

Supplementary figures for the article: "Quantitative
characterisation of iridescent colours in biological studies: a
novel method using optical theory"

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Schematic representation of the goniometer used in this study

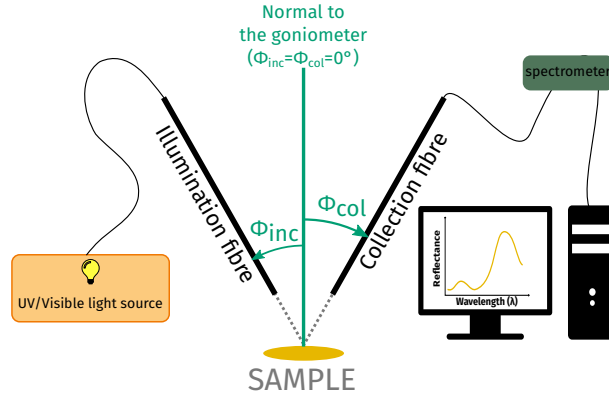


Figure 1: Schematic representation of a goniometer with the illumination and collection fibres and their angle with the normal to the sample Φ_{inc} and Φ_{col} . The sign of Φ_{inc} and Φ_{col} is figured by an arrow pointing towards the positive rotation direction.

Range of parameters estimated for hummingbirds and butterflies

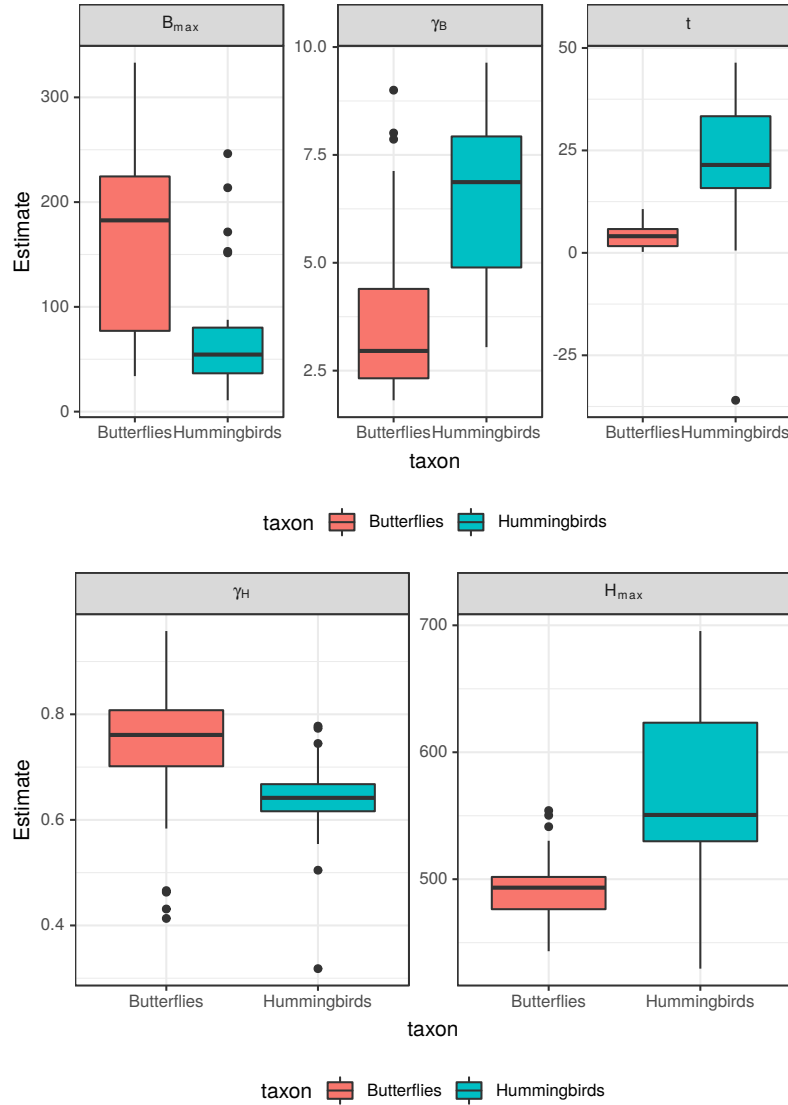


Figure 2: Both hummingbirds and butterflies display a large diversity of hues and brightness, as well as angle dependency in hue and brightness. The butterflies species we measured tend to have multilayer structure parallel to the sample surface (no tilt), which is not the case for hummingbird. The outlier for tilt in hummingbirds is the back of *Aglaeactis cupripennis*.

Tests for correlation between iridescence parameters

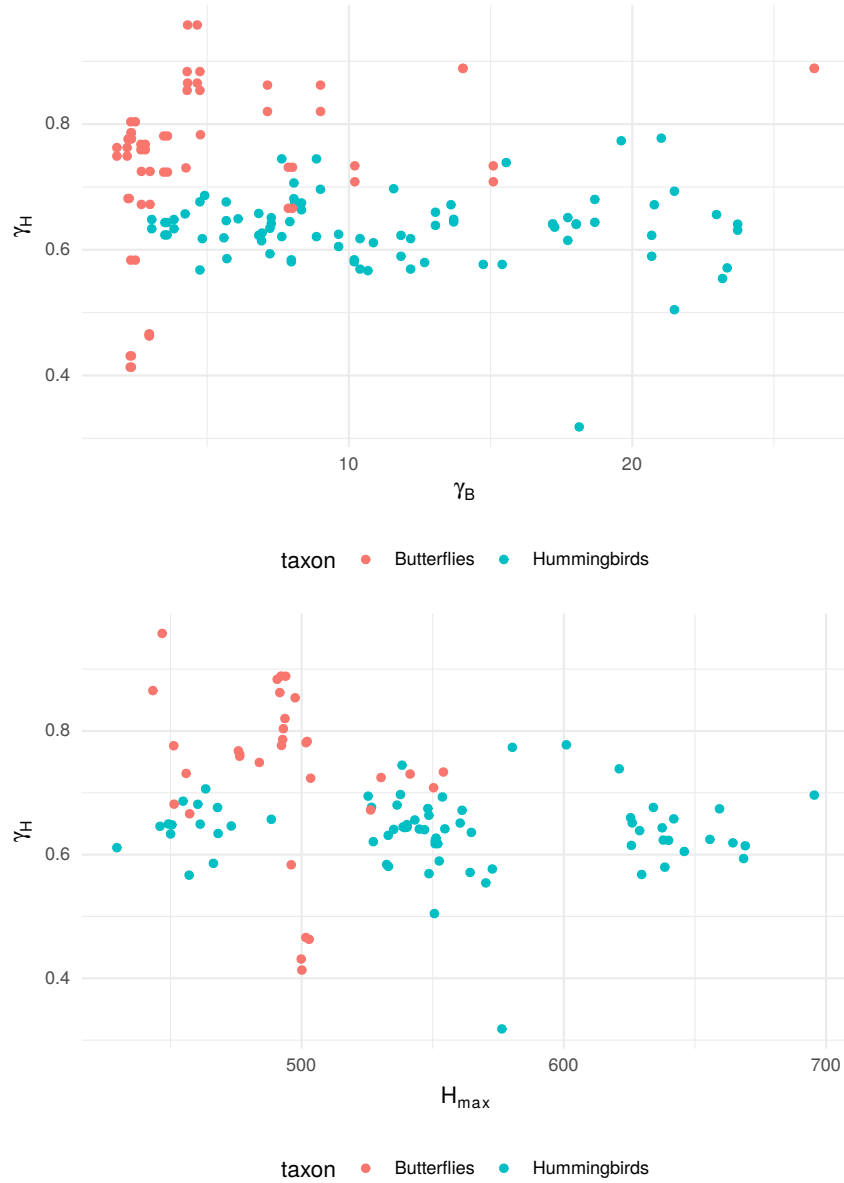


Figure 3: No correlation between hue and brightness angular dependency (γ_H and γ_B respectively) or between hue dependency and hue at a given angle (γ_H and H_{max}).