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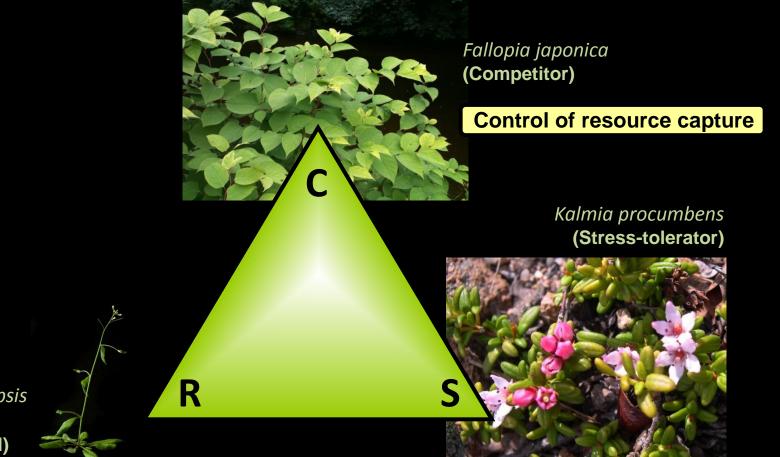


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CSR theory



Arabidopsis thaliana (Ruderal)

Regenerative ability (rapid life cycle, survival as seeds)

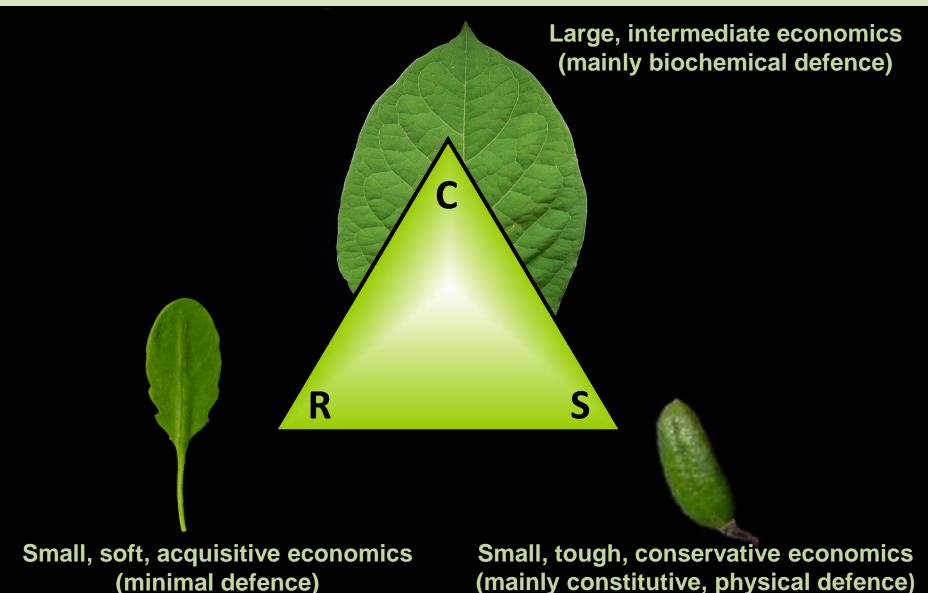
(disturbance = biomass destruction, affected tissues cannot recover)

Resistance of sub-optimal periods for metabolic function

(stress = sub-optimal function, affected tissues can recover)

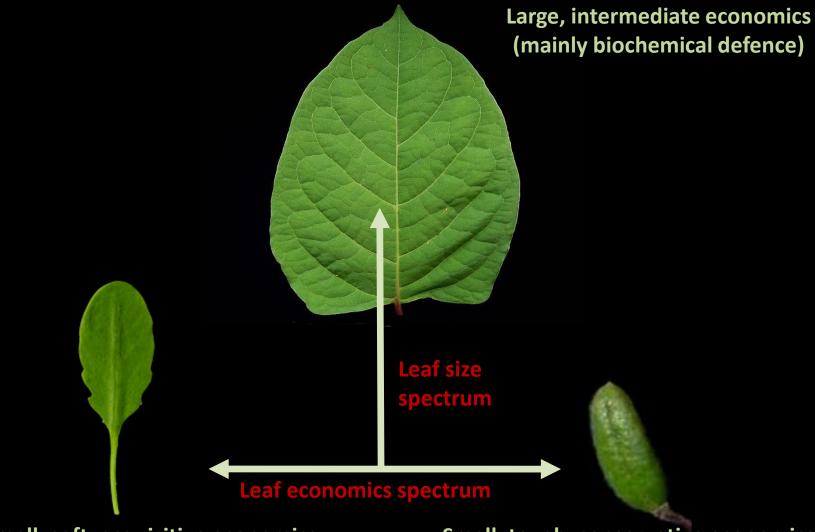
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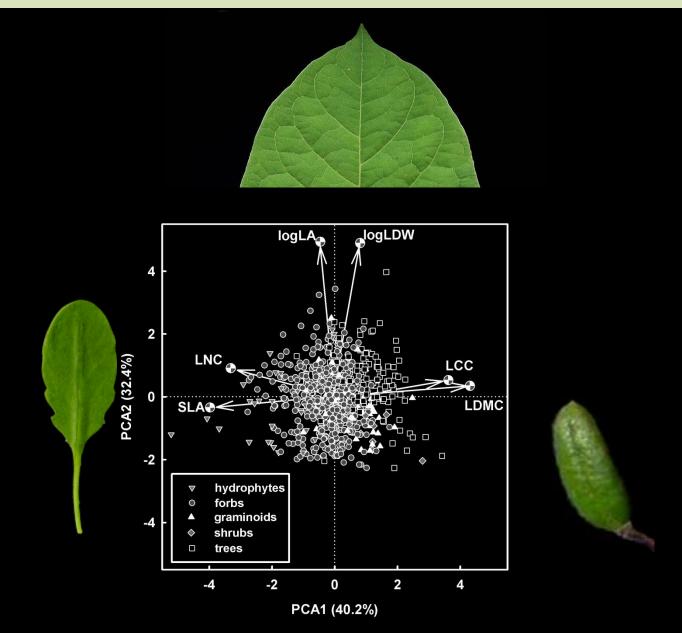
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Small, soft, acquisitive economics (minimal defence)

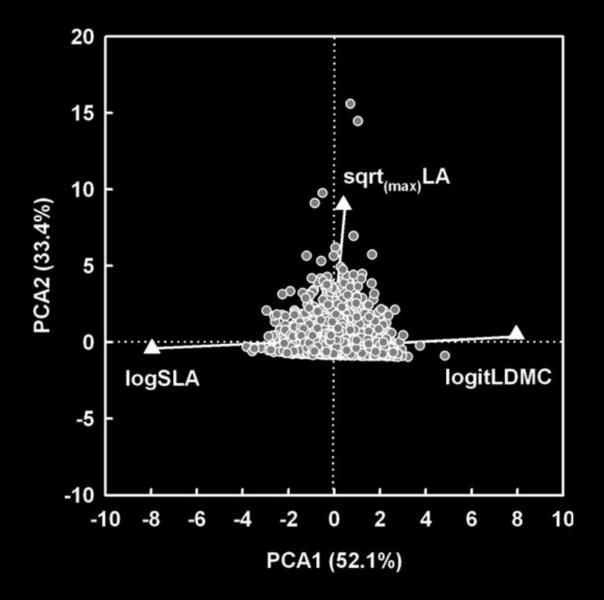
Small, tough, conservative economics (mainly constitutive, physical defence)

A new CSR classification method



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A global calibration using the TRY database

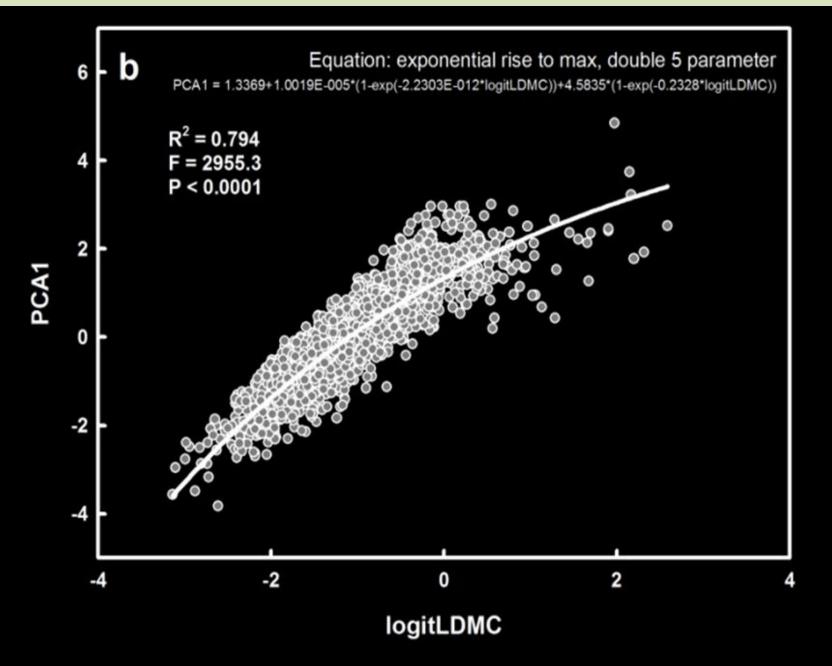


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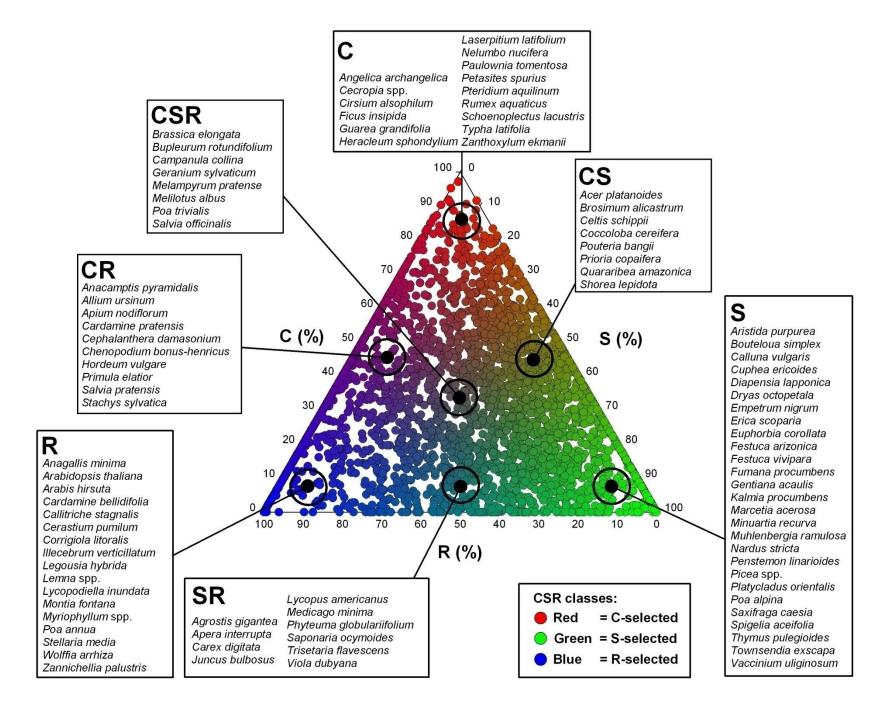
 3068 tracheophytes representing 198 families, six continents and 14 biomes

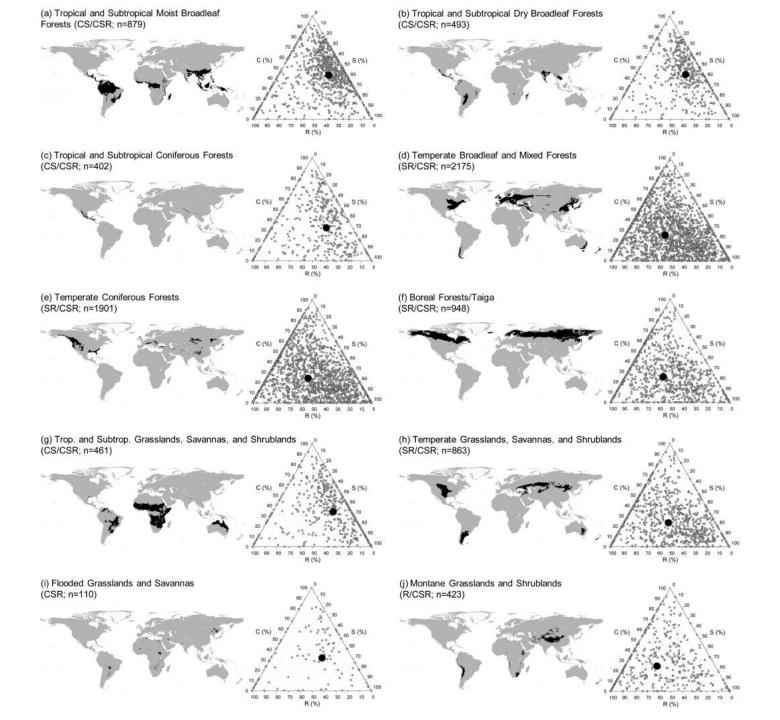
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Classifying target species

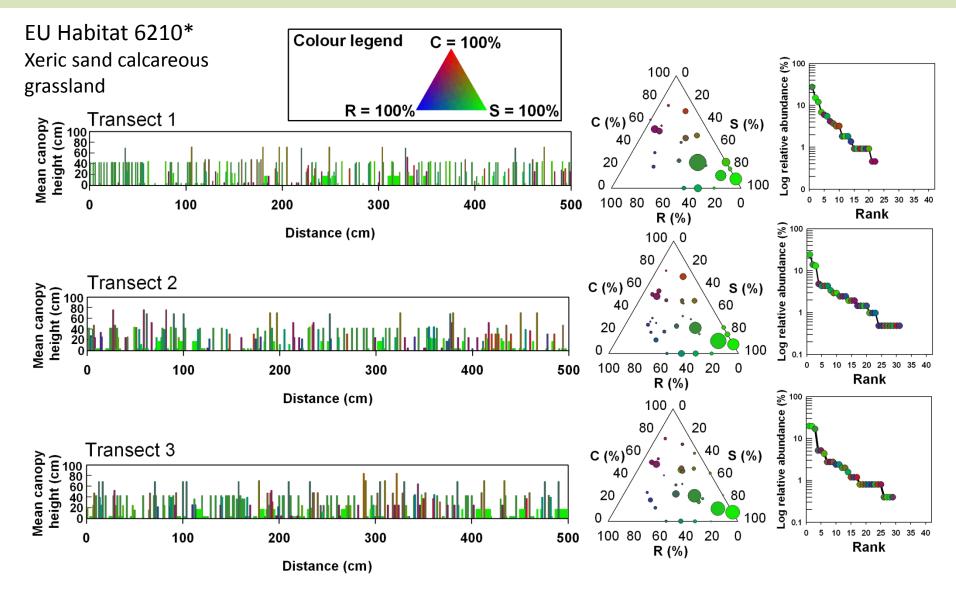


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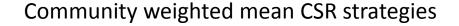


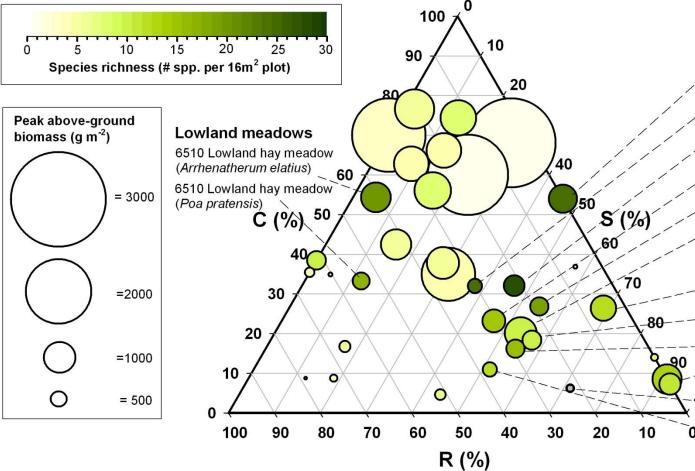


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Calcareous grasslands

- 6170 Alpine calcareous pasture (*Sesleria caerulea*)
- 6170 Alpine calcareous pasture (*Horminum pyrenaicum*)
- 6170 Alpine calcareous pasture (*Carex sempervirens*)
- 6210 Xeric sand calcareous grassland (*Bromus erectus*)
- 6520 Mountain hay meadow (*Phleum alpinum*)
- 6410 Molinia meadow on clayey soil

Siliceous grasslands

- 6150 Siliceous alpine grassland (*Nardus stricta*)
- 6150 Siliceous alpine grassland (*Festuca paniculata*)
- 6230 Mountain Nardus grassland
- 6150 Siliceous alpine grassland (*Carex curvula*)
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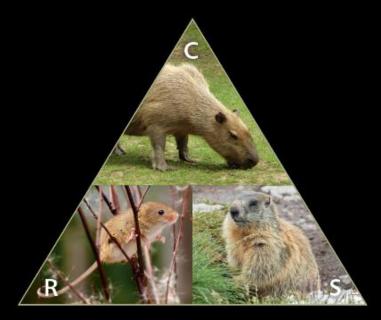


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