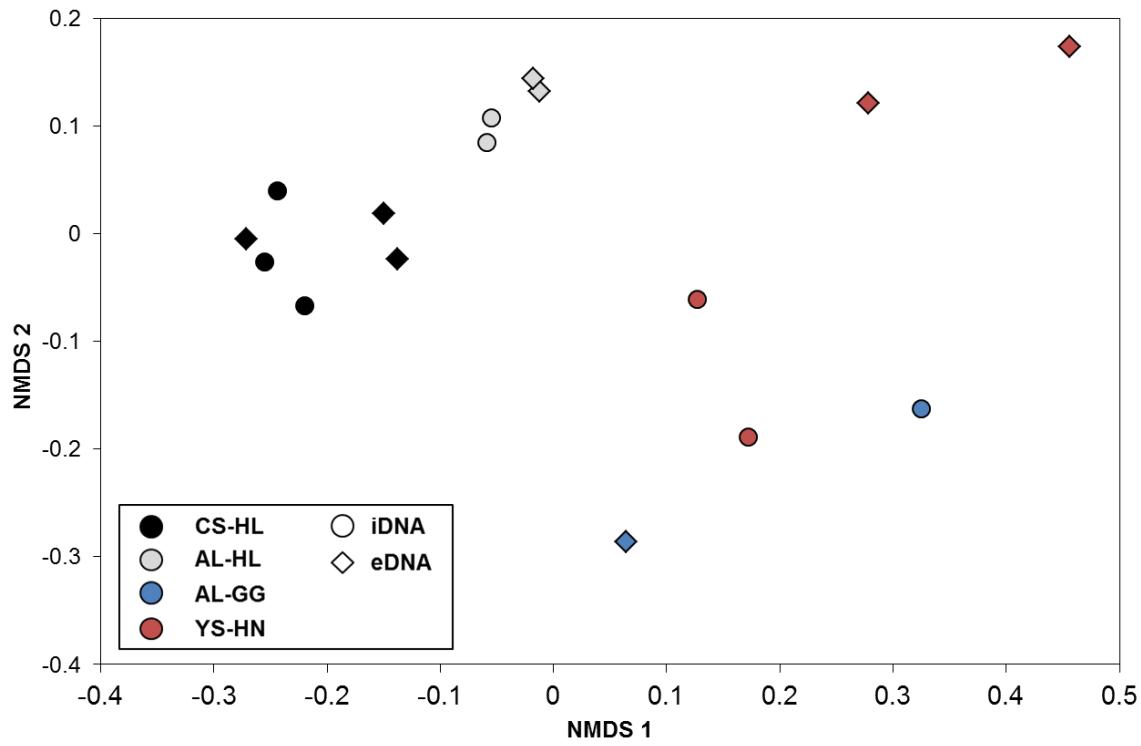


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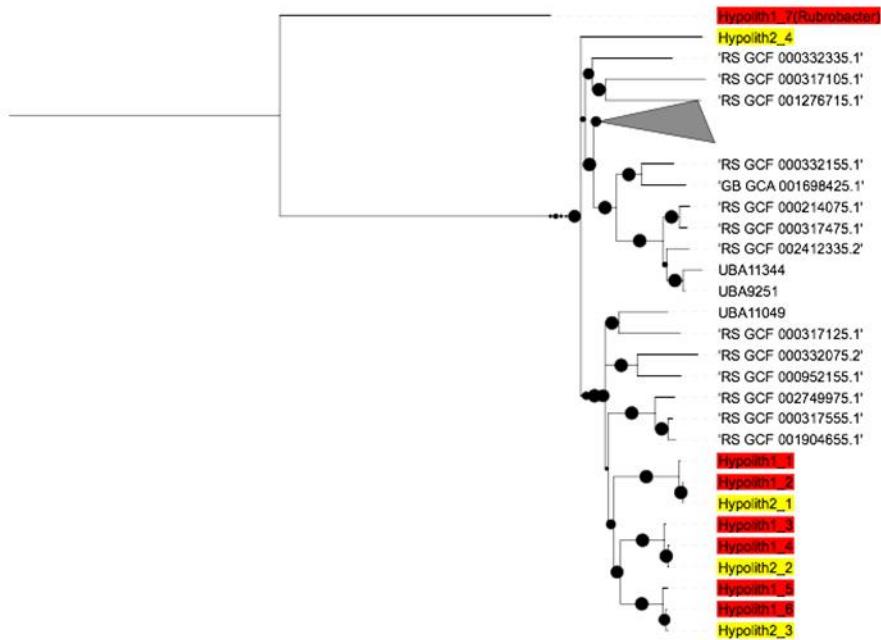
### Figures S1–S4:



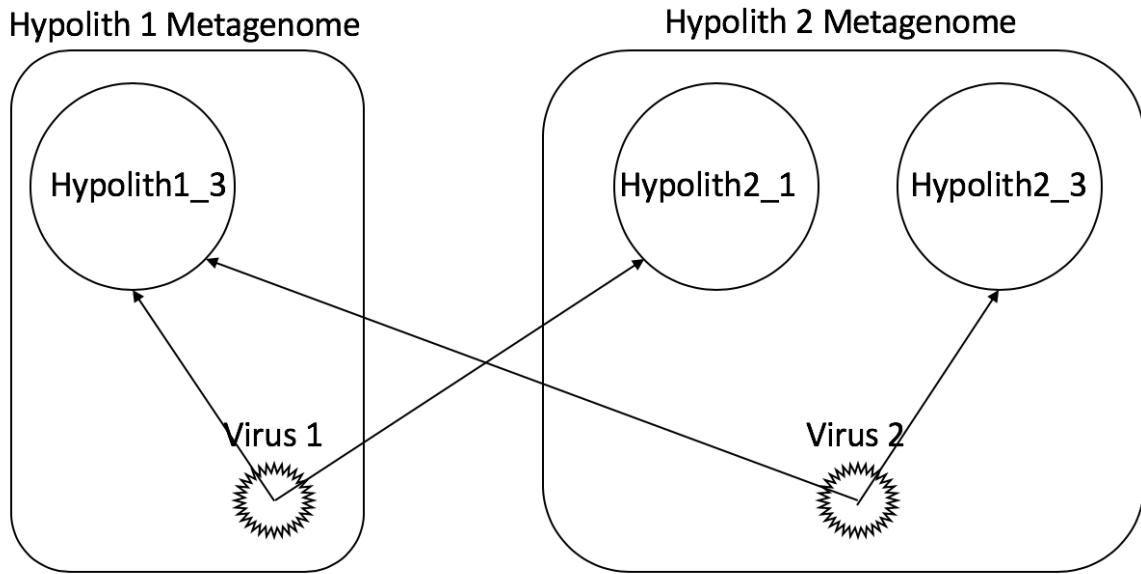
**Figure S1:** Nonmetric multidimensional scaling plot showing differences between microbial eDNA and iDNA communities from four different Atacama Desert location representing three habitat types. CS-HL and AI-HL samples represent hypolith communities, AL-GG depicted gypsum crusts community and YS/HN depicts halite nodules communities



**Figure S2:** Genus level taxonomy depicting relative abundances of the eDNA and iDNA pools across the four sampled habitats



**Figure S3:** Phylogenetic tree showing classification of 16S rRNA genes recovered from metagenome assembled genomes (MAGs) reconstructed from hypolith samples



**Figure S4:** Visualization of putative host-virus interaction across two hypolith metagenomes. An arrow between a virus and a genome indicates that a spacer to viral contig match was found

#### Tables S1–S3:

**Table S1:** Sequence and alpha diversity measurements

Sample	Generated sequences	Sequences post trimming and contamination removal	Number of ASVs (rarefied to 69,772 seqs)	Shannon Diversity Index (rarefied to 69,772 seqs)
CS-HL eDNA Rep 1	521,452	188,376	729	4.47
CS-HL eDNA Rep 2	494,292	264,312	667	4.58
CS-HL eDNA Rep 3	510,660	291,928	558	3.76
CS-HL iDNA Rep 1	325,916	168,192	587	2.85
CS-HL iDNA Rep 2	793,588	503,980	642	4.01
CS-HL iDNA Rep 3	617,700	391,548	568	2.40
AL-HL eDNA Rep 1	819,564	598,292	525	3.57
AL-HL eDNA Rep 2	697,448	411,884	565	3.45
AL-HL iDNA Rep 1	626,244	421,228	506	3.26
AL-HL iDNA Rep 2	778,264	456,408	392	2.51
AL-GG eDNA	263,188	69,772	207	3.02
AI-GG iDNA	241,720	107,788	297	3.45
YS-HN eDNA Rep 1	326,976	151,660	289	3.39
YS-HN eDNA Rep 2	395,972	140,512	358	2.43
YS-HN iDNA Rep 1	560,532	282,920	378	2.91
YS-HN iDNA Rep 2	280,636	280,636	199	2.69

**Table S2.** Estimation of Metagenome Assembled Genome (MAG) quality and RpS3 protein based taxonomy for all MAGs studied

MAG	CheckM Statistics			Taxonomy (based on Ribosomal Protein S3)					
	Completeness (%)	Contamination (%)	Strain heterogeneity (%)						
Hypolith1_1	99.26	2.67	7.69	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;Chroococcidiopsidaceae;Chroococcidiopsis					
Hypolith1_2	93.48	3.37	13.04	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;unclassified;unclassified;unclassified;					
Hypolith1_3	82.11	2.30	23.08	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;Chroococcidiopsidaceae;Chroococcidiopsis					
Hypolith1_4	82.97	0.79	0.00	Bacteria;Actinobacteria;Rubrobacteria;Rubrobacterales;Rubrobacter;					
Hypolith1_5	69.46	1.66	0.00	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Oscillatoriophycideae;Oscillatoriiales;unclassified;					
Hypolith1_6	66.54	0.44	0.00	Bacteria;Actinobacteria;Rubrobacteria;Rubrobacterales;Rubrobacter;					
Hypolith1_7	49.53	2.36	0.00	Bacteria;Chloroflexi;unclassified;unclassified;unclassified;					
Hypolith1_8	33.45	0.00	0.00	No rpS3					
Hypolith2_1	99.41	3.84	9.09	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;Chroococcidiopsidaceae;Chroococcidiopsis					
Hypolith2_2	90.74	0.71	0.00	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Oscillatoriophycideae;Oscillatoriiales;Oscillatoriaceae;Moorea					
Hypolith2_3	86.37	3.07	0.00	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;unclassified;unclassified;unclassified;					
Hypolith2_4	96.04	1.33	0.00	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;Chroococcidiopsidaceae;Chroococcidiopsis					
Hypolith2_5	55.71	1.87	12.50	Bacteria;Actinobacteria;Rubrobacteria;Rubrobacterales;Rubrobacter;					
Hypolith2_6	46.84	0.61	0.00	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Oscillatoriophycideae;Chroococcales;Gloeocapsa;					
Hypolith2_7	34.12	0.22	0.00	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;unclassified;unclassified;unclassified;					
Hypolith2_8	17.51	0.00	0.00	No rpS3					
Hypolith2_9	13.91	0.00	0.00	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;unclassified;unclassified;unclassified;					

**Table S3:** All population genomes binned and their checkM statistics and predicted taxonomy based on rpS3.

MAG	CheckM Statistics			51 Bacterial Single Copy Genes		Genome Statistics				Taxonomy (based on Ribosomal Protein S3)		
	Completeness (%)	Contamination (%)	Strain heterogeneity (%)	Completeness (%)	Contamination (%)	iRep	Size (Mbp)	GC content (%)	Coverage	Scaffolds	N50	
Hypolith1_1	99.26	2.67	7.69	98	3.9	1,452	6.0	44.23	26.97	292	8602	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;Chroococcidiopsidaceae;Chroococcidiopsis
Hypolith1_2	93.48	3.37	13.04	98	1.9	1,750	5.4	46.42	30.17	891	8589	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;unclassified;unclassified;
Hypolith1_3	82.11	2.30	23.08	98	1.9	1,054	4.8	46.40	11.68	390	15245	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;Chroococcidiopsidaceae;Chroococcidiopsis
Hypolith1_4	82.97	0.79	0.00	92	6.9	2,034	4.3	67.89	5.58	281	26507	Bacteria;Actinobacteria;Rubrobacteria;Rubrobacterales;Rubrobacter;
Hypolith2_1	99.41	3.84	0.09	98	6.8	1,716	7.8	44.56	14.65	708	64242	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;Chroococcidiopsidaceae;Chroococcidiopsis
Hypolith2_2	90.74	0.71	0.00	98	3.9	1,681	5.6	50.92	5.91	227	35294	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Oscillatoriophycideae;Oscillatoriiales;Oscillatoriaceae;Moorea
Hypolith2_3	86.37	3.07	0.00	98	0.0	1,790	6.6	47.98	5.74	249	19297	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;unclassified;unclassified;unclassified;
Hypolith2_4	96.04	1.33	0.00	98	3.9	1,858	5.2	46.02	37.68	982	8550	Bacteria;Cyanobacteria;Chroococcidiopsidales;Chroococcidiopsidaceae;Chroococcidiopsis