

Meta-analysis of the genes underlying phenotypic changes

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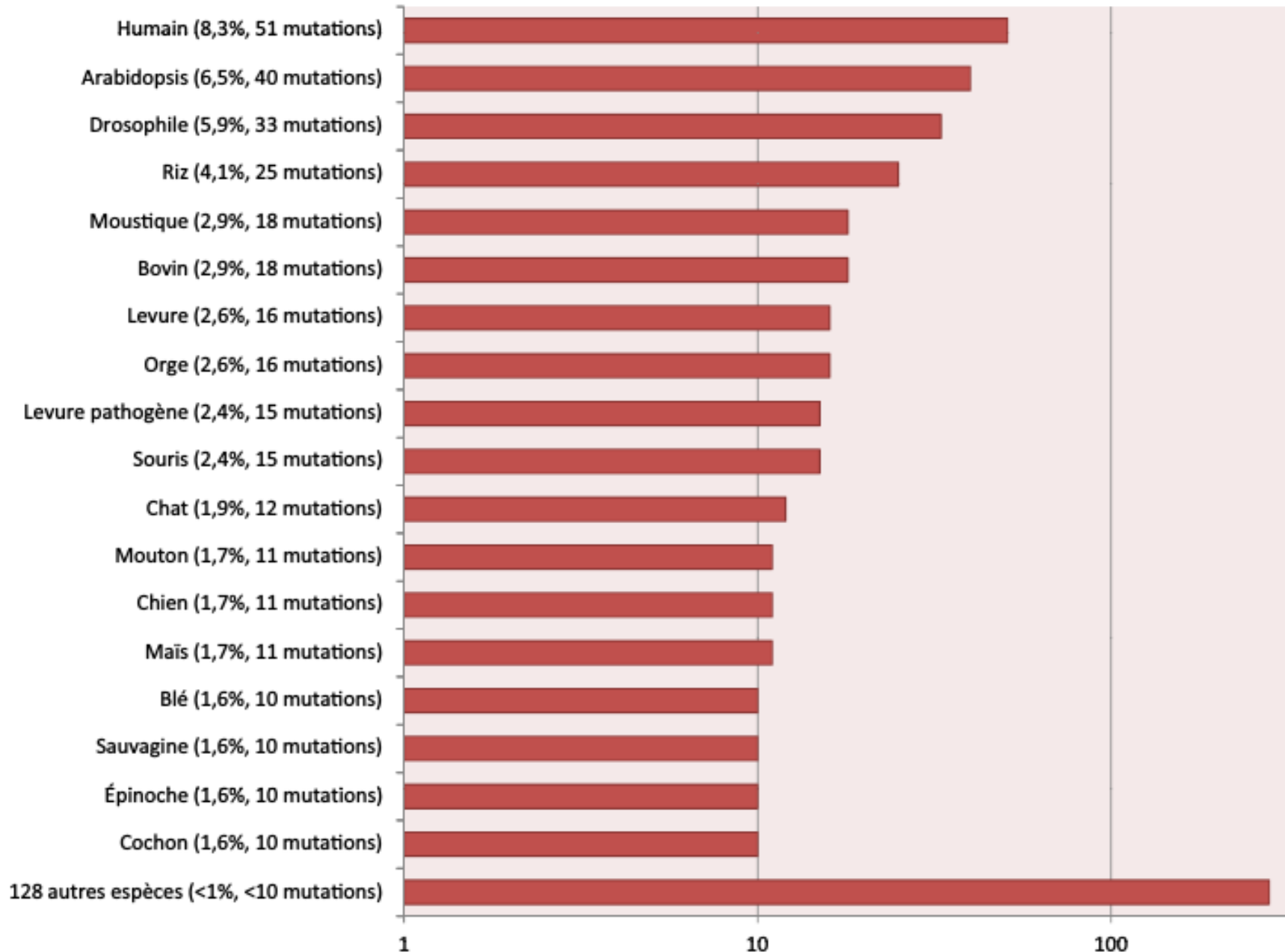
**Includes Natural, Domesticated and Experimental Variation
but **NO LAB MUTANTS** and **NO CLINICAL TRAITS****

>1600 genes and mutations
associated with
natural phenotypic changes
in animals and plants

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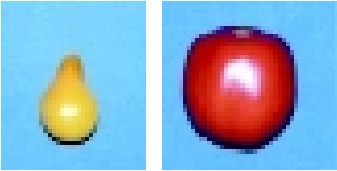
Biases in current data

Bias toward certain species



Coding: global change

OVATE coding region
(Liu 2002)



myostatin coding region
(Grobet 1997)



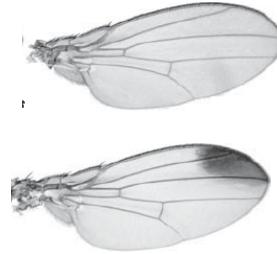
Mc1r coding region
(Eizirik 2003)



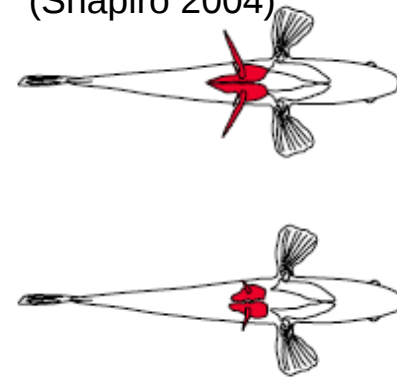
Cis-regulatory: local change

spatially

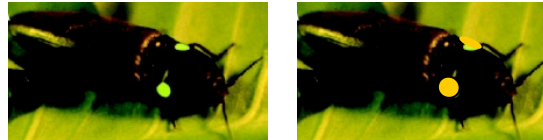
yellow cis-reg. region
(Prud'homme 2006)



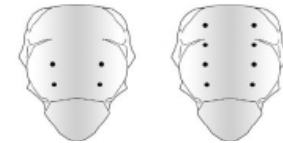
Pitx1 cis-reg. region
(Shapiro 2004)



luciferase coding region
(Stolz 2003)



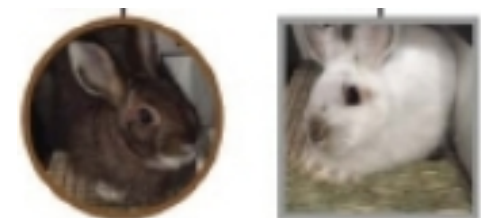
scute cis-reg. region
(Marcelini 2006)



anthocyanin-2 coding region
(Quattrocchio 1999)

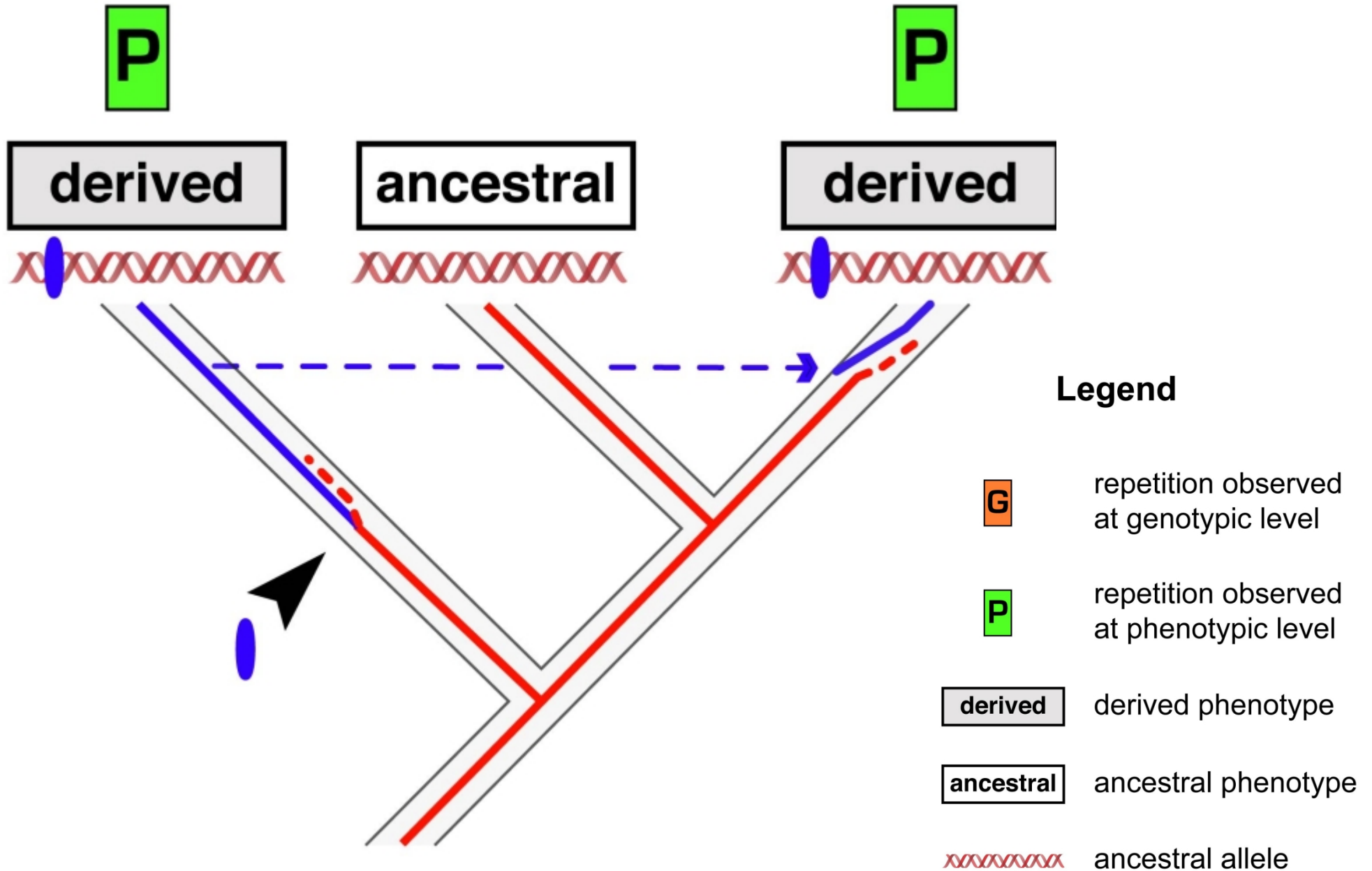


agouti cis-reg. region *temporarily*
(Jones 2018)



The tree of life is not a tree

Lateral transfer





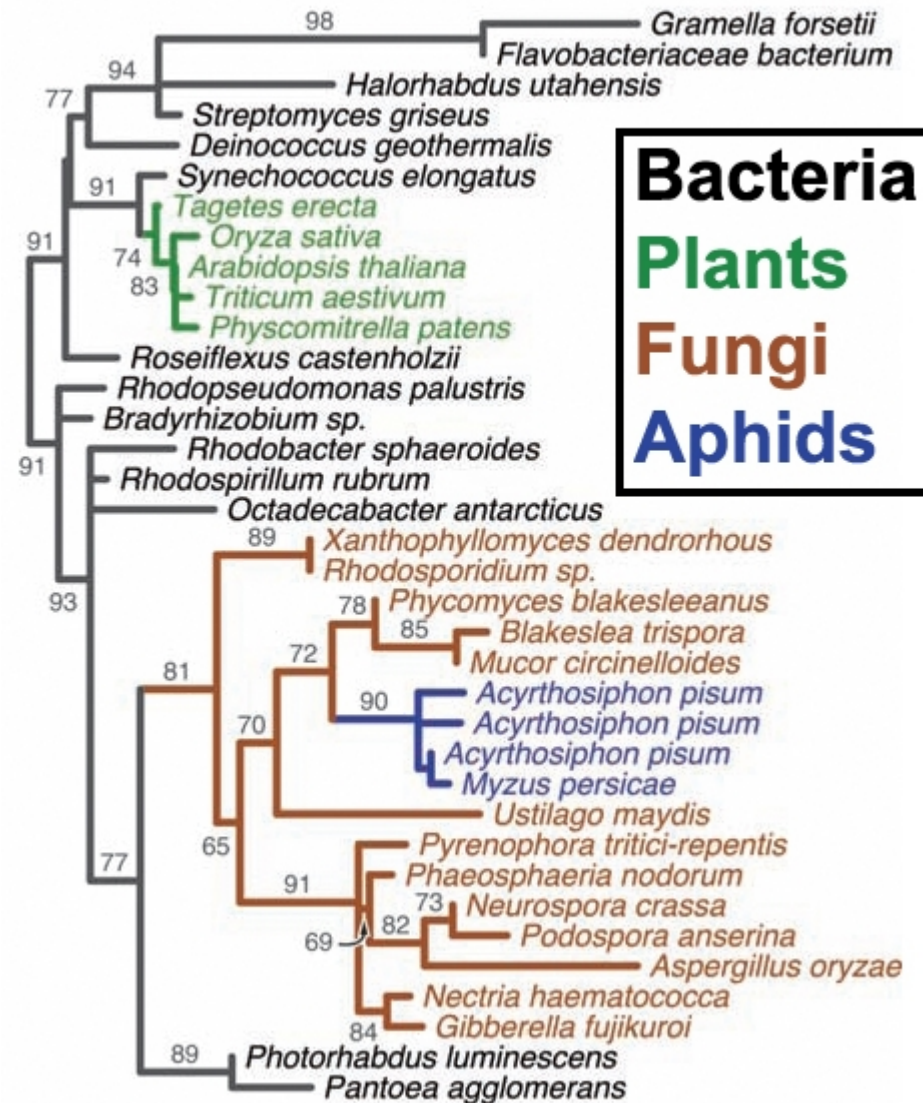
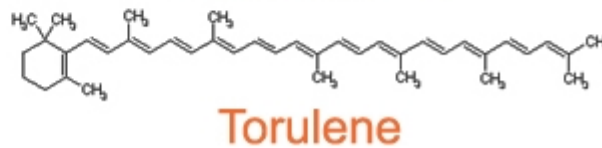
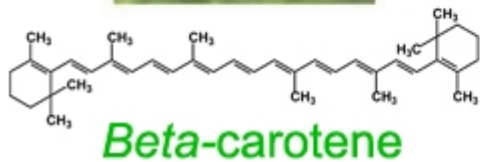
L.S. Mills research photo by Jaco and Lindsey Barnard

Genetic plagiarism of body color in aphids

Green morph

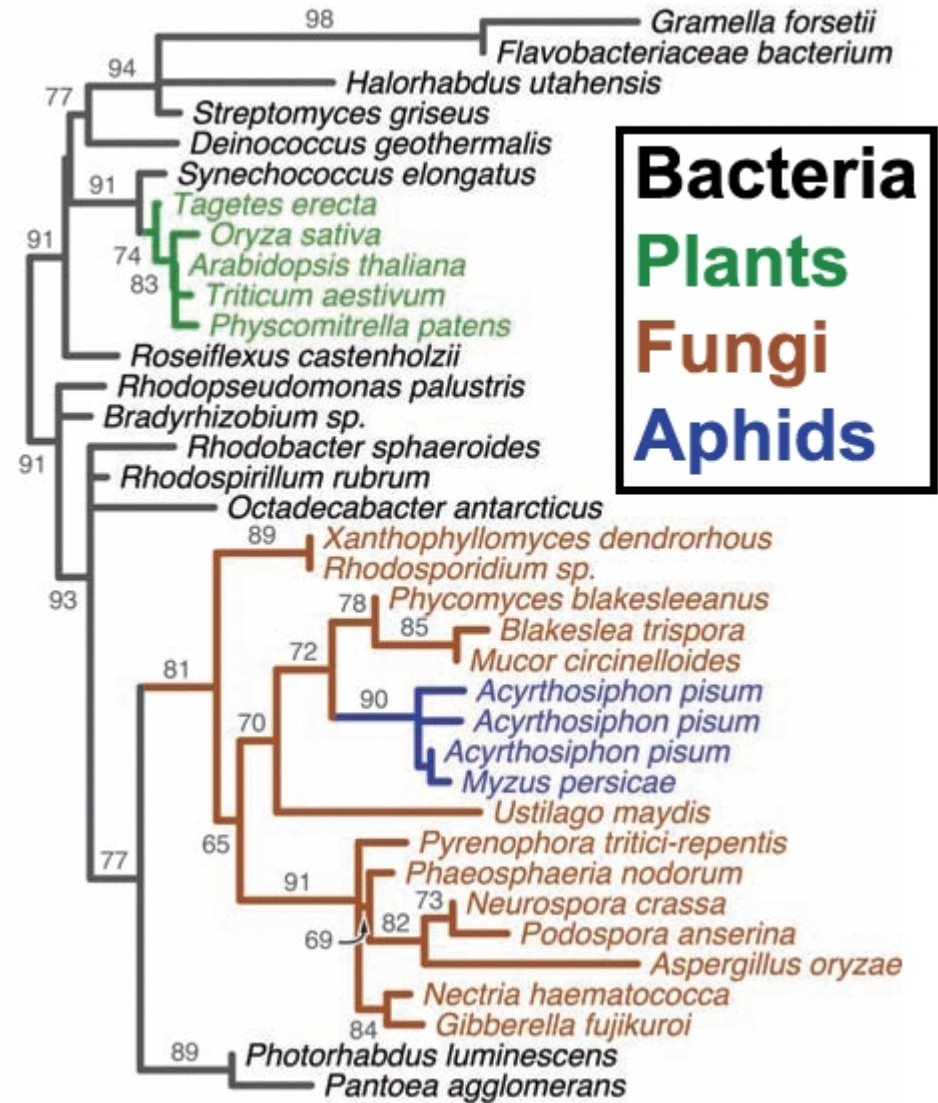
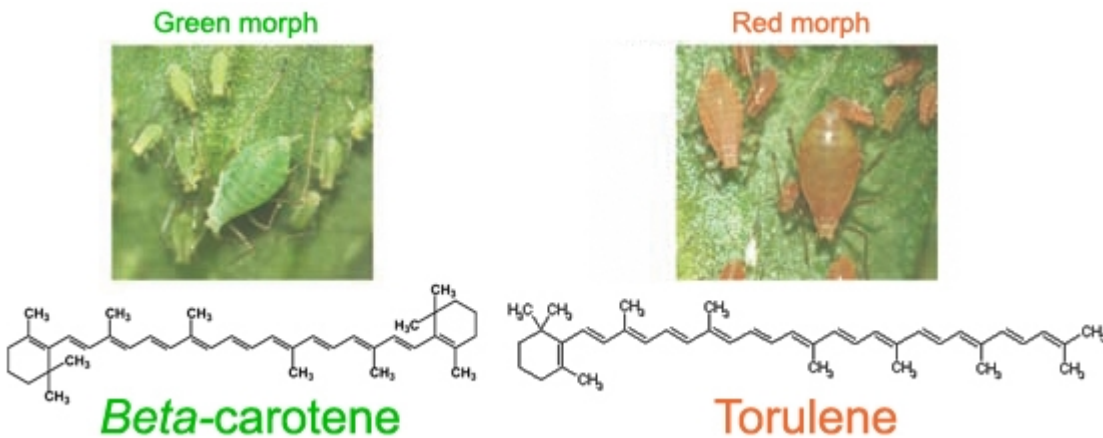


Red morph



- Moran and Jarvik 2010
Science

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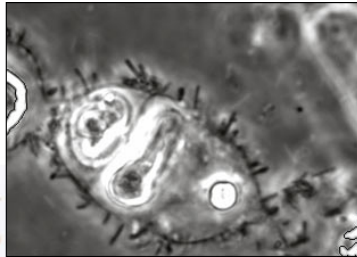
Carotenoid biosynthesis enzymes transferred also from fungi to the two-spotted spider mite (Altincicek 2012)



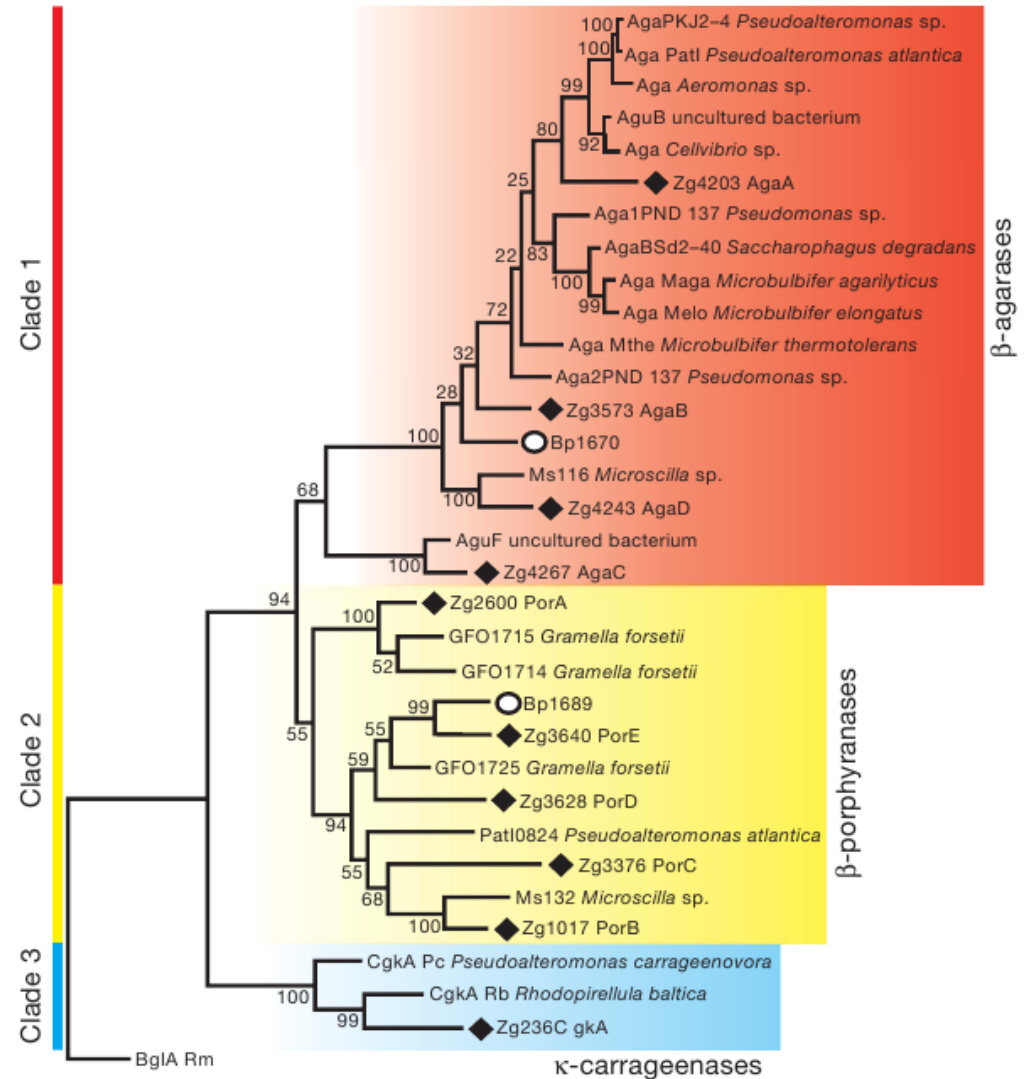
We are what we eat

Seaweed digestion in Japanese people

◆ *Zobellia galactanivorans*

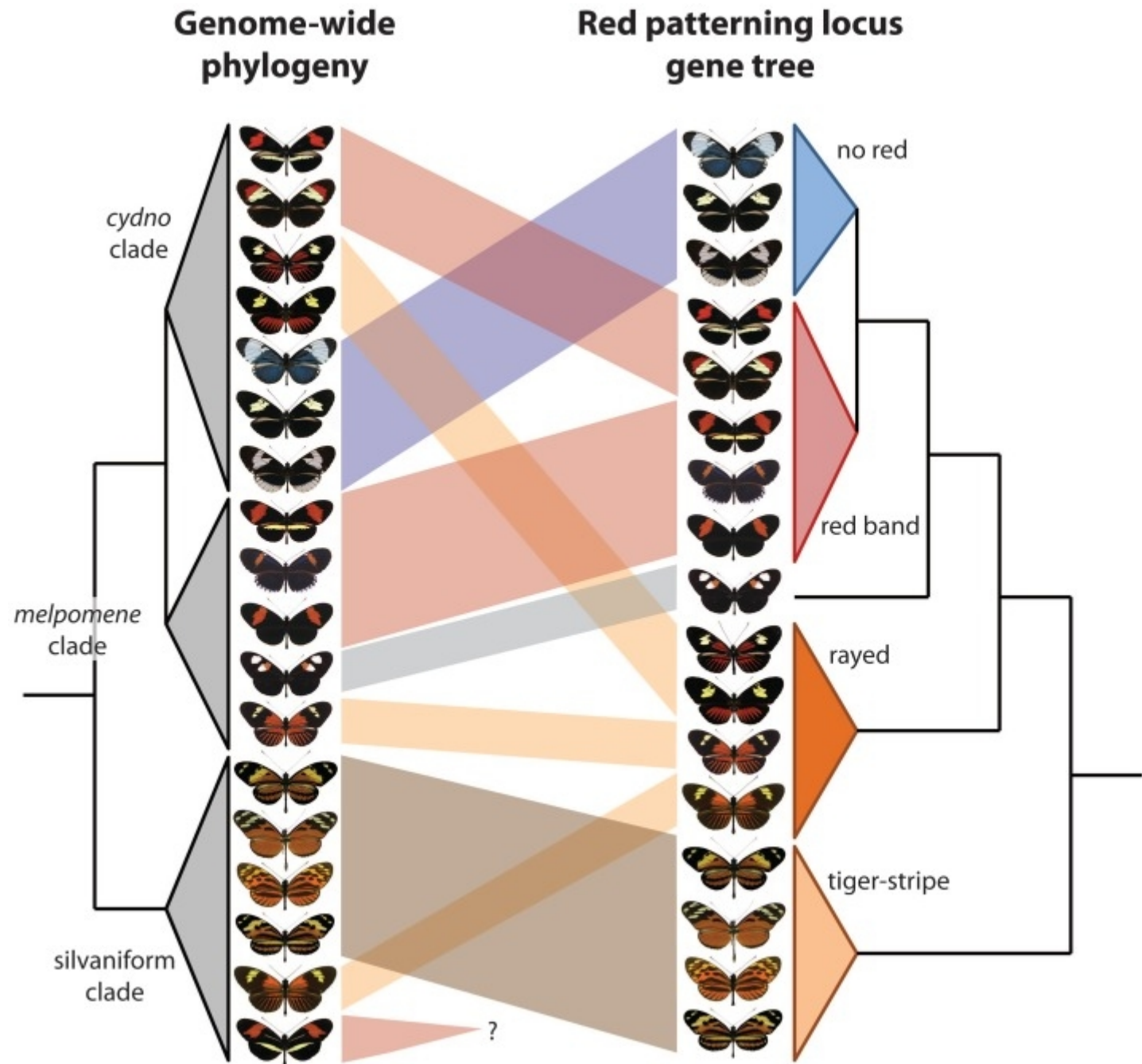


seaweed

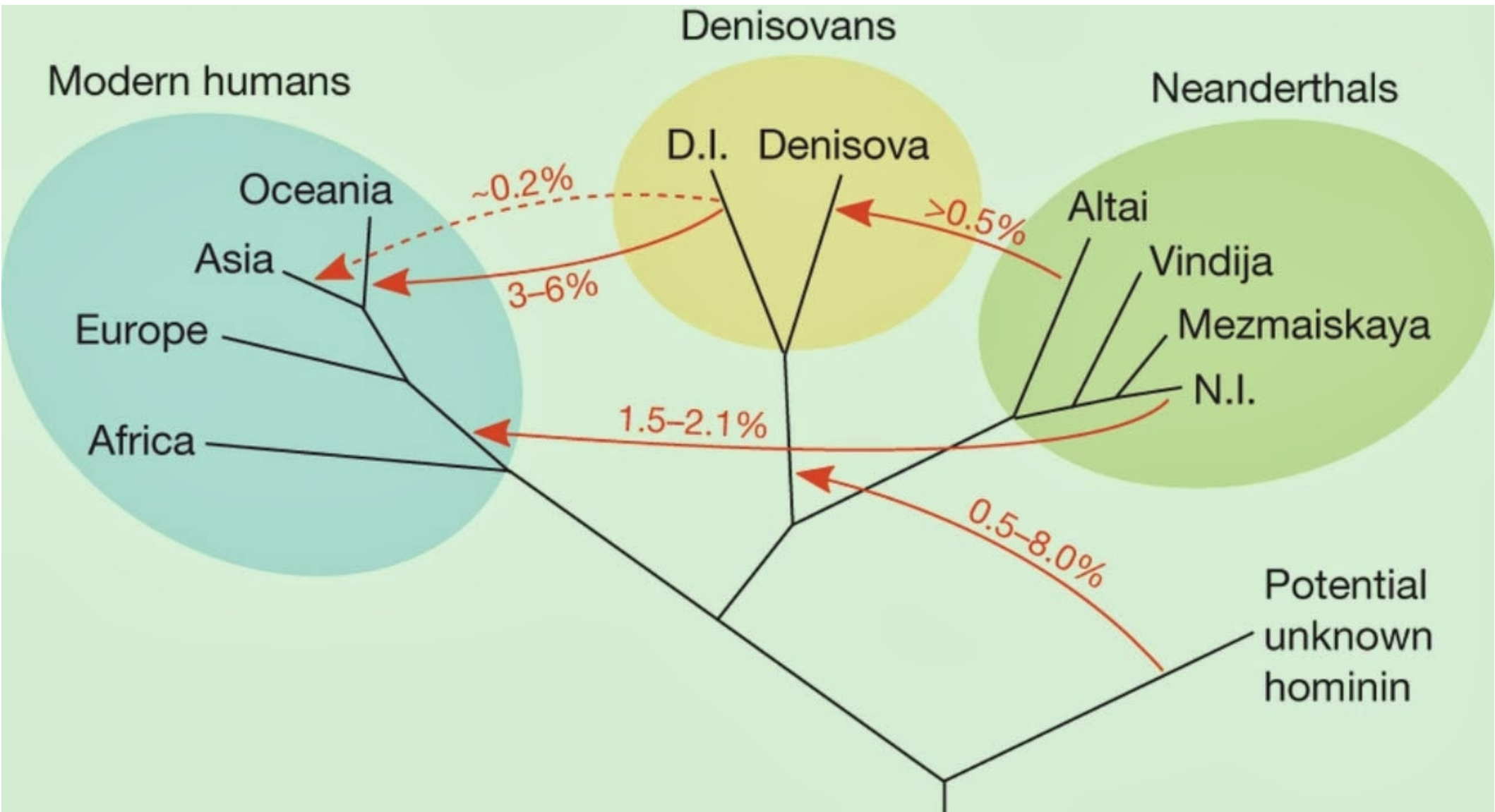


○ *Bacteroides plebeius*
from Japanese microbiome only!

Genetic plagiarism of the red wing color pattern

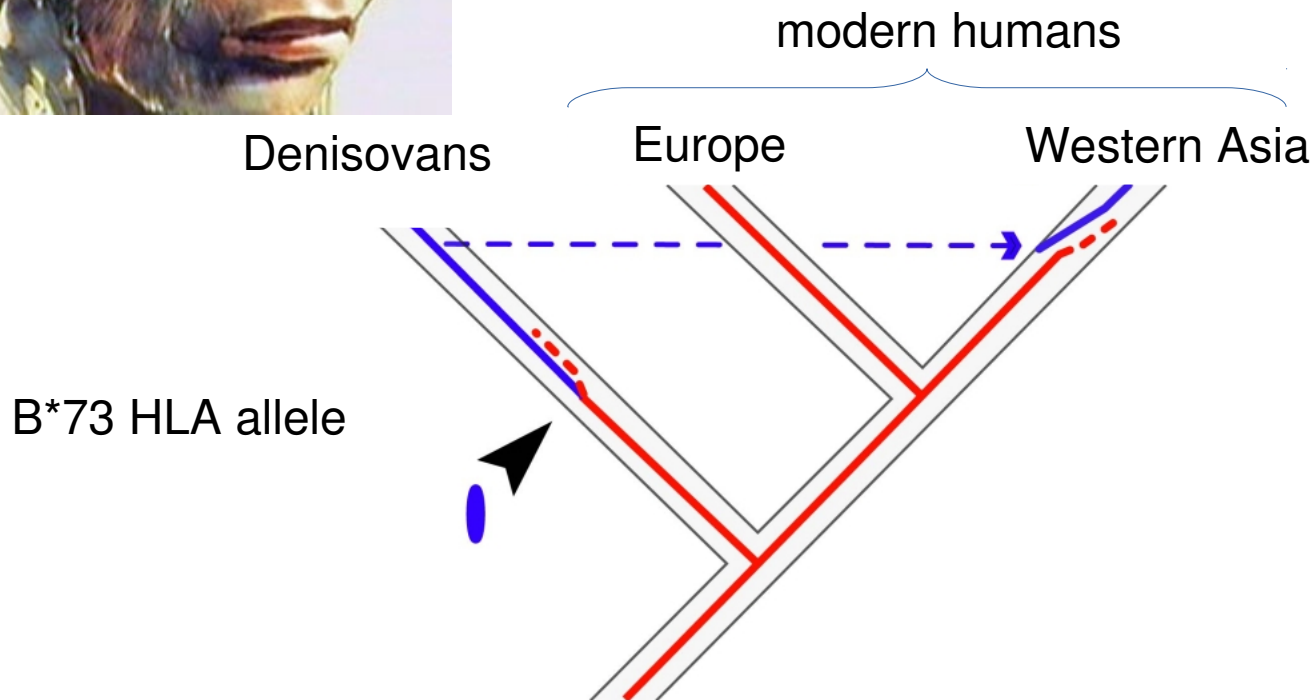


(Reed 2011, Pardo-Diaz 2012, Heliconius Consortium 2012)

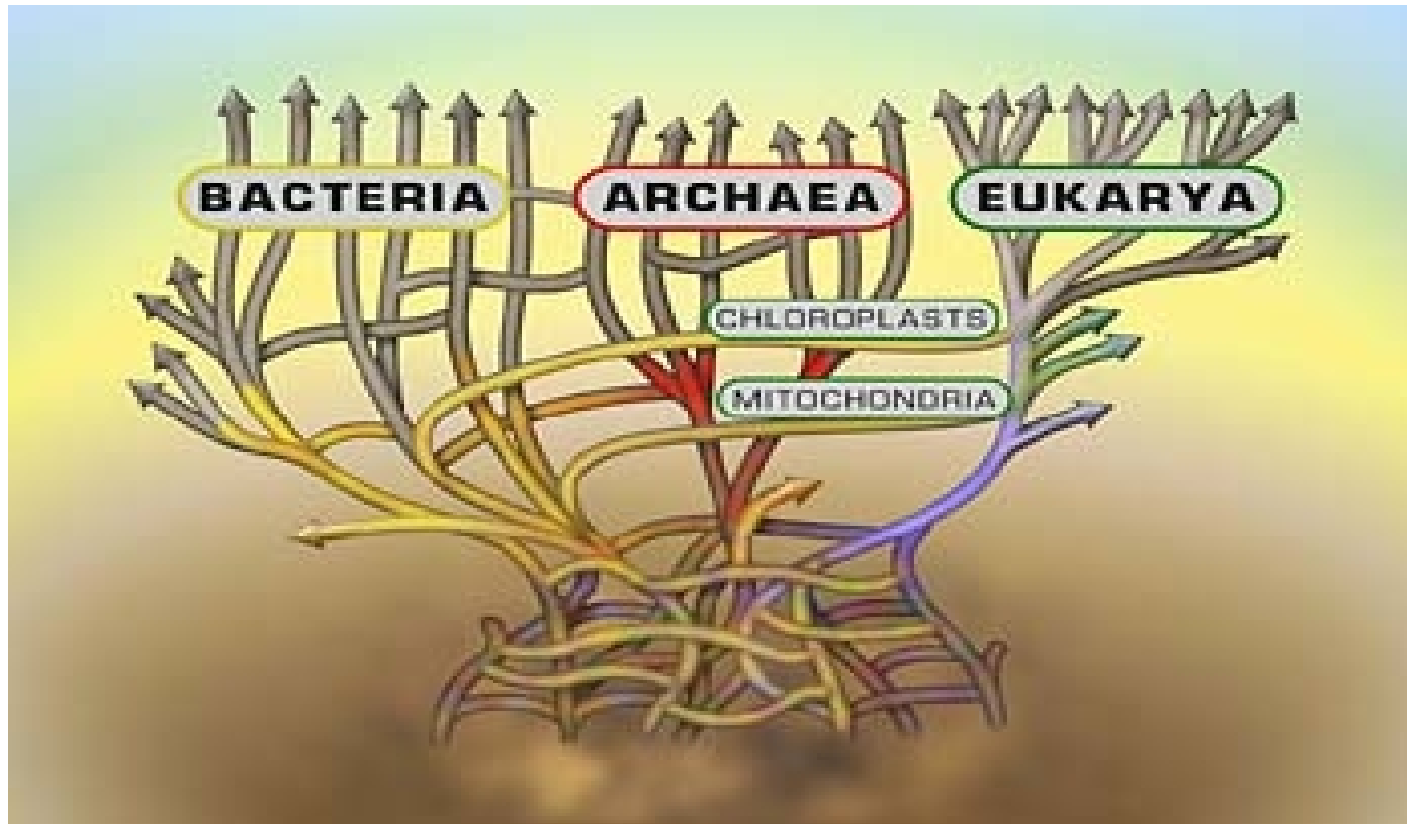


Genetic plagiarism of immune resistance genes

Siberia to Southeast Asia



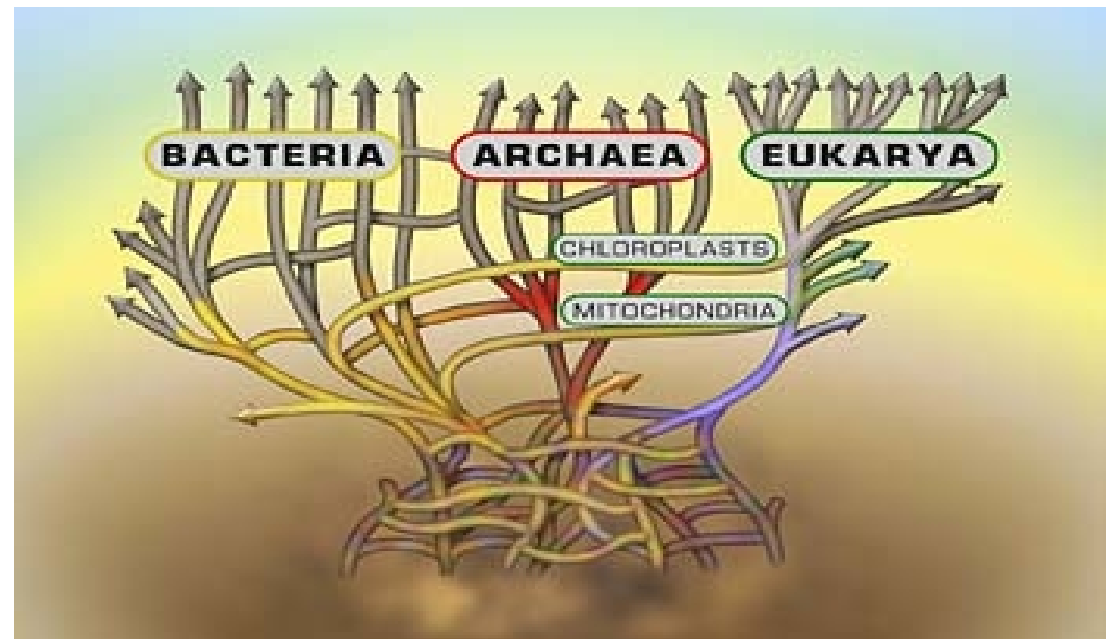
The tree of life is not a tree



Even more interconnections!

Exchange of metabolites throughout the tree of life

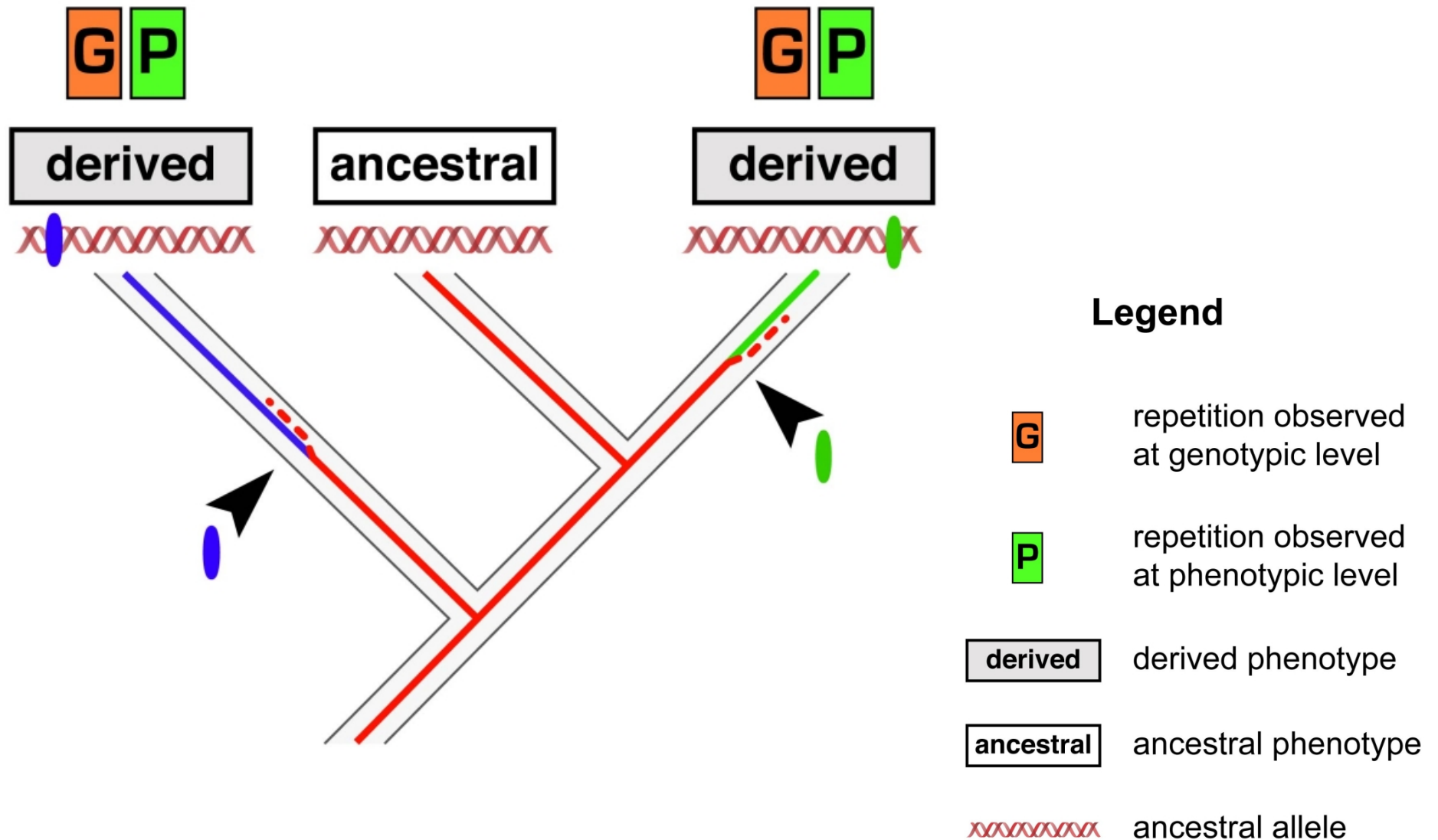
Arginine
Histidine
Isoleucine
Leucine
Lysine
Methionine
Phenylalanine
Threonine
Valine
Ascorbic acid (Vitamin C)
Biotin (Vitamin H)
Folic acid (Vitamin M)
Riboflavin (Vitamin B2)
Thiamine (Vitamin B1)
Cobalamin (Vitamin B12)



Even more interconnections!

Few genetic paths to evolution

Repeated evolution sensu stricto



Repeated evolution

clam



garter snake



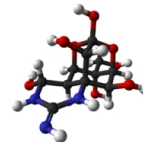
Saxitoxin



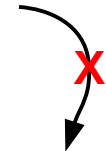
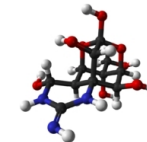
toxic plancton



Tetrodotoxin



toxic newt



pufferfish (fugu)

Repeated evolution via the same amino acid change

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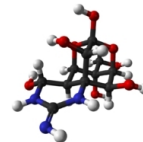
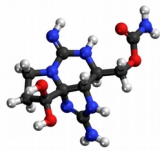
garter snake



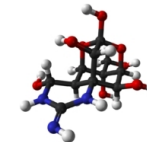
Nav1.4
X E945D

Nav1.4 sodium channel
X E945D

Saxitoxin



Tetrodotoxin



Nav1.4
E945D

X



toxic plancton



toxic newt



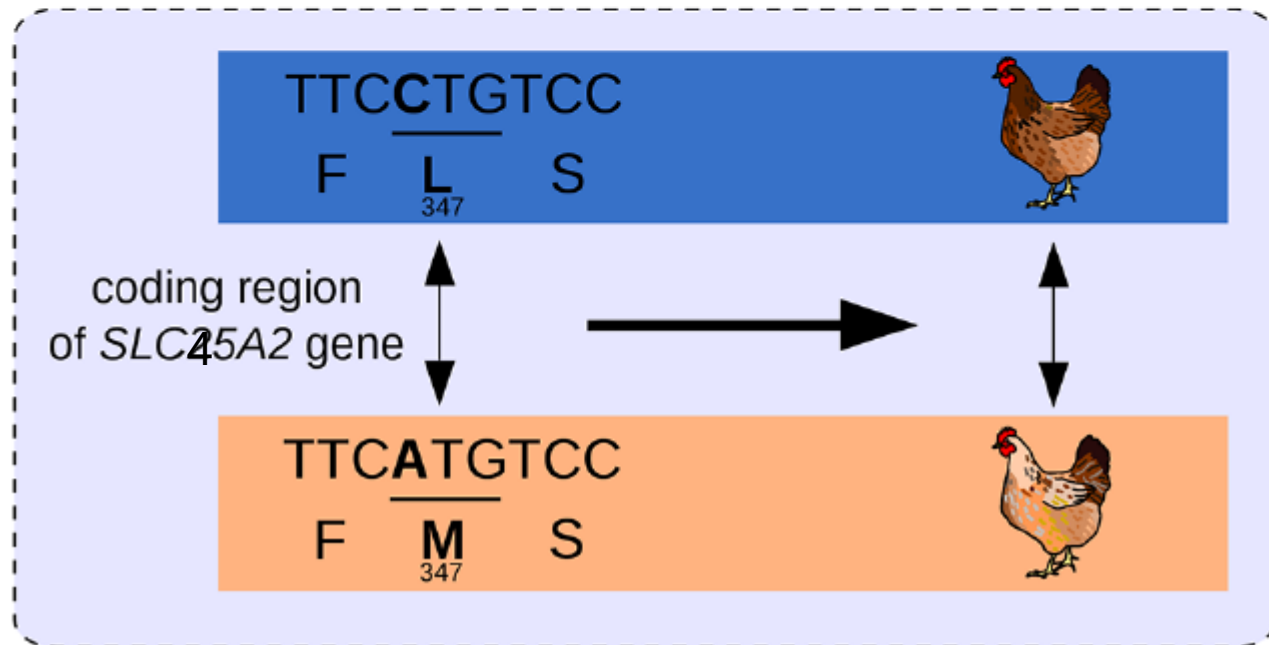
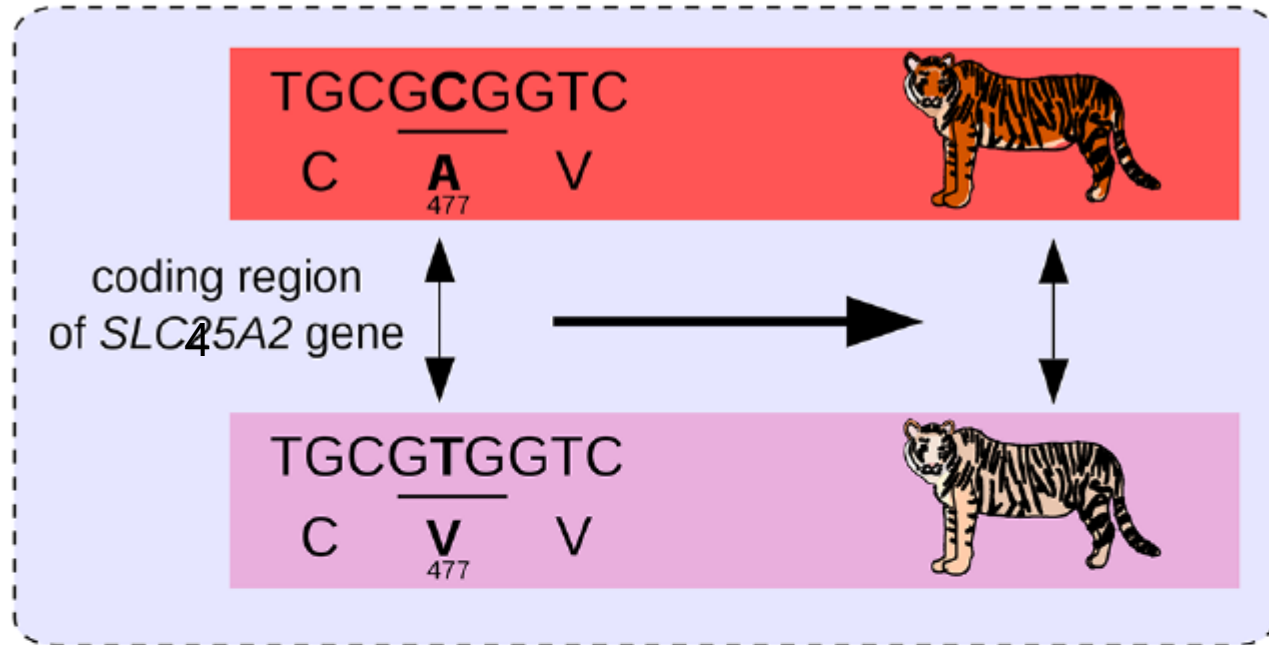
pufferfish (fugu)

Repeated evolution via the same amino acid change

| Locus | Mutation | Homoplasic lineages | Variation | Xenobiotic |
|--|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| <i>Ace-1</i> | Gly119Ser | 5 (insects) | Intraspecific | Insecticides (organophosphorus) |
| <i>ERG3</i> | Trp205Stop | 4 (yeast lines) | Experimental | Fungicide (nystatin) |
| <i>ERG6</i> | Gln44Stop | 3 (yeast lines) | Experimental | Fungicide (nystatin) |
| | Gly127Arg | 4 (yeast lines) | | |
| | Tyr223Stop | 4 (yeast lines) | | |
| <i>Esterase E3</i> | Gly137Asp | 3 (flies) | Intraspecific | Insecticides (diazinon) Insecticides (malathion) |
| | Trp251Leu/Ser | 2 (blowflies) | | |
| <i>Na,K-ATPase α</i> | Asn122His | 5 (insects) | Interspecific | Host plant toxins (cardenolides) |
| | Glu111Val | 3 (insects) | | |
| | Glu111Leu | 3 (insects) | | |
| | Iso315Val | 2 (insects) | | |
| | Thr797Ala | 2 (insects) | | |
| <i>Nav1.4 channel</i> | Glu945Asp | 1 (pufferfish) | Interspecific | Endogenous toxin (tetrodotoxin) |
| | Glu945Asp | 1 (snake) | Interspecific | Salamander toxin (tetrodotoxin) |
| | Glu945Asp | 1 (bivalve mollusk) | Intraspecific | Plankton toxin (saxitoxin) |
| <i>para (kdr)</i> | Leu1014His | 2 (insects) | Intraspecific | Insecticides (pyrethroids) |
| | Leu1014Phe | 11 (insects) | | |
| | Leu1014Ser | 2 (mosquitoes) | | |
| | Met918Thr | 5 (insects) | | |
| | Thr929Ile | 3 (2 moths, 1 louse) | | |
| <i>Rdl</i> | Ala302Gly | 3 (insects) | Intraspecific | Insecticides (cyclodienes) |
| | Ala302Ser | 11 (insects) | | |
| <i>Vkorc1</i> | Leu128Ser/Gln | 3 (rodents) | Intraspecific | Pesticide (warfarin) |
| | Tyr139Cys | 2 (rodents) | | |

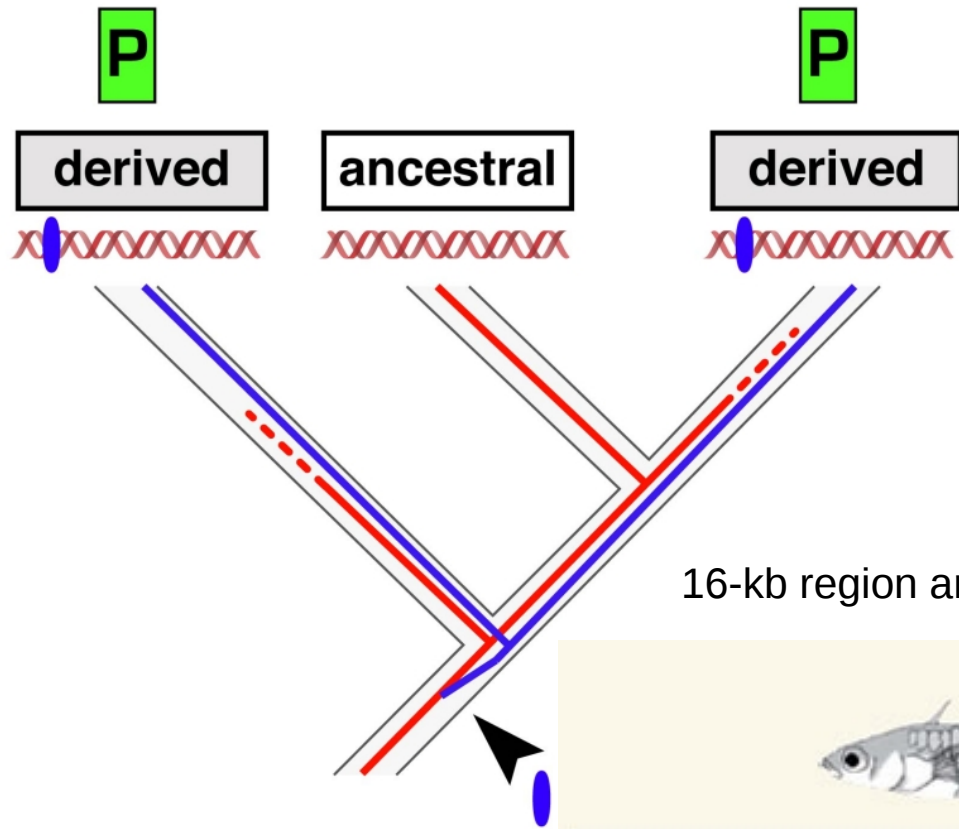
Resistance to xenobiotics

Repeated evolution



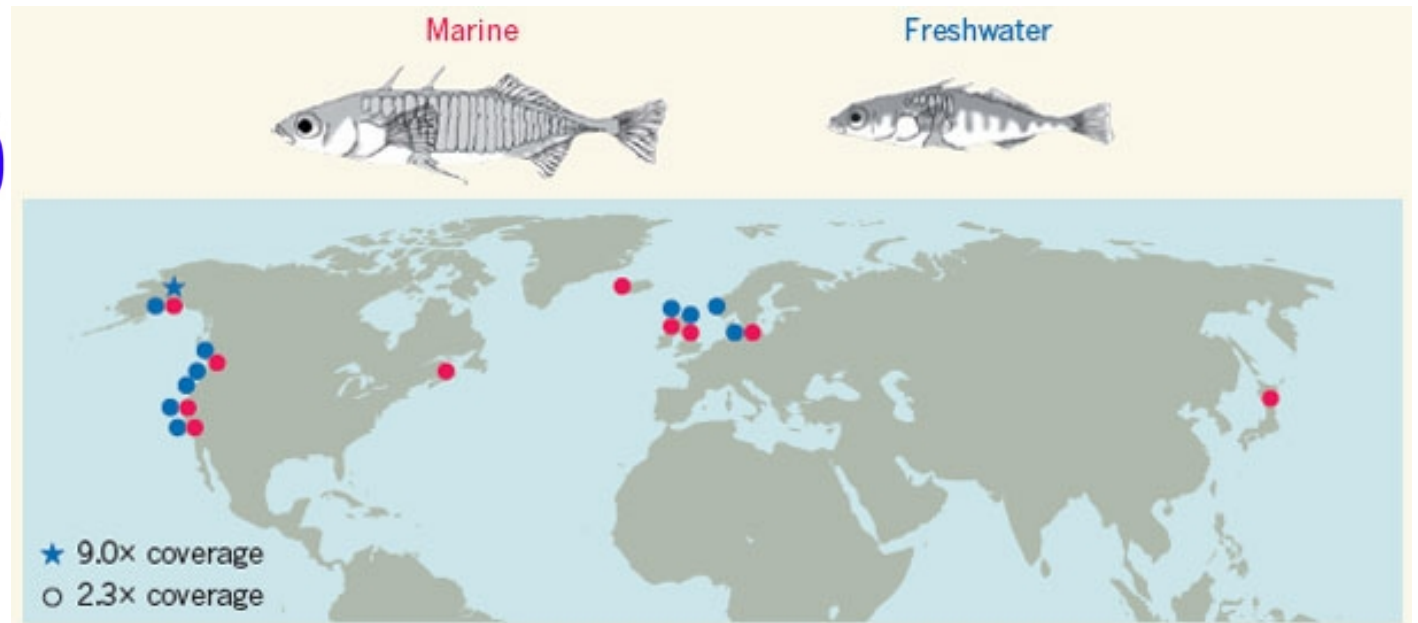
Also in:
Humans
Horses
Quails
Chickens
Mice
Pigeons

Repeated evolution via ancestral polymorphisms

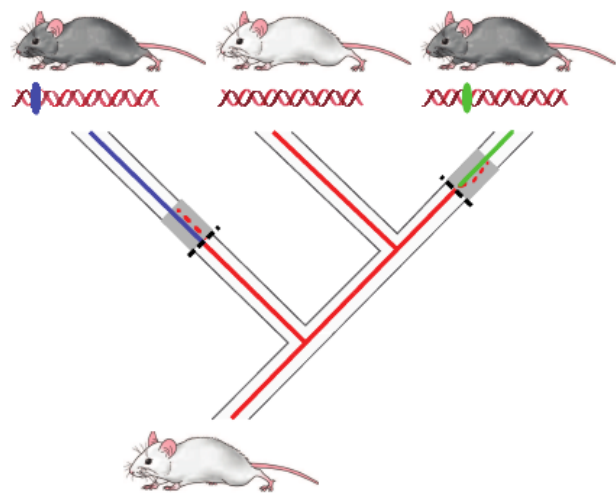


Incomplete lineage sorting
Standing genetic variation

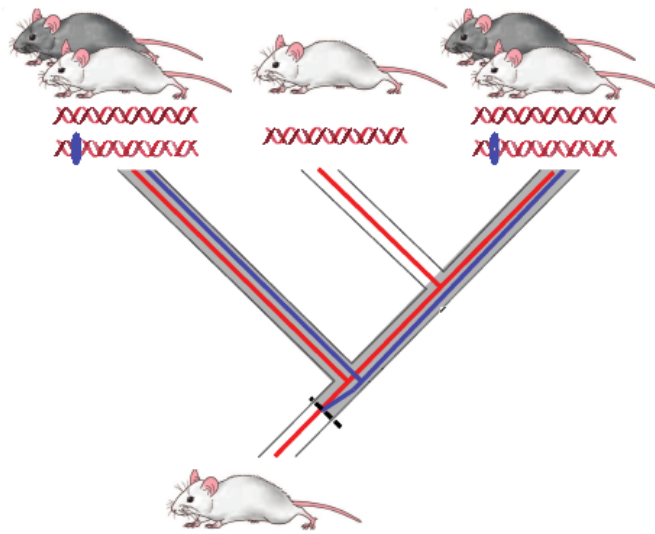
16-kb region around *Eda* shared by all freshwater fishes



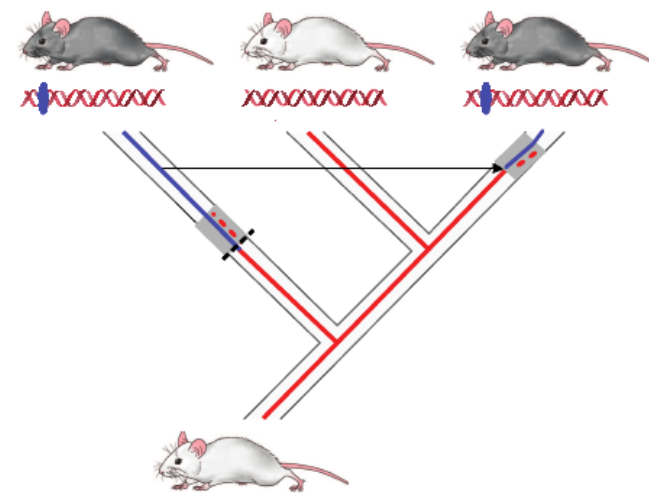
Armor plate
(Colosimo 2005
Jones 2012)



Genetic convergence

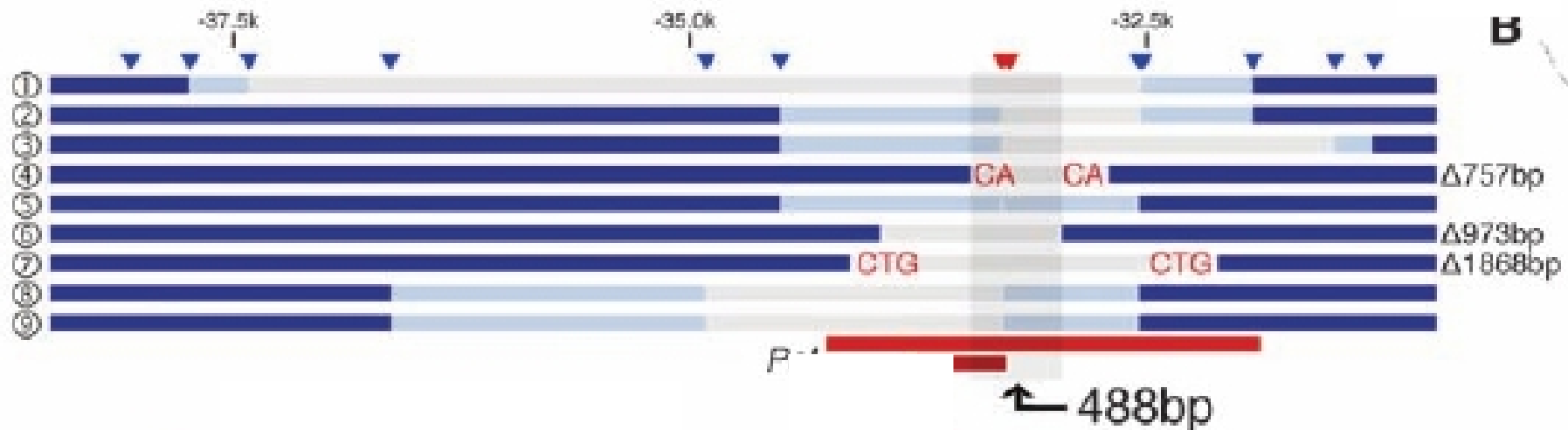
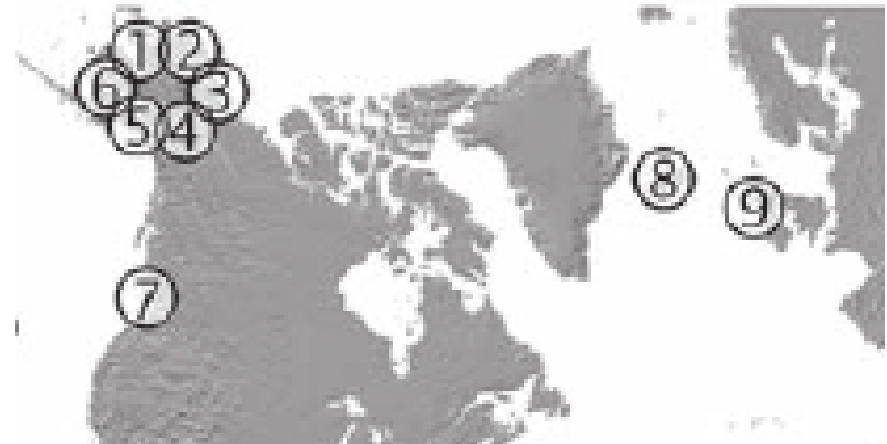
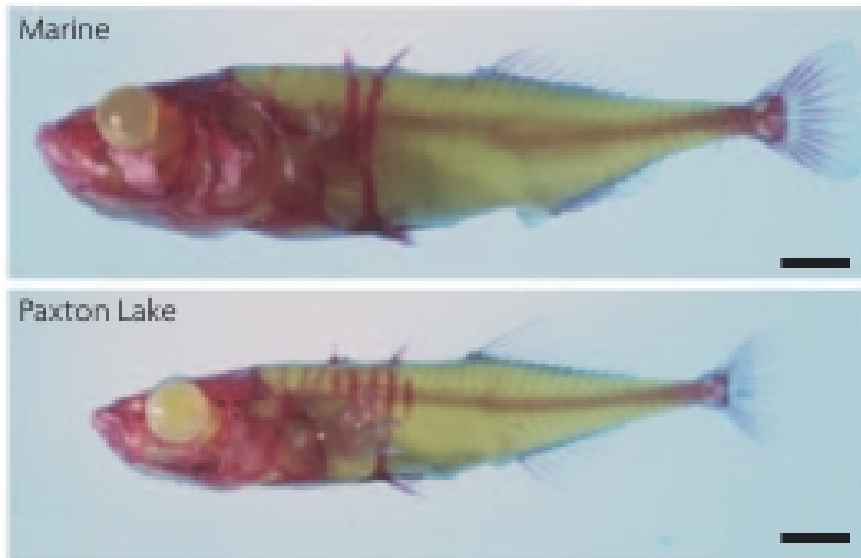


Ancestral polymorphism



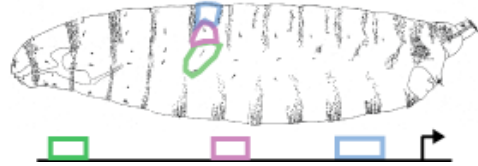
Lateral transfer

9 independent deletions in the cis-regulatory region of *Pitx1*



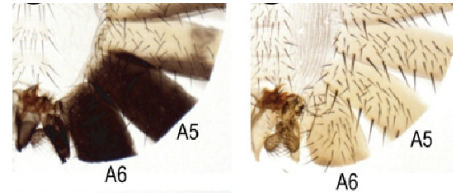
Accumulation of evolutionary-relevant mutations at the same locus

≥ 6 mutations in *svb*



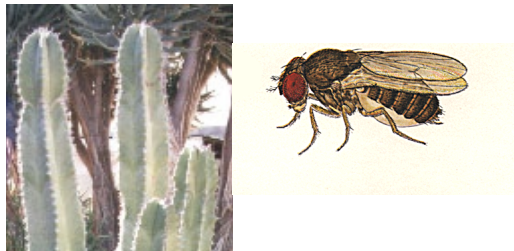
(McGregor, Orgogozo et al. 2007 Nature)

3 mutations in *tan*



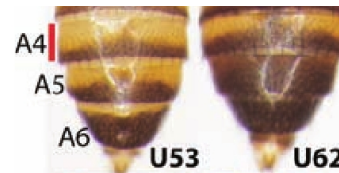
(Jeong et al., 2008 Cell)

2-4 mutations in *nvd*



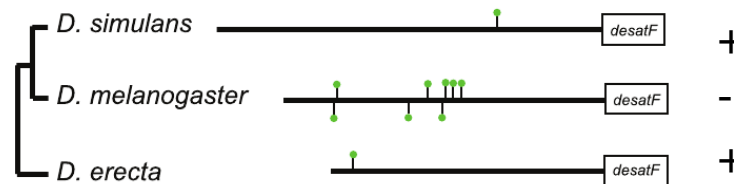
(Lang et al. 2012 Science)

5 mutations in *ebony*



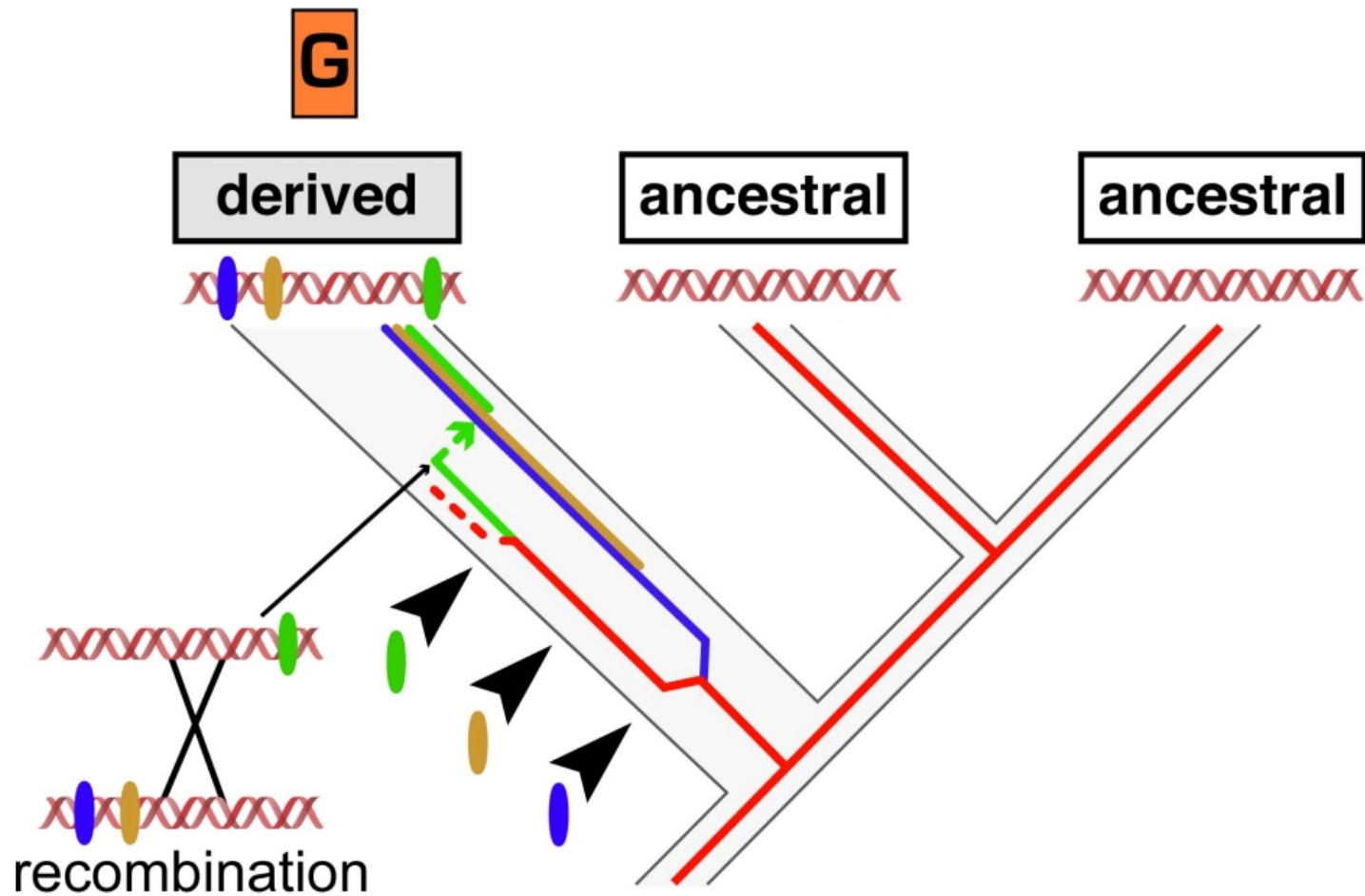
(Rebeiz et al., 2009 Cell)

3 deletions in *desatF*



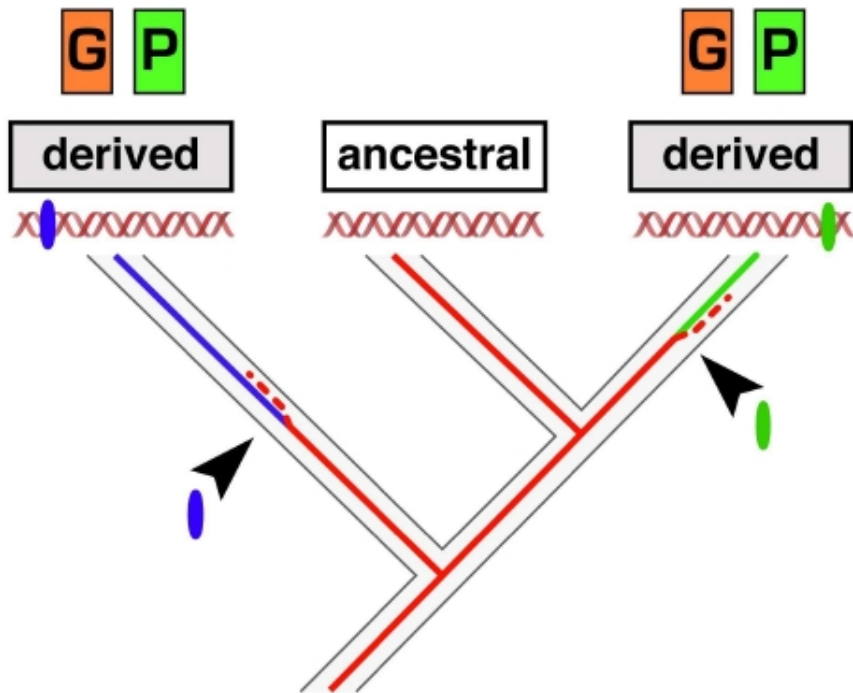
(Shirangi et al., 2009 PloS Biol)

Intralineage hotspot

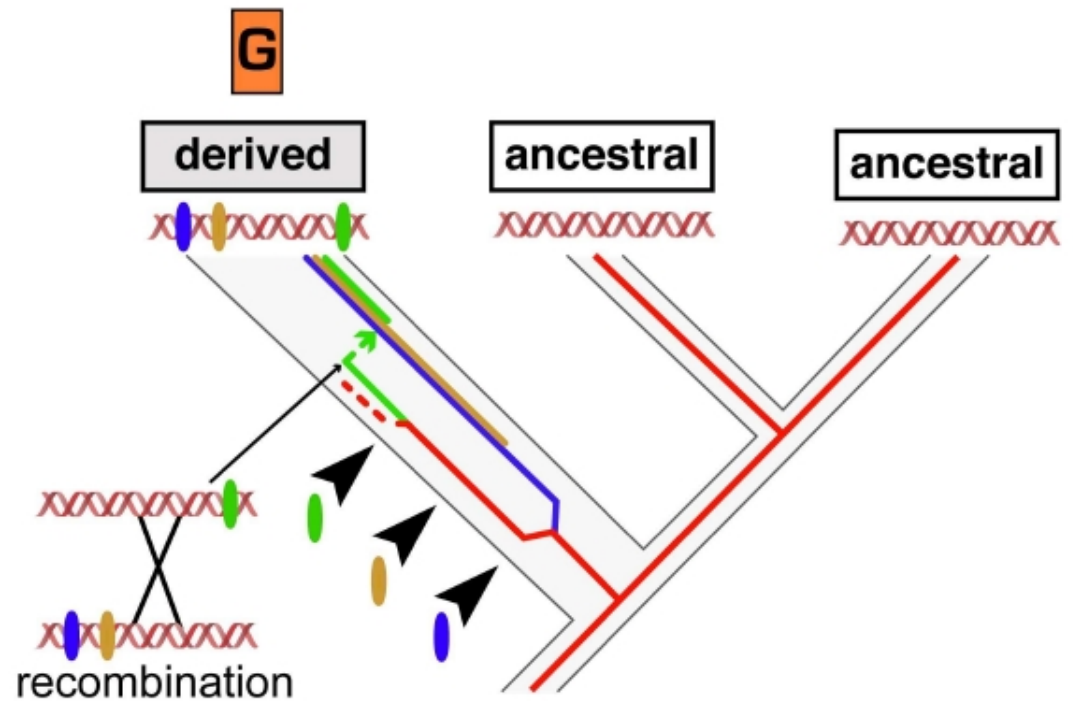


Hotspot genes: preferred targets of evolution

Interlineage hotspot



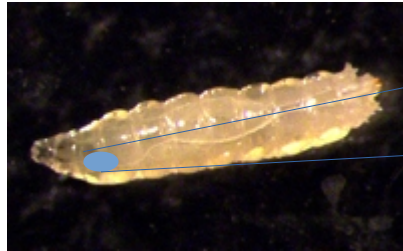
Intralineage hotspot



**Why is the set of genetic paths
limited?**

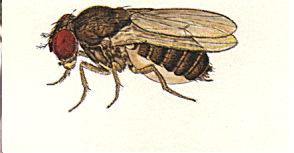
There are specialized genes in a genome

Steroid hormone biosynthesis

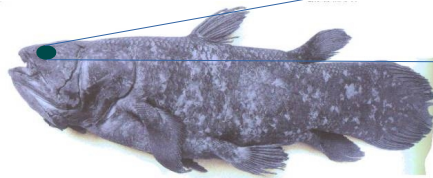


a specialized tissue
specialized enzymes

2-4 mutations in *nvd*



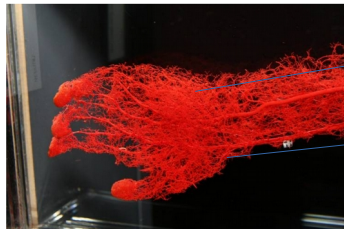
Color vision



a specialized tissue
specialized molecules

mutations in *opsin*
genes

Hypoxia resistance



a specialized tissue
specialized molecules

mutations in
haemoglobin genes



McCracken
2009

Specialized genes are usually genes that interact with external parameters

Why is the set of genetic paths limited?

genes with specialized functions

But what about phenotypes involving multifunctional genes?

Evolution appears to use a restricted set of all possible paths

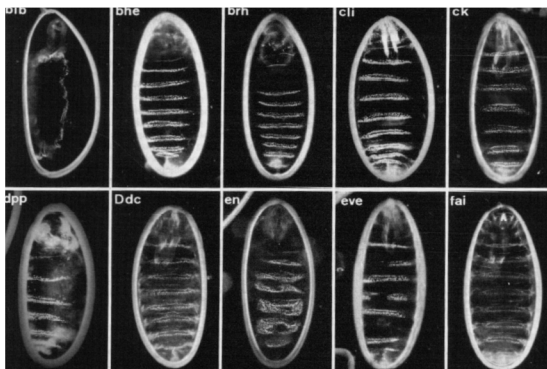
Changes in trichome pattern

EVOLUTION



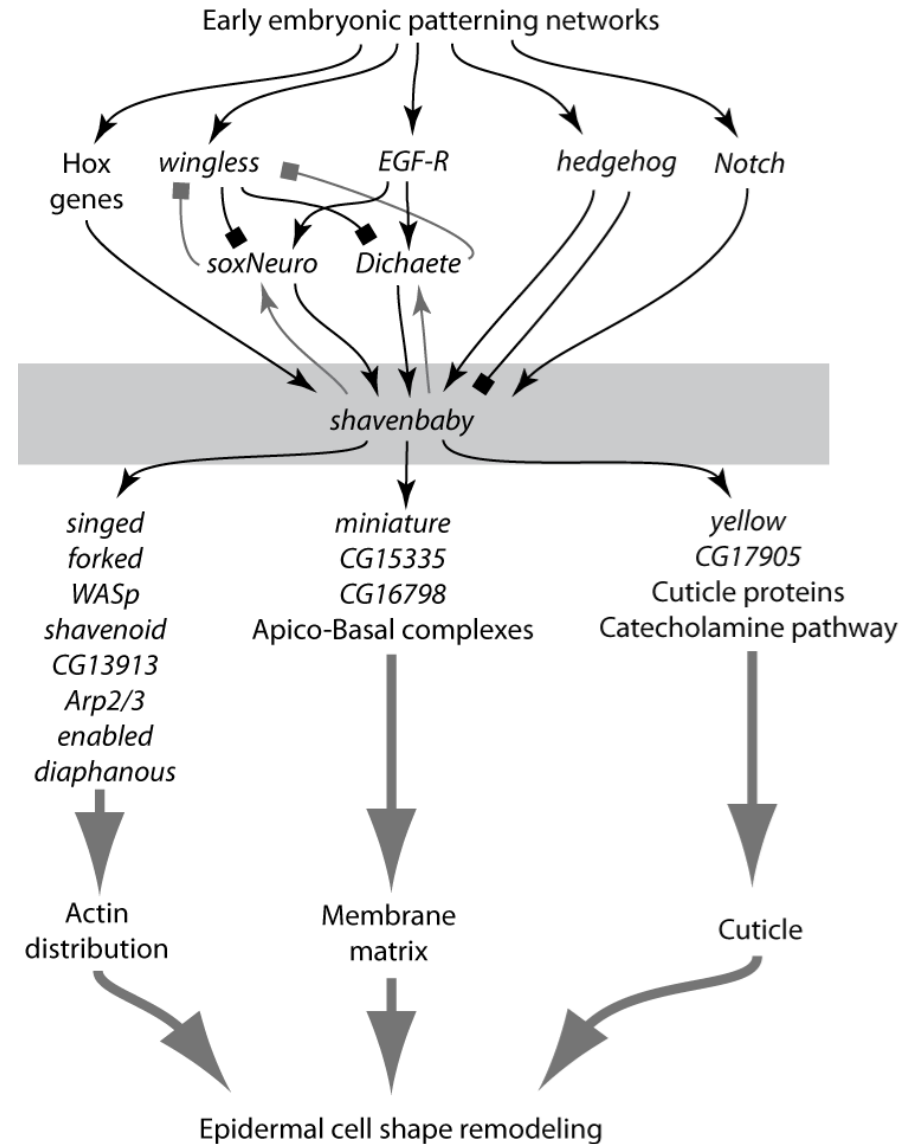
A single gene

MUTAGENESIS

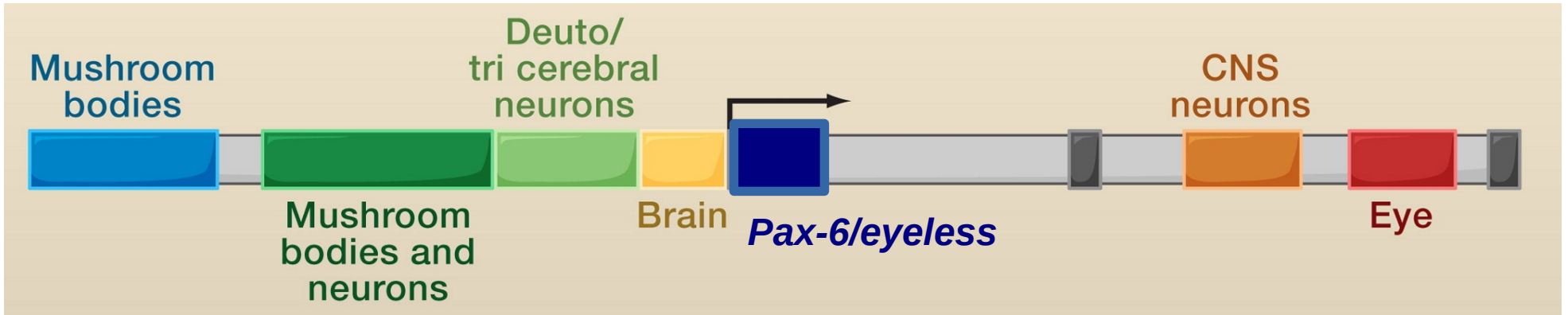


(Nüsslein-Volhard et Weischaus)

~100 genes

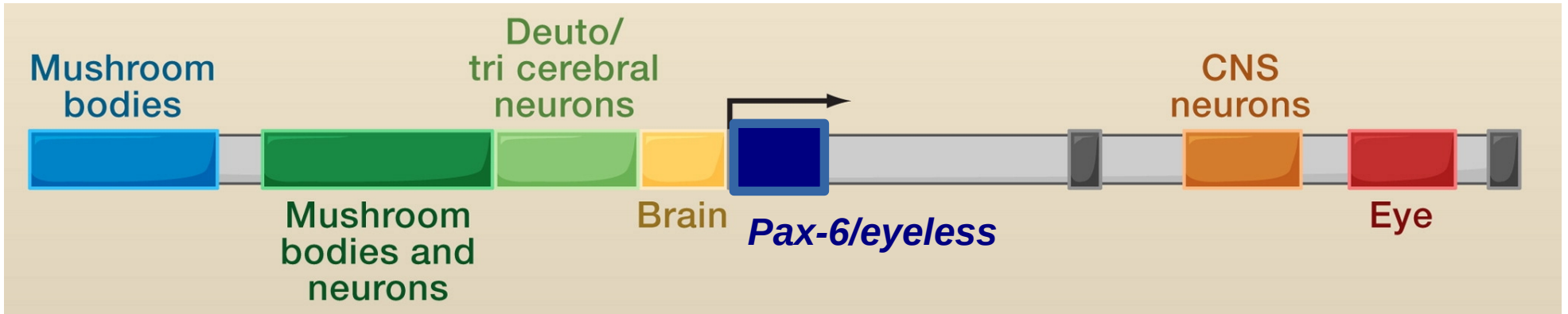


Specialized loci within multifunctional genes



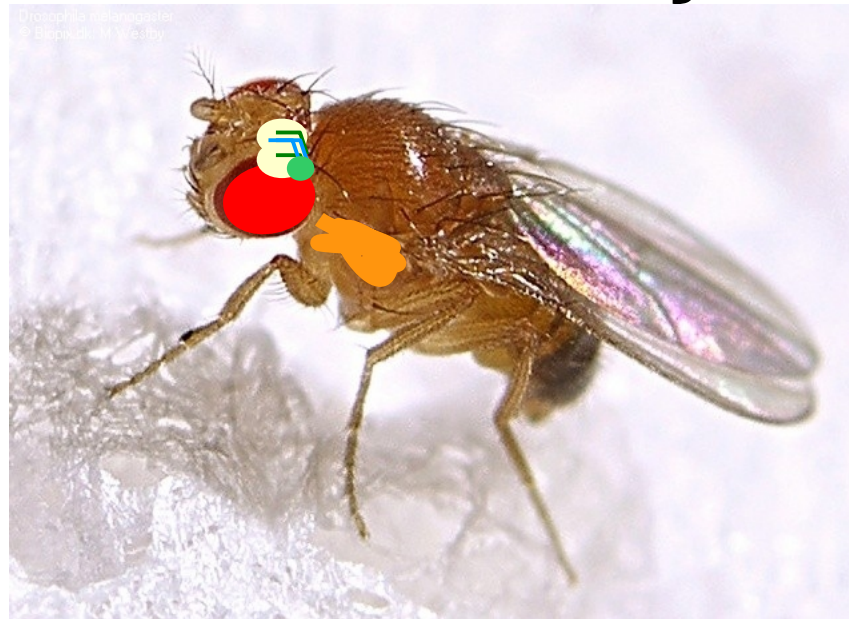
Carroll 2008

Specialized loci within multifunctional genes



Carroll 2008

**Modularity of cis-regulatory elements
is reflected in modularity of body parts**



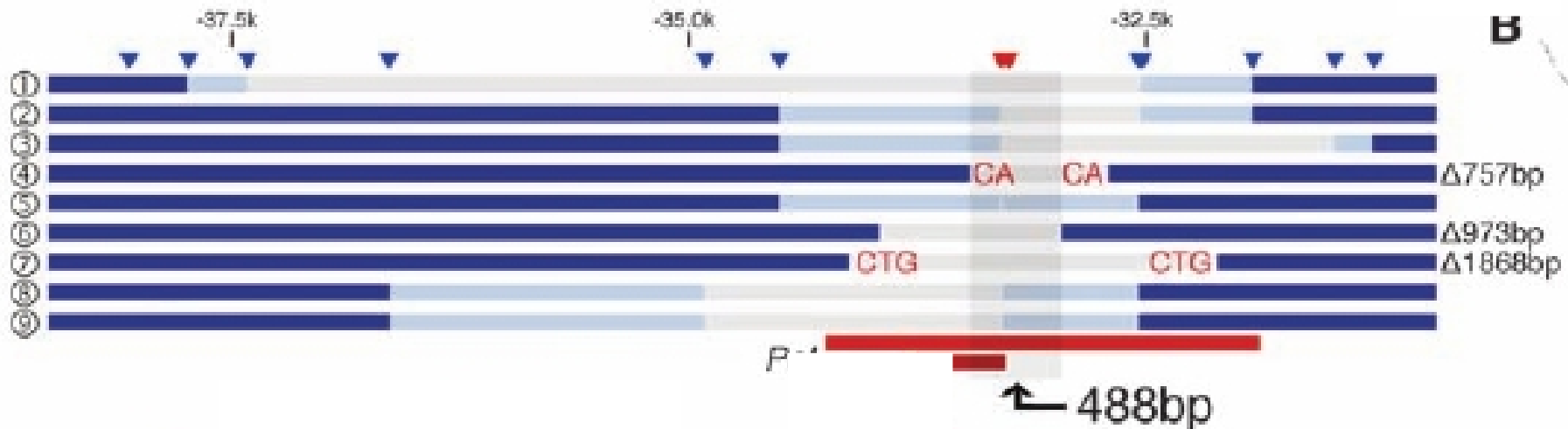
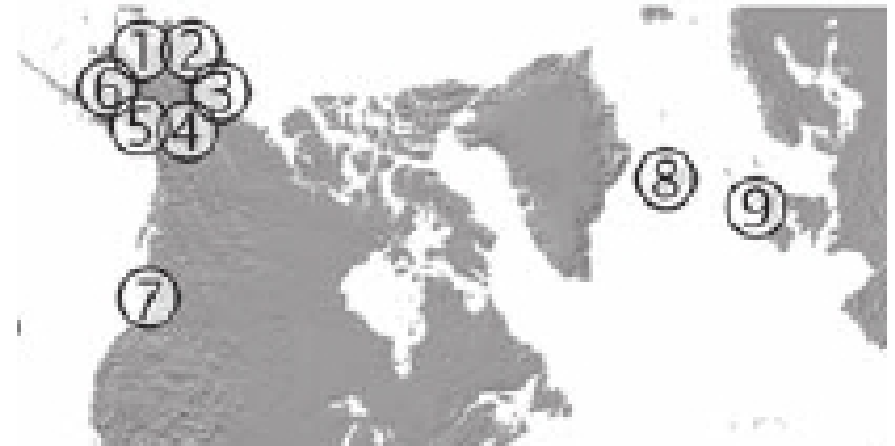
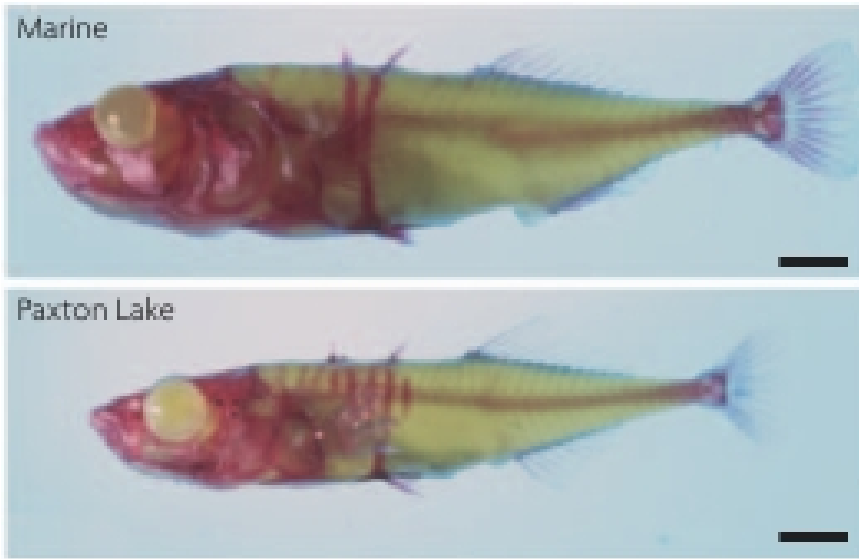
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genes with specialized functions

multifunctional genes with specialized regions

mutational bias

9 deletions in the cis-regulatory region of *Pitx1* due to region sensitive to chromosome breaks



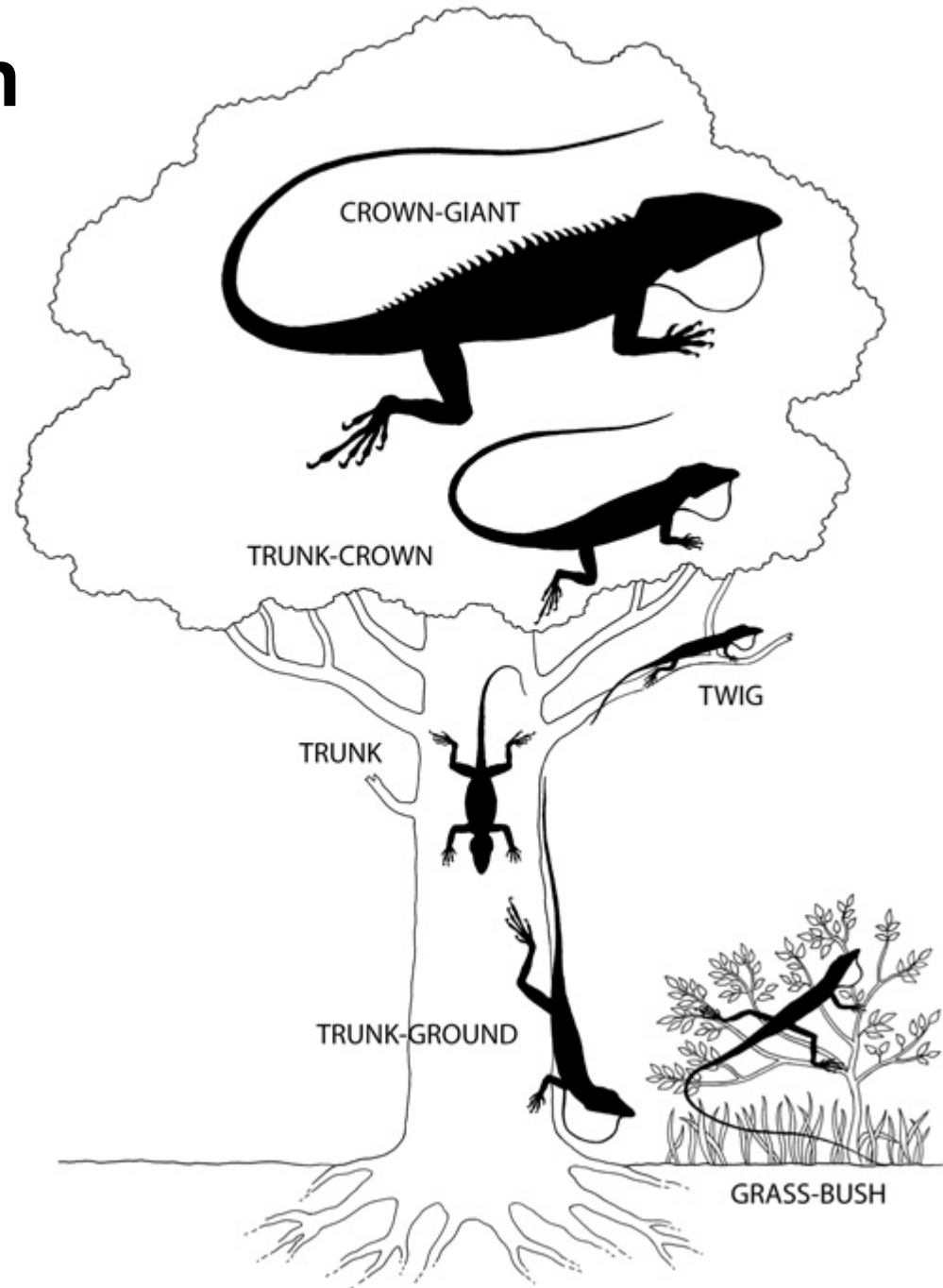
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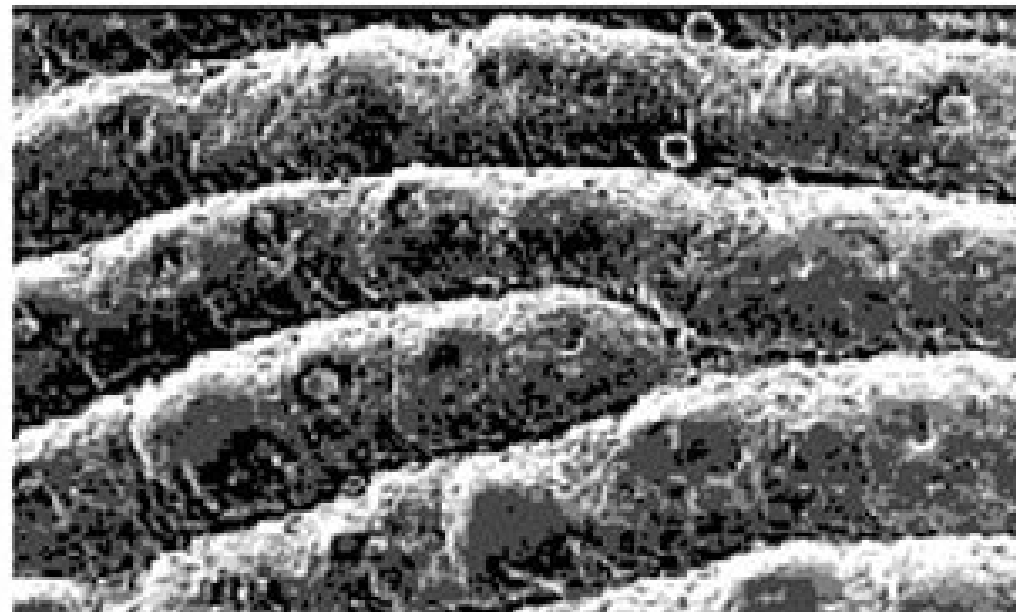
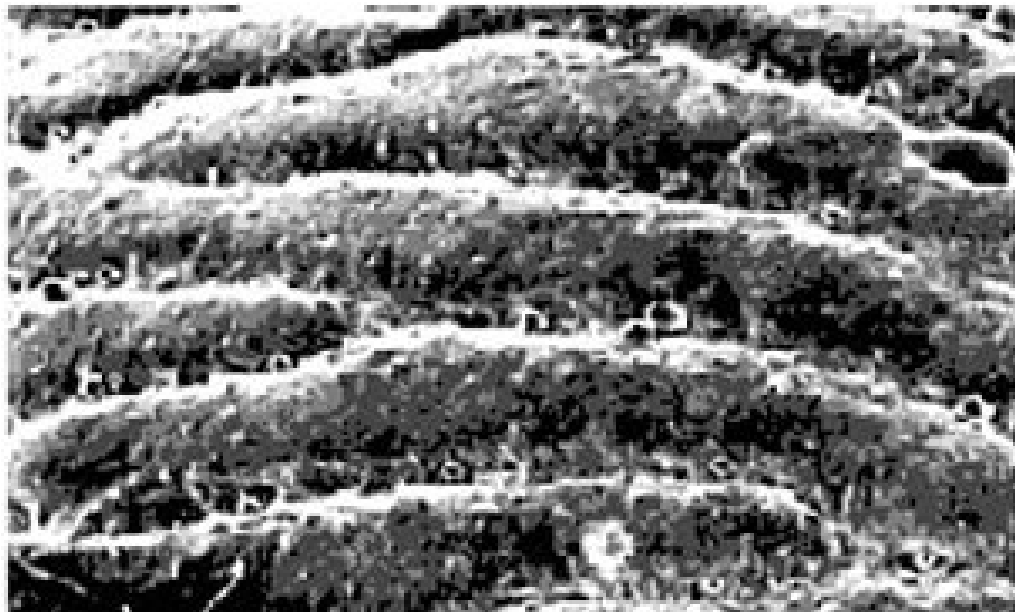
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Repeated evolution in diverse Caribbean islands





Evolution repeats itself in..

.. the genes responsible for natural evolution



Ex : *hemoglobin* in dogs and humans in Tibet
(Wang et al 2014 GBE)

.. the genes responsible for experimental evolution



Ex : *sulfate transporter SUL1* in yeasts in low sulfate
(Gresham et al 2008 PloS Genetics)

.. the phenotypes evolving in certain environments

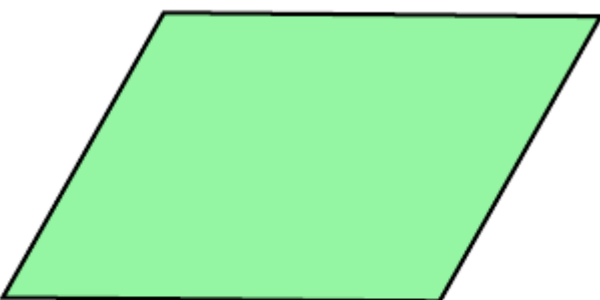


Ex : flying marsupial phalanger and placental flying squirrel

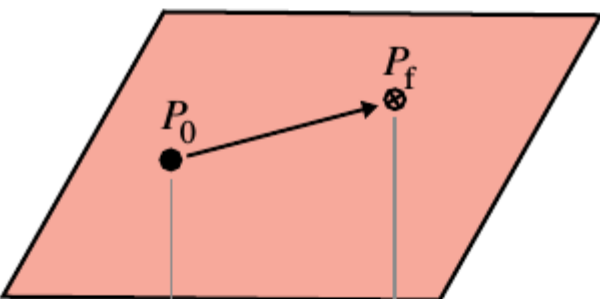
Orgogozo 2015 Interface Focus

Synchronous predictability

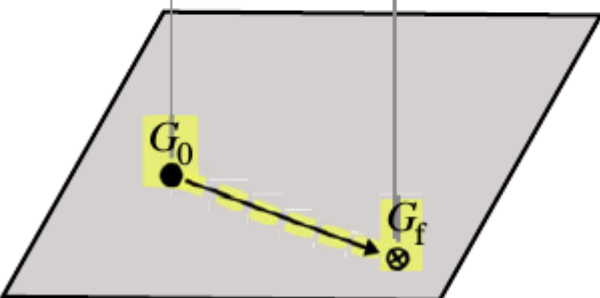
Natural Evolution



environment
space

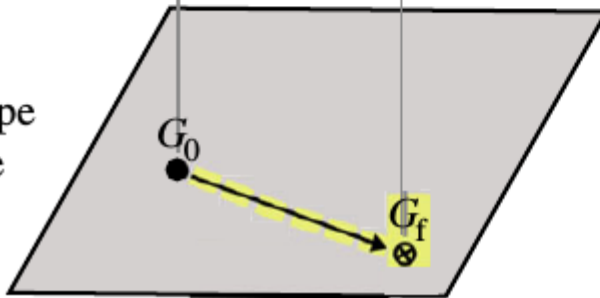
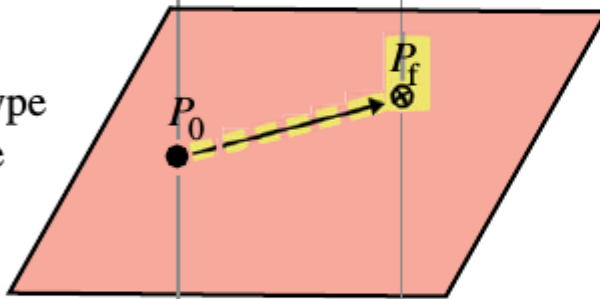
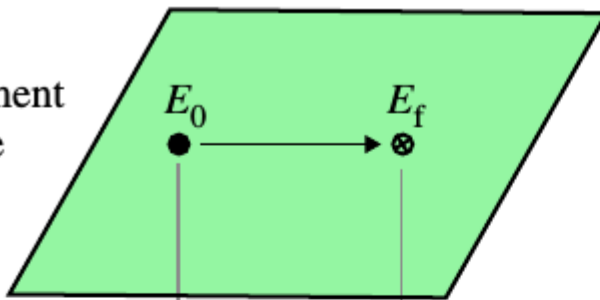


phenotype
space

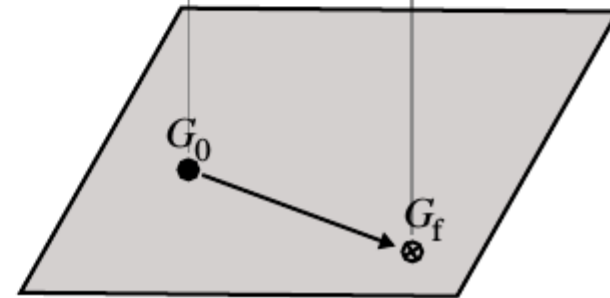
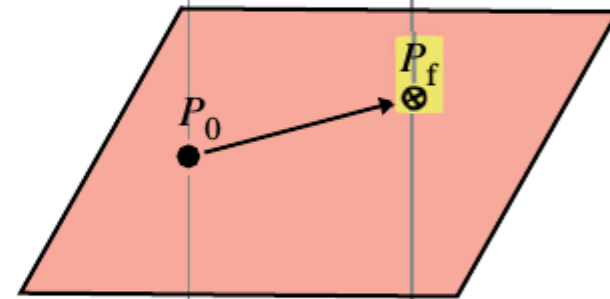
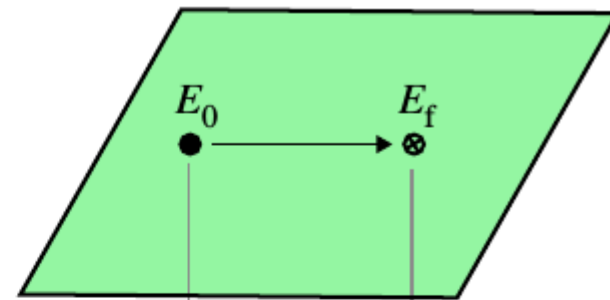


genotype
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Experimental Evolution



Convergent Evolution



Classical Darwinian Evolution

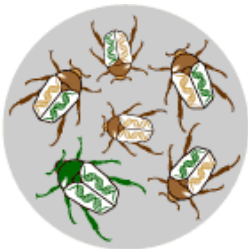
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Variation



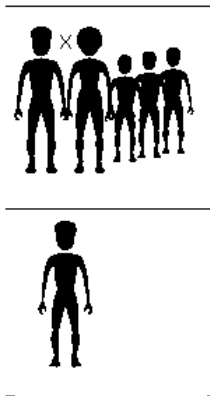
UNPREDICTABLE

Mutations in DNA

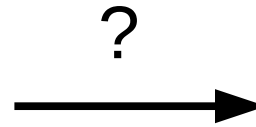
2
Transmission to the next generation



3
Reproduction Variability between individuals



Many unpredictable processes
at a low level



Predictable Evolution
at the genetic level

- Mutations in DNA
- Chromosome segregation during meiosis
- Assortative mating
- Gamete competition during fecondation
- Life history traits
- Genetic linkage
- Environmental changes (meteorite, etc.)

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From random processes can emerge predictability

Many unpredictable processes
at a low level

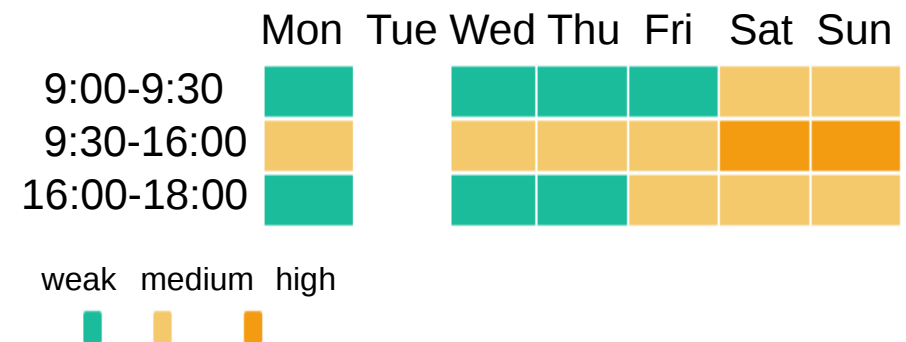


Predictable
at a higher level

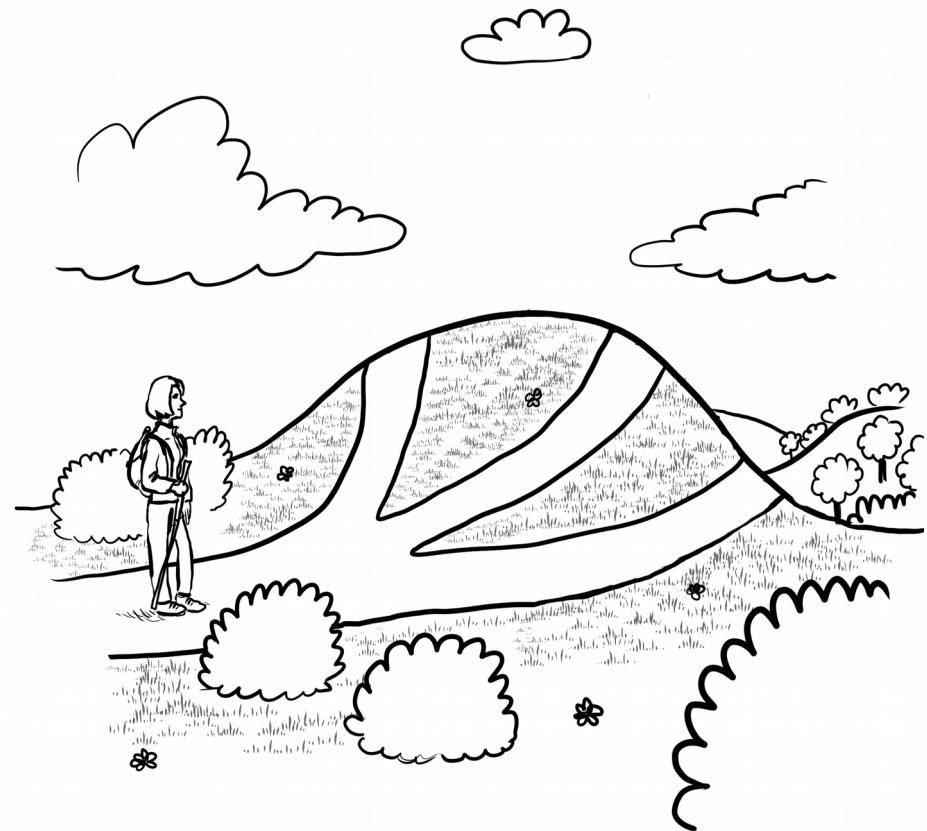
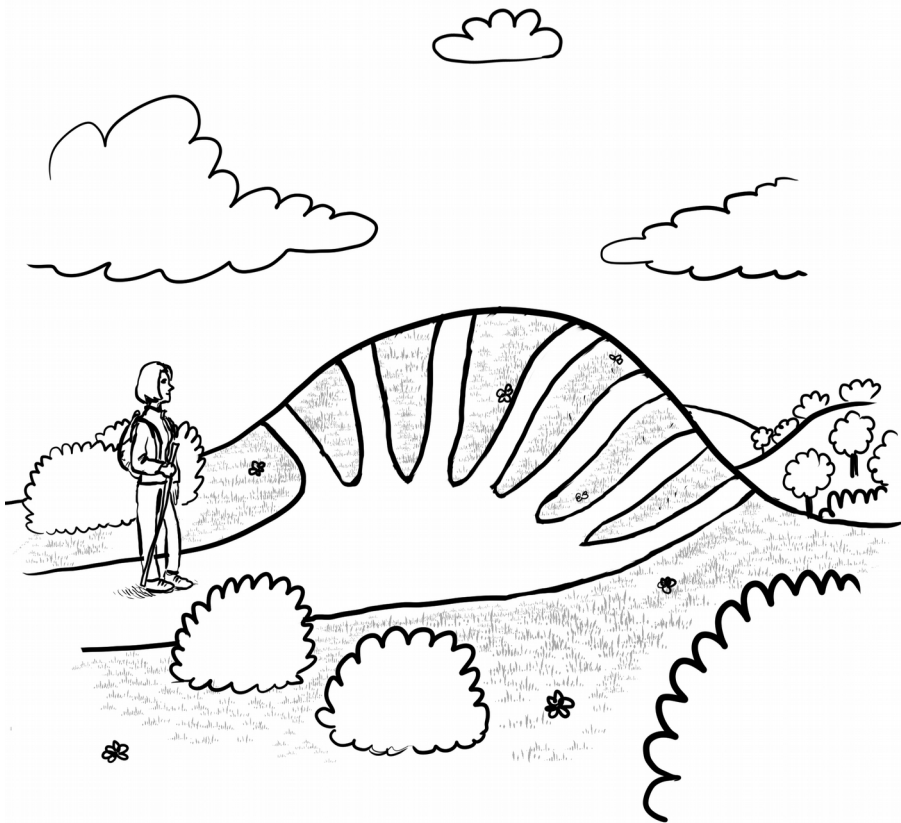
Trajectory of single individuals



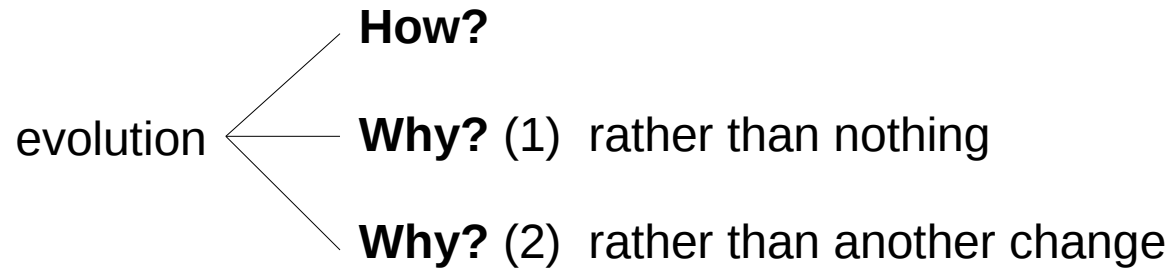
Estimated waiting time for Louvre museum



The number of possible paths for evolution is smaller than previously thought



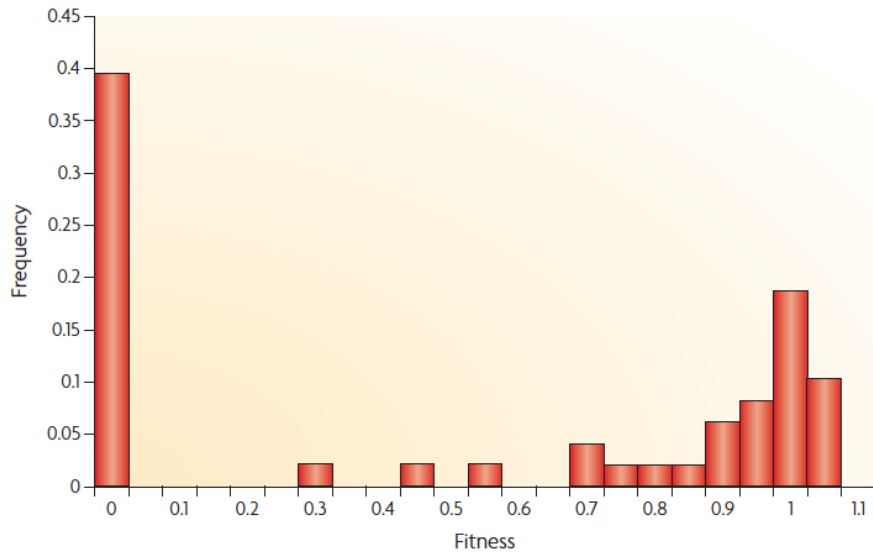
What are all the possible evolutionary paths?



Test all possible paths:

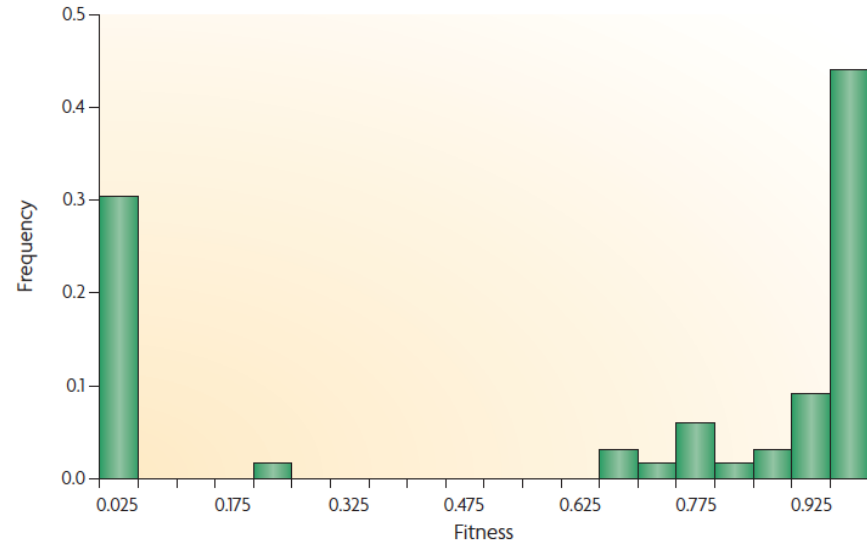
Examine all possible mutations in a protein sequence, in a cis-regulatory sequence, etc.

Mostly deleterious and neutral mutations



Vesicular Stomatitis Virus

a Spontaneous mutations



Saccharomyces cerevisiae
diploids

Evolution: unconstrained and unpredictable?

[past and present organisms are] a subset of workable, but basically fortuitous, survivals among a much larger set that could have functioned just as well, but either never arose, or lost their opportunities, by historical happenstance.

Stephen Jay Gould, 2002

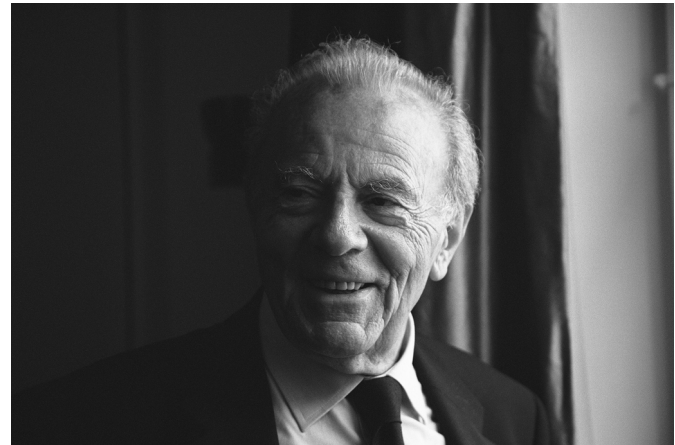


It is hard to realize that the living world as we know it is just one among many possibilities; that its actual structure results from the history of the earth.

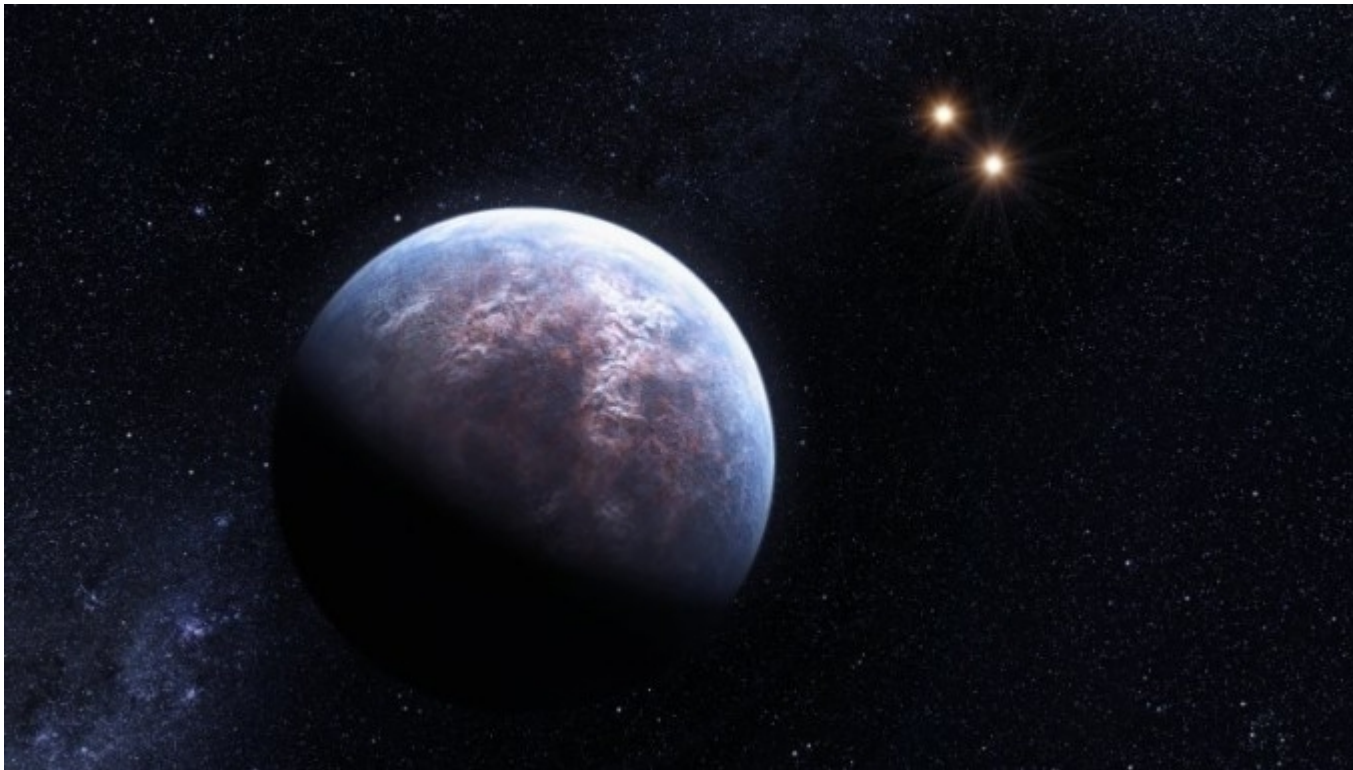
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Evolution and Tinkering

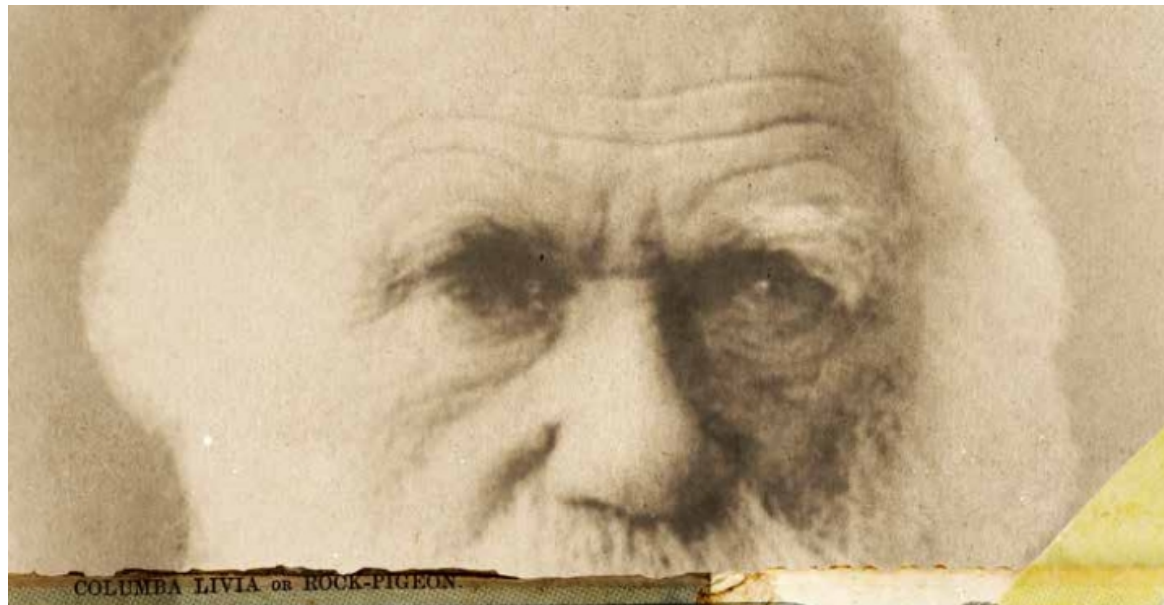
François Jacob



Would life evolve again,
would it produce similar living beings?



evolution { **How?**
Why? (1) rather than nothing
Why? (2) rather than another change



COLUMBA LIVIA or ROCK-PIGEON

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RICHARD DAWKINS THE SELFISH GENE

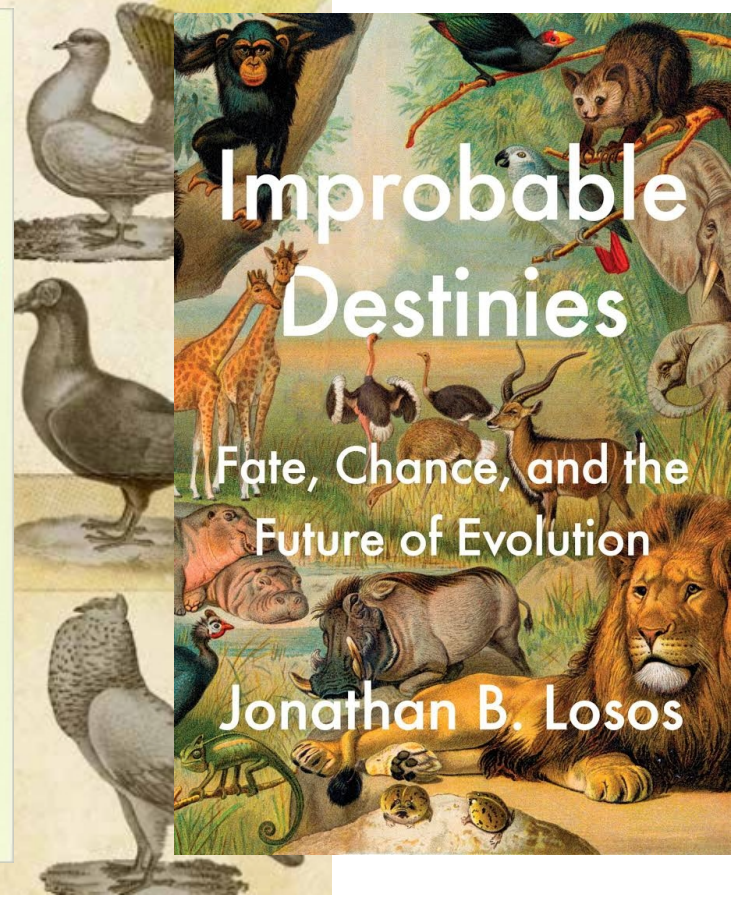
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Improbable Destinies

Fate, Chance, and the
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