

Phylogenomics and comparative genomics: The case of coevolution between the swallowtail butterflies (Papilionidae) and their host plants



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in myrmecophagous mammals**



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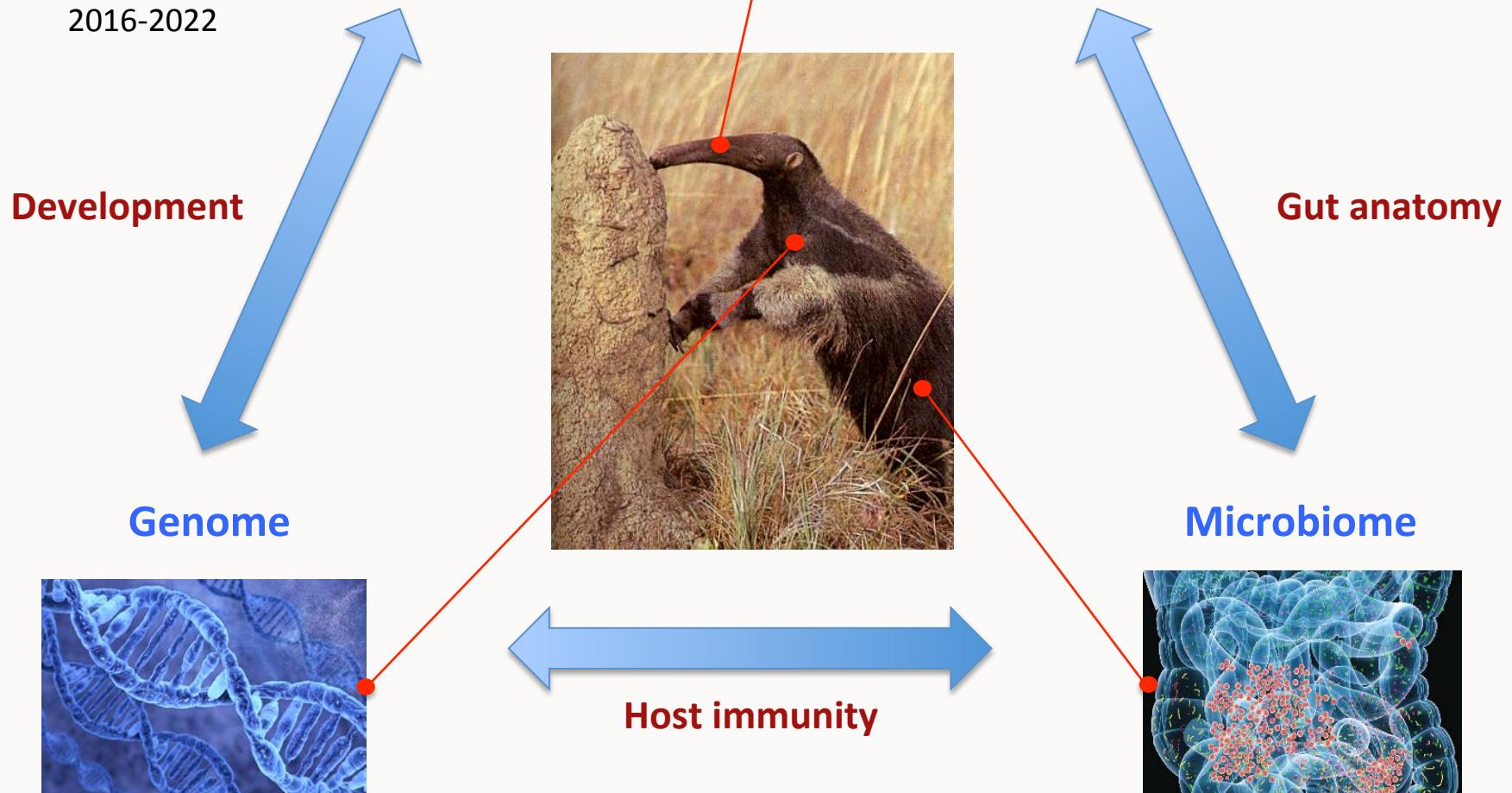
1 – Genome wide approach

2 – Candidate gene family: Chitinases

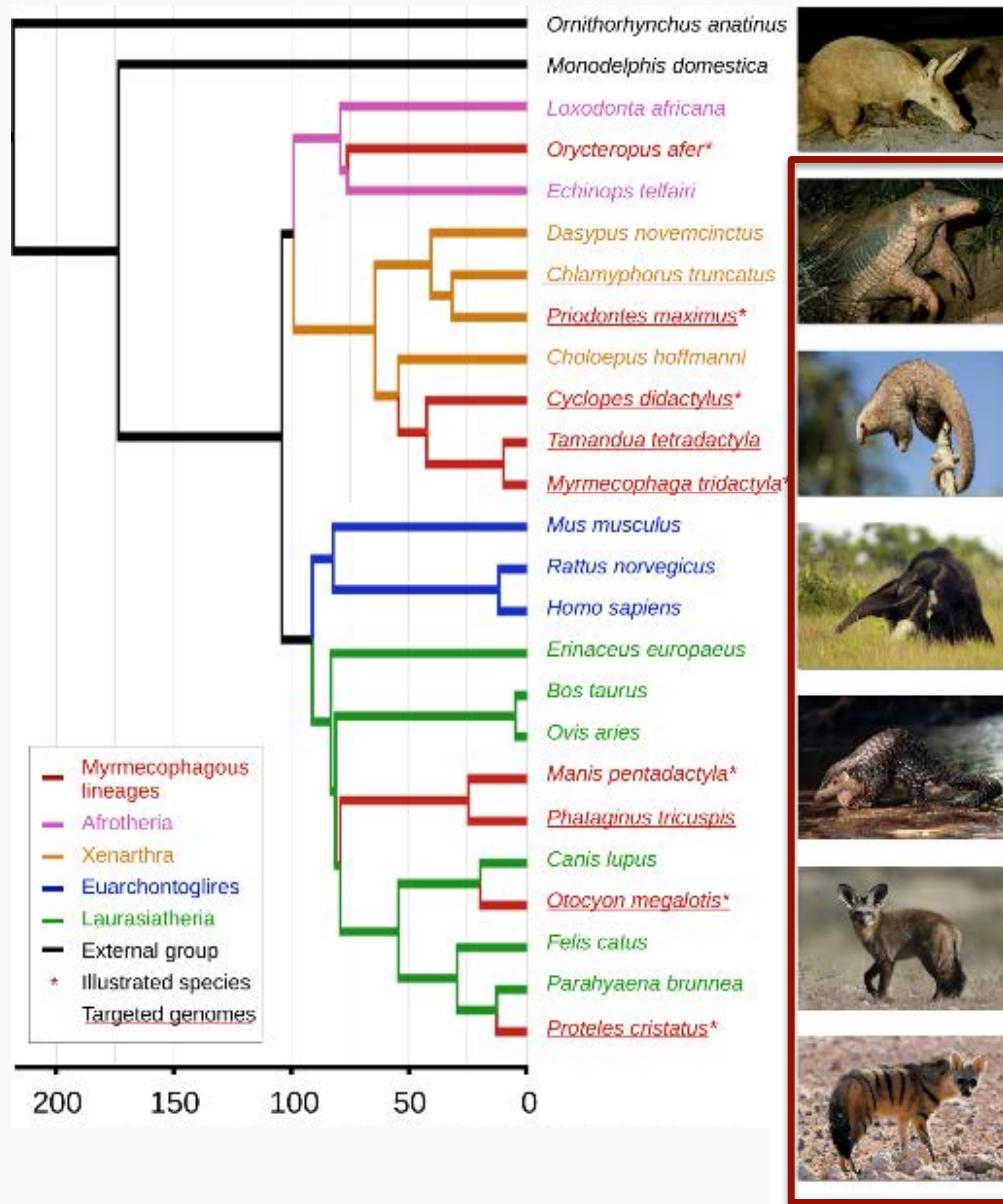
Understanding the complex interplay between morphology, genome, and microbiome



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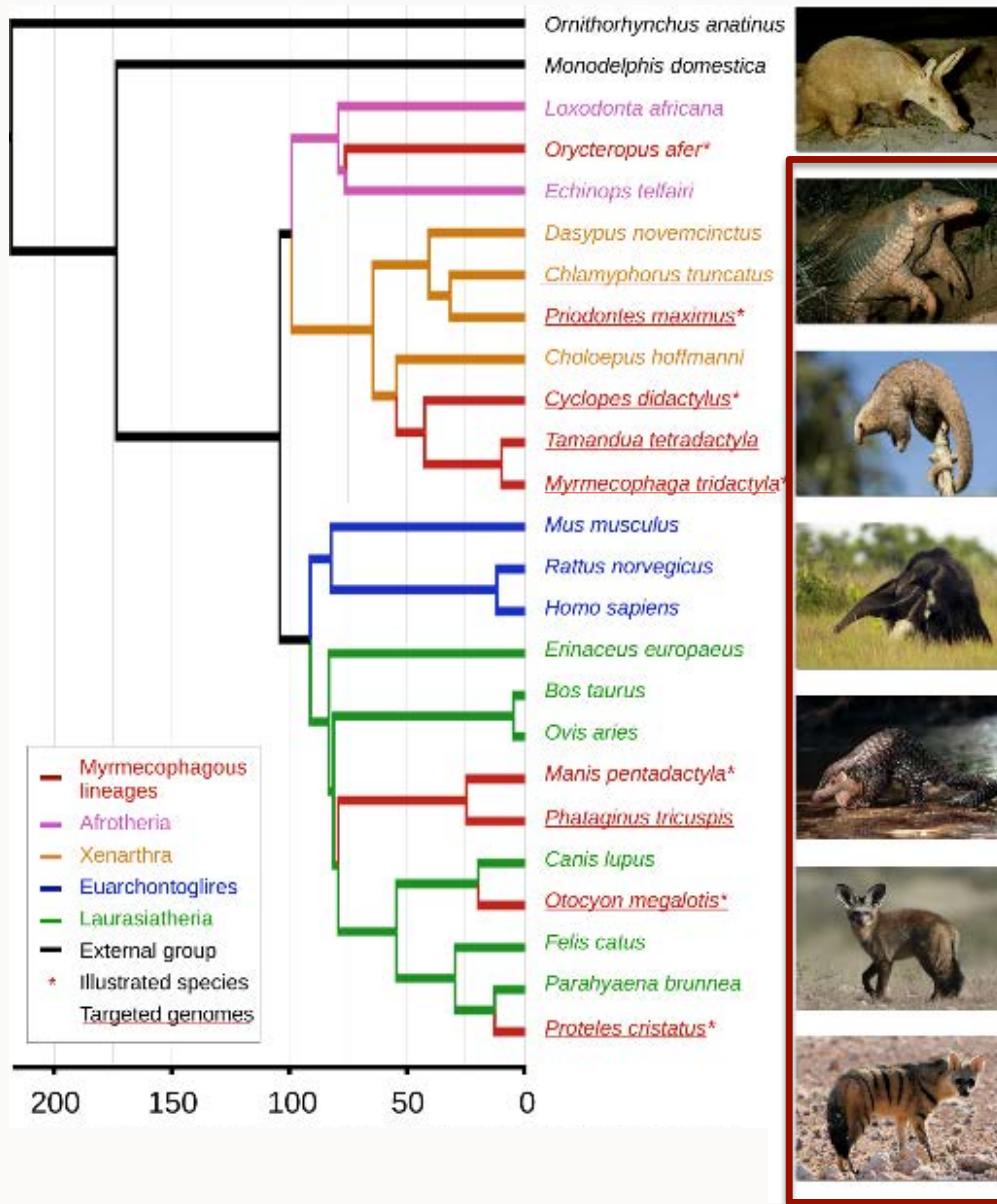


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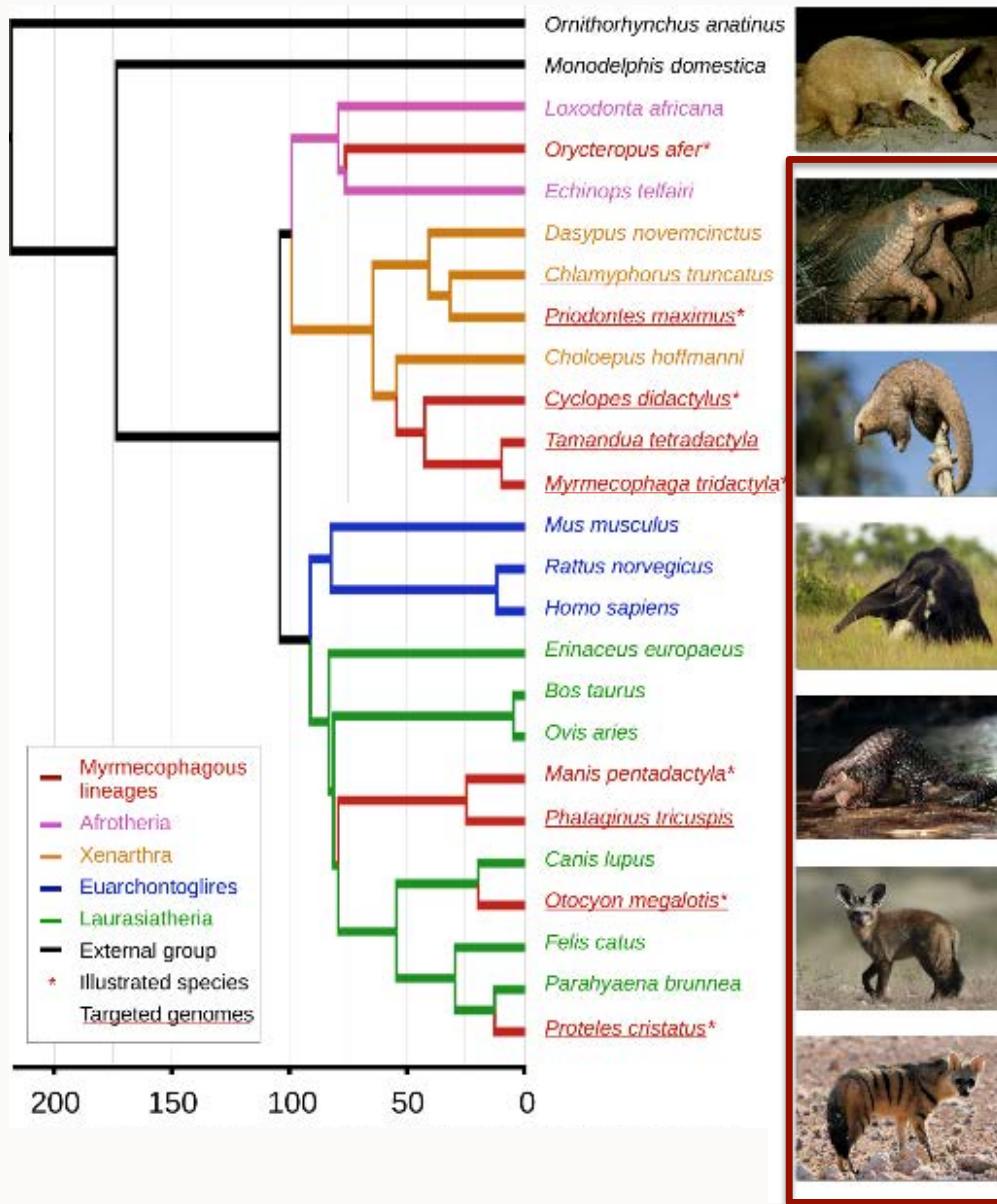


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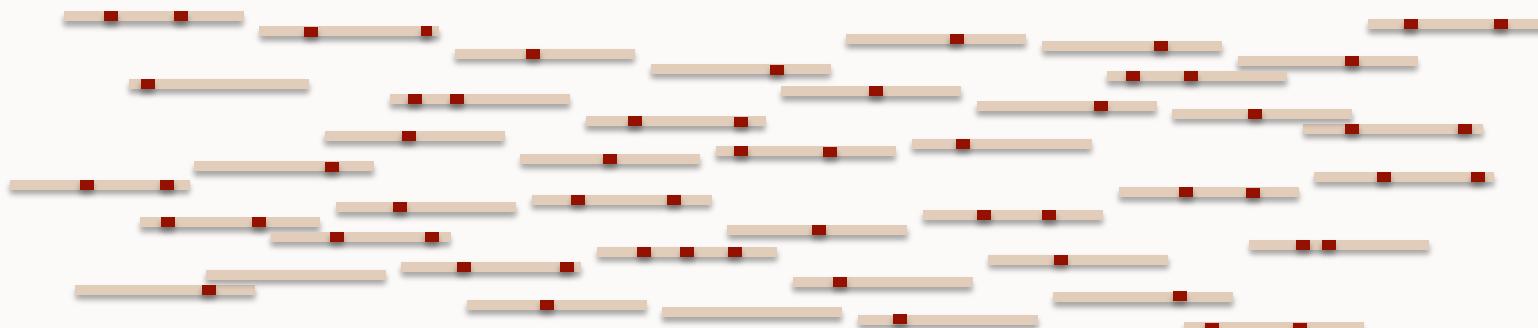
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Many short reads with many errors...

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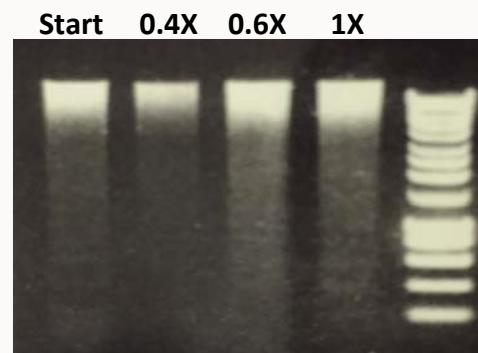
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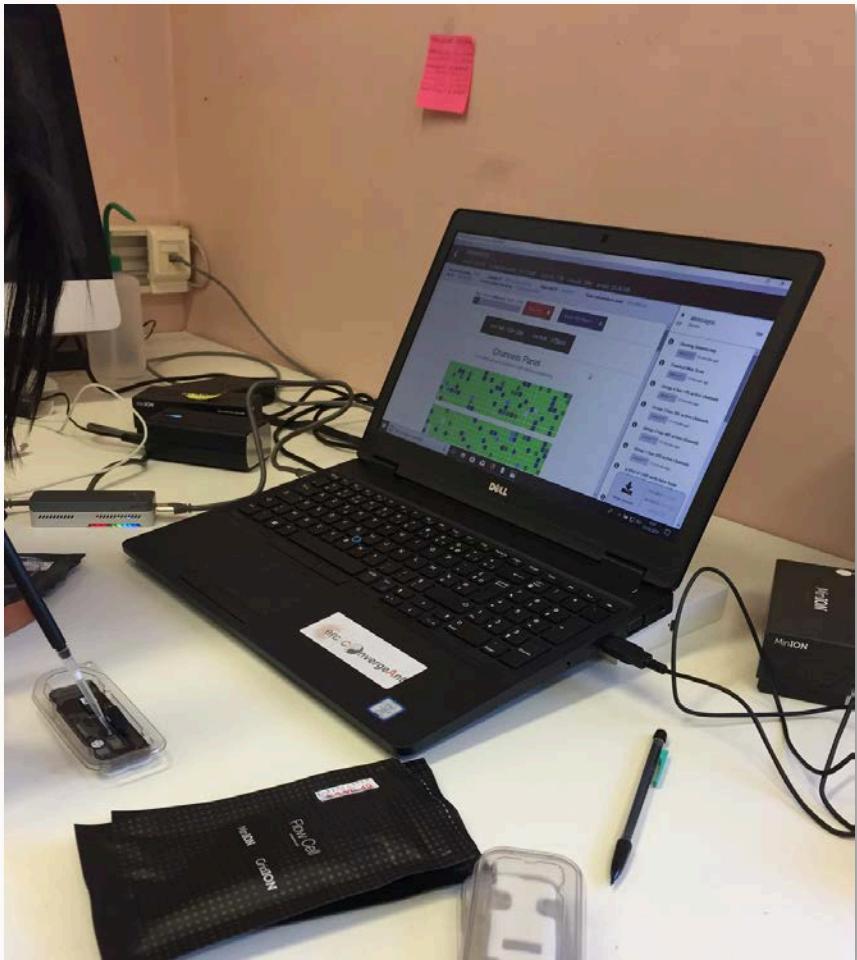
Tissues cleaning
DNA extraction check



DNA size selection
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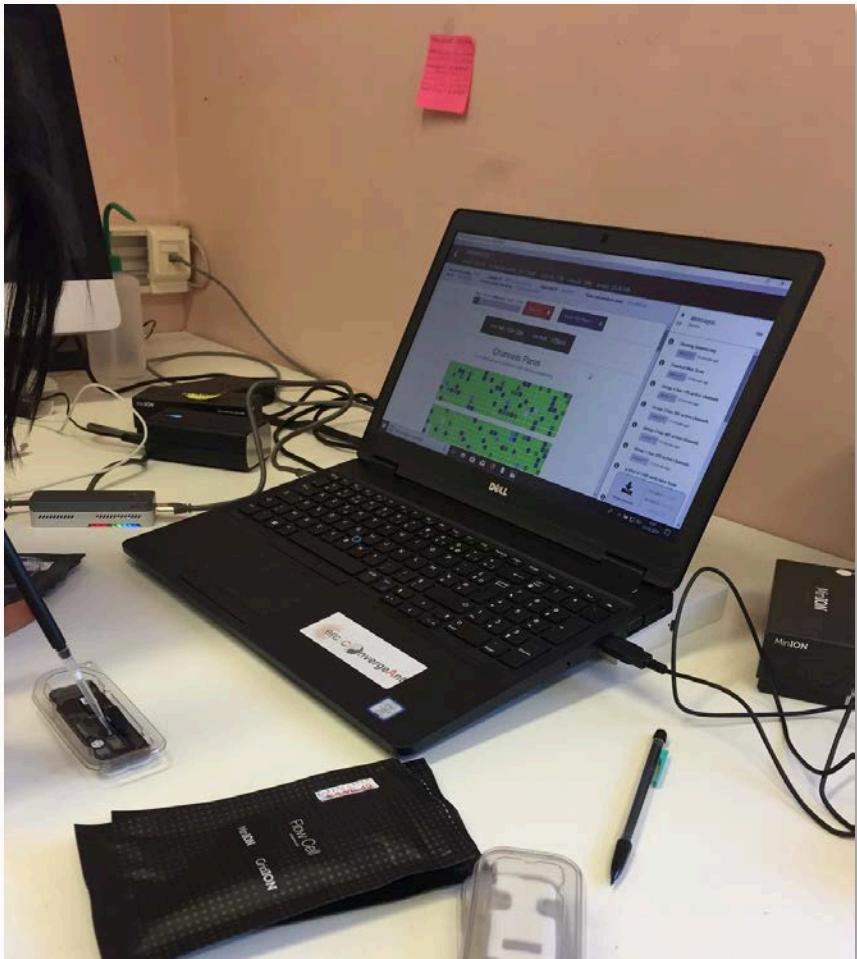
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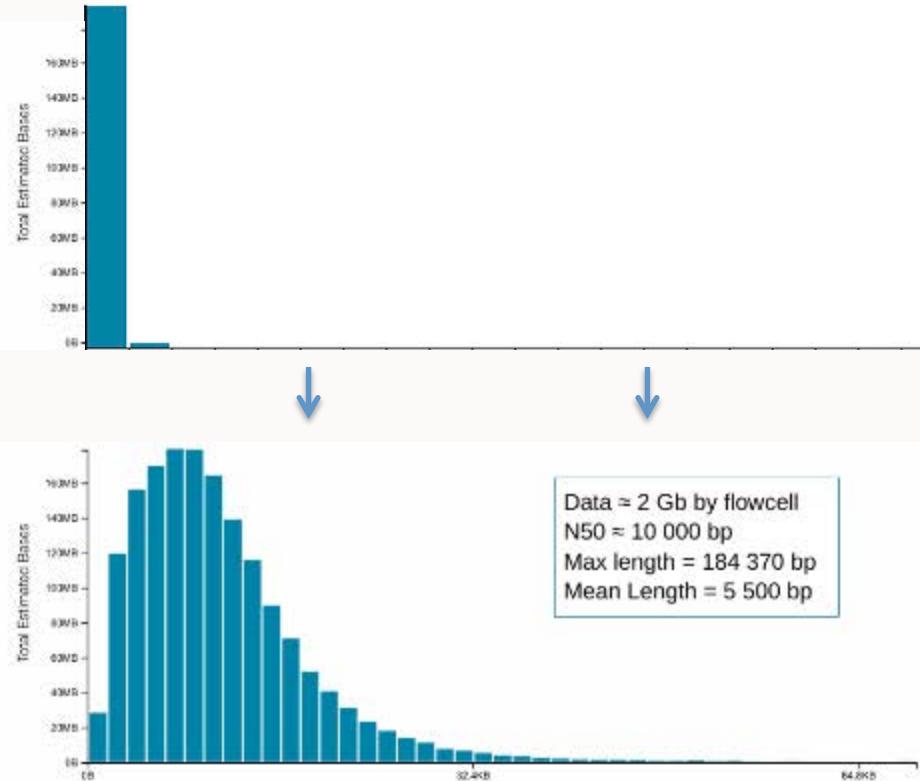


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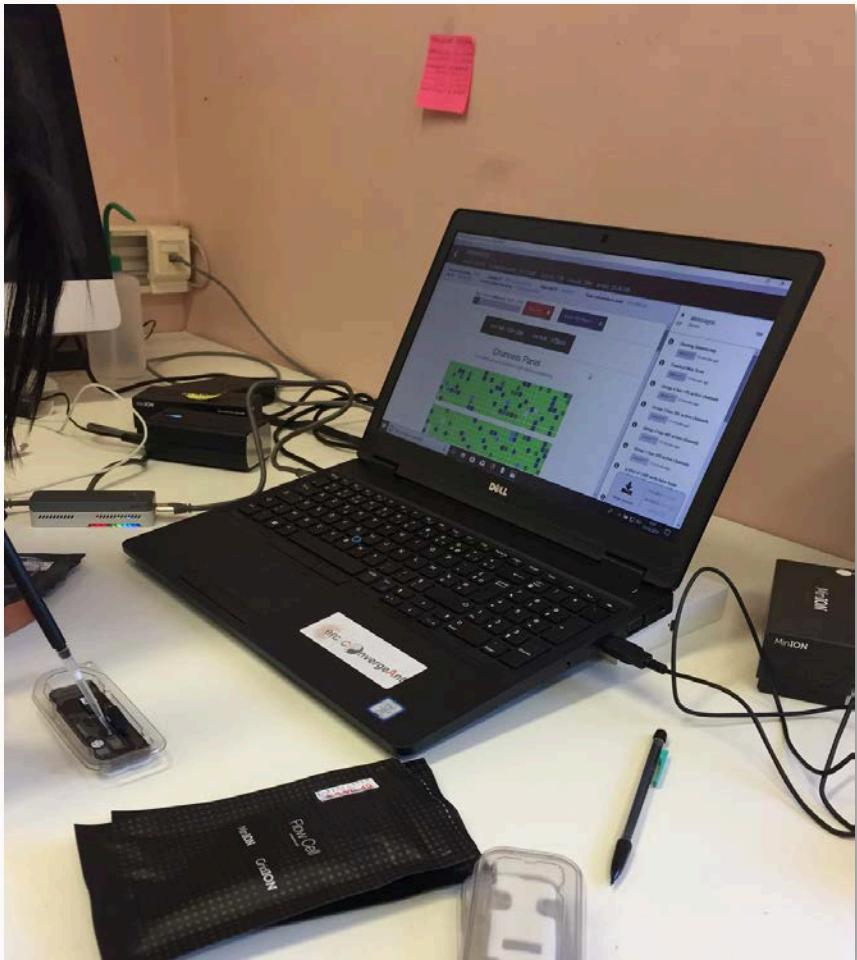
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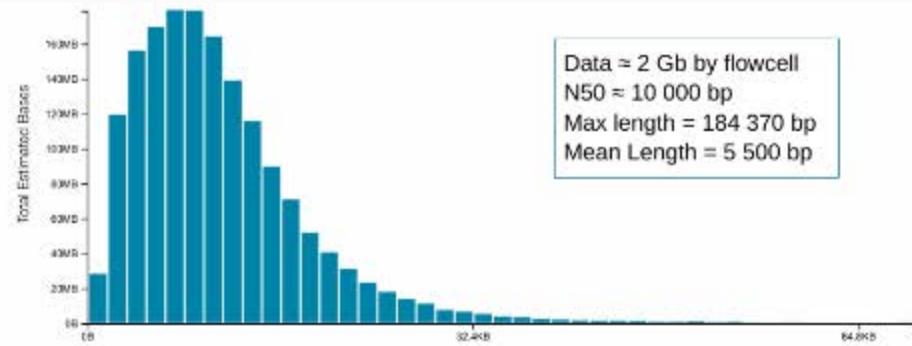
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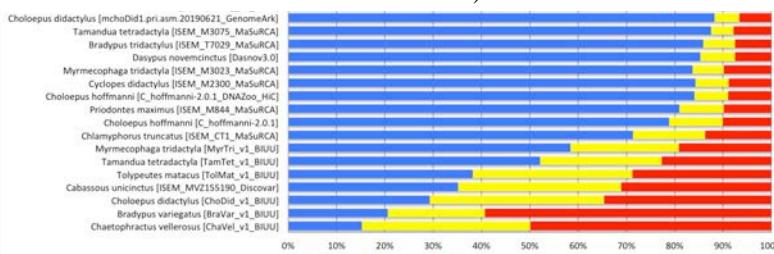
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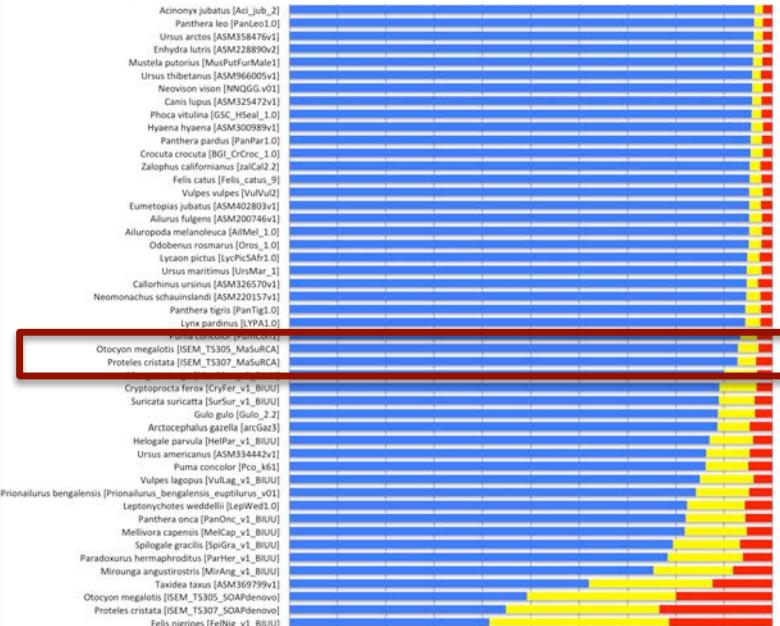
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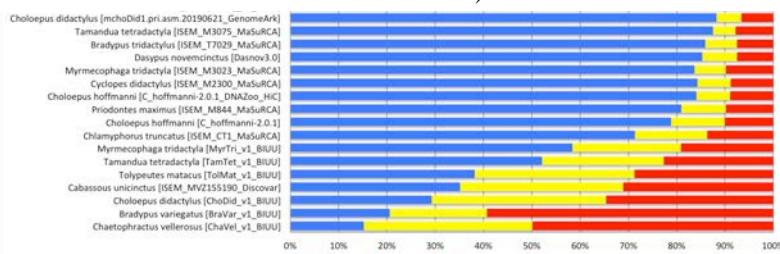
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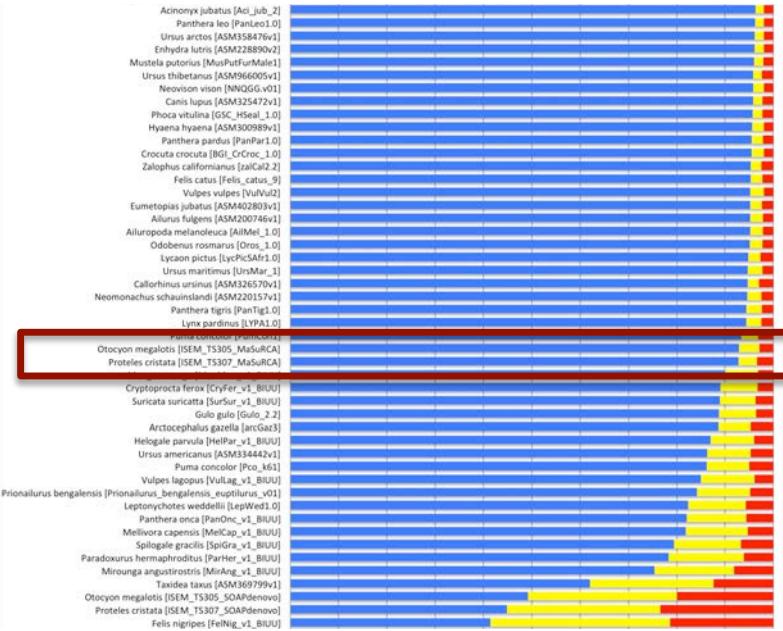
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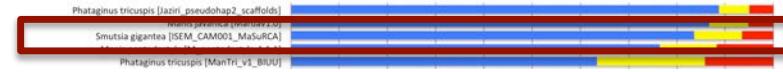
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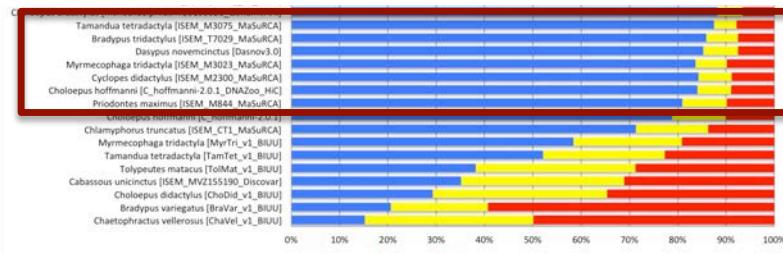
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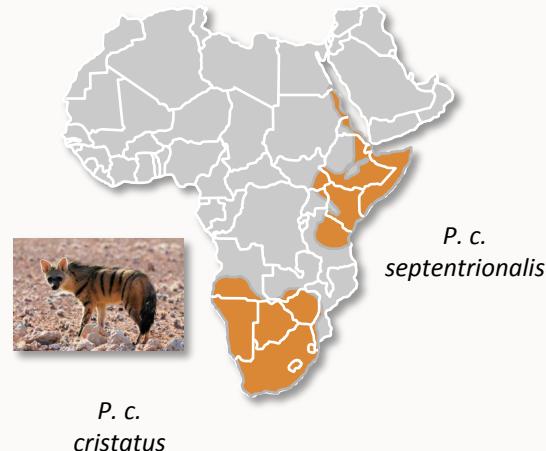
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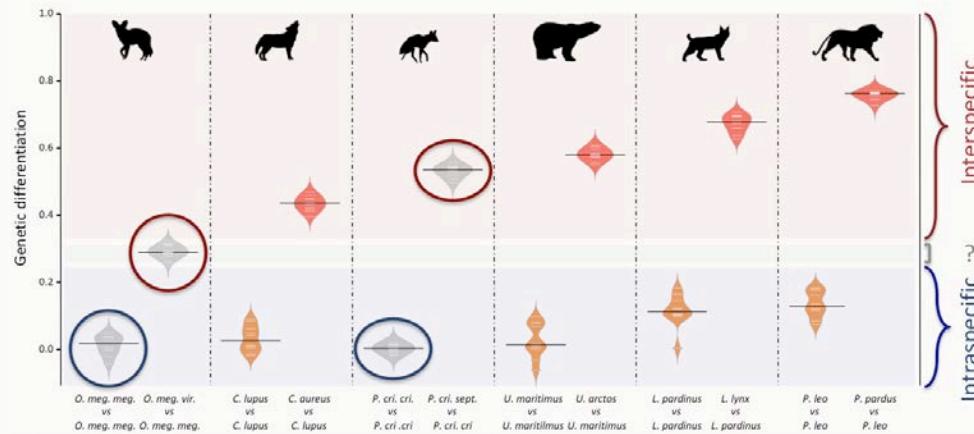
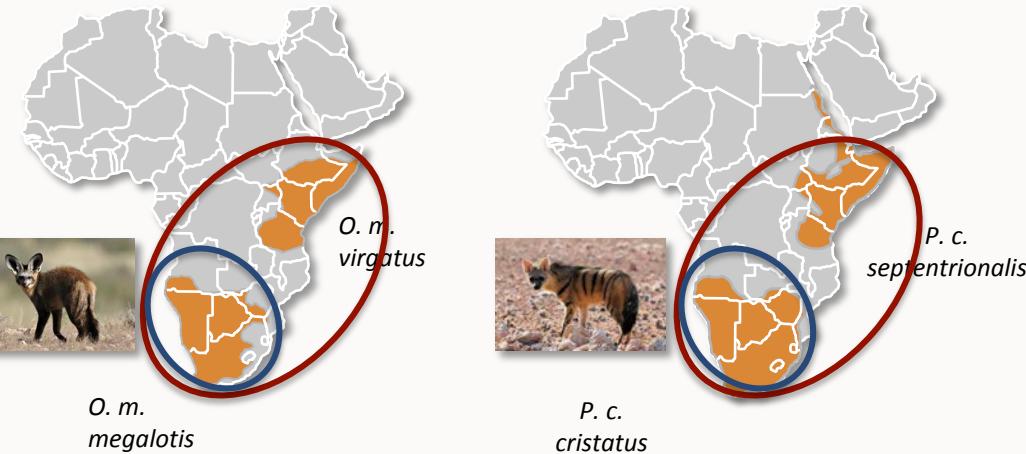


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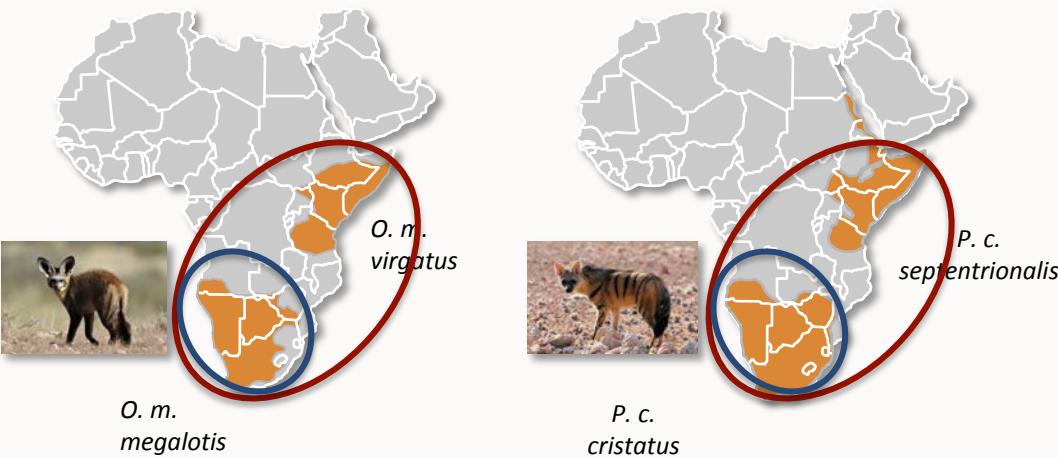
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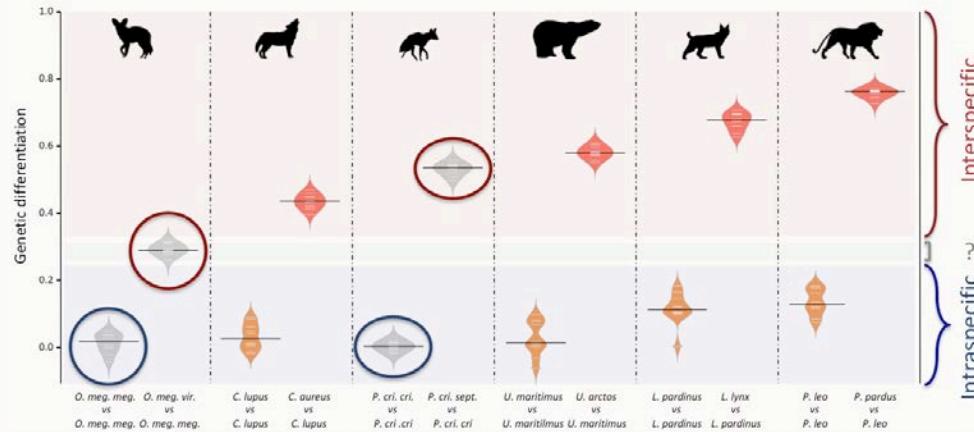
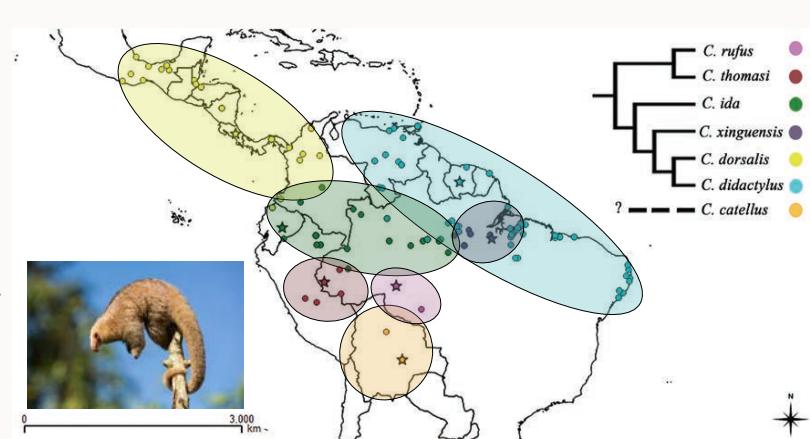
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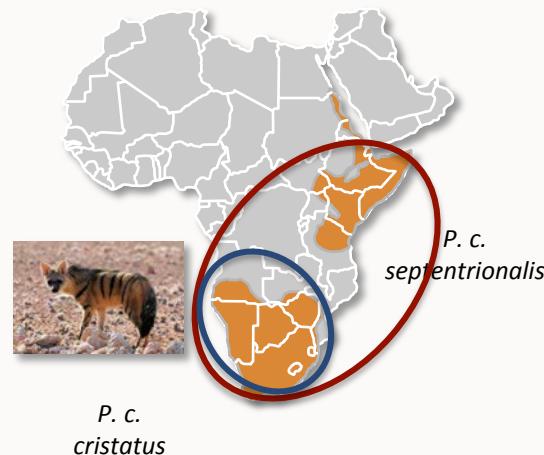
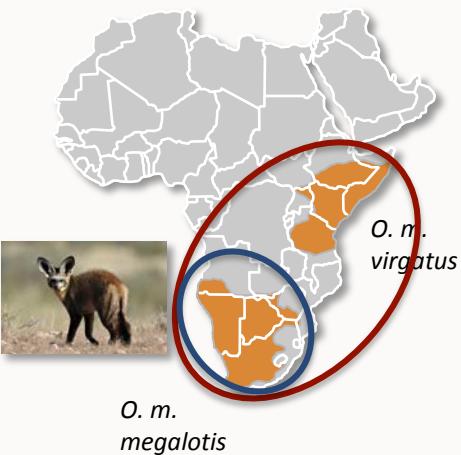


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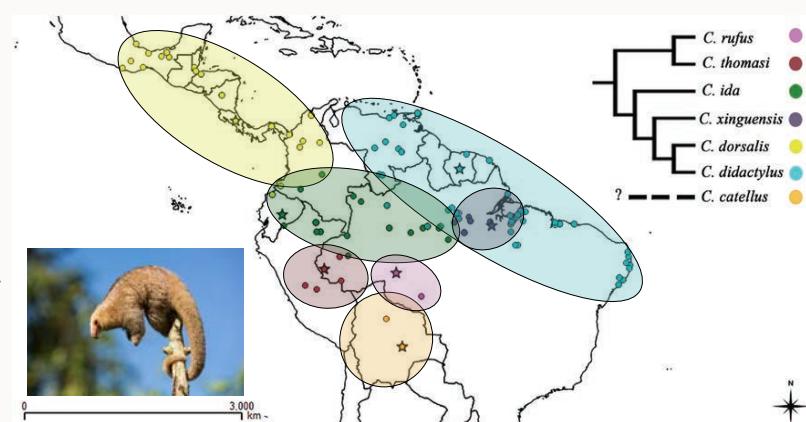
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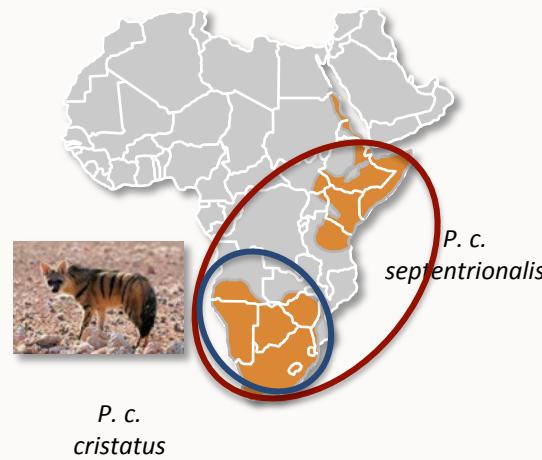
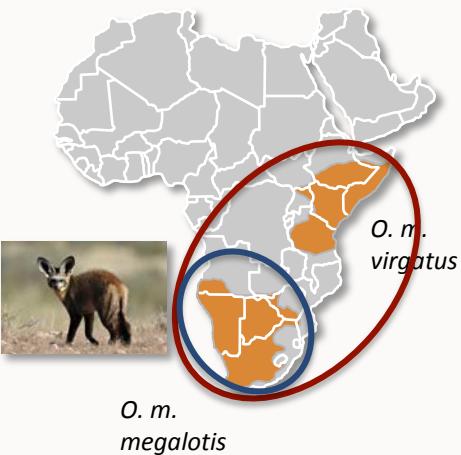


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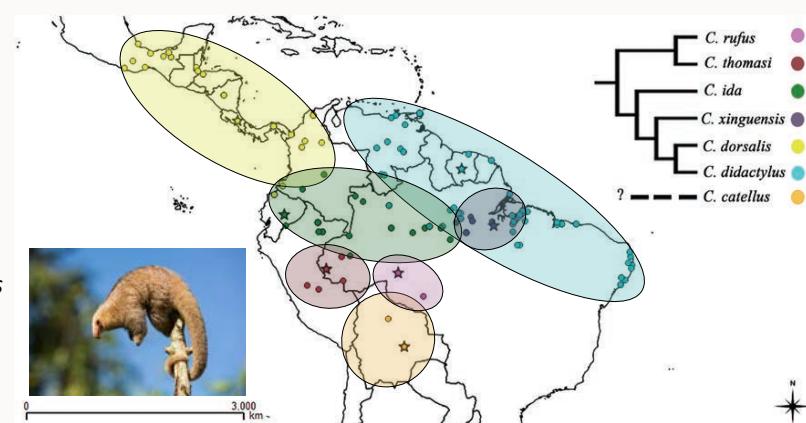
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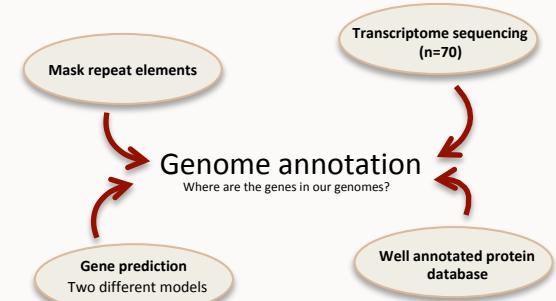


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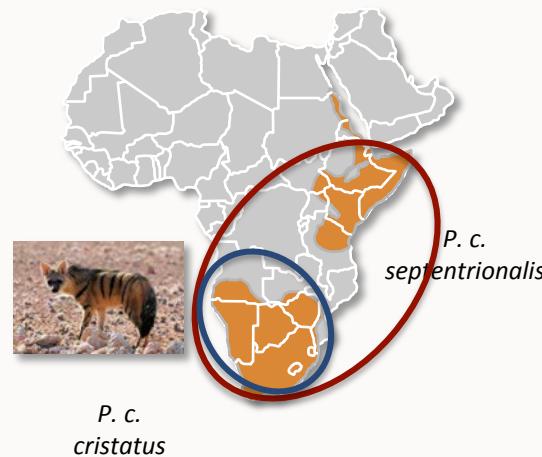
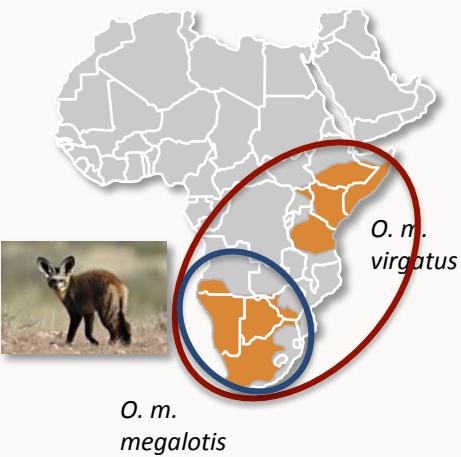
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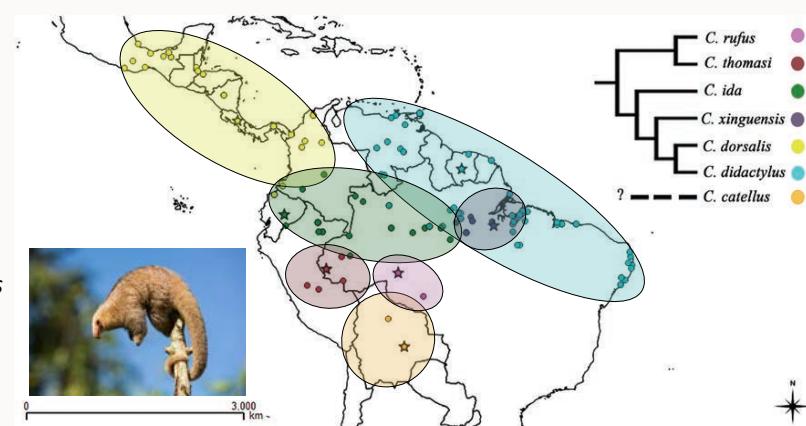
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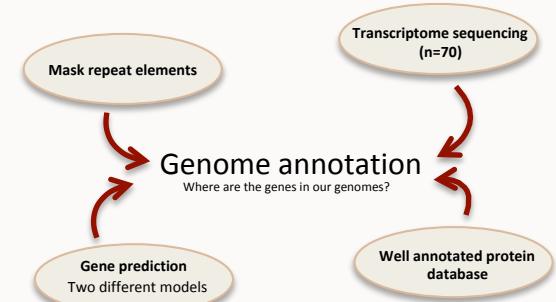


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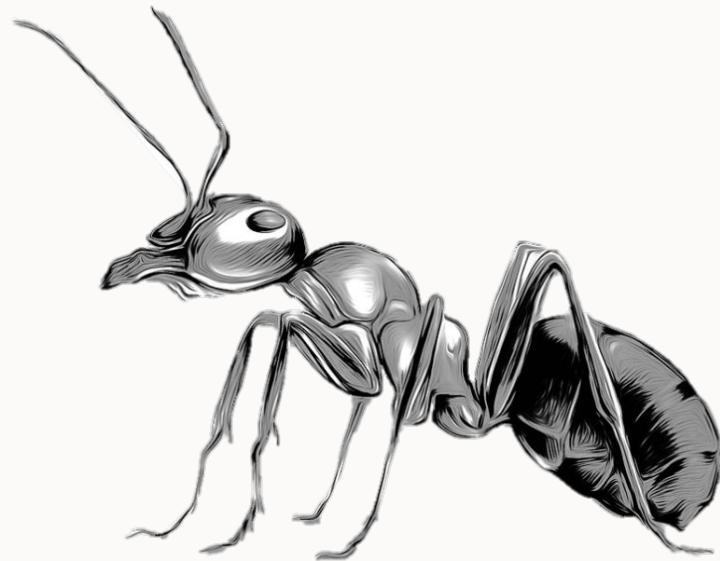
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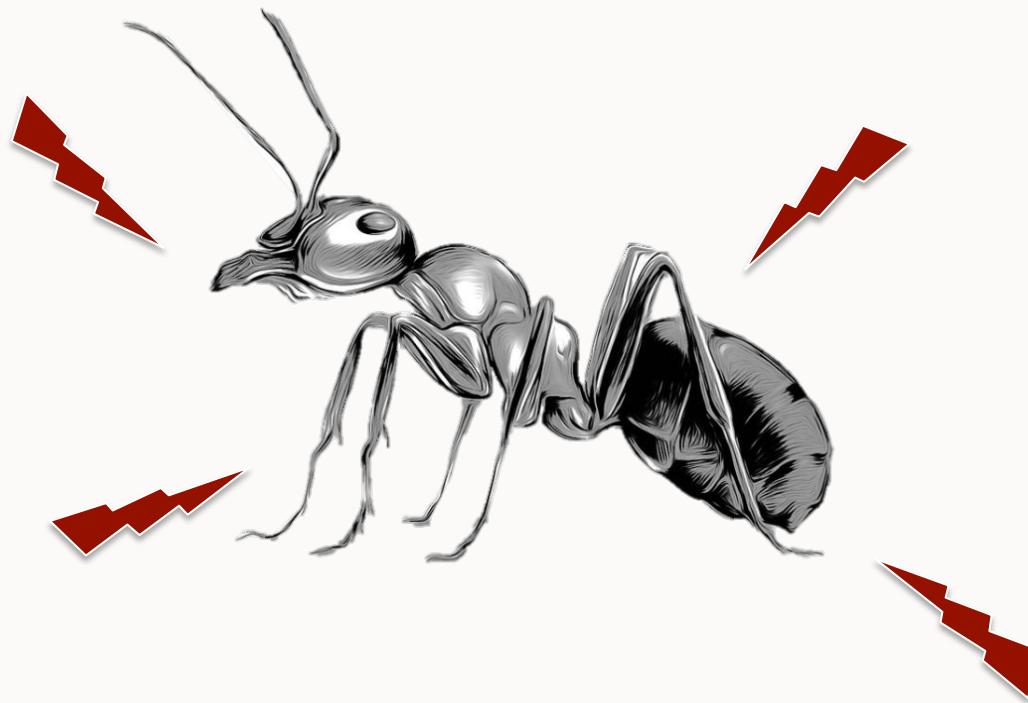


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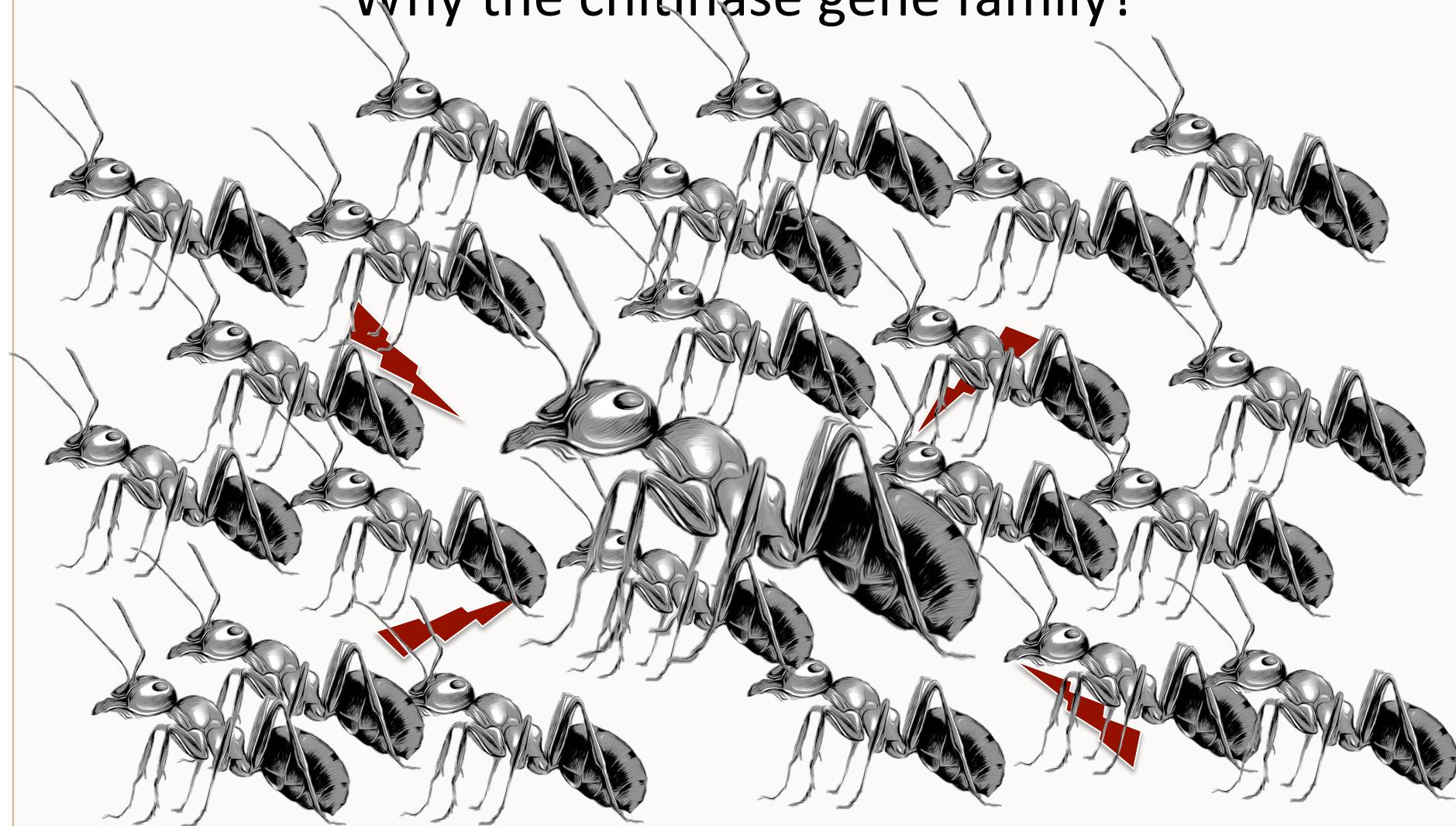
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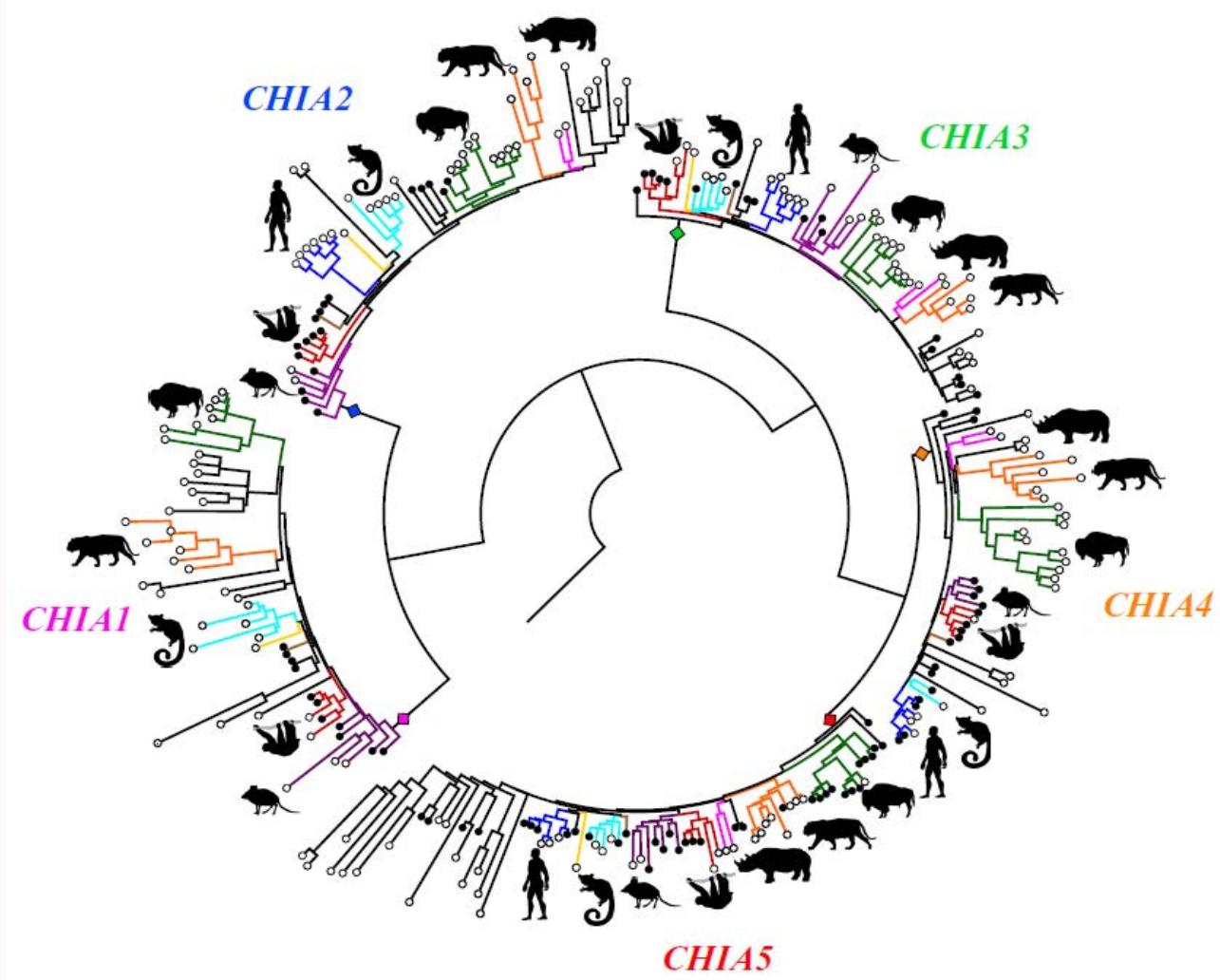
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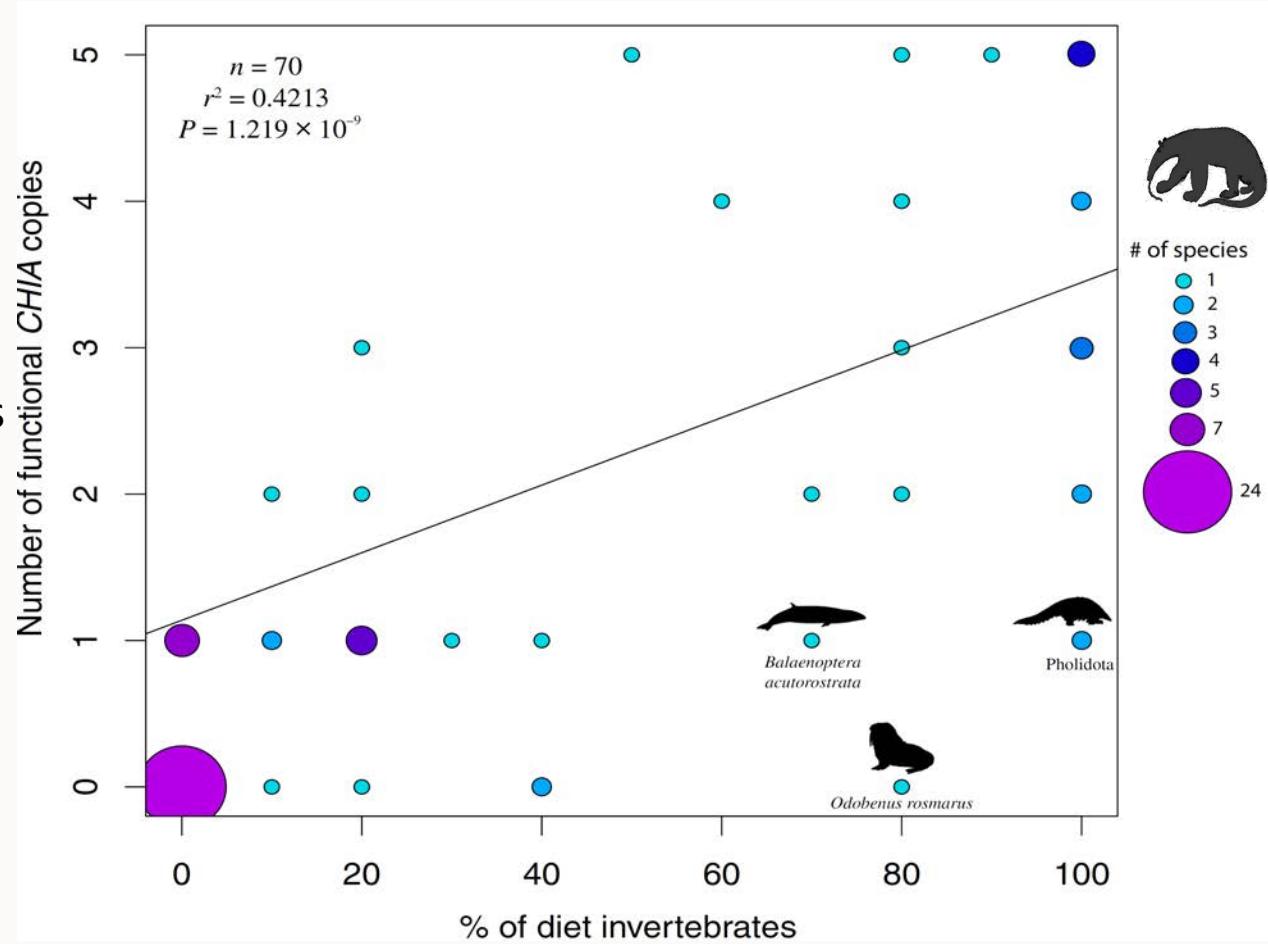
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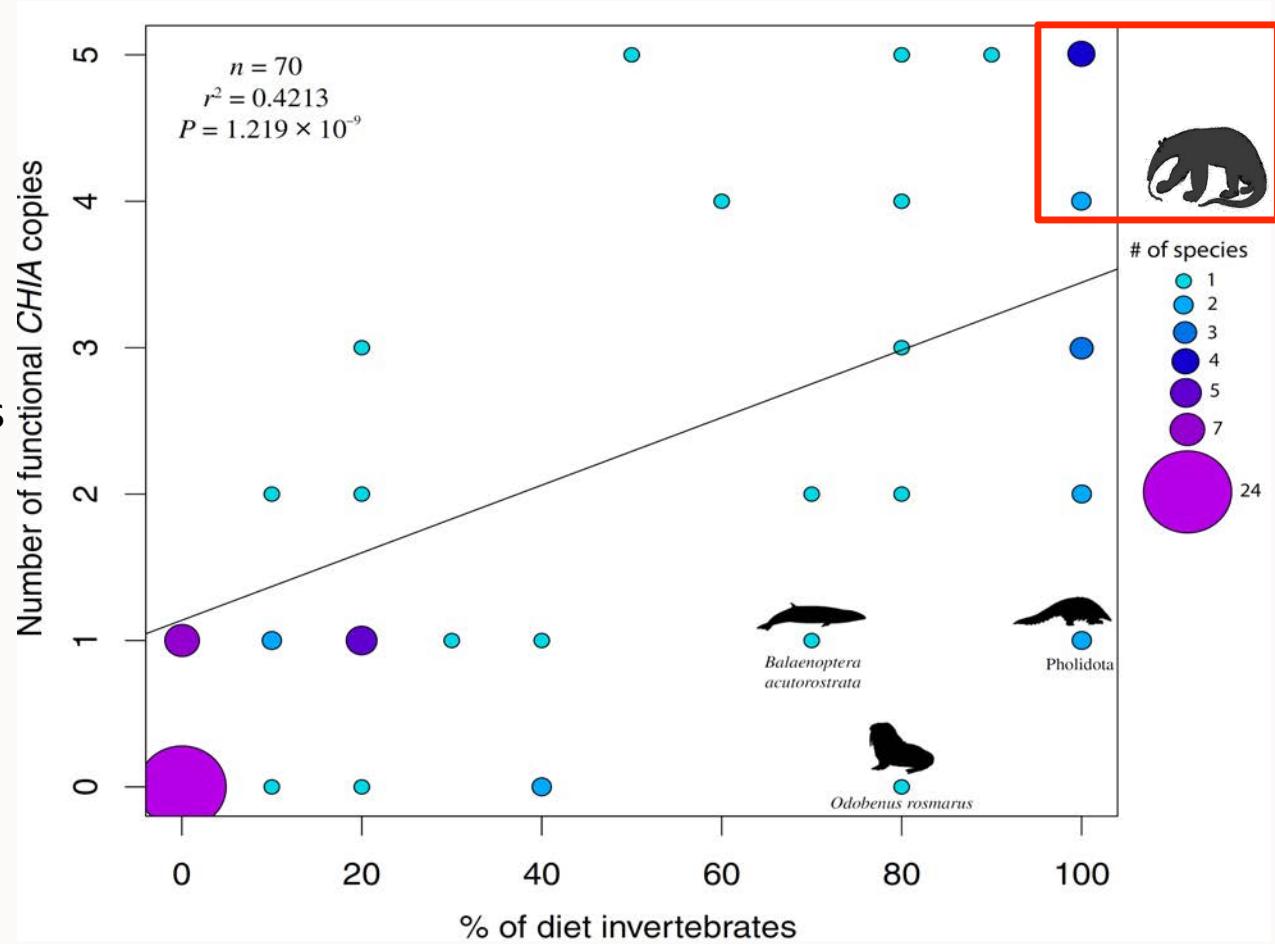
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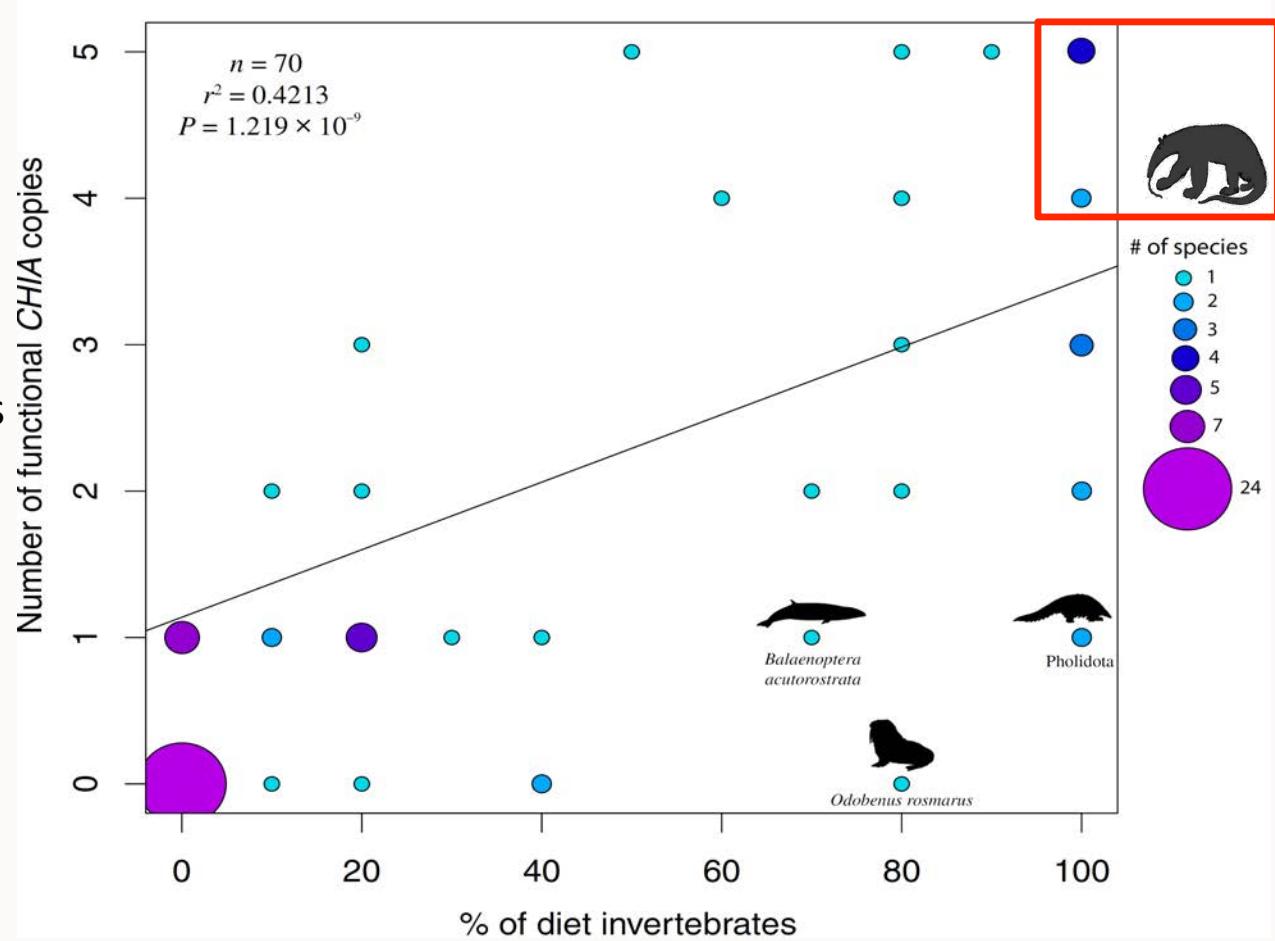
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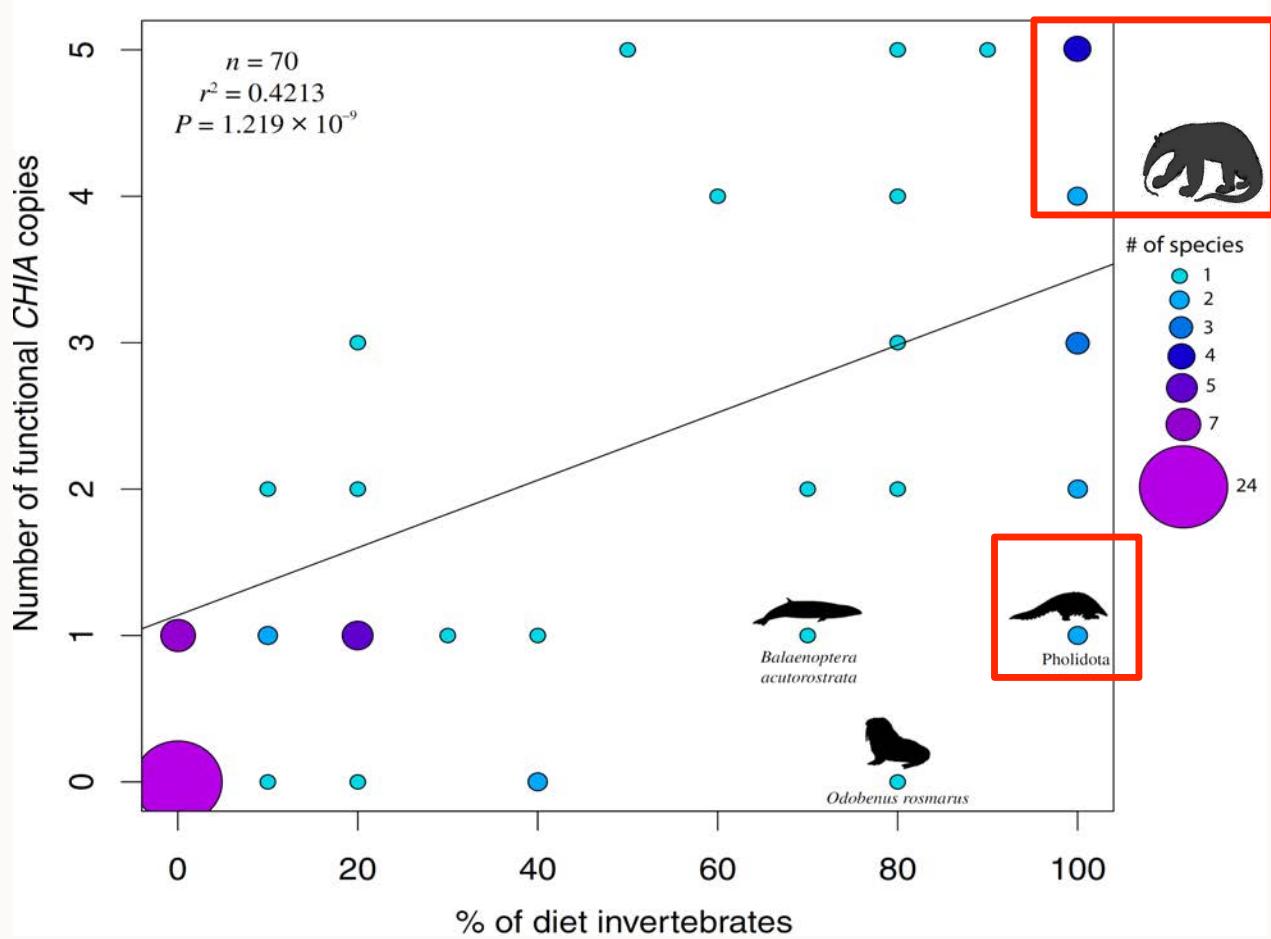
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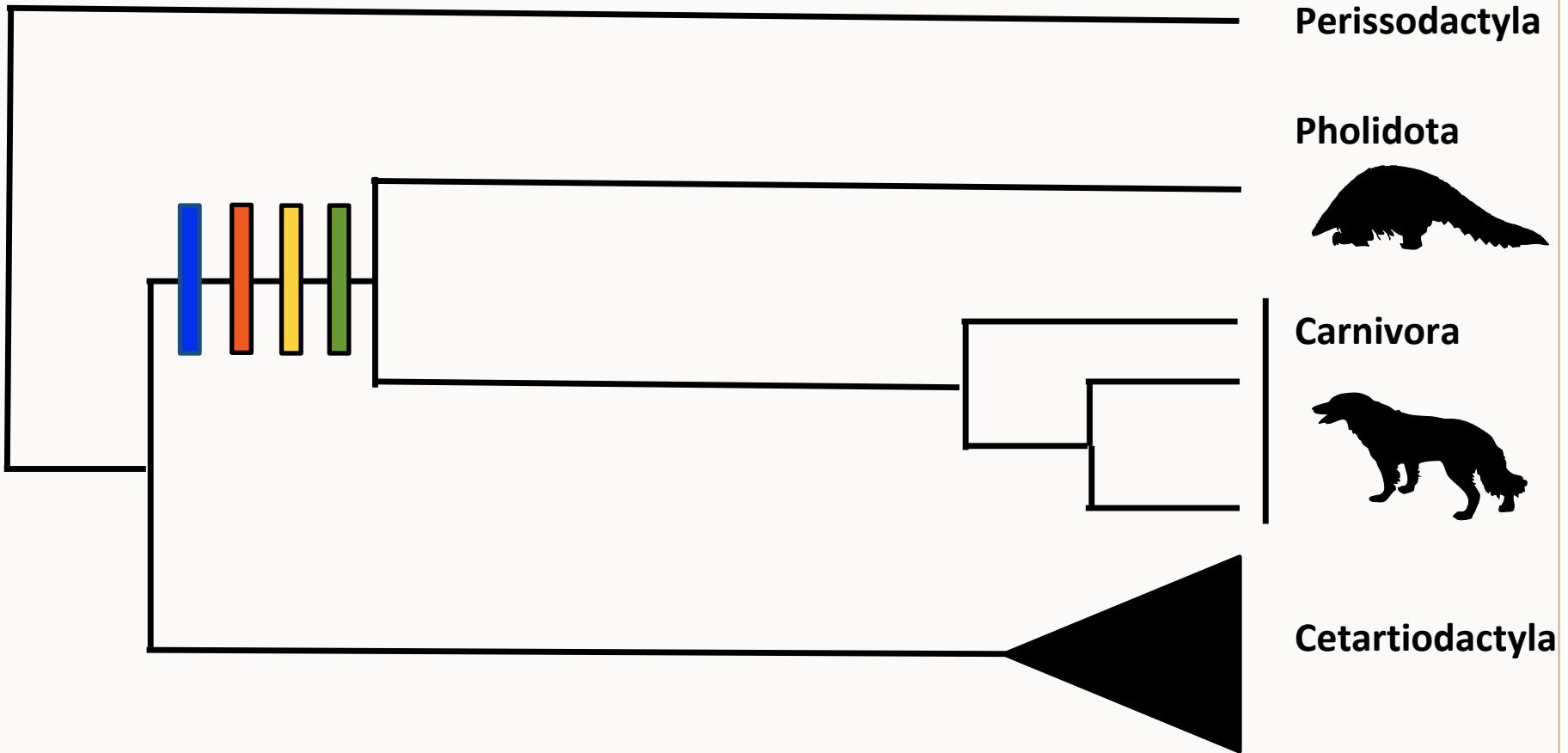
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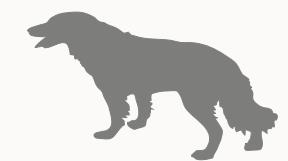


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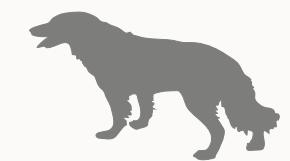
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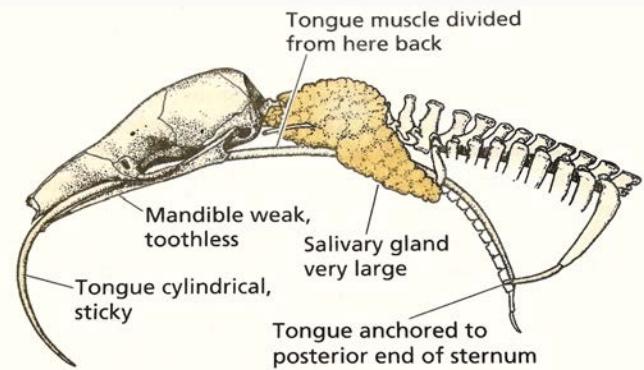
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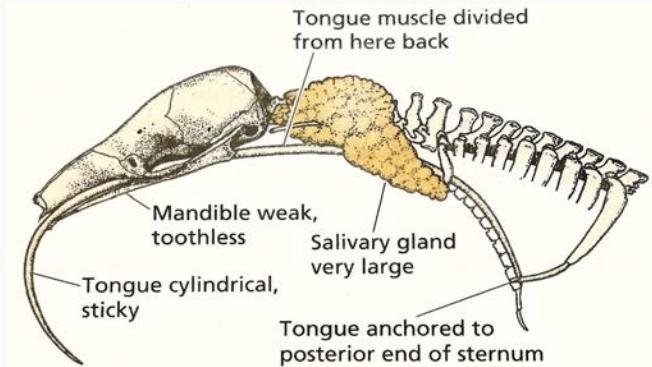
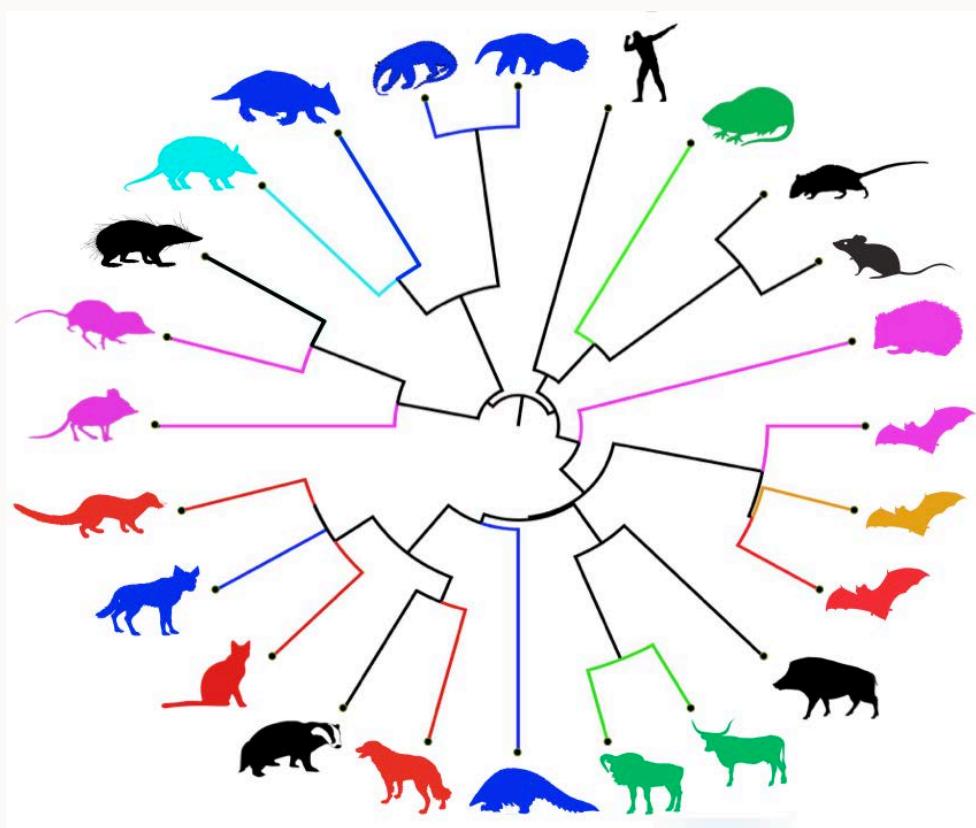
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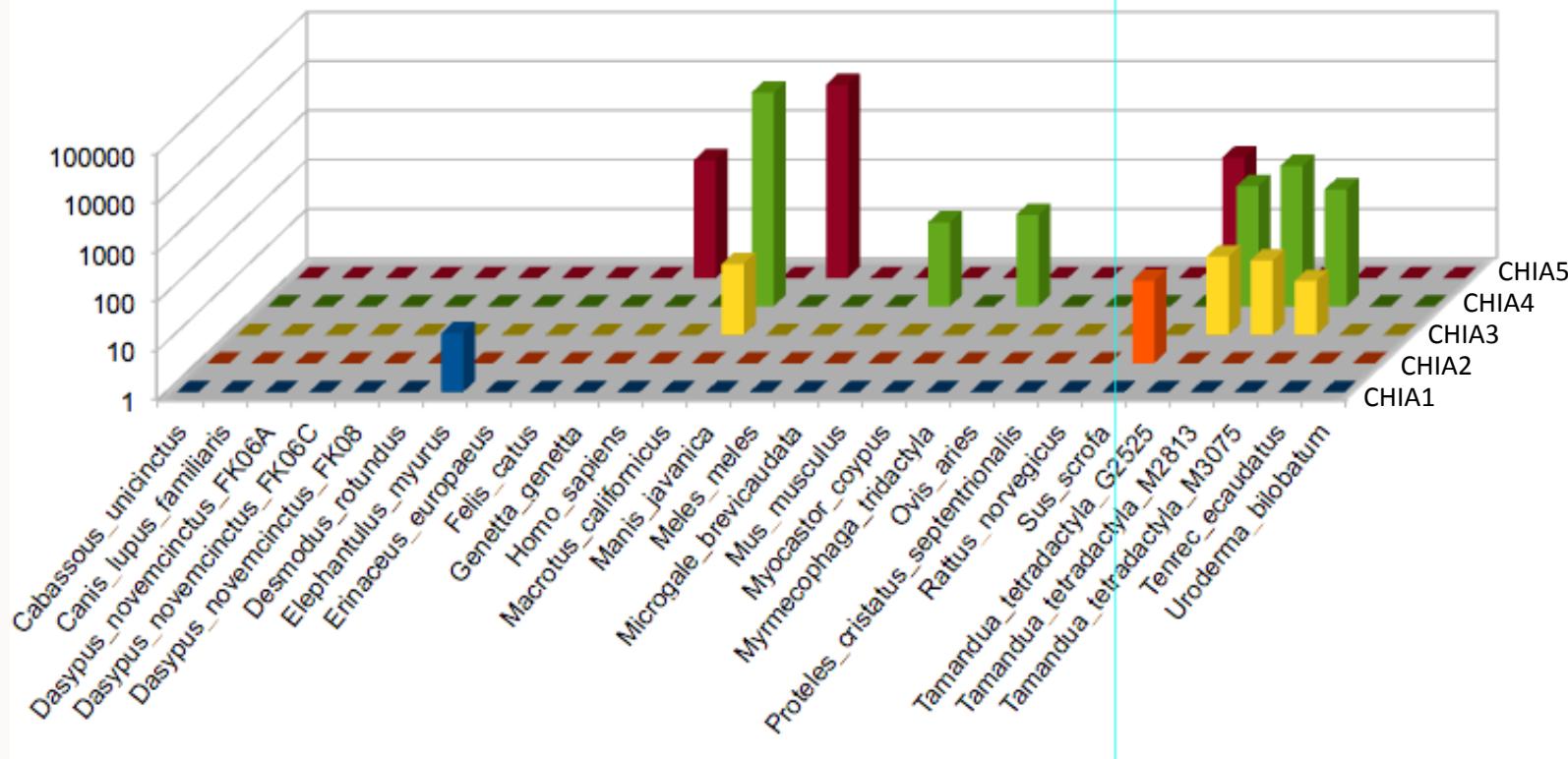
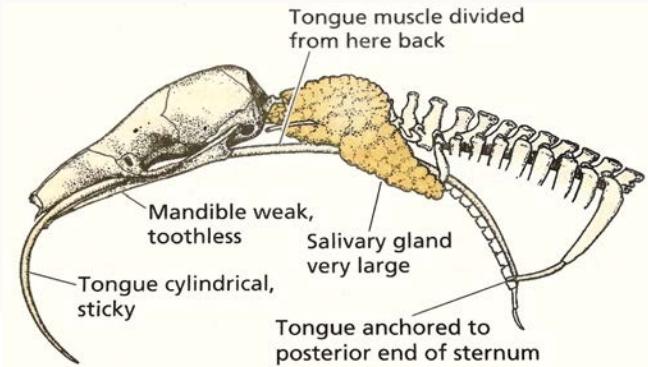


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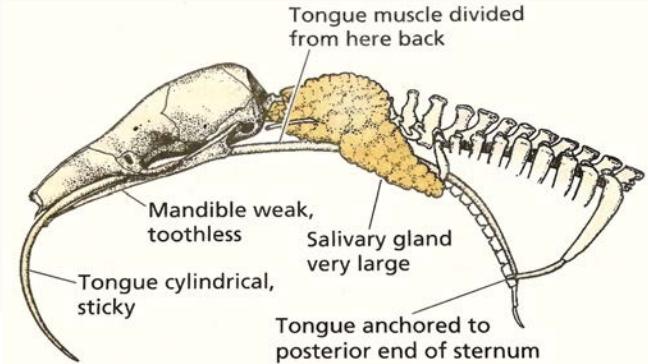
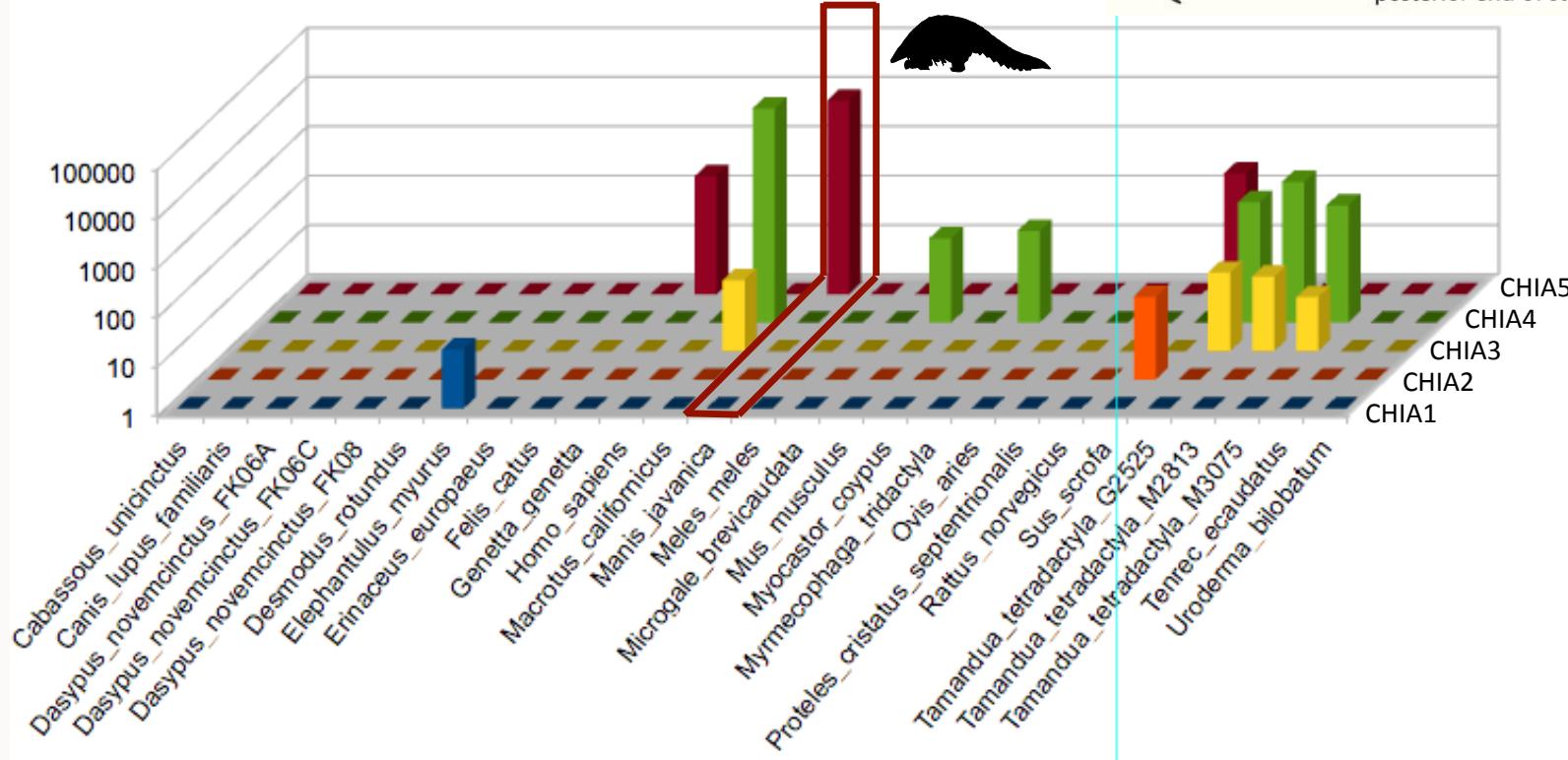
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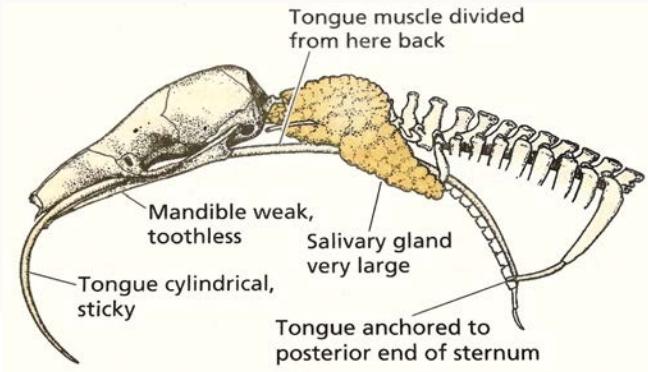
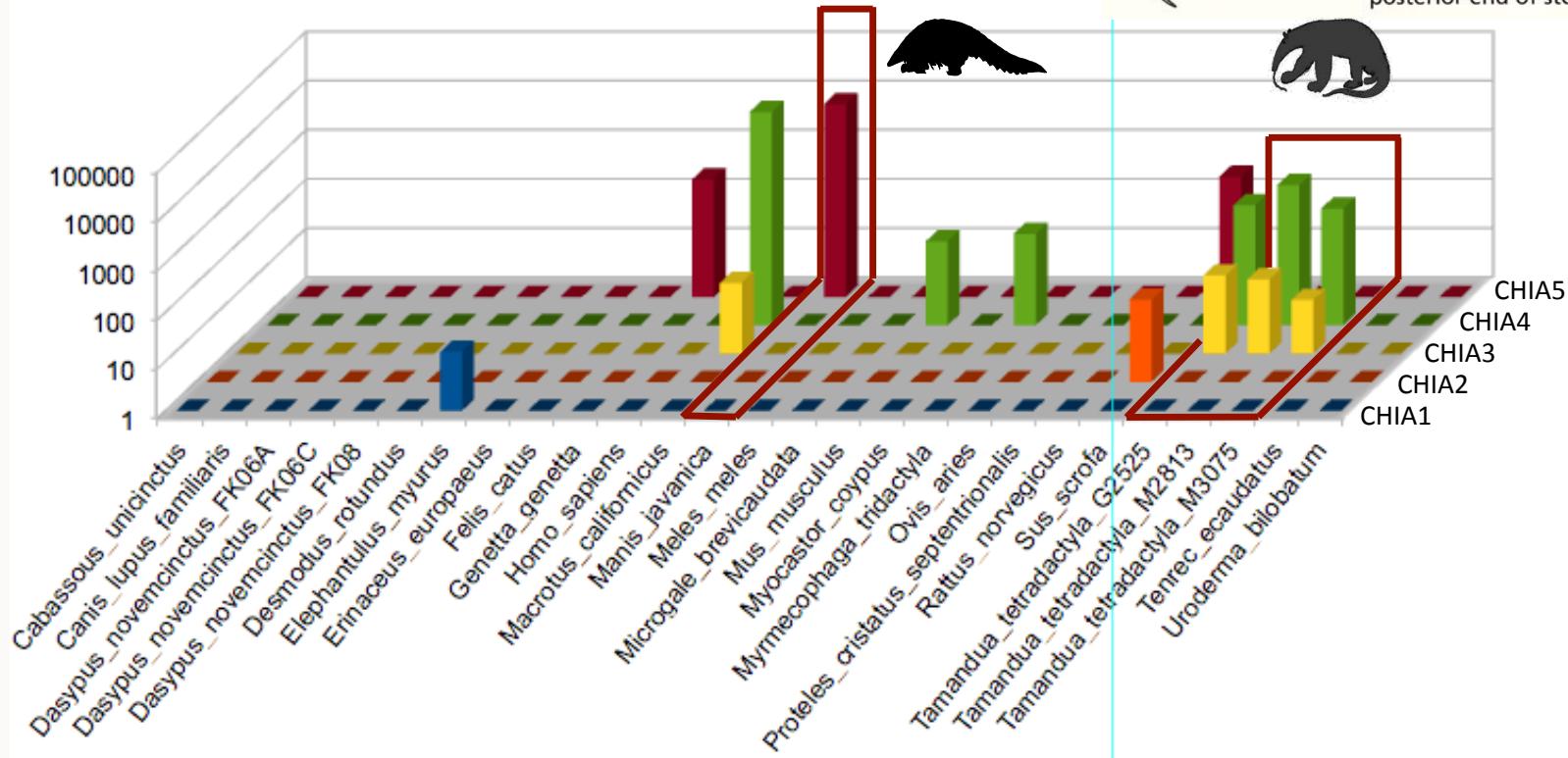
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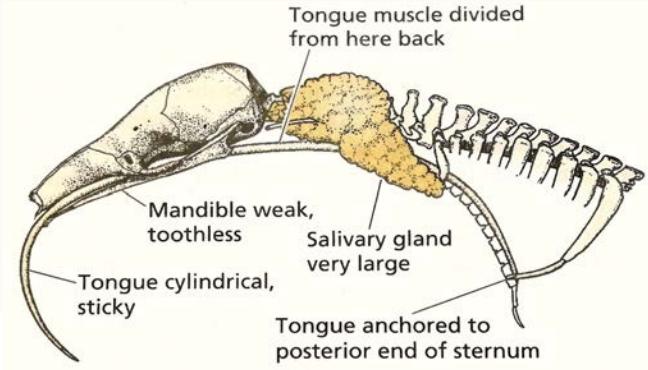
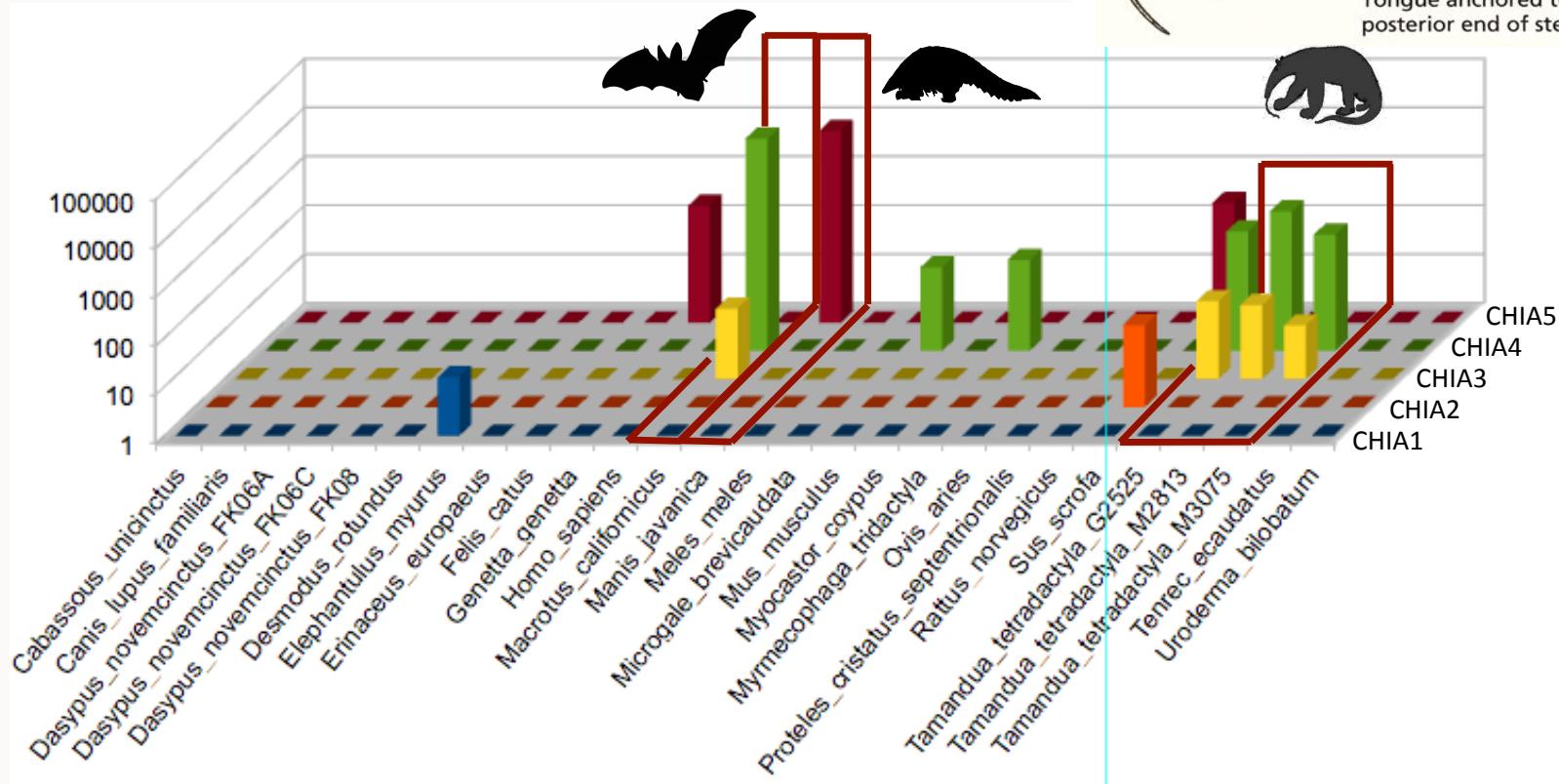
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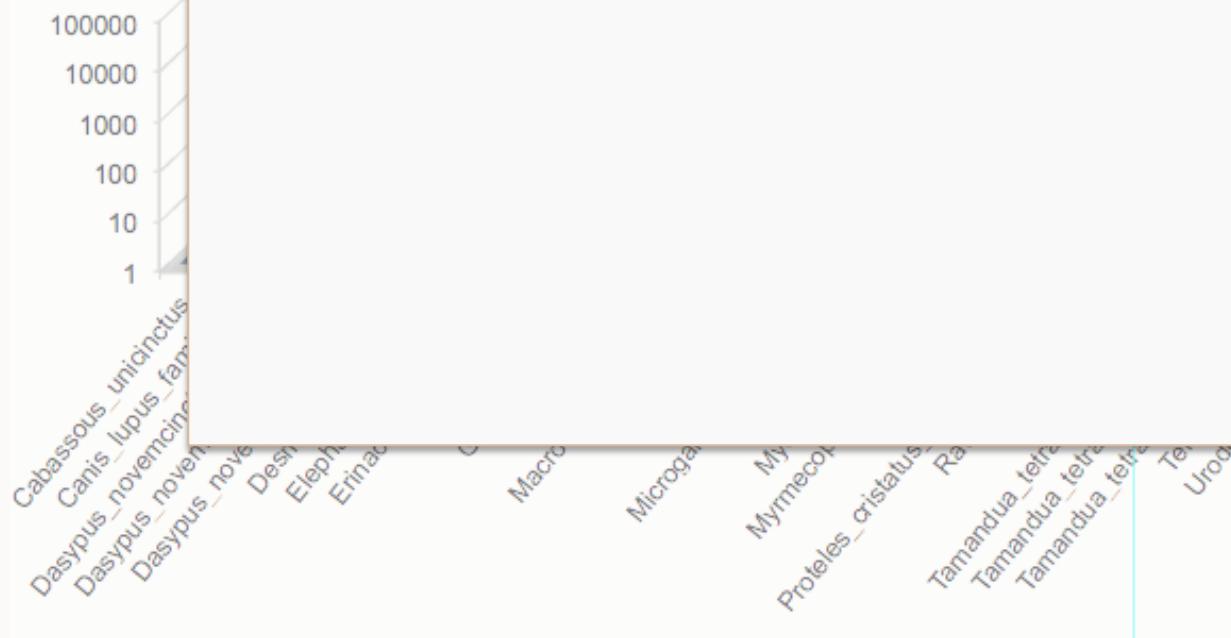


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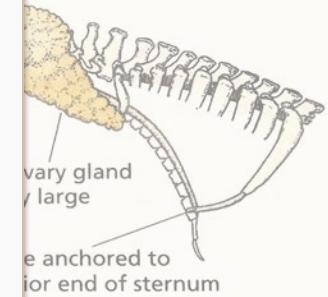
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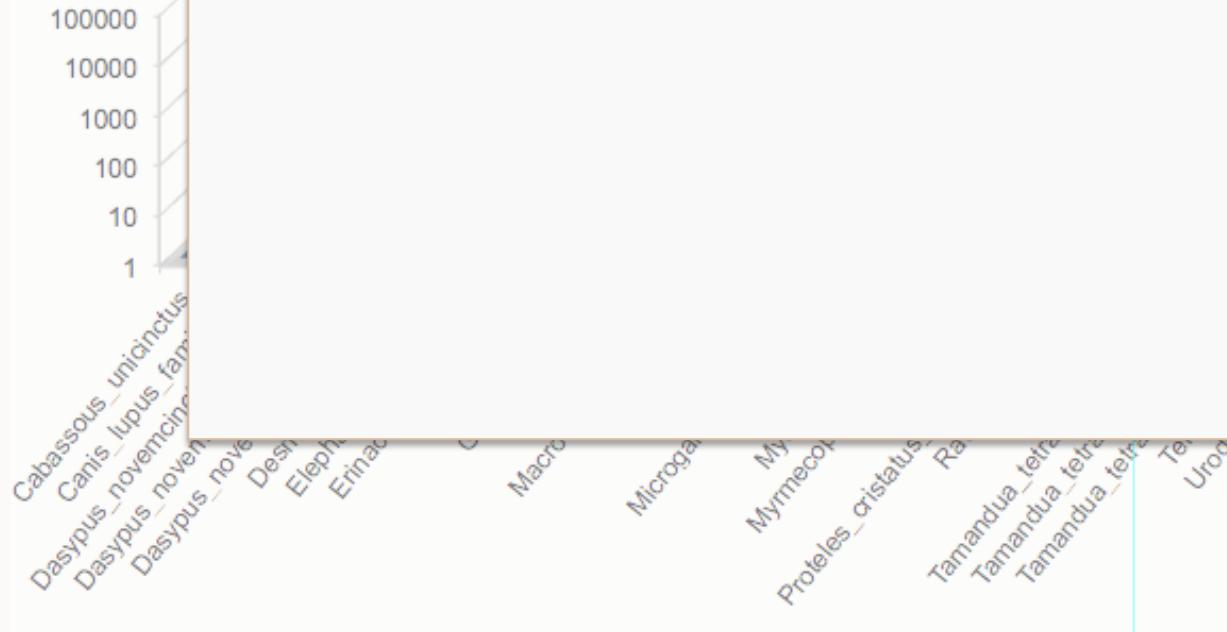
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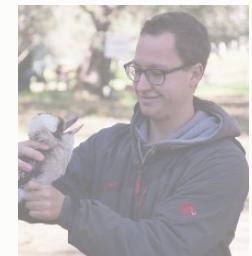
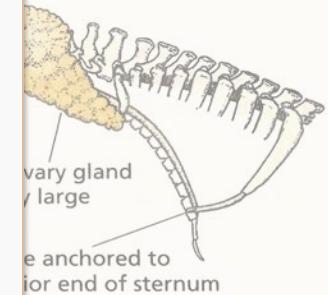
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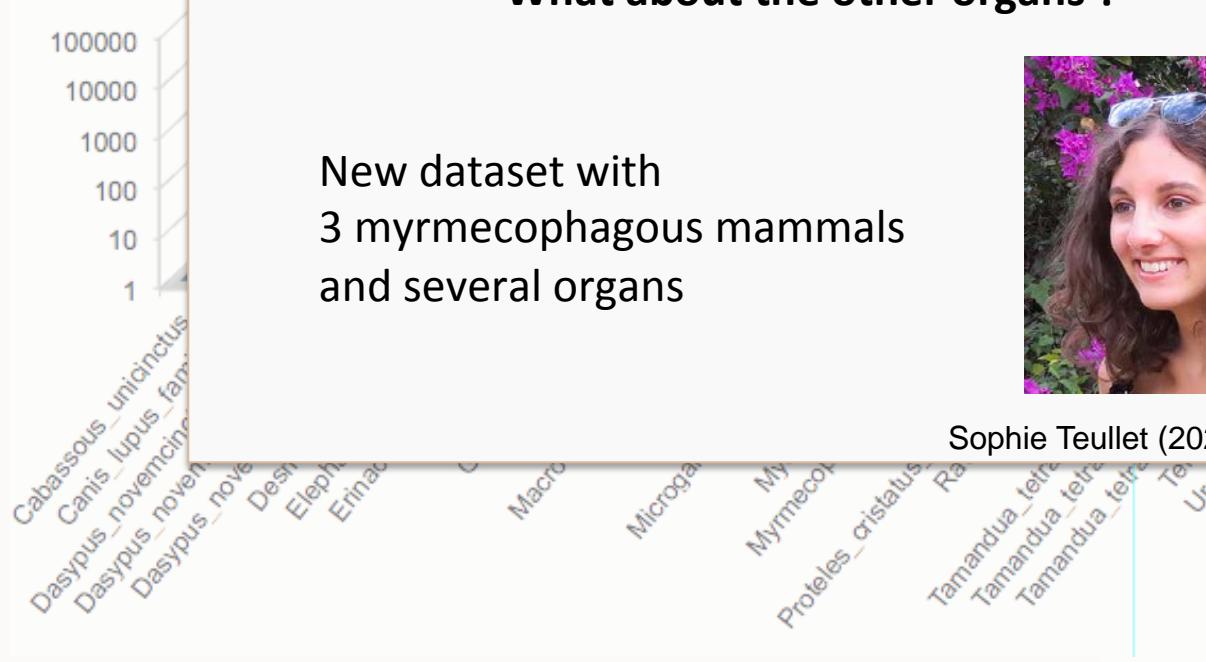


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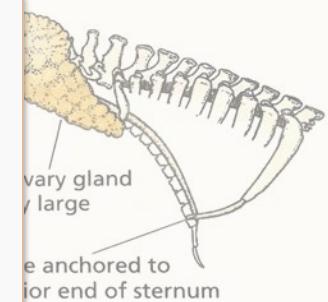
New dataset with
3 myrmecophagous mammals
and several organs



Sophie Teullet (2020) Master thesis



Tongue muscle divided
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CHIA5
CHIA4
CHIA3
A2



Dave Lutgen (2019) Master thesis

Comparative transcriptomics across different organs

Digestive organs

Manis javanica



CHIA1

CHIA2

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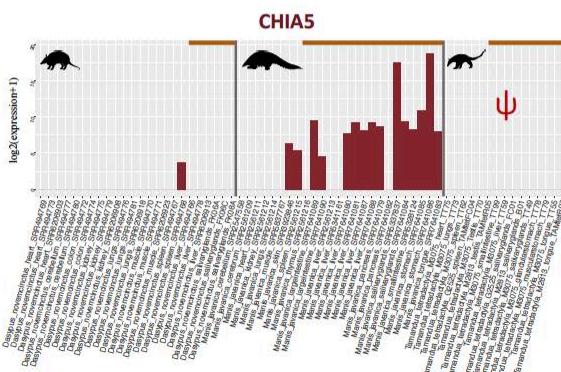
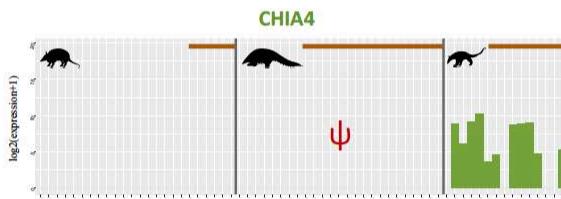
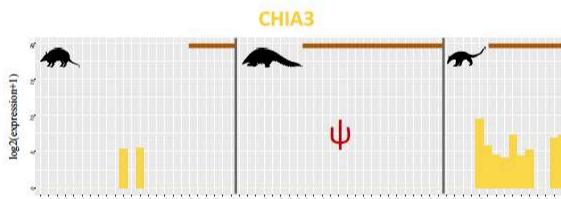
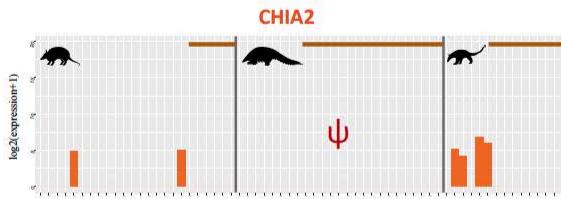
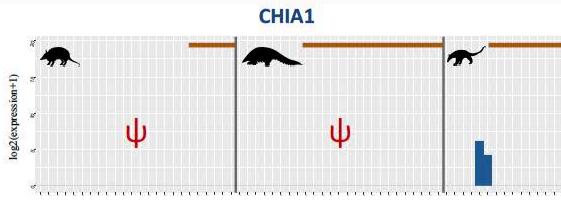
CHIA3



Many digestive organs:

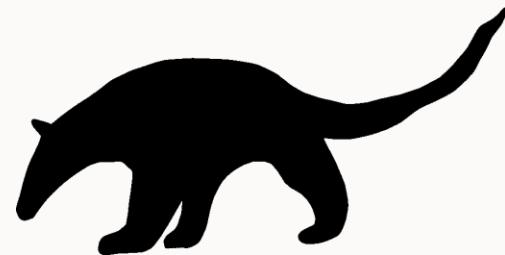
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ψ Pseudogenes

Tamandua tetradactyla



CHIA1

CHIA2



CHIA5

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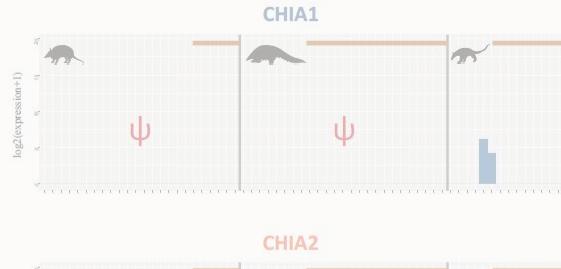
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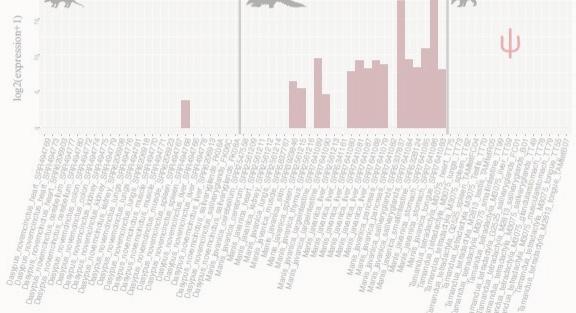
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Summary

PART 1 - Phylogenomics and comparative genomics in myrmecophagous mammals



Take Home Message

Roadkill tissues are suitable for
long DNA sequencing



Species delineation possible
with few individuals



High quality genomes for study convergence



Impact of historical contingency



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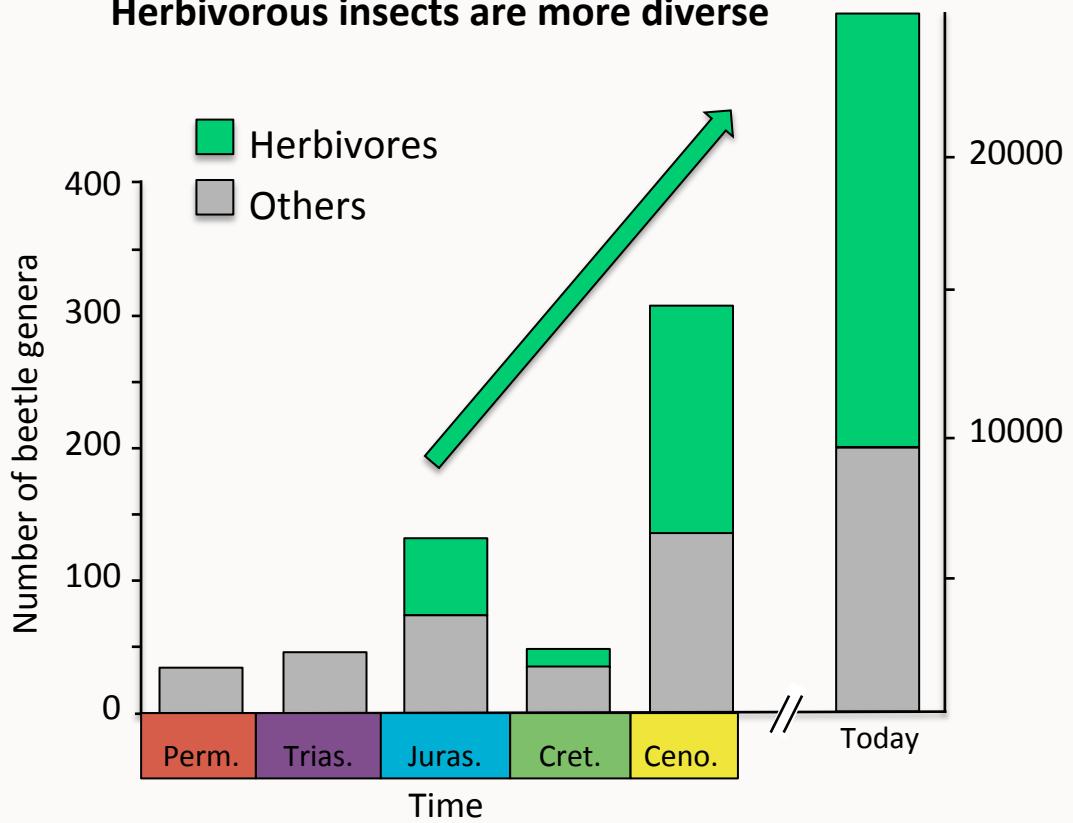
**PART 2 - The case of coevolution between
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and their host plants**



CONTEXT

- 1 million insect species
- 300,000 plant species

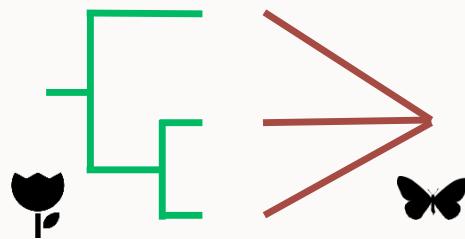
Herbivorous insects are more diverse



What is the role of interaction in diversification?

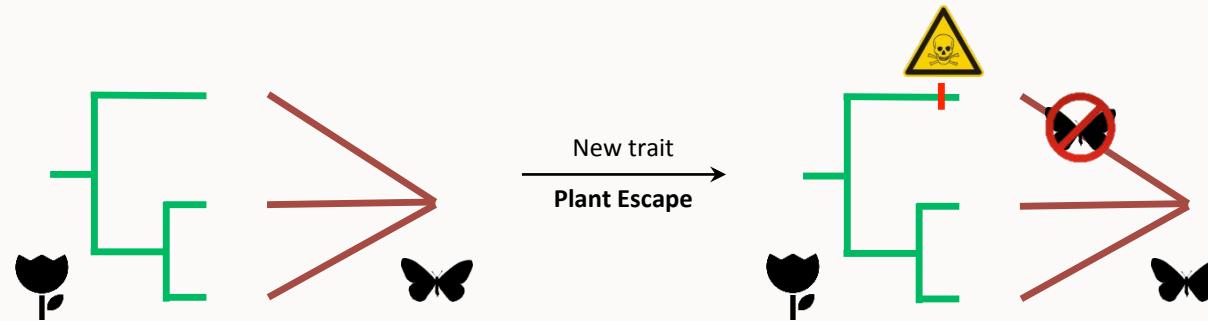
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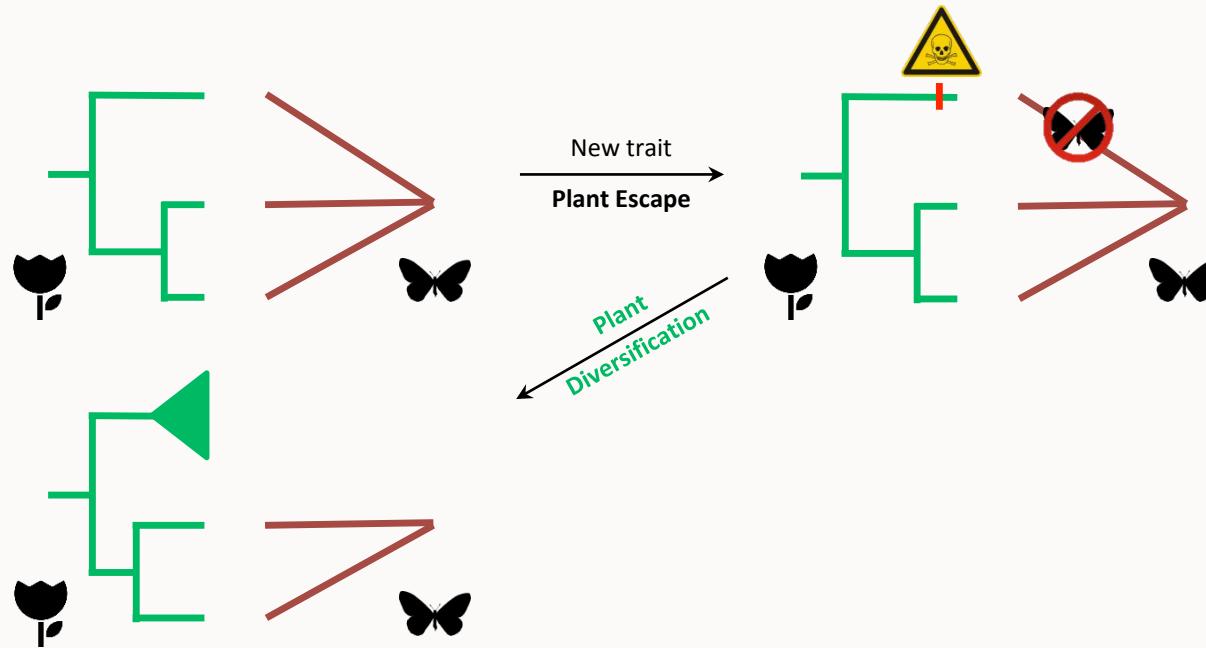
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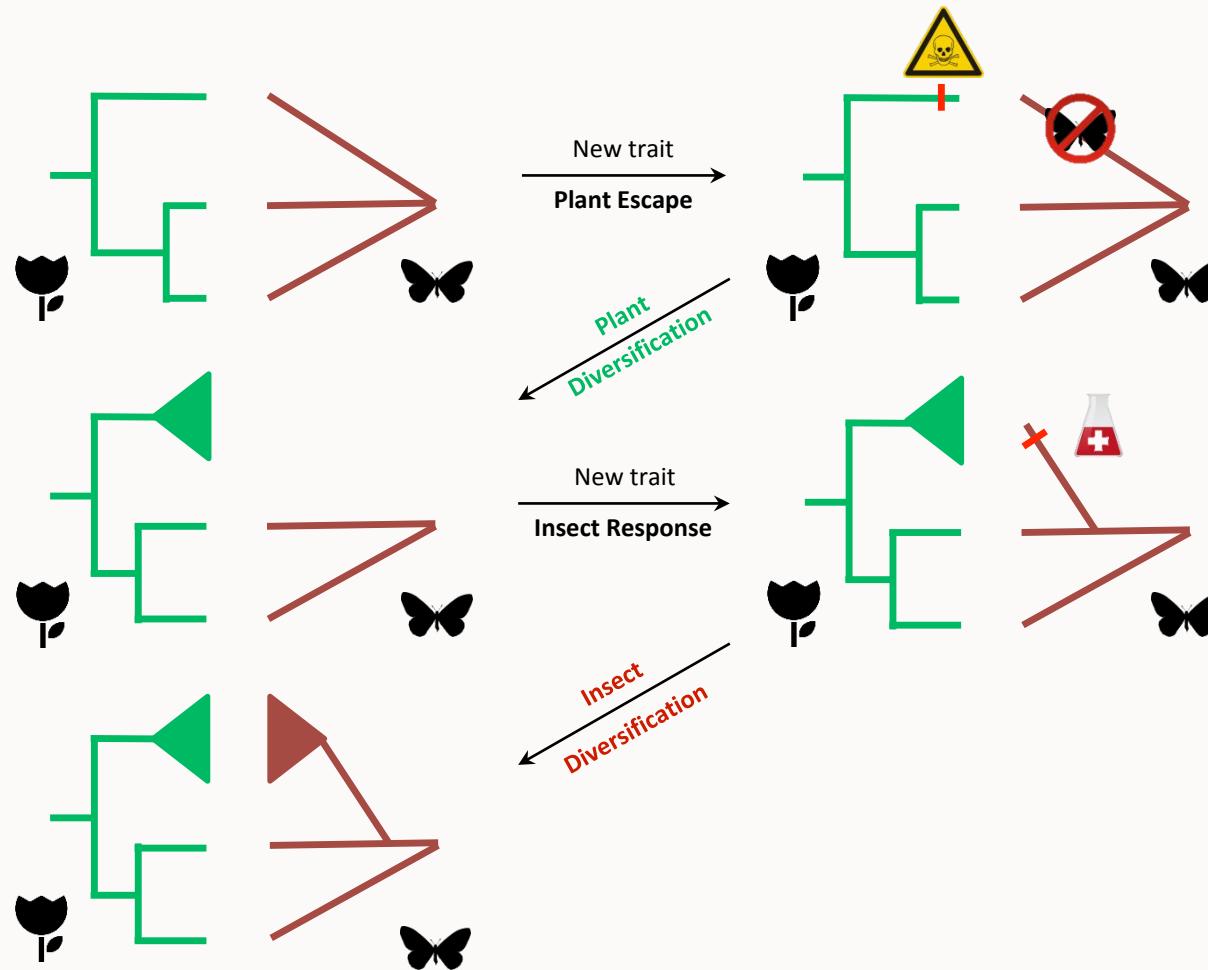
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The swallowtail butterflies (Papilionidae)



Allancastria

Archon

Atrophaneura

Baronia

Battus



Bhutanitis

Byasa

Cressida

Euryades

Eurytides



Graphium

Hypermnestra

Iphiclidès

Lamproptera

Luehdorfia



Meandrusa

Mimoides

Ornithoptera

Pachliopta

Papilio



Parides

Parnassius

Pharmacophagus

Protesilaus

Protographium



Sericinus

Teinopalpus

Troides

Trogonoptera

Zerynthia

- Well known family
- High morphological diversity
- 32 genera in 570+ species
- Feed on 12 families of flowering plants



Aristolochiaceae



Rutaceae ...



Annonaceae

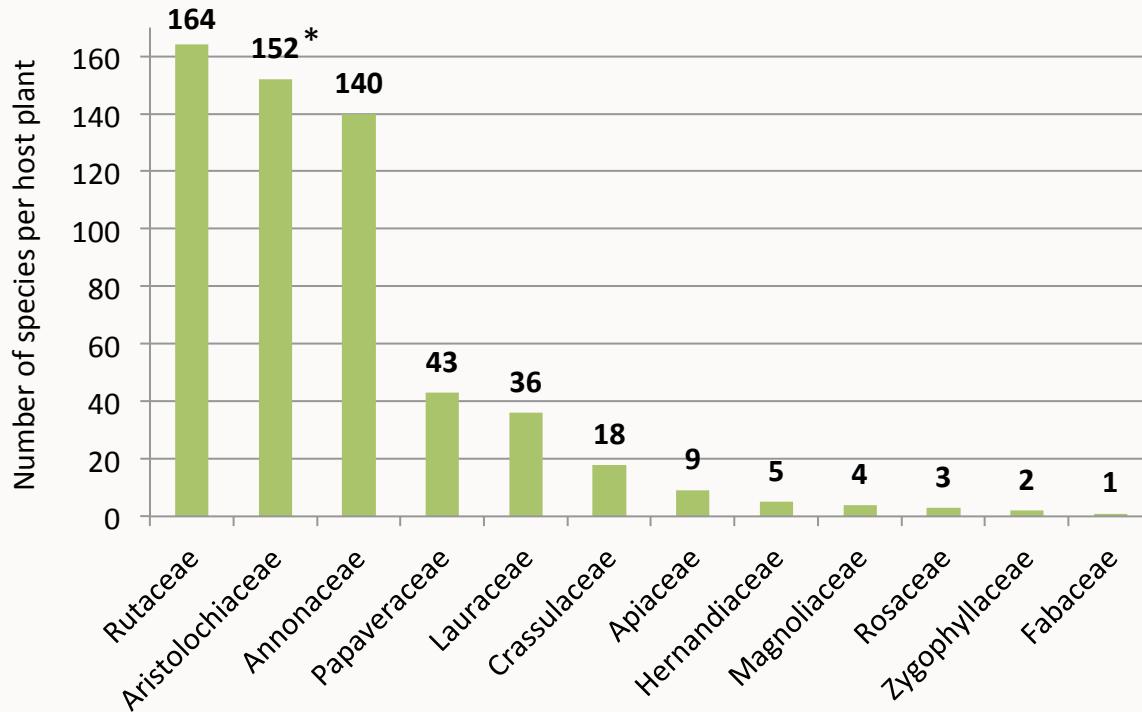


Apiaceae

- Many species are monophagous
= specialists

Swallowtail butterflies and their host plants

Highly **unbalanced associations** between papilionid diversity and host plants



* Three groups **are specialized** on Aristolochiaceae (highly toxic plants, Aristolochic acid)

Sequestration of toxic compounds → **Defense** against predators

Swallowtails on:

Rutaceae



Annonaceae



Aristolochiaceae

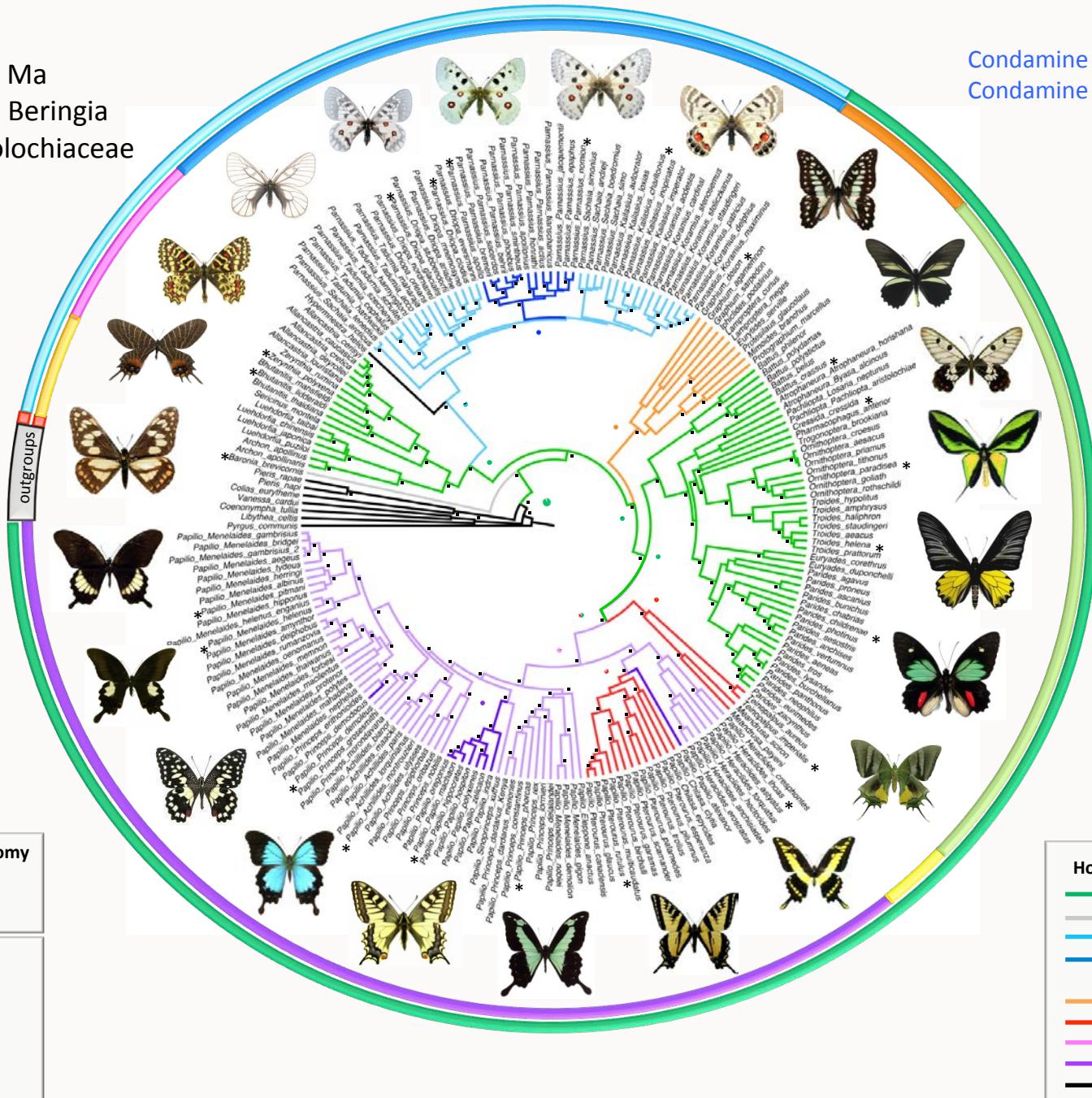


Hypothesis of **coevolution** between Papilionidae and their host plants

Papilionidae:

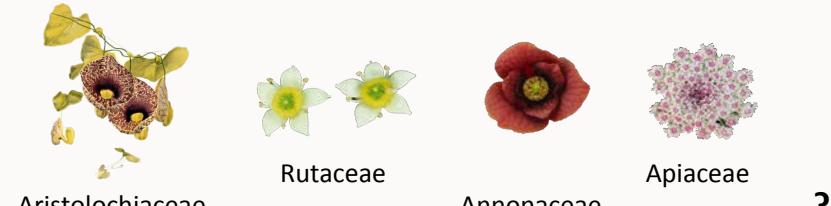
- appeared 52 Ma
- originated in Beringia
- fed on Aristolochiaceae

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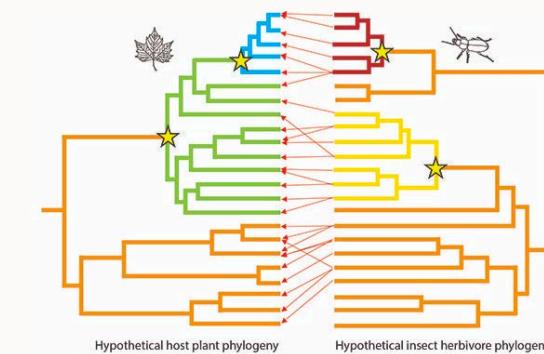


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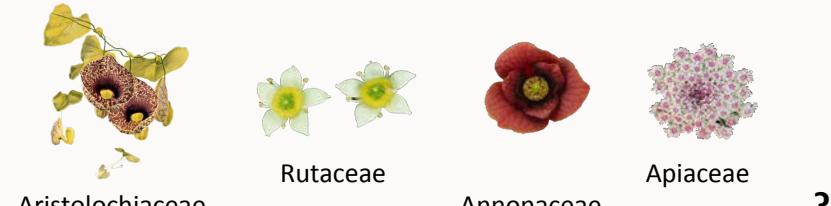


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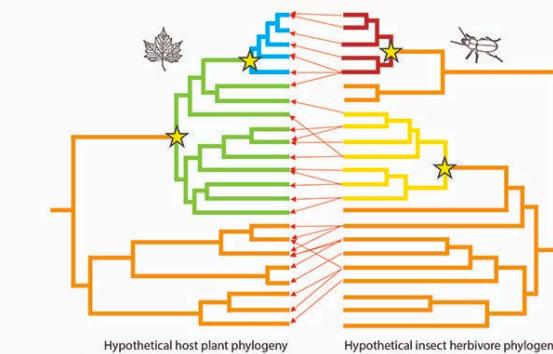
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Inferring the most comprehensive and robust phylogeny with Sanger data

Sanger sequencing for 408 species (72% of the diversity)



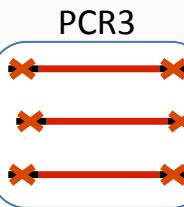
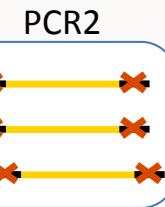
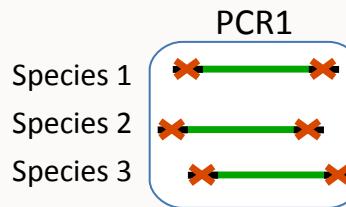
DNA extractions



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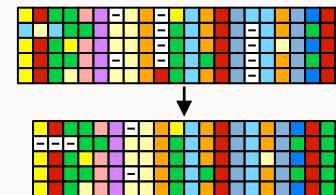


Sequence cleaning



Alignments

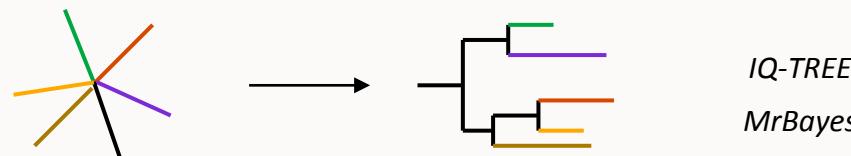
Geneious



MAFFT
Mesquite

Phylogenetic inferences

Dataset:
- 408 species (+ 20 outgroups)
- 7 genes ; 5 873 nucleotides

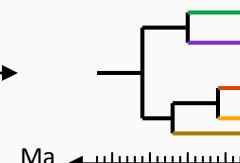
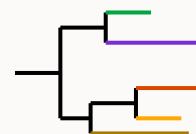
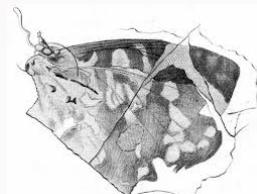


Molecular dating

4 fossils

4 ingroup fossils

Outgroups excluded

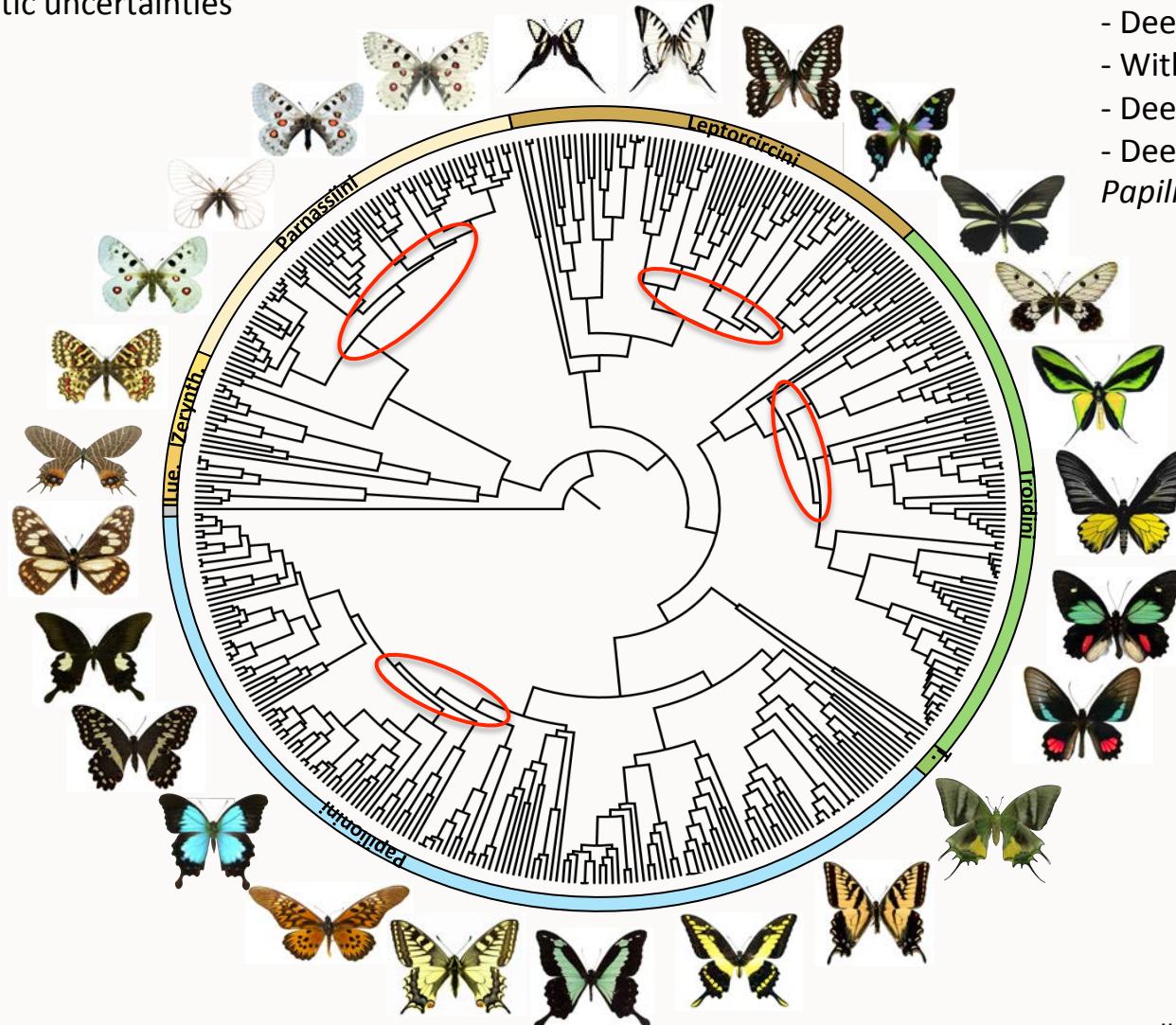


BEAST

Inferring the most comprehensive and robust phylogeny with Sanger data

MrBayes: 100 M. MCMC generations

Phylogenetic uncertainties



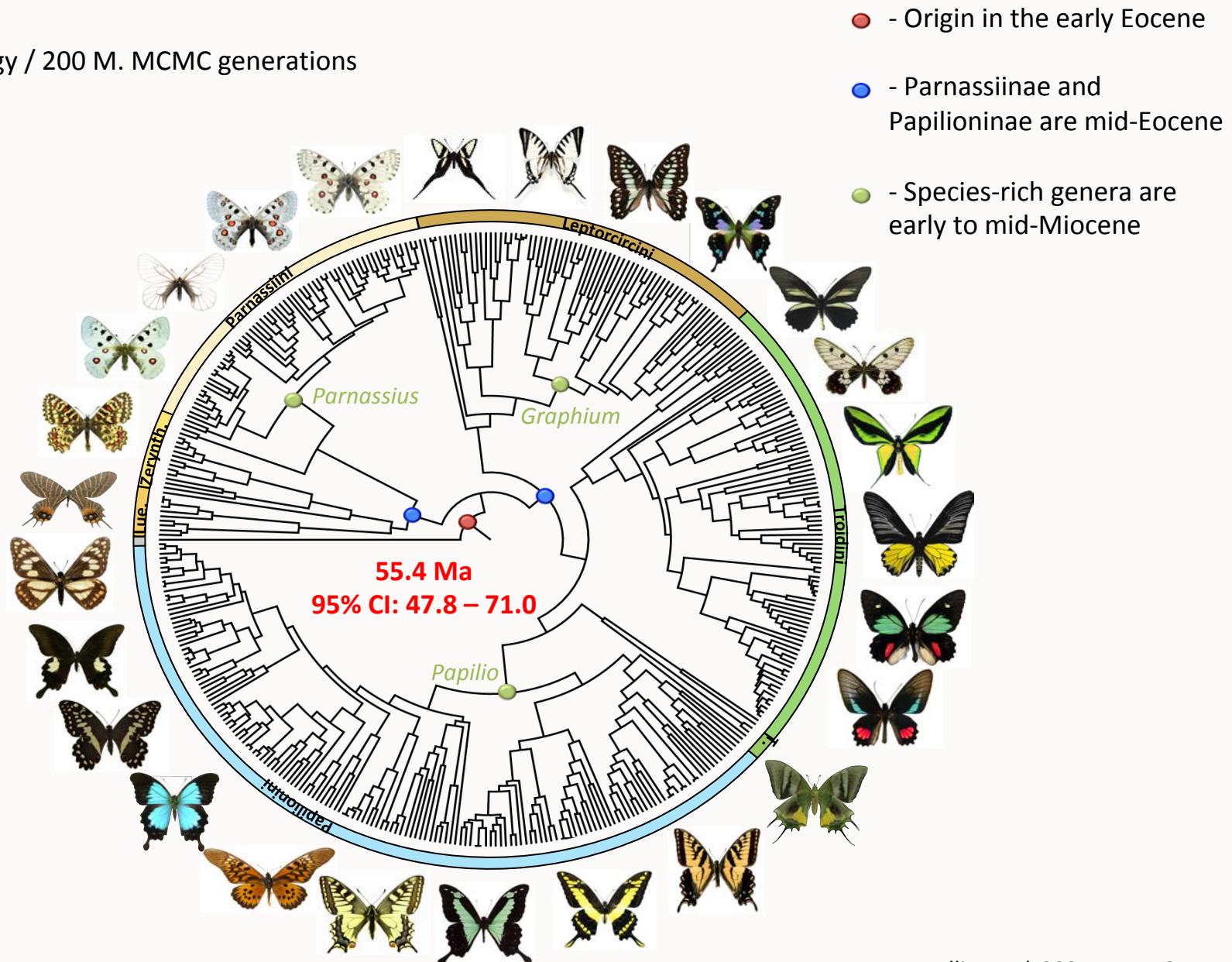
85% of nodes had PP ≥ 0.95

Not well resolved in rapid radiations such as:

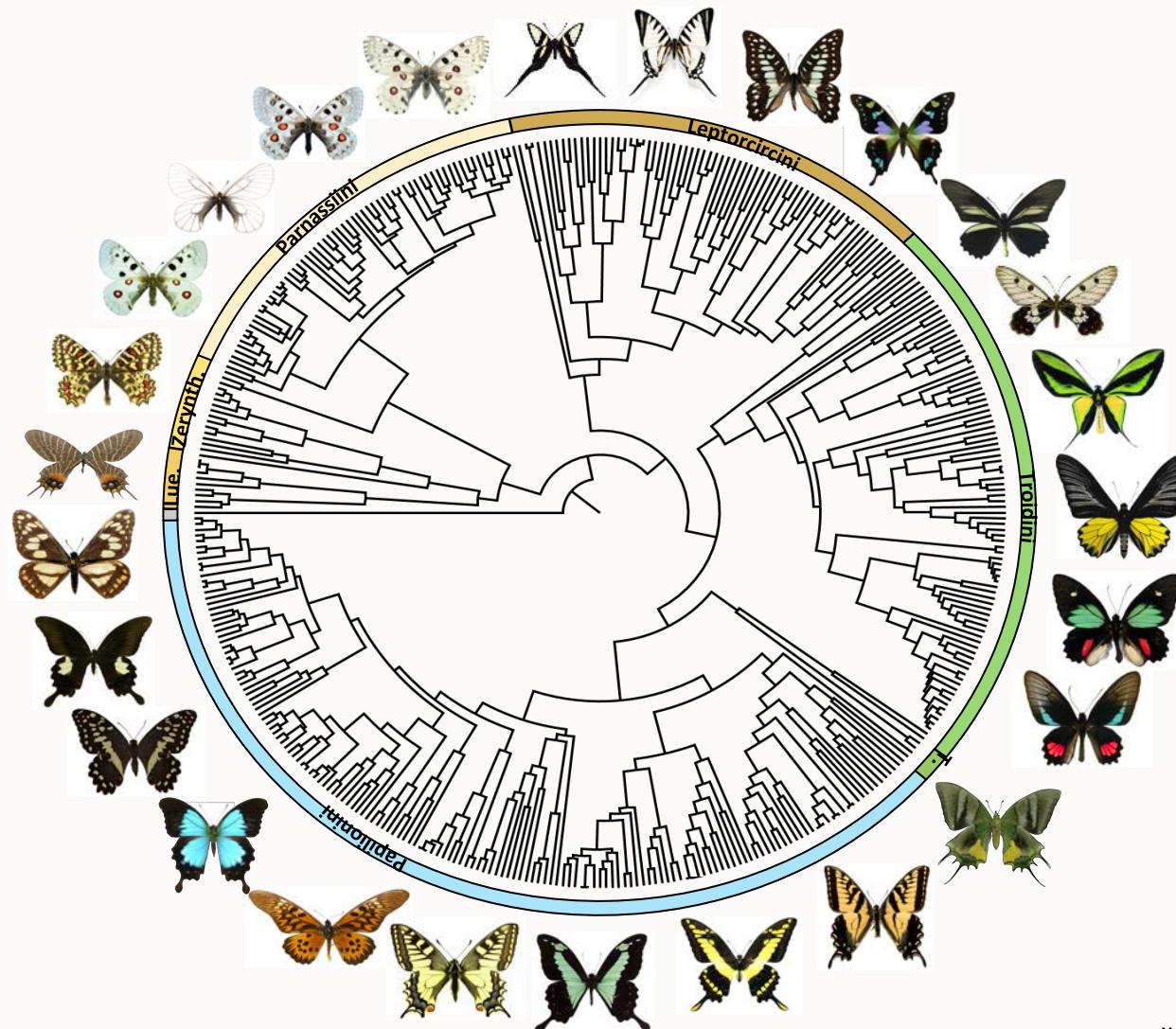
- Deep nodes in *Parnassius*
- Within *Graphium*
- Deep nodes in *Troidina*
- Deep nodes in Old World *Papilio*

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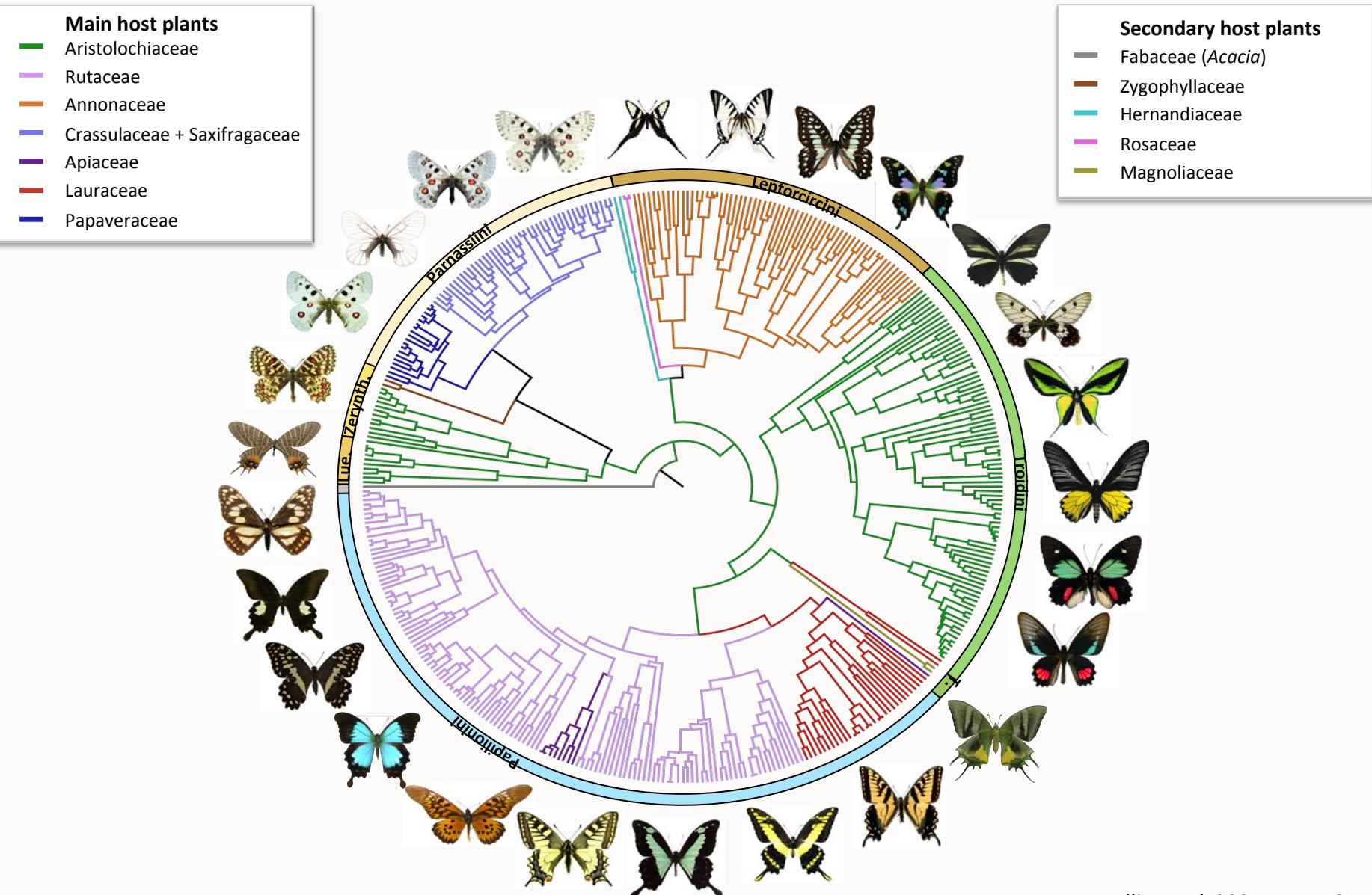
BEAST: fix topology / 200 M. MCMC generations



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Applying the same approach
to Aristolochiaceae feeders

1. Wh

-> Which genus Papilionidae
fed on 55 Ma

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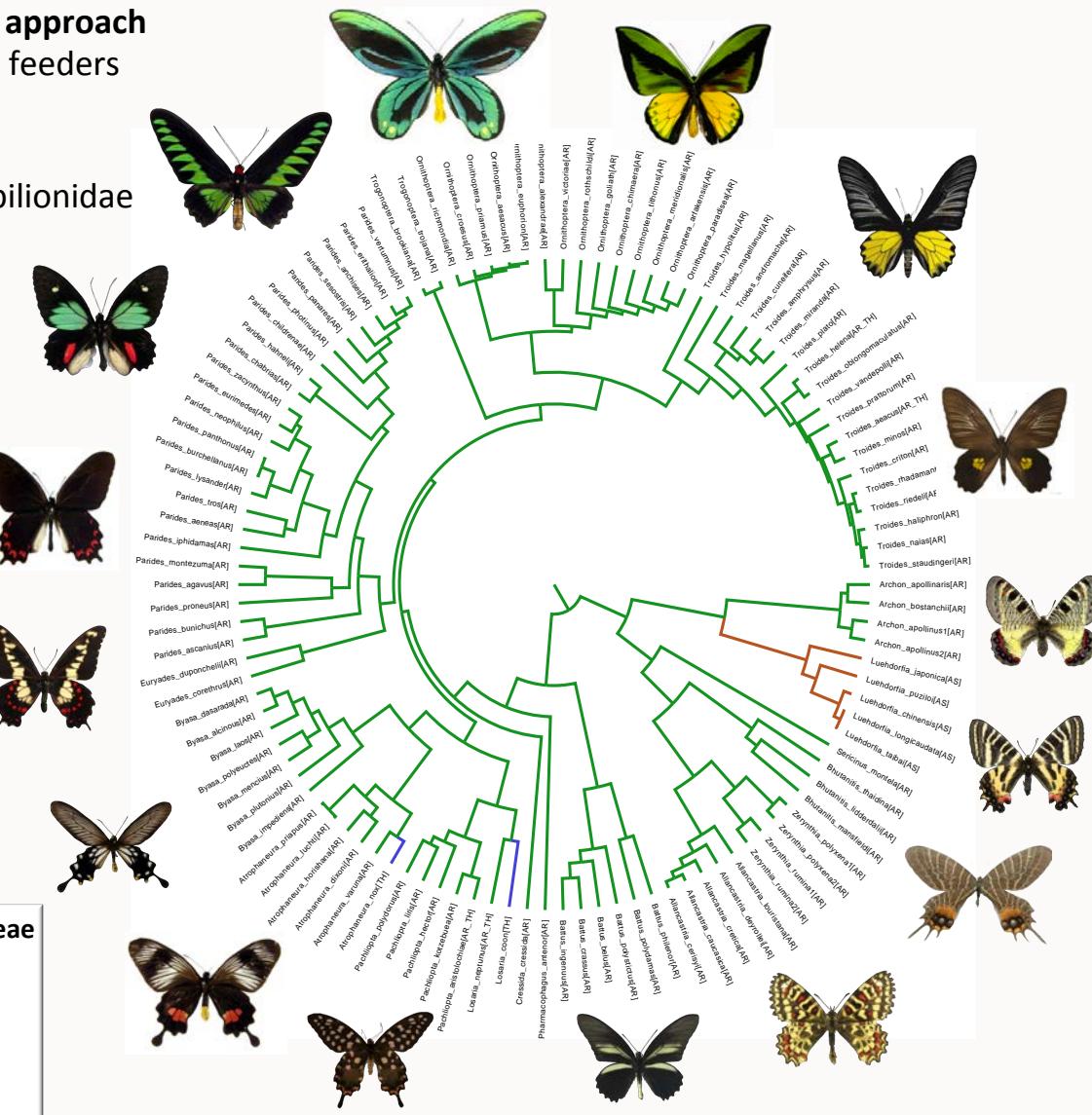
3. Bio

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s?

Genera of Aristolochiaceae

- *Aristolochia* [AR]
- *Asarum* [AS]
- *Thottea* [TH]



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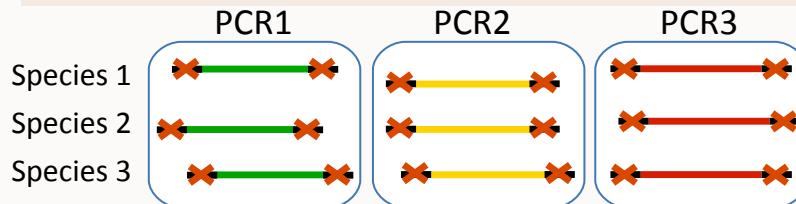
Collaborations
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GenBank data

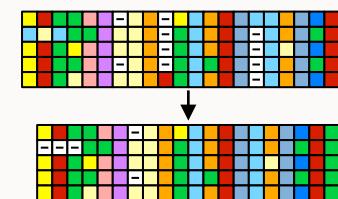


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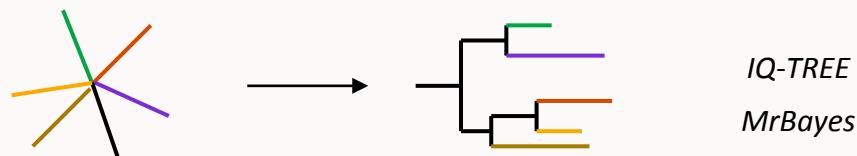
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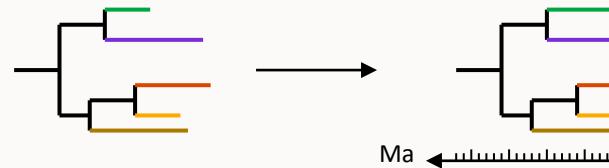
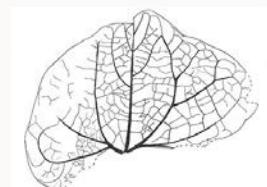
Dataset: - 247 species (+ 6 outgroups)
- 5 genes ; 4 377 nucleotides



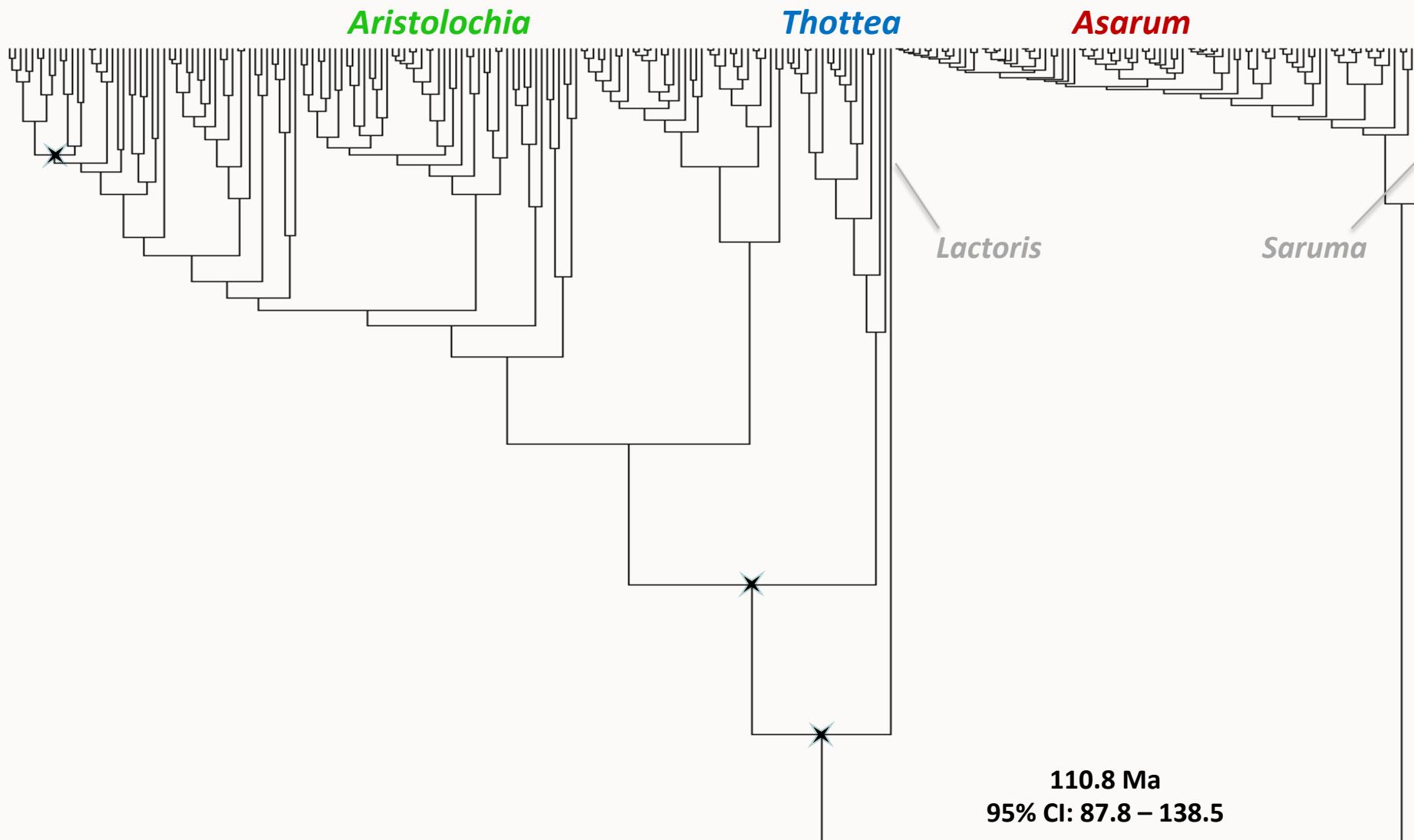
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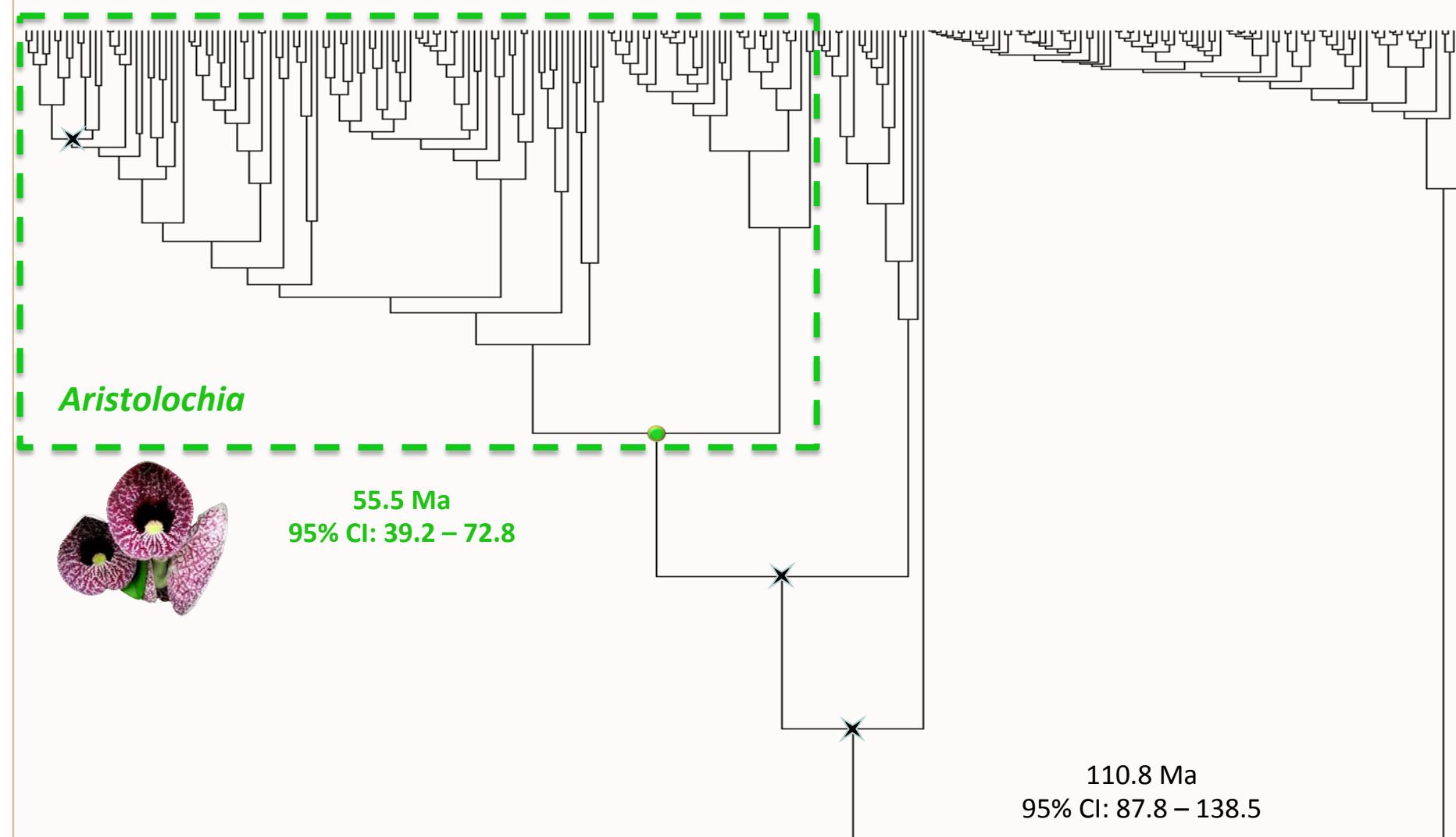
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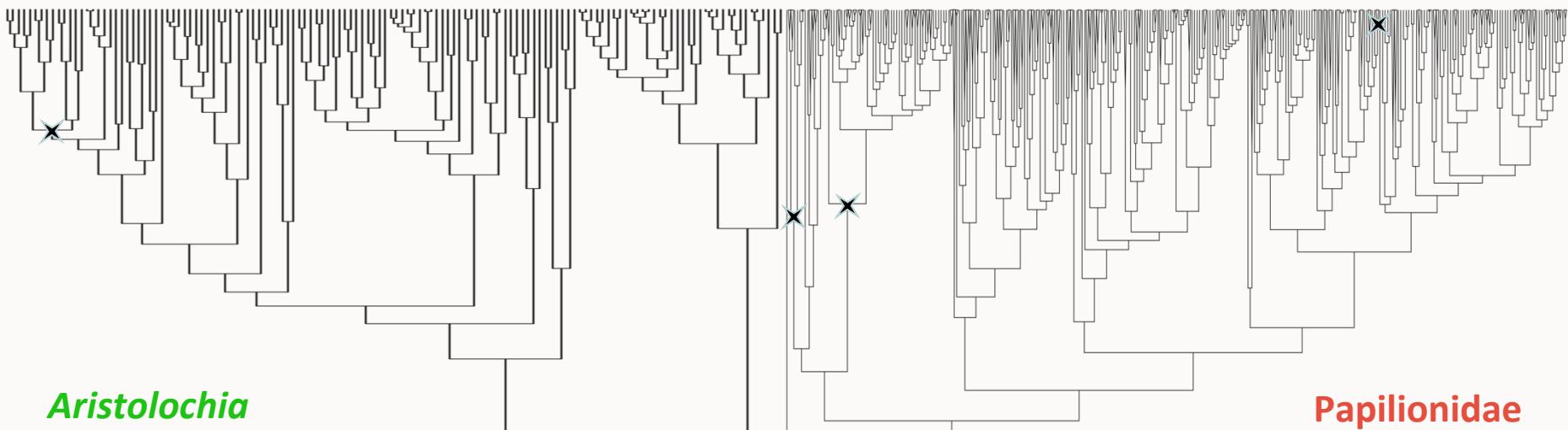
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Comparing herbivore and host plant origins



Aristolochia



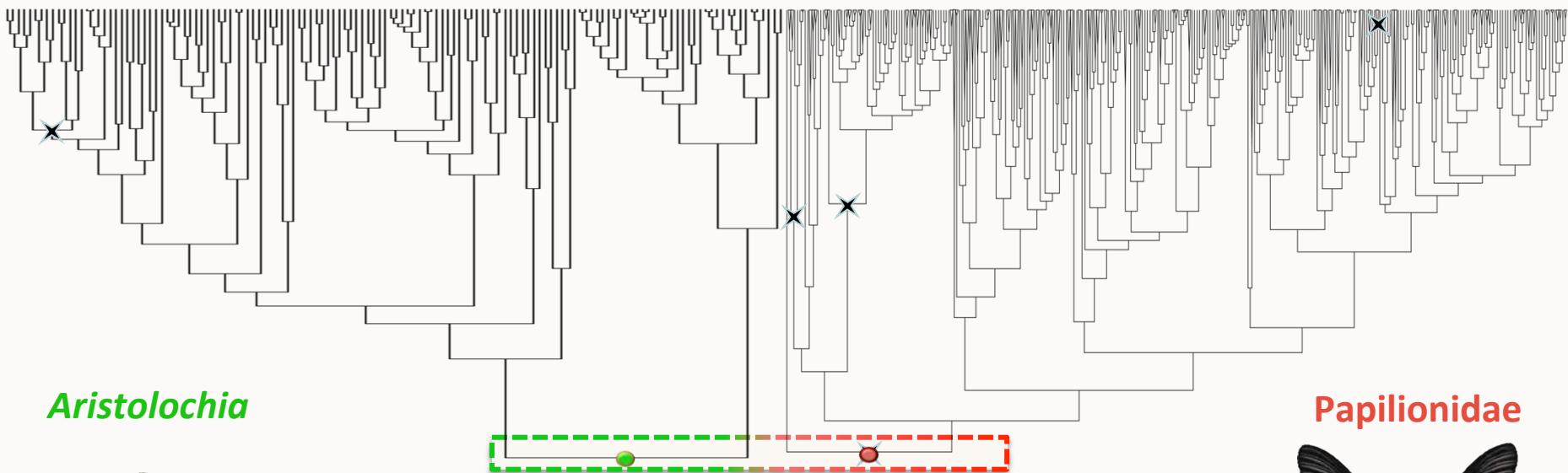
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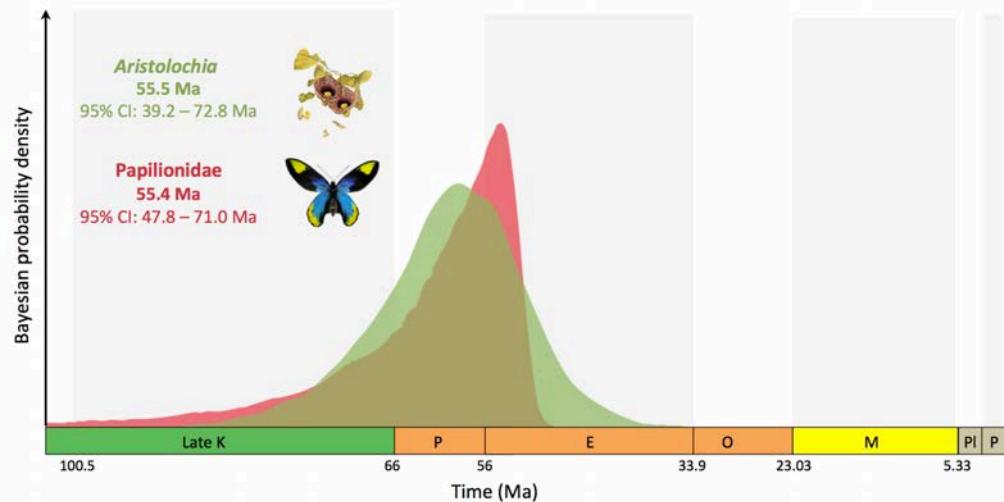
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Inferring the biogeographic history of both groups

Distribution data for 408 spp. of Papilionidae and 247 spp. of Aristolochiaceae



Time-stratified geographic model

Present

Miocene

Oligocene

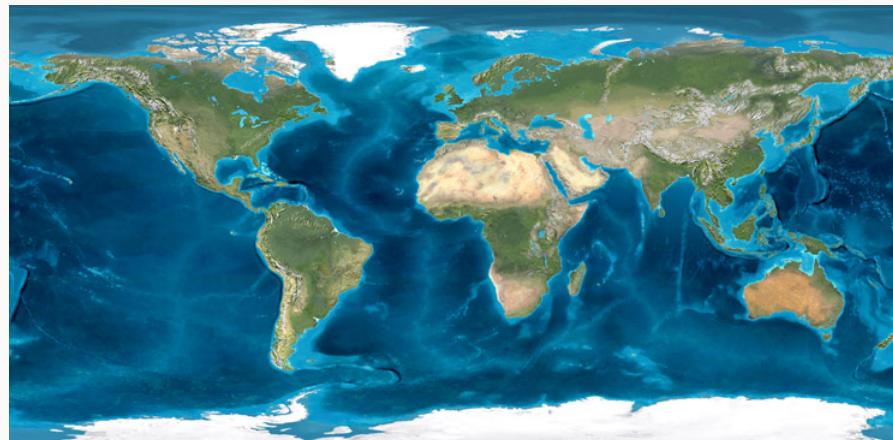
Eocene

Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary

Late Cretaceous

Middle Cretaceous

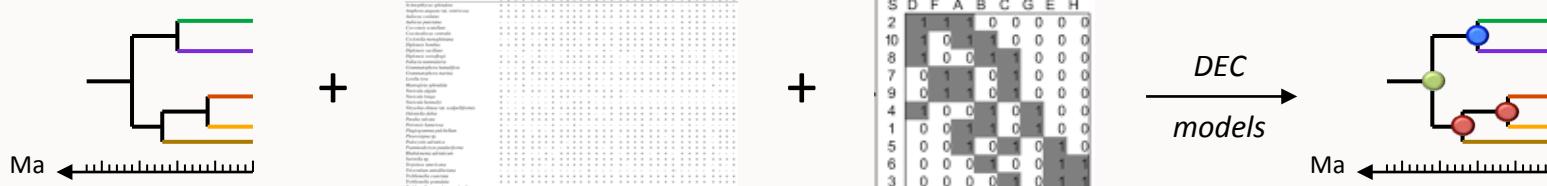
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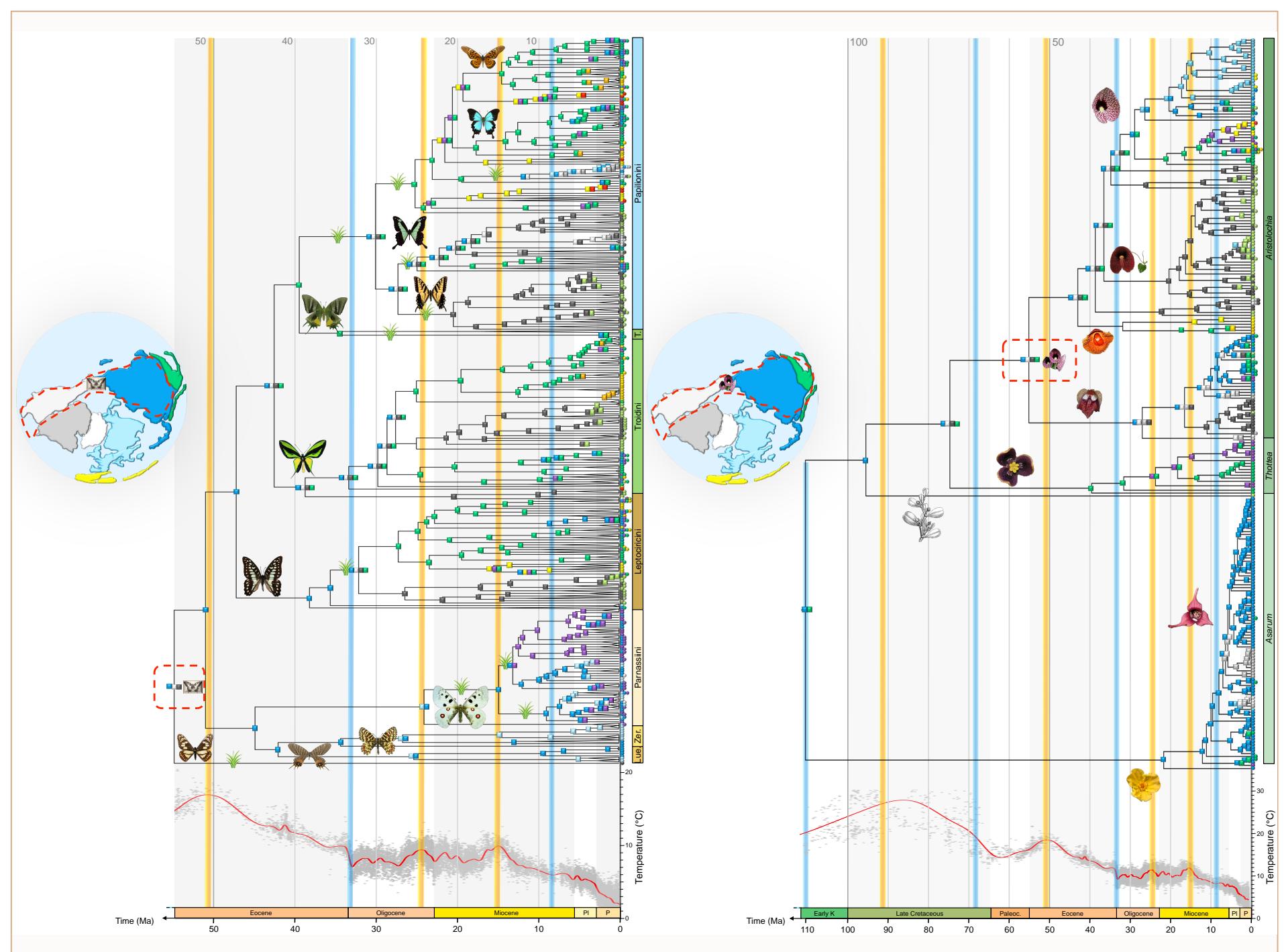




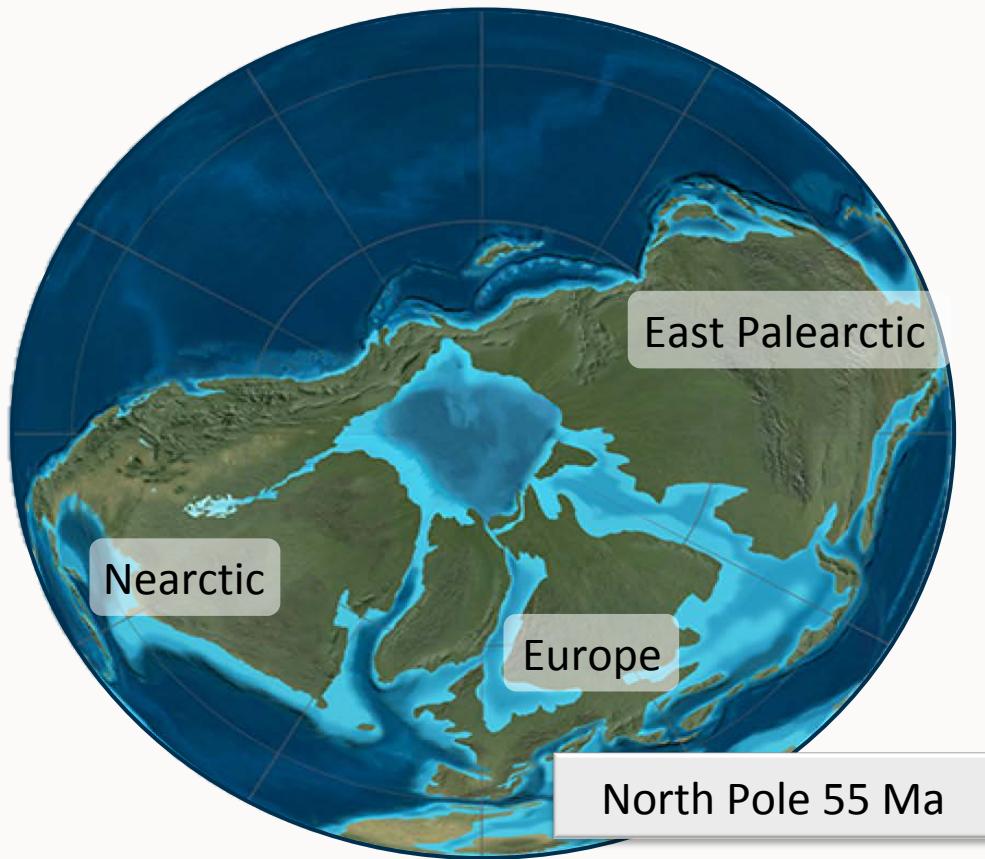
Adjacency matrices
and
Dispersal matrices

Biogeographic (DEC) analyses

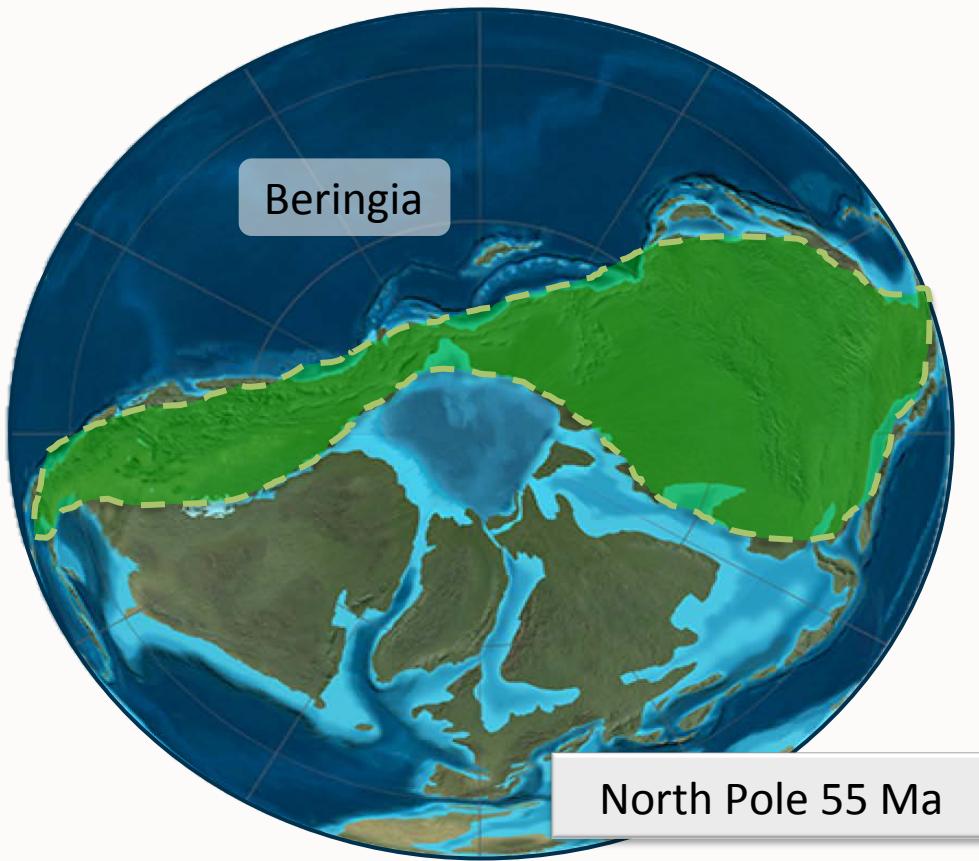




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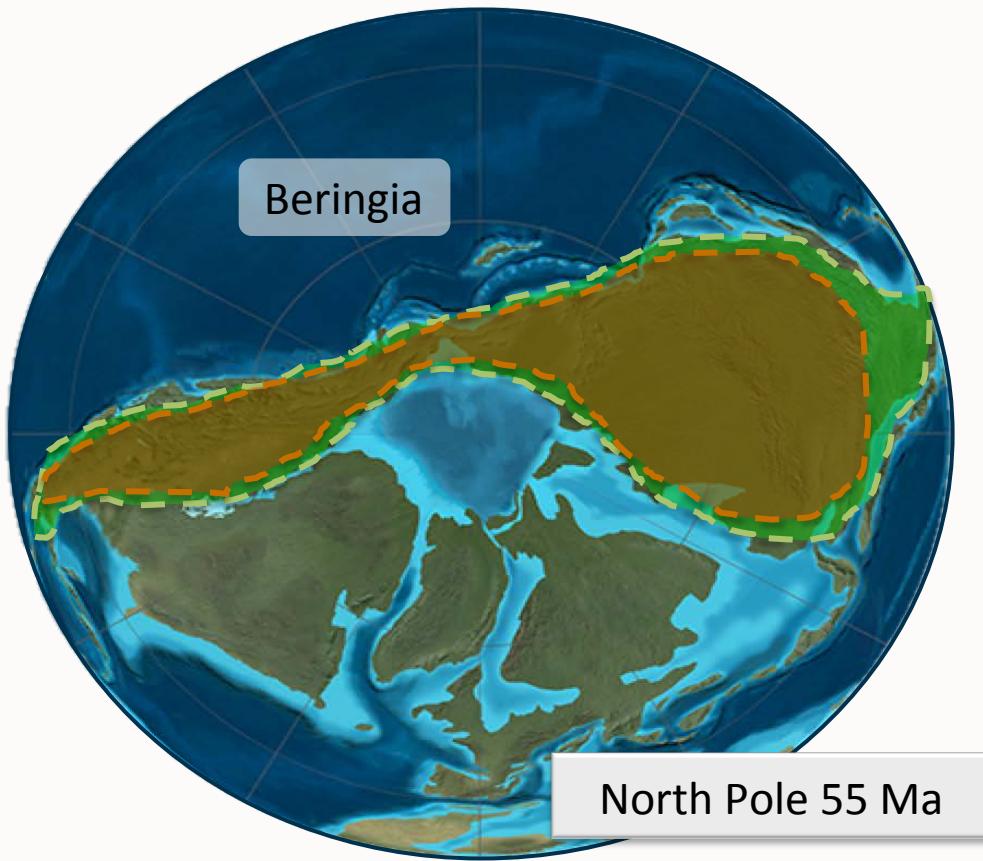


Ancestral area of *Aristolochia*



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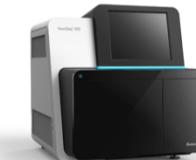
Shotgun sequencing for **41 species**



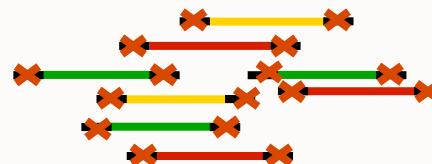
DNA extractions
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Illumina NextSeq

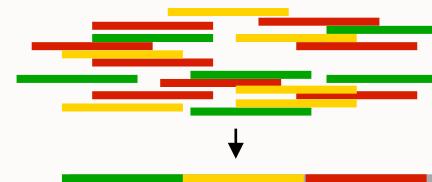


Reads cleaning



Trimmomatic

Shotgun assembly



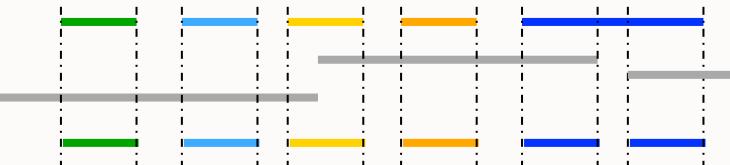
SOAP-denovo

BLAST

Alignment

Consensus

Reference proteins {



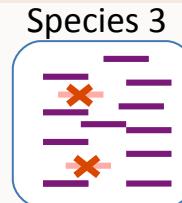
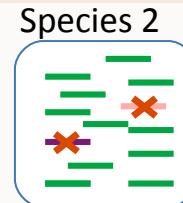
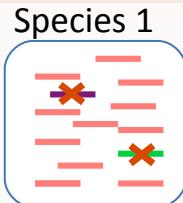
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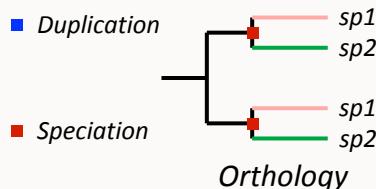
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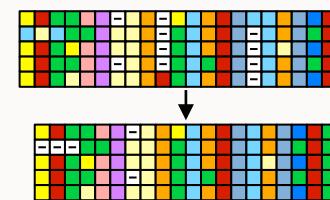


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Detections of orthologous genes



OrthoFinder



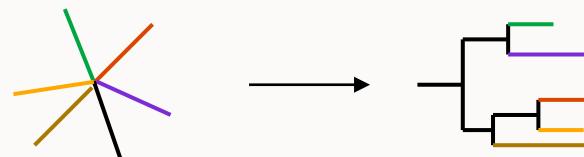
HMMcleaner

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Phylogenetic inferences

Dataset 1: 760 genes ; 288 446 AA
12% missing data

Dataset 2: 6621 genes ; 1 656 028 AA
32% missing data



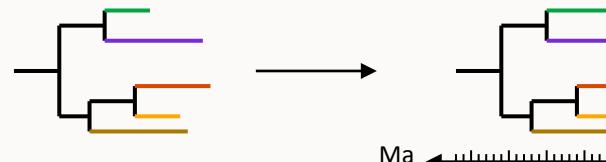
IQ-TREE

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Supertree approach

Molecular dating

5 fossils
3 ingroup
2 outgroup



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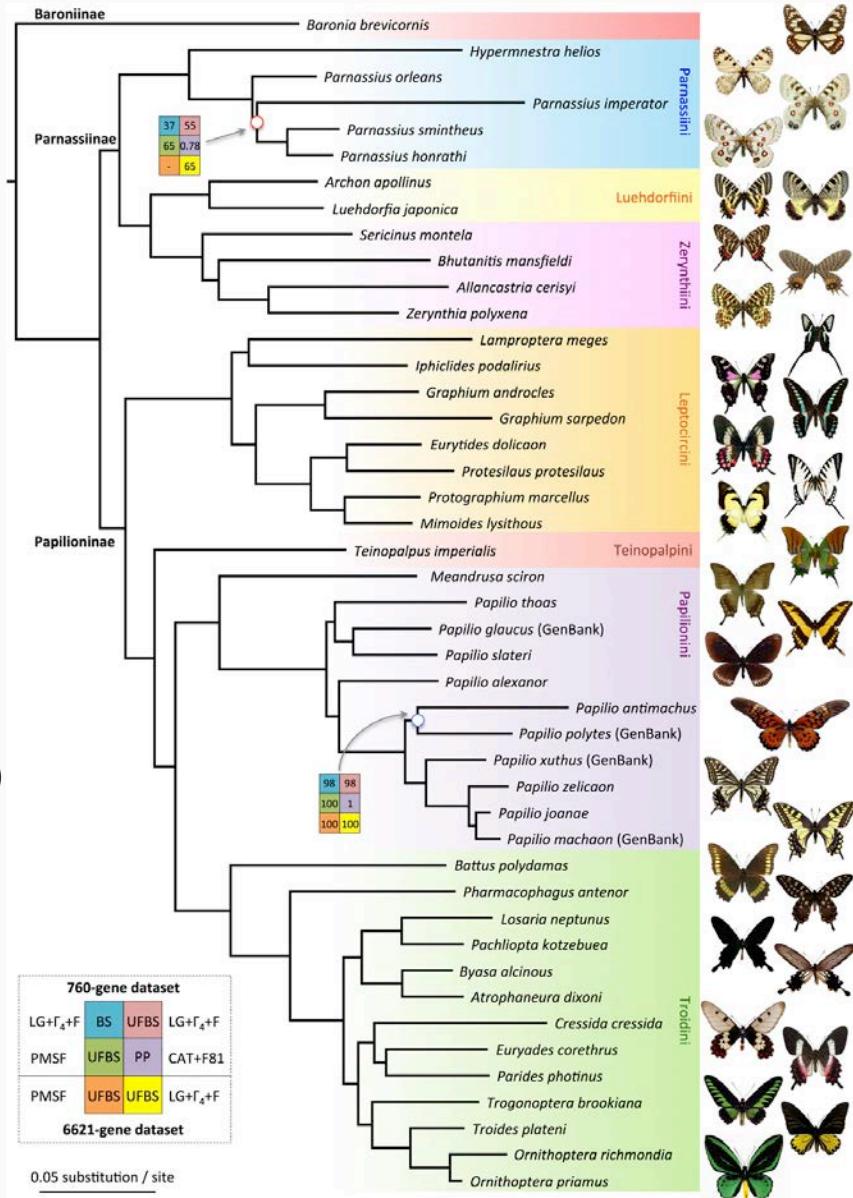
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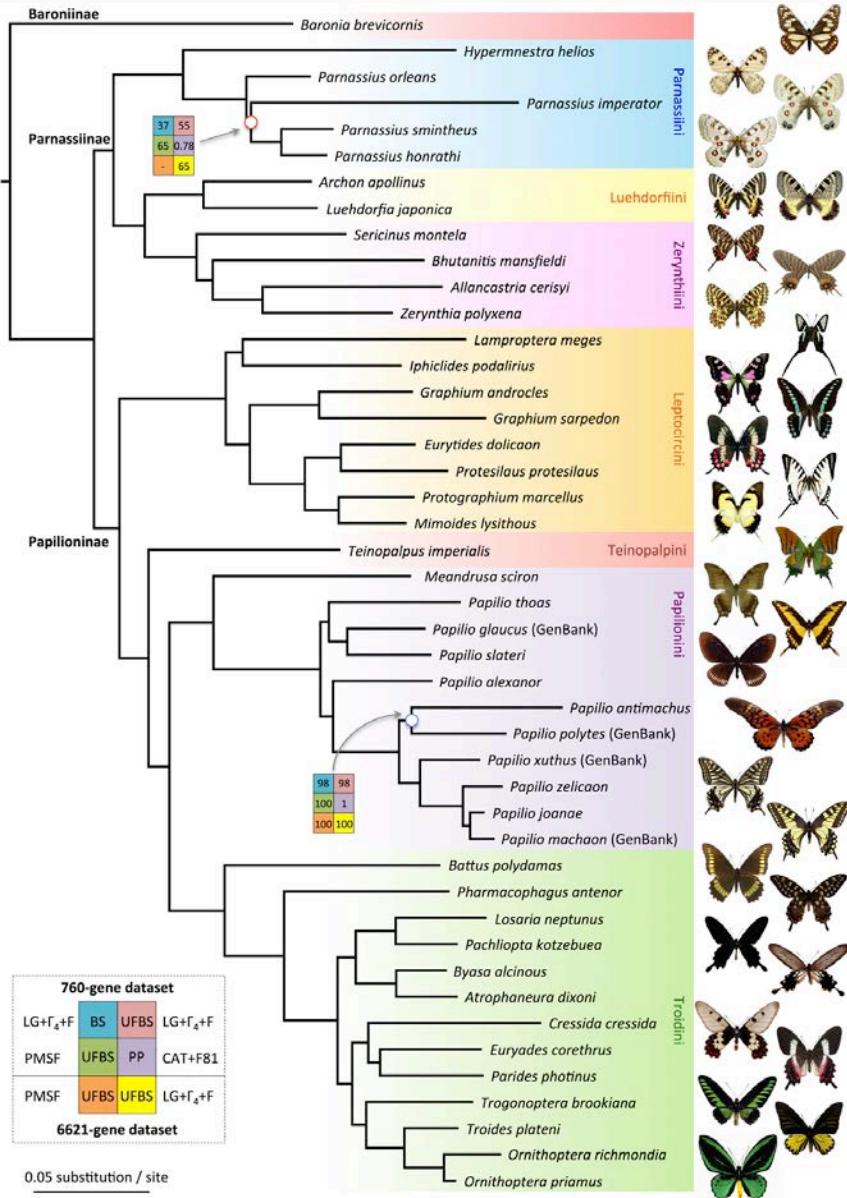
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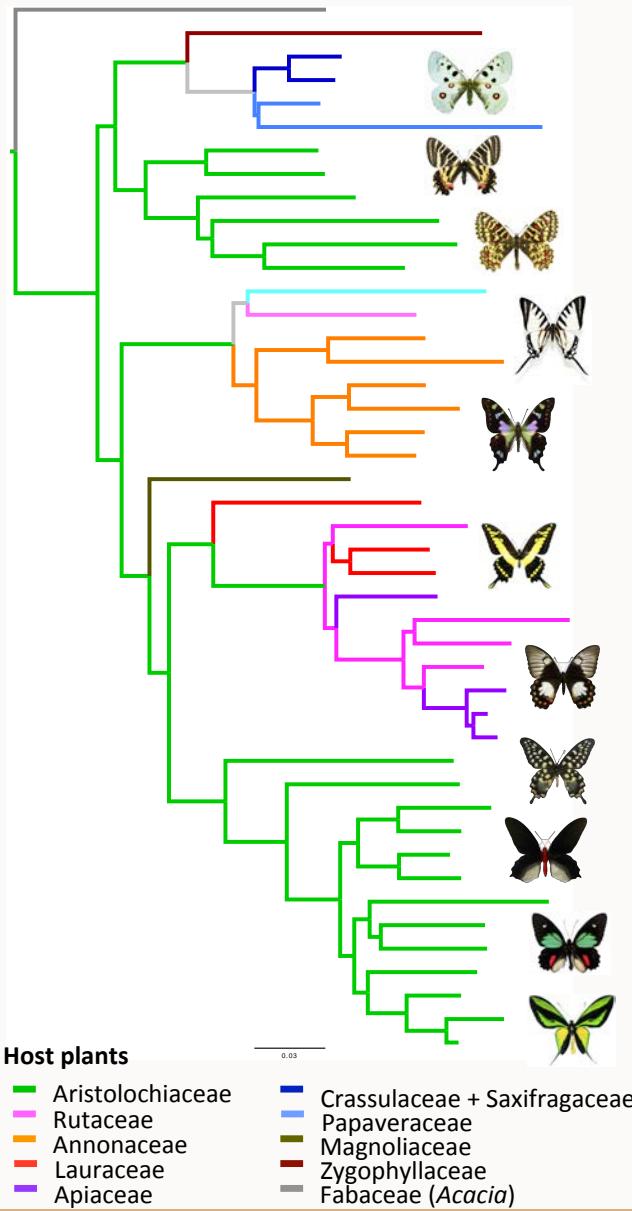
2. Ratio to infer the direction and magnitude of natural selection acting on protein-coding genes:

$$\omega = \frac{d_N}{d_S} = \frac{\text{selection + neutral}}{\text{neutral}}$$

$\omega = 1$: no (neutral) selection

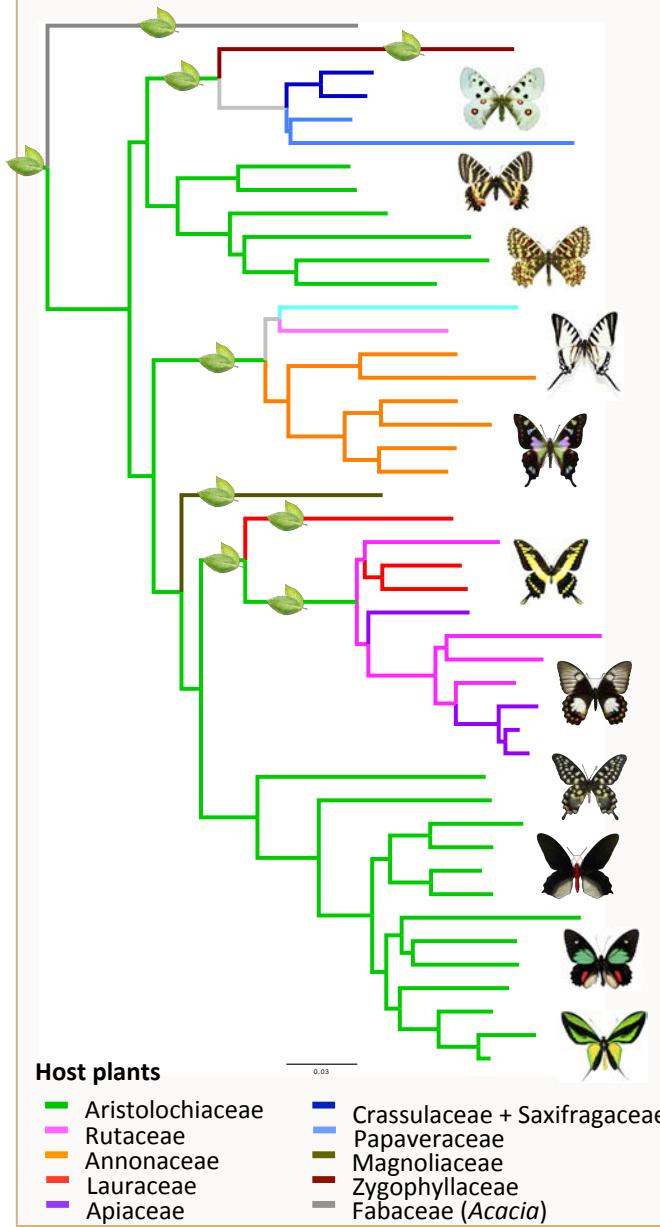
$\omega > 1$: positive selection, it implies positive or Darwinian selection (driving change)

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Host-plant shift

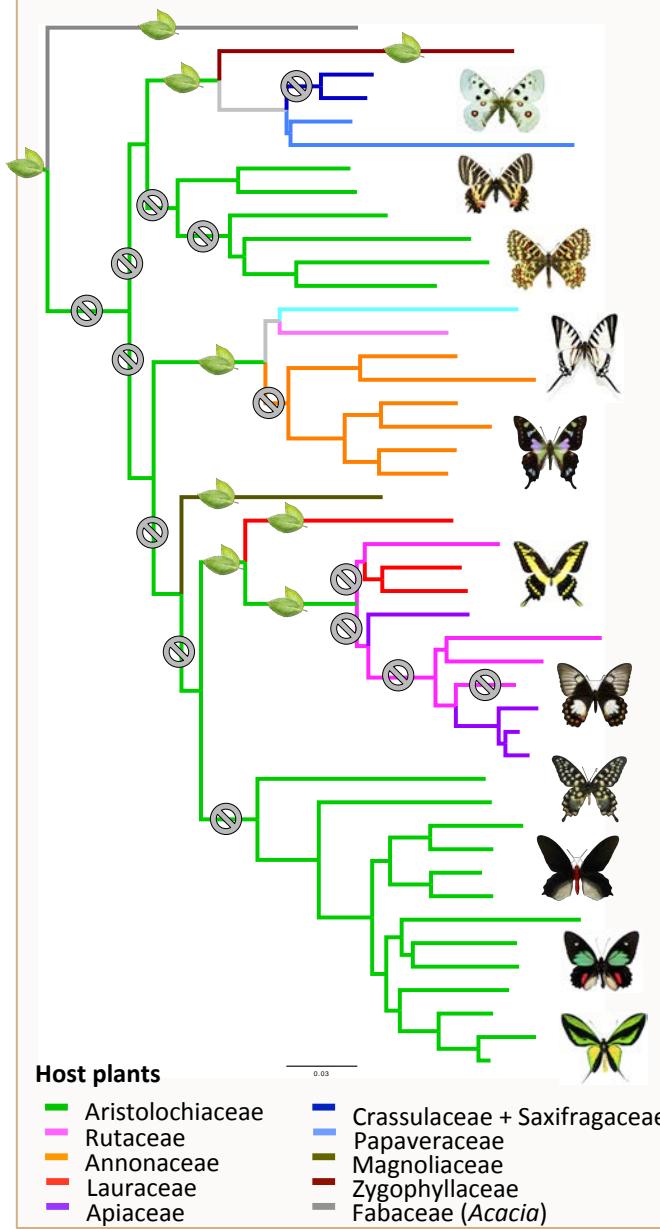


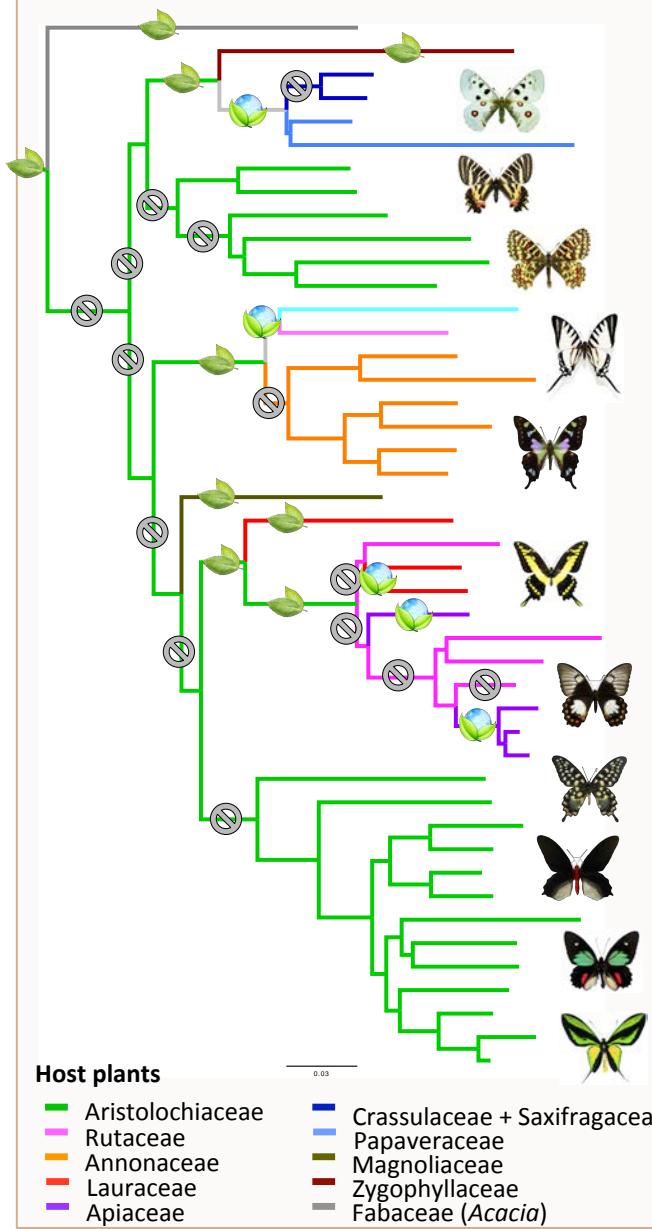


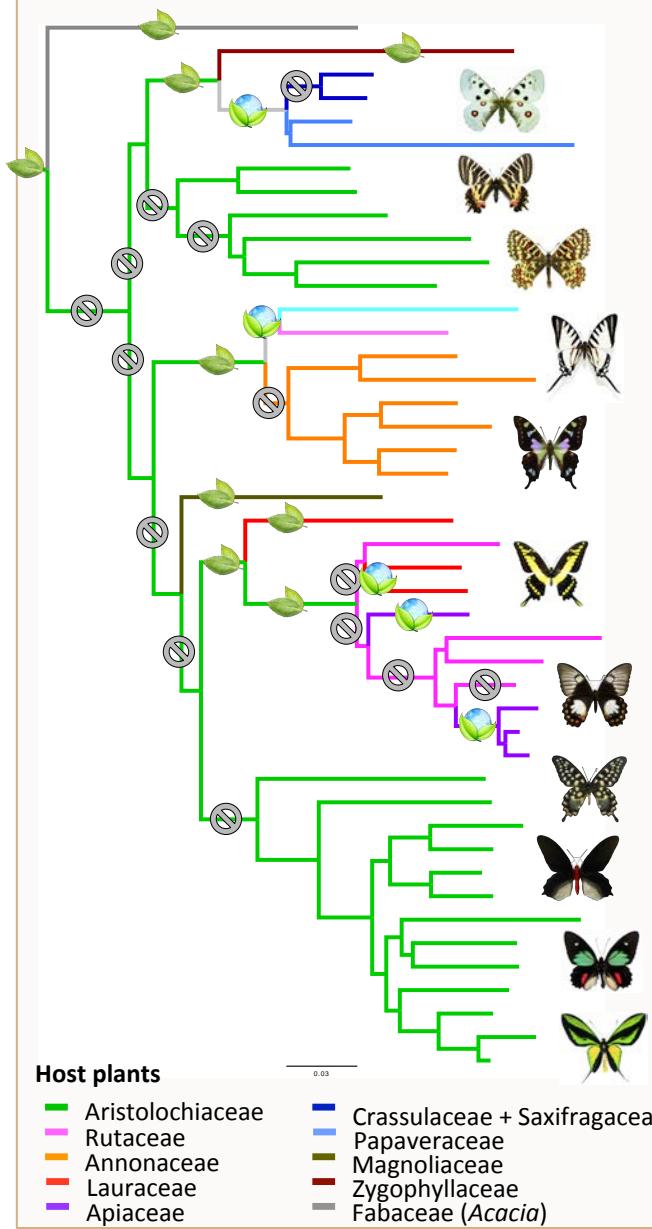
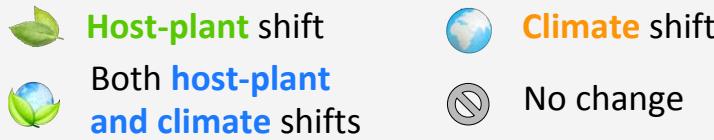
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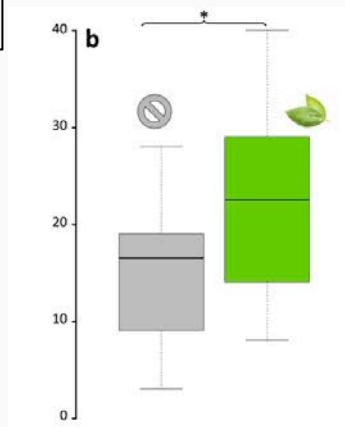
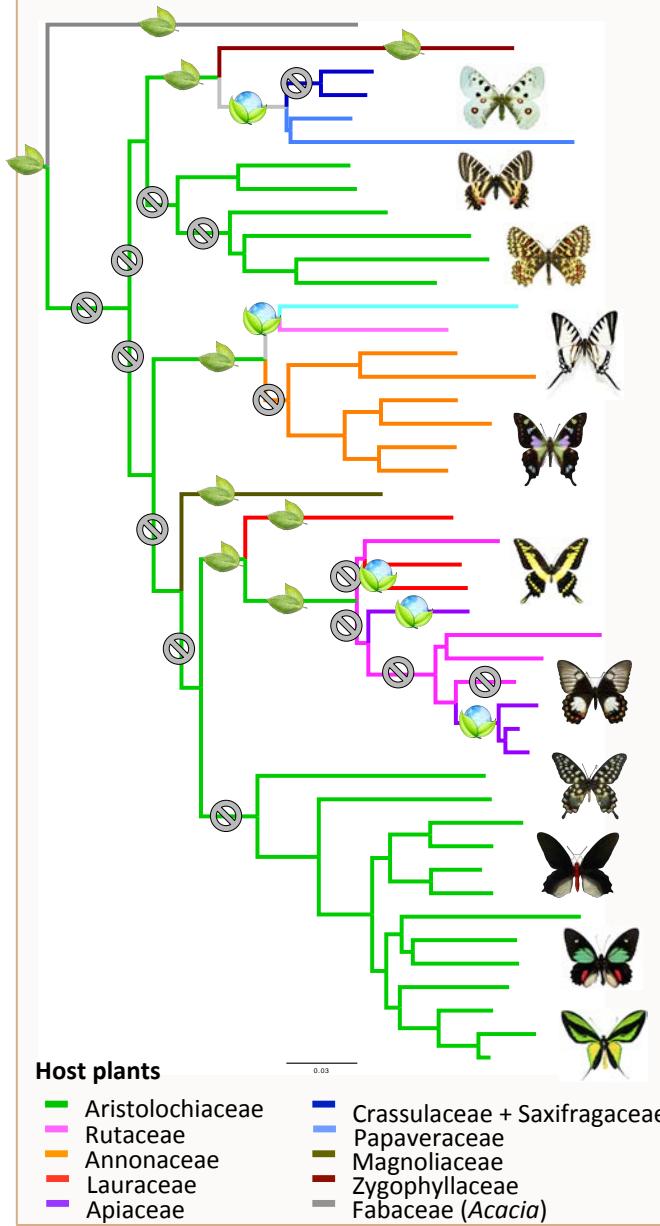
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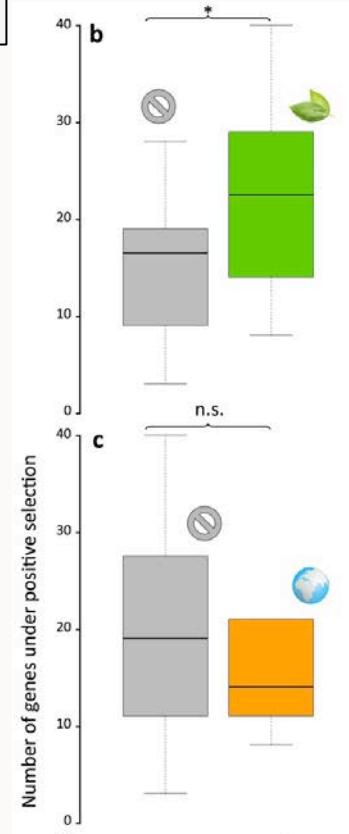
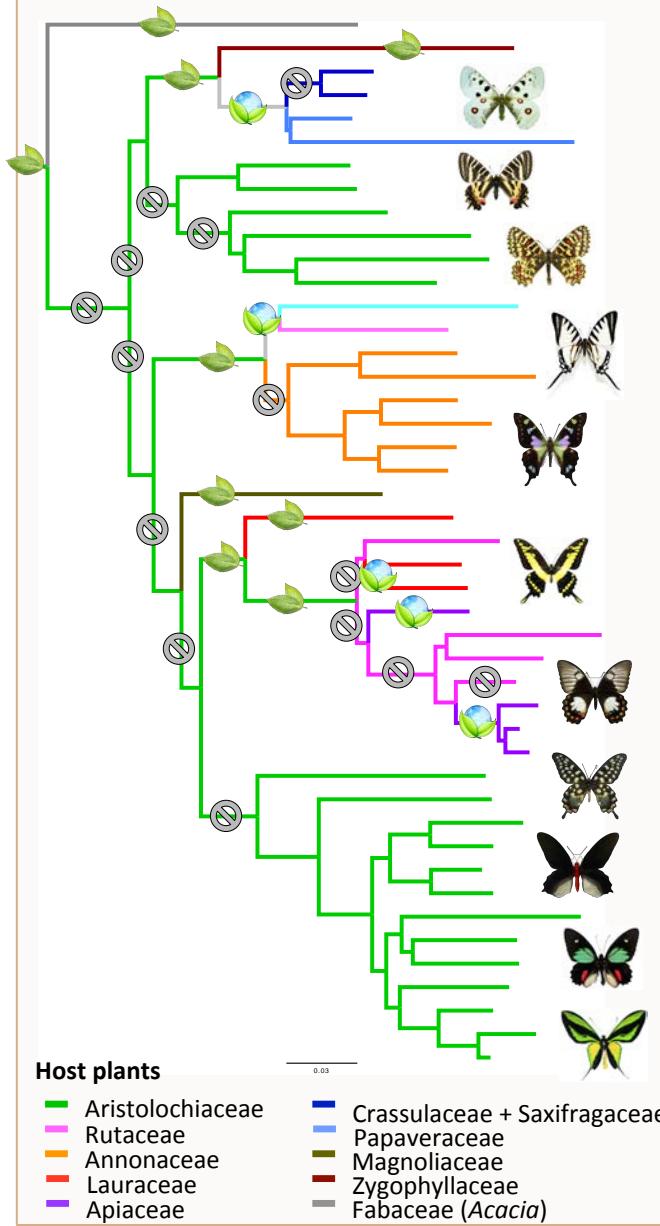


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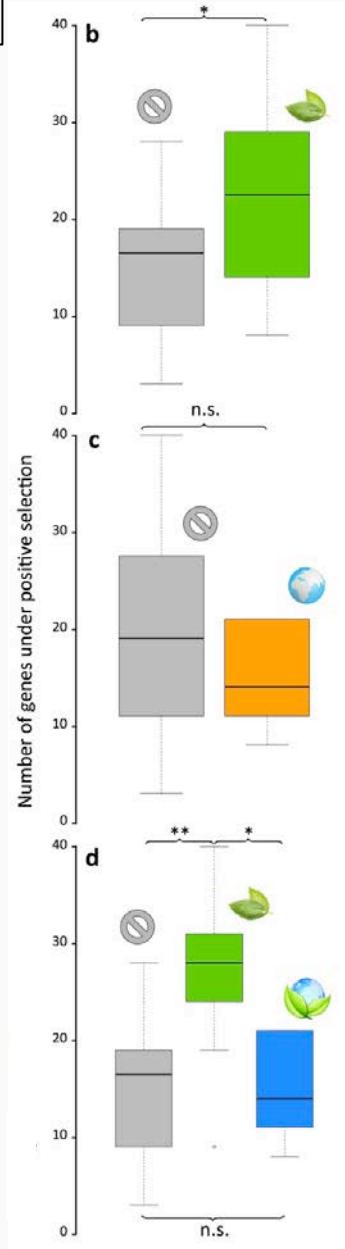
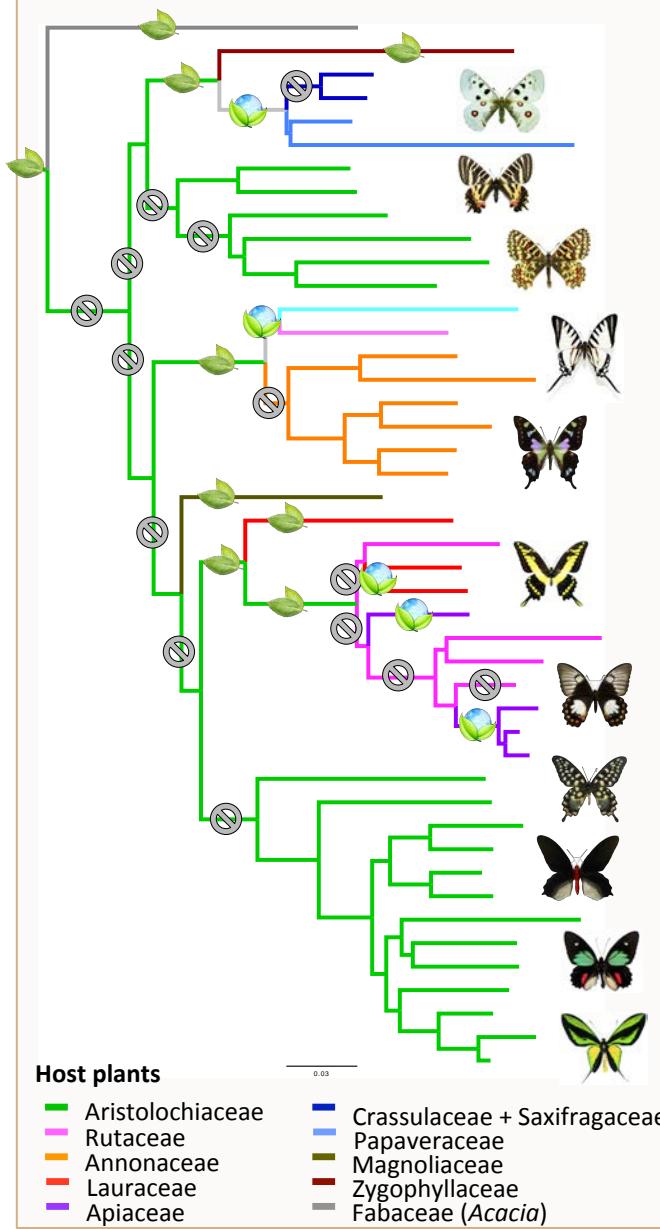
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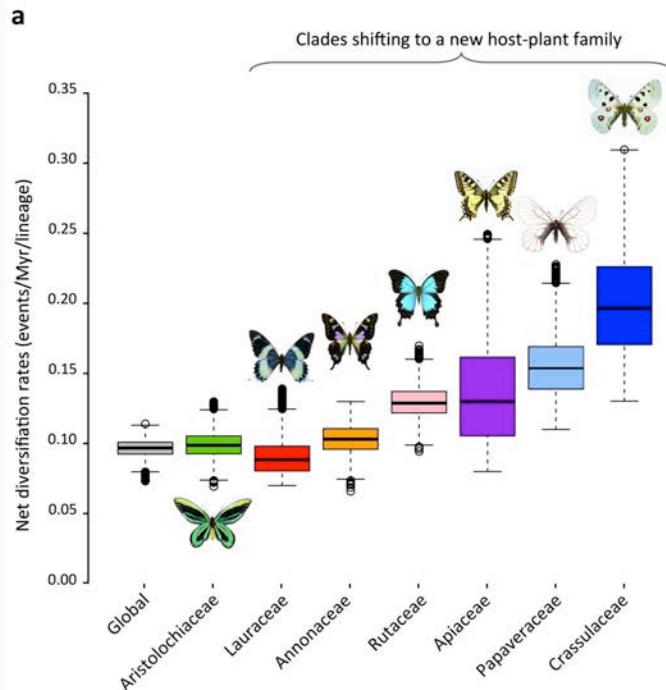
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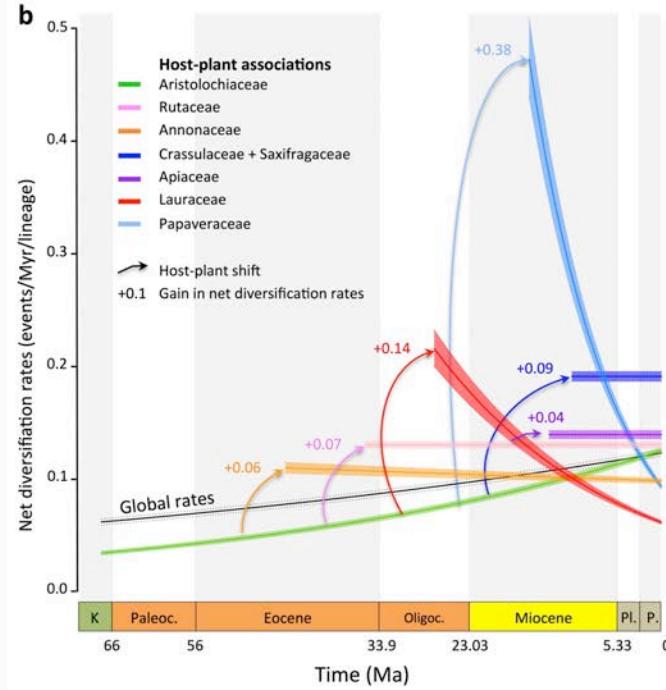
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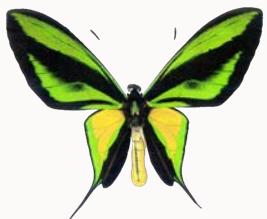
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To summarize ...

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 1. Ancestral host plant = Aristolochiaceae, highly toxic
 2. Both groups originated at the same time and place
 3. Strong niche conservatism of host-plant preferences
 4. When butterflies shifted to new plants: increases of speciation rates and genome-wide signatures of positive selection



However... this is an ongoing work with many possibilities



1. Genomic data is huge: ontology of genes?
2. Increase the taxon sampling for whole genomes = more shifts
3. Transcriptomes

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