

# Physicochemical networks during cocoa fermentation

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# The Cocoa Tree

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# Chocolate Manufacturing

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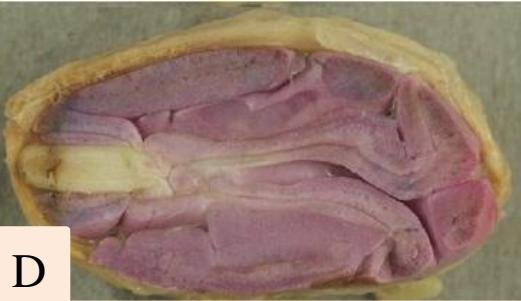
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# Biology

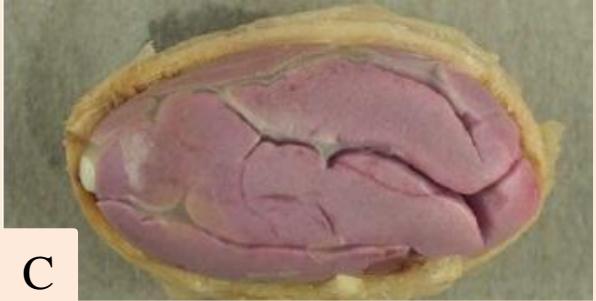
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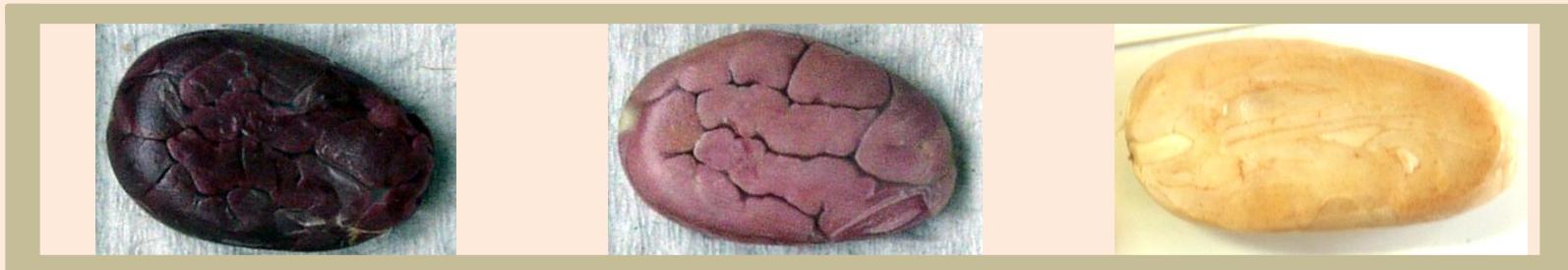
## Distribution



Figure: according to Parra 2000, Bartley 2005 and Rohsius 2007; pictures C. Rohsius

# The Cocoa Tree

## Distribution



Forastero

Trinitario

Criollo



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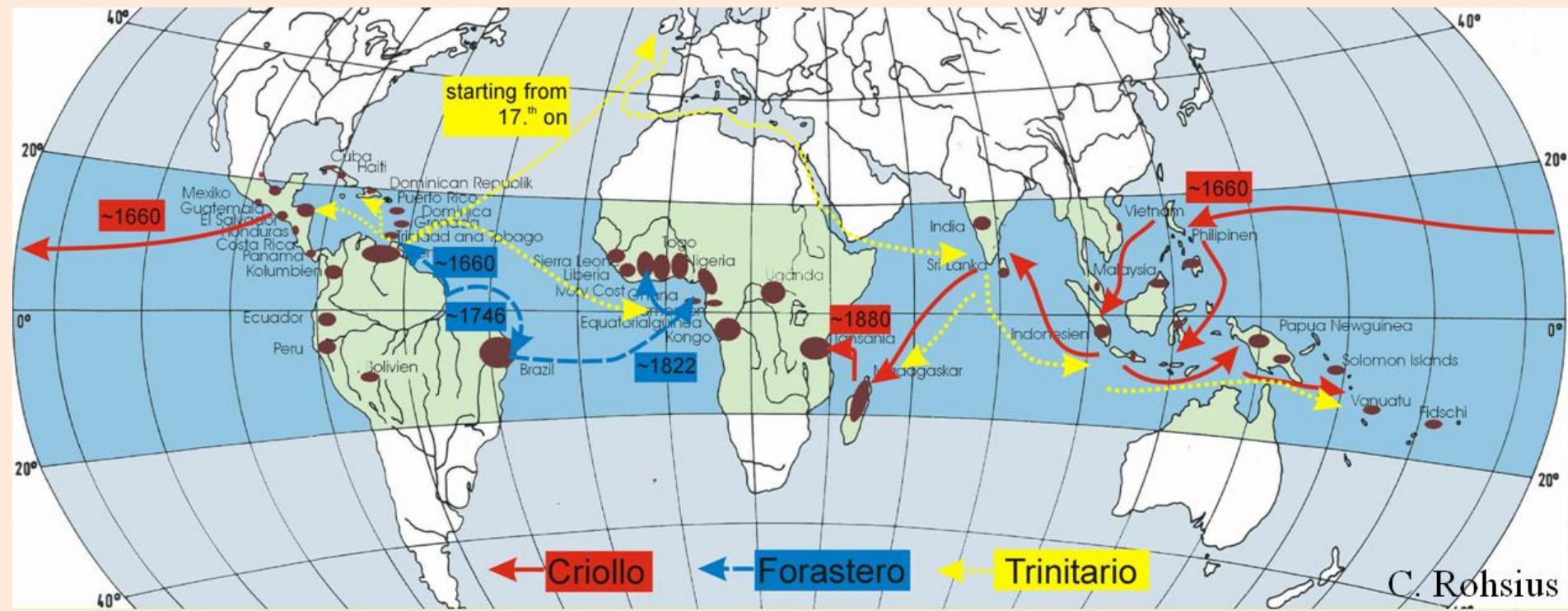
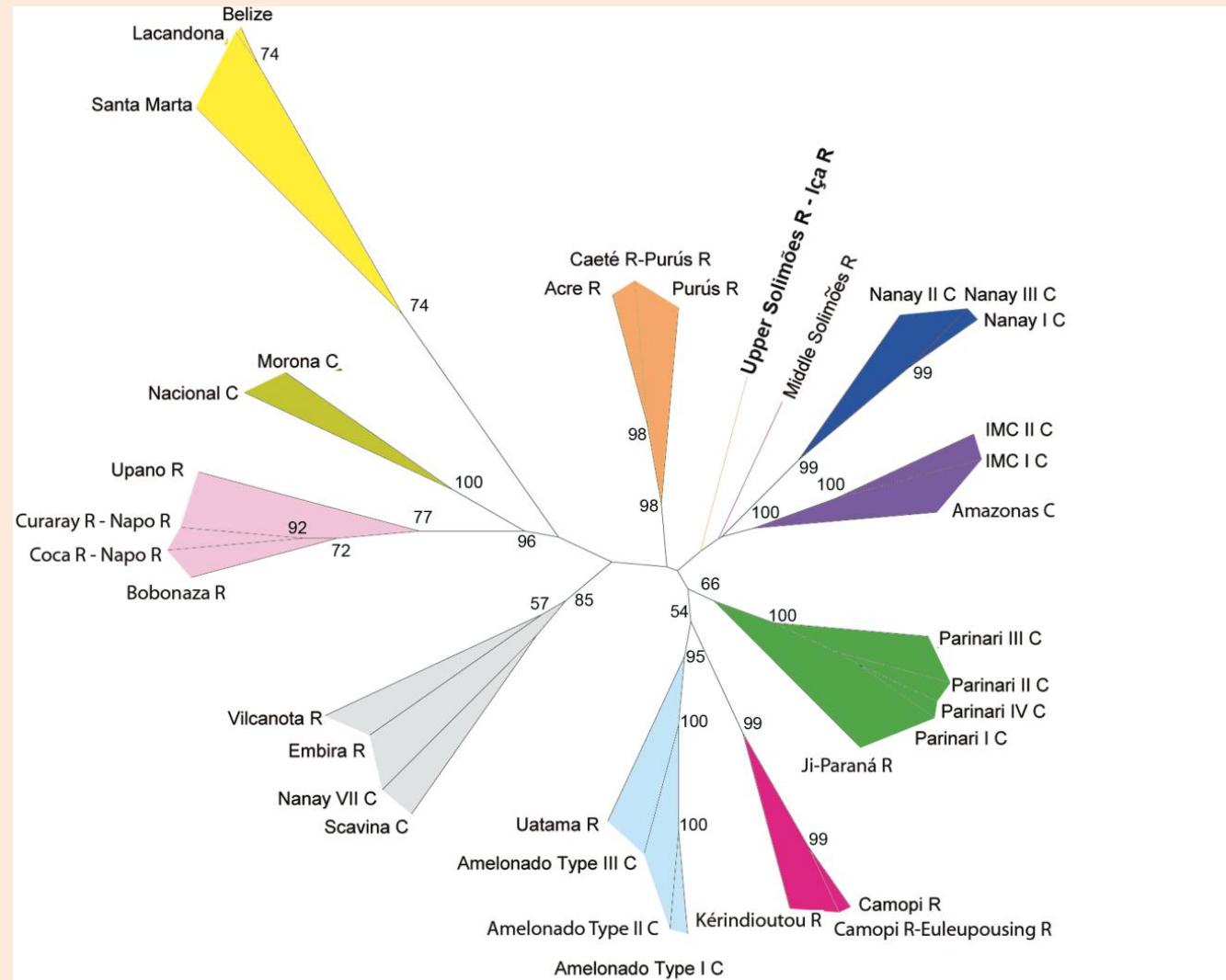


Fig. C. Rohsarius

# The Cocoa Tree

## Genetic Clusters



Colors indicate the inferred genetic cluster to which the subcluster belongs: Marañon (green), Guiana (pink), Contanama (grey), Curaray (light pink), Nanay (blue), Iquitos (purple), Nacional (green), Purús (orange), Criollo (yellow), and Amelonado (light blue). (C=Clones; R=River).

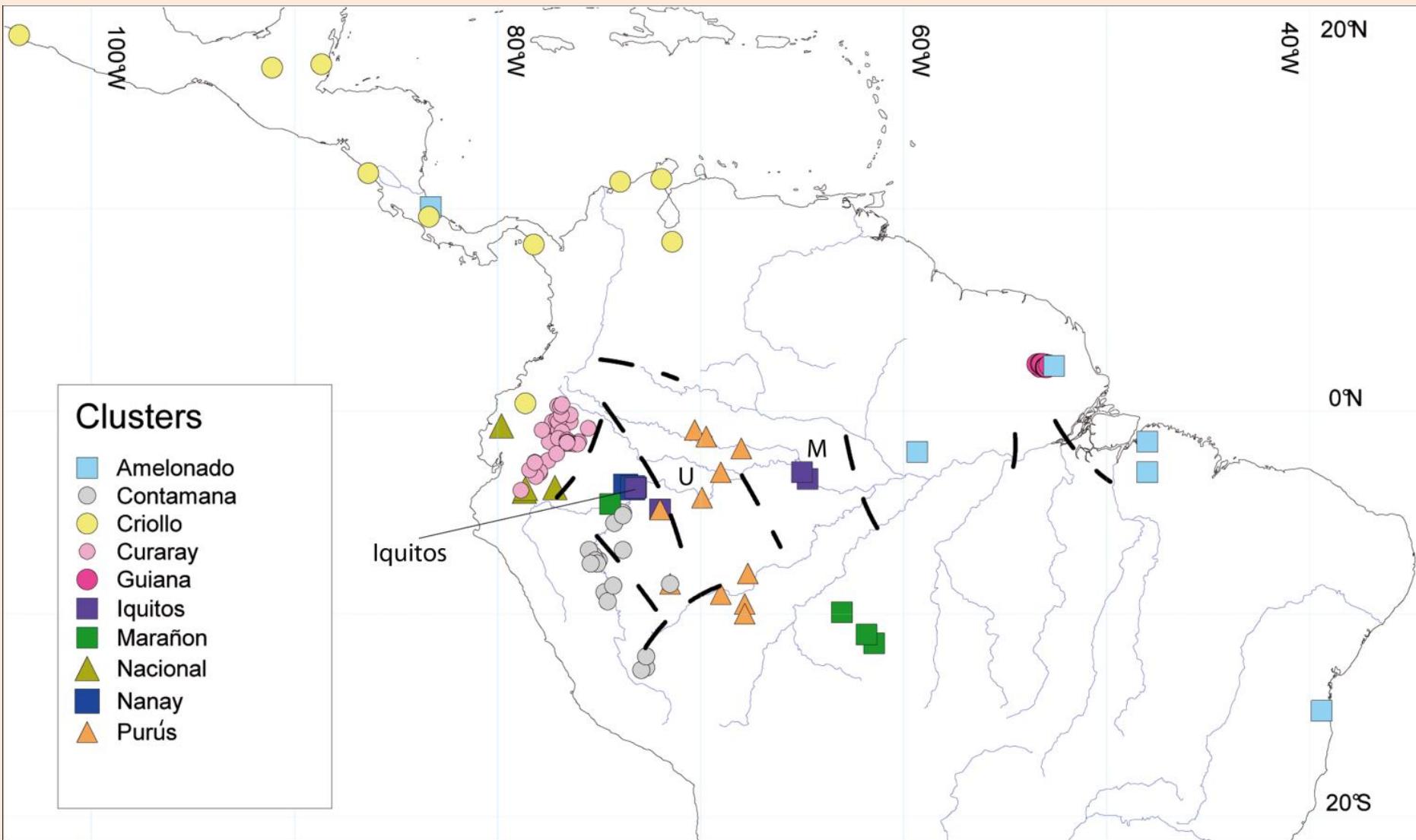
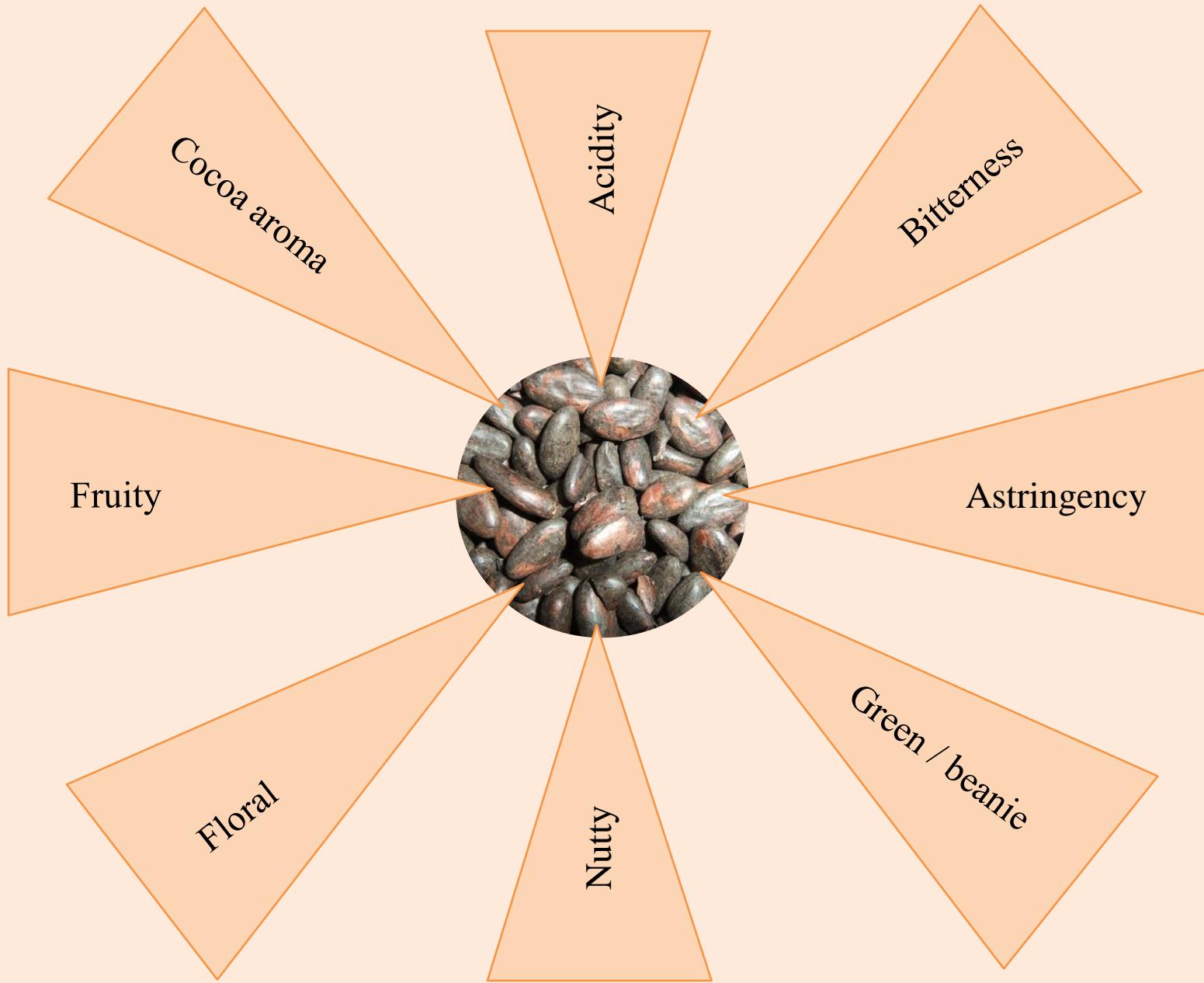


Fig. Motamayor et al., 2008

# Cocoa

# Aroma / Taste Attributes



### Sensory characteristics of fresh cocoa seeds

- A) No cocoa aroma
- B) Astringent and bitter taste
- C) No storage stability

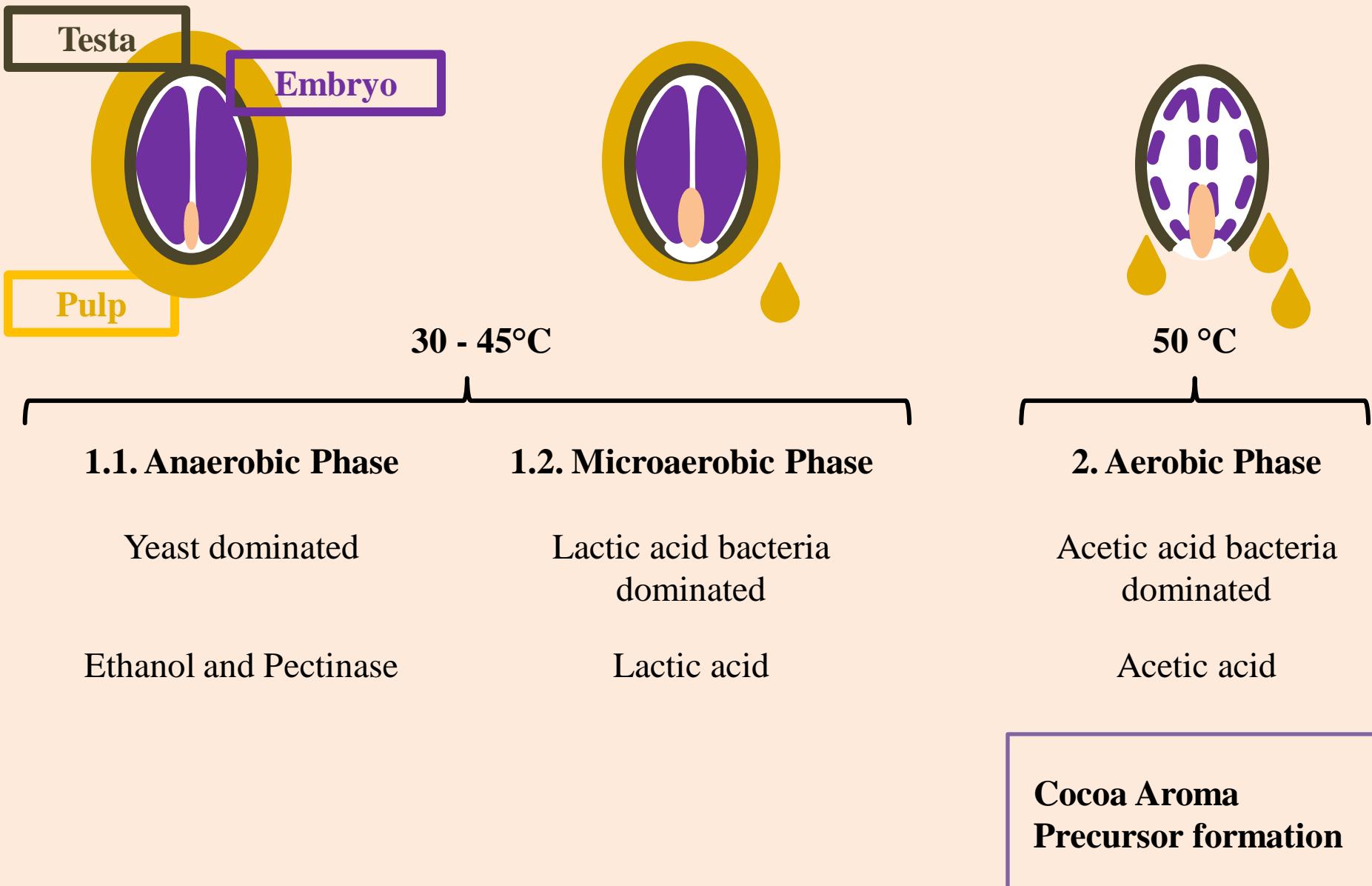


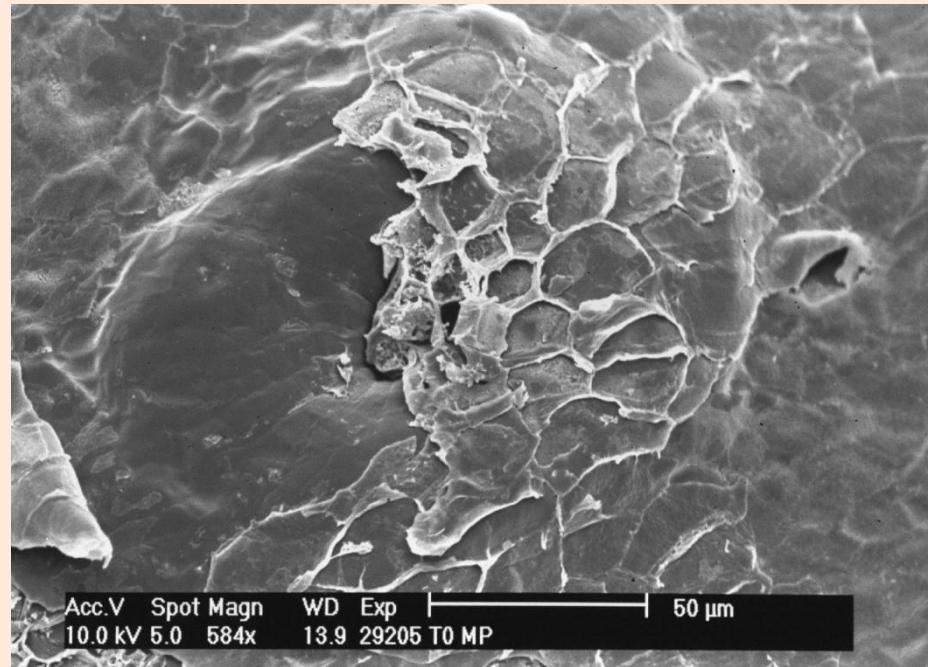
# Cocoa

# Post Harvest Treatment

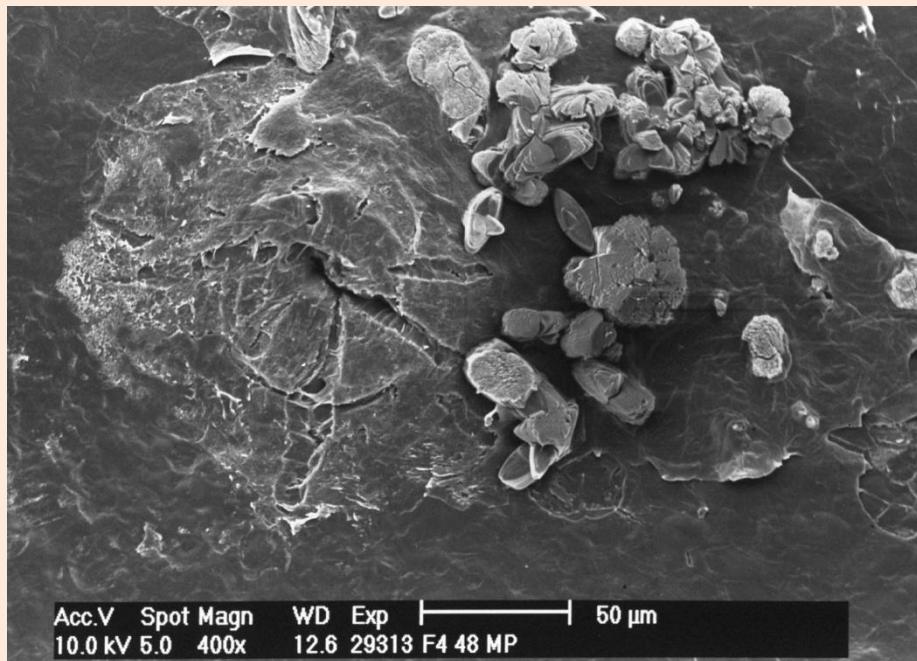


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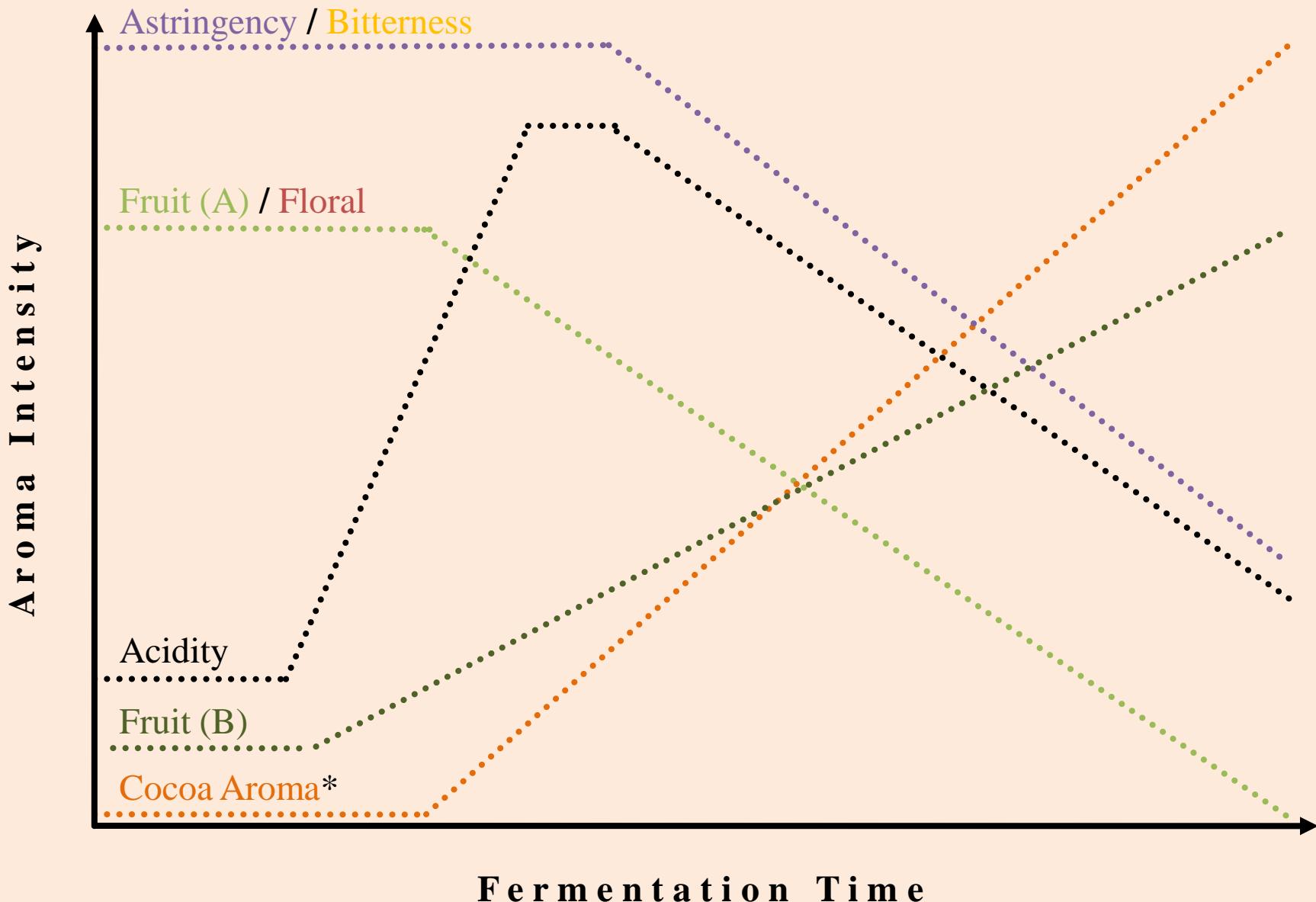


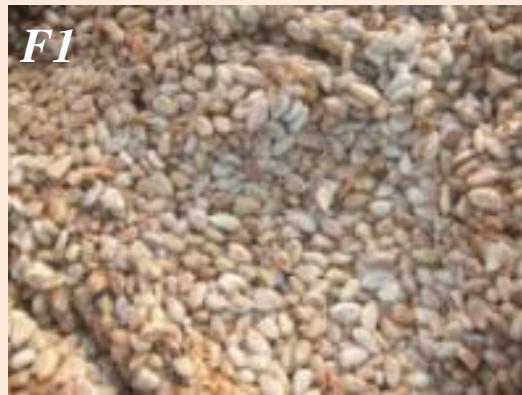
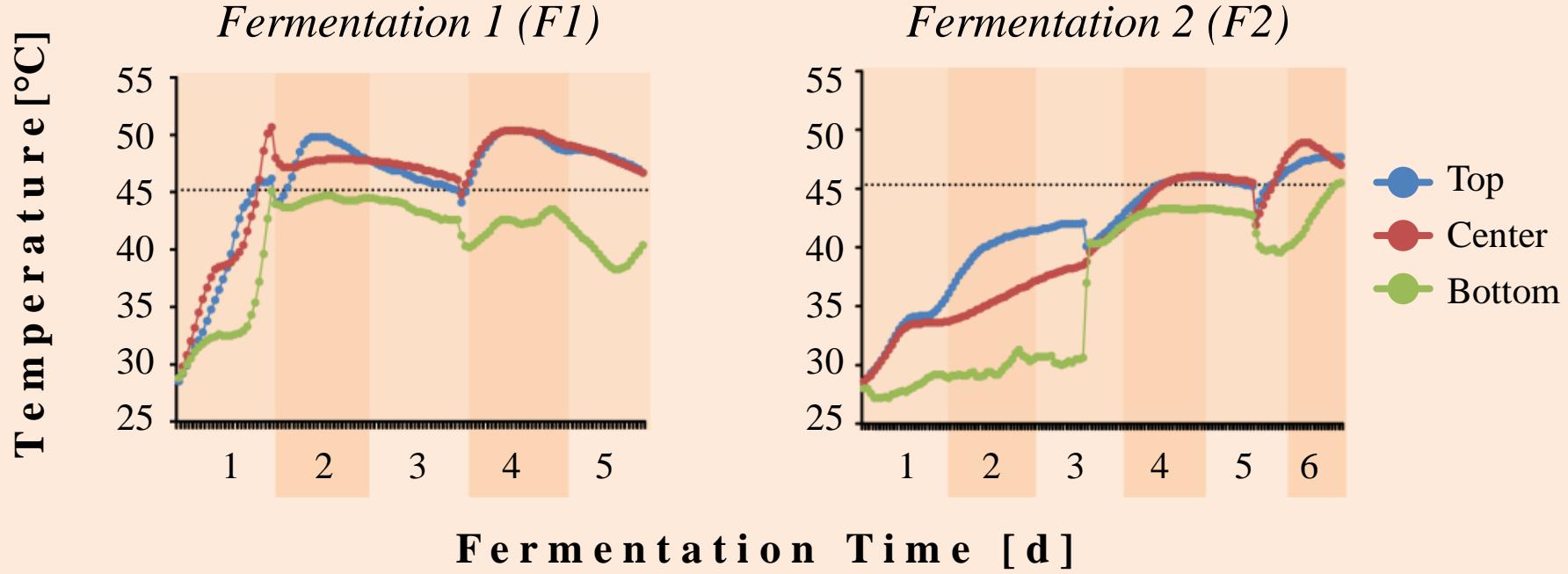
Micropyle of a fresh seed



# Fermentation

## Changes in Aroma / Taste Attributes





	F1	F2
Fermented	36%	14%
Partially fermented	38%	36%
Under-fermented	26%	49%



## Goals of Fermentation

- 1) Pulp removal
- 2) Aroma precursor formation
- 3) Reduction of astringency

Box A

To obtain:

- Inoculation by fruit flies (cover fermentation mass after 6 - 12 h)
- Pulp removal
- Ethanol formation

Temperature ~ 30 - 45 °C

Time frame ~ 24 - 60 h

Mix / Transfer when:

- Top temp. 42 - 48 °C
- Bottom temp. 35 - 40 °C
- Acetic Acid is present
- Pulp is liquid / reduced / turning brown

Box B

To obtain:

- Acetic Acid formation
- Heat
- Seed death and aroma precursor formation

Temperature ~ 45 - 52 °C

Time frame ~ 48 h

To check:

1. Temperature during the entire process every 6 - 12 h (Bottom, Center, Top)
2. Odor of Ethanol (from 0 - 60 h of fermentation)
3. Odor of Acetic Acid (from 24 h to End of process)
4. Pulp amount / consistency / colour (from 24 - 60 h)
5. „Agua Sangre“ (presence, color, amount) / embryo axis violet? (from first mixing to End of process)

Mix / Transfer when:

- After 48 h
- Or when temp. is decreasing temp. < 45°C
- Temp. is too high > 55°C

(top)

Box C

To obtain:

- Acetic Acid formation
- Heat
- Seed death and aroma precursor formation
- Reduction of astringency

Temperature ~ 45 - 52 °C

Time frame ~ 24 - (48 h) \*

Drying Process

- \*Further Fermentation? Check:
- „Agua Sangre“ turning brown? Getting less?

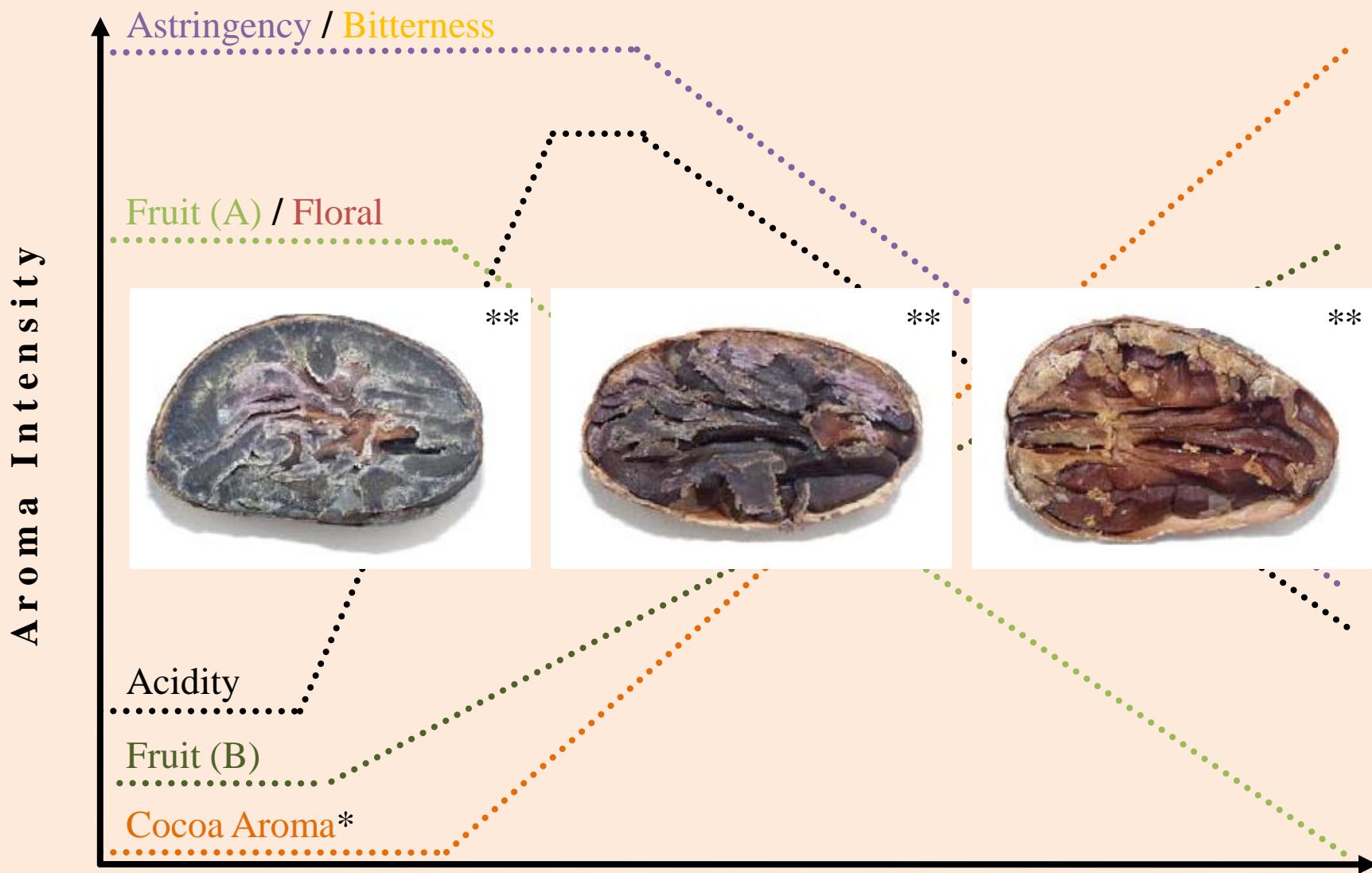
- Transfer to drying process? Check:
- „Agua Sangre“ turning brown? Getting less?

To avoid:

1. Mould formation (often in the corners and on bottom)
2. Off-flavor formation (often in the corners and on bottom)

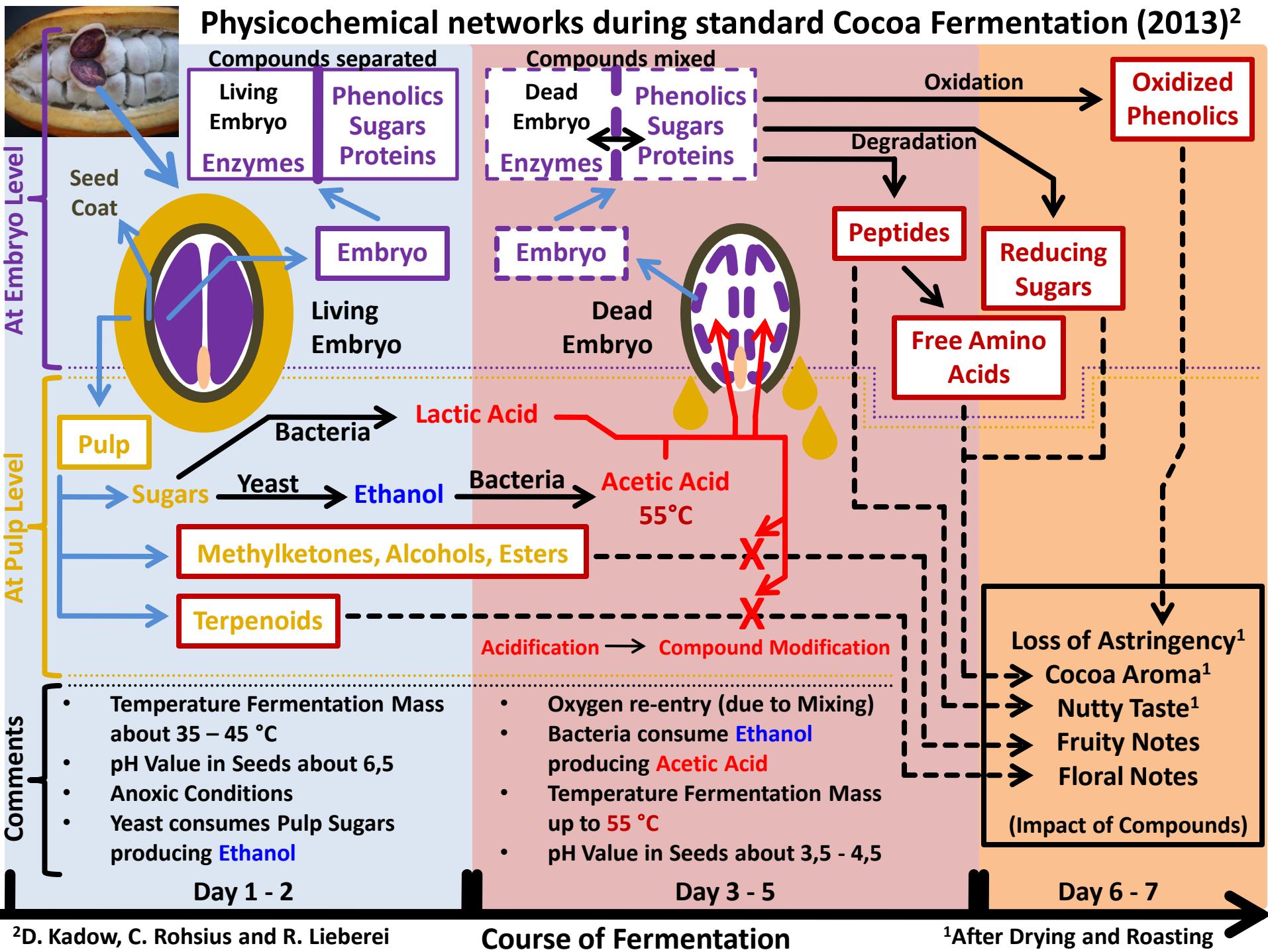
# Fermentation

## Changes in Aroma / Taste Attributes



\*After drying and roasting; \*\*Pictures:  
„Cocoa Cut Test Chart“ (UHH and UWI)

F e r m e n t a t i o n T i m e



# Quality Evaluation

# „Cut Test“ and Biochemical Parameters

**1 Comparison of Samples**

Trinidad Sample\_5 Picture\_2

Sample analysed in 2010

**2 AMINO ACIDS**

Trinidad Sample\_5 Free Amino Acid

nitrogen  
raw protein<sup>2)</sup>

fat free dry matter<sup>1)</sup>  
4.06%  
4.46%

<sup>1)</sup>w/w in fat free dry matter = dry, defatted, deshelled fermented nibs (cotyledons only)  
<sup>2)</sup>raw protein is calculated as: (nitrogen content - (caffeine nitrogen + theobromine nitrogen)) x 6.25

Sample analysed in 2010

**3 Further Compounds**

Trinidad Sample\_5 Further Compounds

FURTHER COMPOUNDS

	compound	fat free dry matter <sup>1)</sup>
acids	acetic acid	0.2 %
	lactic acid	1.2 %
methylxanthines	theobromine	2.12 %
	caffeine	0.61 %
phenolic substances	total phenolics (Folin)	79.5 %
	epicatechin	11.01 %
	catechin	0.12 %
	cyanidin-3-arabinoside	0.48 %
	cyanidin-3-galactoside	0.16 %
fermentation index		0.68
reducing sugars	sucrose	0.60 %
	fructose	0.23 %
	glucose	< 0.1 %

<sup>1)</sup>w/w or as stated in fat free dry matter = dry, defatted, deshelled fermented nibs (cotyledons only)

Sample analysed in 2010

**4 Aroma Description**

Trinidad Sample\_5 Aroma Description

Trinidad and Tobago No. 05 - Low Roast

Rich chocolate aroma. First taste is chocolate with some dark fruit notes—raisin and some prune. There is also just an edge of a slightly under ripe banana. Good dark wood presence with rich browned notes. Very clean and clear overall flavor.  
(Low Roast: 121°C, 25 min\*)

\*We thank Edward Sequine (Mars Inc.) for his skilled contribution with respect to this aroma description

### Bulk cocoa

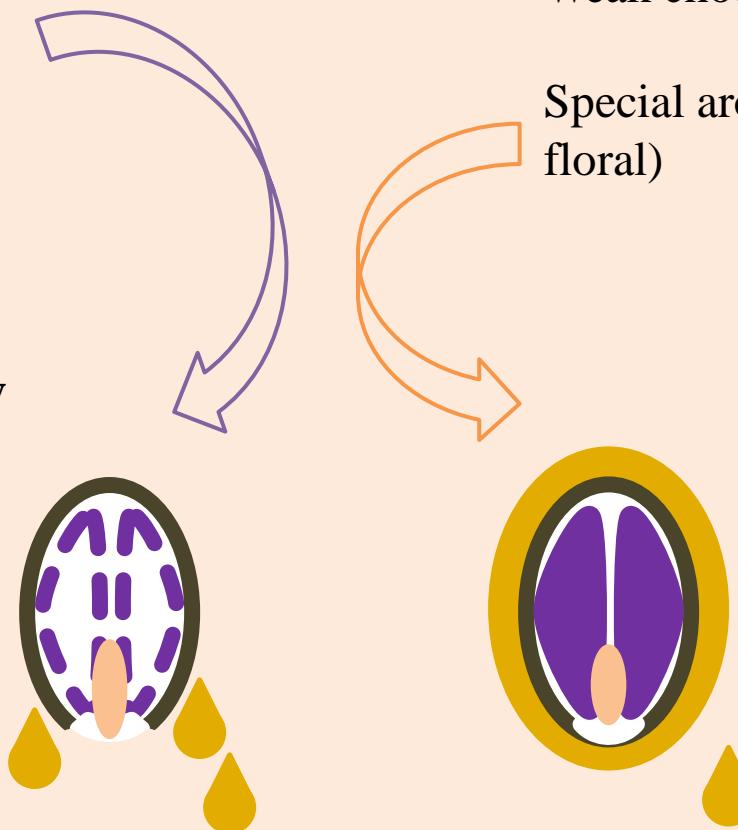
95 % of world wide production

Strong chocolate aroma

No special aroma notes

**Endogenous formation by storage compound degradation**

(e.g. proteins and carbohydrates)



### Fine cocoa

5 % of world wide production

Weak chocolate aroma

Special aroma notes (fruity and floral)

**Migration from pulp to cotyledon tissue**

# The Cocoa Tree

Bulk and fine or flavor cocoa

Bulk cocoa



CCN 51

Fine or flavor cocoa



SCA 6

*Raw cocoa*

No special aroma notes

*Raw cocoa*

Fruity and floral aroma notes

*Raw cocoa*

Floral aroma notes

*Pulp*

Astringent, acid, no special aroma notes

*Pulp*

Fruity and floral aroma notes

*Pulp*

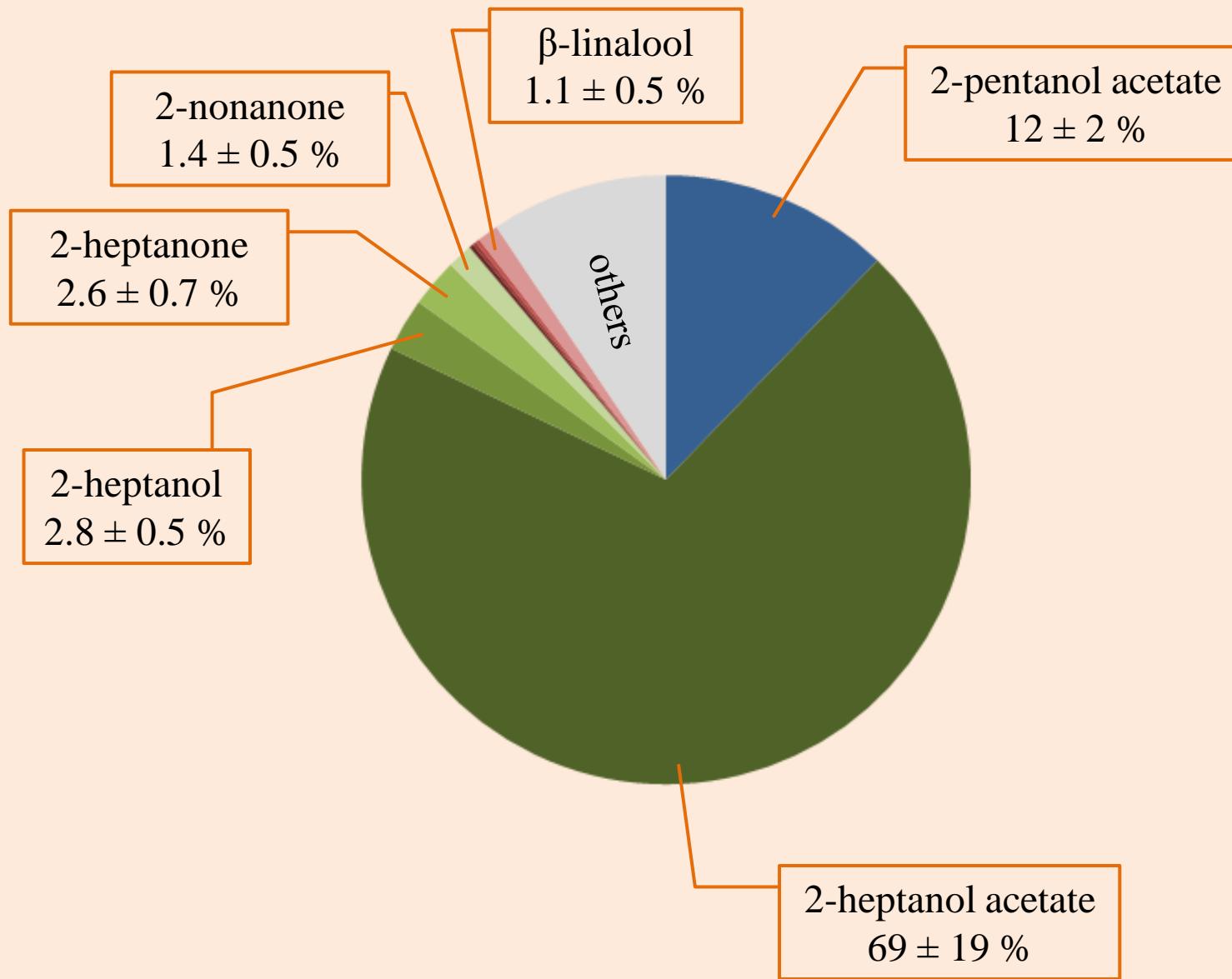
Sweet, floral, fruity aroma notes

## Questions

1. Do CCN 51, EET 62 and SCA 6 differ regarding the pulp volatile components?
  
2. Do potential differences match the organoleptic descriptions given by Eskes *et al.*?

## Results

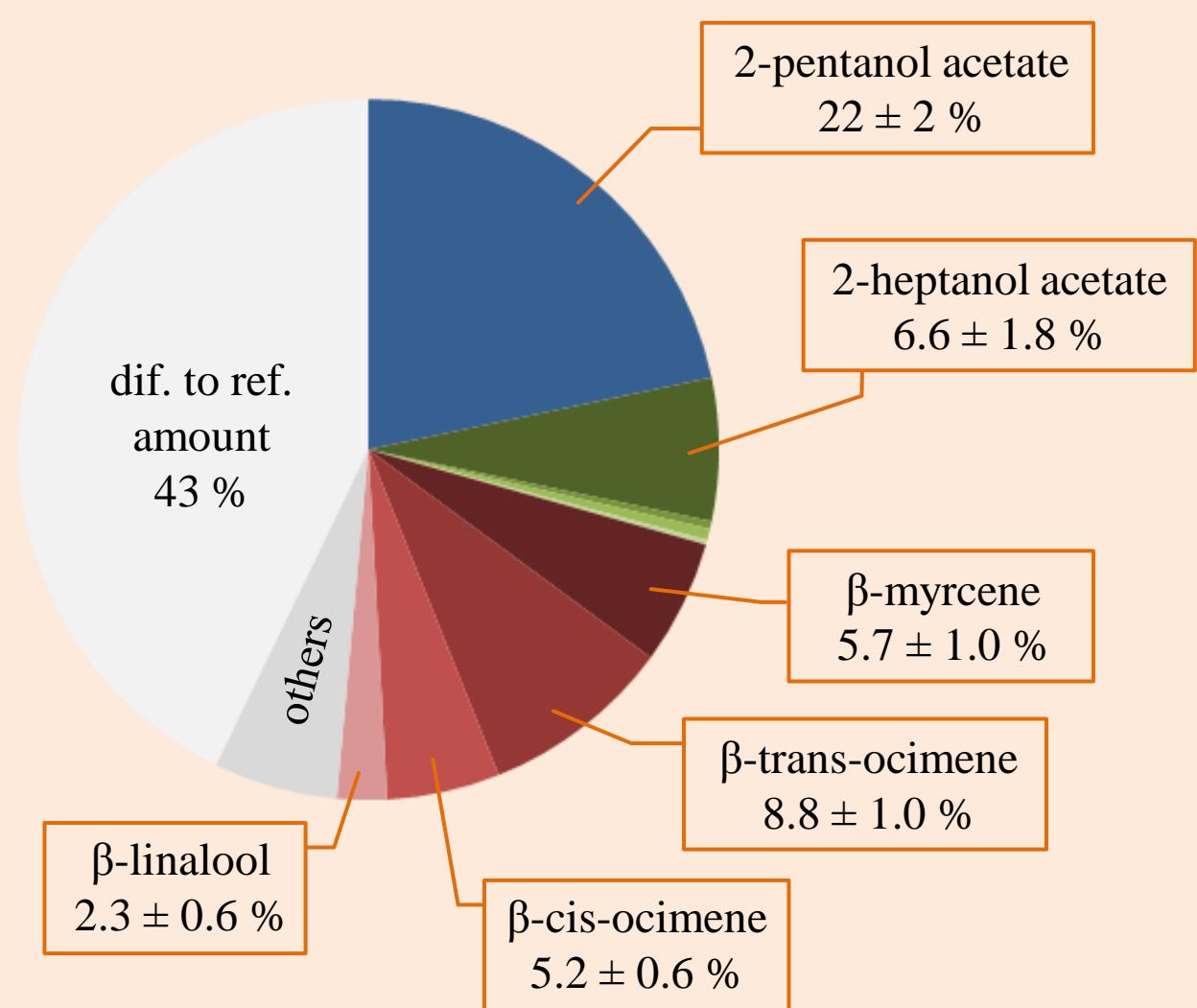
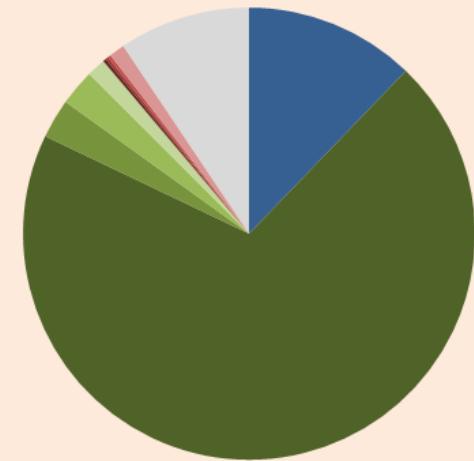
## EET 62 pulp volatile composition



## Results

## SCA 6 pulp volatile composition

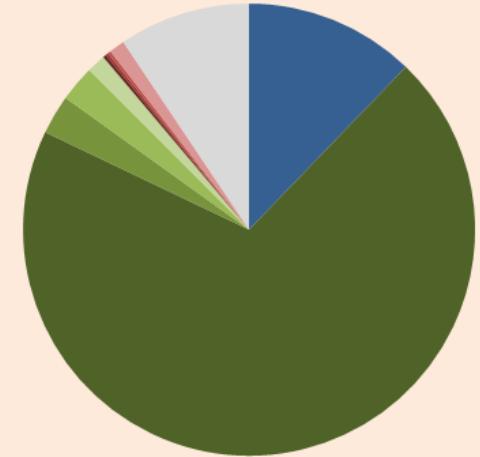
EET 62



## Results

### CCN 51 pulp volatile composition

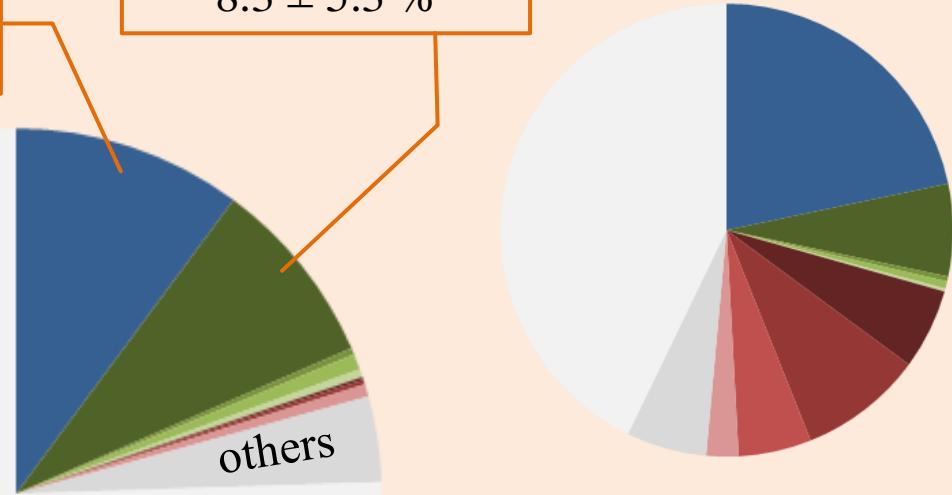
EET 62



2-pentanol acetate  
 $10 \pm 4 \%$

2-heptanol acetate  
 $8.3 \pm 5.3 \%$

SCA 6

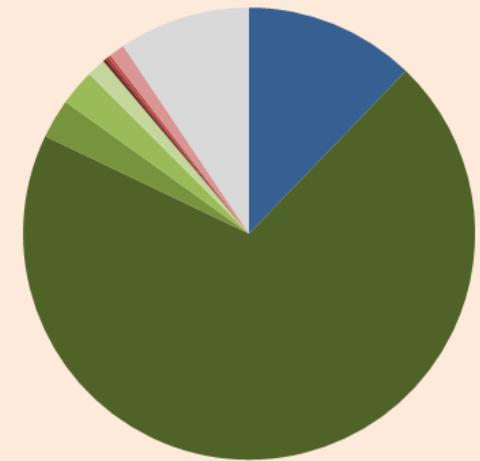


dif. to ref.  
amount  
76 %

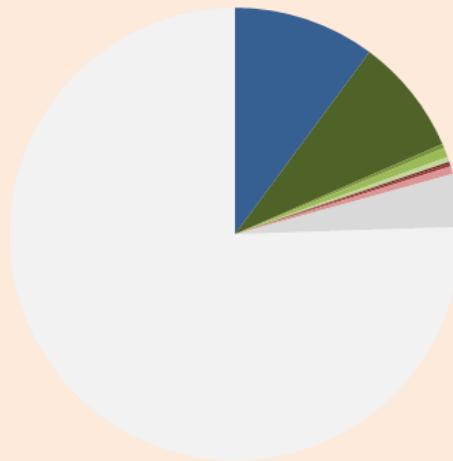
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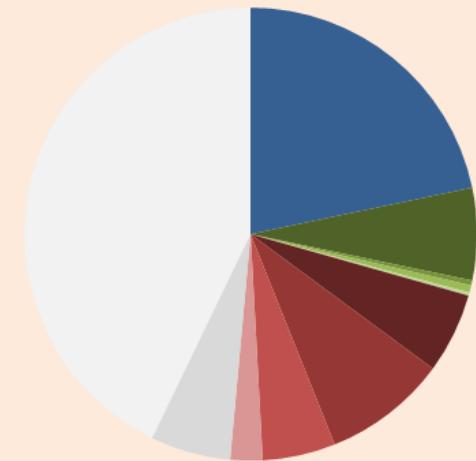
EET 62



CCN51



SCA 6



2-heptanol acetate  
2-heptanol  
2-heptanon  
2-nonanone

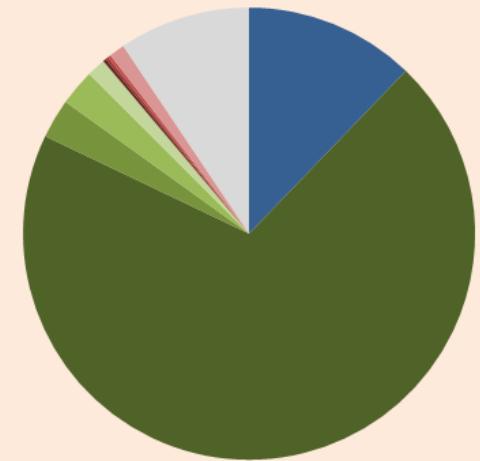
β-myrcene  
β-trans-ocimene  
β-cis-ocimene  
β-linalool

- Do CCN 51, EET 62 and SCA 6 differ regarding the pulp volatile components?

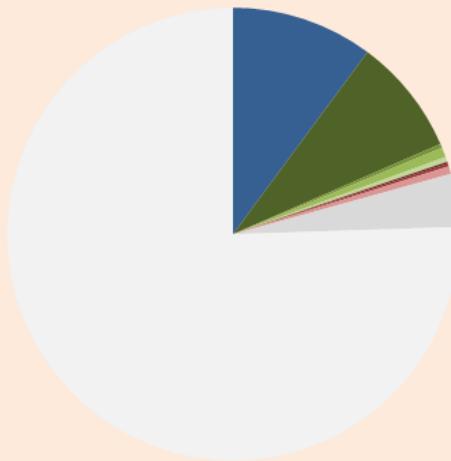
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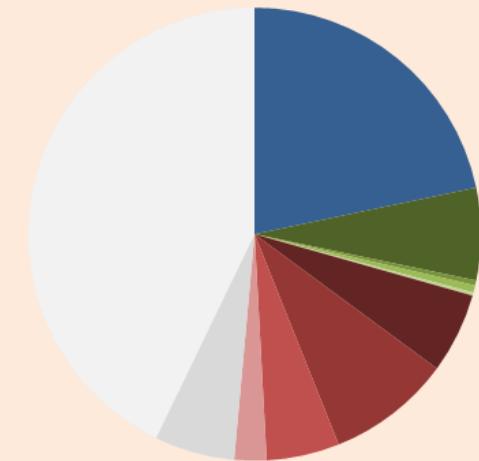
EET 62



CCN51



SCA 6



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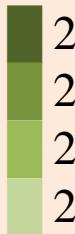
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## Fine or flavor components

### EET 62

#### odor type<sup>1</sup>

#### odor description<sup>1</sup>



2-heptanol acetate  
2-heptanol  
2-heptanon  
2-nonenone

brown  
citrus  
cheesy  
fruity

fruity  
lemon grass, floral  
fruity, coconut  
fresh, sweet

### SCA 6

#### odor type<sup>1</sup>

#### odor description<sup>1</sup>



$\beta$ -myrcene  
 $\beta$ -trans-ocimene  
 $\beta$ -cis-ocimene  
 $\beta$ -linalool

spicy  
herbal  
floral  
floral

balsamic, citrus  
licorice, sweet  
flower, sweet  
citrus, sweet

## Summary and discussion

1. CCN 51, EET 62 and SCA 6 differ regarding the pulp volatile components. β-myrcene, β-trans-ocimene, β-cis-ocimene and β-linalool are characteristic for SCA 6. Regarding EET 62 2-heptanol, 2-heptanol acetate, 2-heptanone and 2-nonenone are typical.
2. The organoleptic properties of the individual substances match the descriptions given for the pulp by Eskes *et al.*, 2007.

We conclude that the above mentioned molecules are the main components of SCA 6 and EET 62 fine aroma.

Accordingly, fine aroma components apparently derive from different metabolic pathways depending on the genotype.



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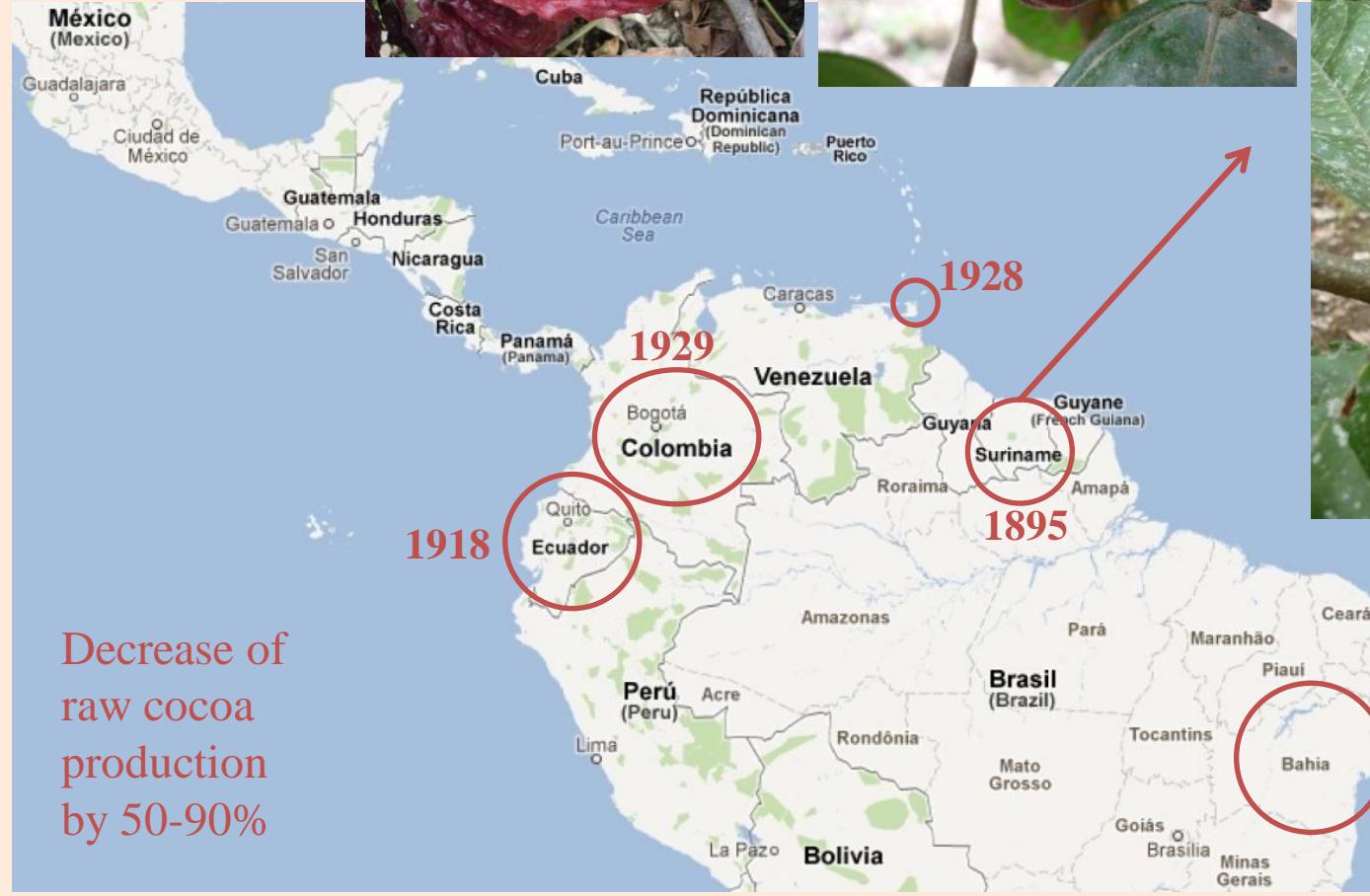
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# The Cocoa Tree

Quality



Witches' broom disease



1989  
Raw cocoa prod.  
~ 400 000 t

2000  
~ 80 000 t



## Disease control

### Chemical control

i.e. application of pesticides

### Phytosanitation

i.e. removal of infested material

### Biological control

i.e. application of antagonistic fungus

### Genetic resistance

i.e. breeding of resistant clones

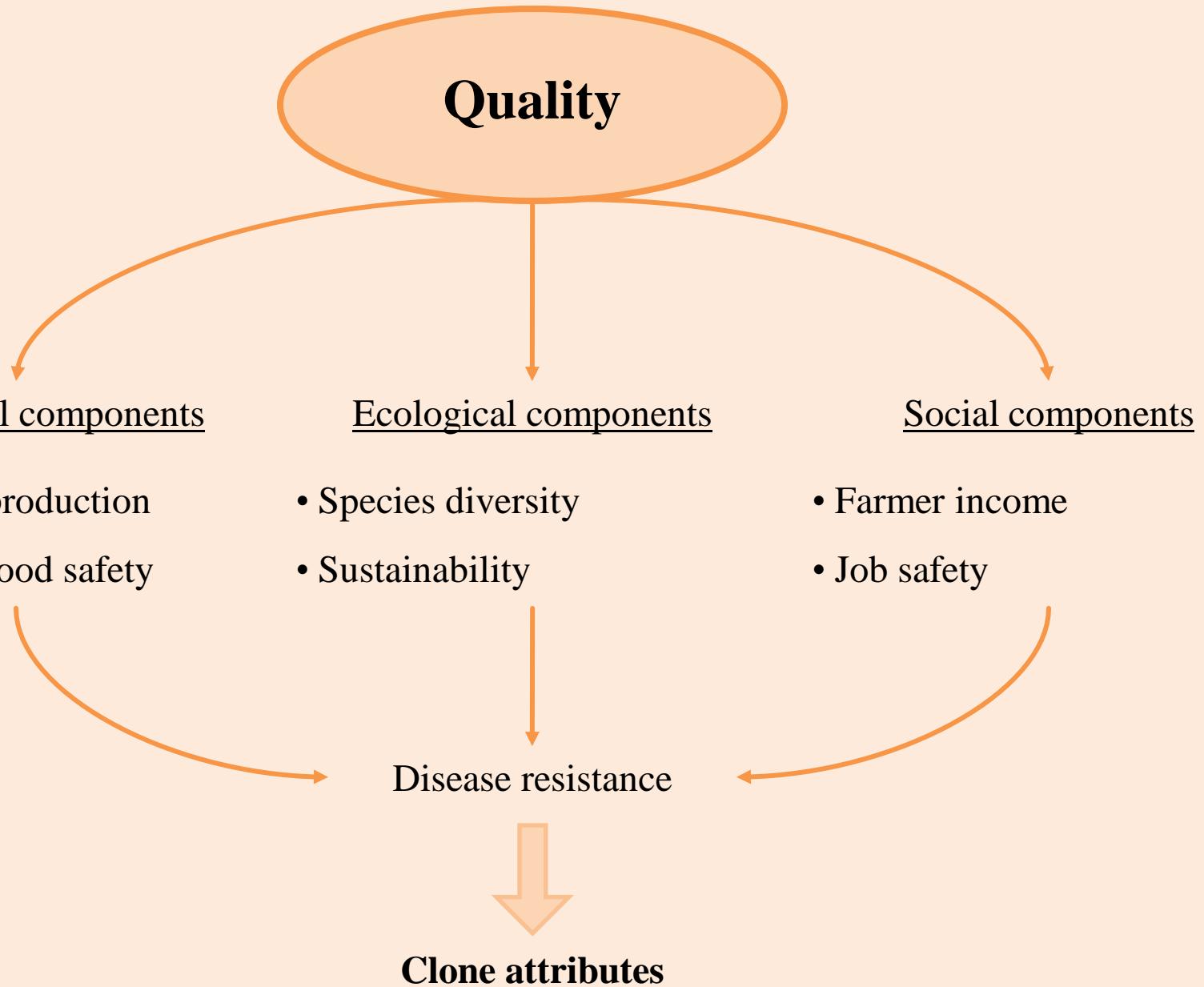
Cocoa genotype	Present rating
TSH 979	R
TSH 1104	MR
SCA 3	R
SCA 5	R
SCA 6	HR
SCA 7	MR
SCA 8	R
SCA 9	HR
SCA 10	HS
SCA 11	HR
SCA 12	HR

### Present status of witches' broom disease of cocoa in Trinidad

(Keywords: *Crinipellis perniciosa*, witches' broom disease, cocoa, Trinidad)

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### Disease resistance



### Butter fat content



### Fine aroma



### Yield



### Drought tolerance



### Flower set



\*Picture: Phillips and Wilkinson 2007. *Phytopathology*, 97 (12)

\*\*Pictures: B. Rudolph, Universität Hamburg, Germany.

## Disease resistance



## Fine aroma



## Mapping QTLs for Resistance to Frosty Pod and Black Pod Diseases and Horticultural Traits in *Theobroma cacao* L.

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## Mapping QTLs for Witches' Broom (*Crinipellis perniciosa*) Resistance in cacao (*Theobroma cacao* L.)

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## Mapping of Quantitative Trait Loci for Butter Content and Hardness in Cocoa Beans (*Theobroma cacao* L.)

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## A genomewide admixture mapping study for yield factors and morphological traits in a cultivated cocoa (*Theobroma cacao* L.) population

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## Yield

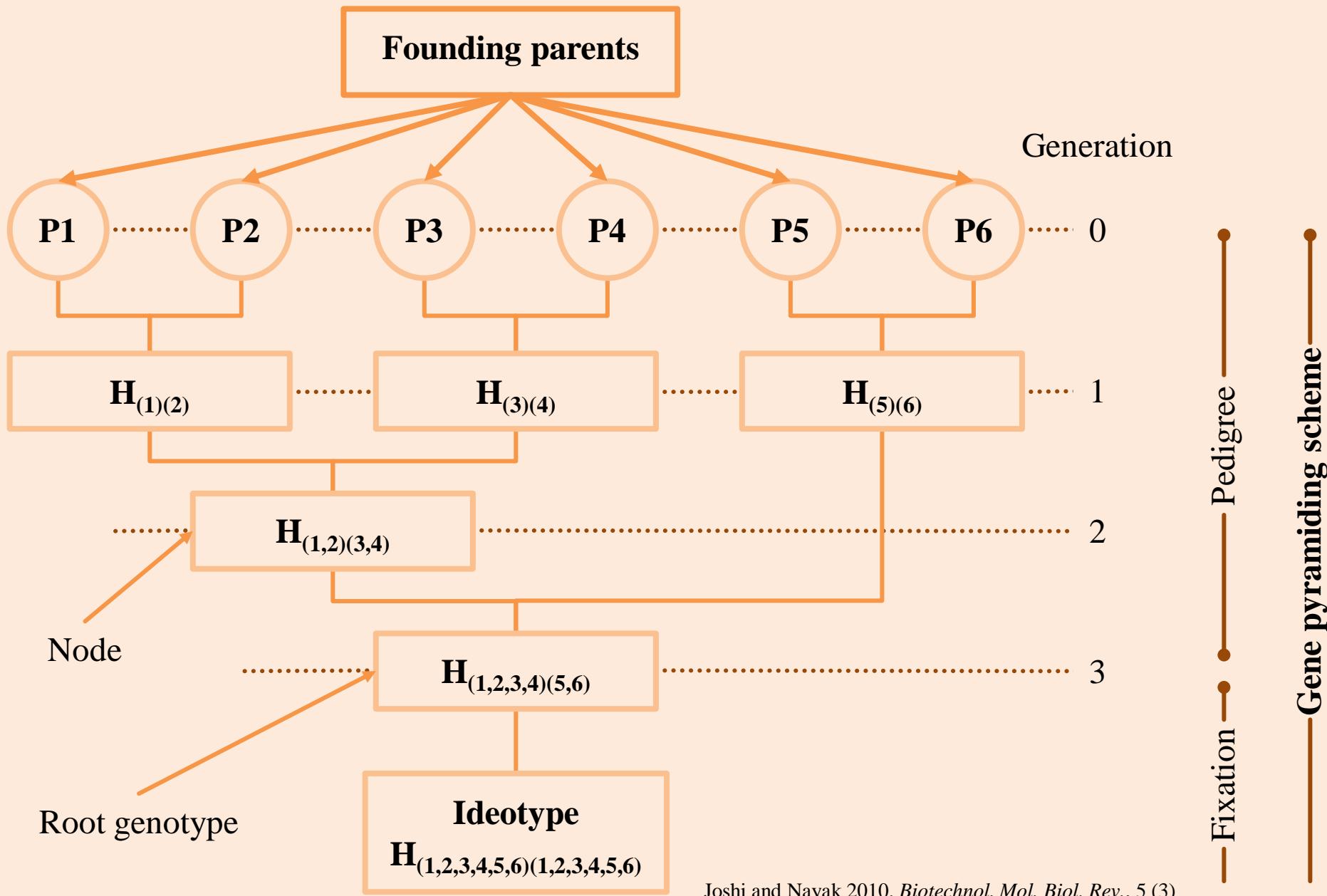


## Flower set



\*Picture: Phillips and Wilkinson 200

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## Classical approaches:

- Graftings
- Buddings
- Rooted cuttings



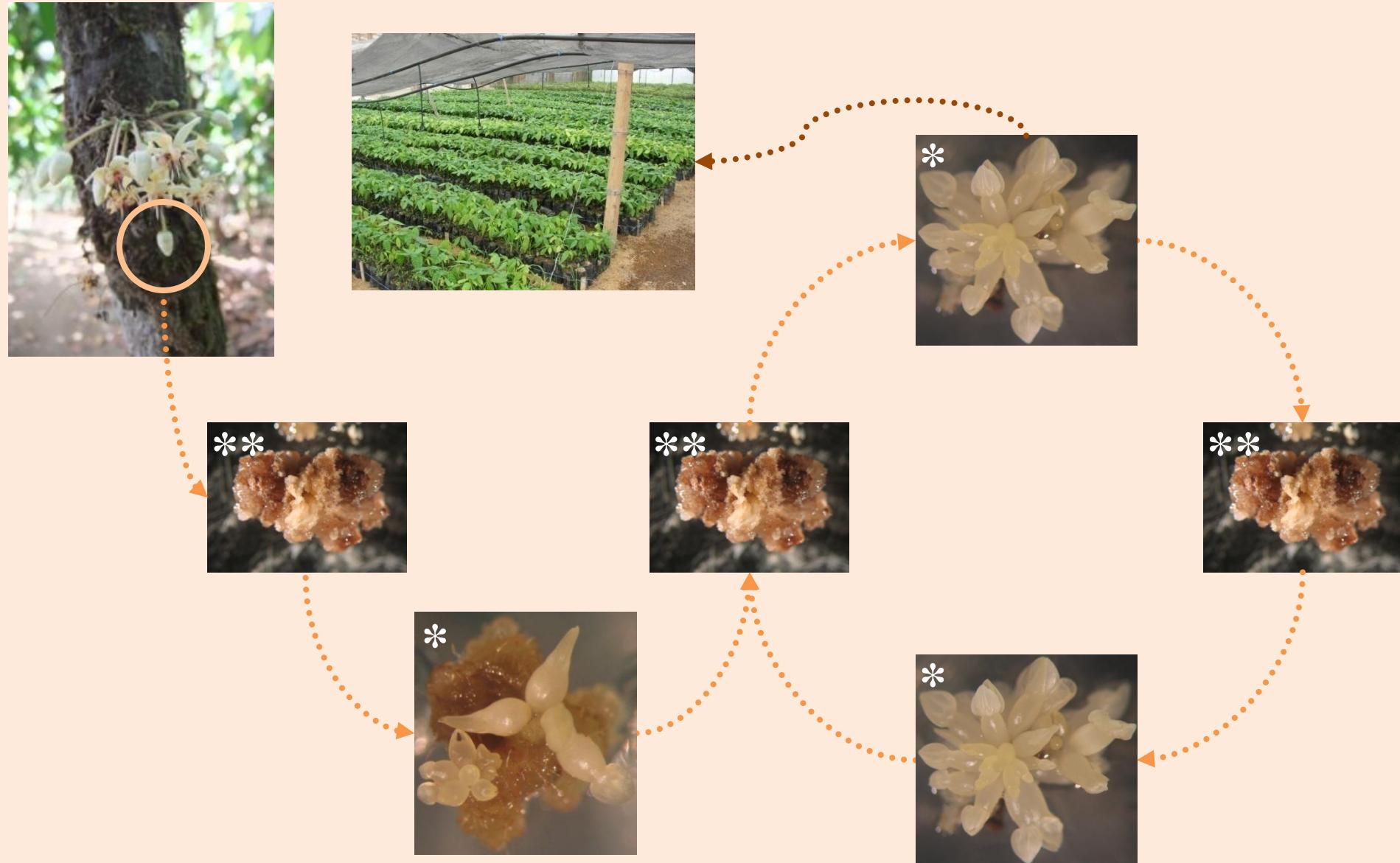
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# Multiplication of elite clones



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\*Pictures: F. Wuelfing, University of Hamburg, Germany. \*\*Picture: T. Mueller, University of Hamburg, Germany.

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obtained through  
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clone propagation

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agroforestry

establishment of  
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removal of infested  
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## fermentation

optimized  
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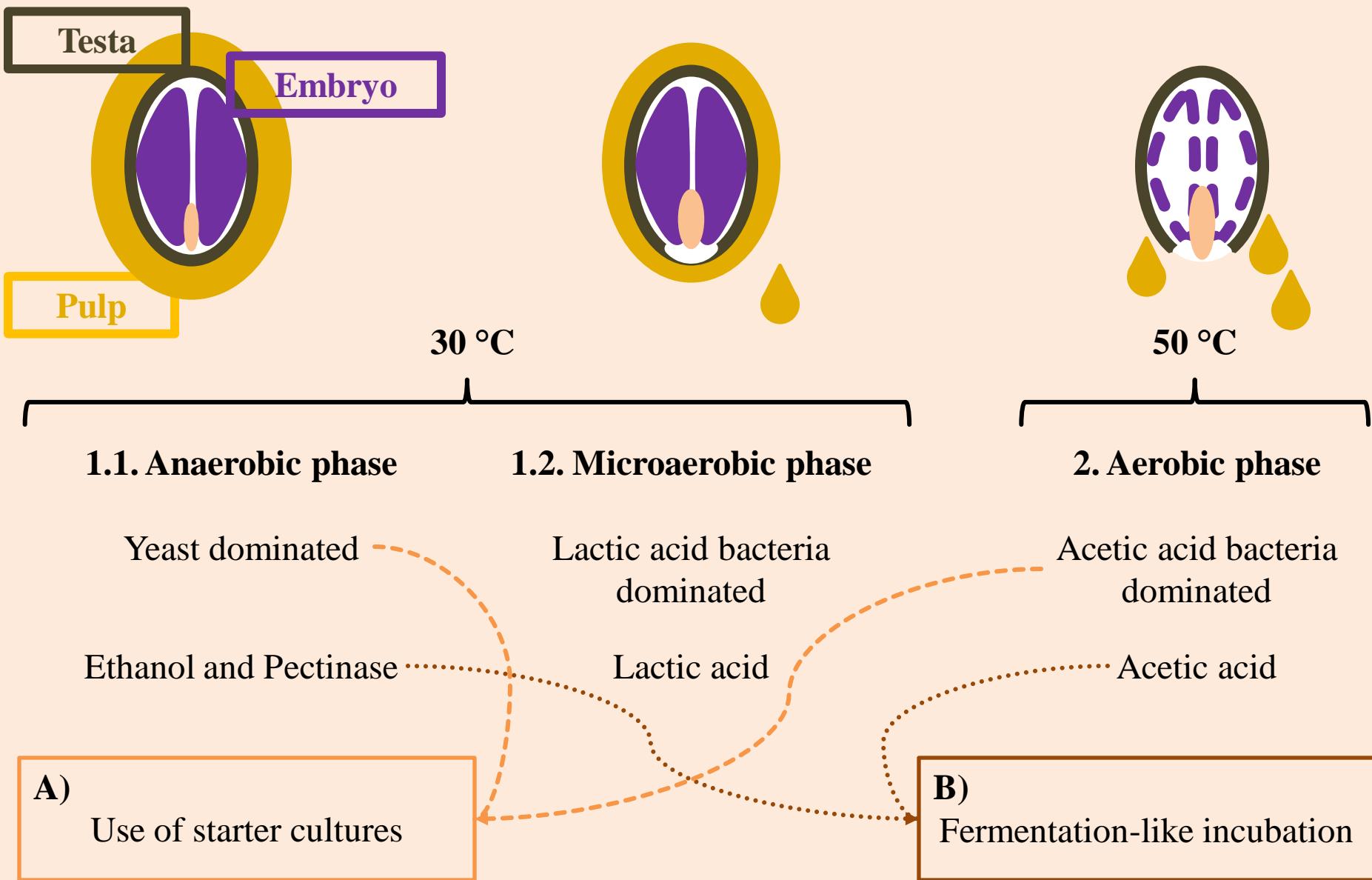
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removal of infested  
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use of endophytic  
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- A) Molecular breeding approaches facilitate the combination of multiple quality-related attributes in elite clones (e.g. disease resistance, yield, fine aroma).
- B) *In vitro* mass propagation of elite clones has the potential to ensure the supply of sufficient planting material.
- C) Integrated approaches may unite different techniques (e.g. molecular breeding, *in vitro* mass propagation, biological disease control, fermenter technology).



- 1) Enhanced raw cocoa **quality**
- 2) Enhanced raw cocoa **diversity**

**Thank you for your attention!**