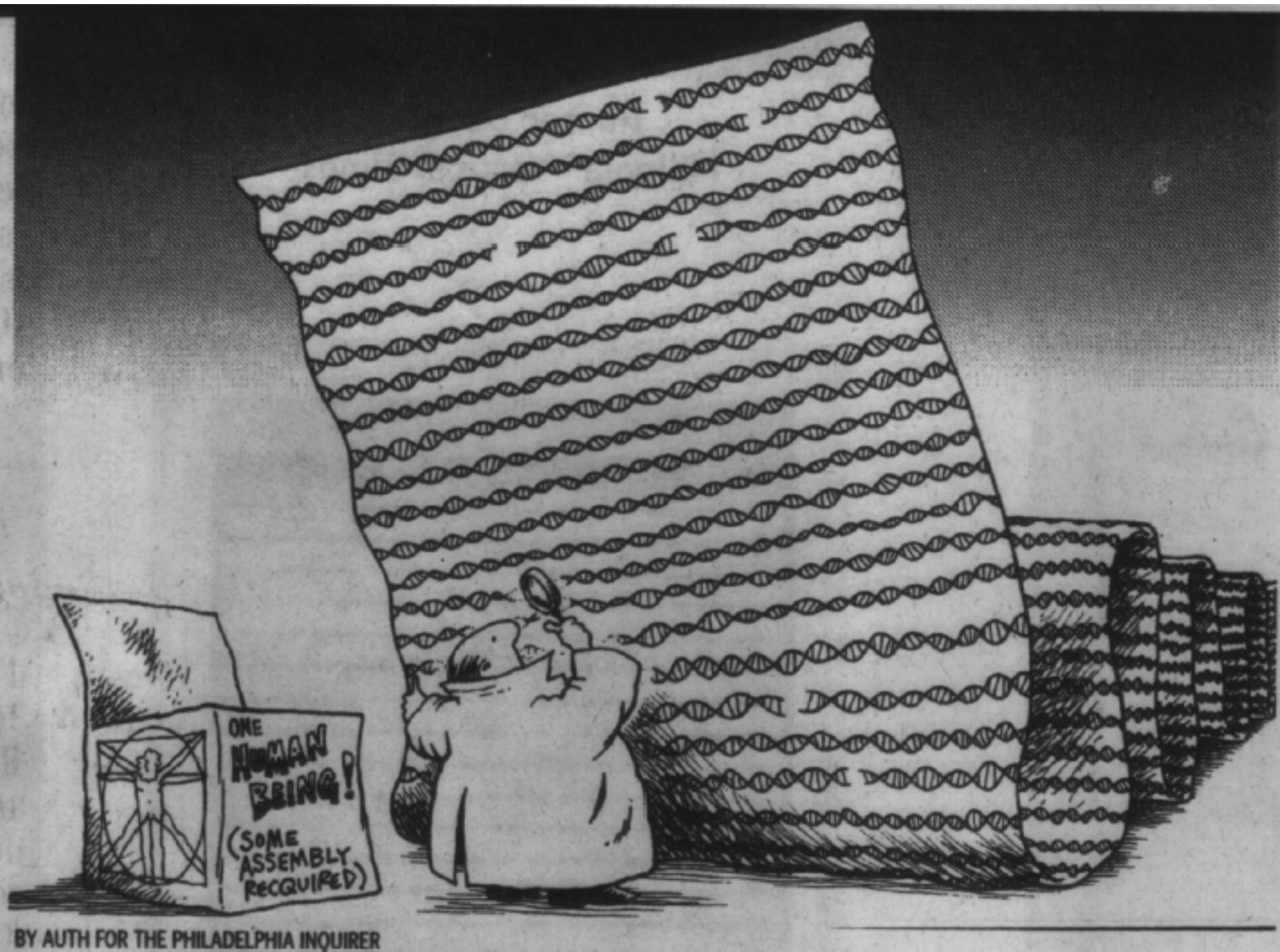


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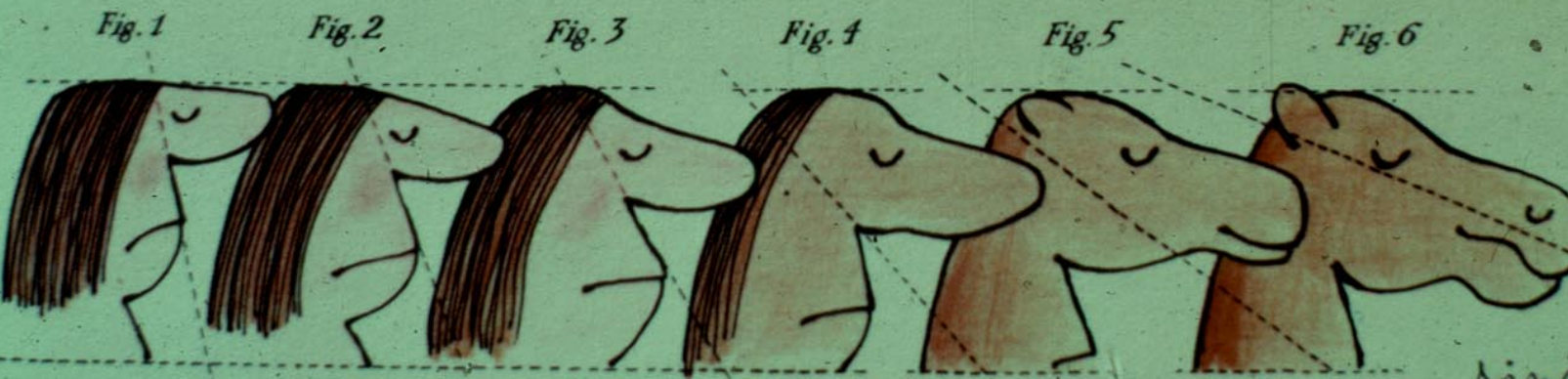
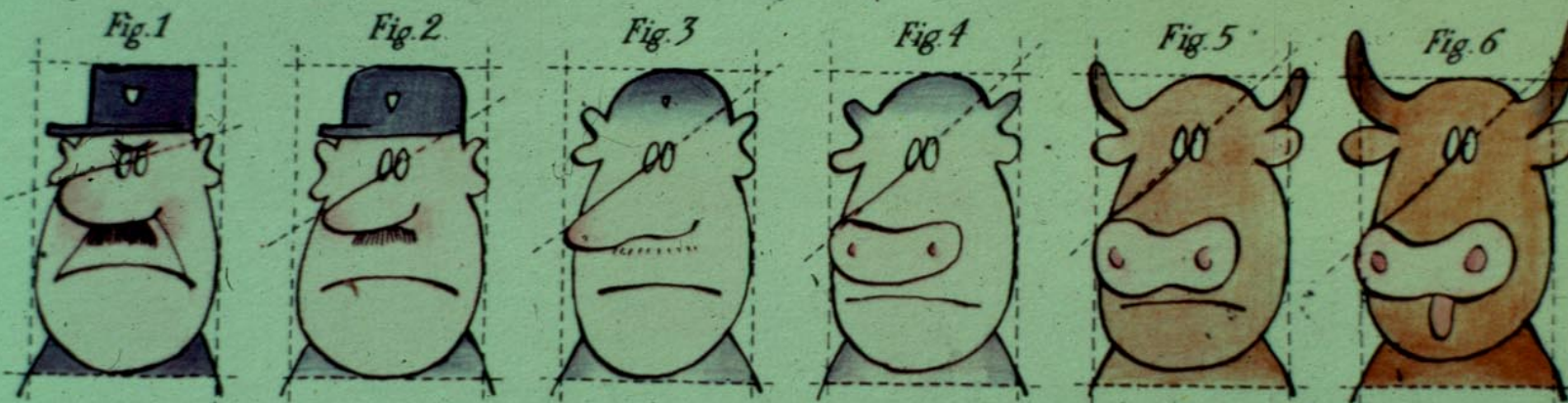
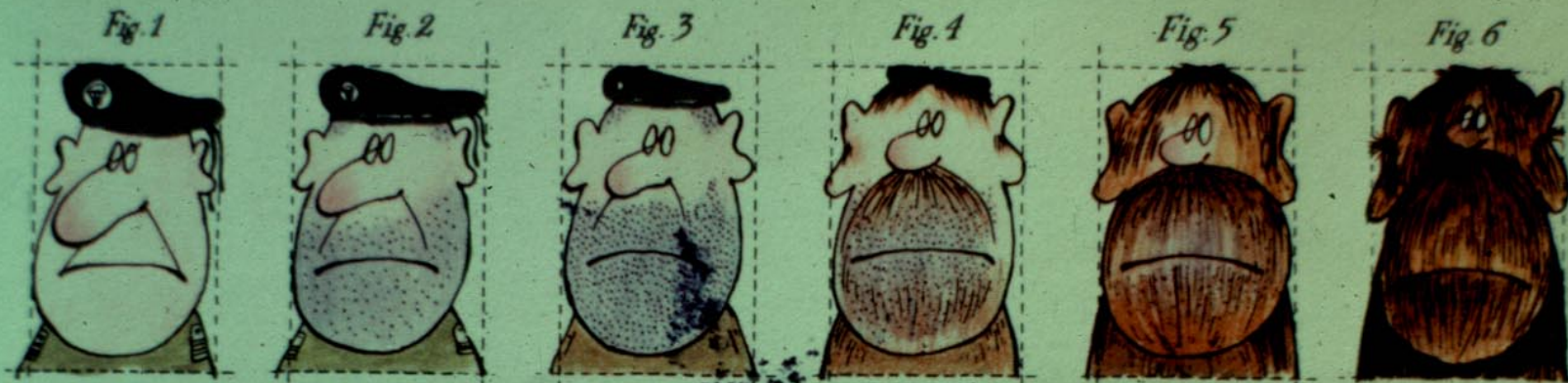


Genome duplications during the evolution of vertebrates

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Cavalier King Charles



Treeing Walker
Coonhound



Sussex Spaniel



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St. Bernard



Australian Terrier



Smooth Collie



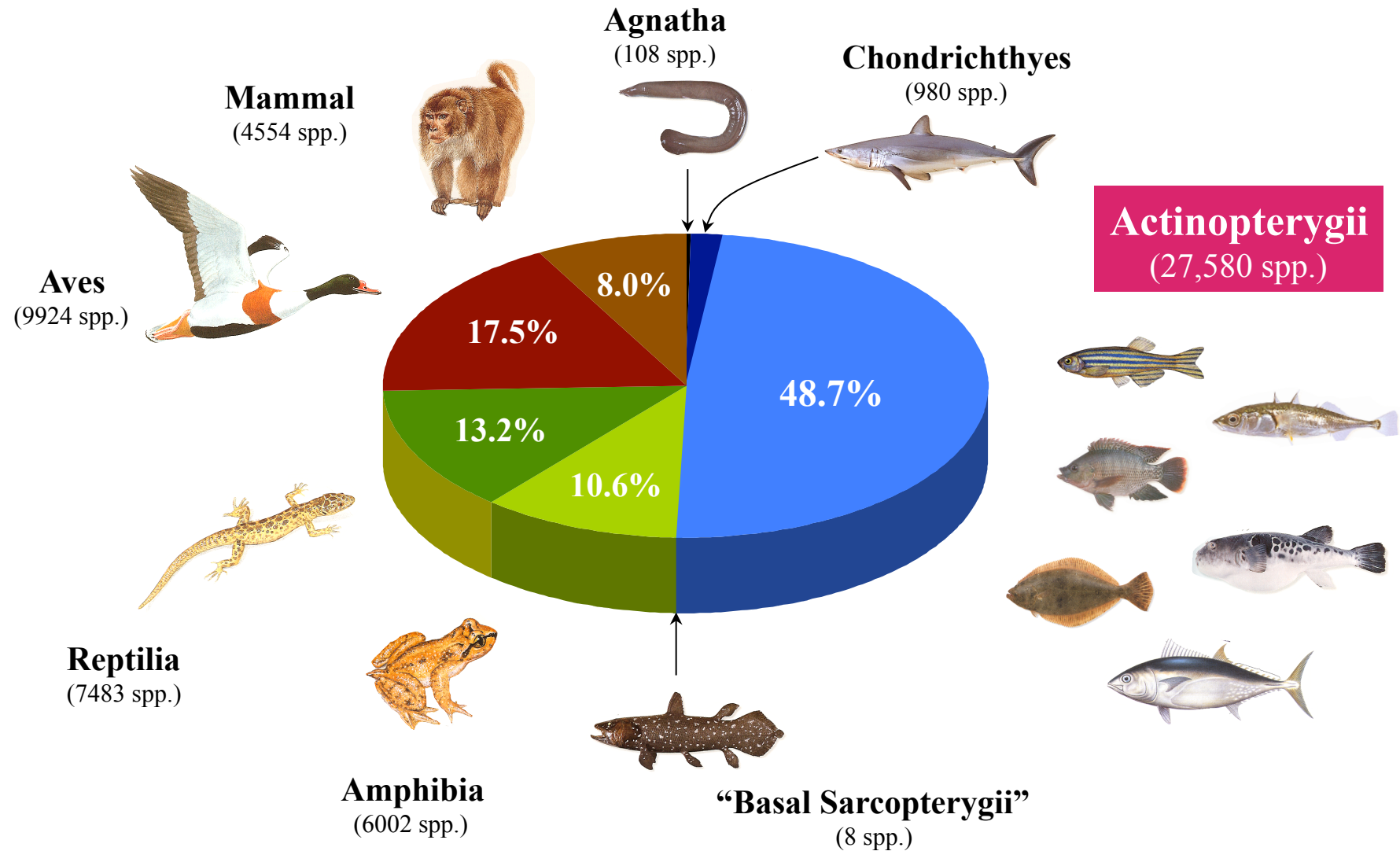
German Shepherd Dog



Standard Poodle



Ray-finned fishes comprise about **50%** of the total number of vertebrates

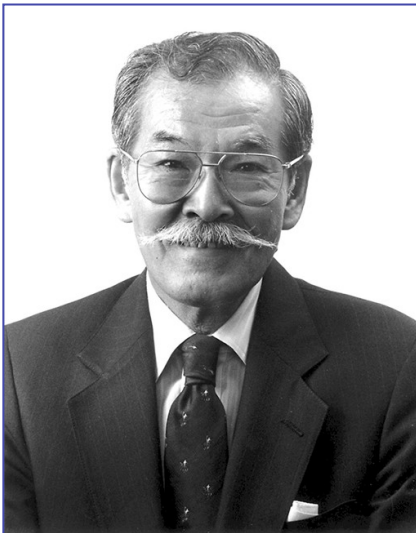


Leaps in evolution through gene and genome duplications

“Had evolution been entirely dependent upon natural selection, from a bacterium only numerous forms of bacteria would have emerged. The creation of metazoans, vertebrates and finally mammals from unicellular organisms would have been quite impossible, for such big leaps in evolution required the creation of new gene loci with previously non-existent functions”

Susumu Ohno 1970

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Major events in the genome evolution of ray-finned fishes and land vertebrates

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Homeotic genes and arthropods and cho...

Sean B. Carroll

Clusters of homeotic genes sculpt the morphological patterns of the body plan. Recent evidence suggests that homeotic gene clusters have been duplicated and diverged in the evolution of arthropods and tetrapods, changes in the expression of conserved arrays of actions between homeotic proteins and the ...

Were vertebrates octoploid?

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Evidence for 14 homeobox gene clusters in human genome ancestry

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Functional evolution in the ancestral lineage of vertebrates or when genomic complexity was waging its morphological tail

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Key words: regulatory changes, early vertebrate evolution, Myf gene family, Pax 2/8

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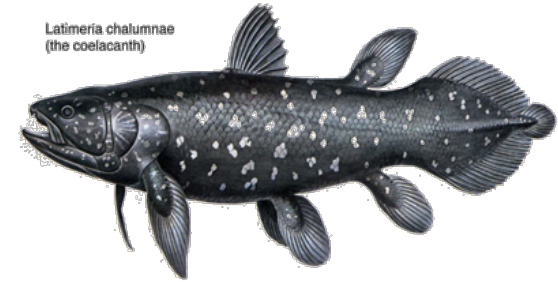
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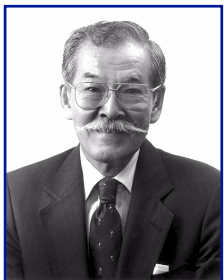
Book Reviews

Phylogenetic Mechanism Evolution by Gene Duplication. SUSUMU OHNO. Springer-Verlag, New York, 1970. xvi, 160 pp., illus. \$16.50.

Blue Crossopterygian Man dominates the dust jacket. A forewarning? Ah yes-you are warned: you will be stimulated, cajoled, and, unless you have a more than passing acquaintance with at least one of the subject matters from which the author spins his argument, perhaps misled.

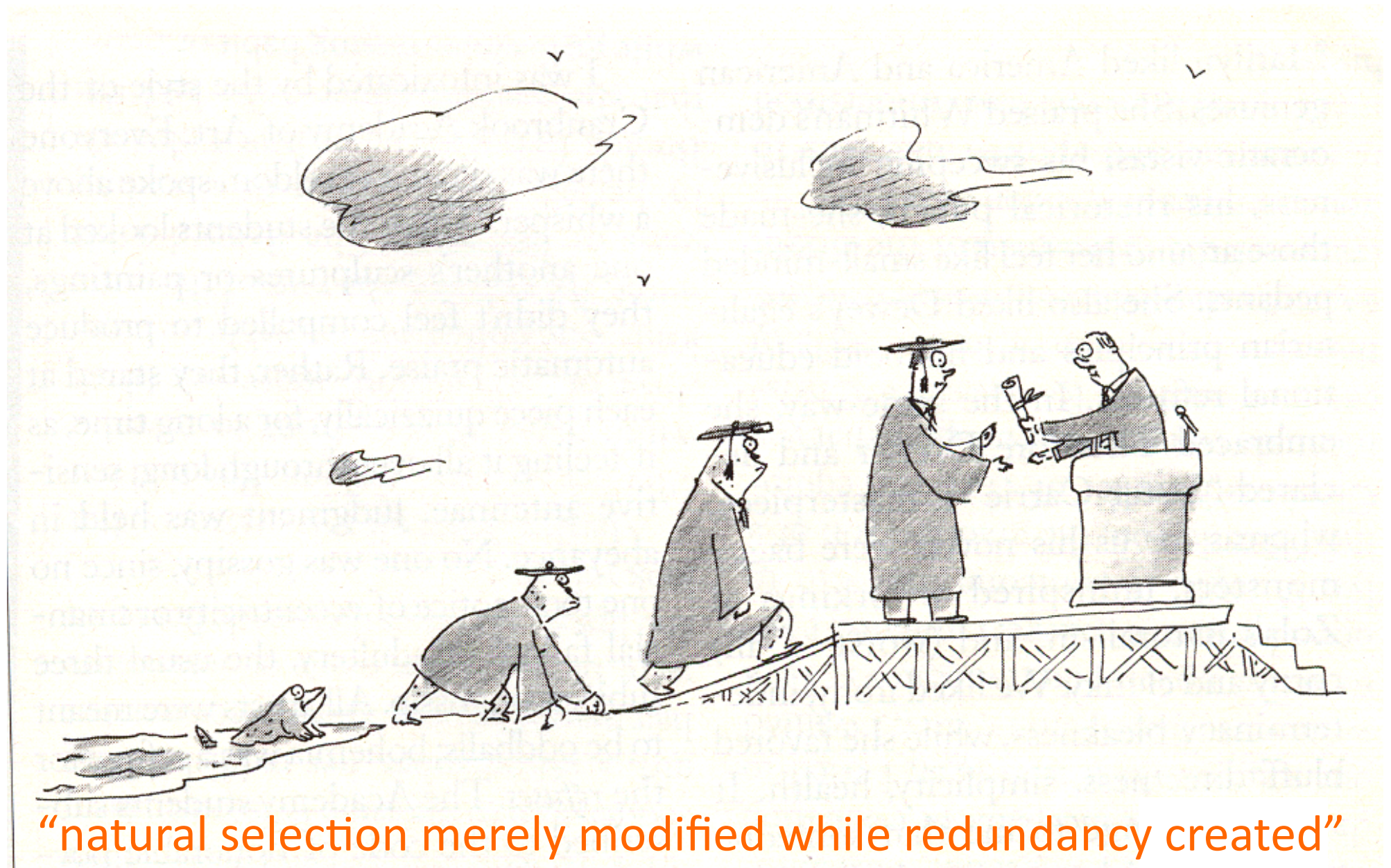


Science 175: 617-618 (1972) by Janice Spofford



“In this golden age of biology, a book faces the danger of becoming obsolete before its publication. It is my belief that in order to avoid early obsolescence, the author, judging on the basis of the scant evidence available, is obliged to anticipate future developments and paint a picture with broad strokes of his brush. This I have done rather freely in this book”

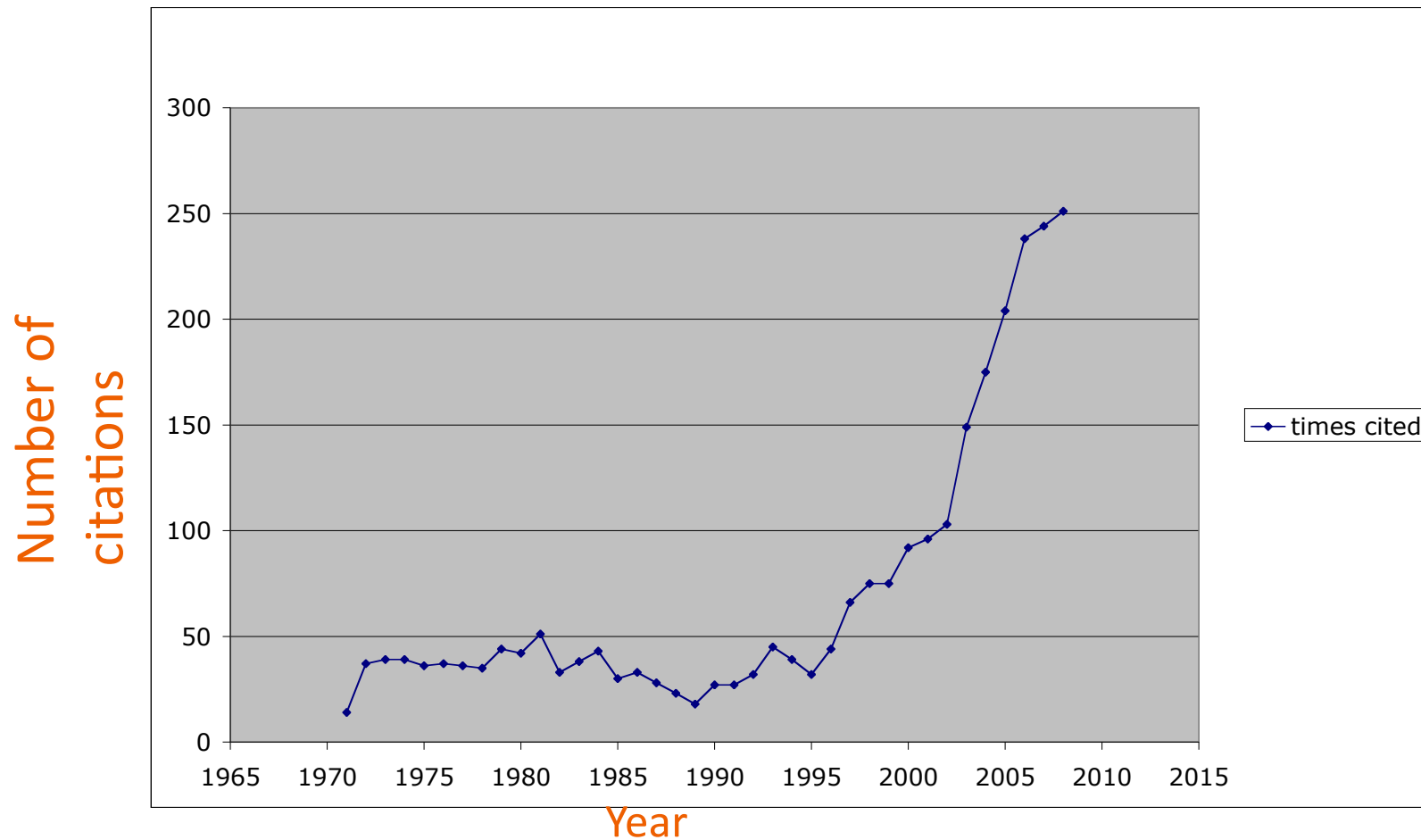
1970 - Evolution by gene duplication



“natural selection merely modified while redundancy created”

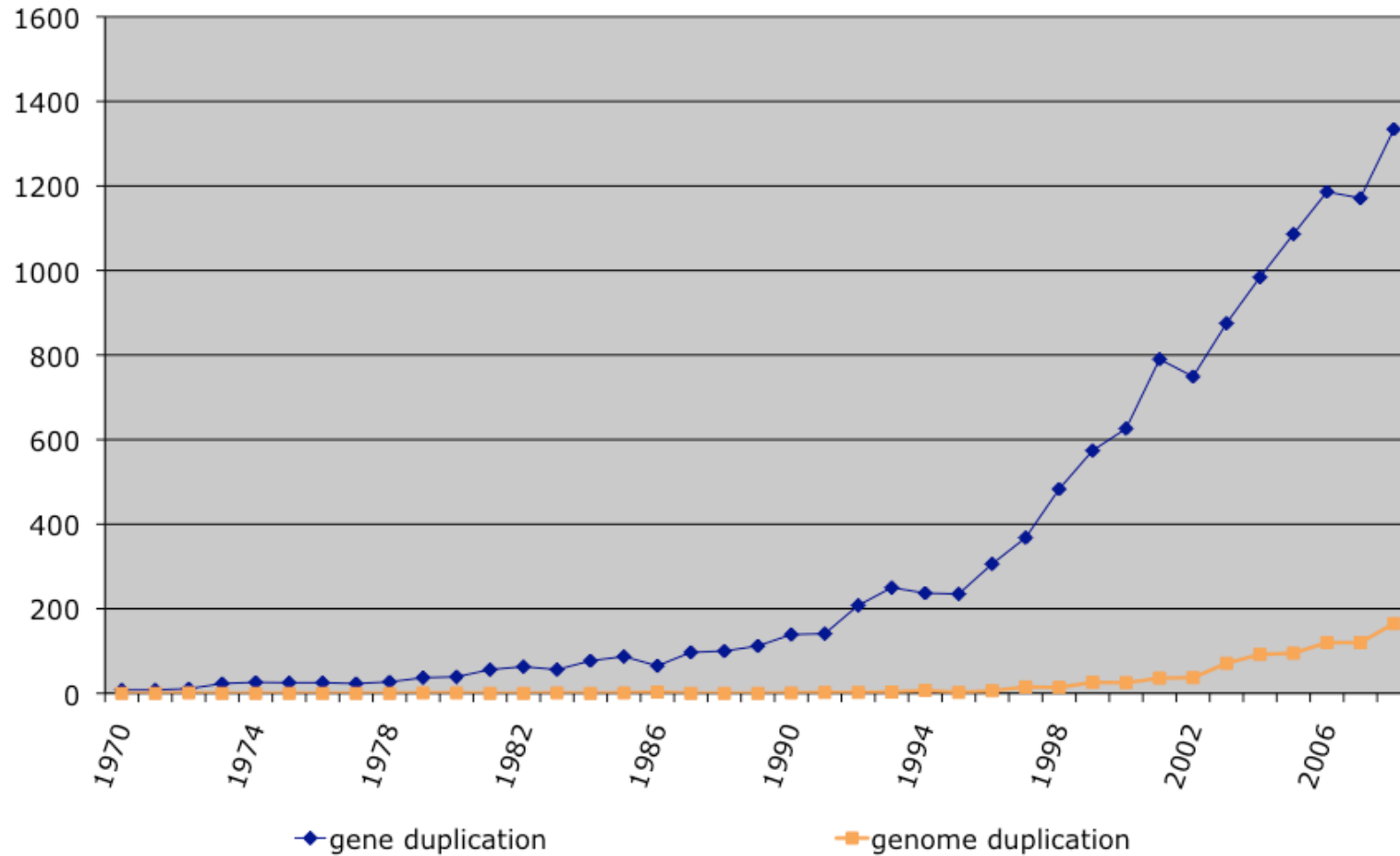
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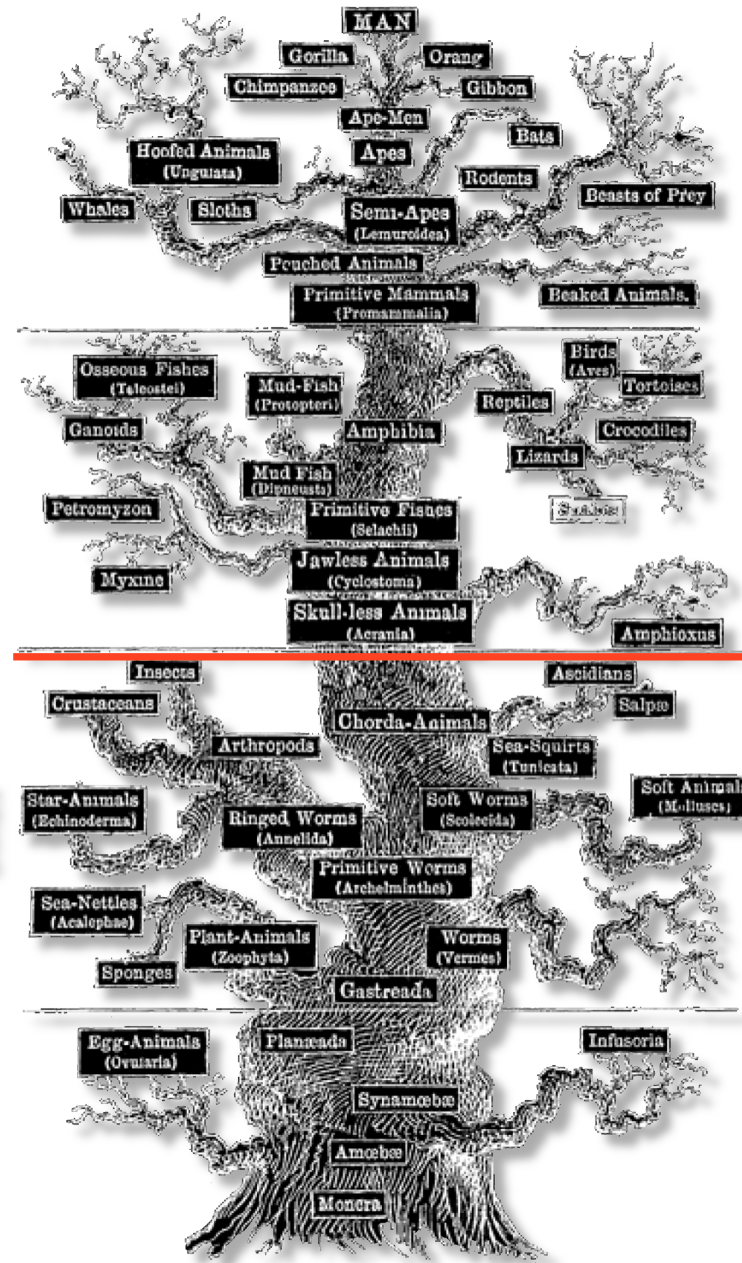


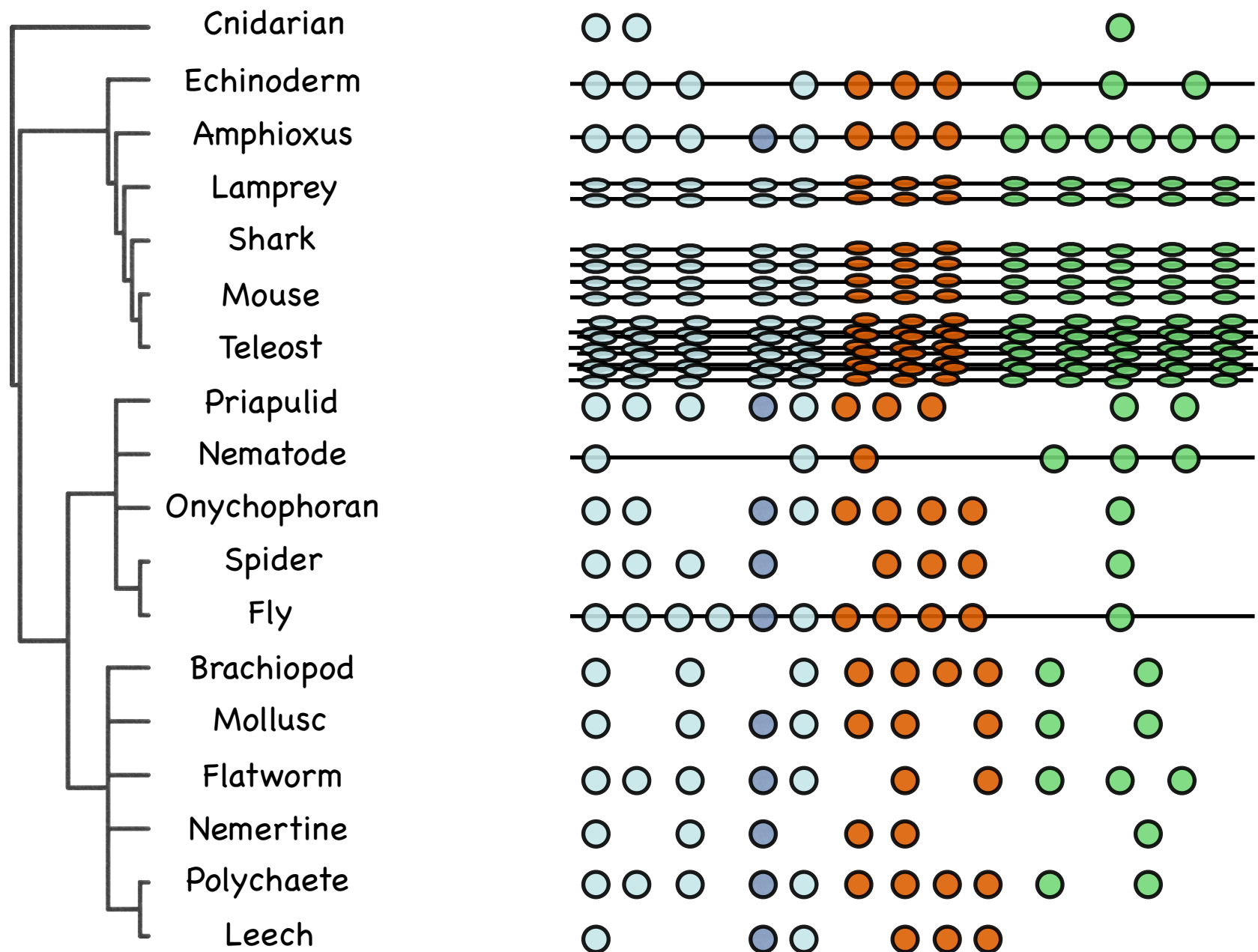
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Primitive animals





Hox gene cluster evolution in animals

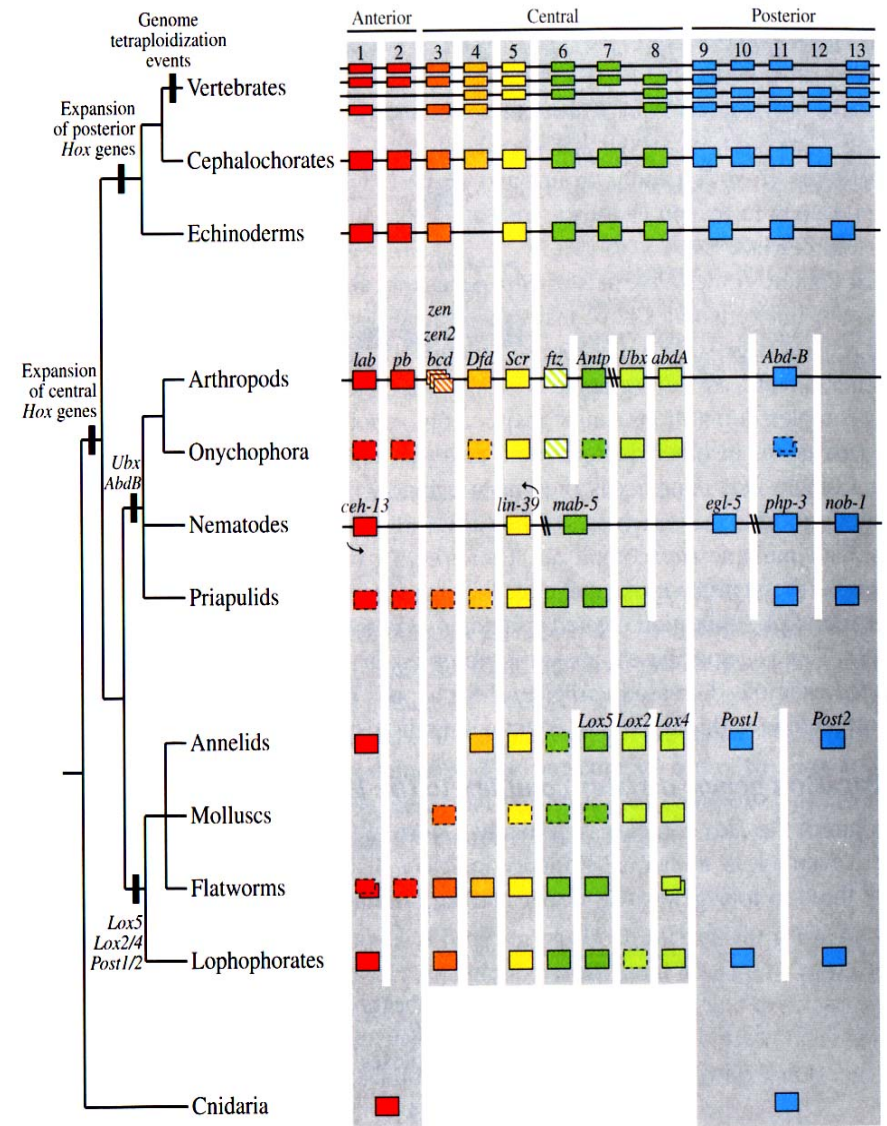
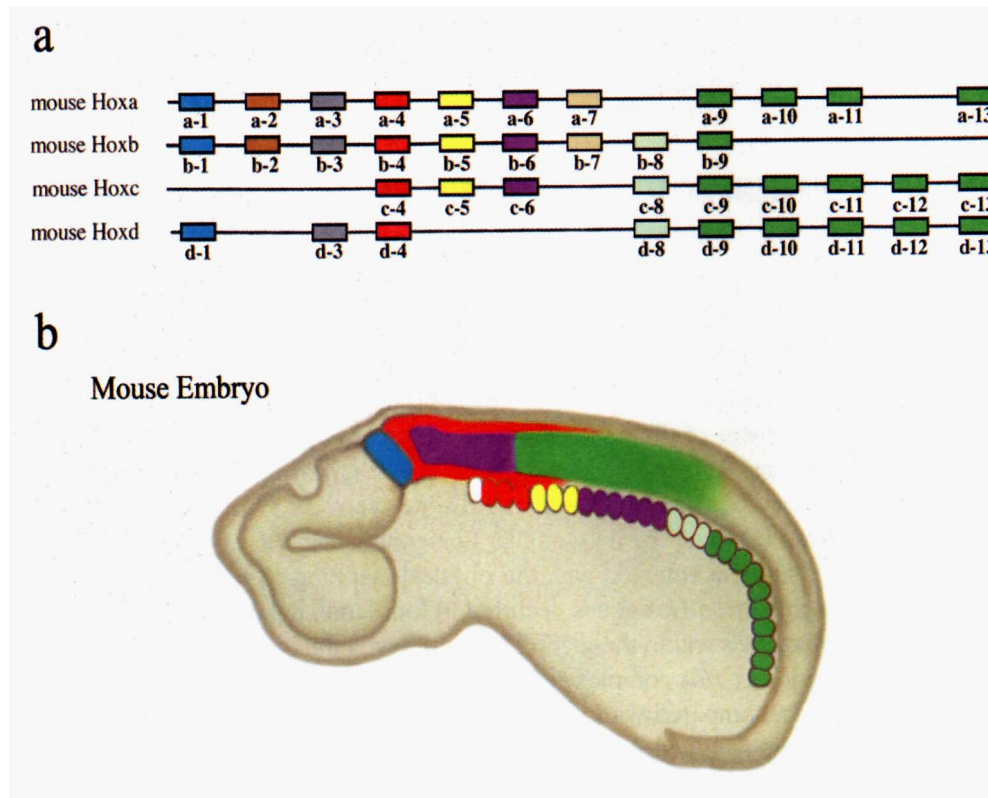


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DNA Binding					
Zinc finger†	54	?	167	352	≥348
Homeodomain	10	≥19	93	113	≥166
Helix-loop-helix	8	≥1	38	61	≥71
Paired domain	0	≥4	11	13	≥12
T-box	0	≥1	14	8	≥12
Signals/Receptors					
Hh (N-term signal)	0	?	0	1	≥3
Hh (C-term)	‡	?	10§	1	≥3
Dpp/TGF-β	0	≥1	7	6	≥30
Activin receptors	0	?	10	4	≥12
Wg/Wnt	0	?	6	6	≥14
Frizzled	0	≥1	3	7	≥8
Notch ligands	0	?	8	2	≥2
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* Incomplete knowledge of entire genome content; numbers are minimal estimates.

† Classic C2H2-type zinc fingers (transcription factors).

‡ The Hh C-terminal sequence is similar to self-splicing inteins.

§ *C. elegans* has several genes with similarity only to the C-terminal sequence of Hh (the *Groundhog* and *Warthog* genes).

Sources: *S. cerevisiae*, *C. elegans*, and *Drosophila* data from Rubin GM, Yandell MD, Wortman JR, et al. Science 2000;287:2204–2215, supplementary material. Human data from PFAM database at <http://www.sanger.ac.uk/>. Cnidaria/Porifera data from GenBank at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>.

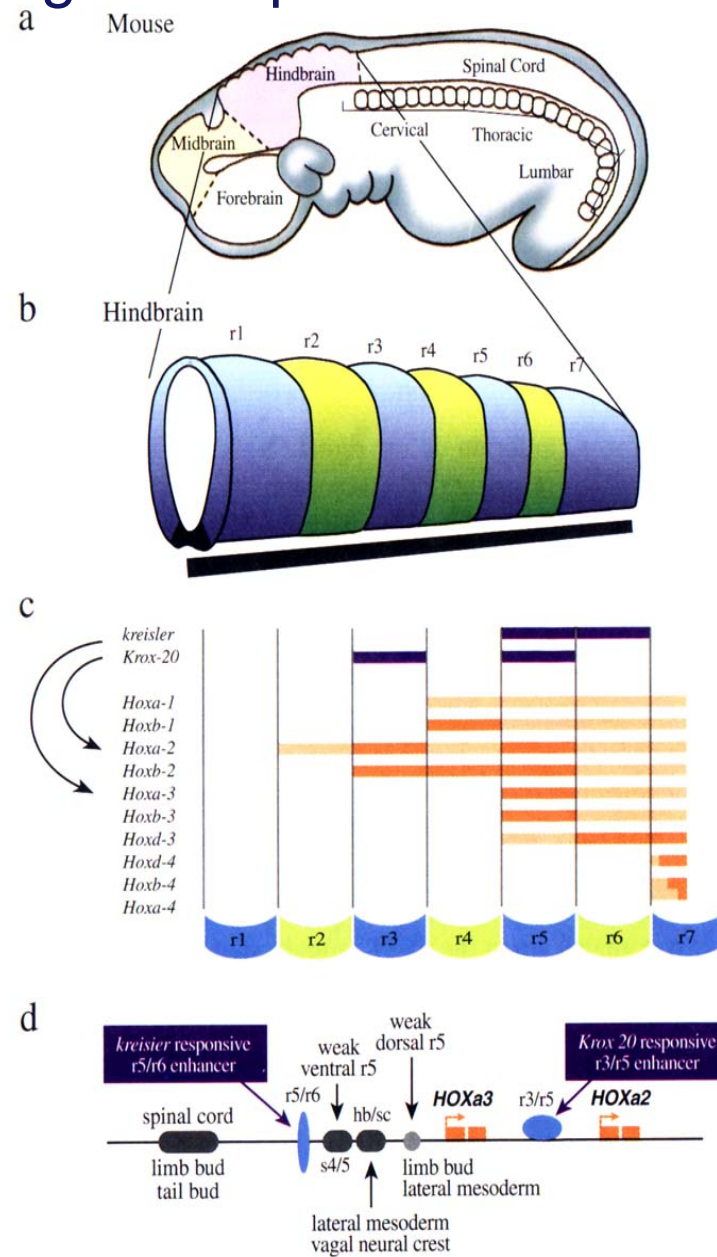
The current dogma

“Comparisons of developmental gene regulation between morphologically divergent animals, analyses of intraspecific variation, and the response of organisms and genes to selection all support the claim that **regulatory DNA** is the predominant source of the genetic diversity that underlies morphological variation and evolution.”

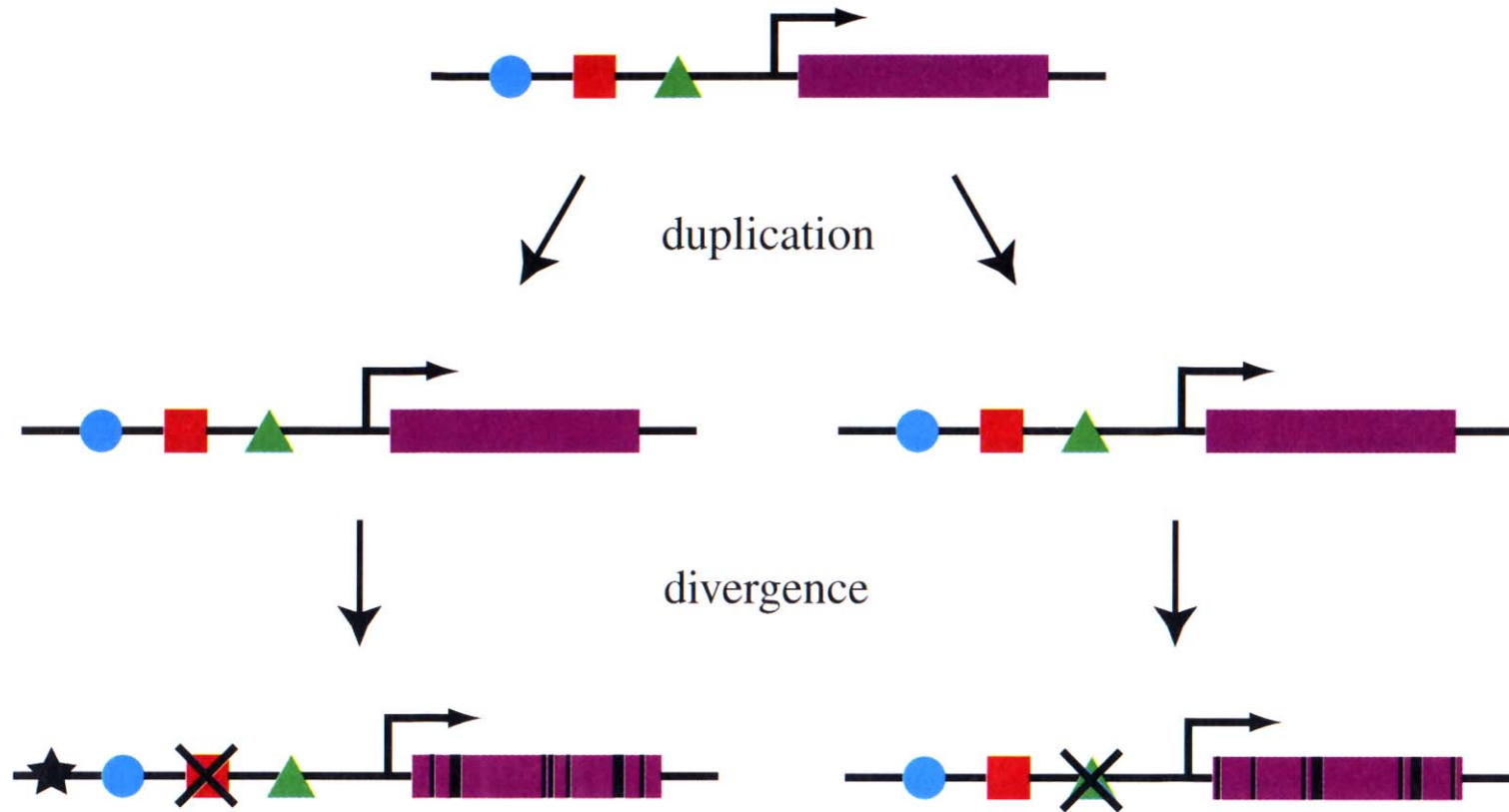
Sean Carroll, *Cell* 2000 (pp. 577–580)

But see debate between Hoekstra & Coyne *contra* Wray

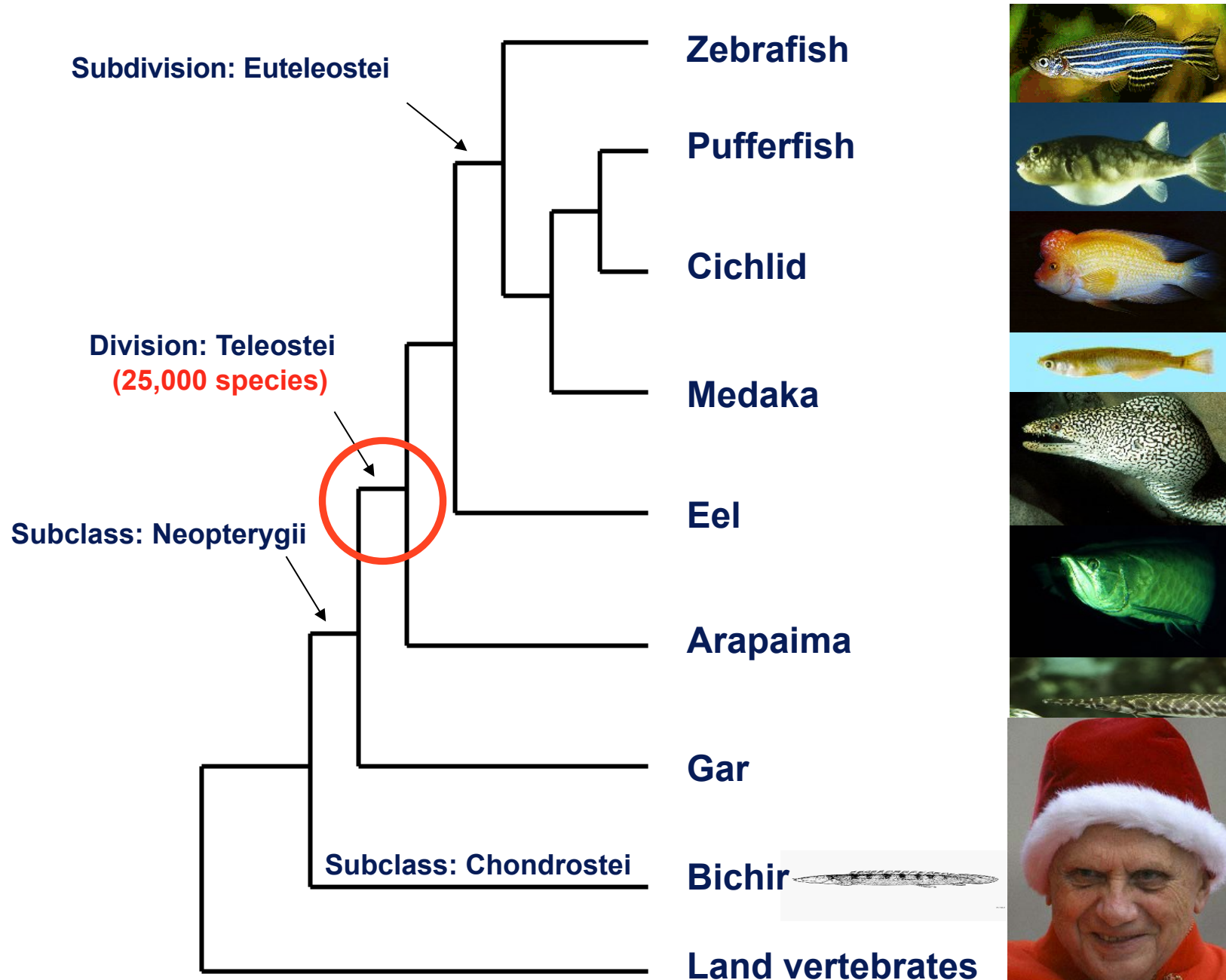
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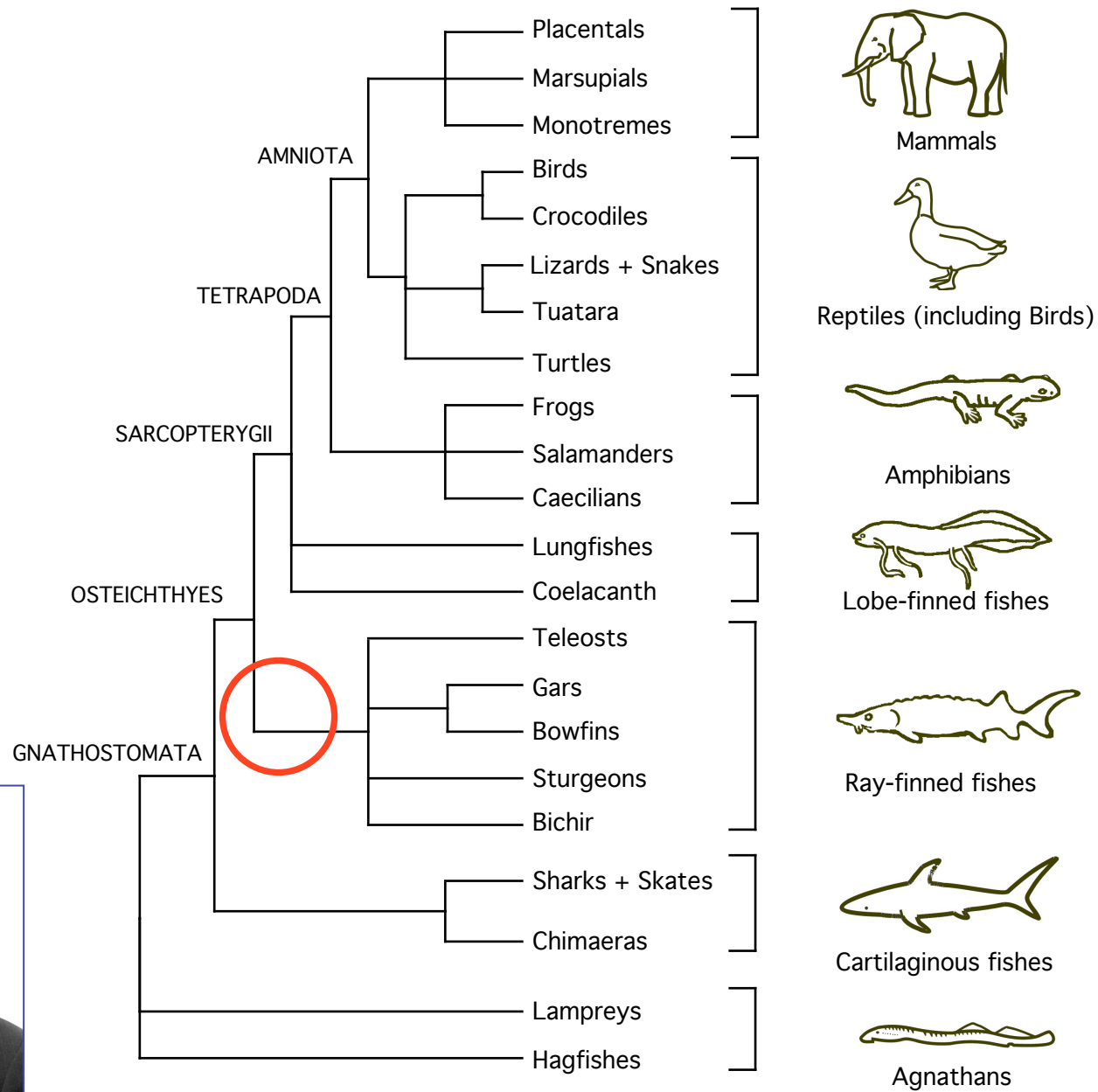
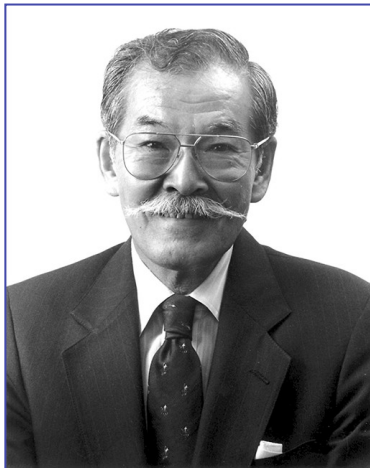


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Evolution of the fish genome - phylogenetic timing of the FSGD

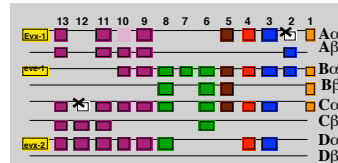




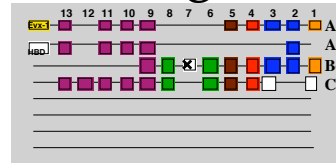
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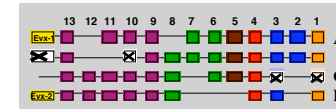
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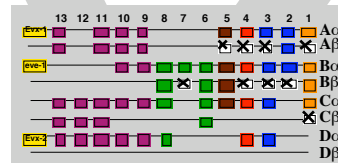
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loss of 2 genes

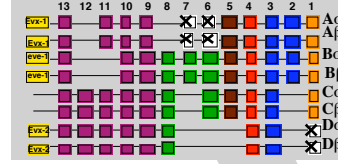
loss of 3 genes
loss of 3 clusters ?

**Teleost
Ancestor**



200 MYA

loss of 9 genes
possibly loss of 1 cluster



360 MYA

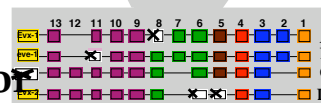
**Ancient
ray-finned fish**



Genome duplication 4 → 8
loss of 6 genes

loss of 3 genes

**Hypothetical
Gnathostome Ancestor**



400 MYA

Genome duplication 2 → 4
loss of 4 genes



500 MYA

**Hypothetical
Agnathan Ancestor**

Genome duplication 1 → 2
loss of 3 genes

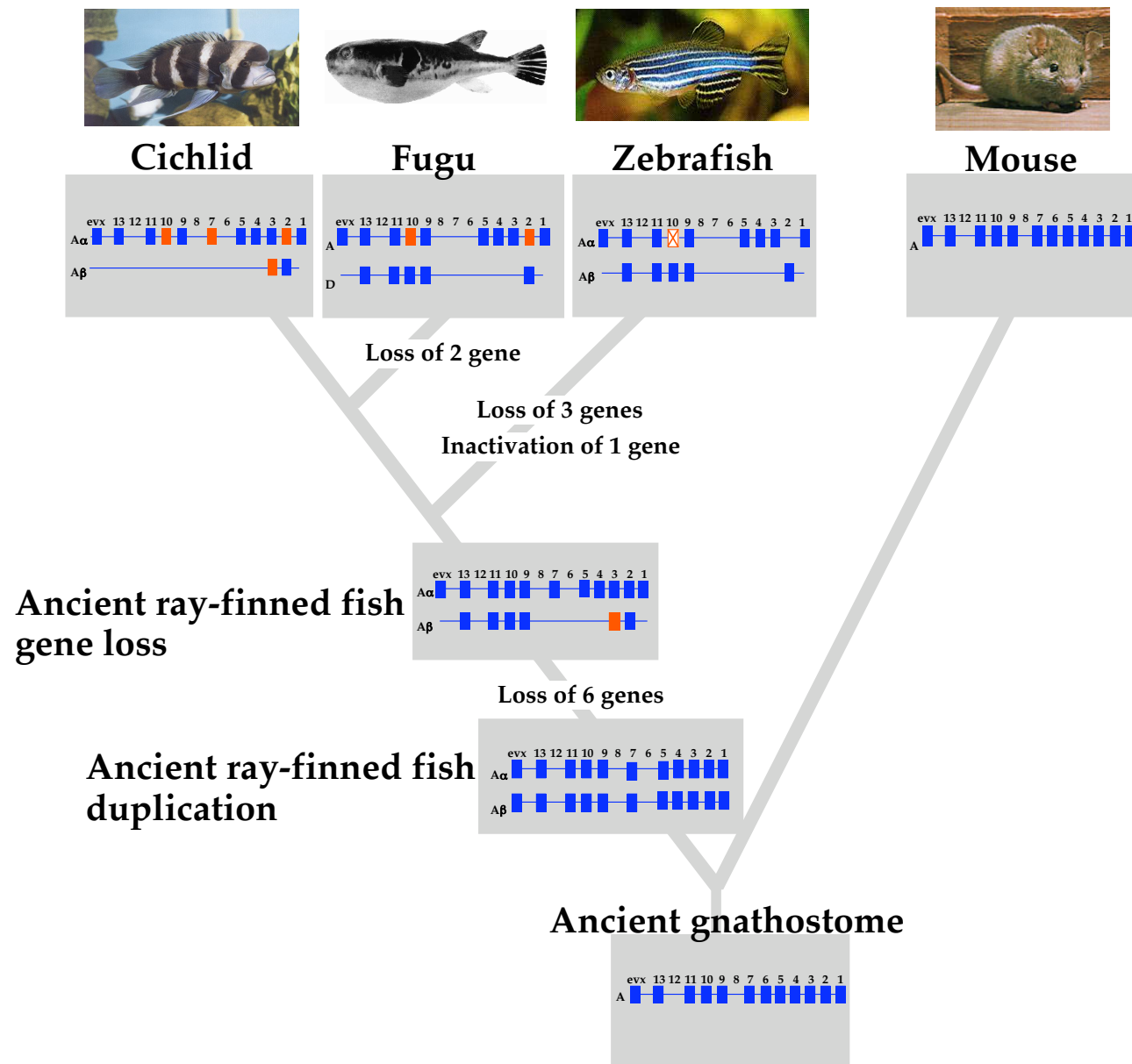


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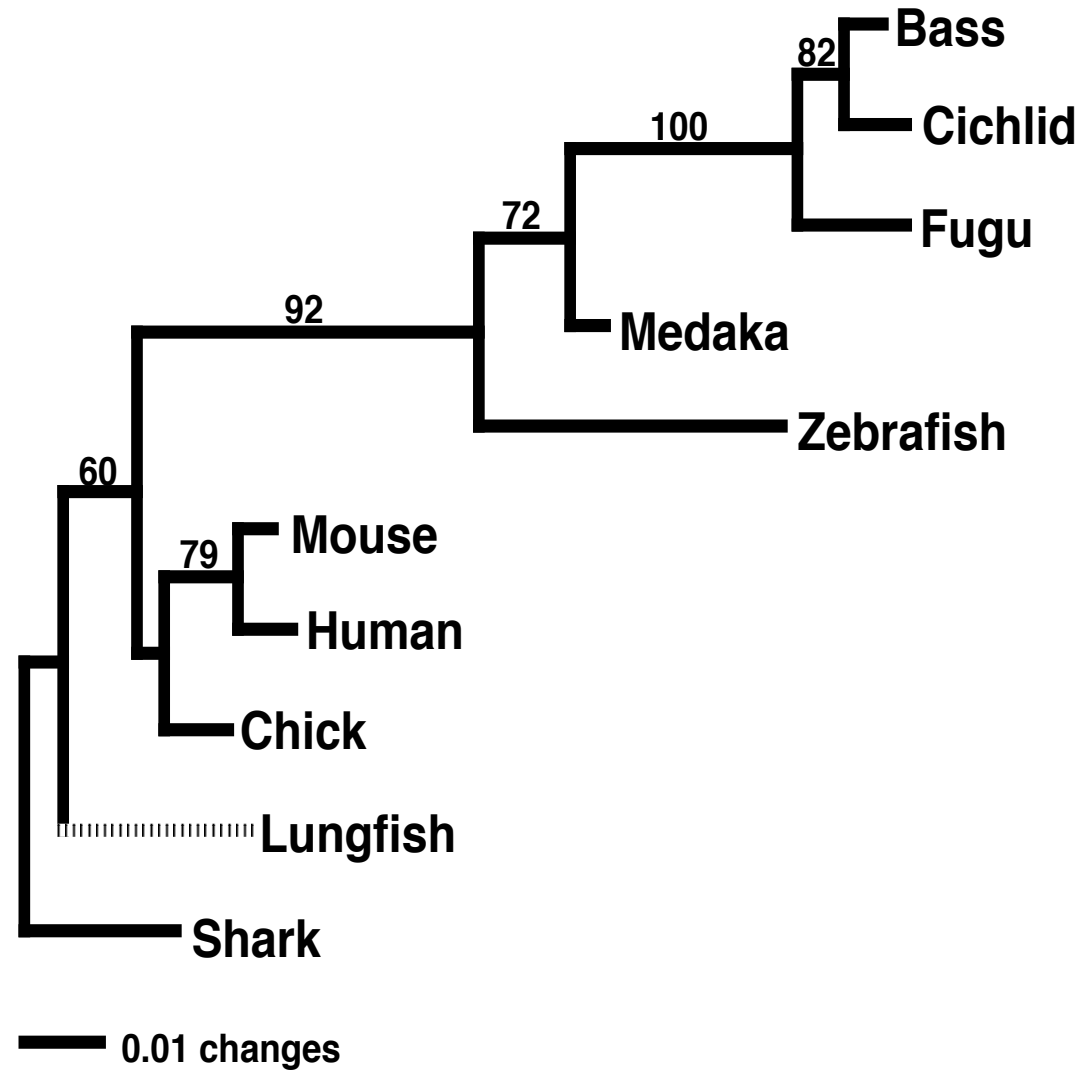


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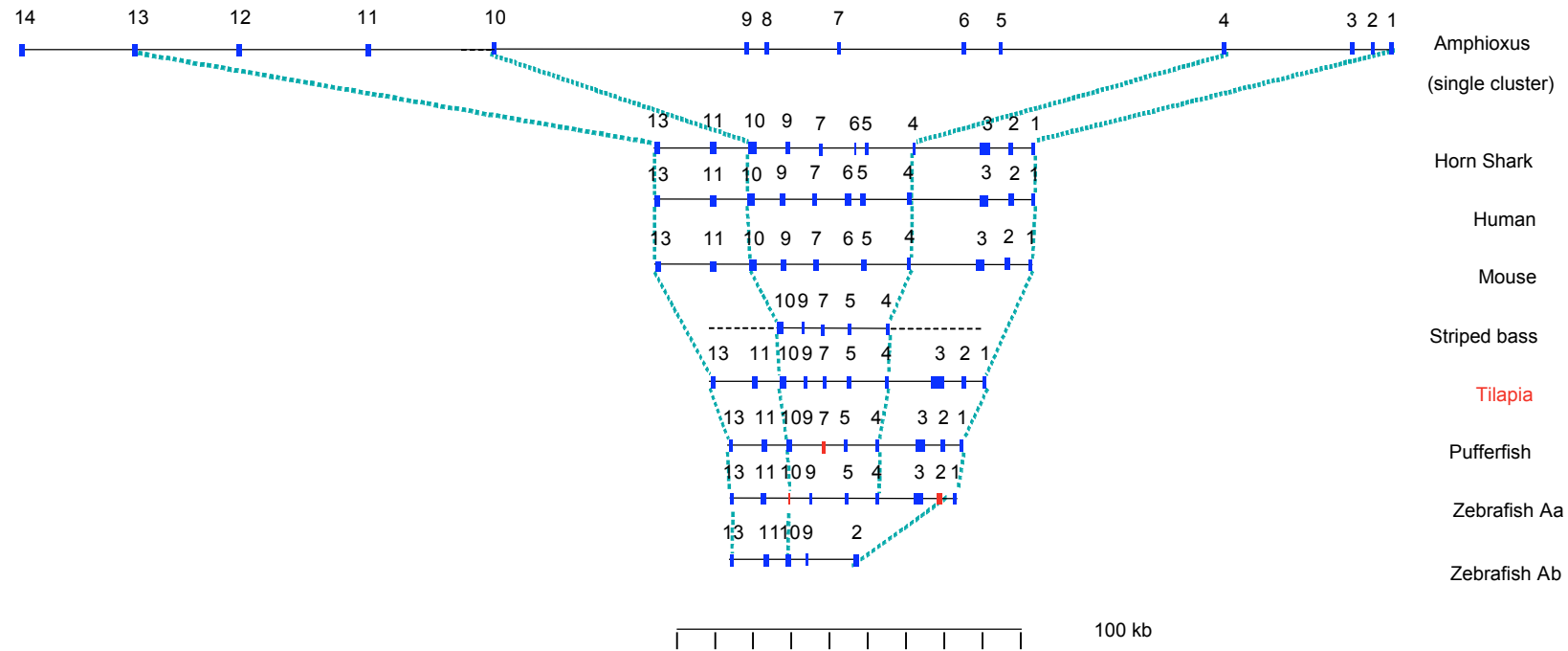
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Phylogenetic analysis of hoxa4/a9 sequences



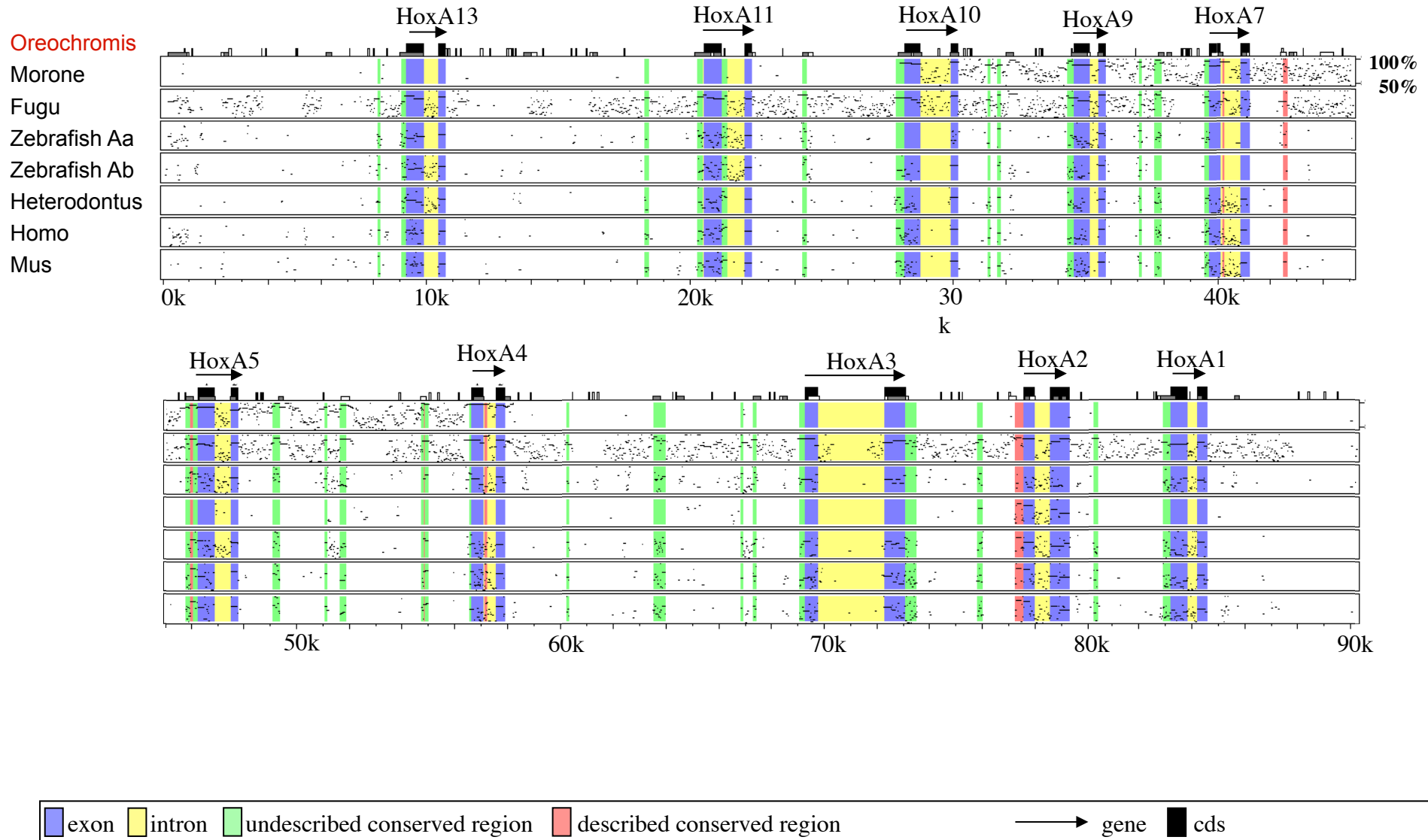
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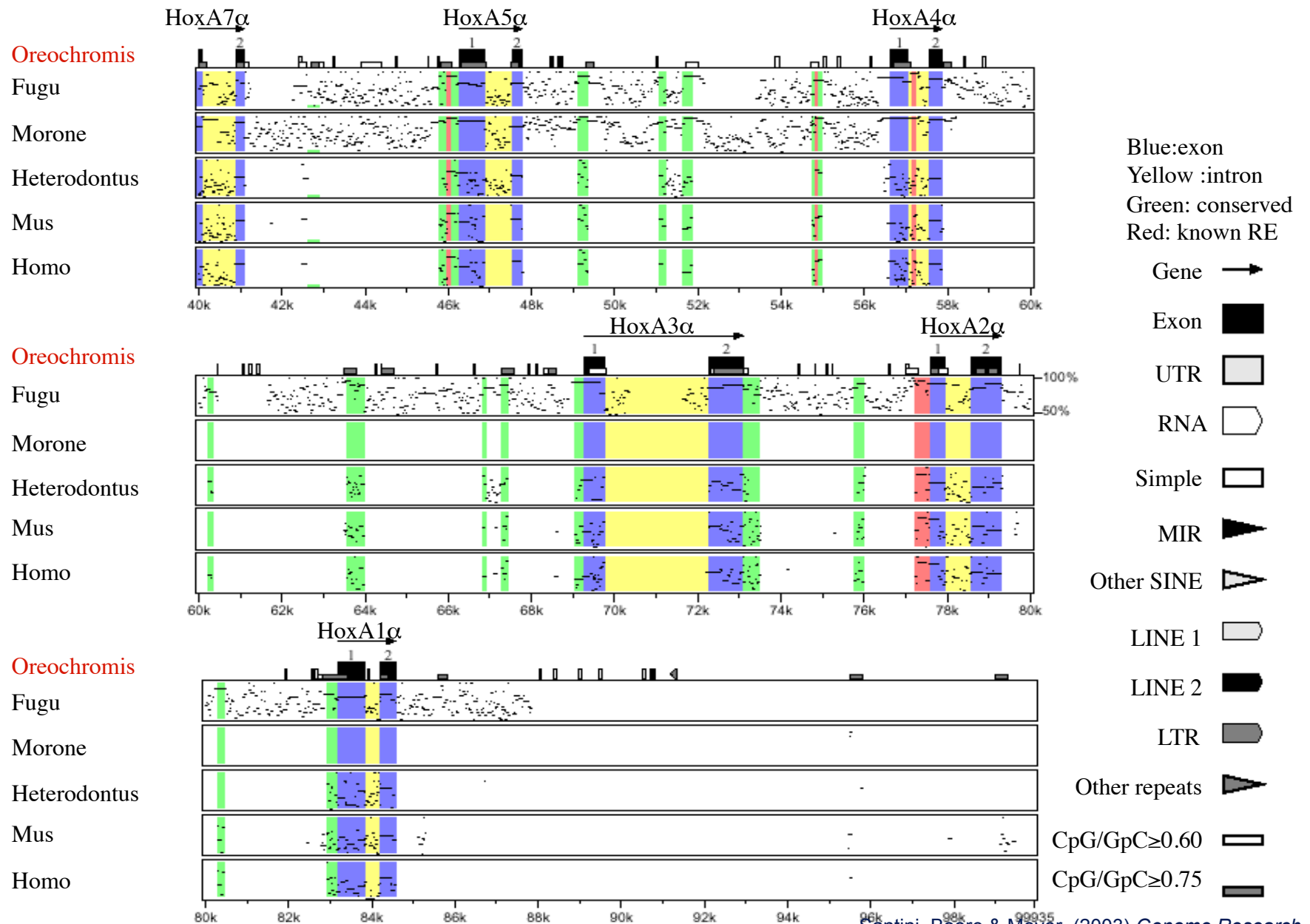
Pipmaker (Schwartz *et al.*, 2000)

- computes alignments of similar regions in two or more DNA sequences - the alignment is summarized with a “percent identity plot” (pip) from 50-100%
- the alignment engine is BlastZ, an experimental variant of the Gapped Blast program (Altschul *et al.* 1997; Zhang *et al.* 1998), designed for aligning long sequences
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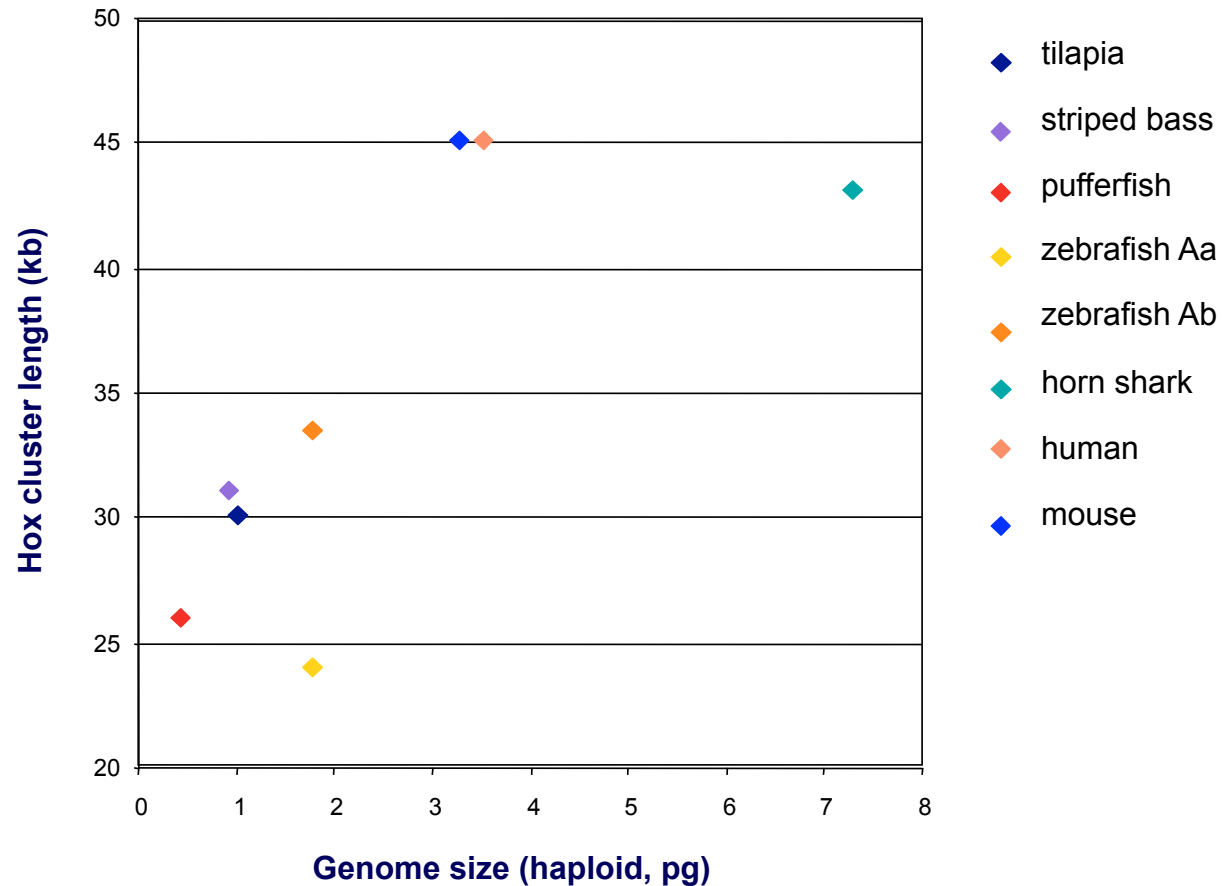
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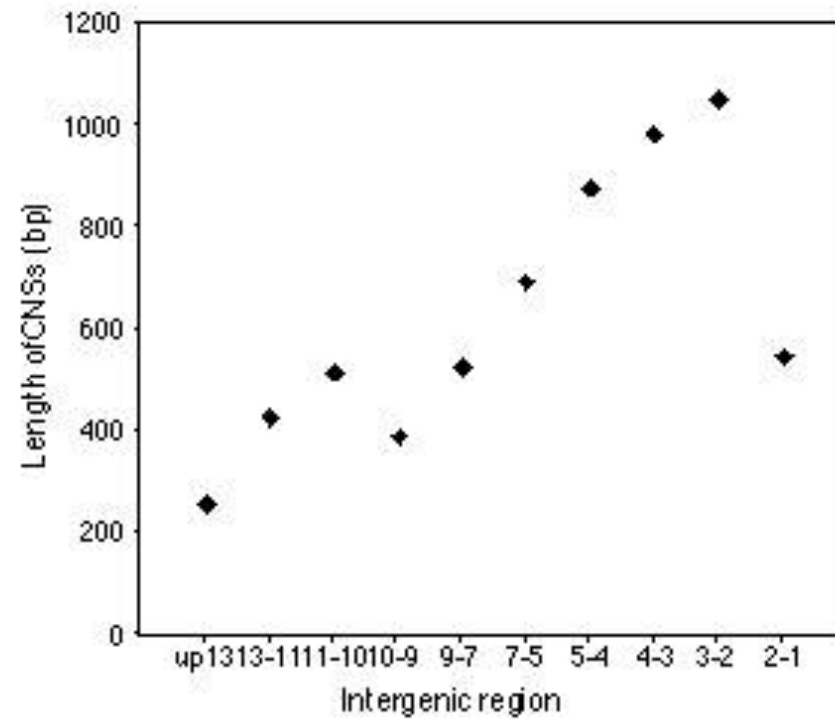
Pipmaker analyses of fish and tetrapod Hox Aa clusters



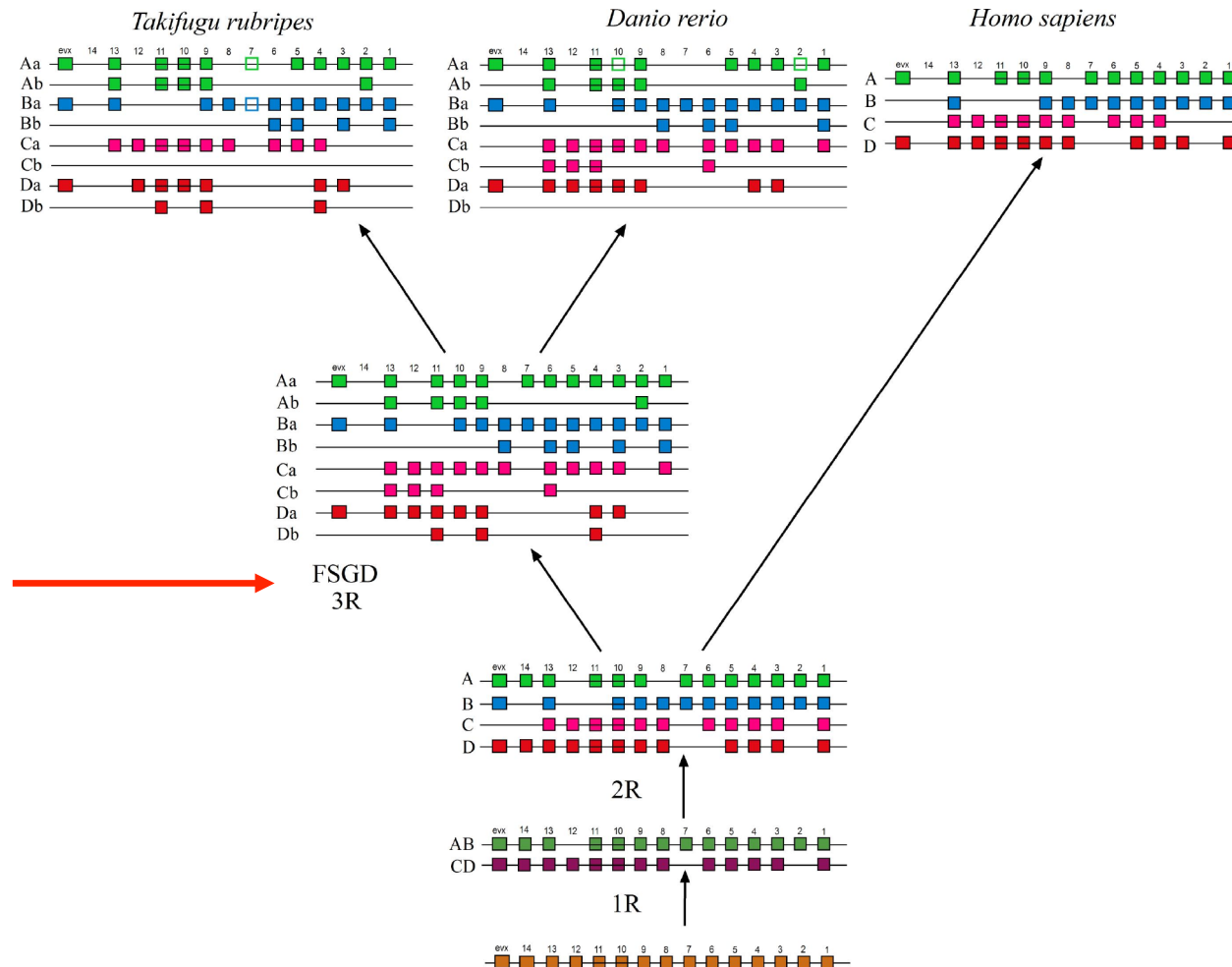
Variation in Hox A cluster size is correlated with genome size



The lengths of intergenic conserved sequence blocks decreases from 3' to 5' in the in Hox A clusters

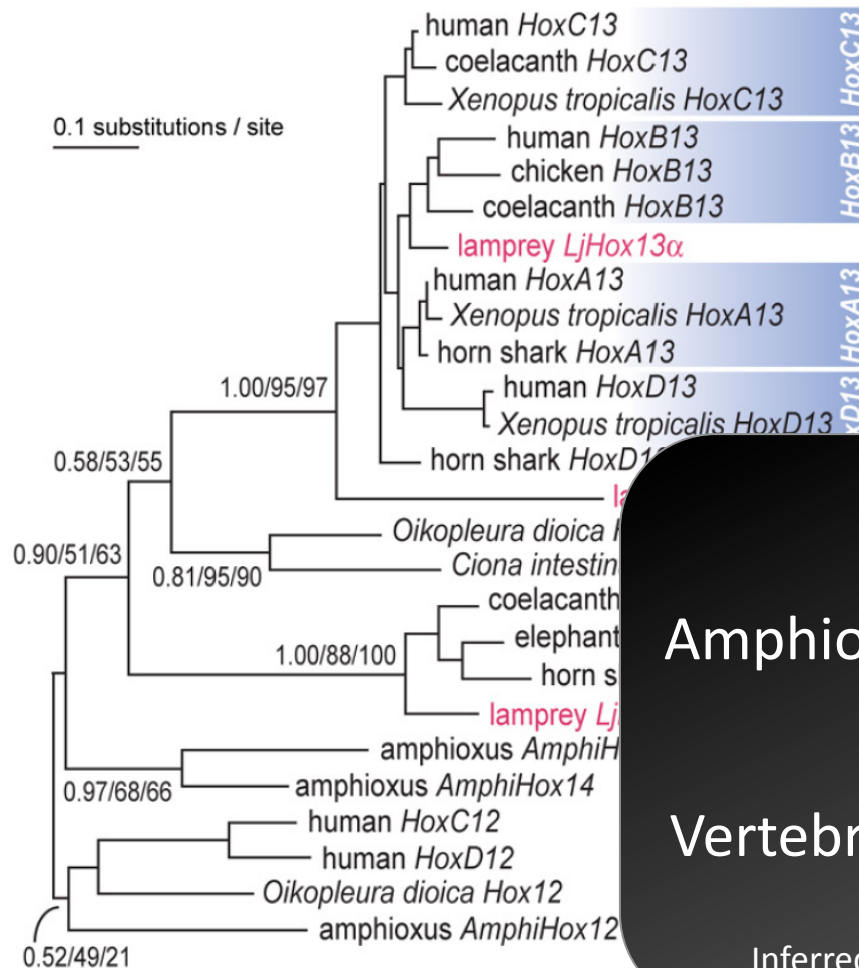


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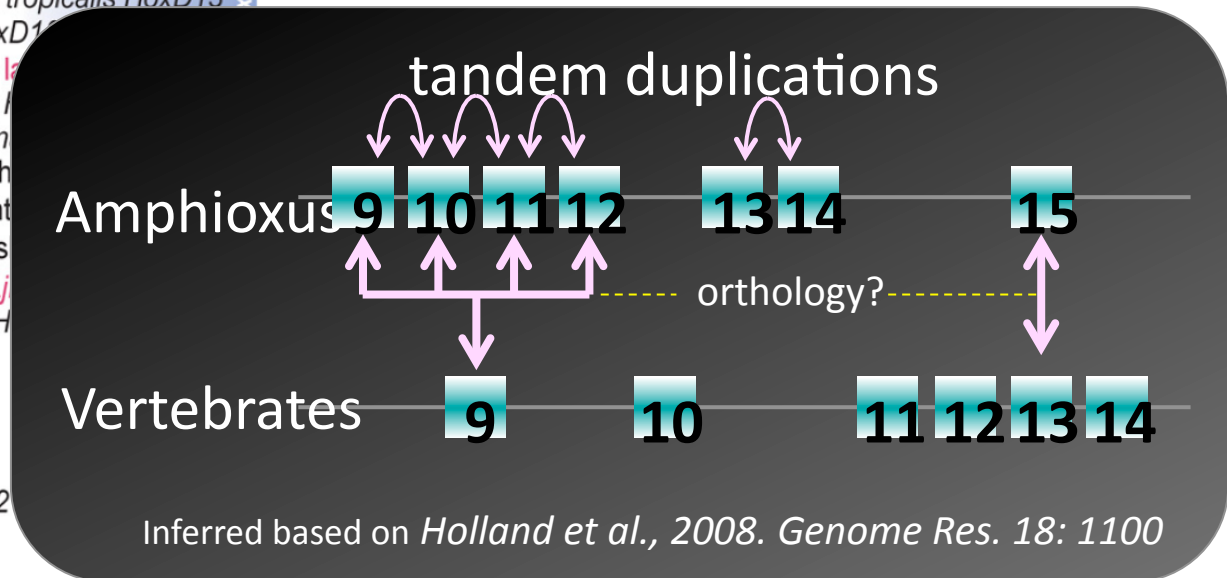
Many gene losses in each lineage – clarification of “identity”

Example: Hox14

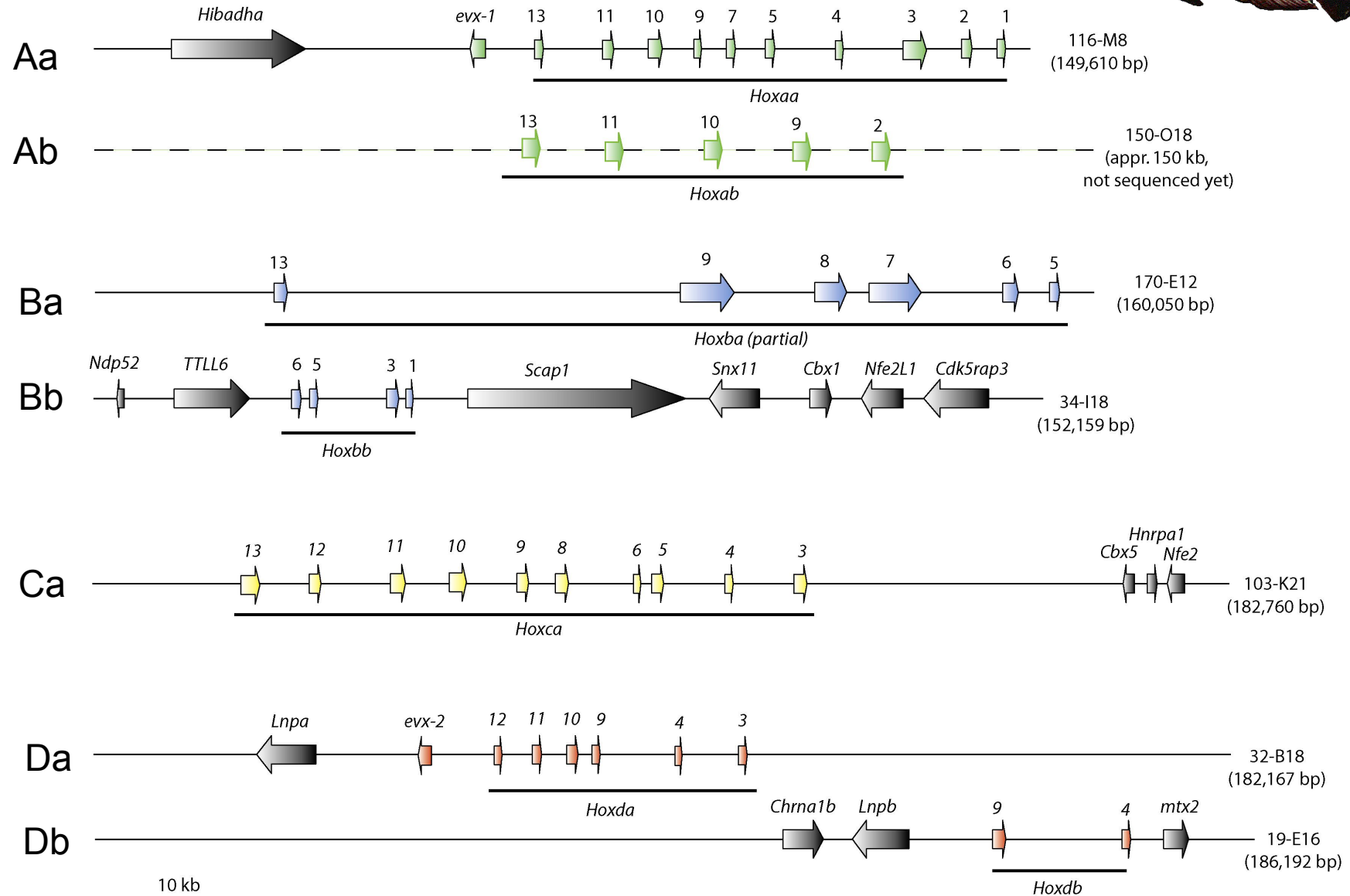
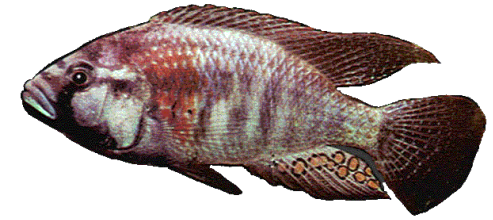


- Hox1–14 in the vertebrate ancestor

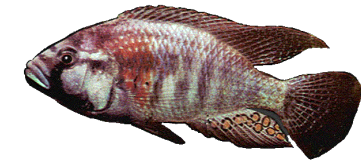
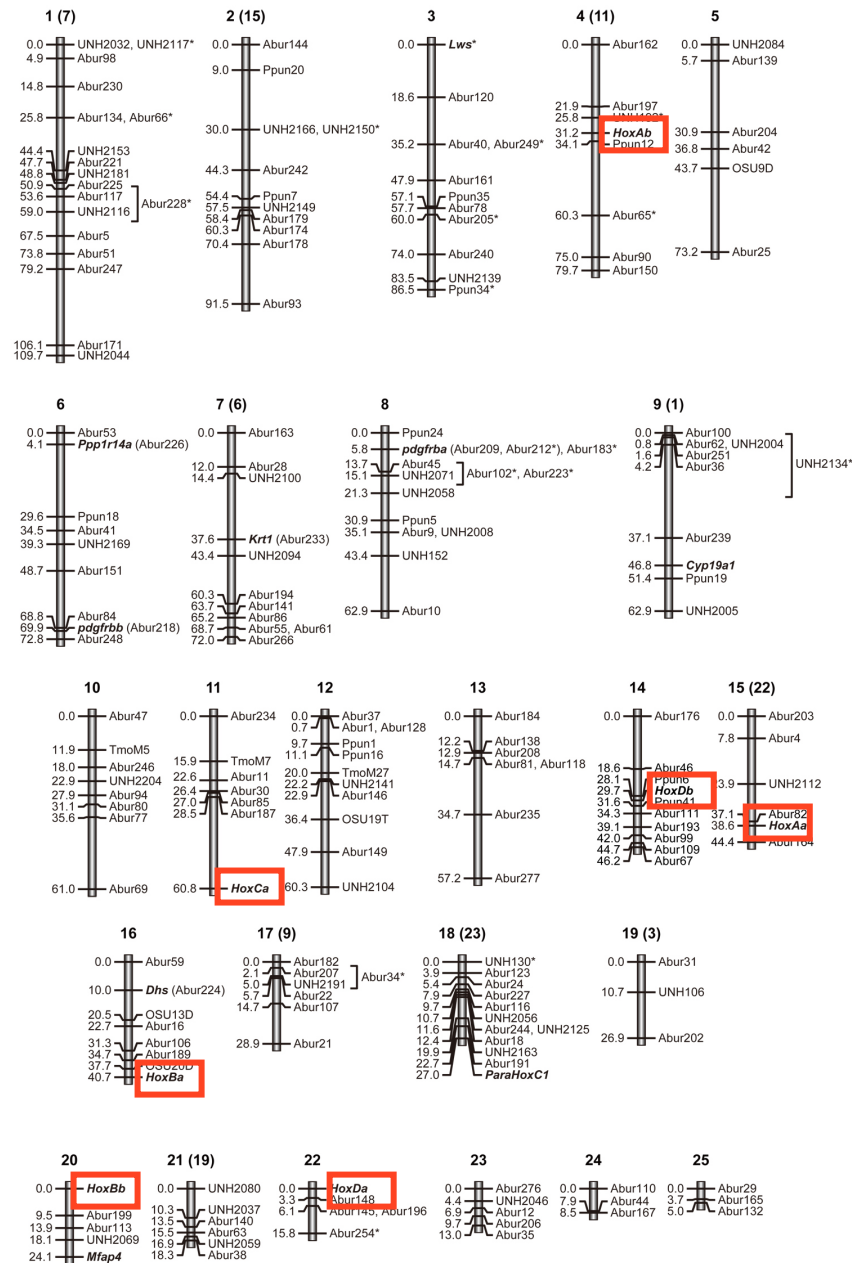
- *AmphiHox14* paralogous to vertebrate Hox14



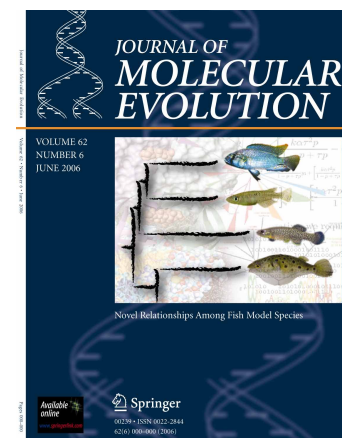
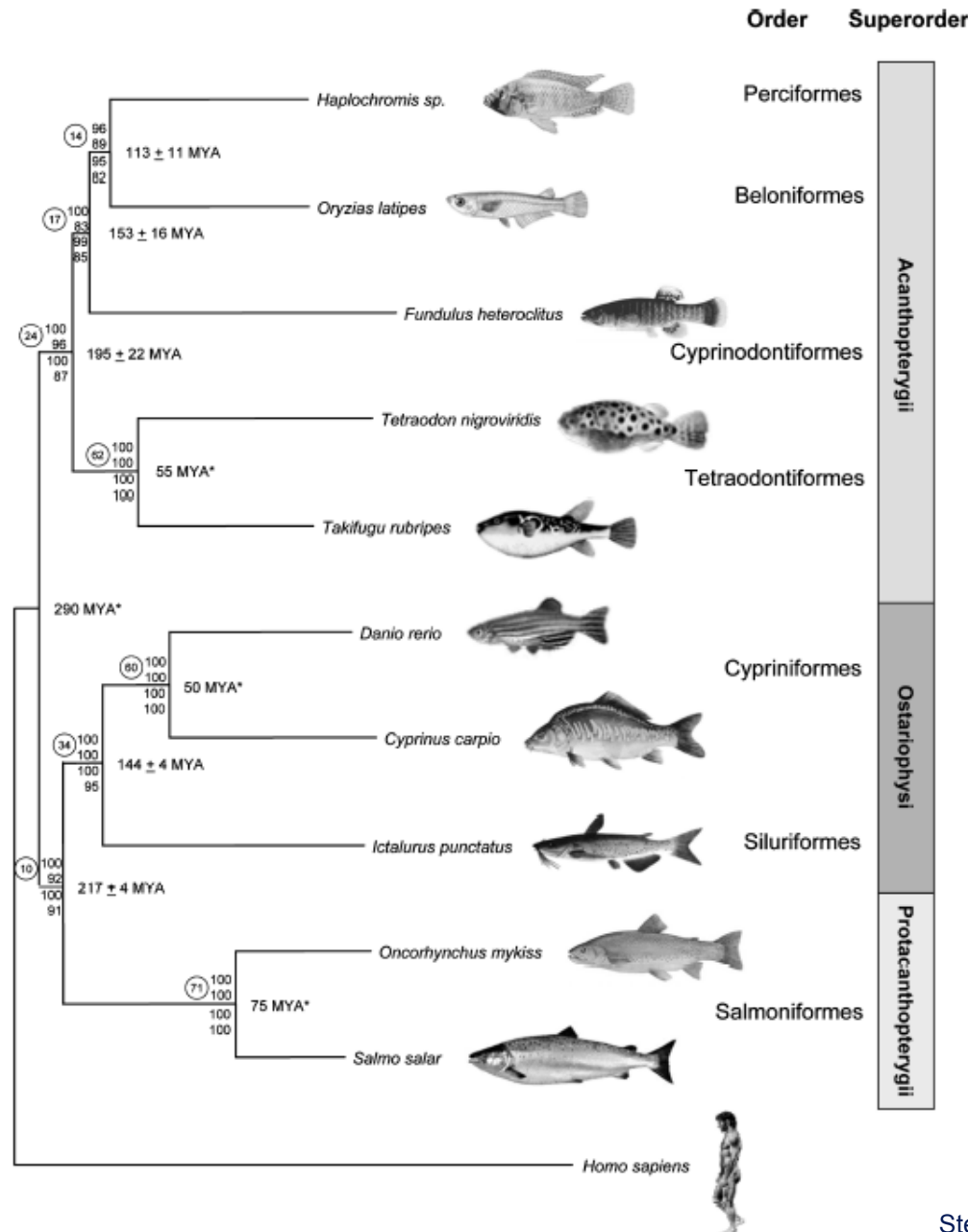
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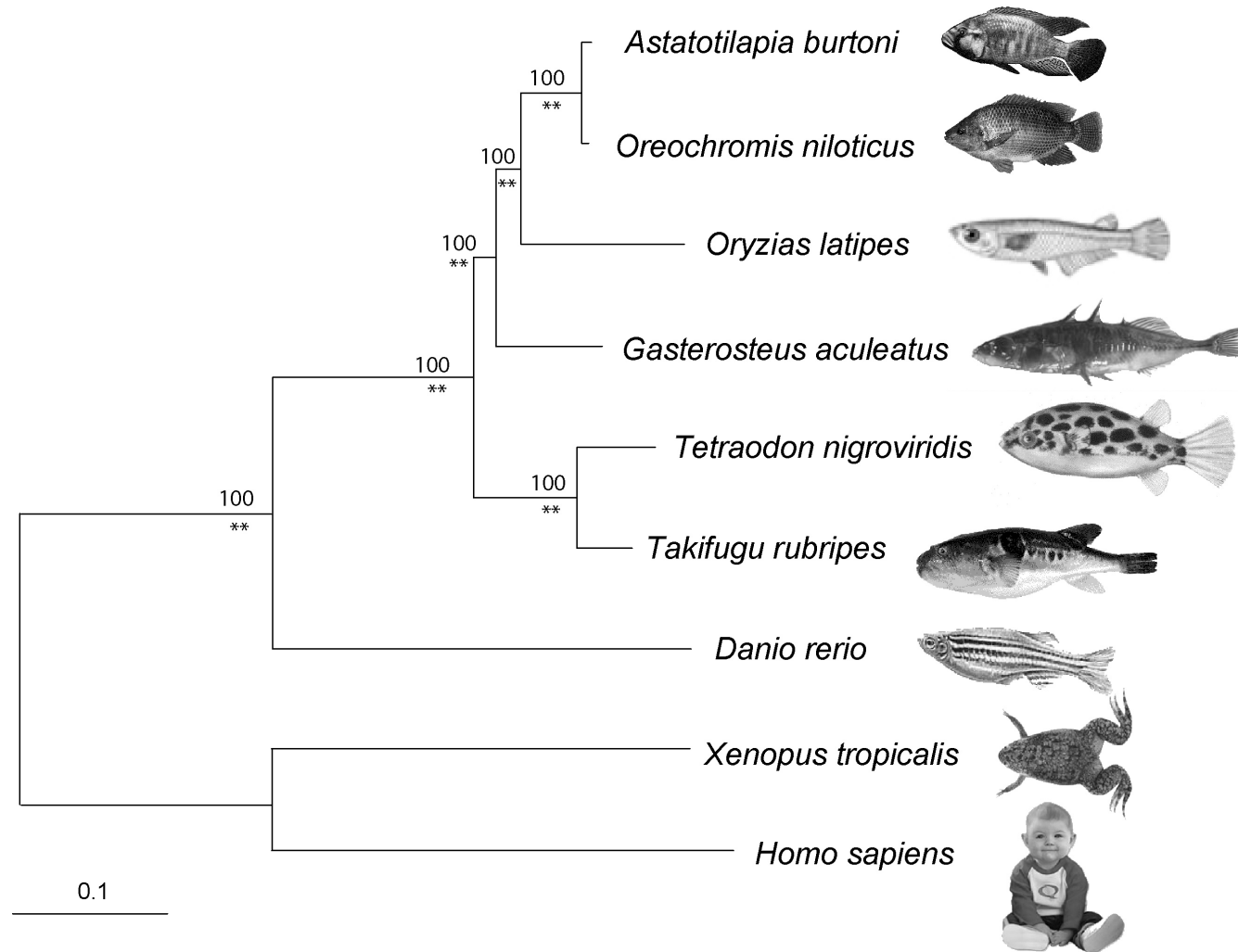
Seven Hox clusters mapped to seven chromosomes in *Astatotilapia burtoni*



(Novel) Phylogenetic relationships among 10 fish model systems - based on ESTs



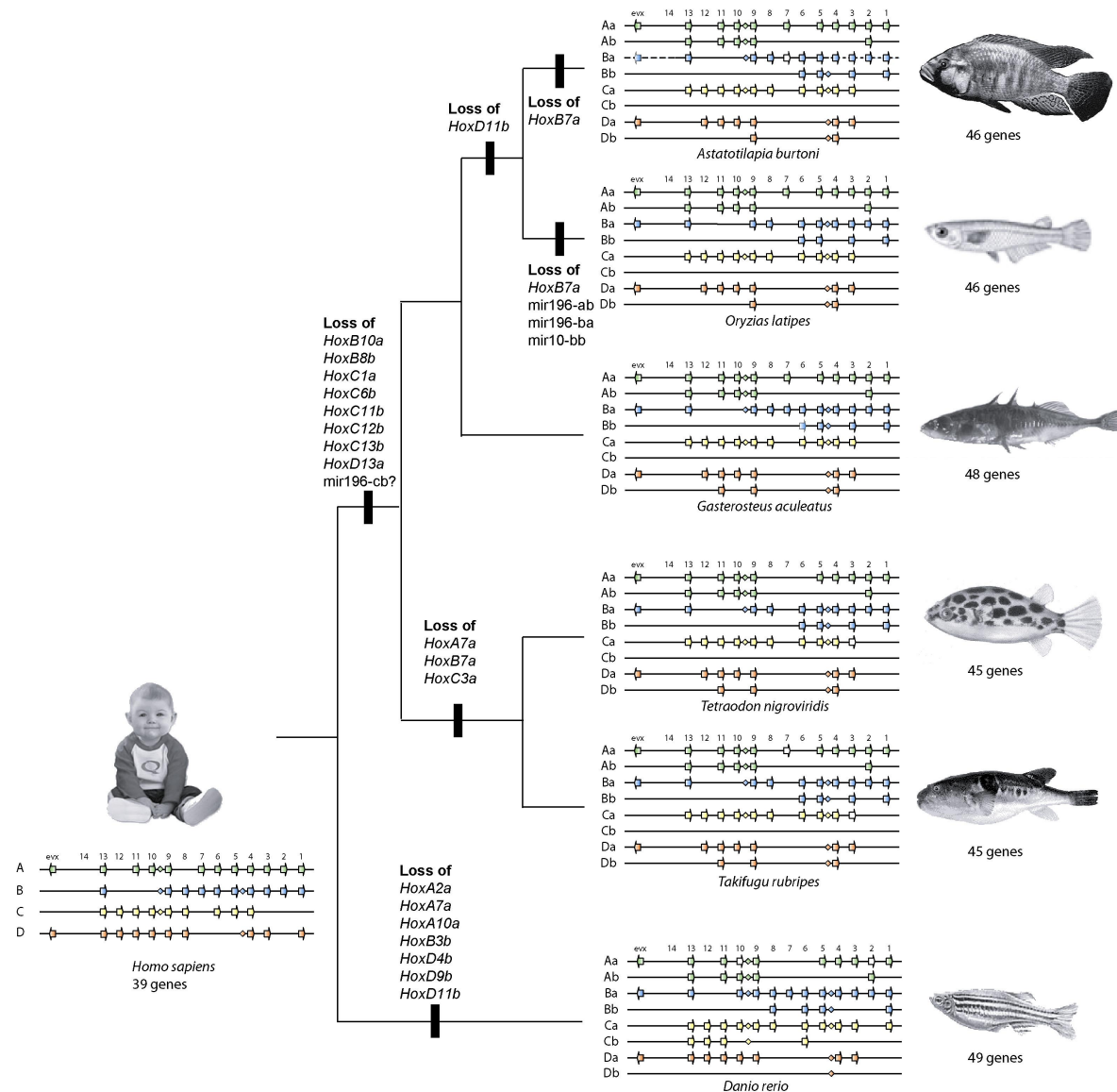
Phylogenetic relationships among teleost species



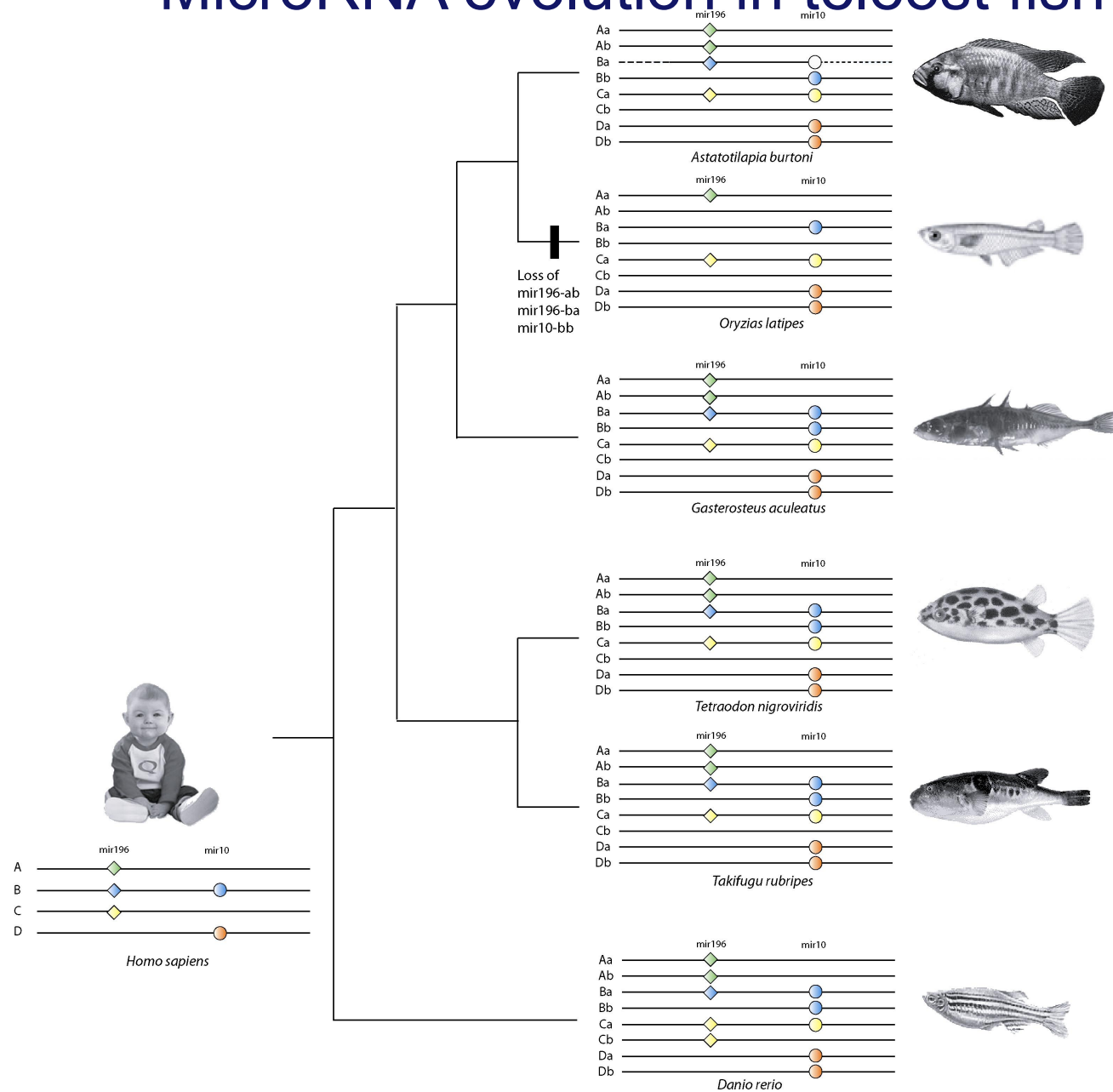
ML tree based on 24 Hox genes (20009 bp)

Hoegg, Boore, Kuehl and Meyer (2007) *BMC Genomics*

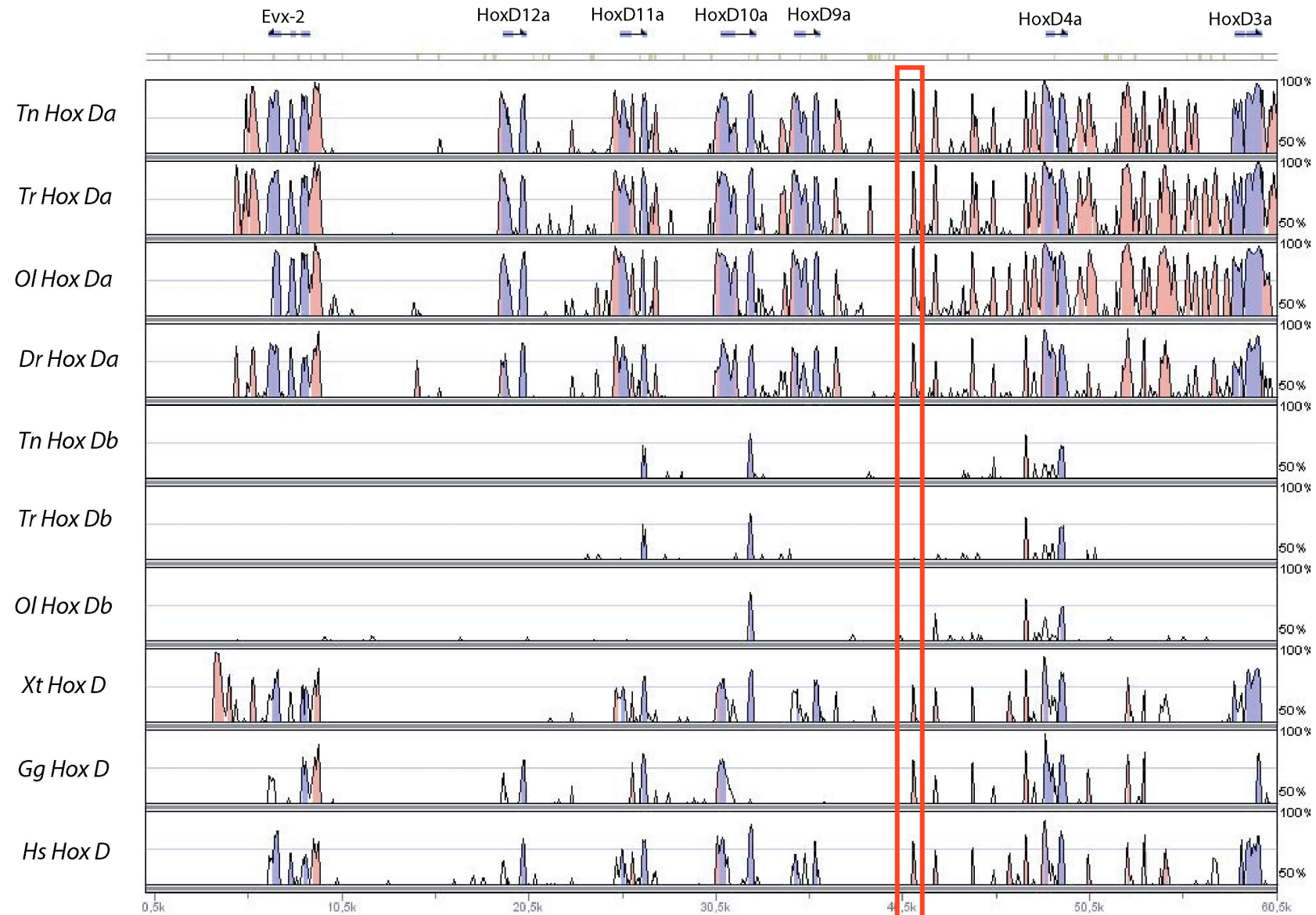
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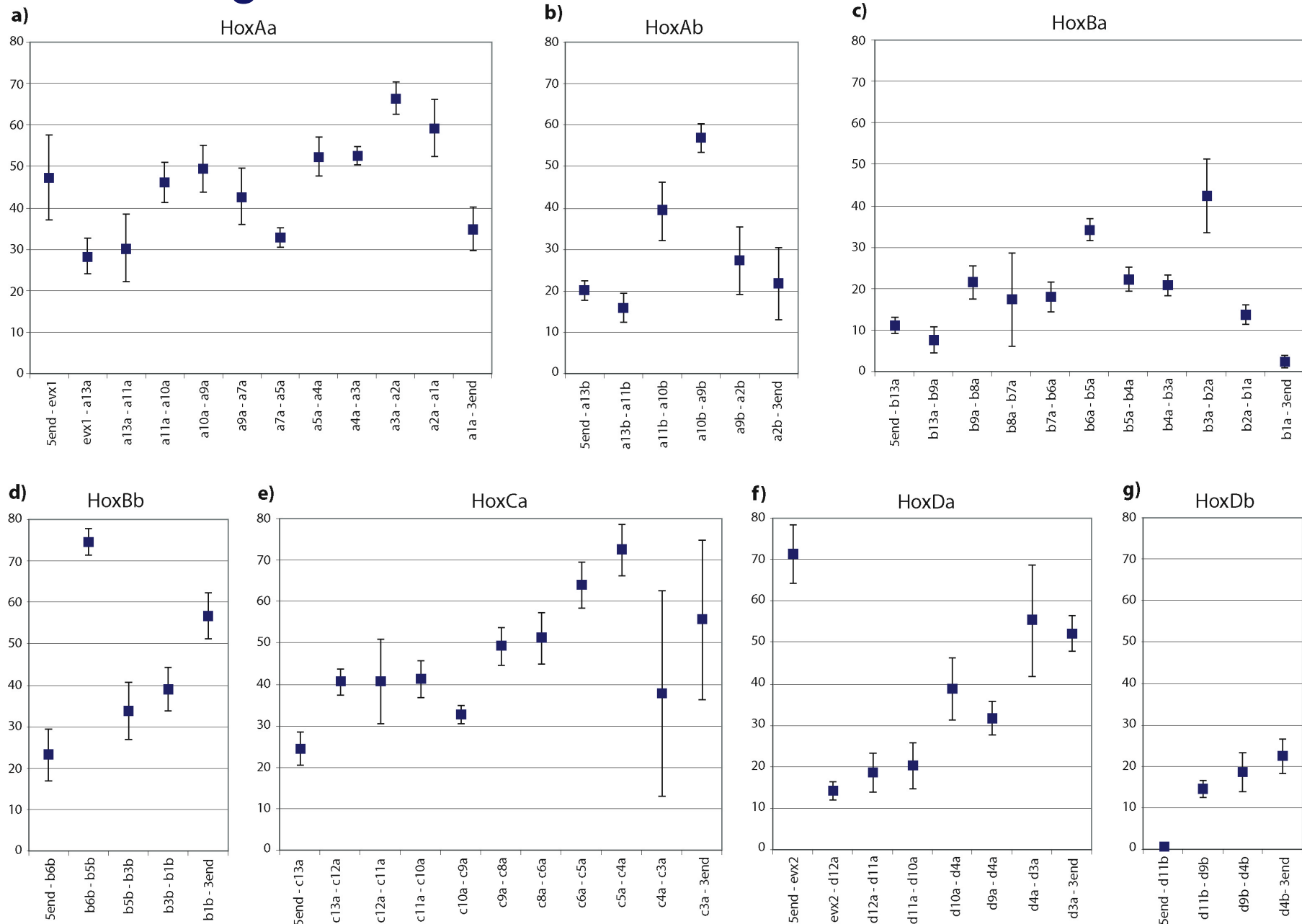
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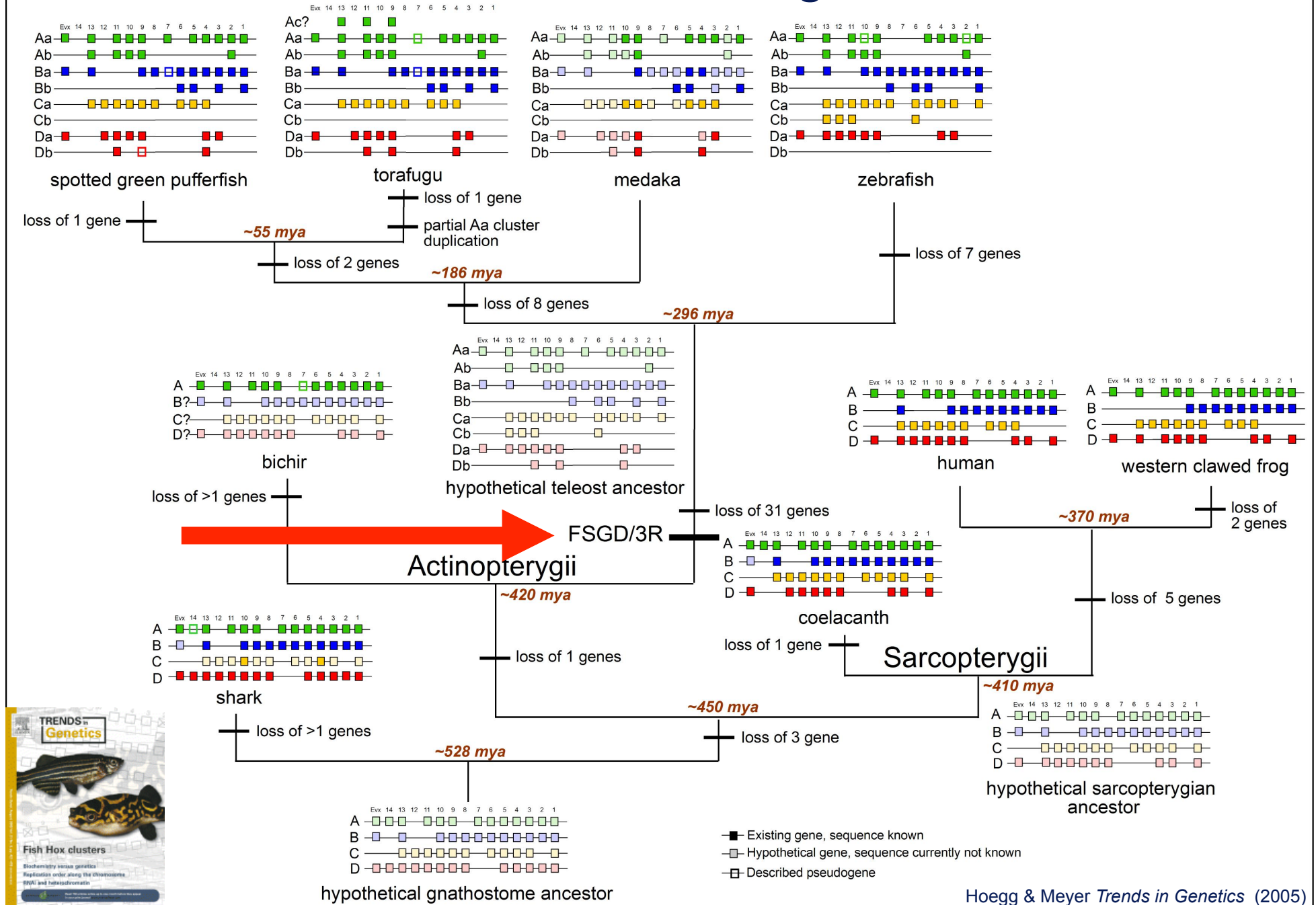
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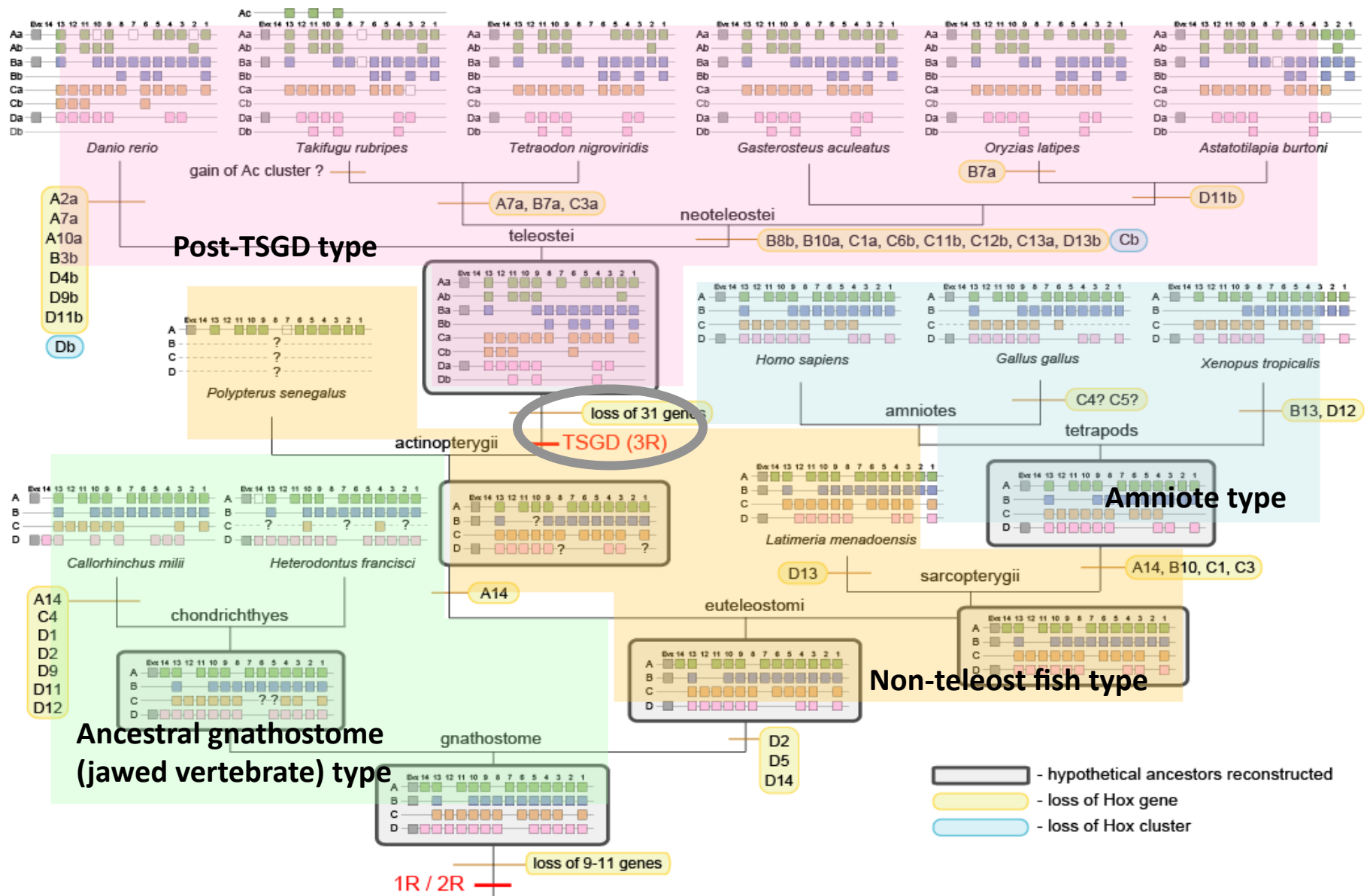
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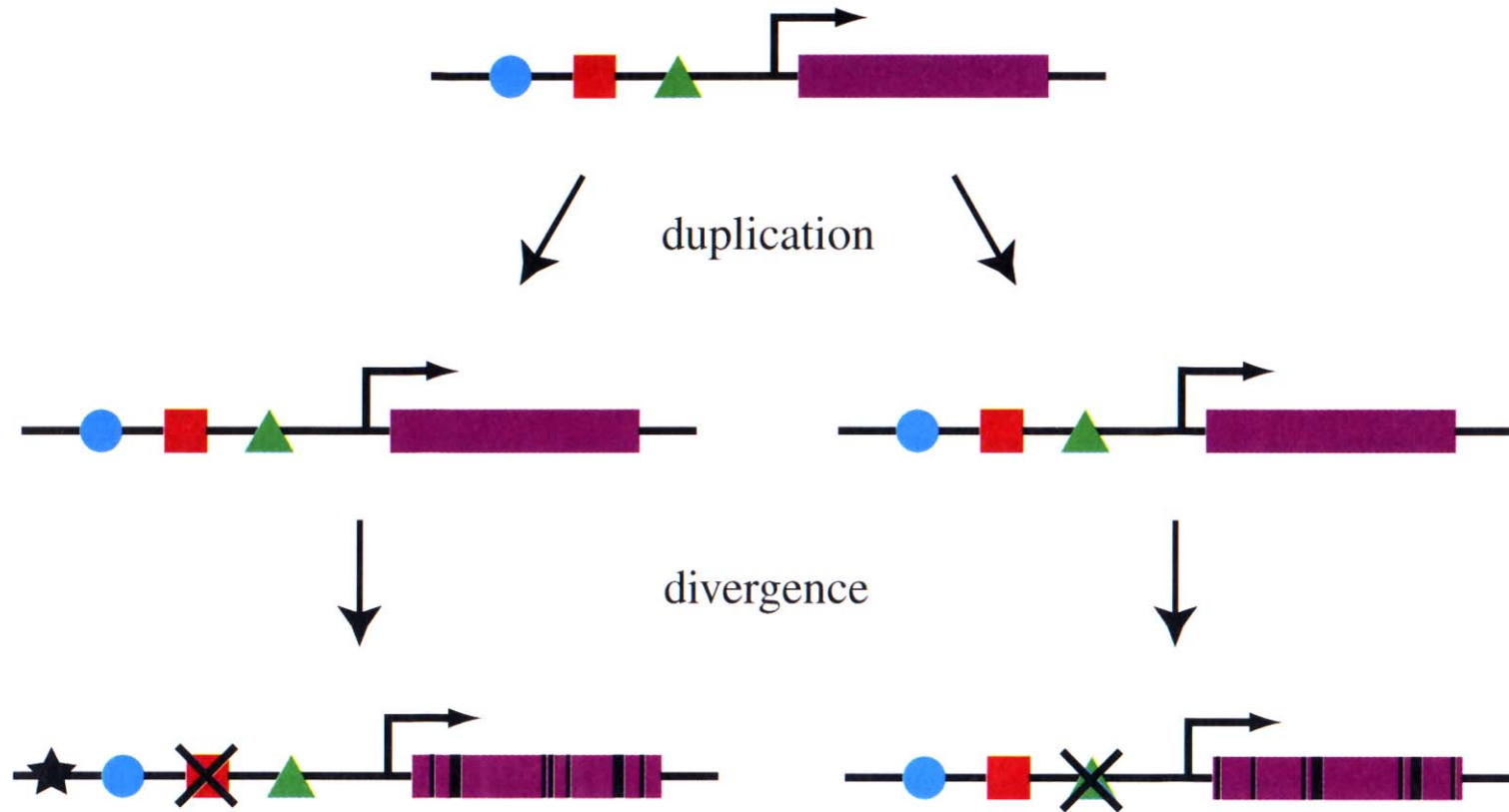
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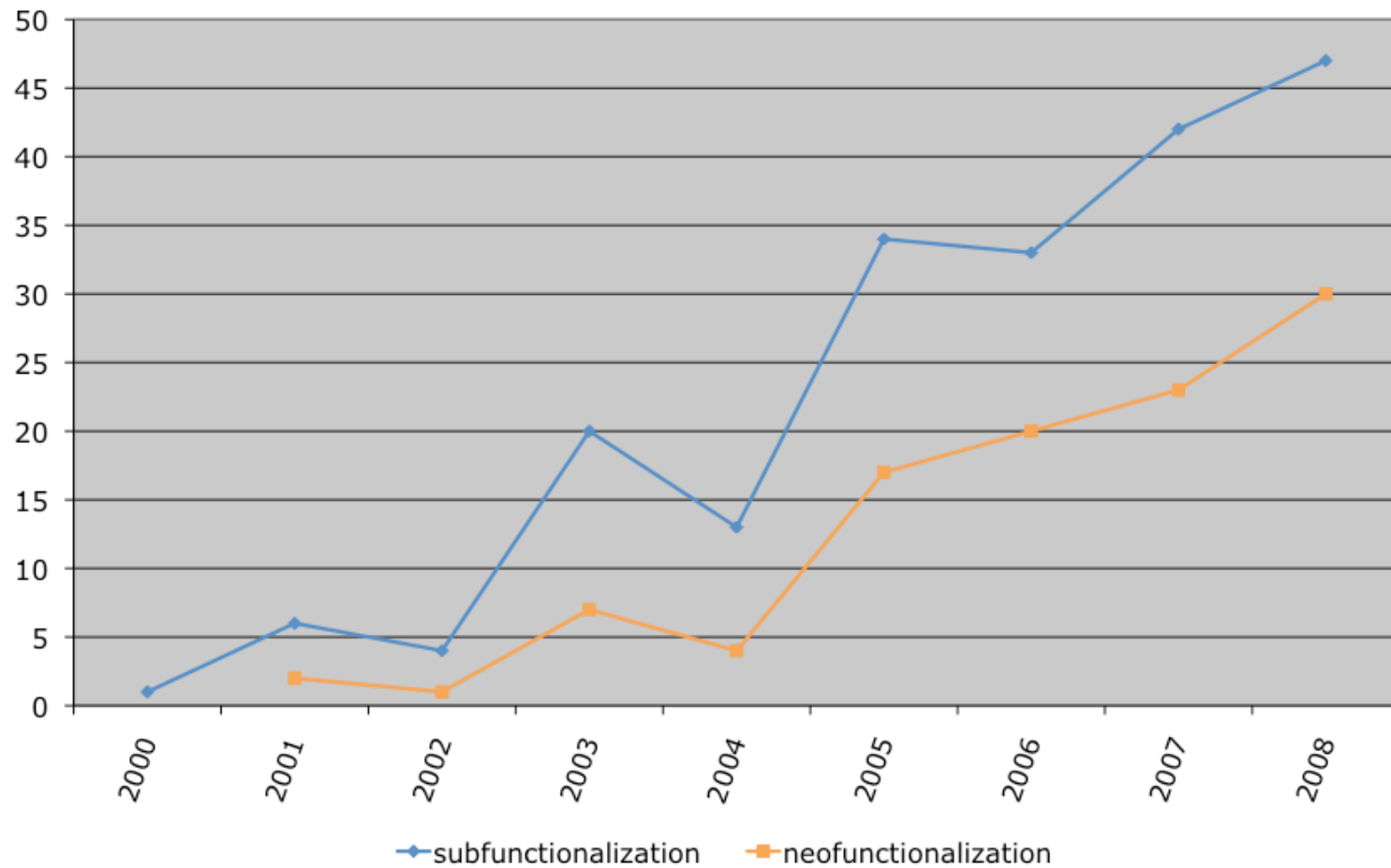


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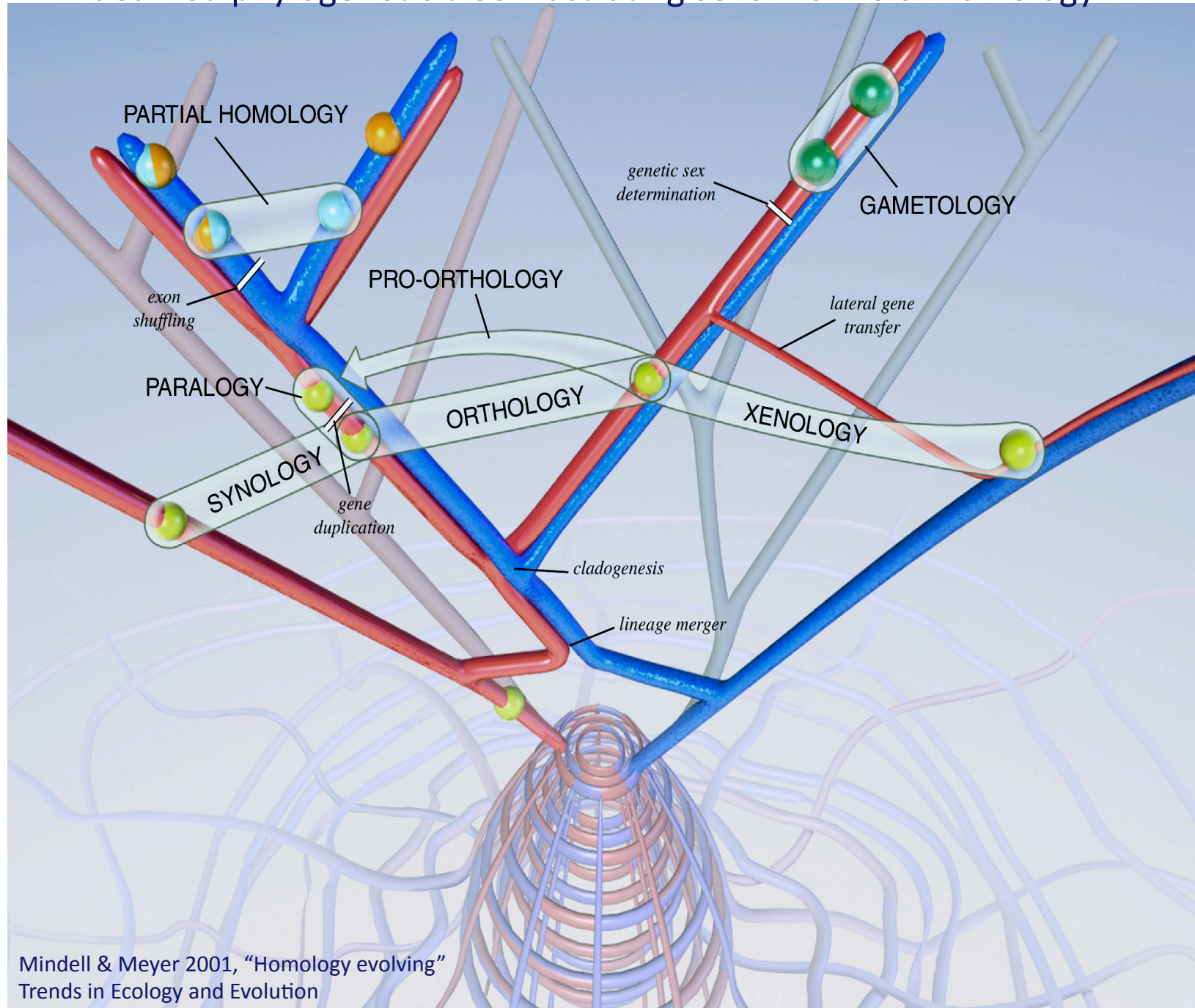


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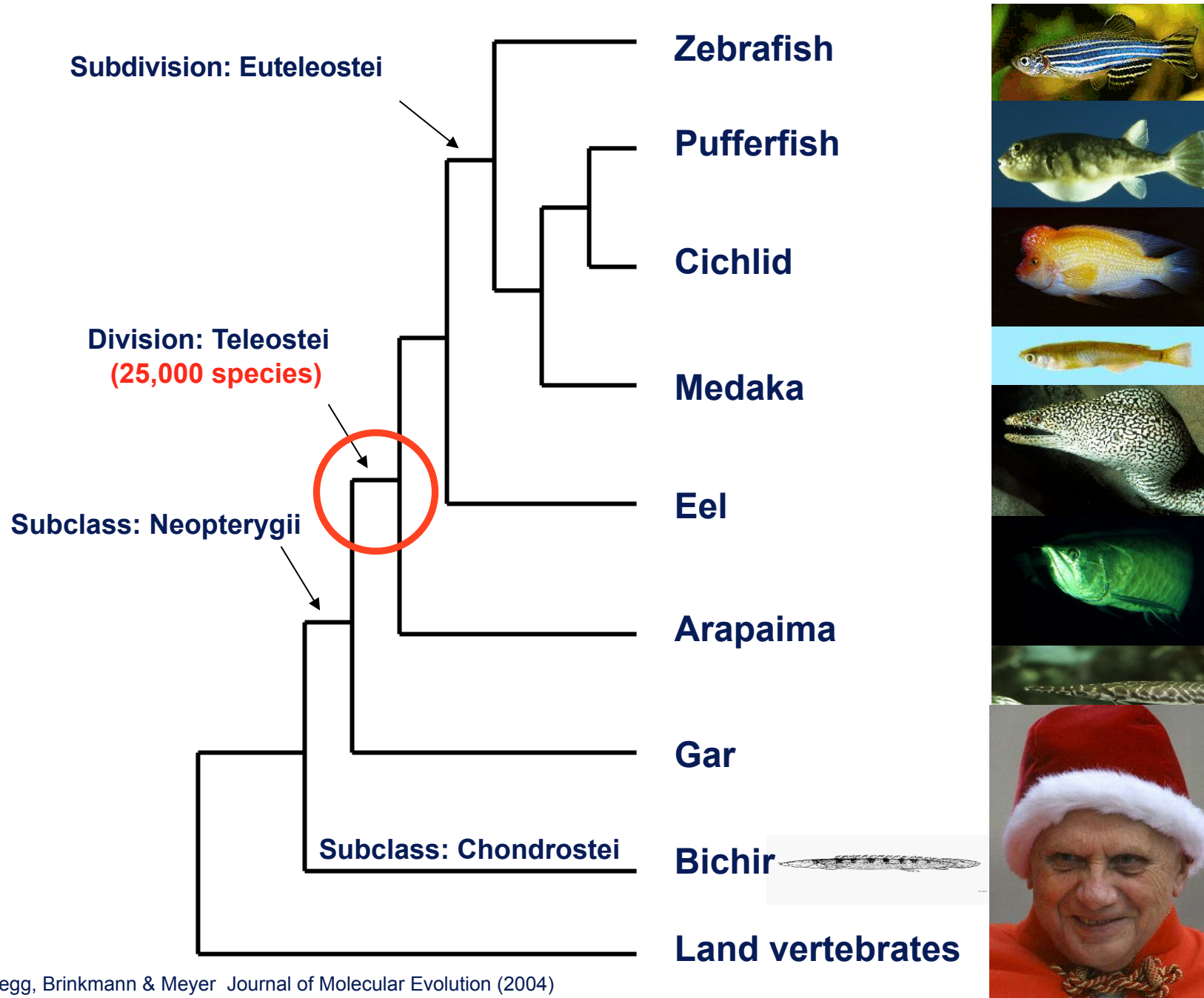


Idealized phylogenetic tree illustrating seven forms of homology

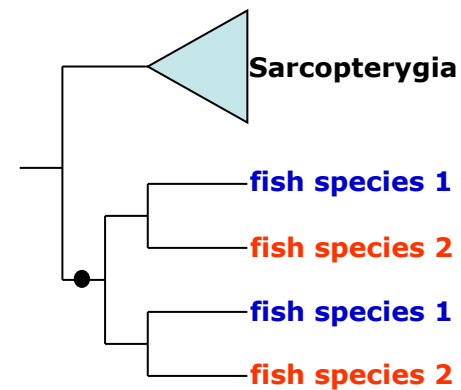
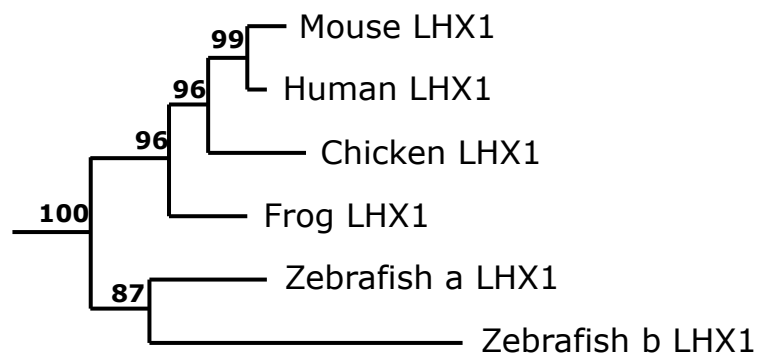


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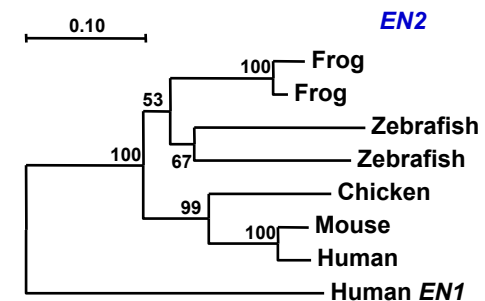
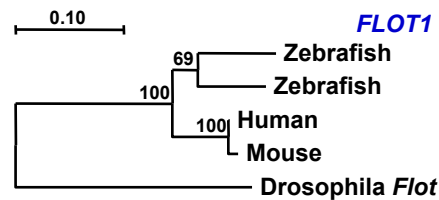
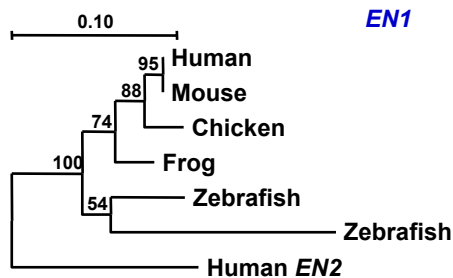
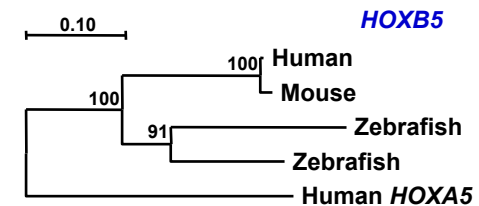
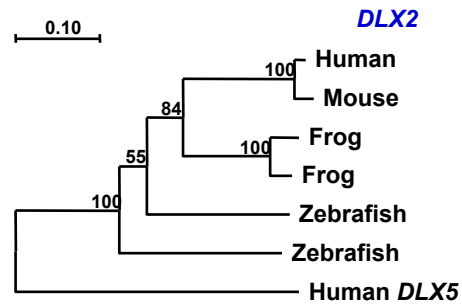
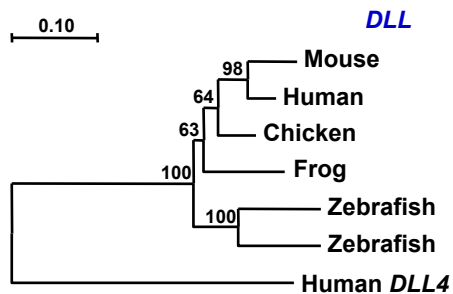
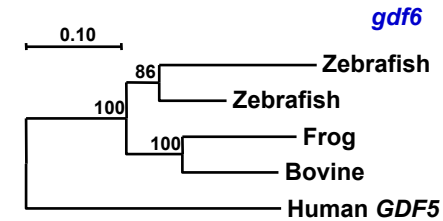
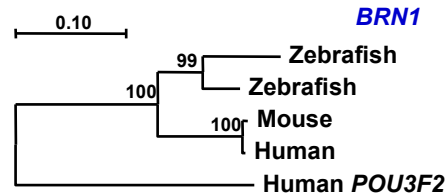
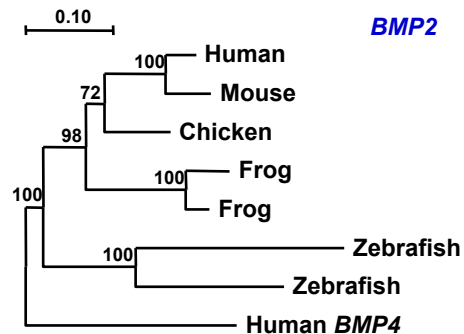
Evolution of the fish genome - phylogenetic timing of the FSGD



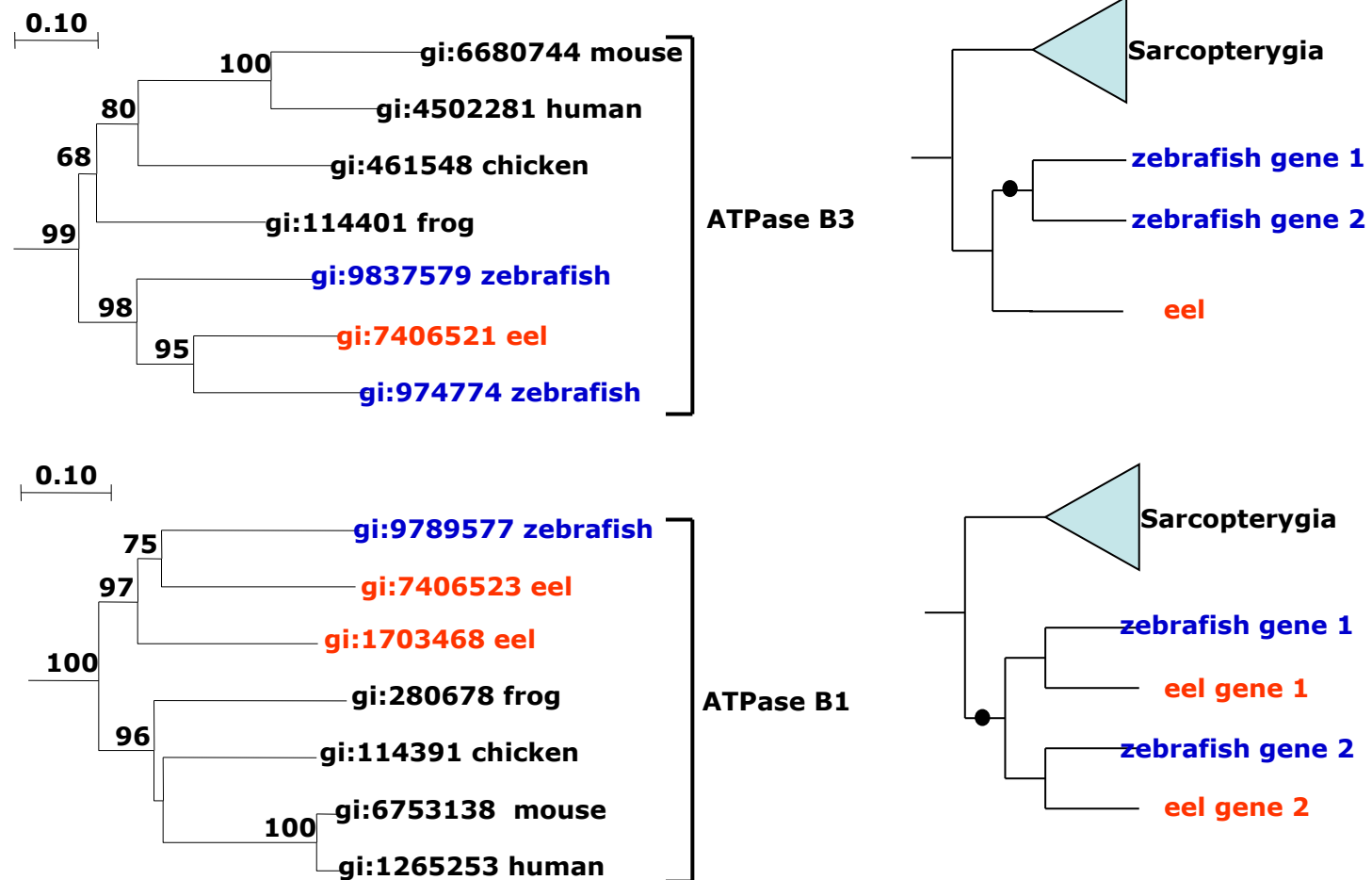
Does comparative genomics provide evidence for an ancient genome duplication event in fish ?
(not only Hox cluster data?)



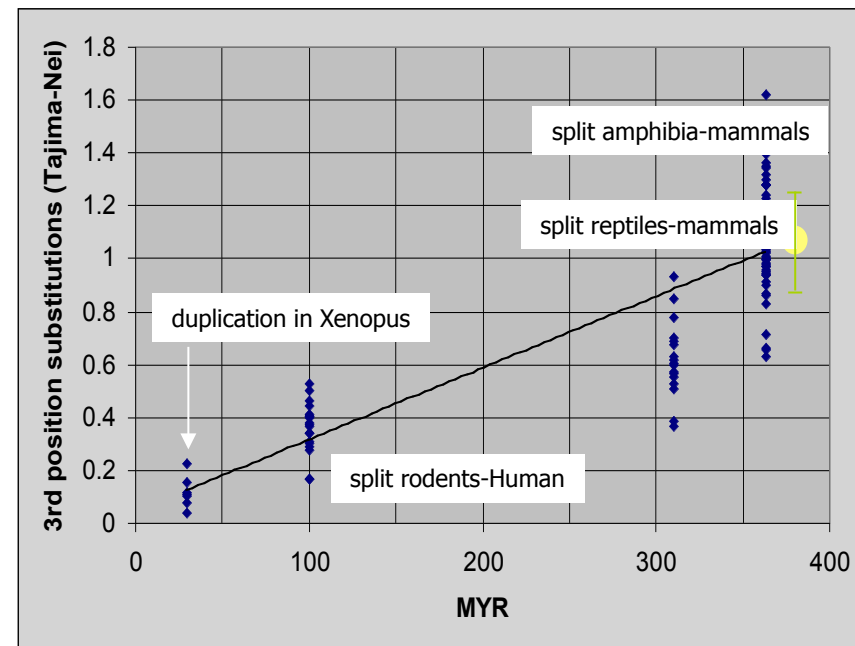
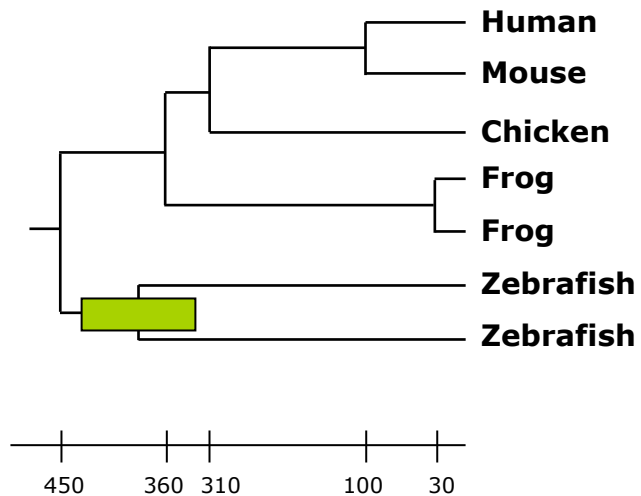
Genes with two copies in zebrafish



Genome duplication shared by all fish ?

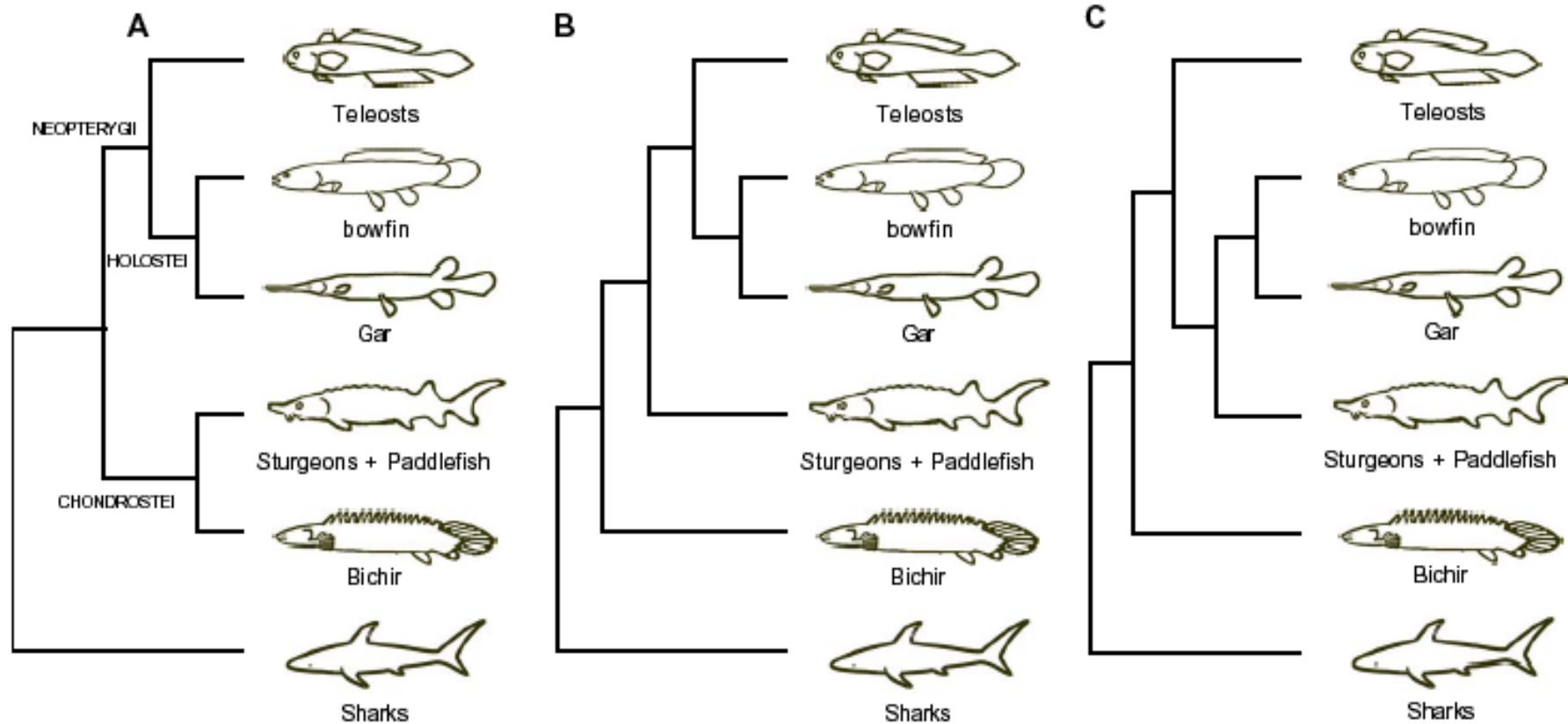


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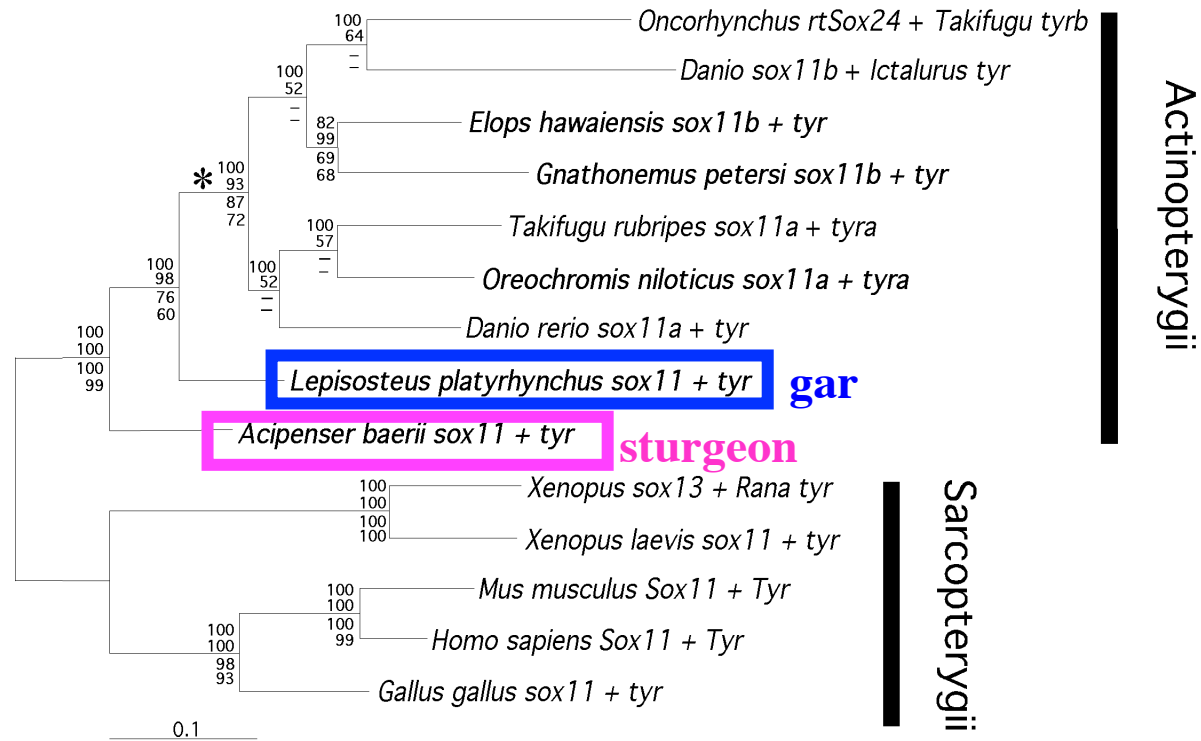
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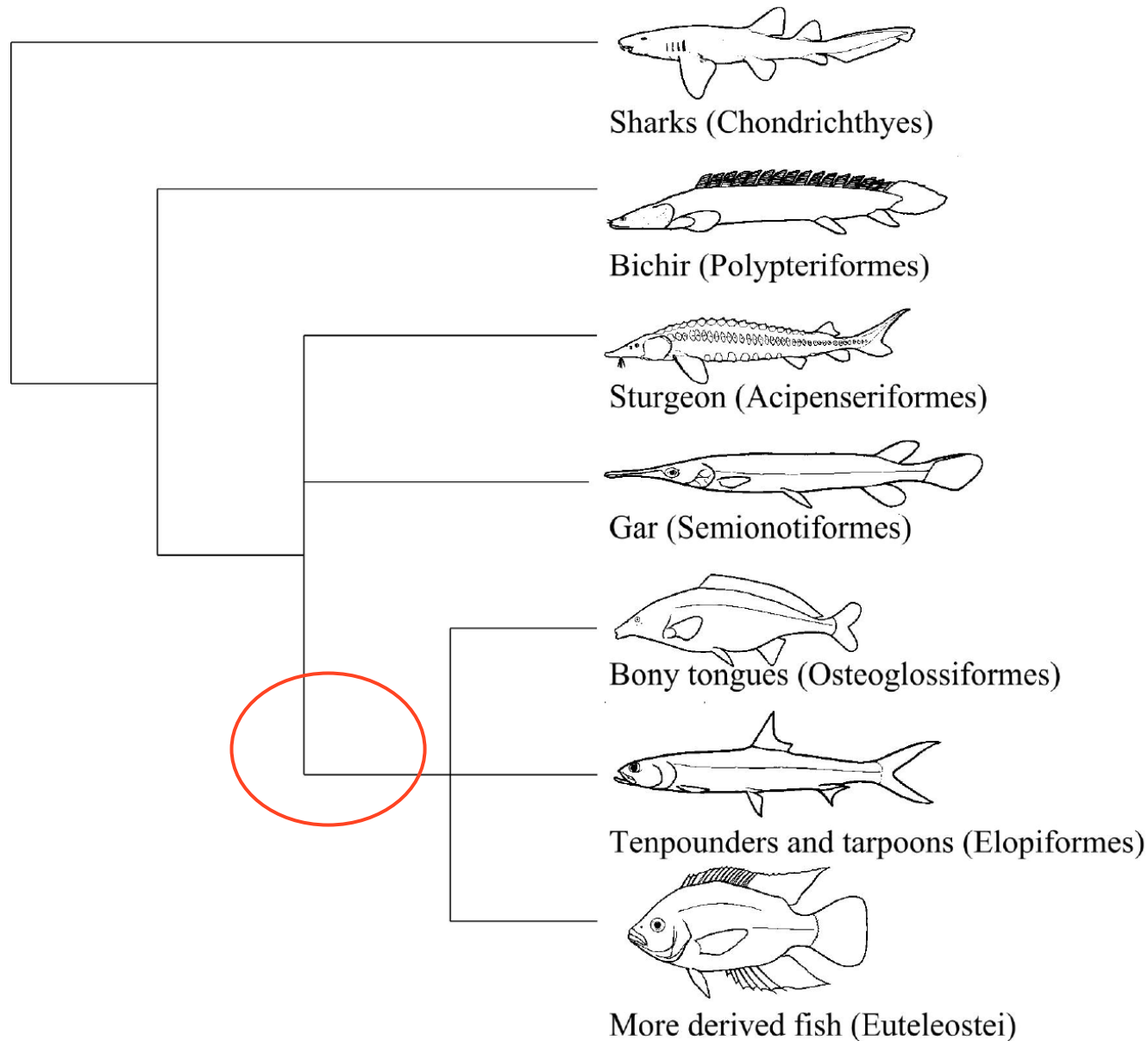


Fish-specific genome duplication (FSGD) precedes major diversification of ray-finned fishes

sox and *tyr* data



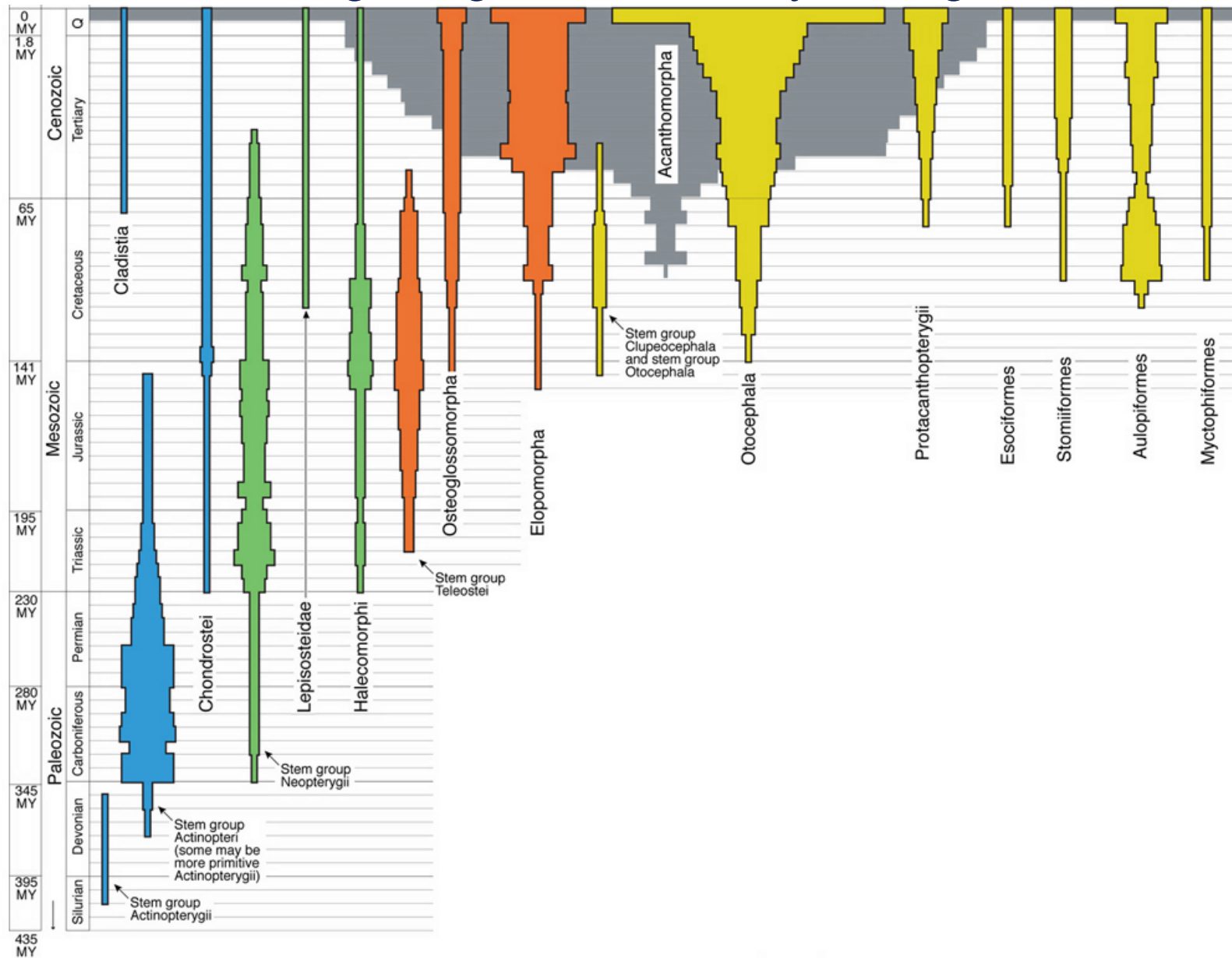
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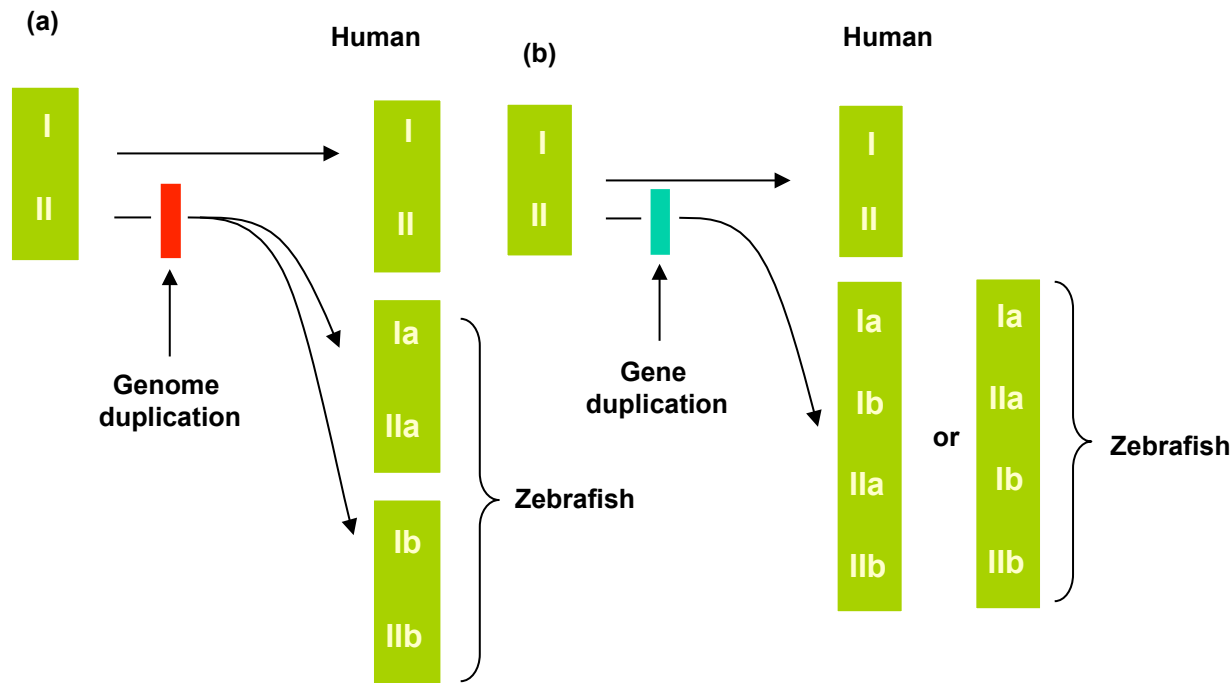
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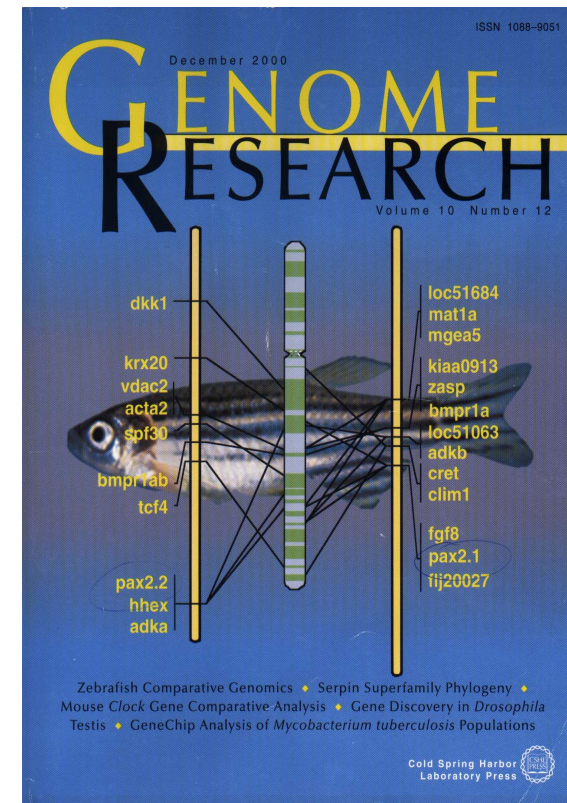
Fish: origin, age and diversity through time



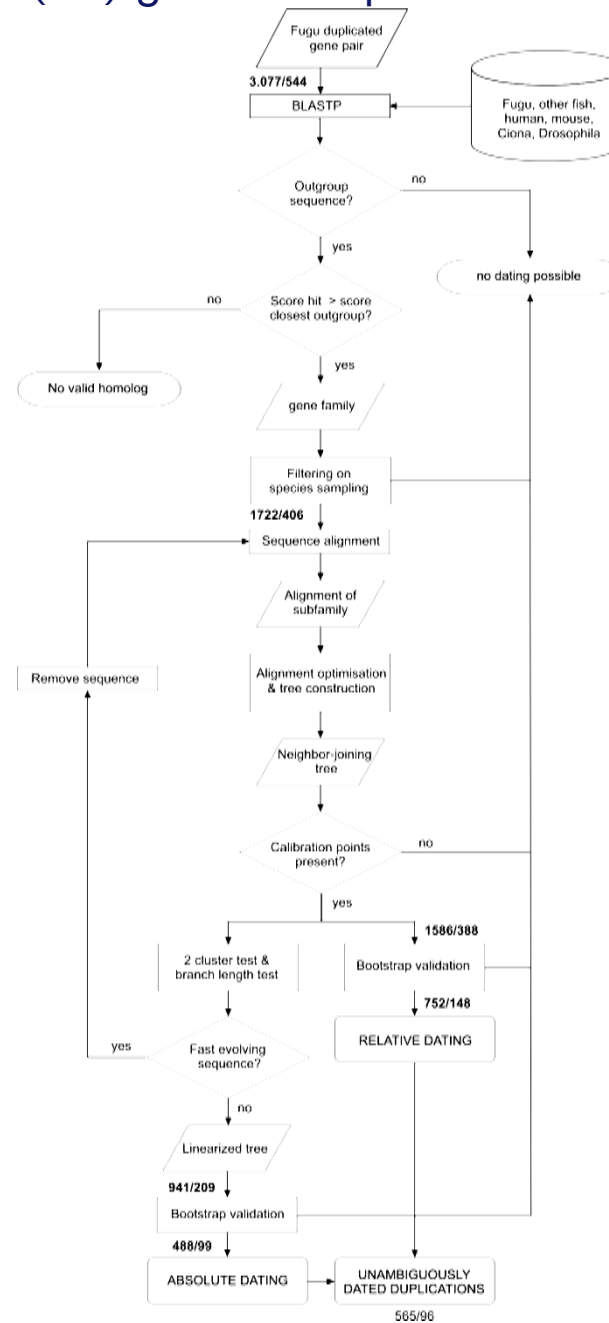
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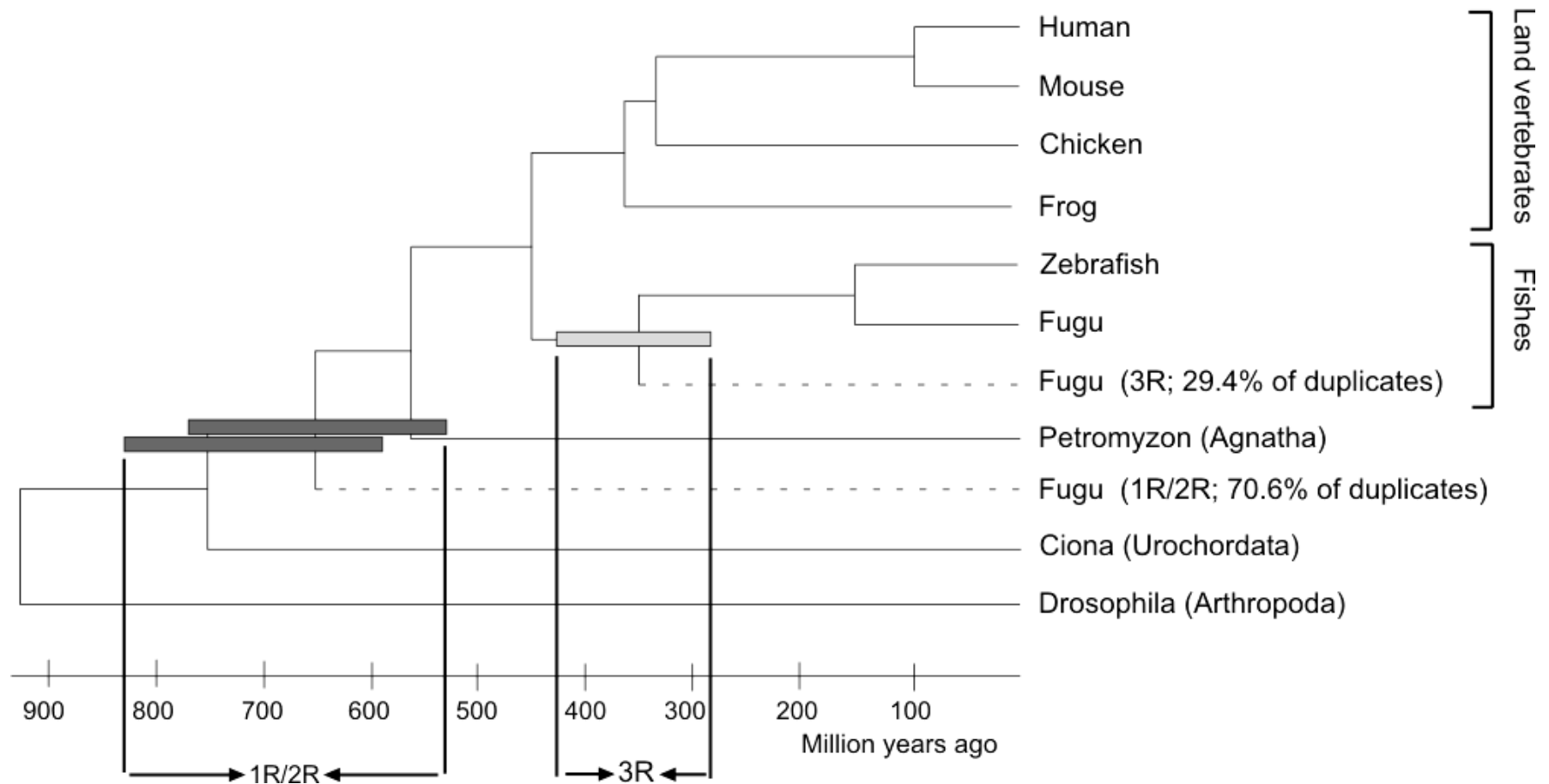
Synteny:
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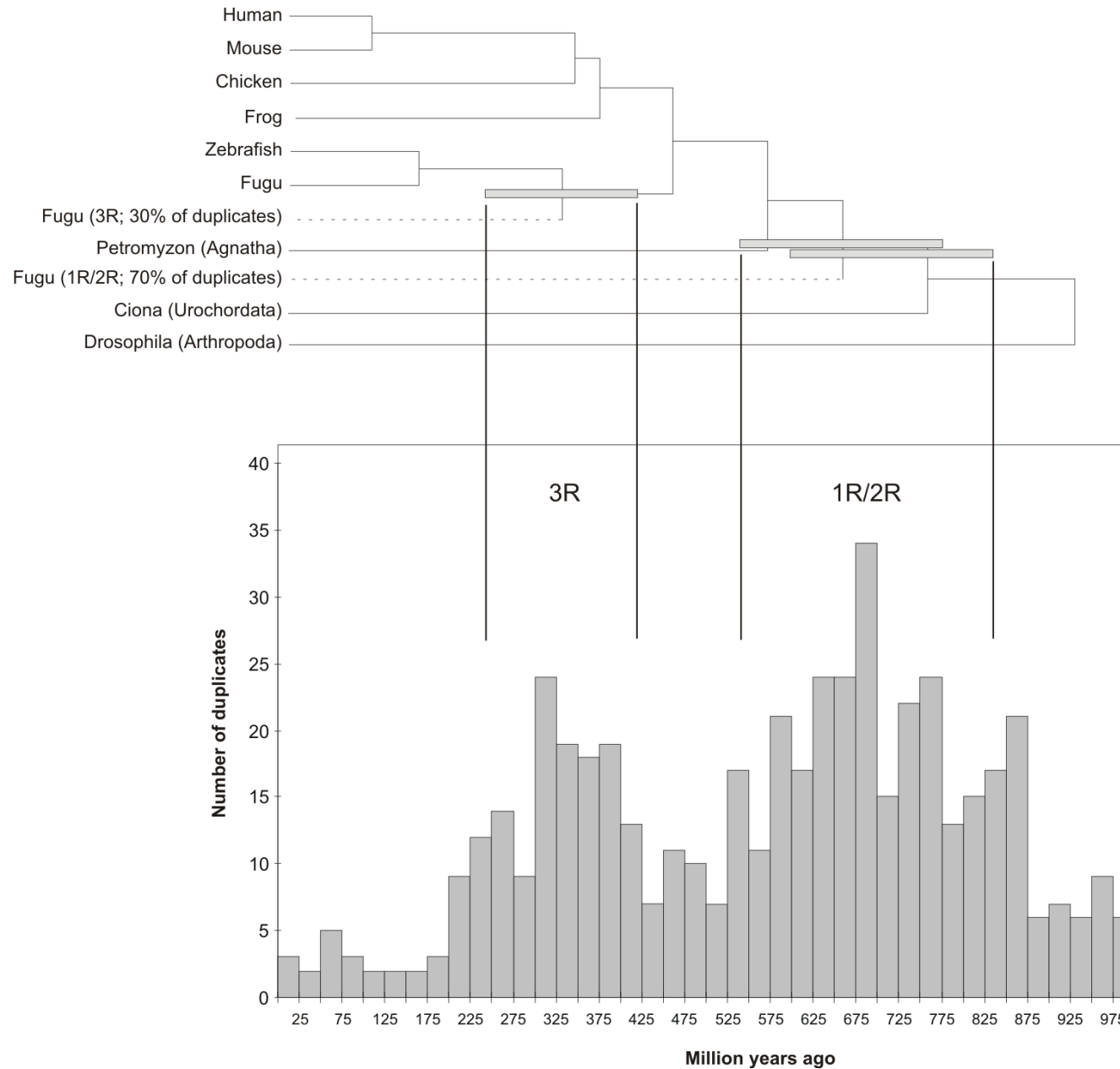
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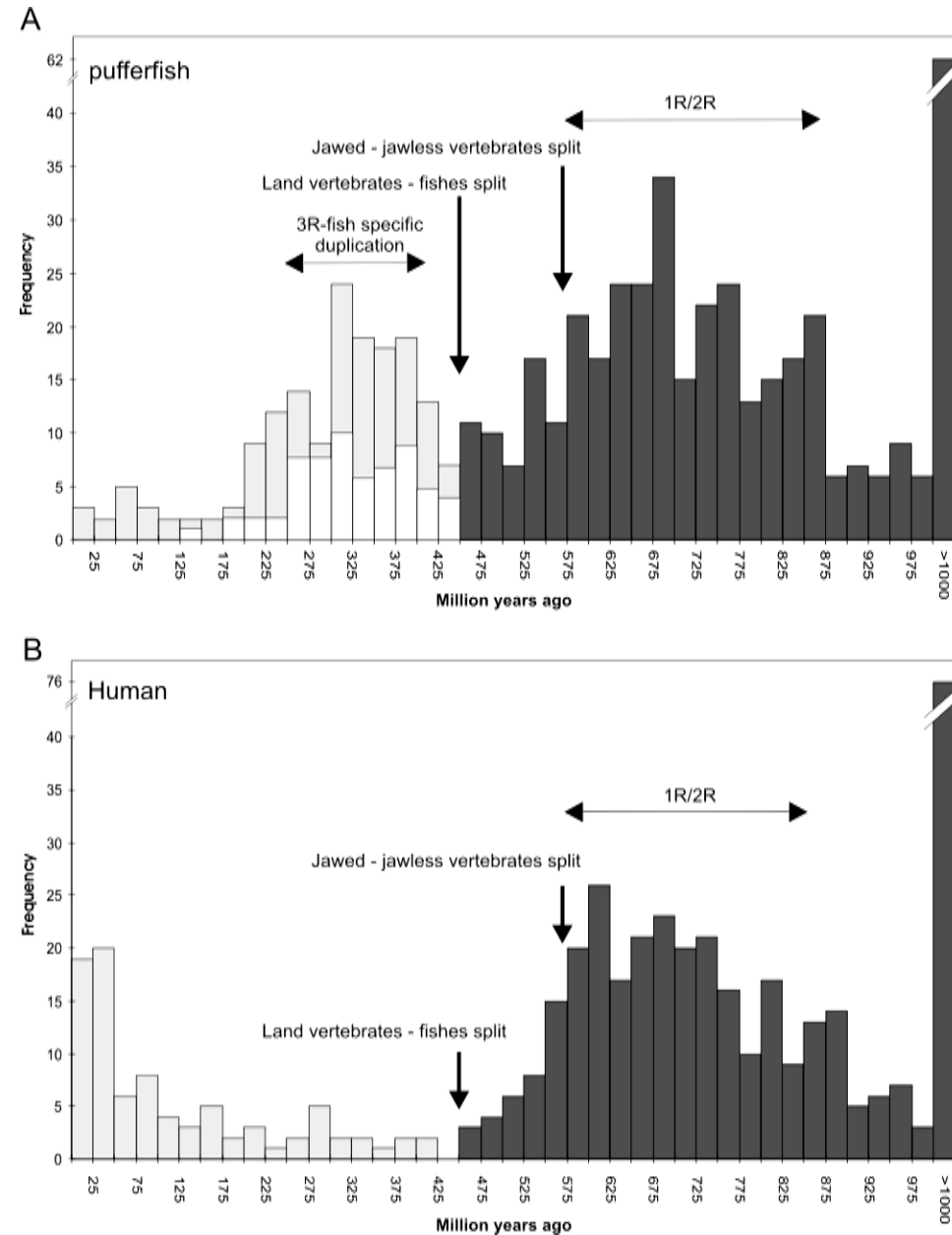
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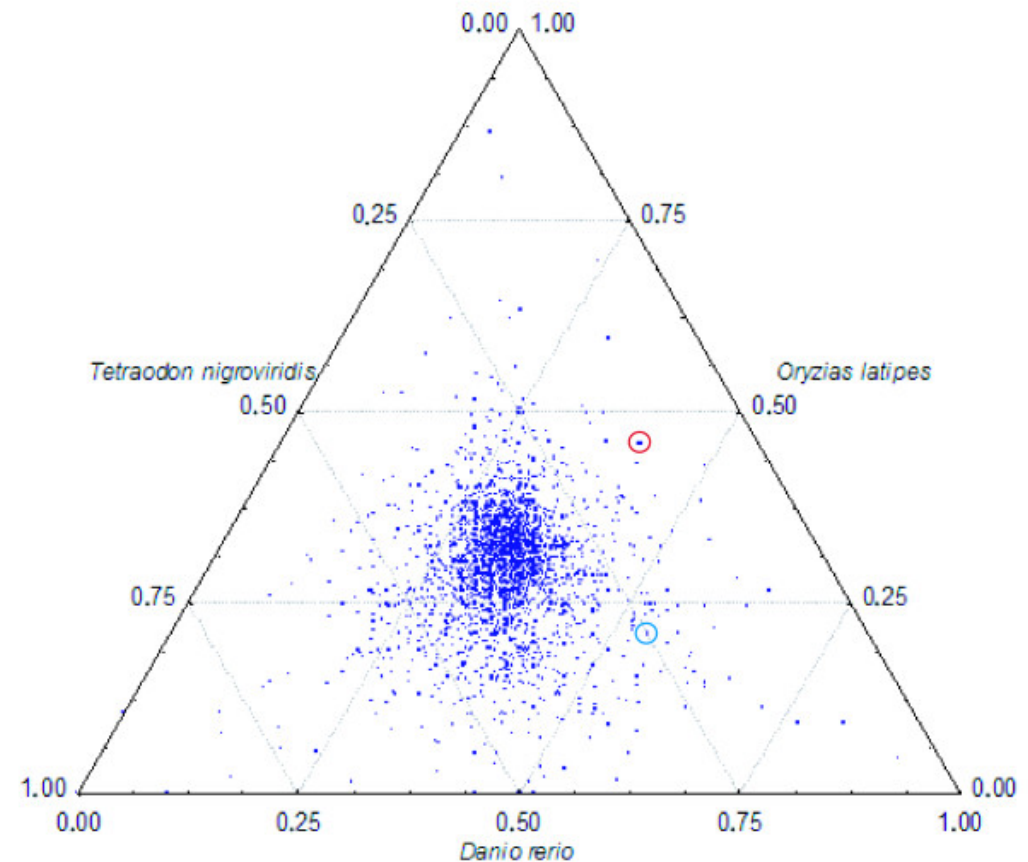
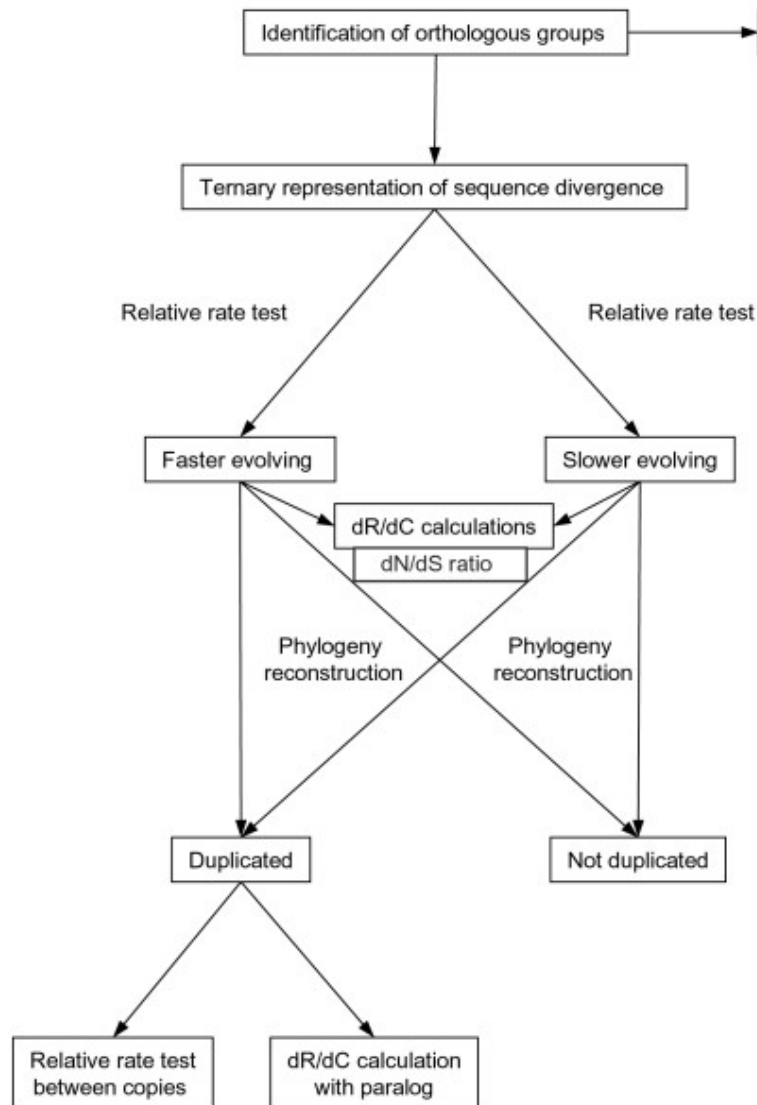
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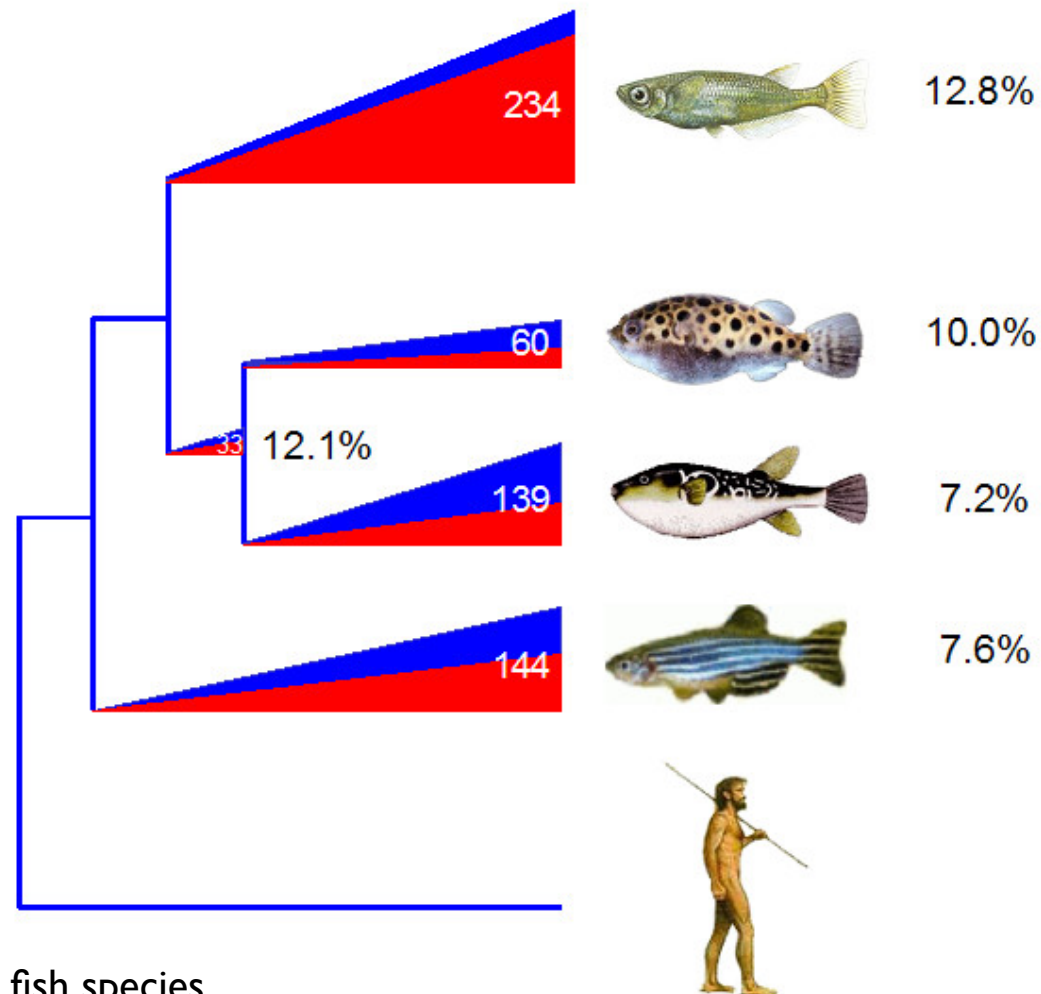
Evidence for a fish-specific (3R) genome duplication - estimated ages of duplicate genes (paralogs)



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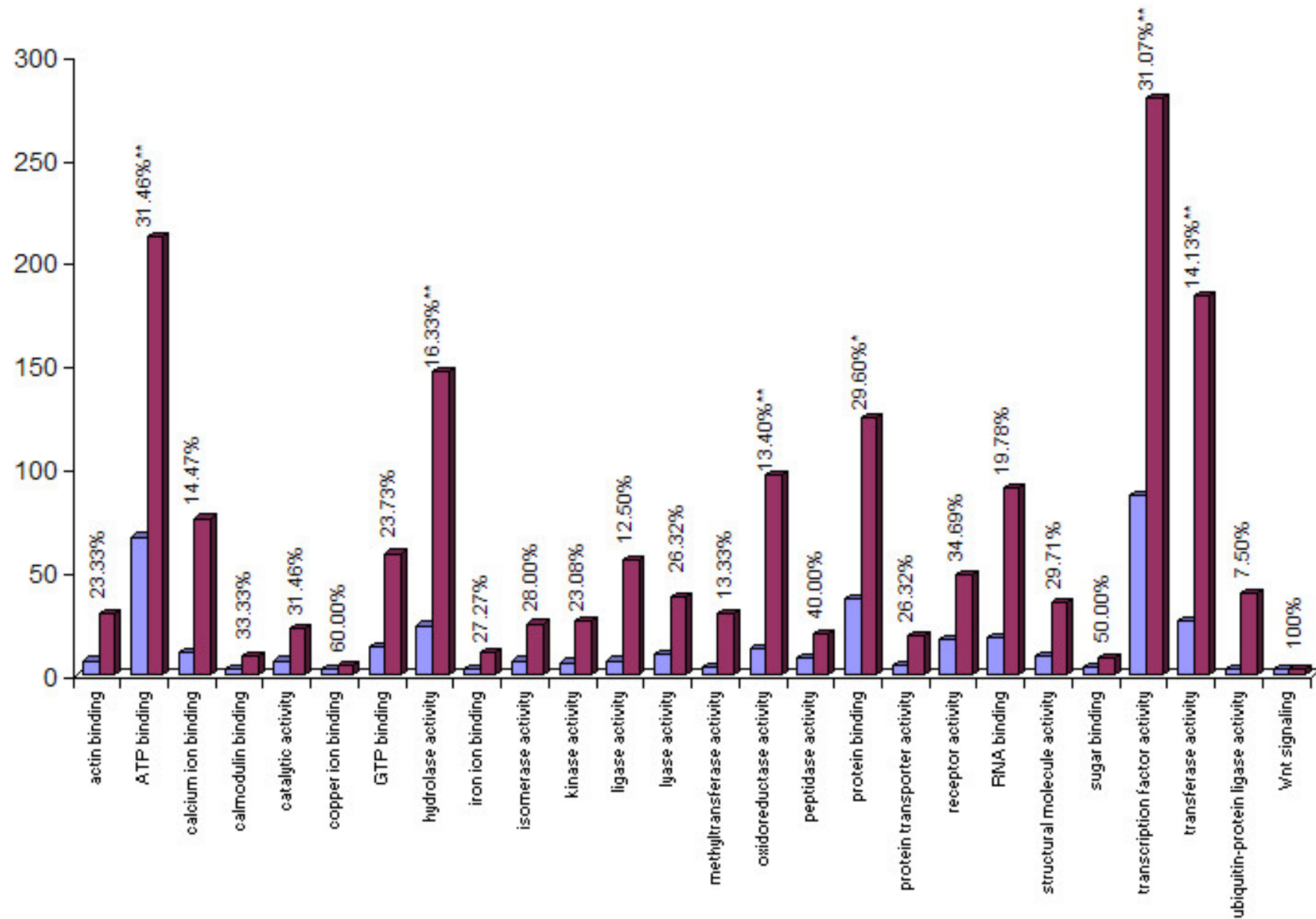
Phylogeny of the studied fish species.

The proportion of genes with significantly lower (red) or higher (blue) distance to the human ortholog than to other fish species, are mapped onto the phylogeny as proportional triangles.

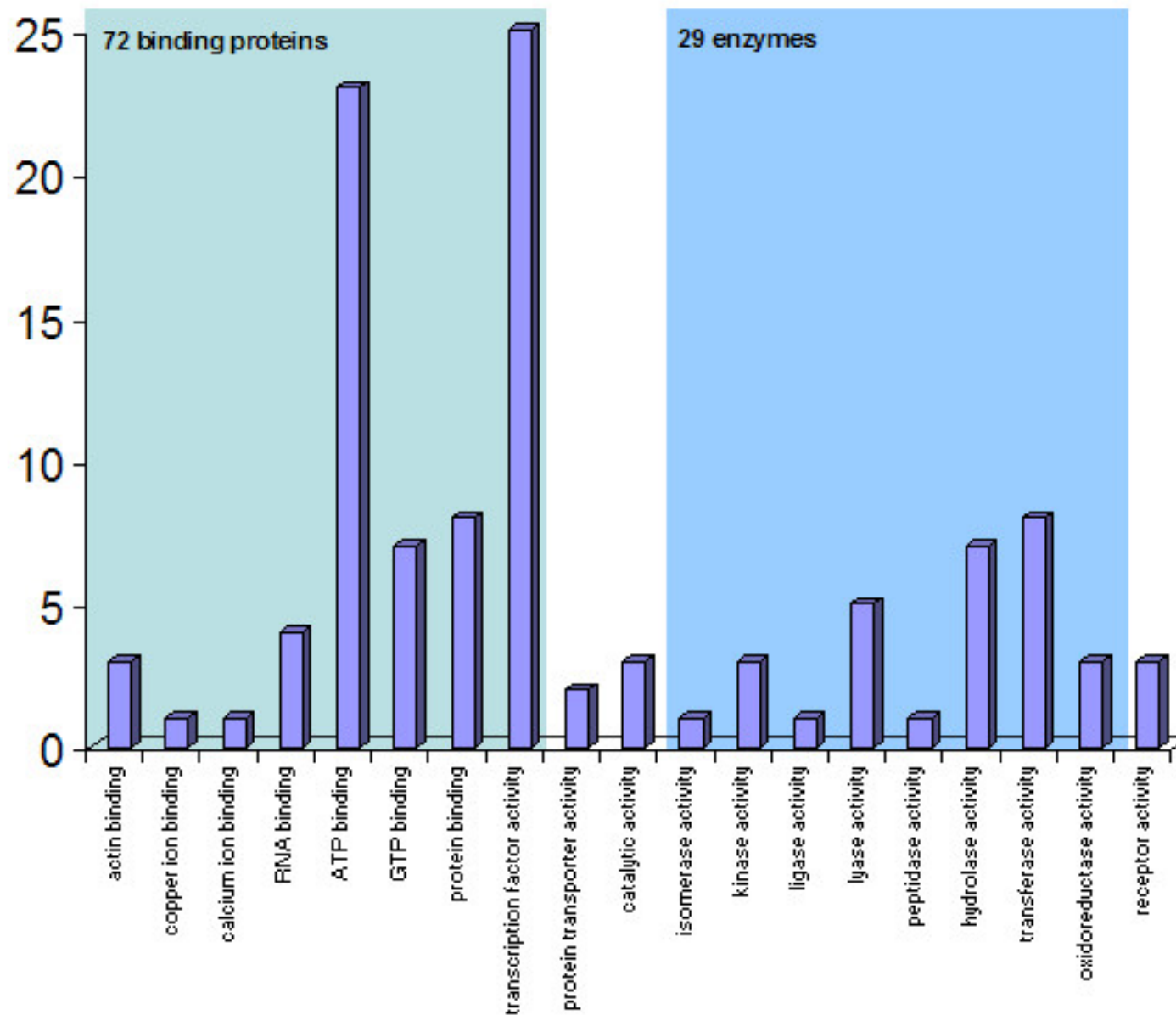
Numbers within the triangle represent the total abundance of those genes.

The percentages represent the corresponding proportion of transcription factors.

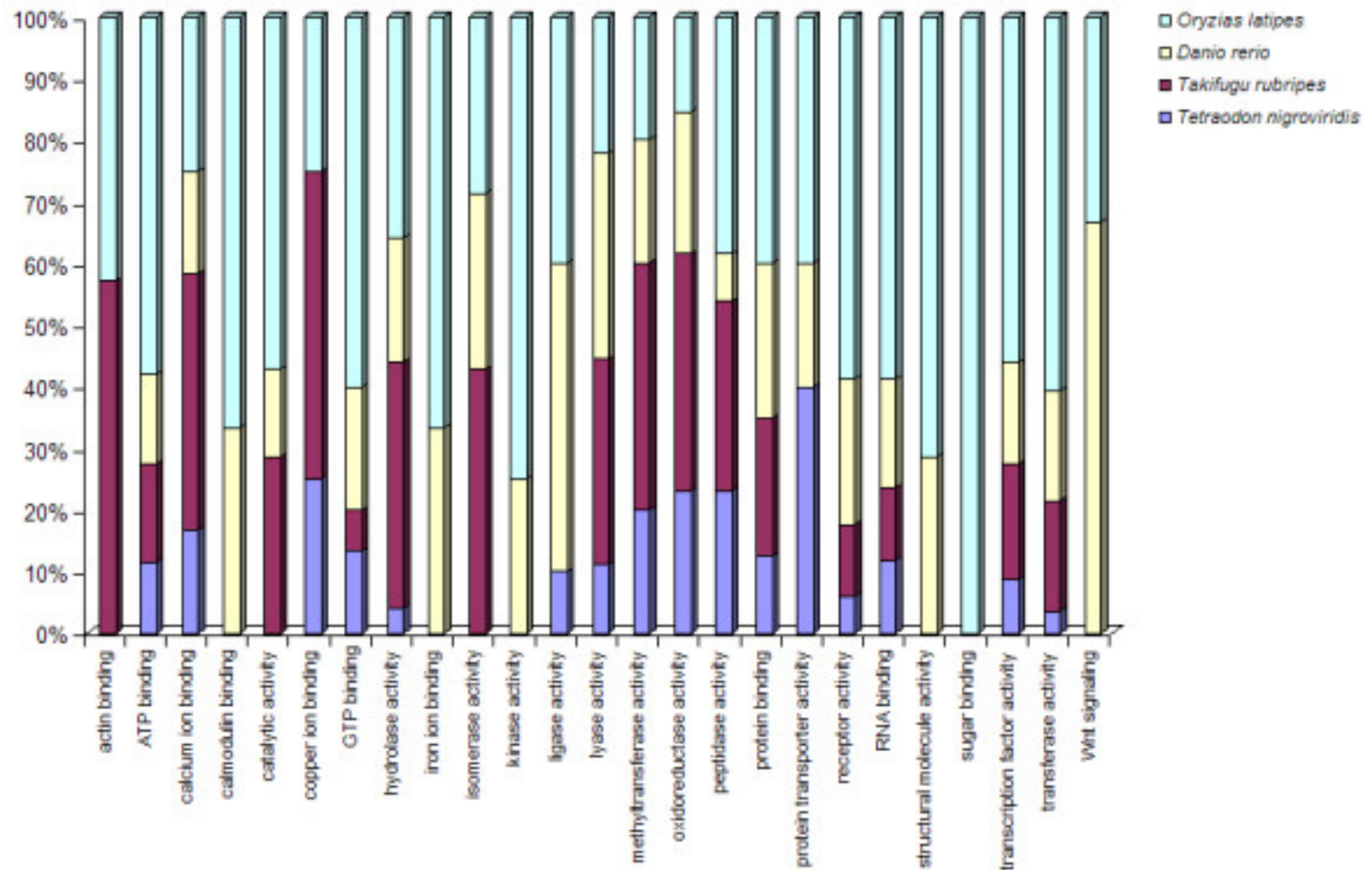
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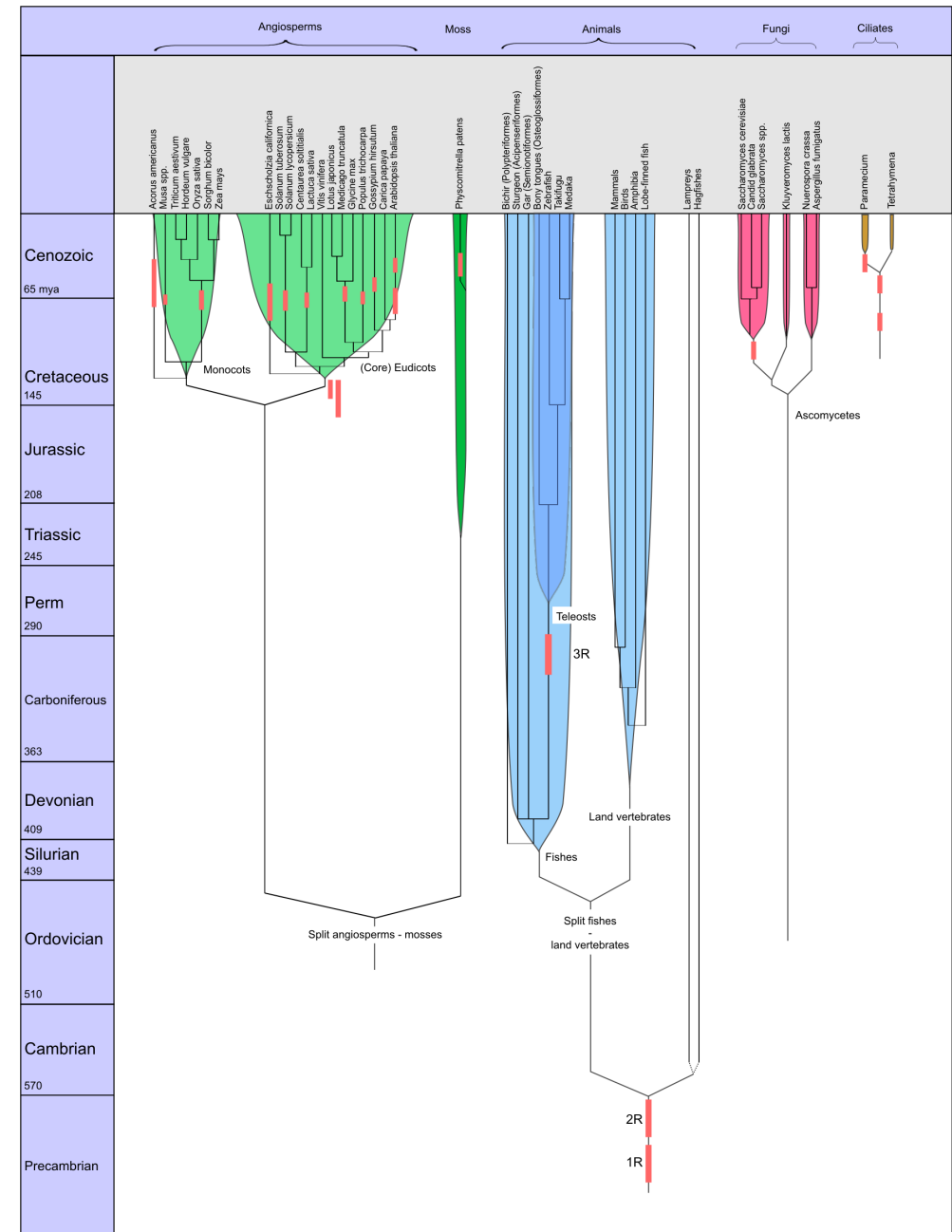
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Known genome duplications in eukaryotes



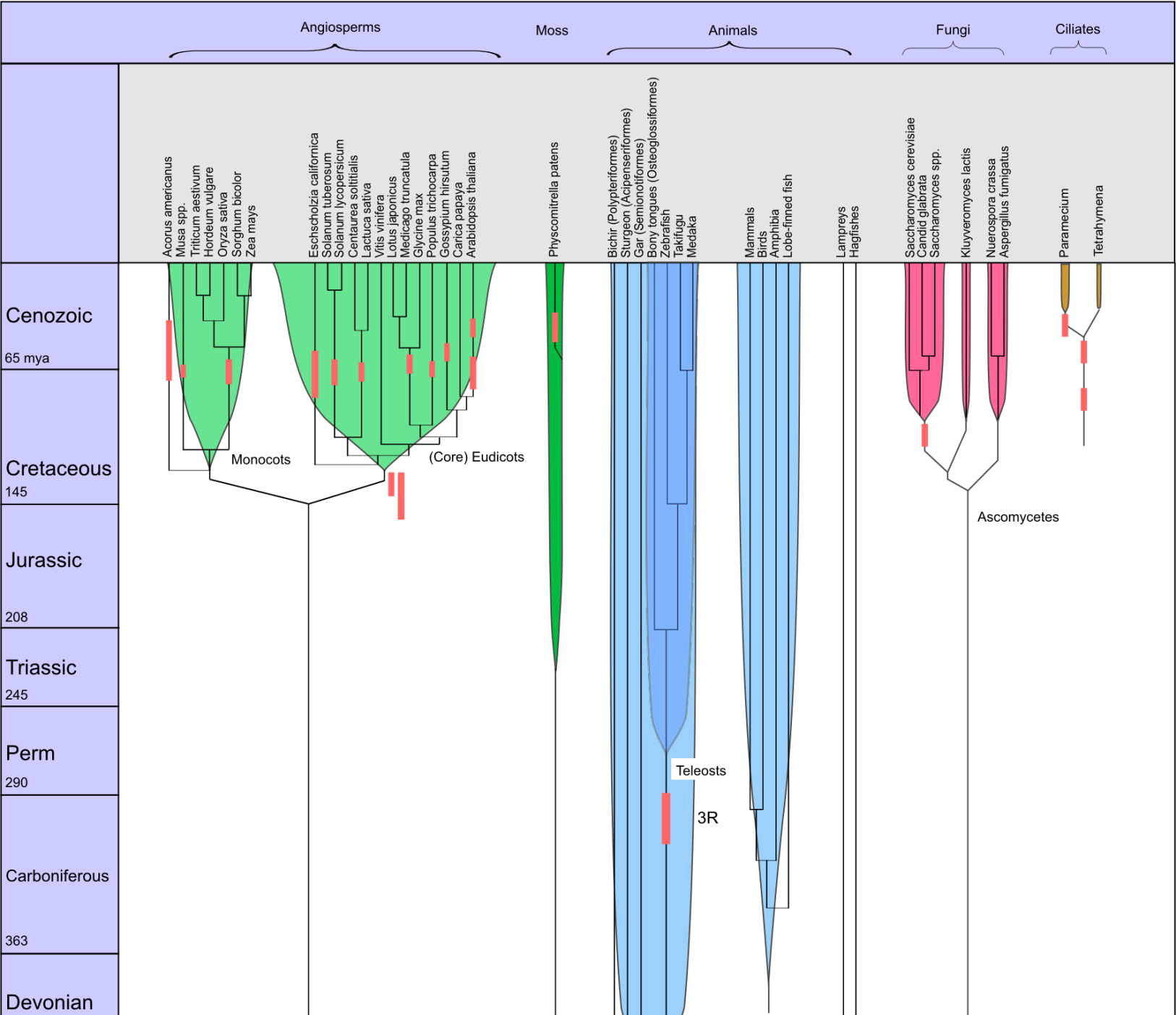
Whole genome duplications across the phylogeny of eukaryotes.

Schematic and heavily pruned phylogenetic tree of eukaryotes, showing taxa that have experienced whole genome duplications. Paleopolyploidy events are indicated as red bars, and are based on studies published previously for plants ^{6, 21, 28}, fishes ^{11, 61, 62}, vertebrates ¹²⁰, fungi ²², and ciliates ¹⁴.

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Reciprocal gene loss or subfunctionalization and speciation

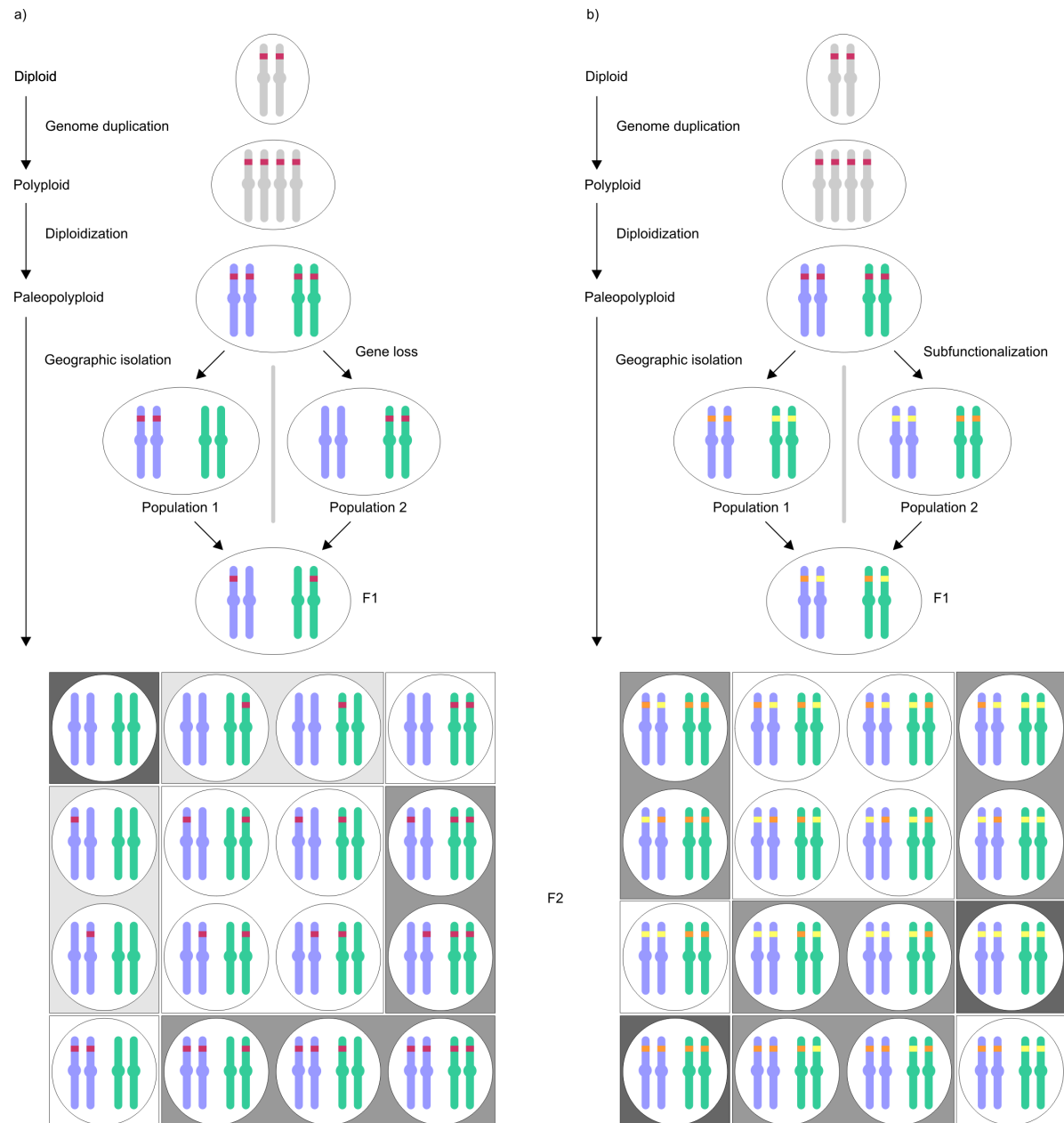


Figure 3: Reciprocal gene loss or subfunctionalization facilitates speciation. (a) Red bands on chromosomes represent a locus that is duplicated (along with all other loci) during a tetraploidization event. In this hypothetical example, following diploidization, the duplicated gene is present on two different chromosomes. After geographic isolation, both populations have lost the duplicate on different chromosomes. If individuals from isolated populations mate, their 'hybrid' progeny would be heterozygous, possessing a functional allele at each locus of the duplicated gene. However, crosses between the F1 individuals produce some (approximately 6%) 1/16th F2 individuals with only null alleles at both loci in question (black square), and therefore lacking viability and/or fertility. Others would receive from one allele (light grey squares), which might reduce functionality when a gene is haploinsufficient to three or four functional alleles (dark grey squares), which might have a negative dosage effect. All these might lead to post-mating reproductive isolation⁵². (b) Red bands again represent a locus that is duplicated during a tetraploidization event but this time, following diploidization and geographic isolation, the duplicated genes in the different populations have subfunctionalized (orange and yellow bands on chromosomes). Hybrids between the two populations should in general develop normally but in the F2, a portion of their offspring will be homozygous for alleles lacking one essential subfunction (1/16th of the F2) or the other (another 1/16th) (black squares), thus reducing the fitness of hybridizing individuals. Other F2 individuals might, as in (a) show reduced fitness due to dosage of haploinsufficiency effects.

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