



Role of soil microbes in enhancing crop heterosis.

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Influence of Soil Microbes on Heterosis

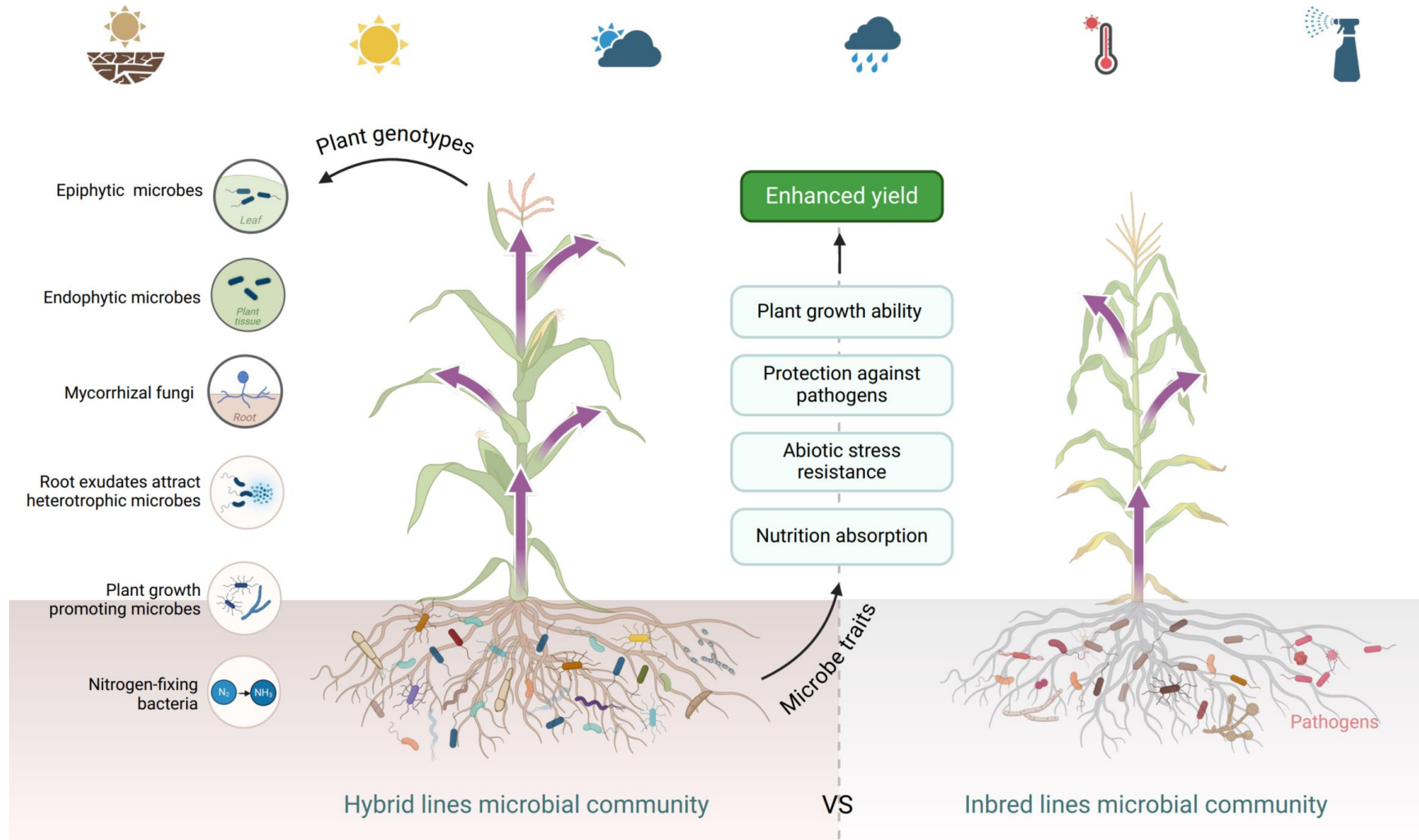


Figure 1. Comparison between the microbial communities associated with hybrid and inbred maize lines, emphasizing how host genotypes affect their associated microbial communities, which in turn affect the host's performance.



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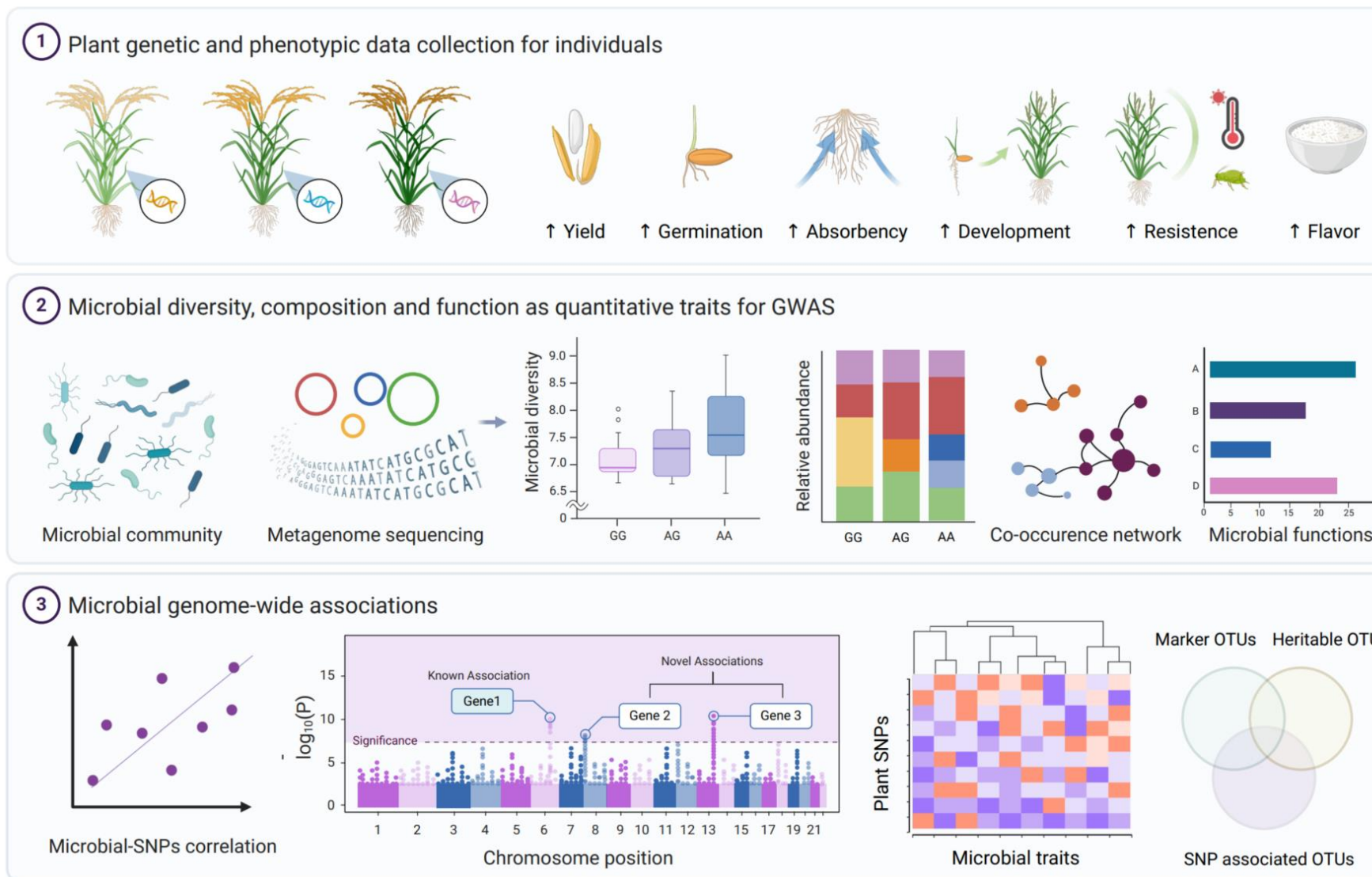


Figure 2. Integrated workflow of microbial genome-wide association studies (mGWAS) in plants.



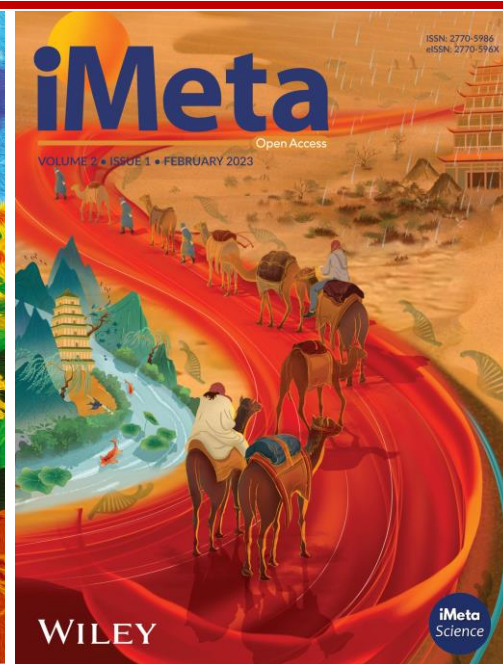
Summary

- ❑ Plant genotypes impact the composition of associated microbial communities, with hybrids displaying distinct and beneficial microbial profiles compared to inbred lines.
- ❑ Microbial ecosystems play a role in promoting heterosis in hybrid plants, influenced by the interactions between host genotypes and their microbial partners, as well as environmental conditions.
- ❑ Advanced genomic techniques like metagenomics and mGWAS reveal the genetic factors influencing plant-microbe interactions, offering insights for leveraging these relationships to enhance crop yields and sustainability.

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