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## Separation of *Pythium* taxa using nuclear and mitochondrial DNA markers: Proposal of a new genus, *Phytopythium* gen. nov.

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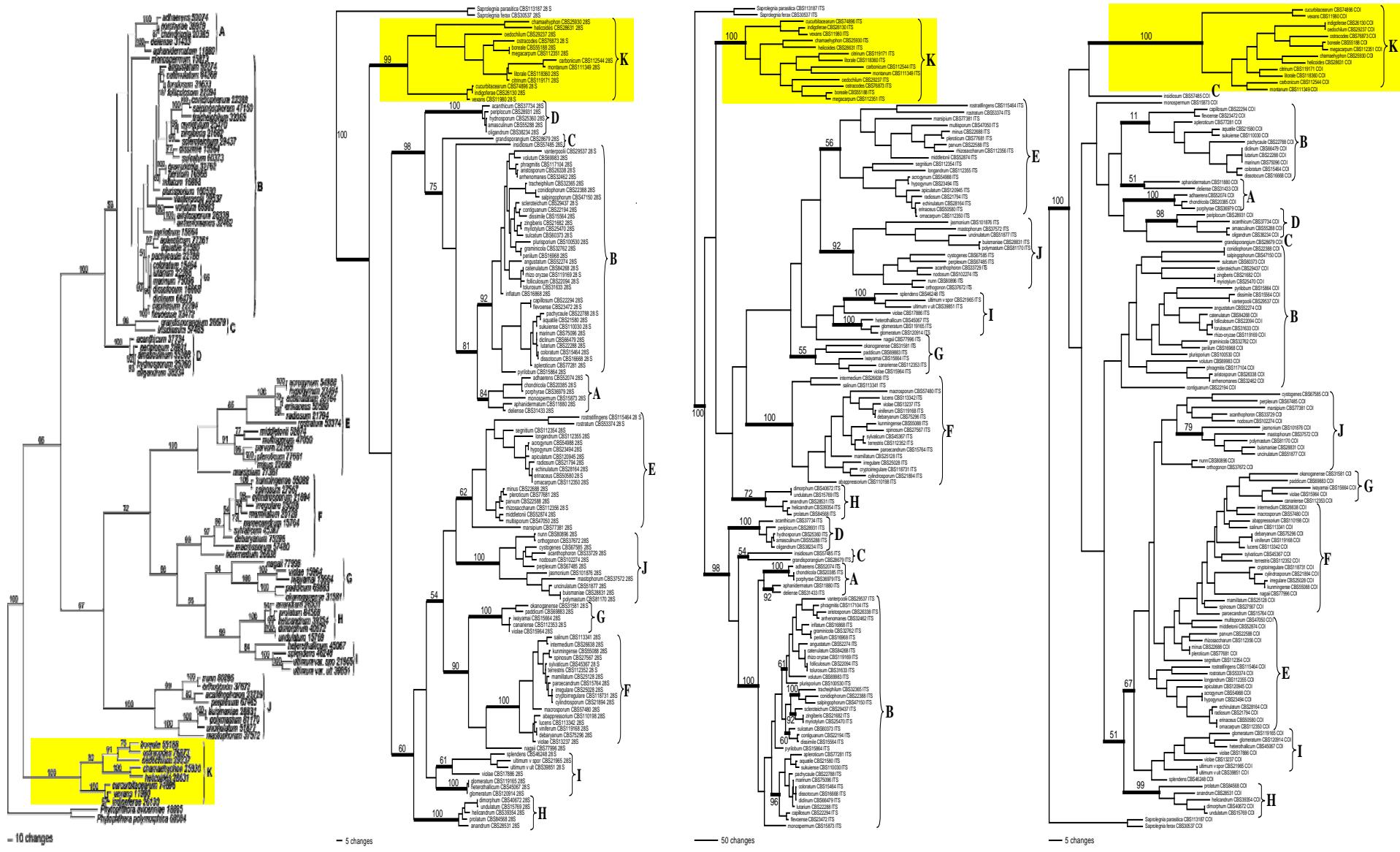
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# Pythium Phylogeny



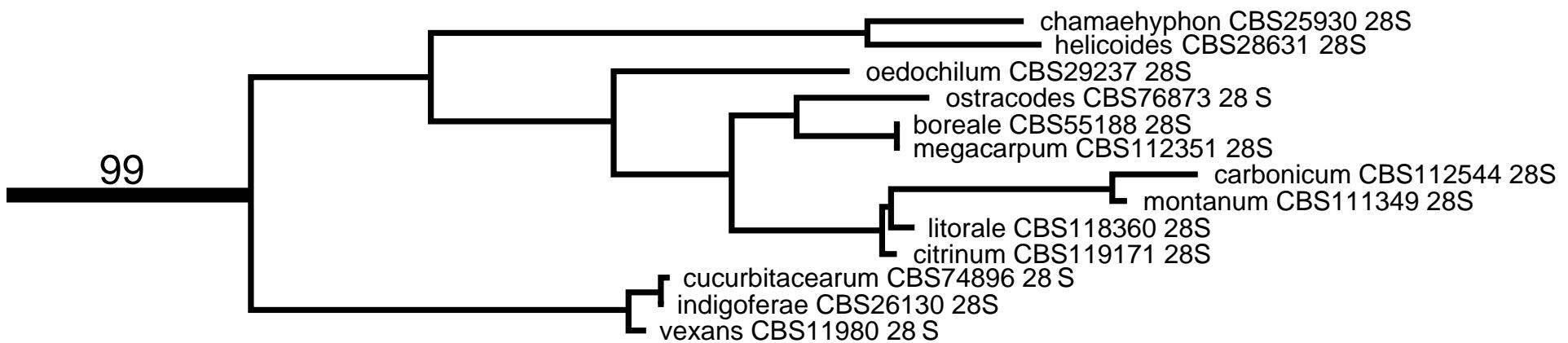
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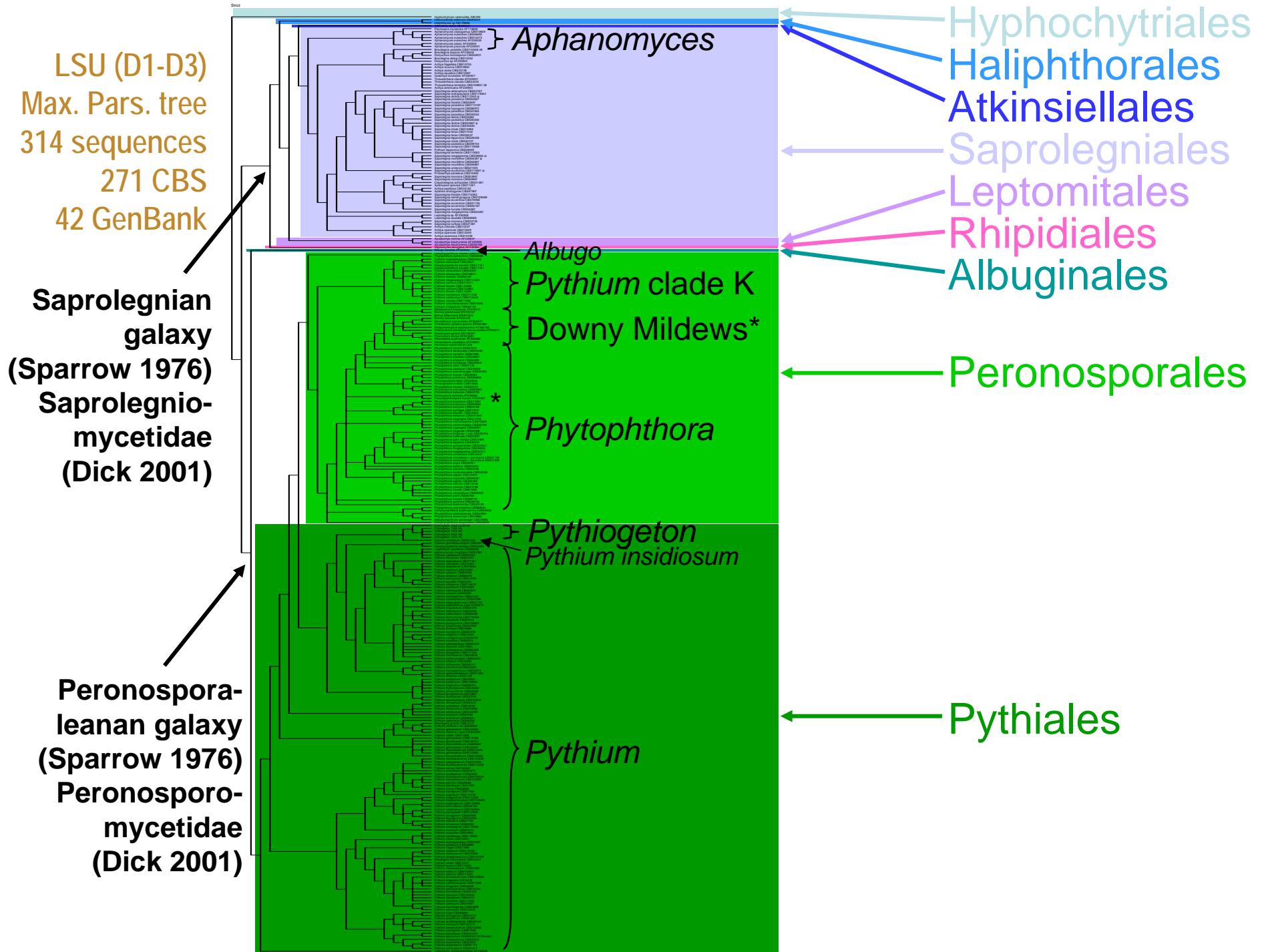
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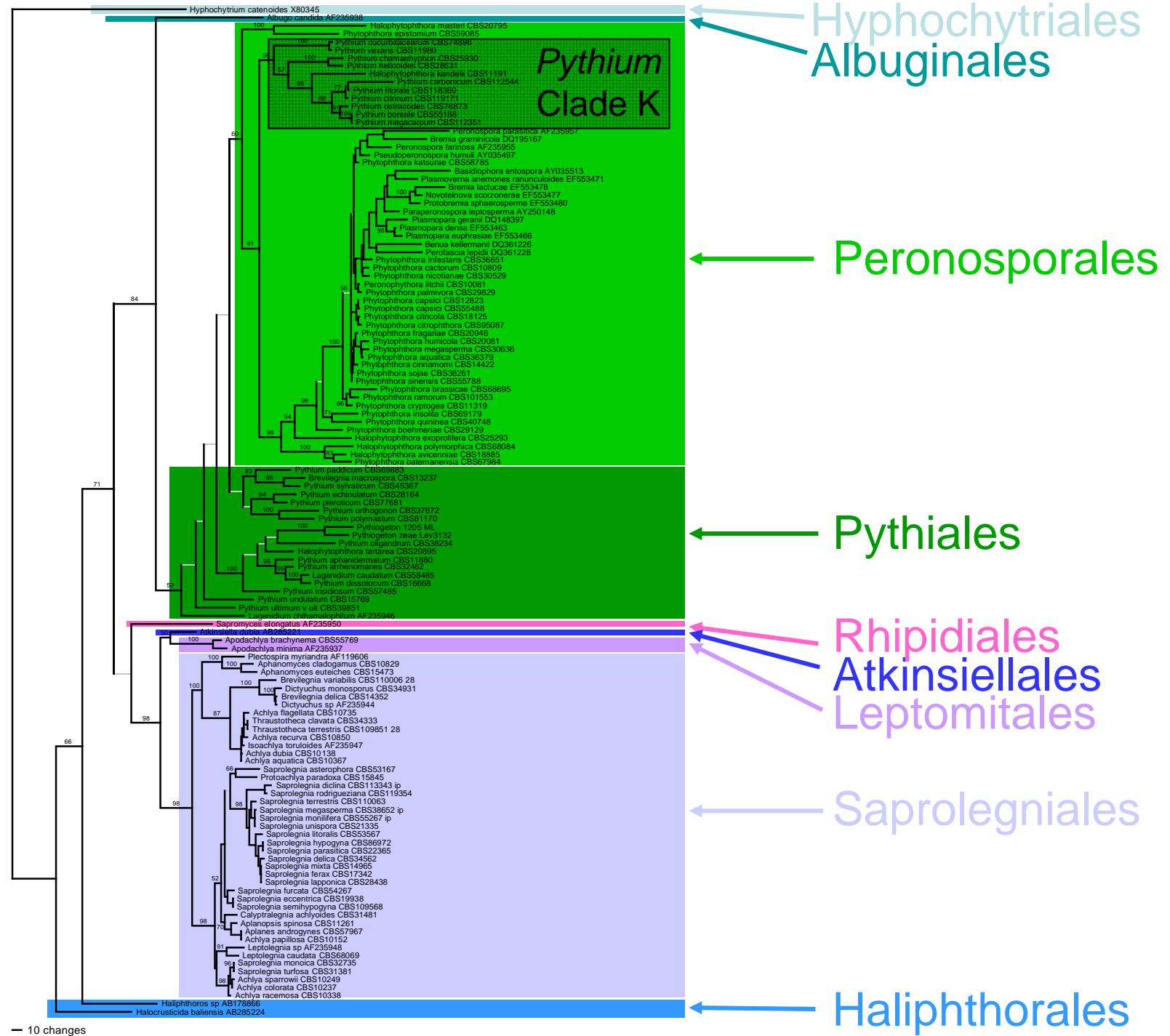
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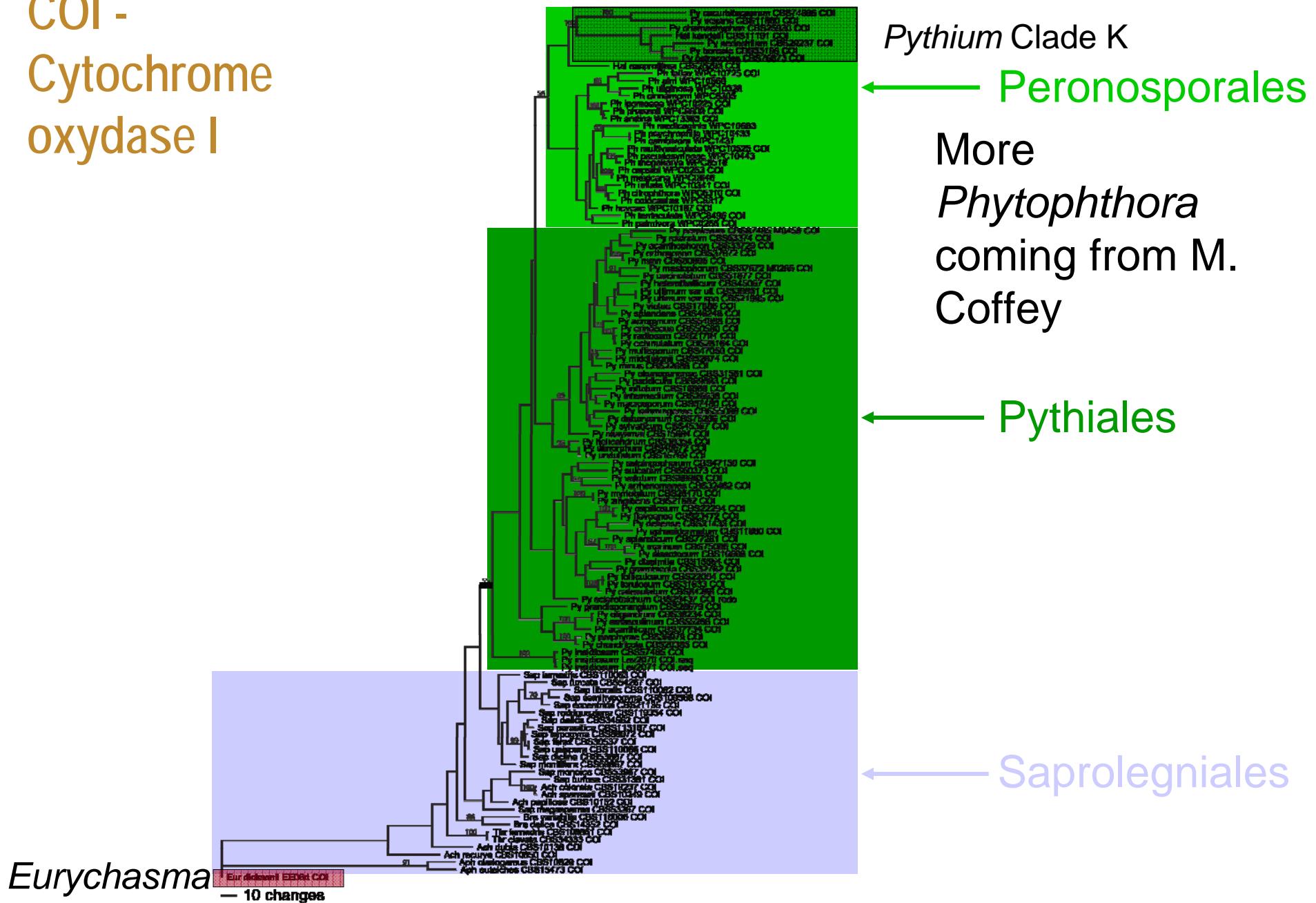
# Phylogeny of all oomycetes



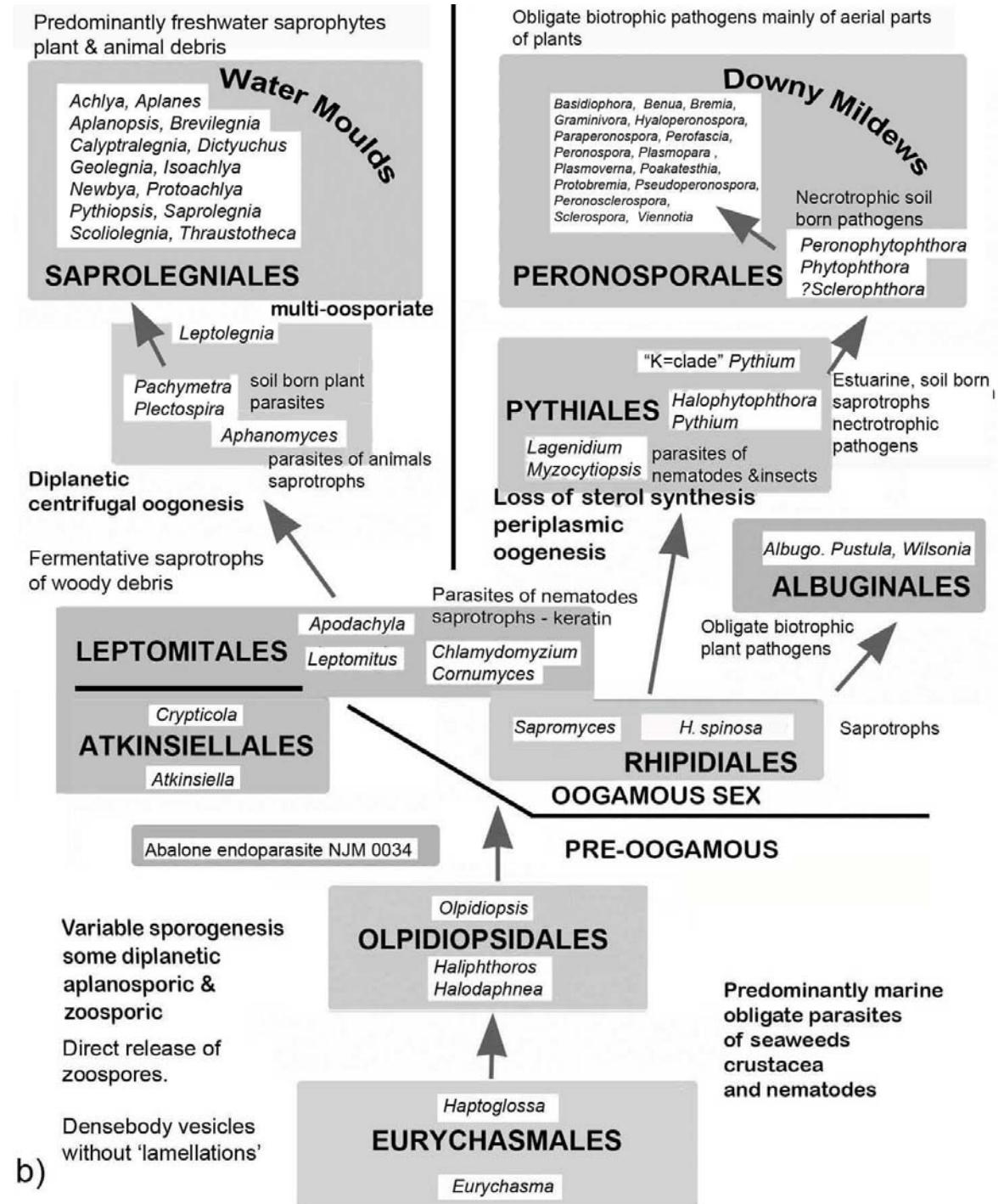
LSU (D1-D3)  
Max. Pars. tree  
125 sequences  
96 CBS  
29 GenBank



# COI - Cytochrome oxydase I



Beakes, G.W.  
and Sekimoto, S.  
2008. (in press)

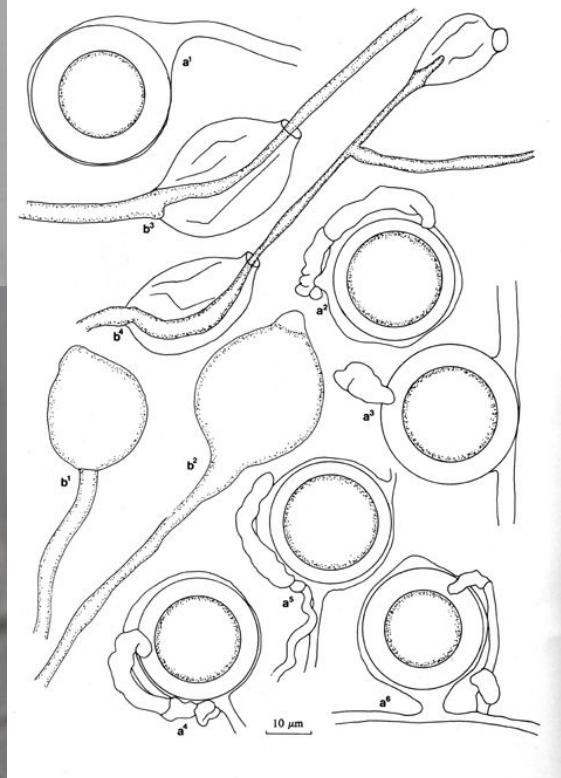
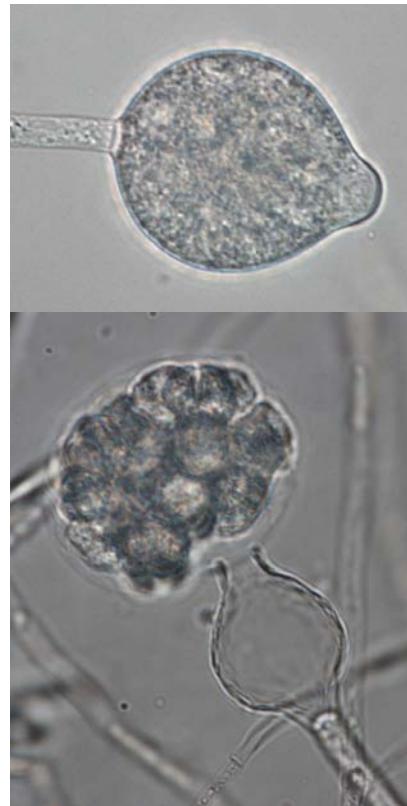


## *Phytopythium*

Sporangia globose to ovoid  
with papilla and often  
proliferating internally  
(*Phytophthora-like*)

Zoospore discharge is  
*Pythium*-like

Most species have large,  
smooth oogonia, thick-  
walled oospores, and 1–2  
elongate antheridia, laterally  
applied to the oogonium



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# The issue of name (in)consistency

## Google Hits

straminipila	1860
straminopile	121
straminipile	87
stramenopile	8010
stremenopile	1
stramenipilous	2
straminipilous	1760
straminopilous	16
stramenopilous	17

Oomycota	129,000
oomycetes	161,000
oomycete	60,800
oomycetous	2,810
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A more coordinated approach for  
assembling the oomycete tree of life is needed

"AOTOL"?

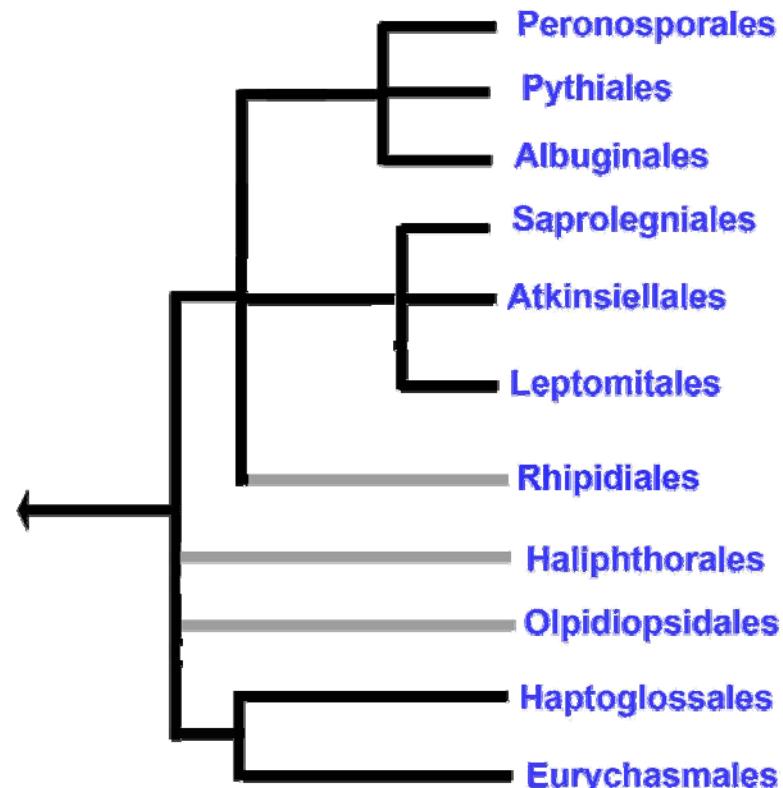
# Assembling the mycologists of oomycete for the tree of life “AMOOTOL”



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*Draft – Order Tree*

Protists Tree of Life -  
Patrick Keeling

These branches may not be monophyletic