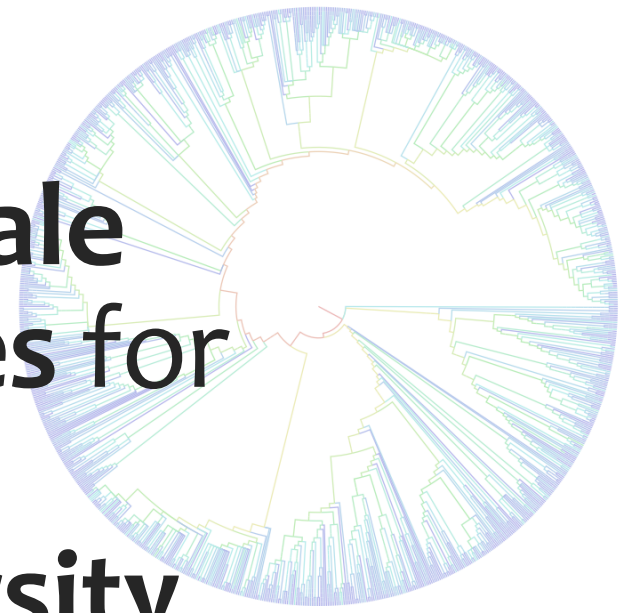


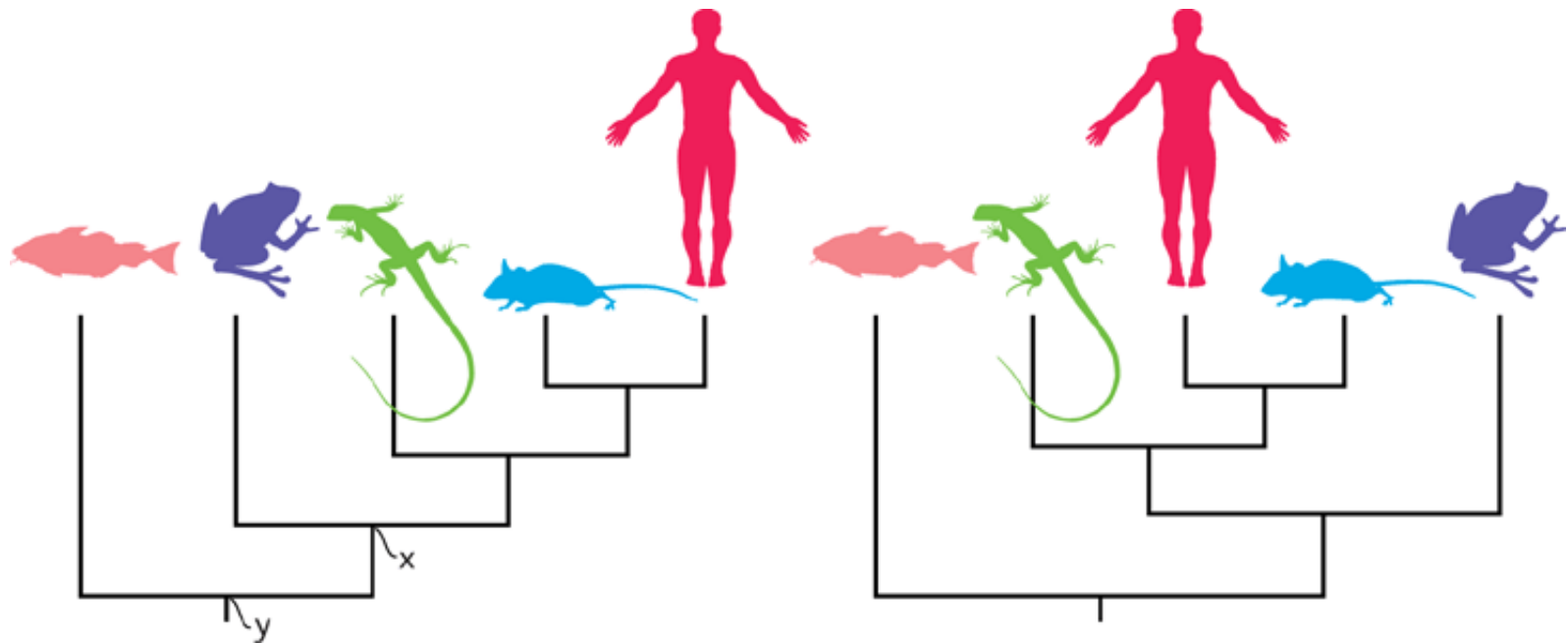
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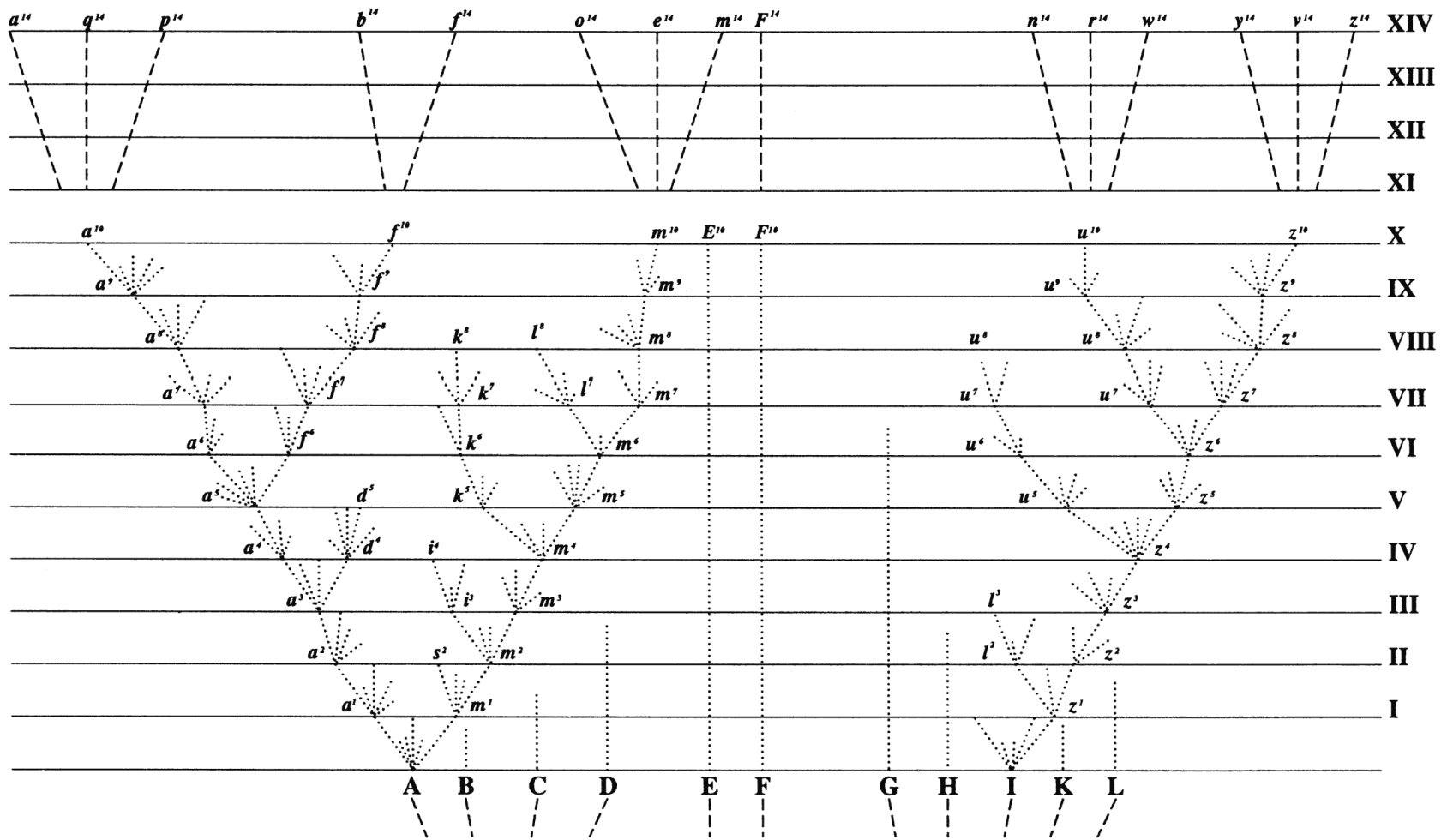


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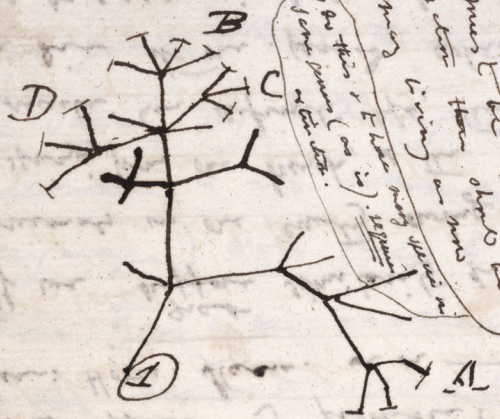
Phylogenetic tree: a visual representation of the relationship between species, taxa, individuals, or populations.





On the origin of species

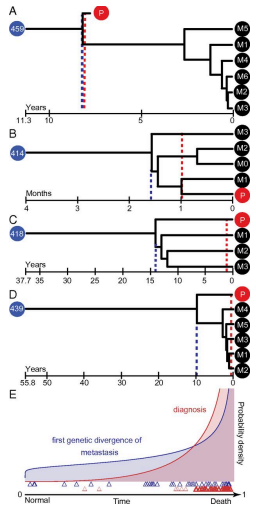
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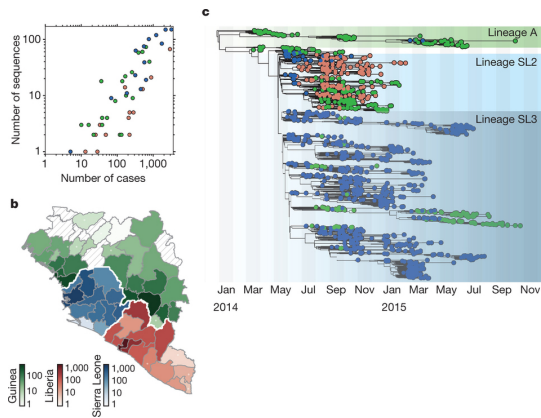
Can never be that far
 from them should be
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 as they are living
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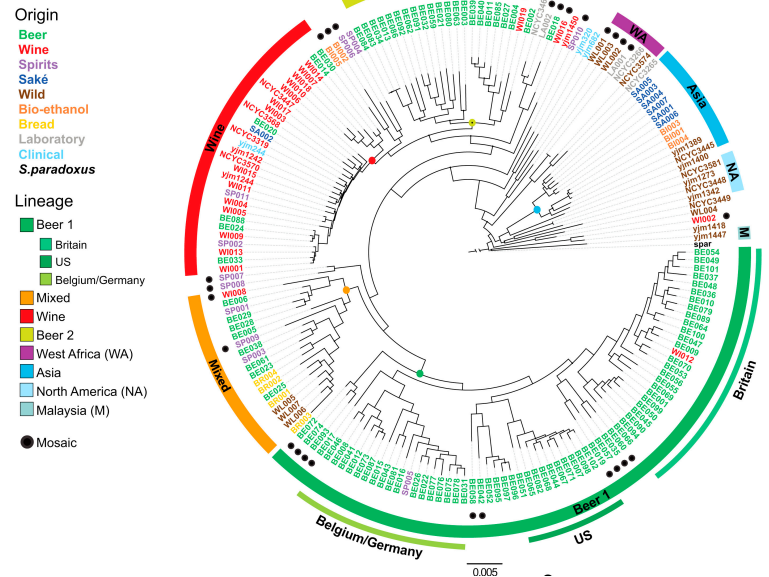
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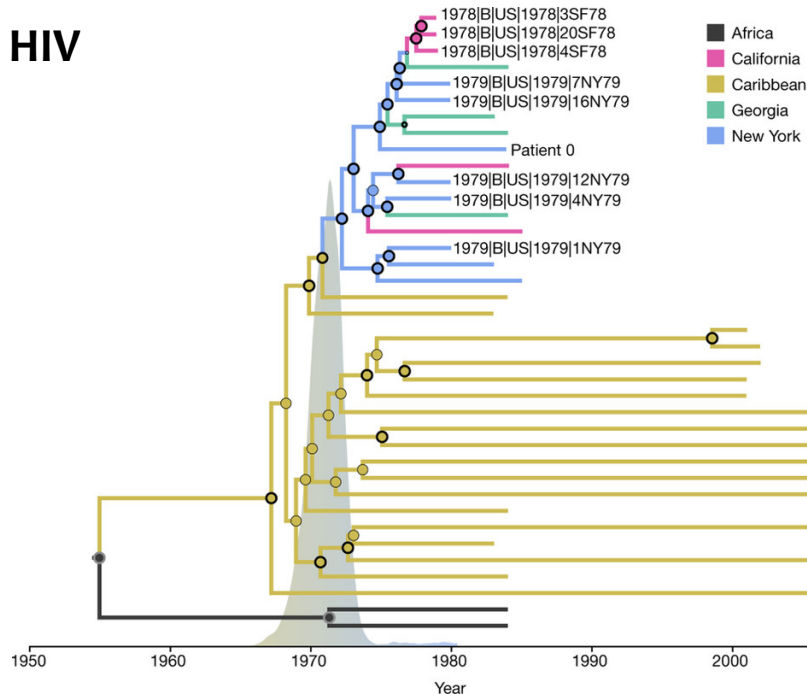
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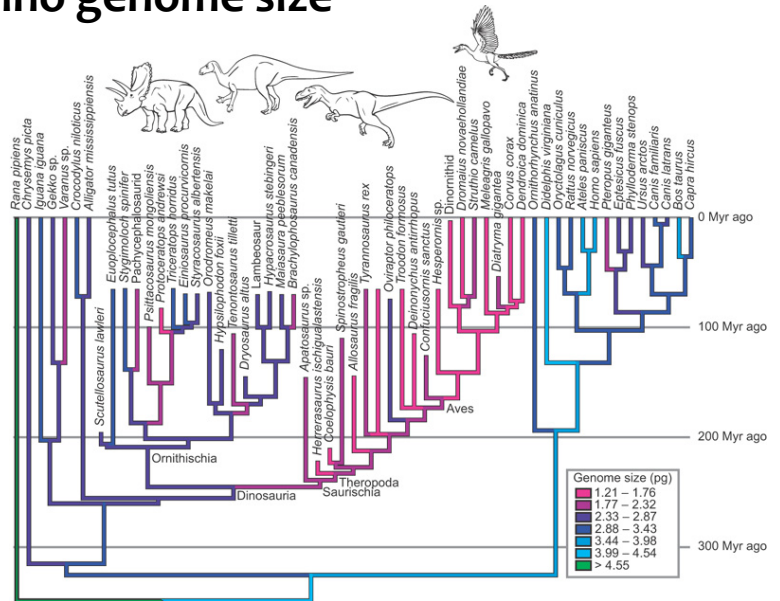
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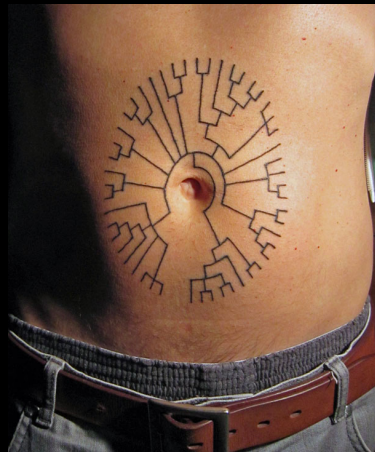


HIV



Dino genome size





I use phylogenies to address:

Empirical



Biodiversity: The origin and evolution of biodiversity



Biogeography: Why do species live where they live



Tempo and mode: What are the rates of evolution

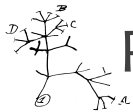


Phylogenomics and evo/eco: Molecular evolution and ecological adaptations

Methodological



Genomes and transcriptomes for evolutionary biology and ecology



Phylogenetic methods

How do we know what we know

Divergence time estimation

Biogeography, niches, and phylogenies

“I would rate this as excellent 5 star service. I'll definitely be ordering phylogenies from you in the future :). Plus you offer up the biggest phylogenies with more dated nodes than anyone in the business!!! You need a Yelp page!”



Amy Zanne

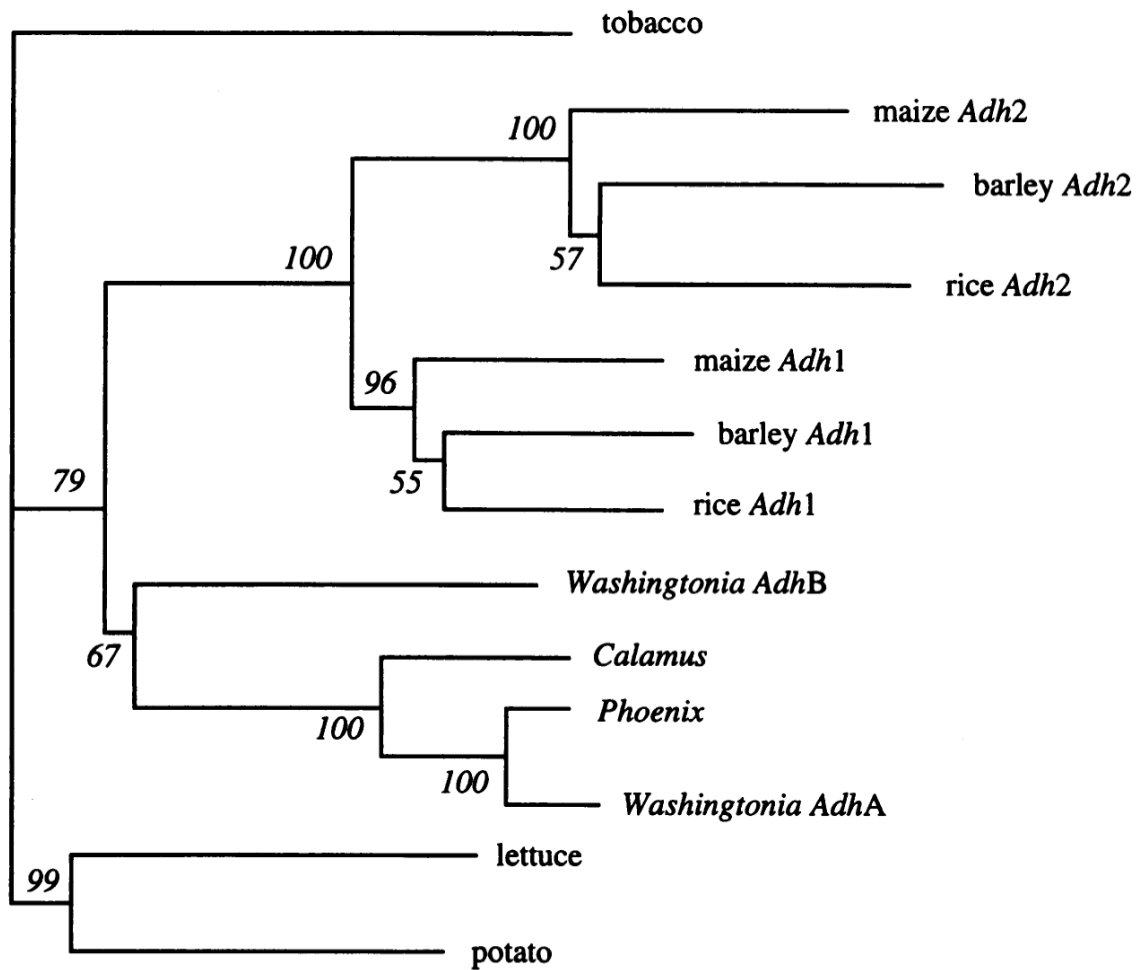
After returning a draft tree of plants in a record 5 minutes

- **Why build bigger trees?**
- **Building a better tree of life to address large scale questions about biodiversity**
- **A comprehensive dated seed plant phylogeny**

If we build a
*better tree of
life*, can we learn
more about
biodiversity?



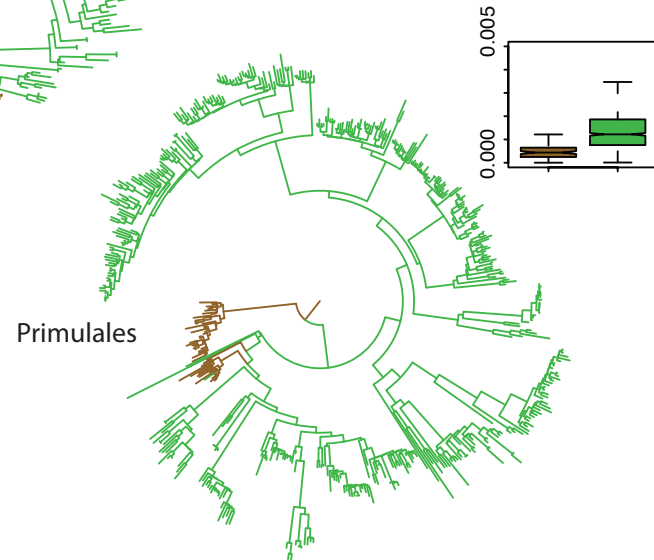
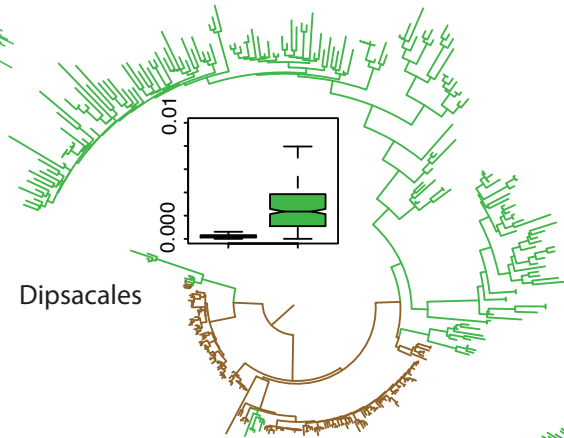
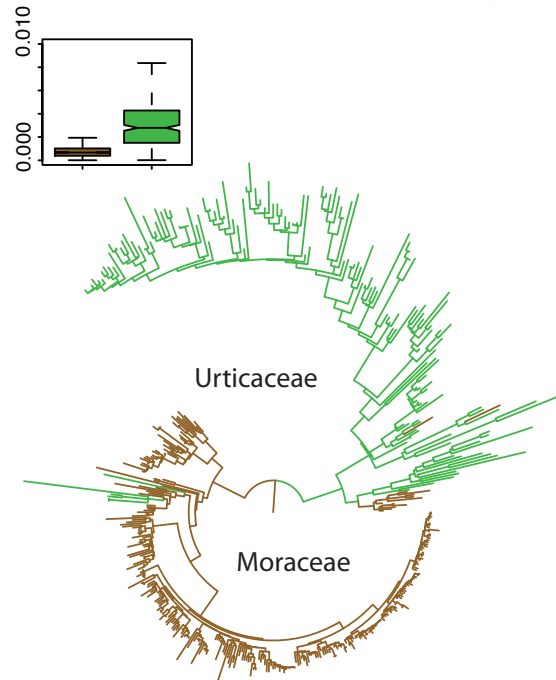
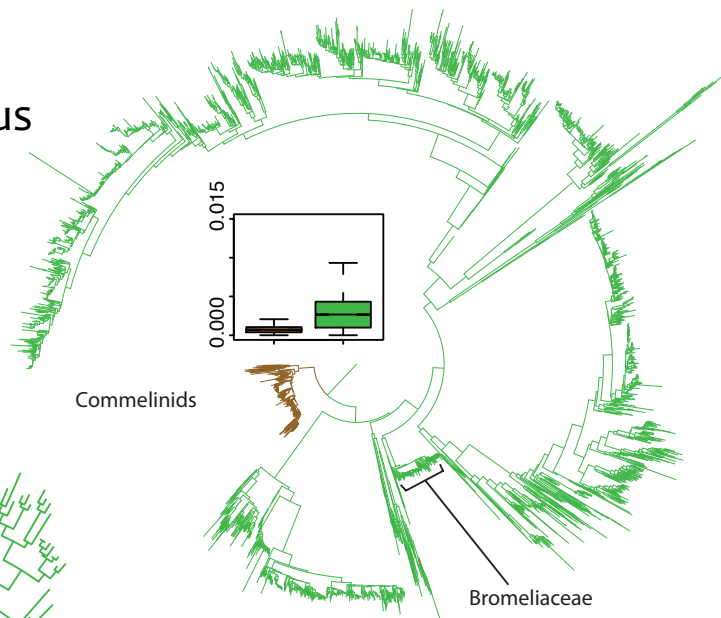
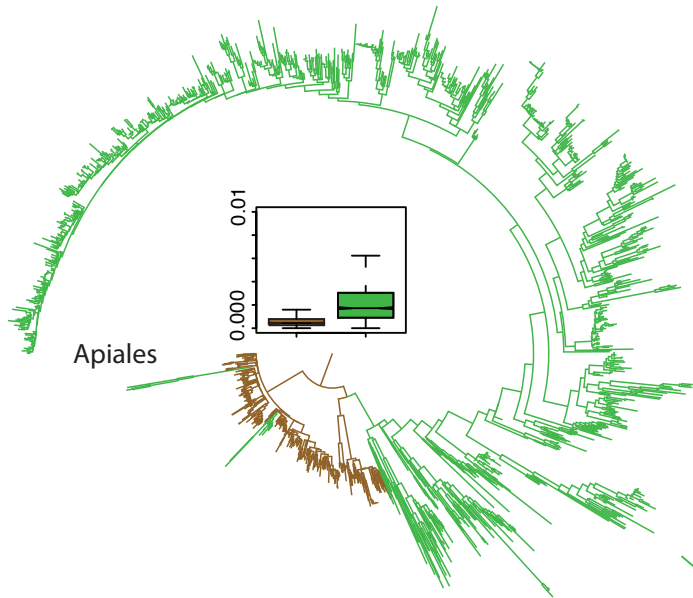
CAN WE CONSTRUCT A COMPLETE TREE OF
LIFE?



—
1.0% divergence

Gaut et al., 1996

Stephen A. Smith

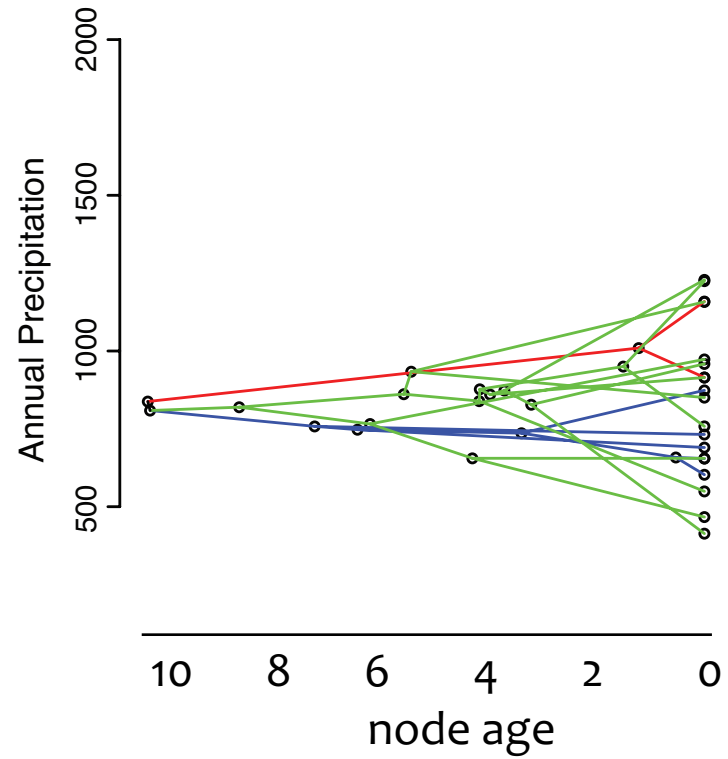
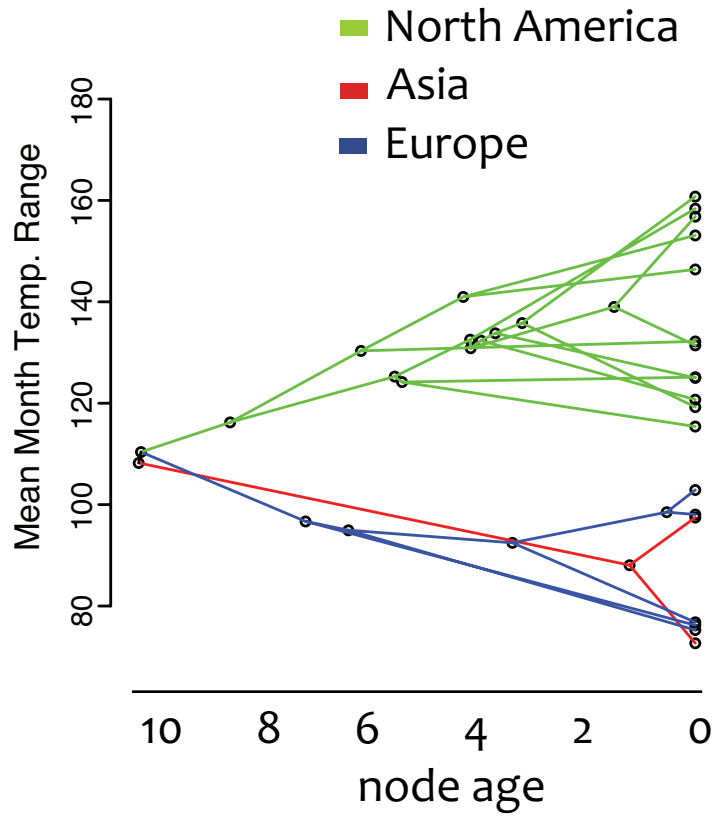


Smith and Donoghue 2008

Lonicera (Honeysuckles)



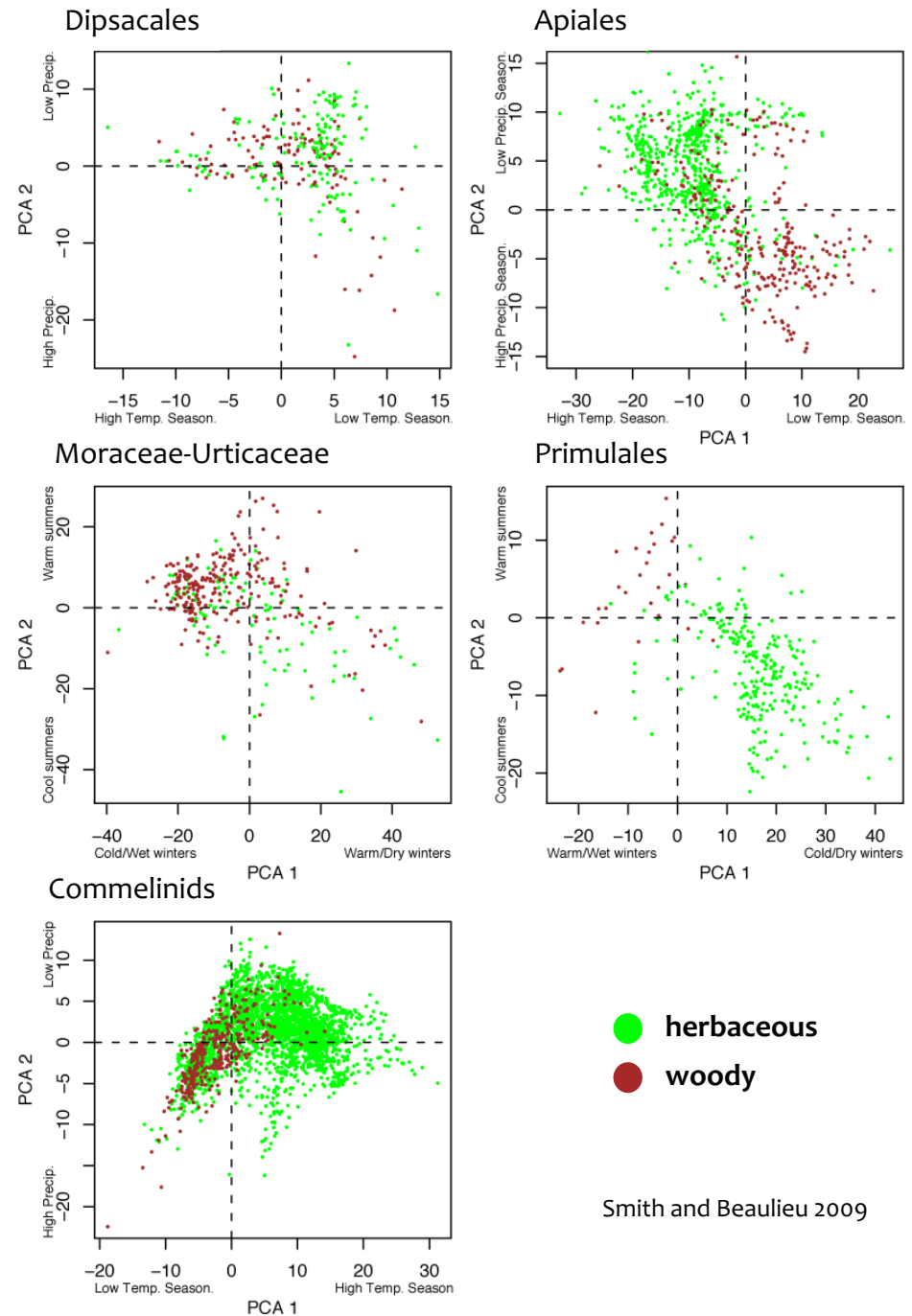
Lonicera climatic niche reconstruction



Smith and Donoghue 2010

Rates of niche evolution

- Phylogenetically corrected PCA
- Herbaceous plants occupy *larger* climatic niche space
- Woody plants occupy *smaller* climatic niche space
- Often occupy different spaces

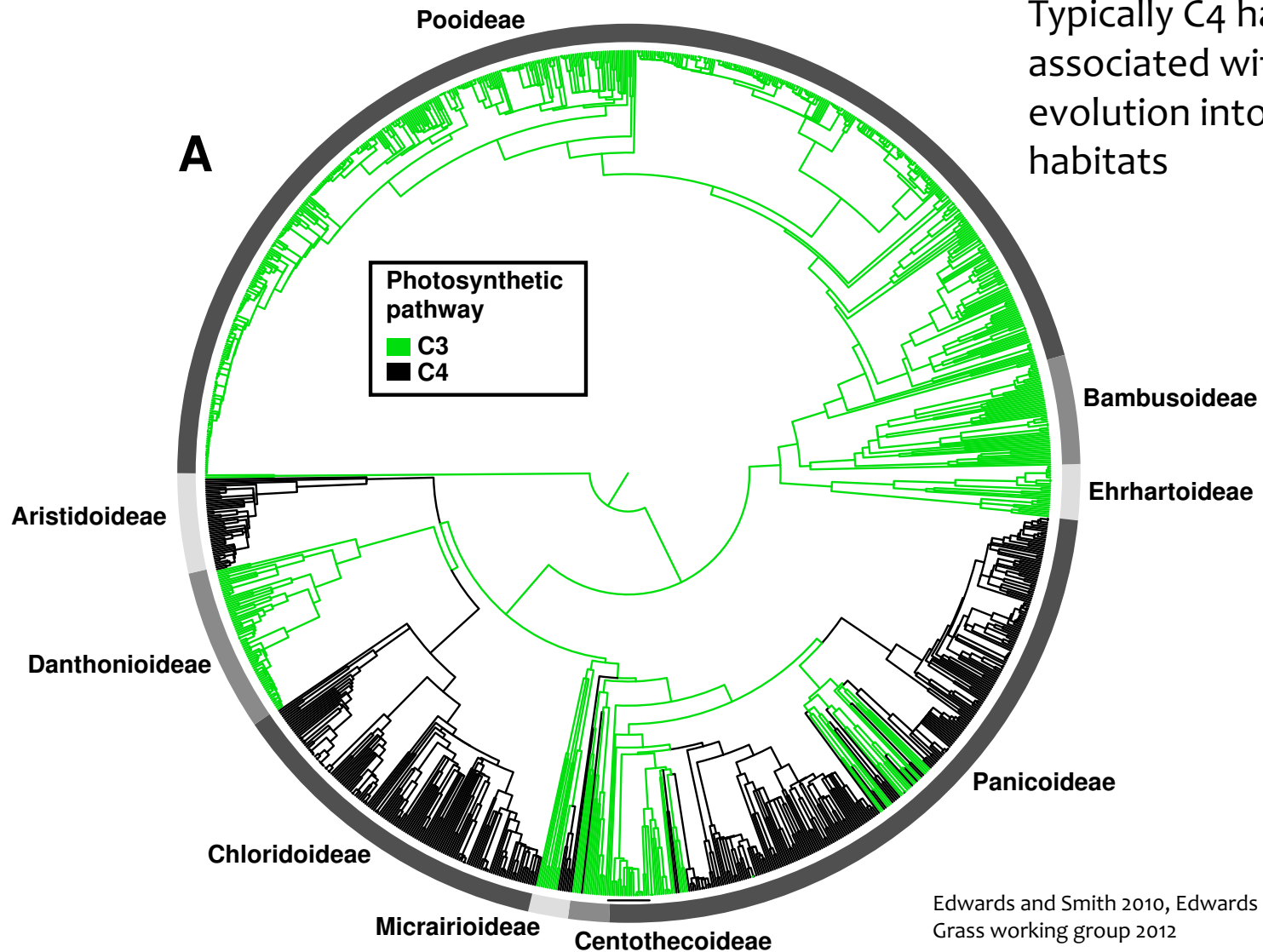


Grasses

- 5th most diverse angiosperm “family”
- over 800 genera and more than 10,000 species
- C3 and C4 photosynthetic pathways



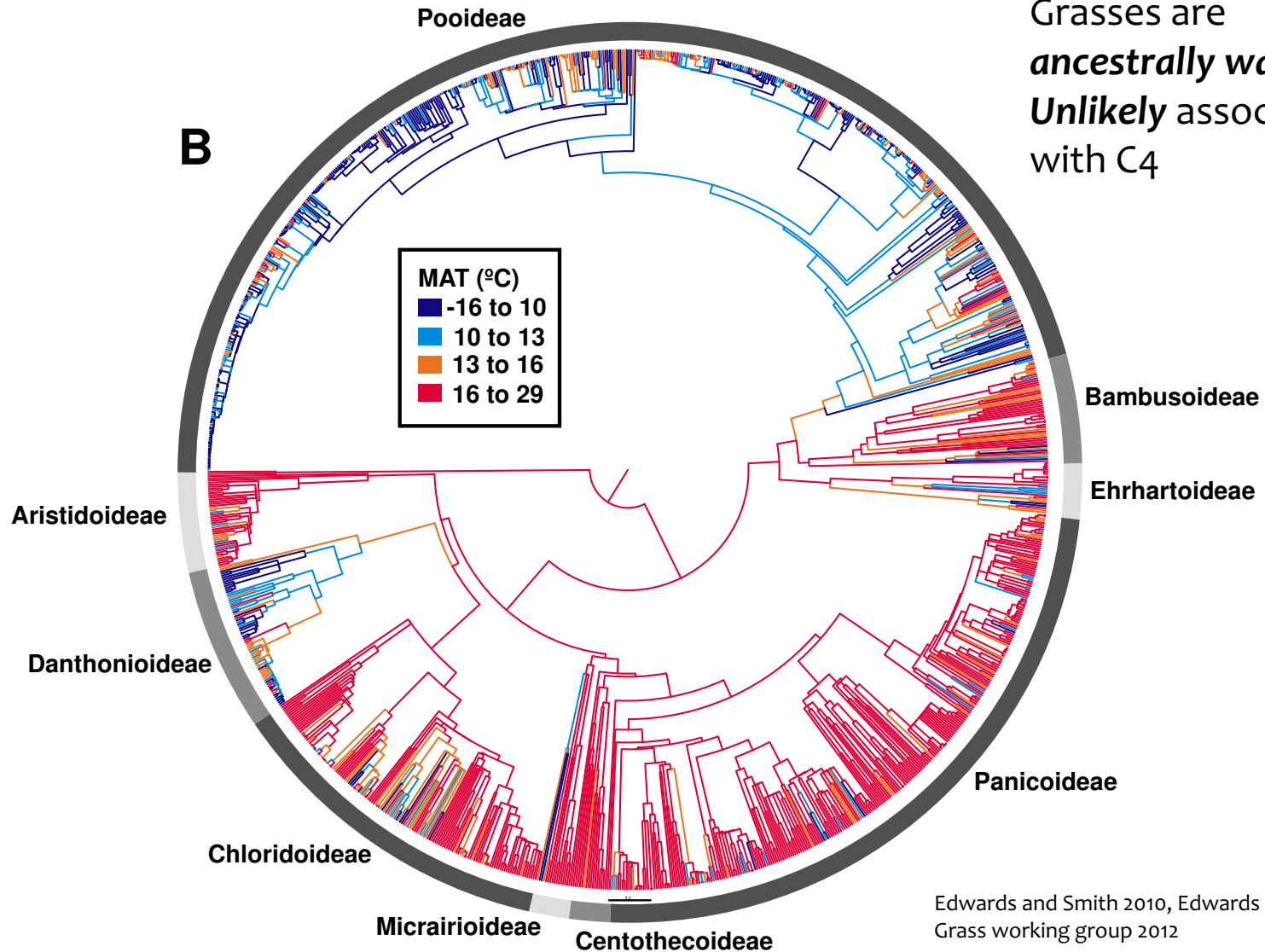
What about C4?



Typically C4 had been associated with evolution into **warm** habitats

Edwards and Smith 2010, Edwards et al. 2010, Grass working group 2012

What about climate (mean annual temperature)?



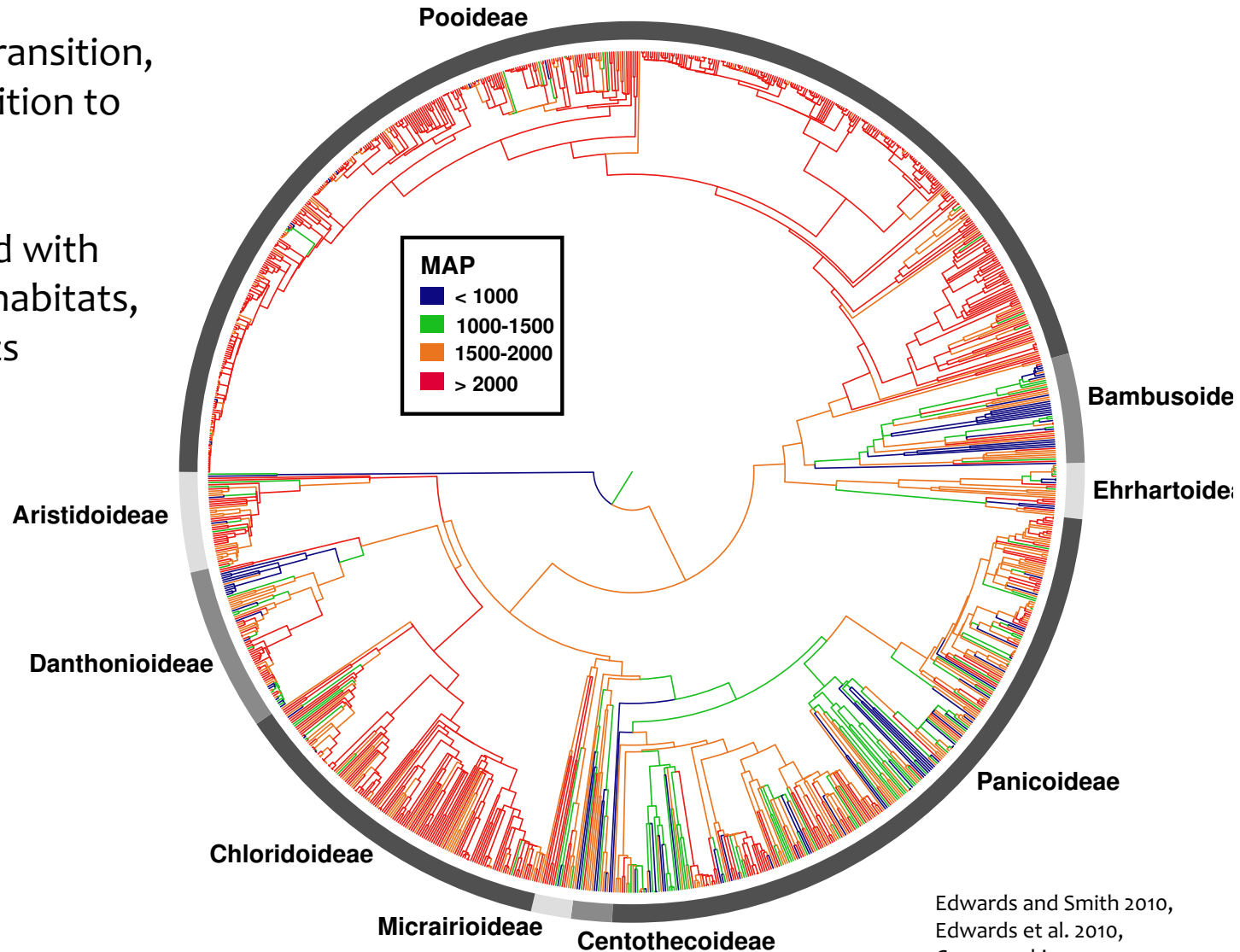
Grasses are **ancestrally warm**.
Unlikely associated with C4

Edwards and Smith 2010, Edwards et al. 2010, Grass working group 2012

What about climate (mean annual precipitation)?

With each C₄ transition, there is a transition to **dry**

C₄ is associated with shifts into **dry** habitats, **not hot** habitats



Edwards and Smith 2010,
Edwards et al. 2010,
Grass working group 2012

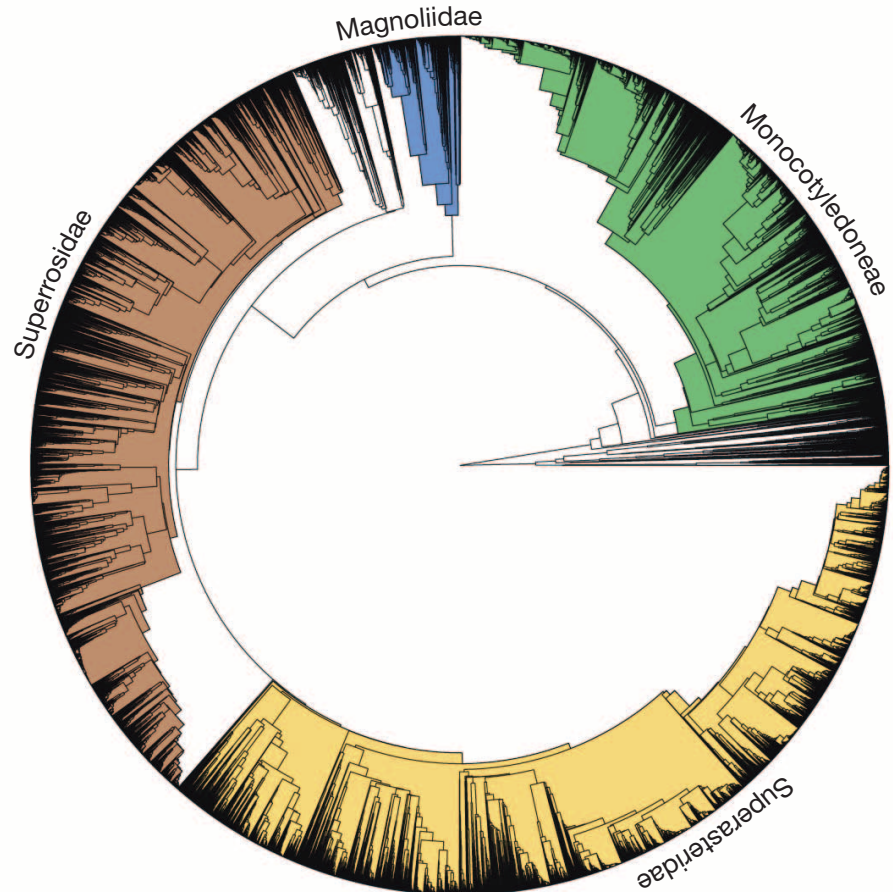
Did temperate plants adapt before or after they moved?

Tropical is likely ancestral for flowering plants

Temperate plants have many adaptations to colder and seasonal climates

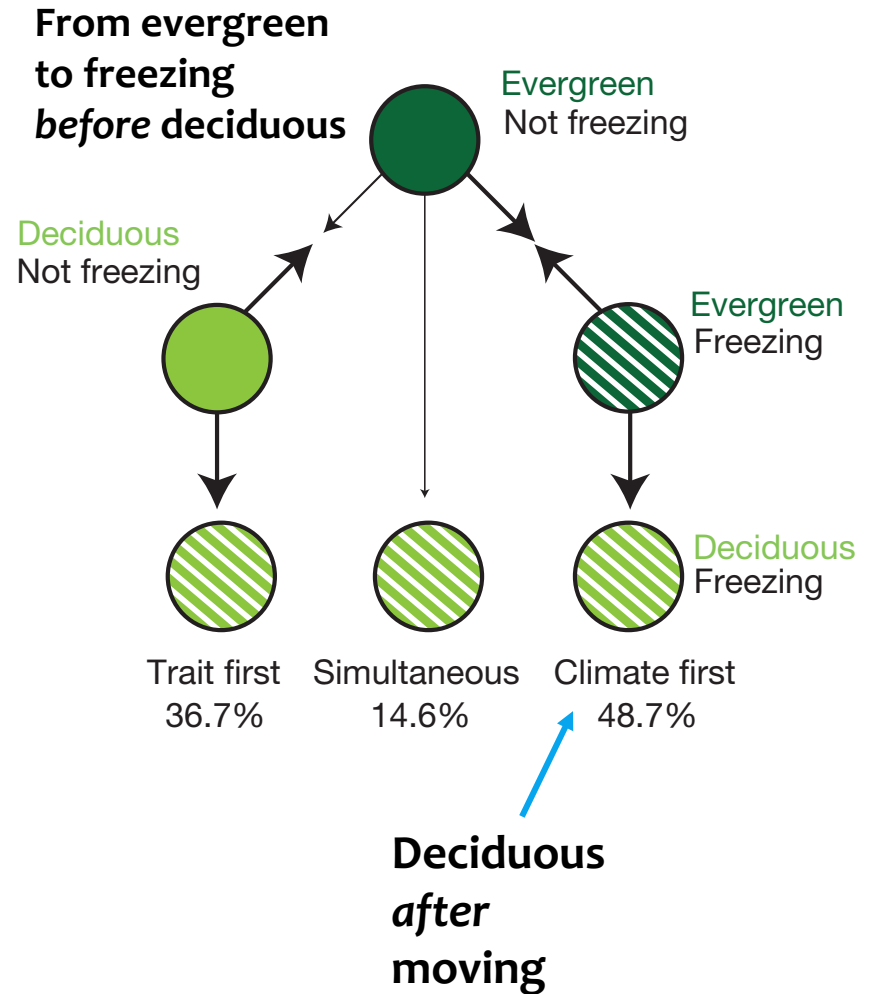
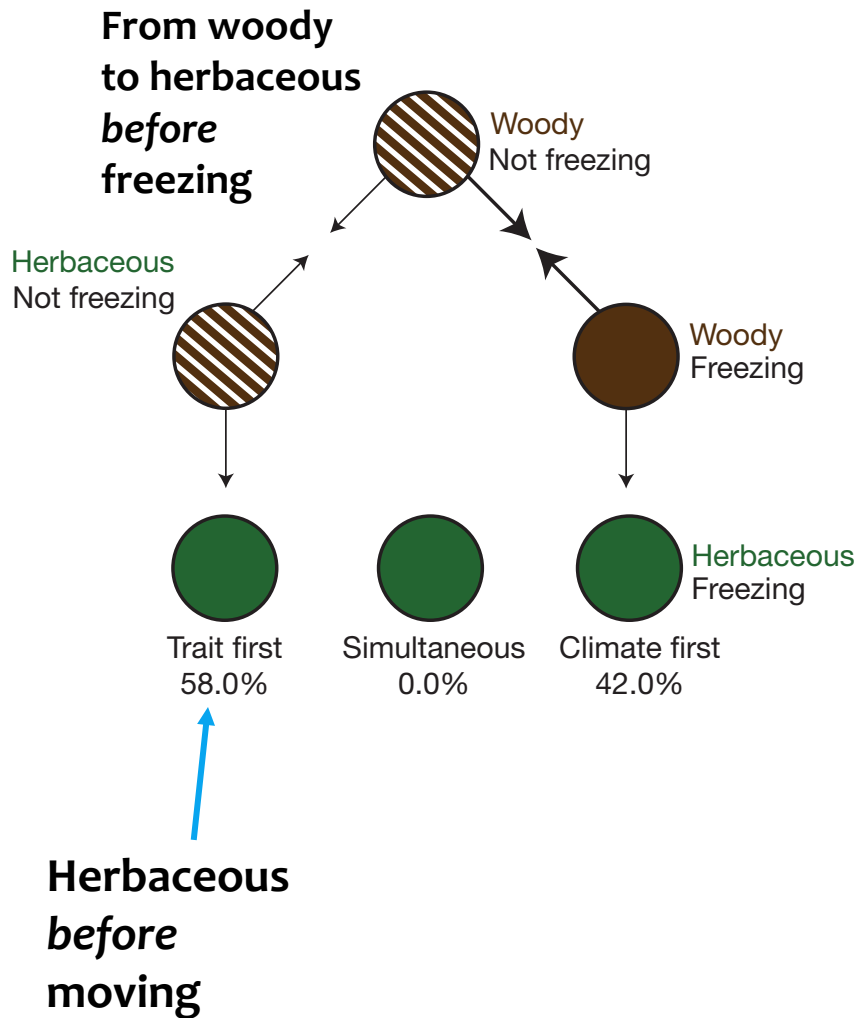
- Deciduous
- Herbaceous
- Vessel size

Did these adaptations occur *before* or *after* movement into temperate climates



Zanne et al. 2013, Zanne et al. 2014

Did temperate plants adapt before or after they moved?



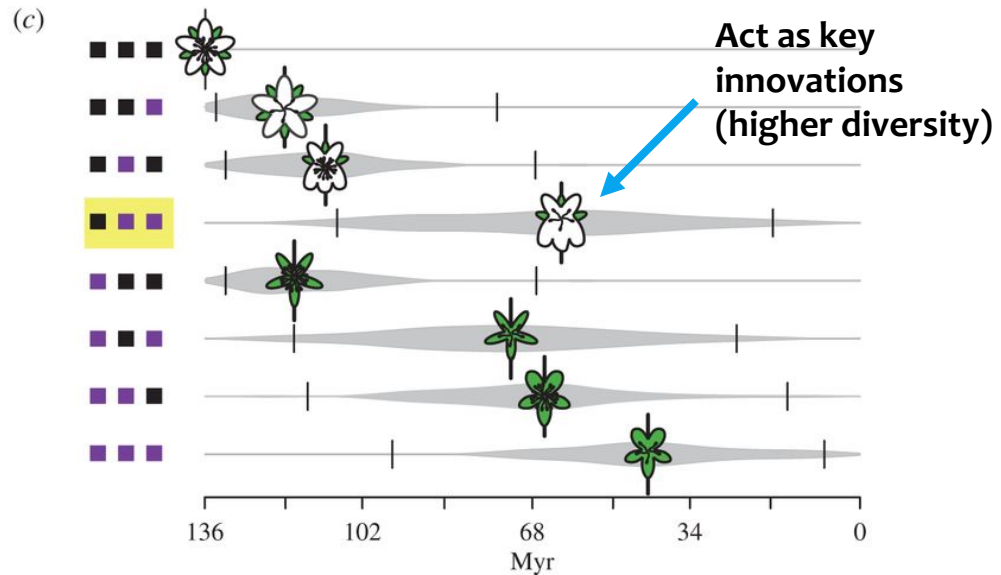
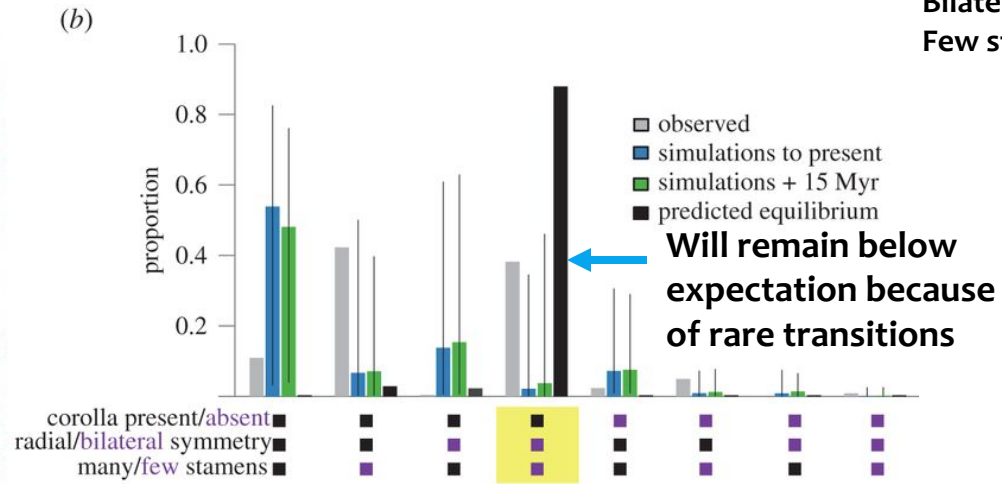
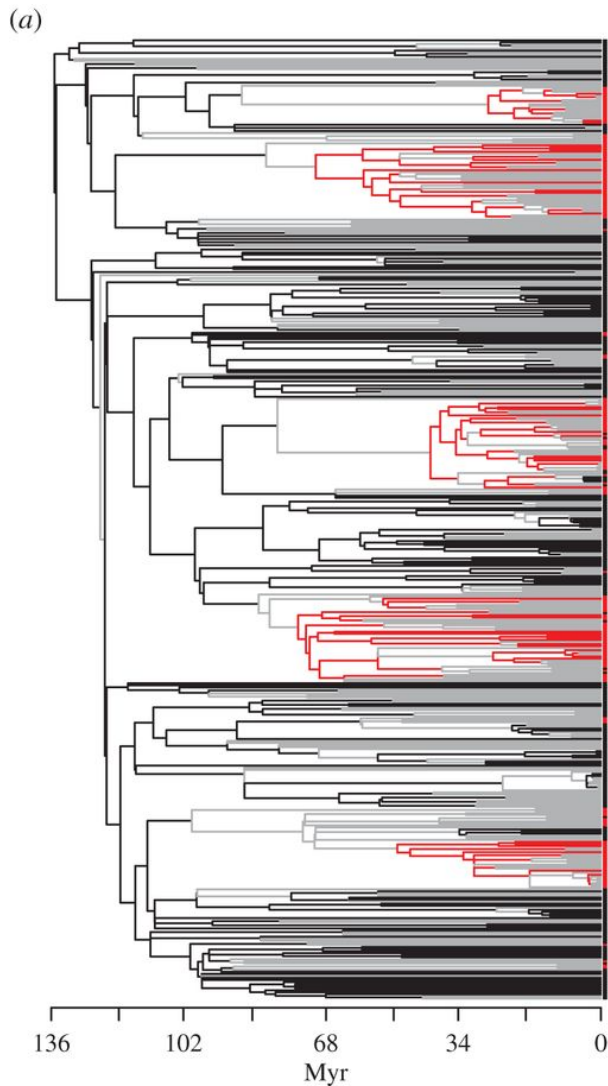
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What flower types increase diversification?

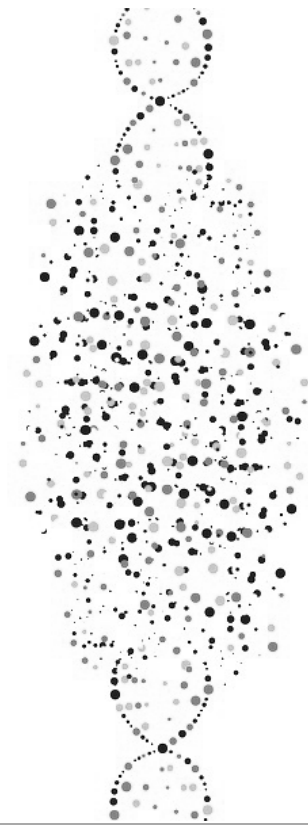
Are there particular flower combinations that contribute to higher speciation?

- Corolla present vs corolla absent?
- Bilateral symmetry vs radial symmetry
- Stamens many vs stamens few

Evolution of biodiversity and flowers

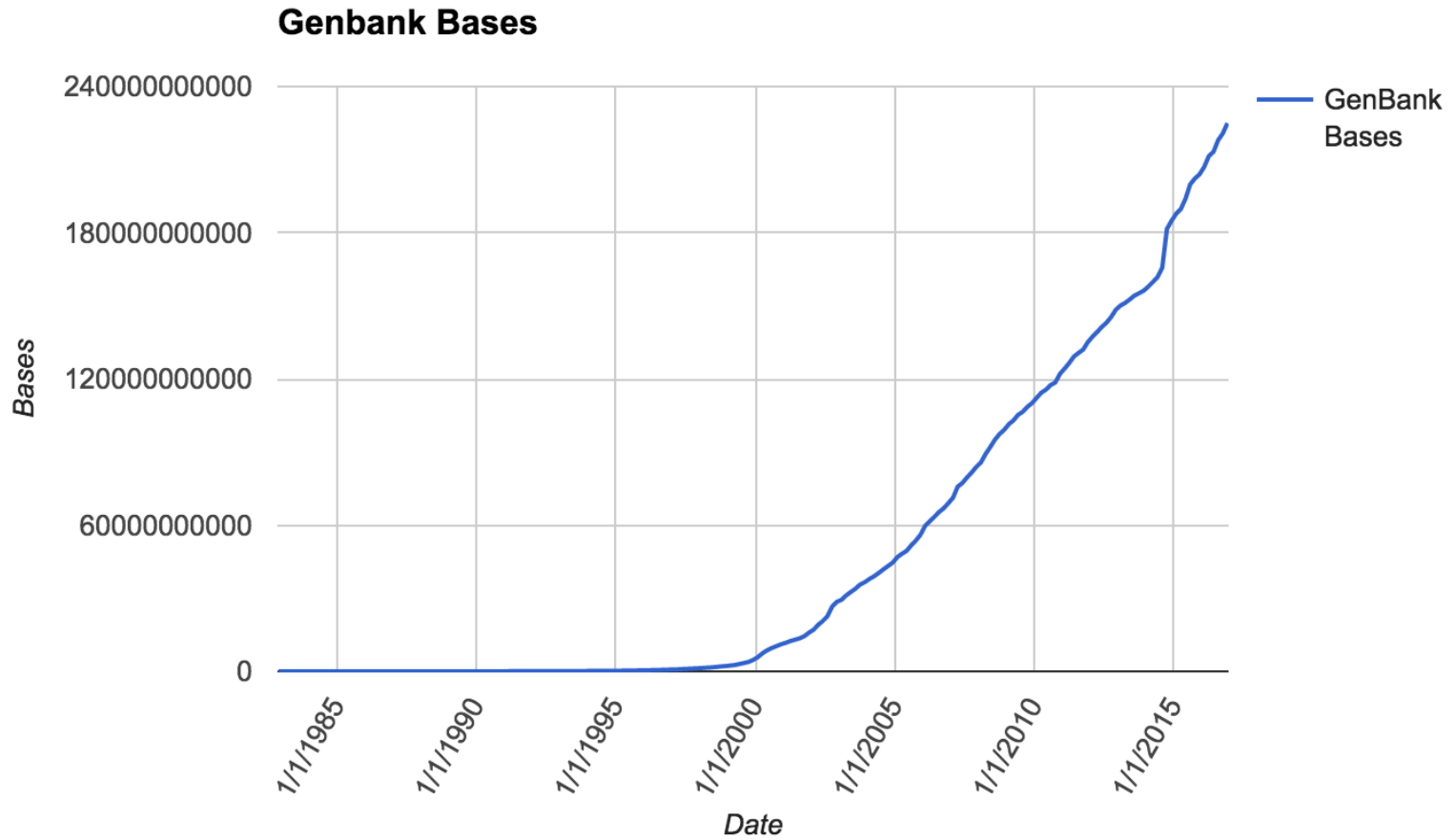


Transcriptomes for evolution and ecology

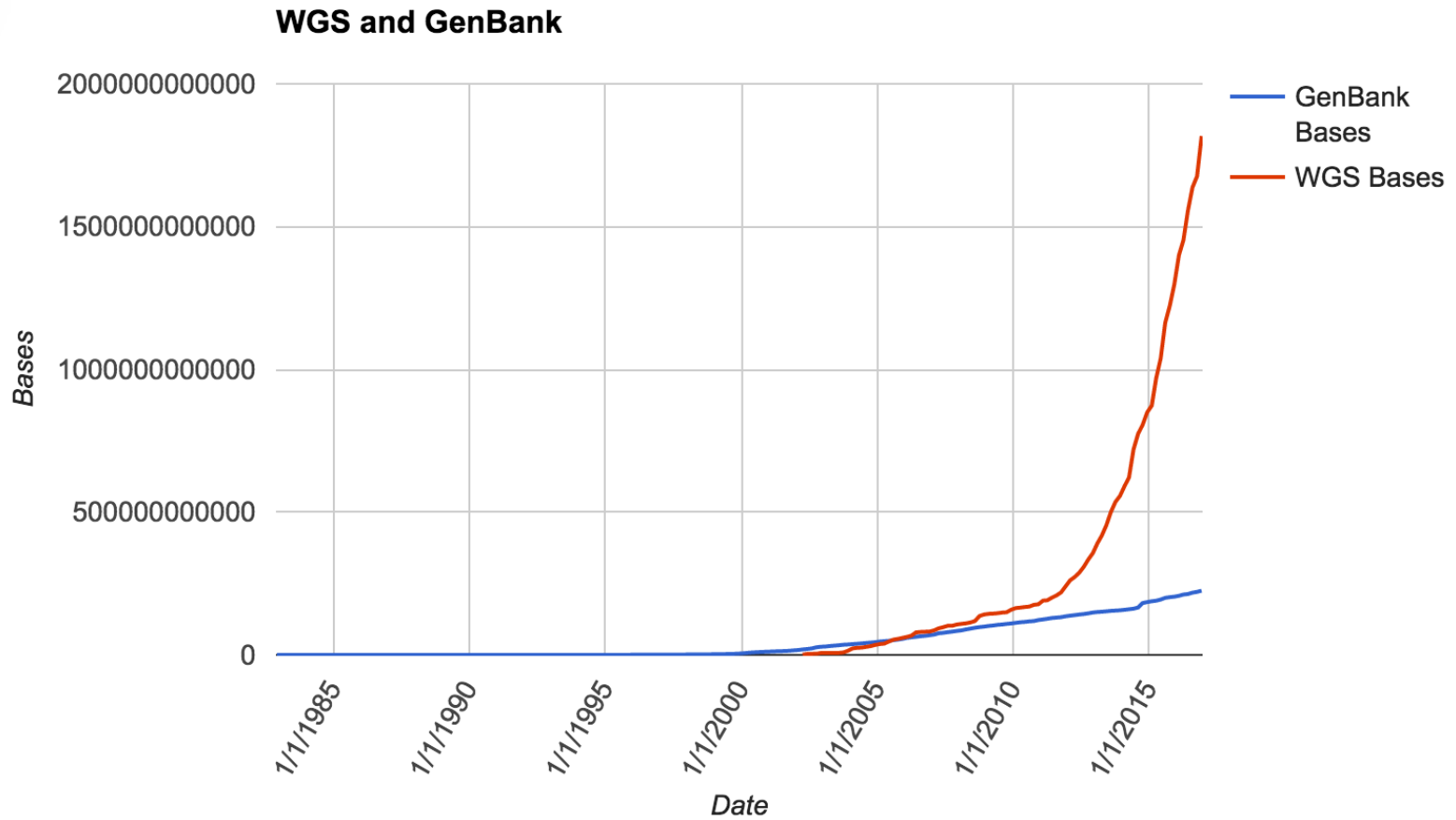


WHAT ARE THE PROCESSES THAT UNDERLIE
WHAT WE SEE IN MOLECULAR DATA?

Molecular data availability



Molecular data availability (with whole genomes)



New data

Typical phylogenetic analyses

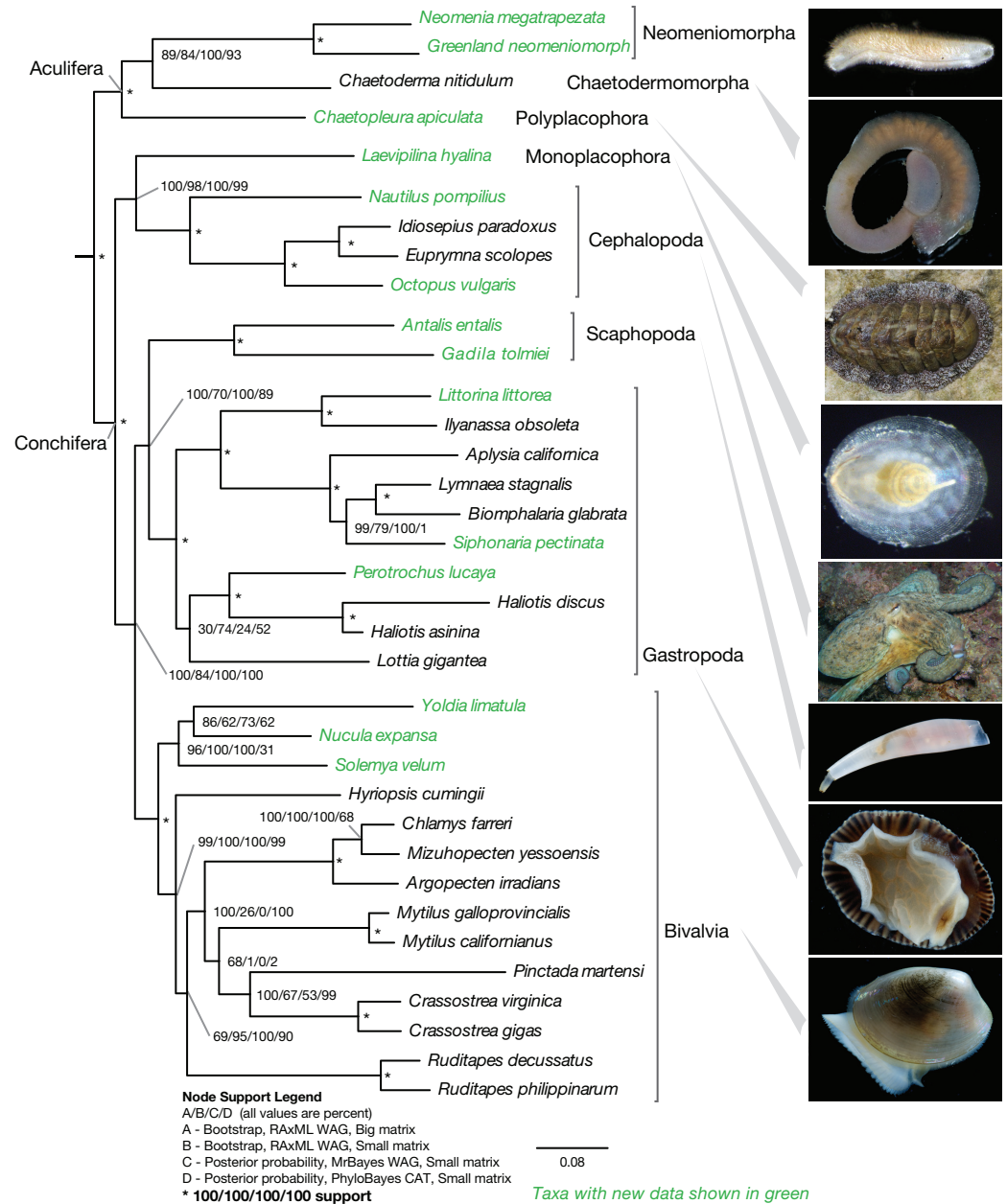
- 1-10 genes
- 17 genes. Plants (Soltis et al. 2011)
- 19 genes. Birds (Hackett et al. 2007)

Transcriptomic and genomic phylogenetic analyses

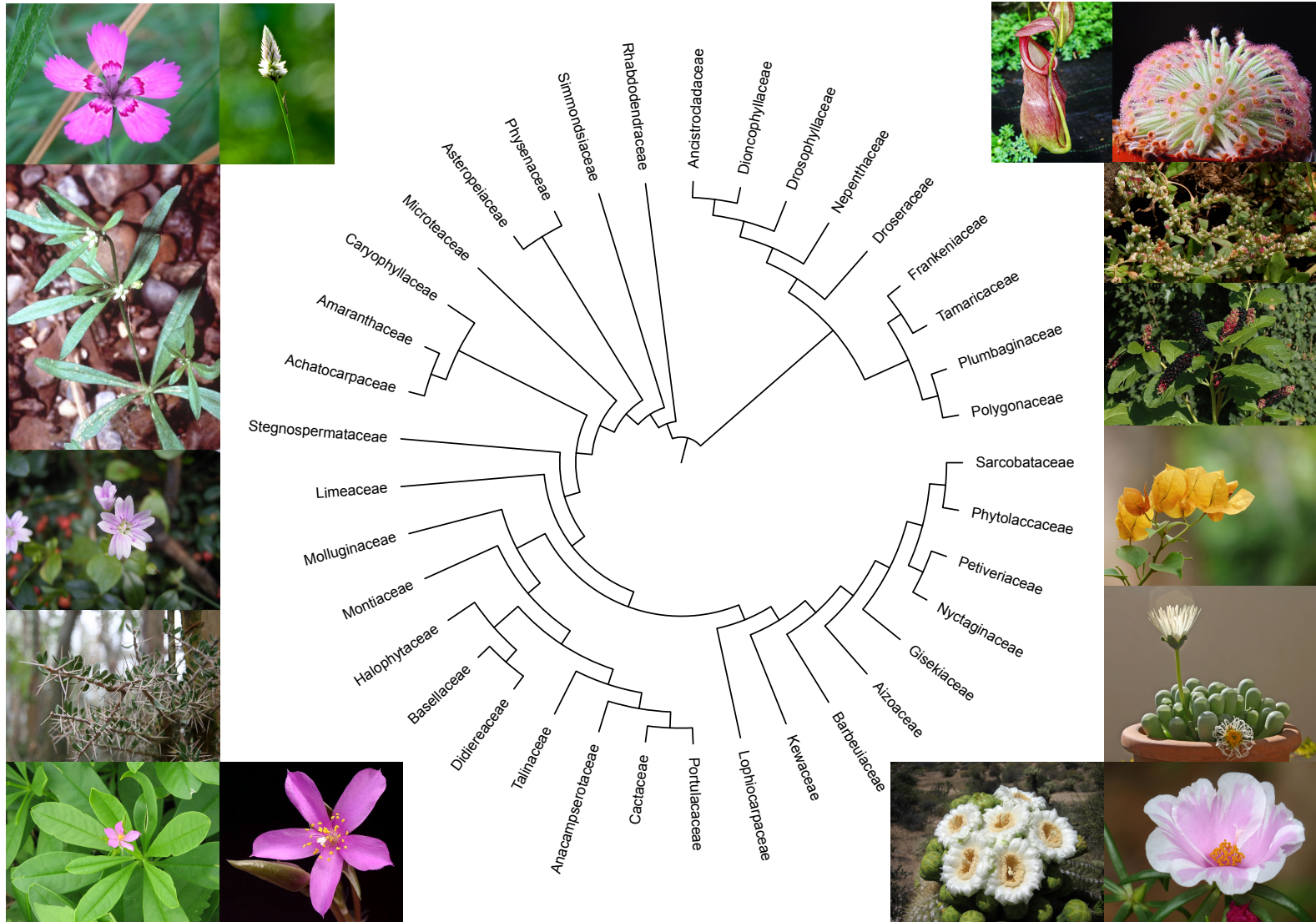
- 140 genes. Metazoa (Dunn et al. 2008)
- 242 genes. Metazoa (Ryan et al. 2013)
- 248 genes. Turtles (Chiari et al., 2012)
- 1185 genes. Molluscs (Smith et al. 2011)
- 1720 genes. Rice (Cranston et al. 2007)
- 2970 genes. Seed plants (Lee et al. 2011)
- >8000 genes. Birds (Jarvis et al. 2014)
- 259 genes. Birds (Prum et al. 2015)
- 859 genes. Seed plants (Wickett et al. 2014)

Mollusc phylogeny

- 14 transcriptomes added to existing genomes and EST datasets
- RAxML partitioned analyses
- PhyloBayes CAT model
- MrBayes unpartitioned
- general agreement between 301 and 1185 gene datasets



Caryophyllales

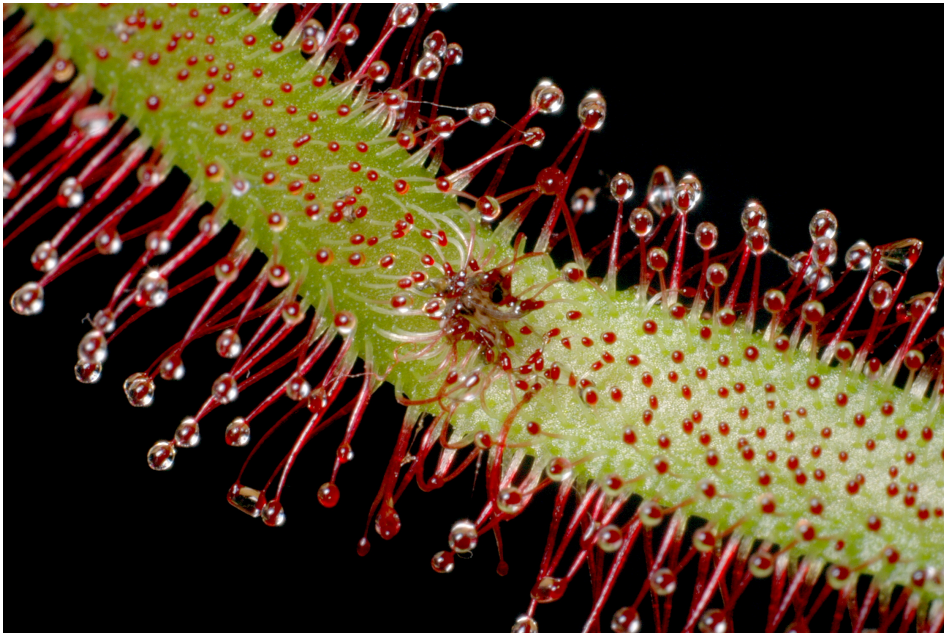


Caryophyllales

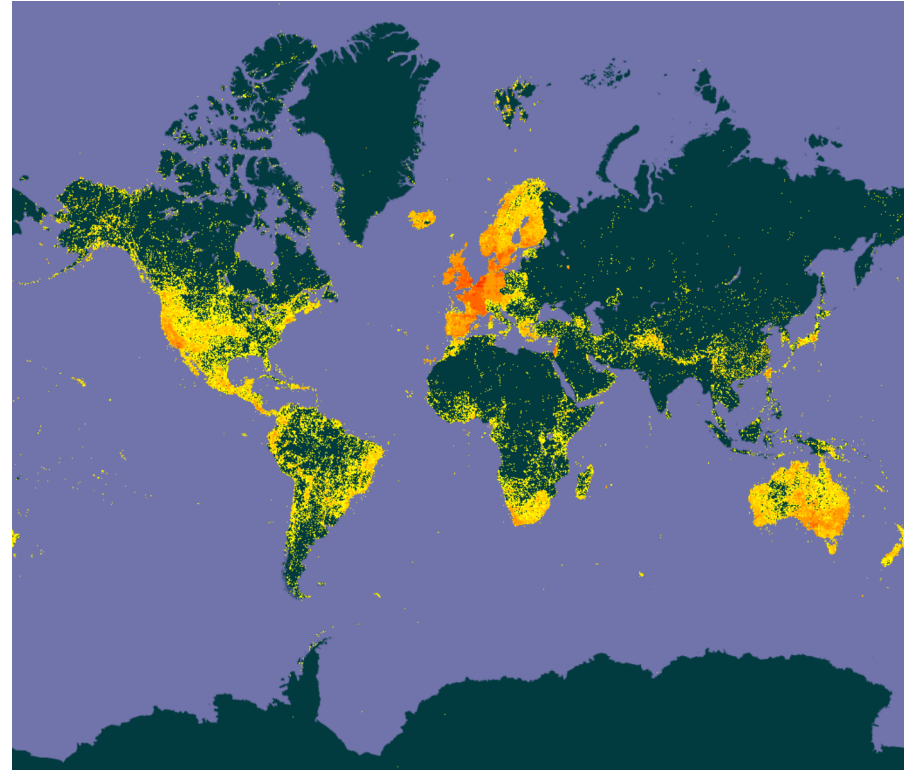
- >12,500 species in 39 families
- extreme disparity in life history and ecology



Carnivory



Cold environments



Photosynthetic modifications



Morphological modifications



Caryophyllales

- NSF DEB funded
- 300 transcriptomes broadly sampled
- investigate phylogeny and climate
- determine utility of transcriptomes for addressing broad evolutionary questions



Michael Moore (co-PI)



Joe Walker (grad student at UM)



Sam Brockington
(postdoc – now curator
at Ucambridge)



Ya Yang (postdoc – now employed at Uminn)

Driving biological questions



Is there a molecular signature of life history across the genome?



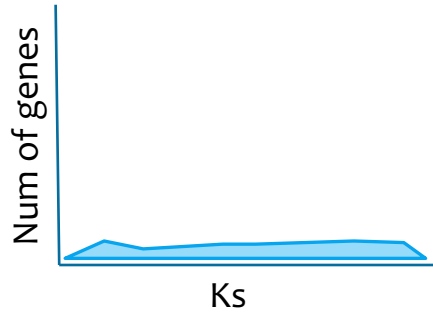
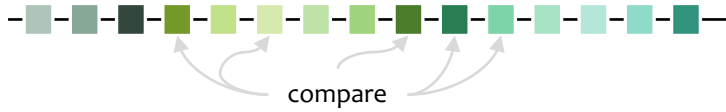
Are gene/genome duplications associated with diversification?



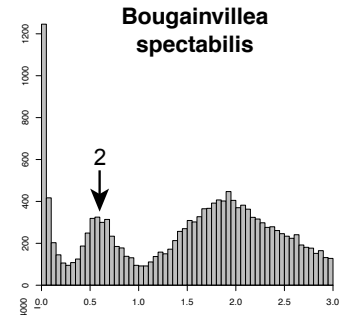
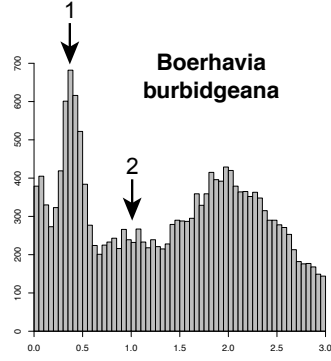
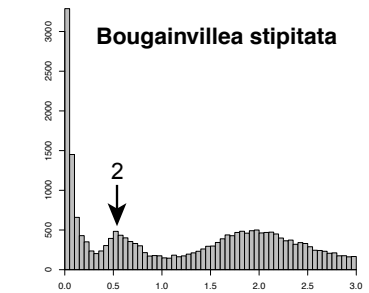
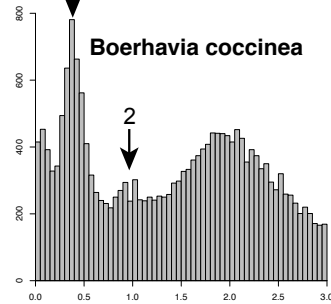
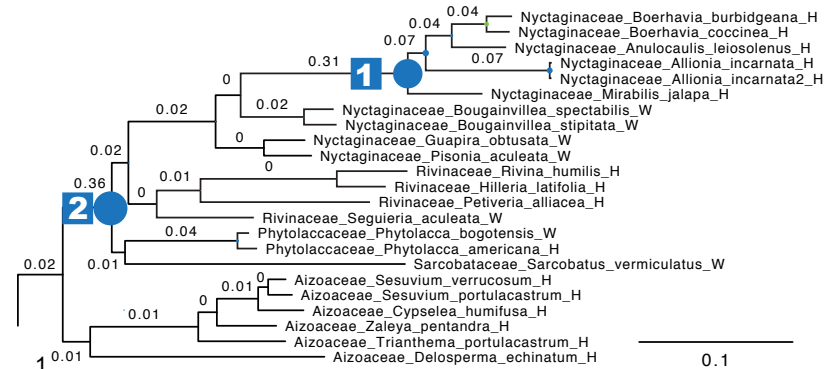
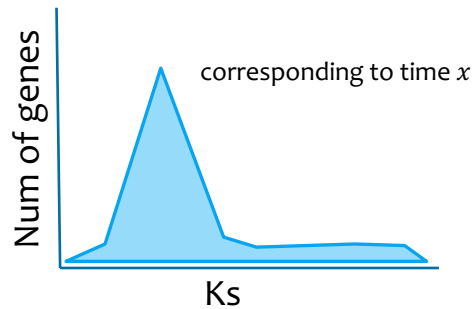
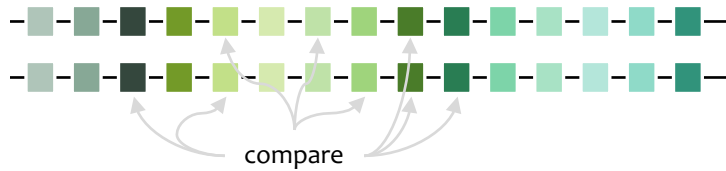
Can we determine gene families that have been important for new traits or ecological adaptation?

Genome duplications

genome



duplicated genome at time x

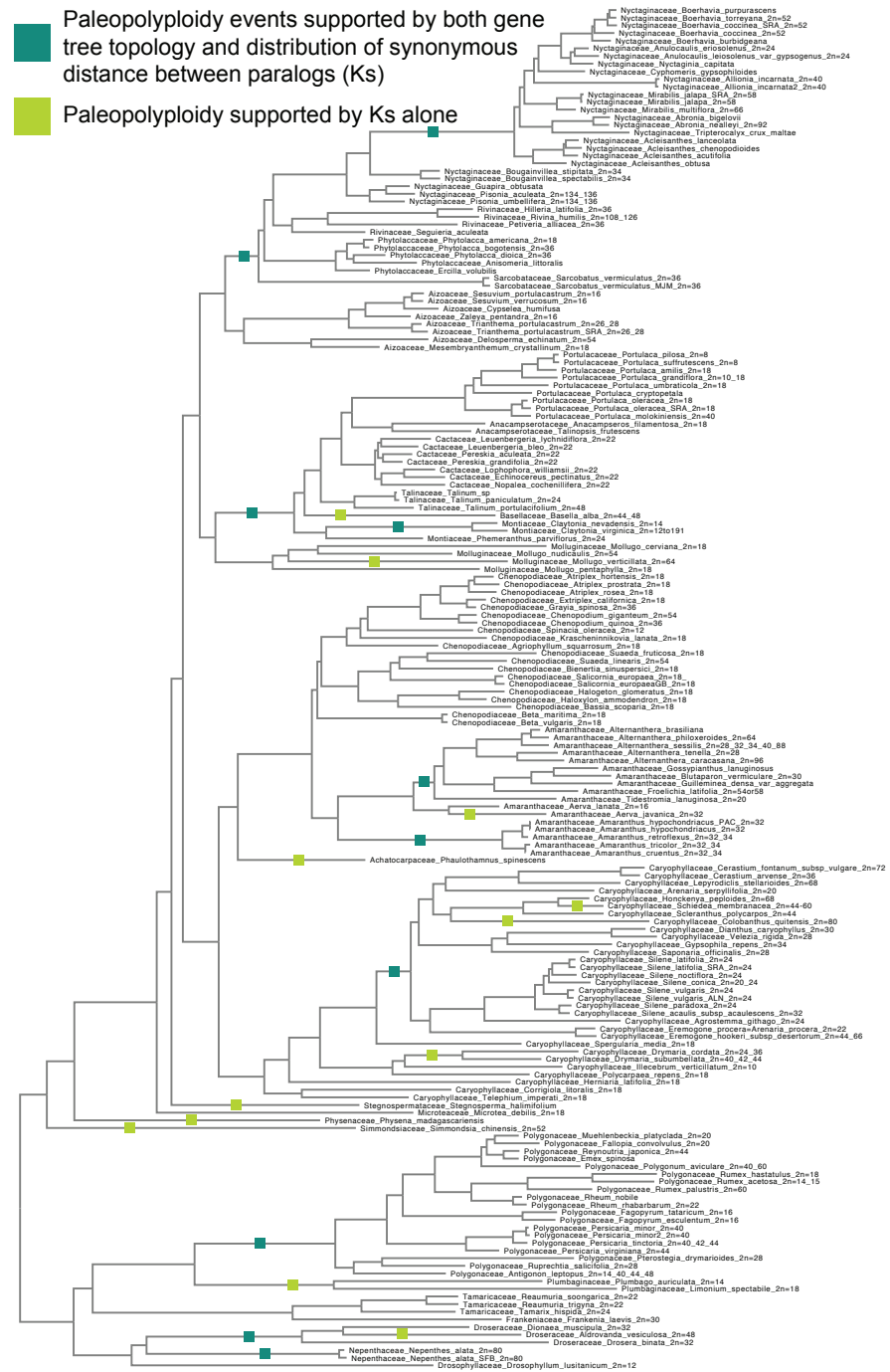


Paleopolyploidy events supported by both gene tree topology and distribution of synonymous distance between paralogs (Ks)

Paleopolyploidy supported by Ks alone

Genome duplications in Caryophyllales

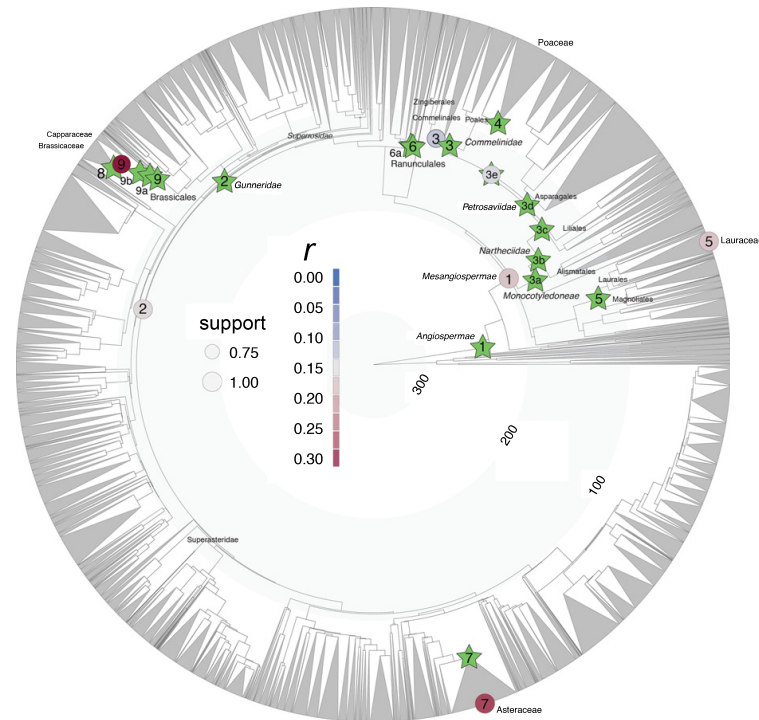
- expanded analysis with 50 more taxa added
- 22 duplications (so far – analyses are on-going)
- Likely to continue to find more
- Yang et al. *in review*



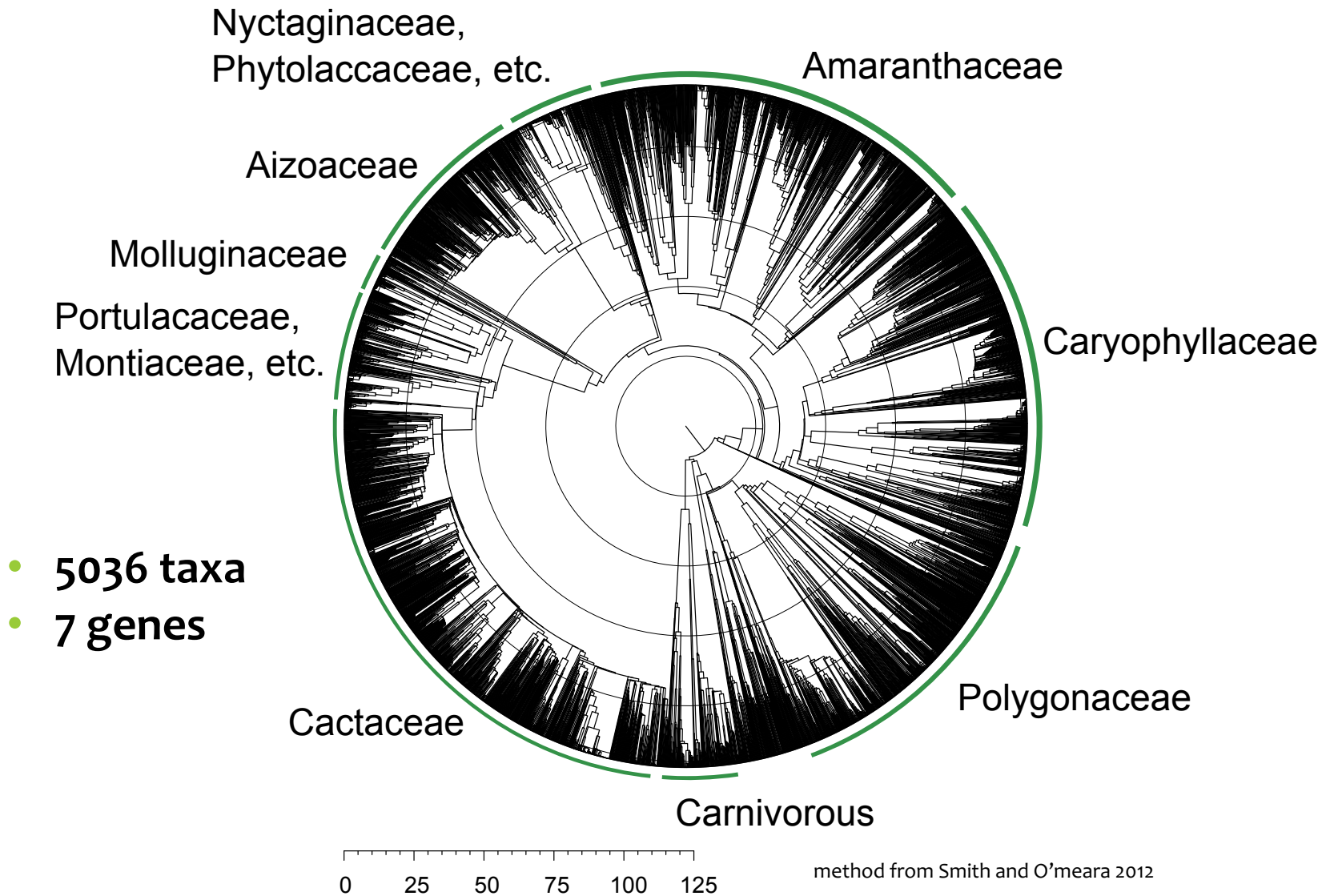
Duplications and diversification

- It has been suggested that **diversification** is associated with **genome duplication**
- This is highly debated in the literature

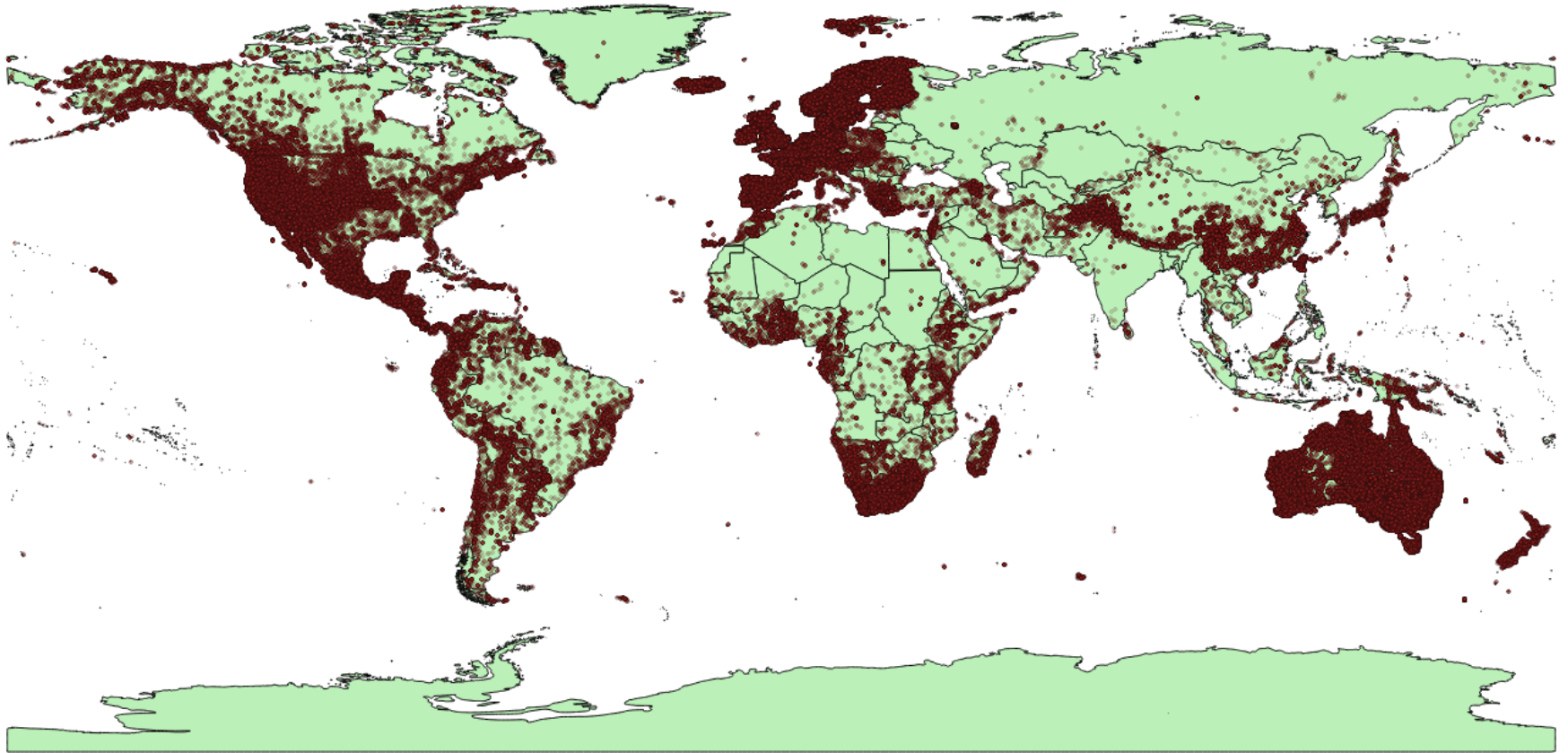
- From Tank et al. 2015
- Suggests that duplications (in green) general precede diversification shifts (in red/blue)
- Using 9 duplications



Dated phylogeny of Caryophyllales

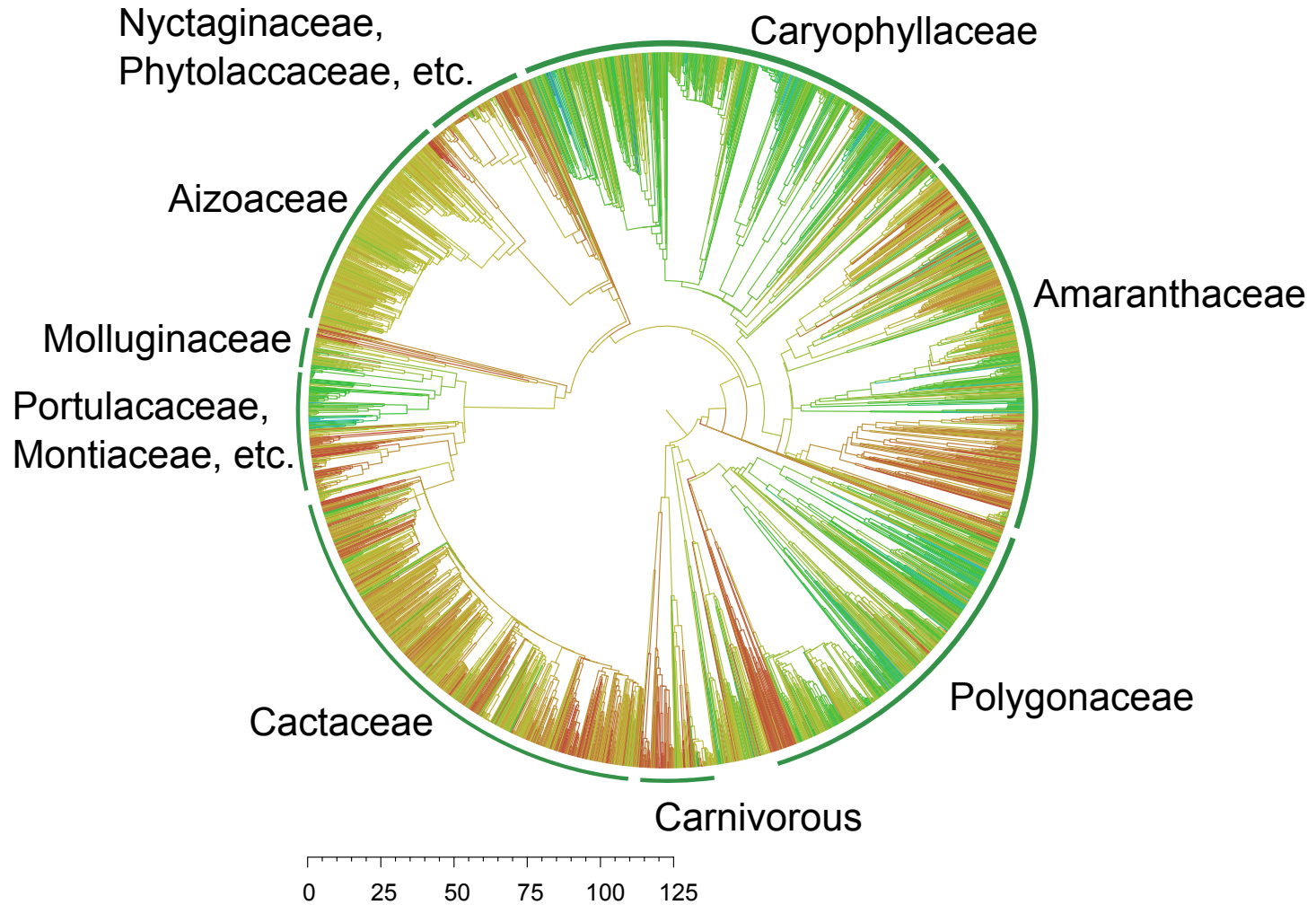


Caryophyllales geography

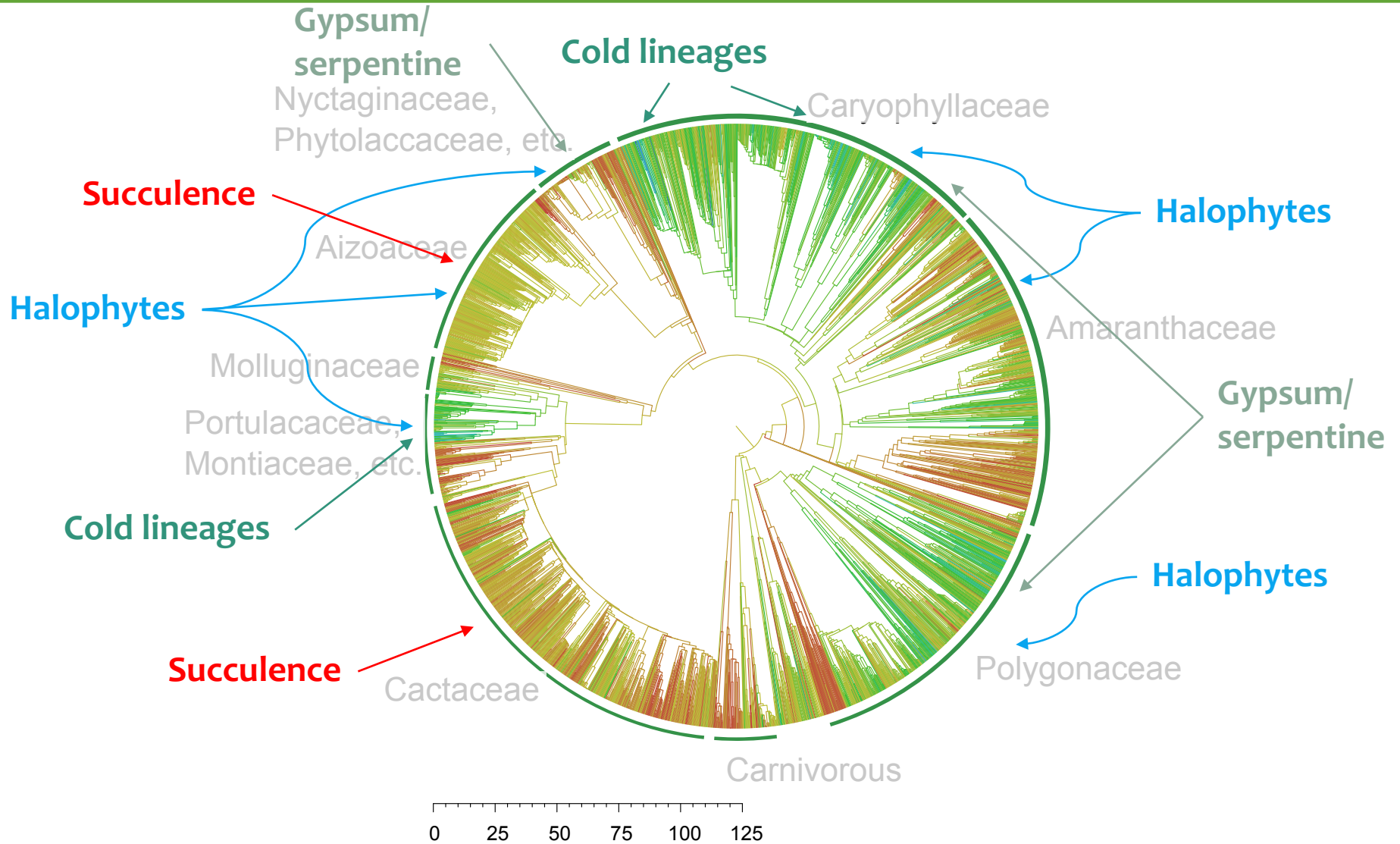


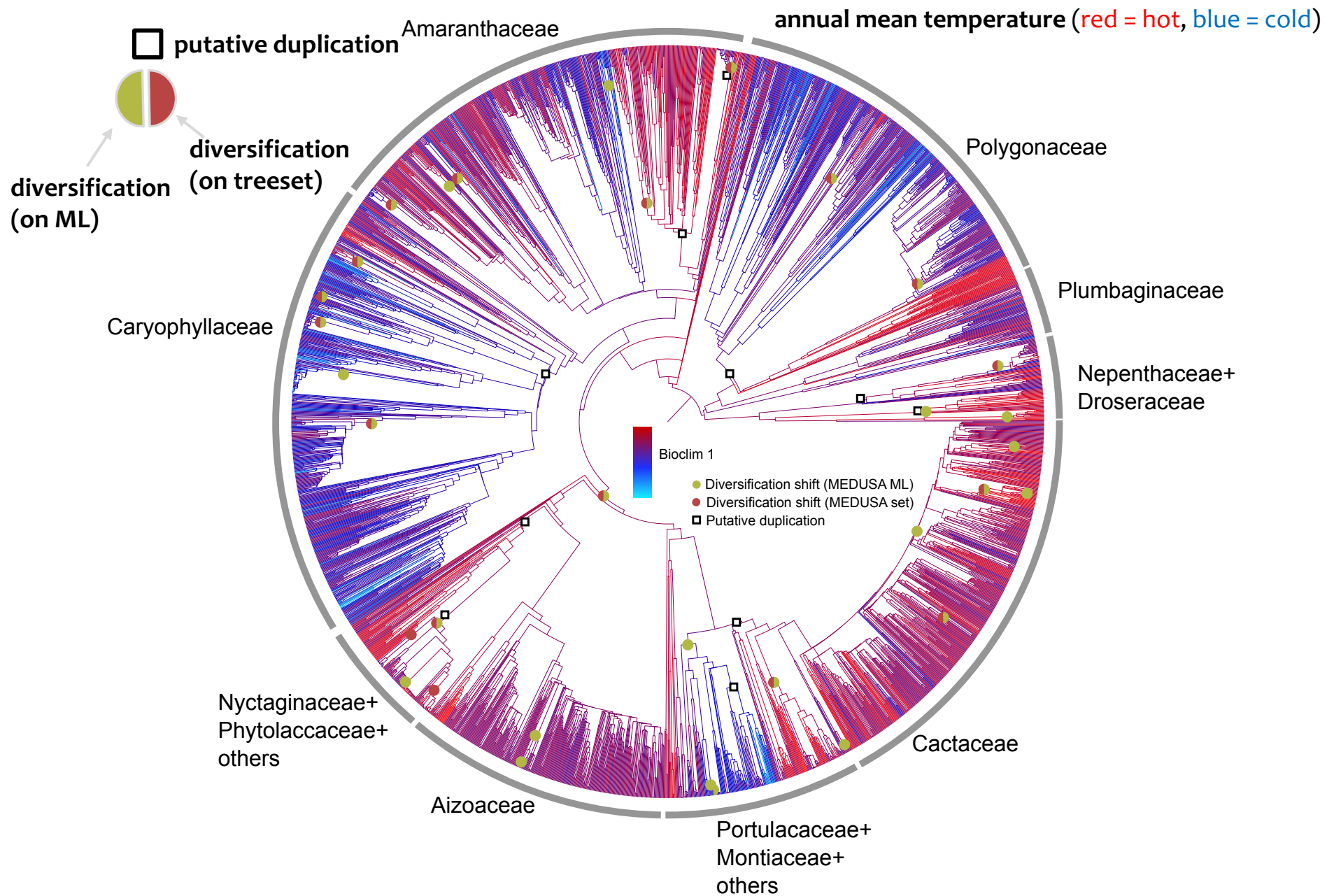
>6,000,000 filtered coordinates

Caryophyllales: annual mean temperature



Adaptations





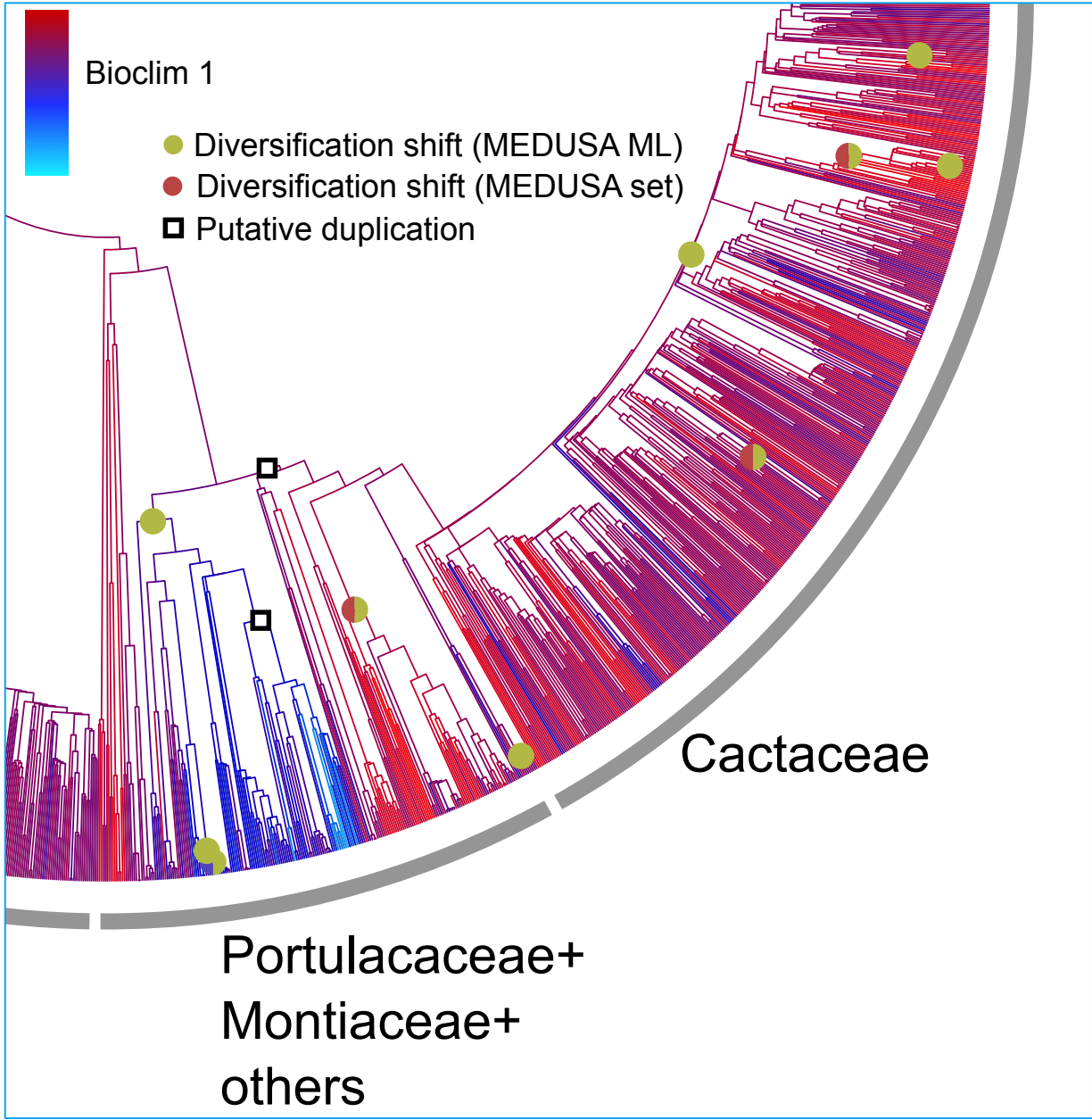
annual mean temperature (red = hot, blue = cold)

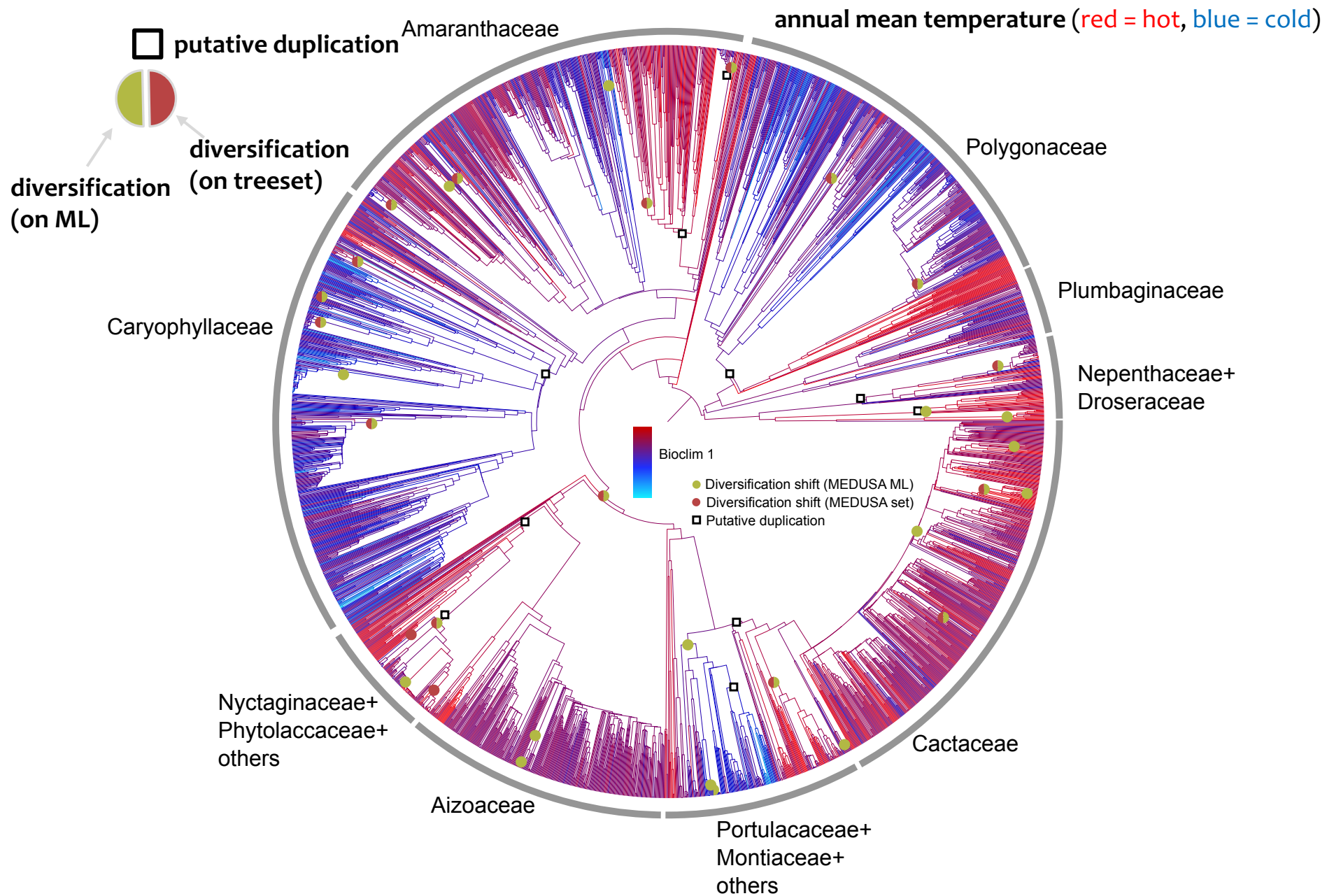
□ putative duplication

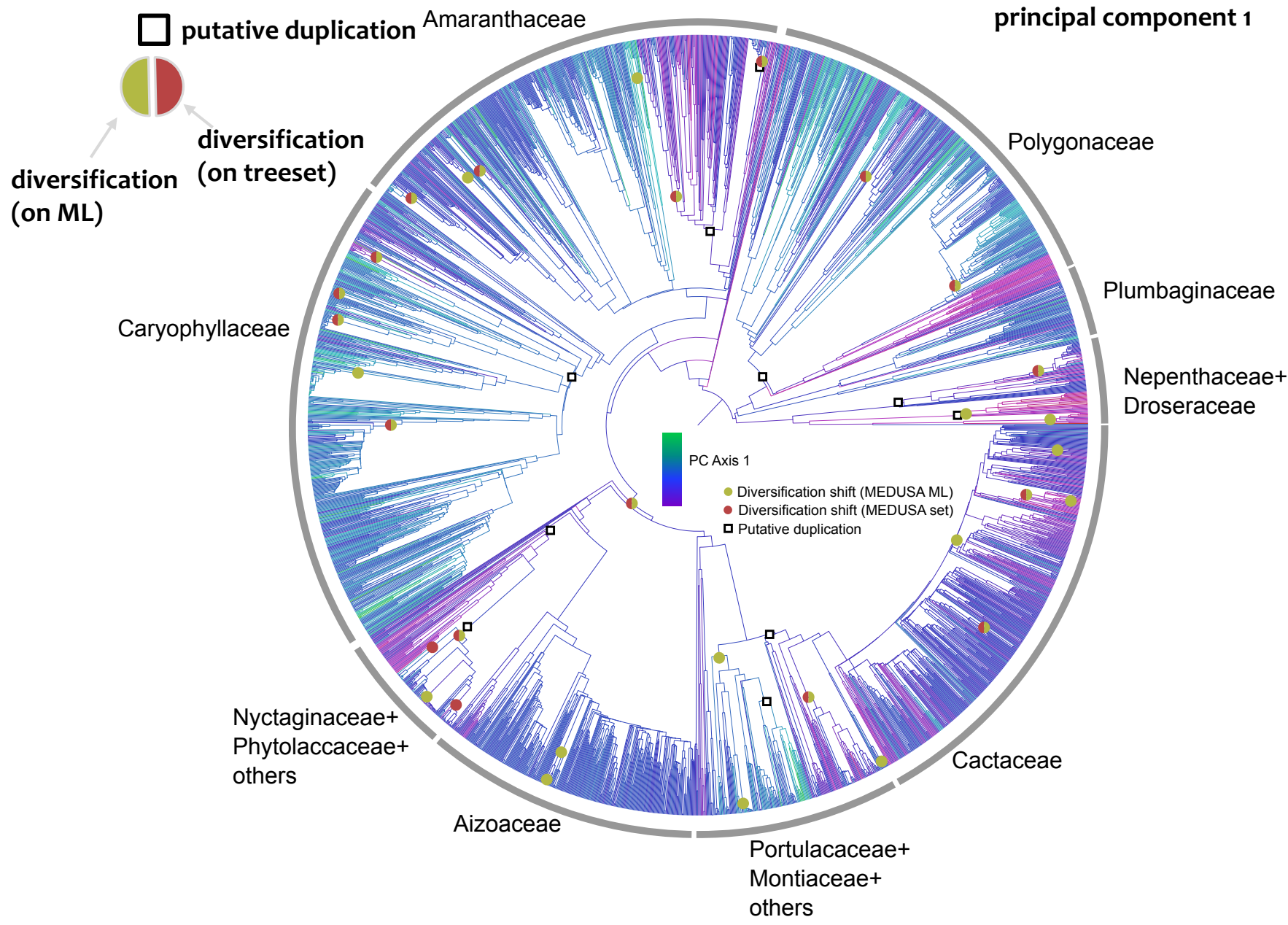


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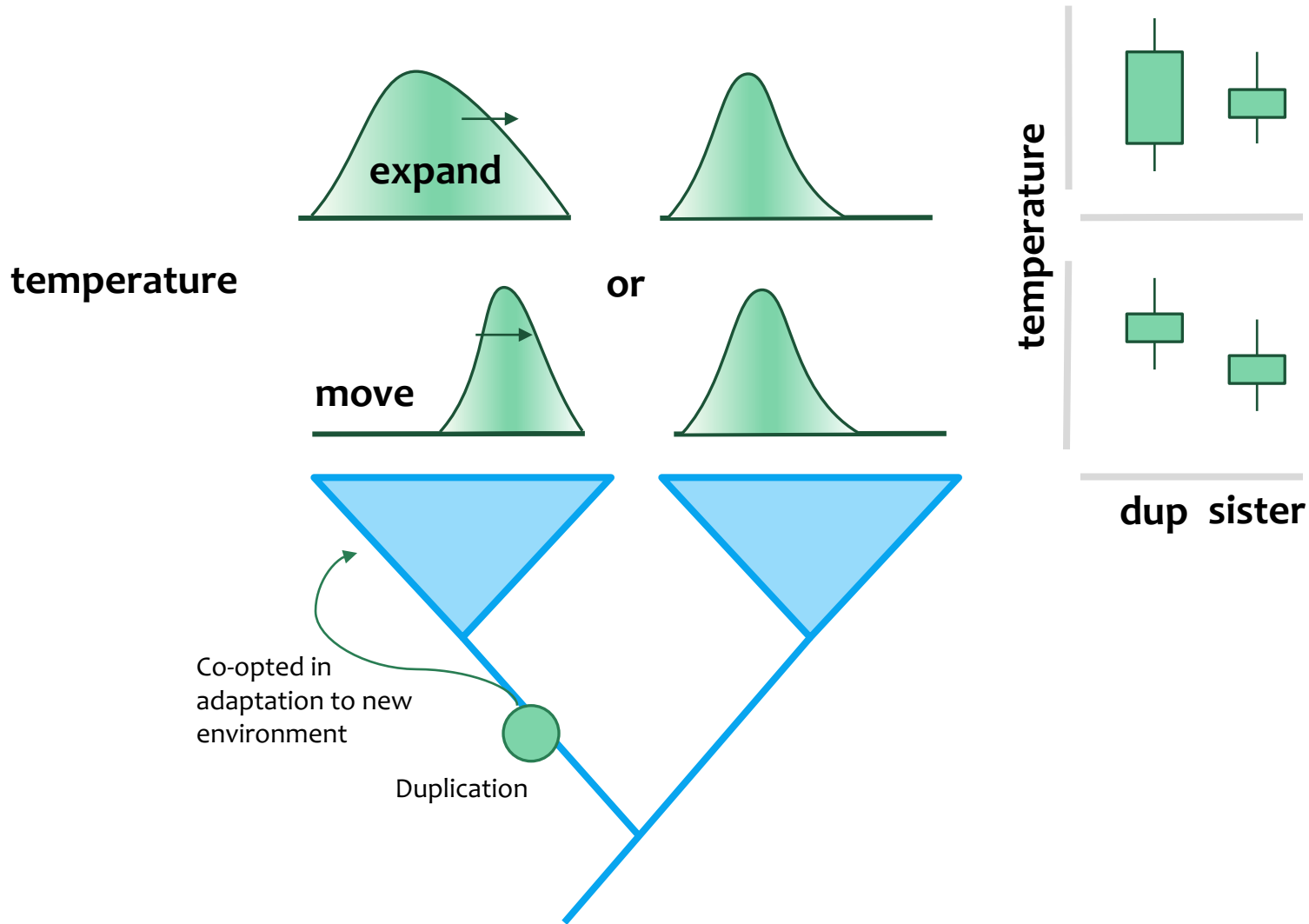
diversification (on ML)



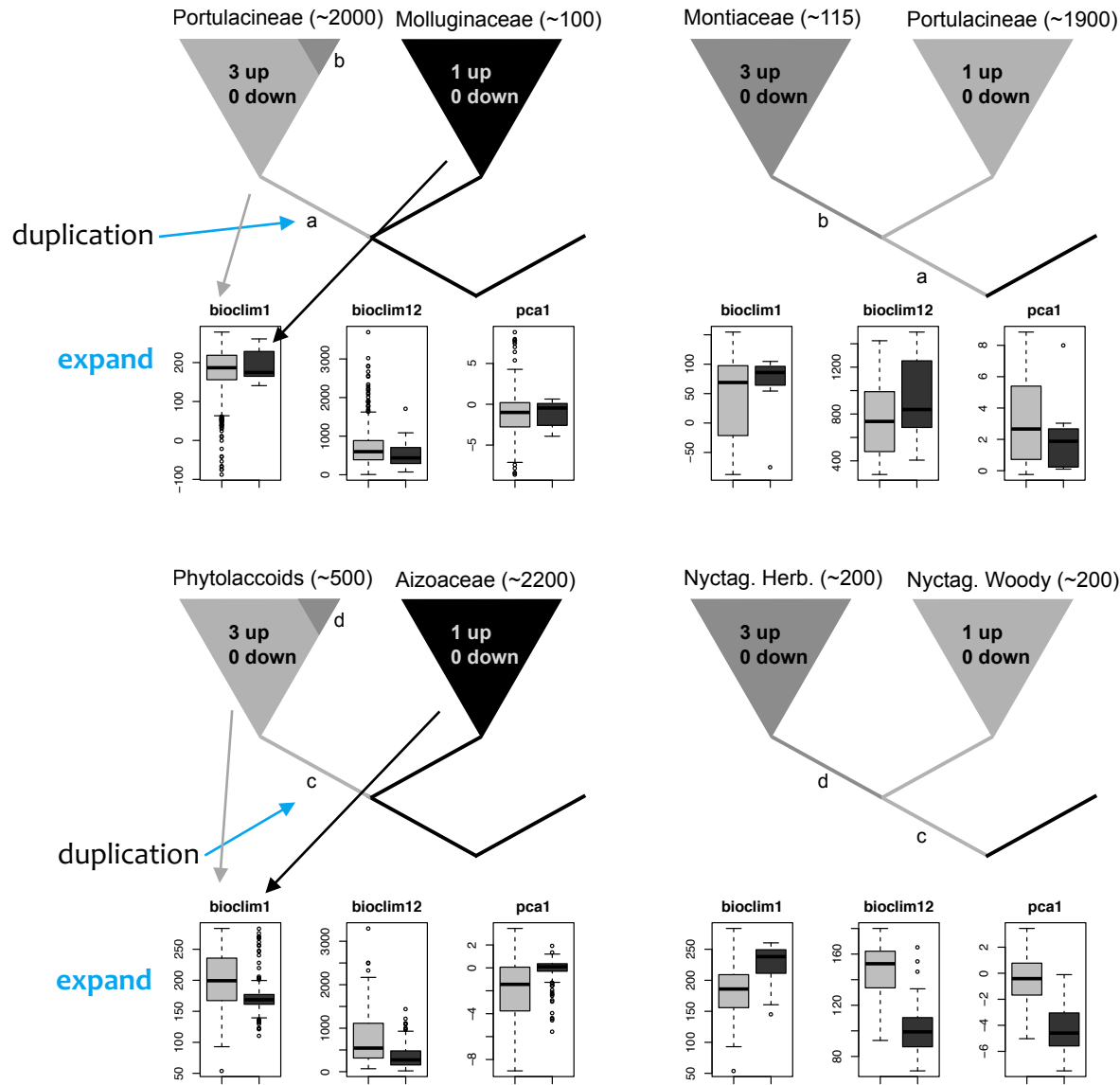




Climate shifts and genome duplications

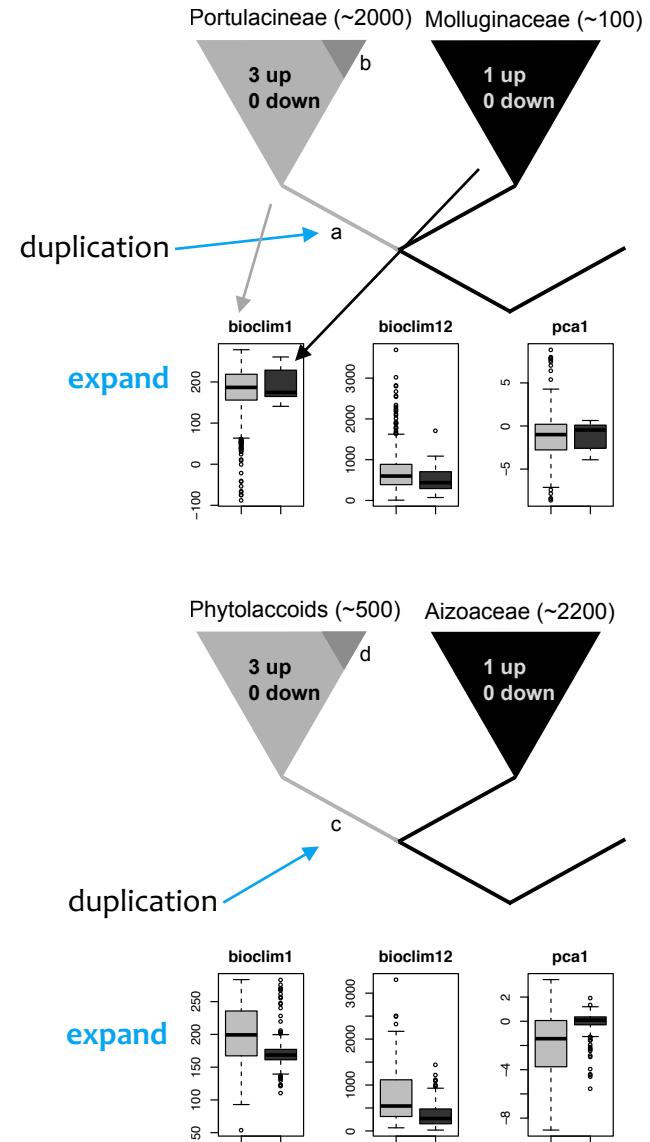


Summary of results



Summary of results

- Duplications **are not** associated with diversifications
- Duplications occur **before** diversification
- We need a better description of the biological model that would associate diversification and dups
- Many duplications associated with expanded climate ranges
- Combining these paradigms will likely transform evolutionary biology
- Smith et al. *in review*



What would we like to do?

We would like a phylogeny that is

- Accurate and precise
- Has branch lengths relative to time
- Comprehensive

Why is constructing a tree
for all life hard?

Challenges

Computational challenges

- Tree space is large
- Datasets can be large
- Basic limits on computational time and memory

Biological challenges

- Some nodes are difficult to resolve because of biological reasons
 - Incomplete lineage sorting
 - Horizontal gene transfer
 - Duplications and loss

Data challenges

- We haven't collected all of the data (yet)
- Some of the data is difficult to include in datasets

Tree space is large

- 5 species = 105 trees
- 6 species = 945 trees
- 7 species = 10,395 trees
- 9 species = 2,027,025 trees
- 20 species = 8,200,794,532,637,892,000,000 trees
- 30 species = 495,179,769,008,019,800,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 trees
- 40 species = 57 zeros
- 60 species = 96 zeros
- 80 species = 139 zeros

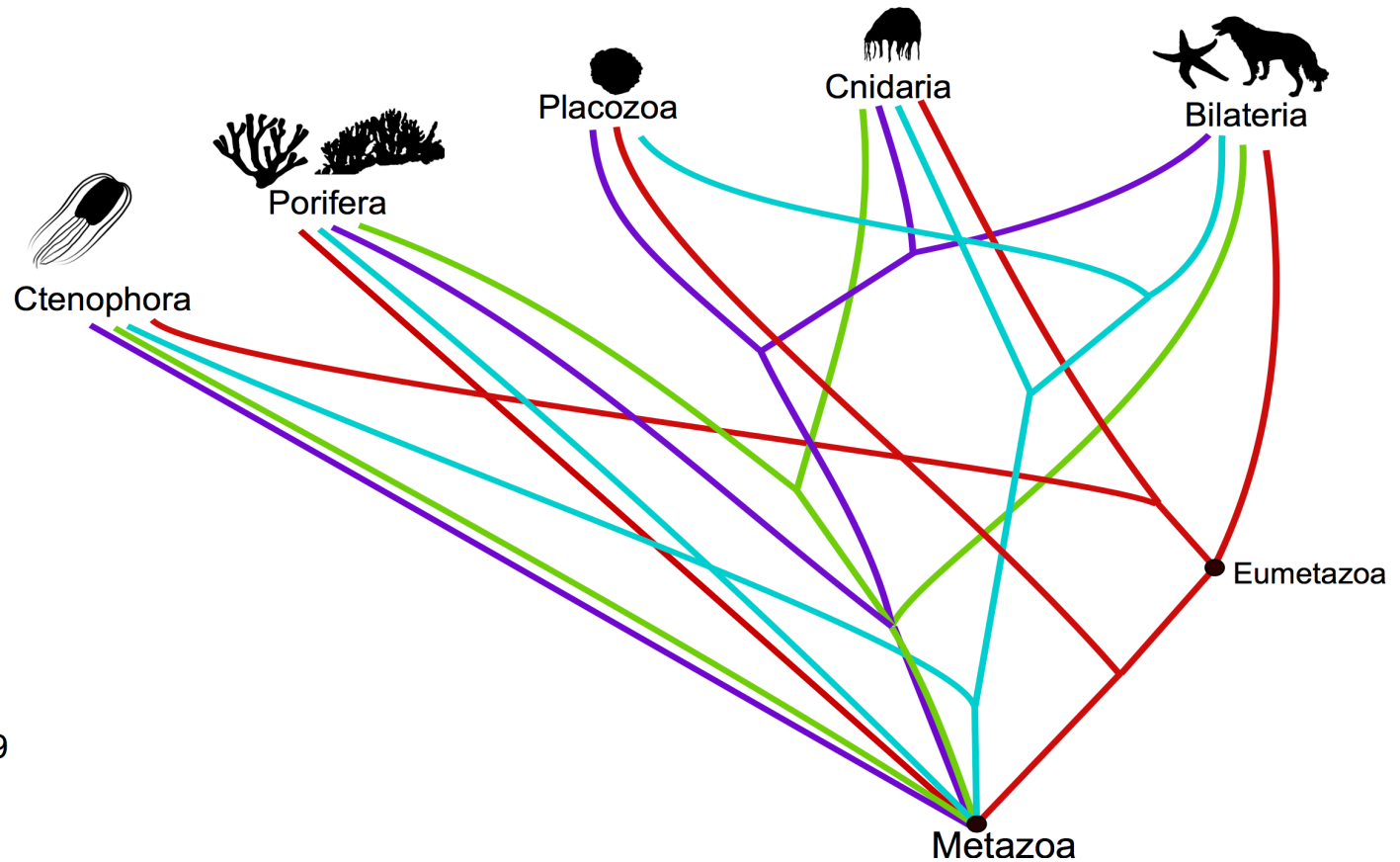
$$\text{Number of rooted trees} = \frac{(2n - 5)!}{2^{n-3}(n - 3)!}$$

Number of stars in the universe is between 20 and 30 species



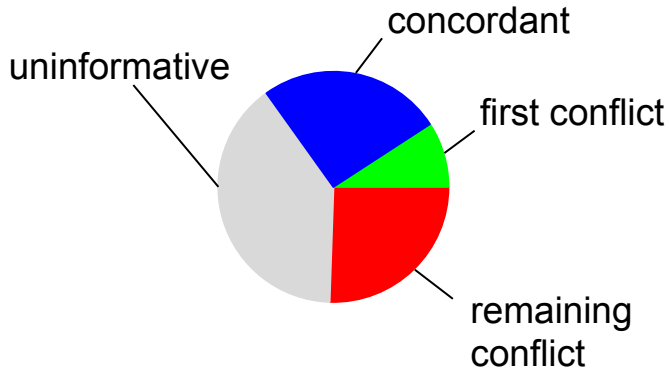
Finding the best tree is NP-hard

Edges can be difficult to resolve

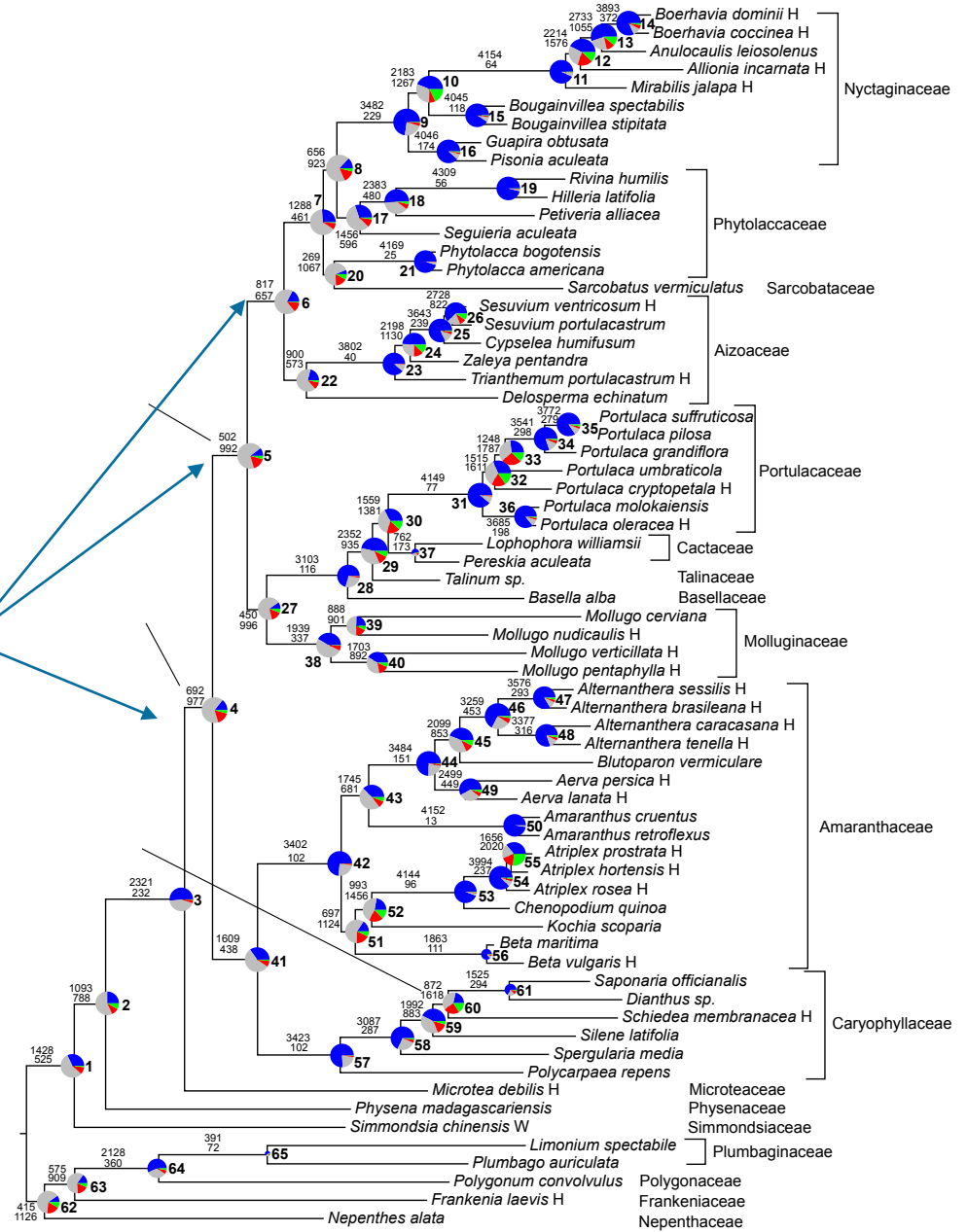


Hinchliff et al. 2015

Proportion of Homologs



few informative genes



Smith et al. 2015

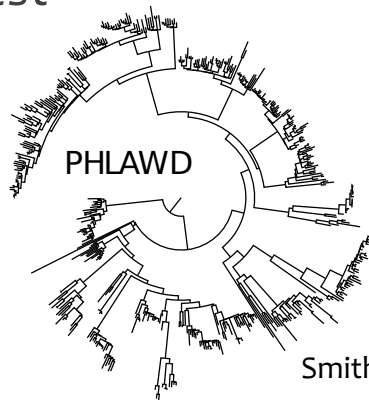
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Nature of molecular data

- major sequence database (GenBank) stores species taxonomy but not gene taxonomy
- hard to get gene identification for all of GenBank
- all genes for species x
- NOT all the species for gene y

Phylogenetic dataset assembly with databases

- multithreaded C++ program for assembly large phylogenetic datasets
- automatically updating (as of Izquierdo-Carrasco et al. 2014)
- baited Smith-Waterman
- you provide sequences and it does the rest

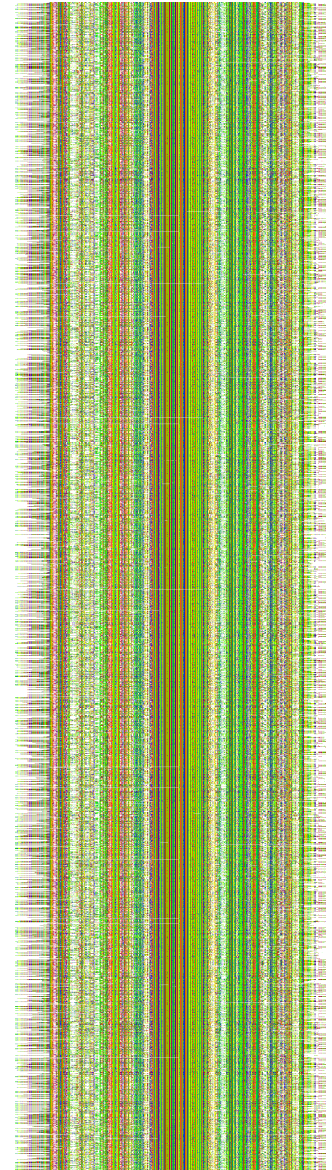
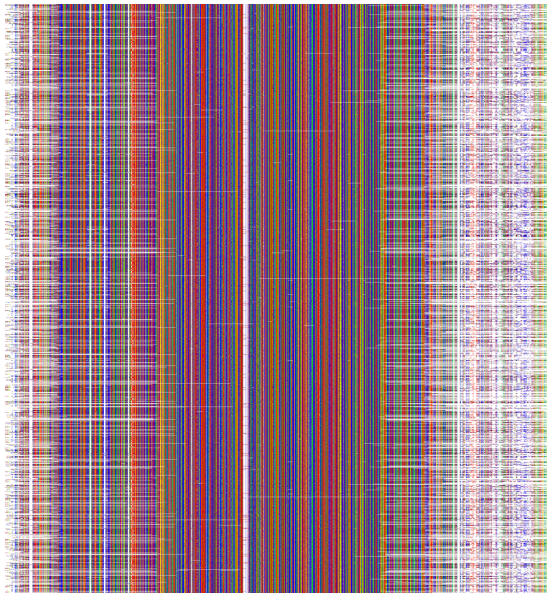
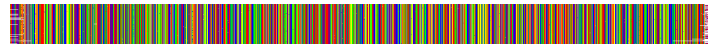
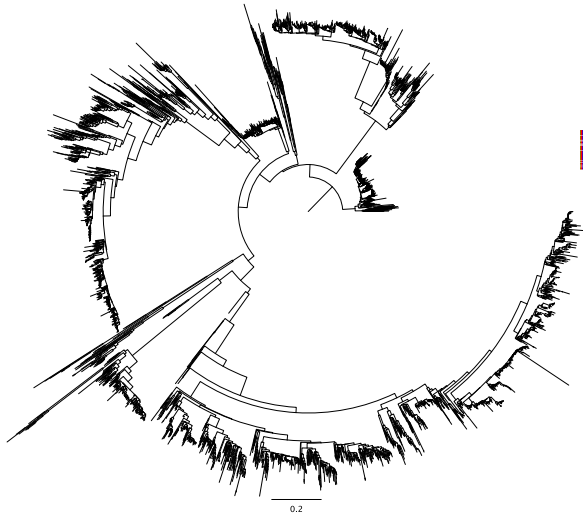


Smith et al. 2009, Izquierdo-Carrasco et al. 2014

Algorithm

1. pick a group of organisms
 2. pick a gene region -- identify sequences (x) that represent these genes
 3. compare these seqs with those in the database (n) -- so xn comparisons not n^2
 4. test for saturation
 5. divide and conquer if saturated
- repeat 2-4 for additional genes

Concatenate and construct a tree



Are data available to
construct a tree for all life?

Data for building trees are growing in both directions

- >30,000,000 sequences in GenBank
- >500,000 species in Genbank
- >2.5 million described species
- >10 million species

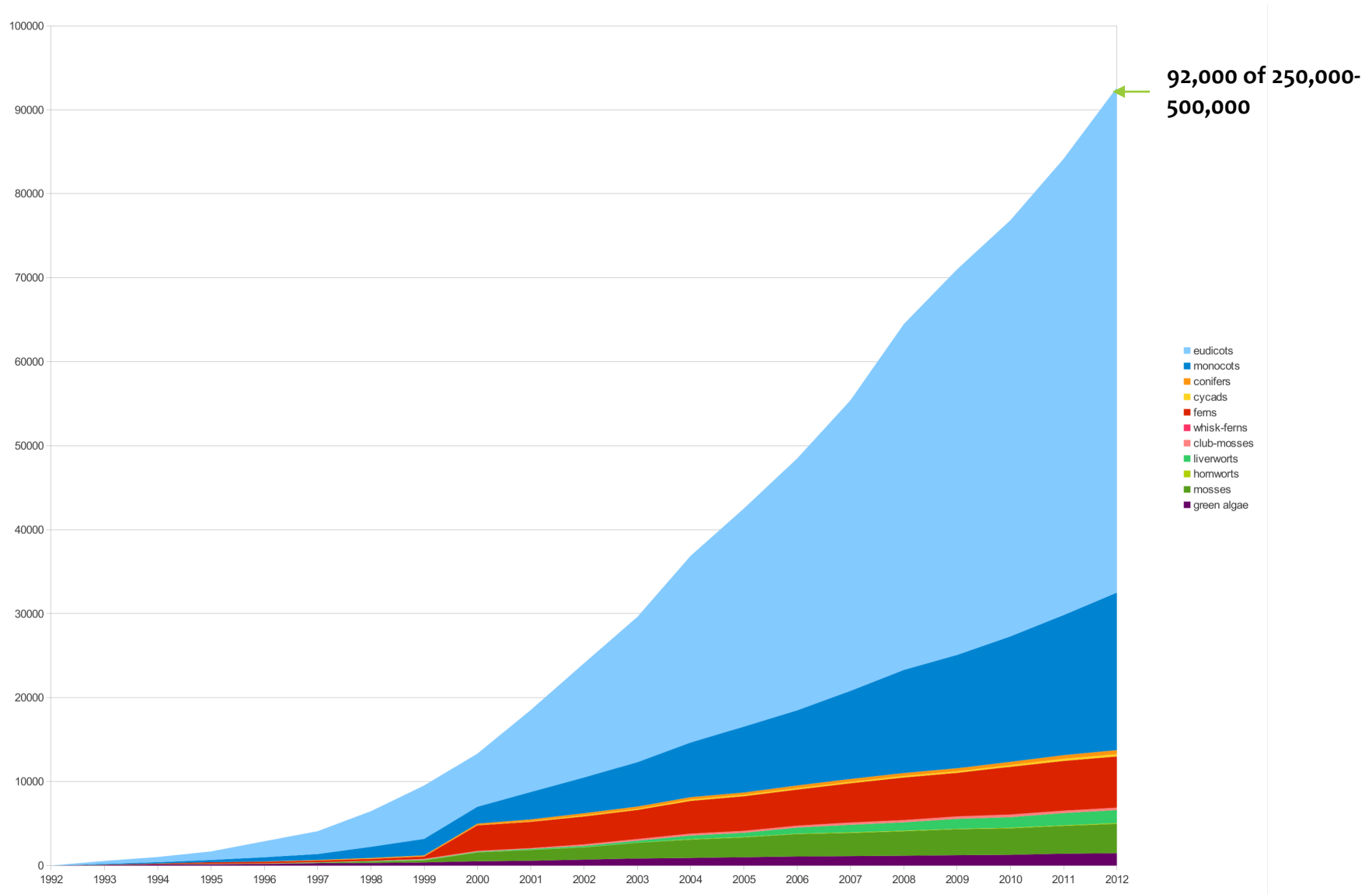
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- **NO**

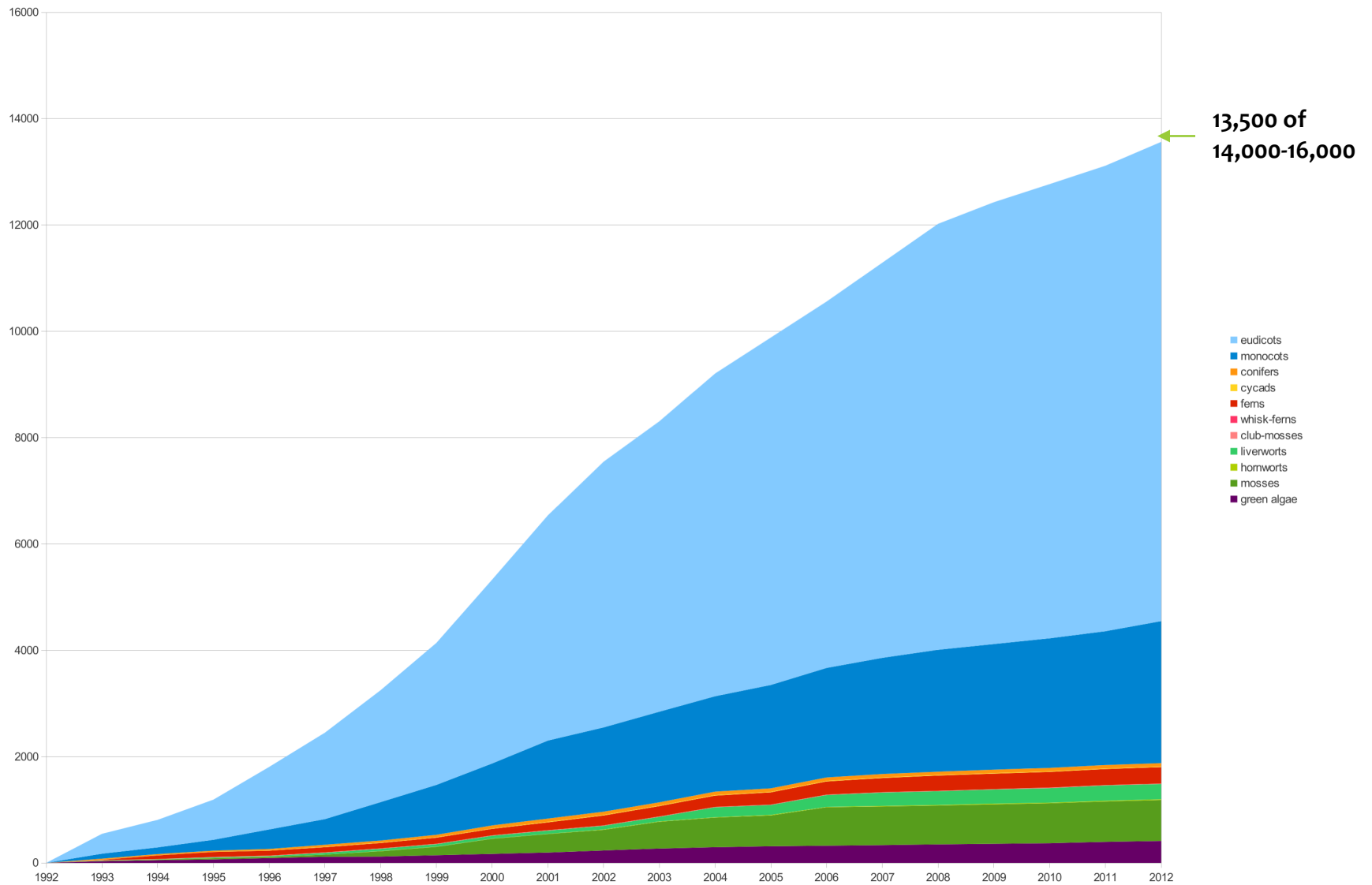
- > 500,000 species in GenBank

Are data available to construct a tree for plants?

Species of plants with molecular data



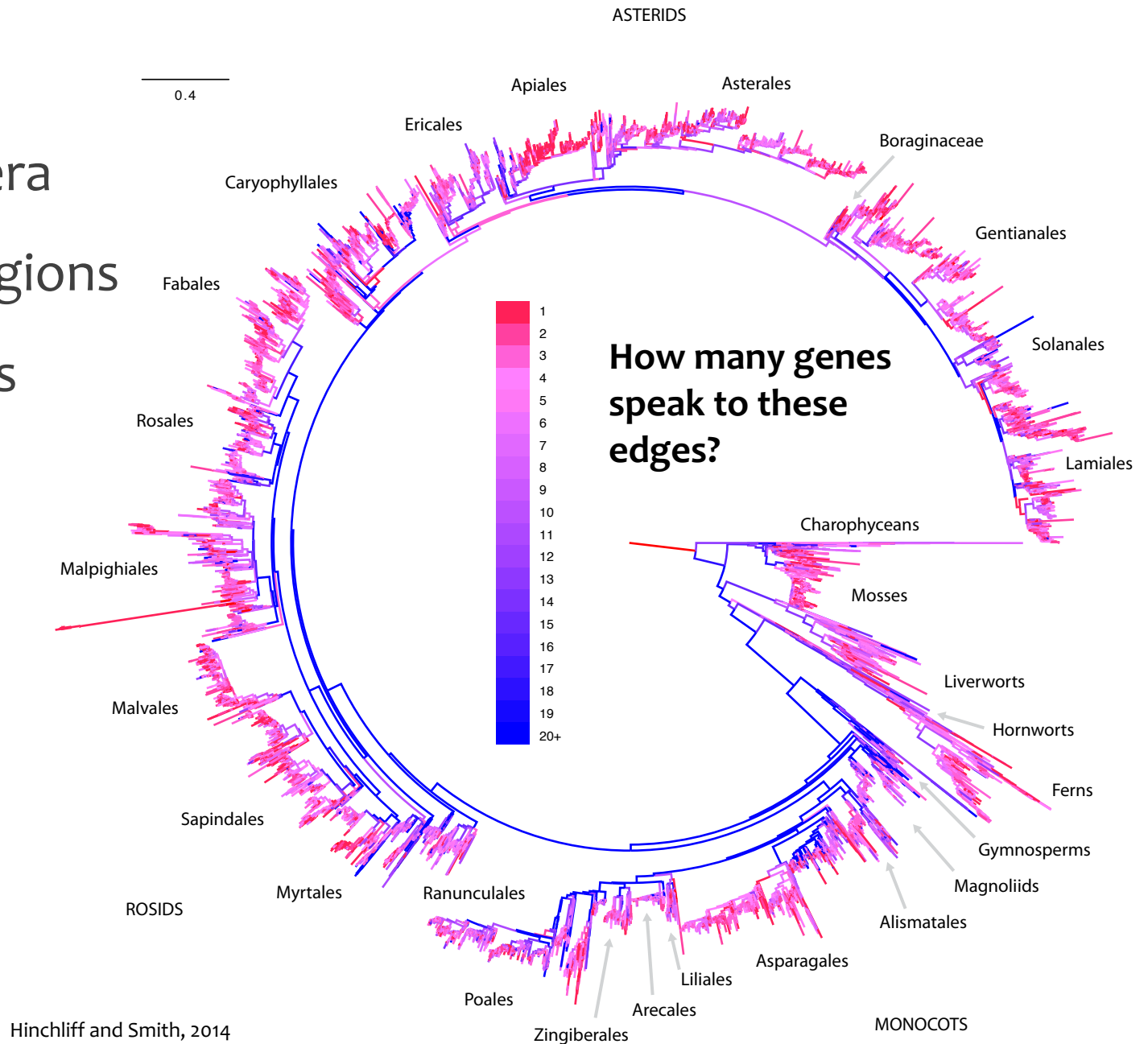
Genera of plants with molecular data



13,083 genera

128 gene regions

148,150 sites



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What is the Open Tree of Life project?



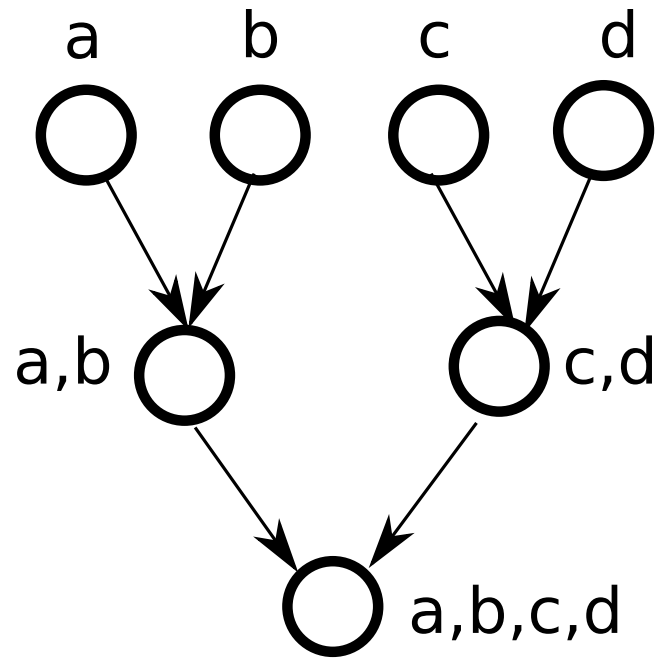
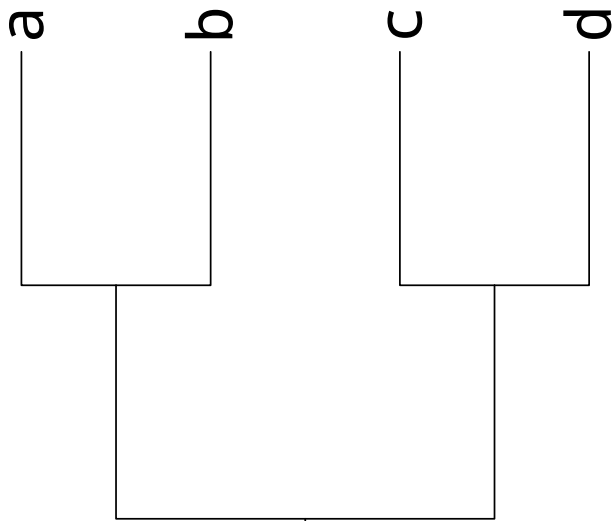
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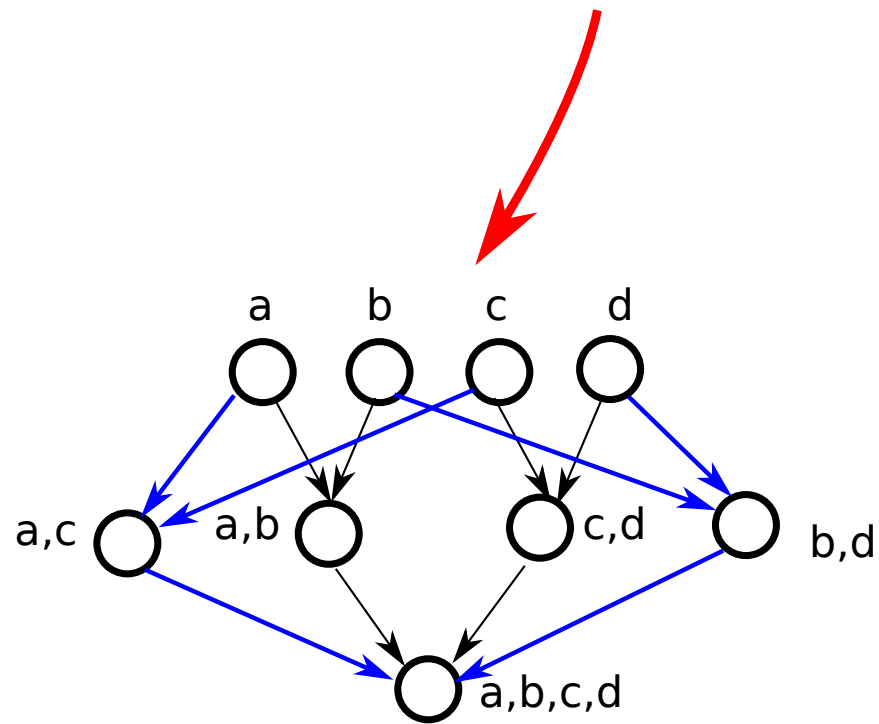
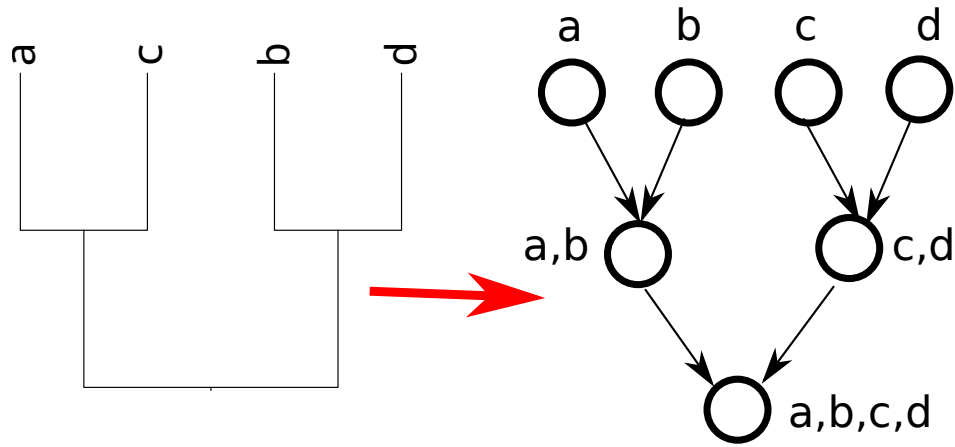
- Open Tree of Life (NSF AVATOL)
 - 11 PIs working collaboratively
- > 2.3 million species, extinct and extant
- Synthesize data from existing sources (trees and datasets)
- Allow for annotations, comments, and comparison



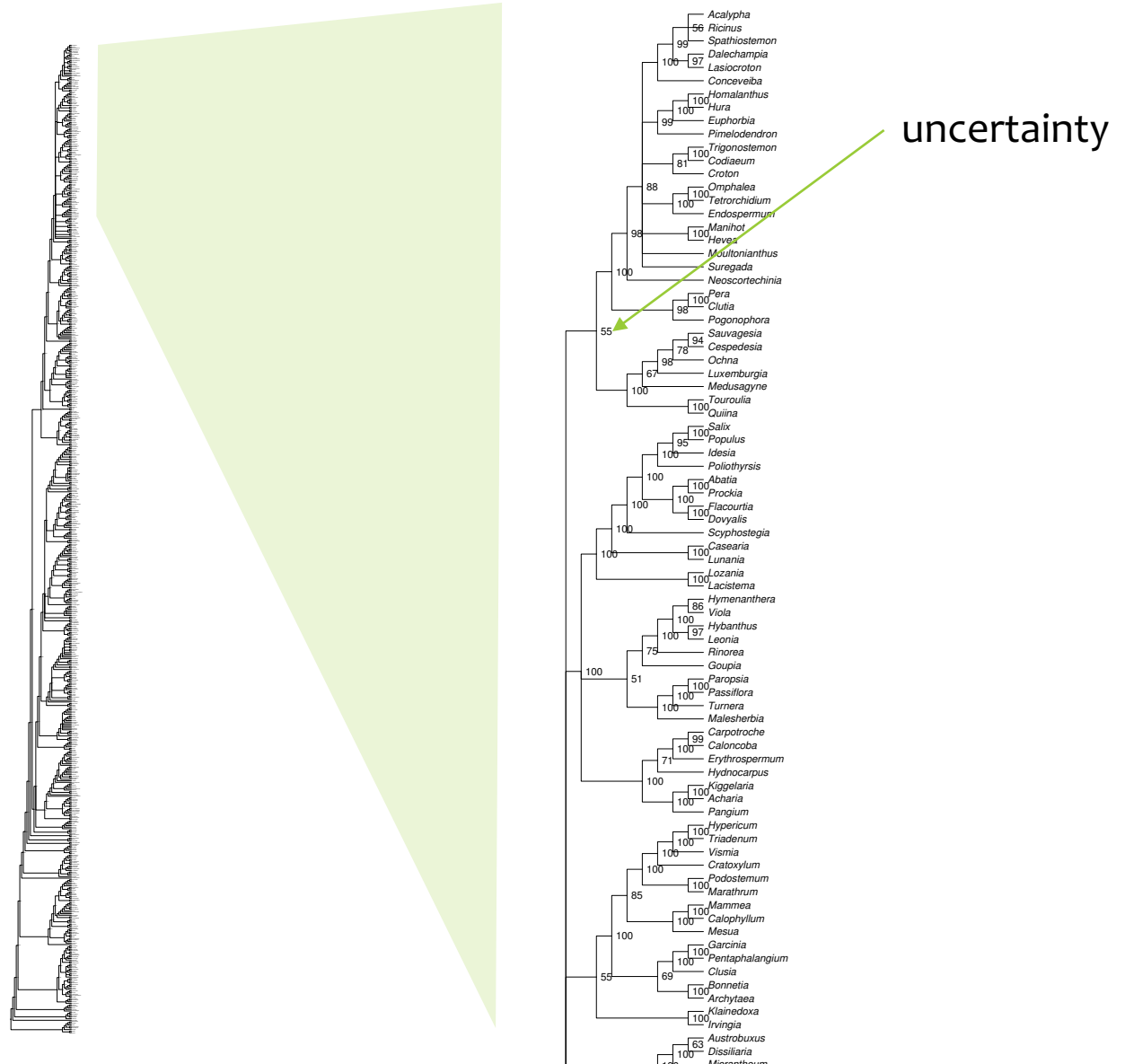
- **We don't have genetic data for all species?**
 - We can use taxonomy and other sources of trees
- **We have to scale to the millions**
 - Few existing methods can do this
- **Solution:** We need a novel way to combine trees and to develop new methods for synthesis

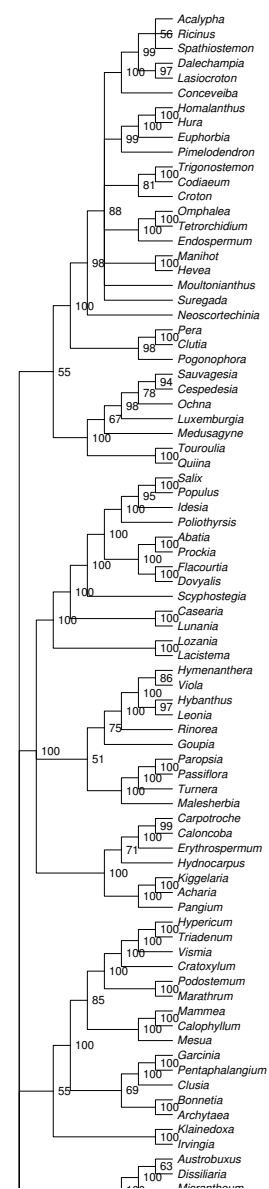
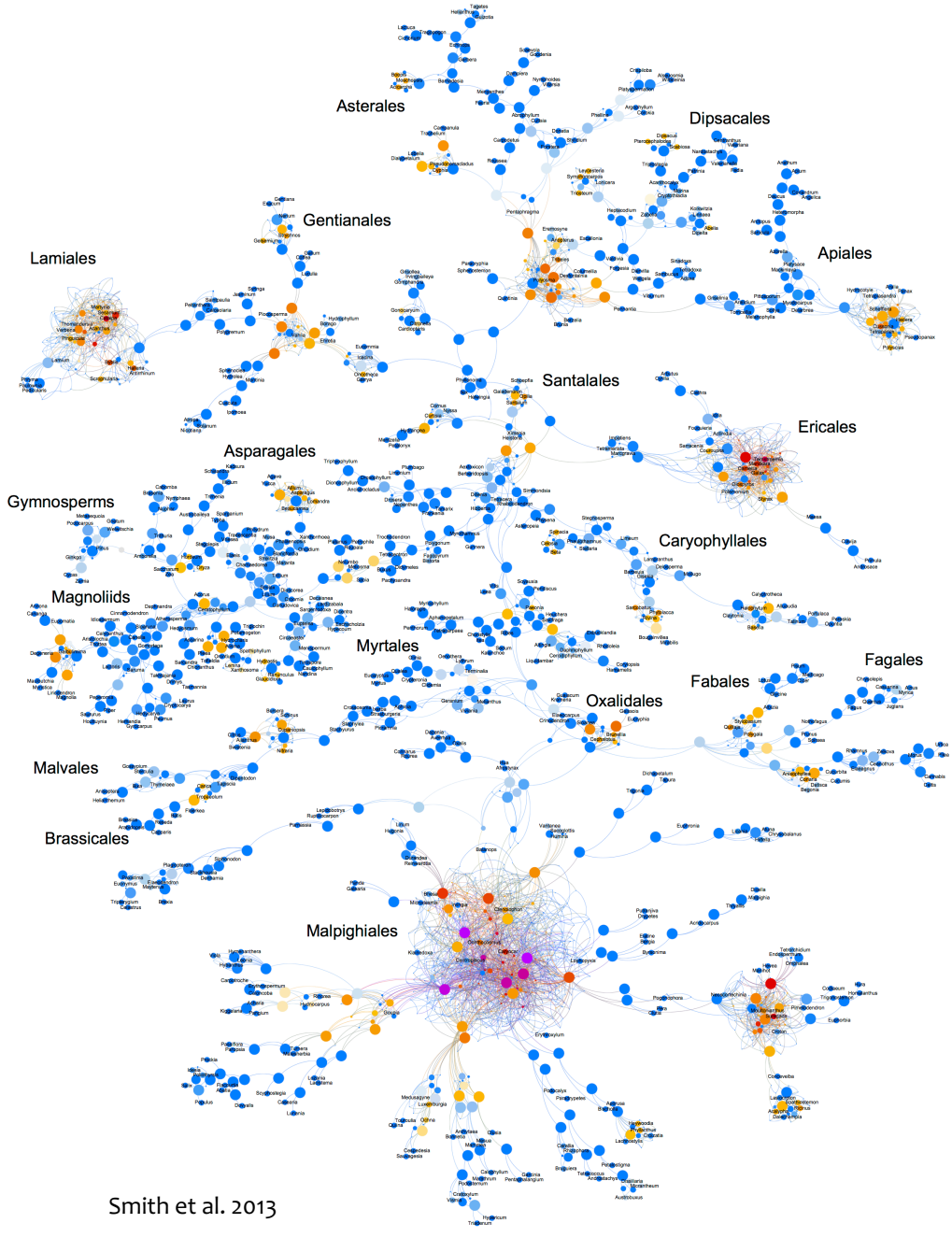






Angiosperm Tree of Life (Soltis et al., 2011)





Smith et al. 2013

Open Tree of Life synthetic tree

- constructed taxonomy (OTT) with only evolutionary lineages
- combined 484 studies (from our database of over 7000)
- 2,339,460 tips
- 37,525 tips are informed by phylogeny (many inform deeper edges)
- opentreeoflife.org for adding trees or browsing synthesis

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Informed by phylogenies

Bacteria

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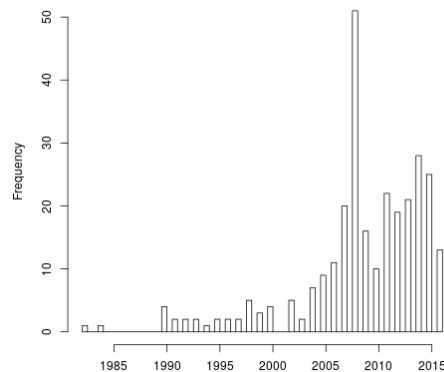
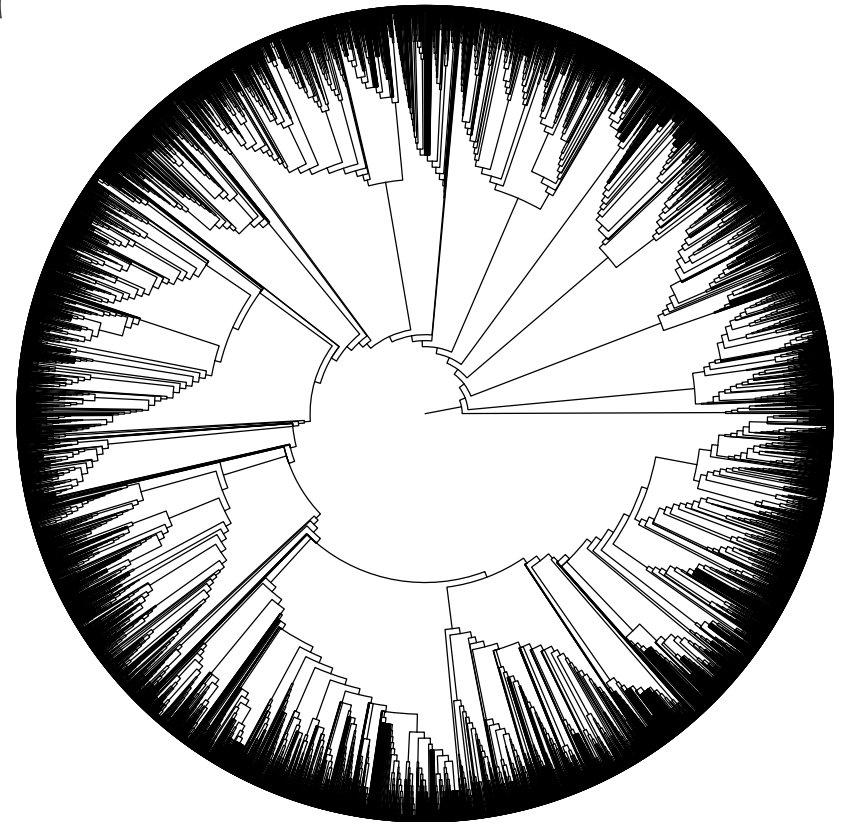
Early diverging archaeplastida (green algae, red algae)

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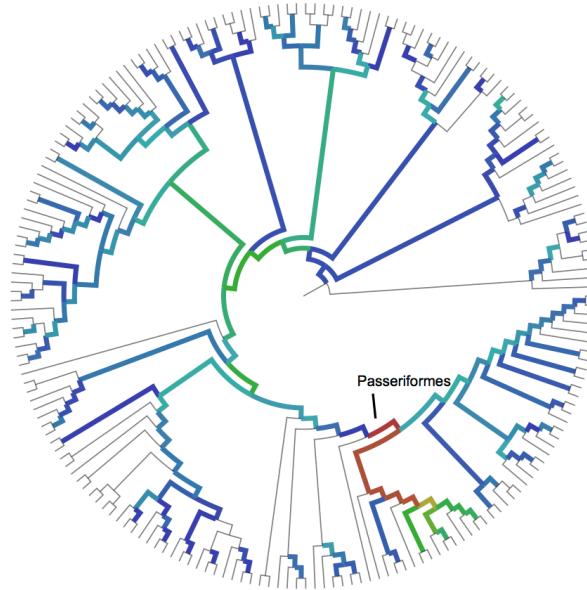
Birds and conflict

- combine 233 trees into a new tree for birds
- includes 13,579 taxa
- what if we compare to other trees

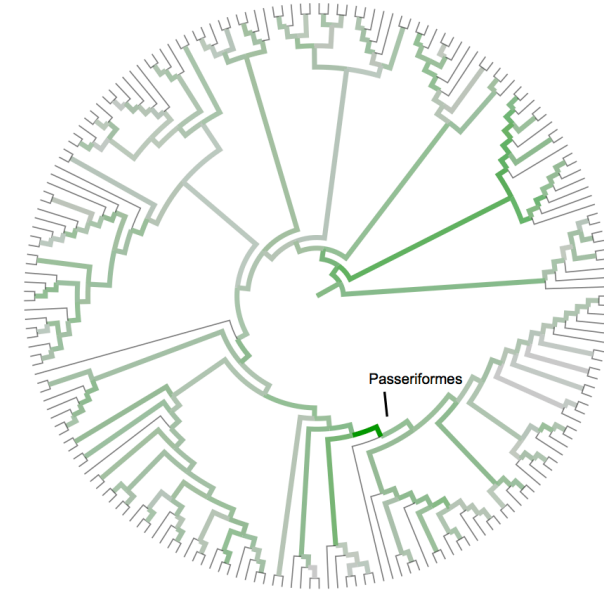


Brown et al. *in revision*

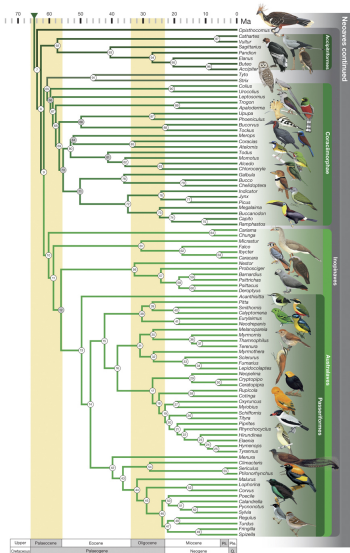
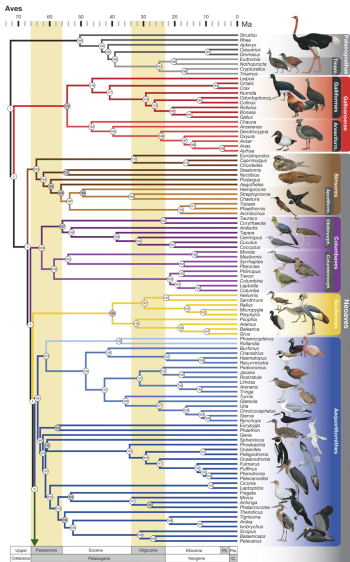
Conflict



Support

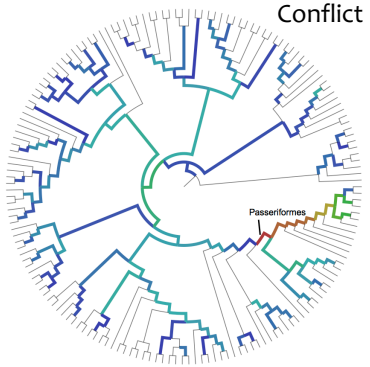


- Support for a clade of Passeriformes
- Large conflict for the early diverging branches

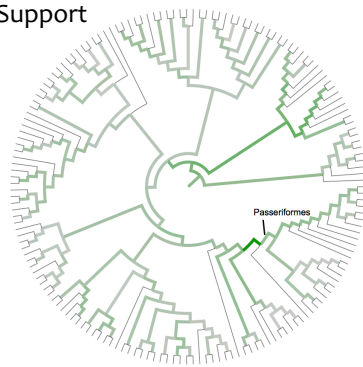


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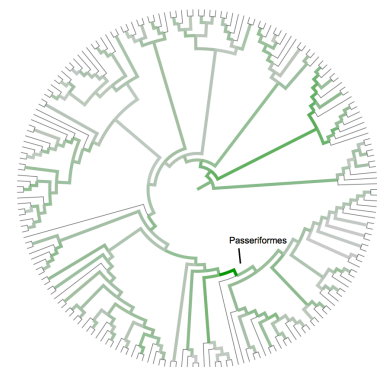
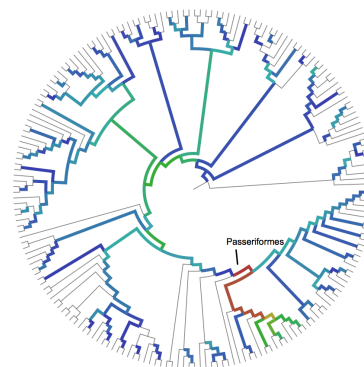
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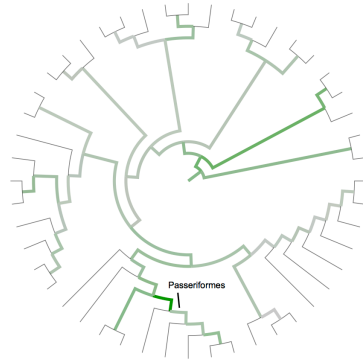
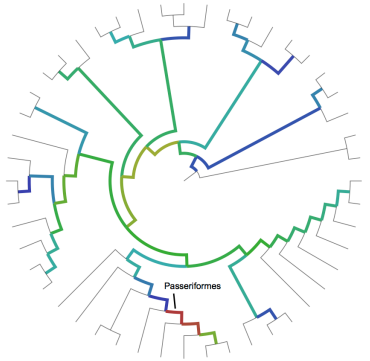
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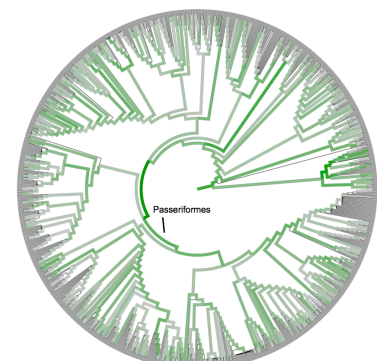
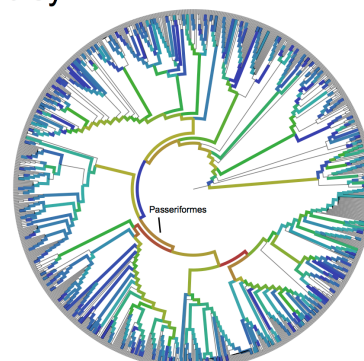
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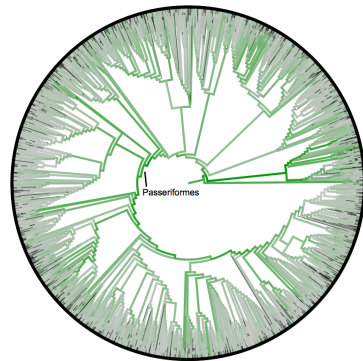
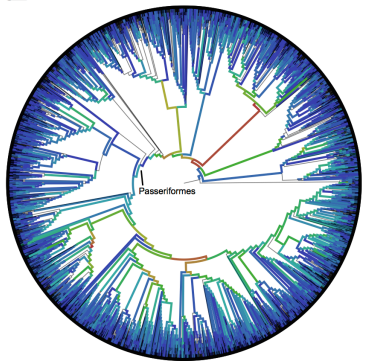
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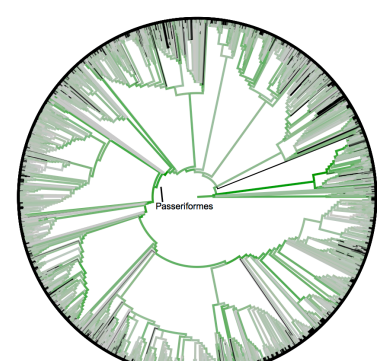
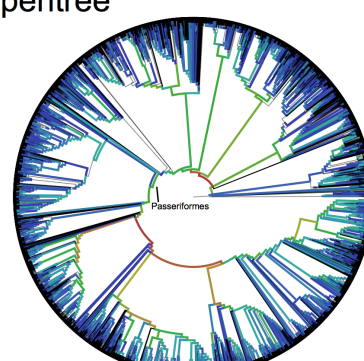


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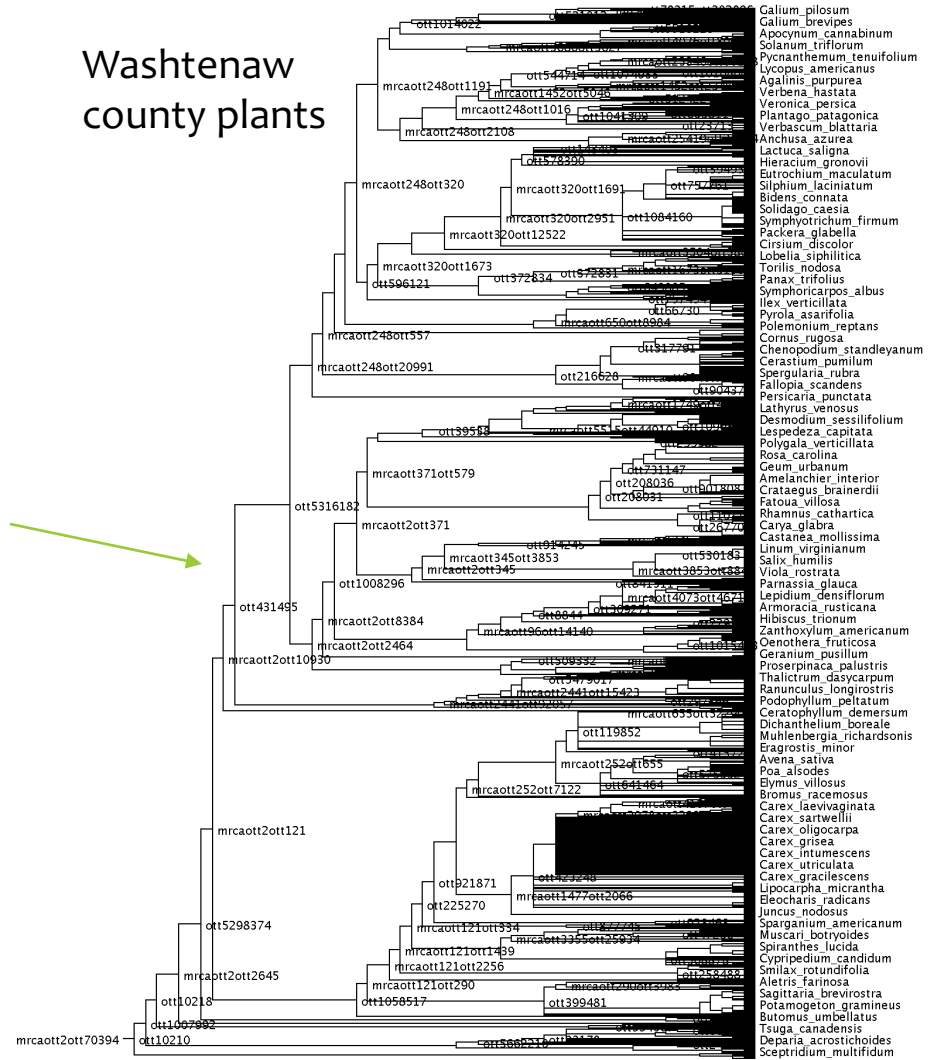
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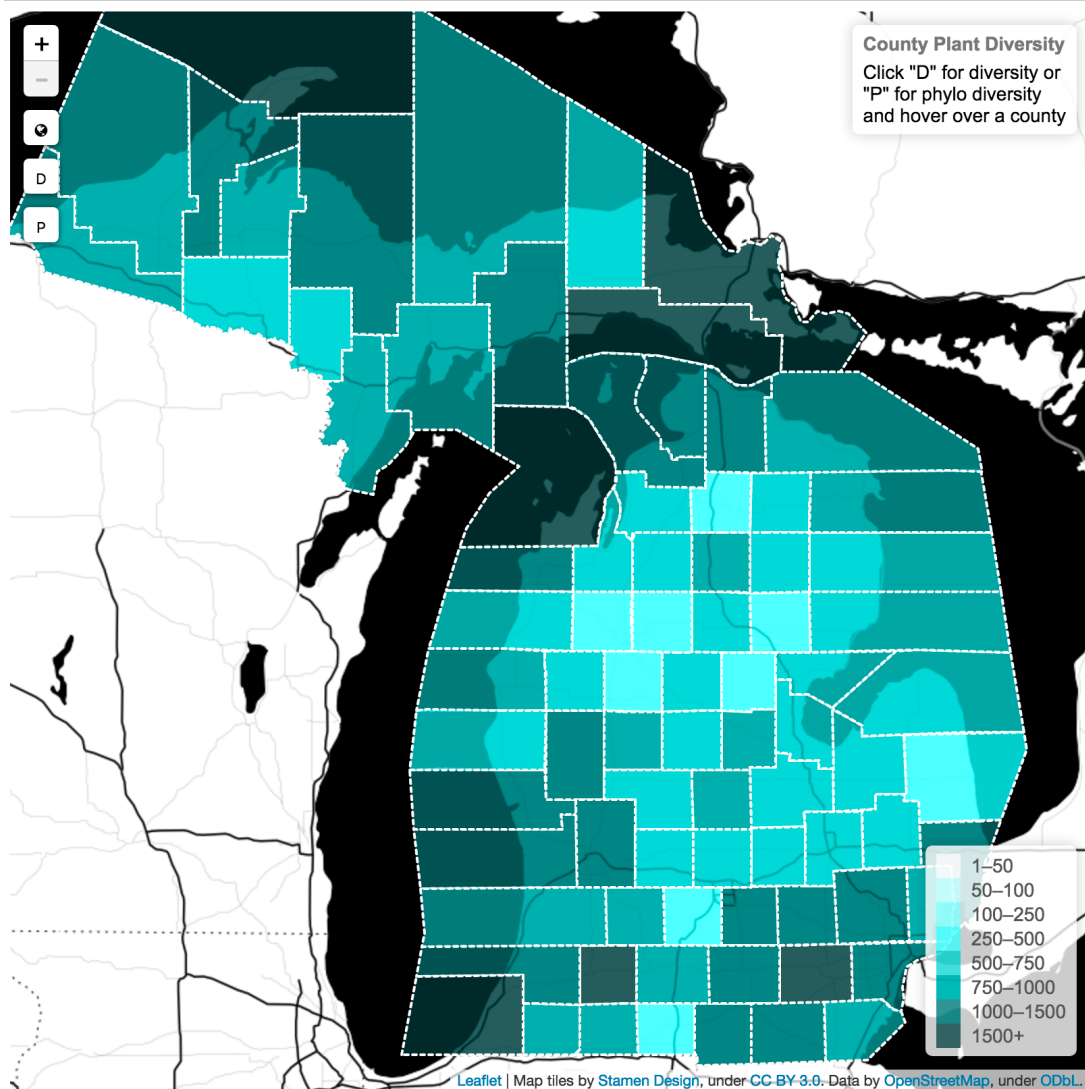
Graphic by Stephen Smith

SOURCE: SYNTHESIS OF PHYLOGENY AND TAXONOMY WITH COMPREHENSIVE USE OF LIFE-SPAN AND LIFE-HISTORY DATA THROUGHOUT THE TREE OF LIFE

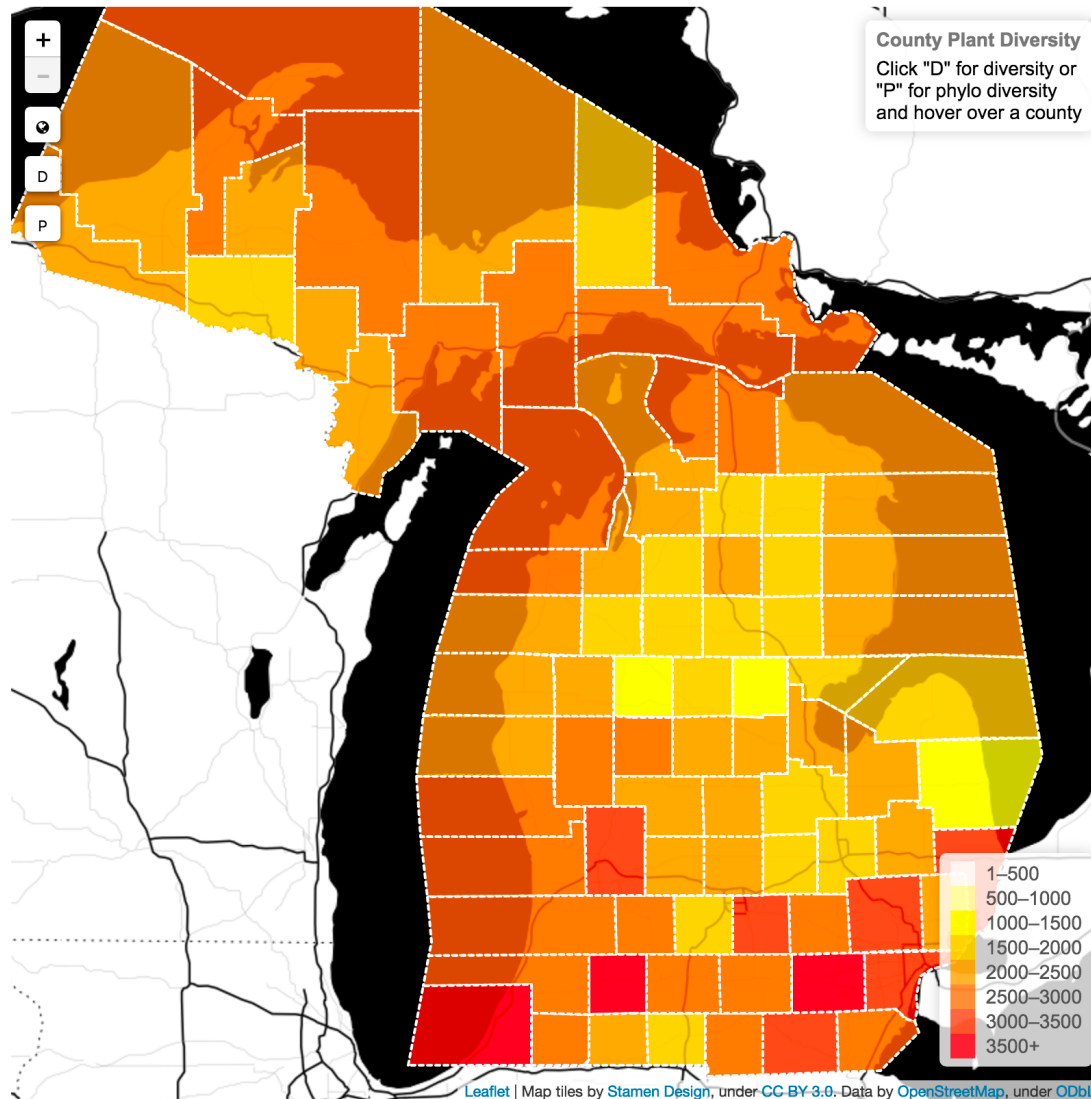
Washtenaw county plants



Michigan diversity

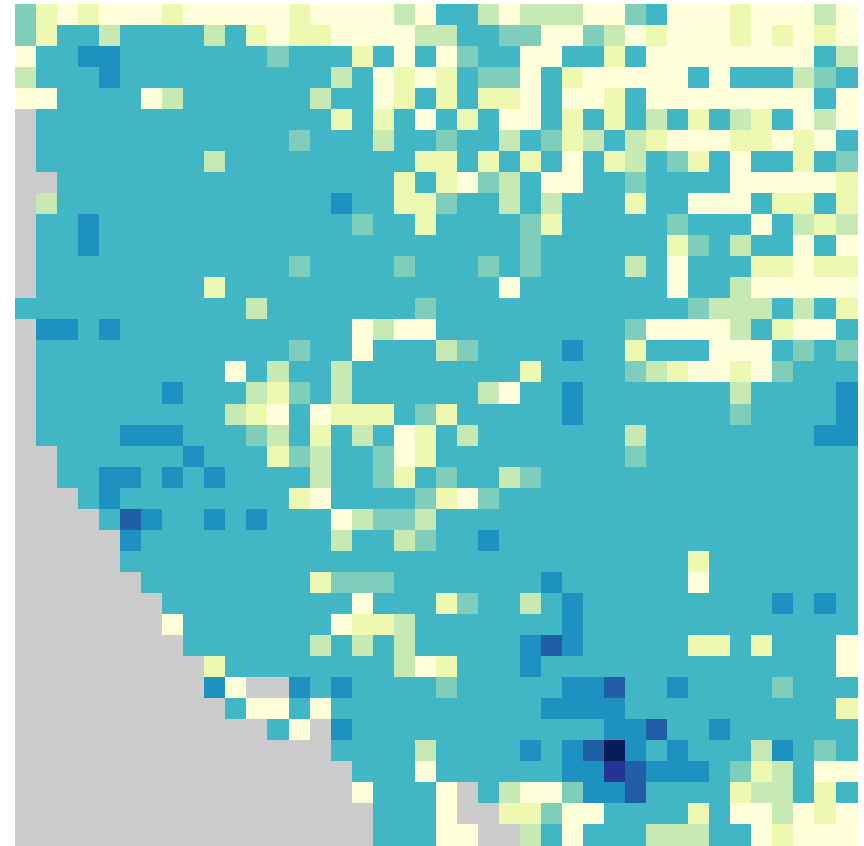


Michigan phylogenetic diversity



What about biodiversity?

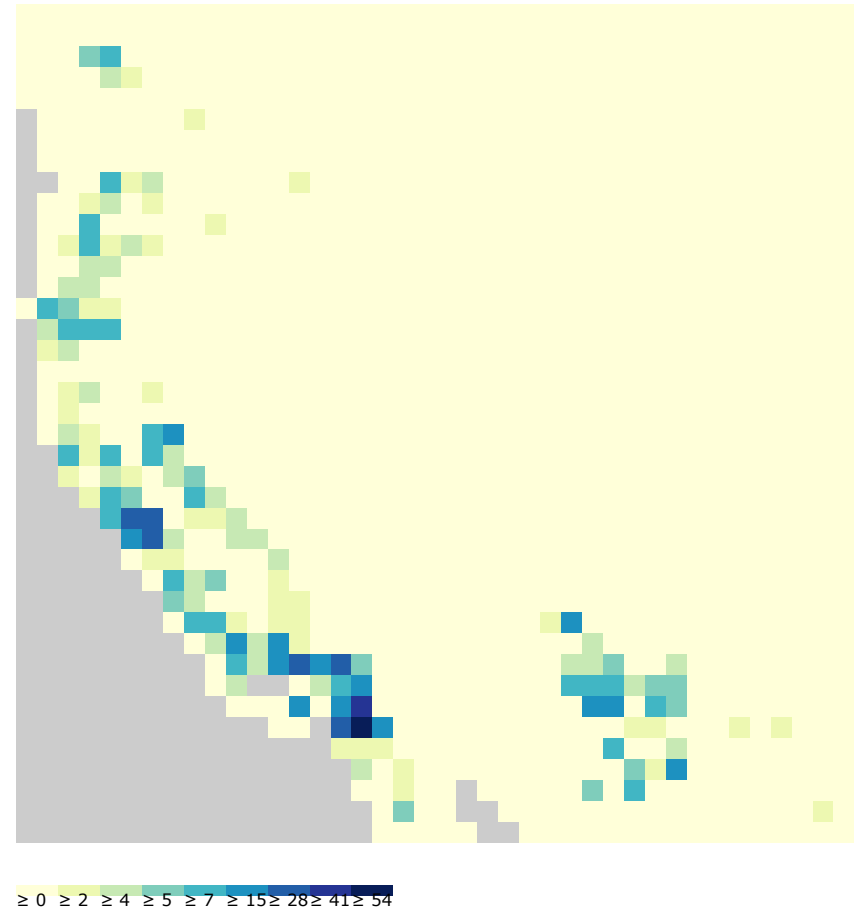
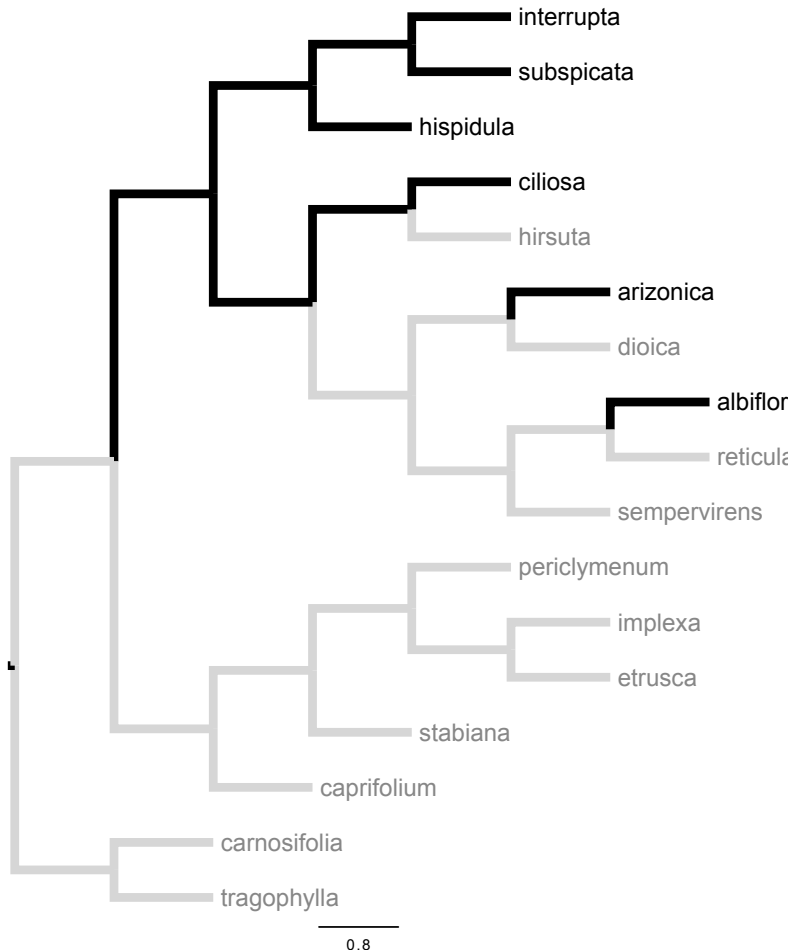
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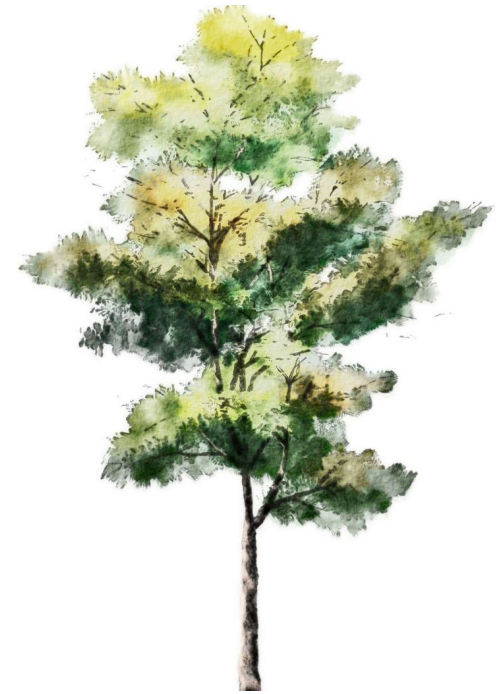
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Comprehensive and dated tree for seed plants



LET'S SEE A BIG PLANT TREE

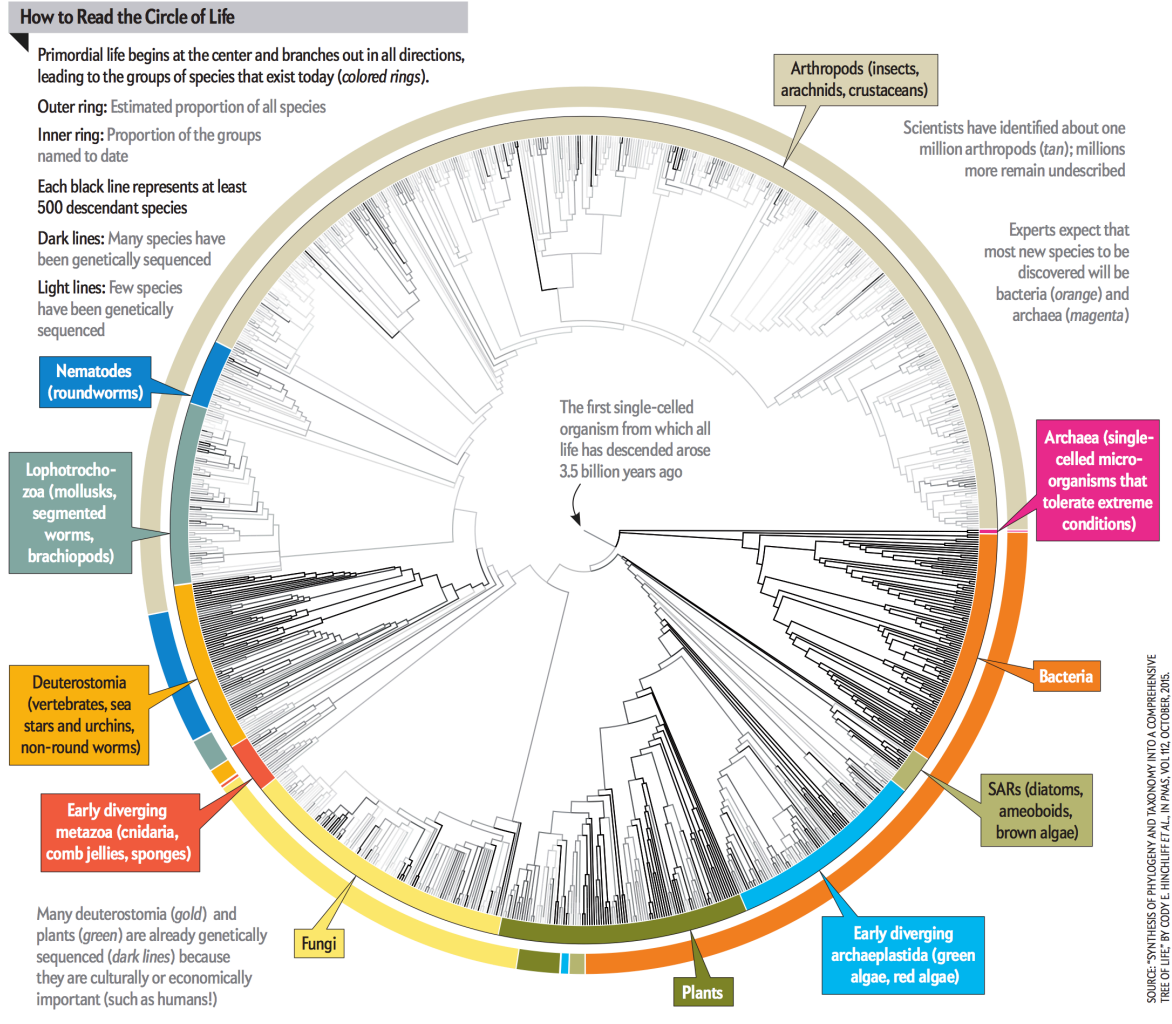
Tree from Open Tree of Life

Benefits

- Comprehensive (or nearly so)
- Resolution in many well sampled areas
- Can be updated

Limitations

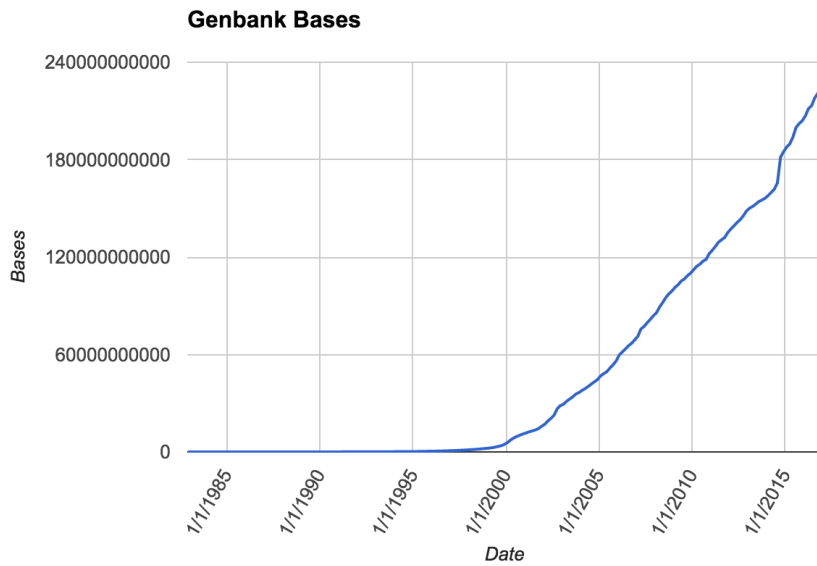
- Resolution may be poor
- No divergence times or branch lengths



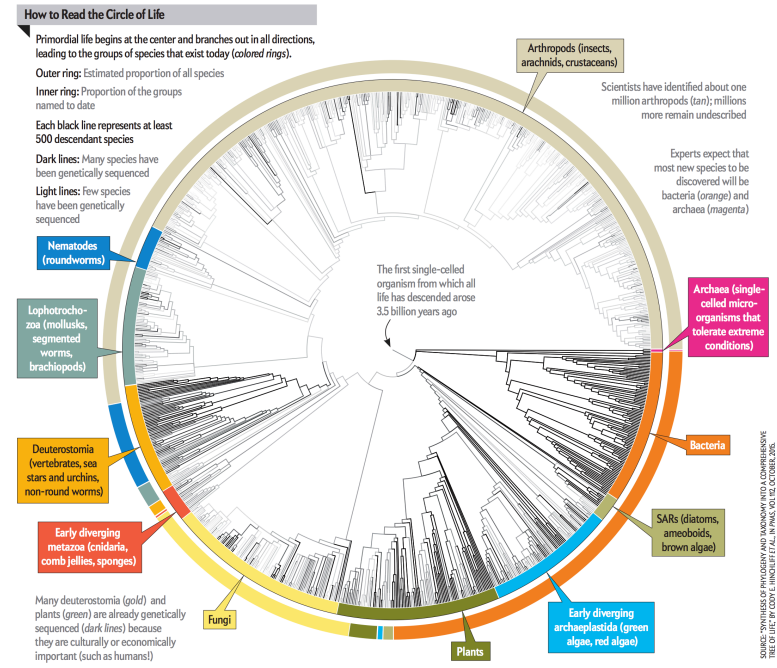
Combine GenBank and Open Tree

We developed a technique that will allow us to combine the efforts of the Open Tree of Life and the data on GenBank

This is implemented in PyPHLAWD (Smith et al. in prep; Smith and Brown submitted)



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Procedure

Get a list of clades

- We construct trees for monophyletic orders (roughly)

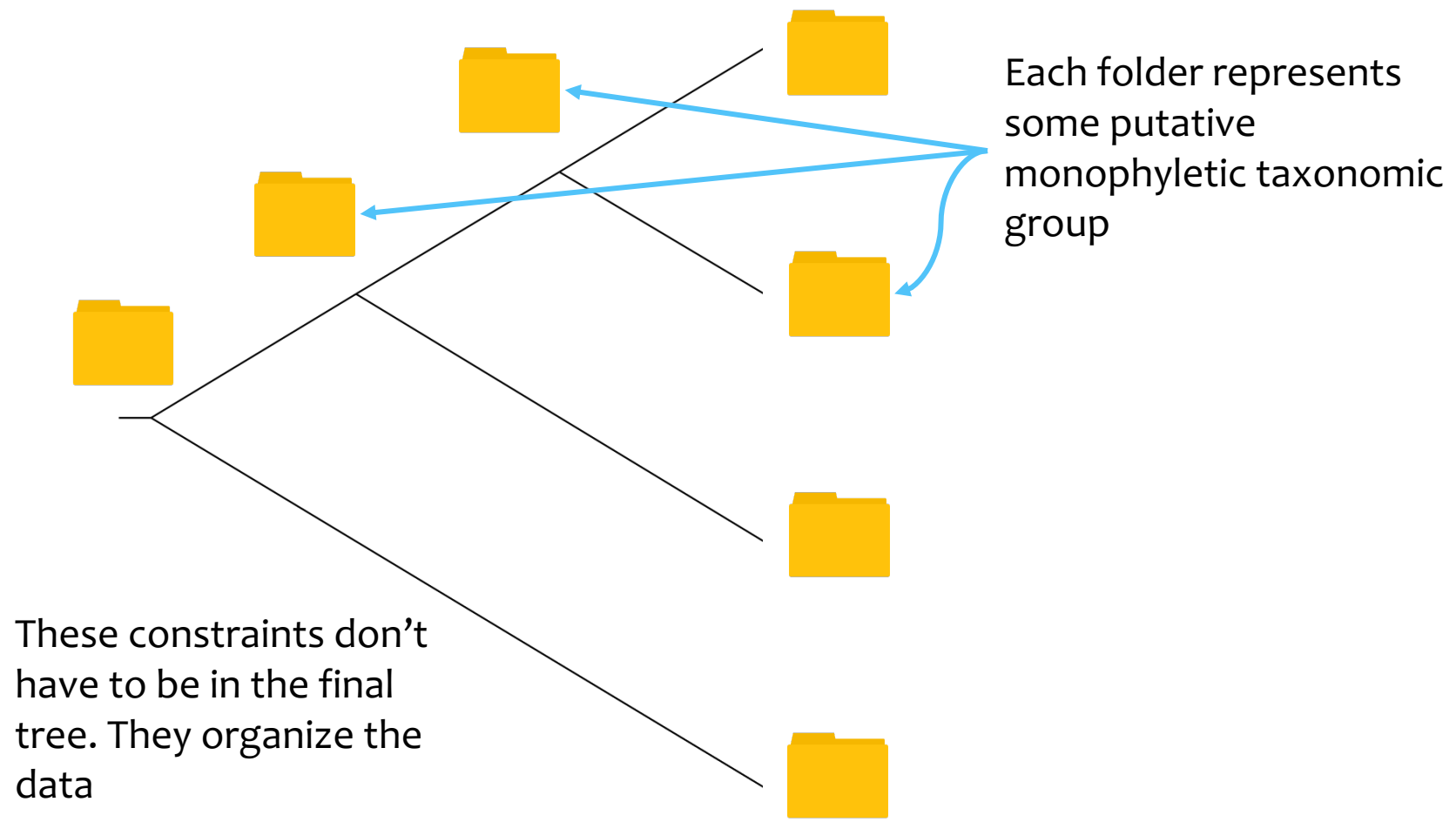
For each clade

- Cluster and identify homologs
- Construct phylogenies (assuming monophyly)
 - Test monophyly constraints and remove if necessary
 - Re-estimate phylogeny with constraints removed
- Estimate support
- Date

Add these new clades to a backbone

- OpenTree synth tree for comprehensive sampling
- Magallon dated tree
- Construct our own (work with Joe Walker - grad student in my lab)

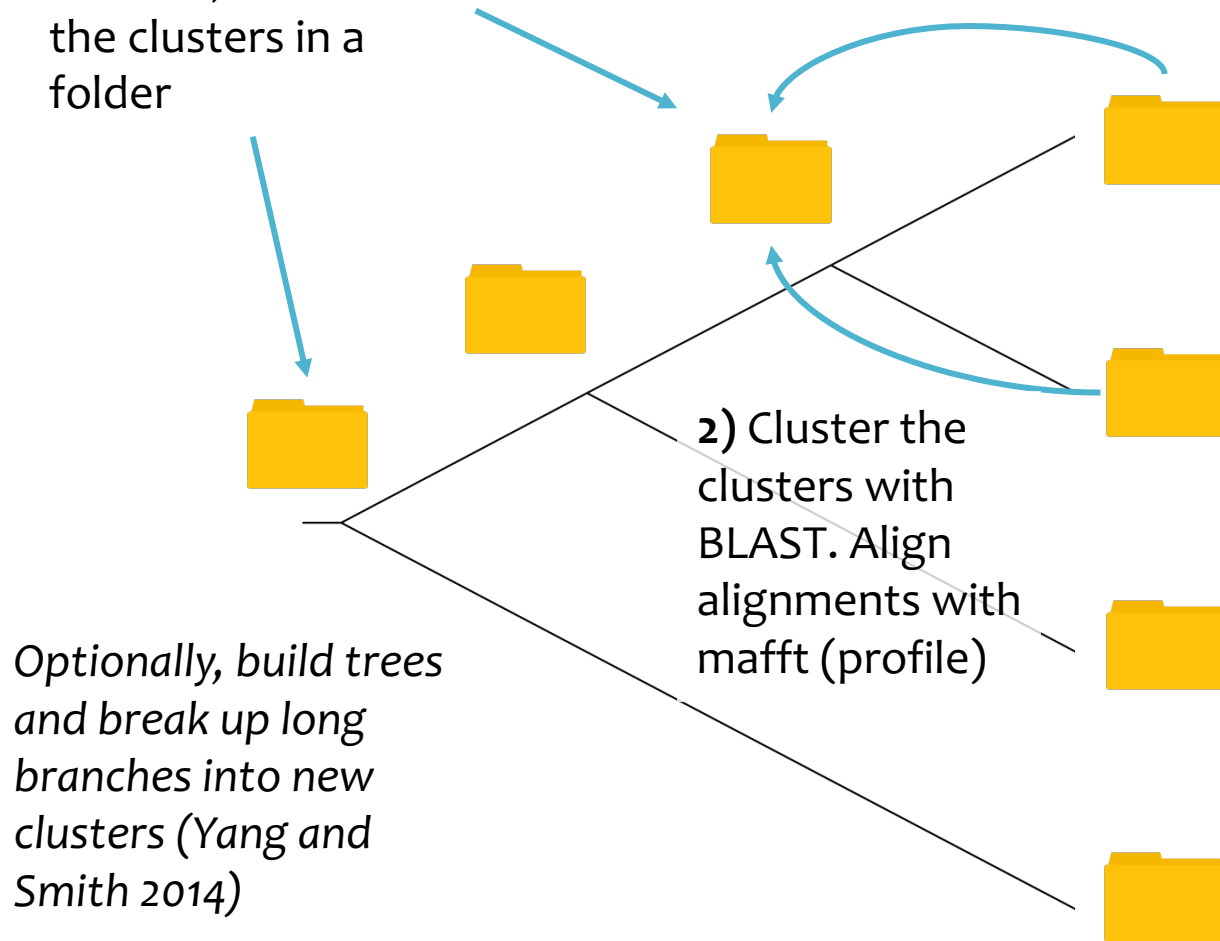
Create folders that replicate the constraint tree



Cluster and identify homologs

3) At each node in the tree, we record the clusters in a folder

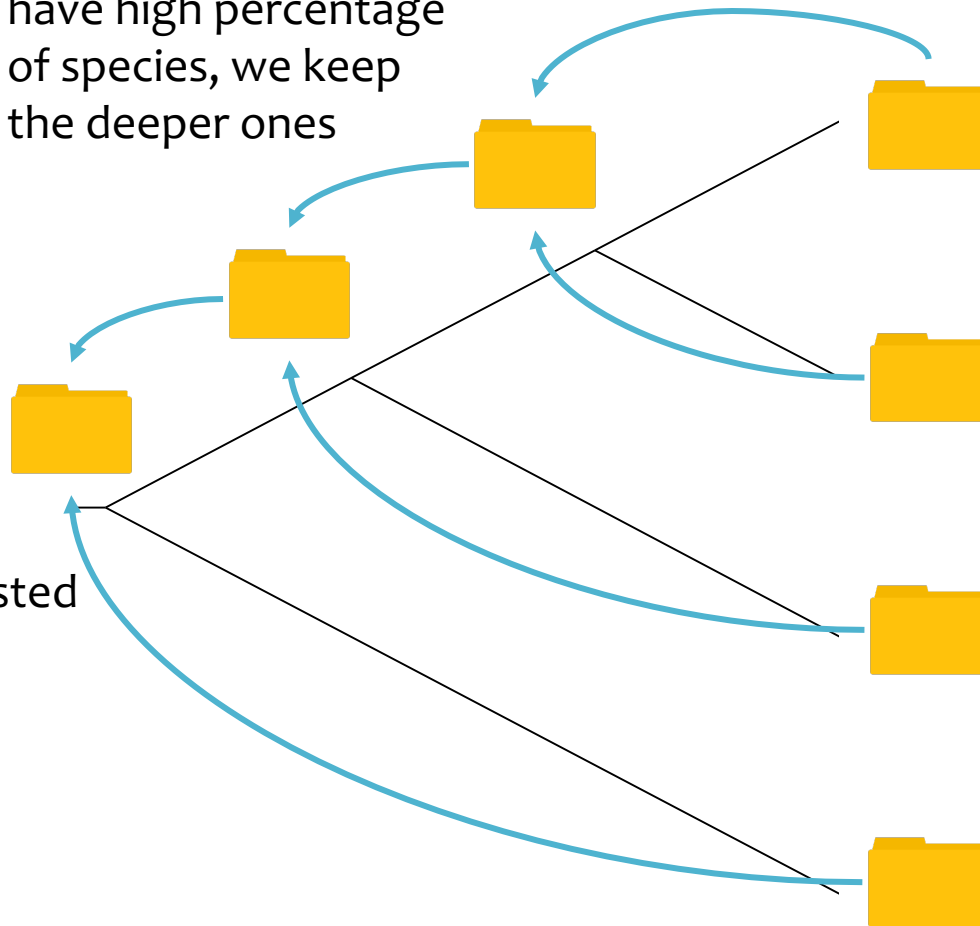
1) At the tips, we populate the folder with sequences and perform a clustering analysis (MCL)



Constructing datasets

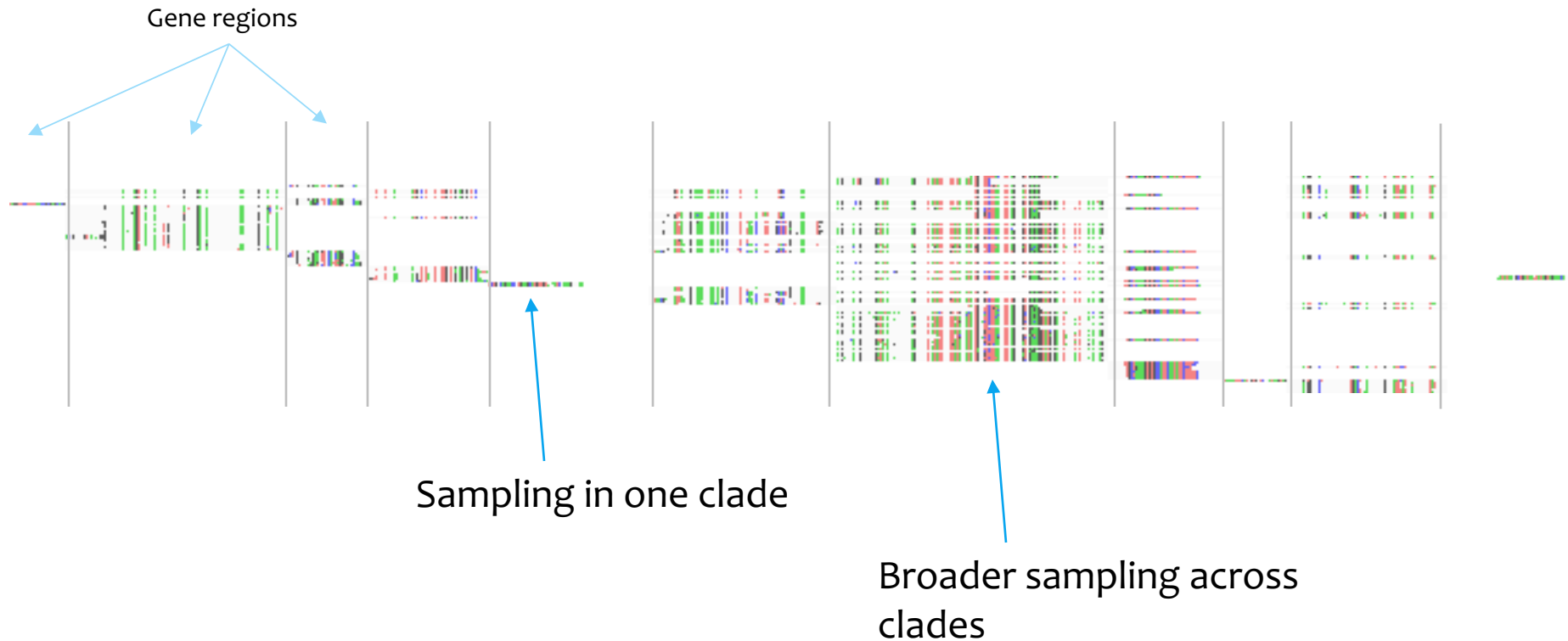
2) If clusters at internal nodes still have high percentage of species, we keep the deeper ones

1) Start at the tip folders and get the number of species and those clusters with high percentage of species are kept



3) Keep good nested and good deep clusters

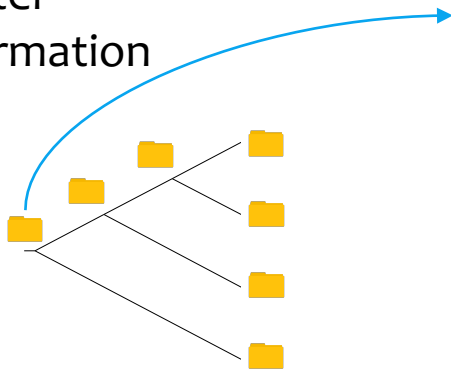
An alignment example



Website for each node/folder

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Each clade has a website with cluster information



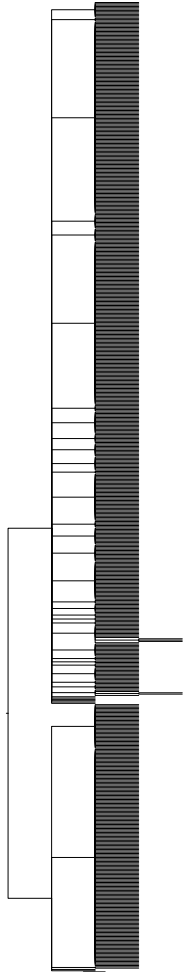
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Ericaceae 4345				
Fouquieriaceae 24902				
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Pentaphylacaceae 125045				
Polemoniaceae 24584	cluster1797.fa	940	1518.97340426	Schima superba NADH dehydrogenase (ndhF) gene, partial cds; chloroplast gene for chloroplast product.
Primulaceae 4335				
Roridulaceae 91900	cluster1850.fa	938	1213.72601279	Micropholis obscura voucher P00610293 ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase large subunit (rbcl) gene, partial cds; plastid.
Sapotaceae 3737				
Sarraceniaceae 4353				
Sladeniaceae 235238	cluster2360.fa	680	936.613235294	Lysimachia remyi subsp. remyi voucher Marr 424 (NY) ribosomal protein L16 (rpl16) gene, intron; chloroplast.
Styracaceae 20008				
Symplocaceae 20019	cluster2211.fa	635	780.009448819	Aubregria taiensis atpB-rbcL intergenic spacer, partial sequence; chloroplast.
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Assume monophyly until proven otherwise

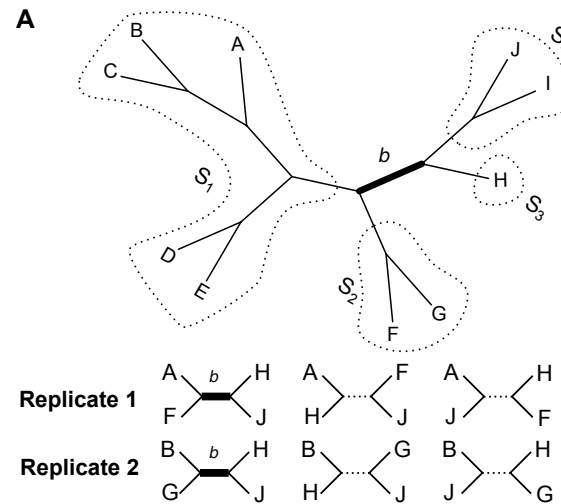
- Some edges are *impossible* to reconstruct without genomic data or otherwise difficult to assemble datasets
- Can we assume that things are monophyletic?
 - Certain clades?
 - Major Linnaean groups? Orders, Families, Genera?
- Do we have to confirm this every run?

Constraint procedure

1) Calculate phylogeny with a constraint tree based on taxonomy



2) Test constraints using a quartet procedure (when there is strong conflict, constraints are removed)



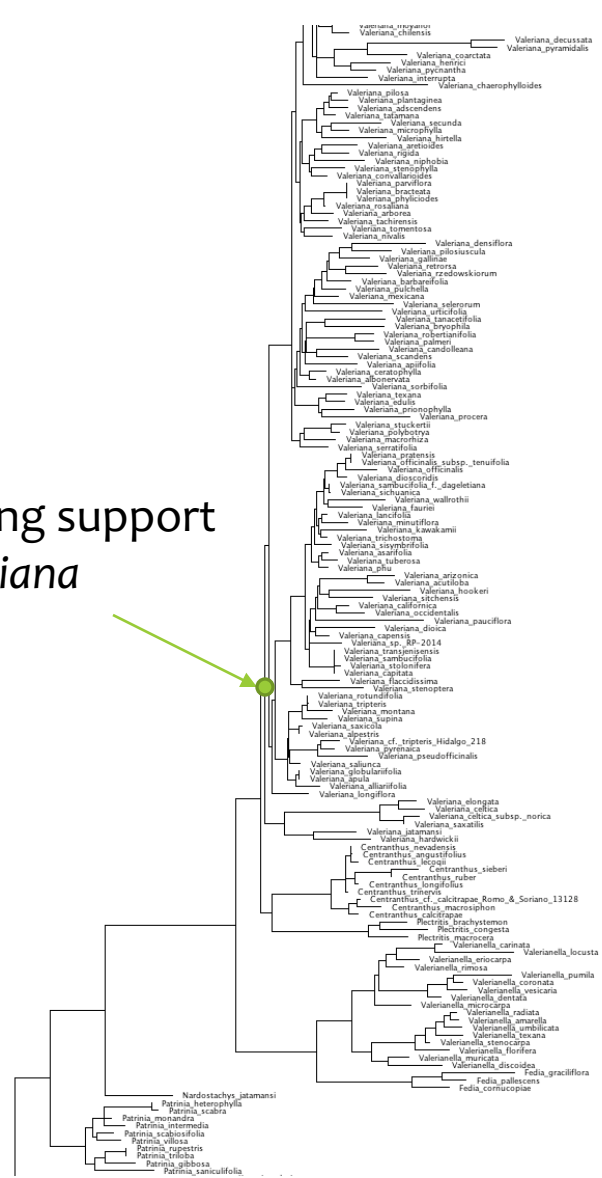
Pease et al. submitted

2) Recalculate the tree with the constraint tree as the ML tree with constraints removed

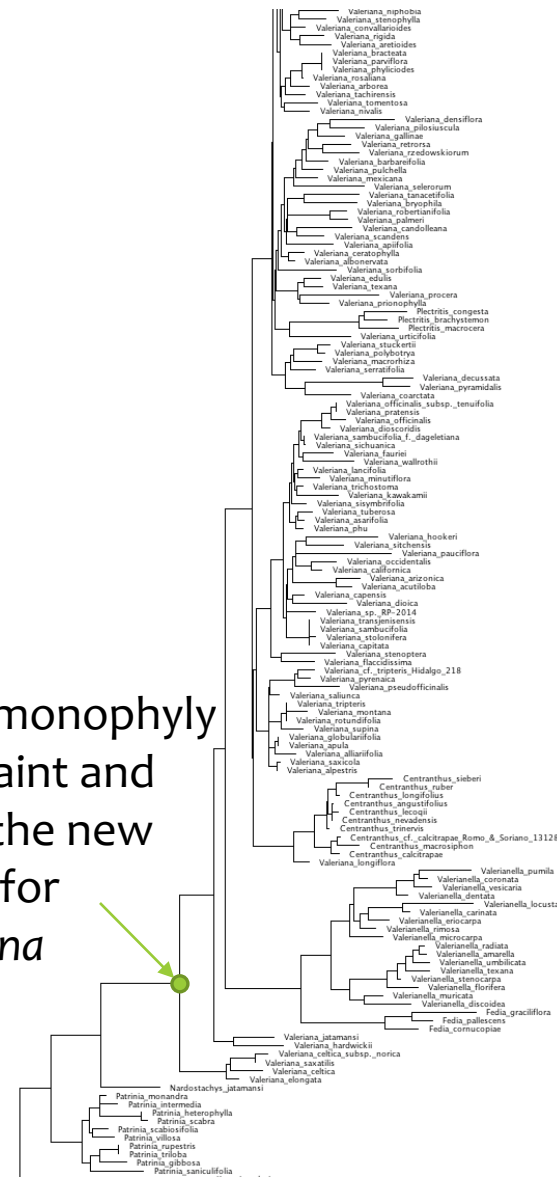


Example with Valerianaceales

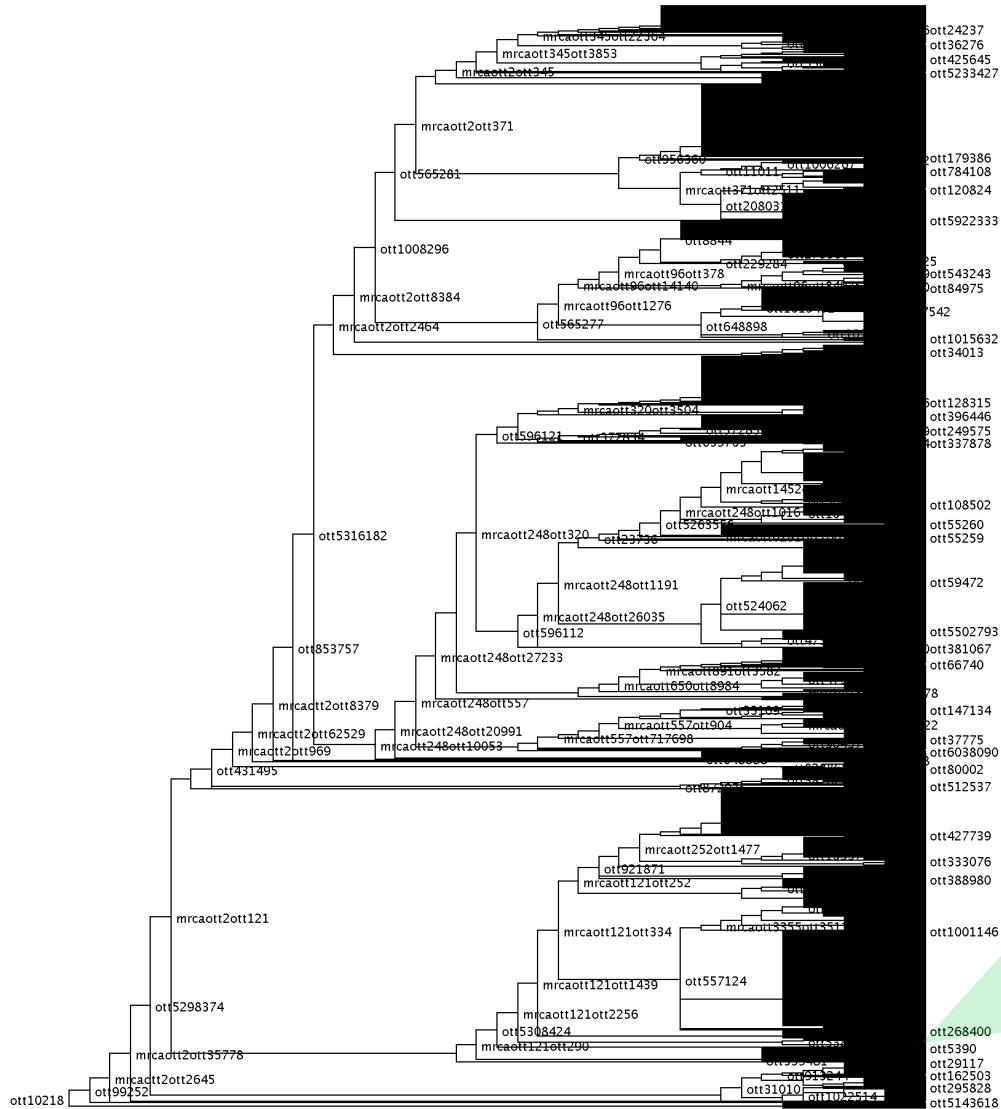
Conflicting support for *Valeriana*



Break monophyly constraint and this is the new MRCA for *Valeriana*



Place clades in the backbone/synth tree



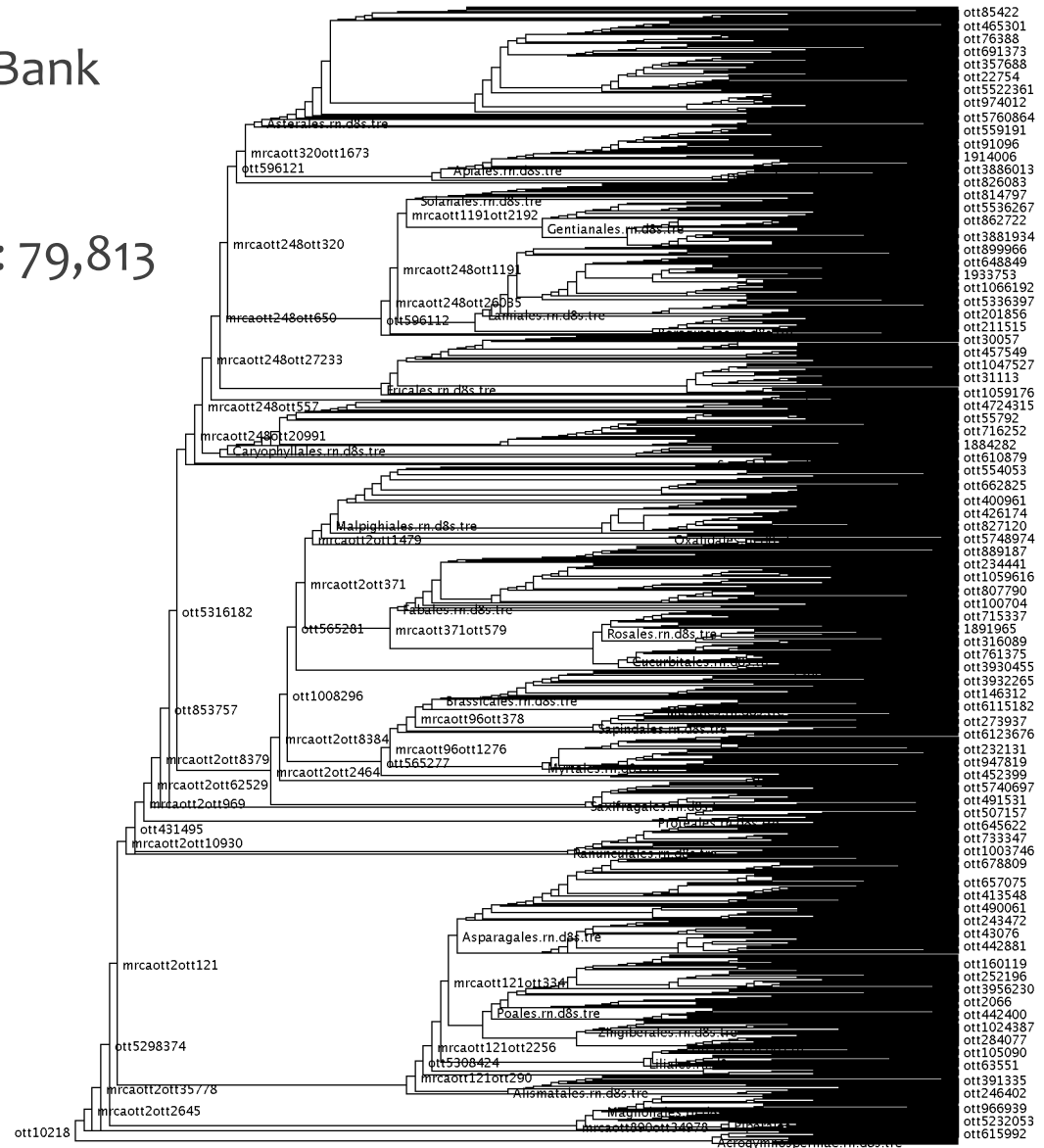
What does the data look like?

79,759 sampled from GenBank

Number of tips: 79,875

Number of internal nodes: 79,813

61 unresolved nodes



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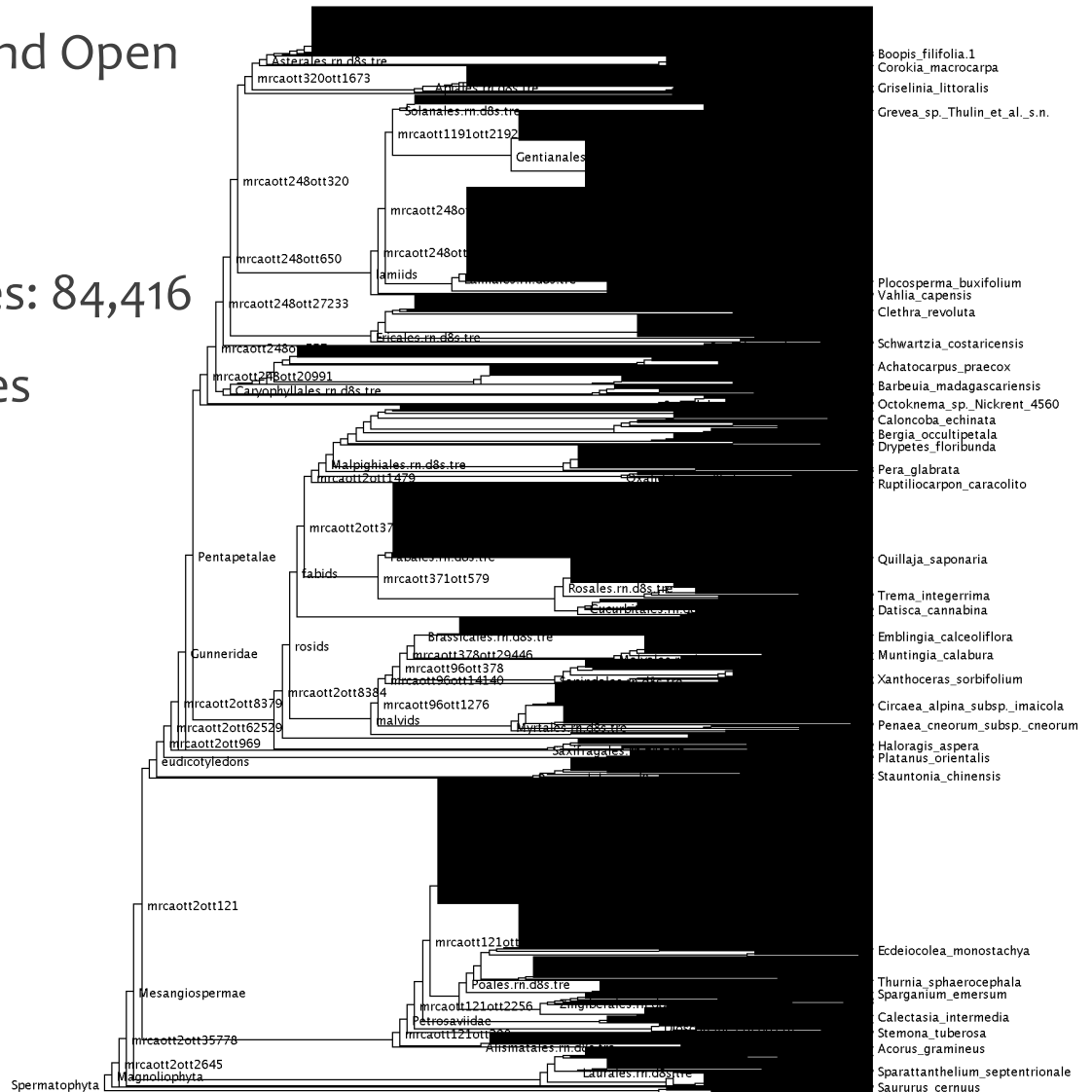
What does the data look like?

356,807 with GenBank and Open Tree taxonomy

Number of tips: 356,807

Number of internal nodes: 84,416

272,390 unresolved nodes



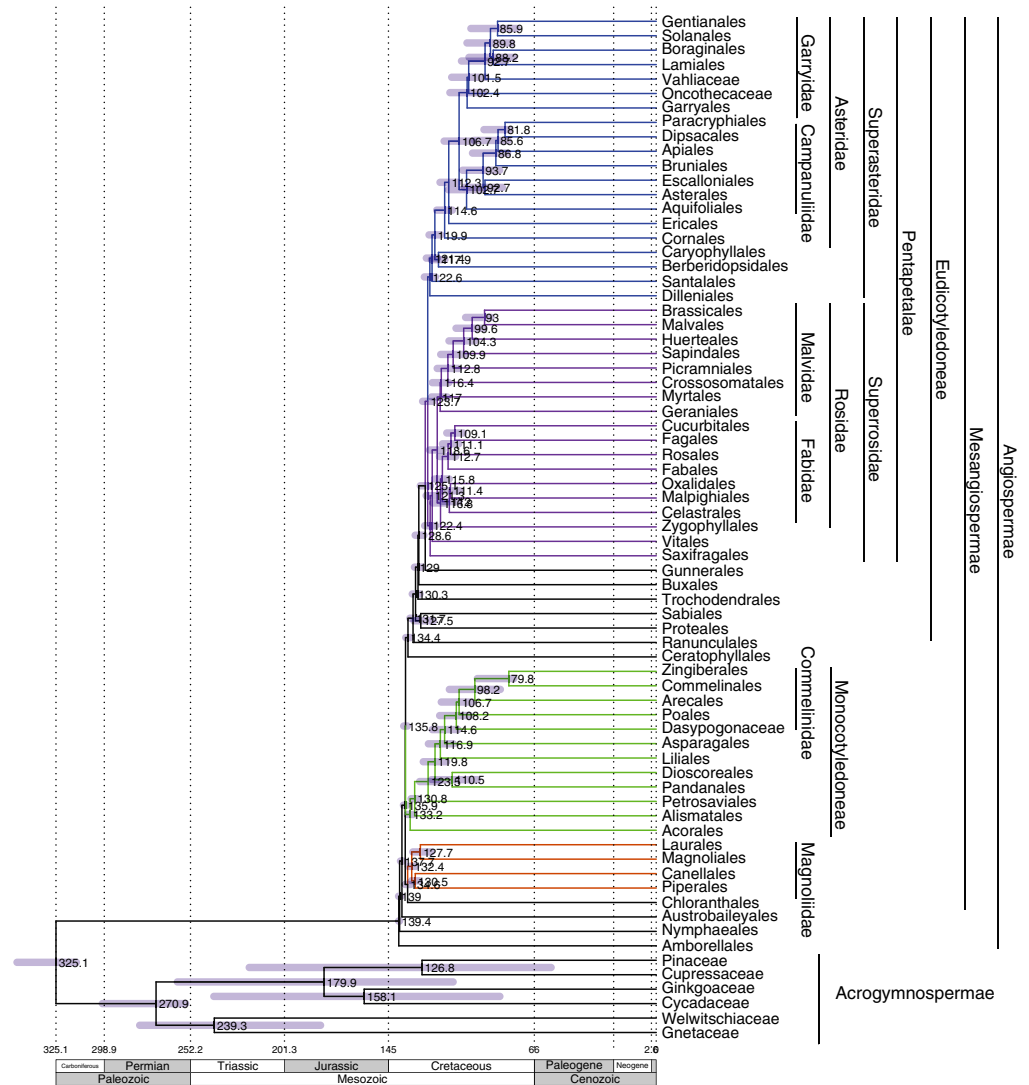
Divergence time estimation

We use the Magallon tree as a backbone for dates and resolution

Details:

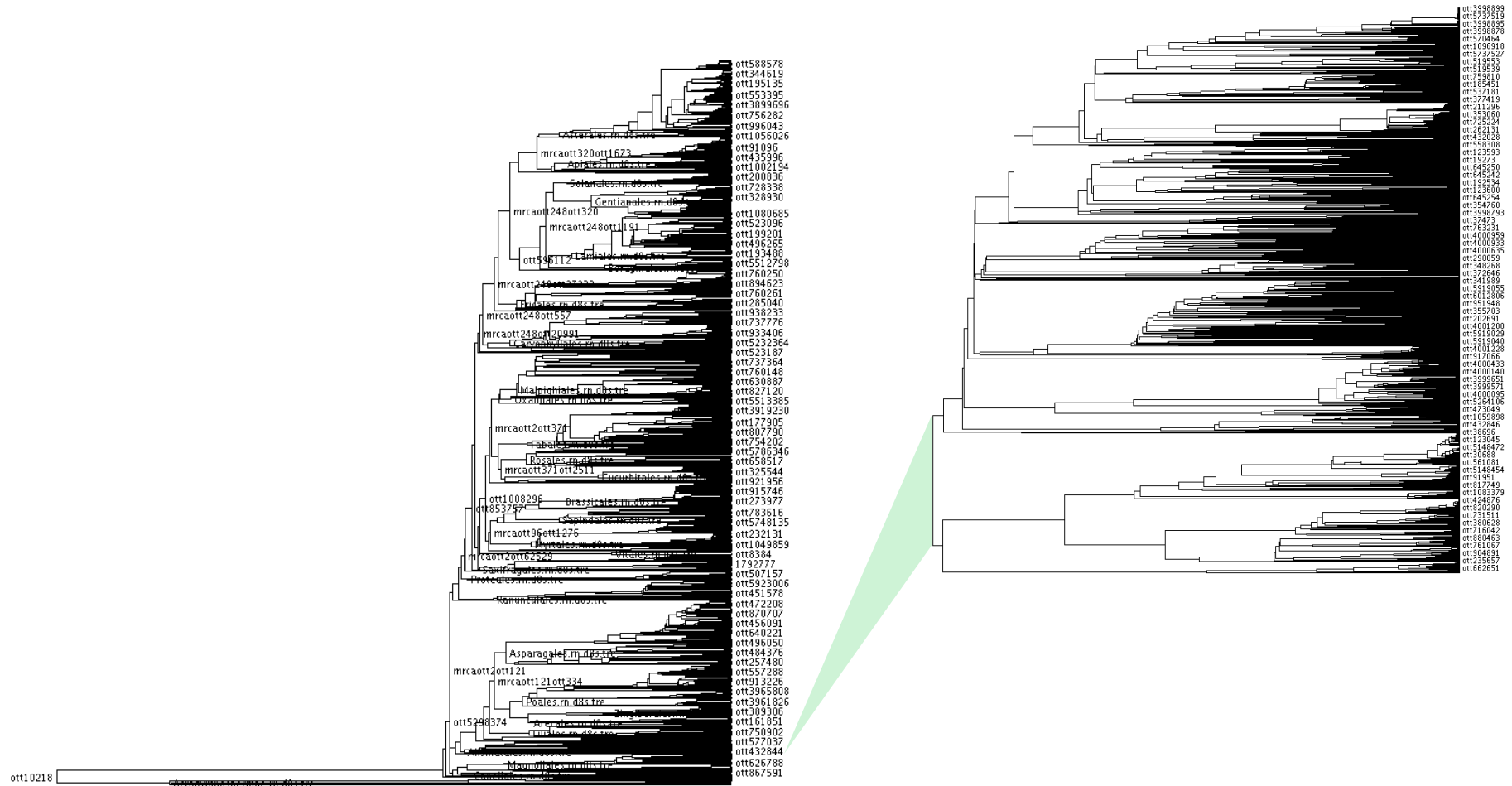
We use hard constraints for clades that overlap with Magallon

We run with treePL (Smith and O'meara 2012)

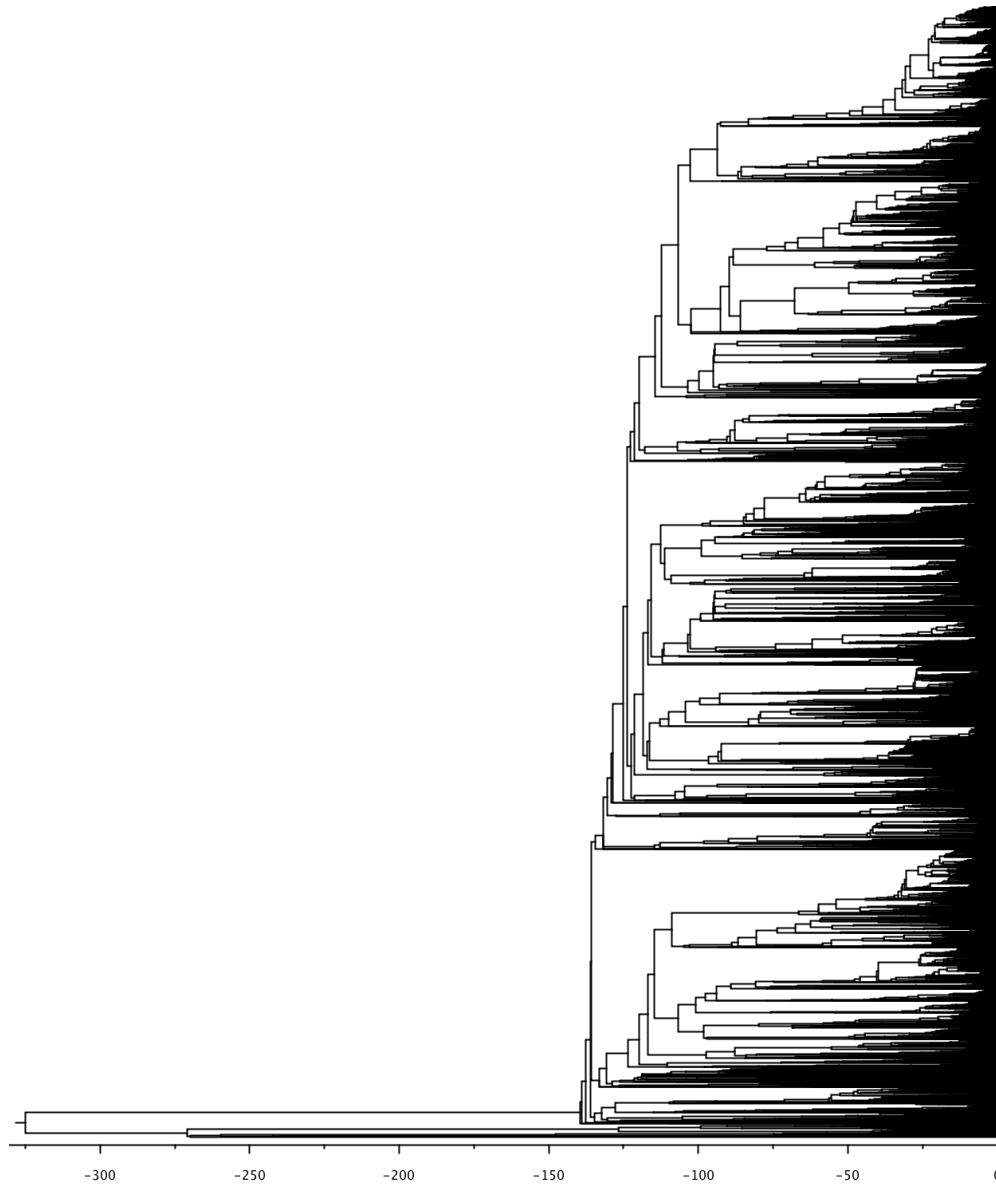


Magallon et al. 2015

Dated Alismatales



With divergence times

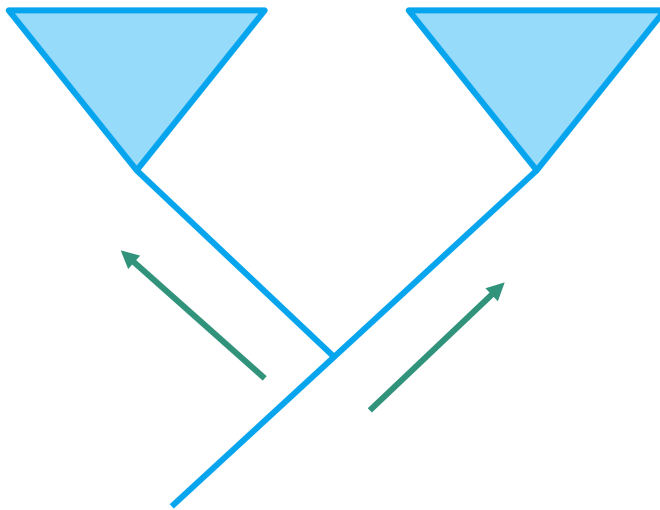


With divergence times and Open Tree taxa



How about data overlap

We measured each edge for data overlap between subtending left and right edges



How many sites overlap between any taxa on the left and any taxa on the right?

Example

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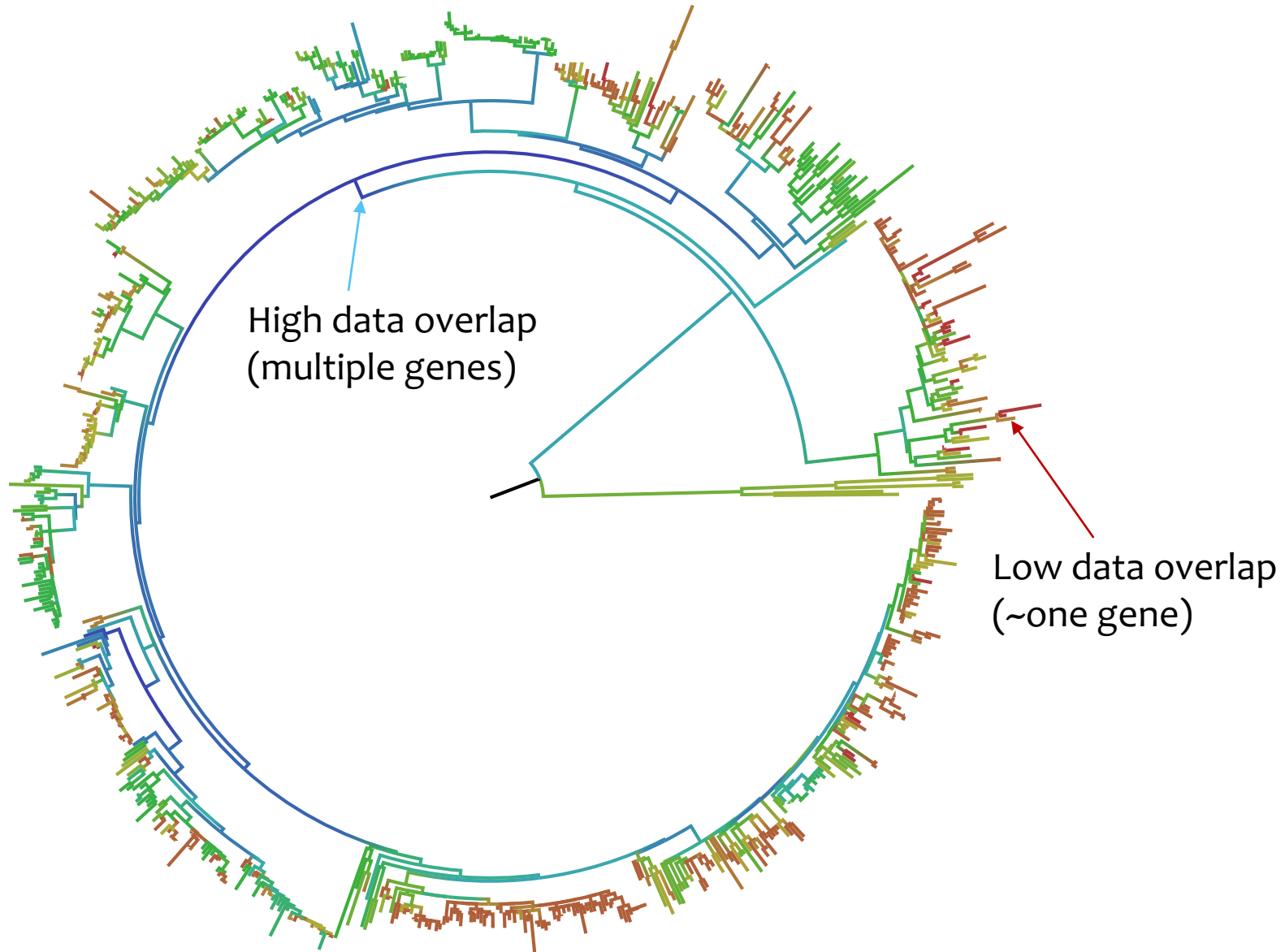
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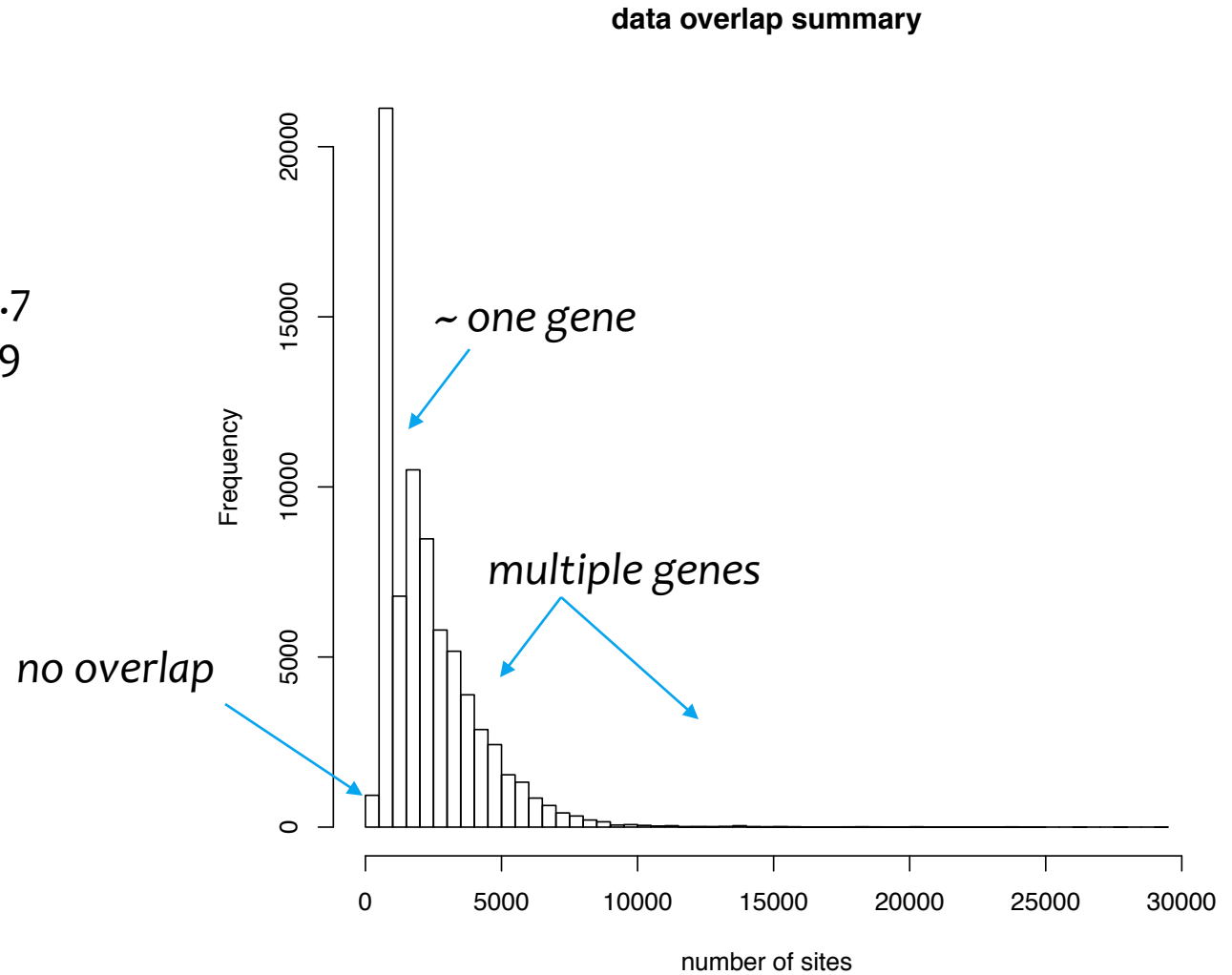
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Arecales data overlap



Summary

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Median: 1792
Mean: 2339.7
Maximum: 29229



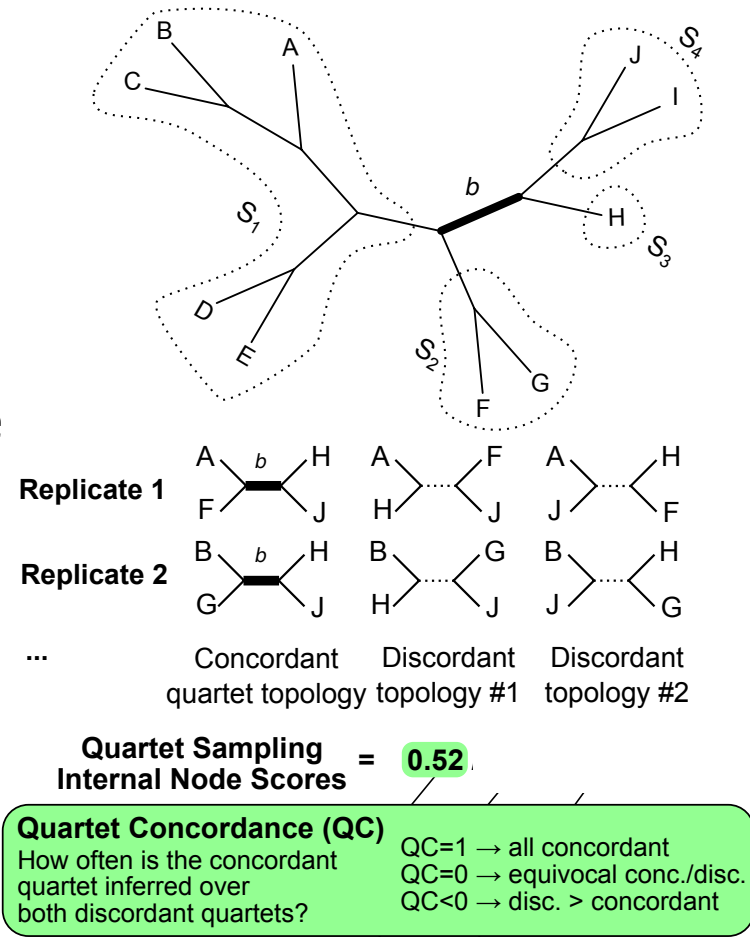
How about support?

We would like to ascertain support

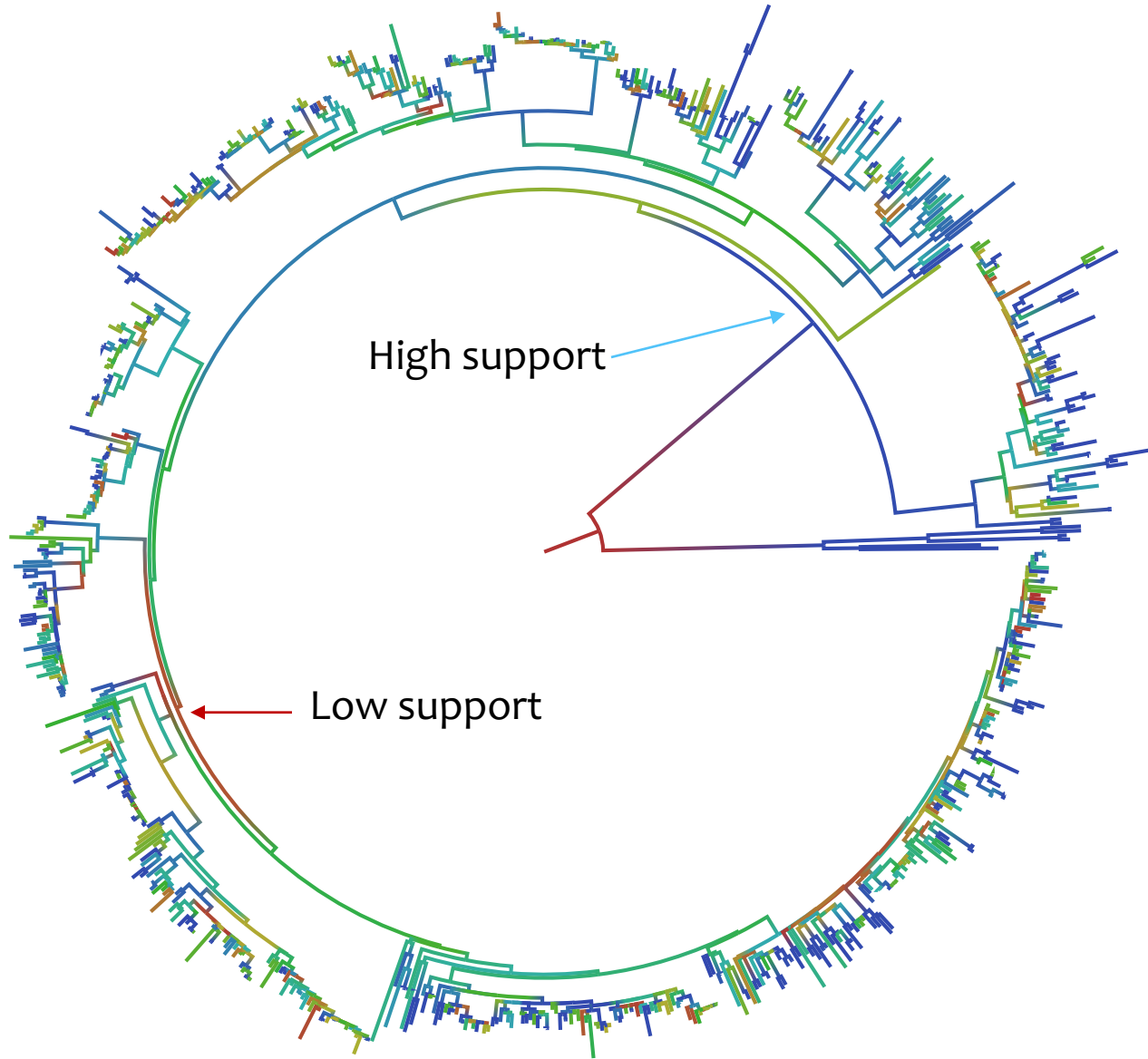
- Bootstrap is too slow and maybe not what we want
- Bayesian analysis is not going to happen
- aBayes and SH-Like are fine but aBayes is limited and SH-Like requires that you have the ML tree (we don't because of constraints)

To do this, we are using Quartet Concordance (QC)

Pease et al. (submitted)

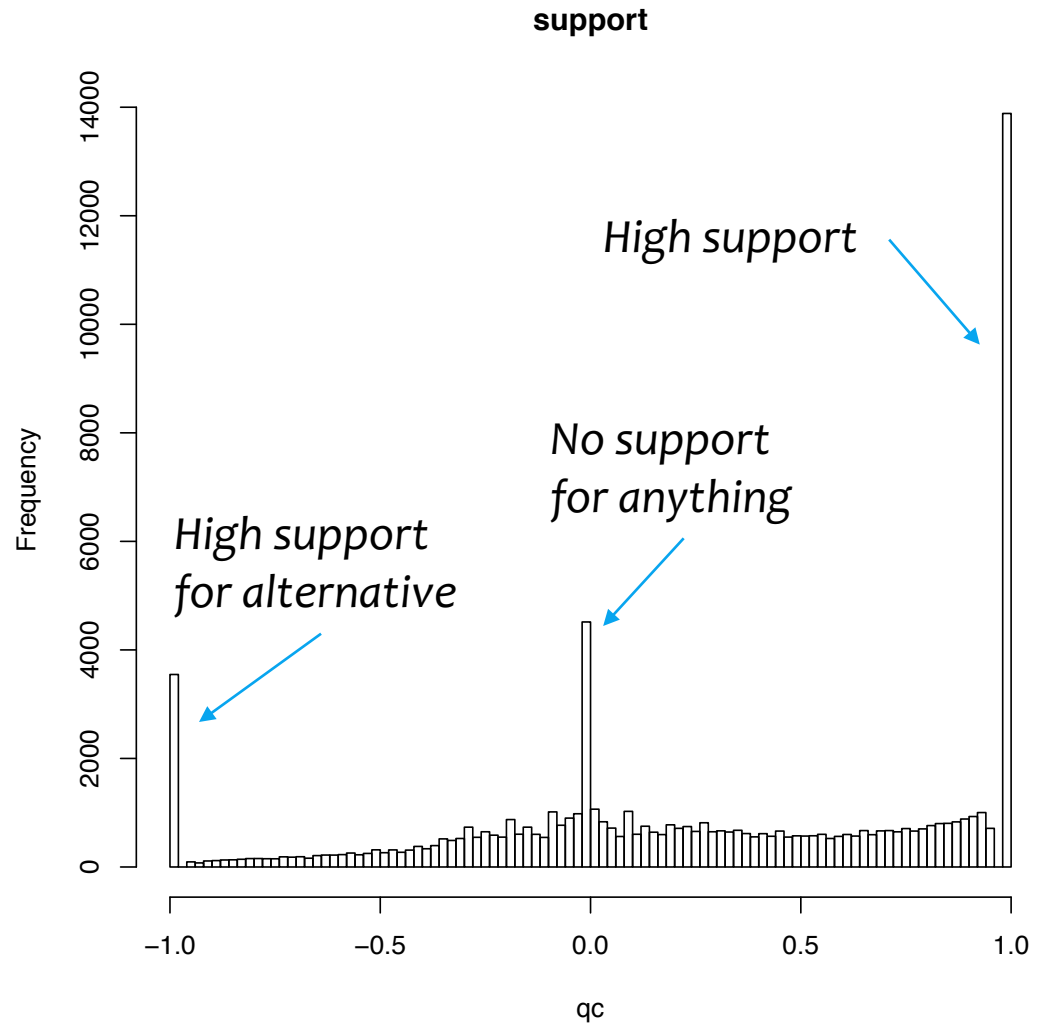


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QC support distribution

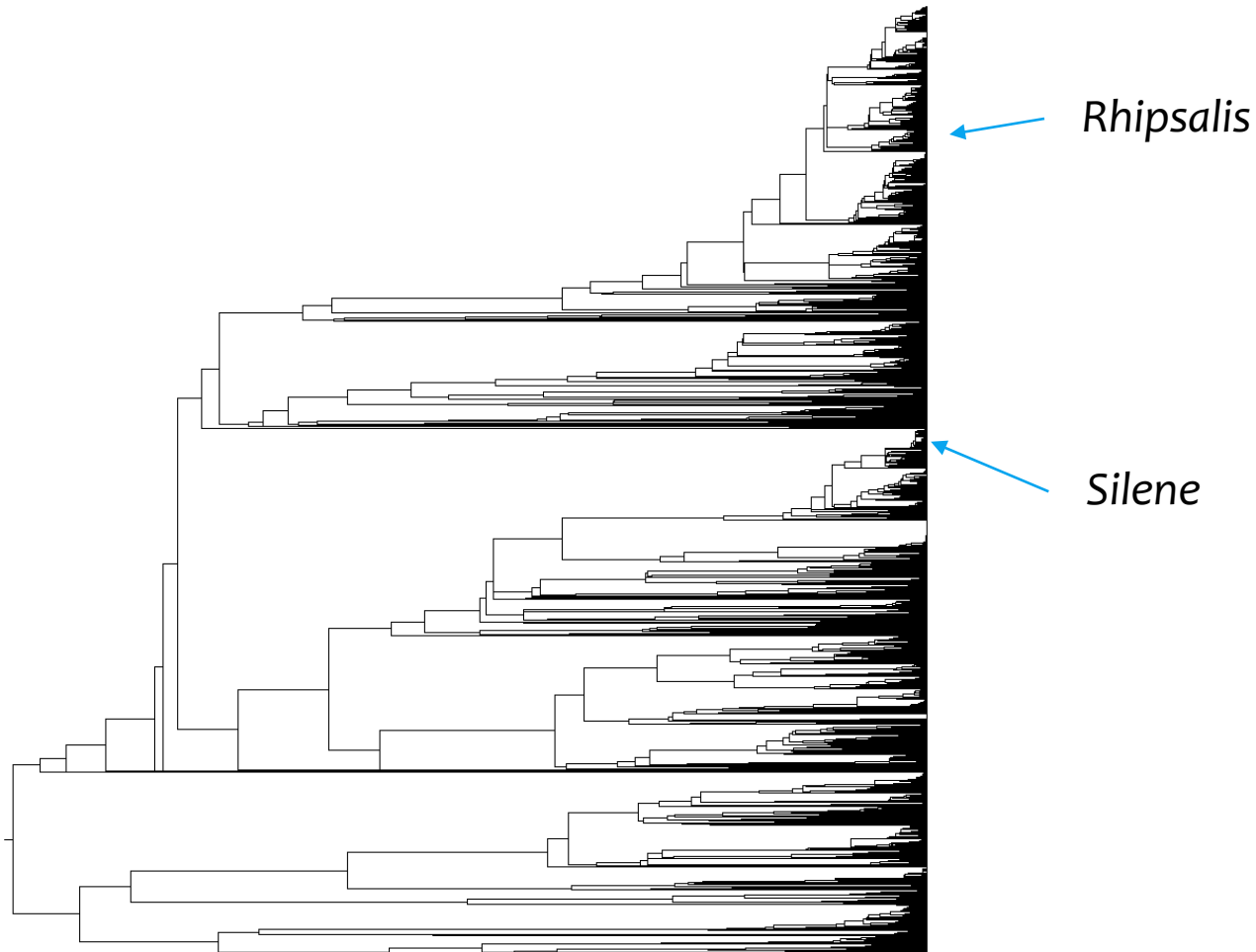
Minimum: -1
Median: 0.29
Mean: 0.285
Maximum: 1



Do we need to recalculate
the tree each time?

Updating trees

If we want to add a sequence to *Rhipsalis*, do we need to recalculate the resolution of *Silene*



Why not more taxa?

The challenge of barcoding for phylogenetics

Barcoding efforts

- These are popular (and more prevalent on GenBank)
- Promise of many species that can then be placed phylogenetically or used for identification

Problems

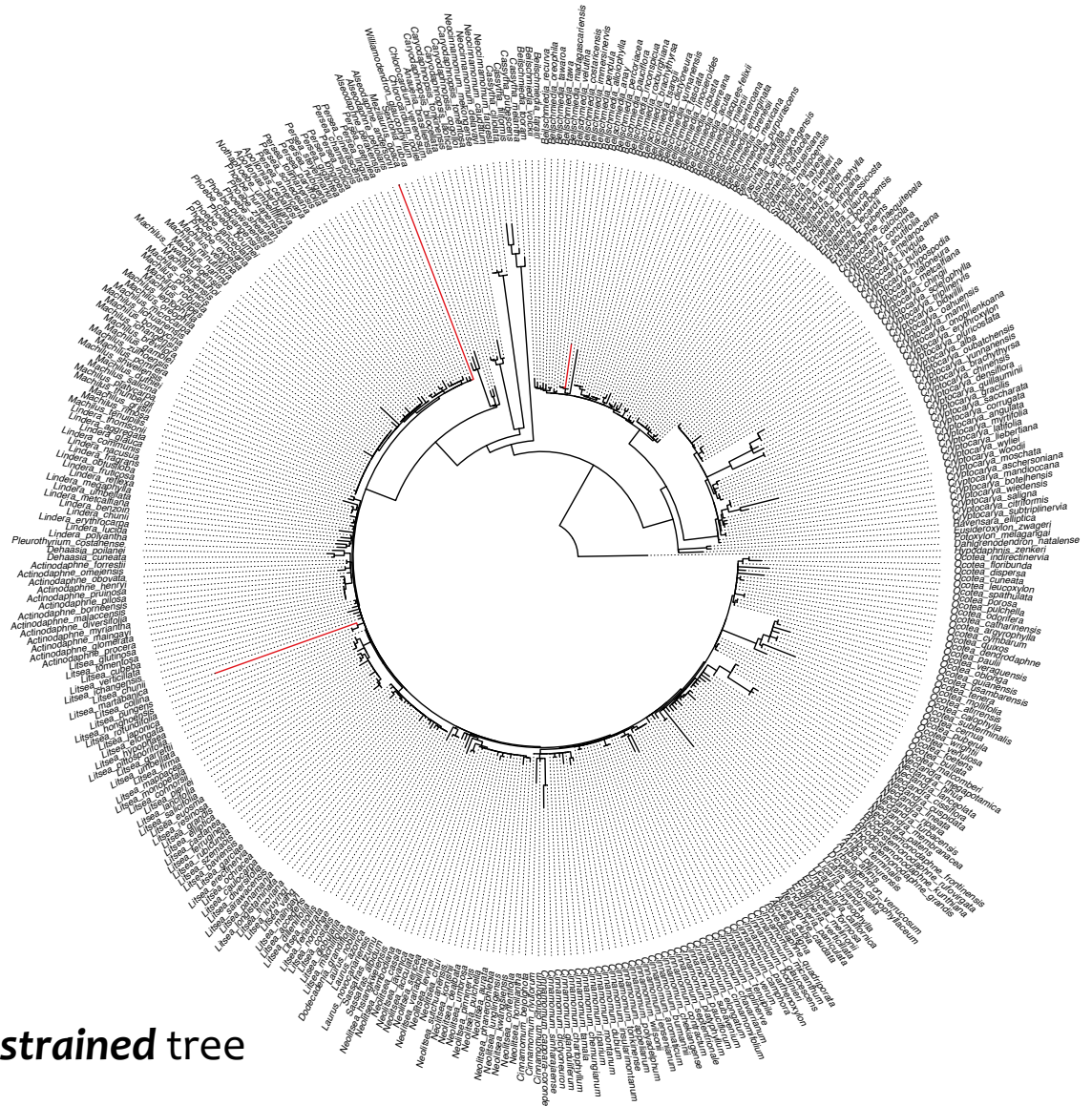
- Misidentification
 - Submitted sequences may not be the species they say they are
 - It is difficult to get NCBI to correct these and there is little information to distinguish from other sequences
- No phylogenetic information
 - Some of the sequences can be very short and not carry much if any phylogenetic information
 - This renders them useless for resolution and potentially misleading for maximum likelihood methods without uncertainty calculations

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Outlying species

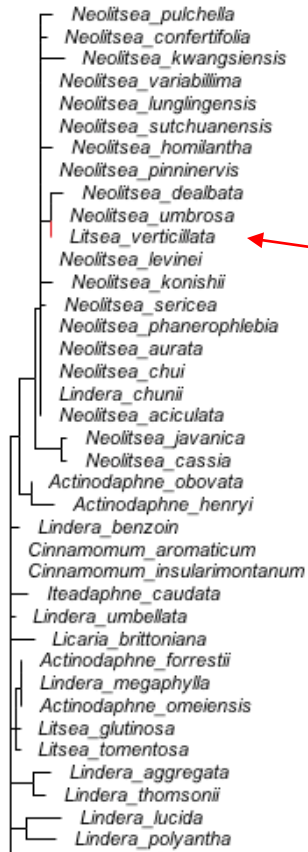
- *Litsea collina*
- *Alseodaphne andersonii*
- *Beilschmiedia pendula*

Clear pattern from constrained tree

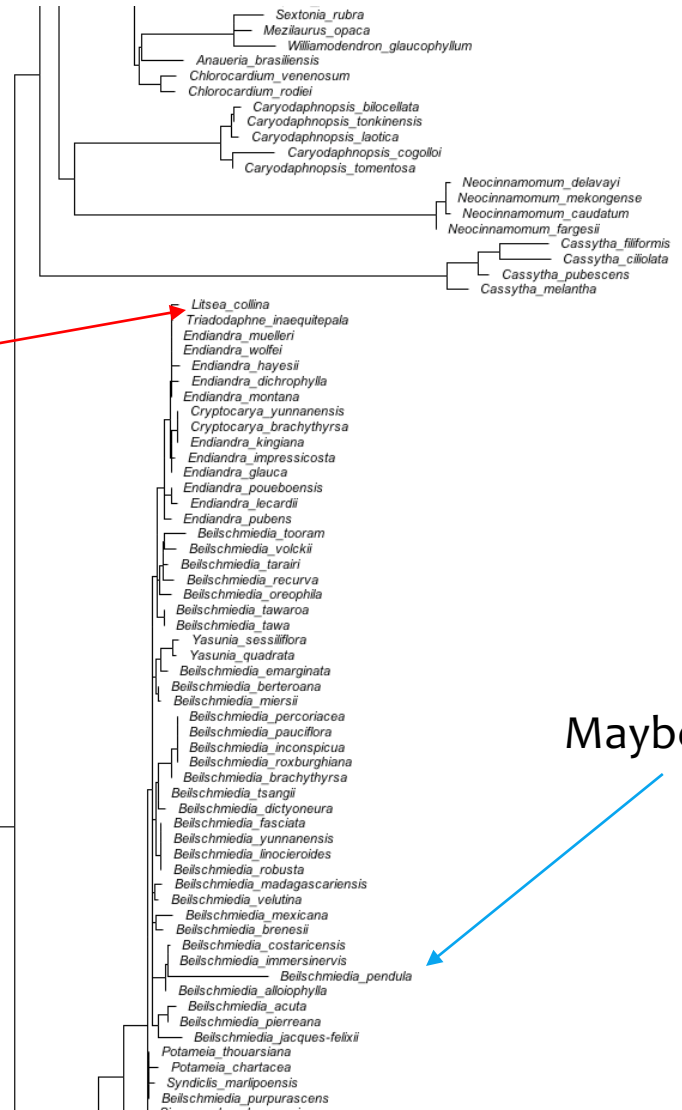


Taxonomically **constrained** tree

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Misidentified

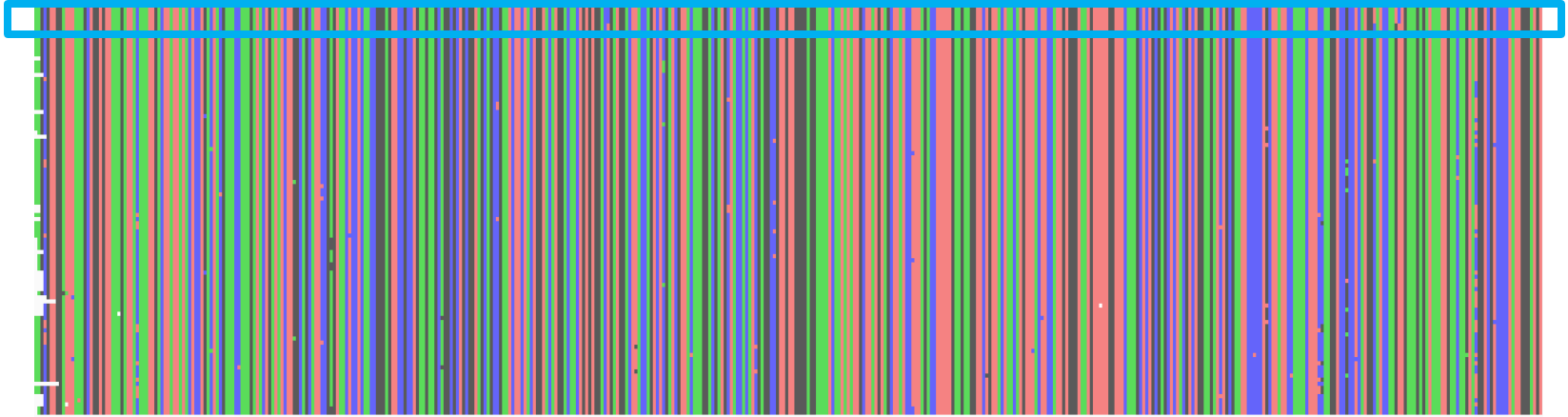


Maybe ok

Taxonomically *unconstrained* tree

Little to no phylogenetic information

Two identical barcodes



Identical sequences in maximum likelihood have distance (branch length) = 0

We have to either

- integrate over the uncertainty
- add these back later
- constrain

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Misidentification

- There is little that can be done for this on NCBI
 - NCBI requires the original submitter correct the taxonomy
 - We may be able to *attempt* to automate the discovery of these with the constrained searches

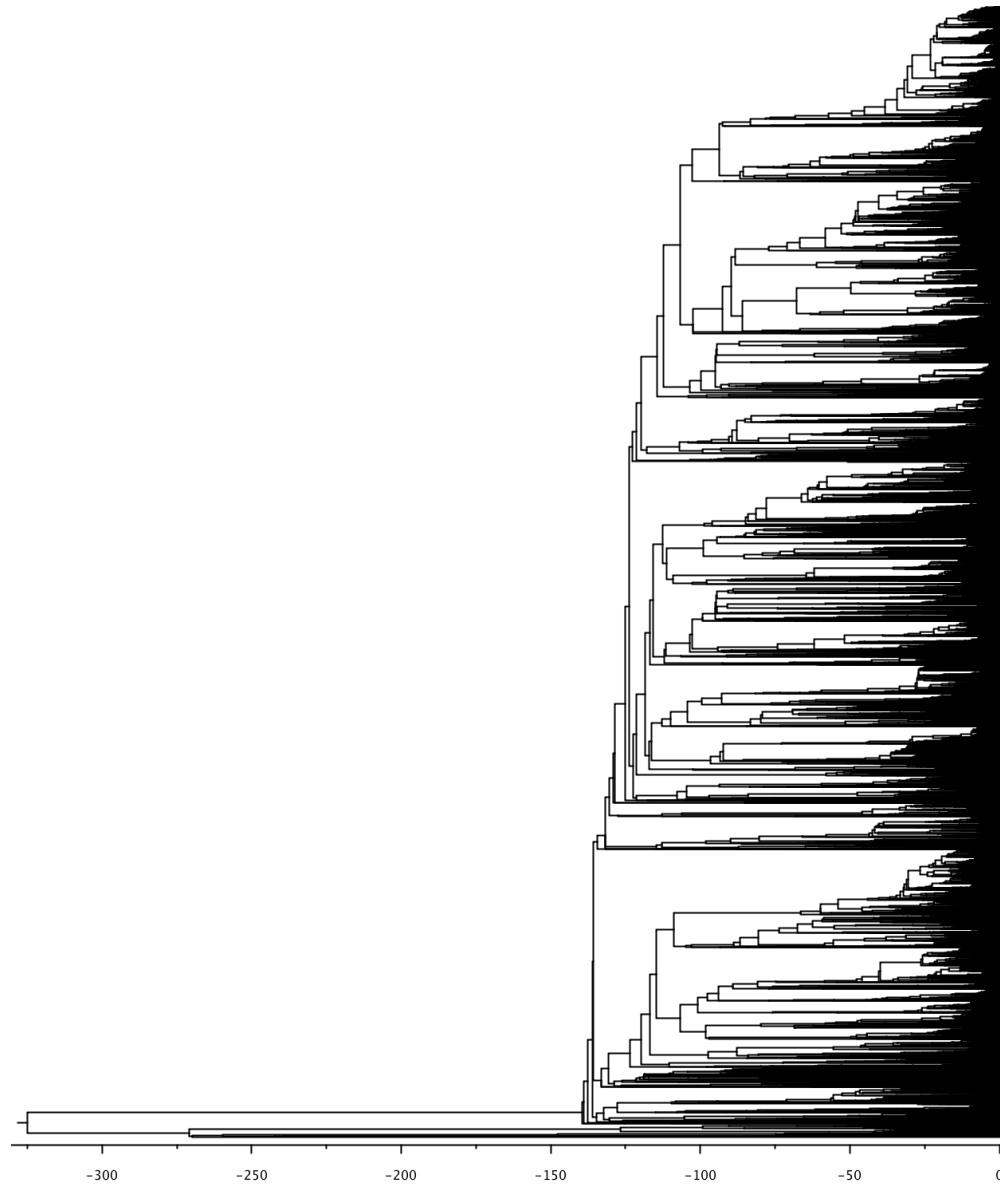
No phylogenetic information

- Maximum likelihood may be positively misled if uncertainty is not incorporated
- You may be able to use for ids to some general place in a phylogeny but not more specifically
- Perhaps this data is not going to be very useful for phylogenetics

Ways forward

- Automate the discovery of these and filter them (with PyPHLAWD but communicated on GitHub)
- Can we collect this data so that it is more useful?

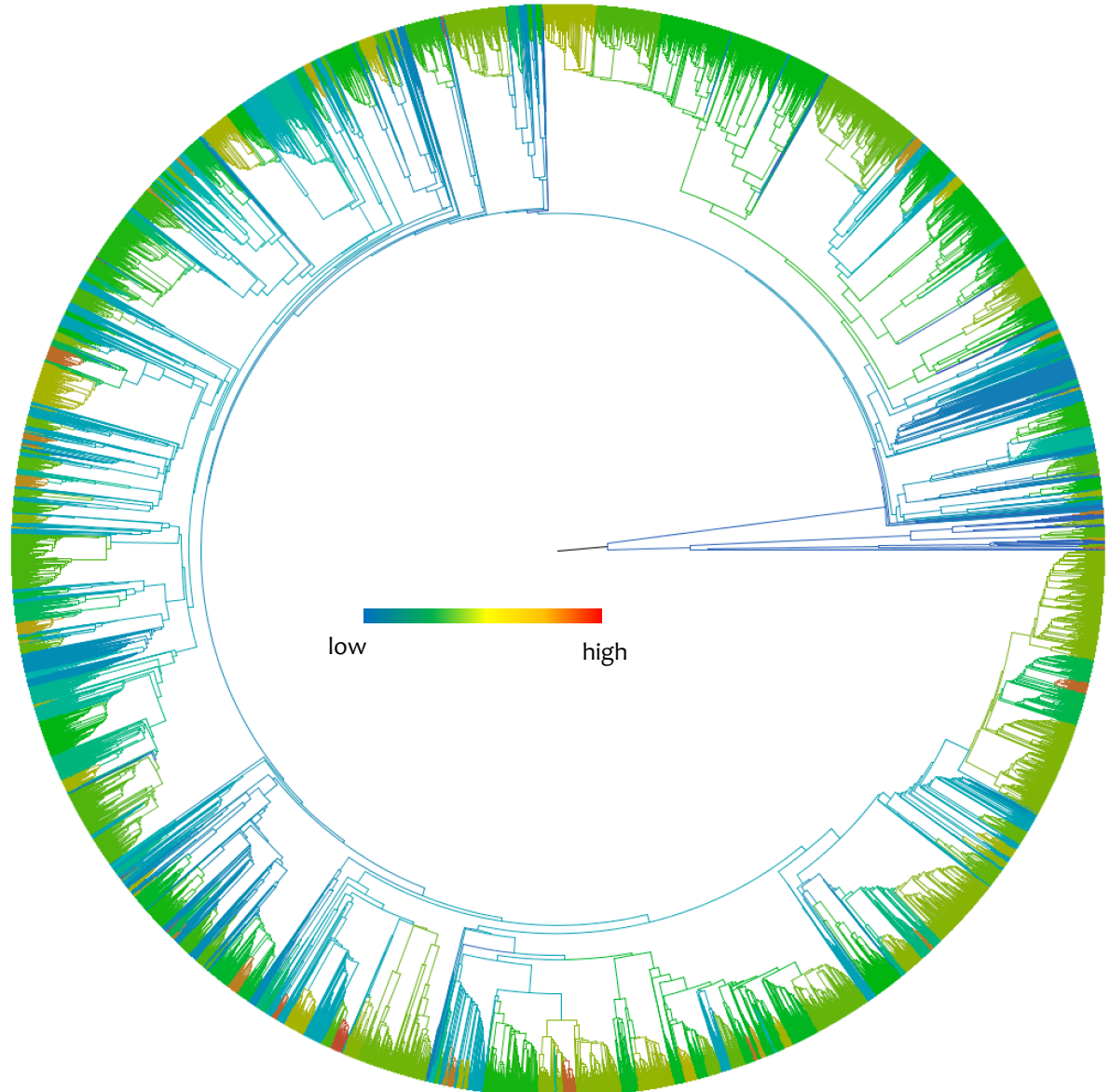
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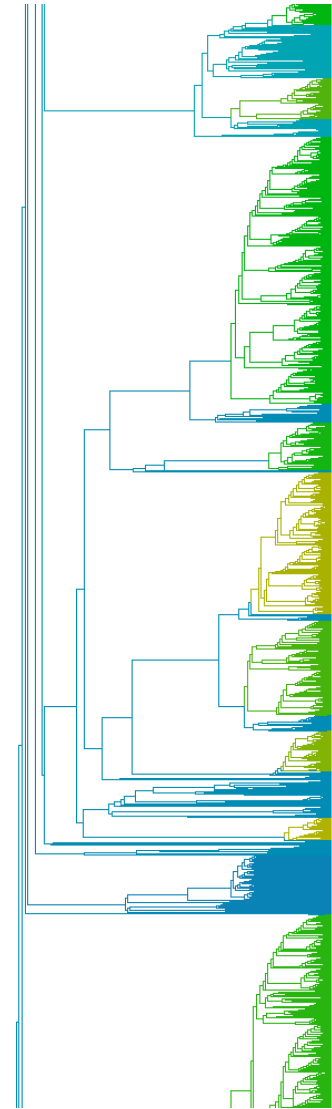
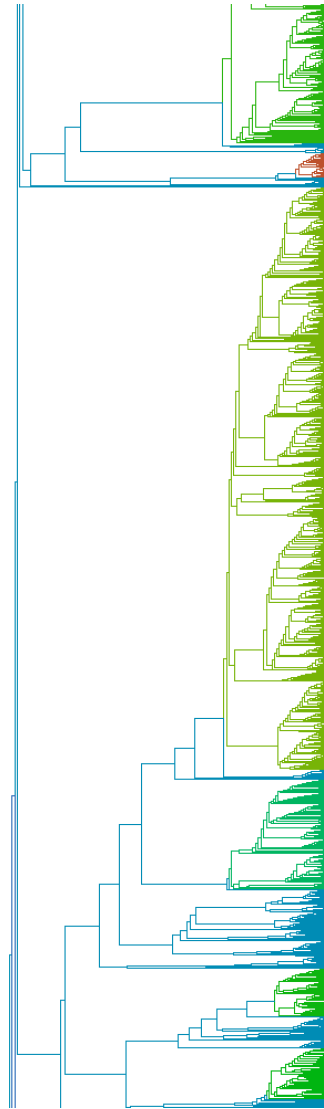
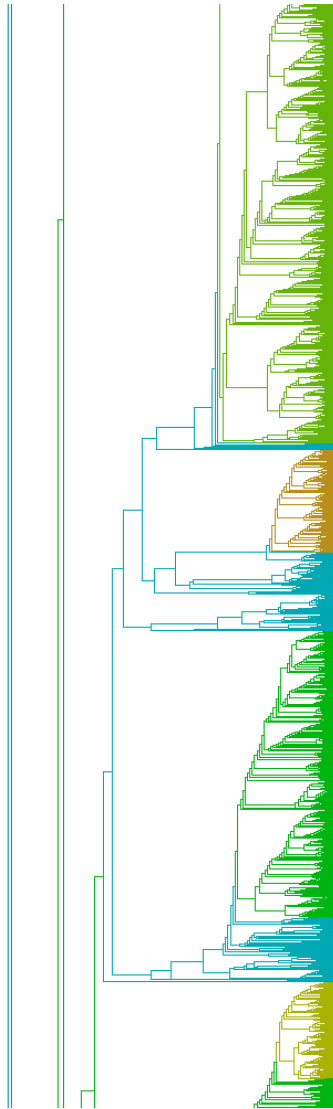
Rates of diversification

MEDUSA analyses of rates of evolution using birth-death models

Mean rate of evolution plotted

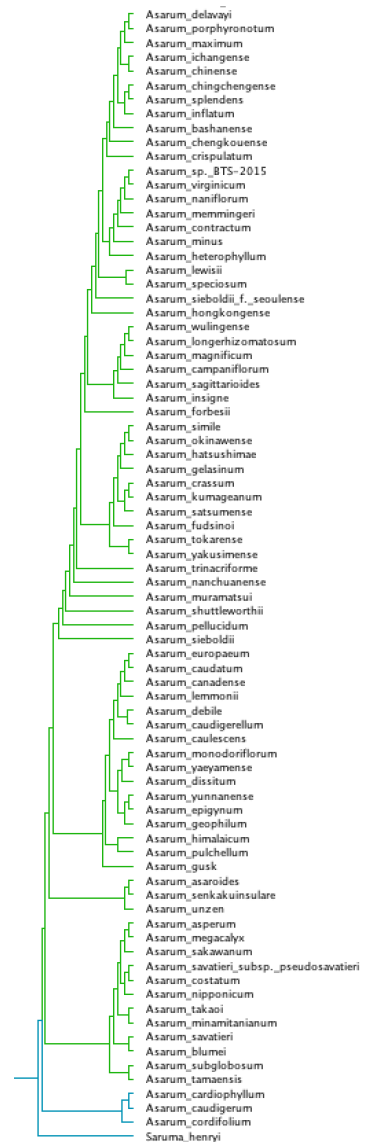
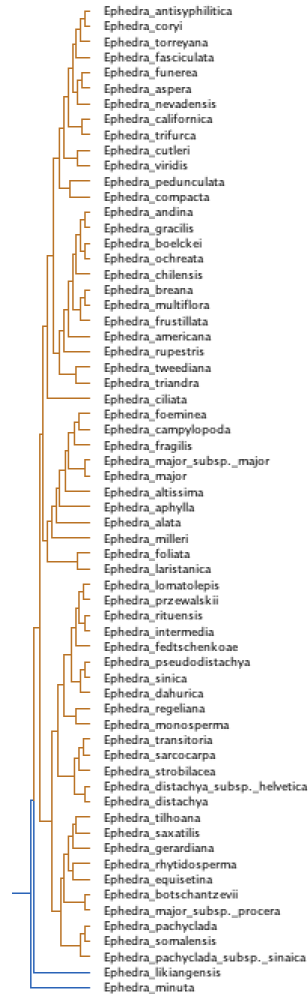
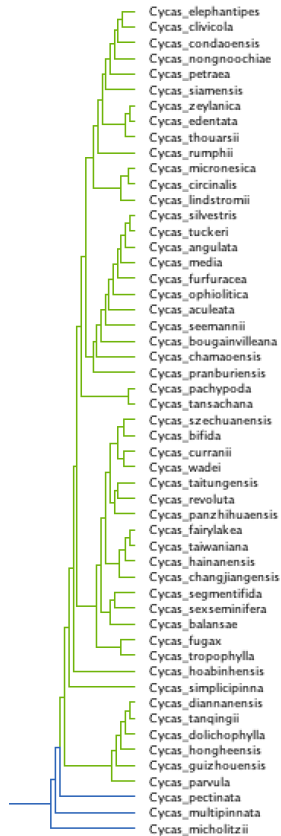


Repeated nested patterns



Many repeated patterns

Many repeated patterns of depauperate lineages sister to very diverse lineages (Donoghue and Sanderson 2015)



General conclusions

Methodological



With some methodological advances, **we can construct comprehensive trees** with branch lengths



We may need to combine large tree, single genes, and, genomic studies to do simultaneous analyses

Empirical



We can construct **a reasonable tree for seed plants** that can be used for many analyses. We can also add back taxa not sampled in GenBank for comprehensive analyses.



Diversification analyses yield results suggesting **many nested shifts throughout the seed plant tree**

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