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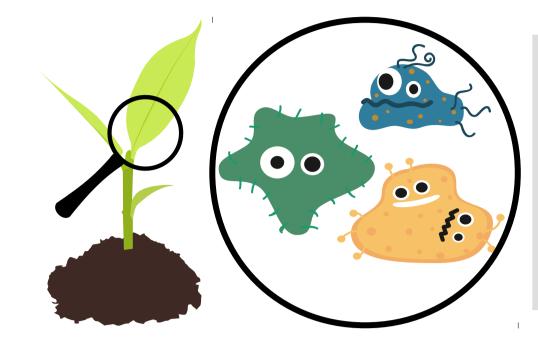
# SCIENCE & IMPACT

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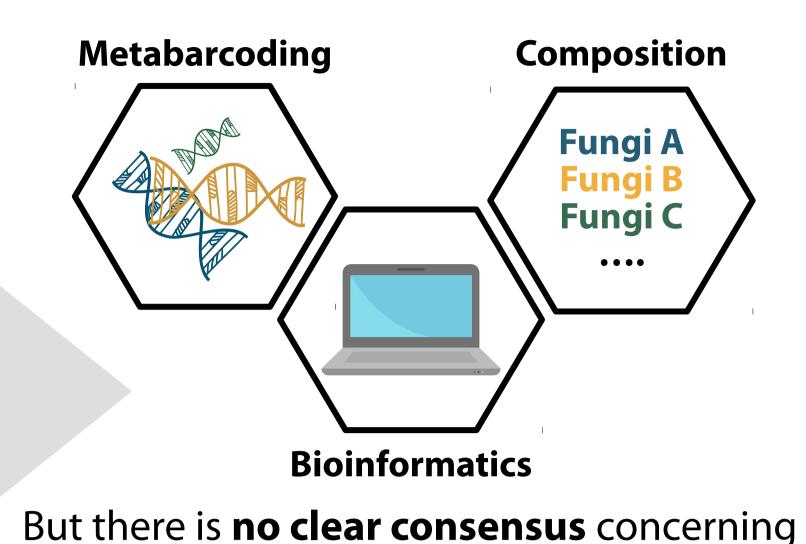
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# Introduction

Plant and soil fungal communities influence plant fitness and ecosystem functioning.



These fungi are classically studied by **metabarcoding** approaches targeting the ribosomal internal transcribed spacer (ITS)

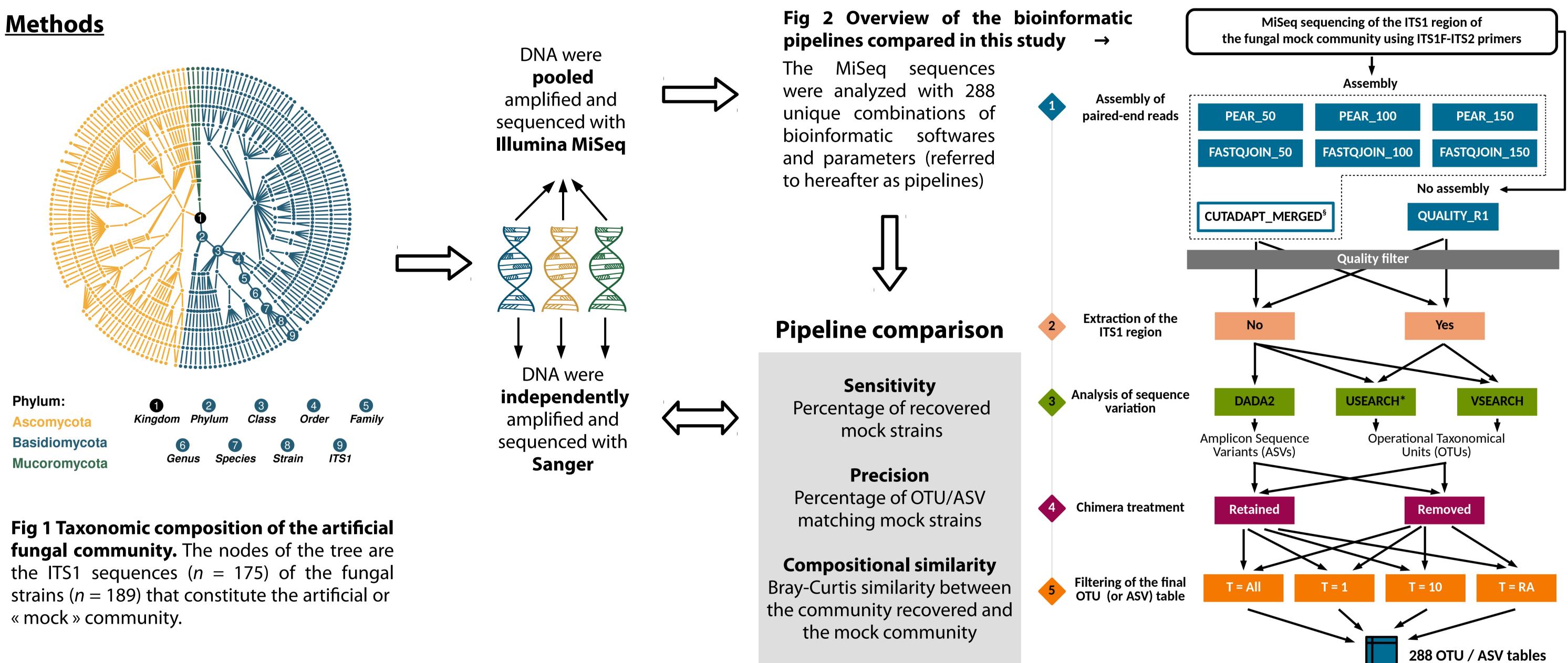


# **Objectives**

1. Make and sequence a mock community of 189 Dikarya strains commonly found in agricultural and forest soils and in plant tissues.

2. Compare the ability of 288 combinations of bioinformatic softwares and parameters to recover the fungal strains present in this mock community, in

the most appropriate bioinformatic pipeline. the expected proportions.



## **Results**

	Highest <b>Sensitivity</b>	Highest <b>Precision</b>	Highest <b>Similarity</b>	Best Trade-off
1. Assembly	QUALITY_R1	FASTQJOIN_150	QUALITY_R1	QUALITY_R1
2. Extraction	No	No	No	No
3. Variation	VSEARCH	DADA2	DADA2	DADA2
4. Chimeras	Retained	Removed	Retained	Removed
5. Filtering	All	10	All	All
	↓ Se1	↓ P1	↓ Si1	↓ Si5

Table 1 Pipelines with the best performances for each three criteria and the pipeline with the best trade-off. Pipelines are labeled below the table and the steps are numbered as in Fig 2.

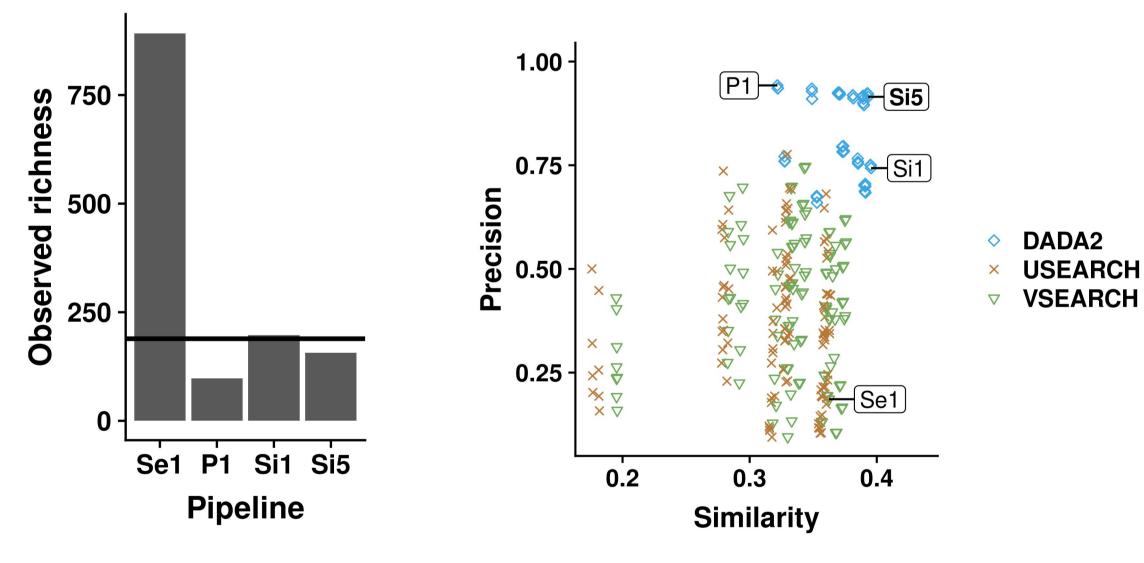


Fig 3 Total number of OTUs (or ASVs) retrieved by the top four pipelines (Table 1). The black horizontal line indicates the expected richness.

Fig 4 Values of precision and compositional similarity to the mock fungal community, for all **288 bioinformatic pipelines.** Only the top four pipelines are labeled

None of the pipelines scored highest in all three criteria (Table 1).

richness fungal Observed depended on the strongly bioinformatic pipeline (Fig 3).

richness Community and well composition were recovered by DADA2 (Fig 3 & 4).

## **Conclusion**

**The Si5 pipeline** used single forward (R1) sequences with DADA2 and no filter other than the removal of low-quality and chimeric sequences.

One of the best trade-offs No overestimation of the number of fungal strains.

One of the best to recover the composition of the mock community. Good performance on precision and sensitivity as well.

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