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New species and populations in *Fusarium*: examples from the tropics

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Problems and constraints with regard to information on tropical species, populations and plant diseases

1. Data on geographical distribution of species and diversity in the tropics are more related to research activities than to facts;
2. Many regions are absolutely under-investigated. This is true also for the genus *Fusarium*;

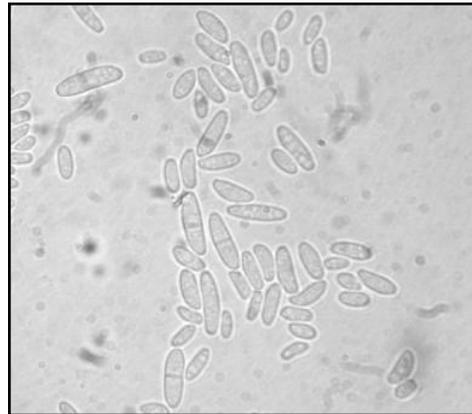
Problems and constraints with regard to information on tropical species, populations and plant diseases

3. Causal agents of diseases are not always the same in every country, region or continent;
4. Names used in older reports, like *Fusarium moniliforme* or *Fusarium roseum*, are no longer in use, and stand for a large diversity of different forms and populations.

***Fusarium* is a typical anamorph form-genus, with species sharing morphological markers**



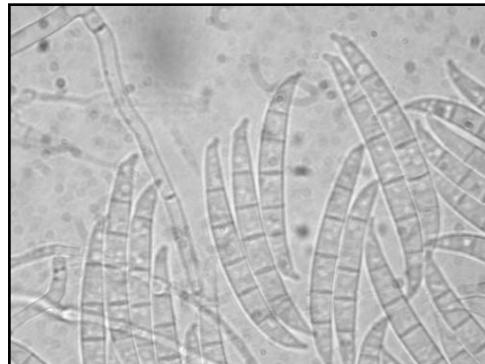
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Microconidia



Mono- and polyphialides

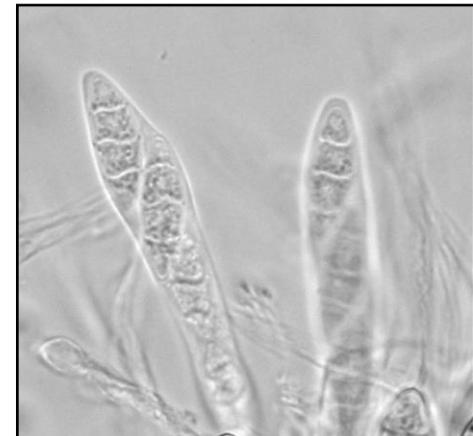


Macroconidia



Chlamydospores

Telomorphs of *Fusarium* species



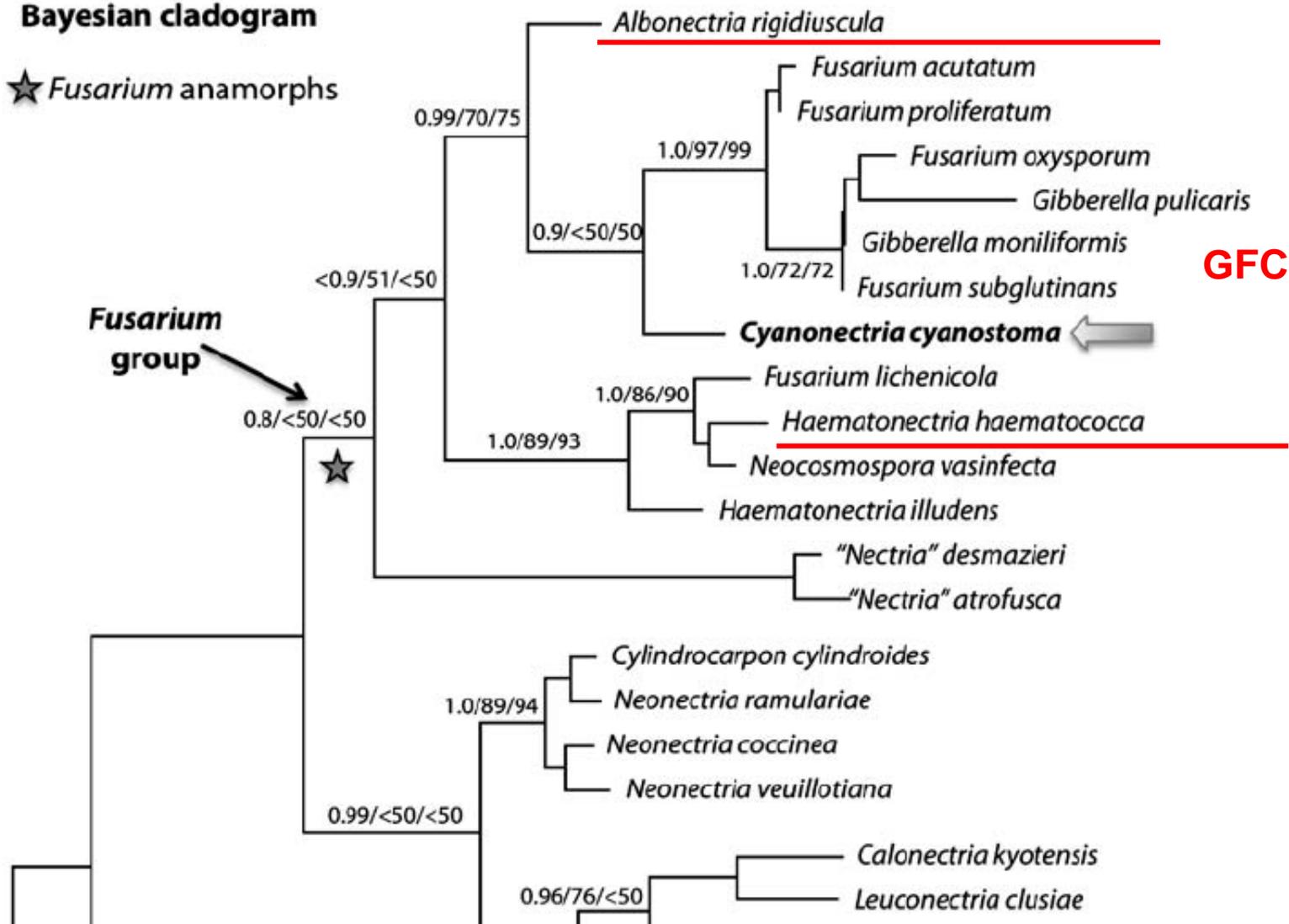
Gibberella

Haematonectria

Albonectria

Combined ITS and LSU Bayesian cladogram

★ *Fusarium* anamorphs



Why is Fusarium important ?

- **Biology and ecology**
- **Economical importance**
- **Model for species concepts and molecular characterization**

Plant pathogen

Soil fungus → soil and rhizosphere, root rots

Vascular fungus → wilts, dieback

Endophyte → plants, seeds, etc.

Toxin producer → contamination of plant products

Human pathogen → nosocomial infection

Examples of species with mostly tropical and subtropical distribution :

- *Fusarium lateritium*, *Fusarium stilboides*
- *Fusarium guttiforme*, *Fusarium ananatum* - GFC
- *Fusarium mangiferae*, *F. sterilihyphosum* - GFC
- *Fusarium decemcellulare* – *Albonectria rigidiuscula*

Form-species, a high diversity of typically tropical populations, many phylogenetic or biological species :

- *Fusarium oxysporum*
- *Fusarium solani* – *Haematonectria* / *Neocosmospora*

Species Concepts

- **Morphological Species Concept – MSC**
Population shares morphological characters
- **Biological Species Concept - BSC**
Population delimited by reproductive barrier –
mating population
- **Phylogenetic Species Concept - PSC**
Population delimited by concordance in groupings generated
based on DNA sequences - clades

● Morphological Species

Fusarium solani

Morphological markers :

macro- and microconidia frequent

chlamydospores frequent

monophialides in the aerial mycelium are long

Many host plants

some *formae speciales*

Also clinical

→ Species Complex



Biological Species *Biological Species Concept - BSC*

Population of individuals that breed and form fertile descendents

Population is delimited by a reproductive barrier
mating population or breeding population

Ex. *Gibberella fujikuroi* Complex

Phylogenetic Species

Phylogenetic Species Concept - PSC

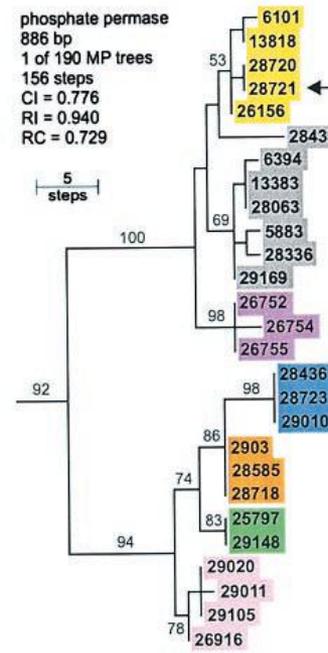
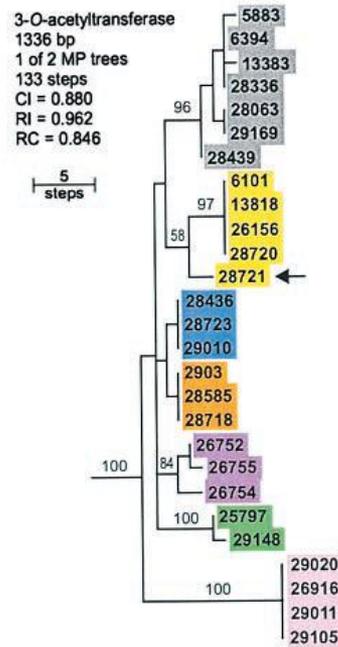
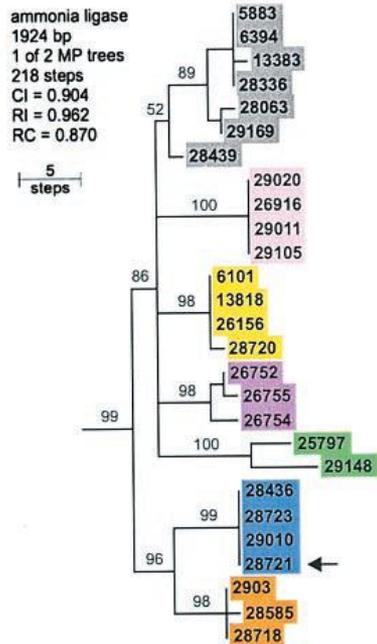
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Population of individuals that share apomorphic characters

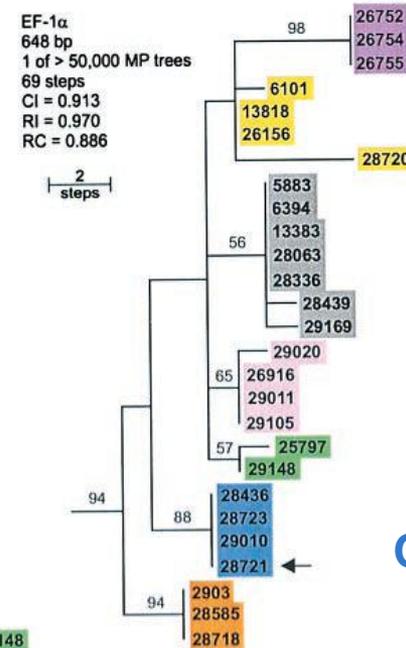
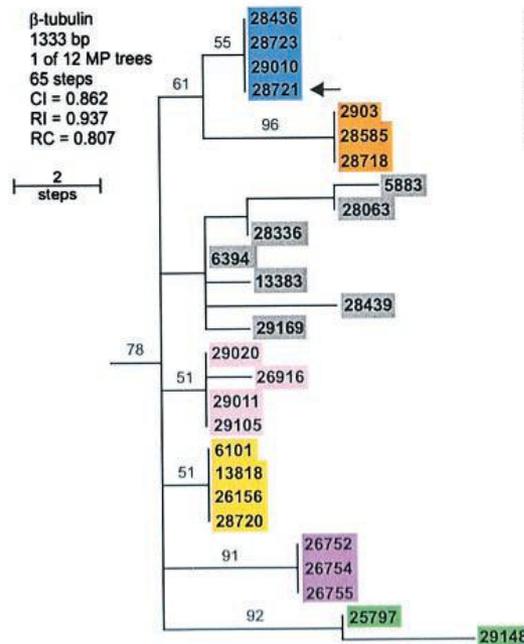
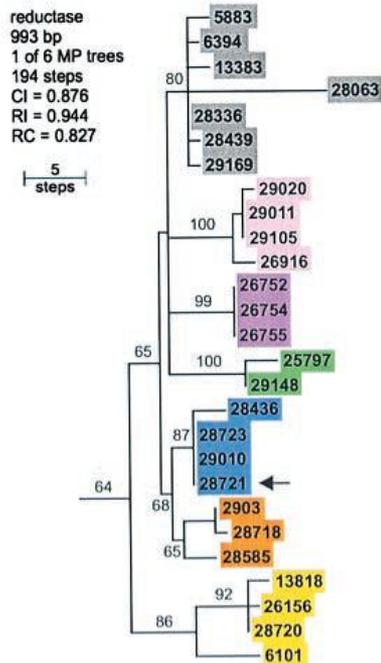
p.ex. substitution of nucleotides etc.

Geneological Concordance Phylogenetic Species Recognition

Taylor et al. 2000. Fungal Genetics Biology

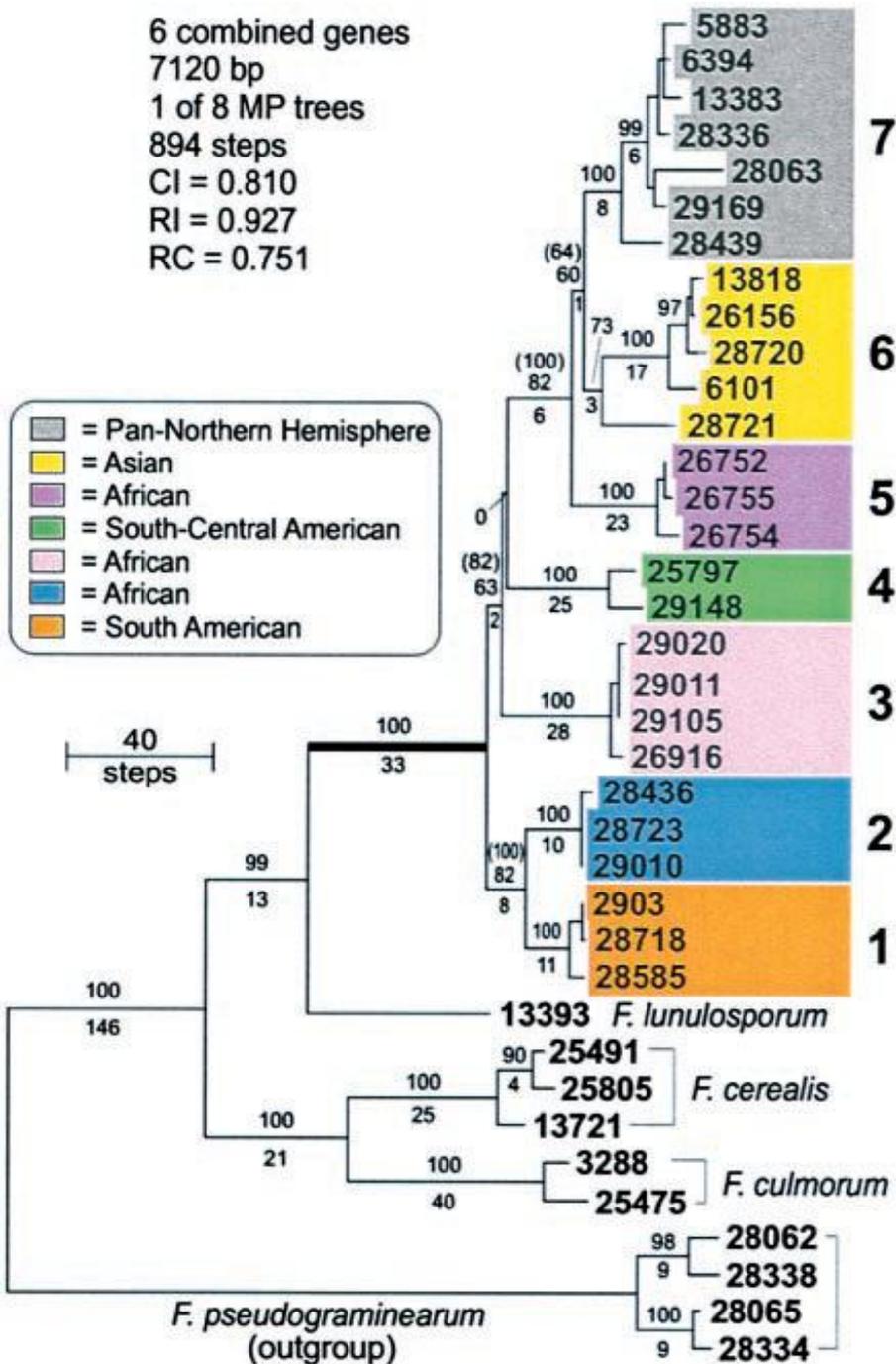


Fusarium graminearum Wheat pathogen



O'Donnell et al. 2000.
PNAS

6 combined genes
 7120 bp
 1 of 8 MP trees
 894 steps
 CI = 0.810
 RI = 0.927
 RC = 0.751



O'Donnell et al. 2000.
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Genealogical concordance between the mating type locus
and seven other nuclear genes supports formal recognition
of nine phylogenetically distinct species within the *Fusarium*
graminearum clade[☆]

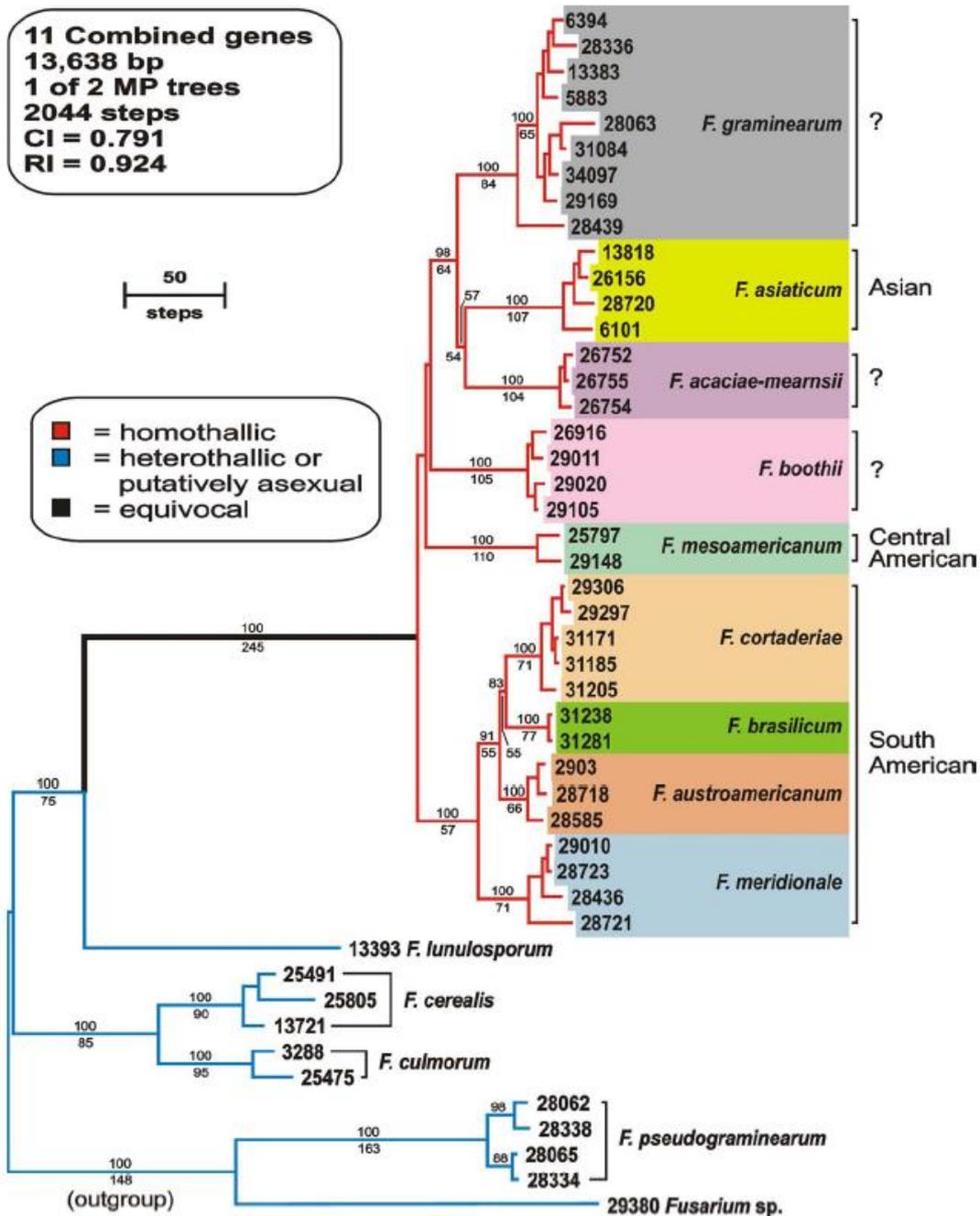
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O'Donnell et al. 2004.
 FGB

Examples of tropical crops which develop diseases, caused by *Fusarium* species :

i. Fruit crops:

Mango, pineapple, banana, passionfruit

ii. Palm trees:

oil palm, date palm, canary palm

iii. Coffee and Cocoa

iv. Spices, others:

Black pepper, tobacco, vanilla, cotton

v. Monocots: Sugarcane, rice, sorghum, maize

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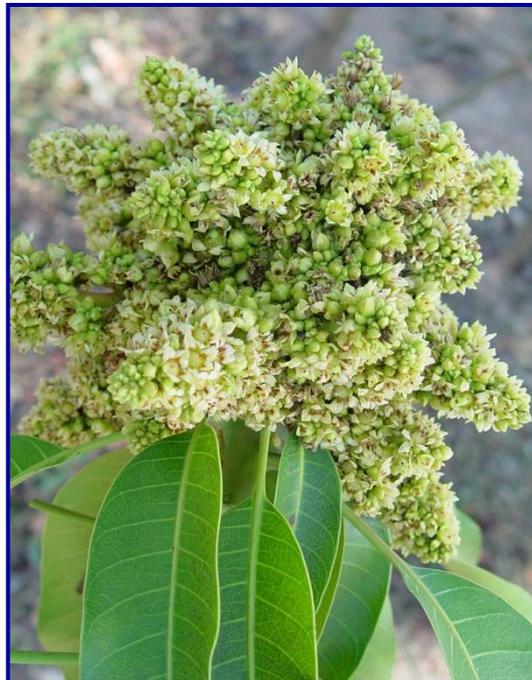
Etiology of Mango Malformation in Brazil

Mangifera indica L.

Healthy tree



Symptoms of malformation



Floral - inflorescence



Vegetative - shoot

Objectives

- ❑ **To identify the causal agents of mango malformation disease in Brazil**

Methods AFLP analysis, Gene Sequencing, Morphological Characterization, Pathogenicity Test

- ❑ **To induce the sexual stage for the causal agents**

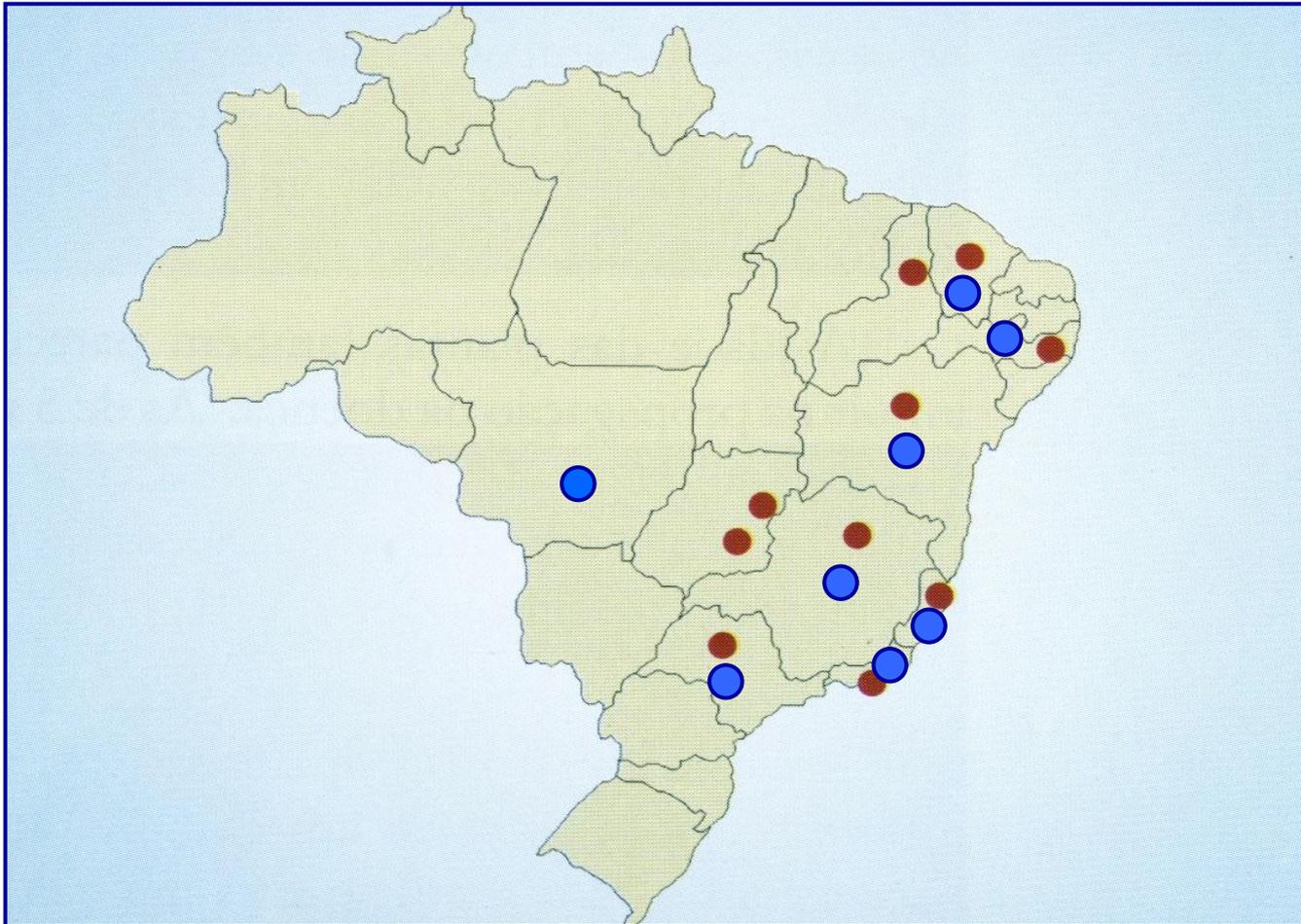
Methods Identification of mating type (PCR) and crossing

- ❑ **To develop a PCR-based method for the detection and identification of the causal agents**

Methods primer design, tests for specificity and sensitivity

Disease Distribution in Brazil

- Lima 2006, 59 isolates, 8 states
- Cunha et al 2000



Pathogen x Endophyte's isolation

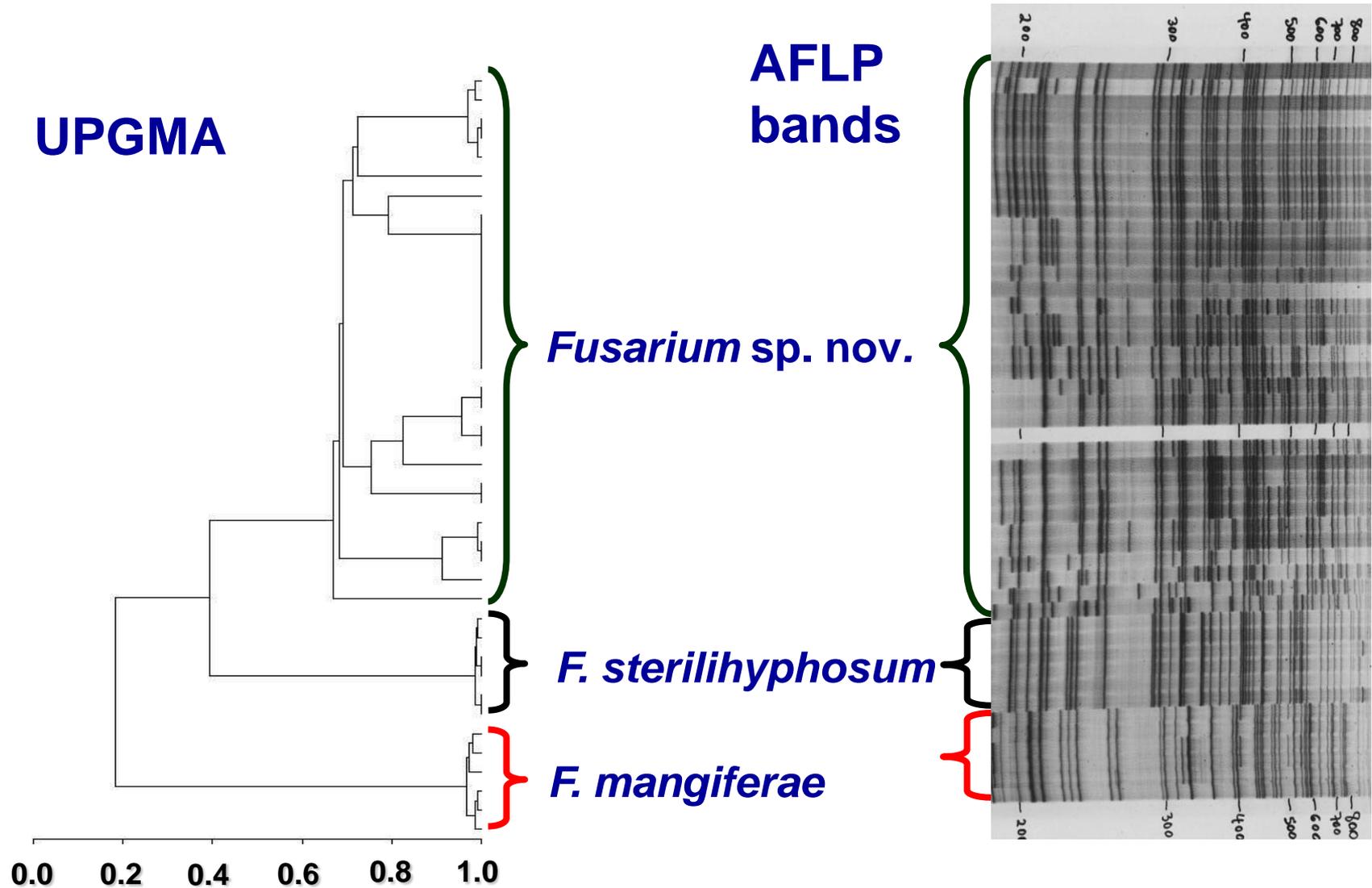
Malformed tissue
Fusarium only



Asymptomatic tissue
about 15 species



AFLP analysis of *Fusarium* from mango



Sequence analysis of genes encoding β -tubulin and translation elongation factor 1- α

Primers tub2 – T1 and T2 - O'Donnell et al., 1998, Mycologia

Primers tef1 – EF1 and EF2 - O'Donnell et al., 1998, PNAS

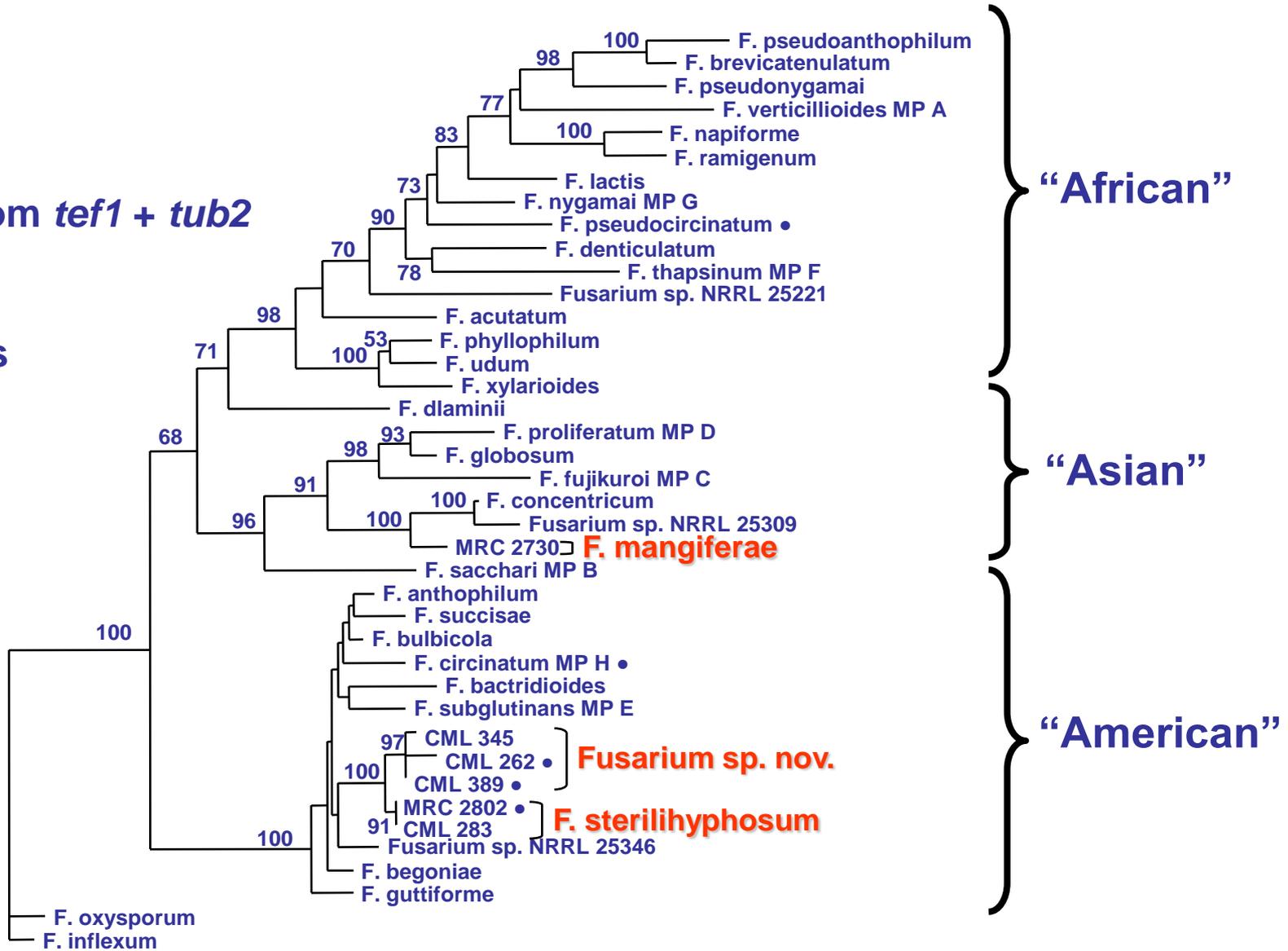
Sequencing – MegaBACE 500, both directions

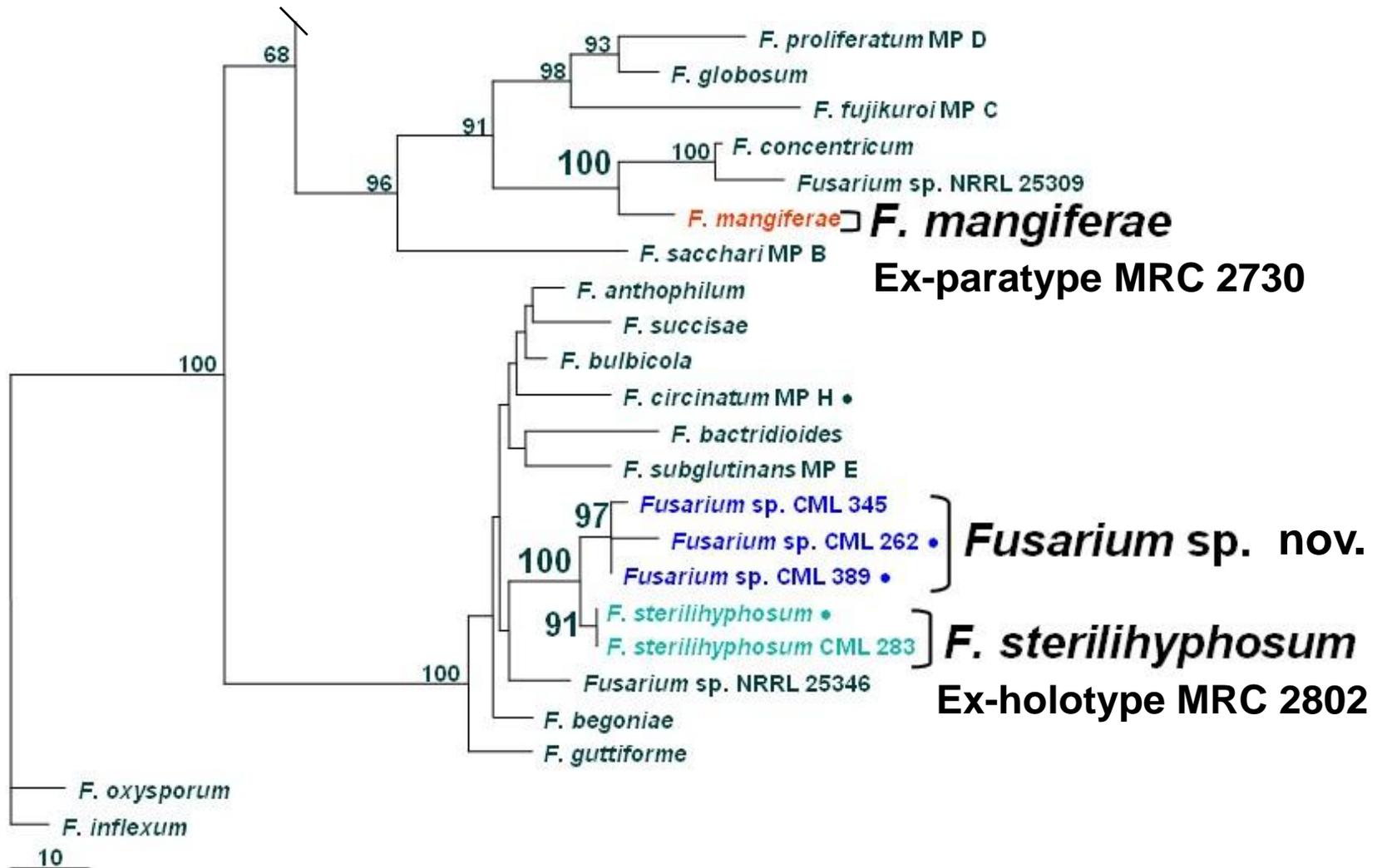
Analysis – Maximum Parsimony

Program – PAUP 4 version beta 10

MP tree from *tef1* + *tub2*

1252 bp
 1 of 2 trees
 816 steps
 CI 0.659
 RI 0.804
 HI 0.341





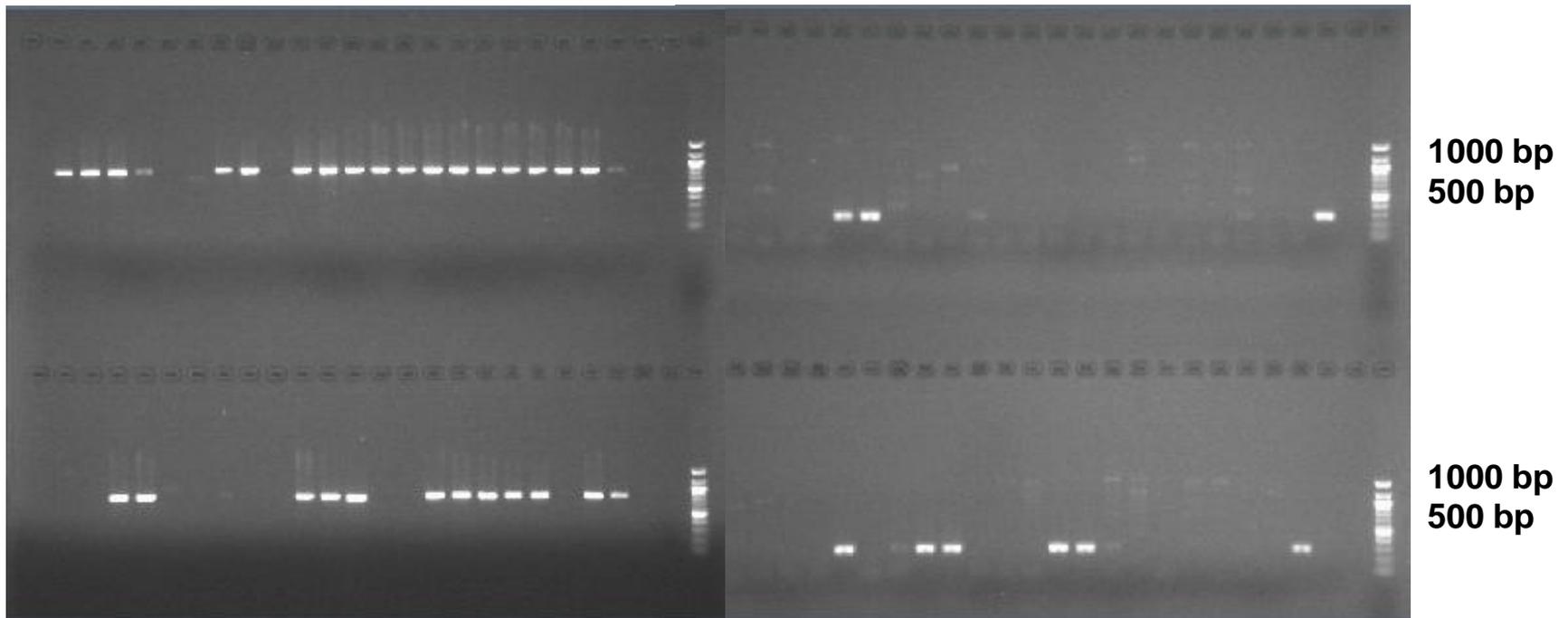
Maximum Parsimony Tree of Combined *tub2* and *tef1*

Crossing

Identification of mating type primers according to Steenkamp et al. (2000)

MAT-2

MAT-1



Fertile crosses only to *Fusarium* sp. nov.



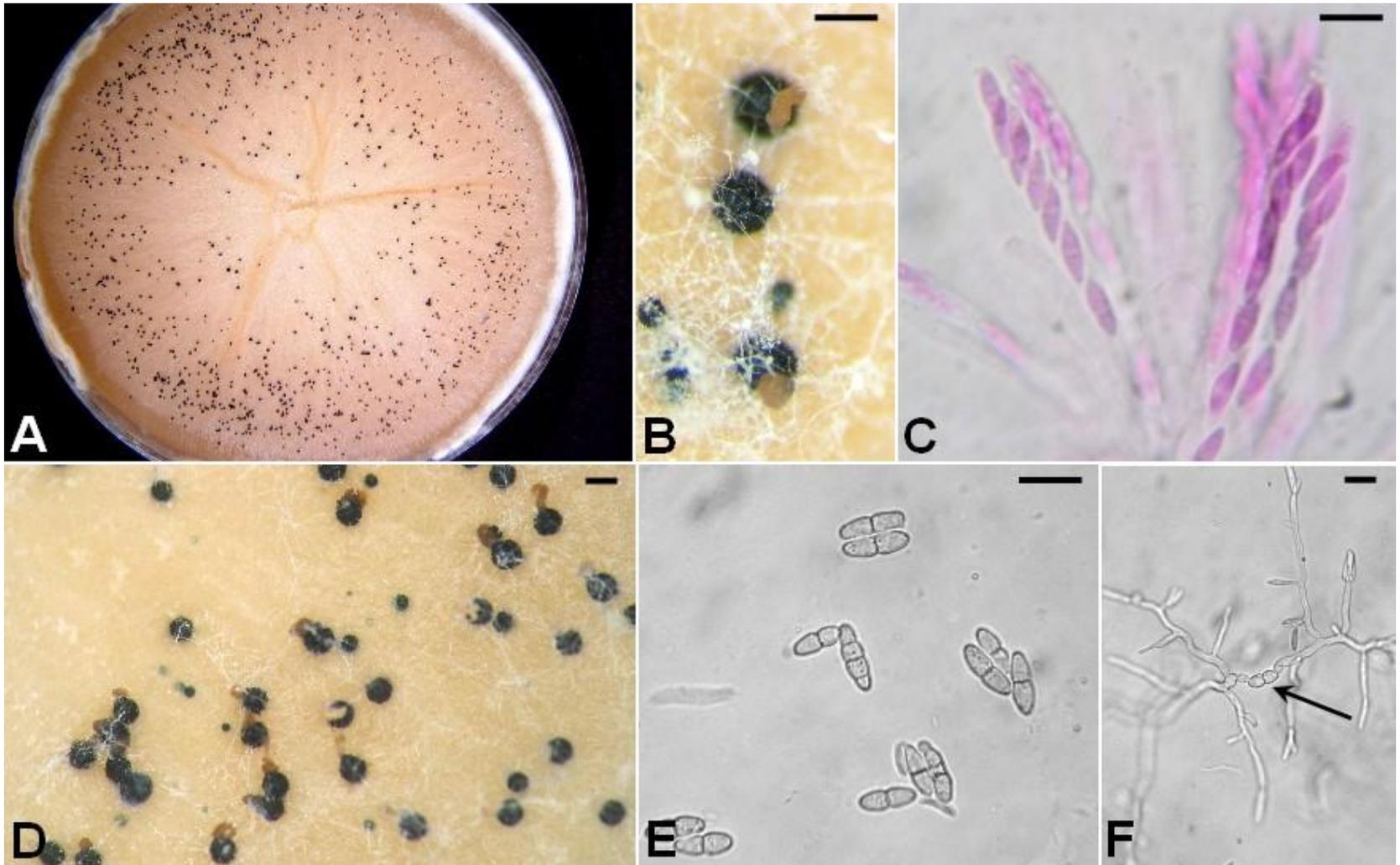
Evidence from morphology, AFLP fingerprint, phylogeny and crossing

F. mangiferae – cosmopolitan, but not found in Brazil

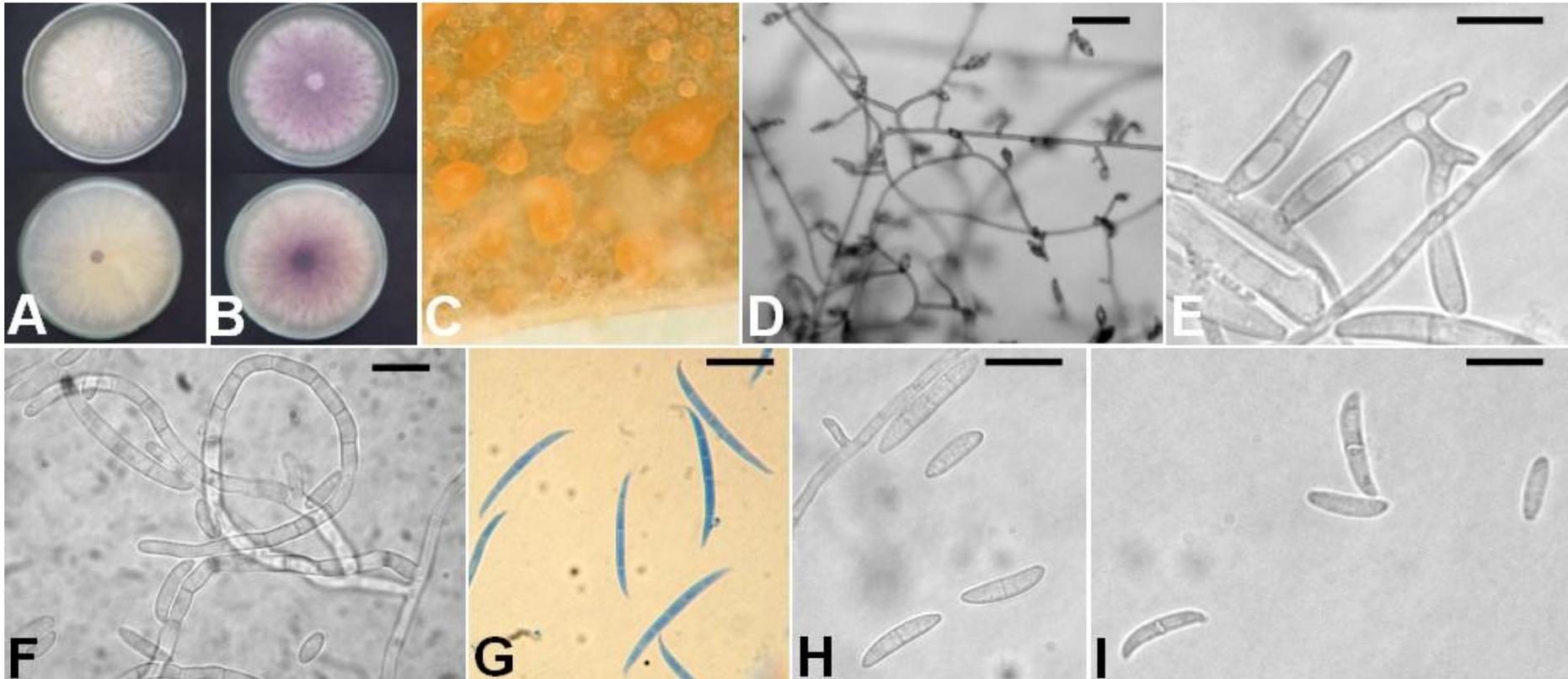
F. sterilihyphosum – South Africa and Brazil

Gibberella sp. nov. - Brazil

Gibberella sp. nov. Lima, Pfenning and Leslie



Gibberella anam. nov. Lima, Pfenning and Leslie



Pathogenicity



Control



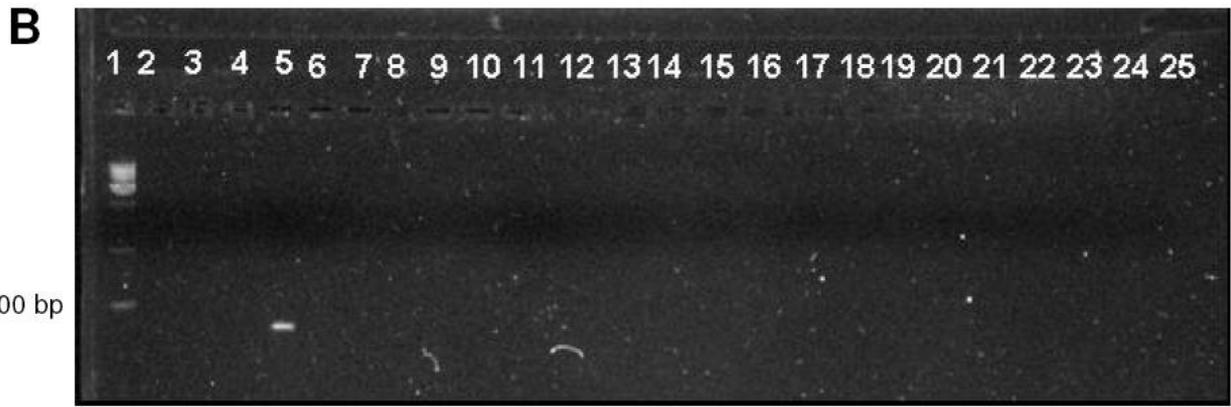
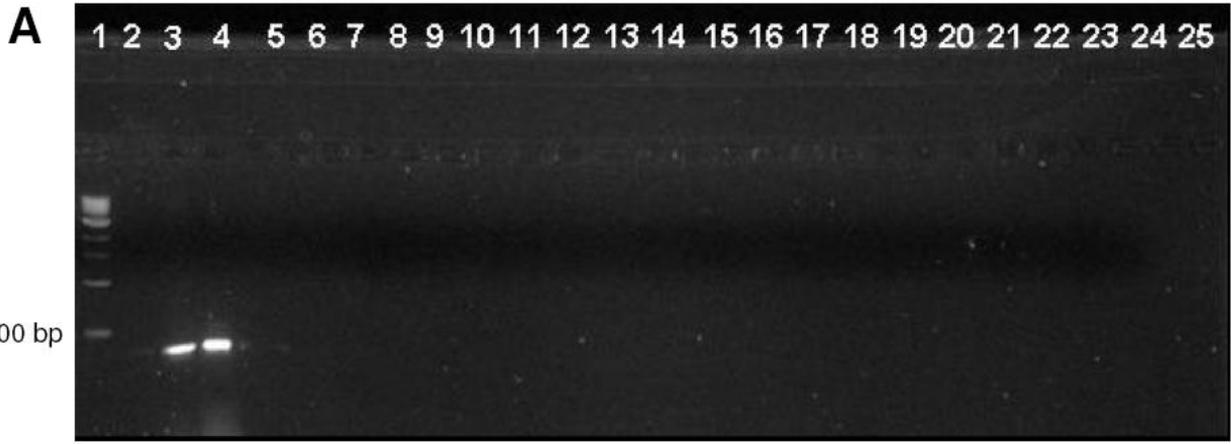
***Fusarium* sp. nov.**



F. sterilihyphosum

PCR detection of the causal agents of mango malformation

- ❑ **Primer Sets designed from the *tef1* sequences**
 - Fbra – *Fusarium* sp. nov. and *F. sterilihyphosum* (~380 bp)**
 - Fman – *F. mangiferae* (~217 bp)**
- ❑ **Specificity – pure DNA from mango pathogens and endophytes**
- ❑ **Sensitivity – DNA dilutions from 20 ng to 1 fg**
- ❑ **Pathogens' detection in shoot, leaf, bud, flower, fruit peel mango tissue**
- ❑ **Inoculation – according to Freeman et al. (1999)**

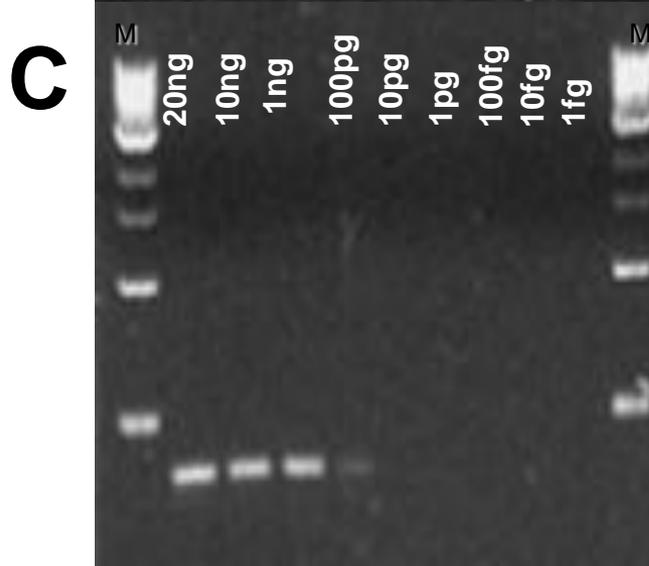
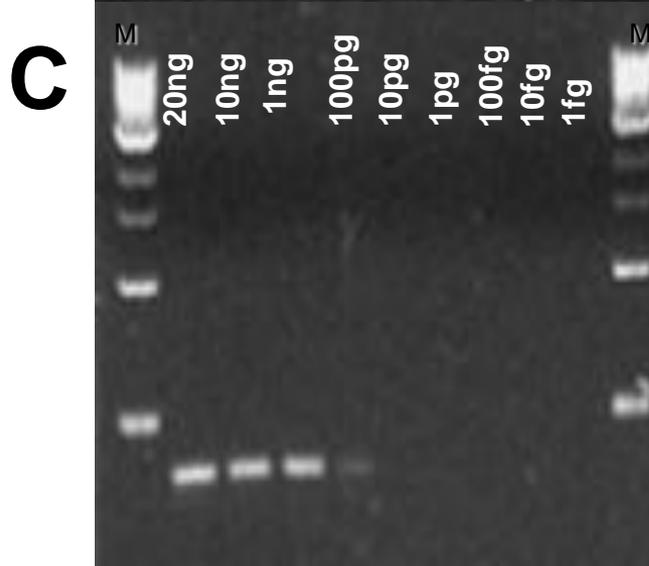
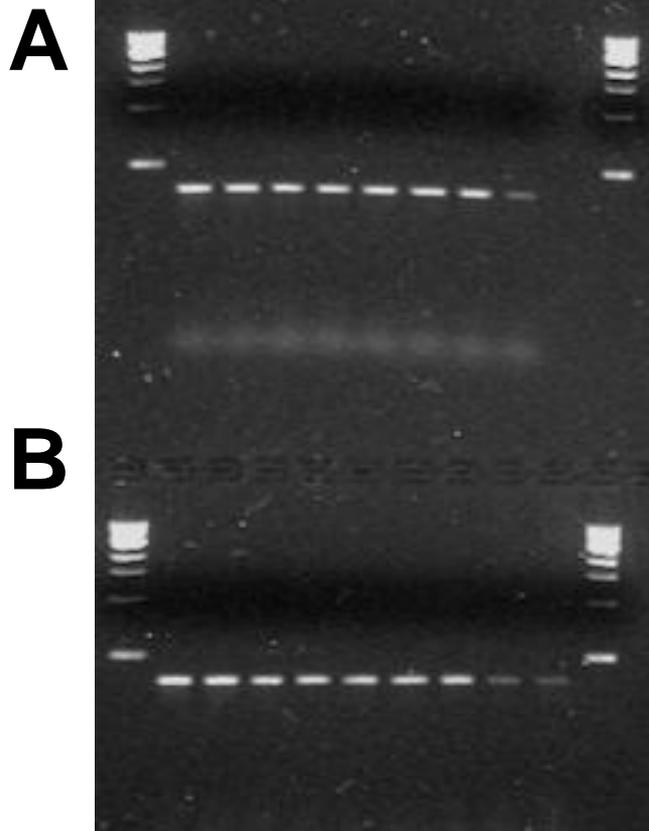


- 1. Marker
- 2. Control - water
- 3. *Fusarium* sp. nov. (DNA)
- 4. *F. sterilihyphosum* (DNA)
- 5. *F. mangiferae* (DNA)
- 6. *F. proliferatum*
- 7. *F. sacchari*
- 8. *F. subglutinans*
- 9. *F. pseudocircinatum*
- 10. *F. oxysporum*
- 11. *F. semitectum*
- 12. *F. decemcellulare*
- 13. *Neocosmospora* sp.
- 14. *Phomopsis mangifera*
- 15. *Cladosp. cladosporioides*
- 16. *Epiccocum purpurascens*
- 17. *Fusiccocum mangiferum*
- 18. *Alternaria alternata*
- 19. *Coll. gloeosporioides*
- 20. *Aspergillus niger*
- 21. *Penicillium* sp.
- 22. *Pestalotiopsis* sp.
- 23. *Chalara fimbriata*
- 24. *Lasiodiplodia* sp.
- 25. *Phoma* sp.

Specificity

A Fbra primer set (~380 bp)

B Fman primer set (~217 bp)



Sensitivity

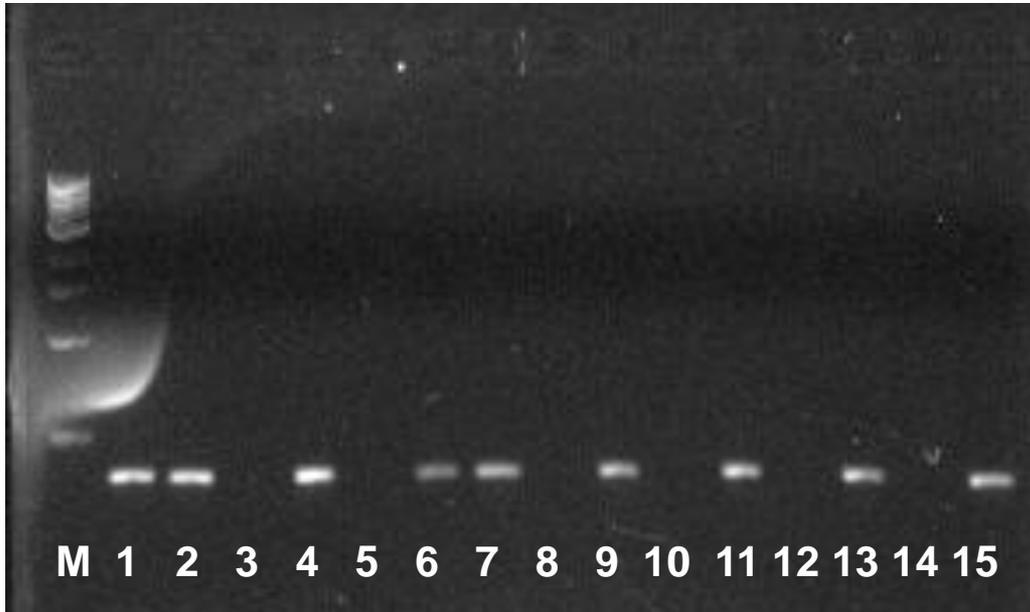
A. Fbra - *Fusarium* sp. nov.

B. Fbra - *F. sterilihyphosum*

C. Fman - *F. mangiferae*

Detection of *Fusarium* sp. nov. and *F. sterilihyphosum*

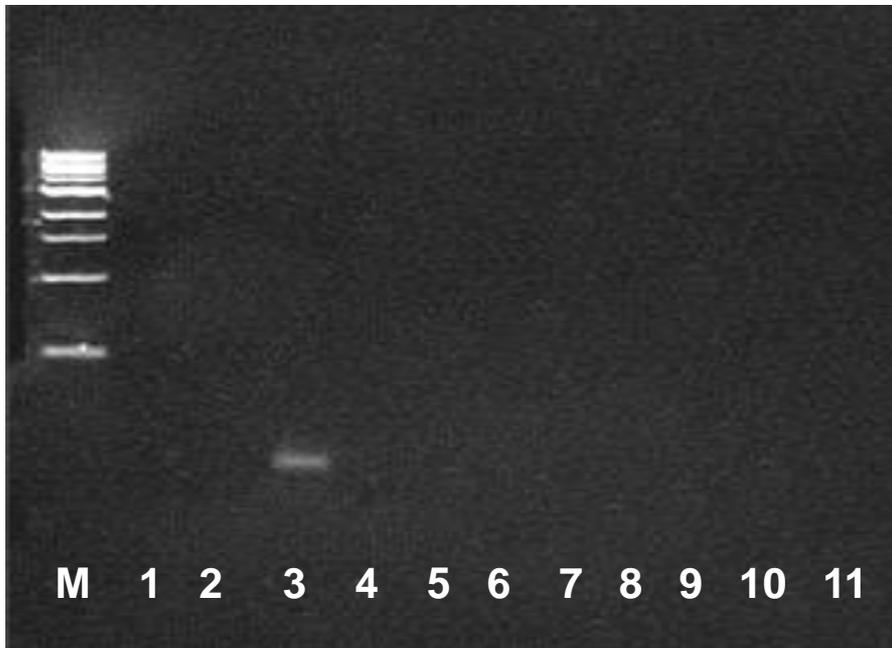
Fbra primer set



1. *Fusarium* sp. nov. (DNA)
2. *F. sterilihyphosum* (DNA)
3. *F. mangiferae* (DNA)
4. Naturally infected panicle
5. Asymptomatic inflorescence
6. Malformed plant inoculated with *Fusarium* sp. nov.
7. Malformed plant inoculated with *F. sterilihyphosum*.
- 8 and 9. Asymptomatic plant
- 10 and 11. Fruit peel
- 12 and 13. Fruit peduncle
- 14 and 15. Mango leaf

Detection of *F. mangiferae*

Fman primer set



1. *Fusarium* sp. nov. - DNA
2. *F. sterilihyphosum* - DNA
3. *F. mangiferae* - DNA
4. Naturally infected panicle
5. Asymptomatic inflorescence
6. Malformed plant inoculated with *Fusarium* sp. nov.
7. Malformed plant inoculated with *F. sterilihyphosum*
8. Asymptomatic plant
9. Fruit peel
10. Fruit peduncle
11. Mango leaf

Conclusions

- ❑ The main causal agent of mango malformation disease in Brazil corresponds to a **new Fusarium species** within the *Gibberella fujikuroi* species complex
- ❑ The teleomorphic stage of **Fusarium sp. nov.** can be induced in the laboratory
- ❑ **Fusarium sp. nov.** and ***F. sterilihyphosum*** are the only known causal agents of the disease in Brazil and can be detected through PCR

Fusariosis of Pineapple - *Ananas comosus*

Most important disease of this crop,
restricted to South America ?

Fusarium subglutinans

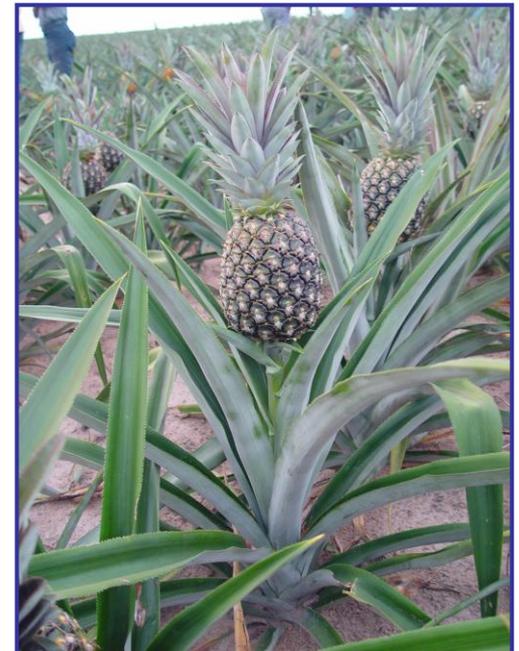
Fusarium subglutinans f.sp. *ananas*

Fusarium guttiforme

Morphology, Specificity, tub and tef genes

Limited number of isolates

Nirenberg & O'Donnell 1998



Gibberella fujikuroi complex – GFC, but no teleomorph known so far

Fusariosis of Pineapple - *Ananas comosus*

Fusarium associated with pineapple
Symptomatology



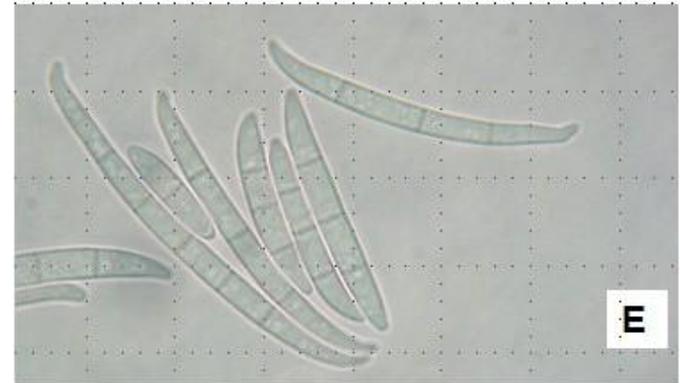
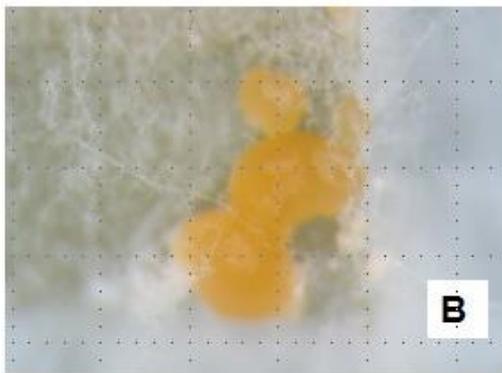
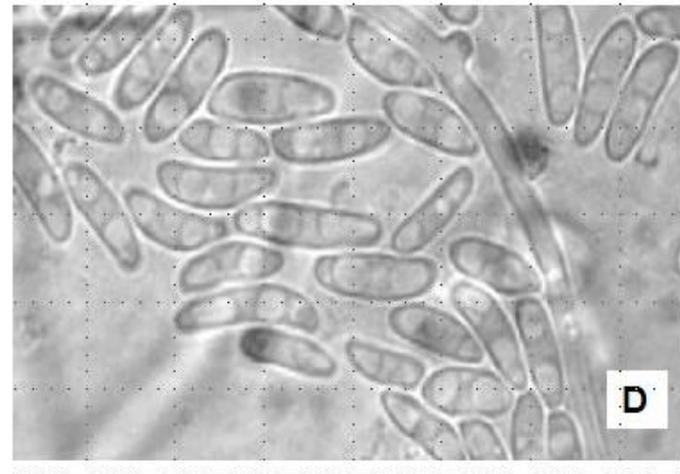
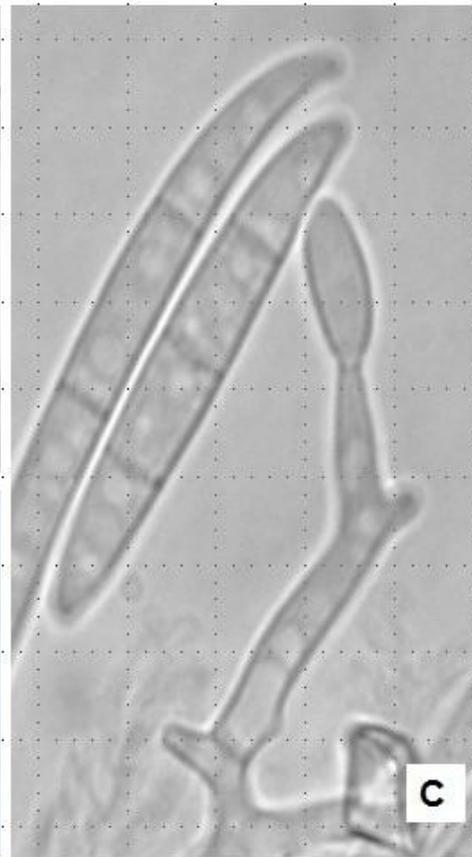
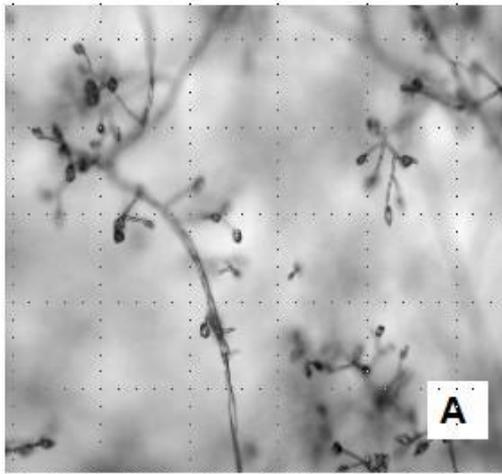
Fusariosis of Pineapple - *Ananas comosus*

- ❑ Collection of isolates from all over Brazil
- ❑ Morphological markers
- ❑ Pathogenicity tests
- ❑ VCG analysis
- ❑ AFLP fingerprint
- ❑ Phylogenetic analysis of *tub* and *tef* genes

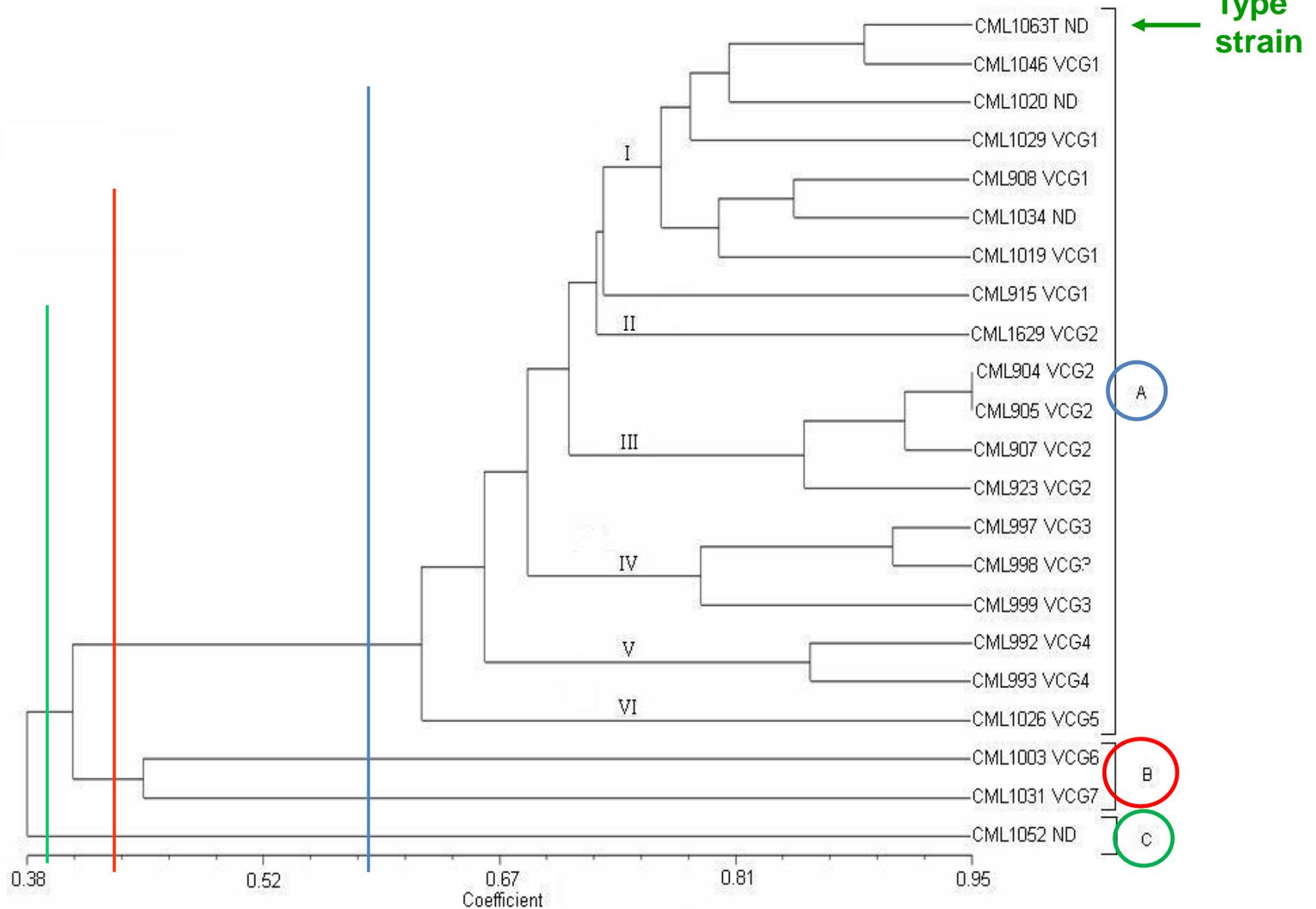


Fusariosis of Pineapple - *Ananas comosus*

Morphology of *Fusarium guttiforme*



Groups evidenced by VCG and AFLP fingerprint analysis



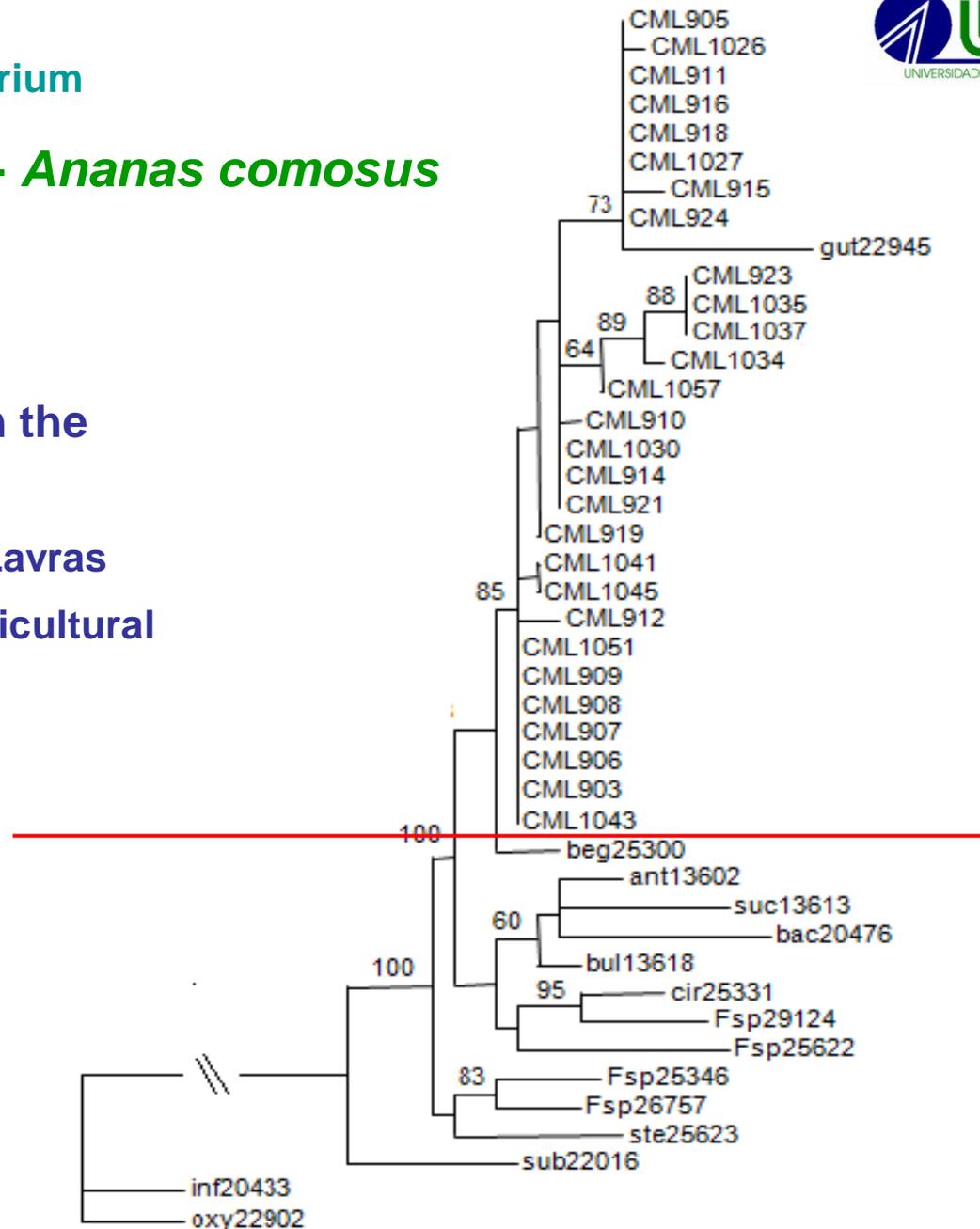
Fusariosis of Pineapple - *Ananas comosus*

tub2 and *tef1*

F. guttiforme and species in the American clade of GFC

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Fusariosis of Pineapple - *Ananas comosus*

Conclusions

- ❑ *F. guttiforme* confirmed as the main pathogen of *Fusarium* wilt and resinosis of pineapple in Brazil.
- ❑ High genetic diversity observed in the population is consistent with the hypothesis that it is near the center of origin, and the possibility of the occurrence of sexual reproduction in species cannot be excluded.
- ❑ The observation of two divergent AFLP groups with similarity below 40% in comparison with the main group suggests that there may be distinct populations causing wilt in pineapple in Brazil.

Perspectives and future work

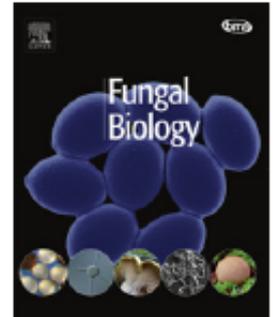
- ❑ Further collection, including native species of *Ananas*
- ❑ Crossing experiments
- ❑ Metabolite profiling
- ❑ And

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***Fusarium ananatum* sp. nov. in the *Gibberella fujikuroi* species complex from pineapples with fruit rot in South Africa**

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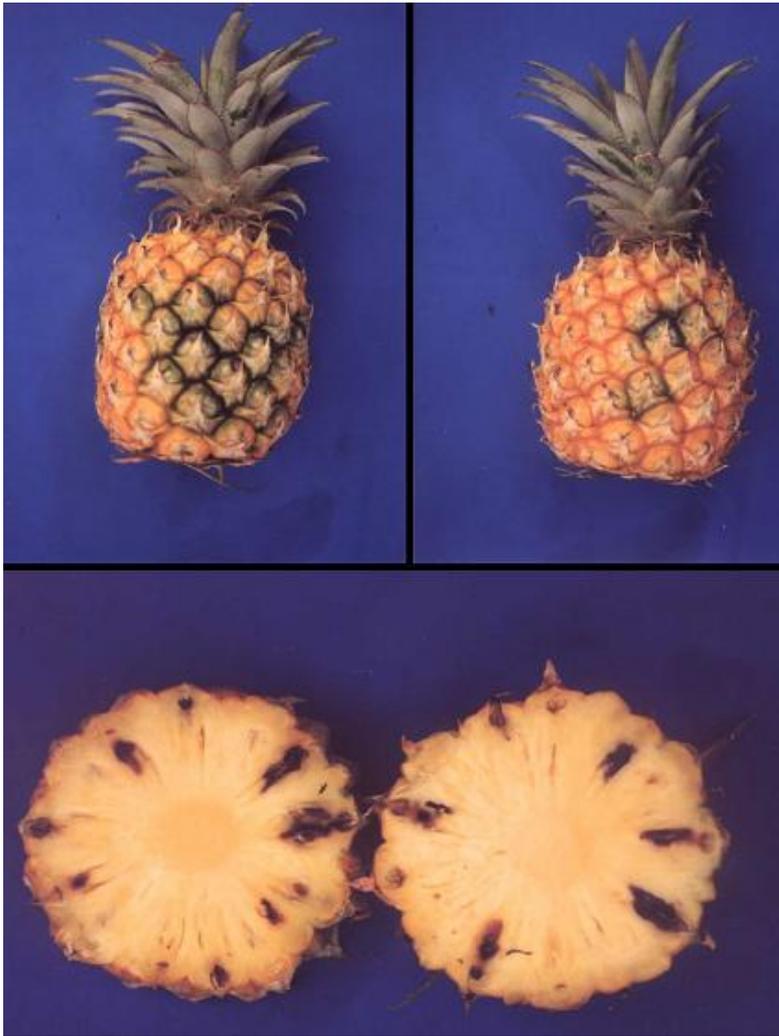
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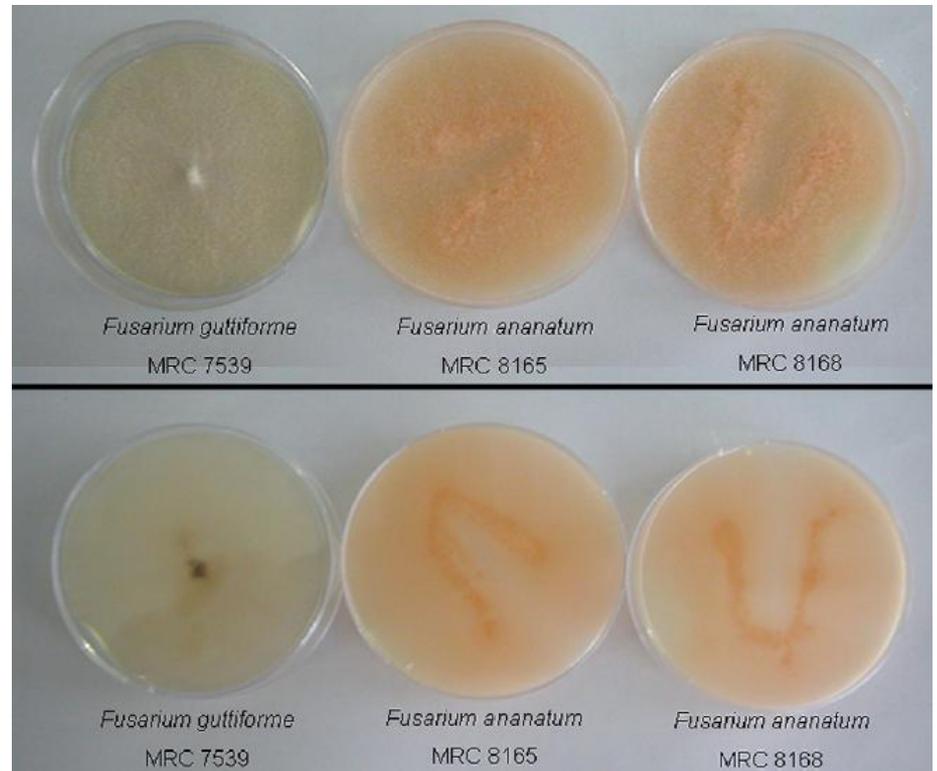
Fusariosis of Pineapple - *Ananas comosus*



Symptoms

Fusarium ananatum

Black spot



Culture morphology

Fusariosis of Pineapple - *Ananas comosus*

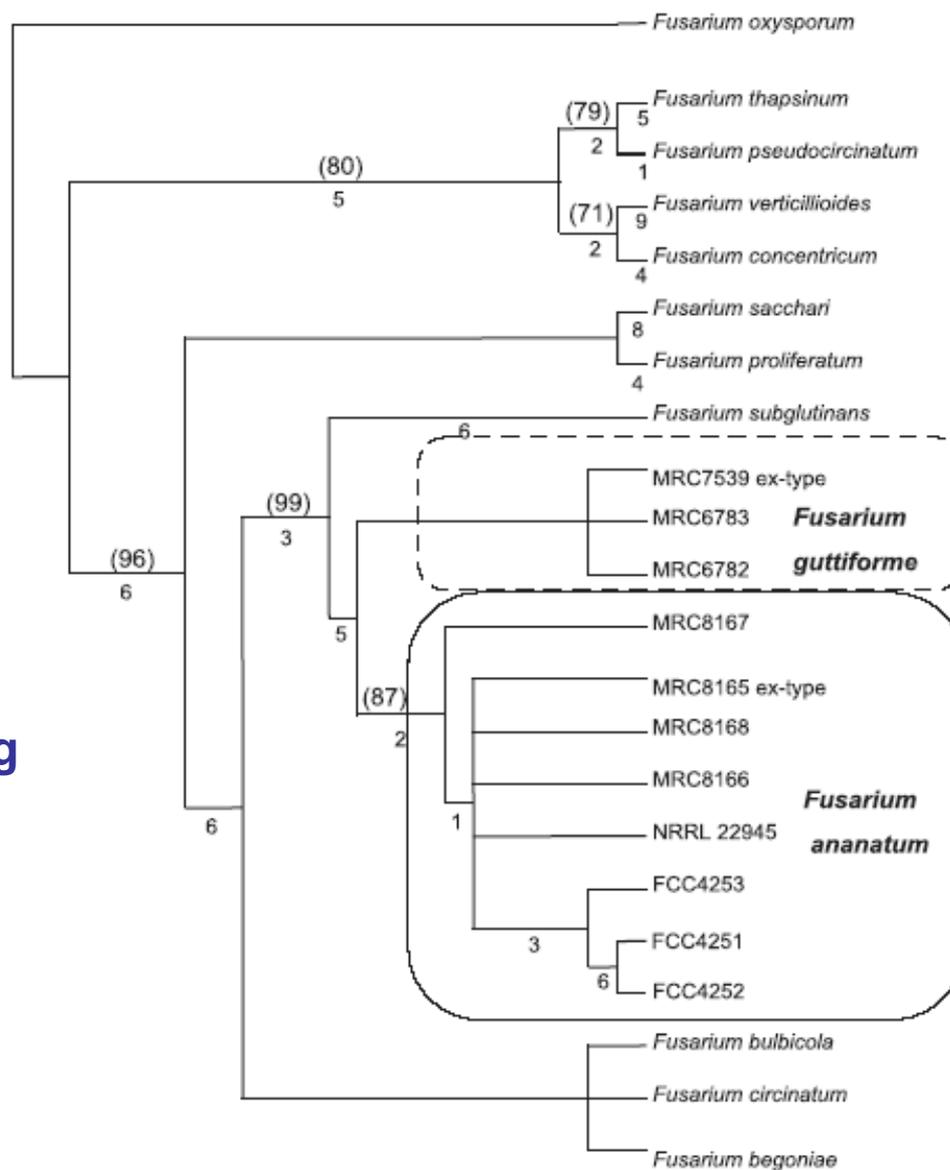
Phylogenetic tree of *F. ananatum* and related species produced using parsimony of *tef-1a*

Informative characters 53

CI = 0.6737

RI = 0.8510

g1 = -0.476216



Panama Disease, Fusariosis, wilt disease

Banana - *Musa* spp.

Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. *cubense*

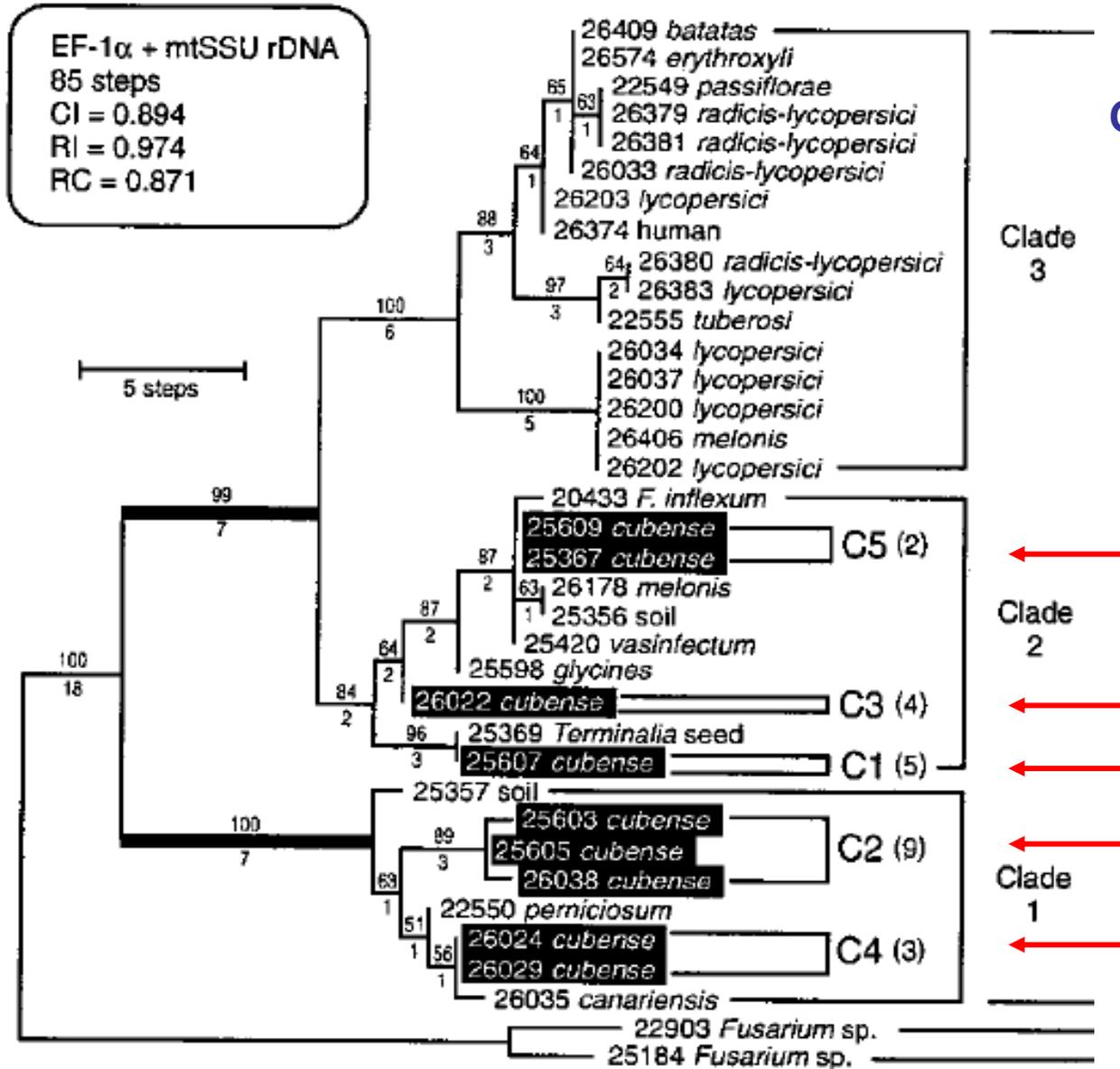
Teleomorph unknown

Four races ??

- Polyphyletic
- Distinct evolutionary origin
- ... Five species (?), maybe more



Panama disease of banana



O'Donnell et al. 1998

Panama disease of banana

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Evolutionary Relationships among the *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* Vegetative Compatibility Groups[▽]

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.... clearly showed that ability of *F. oxy. cub*

1 to cause disease on banana has emerged multiple times, independently

2 to cause disease to a specific banana cultivar is also a polyphyletic trait

Panama disease of banana

Disease caused by several pathogens referred to as
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. *cubense*

Ploetz 2006

- *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* represents at least five distinct clonal lineages
- Races of *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* may belong to different species
- Concept of races is not consistent
- The *formae speciales* concept is not phylogenetically informative

Fusariosis of Passion fruit

Passiflora spp. - Disease complex

Causal agents:

1 *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *passiflorae* - **Wilt**

2 *Fusarium solani*

root rot, stem rot and canker

develop to wilting and dieback

present also as an endophyte

Ploetz 2003

Nunes & Albuquerque 1995, Pará, Brazil
Fusarium solani - *Nectria haematococca*

Nirenberg & Brielmeyer-Liebetanz 1996, Germany
Fusarium striatum – *Haematonectria ipomoeae*

Fusariosis of Passion fruit

Wilt syndrom in the field



Fusariosis of Passion fruit

F. oxysporum f.sp. *passiflorae*



Fusarium solani



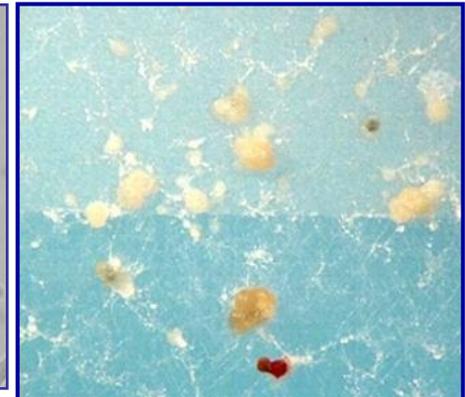
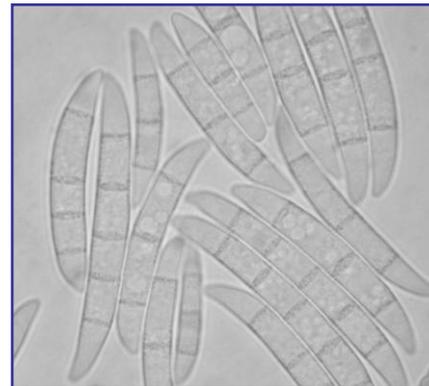
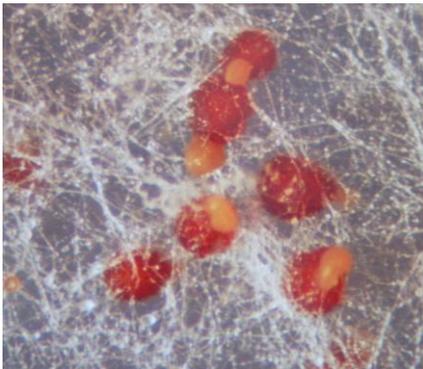
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Morphological markers within the form species *Fusarium solani*

- Growth rate of colony, pigmentation
- Ramification of the conidiophore
- Format, septation and size of micro- and macroconidia
- Specificity, Others ?

Telomorph – *Haematonectria*

- Homothallic + heterothallic spp.
- Ascospores



Form species *Fusarium solani* - Section Martiella

Named species, populations, strains etc. :

<i>Fusarium ambrosium</i>	India
<i>Fusarium illudens</i>	Nova Zelandia – tel <i>Nectria illudens</i>
<i>Fusarium martii-phaseoli</i>	USA, <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>
<i>Fusarium striatum</i> (homothallic)	Panama – tel <i>Haematonectria ipomoeae</i>
<i>Fusarium</i> sp.	Guiania
<i>Fusarium</i> sp.	Venezuela
<i>Nectria borneensis</i>	Indonesia
<i>Nectria plagianthi</i>	Nova Zelandia
<i>Neocosmospora africana</i>	
<i>N. vasinfecta</i>	
<i>N. ornamentata</i> (homothallic)	

(O'Donnell 2000)

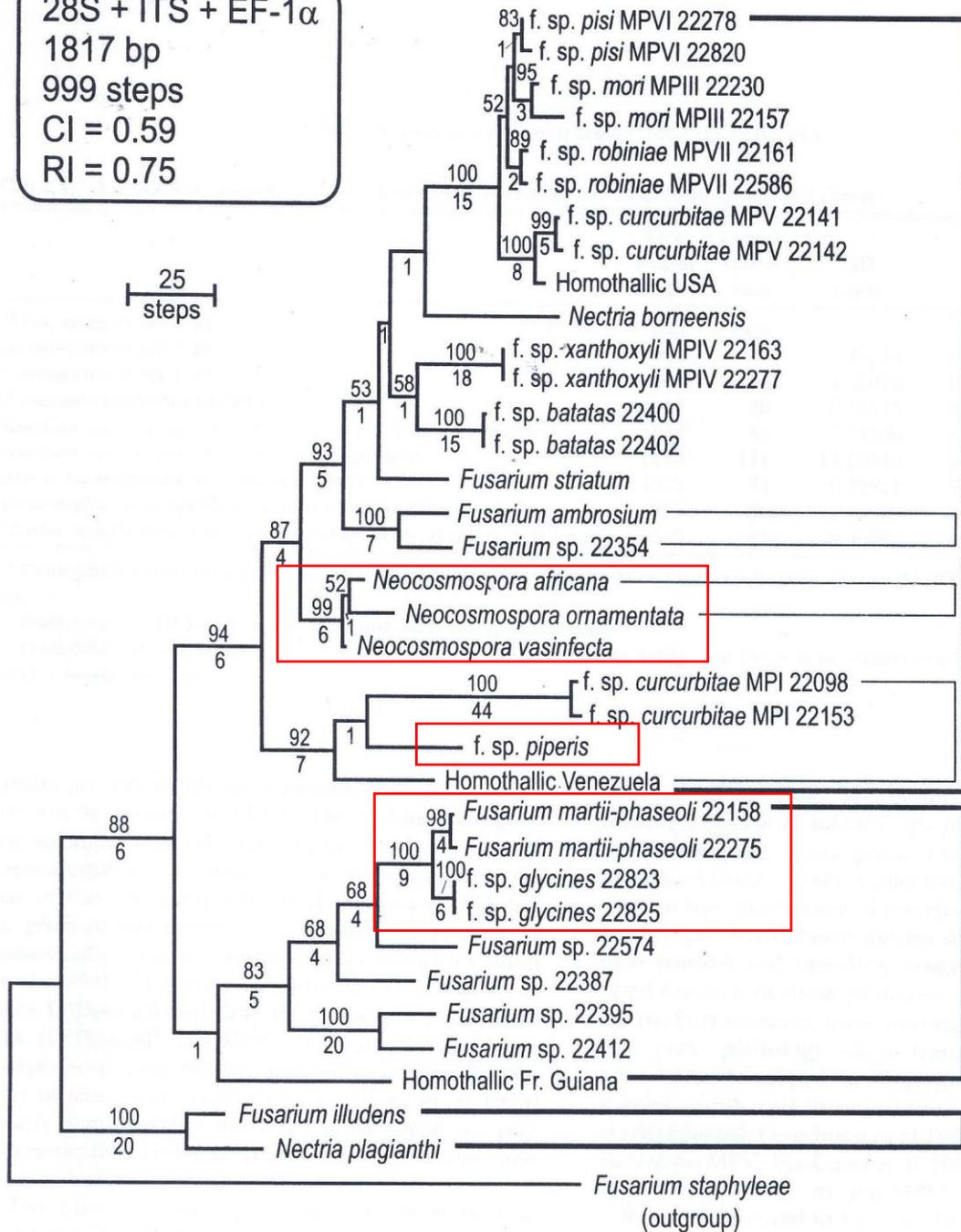
**Named *formae speciales* and *mating populations*
in the *Fusarium solani* species complex - FSSC**

1 <i>F sol f. sp. batatas</i>	MP-II	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>
2 <i>F sol f. sp. cucurbitae</i> race 1	MP-I	<i>Cucurbita</i> spp.
3 <i>F sol f. sp. cucurbitae</i> race 2	MP-V	<i>Cucurbita</i> spp.
4 <i>F sol f. sp. glycines</i>		<i>Glycine max</i>
5 <i>F sol f. sp. mori</i>	MP-III	<i>Morus alba</i>
6 <i>F sol f. sp. piperis</i>		<i>Piper nigrum</i>
7 <i>F sol f. sp. pisi</i>	MP-VI	<i>Pisum sativum</i>
8 <i>F sol f. sp. robiniae</i>	MP-VII	<i>Robinia</i> spp.
9 <i>F sol f. sp. xanthoxyli</i>	MP-IV	<i>Xanthoxylum</i> sp.

28S + ITS + EF-1 α
 1817 bp
 999 steps
 CI = 0.59
 RI = 0.75



Strict consensus cladogram



Clade 3

Asian

Africa

S-American

Clade 2 - SDS pathogens
 soy beans

S-American

Clade 1

New Zealand

O'Donnell 2000



SDS - Sudden death syndrome of soybean

Causal agent: *Fusarium solani* f.sp. *glycinis*

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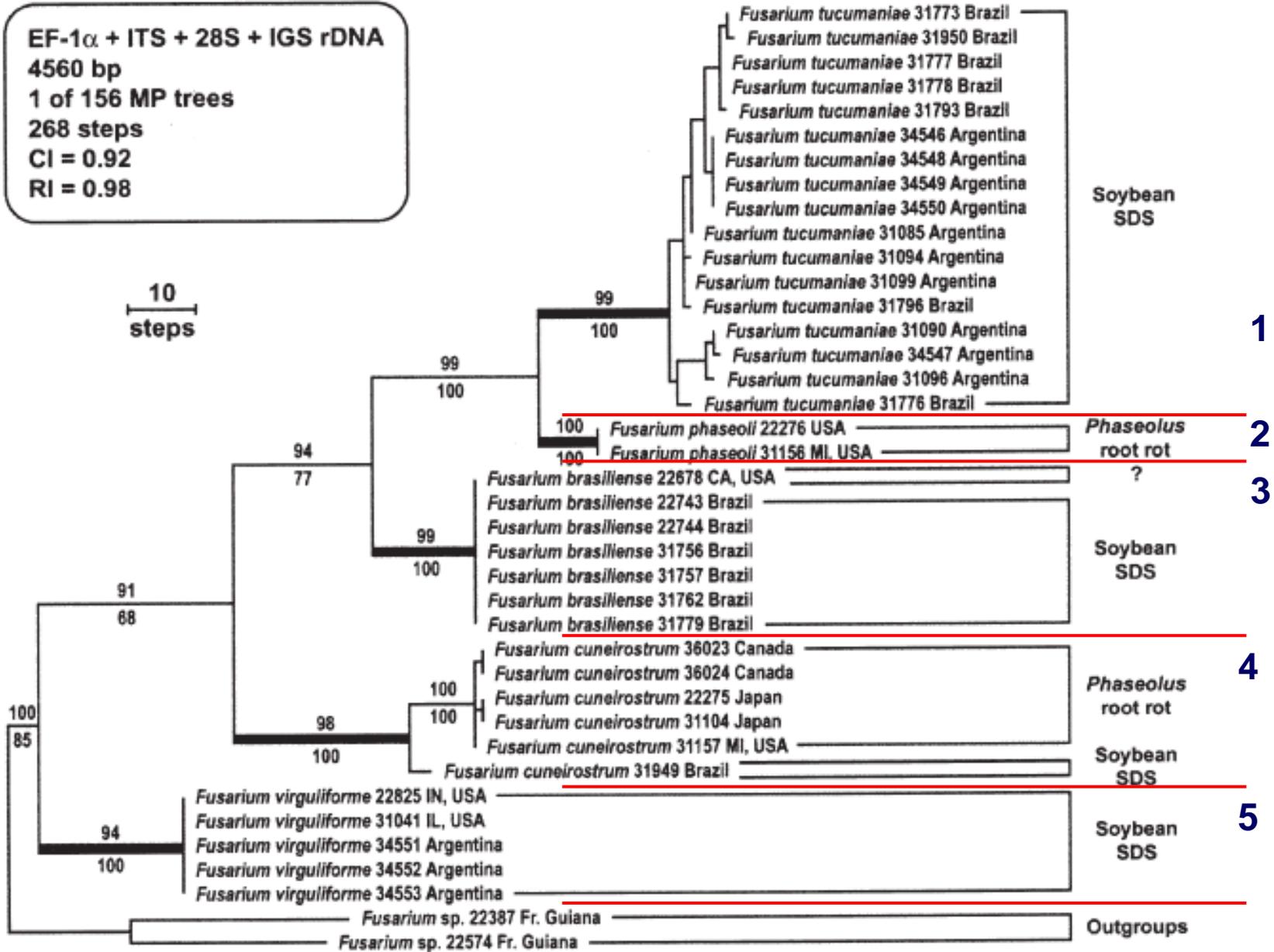
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María Mercedes Scandiani

Sudden death syndrome of soybean in South America is caused by four species of *Fusarium*: *Fusarium brasiliense* sp. nov., *F. cuneirostrum* sp. nov., *F. tucumaniae*, and *F. virguliforme*

Fusarium solani on soybean and common bean
Morphology; pathogenicity; ITS, 28S, IGS, EF-1 α
5 distinct species, only a few isolates from Brazil were included

SDS - Sudden death syndrome of soybean

EF-1 α + ITS + 28S + IGS rDNA
 4560 bp
 1 of 156 MP trees
 268 steps
 CI = 0.92
 RI = 0.98



Aoki et al.
 2005

Etiology of Sudden death syndrome of soybean in Brazil

Objectives

- ❑ To identify the causal agents of Sudden death syndrome of soybean in Brazil

Methods Gene Sequencing, Morphological Characterization, Pathogenicity Test

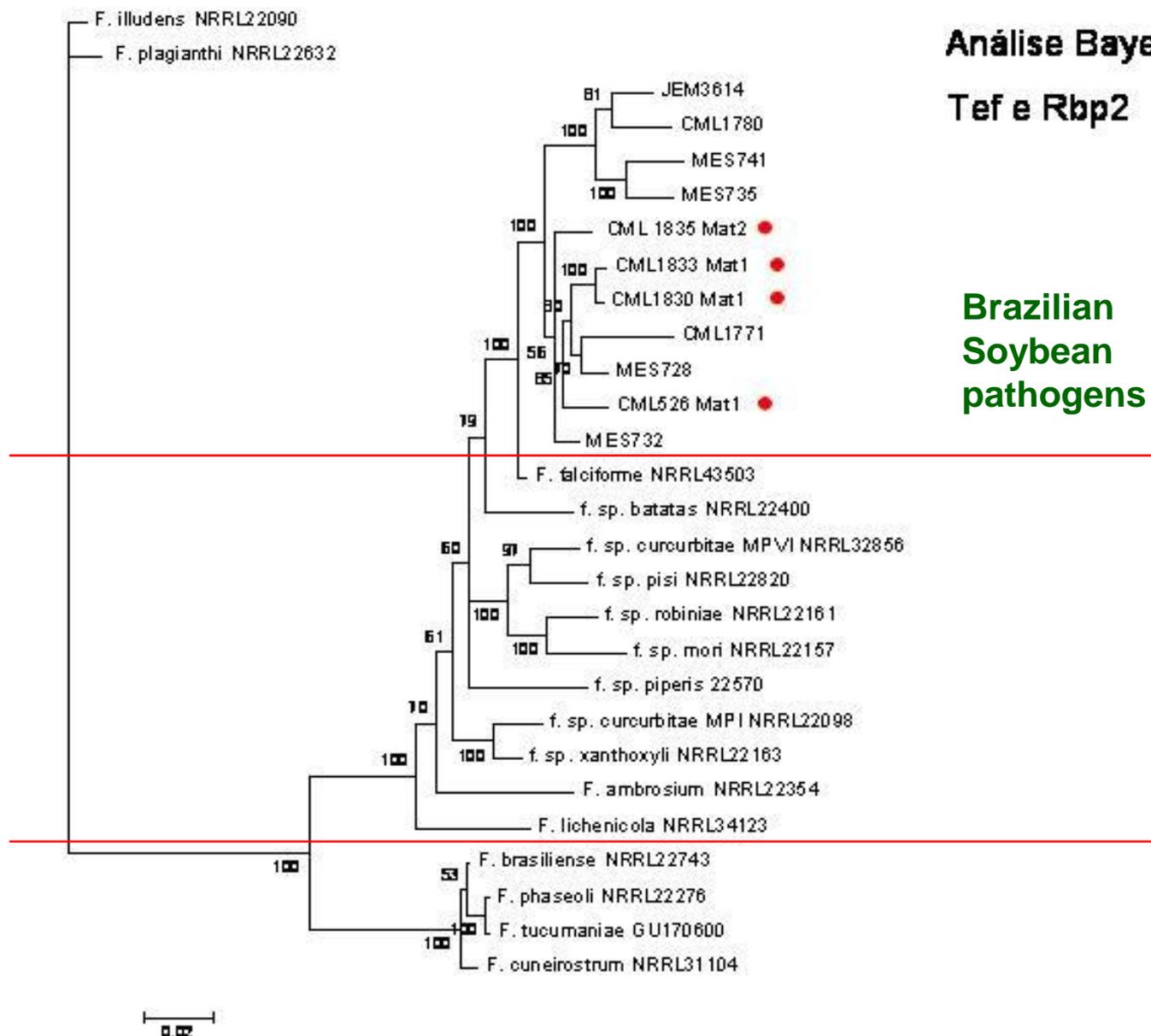
- ❑ To identify biological species - mating populations

Methods Identification of mating type (PCR) and crossing

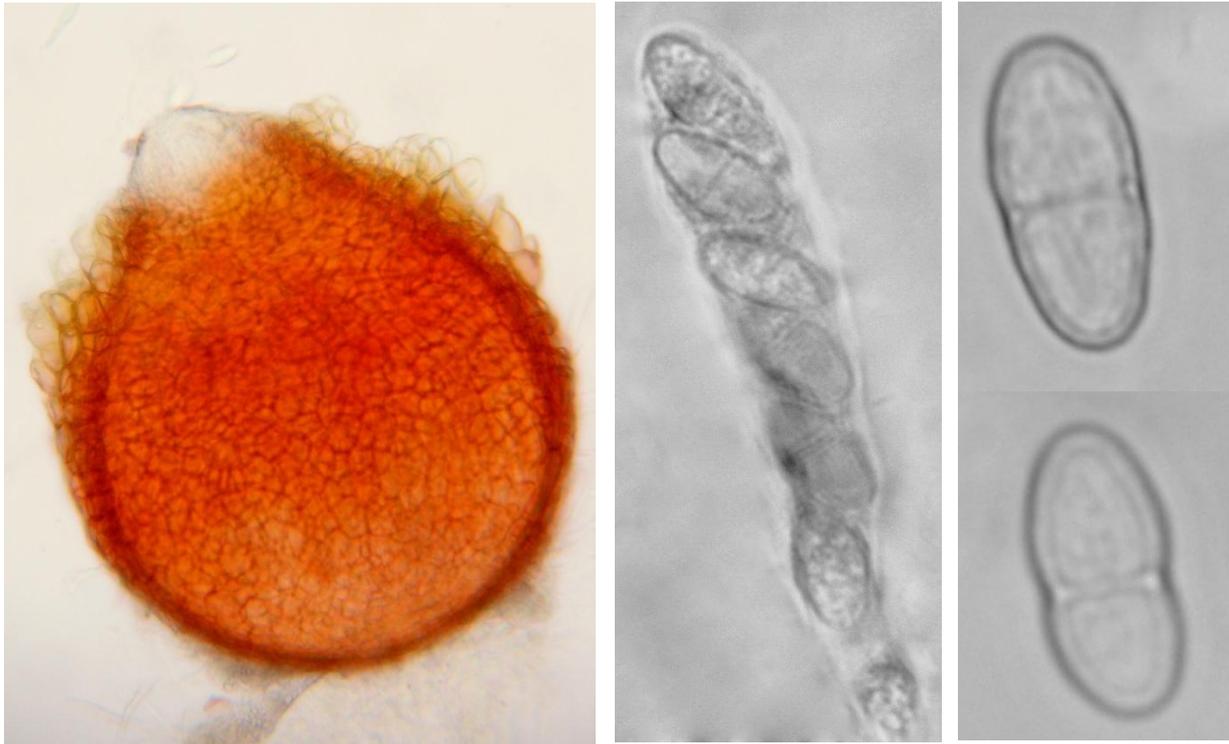
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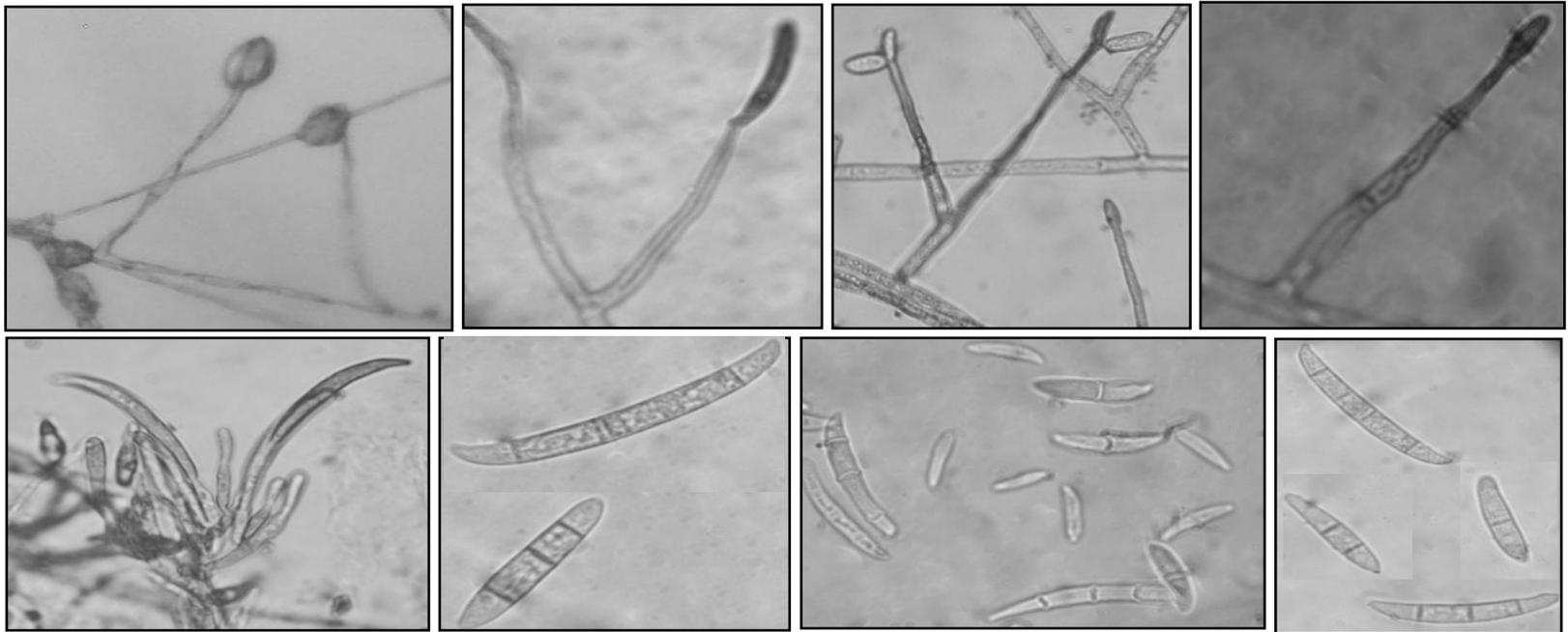
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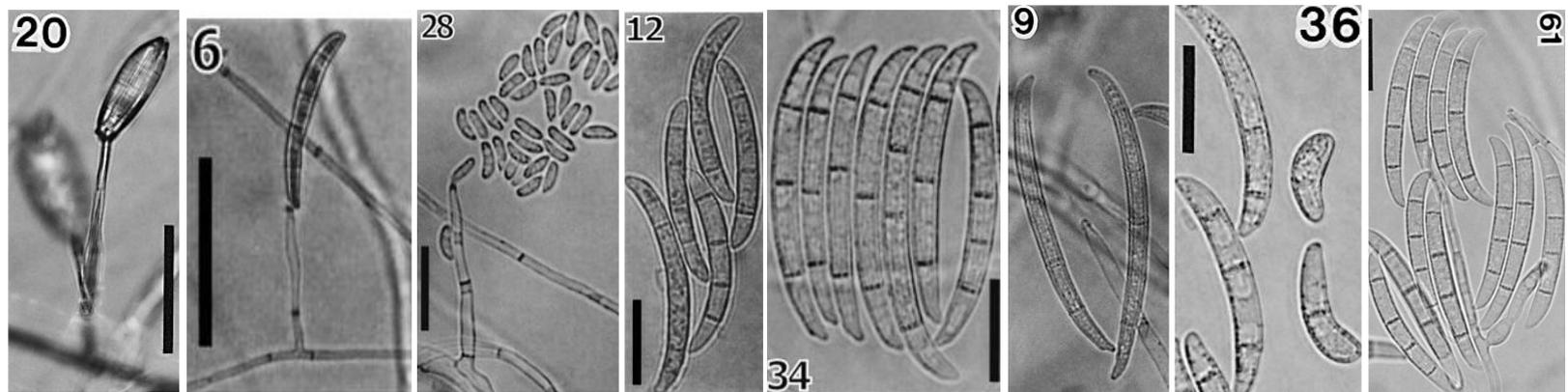
Sexual reproduction in the soybean sudden death syndrome pathogen



Morphological characters



Brazilian isolates



Aoki et al; 2003, 2005

***Piper nigrum* - Black Pepper**
Fusarium solani* f. sp. *piperis

**Most important disease of black pepper
in Brazil**

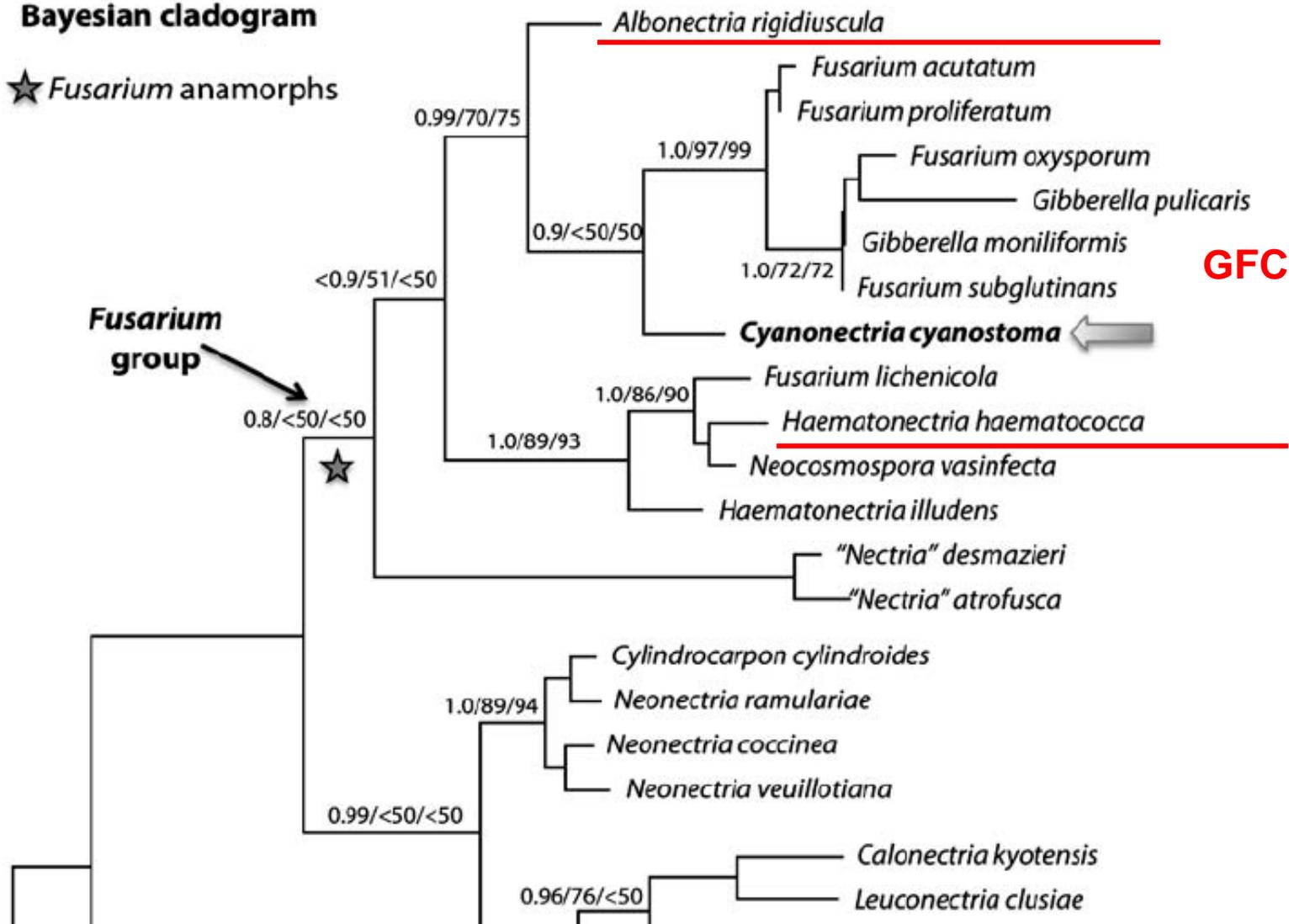
**Is supposed to be a distinct species
within FSSC**



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Combined ITS and LSU Bayesian cladogram

★ *Fusarium* anamorphs

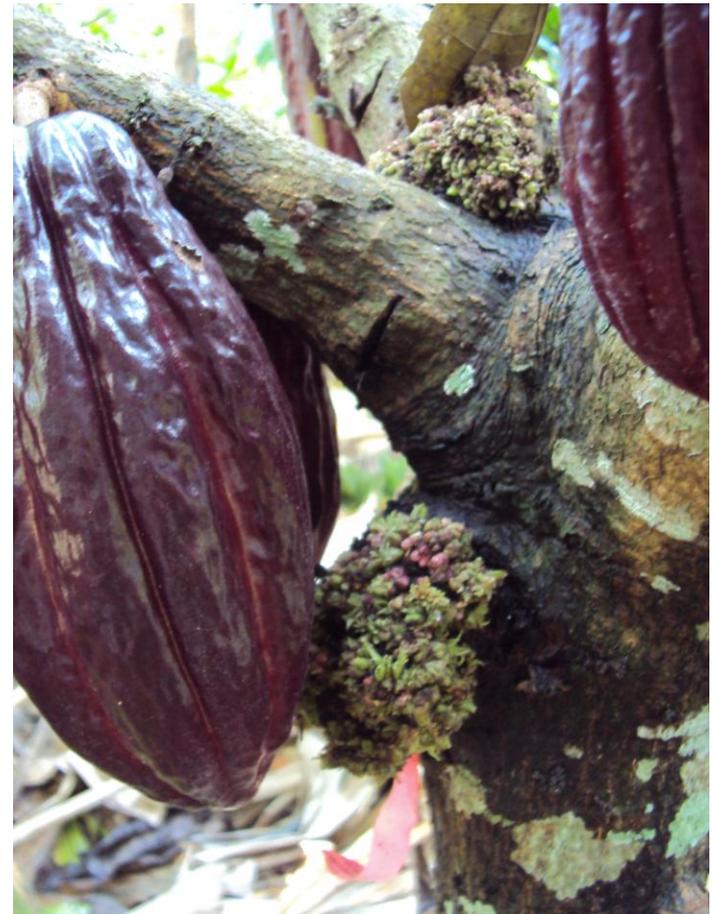


Cocoa - *Theobroma cacao*

Fusarium decemcellulare

Albonectria rigidiuscula

Disease: cushion gall



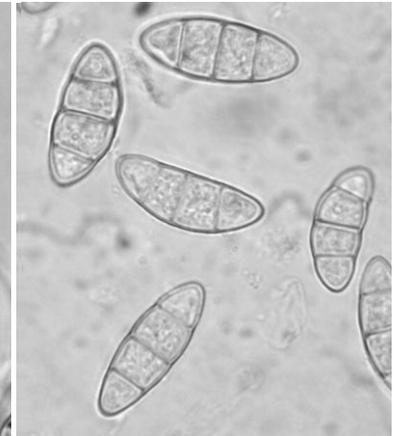
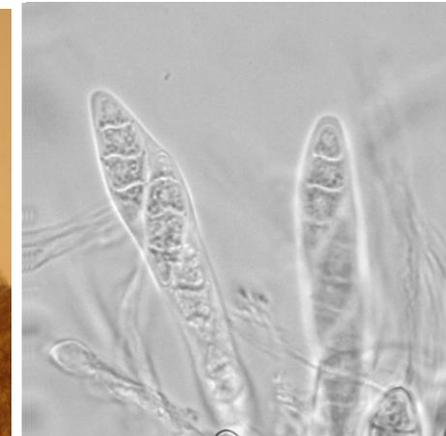
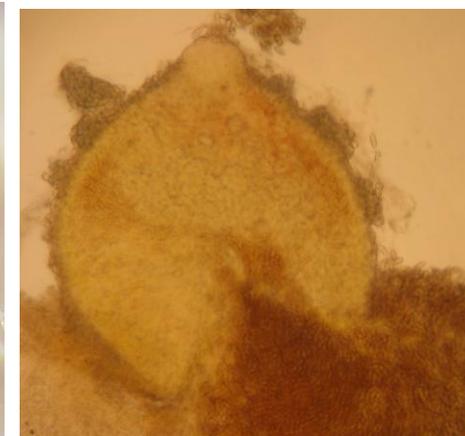
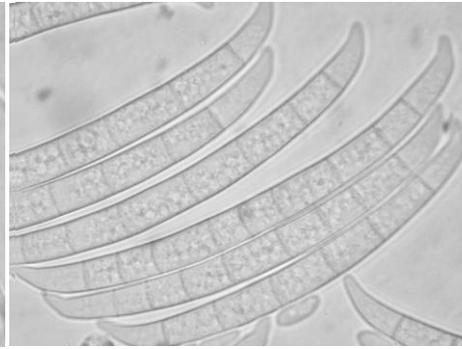
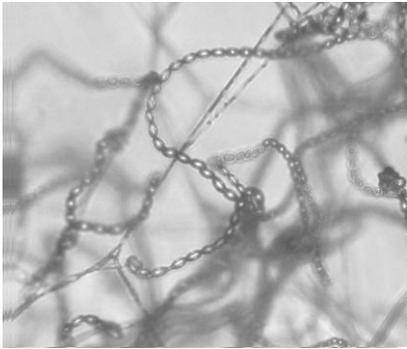
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Species and Populations in Fusarium



Fusarium decemcellulare

Teleomorph *Albonectria rigidiuscula*



Characterization of populations - approaches

- Morphology MSC
- AFLP *fingerprint*
- Sequencing and Phylogenetic analysis PSC
- Sexual Compatibility, *mating populations* BSC
- Vegetative Compatibility, *vegetative compatibility groups*

Phylogenetic Classification System -

only monophyletic taxa are accepted

Characterization of populations and species

The Ideal World – El Mundo Ideal – O Mundo Ideal

MSC = BSC = PSC

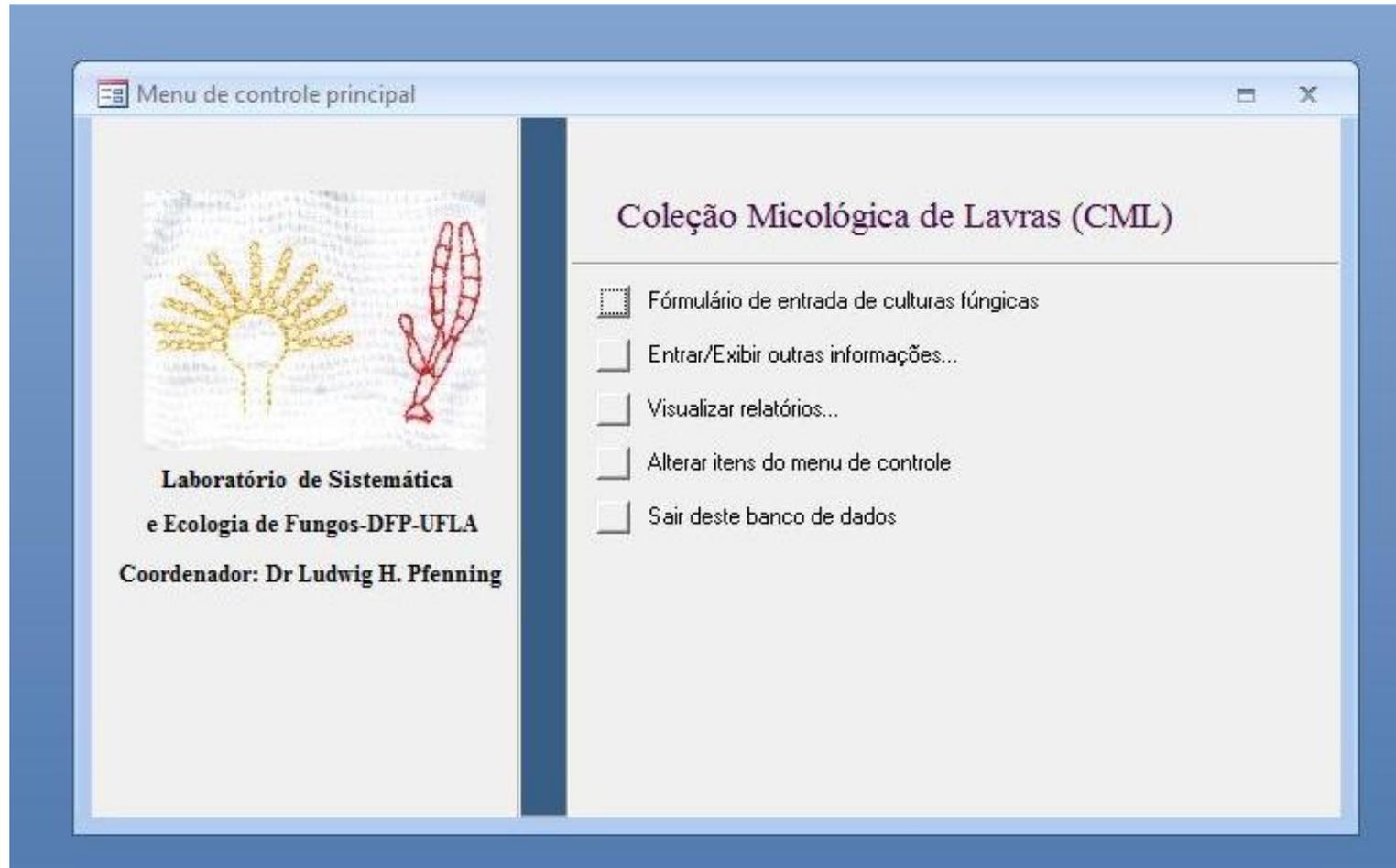
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Gateway to biodiversity and services to innovation in biotechnology

Our research activities :

- **Impact of agriculture on soil fungi diversity**
- **Diversity and specificity of fungal endophytes in crops and plants of natural vegetation**
- **Metabolite profiling for chemotaxonomy and bioprospection**
- **Species concepts and characterization of populations of plant pathogens, for the development of PCR-based protocols for diagnostics and quarantine purposes**

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Coordenador: Dr Ludwig H. Pfenning

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- Fórmula de entrada de culturas fúngicas
- Entrar/Exibir outras informações...
- Visualizar relatórios...
- Alterar itens do menu de controle
- Sair deste banco de dados

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FORMULÁRIO DE REGISTRO DE CULTURAS FÚNGICAS

IDENTIFICAÇÃO

Número de acesso	CML 0001
Gênero	Fusarium
Espécie	verticillioides
Autoridade científica	J. Sheld
Sinônimos	F. moniliforme
Estado alternativo	
Família	Nectriaceae
Ordem	Hypocreales
Depositante	Ludwig Pfenning
Data de acesso	01/12/1998
Histórico	CCT 4776

ORIGEM

Substrato / hospedeiro	maracujá (<i>Passiflora edulis</i>)
Cultivar	nd
Especificação	fruto <input type="button" value="v"/>
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