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SPECIES, PHYLOGEOGRAPHY AND EXTROLITE PRODUCTION IN  
*BRYORIA* AND *PSEUDEPHEBE* (*PARMELIACEAE*)

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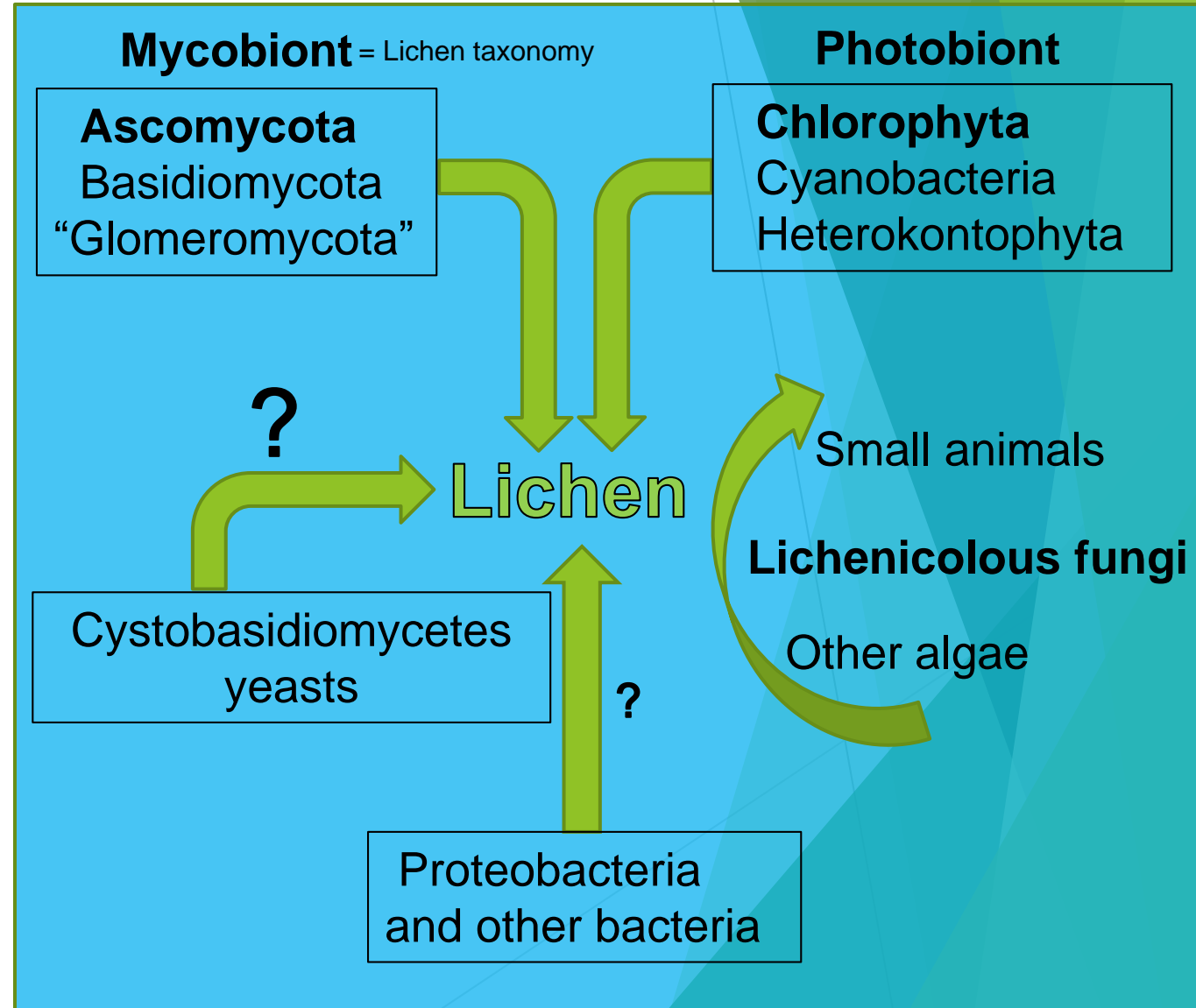
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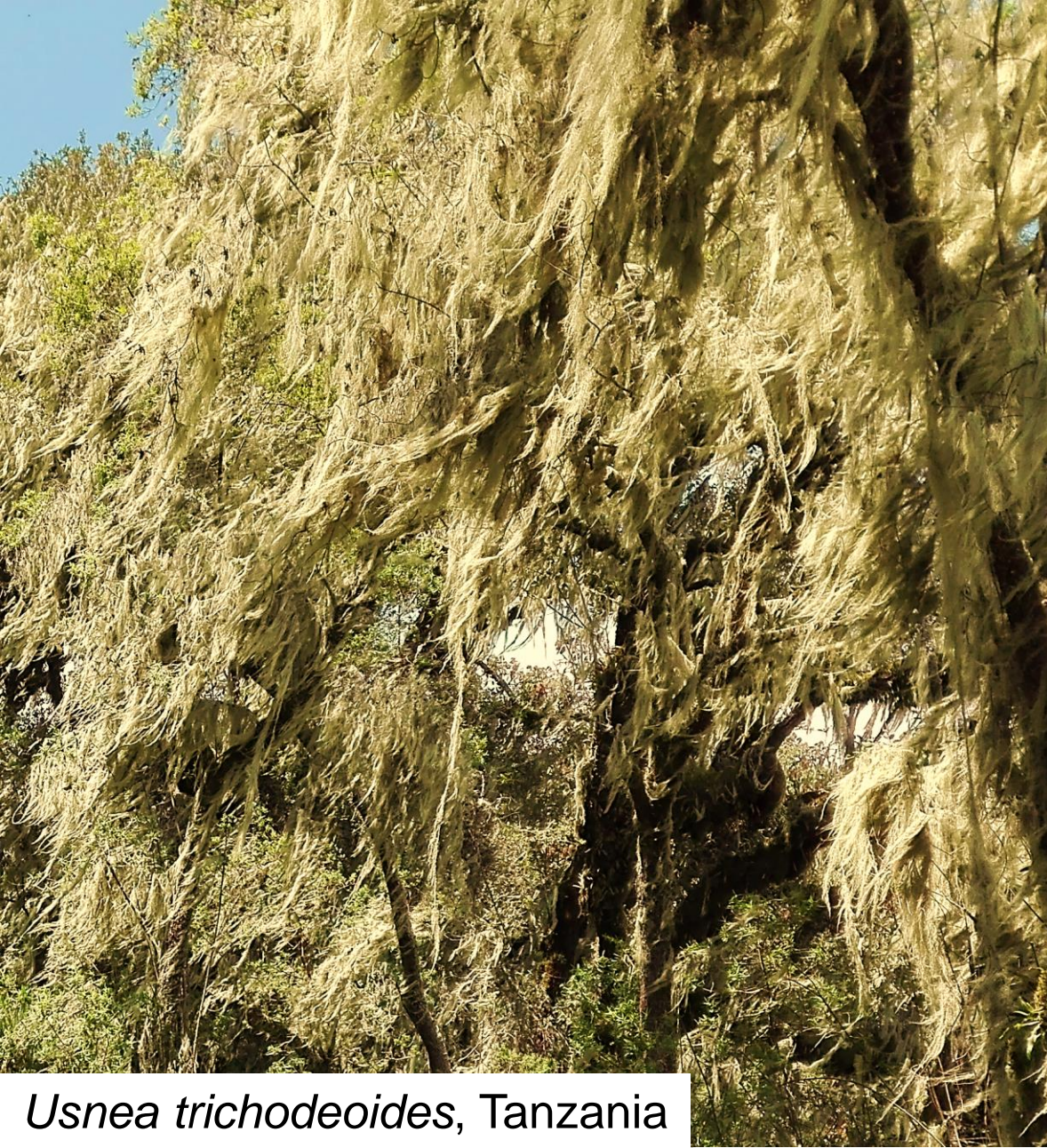
# Introduction



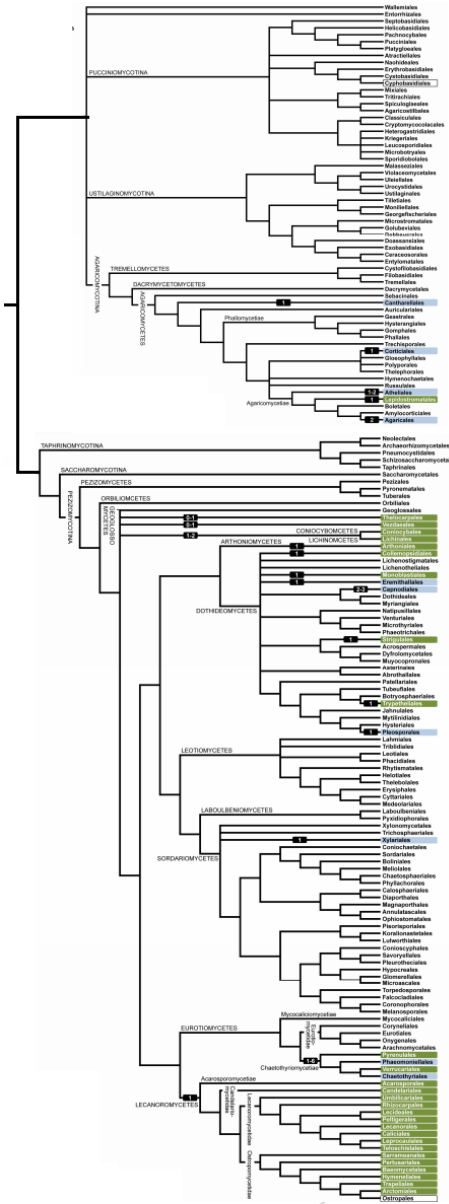
Tundra community, Norway



# Introduction



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At least 15 independent origins of lichenized fungi



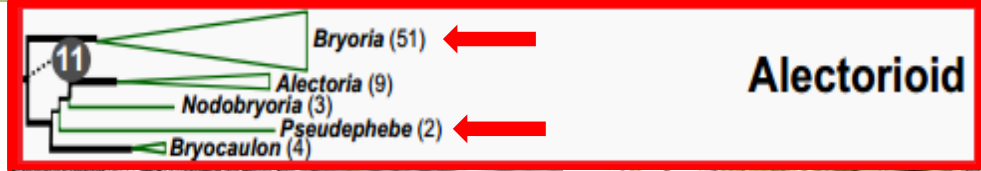
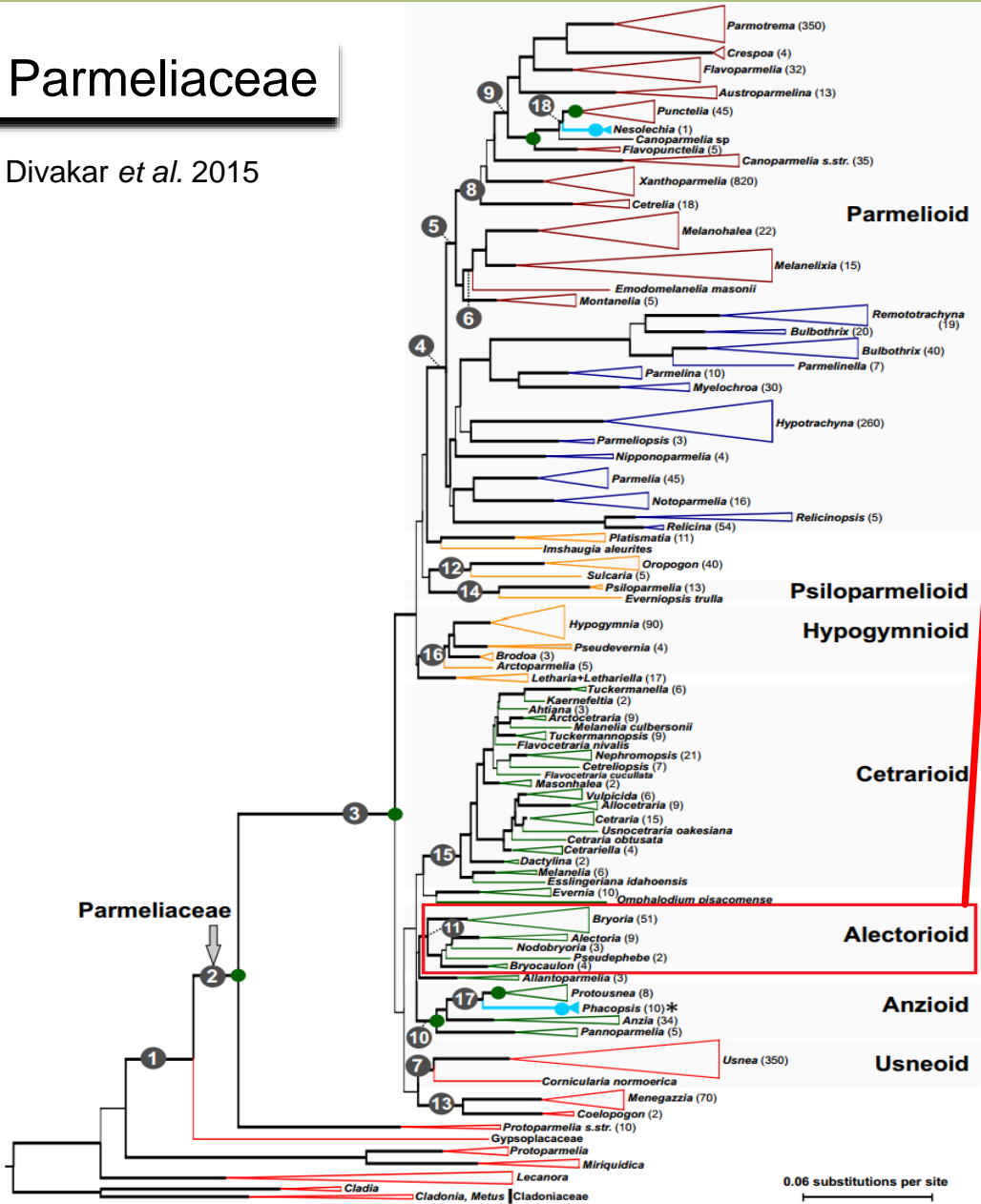
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# Introduction

## Parmeliaceae

Divakar *et al.* 2015



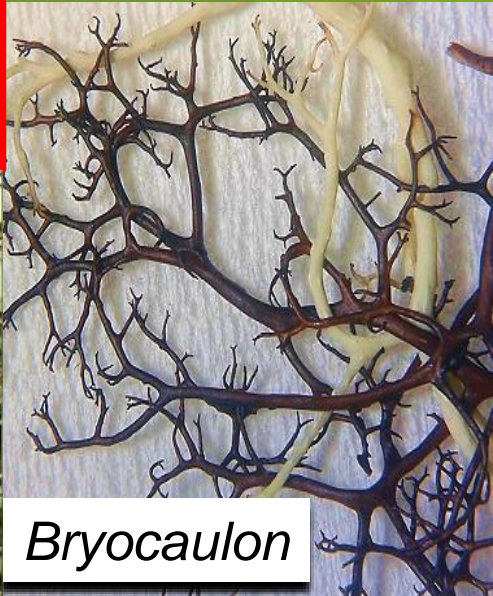
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*Pseudephebe*



*Nodobryoria*



*Bryocaulon*



*Alectoria*

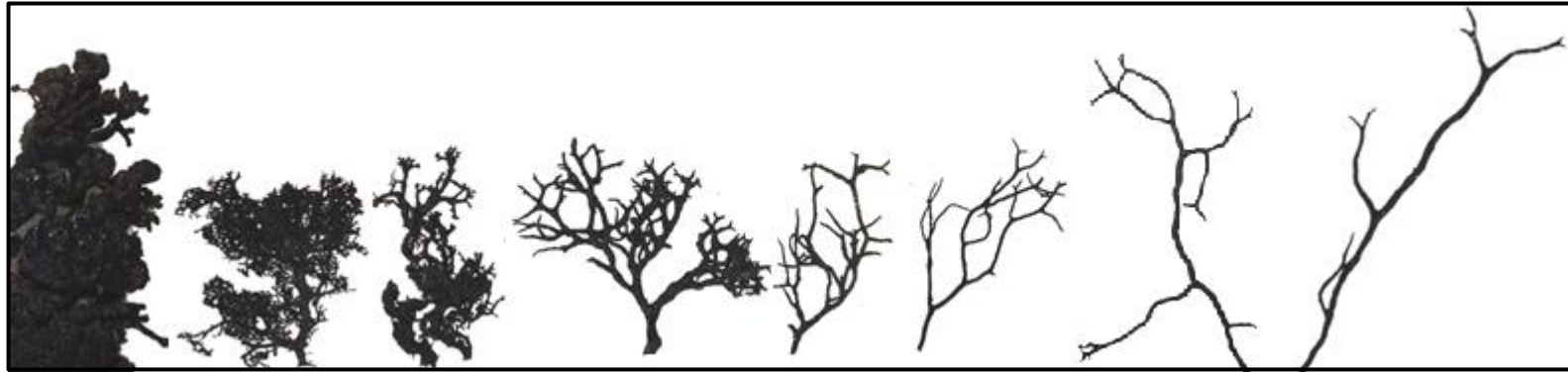


*Bryoria*

# Introduction

## Intermediate specimens between species in:

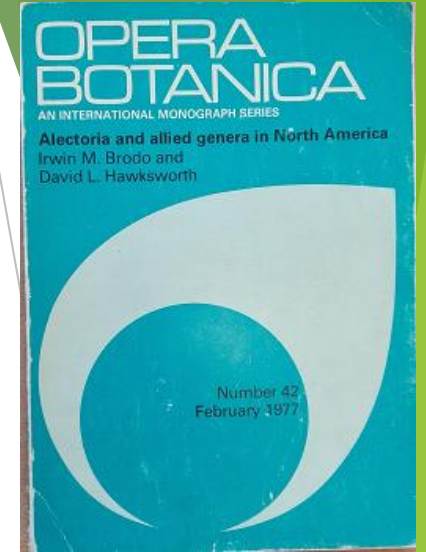
*Pseudephebe*



*Pseudephebe minuscula*

→ *Pseudephebe pubescens*

*Bryoria* section  
*Implexae*



Brodo & Hawksworth 1977

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Taxonomy of *Bryoria* section *Implexae* (Parmeliaceae, Lecanoromycetes) in North America and Europe, based on chemical, morphological and molecular data

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Ninety-seven ingroup specimens of *Bryoria* section *Implexae* (Parmeliaceae, Lecanoromycetes) were studied using molecular, chemical, morphological and geographic characters. The molecular data included nuclear ribosomal markers (ITS, 5.8S) and the partial glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH) gene. In addition to parsimony analyses, a haplotype network was constructed. Phylogenetic analyses strongly supported the monophyly of the section *Implexae*. The specimens were grouped into two monophyletic clades. Clade 1 encompassed all circumscribed material from North America, whereas Clade 2 included both sorediate North American material and all European material. Relationships at the species level, however, remained unresolved, except in the case of North American *B. implexae* chemotype 1 and European *B. capitata*. Nevertheless a number of species in each clade can be recognized using traditional morphological, chemical and ecological characters: *Bryoria* *fruticosa*, *B. inactiva* sp. nova, *B. leucostoma* sp. nova (supported also by phylogeny), *B. pilae* and *B. pseudo-juvescens* in Clade 1, and *B. capitata*, *B. juvescens*, *B. implexa*, *B. laetevirens*, and *B. vancouveriana* in Clade 2. In addition, North American *B. capitata* is proposed for inclusion in *B. pilae*, while *B. chalybeiformis*, *B. lanestris* and *B. subvirens* are used as synonyms of *B. juvescens*.

Introduction

mainly in forested regions of boreal to north temperate Eurasia and North America, but also more

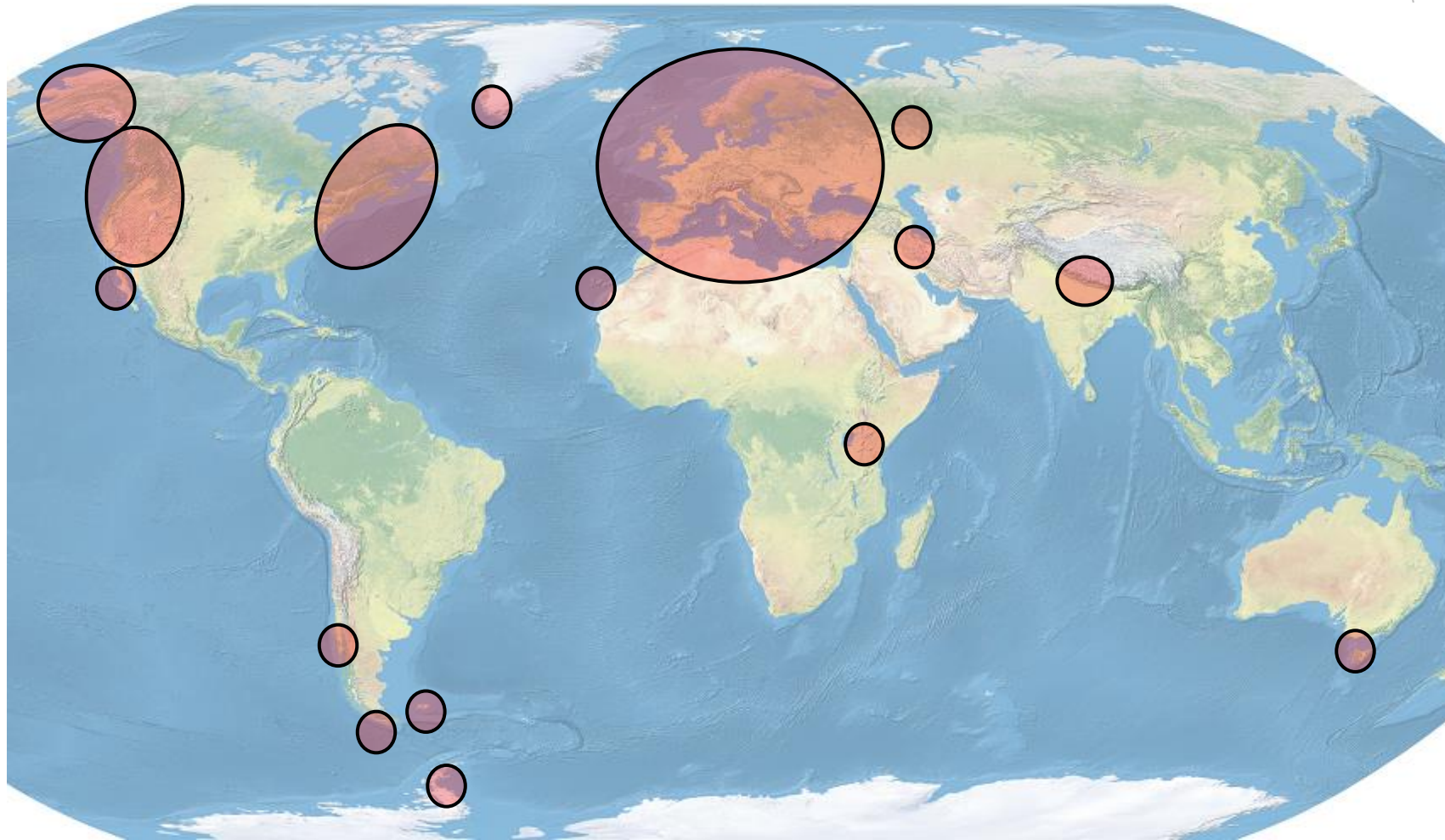
Velmala et al. 2014

# Main Objectives

- Perform an integrative taxonomical study of *Bryoria* section *Implexae* and *Pseudephebe*.
- Study the extrolite composition, location and taxonomical utility in *Bryoria* and *Pseudephebe*.
- Study the interaction between *Bryoria fuscescens* and the environment.
- Understand the evolutive processes that are producing the phenotypical variability observed in *Bryoria fuscescens* s. str.

# Materials and Methods

## Sampled areas



*Pseudephebe*: aprox. 120 specimens

*Bryoria*: aprox. 2.100 specimens



# Materials and Methods

Example of three sampled regions



Norway



Norway



Portugal

# Materials and Methods

## Main data

- **Distribution**
- **Phenotypical**
- Morphological characters
- Chemical characters
- **Molecular**
- 7 standard DNA markers (6 +1)
- 5 new DNA markers
- 18 microsatellite markers

## Main lab. techniques

- Fluorescence microscopy
- Thin layer chromatography
- PCR
- Sequencing
- 545 pyrosequencing

## Main analyses

- **Phenograms:** “R”.
- **Recombination detection:** RDP, GENECONV, Chimaera, Maxchi, Bootscan, SiScan, PhylPro, 3Seq.
- **Phylogenetic reconstruction:** RAxML, MrBayes, MAFFT, Partitionfinder, Mega, jModeltest, Beast, Figtree, CADM test.
- **Divergence time estimation:** Beast.
- **Species delimitation programs:** ABGD, GMYC, PTP, BP&P, DISSECT.
- **Genepool detection:** PCoA, DAPC, haplotype network, STRUCTURE.
- **Genetic diversity:** “R”, ADZE, GenAlEx, KGTESTS, Arlequin.
- **Population dynamics:** Beast.
- **Spatial analyses:** Migrate-n, ibd.
- **Potential distribution:** Maxent.

*Bryoria*: ■ *Pseudephebe*: ■

# Chapter 1

*Pseudephebe* species are cryptic with an environmentally modified morphology



# Chapter 1 *Pseudephebe* species concept



*Pseudephebe pubescens*

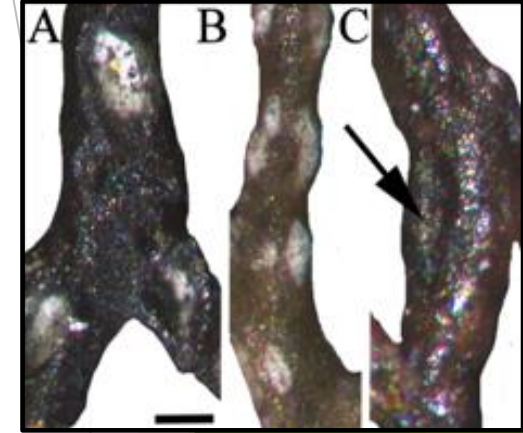


*P. minuscula*



*Bryoria mariensis*

120 specimens



Pseudocypheellae

37 specimens + 25 outgroup

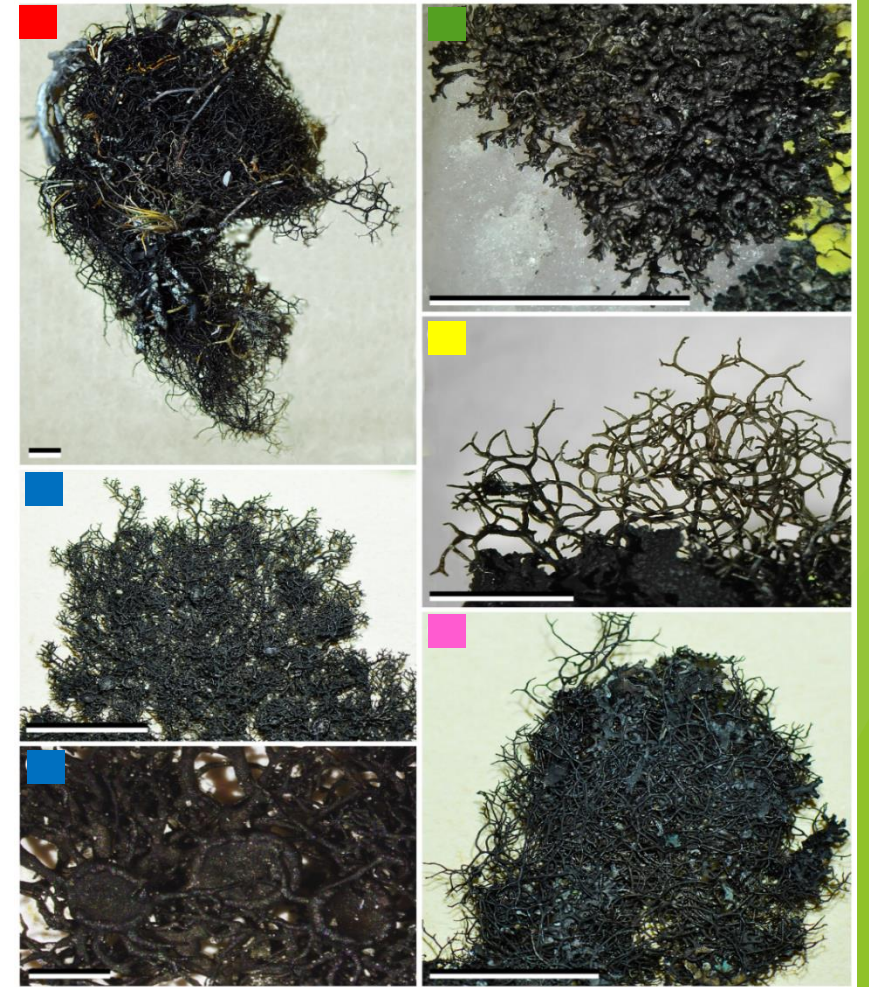
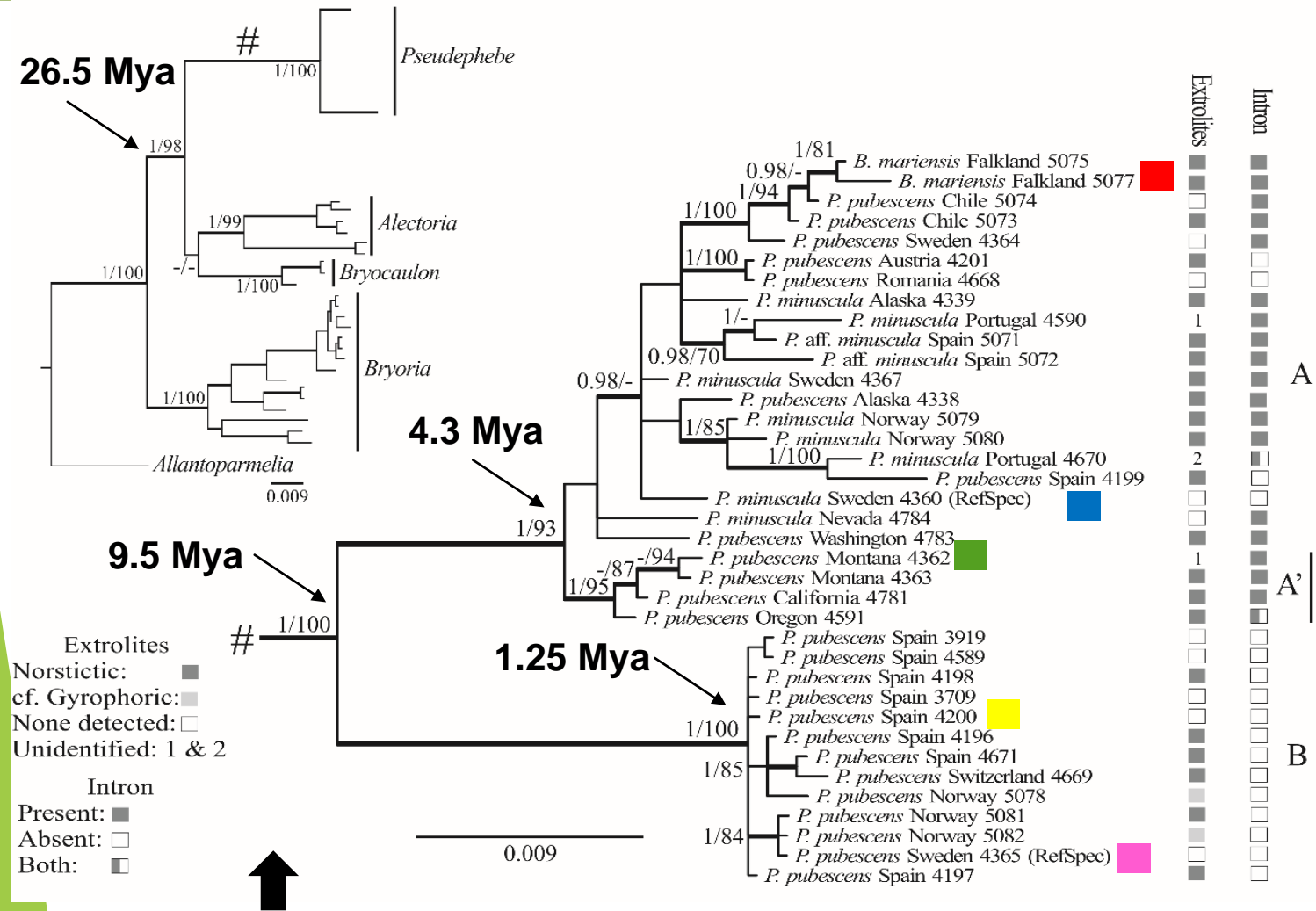
Species	DNA code	Extrolites	SSU intron	Internodes length (mm)	Branches width (mm)	Pseudo-cypheellae	Profusely branched tips	Old branches appressed	Flattened branches
<i>Bryoria mariensis</i>	5077	Norstictic	+	< 1-7	0.26 (0.1-1)	+	-	-	-
<i>B. mariensis</i>	5075	Norstictic	+	< 1-7	0.20 (0.1-0.4)	+	-	±	±
<i>Pseudephebe minuscula</i>	4339	Norstictic	+	< 1	0.18 (0.1-0.3)	-	+	+	+
<i>P. pubescens</i>	4338	Norstictic	+	< 1	0.18 (0.1-0.2)	+	+	-	±
<i>P. minuscula</i>	4784	Absent	+	< 1	0.32 (0.2-0.5; crusty)	+	+	+	+
<i>P. pubescens</i>	4781	Norstictic	+	> 1	0.10 (0.1-0.2)	perforated	+	-	-
<i>P. pubescens</i>	4363	Norstictic	+	< 1-2	0.17 (0.1-0.3)	±	+	±	+
<i>P. pubescens</i>	4362	Greyish pale spot	+	< 1	0.17 (0.1-0.2)	-	+	±	±

Phylogenetic tree using: nuITS, RPB1 & MCM7

Characters not reported in bibliography

Not three phenotypic groups can be obtained

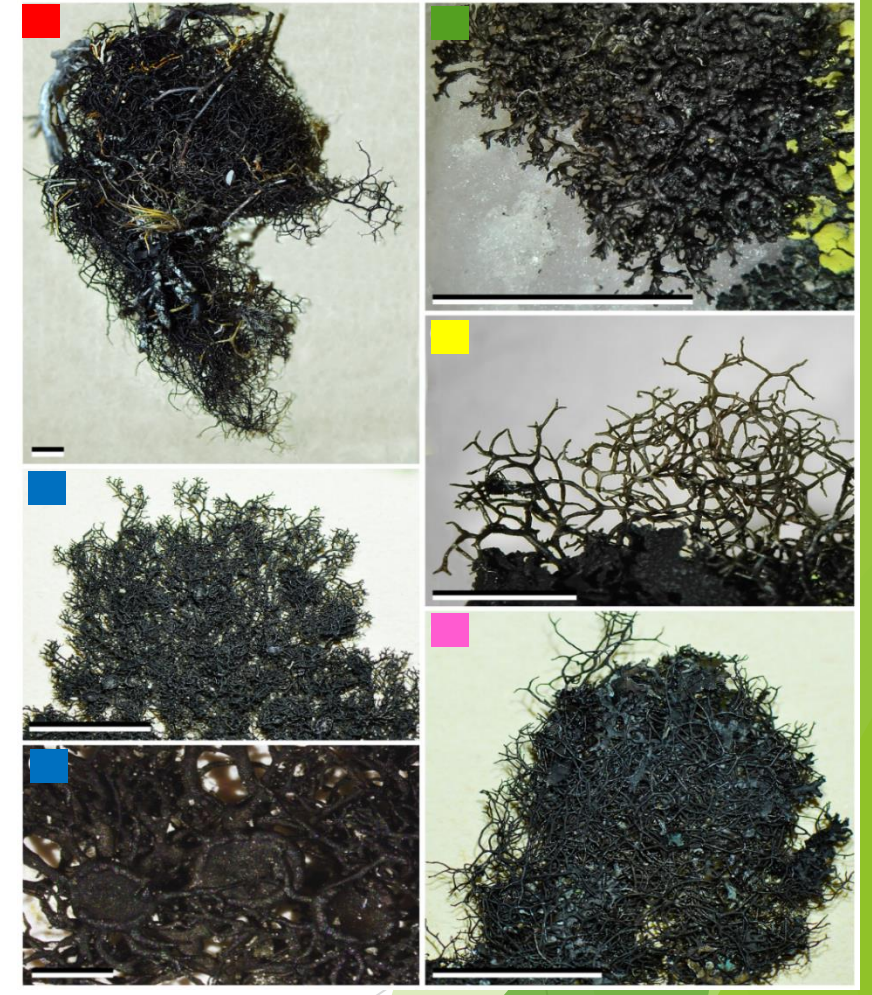
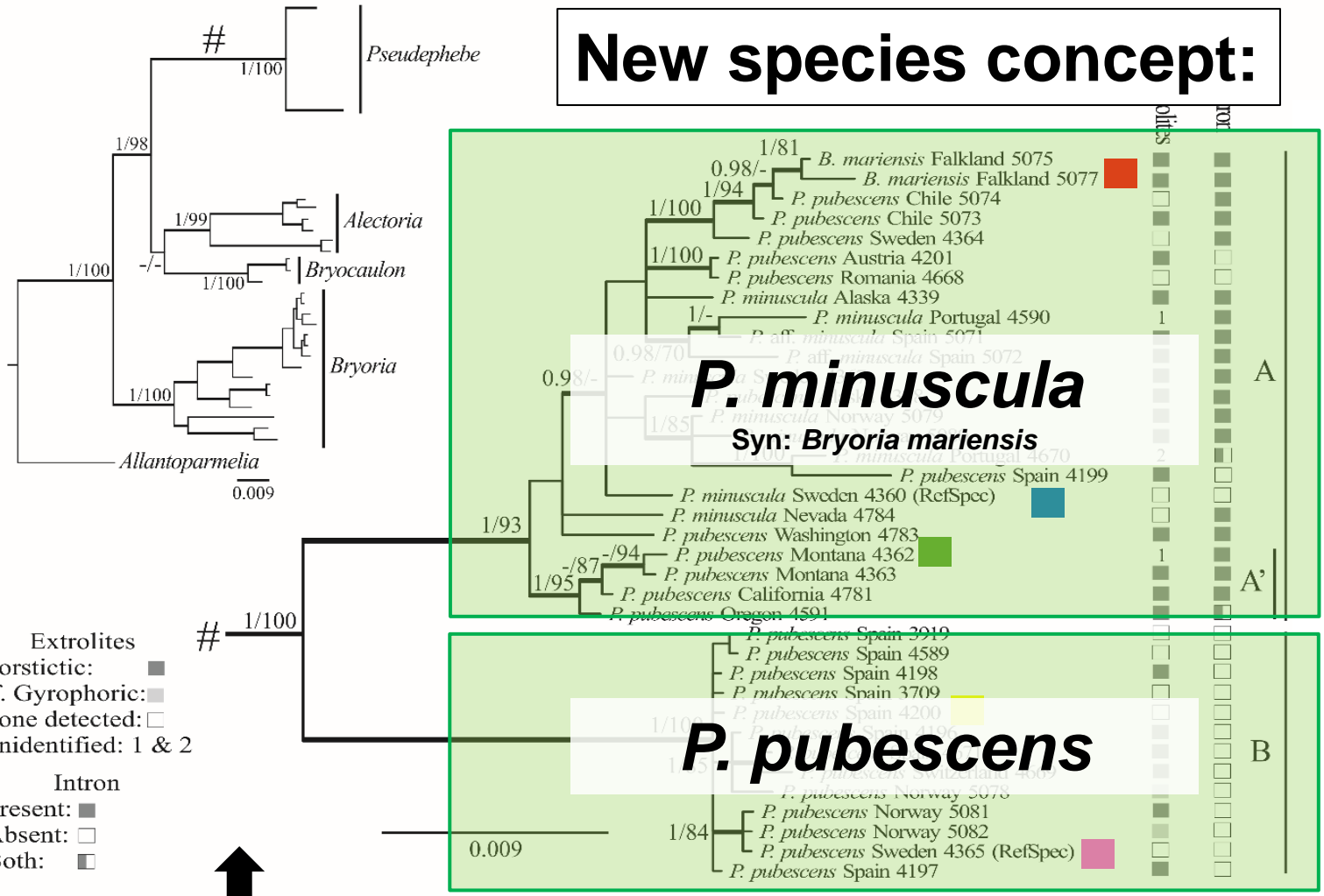
# Chapter 1 *Pseudephebe* species concept



ML and bayesian phylogenetic tree from the concatenated matrix of ITS, RPB1 and MCM7.

# Chapter 1 *Pseudephebe* species concept

## New species concept:



ML and Bayesian phylogenetic tree from the concatenated matrix of ITS, RPB1 and MCM7.

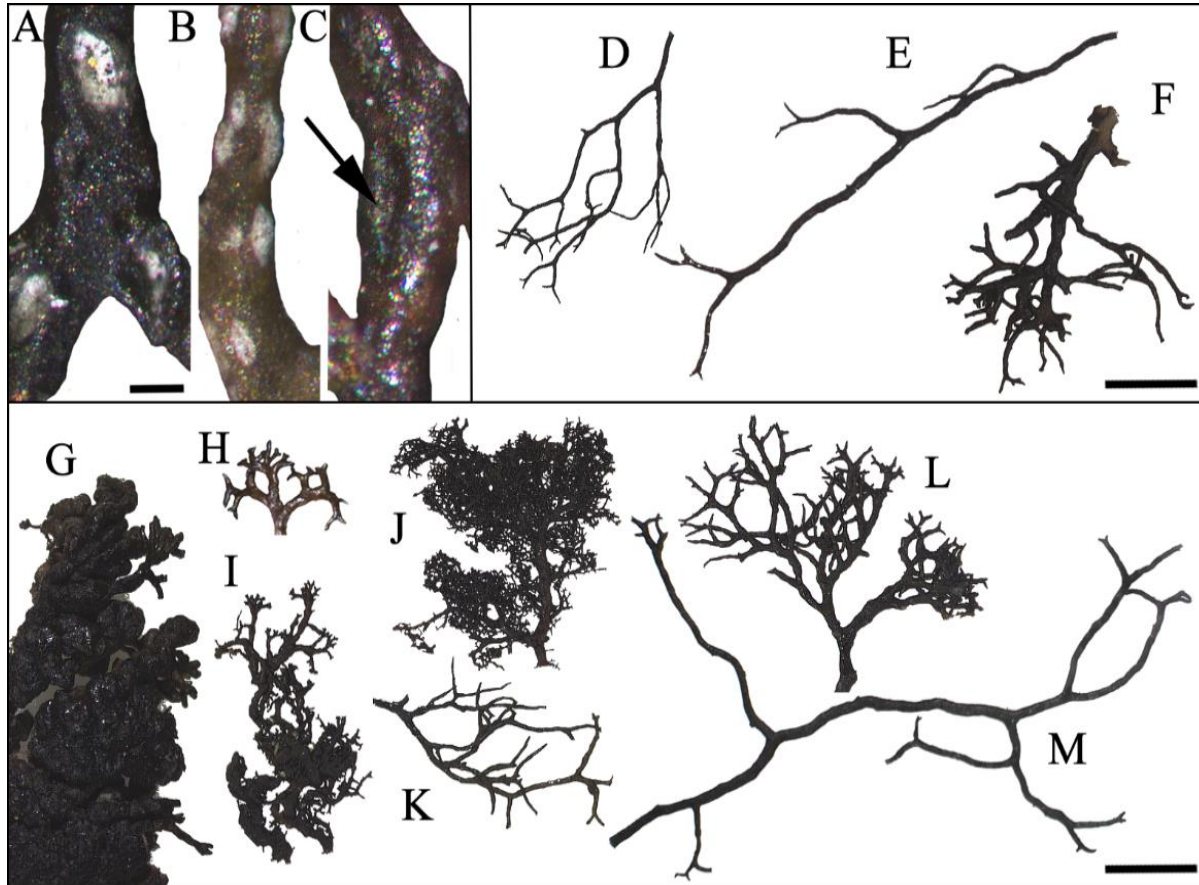
Species delimitation programs

Method/Marker	ITS	MCM7	RPB1	Concatenated
ABGD	A, B	A, B	A, B	A, B
PTP	A, A', B	A, B	A, B	A, B
BP&P	-	-	-	A, B

# Chapter 1 *Pseudephebe* species concept

*Pseudocyphellae*

*P. pubescens*



*P. minuscula*

No discriminatory characters between species

Character	<i>Pseudephebe minuscula</i>	<i>Pseudephebe pubescens</i>
Habit	Rarely subcrustose, small to large fruticose	Never subcrustose, small to medium fruticose
Thallus size (diameter)	Usually less than 3 cm, but reaching more than 8 cm	Less than 5 cm
Internode length	Usually less than 1 mm, but reaching 7 mm	Usually 1–3 mm, but sometimes less than 1 mm
Compressed old branches	Frequent	Rare
Flattened branching	Frequent	Rare, but never very flattened
Richly branched tips	Frequent	From absent to present in the same specimen
SSU-3' 1516 intron	Frequent	Absent
Spore size	8.1-8.9 x 5.9-6.8 μm	9.0-9.5 x 5.4-6.0 μm

***P. minuscula* and *P. pubescens* are cryptic species**

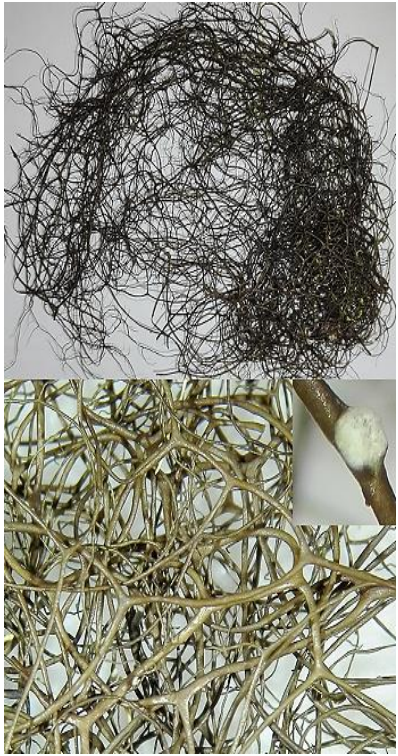
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Molecular studies reveal a new species of *Bryoria* in Chile

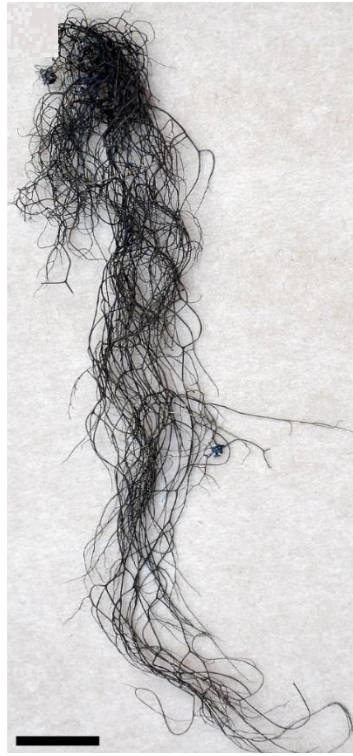




# Chapter 2 *Bryoria araucana* sp. nov.



*B. glabra / fuscescens*



*Bryoria* aff. *trichodes*  
or *B. sect. Implexae*

- Morphological study

- Thin layer chromatography

- nuITS, mtSSU, MCM7

Maximum likelihood tree

Bayesian tree

# Chapter 2 *Bryoria araucana* sp. nov.



Fig. 2. *Bryoria araucana*, holotype. A. habitat; B. habit; C. detail of branching pattern; D & E. detail of pseudocypellae. Scales: B = 1 cm; C = 1 mm; D = 0.15 mm; E = 0.25 mm.

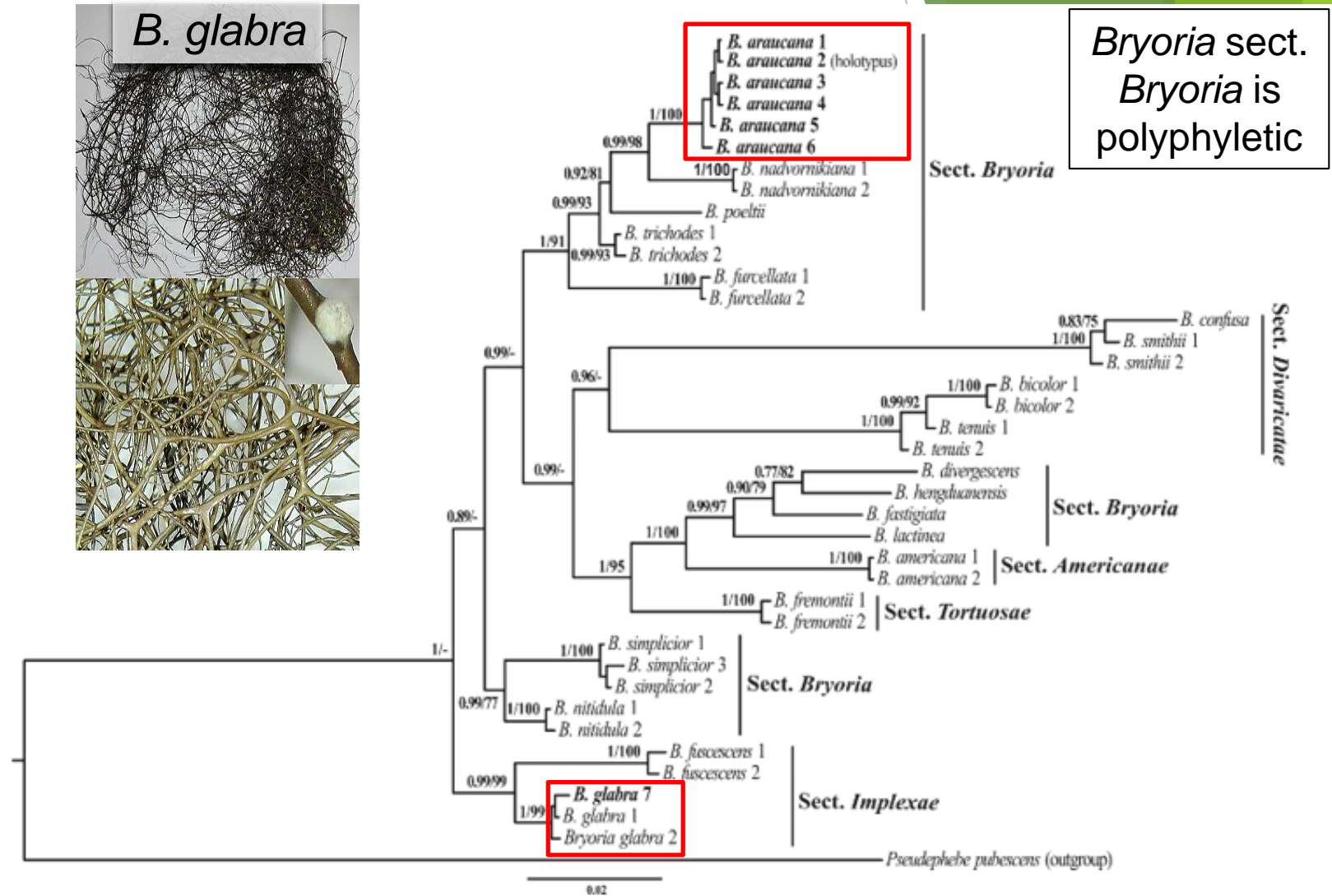


Fig. 1. Phylogenetic relationships of *Bryoria* species used in this study, 38 samples representing 19 species, based on ITS, mtSSU, and MCM7 markers analyzed in a concatenated data matrix. Tree topology depicts the results of the Bayesian Markov chain Monte Carlo (B/MCMC) analysis. Posterior probabilities and bootstrap values, when coincident with the Bayesian tree, are given on the node branches. Sections according to Myllys *et al.* (2011b). *B. glabra* (bold) = Chilean specimen. *B. araucana* (bold) = new species. *Peudephebe pubescens* used as outgroup.

# Chapter 2 *Bryoria araucana* sp. nov.

Table 2. Main diagnostic features for *Bryoria araucana* and phylogenetically related species, based on literature (Brodo & Hawksworth 1977; Bystrek 1969; Myllys *et al.* 2011a; Wang & Chen 1994) and our observations.

Character/Species	<i>Bryoria araucana</i>	<i>B. nadvornikiana</i>	<i>B. poeltii</i>	<i>B. trichodes</i>	<i>B. furcellata</i>
Main chemistry	Fum	Bar, Ale, ± Atr, Fum in soralia	Fum	Fum, Chlor	Fum
Thallus	Pendent	Caespitose (base) to pendent	Caespitose (base) to pendent	Pendent	Caespitose
Pseudocyphellae	Inconspicuous, dark grey-brown	Inconspicuous, white	Conspicuous, dark brown-black	Conspicuous, white to brownish	Absent
Soralia	Absent	Tuberculate to fissural, white	Tuberculate to fissural, dark, spinulose	Rare, fissural, white	Fissural, white, spinulose (tufts)
Spinules or spinulose branches	On terminal portions, sparse	Lateral, sparse to frequent	Sparse, also on soralia	Lateral, sparse	Sparse to frequent
Colour	Dark grey-brown, base usually darker	Pale to dark brown-violet, base generally black	Dark brown to black	Pale to dark brown	Pale to dark brown, base often darker
Distribution	Chile, South America	Europe, Africa, Asia, Hawaii, North America	Himalayas	Asia, North America	Europe, Macaronesia, Asia, Oceania, North and Central America

Ale = Aleoformic acid, Atr = Atranorin, Bar = Barbatolic acid, Chlor = Chloratranorin, Fum = Fumarprotocetraric acid.

**The Species**  
***Bryoria araucana* Boluda, D. Hawksw. & V. J. Rico sp. nov.**  
 MycoBank No.: MBS11960

Resembles the Northern Hemisphere circumboreal *Bryoria trichodes*, but is distinct molecularly, without soralia, and with less conspicuous pseudocyphellae.

Type: Chile, IX Región de La Araucanía, Provincia de Castro, Comuna de Melipuco, Conguillio National Park, Tramo Contrabandistas, Sendero Las Araucarias, close to Conguillio Lake, 38°39'13.57"S, 71°37'05.27"W, 1215 m, *Araucaria araucana* forest, on the north side of an araucaria trunk, 31 August 2014, J. Villagra 2 (MAF-Lich. 19718—holotype). GenBank accession numbers: KP975405 (ITS), KP959082 (mtSSU), and KP975413 (MCM7).

(Fig. 2)

*Thallus* pendent to subpendent, 6–12 cm long; isotomic to anisotomic dichotomously branched, angles between dichotomies mainly obtuse, rarely acute; branches terete, even, main branches at base 0.2–0.4 mm diam., tips to 0.1 mm diam.; terminal portions with few lateral branchlets acutely inserted. *Surface* dark grey to dark greyish brown, shiny, base ordinarily black; cortex prosoplectenchymatous. *Soralia* and *idia* lacking. *Pseudocyphellae* inconspicuous, depressed, fusiform, concolorous to slightly darker than the thallus, sometimes faintly pruinose, straight or twisted, up to 1.5 mm long. *Photobiont* trebouxiod.

*Apothecia* and *complanata* unknown.

*Chemistry*. Inner cortex and medulla C<sup>-</sup>, K<sup>-</sup>, KC<sup>-</sup>, PD<sup>+</sup> yellow turning red, sometimes faint. TLC: fumarprotocetraric acid as the main substance, with protocetraric and confumarprotocetraric acids in trace amounts.

*Etymology*. Named after the IX Región de la Araucanía in Chile, which is the only known area for the species, as was the case in the name *Araucaria araucana*.

*Distribution and ecology*. Known only from the type locality and immediate surroundings

open forests (Fig. 2A). Those forests are characteristic of the upper supratemperate bioclimatic belt with the ultraperhumid rainfall regime of the South American Temperate Region (Amigo & Ramirez 1998). Furthermore, the mean annual precipitation in the area, which falls mainly as snow, is c. 2000 mm<sup>3</sup>, and the mean annual temperature is 8.6 °C, with dry and hot short summers (Di Castri & Hajek 1976). *Bryoria araucana* is more frequent on the north-facing trunks exposed to humid winds, growing with *Coelopogon epiphellius*, *Protosnea dusonii*, *P. magellanica*, *P. poeppigii*, and *Platimatia planca*. On the south-facing sides of the trunks it is less frequent, growing with *Nephroma antarcticum*, *Pseudocyphellaria corifolia*, *P. flavicans*, and *P. granulata*. It may be anticipated that *B. araucana* will be found to have a wider distribution in the temperate forests of the Southern Hemisphere that are almost unexplored for alectoroid lichens.

*Conservation status*. Although the new species seems not to be frequent, it occurs in a protected area (Parque Nacional Conguillio, Chile). No special actions to conserve the species are currently required.

*Additional specimen examined*. *Bryoria araucana* Chile IX Región de La Araucanía, Provincia de Castro, Comuna de Melipuco, Parque Nacional Conguillio, Tramo Contrabandistas, Sendero Las Araucarias, close to Conguillio Lake, 38°39'14.83"S, 71°37'01.06"W, 1211 m, *Araucaria araucana* forest, on the north side of an araucaria trunk, 2015, J. Villagra 5 & 6 (MAF-Lich. 19723, 19724); *id.*, 38°39'13.57"S, 71°37'05.27"W, 1215 m, *Araucaria araucana* forest, on the north side of an araucaria trunk, 2014, J. Villagra 1, 3 & 4 (MAF-Lich. 19719, 19720, 19721).

*Bryoria glabra* Chile IX Región de La Araucanía, Provincia de Castro, Comuna de Melipuco, Parque Nacional Conguillio, Tramo Contrabandistas, Sendero Las Araucarias, close to Conguillio Lake, 38°39'13.57"S, 71°37'05.27"W, 1215 m, *Araucaria araucana* forest, on the north side of an araucaria trunk, 2014, J. Villagra 7 (MAF-Lich. 19722).

*Bryoria araucana* and the Northern Hemisphere species *B. trichodes* form divergent independent clades which are well supported

Boluda *et al.* 2015

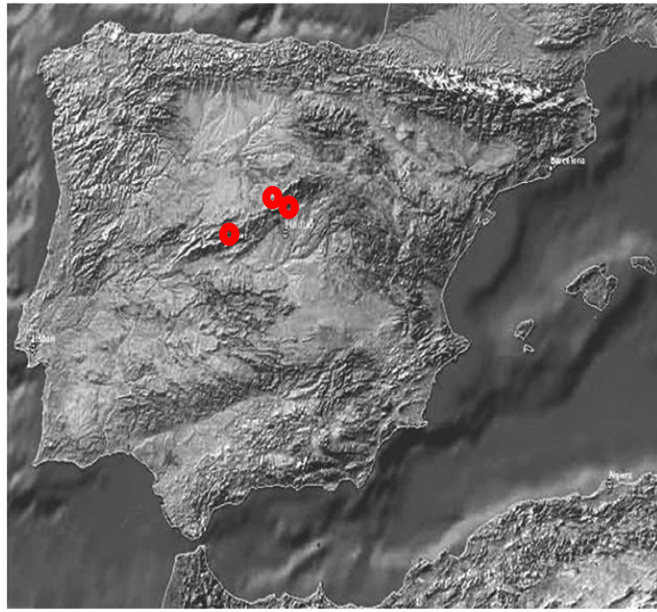
# Chapter 3

*Bryoria fuscescens* s. l. show a mismatch between haplotypes and chemotypes



Typical lichen community of *B. fuscescens* s.l. in Spain

# Chapter 3 *Bryoria fuscescens* mismatch

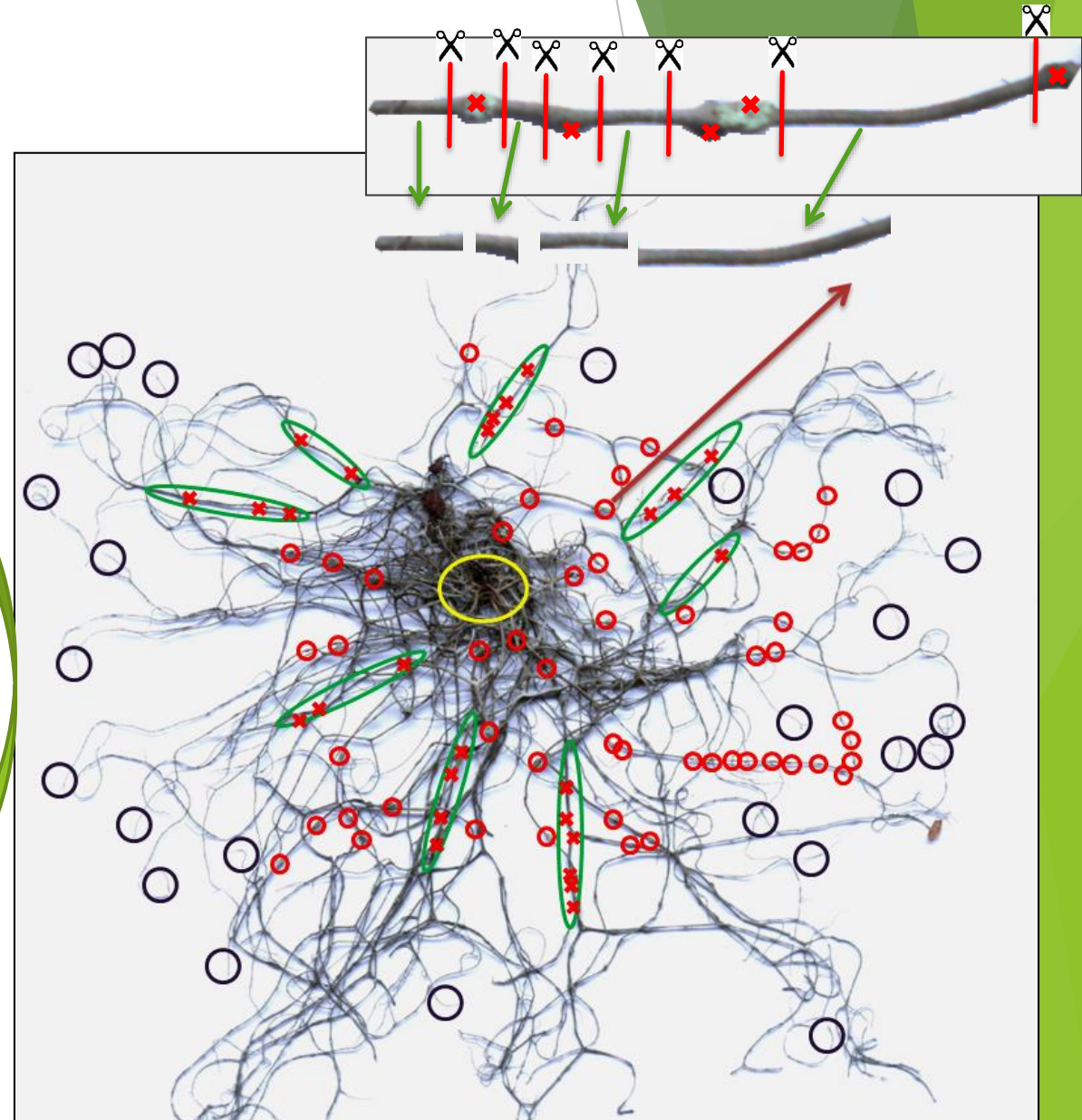


45 morphologically invariable *B. fuscescens* specimens from three close localities

Each specimen was divided into four regions:

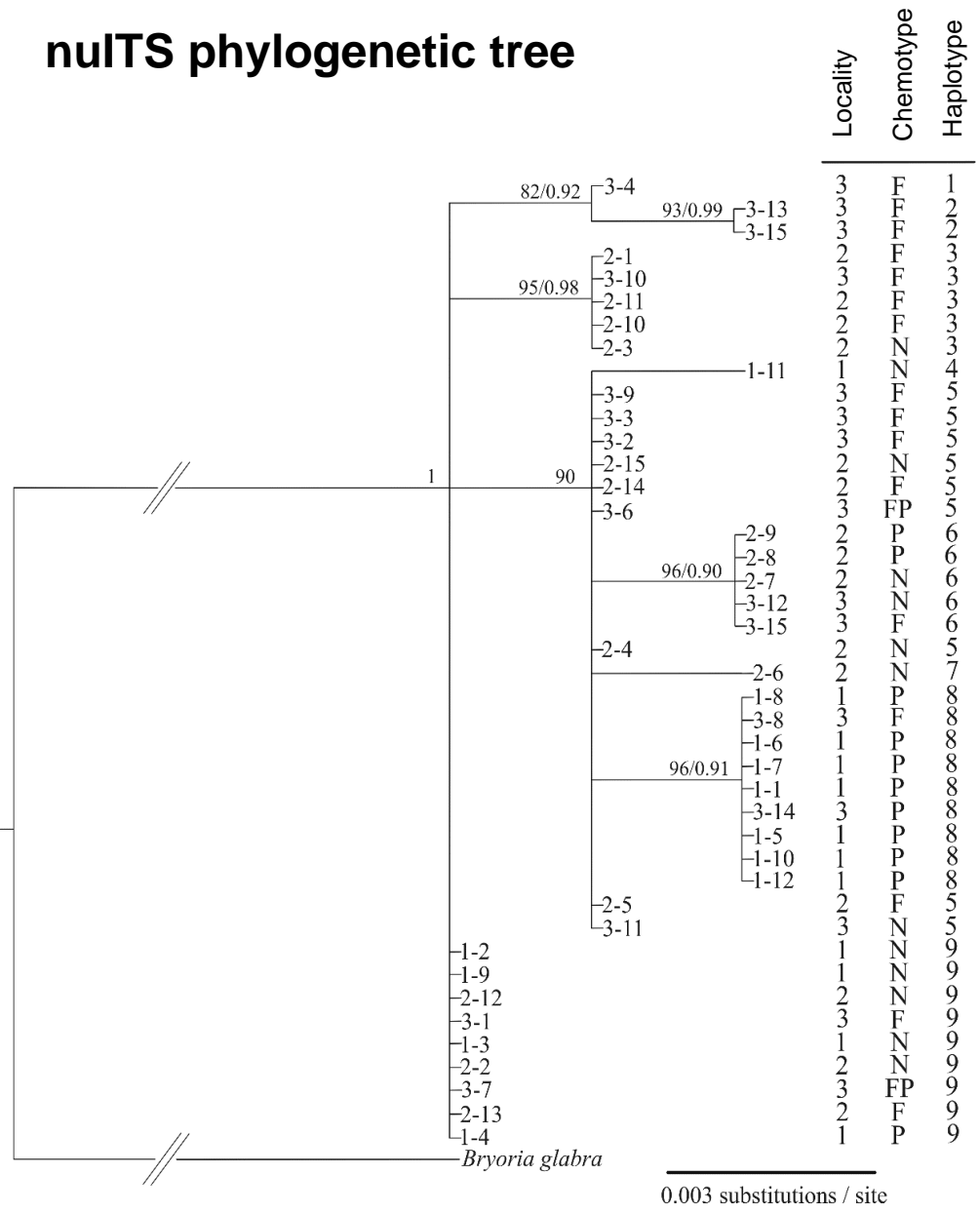
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- Branches (without soralia) ○
- Soralia ○
- Tips ○

TLC & nuITS



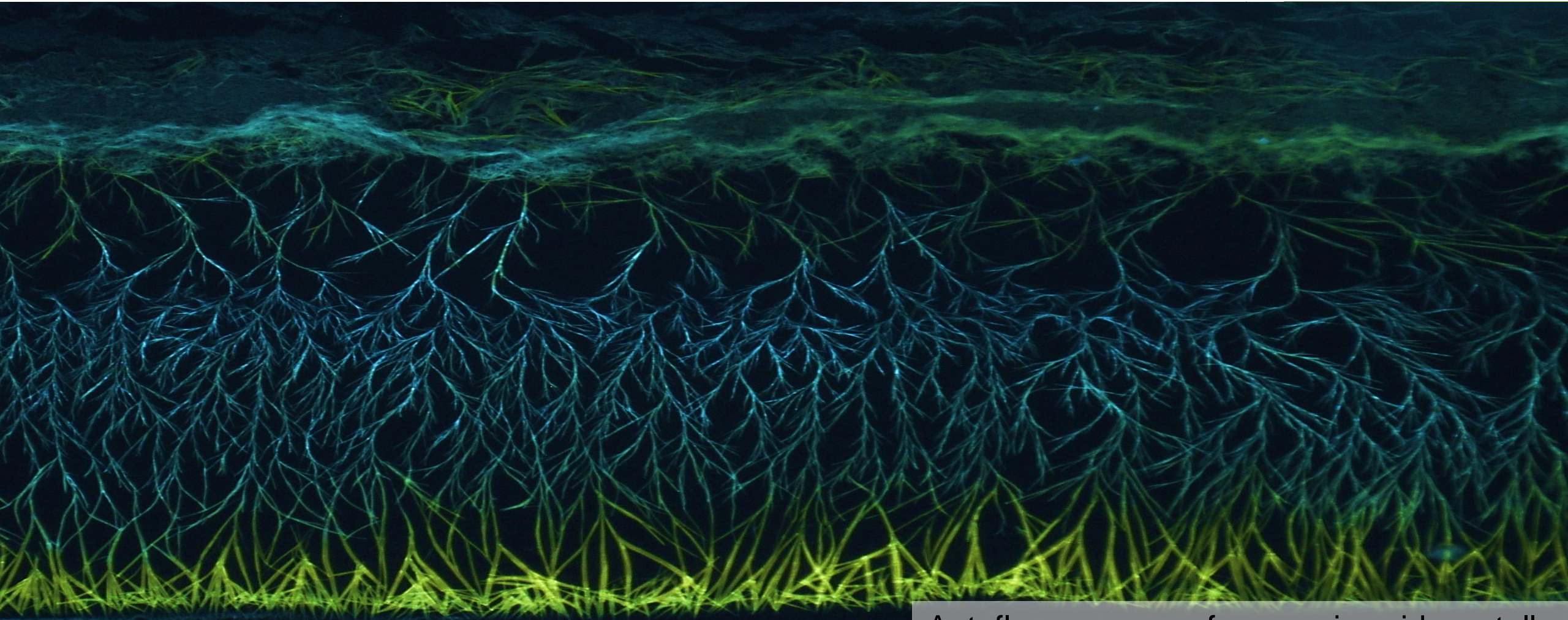
# Chapter 3 *Bryoria fuscescens* mismatch

nuITS phylogenetic tree



# Chapter 4

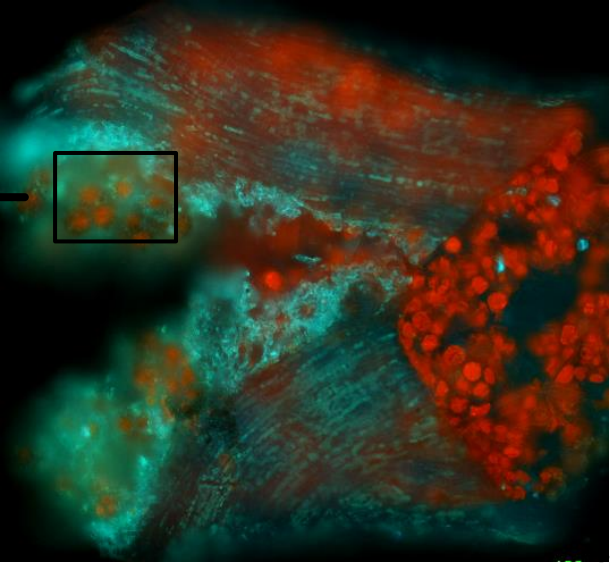
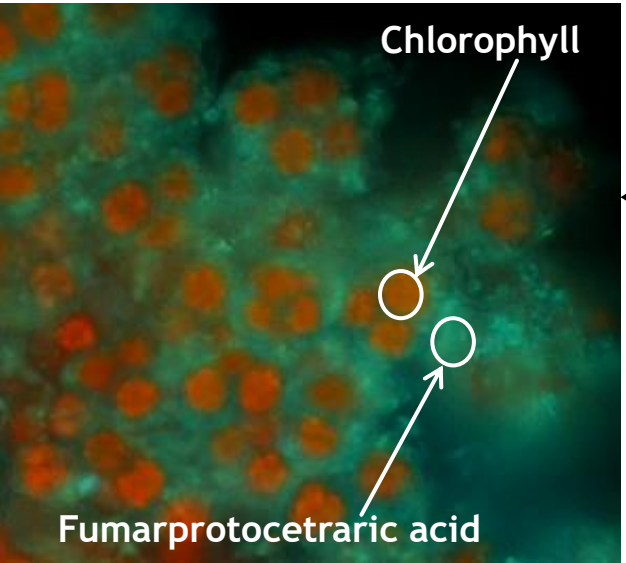
Fluorescence microscopy as a tool for the visualization of lichen substances within *Bryoria thalli*



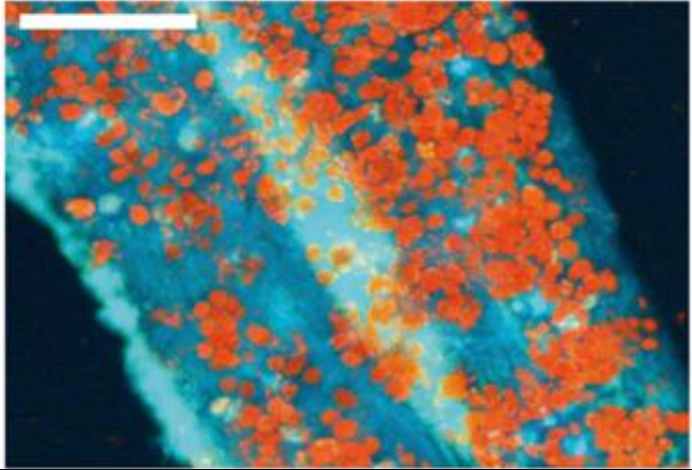
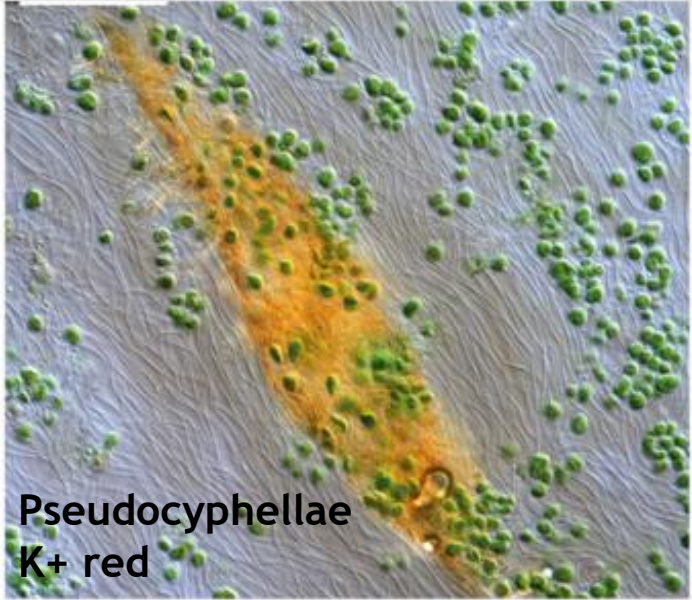
Autofluorescence of psoromic acid crystals

# Chapter 4 Fluorescence microscopy

Fumarprotocetraric acid



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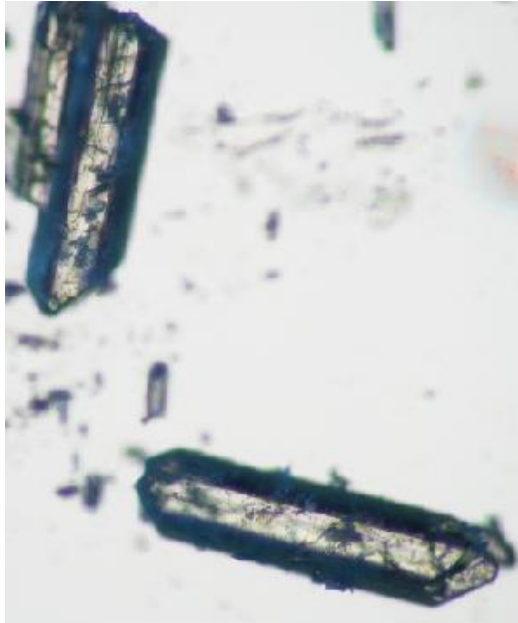


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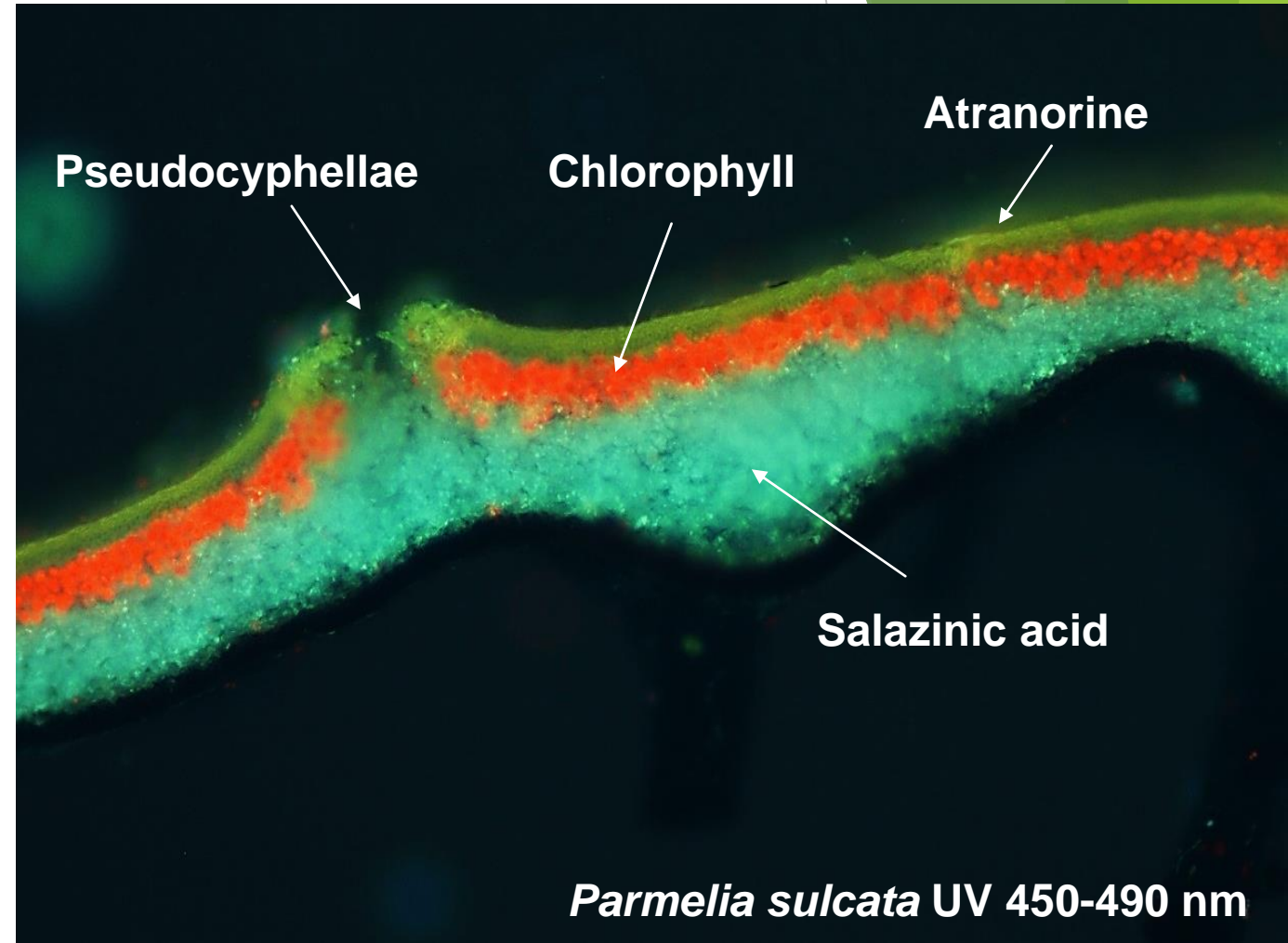
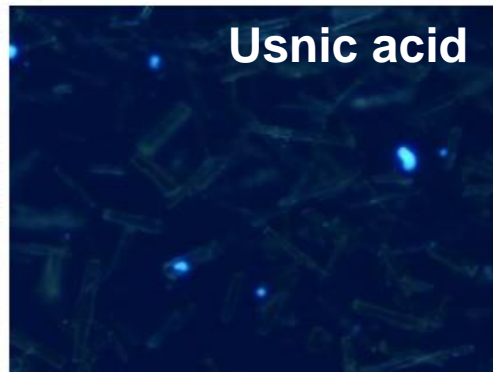
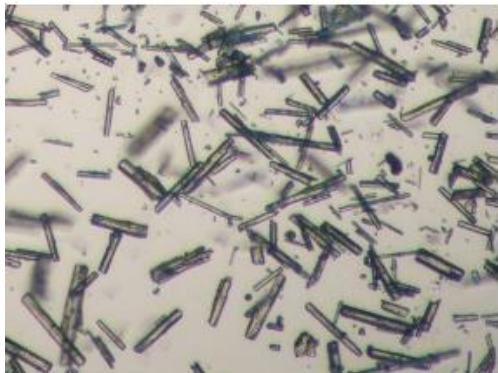


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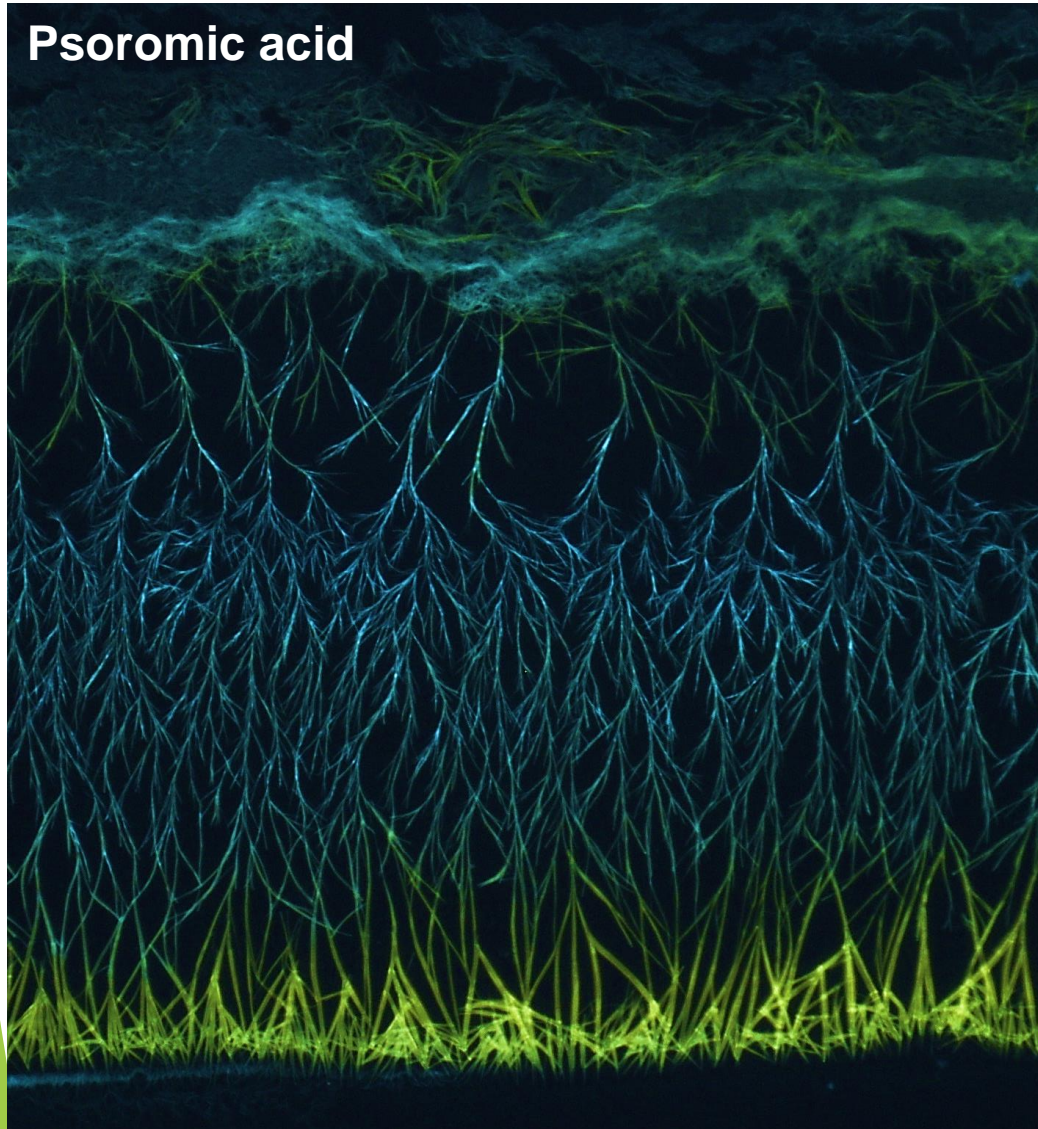
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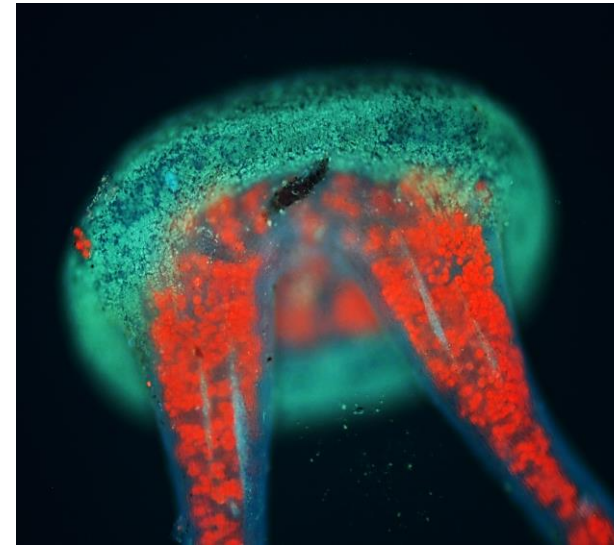
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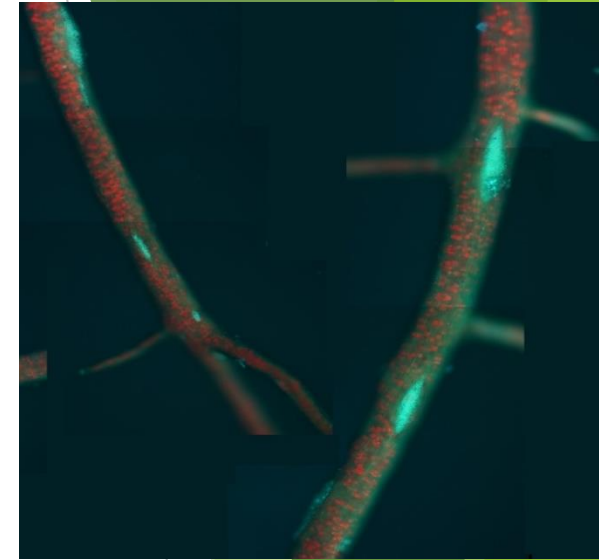
# Chapter 4 Fluorescence microscopy



Fast crystallization  
↓  
Crystallization direction  
↓  
Slow crystallization



Apothecia of *Bryoria capillaris*

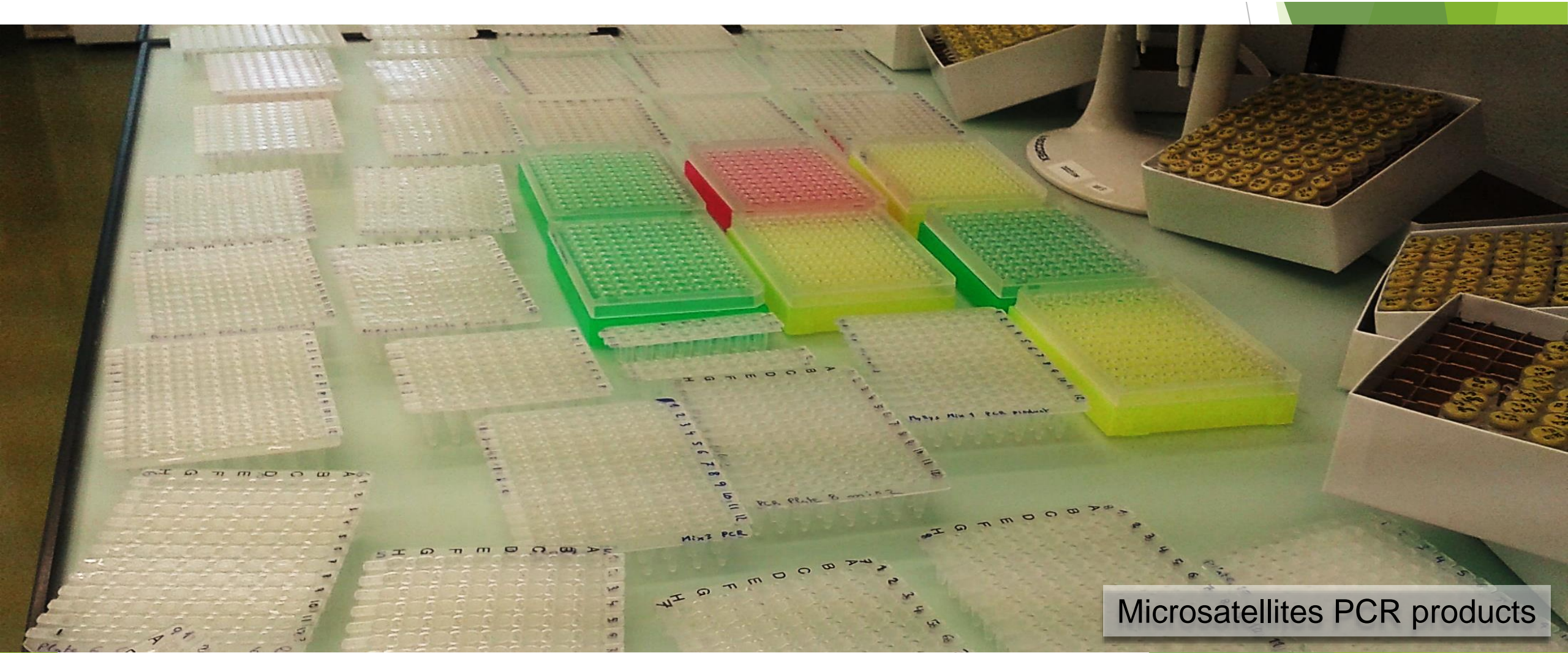


Pseudocyphellae of *Bryoria bicolor* (no extrolites)

Fluorescence microscopy is a good tool to locate and sometimes identify extrolites inside the lichen thallus

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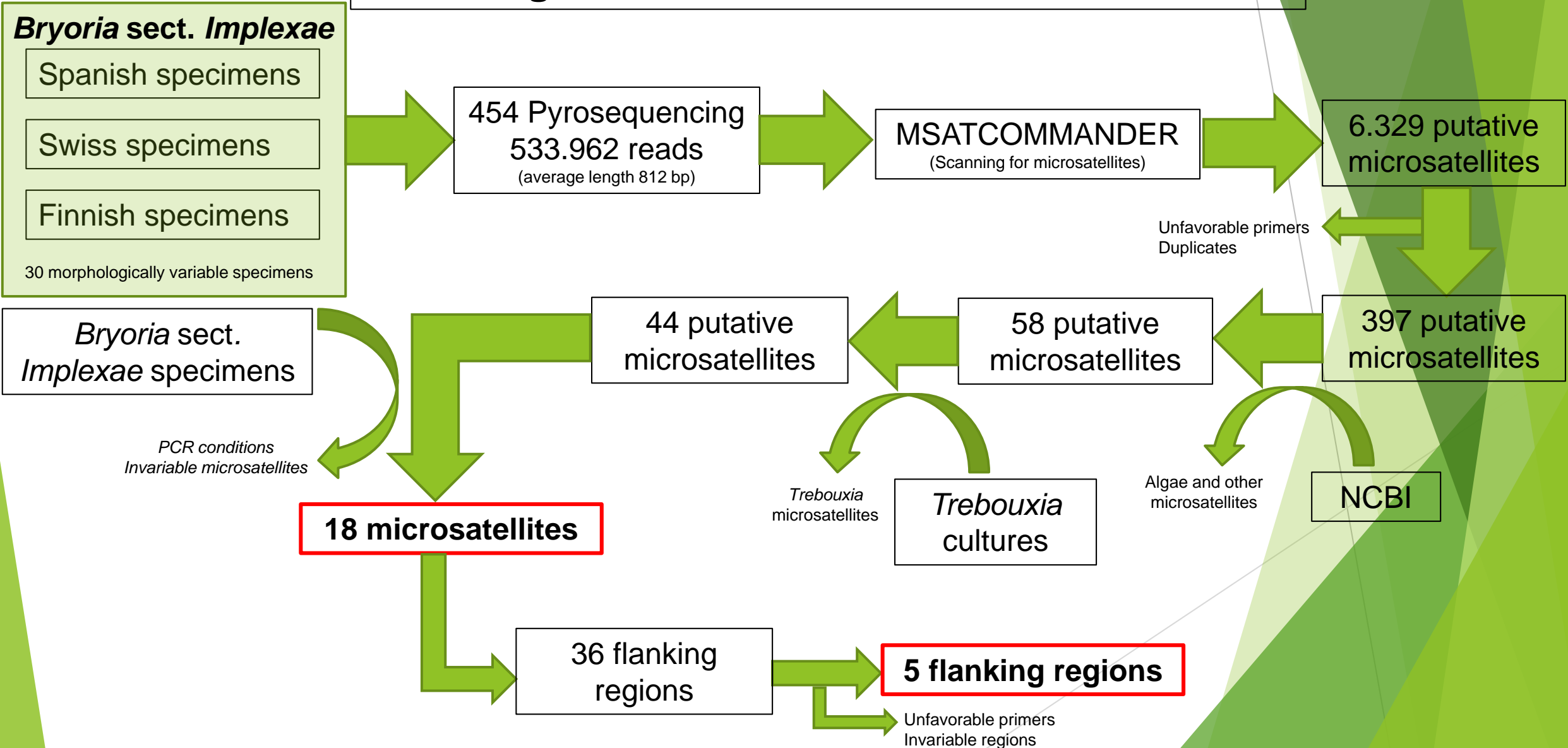
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Microsatellites PCR products

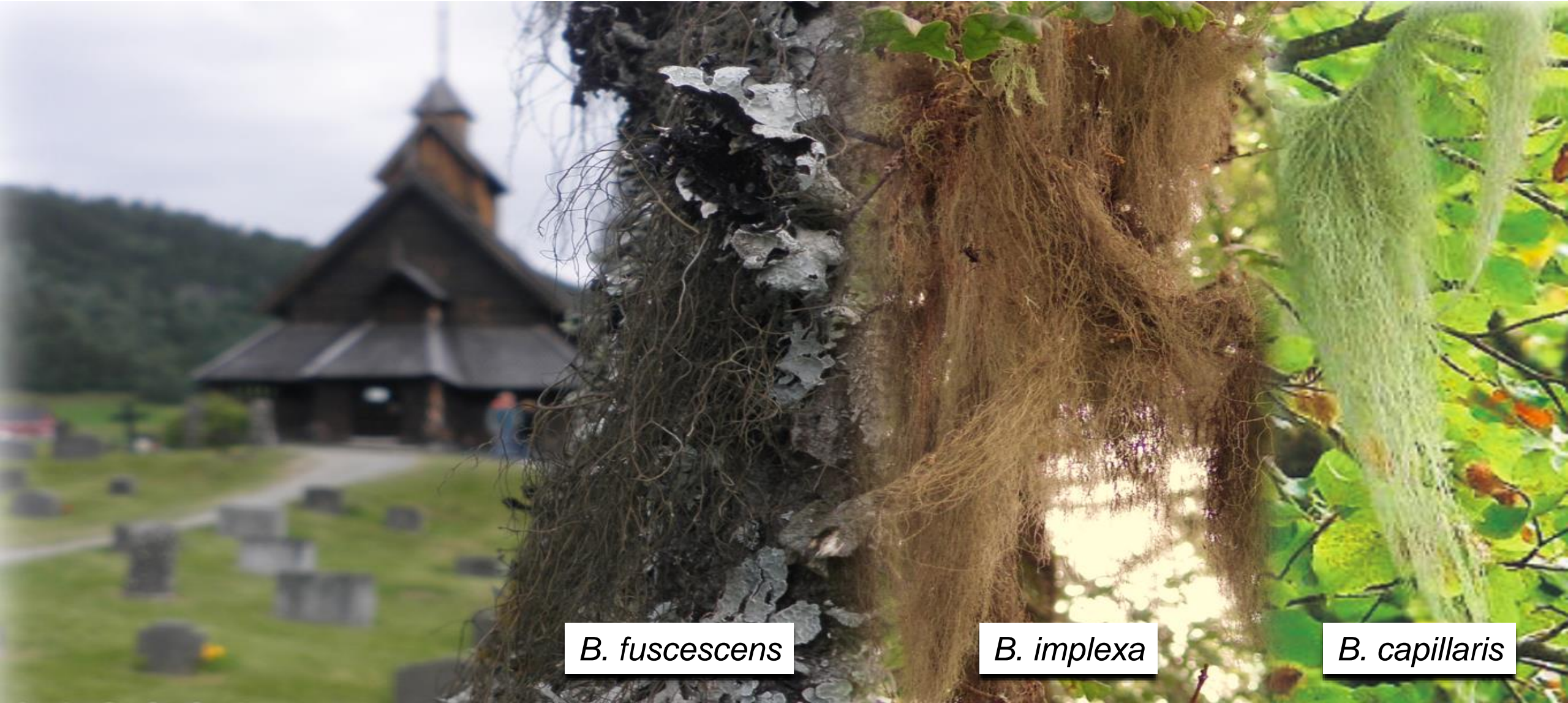
# Chapter 5 Mirosatellites development

## Obtaining the microsatellites and FRBi markers



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Towards an integrative taxonomy of *Bryoria* sect. *Implexae*



*B. fuscescens*

*B. implexa*

*B. capillaris*

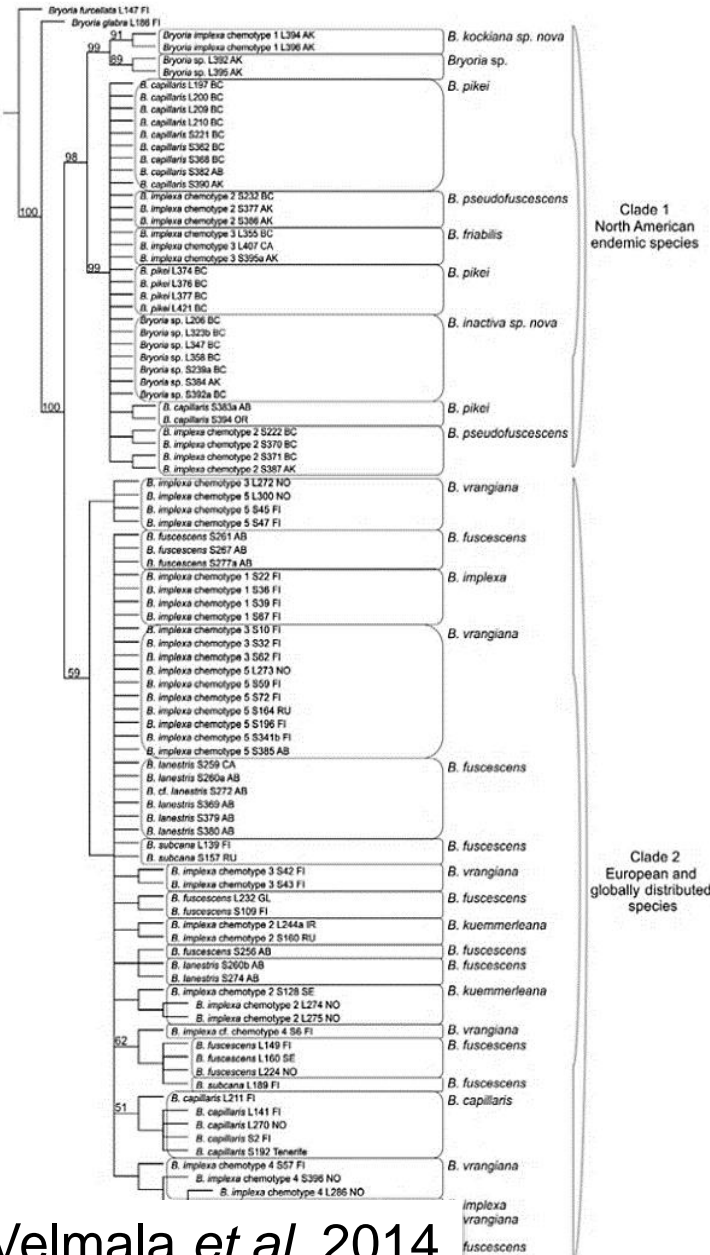
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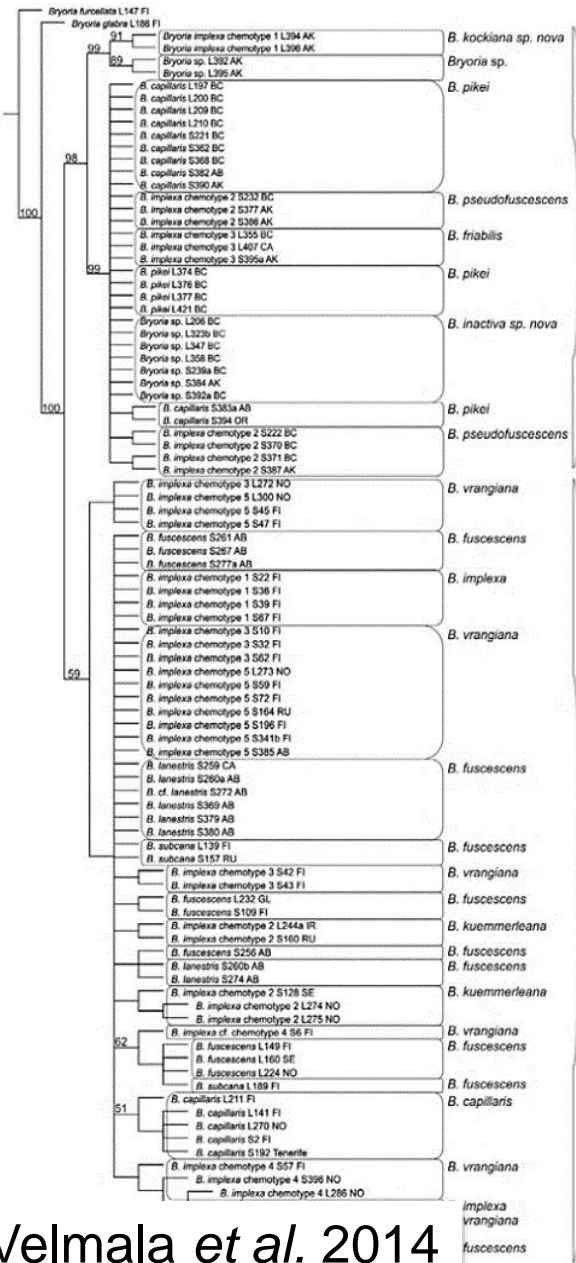
- Extrolites
- Soralia
- Pseudocyphellae
- Thallus colour
- Branching angles

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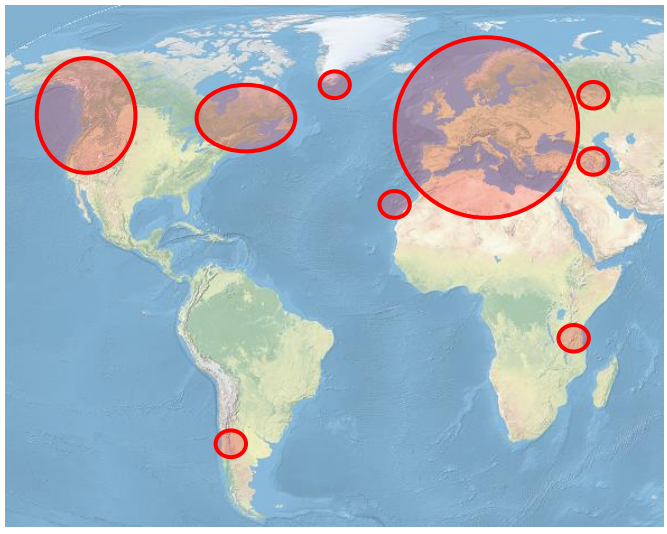
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<i>B. fuscescens</i>	Ácido fumarprotocetrárico
<i>B. glabra</i>	Ácido fumarprotocetrárico
<i>B. implexa</i>	Ácido psorómico
<i>B. inactiva</i>	Sin sustancias
<i>B. kockiana</i>	Ácido psorómico
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<i>B. pseudofuscescens</i>	Ácido norestíctico
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<i>B. vrangiana</i>	Ácido fumarprotocetrárico



# Chapter 6 *Bryoria* sect. *Implexae* taxonomy



142 specimens from:



- Morphology (incl. lichenicolous)
- Chemistry
- DNA sequences  
nuITS, IGS, GAPDH  
FRBi15, FRBi16 (not showed)
- Microsatellites

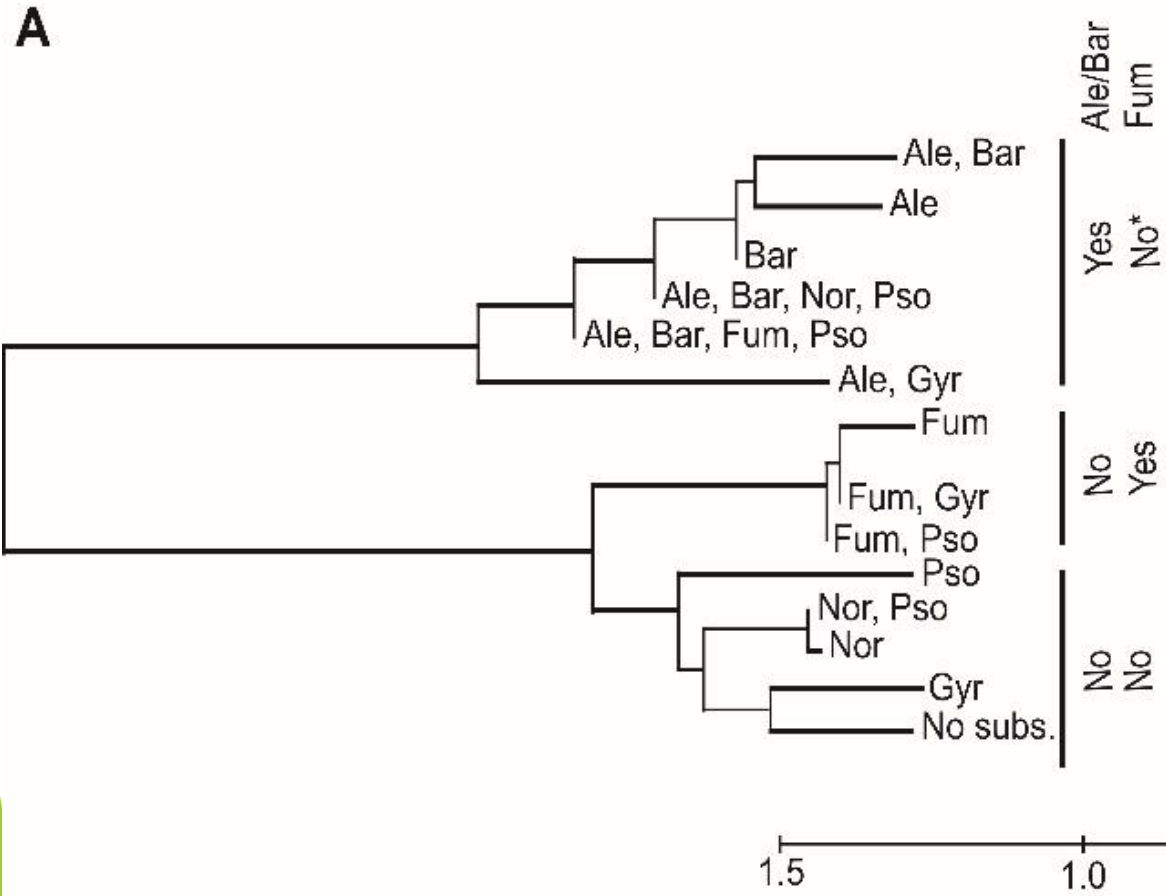
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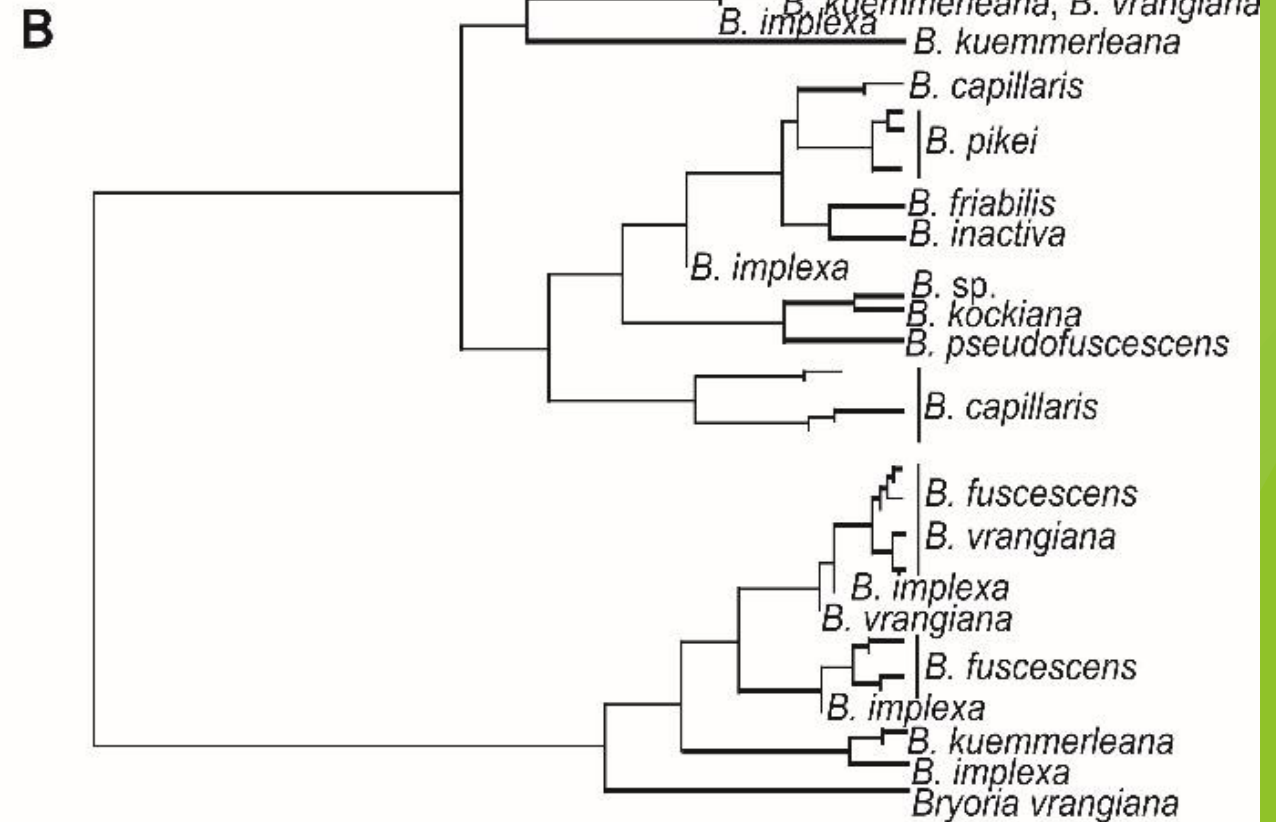
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## Phenetic analyses

Extrolites



Extrolites + morphology

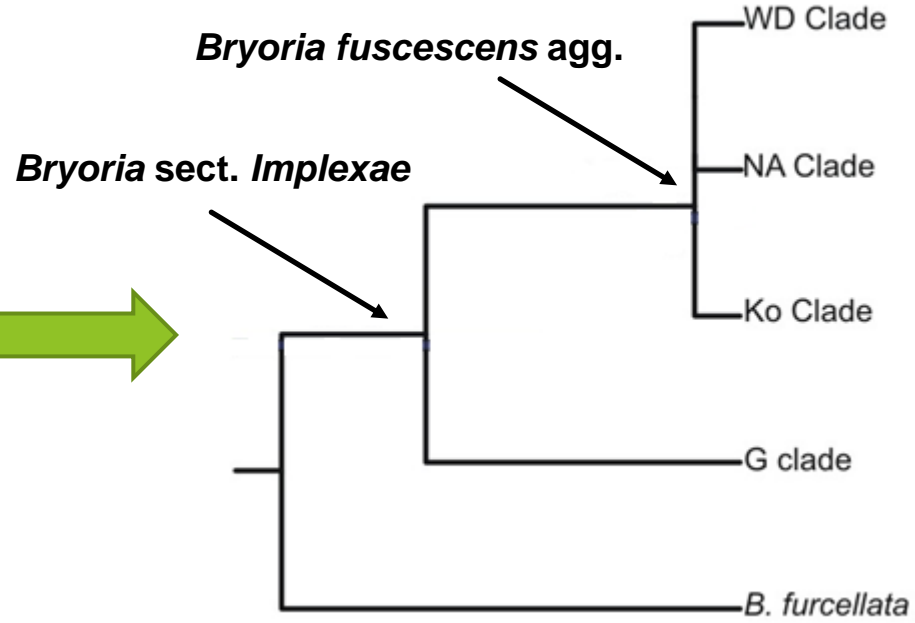
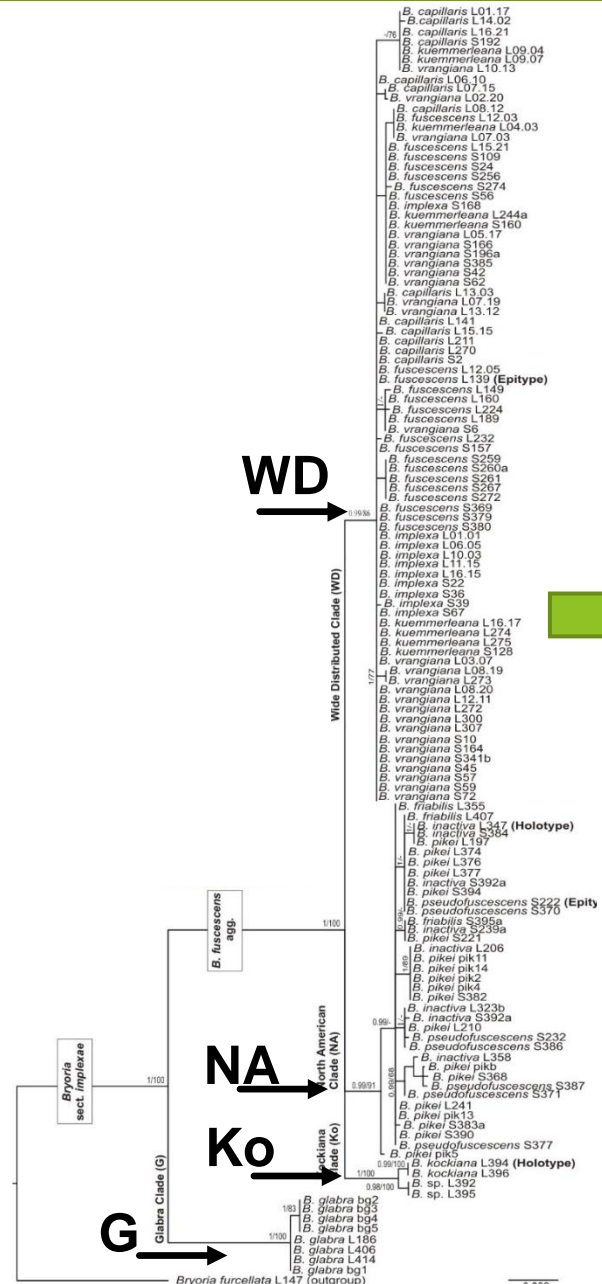


The species concept in *Bryoria* sect. *Implexae*, established mainly using septentrional specimens, break down when meridional specimens are studied.



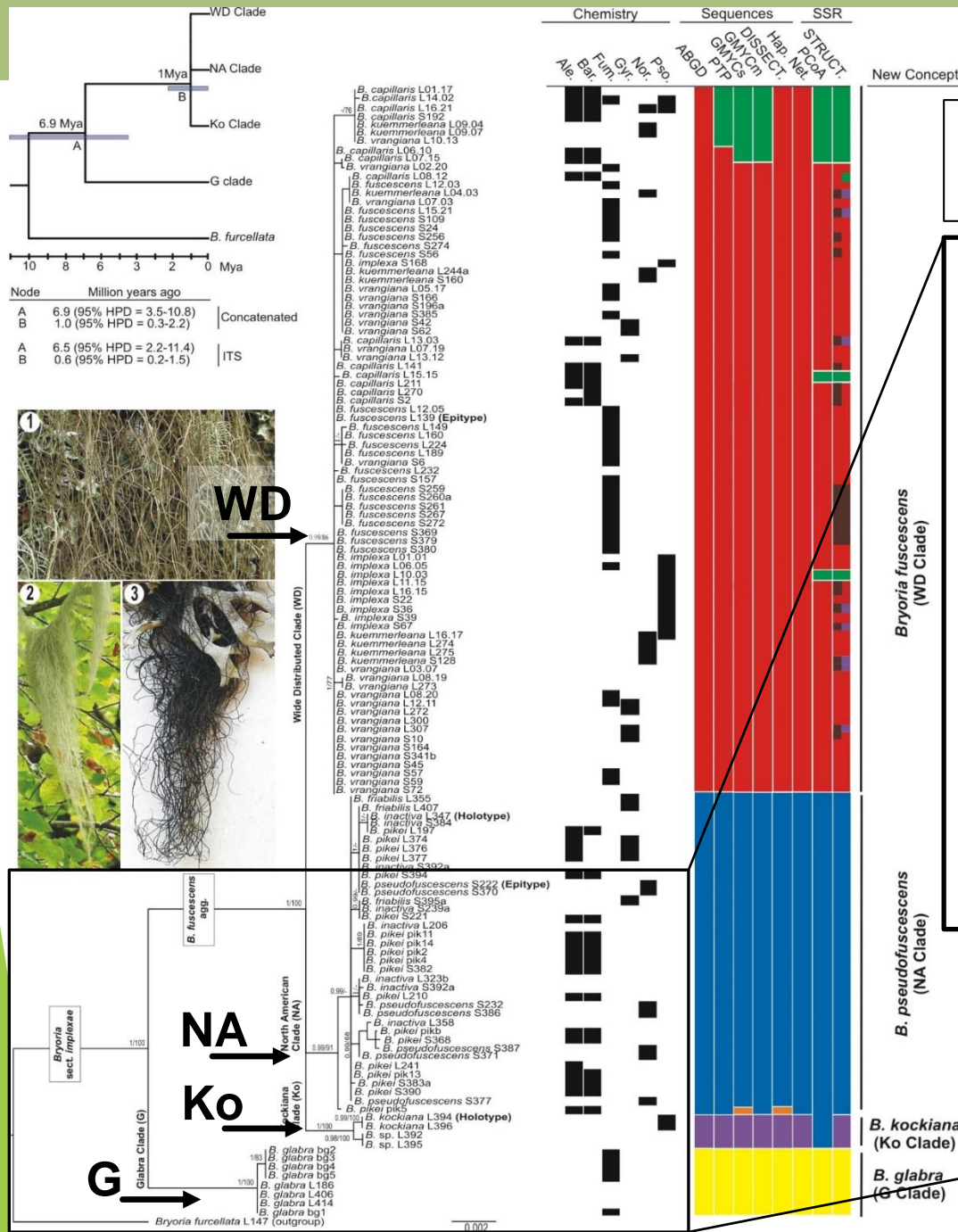
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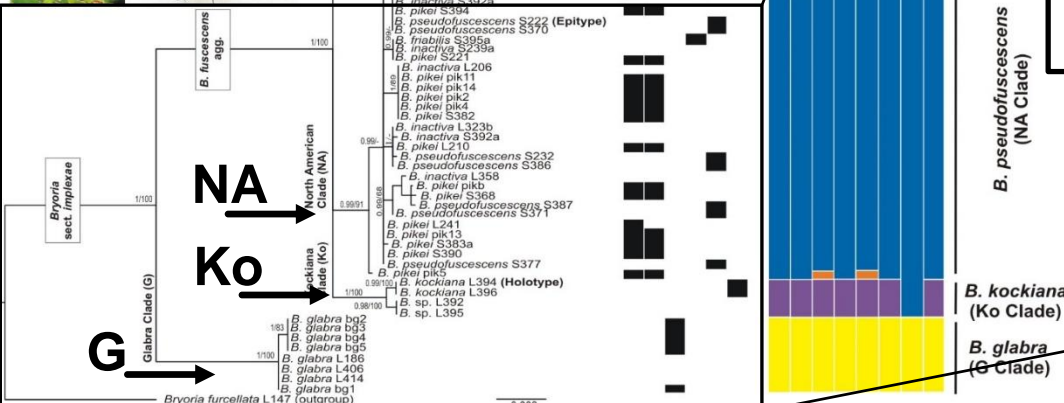
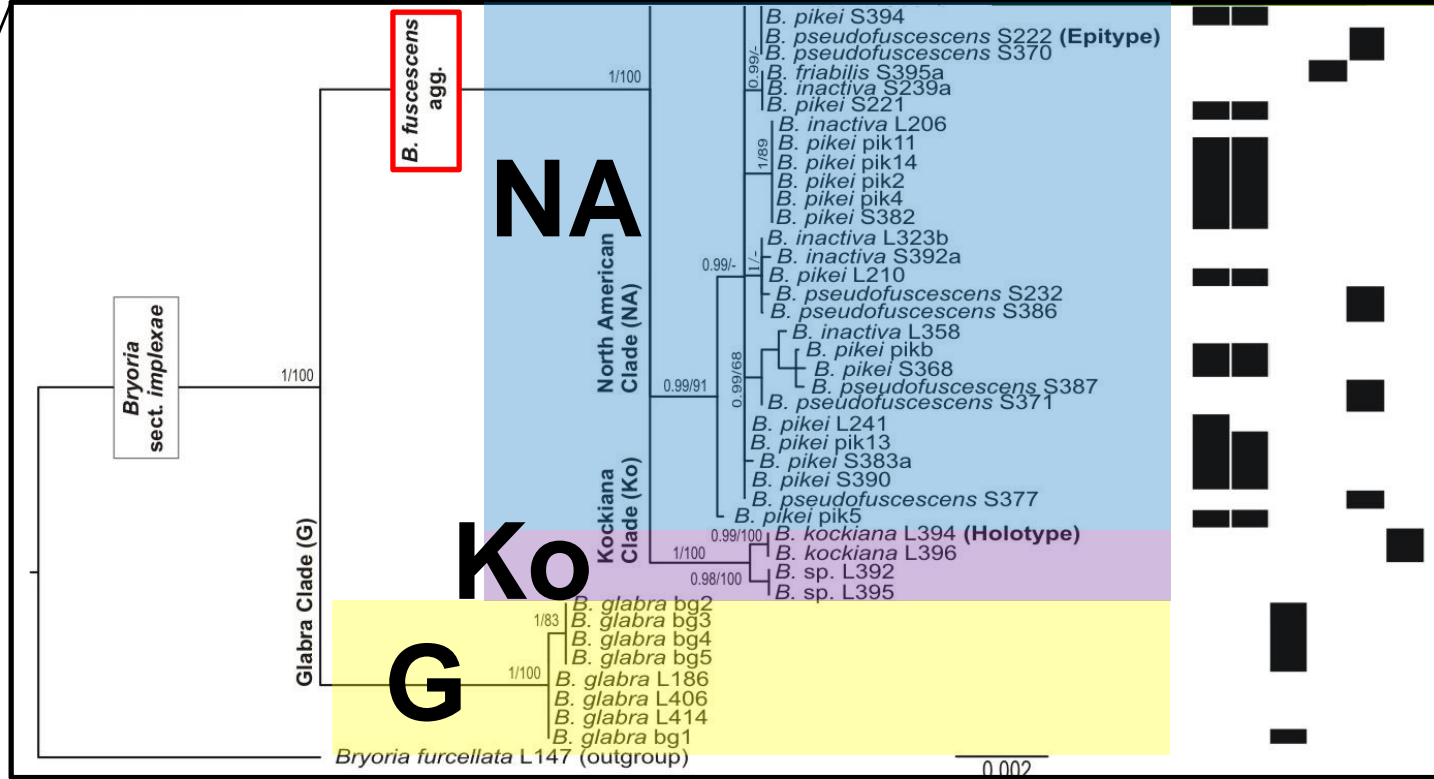


Tree backbone well supported

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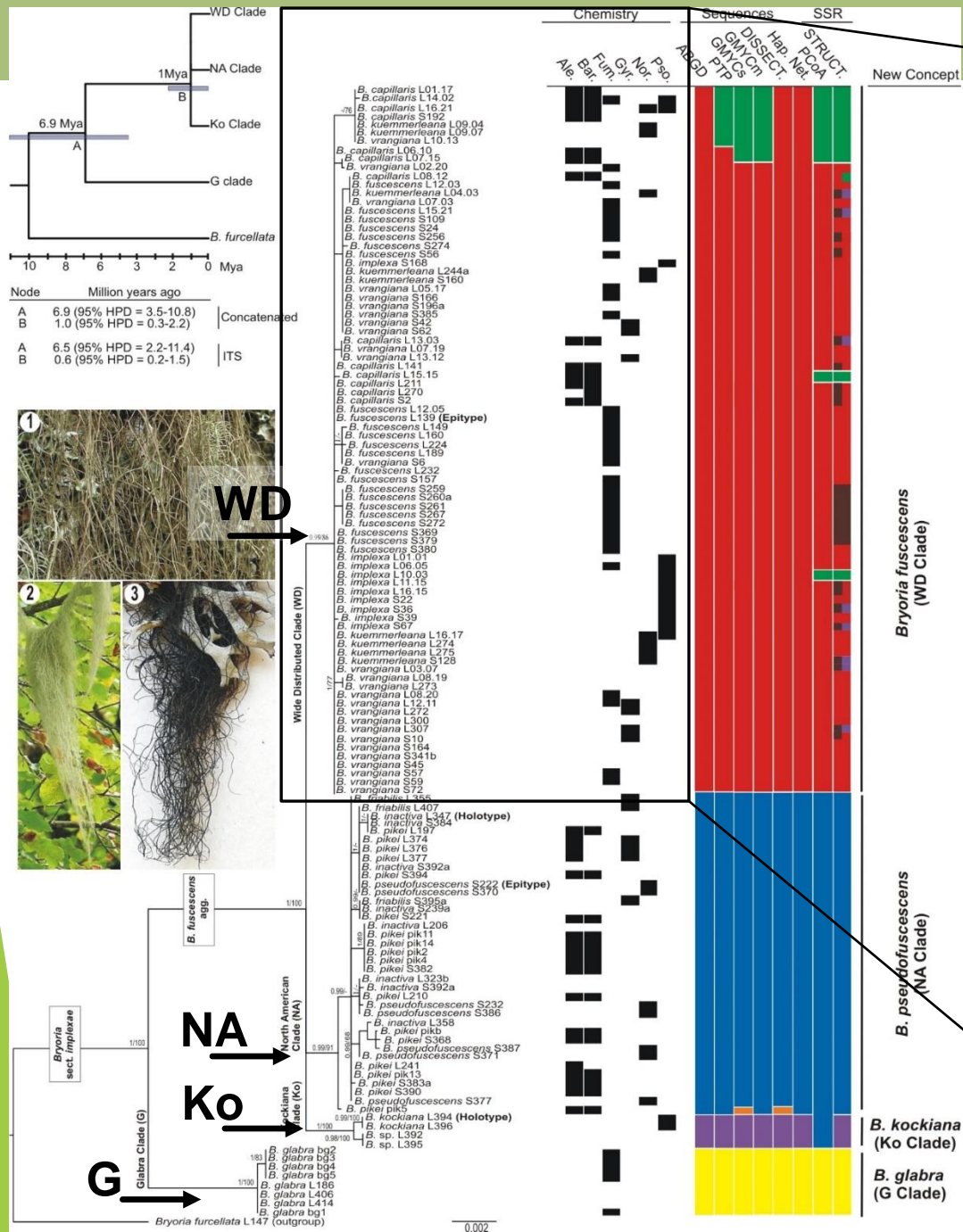


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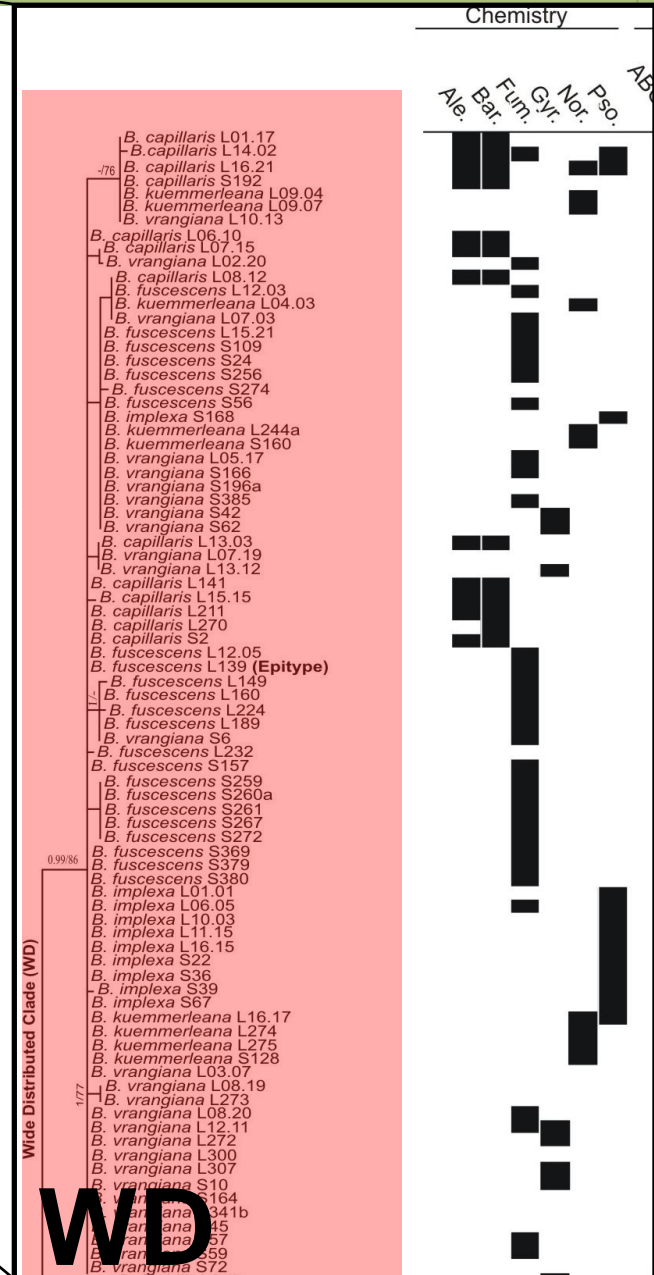
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**WD**

**NA**  
**Ko**  
**G**



**Extrolite composition**

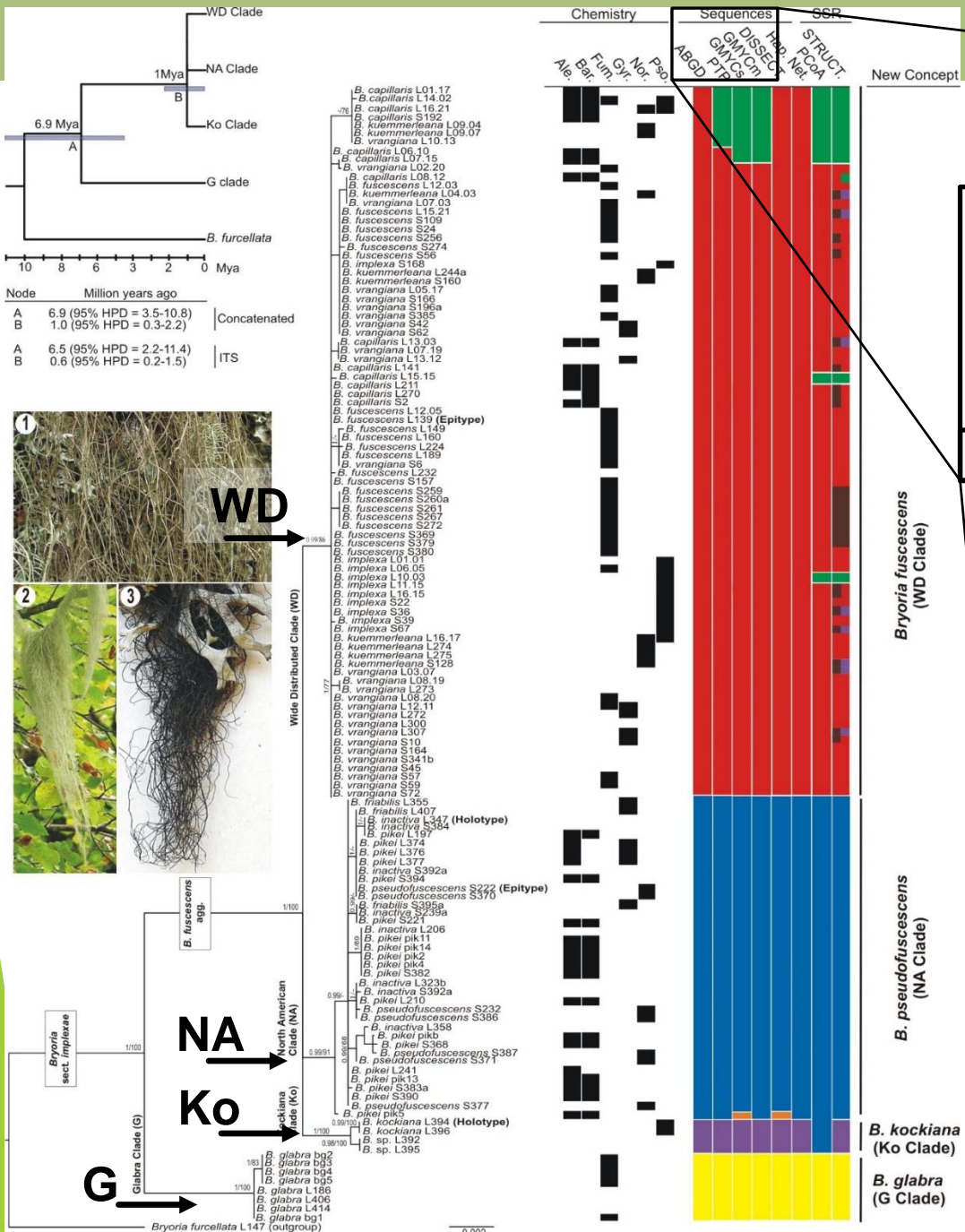
**WD**

**Bryoria fuscescens (WD Clade)**

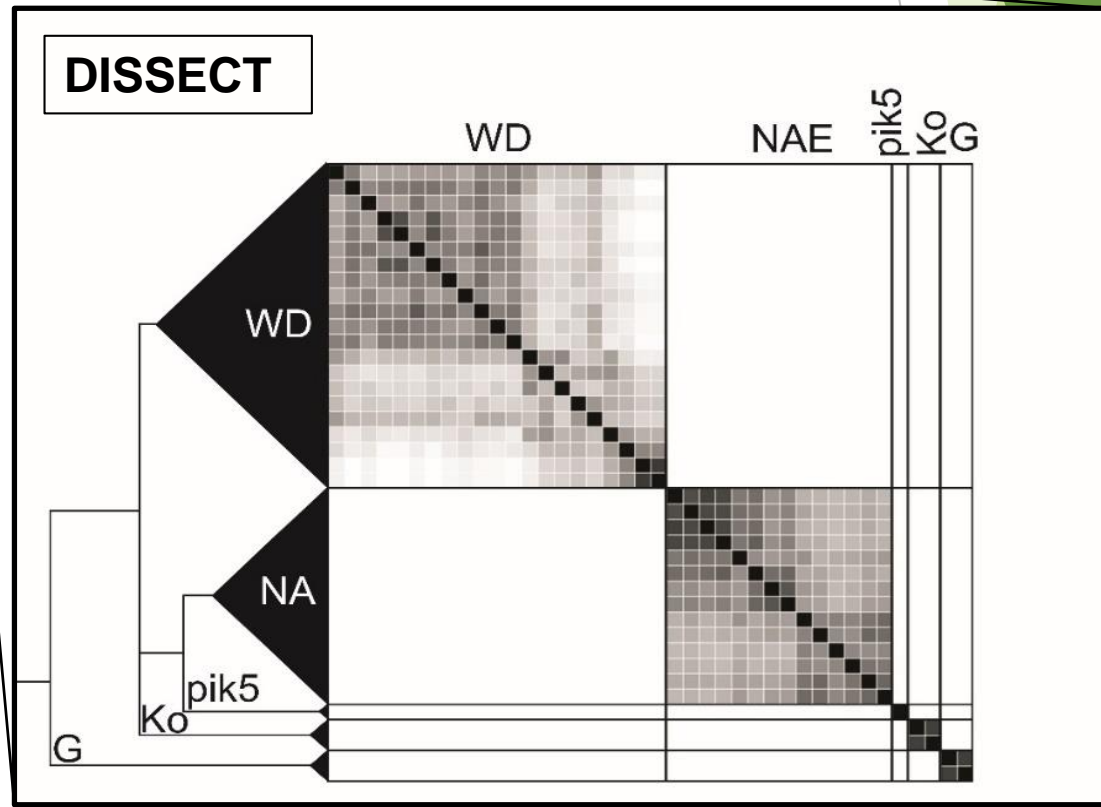
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**B. glabra (G Clade)**

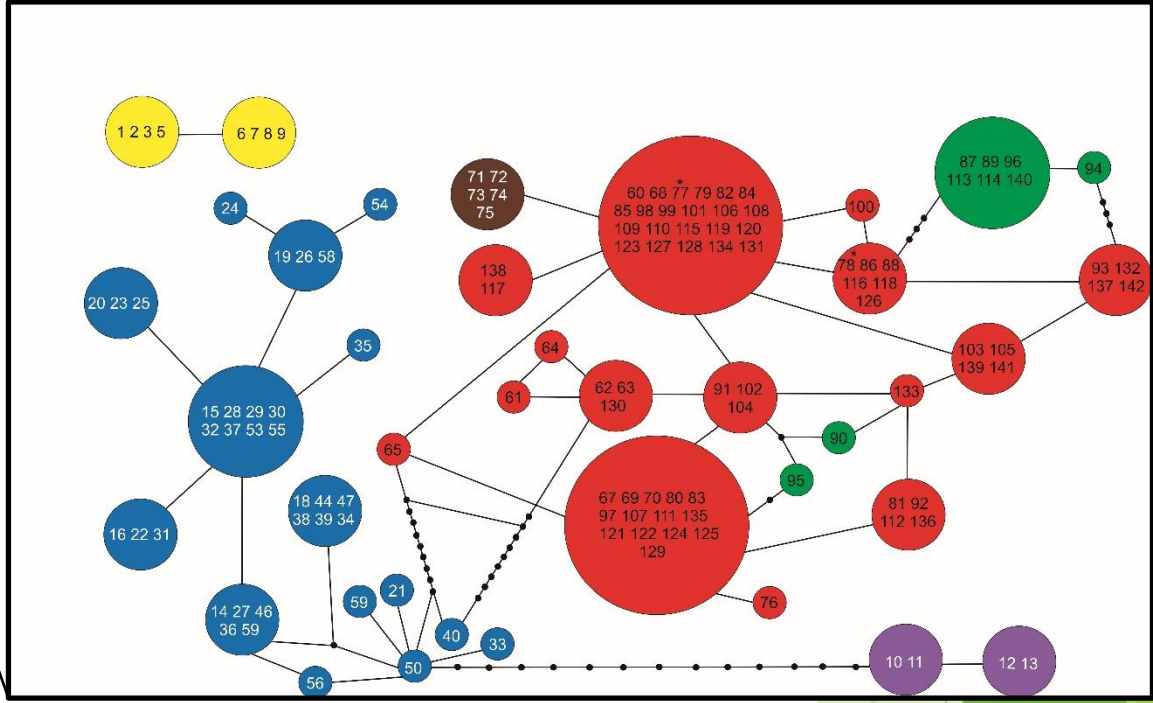
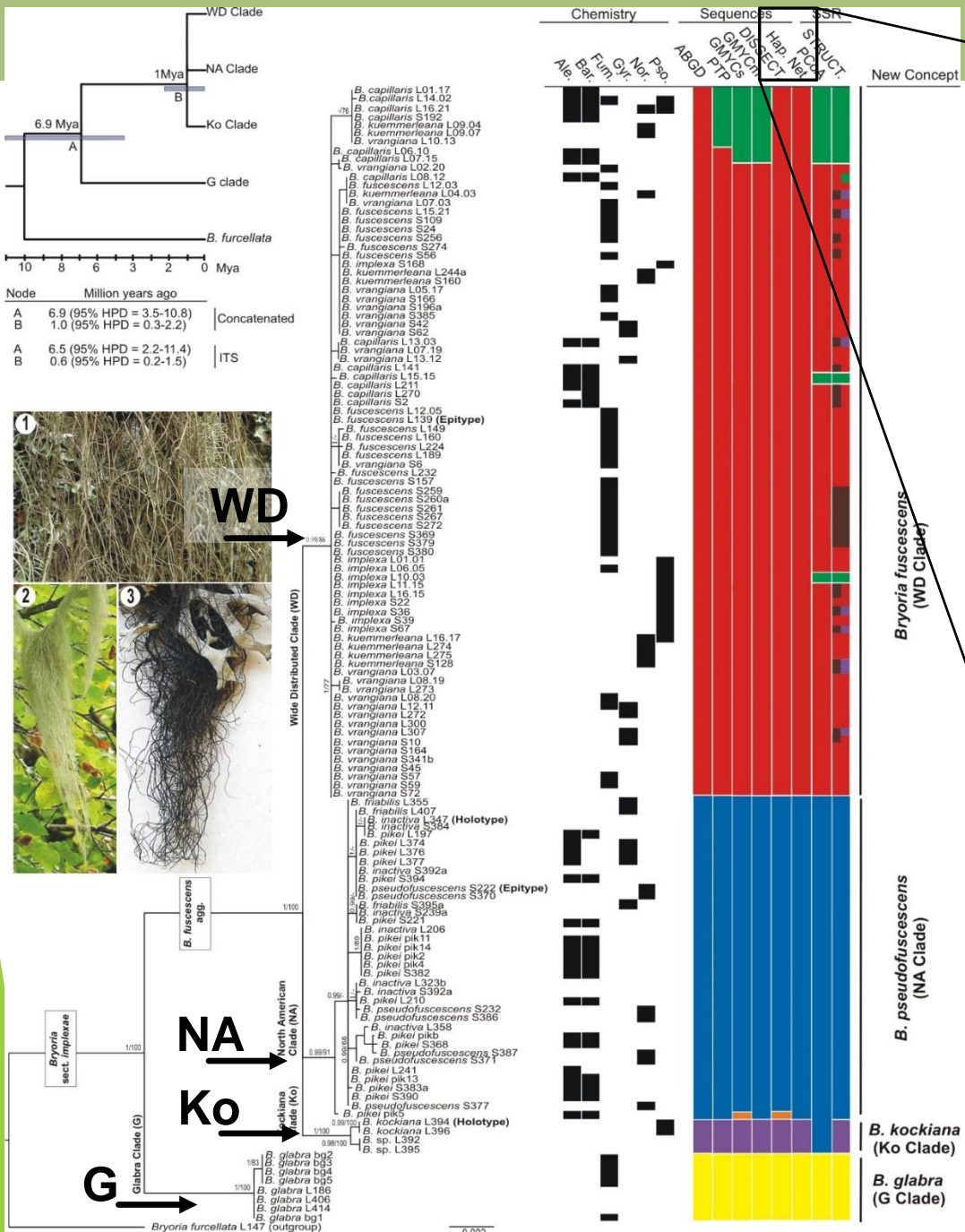
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Method	ITS	IGS	<b>GAPDH</b>	Concatenated
ABGD	2 = G + (Ko, NA, WD)	2 = G + (Ko, NA, WD)	4 = G + Ko + NA + WD	4 = G + Ko + NA + WD
PTP	2 = G + (Ko, NA, WD)	2 = G + (Ko, NA, WD)	4 = G + Ko + NA + WD	5 = G + Ko + NA + WDr + WDg
GMYCs	4 = G + (Ko, NA, WDg) + WDr + WDr	3 = G + (Ko, WD) + NA	4 = G + Ko + NA + WD	6 = G + Ko + NA + pik5 + WDr + WDg
GMYCm	4 = G + (Ko, NA, WDg) + WDr + WDr	4 = G + (Ko, WD) + NA1 + NA2	4 = G + Ko + NA + WD	5 = G + Ko + NA + WDr + WDg
DISSECT	-	-	-	5 = G + Ko + NA + pik5 + WD



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**Haplotype network**

**gaps missing**  
**95% connection limit**

*Bryoria fuscescens*  
(WD Clade)

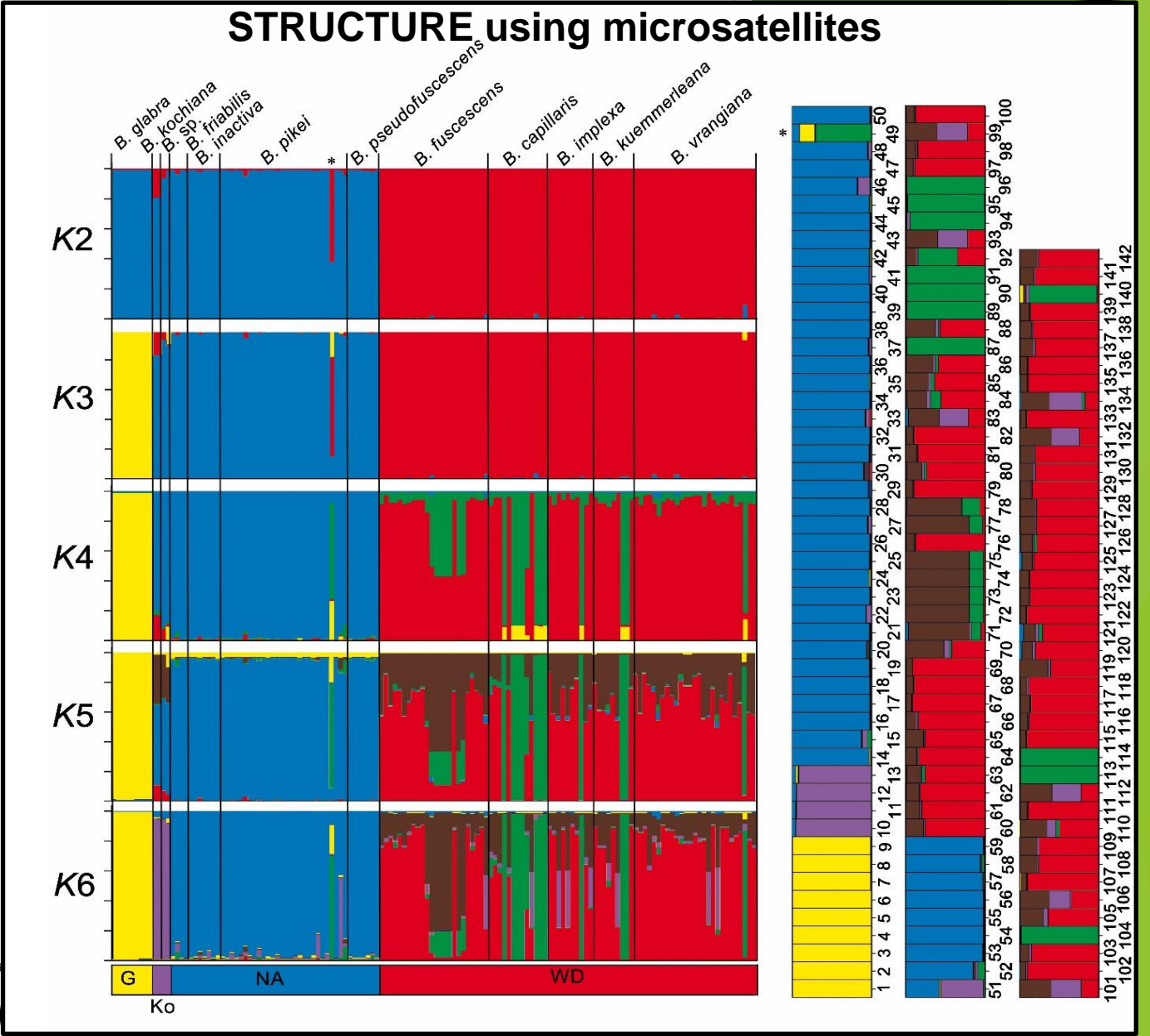
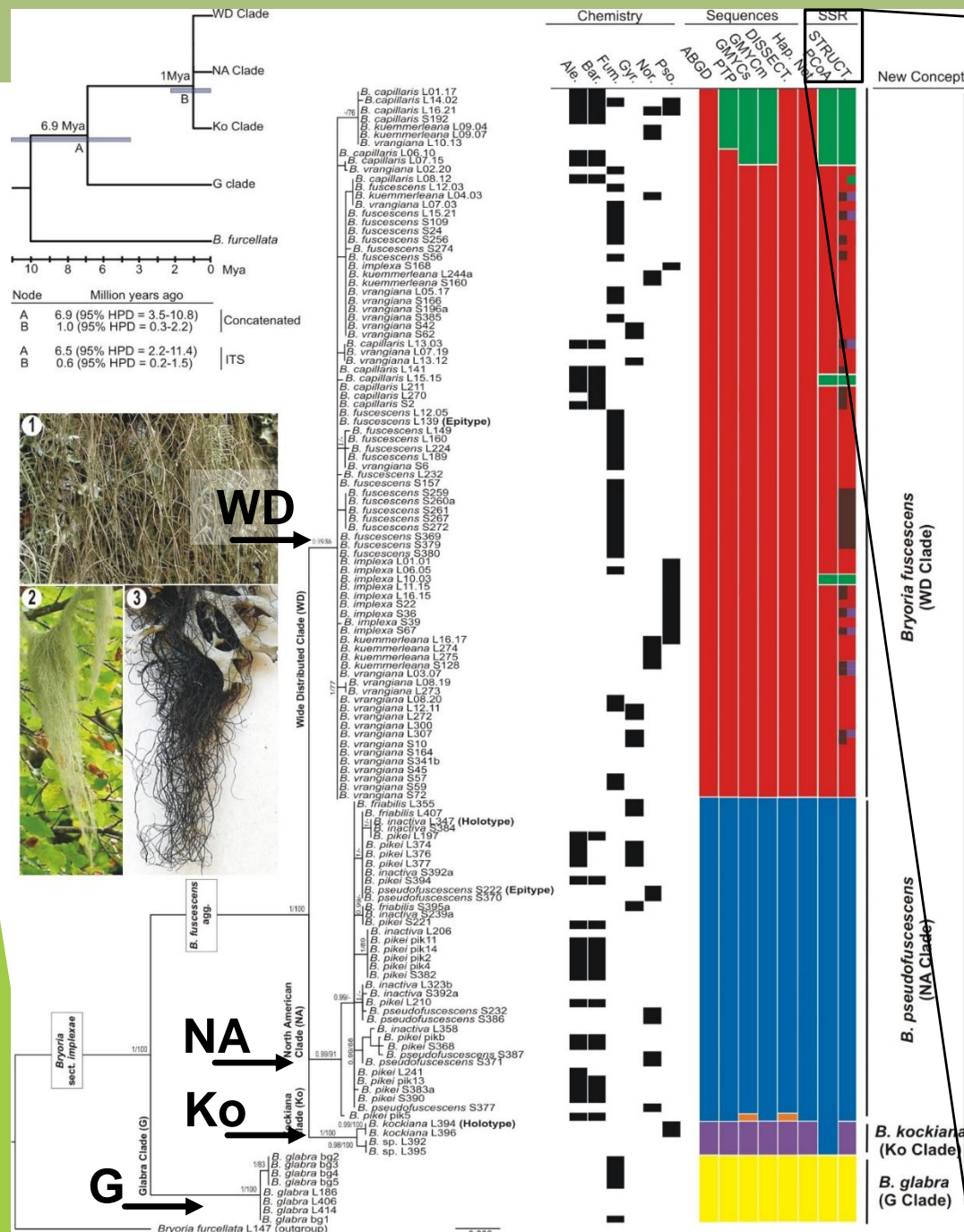
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(NA Clade)

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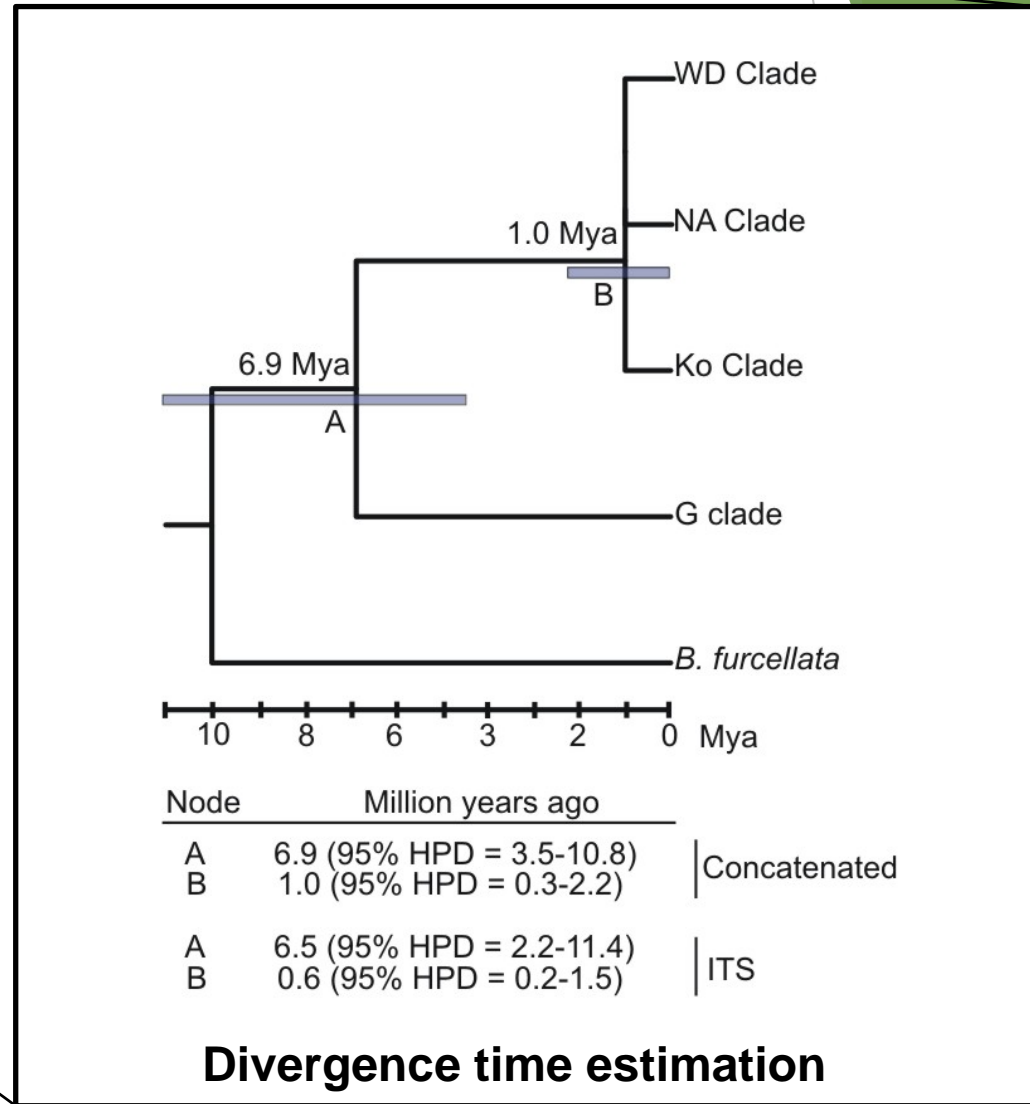
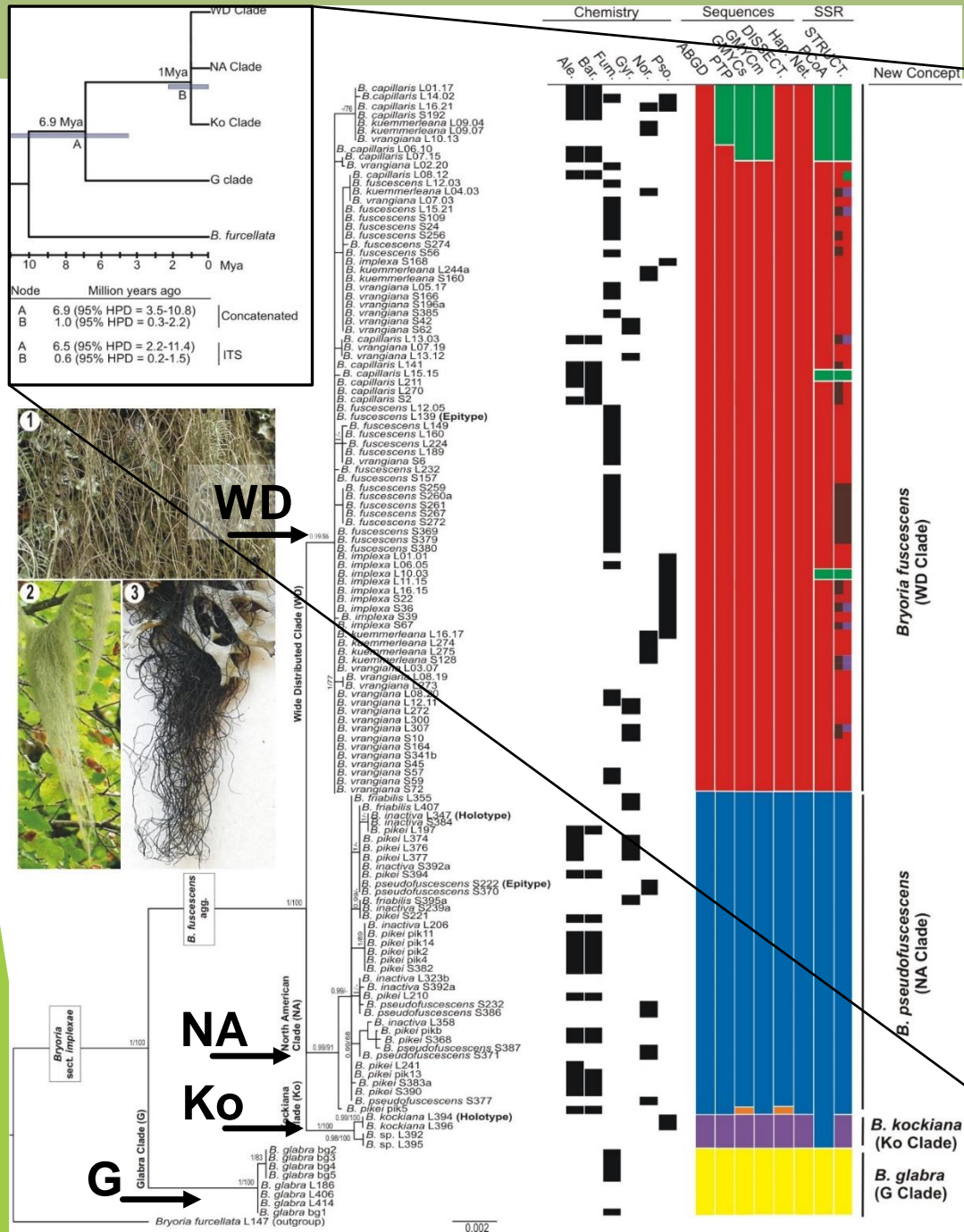
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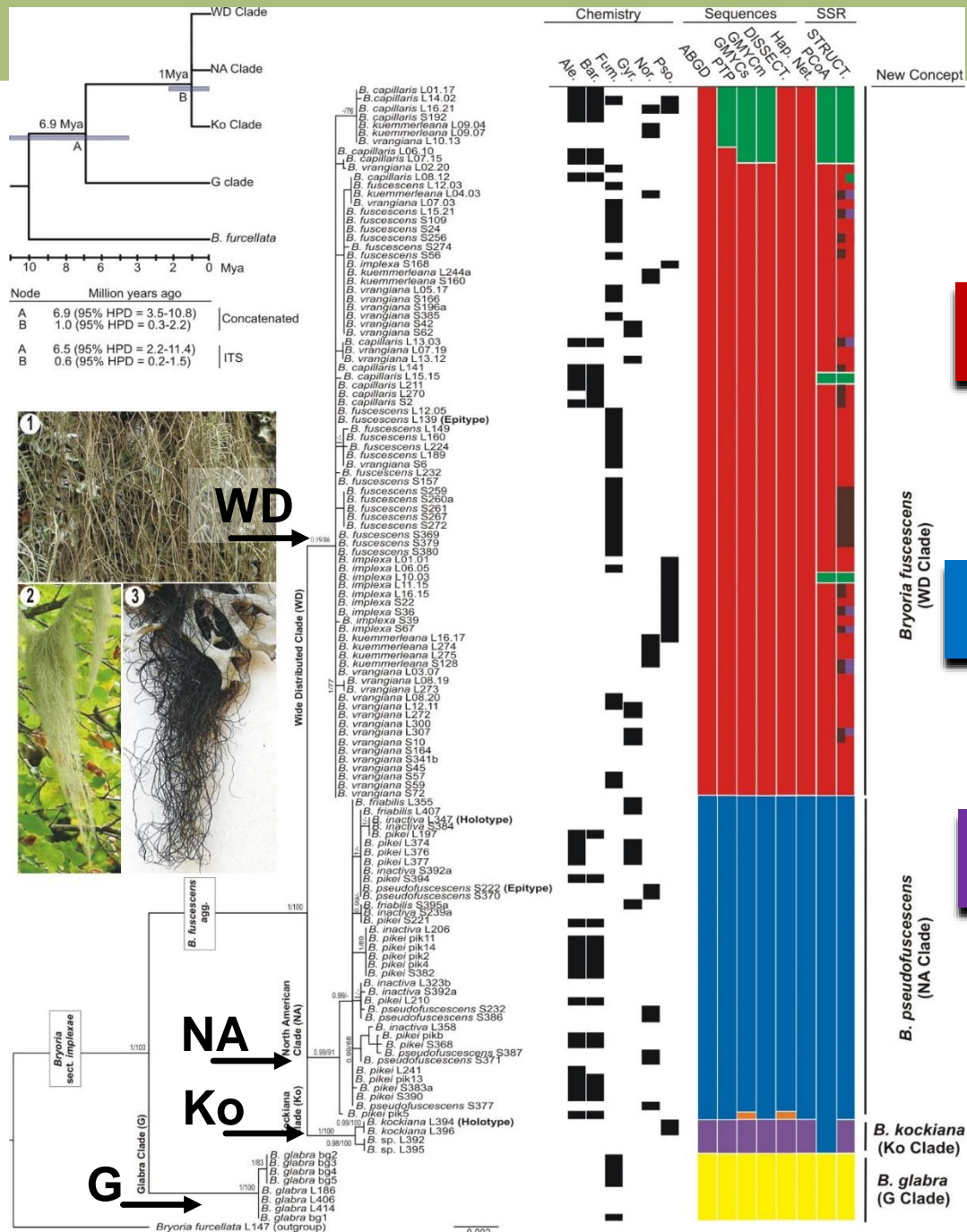
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## Proposed species concept

***Bryoria fuscescens***

Syn: *B. capillaris*, *B. implexa*, *B. kuemmerleana*, *B. vrangiana*.

***Bryoria pseudofuscescens***

Syn: *B. friabilis*, *B. inactive*, *B. pikei*.

***Bryoria kockiana***

Syn: *B. sp.*

***Bryoria glabra***

Cryptic

1 Mya of divergence

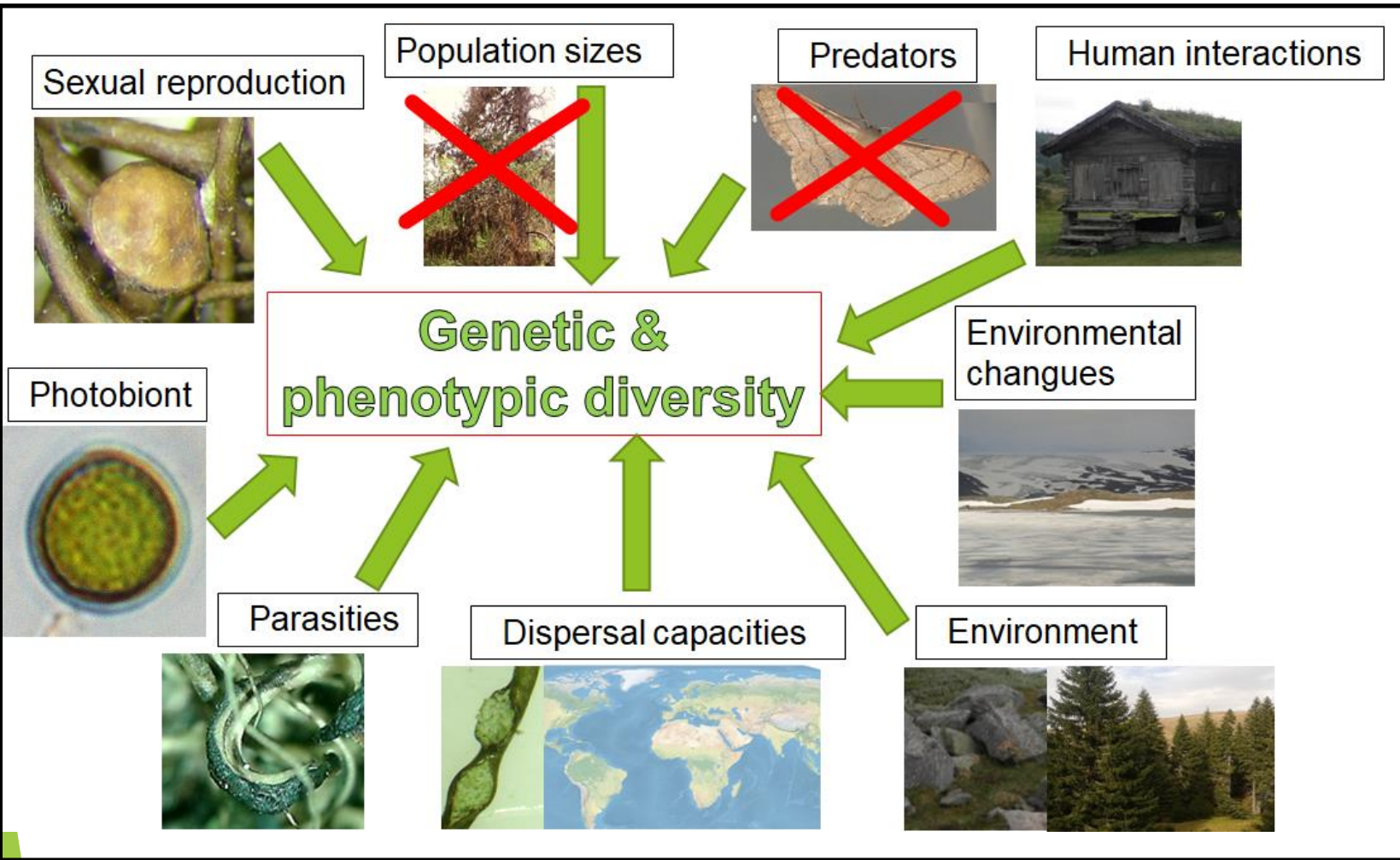


# Chapter 7

## Phylogeography and evolution of *Bryoria fuscescens*



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***Bryoria* morphospecies growing together** →  
What is producing that phenotypes?

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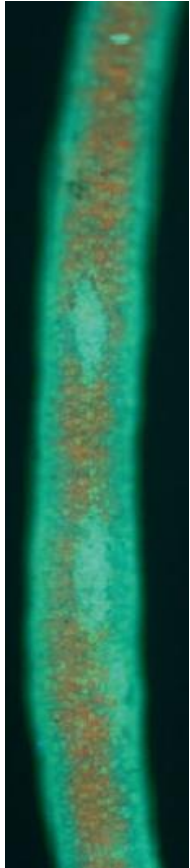
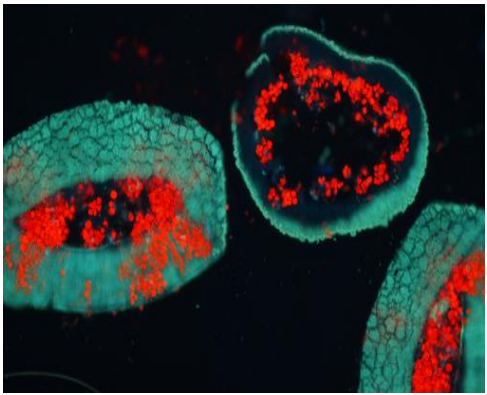
## Phenotype-*capillaris*

- Usually pale
- With barbatolic acid
- Soralia rare
- Angles usually acute

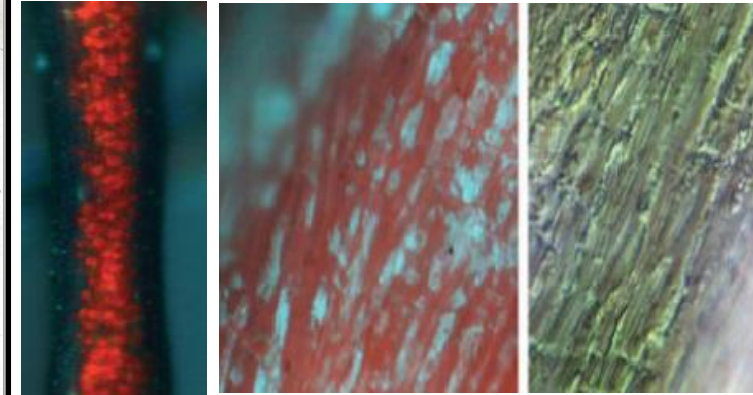
## *Bryoria fuscescens* s. str.

## Phenotype-*fuscescens*

- Usually dark
- Without barbatolic acid
- Soralia frequent
- Angles variable

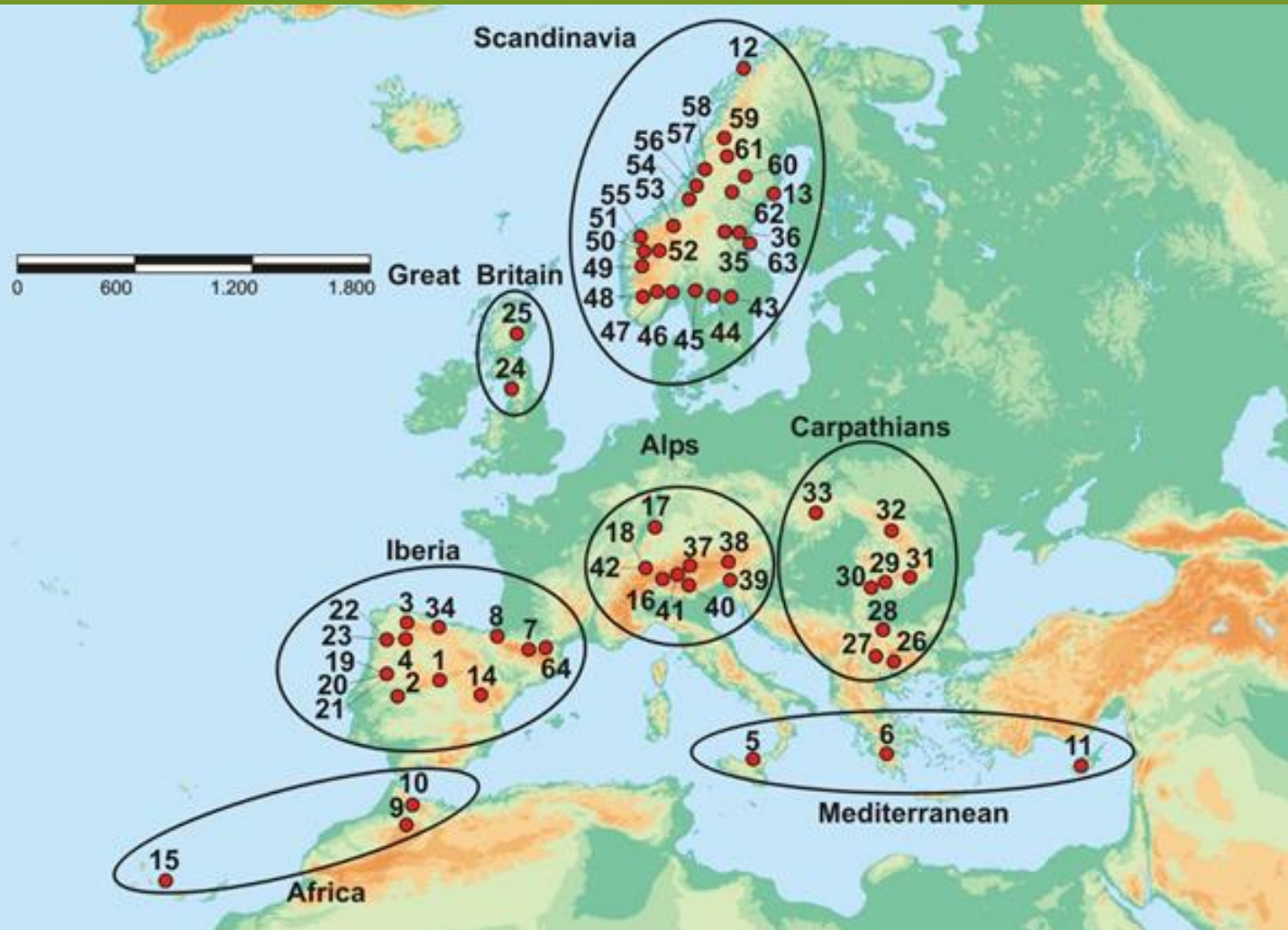


Cortical UV autofluorescence



Cortical UV autofluorescence

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**Table 1.** Amplified and analysed SSRs. Left: Number of specimens with successful amplification for each locus, and its respective number of alleles. Right: Selected loci and specimens for the analyses after remove unexpected alleles and specimens with missing data.

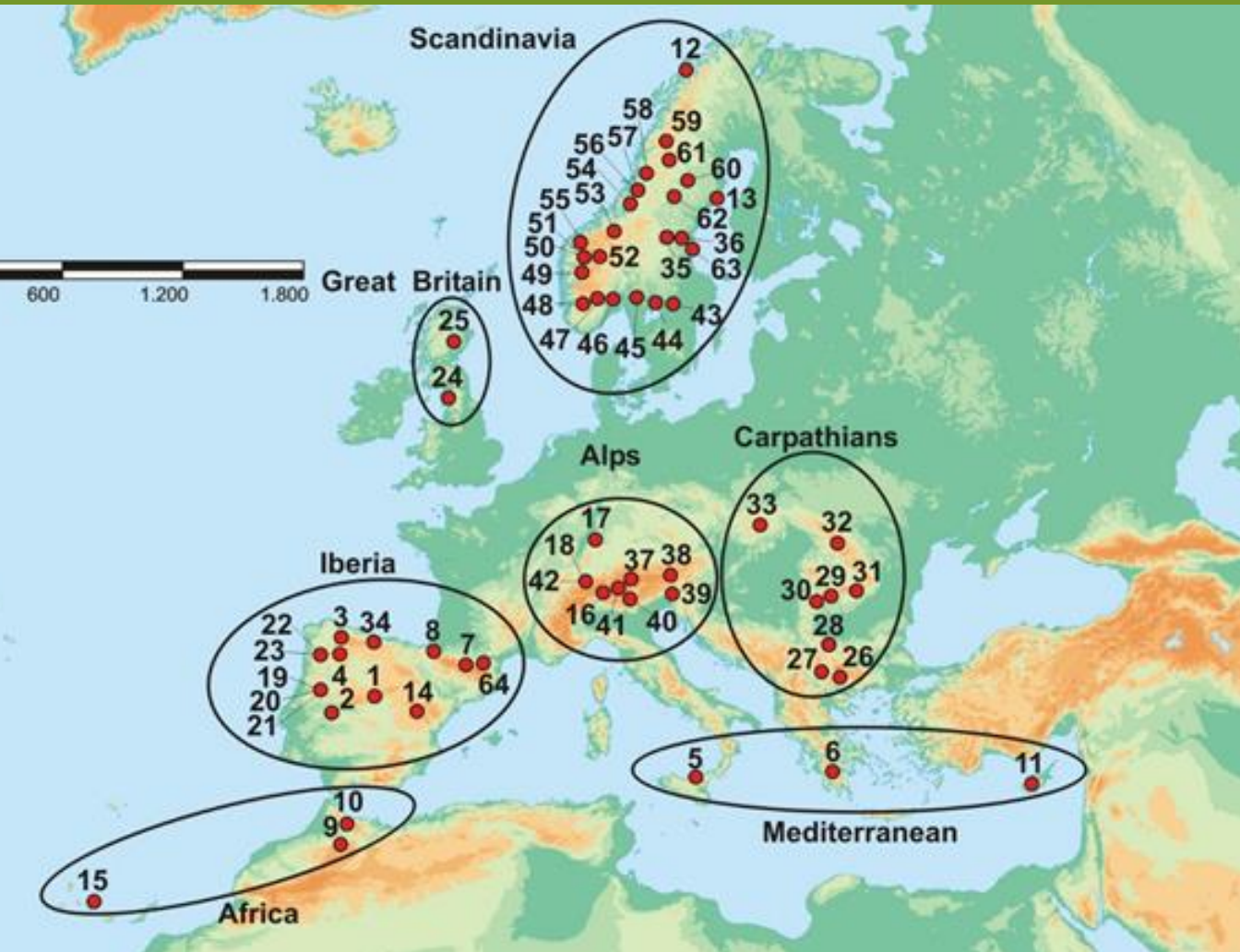
Locus	Amplified SSRs		SSRs used for the analyses	
	Specimens	Alleles	Specimens	Alleles
Bi01	1384	22	Not used	Not used
Bi02	1123	6	Not used	Not used
Bi03	1391	5	1359	5
Bi04	1388	8	1359	7
Bi05	1359	14	1359	10
Bi06	1366	22	1359	21
Bi07	1368	6	1359	6
Bi08	1385	5	1359	5
Bi09	597	3	Not used	Not used
Bi10	1393	5	1359	3
Bi11	1391	12	1359	10
Bi12	1399	22	1359	21
Bi13	1359	18	1359	18
Bi14	1391	4	1359	3
Bi15	1071	3	Not used	Not used
Bi16	1360	6	1359	6
Bi18	1359	9	1359	9
Bi19	1388	8	1359	6

1.400 specimens, 64 populations, 18 microsatellites

35 specimens used for a phylogenetical reconstruction  
(3 standard loci, and 5 new loci)

1.359 specimens  
14 microsatellites  
No missing data

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**Table S6.** Global Analysis of Molecular Variance (AMOVA) using 14 loci, 1359 individuals, 64 populations and the 7 geographical regions from Fig. 1.  $F_{SC} = 0.21381$ ,  $F_{ST} = 0.23187$  and  $F_{CT} = 0.02297$ , statistically significant with  $P \leq 0.035$ .

Source of variation	df	Sum of squares	Variance components	% of variation
Among regions	6	211.80	0.089	2.30
Among populations within regions	57	1146.23	0.808	20.89
Within populations	1295	3846.72	2.970	76.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>5204.75</b>	<b>3.867</b>	

## AMOVA

**Table S5.** Allelic richness (AR) and private allelic richness (PAR) detected in each type of substrate. Standard deviations are showed in brackets.

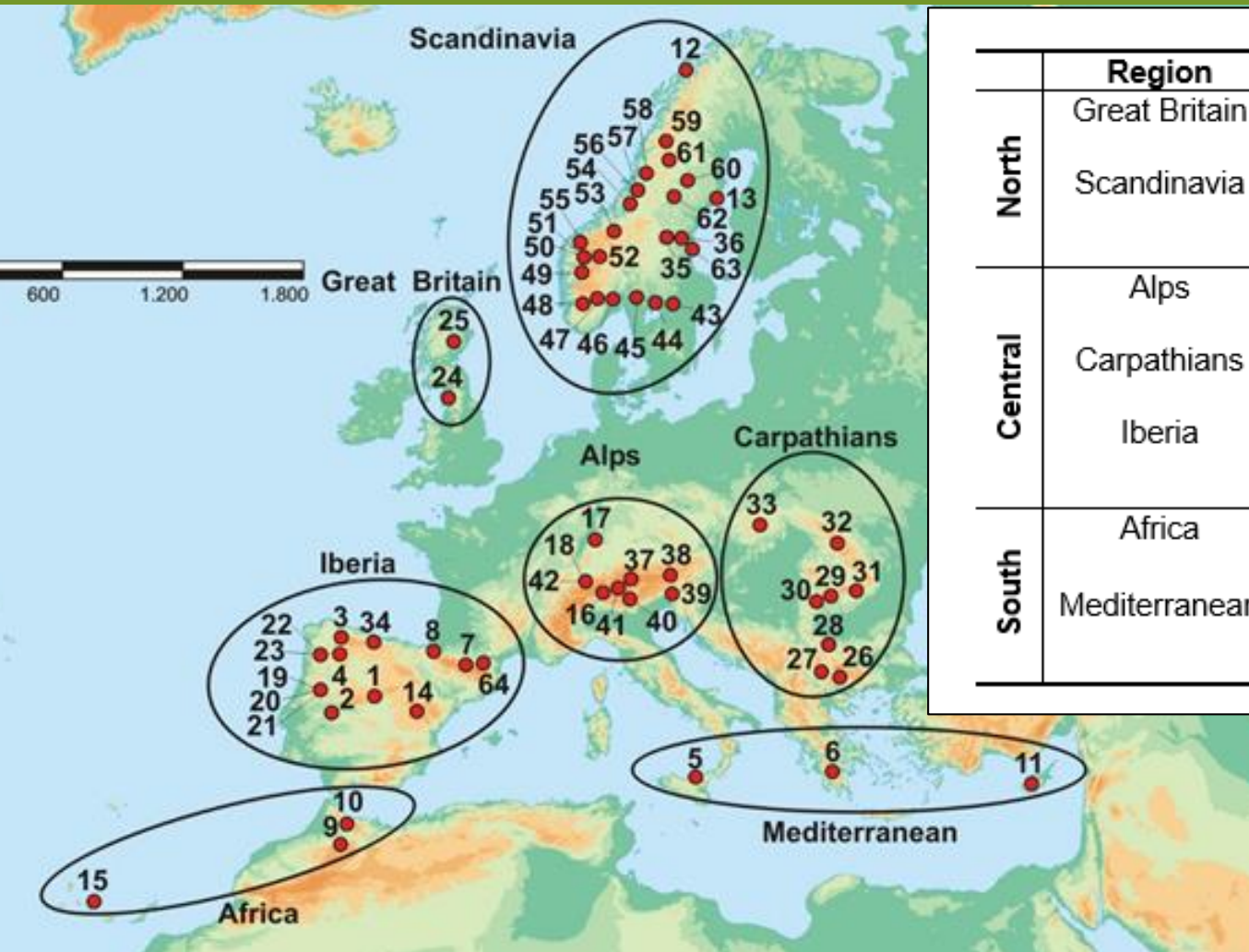
	Twigs		Branches		Trunks		Rock				
	AR	PAR	AR	PAR	AR	PAR	AR	PAR			
n:203	5.93	0.57	n: 30	3.57	0.07	n:256	6.07	0.68	n: 37	2.79	0.00
	(1.15)	(0.21)		(0.63)	(0.07)		(1.15)	(0.29)		(0.39)	(0.00)
AR/n	0.029	-	AR/n	0.119	-	AR/n	0.024	-	AR/n	0.075	-

## Allelic richness

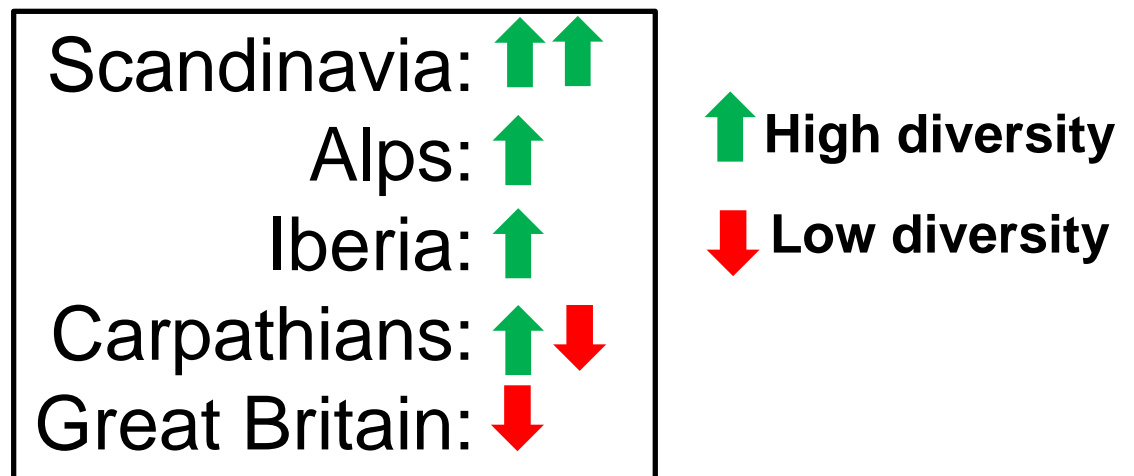
Higher diversity within populations than among.  
Similar diversity in trunks and twigs.



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	Region	specimens	AR	PAR	specimens	AR	PAR		
North	Great Britain	32	2.642	0.000	588	7.500	1.357		
	Scandinavia	556	(0.439)	(0.000)				(1.207)	(0.452)
Central	Alps	189	5.357	0.357	641	7.071	0.857		
	Carpathians	179	(1.014)	(0.199)				(1.442)	(0.274)
	Iberia	273	(0.976)	(0.000)				(0.125)	
South	Africa	65	4.571	0.428	130	5.571	0.500		
	Mediterranean	65	(0.947)	(0.227)				(1.087)	(0.251)



# Chapter 7 *Bryoria* phylogeography

- Less clonality than expected
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Pops. 1-13 not showed									
14	19	16	100 %	0.525 (0.038)	<b>0.224</b>	3.214 (0.350)	0.003 (0.003)	7	-
15	22	16	100 %	0.559 (0.053)	<b>0.128</b>	3.428 (0.571)	0.129 (0.088)	8	-
16	20	20	100 %	0.573 (0.033)	<b>0.126</b>	3.285 (0.333)	0.071 (0.071)	4	Some tourism, apothecia present
17	14	6	71 %	0.255 (0.066)	<b>0.221</b>	2.071 (0.245)	0.071 (0.071)	<b>14 expansion</b>	Apothecia present
18	23	16	100 %	0.519 (0.046)	<b>0.175</b>	3.285 (0.398)	0.000 (0.000)	5	Apothecia present
19	23	13	100 %	0.366 (0.053)	0.031	2.642 (0.289)	0.000 (0.000)	10	-
20	9	1	0 %	0.000 (0.000)	NA	1.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	<b>14 expansion</b>	Saxicolous
21	10	1	0 %	0.000 (0.000)	NA	1.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	<b>14 expansion</b>	Saxicolous
22	23	4	71 %	0.276 (0.059)	<b>0.380</b>	1.928 (0.188)	0.000 (0.000)	<b>11 expansion</b>	Village close, apothecia present
23	23	5	86 %	0.356 (0.057)	<b>0.183</b>	2.000 (0.148)	0.000 (0.000)	7	Near pastures
24	9	5	64 %	0.317 (0.079)	<b>0.258</b>	2.071 (0.286)	0.000 (0.000)	10	Artificial forest
25	23	14	71 %	0.375 (0.072)	<b>0.096</b>	2.214 (0.317)	0.002 (0.002)	7	-
26	23	21	100 %	0.505 (0.046)	<b>0.268</b>	3.357 (0.378)	0.000 (0.000)	7	Some tourism, apothecia present
27	23	21	93 %	0.451 (0.063)	0.023	3.071 (0.412)	0.000 (0.000)	8	Human activities and constructions
28	23	18	100 %	0.466 (0.041)	<b>0.336</b>	3.214 (0.350)	0.002 (0.002)	6	Tourism
29	23	23	100 %	0.494 (0.057)	<b>0.144</b>	3.571 (0.387)	0.008 (0.008)	10	Human constructions, apothecia present
30	22	20	86 %	0.337 (0.072)	0.034	2.857 (0.333)	0.008 (0.008)	<b>12 expansion</b>	Apothecia present
31	23	20	100 %	0.056 (0.048)	<b>0.184</b>	3.785 (0.612)	0.000 (0.000)	5	Apothecia present
32	21	19	93 %	0.380 (0.068)	0.044	2.642 (0.371)	0.000 (0.000)	7	Apothecia present
Pops. 33-64 not showed									



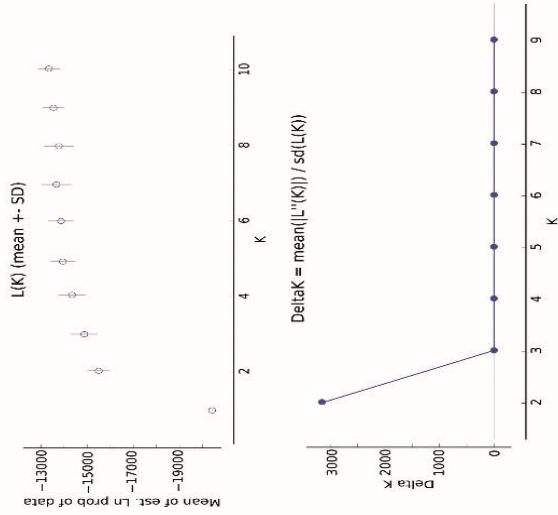
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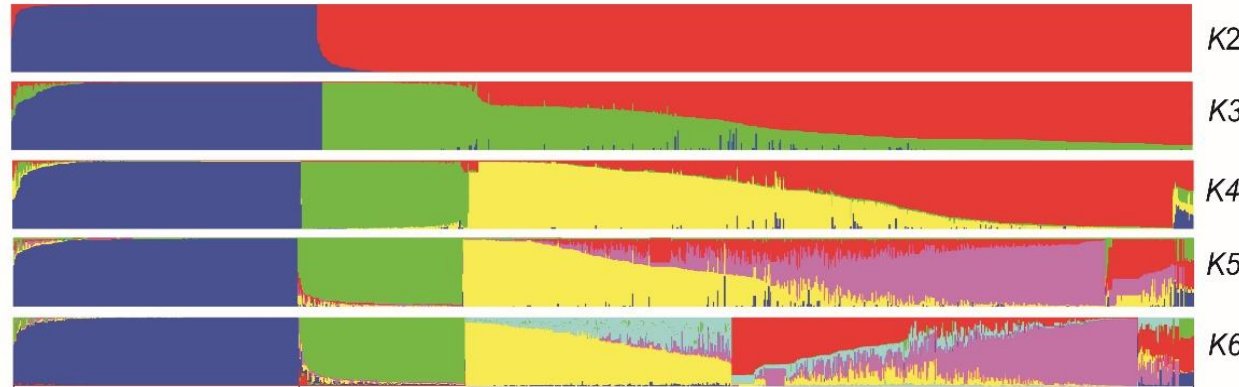
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24	9	5	64 %	0.317 (0.079)	<b>0.258</b>	2.071 (0.286)	0.000 (0.000)	10	Artificial forest
25	23	14	71 %	0.375 (0.072)	<b>0.096</b>	2.214 (0.317)	0.002 (0.002)	7	-
26	23	21	100 %	0.505 (0.046)	<b>0.268</b>	3.357 (0.378)	0.000 (0.000)	7	Some tourism, apothecia present
27	23	21	93 %	0.451 (0.063)	0.023	3.071 (0.412)	0.000 (0.000)	8	Human activities and constructions
28	23	18	100 %	0.466 (0.041)	<b>0.336</b>	3.214 (0.350)	0.002 (0.002)	6	Tourism
29	23	23	100 %	0.494 (0.057)	<b>0.144</b>	3.571 (0.387)	0.008 (0.008)	10	Human constructions, apothecia present
30	22	20	86 %	0.337 (0.072)	0.034	2.857 (0.333)	0.008 (0.008)	<b>12 expansion</b>	Apothecia present
31	23	20	100 %	0.056 (0.048)	<b>0.184</b>	3.785 (0.612)	0.000 (0.000)	5	Apothecia present
32	21	19	93 %	0.380 (0.068)	0.044	2.642 (0.371)	0.000 (0.000)	7	Apothecia present
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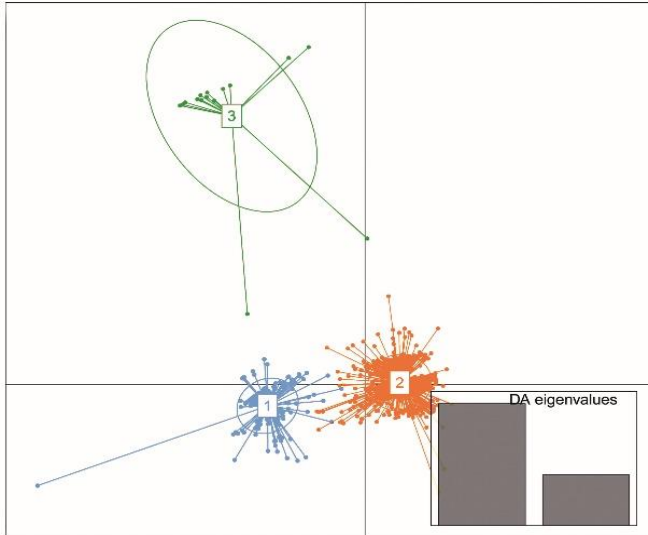
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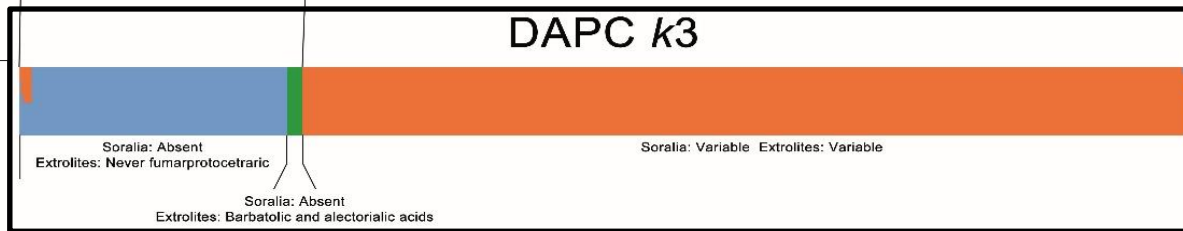
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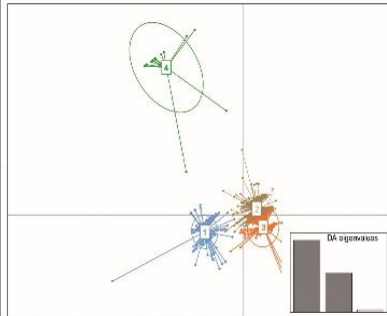
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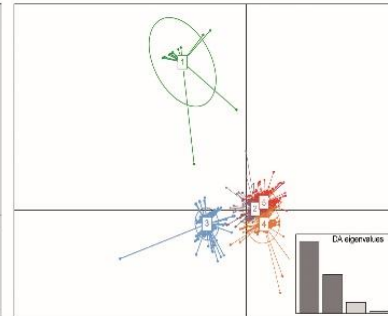
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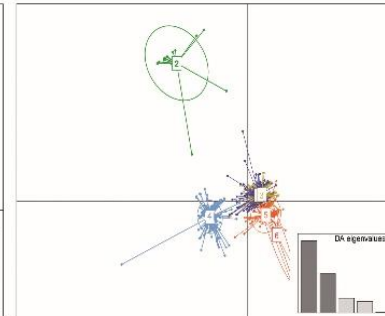
DAPC *k4*



DAPC *k5*



DAPC *k6*



**Best gene pools:**  
**DAPC K3**

**Gene pool 1**

**Soralia: Frequent**  
**Fum.: Variable**  
**Ph. *capillaris*: 13%**  
**Ph. *fuscescens*: 87%**

**Gene pool 2**

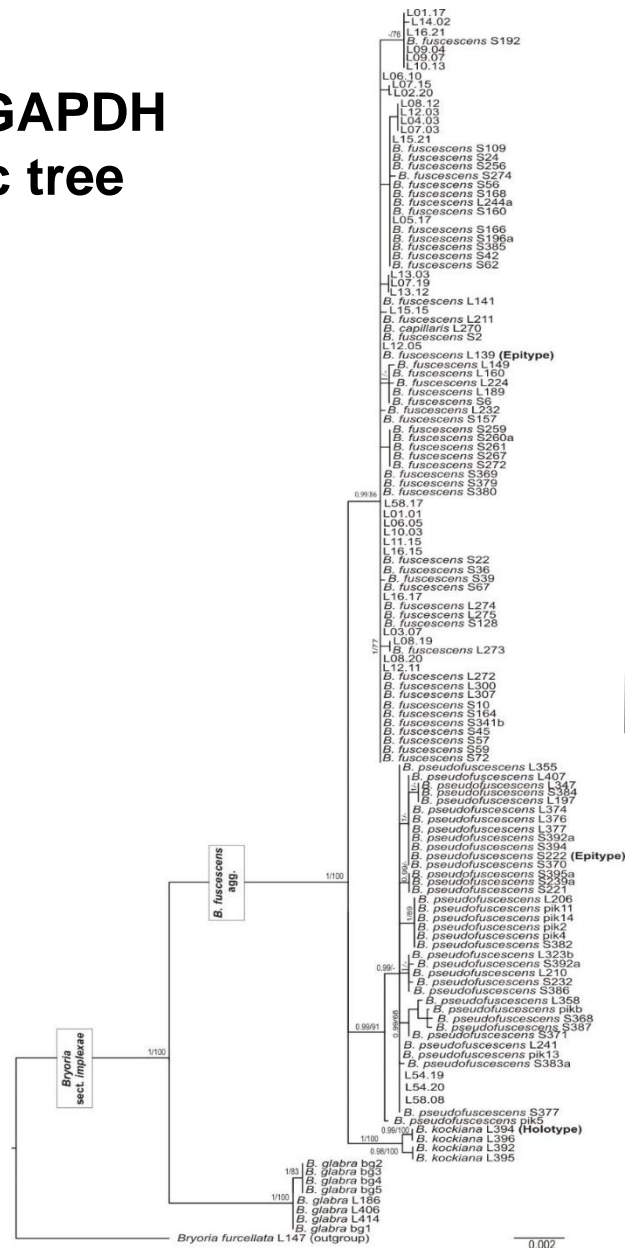
**Soralia: Absent**  
**Fum.: No**  
**Ph. *capillaris* : 87%**  
**Ph. *fuscescens* : 13%**

**Gene pool 3**

**Soralia: Absent**  
**Fum.: No**  
**Ph. *capillaris* : 100%**  
**Ph. *fuscescens* : 0%**

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nuITS, IGS & GAPDH  
Phylogenetic tree



*Bryoria fuscescens*

*B. pseudofuscescens*

*B. kockiana*

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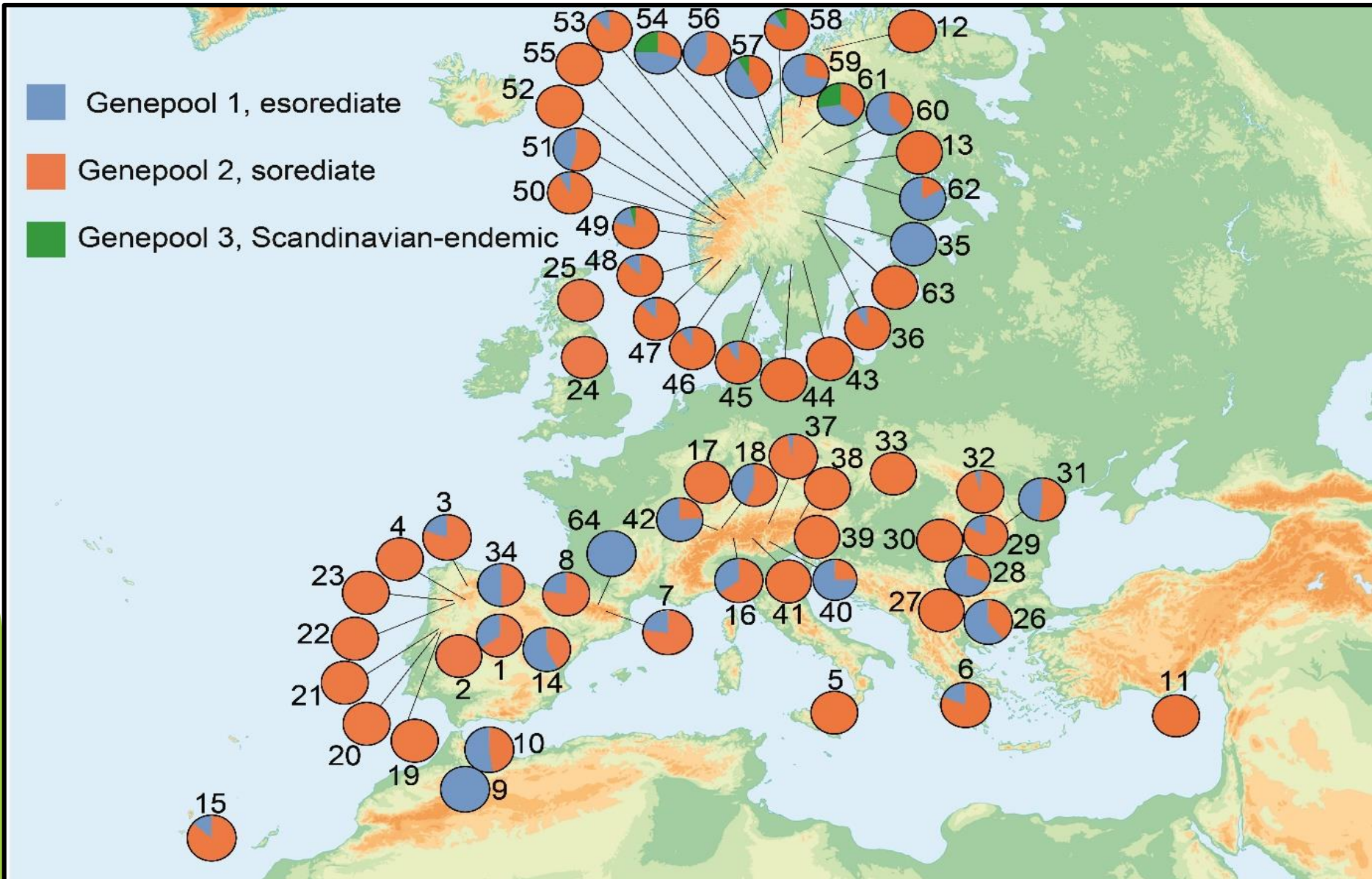
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Fum.: No  
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**Genepool 3**

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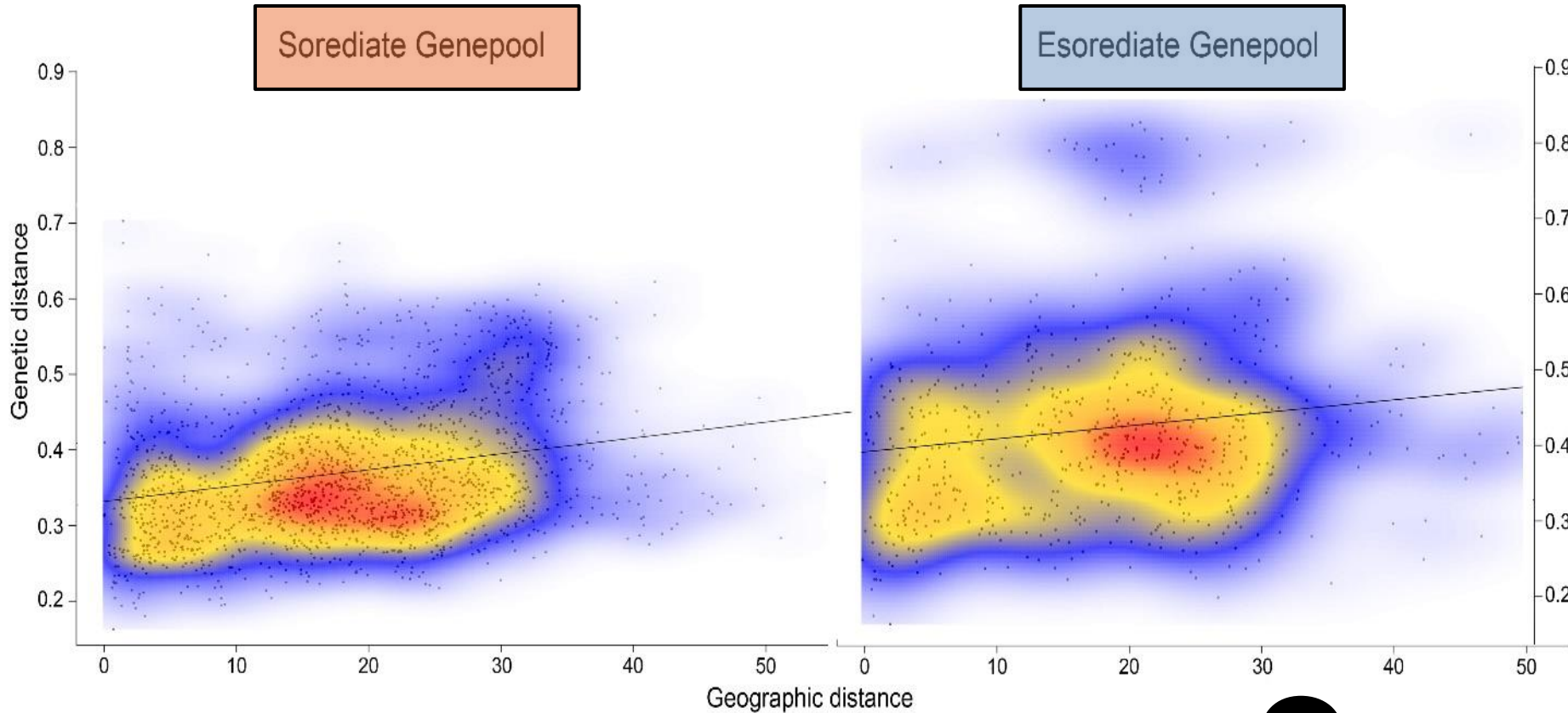
Fum.: No

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# Chapter 7 *Bryoria* phylogeography

Analysis to detect genetic isolation by geographic distance between pairs of populations



Soralia are not favouring dispersion



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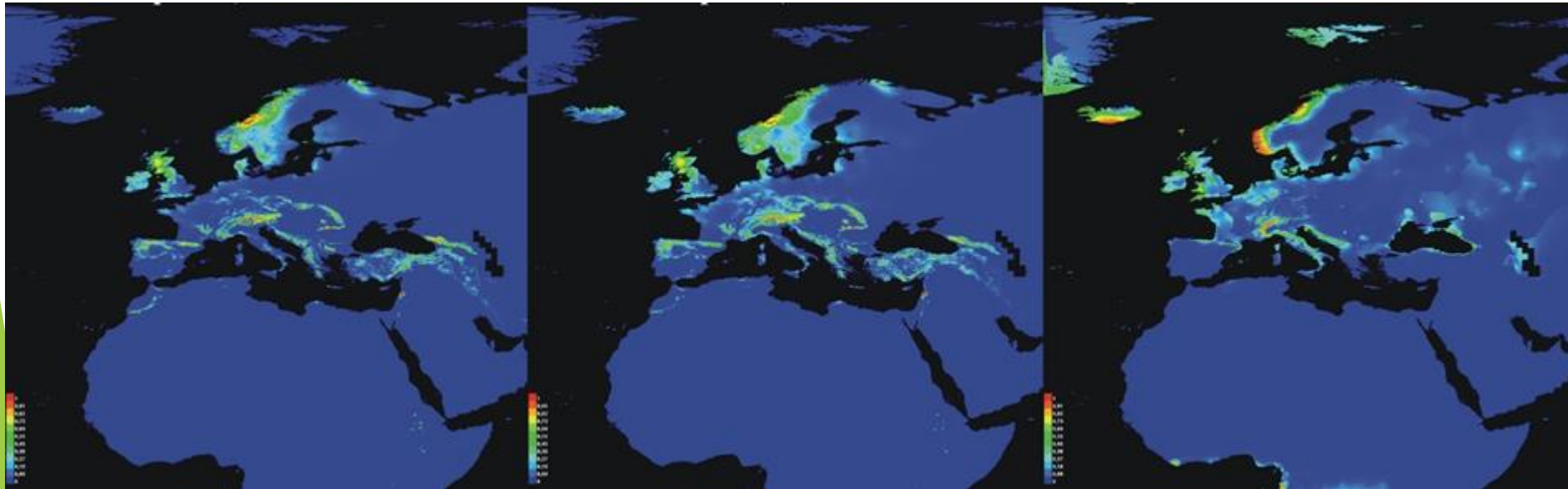
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Potential distribution prediction for each Genepool using Maxent and 11 bioclimatic layers

Genepool 1

Genepool 2

Genepool 3



Phenotype-*fuscescens*

Phenotype-*capillaris*

*B. fuscescens*-*pseudofuscescens*

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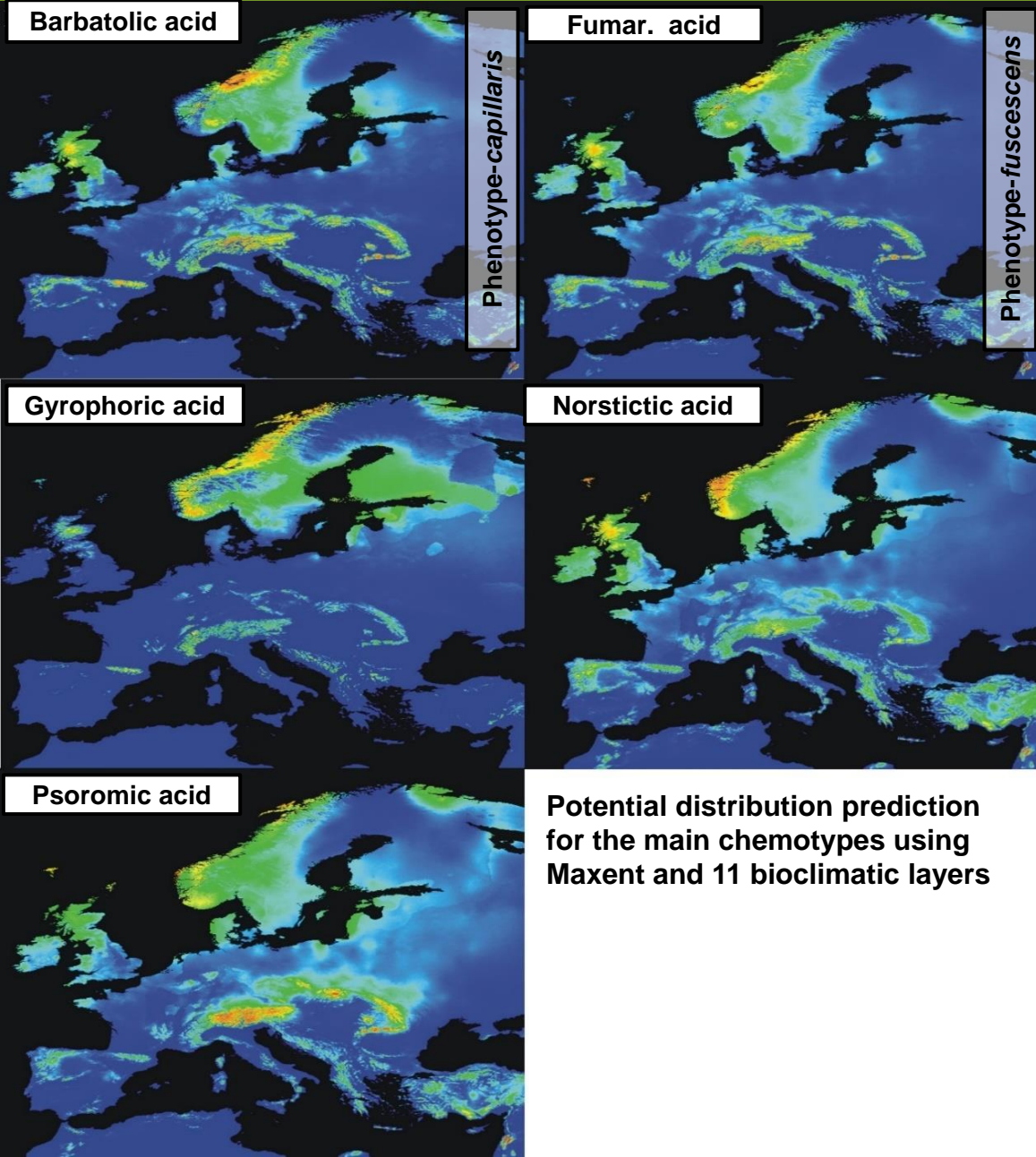
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Fum.: No

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Potential distribution prediction for the main chemotypes using Maxent and 11 bioclimatic layers

## Genetically fixed

- Barbatolic acid
- Fumarprotocetraric acid

## Environmentally influenced

- Gyrophoric acid
- Norstictic acid
- Psoromic acid

## Best genepools: DAPC K3

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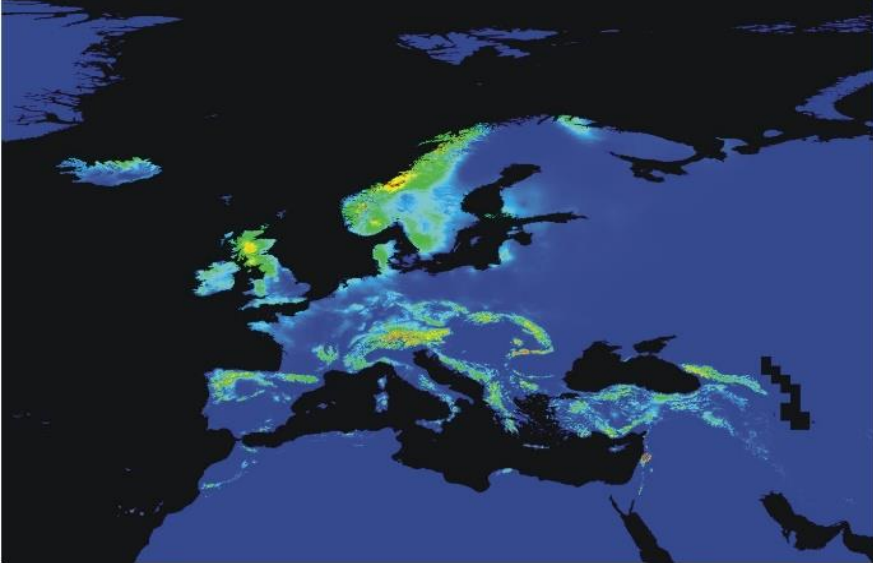
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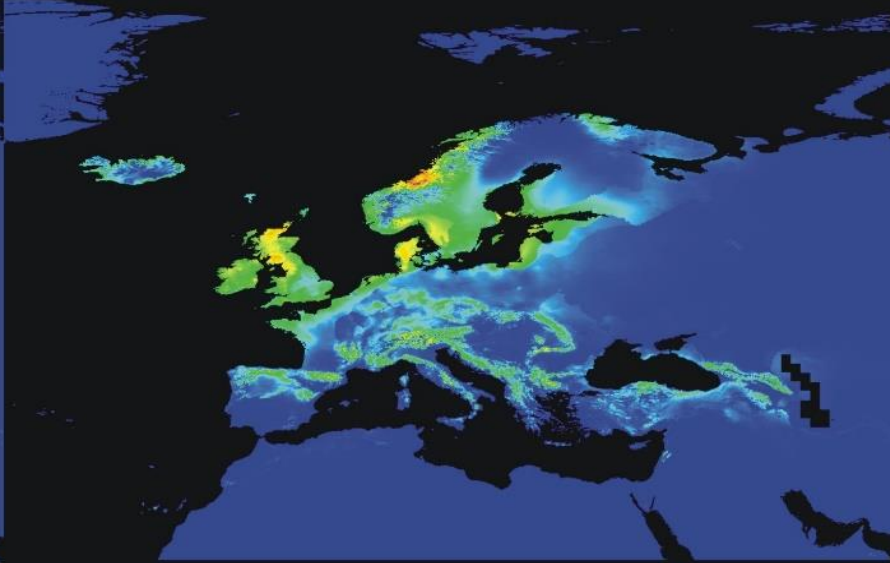
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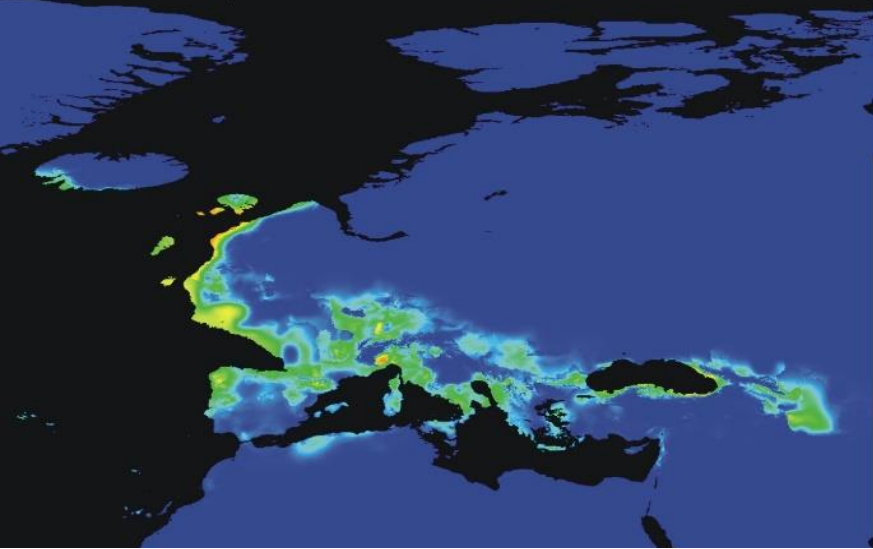
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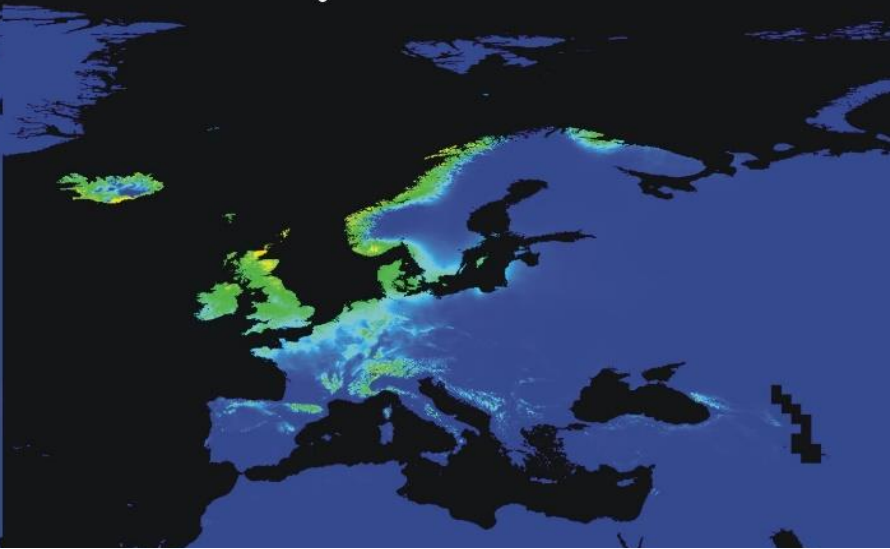
6 000 ya Mid-Holocene



22 000 ya Last Glacial Maximum



130 000 ya Last Inter-Glacial



Glacial refugia candidates:

East of British Isles

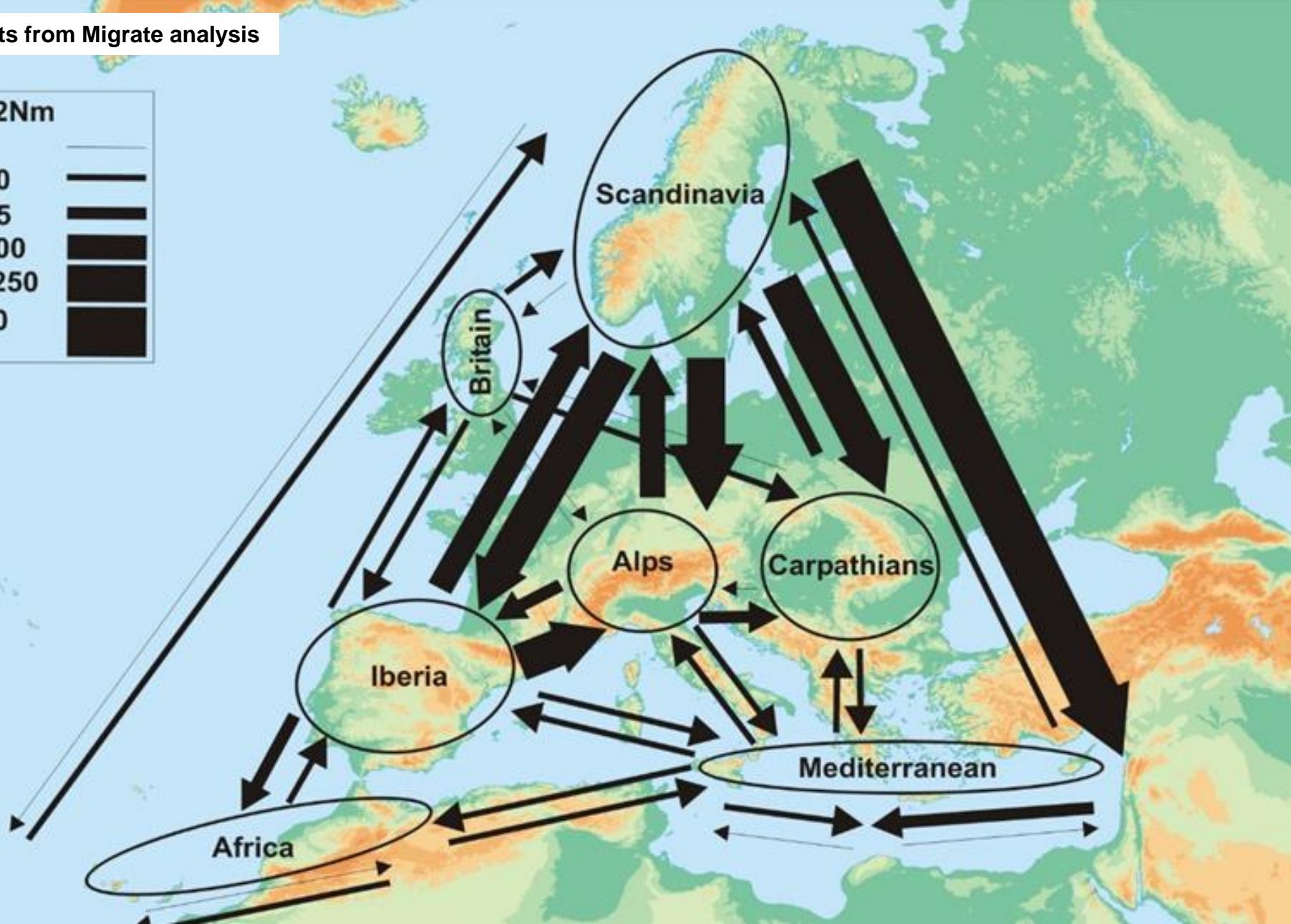
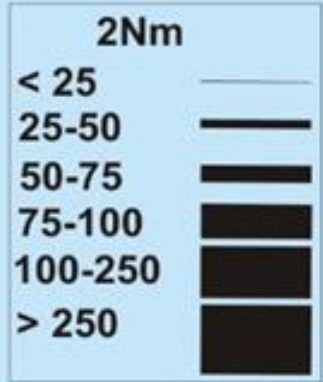
Northwest of Iberian Peninsula

Alps lowlands

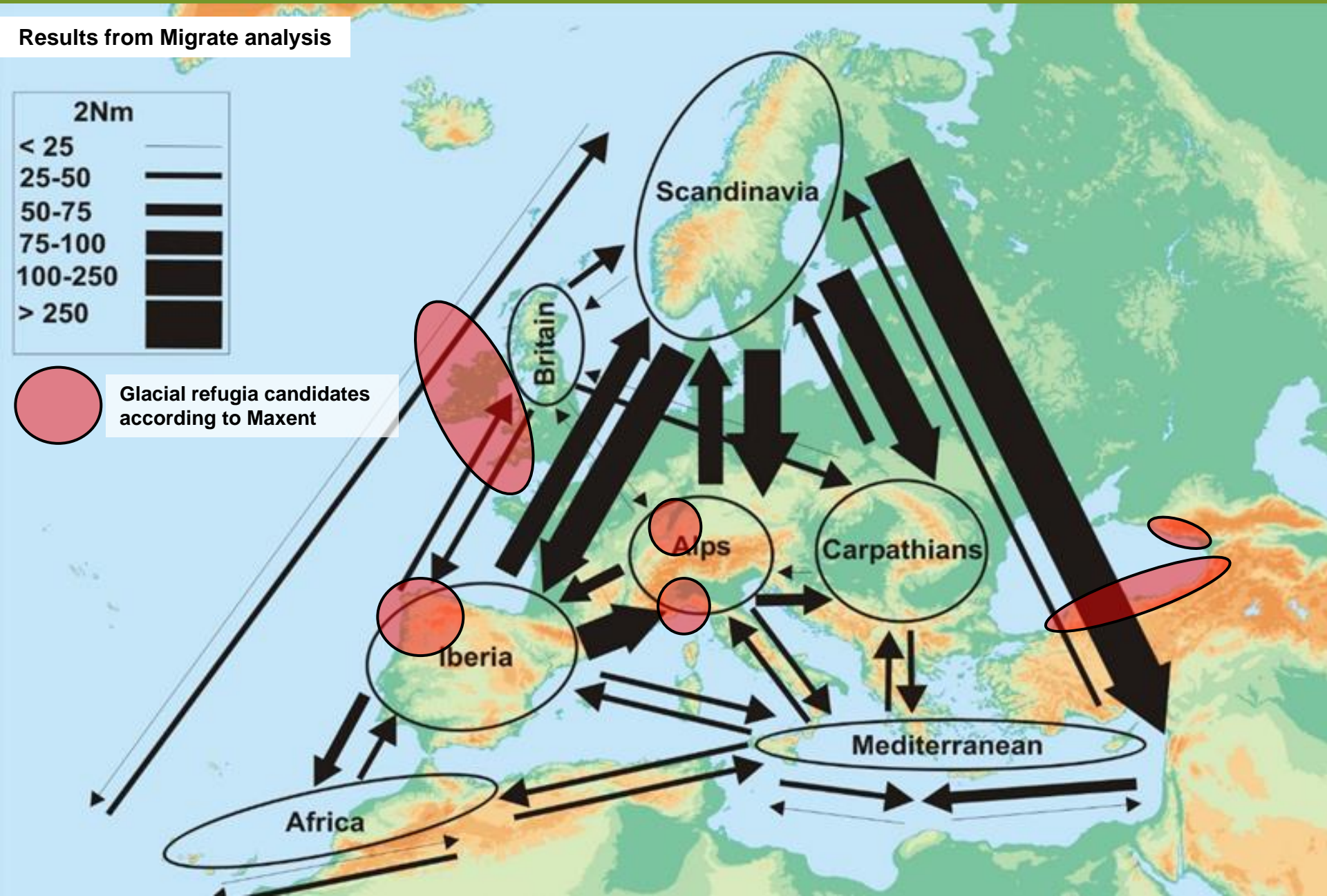
Black sea

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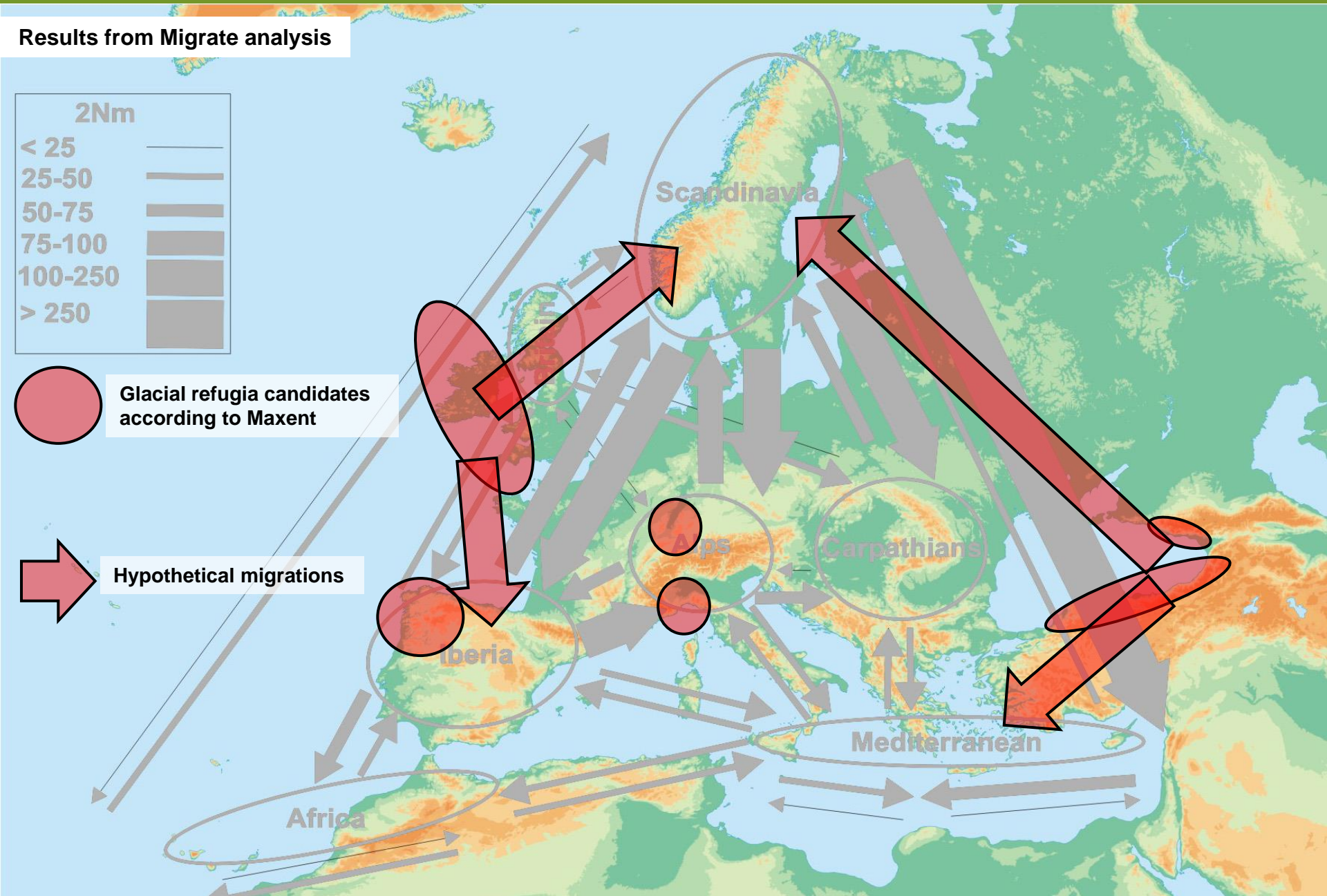
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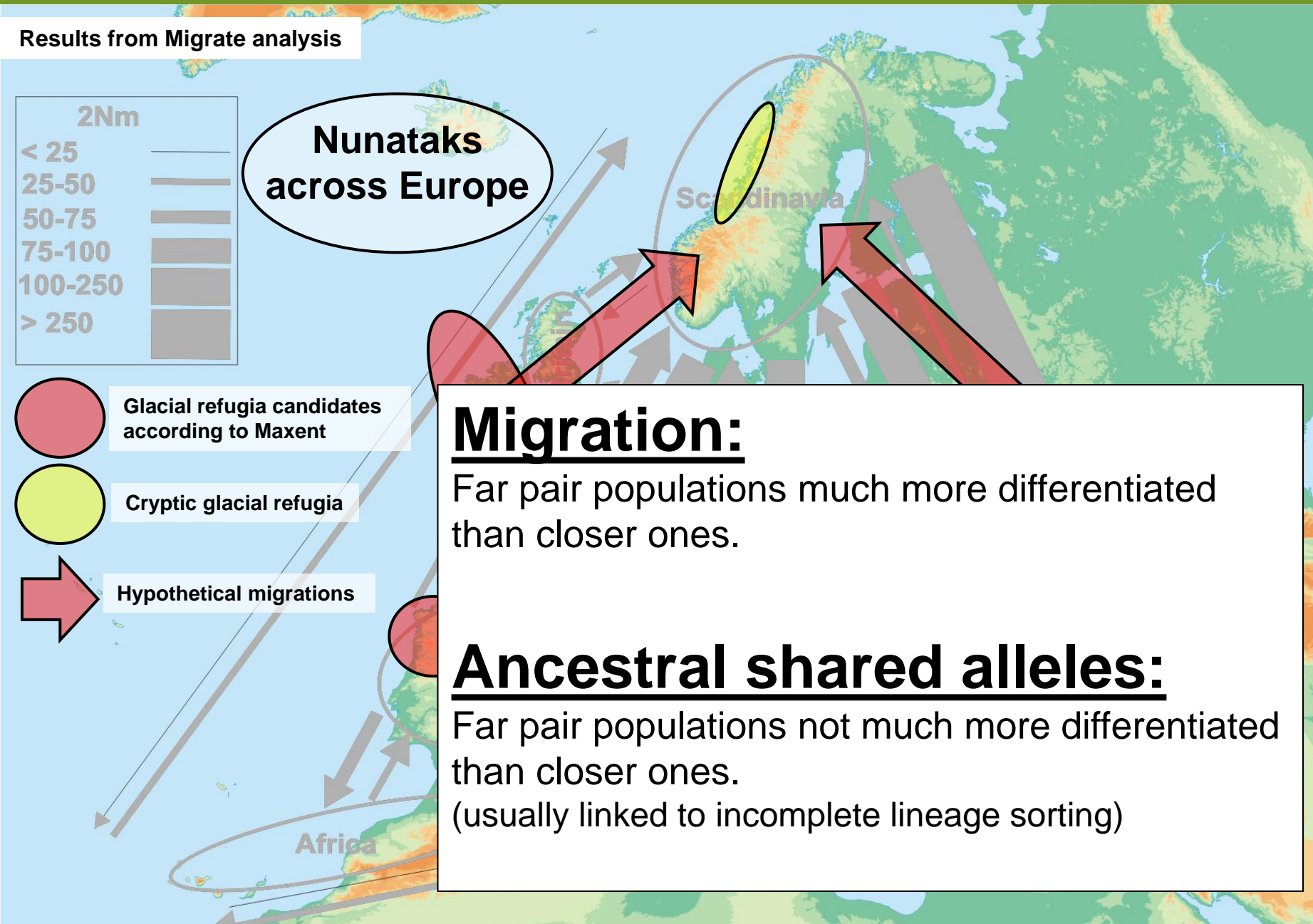


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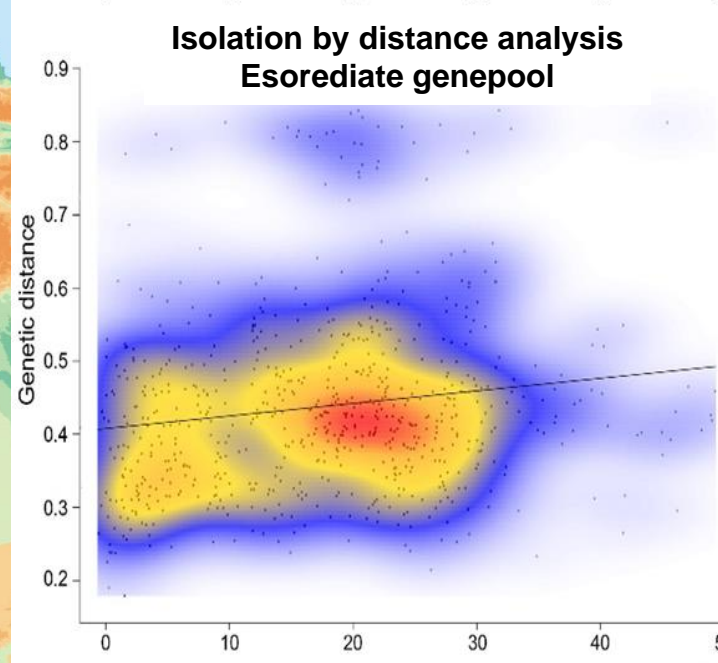
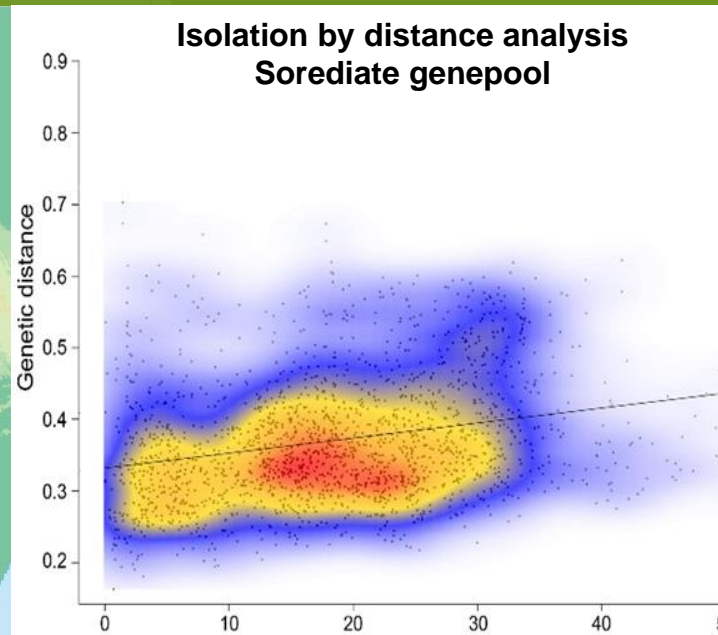


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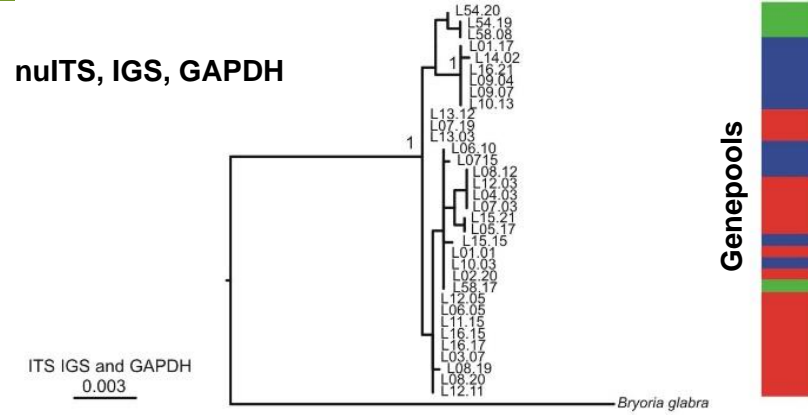
**Migration:**  
Far pair populations much more differentiated than closer ones.

**Ancestral shared alleles:**  
Far pair populations not much more differentiated than closer ones.  
(usually linked to incomplete lineage sorting)

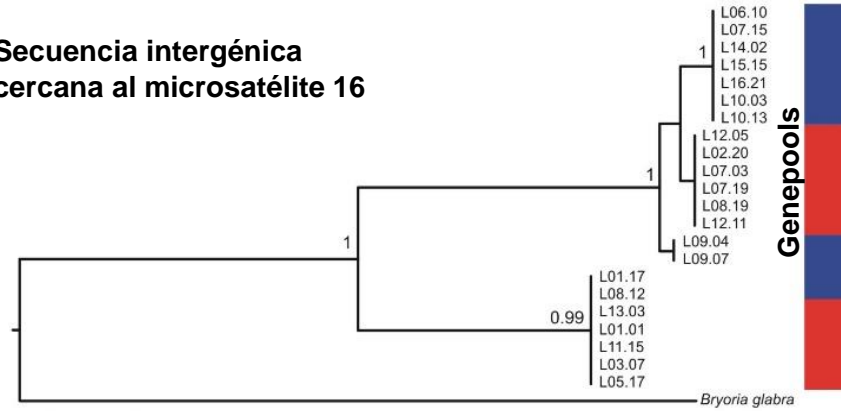




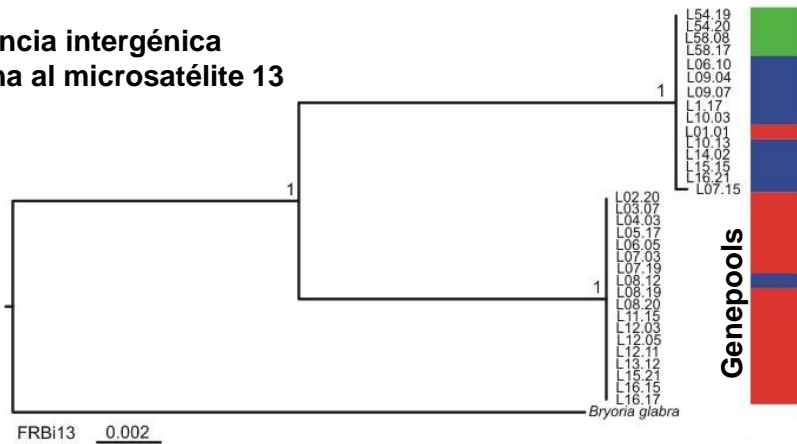
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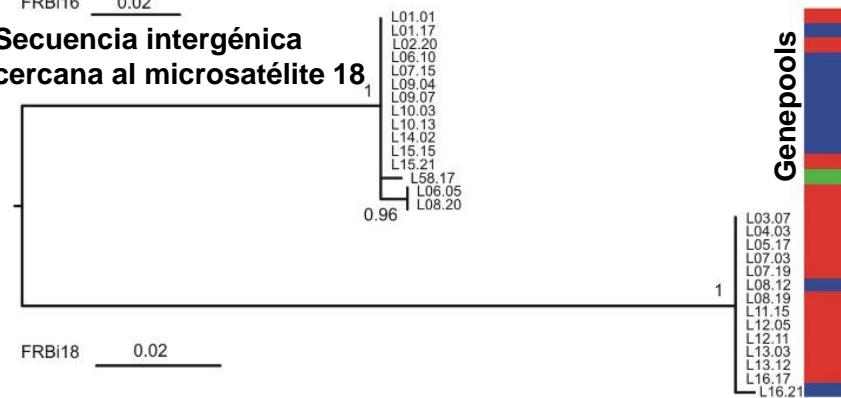
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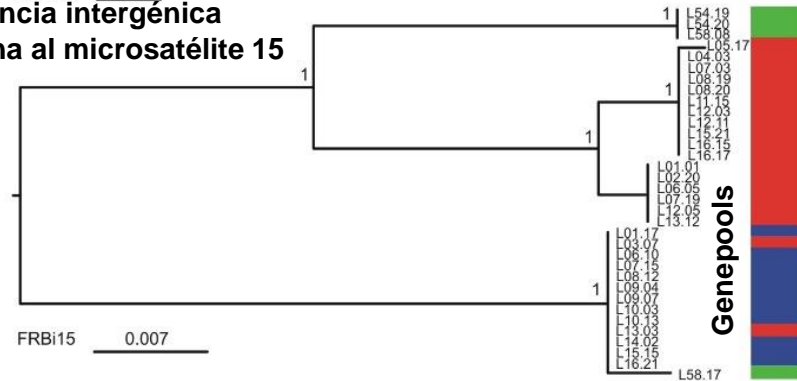
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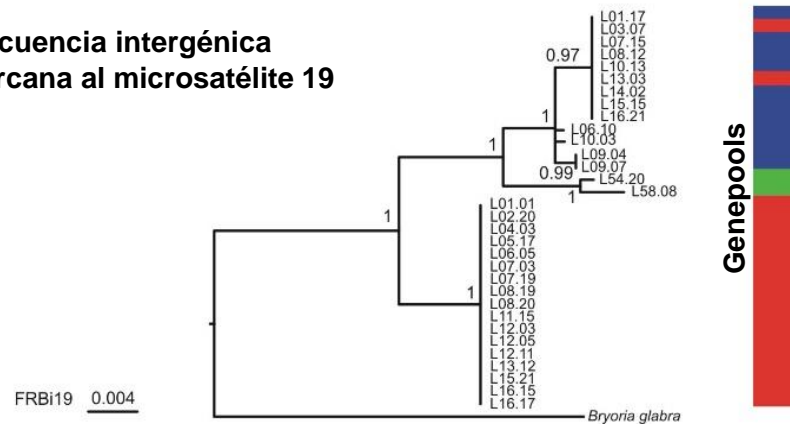
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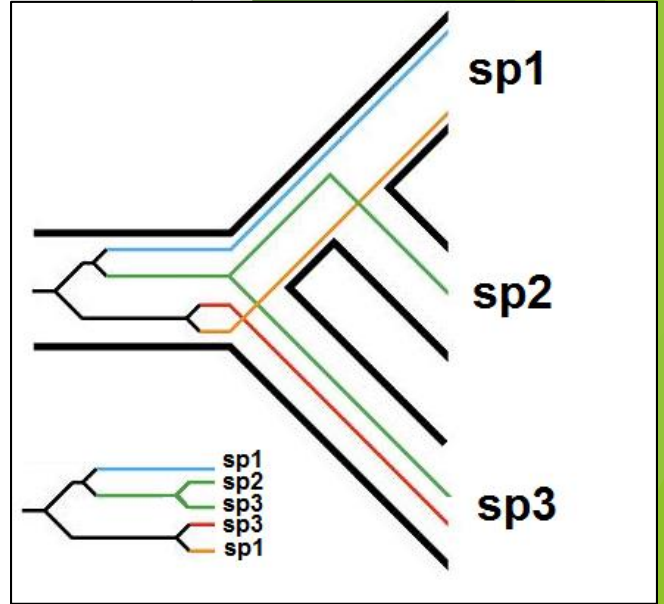
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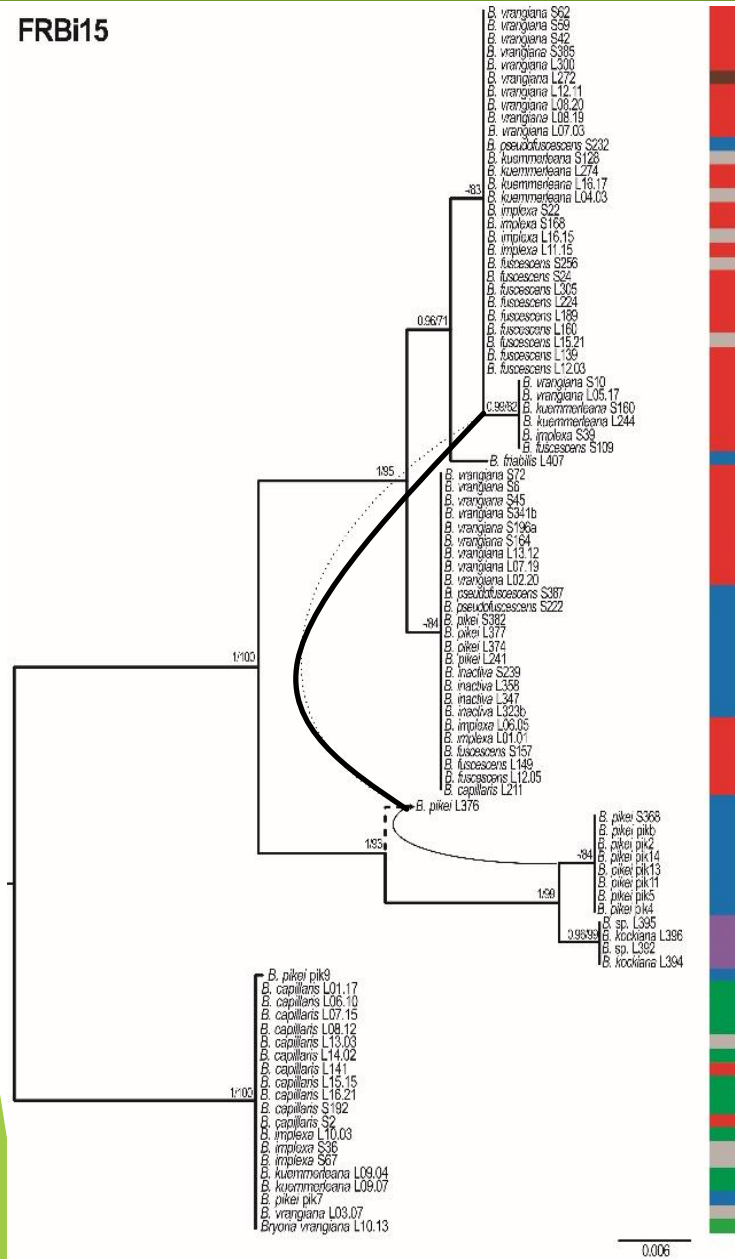


Evidence of incomplete  
lineage sorting

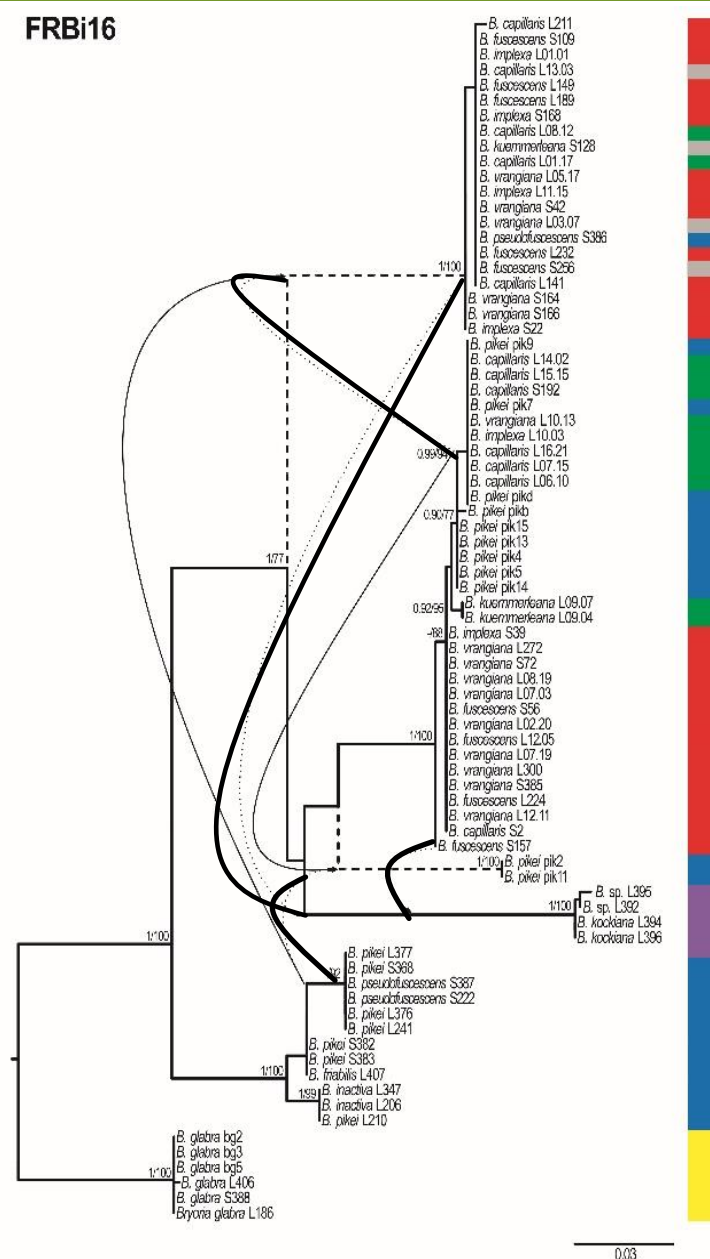


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FRBi15



FRBi16

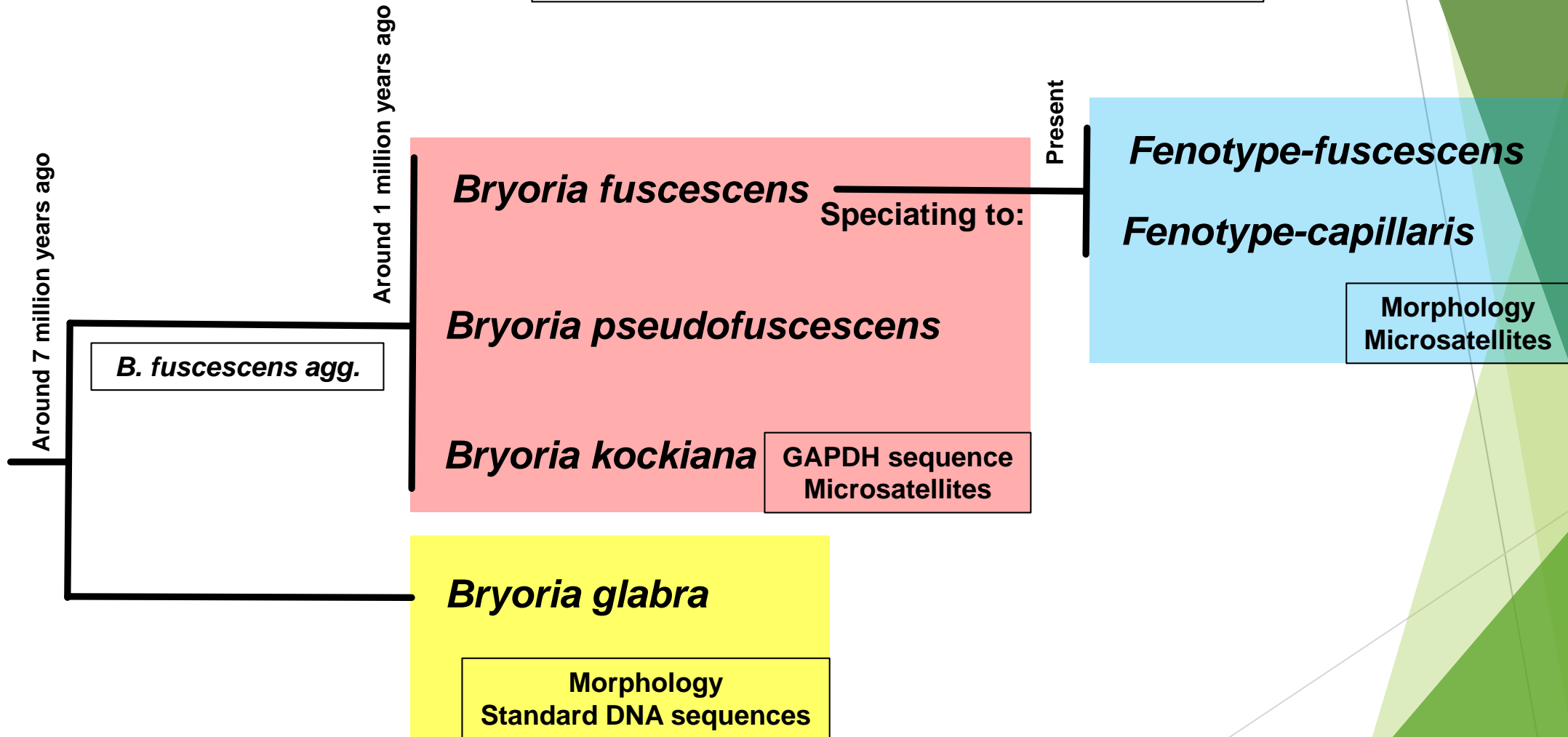


ML & Bayesian phylogenetic reconstruction of intergenic loci FRBi15 & FRBi16

Evidence of recombination

# Chapter 7 *Bryoria* phylogeography

## Evolutionary conclusions



# Main Conclusions

- **1.** Fluorescence microscopy is confirmed as a useful tool to locate and sometimes identify the secondary metabolites stored in the lichen thalli.
- **2.** In *Bryoria fuscescens* agg. the presence-absence and composition in extrolites are variable in different thallus parts and sometimes associated with pseudocyphellae or soralia.
- **3.** In *Bryoria fuscescens* s. l. specimens, there is no correlation between extrolites composition, the genetic affinity and the morphospecies.
- **4.** The populations of *Bryoria fuscescens* s. l. in the Mediterranean Region show a combination of characters that does not fit with the established morphospecies concept based on boreal specimens.
- **5.** New microsatellite markers specific for *Bryoria* sect. *Implexae* has been obtained to perform phylogeographical studies at population level.

# Main Conclusions

- **6.** Integrative taxonomy allows to develop a species concept in *Bryoria* sect. *Implexae* that do not reveal taxonomies with single approaches. Of the 14 morphospecies analyzed, only four accomplish with the phylogenetic species concept, being *Bryoria fuscescens*, *B. kockiana* and *B. pseudofuscescens* cryptic and *B. glabra* distinguishable.
- **7.** The species of *Bryoria fuscescens* agg. represent the most recent speciation event known in lichens.
- **8.** *Bryoria fuscescens* s. str. includes three main genepools in Europe and North Africa, two of them widely distributed, whereas one is restricted to North Scandinavia. The genetic traits of the latter are intermediate between *Bryoria fuscescens* and *B. pseudofuscescens*.
- **9.** The high dispersal capacities of *Bryoria fuscescens* s. str. detected here seems influenced by an artefact of shared ancestral polymorphisms.

# Main Conclusions

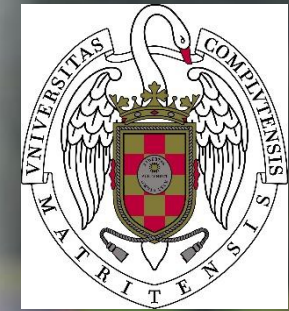
- **10.** The Scandinavian Peninsula, followed by the Alps and the Iberian Peninsula, have the richest genetic diversity of *Bryoria fuscescens* s. str. in Europe. The genetic diversity of the populations do not correlate with the presence or absence of apothecia.
- **11.** *Bryoria fuscescens* s. str. seems involved in an evolutionary process influenced by genetic drift towards two phenotypic groups with high levels of incomplete lineage sorting.
- **12.** The lichenicolous fungus *Raesaenenia huuskonenii* grows on *Bryoria fuscescens* agg. independently of the morphospecies, chemotype or genepool.
- **13.** The *Bryoria* specimens collected in Chile belongs to an undescribed species here proposed as *Bryoria araucana*.
- **14.** *Bryoria mariensis* must be considered a synonym with *Pseudephebe minuscula*.
- **15.** *Pseudephebe minuscula* is a very variable species whose morphology overlaps with that of *P. pubescens*, so both species must be considered cryptic.

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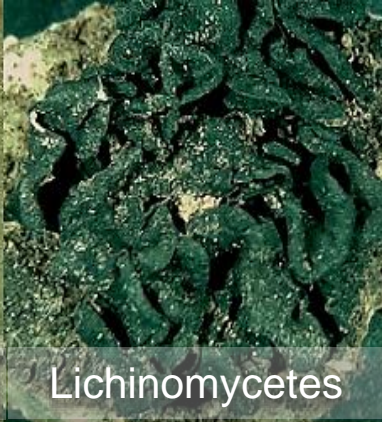
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Arthoniomycetes



Lecanoromycetes



Lichinomycetes



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# Introduction

Sexual reproduction



Population sizes



Predators



Human interactions



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Genetic & phenotypic diversity

Species conservation  
Basic knowledge

Parasites



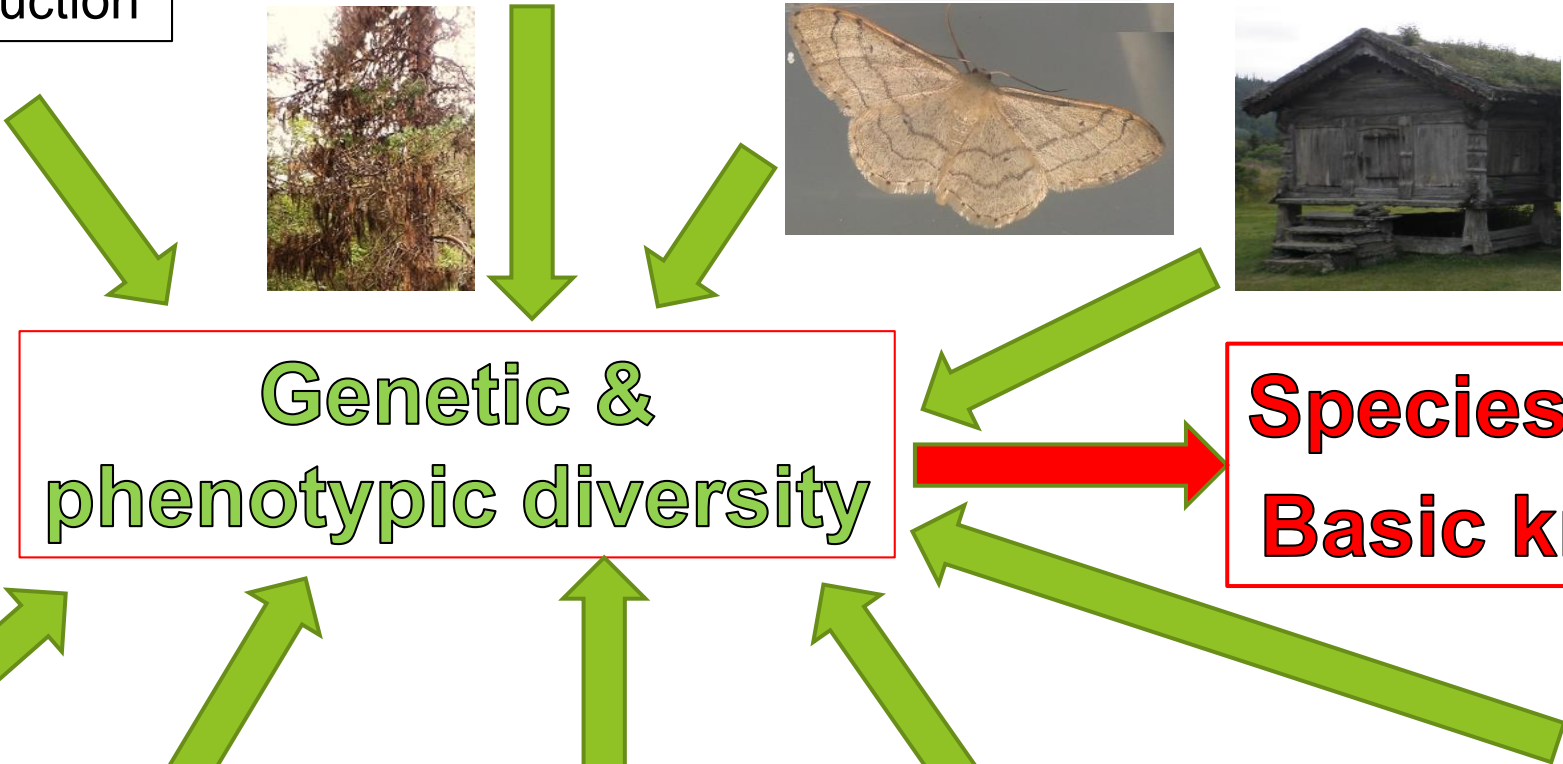
Dispersal capacities



Environment



Environmental changes



# Chapter 1 *Pseudephebe* species concept

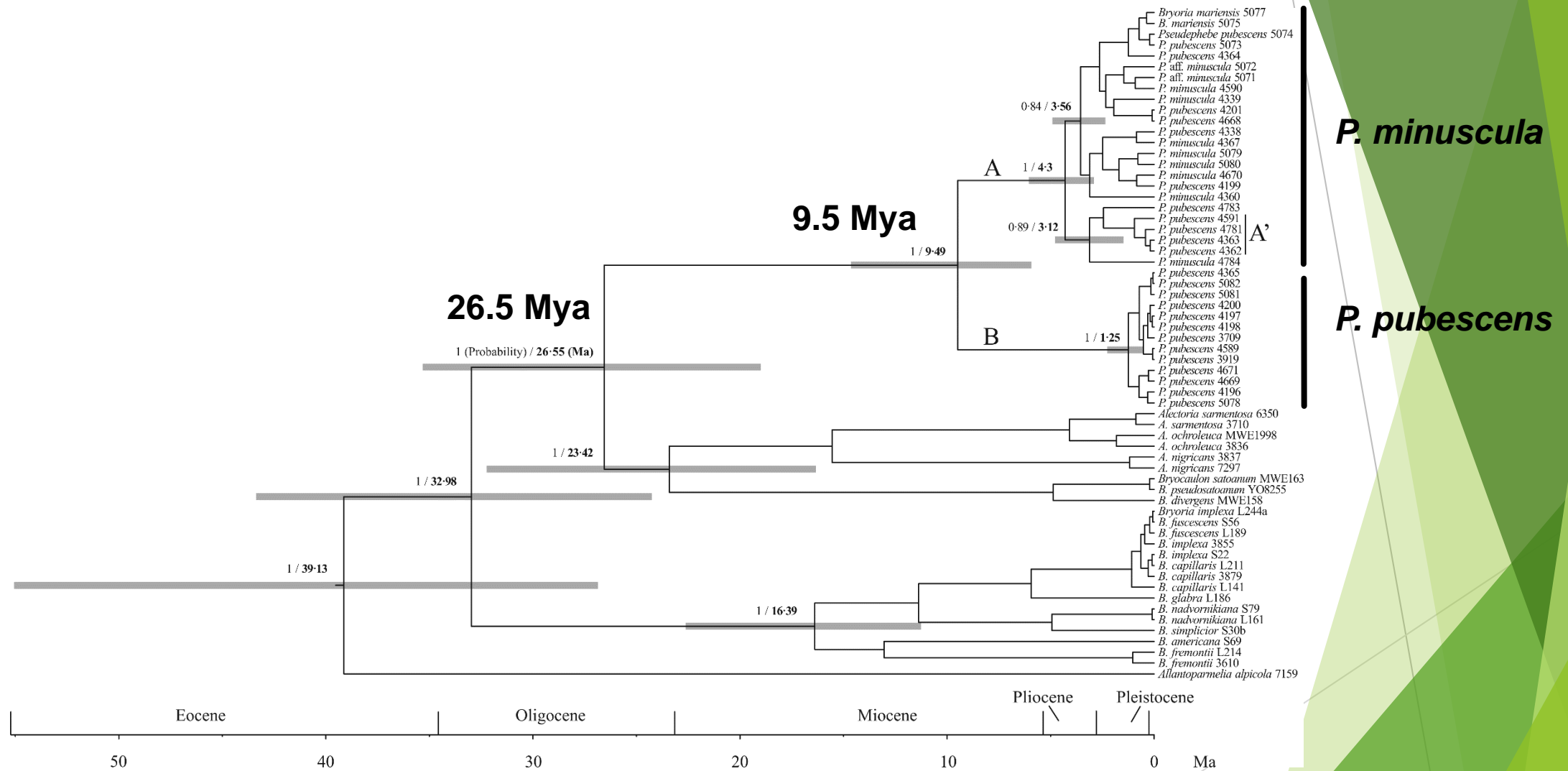
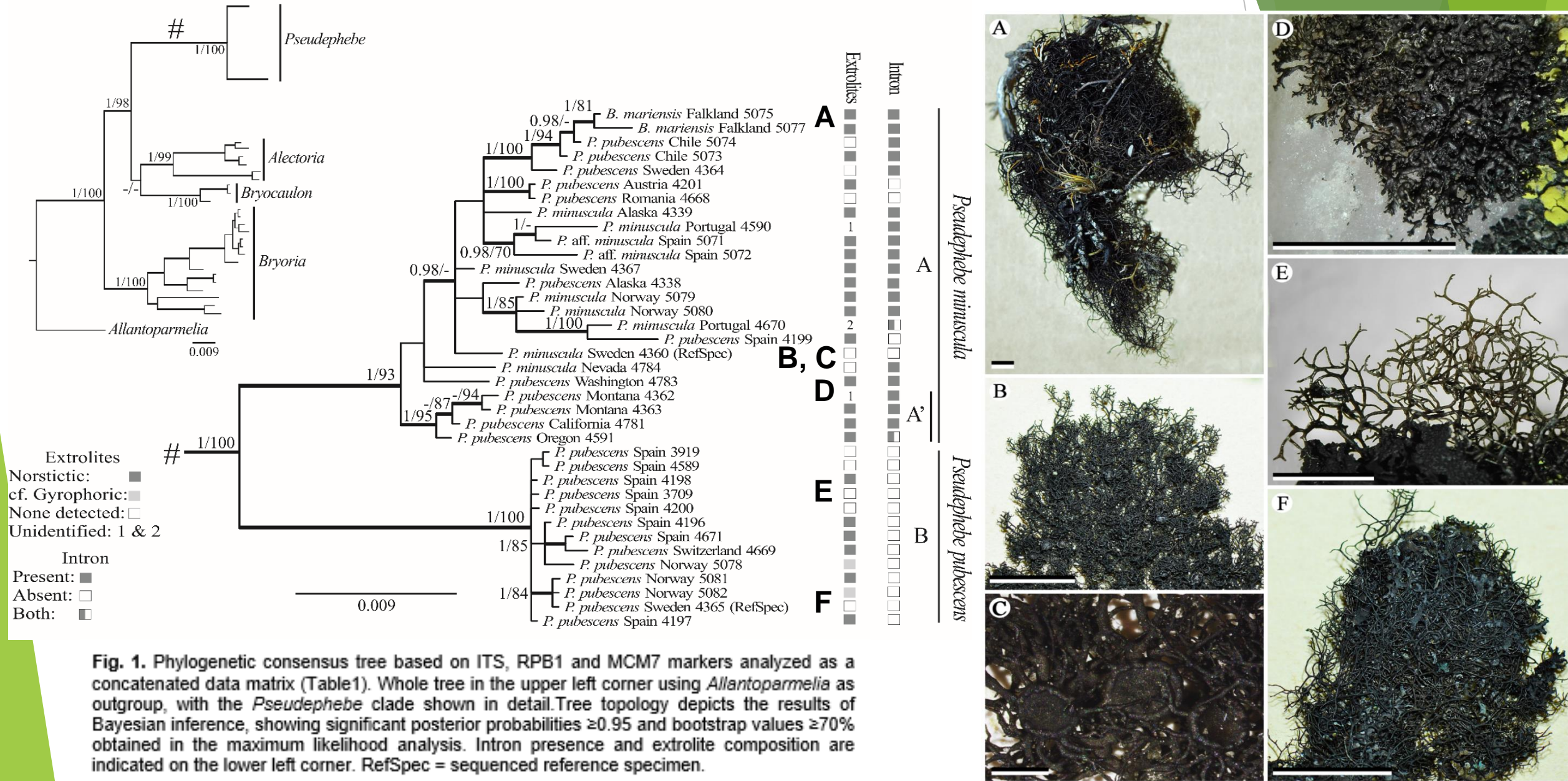


Fig. S1. Dated BEAST maximum clade credibility tree estimated from three-loci concatenated data. Grey bars indicating the 95% highest posterior density interval for the estimated divergence times. Posterior probabilities of interesting nodes and its divergence time as the mean posterior estimate of their age in Mya. Clades A, A' and B indicated as in Fig. 1.

# Chapter 1 *Pseudephebe* species concept



**Fig. 1.** Phylogenetic consensus tree based on ITS, RPB1 and MCM7 markers analyzed as a concatenated data matrix (Table1). Whole tree in the upper left corner using *Allantoparmelia* as outgroup, with the *Pseudephebe* clade shown in detail. Tree topology depicts the results of Bayesian inference, showing significant posterior probabilities  $\geq 0.95$  and bootstrap values  $\geq 70\%$  obtained in the maximum likelihood analysis. Intron presence and extrolite composition are indicated on the lower left corner. RefSpec = sequenced reference specimen.