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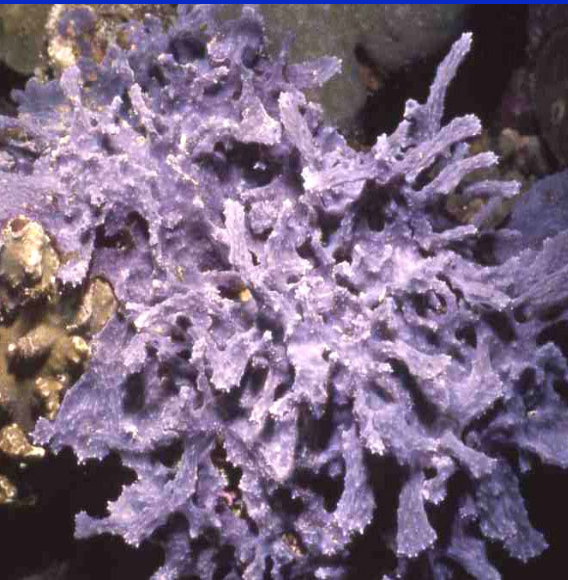
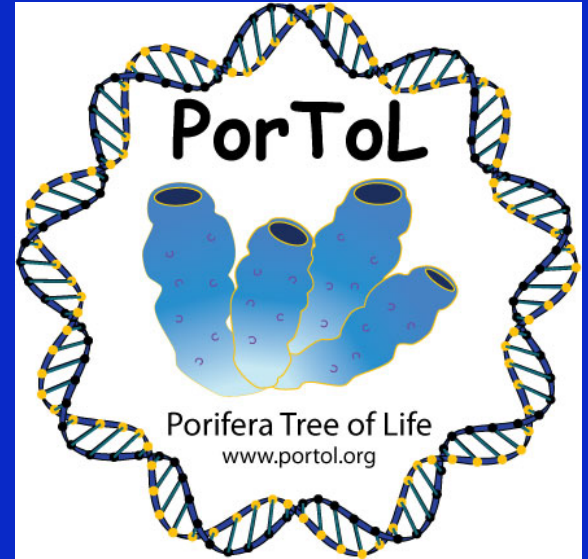
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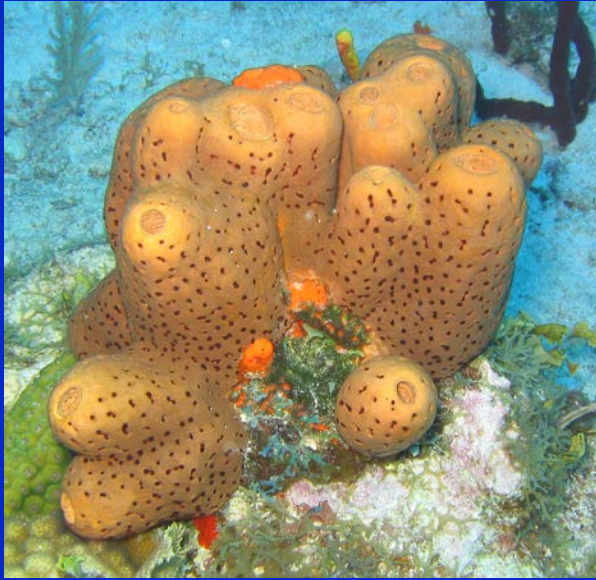




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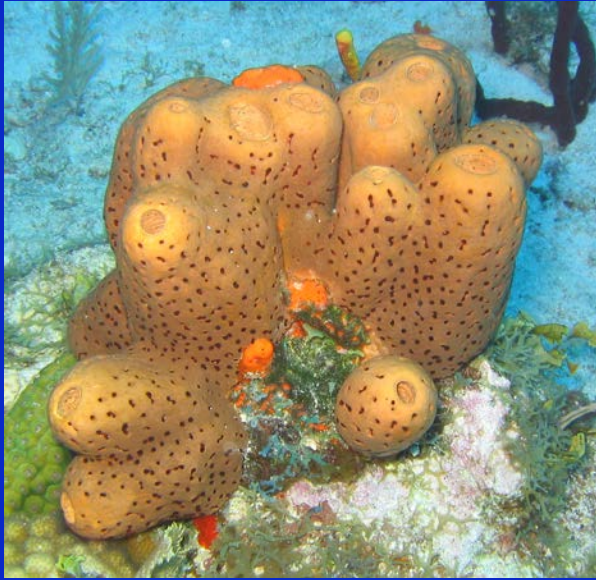


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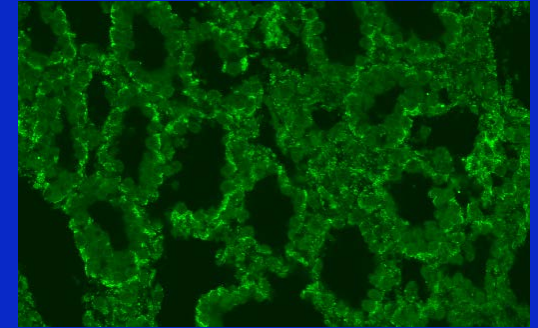




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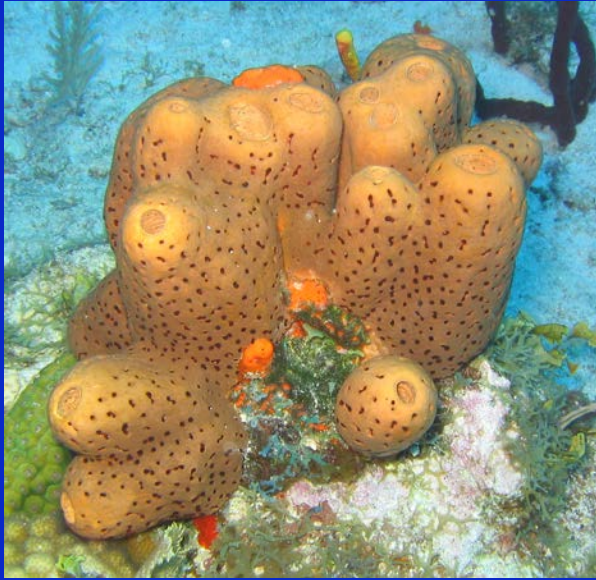
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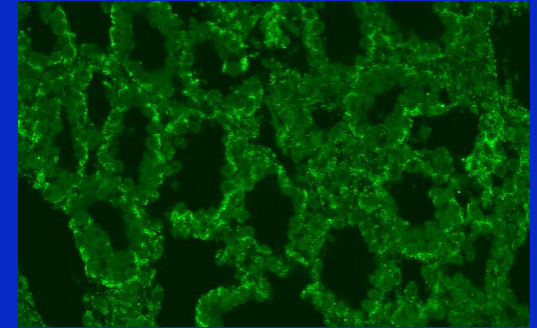
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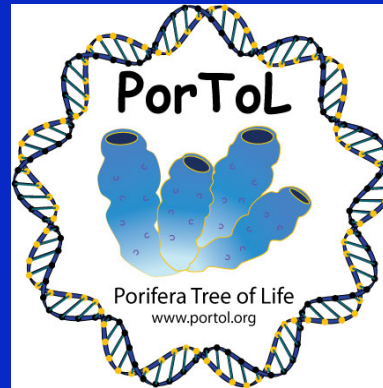
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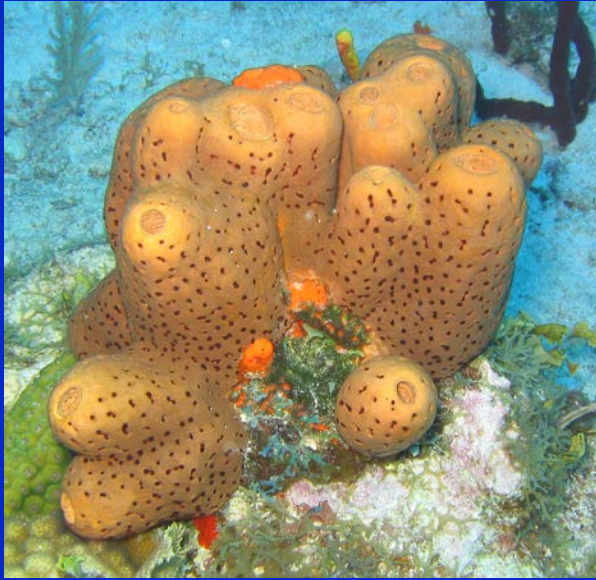
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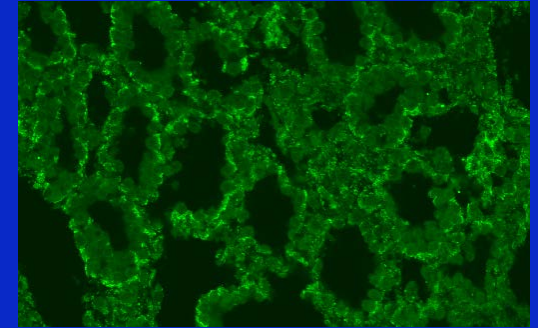
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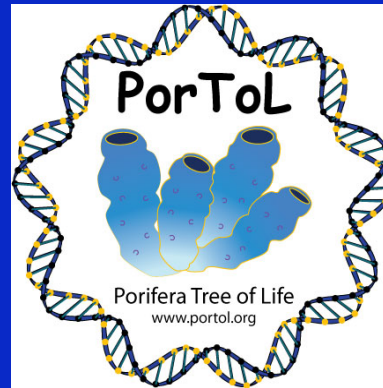
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# Sponge Biodiversity

Porifera are distributed in

3 traditional classes + 1 new class = 4 classes

25 orders

127 families

682 valid genera (700+ proposed)

8,261 recognized species + estimated 8,000 to be named

ICZN sponge taxonomy is maintained as the

World Porifera Database ([www.marinespecies.org/porifera](http://www.marinespecies.org/porifera))



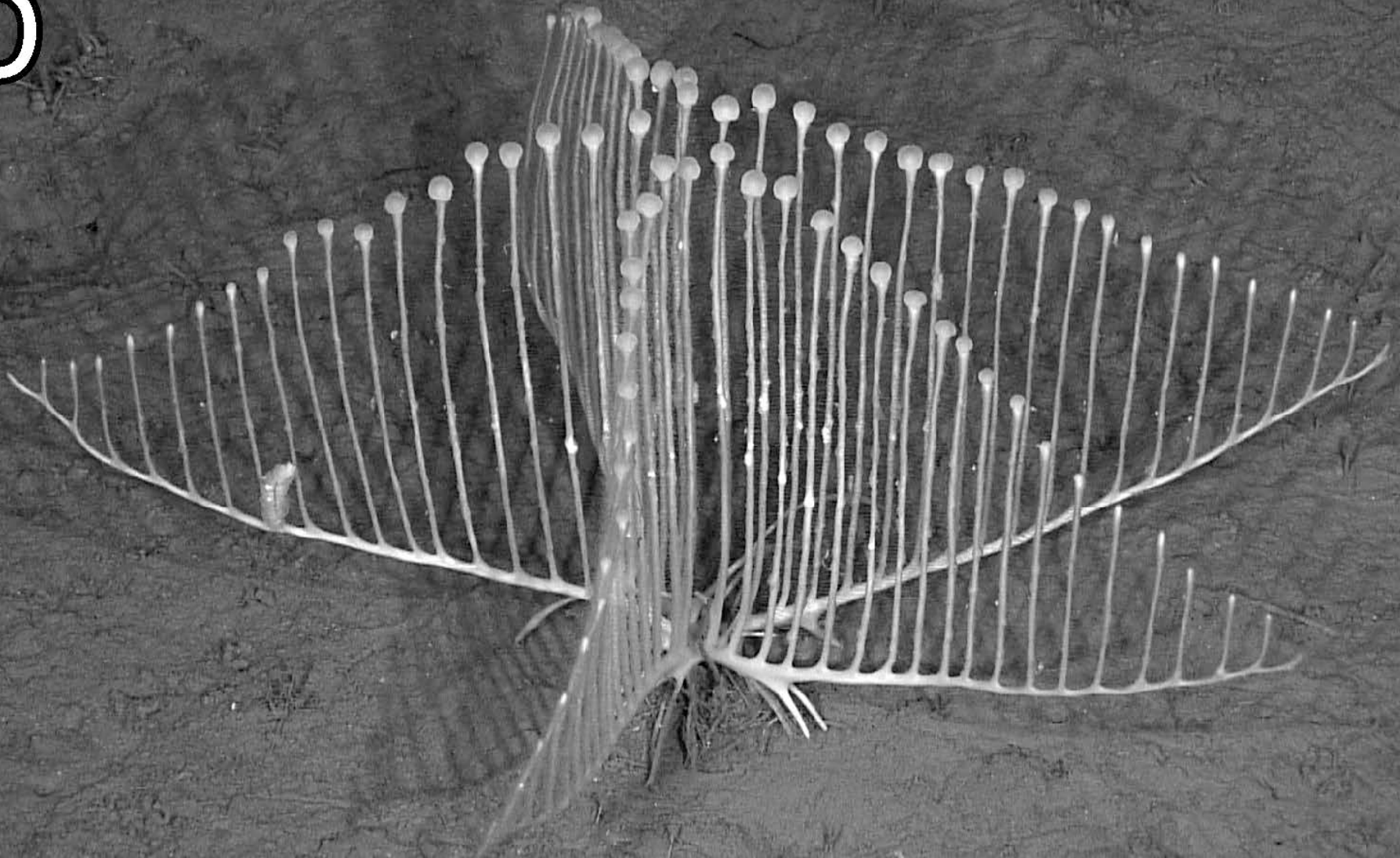


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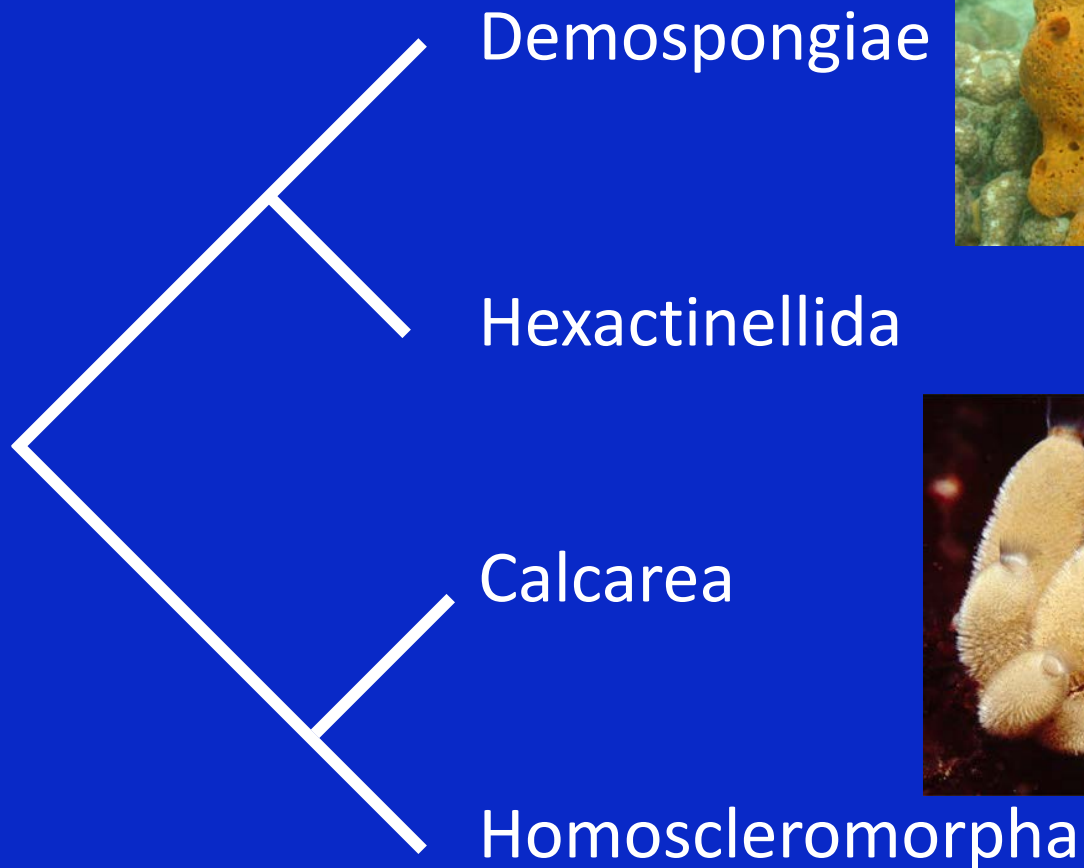
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*Chondrocladia lyra*, a new species of carnivorous sponge from northern California (Demospongiae, Poecilosclerida, Cladorhizidae)

Welton Lee, California Academy of Sciences

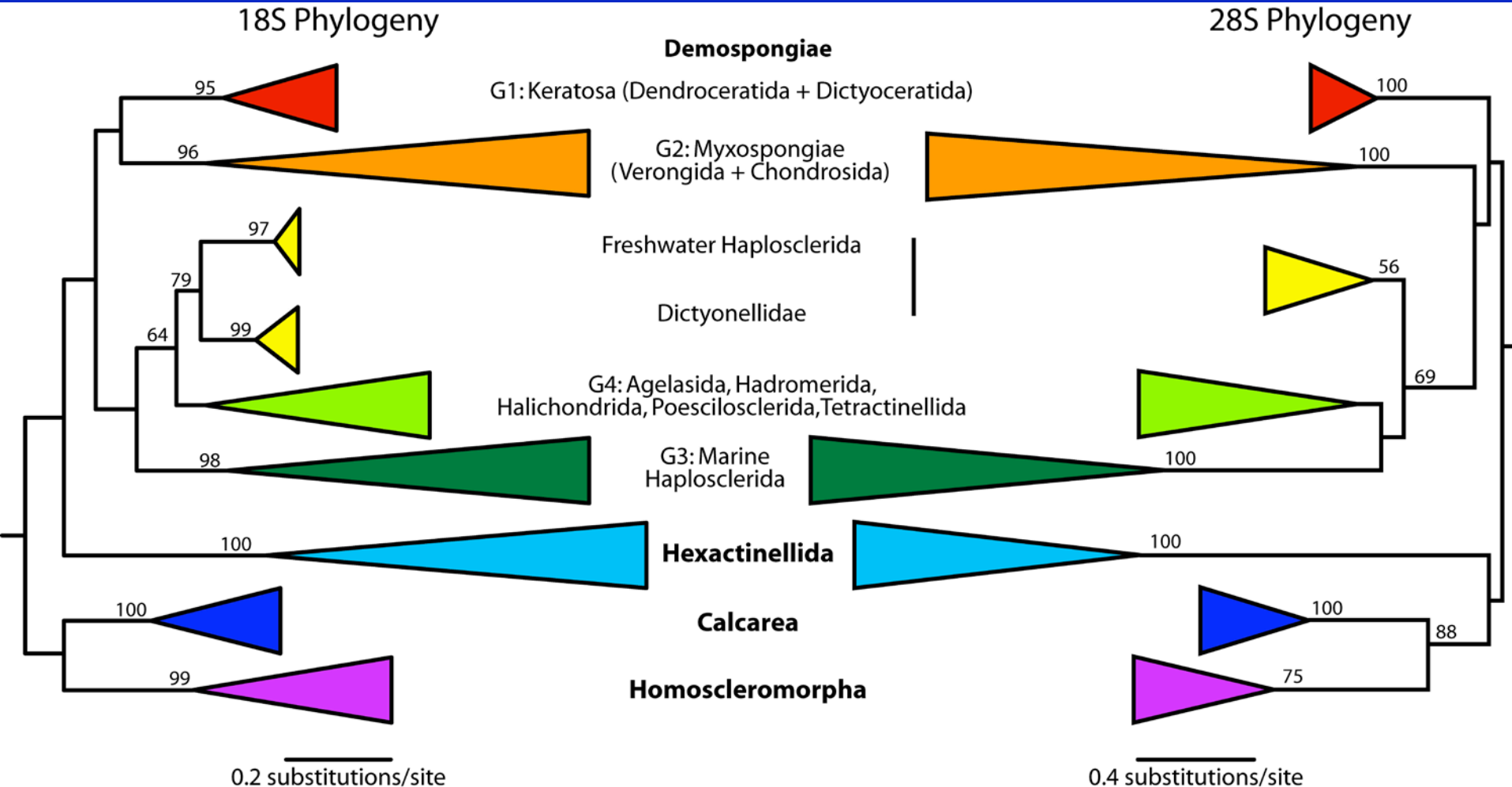
A phylogeny is used to visualize evolutionary relationships among groups of organisms





# NSF Assembling the Tree of Life:

## Porifera Tree of Life (PorToL), >1300 species



# Computational Needs for Phylogenetics

- Secondary Structure Alignments  
Parallel MAFFT

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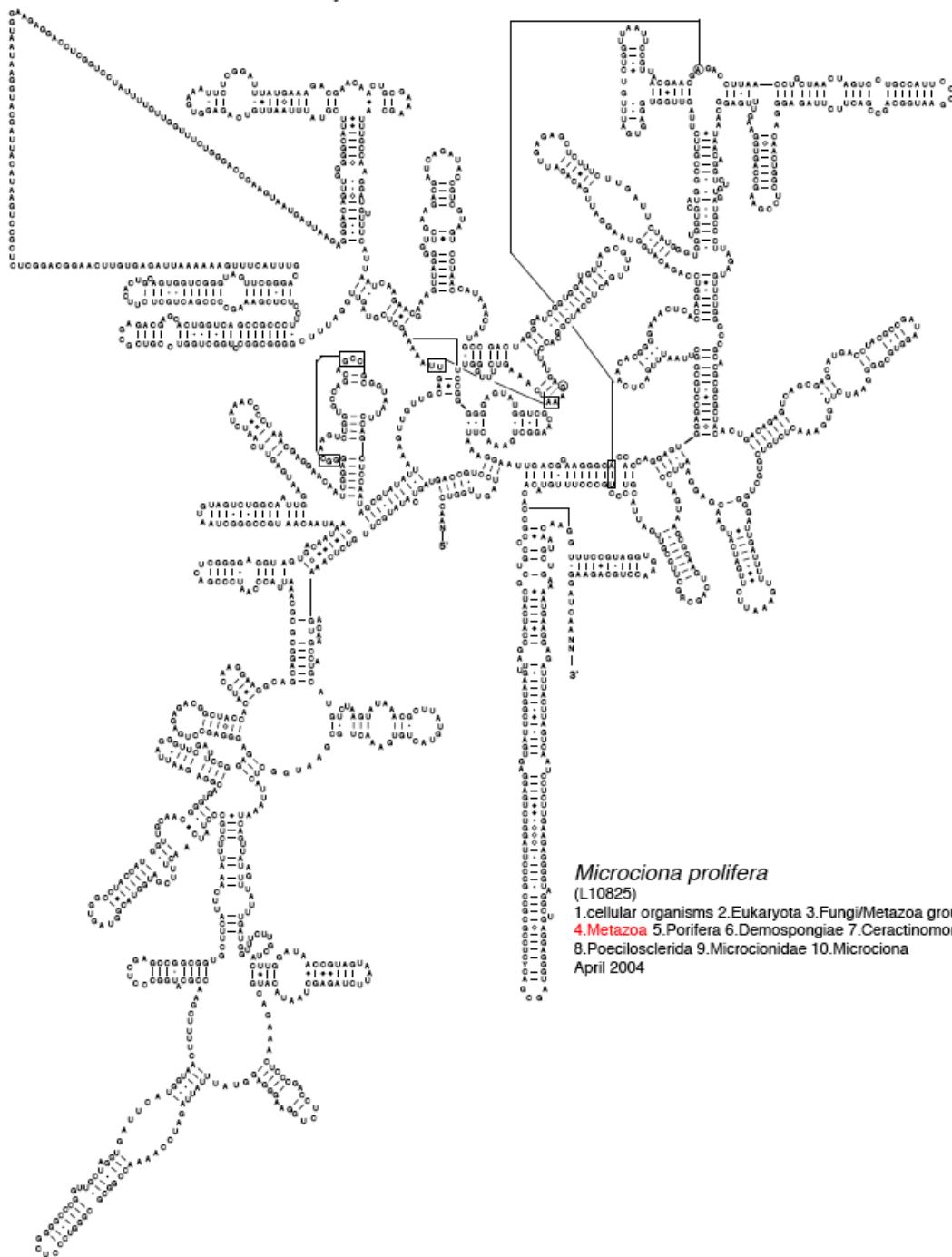
## **Parallelization of the MAFFT multiple sequence alignment program**

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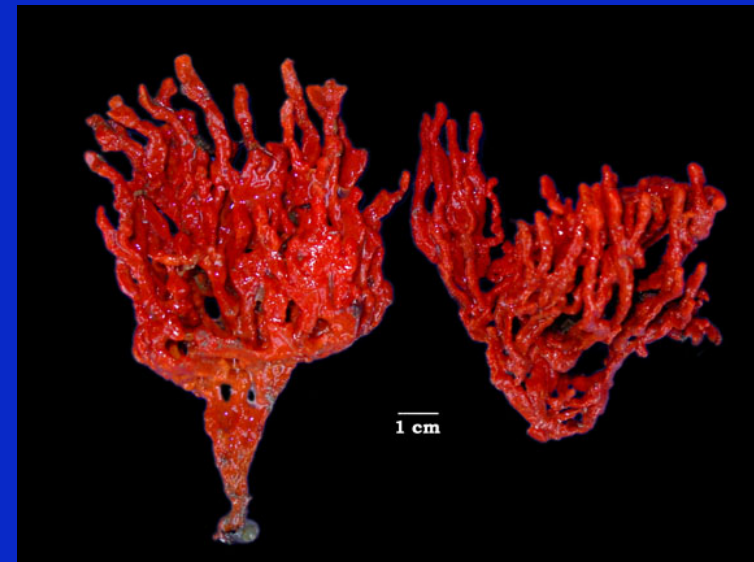
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## Analysis of Ribosomal Gene Sequences

Alignments based on folding of secondary structure are most accurate, but computationally complex



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- Bayesian Algorithms  
Parallel PhyloBayes

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*Phylogenetics*

## **PhyloBayes 3: a Bayesian software package for phylogenetic reconstruction and molecular dating**

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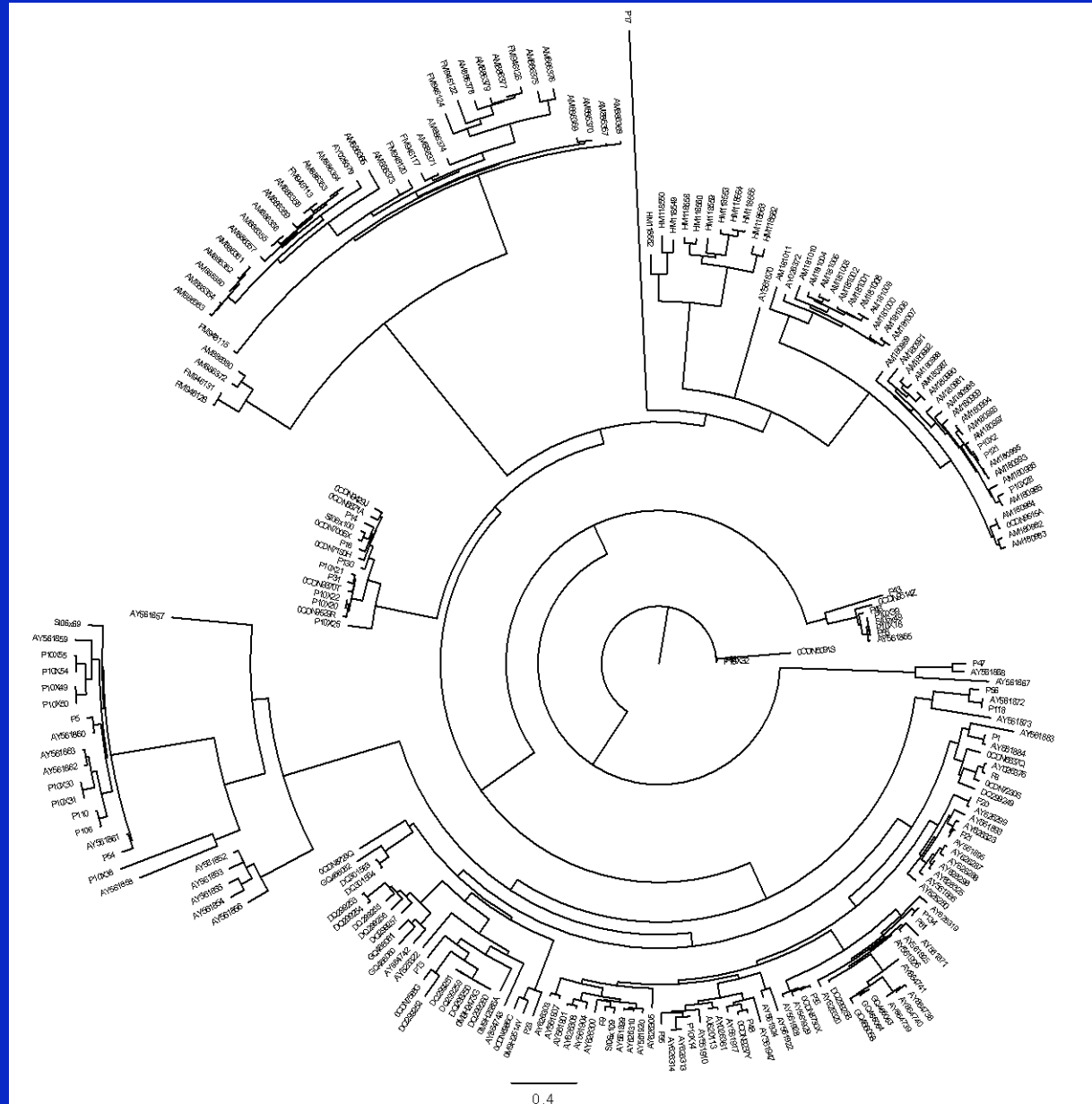
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# PhyloBayes

New parallel version  
implemented by  
Puri Bangalore

CAT-GTR model of  
sequence evolution,  
with over 50  
different models  
specified across  
3500 bp alignment  
of 250 taxa



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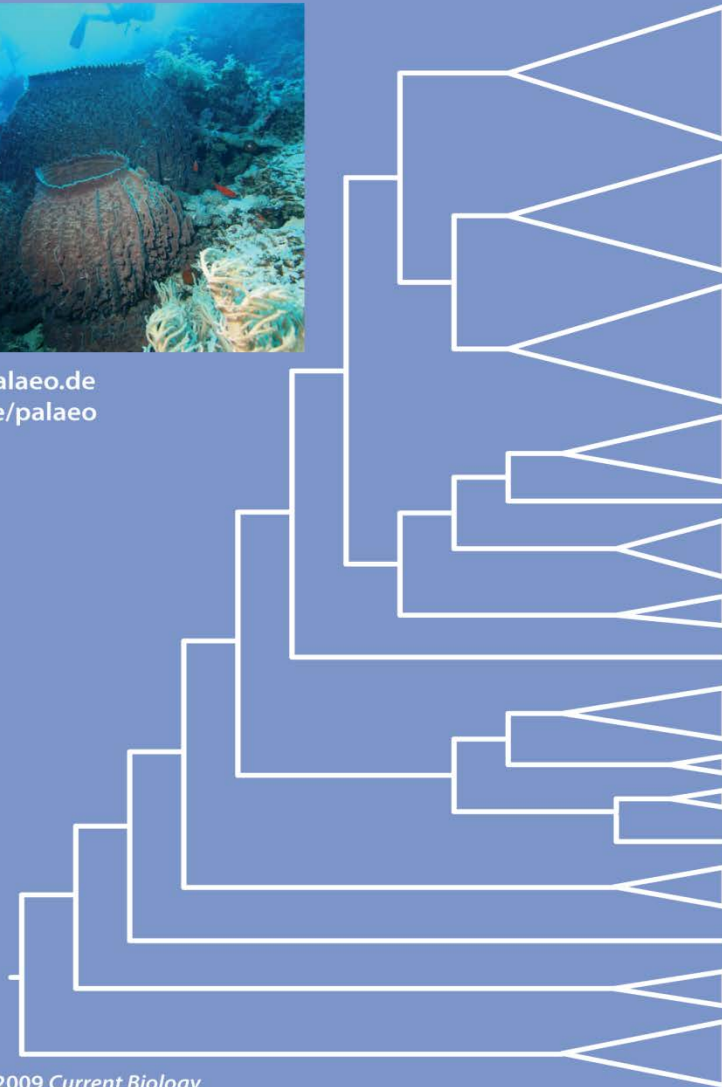
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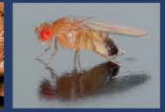


Philippe et al. 2009 *Current Biology*

Deuterostomia



Ecdysozoa



Lophotrochozoa



Hydrozoa

Scyphozoa

Anthozoa

Ctenophora

Cnidaria

Coelenterata



Placozoa

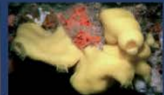
Demospongiae

Hexactinellida

Calcareo

Homoscleromorpha

Porifera



Choanoflagellata

Capsaspora

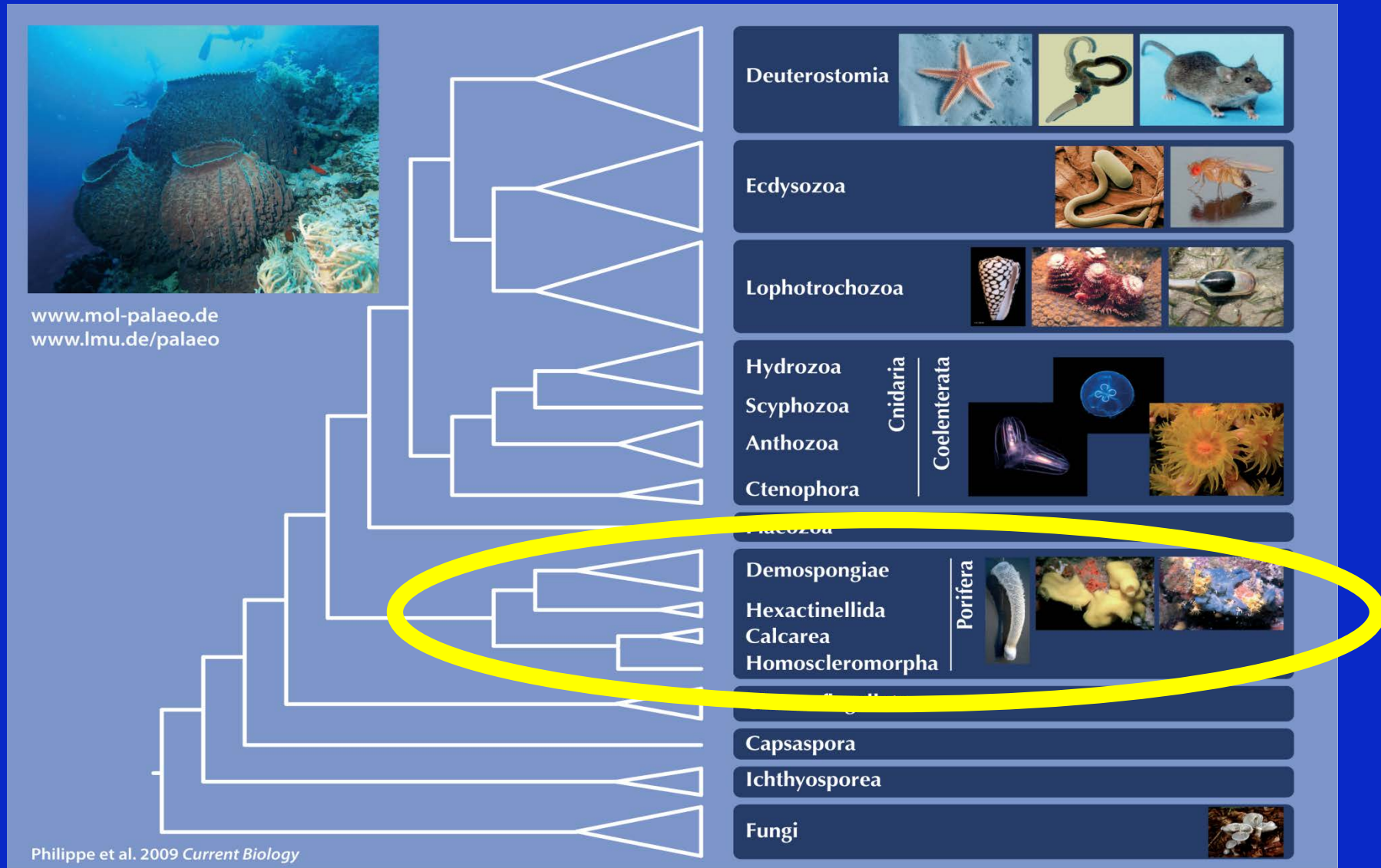
Ichthyosporea

Fungi



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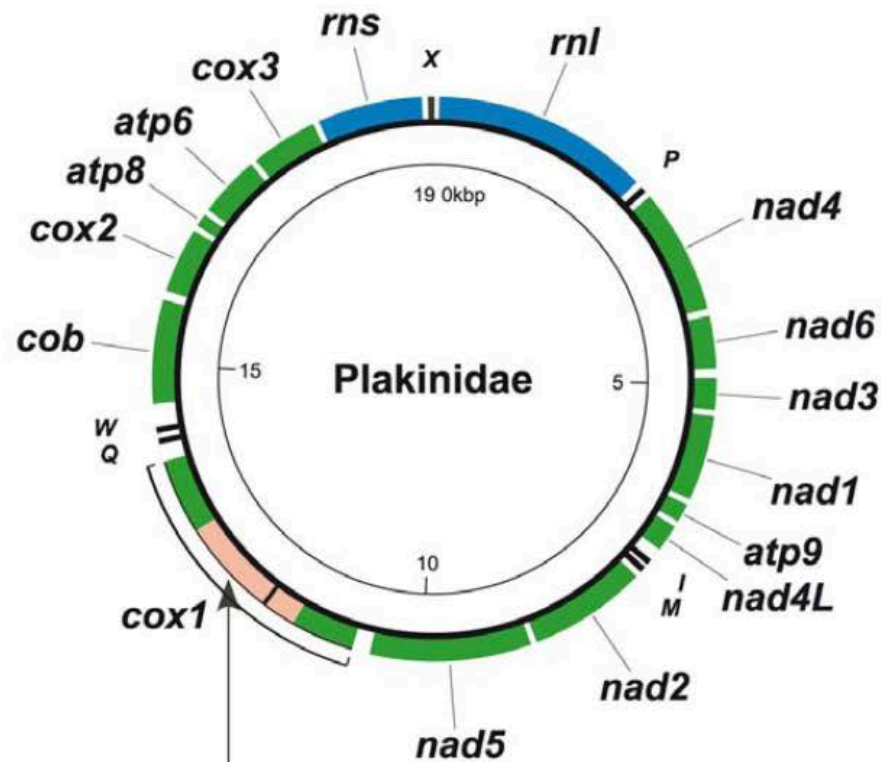
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Custom Perl Scripts to Select Homologous Genes
- Illumina Sequencing of Mitochondrial Genomes  
Galaxy

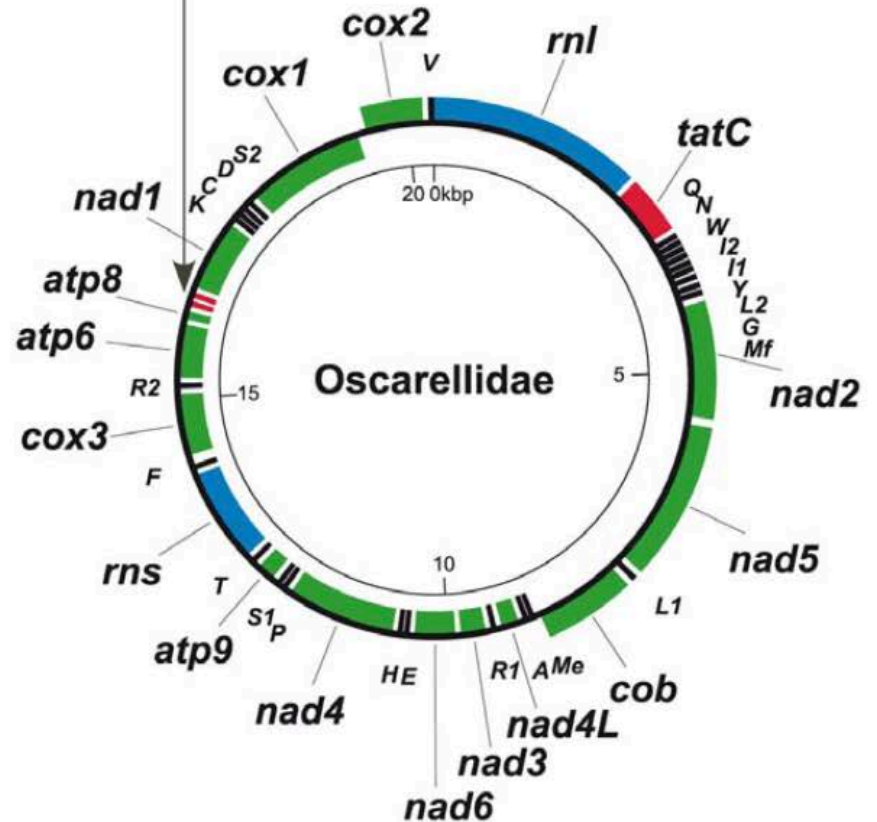


# Homoscleromorpha: Plakinidae vs. Oscarellidae

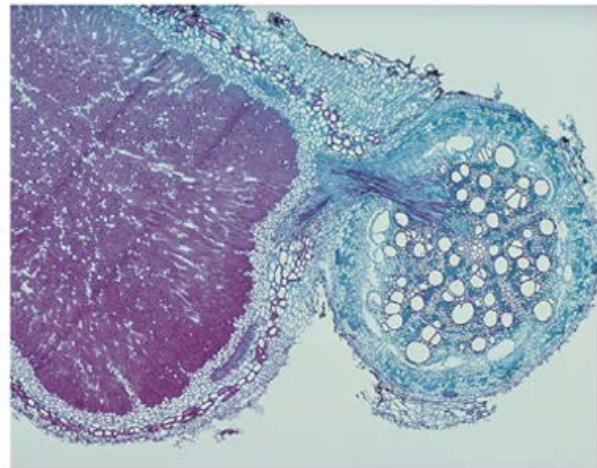


|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Introns:                   |    |
| <i>Plakinastrella</i> sp.: | ++ |
| <i>Plakina crypta</i> :    | ++ |
| <i>Plakina trilopha</i> :  | +  |
| Otherwise:                 | -  |

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Oscarella microlobata</i> :  | + <i>trnY</i> + <i>trnT</i> '  |
| <i>Pseudocorticium jarrei</i> : | + <i>trnV</i> + <i>trnX</i>    |
| Otherwise:                      | + <i>trnV</i> '+ <i>trnT</i> ' |



# Symbiotic Interactions



(a)



(b)



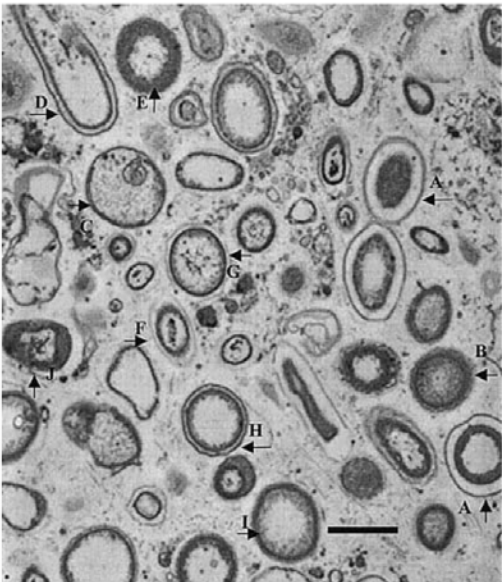




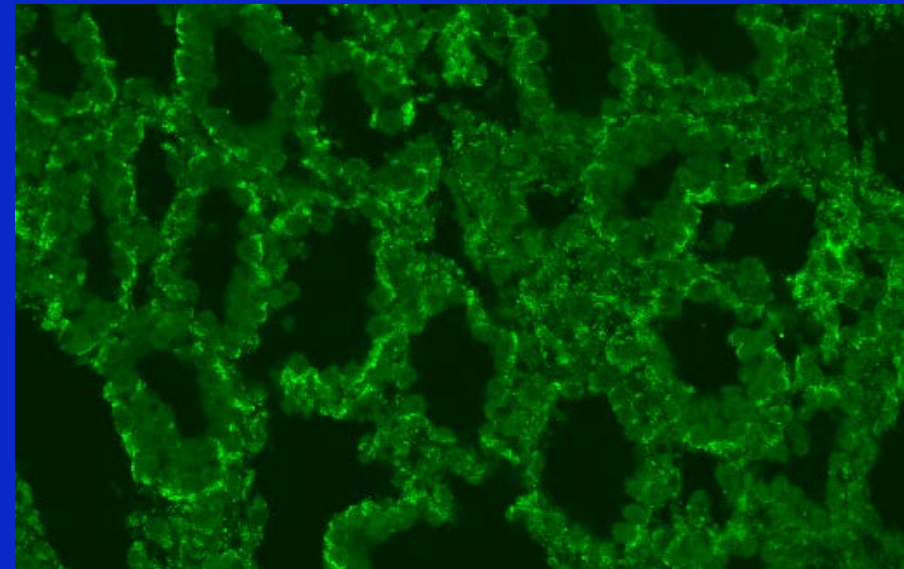
# Sponge Microbiology

Sponges can host abundant and diverse communities of symbiotic microbes.

- How common are these associations?
- How diverse are these associations?
- How do microbial symbionts interact with the host sponge?



Webster et al. (2001) TEM of mesohyl of *Rhopaloeides odorabile*, with exclusively bacterial cells in this image.



Eubacterial FISH probe in the mesohyl of *Hyrtios violaceus* (Thacker et al. in prep)



# Earth Microbiome Project

Representatives of 16 bacterial phyla and both major archaeal lineages are reported as sponge symbionts.

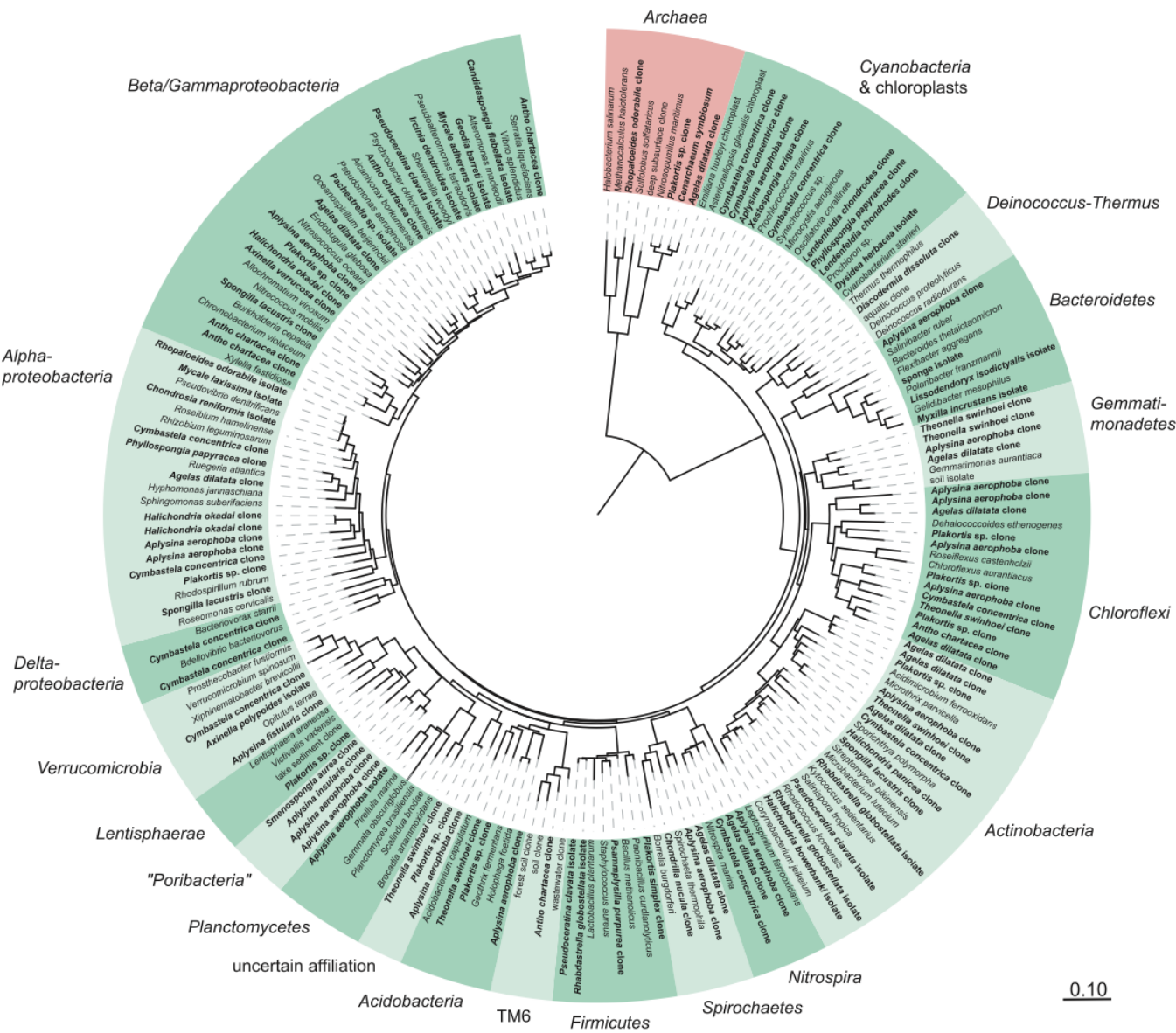
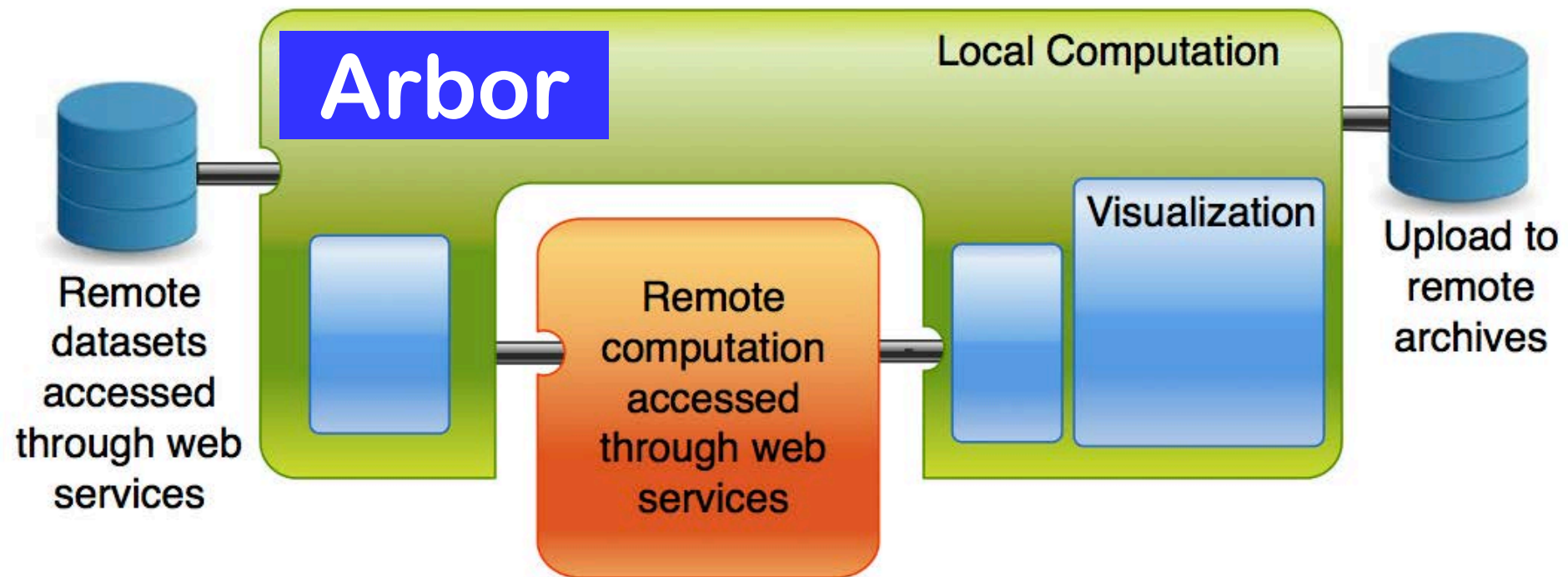


FIG. 4. 16S rRNA-based phylogeny showing representatives of all bacterial and archaeal phyla from which sponge-derived sequences have been obtained. Sponge-derived sequences are shown in bold, with additional reference sequences also included. The displayed tree is based on a maximum likelihood analysis. Bar, 10% sequence divergence.

# Comparative Analysis Workflows for the Tree of Life



- Shared workflows archived at Dryad
- Facilitate access to TeraGrid / XSEDE





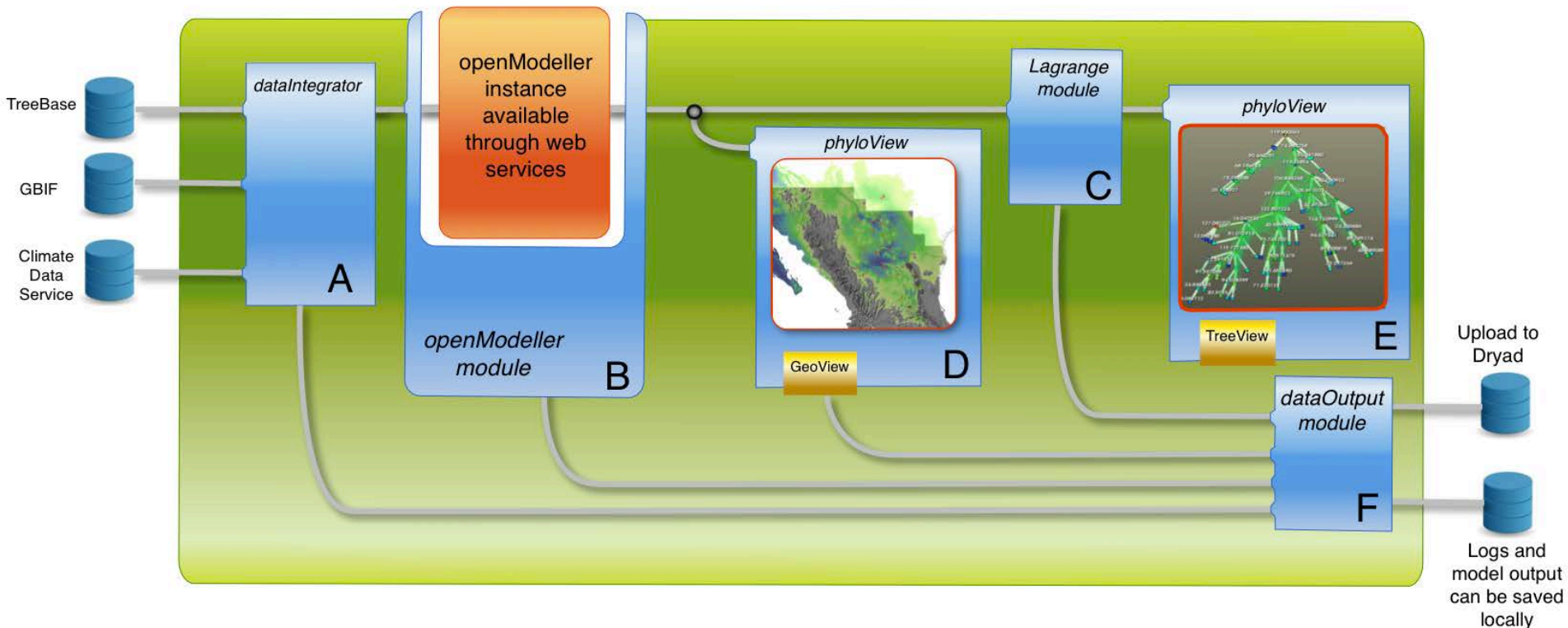
NSF-Sponsored DRYAD  
<http://datadryad.org>

- Respository for phylogenetic data sets
- Currently expanding to accommodate any bioscience data
- Arbor workflows will be stored in DRYAD
- Reveal exactly how authors analyze data
- Retrieve methods and substitute your own data



# Arbor: Case Studies

- I. The Evolutionary Process of Spatial Diversification
- II. The Evolution of Symbiotic Communities
- III. The Evolution of Complex Interactions



How do species interactions  
shape long-term patterns of  
evolution?





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