

# Barcode and community phylogeny of a subtropical forest plot



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# DNA Barcodes

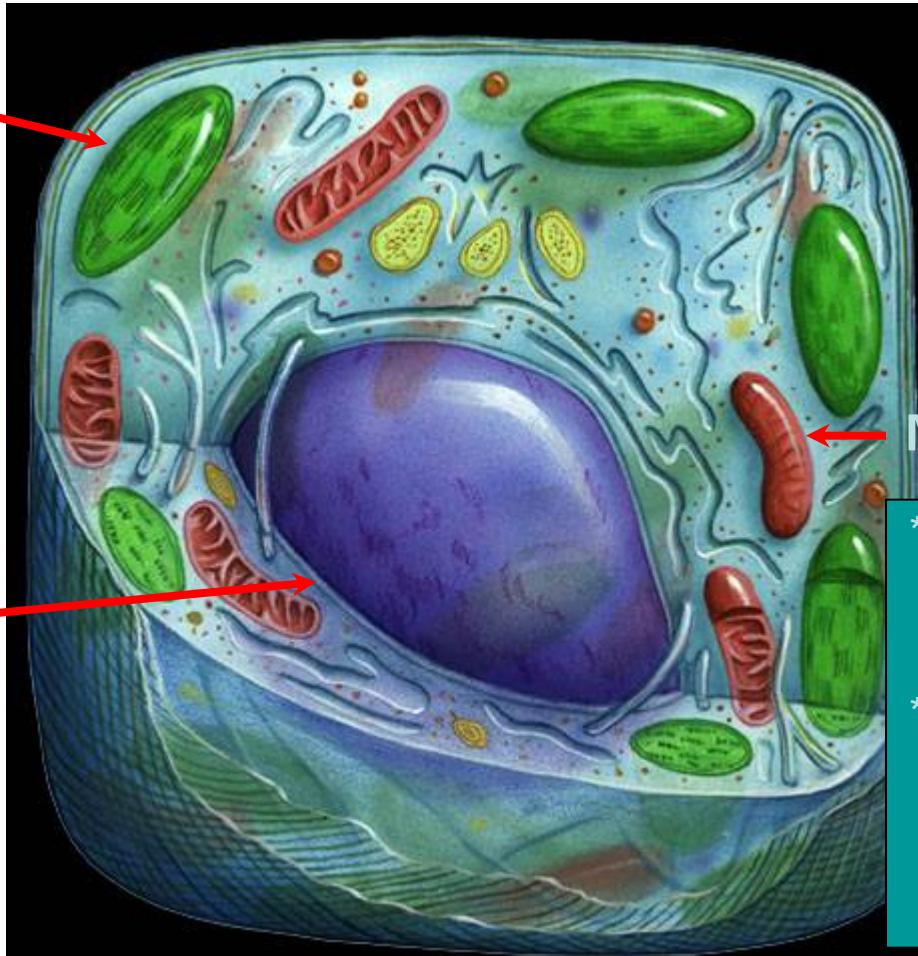


A short **universal** gene sequence taken from a standardized portion of the genome used to identify species

# Three Genomes of Plant Cells for Barcode Candidates

## Chloroplast

- \* High copy number
- \* Conserved structure
- \* Diversity of substitution rates across genes, introns, and intergenic spacers



## Nuclear

- \* Contain the most variable loci
- \* Problems with multi-gene families
- \* Single-copy genes often technically difficult

## Mitochondrial

- \* Locus of choice for animal barcoding is mitochondrial COI
- \* Limitations with plants
  - Low divergence
  - Rapid genome rearrangements

# Challenges for plant barcoding

- Choosing a plant barcode
  - Plant mtDNA substitution rates much slower than in animals (CO1 does not work well in plants)
  - cpDNA a better alternative, but still slower than animal mtDNA
- Discriminatory power
  - Plant species frequently hybridise, and there are many examples of recent speciation

# Choosing the plant barcoding region

## ***Proposed solutions:***

Chase et al (2007):

(Taxon 56, 295-299)

*rpoC1 + rpoB + matK*

## *rpoC1 + matK + trnH-psbA*

Kim et al (2007):

(unpublished)

*matK + atpF-H + psbK-*

## *matK + atpF-H + trnH-psbA*

Kress/Erickson (2007):

(PLoS ONE 2, e508 )

rbcL + trnH-psbA

Lahaye et al. (2008):

(PNAS 105, 2923–2928

*Nature Precedings* <http://hdl.handle.net/10101/npre.2008.1896.1>

*matK* (or *matK* + *trnH-psbA*)

## Plant working group (2007)

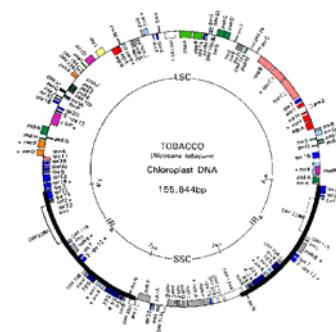
(minutes of Taipei meeting)

matK + trnH-psbA + atpF-H

## **Plant working group (2009)**

## **(Mexico meeting)**

*rbcL + matK* ( + *trnH-psbA, ITS*)

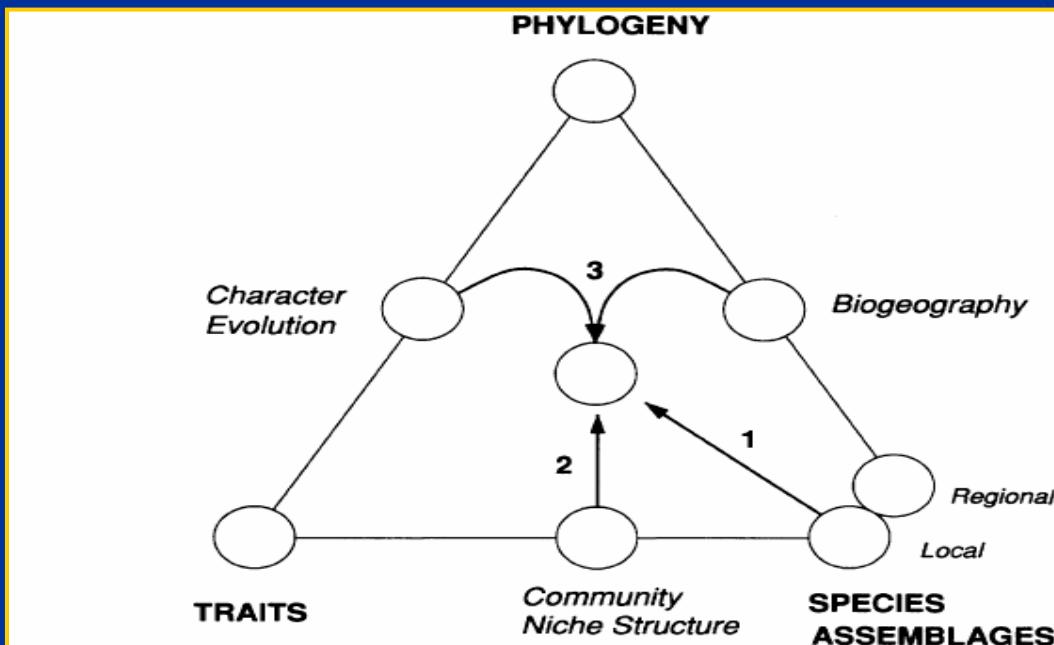


# Applications of plant barcoding

- Species identification and Cryptic species discovery
- Identification of plant material in diets (animal, insect)
- Identification and origin study of invasive species
- Root system study
- CTFS plots

## Exploring the Phylogenetic Structure of Ecological Communities: An Example for Rain Forest Trees

Campbell O. Webb\*



**Figure 1** Schematic summary of various approaches to the integration of phylogeny, traits, and communities. (1) Examining the phylogenetic structure of community assemblages; (2) exploring the phylogenetic basis of community niche structure; (3) adding community context to studies of trait evolution and biogeography.

# THE PHYLOGENETIC STRUCTURE OF A NEOTROPICAL FOREST TREE COMMUNITY

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## INVITED REVIEW

# Emerging patterns in the comparative analysis of phylogenetic community structure

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REVIEW AND  
SYNTHESIS

The merging of community ecology and phylogenetic biology

A phylogenetic perspective on the distribution of plant diversity

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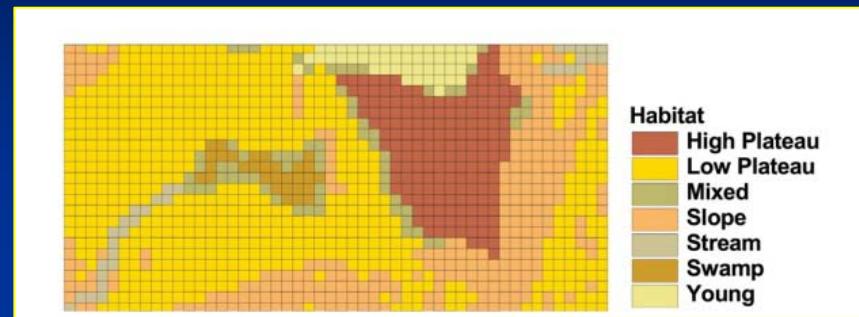
Phylogenetic studies are revealing that major ecological niches are more conserved through evolutionary history than expected. Implying that adaptations to major climate changes have not readily been accomplished in all lineages. Phylogenetic niche conservatism has important consequences for the assembly of both local com-

with respect to the environments that they occupied. This was said to be especially true in plants. For example, Arthur Cronquist, the prime architect of angiosperm classification in that era (from the 1960s through the 1980s), pointed out repeatedly that higher taxa were not readily characterized by particular ecolog-



50-ha Forest Dynamics Plot on BCI, Panama (281 species):  
Community Phylogeny using a Supermatrix Approach with *rbcL/trnH-psbA/matK*

# Barcodes vs. Phylomatic



## Phylomatic Phylogeny:

*Phylogenetically clustered* = High Plateau, Low Plateau and Young Habitats

*Phylogenetically Over-dispersed* = Swamp and Slope Habitats

*Phylogenetically Random* = Stream and Mixed Habitats

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# Outline

- Sampling
- Sequencing
- Tree reconstructing
- Community phylogenetic structure
- Conclusions

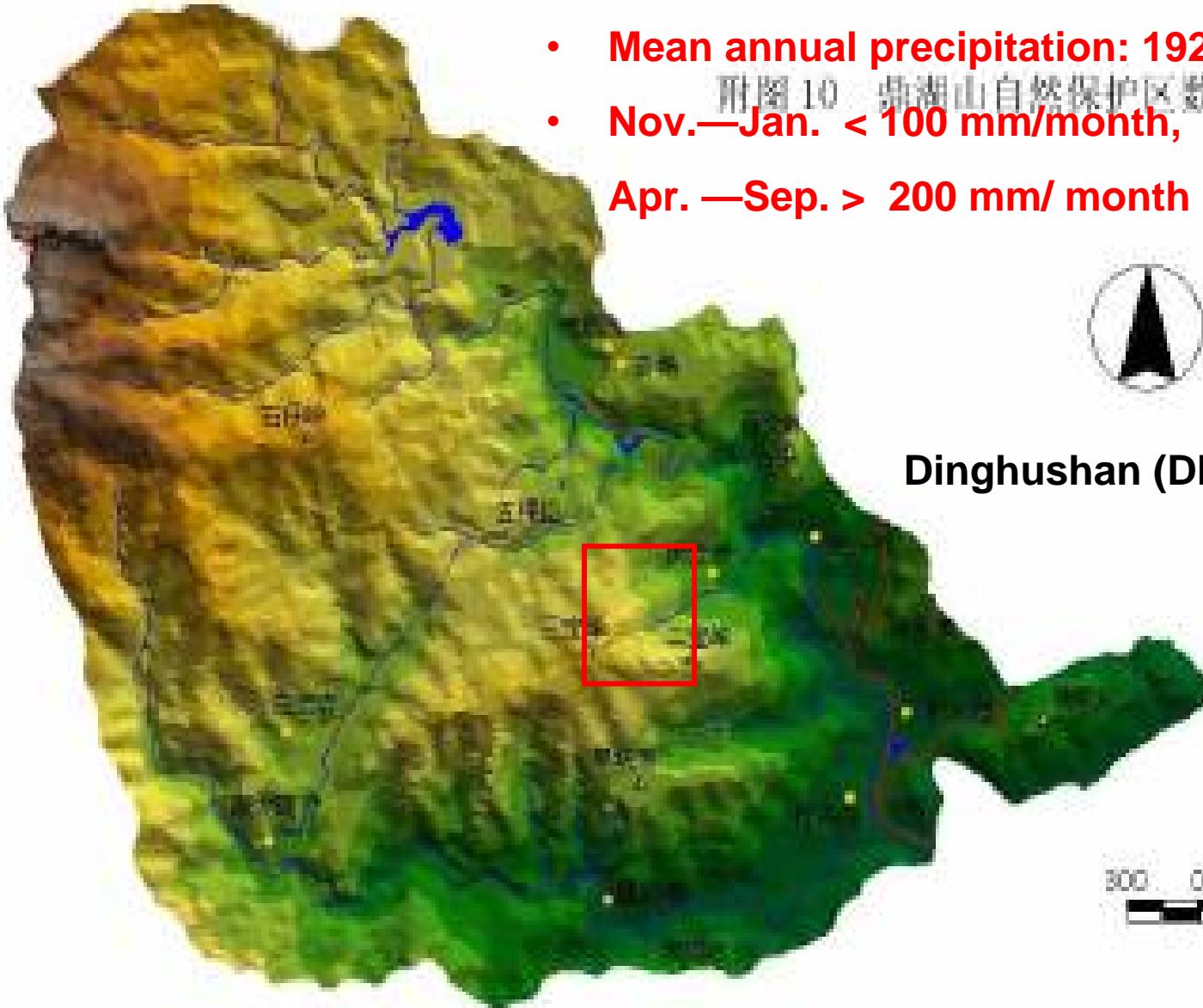


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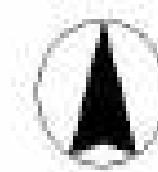
# The Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS)



- Annual average temperature : 20.9 °C
- Mean annual precipitation: 1929 mm
- Nov.—Jan. < 100 mm/month,  
Apr. —Sep. > 200 mm/ month

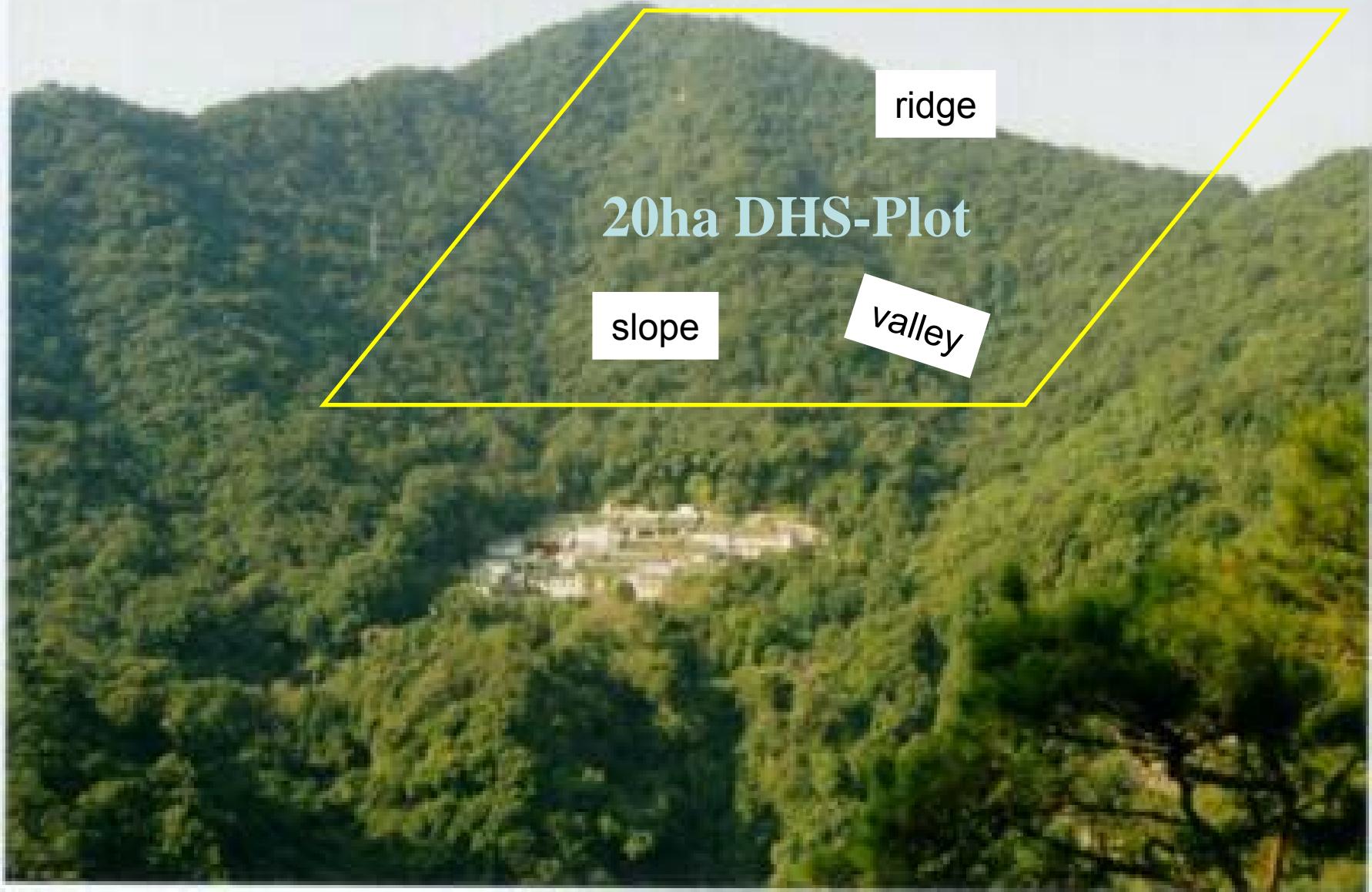


Dinghushan (DHS) nature reserve



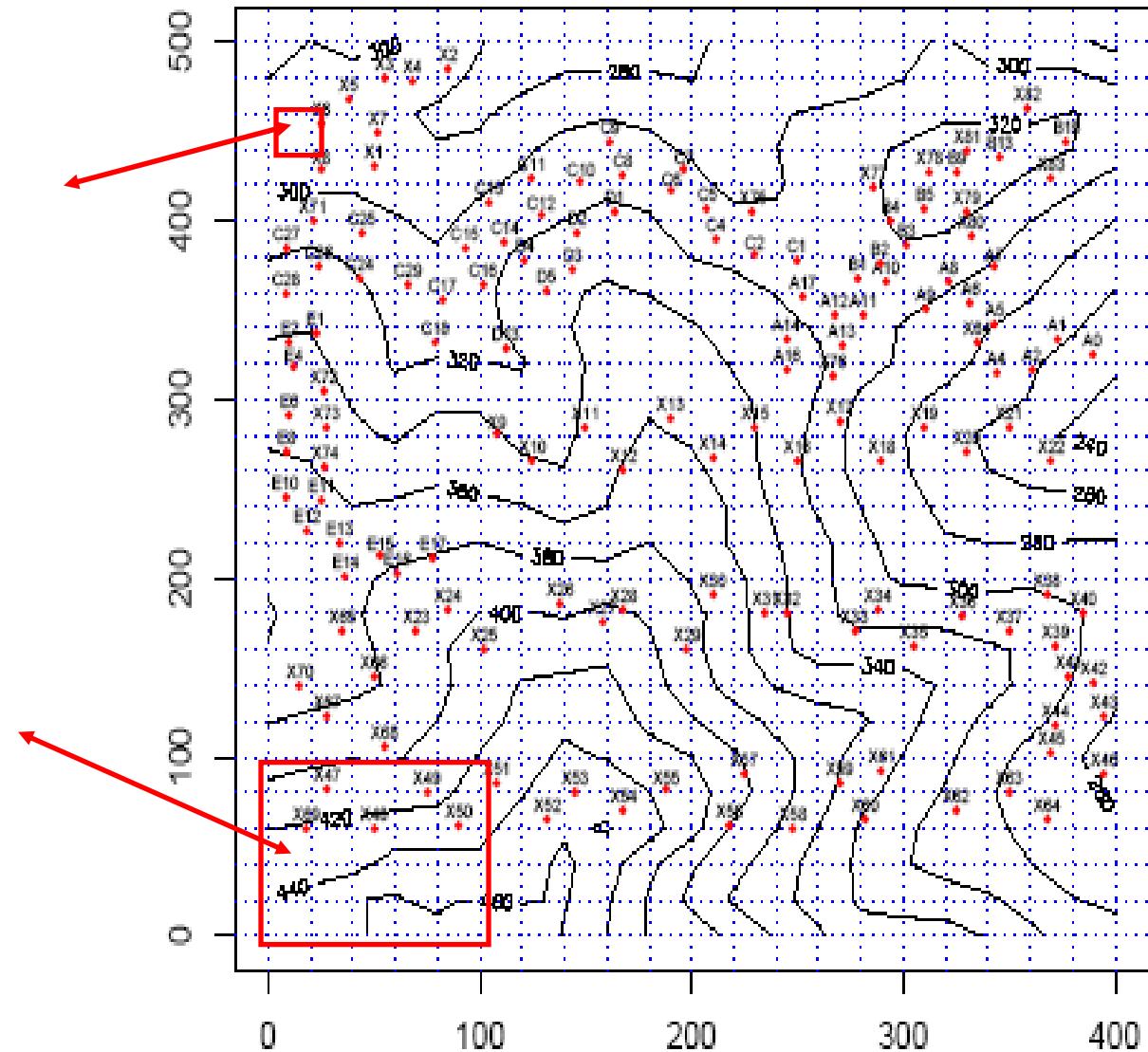
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# Different habitats



# Different spatial scales

- $20 \times 20$  m,  
500 subplots
- $100 \times 100$  m,  
20 subplots



# Sampling

- ▶ Species diversity in nature reserve:  
278 families, more than 2000 species, including  
Gymnosperms, Angiosperms, Moss and Ferns
- ▶ Molecular sampling in the plot:  
51 families  
188 species  
500 samples

# Sequencing

► A **multi-locus barcode** for land plants:

*rbcLa*

*matK*

*trnH-psbA*

# PCR and sequencing results of single primer

	<i>rbcLa</i>		<i>matK</i>		<i>trnH-psbA</i>	
	PCR	SEQ	PCR	SEQ	PCR	SEQ
# Species (188)	188	188	169	167	184	182
<i>percent</i>	1	1	0.8989	0.8883	0.9737	0.9681
	PCR	SEQ	PCR	SEQ	PCR	SEQ
Order (24)	-	24	-	23*	-	24
Family (51)	-	51	-	49	-	51
Genus (110)	-	110	-	100	-	108

*rbcLa >trnH-psbA >matK*

# Sequencing results of combining primers

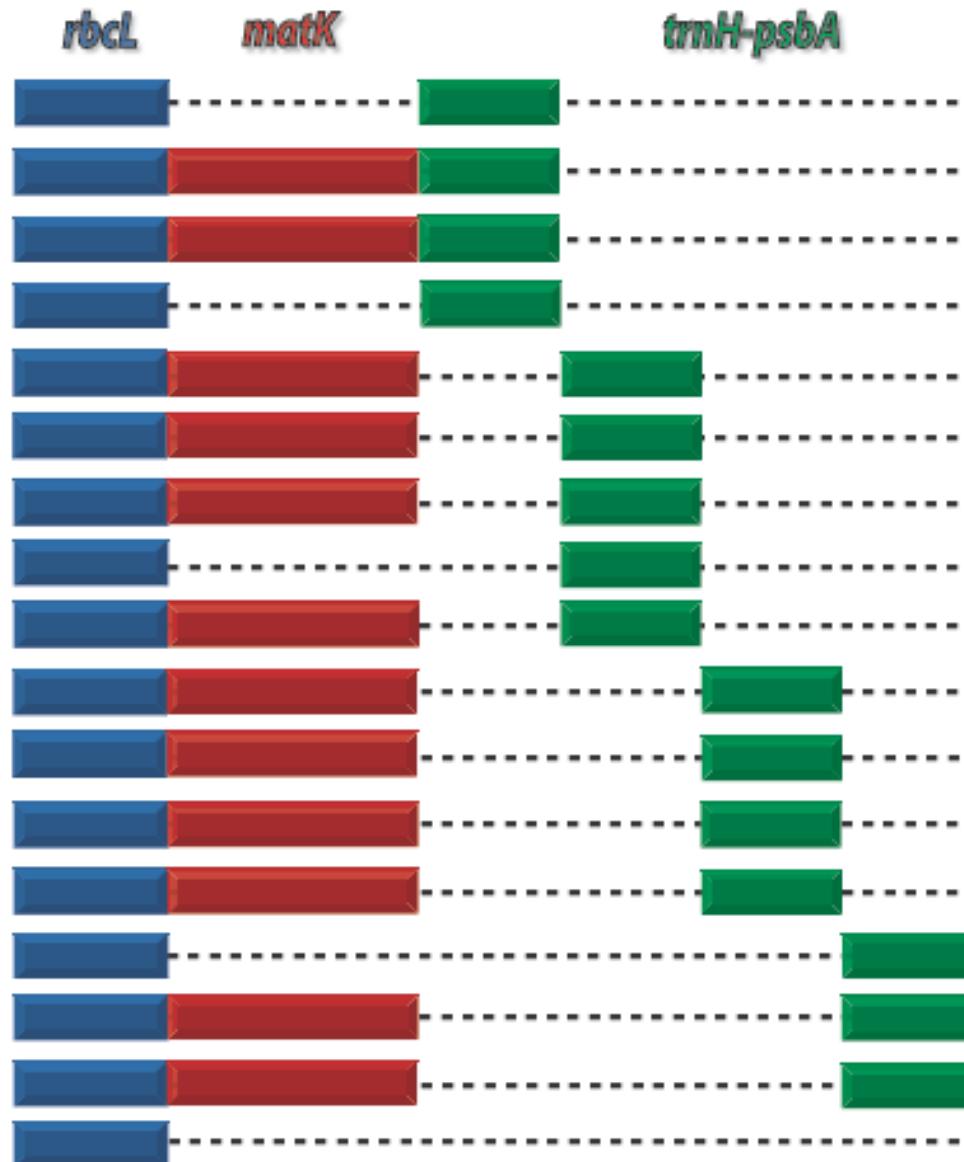
	<i>rbcLa+matK</i>	<i>rbcLa+trnH-psbA</i>	<i>matK+ trnH-psbA</i>	<i>rbcLa+matK+trnH-psbA</i>			
	Either	Both	Either	Both	Either	Both	All
	SEQ	SEQ	SEQ	SEQ	SEQ	SEQ	SEQ
# Species (188) <sup>†</sup>	188 <sup>‡</sup>	167 <sup>‡</sup>	188 <sup>‡</sup>	182 <sup>‡</sup>	183 <sup>‡</sup>	166 <sup>‡</sup>	166 <sup>‡</sup>
percent <sup>‡</sup>	1 <sup>‡</sup>	0.8883 <sup>‡</sup>	1 <sup>‡</sup>	0.9681 <sup>‡</sup>	0.9734 <sup>‡</sup>	0.8830 <sup>‡</sup>	0.8830 <sup>‡</sup>
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*rbcLa+matK+trnH-psbA* can provide the most information sites.

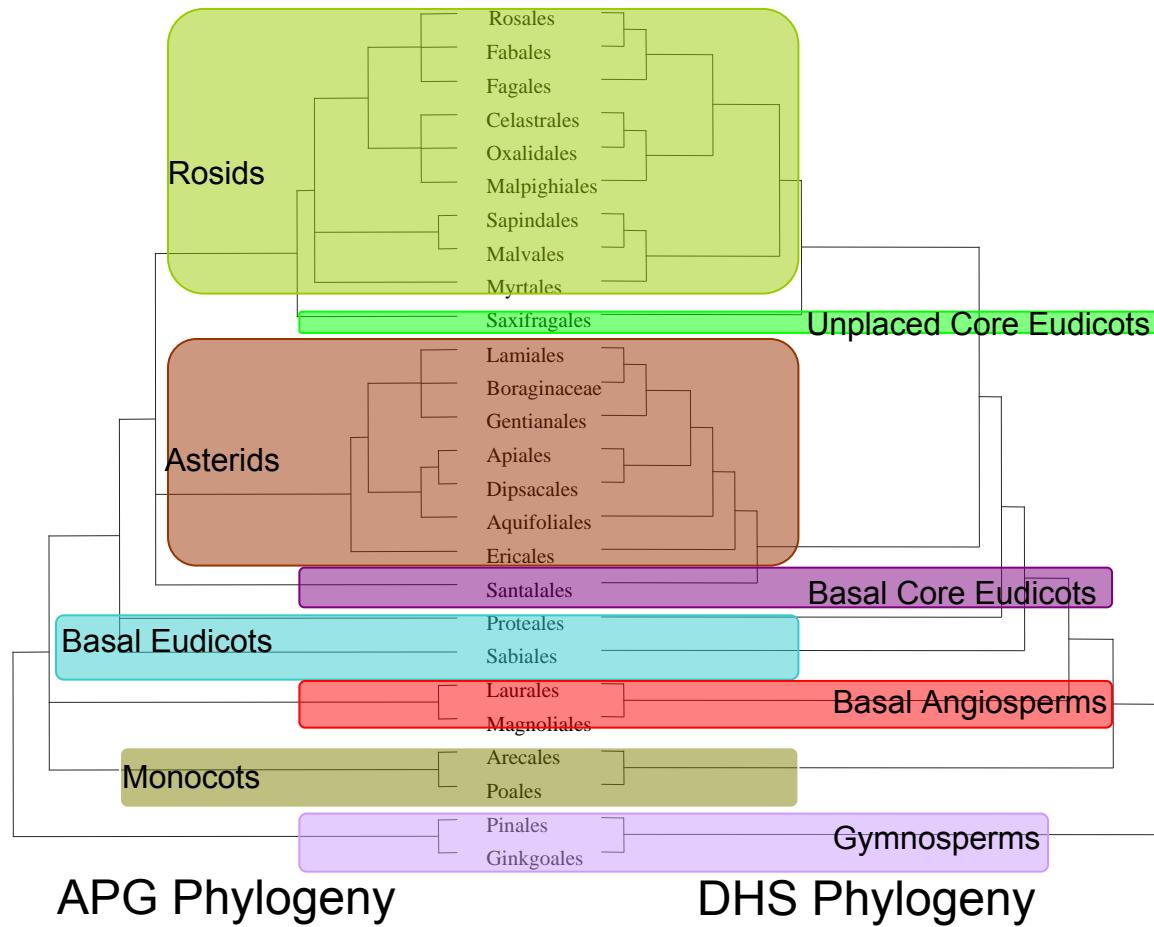
# BLAST results for rates of correct identification (CI) for all species, as well as for genera, families and orders

Frequency of correct identification (BLAST) <sup>a</sup>				
Taxonomic Rank <sup>a</sup>	Measure <sup>a</sup>	<i>rbcL</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>matK</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>trnH-psbA</i> <sup>a</sup>
Species (188) <sup>a</sup>	CI frequency <sup>a</sup>	55.85%	73.65%	71.98%
	Recovery x CI <sup>a</sup>	55.85%	65.42%	69.68%
Genus (110) <sup>a</sup>	CI frequency <sup>a</sup>	89.09%	91%	96.36%
	Recovery x CI <sup>a</sup>	89.09%	80.84%	93.28%
Family (51) <sup>a</sup>	CI frequency <sup>a</sup>	100%	100%	100%
	Recovery x CI <sup>a</sup>	100%	88.83%	96.81%
Order (24) <sup>a</sup>	CI frequency <sup>a</sup>	100%	100%	100%
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# Barcode sequence supermatrix

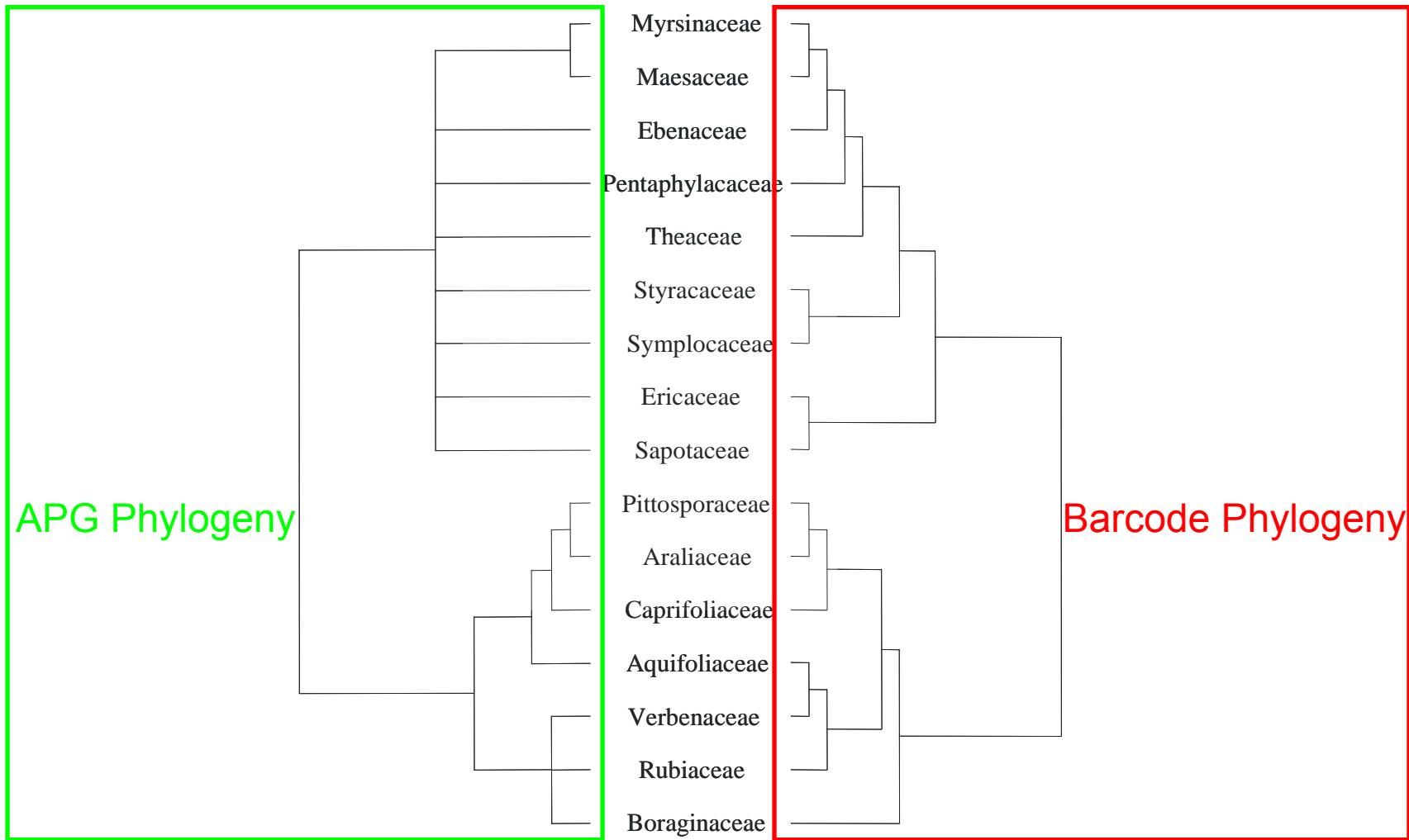


# Barcode and APG Phylogeny of 26 orders in DHS plot



DHS phylogeny is better resolved than APG phylogeny.

# Topology of Families within the Asterids of DHS plot



Barcode phylogeny is better resolved than APG phylogeny.

# Community assembly

**Webb hypothesis:**

- ▶ Small plot (local community), clustered?
- ▶ Large plot (pool community), overdispersed?

(Webb et al. 2000, 2002)

# NRI & NTI

- Two index describing the community assembly

$$NRI = 1 - (\bar{x} / \bar{x}_{\max})$$

$$NTI = 1 - [\bar{x}_{\min} / (\bar{x}_{\min})_{\max}]$$

- Positive values >>> clustered
- Negative values >>> overdispersed

# Local community vs. Pool community

- ▶  $H_0$ : species are assembled into local communities at random
- ▶ For 20 m × 20 m
  - mean NRI =  $0.1411 \pm 0.0533$ , p = 0.008
  - mean NTI =  $-0.0079 \pm 0.0470$ , p = 0.866
- ▶ Phylogenetic clustered in local community
- ▶ For 100 m × 100 m
  - mean NRI =  $0.0711 \pm 0.2466$ , p = 0.776
  - mean NTI =  $0.1568 \pm 0.2047$ , p = 0.453
- ▶ Random in pool community

# Habitat partitioning hypothesis

## ► Habitat heterogeneity

important in the maintenance of tropical forest tree species diversity

# Five habitats in DHS plot

- ▶ high/low slope
- ▶ high/low valley
- ▶ ridge

# Community assembly patterns

## Phylomatic Phylogeny:

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*Phylogenetically Random* = High Valley Habitat

# Some differentiations

- ▶ Correct barcoding identification:  
98% in BCI using three-locus barcodes;  
96% in French Guiana using morphology and molecular, but <70% using any barcode
- ▶ Community phylogenetic structure (BCI):  
phylogenetic clustering: high plateau, young and young habitats;  
phylogenetic overdispersion: swamp and slope habitats

# Conclusions

- ▶ Three-locus barcode well identify all taxa
- ▶ Plant DNA barcodes well resolve the phylogeny of Dinghushan forest community
- ▶ *rbcLa+matK+trnH-psbA* supermatrix performs well in tree reconstructing
- ▶ Species in local community were more phylogenetically related than expected by chance, while in pool community did not
- ▶ Different habitat shows different community phylogenetic structure
- ▶ Highly resolved phylogenies based on DNA barcode sequence data will enhance research focused on the interface between community ecology and evolution

☺Thank you for attention!

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