Phylogenomic and Functional Reassessment of Pseudogymnoascus destructans Across Mitochondrial and Nuclear Scales



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### Introduction

White-Nose Syndrome (caused by P. destructans or Pd) is the reason of 90% mortality among hibernating bats every year



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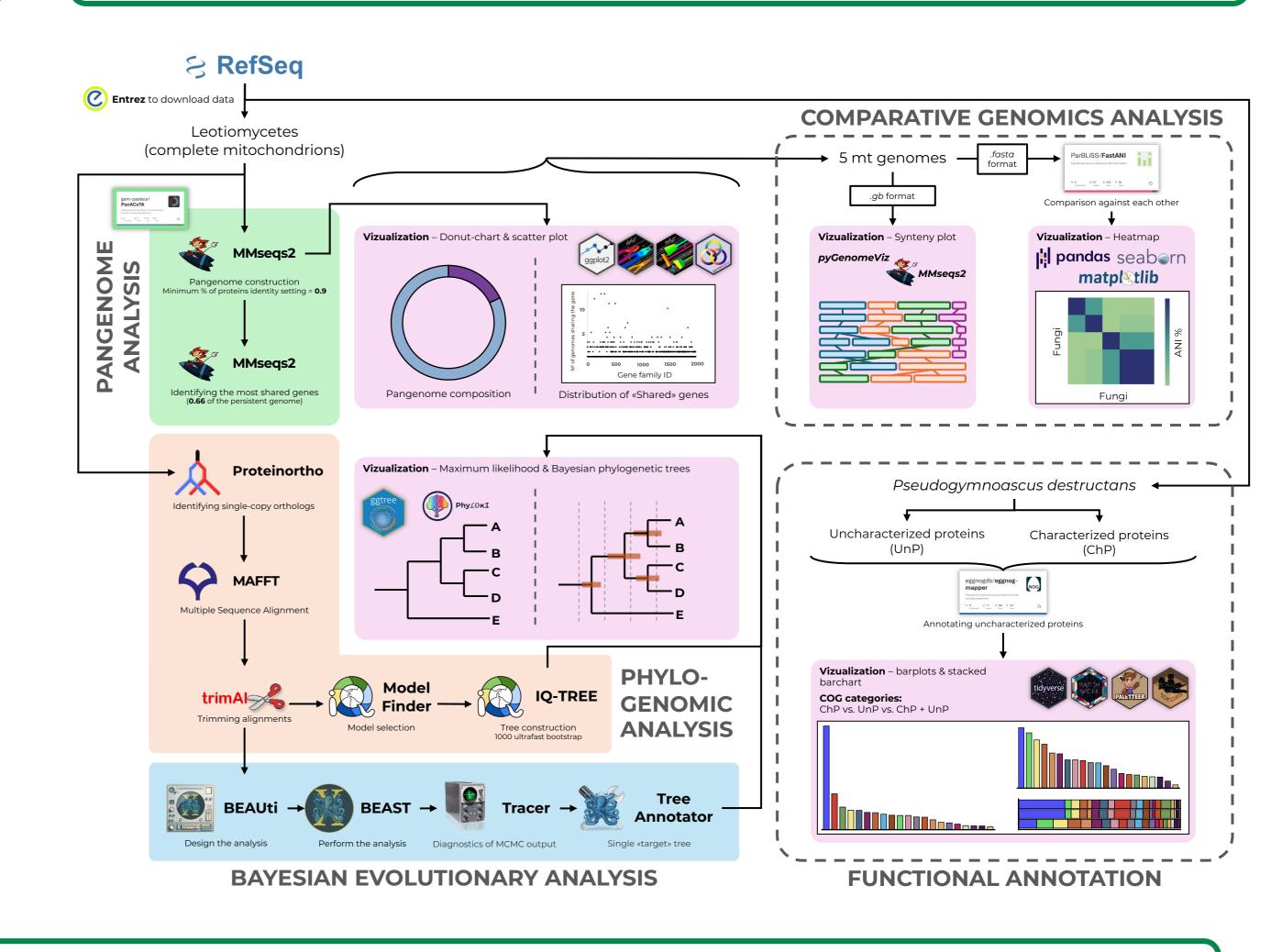
North America is the most affected by WNS region There are studies indicating that WNS came to America from Europe European strain of Pd is not pathogenic

But there were little studies on the genome of Pd Its genome was a mystery:

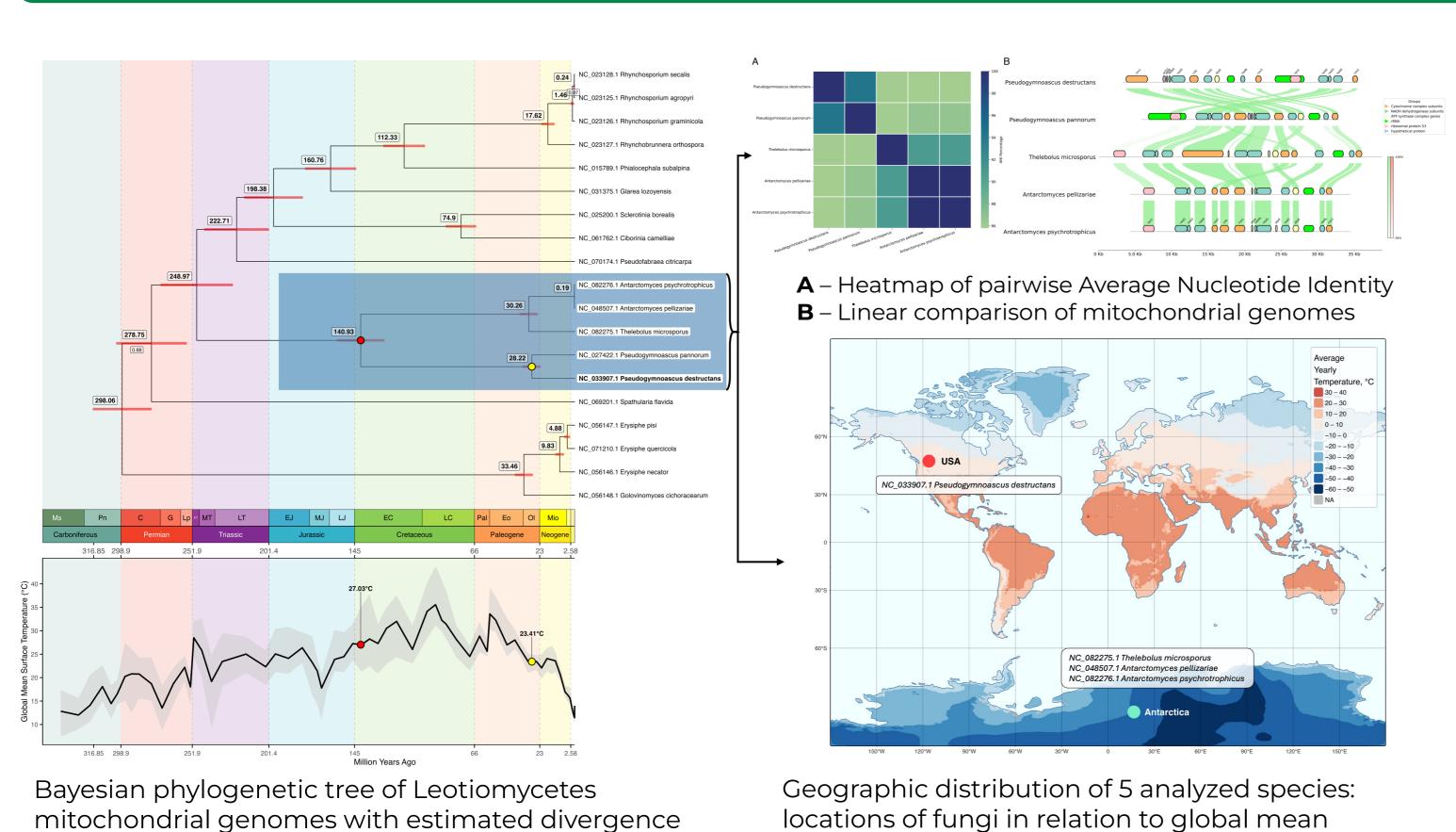
- ≈20k genes marked "uncharacterized" in RefSeq
- There were no comparative genomic studies
- What is Pd? Where does it come from?
- Does it have non-pathogenic relatives (except for *P. pannorum*)?

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Beimforde et al. <sup>2014</sup> :	Aguileta et al. <sup>2014</sup> :	Judd et al. <sup>2024</sup> :
Leotiomycetes and Sordariomycetes are brothers! They are coupled with equivalent fossil- calibrated divergence times!	Sordariomycetes have 0.01 substitutions per site per million years!	Take the retrospective open data on Global Mean Surface Temperature to complement your study!

# Materials & Methods



### Main Results



- 3000 2500 2000 1500 1000 500 S G Q O E C U L В 150 Relative Abundance (%)
- A complete Pd profile (UnP + ChP)
- **B** "characterized" Pd profile (ChP)
- C comparison: Complete vs. UnP vs. ChP

# Outcomes

- Bayesian dating: Pd-P. pannorum split = 28.2 Million years ago (MYA); 5-species MRCA = 140.9 MYA; Leotiomycetes crown = 298 MYA. - Comparative genomics: Pd mito genome 32.2 kb, 94.4 % ANI to Pp, but shows complete gene-order reshuffling; 3 Antarctic relatives retain collinearity.
- **Geographical signal**: Pd isolates = North America; closest relatives = Antarctic
- Functional expansion: Re-annotation boosts known Pd protein functions from 2 137 to 12 206; carbohydrate-metabolism genes now 1 206 (+1 097); secondary-metabolite genes 760 (+708).

# Supplementary







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