

# Linking Heterogeneous Resources for Biodiversity Research

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# Collections: The Library of Life

>1600 natural history  
collections  
in the US  
1-2 billion specimens  
in the US  
3-4 billion specimens  
worldwide



# Systematics and Taxonomy



*Linnea* (twinflower)

Carl Linné, aka Carolus Linnaeus



# Collections: The Library of Life

Genetics  
Genomics  
Chemistry  
Species interactions  
Phenology  
Biogeography  
More!





# Collections: The Library of Life

Most specimens locked away in cabinets, unavailable for general use.

**DIGITIZATION!!!!**

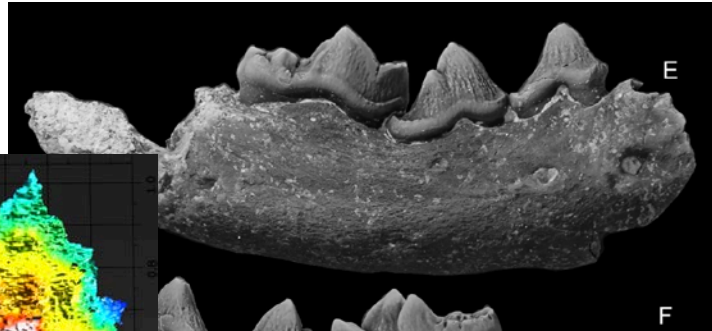
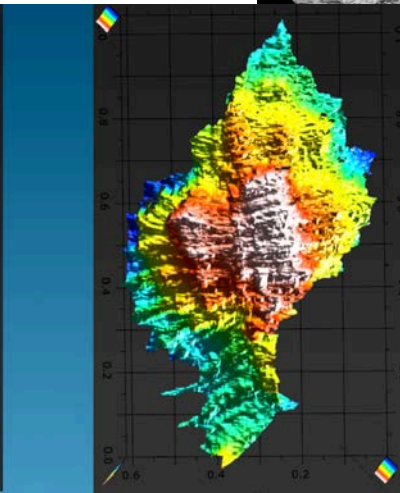
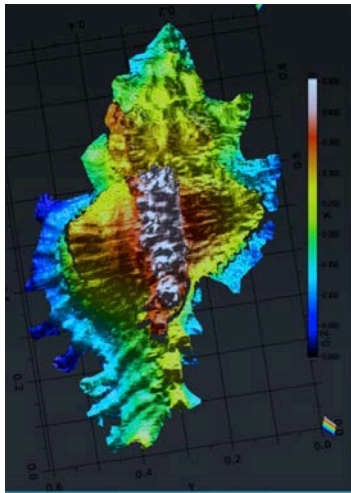


## Label Data

- Scientific name – including authority
- Date
- Collector
- Location – state, county, specific site, GPS coordinates
- Associated species
- Notes



# Images





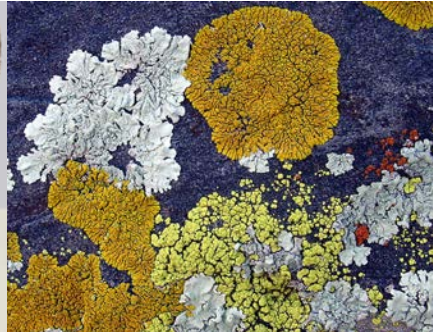
# National Coordinating Center For Digitization of Biodiversity Collections

Ingest, serve, integrate data:

Localities

Dates

Images





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64,015,275

Specimen Records

14,321,696

Media Records

786

Recordsets

[Search the Portal](#)



**Why digitization matters**

More about what we do and why



## Digitization

Learn, share and develop best practices



## Sharing Collections

Documentation on data ingestion



## Working Groups

Join in, contribute, be part of the community



## Proposals

New tool and workshop ideas



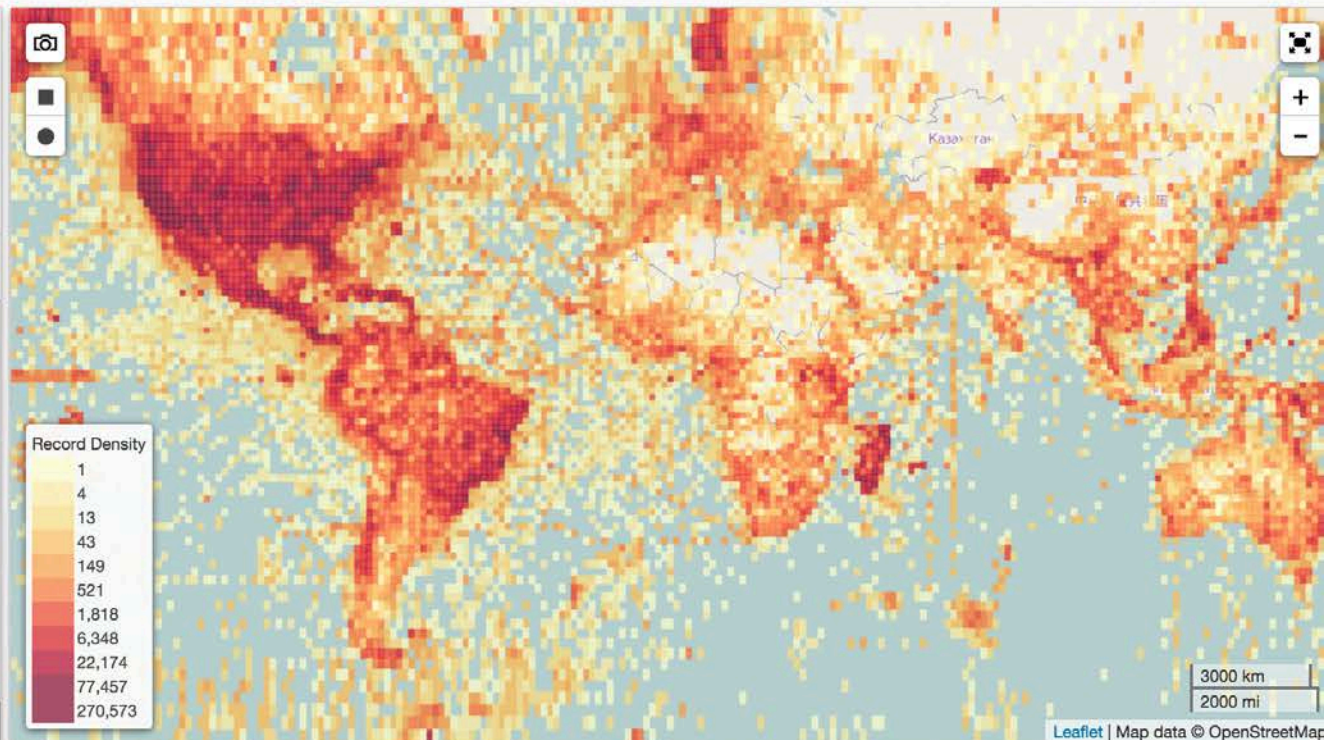
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How can you help biological collections?

[www.idigbio.org](http://www.idigbio.org)

# Search Specimen Records

## Start Searching

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# Search Specimen Records

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## → Search Records

Full Text Search

 only records with images [Hide Advanced Search](#)

### Current Results

Query: Scientific Name = acer rubr 

Records: 902

Approx. Download Time: 0hrs 0mins 10secs

Email: Enter Email to Download 

### Advanced Search

**Family**

  
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## Media Record: *Acer rubrum*, Wats.



Go To Specimen Record

Go To Recordset

View Raw Data

### Media Metadata

Associated Specimen Reference

<http://nansh.org/portal/collections/individual/index.php?occid=4139508>

Type of Resource Subtype

StillImage  
Photograph

Metadata Date

2014-02-19  
00:58:28

Provider-managed ID

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Credit

Archbold Biological Station (ARCH-herbarium)

License Terms

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License URI

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# Linking Collections to...

- Phylogeny
- Ecology
- Paleontology
- Living Collections
- Genomics
- Other Repositories

**neon**  
National Ecological Observatory Network, Inc.  
**Paleobiology Database**  
Quick search

**UTEX**

Word cloud terms: Raphitoma, Dugong, Diploia, Eulytoceras, Meeoia, Punguis, Qbnis, Robustirynchia, Valimearia, Toarcibatis, Lichanura, Tonganoseurus, Agancia, Lenchiniformis, etc.

**Welcome to Morphbank**  
User: Guest [\[click to login\]](#)

**TreeBASE**  
*A Database of Phylogenetic Knowledge*

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# PhyloJIVE

Links biodiversity data to trees  
Joe Miller & Garry Jolley-Rogers  
[phylojive.ala.org.au/](http://phylojive.ala.org.au/)



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## Phylojive

PhyloJive ([Phy](#)logeny [J](#)avascript [I](#)nformation [V](#)isualiser and [E](#)xplorer) is a web based application that places biodiversity information aggregated from many sources onto compact phylogenetic trees.

The project is the brainchild of [Garry Jolley-Rogers](#) and [Joe Miller](#) and was developed by Temi Varghese and [Garry Jolley-Rogers](#) as part of the [Taxonomy Research & Information Network \(TRIN\)](#) – see the [original project page](#), [original code repository](#) and [ALA code repository](#). The ALA has contributed to the PhyloJive codebase to integrate a number of web services: occurrence data, maps and character data from Identify Life. This work has been undertaken with help and advice from [Joe Miller](#).

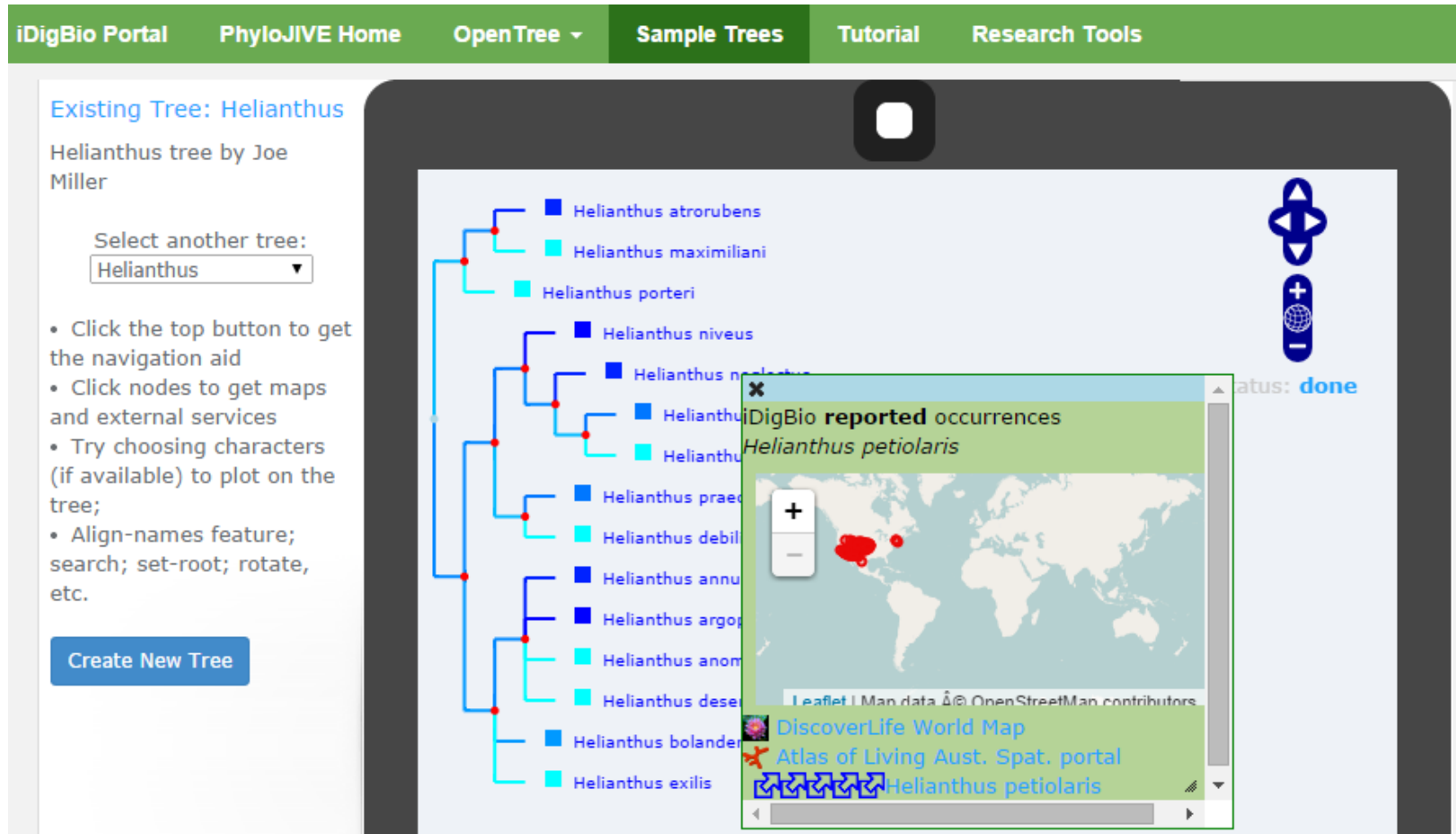
The [getting started](#) page outlines the steps for creating a new phylogenetic tree and contains demo data sets that can be used to get up and running.



*A. buxifolia*

Source: Australian Plant  
Image Index Image by: Macd

# PhyloJIVE instance in iDigBio



The screenshot shows the iDigBio Portal interface for the PhyloJIVE instance. The navigation bar includes links for iDigBio Portal, PhyloJIVE Home, OpenTree, Sample Trees, Tutorial, and Research Tools. The main content area displays an existing tree titled "Existing Tree: Helianthus" by Joe Miller. A dropdown menu allows selecting another tree from the "Helianthus" genus. A list of species is shown on the right, including Helianthus atrorubens, Helianthus maximiliani, Helianthus porteri, Helianthus niveus, Helianthus mollis, Helianthus scaberrimus, Helianthus debilis, Helianthus annuus, Helianthus argenteus, Helianthus anomus, Helianthus desertorum, Helianthus bolanderi, and Helianthus exilis. A map window is open, showing "iDigBio reported occurrences" for Helianthus petiolaris, with red dots indicating locations in the western United States. The map includes a search bar, zoom controls, and a status bar showing "Status: done".

- Developed by Garry Jolley-Rogers, Joe Miller, and Temi Varghese
- Integrates biodiversity data with phylogeny
- <http://phylojive.acis.ufl.edu/>

A. Matsunaga



# Phylolink

You may see intermittent outages with Phylolink for the next few days, while Atlas of Living Australia moves to a new system.

## Phylolink

### Overview

Phylolink is a collection of tools through which biodiversity can be explored from a **phylogenetic** (or tree of life) perspective.

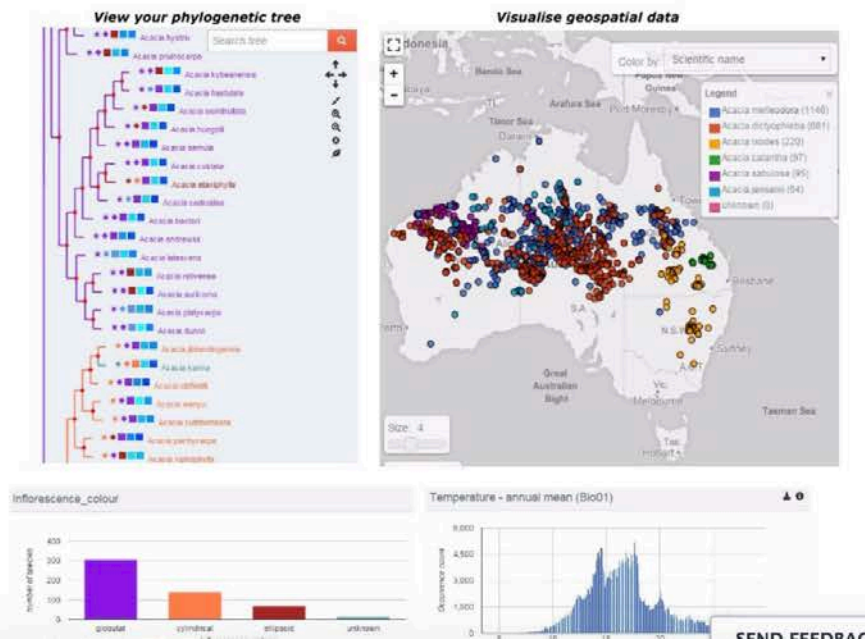
At the core of these tools is the ability to easily intersect a phylogenetic tree with species occurrence records, environmental data, and species character information.

The result is powerful ways of combining data to generate flexible and customisable visualisations, profiles and metrics for biodiversity.

View an example demonstration [here](#). Or, view screencast on how to view phylolink [here](#).

Start Phylolink

Explore Phylogenetic Diversity

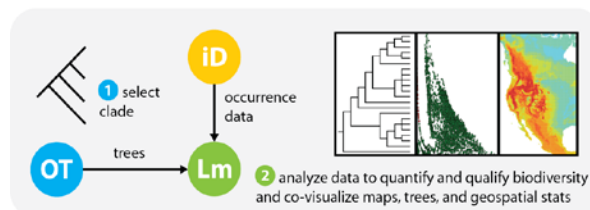
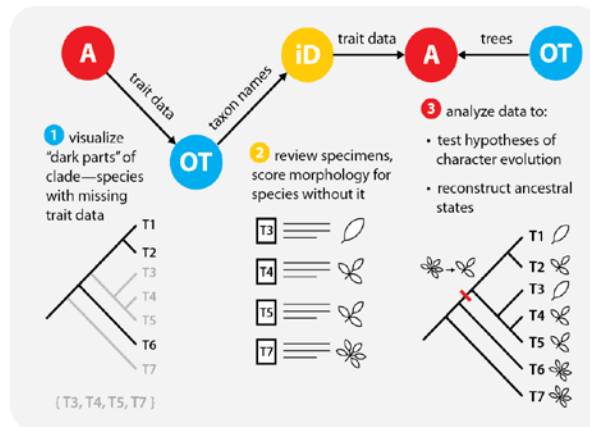
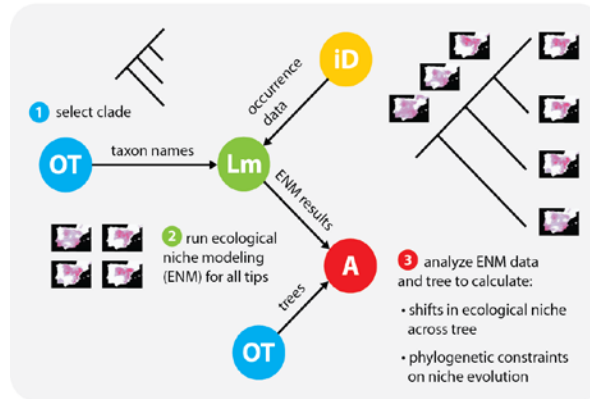


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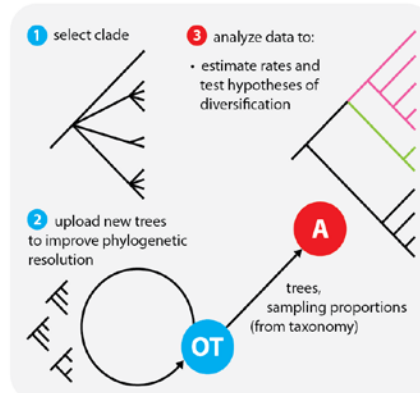
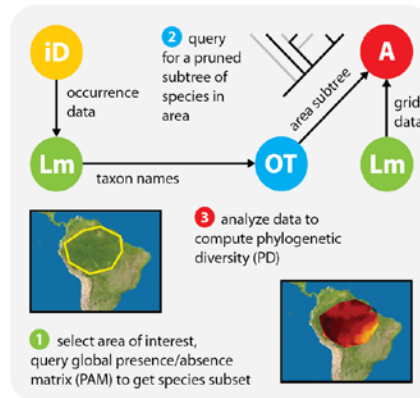
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## EXAMPLE WORKFLOWS:



## RESOURCES:

- Lm** Lifemapper
  - ecological niche modeling
  - biodiversity and range analysis
  - visualization
- A** Arbor
  - evolutionary models
  - comparative methods
  - visualization
- OT** Open Tree of Life
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- iD** iDigBio
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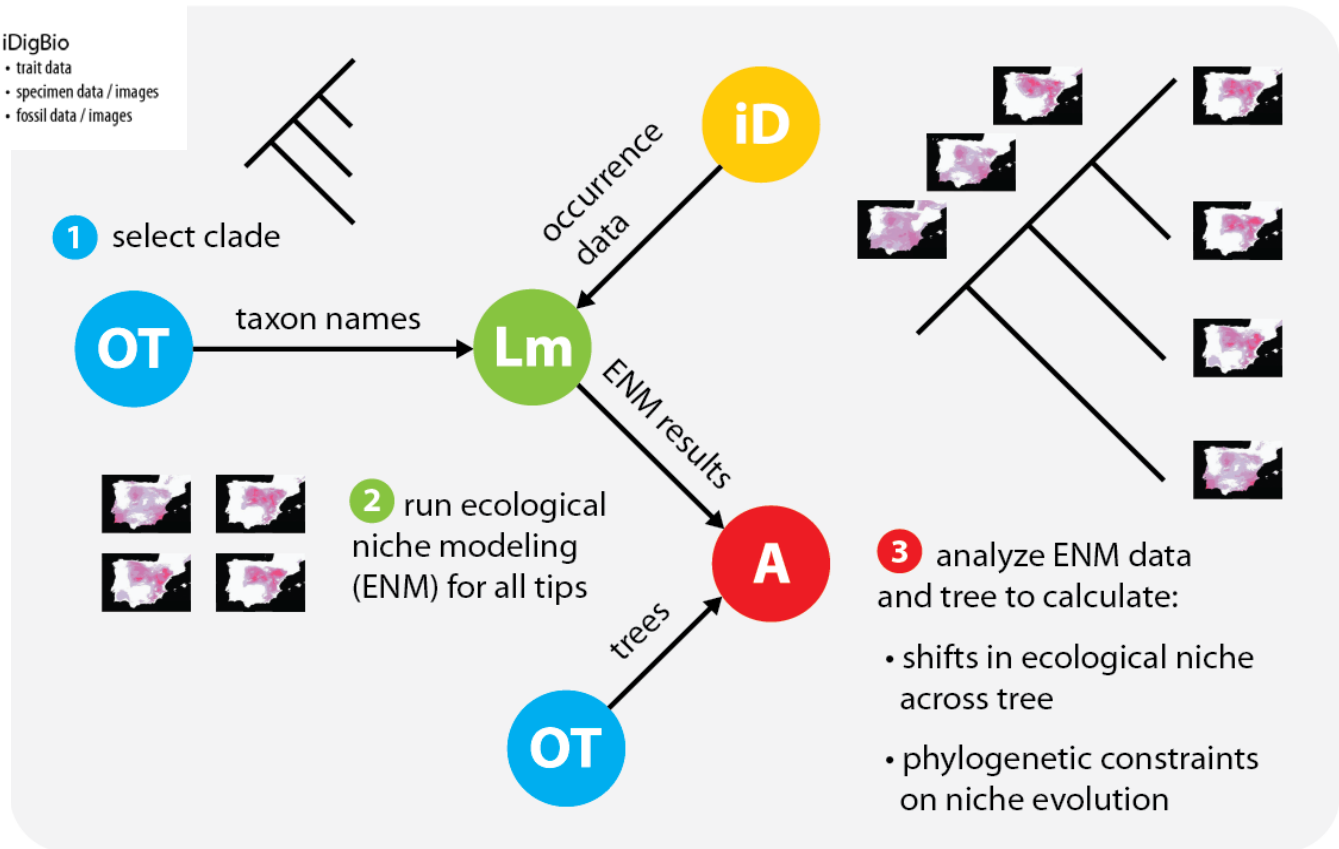
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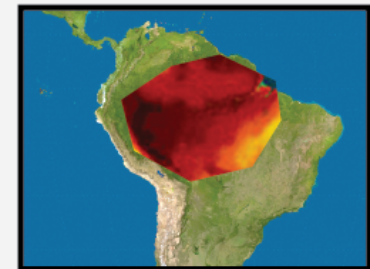
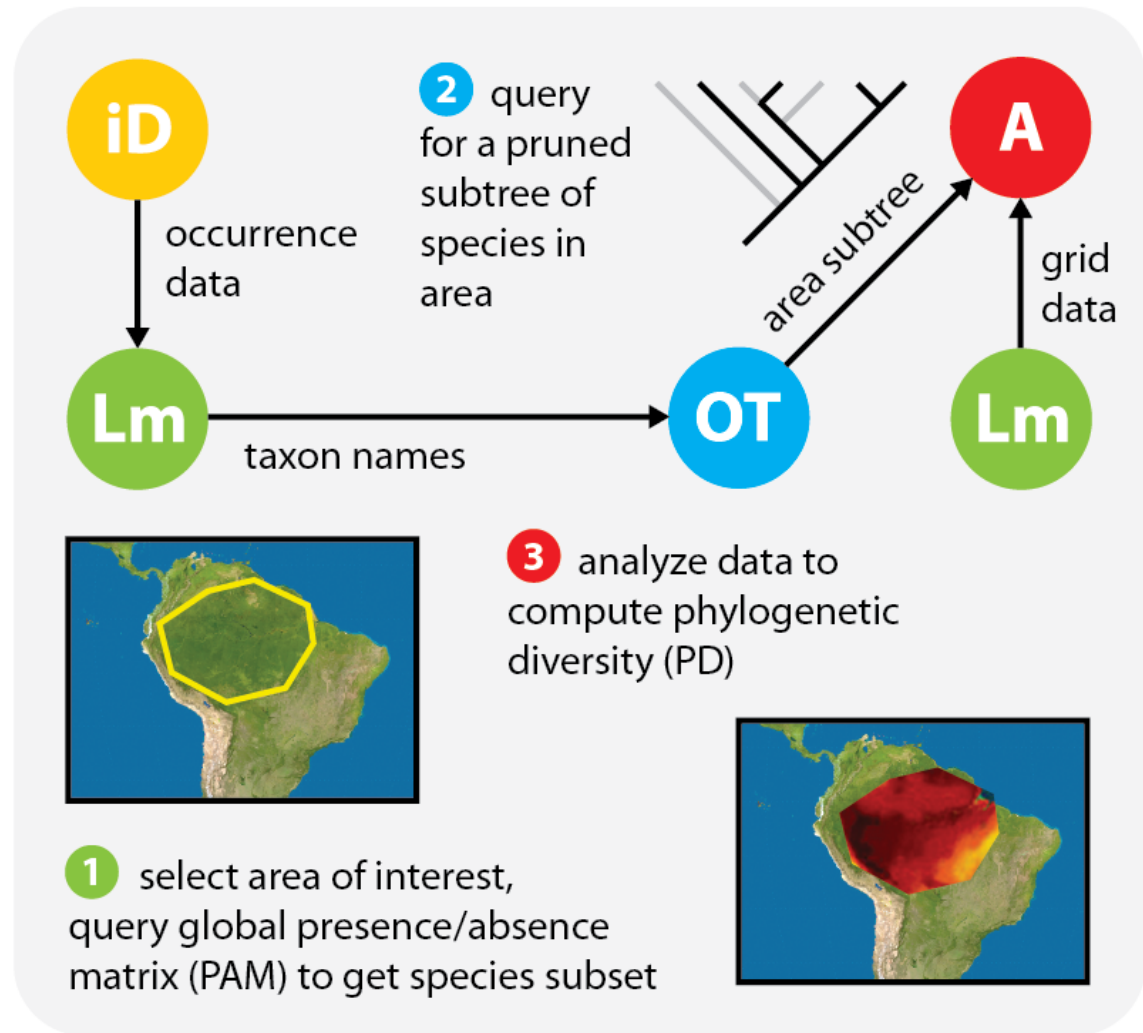
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## ABI Innovation: BiotaPhy Project Connecting resources to enable large-scale biodiversity analyses

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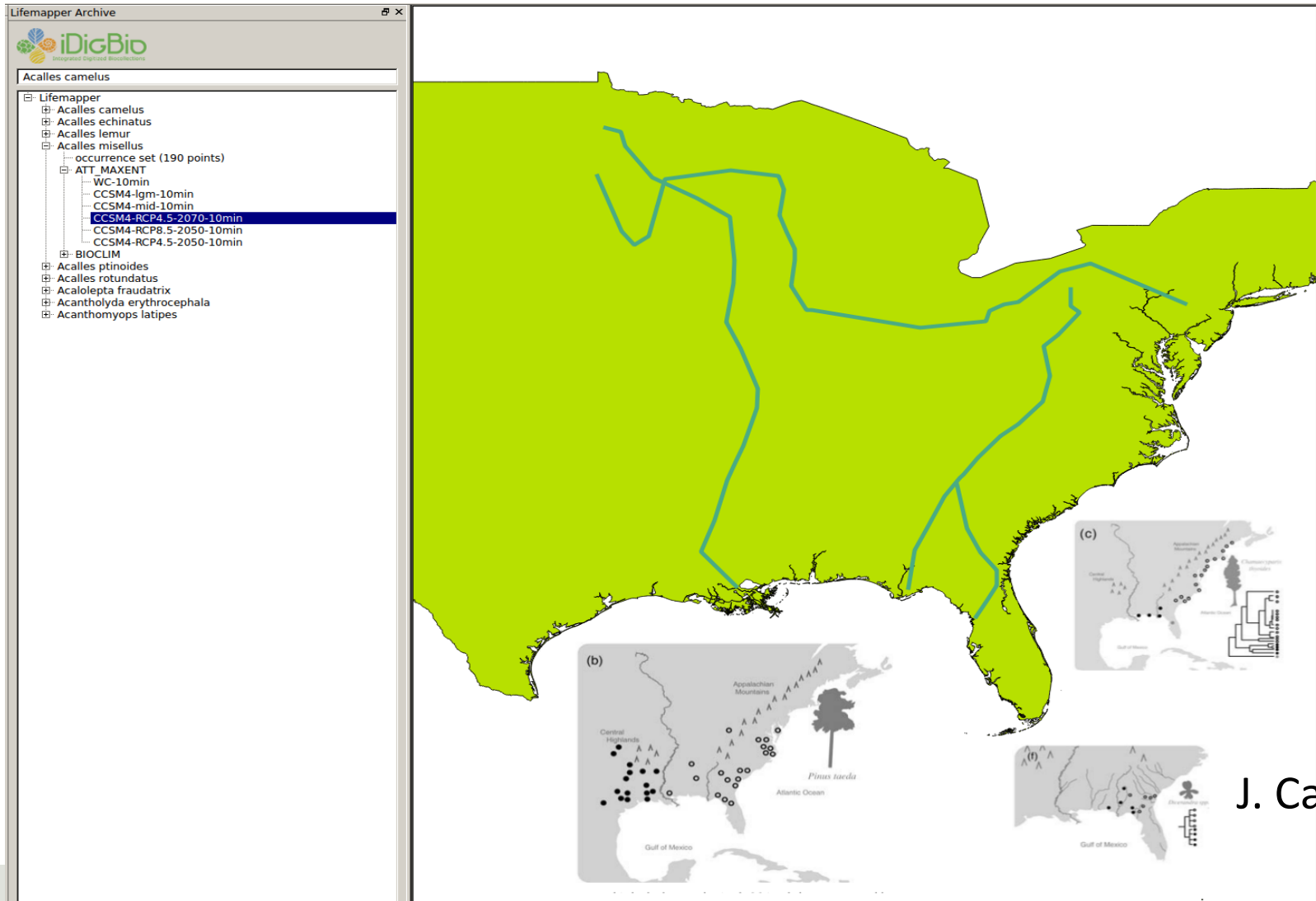
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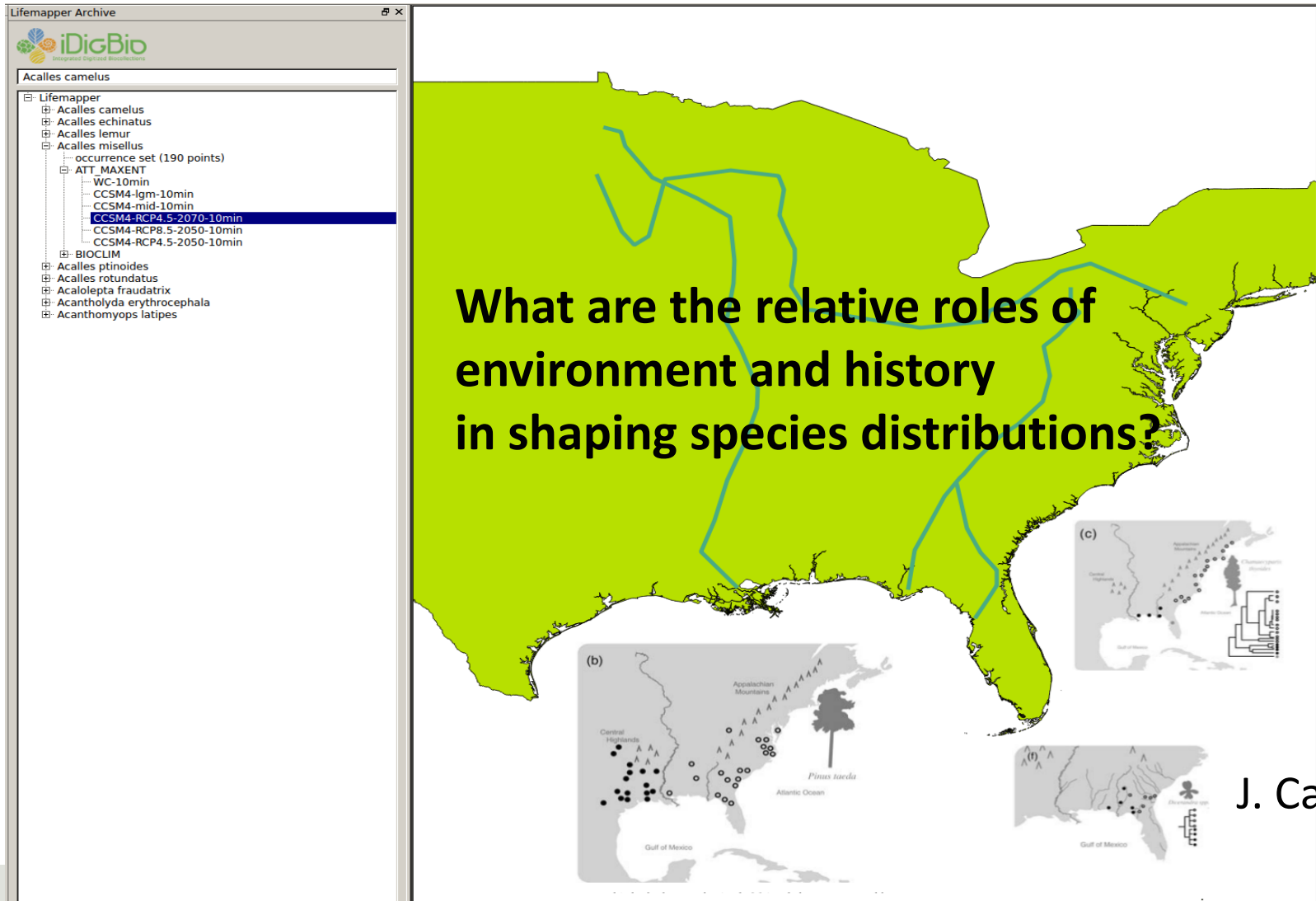
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J. Cavner

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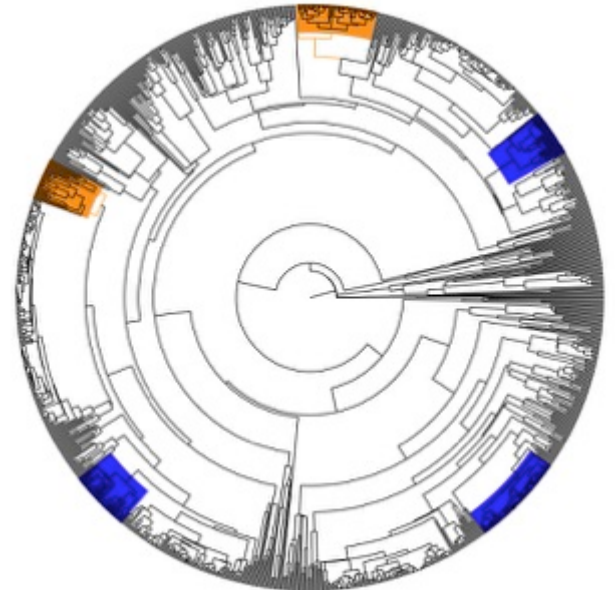
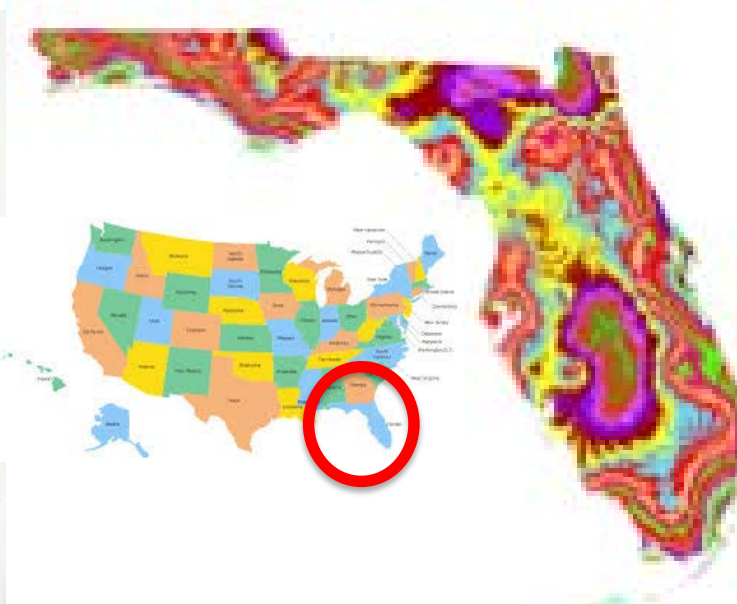


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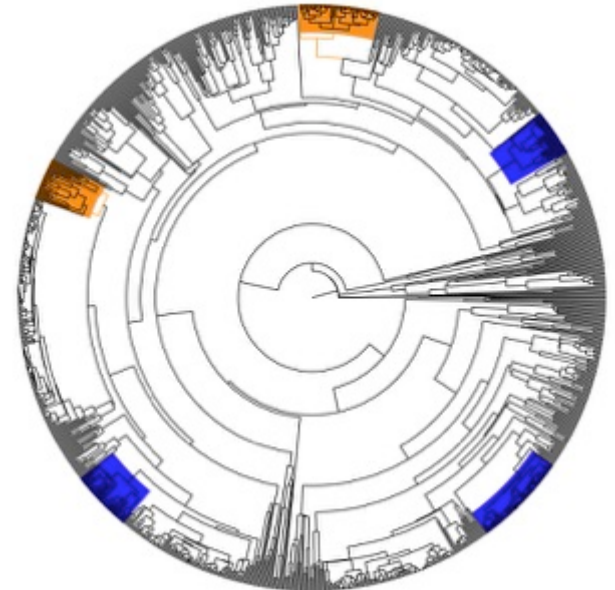
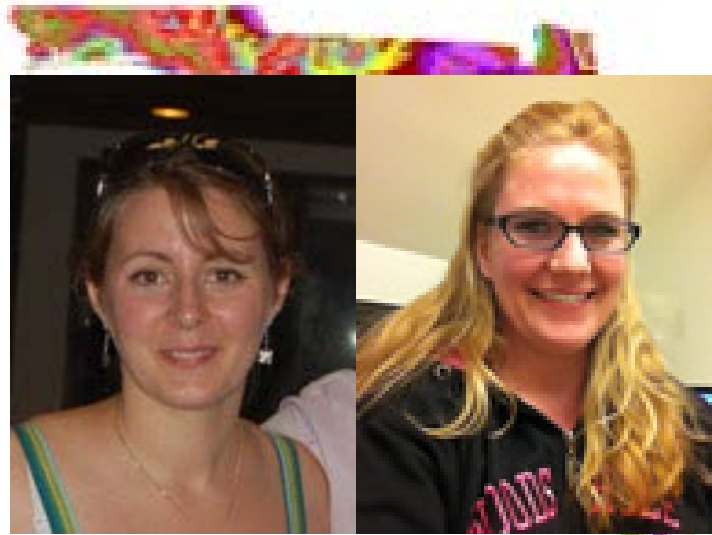


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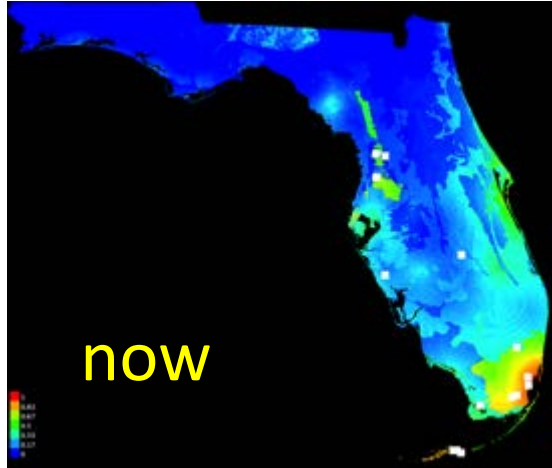
# Modeling the Distribution of Species

- Location information and environmental data
- Software to model the range of each species
- For Florida plants:
  - ~1600 plant species (of 4200 species)
  - >511,000 georeferenced points (GPS)
  - Environmental features: temperature, precipitation, soil, etc.
- Project onto future climate conditions

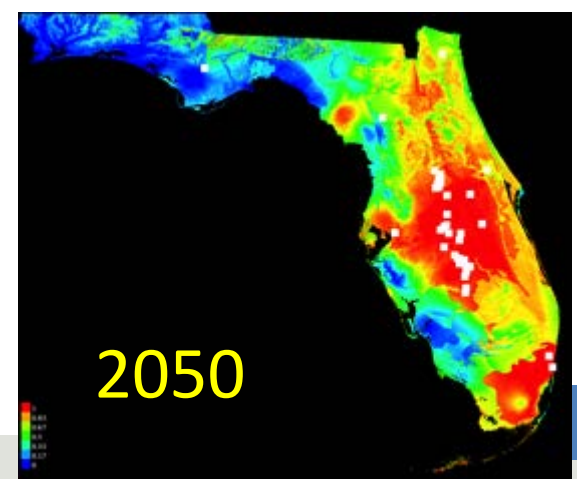
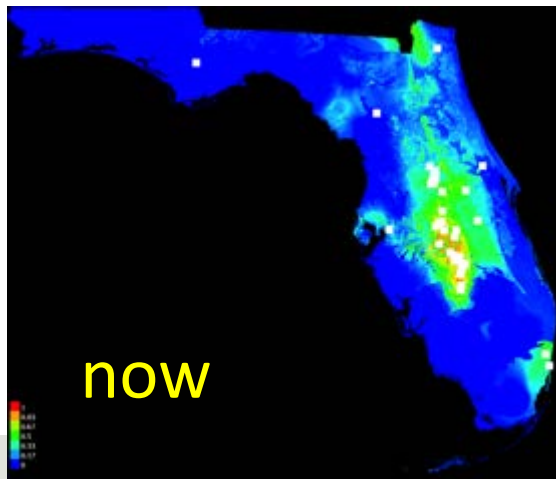


# Responses to Climate Change: past, present, future

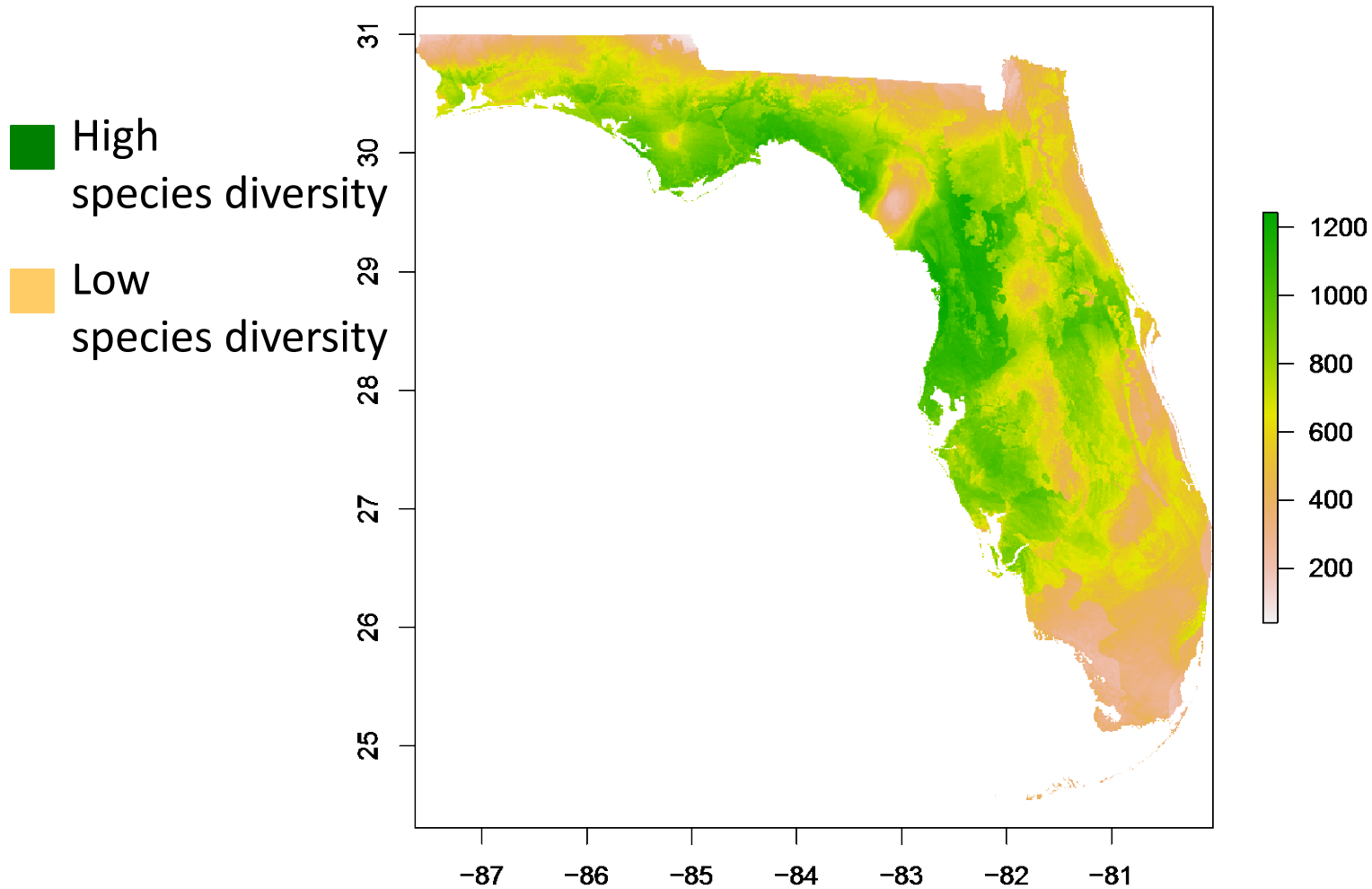
## *Abildgaardia ovata* (flatspike sedge)



## *Prunus geniculata* (scrub plum)

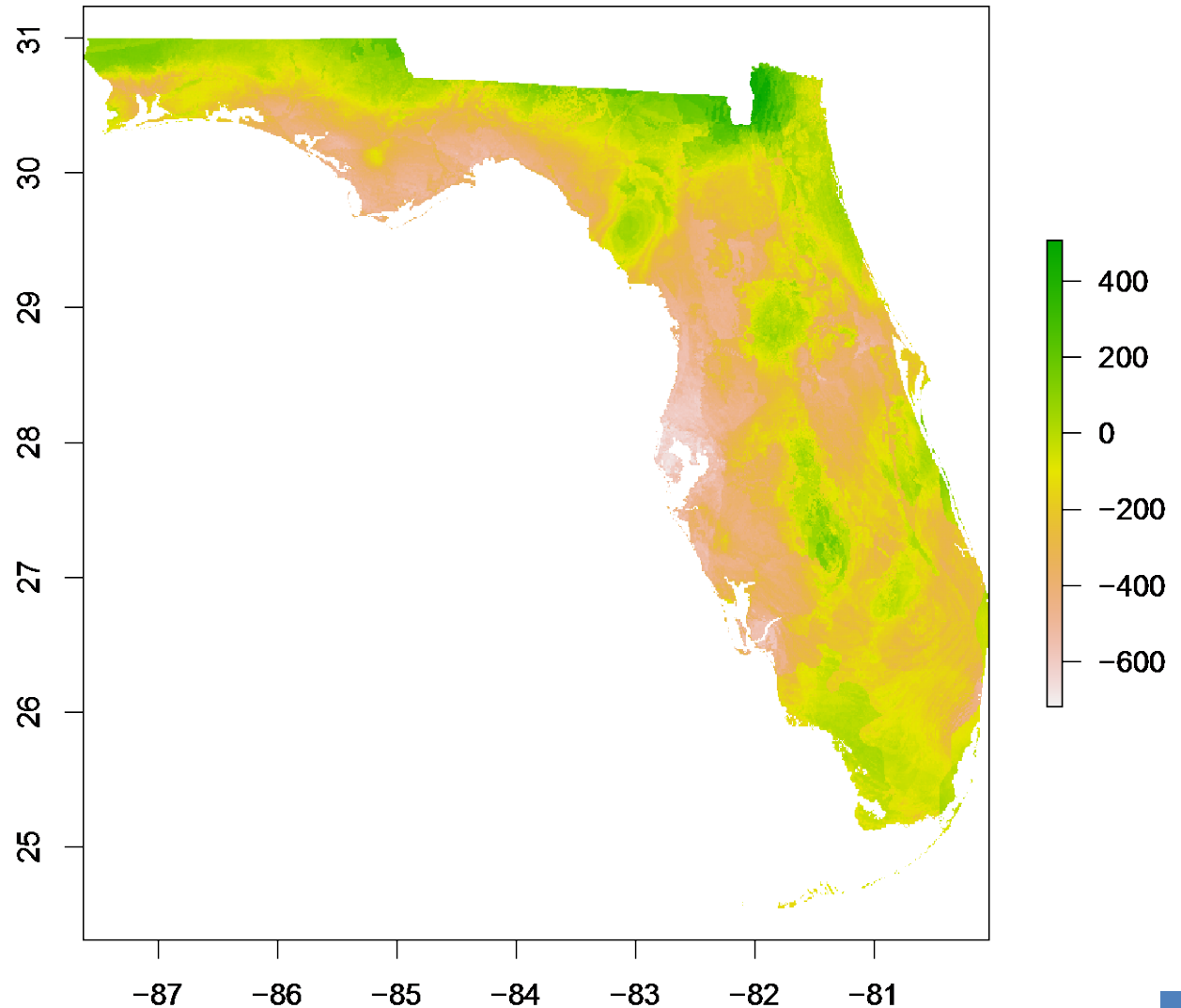


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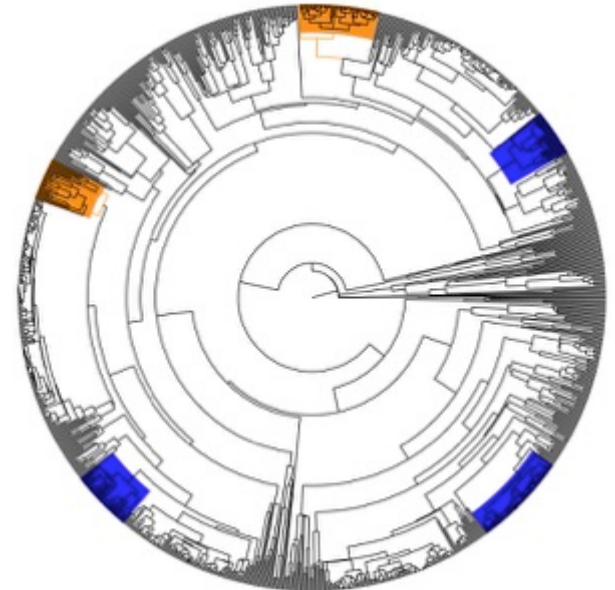
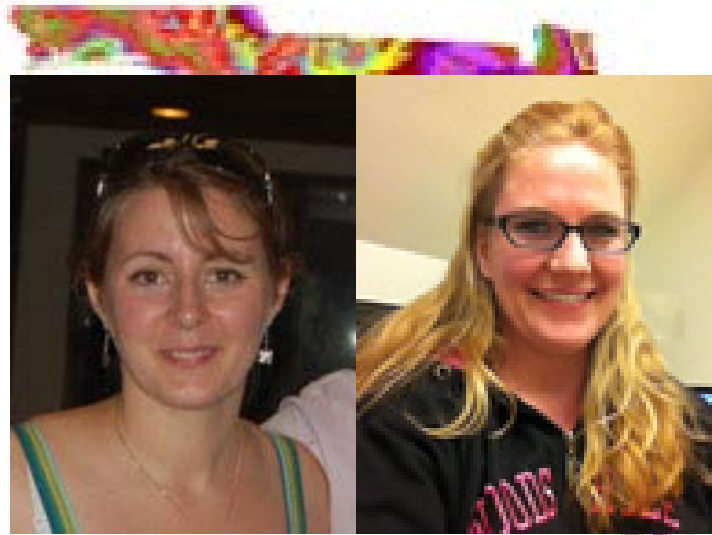
## Between Now and 2050...

- Panhandle species moving NORTH!
- Peninsula species moving SOUTH!



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# Florida Plant Phylogeny

1,548 species (38%)

685 genera (44%)

185 families (78%)

*rbcL*, *matK*

GenBank & new

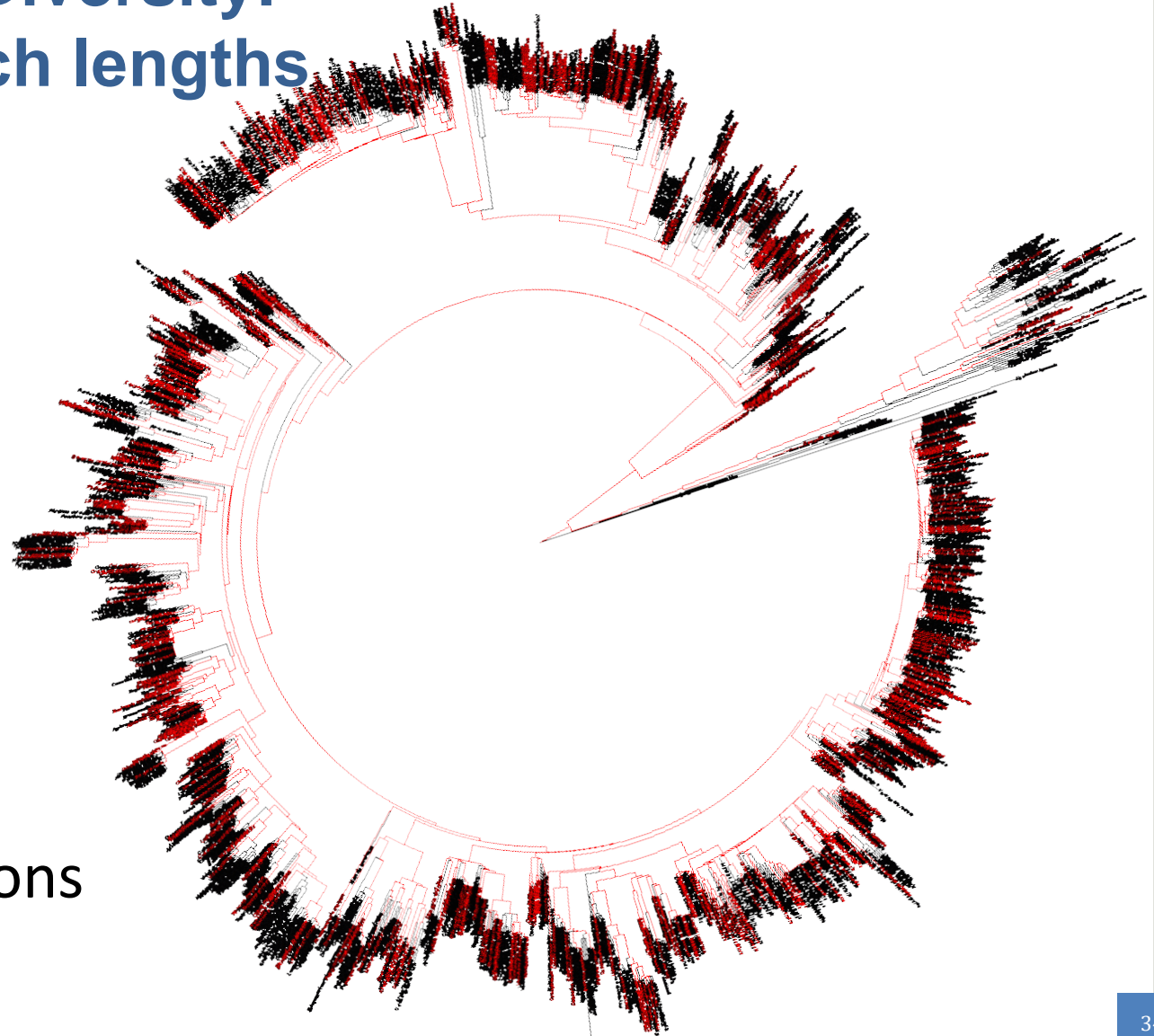
RAxML

Dated with r8s



Kurt Neubig

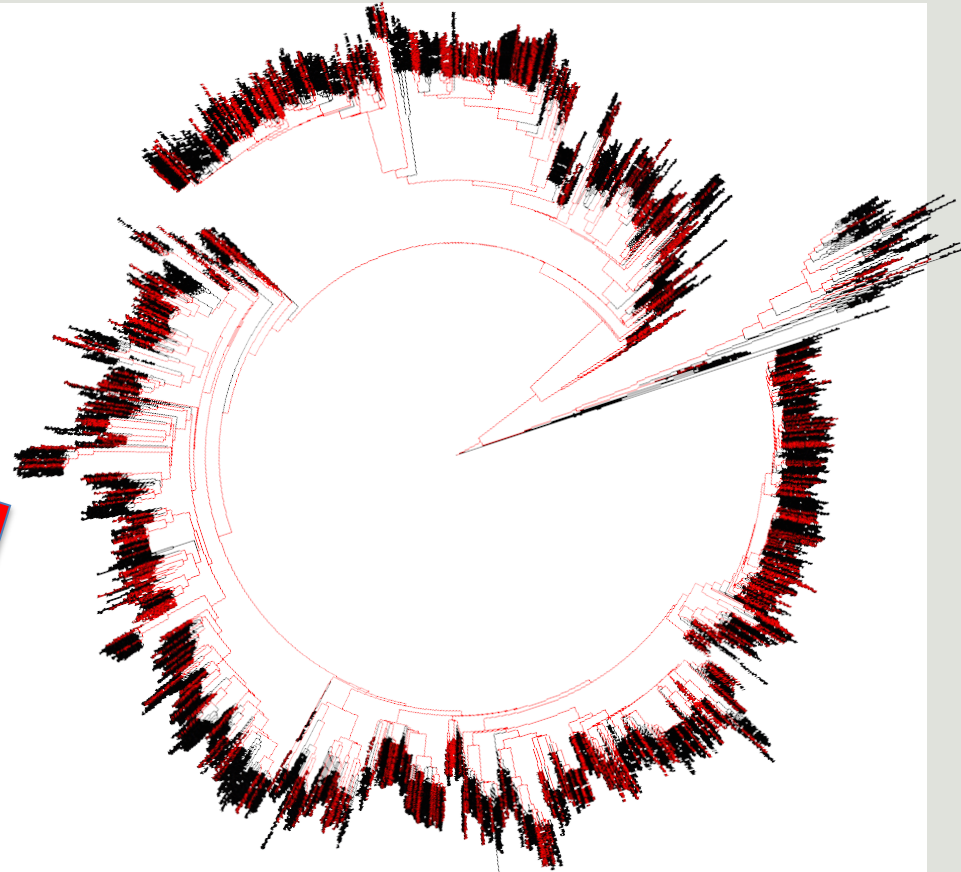
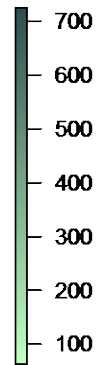
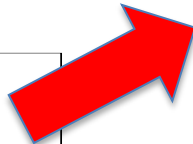
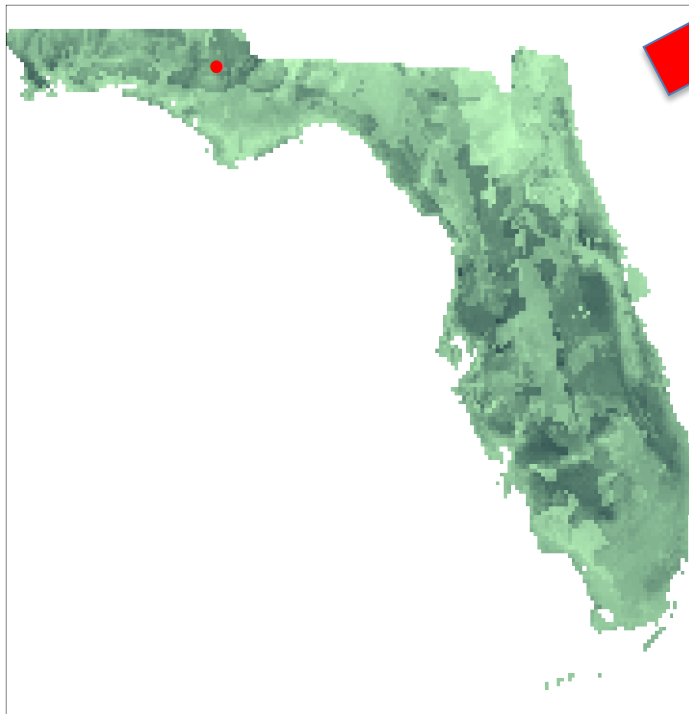
# Phylogenetic Diversity: $\approx$ sum of branch lengths



- Total diversity
- Compare regions

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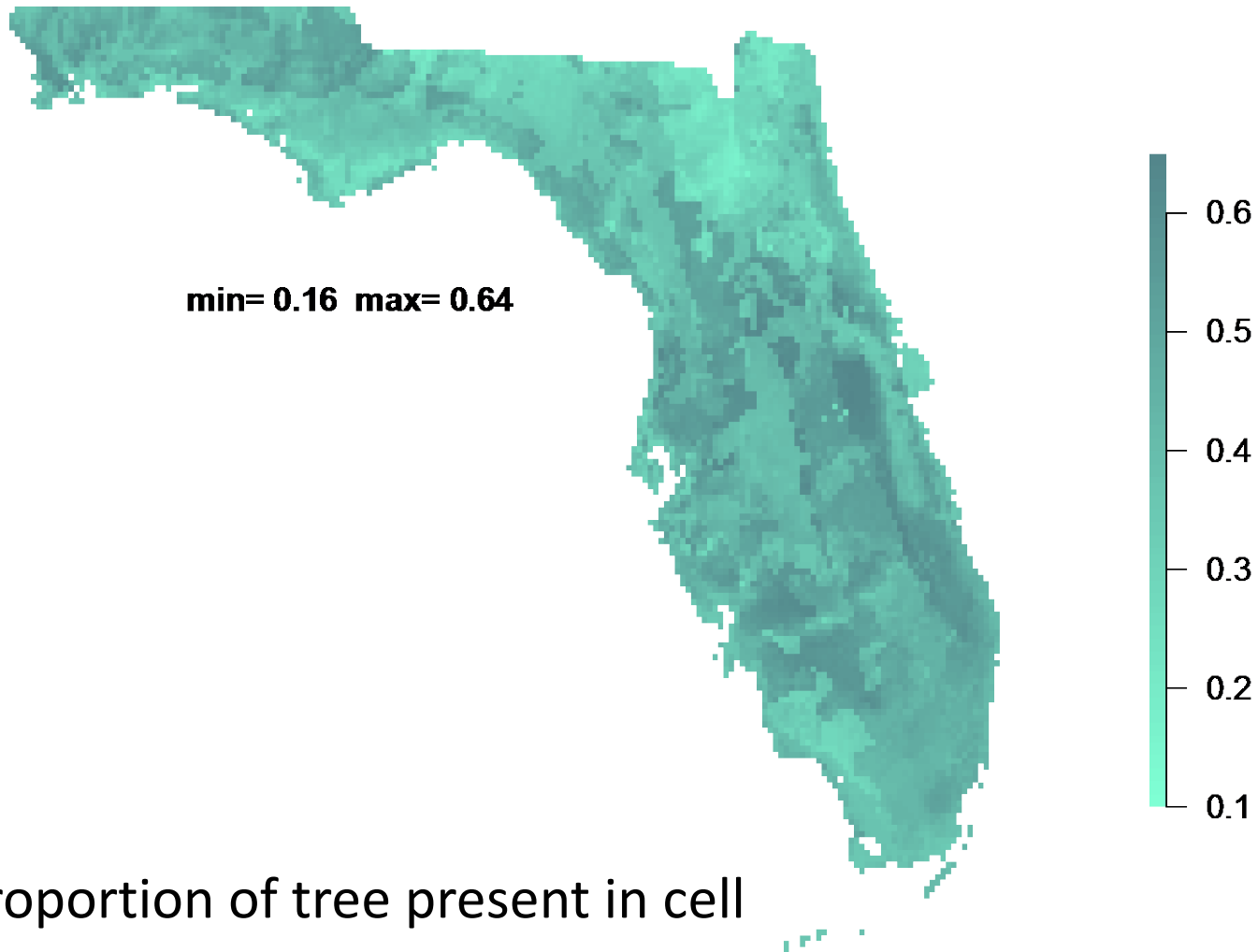
Species list at each pixel  
Generated from ENMs



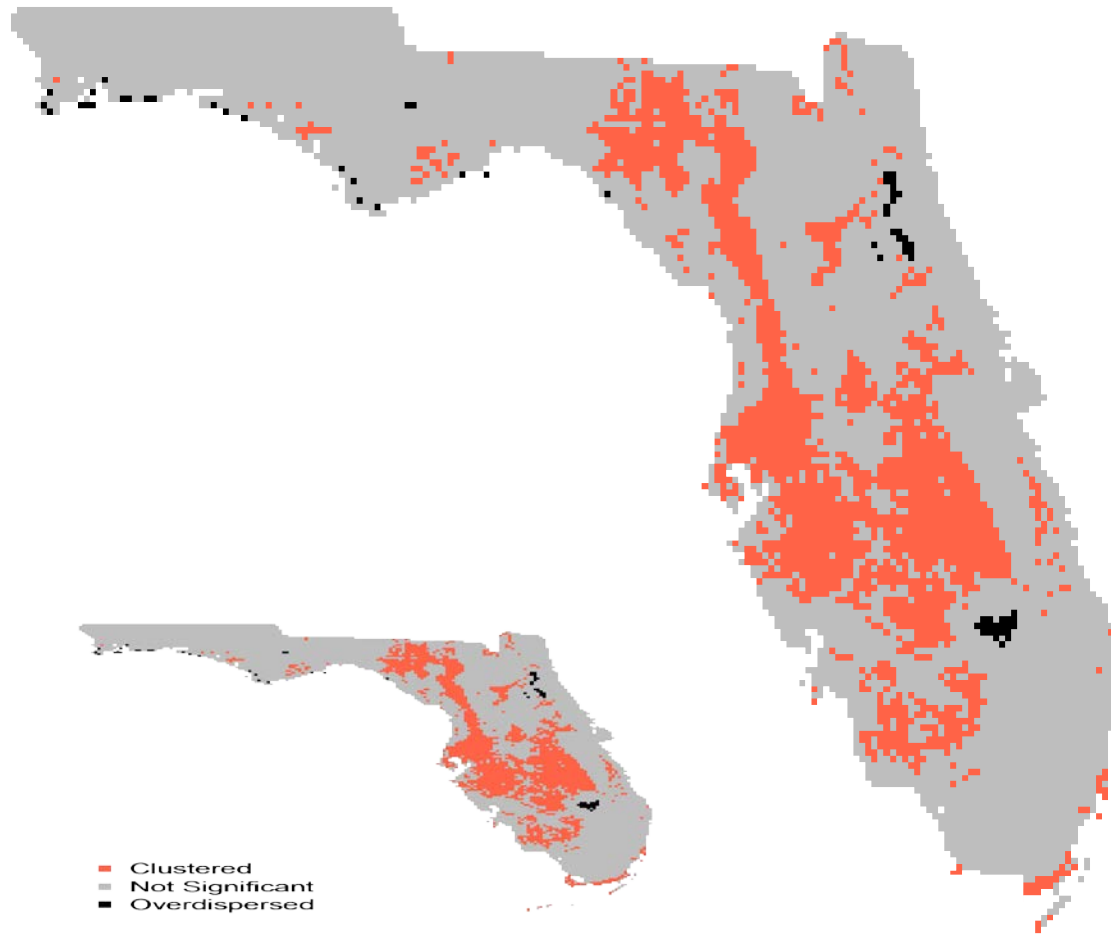
8,045 pixels/communities

16 km<sup>2</sup> per pixel

# Phylogenetic Diversity - angiosperms



# Phylogenetic Diversity - angiosperms: clustering vs. overdispersion



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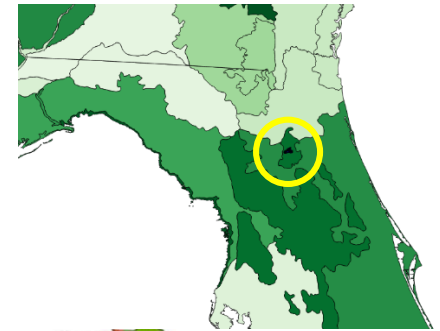
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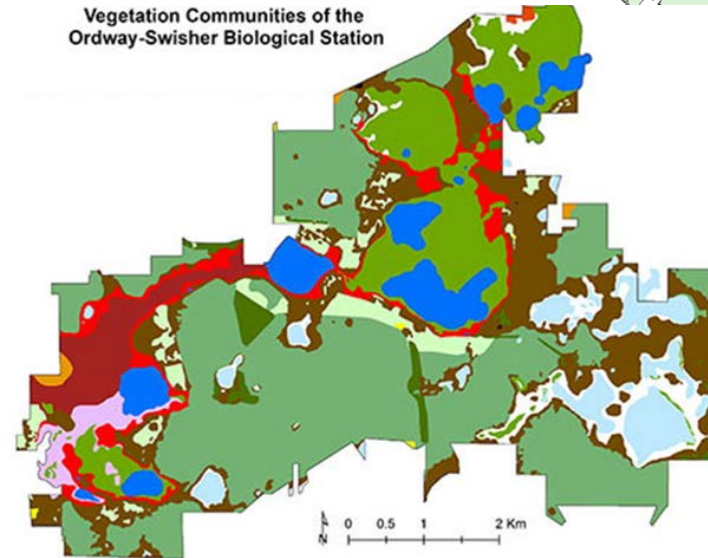
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# Community phylogenetics: Ordway-Swisher Biological Station (OSBS)

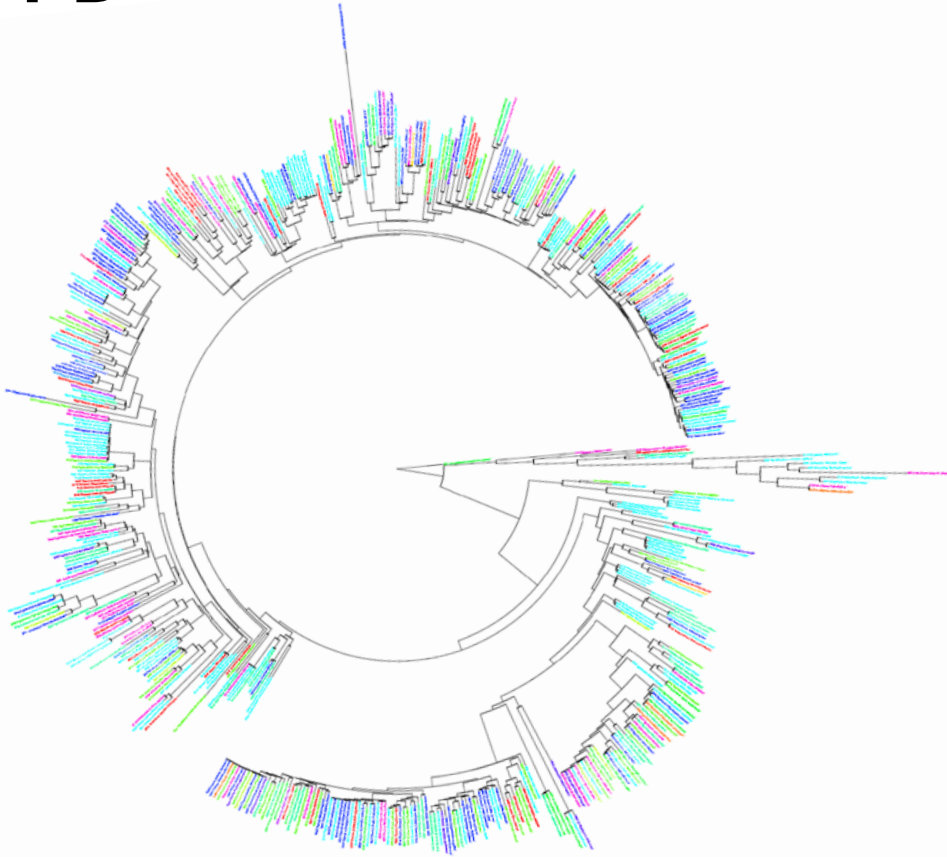


Vegetation Communities of the  
Ordway-Swisher Biological Station





# Phylogeny Reconstruction and Calculation of PD



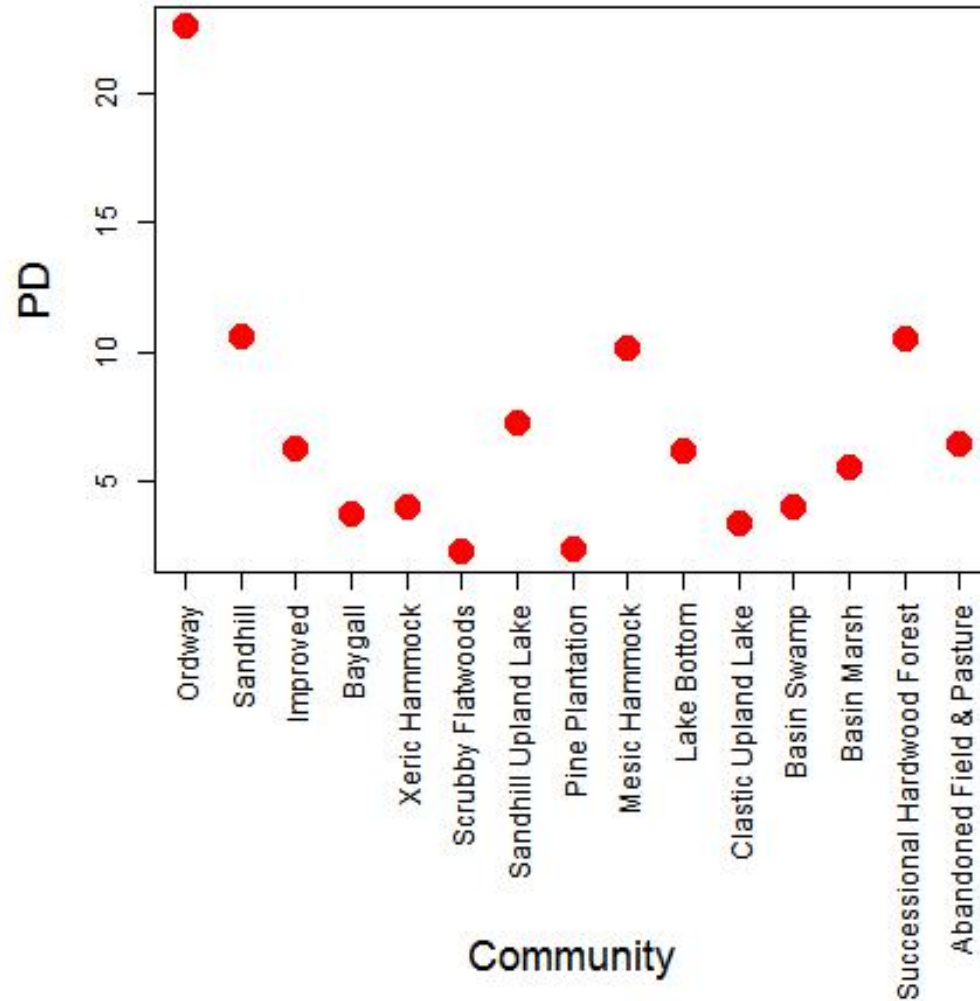
572 taxa

*matK* and *rbcL*

ML phylogeny  
reconstruction  
(RAxML)

PD calculations  
for 14  
communities  
(Biodiverse)

# Phylogenetic diversity for 14 communities at OSBS



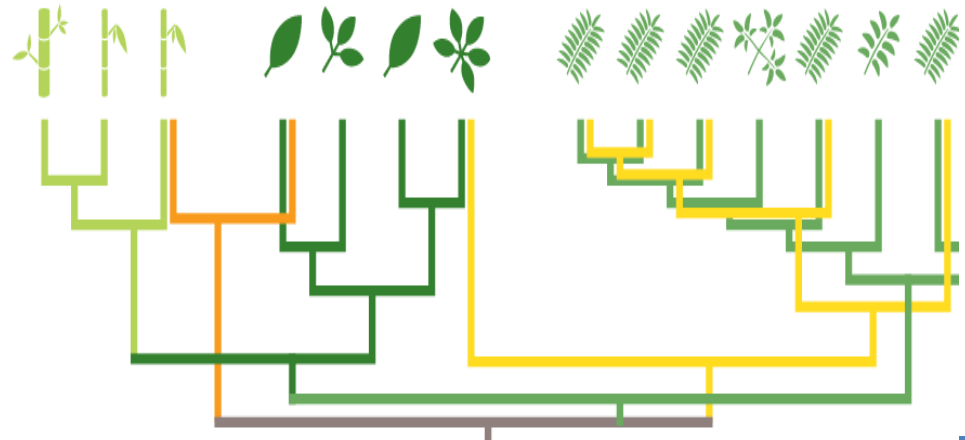
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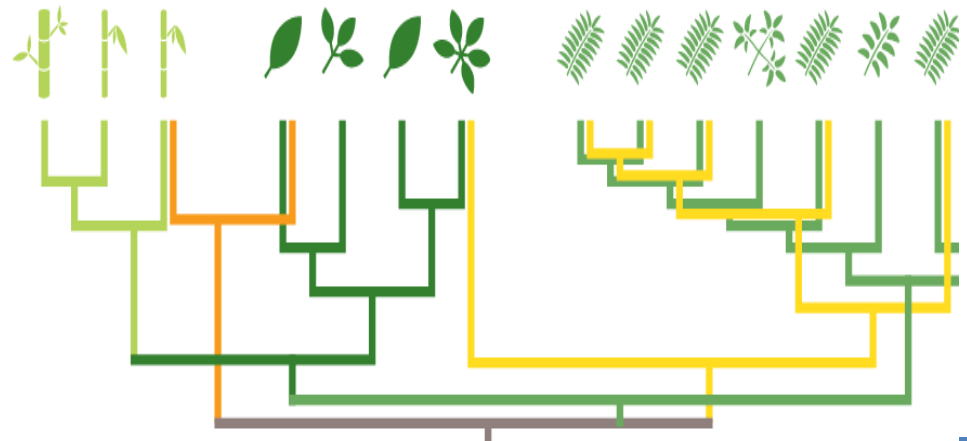
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Respiration Leaf Area Nfixation Capacity  
SLA Regeneration Capacity Plant Lifespan  
Wood Density Growth Form  
Phenology Type Leaf N  
Leaf P Leaf Longevity Photosynthetic Capacity  
Max Plant Height Seed Mass



Connect to ecology/phylogeny  
Evolution of plant functional  
traits

# Images, Functional Traits, Phylogeny

- Correlation of plant functional traits
- Over- and underdispersion of traits:
  - Are traits phylogenetically constrained or broader properties of communities?
  - Implications for long-term health of communities



## Summary

- Digitization enhances value of herbarium specimens – unexpected consequences
- Data aggregators (iDigBio, others) serve data and will increasingly provide access to analytical tools
- Herbarium specimens – locality records, images – provide rich data for range of biodiversity studies
- Linking data with phylogenies, other information holds particular promise
- Biodiversity data are heterogeneous, linkages difficult

# Thank you!



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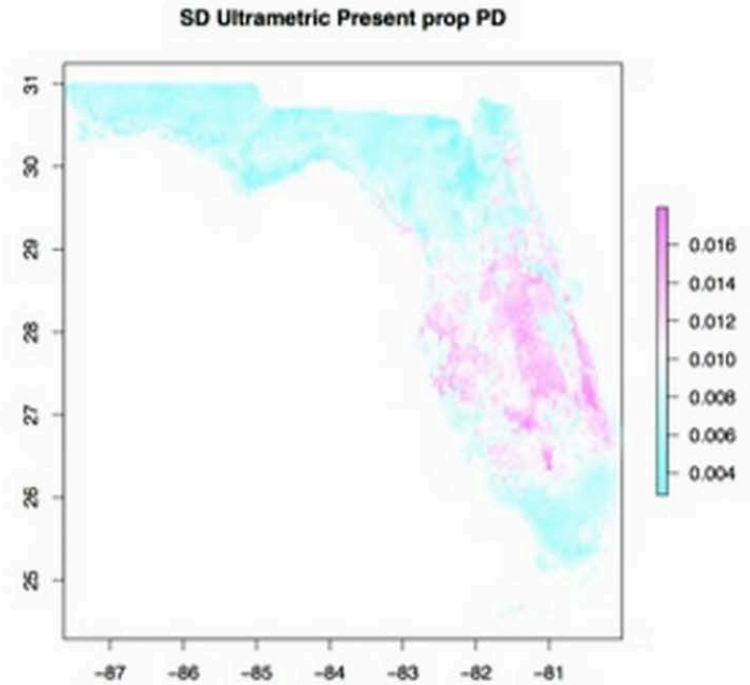
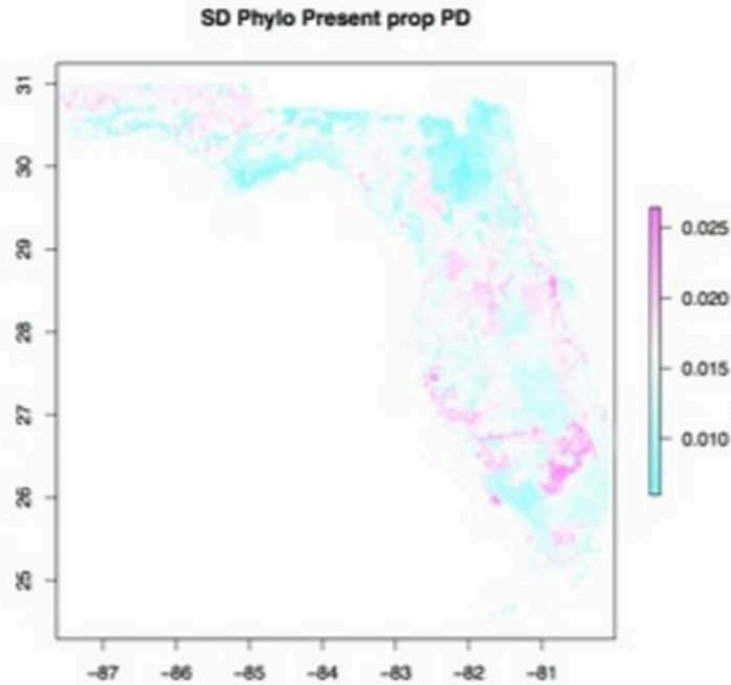


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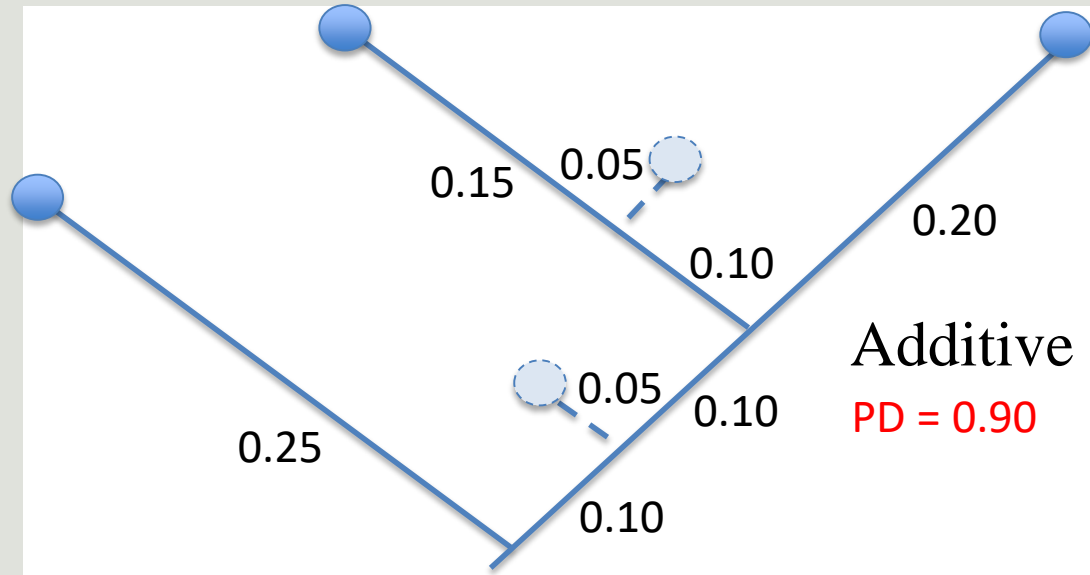


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- Estimating uncertainty is essential
- Does it affect patterns of significance ?



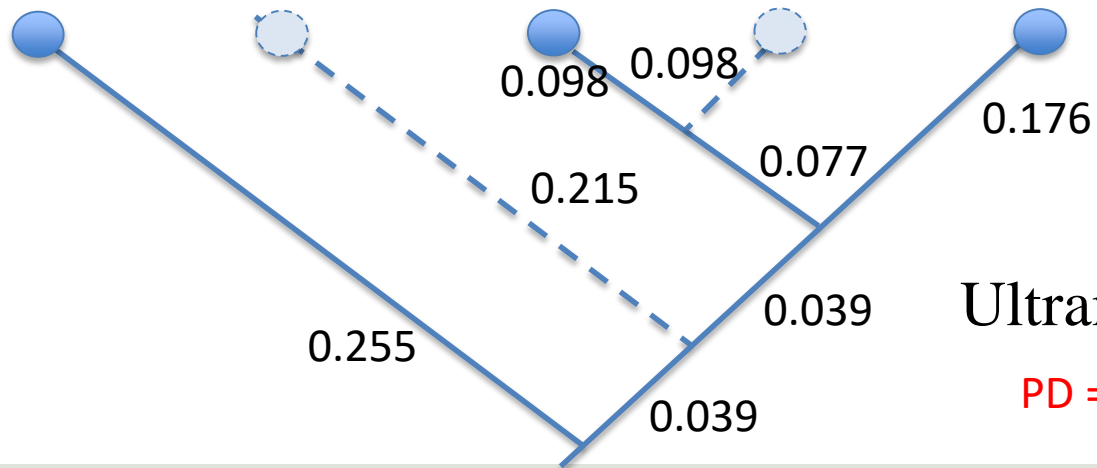
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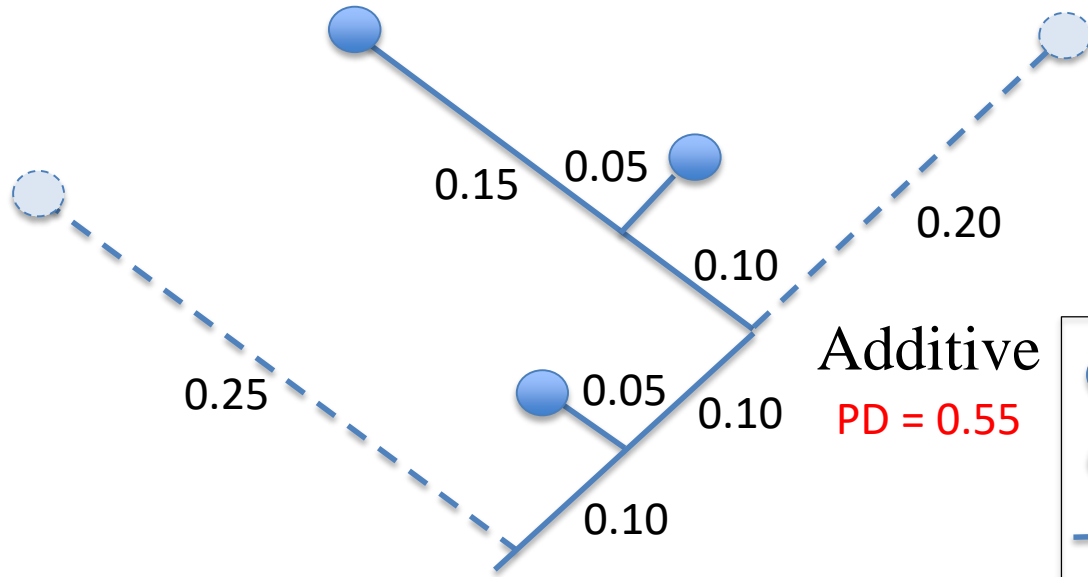
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All branches lengths are PD\_P







Ultrametric

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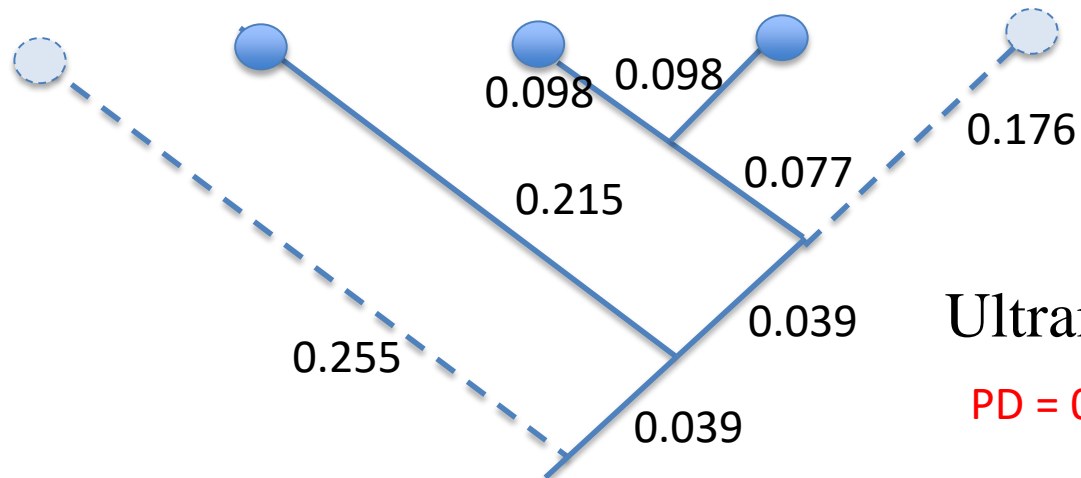


ultrametric  $\approx$  additive

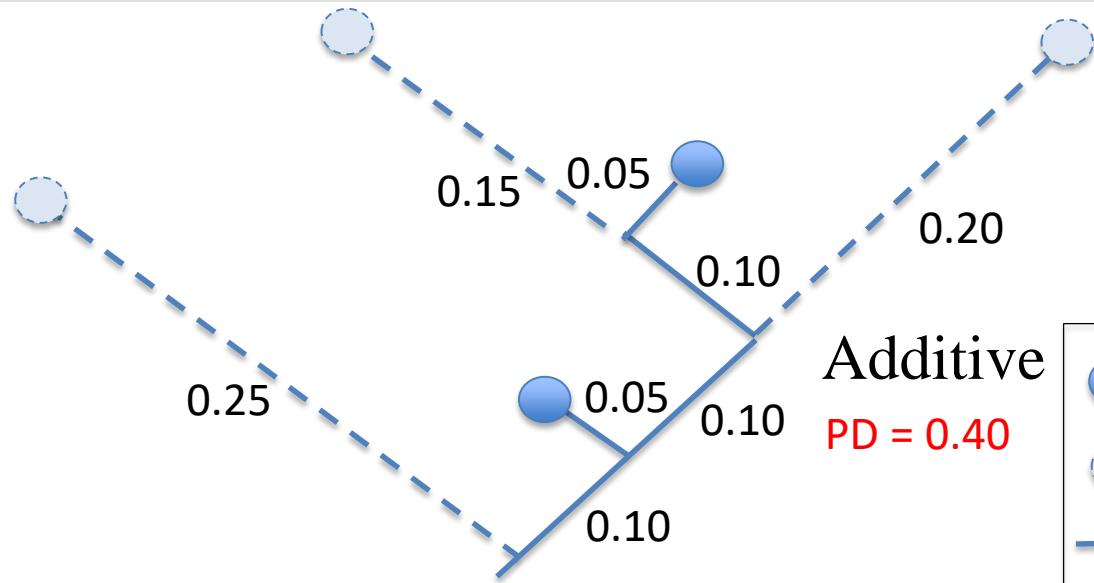
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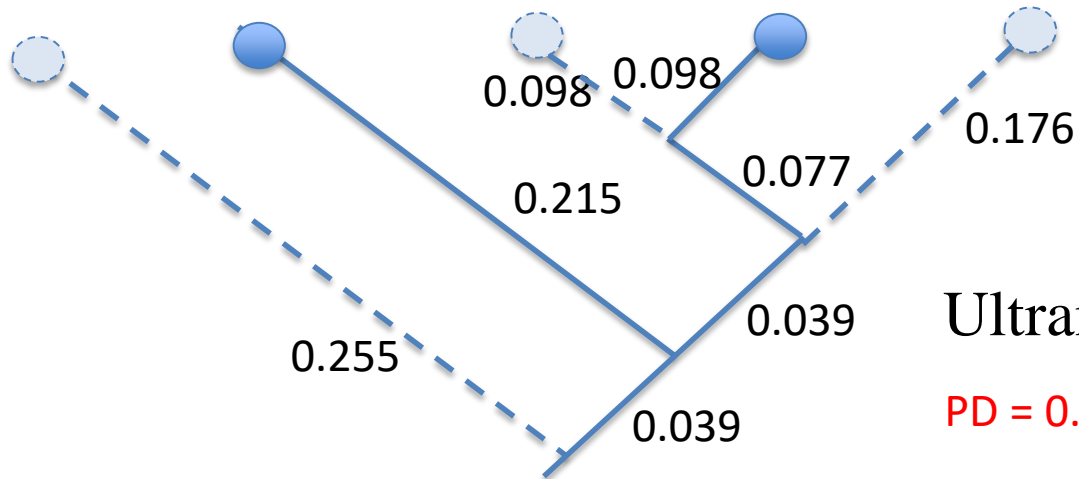


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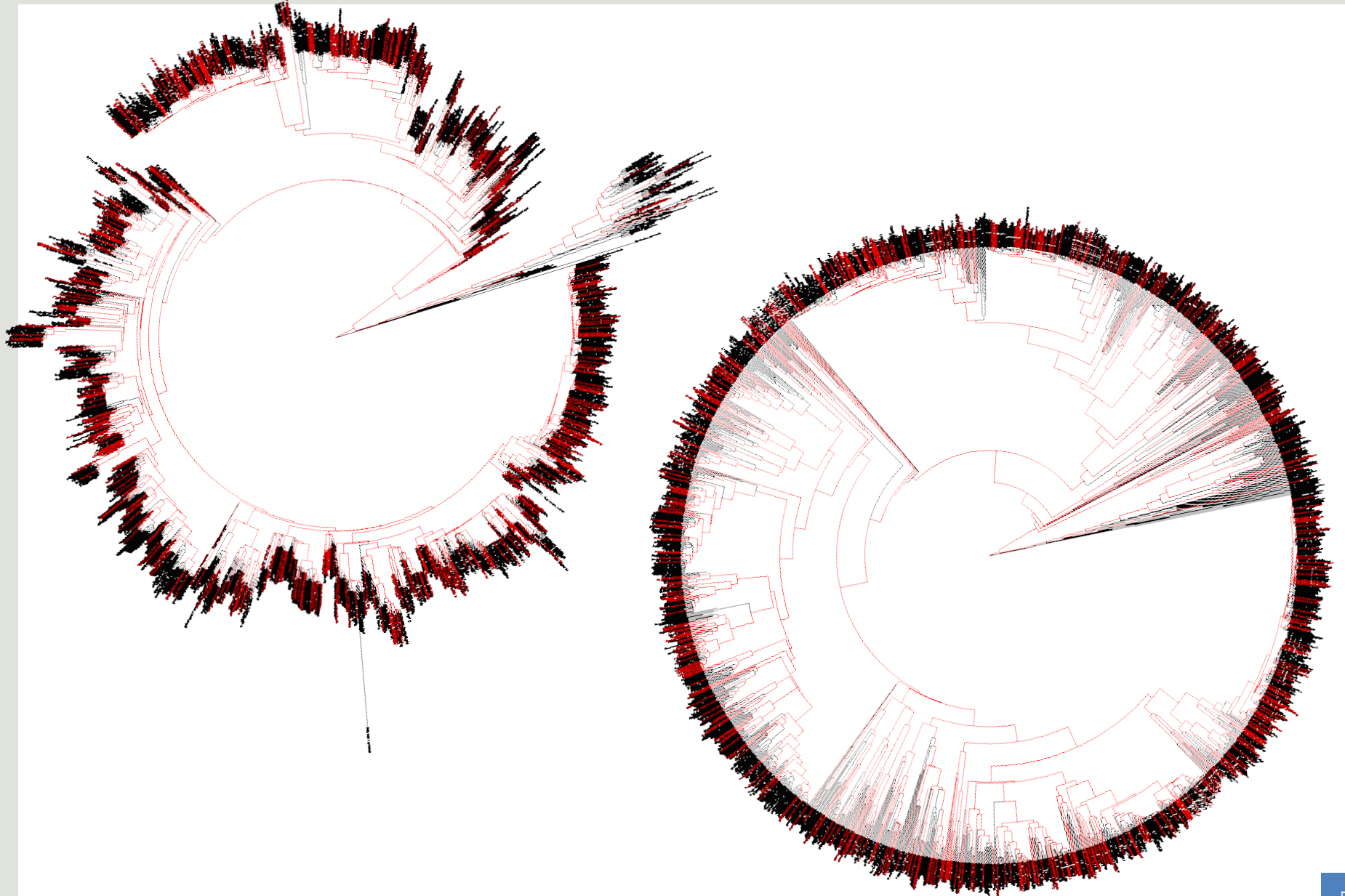
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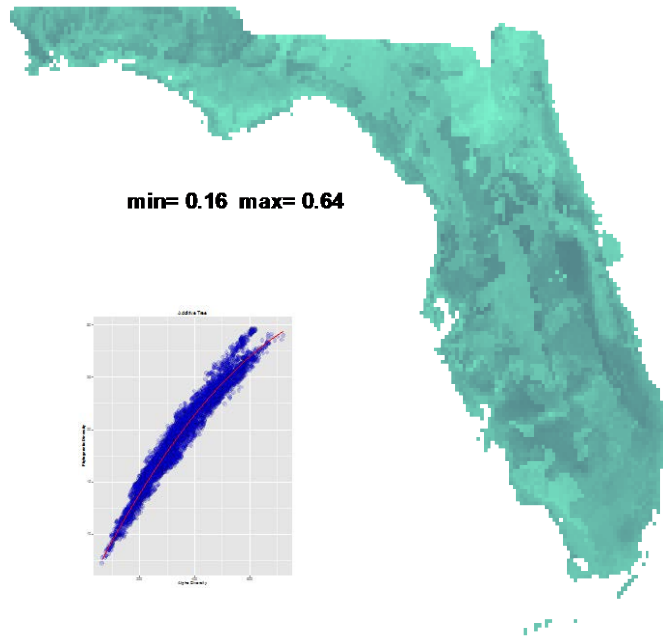


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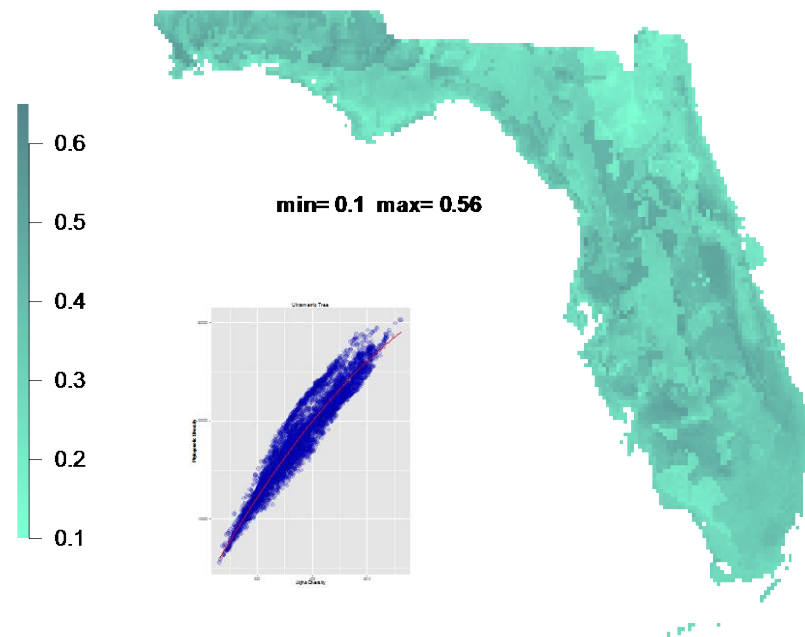
## Proportional Phylogenetic Diversity

*Phylogram*



## Proportional Phylogenetic Diversity

*Ultrametric tree*

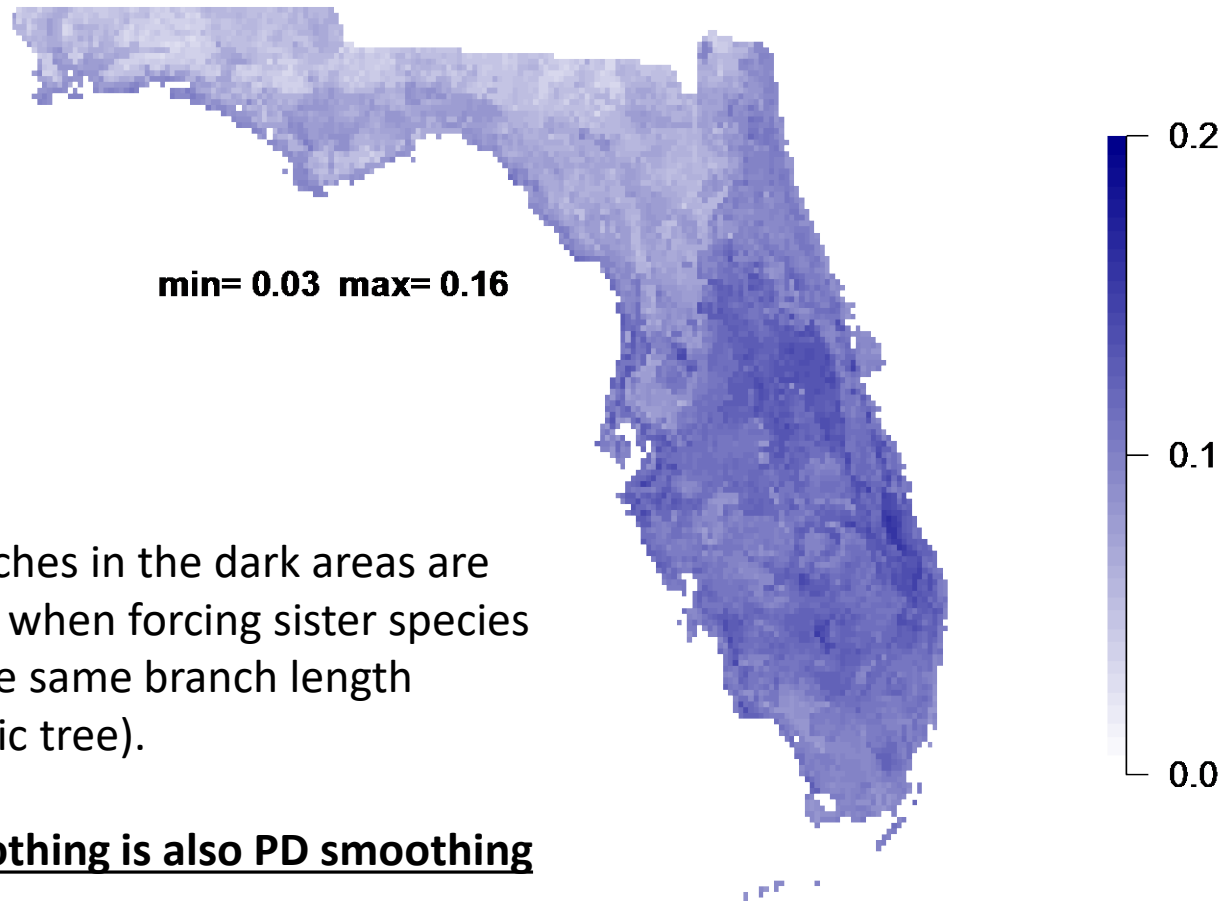


- Genetic diversity
- Accumulation of evolutionary change

- Time diversity
- Amount of evolutionary history
- More easily comparable to other methods/studies

## Phylogenetic Diversity Differences

*Phylogram - Ultrametric*



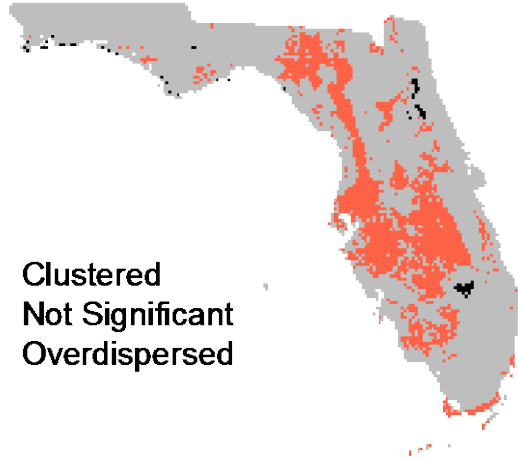
Long branches in the dark areas are shortened when forcing sister species to have the same branch length (ultrametric tree).

**Rate smoothing is also PD smoothing**

Phylogram/  
no  
branch lengths

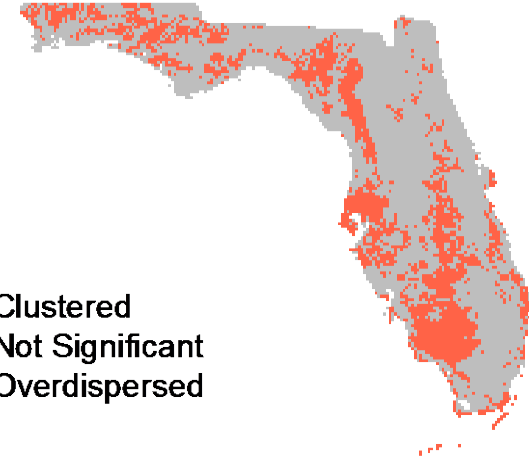
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- Not Significant
- Overdispersed



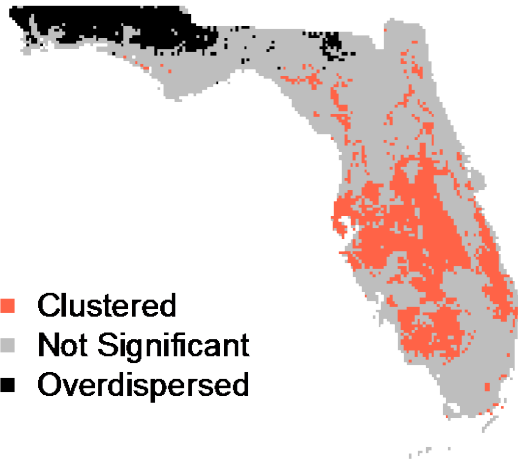
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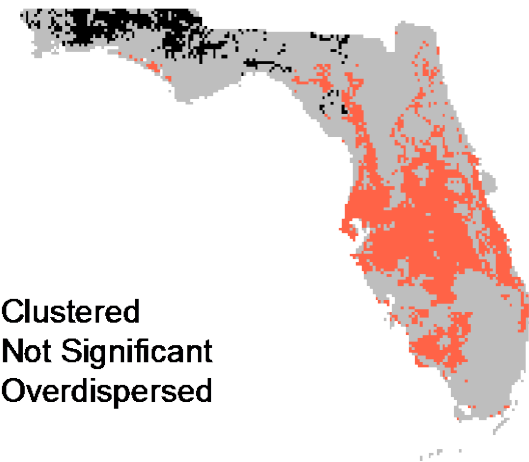


Ultrametric/  
dated

- Clustered
- Not Significant
- Overdispersed



- Clustered
- Not Significant
- Overdispersed



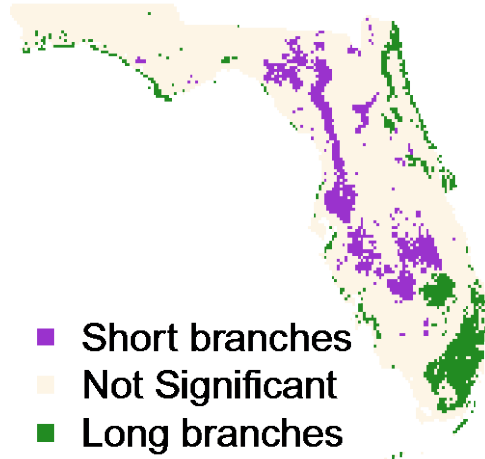


**Regions with >50% of pixels significant for over- or under- dispersal**

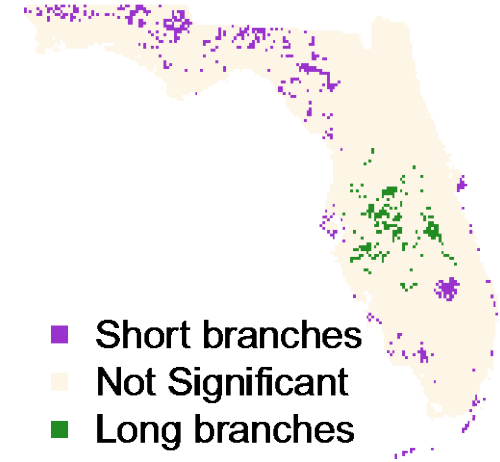
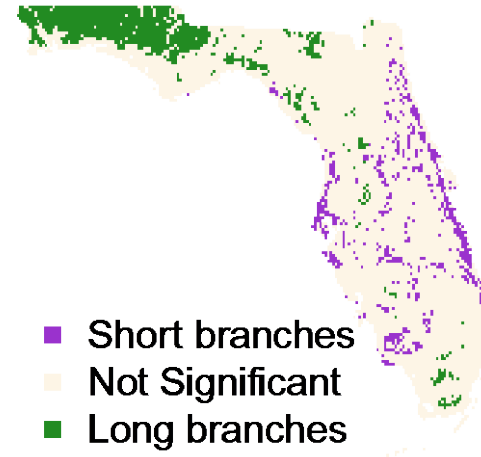
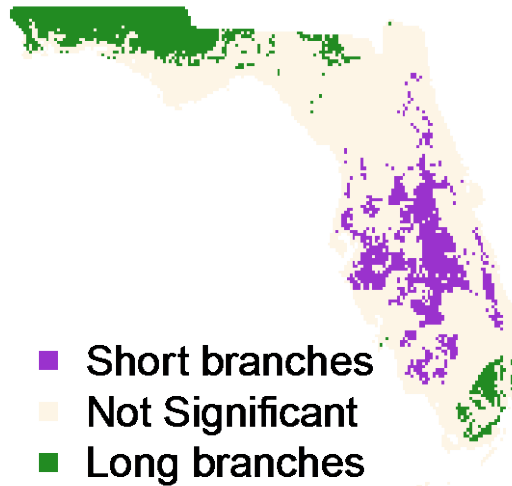
<b>EPA ecoregion</b>	<b>PhyloMatic</b>	<b>RaxML</b>
Southern Pine Plains and Hills	over	over
Dougherty Plain	over	over
Tifton Upland	-	over
Tallahassee Hills/Valdosta Limesink	-	-
Southeastern Floodplains and Low Terraces	-	over
Gulf Coast Flatwoods	-	-
Southwestern Florida Flatwoods	under	under
Central Florida Ridges and Uplands	under	-
Eastern Florida Flatwoods	under	-
Okefenokee Plains	-	-
Sea Island Flatwoods	-	-
Okefenokee Swamp	-	-
Floodplains and Low Terraces	-	-
Sea Islands/Coastal Marsh	-	-
Gulf Barrier Islands and Coastal Marshes	-	-
Big Bend Coastal Marsh	-	-
Everglades	-	-
Big Cypress	under	under
Miami Ridge/Atlantic Coastal Strip	-	-
Southern Coast and Islands	-	-

Phylogram/  
no  
branch lengths

RAxML

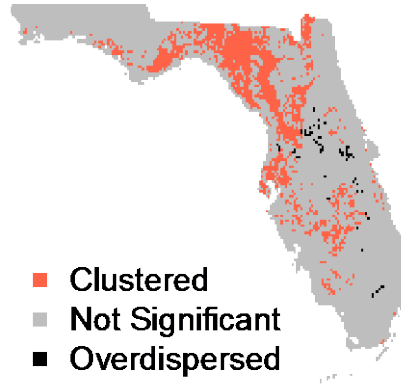


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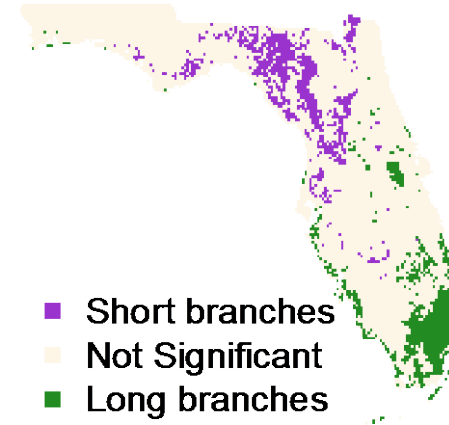
Ultrametric/  
dated

Phylogram

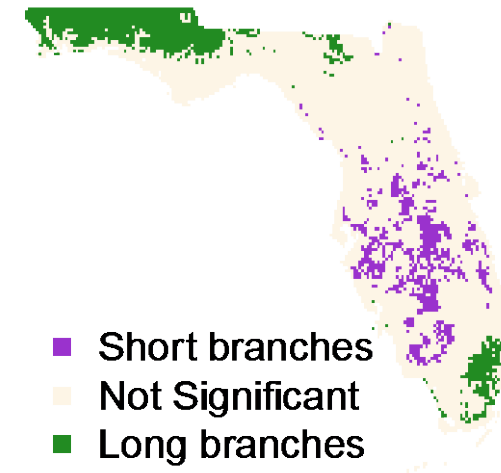
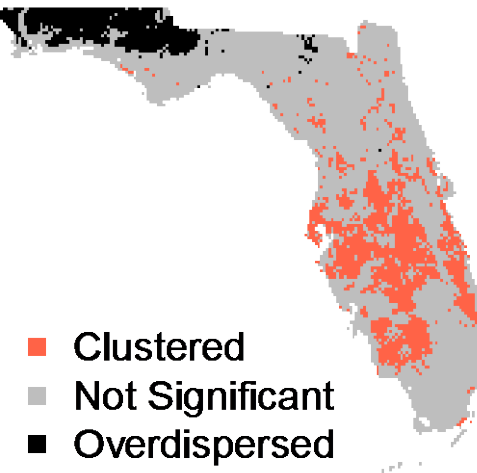
## Phylogenetic Diversity



## Relative Phylogenetic Diversity

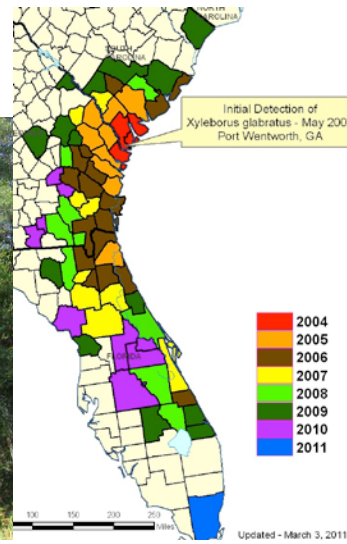


Ultrametric



# Invasive Species: Ecological & Economic Impacts

- Where have invasives been introduced, and how quickly are they spreading?
- What is the pattern of spread, and do patterns covary with other species?
- How does climate change affect the spread of invasives?
- Can we predict future invasions?

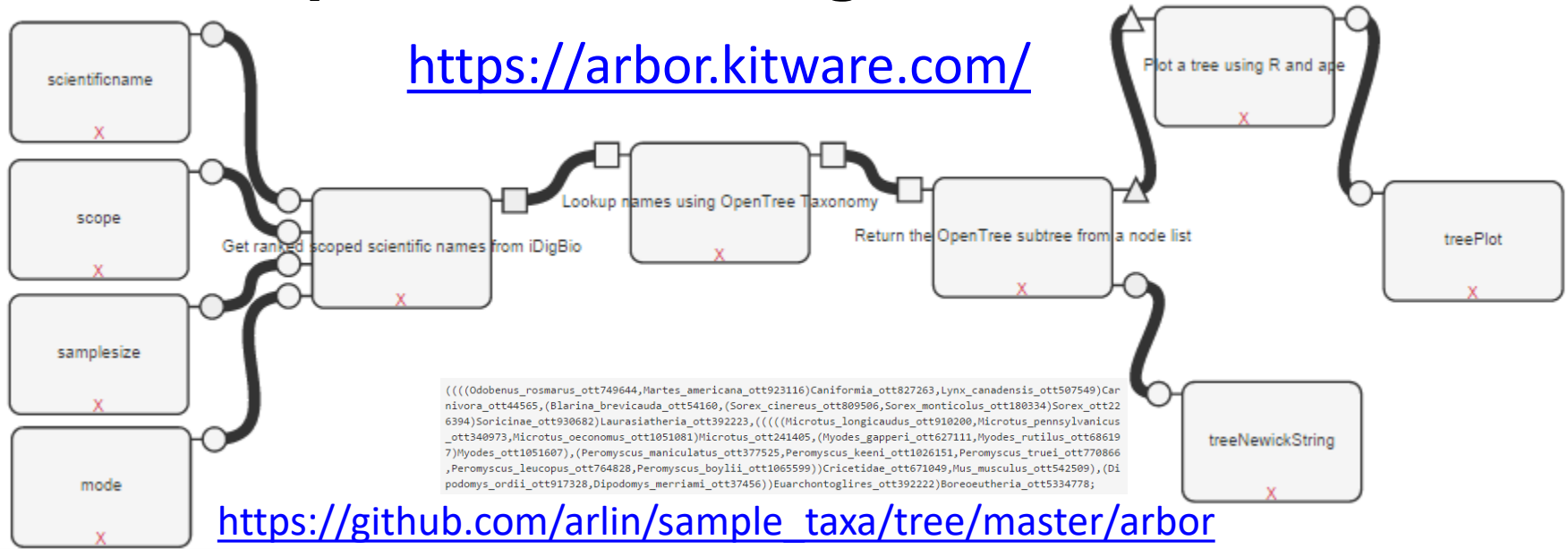


## Topics of Networks

- Flowering time and climate change in New England
- Use of bryophytes and lichens as indicators of climate change across North America
- Invasive species of the Great Lakes region
- Plants, insect herbivores, parasitoids
- Flora of the SE US and response to climate change
- Response of paleo marine communities to environmental change

# Arbor, OpenTree, and iDigBio

<https://arbor.kitware.com/>



[https://github.com/arlin/sample\\_taxa/tree/master/arbor](https://github.com/arlin/sample_taxa/tree/master/arbor)

Workflow to get an induced tree from a configurable iDigBio query

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scope:

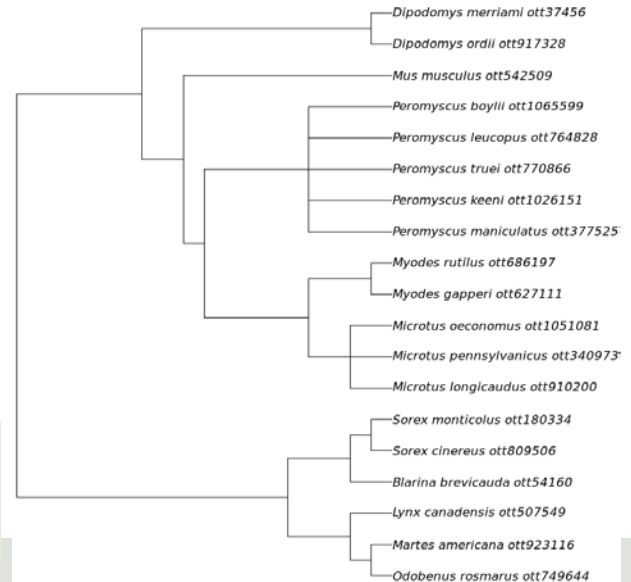
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- Success! Produced the following outputs:
- Workflow to get an induced tree from a configurable iDigBio query treeNewickString [string]
  - Workflow to get an induced tree from a configurable iDigBio query treePlot [image]

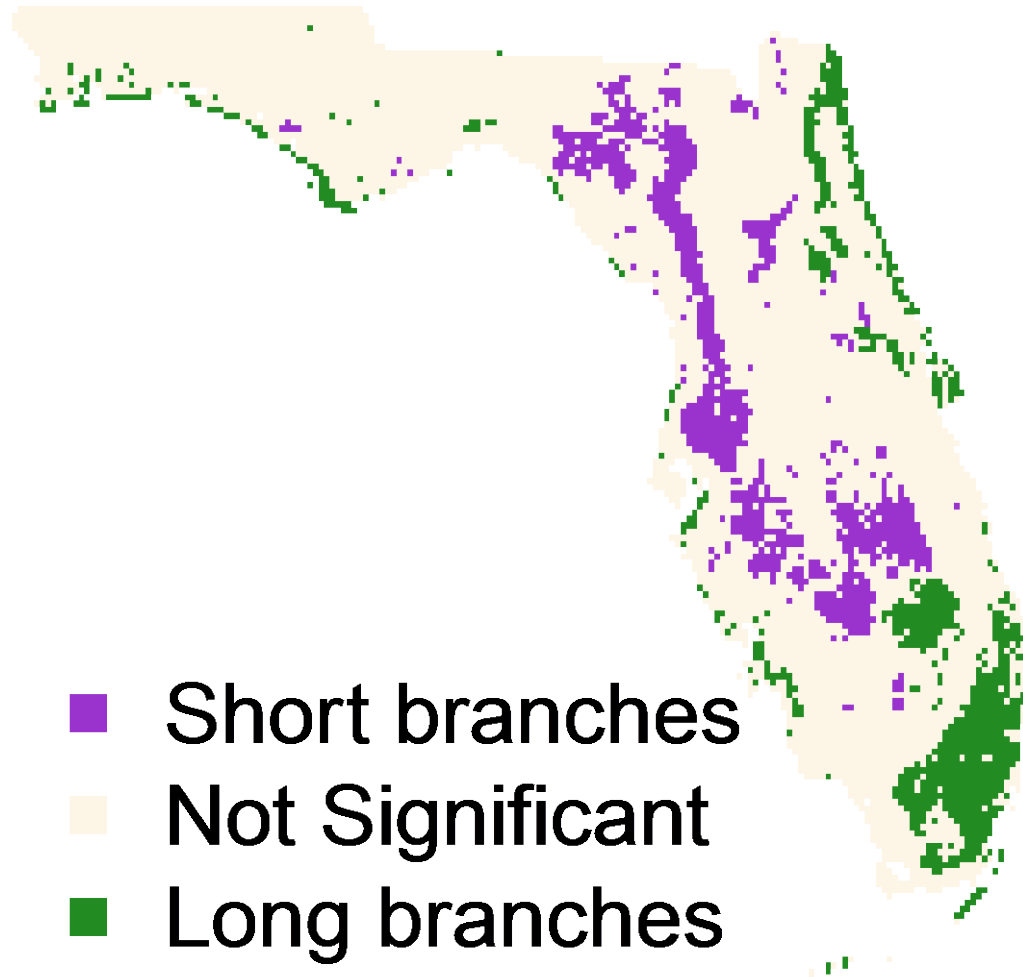


## What Can We Do with Specimen Data?

- Monitor shifts in biodiversity through time
- Track invasive species
- Ecological Niche Modeling, climate change
- Track phenological shifts
- Integrate with evolutionary history
- Past movements and climate change
- Landscape genetics

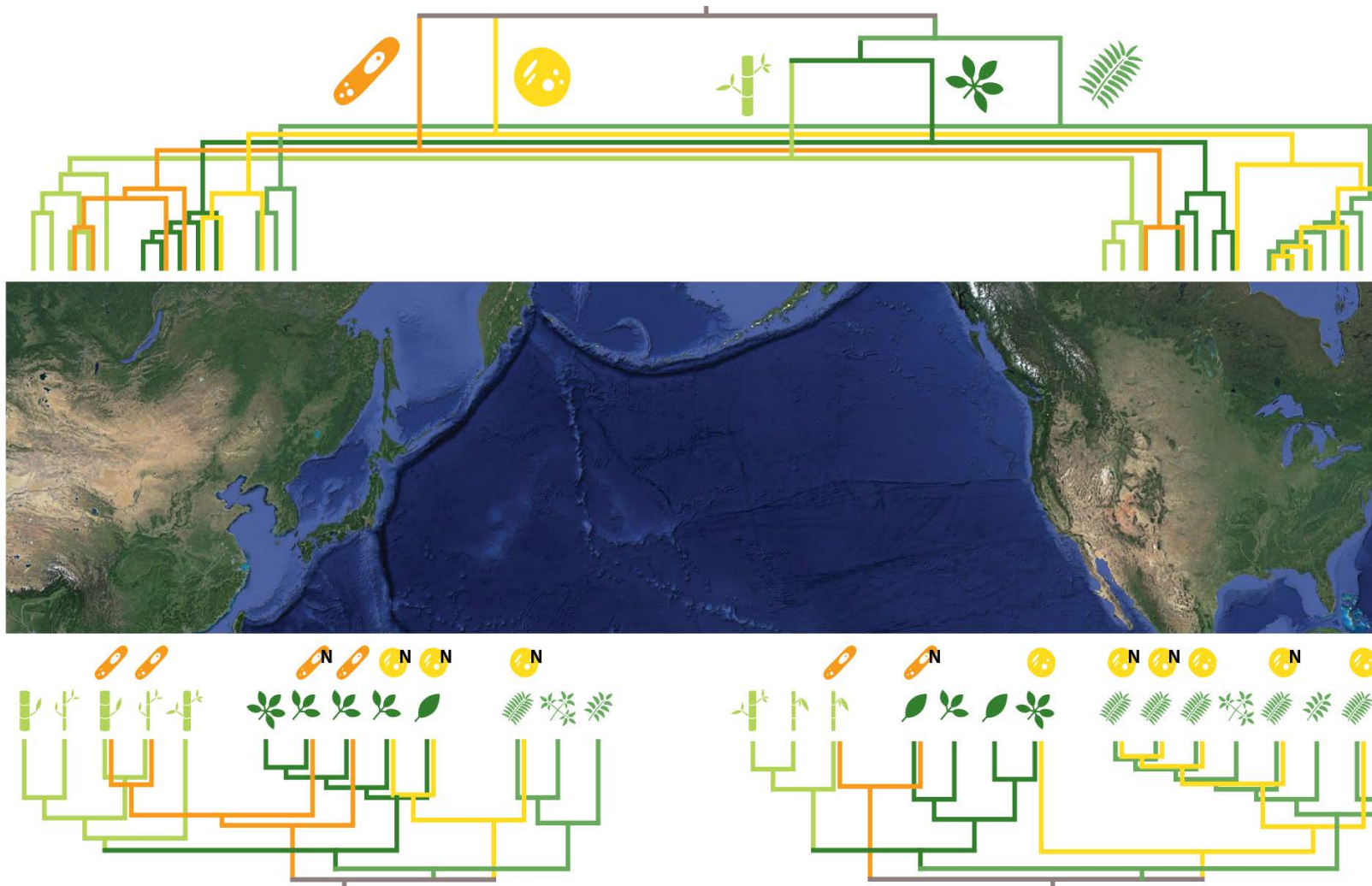


## Relative Phylogenetic Diversity - angiosperms: PD/PD with all branches being equal

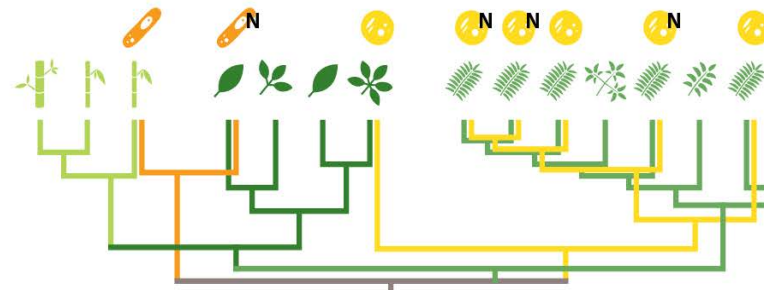
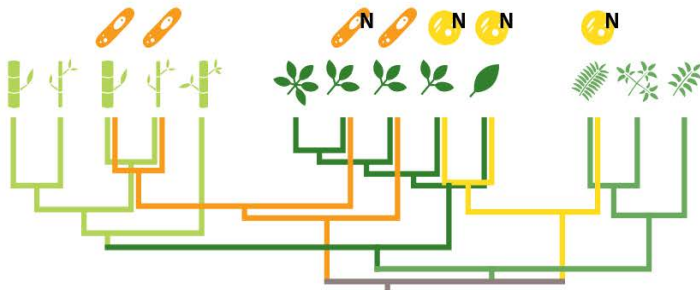
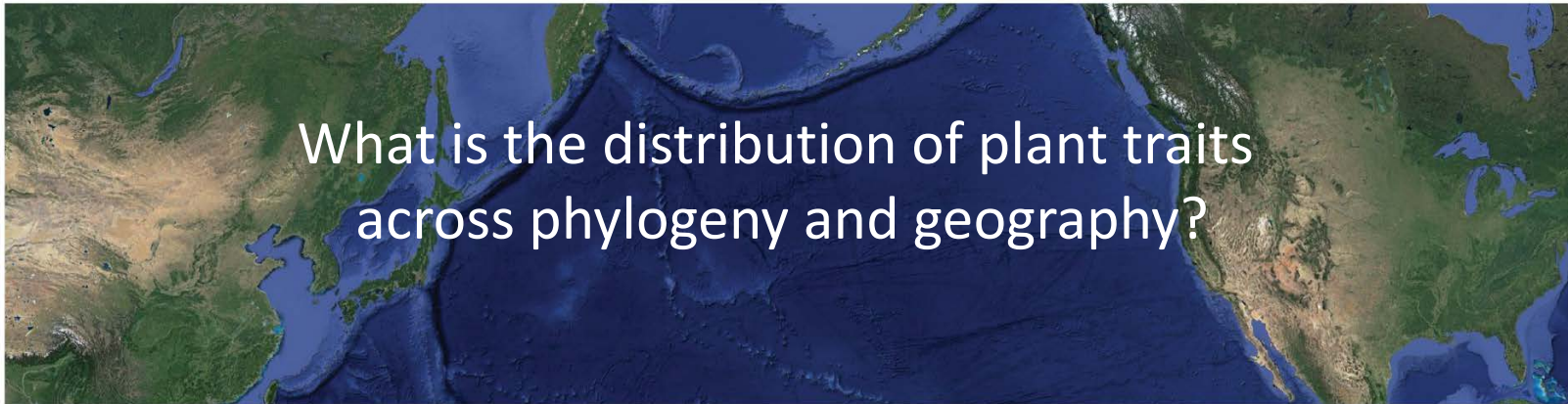
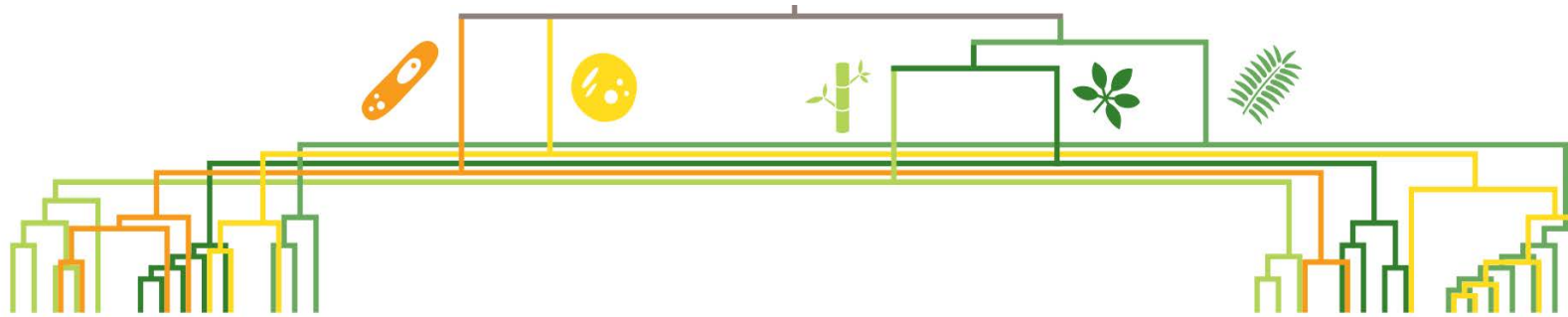




# Integrating Phylogenetics and Plant Trait Data

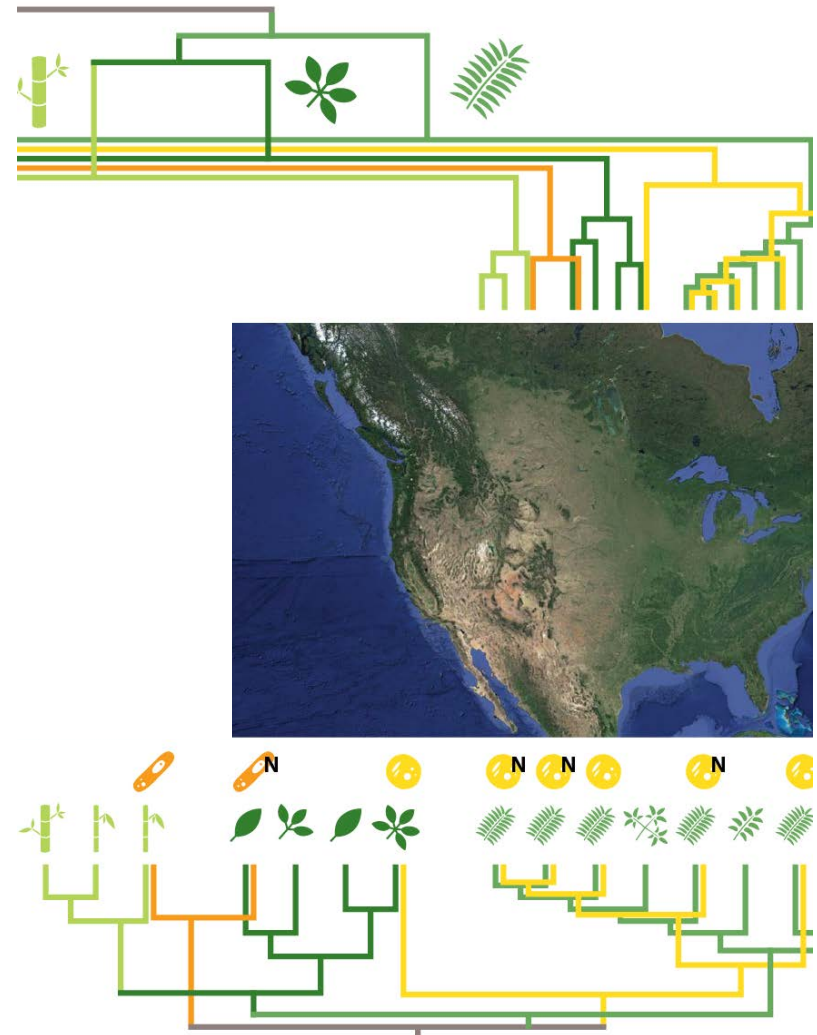


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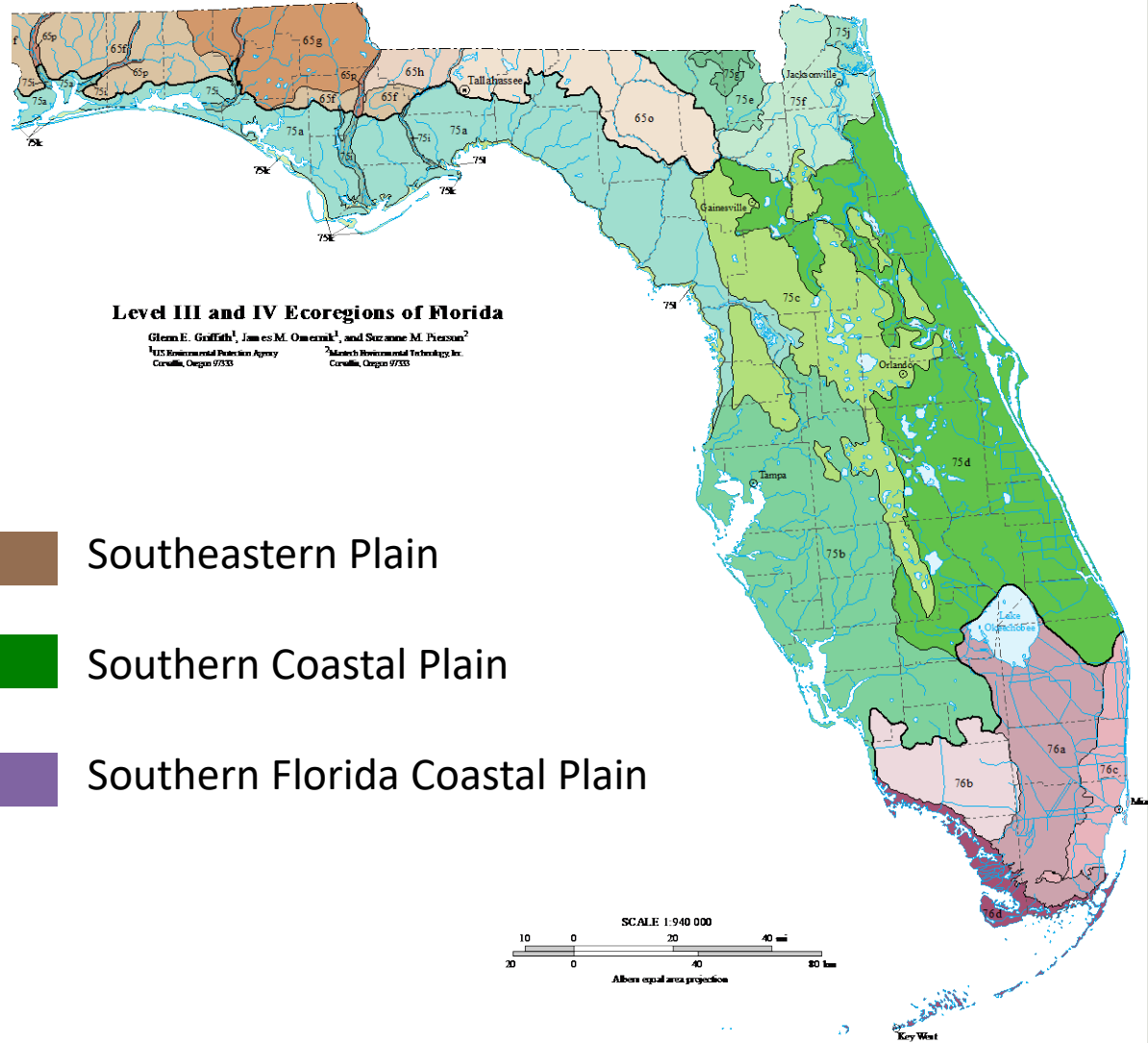
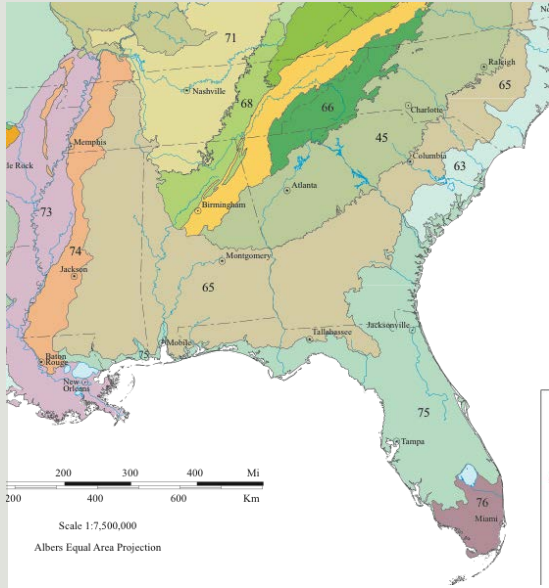


# Integrating Phylogenetics and Plant Trait Data

- Community-level phylogenies
  - Comparisons of phylogenetic diversity across spatial scales
  - Correlation of plant functional traits
  - Over- and underdispersion of traits:
    - Are traits phylogenetically constrained or broader properties of communities?
    - Implications for long-term health of communities



# Florida – EPA Regions I



- Southeastern Plain
- Southern Coastal Plain
- Southern Florida Coastal Plain



~ 4,100 plant species

# *Ziziphus celata*



Florida ziziphus  
Shrub  
Rhamnaceae

Gitzendanner et al.