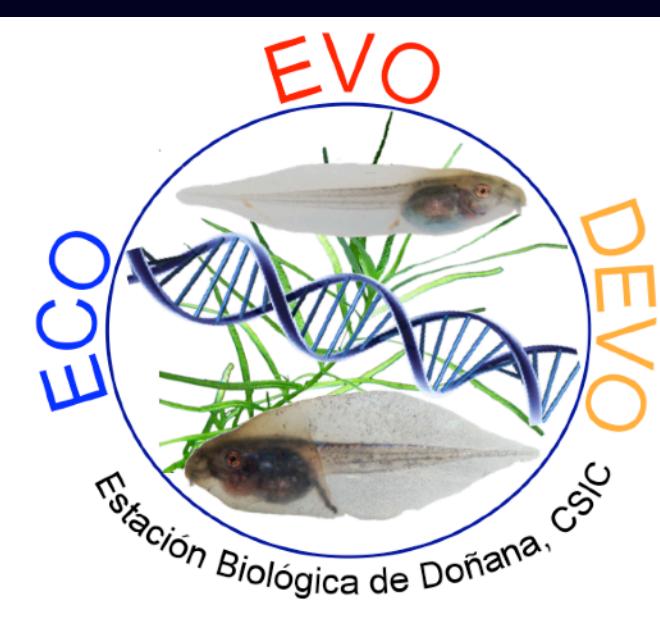
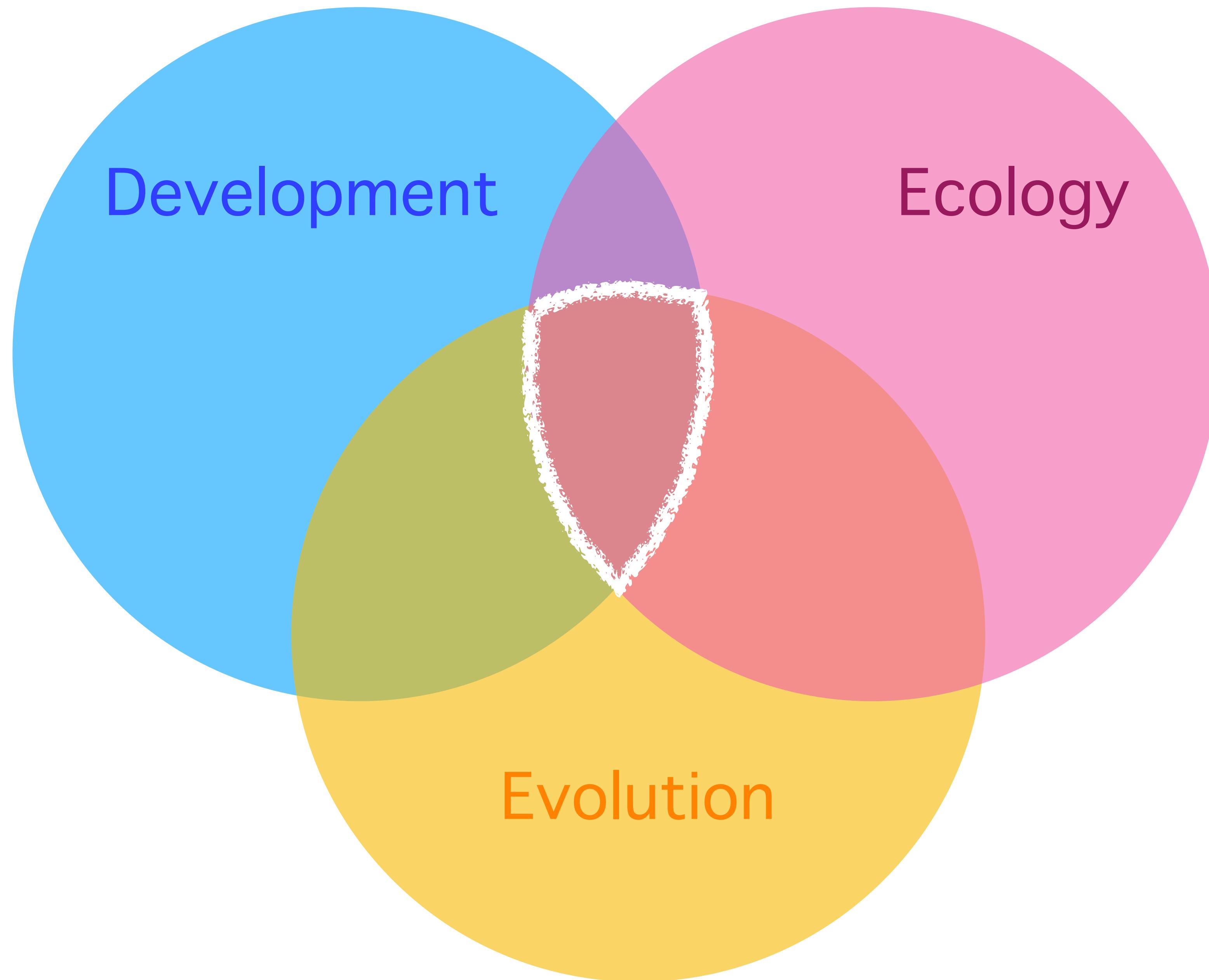




Aplicaciones y Discusiones en Desarrollo Animal II



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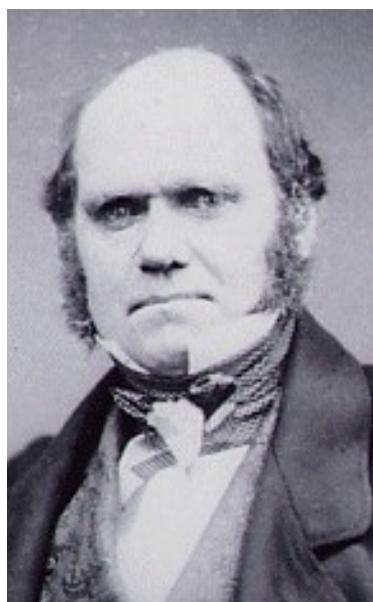
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- Why Eco-Evo-Devo? - The environment is crucial
- Adaptation and Phenotypic plasticity
- Environmentally-induced transcriptomics
- Genetic accommodation

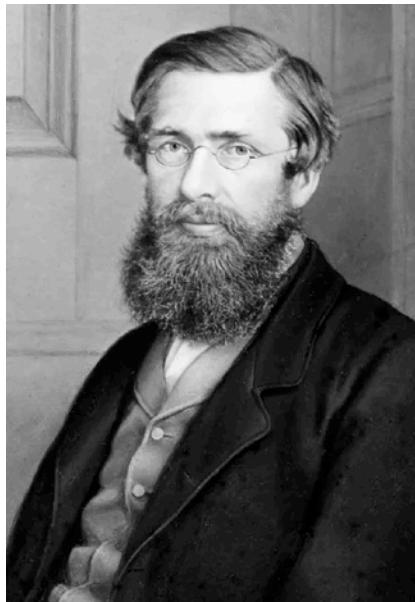
What is evolution?

“Evolution consists of changes in the heritable traits of a population of organisms as successive generations replace one another.”

National Academy of Sciences, USA, 2015



Darwin



Wallace



Mendel



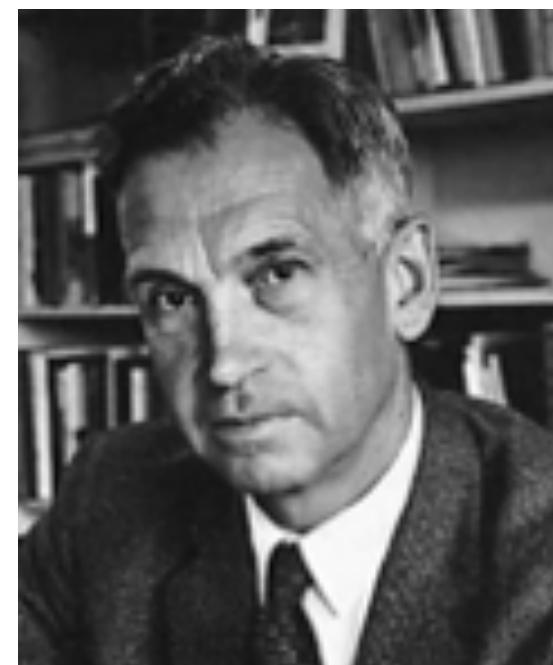
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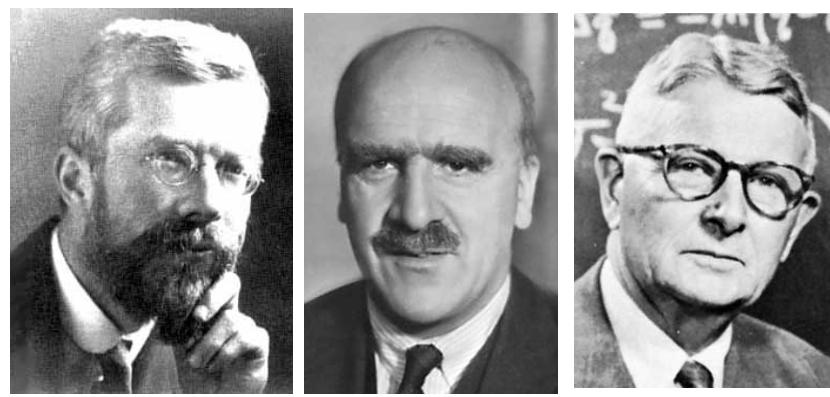


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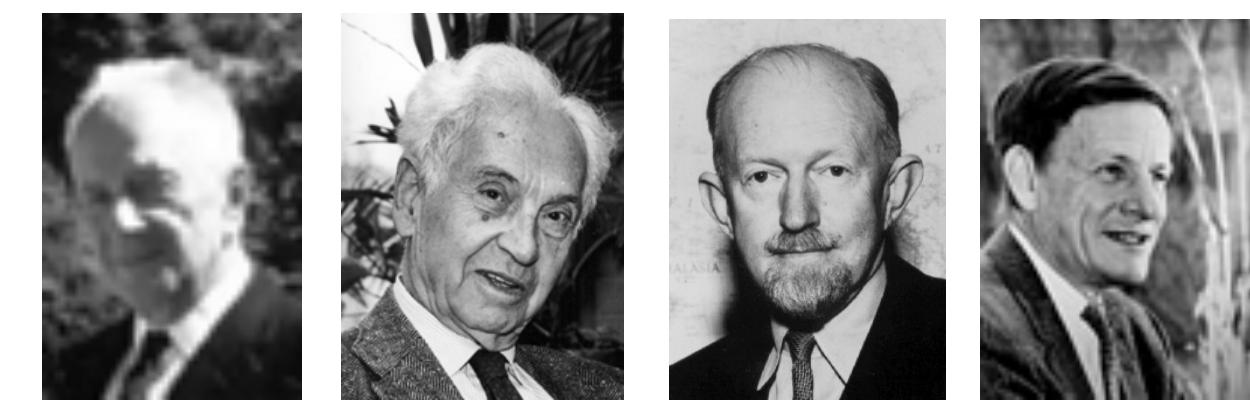


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The Modern Synthesis 1936-1947

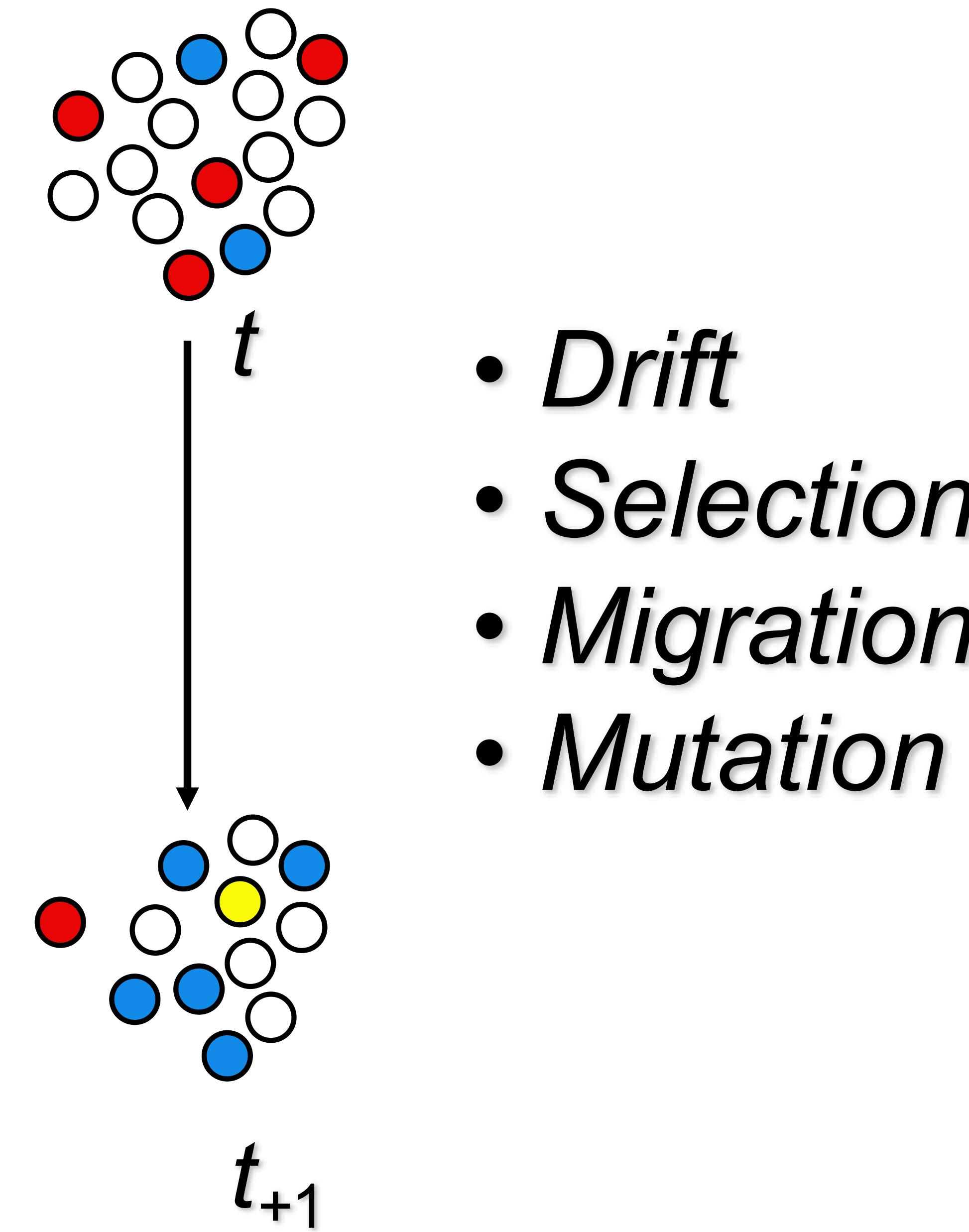


The Modern Synthesis



- 📌 Populations harbour **genetic variation** that emerges **randomly** through mutation and recombination.
- 📌 Populations evolve through **changes in allele frequencies** due to drift, gene flow, and especially, **natural selection**.
- 📌 The majority of genetic variants have a **small phenotypic effect**, so that the resulting phenotypic changes are **gradual**.
- 📌 Diversification occurs through speciation, which is mostly the result of reproductive isolation between **allopatric populations**.
- 📌 These processes, operating over long enough timescales, give rise to **cumulative changes** of such magnitude that the resulting species are grouped at higher taxonomic levels.

Descent with heritable modification



Mutation
Gene flow
Drift
Selection

+ 3.8 billion years = MACROEVOLUTION

'The basic evolutionary mechanisms—mutation, migration, genetic drift, and natural selection—can produce major evolutionary change if given enough time'

The Modern Synthesis (1936-1947)



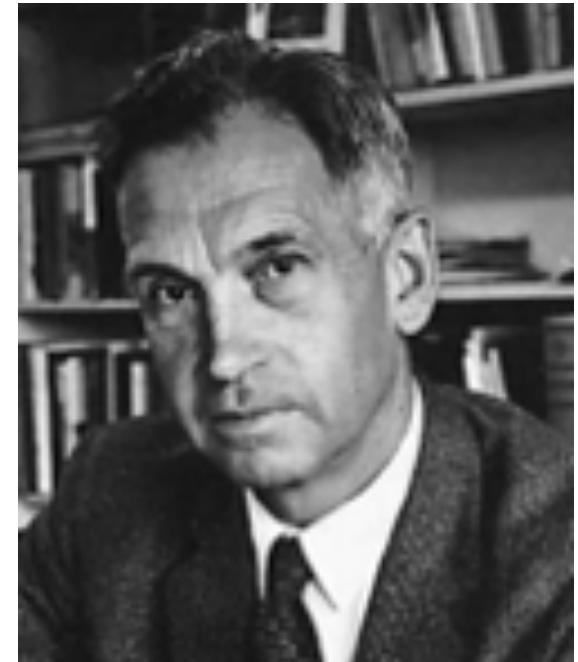
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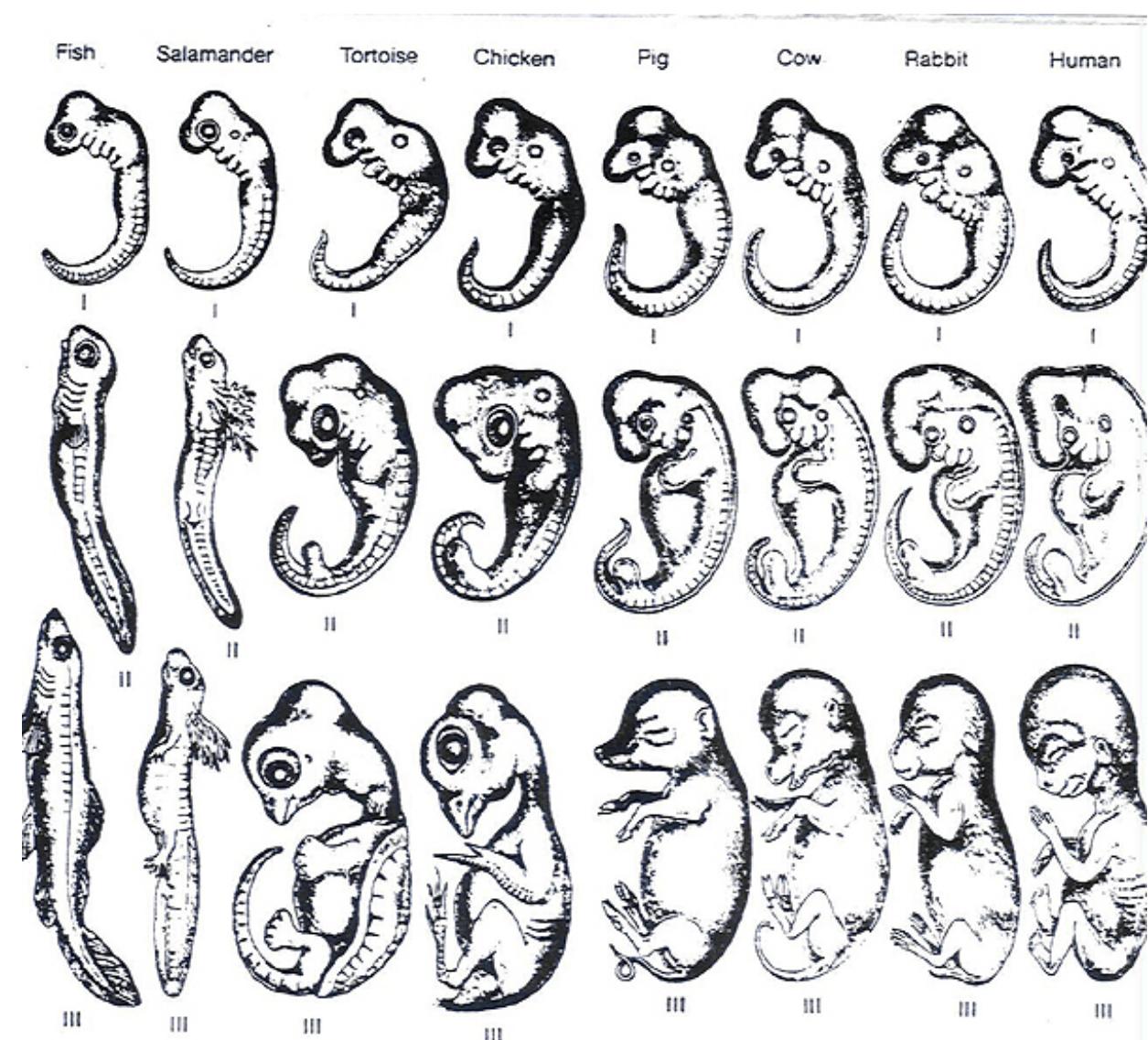
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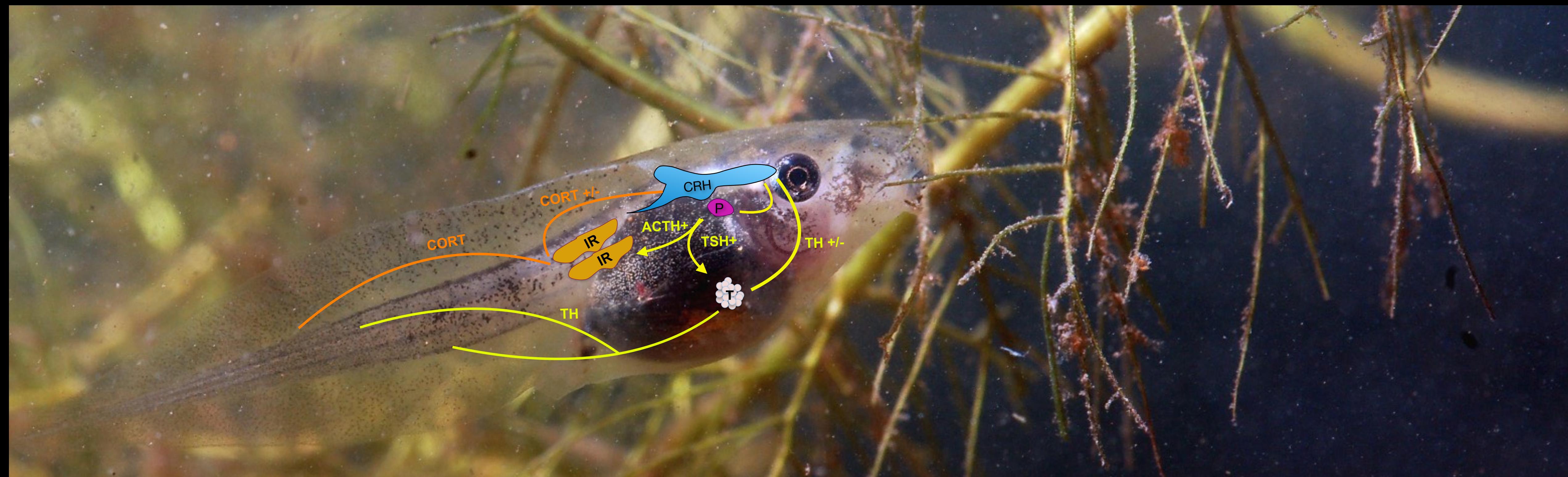




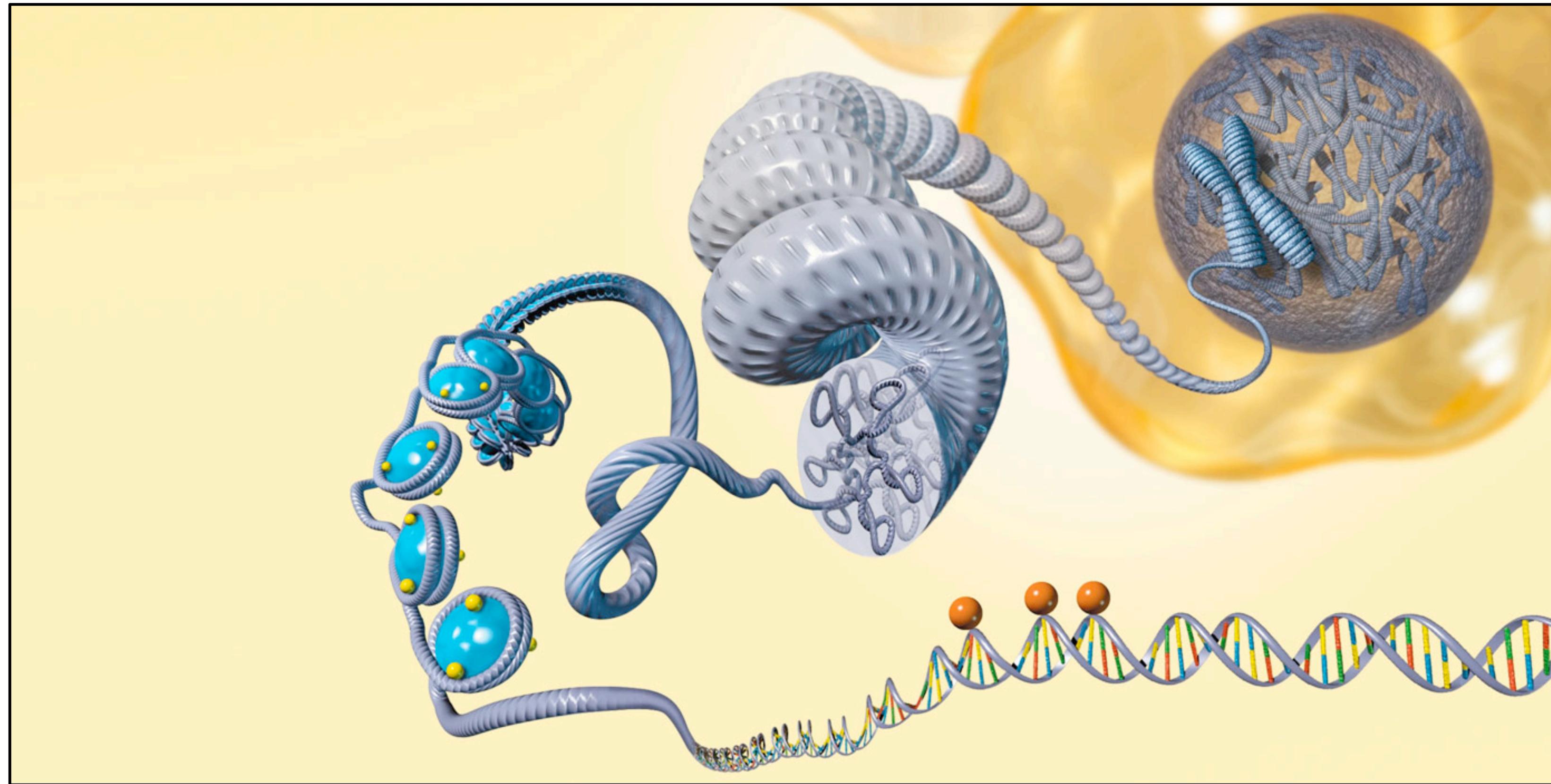
Organisms use environmental cues to assess environmental **suitability**



...then **react** adjusting their behaviour, morphology or physiology accordingly



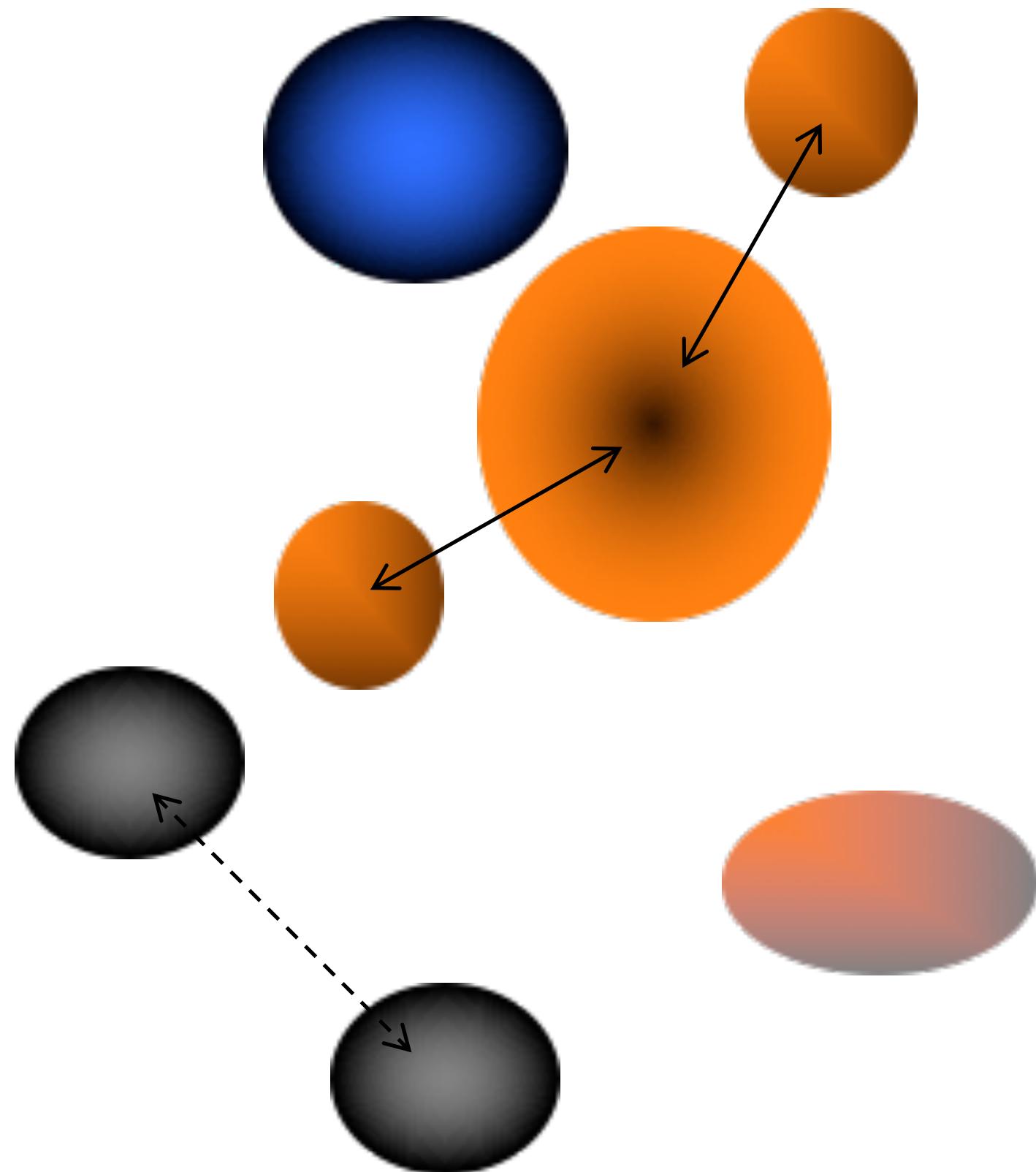
Environmental stimuli epigenetic regulation of gene expression



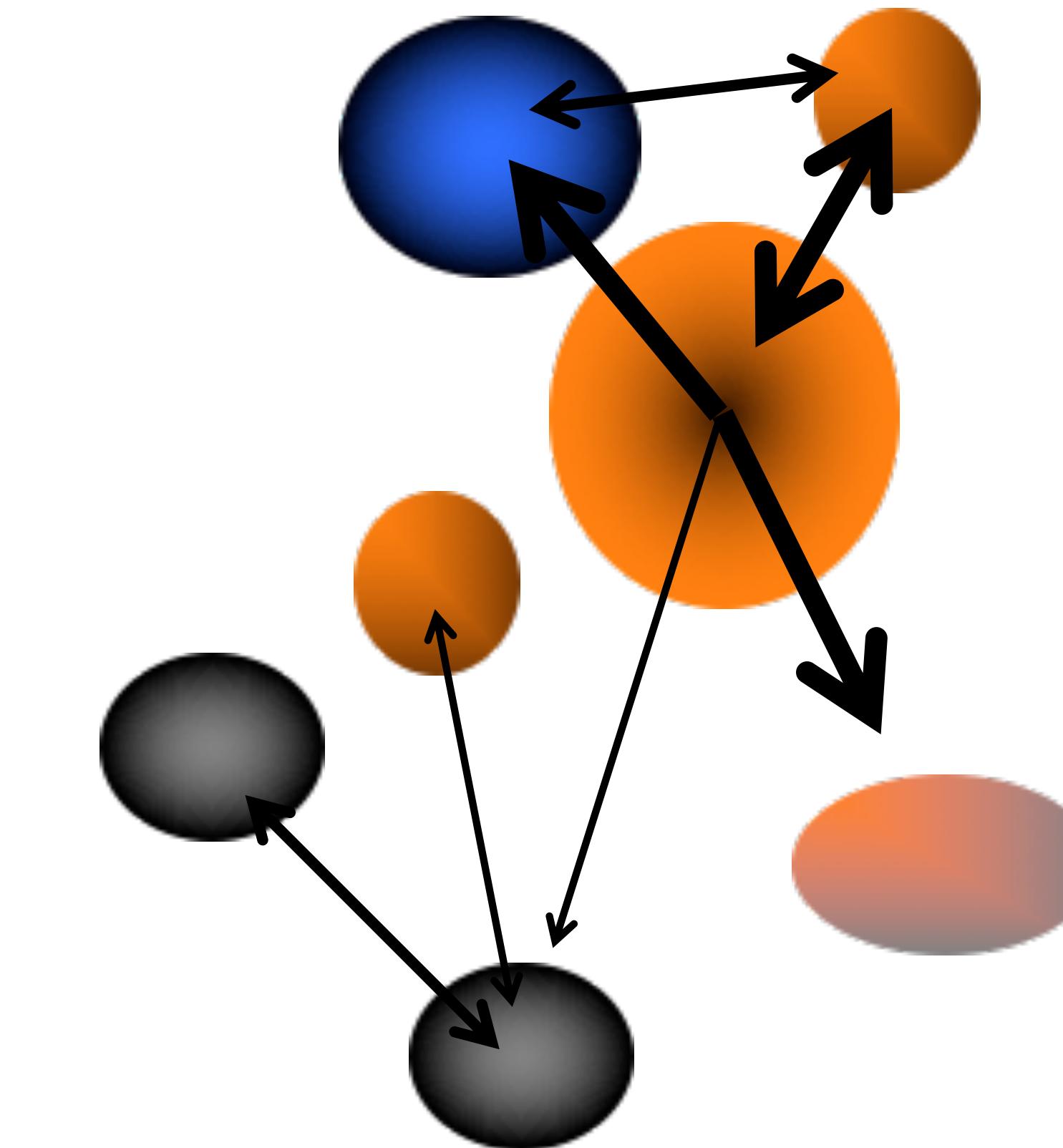
Phenotypes result from interaction between
ENVIRONMENT and **GENOME**

Metapopulation Structure Favors Plasticity over Local Adaptation

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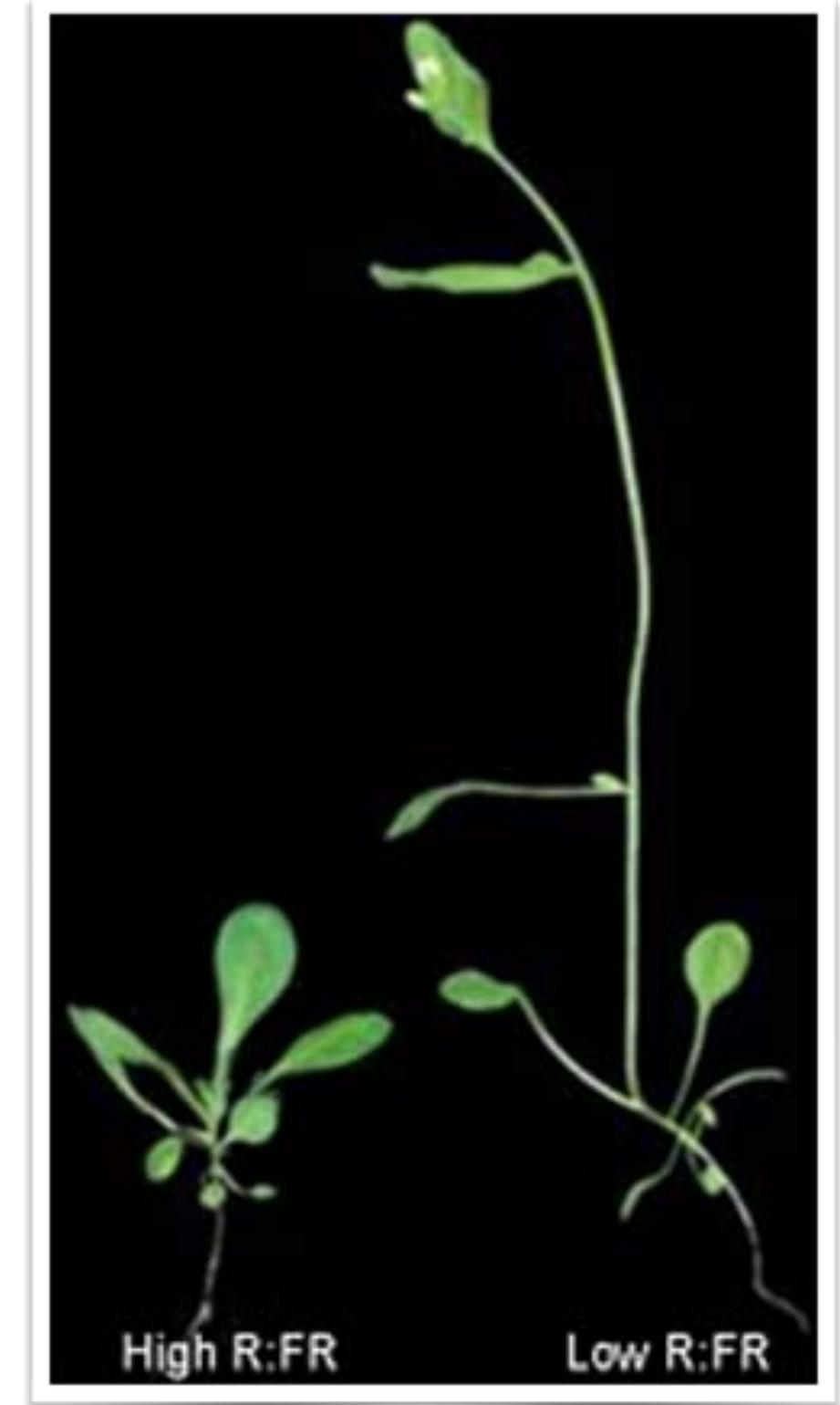
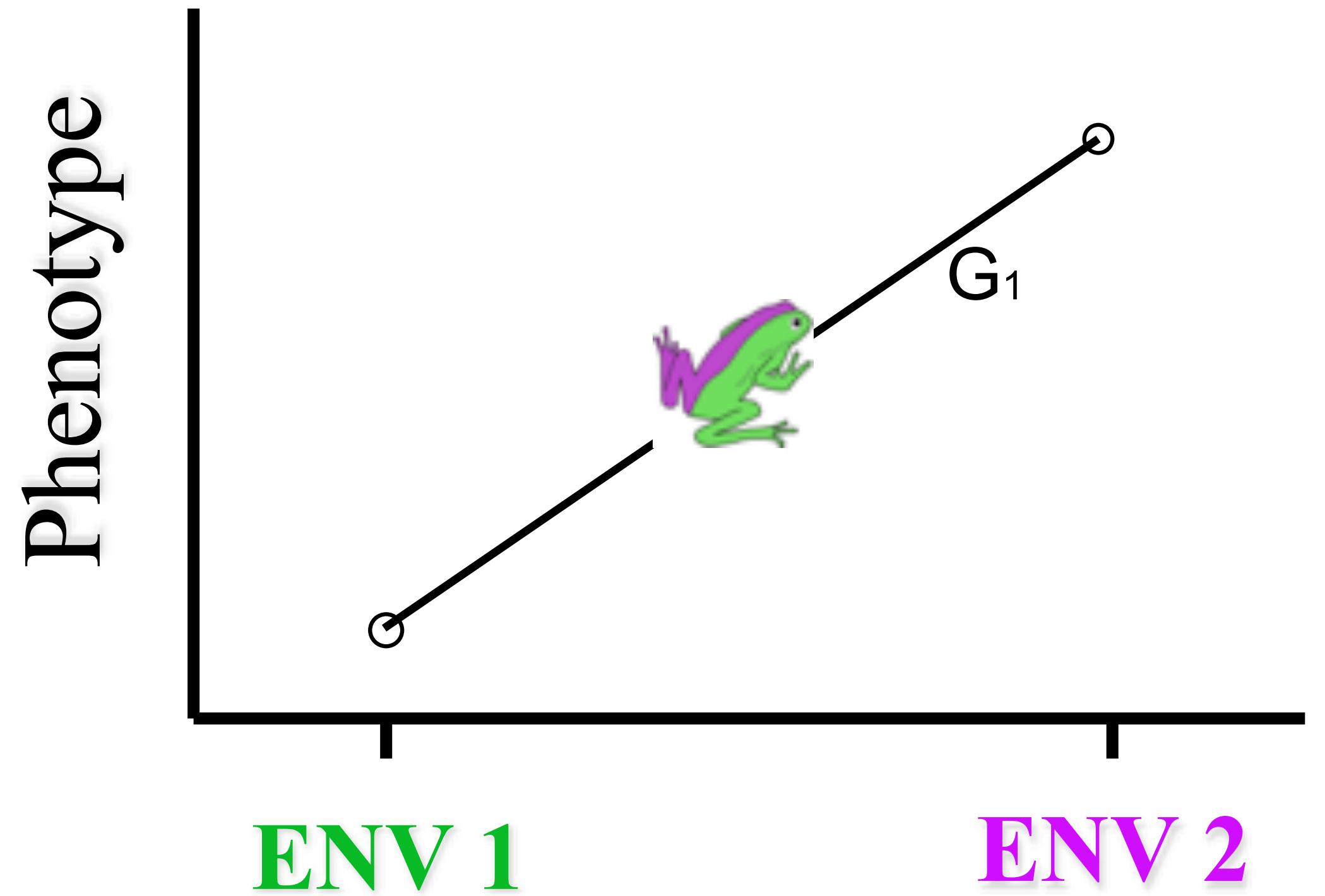


Local adaptation of fixed phenotypes

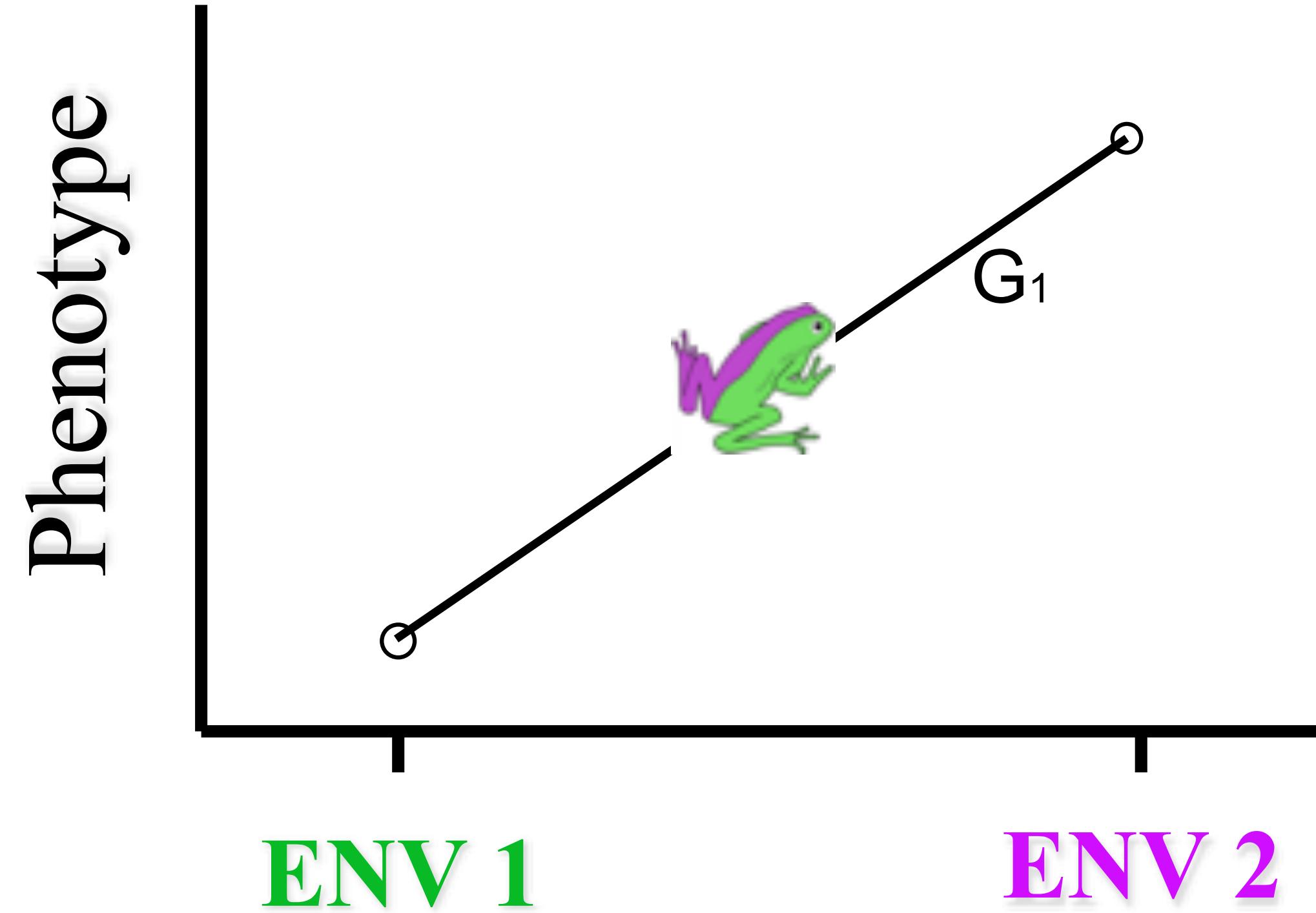


Adaptive phenotypic plasticity

Phenotypic plasticity



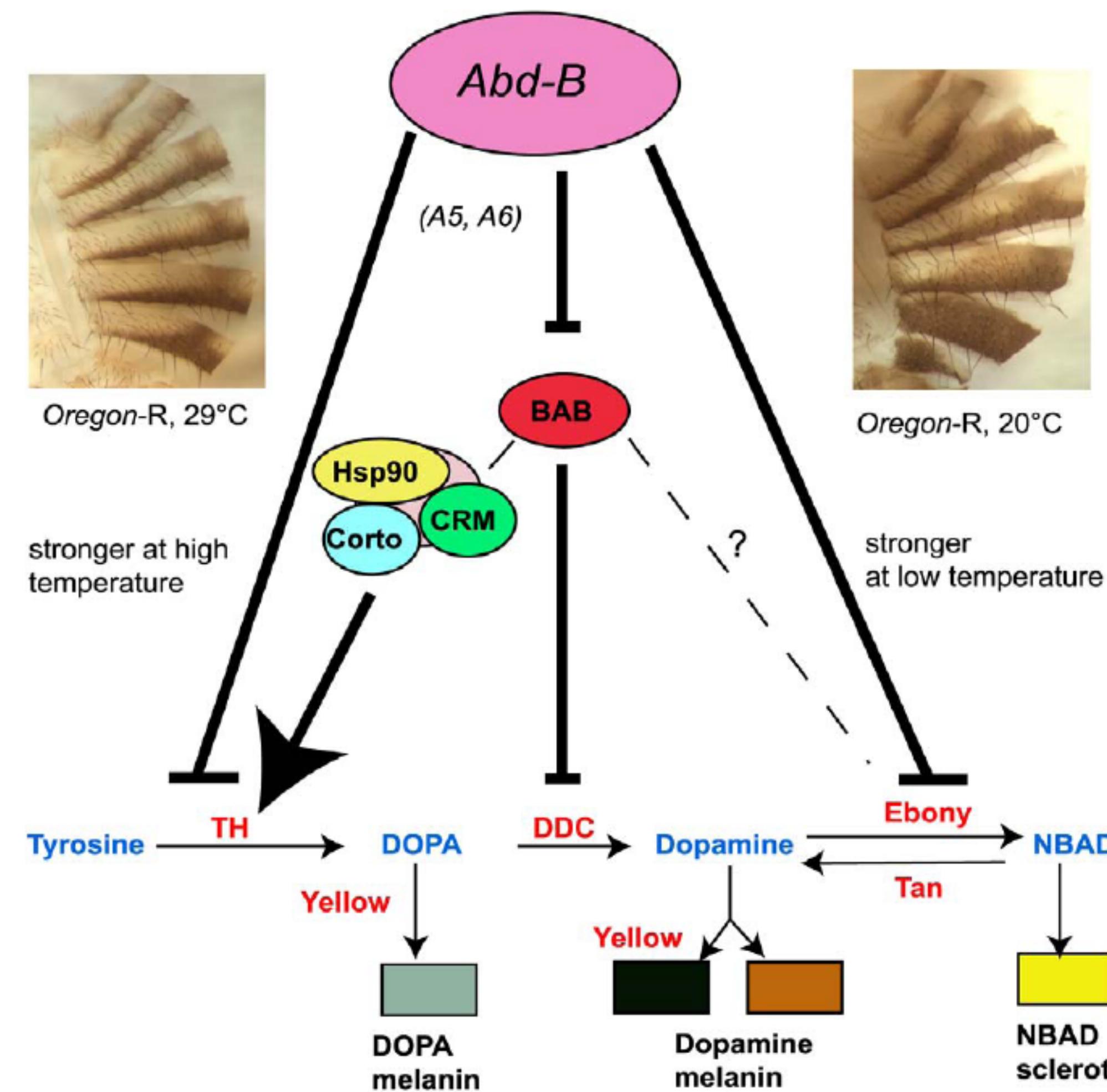
Adaptive phenotypic plasticity



If/When:

- ▶ Environmental heterogeneity
- ▶ Fitness trade off
- ▶ Reliable cues
- ▶ Heritable basis
- ▶ Fitness benefits outweigh costs

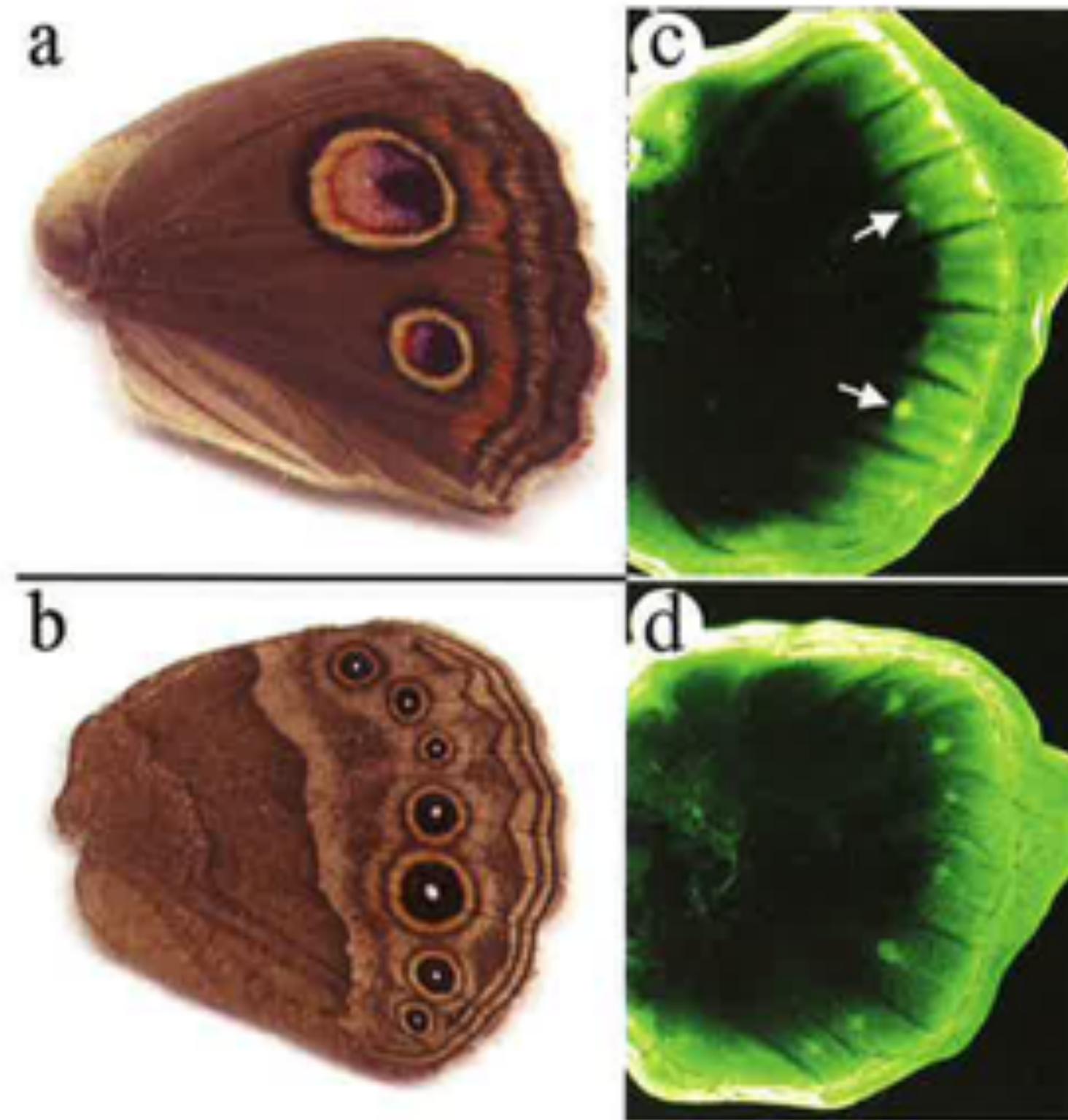
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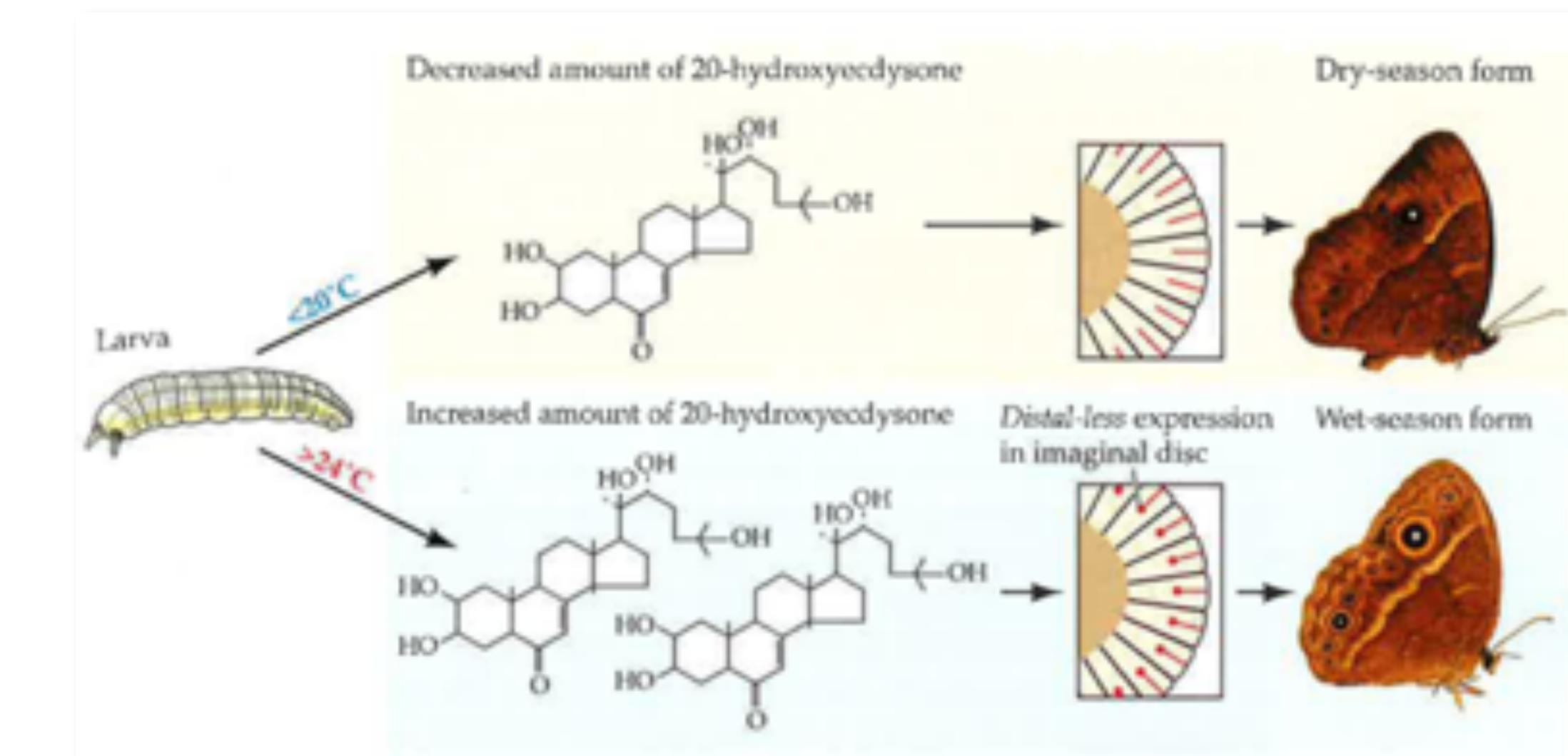
Gibert et al. 2007, PLoS Gen

Environmental input is essential in development

Dll expression marks the formation of eyespots



...but *Dll* expression is dependent upon temperature and results in seasonal morphs



Brakefield & Reitsma 1991

Brakefield et al 1996 *Nature*

Environmental input is essential in development



Summer morph



Spring morph

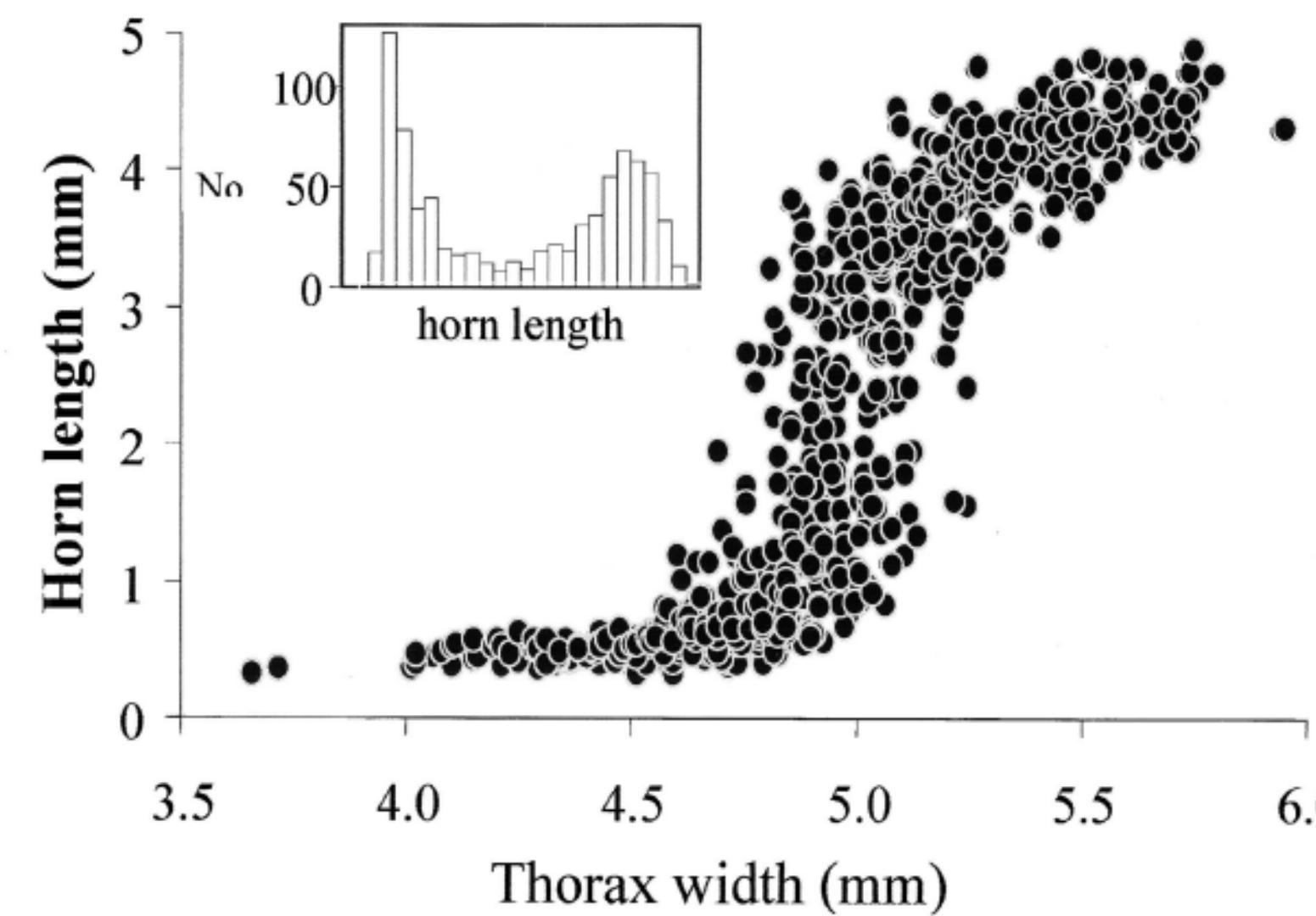
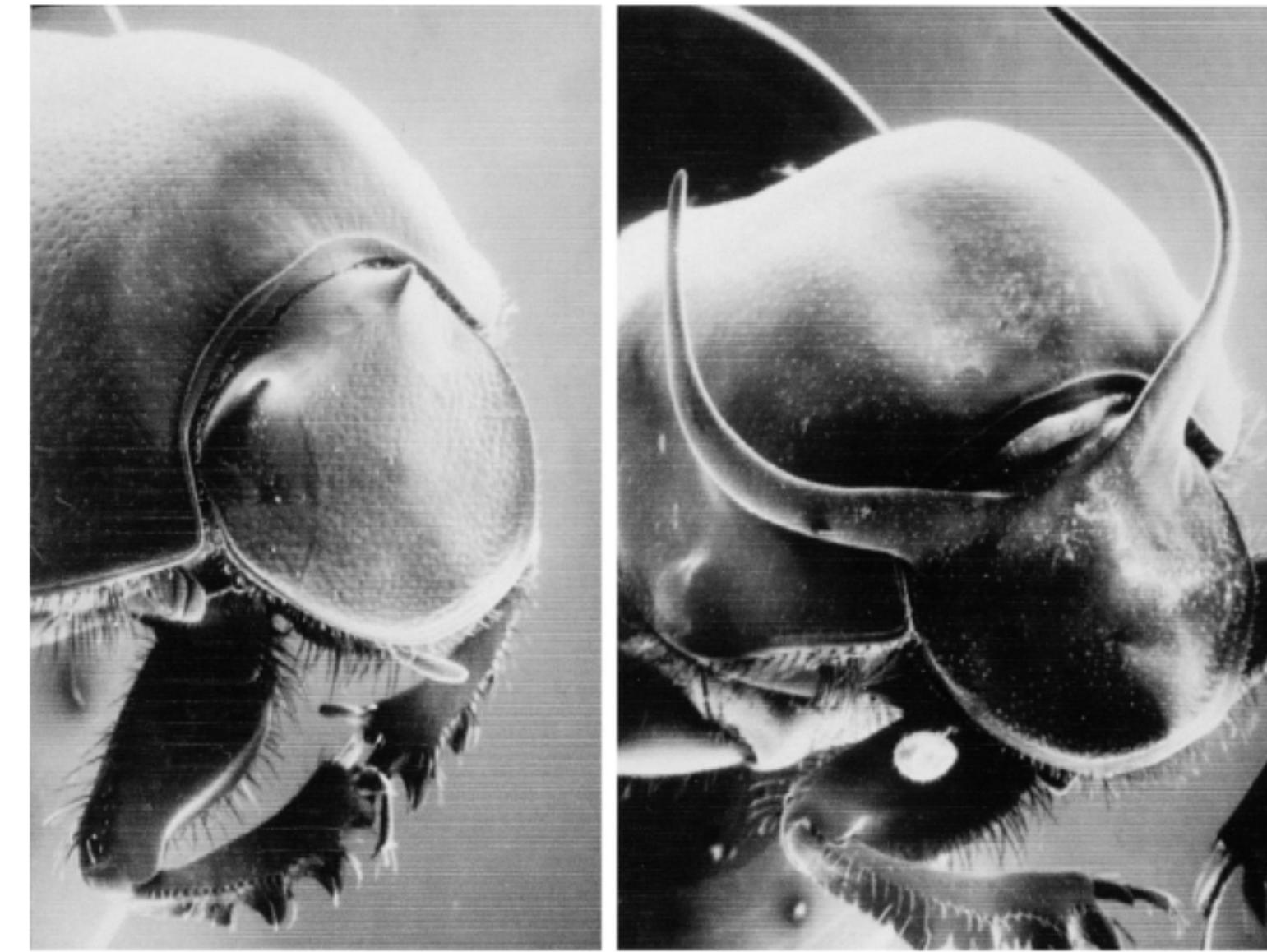
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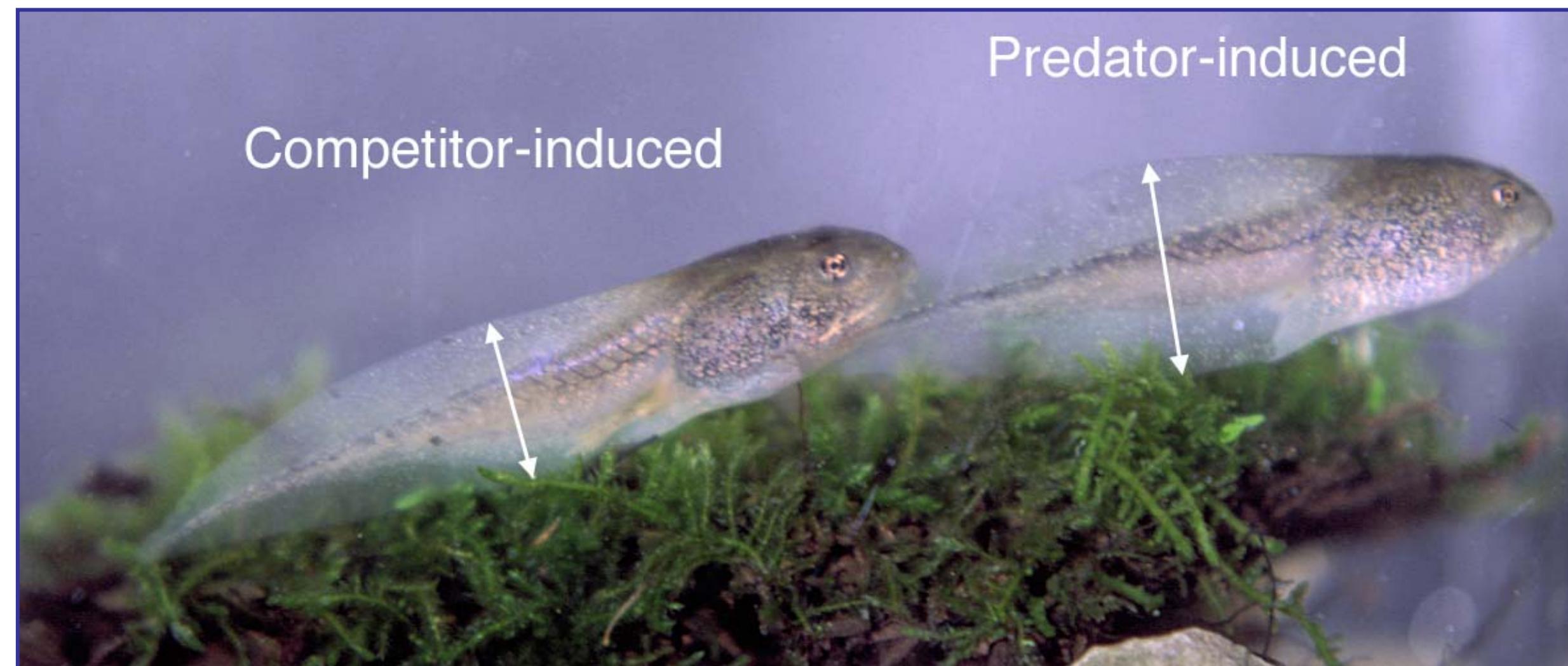
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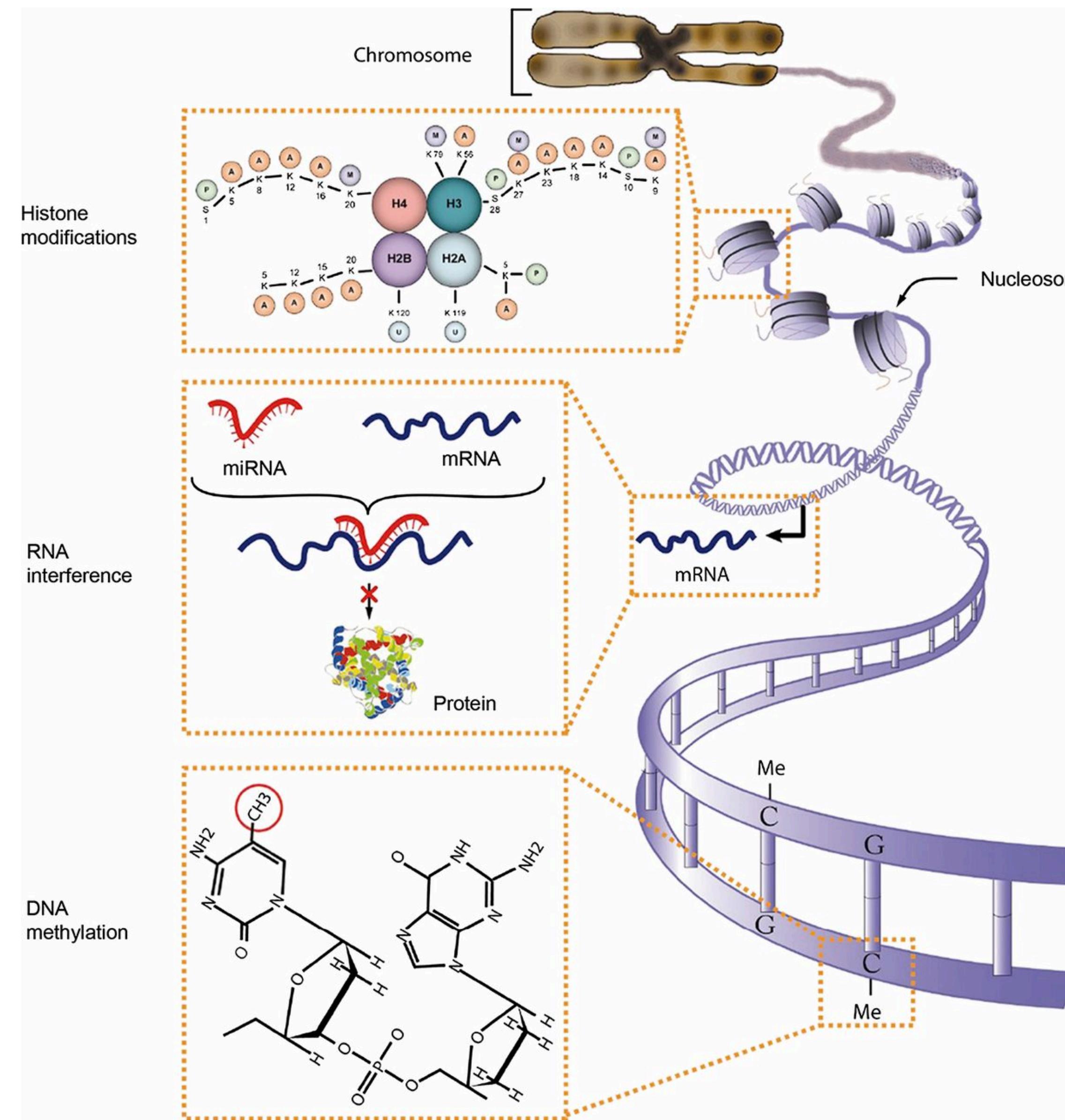


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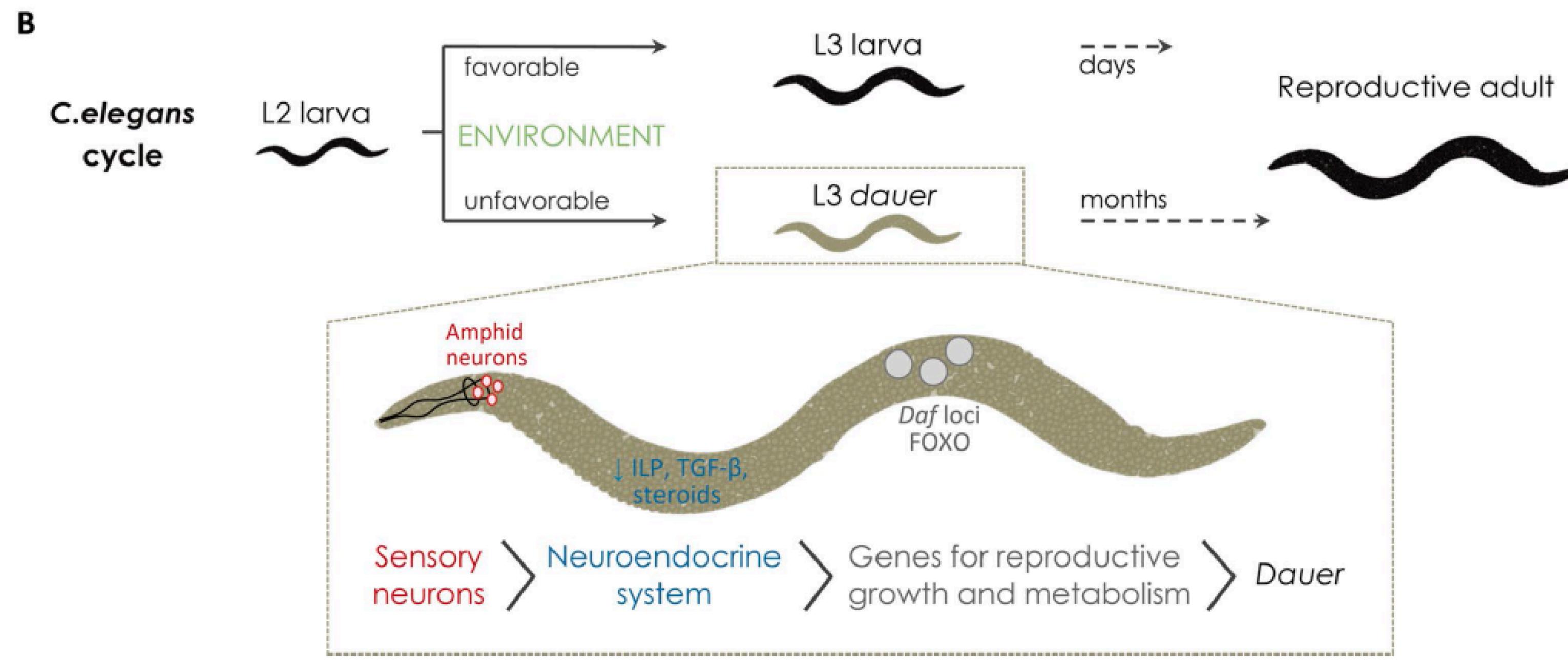
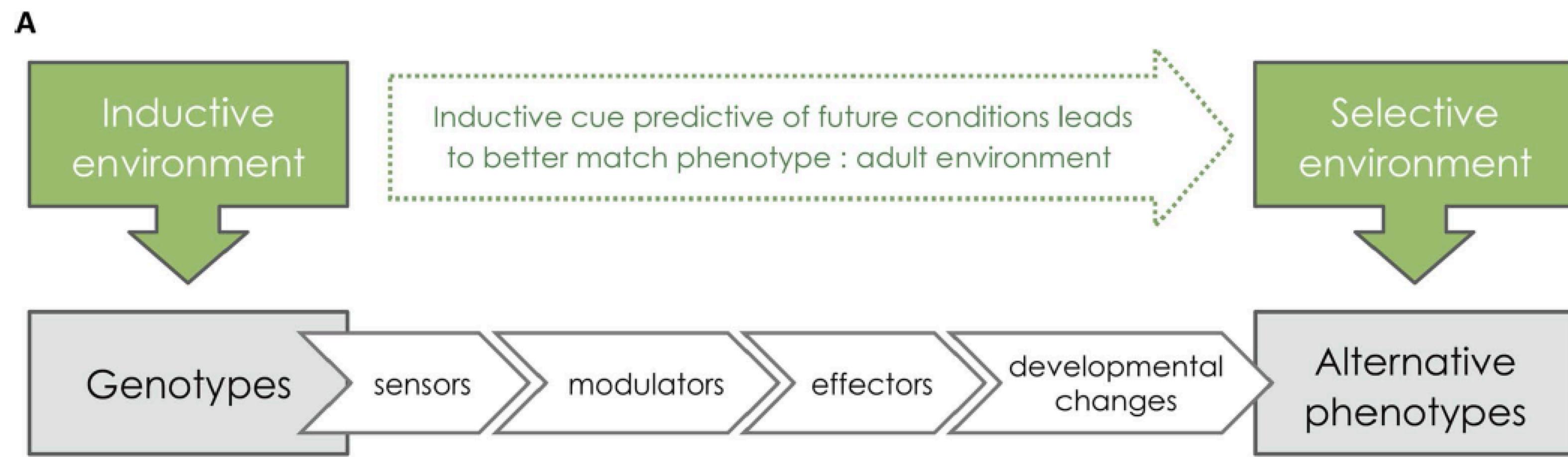


Eco-Evo-Devo
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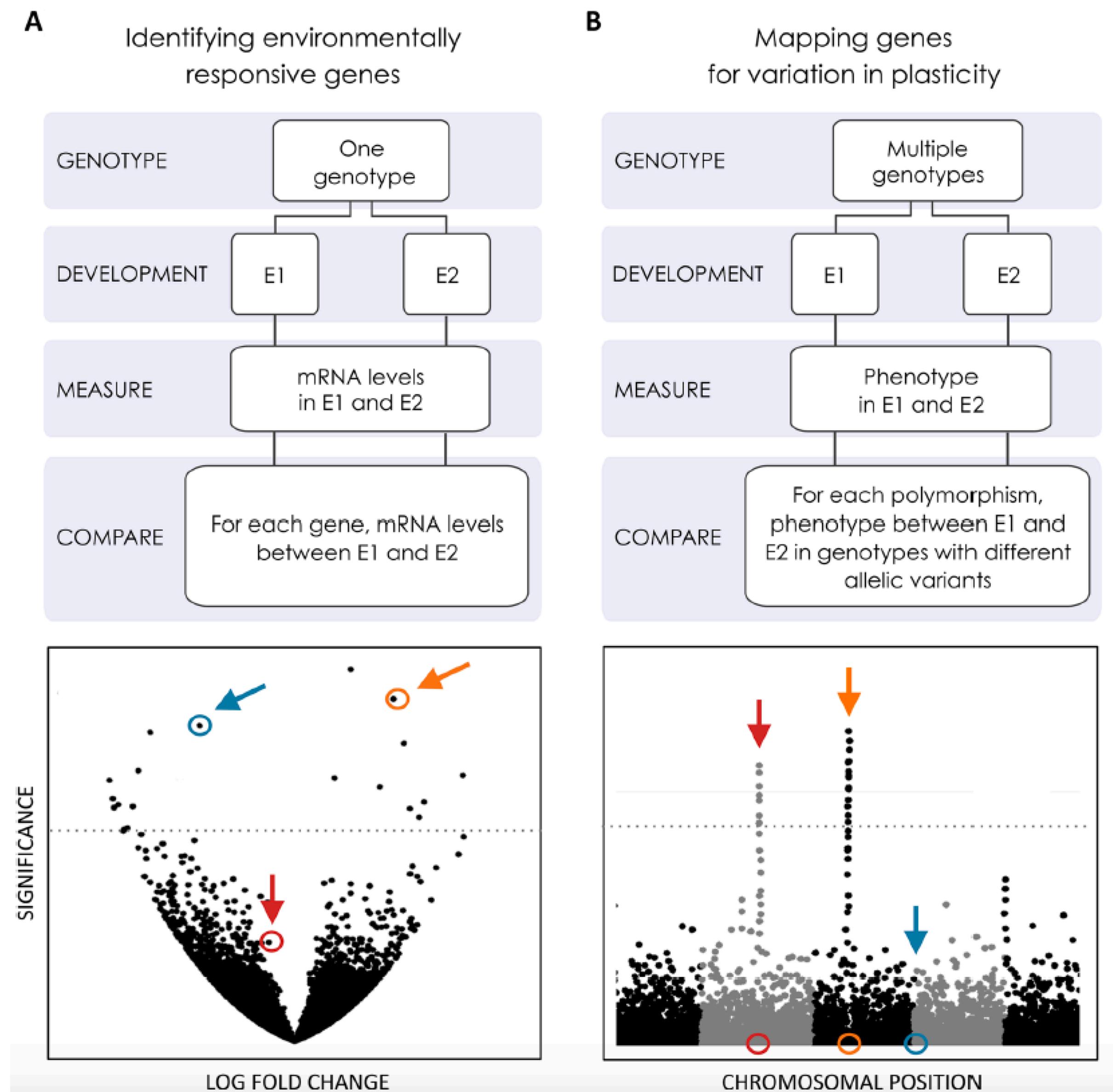
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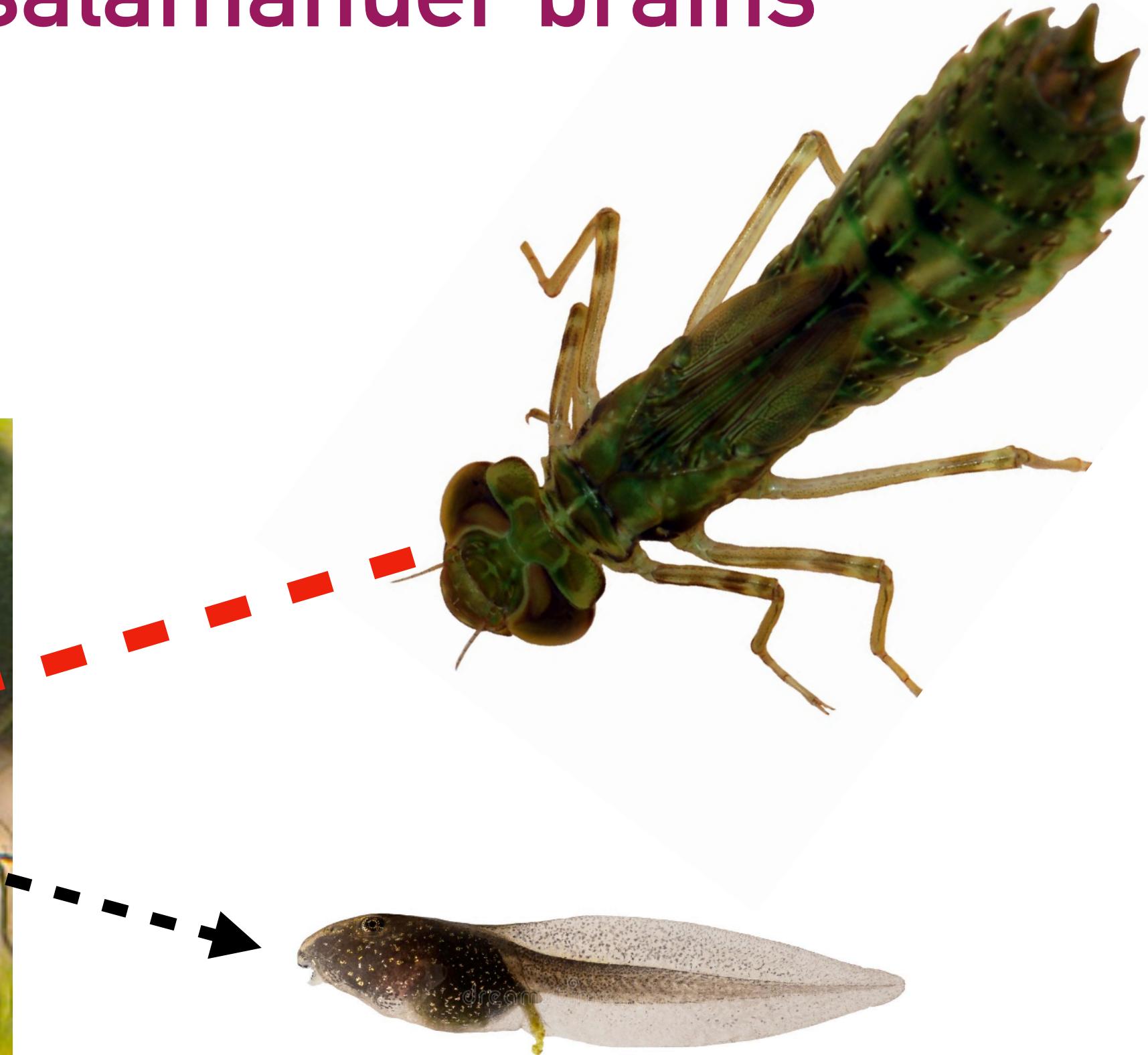
Environment > Genotype > Phenotype



Molecular quest for plasticity: transcriptomics and mapping studies



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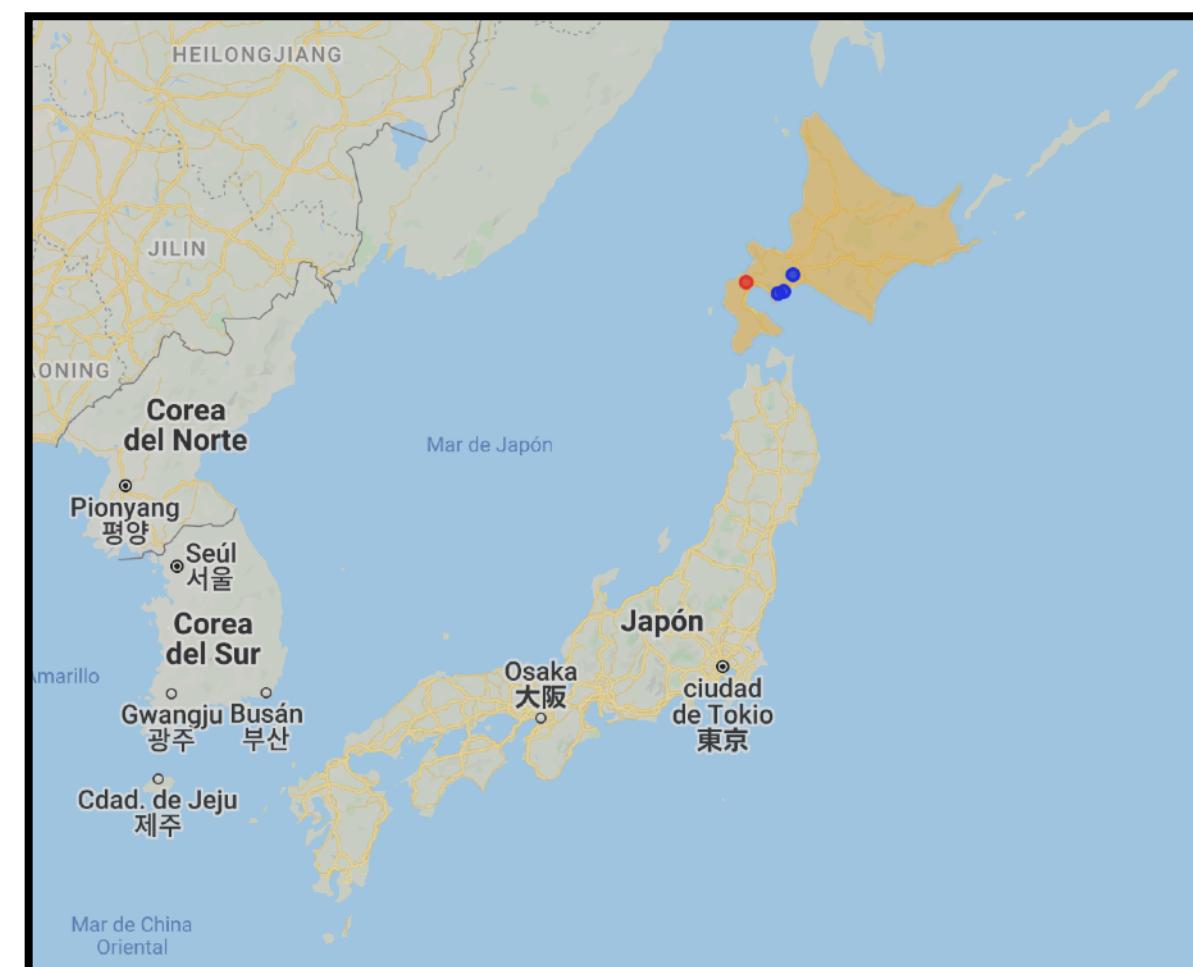
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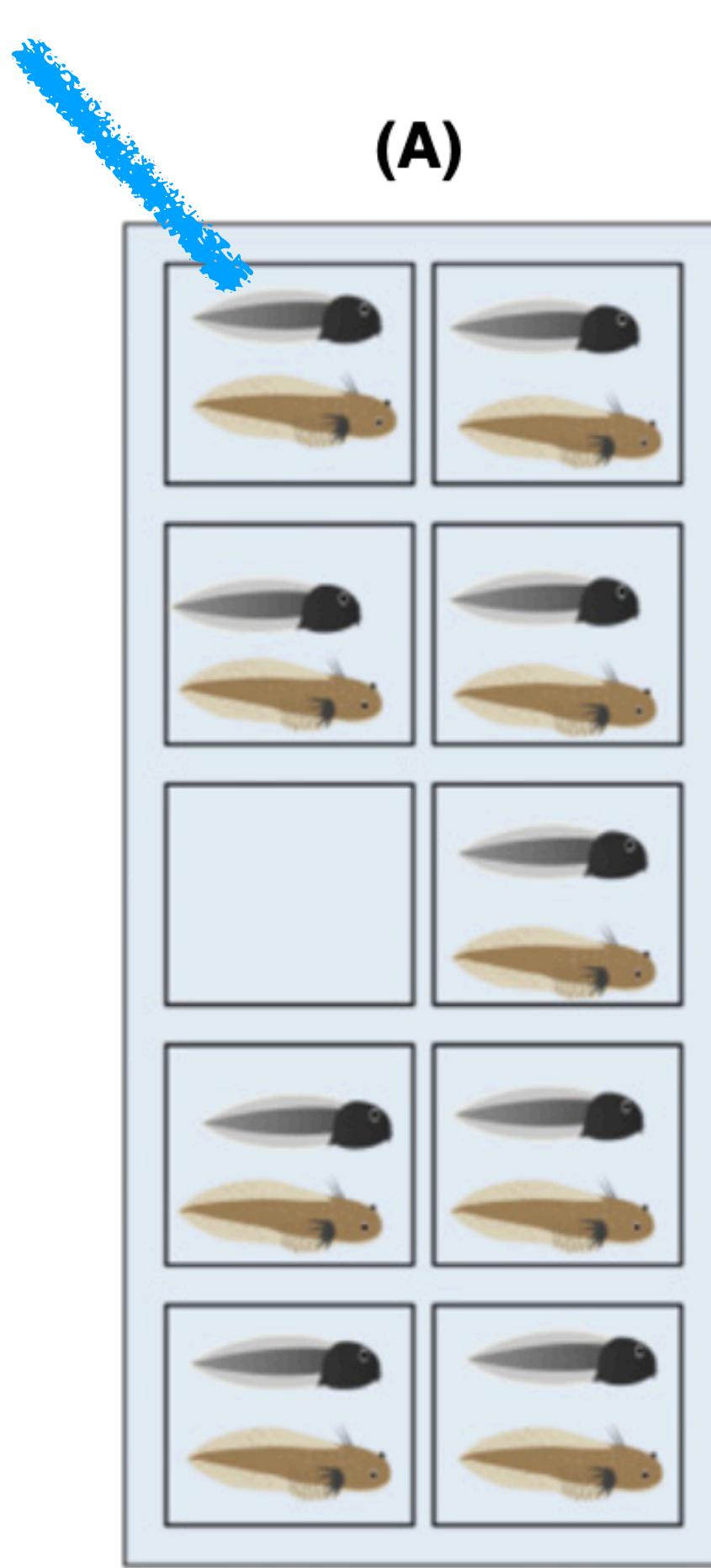
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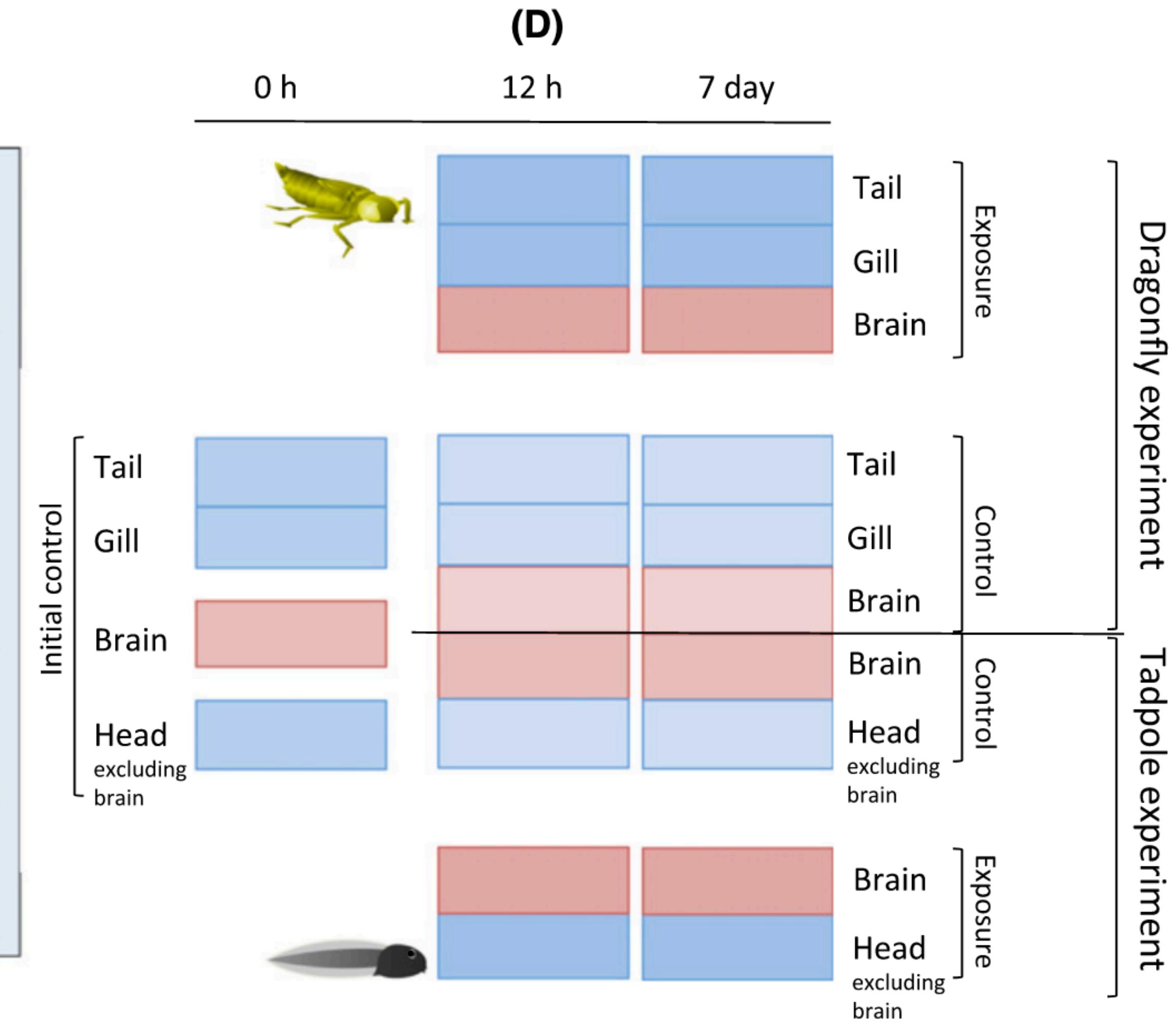


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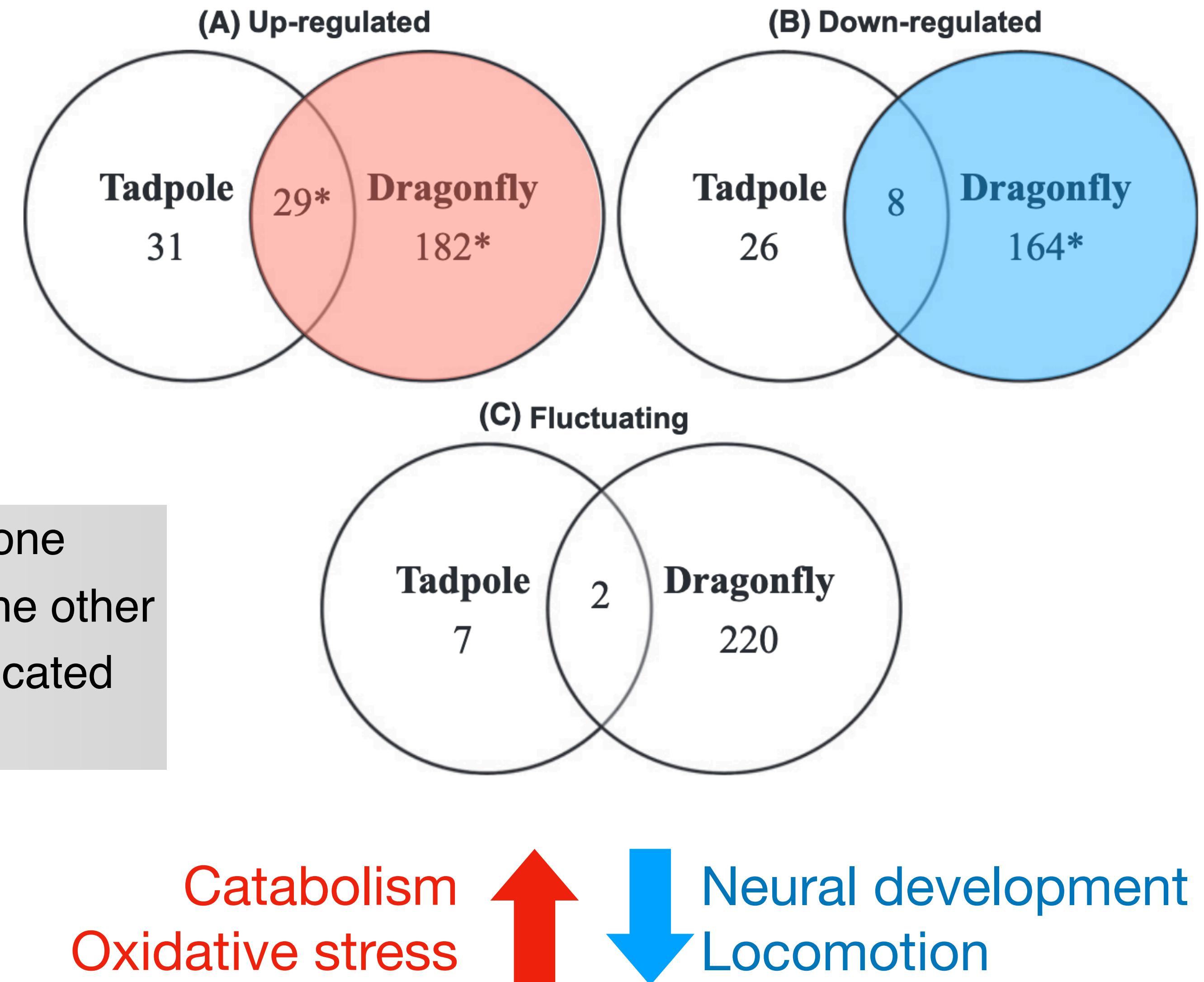
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“If more genes are involved in the expression of one alternative phenotype than in the expression of the other [...], the former plasticity may require more complicated developmental changes”



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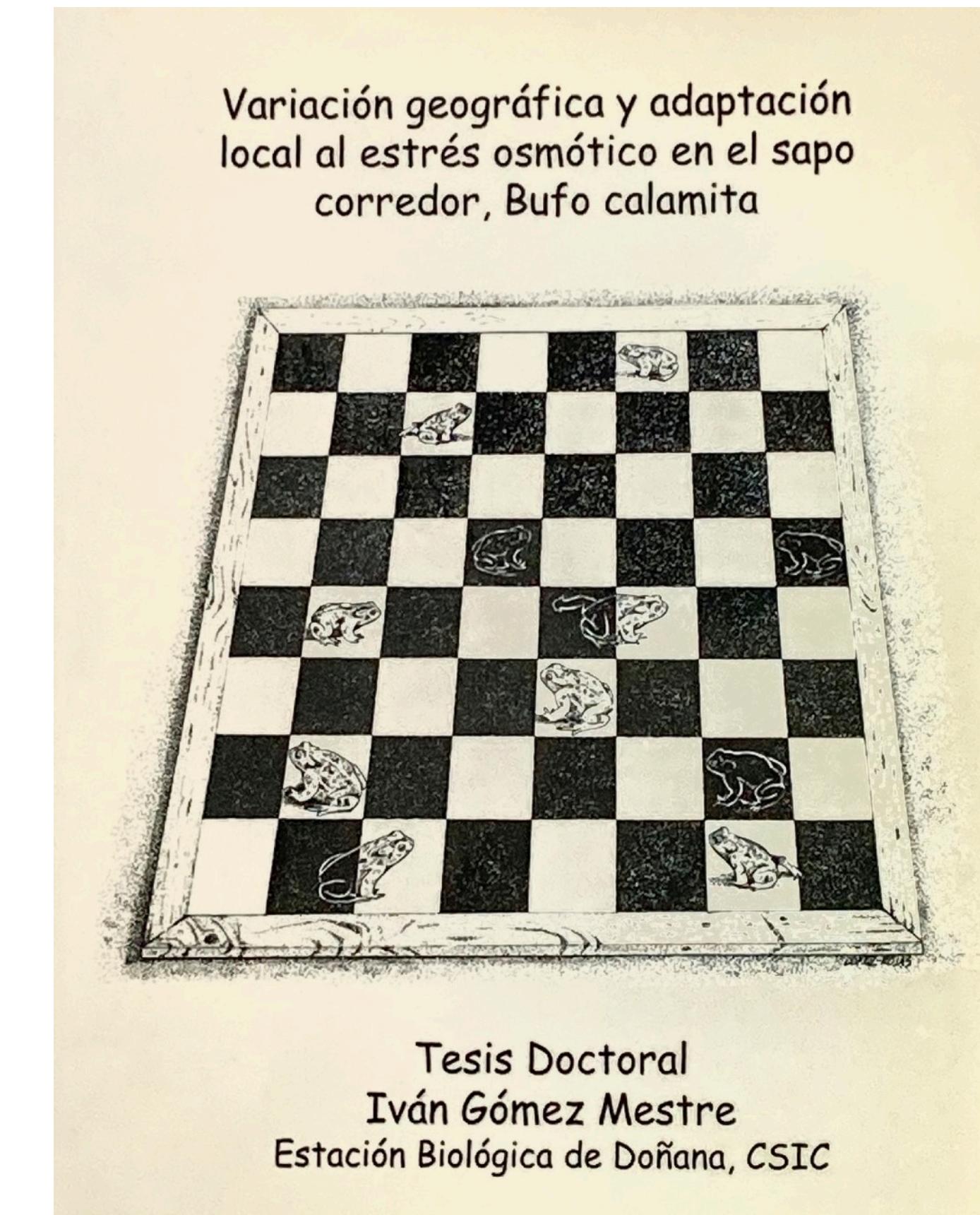


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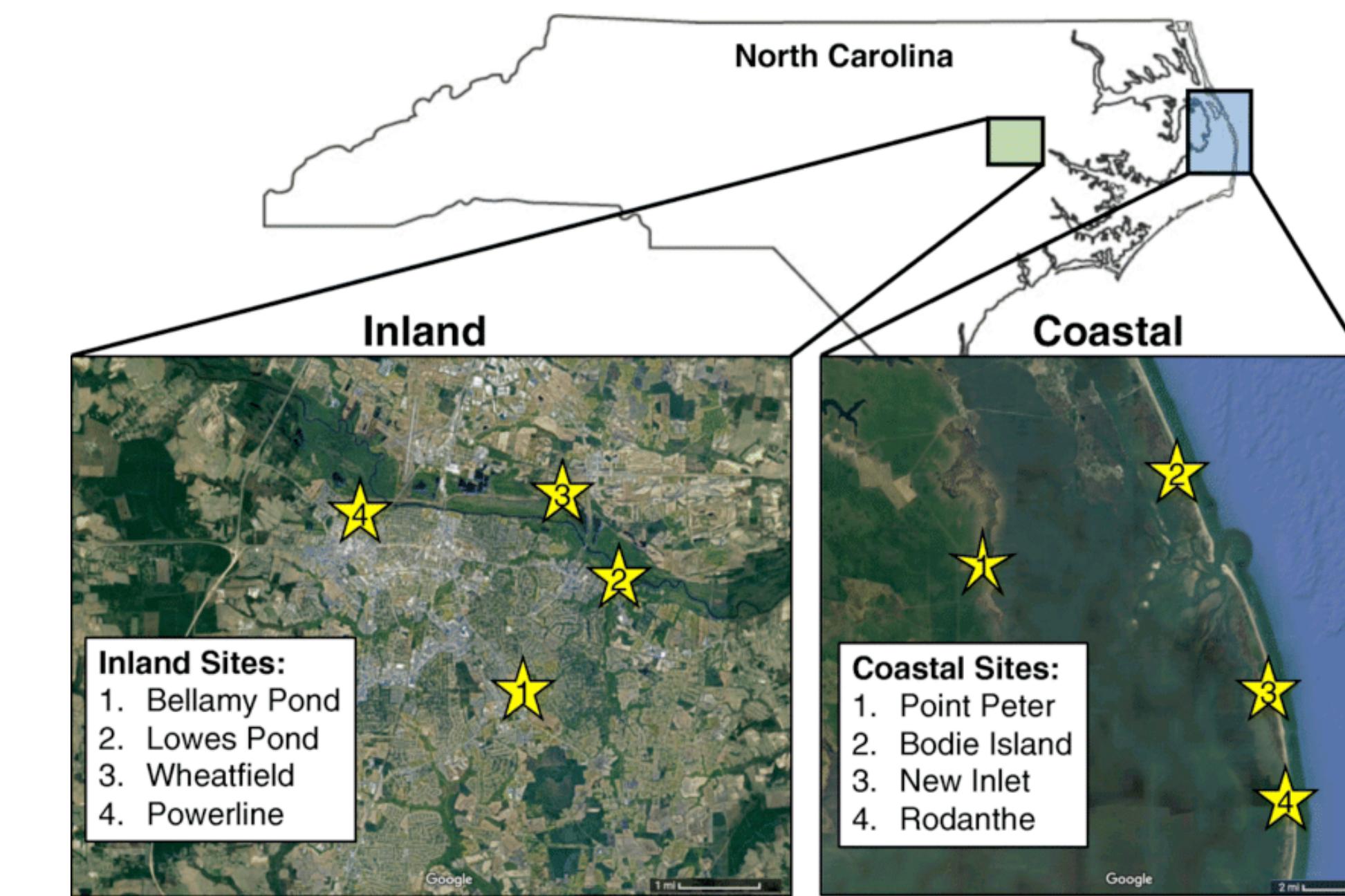


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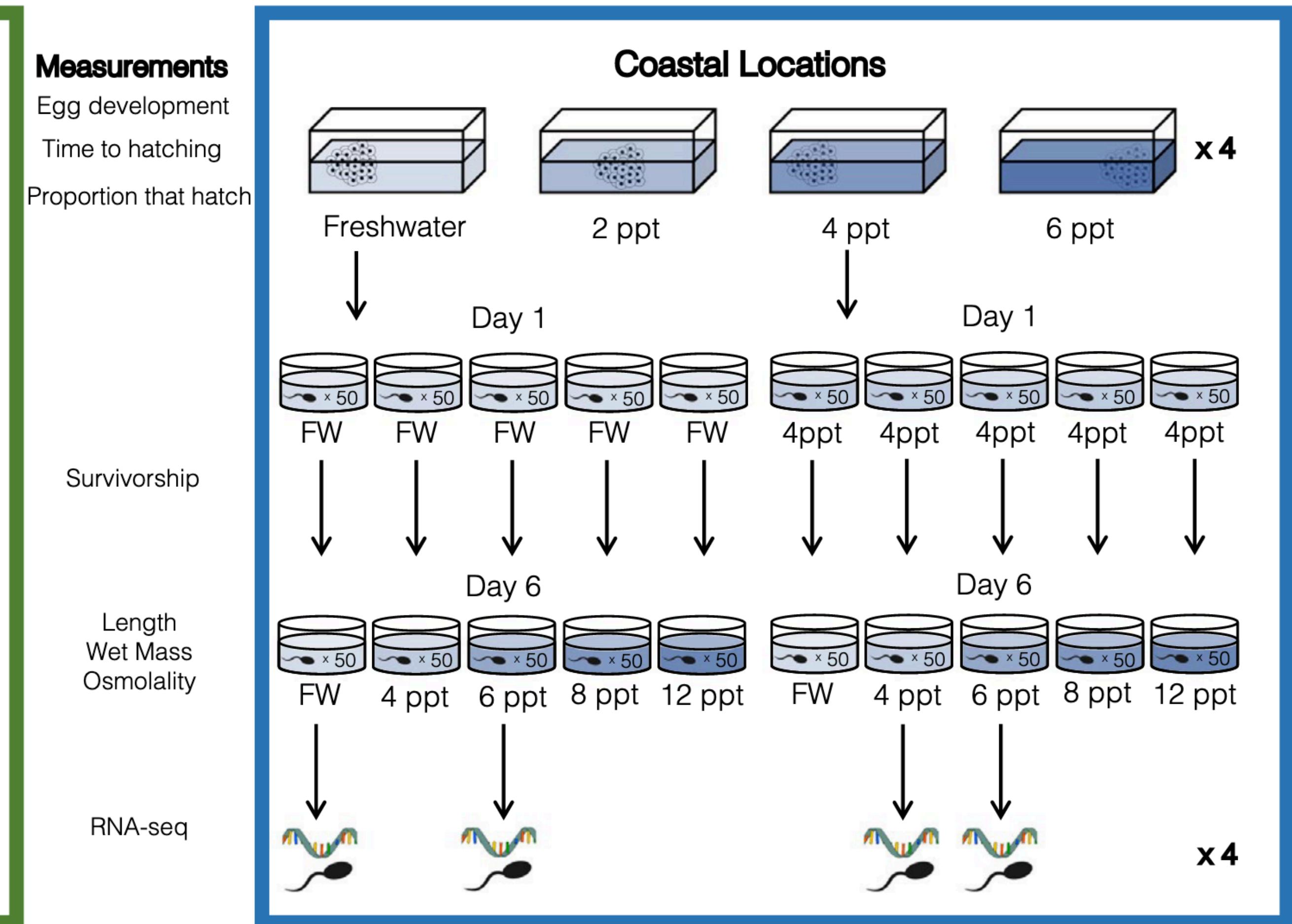
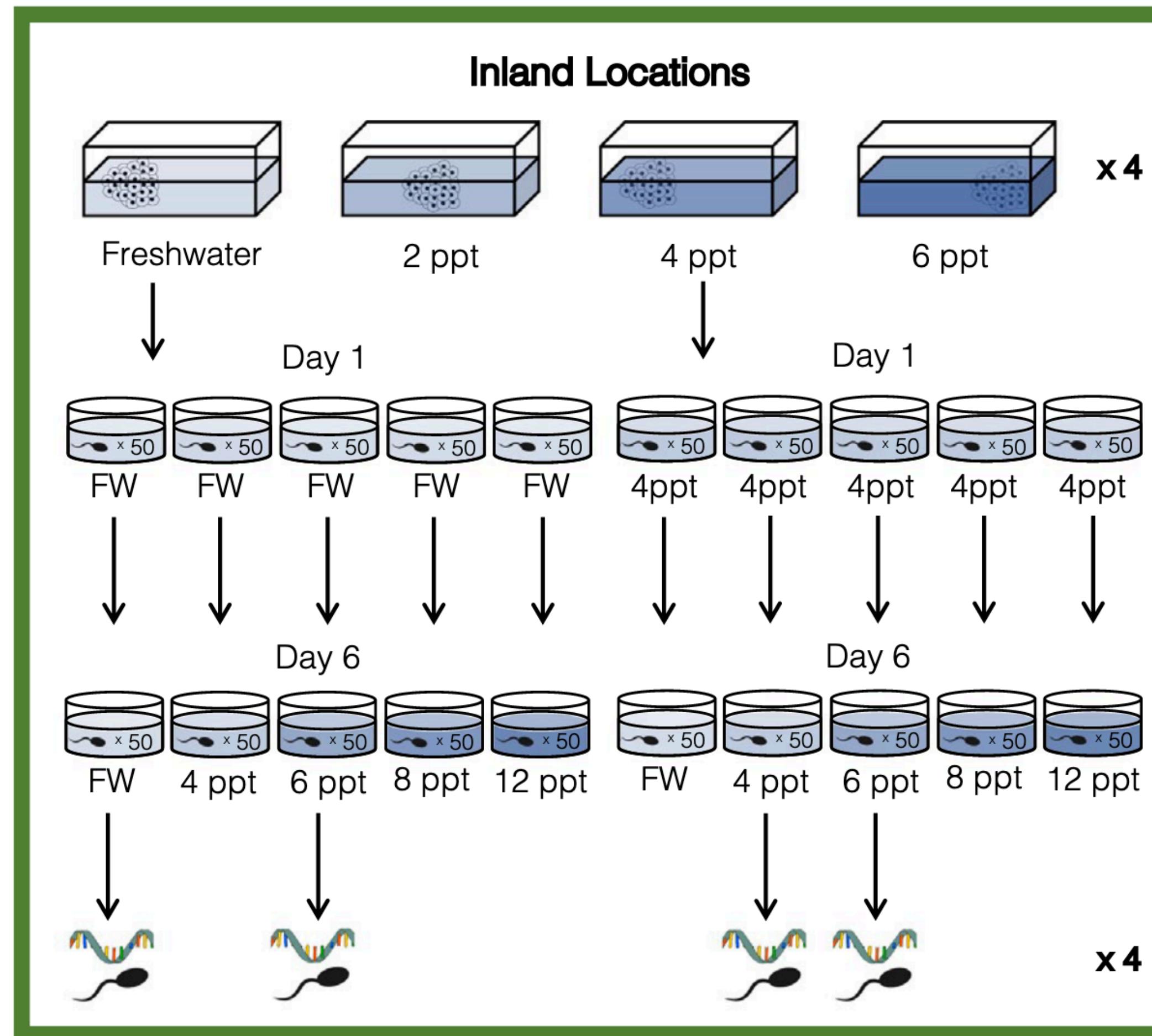
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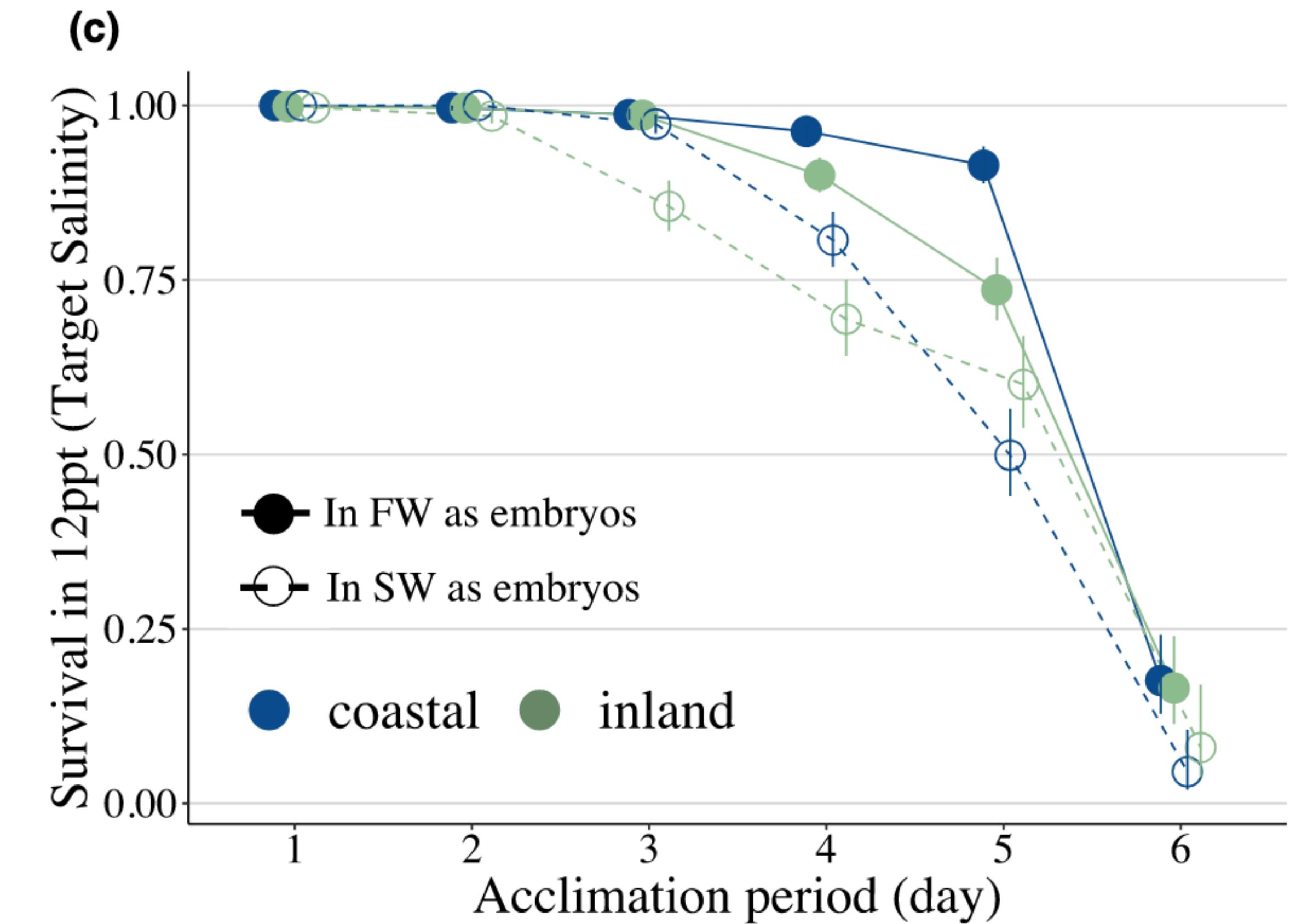
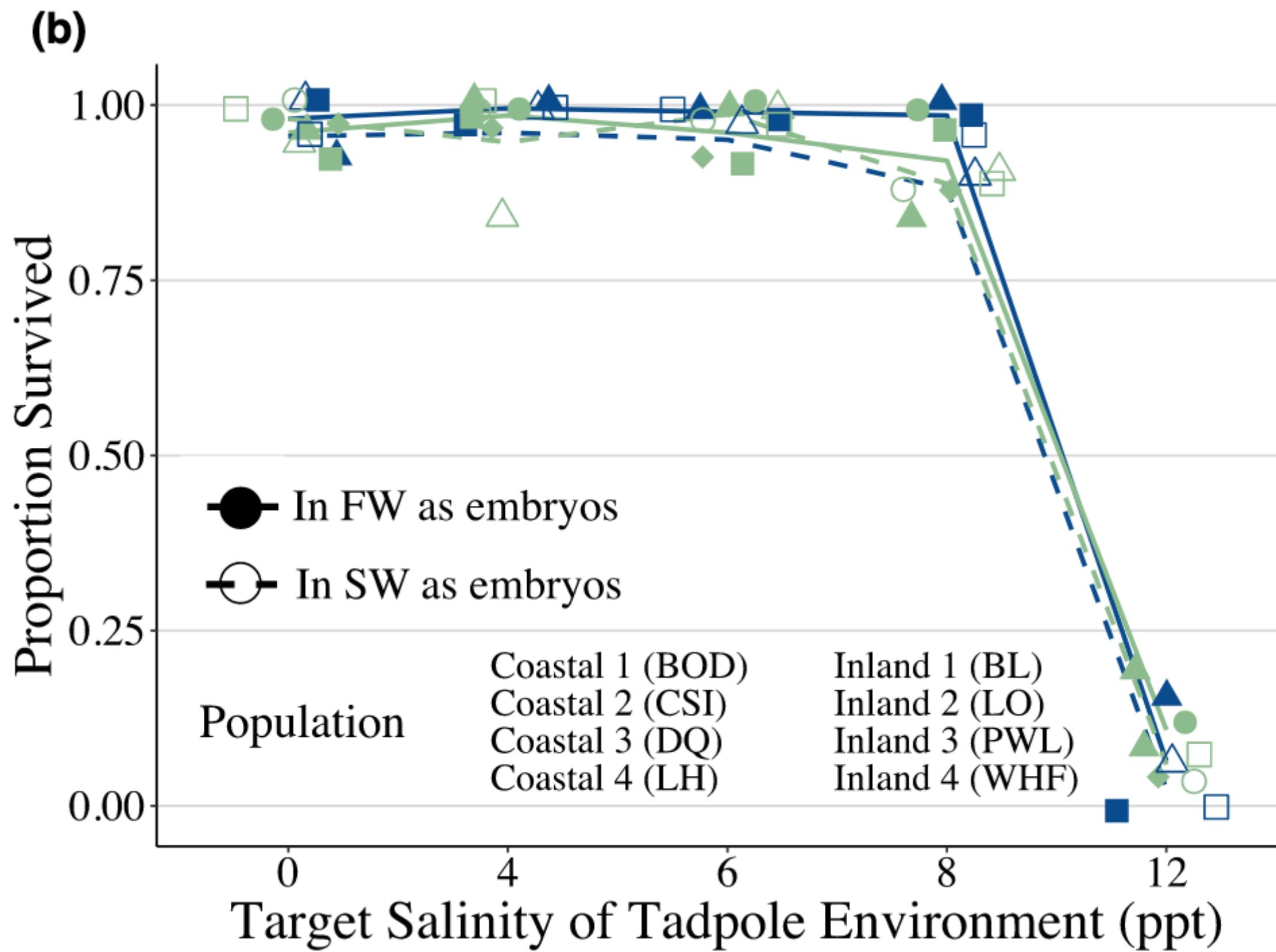
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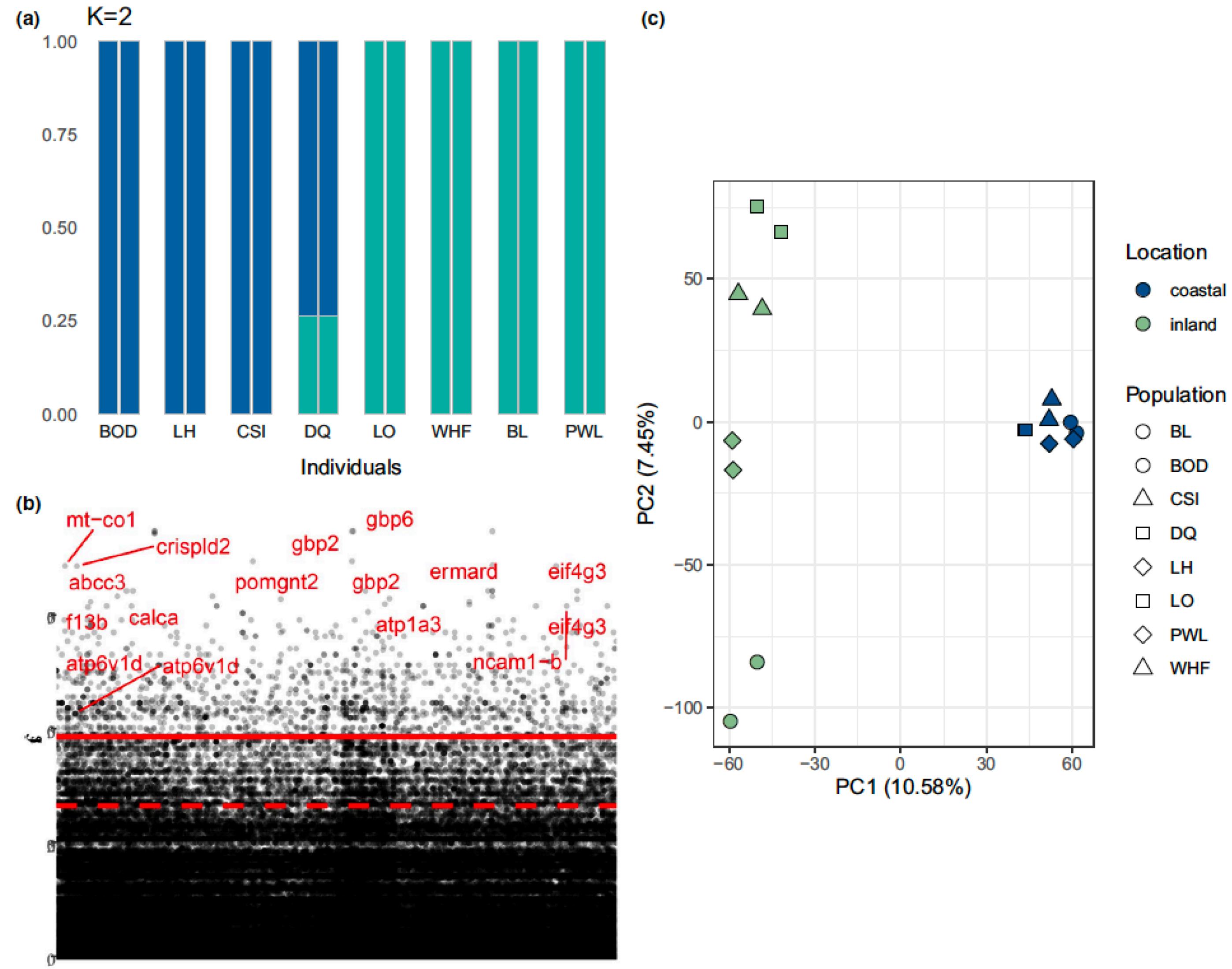
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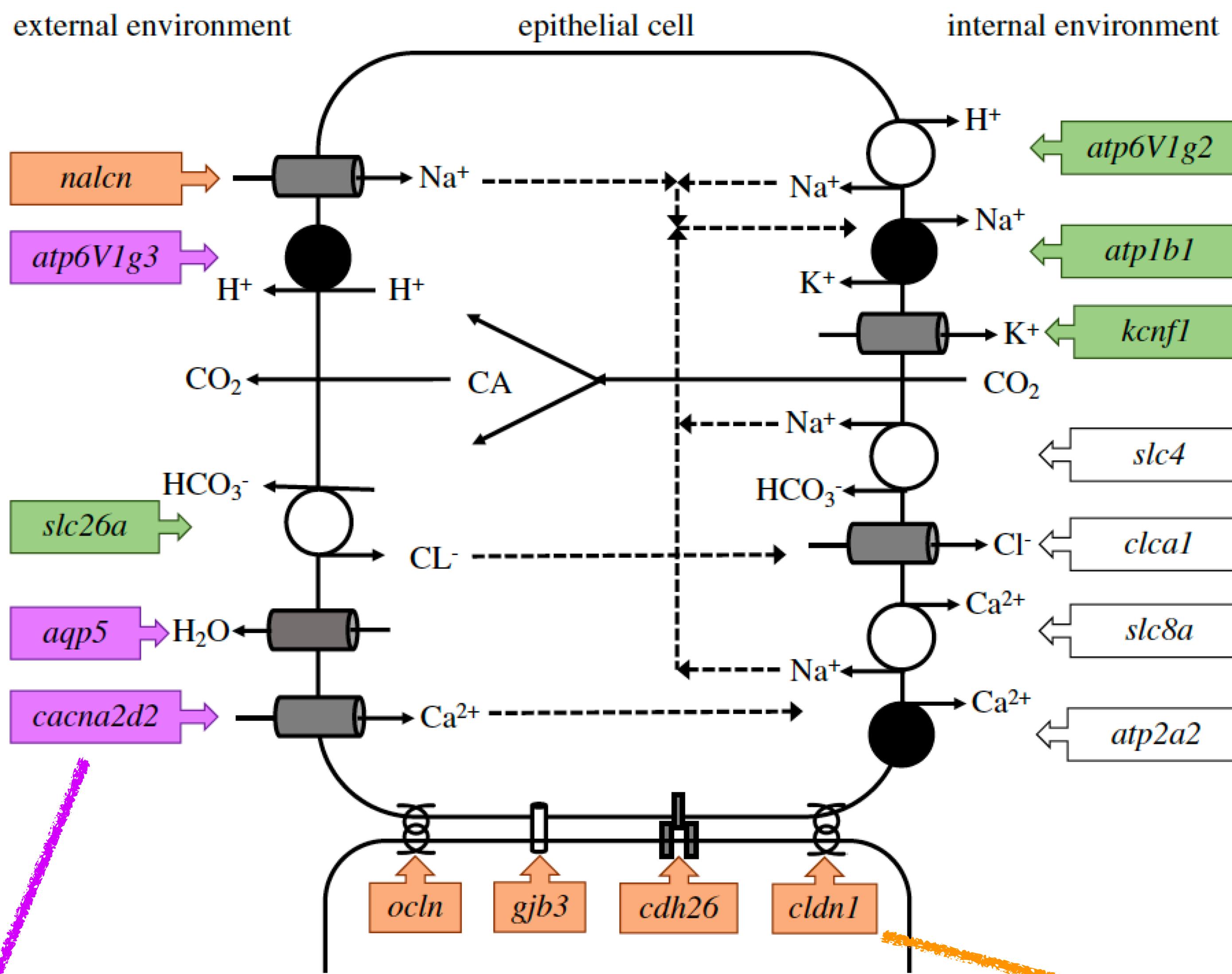
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Upregulated in coastal populations

Also gpd1:
Glycerol as osmolyte

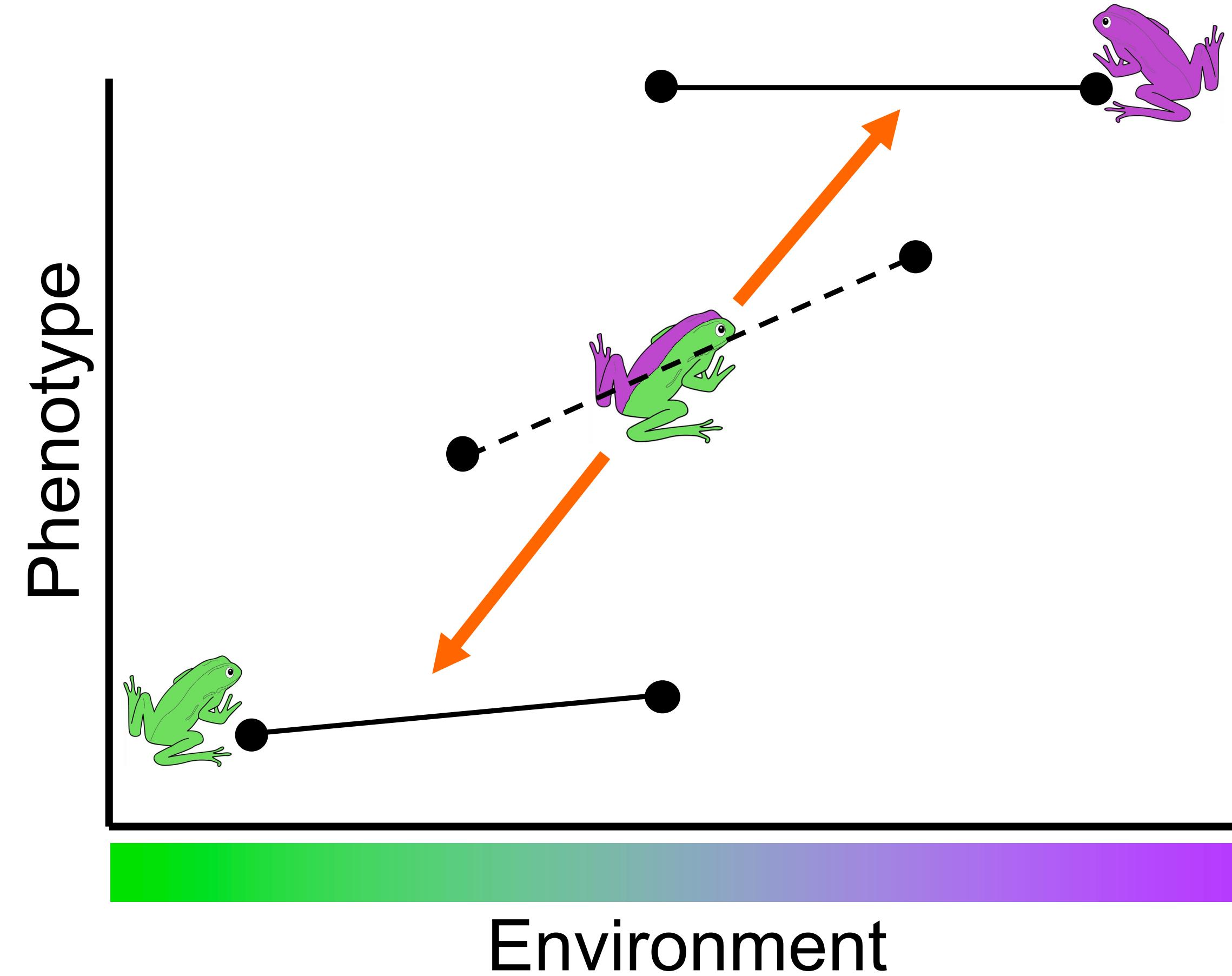
Regulated by salinity exposure

Downregulated in coastal populations in FW

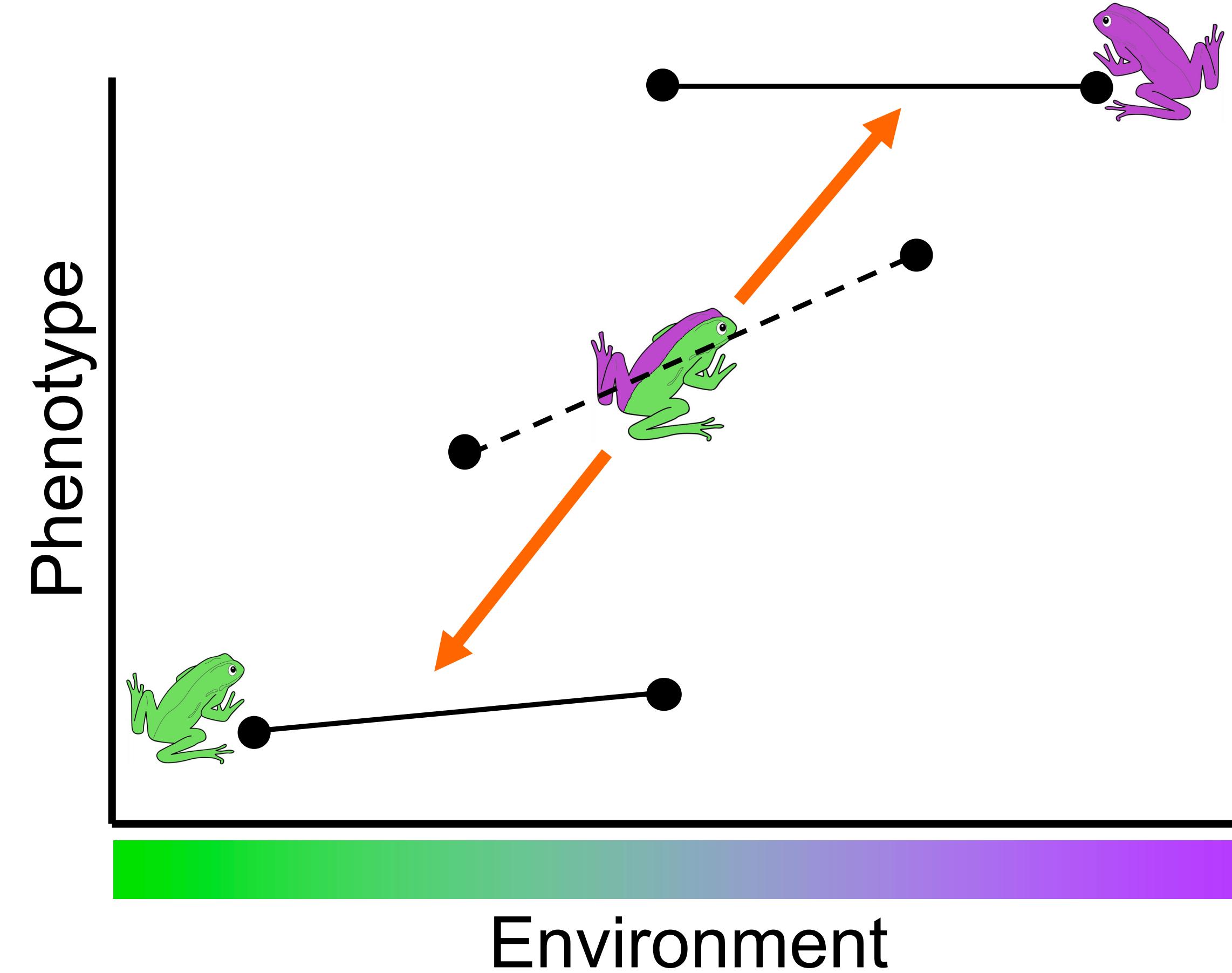
Ok, organisms alter their gene expression in response to environmental changes...

so what?

Ancestral plasticity can diverge under selection into constitutive differences



Ancestral plasticity can diverge under selection into constitutive differences: Genetic accommodation



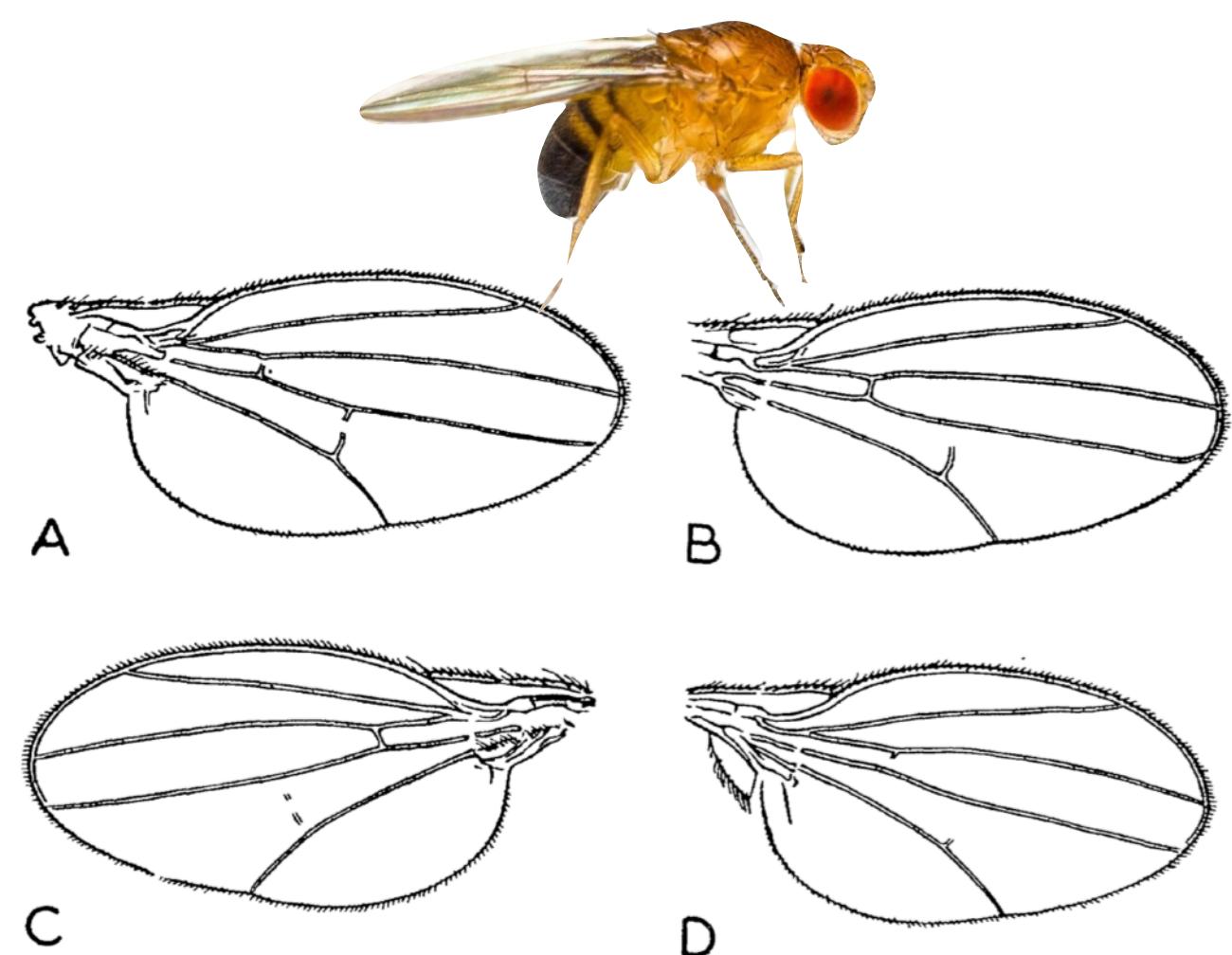
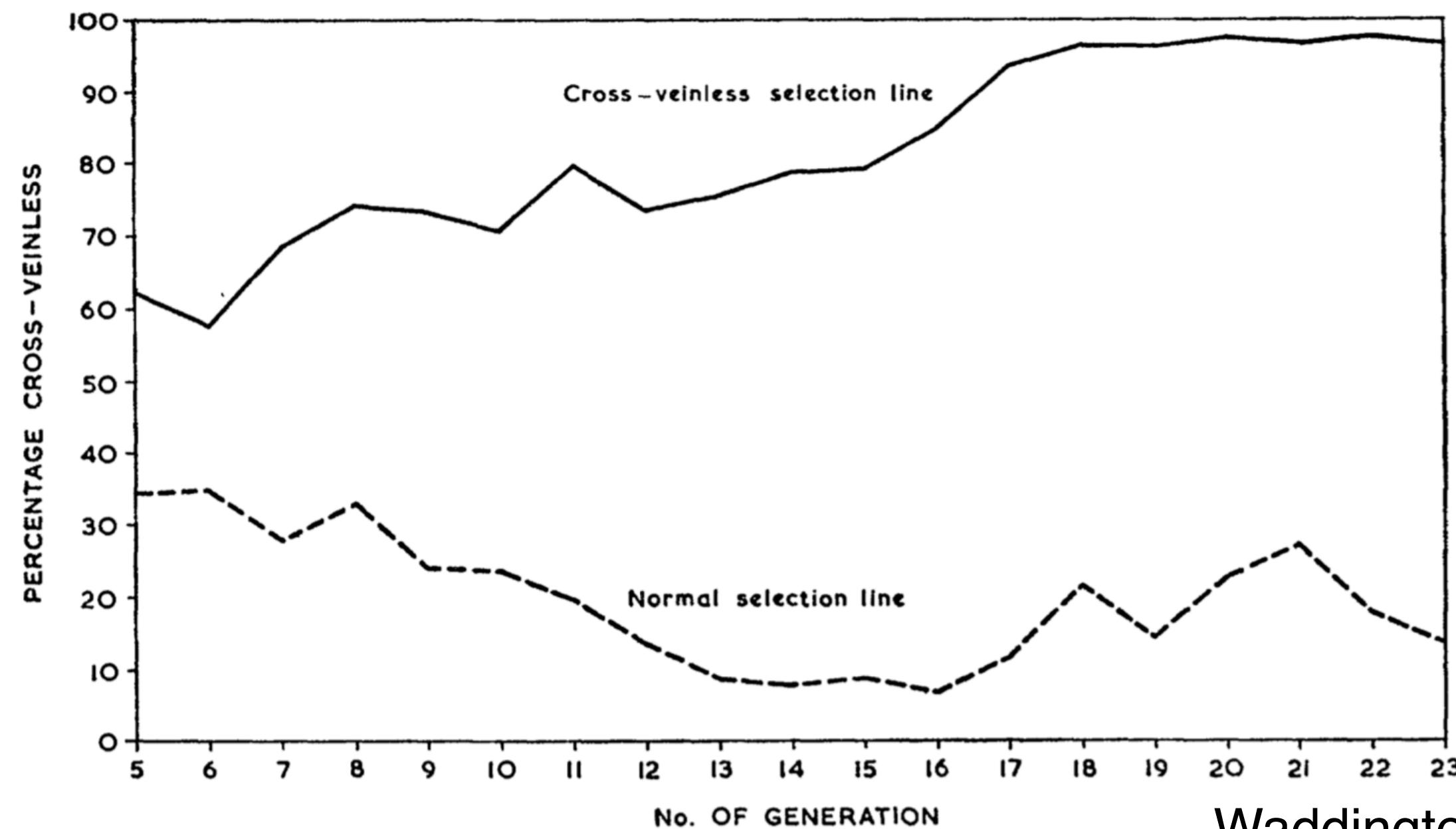
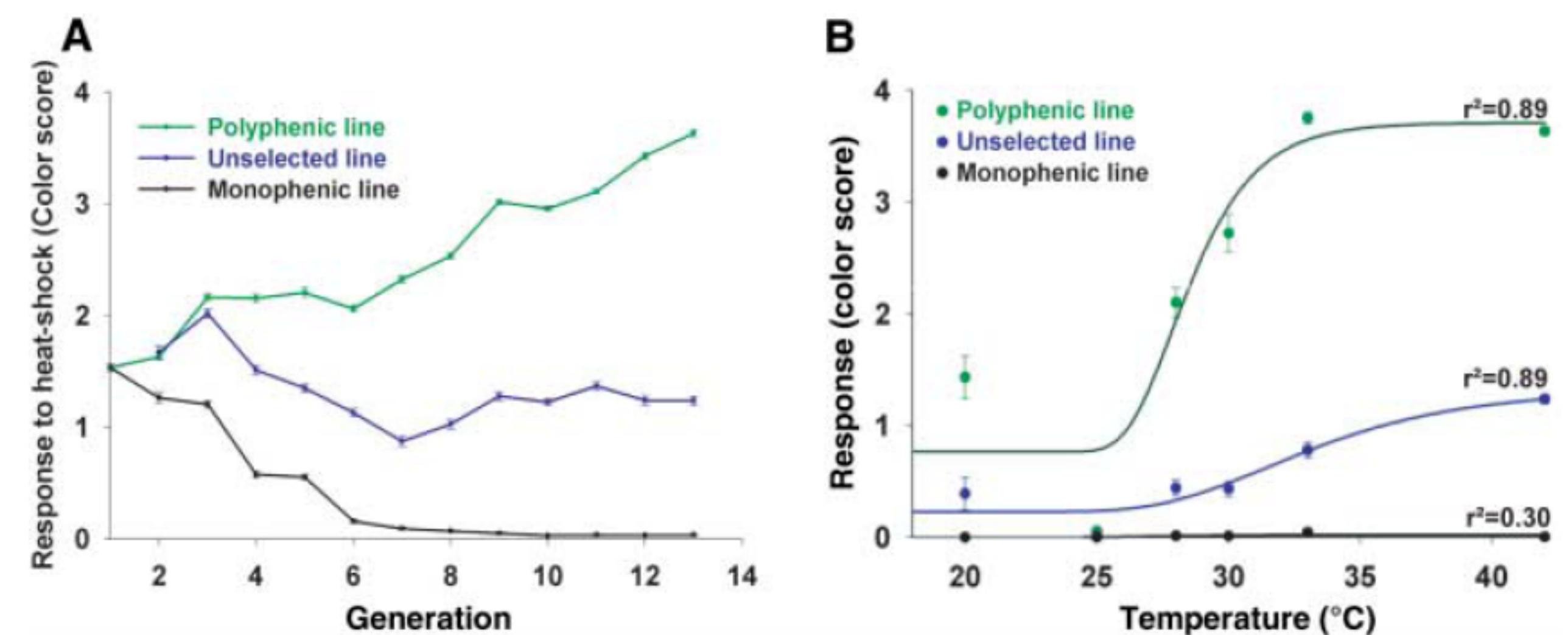


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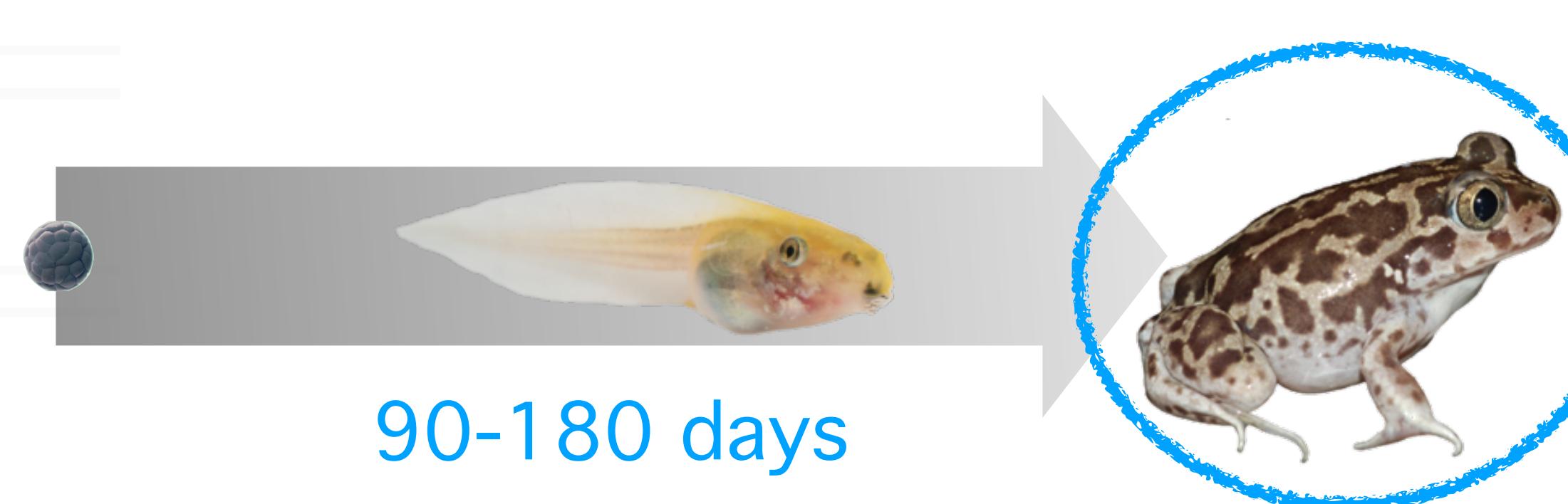
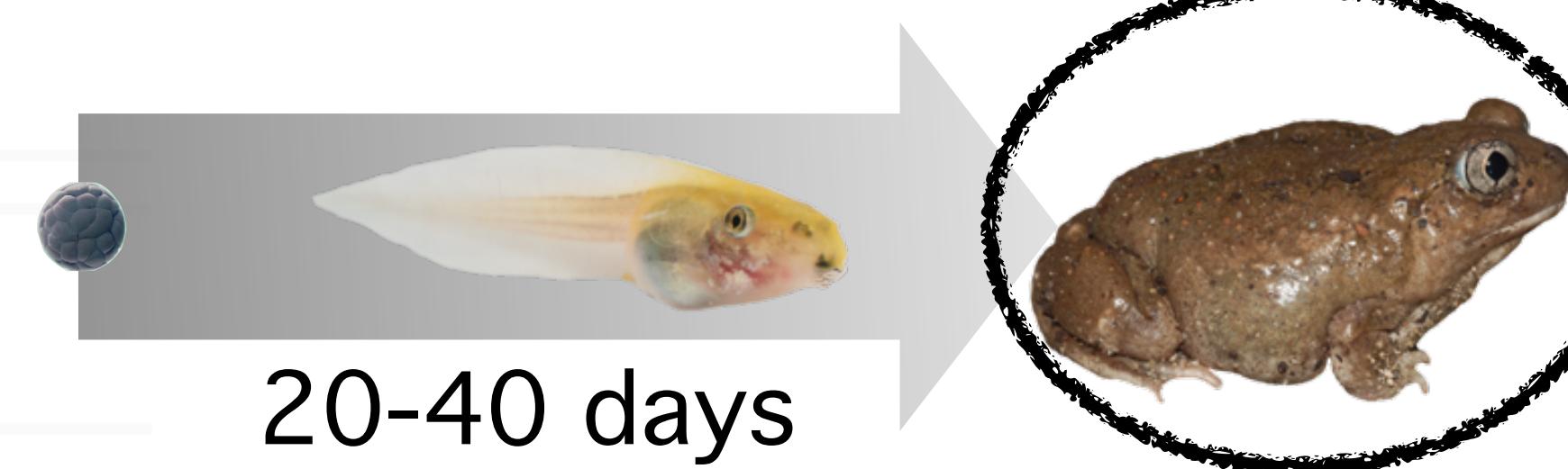
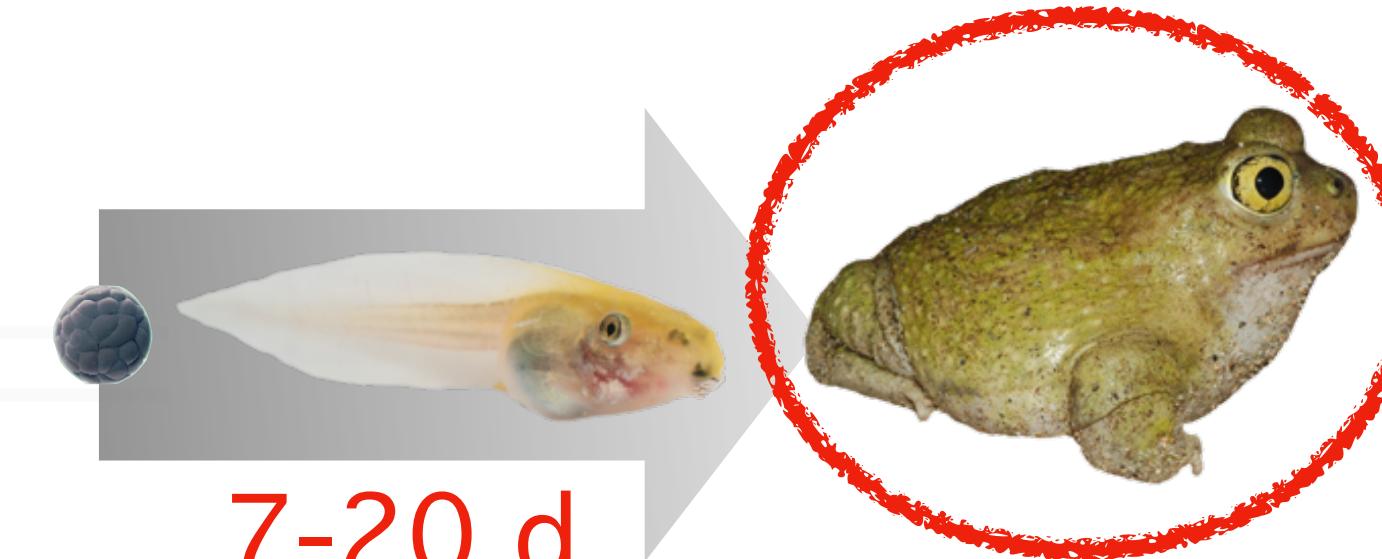
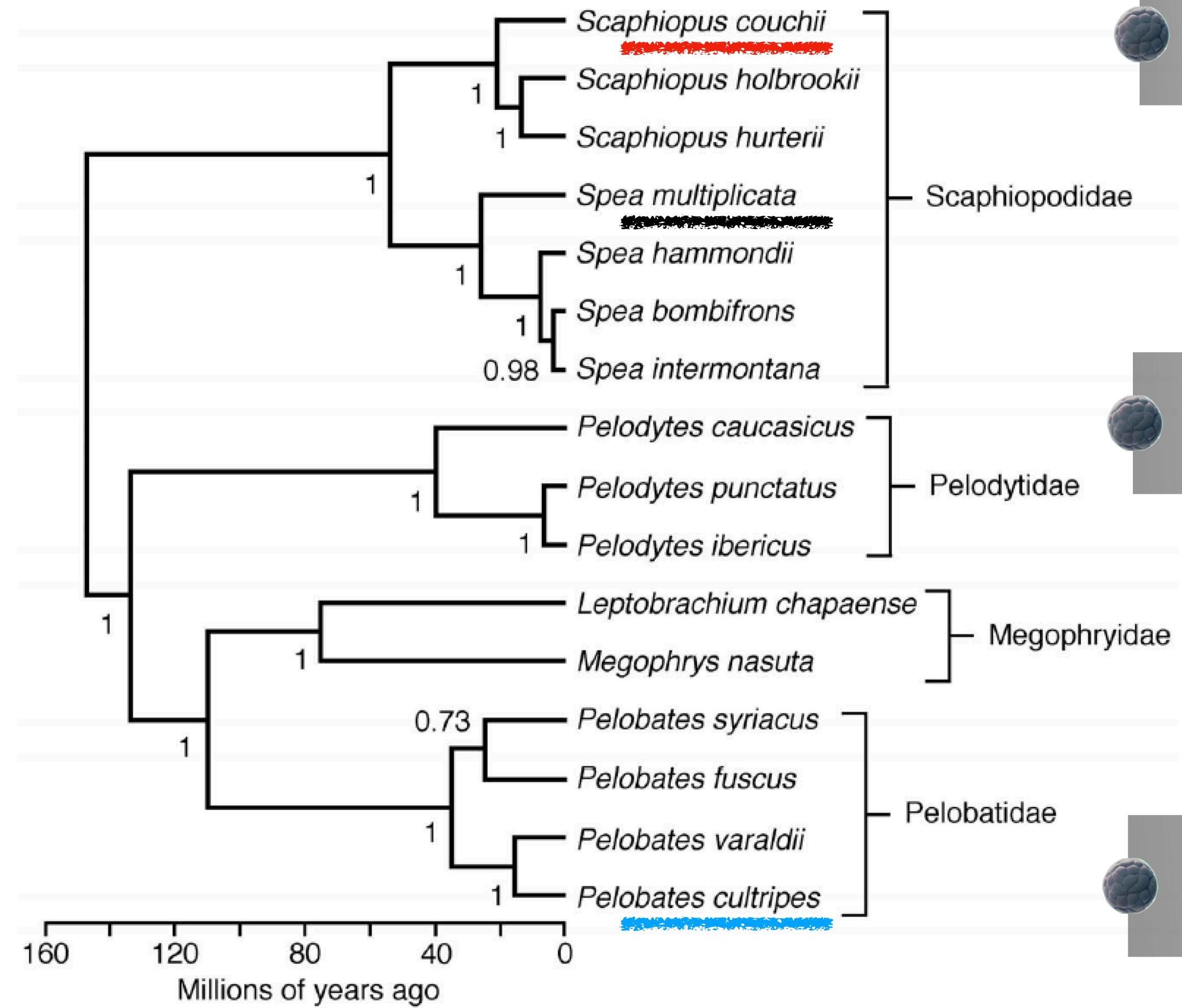


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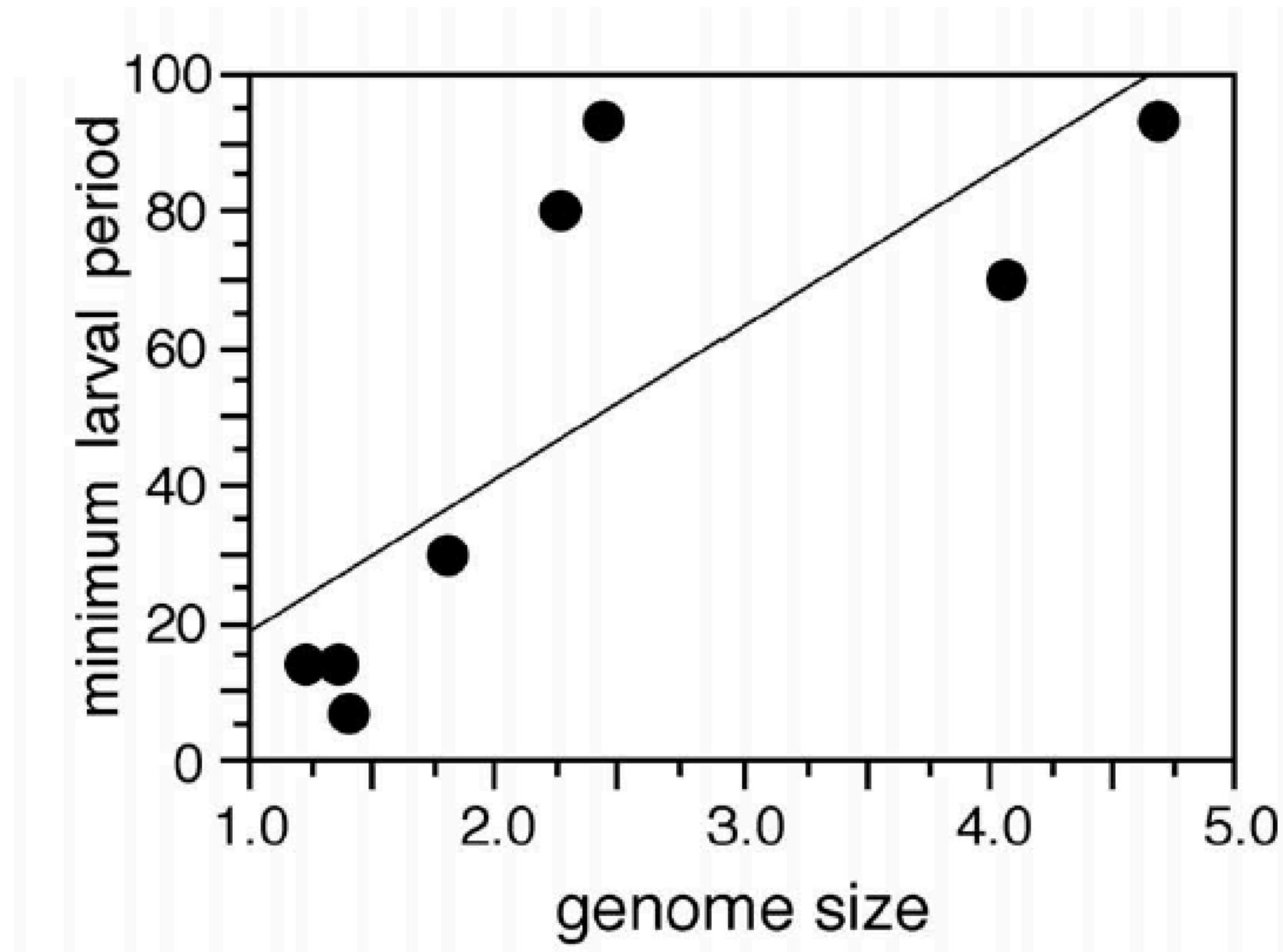
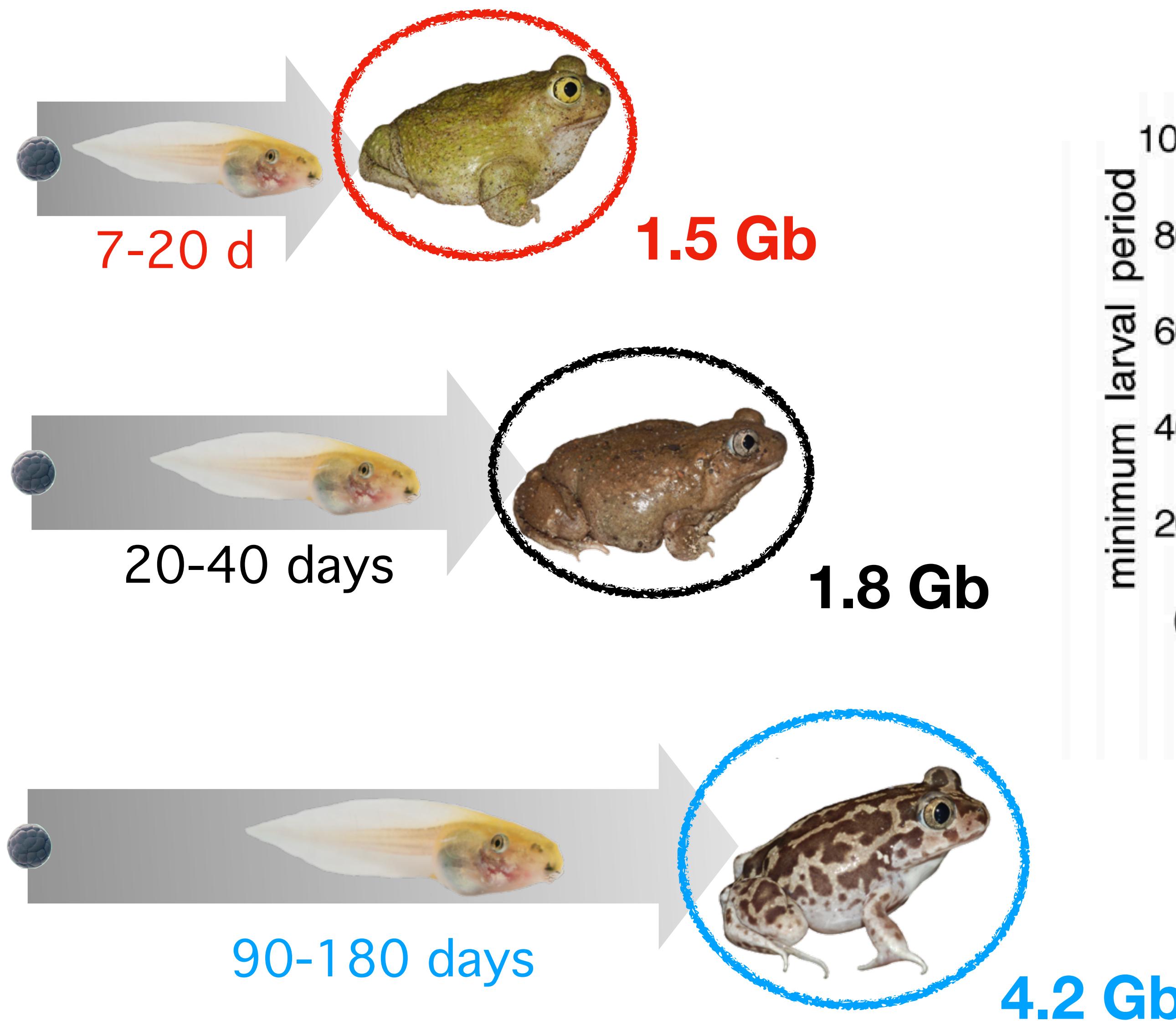


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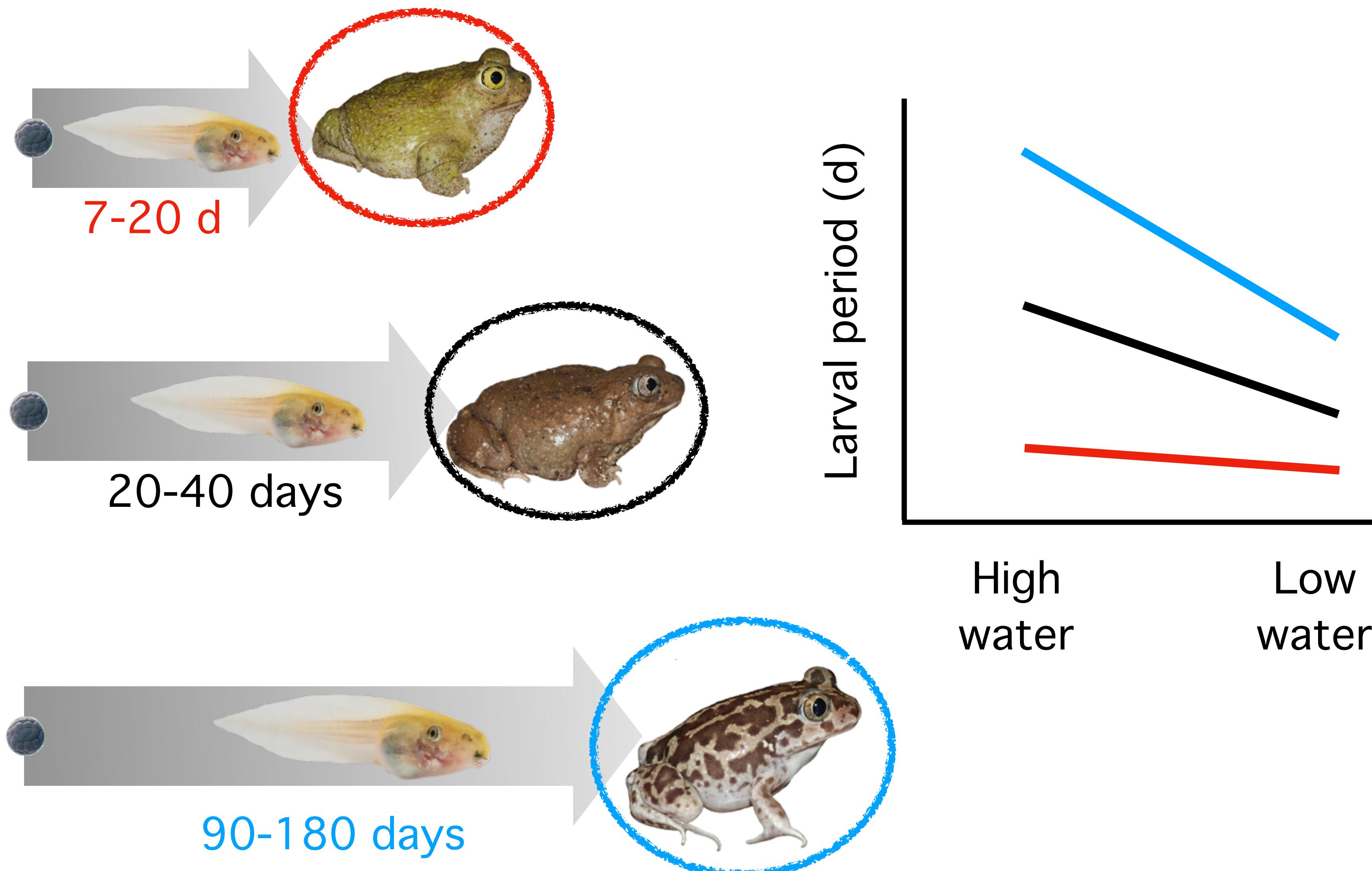
Evolutionary divergence in developmental rate - Spadefoot toads



Larval period is positively associated with genome size

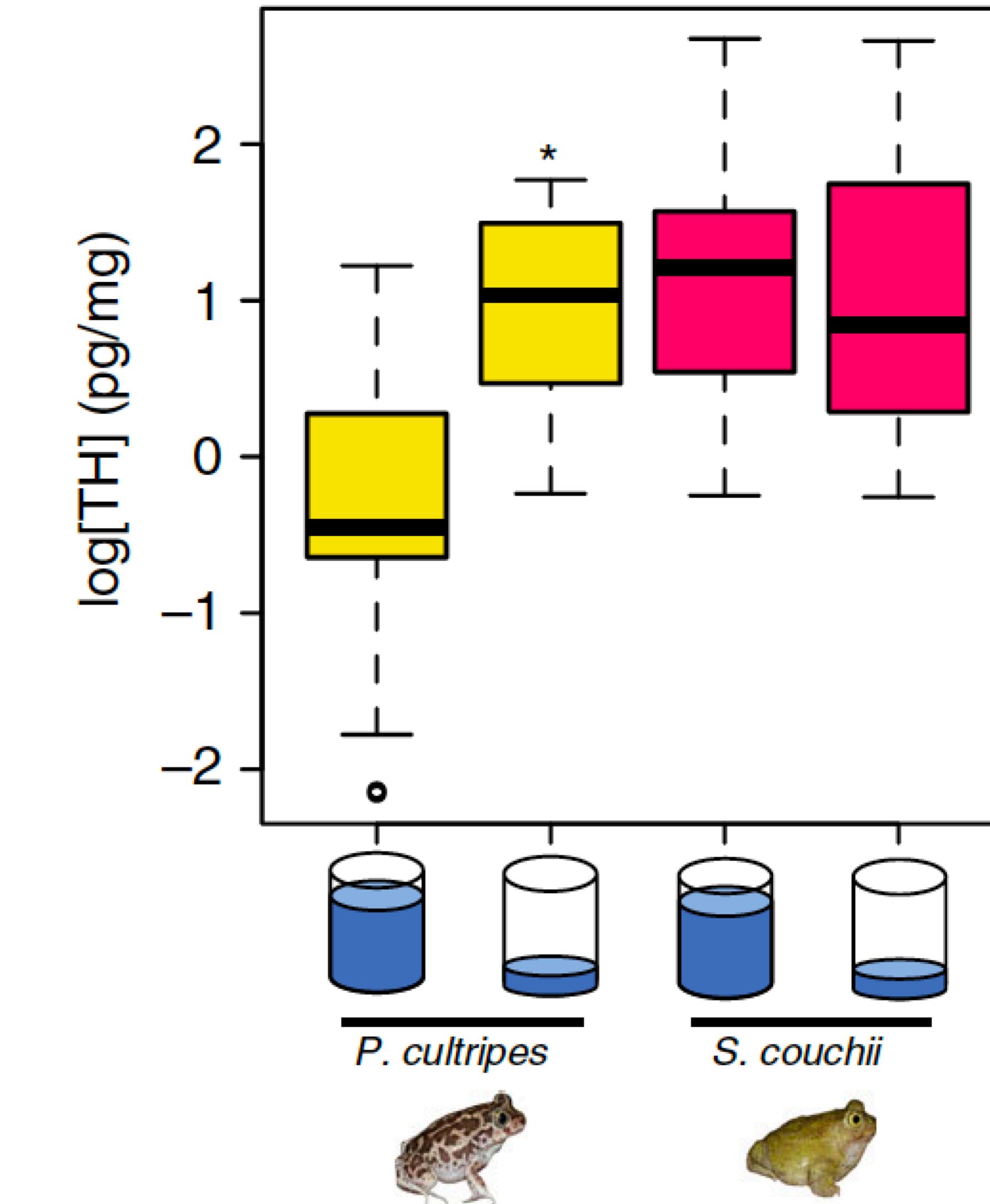
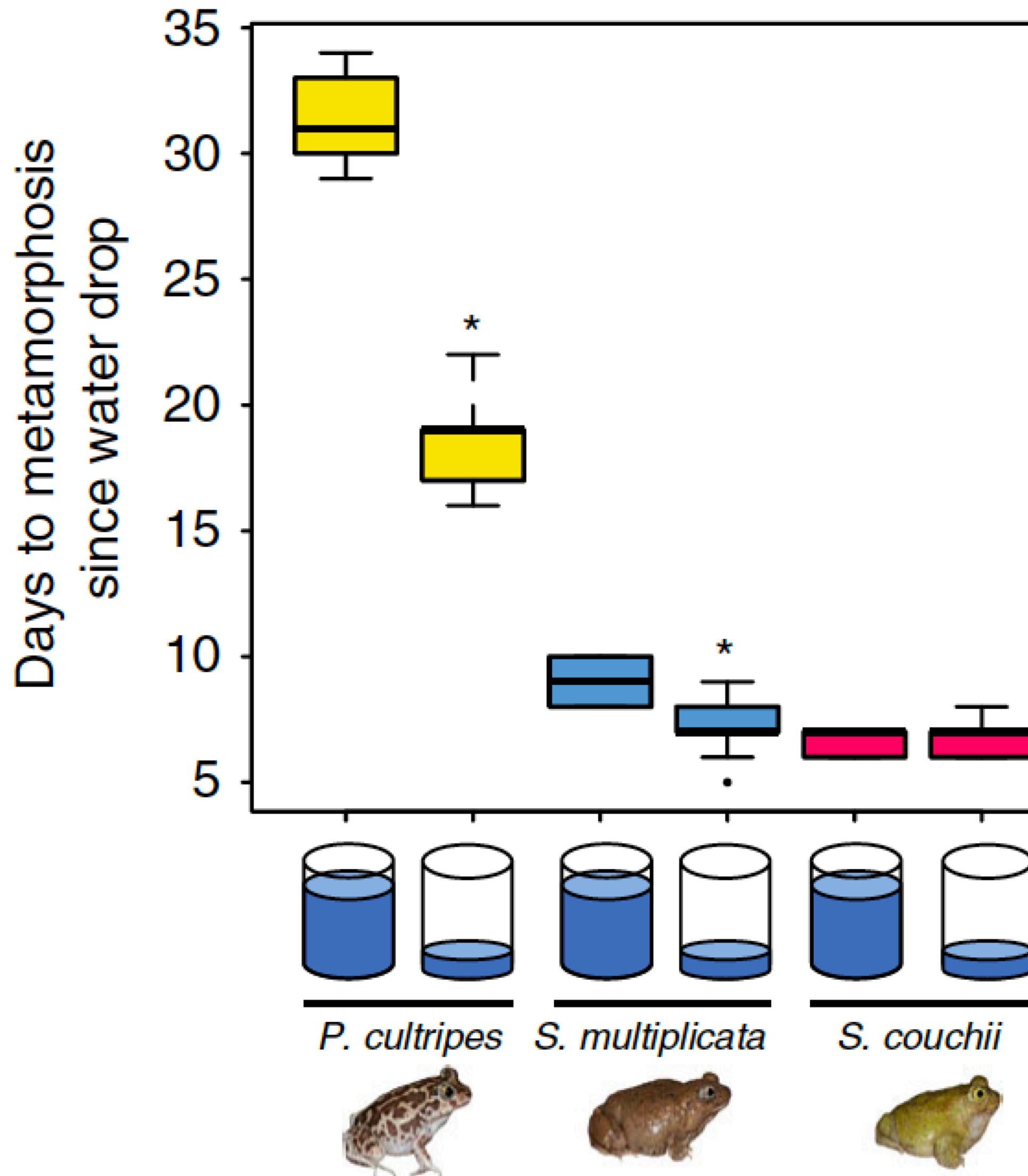


Species have evolved different degrees of developmental plasticity

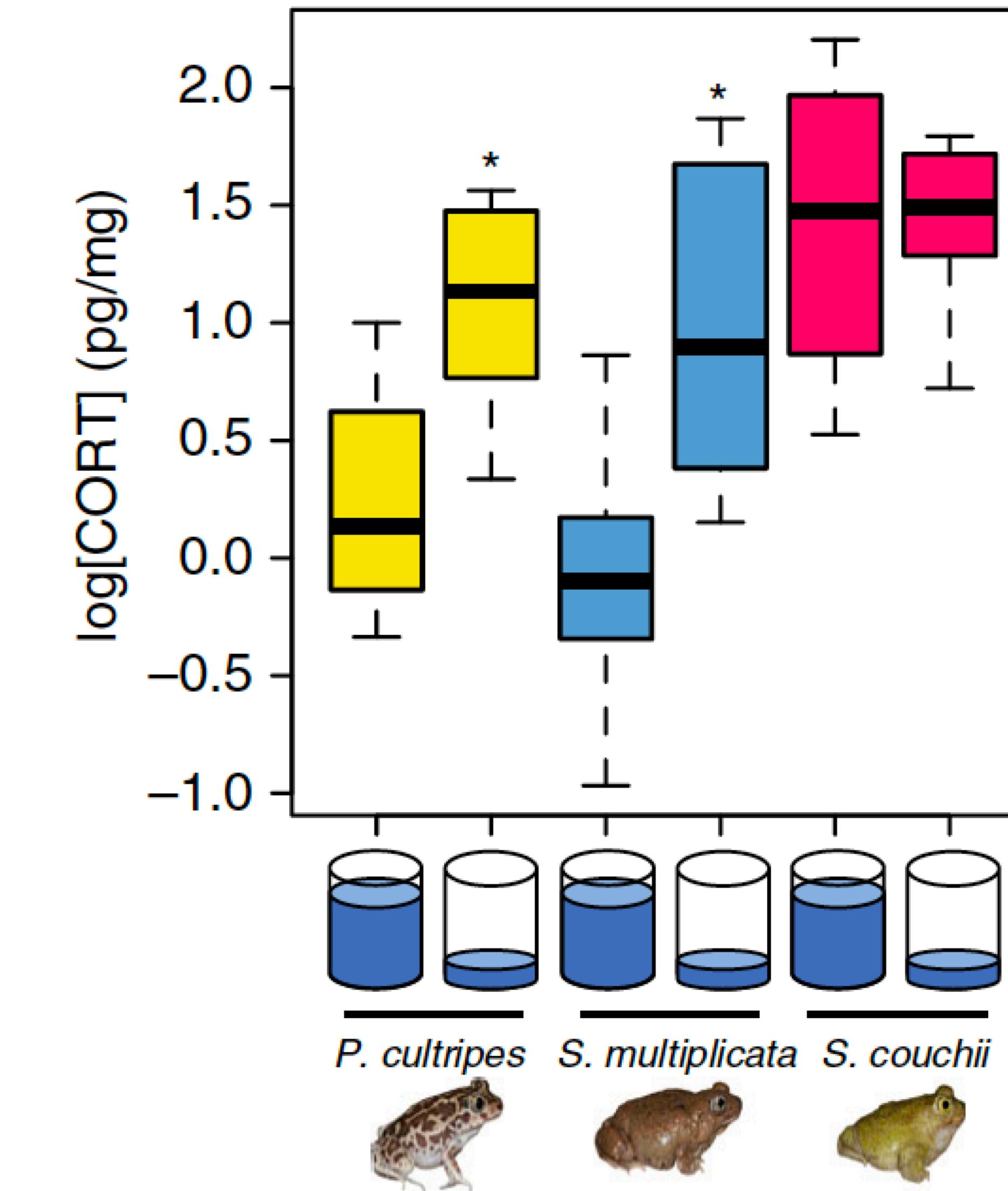
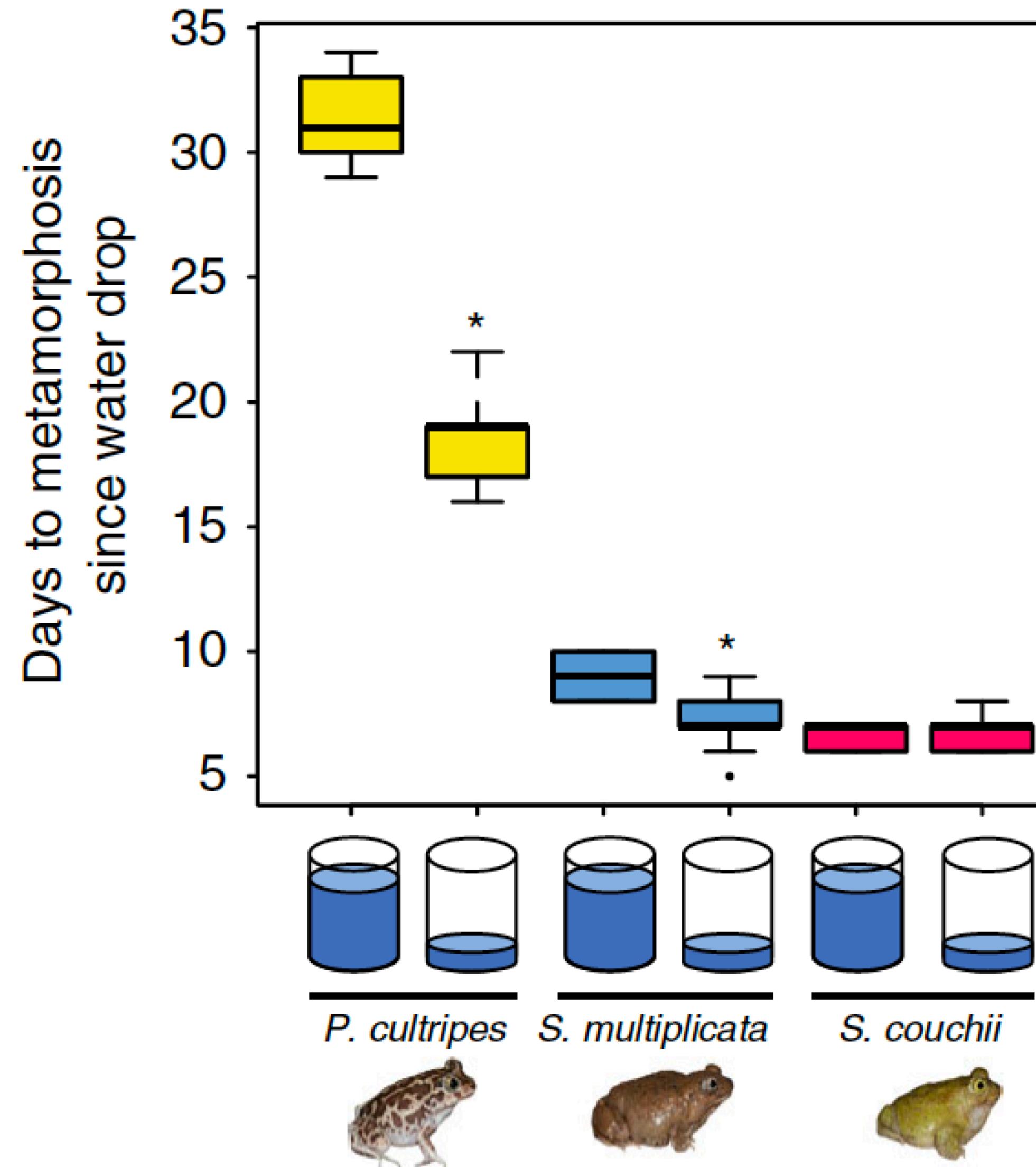


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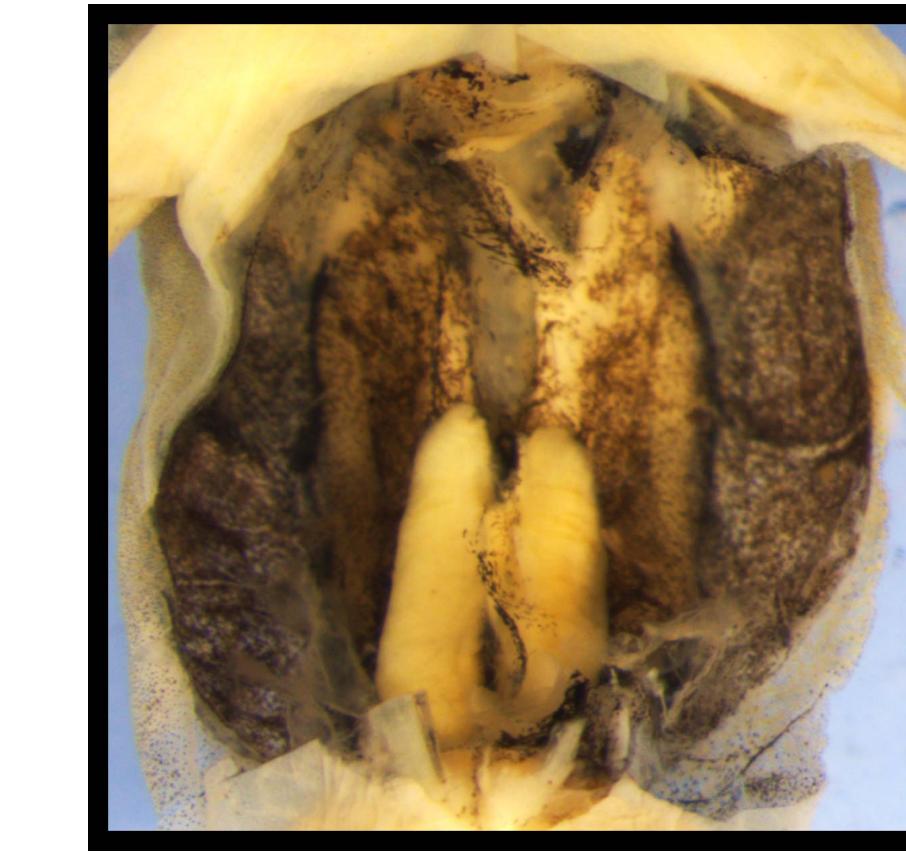
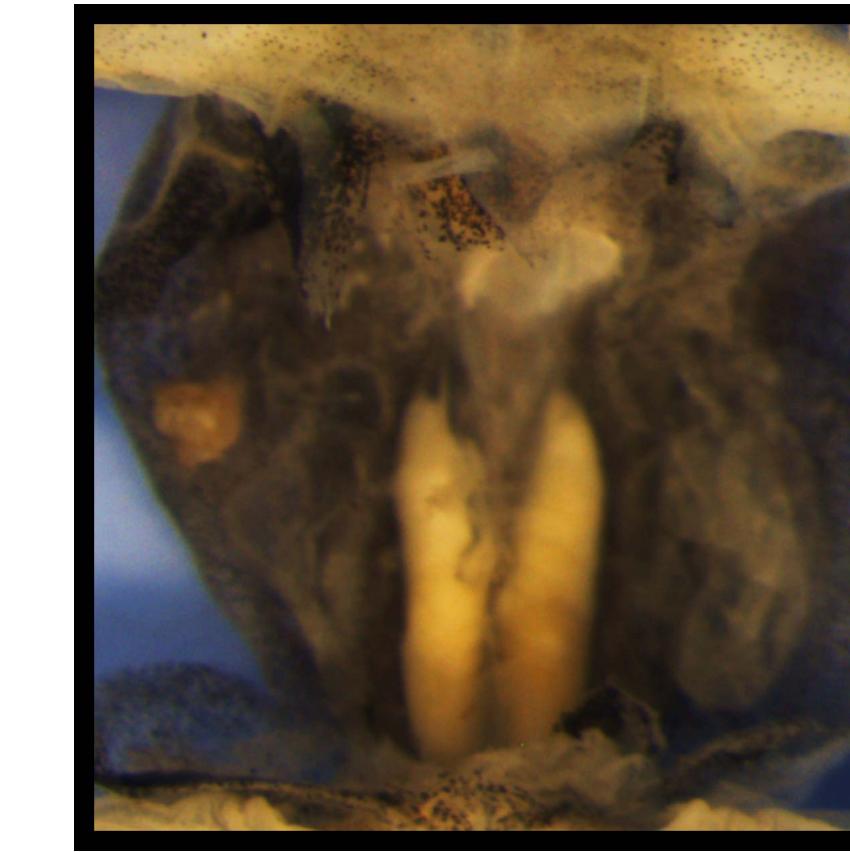
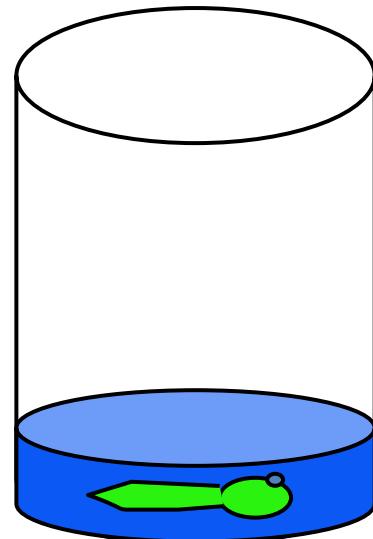
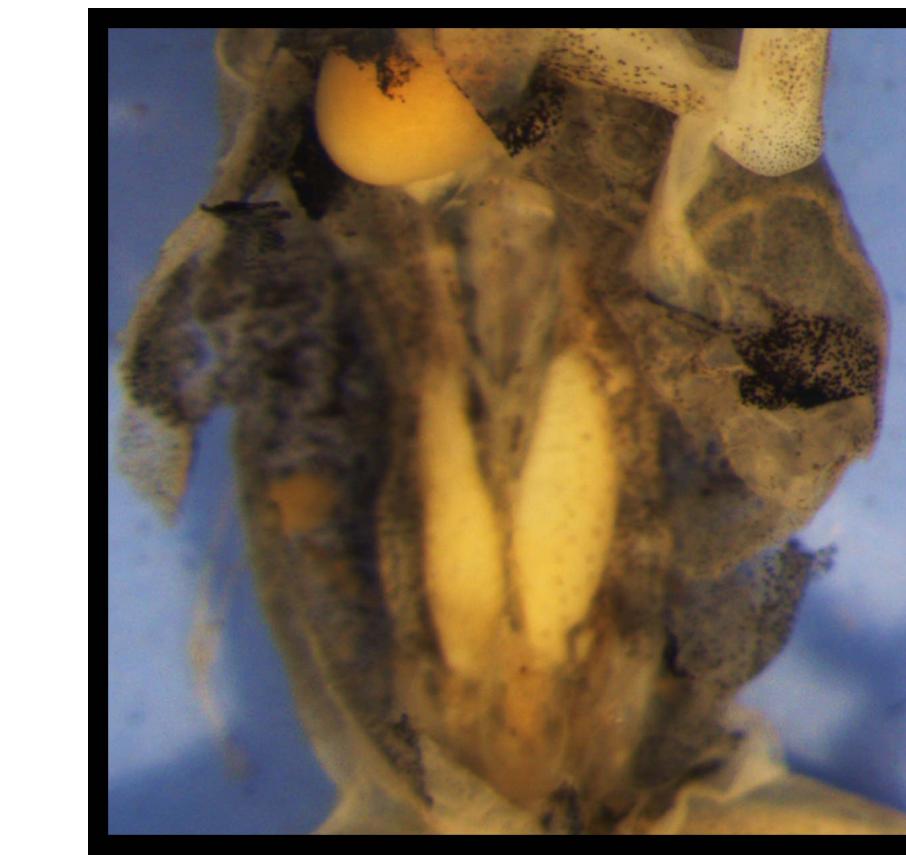
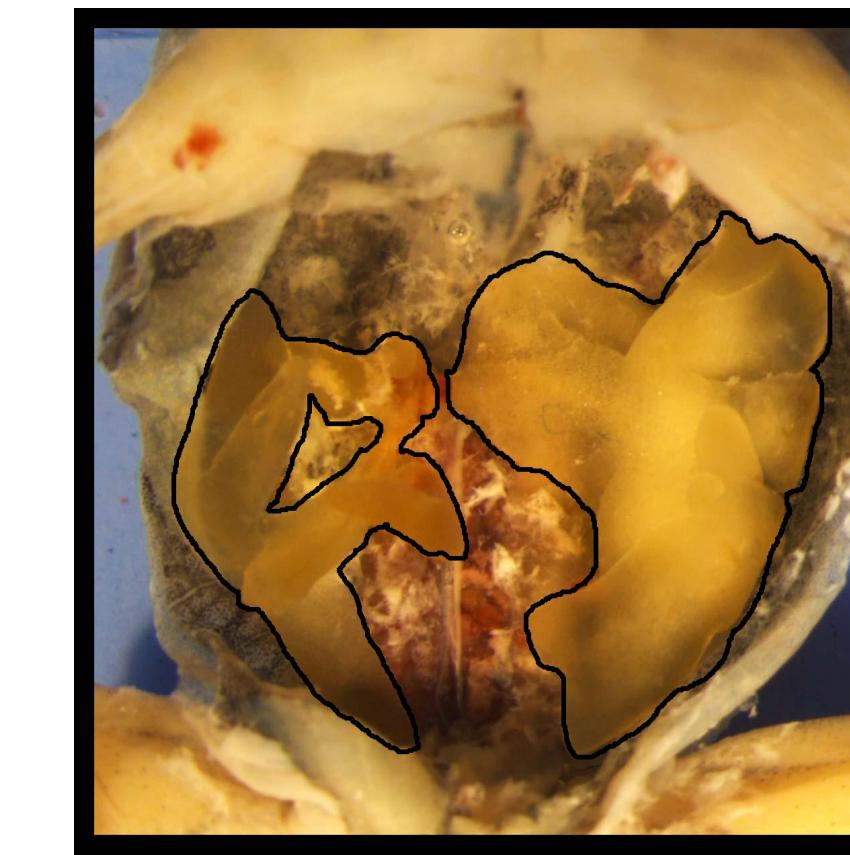
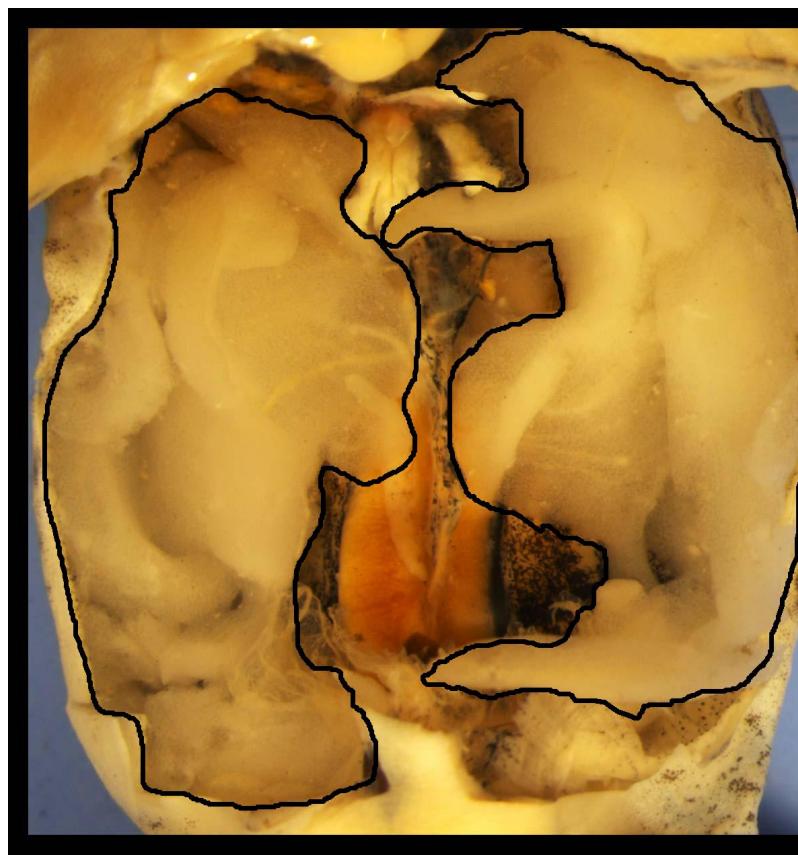
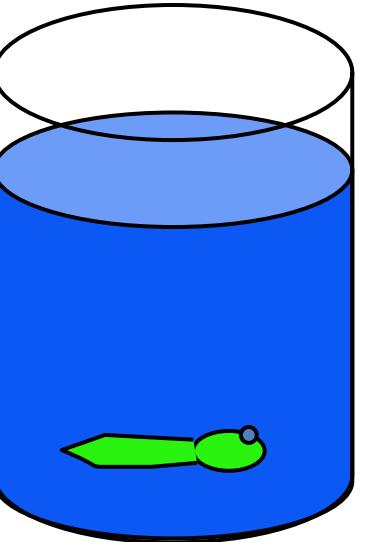
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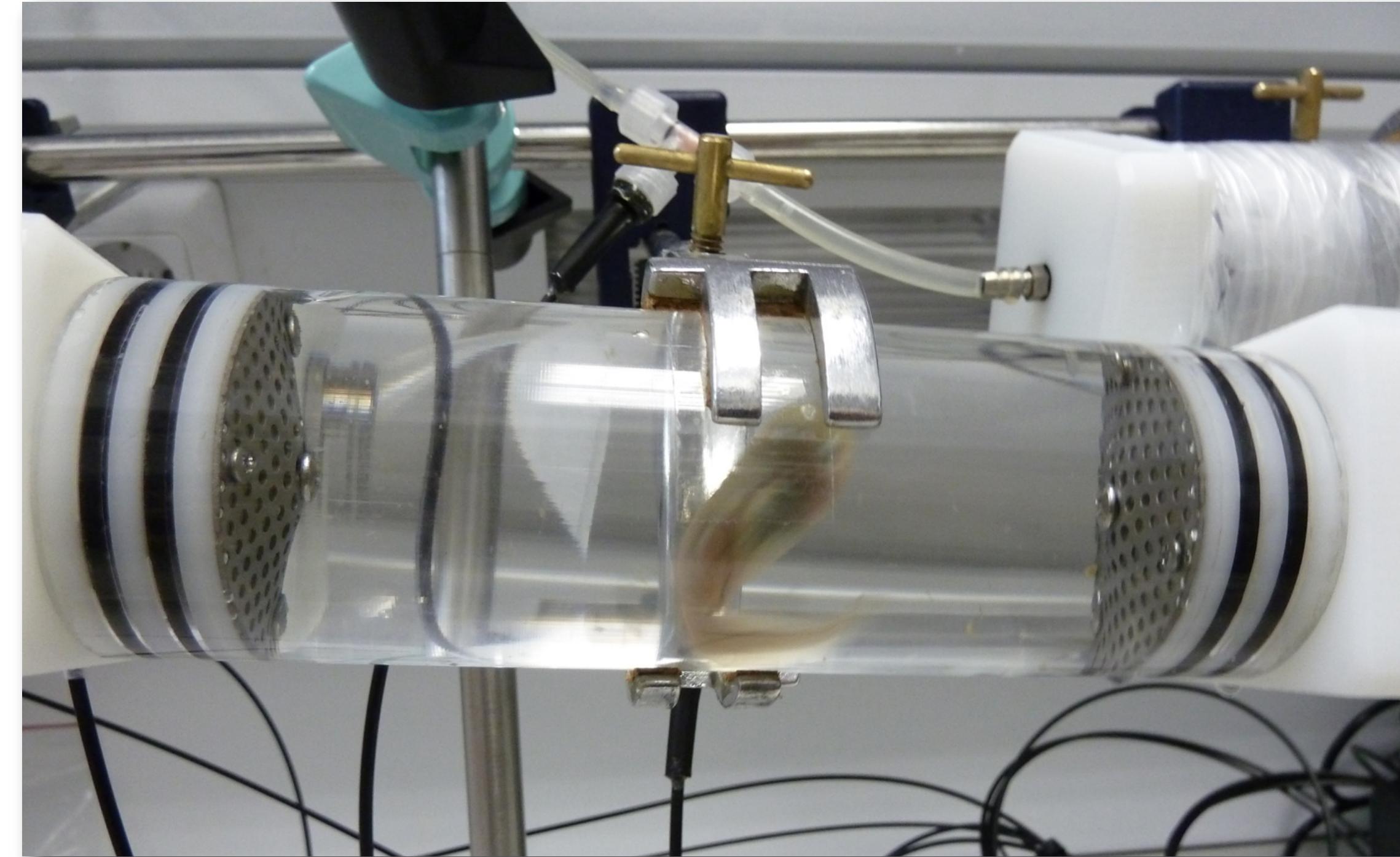
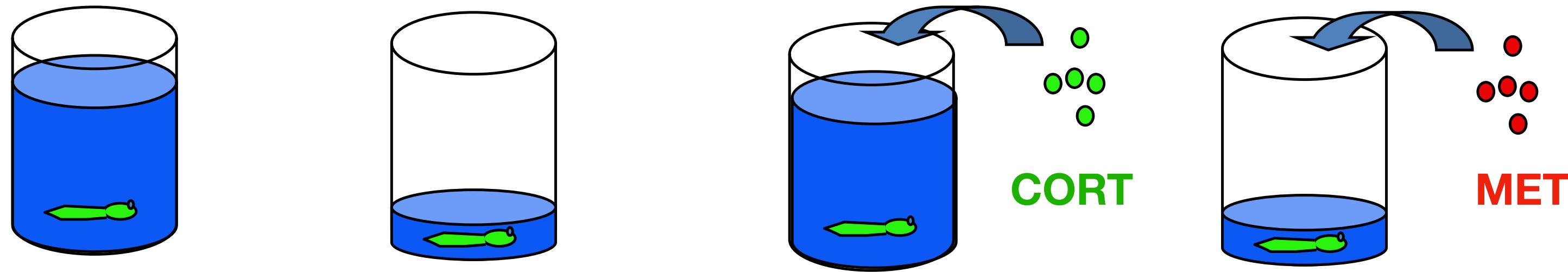
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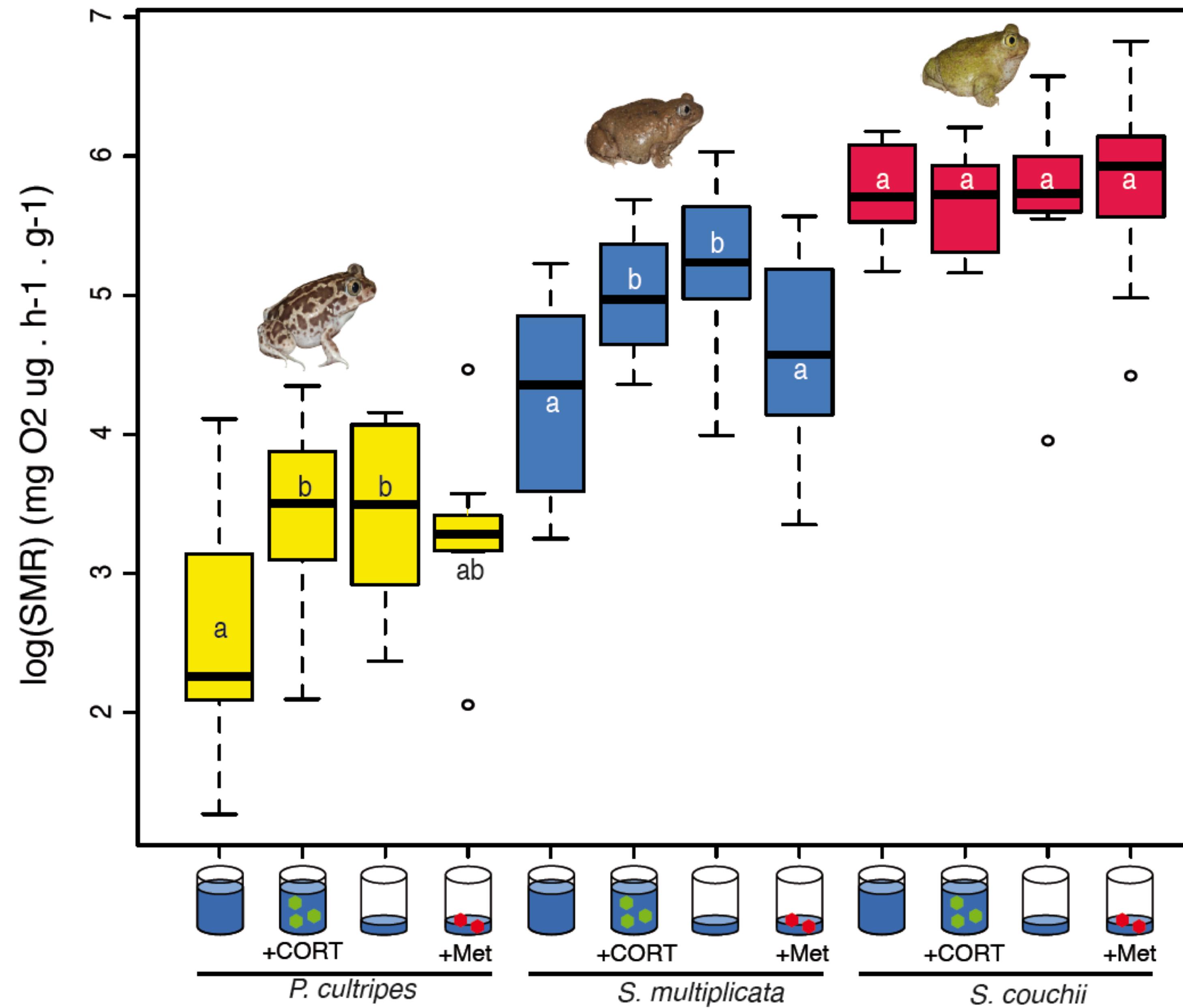
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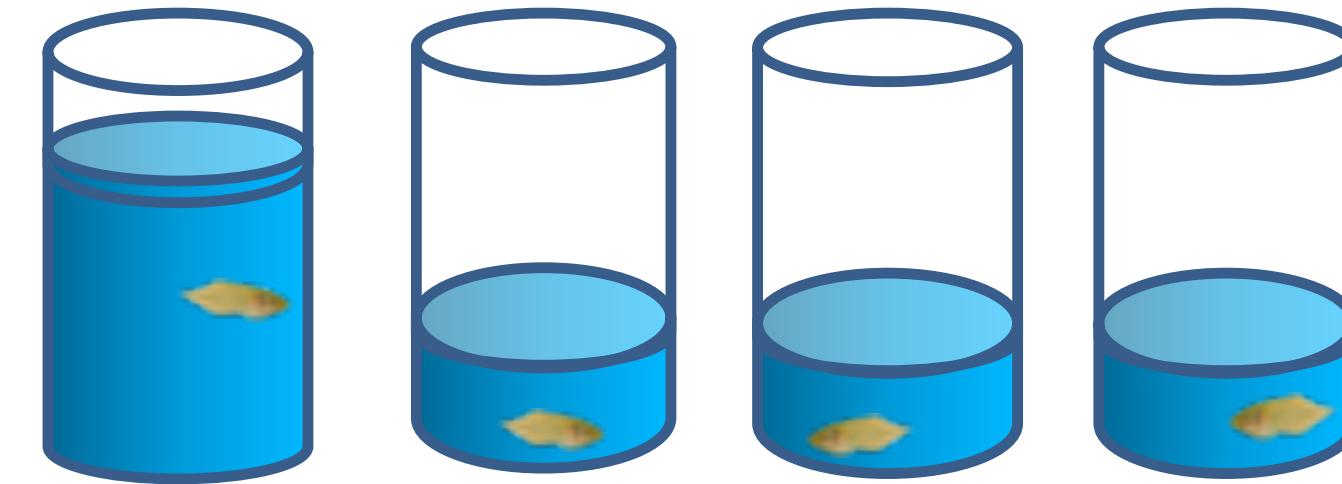


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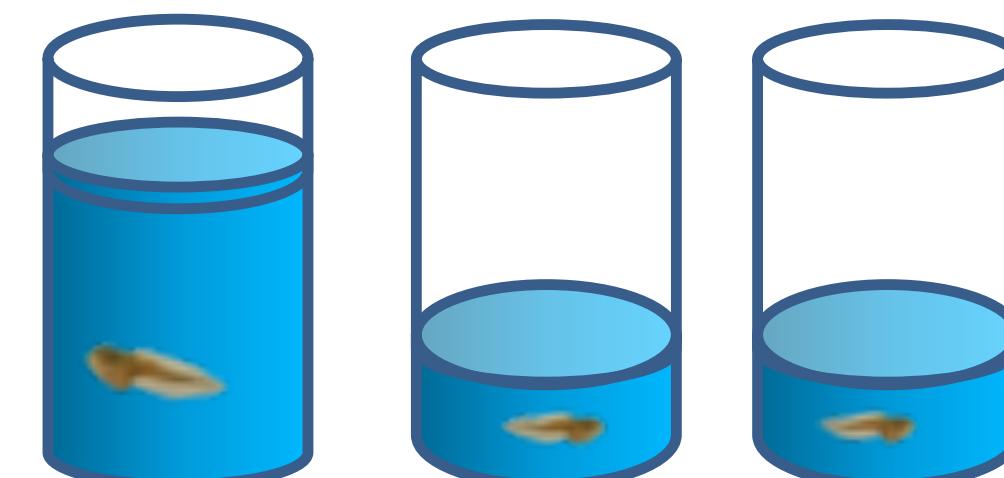
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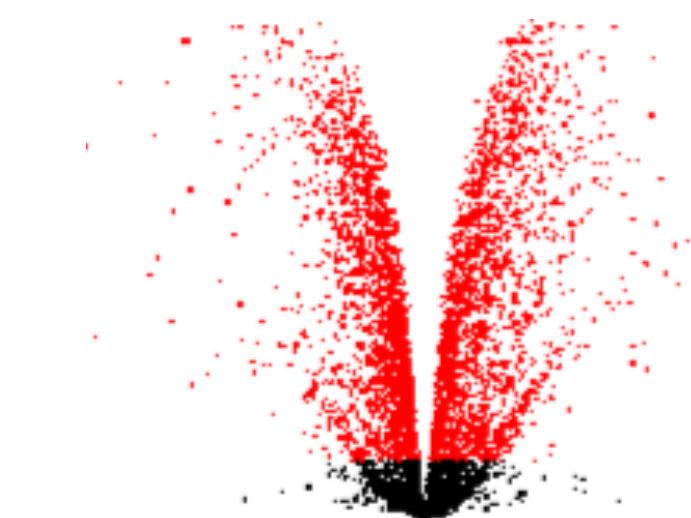
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Transcriptomics reveals the molecular processes of light-induced rapid darkening of the non-obligate cave dweller *Oreolalax rhodostigmatus* (Megophryidae, Anura) and their genetic basis of pigmentation strategy

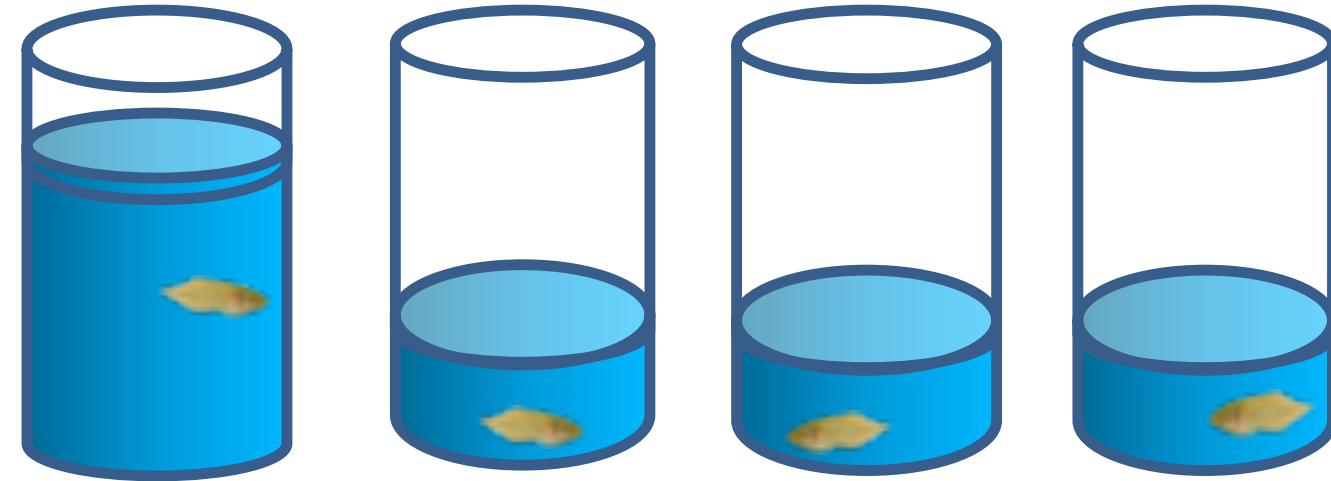
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How does gene expression vary in response to water level?

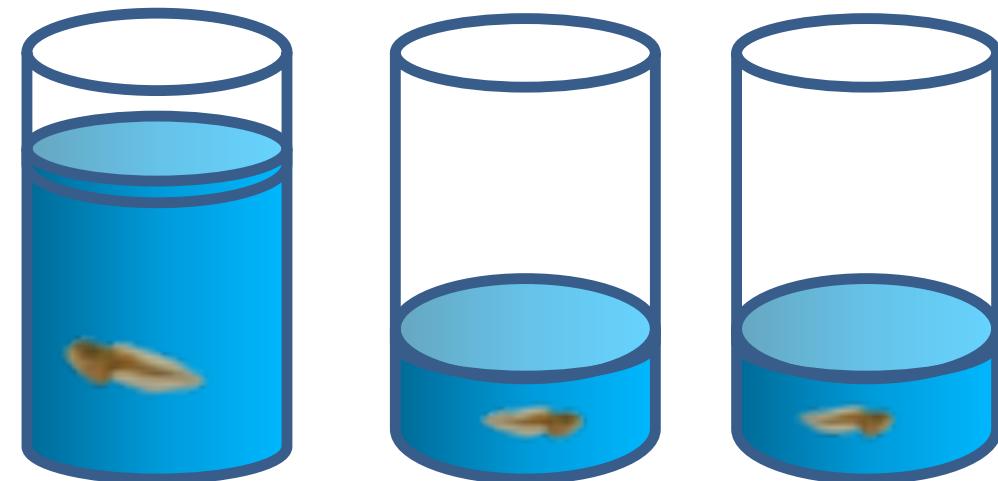
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Pelobates



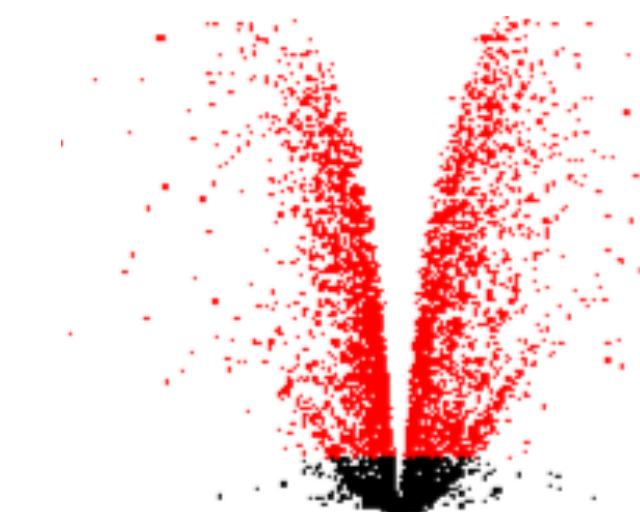
Scaphiopus



- ✖ Standardized conditions
- ✖ Control + 2 or 3 treatments
- ✖ 3 biological replicates

- ✖ Total RNA extraction from whole body
- ✖ Illumina (HiSeq2000) ~30 mil. reads per sample

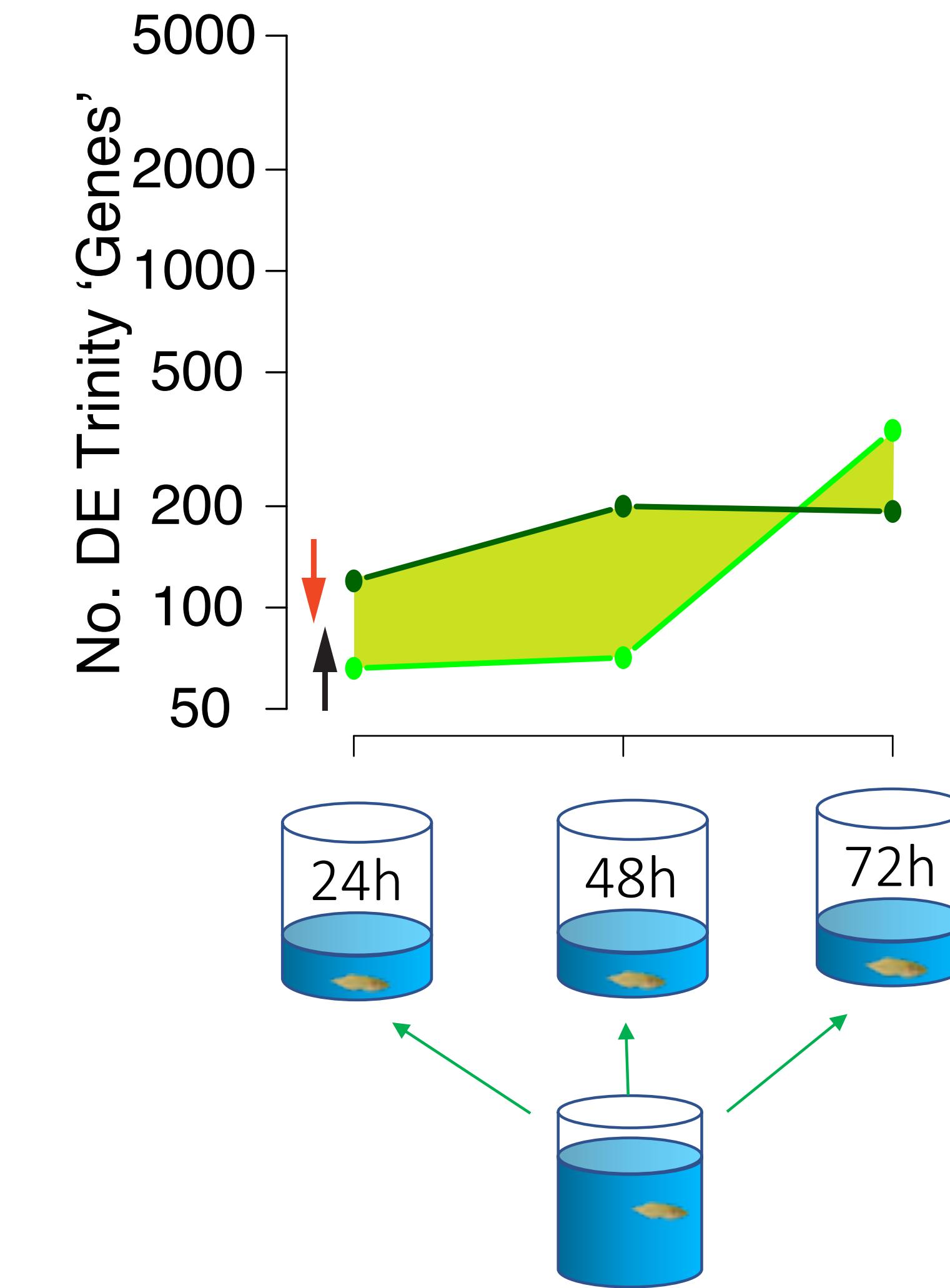
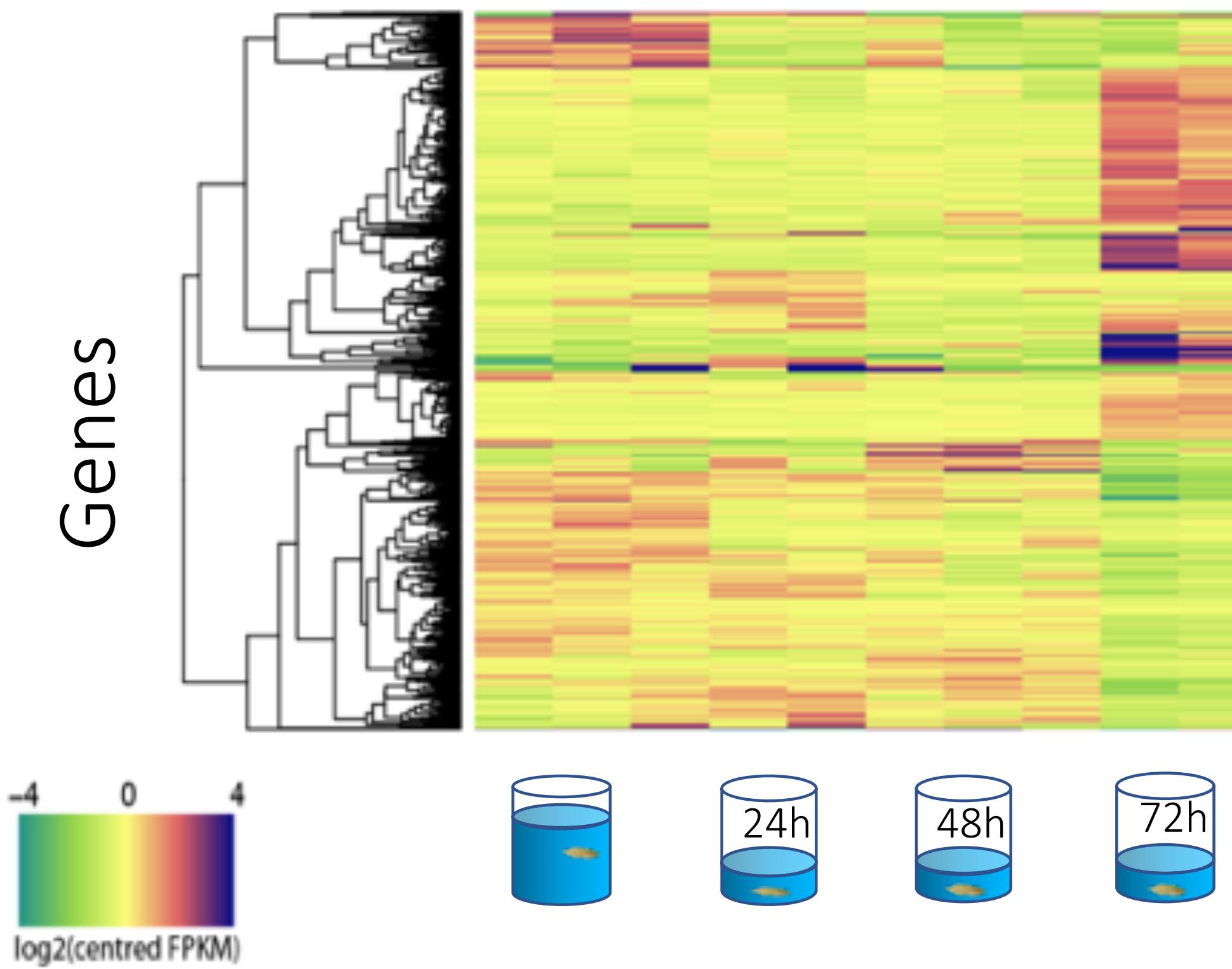
- ✖ *De novo* transcriptome assembly and annotation using Trinity + Trinotate
- ✖ Differential expression analysis using Kallisto and EdgeR + GOseq



Pelobates - time lag and extensive down regulation



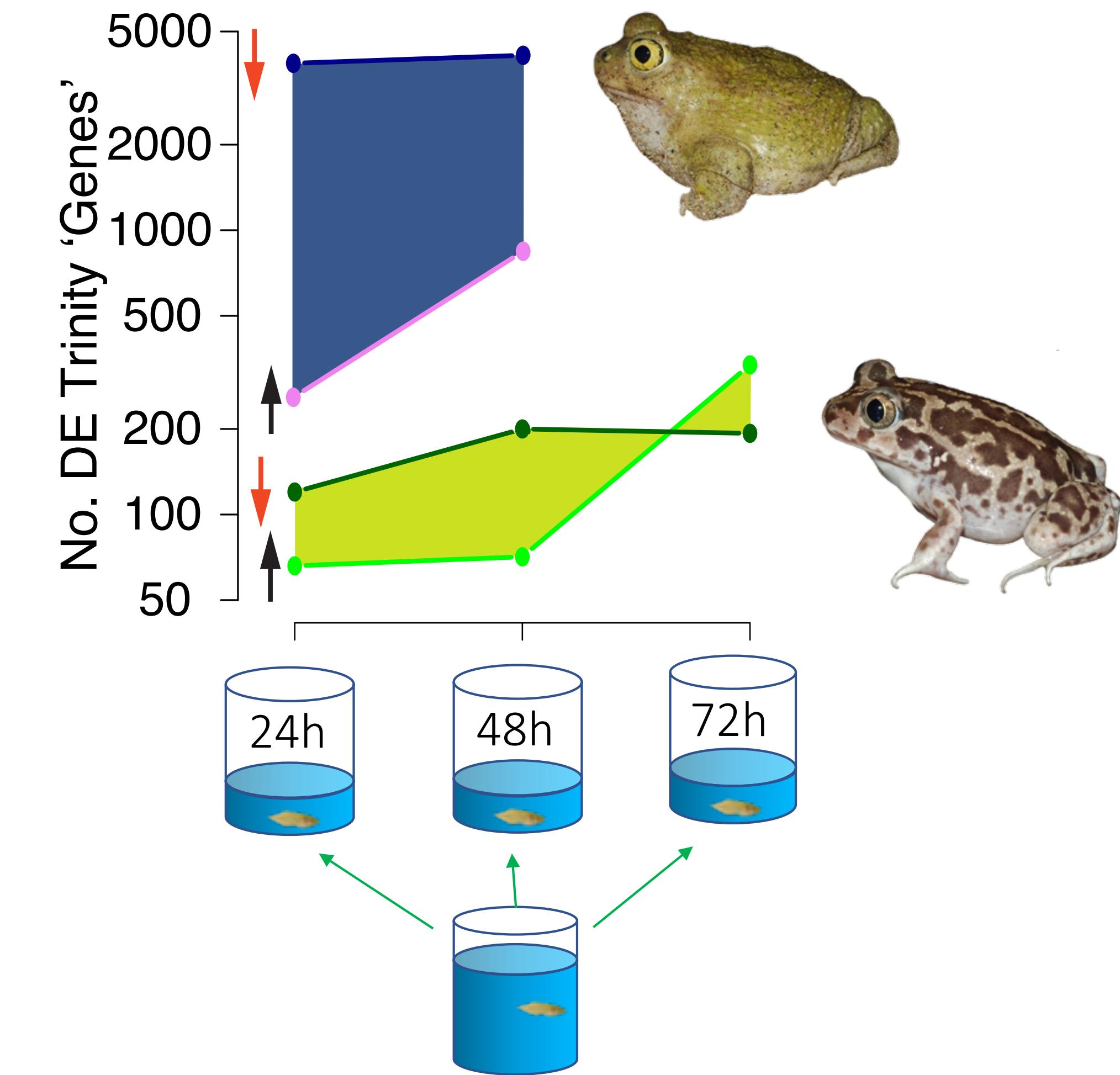
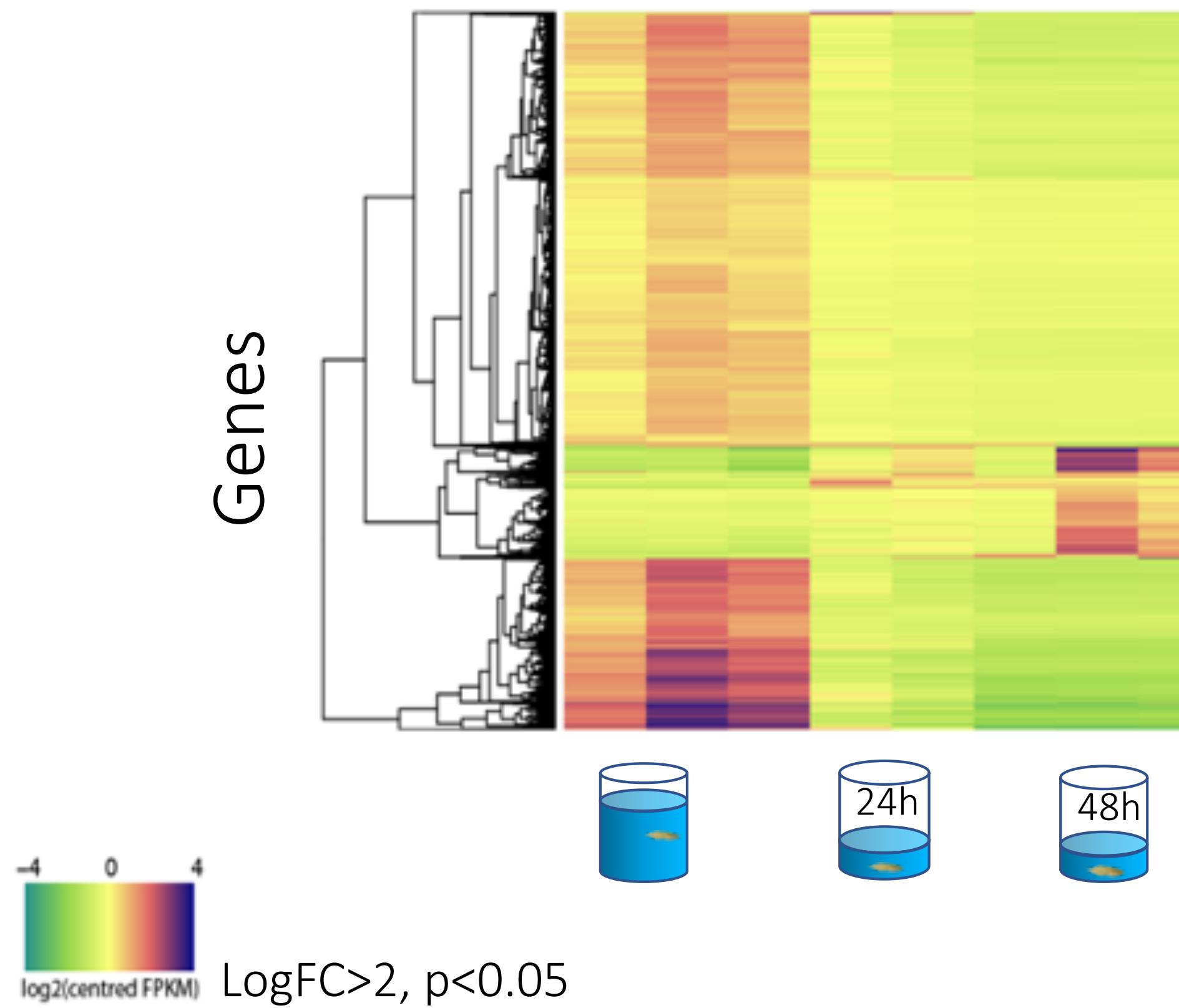
1236 DE Trinity 'Genes'
(0.29% of transcriptome)



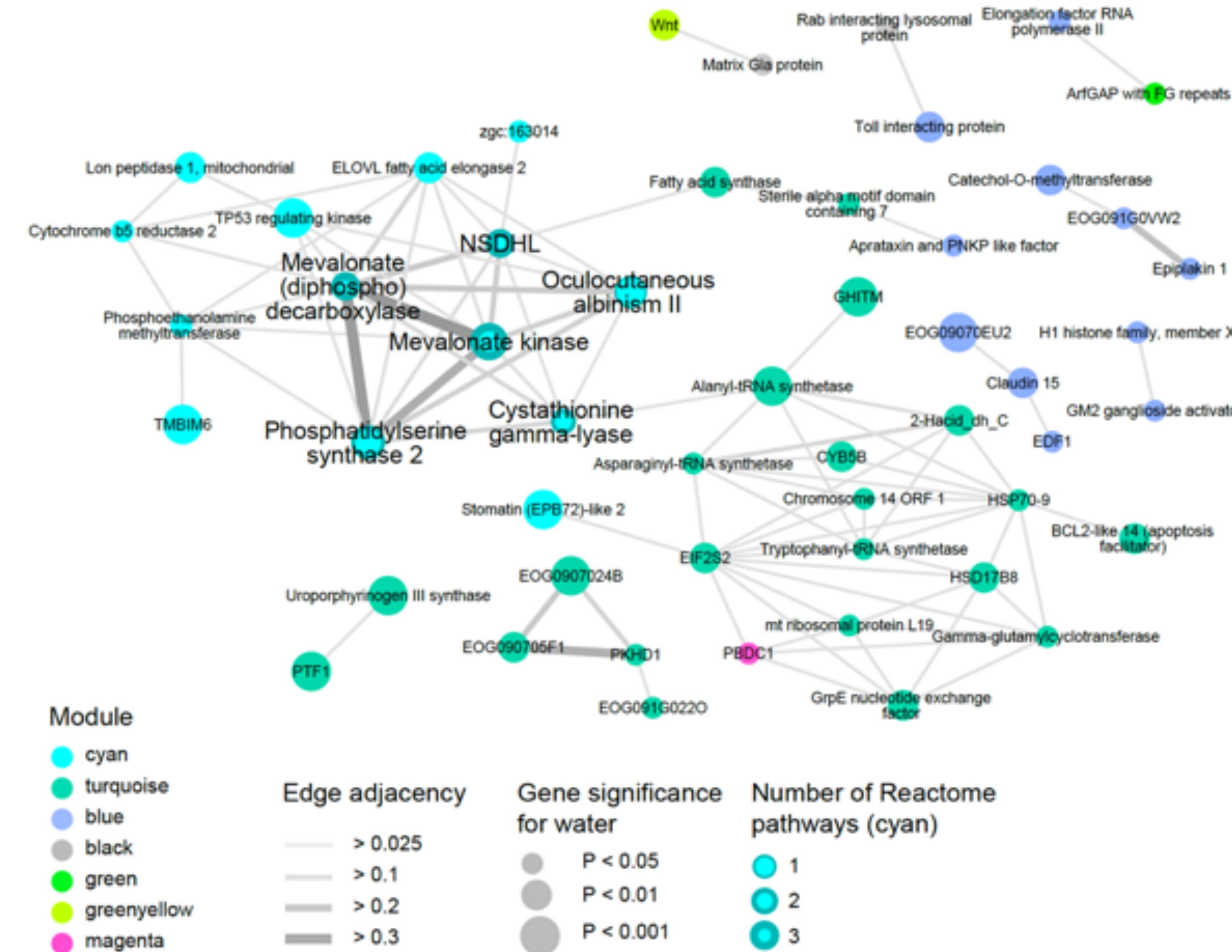
Scaphiopus - faster response, greater response



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(1.32% of transcriptome)



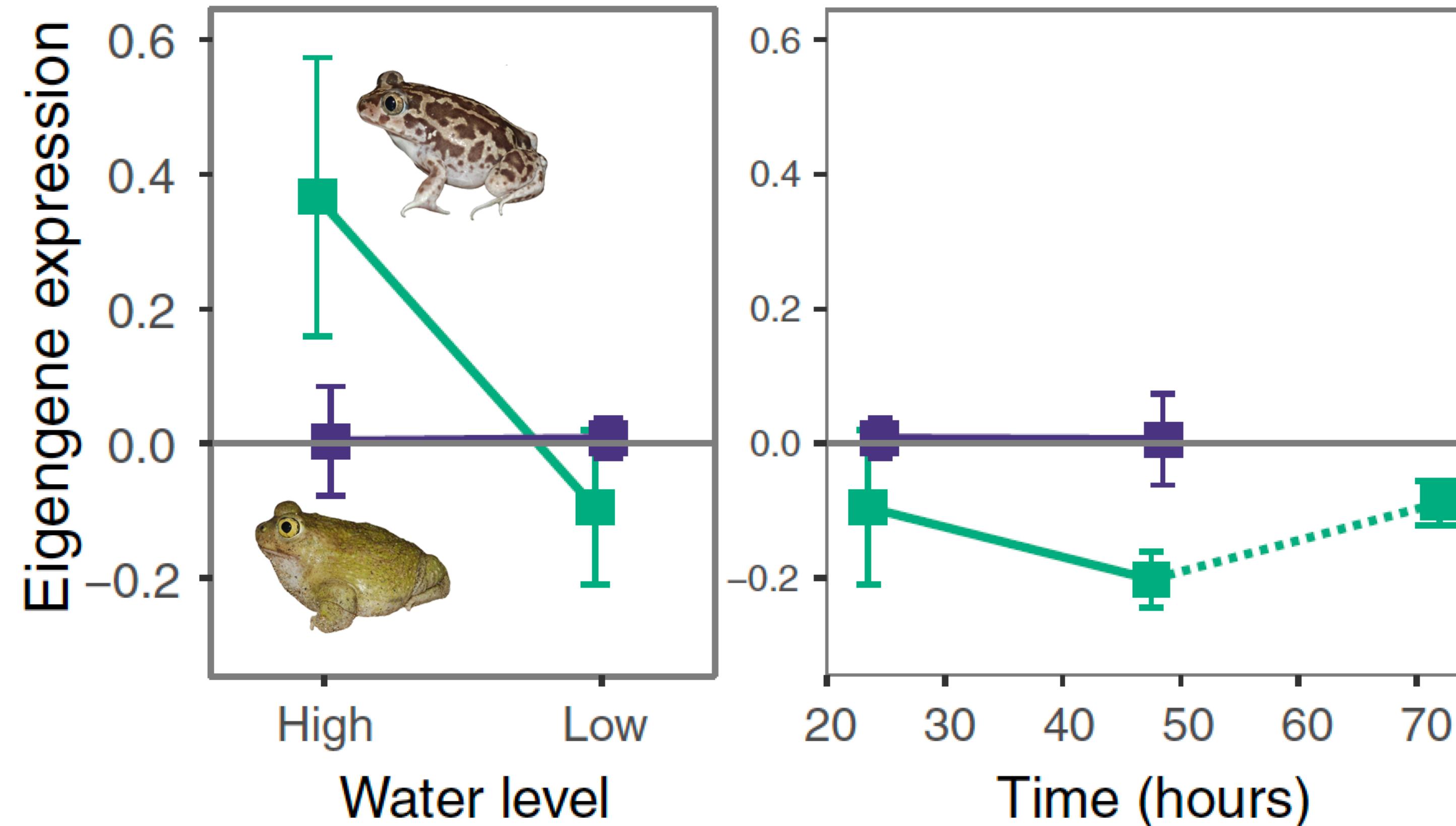
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N = 54



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■ *S. couchii*

Significant effects:

● Water level



Species

Cholesterol and steroid biosynthesis and metabolism