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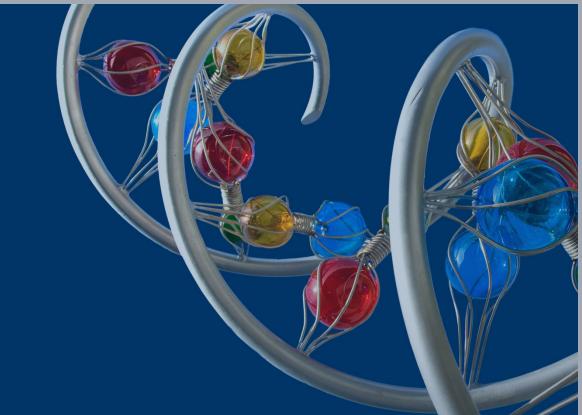
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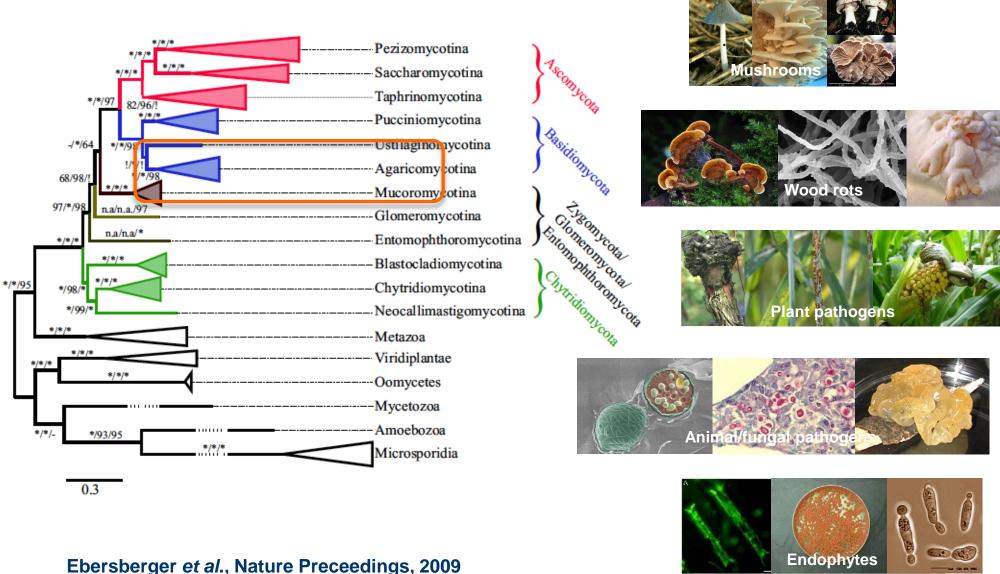


Abstract

Fungi of the phylum Basidiomycota (basidiomycetes), make up some 37% of the described fungi, and are important in forestry, agriculture, medicine, and bioenergy. This diverse phylum includes symbionts, pathogens, and saprobes including wood decaying fungi. To better understand the diversity of this phylum we compared the genomes of 35 basidiomycete fungi including 6 newly sequenced genomes. The genomes of basidiomycetes span extremes of genome size, gene number, and repeat content. A phylogenetic tree of Basidiomycota was generated using the Phyldog software, which uses all available protein sequence data to simultaneously infer gene and species trees. Analysis of core genes reveals that some 48% of basidiomycete proteins are unique to the phylum with nearly half of those (22%) comprising proteins found in only one organism. Phylogenetic patterns of plant biomass-degrading genes suggest a continuum rather than a sharp dichotomy between the white rot and brown rot modes of wood decay among the members of Agaricomycotina subphylum. There is a correlation of the profile of certain gene families to nutritional mode in Agaricomycotina. Based on phylogenetically-informed PCA analysis of such profiles, we predict that that Botryobasidium botryosum and Jaapia argillacea have properties similar to white rot species, although neither has liginolytic class II fungal peroxidases. Furthermore, we find that both fungi exhibit wood decay with white rot-like characteristics in growth assays. Analysis of the rate of discovery of proteins with no or few homologs suggests the high value of continued sequencing of basidiomycete fungi.

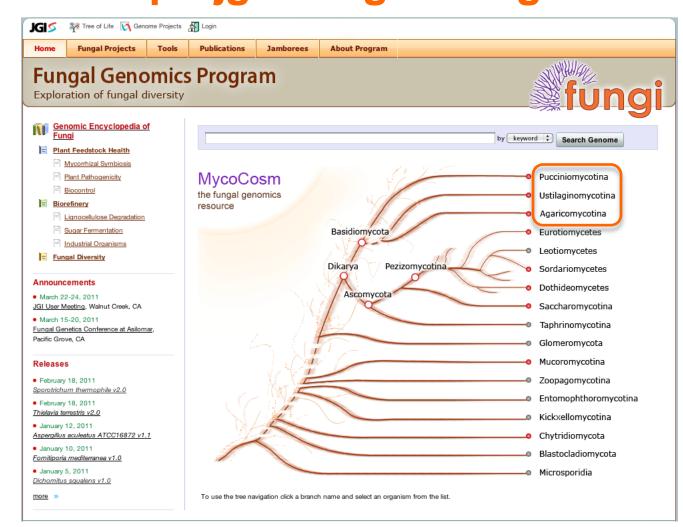
Subphylum	Order	Organism	Genome size (Mb)	Gene number
Agaricomycotina	Agaricales	Agaricus bisporus	30.2	10438
		Coprinopsis cinerea	36.3	13393
		Galerina marginata	59.4	21461
		Laccaria bicolor	64.9	19036
		Pleurotus ostreatus	34.3	12330
		Schizophyllum commune	38.5	13210
	Auriculariales	Auricularia delicata	74.9	23577
	Boletales	Serpula lacrymans	42.8	12917
		Coniophora puteana	43.0	13761
	Cantharellales	Botryobasidion botryosum	46.7	16526
	Corticiales	Punctularia strigosozonata	34.2	11538
	Dacrymycetales	Dacryopinax sp.	29.5	10242
	Gloeophyllales	Gloeophyllum trabeum	37.2	11846
	Hymenochaetales	Fomitiporia mediterranea	63.4	11333
	Jaapiales	Jaapia argillacea	45.1	16419
	Polyporales	Dichomitus squalens	42.7	12290
		Ceriporiopsis subvermispora	39.0	12125
		Fomitopsis pinicola	46.3	14724
		Phanerochaete carnosa	46.3	13937
		Phanerochaete chrysosporium	35.1	10048
		Postia placenta	90.9	9113
		Trametes versicolor	44.8	14296
		Wolfiporia cocos	50.5	12746
	Russulales	Heterobasidion annosum	33.6	13405
		Stereum hirsutum	46.5	14072
	Sebacinales	Piriformospora indica	25.0	11767
	Tremellales	Cryptococcus neoformans	18.9	6967
		Tremella mesenterica	28.6	8313
Pucciniomycotina	Pucciniales	Puccinia graminis	88.6	20534
		Melampsora laricis-populina	101.1	16831
	Sporidiobolales	Rhodotorula graminis	21.0	7283
	-	Sporobolomyces roseus	21.2	5536
Ustilaginomycotina	Ustilaginales	Ustilago maydis	19.7	6522
	Malasseziales	Malassezia globosa	9.0	4286
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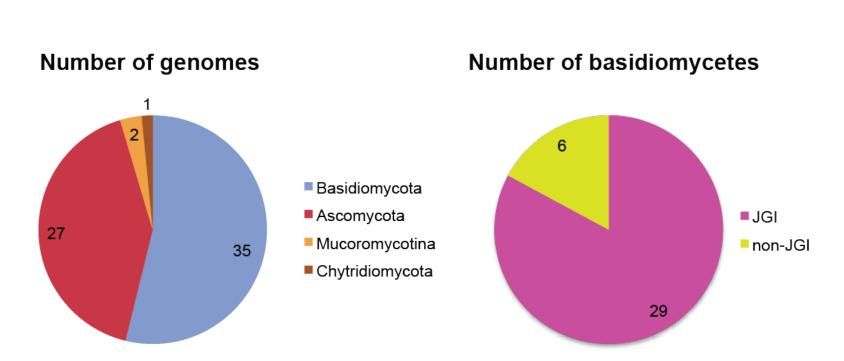
What are the basidiomycetes?

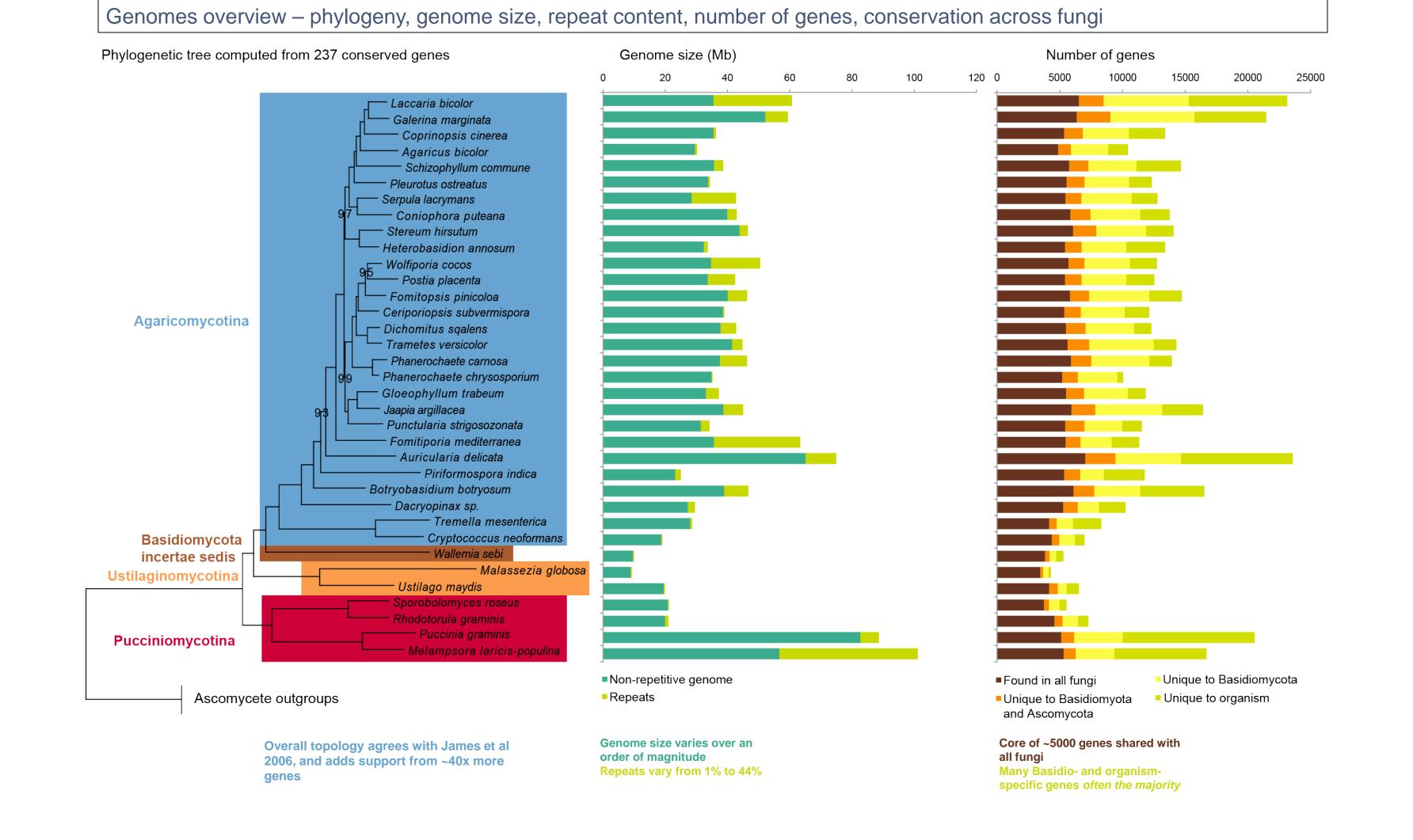


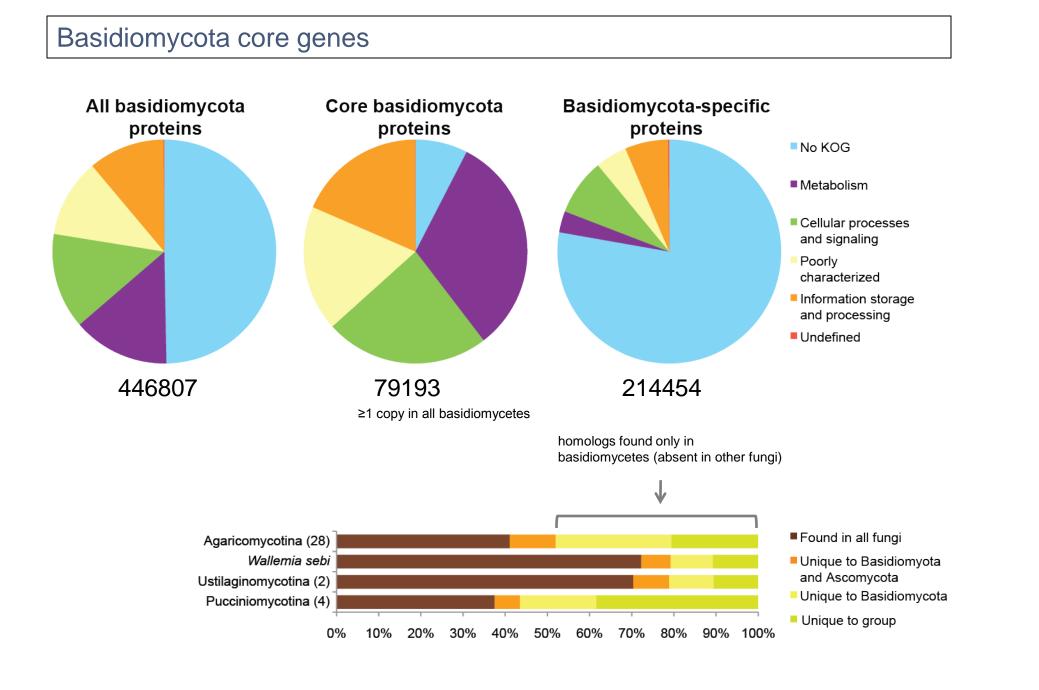


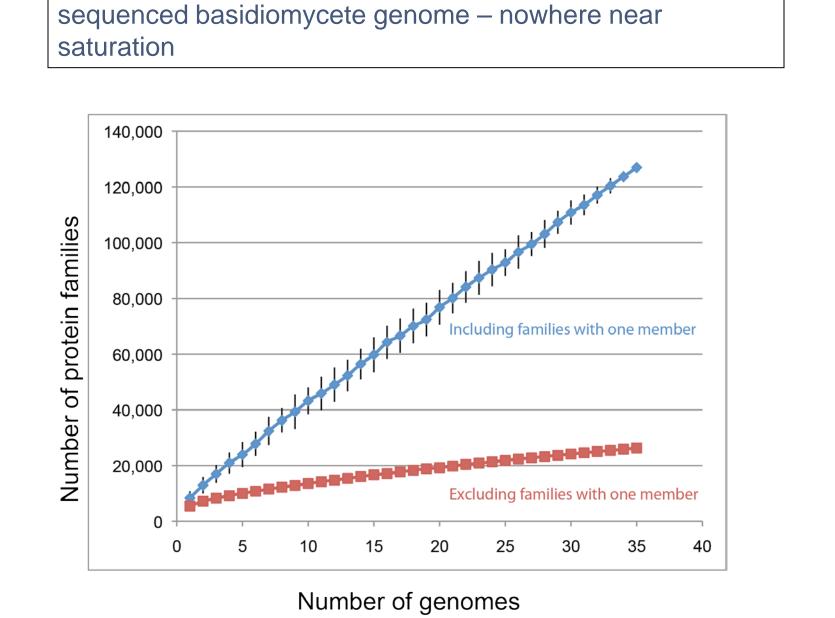
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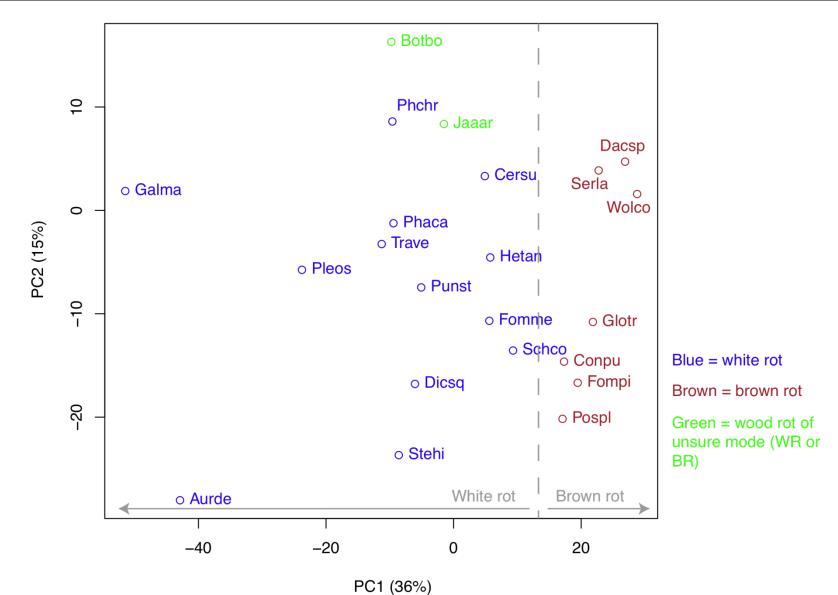




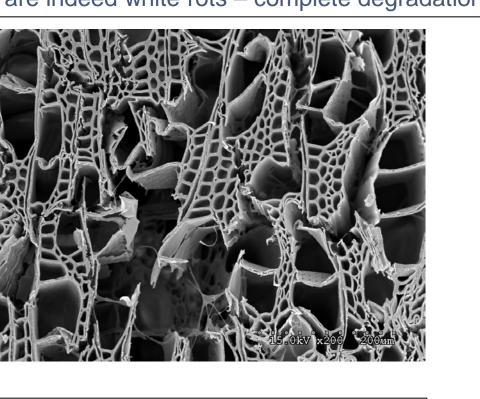
New protein families are discovered with each newly

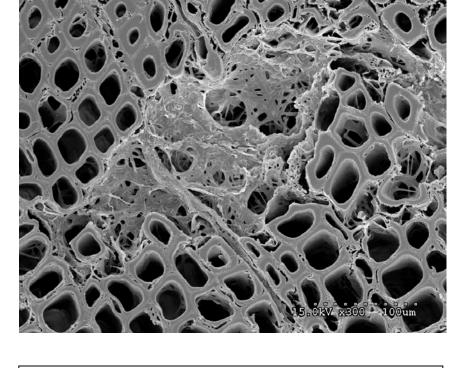
Correlation of protein family copy number with phenotype WR = white rot BR = brown rot EN = endophyte MAP = myco- or animal pathoger PP = plant pathogen MYC = mycorrhizal ? = uncertainty about nutritional mode Hetan WR,PP 6 2 0 0 2 1 0 4 35 10 4 8 3 9 BR 8 8 0 2 6 3 0 2 15 14 8 16 3 2 2 4 4 1 0 1 1 0 2 17 12 3 2 0 1 3 Pospl BR 7 4 0 2 6 2 0 3 34 Phaca WR

Phylogenetically-informed PCA of wood rotting fungi and their proteins related to carbohydrate/lignin-degradation shows separation of white/brown rots anduggests that Botryobasidium botryosum and Jaapia argillacea are white rots, despite both lacking class II lignin peroxidases



Growth assays on wood indicate that Botryobasidium botryosum and Jaapia argillacea are indeed white rots - complete degradation of cell walls with mycelia filling voids





Jaapia argillacea on pine Botryobasidium botryosum on aspen