

# Plastid phylogenomics reveals evolutionary relationships in the mycoheterotrophic orchid genus *Dipodium* and provides insights into plastid gene degeneration

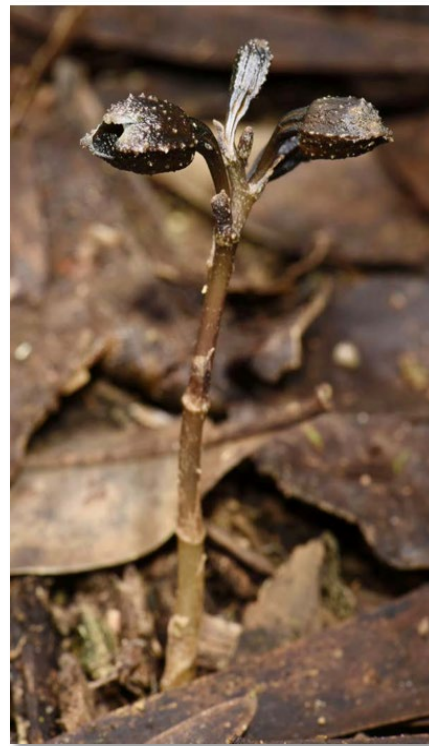
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# Heterotrophic plants



*-Epipogium roseum-*

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# (Myco)-heterotrophy



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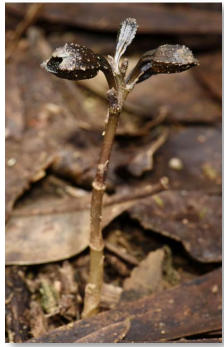


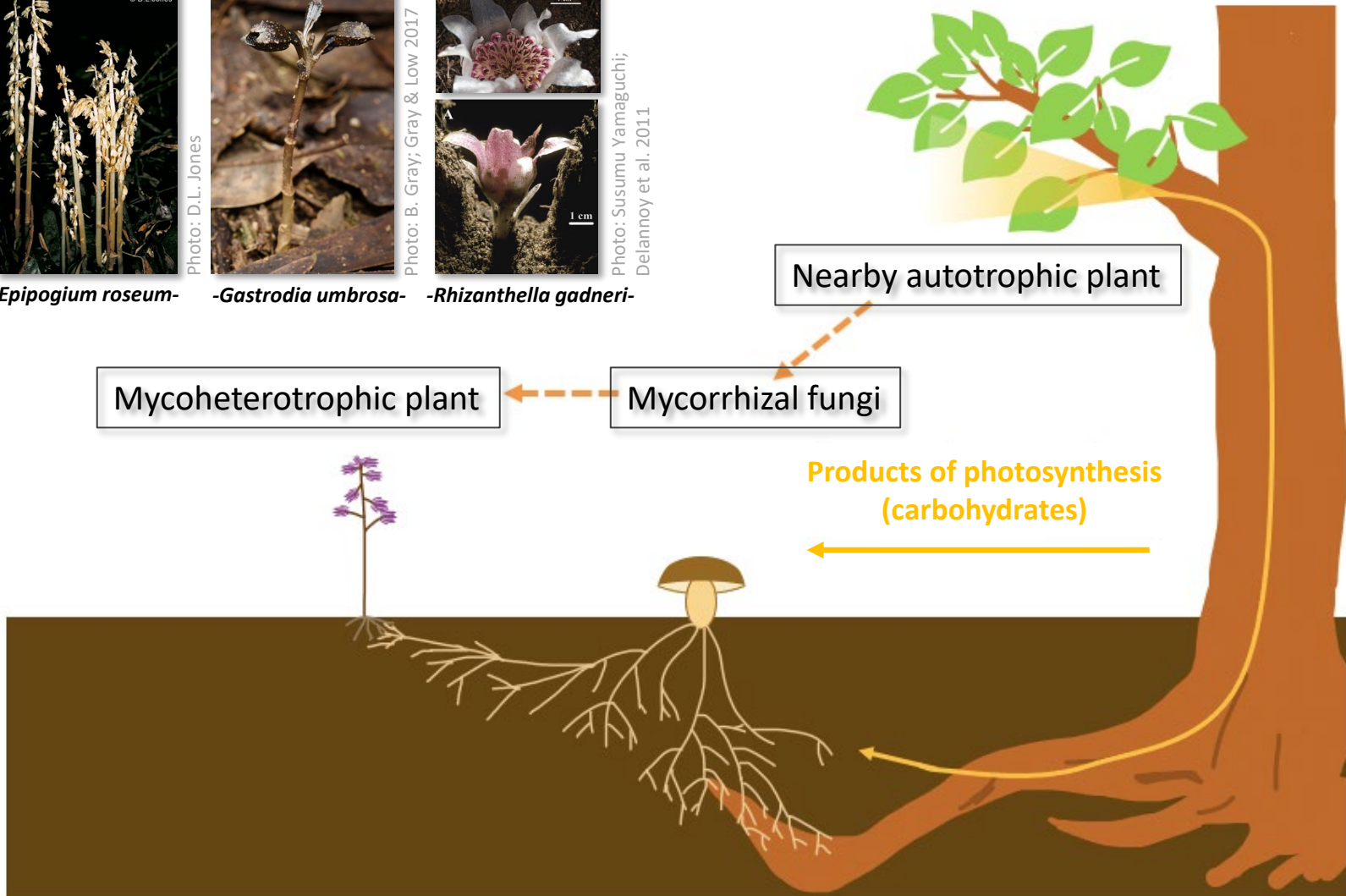
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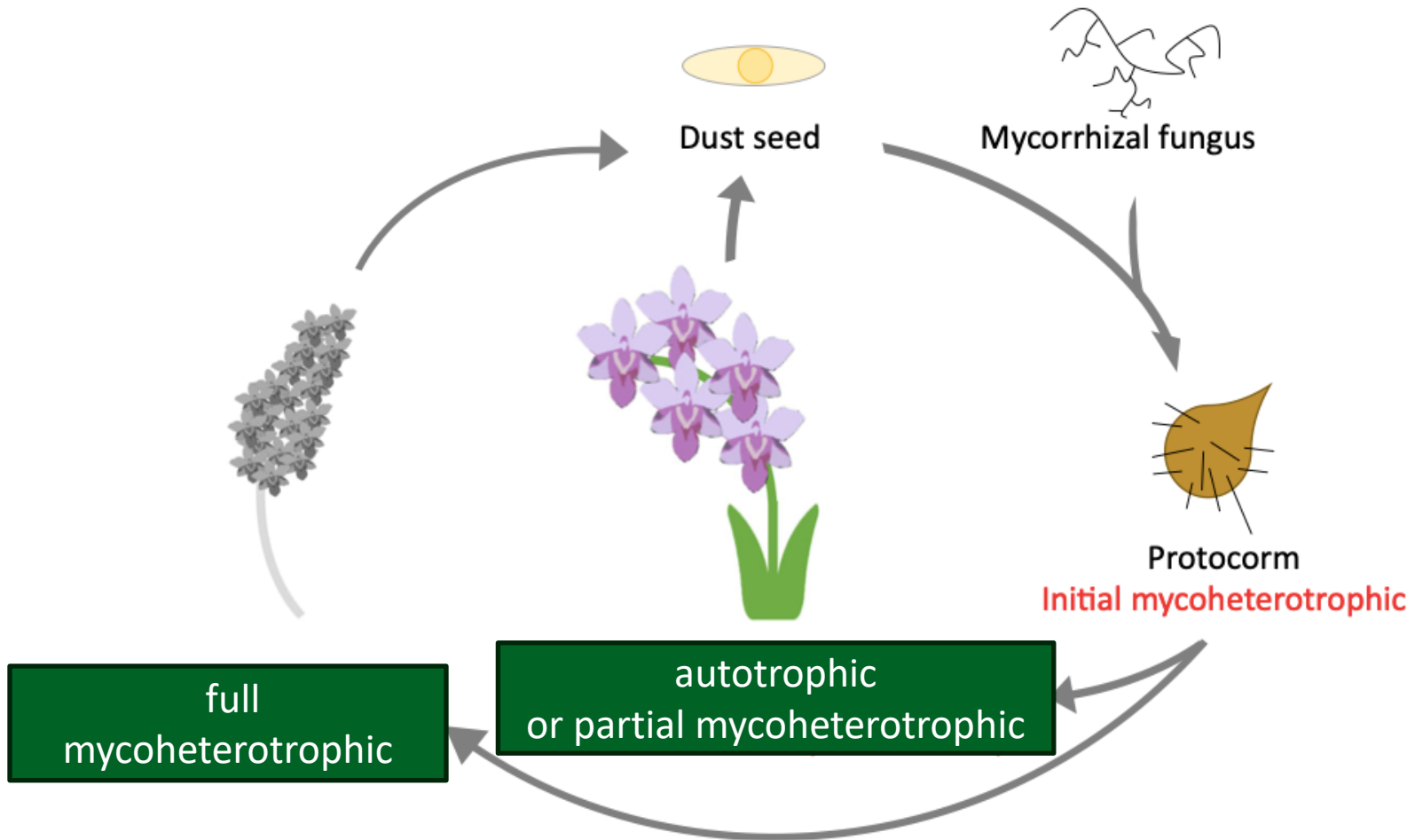


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-*Rhizanthella gardneri*-



# Orchidaceae – Life cycle – nutrition strategies





# Evolution of mycoheterotrophy

Reduction in leaf size

Loss of photosynthetic activity

Loss of chlorophyll

Degradation of the plastid genome



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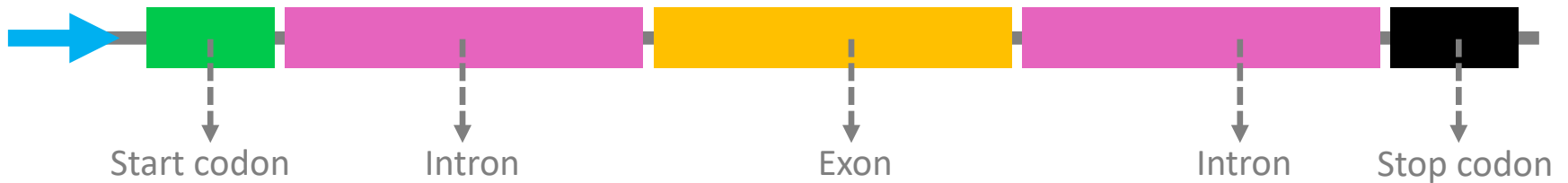
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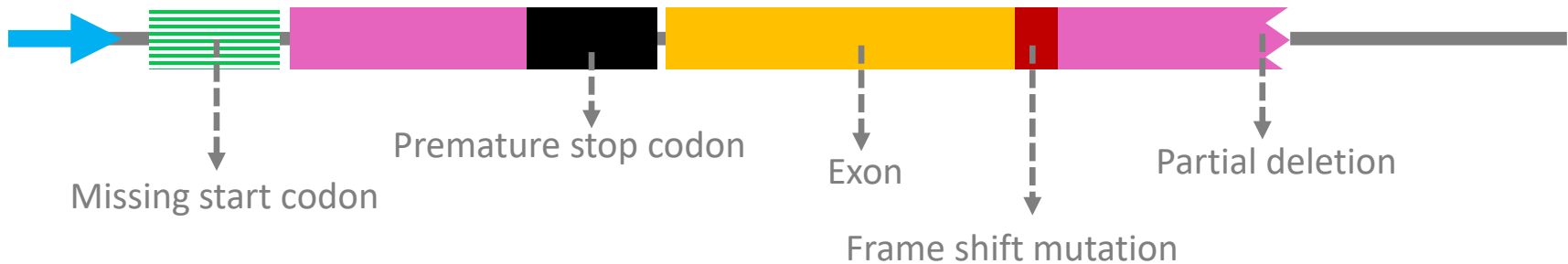


# Plastid genes - degradation and loss

## Functional gene



## Functional loss: pseudogenised gene

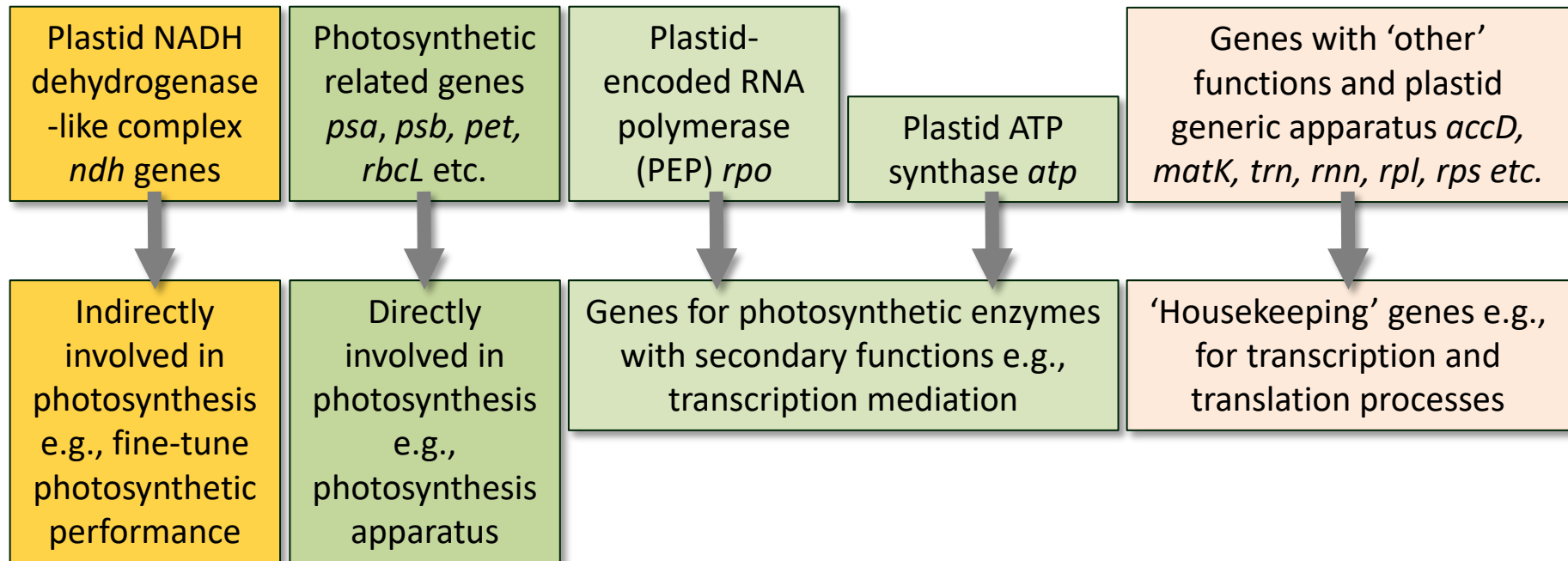


## Physical loss: non-detectable gene

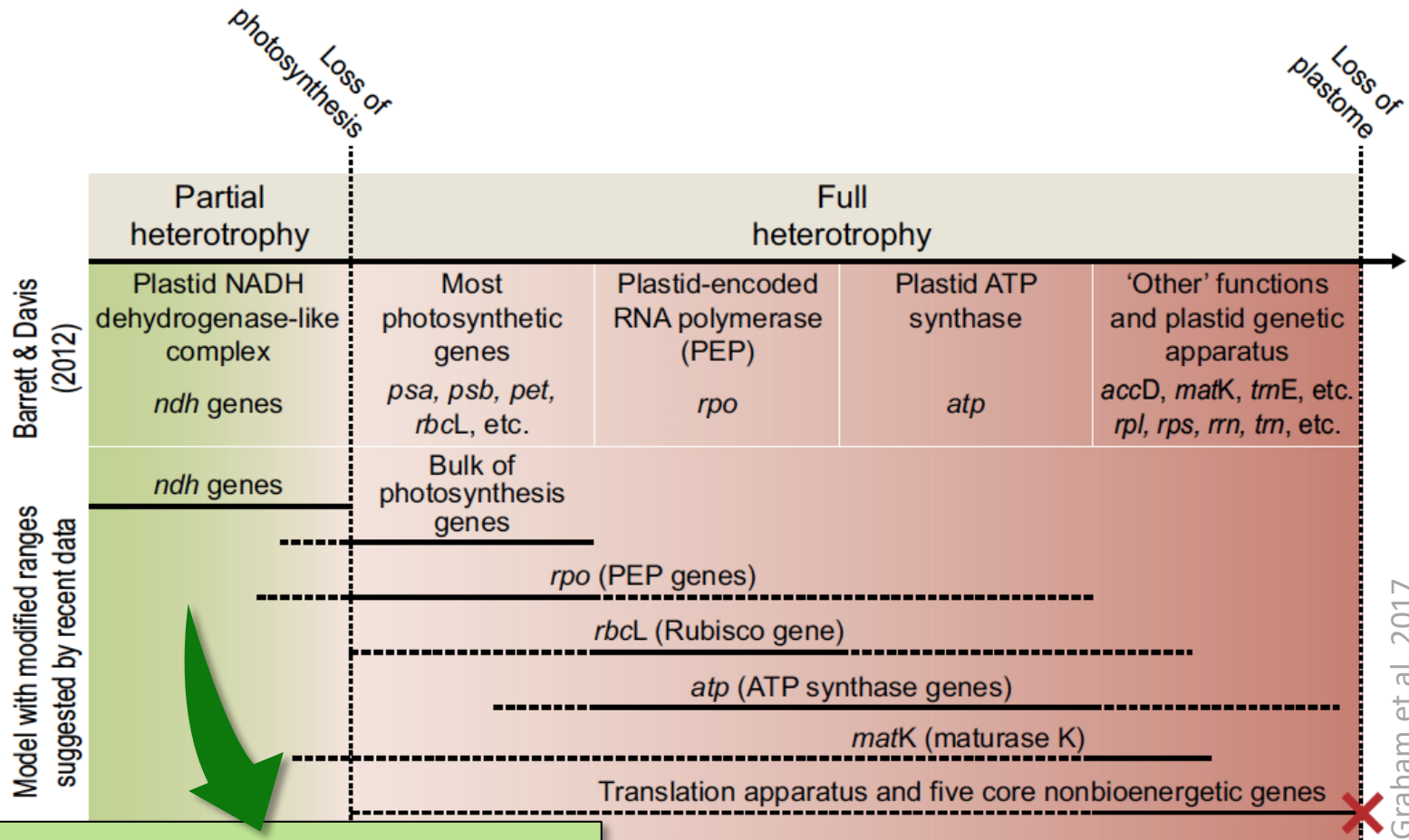




# Plastid genes – gene groups



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Graham et al. 2017

Orchids were found to be variable in the conservation of *ndh* genes regardless of the nutrition status.

# *Dipodium* R.Br.



**-*Dipodium pandanum*-**

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**-*Dipodium ensifolium*-**



**-*Dipodium elegantulum*-**



# *Dipodium* R.Br.

**Common name: Hyacinth orchids**

Subfamily: Epidendroideae

Tribe: Cymbidieae

- 39 species

Divided in two section:

- Section *Dipodium*
- Section *Leopardanthus* (Blume) O. Kuntze



## Section *Leopardanthus* in Australia

- 'Leafy', autotrophic species
- Adventitious roots, epiphytes and terrestrials



-*Dipodium pandanum*-

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## Section *Dipodium* in Australia

- ‘Leafy’, autotrophic species
- Non-adventitious roots, terrestrials



**-*Dipodium ensifolium*-**





# Section *Dipodium* in Australia

- 'Leafless', mycoheterotrophic species
- Non-adventitious roots, terrestrials



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**-*D. interaneum*-**



**-*D. elegantulum*-**



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**-*D. punctatum*-**



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**-*D. roseum*-**





# Previous studies



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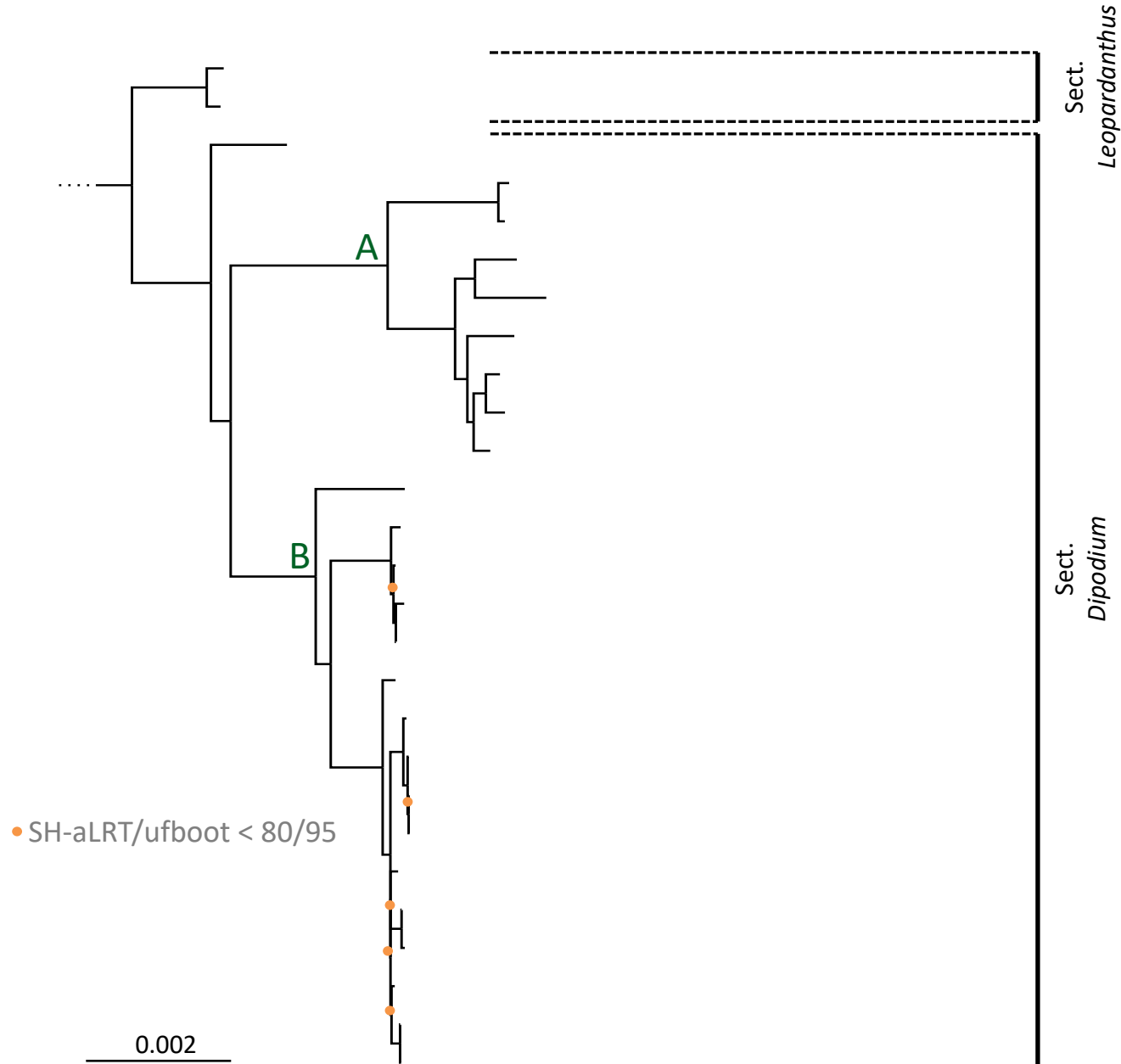
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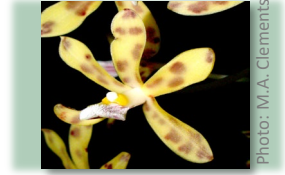
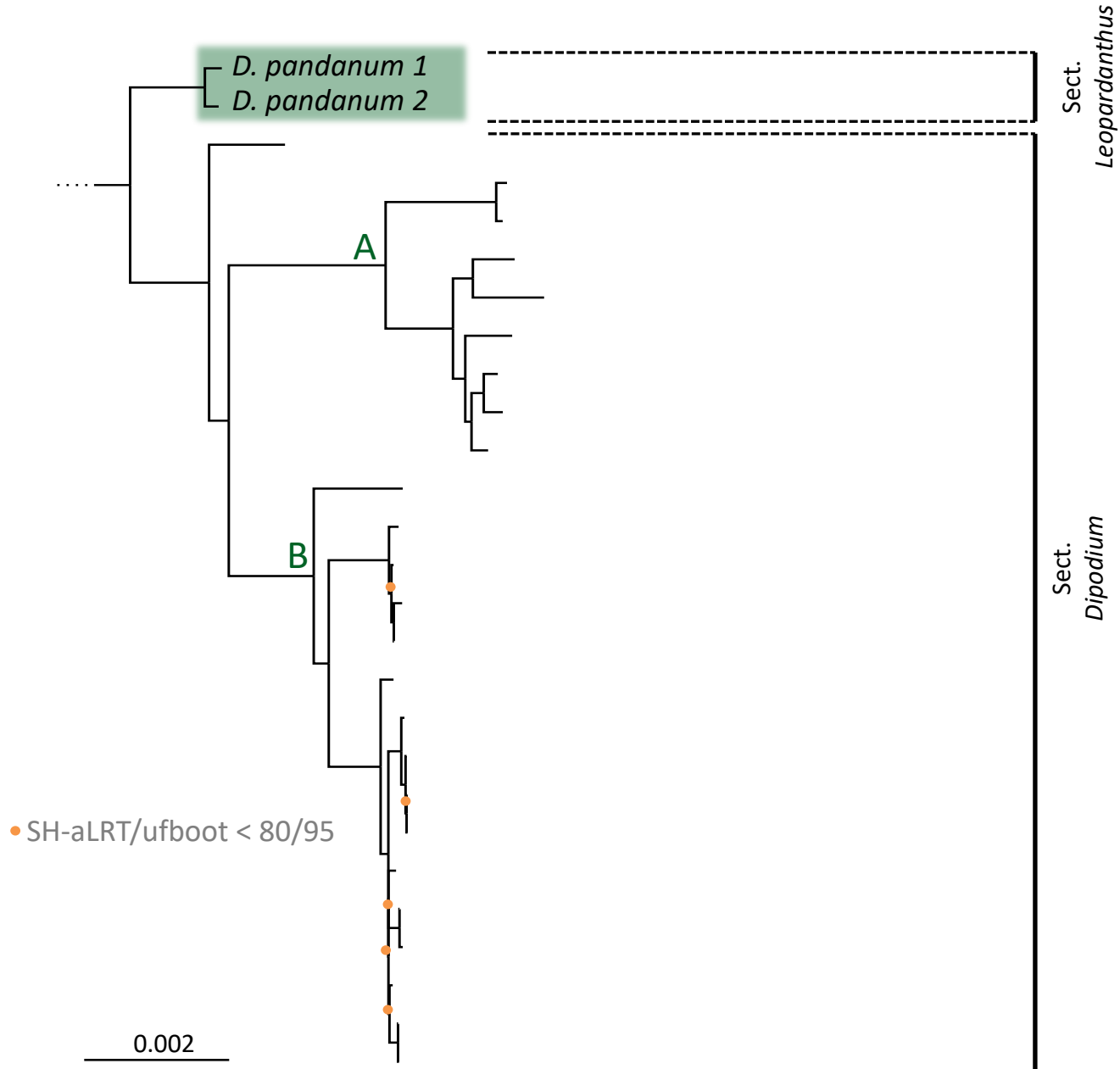
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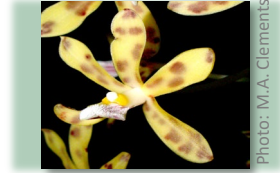
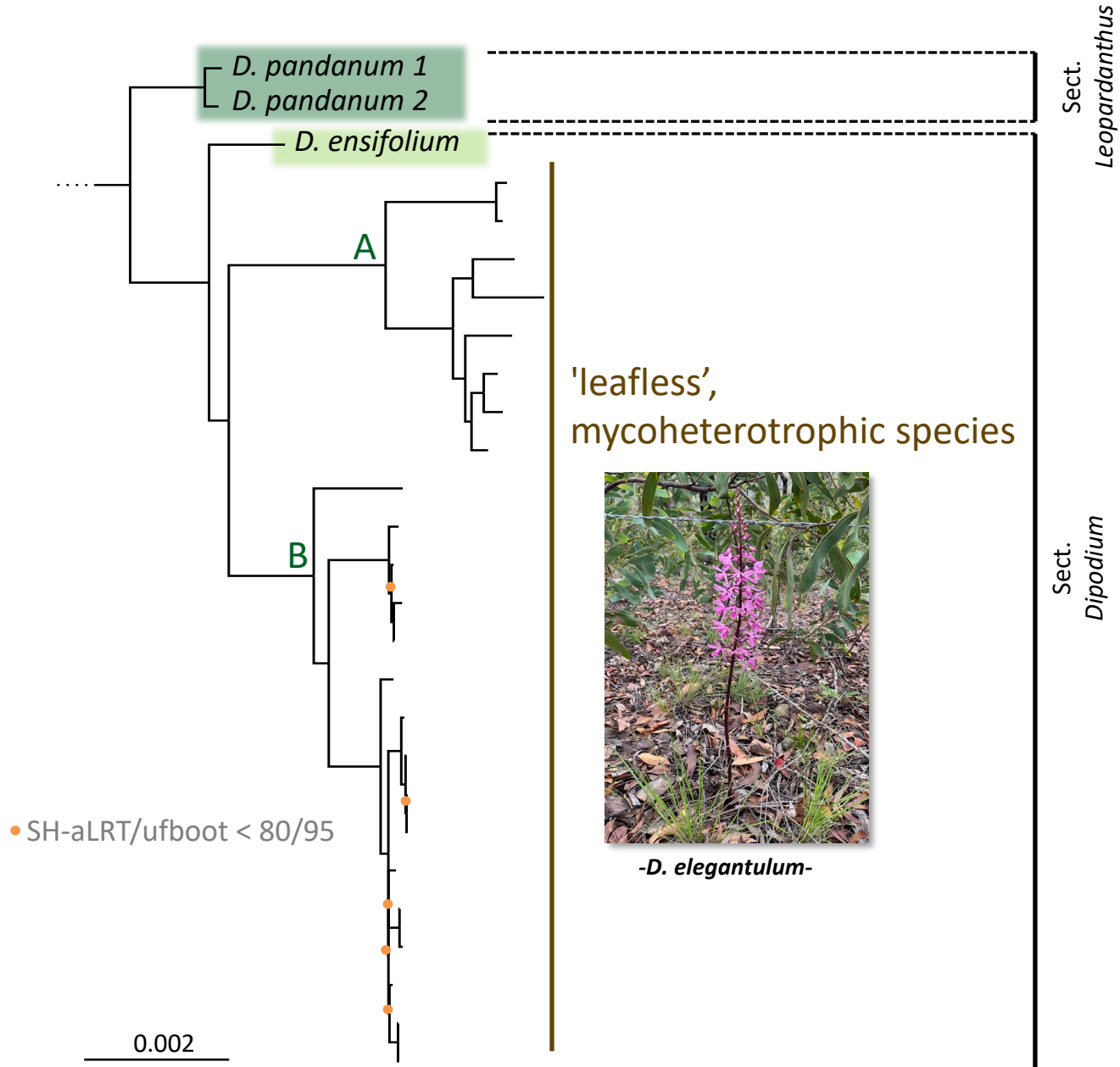
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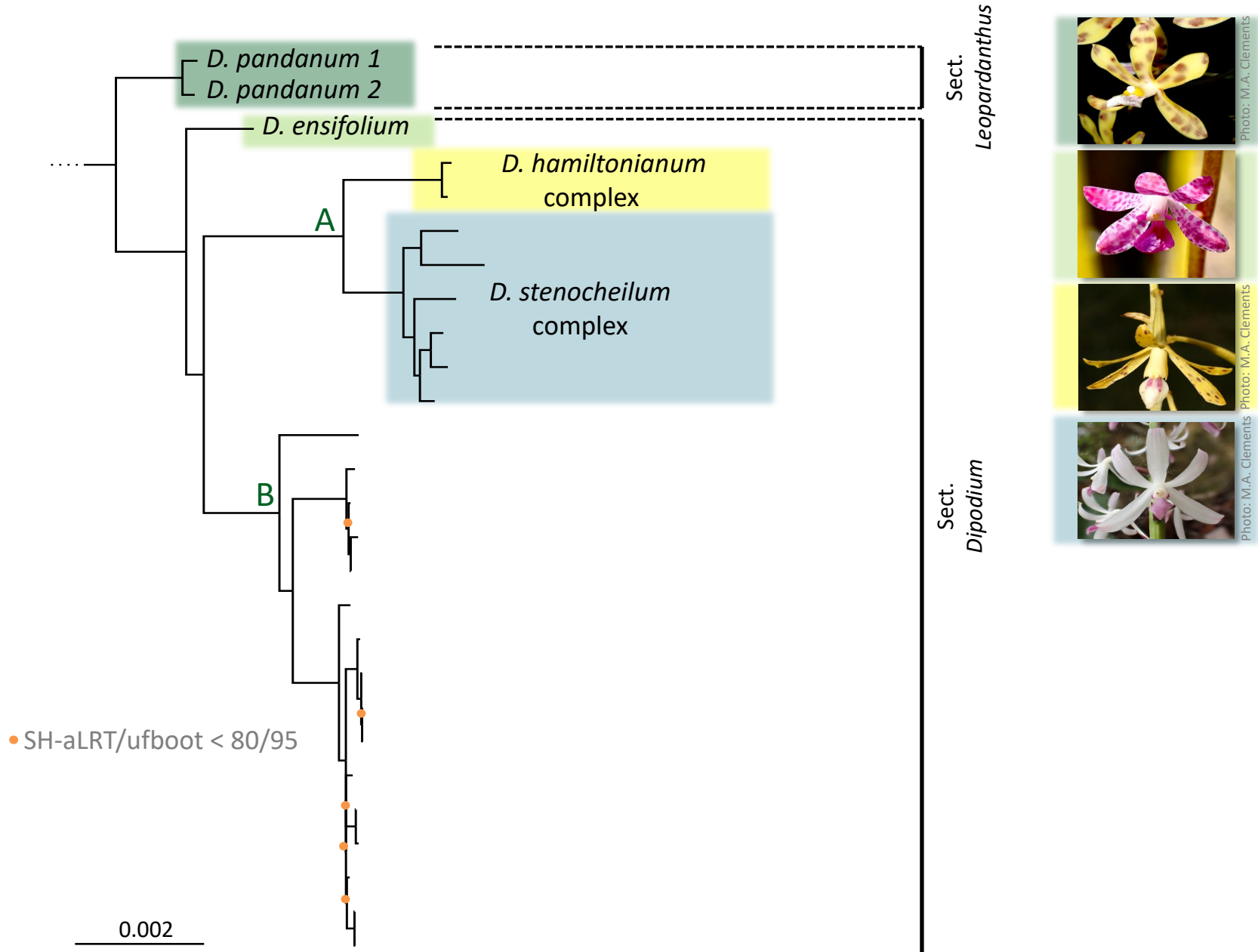


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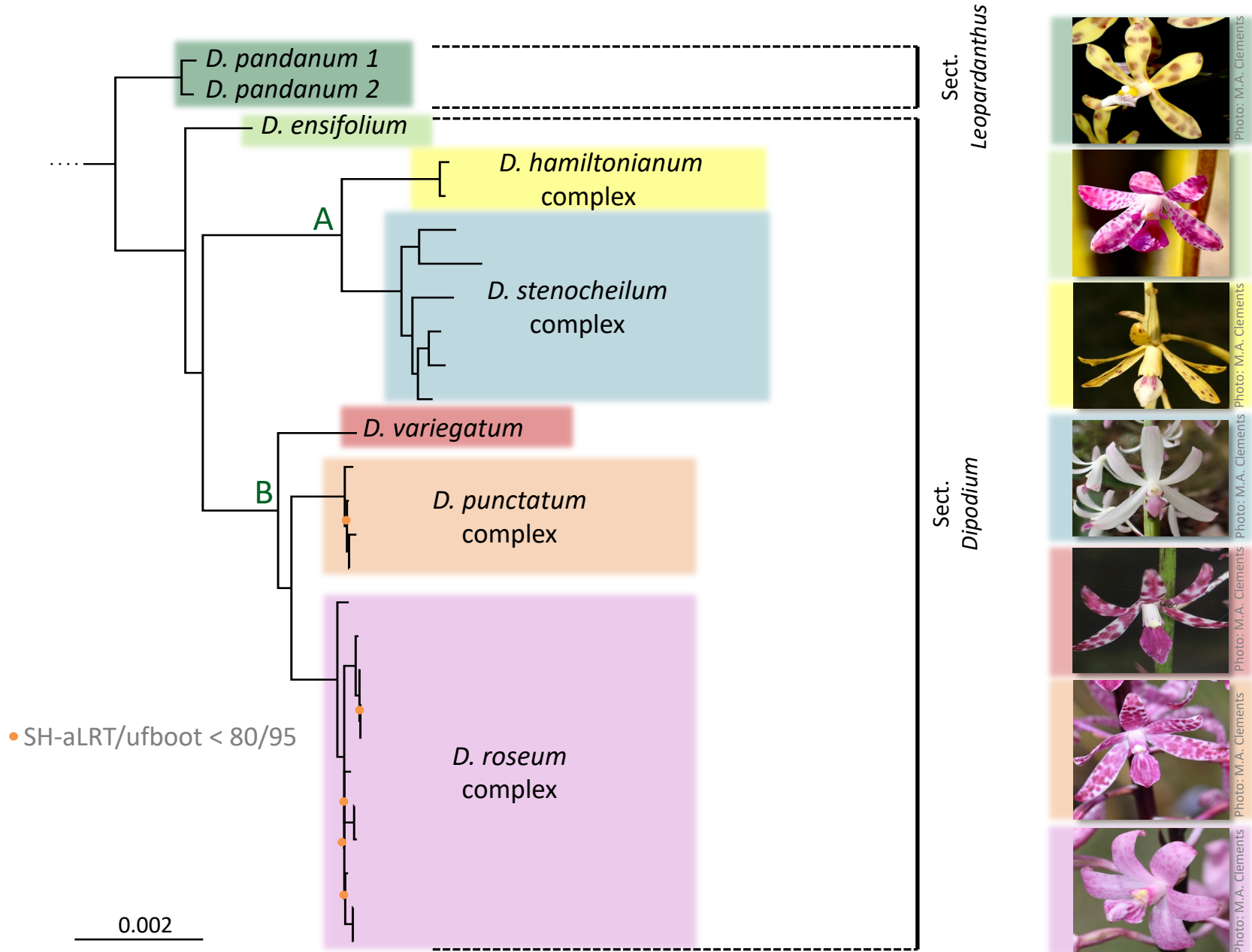
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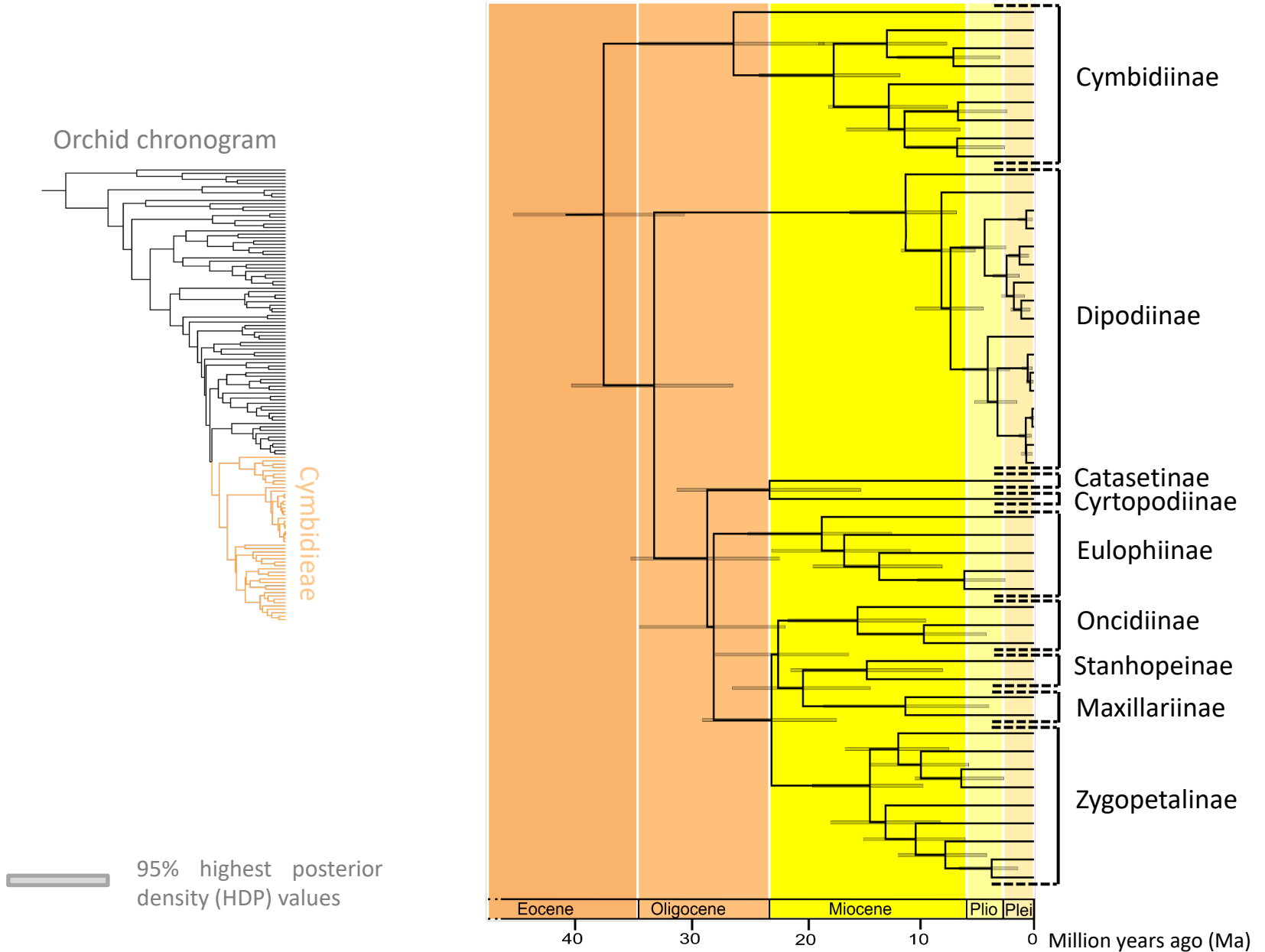
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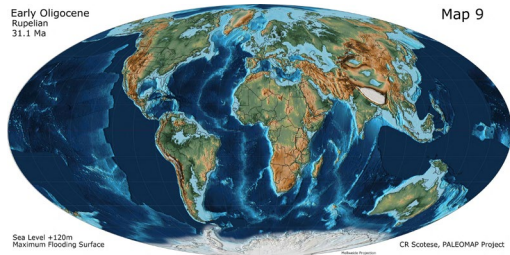
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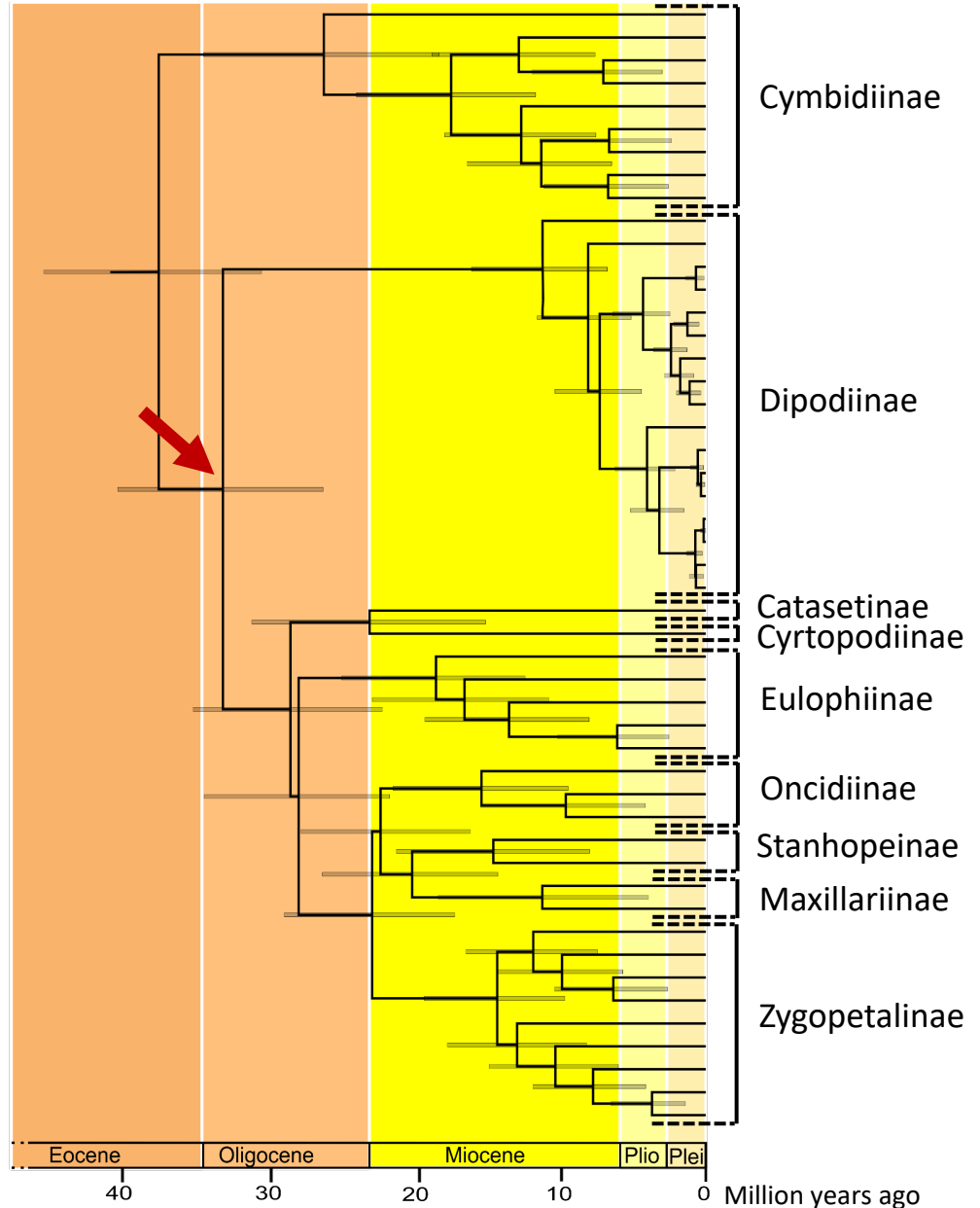
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Early Oligocene

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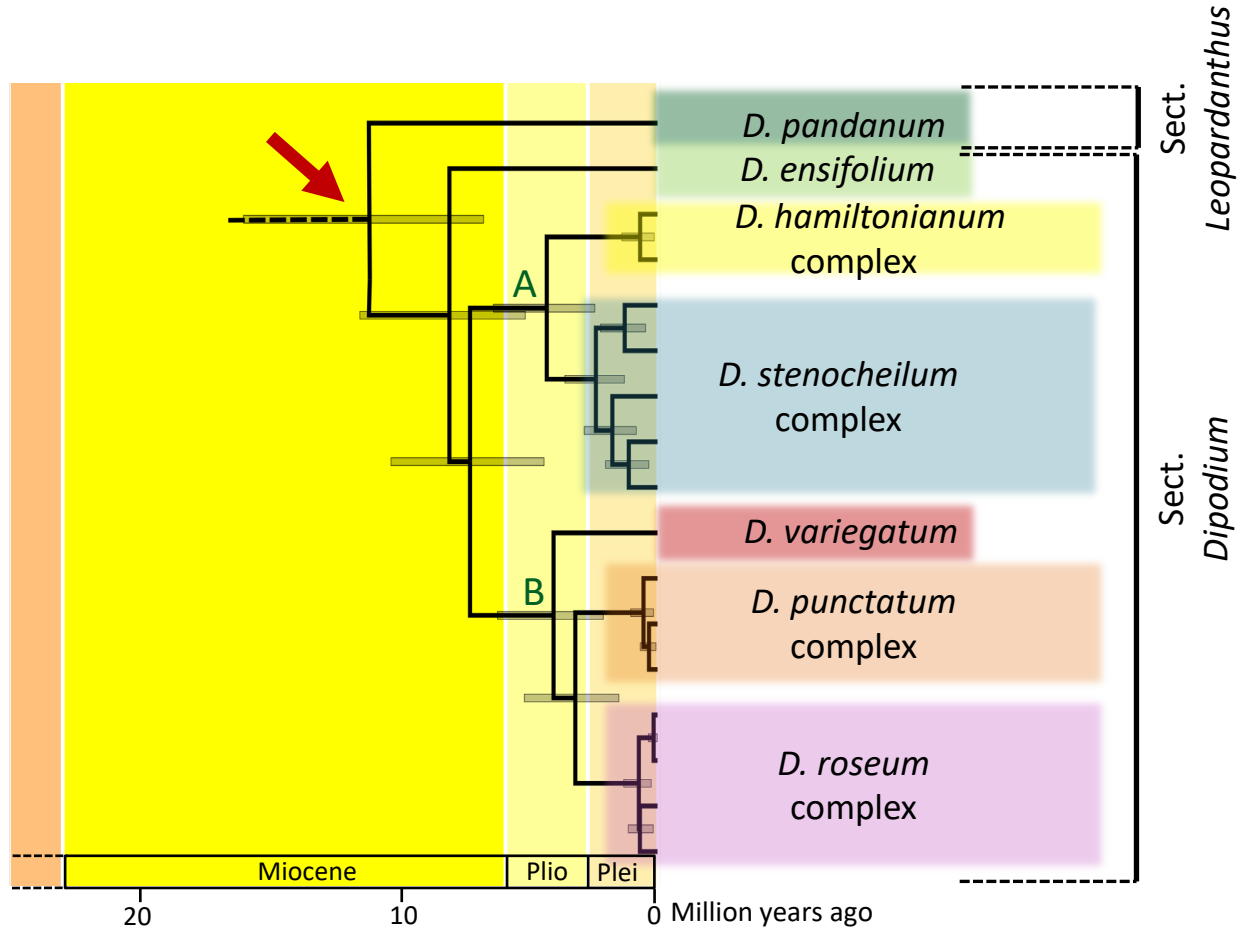
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Middle to late Miocene

## Australia has arrived at today's geographical position



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Sect. Leopardanthus  
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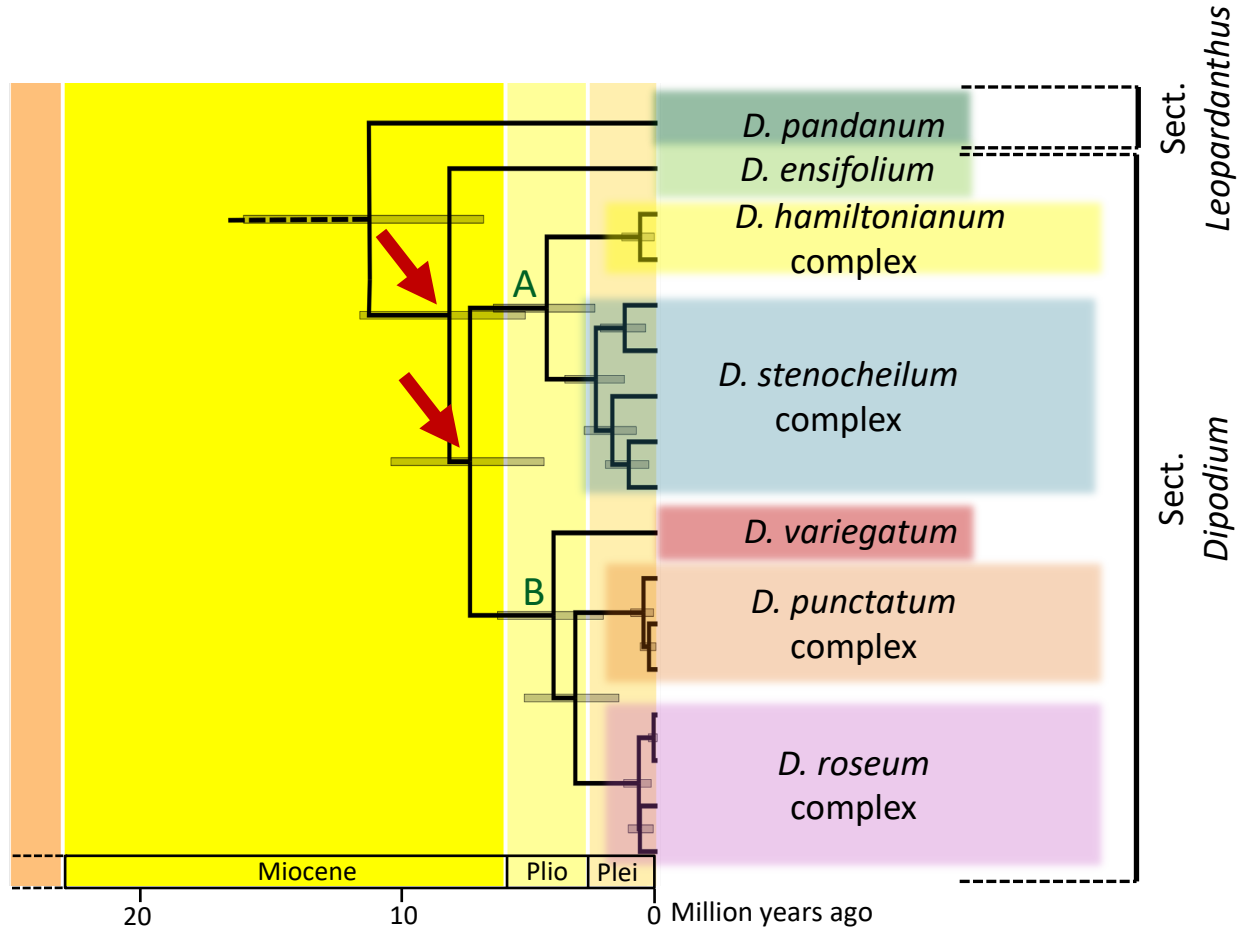


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Late Miocene



## Australia's climatic conditions became increasingly arid

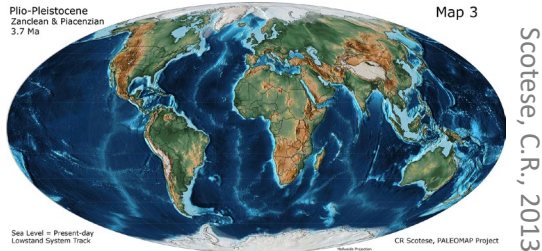


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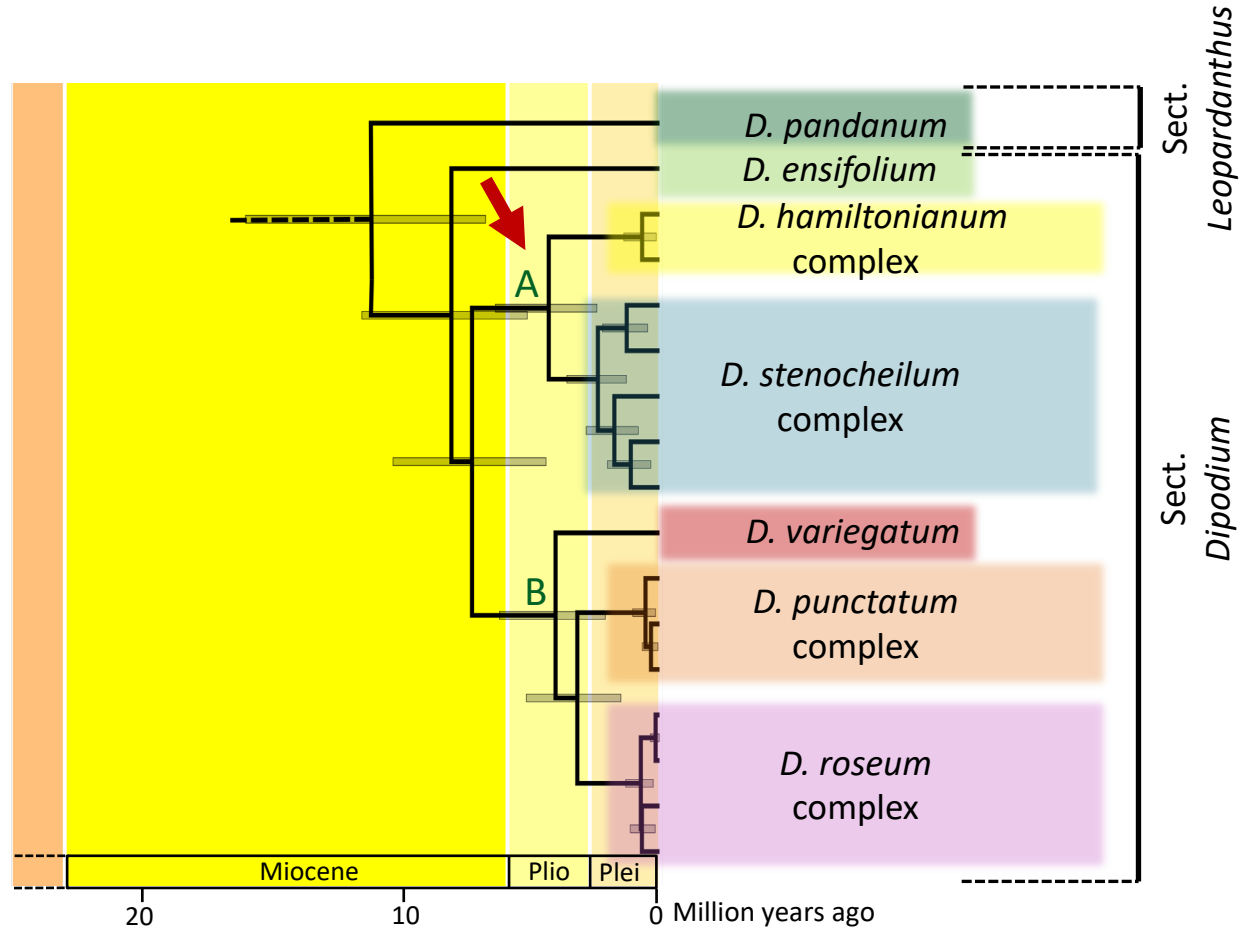
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Pliocene



## Aridification of Australia continued



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Pleistocene



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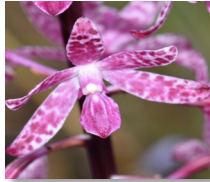


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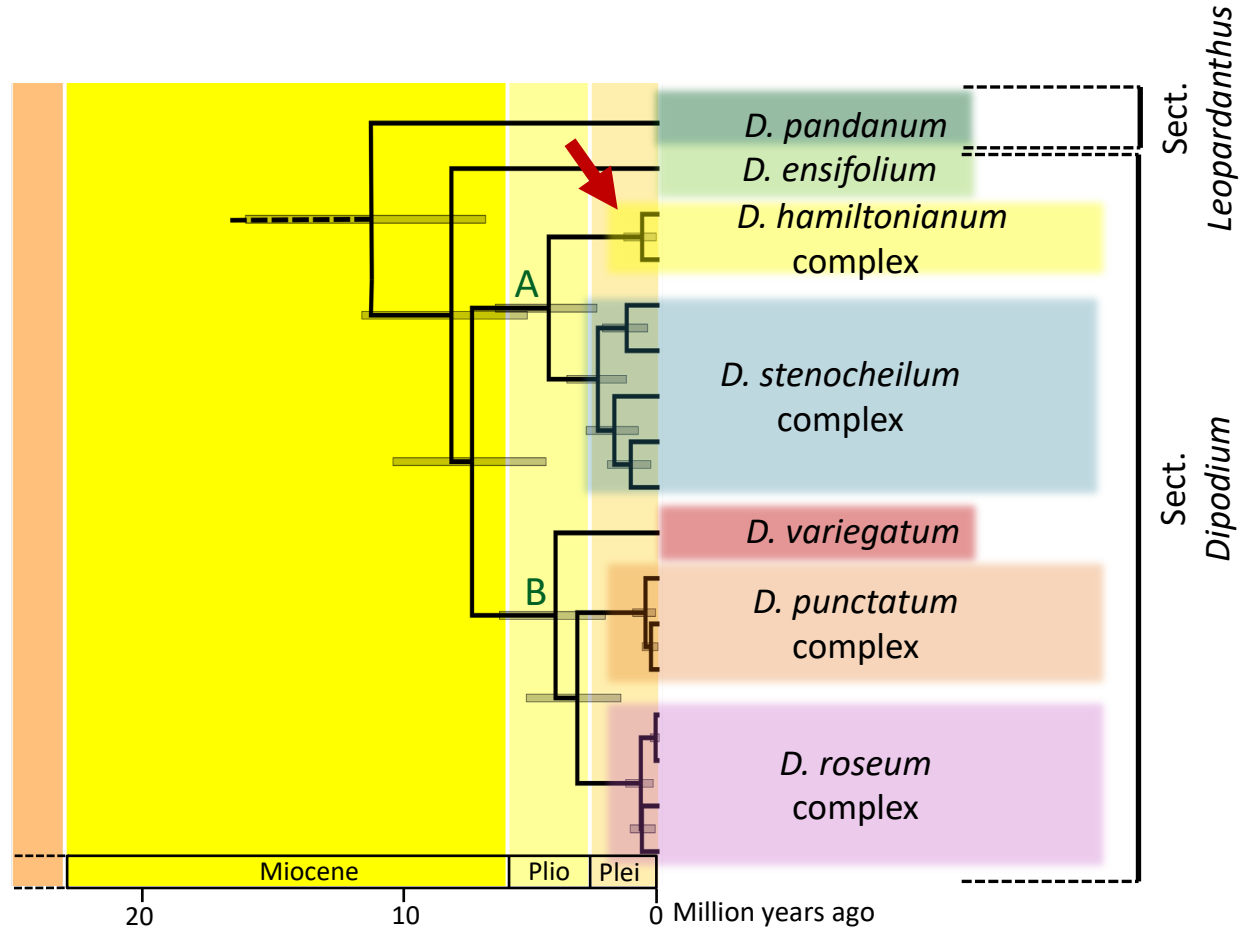


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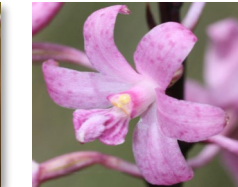
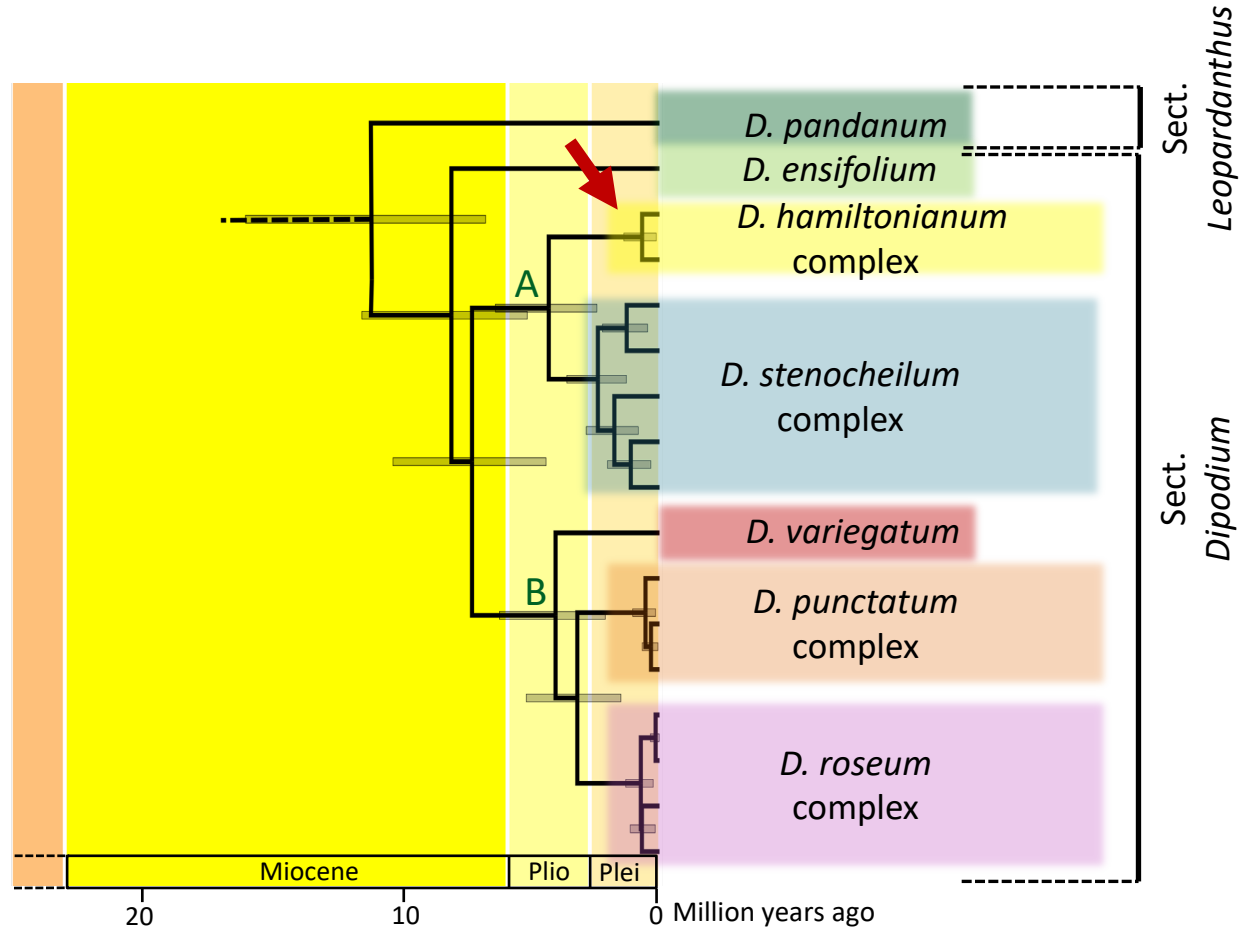


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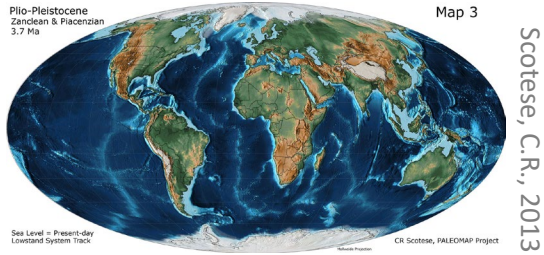
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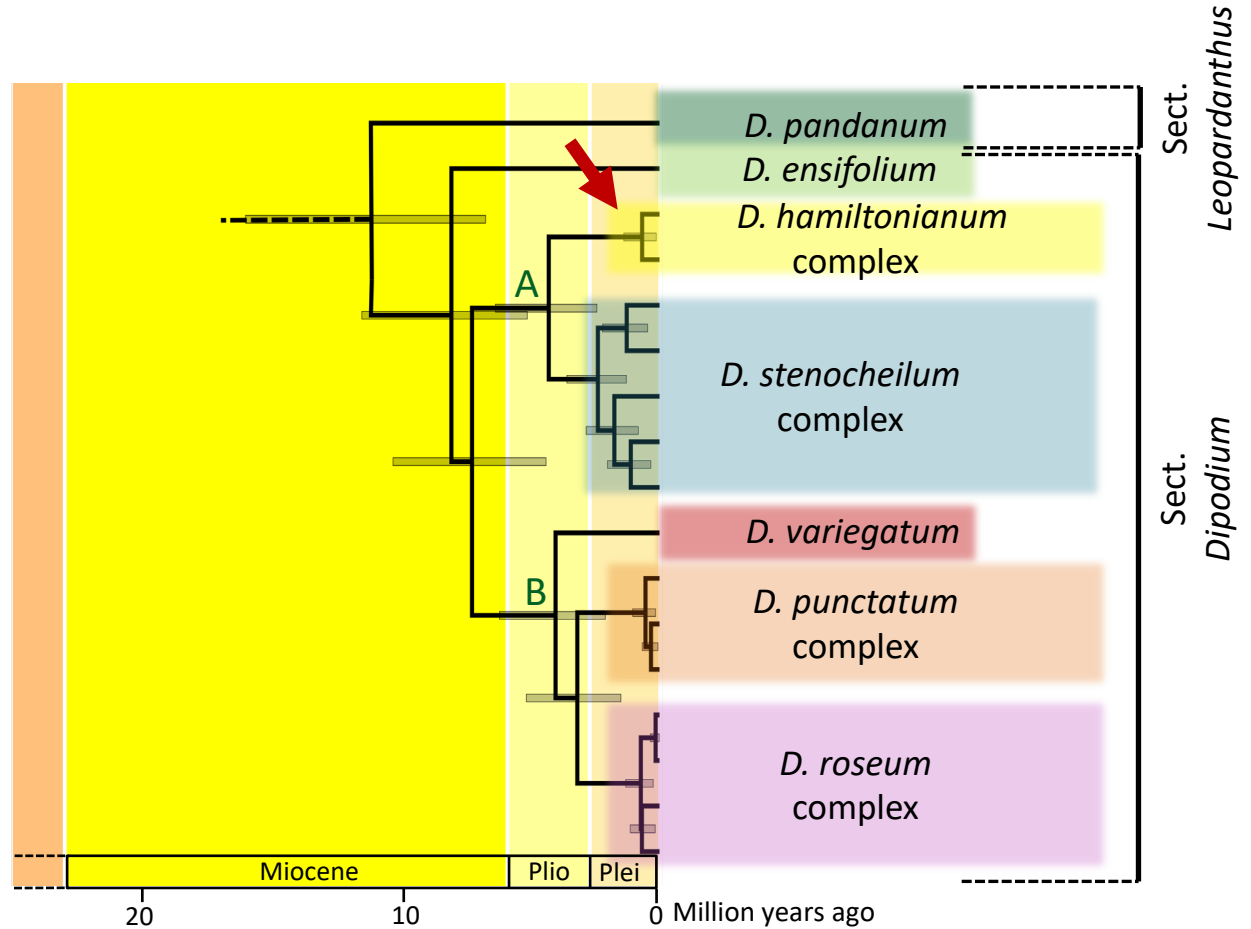


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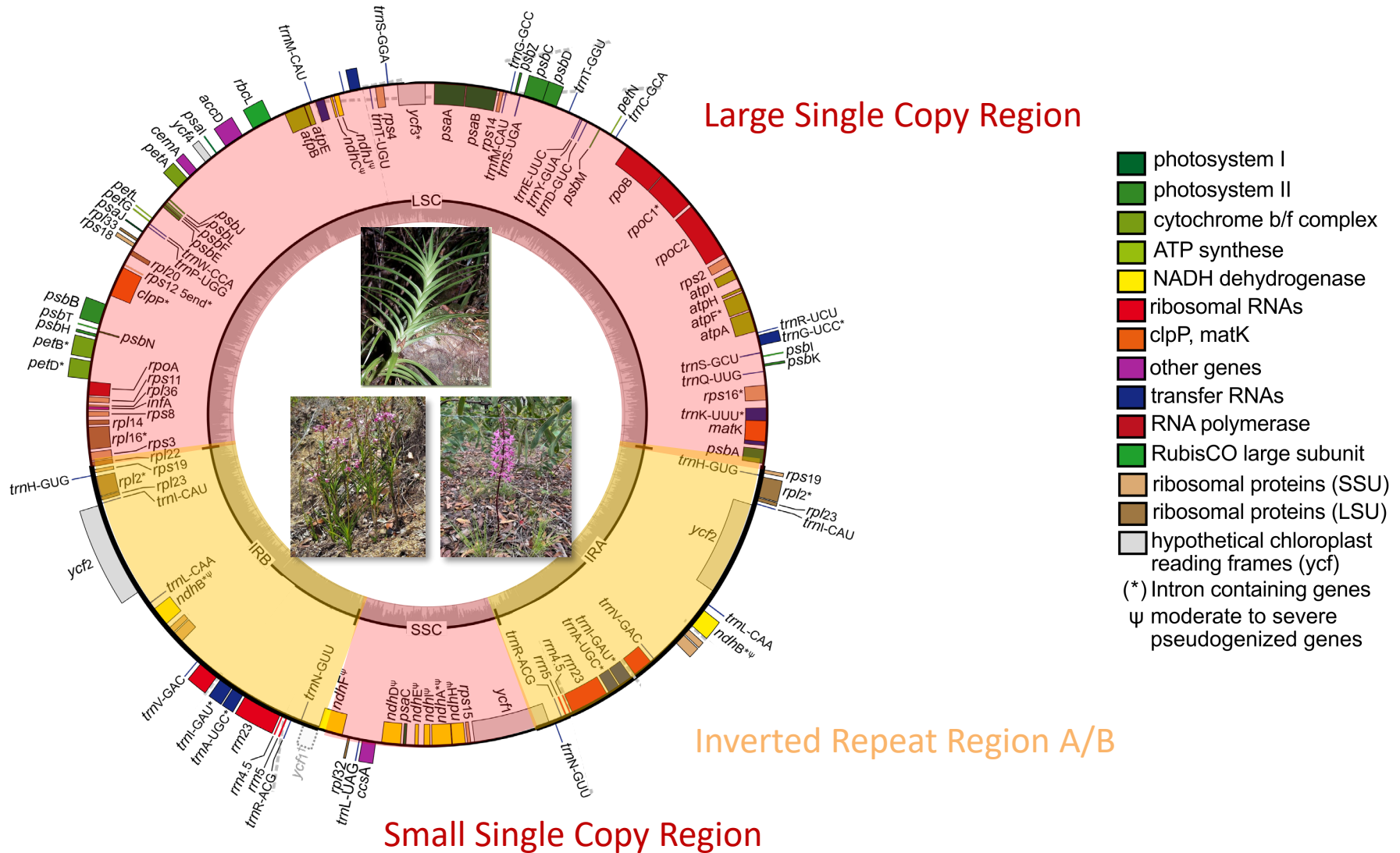


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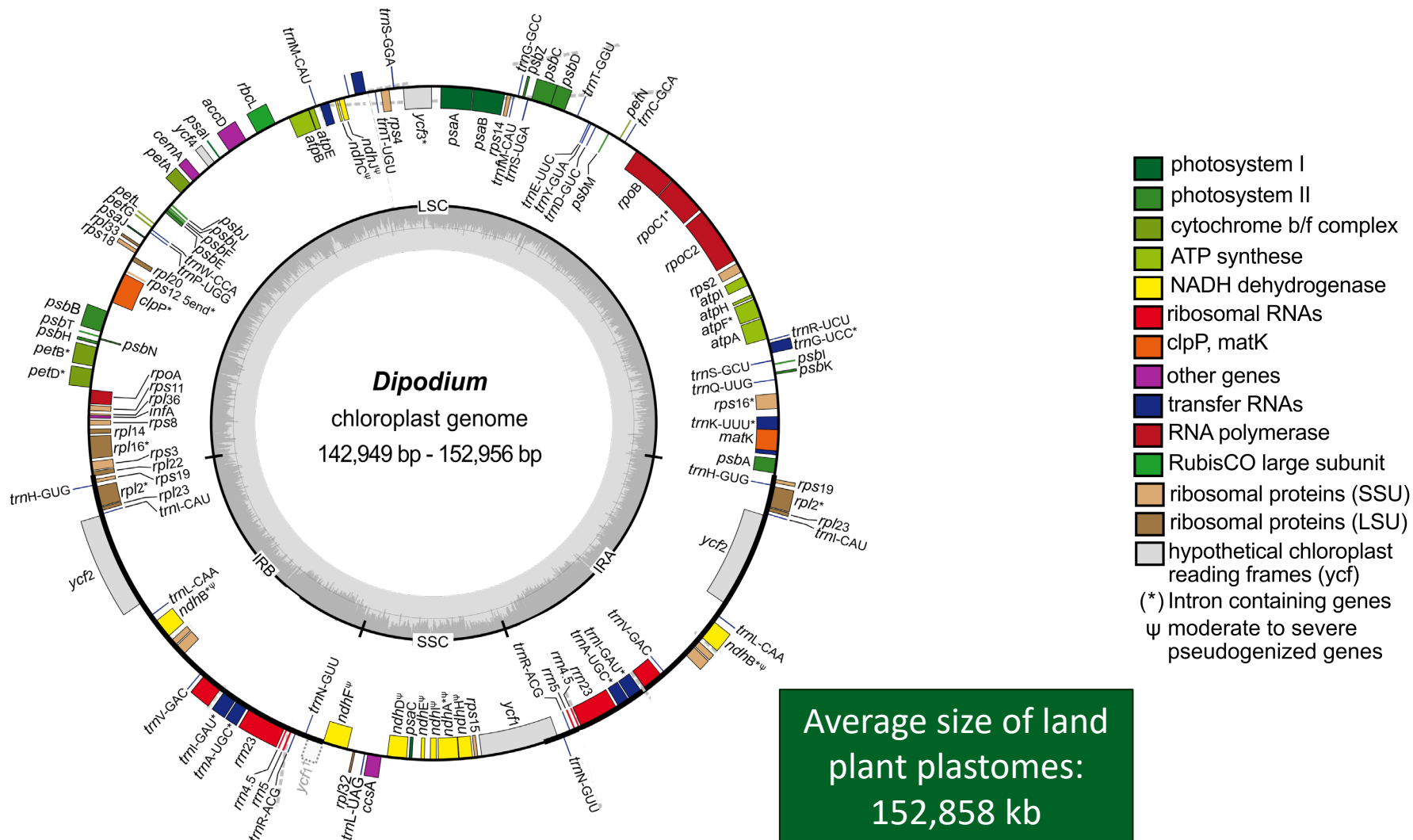
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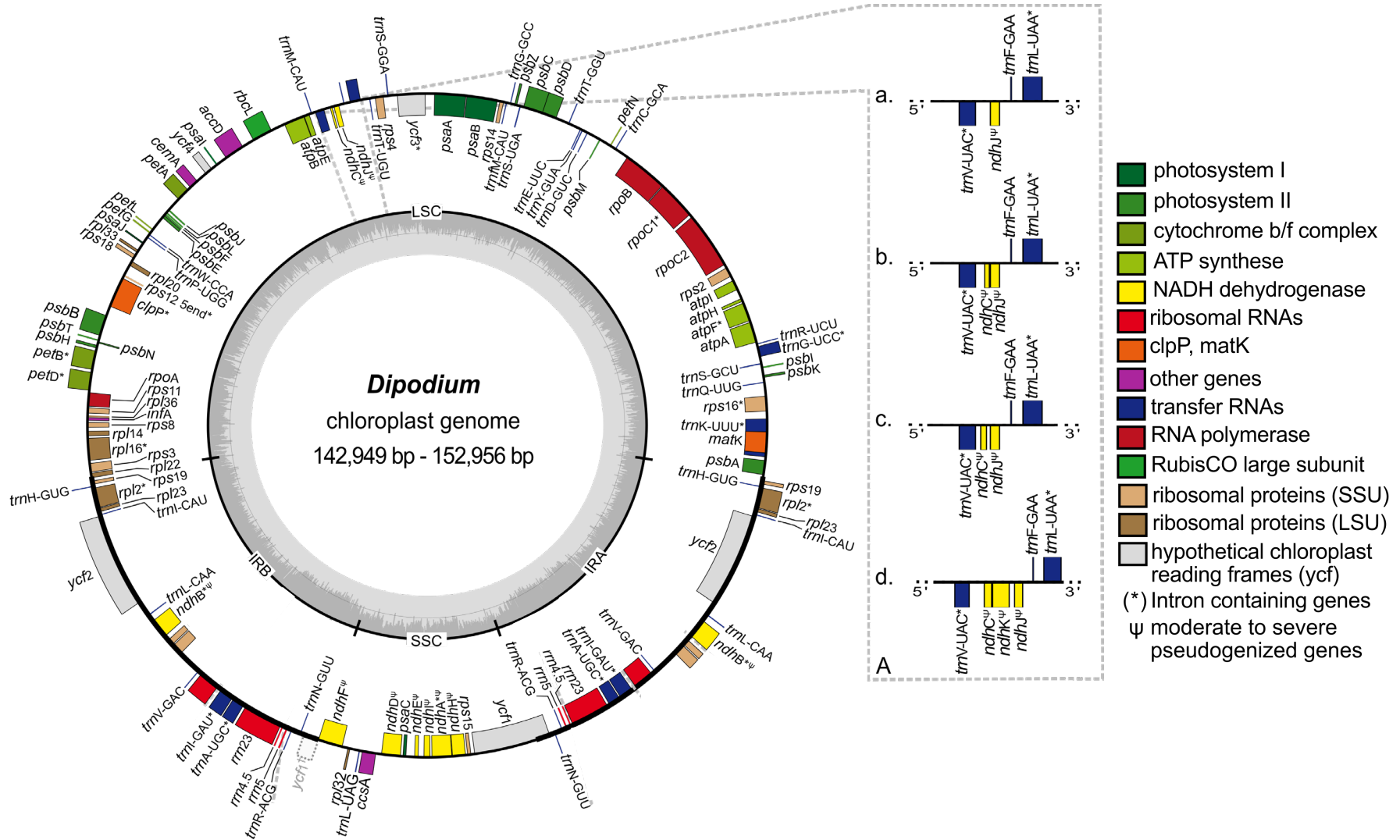




# Dipodium plastome: structural hotspots – *ndh* genes pseudogenisation and loss

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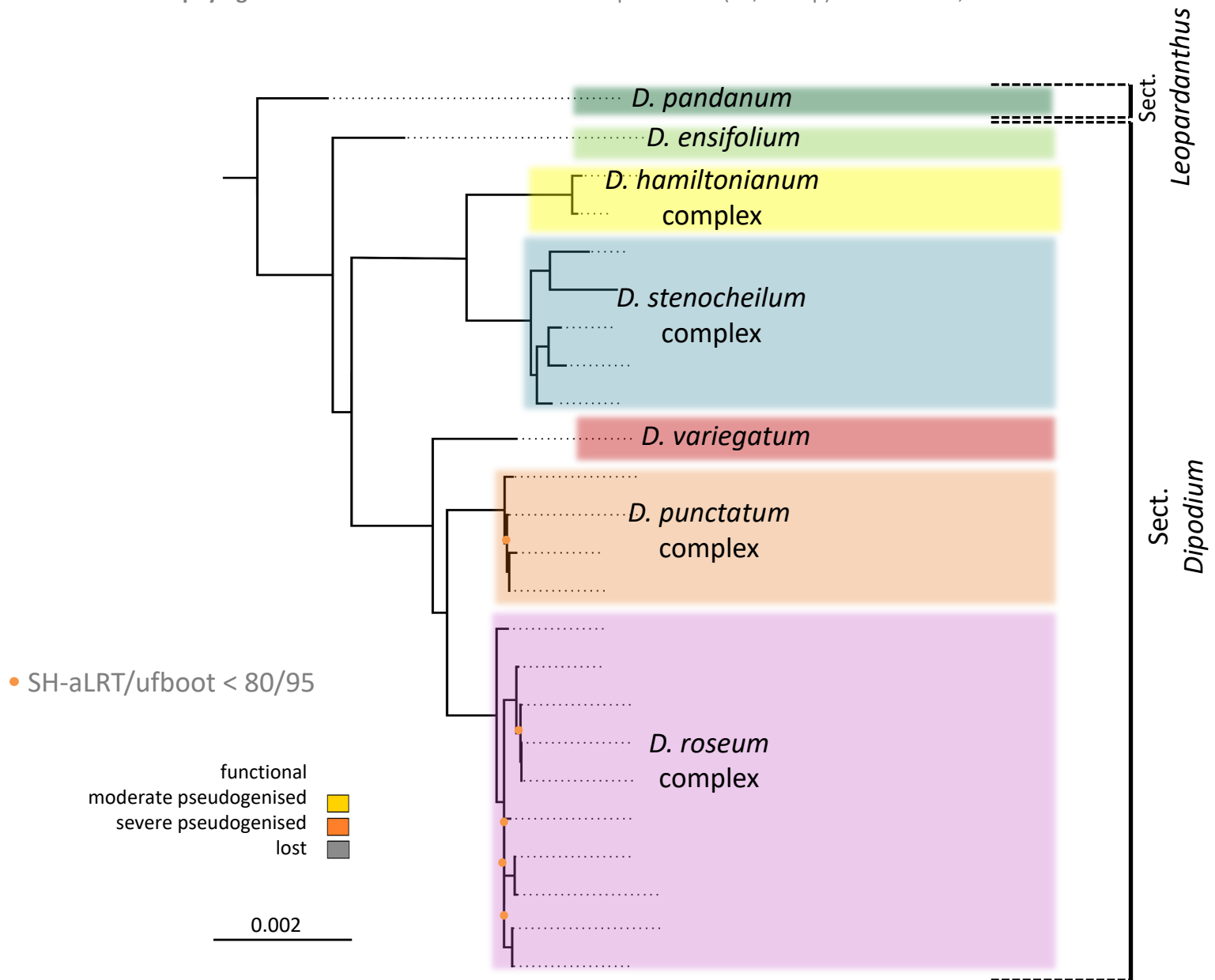
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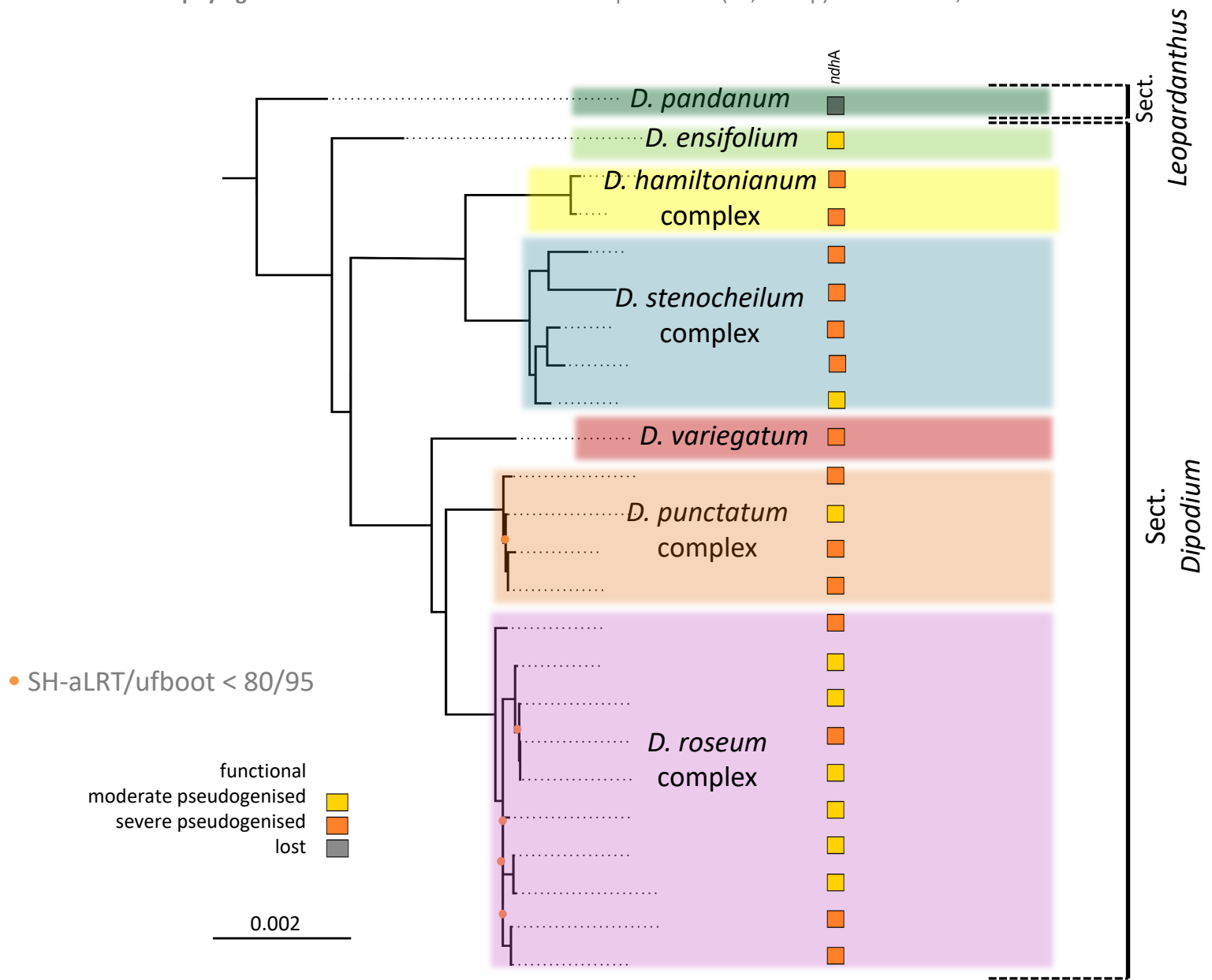
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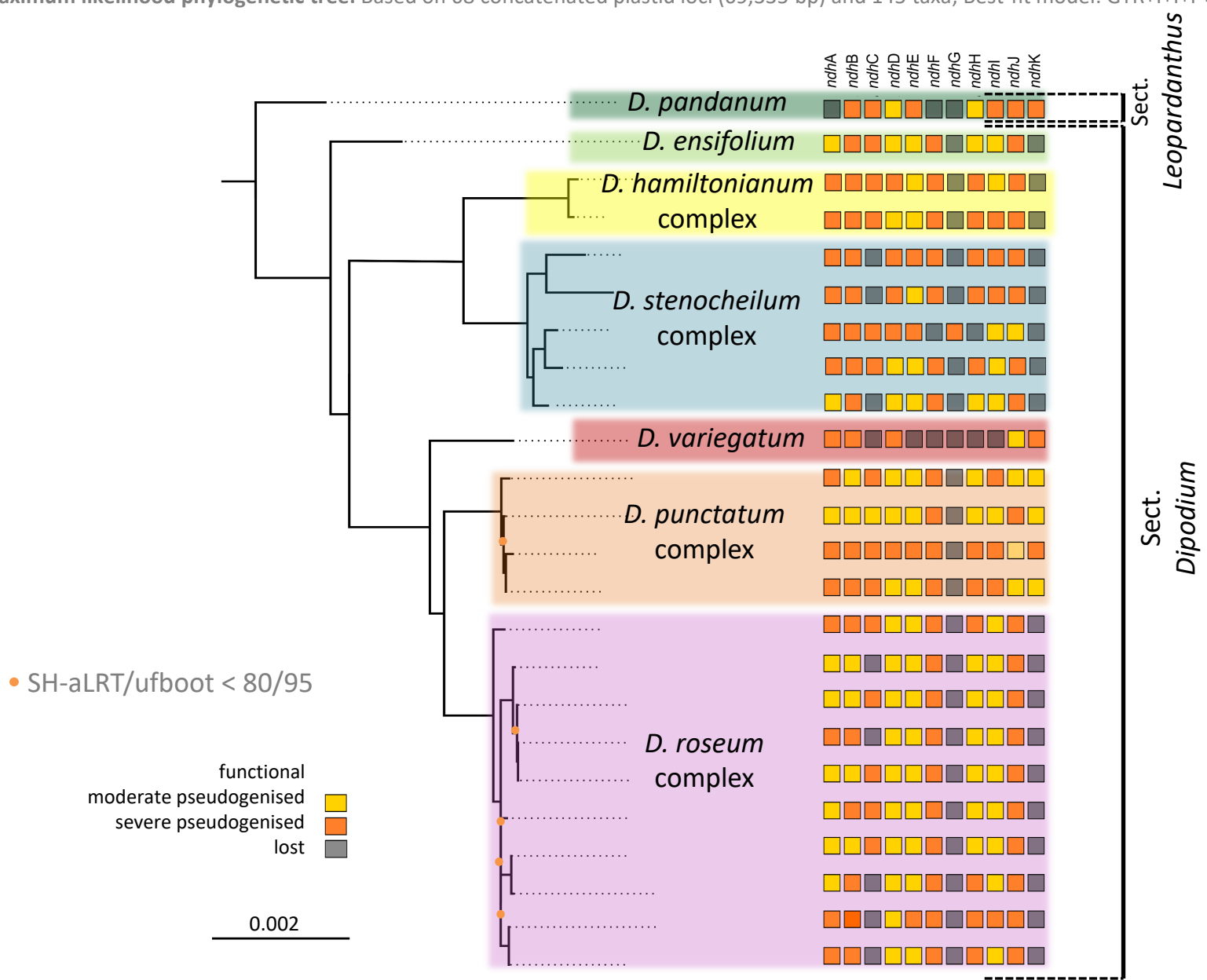
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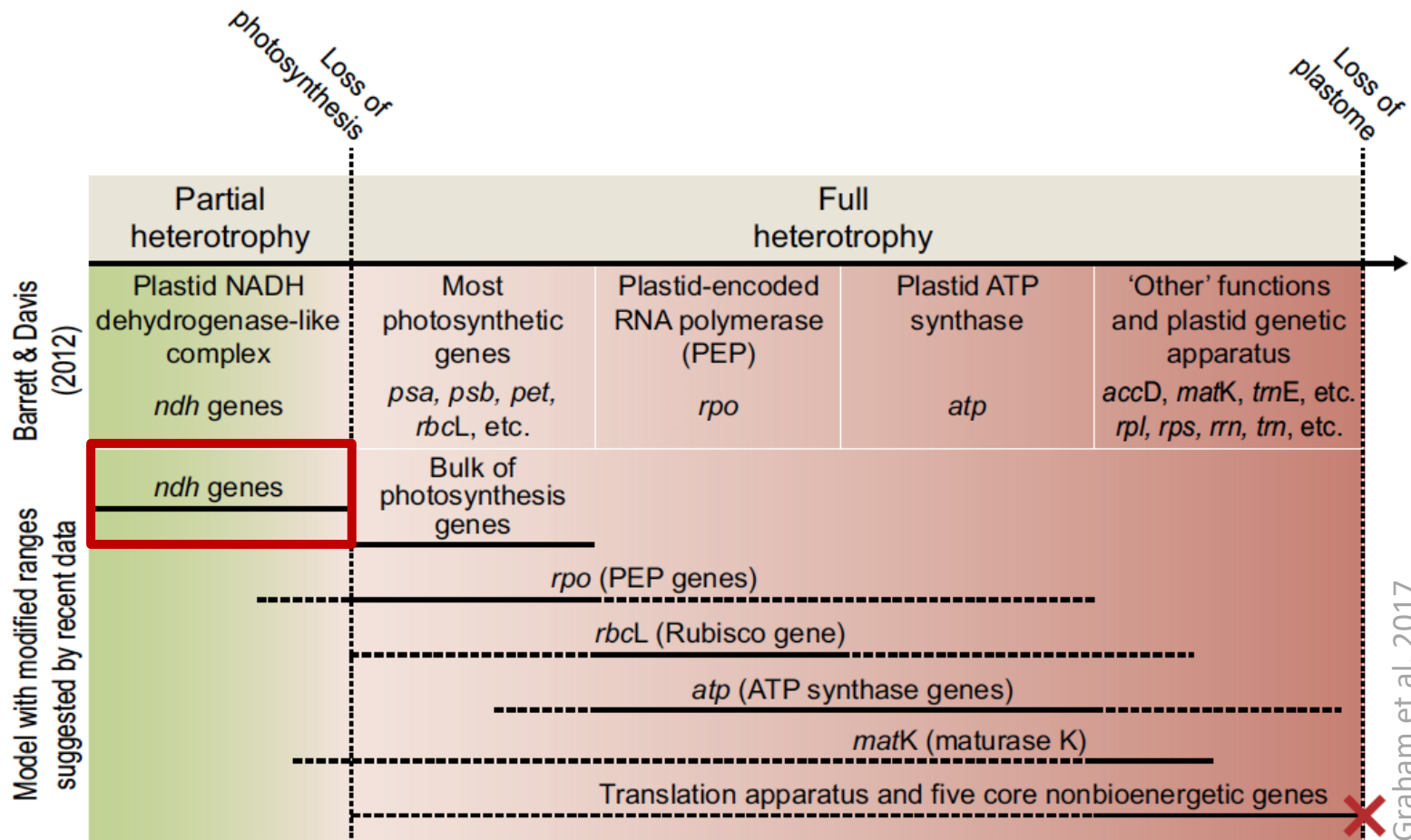


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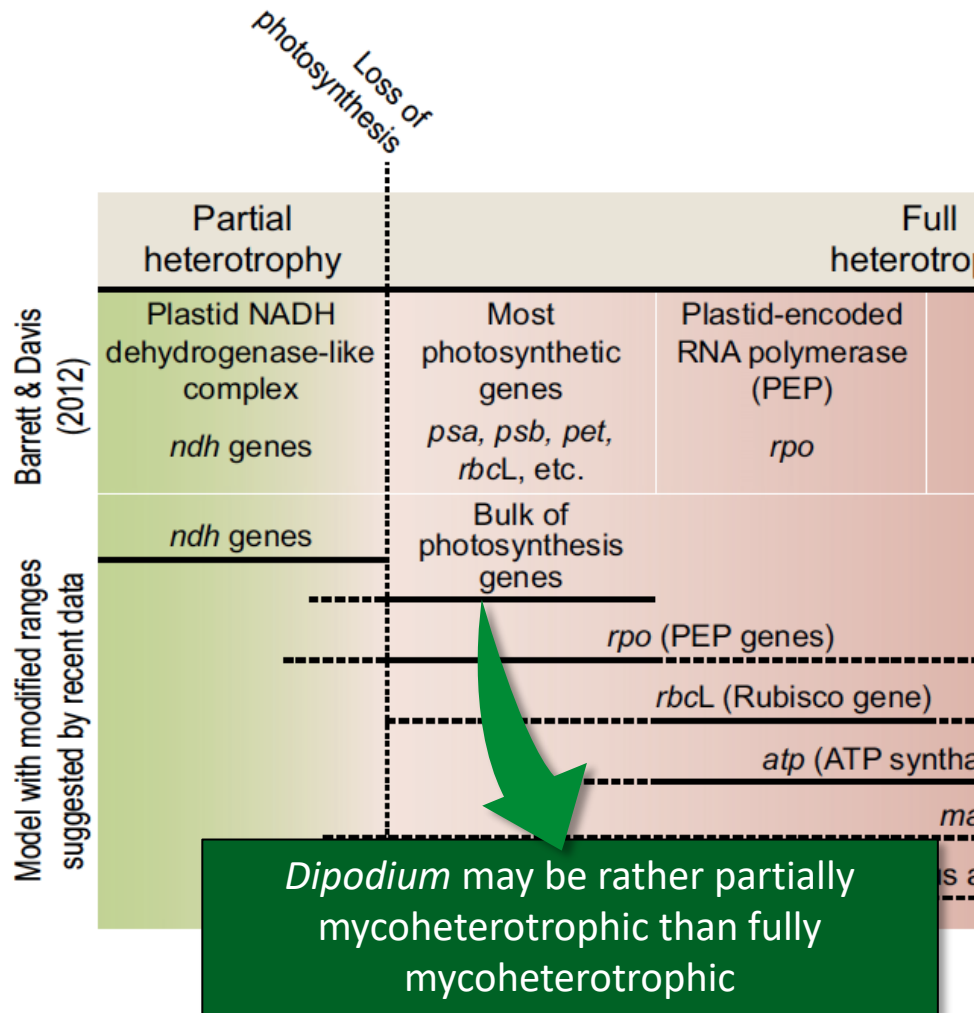


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