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# Surprizing findings in the acanthomorph large-scale interrelationships

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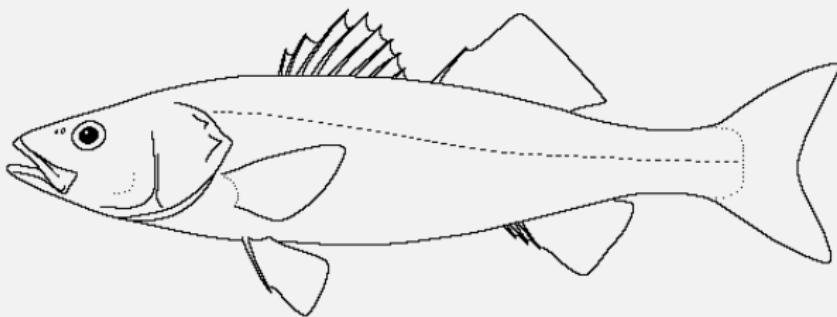
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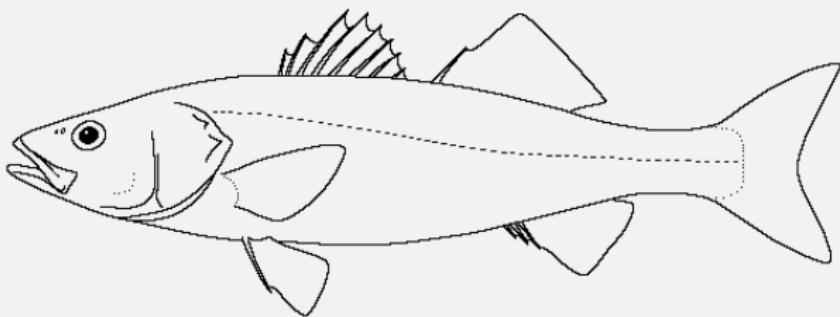
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- ▶ Large group: more than 15.000 species

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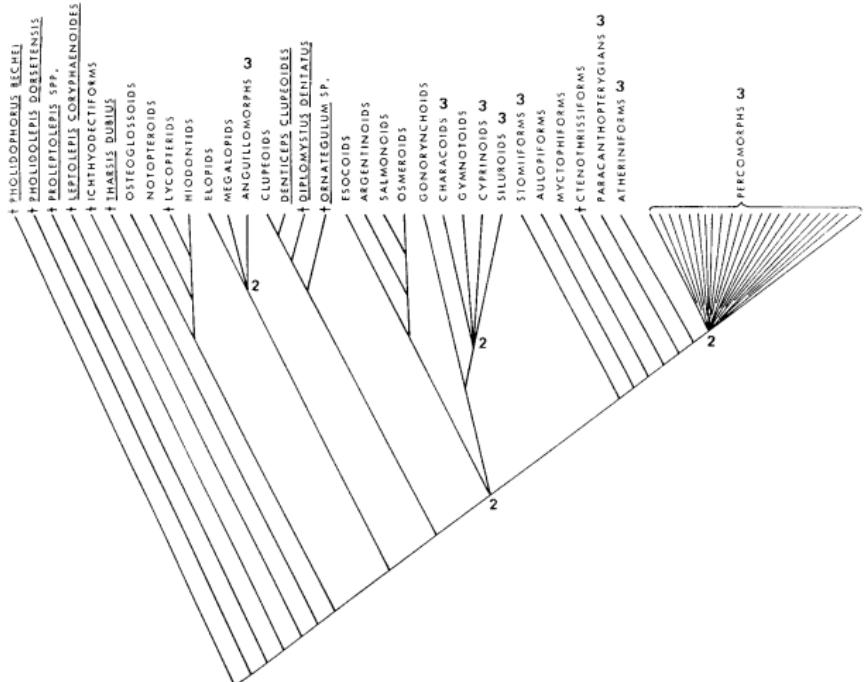


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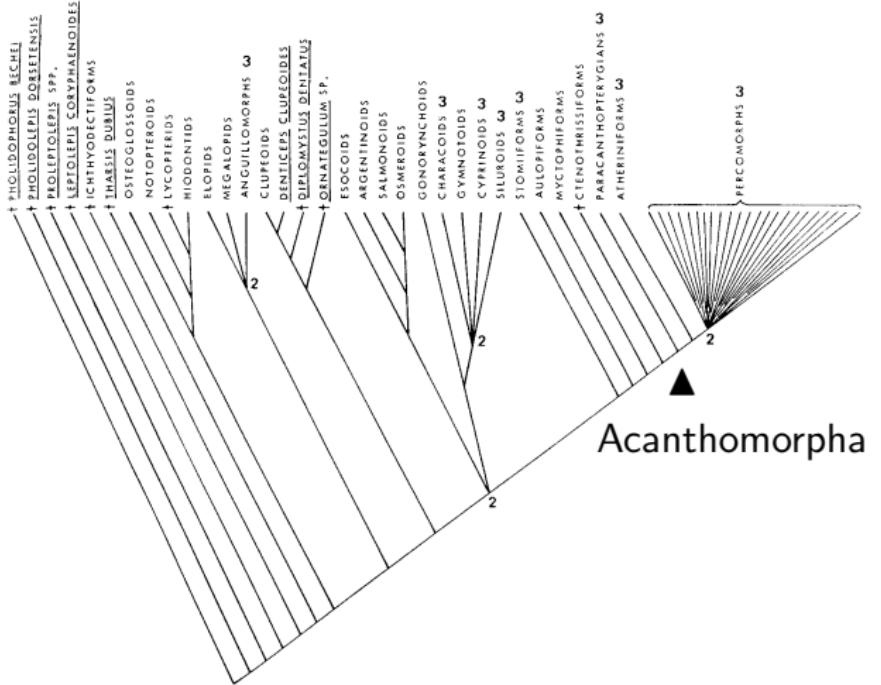


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- ▶ Miya et al. (2001, 2003), Mabuchi et al. (2007) and Kawahara et al. (2008): Mitogenomics
- ▶ Chen et al. (2003) and Dettaï and Lecointre (2004, 2005, 2008): Nuclear and mitochondrial markers
- ▶ Smith and Wheeler (2004, 2006) and Smith and Craig (2007): Other nuclear and mitochondrial markers

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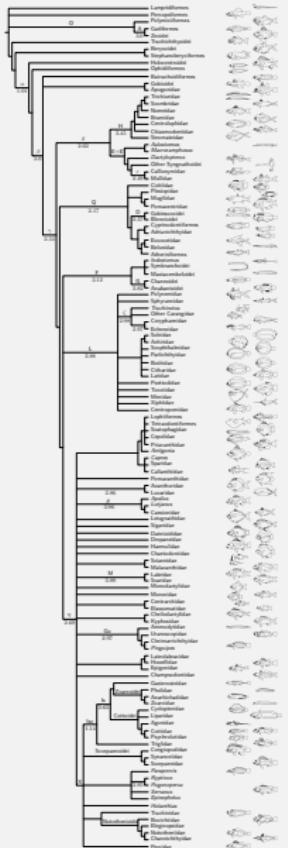
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- ▶ Using well-selected markers to generate trees:  
Rhodopsin, MLL4, IRBP and **RNF213** (New!)
- ▶ Finding reliable clades by comparing independent  
trees → repetition indices (Li and Lecointre, in  
press)

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- ▶ Summary of 3 different supertree approaches taking into account repetition indices
- ▶ Letters indicate the most reliable clades
- ▶ Only a few results will be detailed

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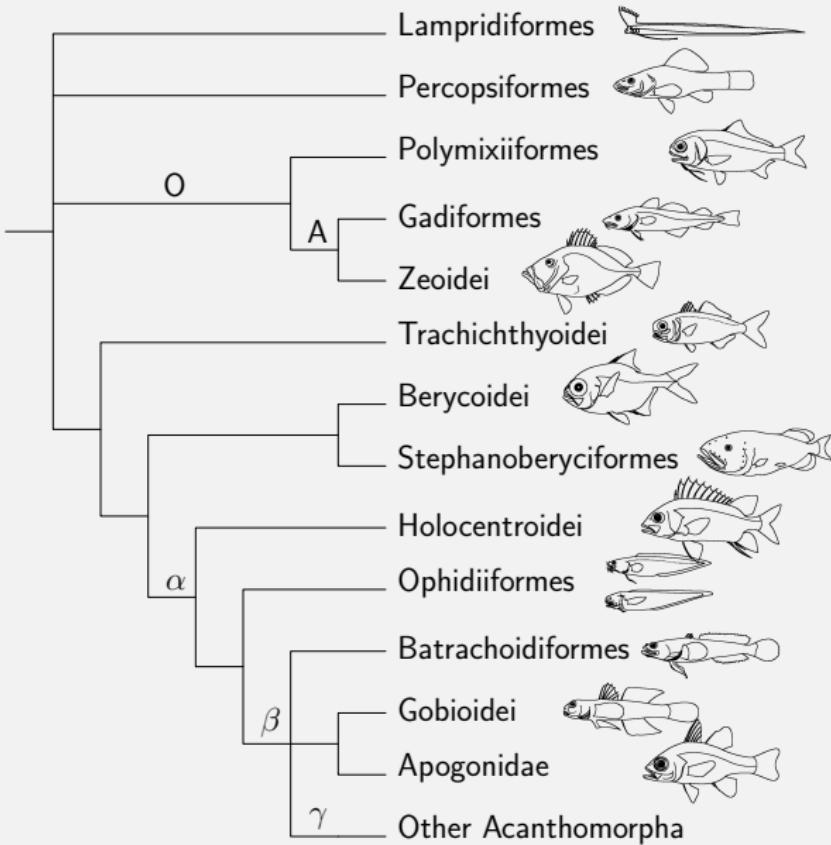
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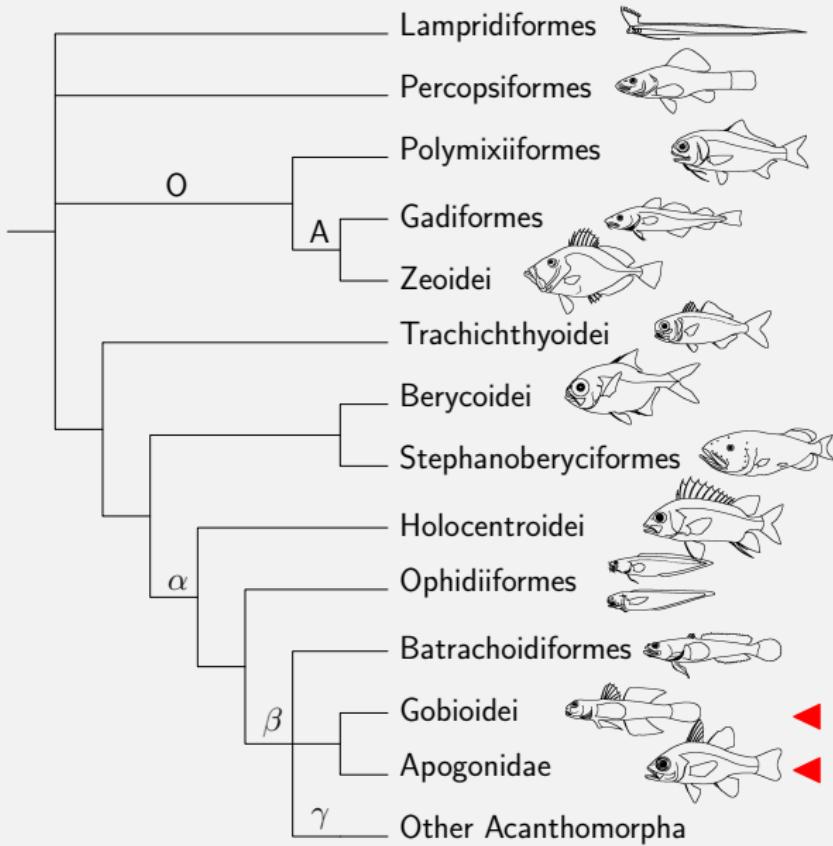
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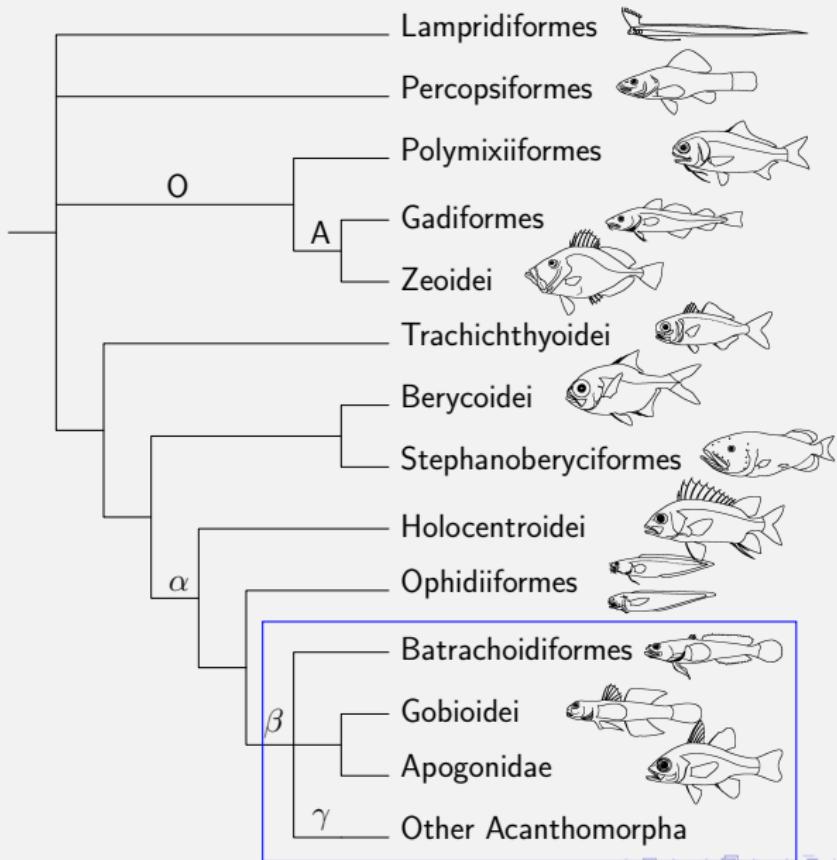
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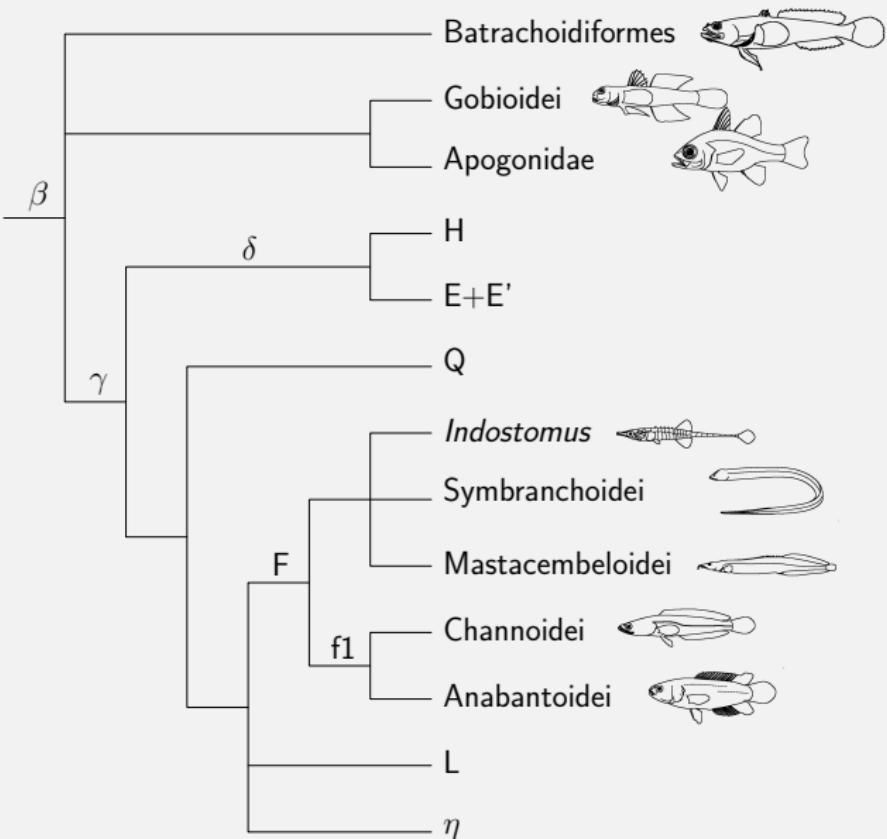
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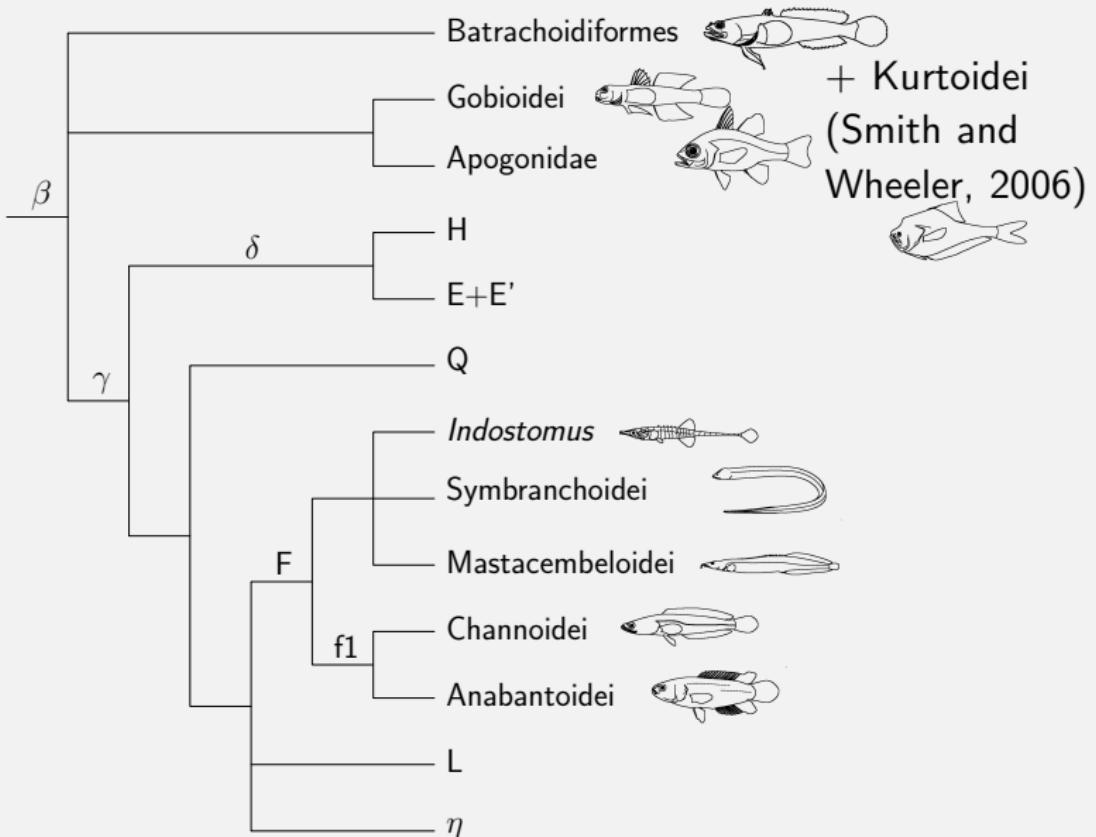
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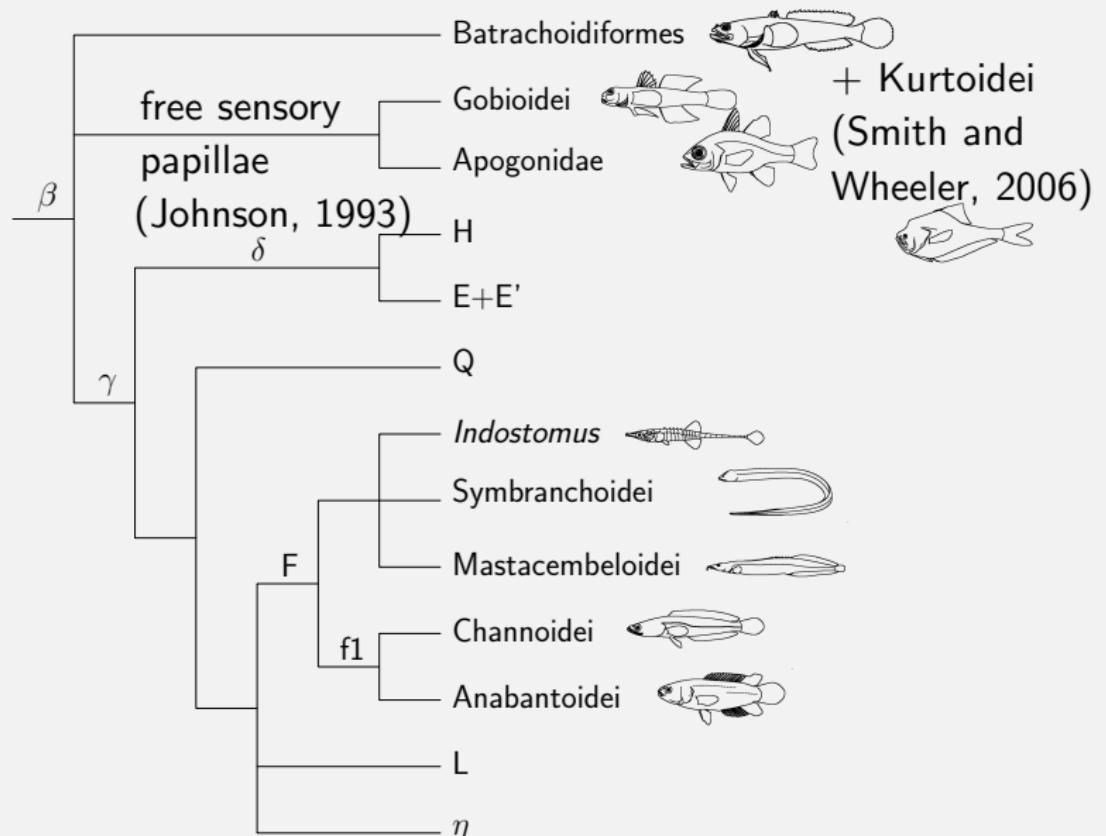
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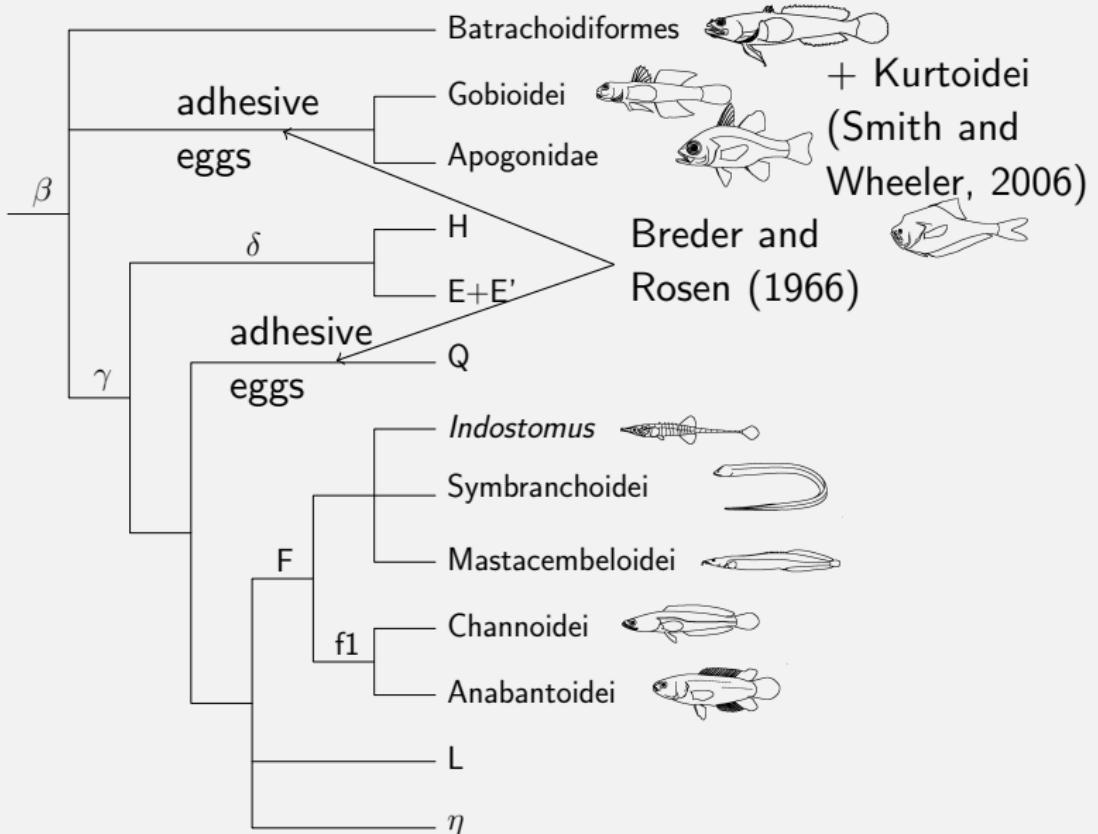
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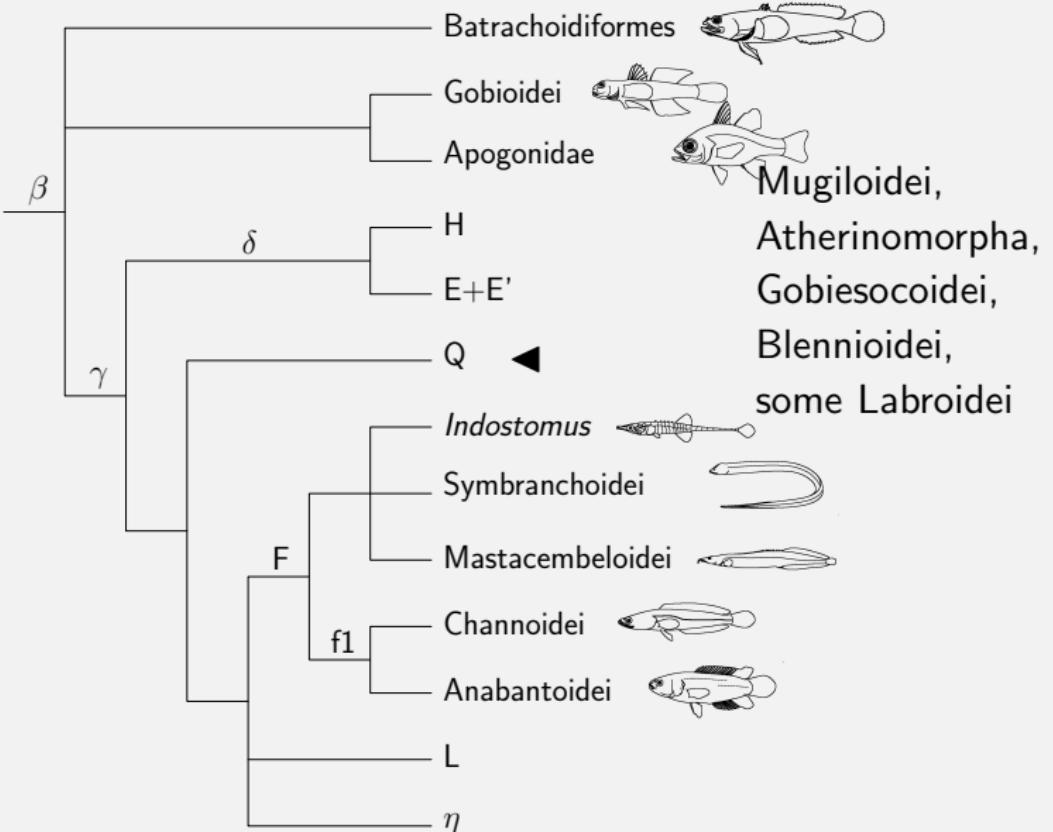
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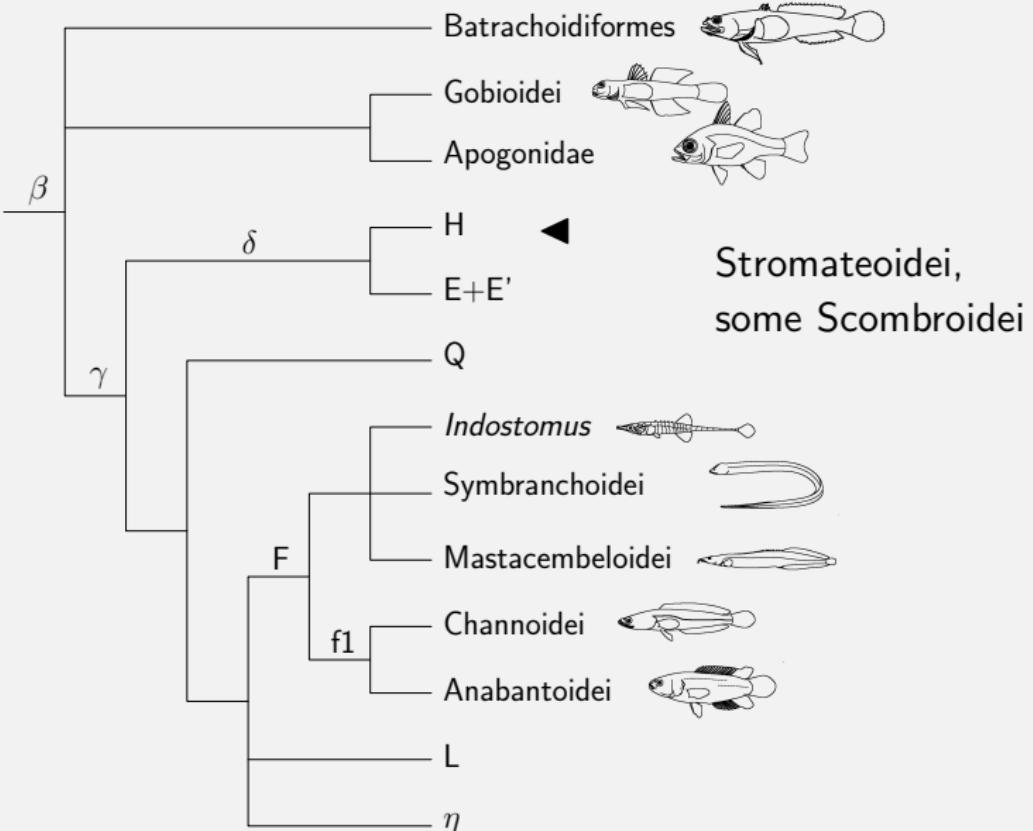
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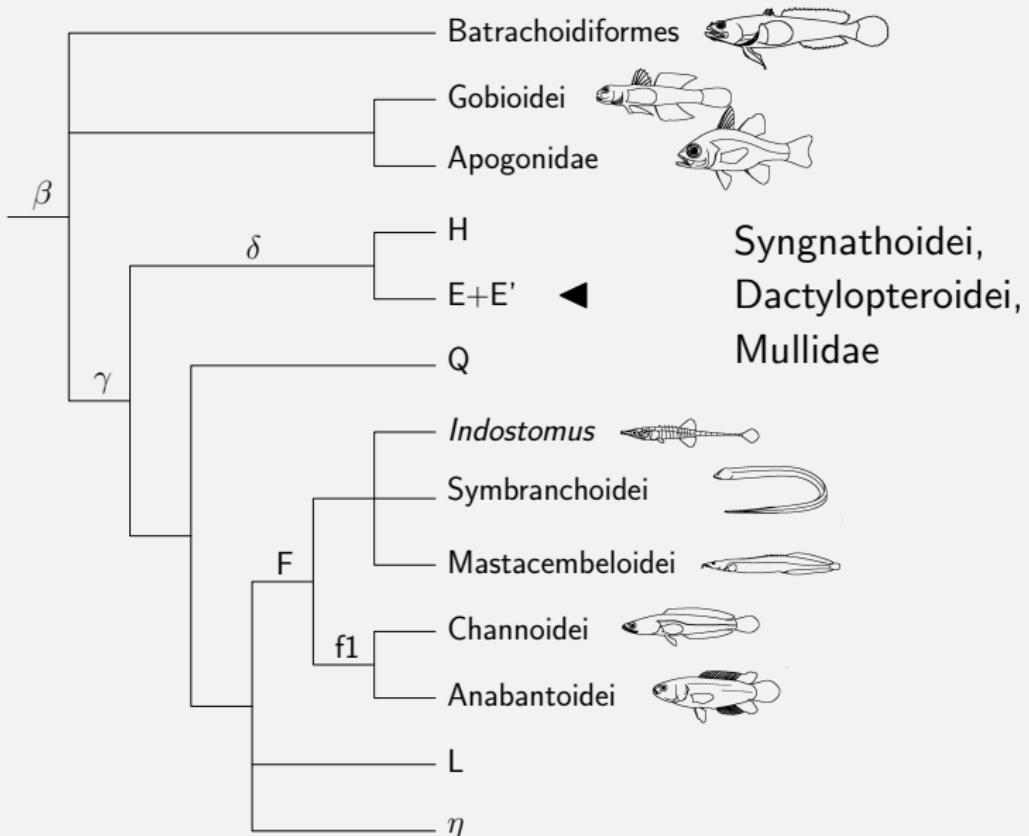
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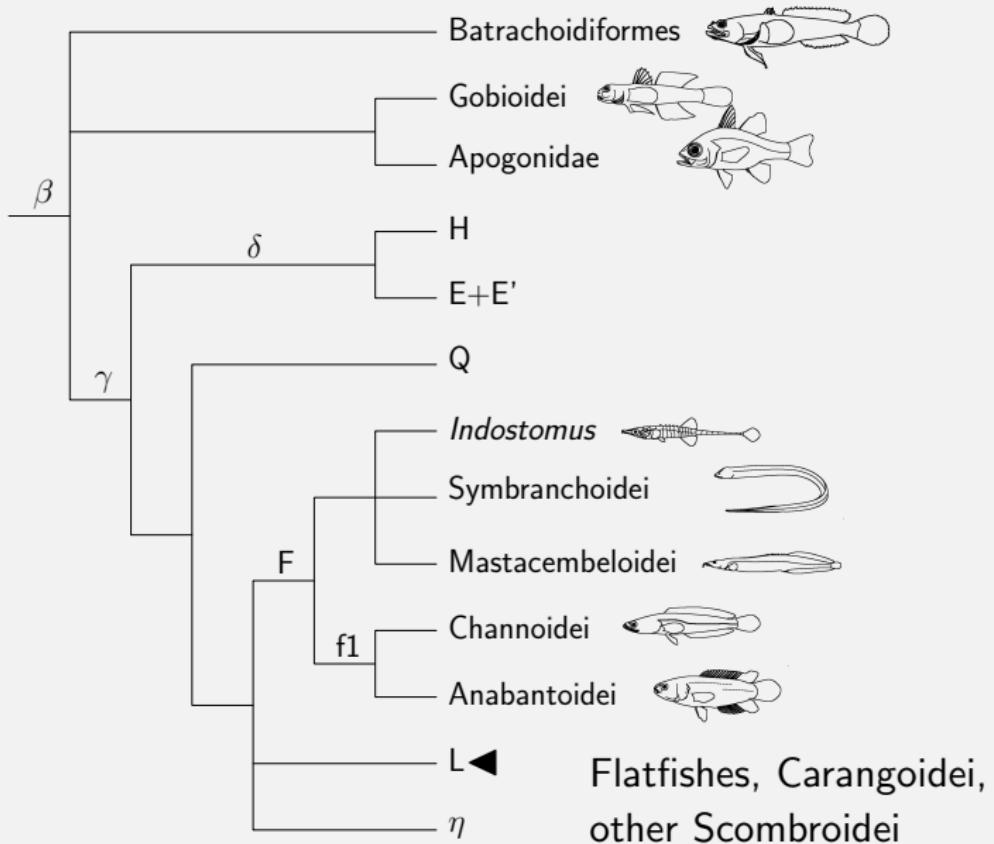
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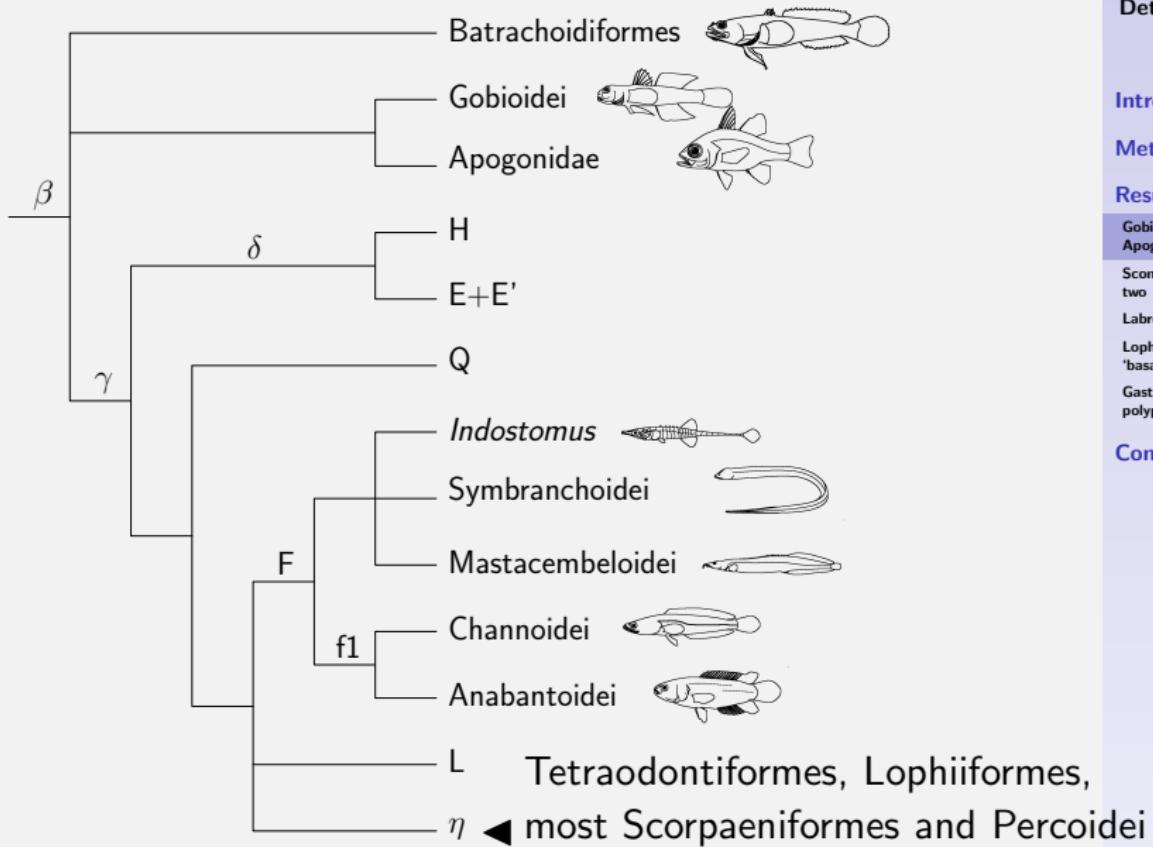
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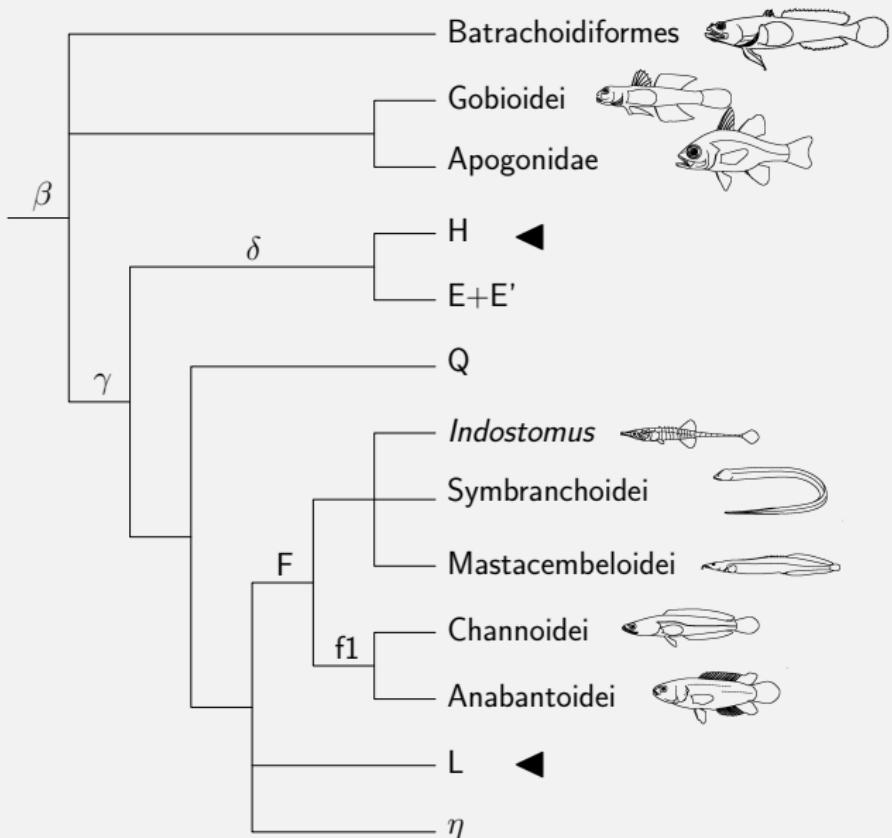
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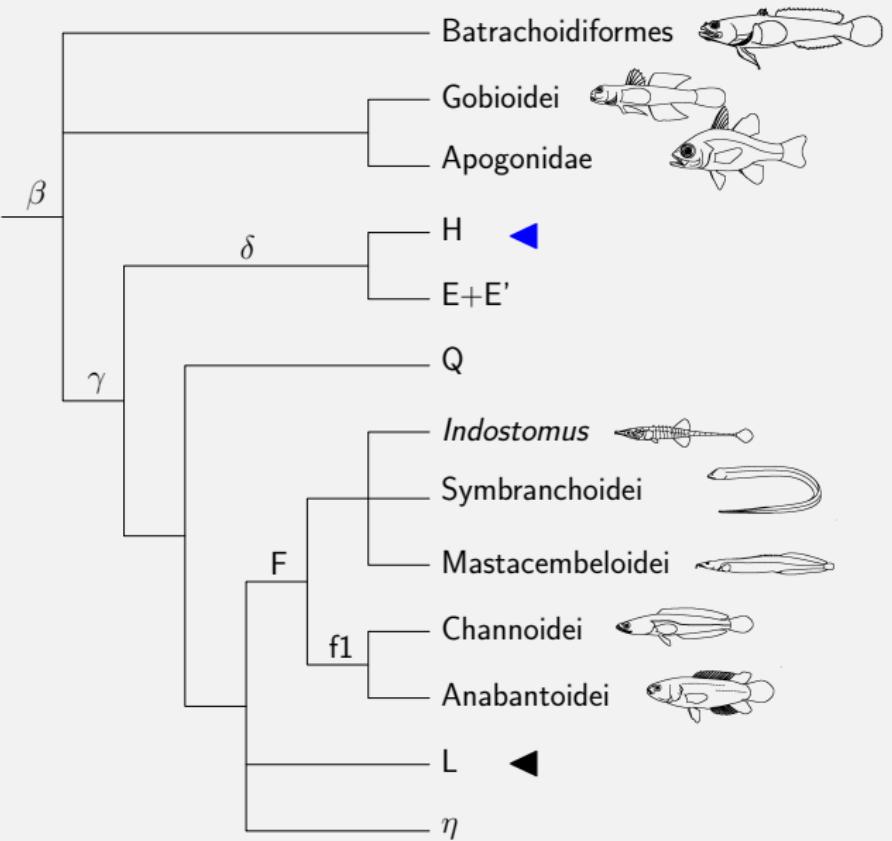
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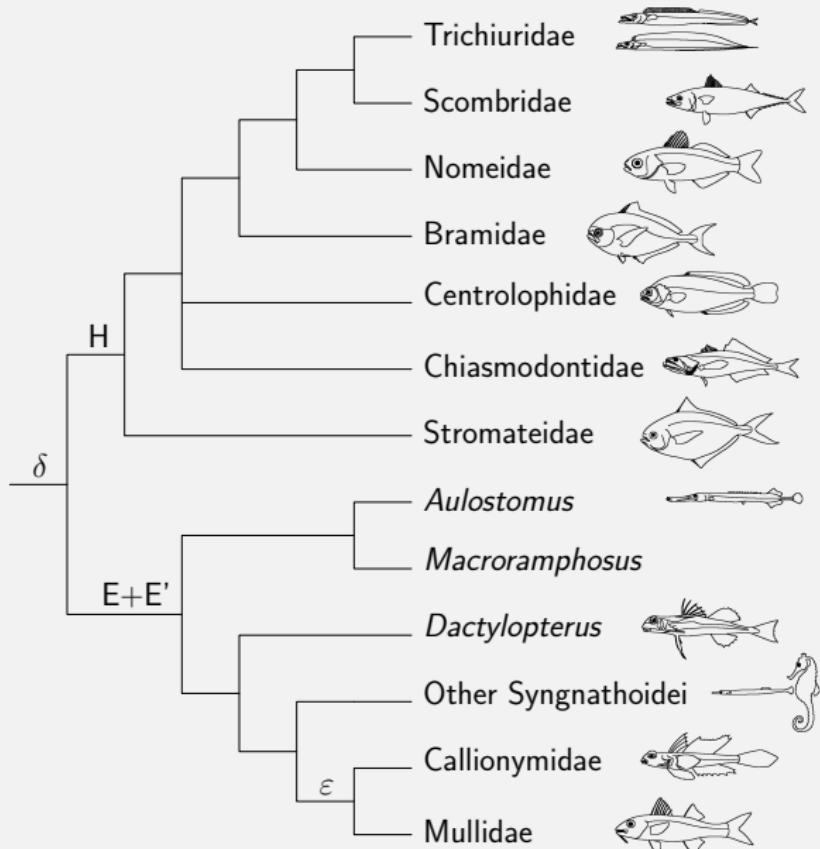
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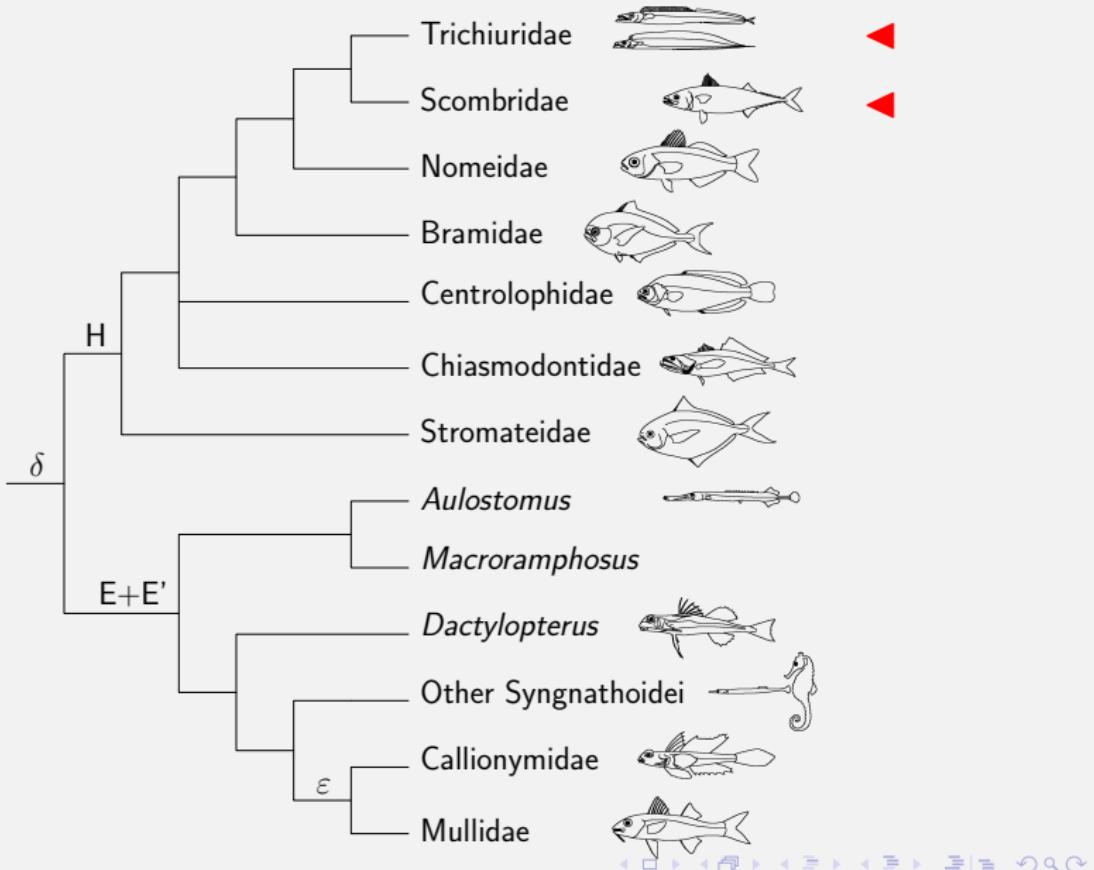
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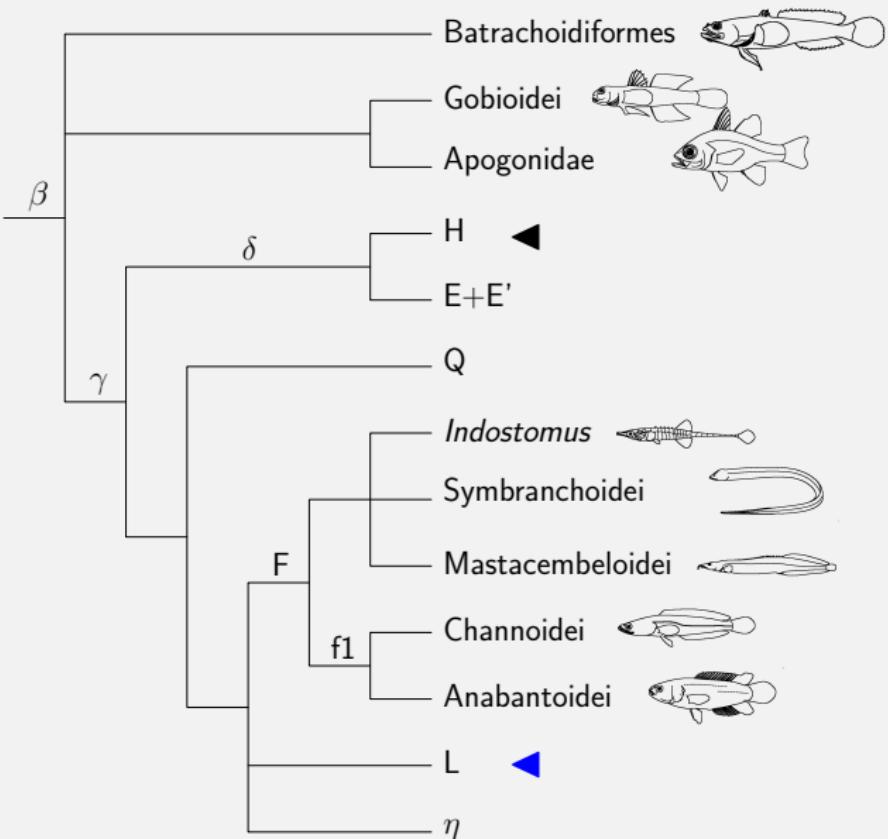
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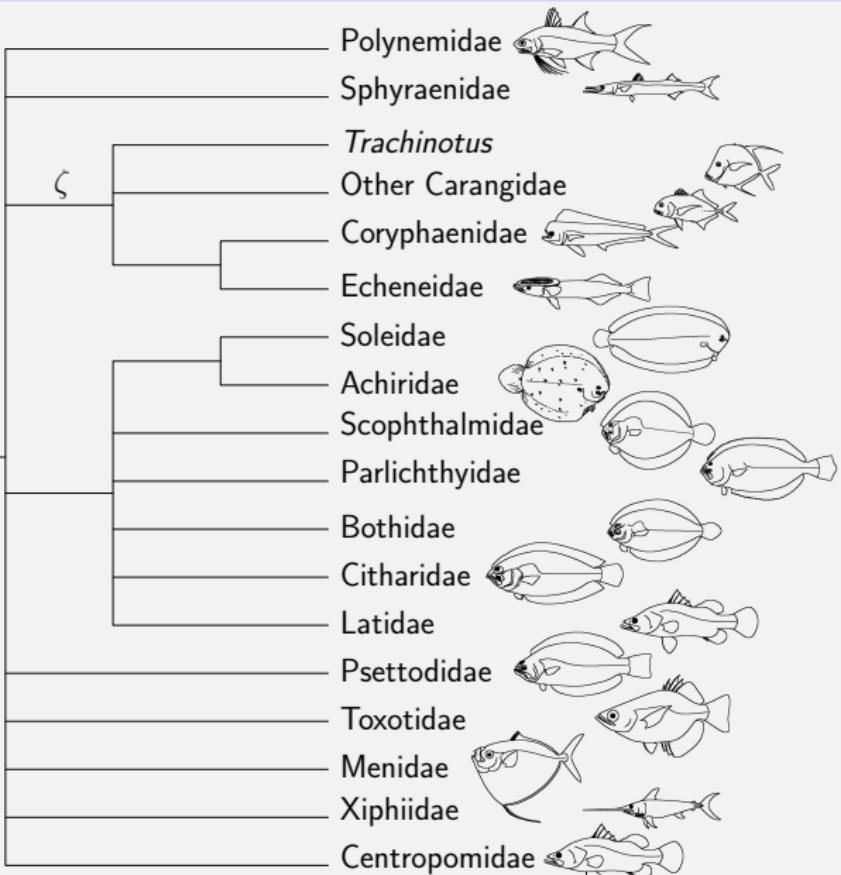
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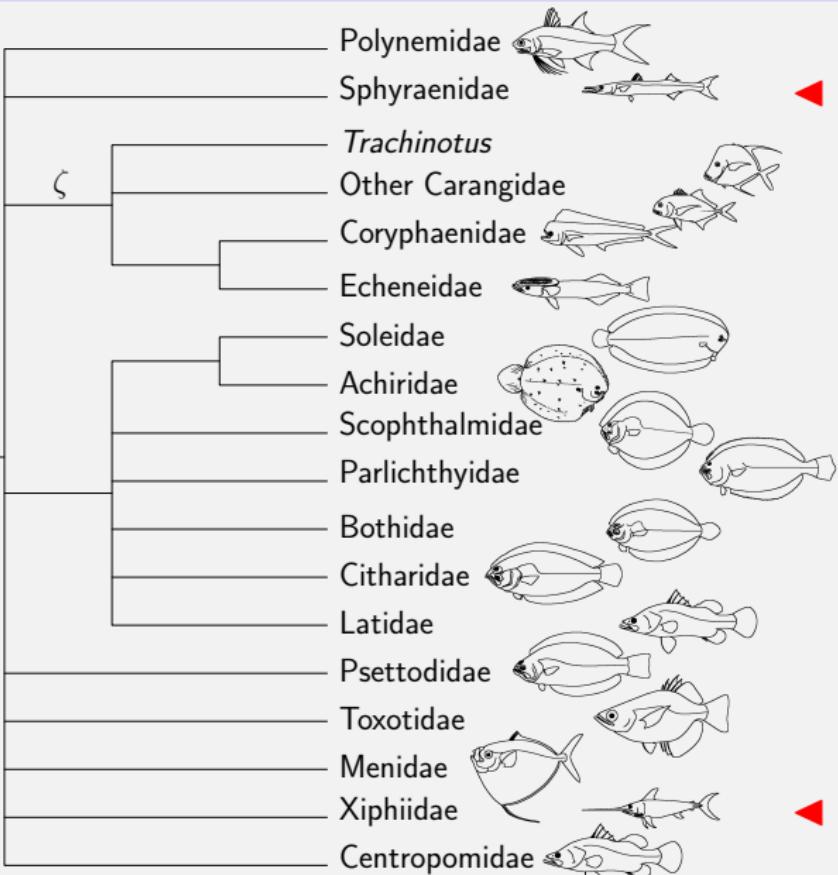
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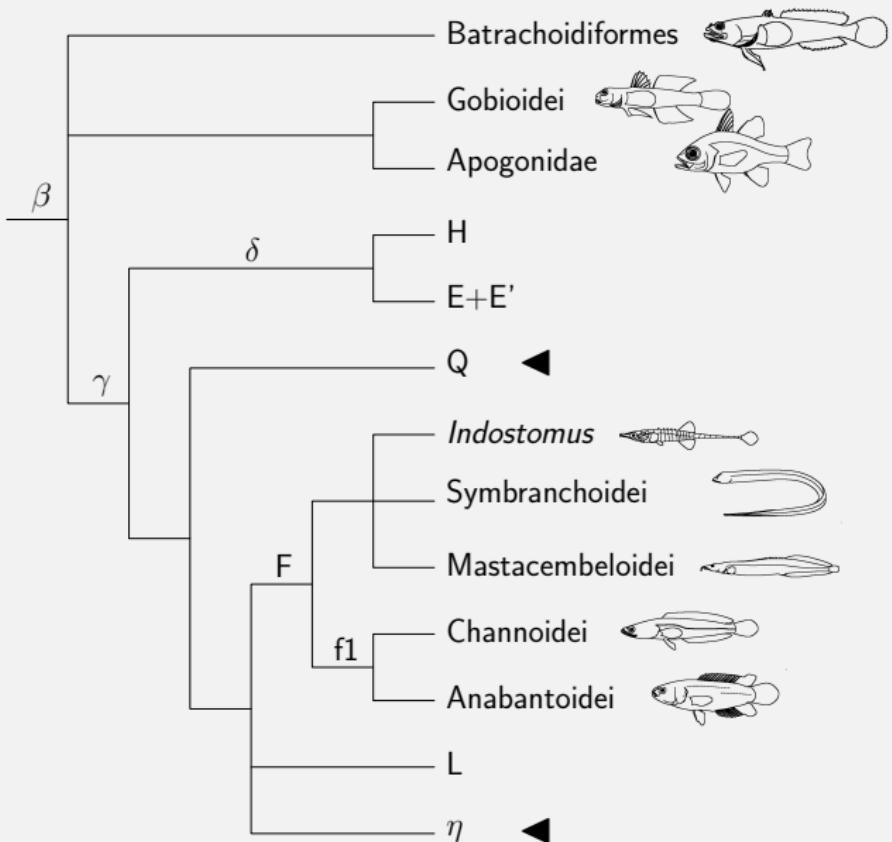
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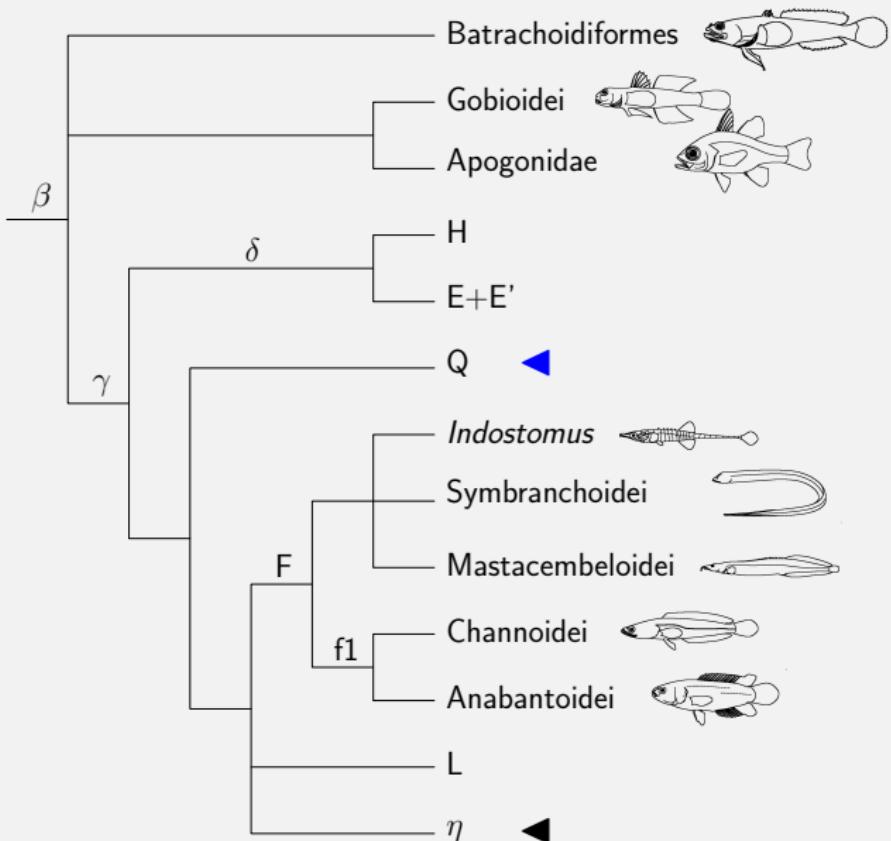
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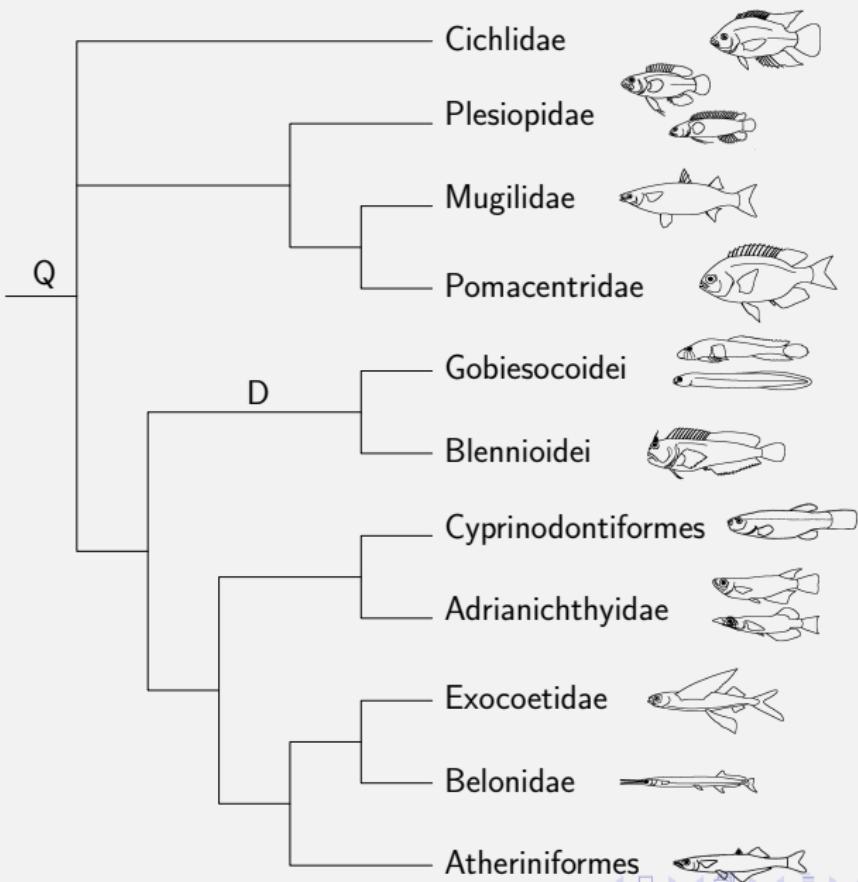
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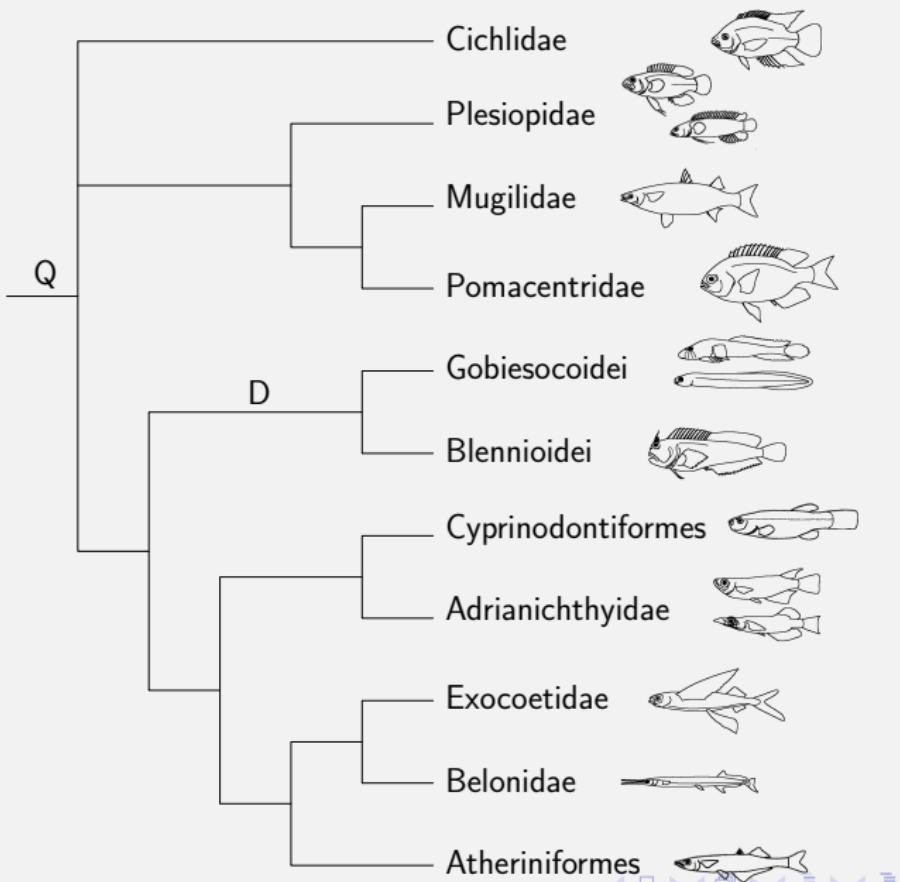
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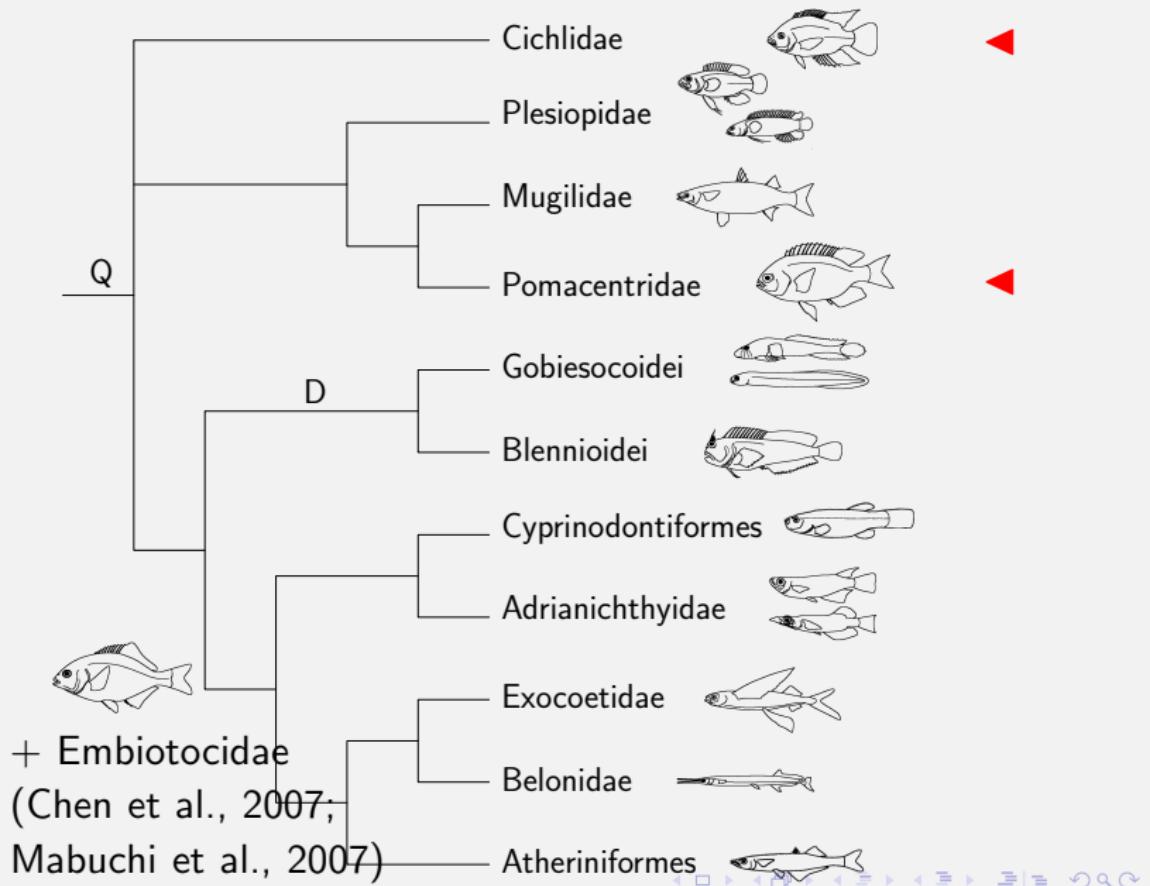
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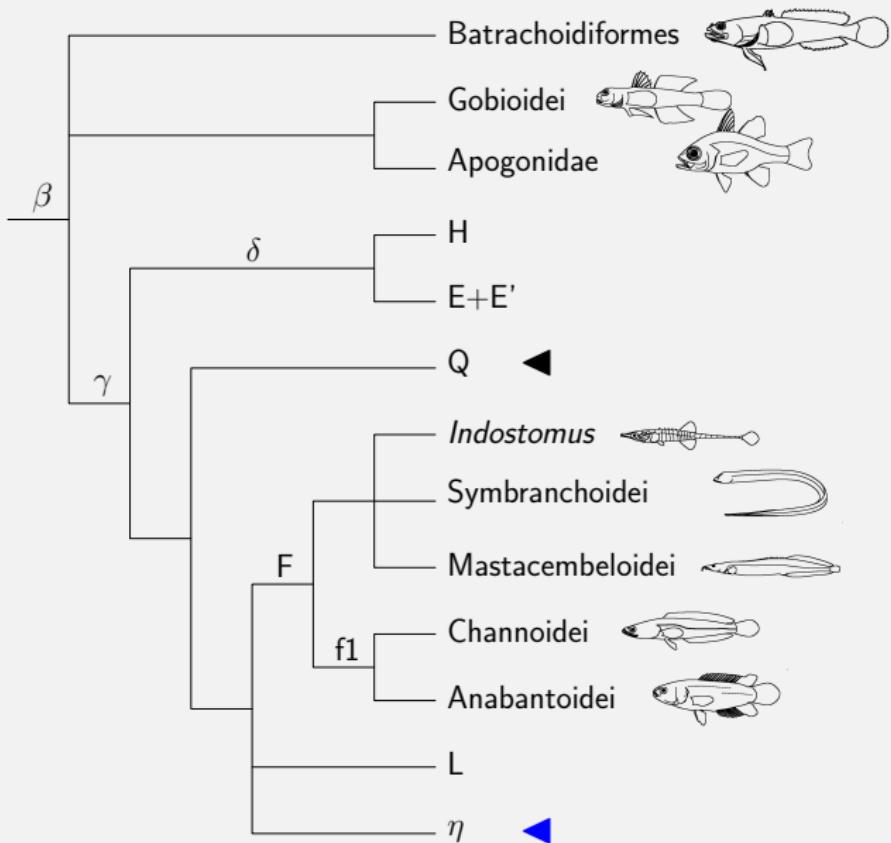
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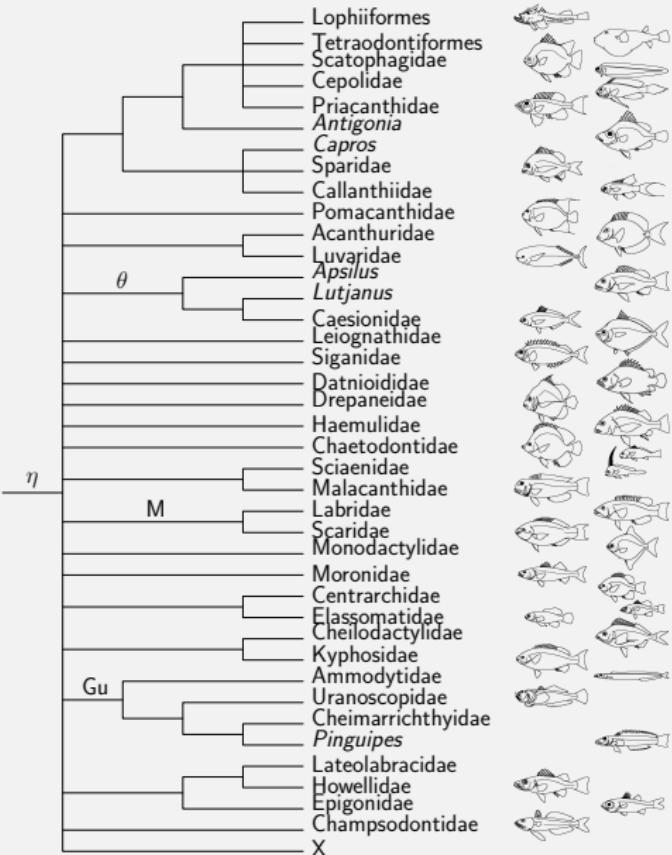
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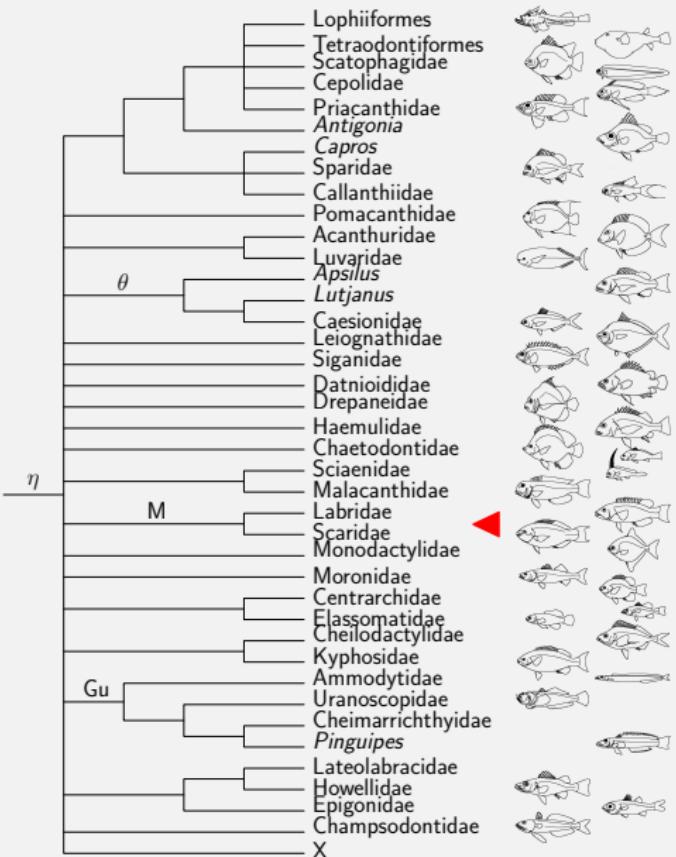
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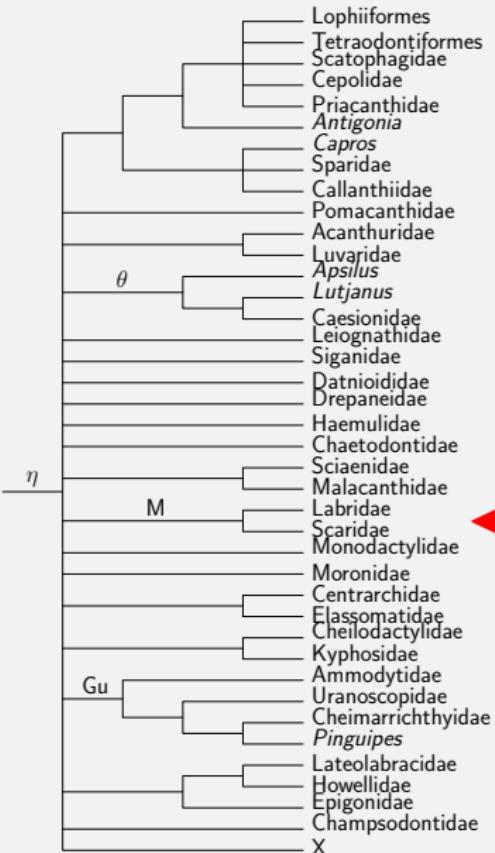
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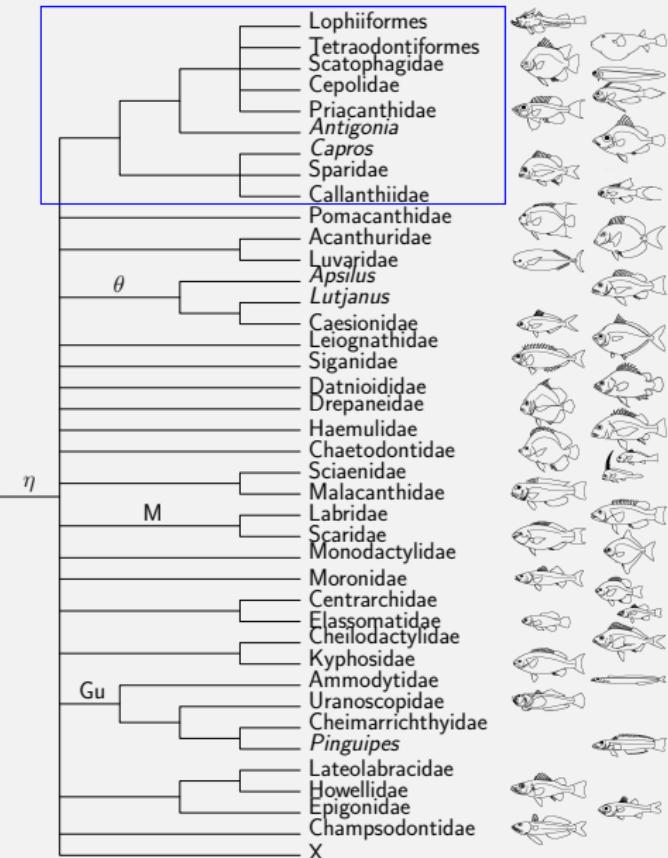
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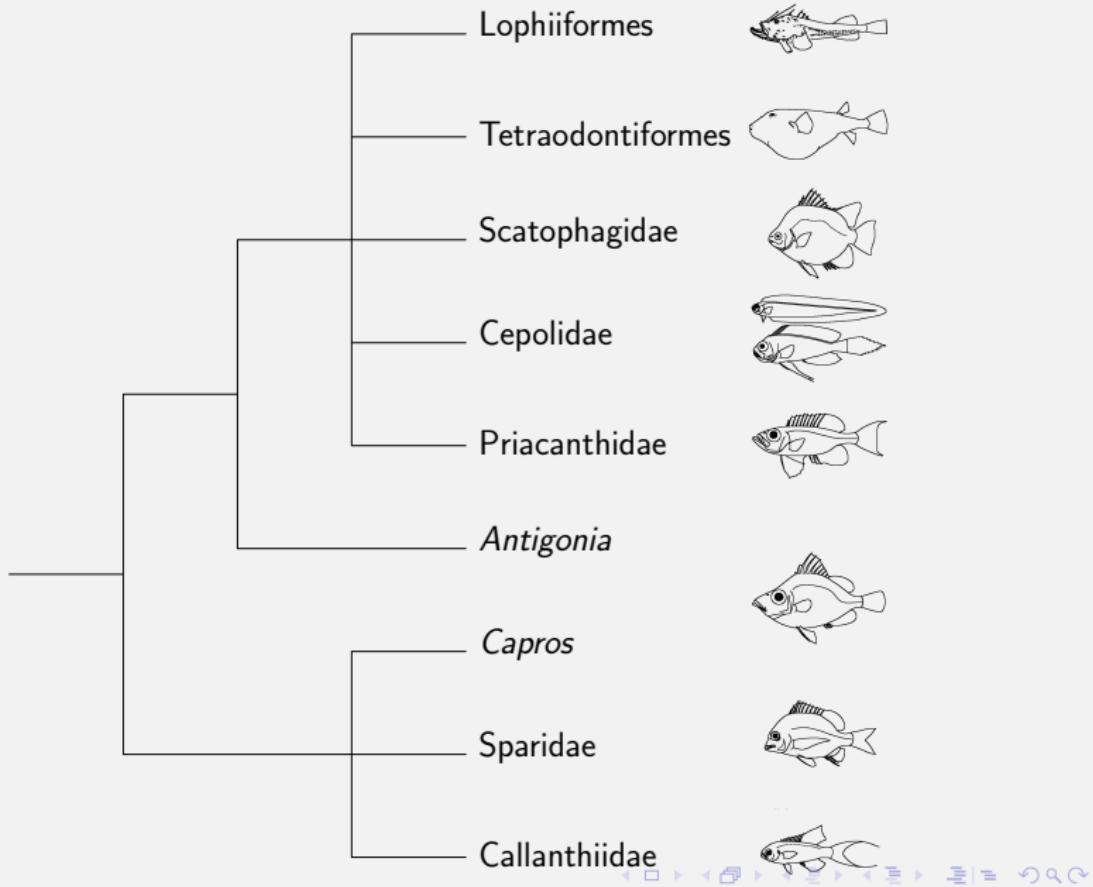
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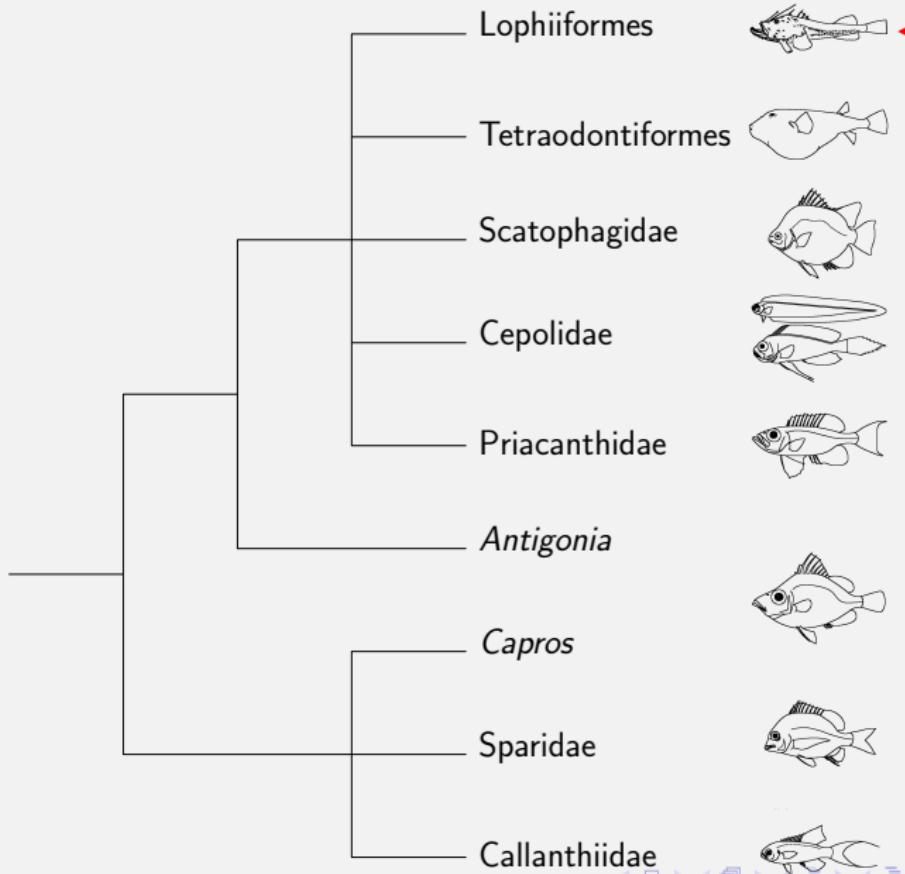
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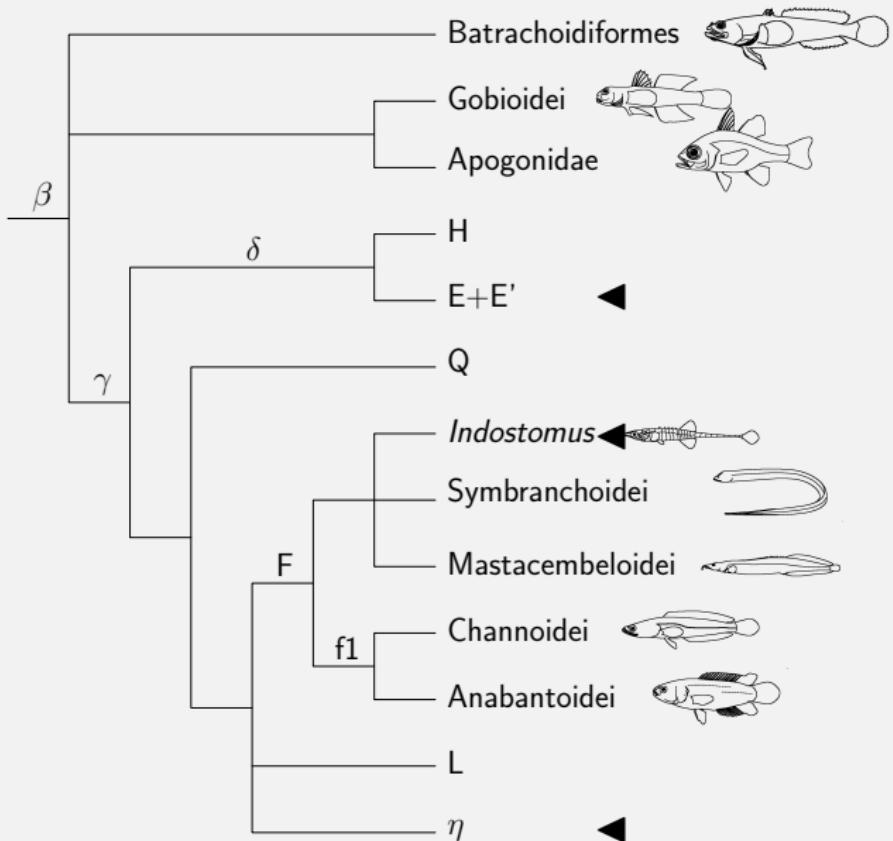
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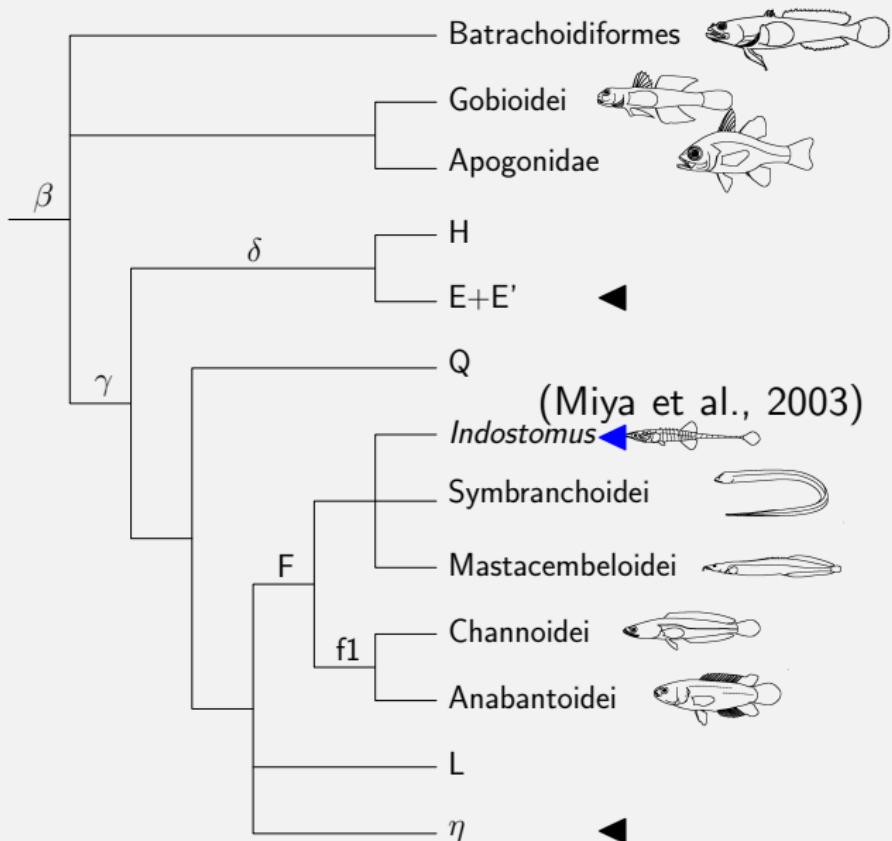
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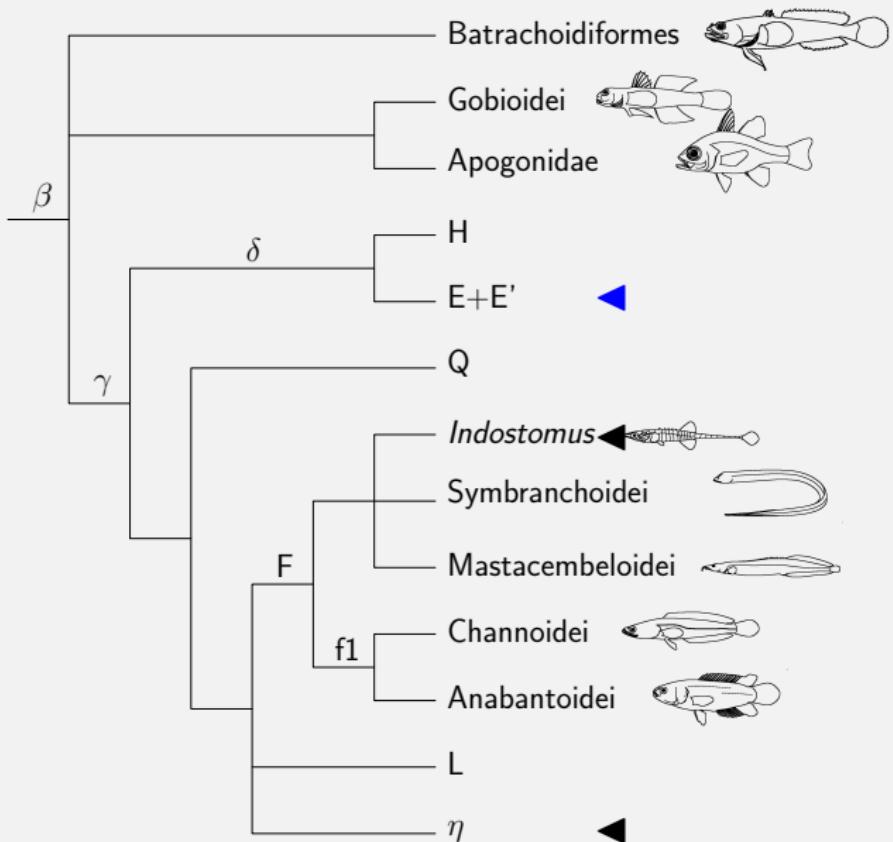
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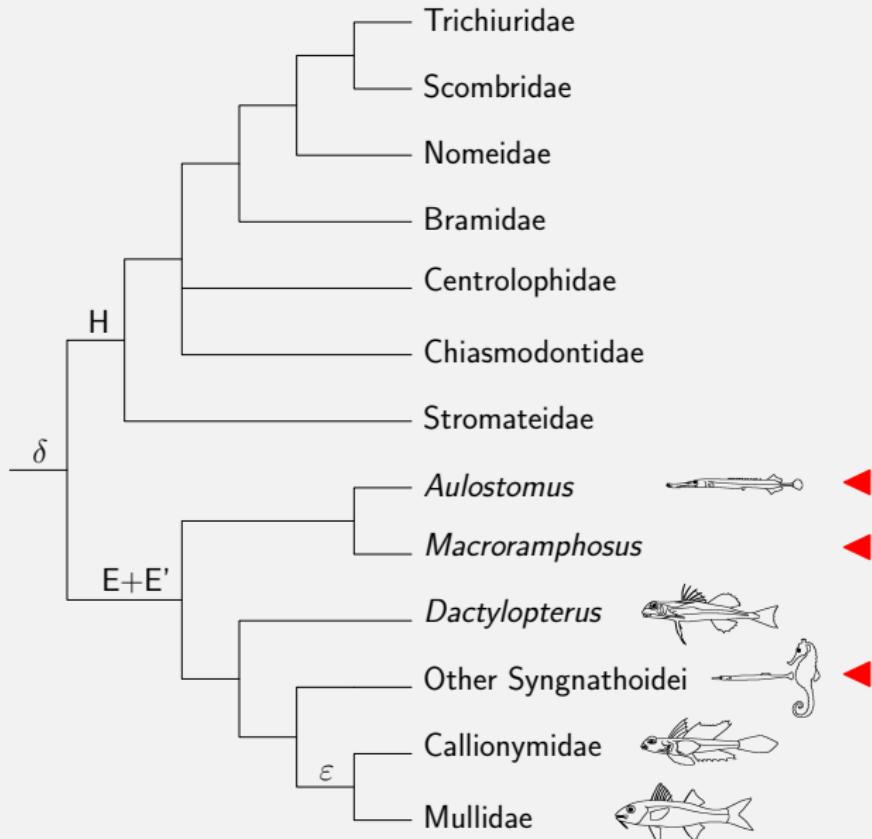
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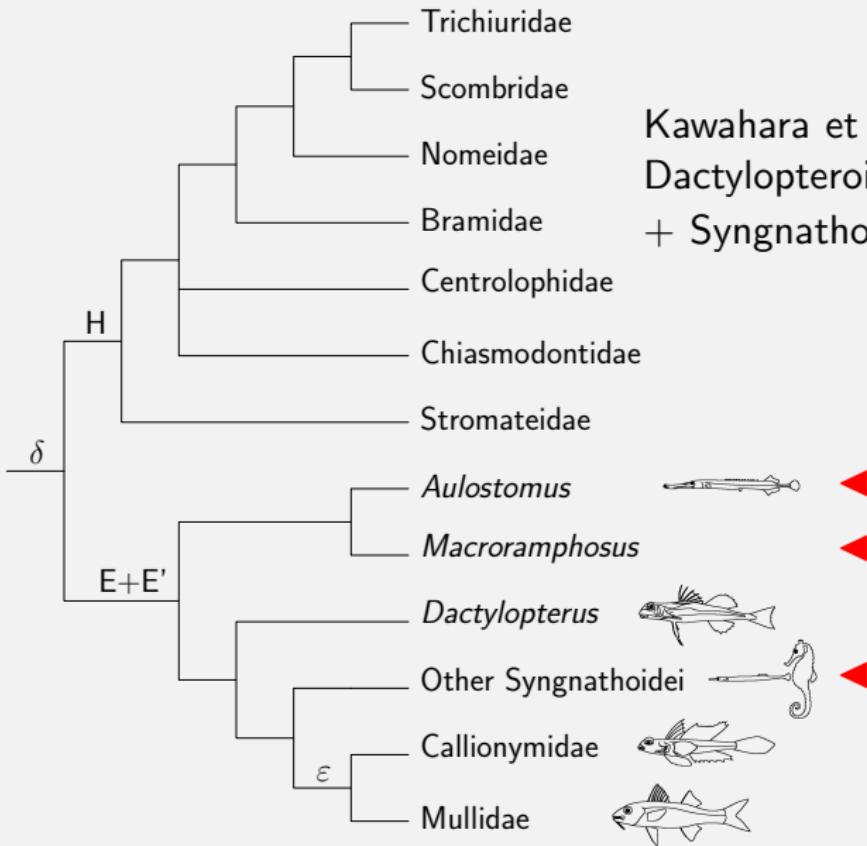
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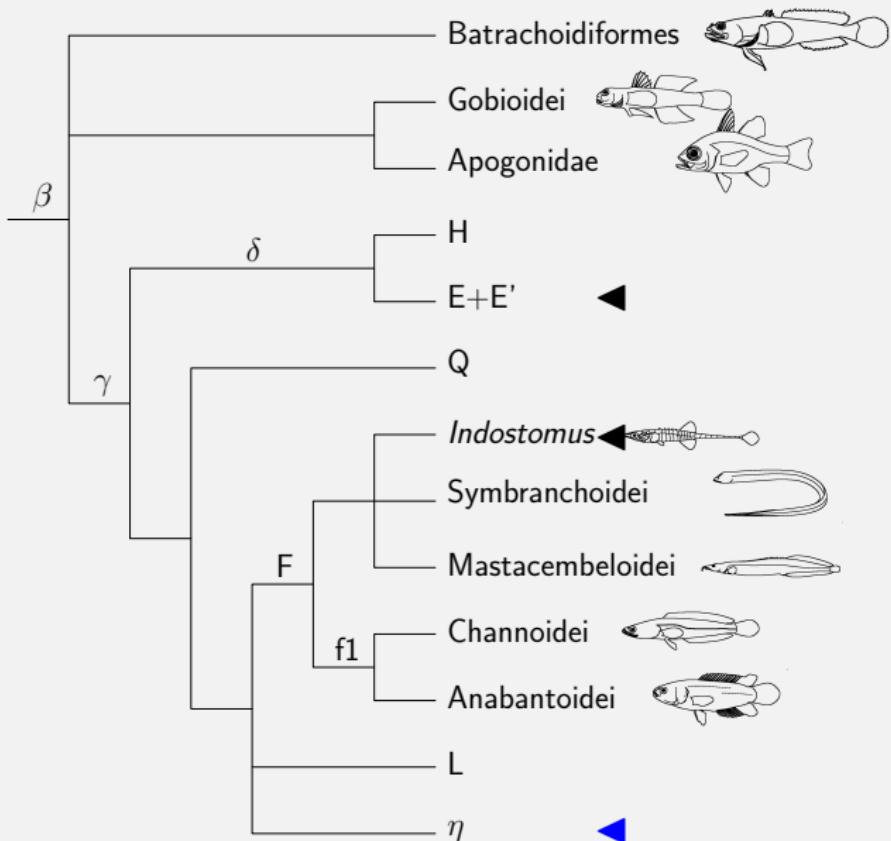
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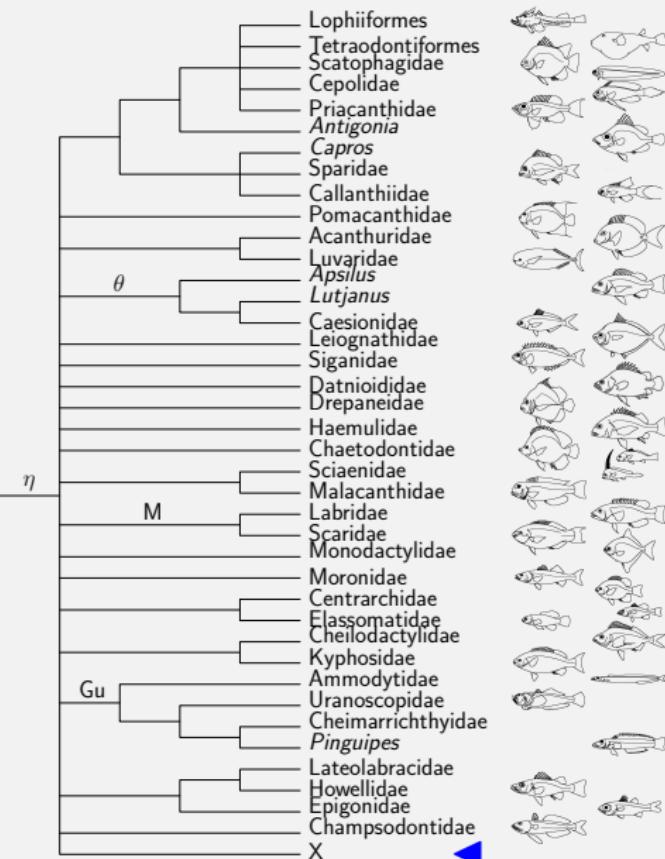
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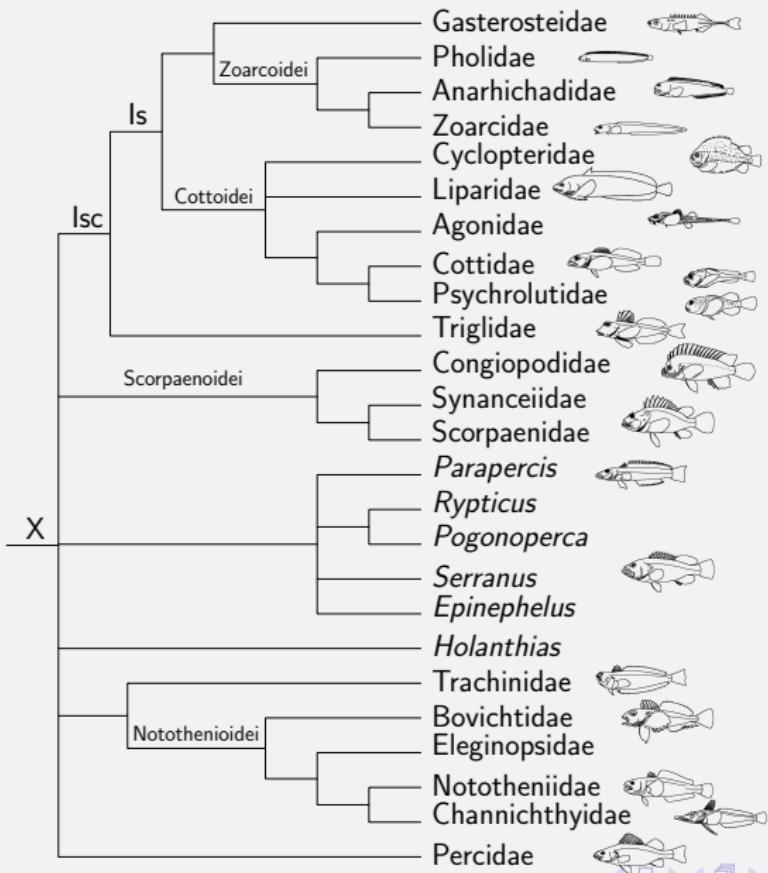
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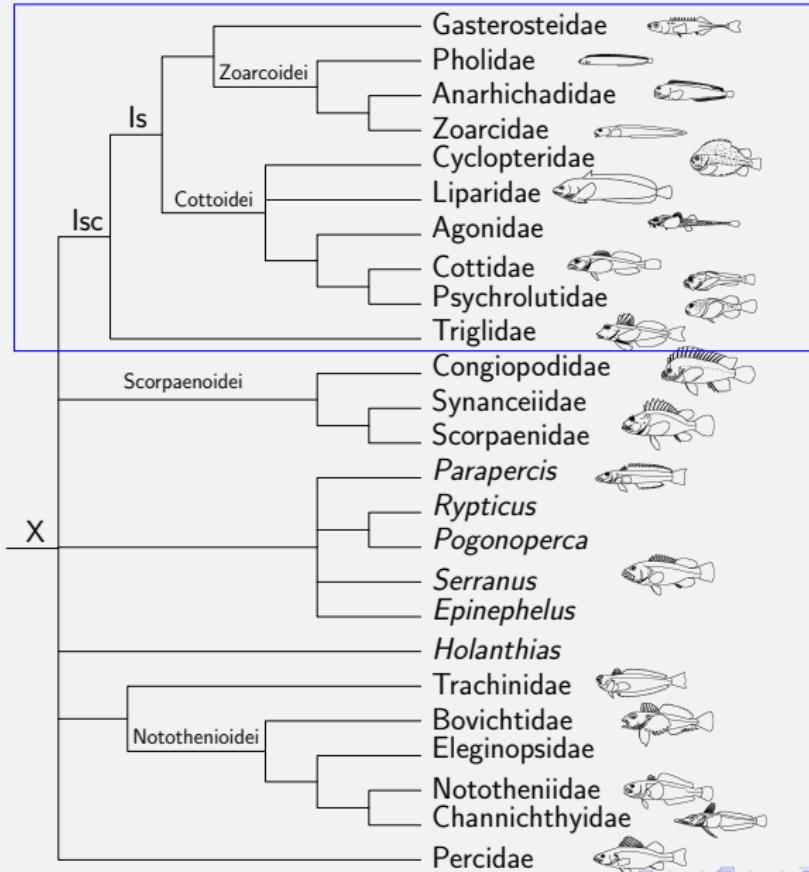
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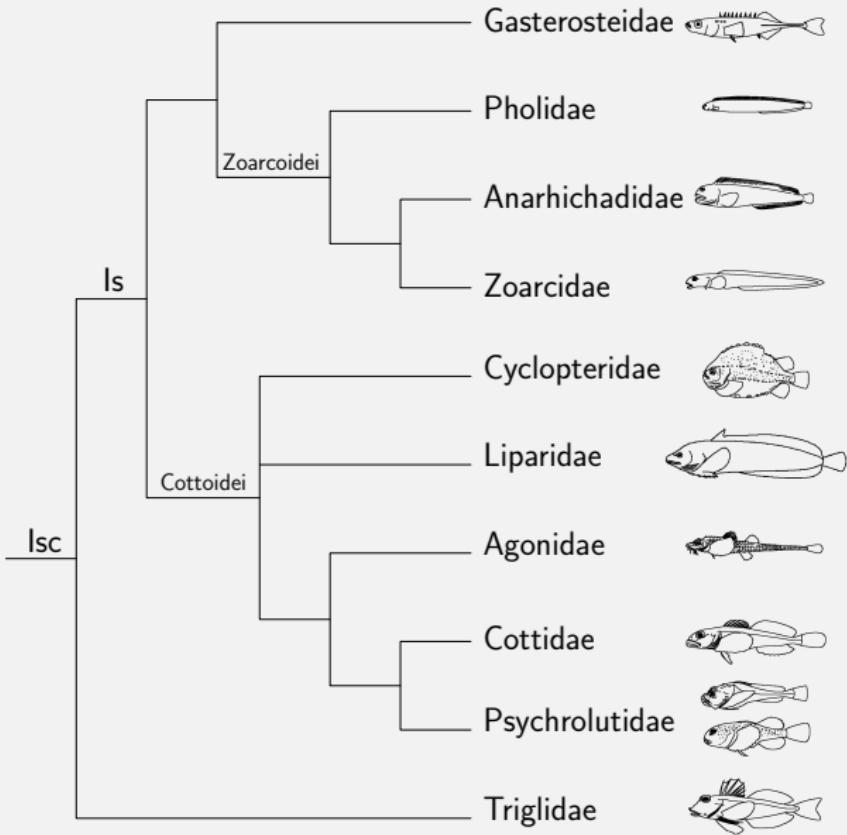
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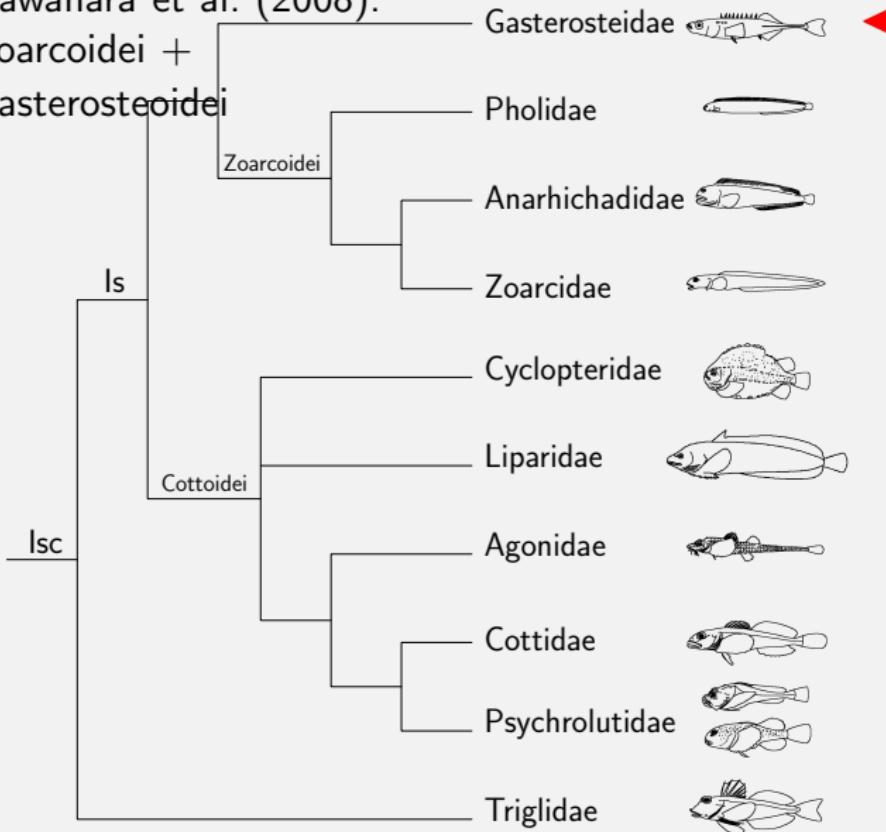
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Kawahara et al. (2008):

Zoarcoidei +

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- ▶ Many morphologically unexpected relationships are now well corroborated.
- ▶ Comparing between independent sources is essential to distinguish reliable and doubtful results: it's a good thing that several teams work on the same group with diverse markers.

# Thank you!

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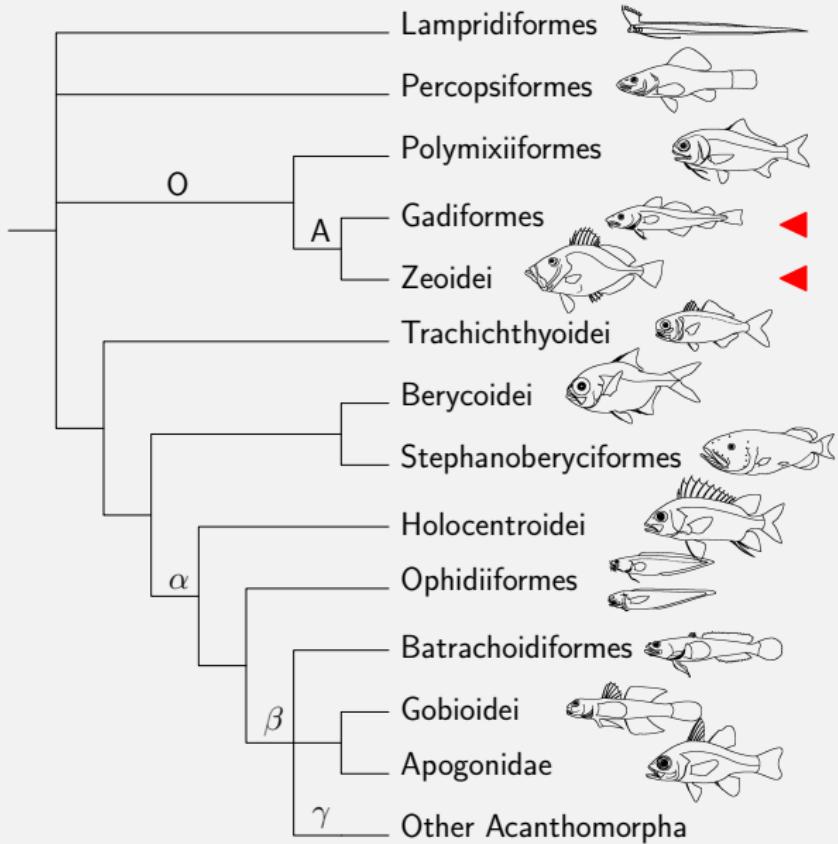
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