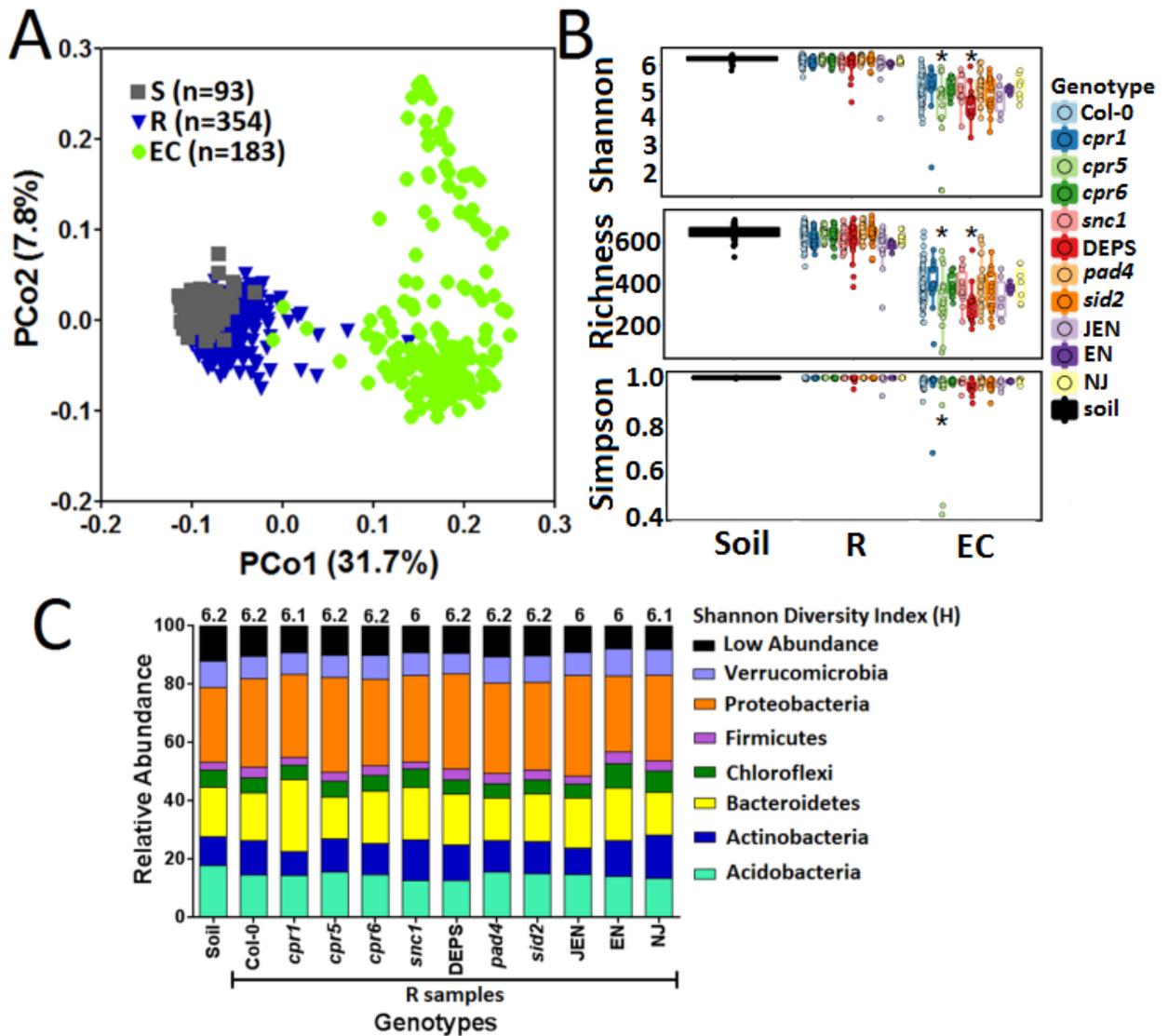
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Supplementary Figure S2: DEPS and JEN root microbiome communities contain a disproportionate number of oomycete mitochondria reads. The prevalence of the top two OTUs matching oomycete mitochondria, OTU 5865 (**A**) and OTU 14600 (**B**) in each genotype. The percent abundance (over total non-plant reads) of OTU 5865 (**C**) and OTU 14600 (**D**) in Rhizosphere or Endophytic Compartment samples of each genotype is shown.



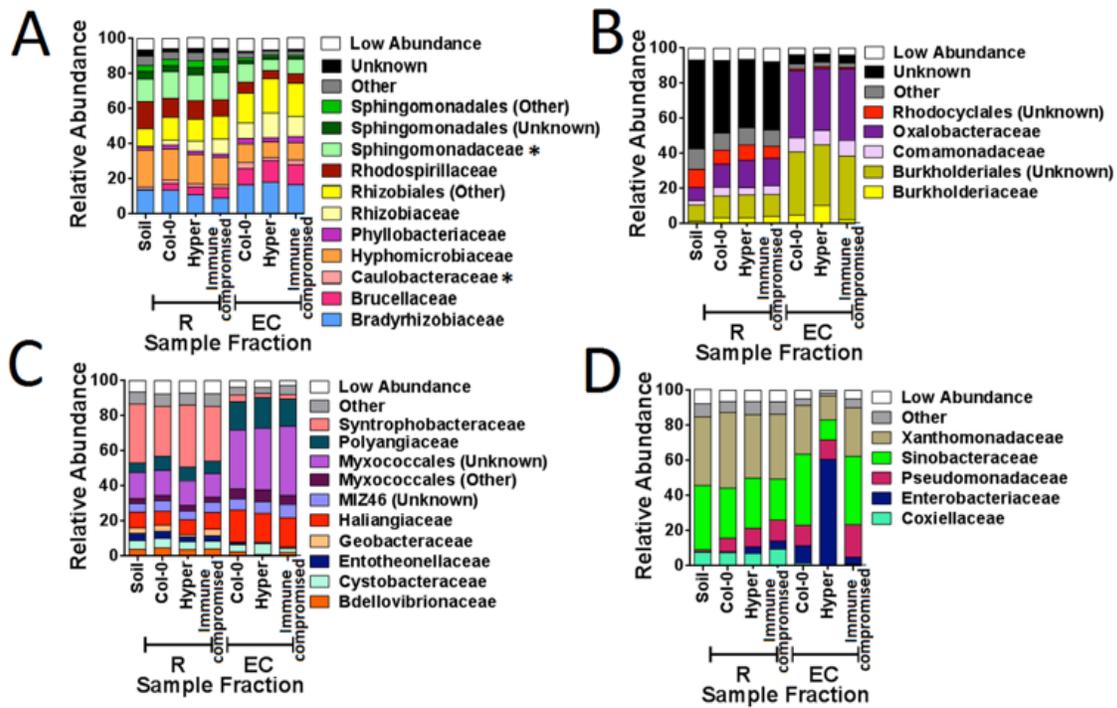
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Supplementary Figure S3: Processing pipeline for Roche 454 census experiments. This flowchart is order of events that occur in processing the sequencing data. Boxes with dashed black lines represent files. Boxes with blue lines describe events that occur locally using custom scripts. Boxes with red lines describe steps that occur through QIIME. Boxes with double purple lines describe events that occur using OTUpipe. For full details see supplementary information (Method 3).



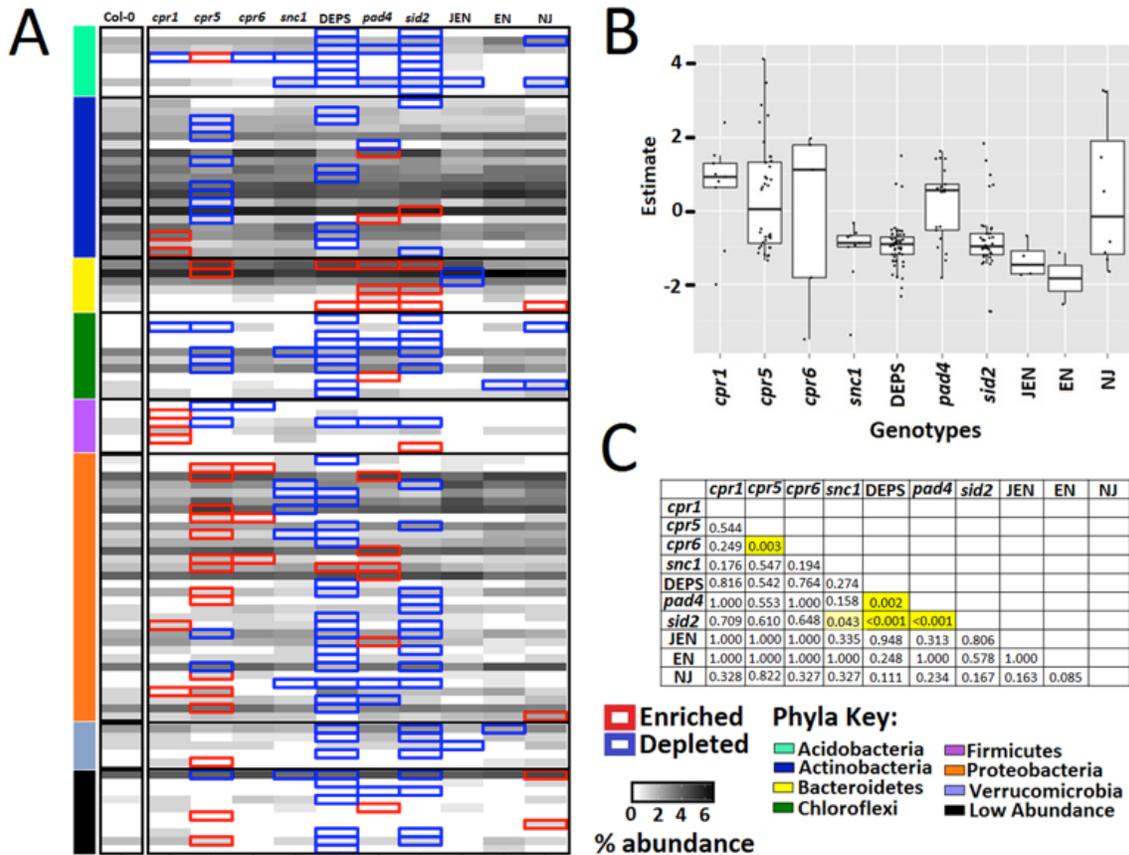
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Supplementary Figure S4: Sample fraction drives differences in alpha and beta diversity of root microbiome communities. (A) Principal Coordinate Analysis (PCoA) of pairwise normalized, weighted UniFrac distances between the samples considering rarified to 1000 abundance of all OTUs. (B) Shannon diversity index, richness, and Simpson index for bulk soil, rhizosphere (R), and endophytic compartment (EC) samples for each genotype with the median represented by the bar and the 25th and 75th percentiles represented by the box. * indicates significantly lower than Col-0 EC samples at $p < 0.001$ by ANOVA test with *post hoc* Tukey test. (C) Phyla distributions were separated into sample fractions (Soil or Rhizosphere) and plant genotypes. Shannon Diversity indices are listed above each bar. There were no significant differences in the Shannon Diversity or phyla abundances.



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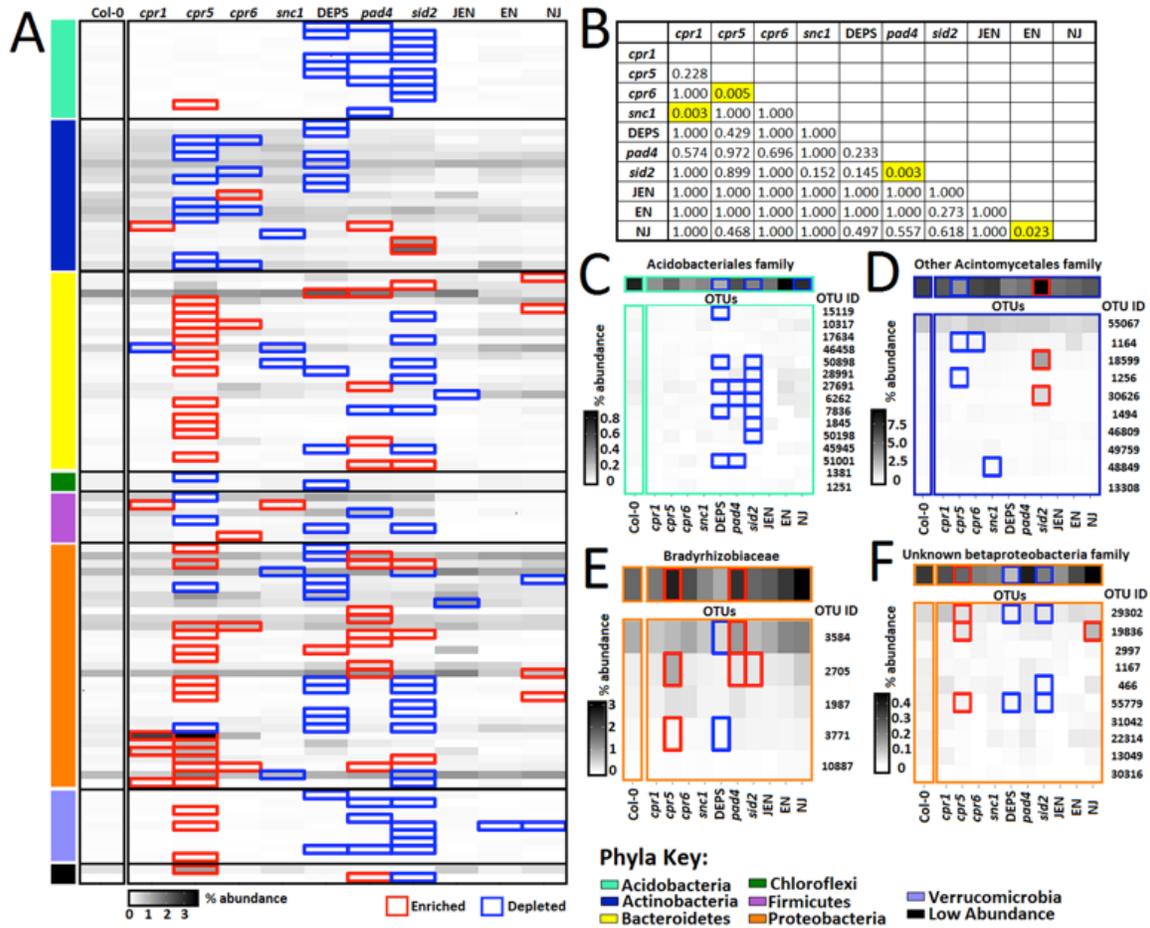
Supplementary Figure S5: Differential abundance of Proteobacteria families in different sample fractions. Relative abundance of Proteobacteria families in the alpha (A), beta (B), delta (C) and gamma (D) orders in bulk soil, rhizosphere (R), and endophytic compartment (EC) sample fractions.* in (A) indicates that these families are significantly less abundant in EC-hyper samples compared to EC-Col-0 samples by ANOVA and *post hoc* Tukey's test, $p < 0.05$.



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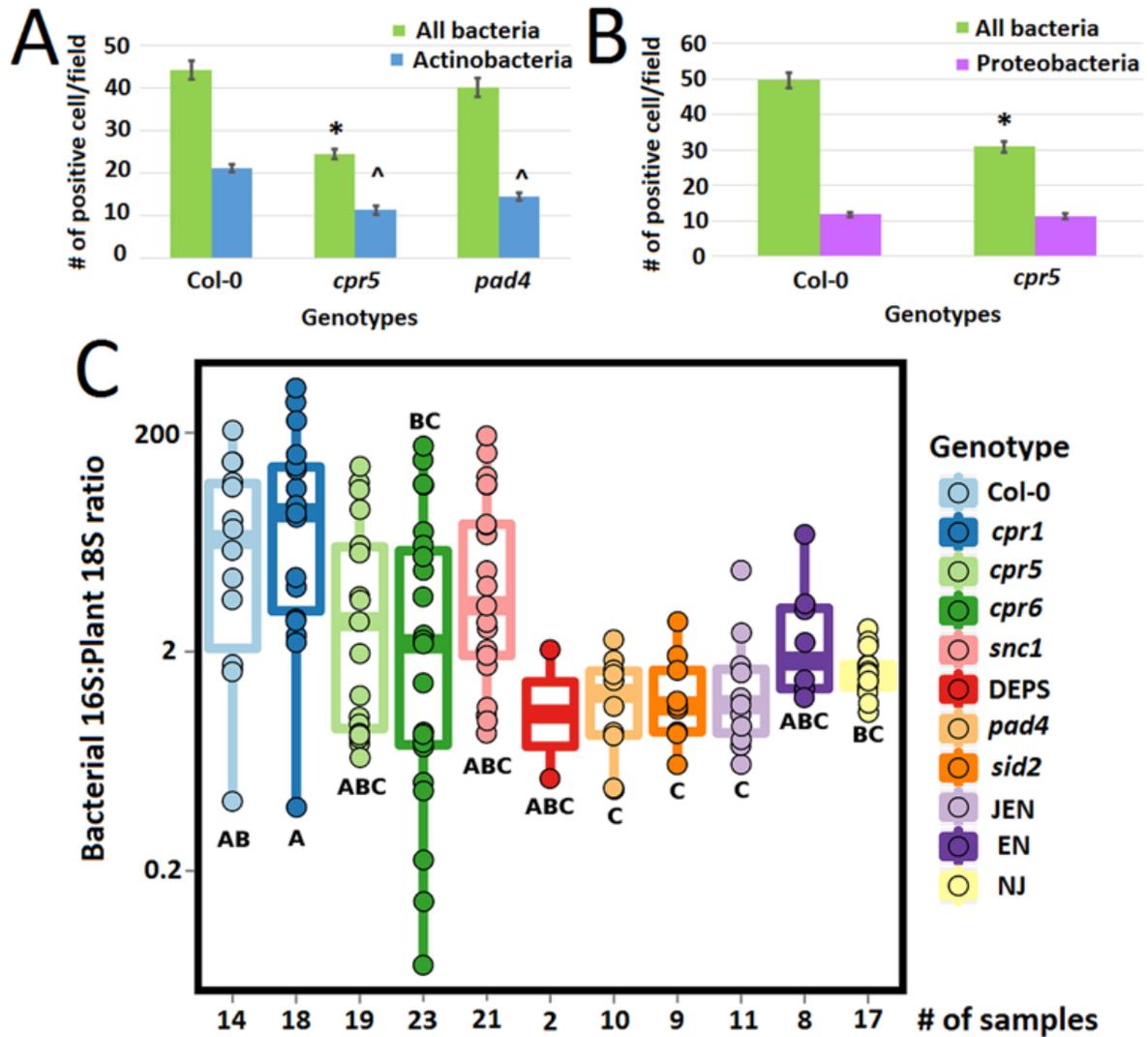
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948 **Supplementary Figure S6: Genotype-DA family enrichments and depletions: (A)** Grid depicting
 949 the abundances for each family (grey scale), illustrating the overlap of differentiating families
 950 that are either enriched (red outline) or depleted (blue outline) in each mutant compared to the
 951 Col-0 abundances organized by phyla (indicated on the left side). **(B)** Dots represent families that
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 953 abundances. The magnitude of these predictions is represented by the estimate on the y-axis
 954 with enriched family represented by positive numbers and depletions represented by negative
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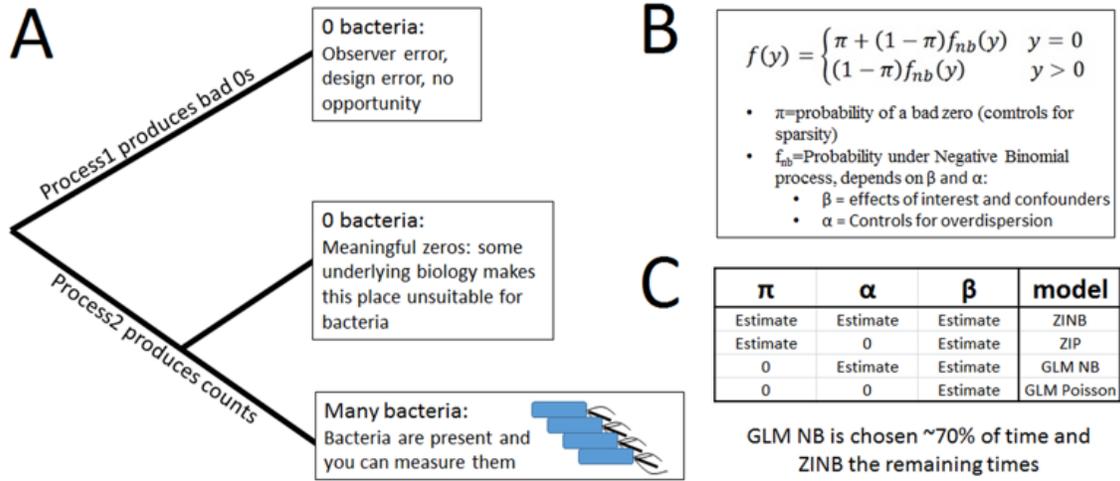
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Supplementary Figure S7 - Genotype-DA OTU enrichments and depletions: (A) Grid depicting the abundances for each OTU (grey scale) illustrating the overlap of differentiating OTUs that are either enriched (red outline) or depleted (blue outline) in each mutant compared to the Col-0 abundances organized by phyla (indicated on the left side, color-coded to Figure 1). **(B)** Table of the p-values of the Monte Carlo testing of Manhattan distances between the enrichment and depletion profiles for each genotype pairing. The significance level for the yellow cell is $p < 0.05$. The majority of families defined above are represented by only 'measurable OTU' so we focused on families with at least five measurable OTUs to address consistency between OTU and family level analyses. **(C-F)** Grids depicting the abundances of individual OTUs (grey scale), illustrating the overlap and consistency of differentiating OTUs that are either enriched (red outline) or depleted (blue outline) in each mutant compared to the Col-0 abundances within four families (grey scale above each grid) from figure S6: Acidobacteriales family **(C)**, other Acintomyetales family **(D)**, Bradyrhizobiaceae **(E)**, and unknown Beta-proteobacteria family **(F)**.



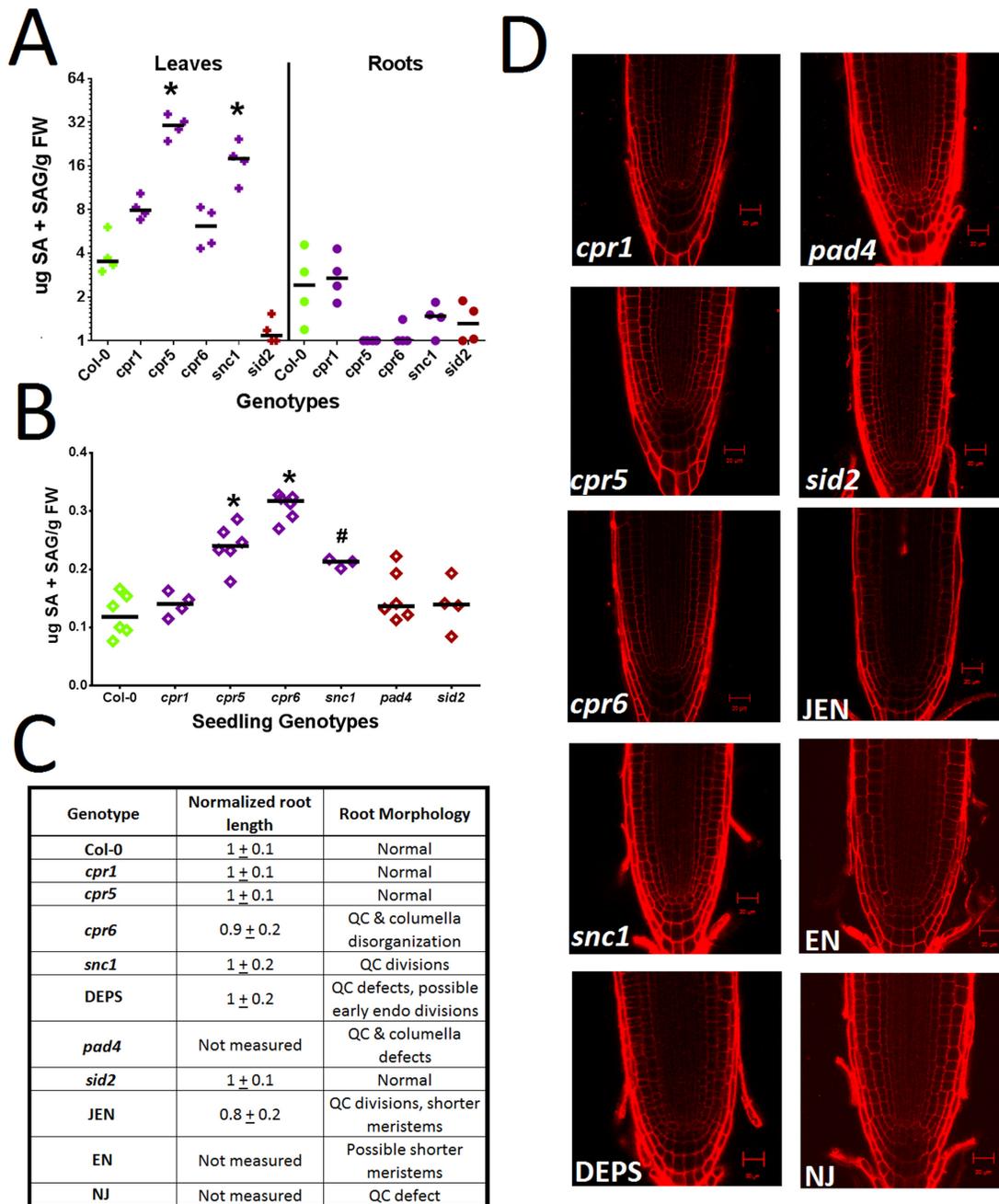
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Supplementary Figure S8: The absolute quantification of bacteria in samples grown in MF soil. CARD-FISH results from EC samples applied to filters for counts (Method 4a), and were probed for metabolically active Eubacteria (green) bacteria and Actinobacteria (blue) (A) or Proteobacteria (purple) (B). 20 fields were counted for each genotype with mean and standard error of the mean (s.e.m.) shown. * indicates significantly lower than Col-0 All bacteria counts ($p < 0.001$). ^ indicates significantly lower than Col-0 Actinobacteria counts ($p < 0.001$). (C) The ratio of bacteria 16S to plant 18S sequences in EC samples (Method 4b). A, B, and C labels denote results from a Tukey's HSD test. Genotypes that do not share any letters are statistically different.



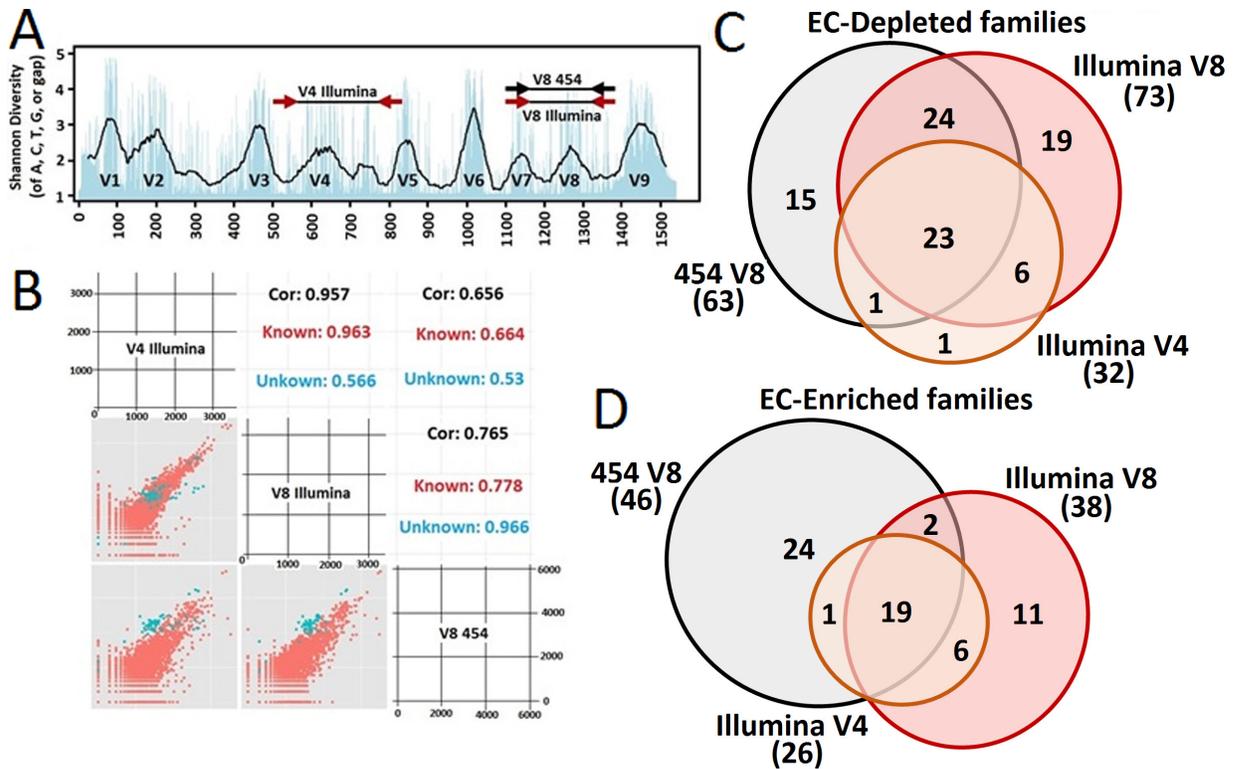
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Supplementary Figure S9: Zero-Inflated Negative Binomial model. The rationale (A) and formula (B) for the ZINB model is shown. (C) The models tested which were tested with this data set.



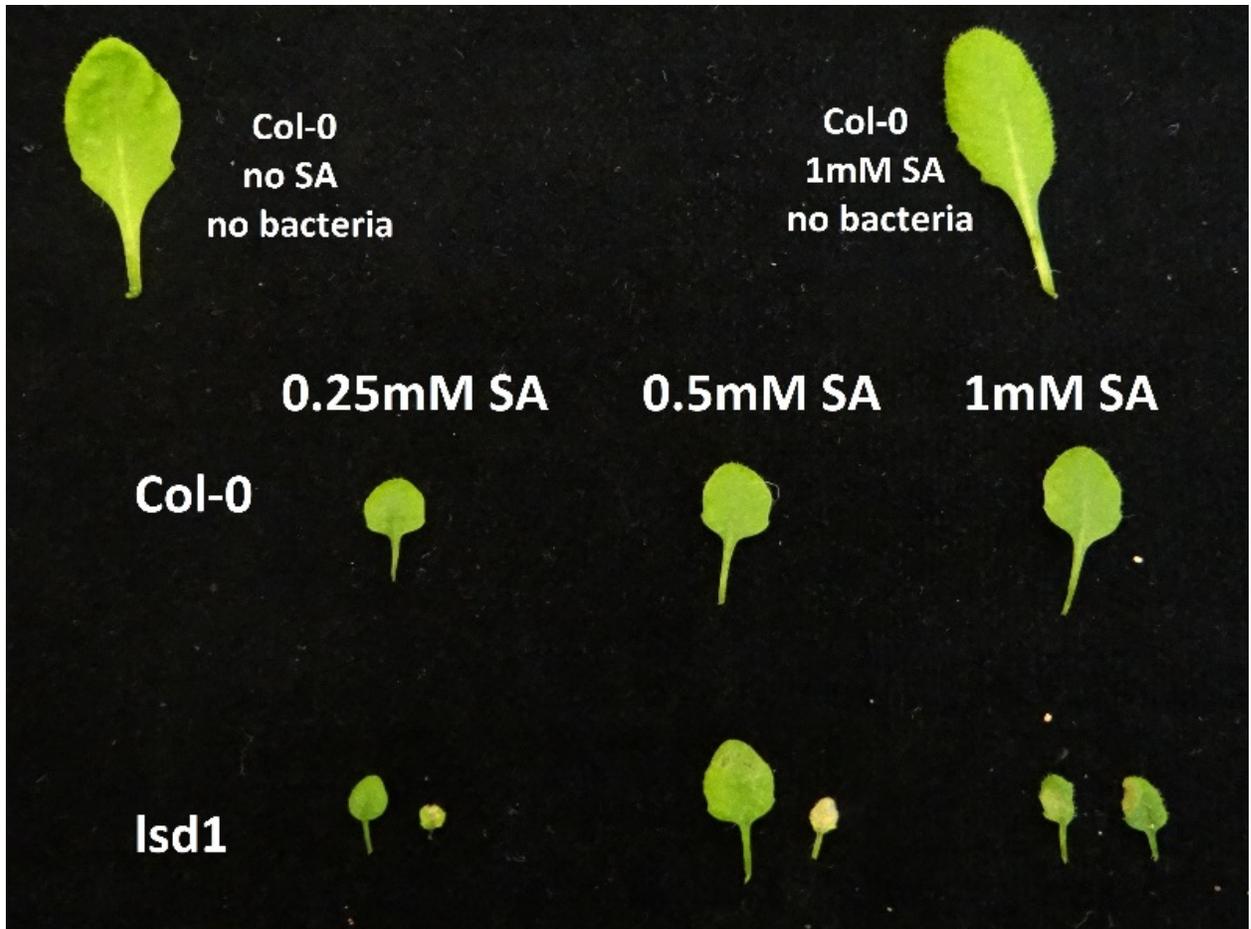
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Supplementary Figure S10: Salicylic acid production in MF soil and root morphology of defense phytohormone mutants. (A) Representative of salicylic acid (SA) measurements performed three times in leaves and roots grown in MF soil (n= 4 for each type of sample, Method 1F). * indicates statistically higher than Col-0 (p<0.0001) by ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple test correction. **(B)** Representative of salicylic acid (SA) measurements performed on sterily grown 18-day-old seedlings on ½ MS agar plates (n=3-6 for each type of sample, Method 1F). * indicates statistically higher than Col-0 (p<0.0001) and # indicates statistically higher than Col-0 (p<0.005) by ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple test correction. **(C)** Overview of root morphology at the root tip of each defense phytohormone mutant grown on ½ MS agar plates with representative images **(D)**, which are root tips stained with propidium iodide and observed with a 40x water objective (Method 1E).



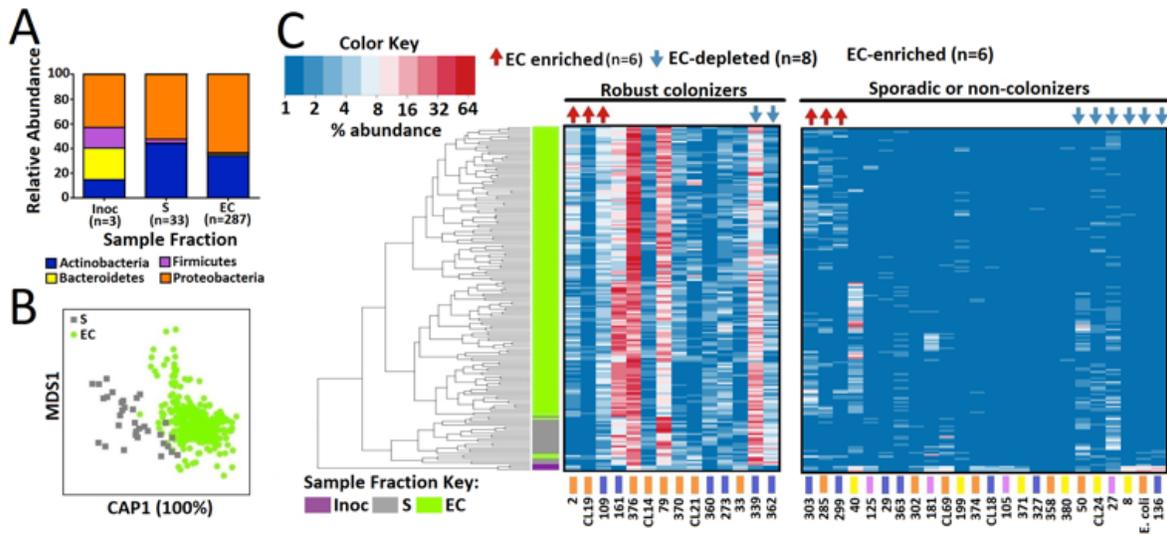
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Supplementary Figure S11: Technical reproducibility between variable regions and sequencing platforms. (A) A schematic of the three 16S rRNA gene sequencing strategies used. (B) The reproducibility of family-level abundances between each sequencing strategy pairwise comparison for both taxonomically known (red dots) and unknown (blue dots) families with the calculated correlation. Venn diagrams showing the overlap of EC-depleted (C) and EC-enriched (D) families. The 19 EC-enriched and 23 EC-depleted families in all sequencing strategies are listed in table S8.



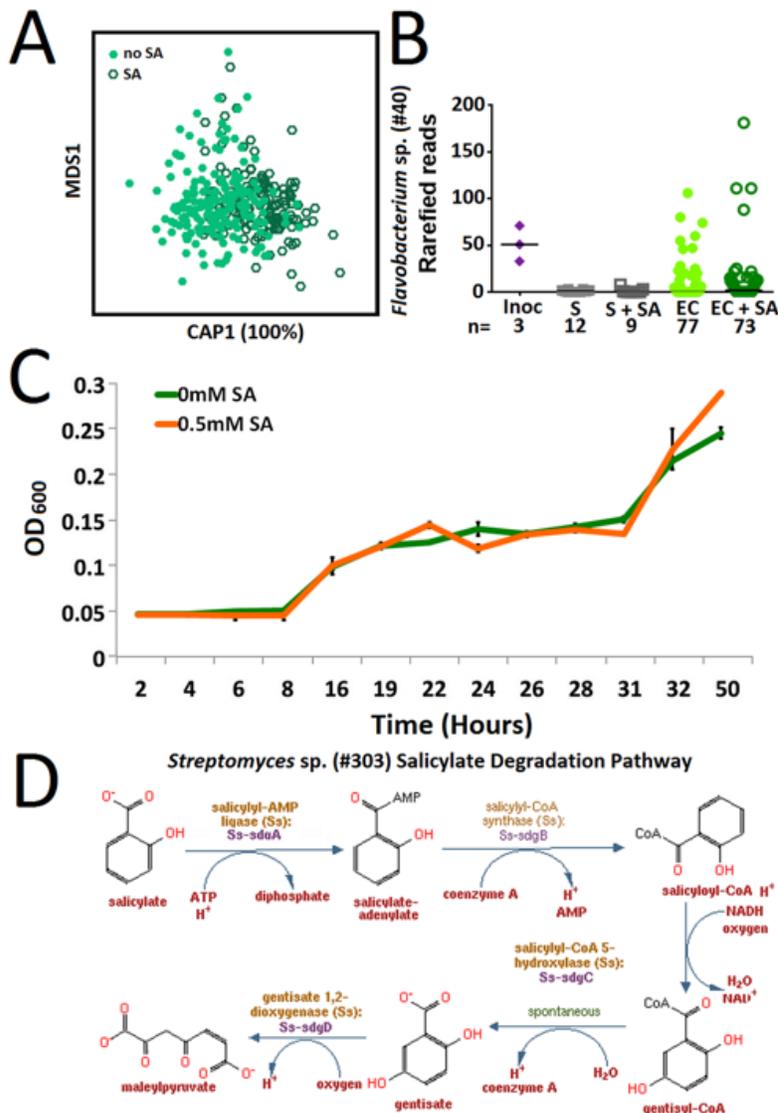
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Supplementary Figure S12: Induction of Runaway Cell Death (RCD) in *Isd1* mutants grown in the SynCom with salicylic acid treatment of leaves. Col-0 and *Isd1* were grown in SynCom. 0, 0.25mM, 0.5mM, or 1mM salicylic acid (SA) was applied to their leaves. 96 hours later RCD was assessed (Method 5B).



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Supplementary Figure S13 – Synthetic community differentiates sample fractions. (A) Phyla distributions in the synthetic community (SynCom) inoculum, soil, or EC fraction samples from all genotypes. (B) CAP analysis to showing the contribution of sample fraction to overall community composition. (C) Hierarchical clustering and heat map showing percent abundance (\log_2 scale) of selected isolates. Sample clustering split by fraction (left), with EC samples grouping by biological replicate. Isolates are grouped by their presence in the majority of Col-0 EC samples (Robust colonizers) or absence in the majority of Col-0 EC samples (Sporadic or non-colonizers). Isolates color-coded to phyla as in Fig. a. Isolates that were significantly more abundant (red arrows) or less abundant (blue arrows) in EC with respect to bulk soil are denoted along the top.



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Supplemental Figure S14: salicylic acid treatment affects SynCom composition, but did not affect growth of Flavobacterium #40 in SynCom or in liquid growth curves. (A) CAP analysis of the full count matrix to identify the contribution of salicylic acid (SA) treatment to community composition. **(B)** Dot plot of 400 rarefied consensus sequences from isolate #40 from synthetic community inoculum (purple diamonds), soil (grey squares), and EC samples (light/dark green circles) for both salicylic acid (SA) treated (open symbols) and untreated (closed symbols). No groups of samples were significantly different from any others. **(C)** Optical density of isolate #40 grown in phosphate buffered 1/10 LB with either 0 (green line) or 0.5mM (orange line) salicylic acid (SA) added. **(D)** Salicylate degradation pathway (MetaCyc) present in Streptomyces sp. (#303) genome contains all 4 genes in this pathway (% identities to each: sdgA-98%, sdgB-98%, sdgC-96%, and sdgD-94%).

