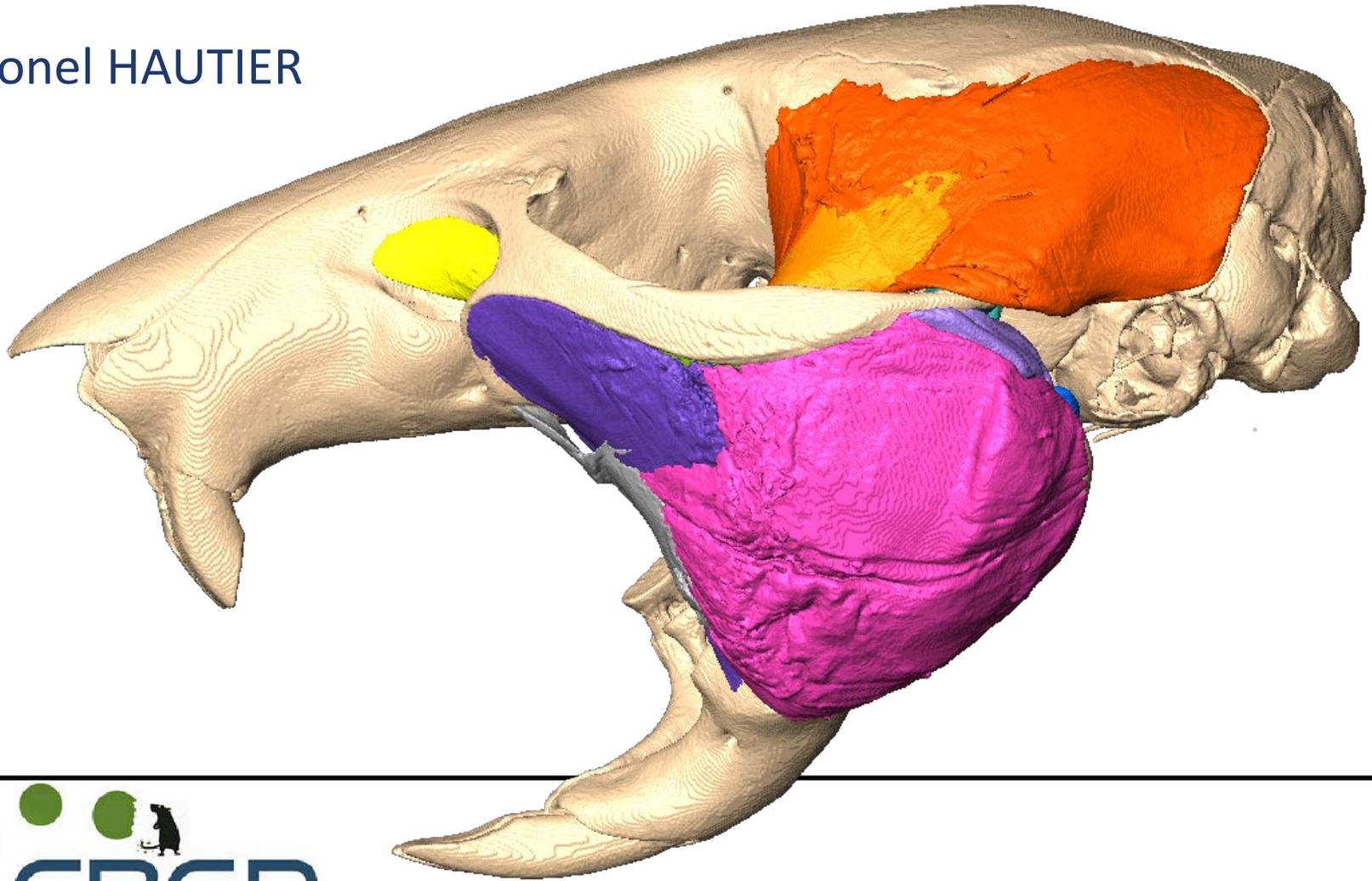


# Evolution de l'appareil masticateur des rongeurs Nesomyidae

Lionel HAUTIER



# Do you really know rodents?

Which one is a rodent?



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Which one is a rodent?



*Glis glis*

The fat dormouse



*Acrobates pygmaeus*

A marsupial

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*Chrysochloris asiatica*

An afrotherian



*Spalax microphthalmus*

Greater mole rat

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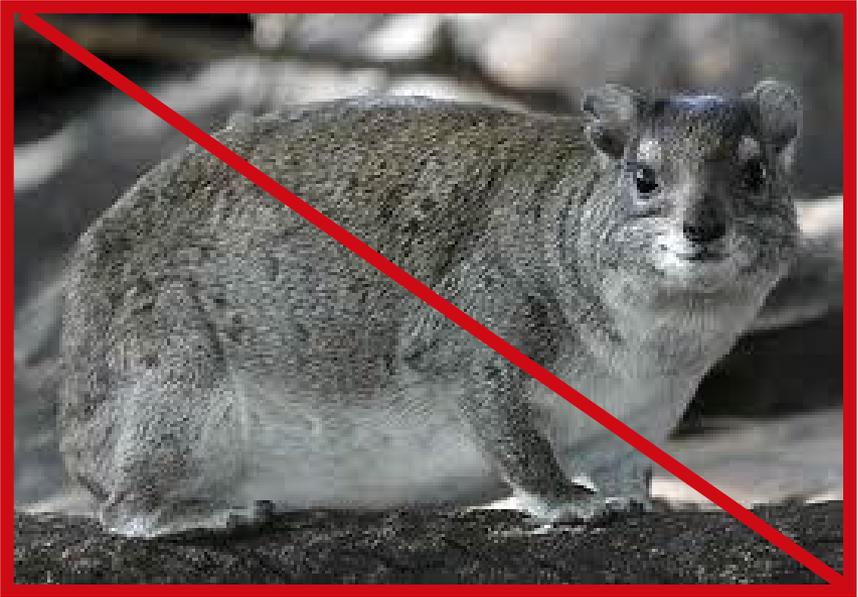


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*Kerodon rupestris*  
Guinea pig relative



*Procavia capensis*  
An afrotherian



# Do you really know your rodents?

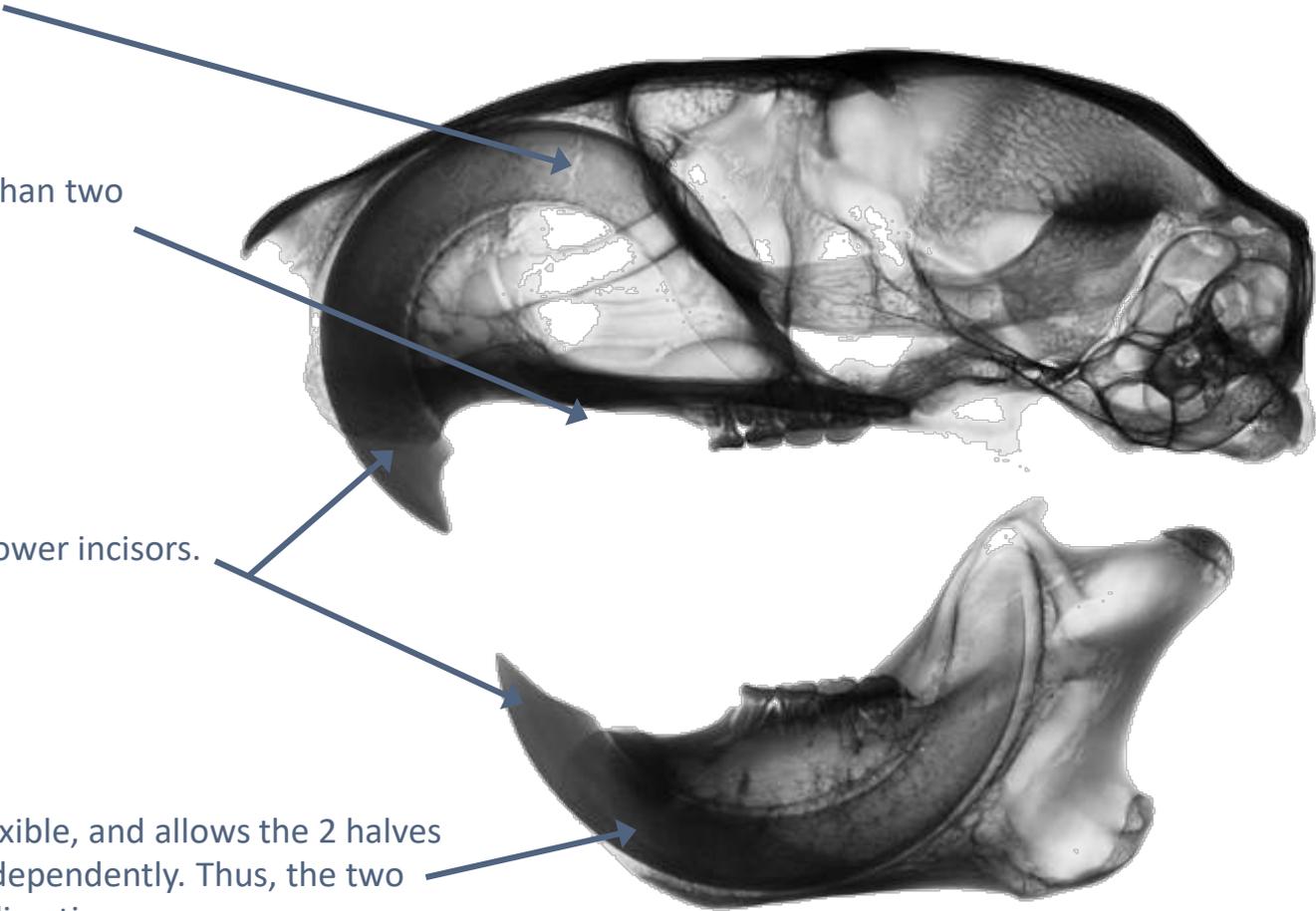
- **The diprotodonty**, teeth greatly reduced from the primitive eutherian number.

Incisors are open-rooted and ever-growing; anterior side is enamel and wears slower than posterior side (forms a chisel).

No canine and never more than two premolars: diastema.

Single pair of upper and lower incisors.

The mandibular symphysis is flexible, and allows the 2 halves of the dentary to move semi-independently. Thus, the two rami can be pulled in different directions.



# The rodents

Rodentia (2600 species)

45% of placentals !



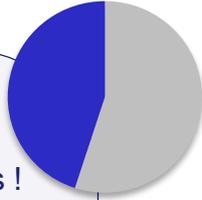
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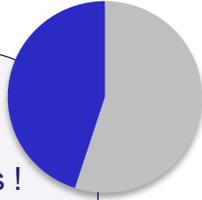


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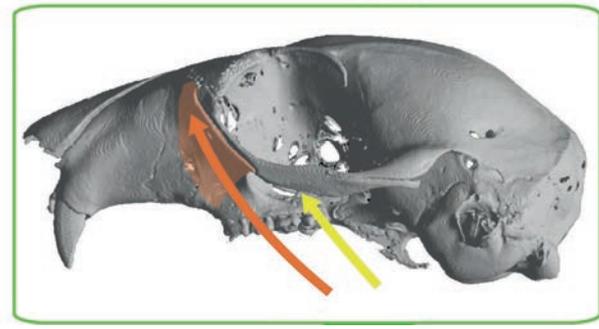
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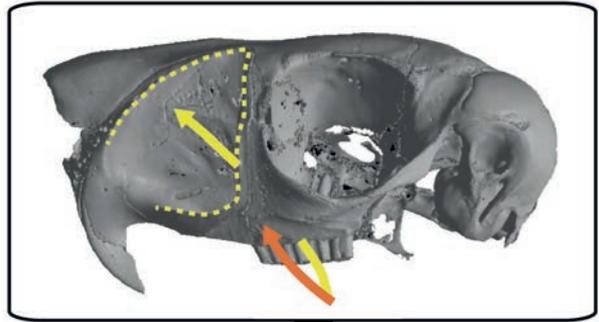
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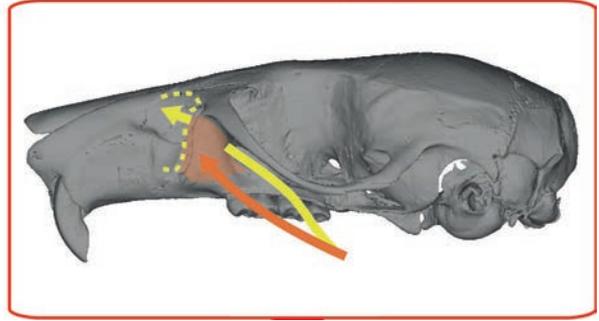
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Hystricomorphy



Myomorphy

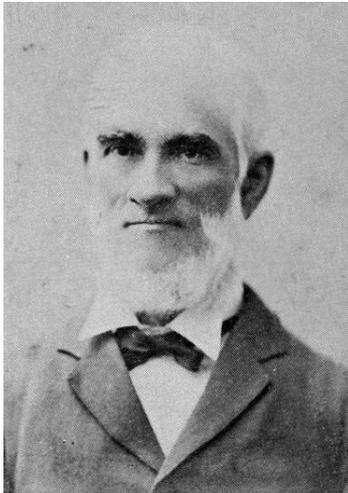
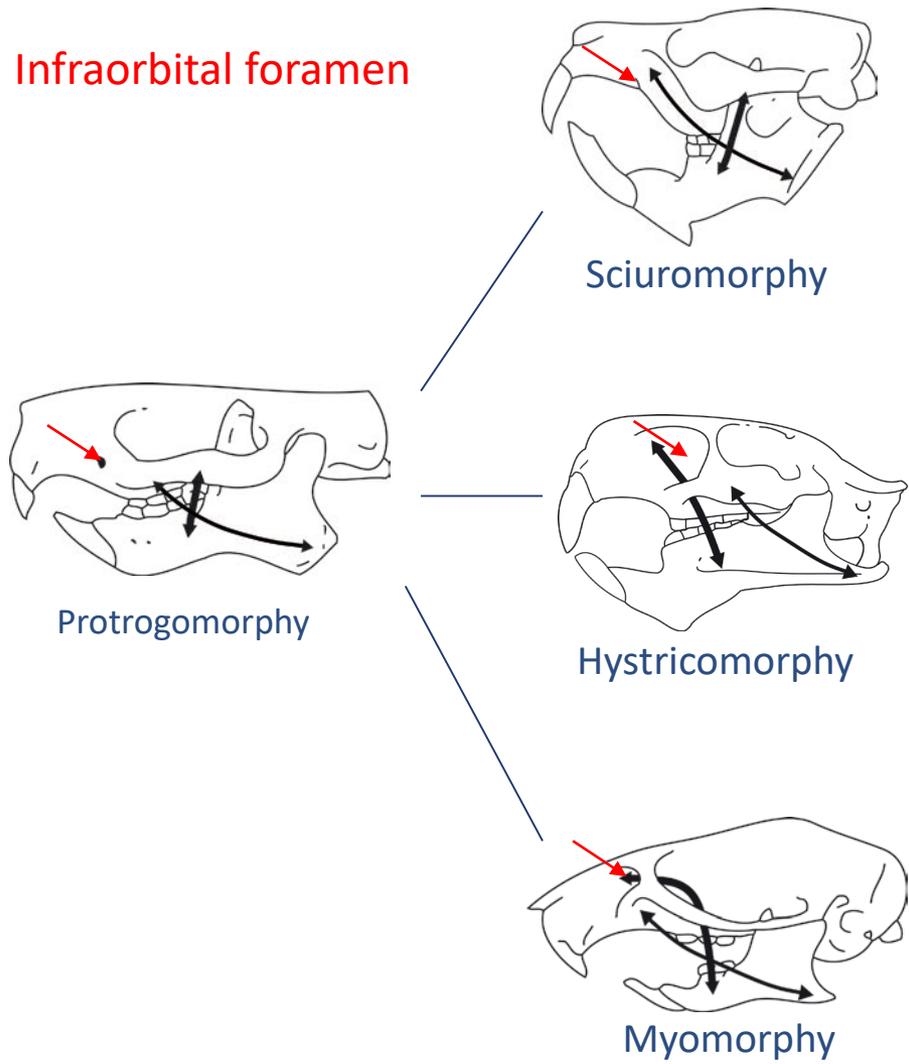


Morphotype = Suborder

# About old classifications

4 skull morphotypes ↔ 4 suborders

Infraorbital foramen



G. R. Waterhouse (1810-1888)



J. F. von Brandt (1802-1879)

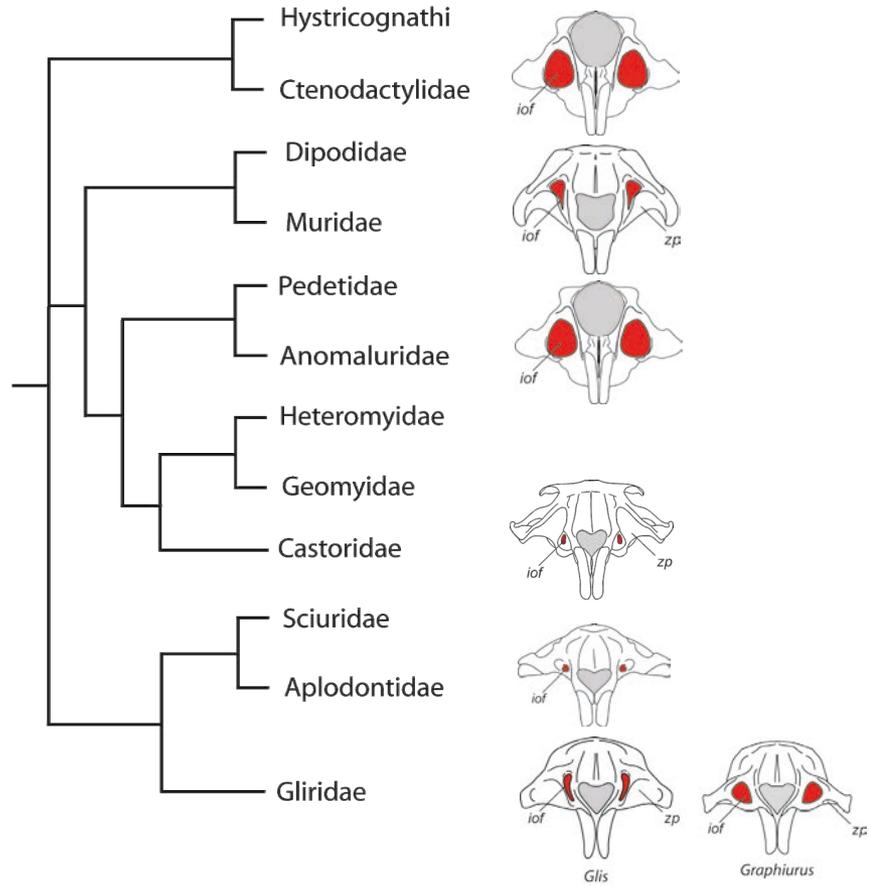
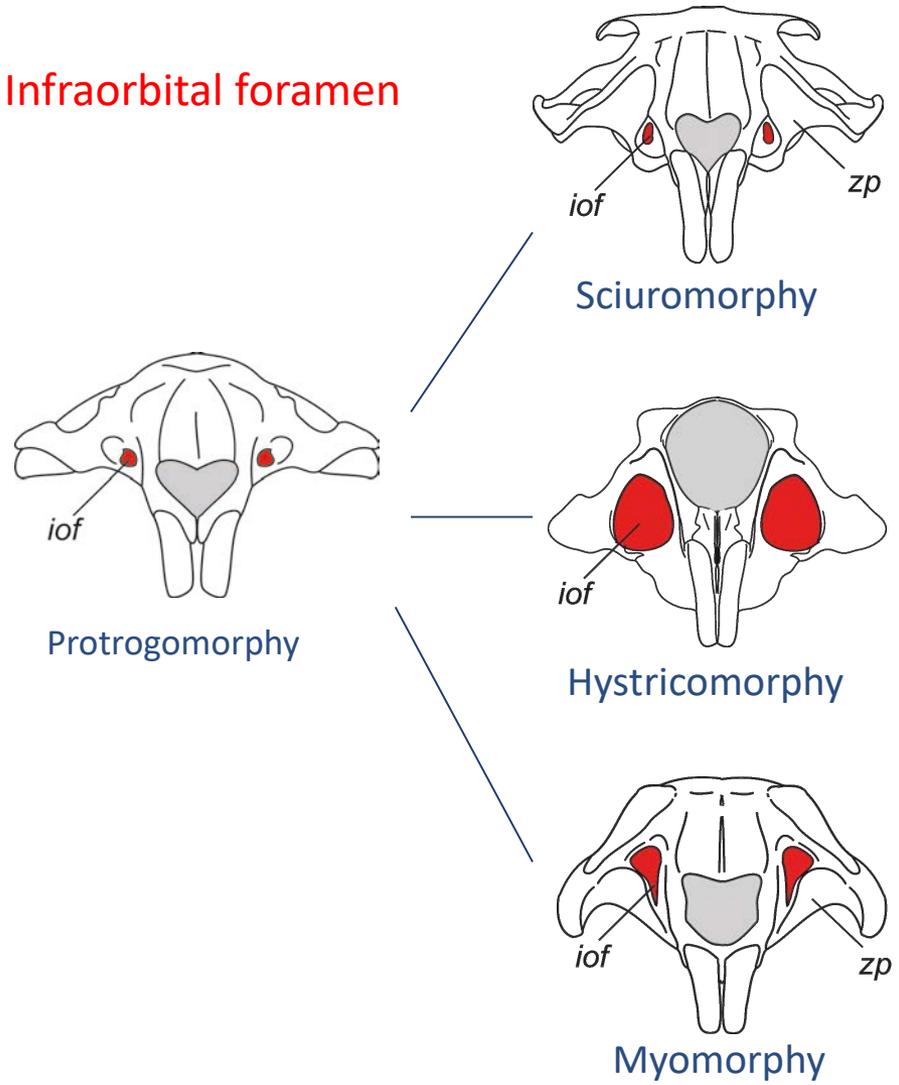


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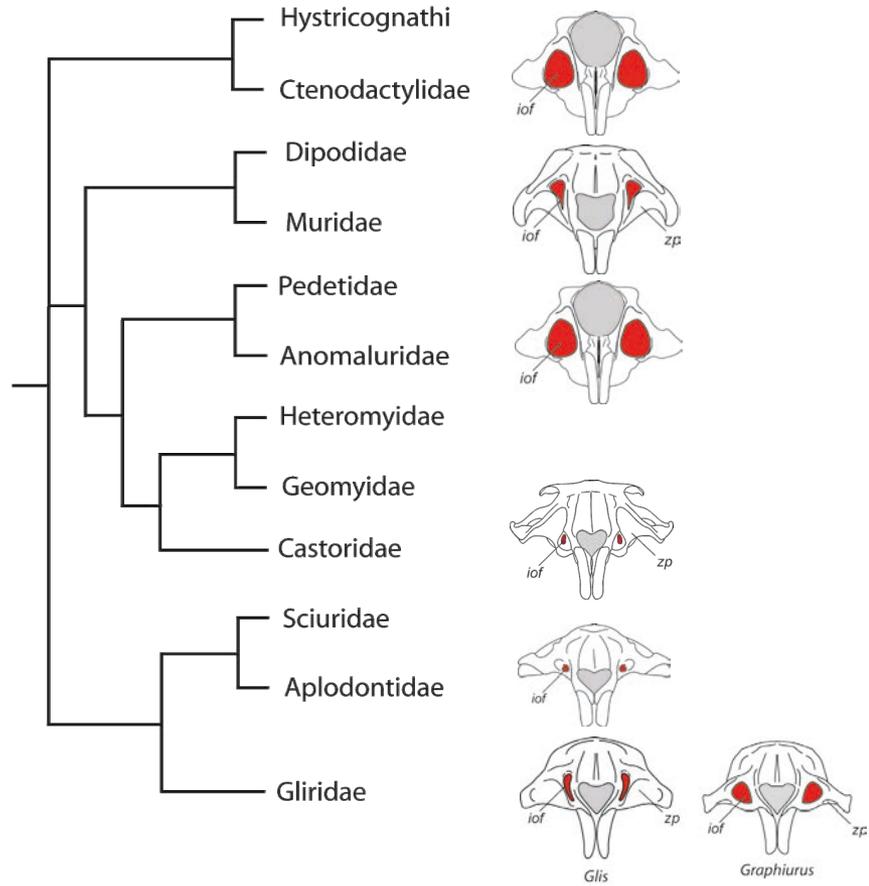
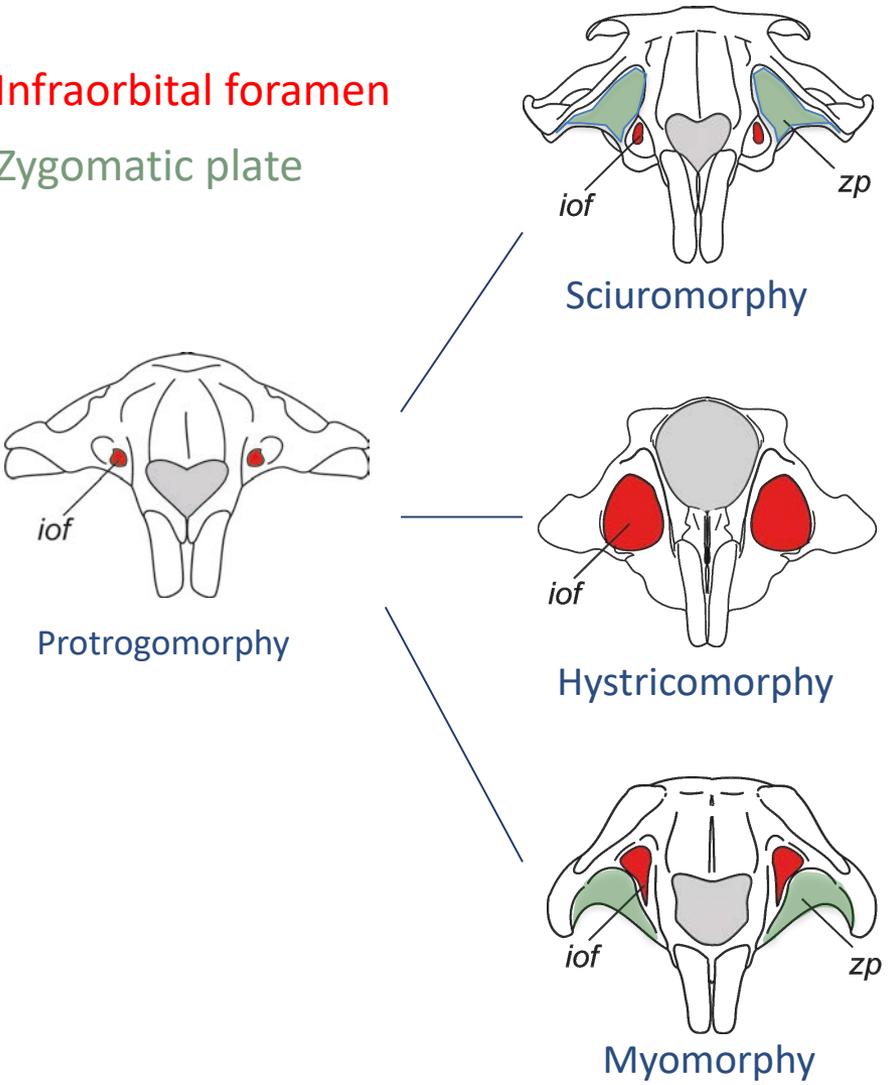
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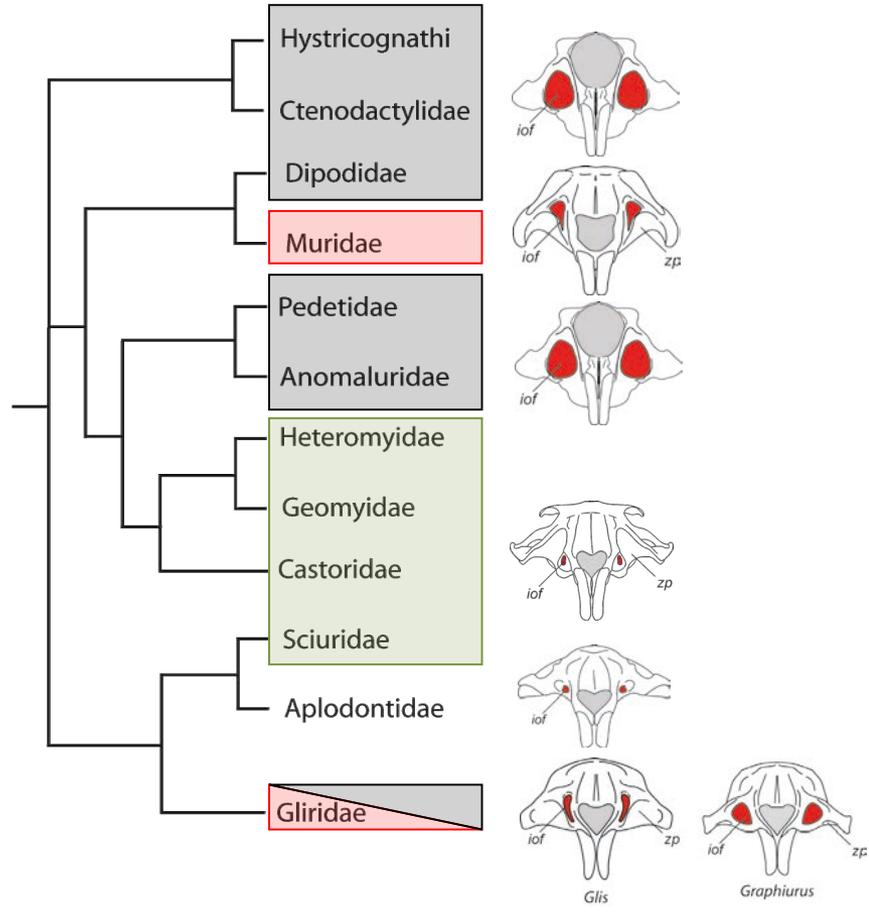
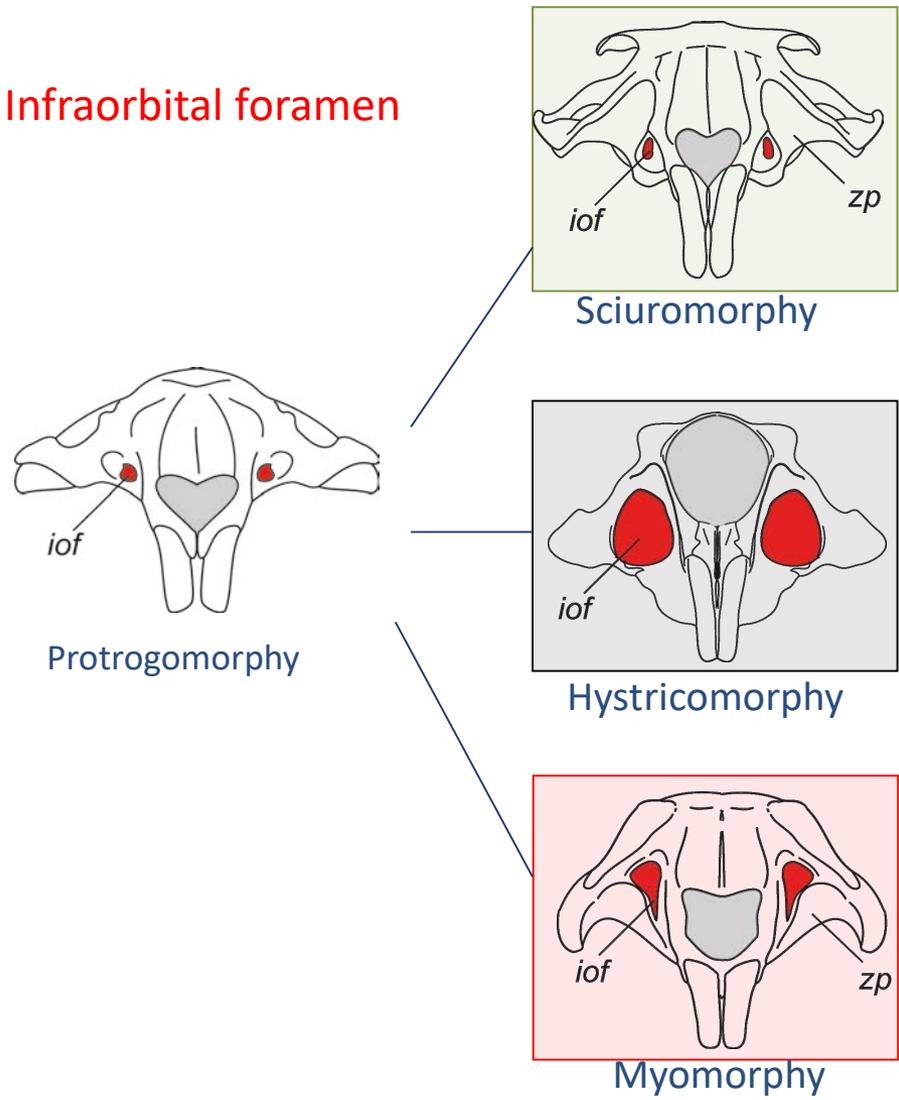
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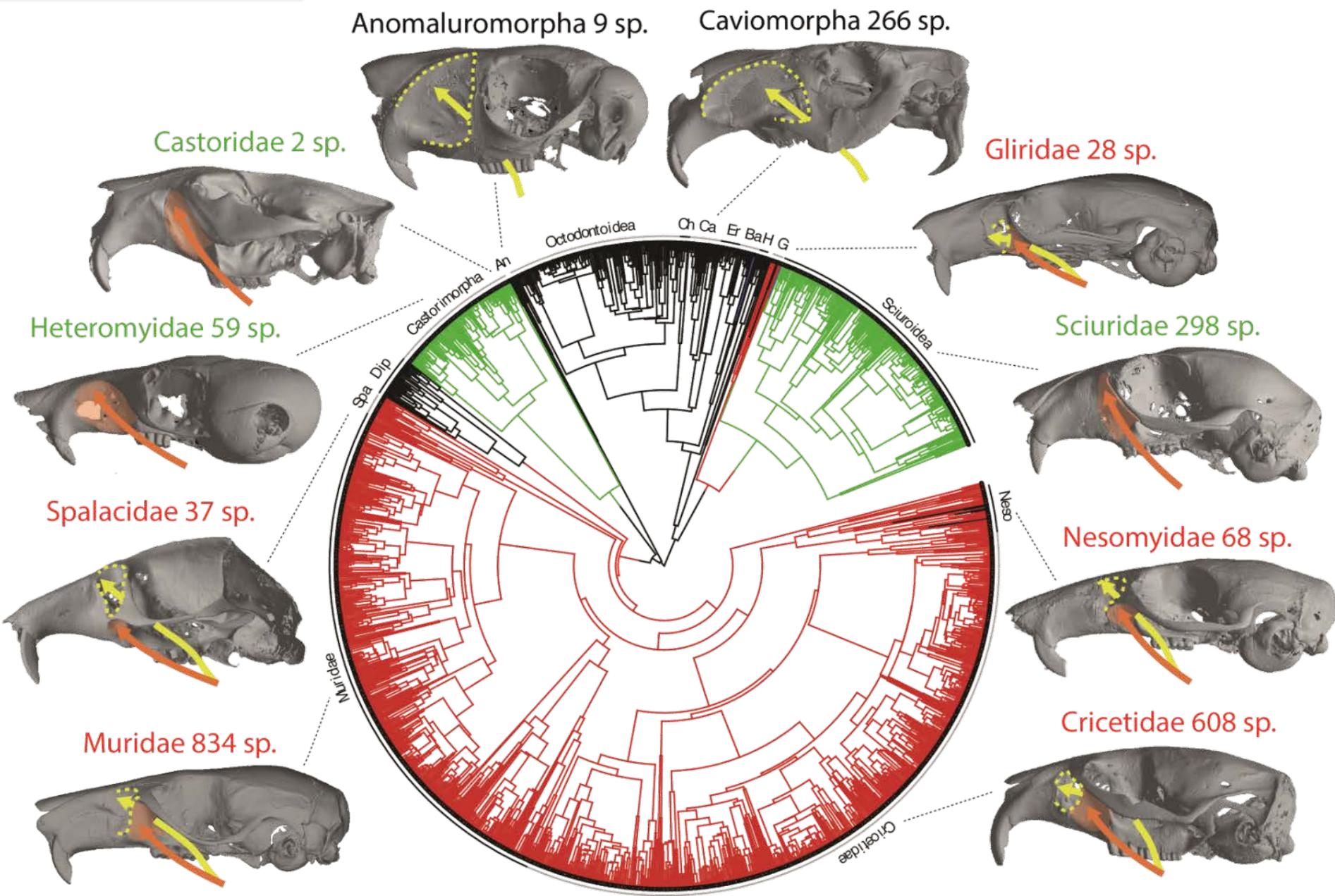
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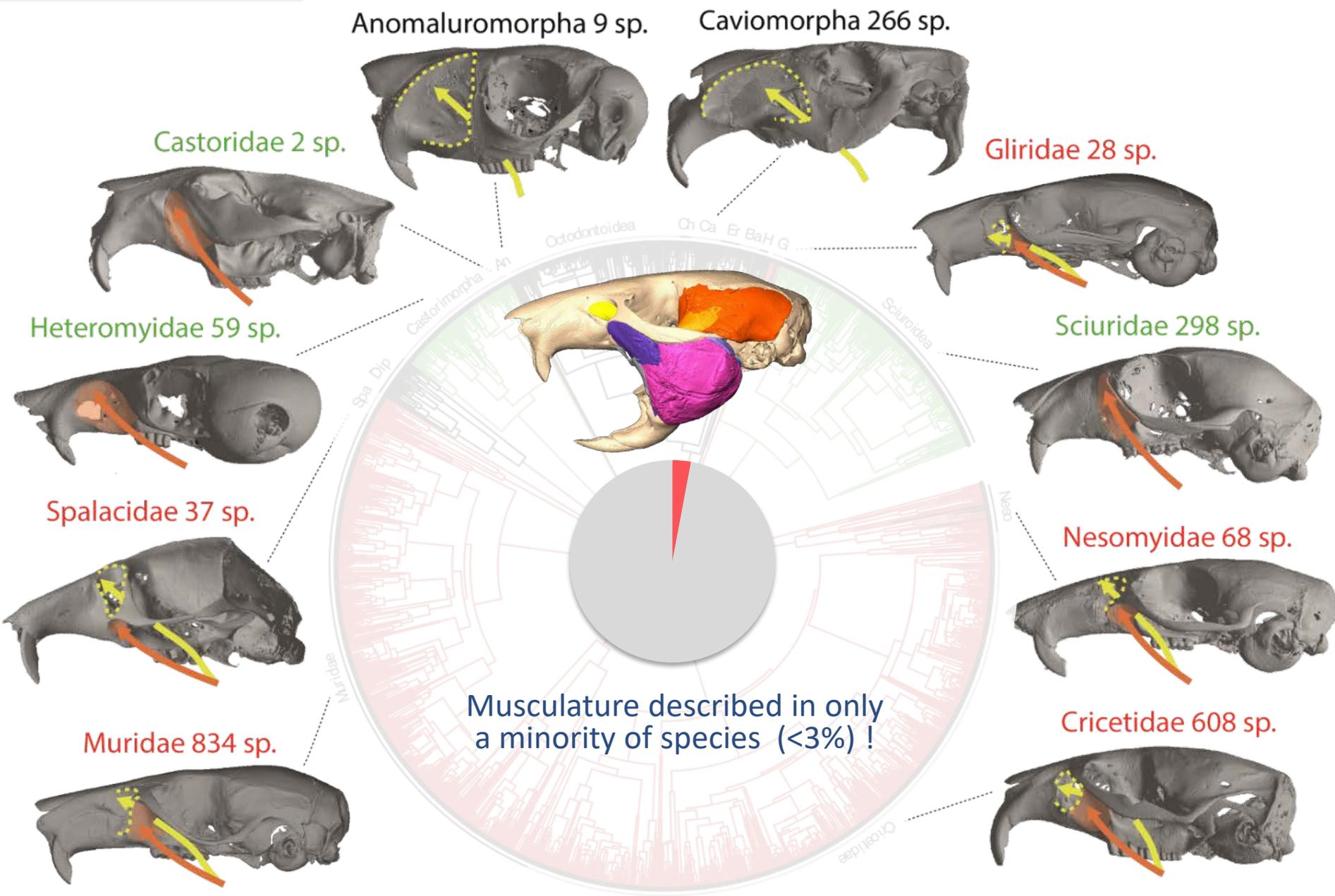
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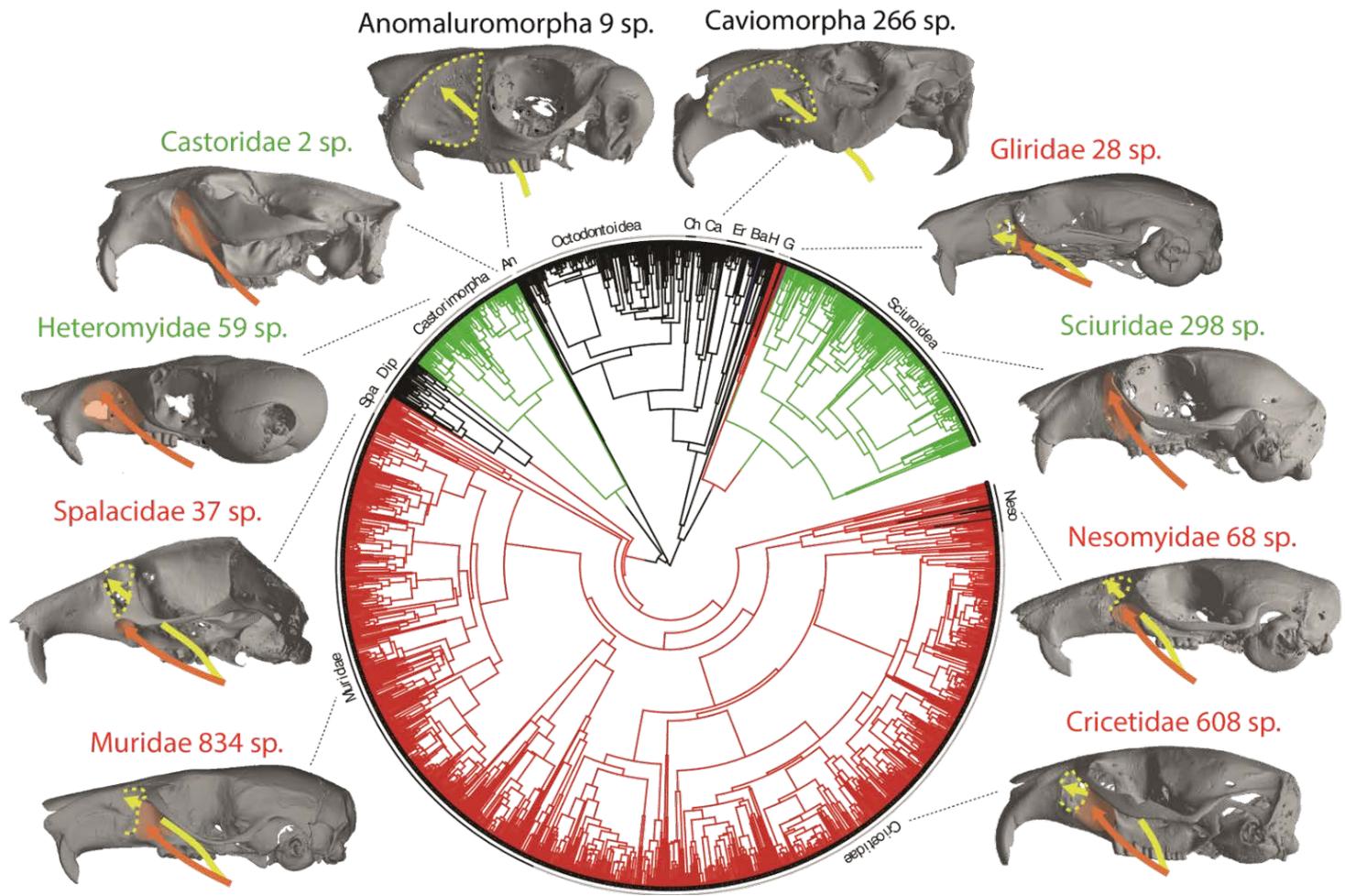
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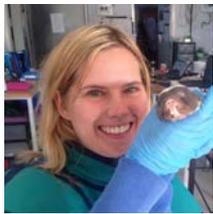


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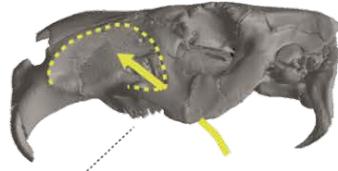


Andrea Kraus



Anomaluromorpha 9 sp.

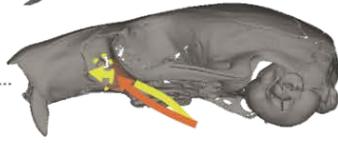
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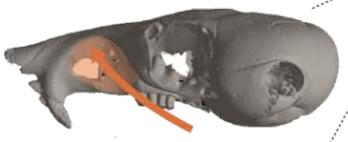


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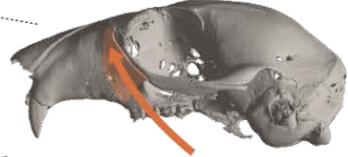


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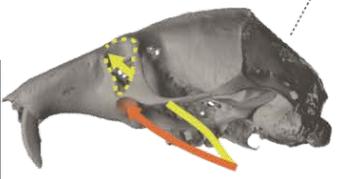
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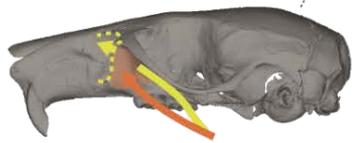
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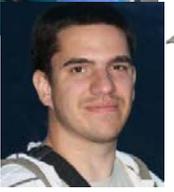
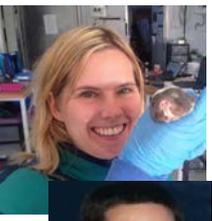
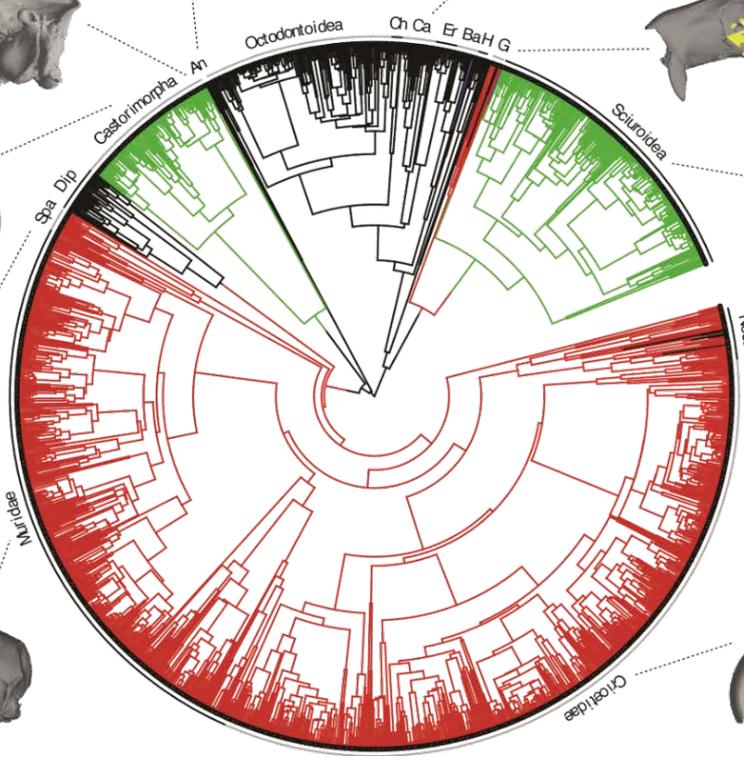
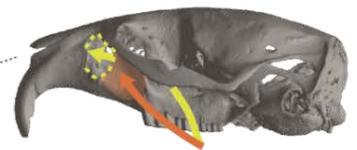
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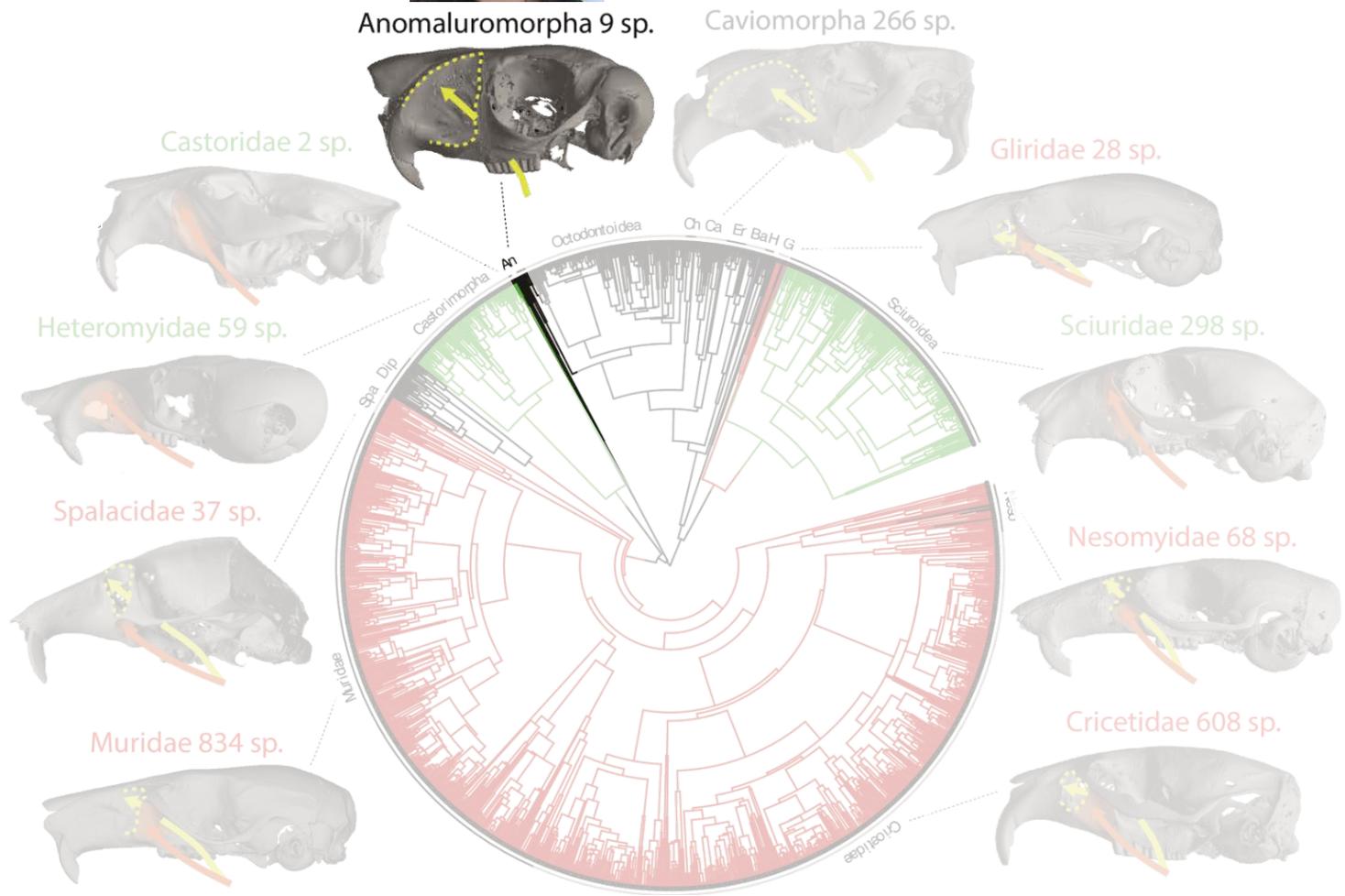
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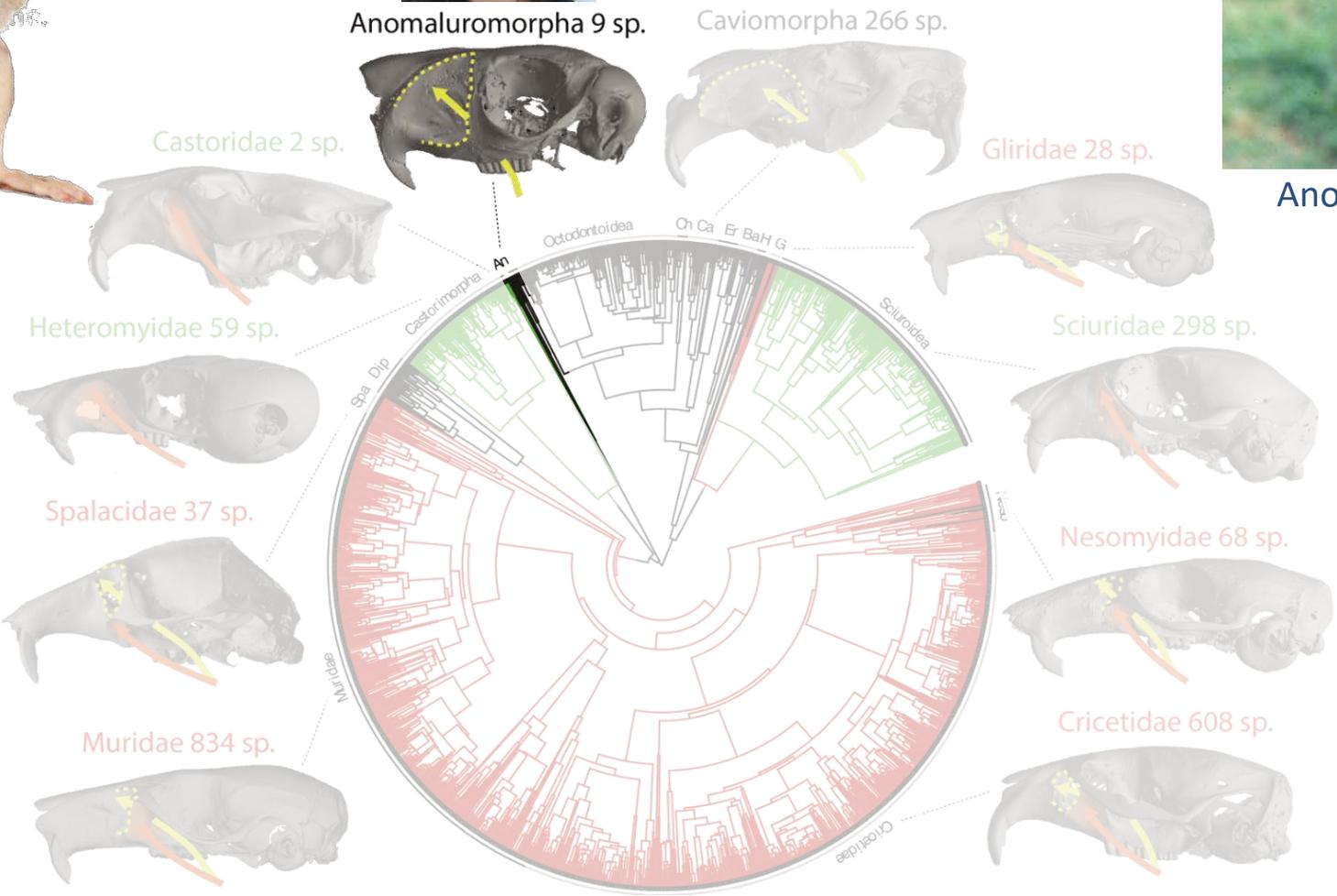
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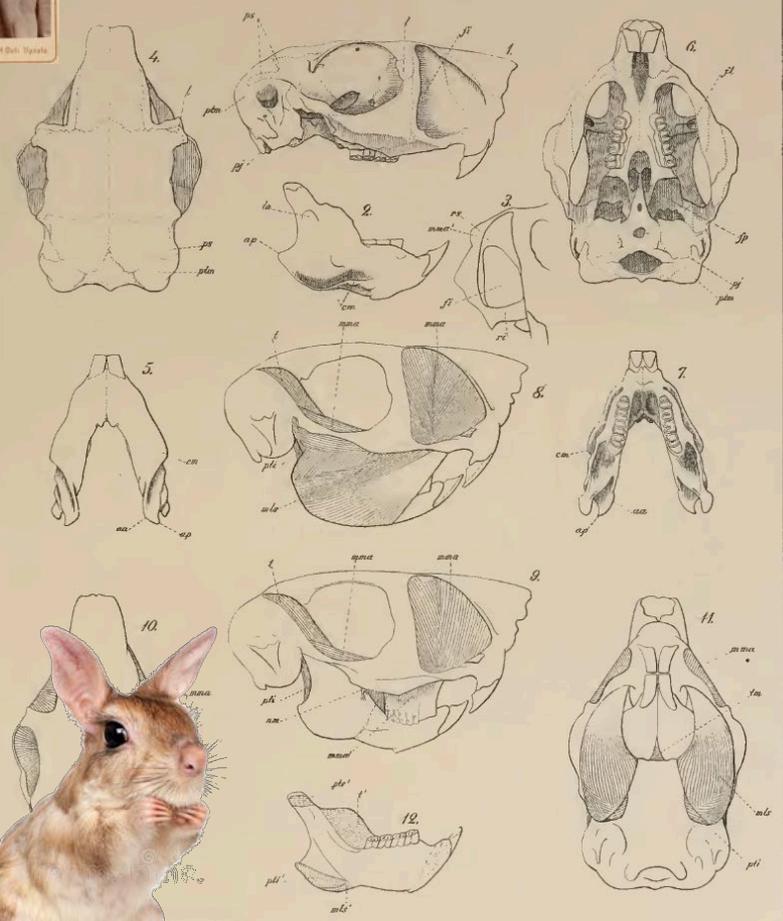
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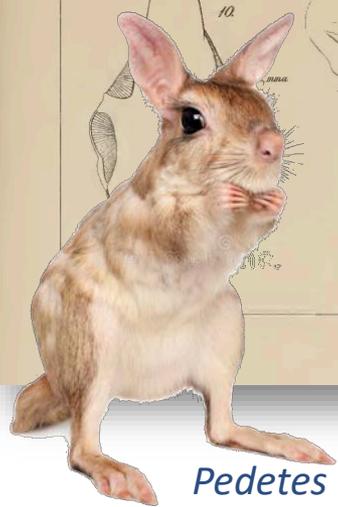


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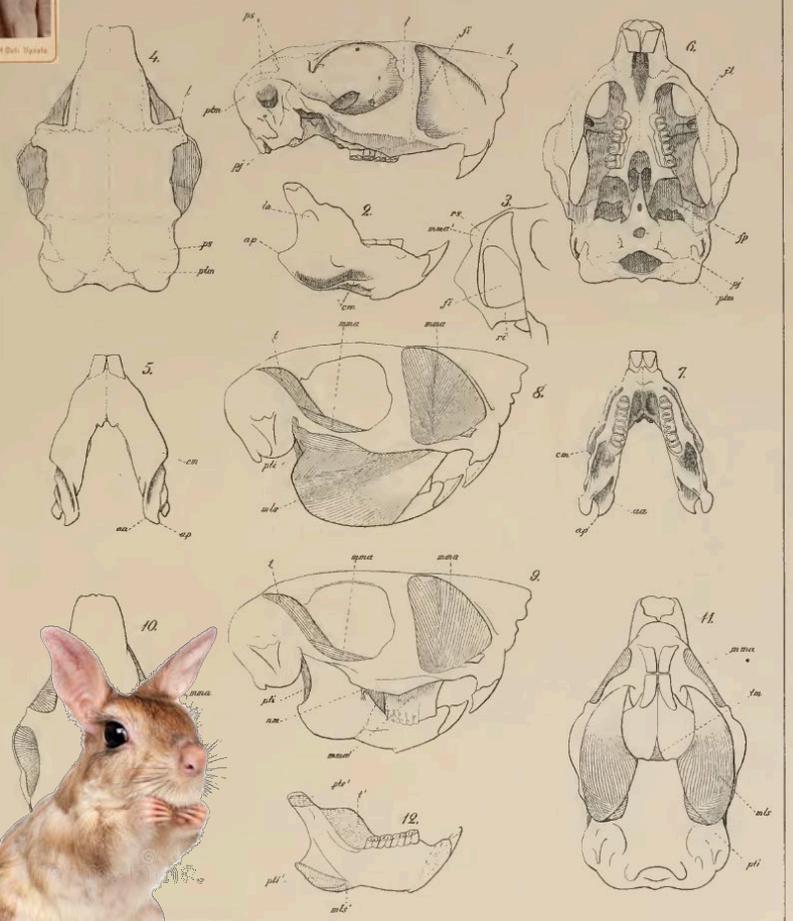
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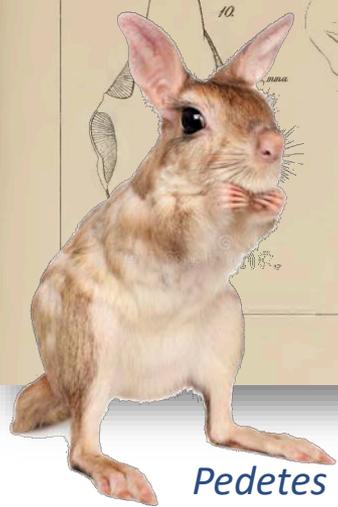


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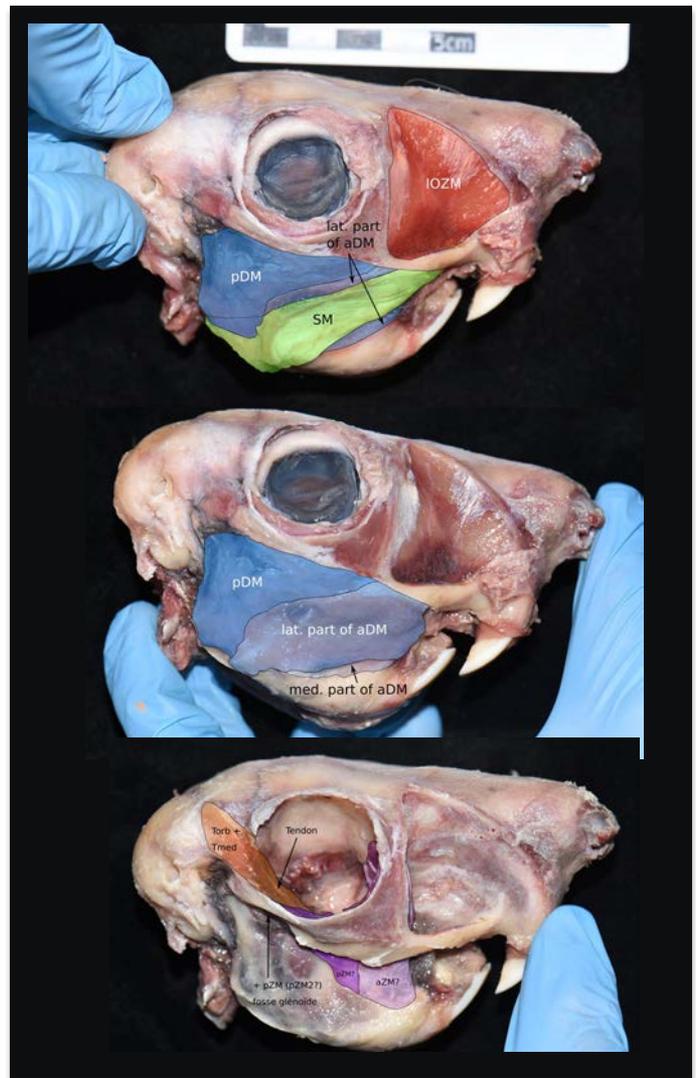
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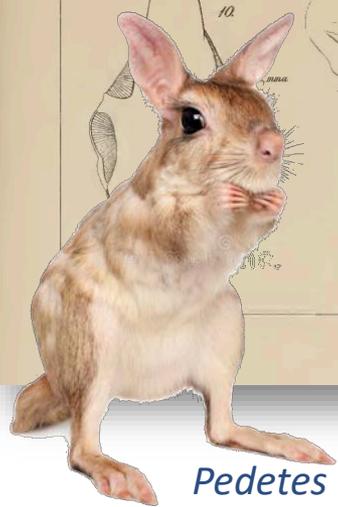


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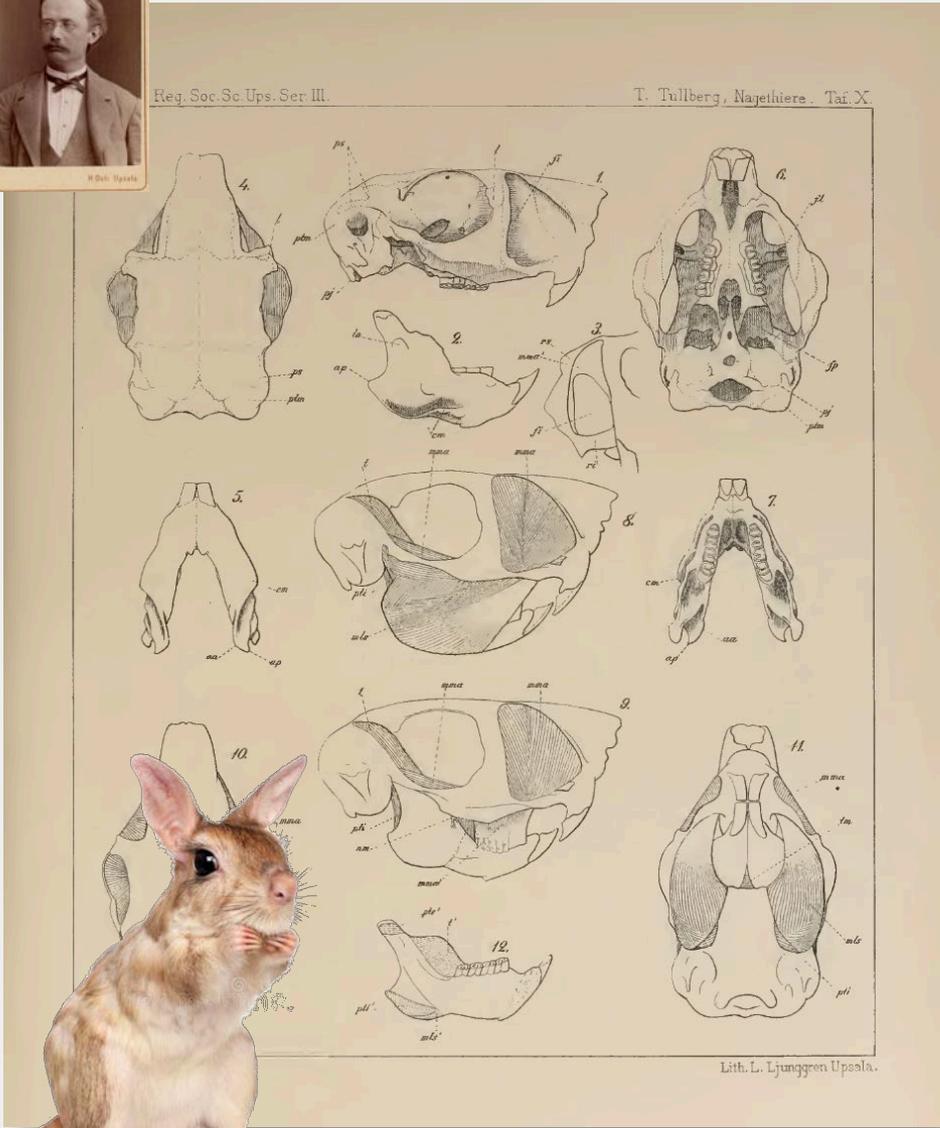
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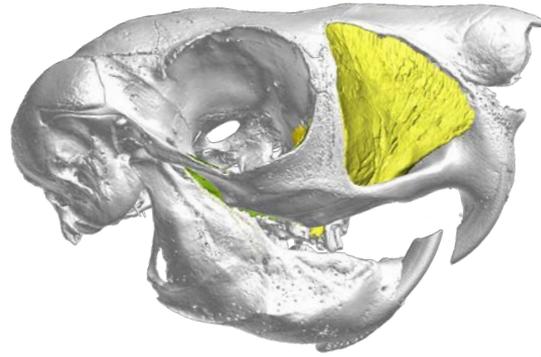
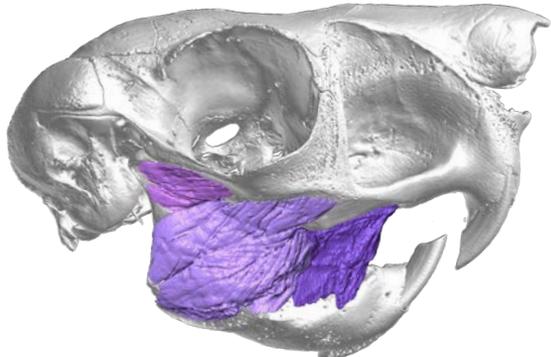
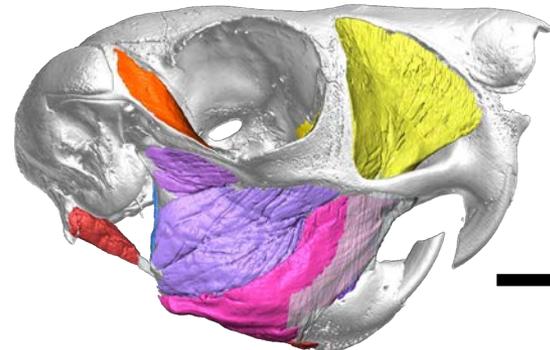
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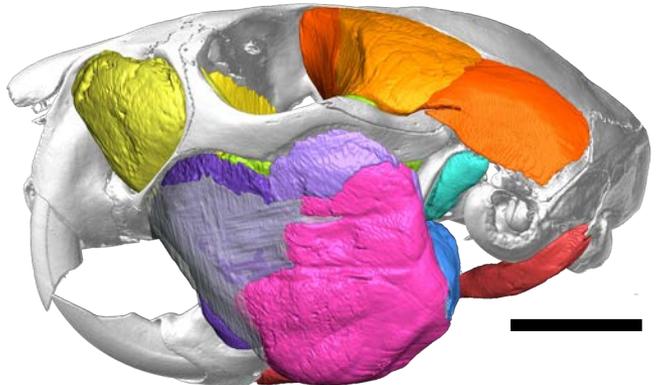
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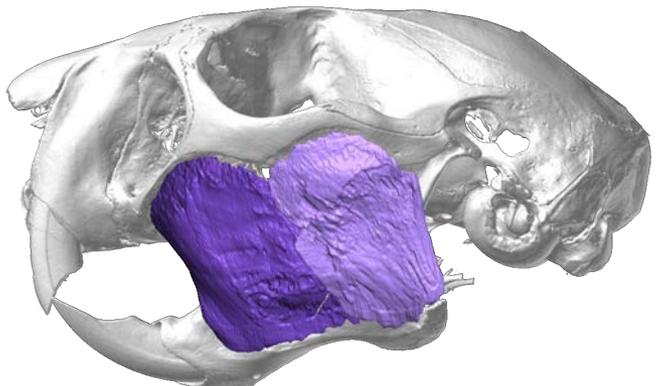
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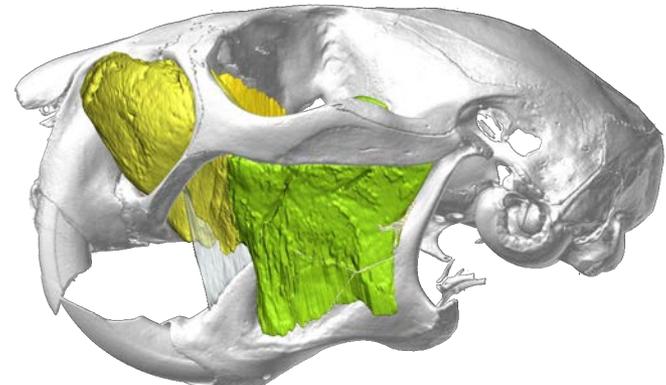
*Zenkerella*



Deep masseter layer



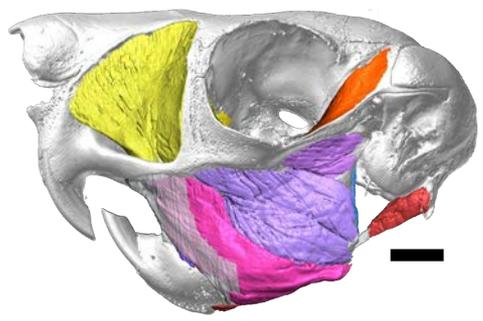
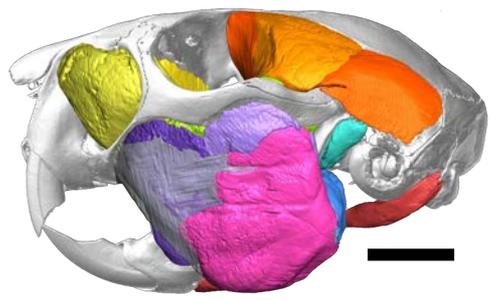
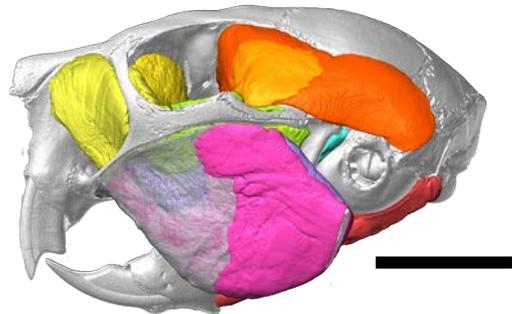
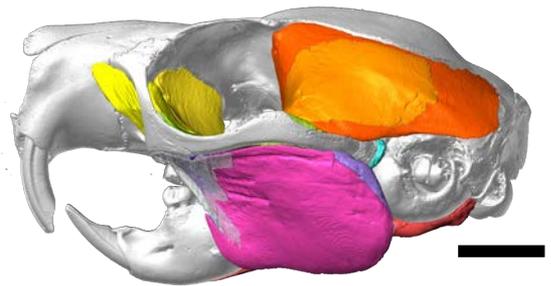
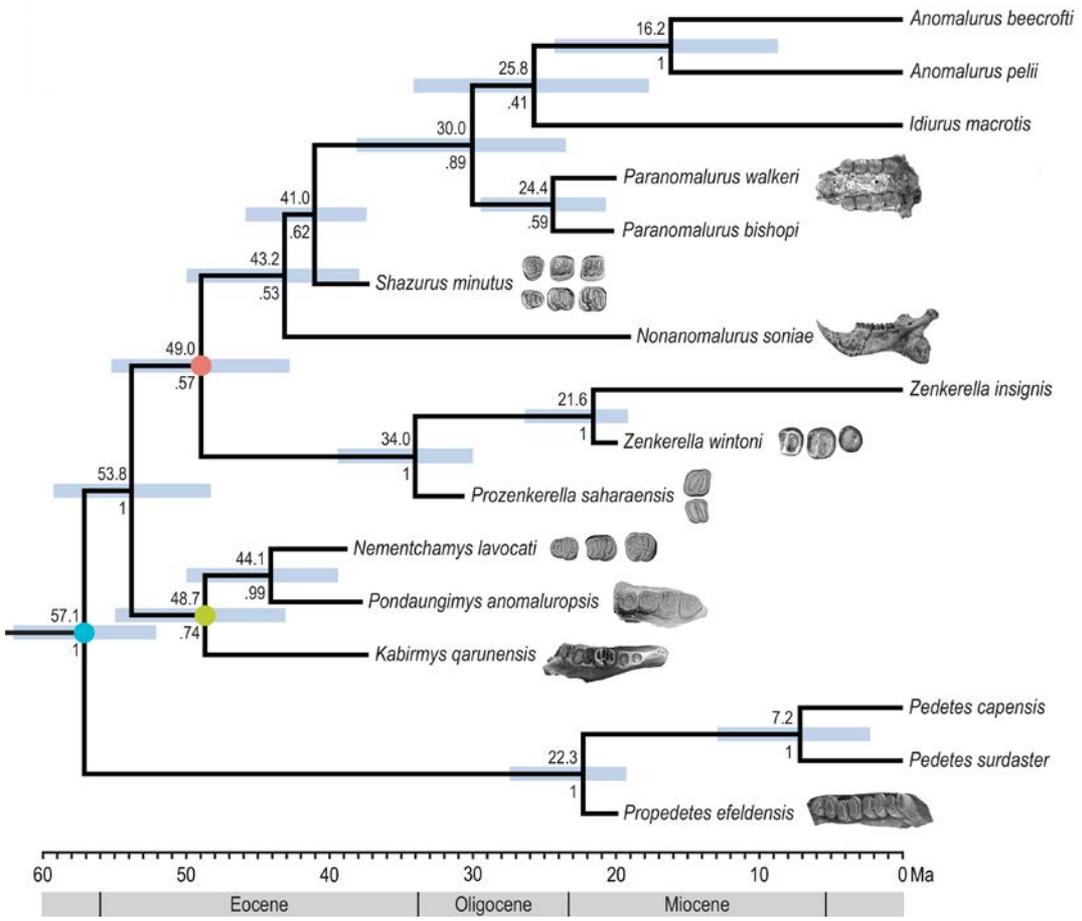
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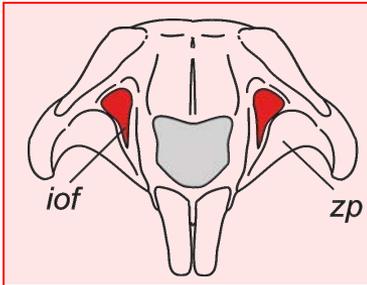
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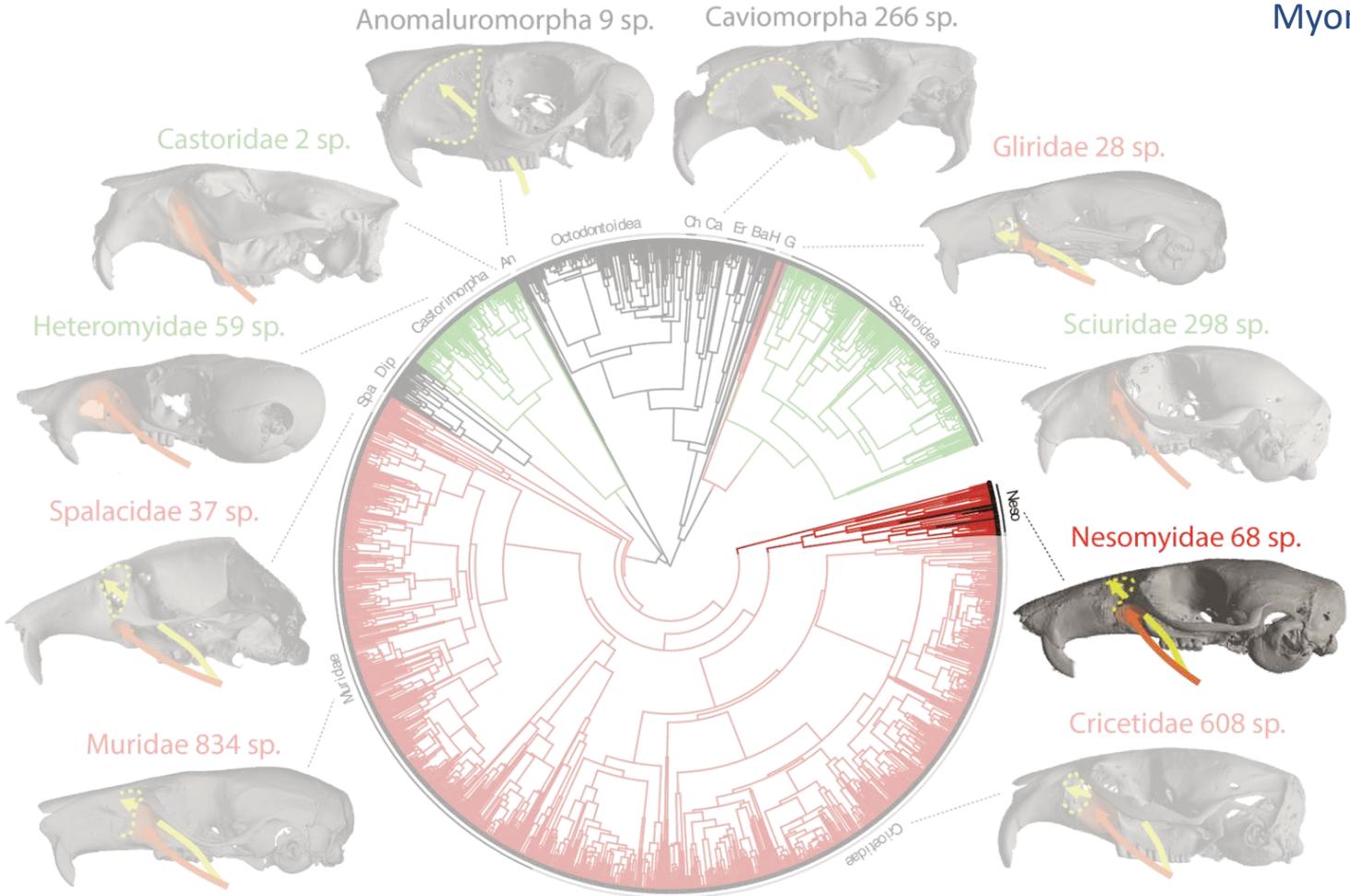
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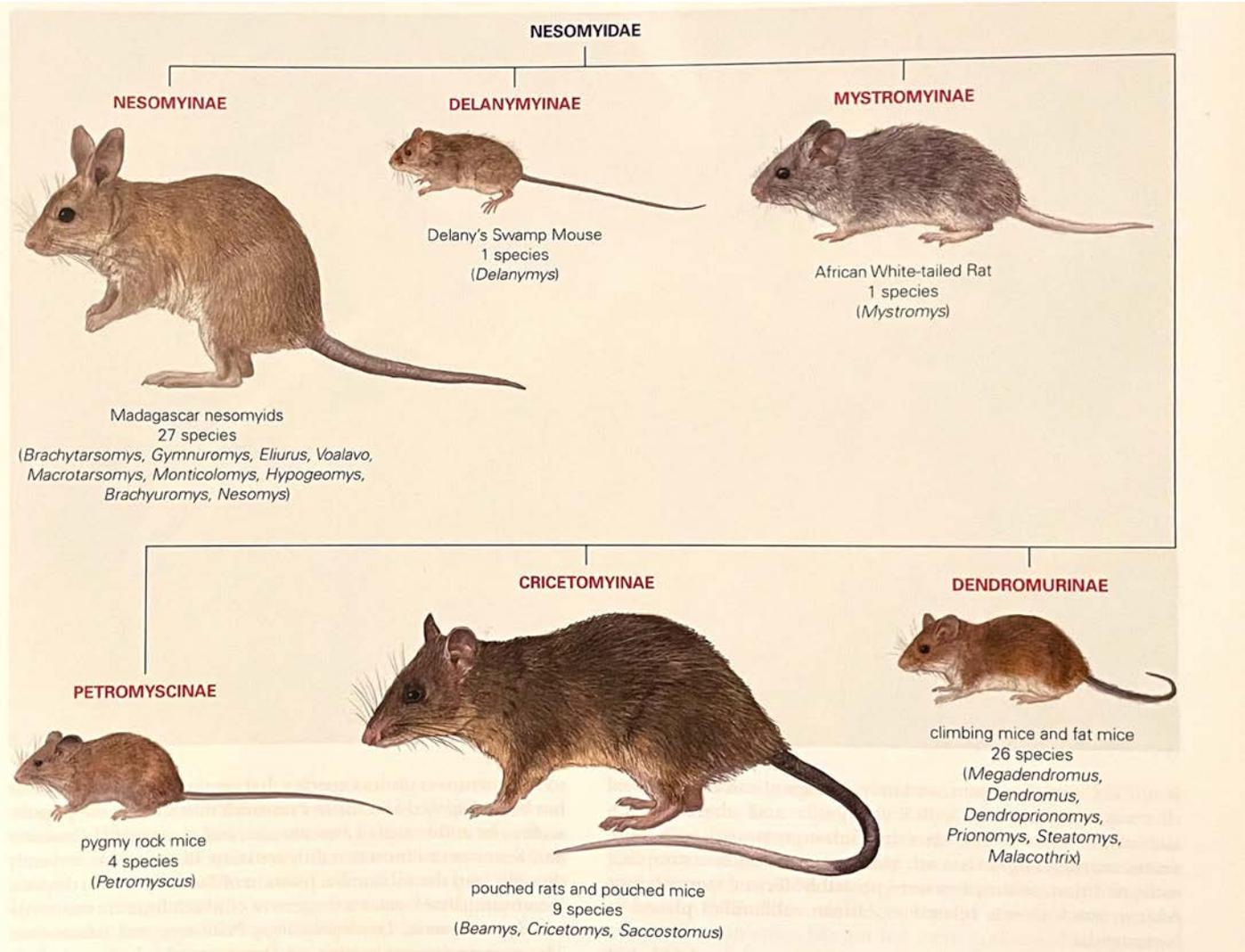


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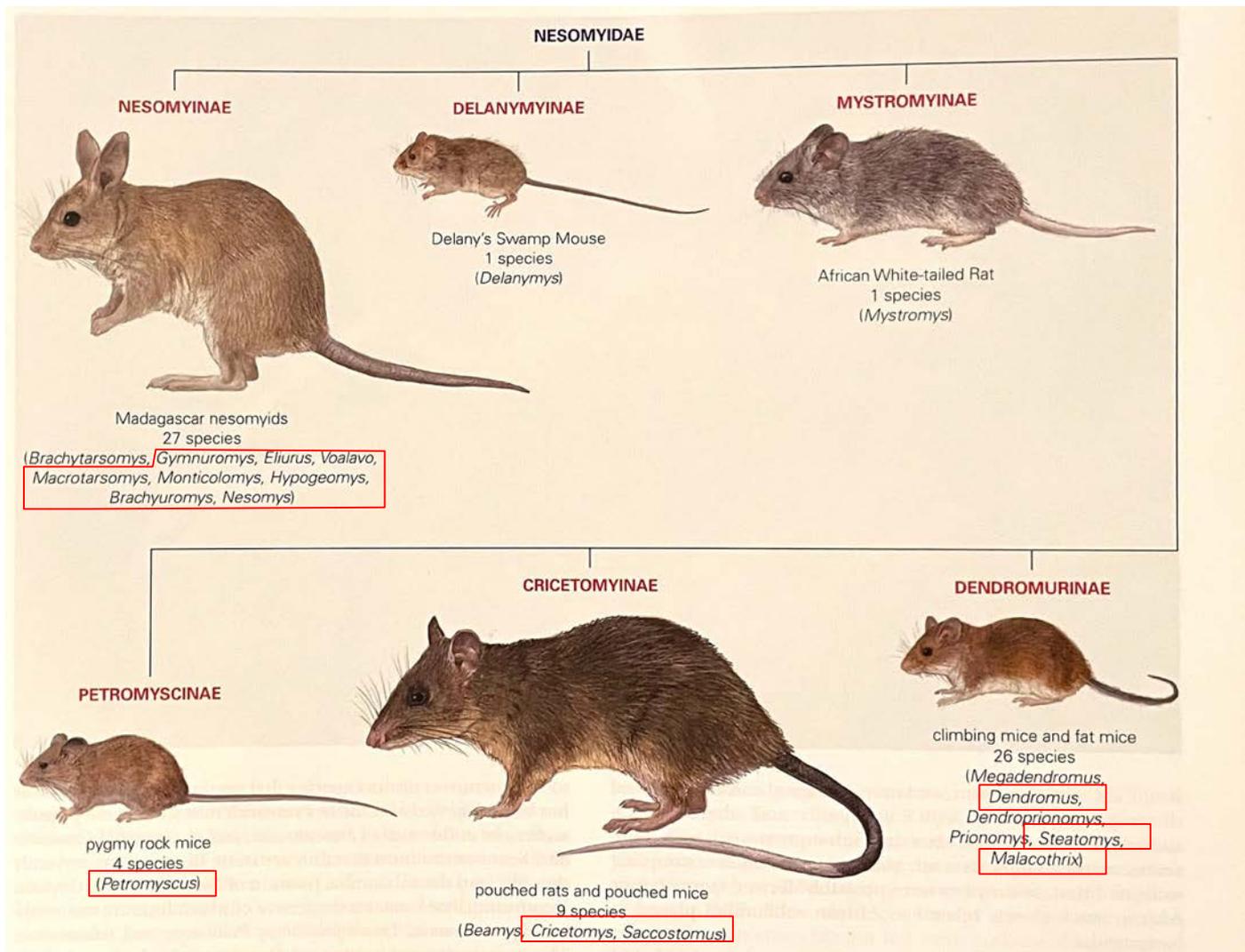
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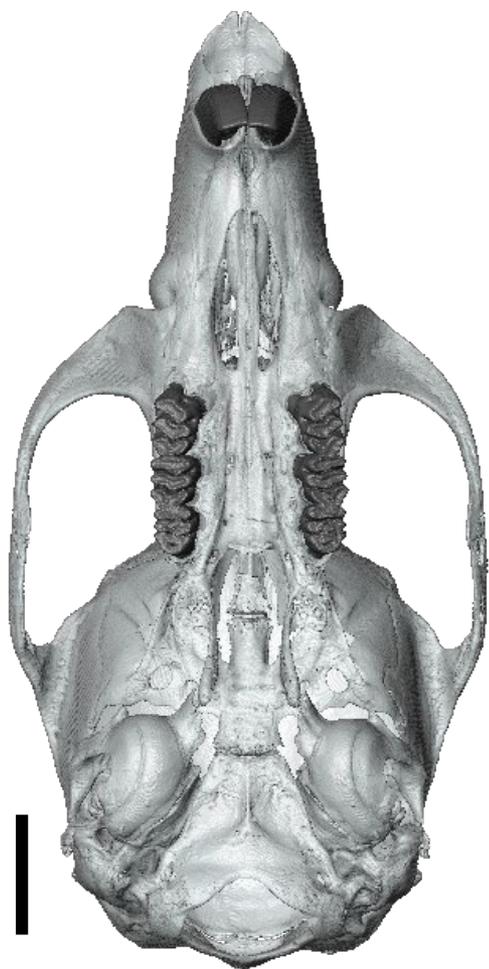
## Three prominent classifications of nesomyine genera

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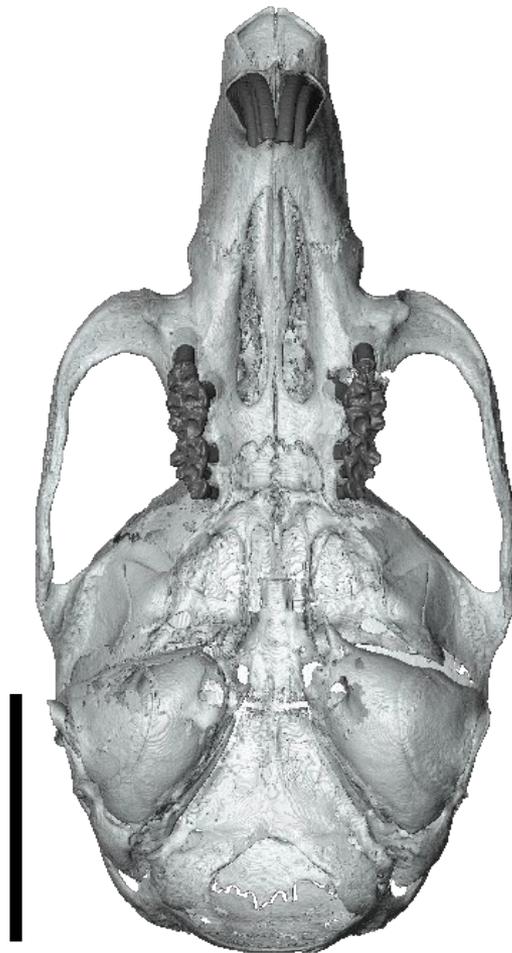
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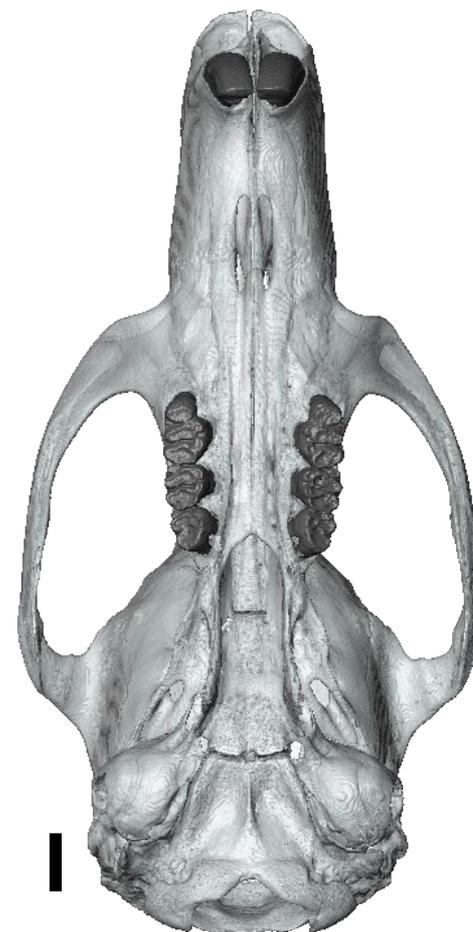
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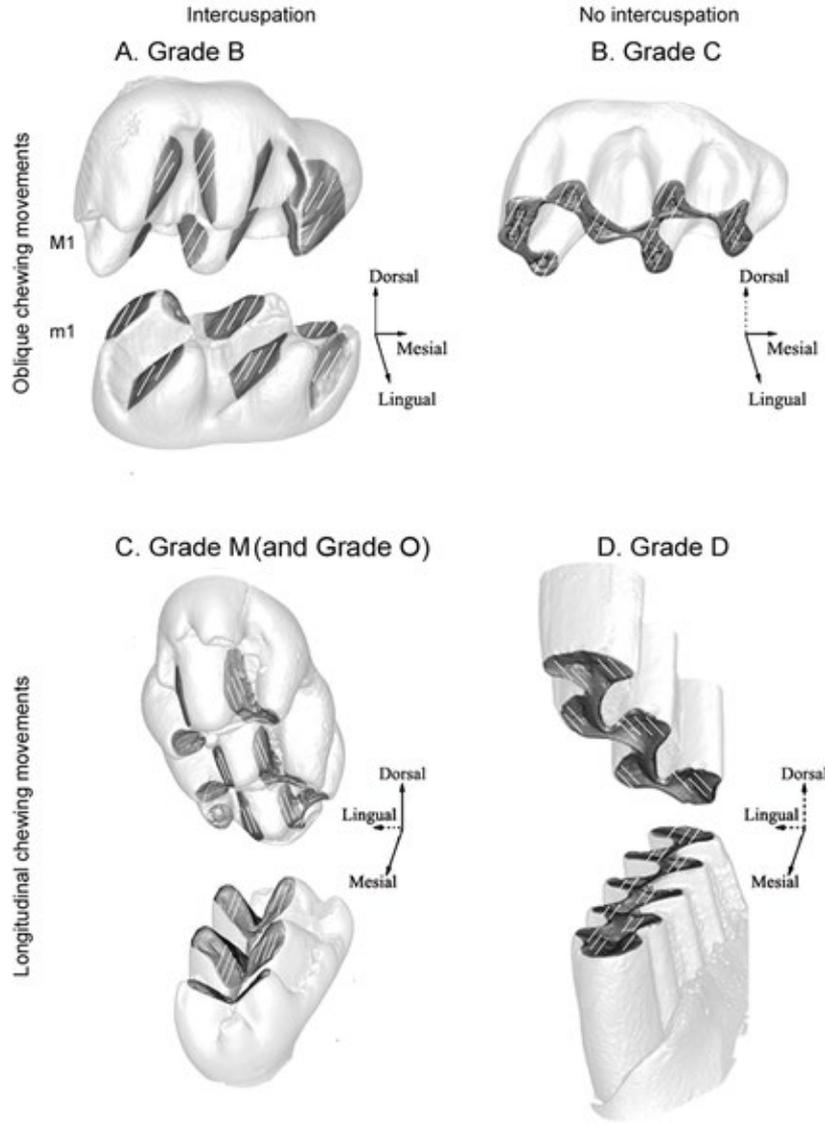
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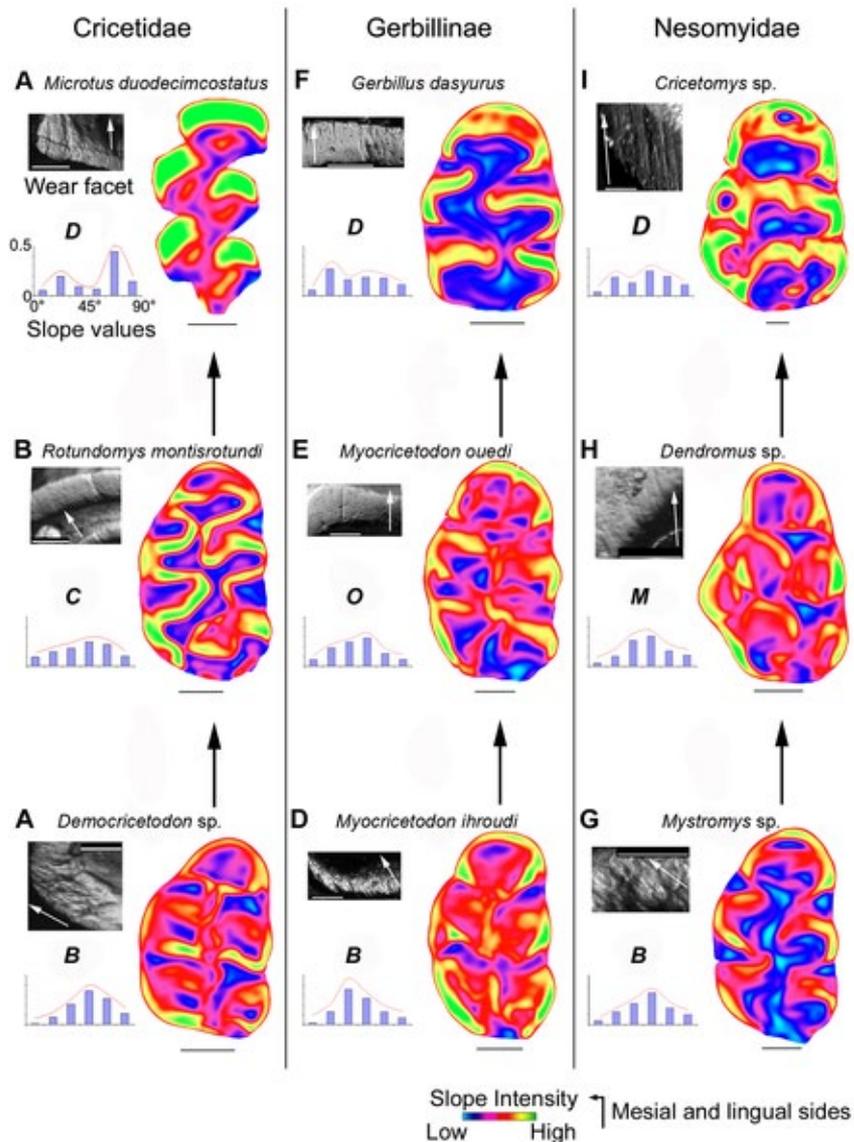
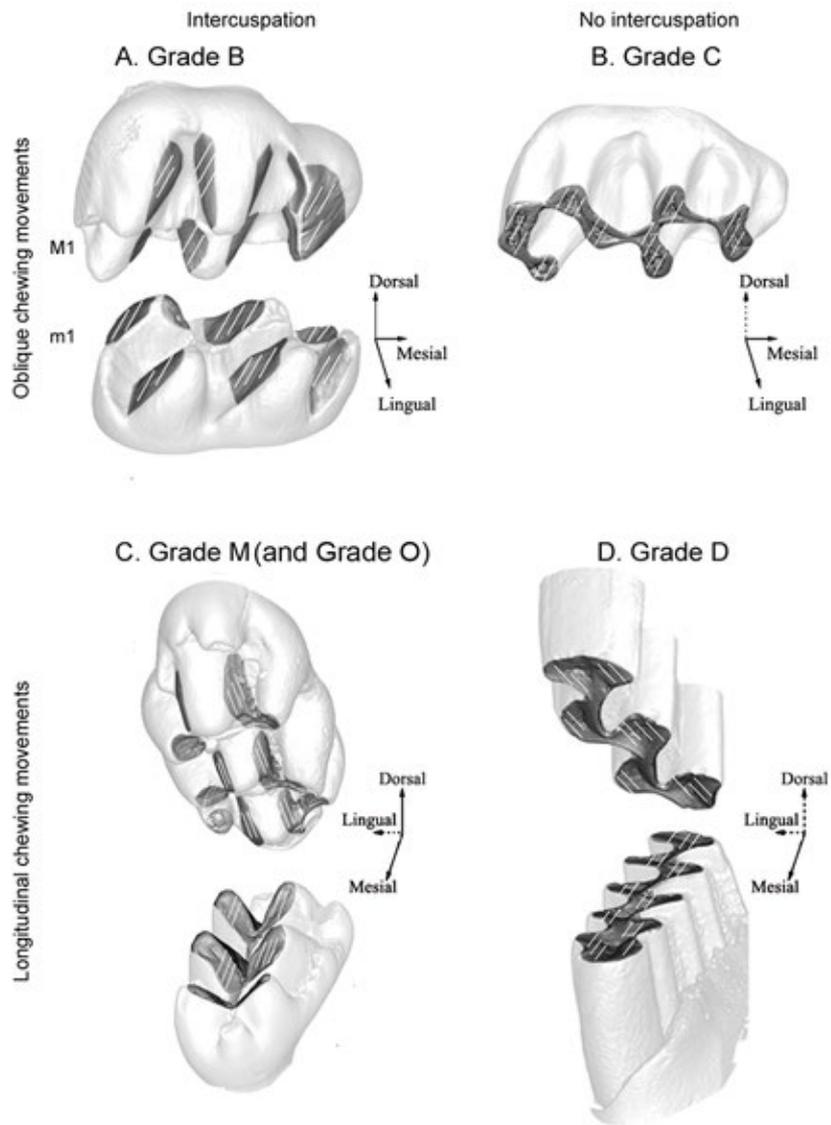
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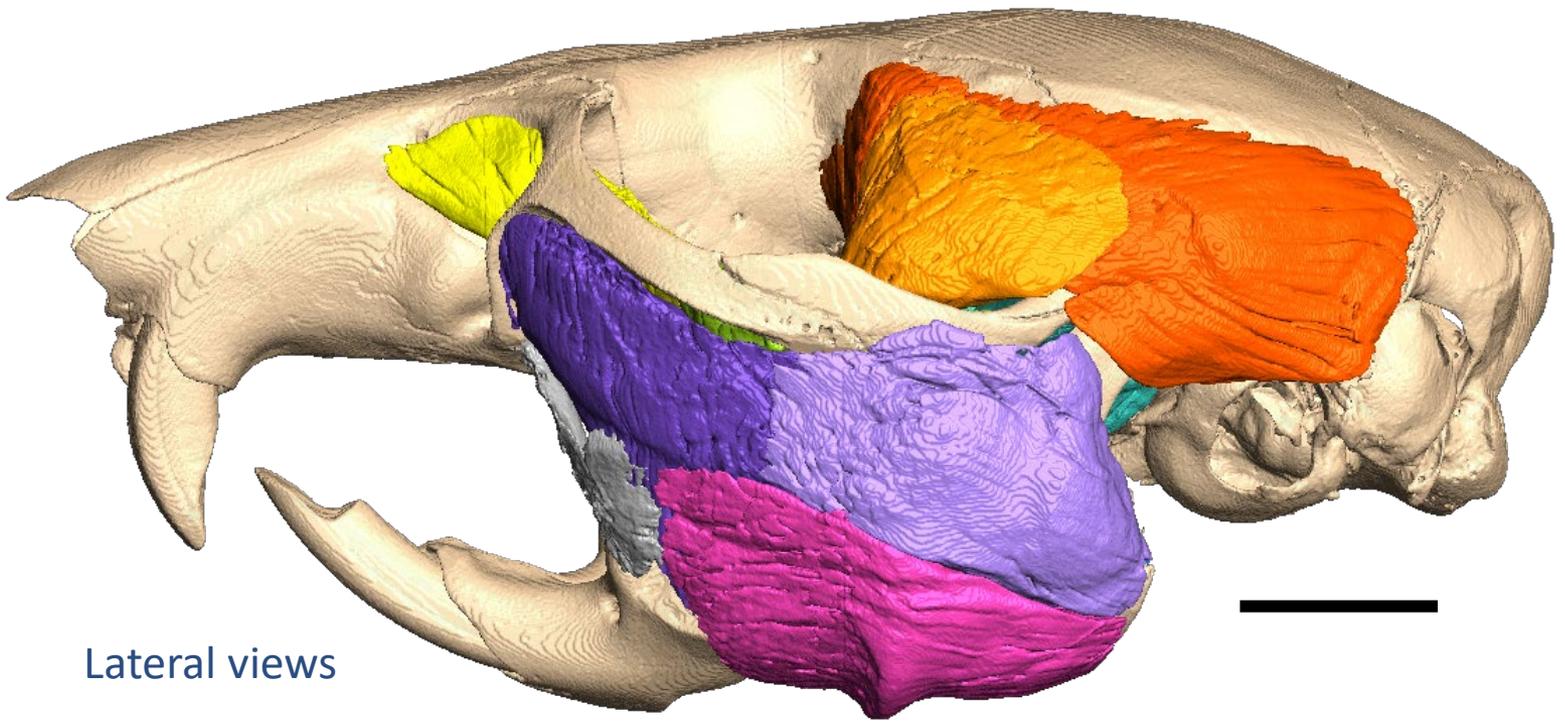
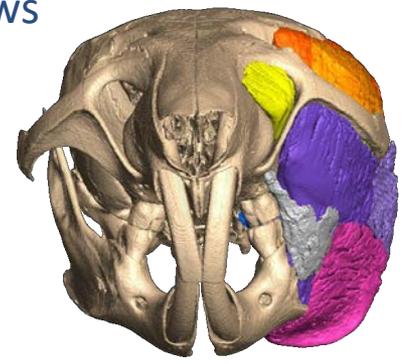


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Frontal views



Lateral views

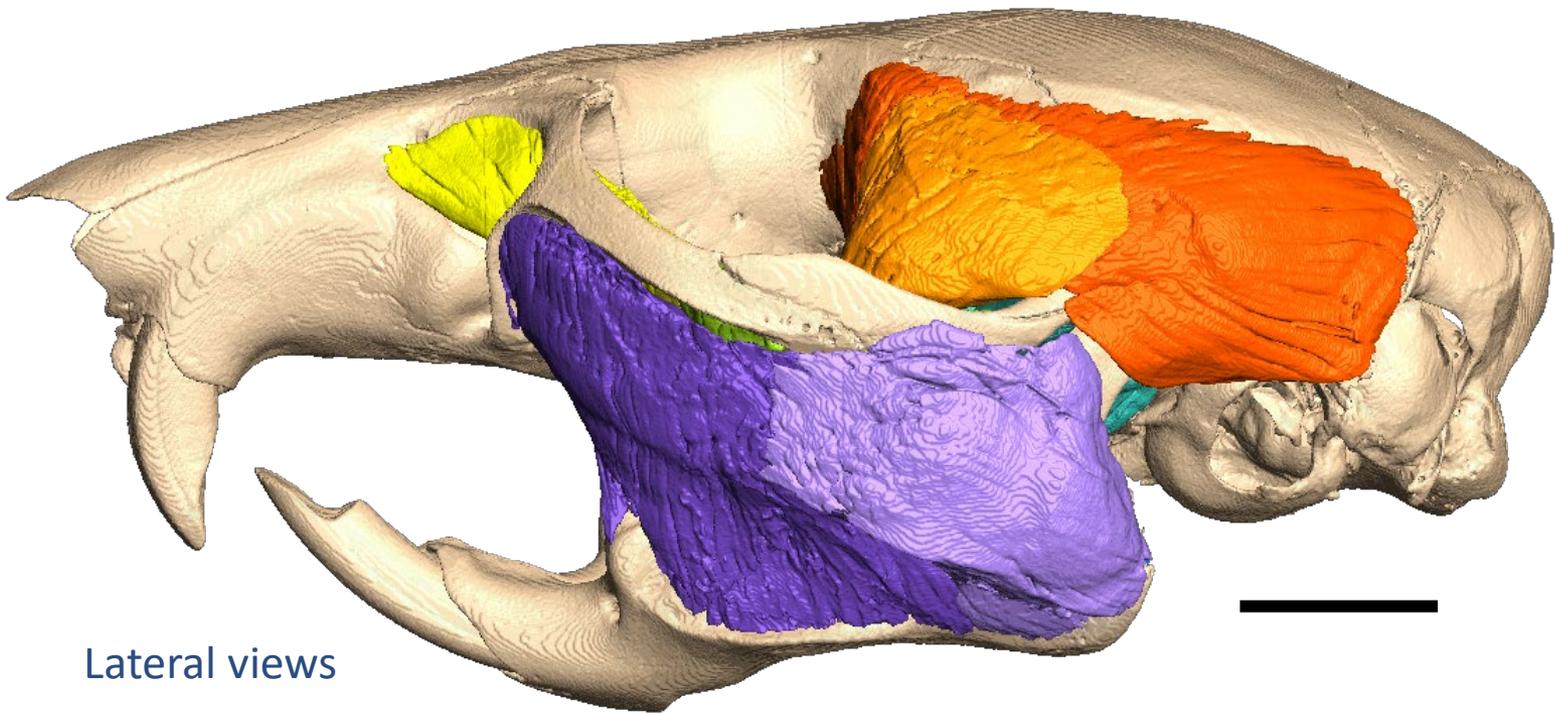
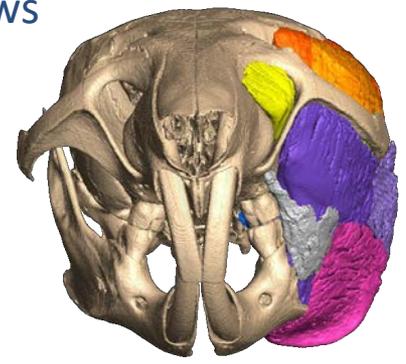


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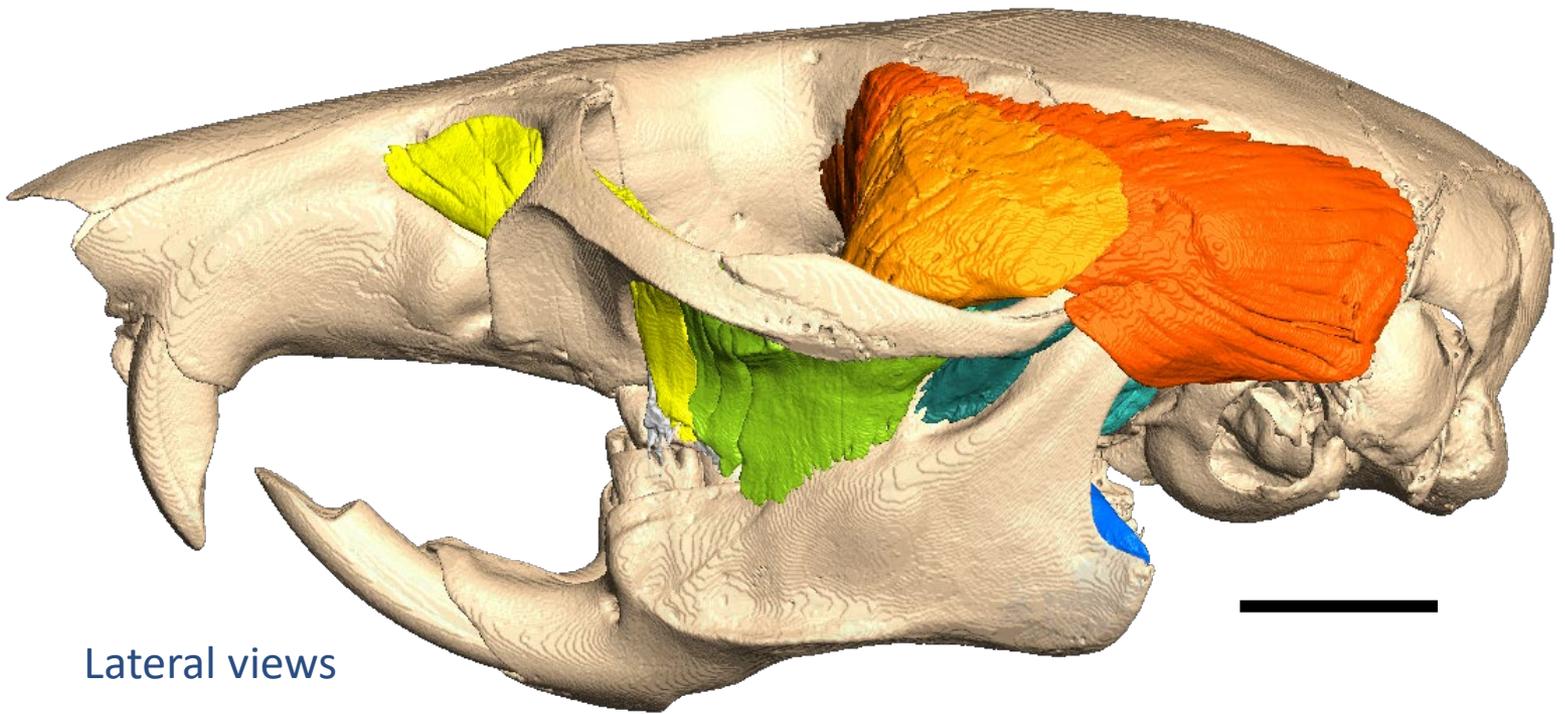
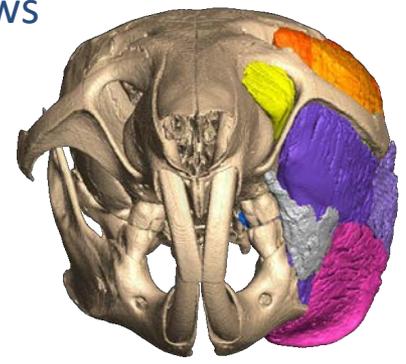


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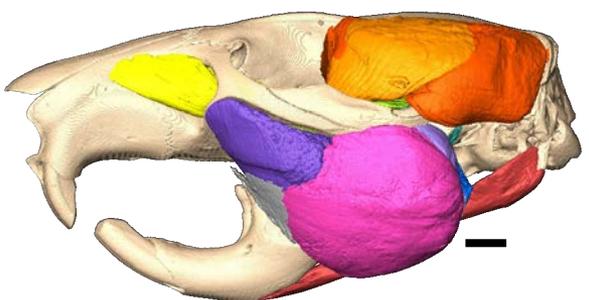


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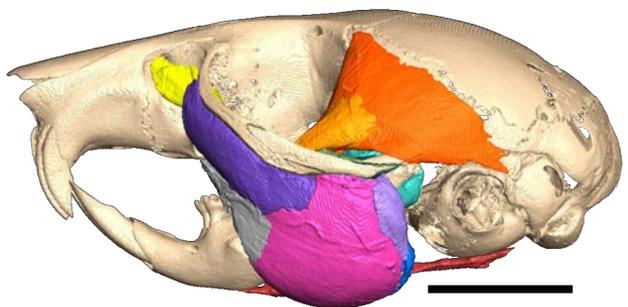


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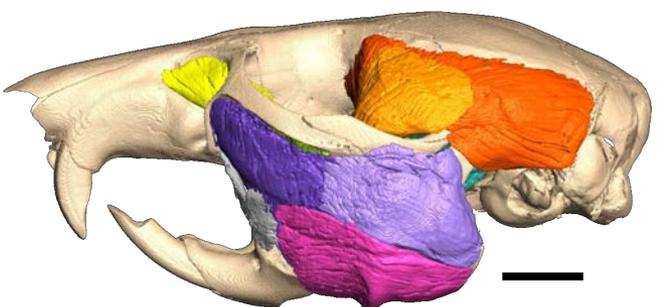
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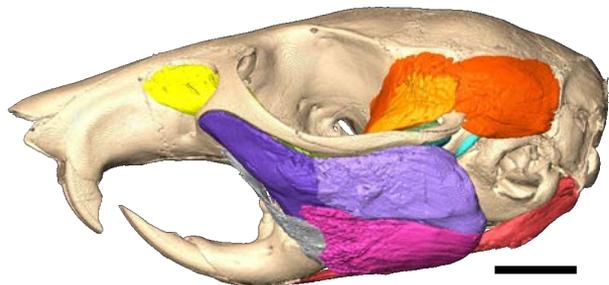
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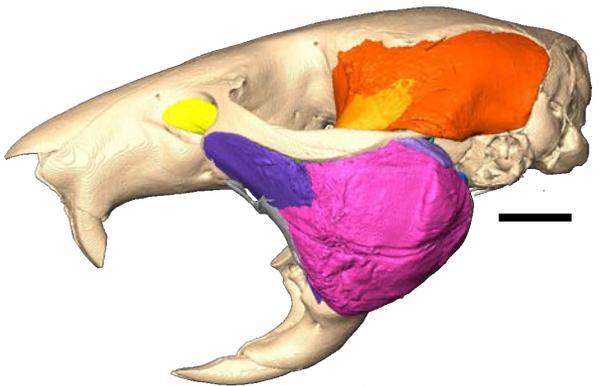
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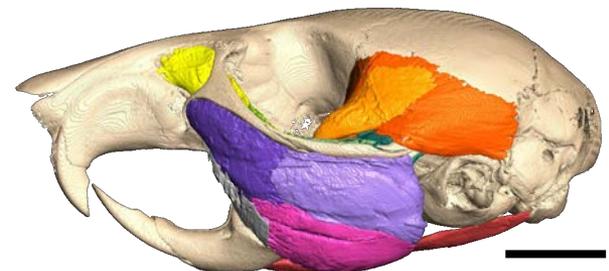
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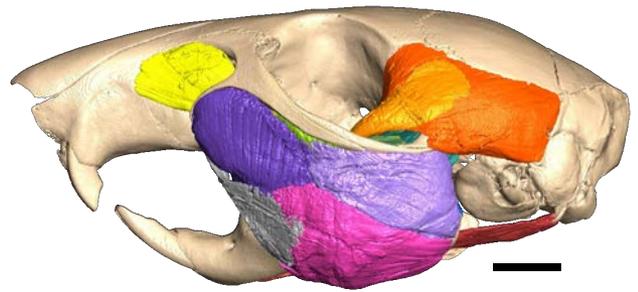
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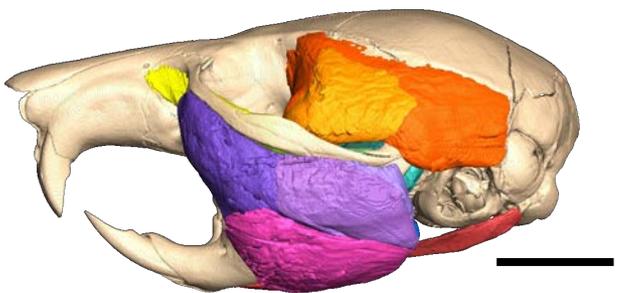
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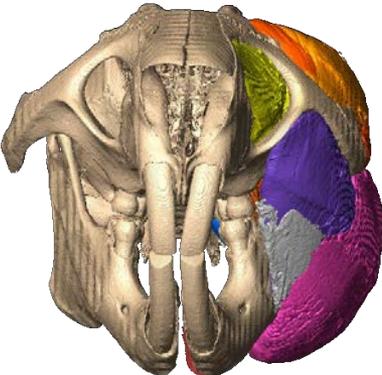


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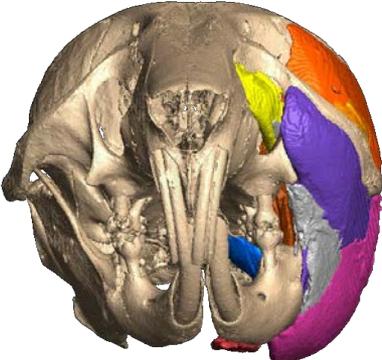
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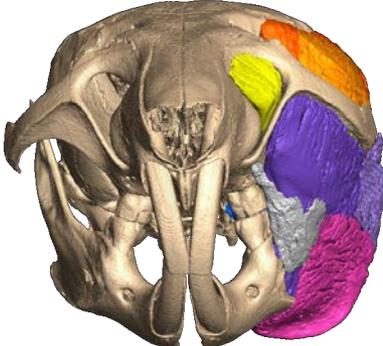
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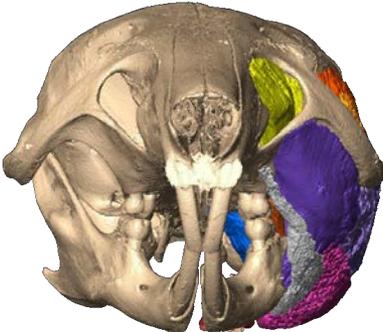
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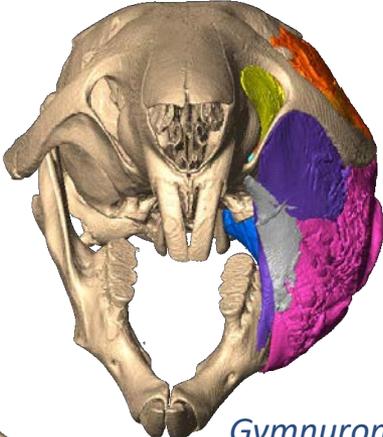
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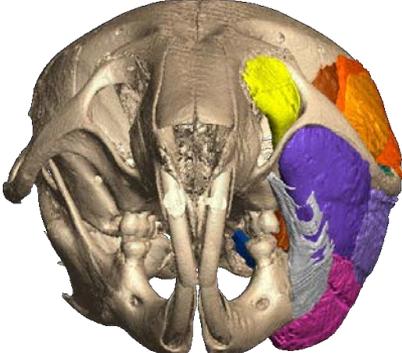
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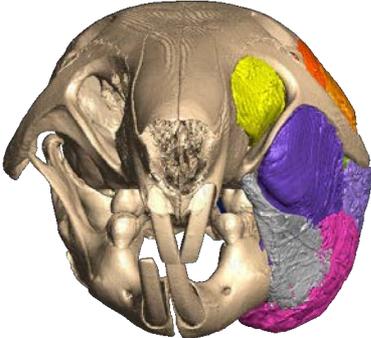
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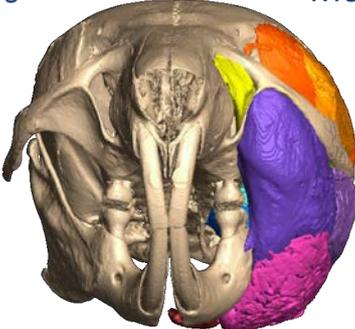
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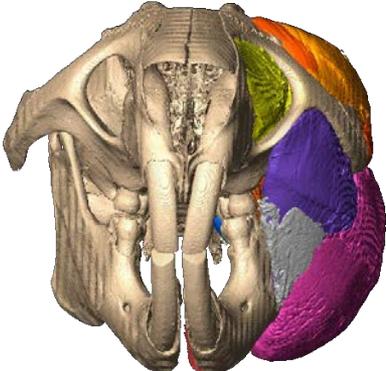
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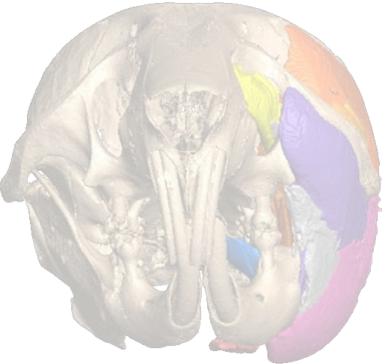
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# Nesomyidae

## Frontal views



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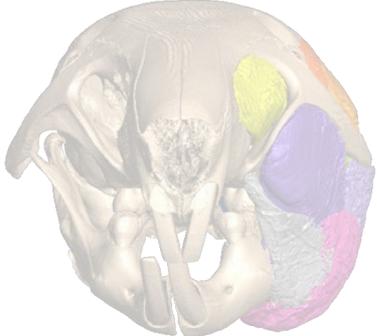
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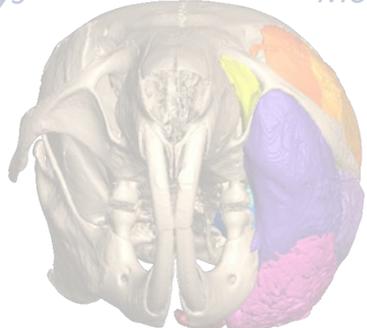
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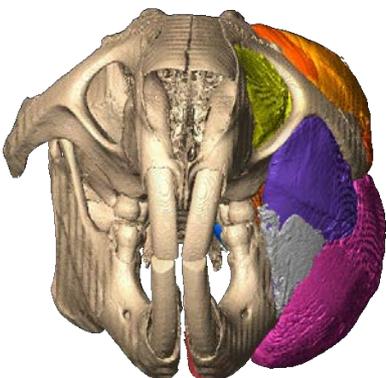
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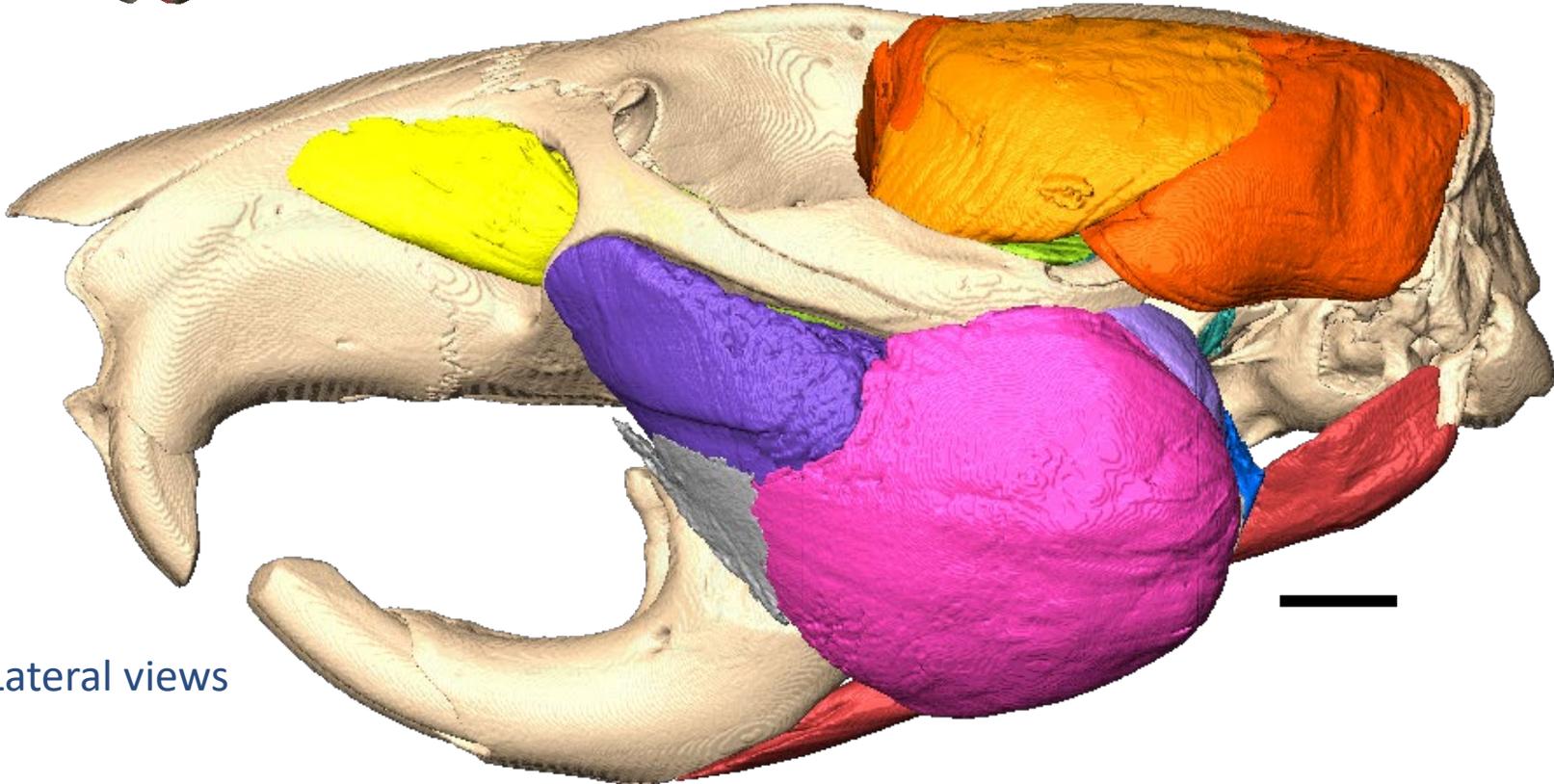
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Frontal views



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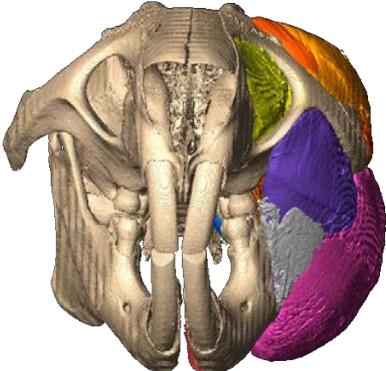
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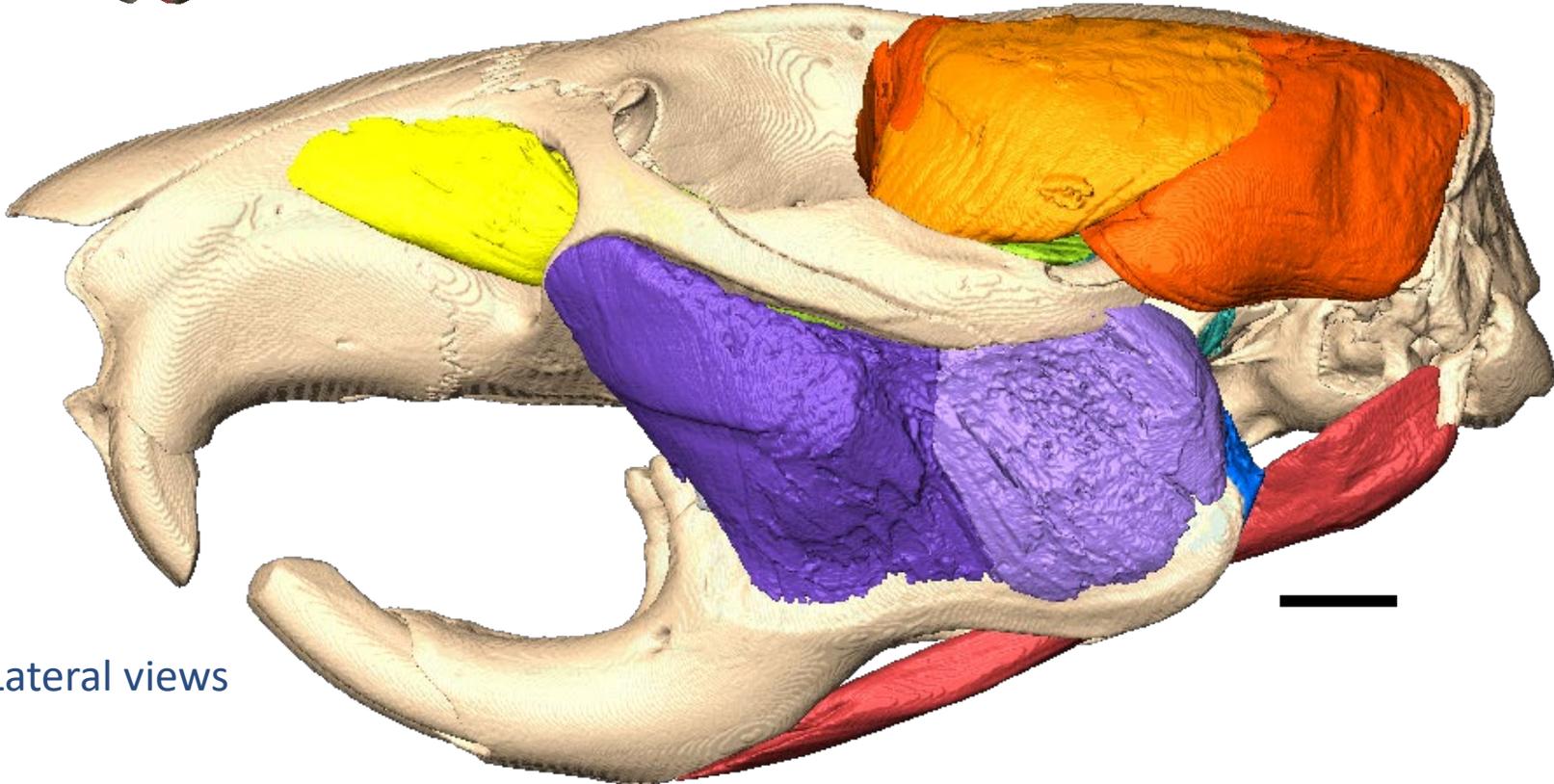
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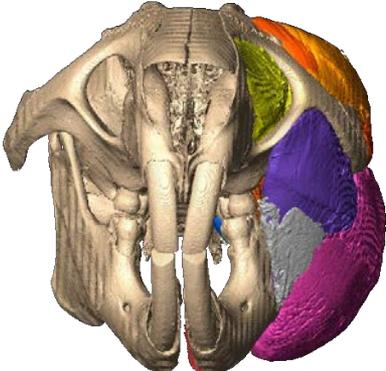
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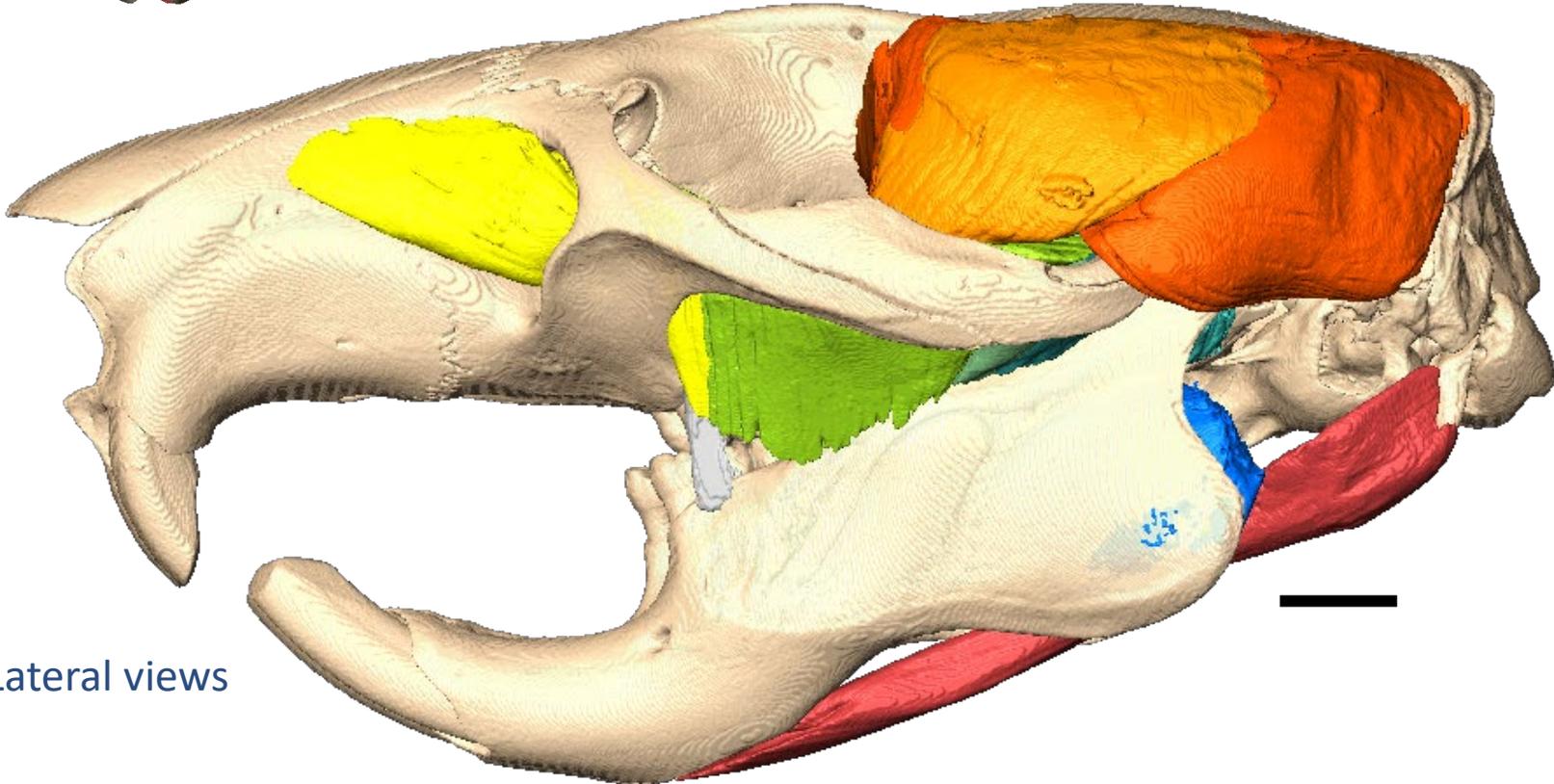
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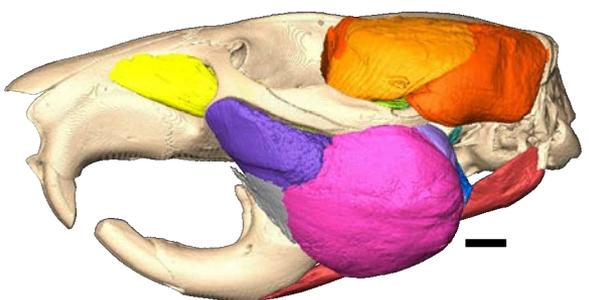
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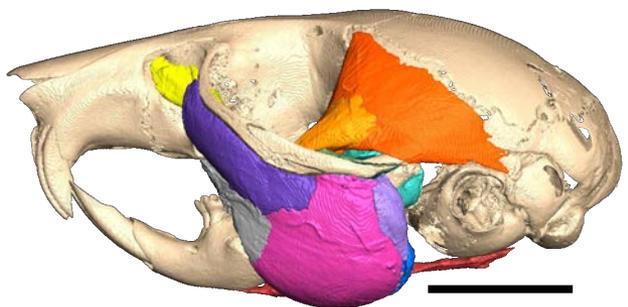
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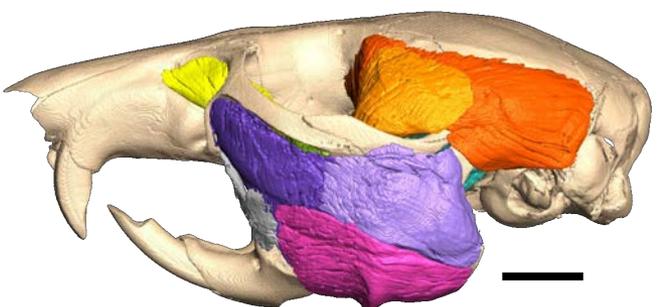
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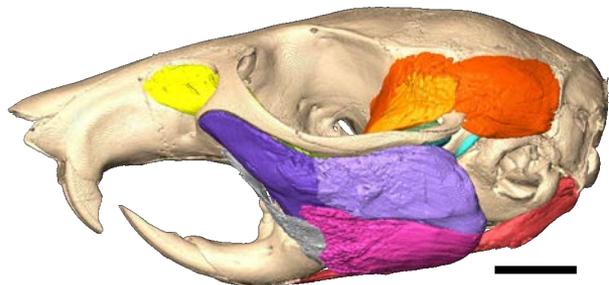
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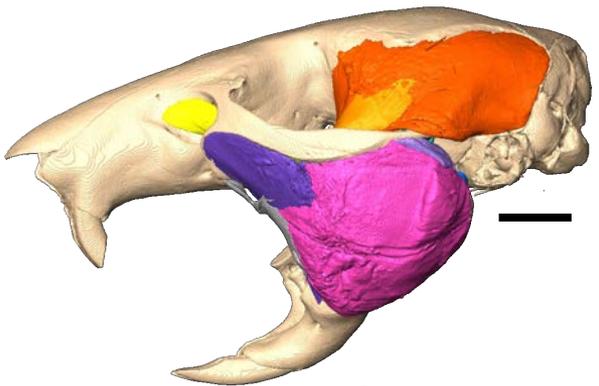
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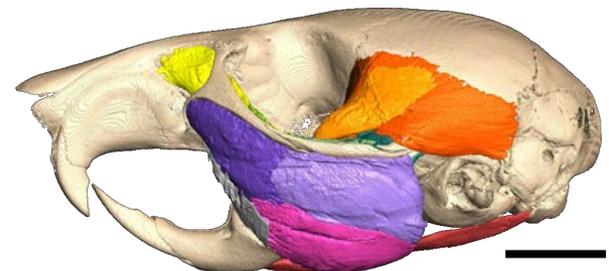
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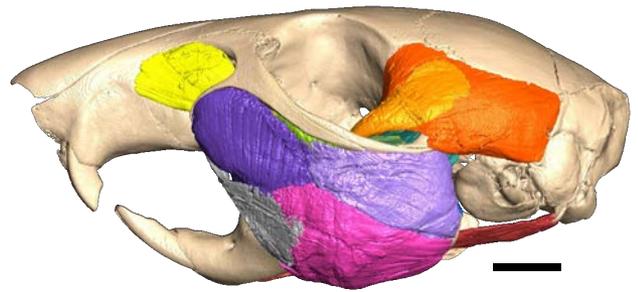
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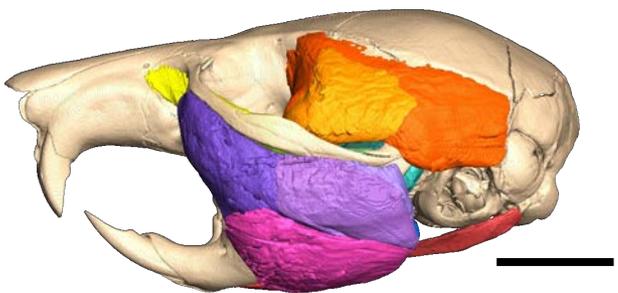
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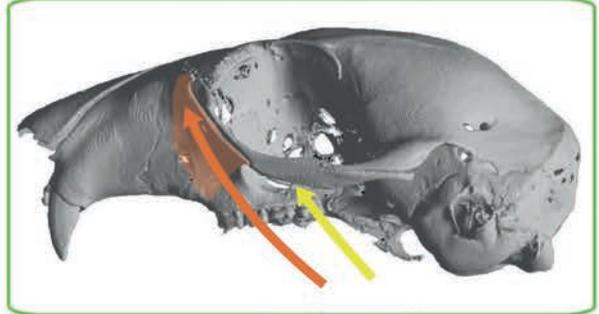
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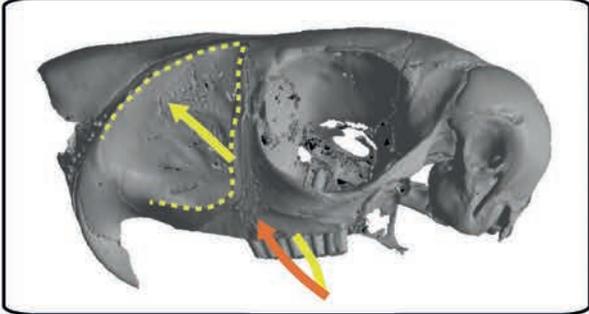
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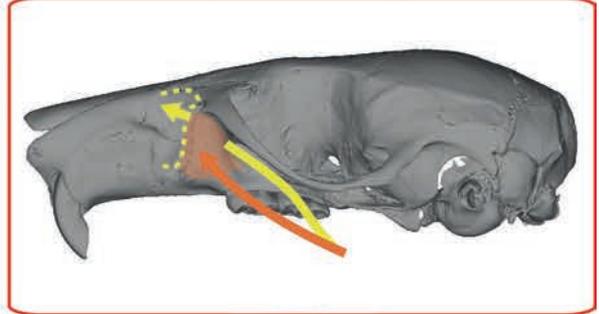
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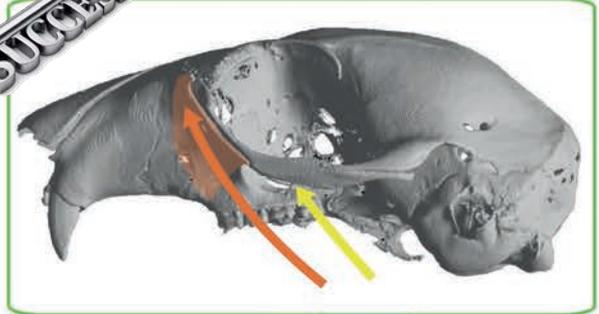


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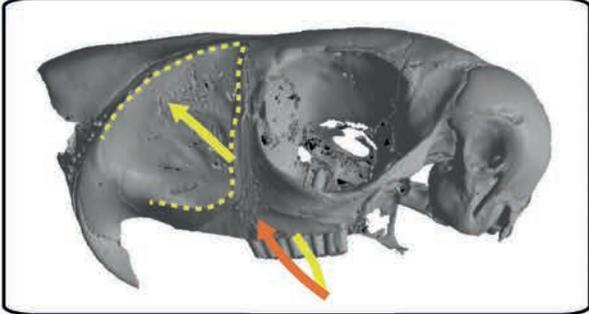
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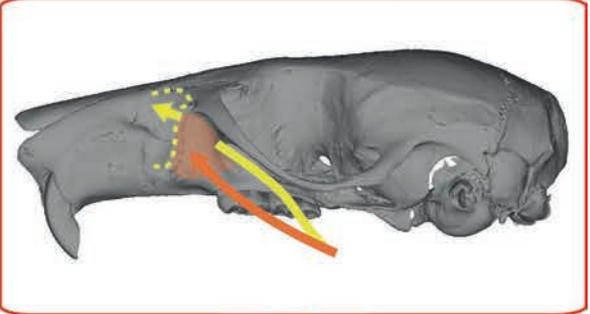
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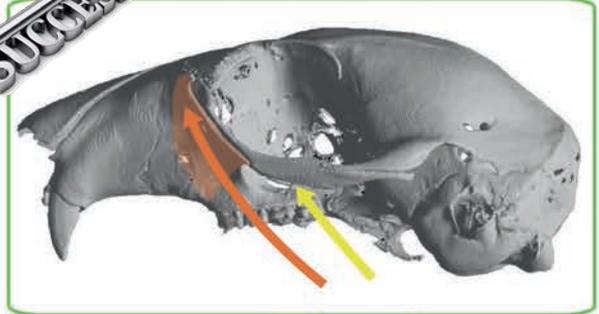


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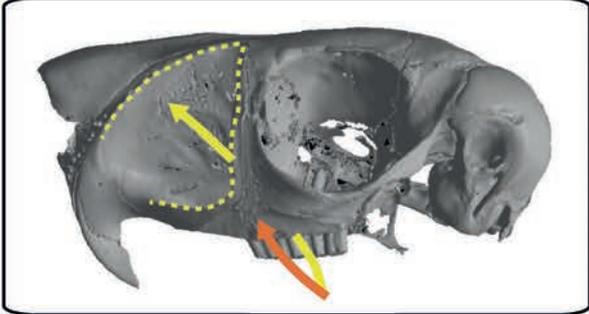
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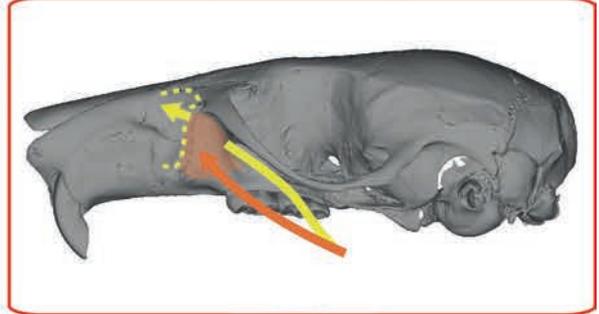
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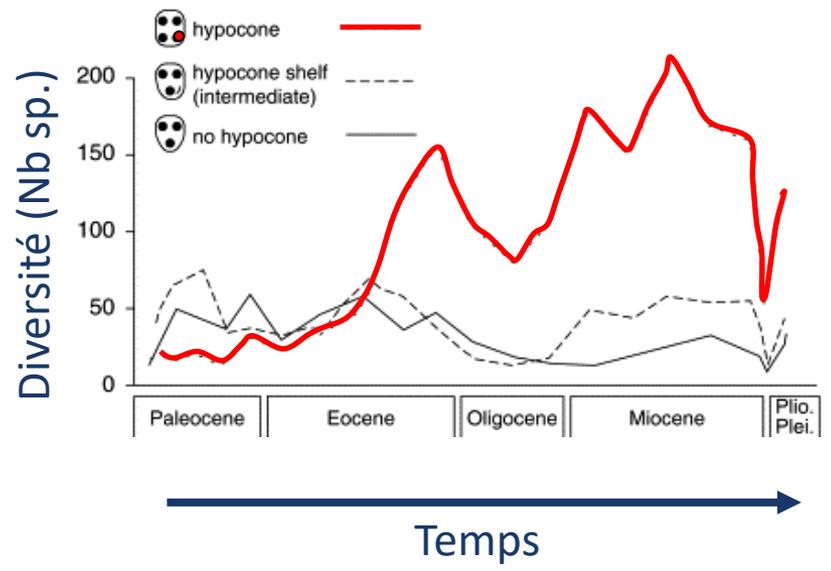
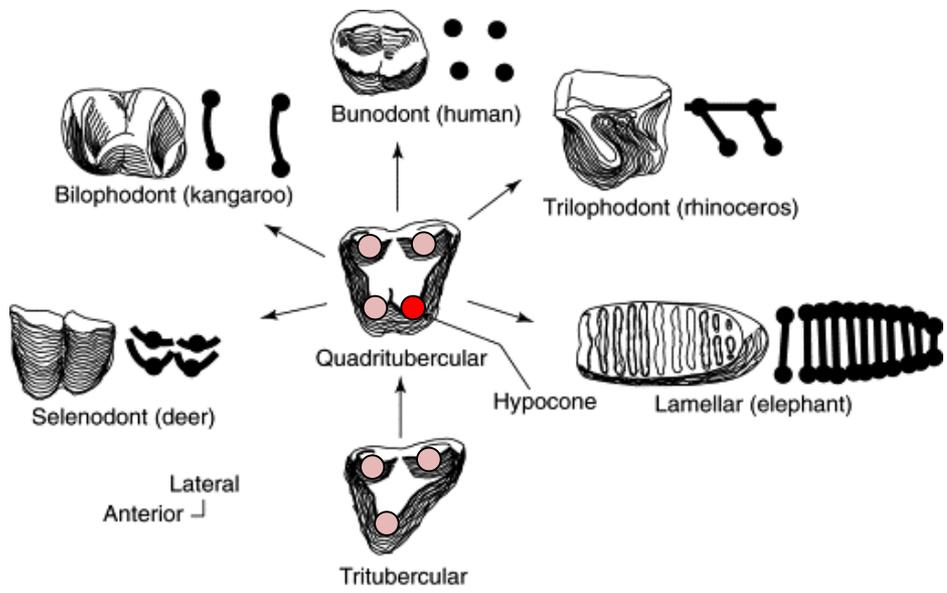
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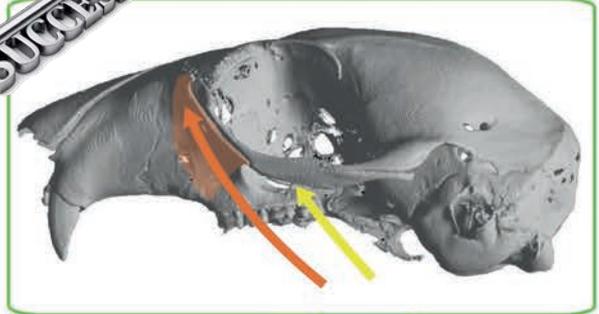
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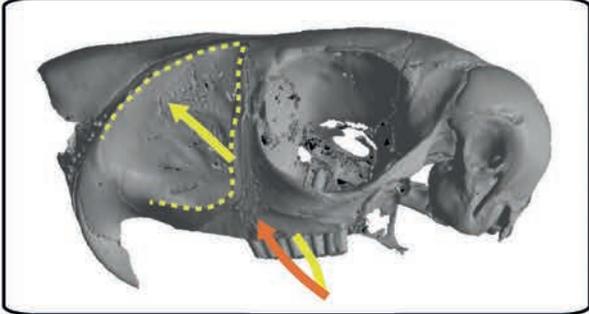
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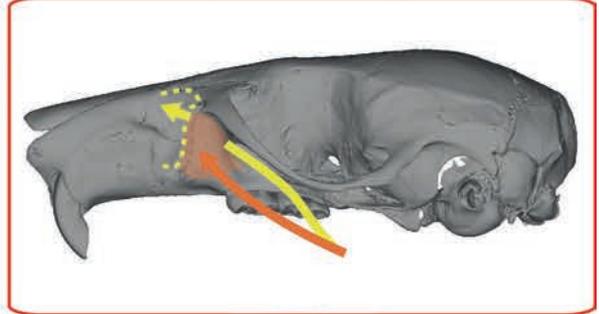
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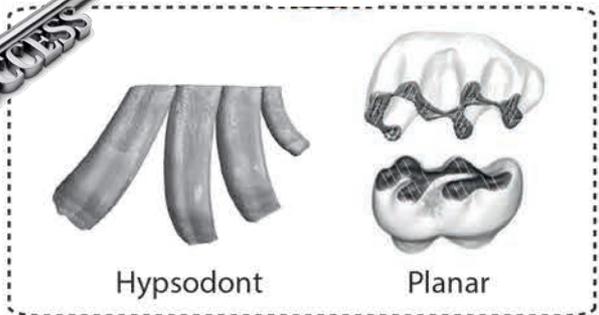
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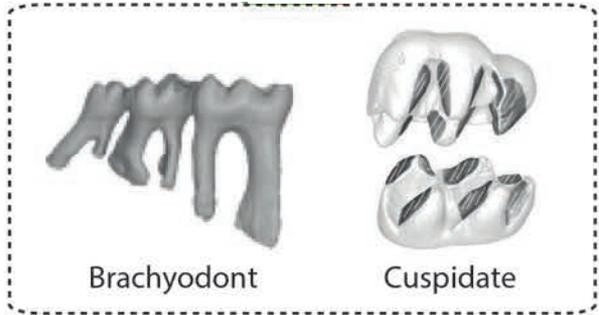


Crown height vs occlusal pattern



Hypsodont

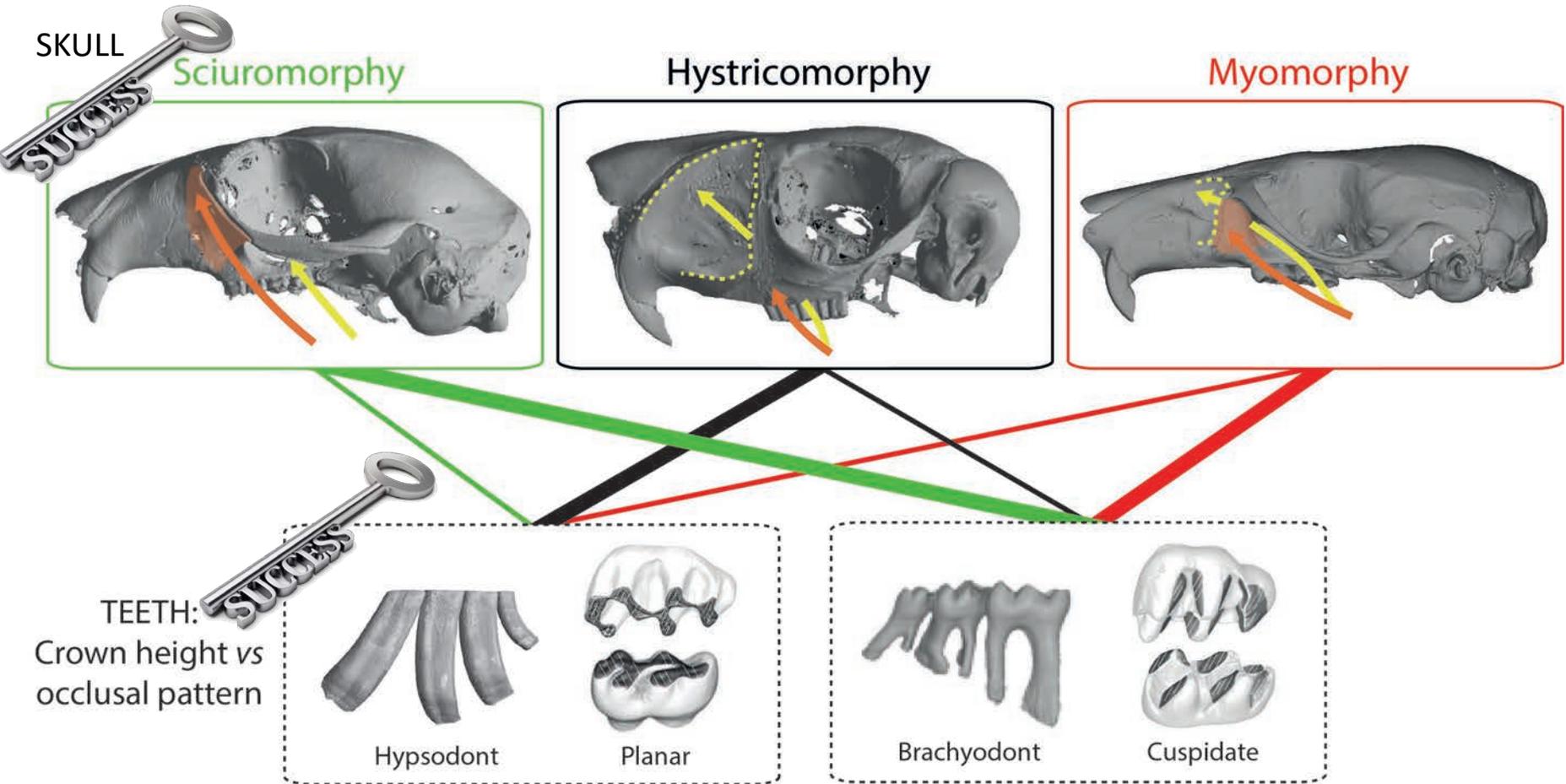
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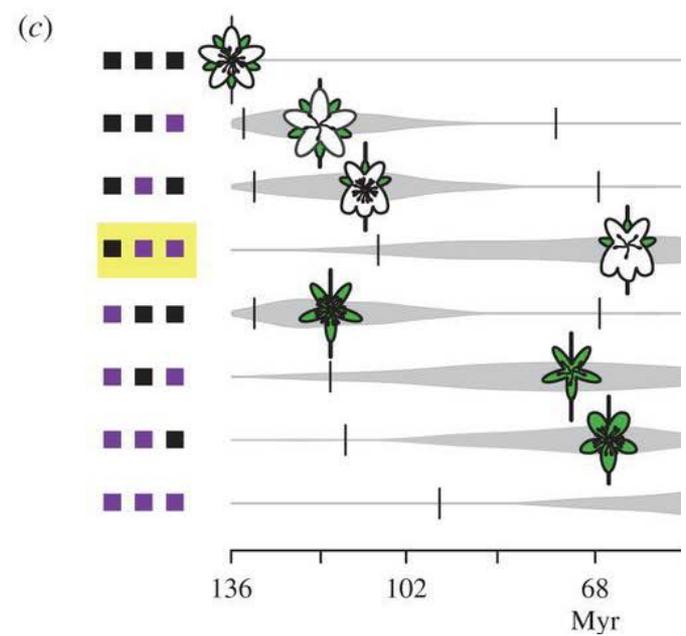
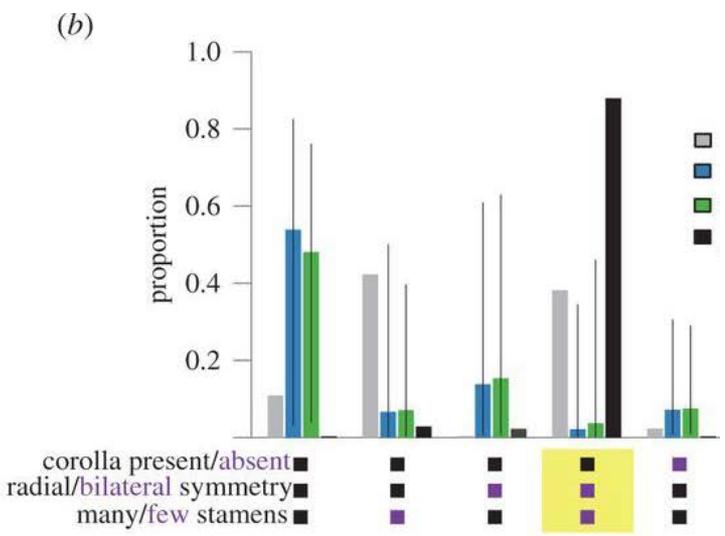
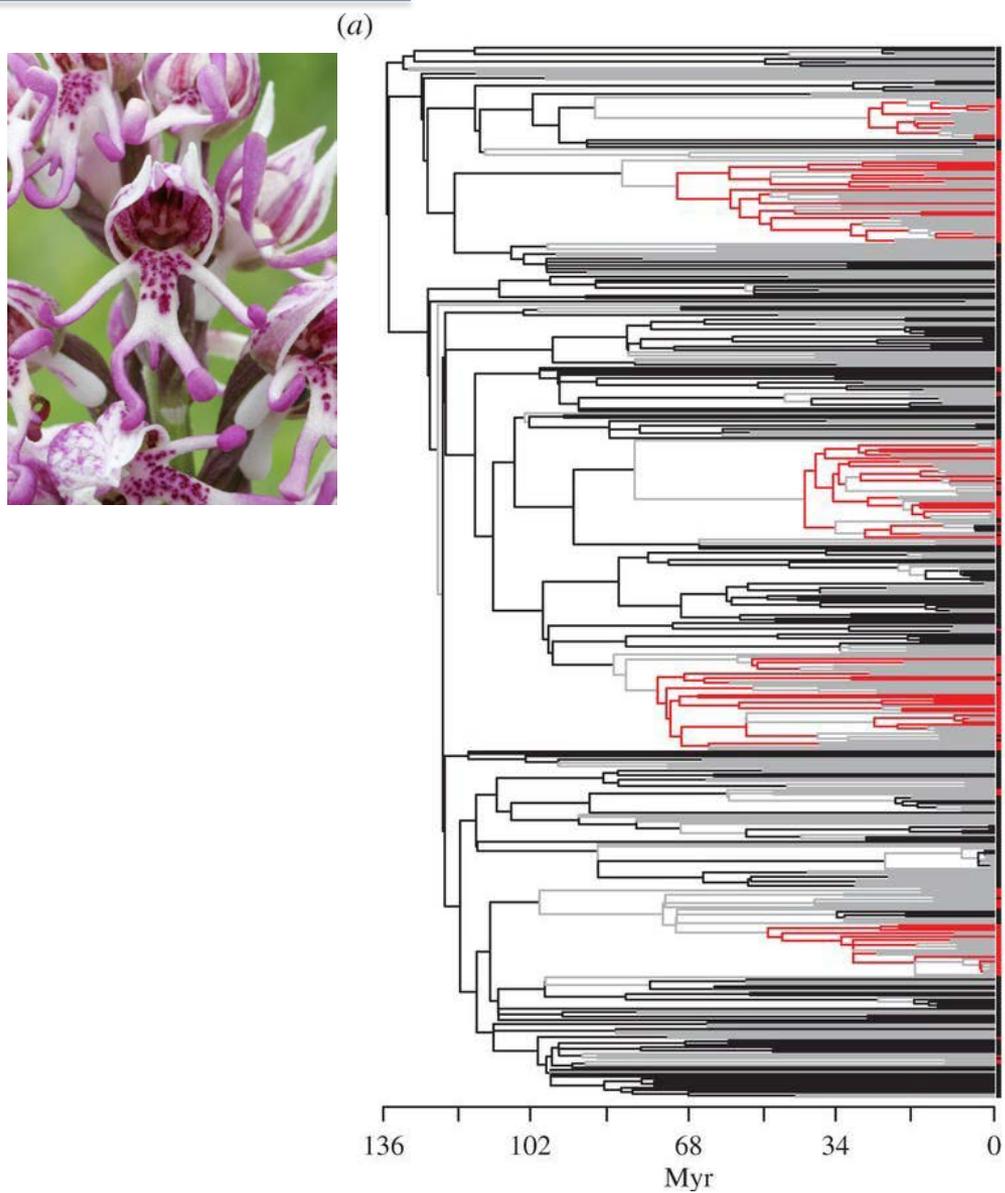
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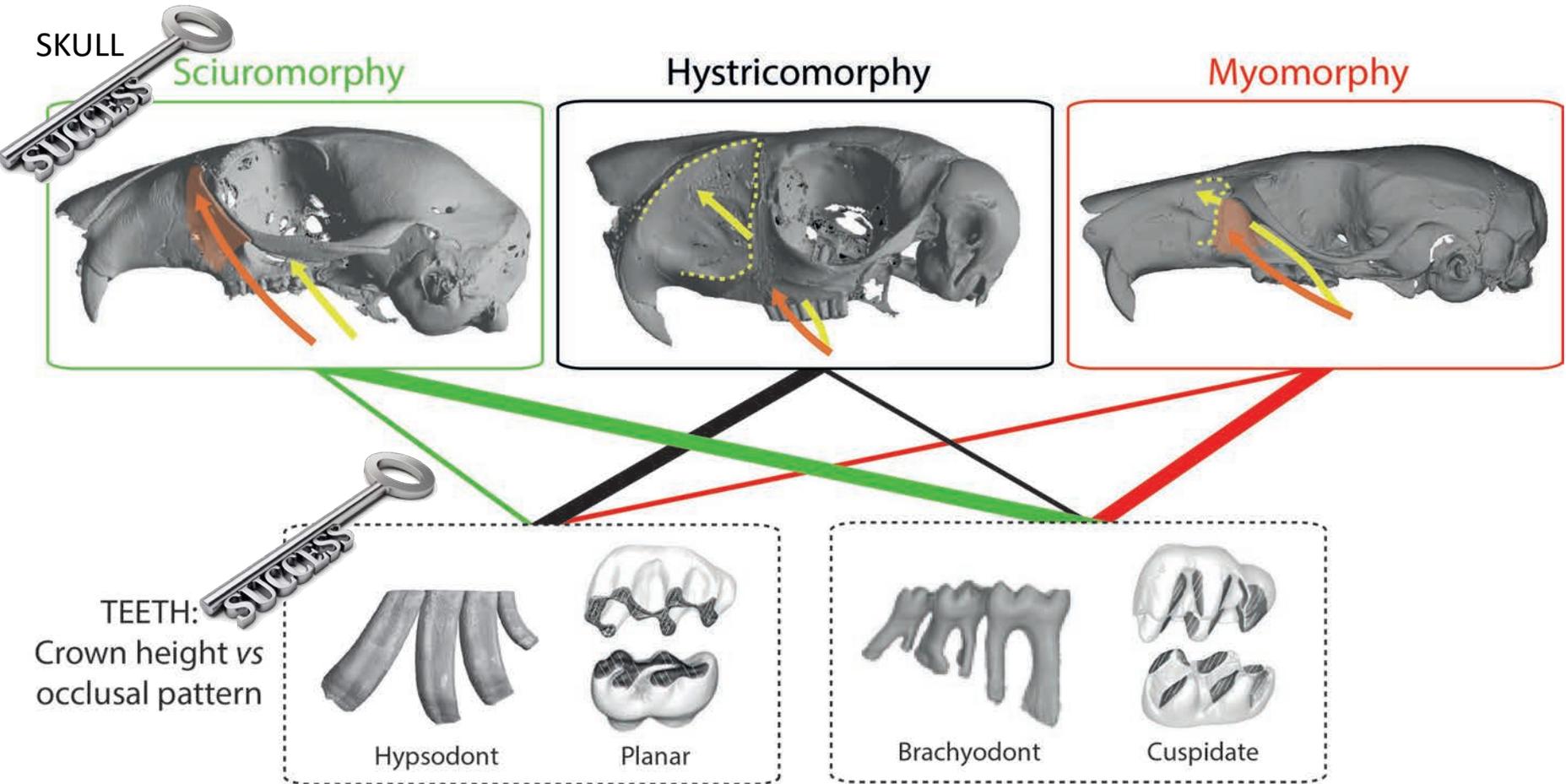


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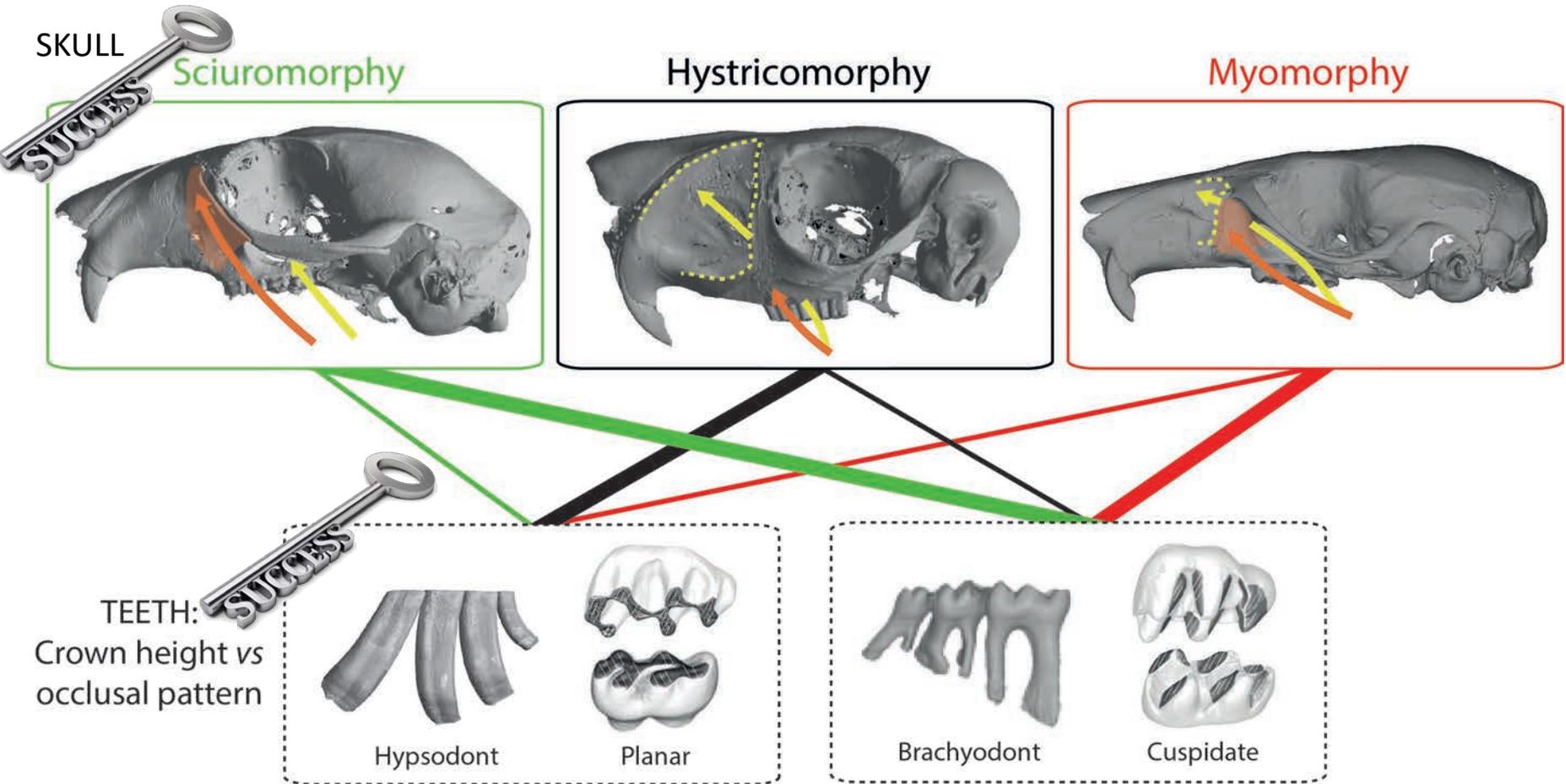
State-dependent speciation and extinction (SSE) methods to estimate transition rates among character states, character combinations, and diversification rates within those combinations.

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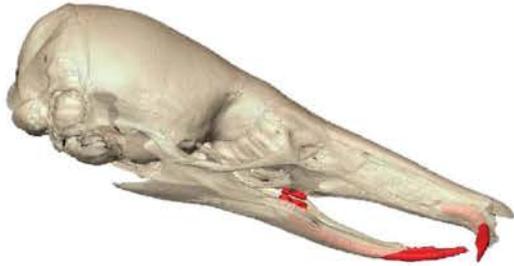
**Hypothesis 2 - Specific associations of cranial features act synergistically as a key innovation to promote diversification of rodents.**

# Methods

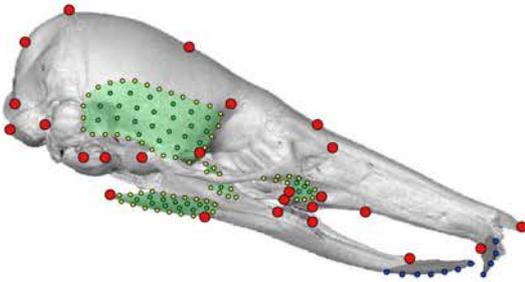


Skull

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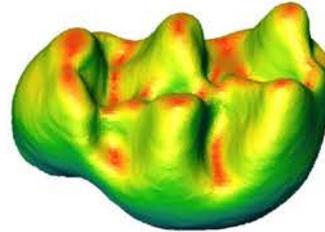


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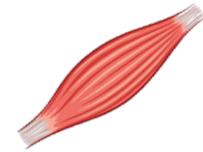
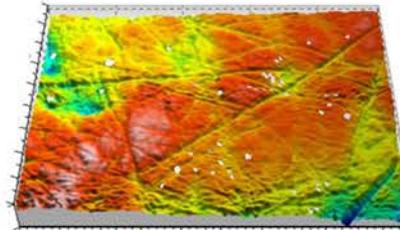


Teeth

*Dental topography*

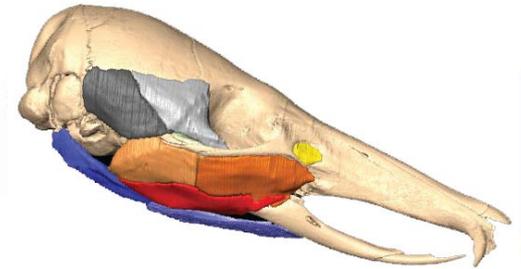


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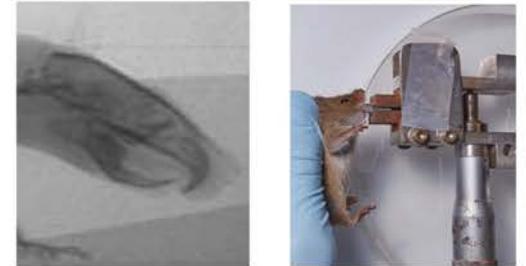


Muscles

*Dissections*



*Cineradiography & bite force*



2/3 of the rodent generic diversity, i.e. 250 genera

Expected results

Hypothesis 1



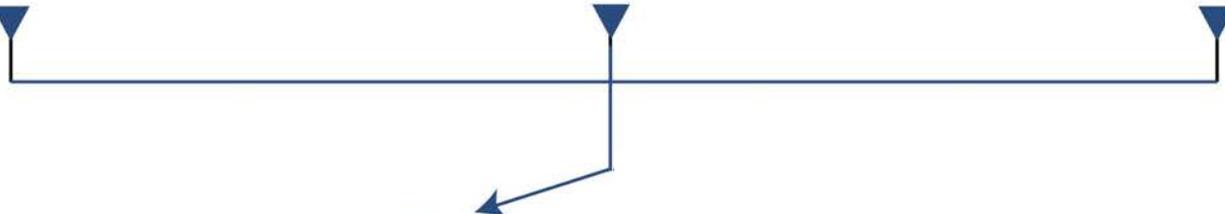
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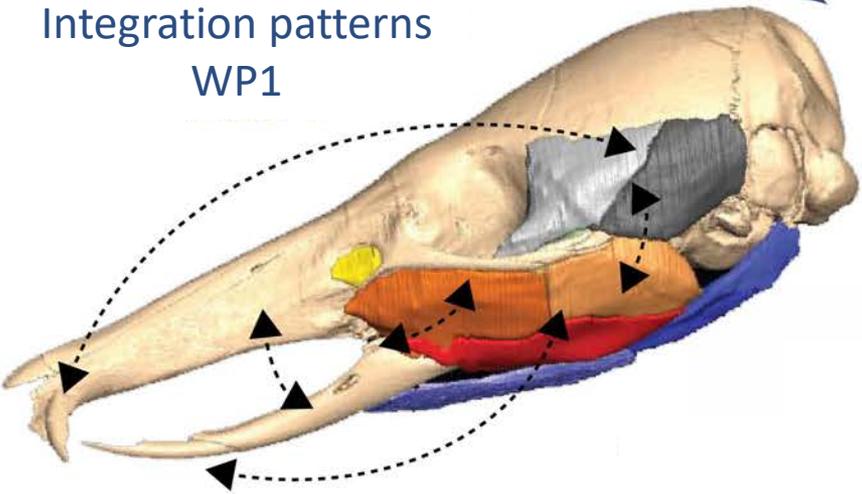
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Muscles



Integration patterns  
WP1



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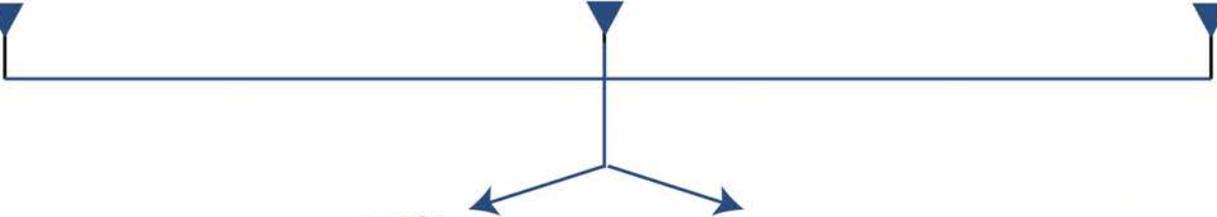
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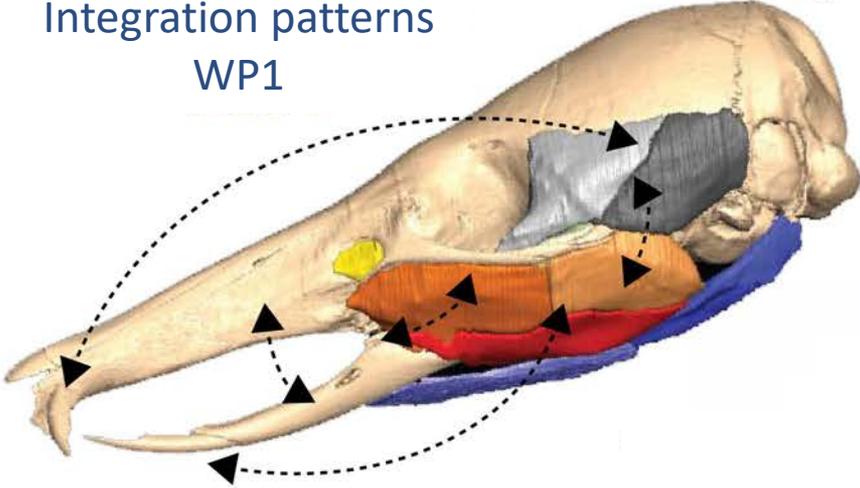
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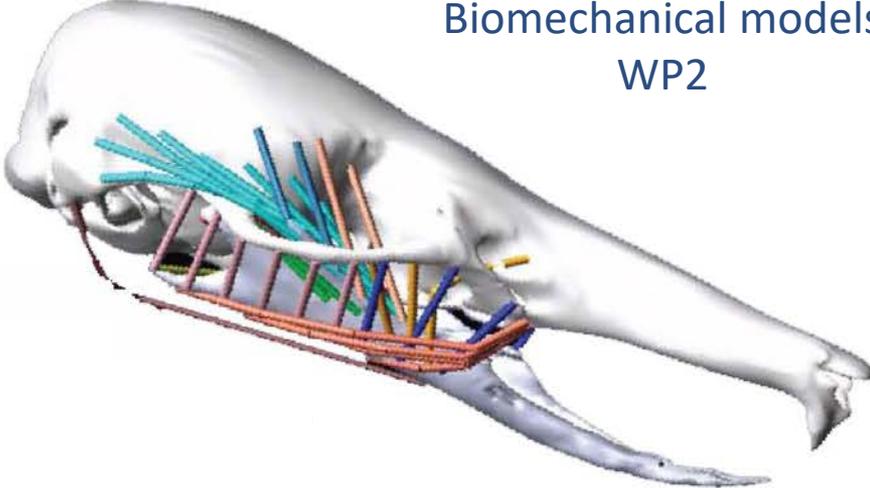
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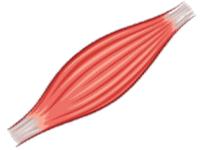
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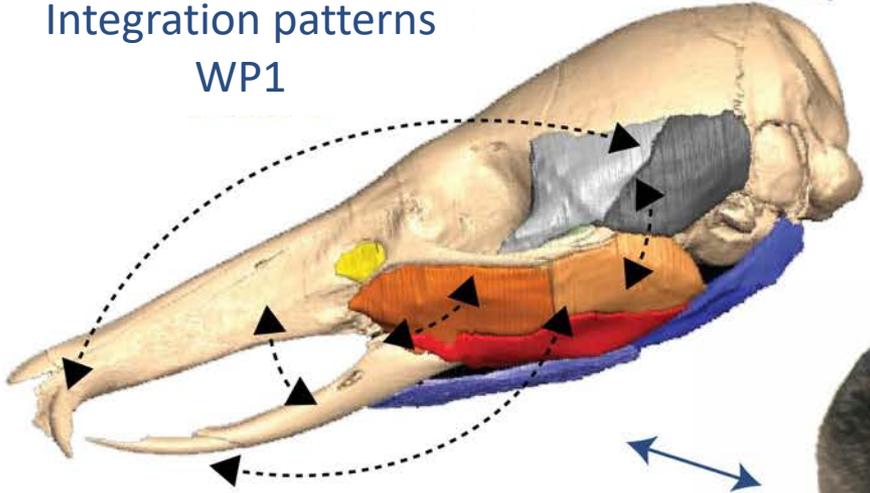
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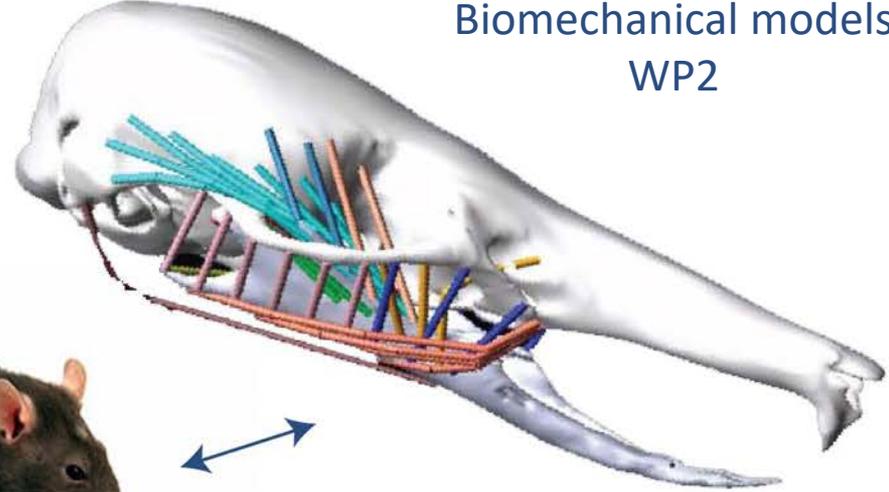
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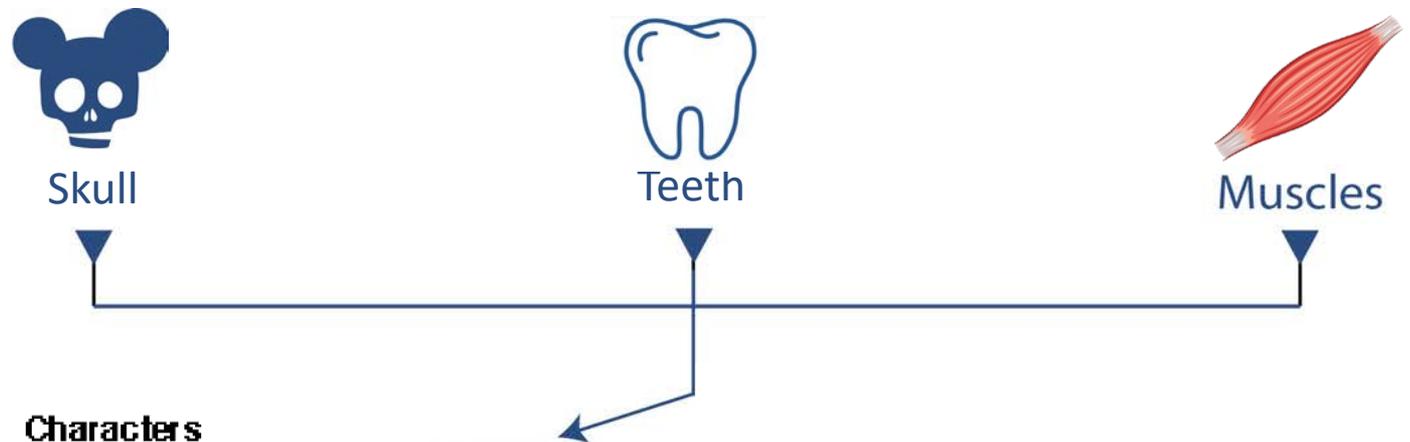


Ecology



# Expected results

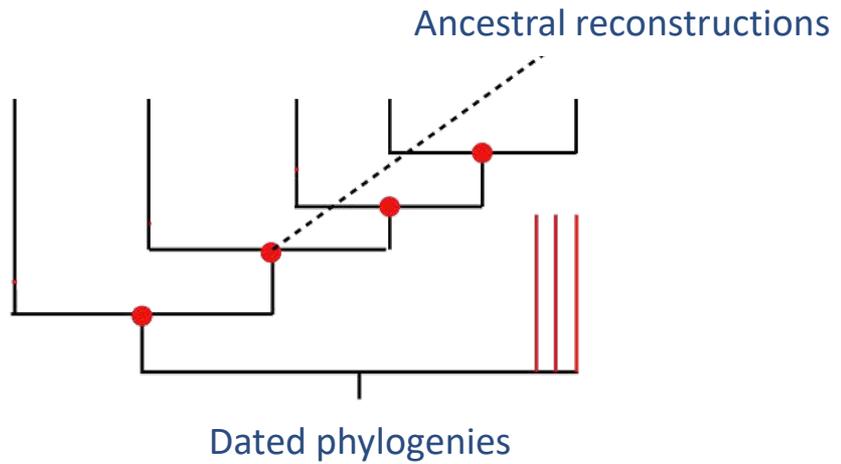
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Total-evidence matrix

Phylogenetic analyses  
WP3



Expected results

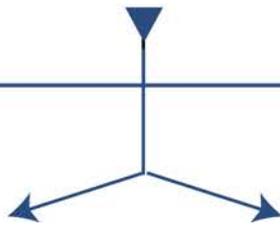
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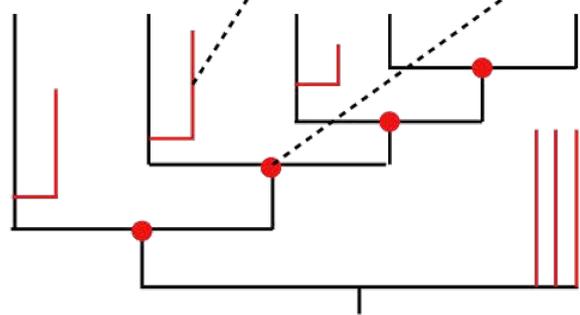
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Fossils

+ Ancestral reconstructions

Phylogenetic analyses  
WP3



Dated phylogenies

# Expected results

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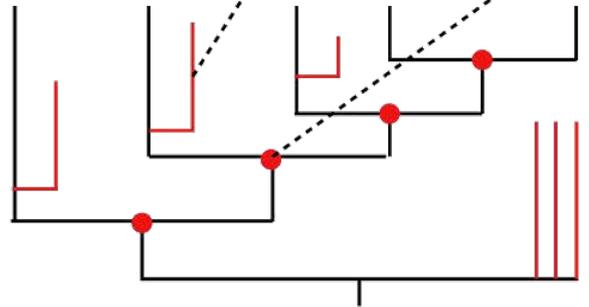


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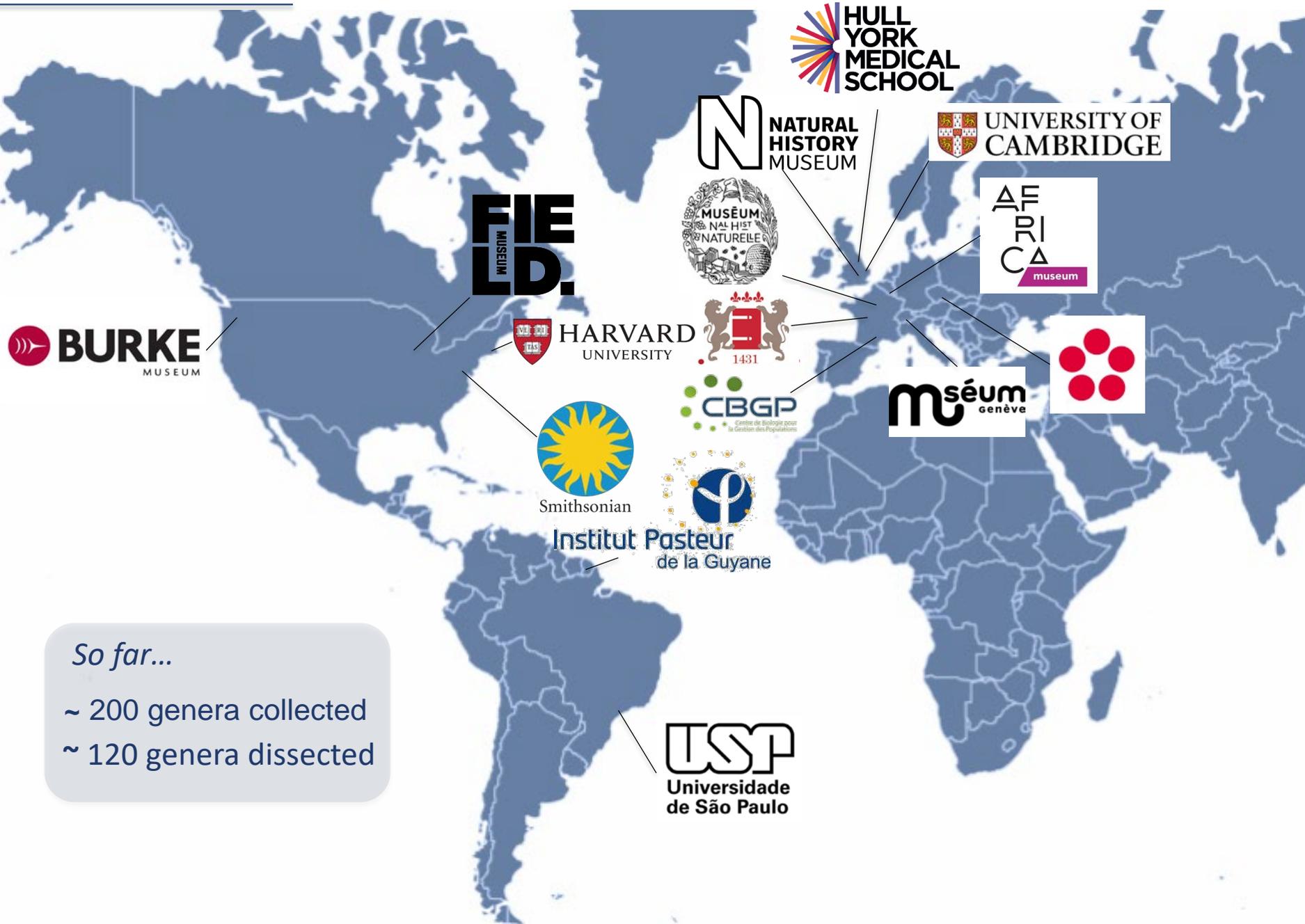
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Dated phylogenies

# Collaborative network



So far...  
~ 200 genera collected  
~ 120 genera dissected

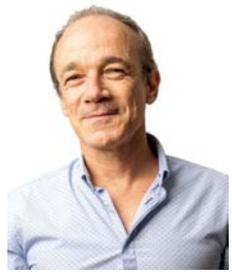
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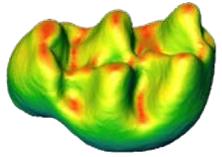
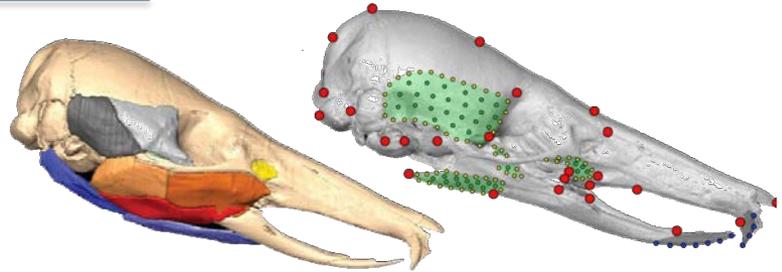
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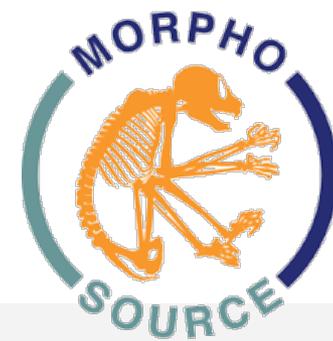
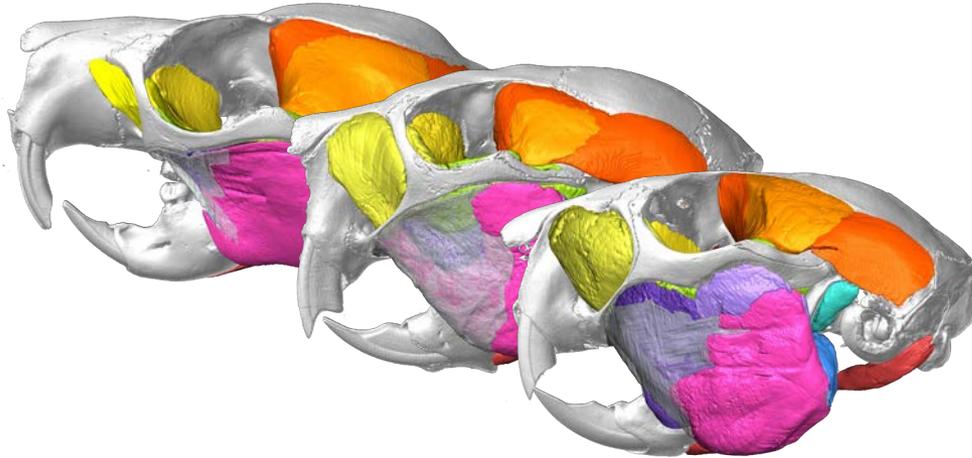


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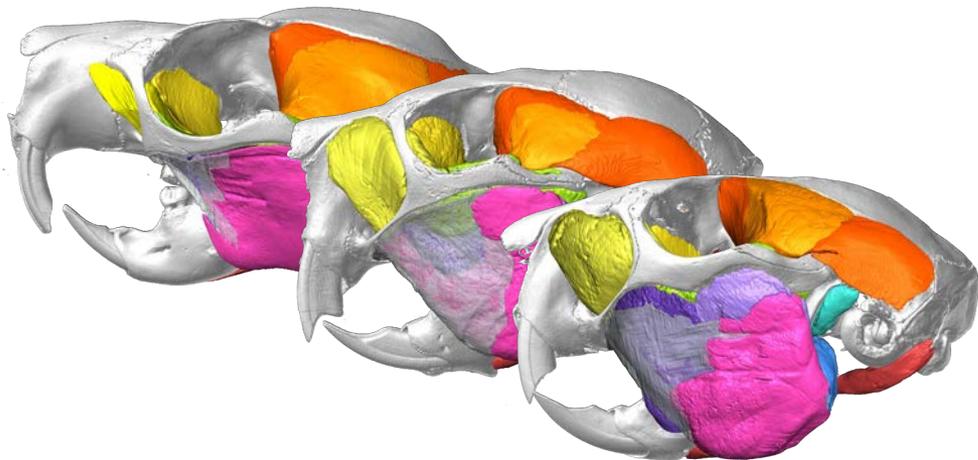
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