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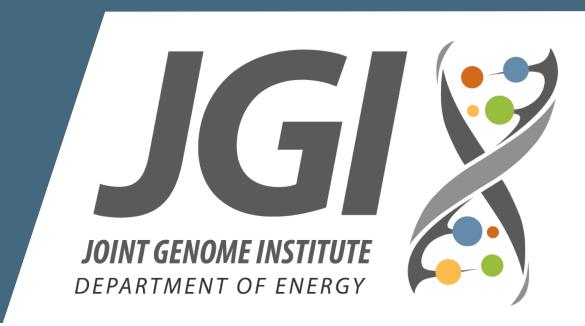
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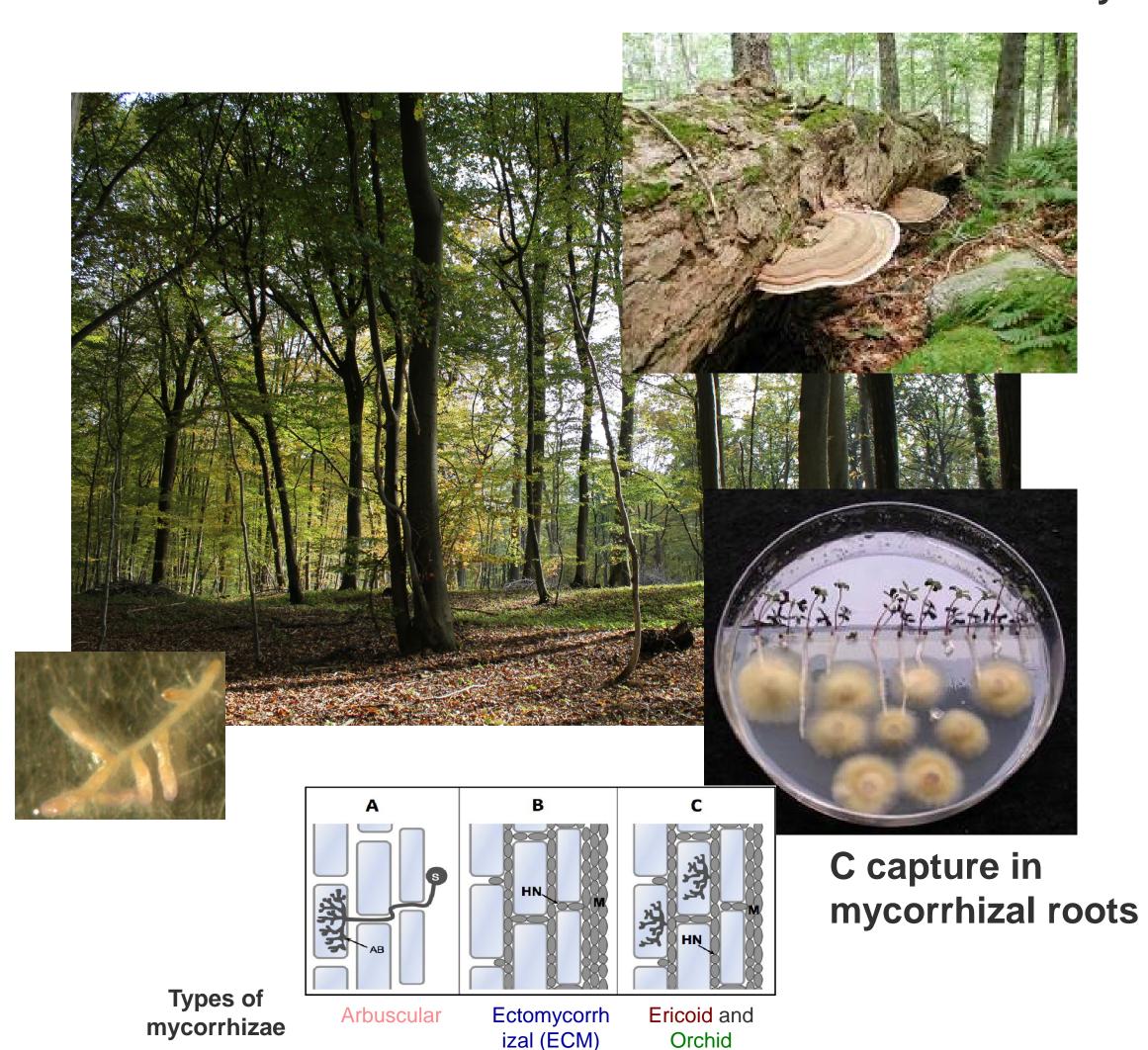
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ABSTRACT

Forests, very important and complex ecosystems, depend on treemicrobial associations above and below ground. Understanding molecular mechanisms of associations between trees and fungi in forests requires a novel, community-driven, multi-disciplinary approach based on genomics and ecological data and tools. Here we propose a three-way approach to strengthen collaboration between our institutions, LBNL and INRA, and with a larger scientific community on exploration of associations between trees and fungi in forests to create a basis for understanding forest ecology and management strategies.

CO2 release from wood decay

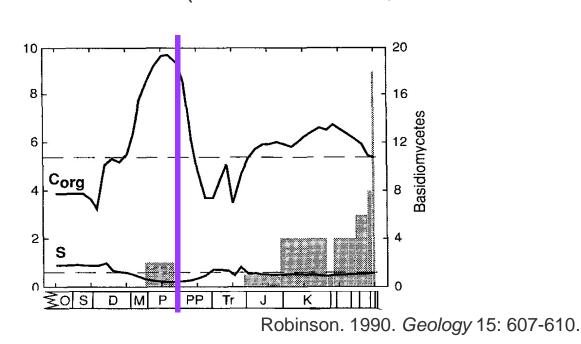


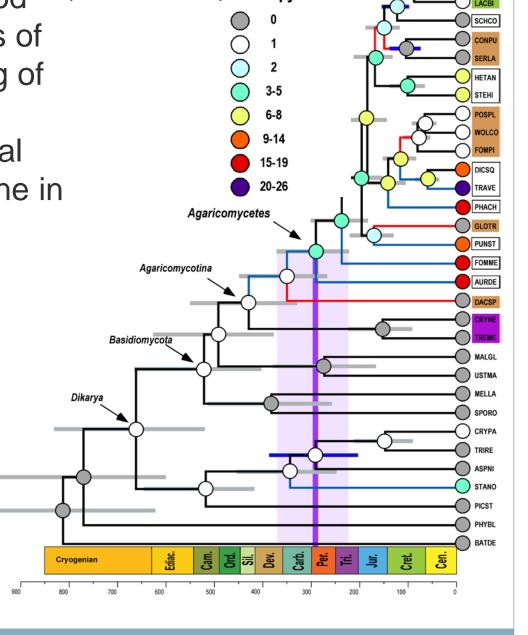
OBJECTIVES

- 1. Strengthen collaboration between INRA and JGI (LBNL) in analysis of multidimensional datasets on tree-microbial interactions within the context of forest ecology and management. Establish regular communication and working visits to exchange data and tools, experimental and computational techniques, and general expertise developed in each laboratory. Collaboration between these two leading institutions will facilitate interactions between larger scientific communities on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.
- 2. Organize, coordinate, and attend several workshops to maximize the number of researchers from different disciplines to develop new resources and strategies in the framework of forest ecosystems, its microbial components, and interactions. Support younger researchers from both laboratories to participate in and present their research at these meetings.
- 3. Provide training opportunities and support for young researchers in both groups to learn new techniques developed at partner labs, to explore new research environments, and develop new collaborations for better interpretation of data and design of future experiments. Training abroad will facilitate exchange of different approaches offered by American and European scientific schools.

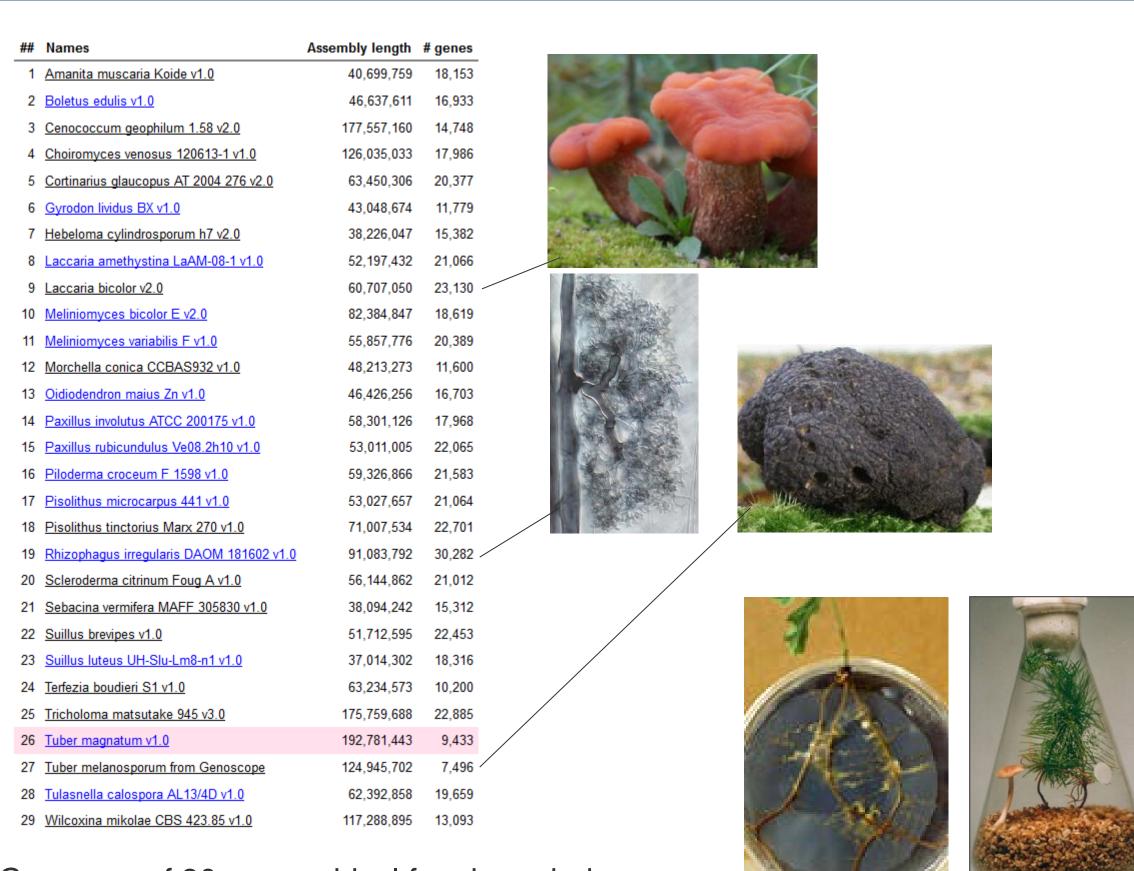
LARGE-SCALE GENOMICS STUDIES

Sequencing and analysis of 40+ genomes of wood decay fungi is in progress. Comparative analysis of the first dozen revealed a comprehensive catalog of enzymes involved in plant biomass degradation. Evolutionary analysis suggested that the ancestral wood decay fungus may caused the sharp decline in the rate of C_{org} burial at the end of the Permo-Carboniferous. (Floudas et al., Science. 2012)





Mycorrhizal Genomics

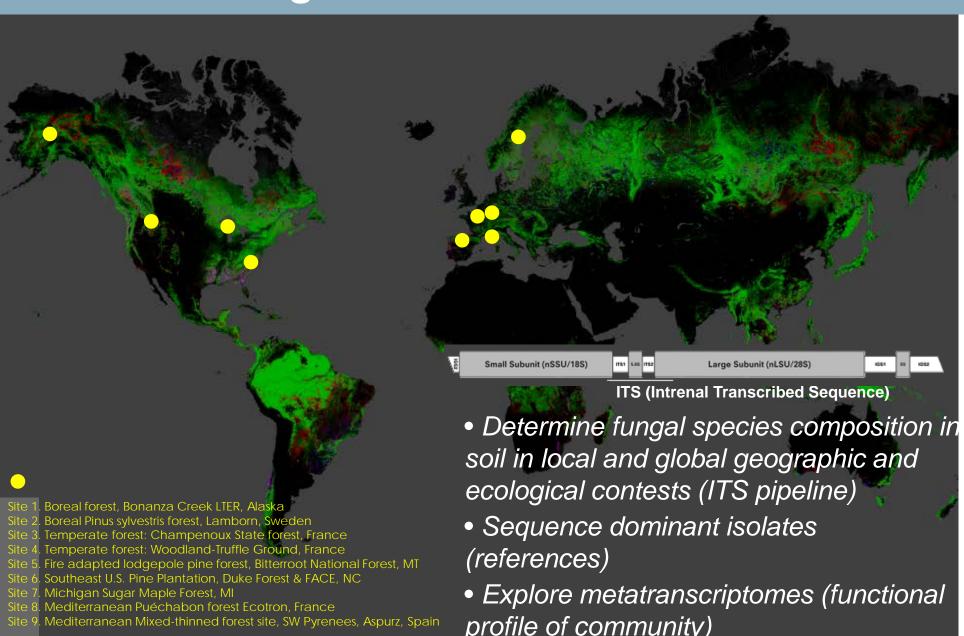


Genomes of 30+mycorrhizal fungi are being sequenced by JGI to study evolutionary origins and mechanisms of interactions with plants. Transcriptomics of model systems is the next step.



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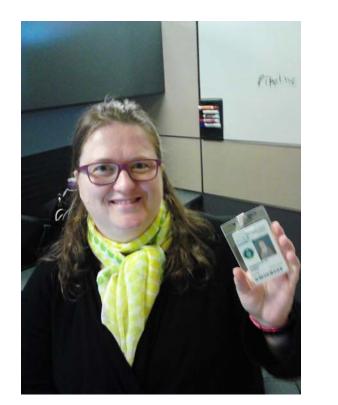
Ecogenomics of Forest Soil



ACHIEVEMENTS

Research Community Building and Training

We organized four Mycorrhizal genomics workshop in Europe (Nancy, France-2012; Leipzig, Germany 2013; Seville, Spain 2014) and several in USA (New Haven, CT (August 2012), Pacific Grove, CA (March 2013), Austin, TX (Aug 2013), Walnut Creek, CA (March 2014)). In March 2014 Grigoriev's lab with FBF support hosted a bioinformatics engineer from INRA Emmanuele Morin for annotation of INRA sequenced genomes.



Emmanuelle Morin from INRA at JGI/LBL

Several new international collaborations started in 2013-2014:

US-Bonito et al. (2014) Comparative genomics of early diverging terrestrial fungi and their bacterial endosymbionts JGI CSP #1450 (2014) (with INRA-Nancy)

Duplessis et al. (2014) Combined population genomics and transcriptomics to decipher the molecular bases of virulence and host adaptation in the poplar leaf rust fungus Melampsora larici-populina JGI CSP #1450 (with INRA-Nancy)

Taylor et al. (2014) Fungal response to global change: adaptive genes and rates of mutation and recombination. JGI CSP #1462 (with Paris-Sud University)

Rosso et al. (2013) Survey of lignocellulolytic capabilities over the order Polyporales JGI CSP #999 (with Aix-Marseille University, Université de Lille and INRA-Nancy)

Martin et al. (2013) Mycorrhizal Genomics Initiative: Exploring the Symbiotic Transcriptomes. JGI CSP #978 (with INRA-Nancy and INRA-Paris)

Kema G et al. (2013) Deciphering the Interactome of Dothideomycete-bioenergy crops. JGI CSP #983 (with – INRA-Paris)

De Vries et al. (2013) Mining the diversity of Aspergillus and related species to improved biomass utilization JGI CSP #985 (with Aix-Marseille University)

Key Publications (2012-2014)

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