

Intro to SNP calling

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Genomics is revolutionising biology



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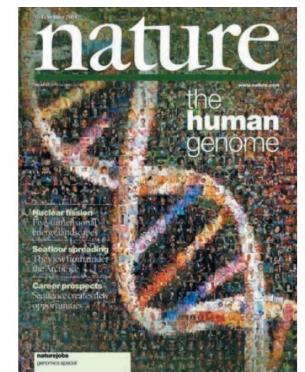
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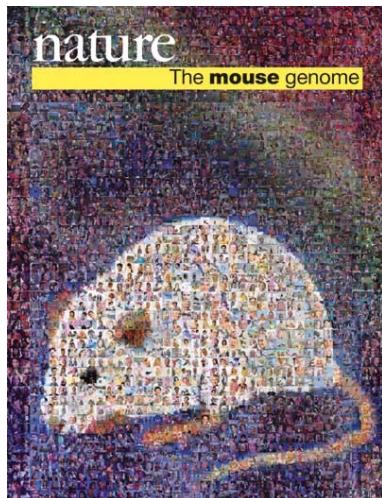


Human genome (Feb 2001)



Early Comparative Genomics

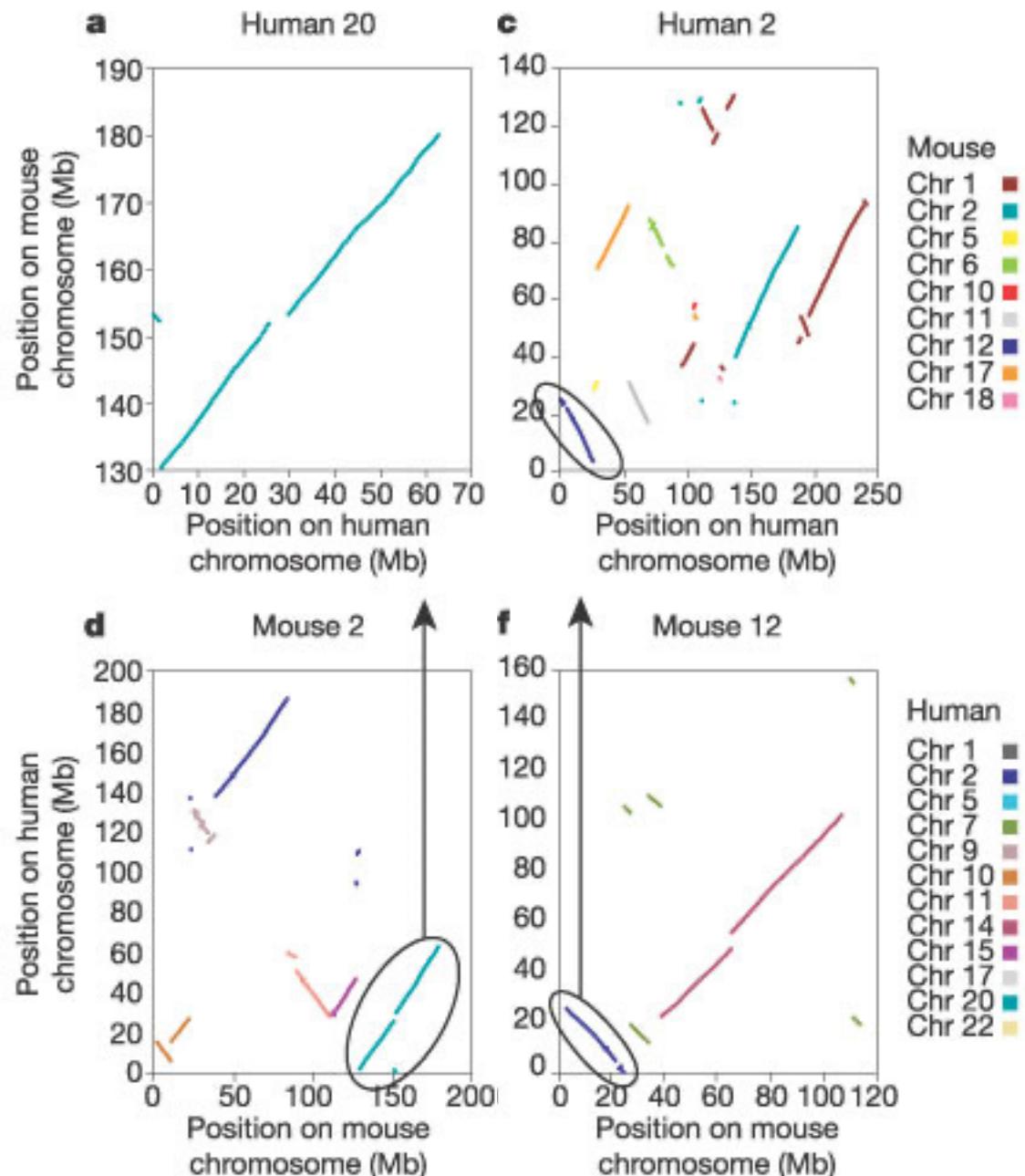
Chinwalla et al. 2002, *Nature* 420



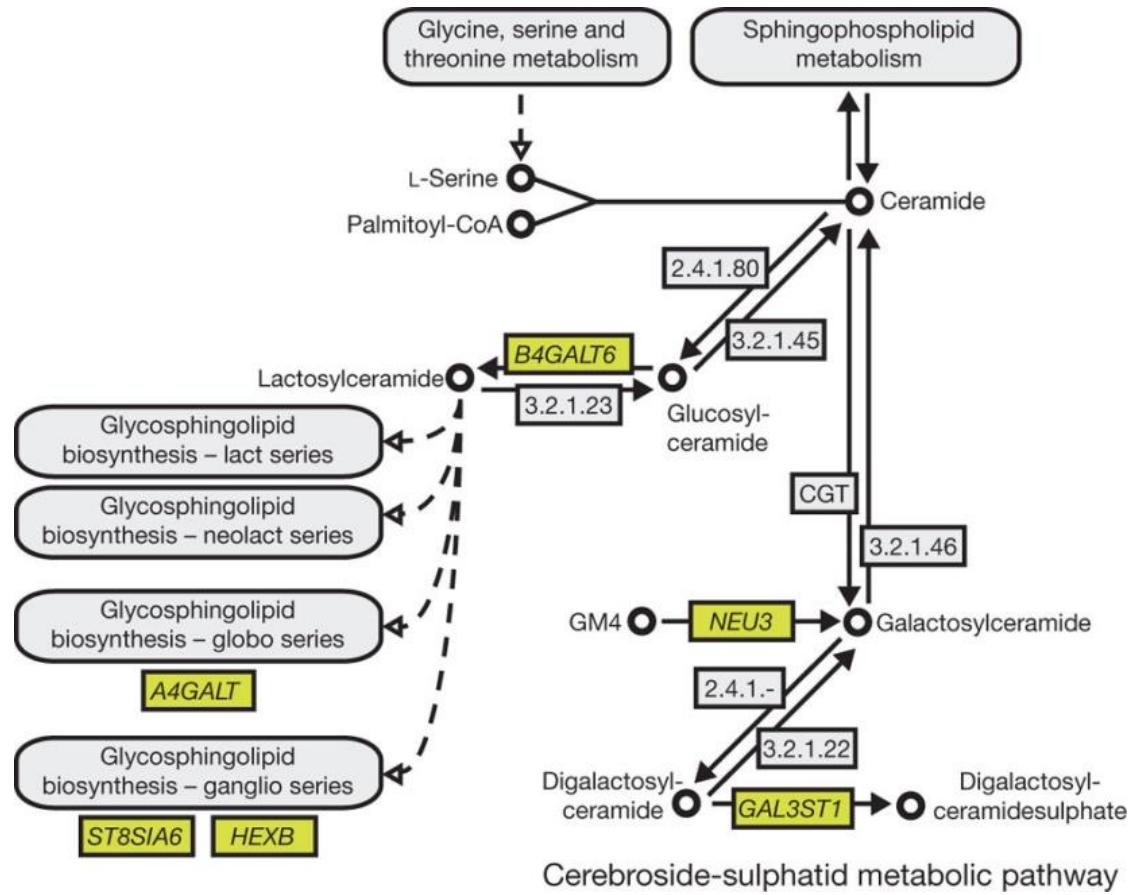
Dot plots comparing mouse and human chromosomes (80MYA divergence)

Large scale synteny

85% (60-99%) identity of protein-coding regions



Orang-utan genome(s)

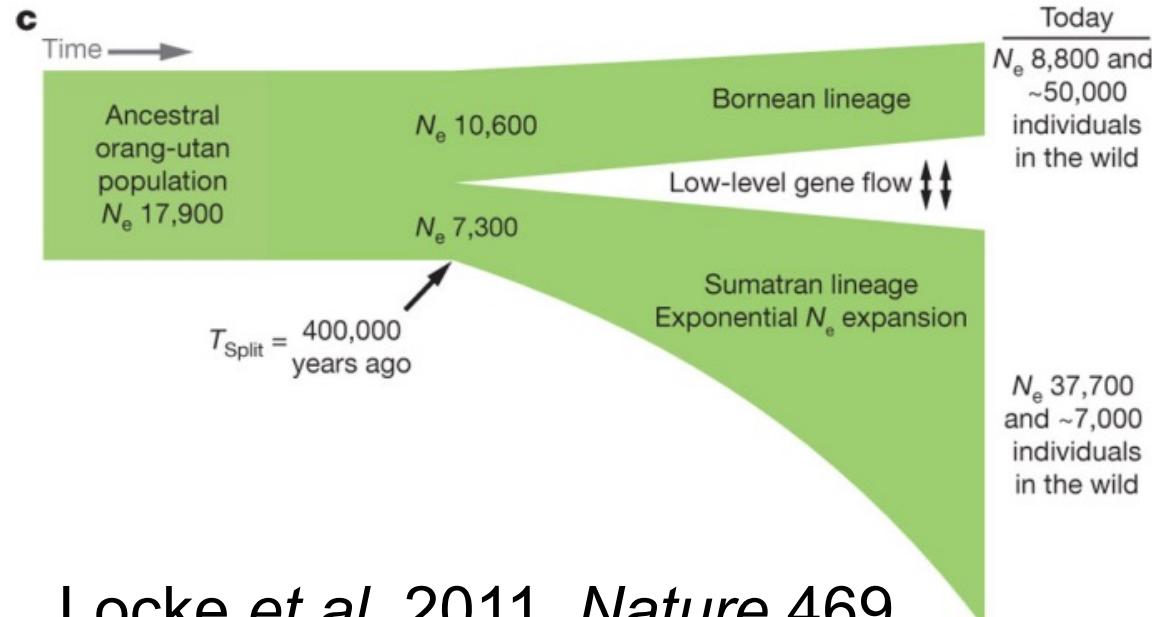
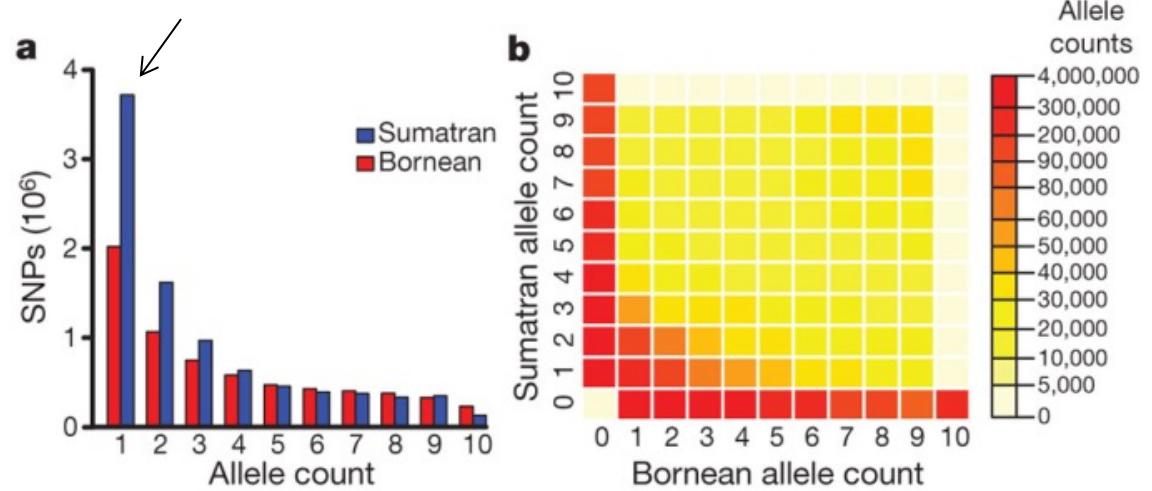


Locke et al. 2011, *Nature* 469

Evidence for positive selection in primates: 'visual perception' and 'glycolipid metabolic processes', important for the nervous system

Orang-utan genome(s)

Rare alleles



More recent split than thought

Census and N_e show opposing tendencies

NGS on fossil DNA deciphers human evolution

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A Draft Sequence of the Neandertal Genome

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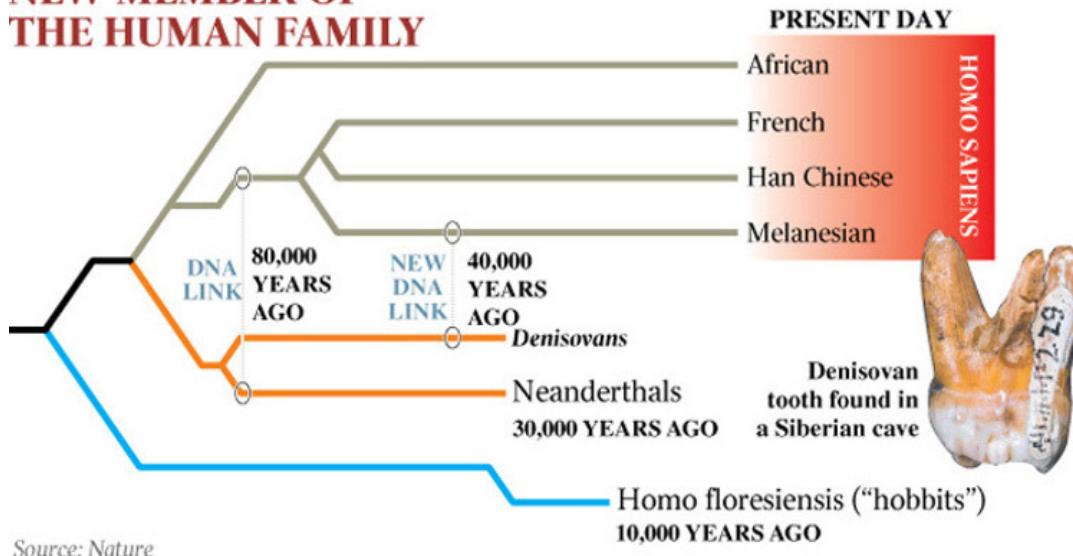
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NEW MEMBER OF THE HUMAN FAMILY



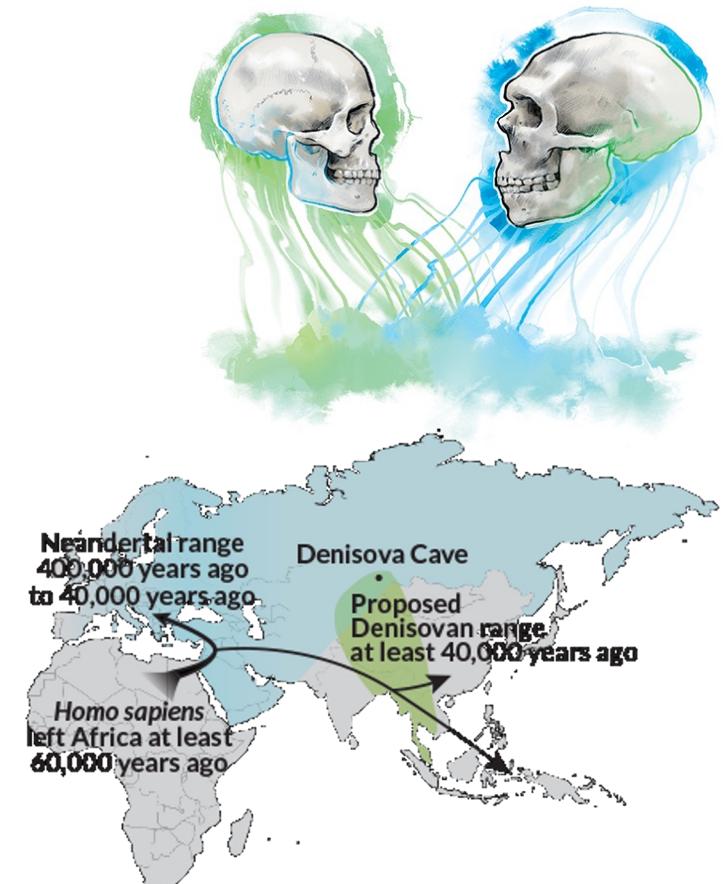
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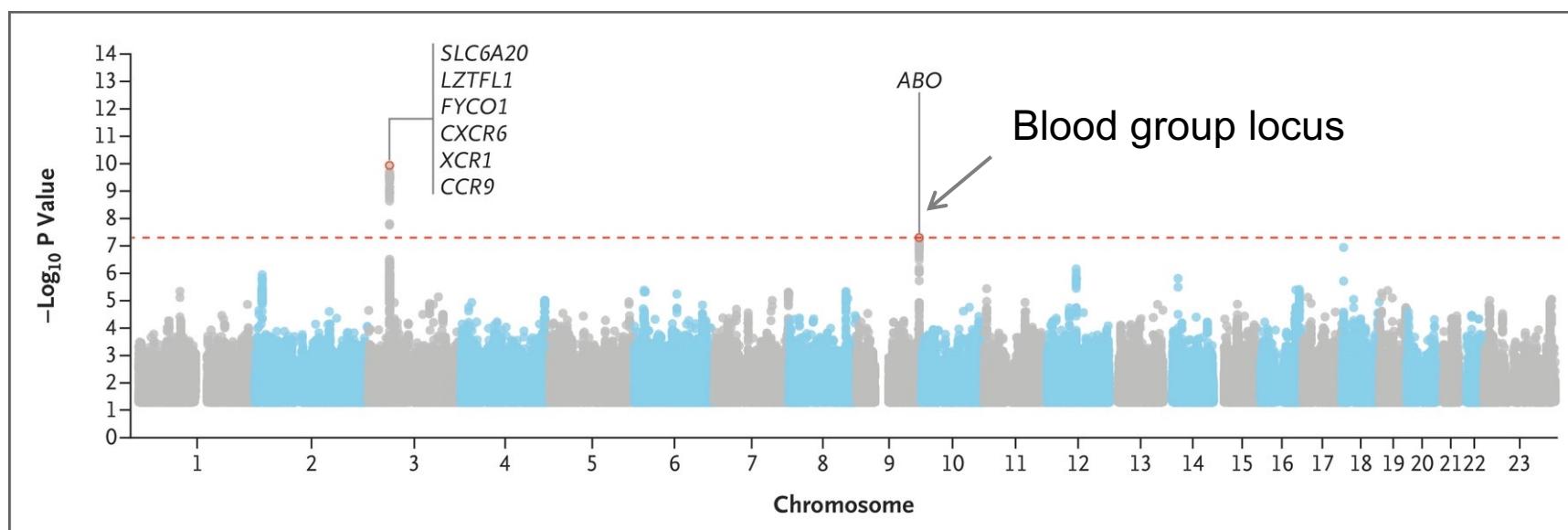
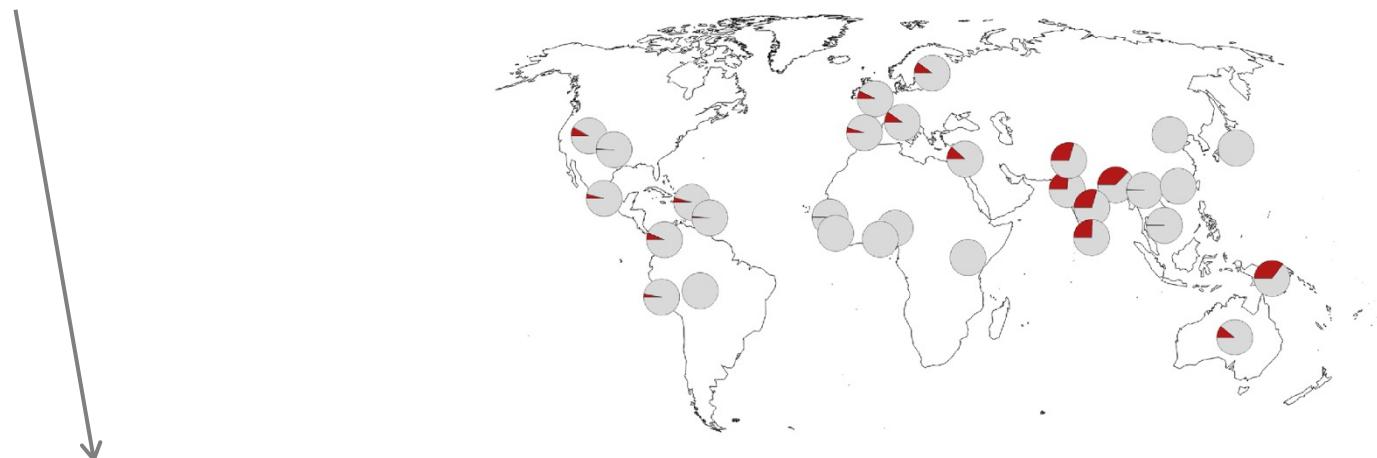
Source: S. Vattathil and J. M. Akey/Cell 2016

The major genetic risk factor for severe COVID-19 is inherited from Neanderthals

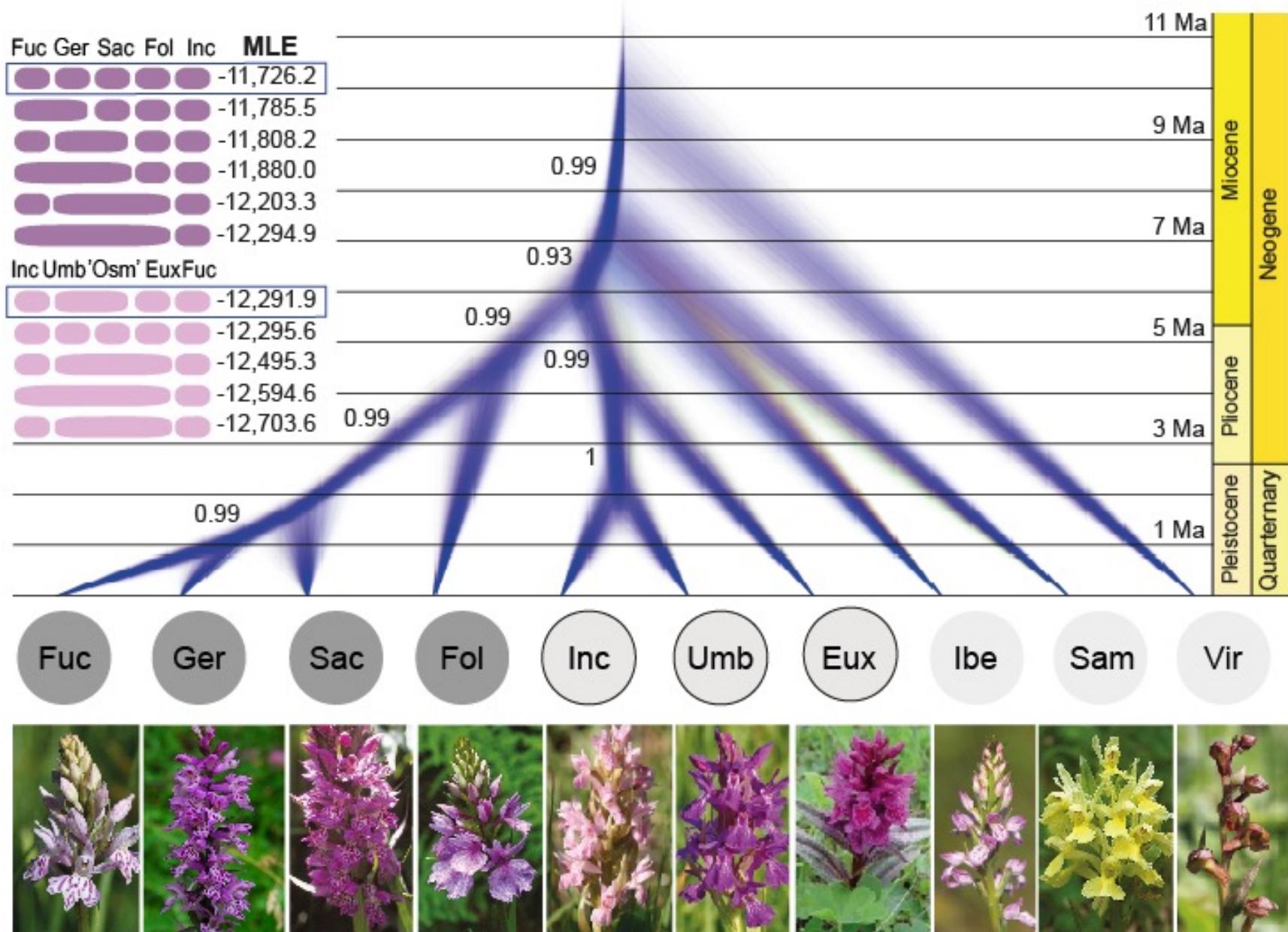
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2818-3>

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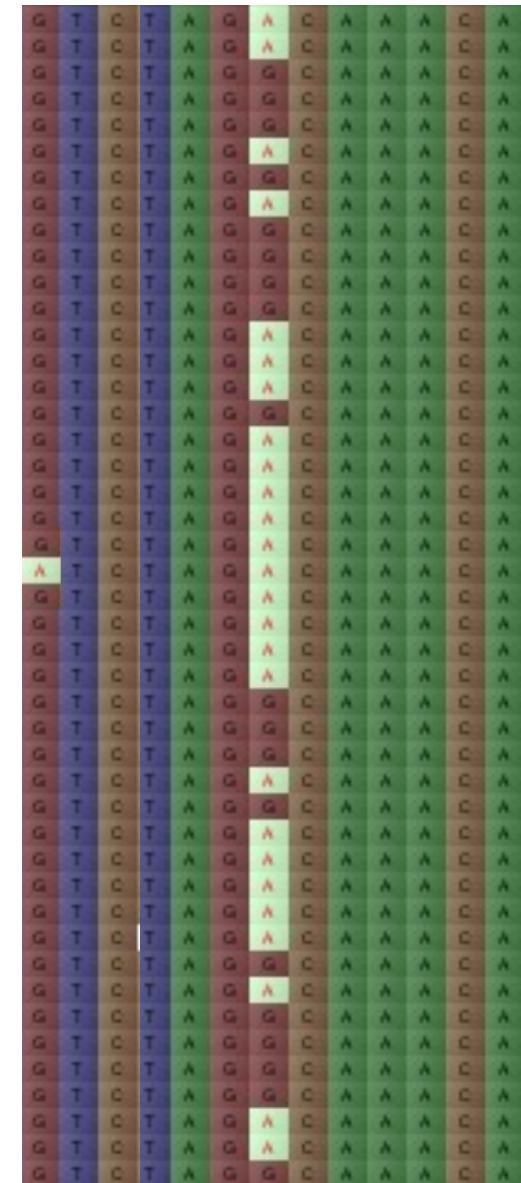
Phylogenomics (eg species tree of *Dactylorhiza*)



Brandrud, .., Paun 2020 *Syst Biol*

All this is inferred based on variation in genomes

Aim of SNP calling in a nutshell:
decide which variation represents
true polymorphism

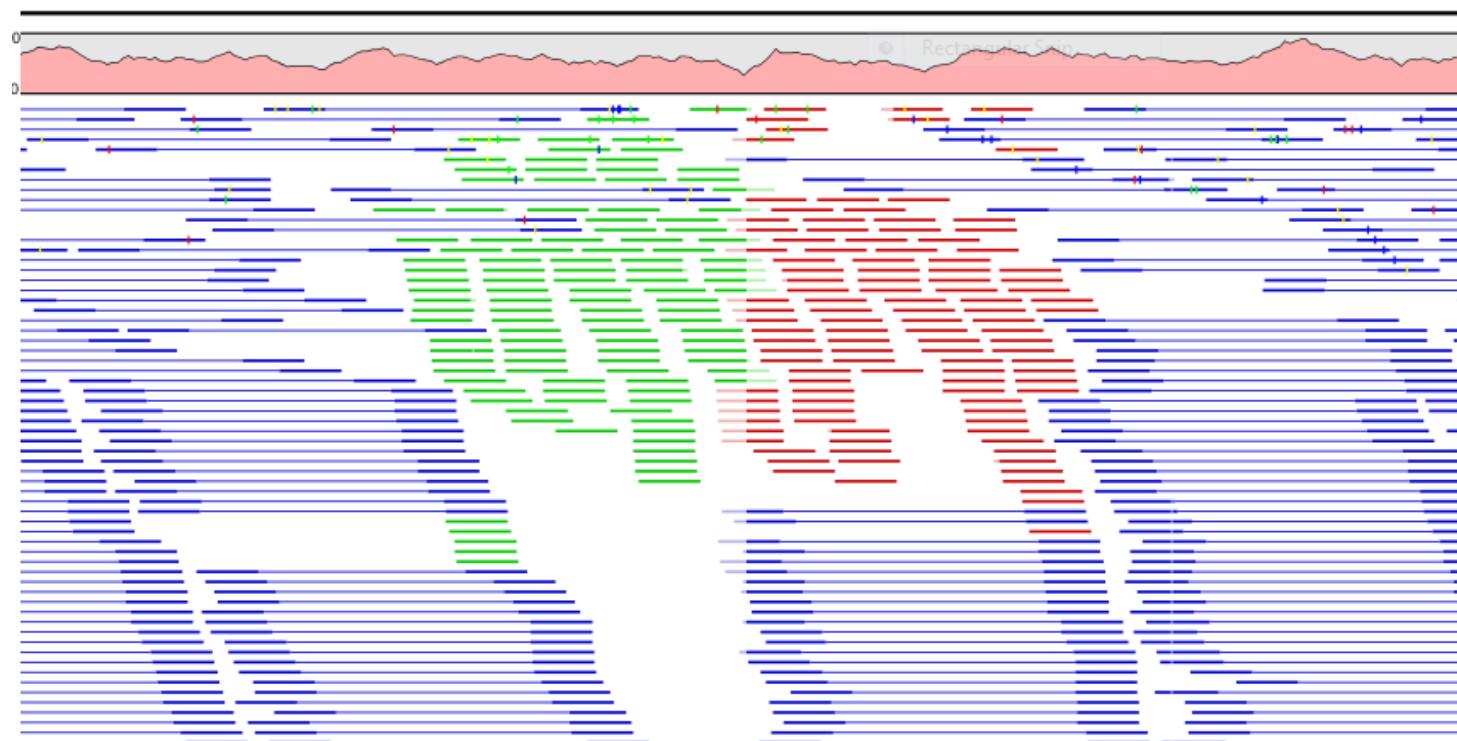


Simple example reads mapping

Find the aligning position of short reads within a reference genome

Mapping software are getting pretty good, but might miss crucial differences (repeats...)

Most used software BWA and BOWTIE



Mapping quality

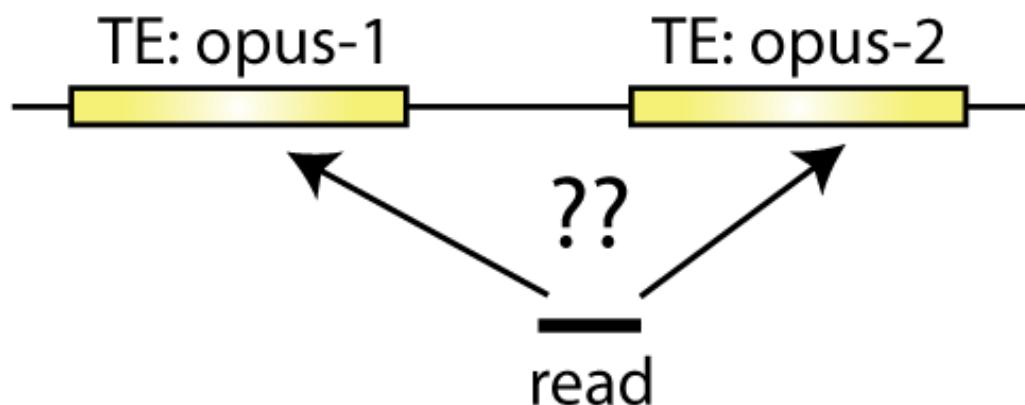
SAM/BAM files contain mapping quality. Similar to base quality, mapping quality is in general the log scaled probability that the position of the read is wrongly mapped

0 -> every read is wrongly mapped

20 -> 1 in 100 reads is wrongly mapped

30 -> 1 in 1000 reads is wrongly mapped

A major cause for incorrect or ambiguous mappings are repetitive regions in the genome



Coverage and coverage bias

Coverage/read depth

Coverage: The average number of times each bp of a region is sequenced

Depends very much on application/question

De novo: >30X

Mapping: 5X sometimes enough, sometimes 20X or even more

Coverage bias

Extremely important for quantitative gene expression (eg RNA-seq)

Uneven coverage can be due to biases at several levels

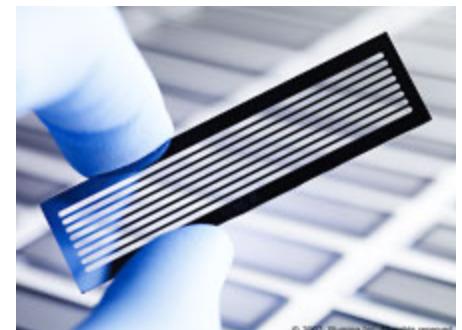
- DNA extraction
- PCR amplification (better PCR free libraries; PCR is completely avoided in single-molecule sequencing!)
- Sequencing

SAM/BAM data formats

```
ID          flag alignment info      seq    qual  addit. info
HWI-EAS225_37:3:108:40:58#0/1 0 ChrC 1 255 76M * 0 0 ATG... III... XA:i:1 ....
```

BAM is the SAM compressed binary format. Details on the specifications are available here:

<http://samtools.sourceforge.net/SAM-1.3.pdf>



Before Variant calling

Sorting by Coordinates (listing the reads according to the coordinates in the reference genome)

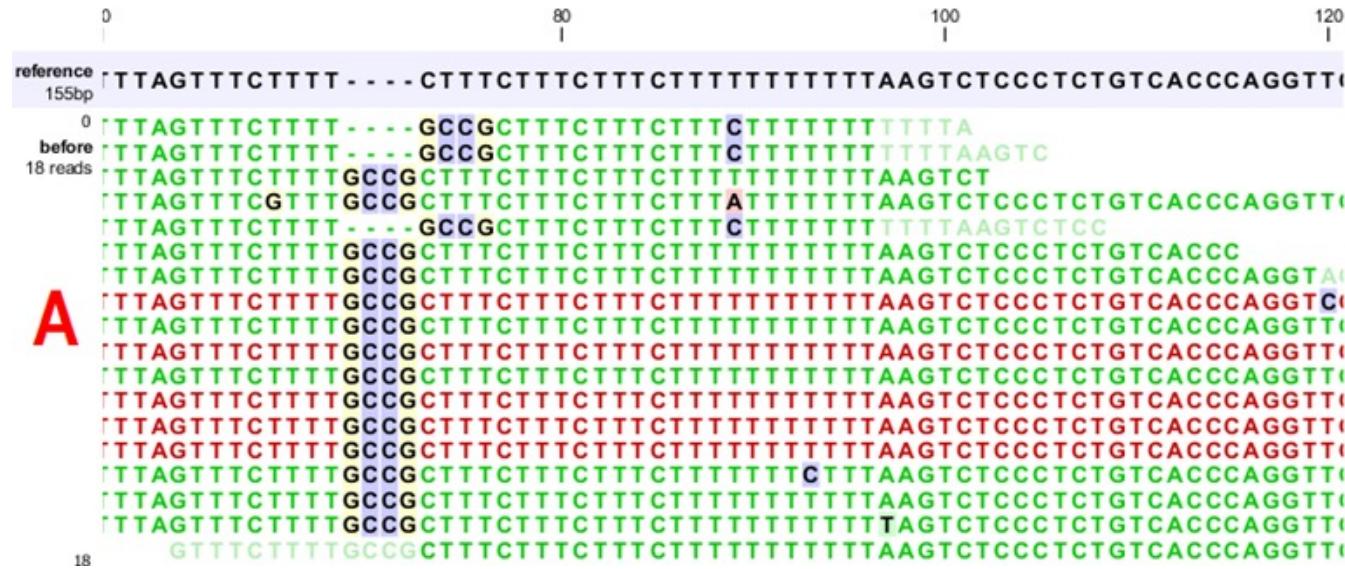
AddOrReplaceReadGroups (adding accession information in the BAM header)

Mark PCR duplicates

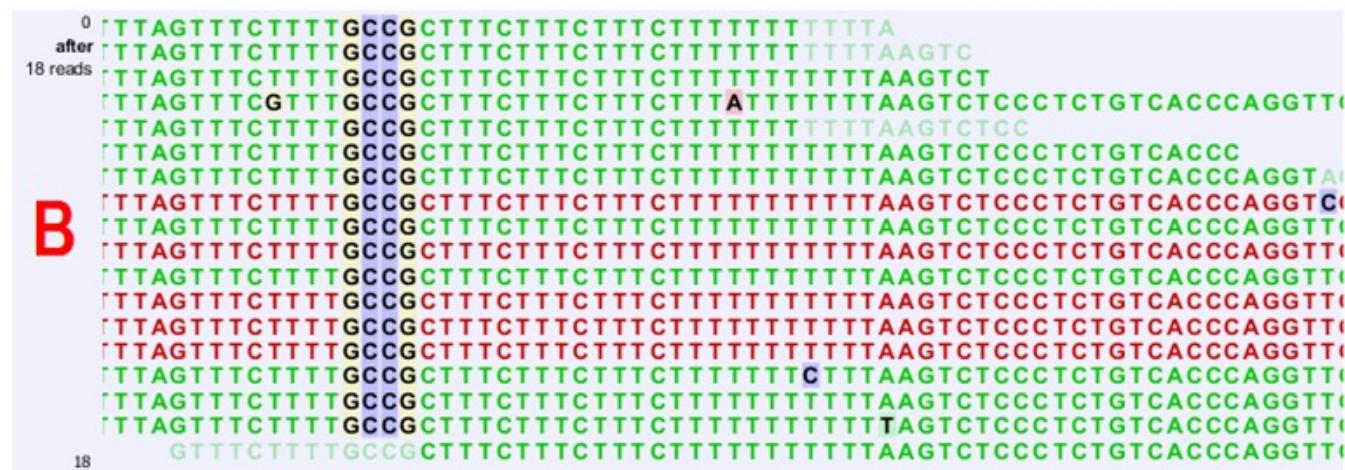
Indel realignment (refining mapping)

Refining the Mapping – indel realignment

Before



After



Calling variants - objective

For each site of the genome determine

- Whether or not there is **any variation** at this site (across all samples)
- If there is variation, **assign a genotype** (for diploids: pair of alleles) to each sample
- Report variant sites (positions, alleles, sample genotypes, ...)

Calling variants - approach

Classical way: based on thresholds (e.g., ratio of reference/non-reference bases)

Most recent: probabilistic framework (eg, ANGSD <https://www.popgen.dk/angsd/index.php/ANGSD>)

- Calculate and report **probability** of a site being a variant (given read alignments)
- Calculate and report probabilities (or **likelihoods**) of various sample genotypes (given read alignments)

Variant calling

Different types of variants:

SNVs (single nucleotide variants)

MNVs (multiple, neighbouring SNVs)

indels

For a diploid organism there are 2 alleles:

- expected are A/A, A/C, A/G, A/T, A/-, C/C, etc

Variant Call Format (.vcf)

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##INFO=<ID=AF,Number=.,Type=Float,Description="Allele Frequency">
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##FORMAT=<ID=AD,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Allele Depth">
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#CHROM POS ID REF ALT QUAL FILTER INFO FORMAT ind10 ind12
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- text file format (likely stored in compressed manner)
- encodes SNPs and other structural variants
- contain meta-information lines (##) - describe symbols found later on
- a header line (#), and data lines each containing information about a position in the genome
- could contain information from a single or multiple samples
- could contain genotype information on samples or not
- is produced by most commonly used NGS analysing tools, e.g., GATK, STACKS

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- ID: some ID for the variant, if known
- REF, ALT: reference and alternative alleles (on forward strand of reference)
- QUAL: $-10 \cdot \log(1-p)$, where p is the probability of a variant being present given the read data
- FILTER: whether the variant failed a filter (filters defined by the user or program processing the file)
- INFO: annotations defined in the meta-information

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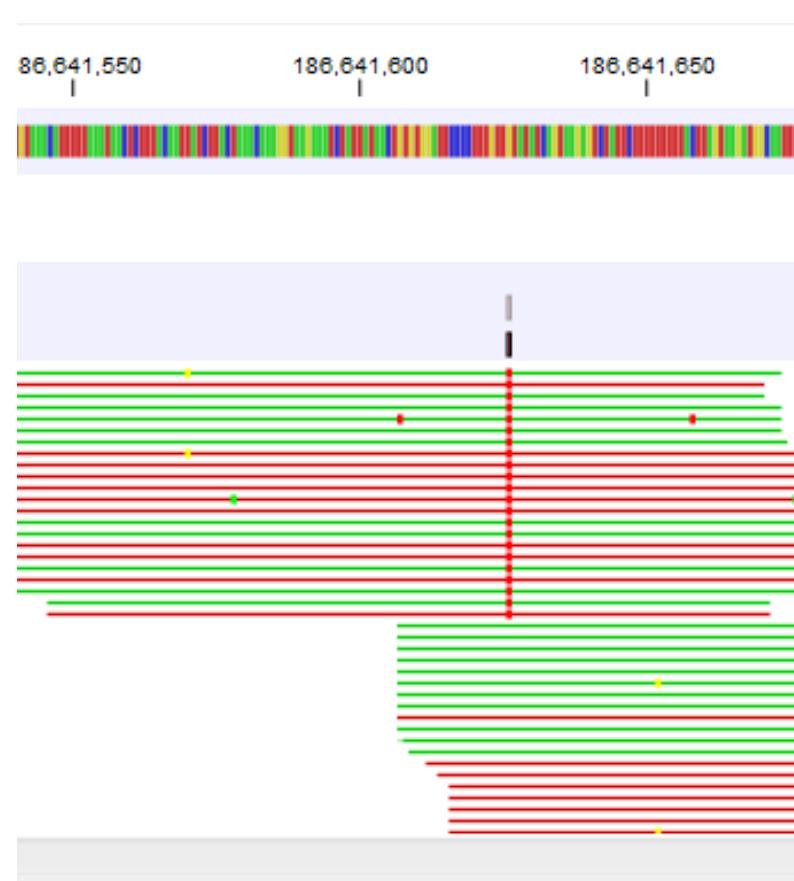
- GT: genotype
 - 0/0 reference homozygote
 - 0/1 reference-alternative heterozygote
 - 1/1 alternative homozygote
- AD: allele depths
- DP: total depth (may be different from sum of AD, as the latter include only reads supporting alleles)
- GL: genotype likelihood (phred-scaled), normalized to the best genotype

Variant filtering

Filters high-confidence variants to be retained for further analyses

Could include filtering steps on:

- Mapping direction - strand bias: Fisher strand value (FS) > 60
- Correction by coverage: Quality by depth values (QD) < 2
- Mapping quality (MQ) < 40

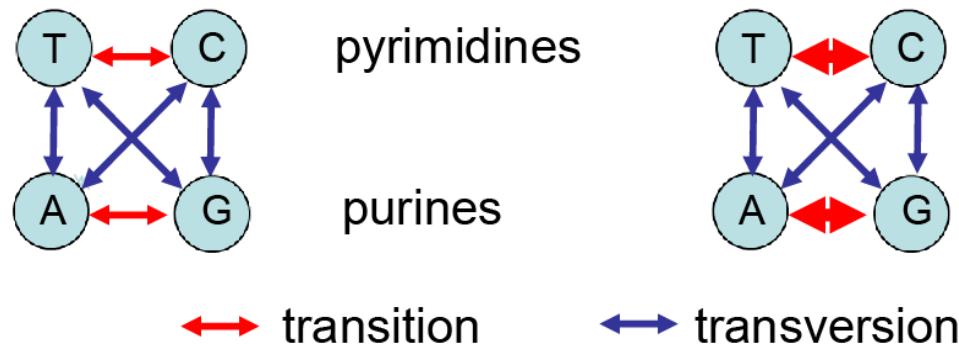


Variant filtering

How to know if we have a high quality SNP dataset?

A good quality criteria for a vcf set is that Ts/Tv should be higher than 1.5 genome-wide, or higher than 2 for exonic regions

e.g., $Ts/Tv = 2.71$ for
Drosophila GstD1
gene





Adaptive radiation of *Tillandsia* subgenus *Tillandsia* (Bromeliaceae)

Team:

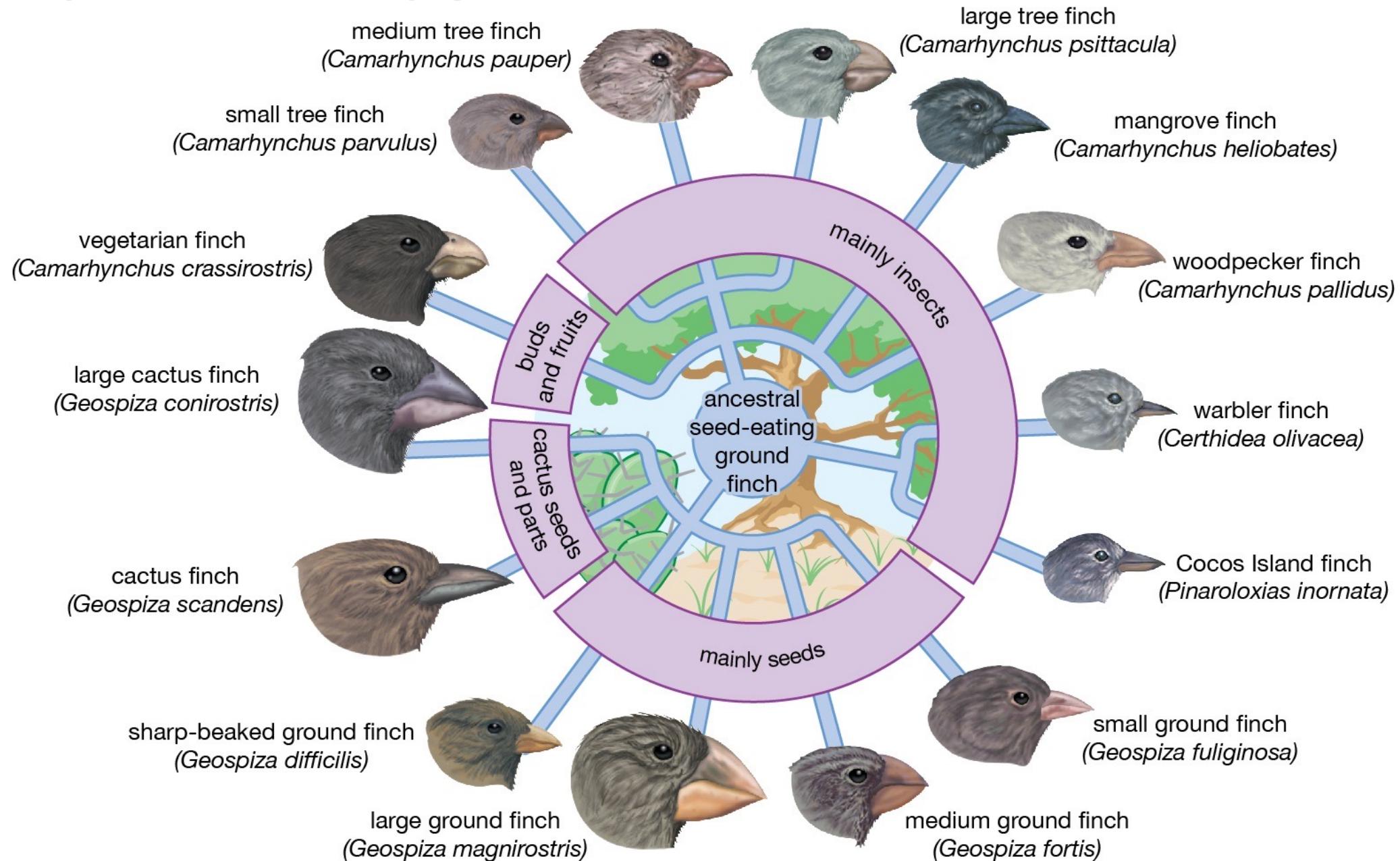
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Adaptive radiation in Galapagos finches



Rapid radiation of *Diospyros* on New Caledonia

30+ *Diospyros* species radiate on New Caledonia after a long distance dispersal

New Caledonia:

- a biodiversity hotspot
- highest level of endemism worldwide
- highly heterogeneous environment



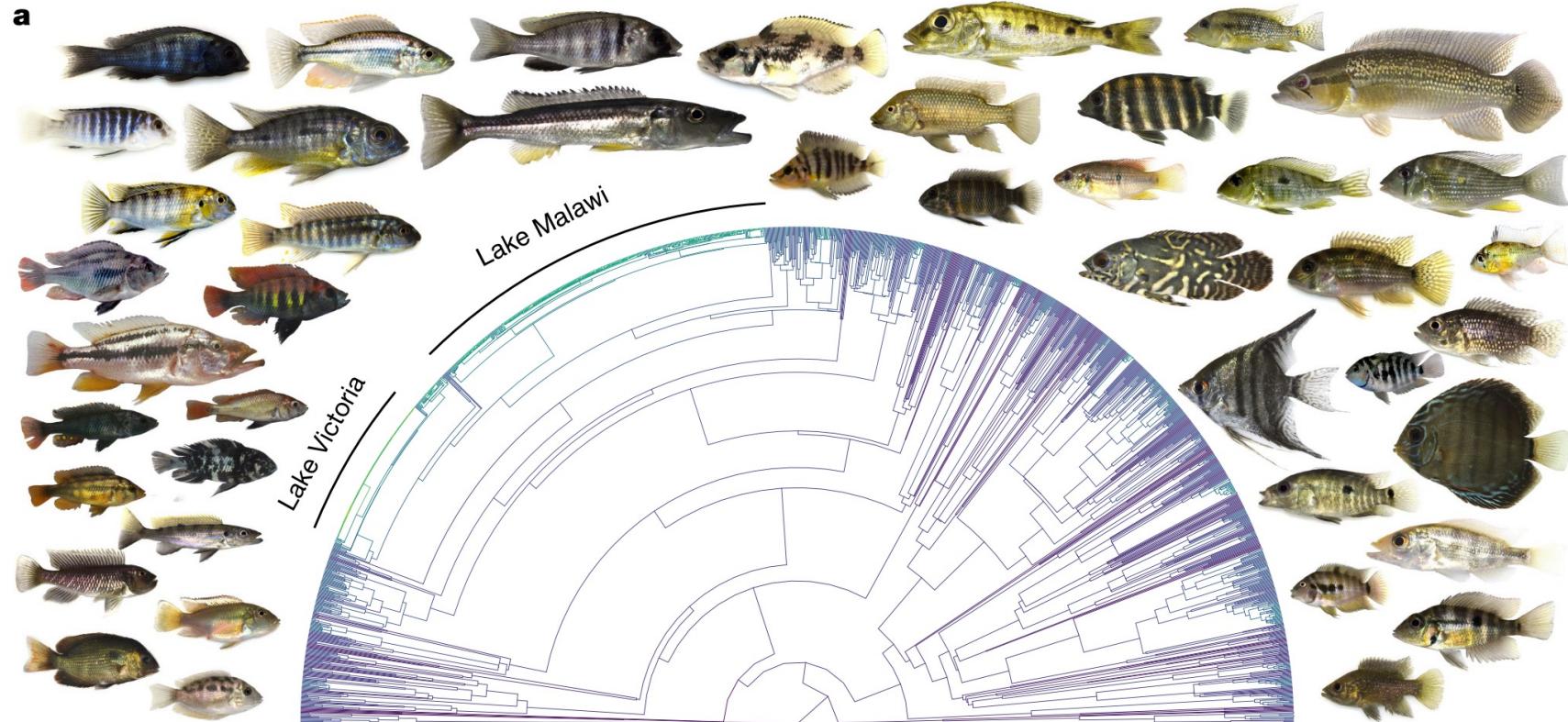
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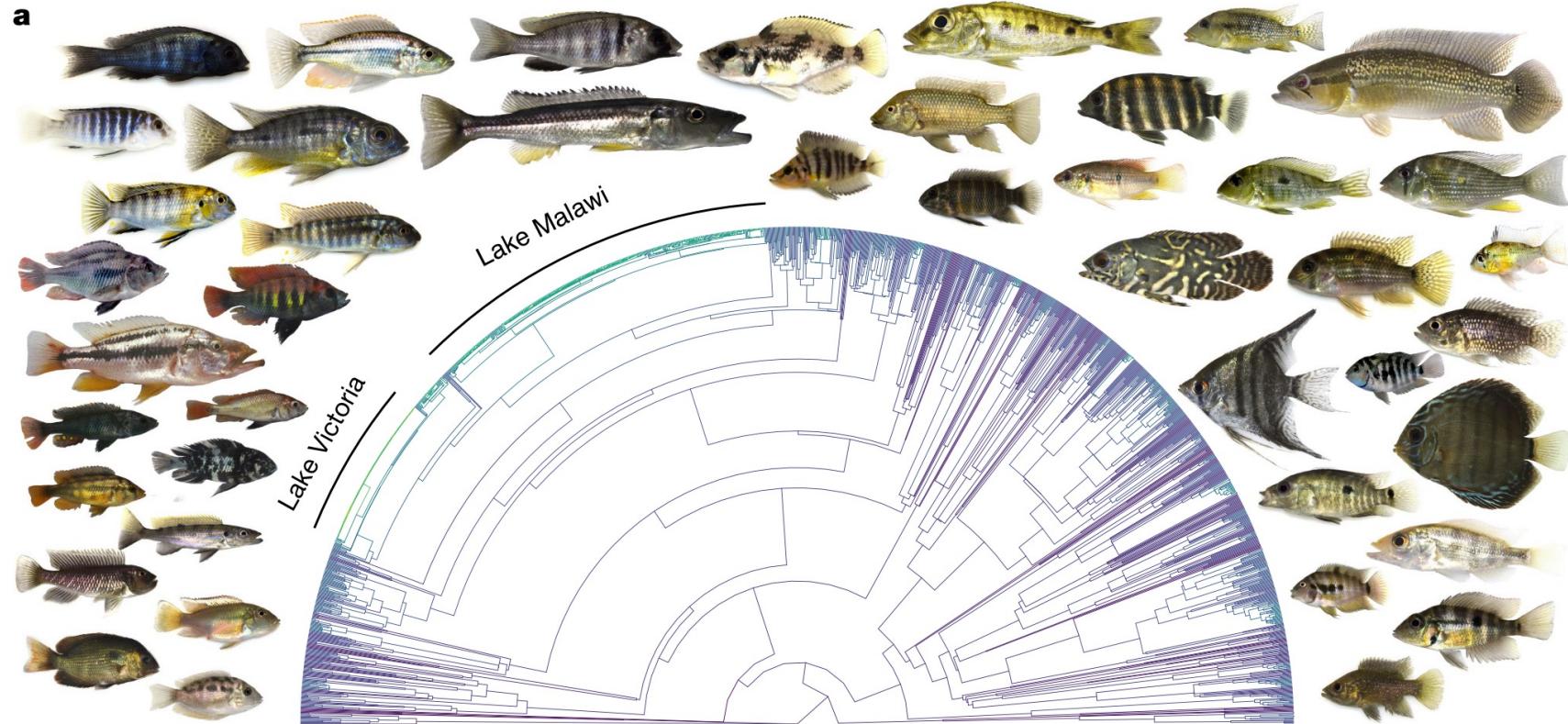
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Adaptive radiation: radiation through ecological opportunity



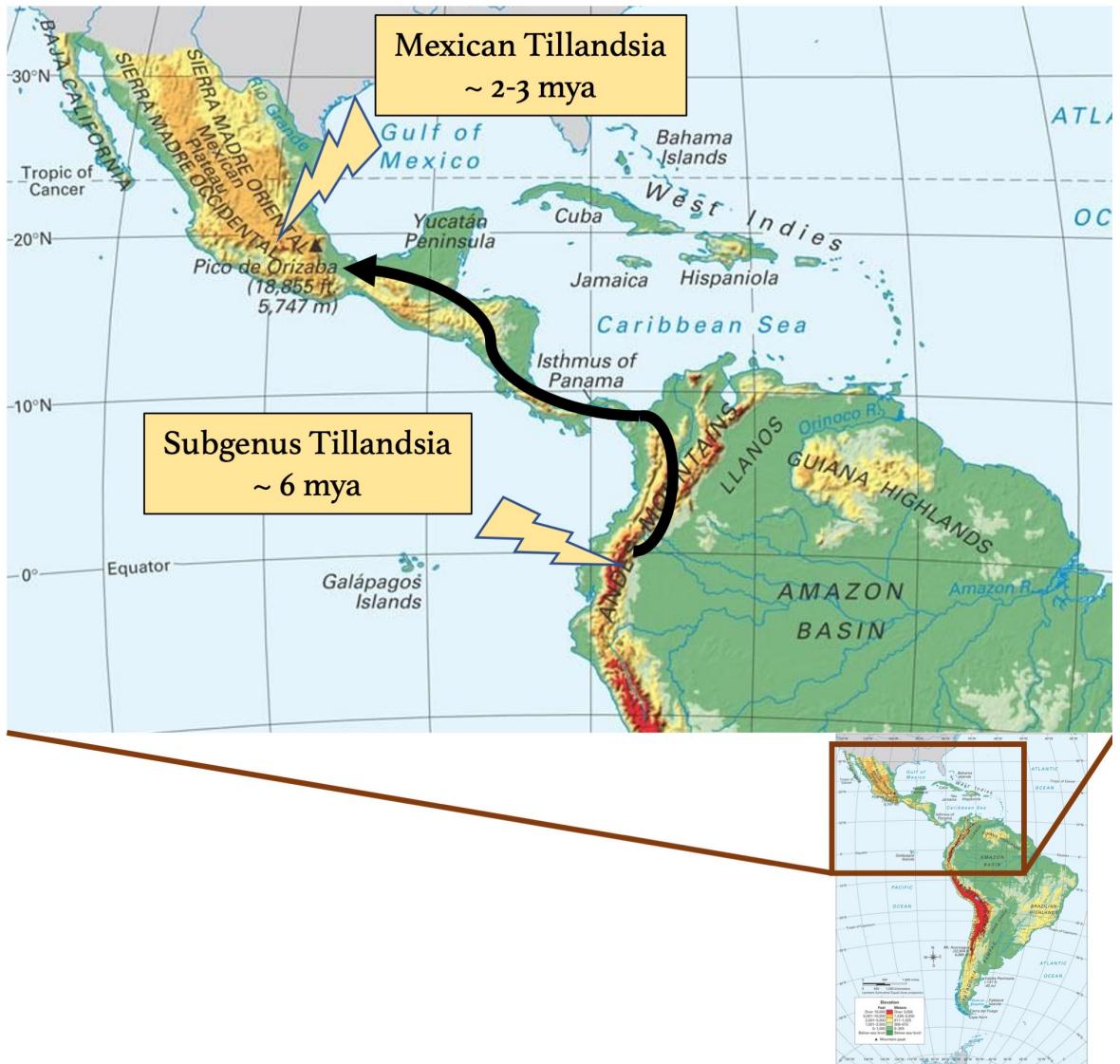
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Recent studies show:
The story is not so simple

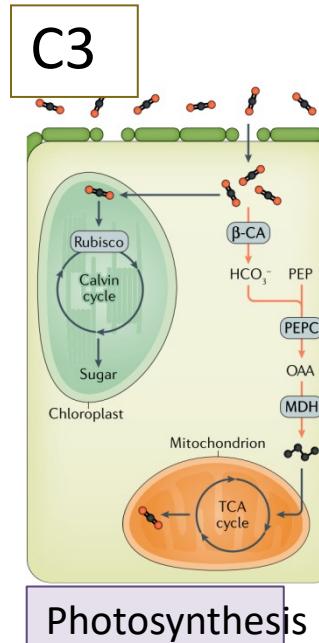
Tillandsia as a plant model for adaptive radiation

- ~ 350 species in total
- ~ 30 species in ancestral area of S America
- ~ 300 species in Central America

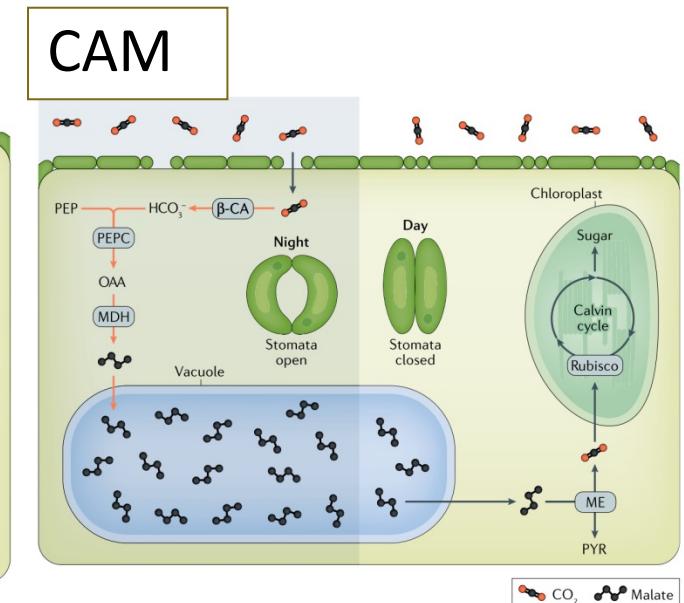


Mendoza et al. 2017

Key innovation traits



Photosynthesis



From Heyduk et al. 2019 (*Nat. Genetics*)

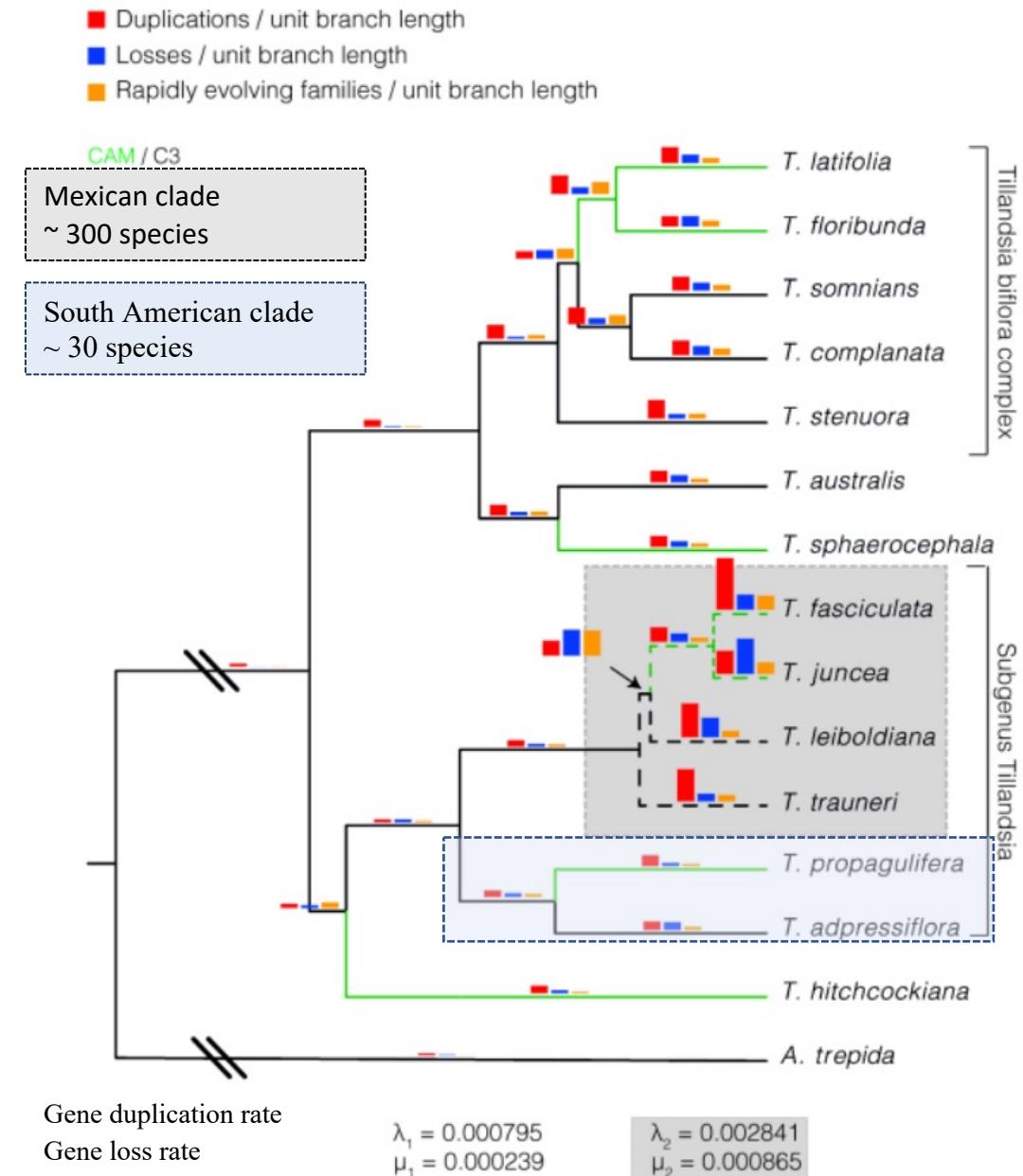


Genome dynamics in *Tillandsia*

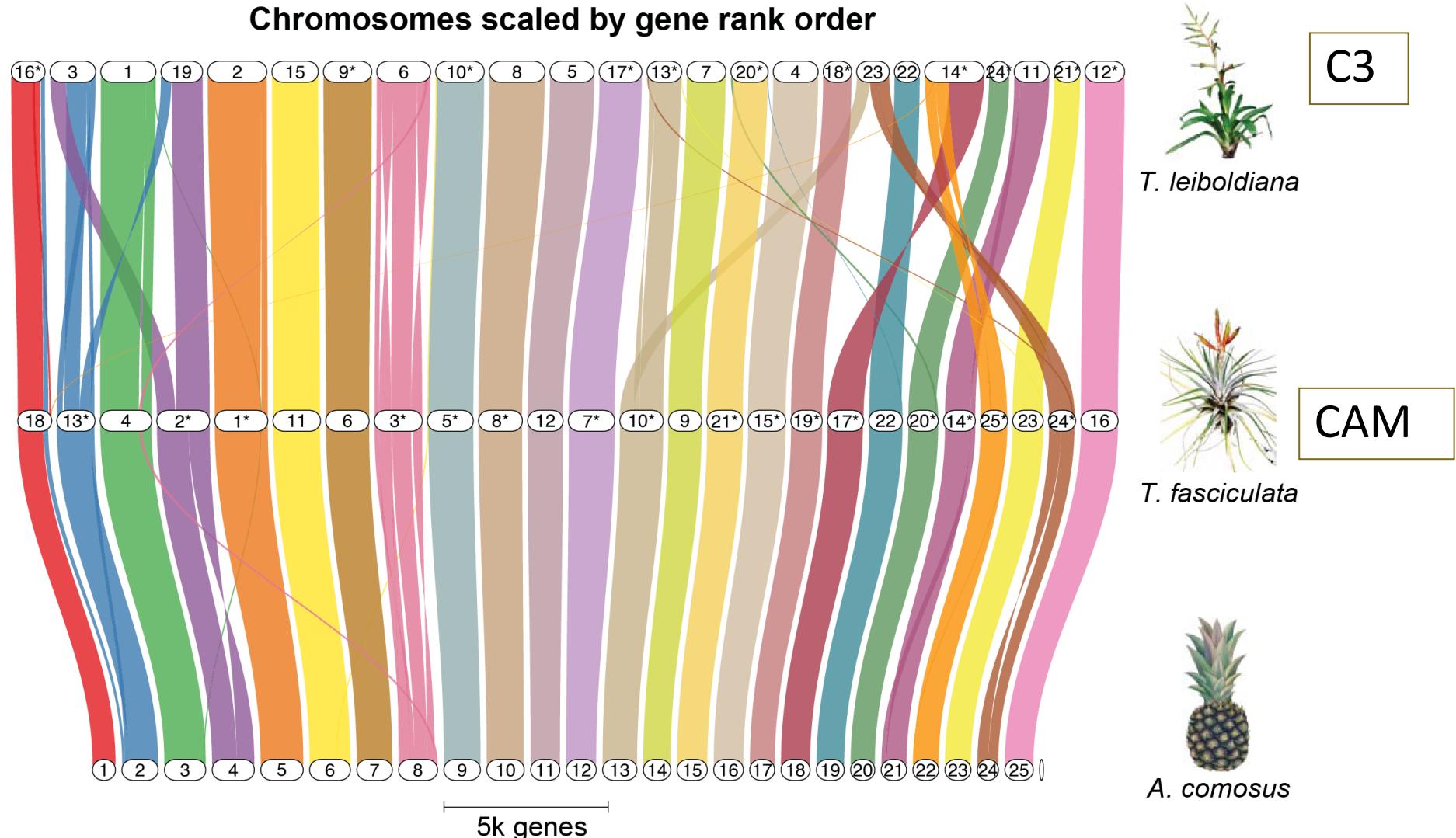
- Comparatively high rates of gene loss and duplication in radiating *Tillandsia*

What are the sources of variation driving the divergent evolution of *Tillandsia*?

- Structural variation?
- Regulatory evolution?
- Adaptive sequence evolution?

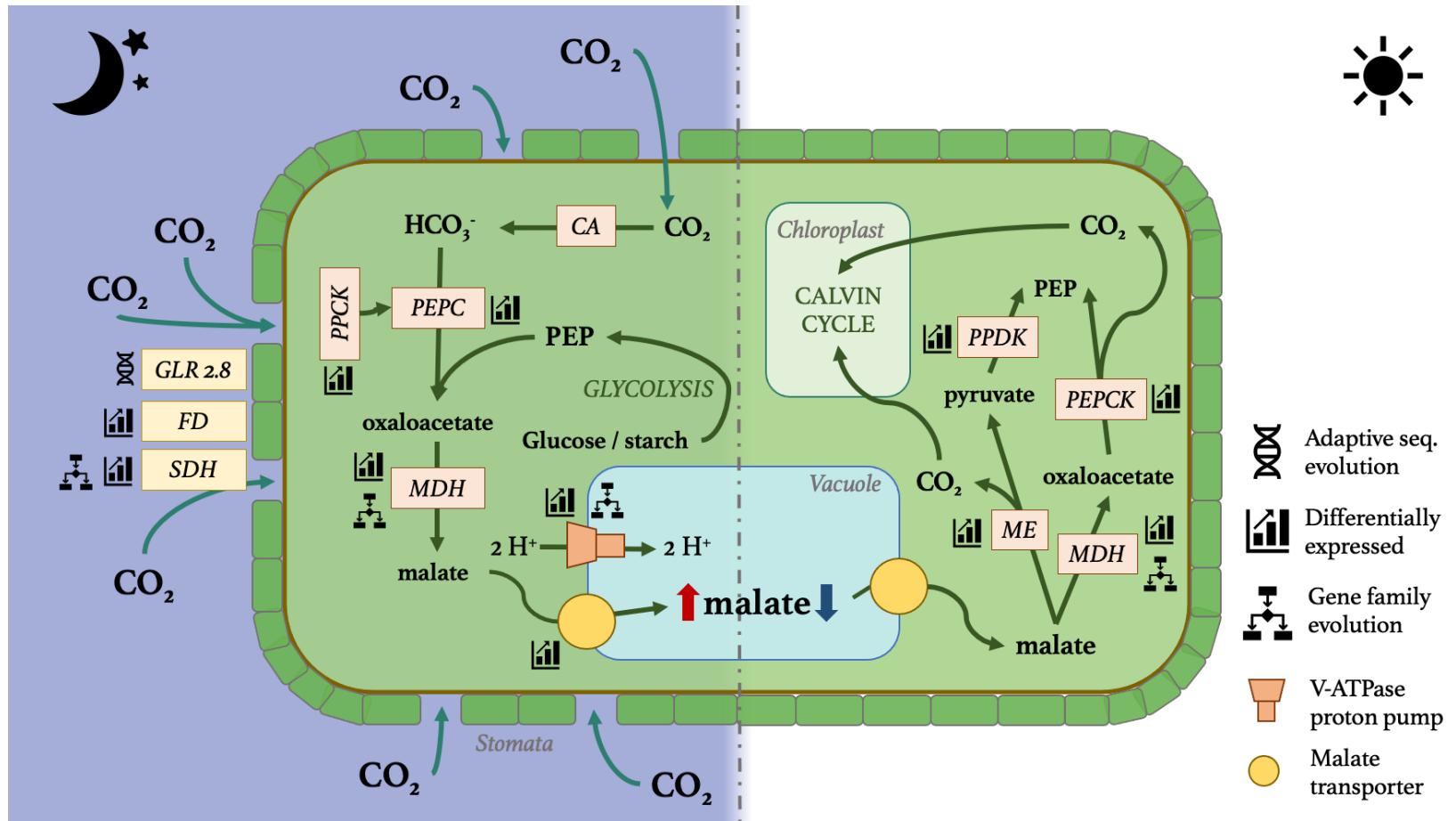


Despite high genome dynamics and a difference in chromosome number, synteny largely retained with notable exceptions



(Groot Crego et al. 2023 *BioRxiv*)

Evolution of genes with CAM/C3 functional relevance



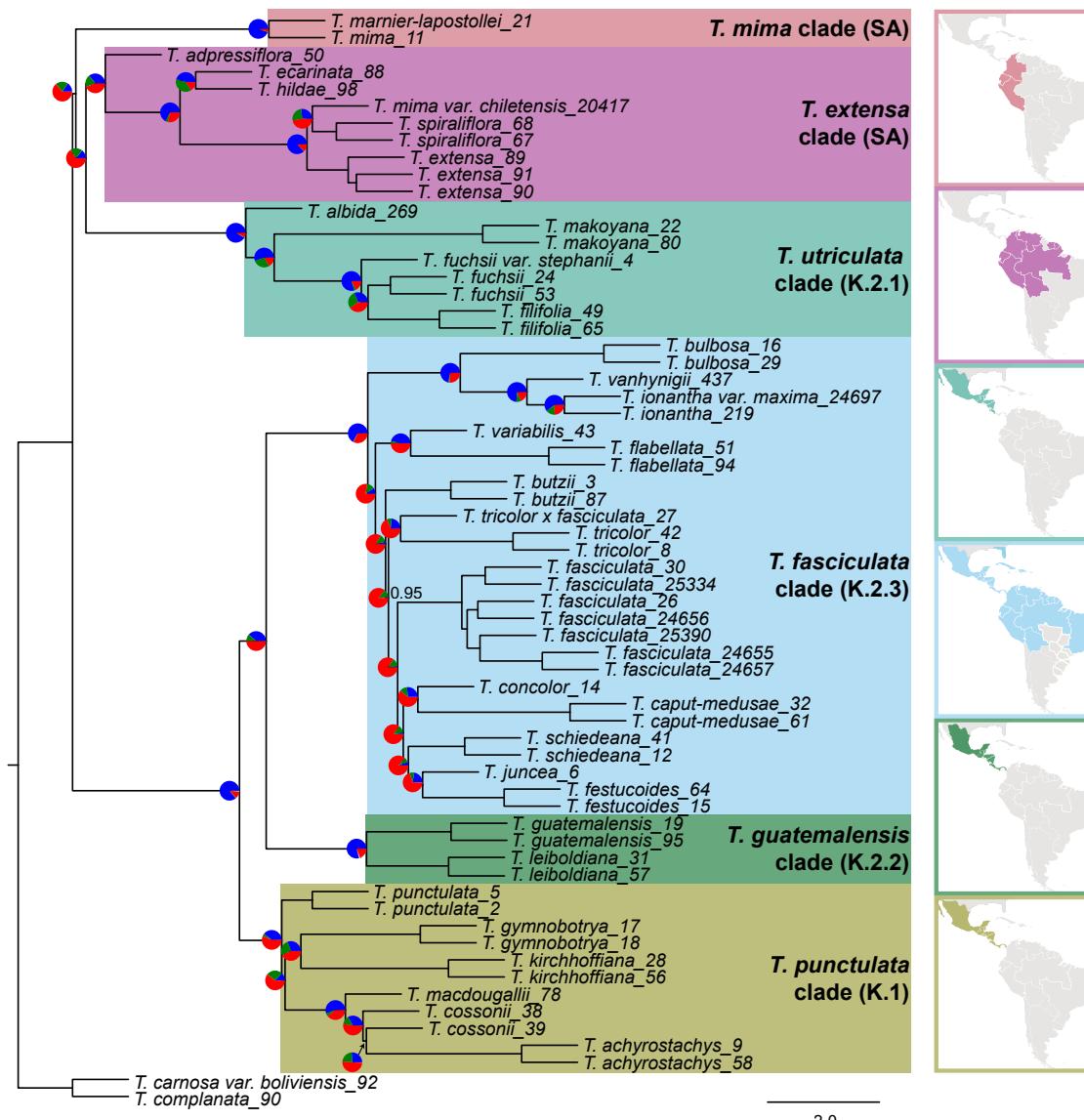
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Studying *Tillandsia* subg *Tillandsia*'s evolutionary history

Whole-genome
re-sequencing



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Coalescent-based species trees generated with ASTRAL-III. Posterior probabilities are 1 unless noted otherwise. Pie charts at the nodes show levels of gene tree discordance.

At least 2 dispersal events to C. America!

(Yardeni et al. 2023 *BioRxiv*)

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