

Deep Evolutionary Drivers of Cooperation (Loss)

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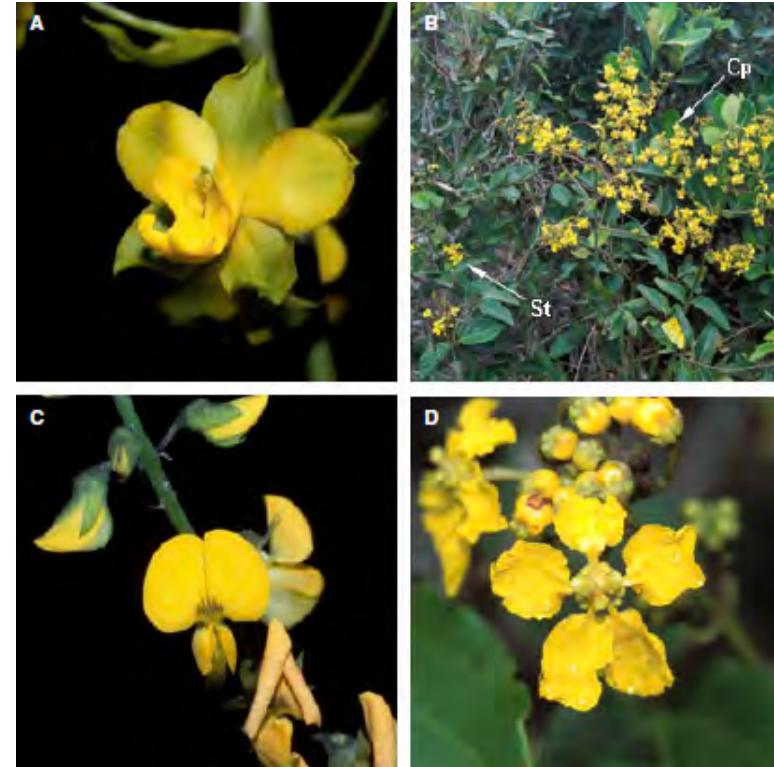
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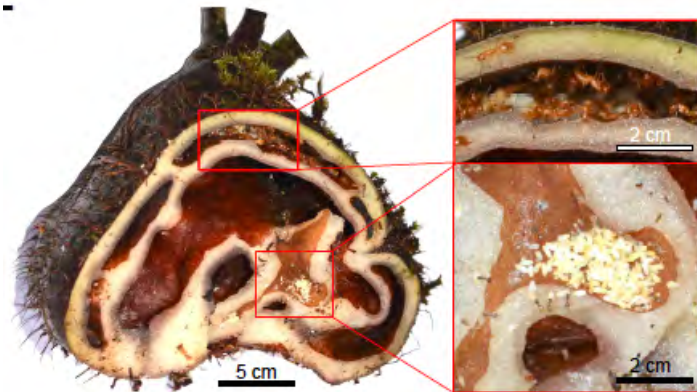
Mutualisms: cooperation between species



1. Cheating can undermine cooperation

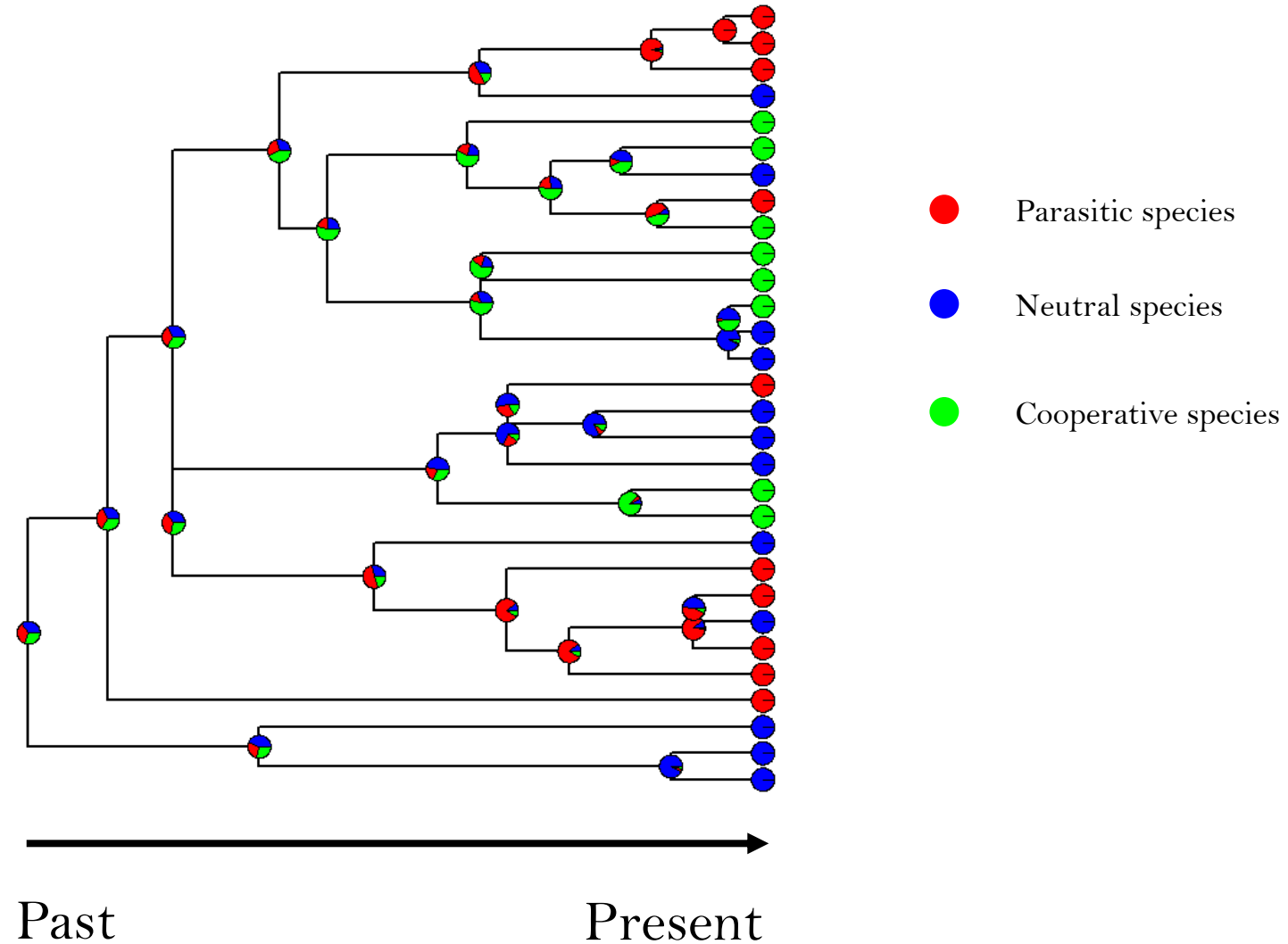


2. Mutualisms require complex adaptations



Picture Guillaume Chomicki, University of Oxford

Phylogenetic comparative reconstruction of cooperation





**Symbiotic
 N_2 -fixation**

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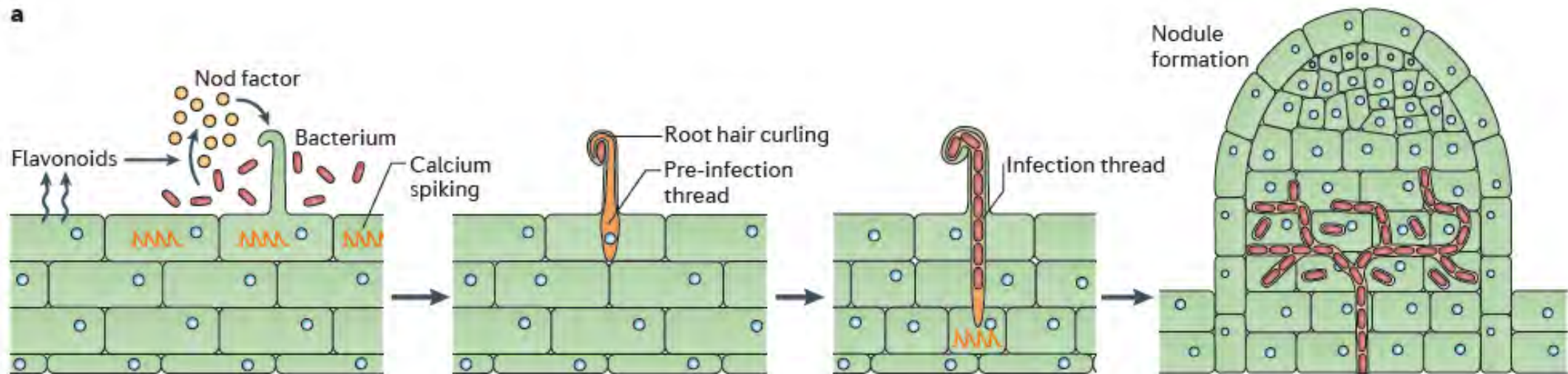


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Fabaceae (legumes)



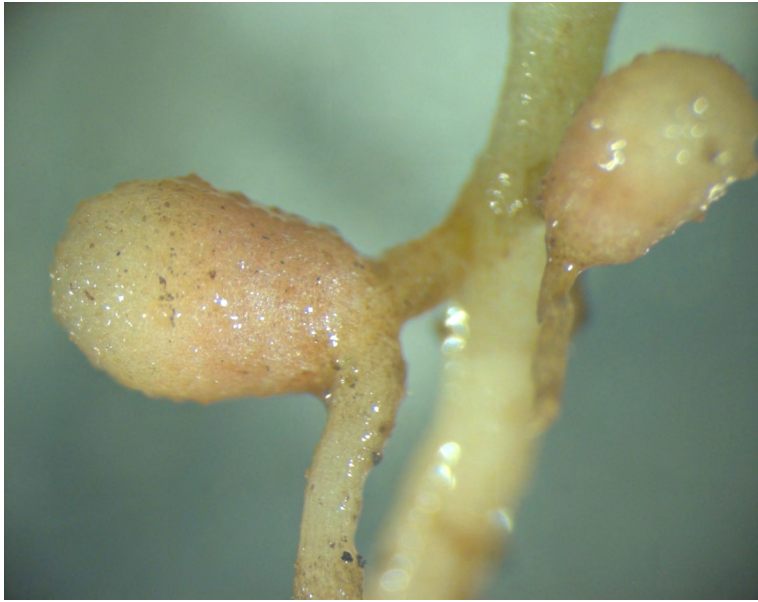
**Nodulation found in ten
plant families, four orders**



Betulaceae



Cannabaceae

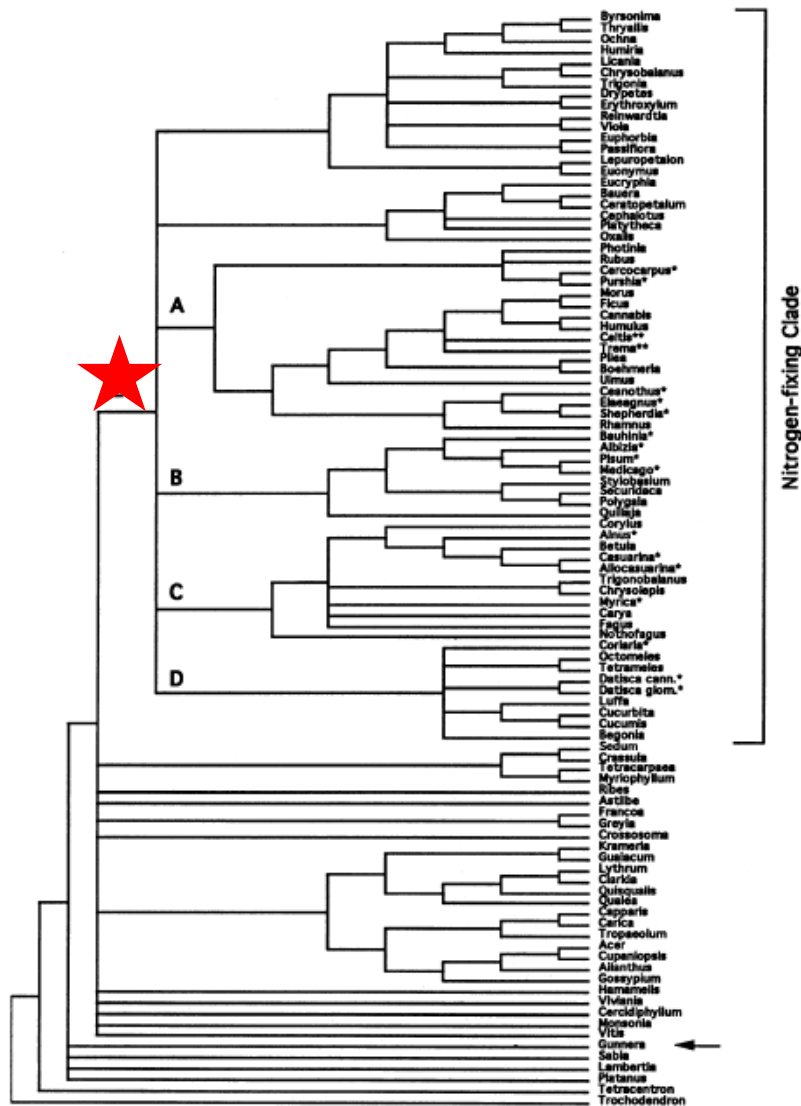


Ten families, lots of origins.

Nodulation is easy to evolve, mutualism arises commonly?



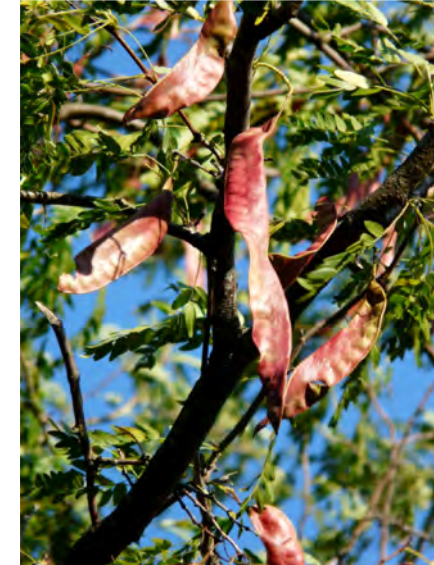
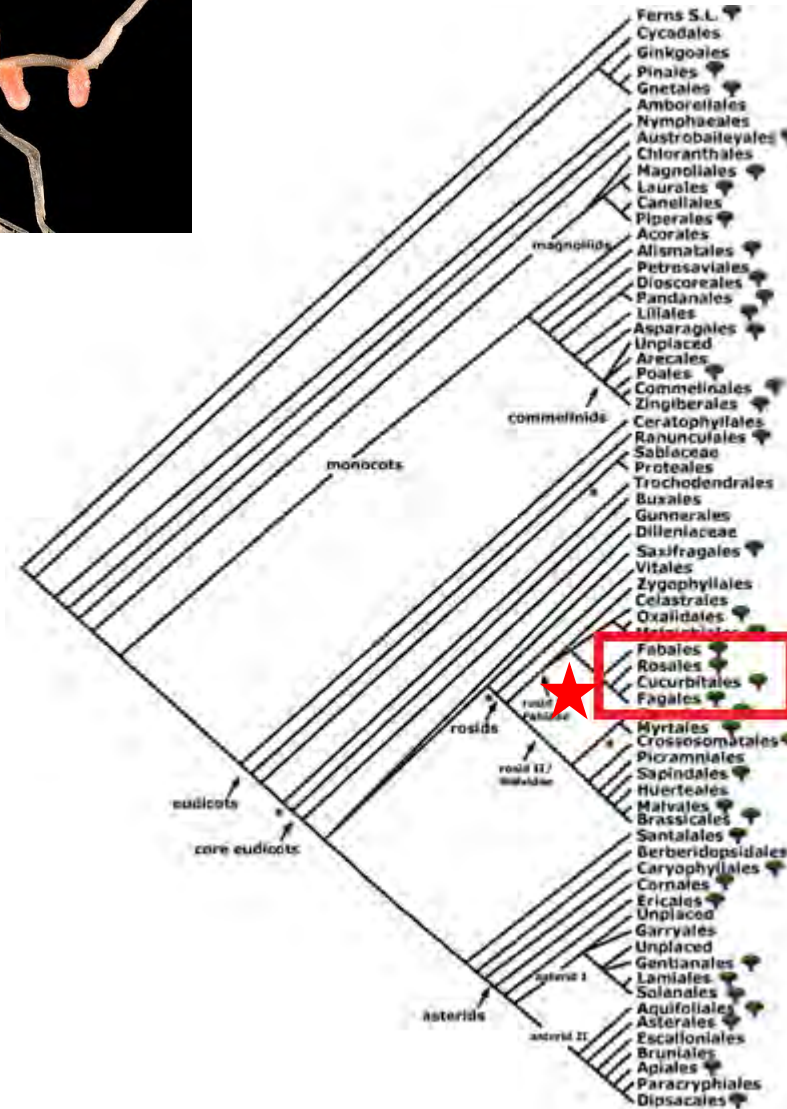
Good news for transfer of symbiosis to crops?



A (single) predisposition
for symbiotic N-fixation?

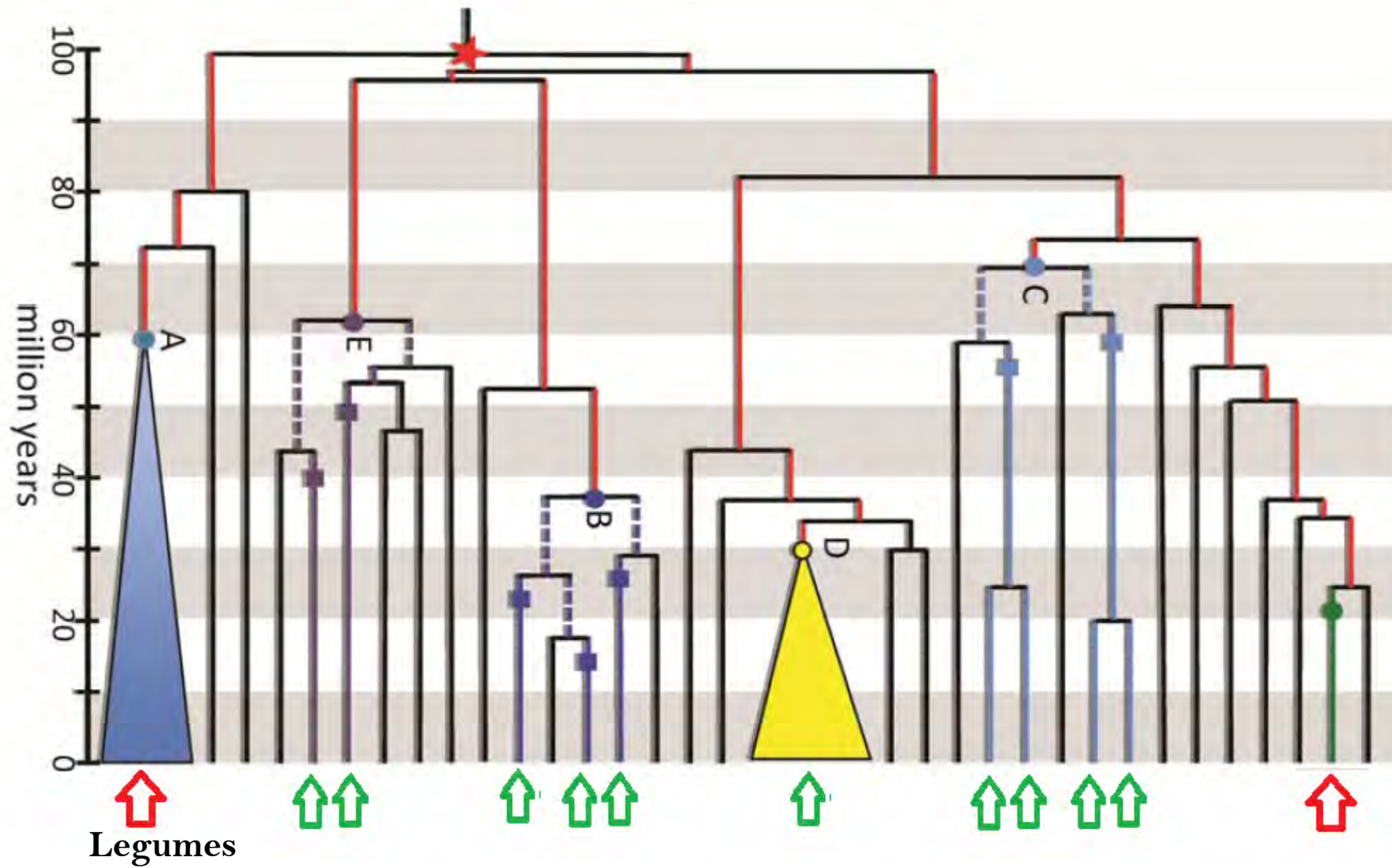
Chloroplast gene sequence data suggest a single origin of the predisposition for symbiotic nitrogen fixation in angiosperms

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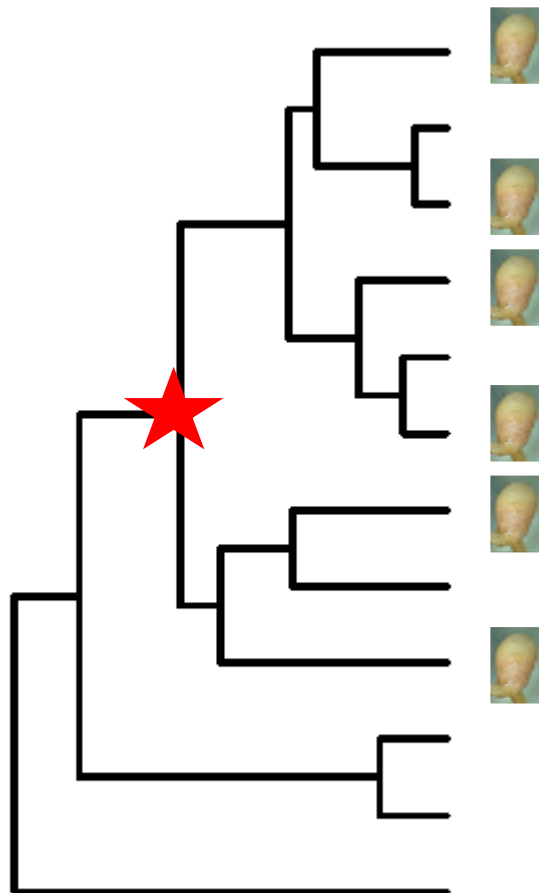
Nitrogen-fixing clade

Symbiotic N₂-fixation in angiosperms clustered in NFC...



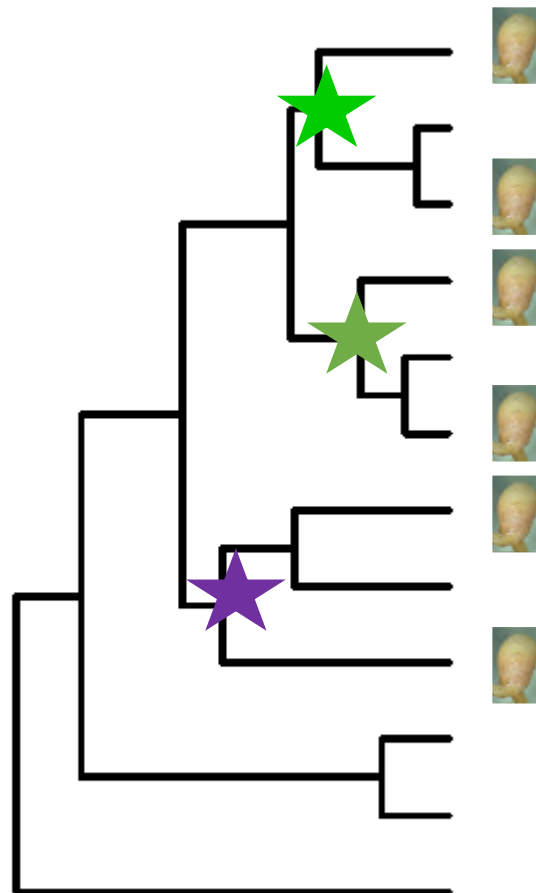
...and has a complicated distribution

Adapted from: Doyle 2011 *MPMI*



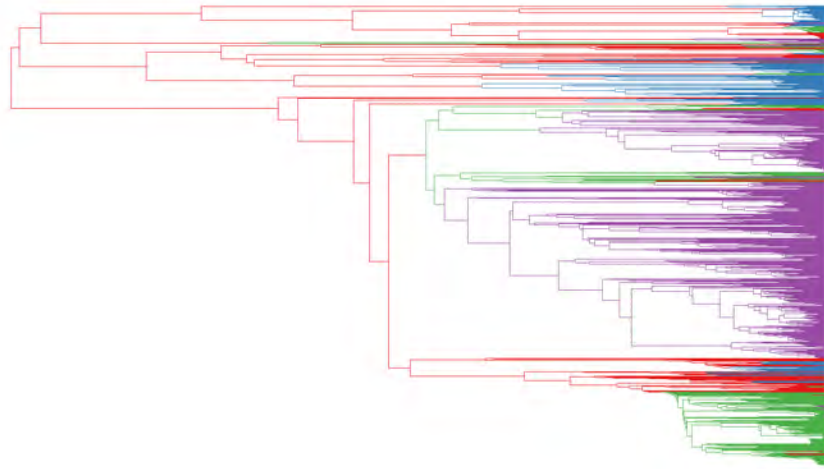
Shared evolutionary
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..independent
pathways?

From verbal accounts to quantitative phylogenetic reconstruction



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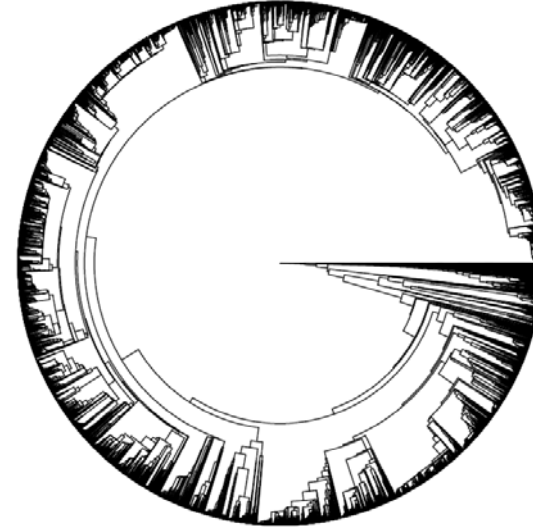


Prof. Janet Sprent, University of Dundee
N₂-fixation database, Legume phylogenetics

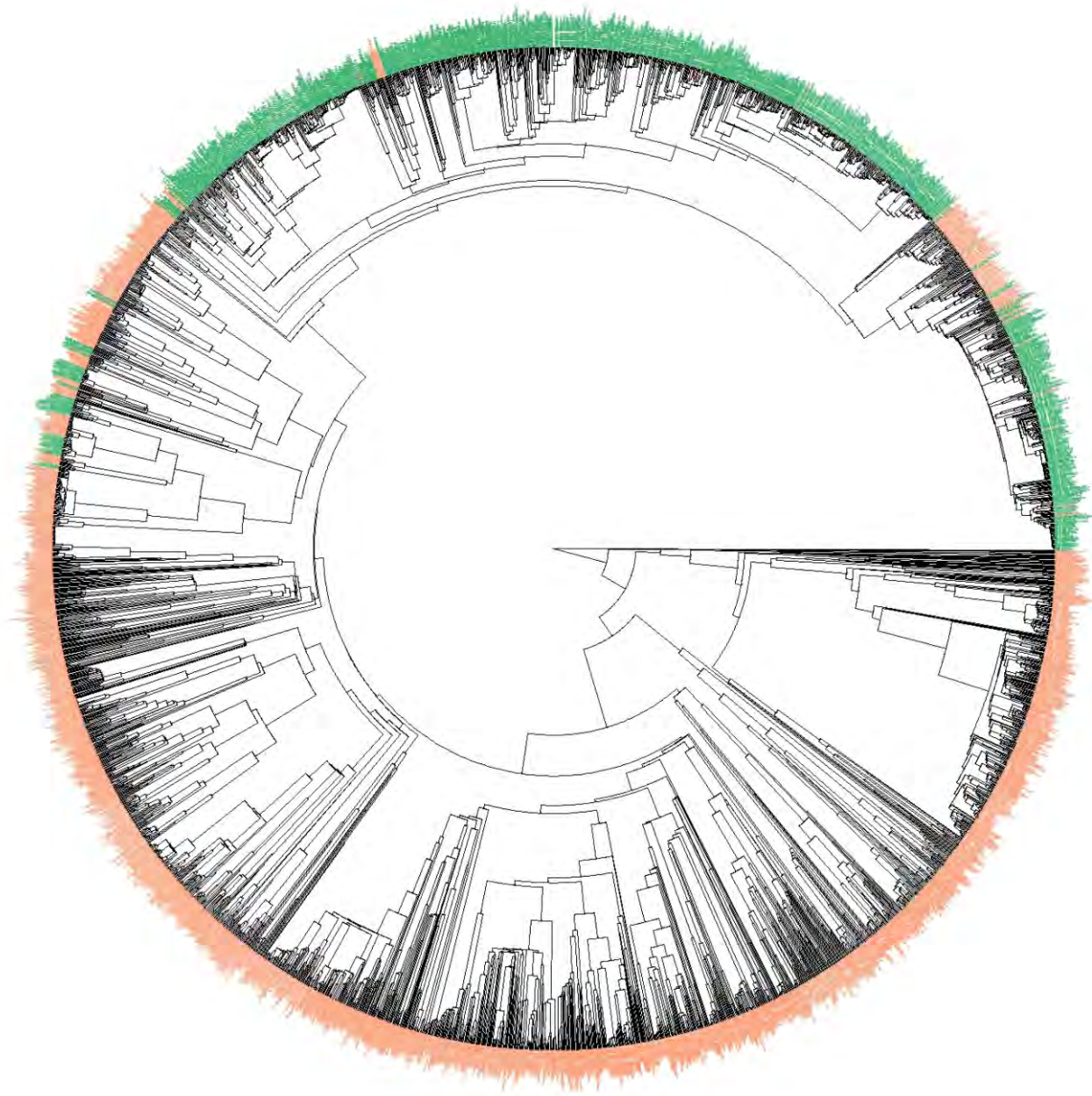


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Part 2: Phylogeny



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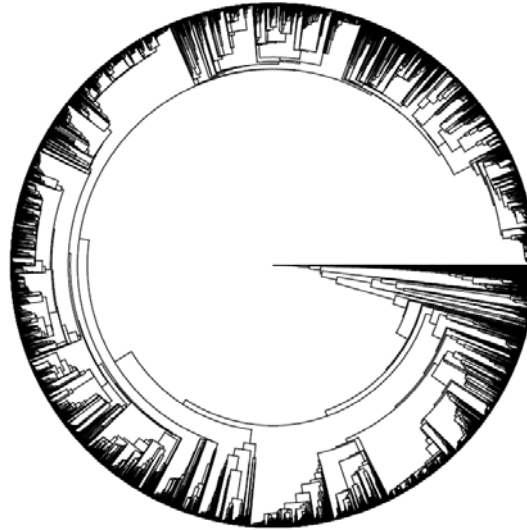


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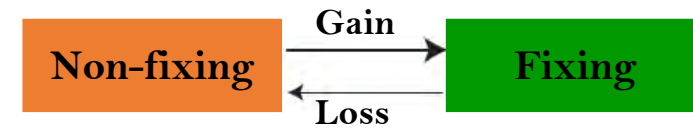


Phylogeny



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Reconstruction Method



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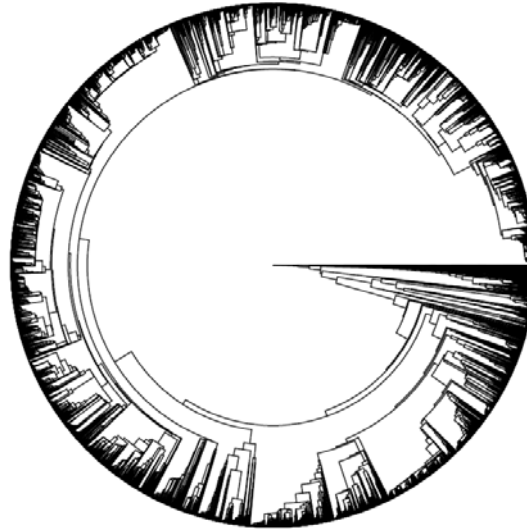
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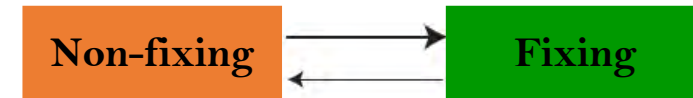


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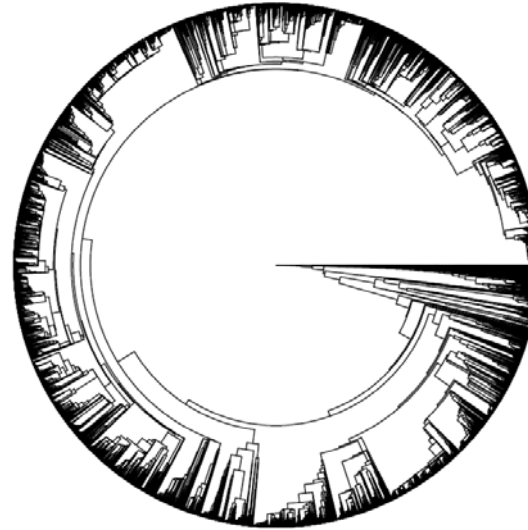
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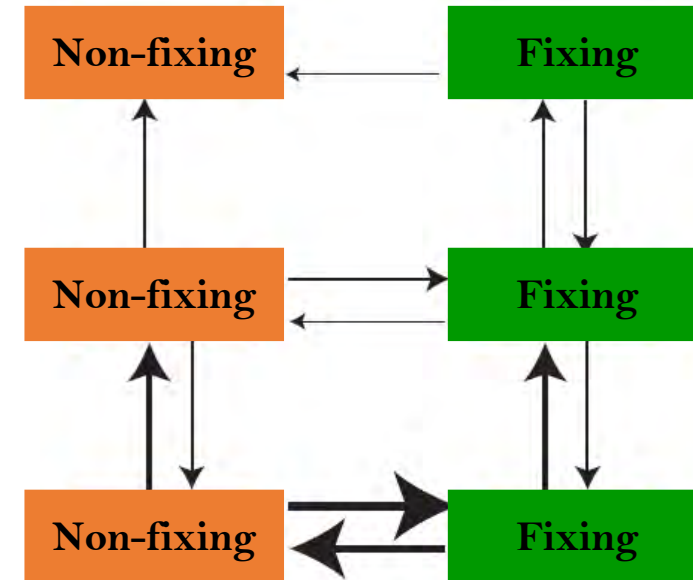


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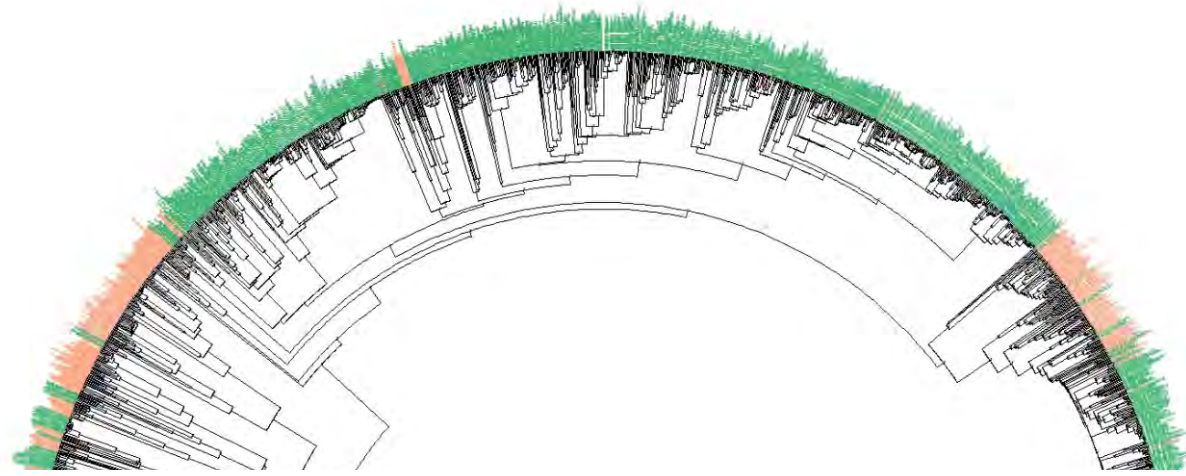
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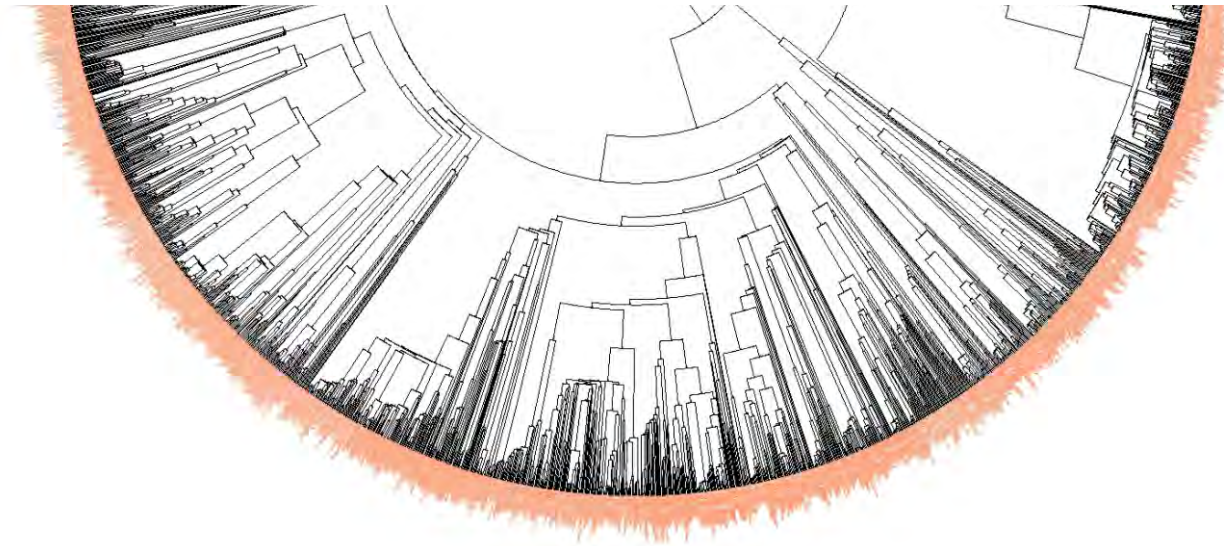
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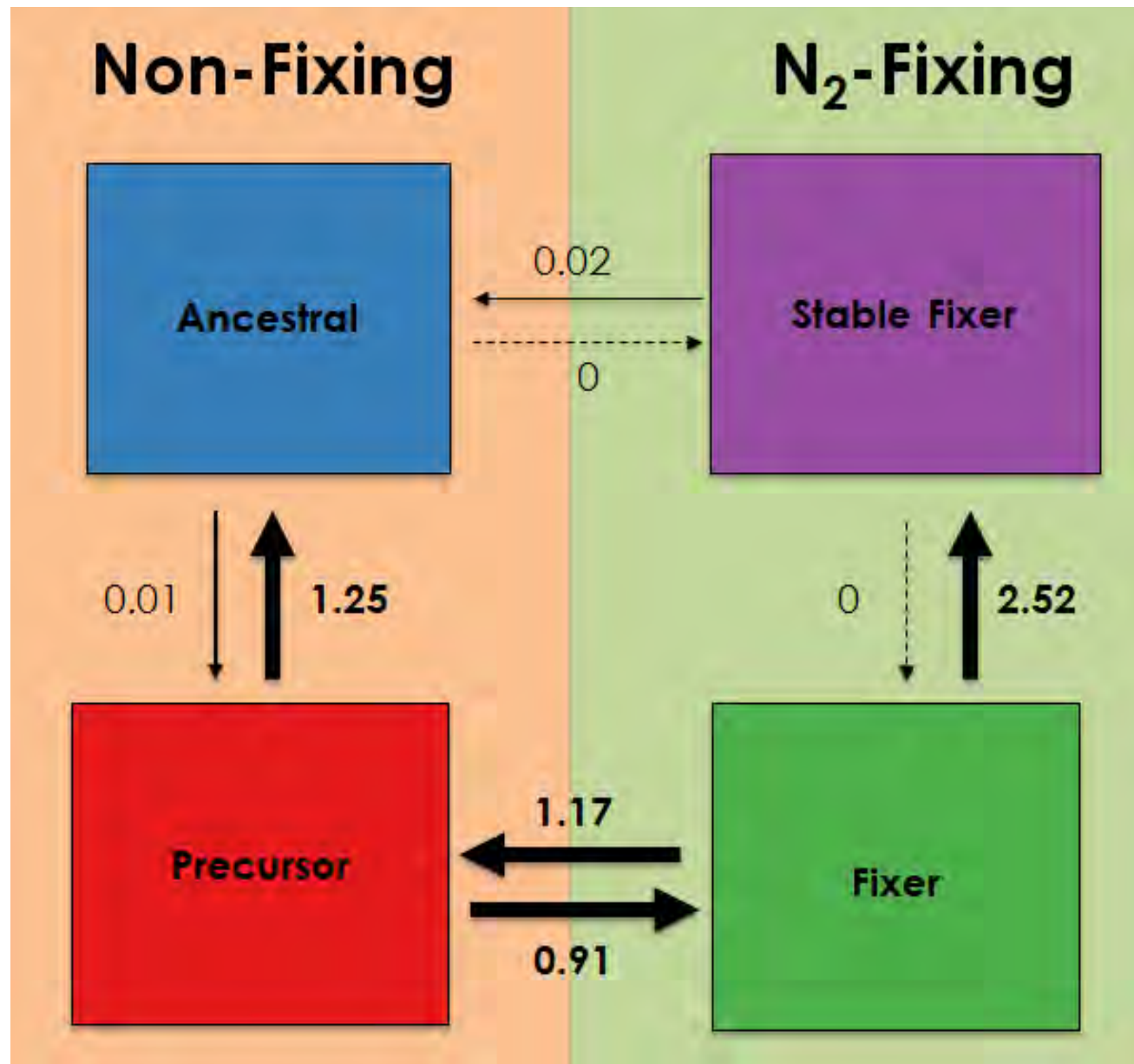
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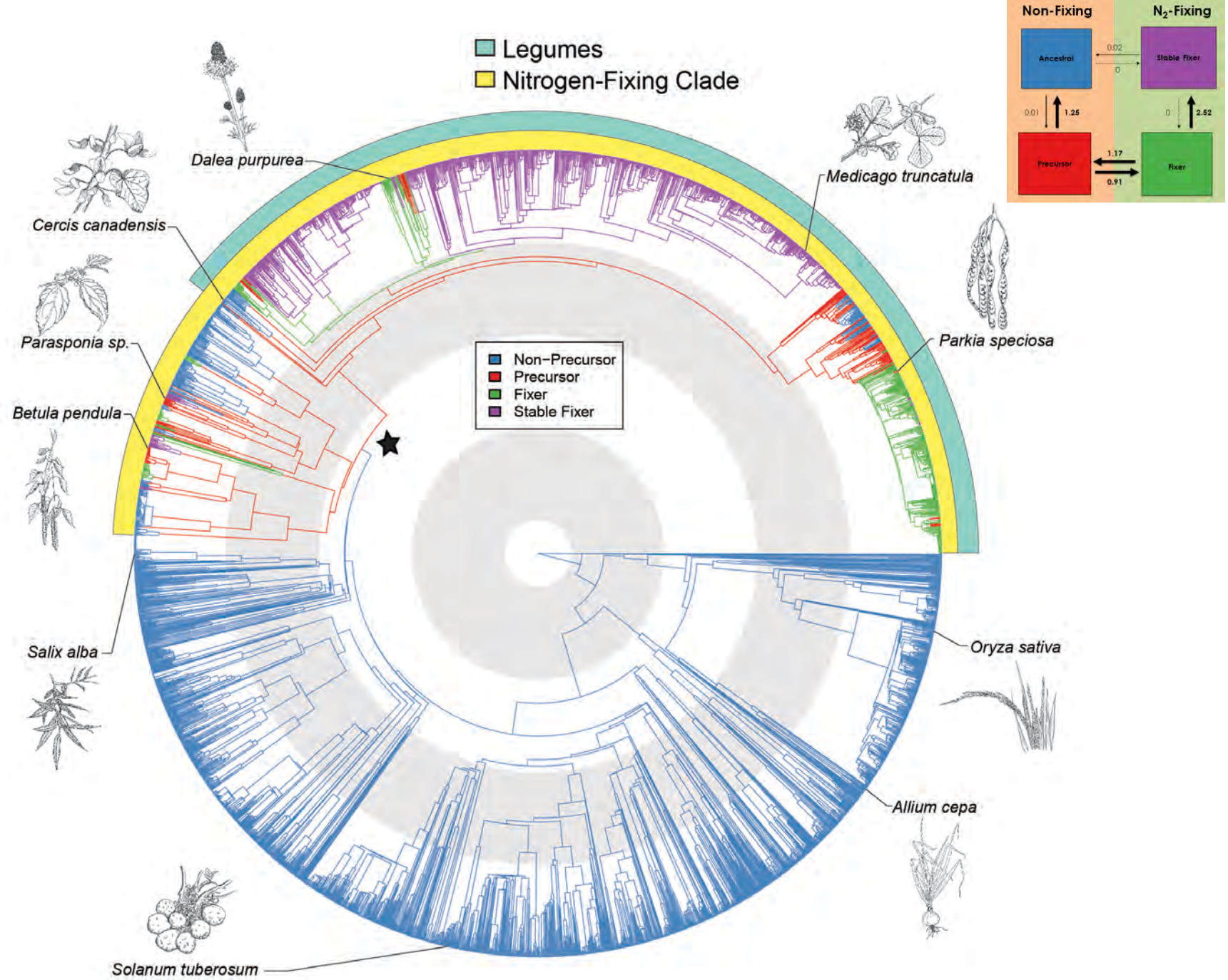


Single Speed Model: Very bad fit (AIC-weight $<0.01\%$)

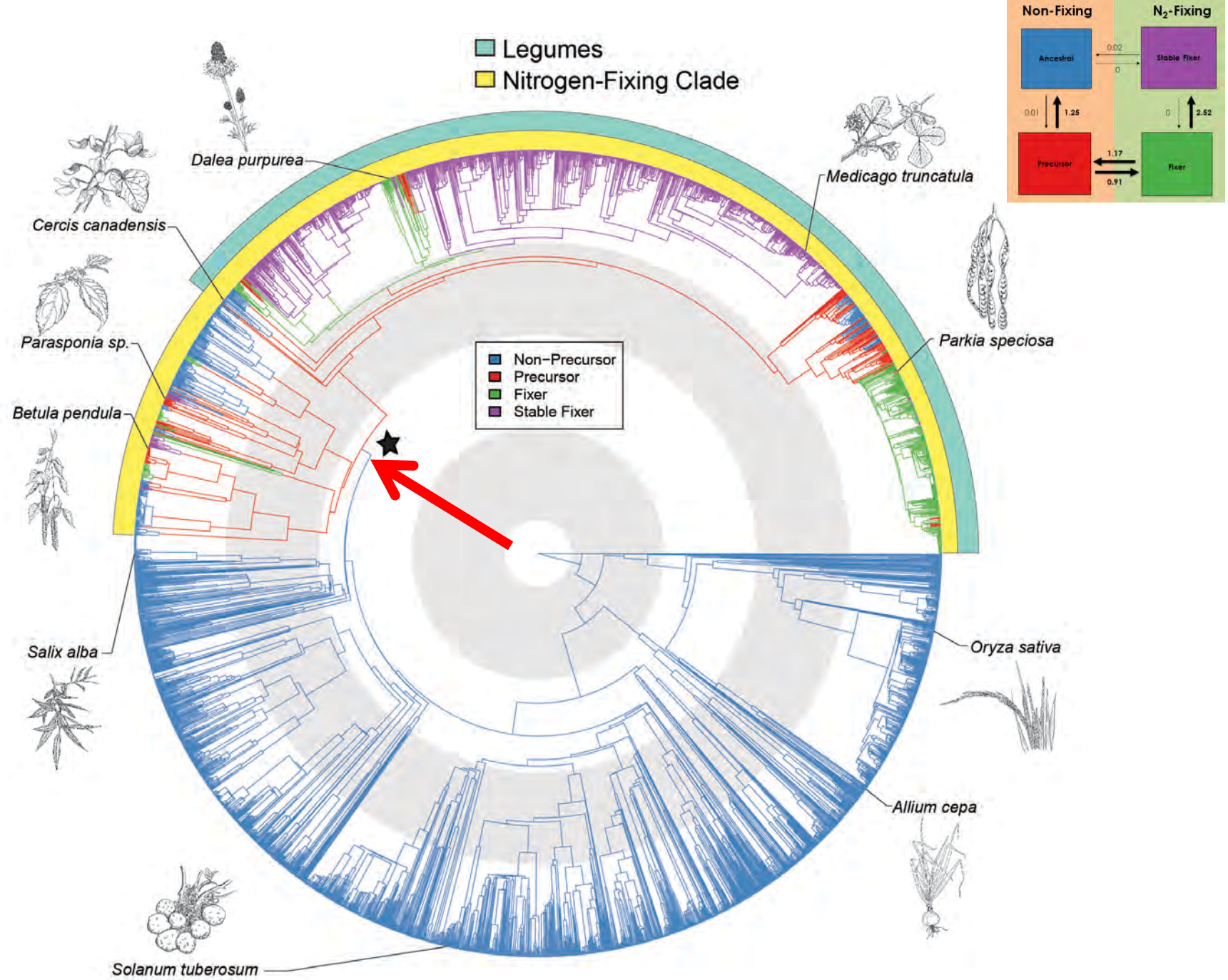
Best: Model with 2 Rate Classes (AIC-weight 55%)







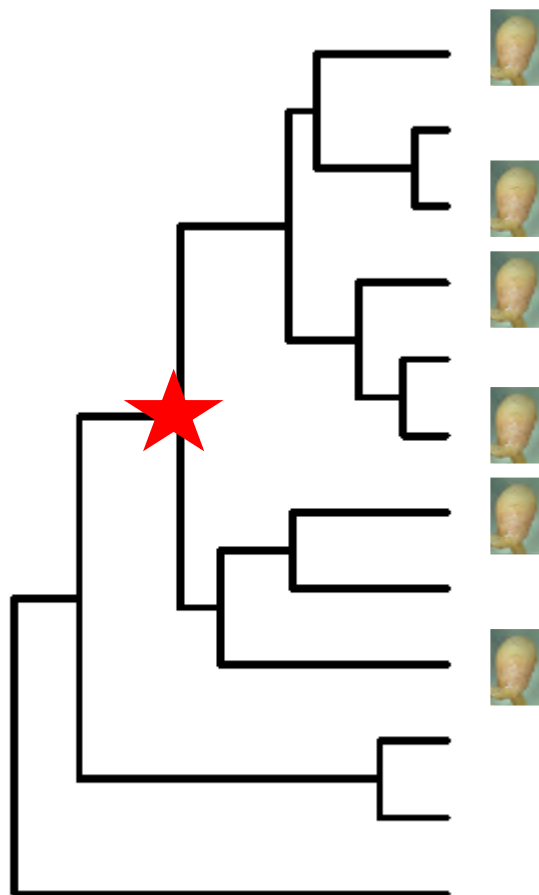
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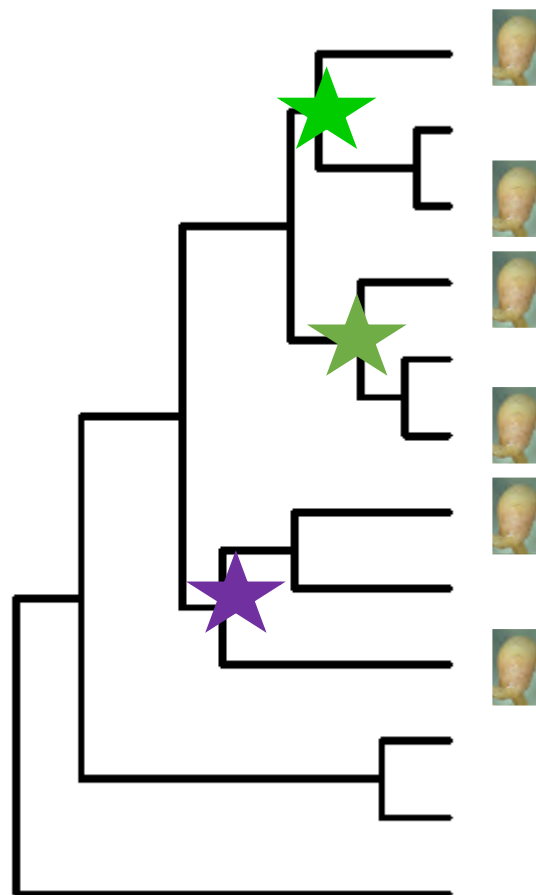
Number of evolutionary events

Event	Number	SD
Evolution of Precursor	1.01	0.65
Loss of Precursor	16.71	3.21
Evolution of Fixing	8.15	2.47
Loss of Fixing	9.93	2.80



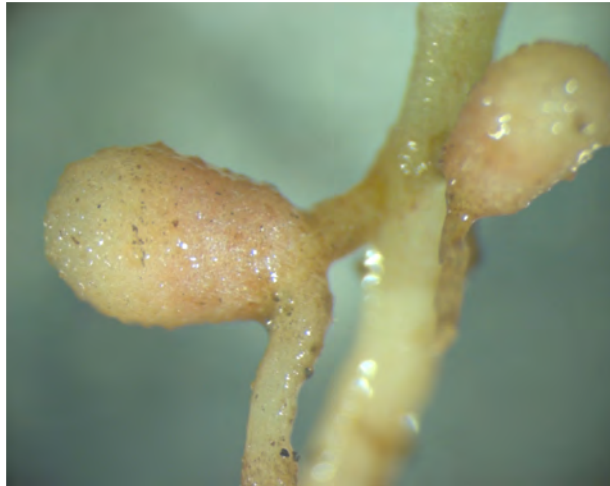
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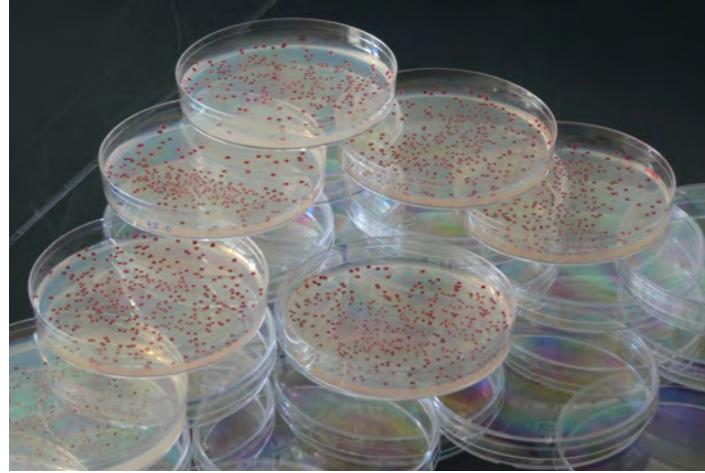


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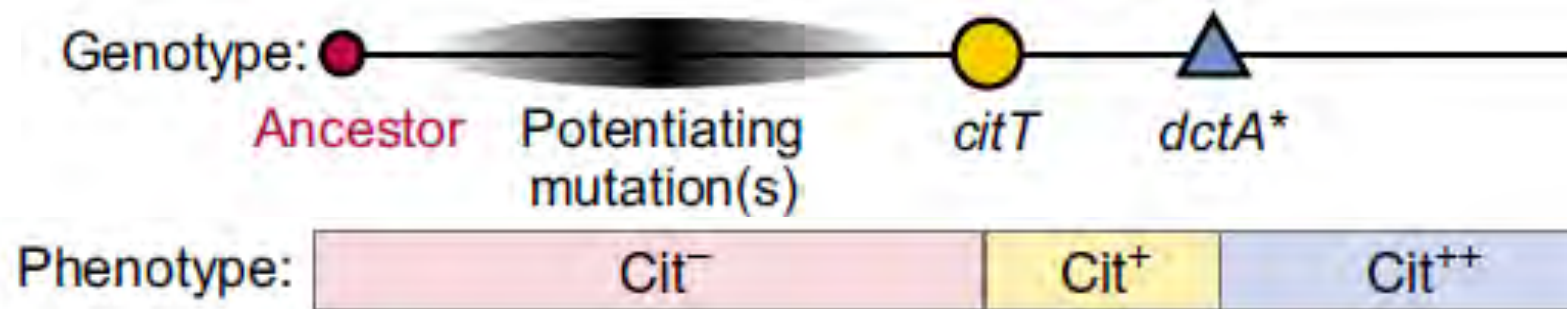


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Experimental evolution of complex traits:

1. Potentiation → 2. Actualization → 3. Refinement



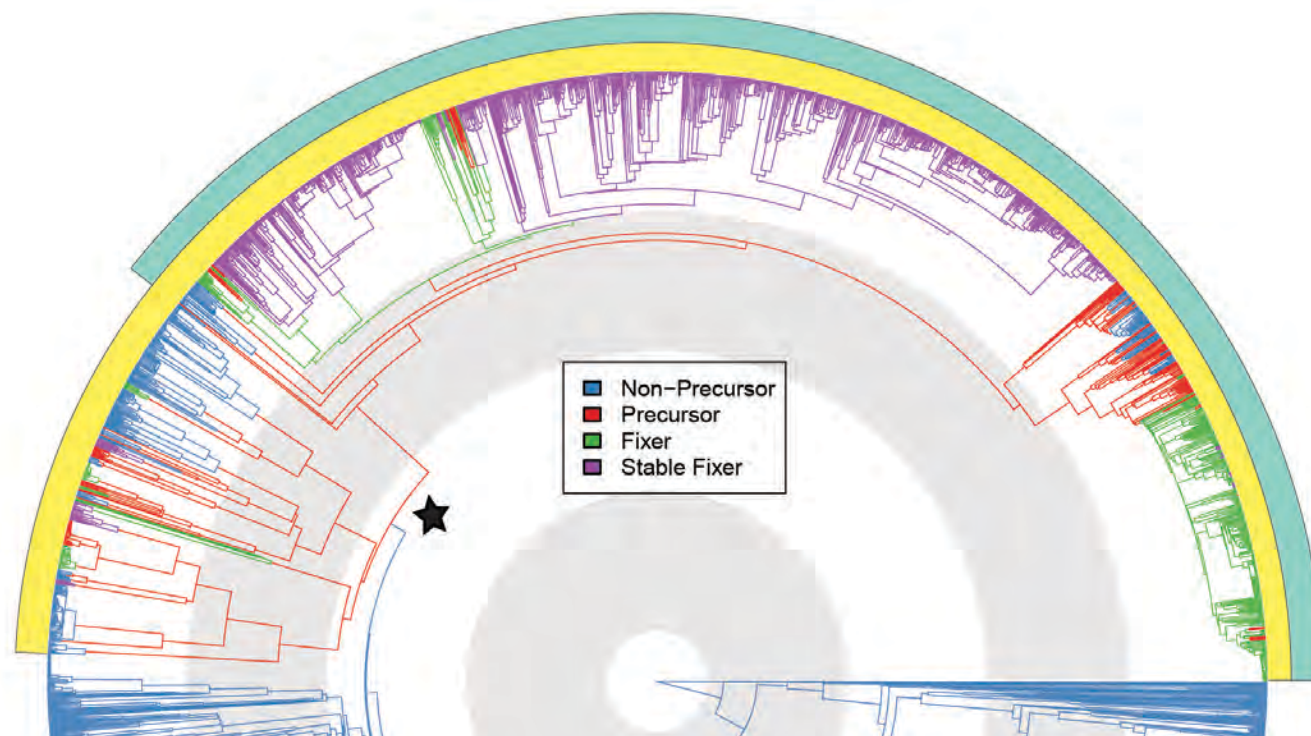
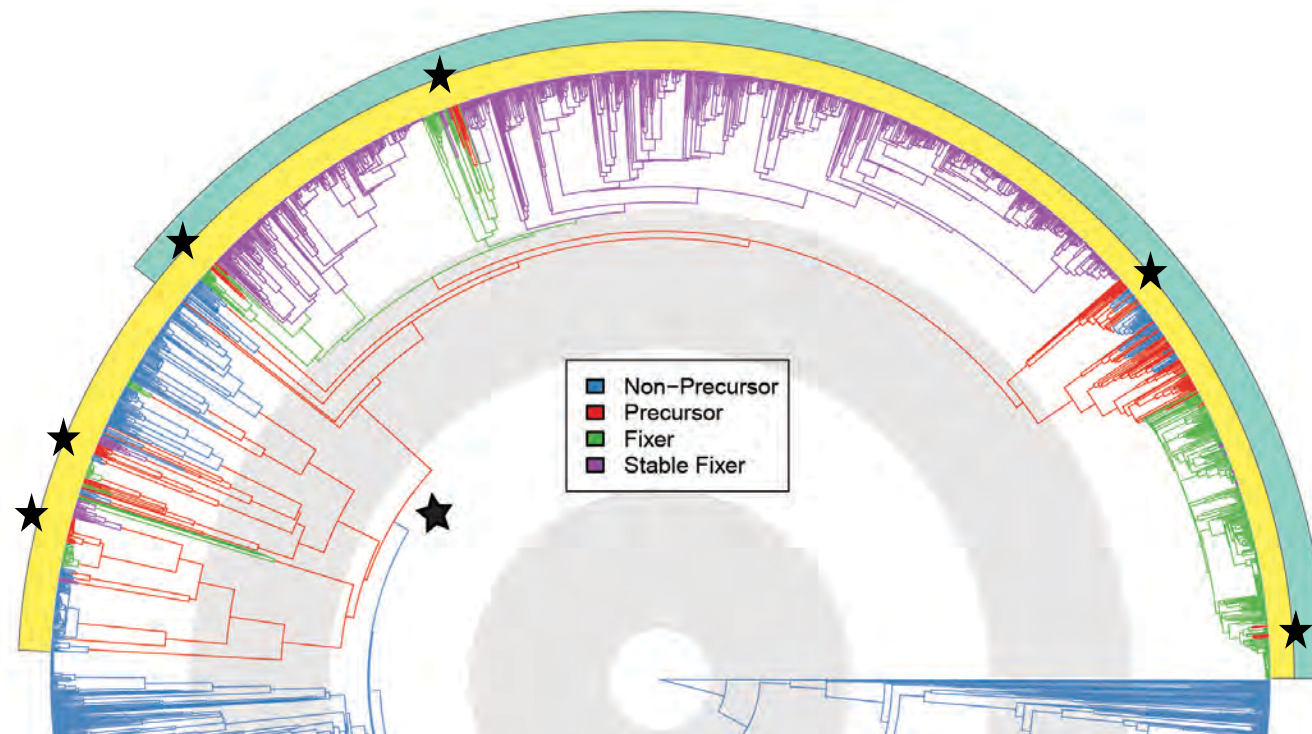
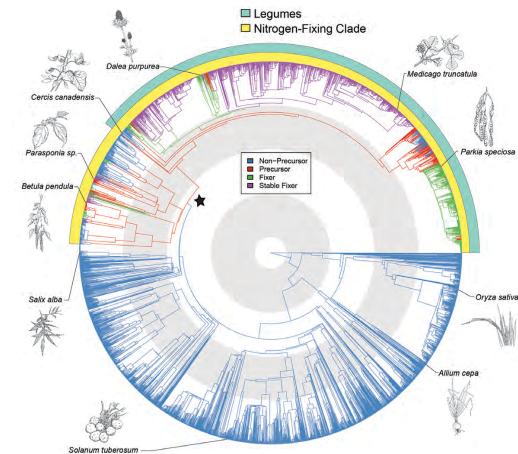


Table 2 | Phylogenetically diverse subset of probable extant precursors

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Key events identified



Novel states found
Precursor well supported

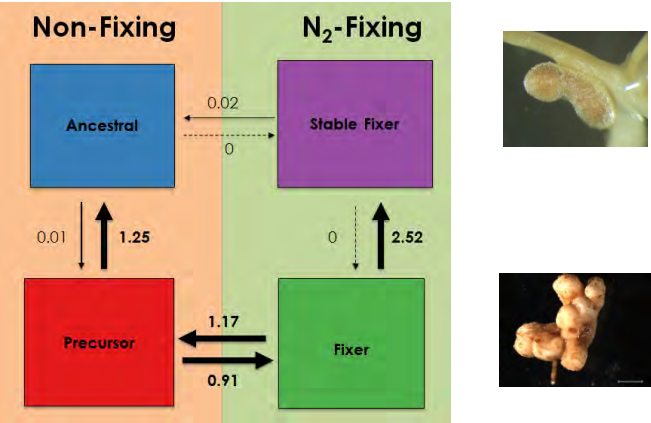
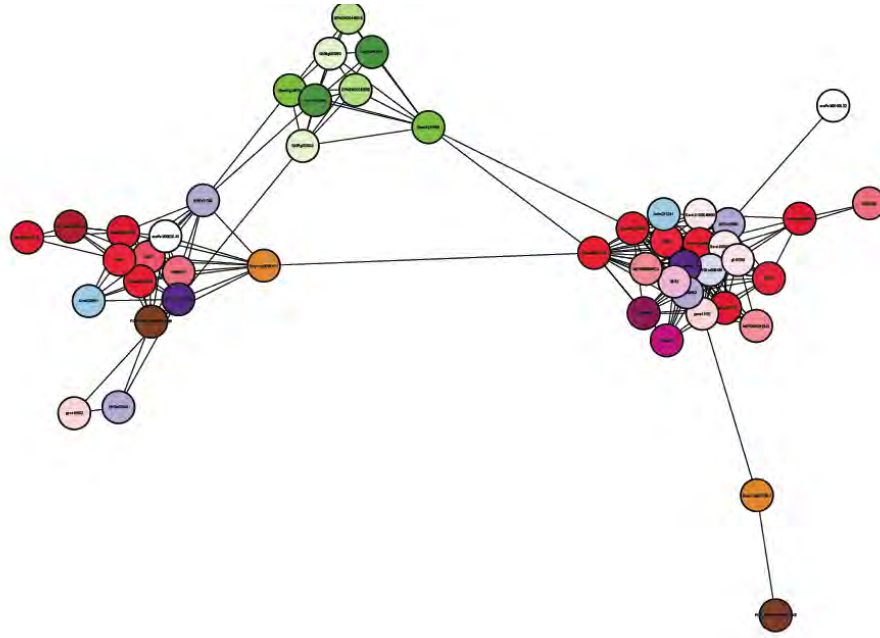


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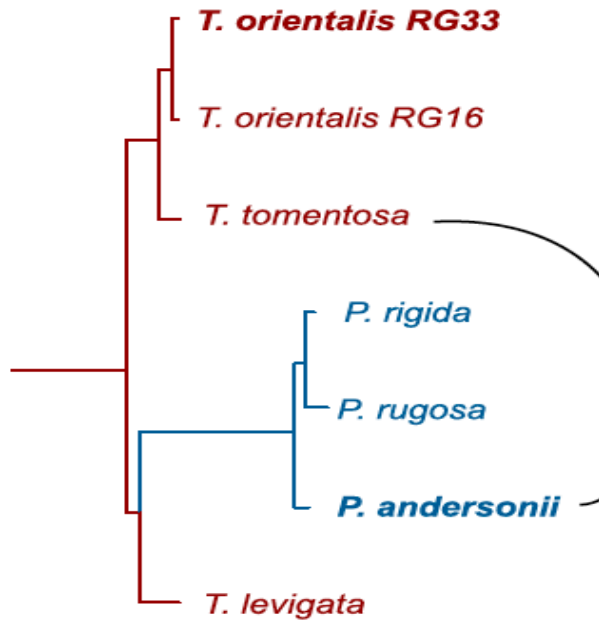
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Identified current precursor species



Phylogenomics & mapping gene (families)

Evolution of Nodulation Consortium

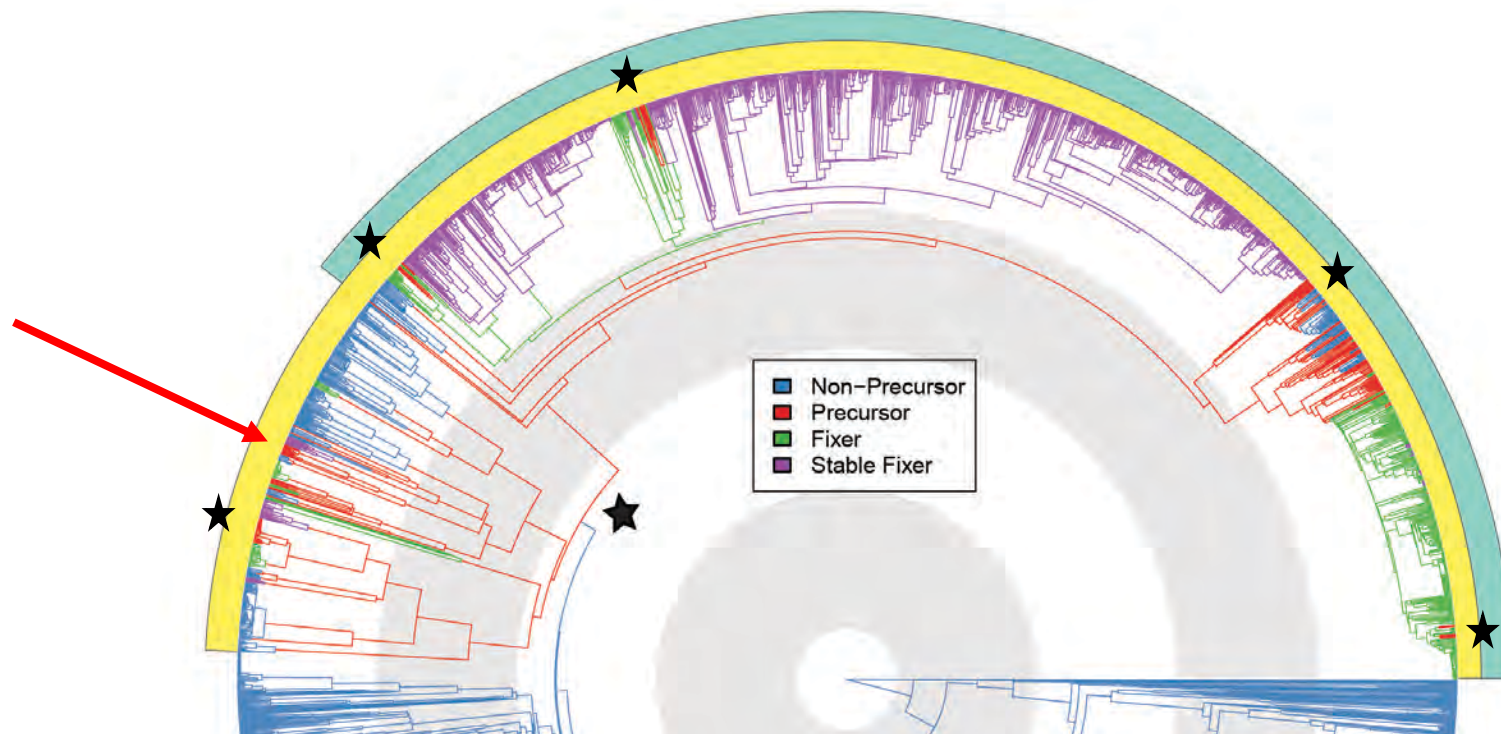


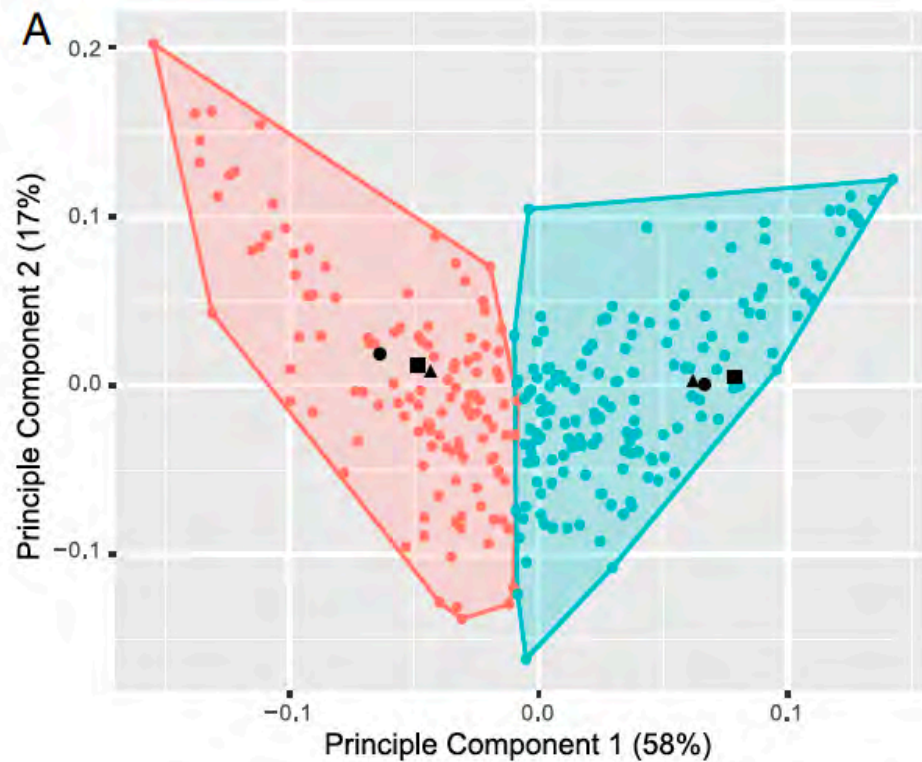
Rene Geurts, Wageningen

Parasponia/Trema-Cluster

Parasponia fixes, Trema does not

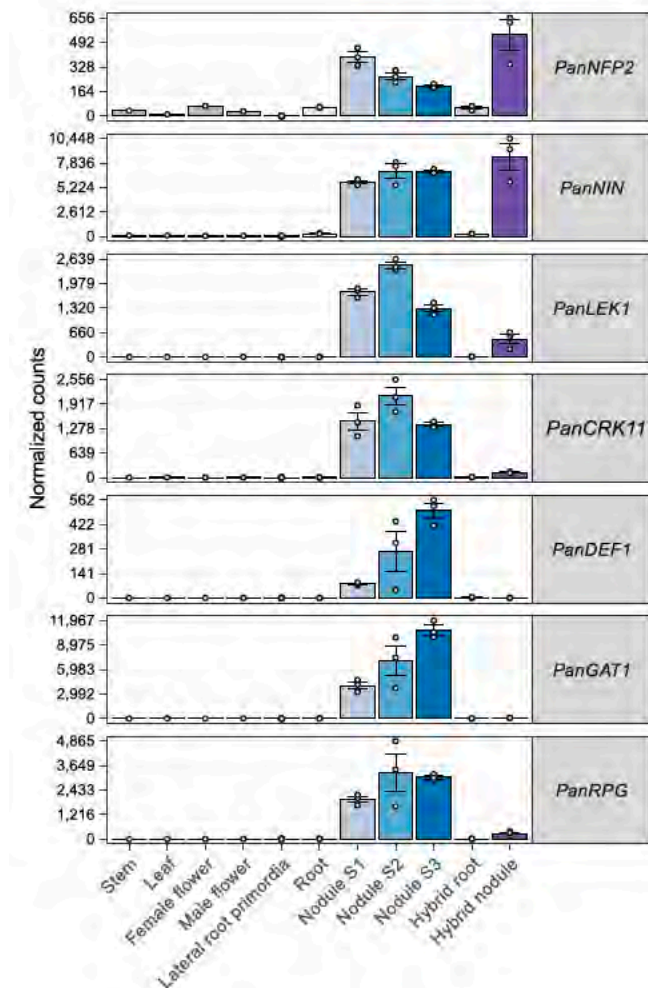
Only one outside the legumes using rhizobial bacteria





Parasponia and legumes share 290 nodulation genes
 - Including some with only known functions in nodulation

Comparative genomics of the nonlegume *Parasponia* reveals insights into evolution of nitrogen-fixing rhizobium symbioses



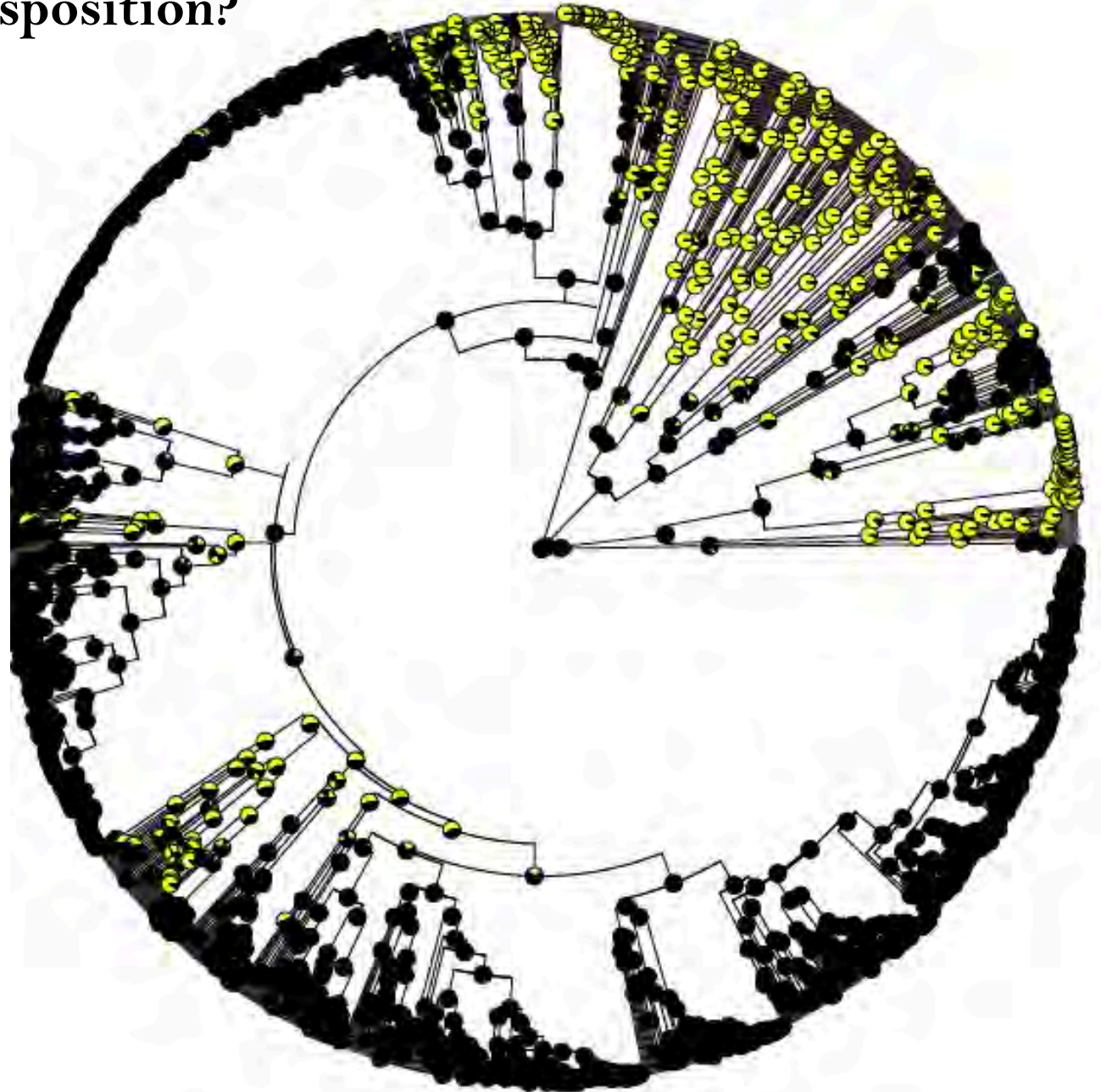
7 key nodulation genes lost in *Trema* (and close relatives).

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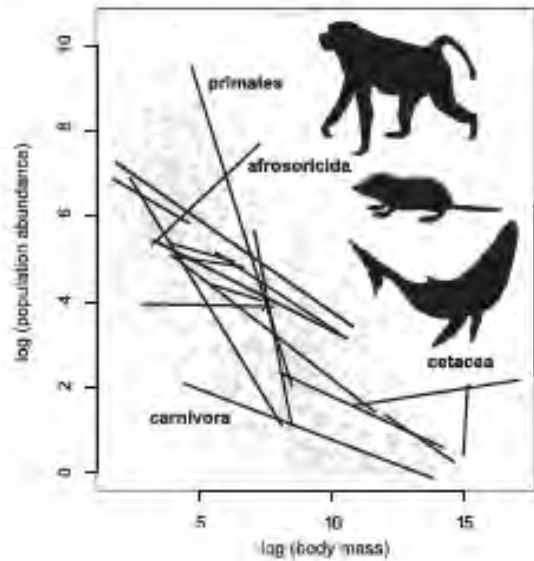
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- Complex traits easier to lose than gain?

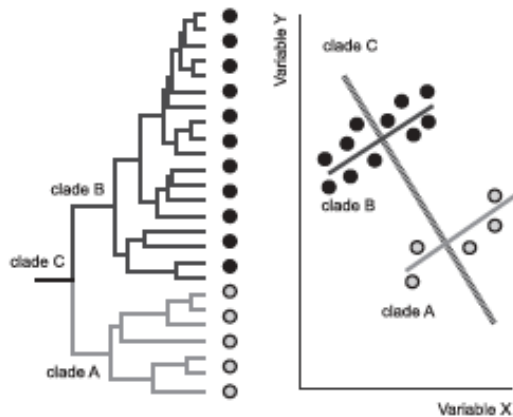


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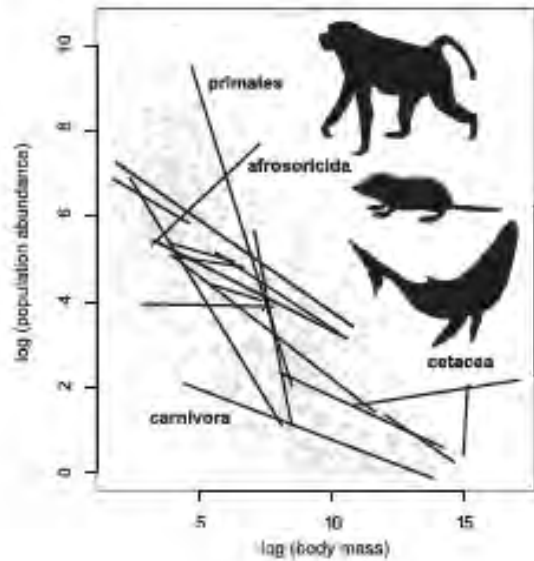


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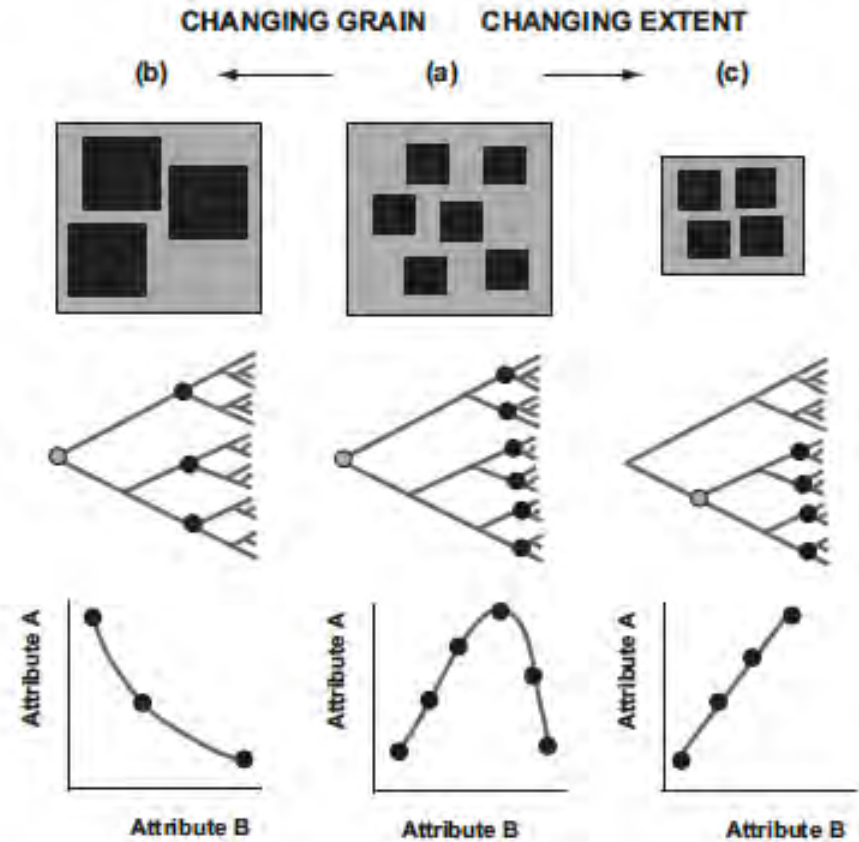
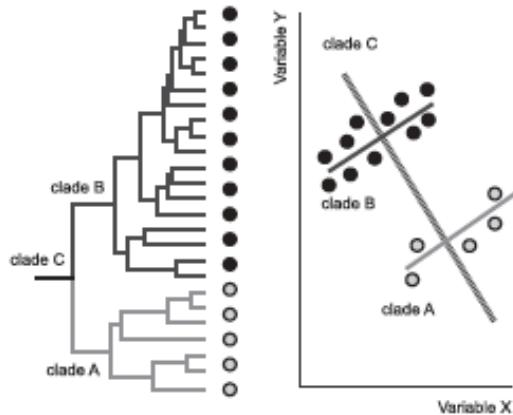


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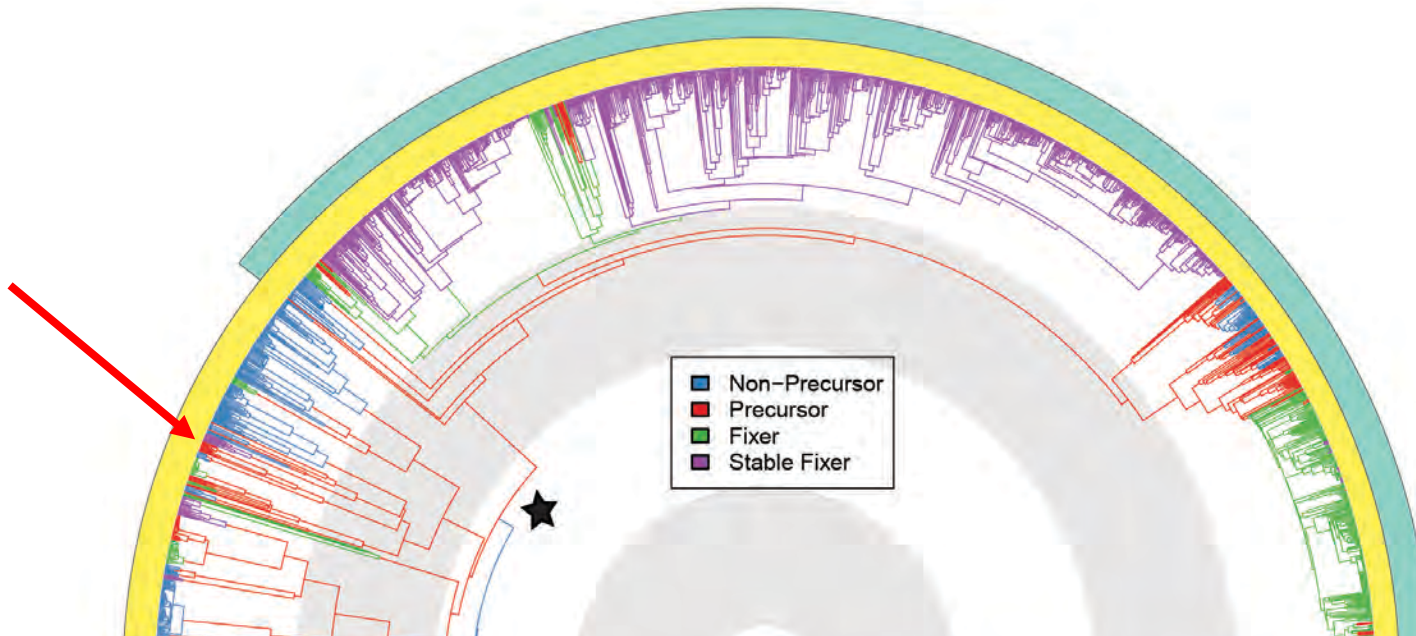
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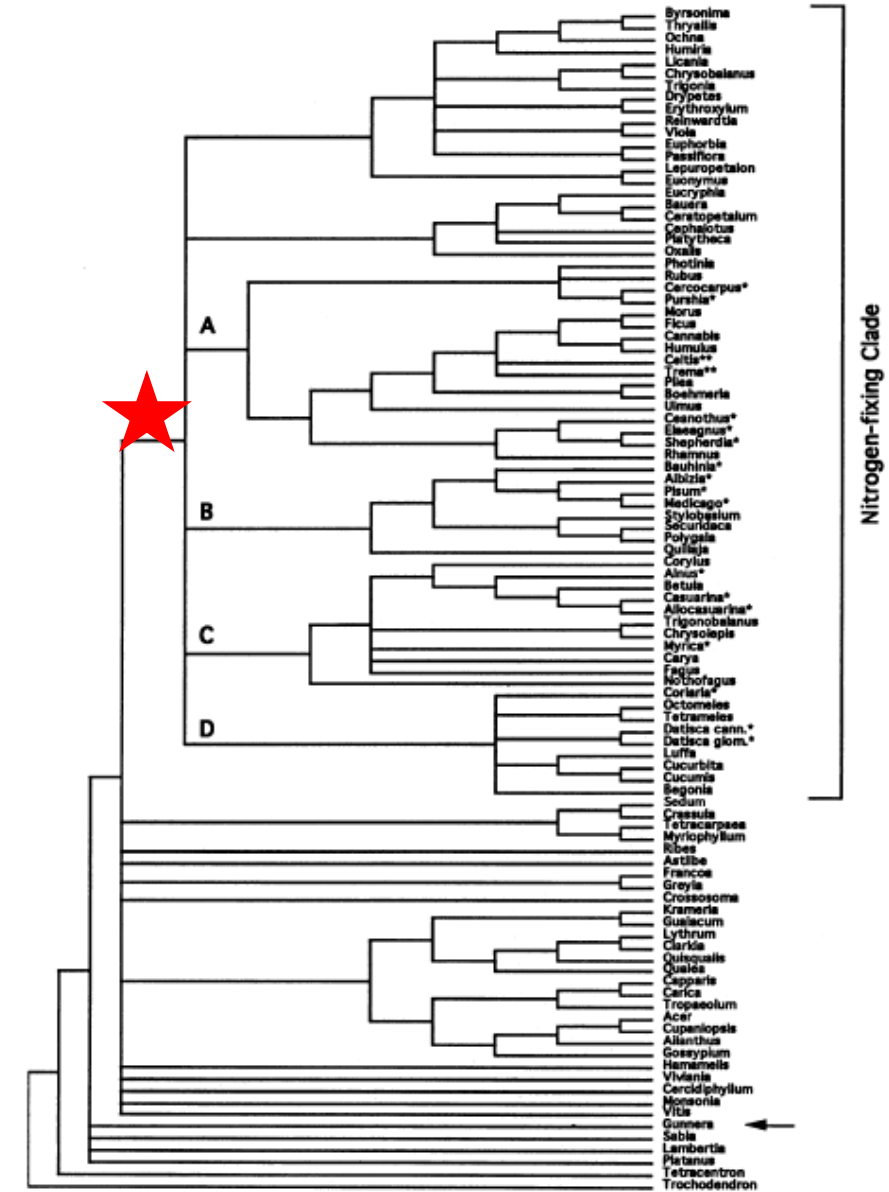
What is your trait of interest?

Nodulation per se? Type of nodule?



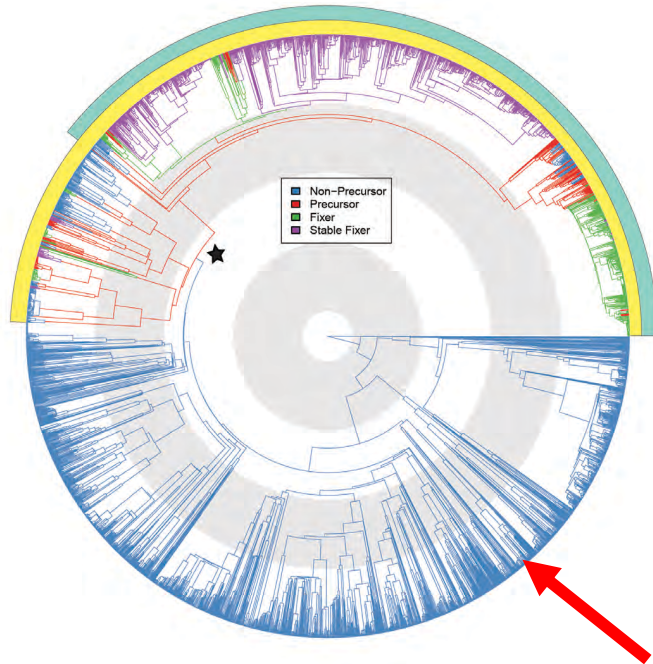


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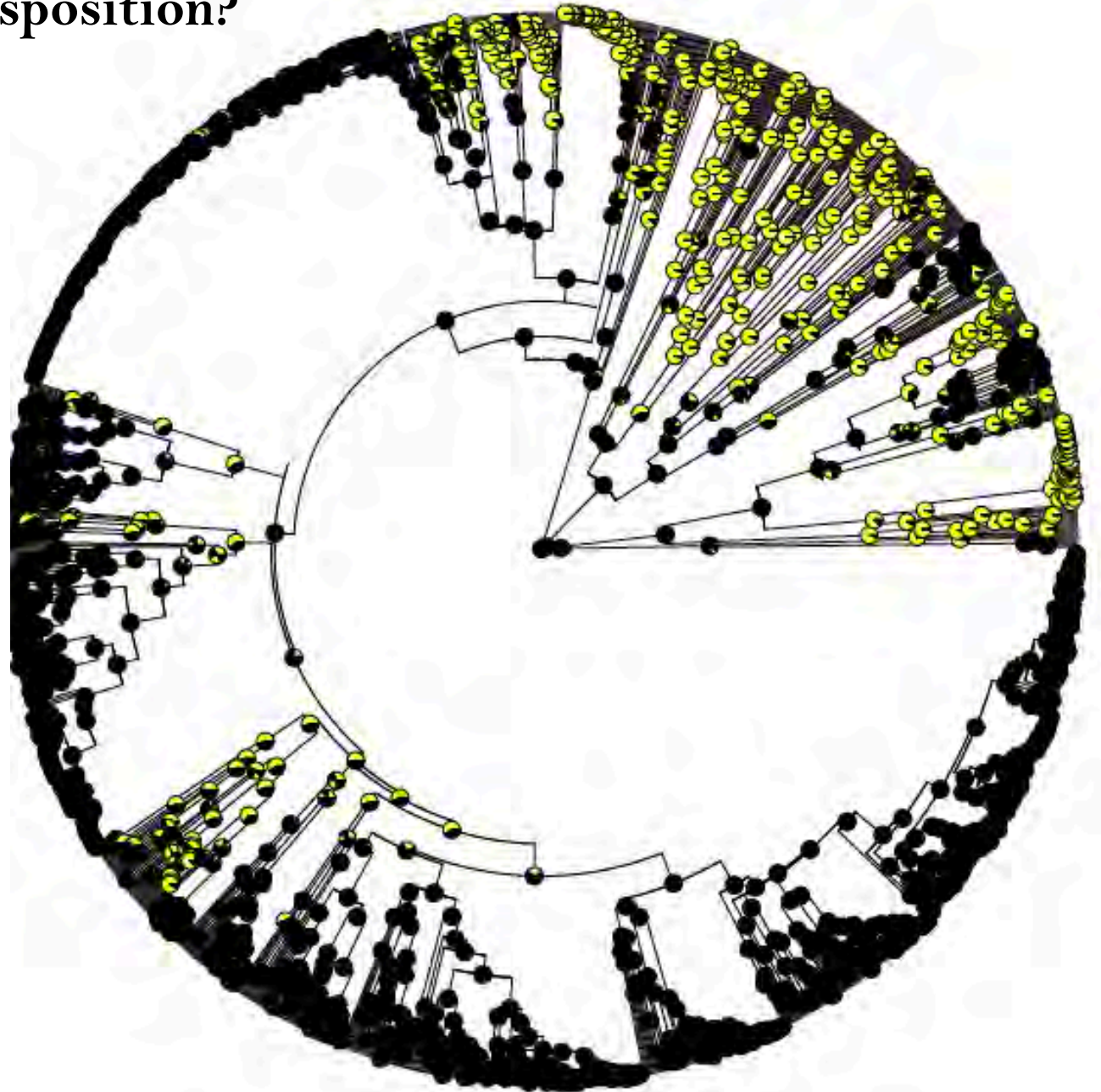
Gunnera – Nostoc



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New question:
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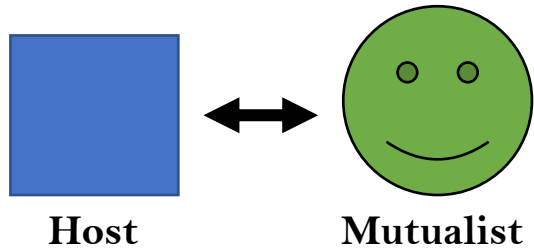


**Why mutualism breakdown?
What are the evolutionary drivers?**

Pathways to mutualism breakdown

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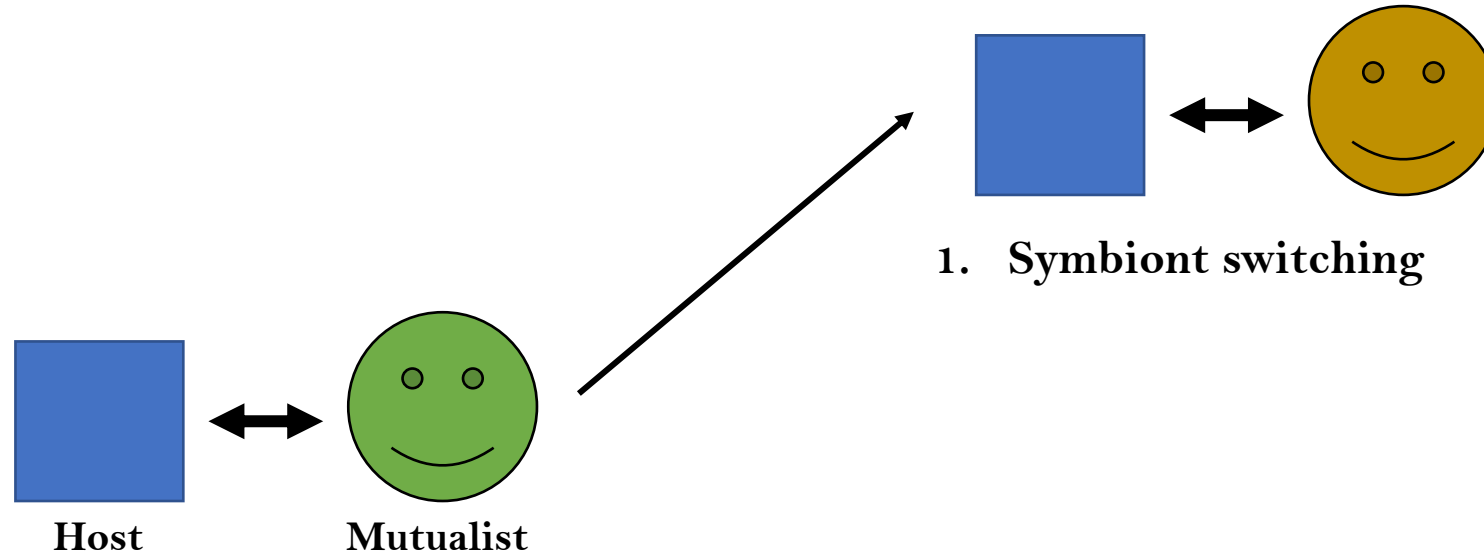
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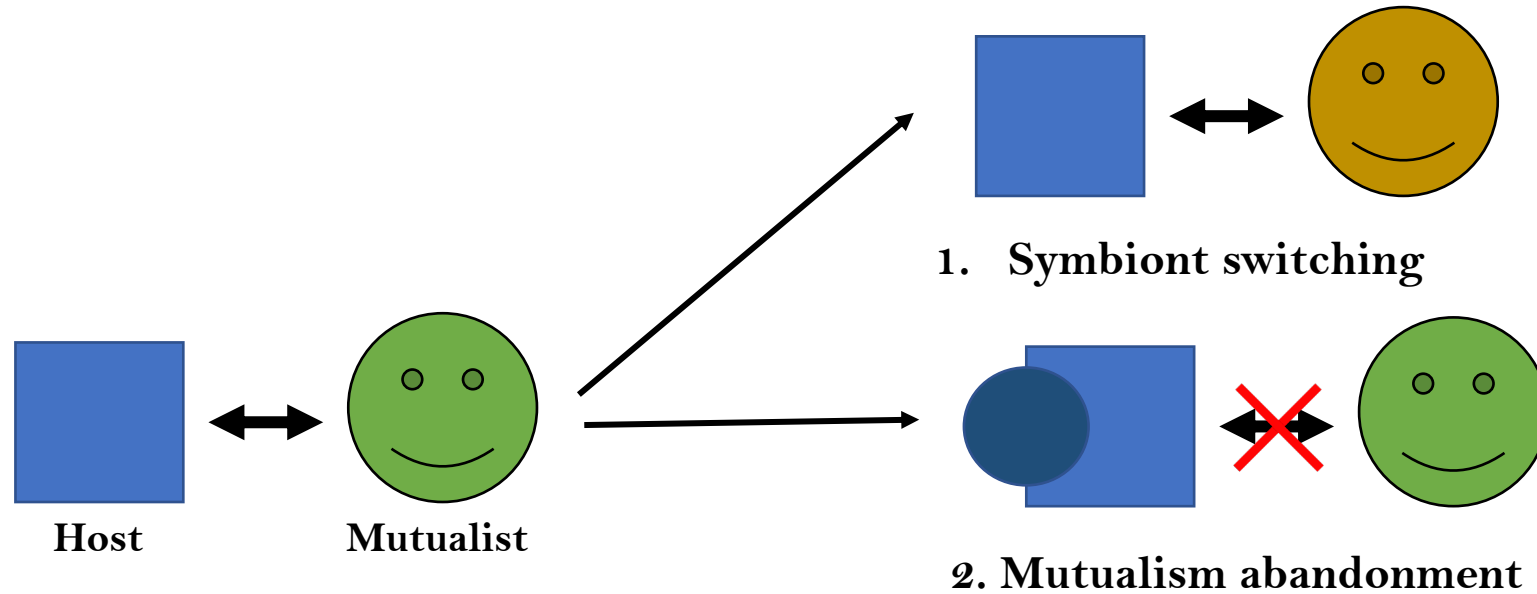
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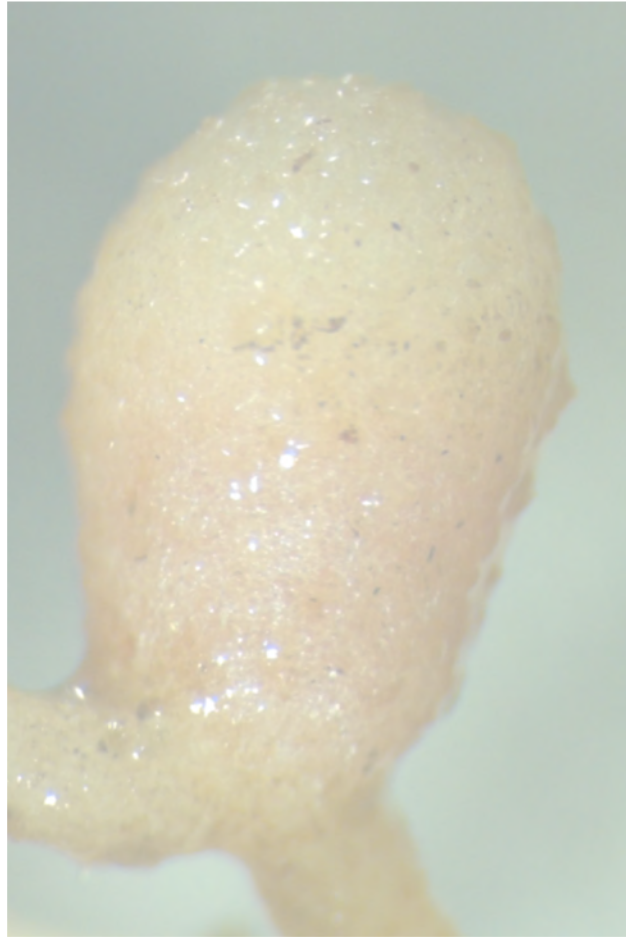


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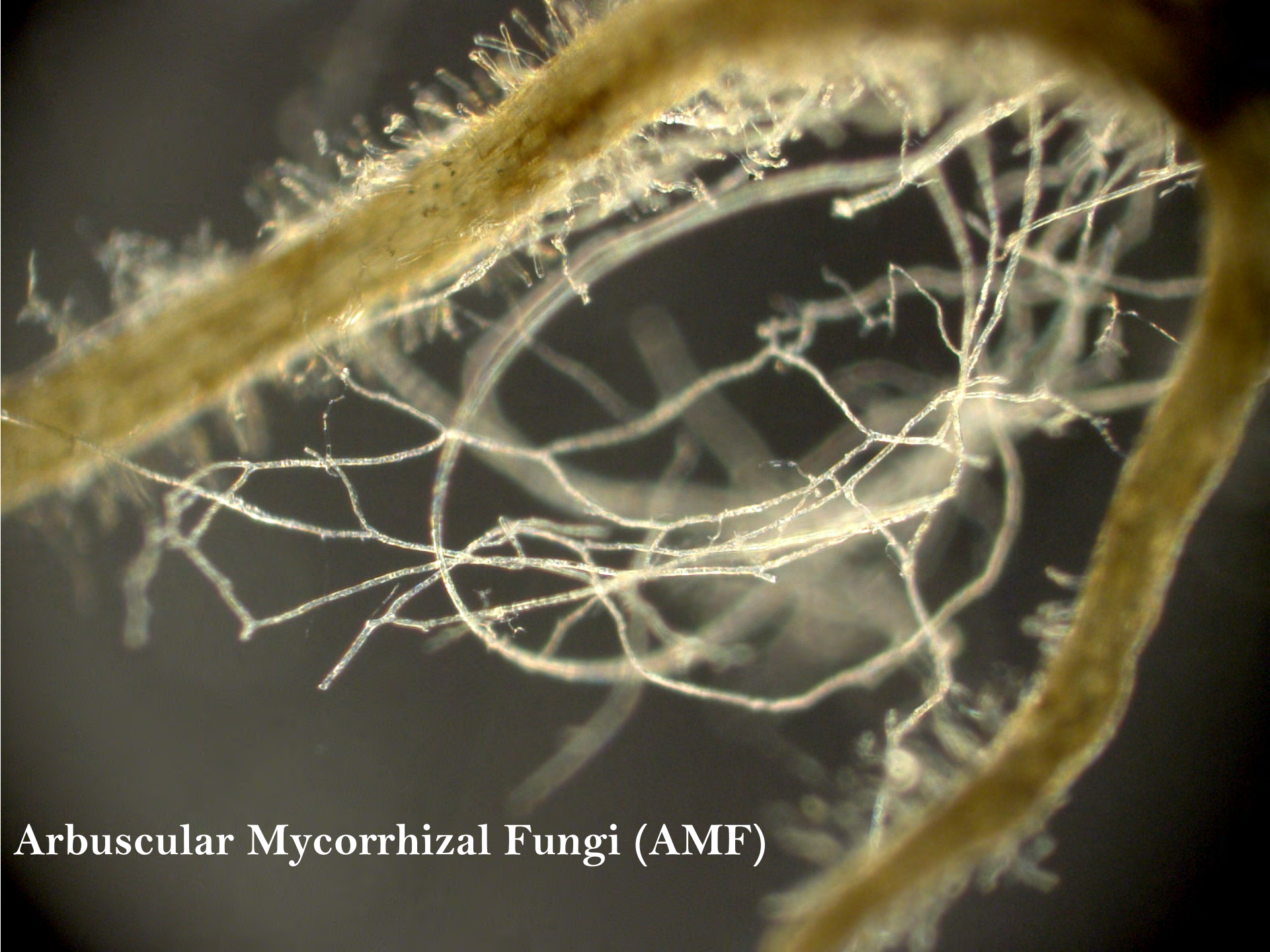
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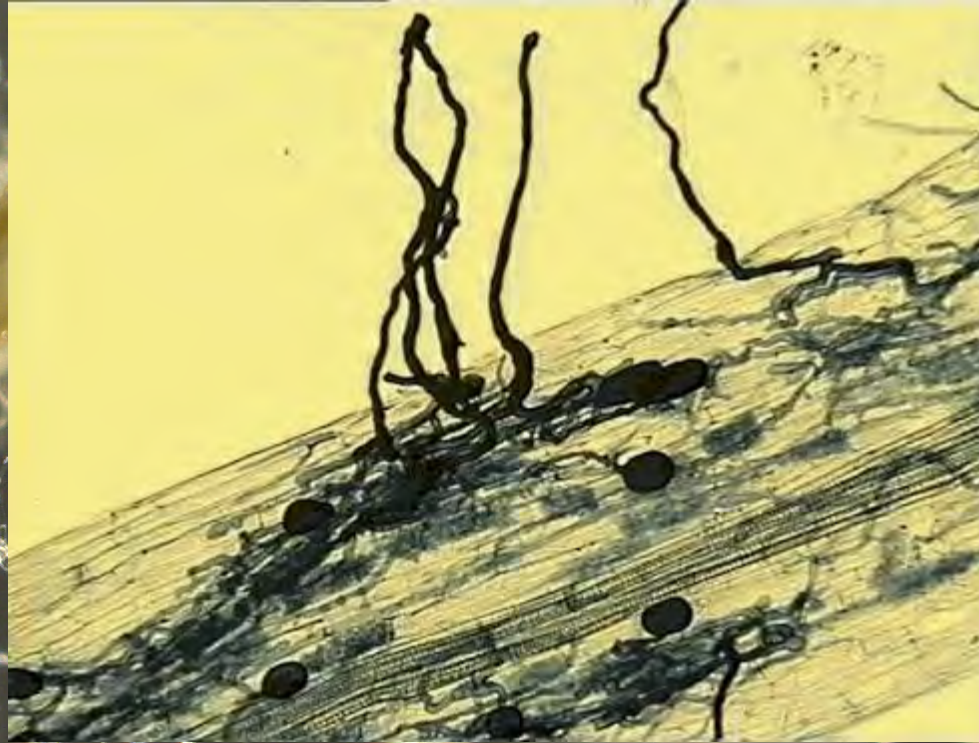


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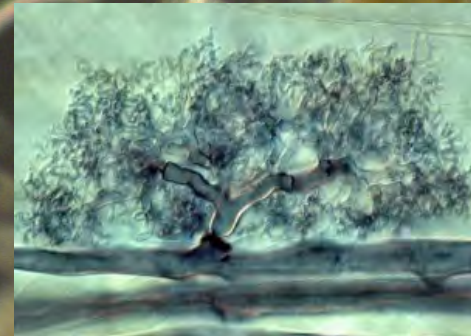
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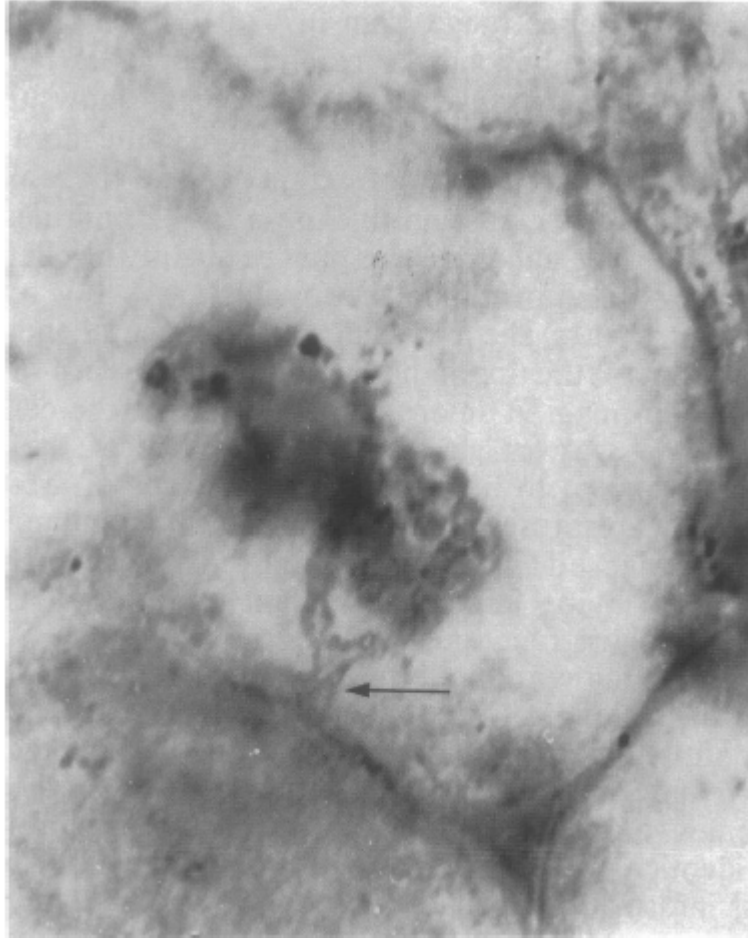
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AMF predate colonisation of the land

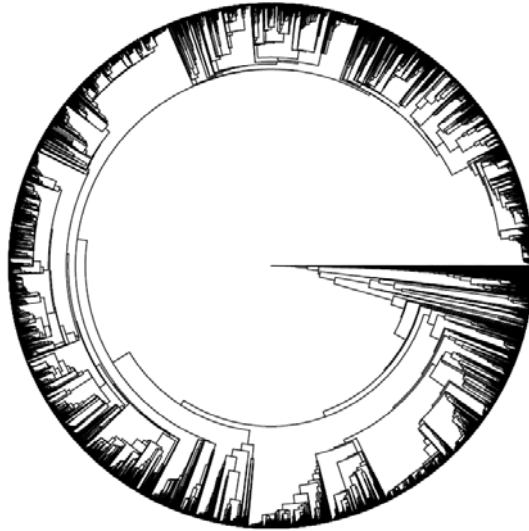


Yet, some plant species do not have AMF



What are pathways towards (stable) AM Loss?

1. Phylogeny



Zanne et al., 2014. Nature



Dr. Nadia Soudzilovskaia, Leiden

>30k species



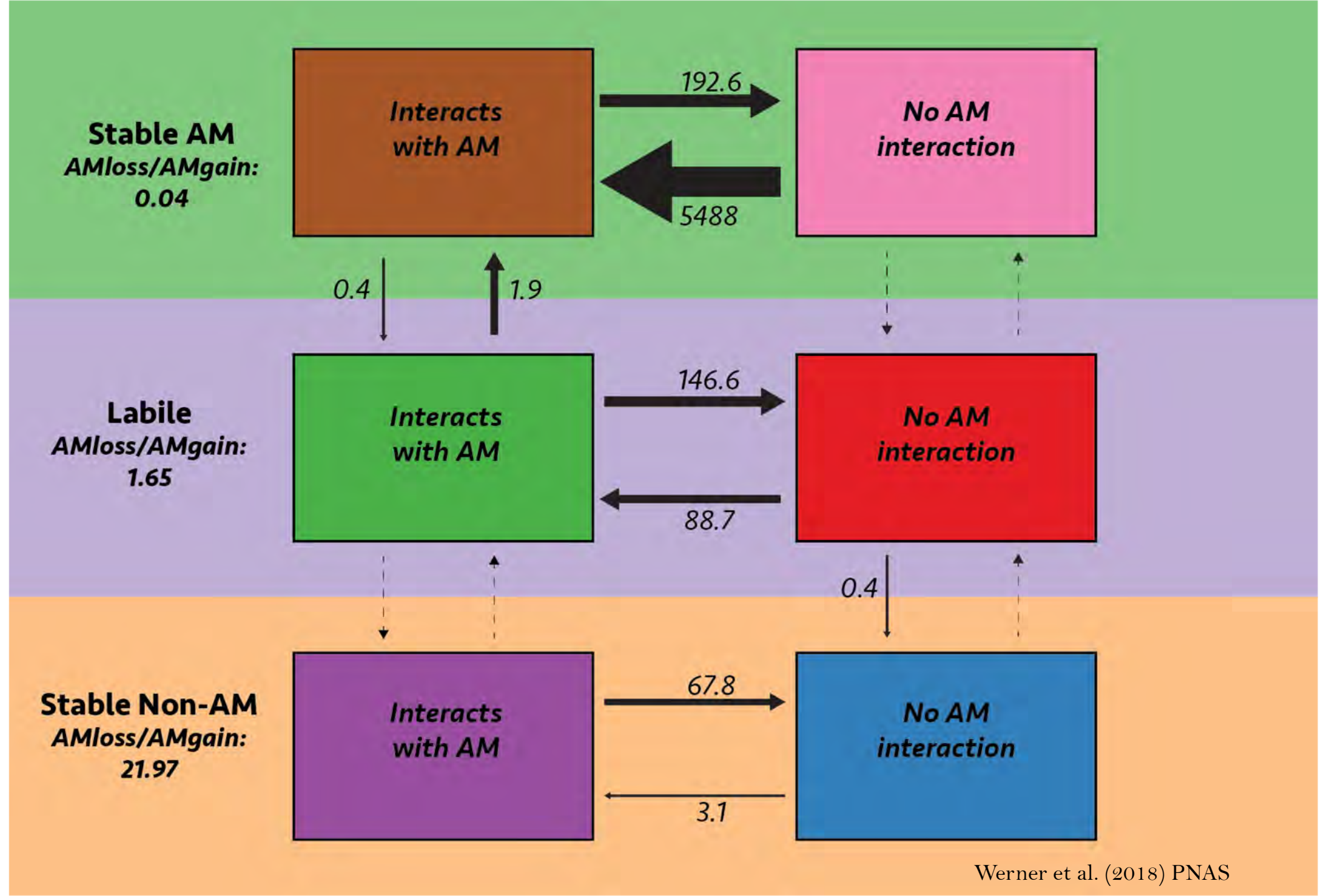
Prof. Hans Cornelissen, VU Amsterdam

2. Database

Species	AM	ECM	ER
<i>Abarema jupunba</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>Abies alba</i>	No	Yes	No
<i>Abies amabilis</i>	No	Yes	No
<i>Abronia umbellata</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>Abuta grandifolia</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>Abutilon grandifolium</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>Acacia ampliceps</i>	Yes	No	No

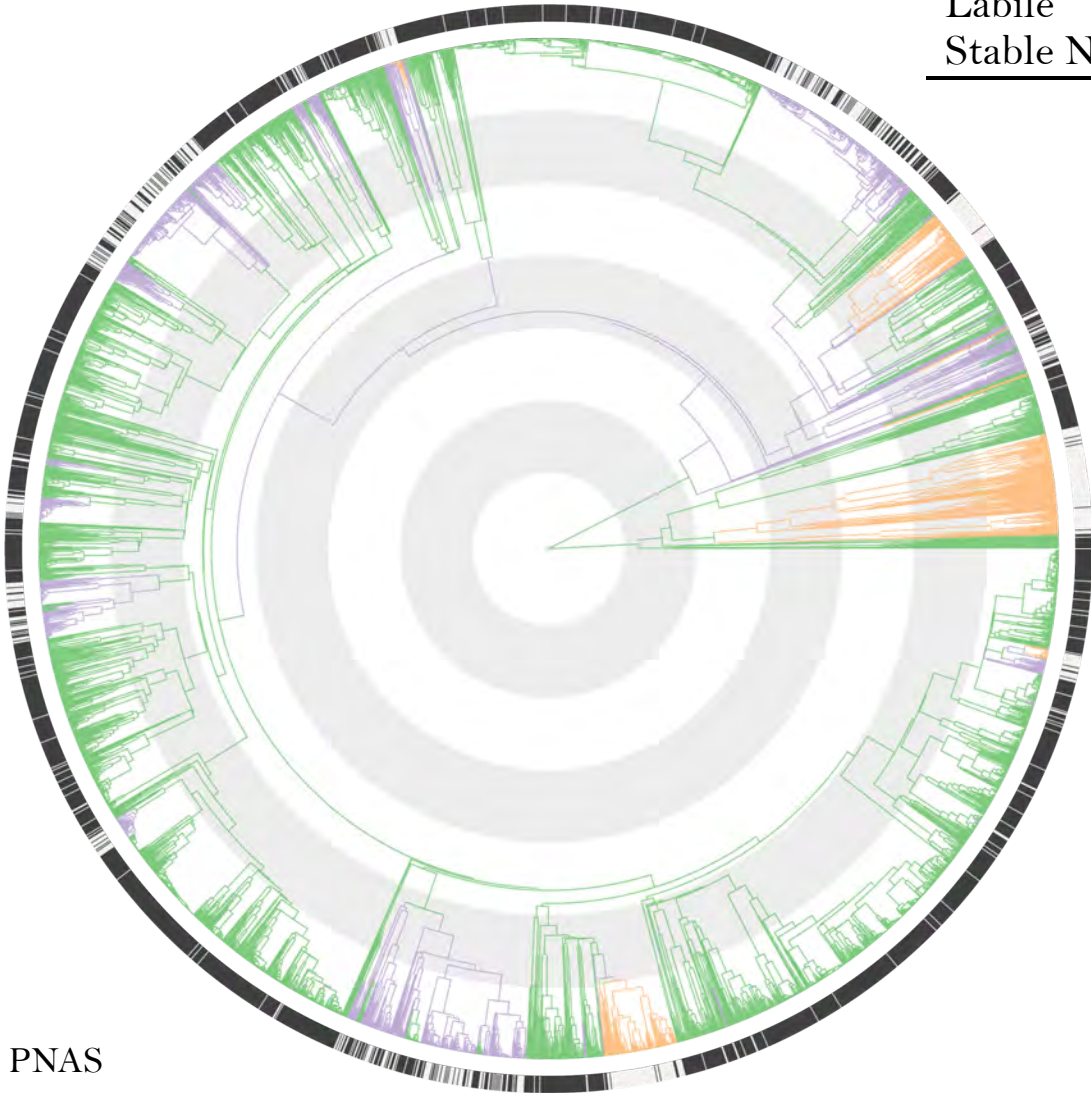


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Wang 2006 Mycorrhiza

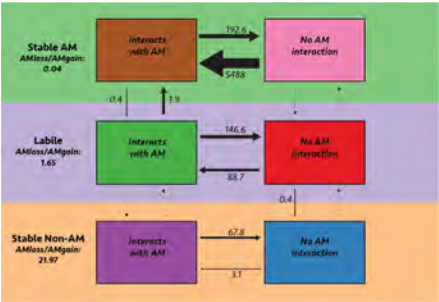


‘Stable AM’ is ancestral and retained in most plants

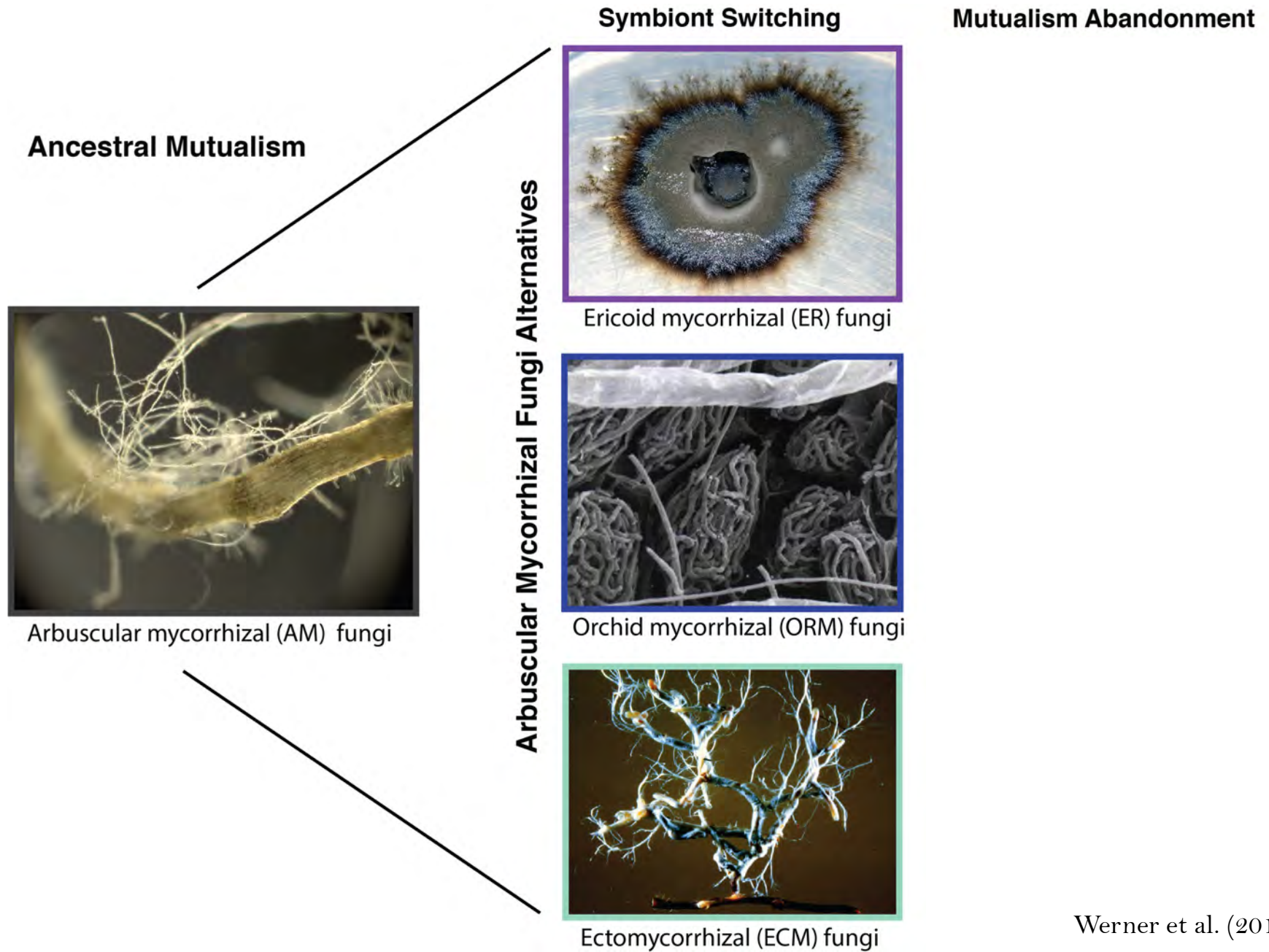
Stability Class	# Species	Percentage
Stable AM	2,616	70.0%
Labile	829	22.2%
Stable Non-AM	291	7.8%



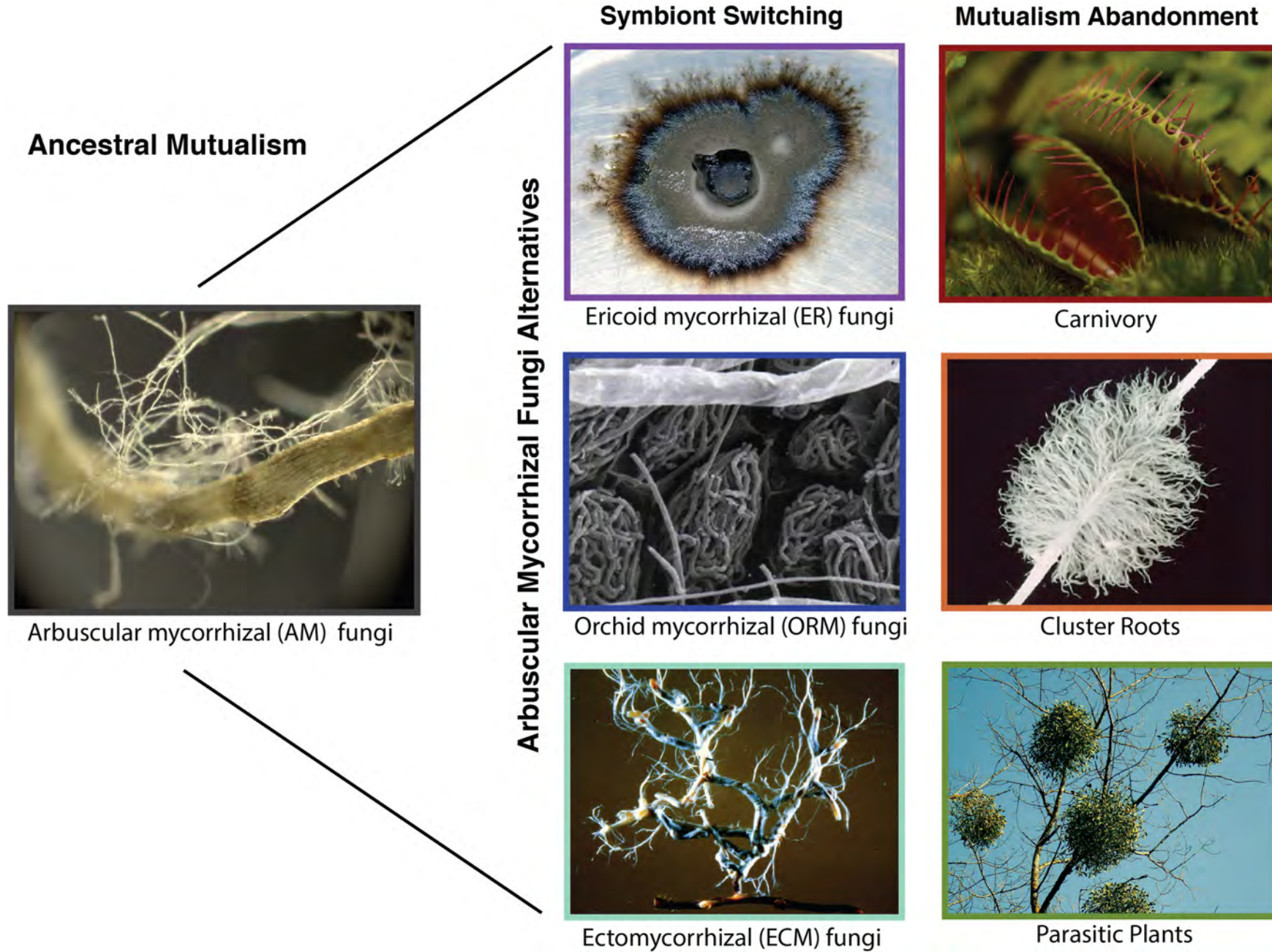
24.6 losses estimated



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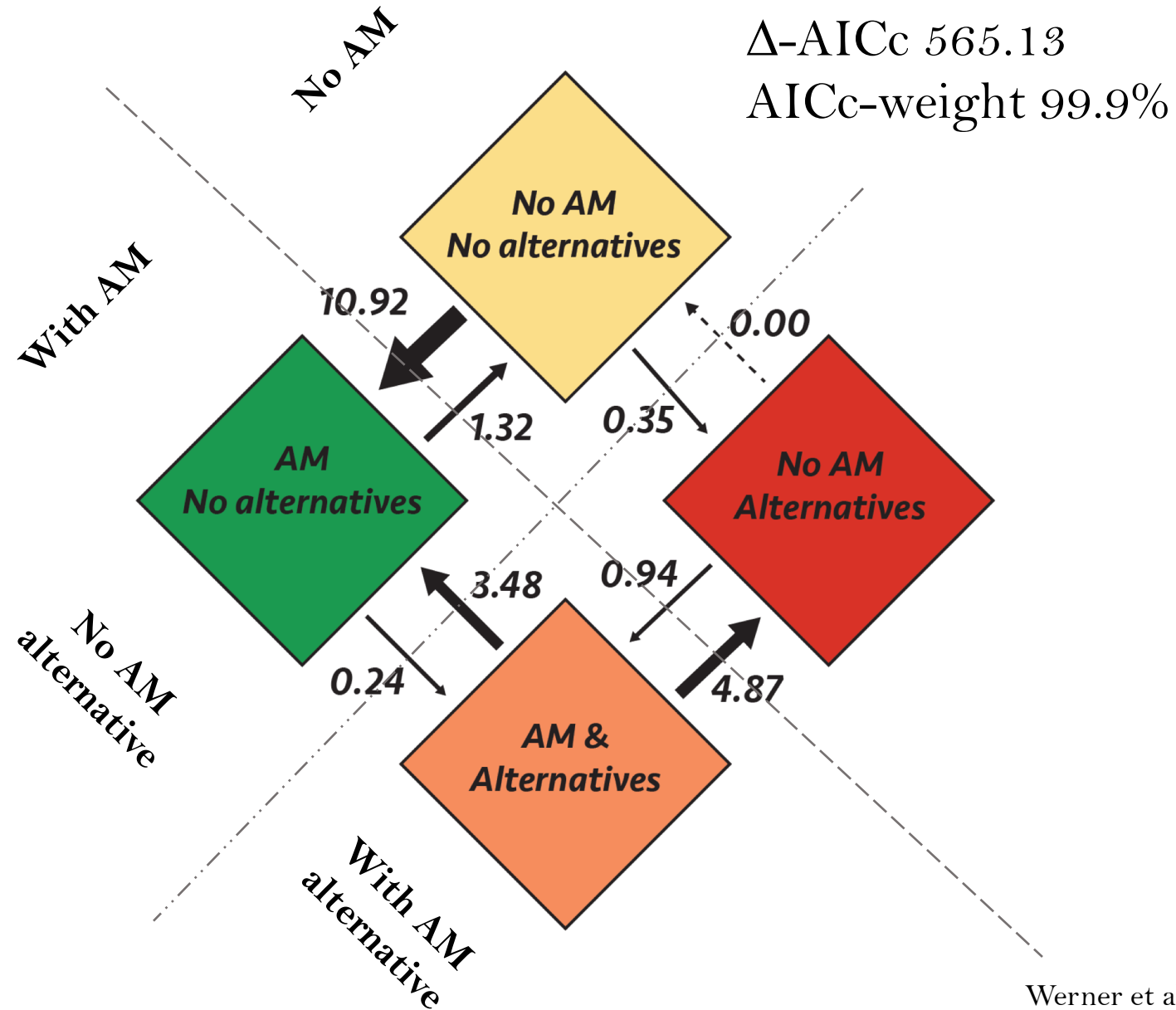
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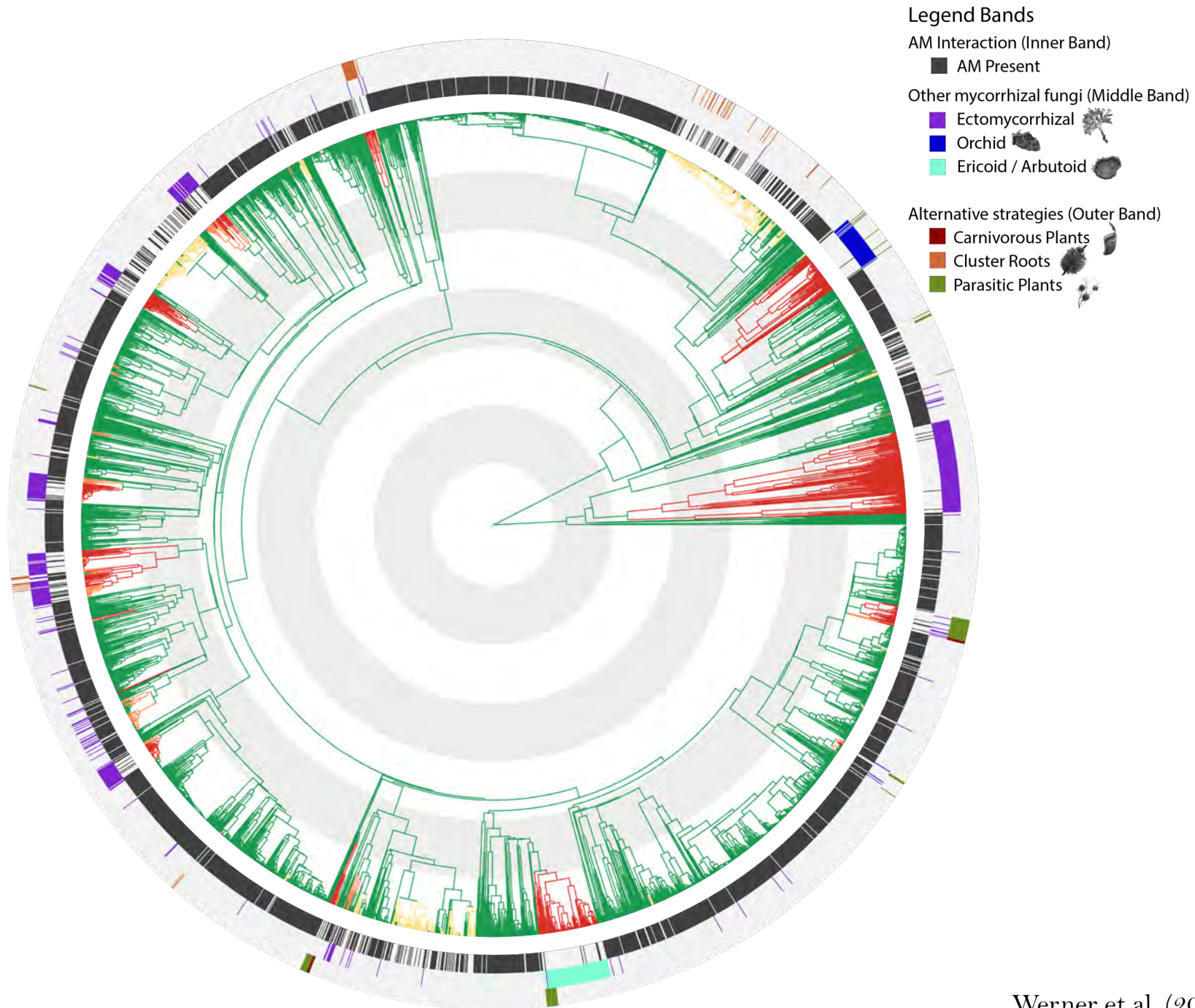
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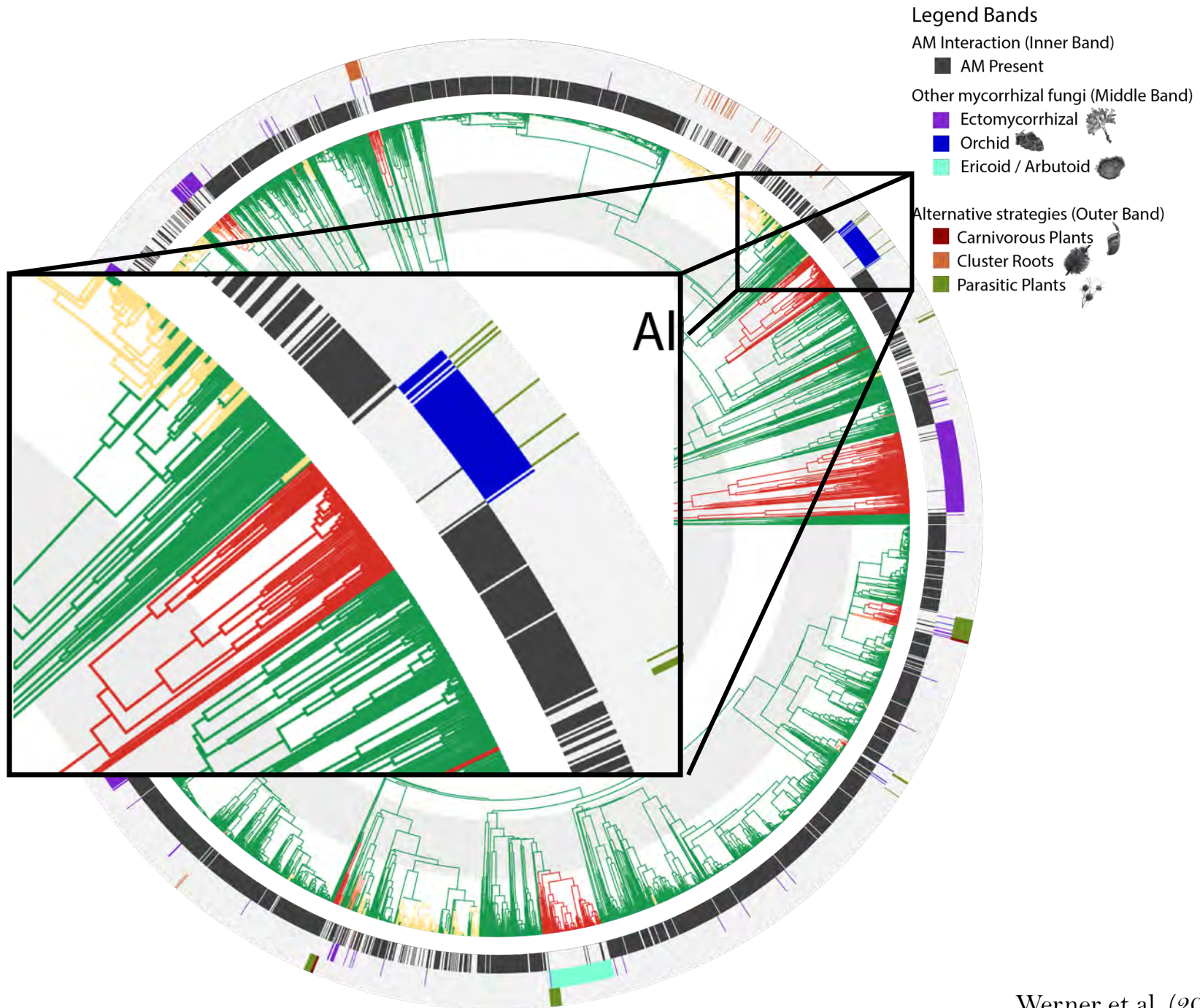
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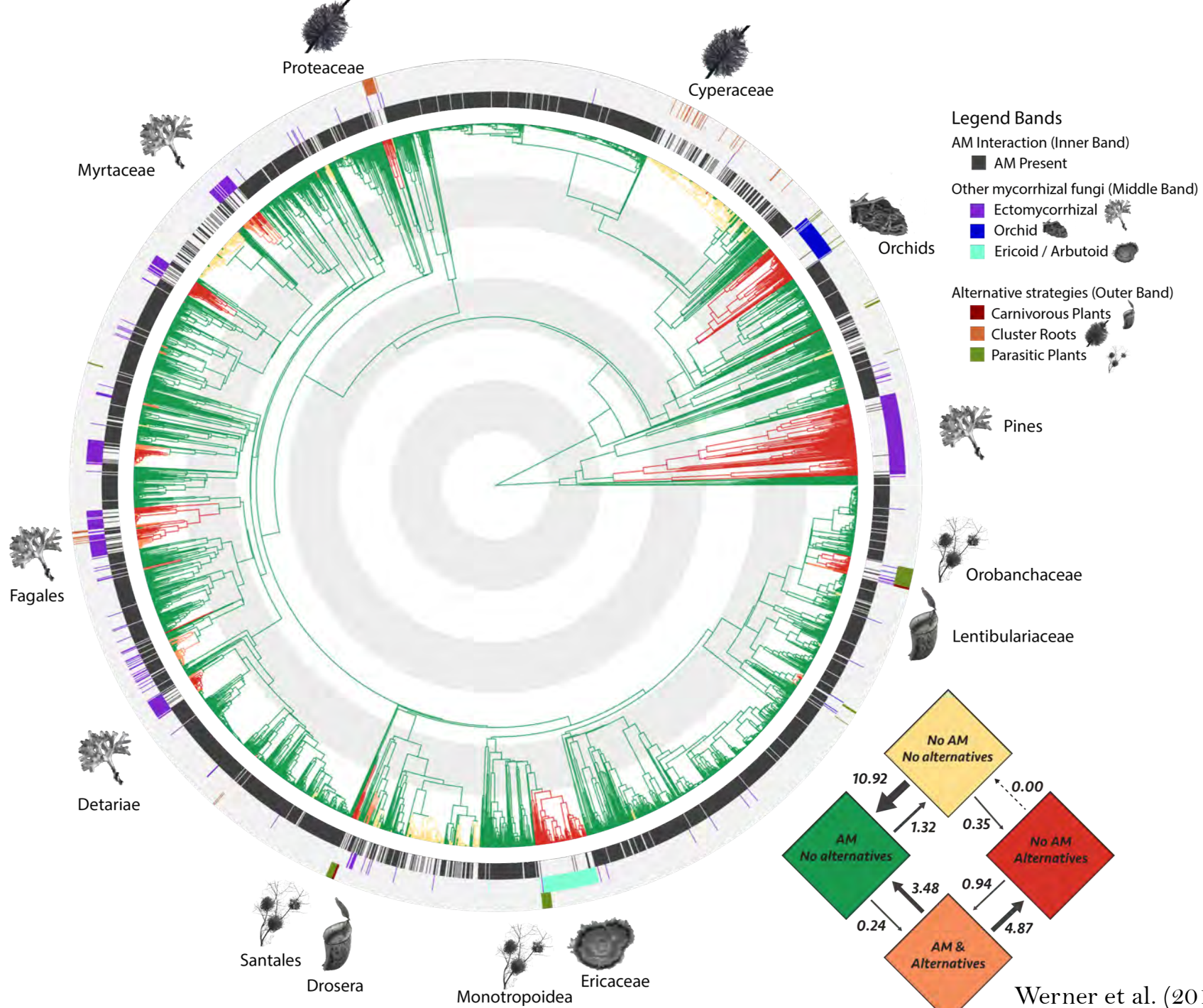
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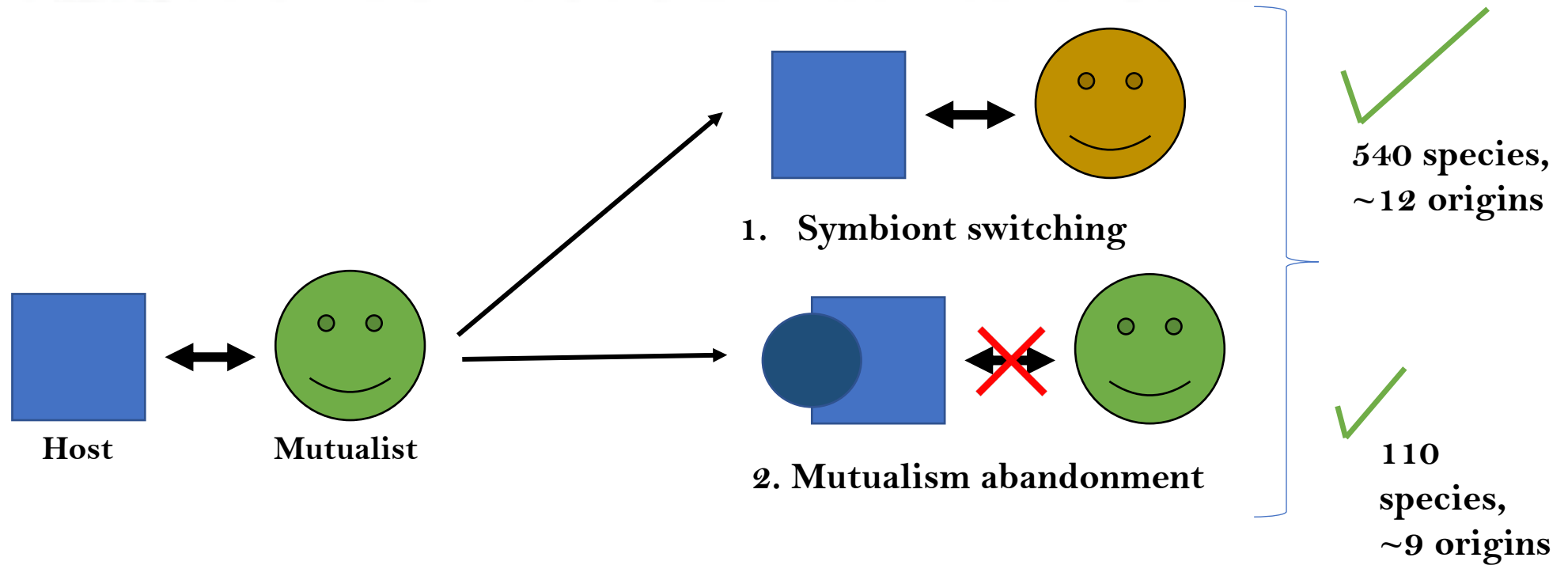




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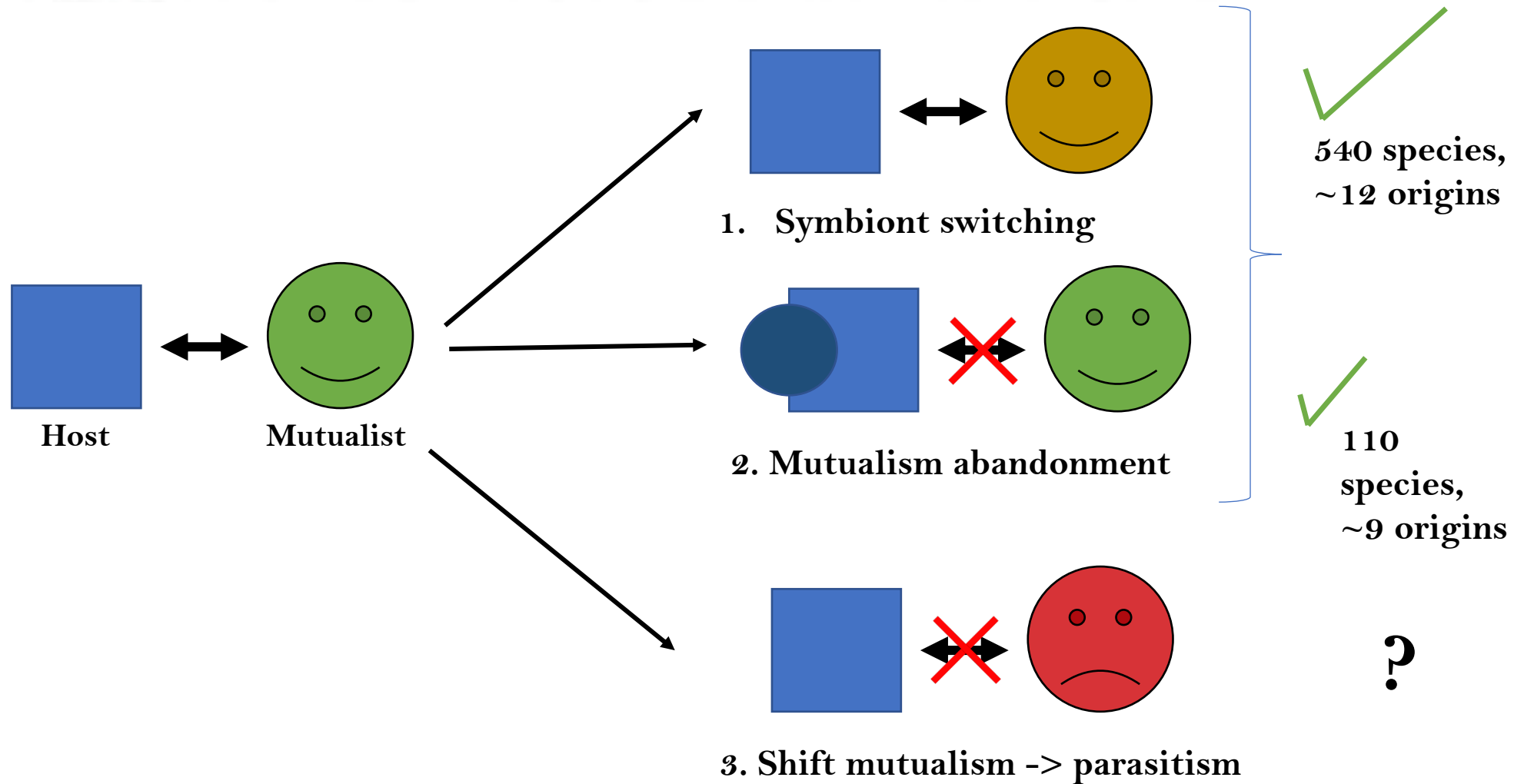
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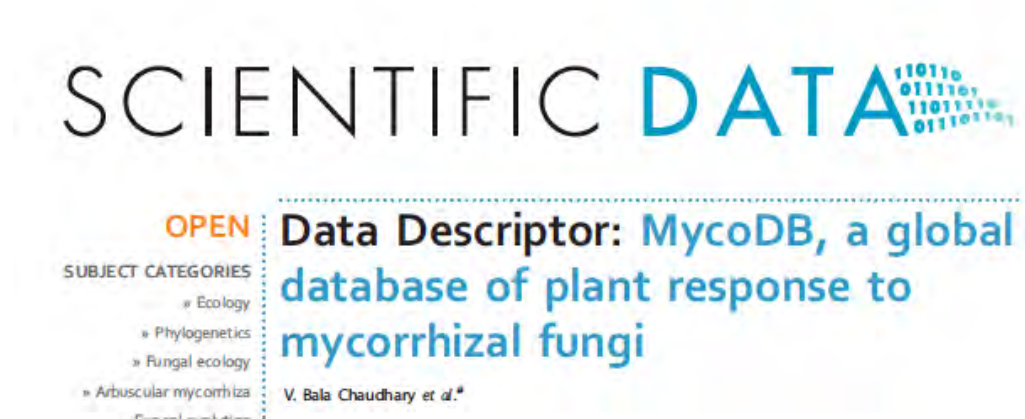
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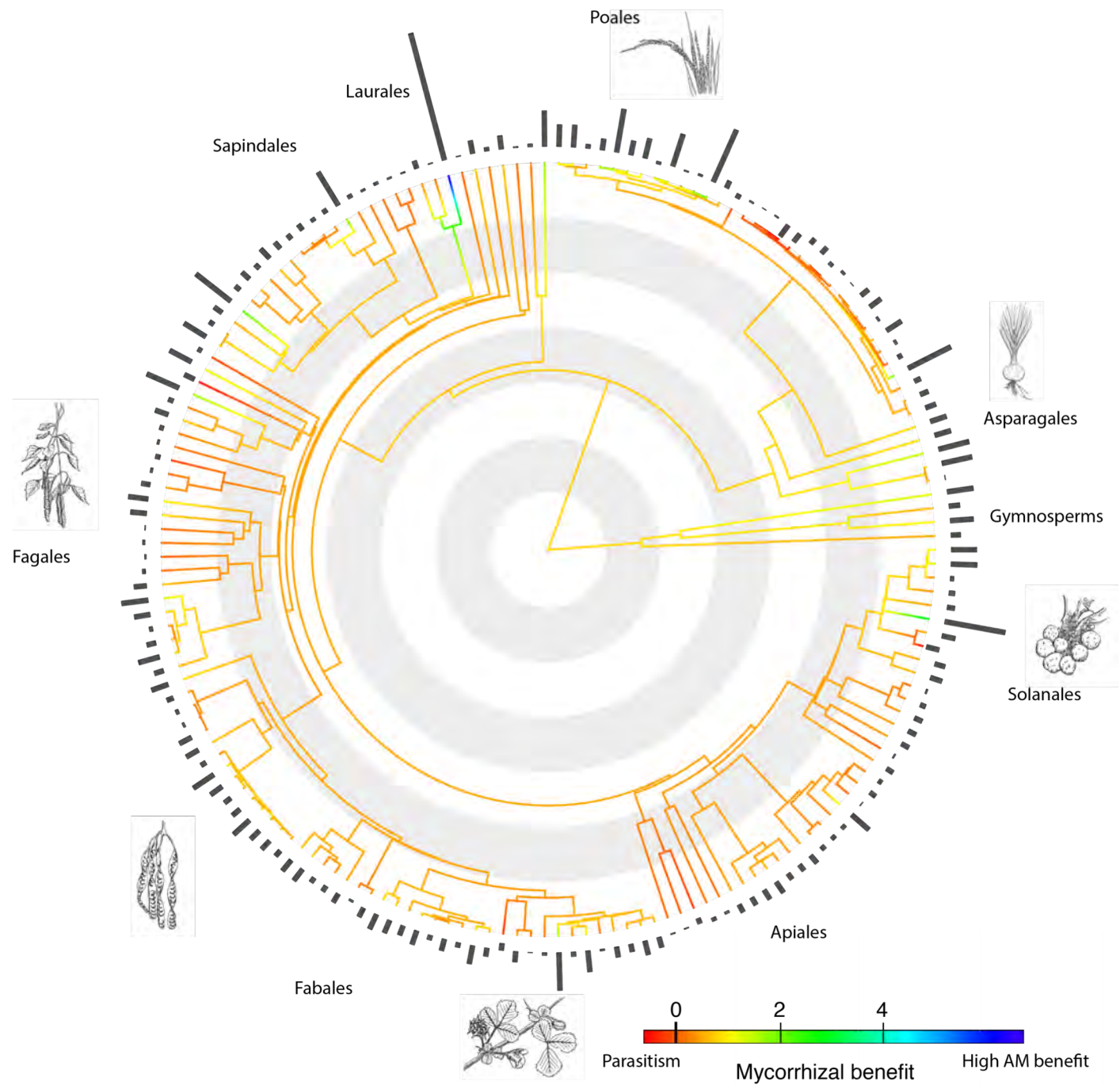


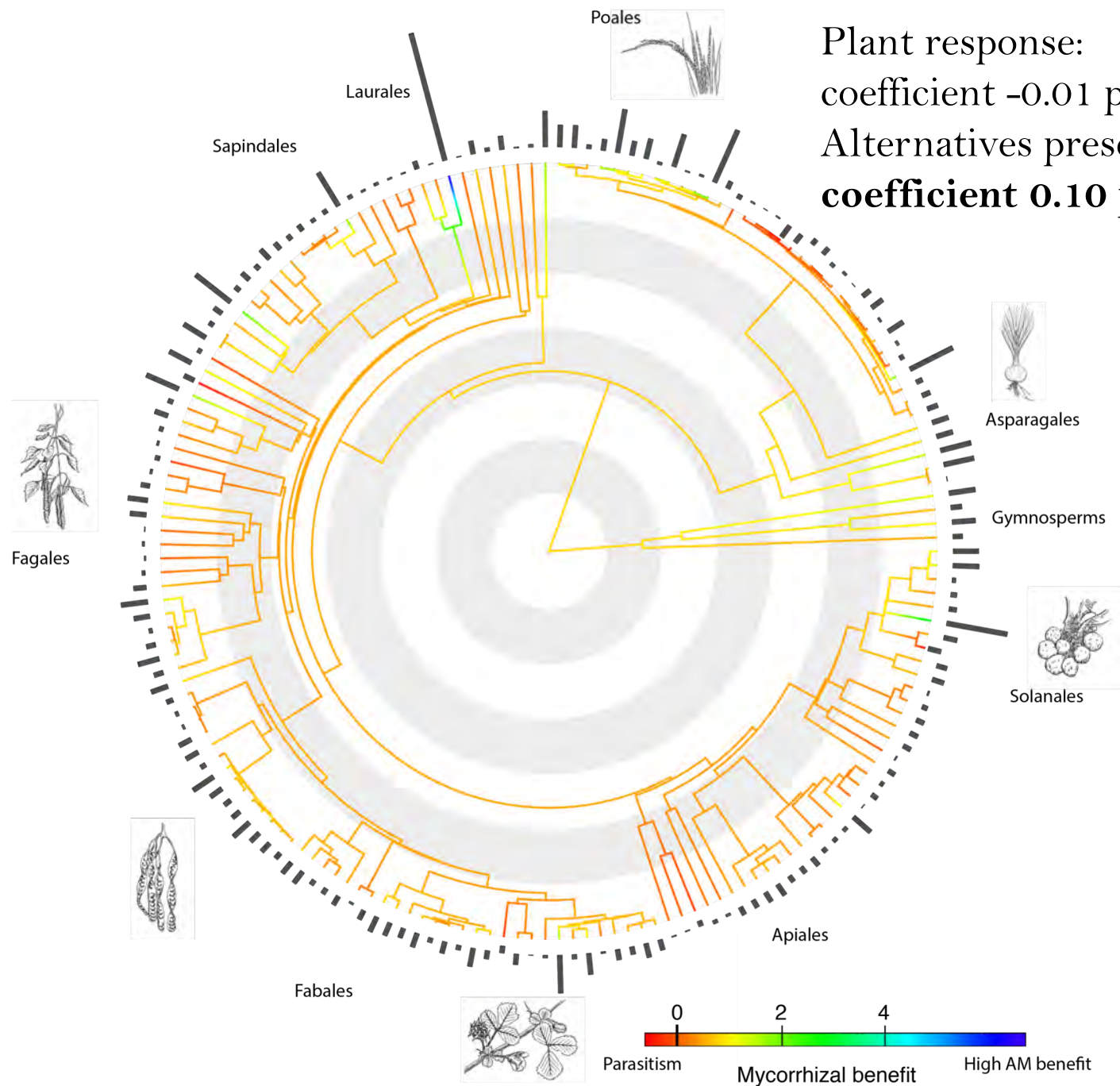
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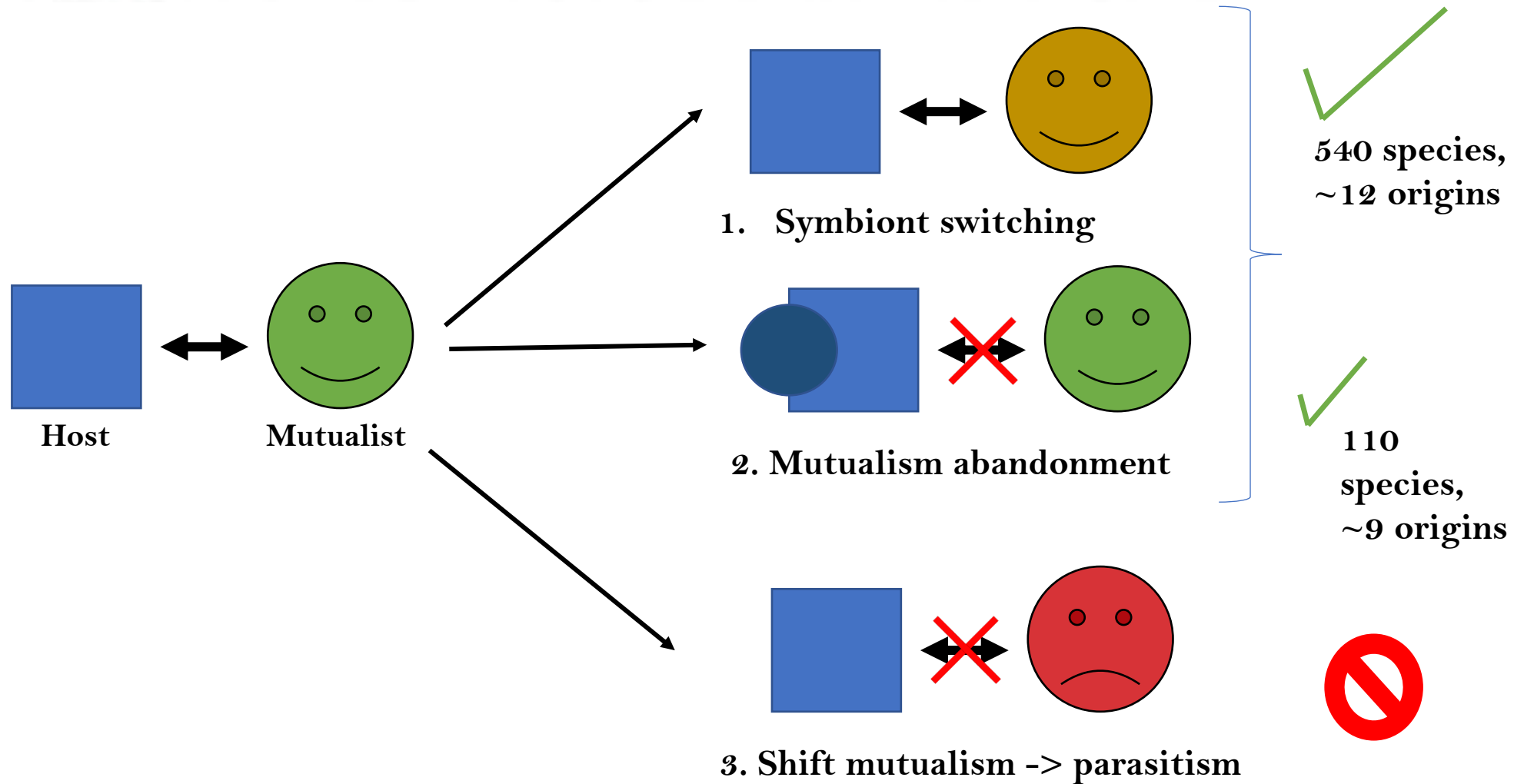




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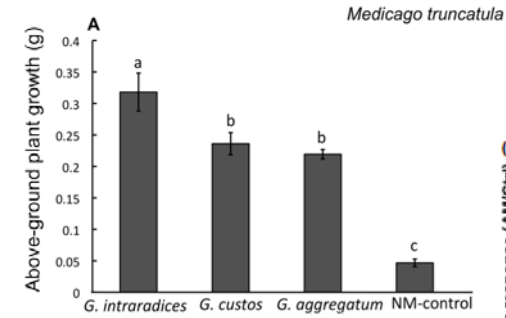


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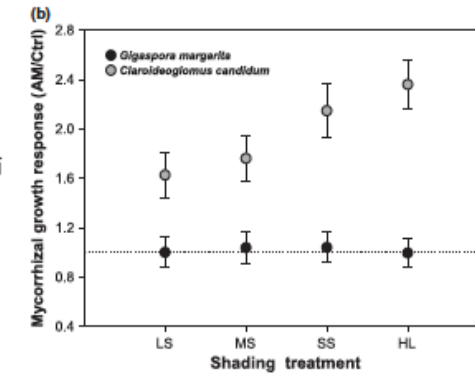
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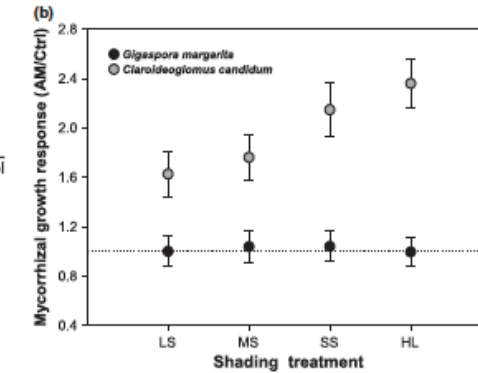
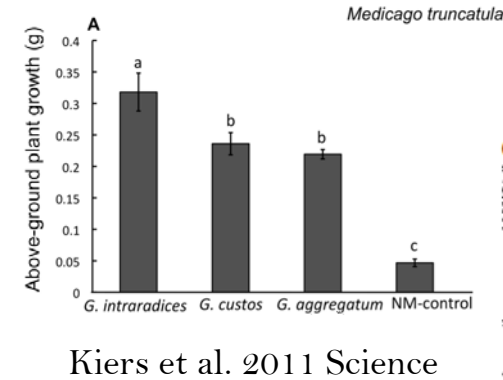
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Reciprocal Rewards Stabilize Cooperation in the Mycorrhizal Symbiosis

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Preferential allocation to beneficial symbiont with spatial structure maintains mycorrhizal mutualism

Shading decreases plant carbon preferential allocation towards the most beneficial mycorrhizal mutualist

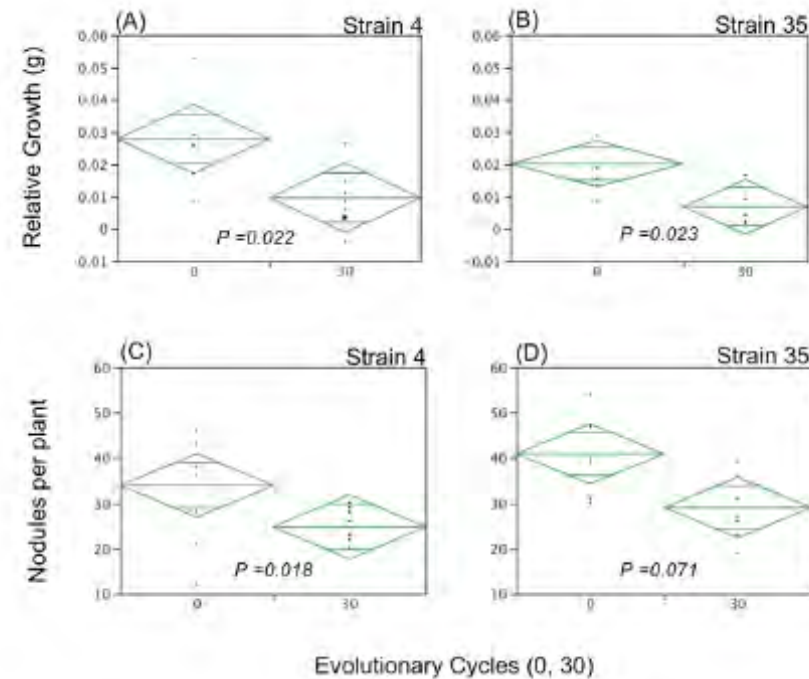
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3. Preferential allocations/rewards for cooperators

Evolutionary Instability of Symbiotic Function in *Bradyrhizobium japonicum*

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Cheating / defection easily evolves (experimentally) in other root symbionts.

Paradox of stasis?



Cinnamon fern

Particularly for (sym)biotic interactions?

Long-term morphological stasis maintained by a plant–pollinator mutualism

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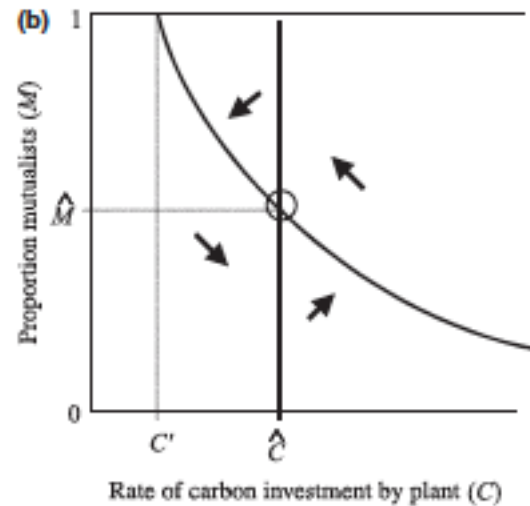
The role of biotic forces in driving
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Oscillations in preferential allocations (rewarding) and % mycorrhizal cheaters

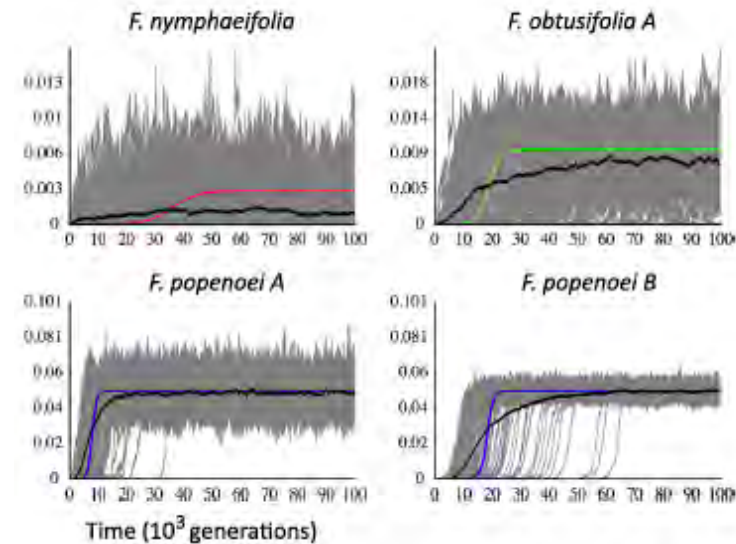
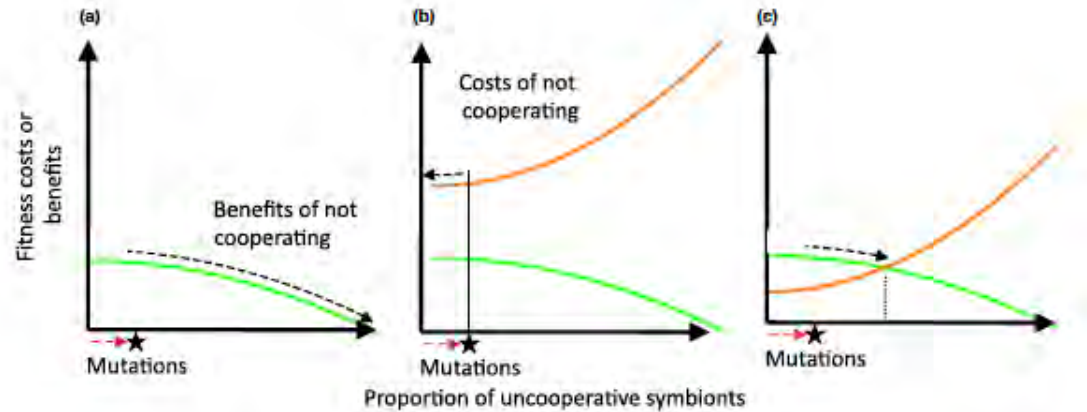


Preferential allocation, physio-evolutionary feedbacks, and the stability and environmental patterns of mutualism between plants and their root symbionts

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Mutation-selection balance & equilibrium rewarding strength - cheating benefit



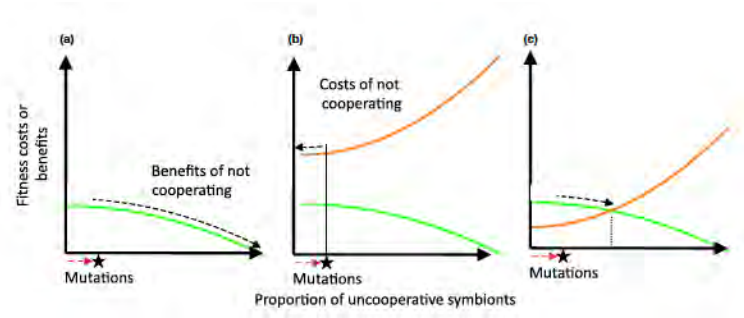
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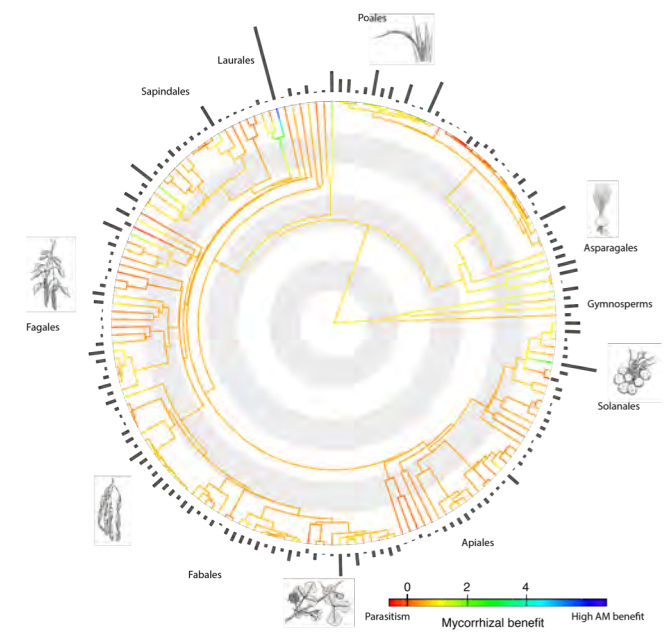
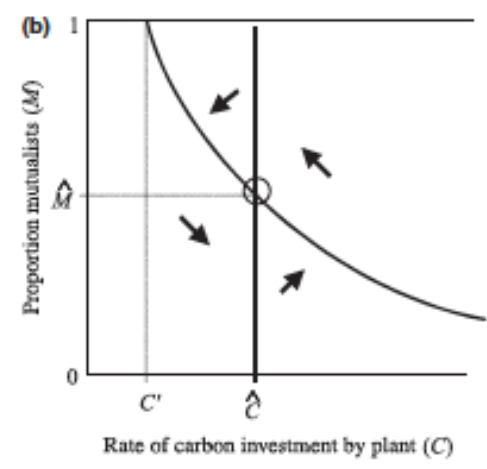
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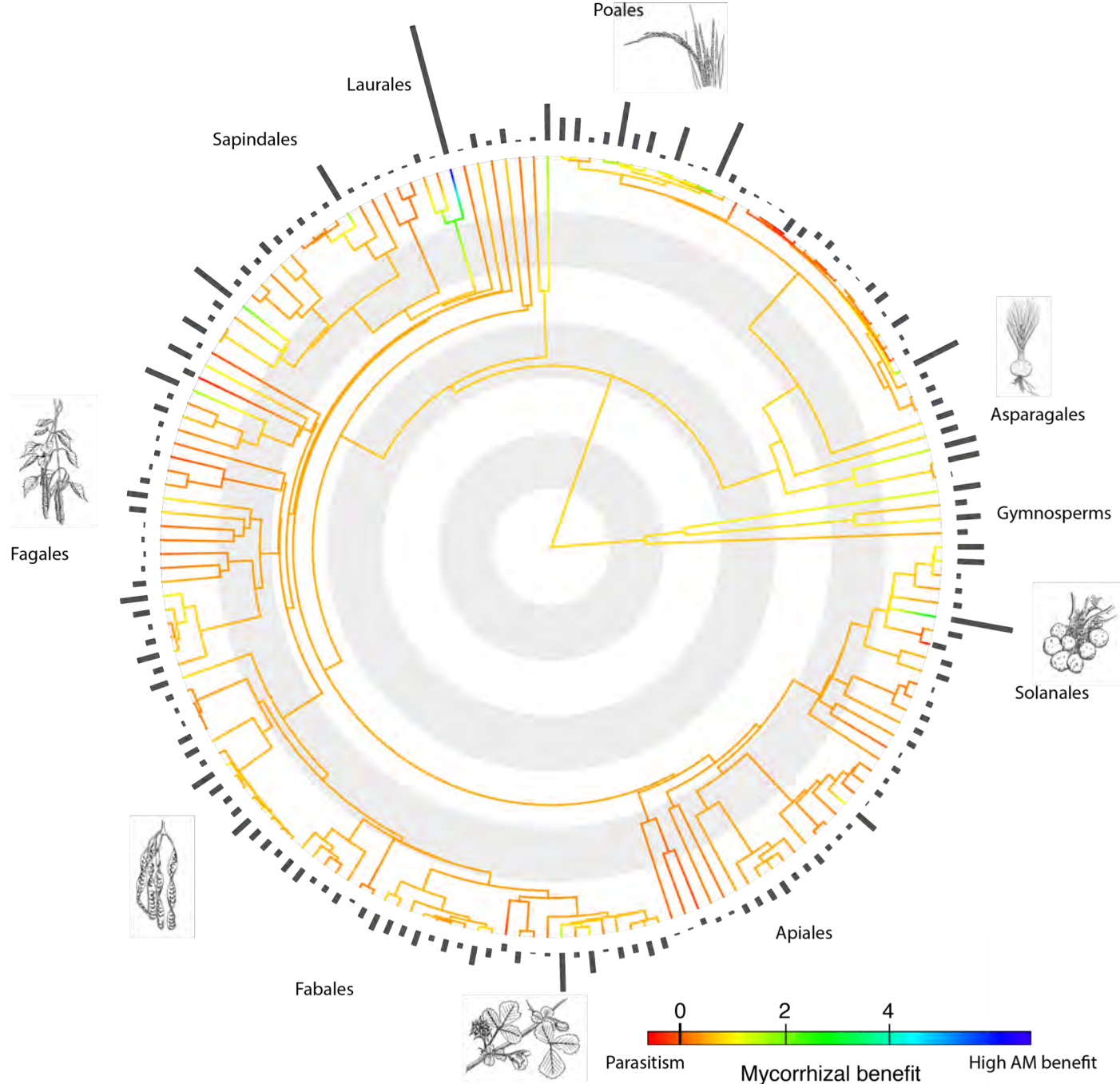


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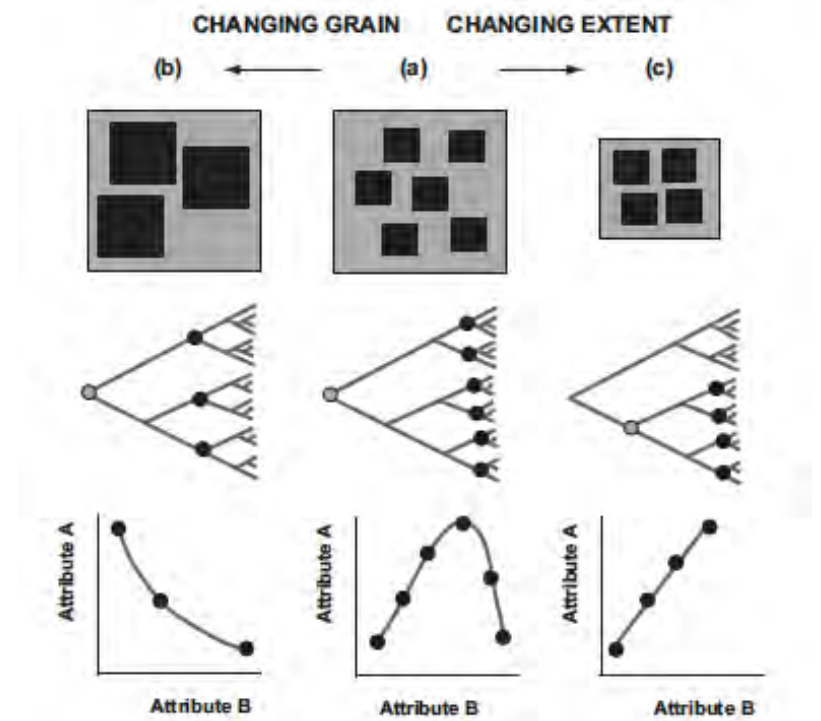


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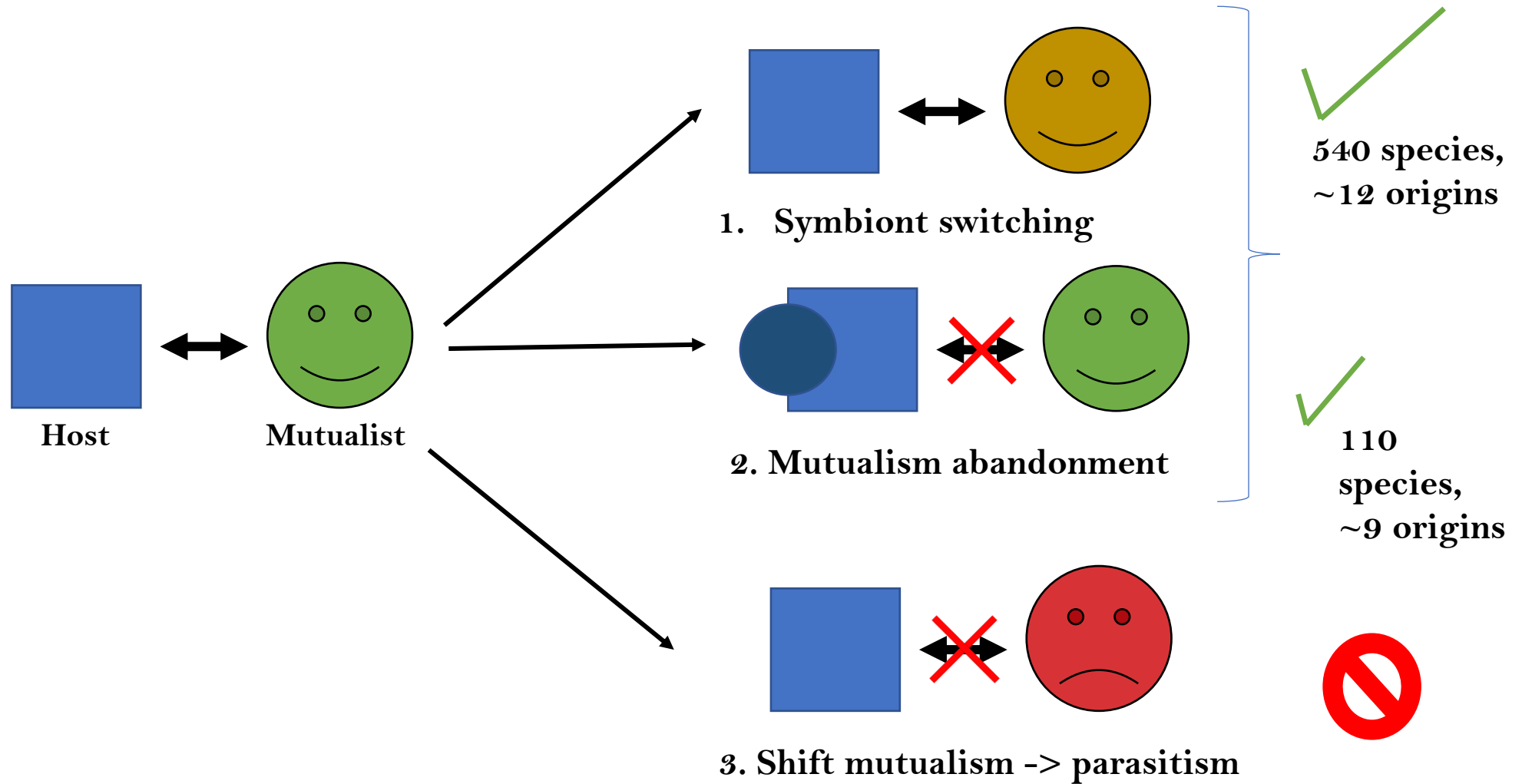


And/or, wrong
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Ideas?



What ecological factors drive losses?

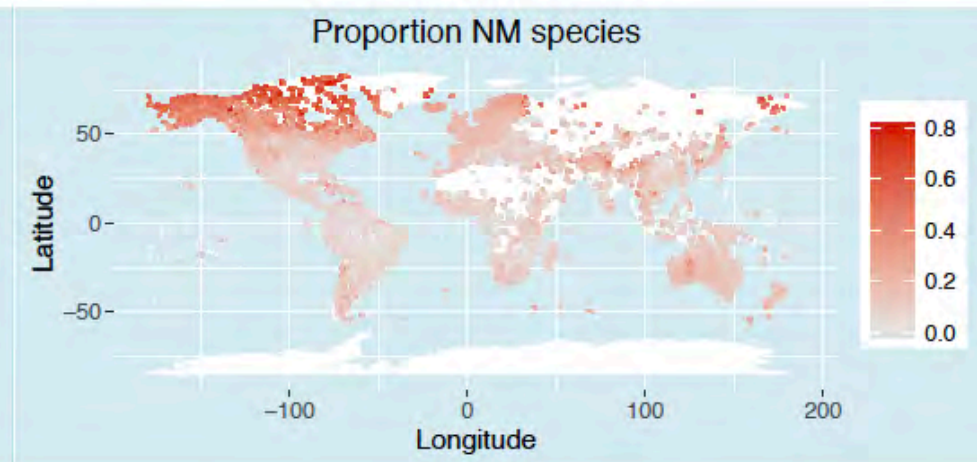
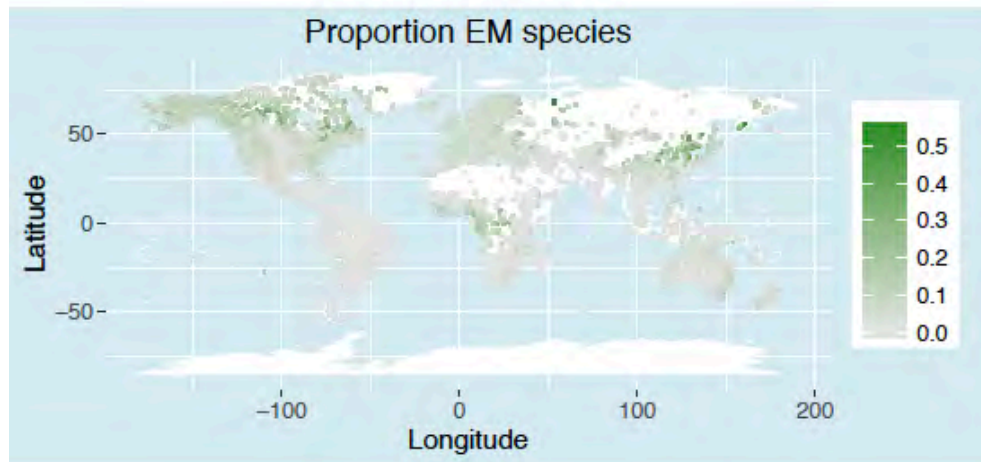
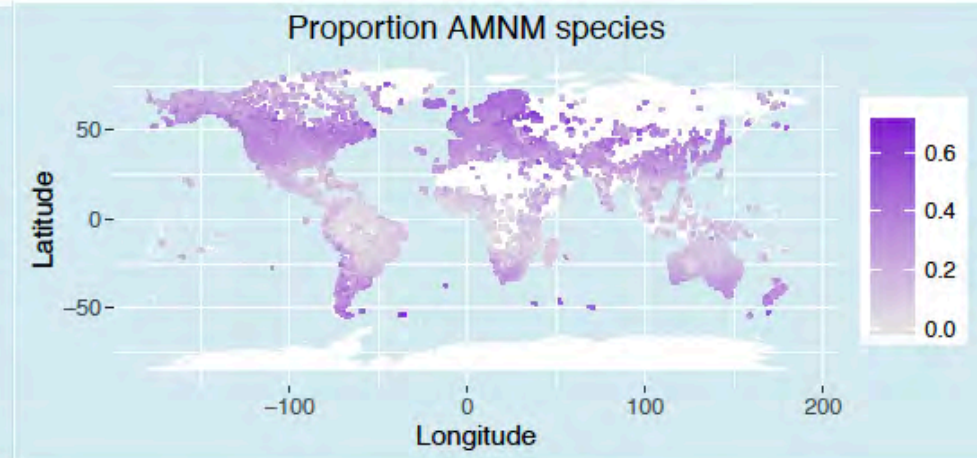
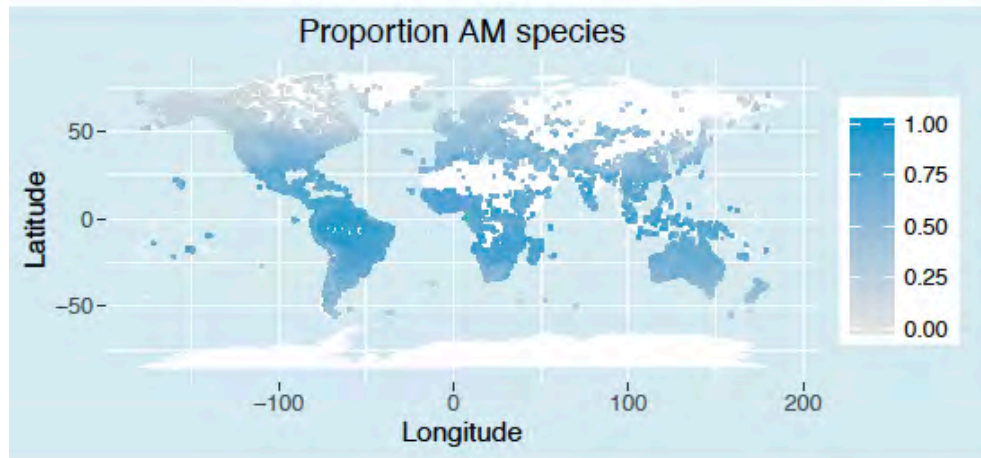


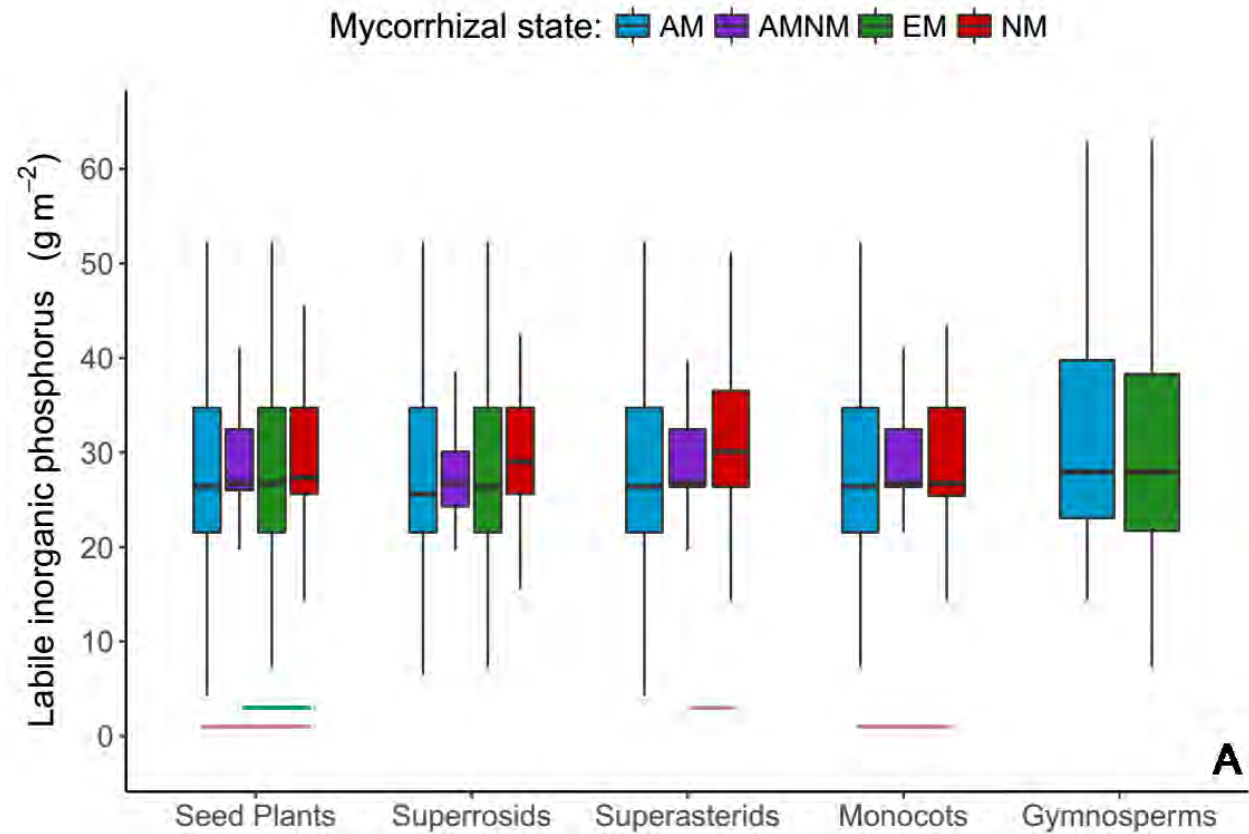
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Commonly thought: soil nutrients, particularly phosphorus

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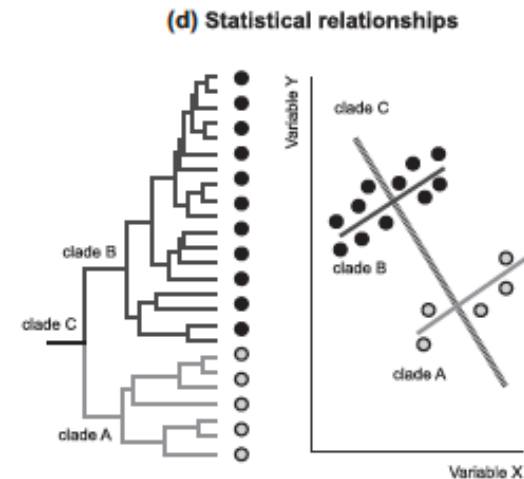




No clear effect of P on mycorrhizal status.
- Again, scaling issues?

Conclusions

- Large-scale comparative work can discover important drivers in (social) evolution
- Think about the scale of your trait
- Move back-and-forth between levels.
- Negative results – when can you be sure?



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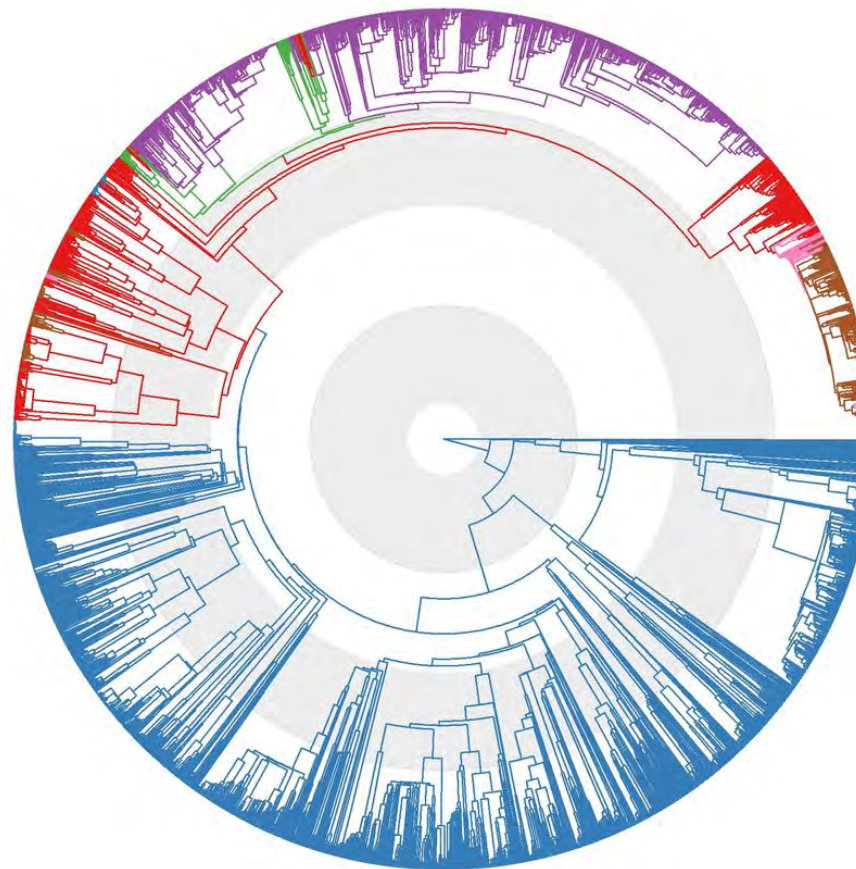
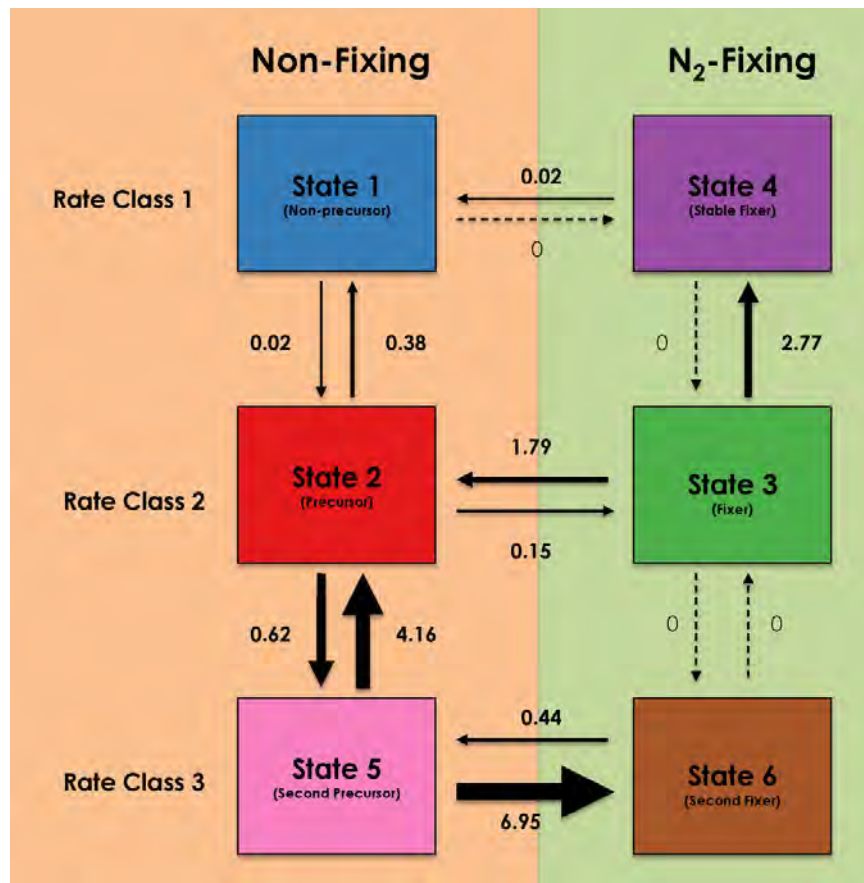


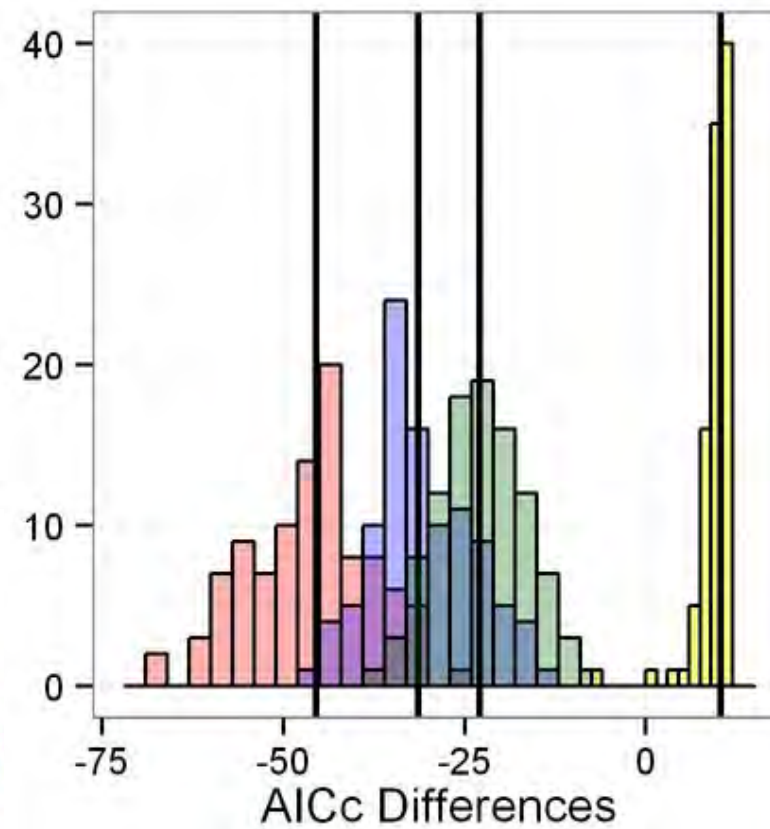
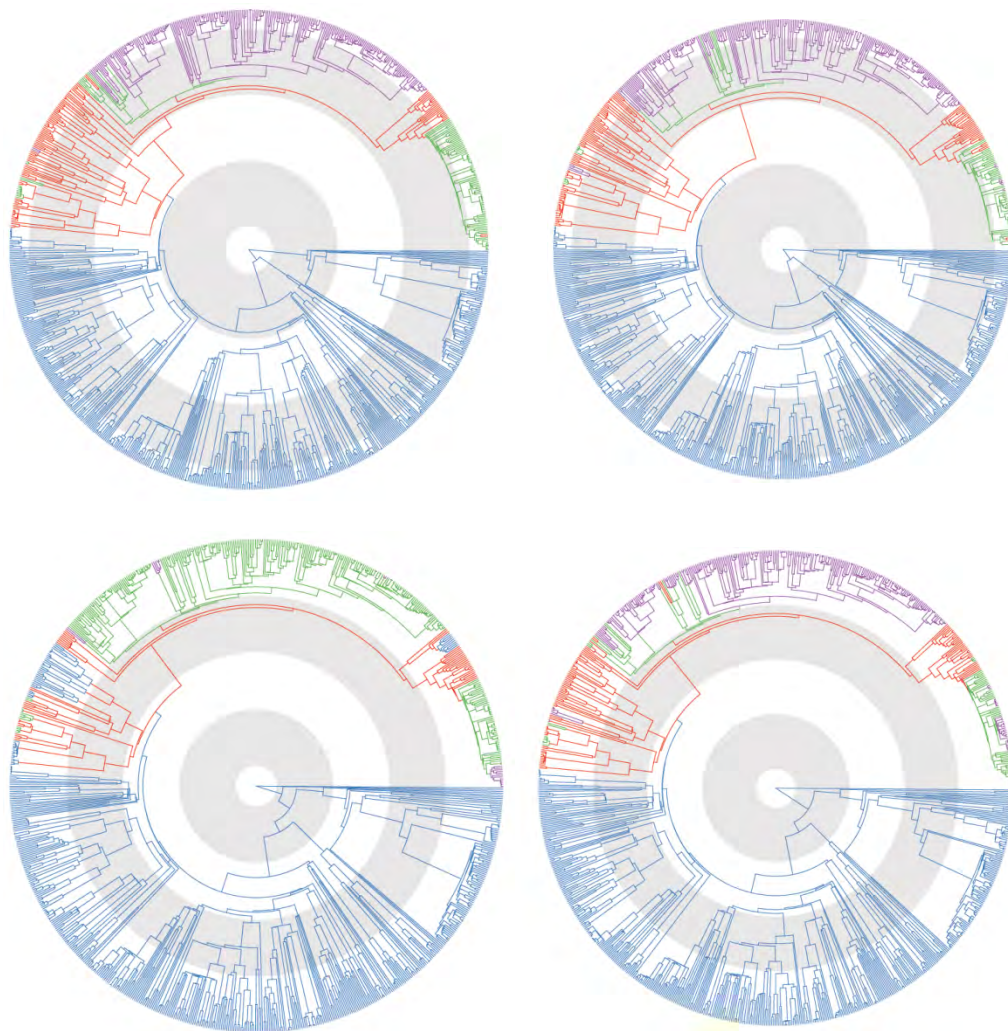
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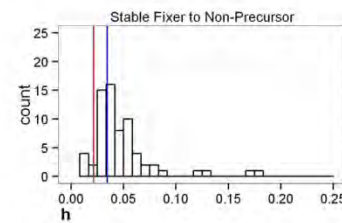
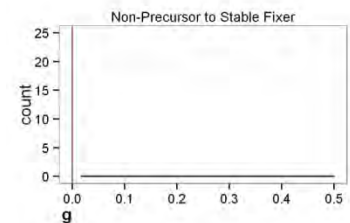
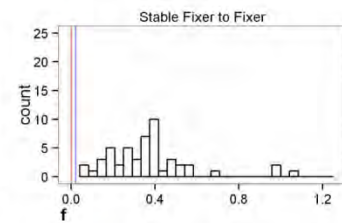
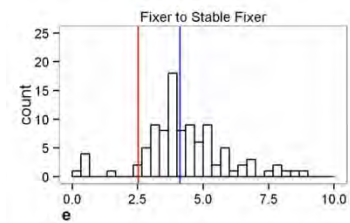
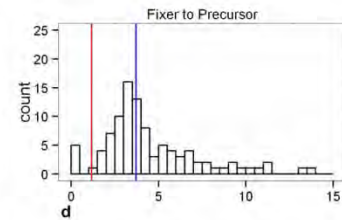
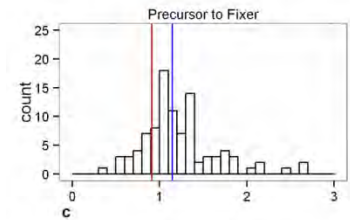
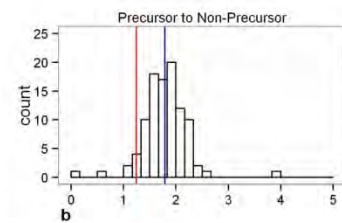
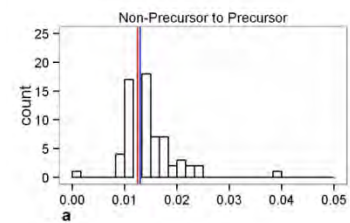
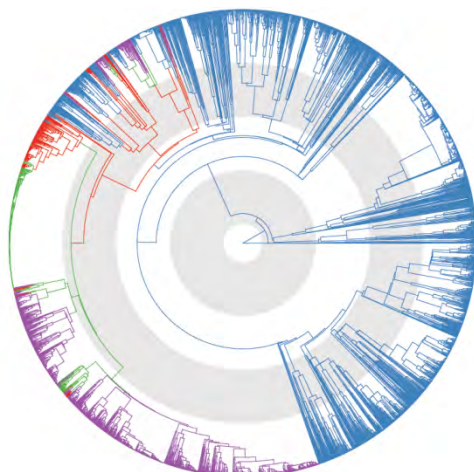
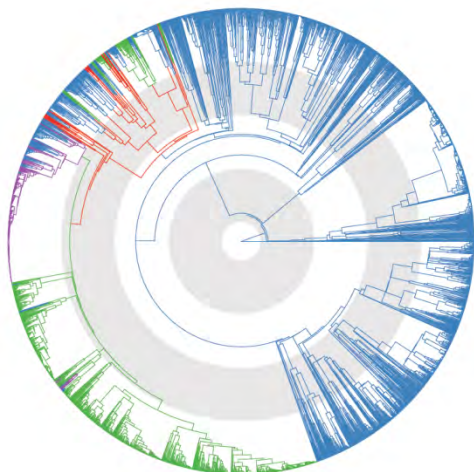
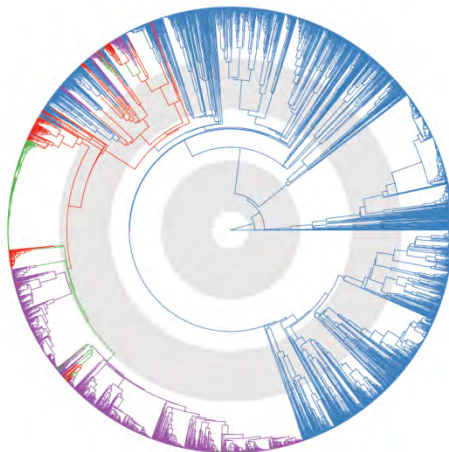
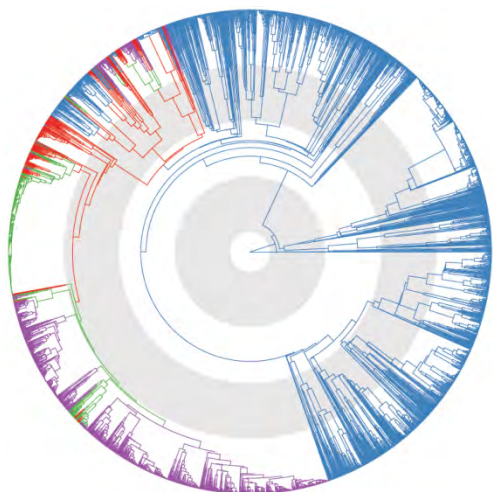


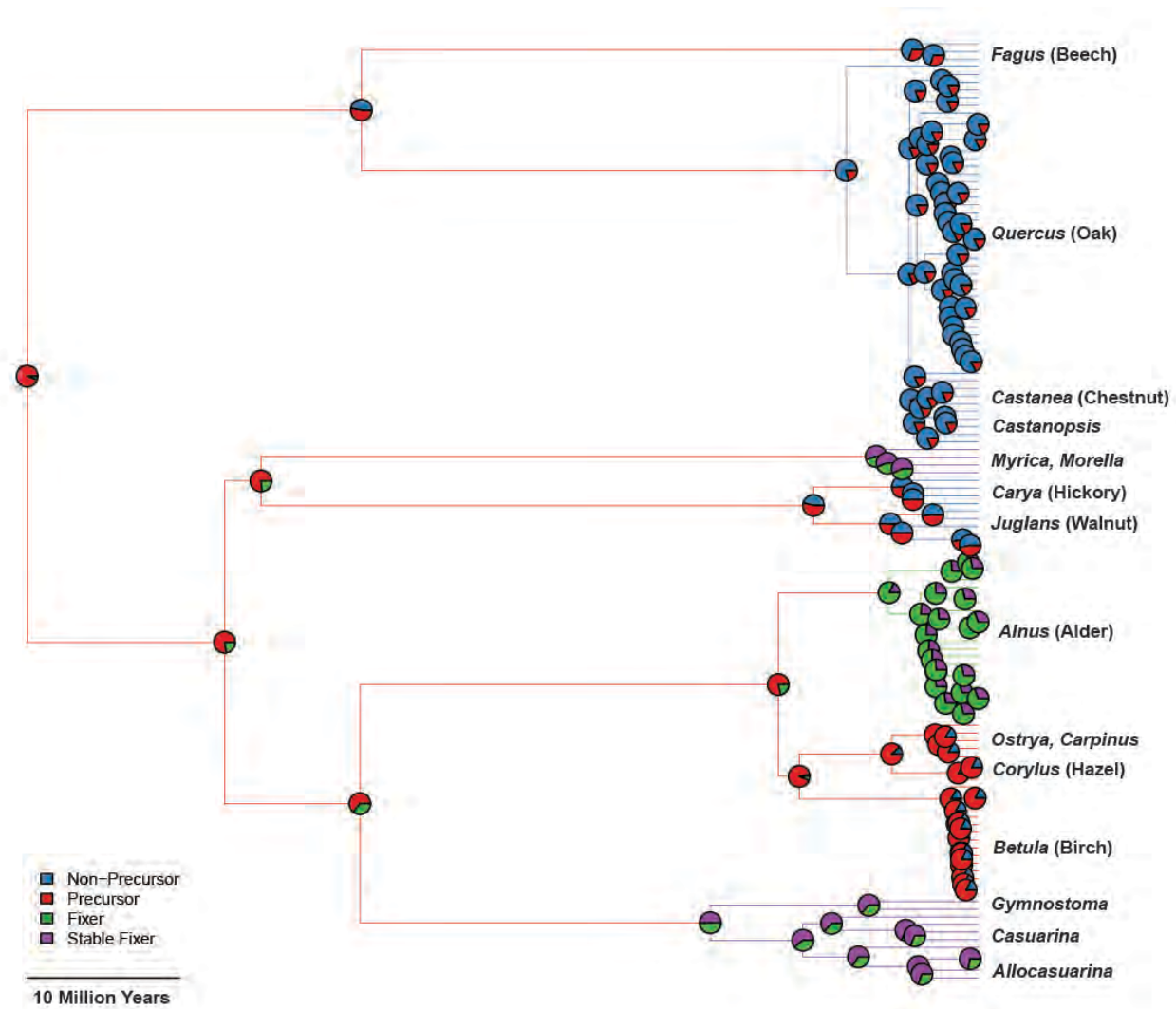
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Model	Number of rate classes	Number of parameters	<u>AICc</u> weights
Homogenous	1	2	<<0.01 %
Single precursor	2	8	55.5 %
Limited single precursor*	2	4	0.27 %
Two precursors	3	14	42.9 %
Three precursors	4	20	1.38 %
Four precursors	5	26	<<0.01%

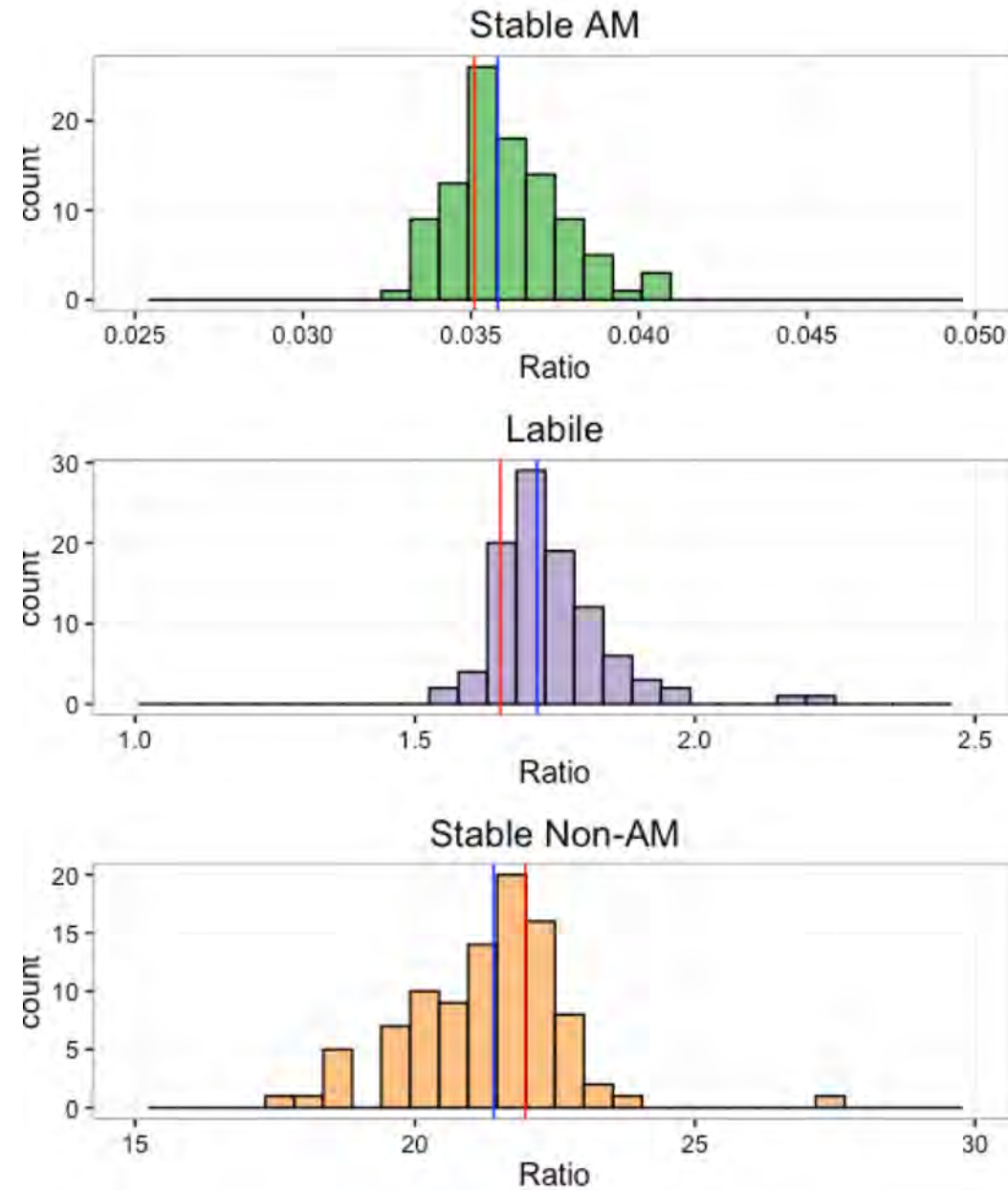




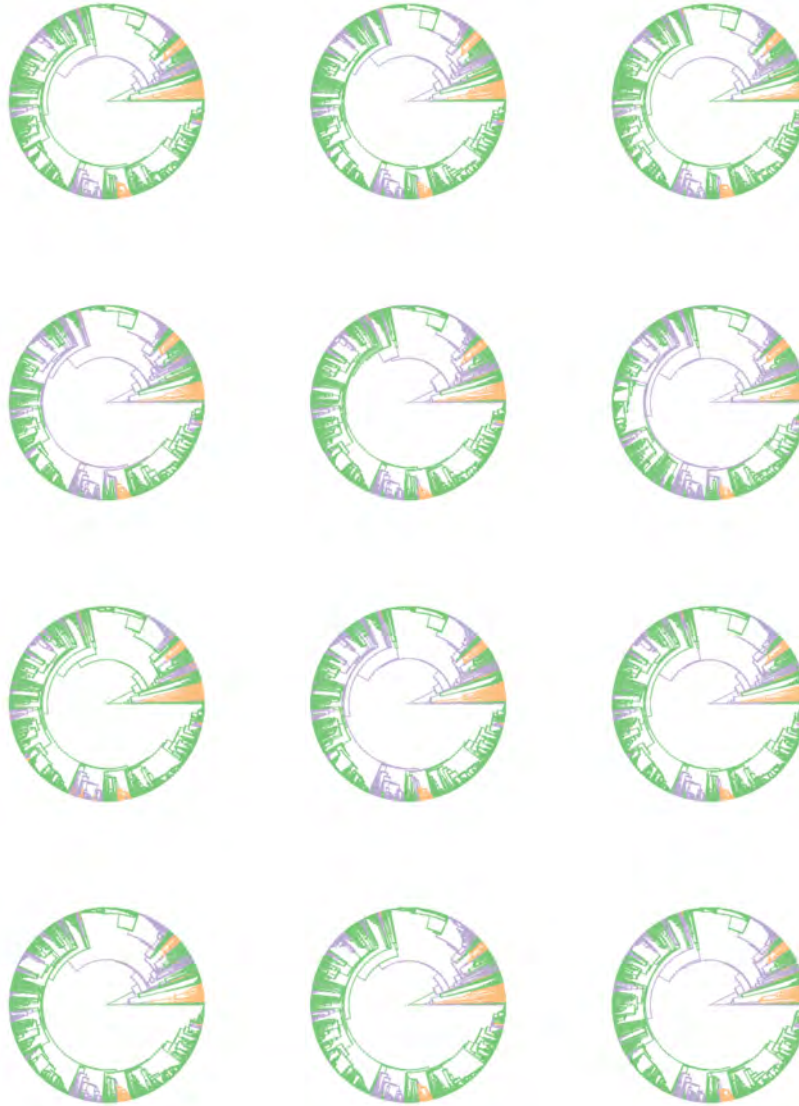




Three stability classes are robust to phylogenetic uncertainty..



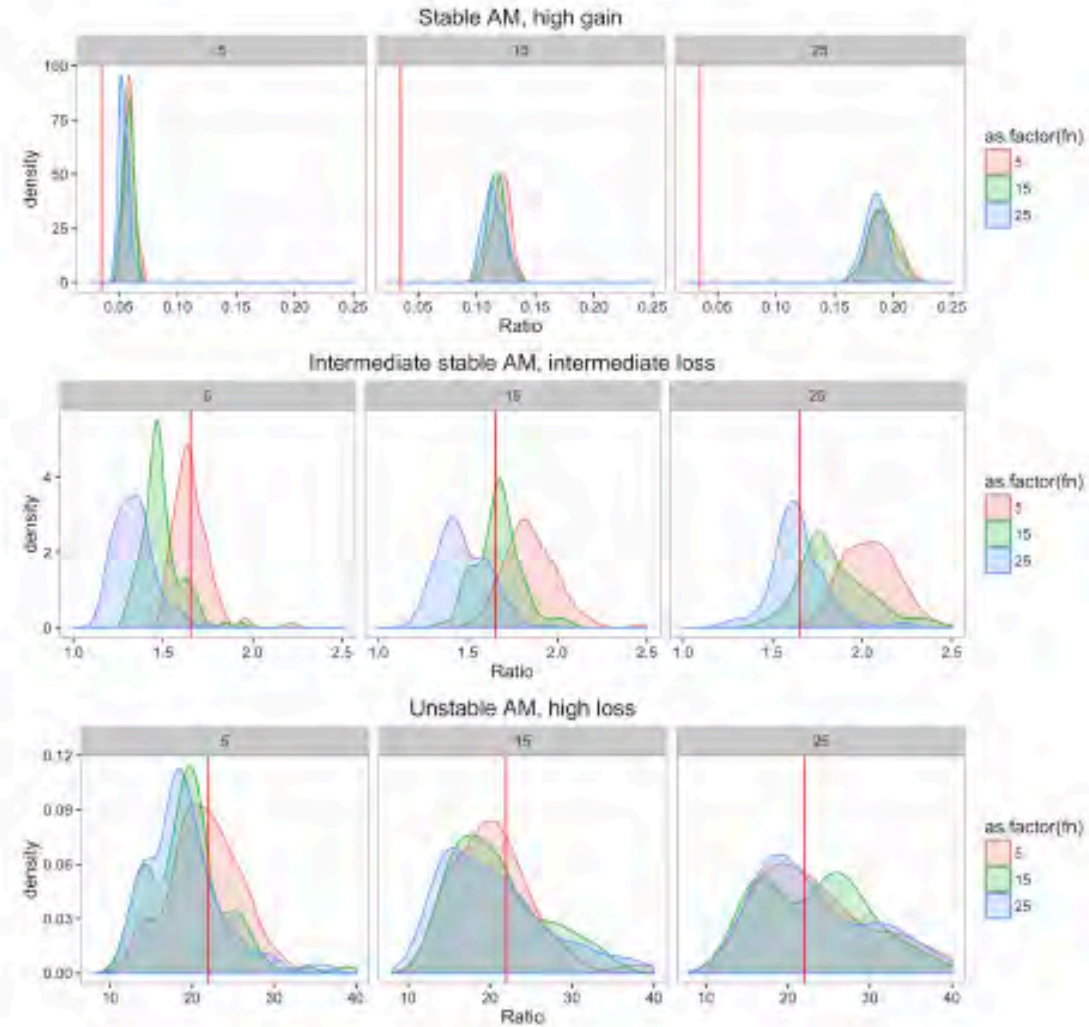
Three stability classes are robust to phylogenetic uncertainty..



And correlated revolution is also robust..



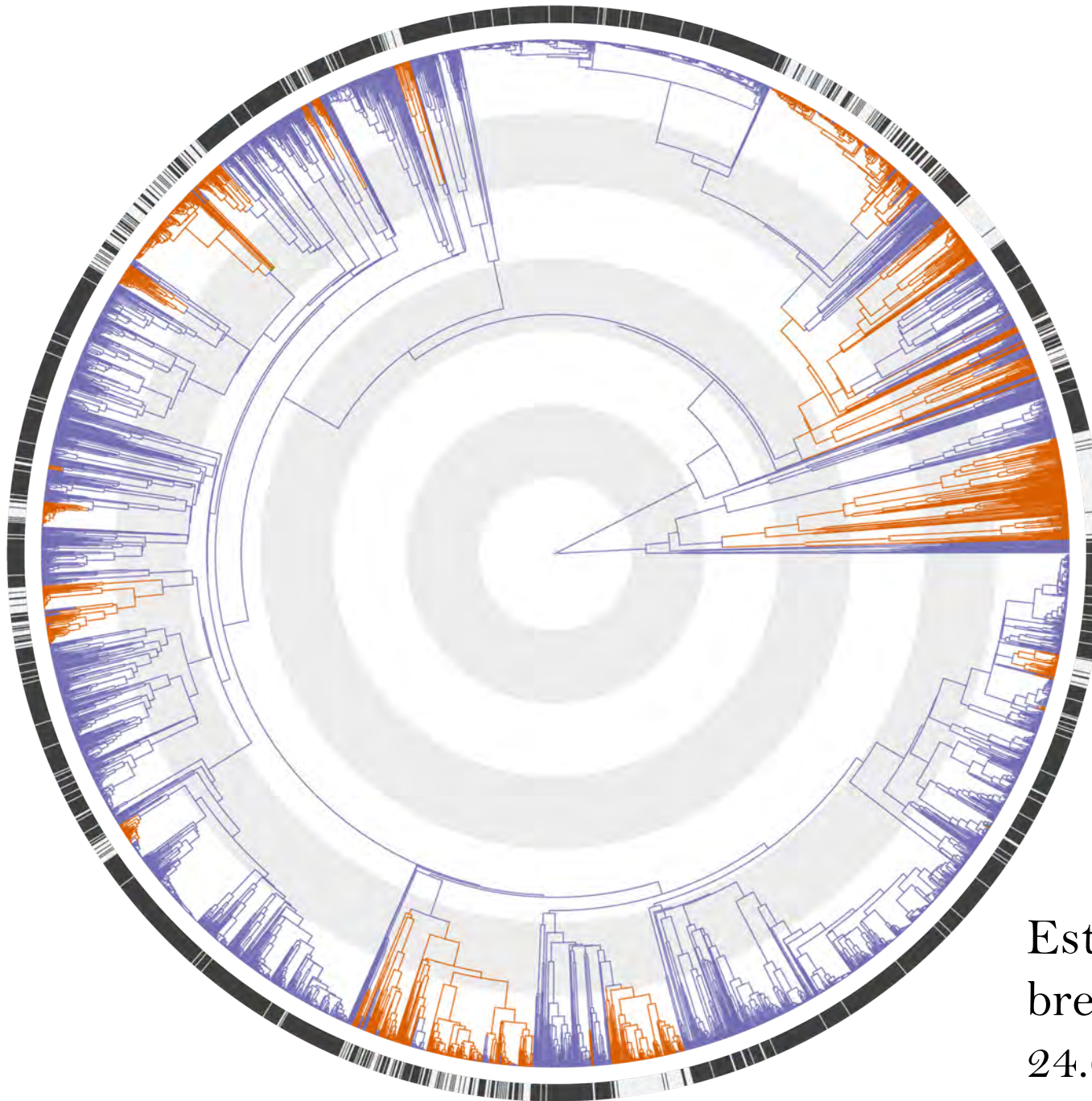
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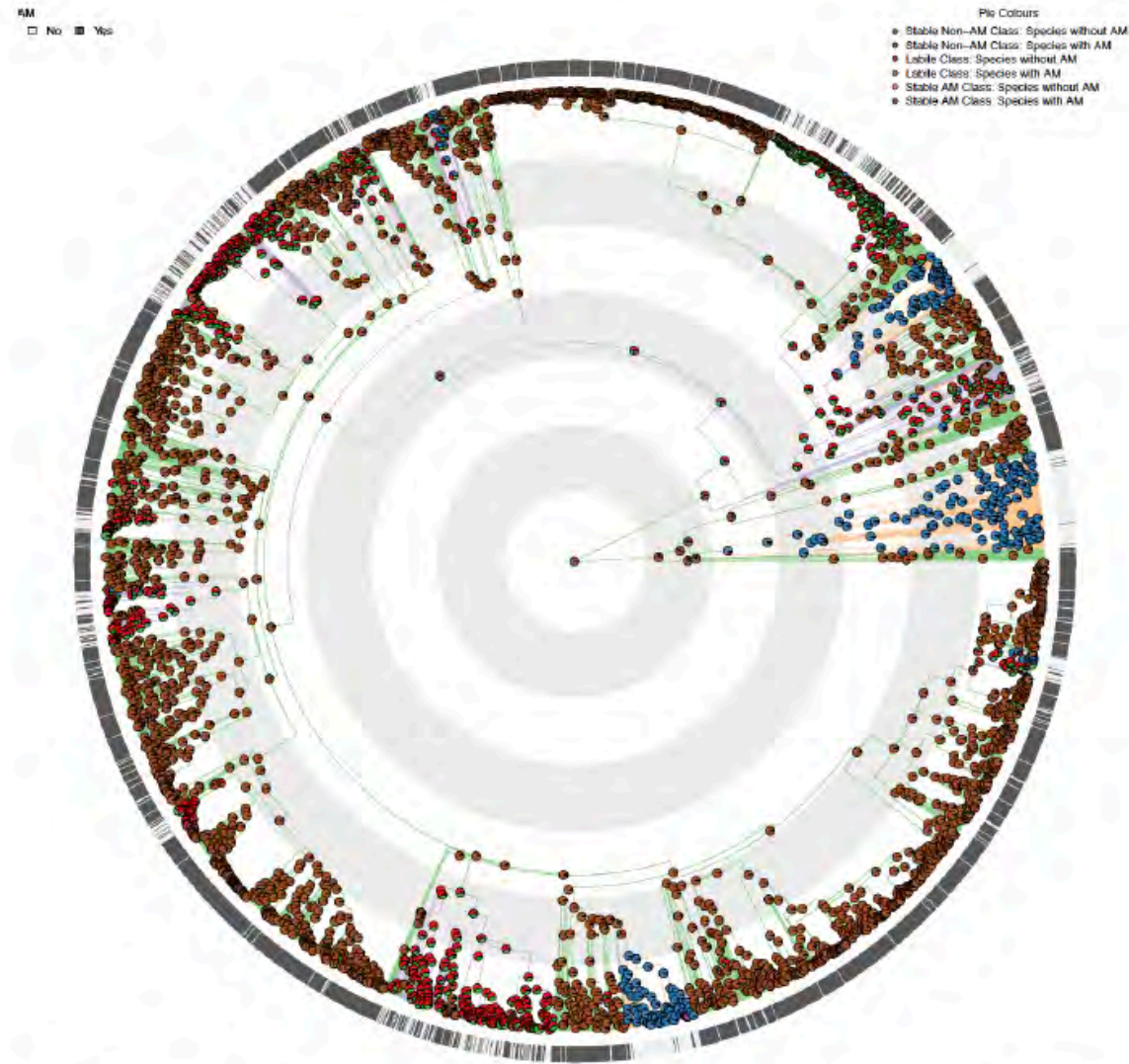
Even up to 25% false positive and 25% false negative!

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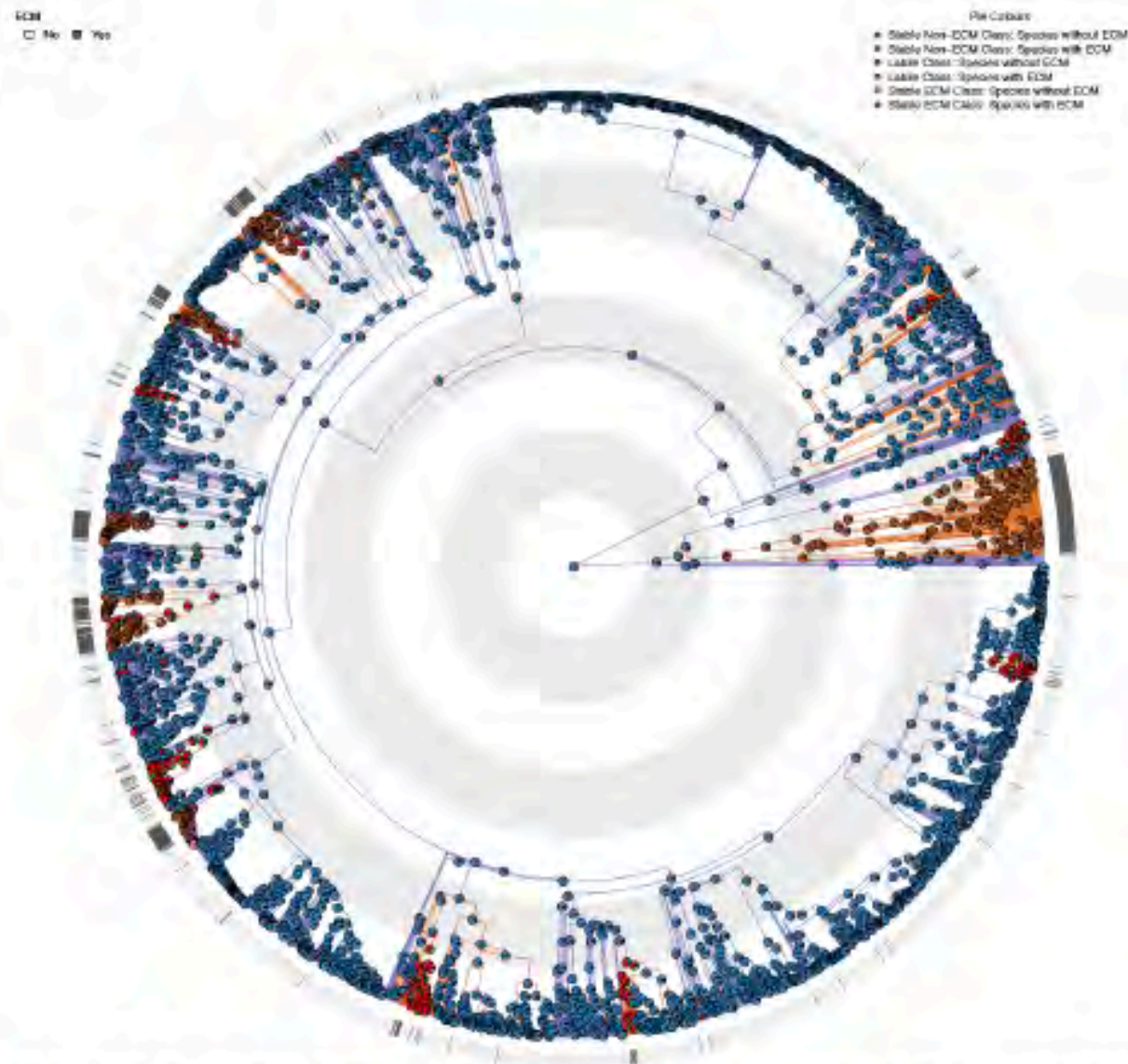
False positive rate	False negative rate	Mean Δ -AICc
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5%	15%	494.7
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15%	15%	495.9
15%	25%	518.2
25%	5%	467.5
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Estimated #
breakdowns:
24.6 (25.4, SD 7.7)



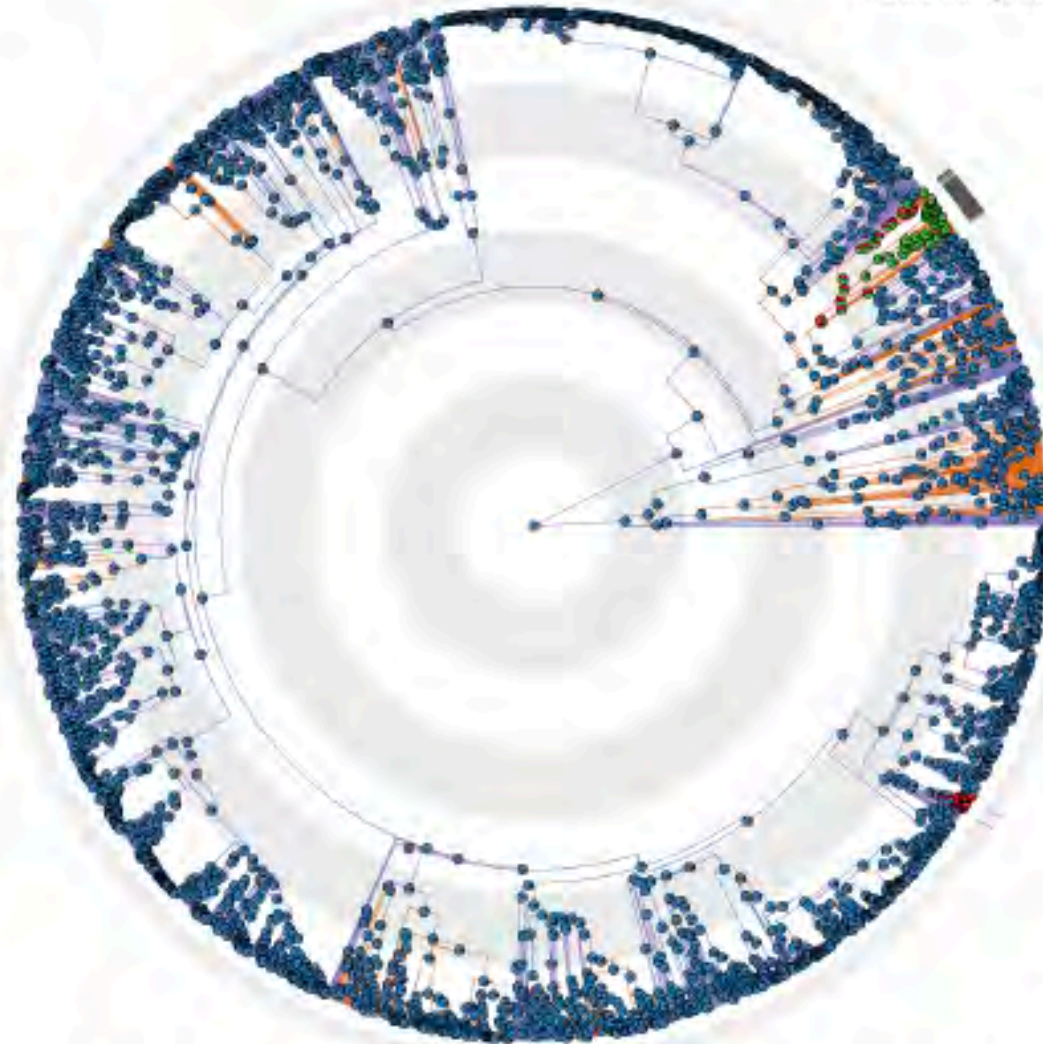
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SI Figure 3: The pie charts in this figure depict the ancestral state reconstruction of plant-ectomycorrhizal fungi (EM) interactions under the best HRM-model (SI Table 1). The coloured band across the phylogeny indicate the reported presence (dark grey) or absence of EM interactions across our 3,736 species. The branch colours indicate the reconstructed presence (purple) or absence (orange) of AM fungi under the best HRM-model for plant-AM interactions (Table 1, SI Figures 1 & 2). We visually observe that AM-loss in many cases co-occurs with an evolutionary shift to EM fungal interactions, most prominently in the Pines.

ORM
☐ Pres ☒ Abs

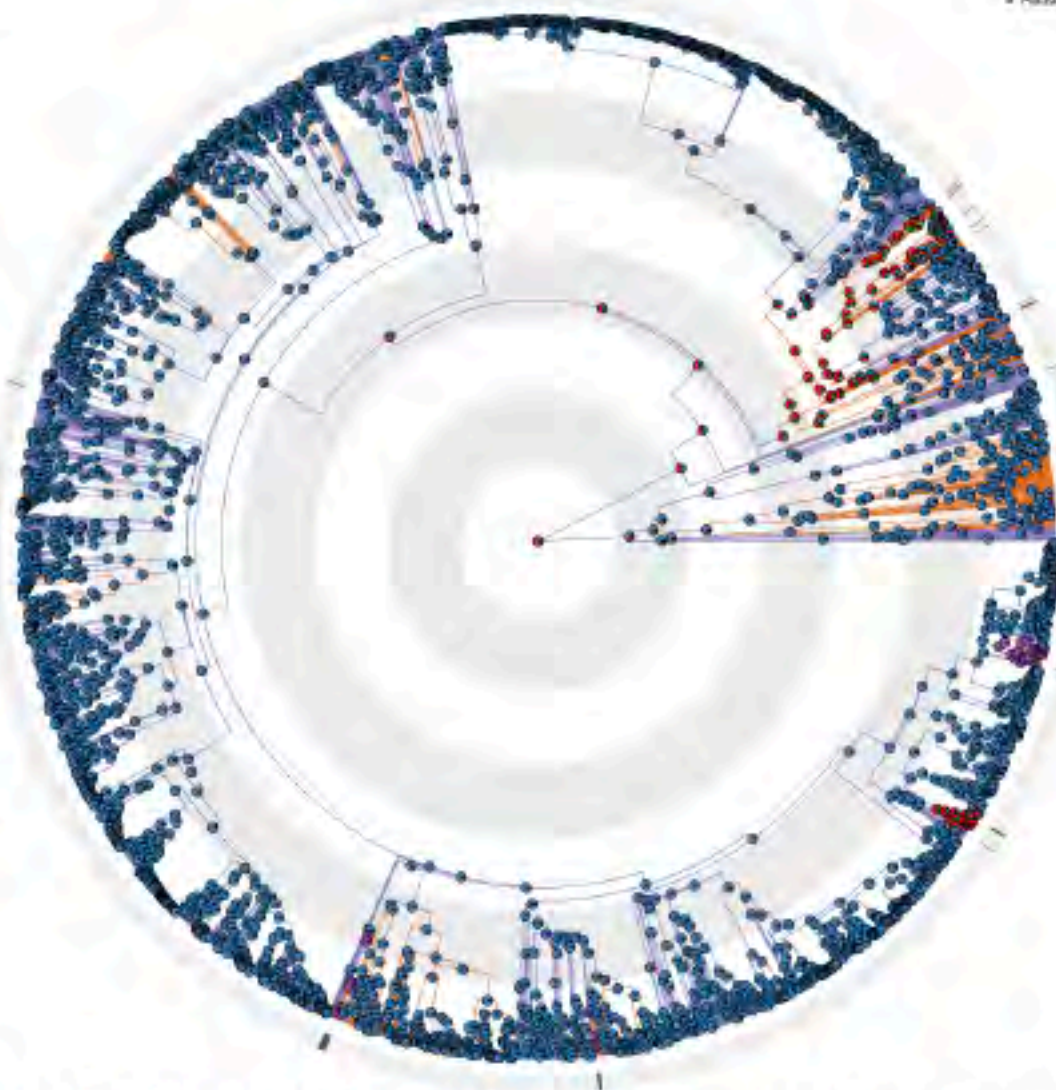
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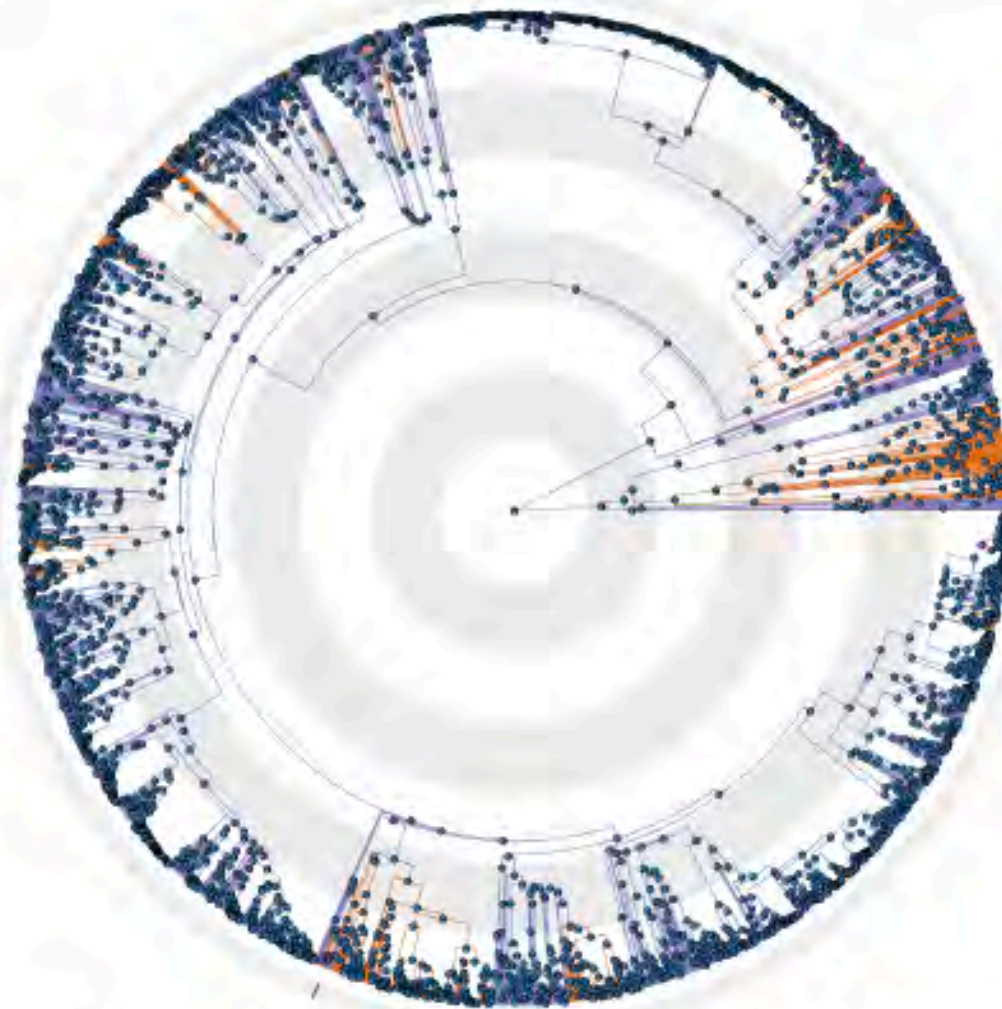
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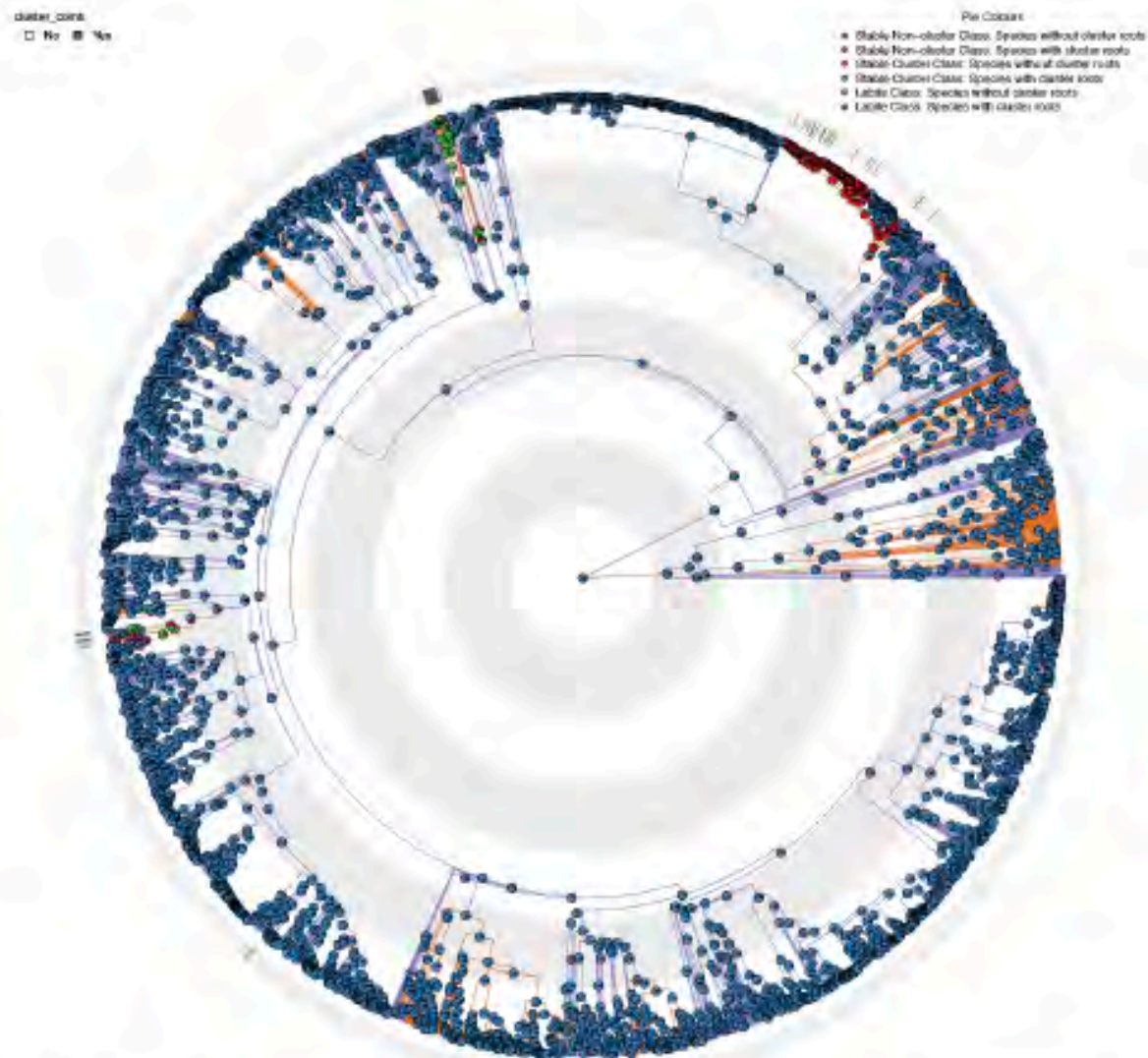
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Phylogeny
● Non-carnivorous plant species
● Carnivorous plant species



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