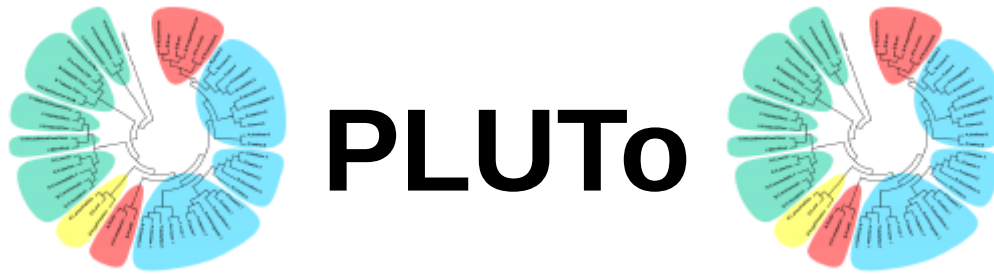
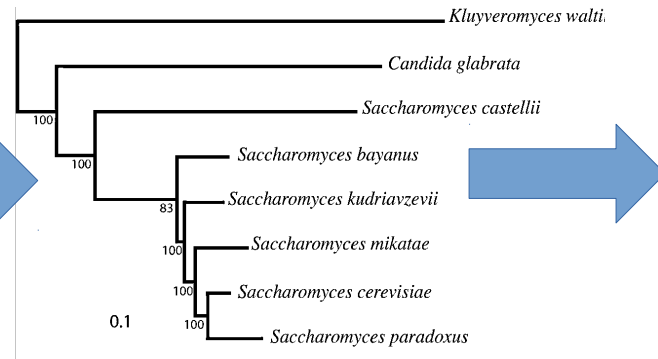


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Phyloinformatic

Literature
Unlocking
Tools



Machine-
Readable

Re-usable

Data &
Metadata

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Talk Structure

- **Why re-extract?**

Everyone shares their data, right? [no]

- **Where are the trees?**

Creating an atlas of phylogeny

- **How to scalably extract tree data?**

Liberating Figure Images & Captions

Extracting Re-usable Data from Images

These slides are also up on



[slideshare](https://www.slideshare.net)

Why hack data from the literature?

Multiple independent studies show **re-usable phylogenetic data is NOT publicly available online for most studies**

- Stoltzfus *et al.* (2012) [BMC Research Notes](#) estimates 4%
- Drew *et al.* (2013) [PLOS Biology](#) estimates 17%
- Magee *et al.* (2014) [arXiv preprint](#), estimates 25%

Why the difference between studies? Different methods & scope
Drew & Magee sampled only from 'better' papers

Drew: from well-known journals (only), excluding less-read journals
Magee: from papers citing relatively new, complex methods

Over ALL journals/papers Stoltzfus (2012) probably provides the most representative estimate

Pop Quiz Time

Which journal publishes the most papers containing phylogenetic analyses, per year?

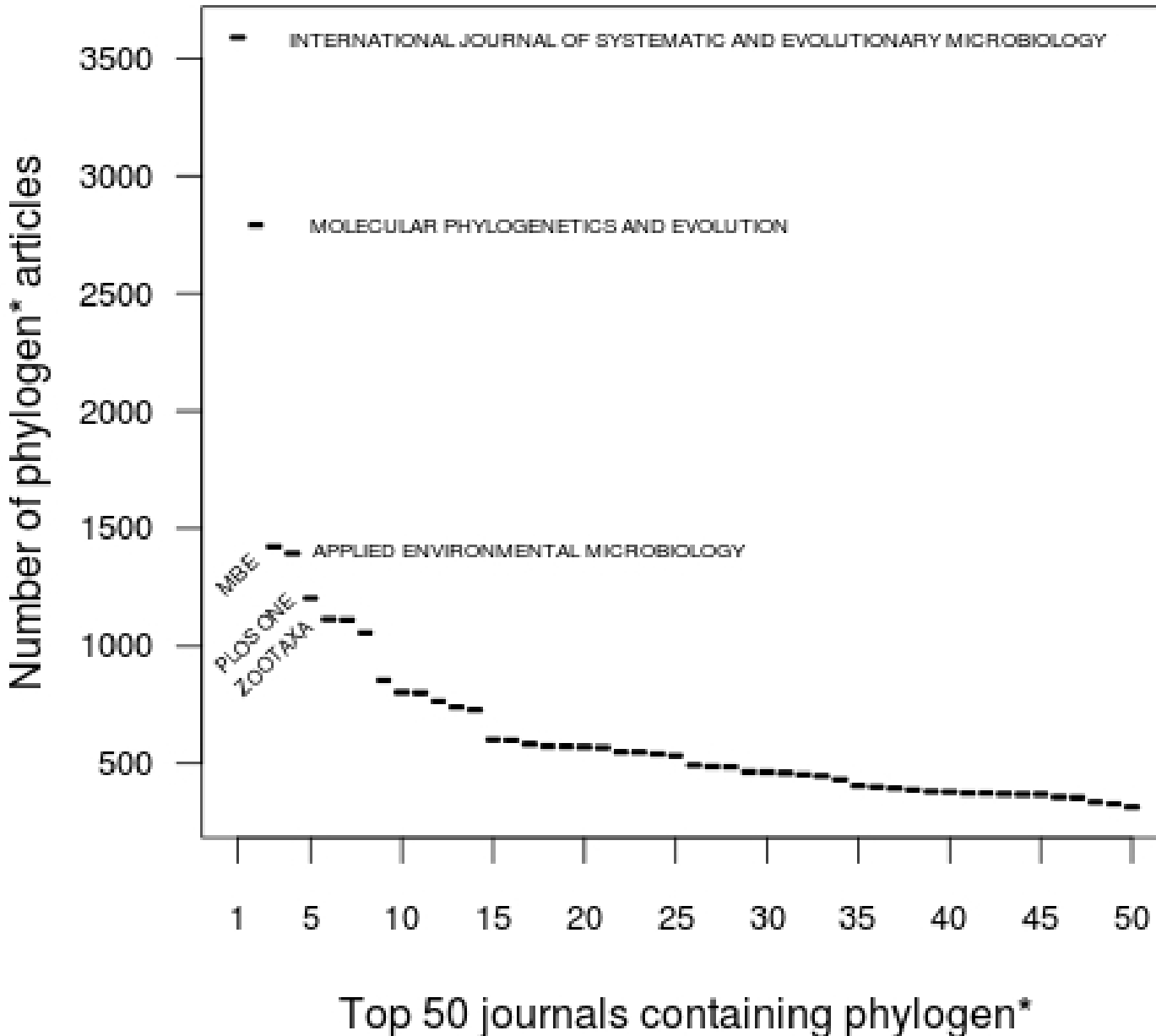
Distribution of phylogen* articles 2000-2011

#1 is IJSEM

International
Journal of
Systematic &
Evolutionary
Microbiology

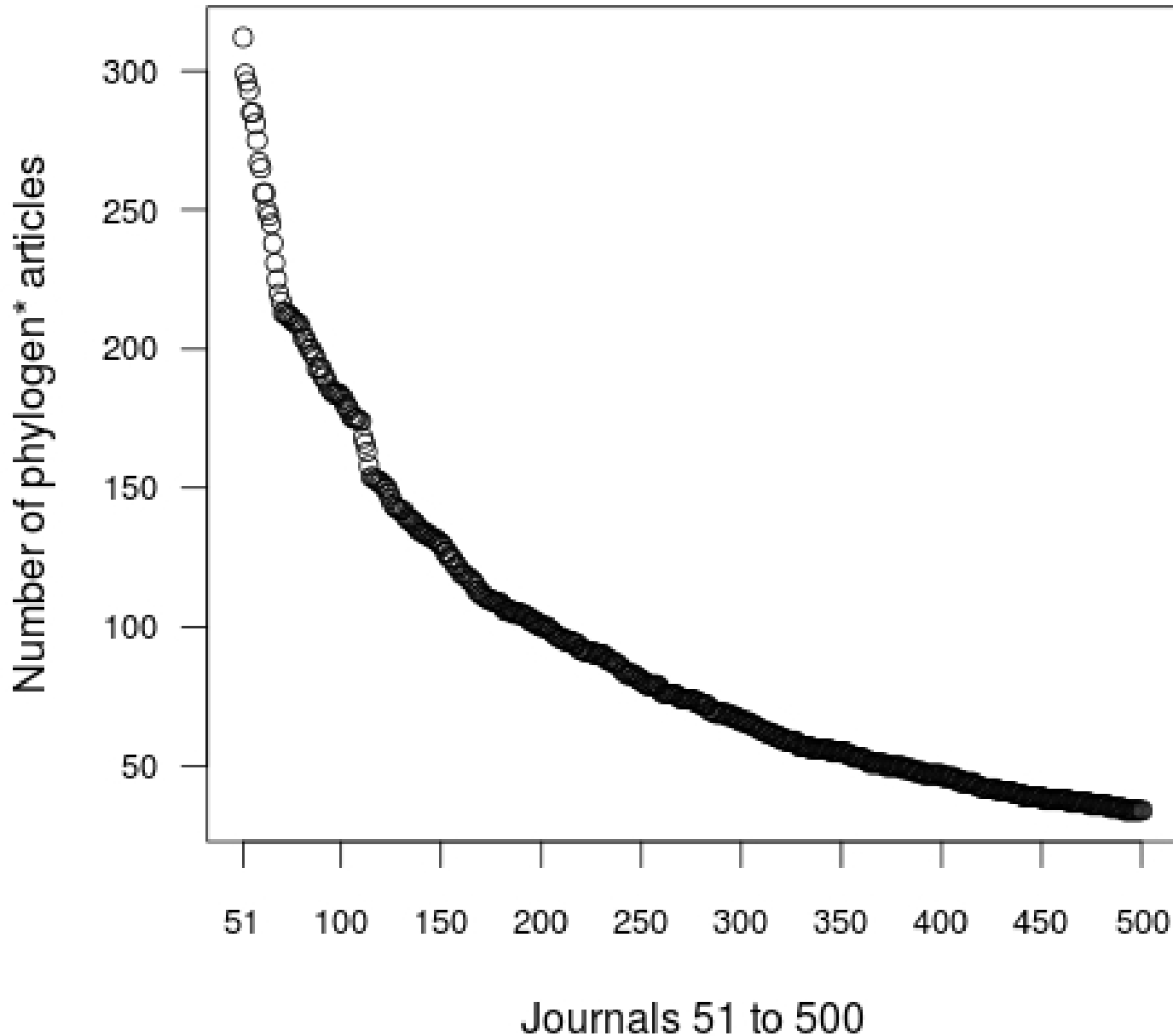
#5 PLOS ONE

(probably #3 now)



Source: Web of Science /
Mounce (2013) PhD thesis

The long tail distribution of phylogenetic analyses



There's at least a 1000 different journals in which phylogenetic analyses have been published in.

Collectively this represents significant volume.

In terms of journals, volume of phylogeny papers published has no relation to 'quality' of phylogenetic analysis

Creating an atlas of phylogeny

Problems:

- Indexers like Google Scholar, Scopus & Web of Science don't perfectly index the literature – many false negatives (relevant papers not found that should be found)
- No-one has access to ALL journals. Paywalls. Grr
- Even *with* legitimate access, publisher-imposed & copyright restrictions hamper phylogeny discovery

Solutions (partial):

- As of June 1st 2014 the UK has new copyright exceptions to enable and protect text & data mining for non-commercial research purposes [[link](#)]

Searching for phylogeny is hard



Make it a lot easier!

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Advanced Journal Search

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Supplementary File(s)

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Index terms

Keyword(s)

Presence of keys Yes No

Presence of phylogenetic trees Yes No

Search tips:

- By default only articles containing all terms in the query are returned (i.e., AND is implied)
- Use * in a term as a wildcard to match any sequence of characters; e.g., zool* morality would match documents containing "zoological" or "zoology"

Search by “presence of phylogenetic trees”



Link to journal search [here](#)

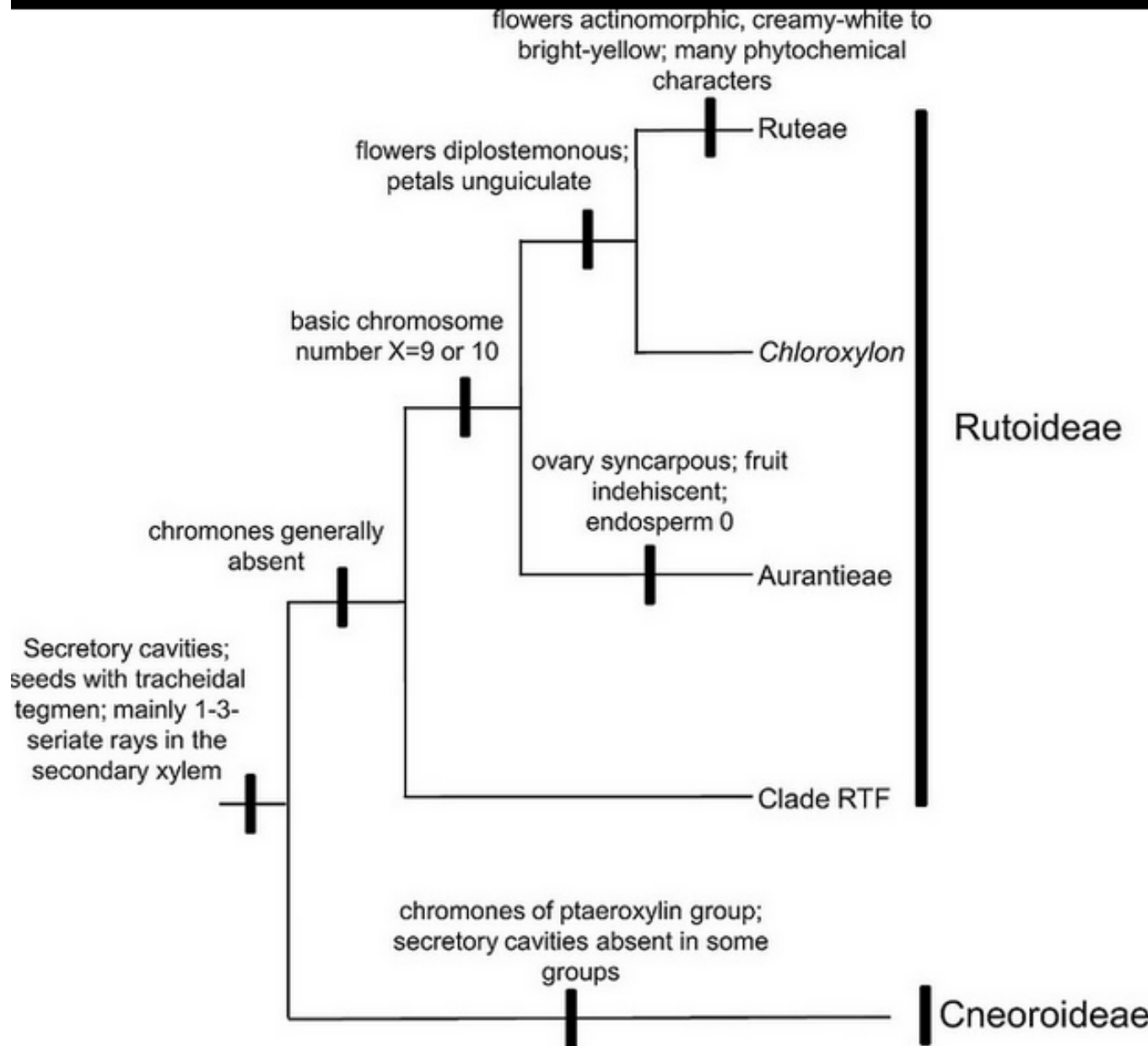
Creating an OA atlas of phylogeny



- Free-to-use platform (free as in beer, it's not open)

One Terabyte of free storage per account

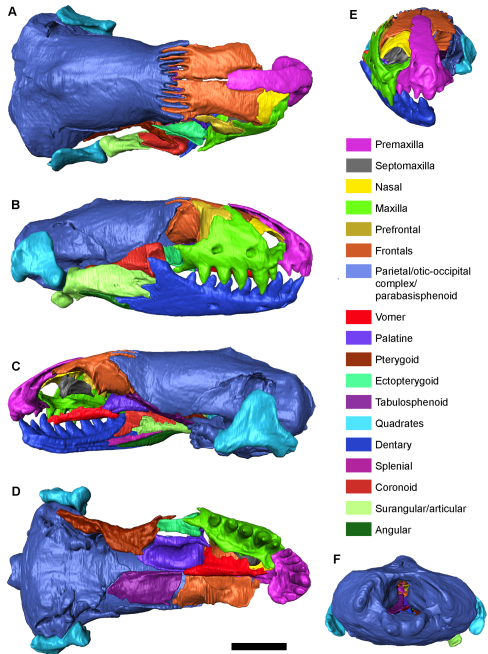
- Highly popular platform for image sharing
(in top 100 most frequently visited websites of the world)
- Supports Creative Commons licensing (many platforms don't)
- Feature-rich, good UI, useful API, etc...



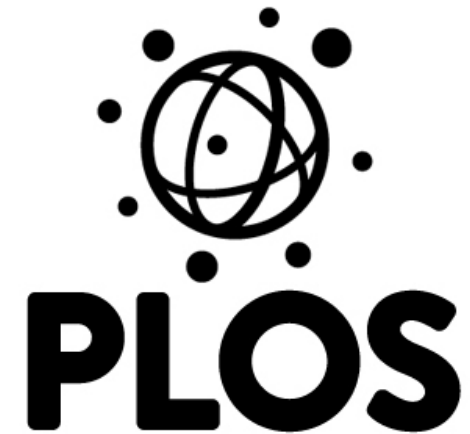
Source: Milton Groppo , Jacquelyn A. Kallunki , José Rubens Pirani , Alexandre Antonelli
 Chilean Pitavia more closely related to Oceania and Old World Rutaceae than to Neotropical groups: evidence from two cpDNA non-coding regions, with a new subfamilial classification of the family. *PhytoKeys* 19: 9–29, [dx.doi.org/10.3897/phytokeys.19.3912](https://doi.org/10.3897/phytokeys.19.3912) Figure 2. A summary of the phylogenetic relationships of proposed subfamilies in Rutaceae, with some non-molecular characteristics plotted onto a simplified cladogram based on the Bayesian tree. Chloroxylon is doubtfully attached to Aurantieae. Haplophyllum and Cneoridium (both from Englerian Ruteae but closer to Aurantieae than to remaining Ruteae, see Salvo et al. 2010) are missing. Amyris (from Englerian Toddalioideae), also close to Aurantieae (unpublished results) is also missing. The RTF clade corresponds to the bulk of Englerian Rutoideae, plus Toddalioideae and Flindersia. For discussion of characteristics see Waterman and Grundon (1983), Stace et al. (1993), Groppo et al. (2008), and Appelhans et al. (2011, 2012b).

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Well done PLOS!
Not perfect though.
Author names &
the paper title are
NOT embedded



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The OA 'Atlas of Phylogeny' nearly 10,000 figures!

- 4045 phylogeny figures from PLOS ONE
 - bit.ly/PLOStrees
- 5215 phylogeny figures from 154 OA journals (Pensoft, BMC, FrontiersIn, other PLOS journals, Hindawi, MDPI) & a tiny number of hybrid OA papers from Elsevier, Royal Society and Magnolia Press.
 - bit.ly/phylofigs

correct as of June 22nd 2014

How to get the data from the image?

- Previous work

TreeThief (Rambaut, 2000) old, not used anymore

TreeRipper (Hughes, 2011) automated, but v. picky

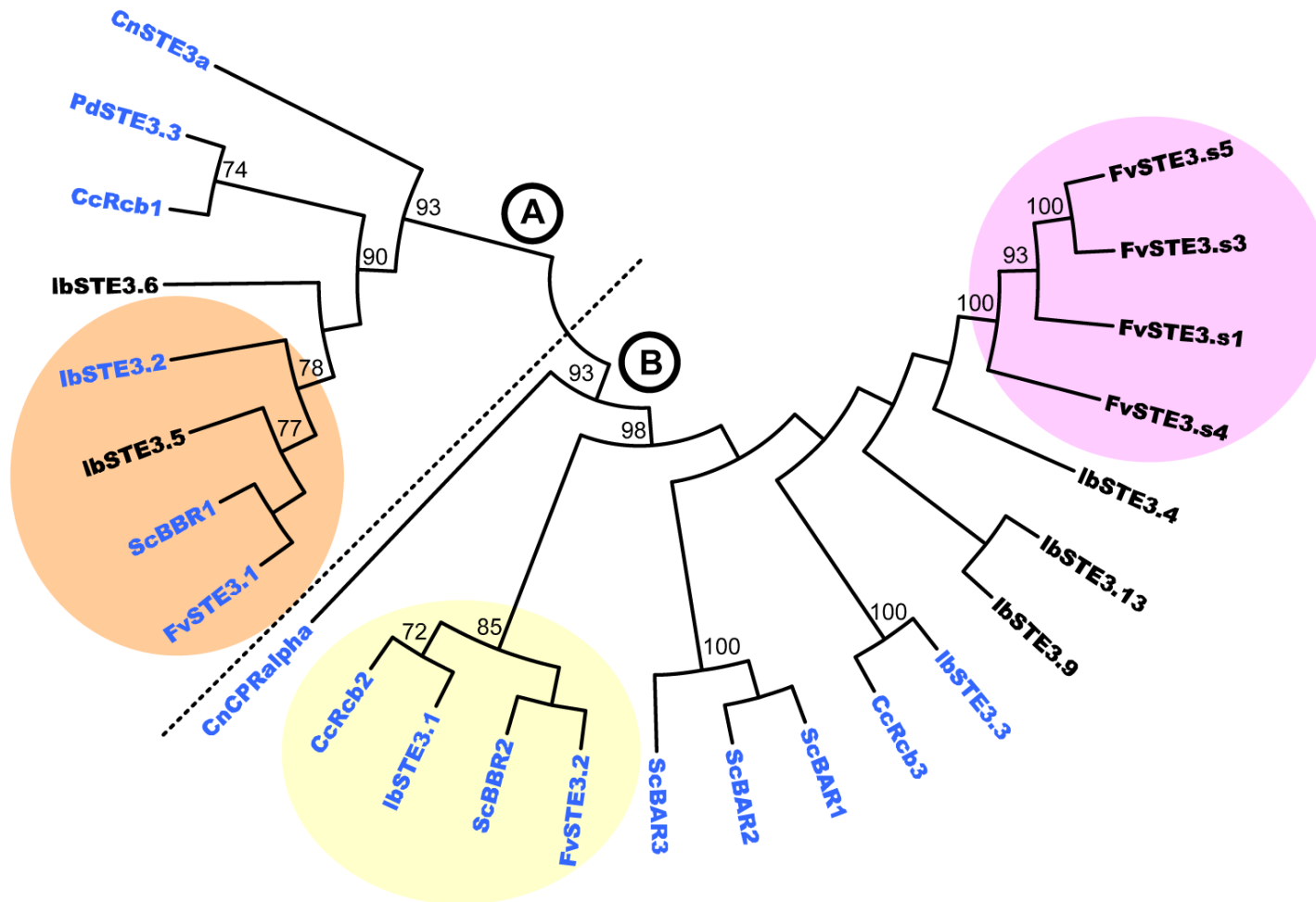
TreeSnatcher Plus (Laubach *et al.* 2012) manual



TreeSnatcher authors report it took them **21 minutes** to manually extract the tree & taxon labels from this radial bustard tree, using TreeSnatcher Plus (Supp. Data. 6)

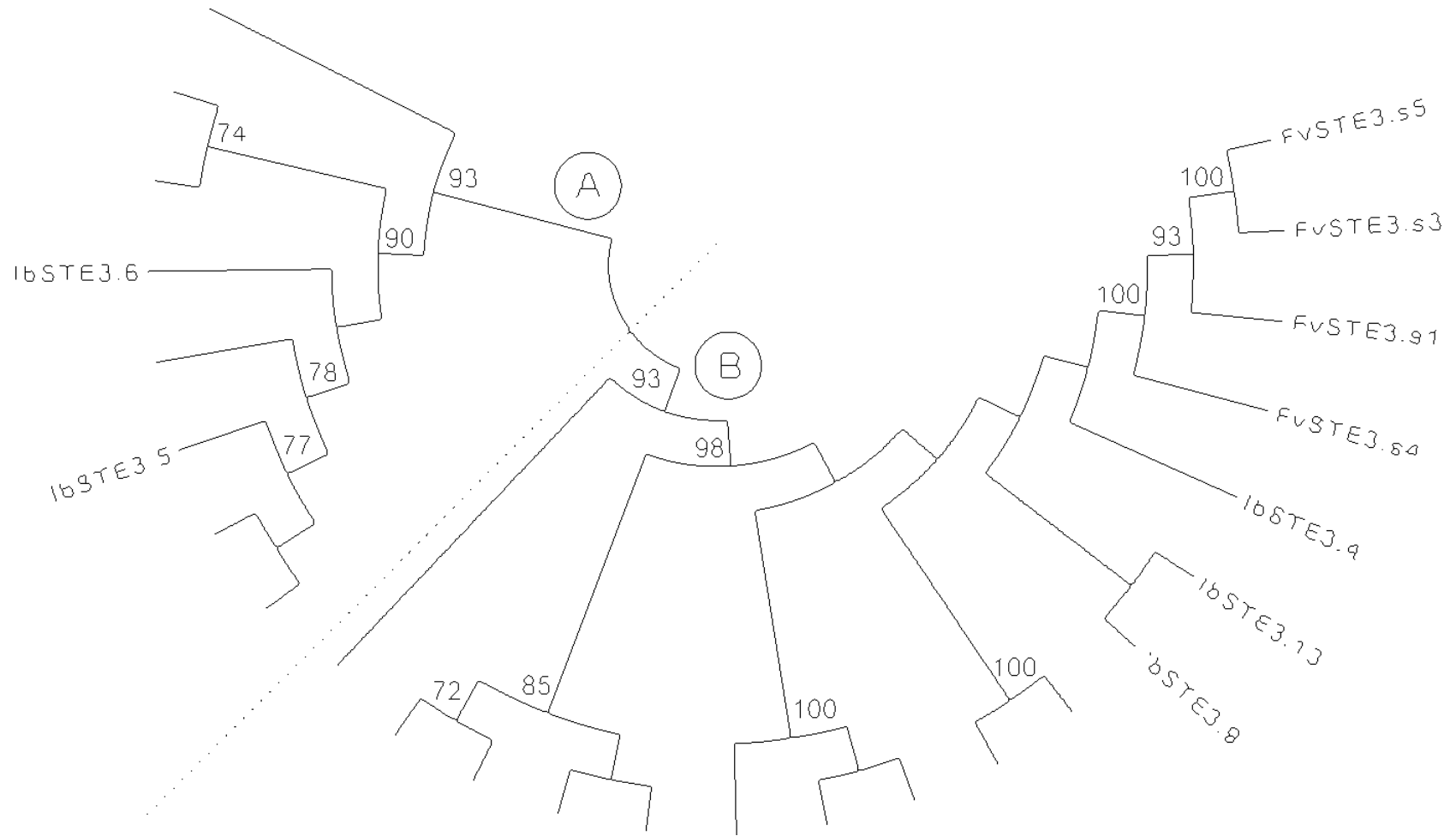
Our approach: automated!

- Faster than TreeSnatcher Plus
- Less picky about tree style than TreeRipper



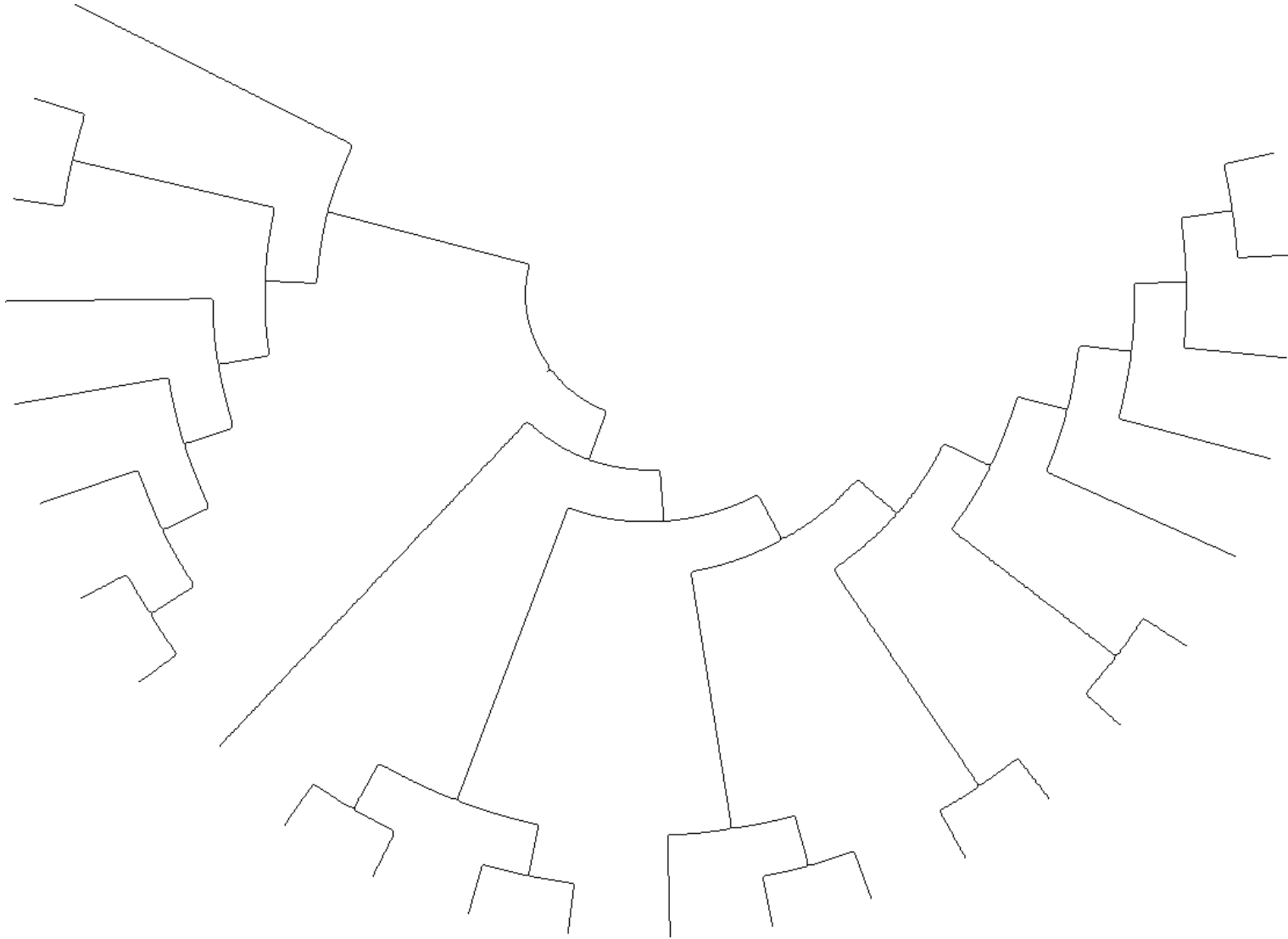
Stages 1&2 :

binarization (Black or White) & **thinning** (1 pixel width structures)



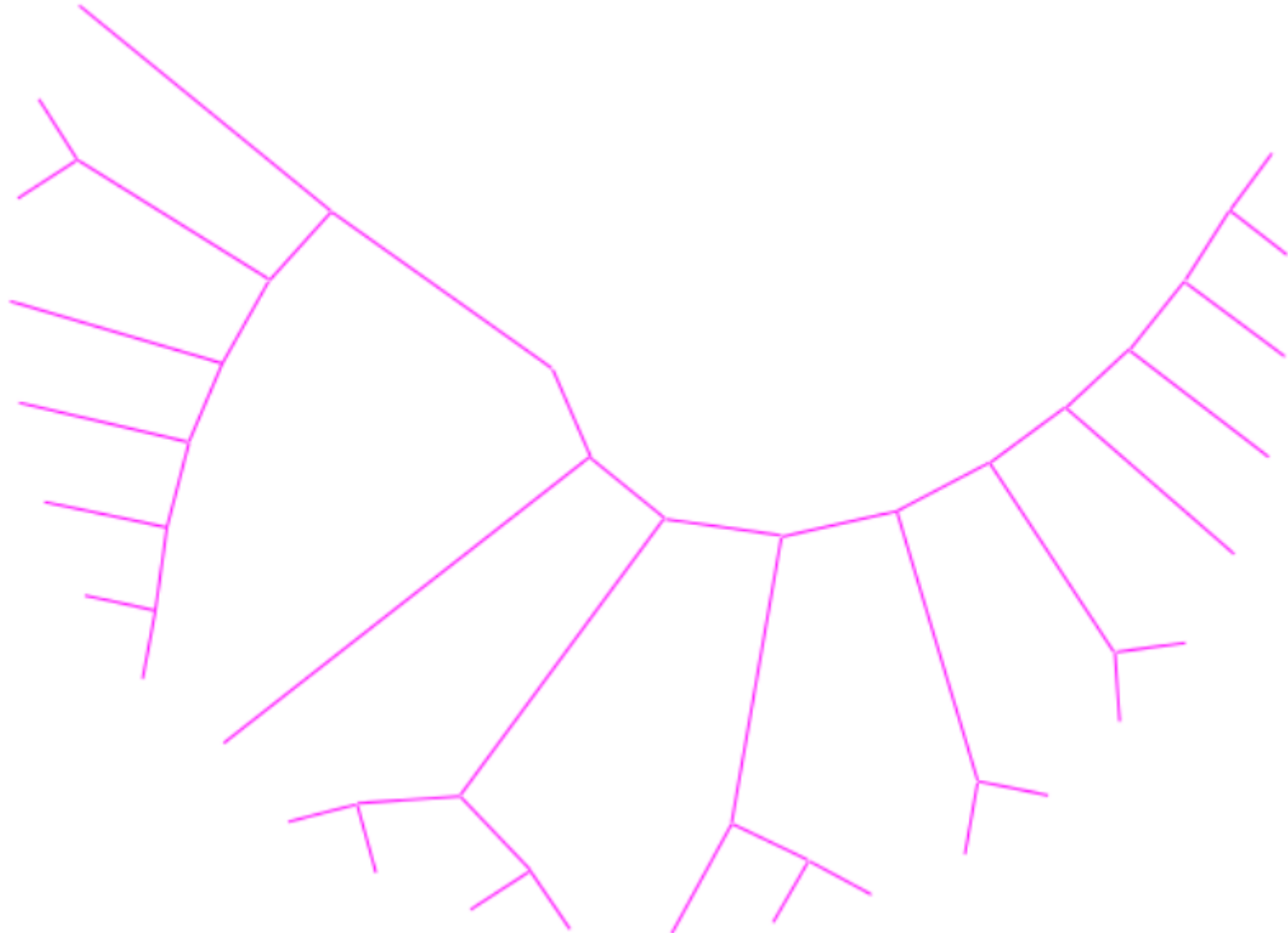
Stage 3 :

Assume largest 'pixel island' is the tree structure



Several stages later...

Re-draw / Re-use extracted data!



Still in very active development...

<https://bitbucket.org/petermr/imageanalysis>

<https://bitbucket.org/petermr/diagramanalyzer>



imageanalysis

Updated 3 hours ago



diagramanalyzer

Updated 21 hours ago

Java, Maven, Apache PDFbox, BoofCV,
Test-driven development, openly-licensed

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