

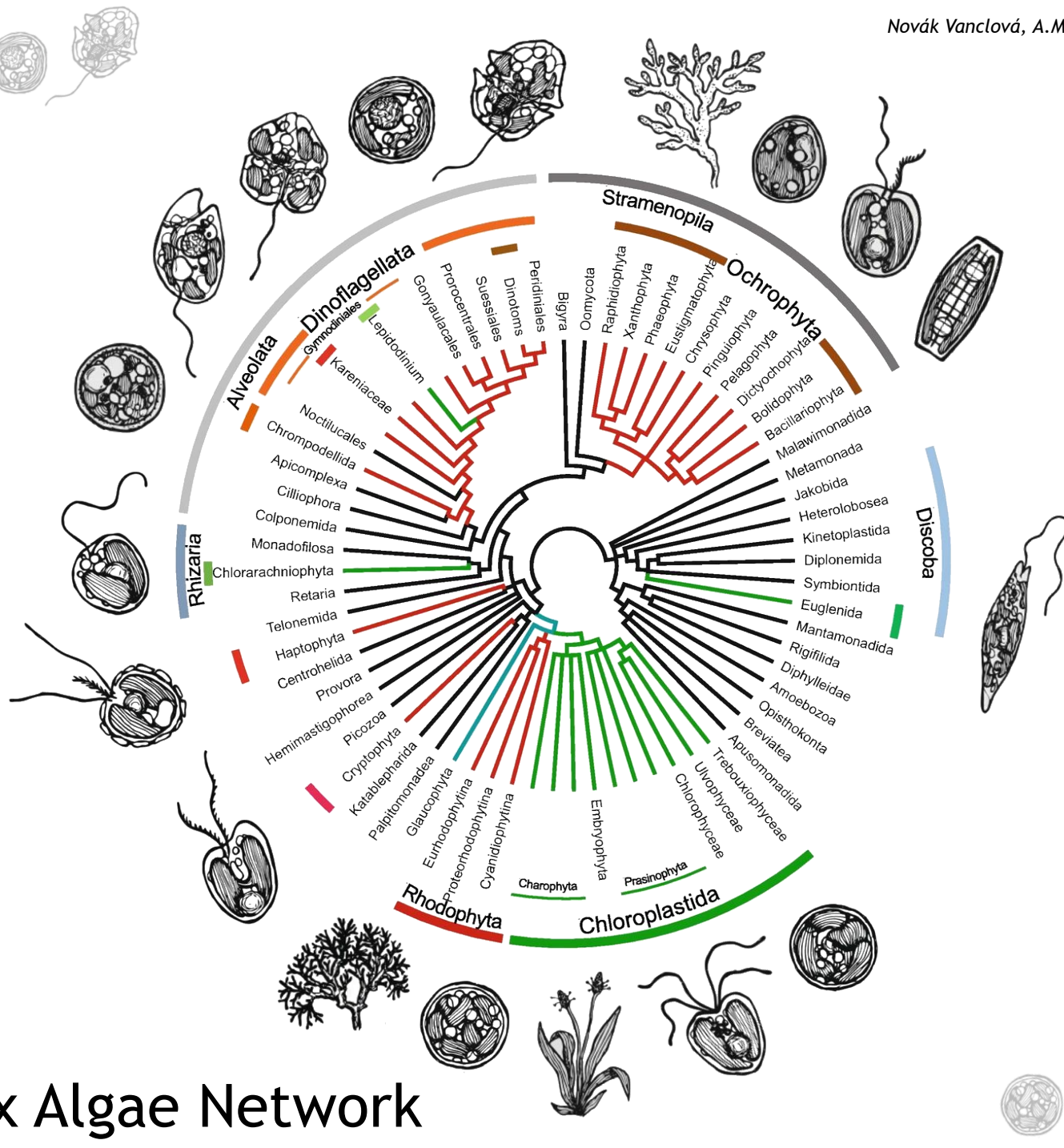


Underestimated genomic footprint of kleptoplasty in complex algae evolution?

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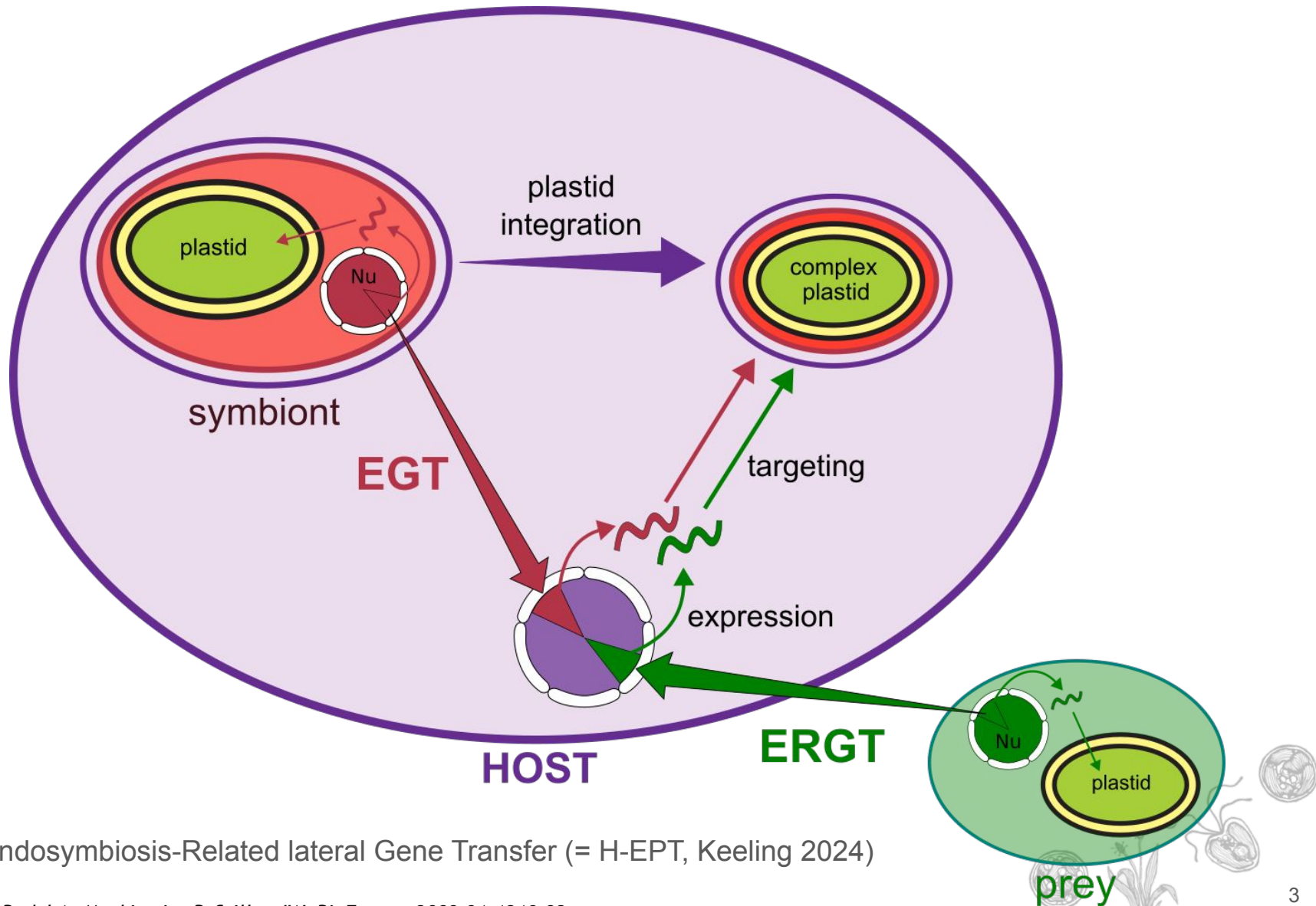
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Complex Algae Network

Nucleus-encoded and plastid-targeted genes



ERGT = Endosymbiosis-Related lateral Gene Transfer (= H-EPT, Keeling 2024)

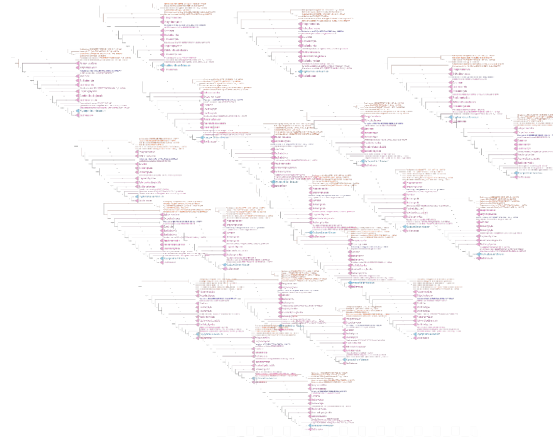
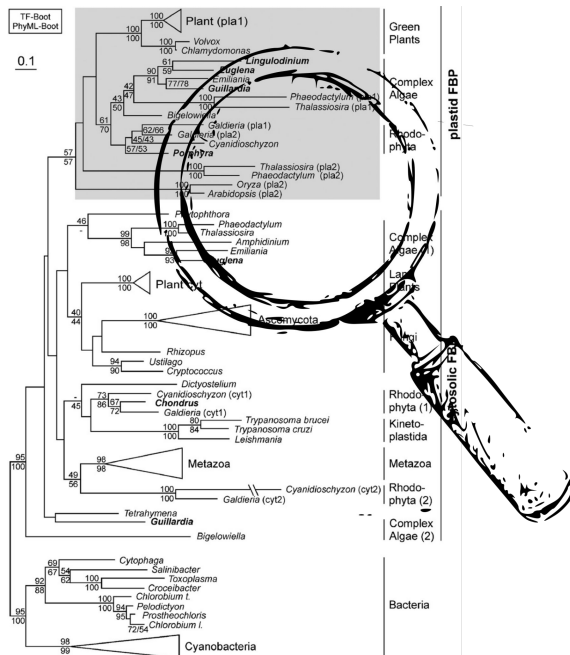
Gene transfer analysis strategies

SINGLE-GENE

- scrutiny
- one/few gene(s) story
 - e.g. GAPDH, FBA, SBP/FBP

LARGE SCALE

- numerous trees
- sister relationship/not true GT



Combined approach for GT inference

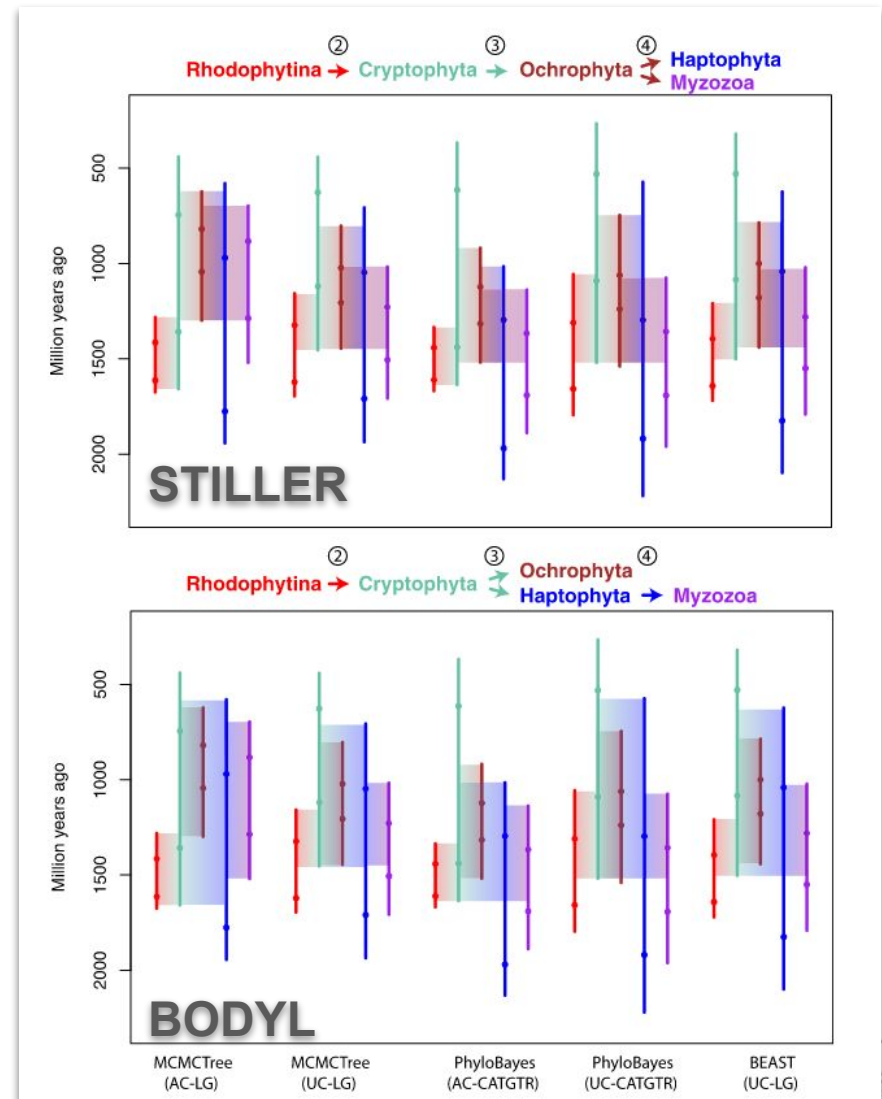
Program

- tree parser
- true gene transfers
 - paraphyly detection

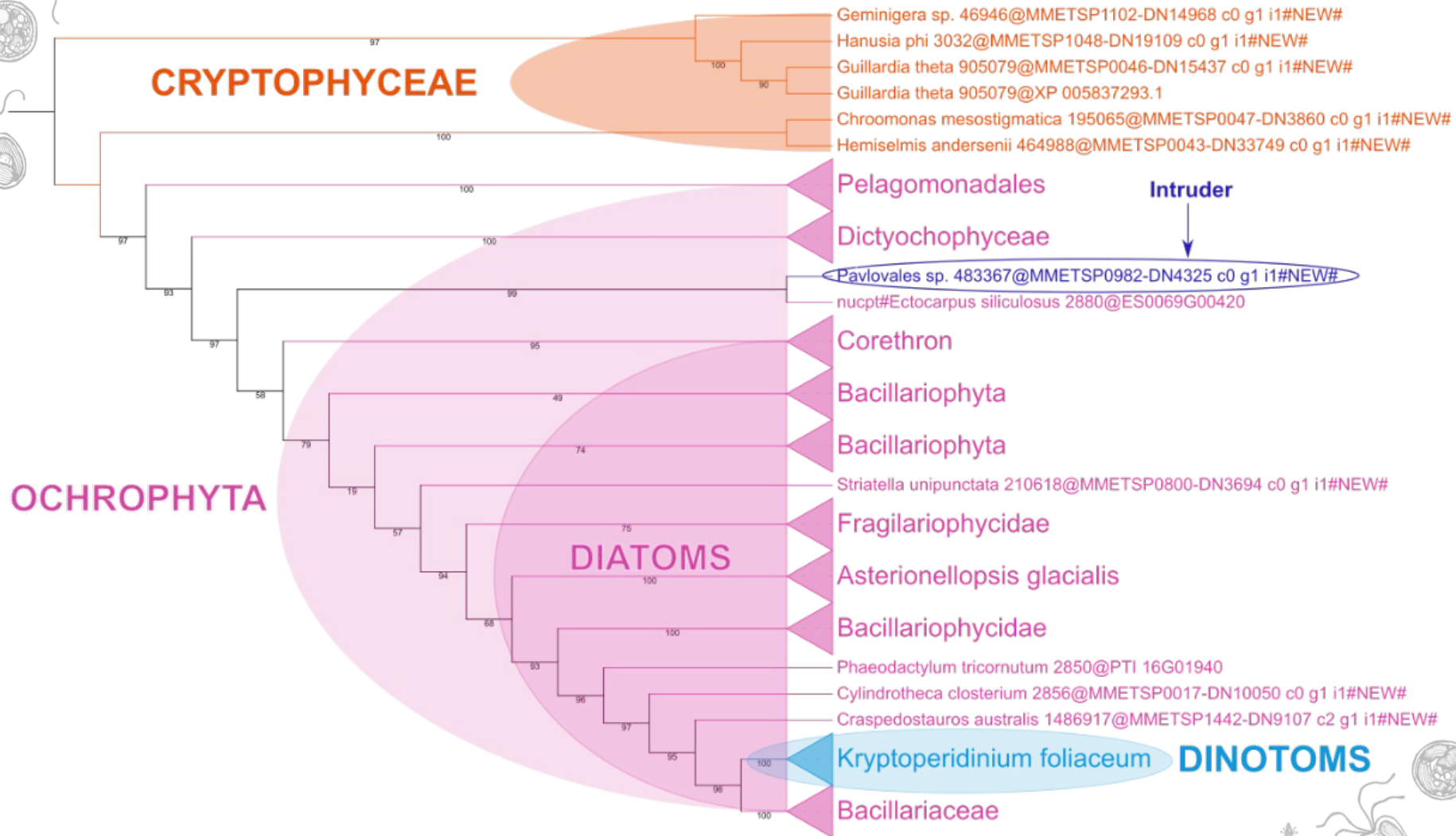
Core feature: age class

- molecular clock →
- avoid impossible transfers
- intruder handling
- nested transfers

RHODOPLEX-like scenarios →



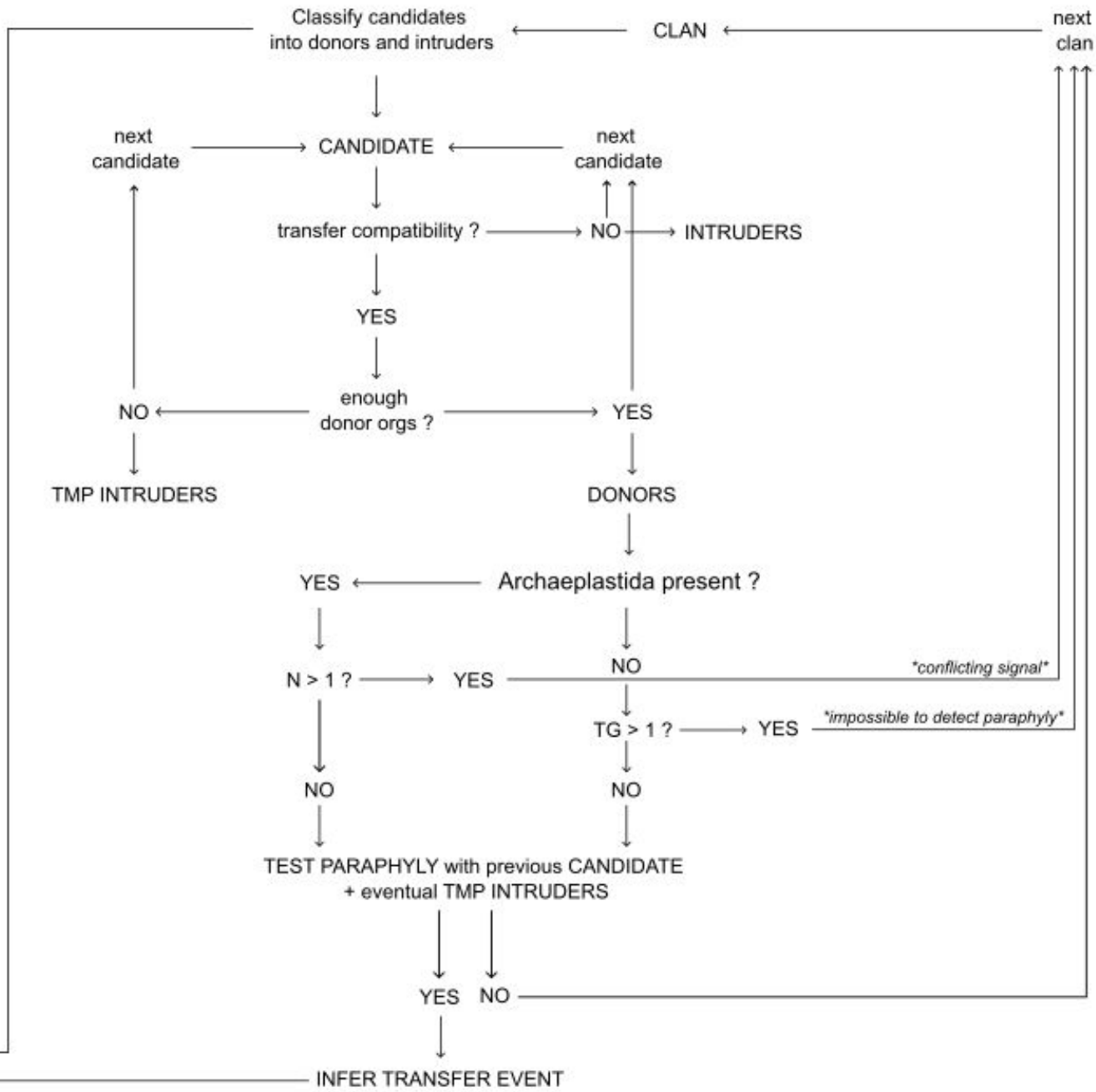
GT inference by paraphyly detection



Step 1 : Receiver clan identification



Step 2: Candidate donors filtering (paraphyly detection)



Dataset

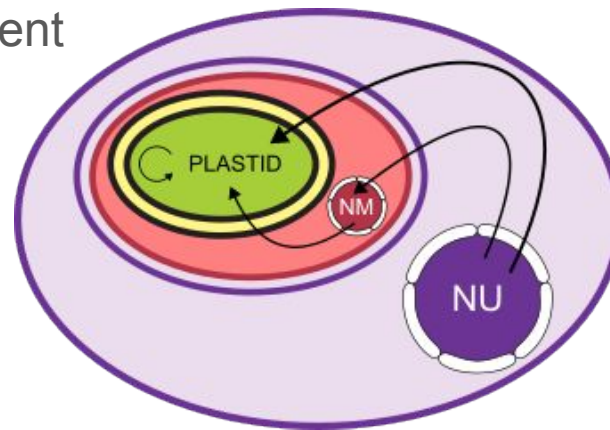
Common issues & solutions

- taxon sampling
 - proteomes (public databases)
 - transcriptomes (MMETSP)
- contamination & redundancy
 - *dedicated pipelines (BMC Res. Notes)*
- gene families & paralogs
 - Orthogroups → trees → PS sub-trees

Plastid-targeted proteins tagging

Curtis 2012, Dorrell 2017, Novak Vanclova 2020, ...

- encoding compartment



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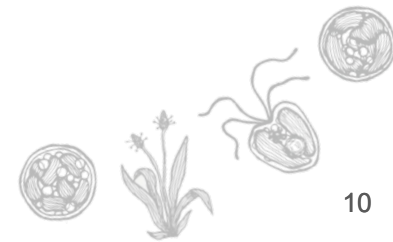
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- ★ 73 high quality proteomes
- ★ ~ 40 000 photosynthetic clans

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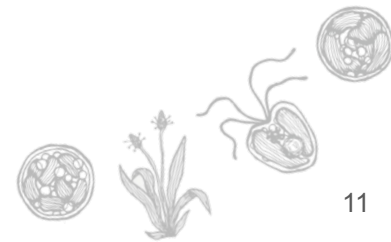
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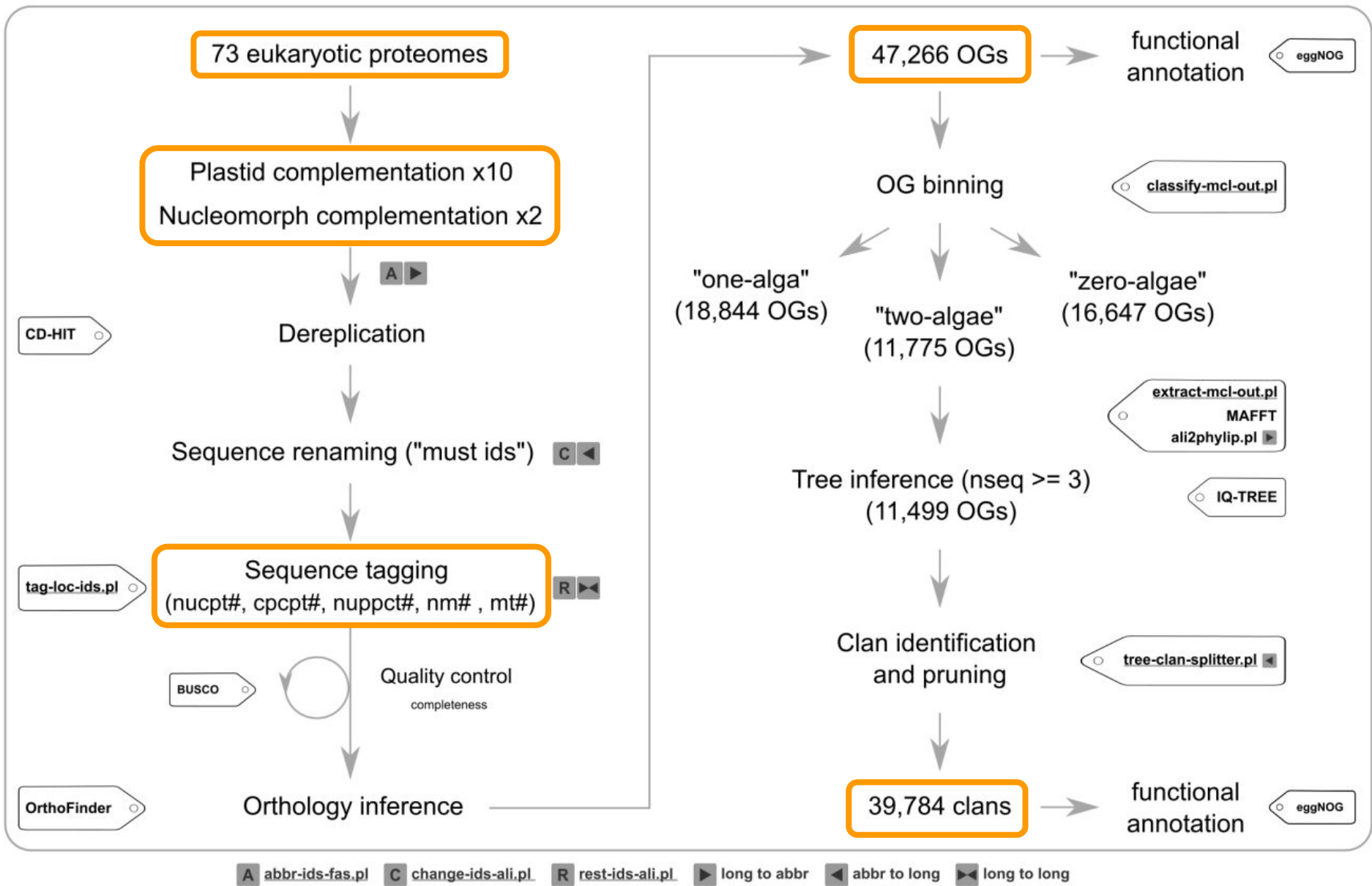
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- ★ redundancy [678 -> 260]
- ★ contaminations [260 -> 224]







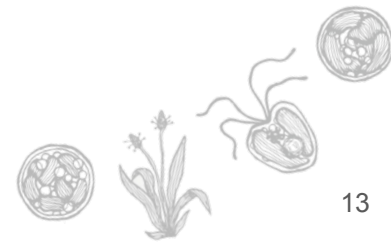
Target: nucleus-encoded and plastid-targeted genes

Tool: tree parser

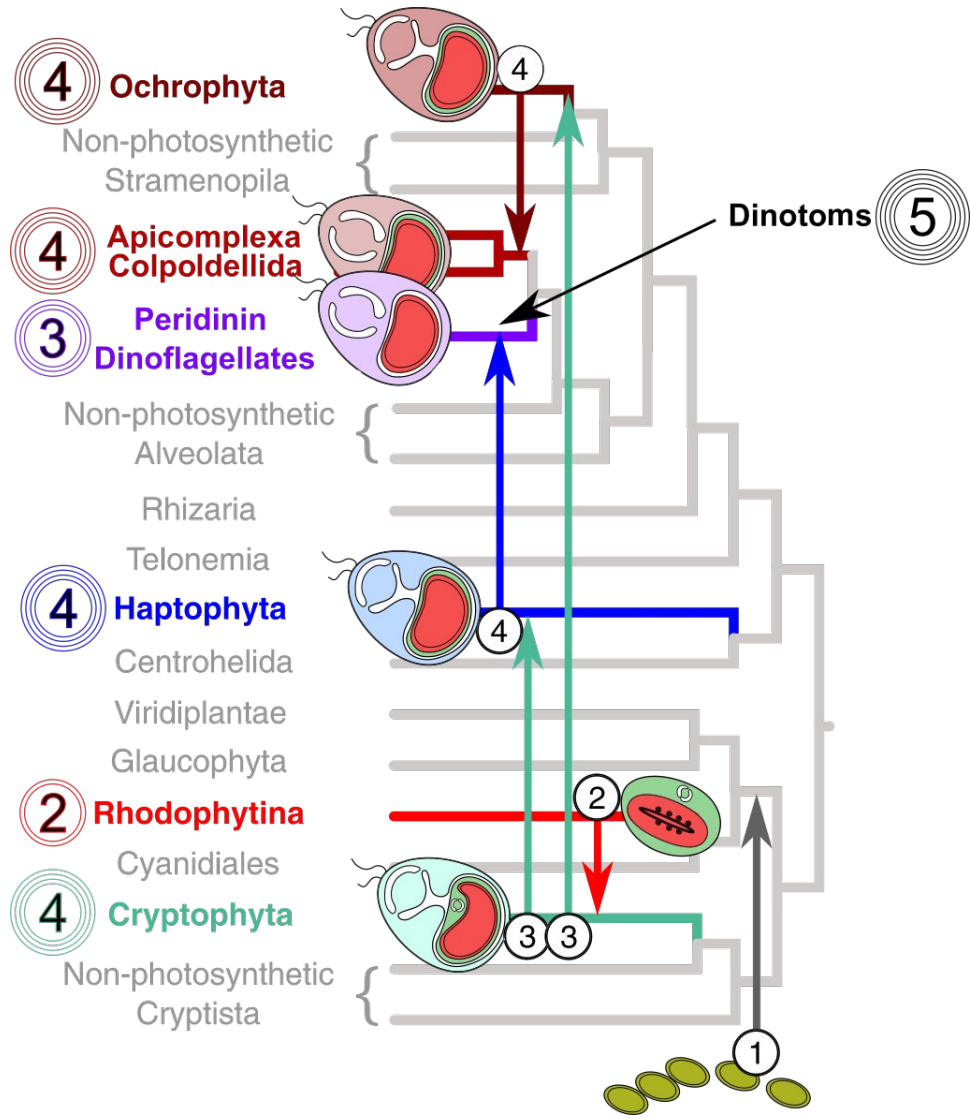
Data: published dataset

Working Hypothesis:

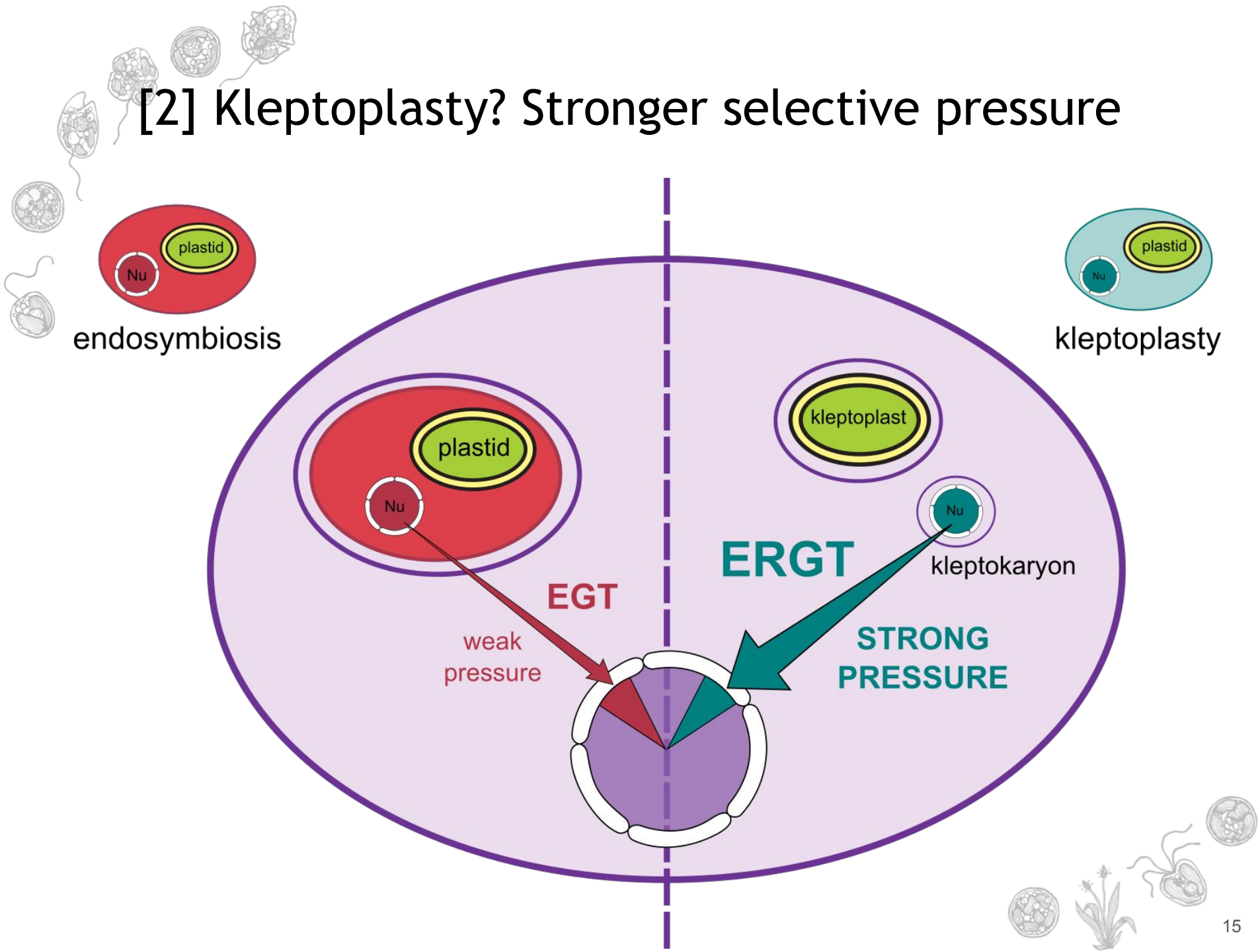
*Kleptoplasty is a major mechanism
in complex plastid acquisition*



[1] Kleptoplasty? Lower membrane accumulation



[2] Kleptoplasty? Stronger selective pressure



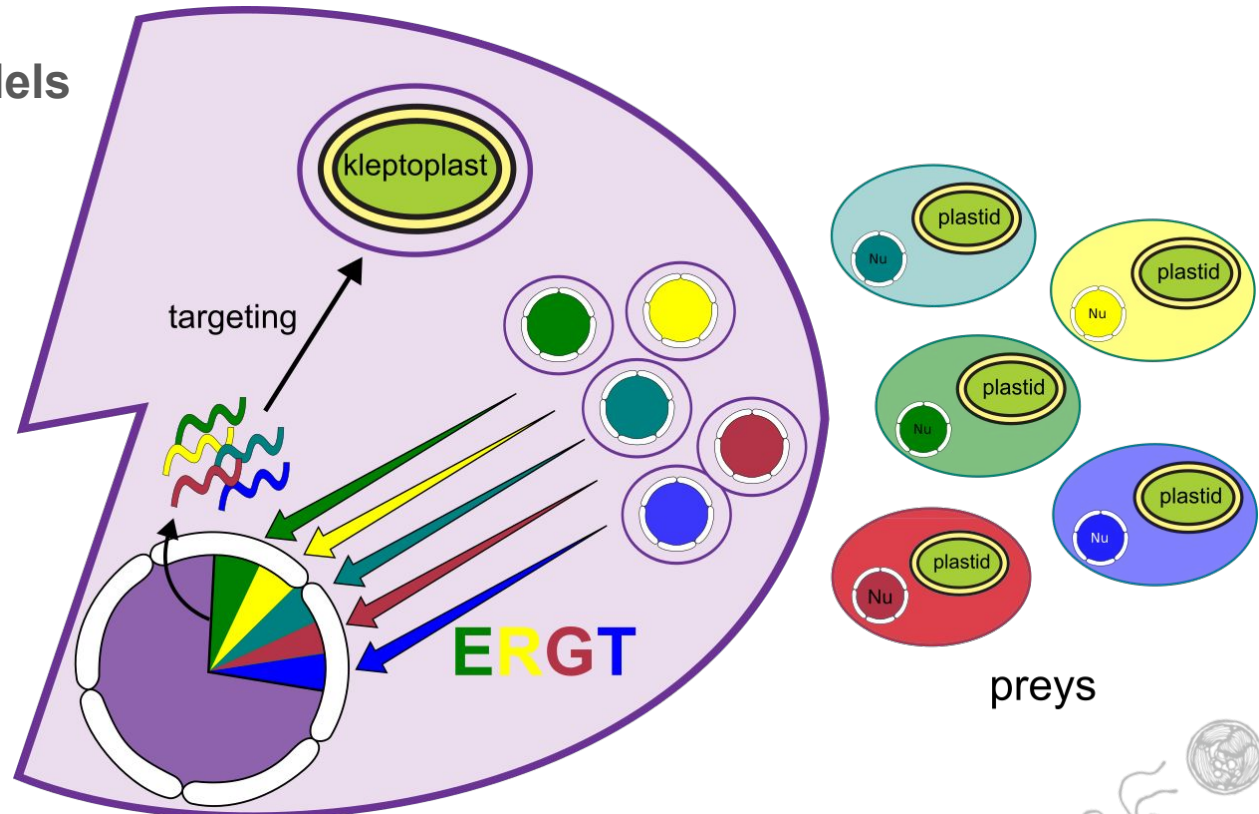
Prediction: Higher gene mosaicism

Diversity

- preys → NUPTs

Pre-adaptation models

- Shopping bag¹
- Red carpet²



1. Morozov AA, Galachyants YP. Mar Genomics. 2019;45 February:72-8.
2. Ponce-Toledo RI, López-García P, Moreira D. New Phytol. 2019.

Framework to compare gene mosaicism

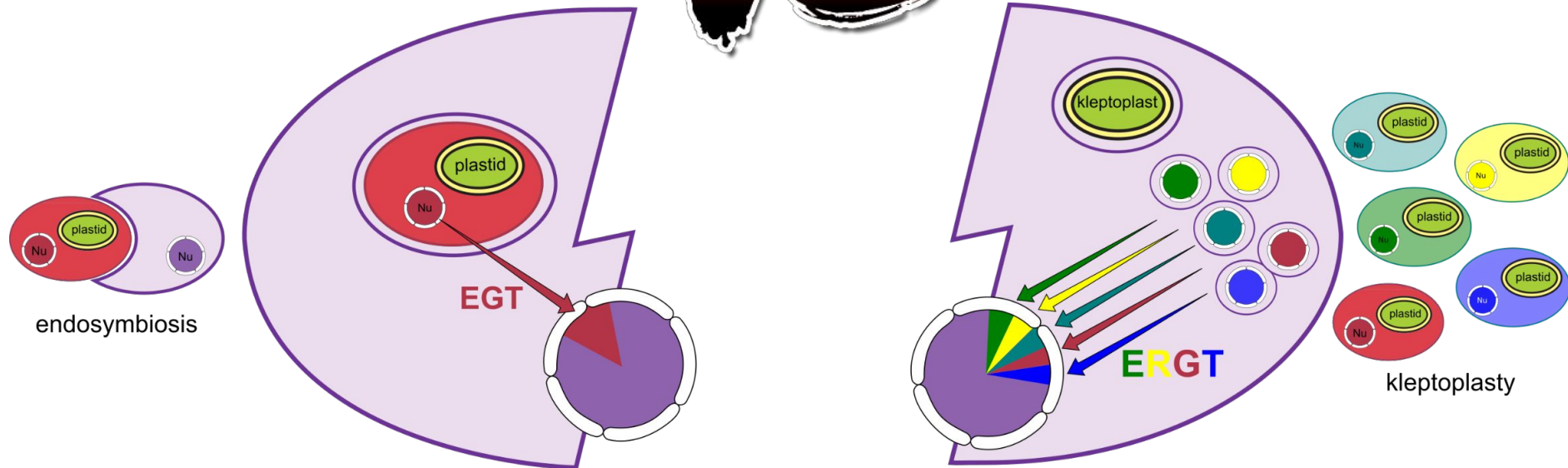
Endosymbiosis

Single origin (symbiont)

VS

Kleptoplasty

Multiple origins (preys)



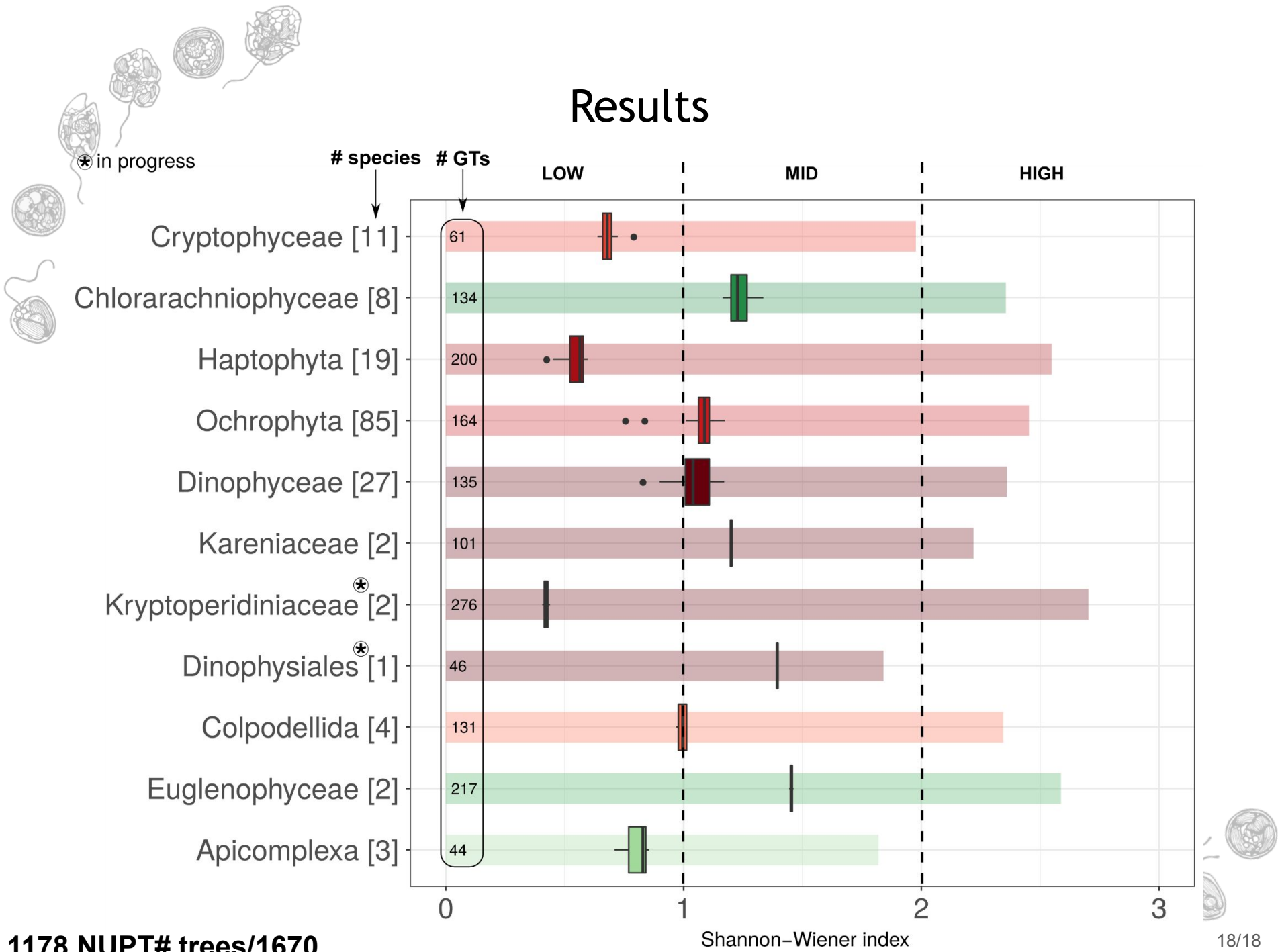
α -diversity metric



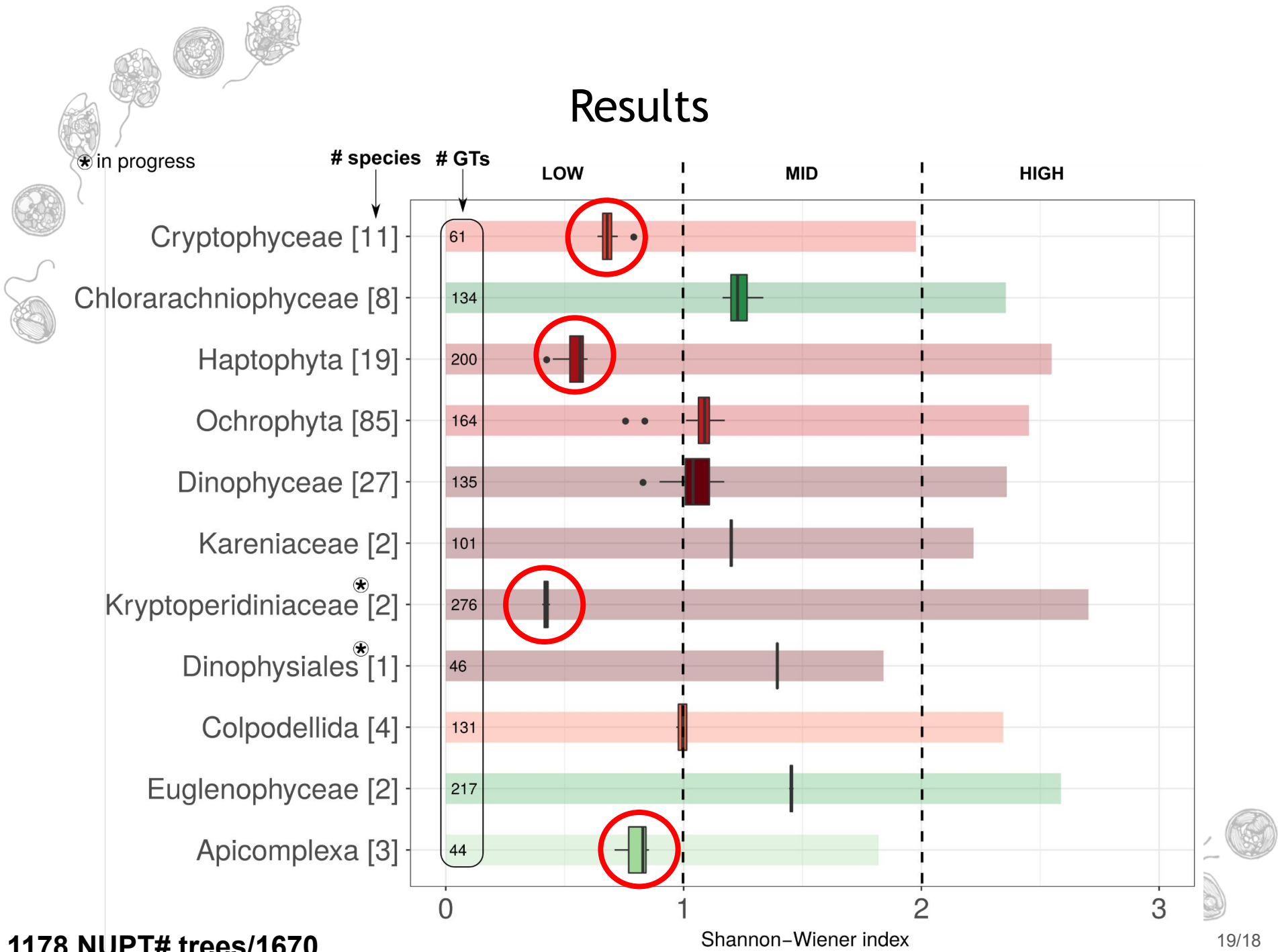
Shannon-Wiener index



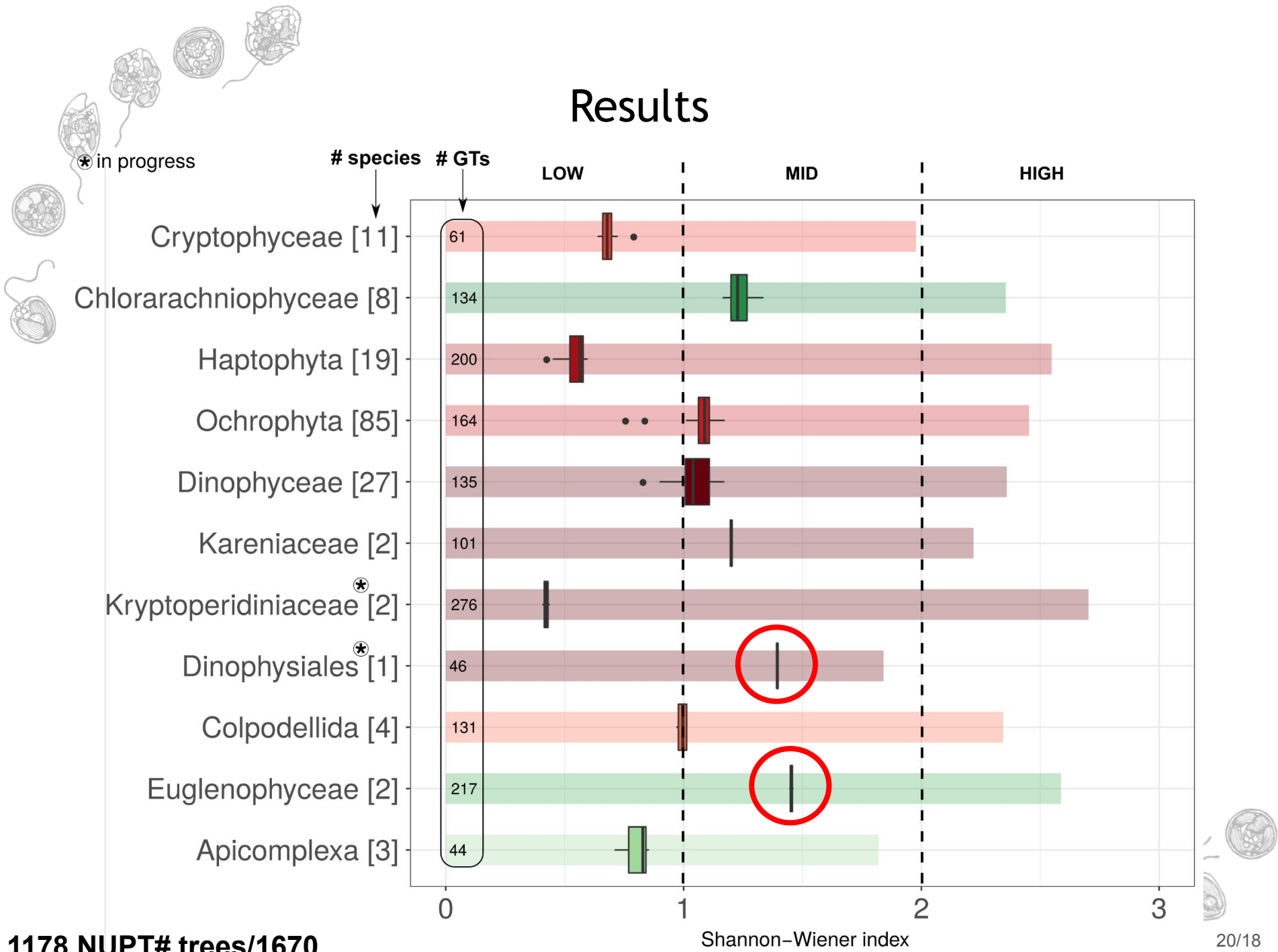
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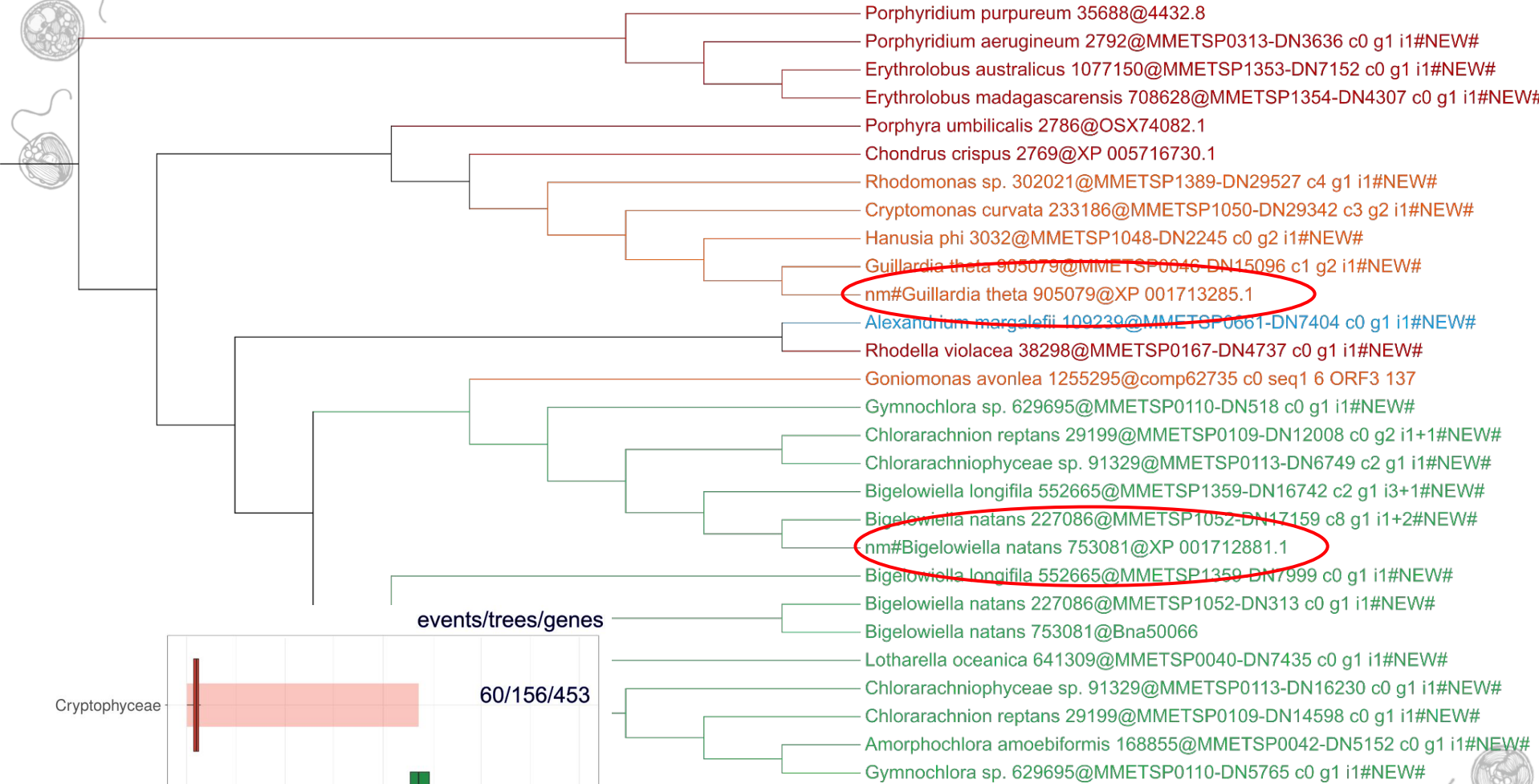
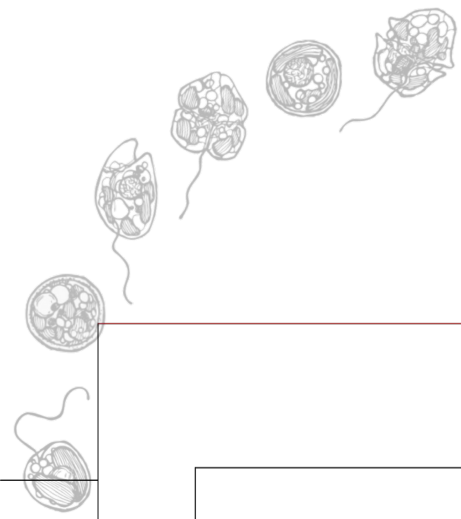
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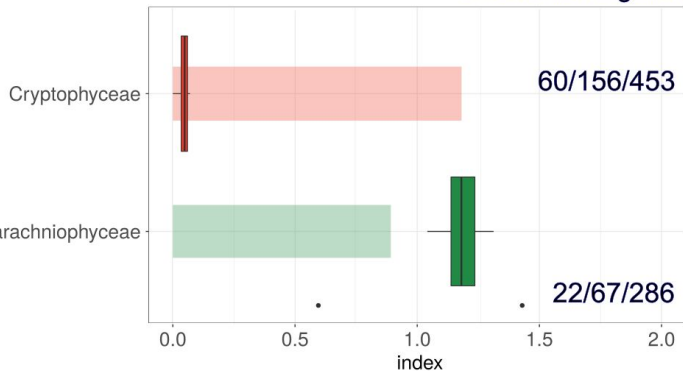
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Controls: NM



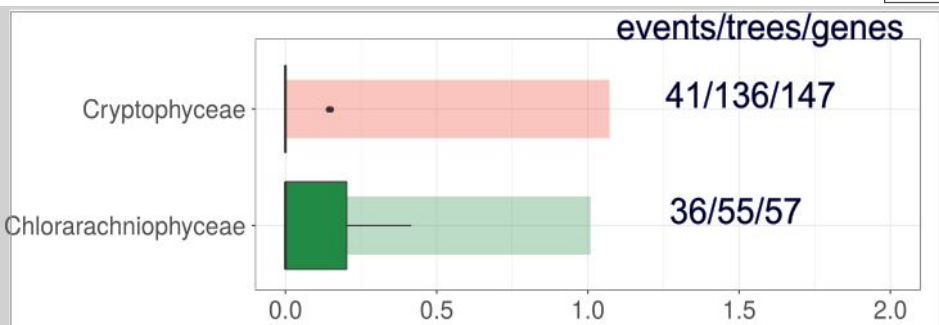
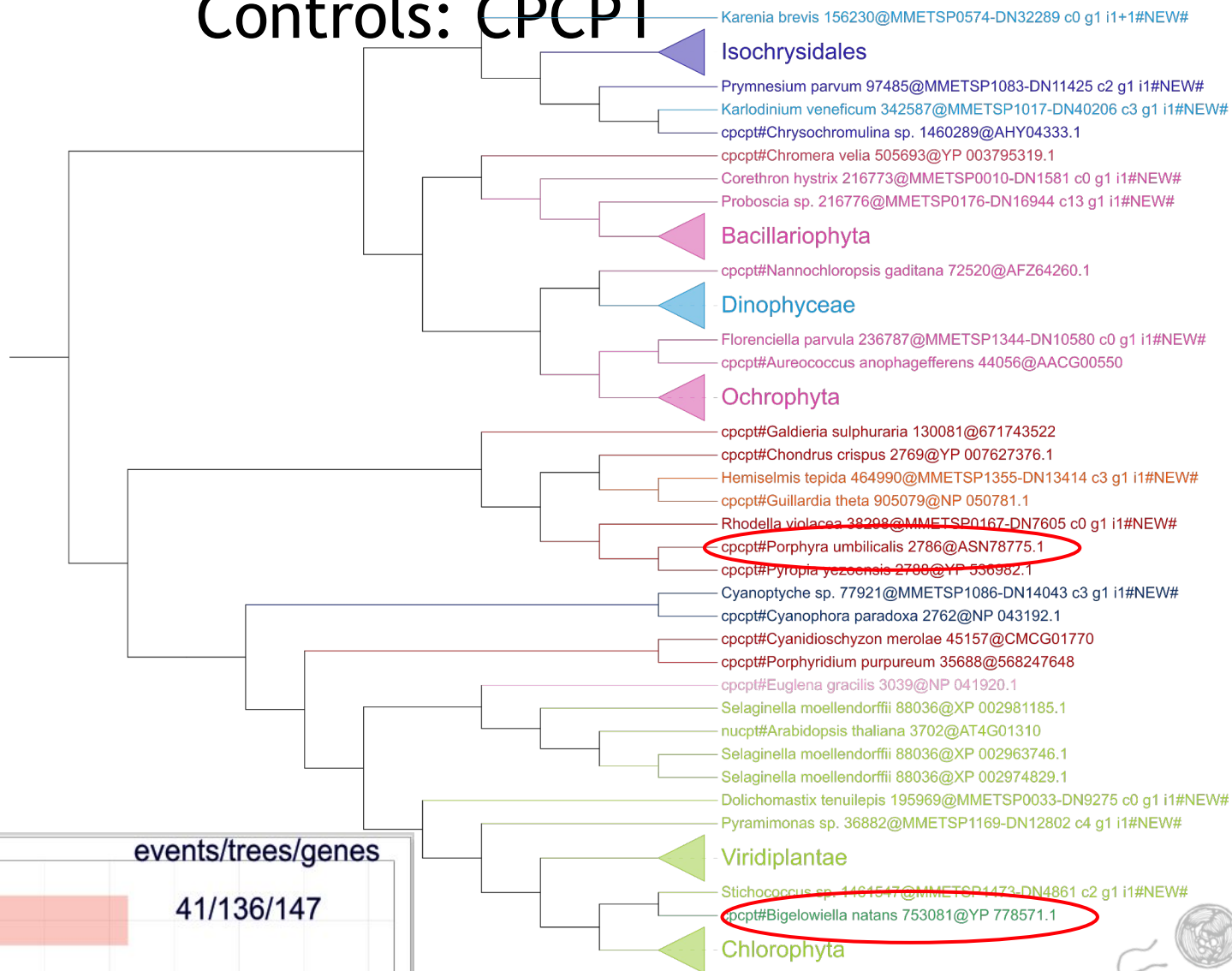
events/trees/genes



60S ribosomal protein L27A



Controls: CPCPT



50S ribosomal protein L5 (plastid)

Concluding remarks

Tree parser

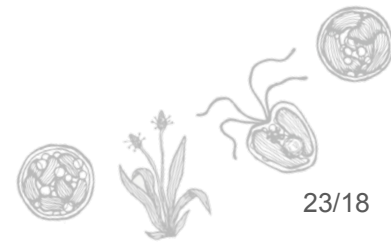
- true gene transfer ✓
- controls ✓
- artifacts ✗

Data

- unexploited trees (+30,000 PS sub-trees) ✓✗
- lack of protein targeting data (tagging) ✓✗
- uneven sampling of algae ✗

Kleptoplasty?

- comparative study ✓
- *Euglenids*
 - highest diversity ✓
 - *Dinophysis acuminata* ✓
 - 3 membranes ✓
 - *Rapaza viridis* (Karnkowska 2023) ✓
 - loss of membrane by phagocytosis ✓
 - shared NUPTs with Euglenids ✓

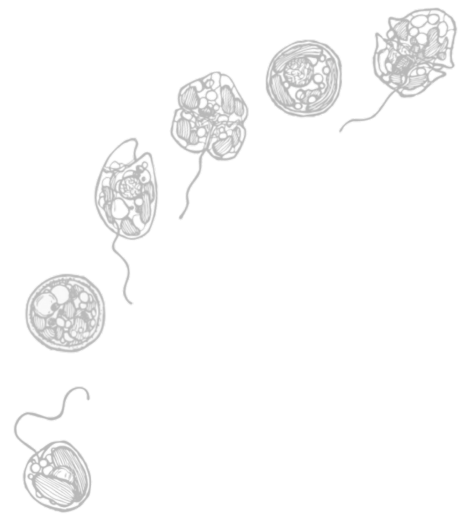


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Thank you!

