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Current position

Researcher, CBGP, Montpellier, France. 2022-present
Insect-plant interaction from a phylogenomic perspective.

Education

Post-doc, ISEM, University of Montpellier, France. 2021
Convergent evolution in myrmecophagous mammals.
Advisor: Dr. Frédéric Delsuc

Ph.D, ISEM, University of Montpellier, France 2017-2021
Phylogenomics and comparative genomics on myrmecophagous mammals.
Advisors: Drs. Frédéric Delsuc & Benoit Nabholz

M.Sc., University of Montpellier, France 2017
Evolutionary biology & ecology

B.Sc., University of Montpellier, France 2015
Ecology & biology of organisms

Research & Professional Experience

Visiting researcher, EvoEco Lab, University of Toronto-Mississauga, ON, Canada. 2023-2024
Principal Collaborator: Dr. Marc Johnson

Graduate research project, Institute of Evolutionary Science 2017
of Montpellier, France
Advisors: Drs. Fabien Condamine & Benoit Nabholz
Thesis title: Study of the interaction between Papilionidae and their host plants in a macroevolutionary and genomic context

Graduate research project, Institute of Evolutionary Science 2016
of Montpellier, France
Advisor: Dr. Benoit Nabholz
Thesis title: Study of nuclear and mitochondrial mutation rates in animals

Undergraduate research project, Center for Functional Ecology and Evolution, 2015
Montpellier, France
Undergraduate project in experimental biology on chemical communication in mammals (manatee)
PI: Sylvia Campagna

Professional Trainings & Certifications

Occupational First Aid Responder, INRAE, France	2025
PPE Inspector for Climbing Equipment, Hévéa, France	2024
Tree Climber & Tree Climber Rescuer, INRAE, France	2023, 2024

Awards

“Best Graduate Student Paper Award” for <i>Molecular Biology & Evolution</i>	2017
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Fundings

AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

7. POLLIDIV : Origins and consequences of brood-site pollination emergences in weevils’ diversification. Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), France.	2025-2029 305,315€
6. EXPLORE#6 - Travel support for international collaboration (Costa Rica). Programme d’Excellence I-SITE, Université de Montpellier, France.	2024 17,000€
5. IB2024 - MomphiDiv project. Travel support for international collaboration (Canada). IB2024 - Mobility funding. INRAE, France.	2024 6,000€
4. WeBait : Comparative genomics and Development of phylogenetic baits for weevils (Curculionidae). IB2024 - Research funding. INRAE, France.	2024 30,000€
3. OVPR Internal Research Grant. University of Toronto-Mississauga Ontario, Canada.	2023 6,780€
2. IB2023 - MomphiDiv Project. Travel support for international collaboration (Canada). IB2023 - Mobility funding. INRAE, France.	2022 5,000€
1. Annual CBGP Internal call. Montpellier, France.	2022 3,000€

AS A COLLABORATOR

2. PolTroN : Pollination Networks in the Tropics. CEMEB labex, France.	2022 20,000€
1. GENO_PEST : GENOmics studies of the noctuid PEST genus <i>Spodoptera</i> . CEMEB labex, France.	2022 18,855€

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

14. Battlay, P., Hendrickson, B. T., Mendez-Reneau, J. I., Santangelo, J. S., Albano, L. J., Wilson, J., Caizergues, A., [9 authors], **Allio, R.**, [35 authors] & Kooyers, N. J. (2025). Haploblocks contribute to parallel climate adaptation following global invasion of a cosmopolitan plant. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, 1-15. DOI: [10.1038/s41559-025-02751-2](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-025-02751-2)

13. **Allio, R.***, Teuliet, S.*, Lutgen, D.*, Magdeleine, A., Koual, R., Tilak, M. K., de Thoisy, B., Emerling, C.A., Lefebure, T., & Delsuc, F. (2025). Transcriptomic data reveal divergent paths of chitinase evolution underlying dietary convergence in anteaters and pangolins. *Genome Biology and Evolution*, evafoo2. DOI: [10.1093/gbe/evafoo2](https://doi.org/10.1093/gbe/evafoo2)
12. Perrier, C., **Allio, R.**, Legeai, F., Gautier, M., Beneluz, F., Marande, W., Theron, A., Rodde, N., Herrera, M., Saune, L. and Parrinello, H. (2024). Transposable element accumulation drives genome size increase in *Hylesia metabus* (Lepidoptera: Saturniidae), an urticating moth species from South America. *Journal of Heredity*, esaeo69. DOI: [10.1093/jhered/esaeo69](https://doi.org/10.1093/jhered/esaeo69)
11. **Allio, R.**, Delsuc, F., Belkhir, K., Douzery, E. J., Ranwez, V., & Scornavacca, C. (2024). OrthoMaM v12: a database of curated single-copy ortholog alignments and trees to study mammalian evolutionary genomics. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 52(D1), D529-D535. DOI: [10.1093/nar/gkad834](https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkad834)
10. Haran, J.*, Li, X.*, **Allio, R.***, Shin, S., Benoit, L., Oberprieler, R. G., Farrell, B. D., Brown, S. D. J., Leschen, R. A. B., Kergoat, G. J. & McKenna, D. D. (2023). Phylogenomics illuminates the phylogeny of flower weevils (Curculioninae) and reveals ten independent origins of brood-site pollination mutualism in true weevils. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 290(2008), 20230889. DOI: [10.1098/rspb.2023.0889](https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2023.0889)
9. Heighton, S. P.*, **Allio, R.***, Murienné, J., Salmona, J., Meng, H., Scornavacca, C., Bastos, A.D.S., Njiokou, F., Pieterse, D.W., Tilak, M.-K., Luo, S.-J., Delsuc, F., & Gaubert, P. (2023). Pangolin genomes offer key insights and resources for the world's most trafficked wild mammals. *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, Volume 40, Issue 10, October 2023, msad190. DOI: [10.1093/molbev/msad190](https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msad190)
8. Comte, A., Tricou, T., Tannier, E., Joseph, J., Siberchicot, A., Penel, S., **Allio, R.**, Delsuc, F., Dray, S., & de Vienne, D. M. (2023). PhylteR: efficient identification of outlier sequences in phylogenomic datasets. *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, Volume 40, Issue 11, November 2023, msad234. DOI: [10.1093/molbev/msad234](https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msad234)
7. Coiro, M., **Allio, R.**, Mazet, N., Seyfullah, L. J., & Condamine, F. L. (2023). Reconciling fossils with phylogenies reveals the origin and macroevolutionary processes explaining the global cycad biodiversity. *New Phytologist*. DOI: [10.1111/nph.19010](https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.19010)
6. Condamine, F. L., **Allio, R.**, Reboud, E. L., Dupuis, J. R., Toussaint, E. F., Mazet, N., Hu S.-J., Lewis D.S., Kunte K., Cotton A. M., & Sperling, F. A. (2023). A comprehensive phylogeny and revised taxonomy illuminate the origin and diversification of the global radiation of *Papilio* (Lepidoptera: Papilionidae). *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, 183, 107758. DOI: [10.1016/j.ympev.2023.107758](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ympev.2023.107758)
5. **Allio R.**, Tilak M. K., Scornavacca C., Avenant N. L., Corre E., Nabholz B., & Delsuc F. (2021). High-quality carnivore genomes from roadkill samples enable species delimitation in aardwolf and bat-eared fox. *eLife*, 10, e63167. DOI: [10.7554/eLife.63167](https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.63167)
4. **Allio R.**, Nabholz B., Wanke S., Chomicki G., Pérez-Escobar O. A., Cotton A. M., Clamens A.-L., Kergoat G. J., Sperling F. A. H. & Condamine F. L. (2020). Genome-wide macroevolutionary signatures of key innovations in butterflies colonizing new host plants. *Nature communications*, 12(1), 354. DOI: [10.1038/s41467-020-20507-3](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-20507-3)
3. **Allio, R.**, Schomaker-Bastos, A., Romiguier, J., Prosdociimi, F., Nabholz, B., & Delsuc, F. (2020). MitoFinder: Efficient automated large-scale extraction of mitogenomic data in target enrichment phylogenomics. *Molecular Ecology Resources*, 20(4), 892-905. DOI: [10.1111/1755-0998.13160](https://doi.org/10.1111/1755-0998.13160)

2. **Allio, R.**, Scornavacca, C., Nabholz, B., Clamens, A. L., Sperling, F. A., & Condamine, F. L. (2020). Whole genome shotgun phylogenomics resolves the pattern and timing of swallowtail butterfly evolution. *Systematic Biology*, 69(1), 38-60. DOI: [10.1093/sysbio/syz030](https://doi.org/10.1093/sysbio/syz030)
1. **Allio, R.**, Donega, S., Galtier, N., & Nabholz, B. (2017). Large variation in the ratio of mitochondrial to nuclear mutation rate across animals: implications for genetic diversity and the use of mitochondrial DNA as a molecular marker. *Molecular biology and evolution*, 34(11), 2762-2772. DOI: [10.1093/molbev/msx197](https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msx197)

PREPRINTS

2. Emerling, C. A., Teuliet, S., **Allio, R.**, Gatesy, J., Springer, M. S. & Delsuc, F. (2025). Pseudogenes Document Protracted Parallel Regression of Oral Anatomy in Myrmecophagous Mammals. *bioRxiv*, 2025.02. DOI: [10.1101/2025.02.21.639456](https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.02.21.639456)
1. Zelvelder, B., Kergoat, G. J., Benoit, L., Tsuchida, T., Haran, J., & **Allio, R.** (2024). The first example of extreme and independent host plant shifts mediated by parasitic plants in insects. *bioRxiv*, 2024-04. DOI: [10.1101/2024.04.03.587887](https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.04.03.587887)

Programming and protocols

2. **MitoFinder**: a pipeline to assemble mitochondrial genomes and annotate mitochondrial genes from trimmed read sequencing data. [Github project](#)
1. Tilak, M. K., **Allio, R.**, & Delsuc, F. (2020). An optimized protocol for sequencing mammalian roadkill tissues with Oxford Nanopore Technology (ONT). [Protocol.io page](#)

Scientific Communications

11. Zelvelder, B., Kergoat, G. Benoit, L., Tsuchida T., Haran, J. & **Allio. R.** (June 26-30th, 2024). The first example of extreme and independent host plant shifts mediated by parasitic plants in insects. Third Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology 2024 (Montreal, Canada). [Oral communication]
10. Zelvelder, B., Haran, J., Benoit, L., Kergoat, G., & **Allio. R.** (June 21-25th, 2023). Can parasitic plants act as a facilitating bridge for insects host plant shifts? Evolution 2023 (Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA). [Oral communication]
9. **Allio R.** (December 1st, 2022). speaker: Population genomics, phylogenomics, diversity analysis. Reflections, assessment and perspectives of the Bioinformatics activities within the "Agriculture, Environment, Biodiversity" cluster. Agropolis international (Montpellier, France) [Invited speaker]
8. **Allio R.** (November 30th, 2021). Phylogenomic et comparative genomics: Study adaptation from a macroevolution perspective. Centre de Biologie pour la Gestion des Populations (Montpellier). [Invited speaker]
7. **Allio R.**, Tilak M.-K., Scornavacca, C., Avenant N.L., Corre E., Nabholz B. & Delsuc F. (October 5-9th, 2020). Genomics from roadkill enable species delimitation in aardwolf and bat-eared fox. Biodiversity Genomics 2020 (Institut Sanger, UK). [Virtual talk]
6. **Allio R.**, Tilak M.-K., Avenant N.L., Corre E., Nabholz B. & Delsuc F. (February 4-5th, 2020). Roadkill genomics: high quality mammalian genomes from hybrid assembly of short Illumina

reads and MinION long reads. Rencontres ALPHY : Génomique Evolutive, Bioinformatique, Alignement et Phylogénie (Lyon, France). [Oral communication]

5. **Allio R.**, Tilak, M.-K., Magdeleine, A., Nabholz, B., & Delsuc, F. (February 3rd, 2020). How roadkill can become a valuable resource for genome-wide analyses. Laboratoire d'Ecologie des Hydrosystèmes Naturels et Anthropisés (Lyon, France). [Invited speaker]
4. **Allio R.**, Romiguier J., Nabholz B. & Delsuc F. (July 21-25th, 2019). Extracting complementary mitogenomic data from target enrichment experiments: a case study with 501 ant UCE libraries. Annual Meeting of the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (Manchester, UK). [Poster]
3. **Allio R.**, Romiguier J., Nabholz B. & Delsuc F. (February 7-8th, 2019). In search of mitochondrial DNA from Ultra Conserved Elements sequencing data. ALPHY: Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Genomics (Paris, France). [Oral communication]
2. **Allio R.**, Koual R., Tilak M.-K., Avenant N.L., Nabholz B. & Delsuc F. (October 16-17th, 2018). Testing the hypothesis of allopatric speciation through biogeographical disjunction in three species of African carnivores. 9th Annual Oppenheimer De Beers Research Conference (Johannesburg, Afrique du Sud). [Poster]
1. **Allio R.**, Koual R., Tilak M.-K., Avenant N.L., Nabholz B. & Delsuc F. (August 19-22th, 2018). Testing the hypothesis of allopatric speciation through biogeographical disjunction in three species of African carnivores (aardwolf, bat-eared fox, and black-backed jackal). 2nd Joint Congress in Evolutionary Biology (Montpellier, France). [Poster]

Teaching & Supervisory Experience

TEACHING

University of Montpellier, France

Teaching Assistant (12h), Evolutionary Biology	2018-2019
Teaching Assistant (12h), Evolutionary Biology	2017-2018

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

Léo Laborieux , Graduate Student.	2024
Host plant shifts and the emergence of new pest insects: the case the weevil genus <i>Phlyctinus</i> .	
Tom Rigaud , Undergraduate student.	2024
South african weevils taxonomy.	
Benjamin Zelvelde , PhD candidate.	2023-present
Phylogenomics of weevils brood-site pollinators in the tropics: towards an understanding of the specialization factors of pollination systems in rainforests.	
Benjamin Zelvelde , Graduate Student.	2023
Study of the evolution of weevil-plant-parasitic plant interactions using a phylogenomic approach.	
Léo Laborieux , Graduate Student.	2023
Host plant shifts and the emergence of new pest insects: the case the weevil genus <i>Phlyctinus</i> .	
Sophie Teullet , Graduate Student.	2020
Molecular evolution of chitinase genes in myrmecophagous mammals.	

Mathilde Barthe , Graduate Student.	2019
Convergent molecular evolution in the genomes of myrmecophagous carnivores.	
Dave Lutgen , Graduate Student.	2019
Comparative transcriptomics of salivary glands in placental mammals.	

Reviewing experience

Systematic Biology, Systematic Entomology, Molecular Phylogenetics & Evolution, Molecular Ecology, Molecular Ecology Resources, Bioinformatics, Zoologica Scripta, Zoological Research, Wellcome Open Research, PeerJ