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## RESEARCH AREA

The domestication of *Saccharomyces* yeasts, their macro- and microevolution, especially in the case of clades infecting and colonizing humans, with the use of genomics and experimental evolution.

## TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE IN THE LAB

Genomics, Illumina, Oxford Nanopore, experimental evolution, phenotyping, virulence factors.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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