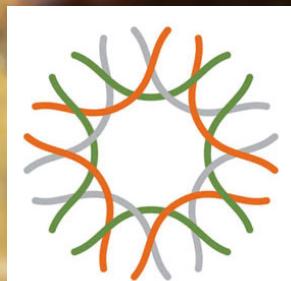




Historical biogeography and biodiversity dynamics of Ponerine ants

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22%

Myrmicinae
7,200 sp.
48%

Ponerinae
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10%

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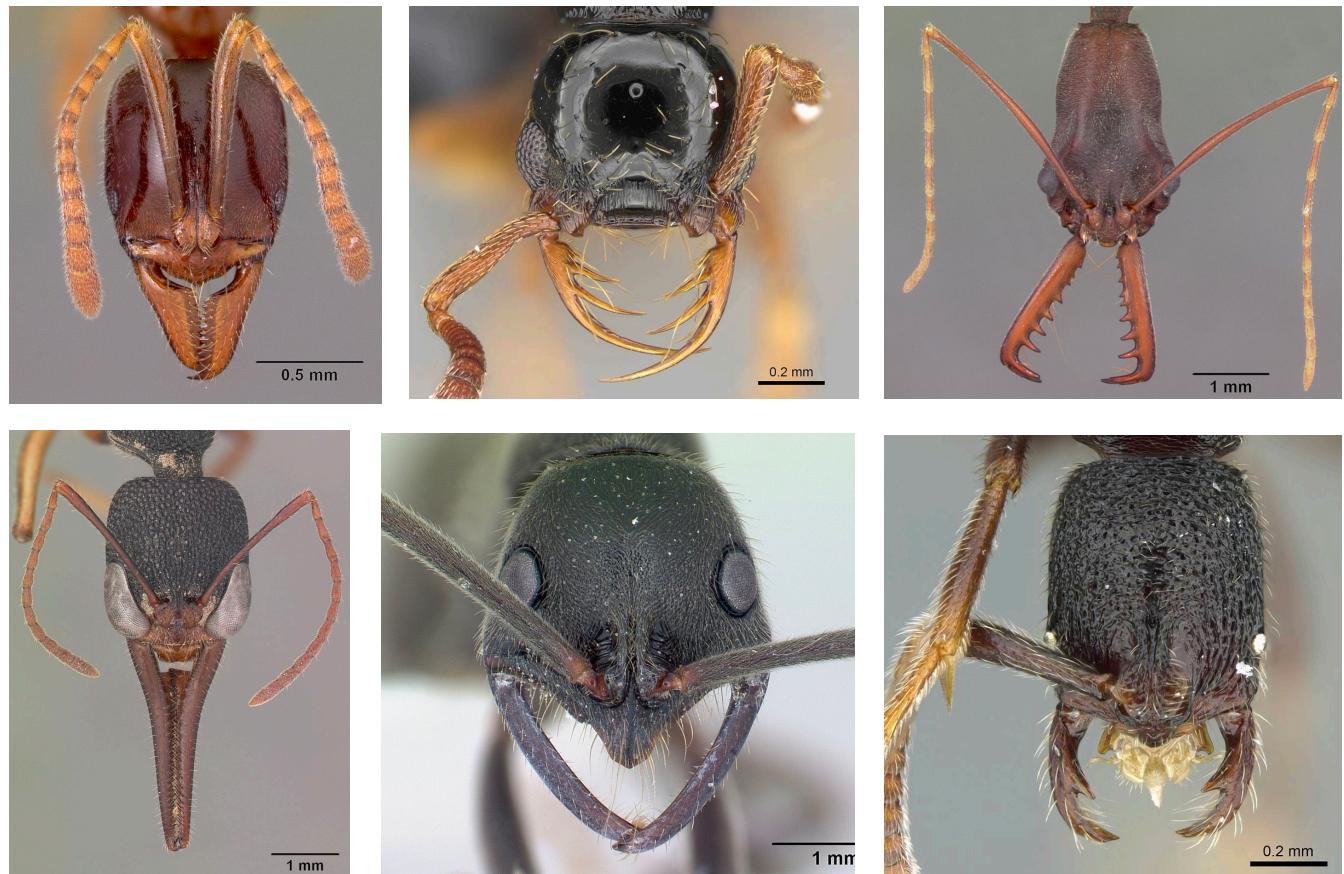
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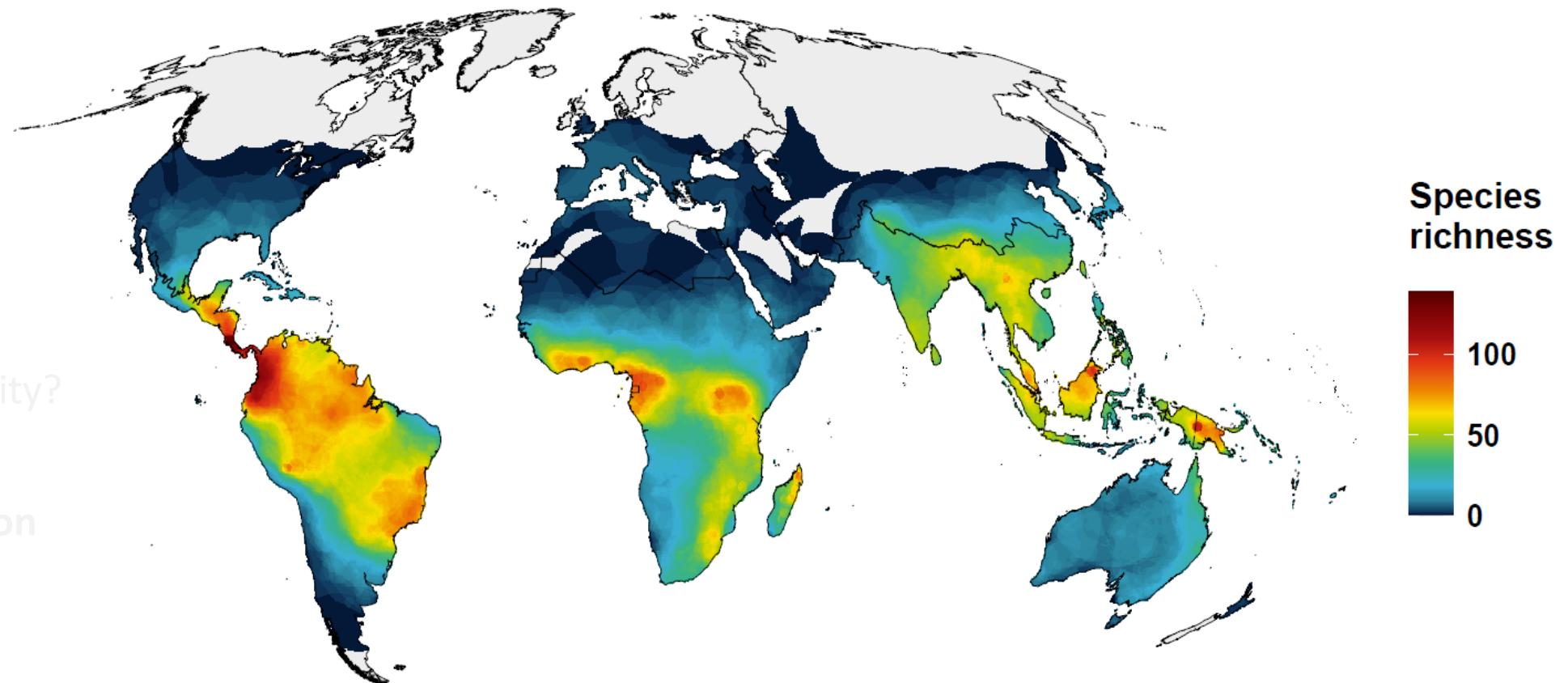


Dinoponera gigantea in Belem, Brazil
Up to 40 mm

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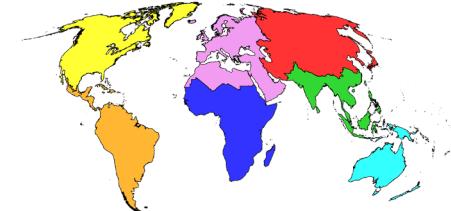
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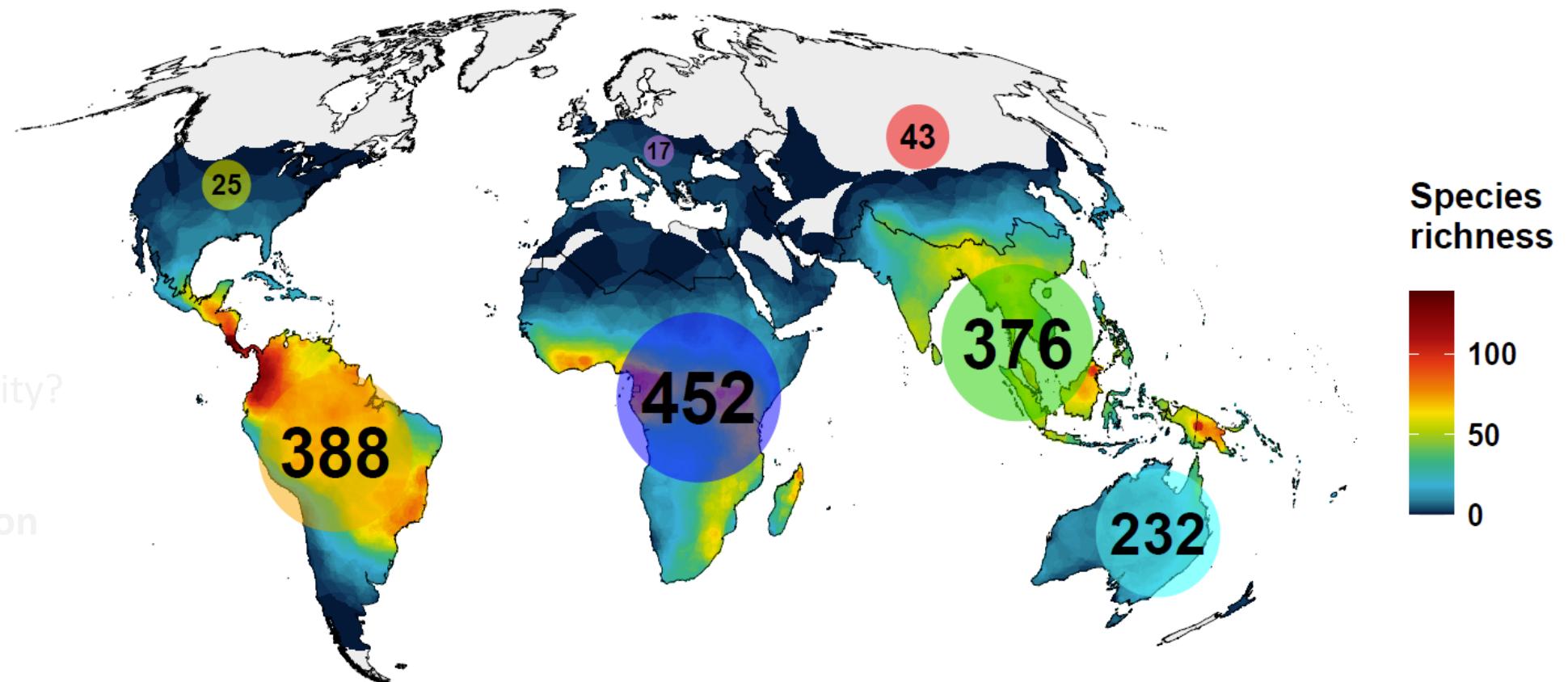
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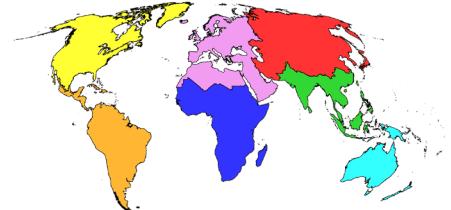
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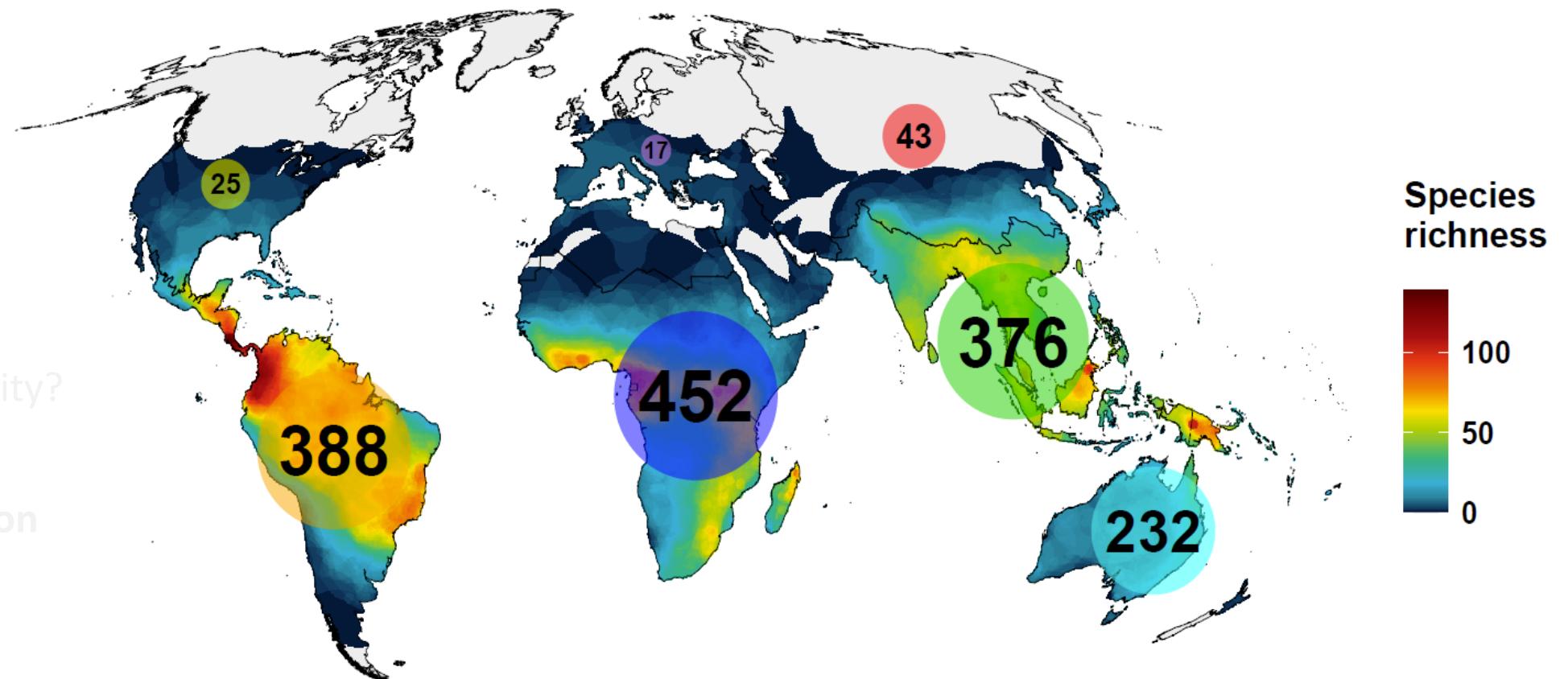
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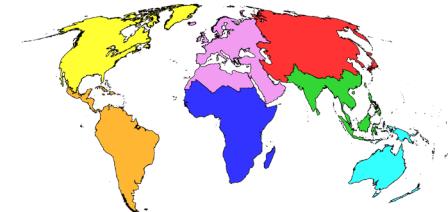
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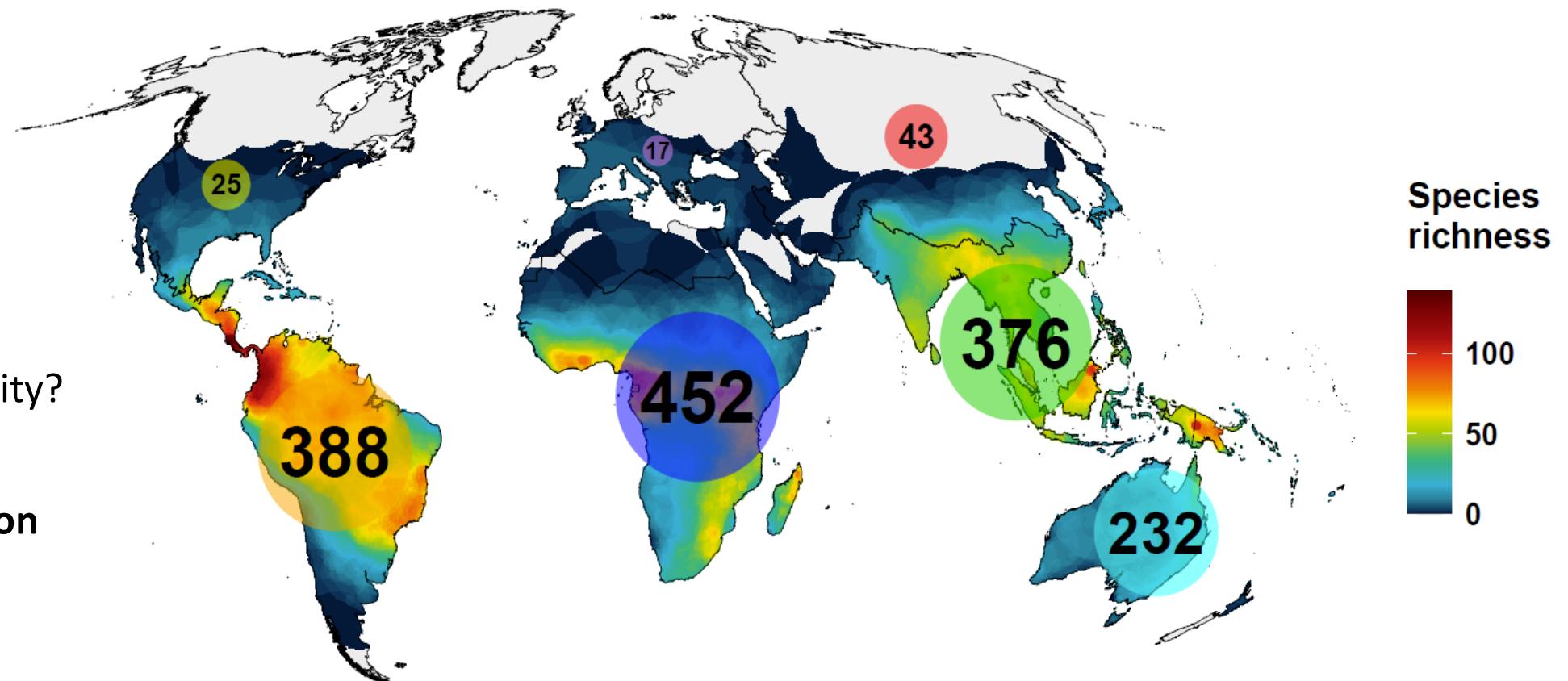
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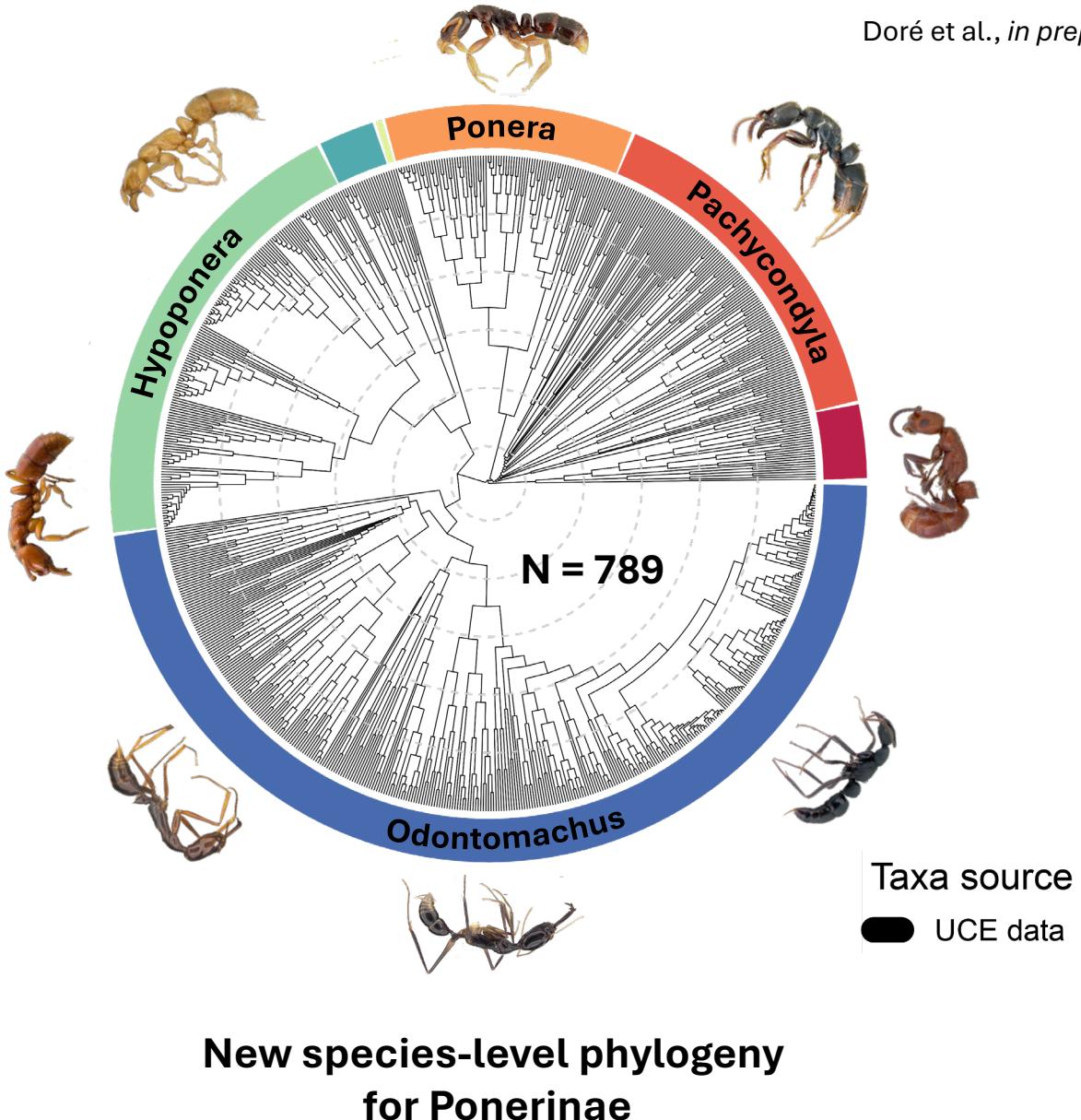
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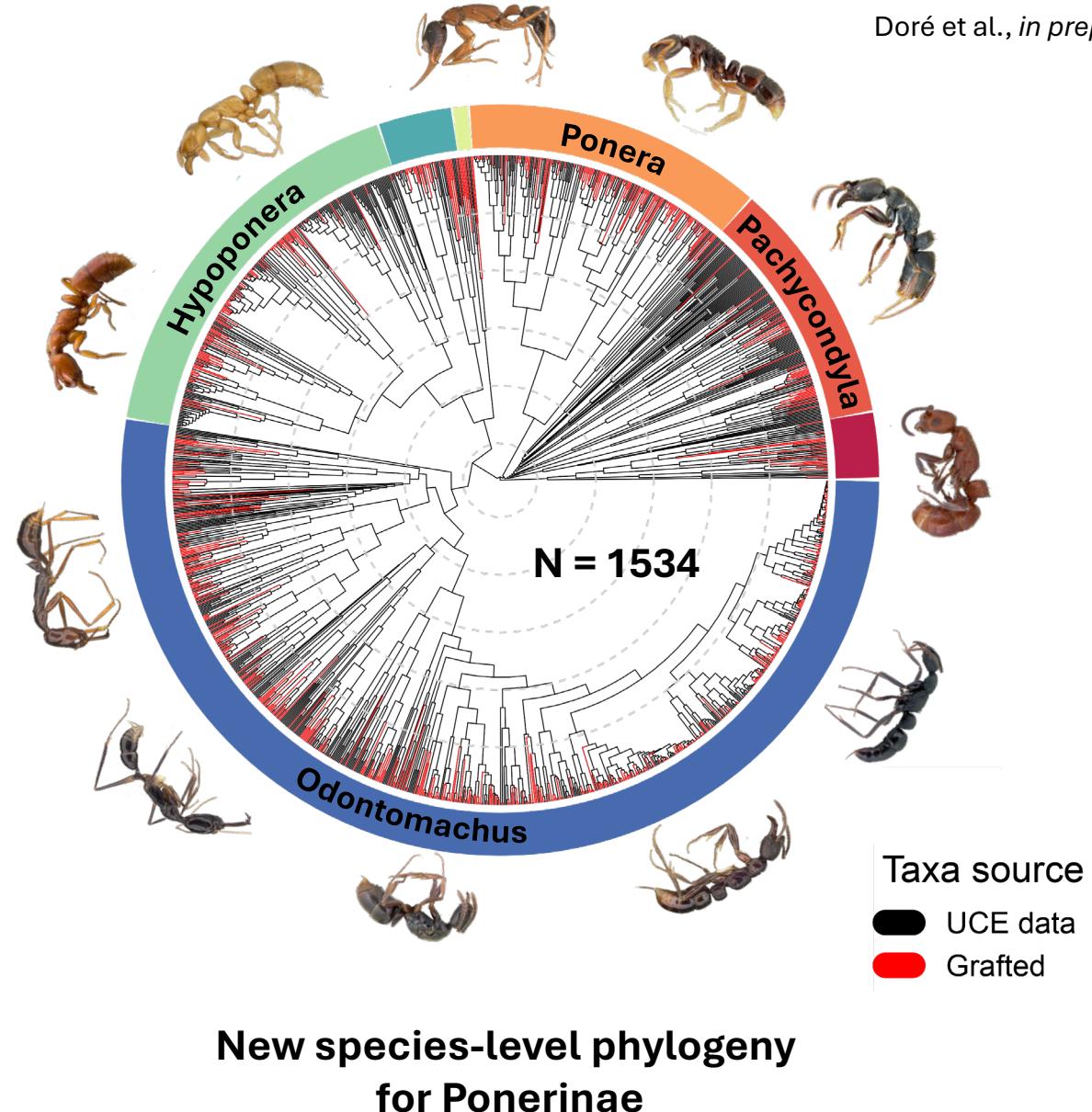
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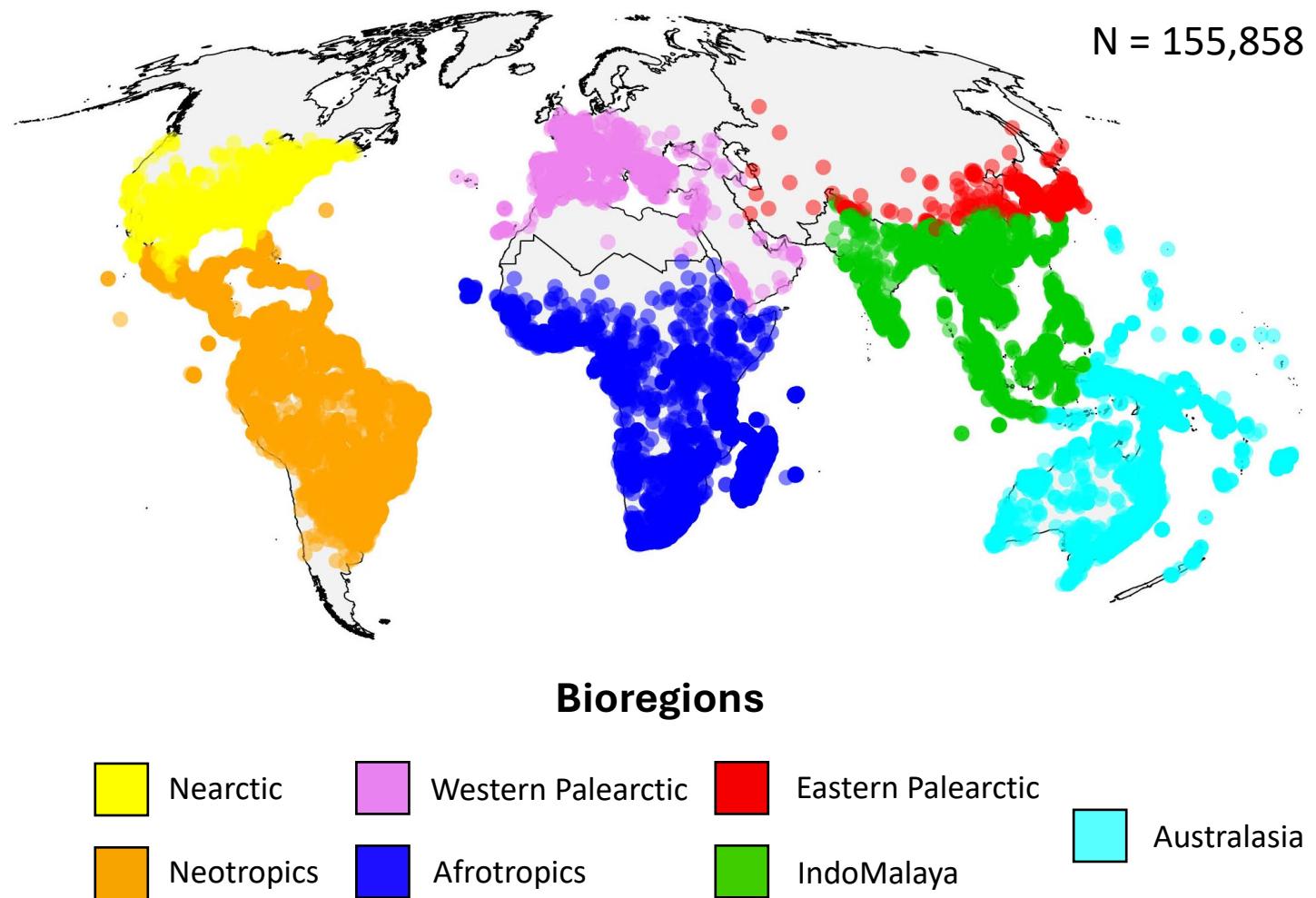
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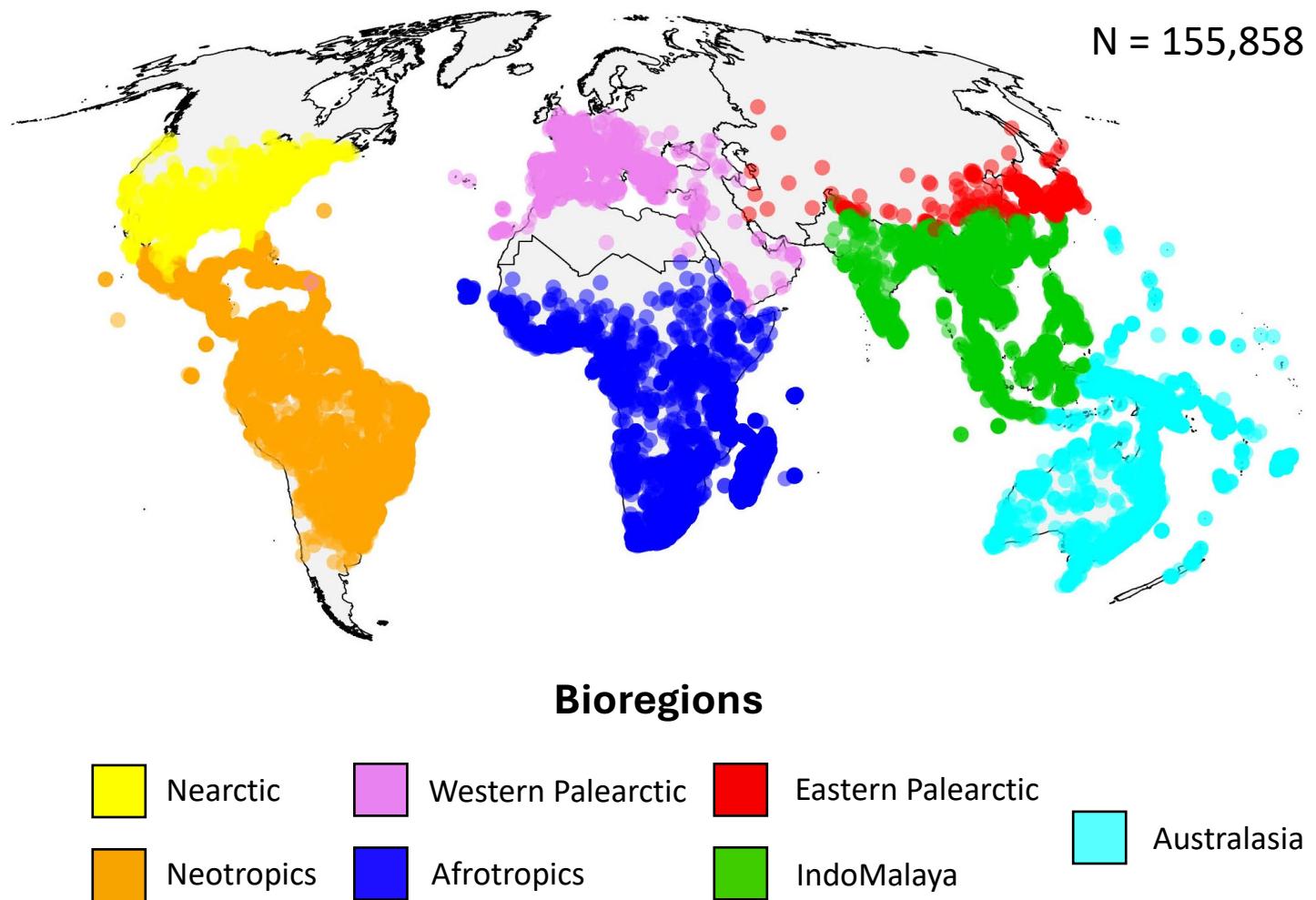
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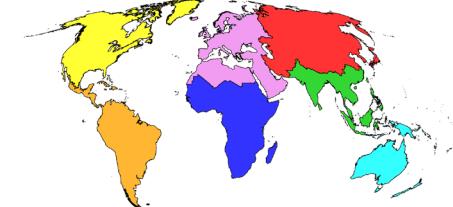
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BioGeoBEARS framework:

- DIVALIKE, DEC, DIVALIKE + J, DEC + J
- Model selection based on AICc
- Best model = **Time-stratified DEC + J**

Model of continental connectivity

Ancestral Range Estimates (ARE):

- Marginal likelihoods of node ranges

Biogeographic Stochastic Mapping (BSM):

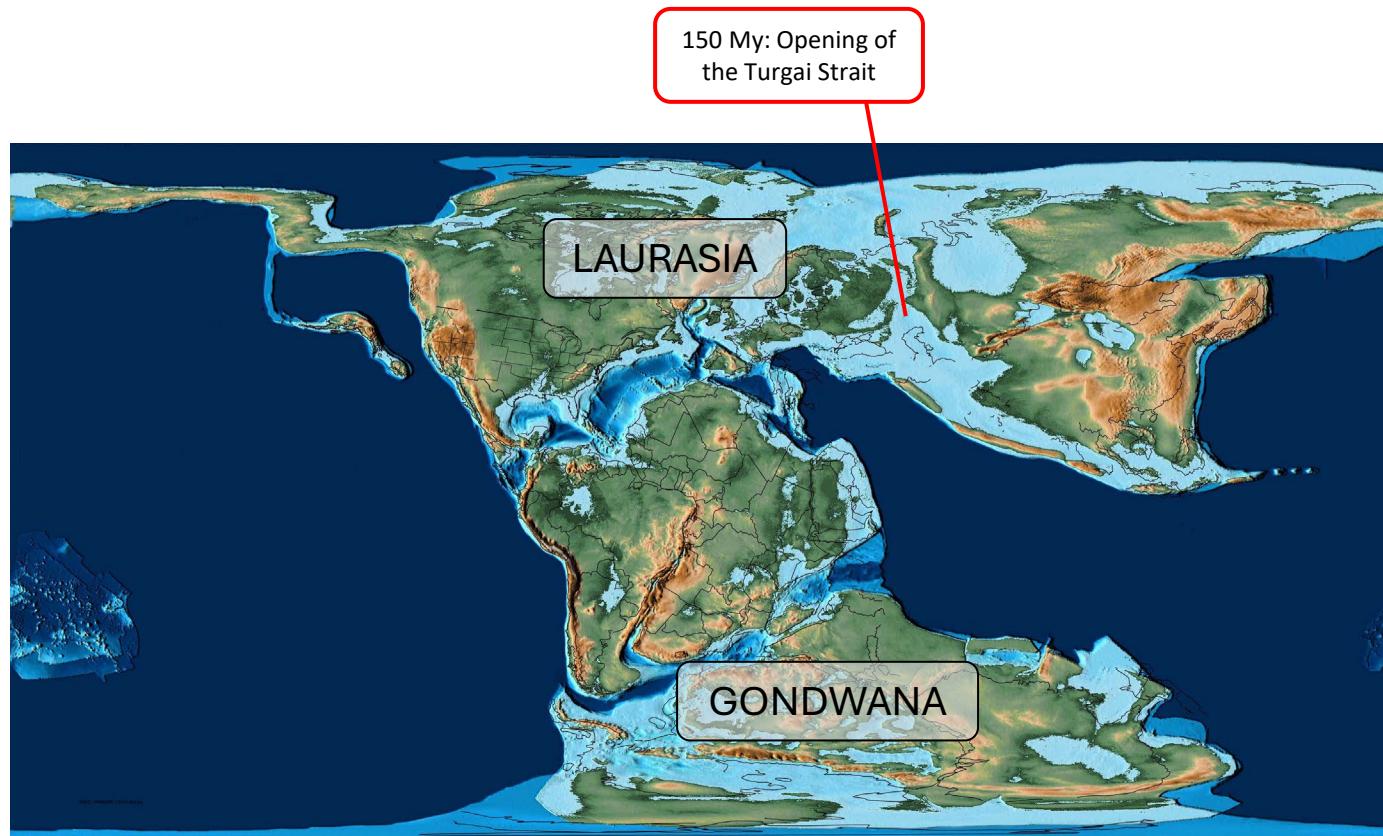
- Simulation of biogeographic histories compatible with ancestral ranges estimates
- Summary statistics across 1000 BSM

Model comparison

	DEC+J	DIVALIKE+J	DIVALIKE	DEC
logLk	-2154	-2205	-4391	-4467
# params	3	3	2	2
AICc	4313	4416	8787	8939
Δ AICc	0	103	4474	4626
Akaike weights	100 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
d	0.007	0.008	0.030	0.024
e	0.000	0.000	0.019	0.020
y	0.994	0.991	1.000	1.000
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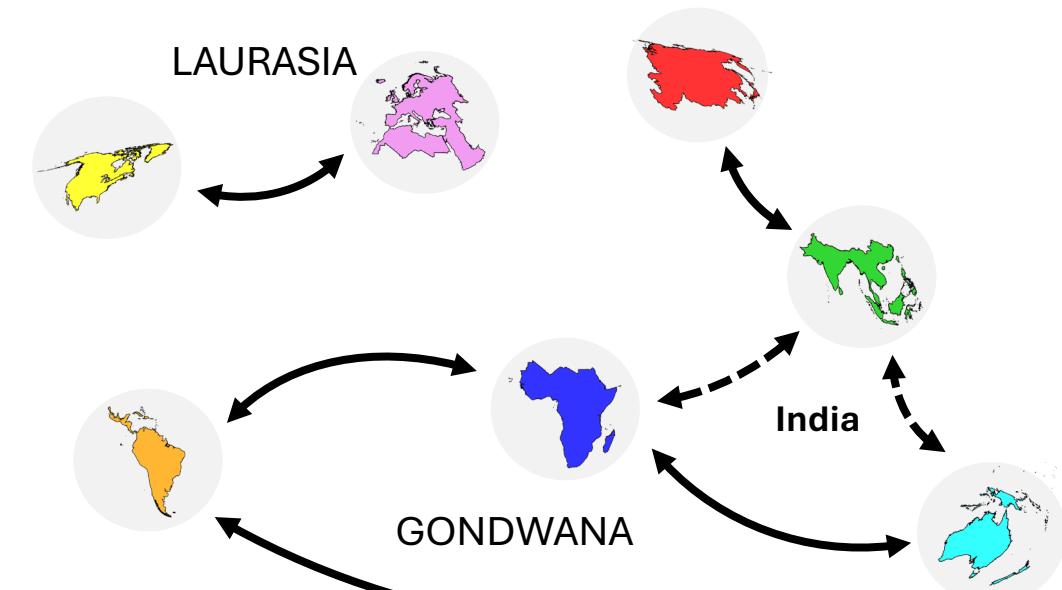
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Early Cretaceous

145.0 My



Early Cretaceous

Late Cretaceous

Paleo.

Eocene

Oligo.

Miocene

PPHo

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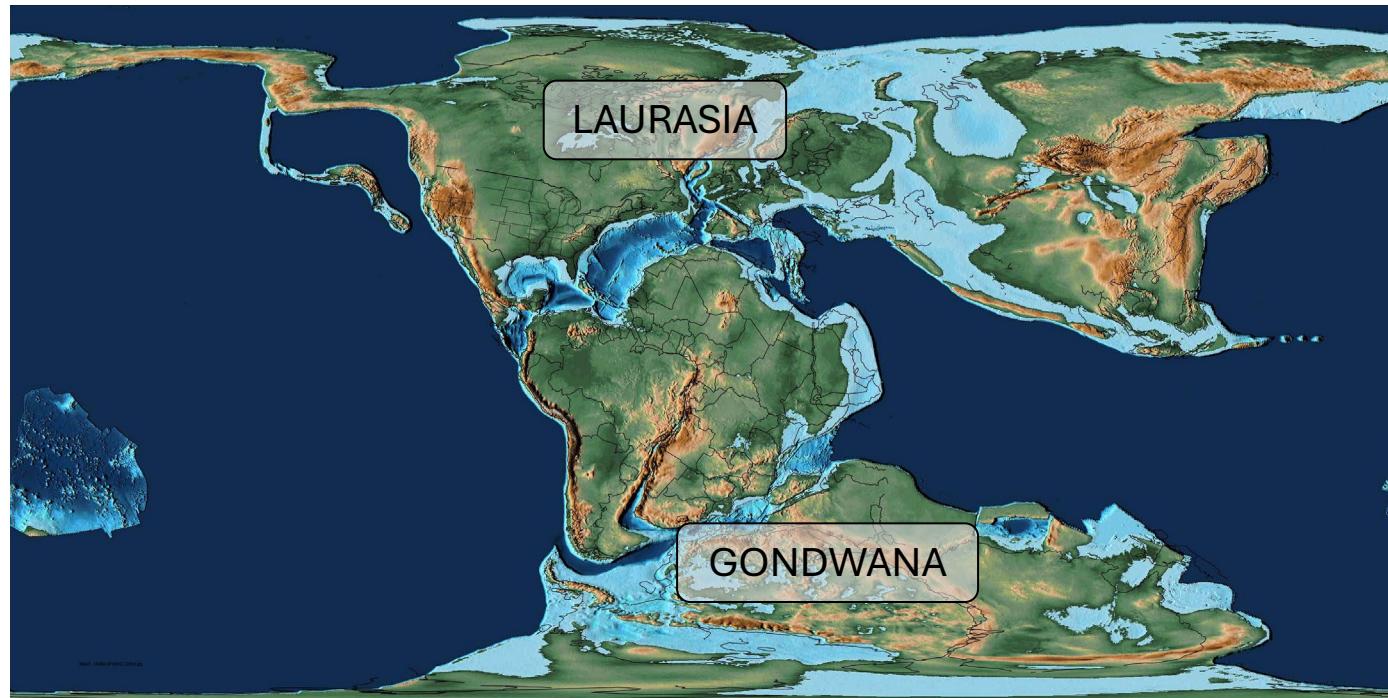
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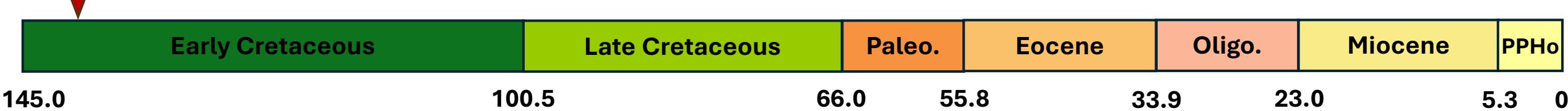
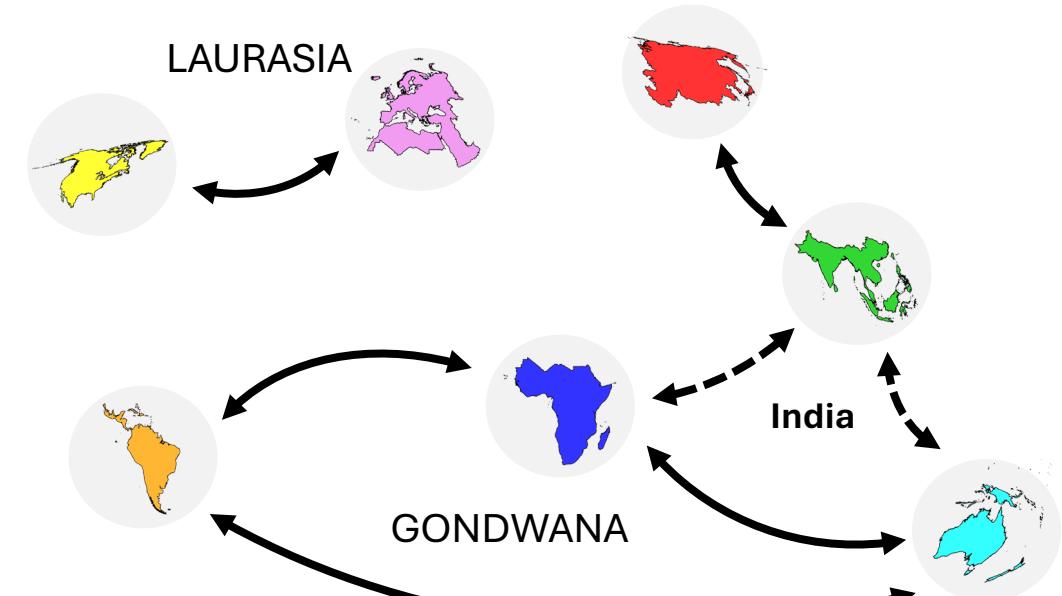
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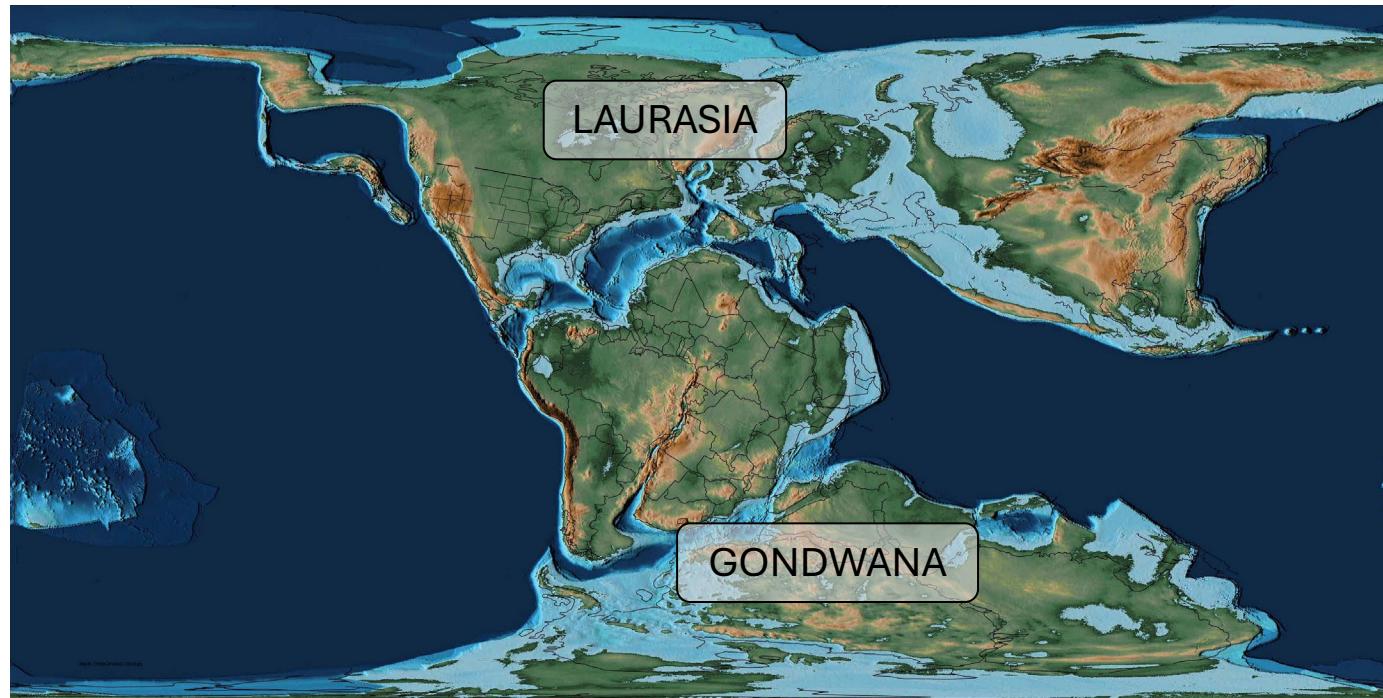


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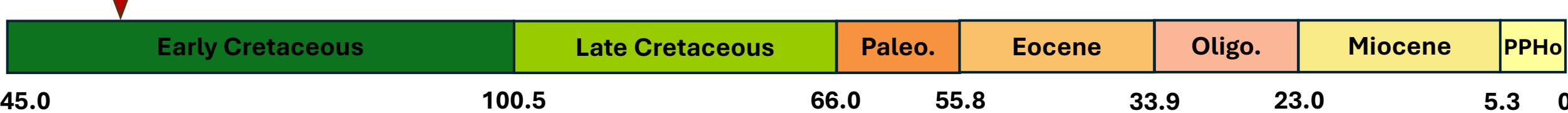
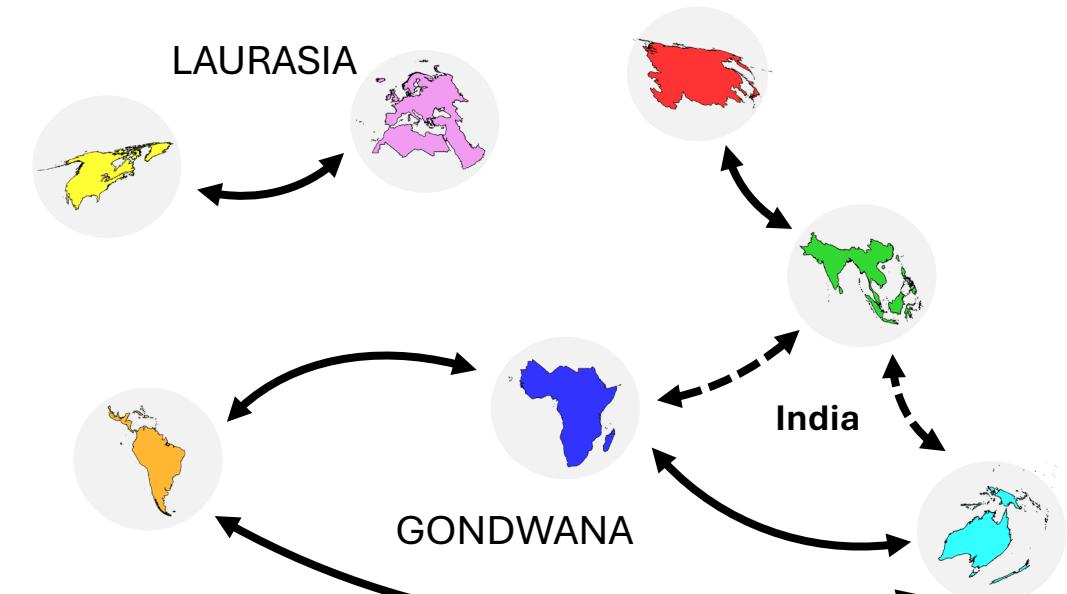


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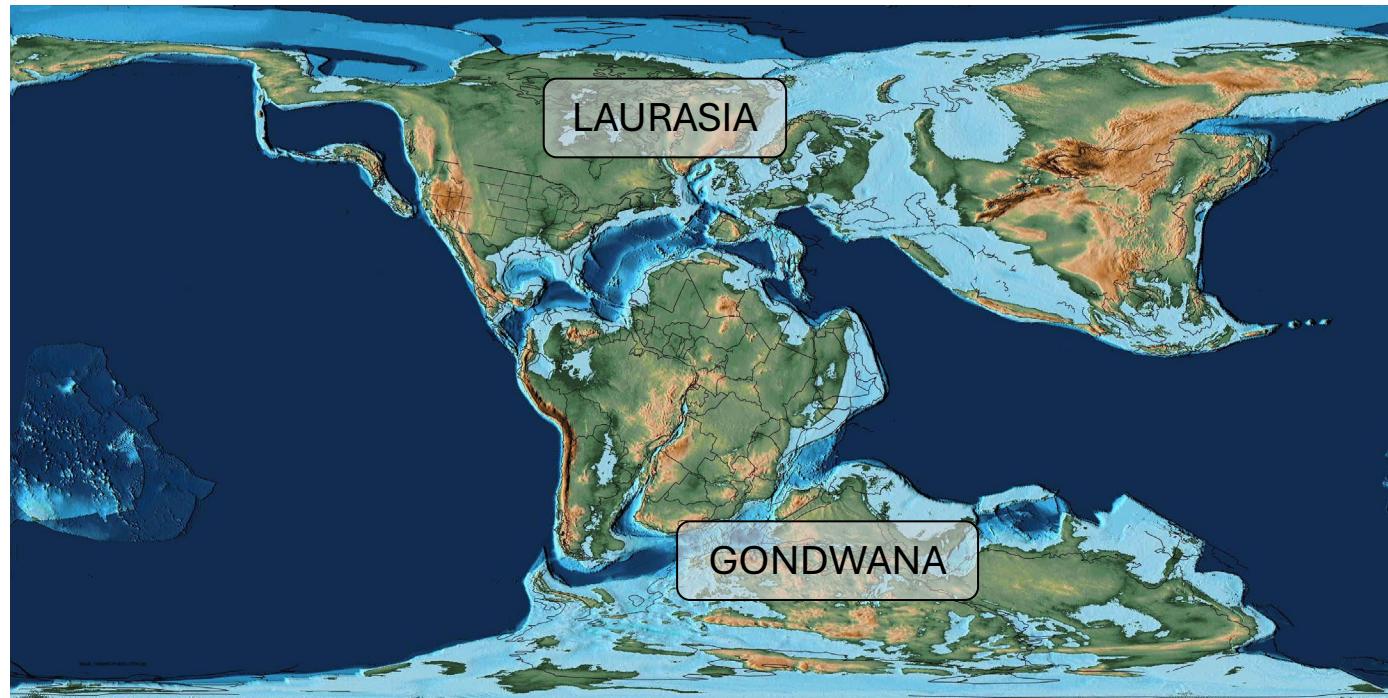


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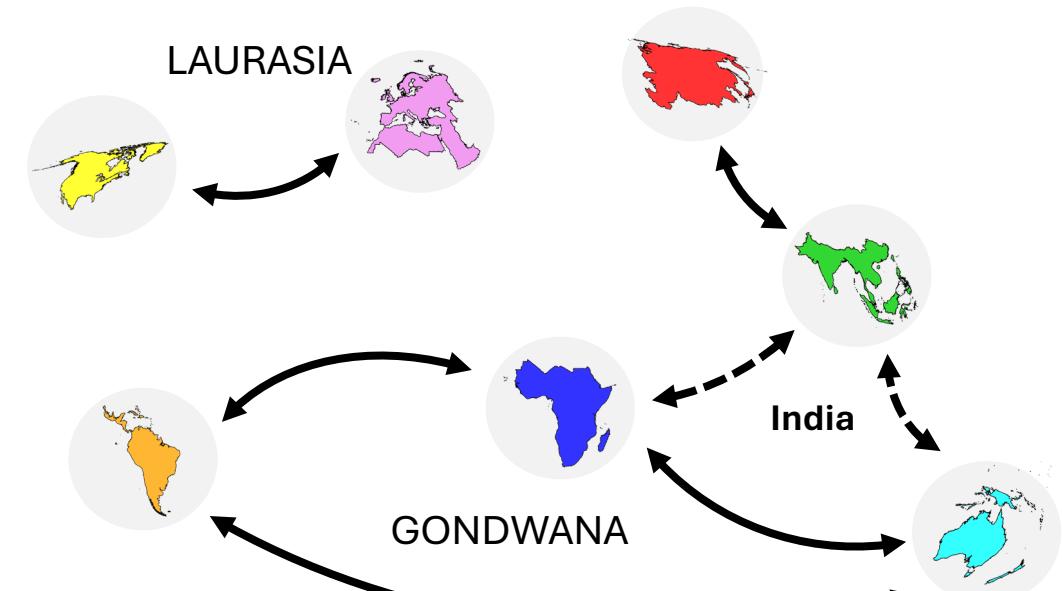


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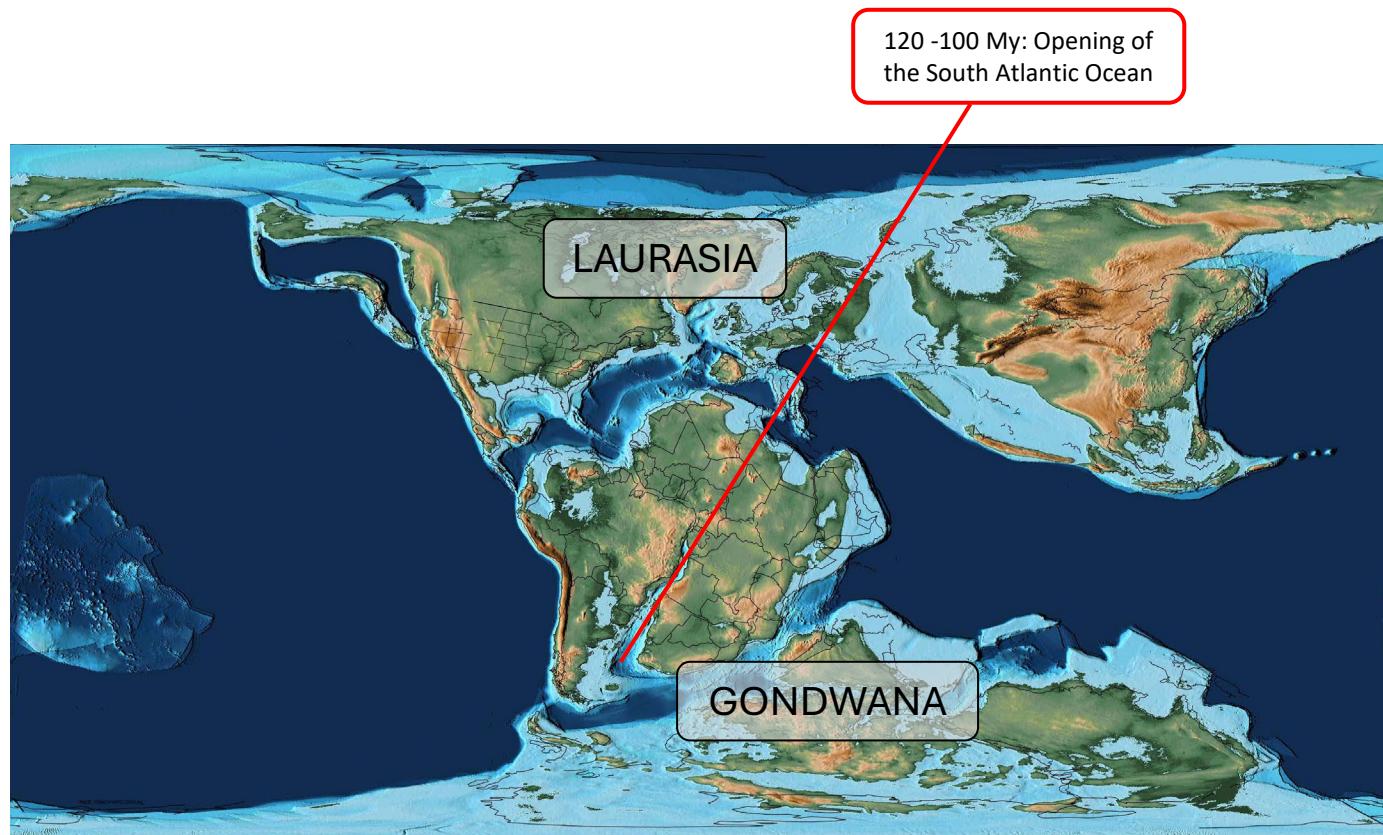
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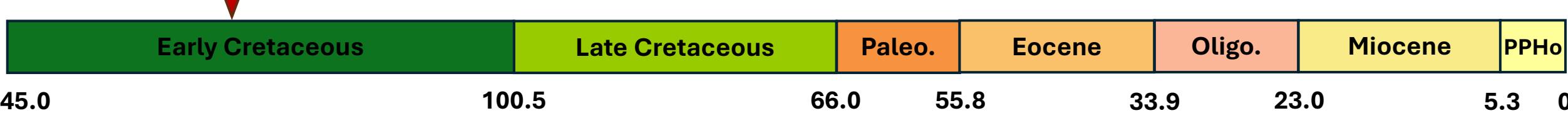
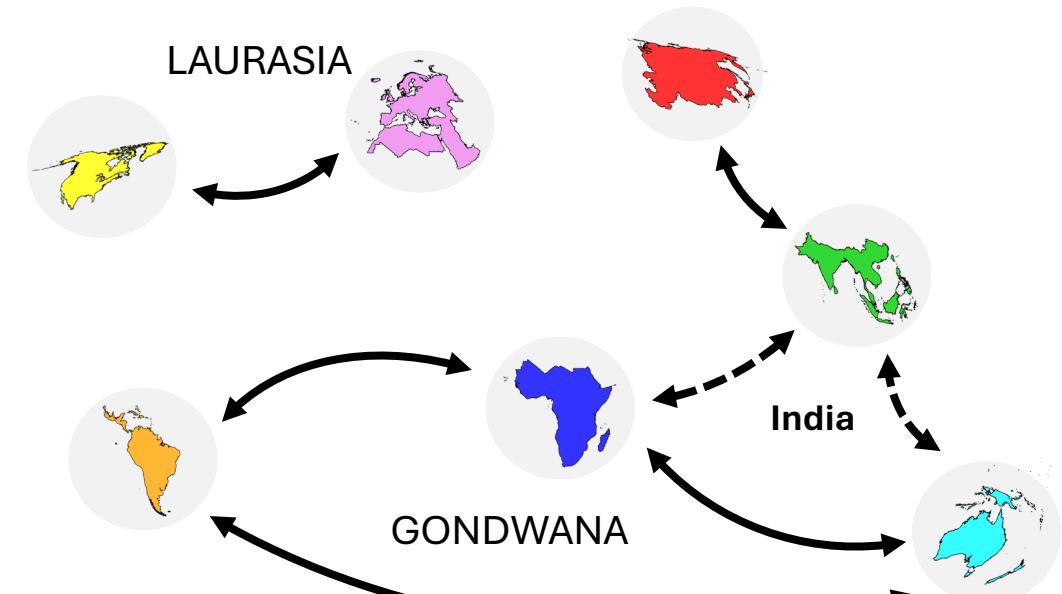
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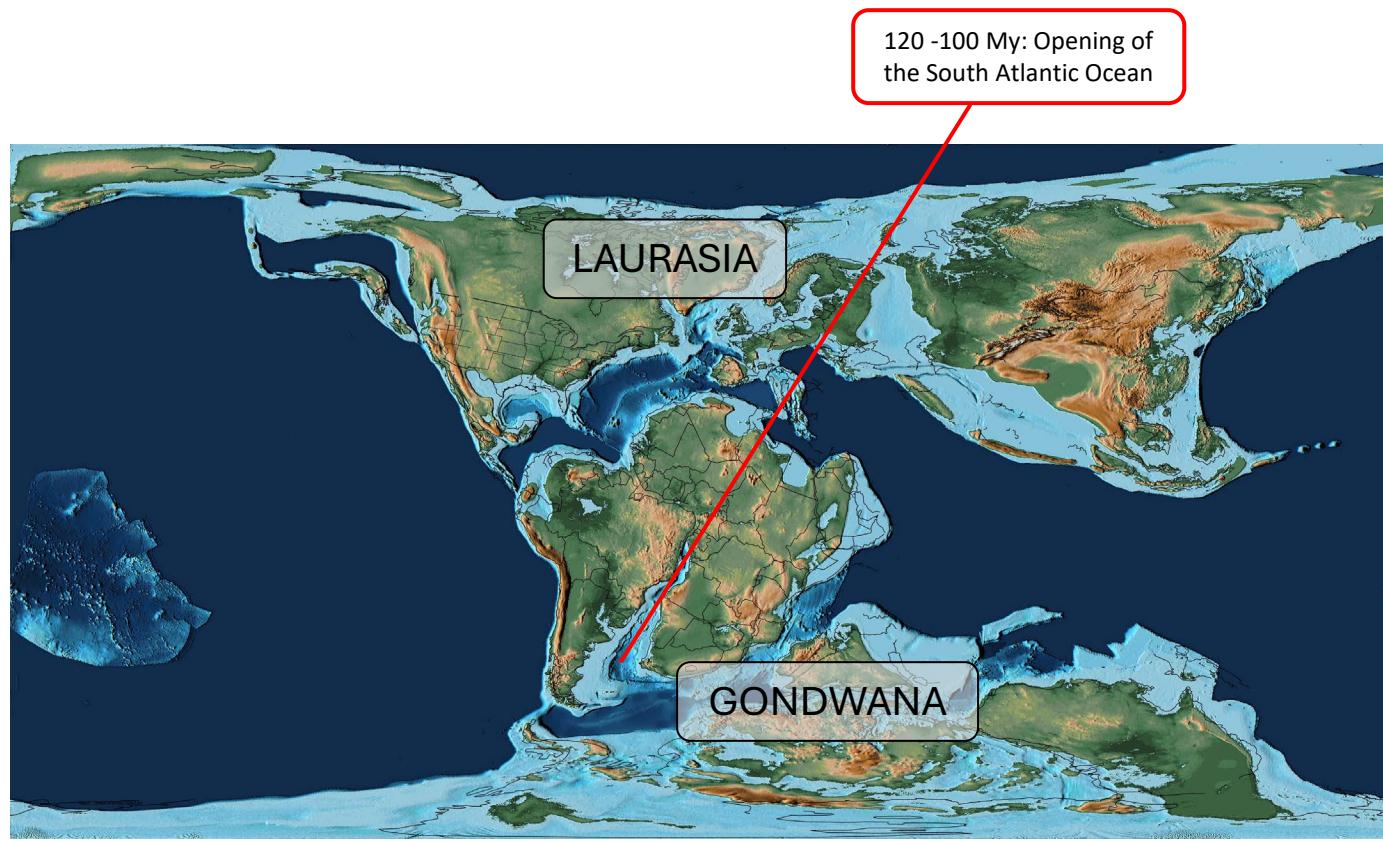


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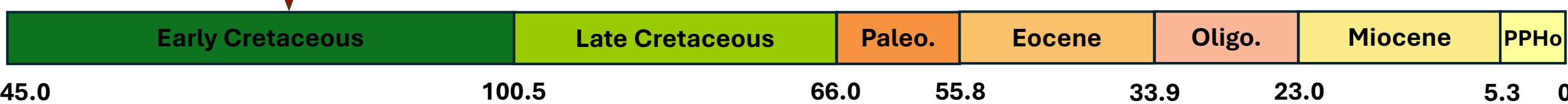
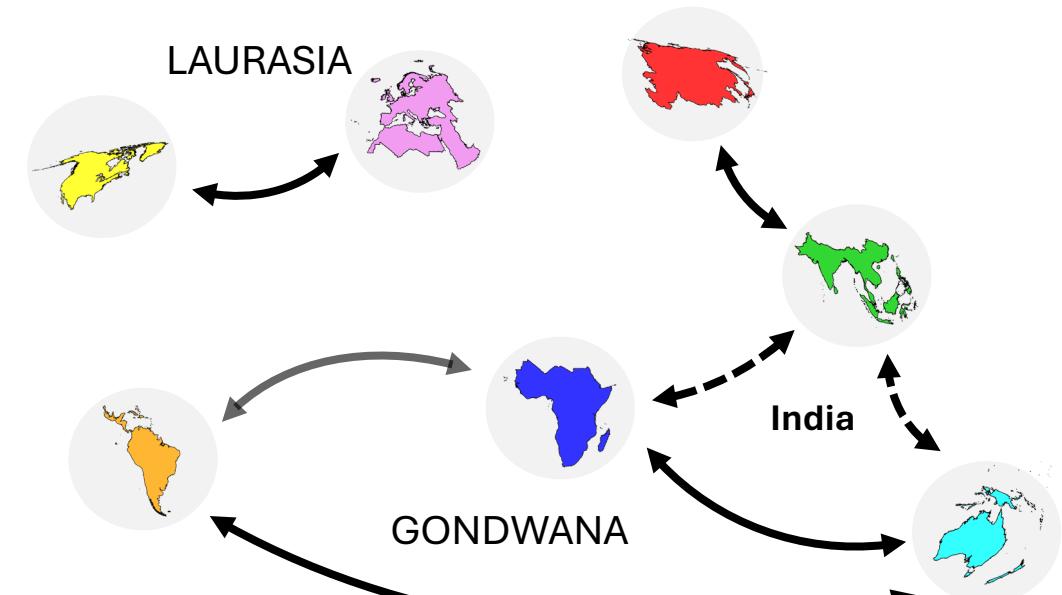


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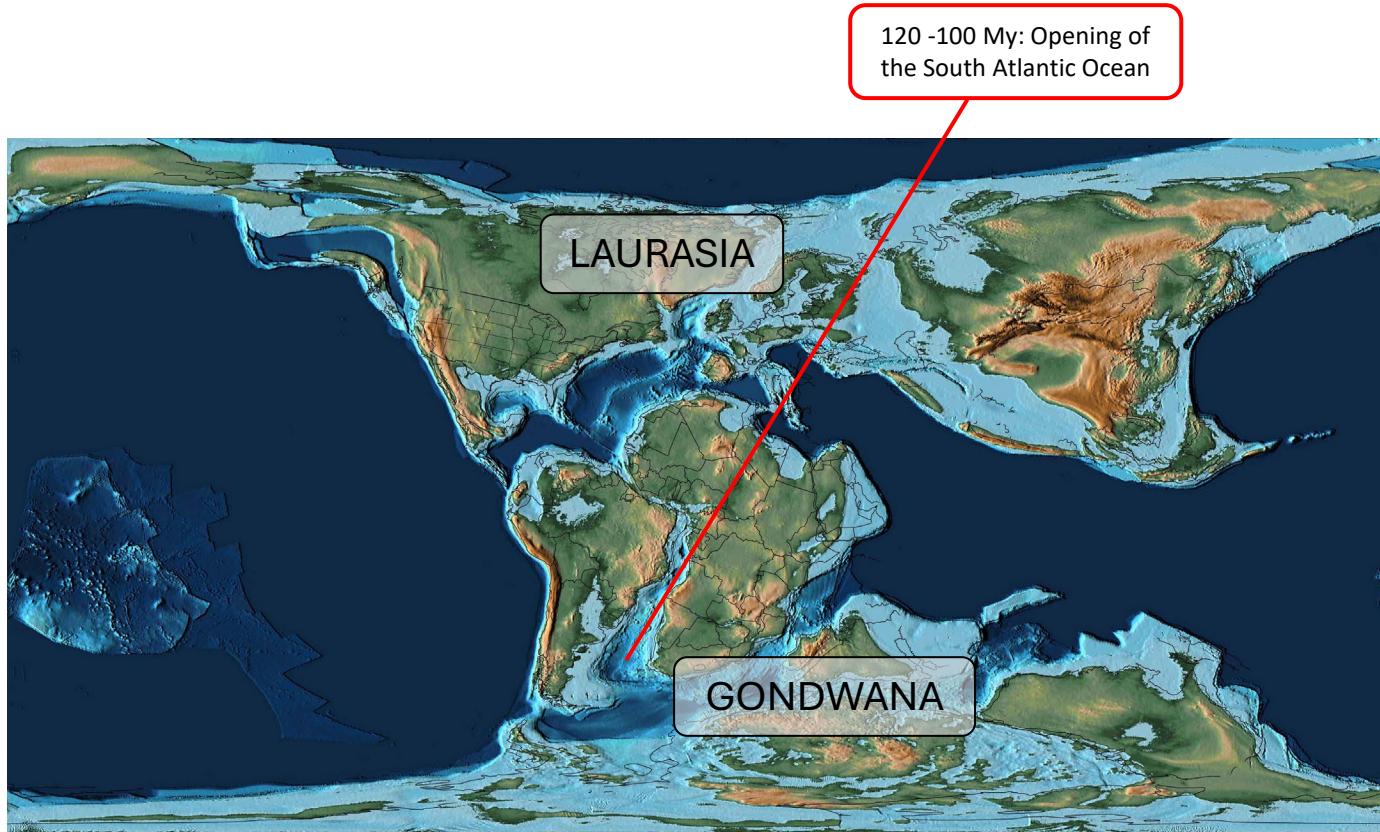


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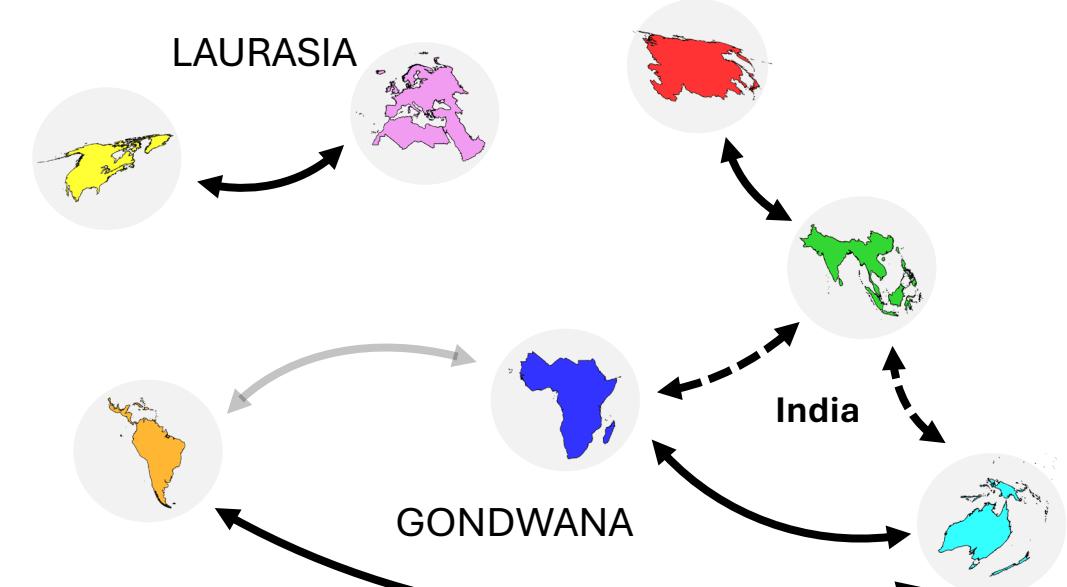
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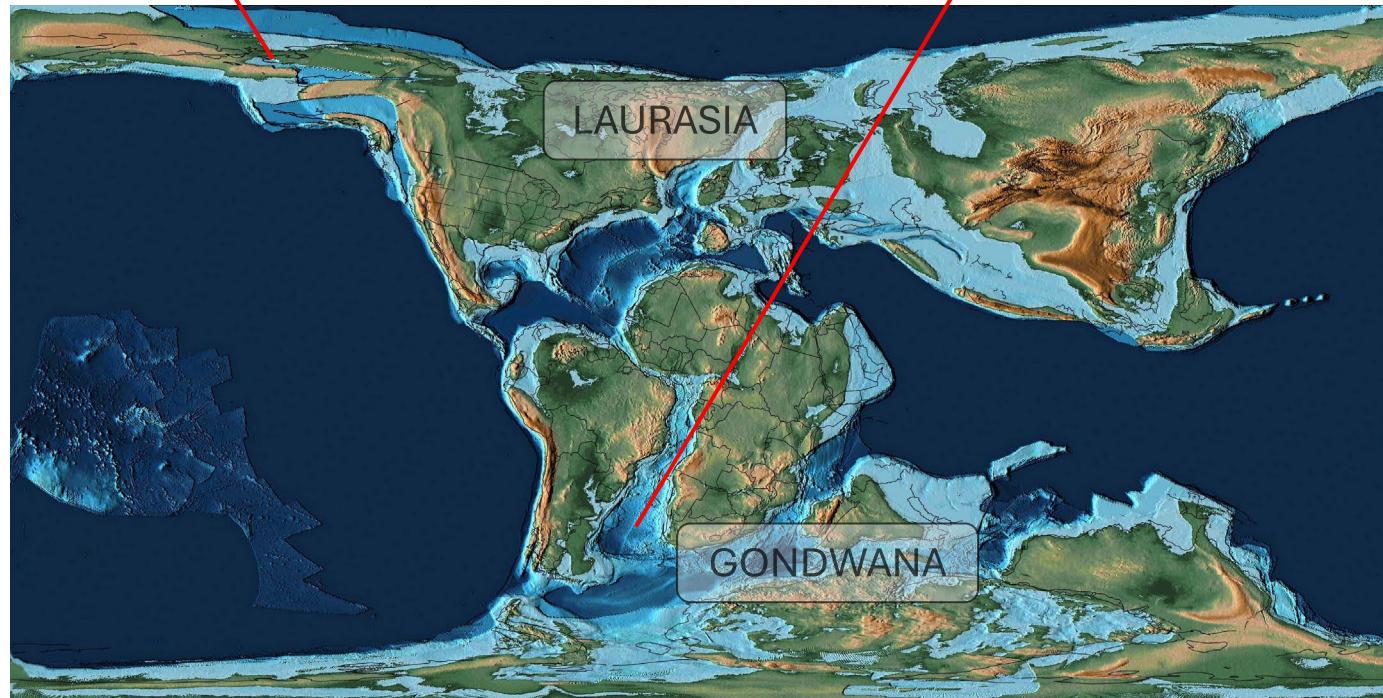
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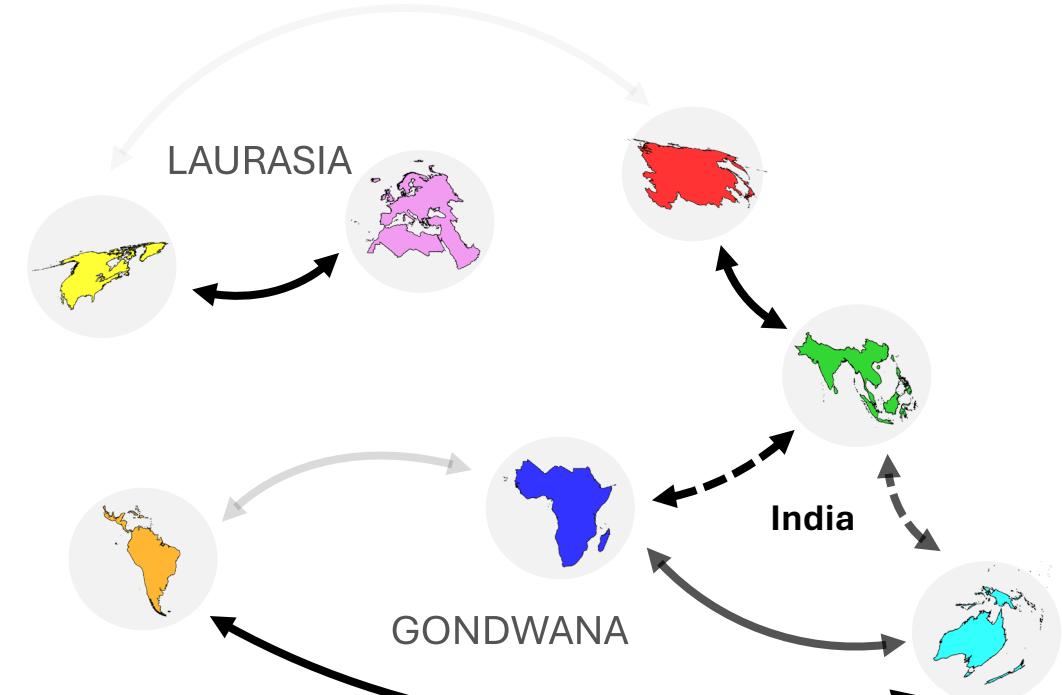
120 -100 My: Opening of the South Atlantic Ocean



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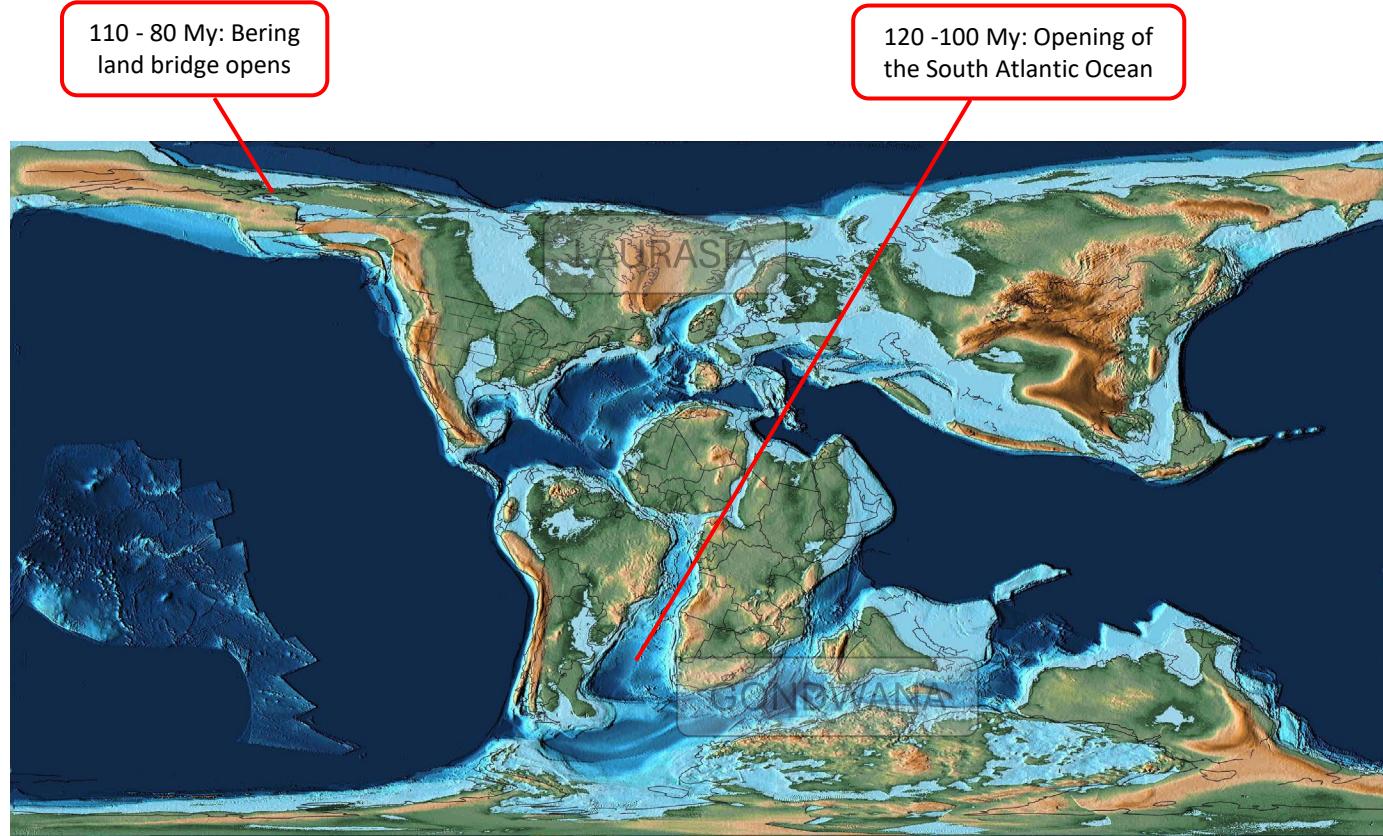
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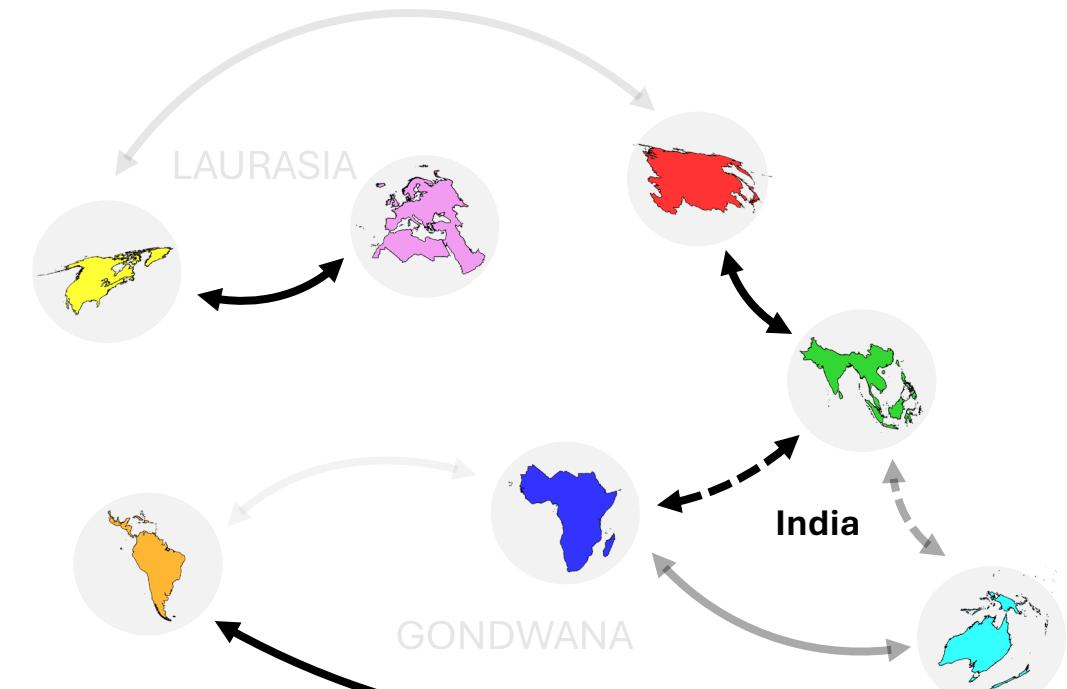
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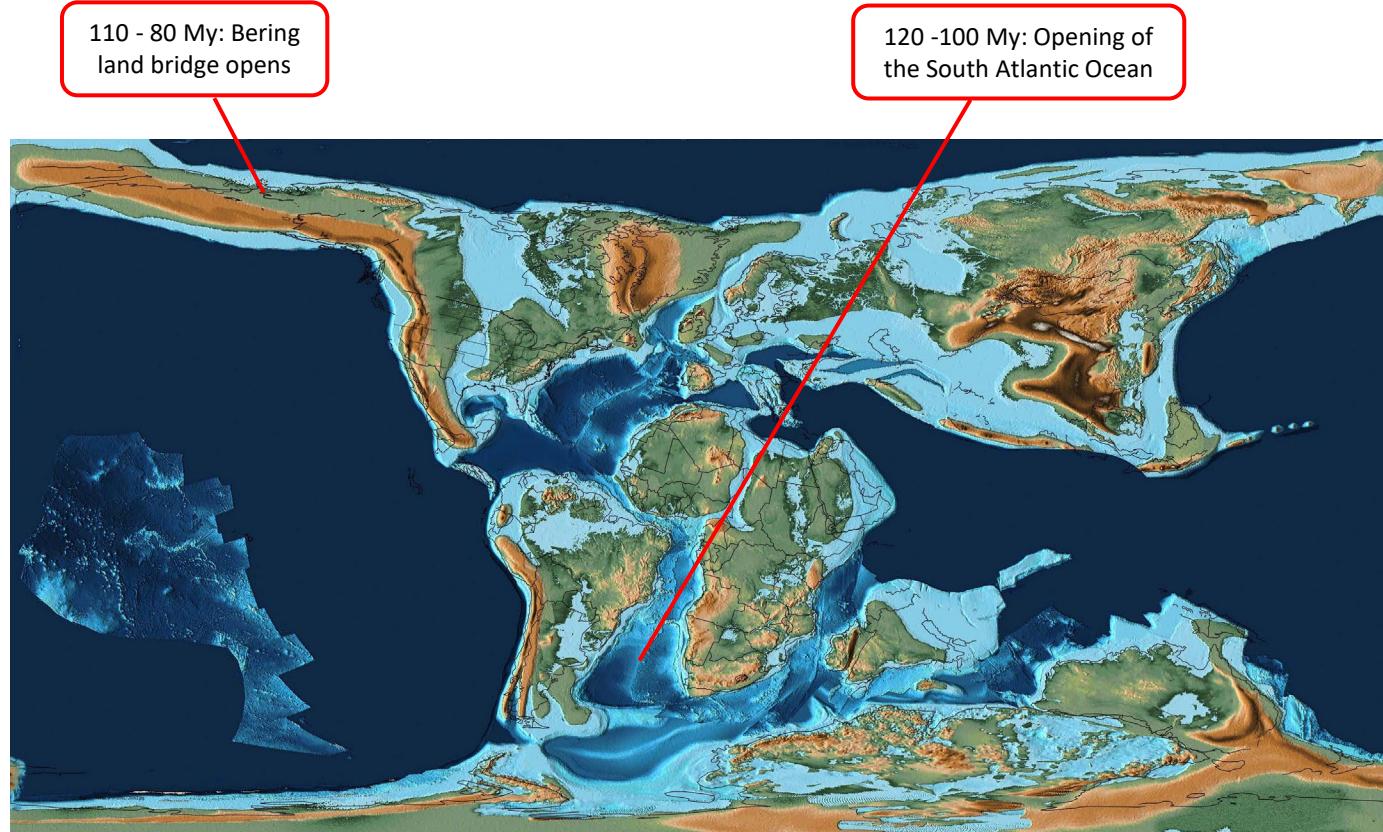
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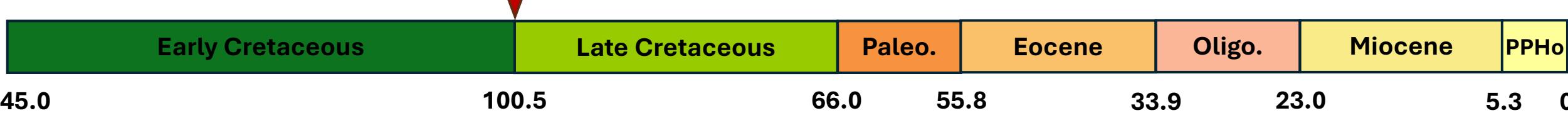
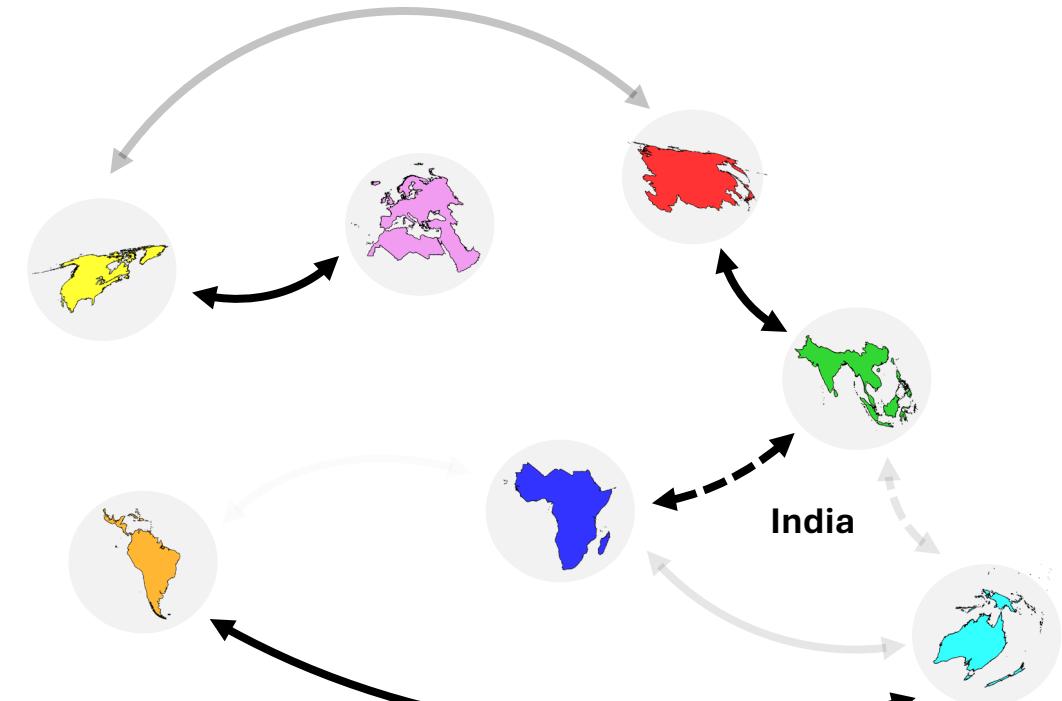
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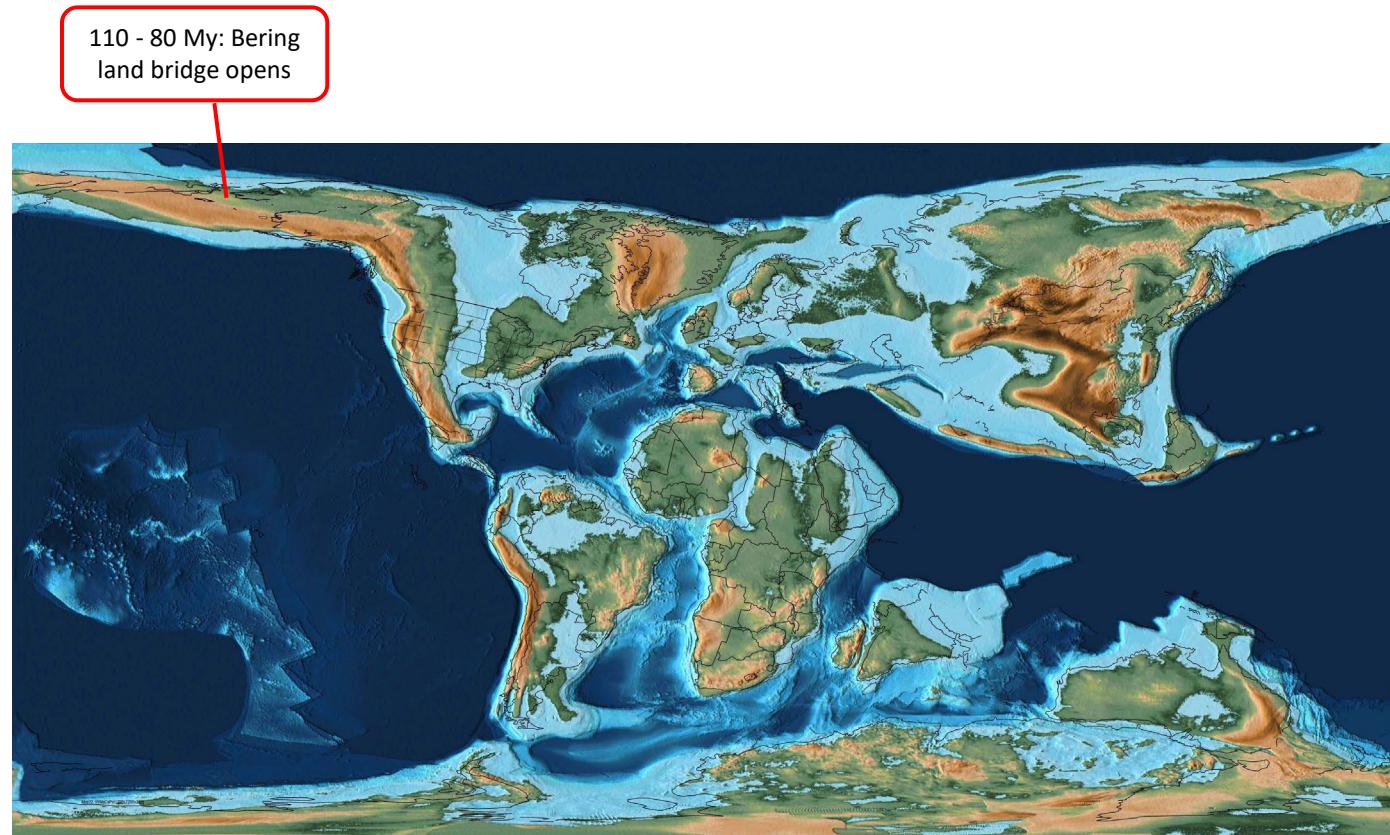
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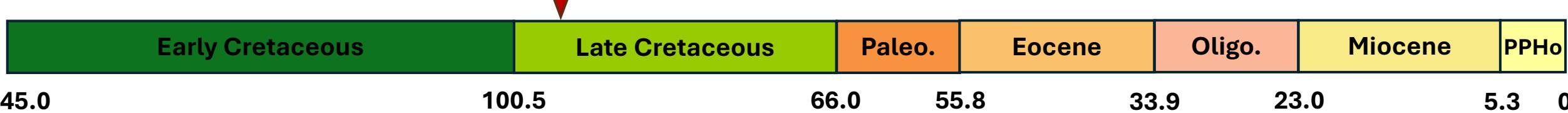
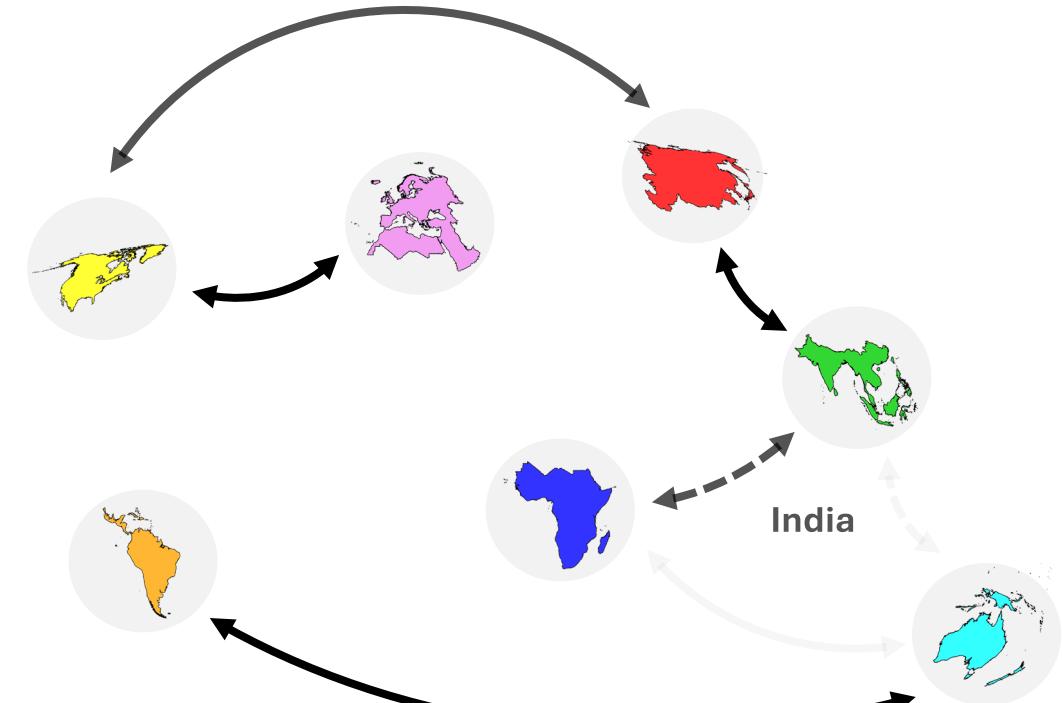
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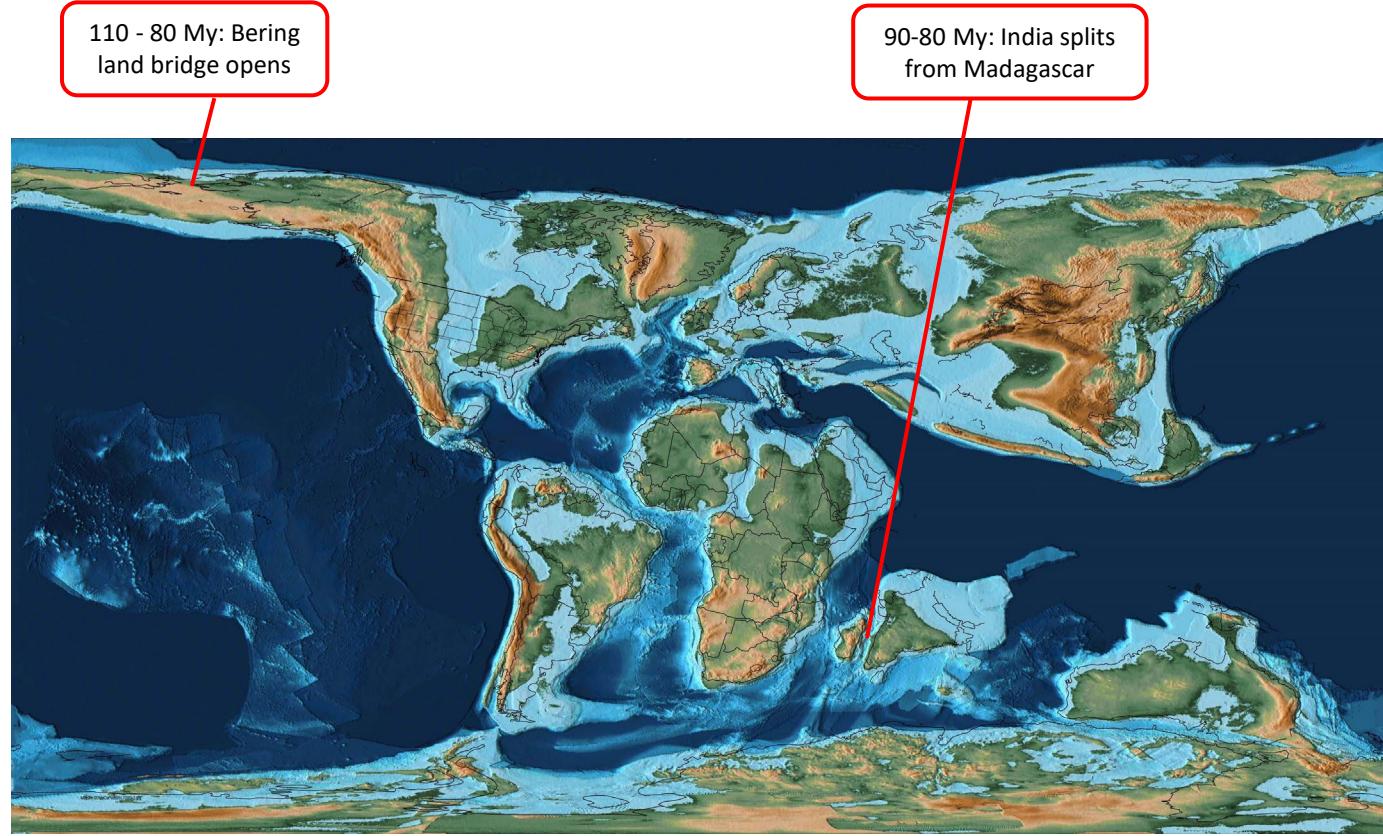
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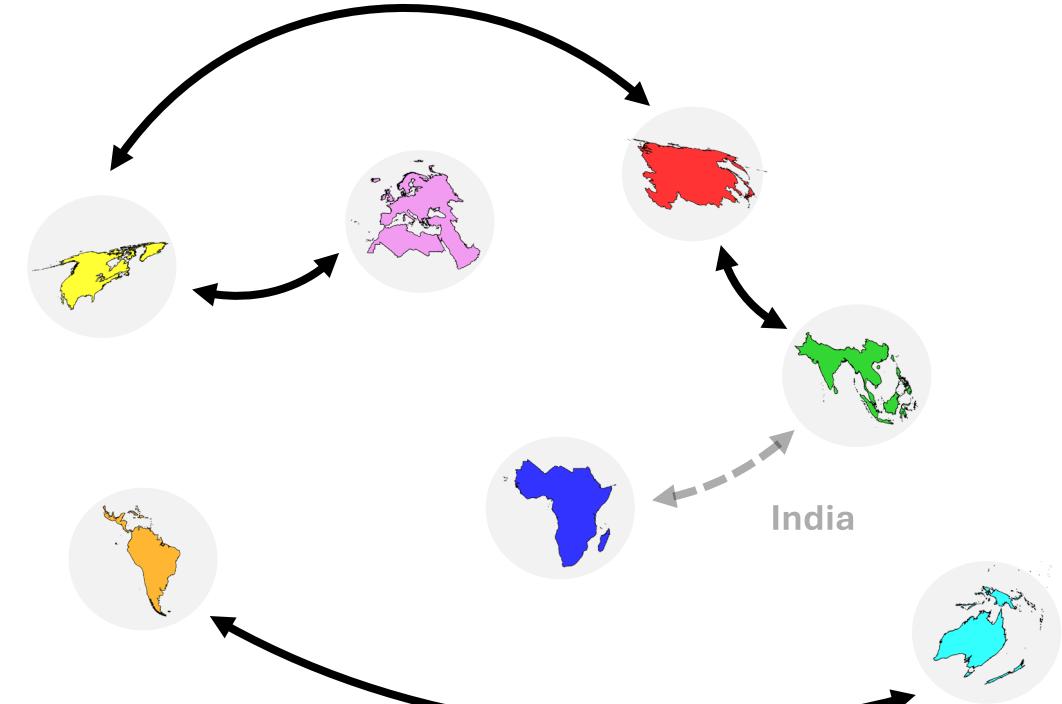


Biogeographic methods



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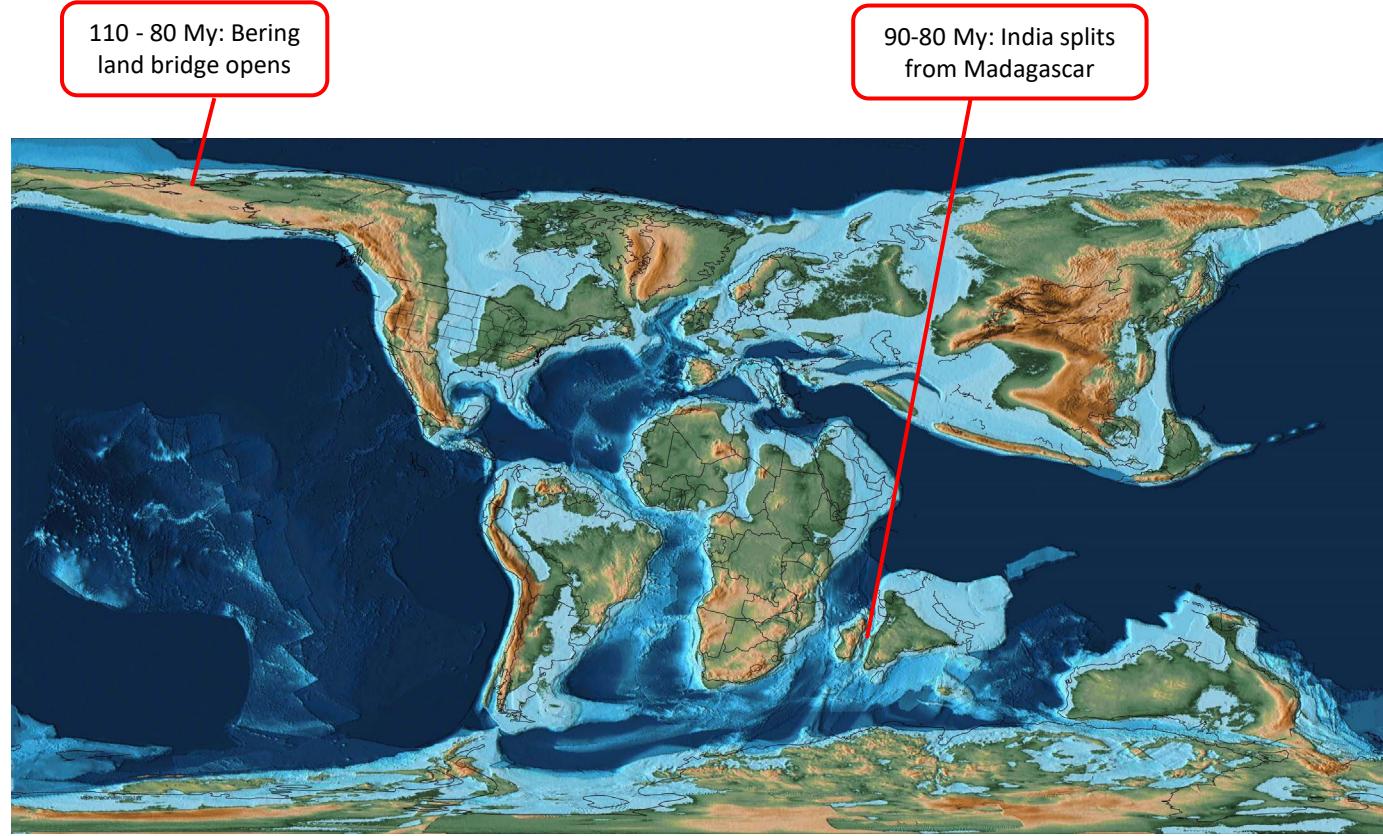
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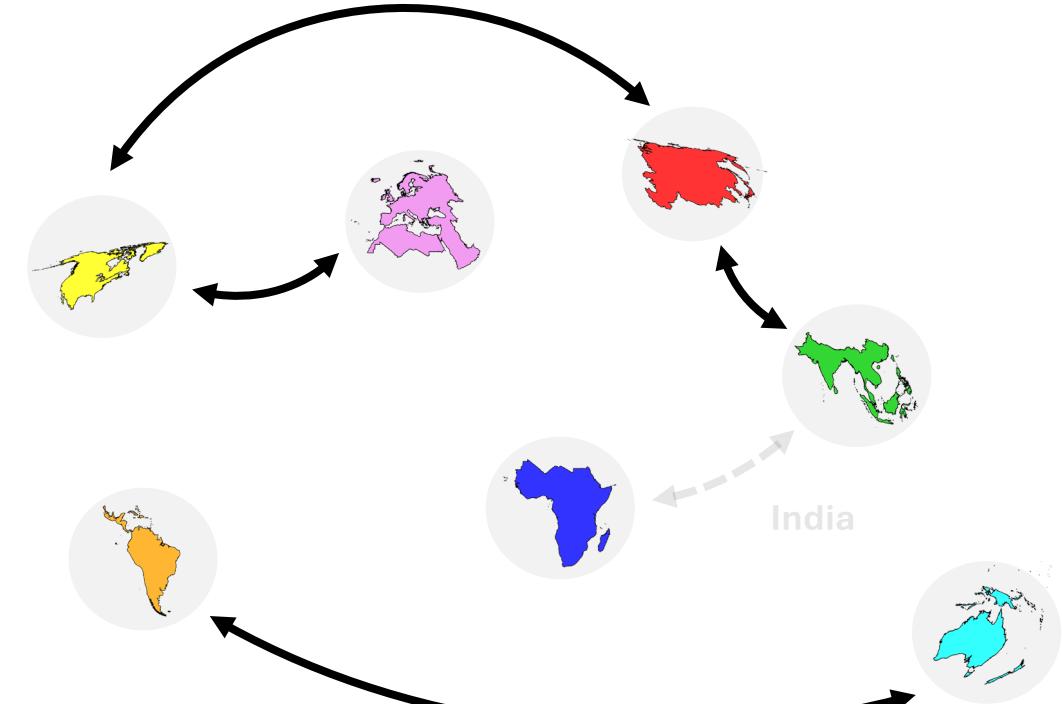
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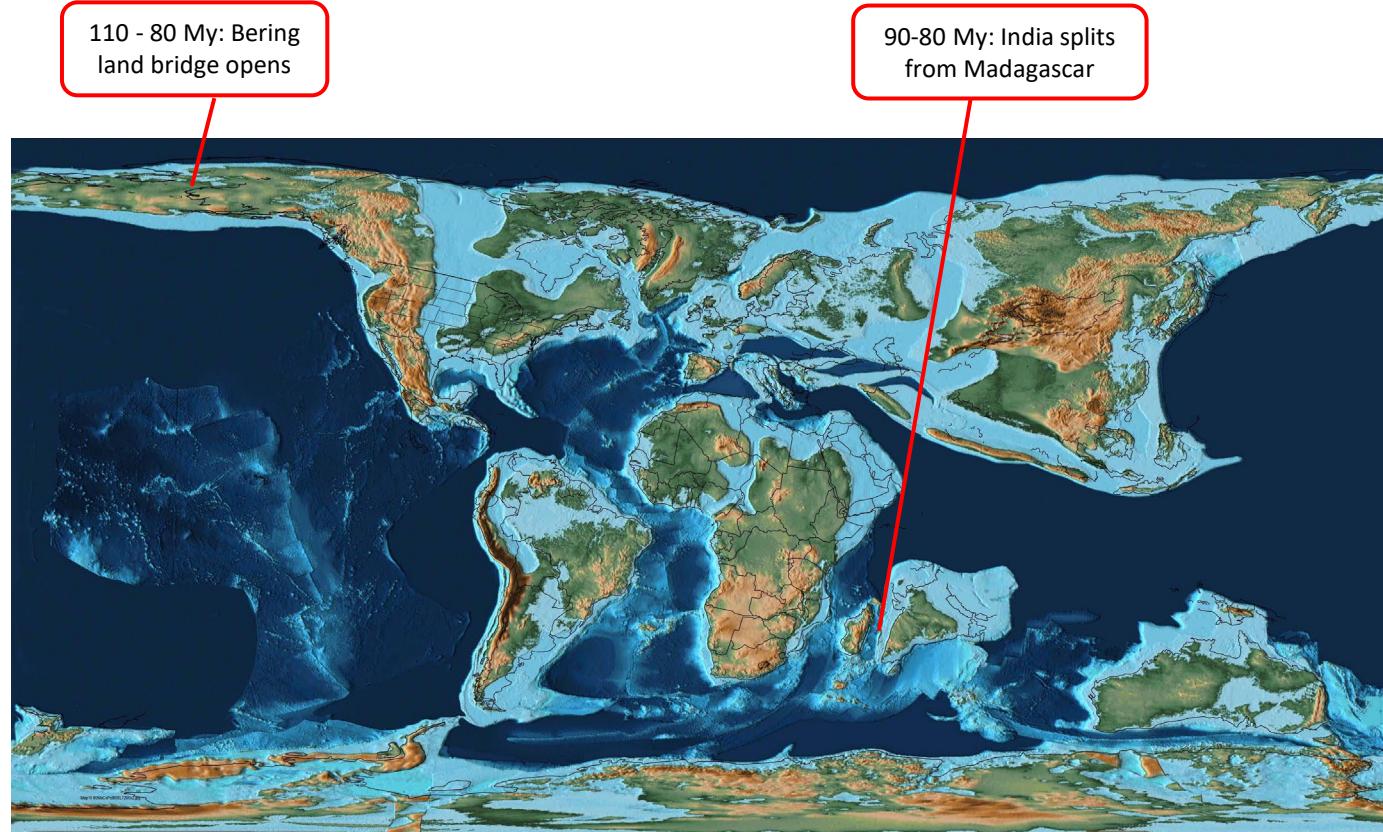
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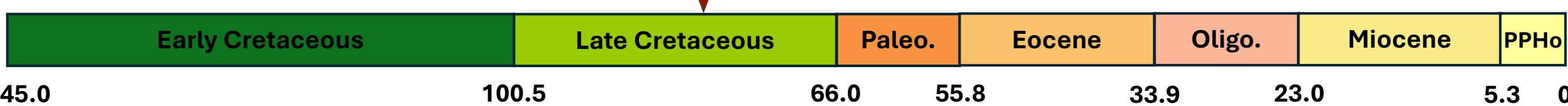
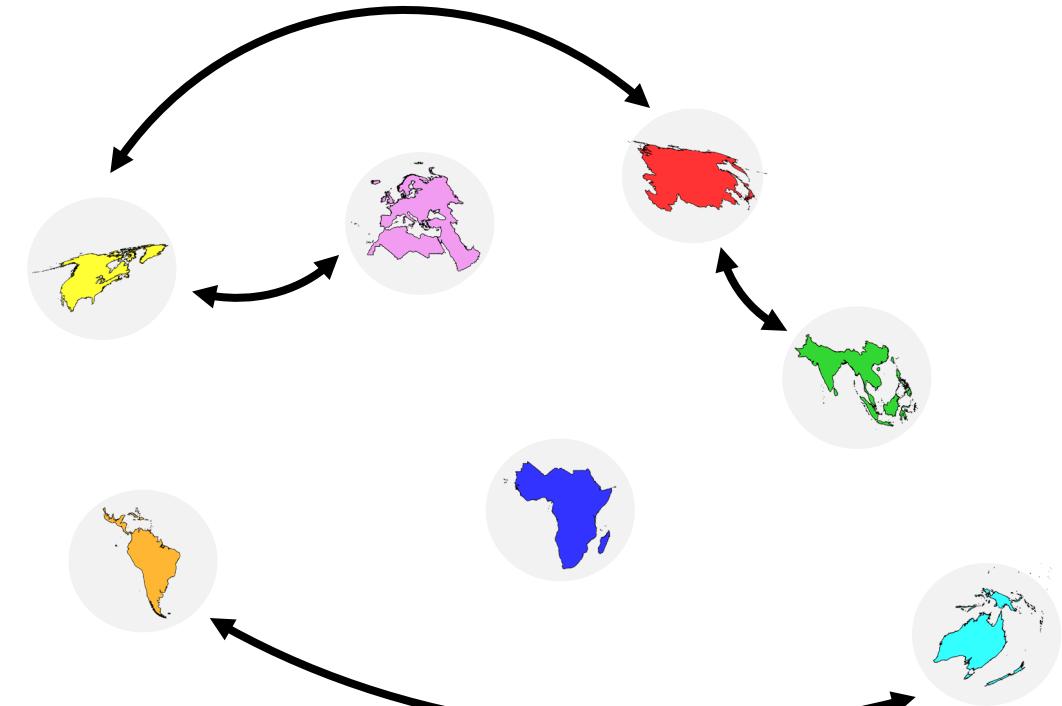
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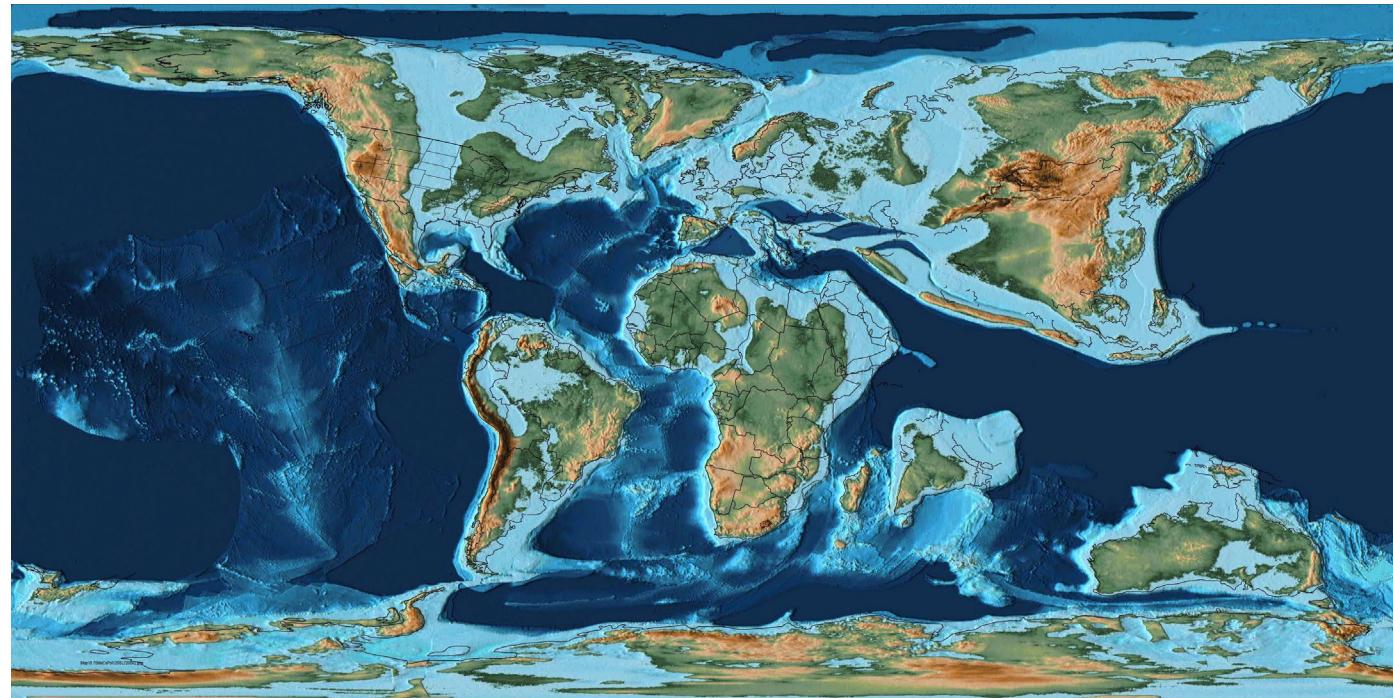
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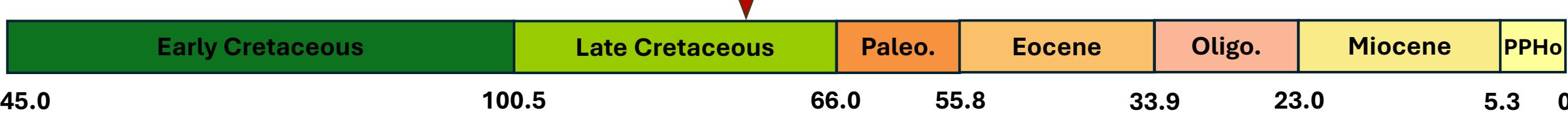
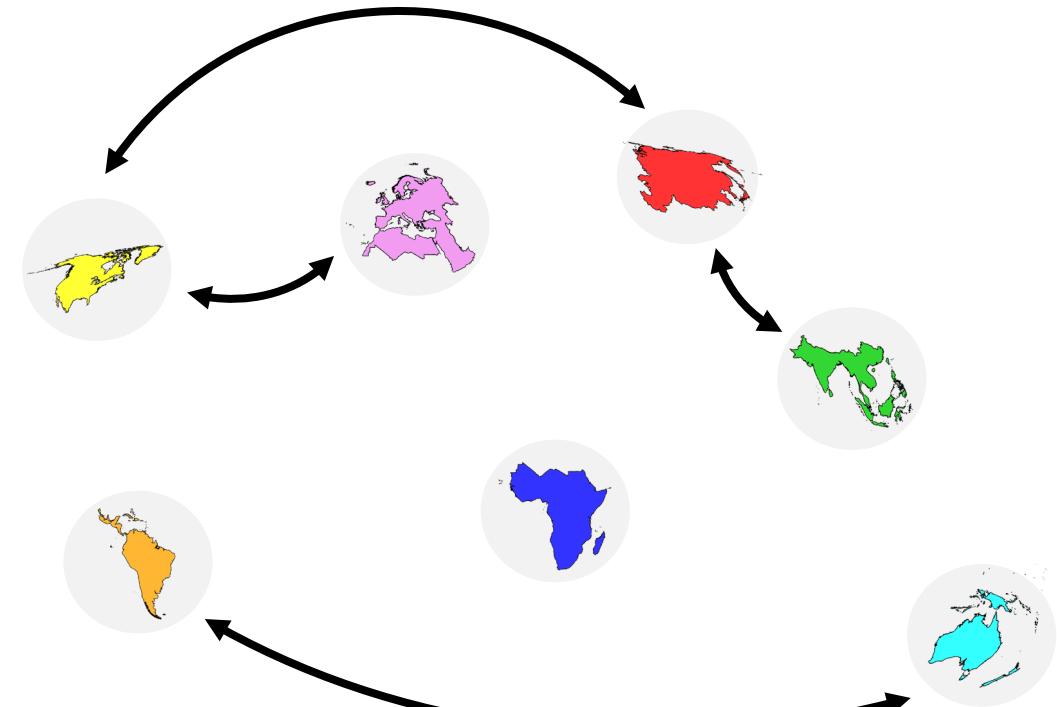


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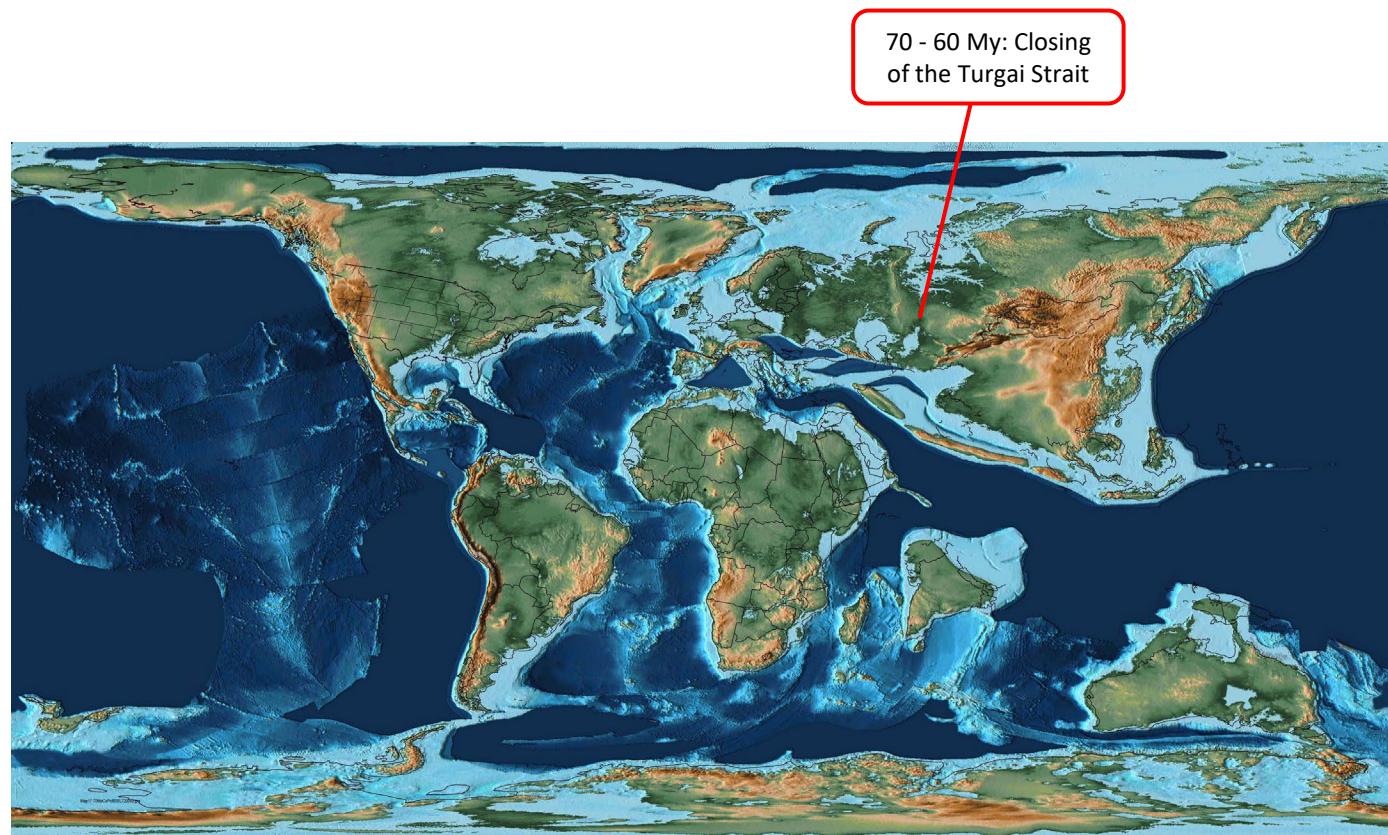


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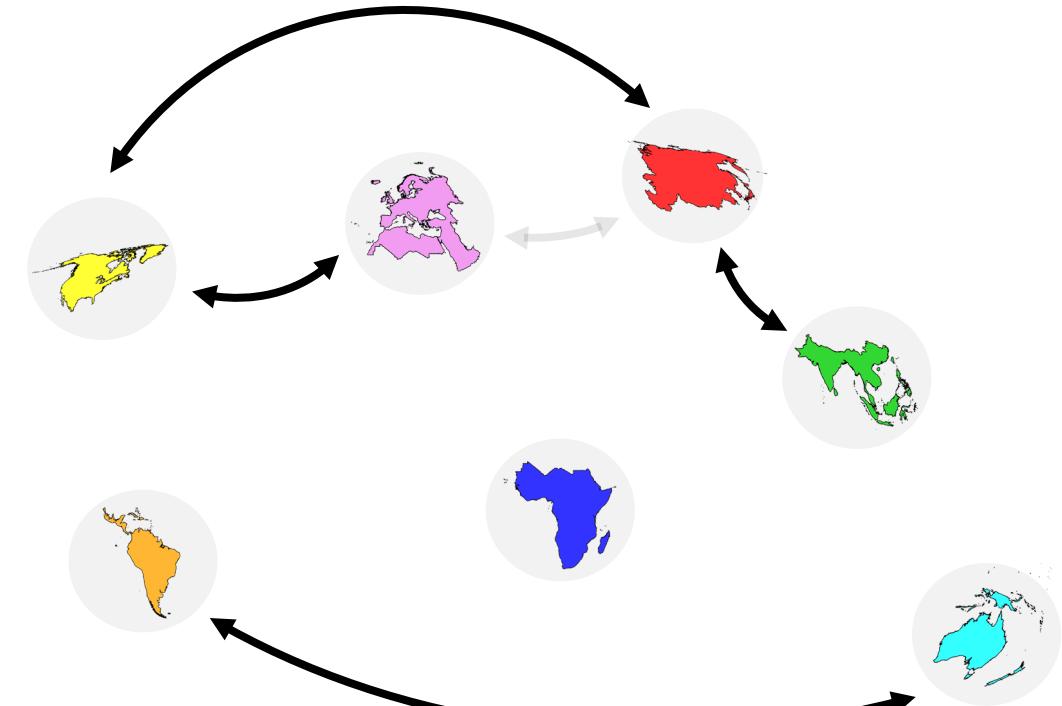
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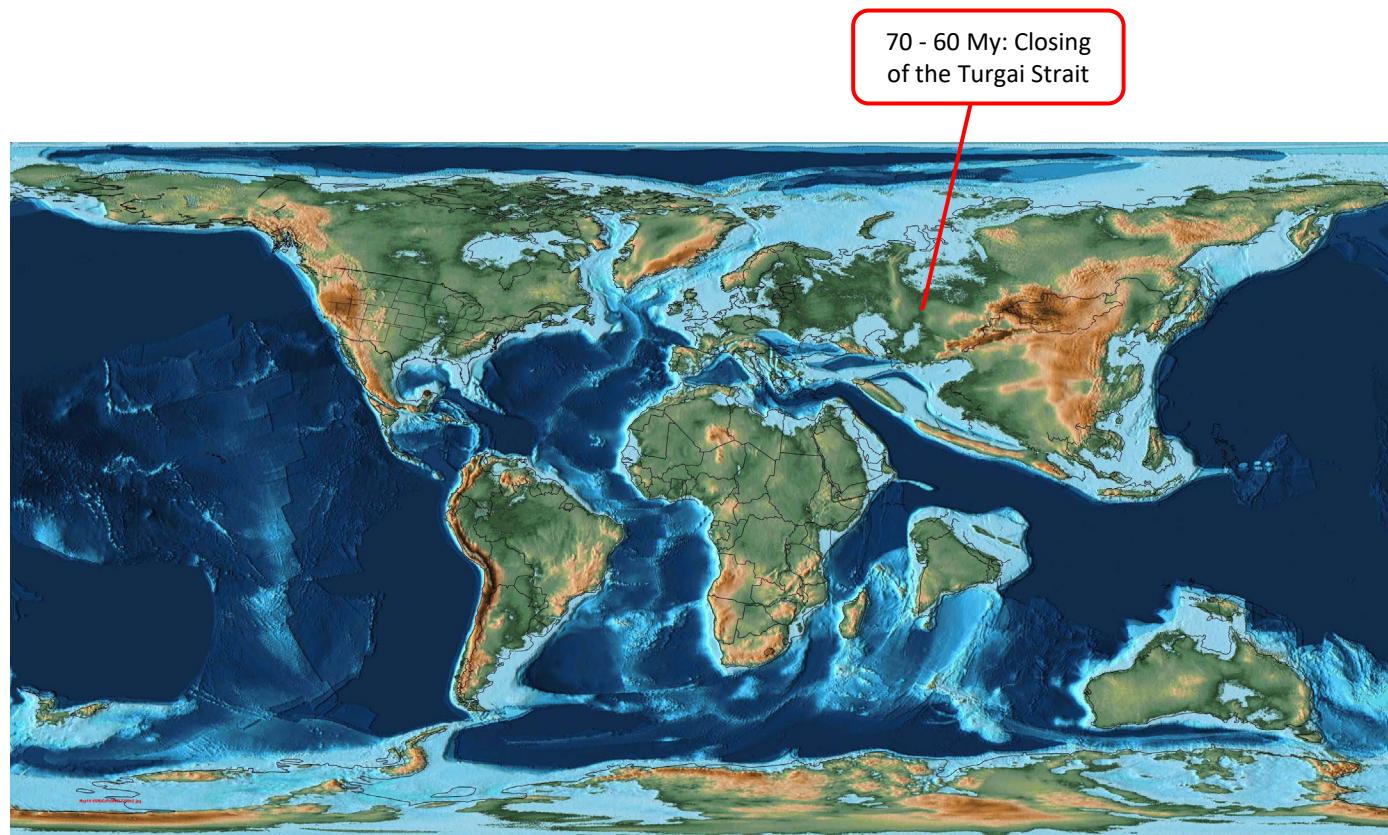
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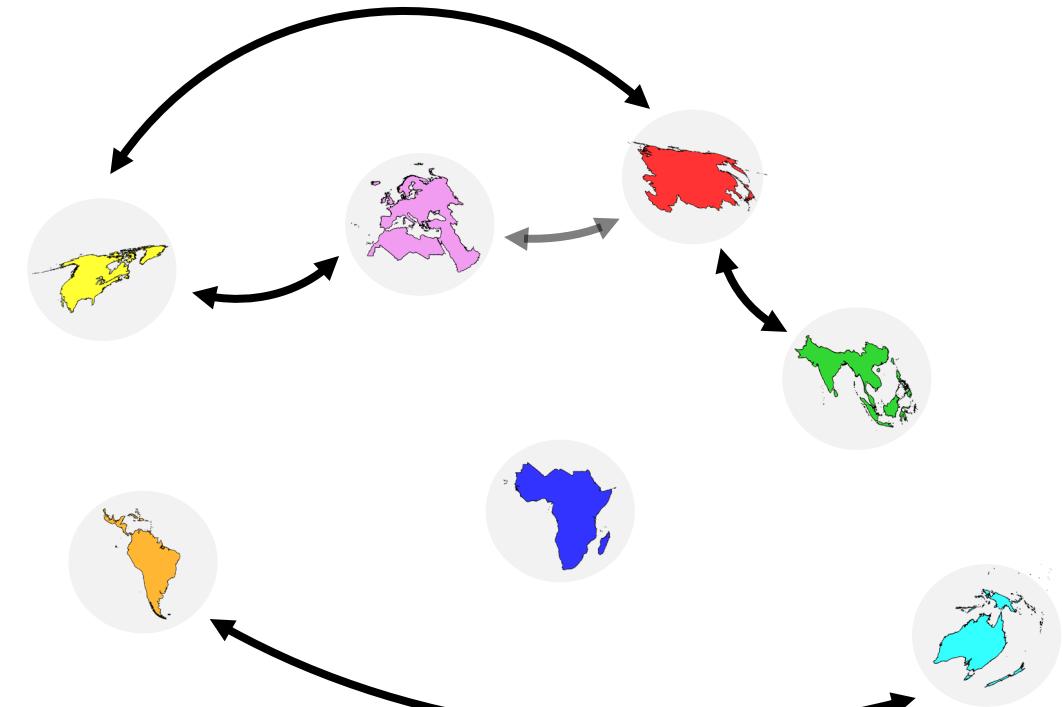
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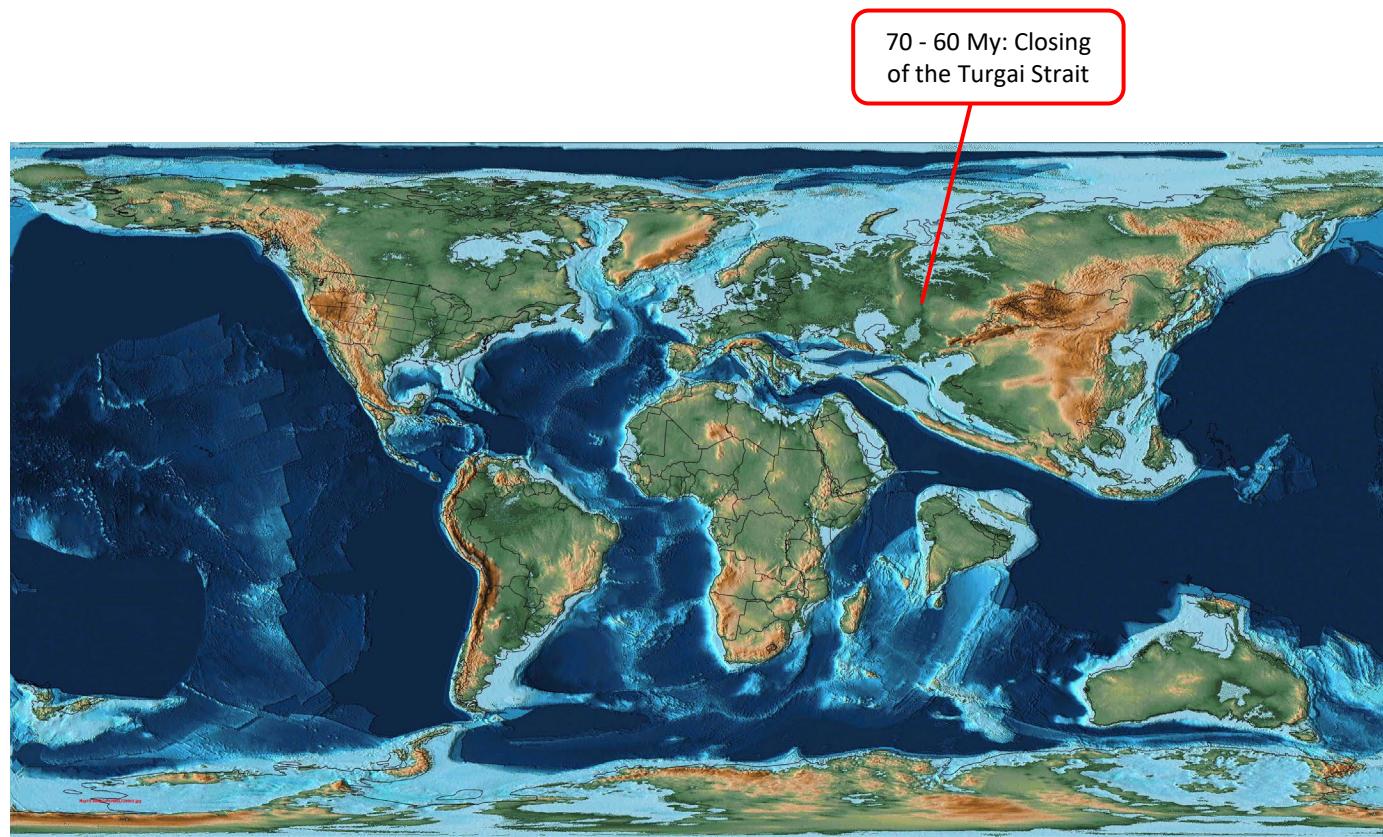
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Late Cretaceous to Paleocene

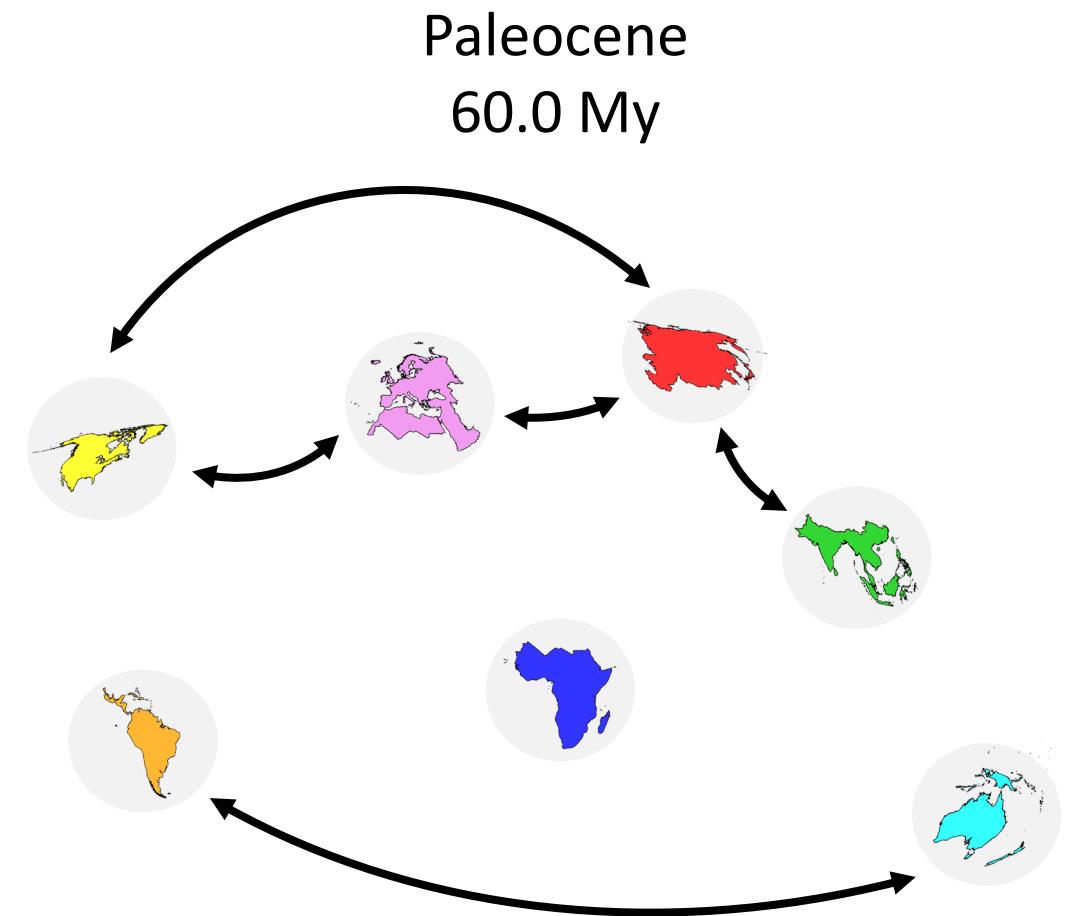
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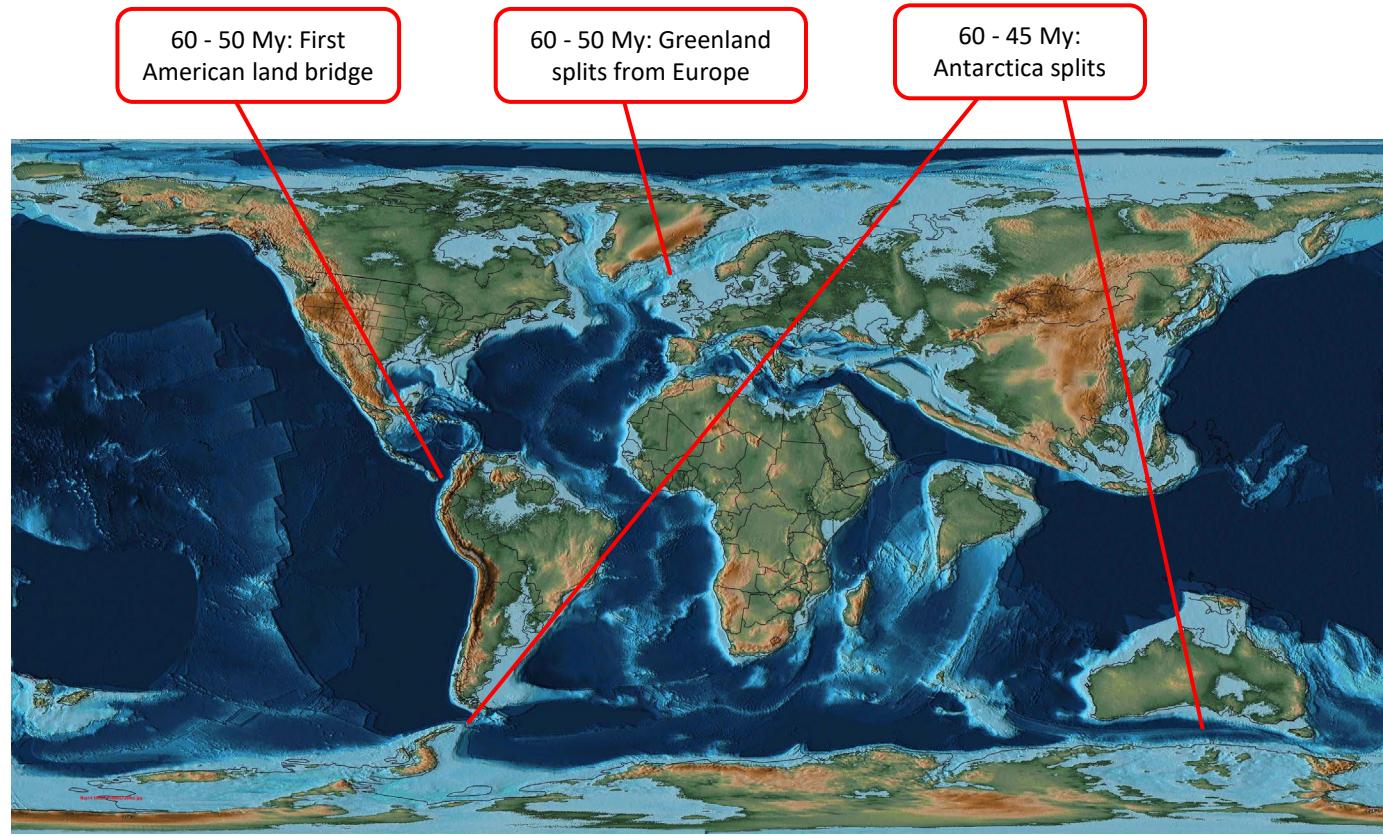
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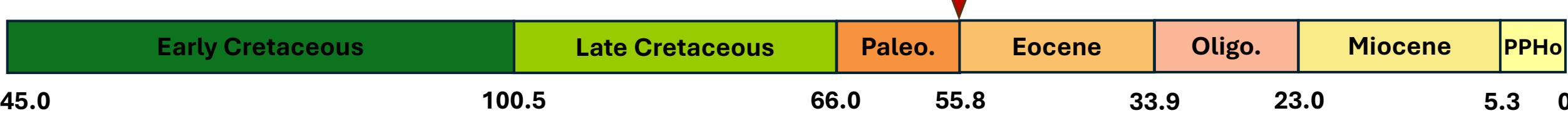
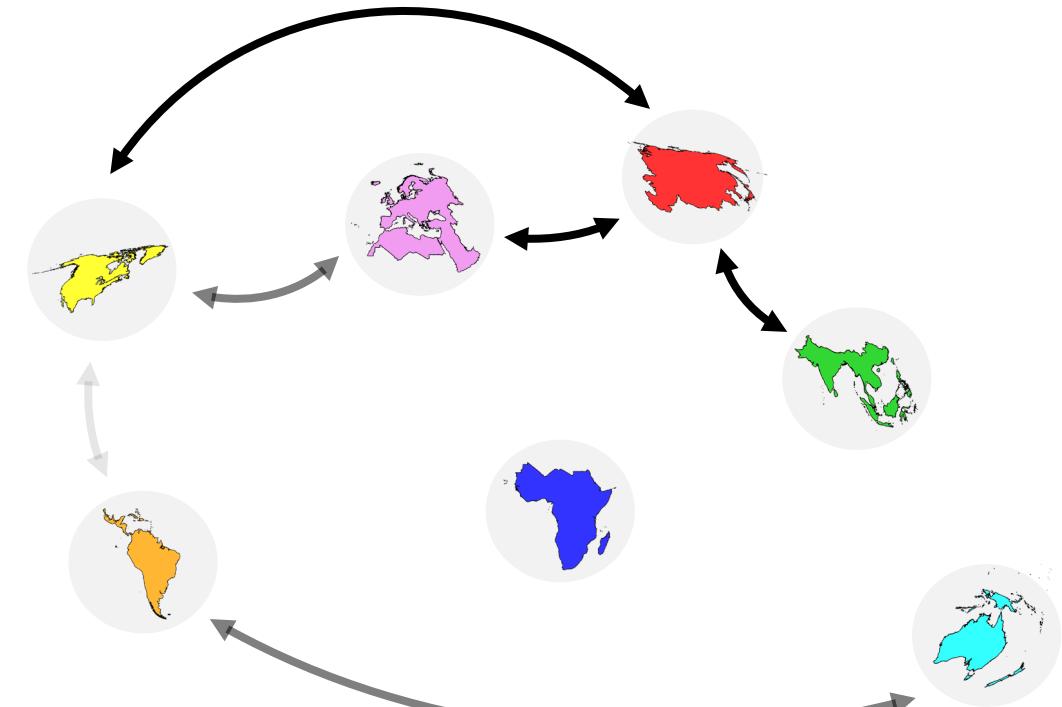
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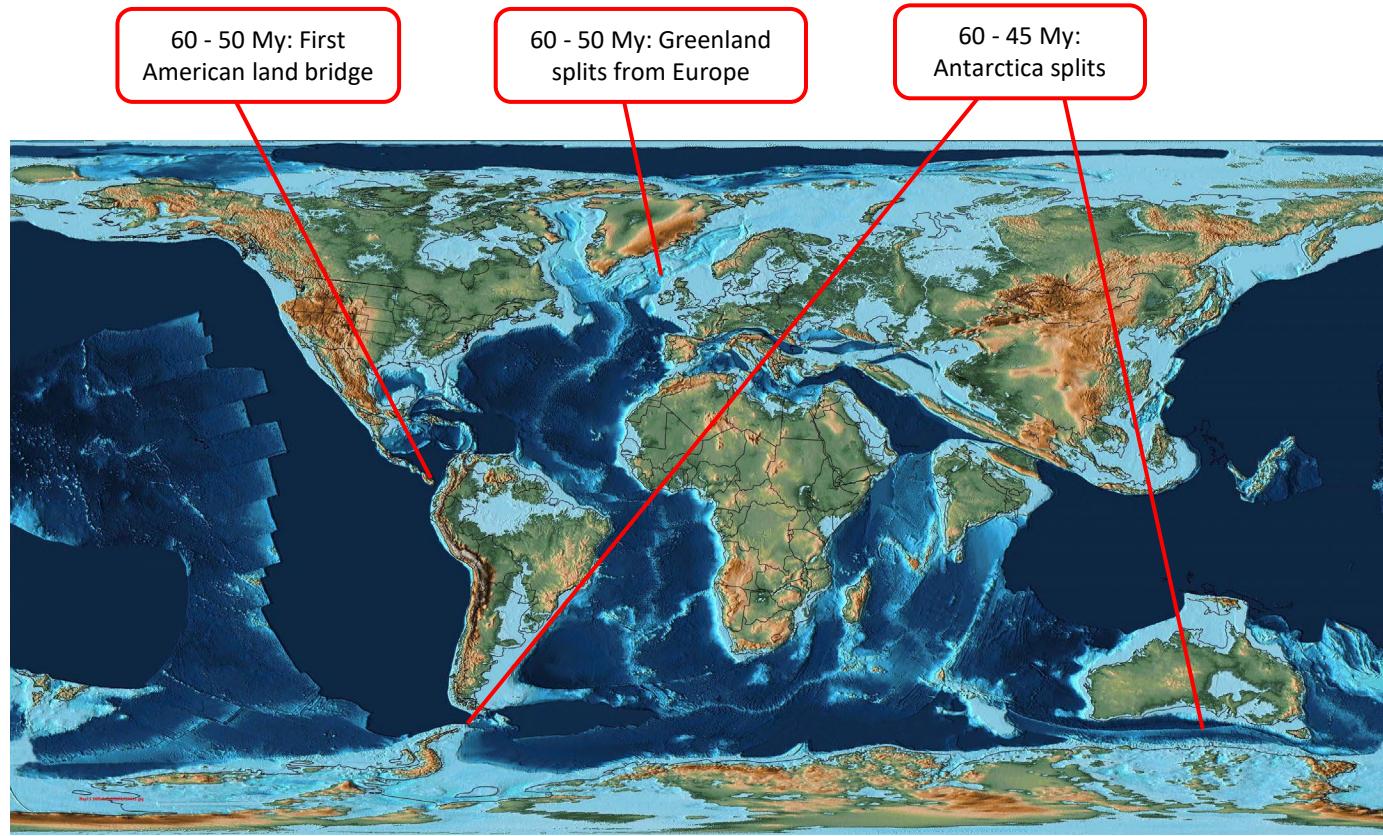
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Paleocene to Eocene

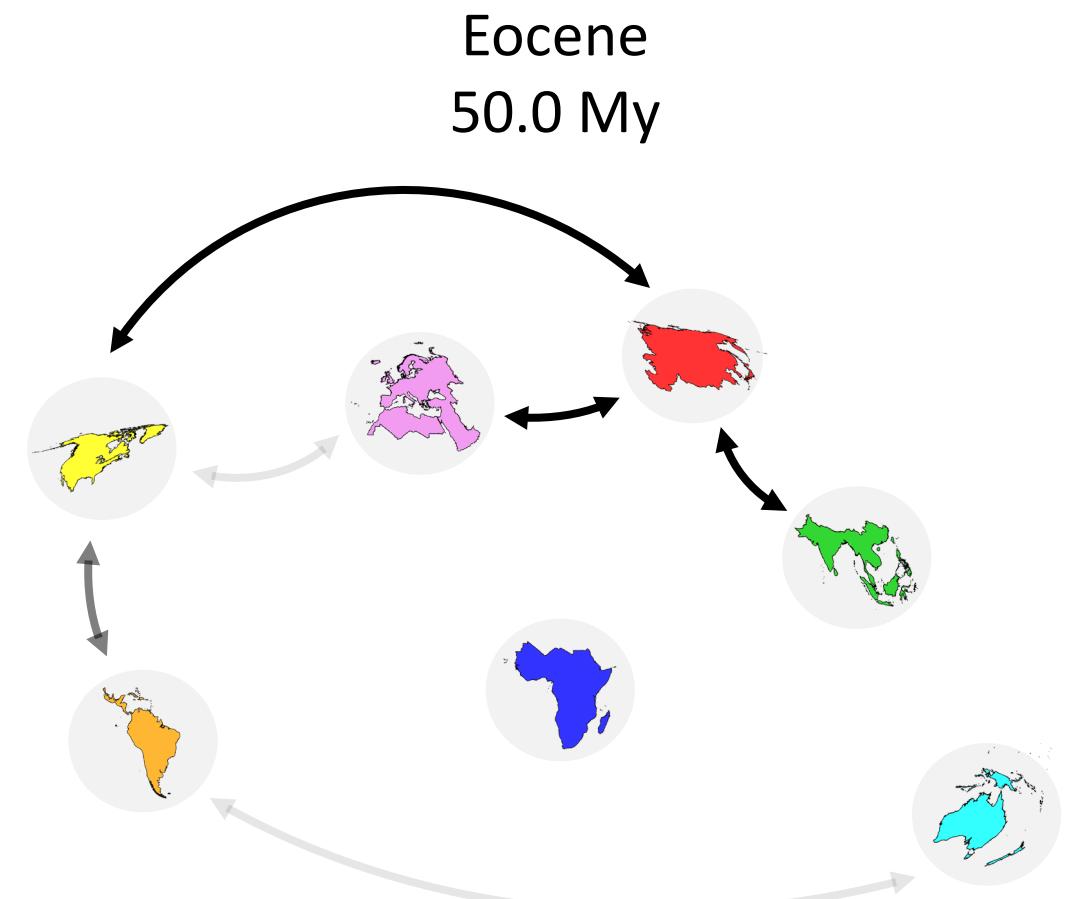
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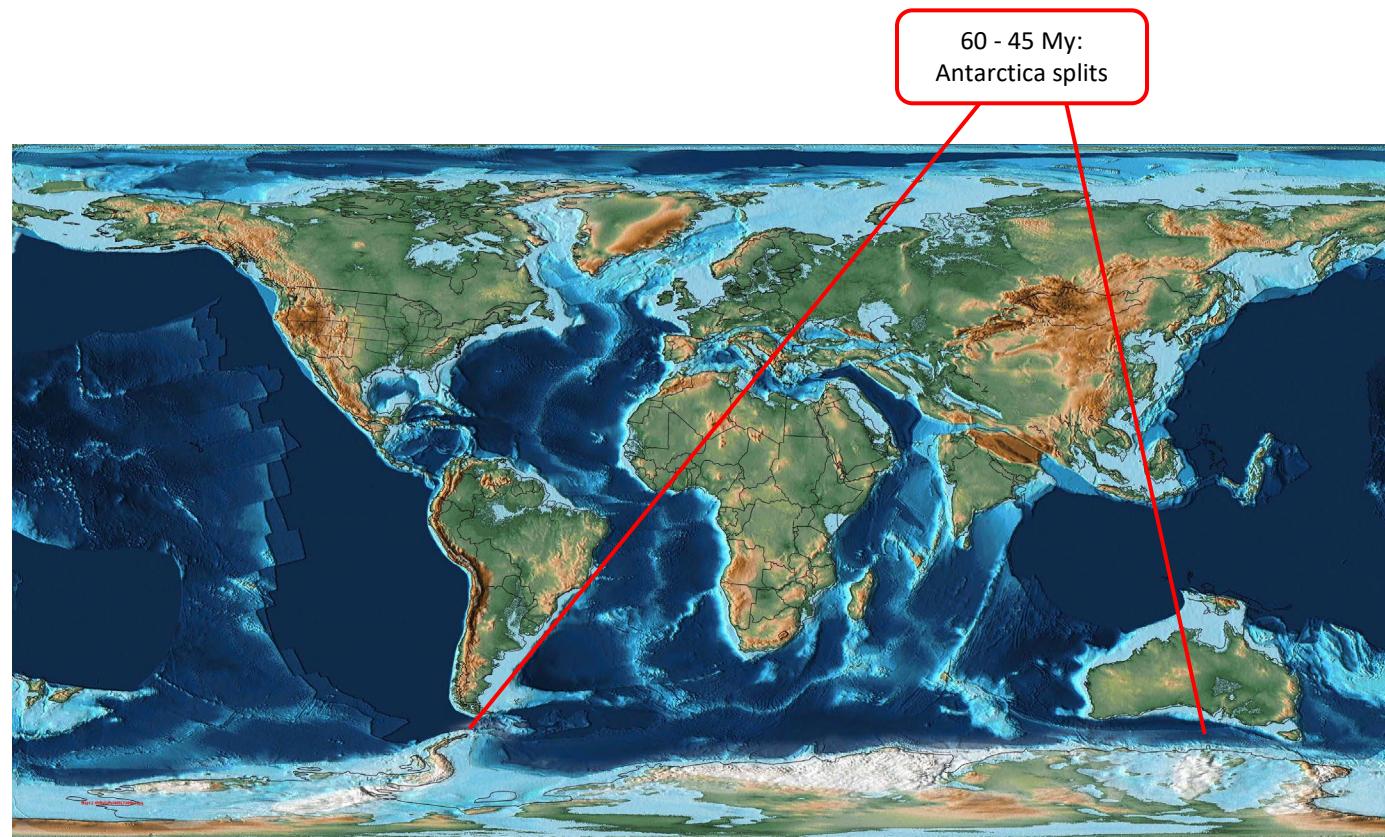
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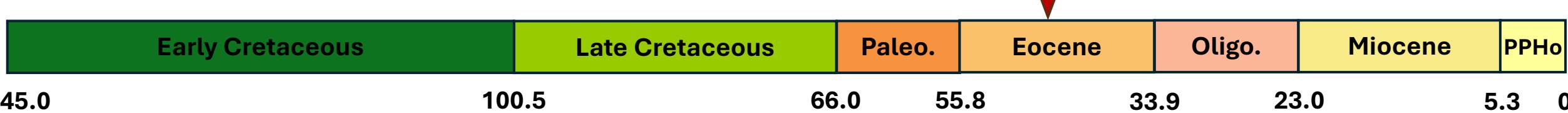
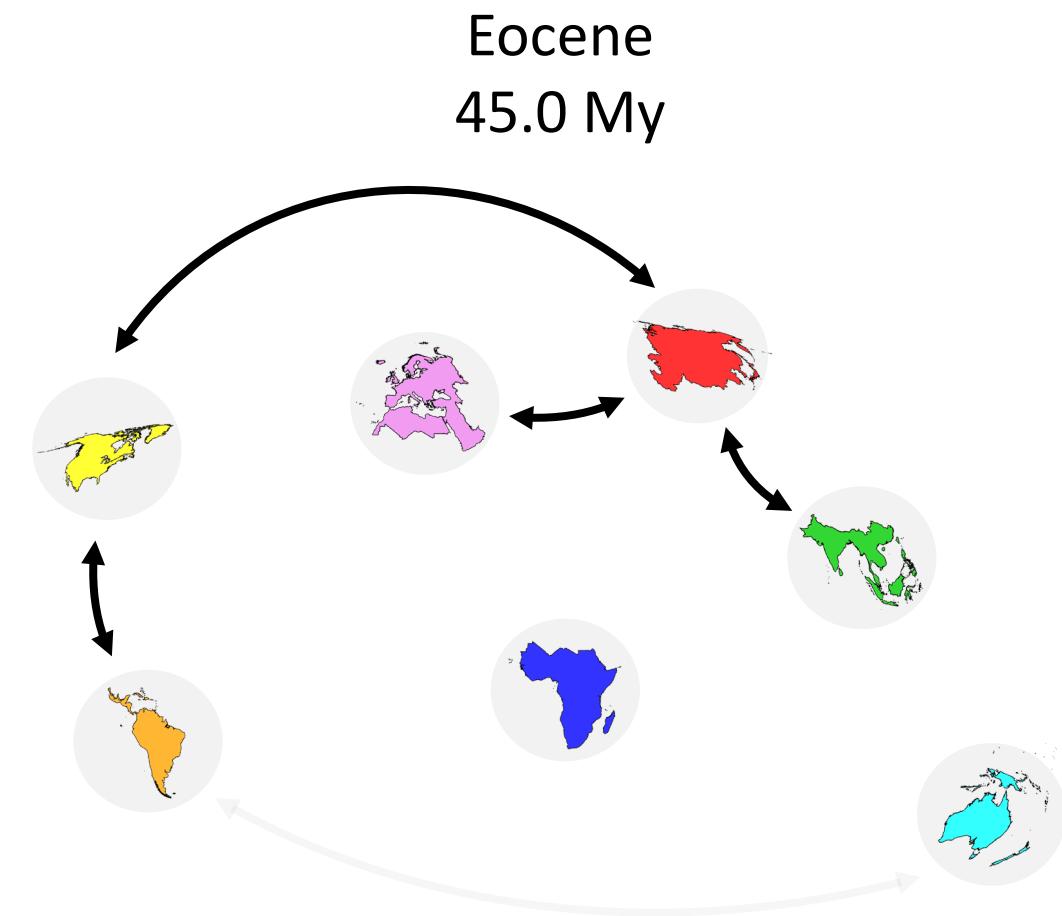
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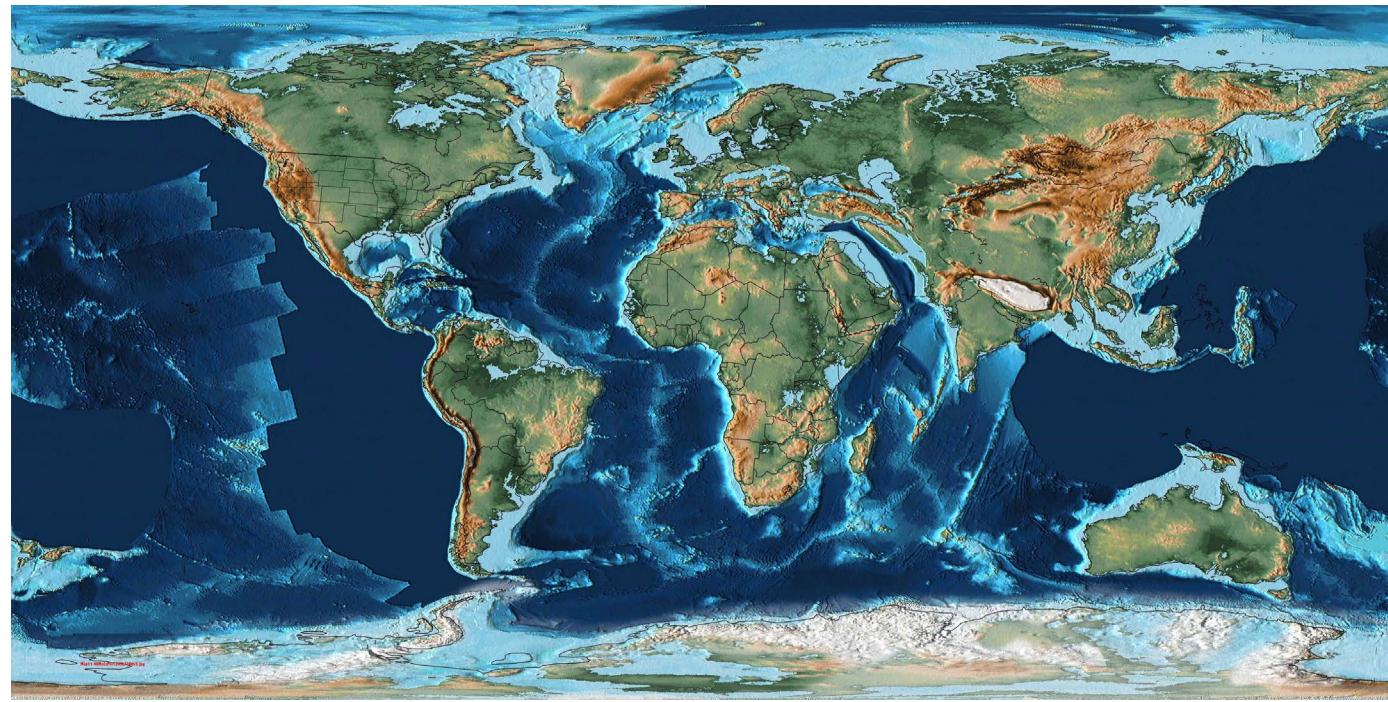
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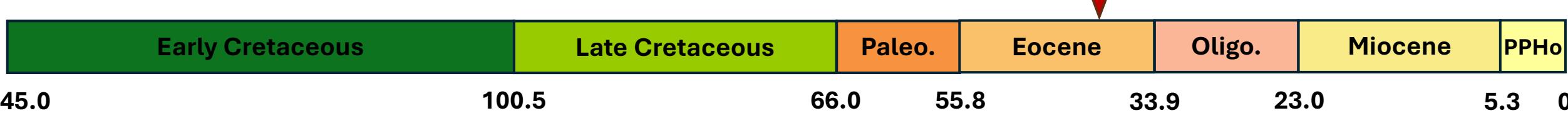
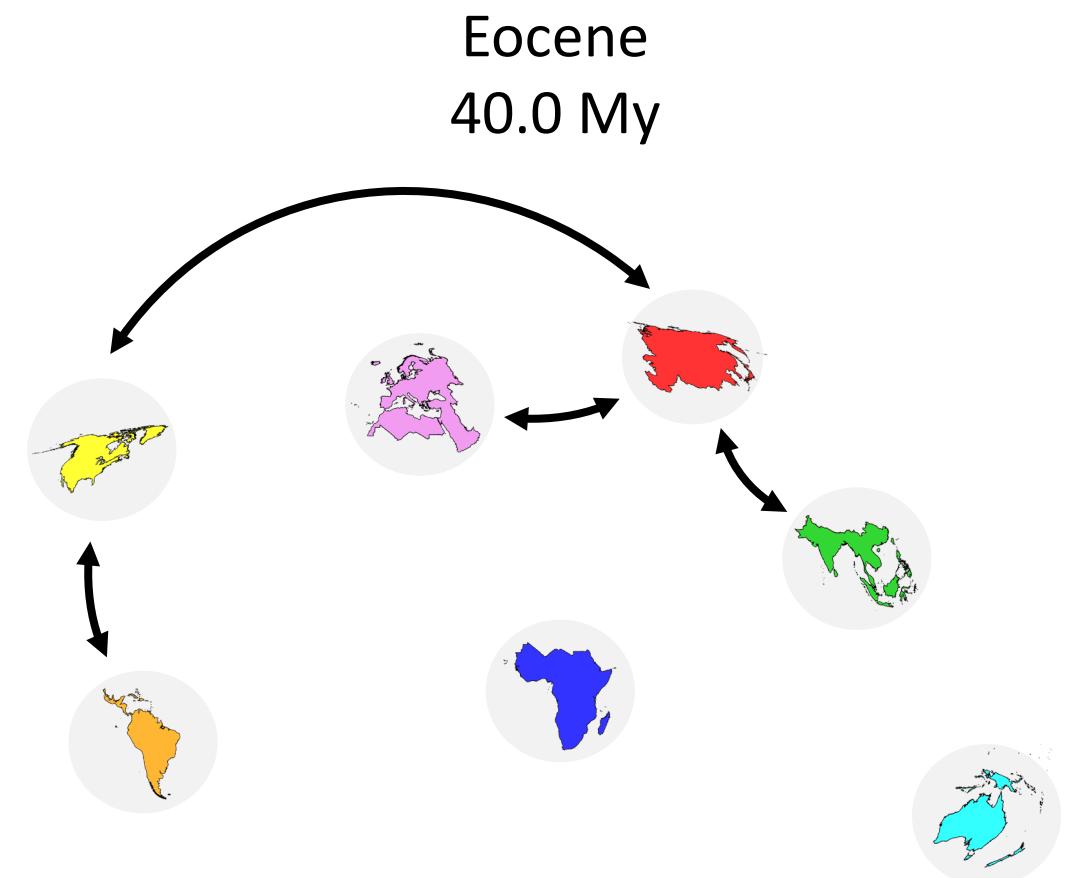
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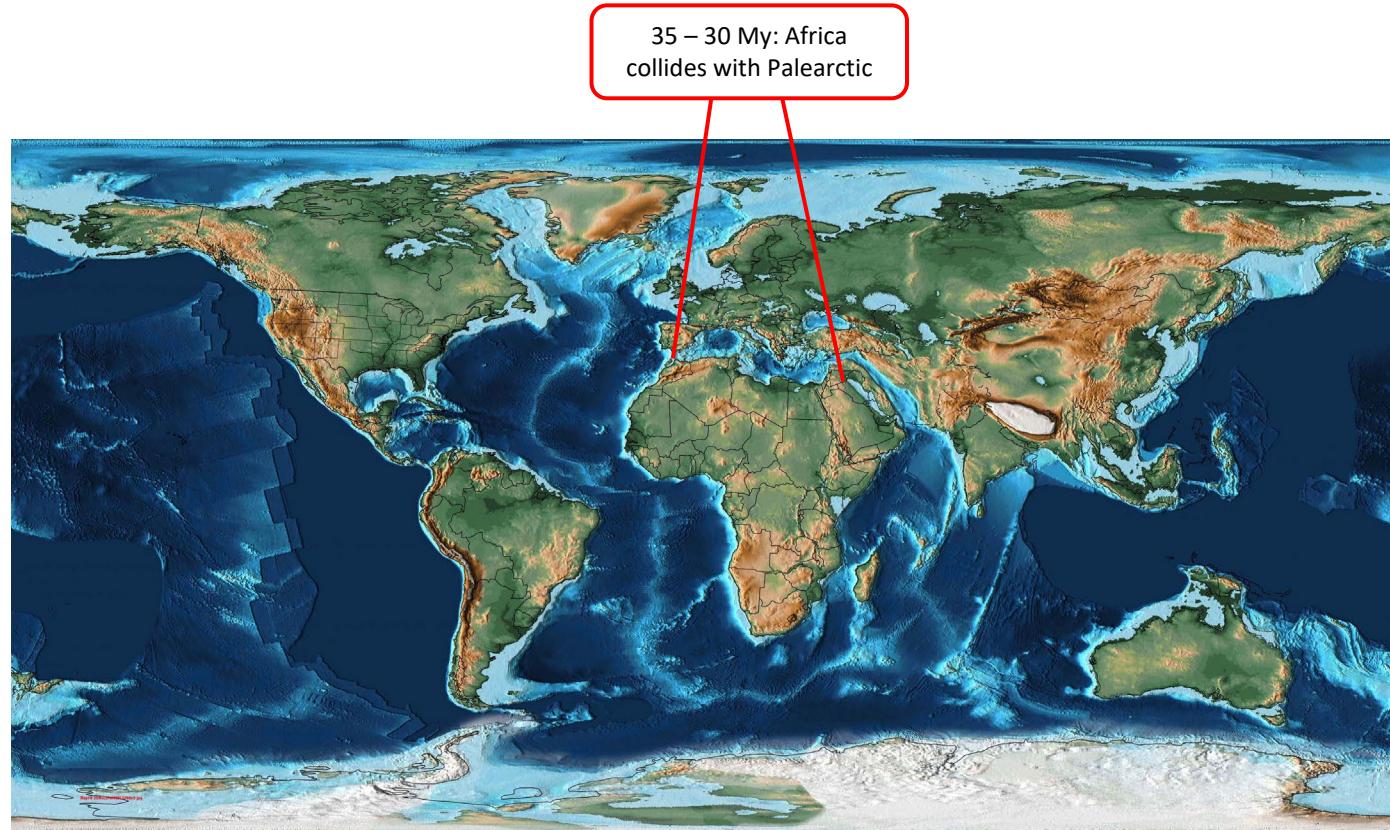
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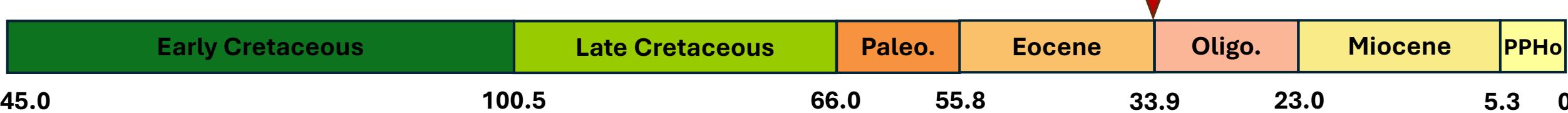
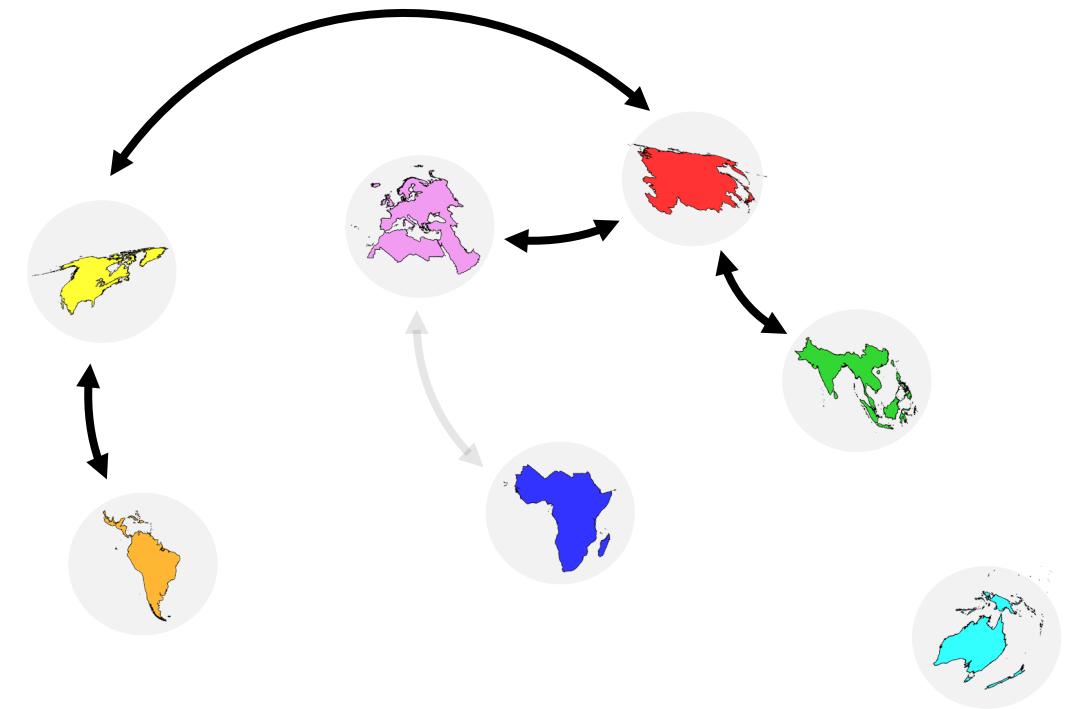
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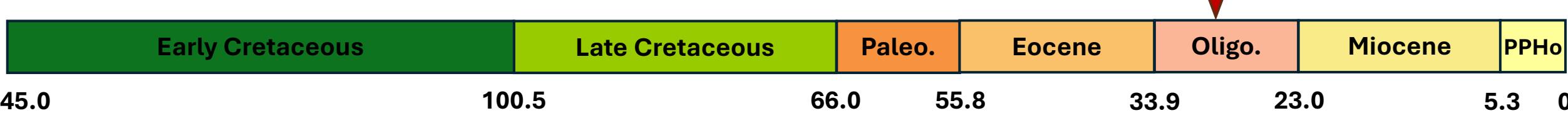
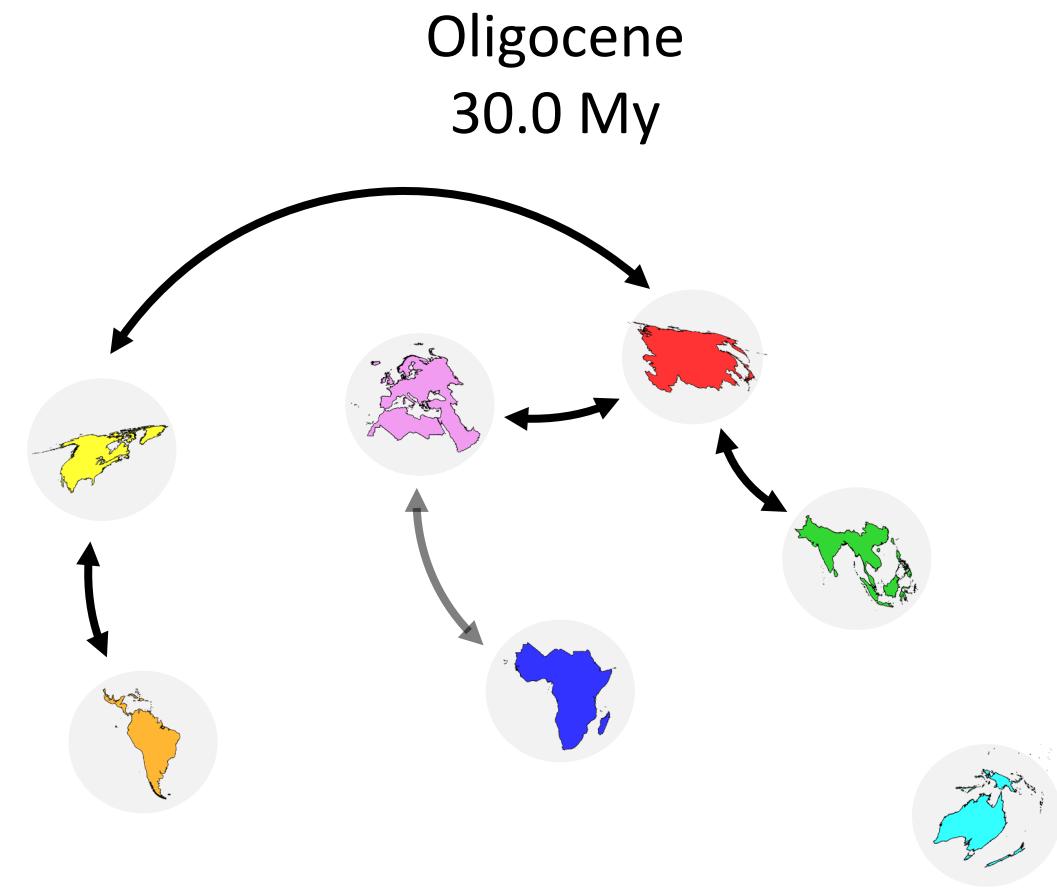
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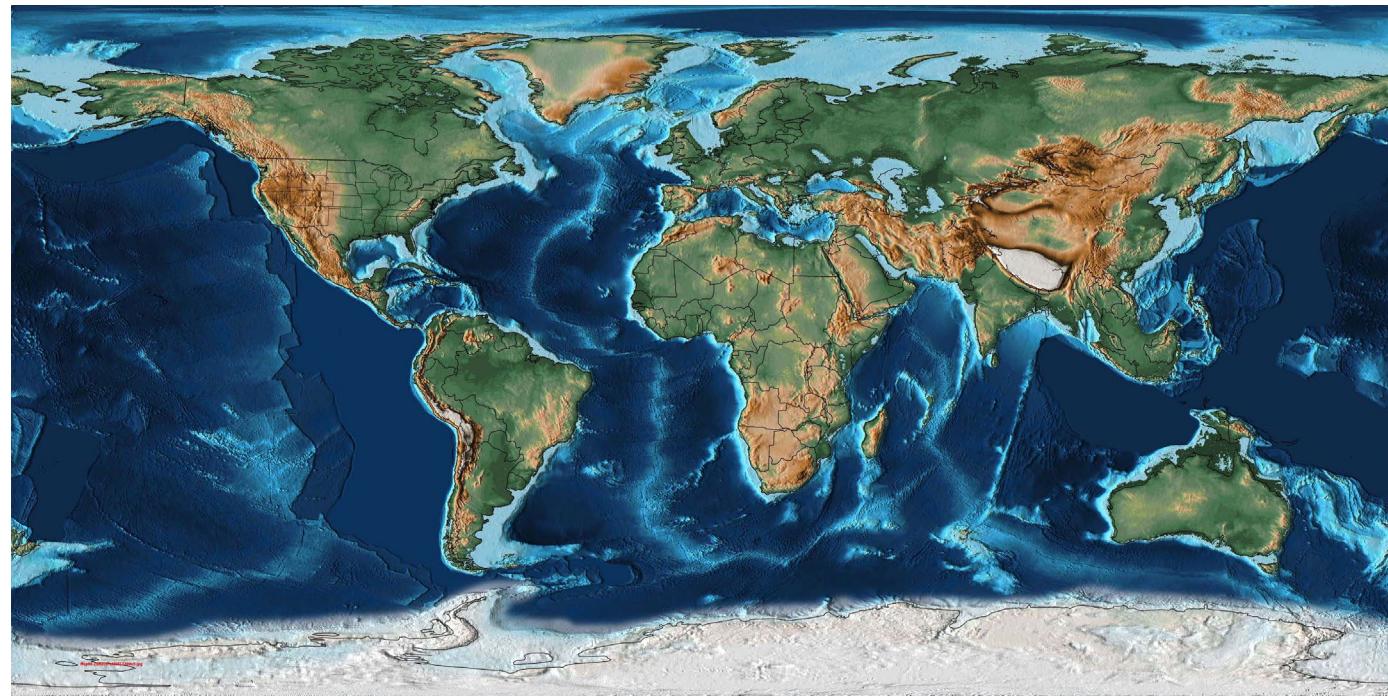
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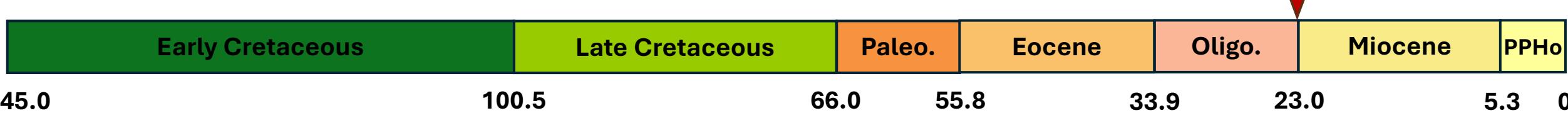
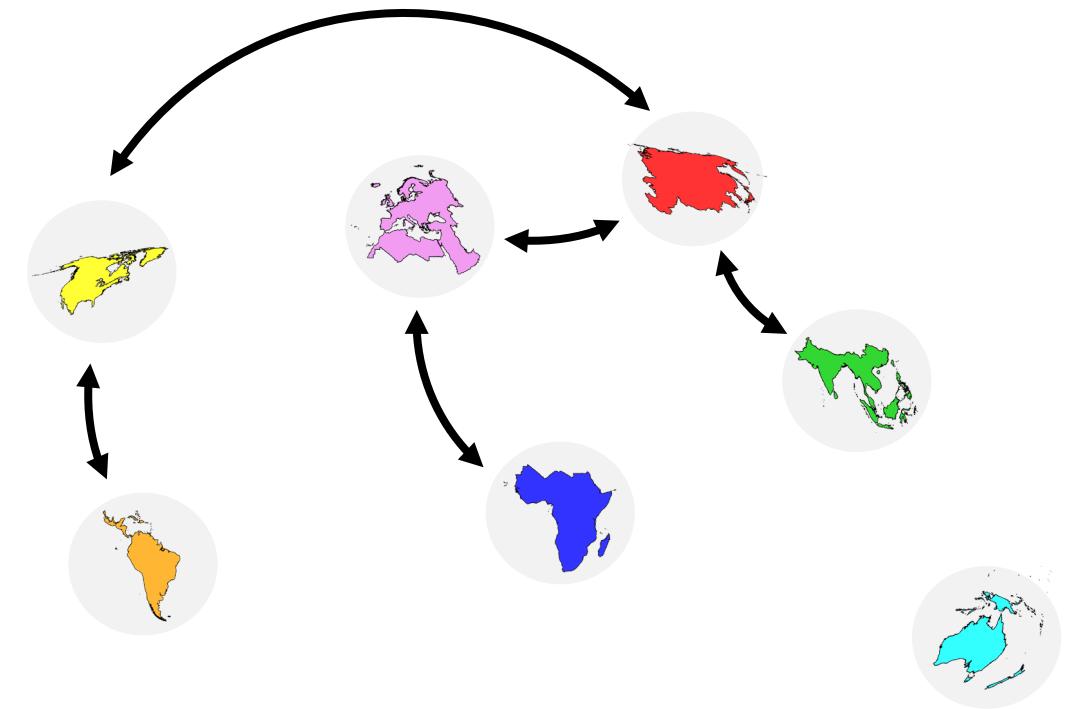
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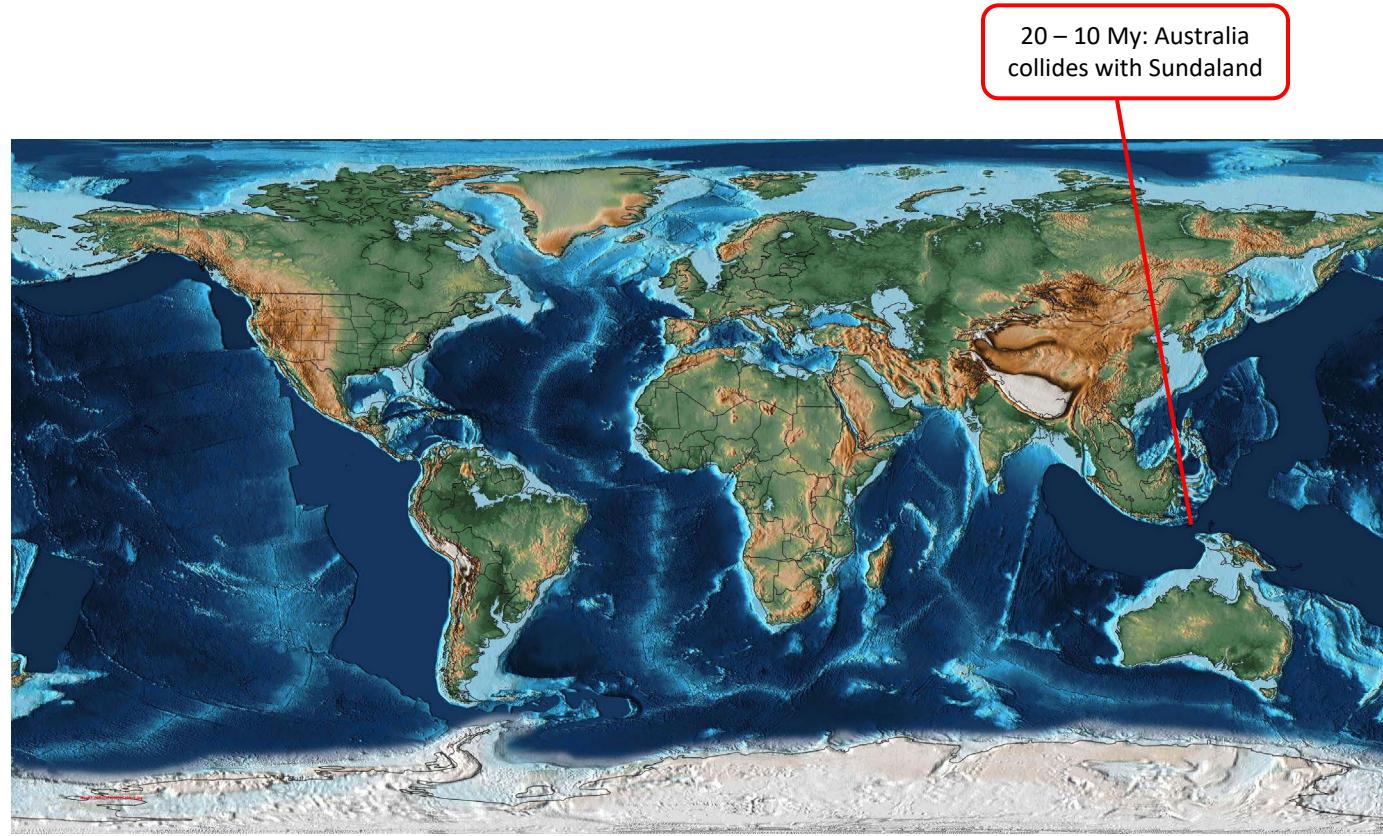
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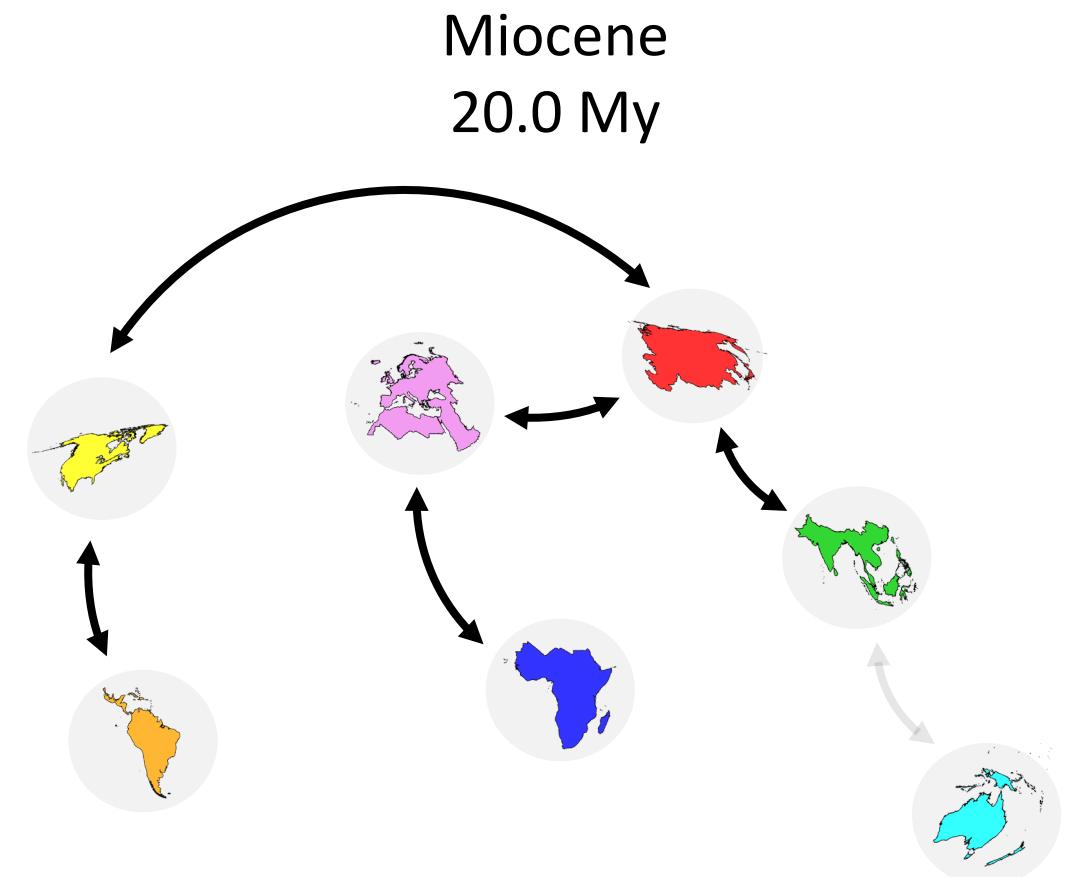
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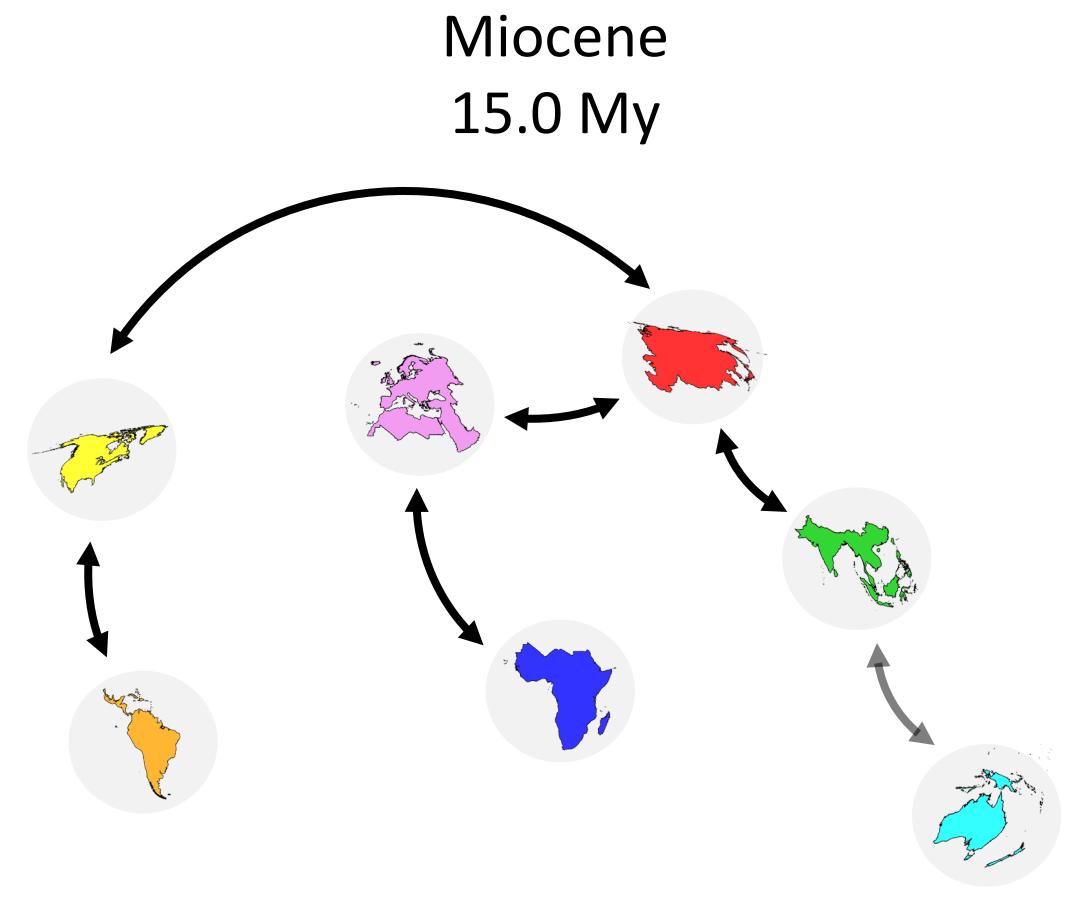
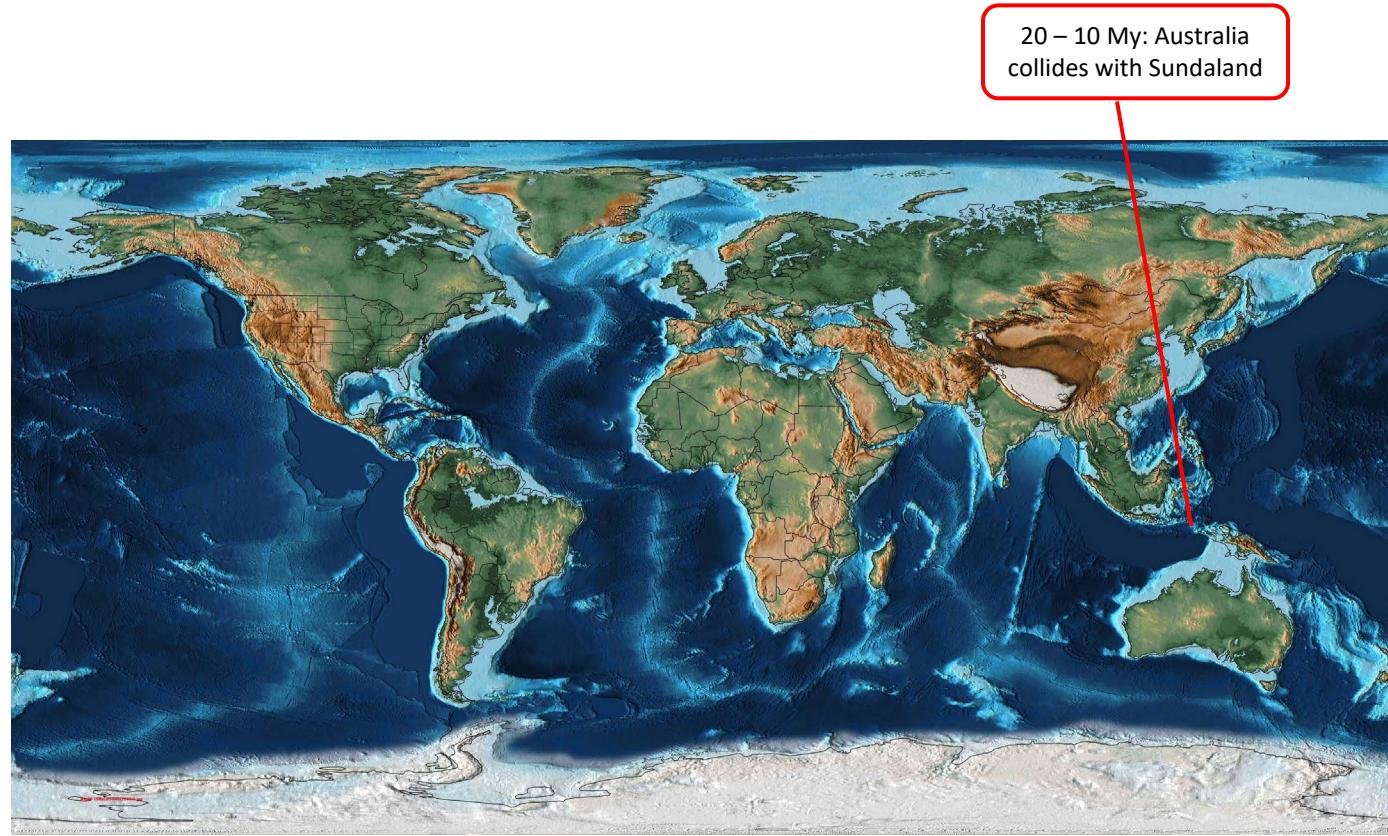
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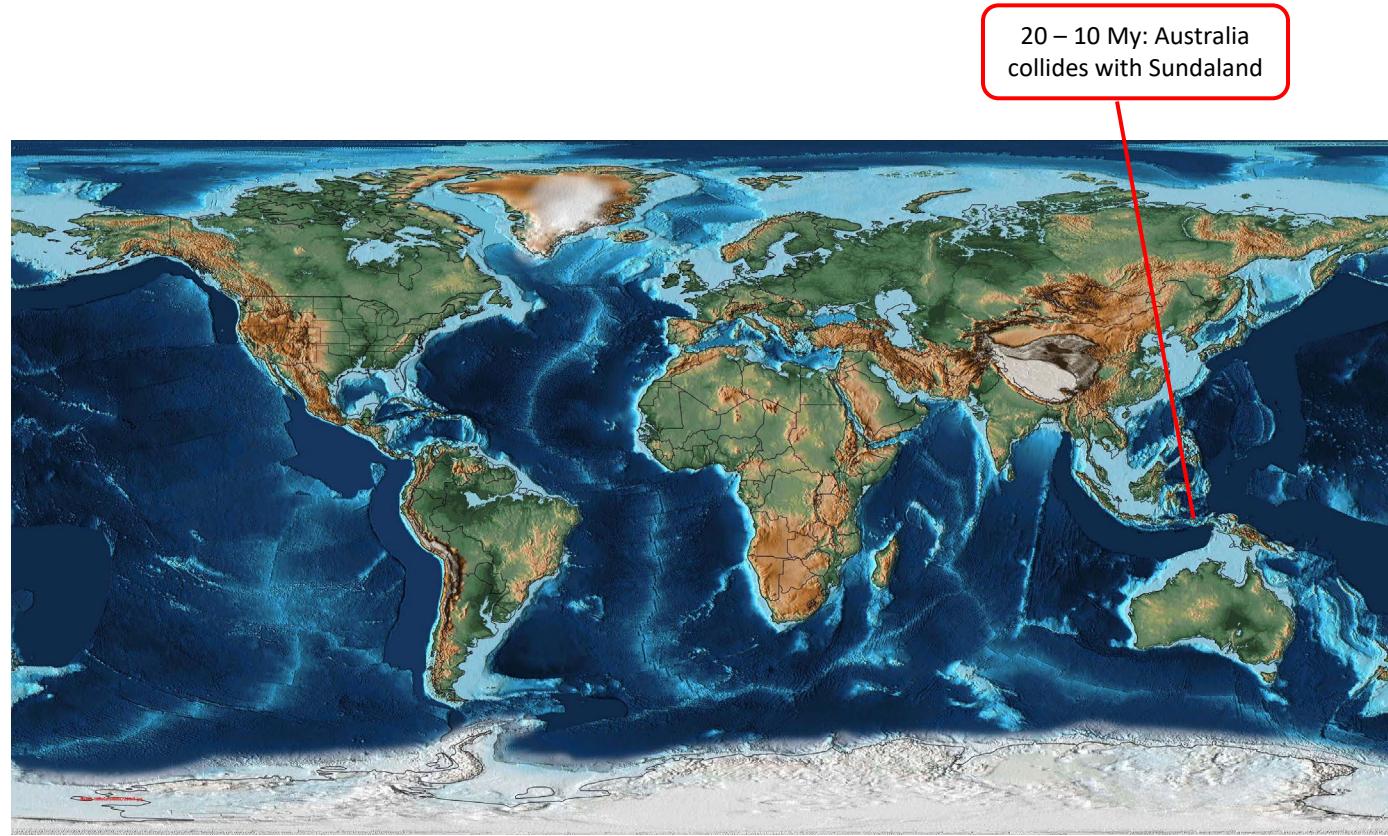
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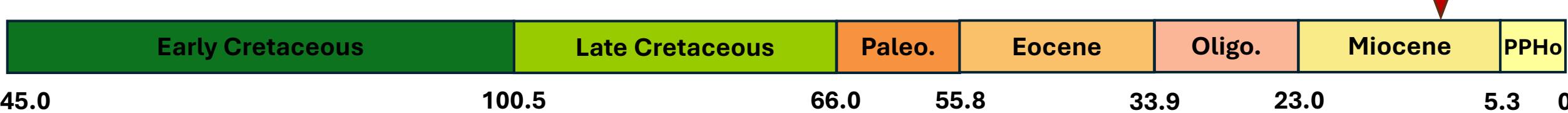
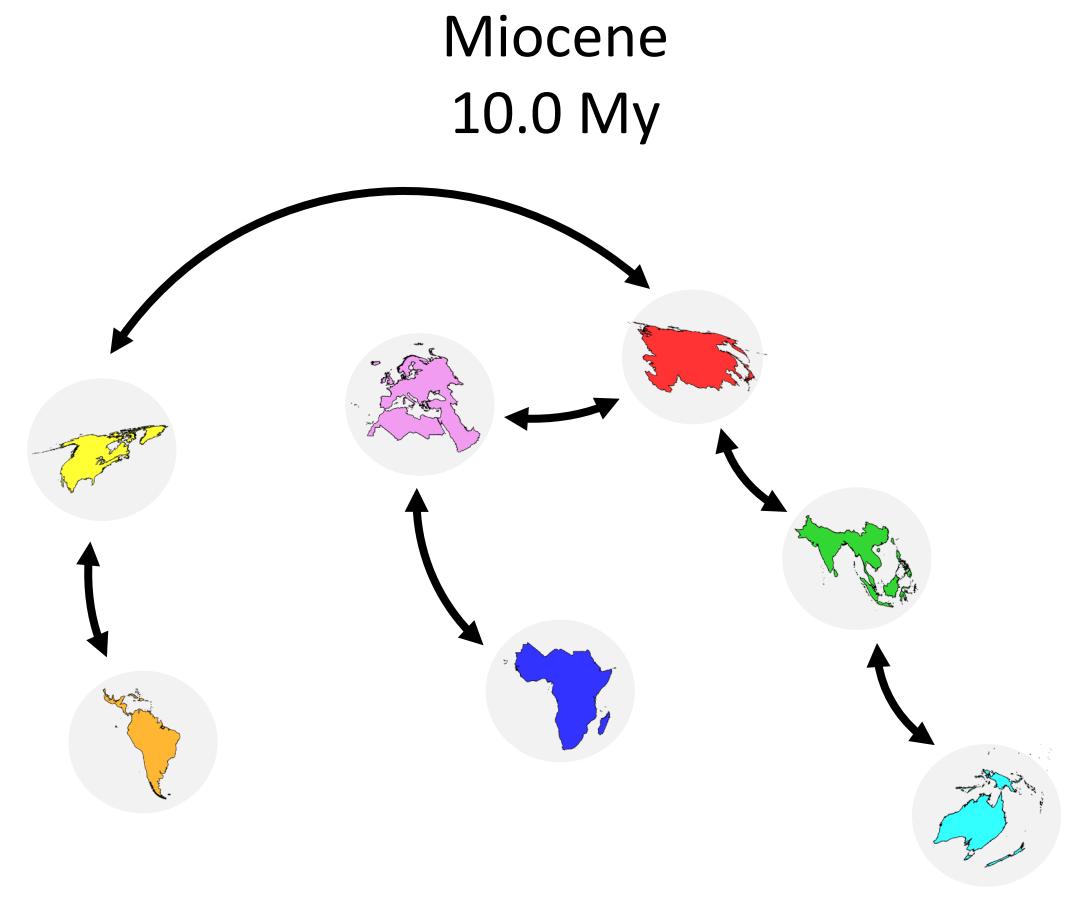
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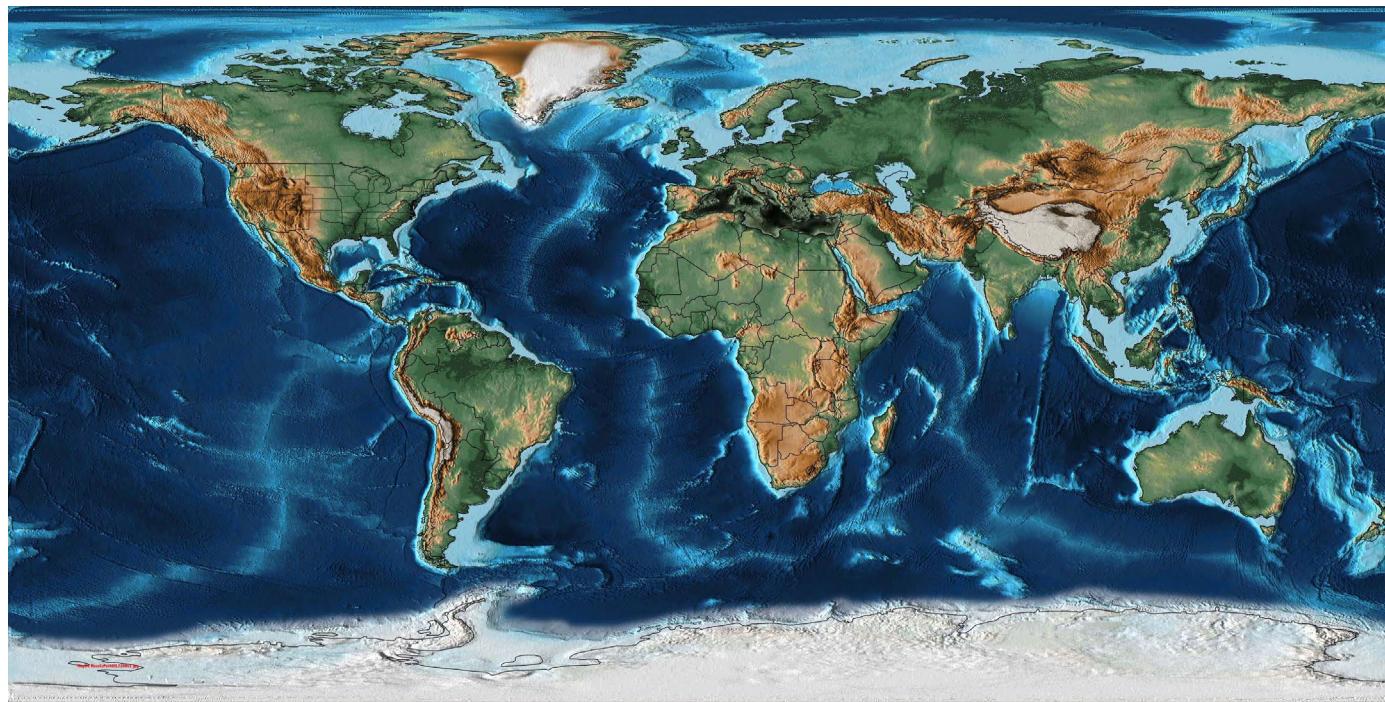
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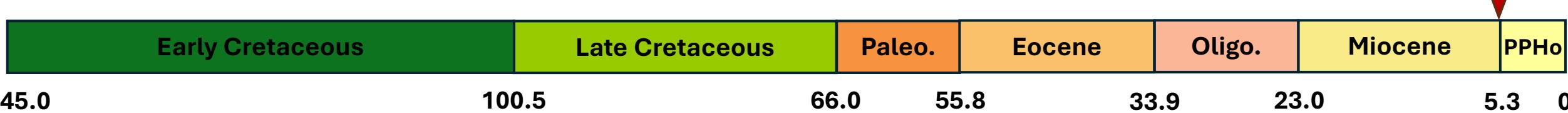
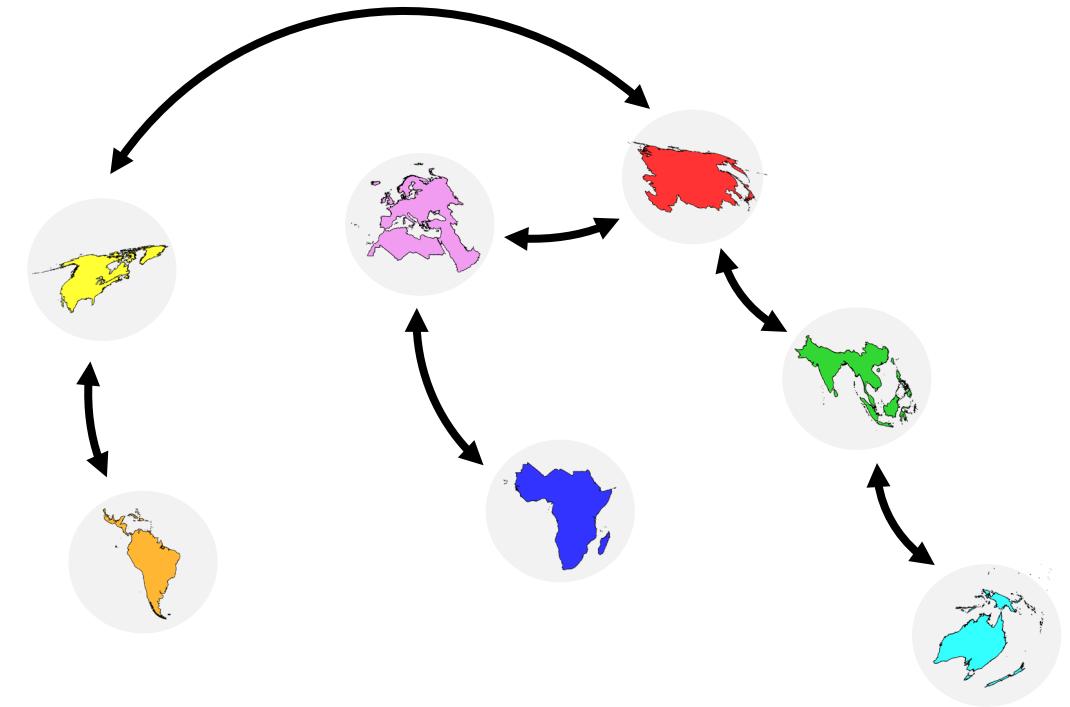


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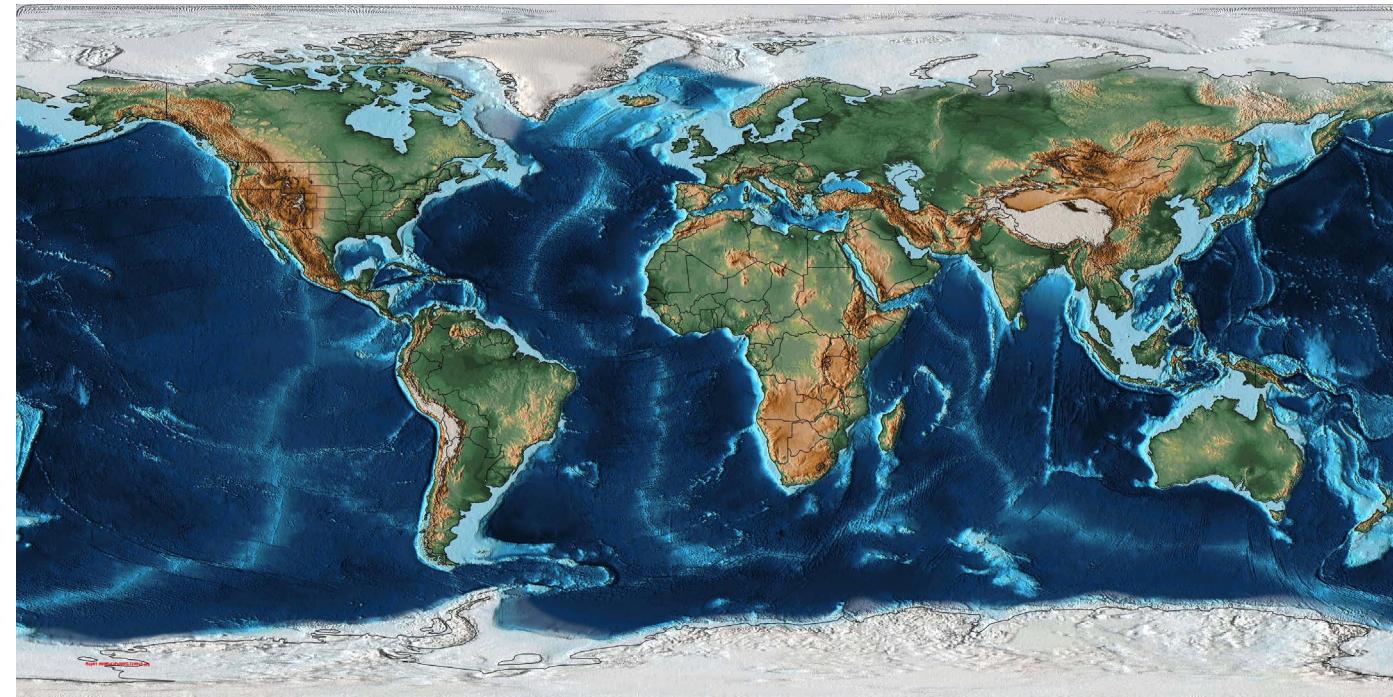


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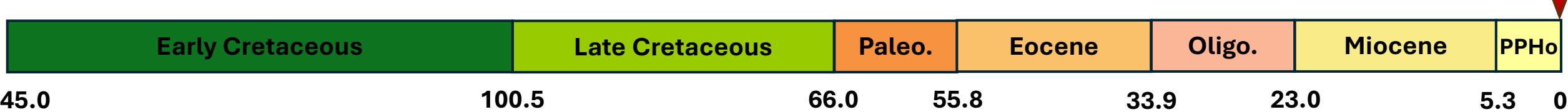
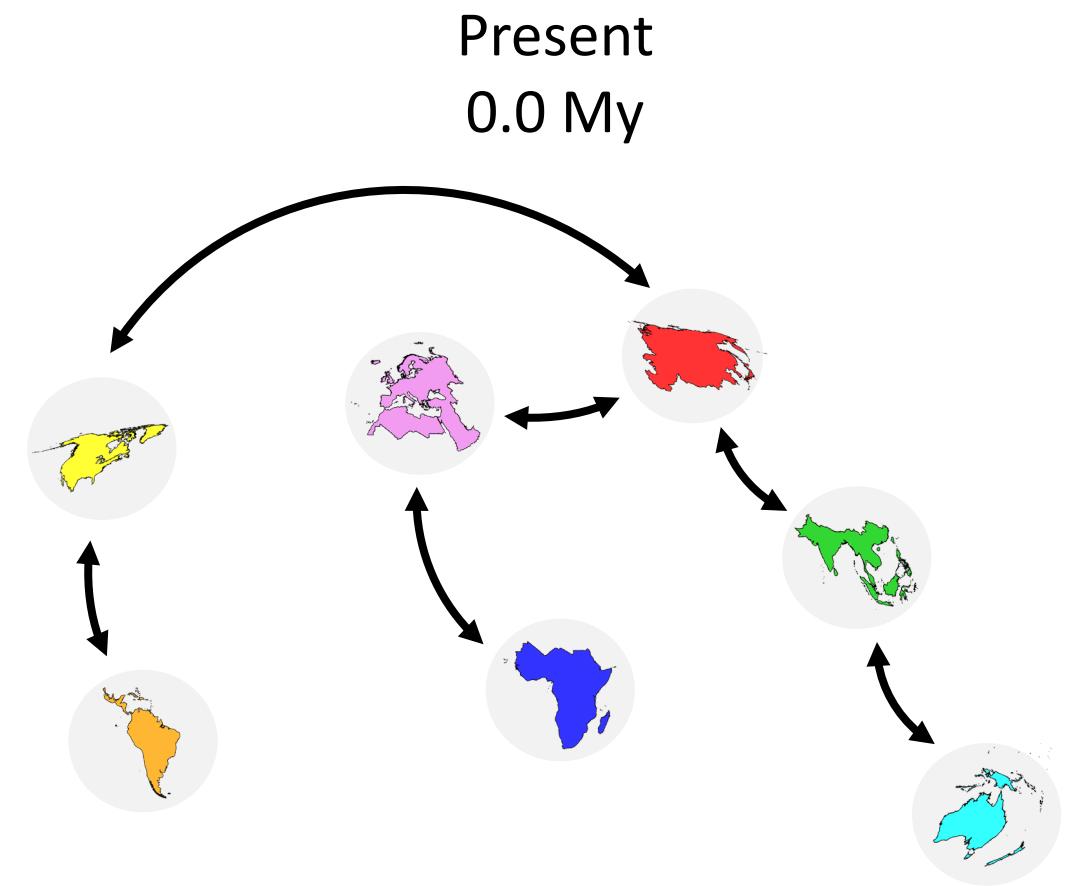
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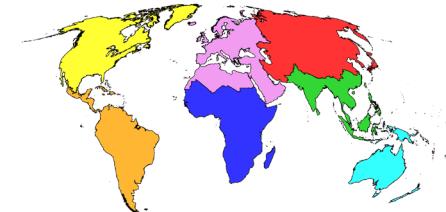
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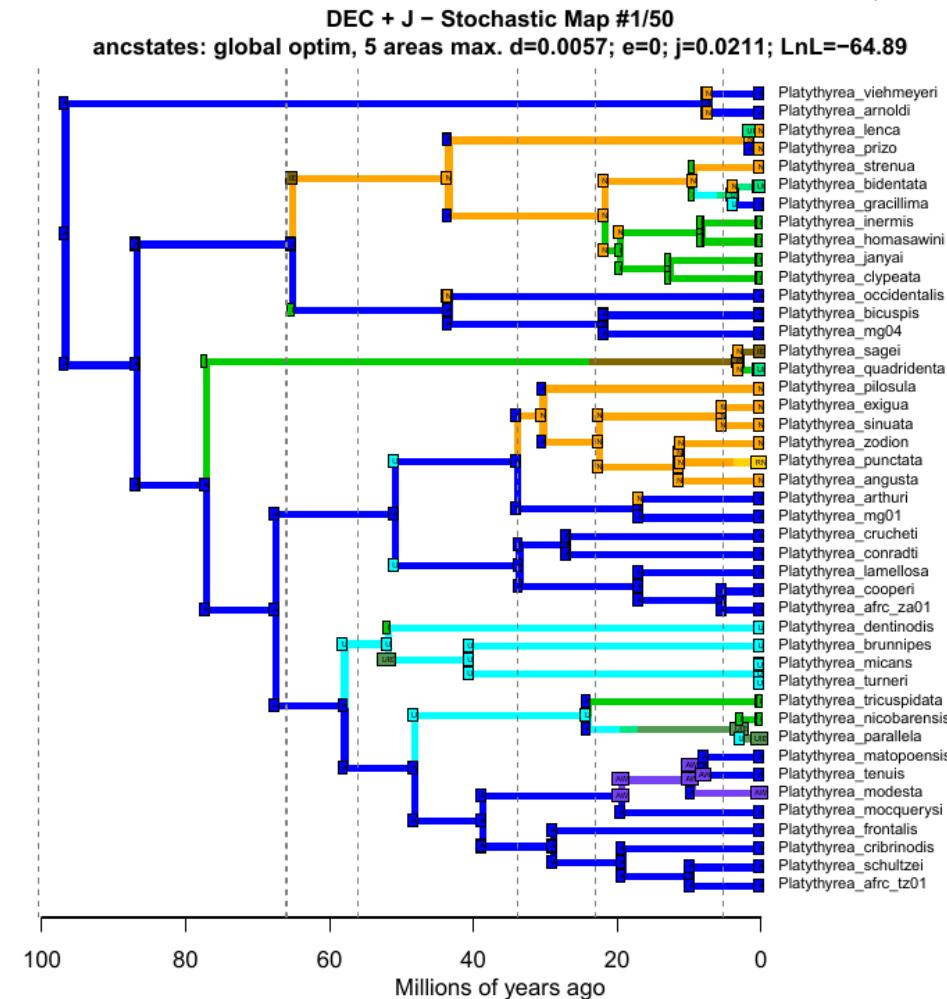
Model of continental connectivity

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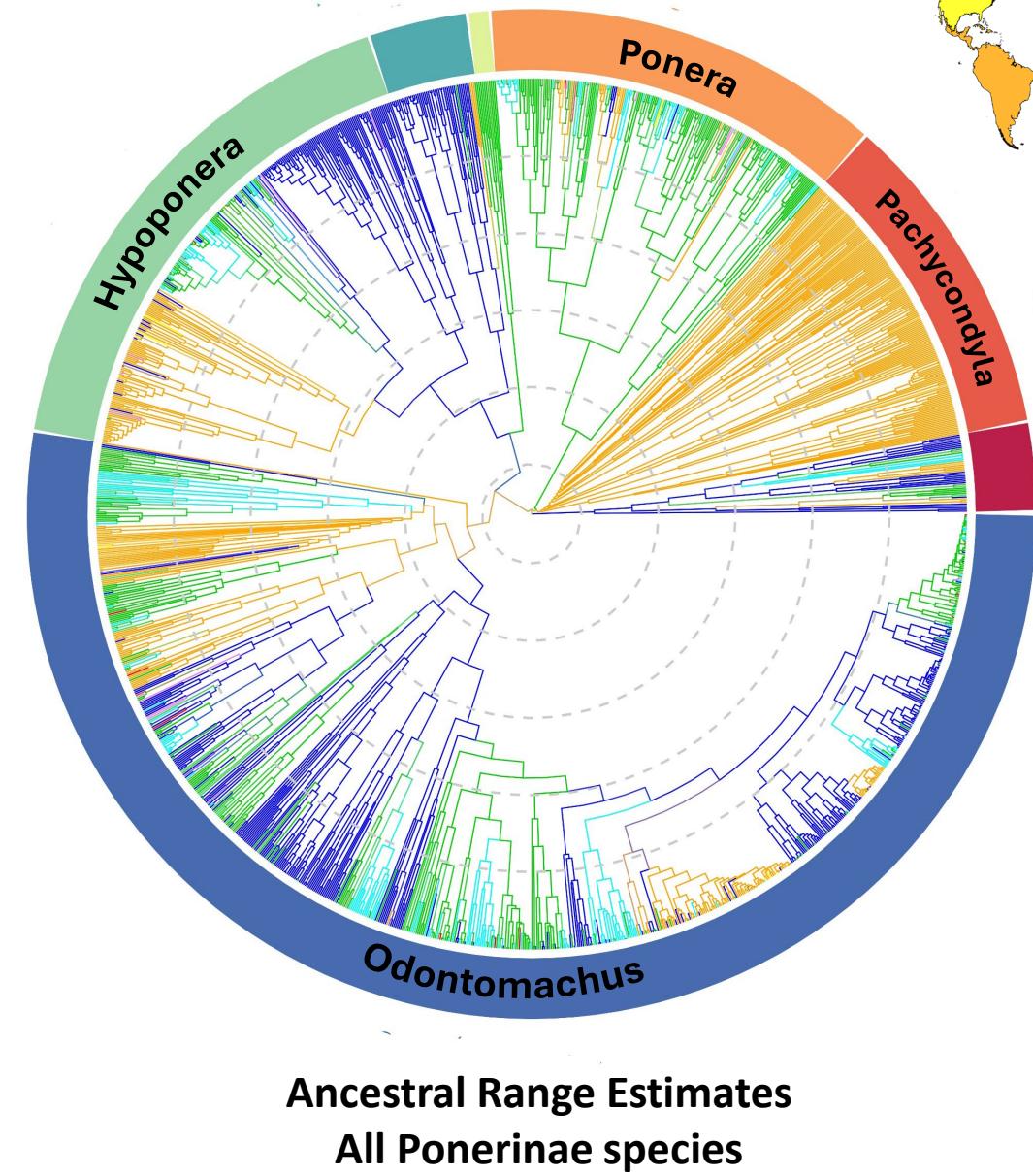
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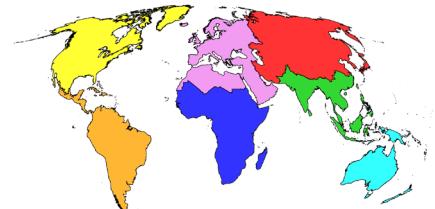
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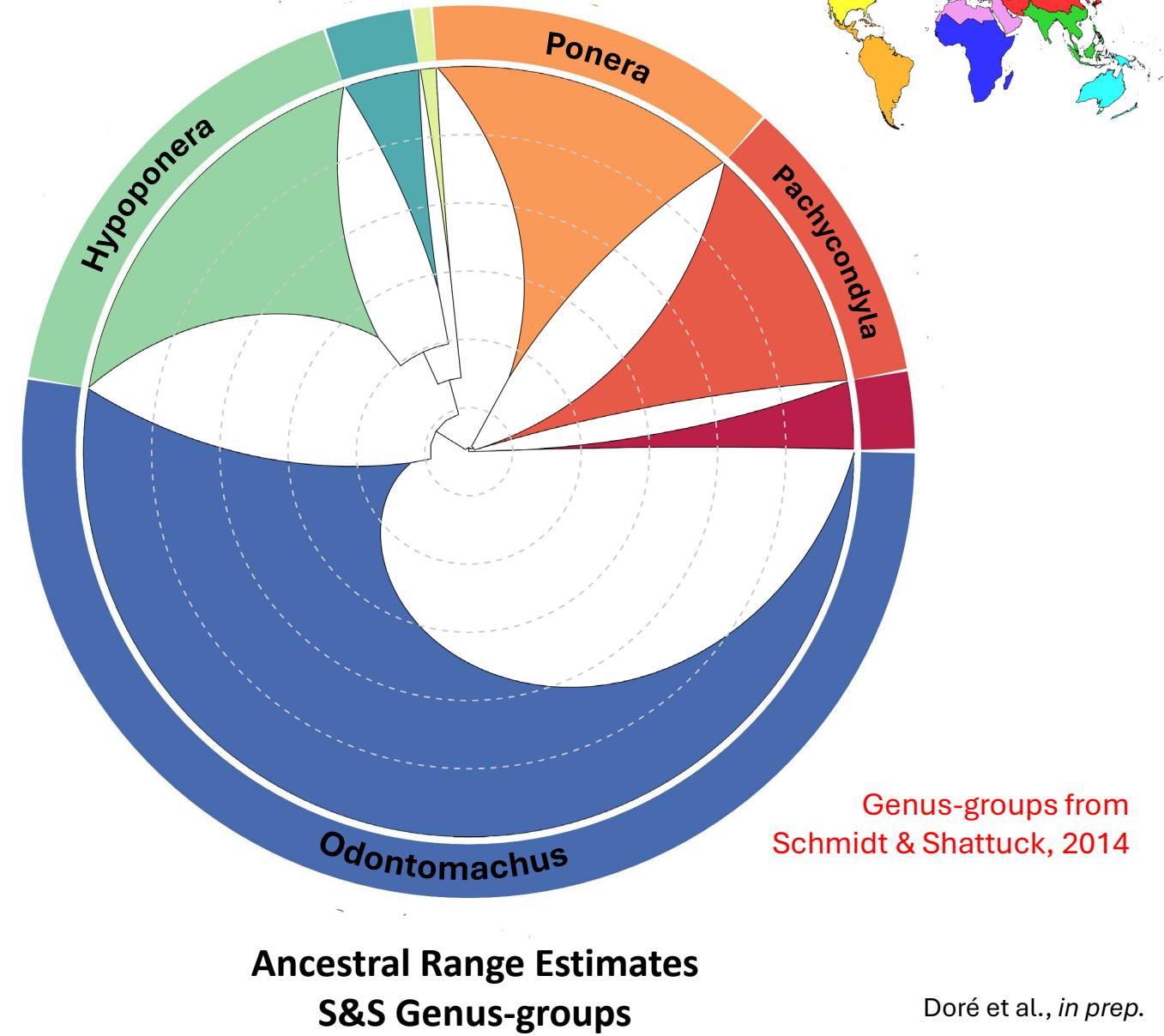
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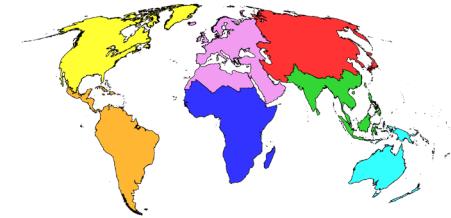
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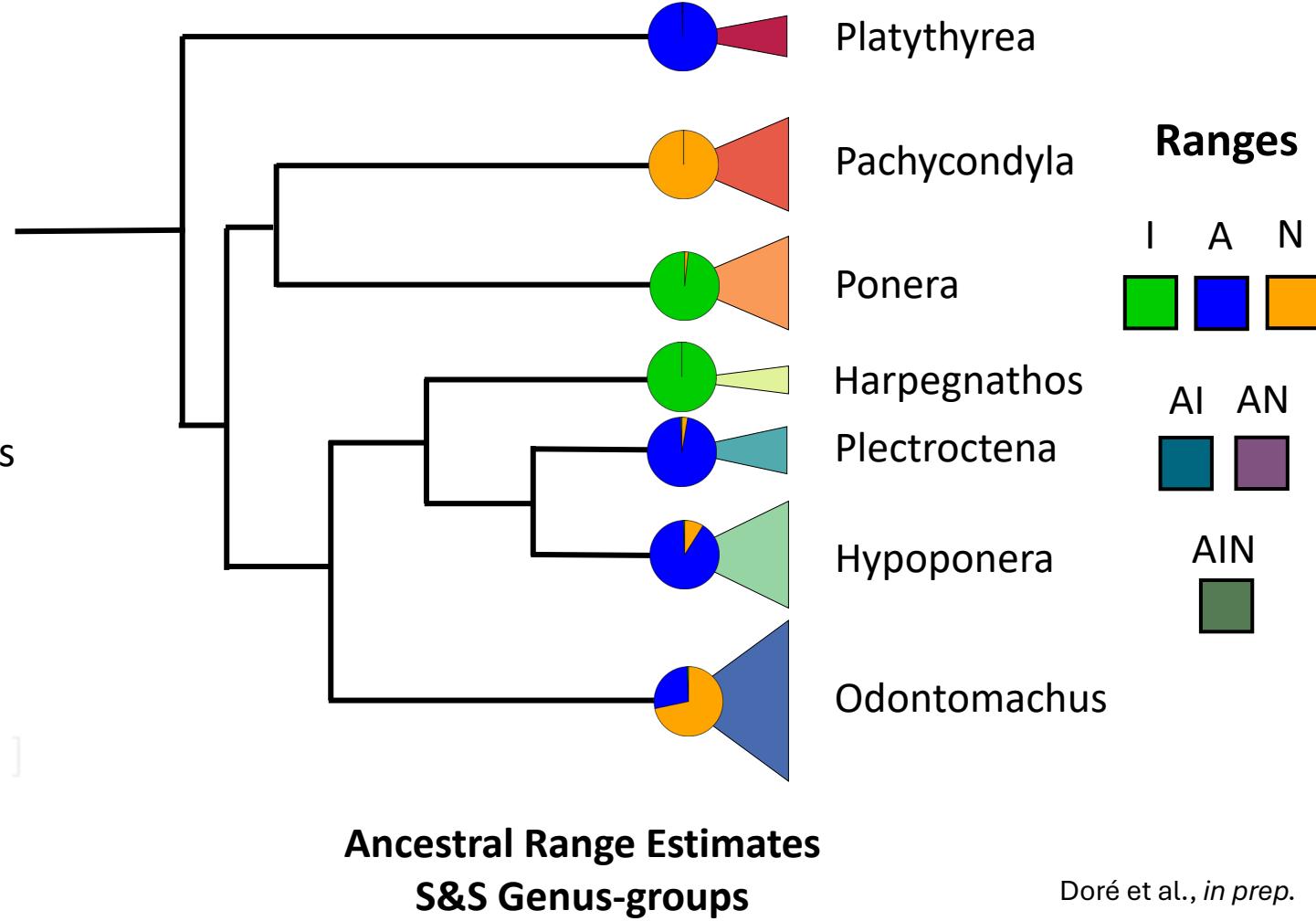
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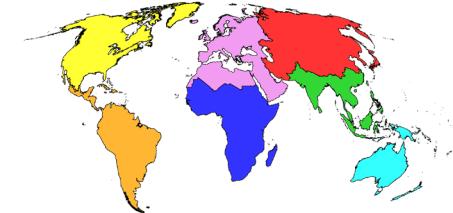
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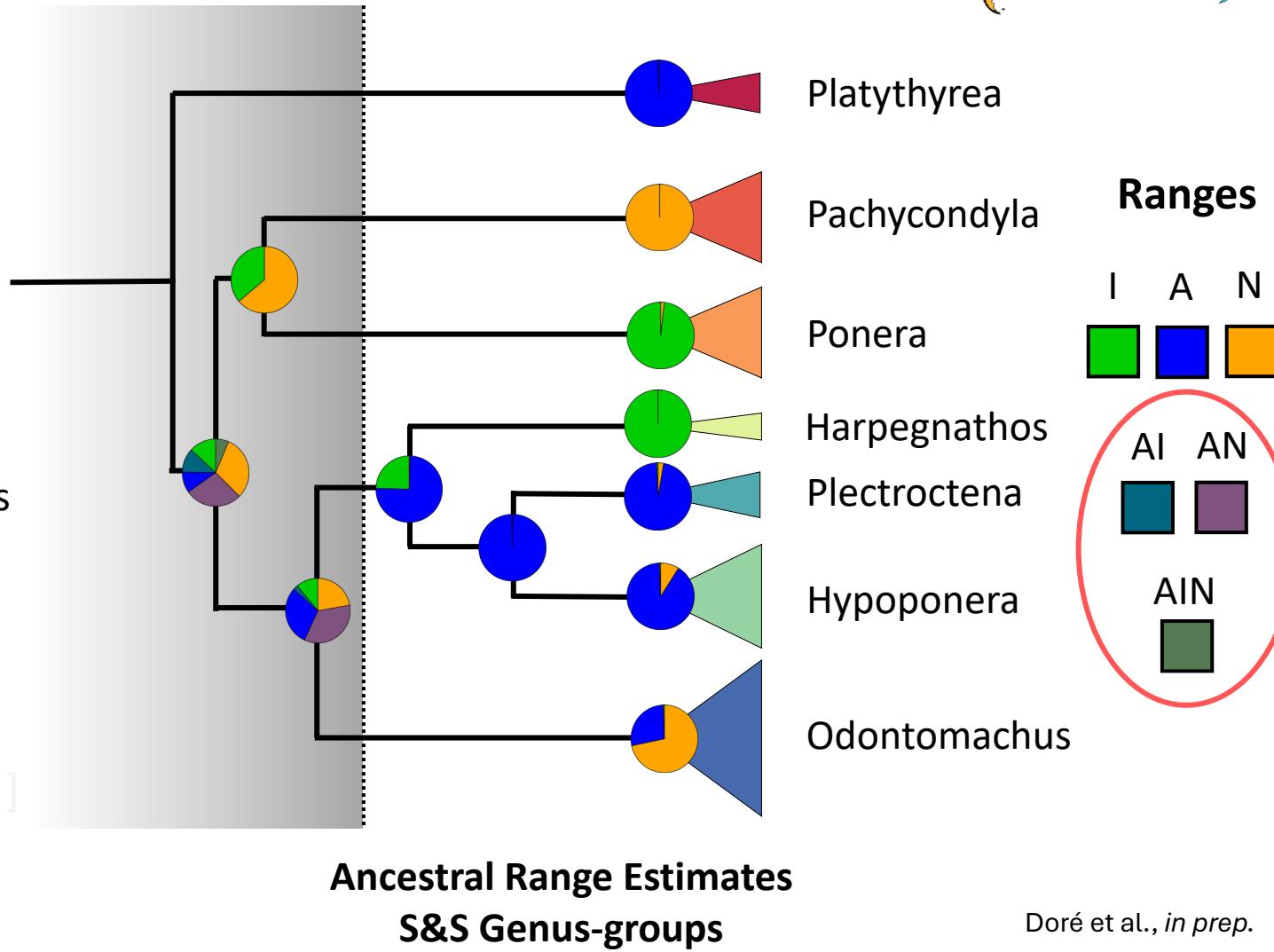
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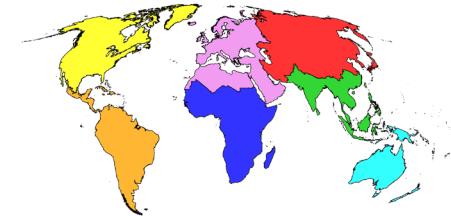
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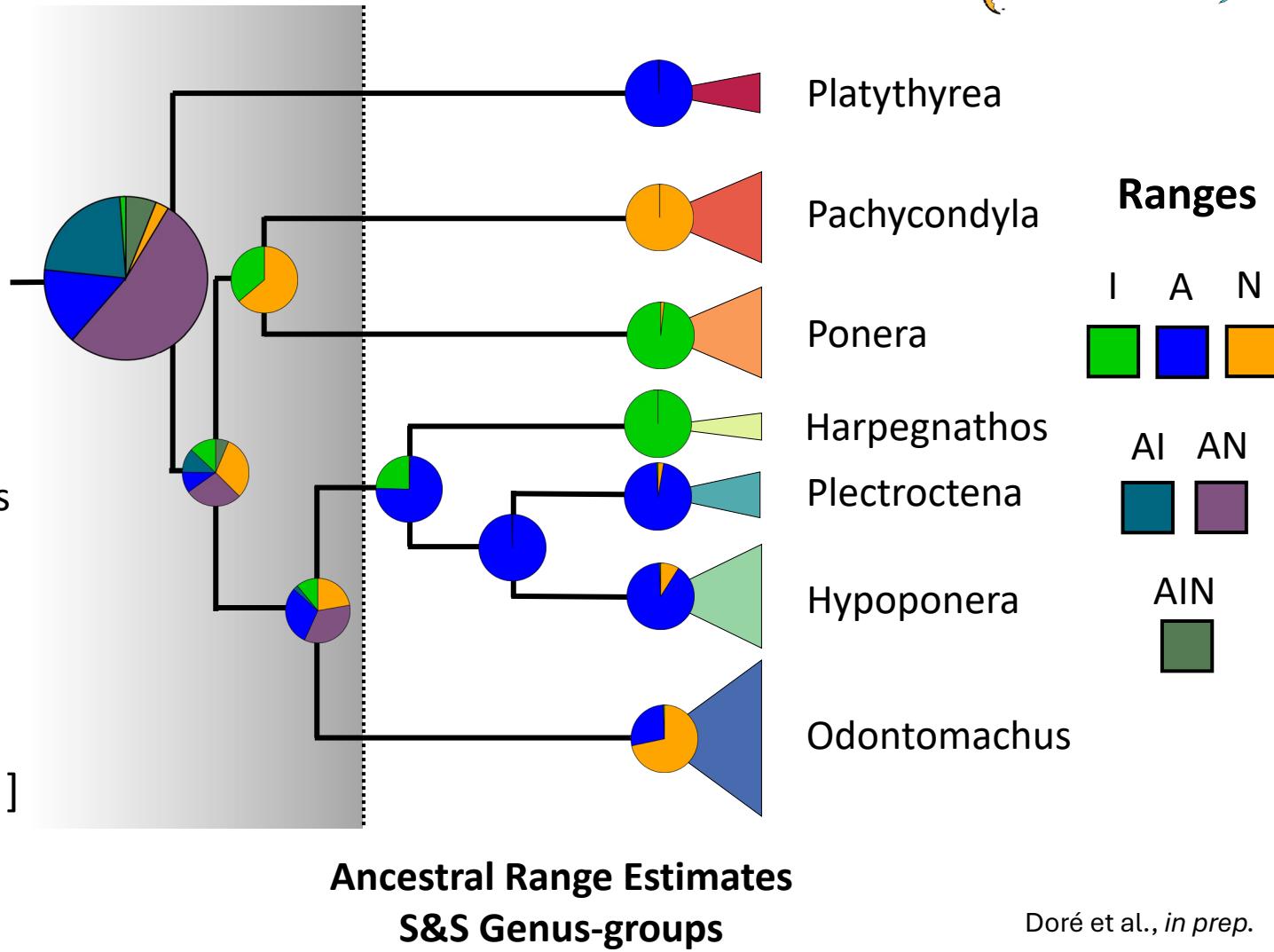
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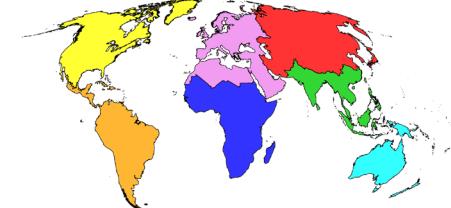
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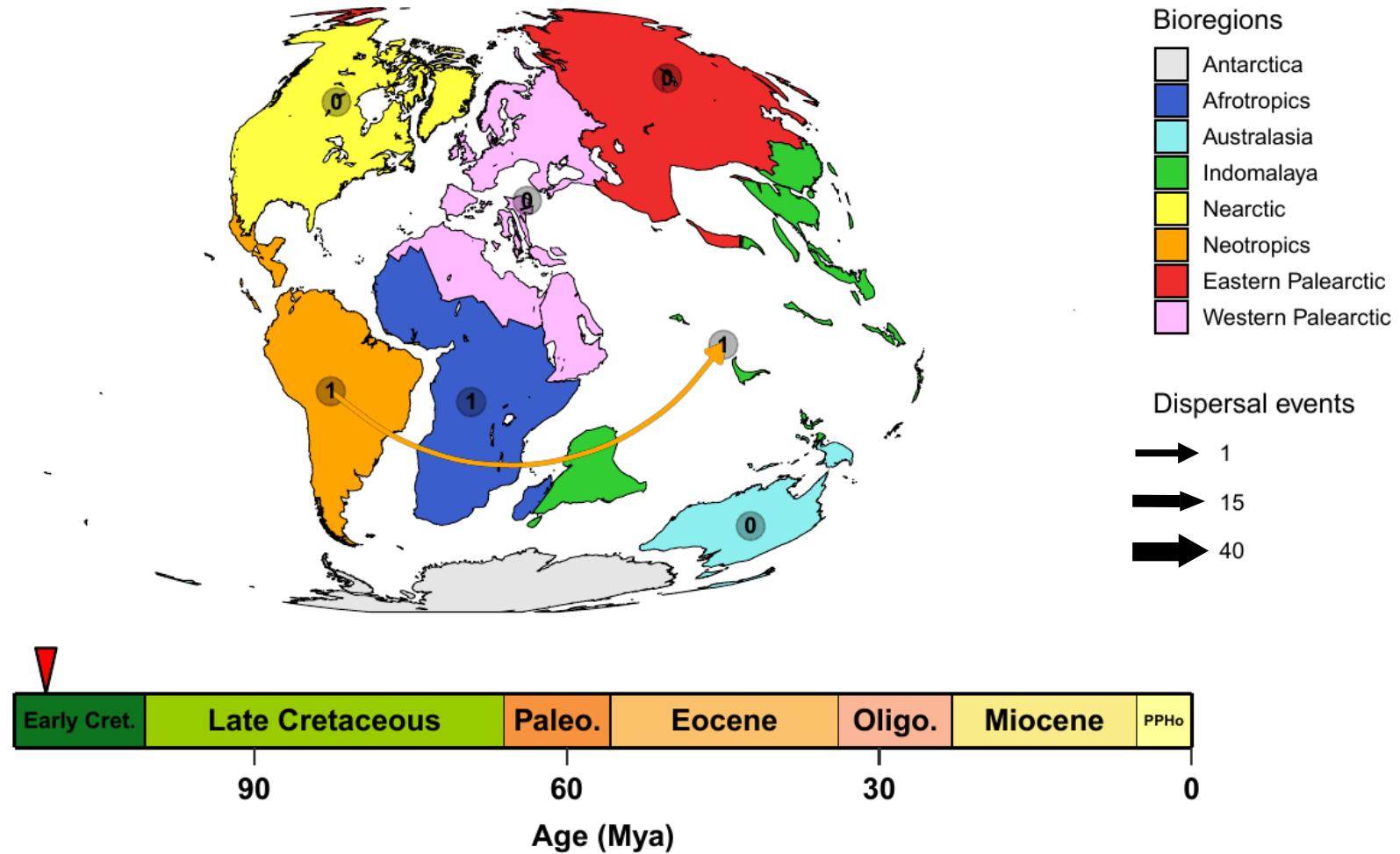
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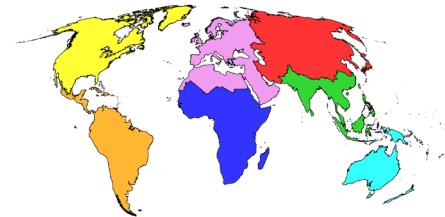


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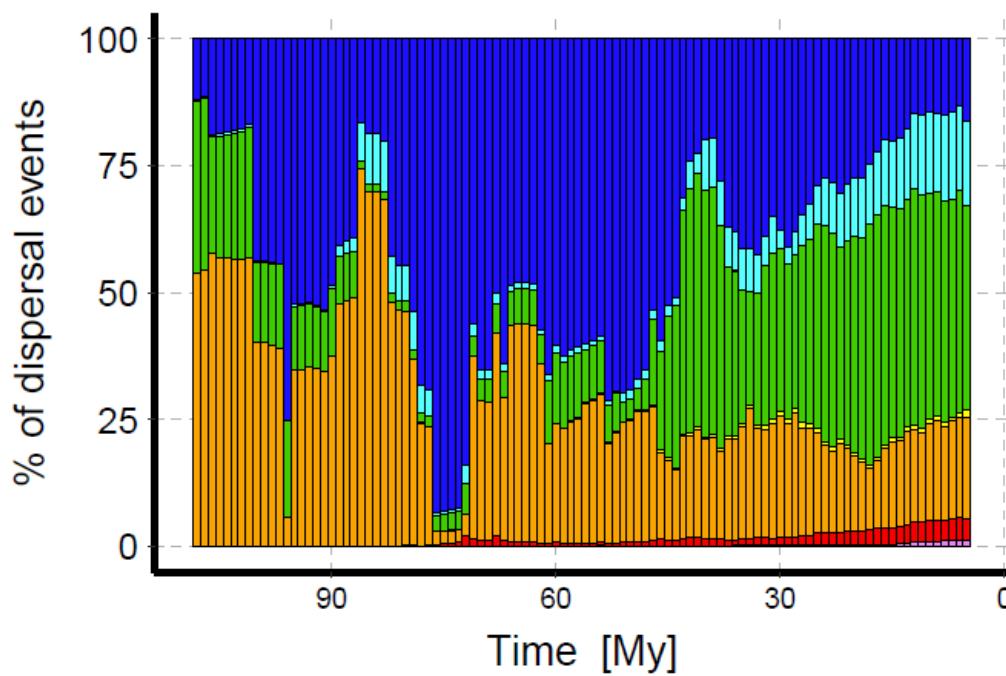


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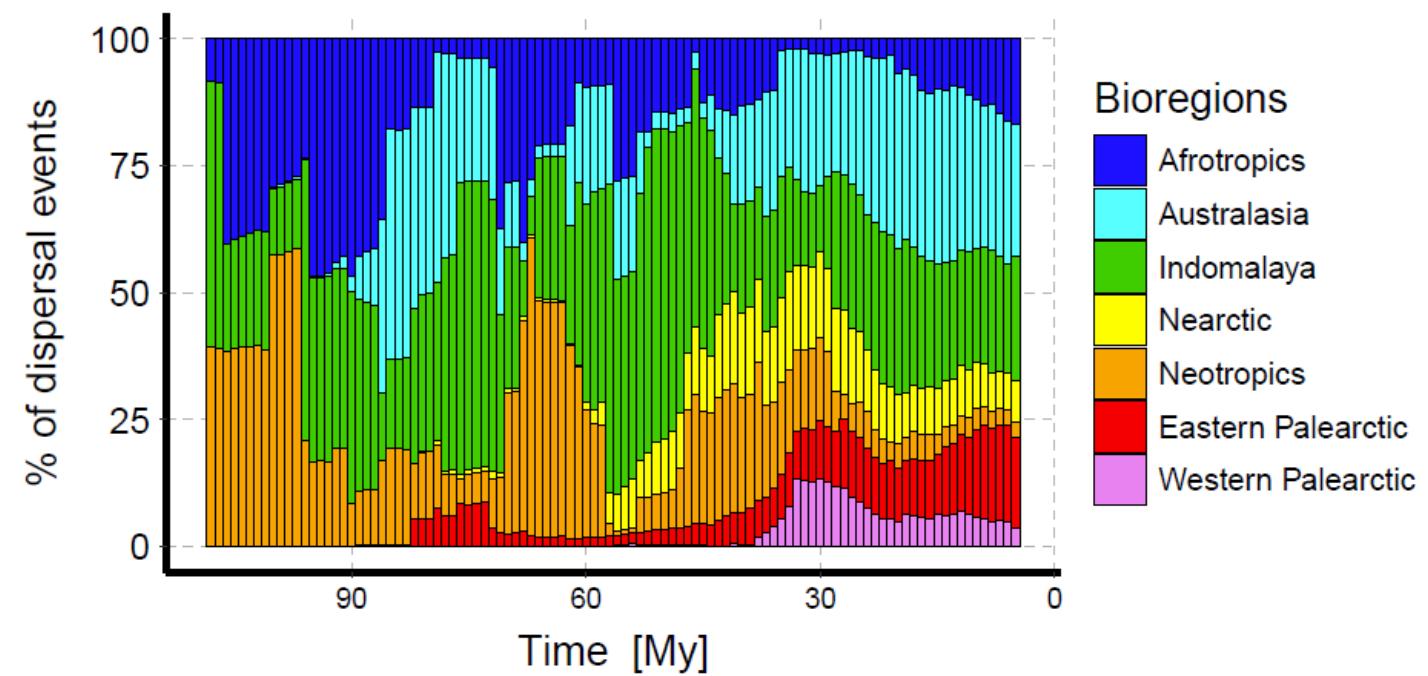
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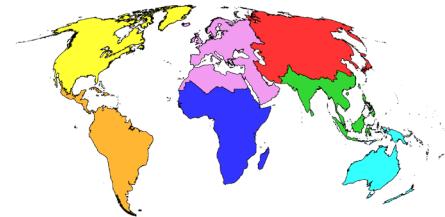


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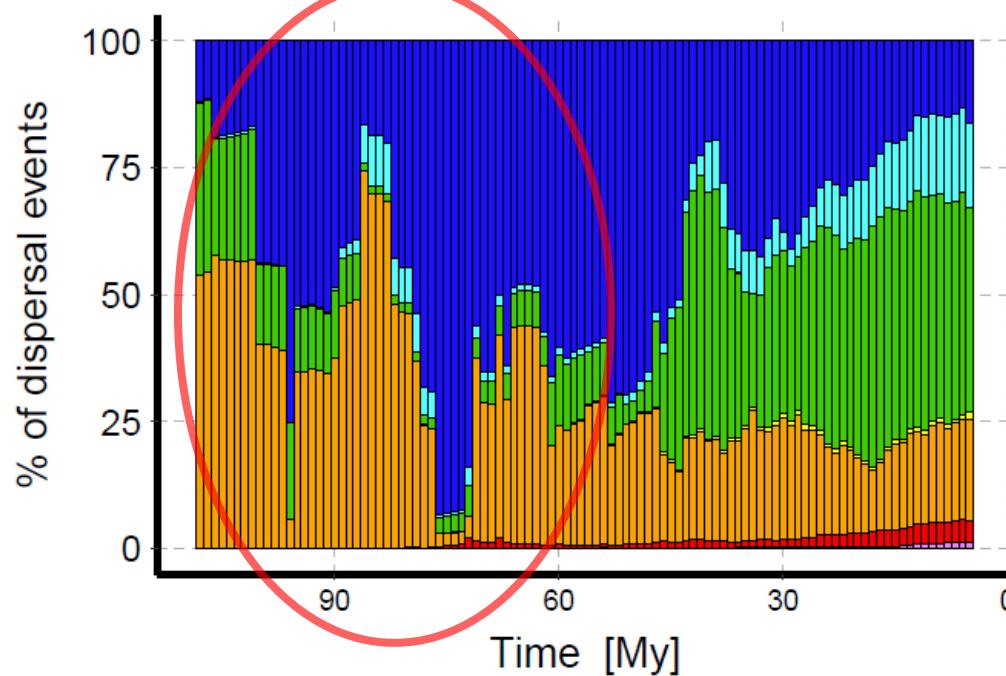


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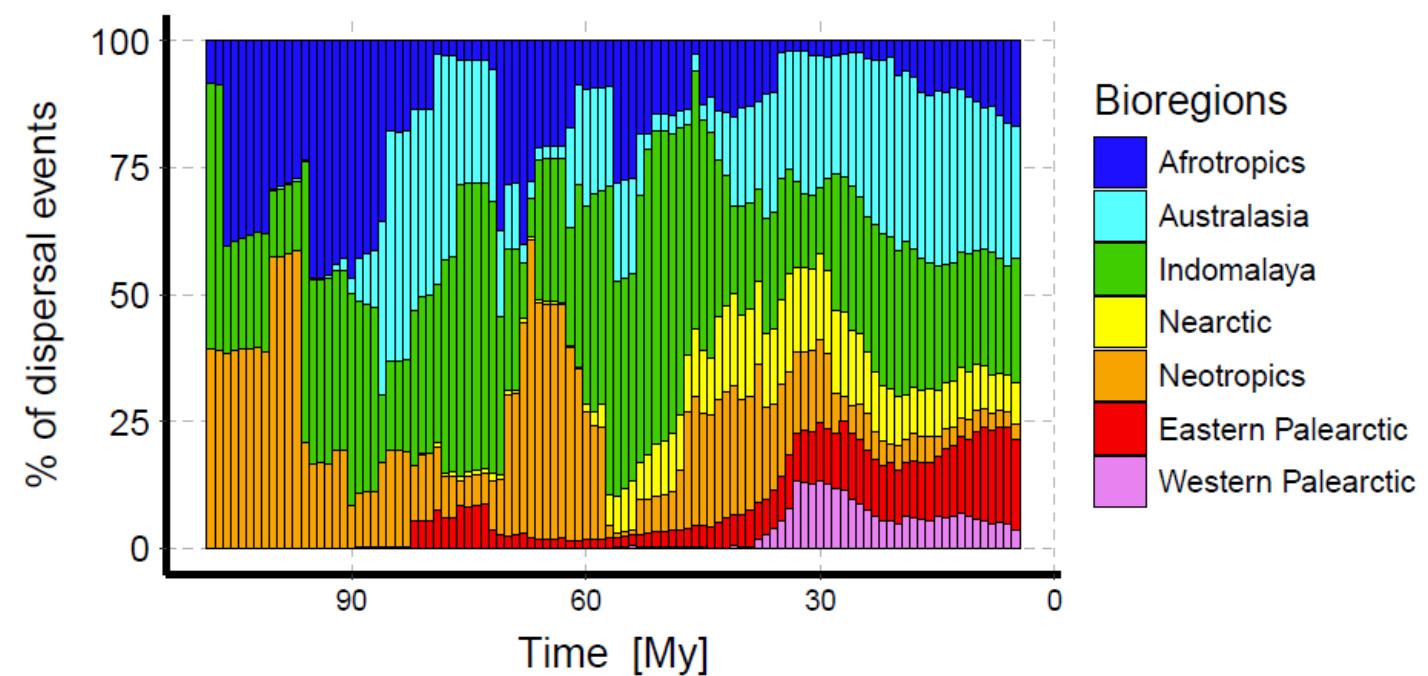
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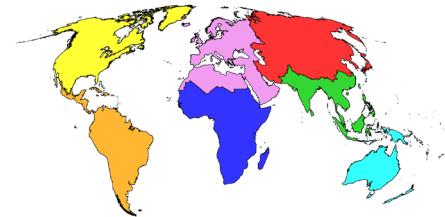


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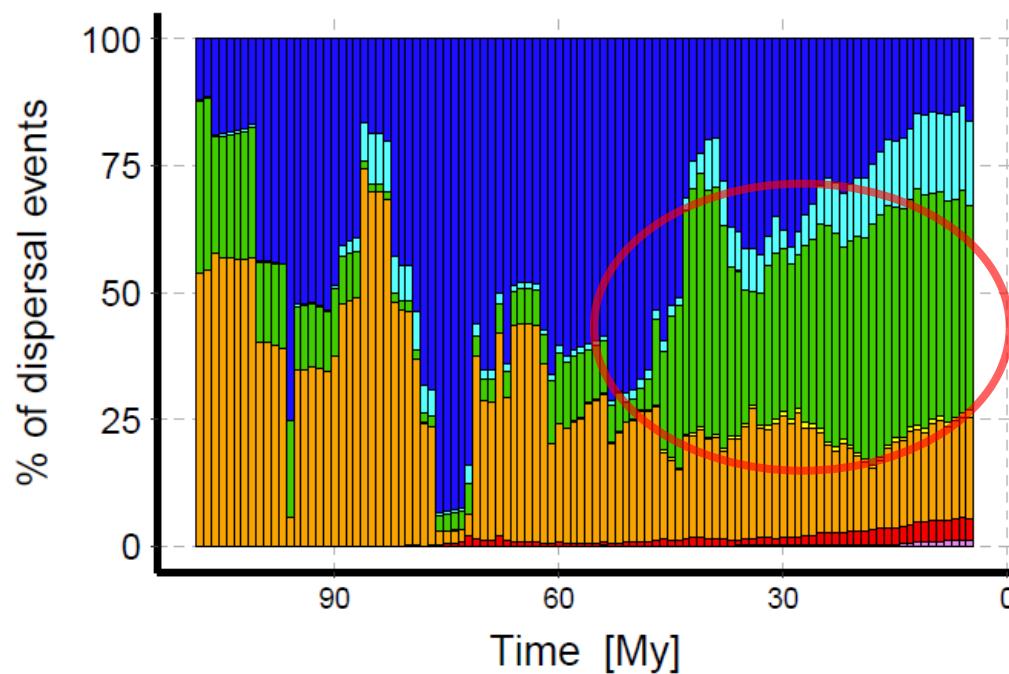


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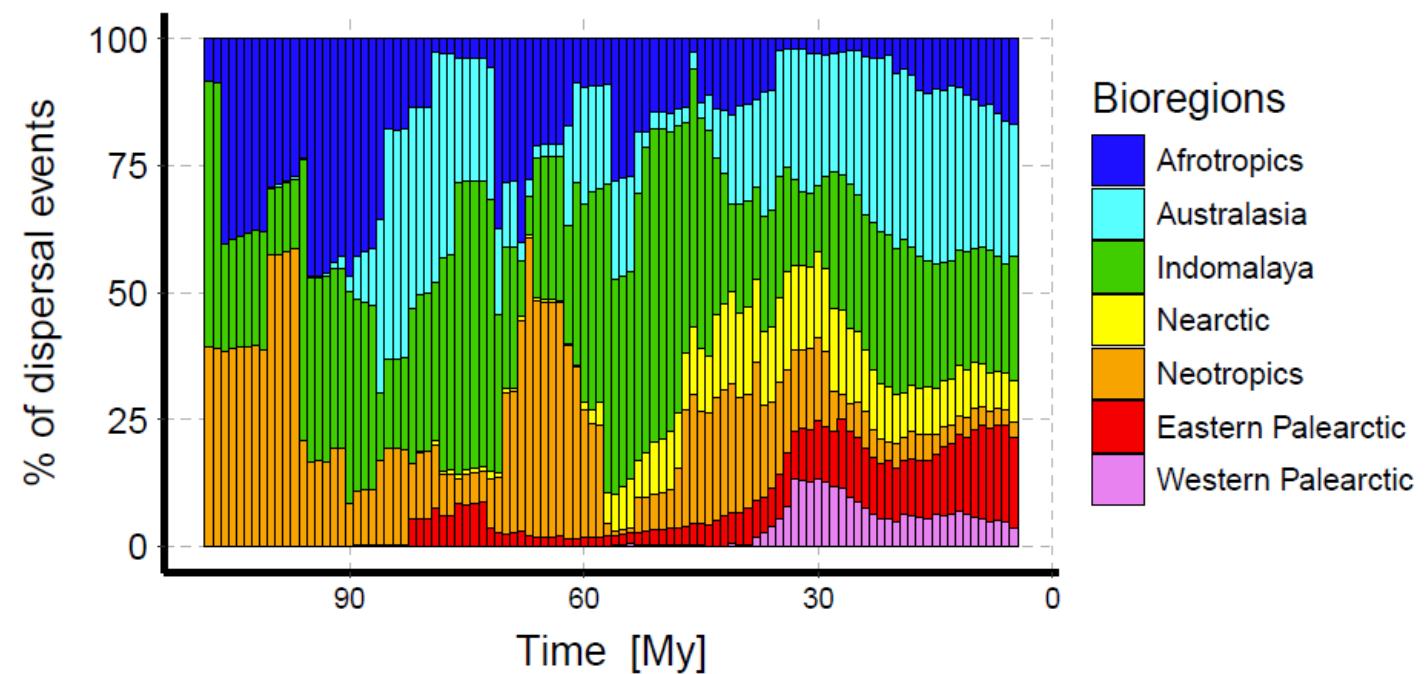
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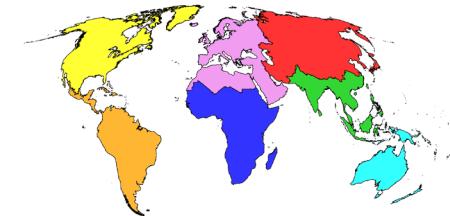


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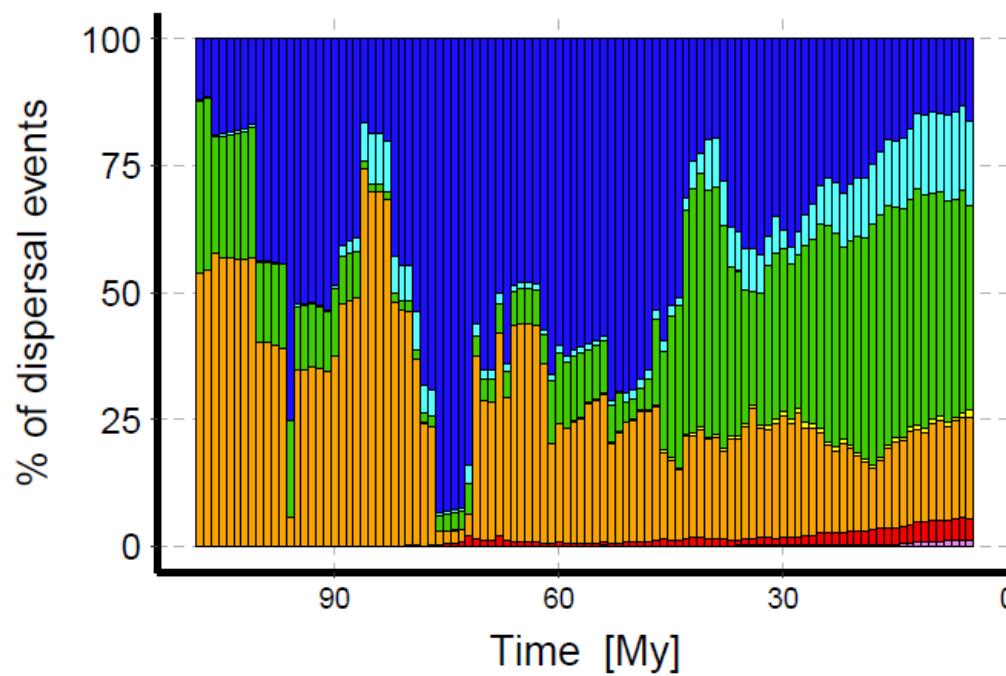


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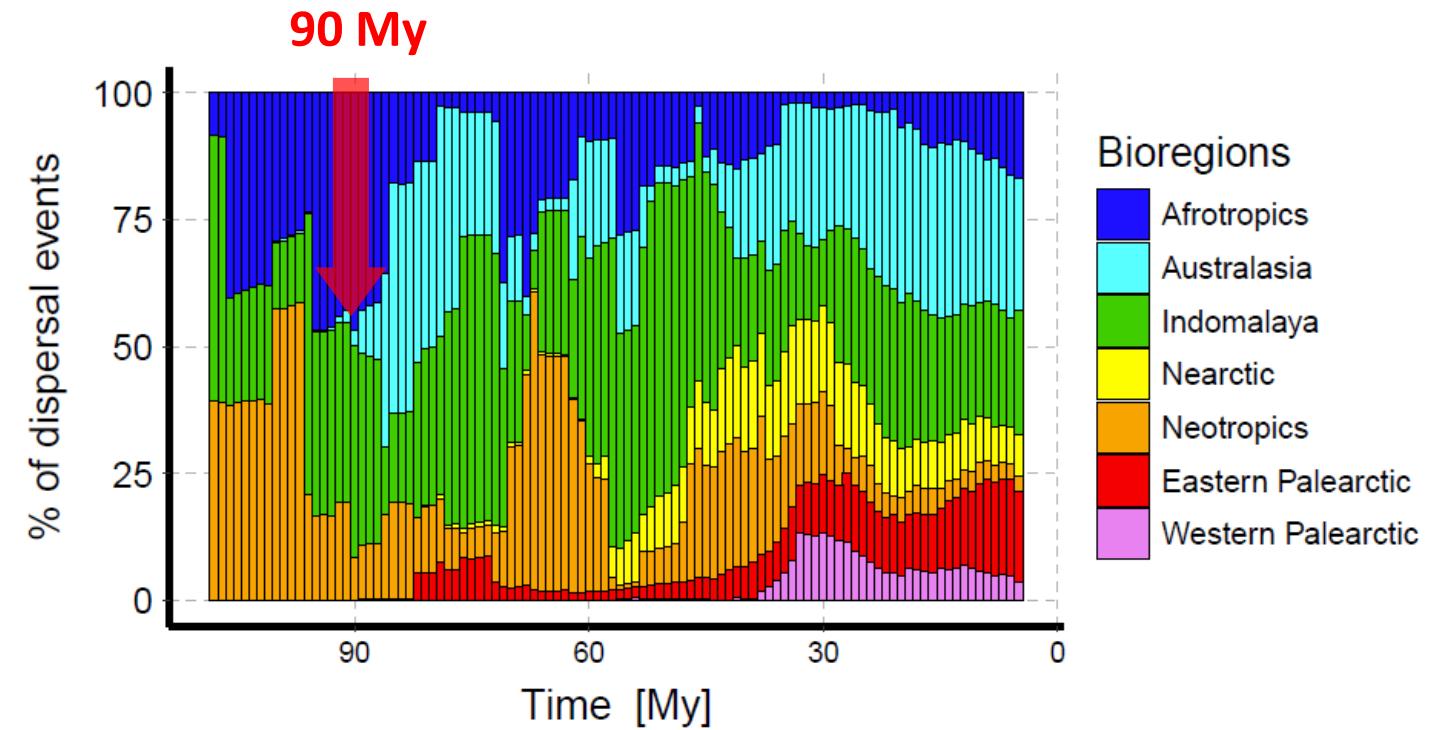
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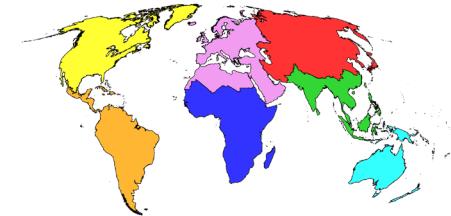


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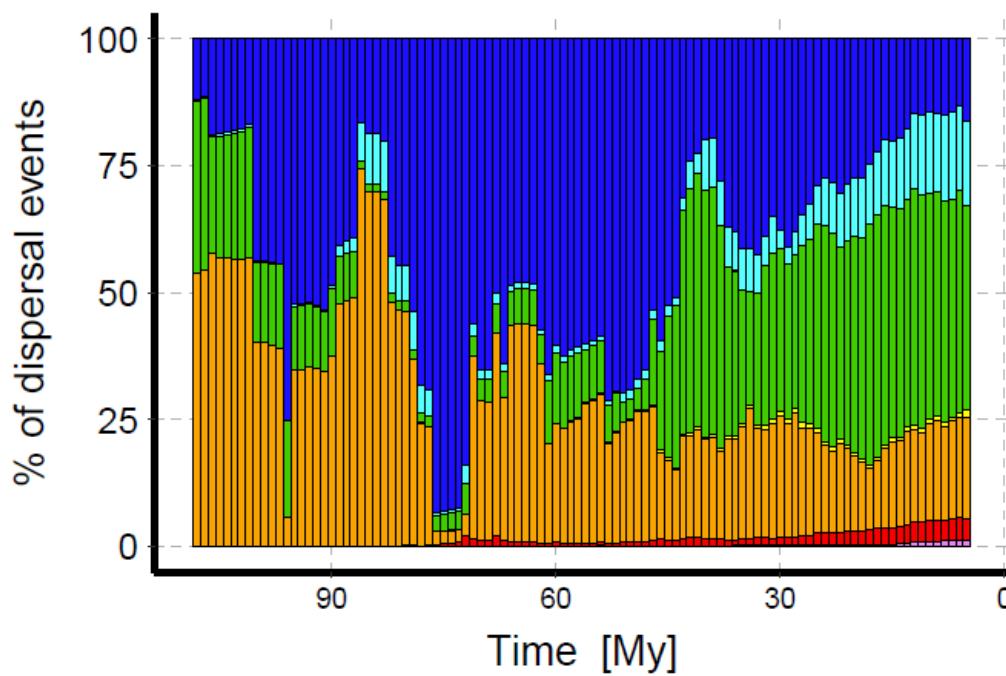


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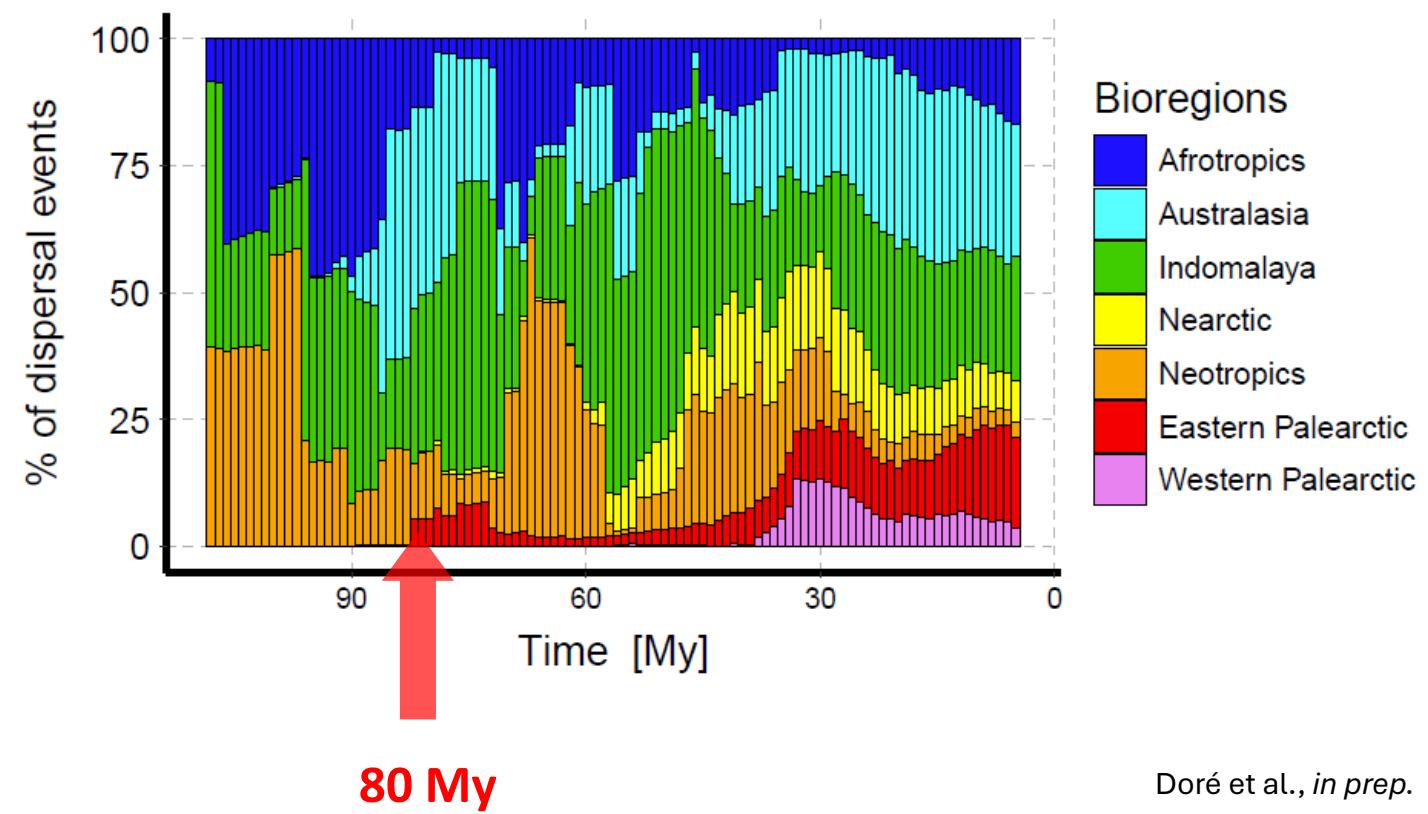
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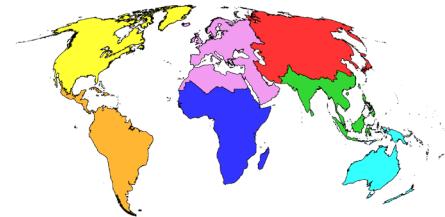


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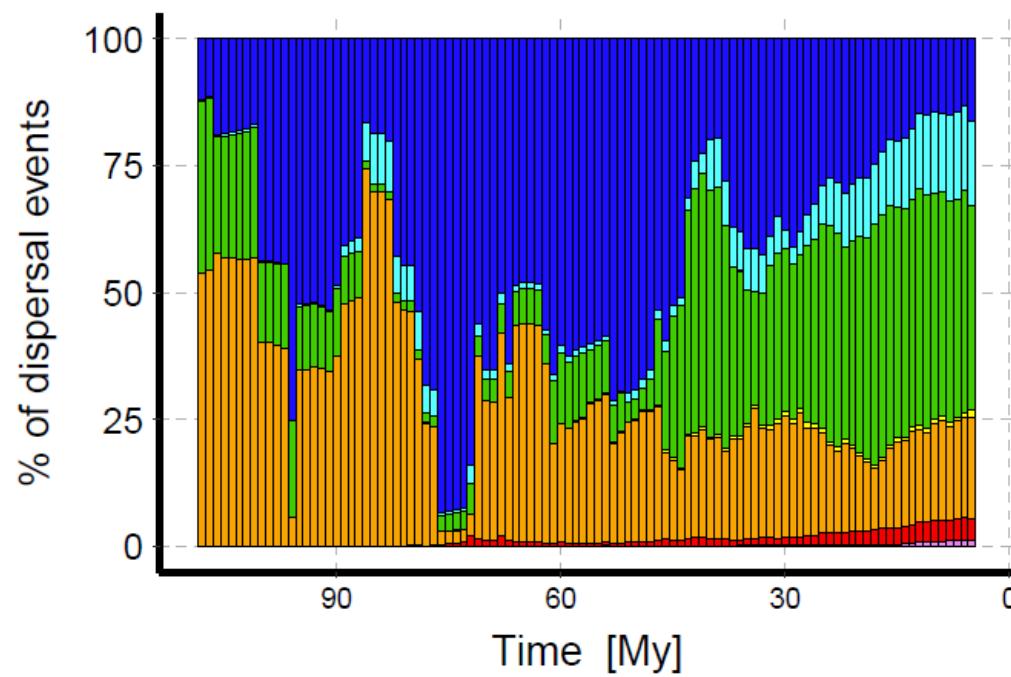


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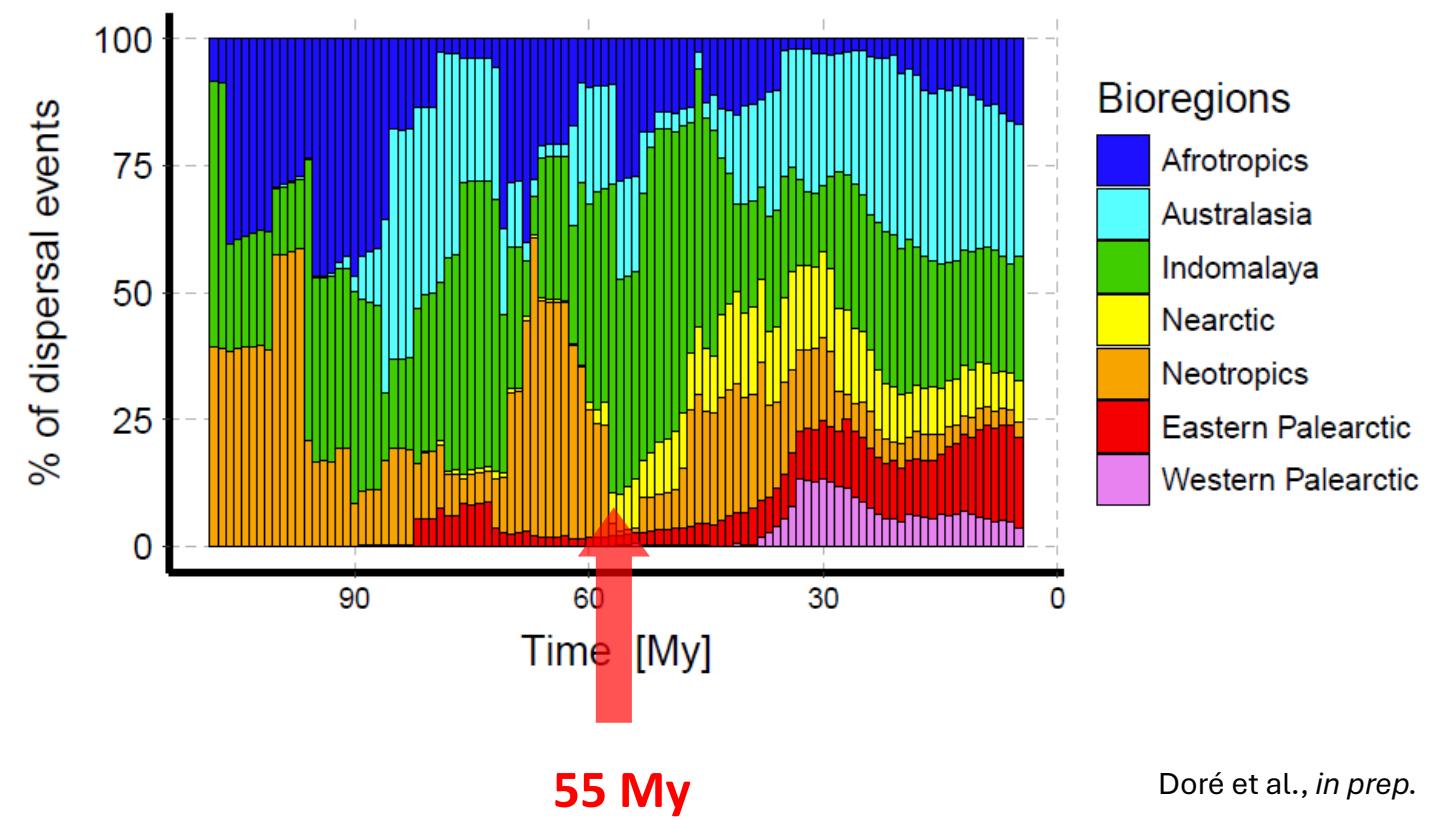
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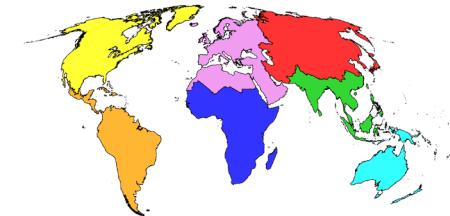


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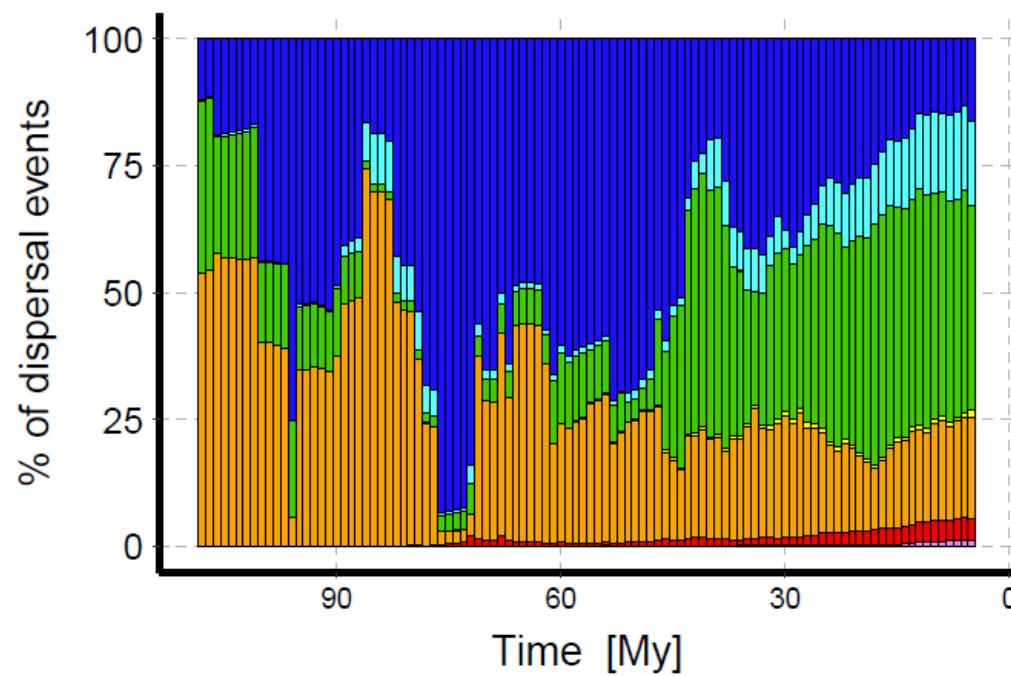


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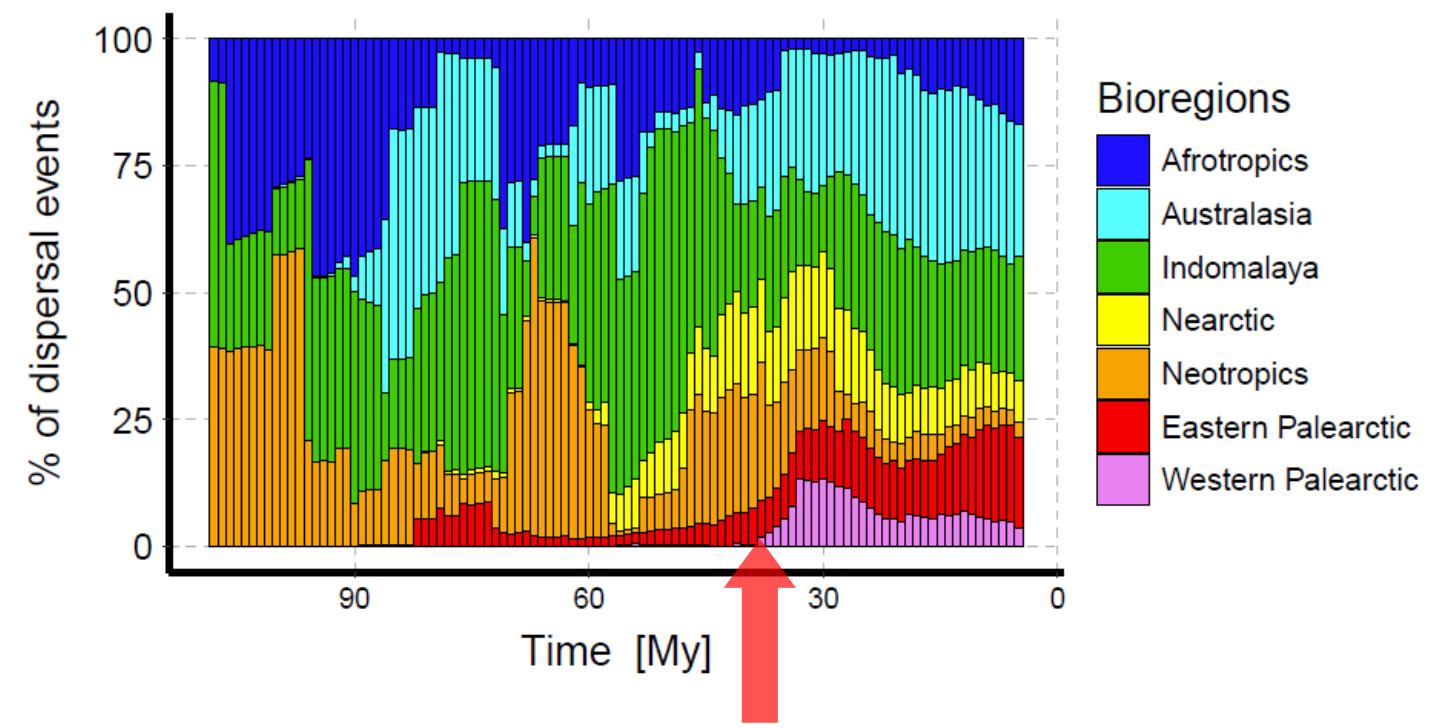
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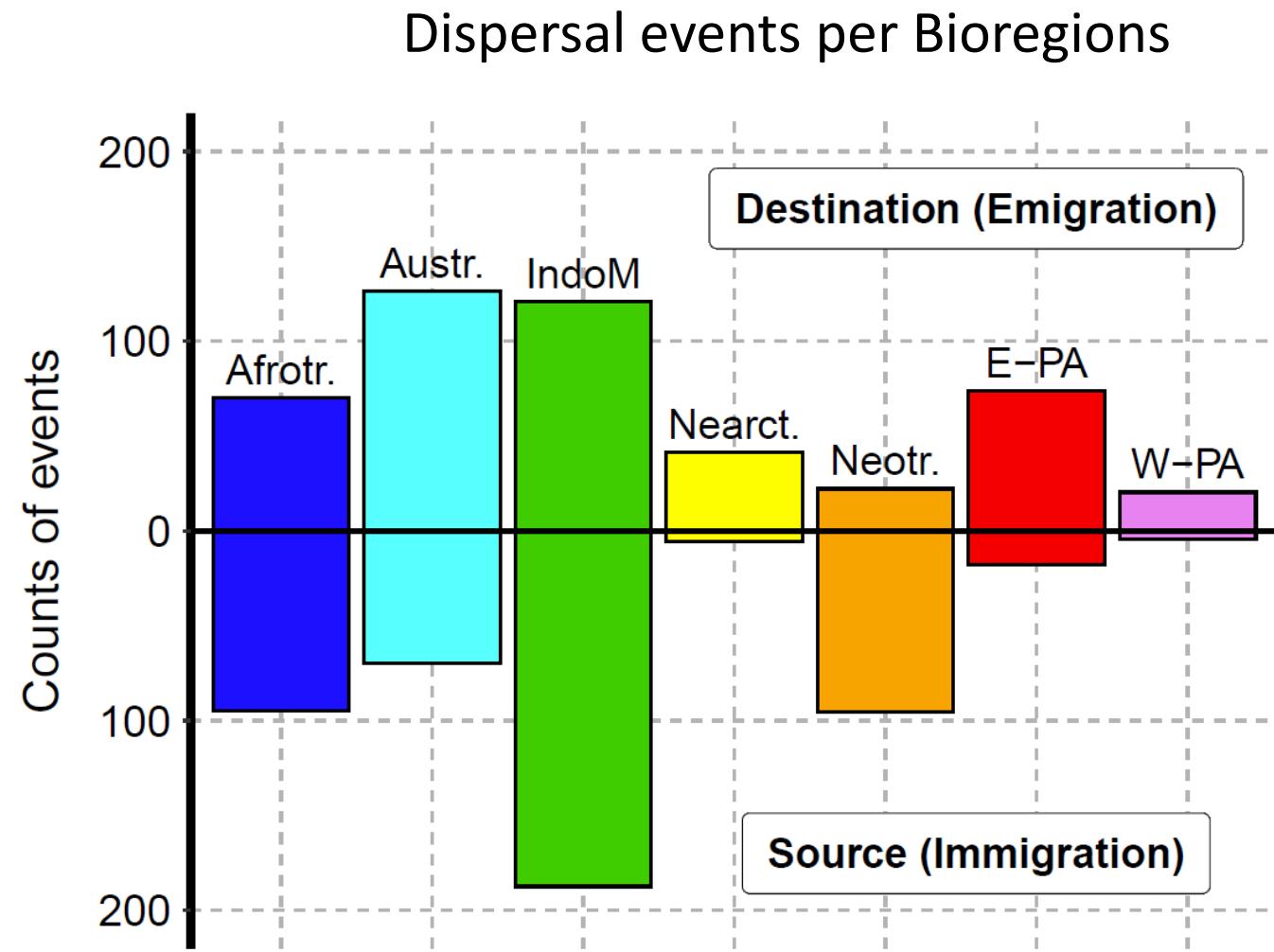
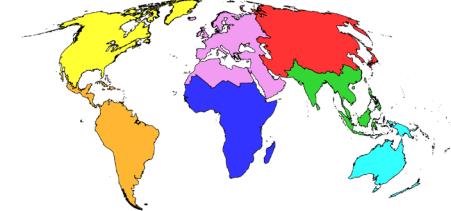
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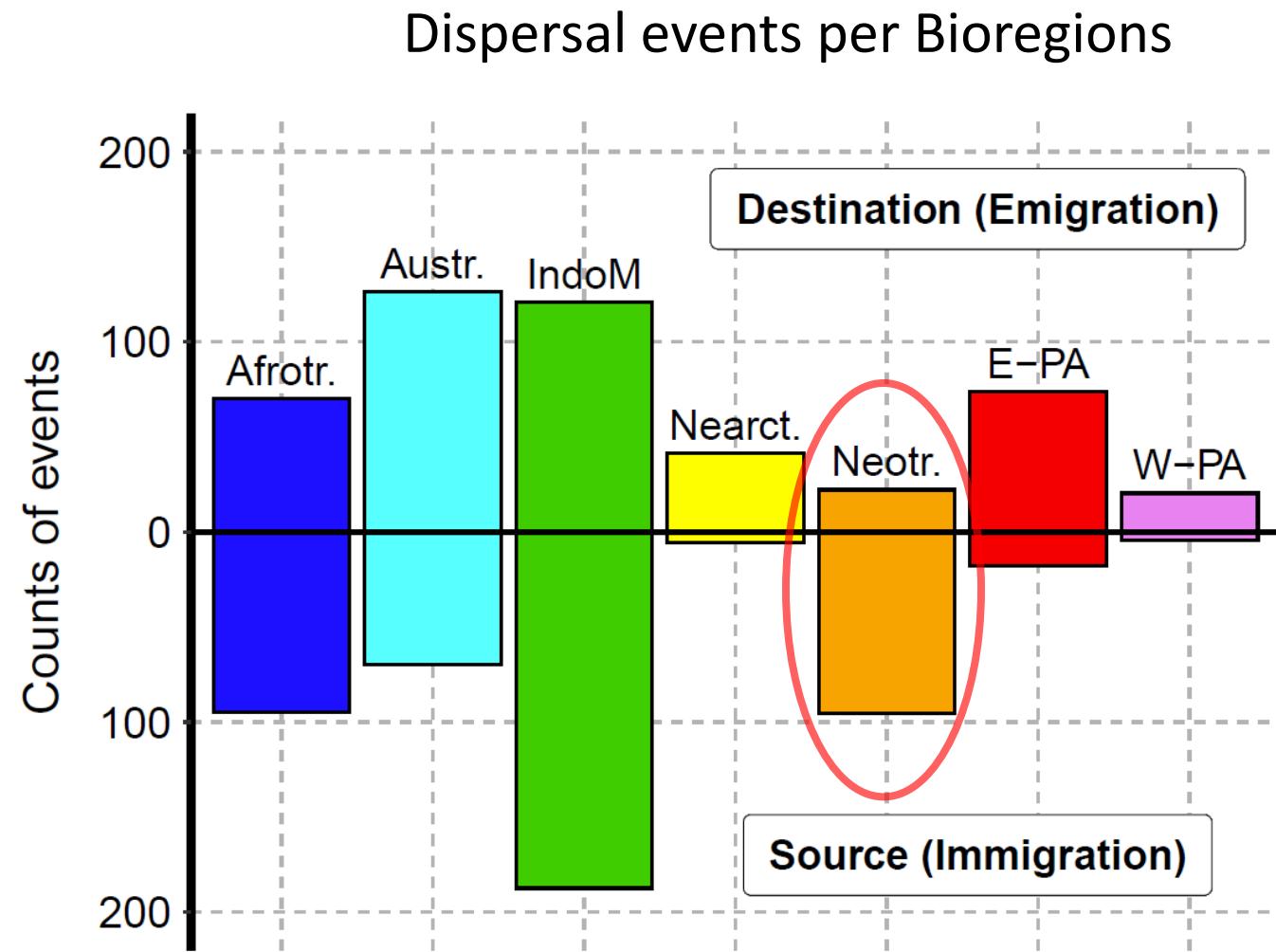
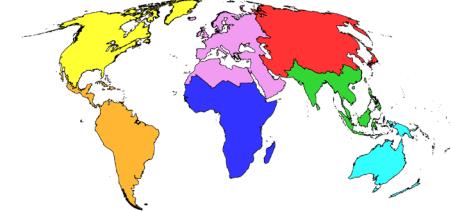
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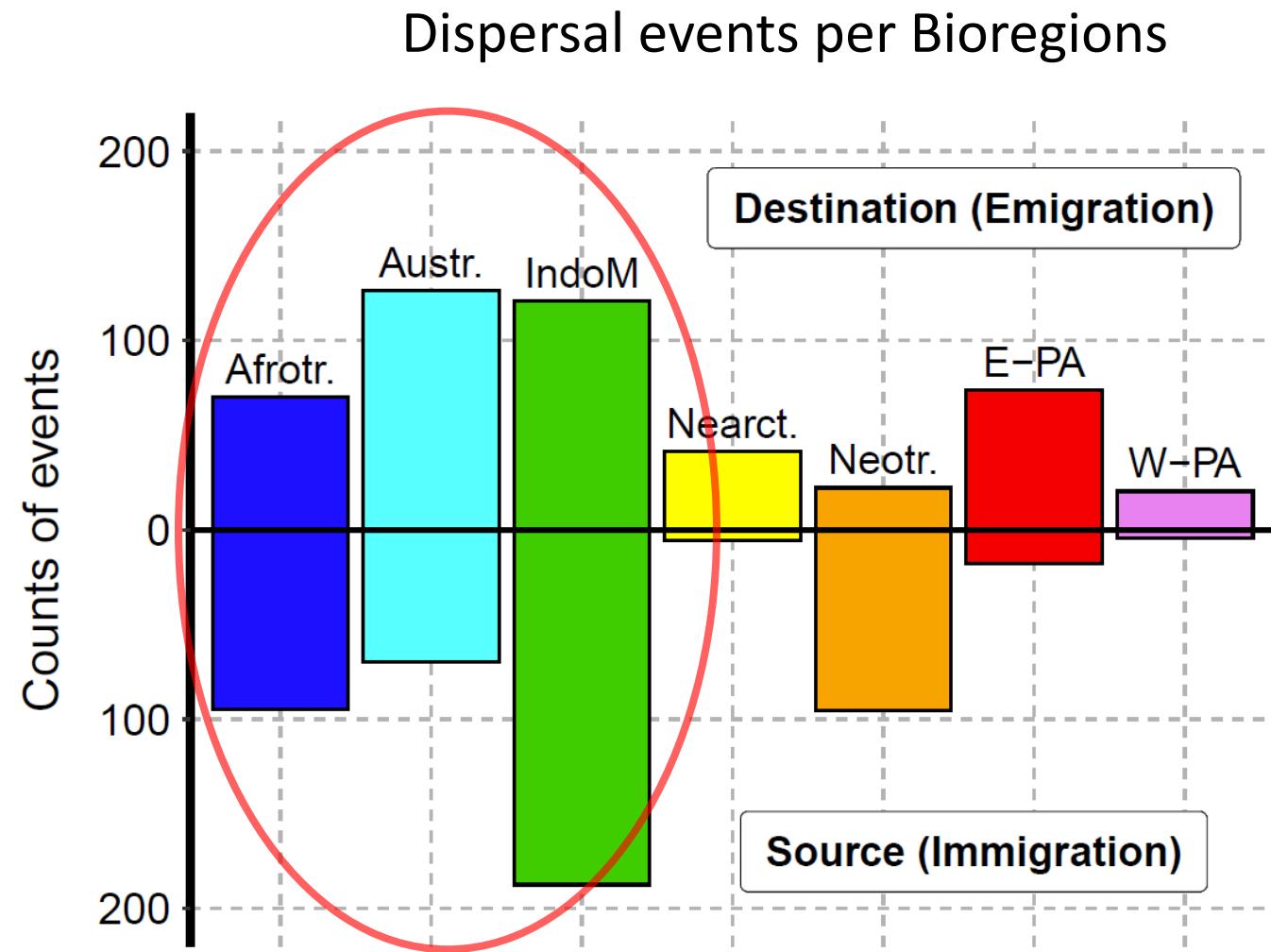
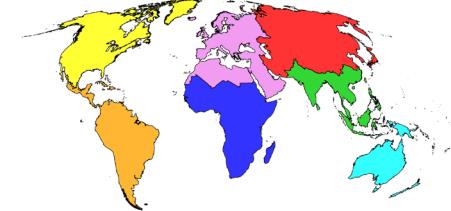
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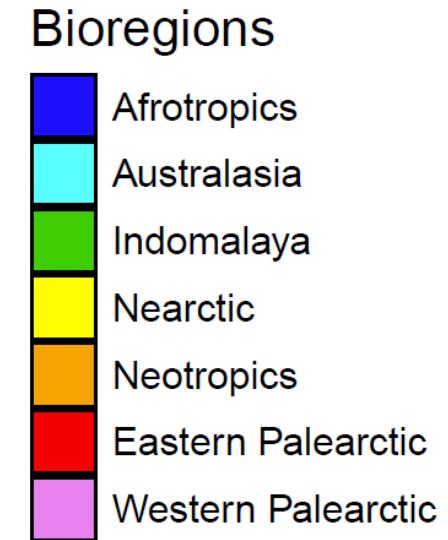
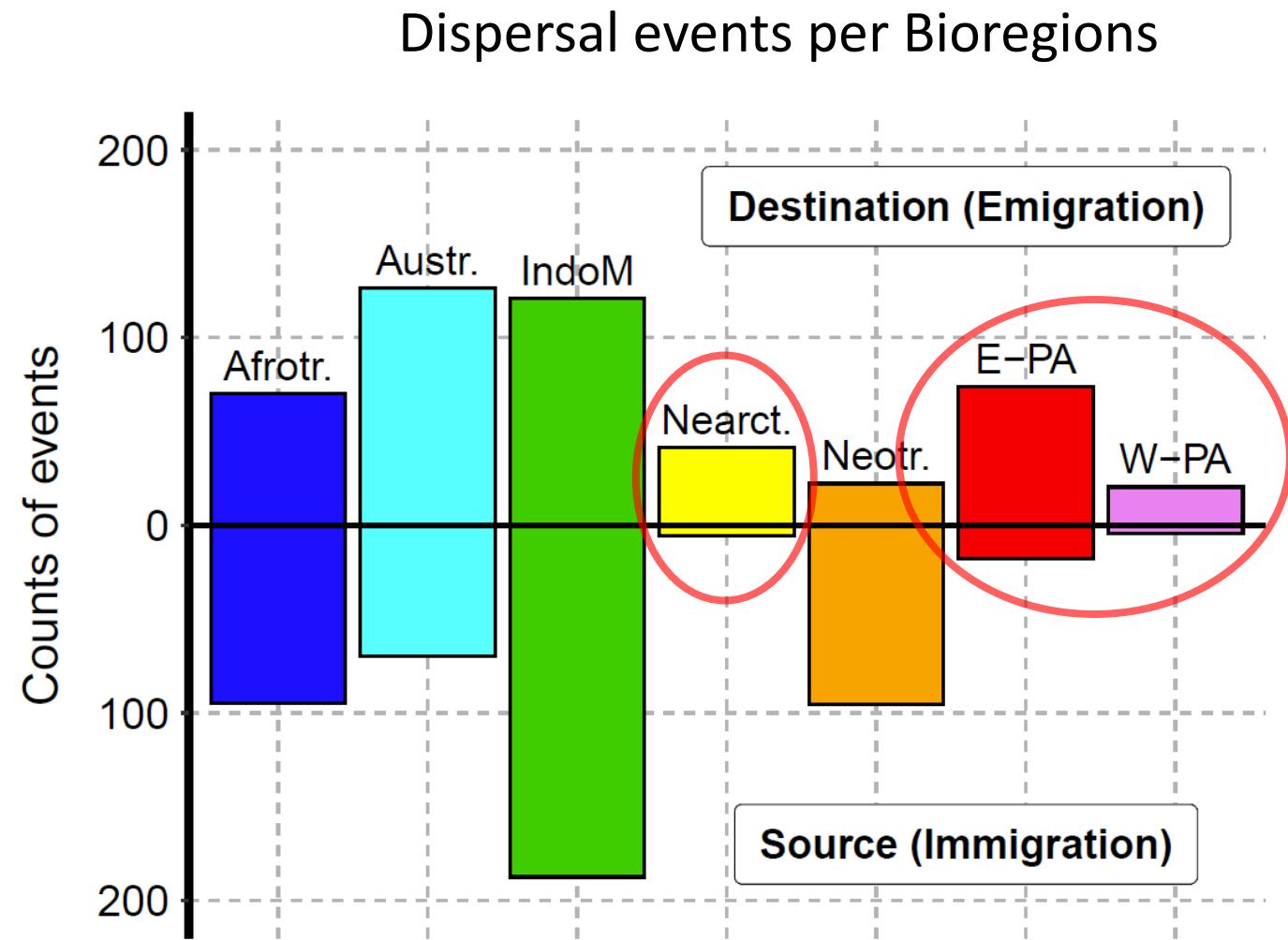
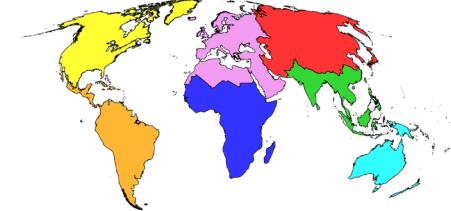


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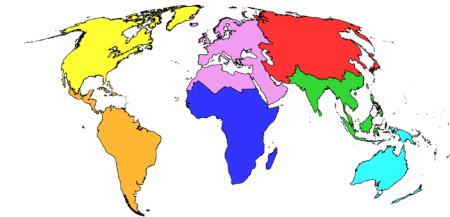
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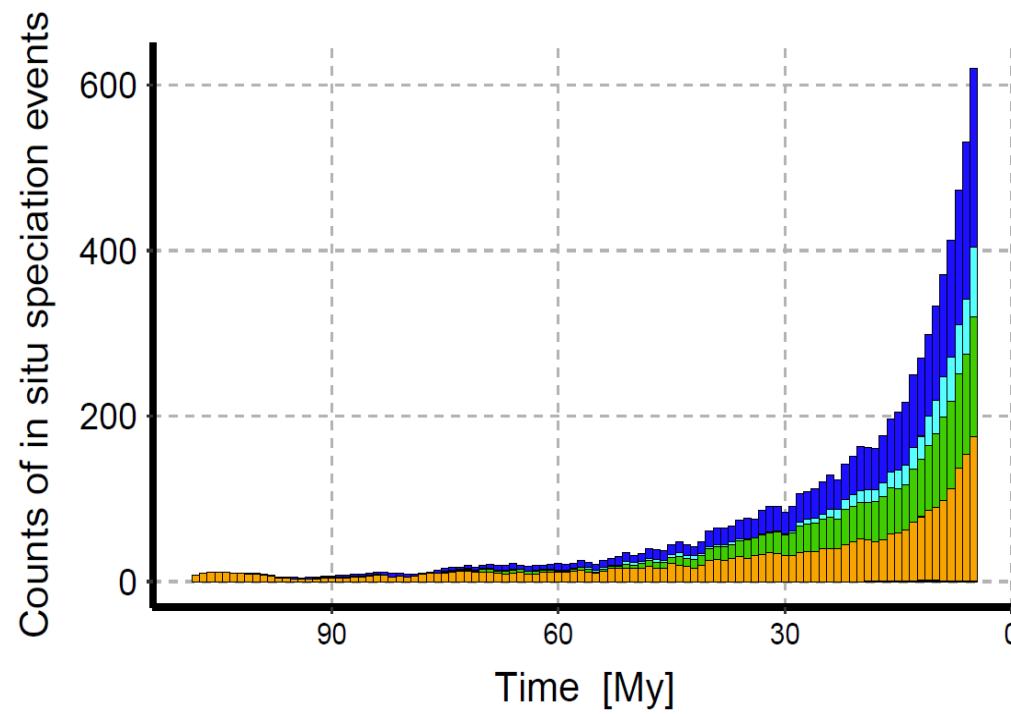


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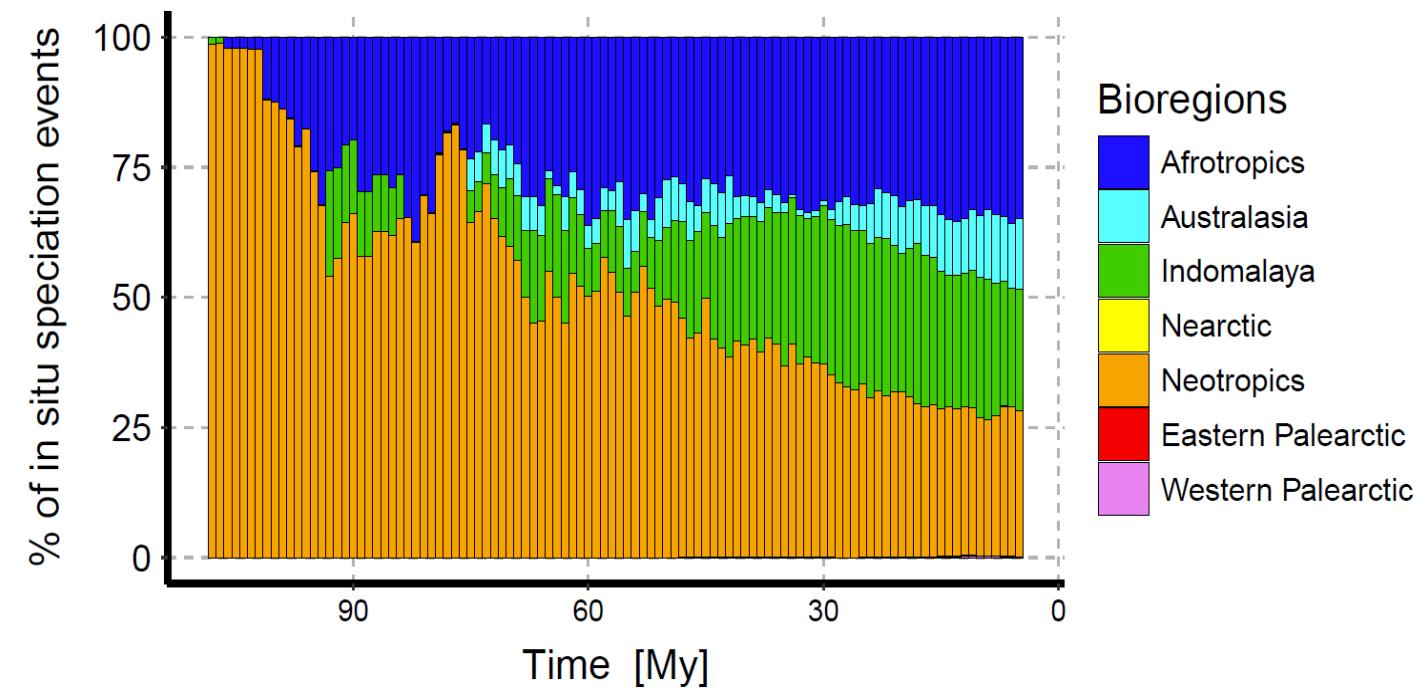
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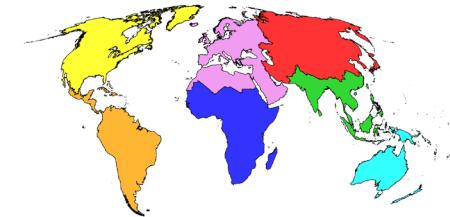


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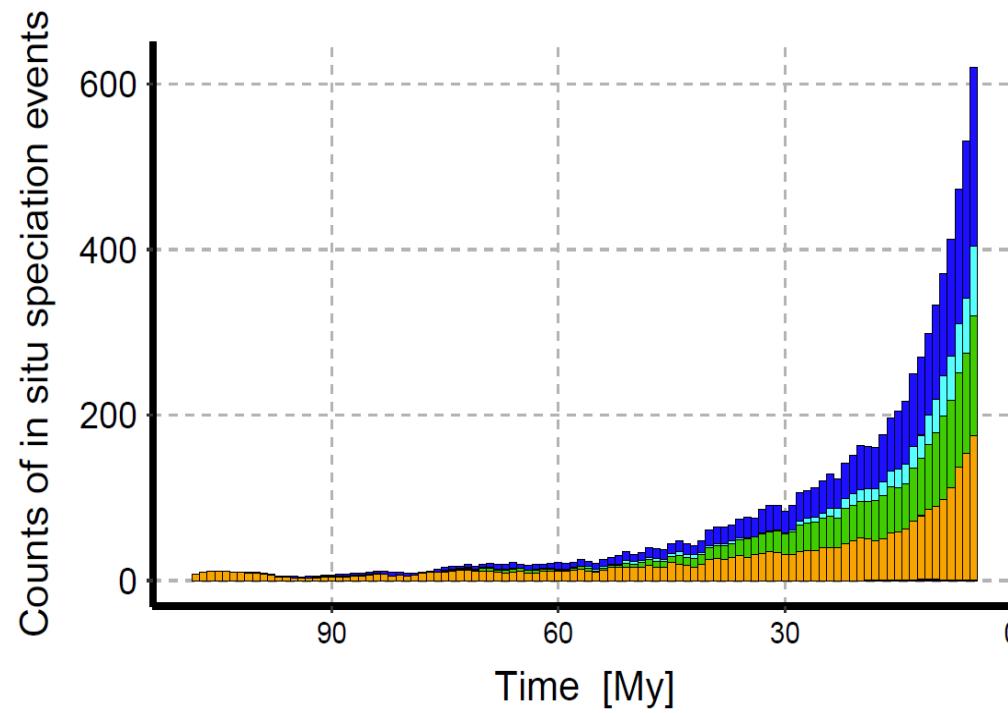


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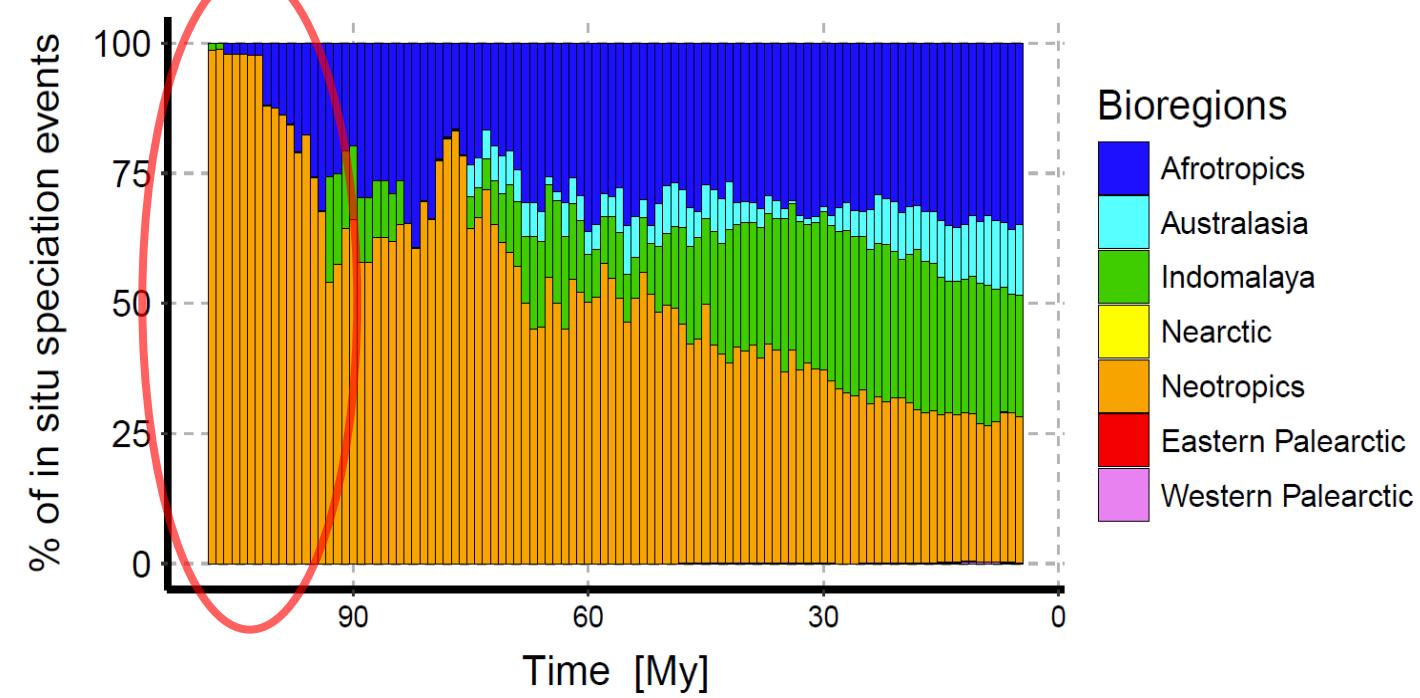
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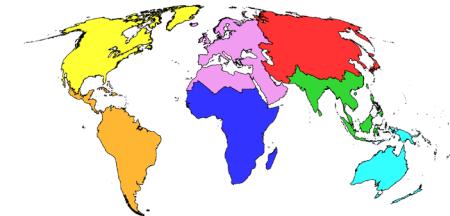


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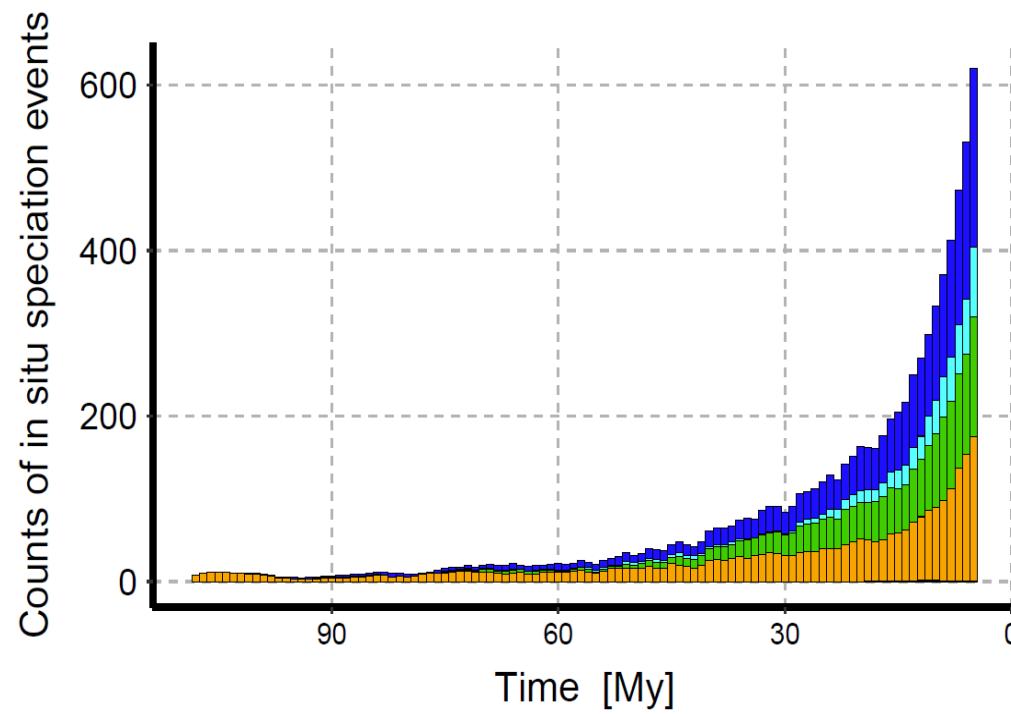


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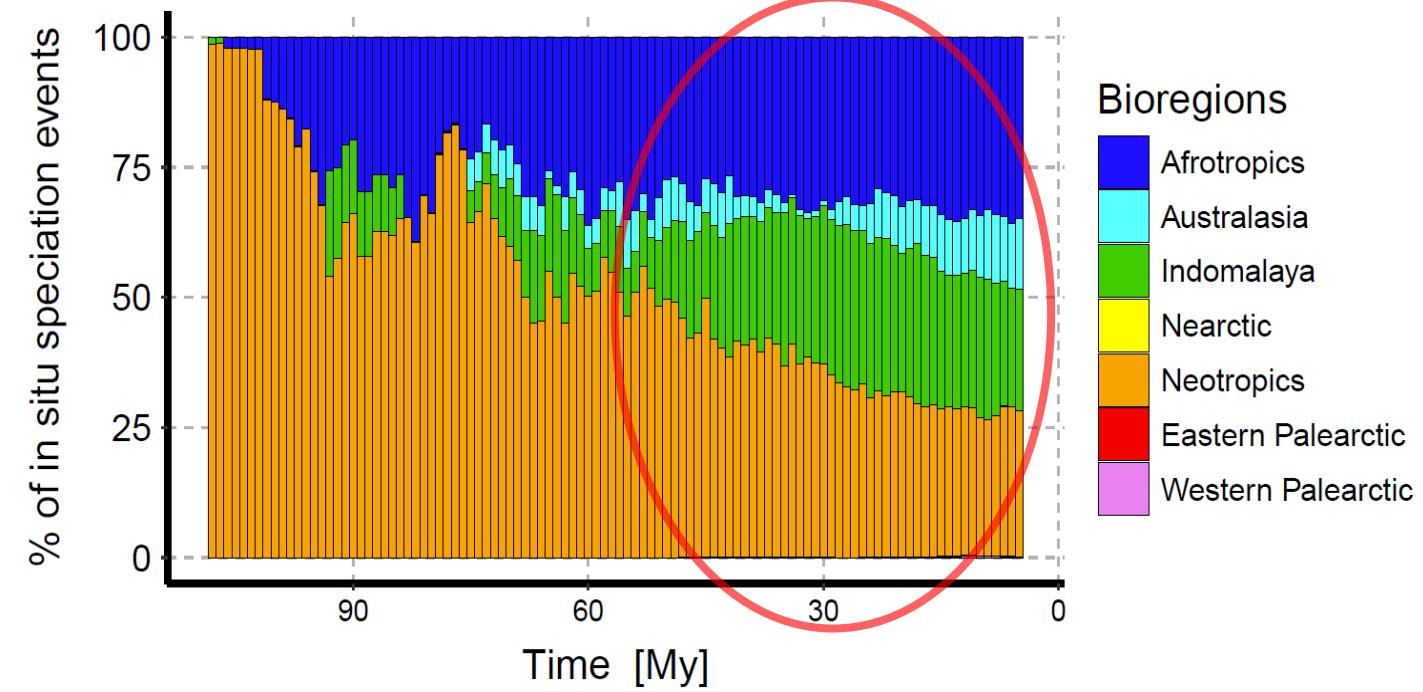
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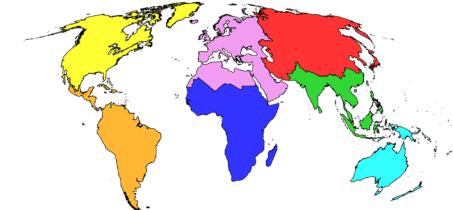


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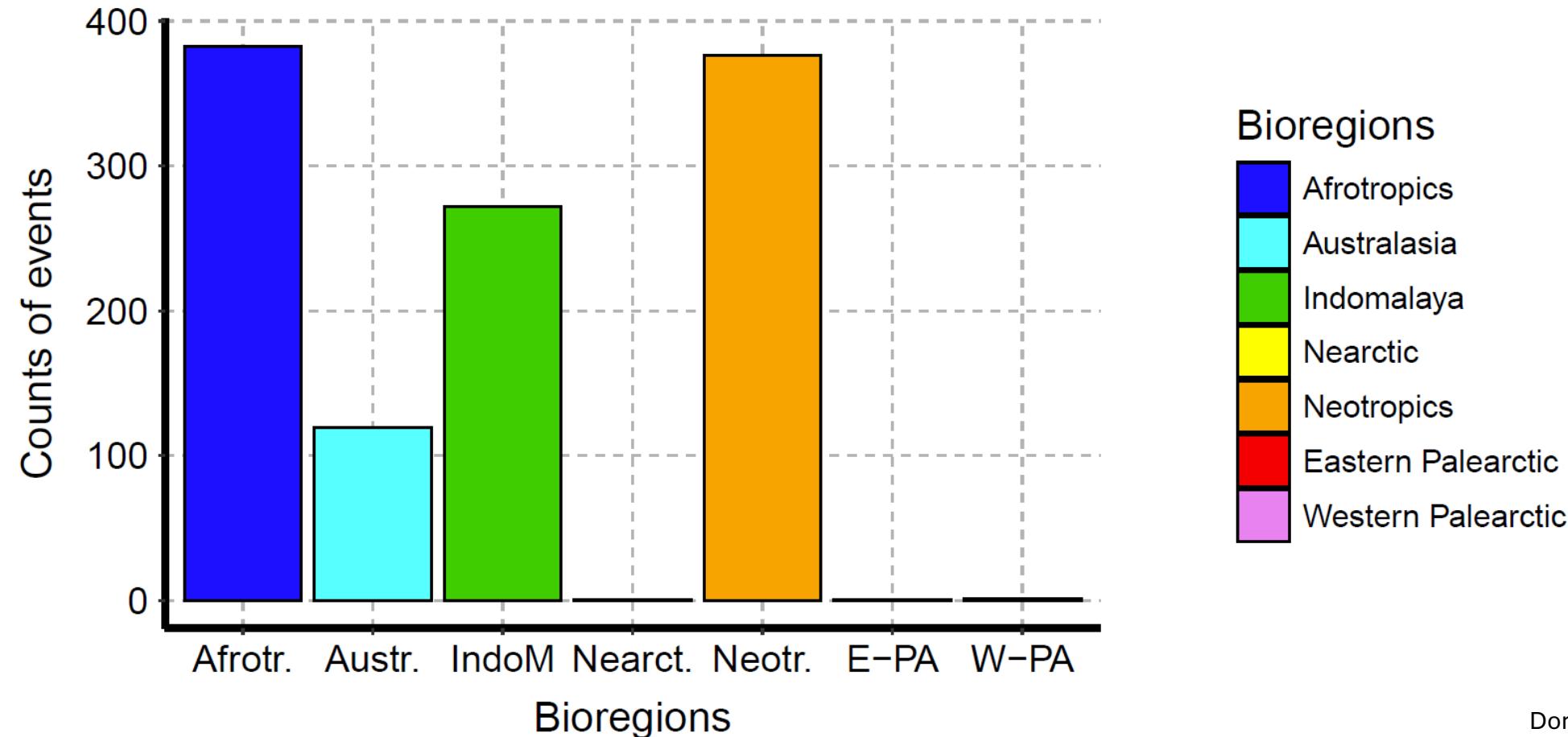


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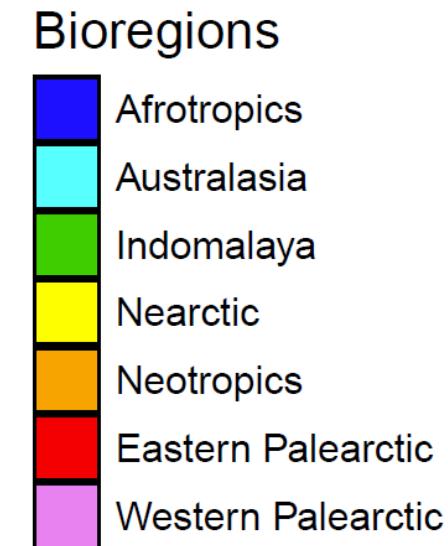
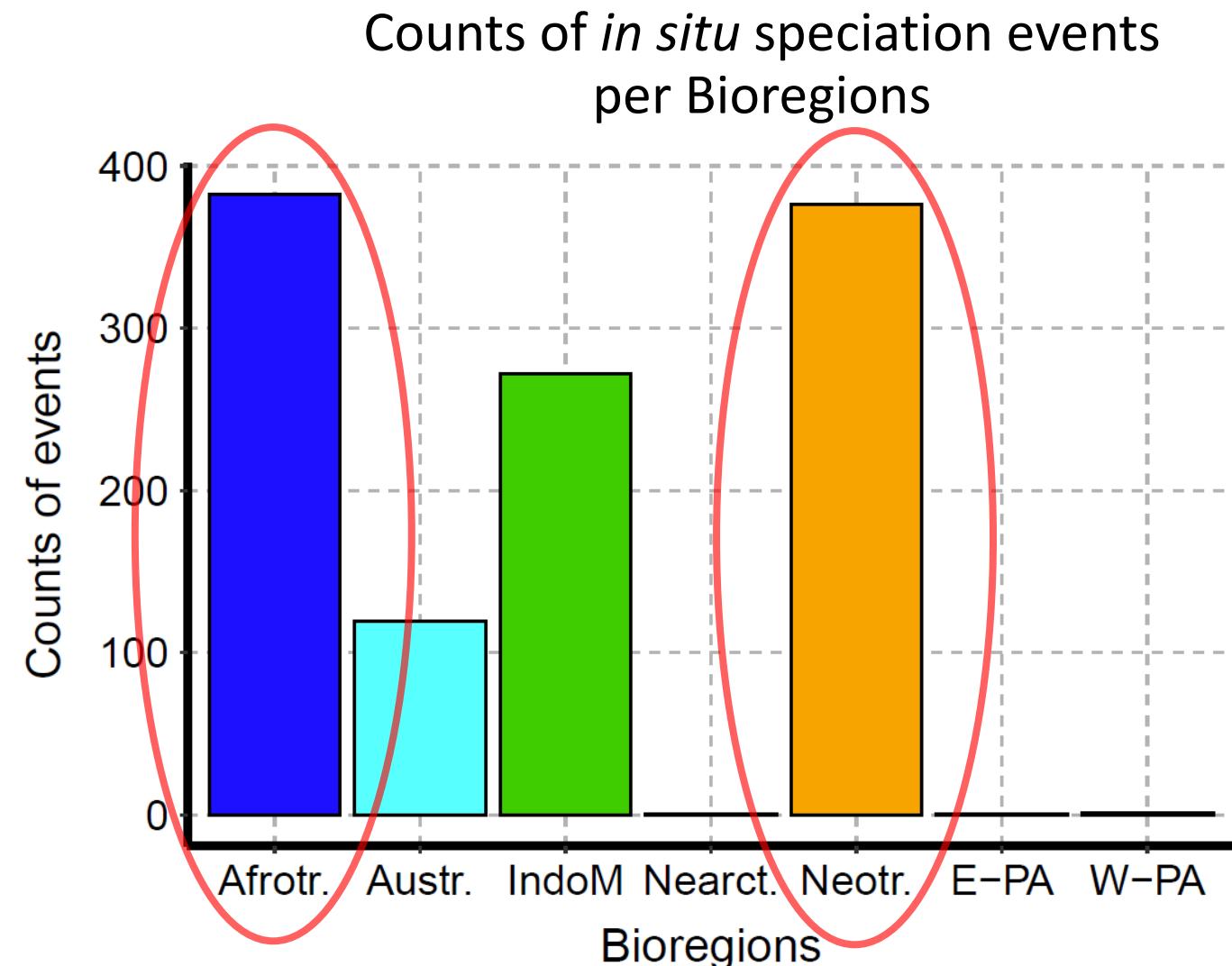
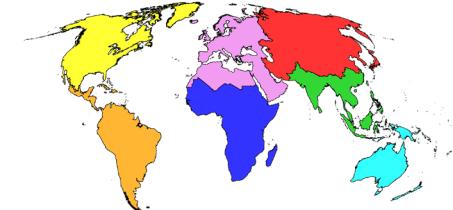


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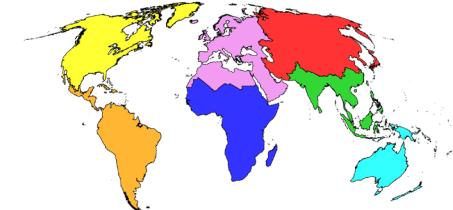
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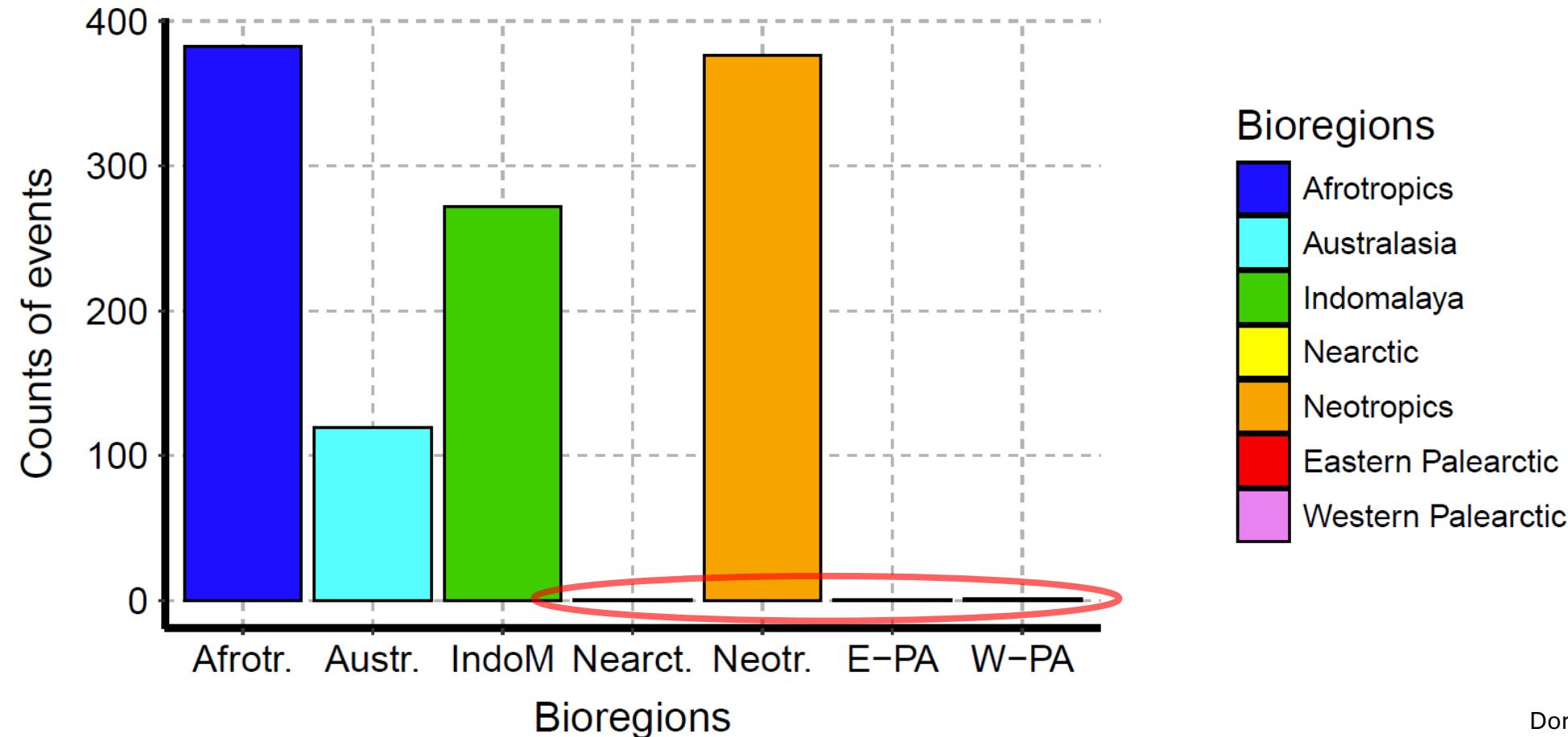


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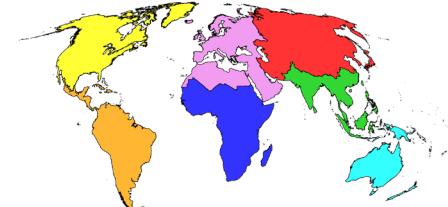
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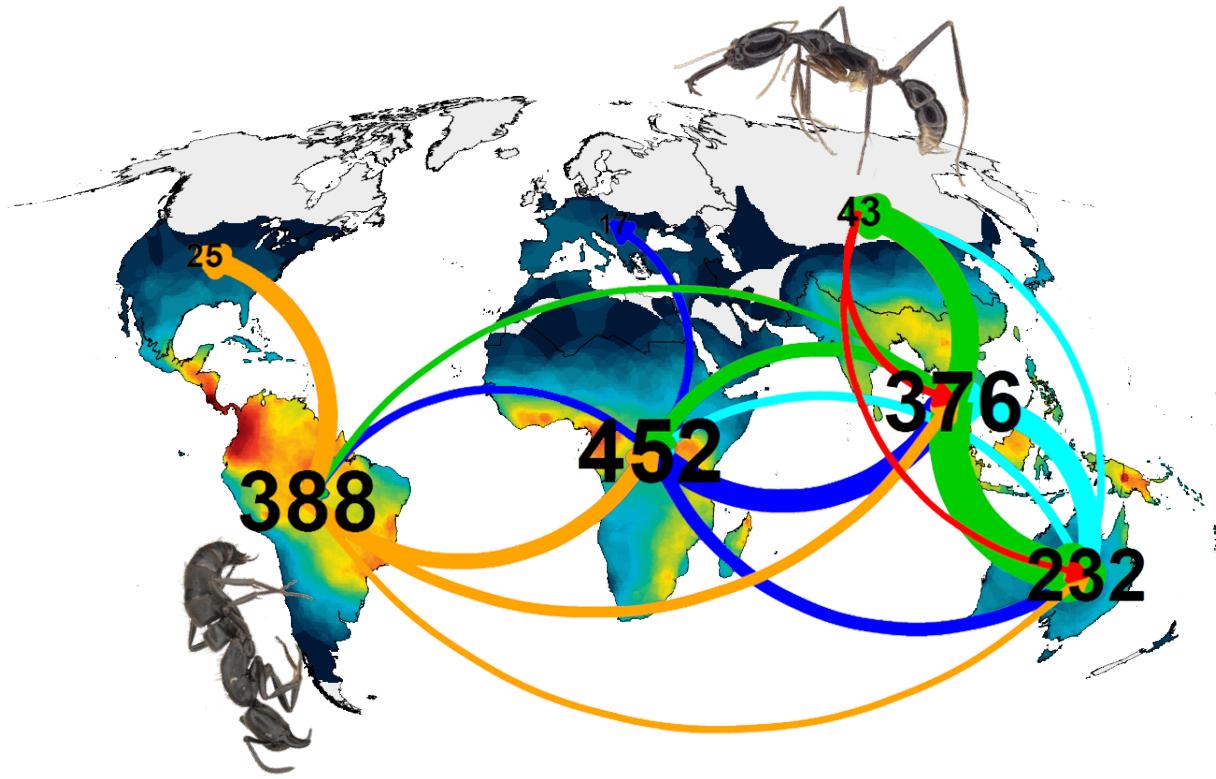
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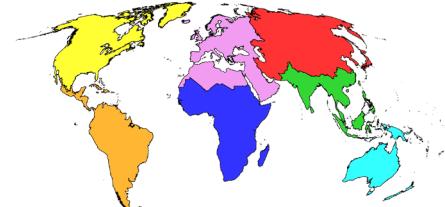
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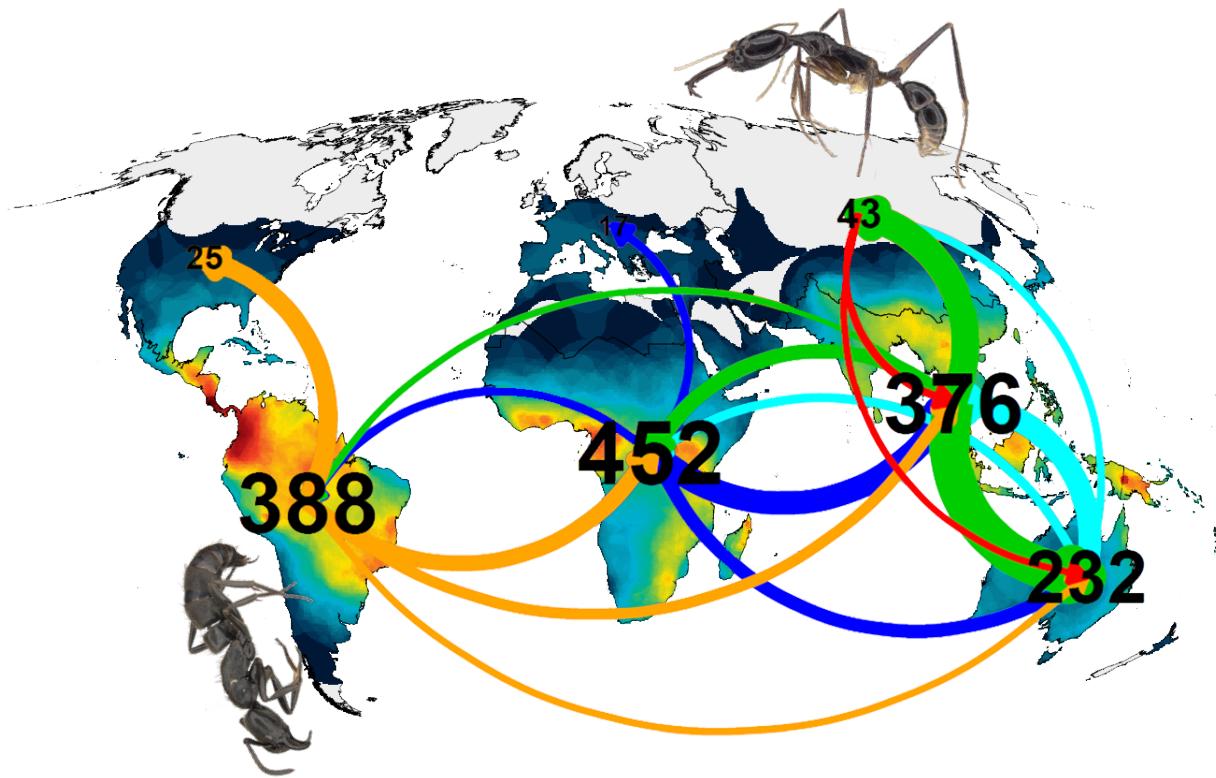
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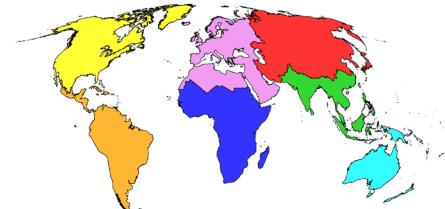
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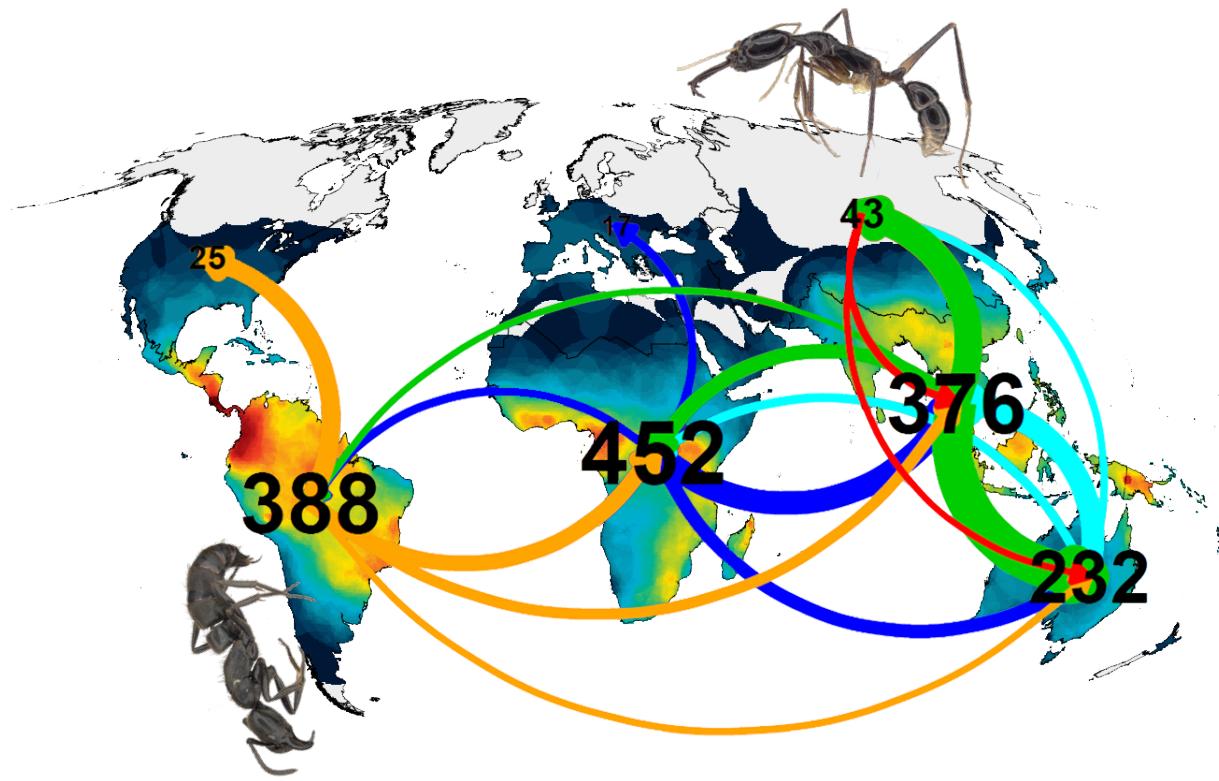
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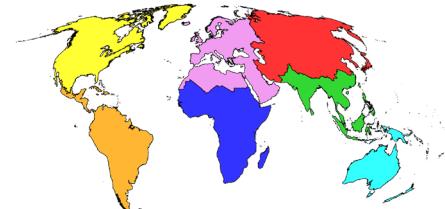
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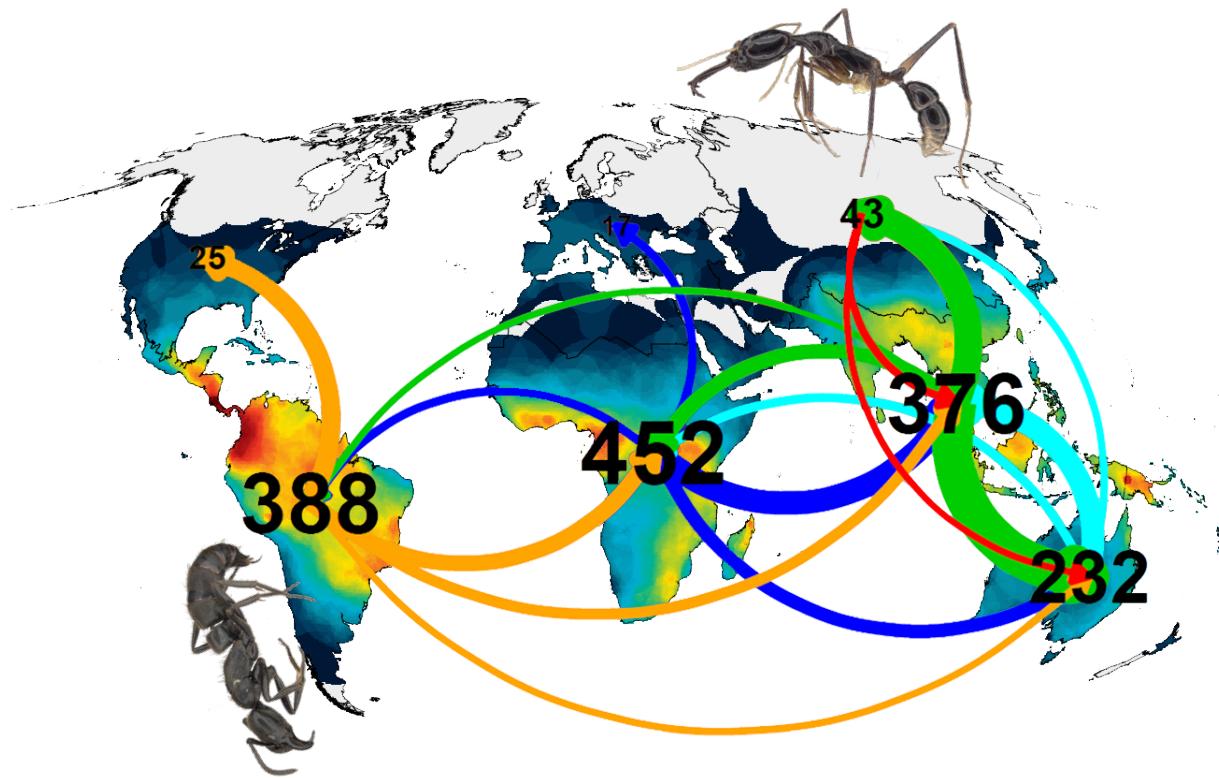
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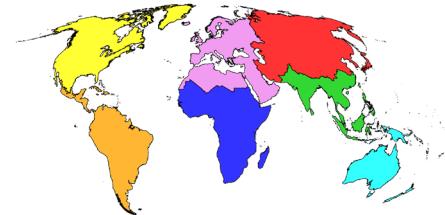
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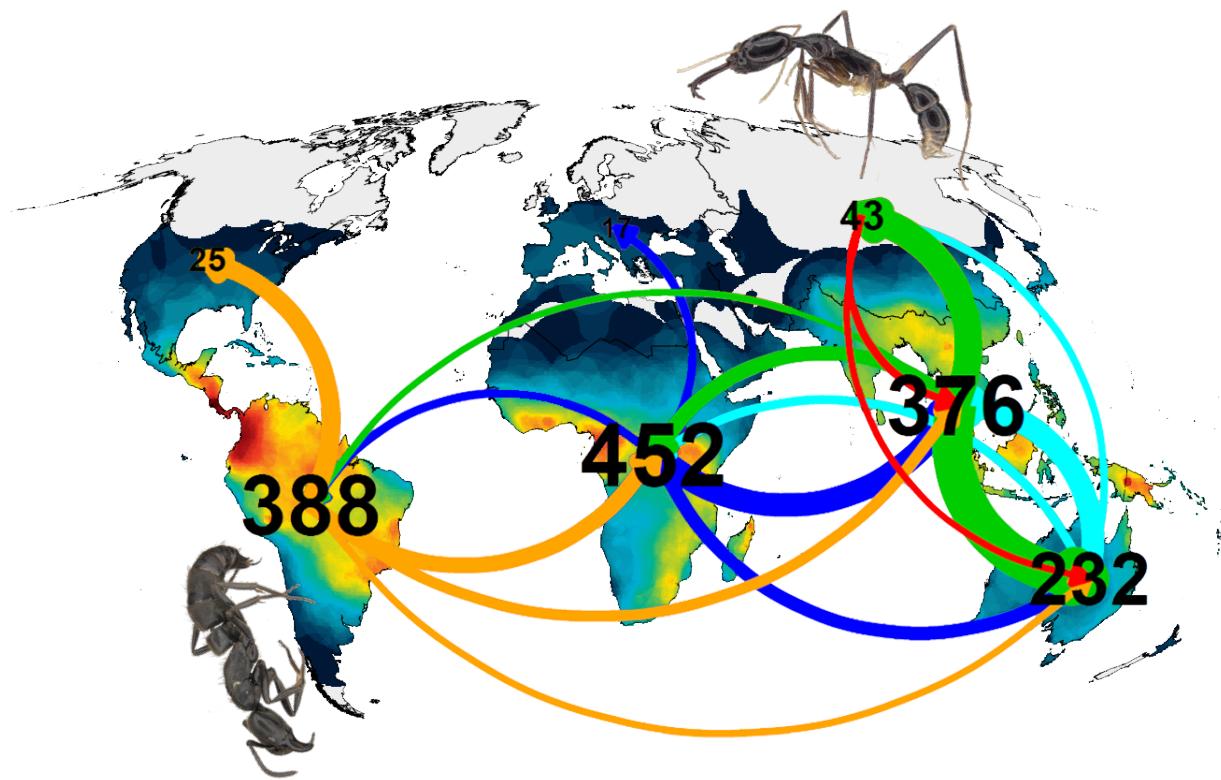


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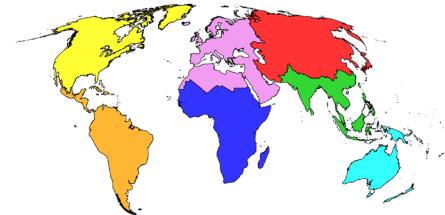
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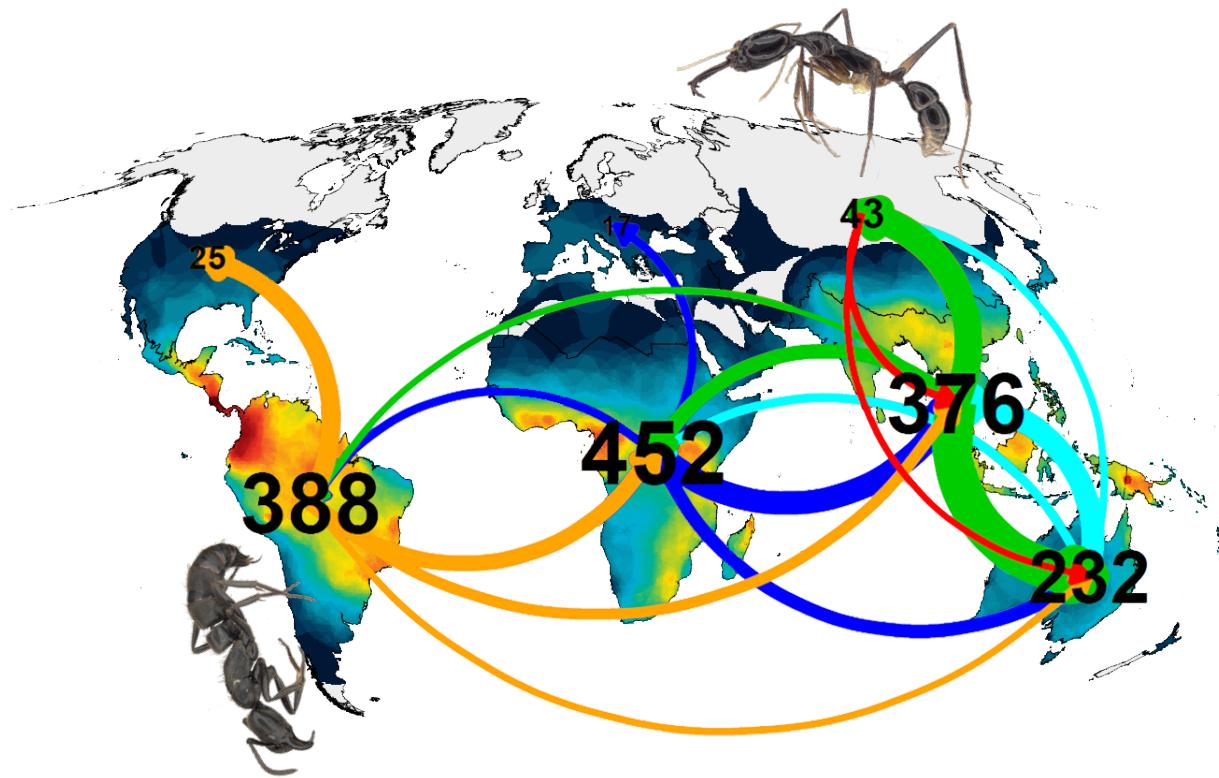


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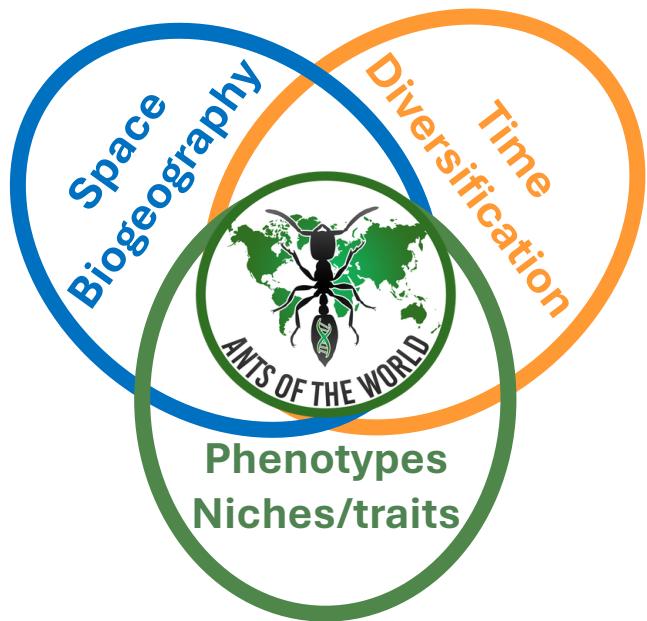
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