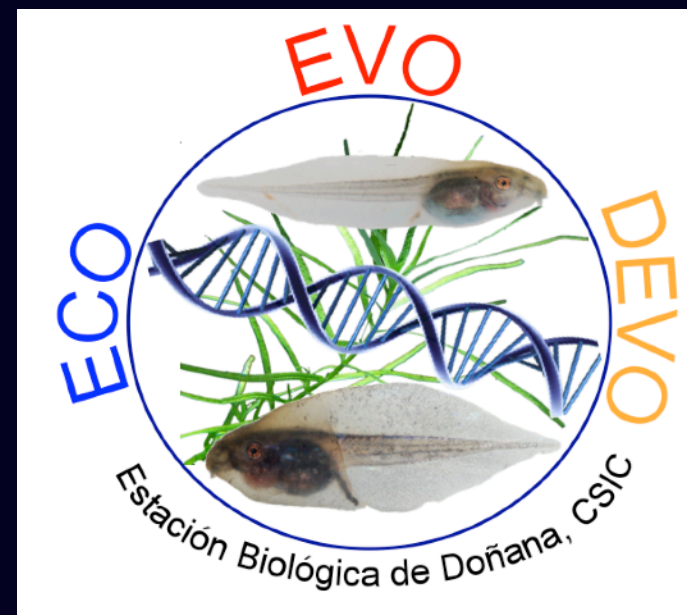


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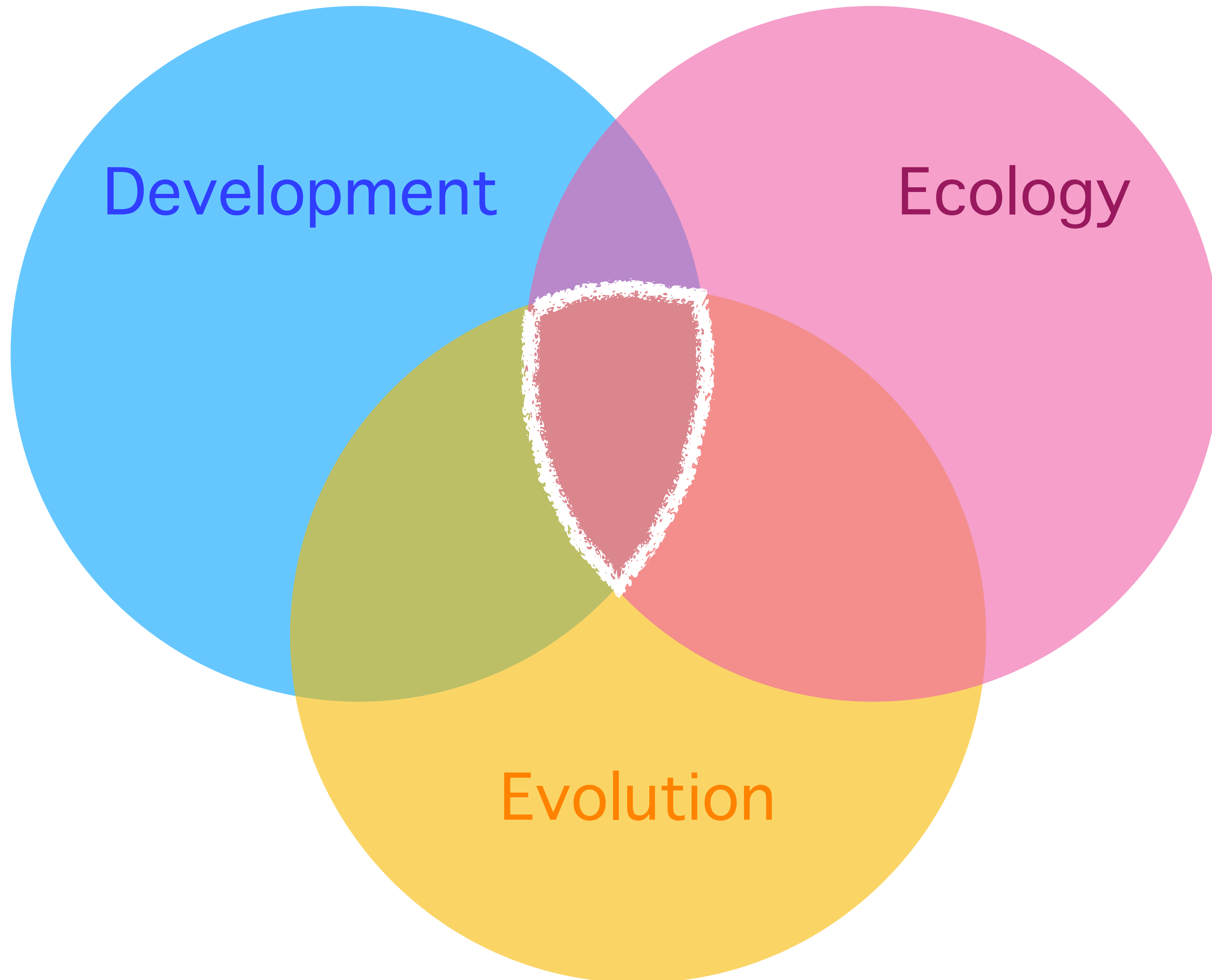
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# OUTLINE

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



**What is evolution?**



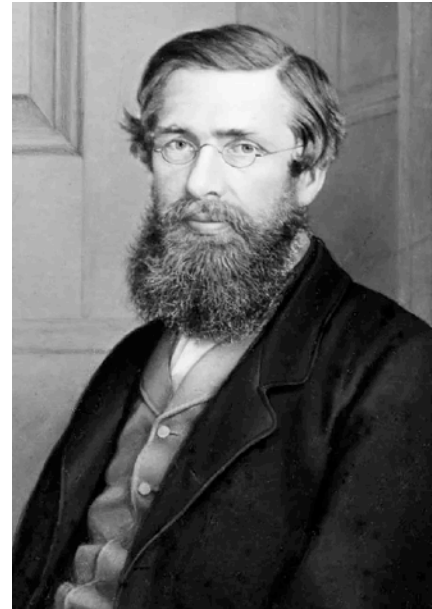
*“Evolution consists of changes in the heritable traits of a population of organisms as successive generations replace one another.”*

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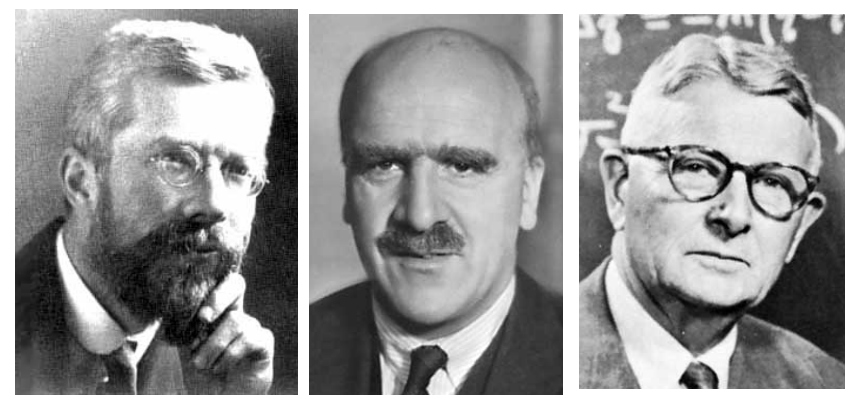
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# The Modern Synthesis 1936-1947





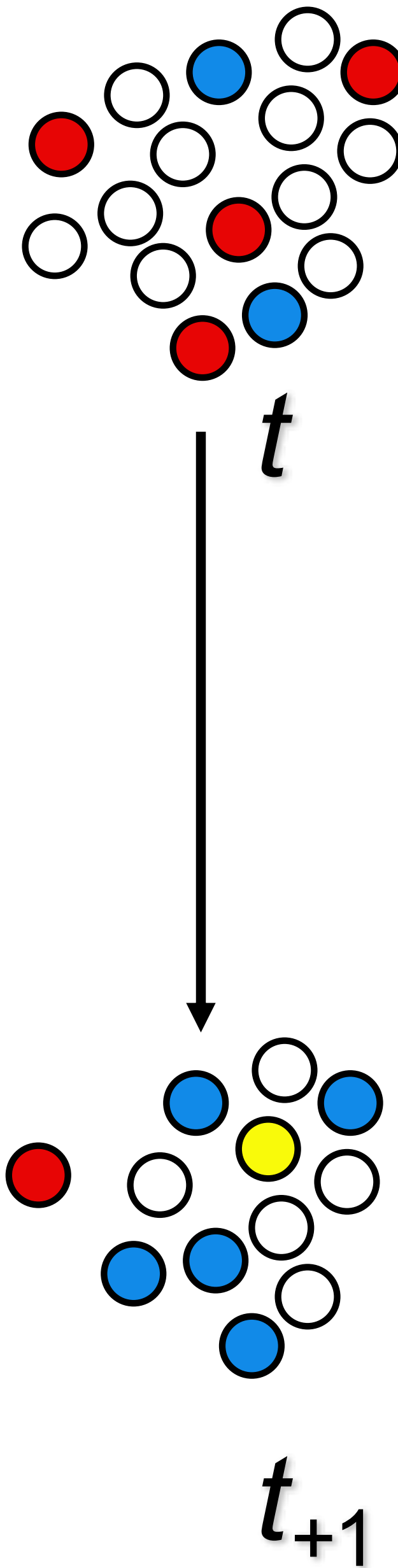
# The Modern Synthesis



- 📌 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



- *Drift*
- *Selection*
- *Migration*
- *Mutation*



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)



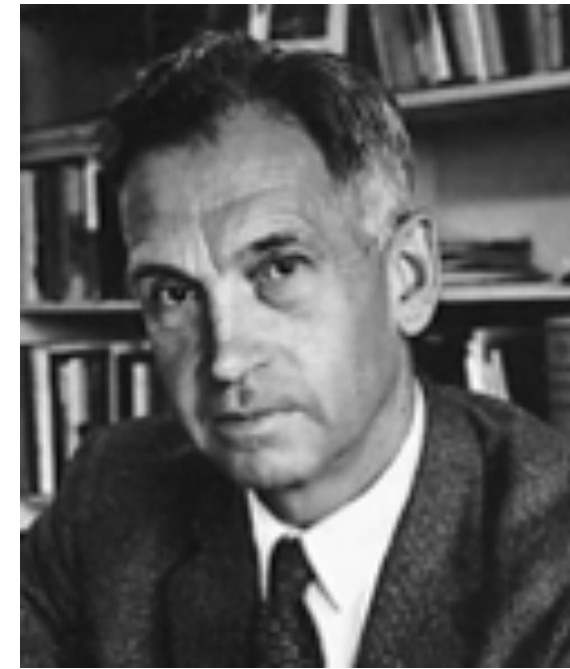
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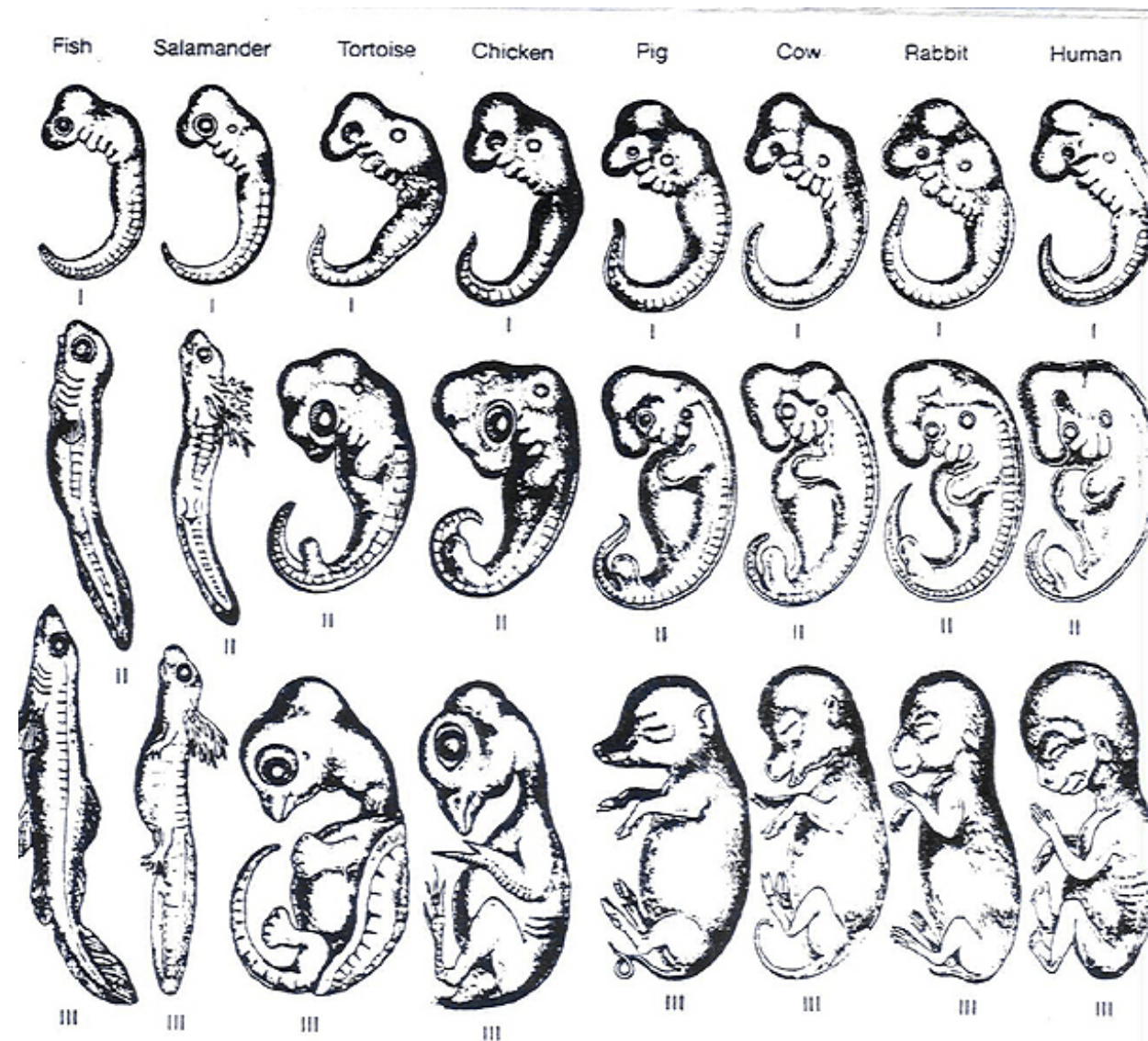
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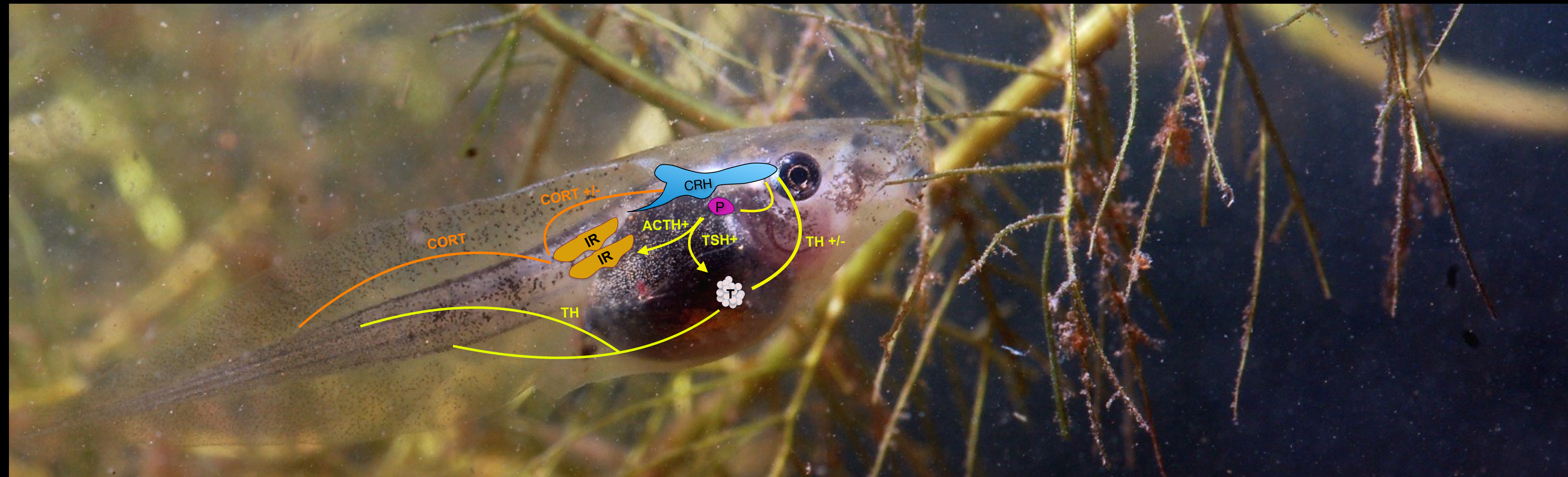


Organisms use environmental cues to assess environmental **suitability**



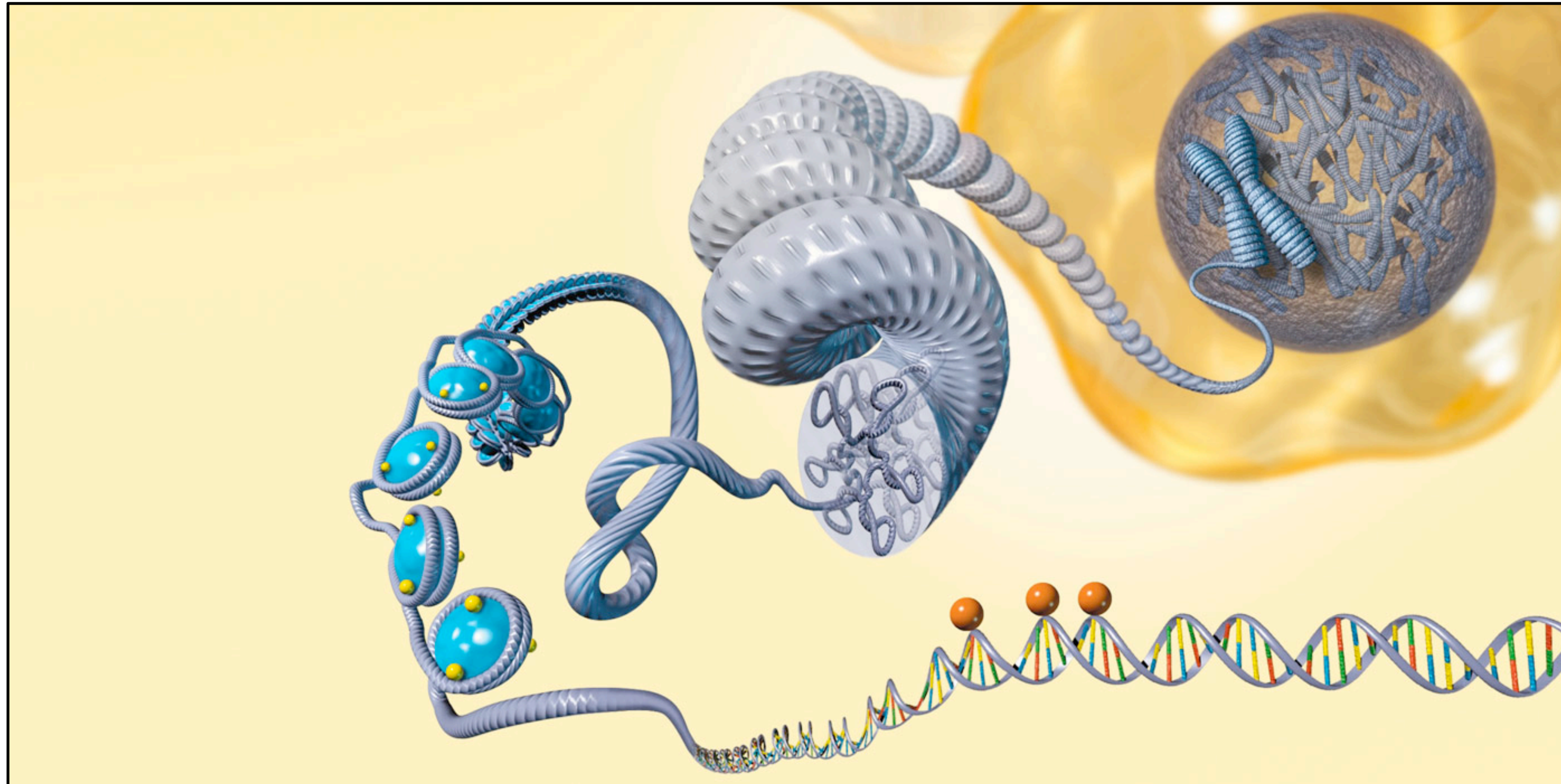


...then **react** adjusting their behaviour, morphology or physiology accordingly





# Environmental stimuli epigenetic regulation of gene expression

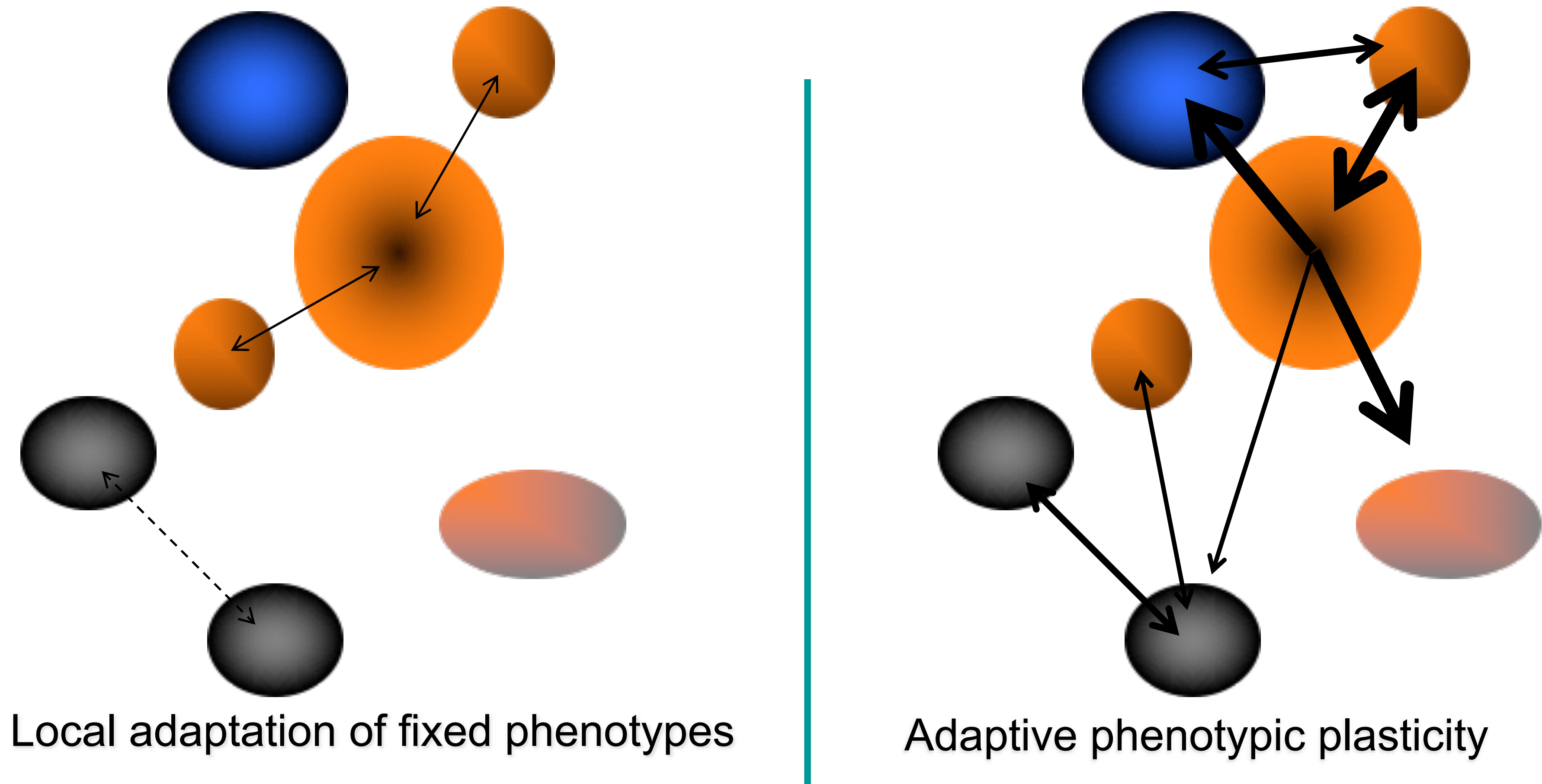


Phenotypes result from interaction between  
**ENVIRONMENT** and **GENOME**



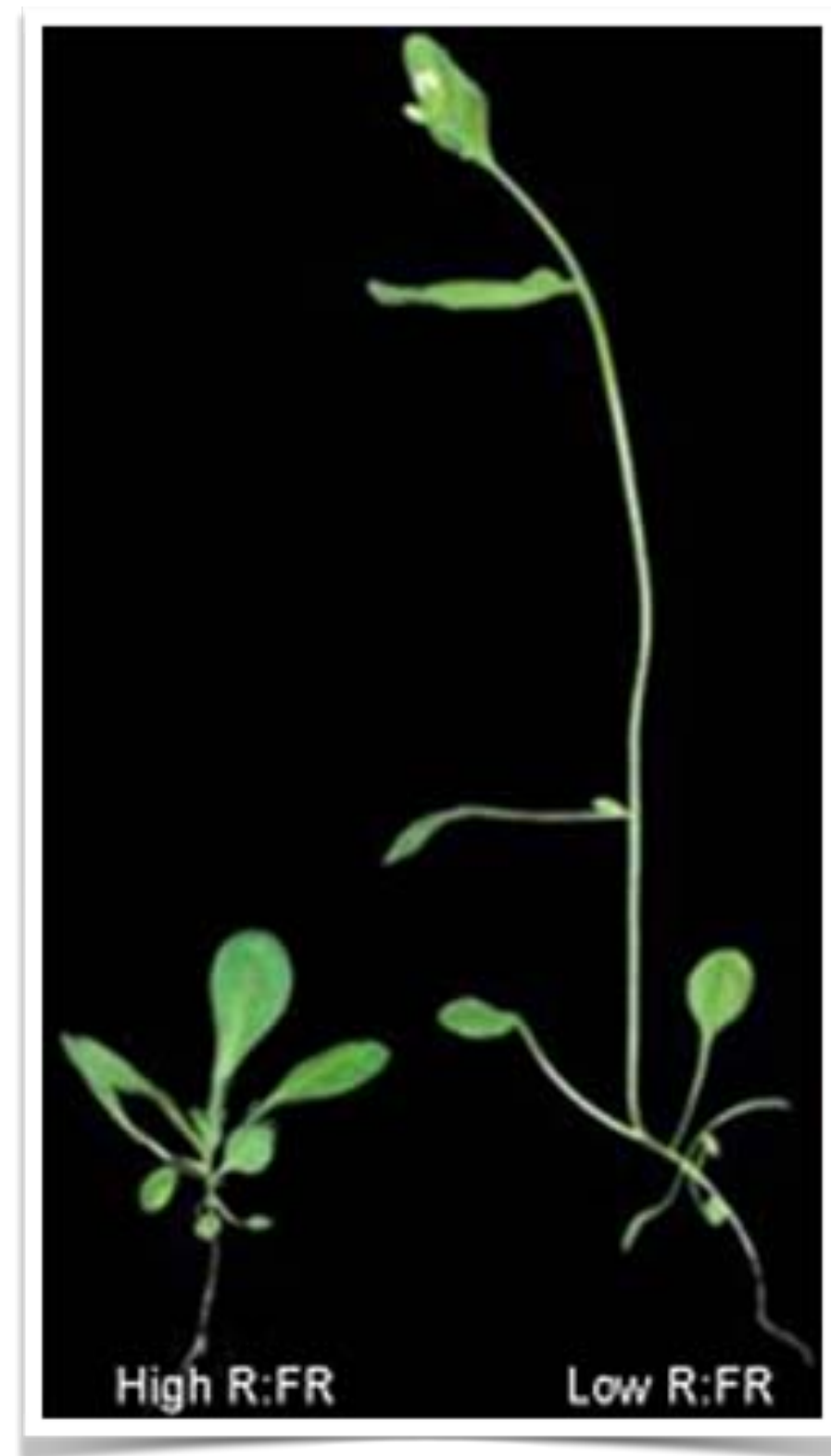
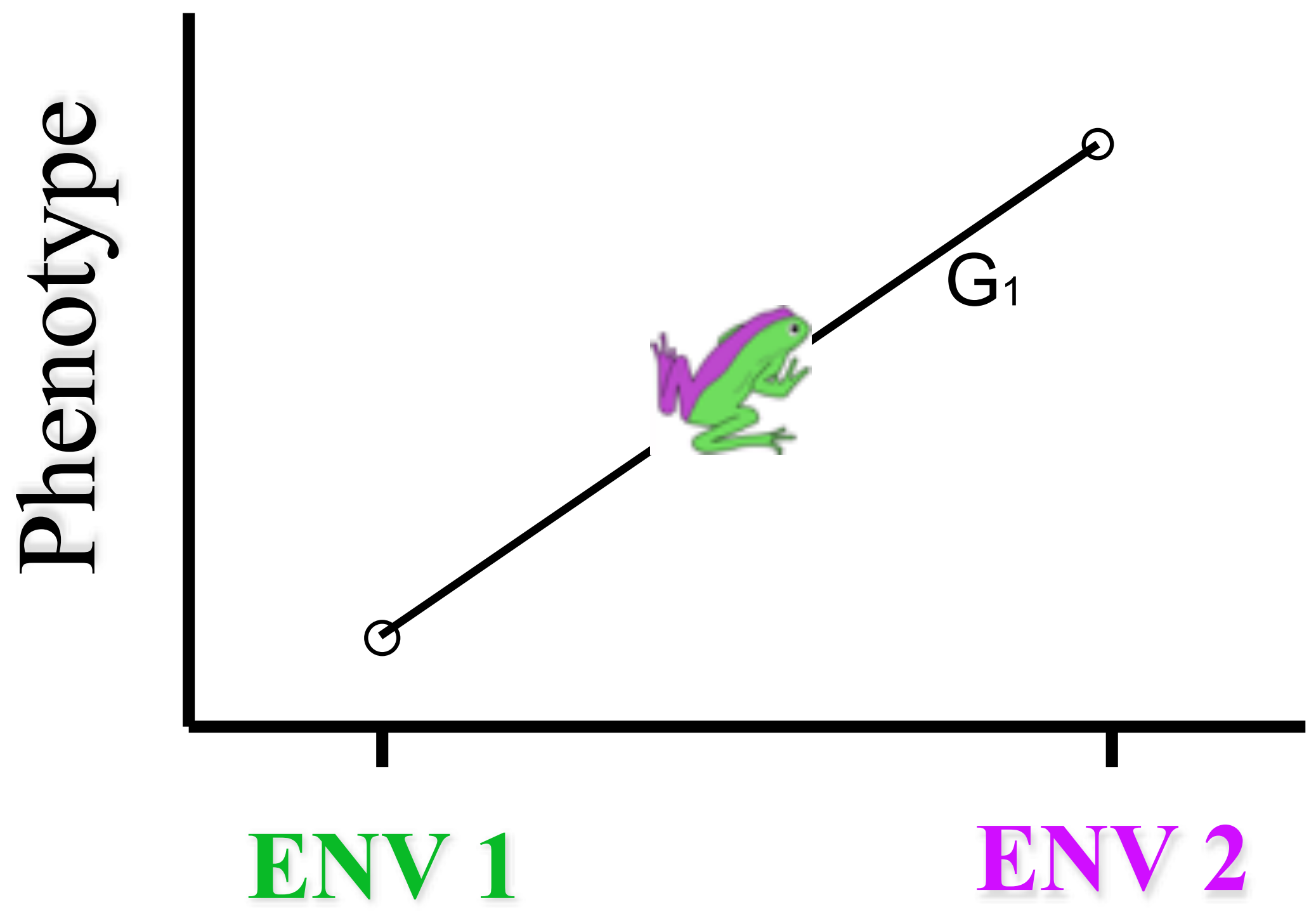
# Metapopulation Structure Favors Plasticity over Local Adaptation

Sonia E. Sultan<sup>1,\*</sup> and Hamish G. Spencer<sup>2,†</sup>



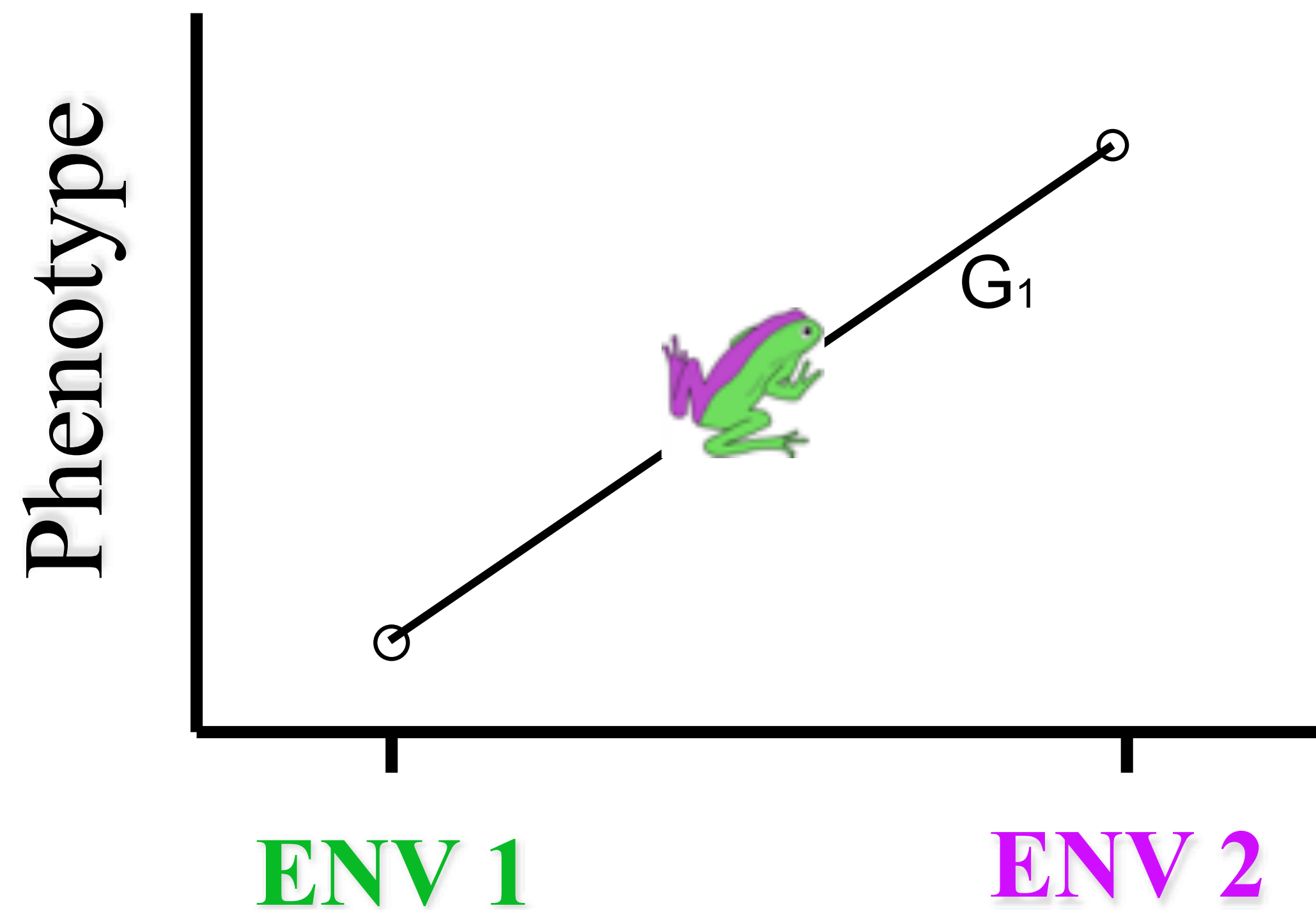


# Phenotypic plasticity





# Adaptive phenotypic plasticity

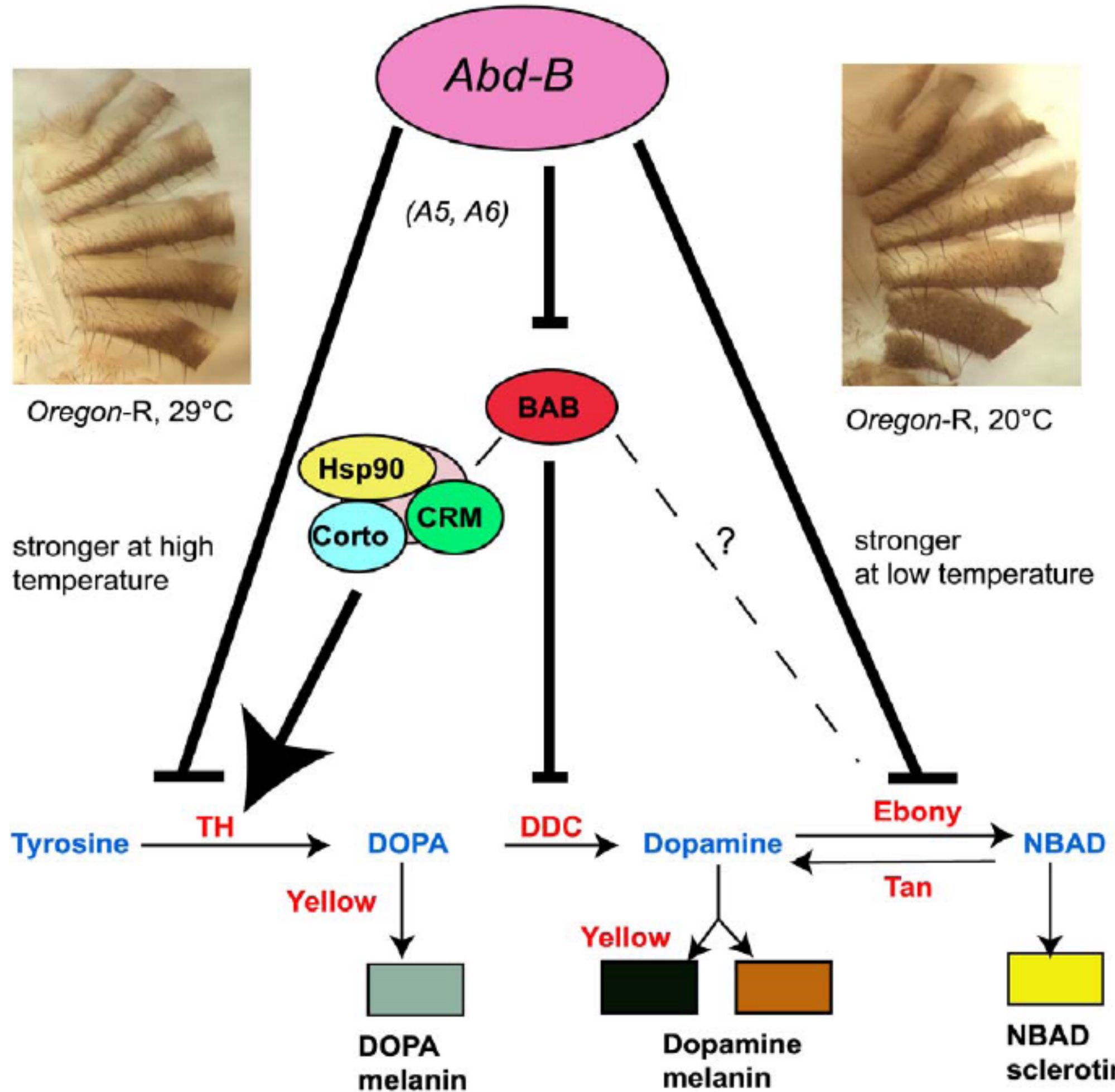


If/When:

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



# Environmental input is essential in development

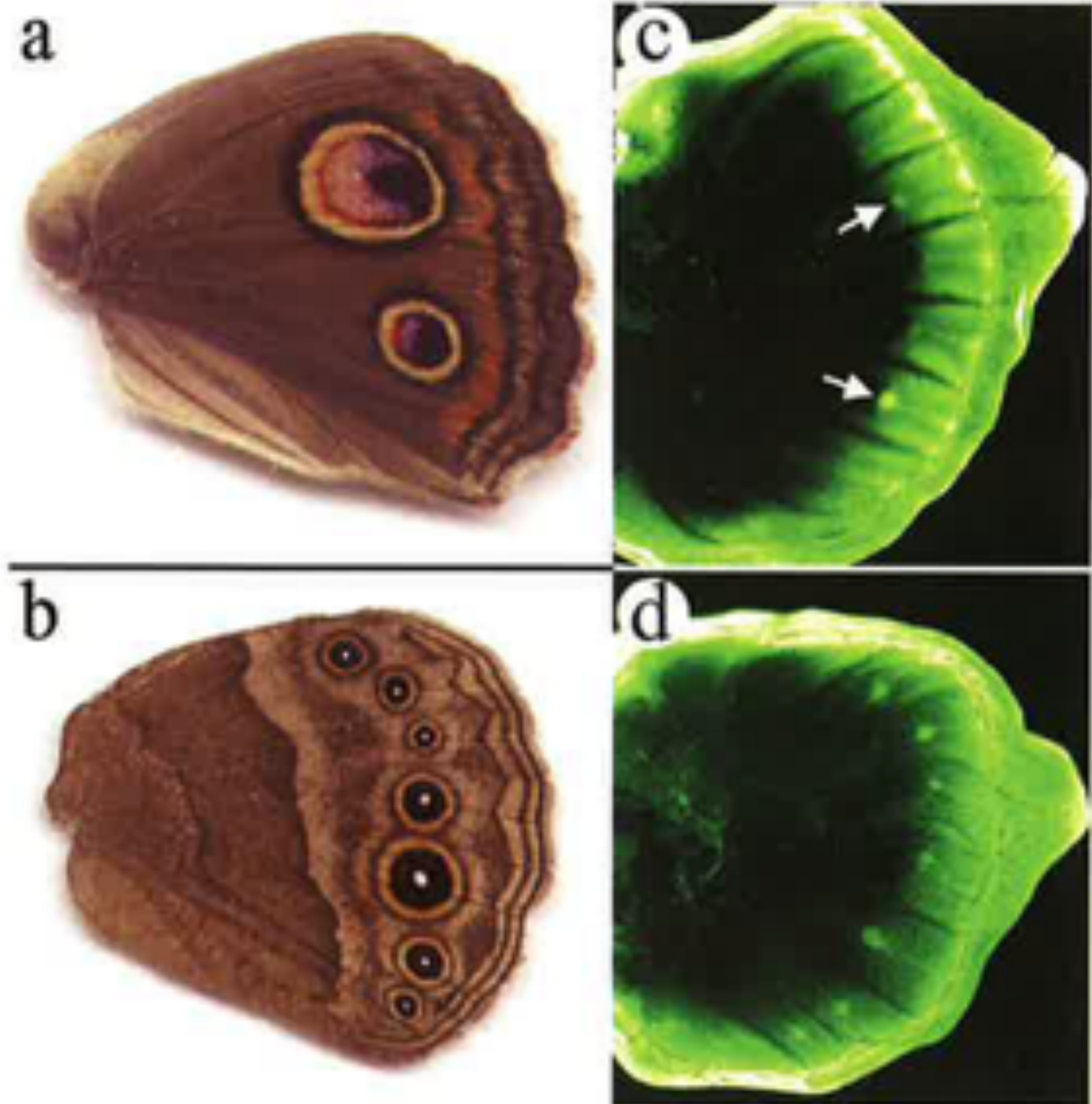


Gibert et al. 2007, *PLoS Gen*



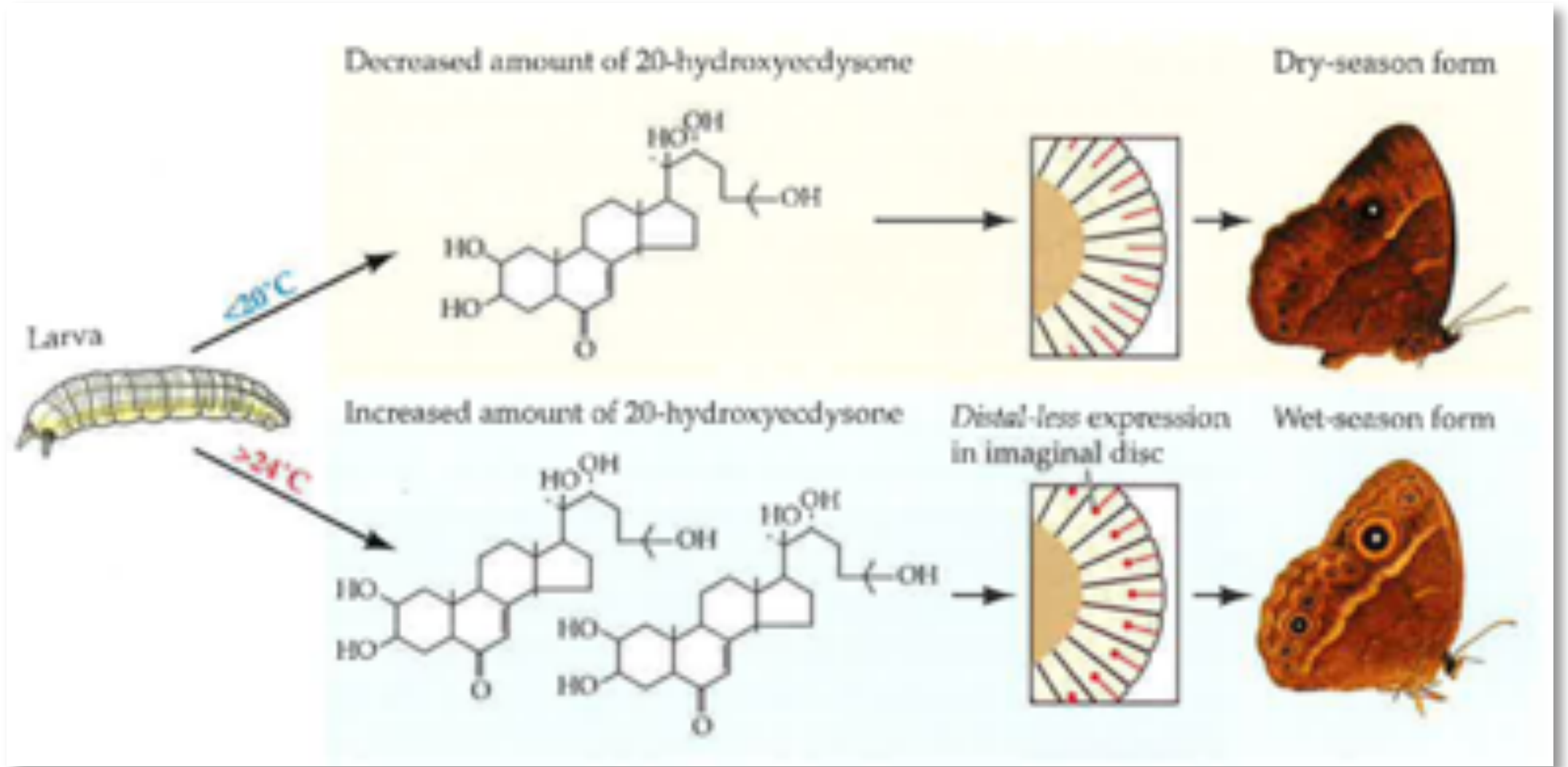
# Environmental input is essential in development

*Dll* expression marks the formation of eyespots



Brakefield et al 1996 *Nature*

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



Brakefield & Reitsma 1991



# Environmental input is essential in development



**Summer morph**



**Spring morph**

*Araschnia levana*, Windig & Lammar 1999 *Evol Ecol*



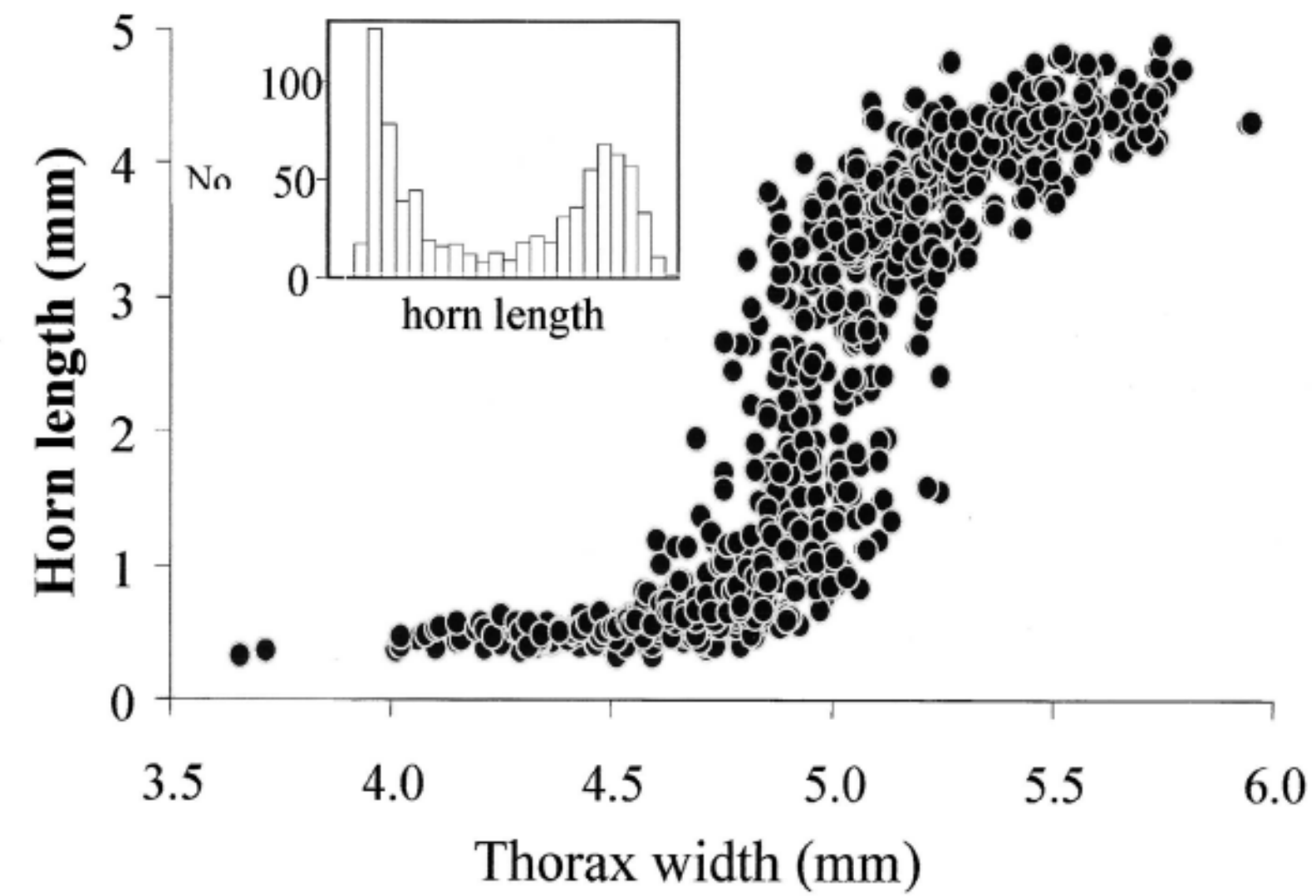
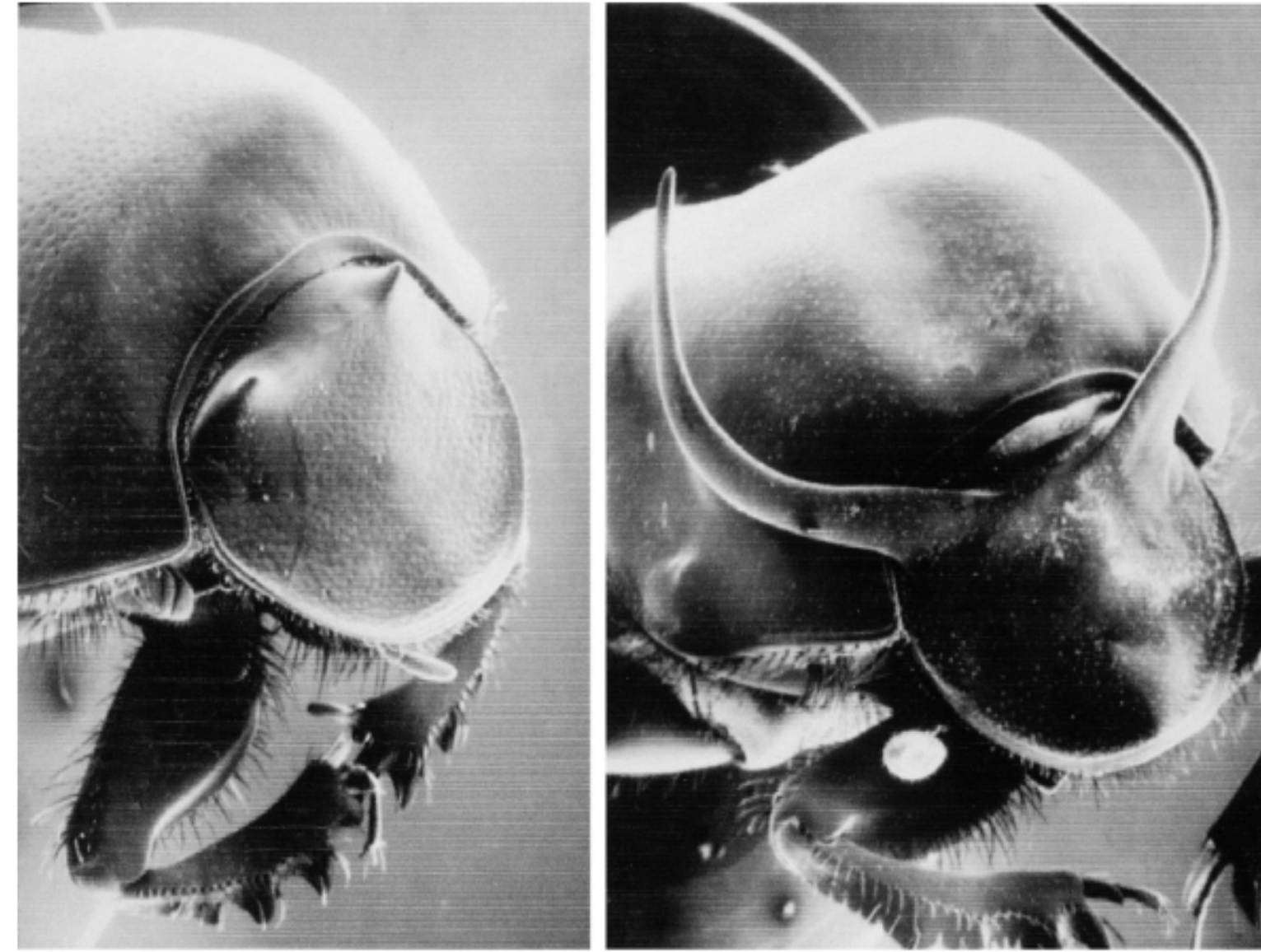
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*Nemoria arizonaria*, Greene 1989 Nature



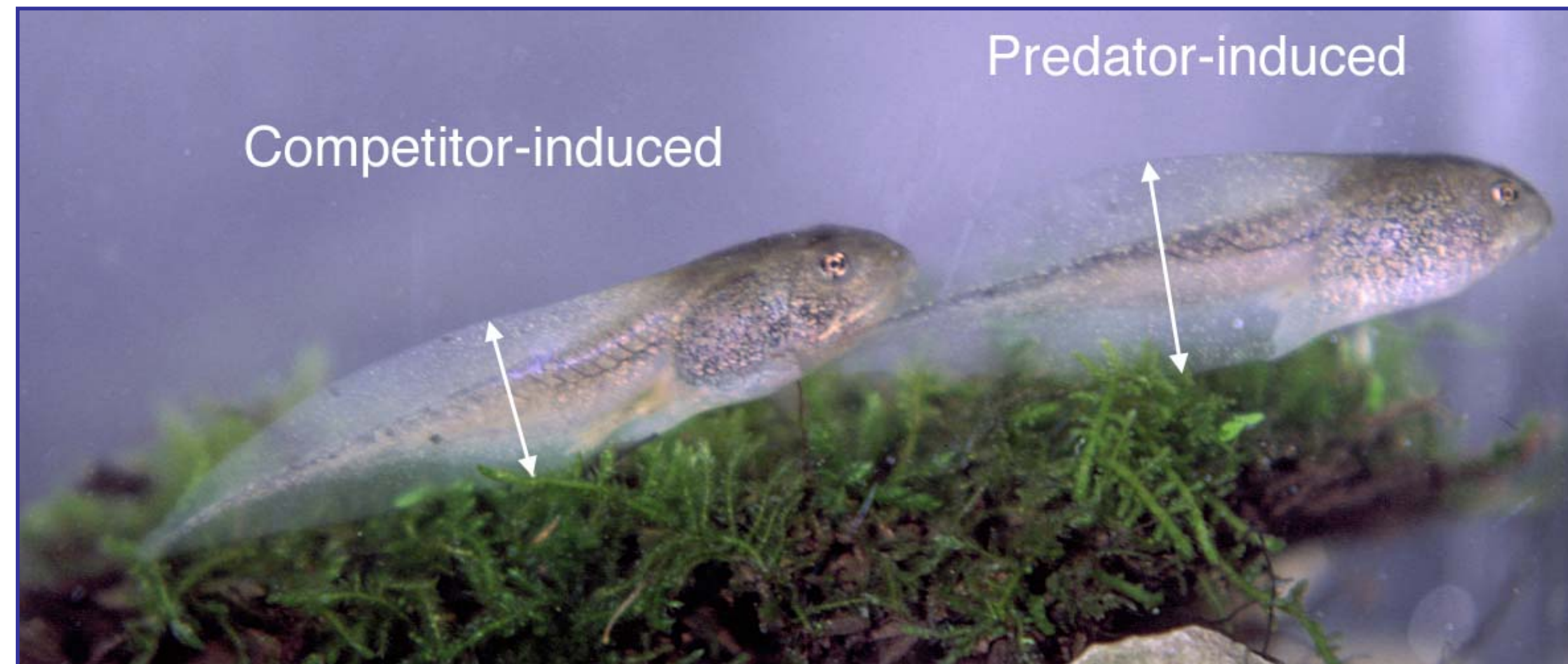
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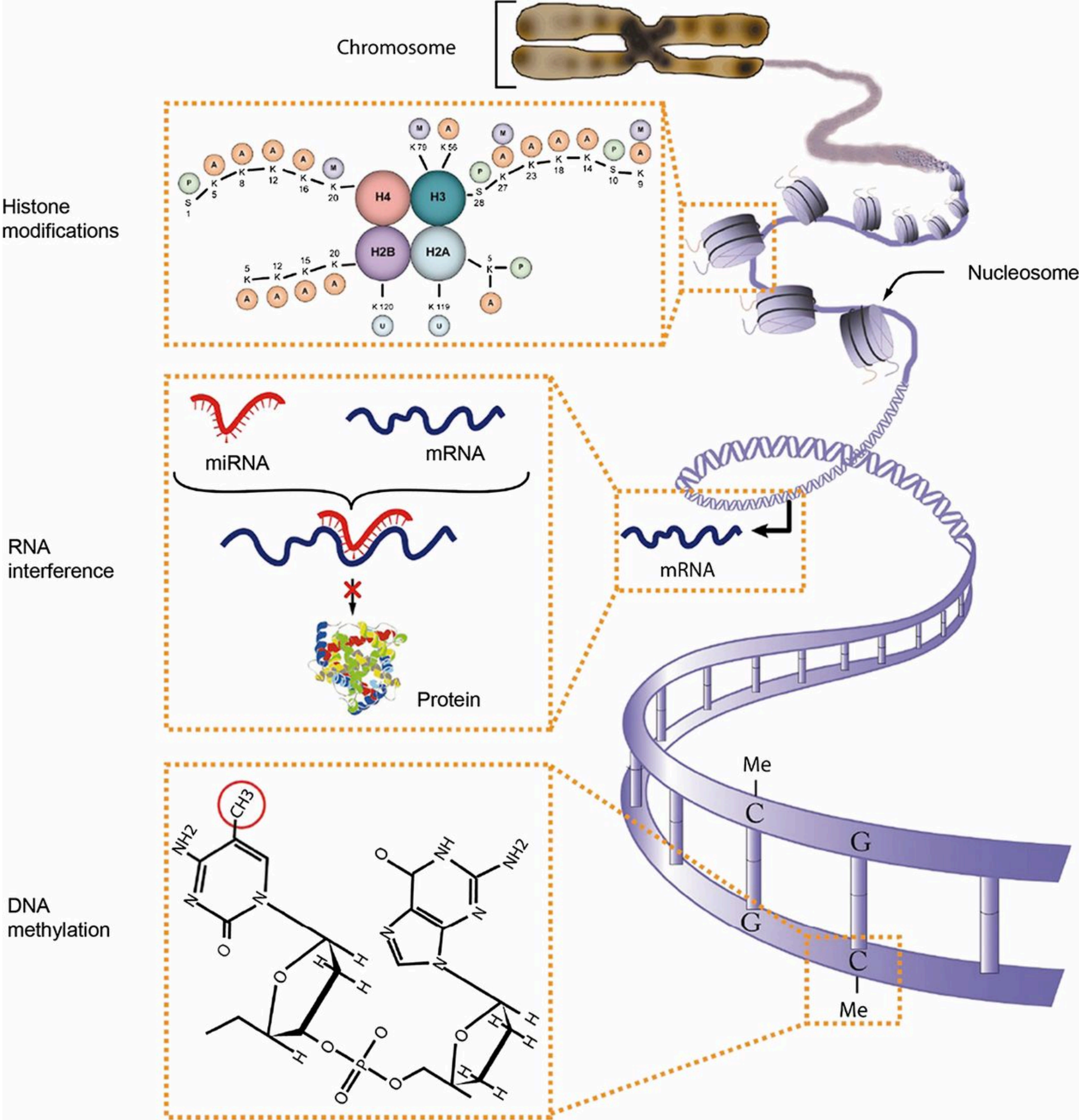
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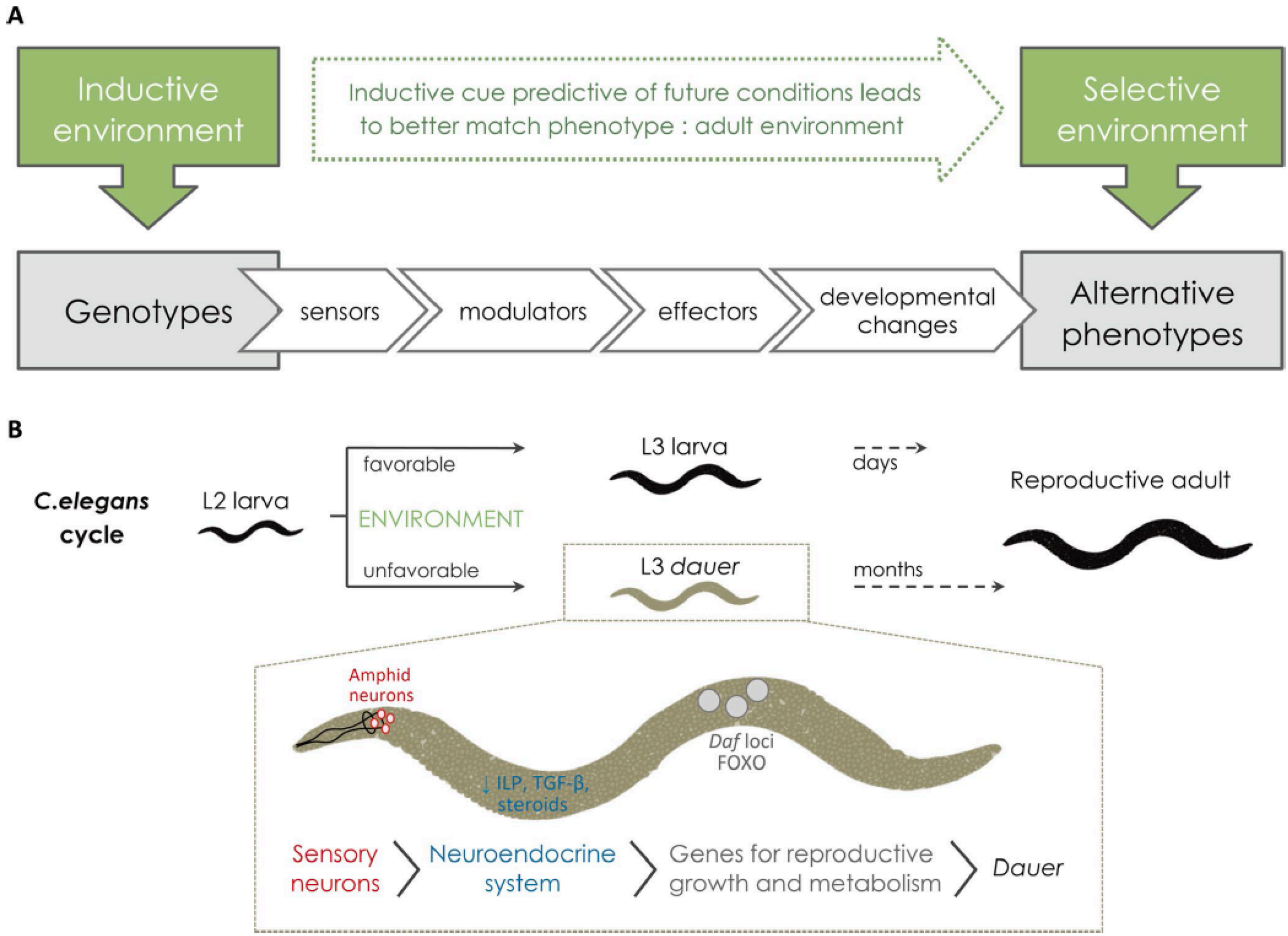


# Epigenetic changes translate environmental input into changes in gene expression





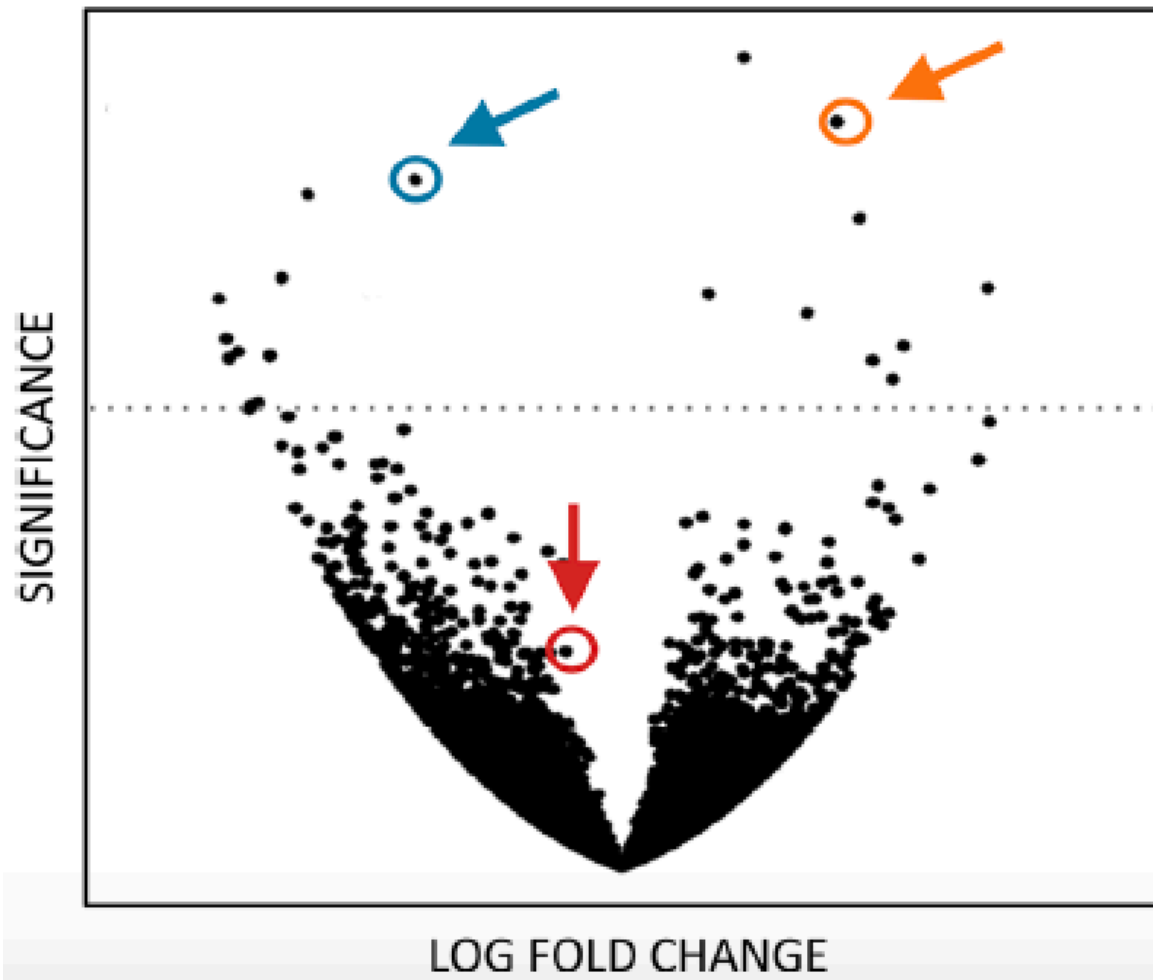
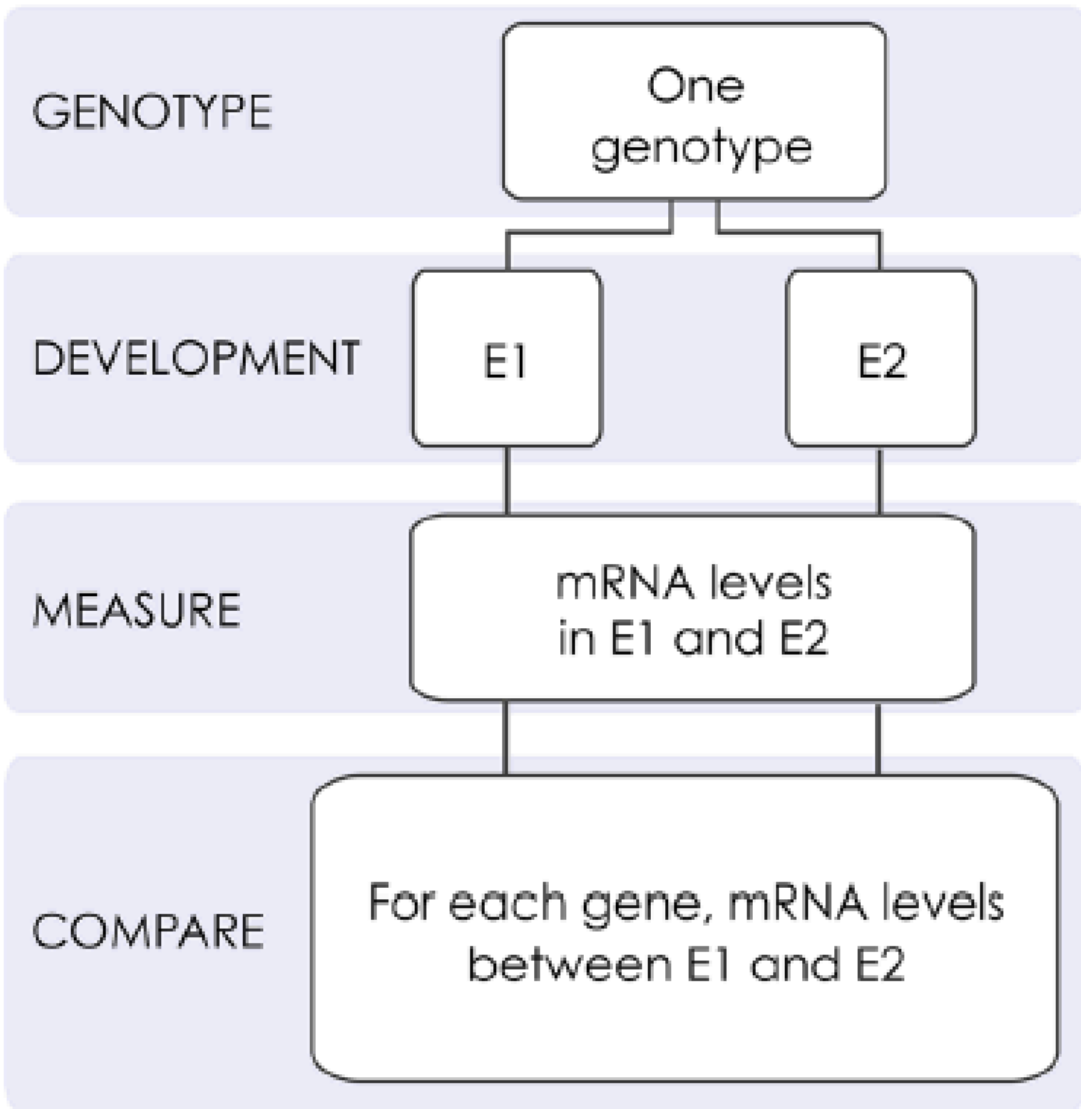
# Environment > Genotype > Phenotype



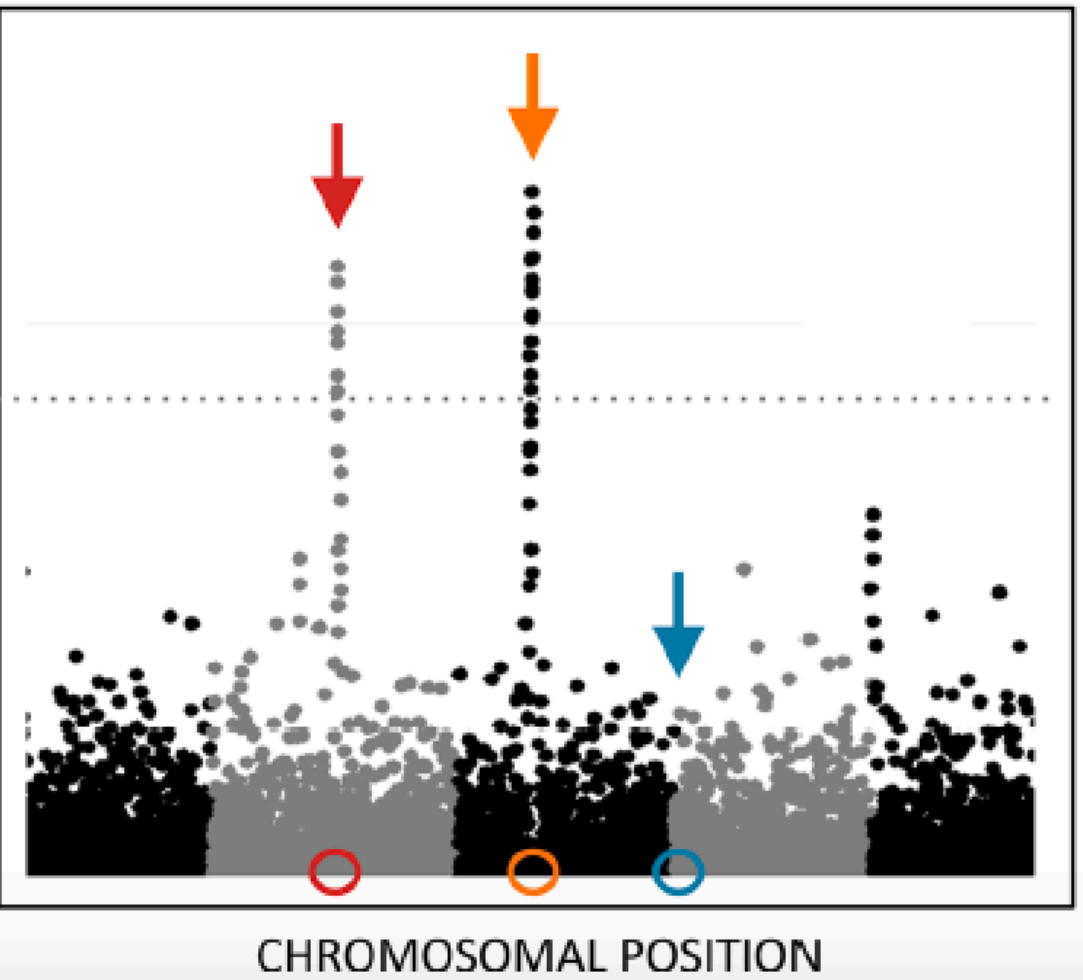
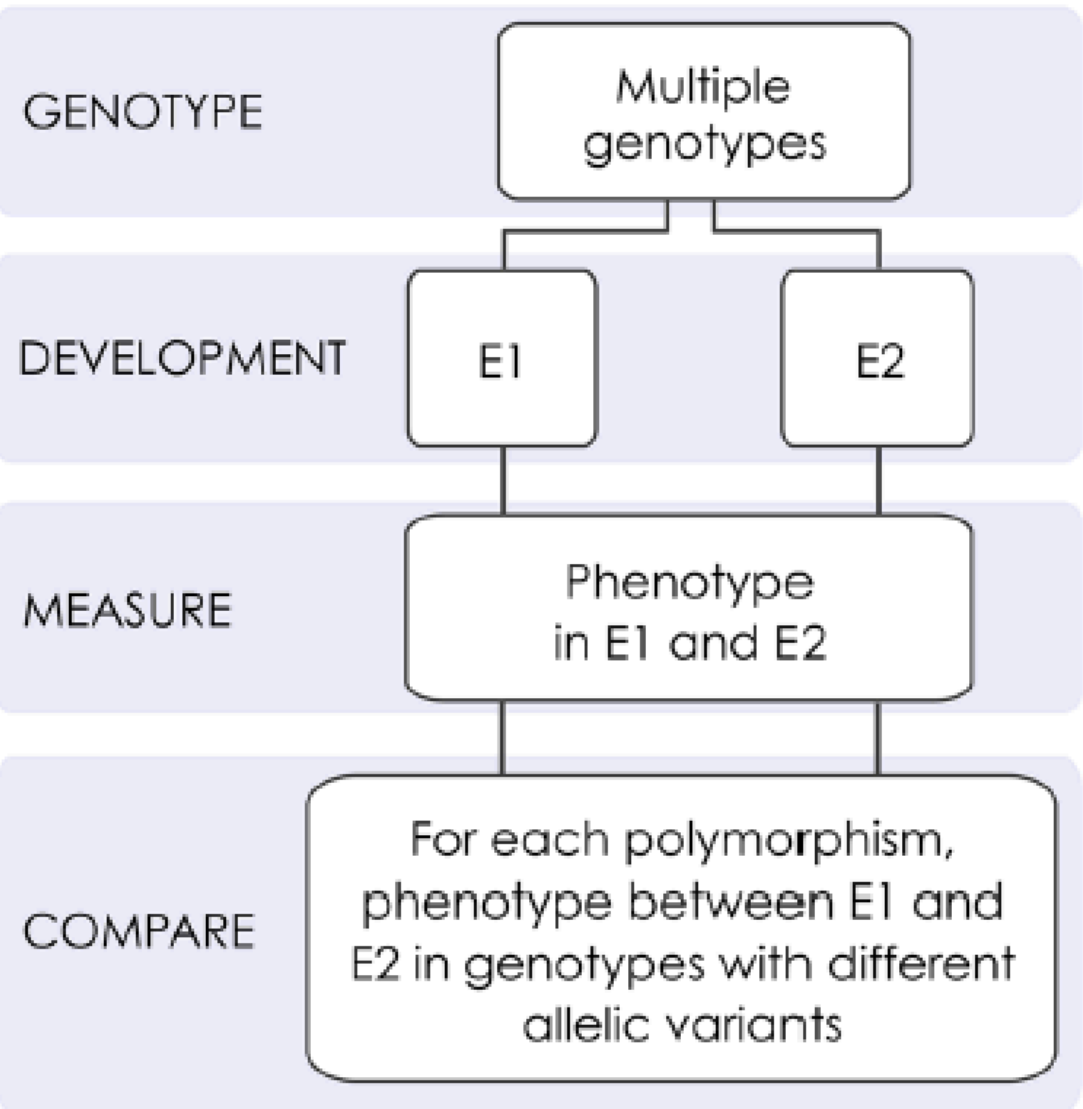


# Molecular quest for plasticity: transcriptomics and mapping studies

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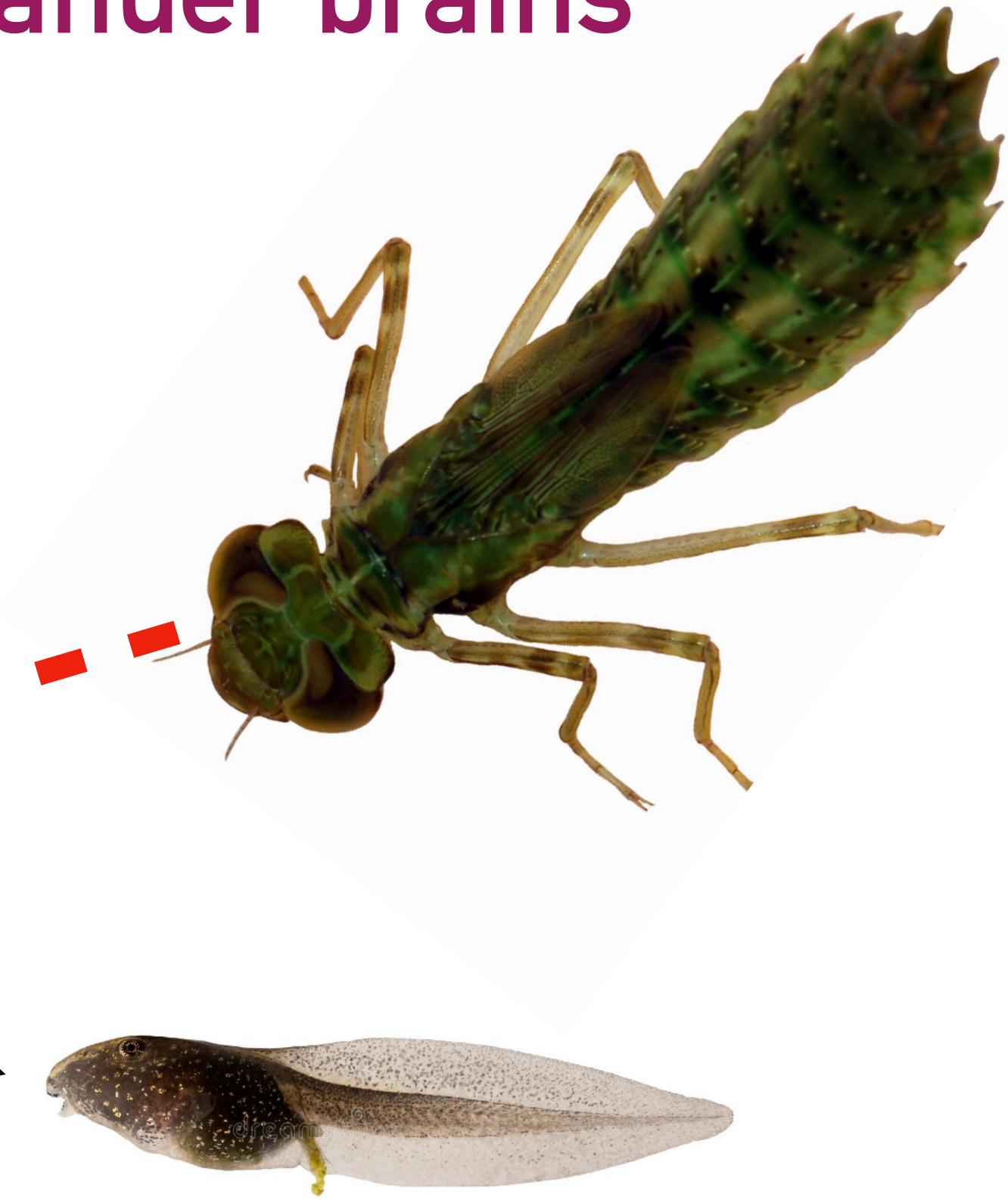


**B** Mapping genes for variation in plasticity





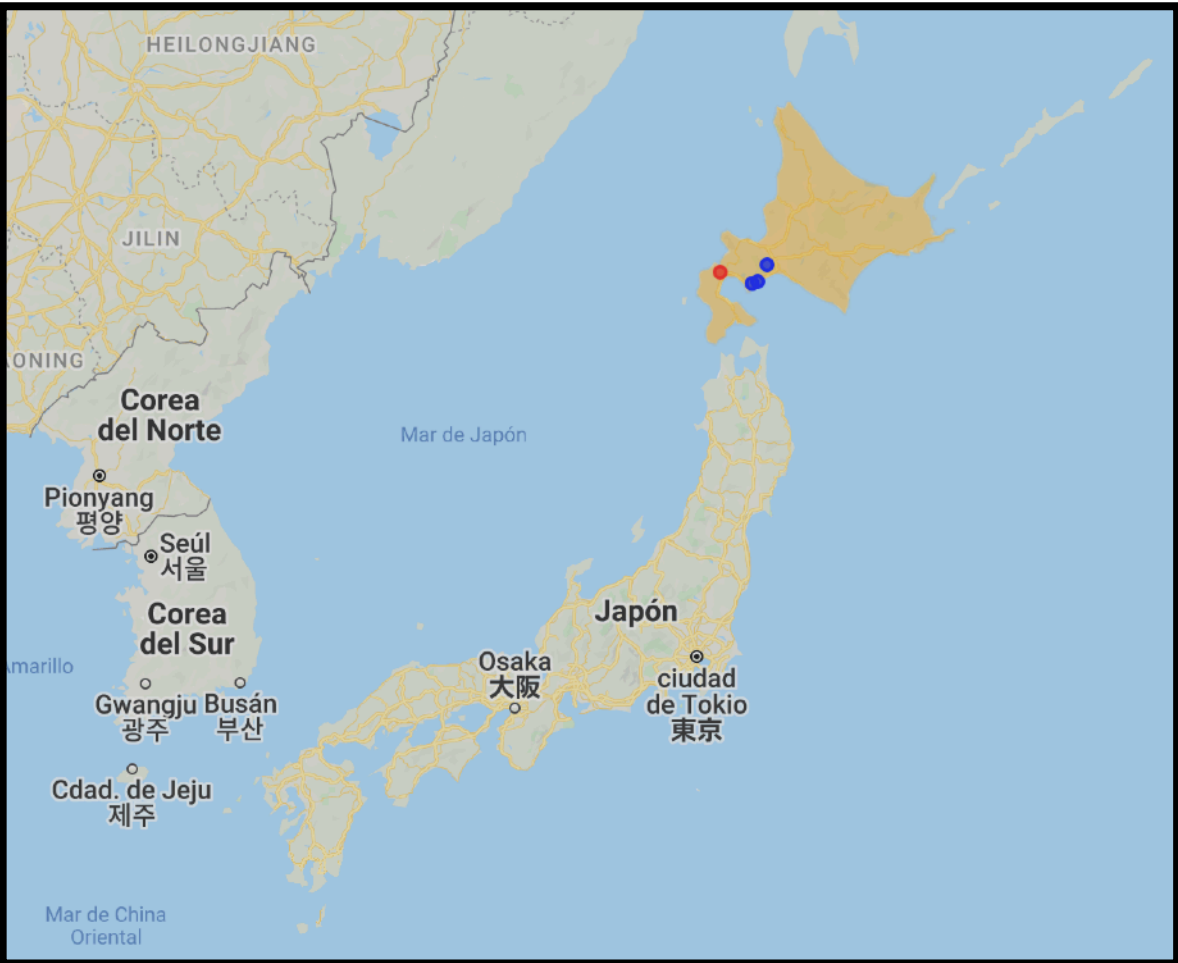
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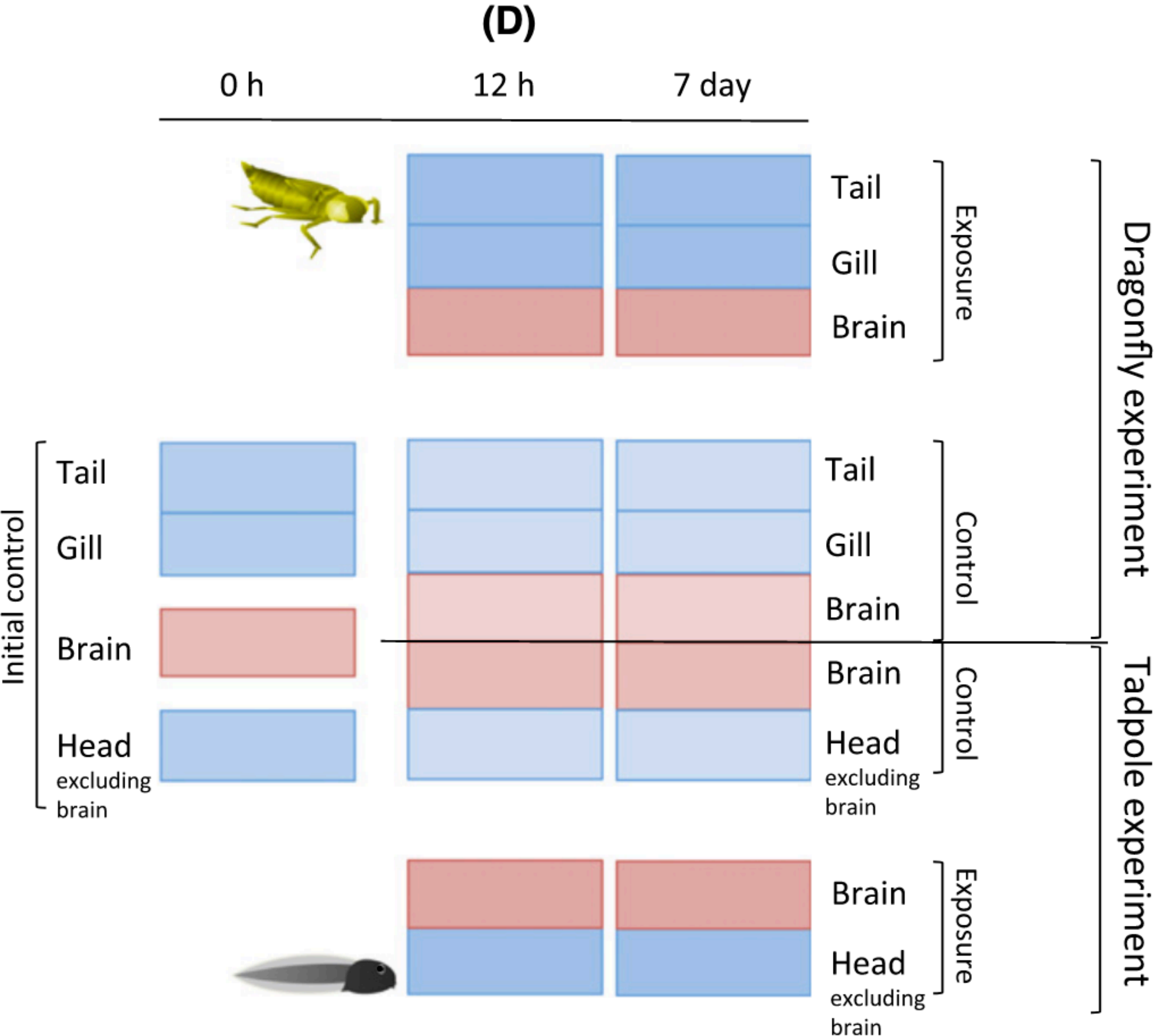
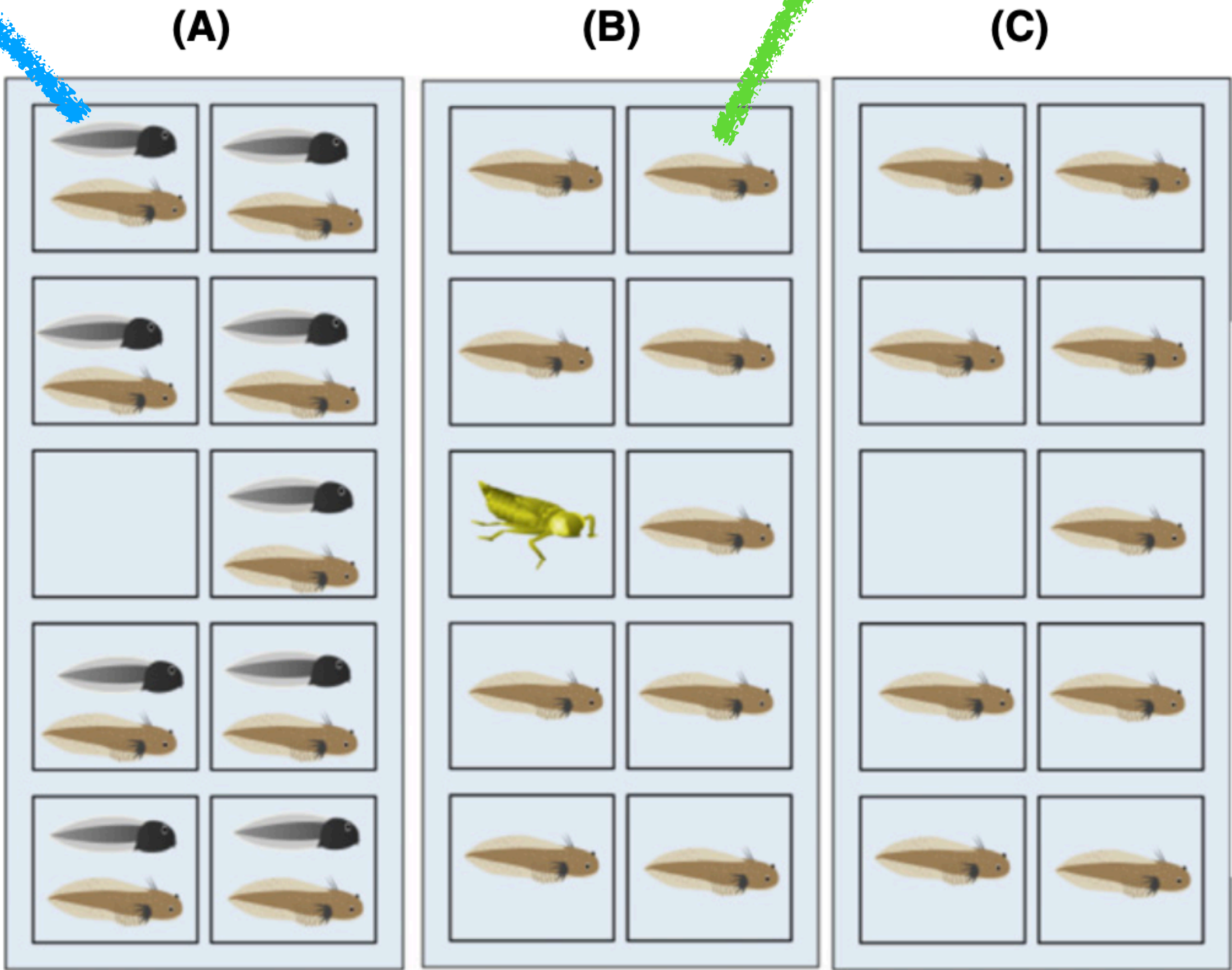




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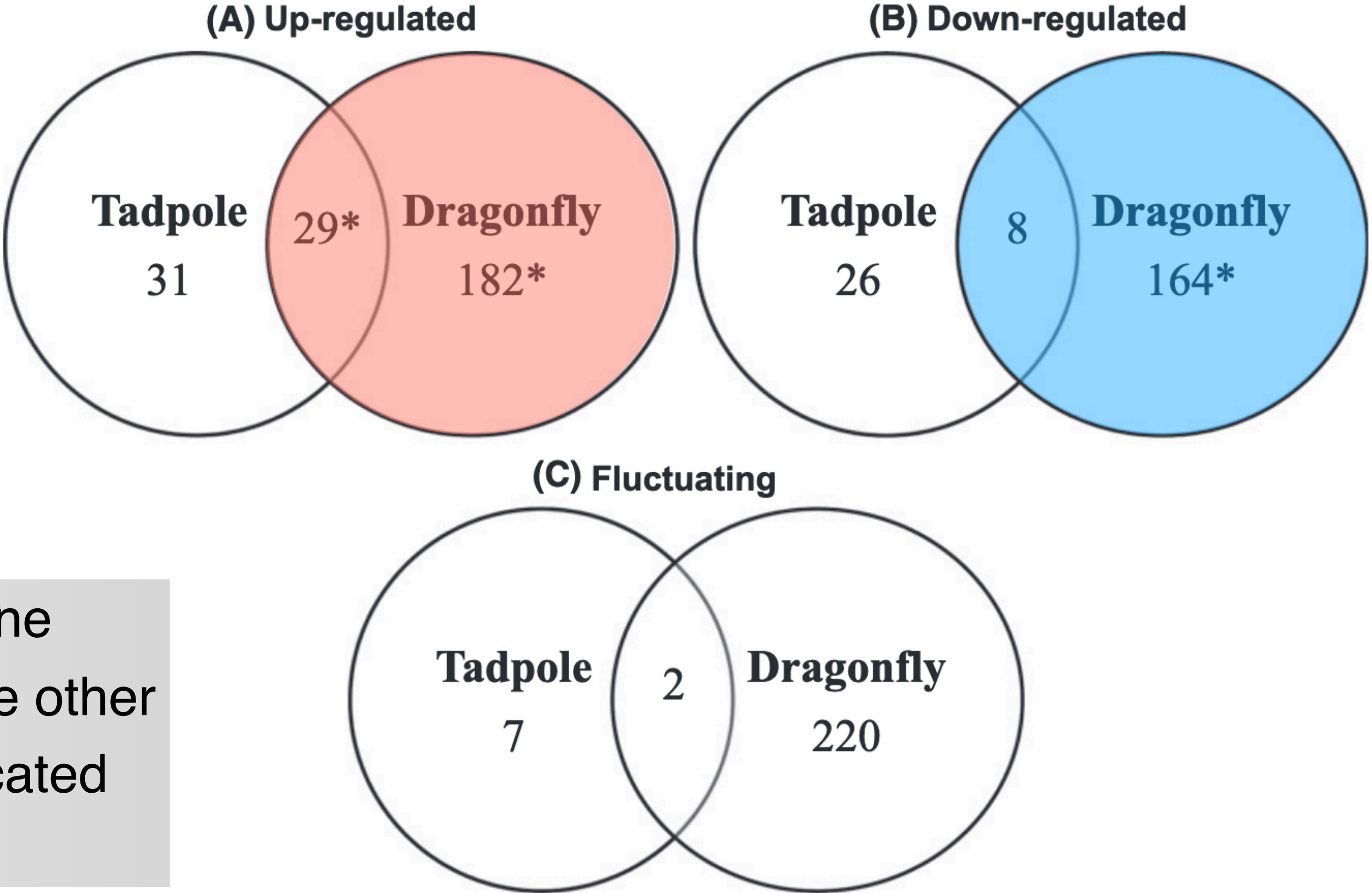
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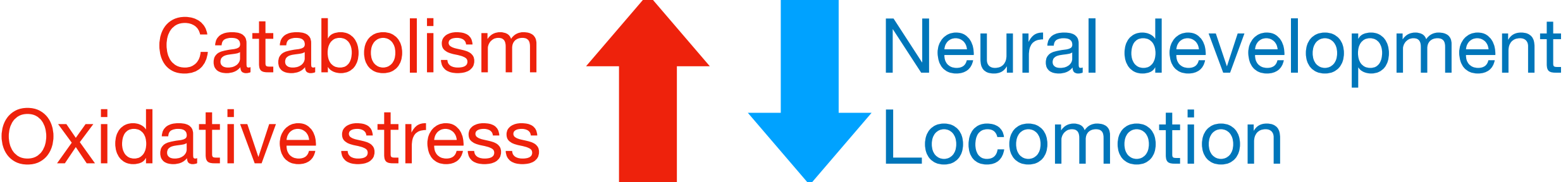




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“If more genes are involved in the expression of one alternative phenotype than in the expression of the other [..], the former plasticity may require more complicated developmental changes”





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“These animals and their spawn are immediately killed (with the exception as far as known, of one Indian species) by sea-water.”

—Charles Darwin (1872)



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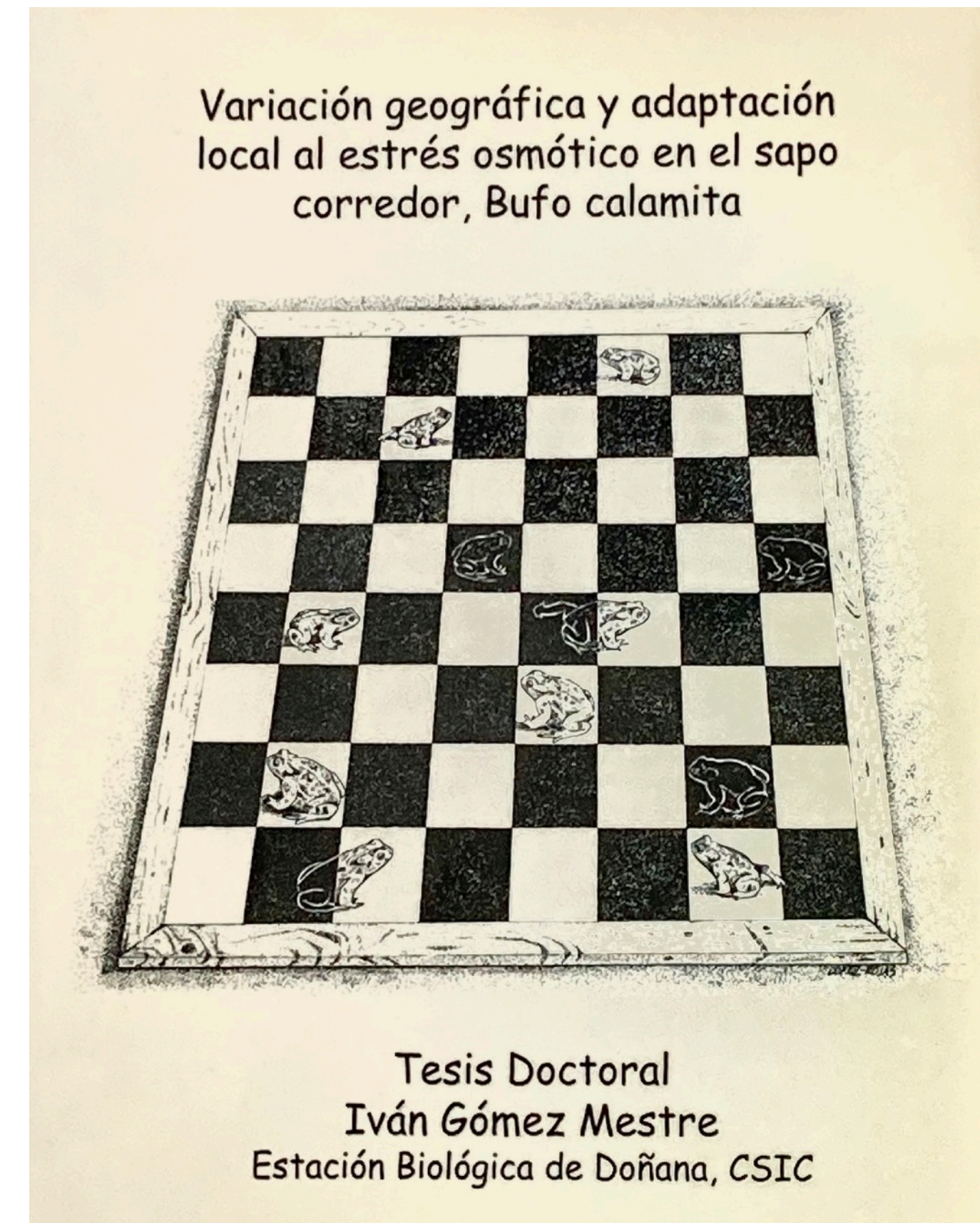


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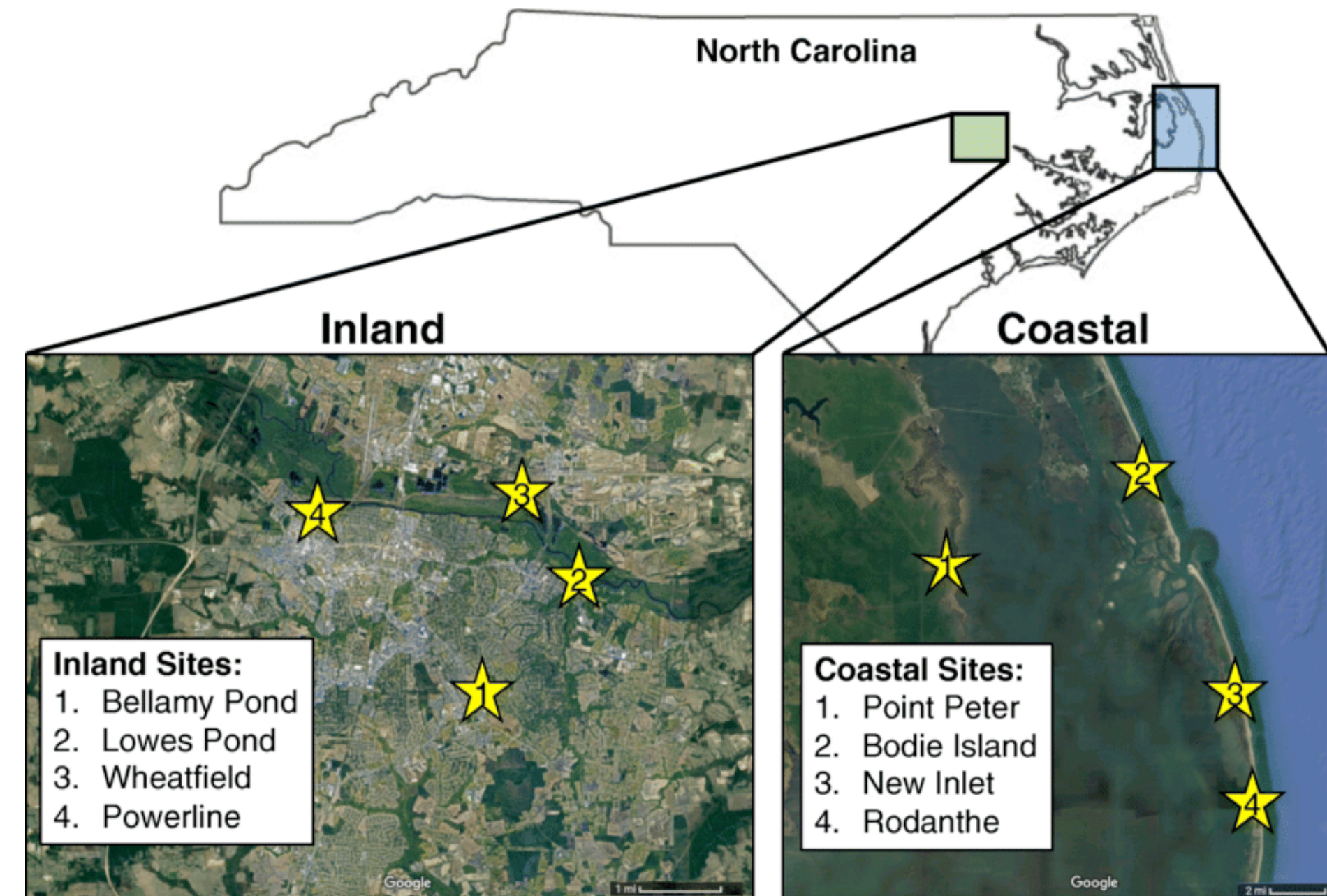


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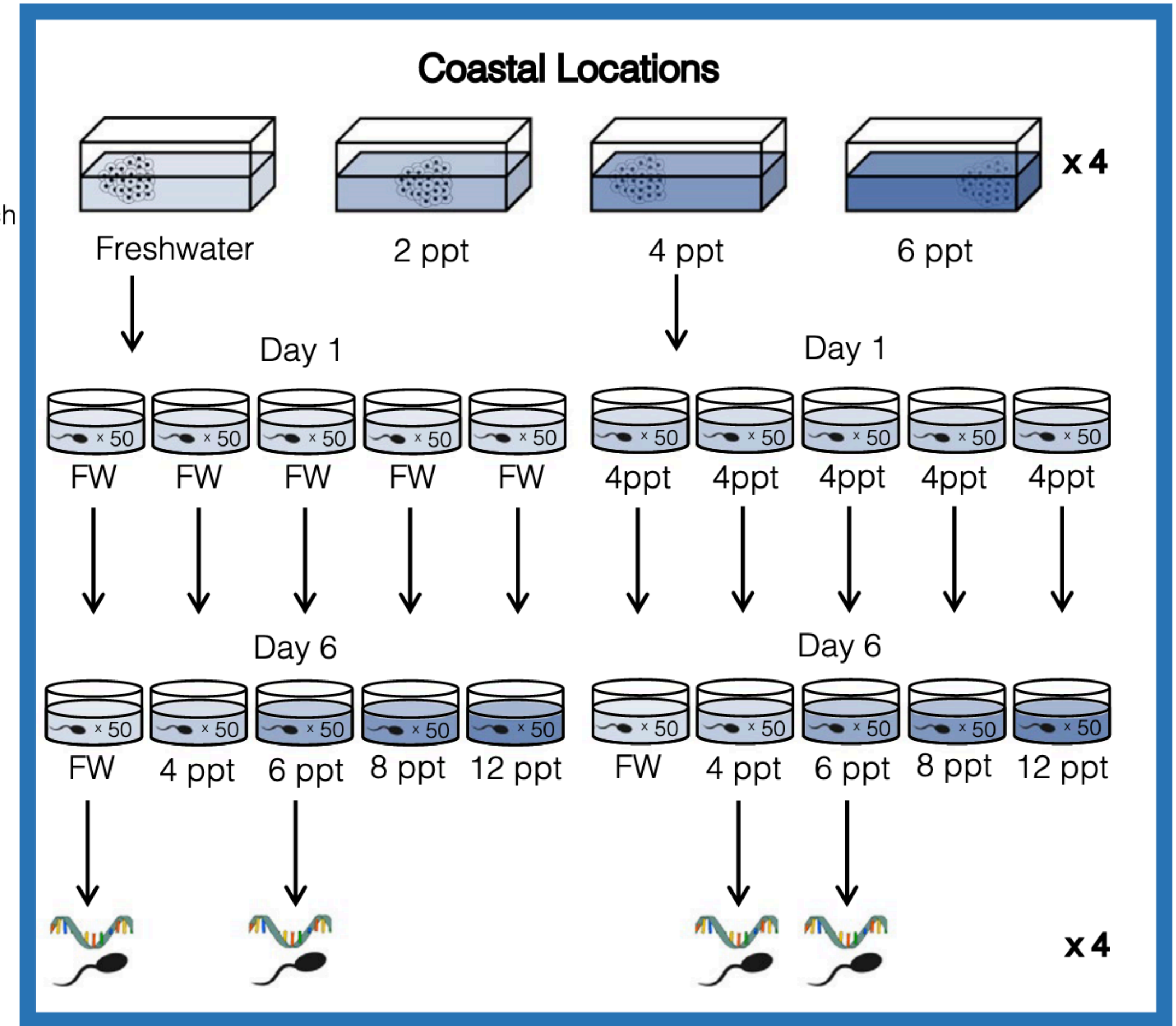
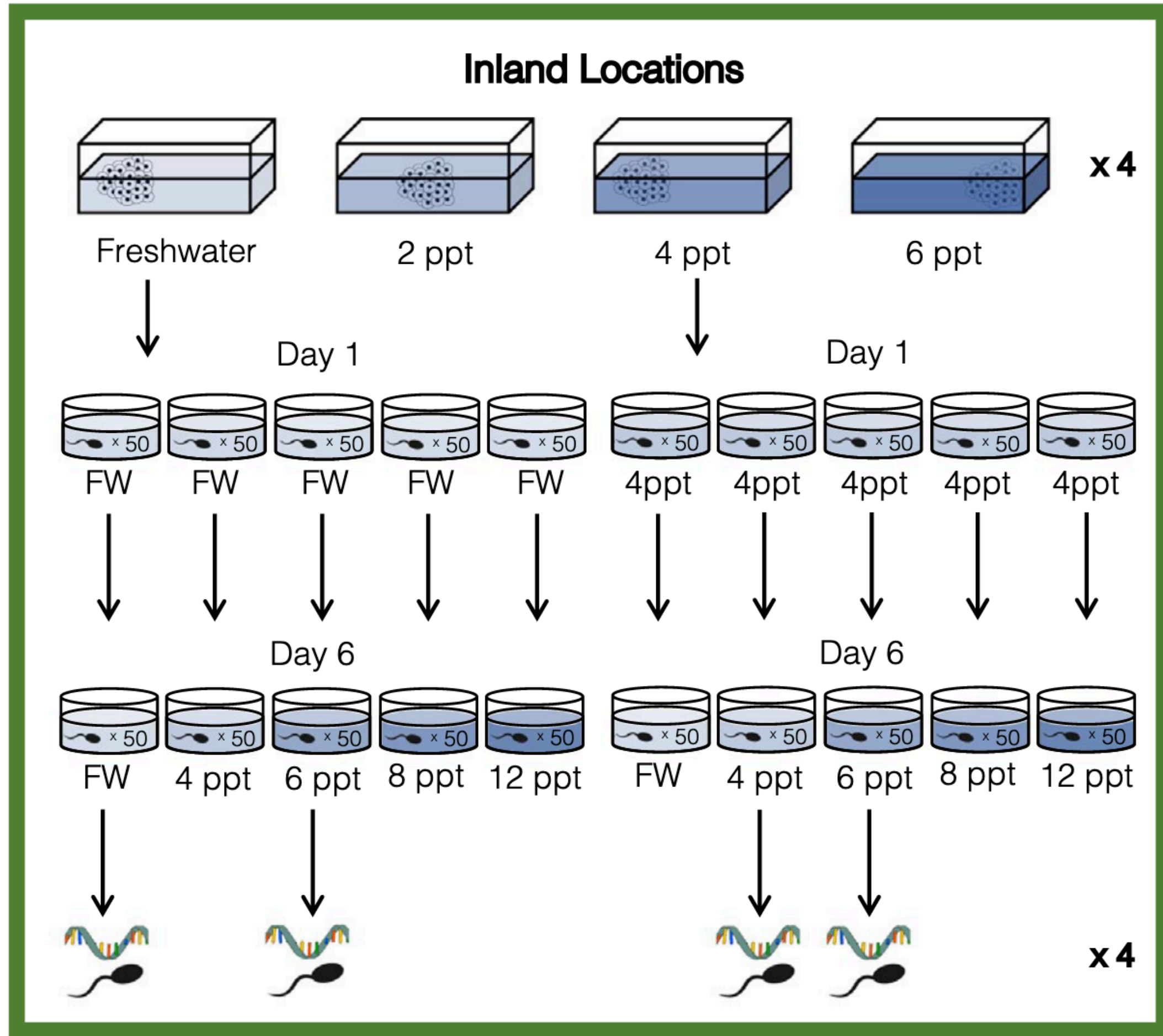
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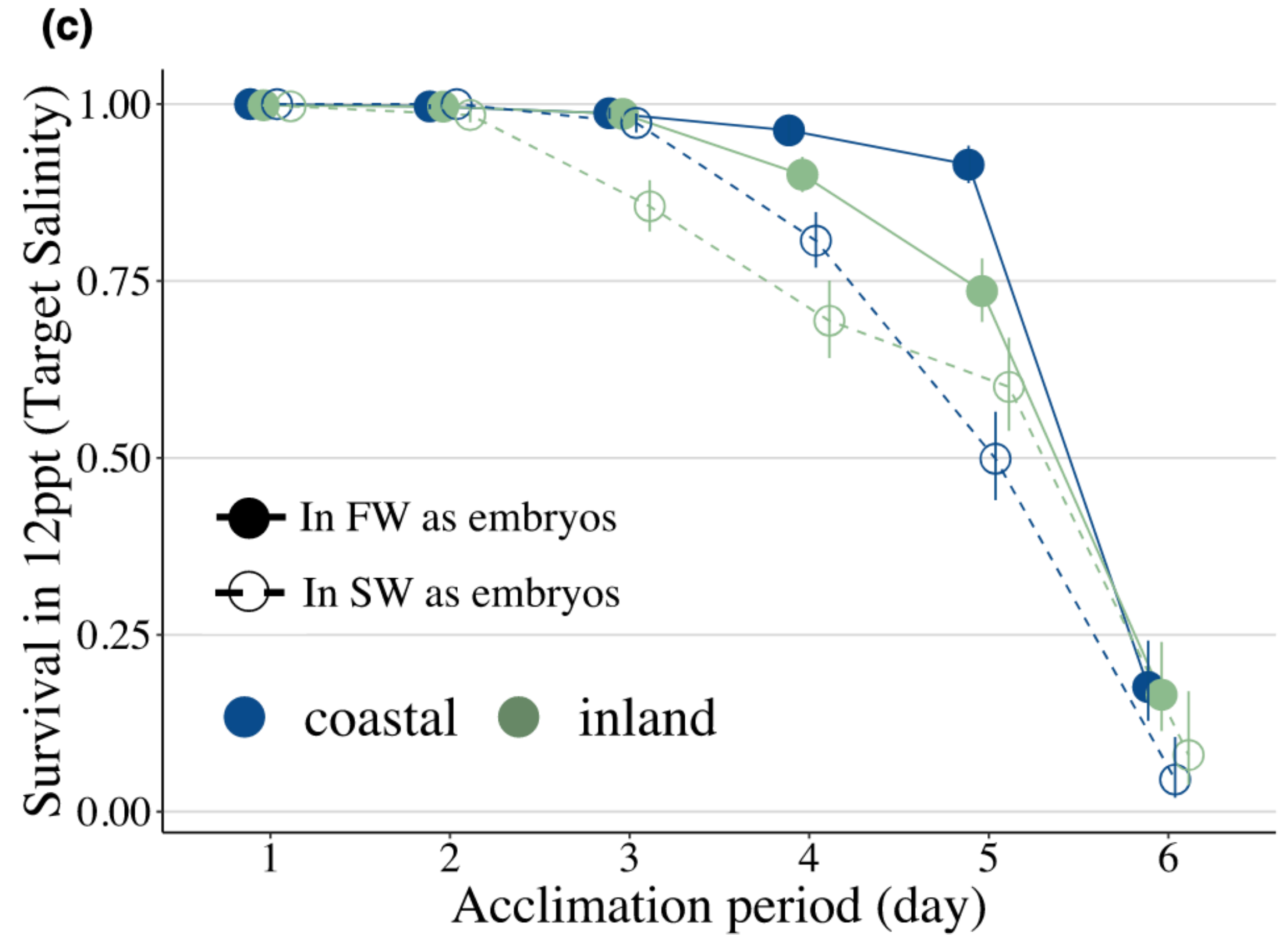
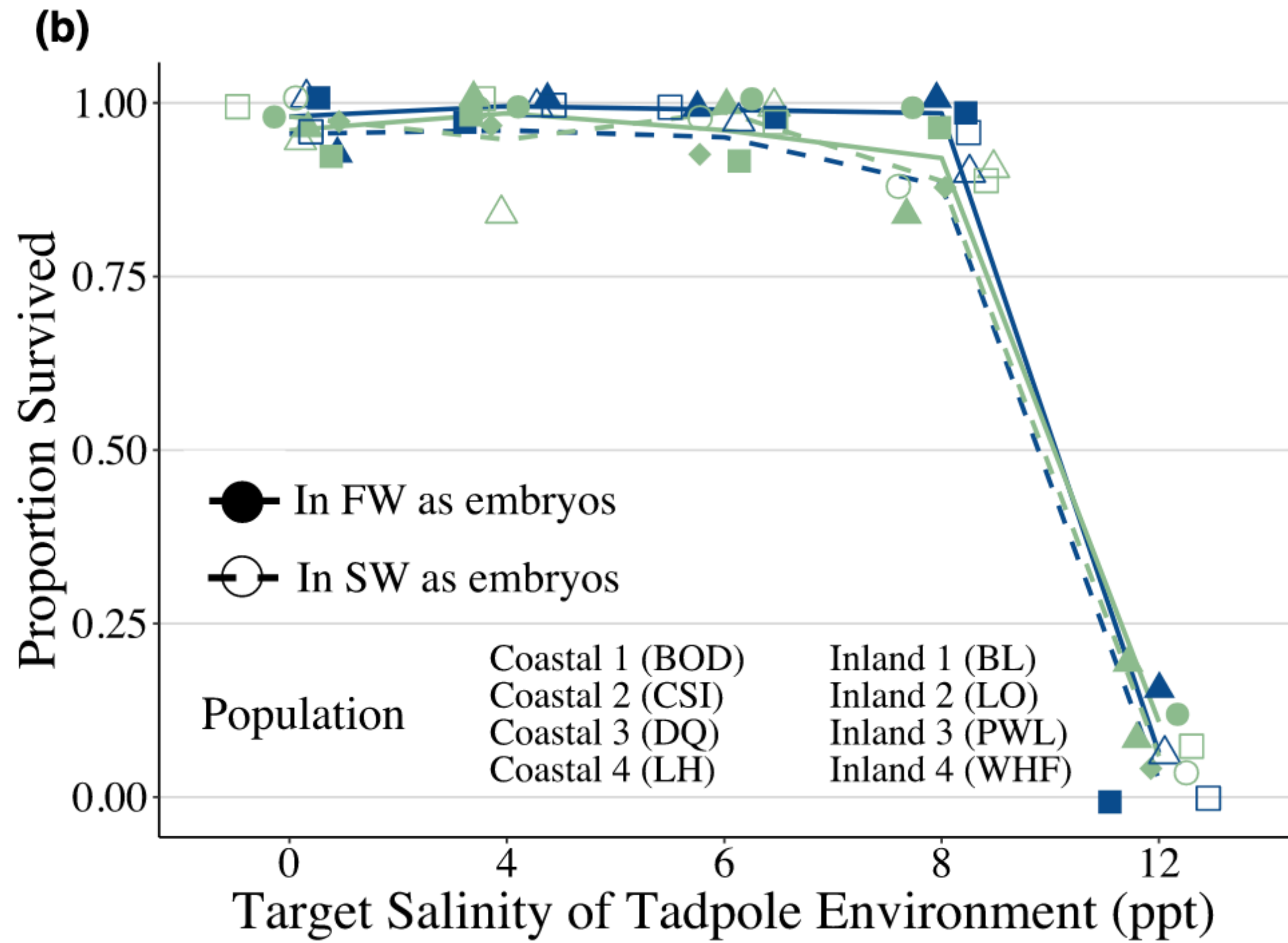


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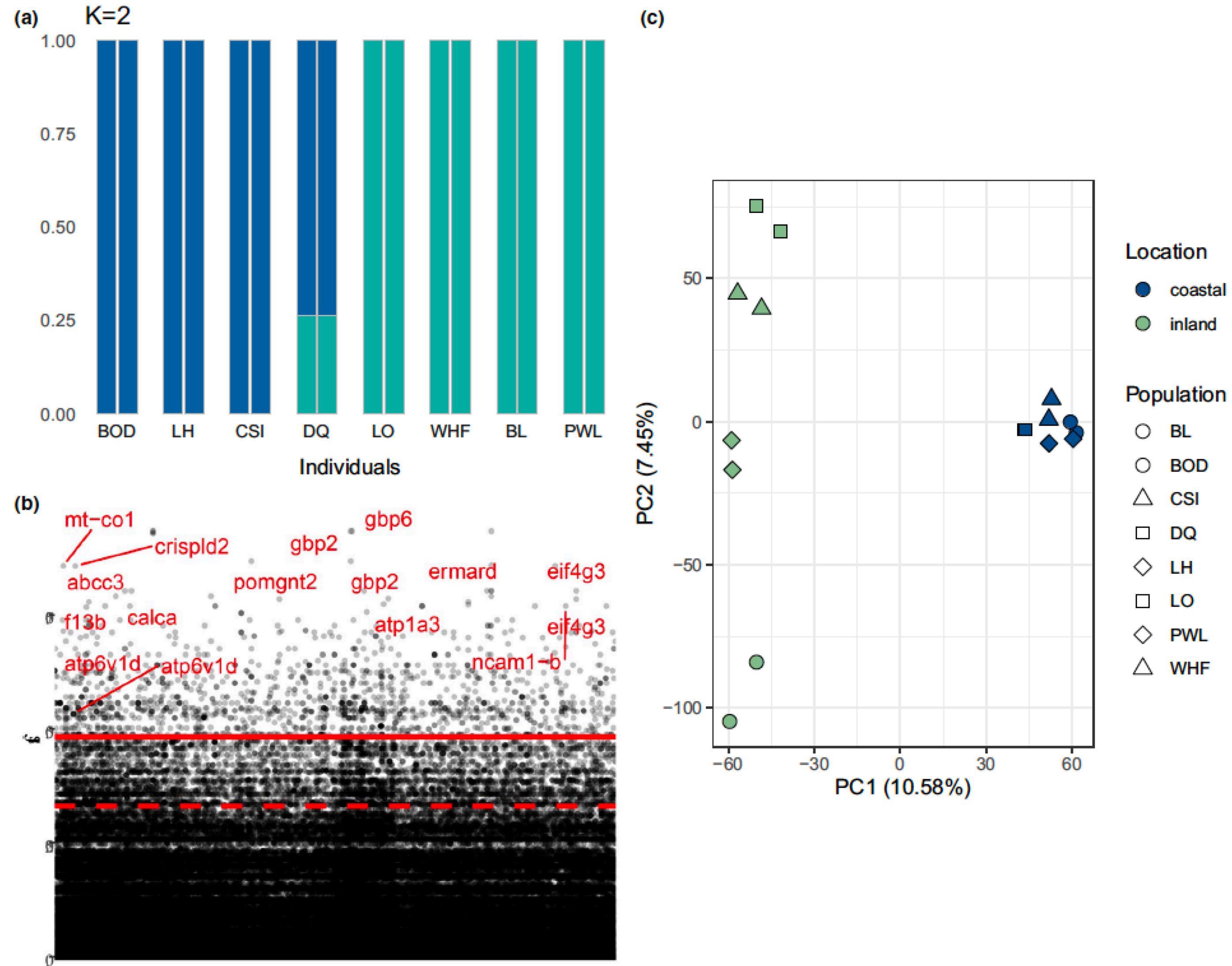


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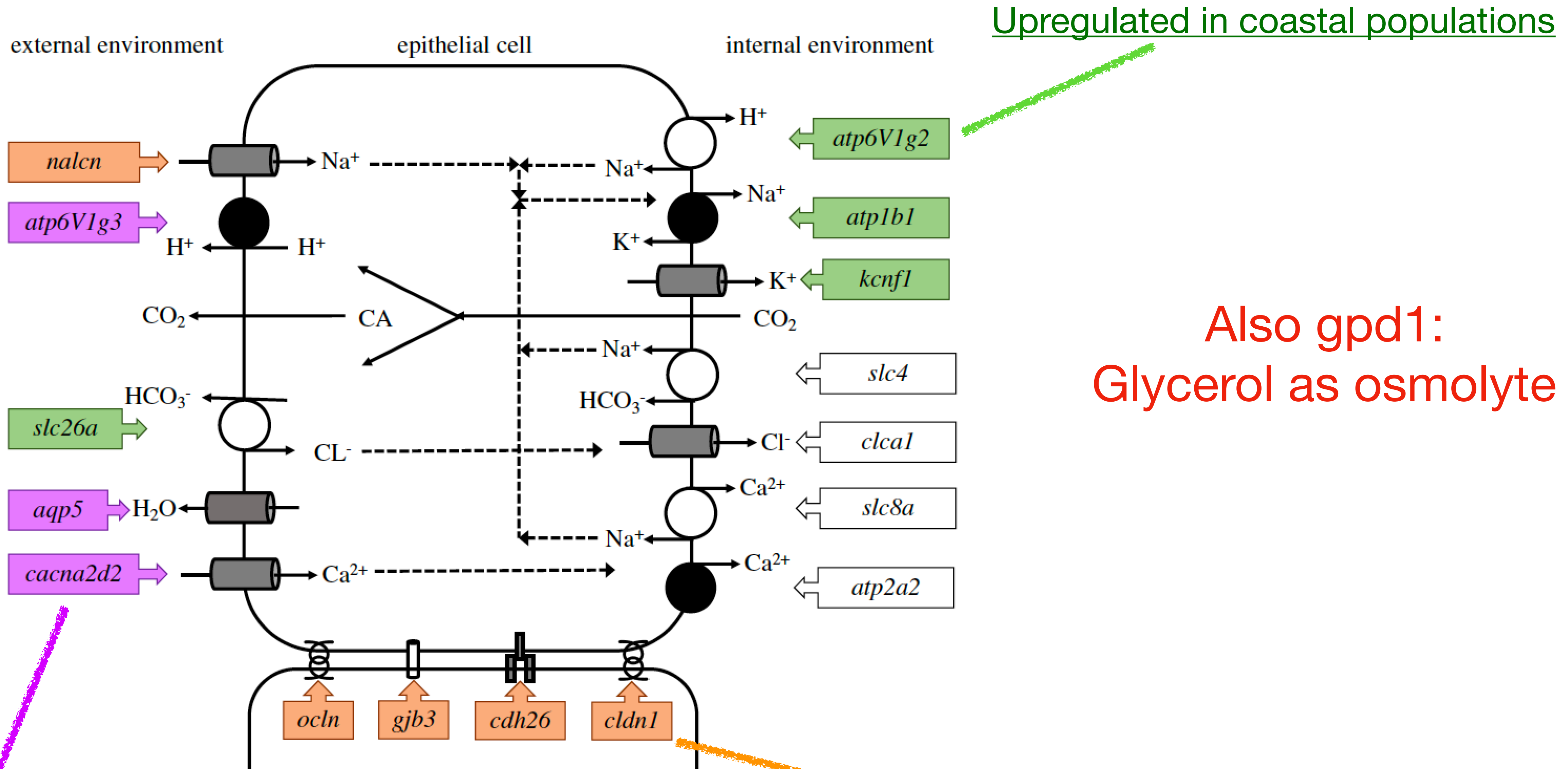


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Regulated by salinity exposure

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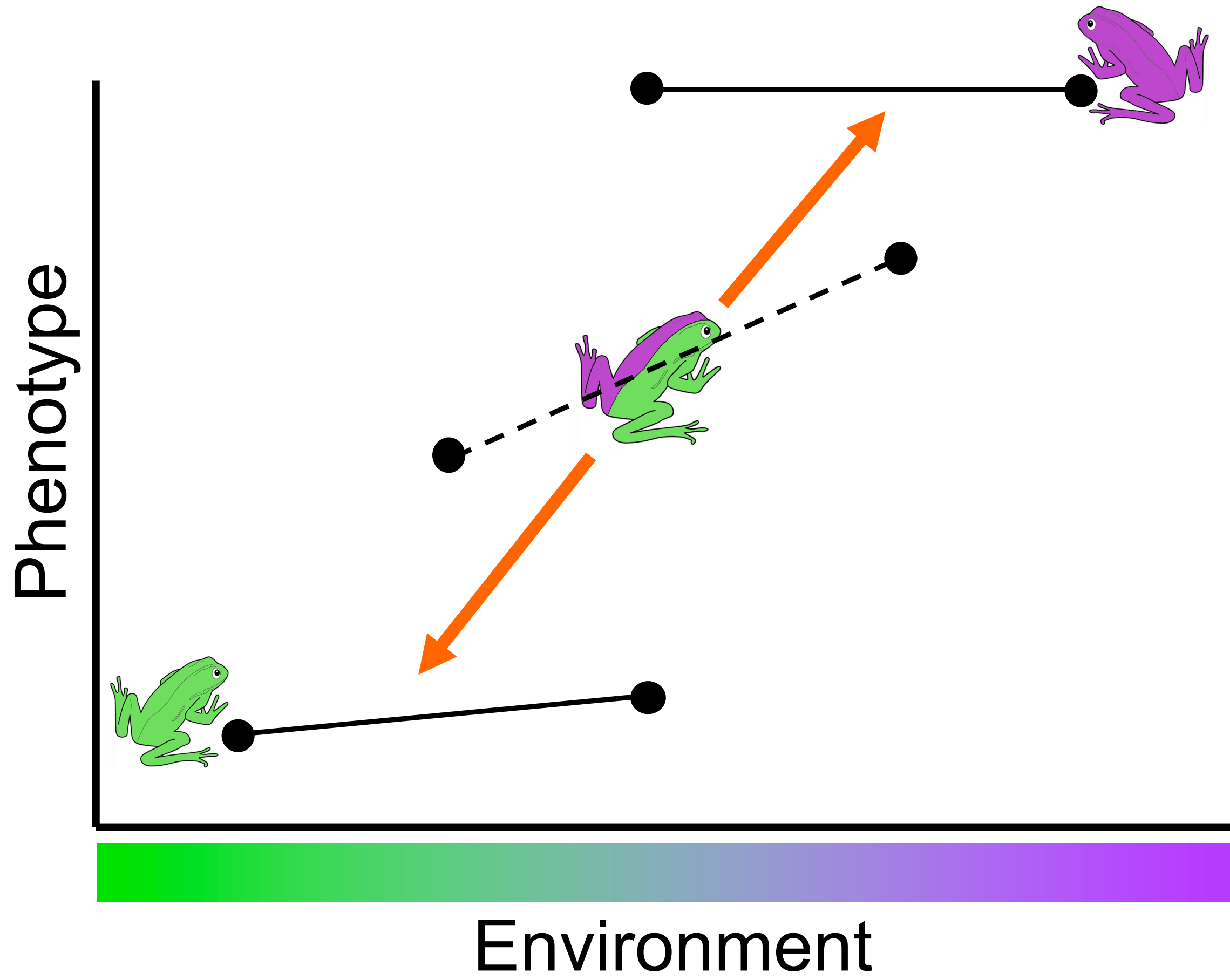


Ok, organisms alter their gene expression in response to environmental changes...

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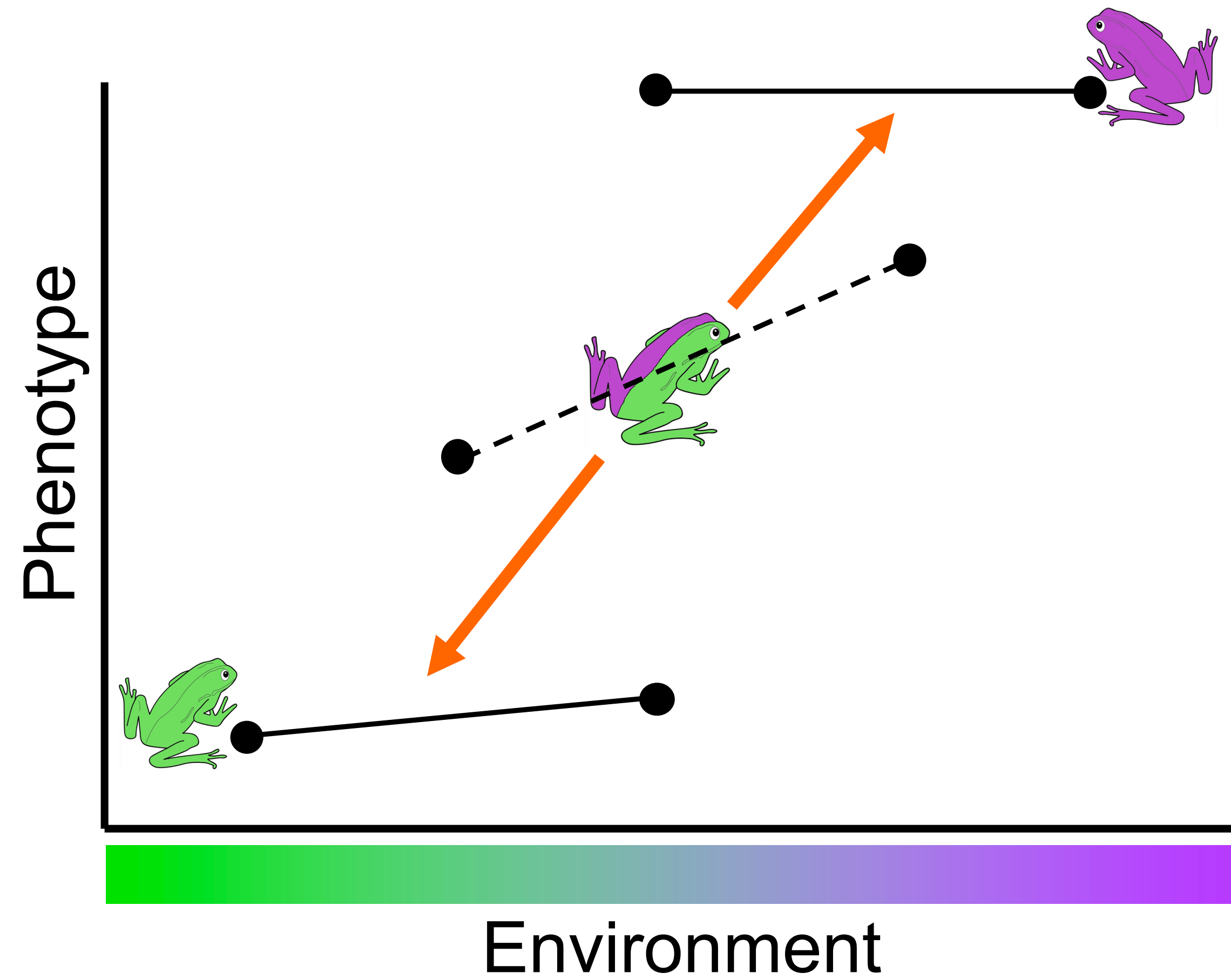


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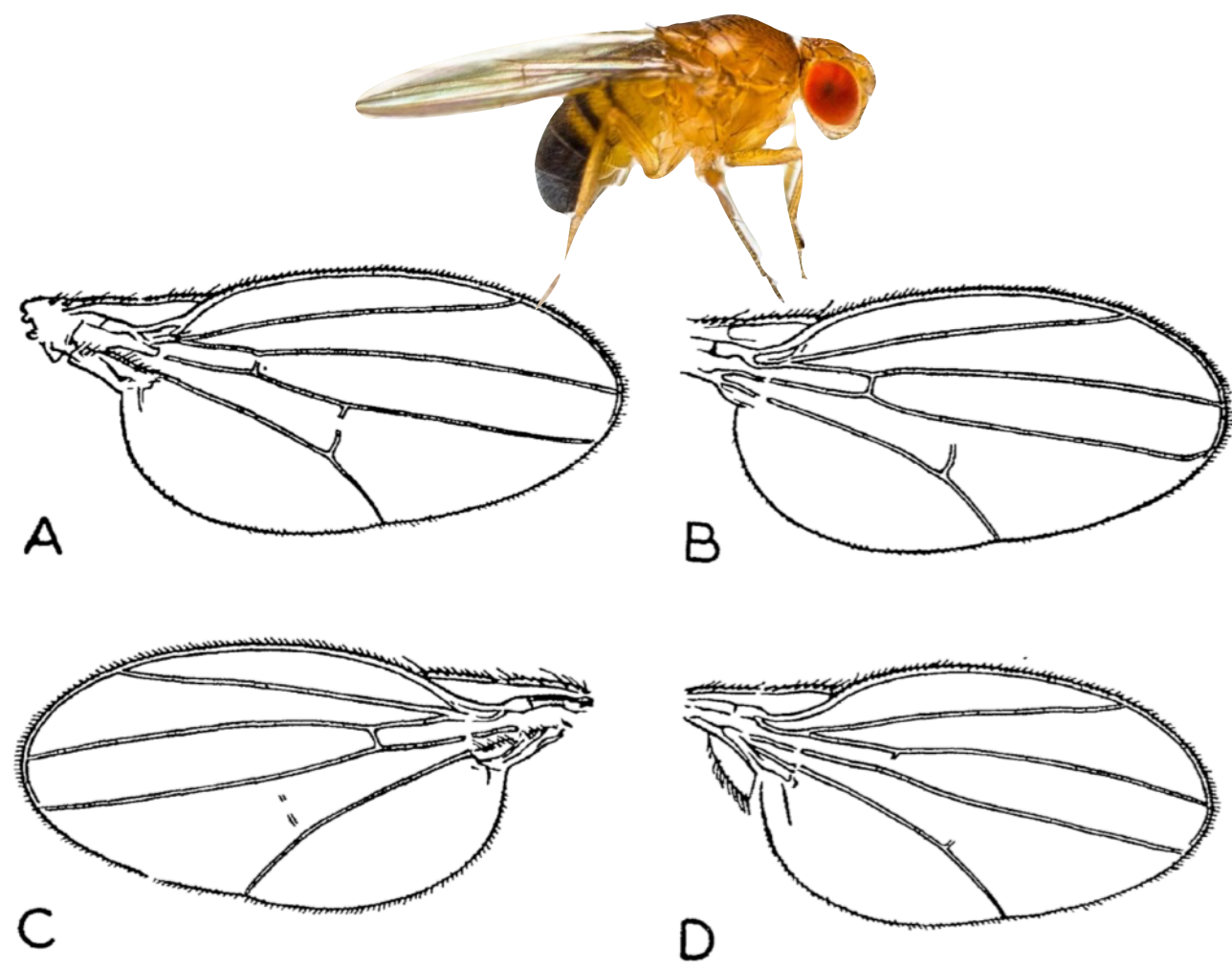
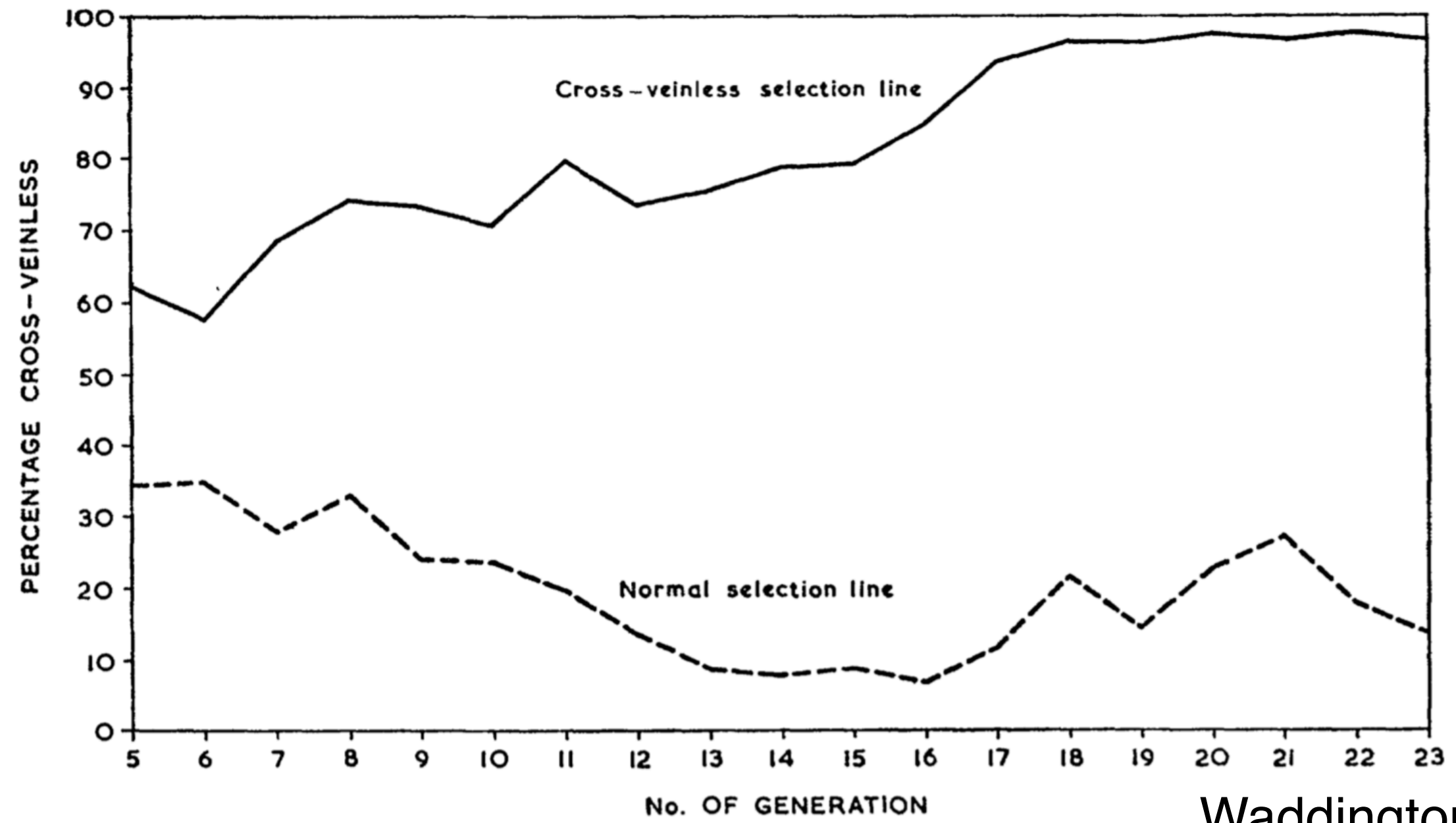
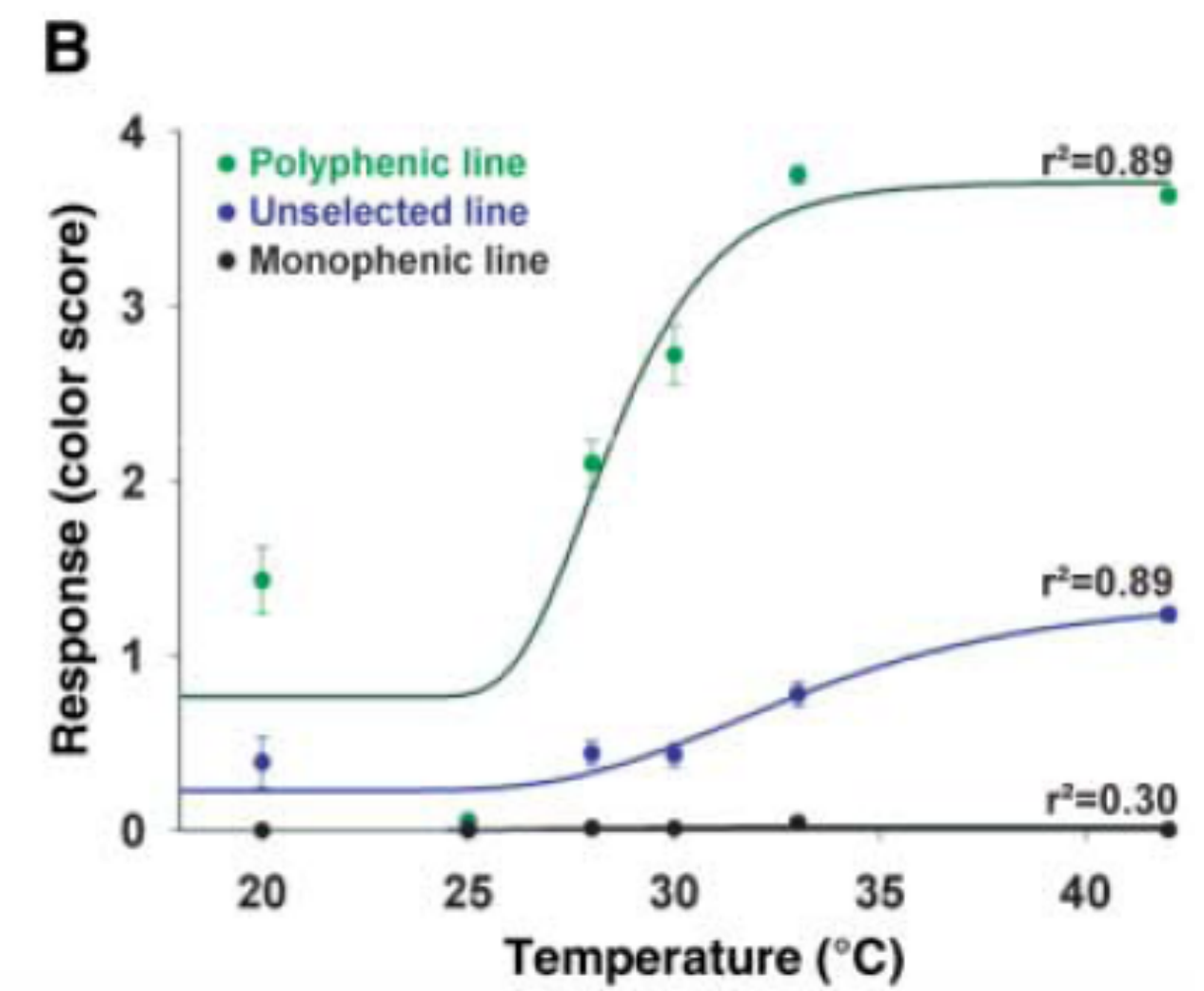
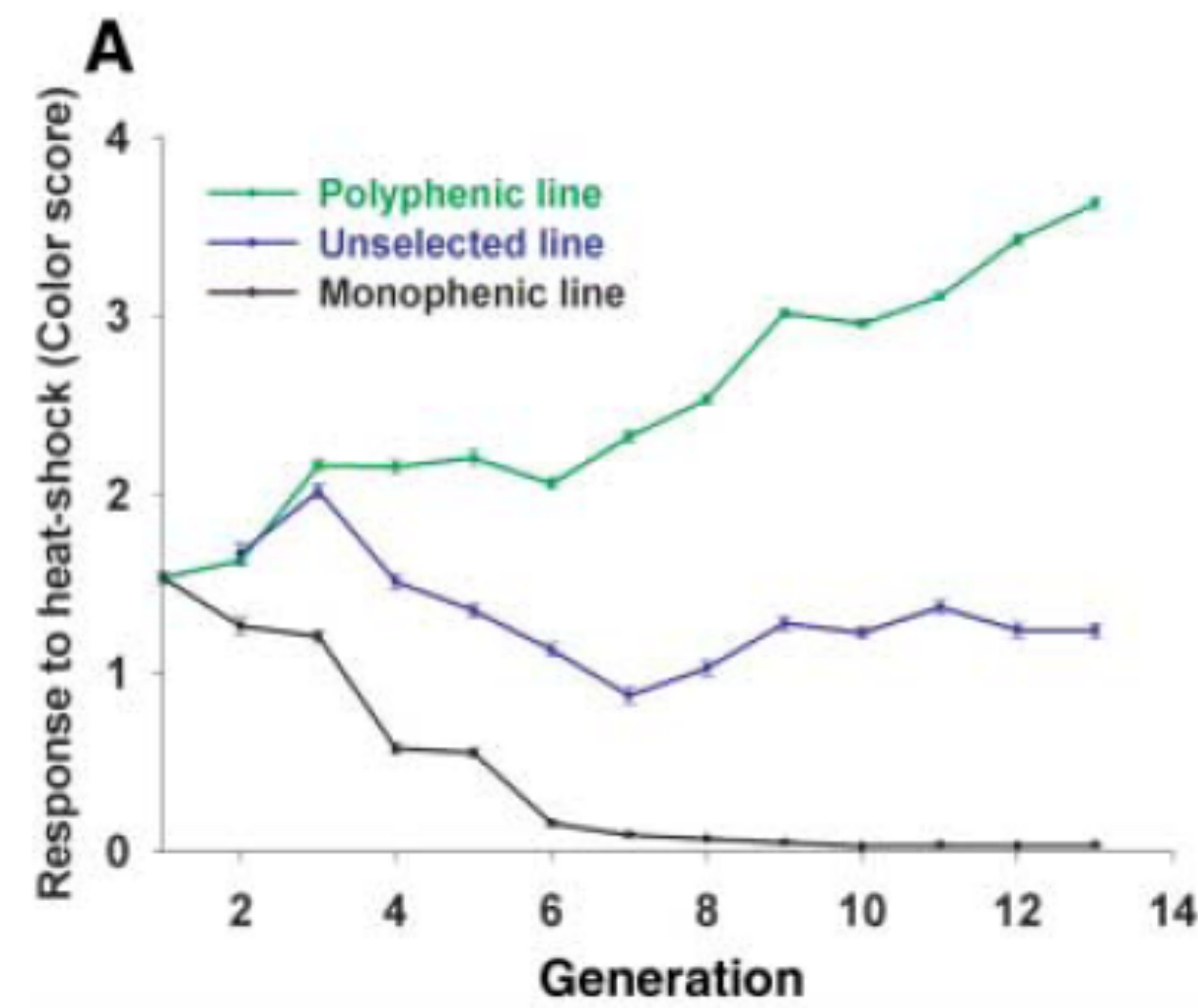


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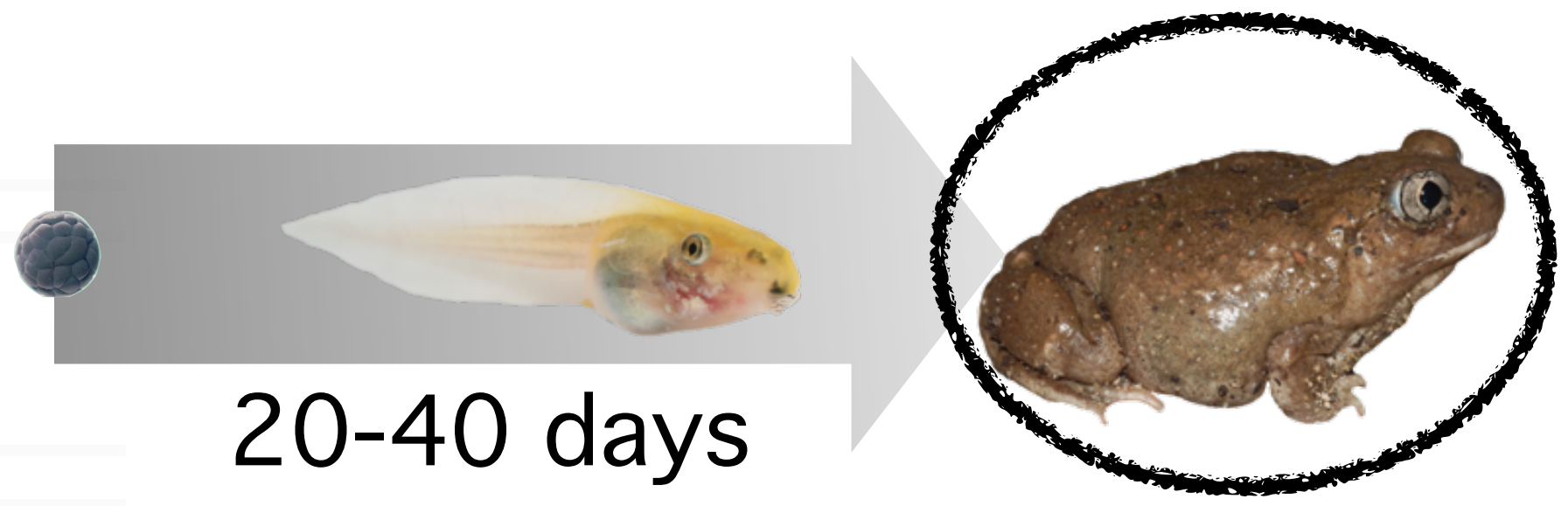
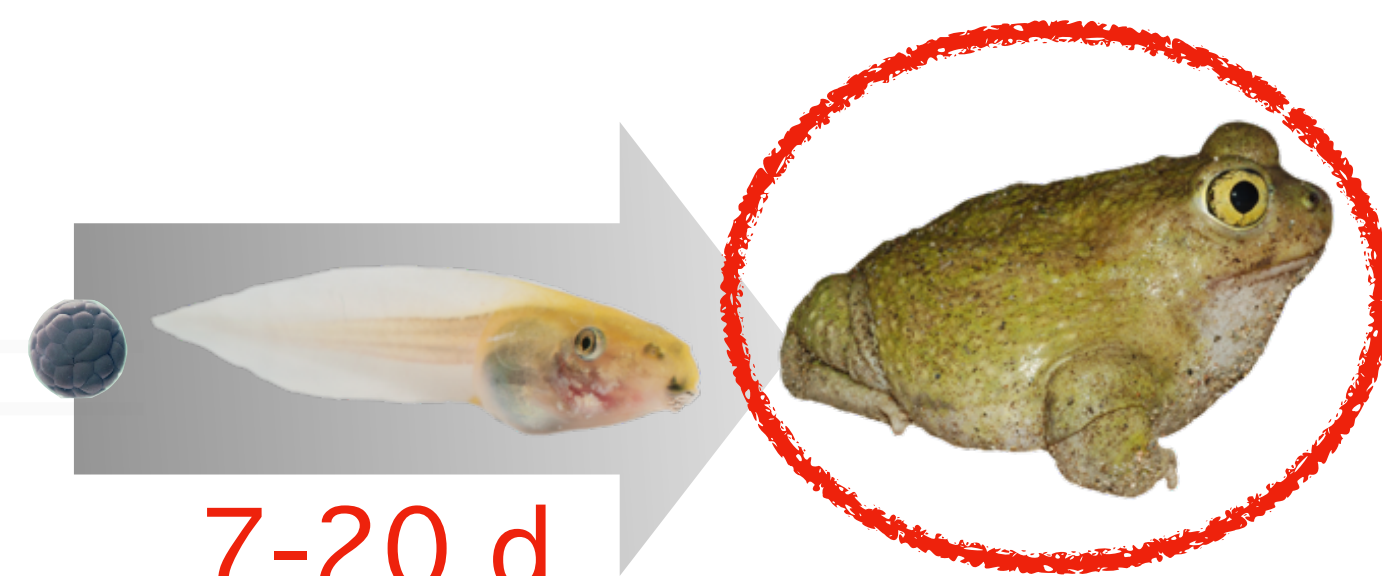
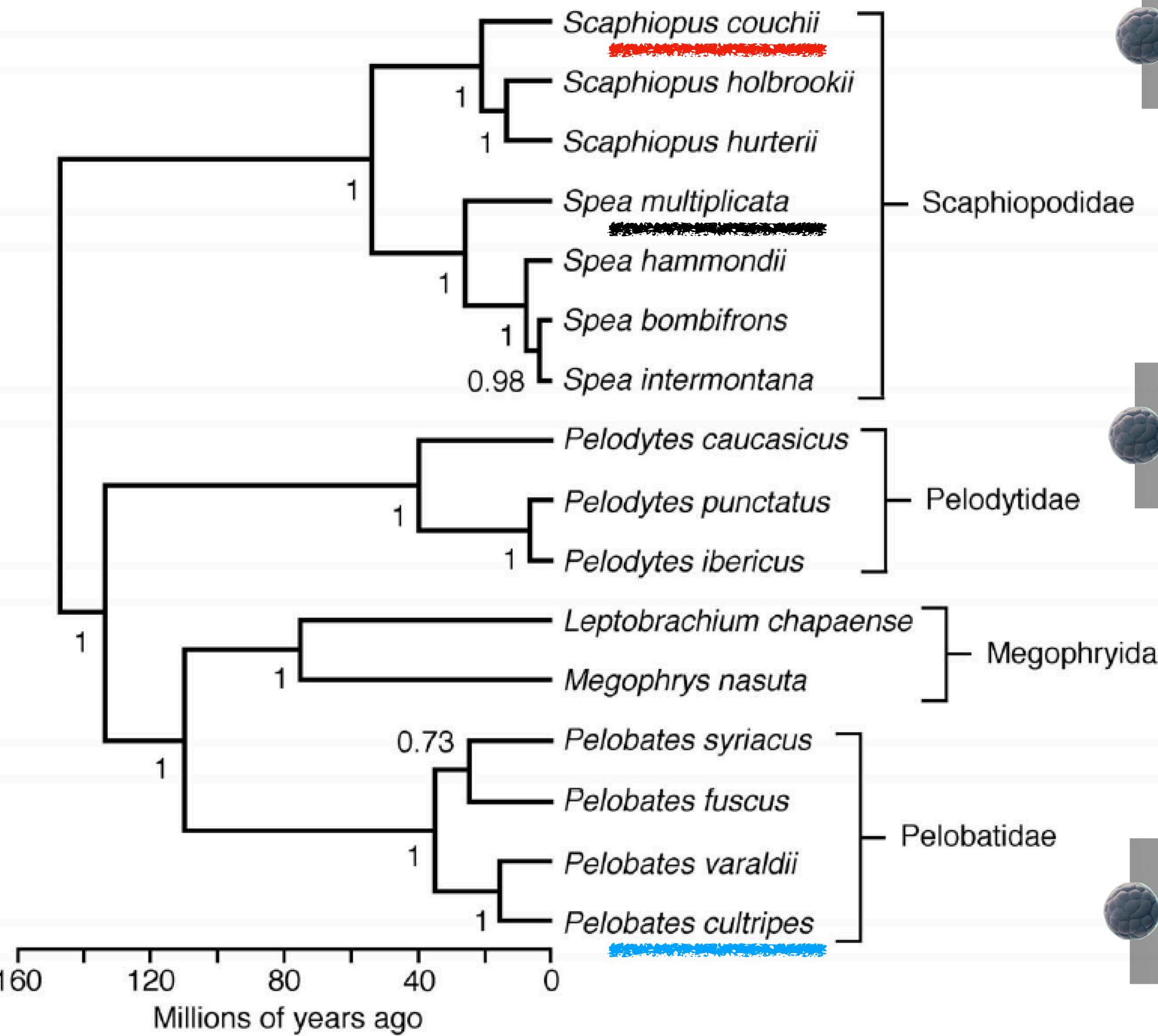
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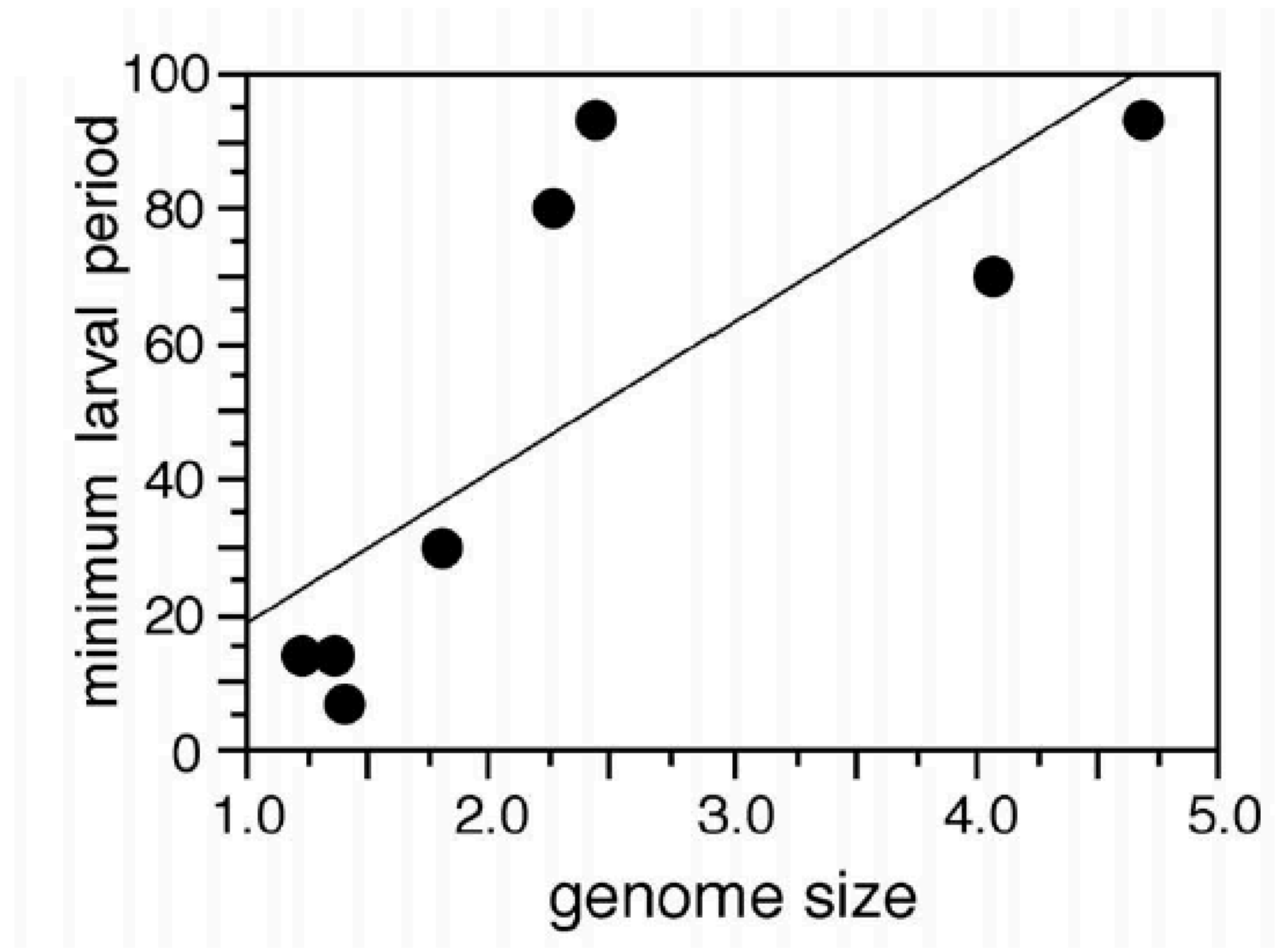
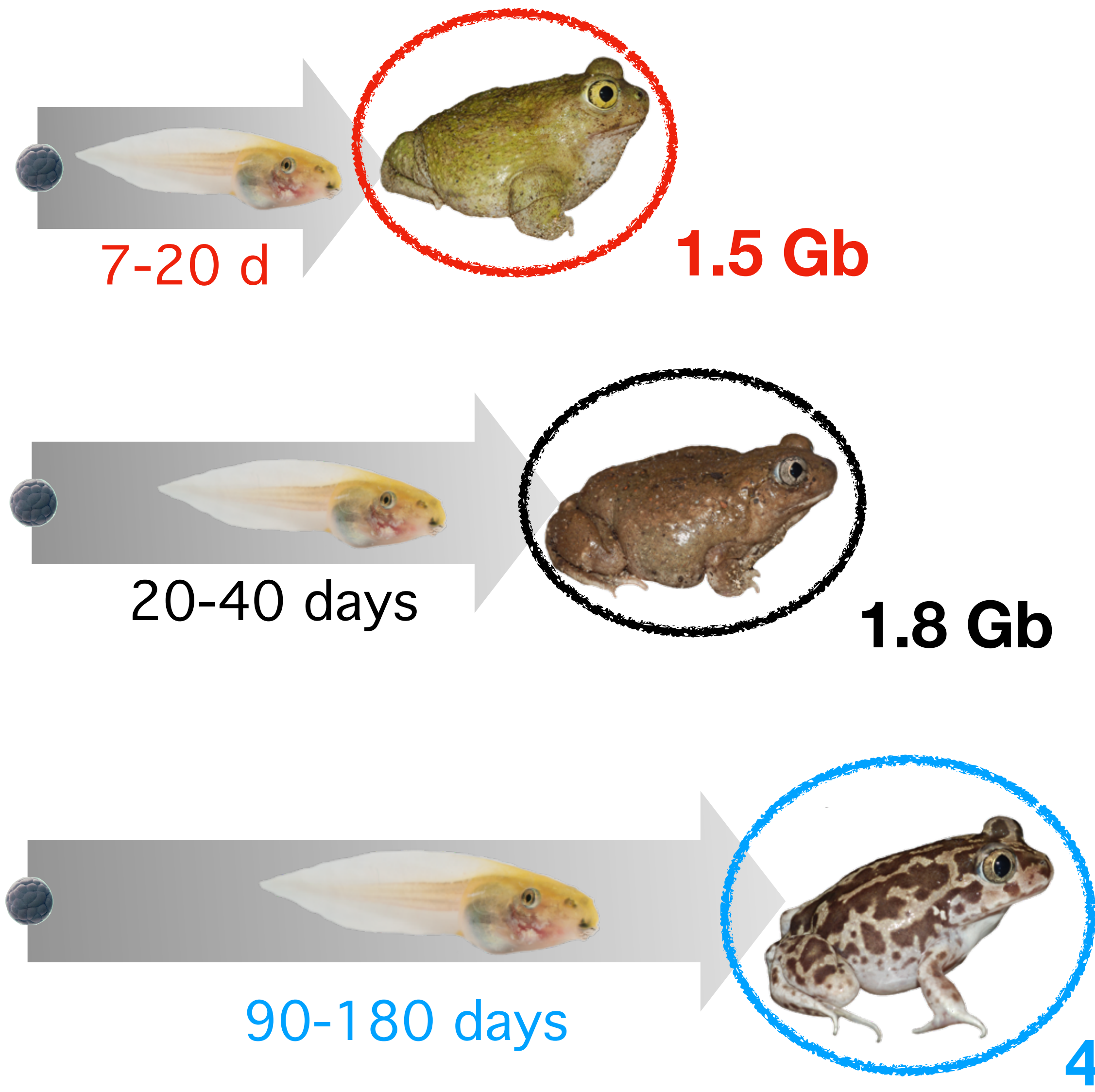


# Evolutionary divergence in developmental rate - Spadefoot toads



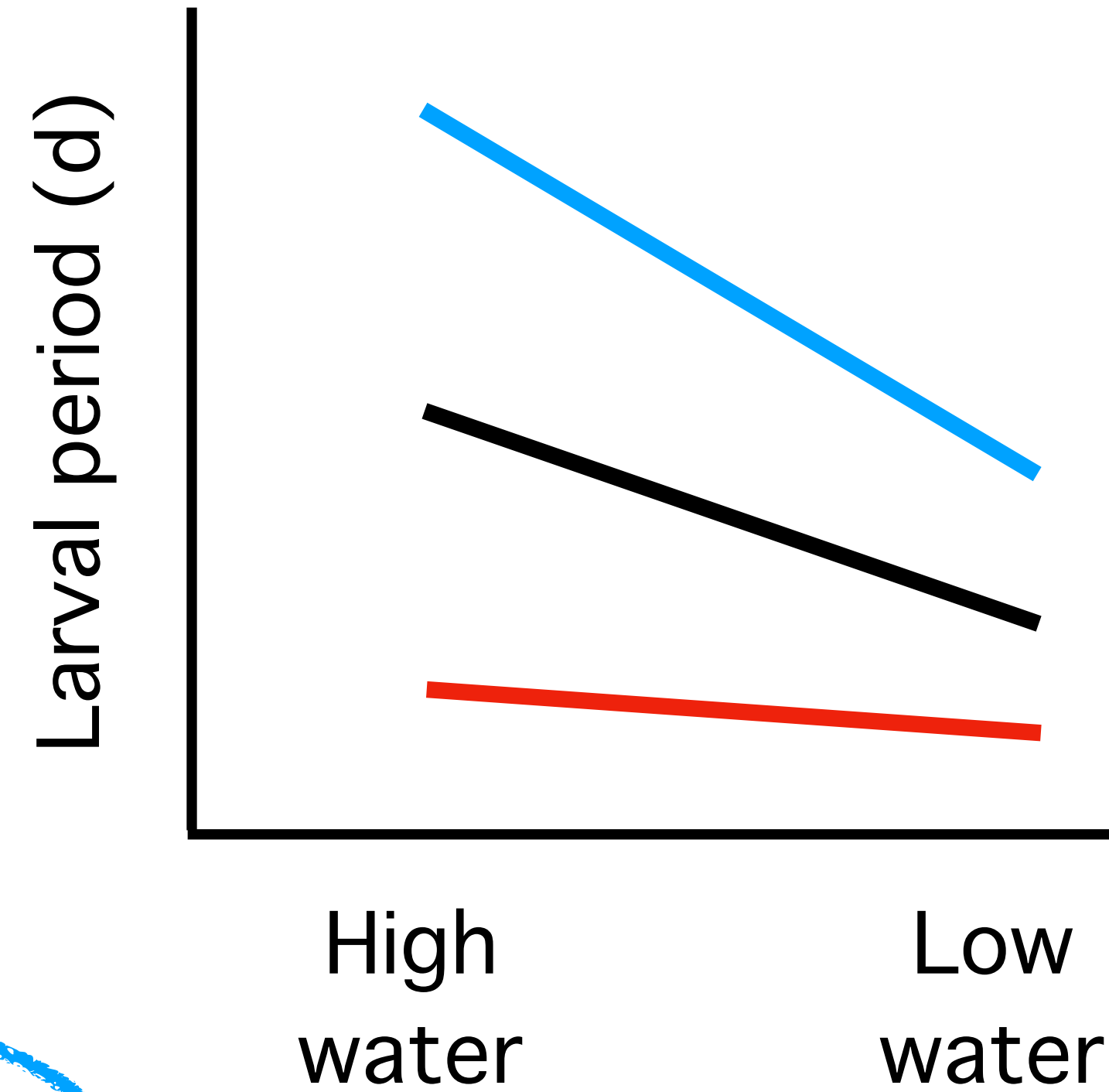
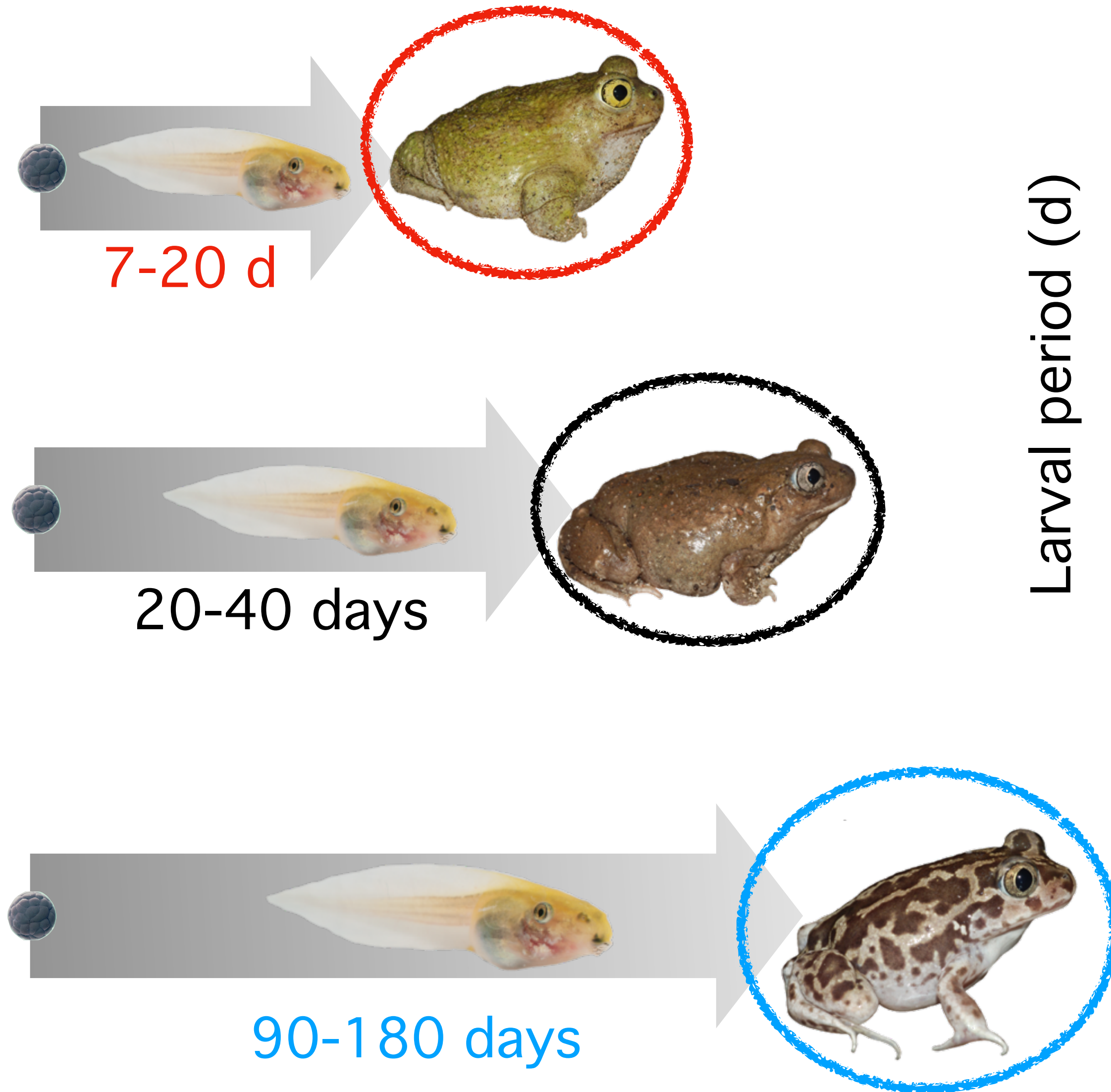


# Larval period is positively associated with genome size



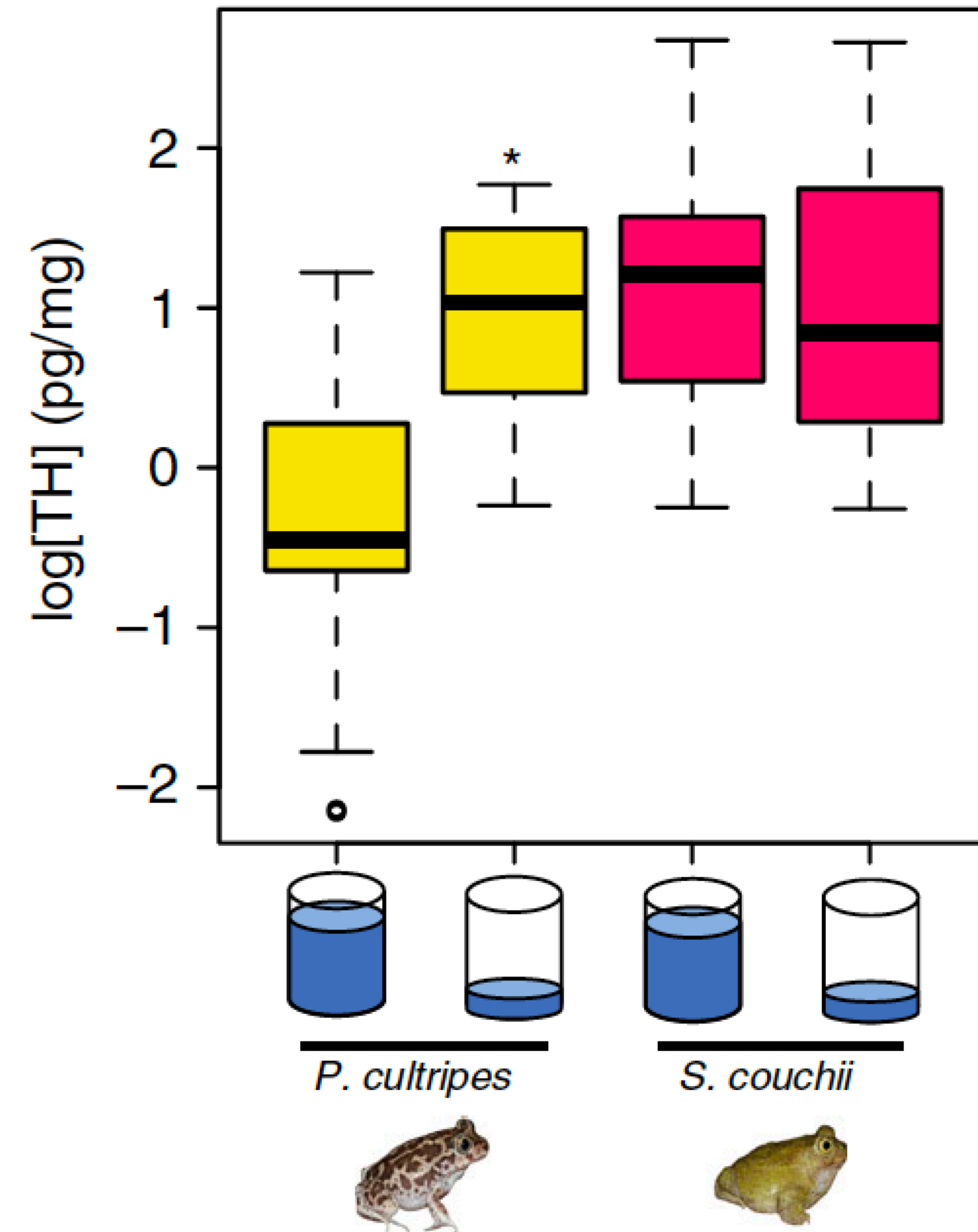
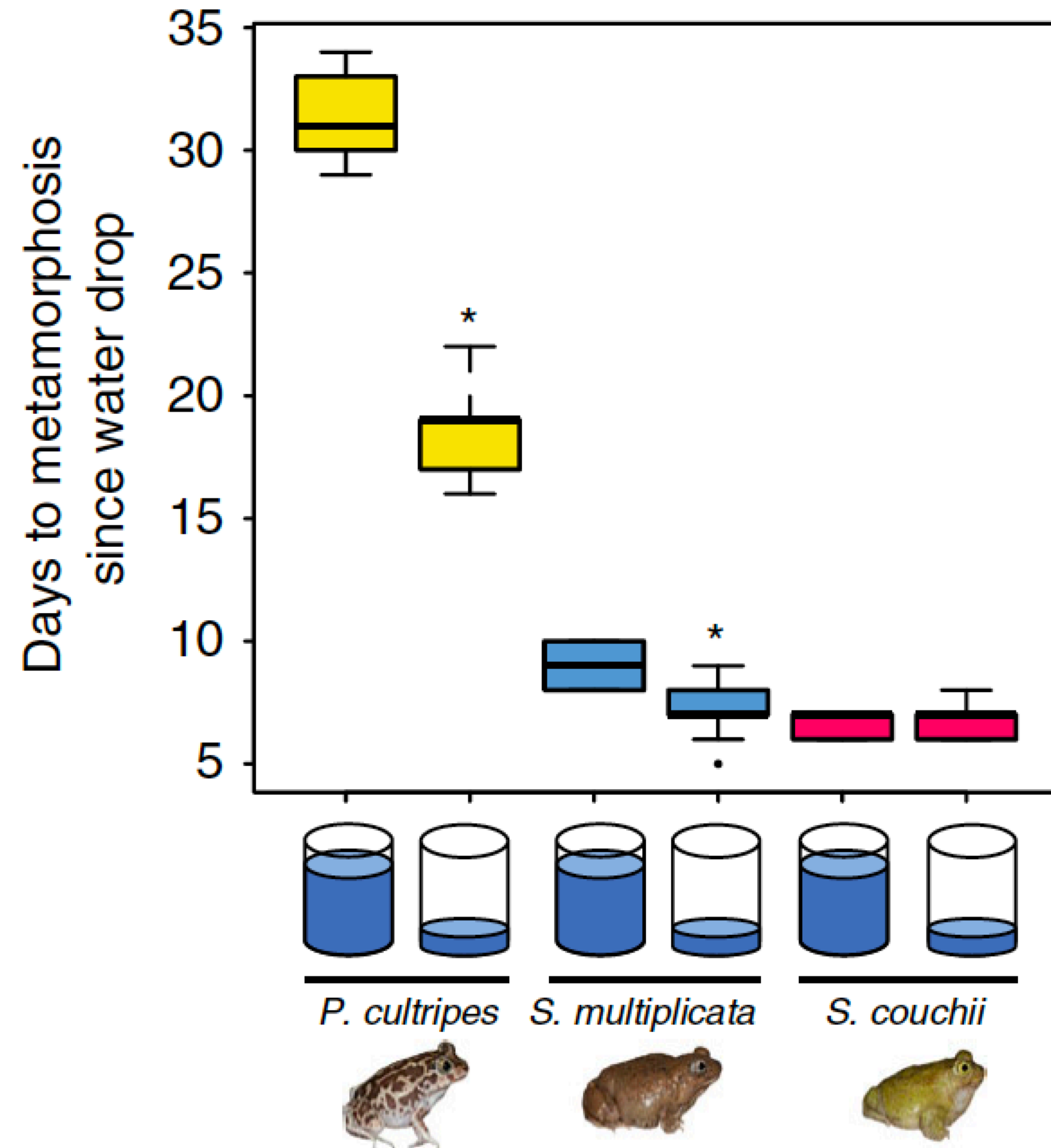


# Species have evolved different degrees of developmental plasticity



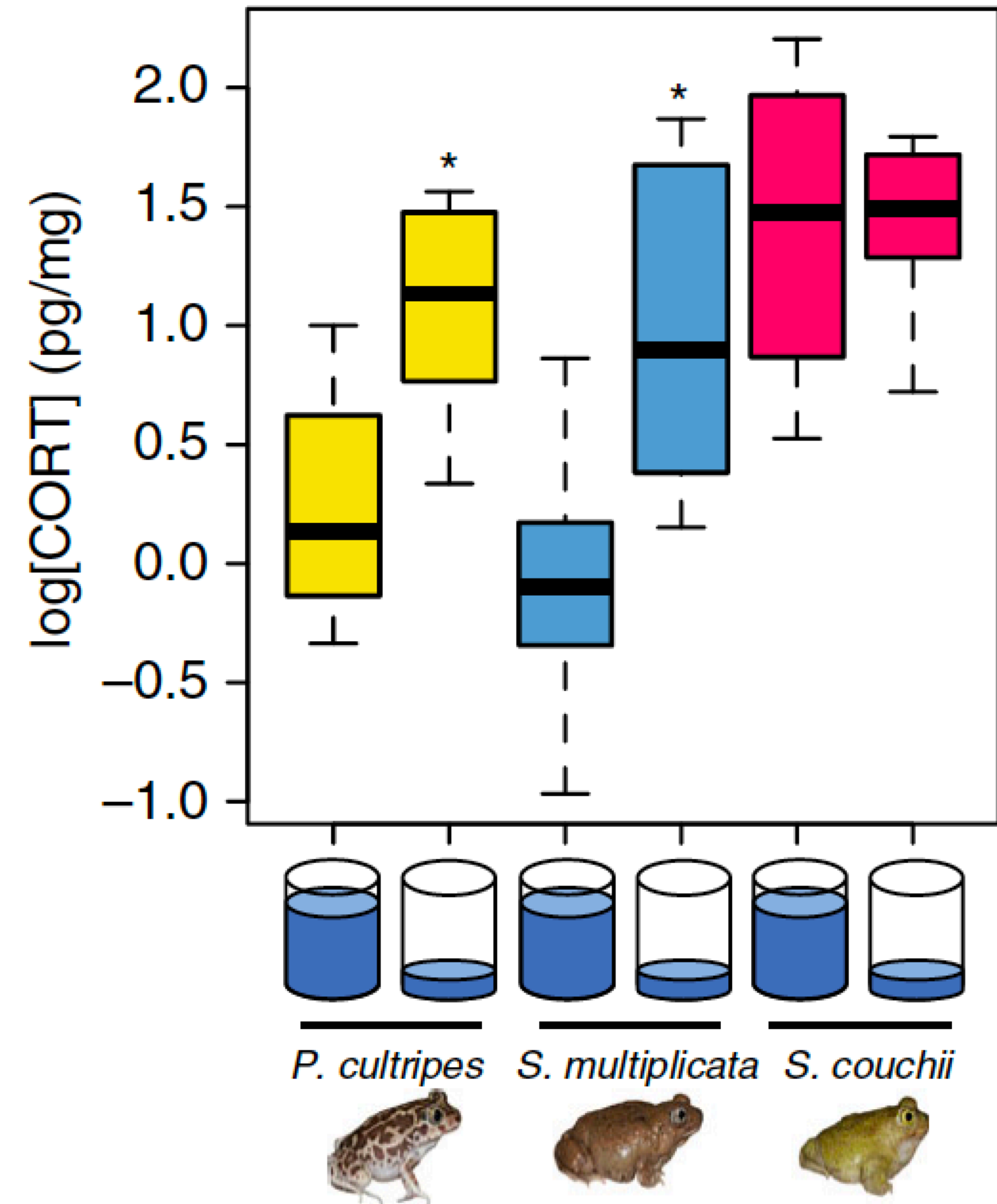
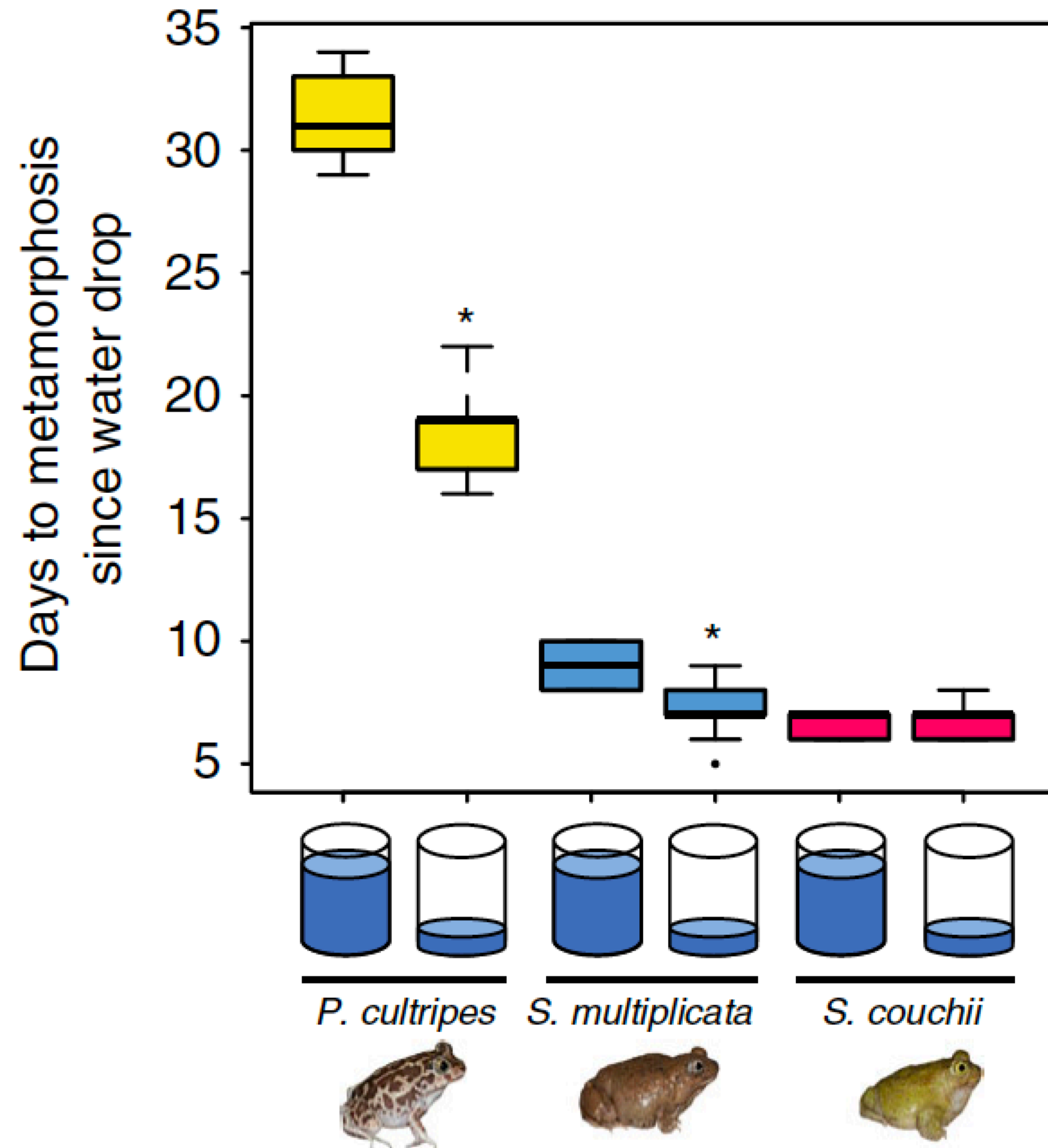


# Within-species plasticity mirrors among-species differences



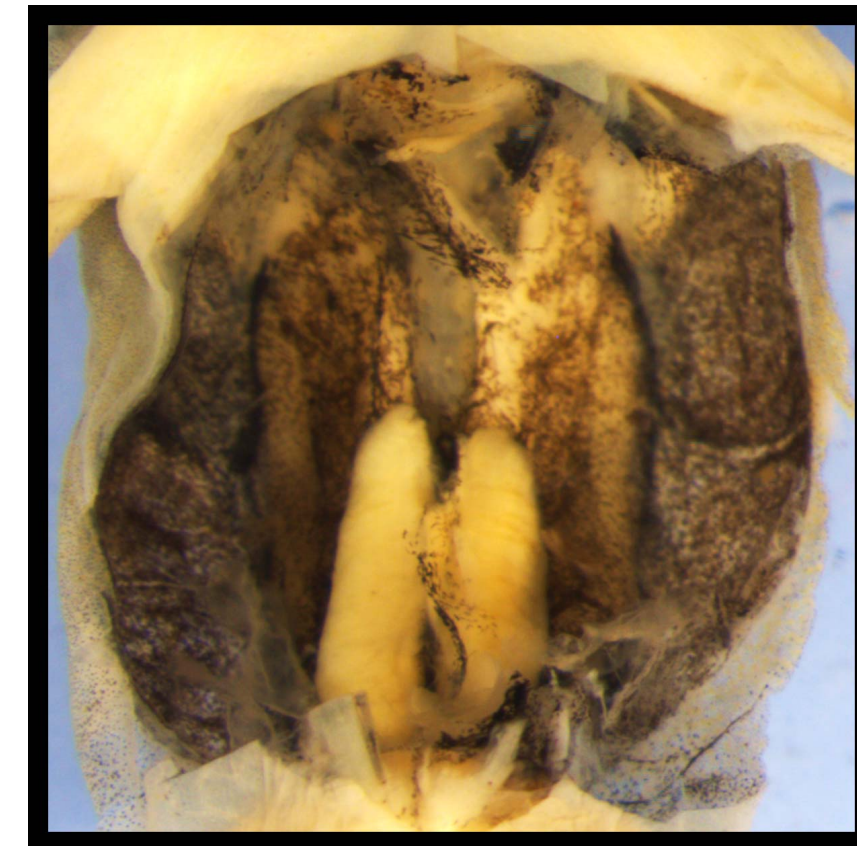
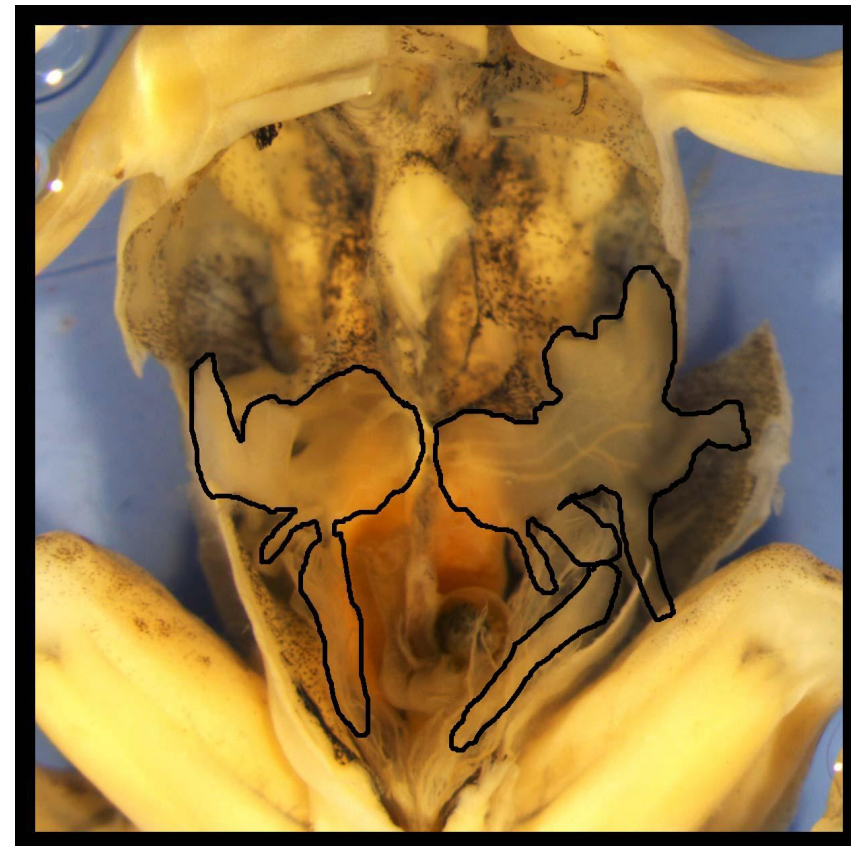
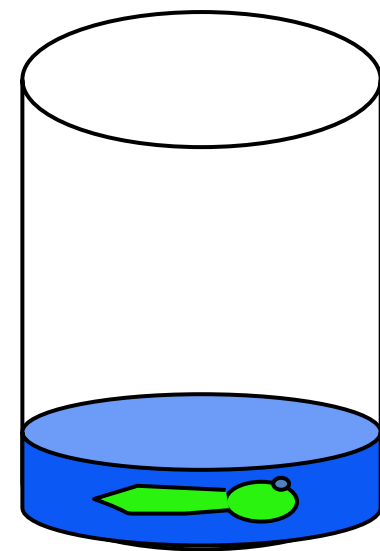
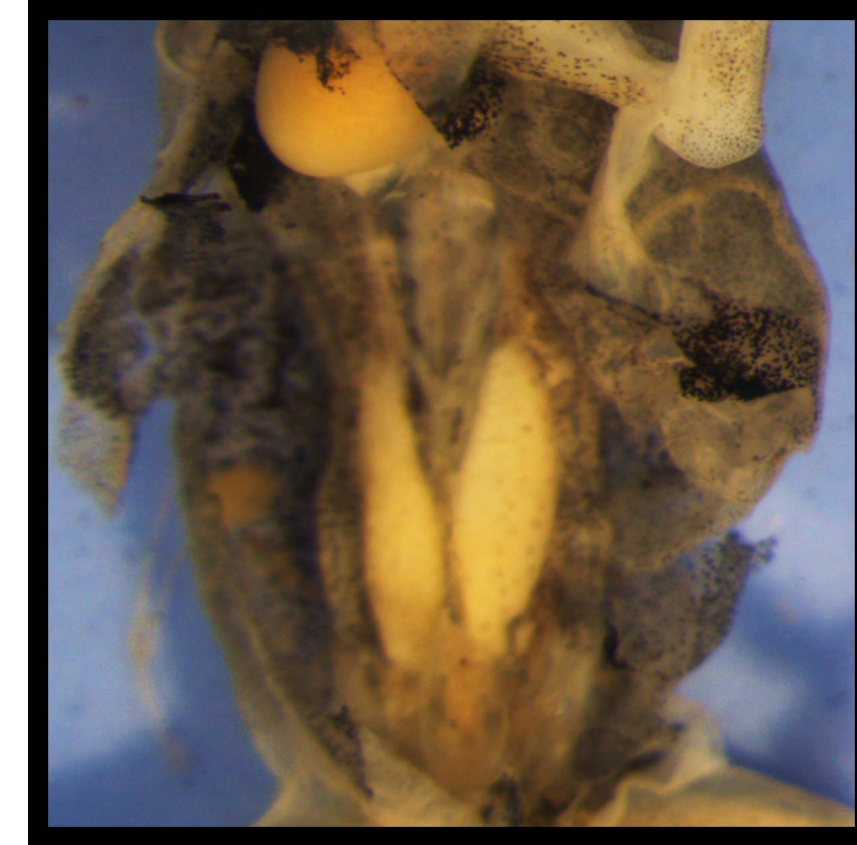
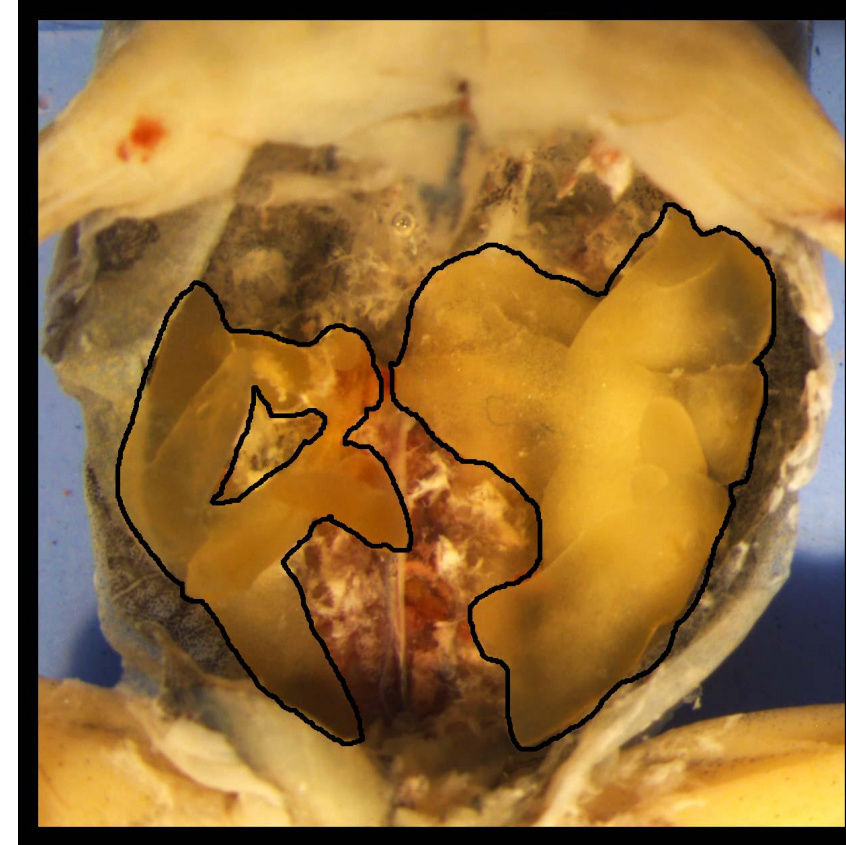
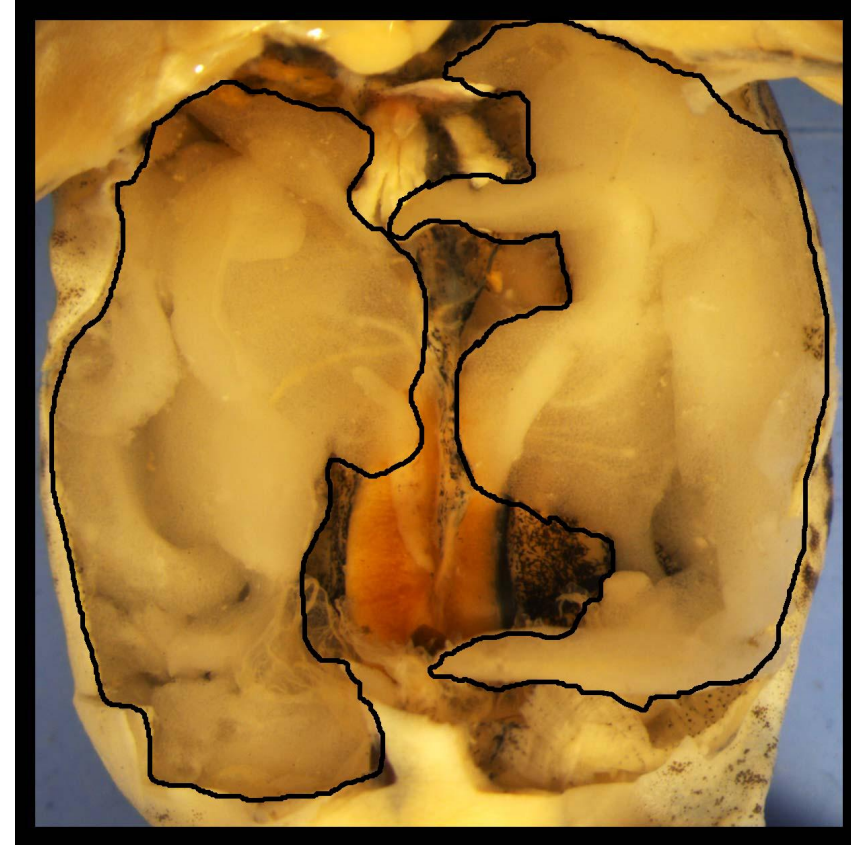
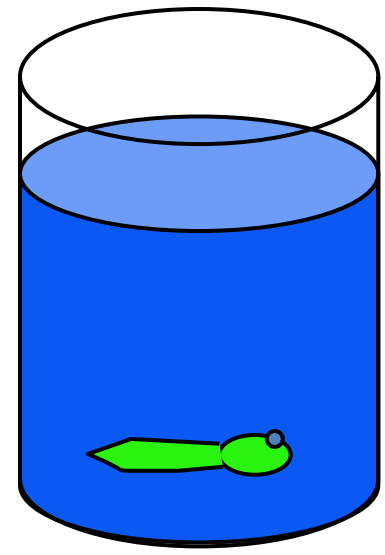


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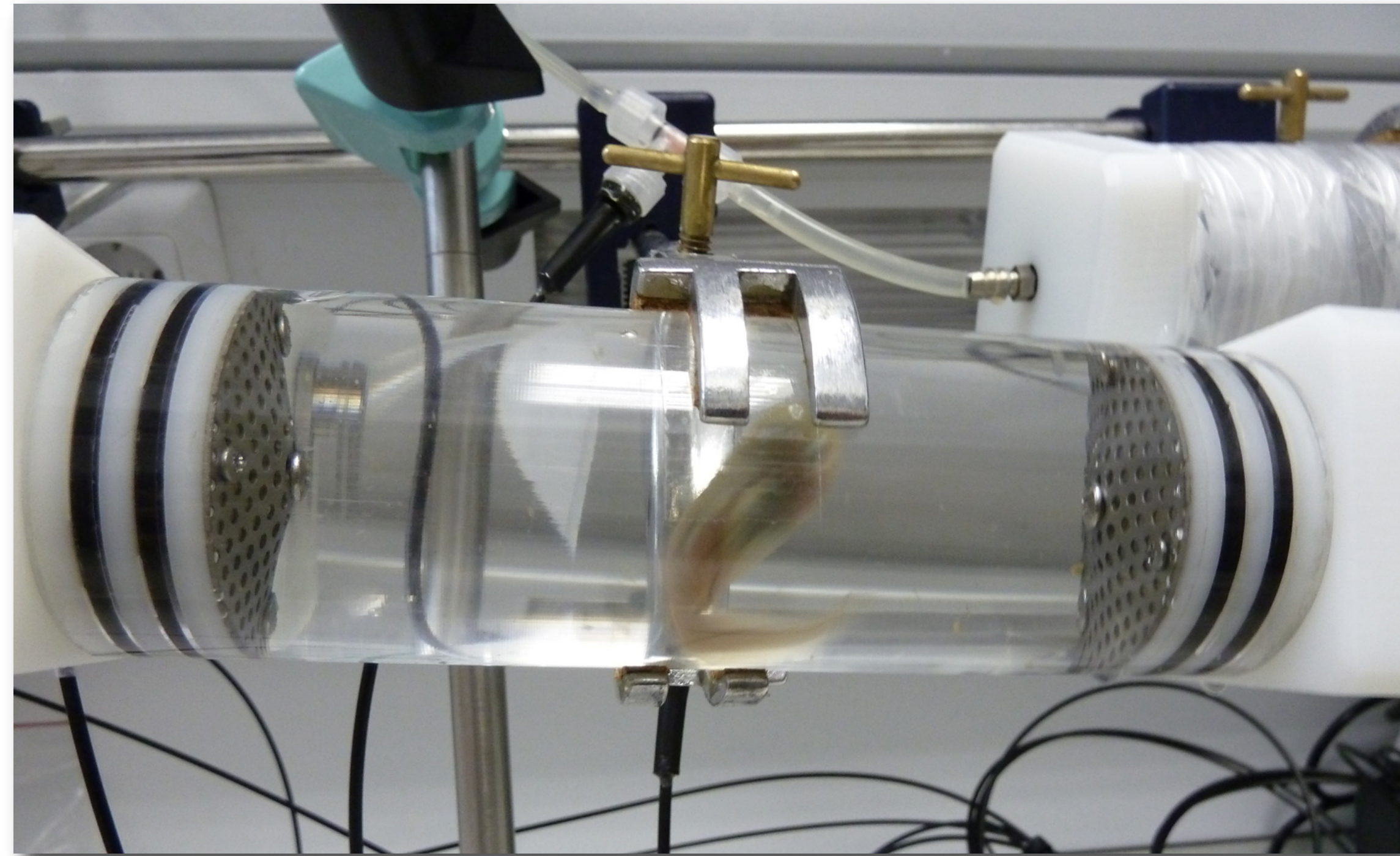
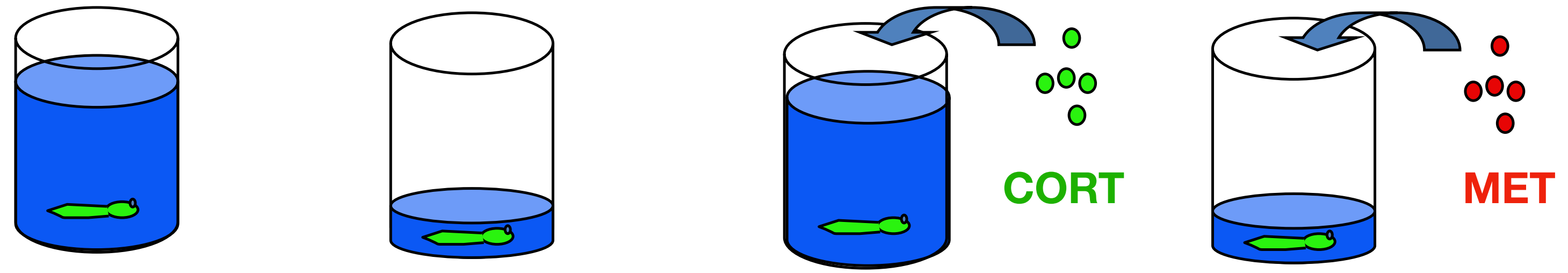


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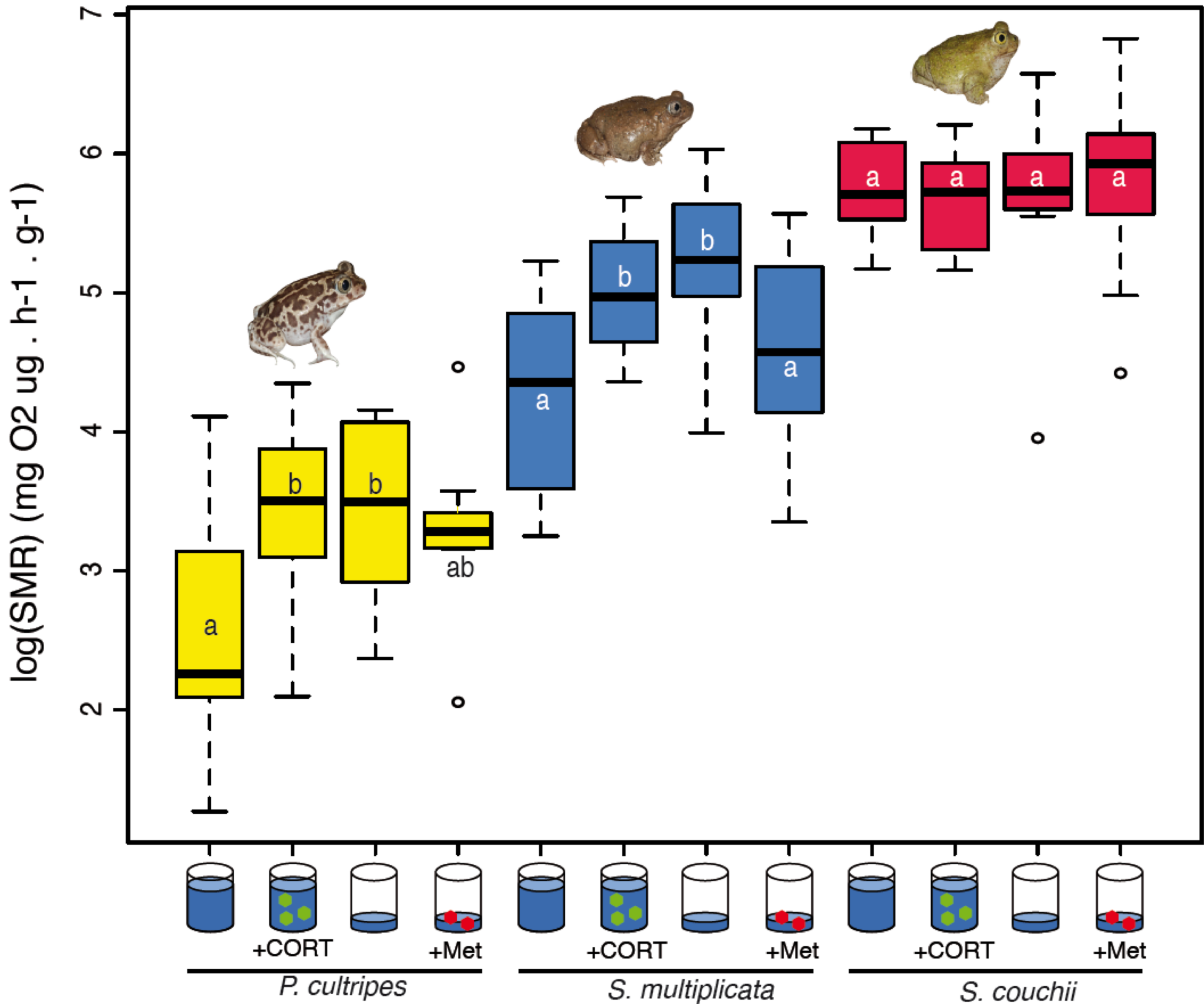


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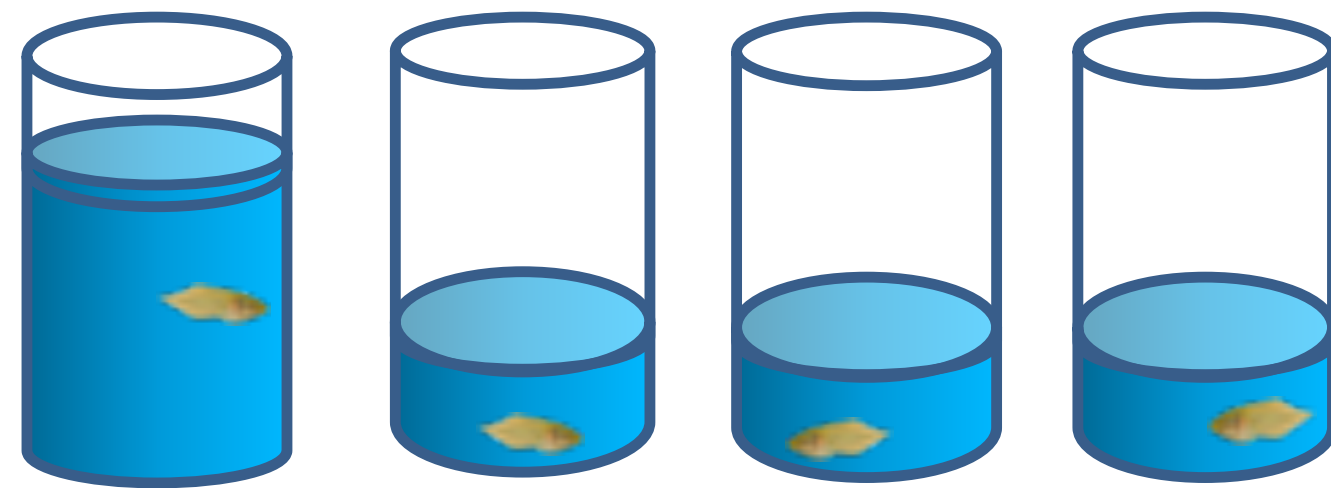


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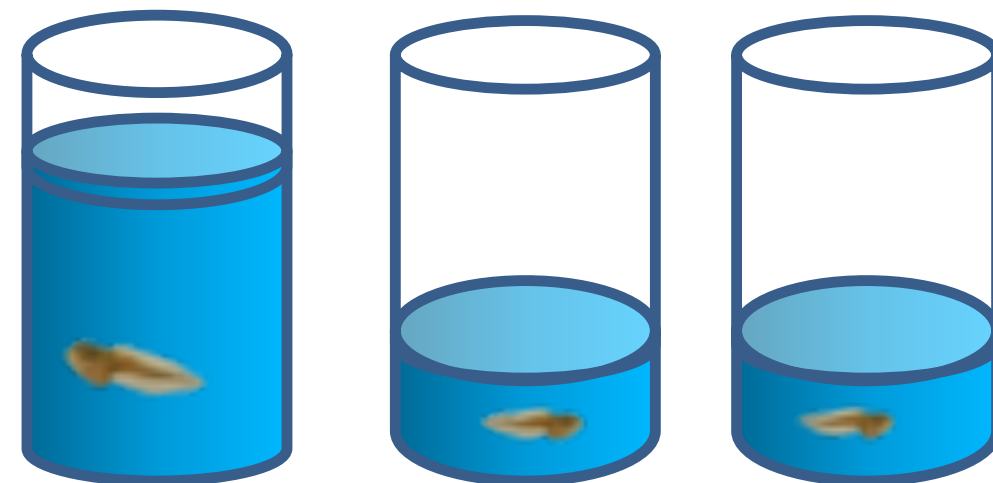
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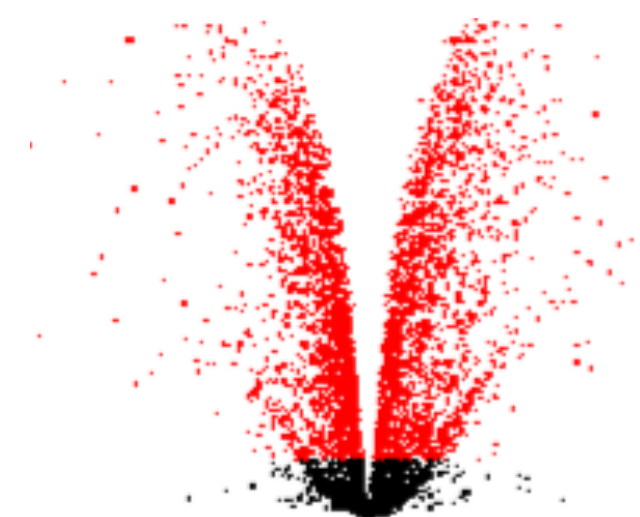


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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

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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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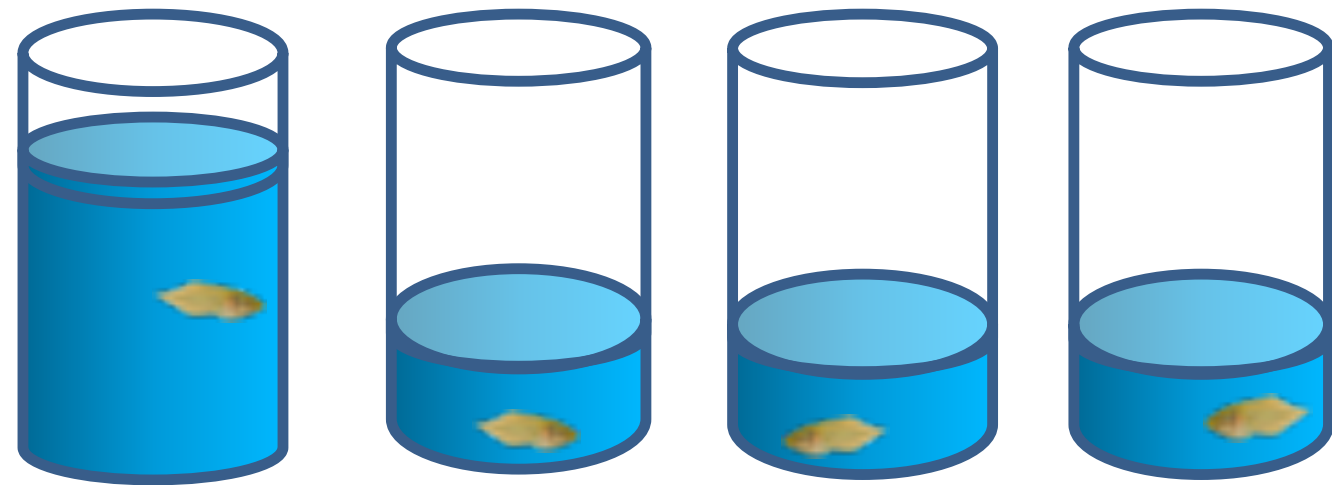


# How does gene expression vary in response to water level?

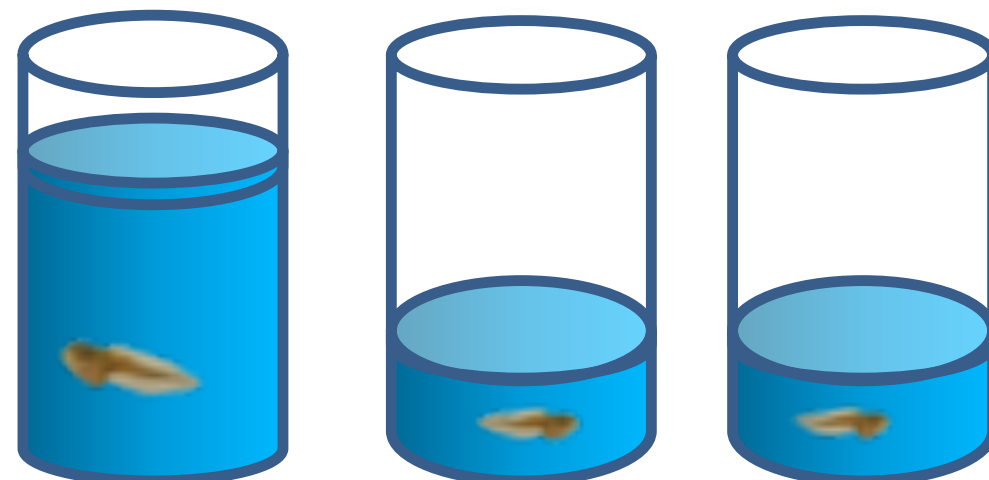


**Pelobates**

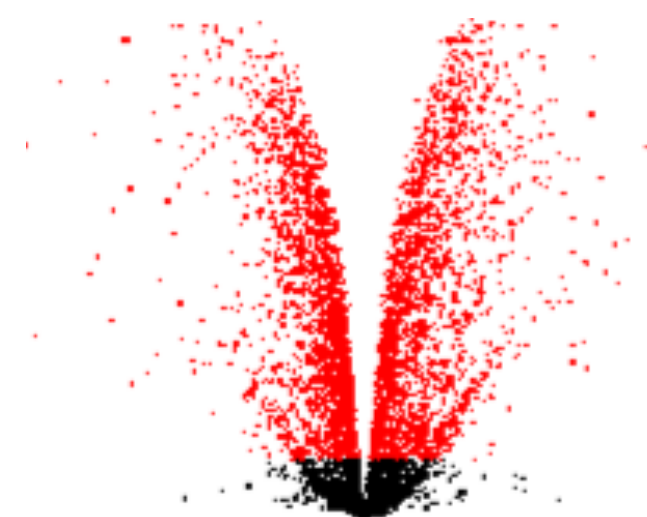
control 24h 48h 72h



**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

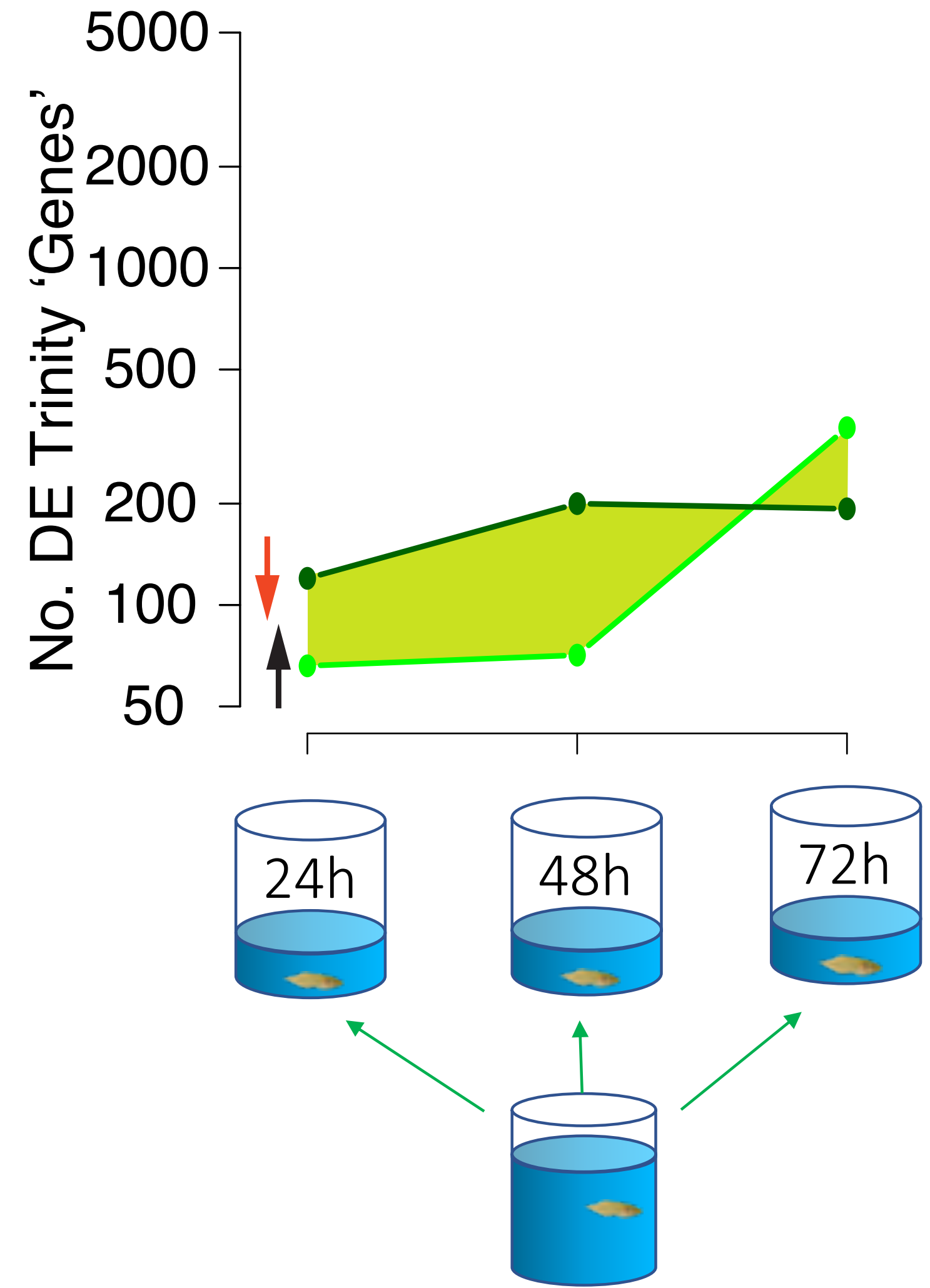
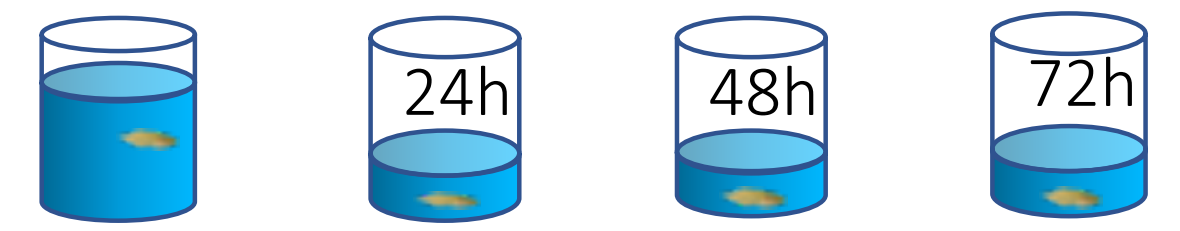
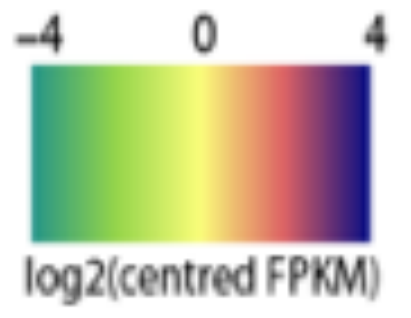
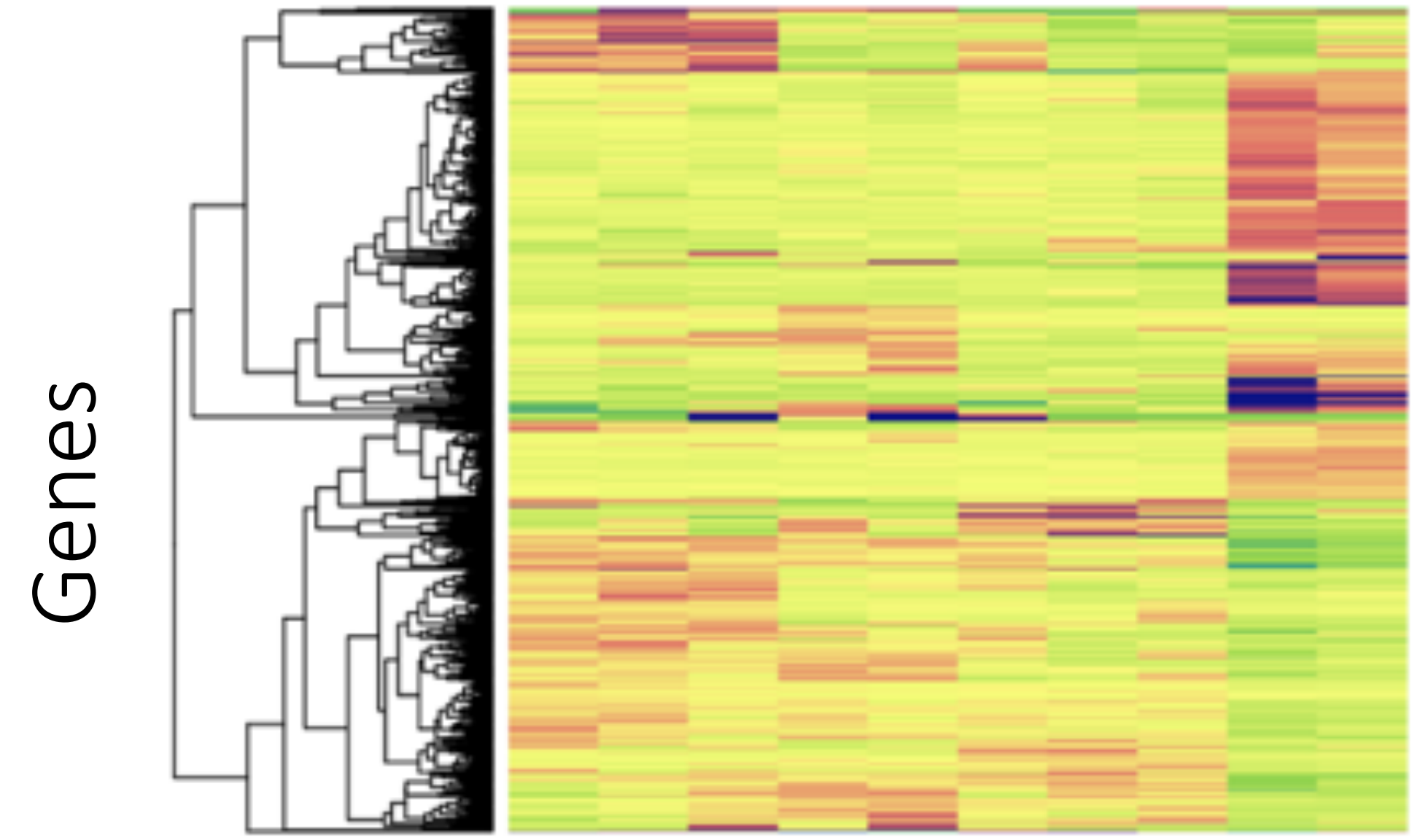




# Pelobates - time lag and extensive down regulation



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

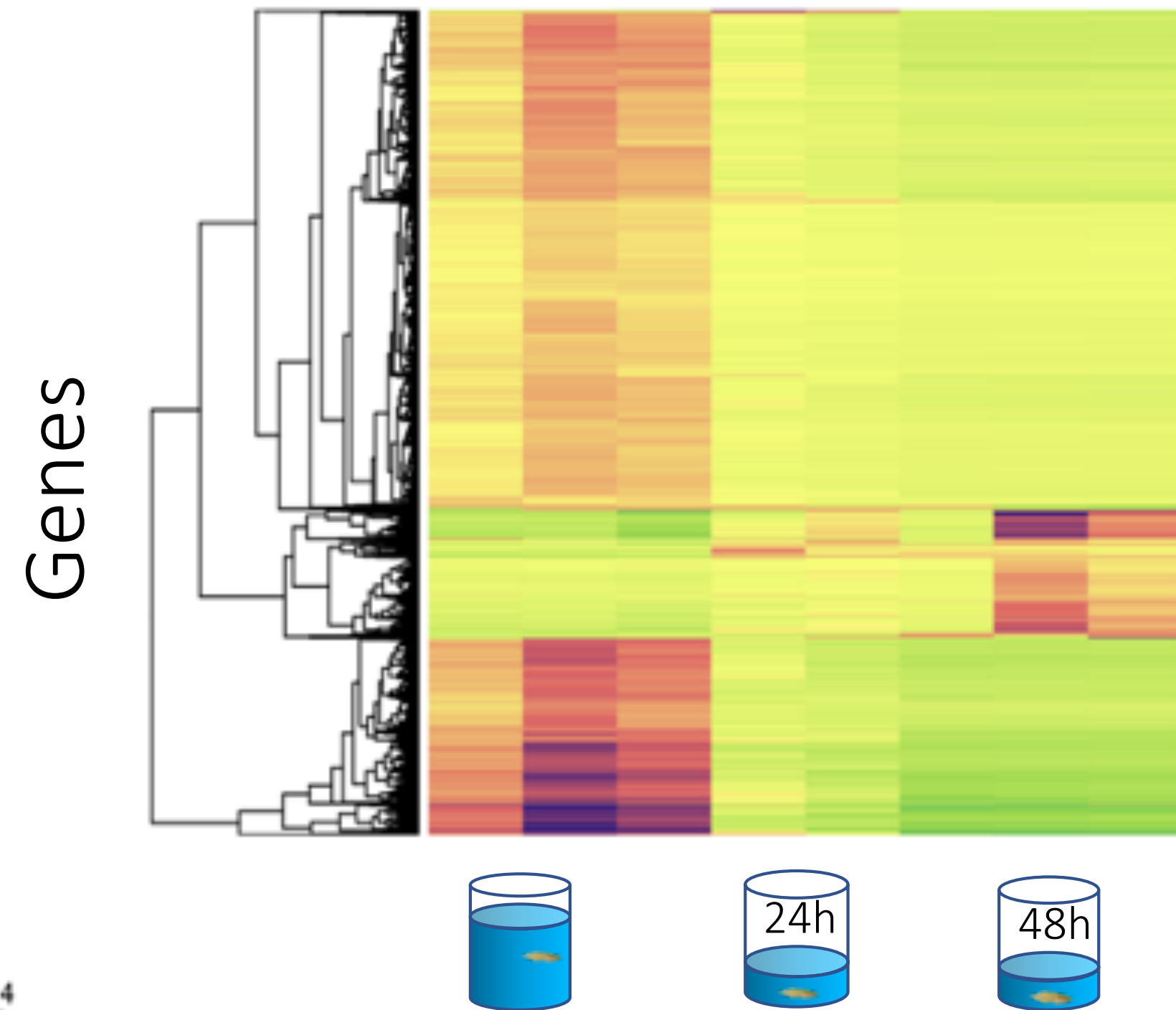





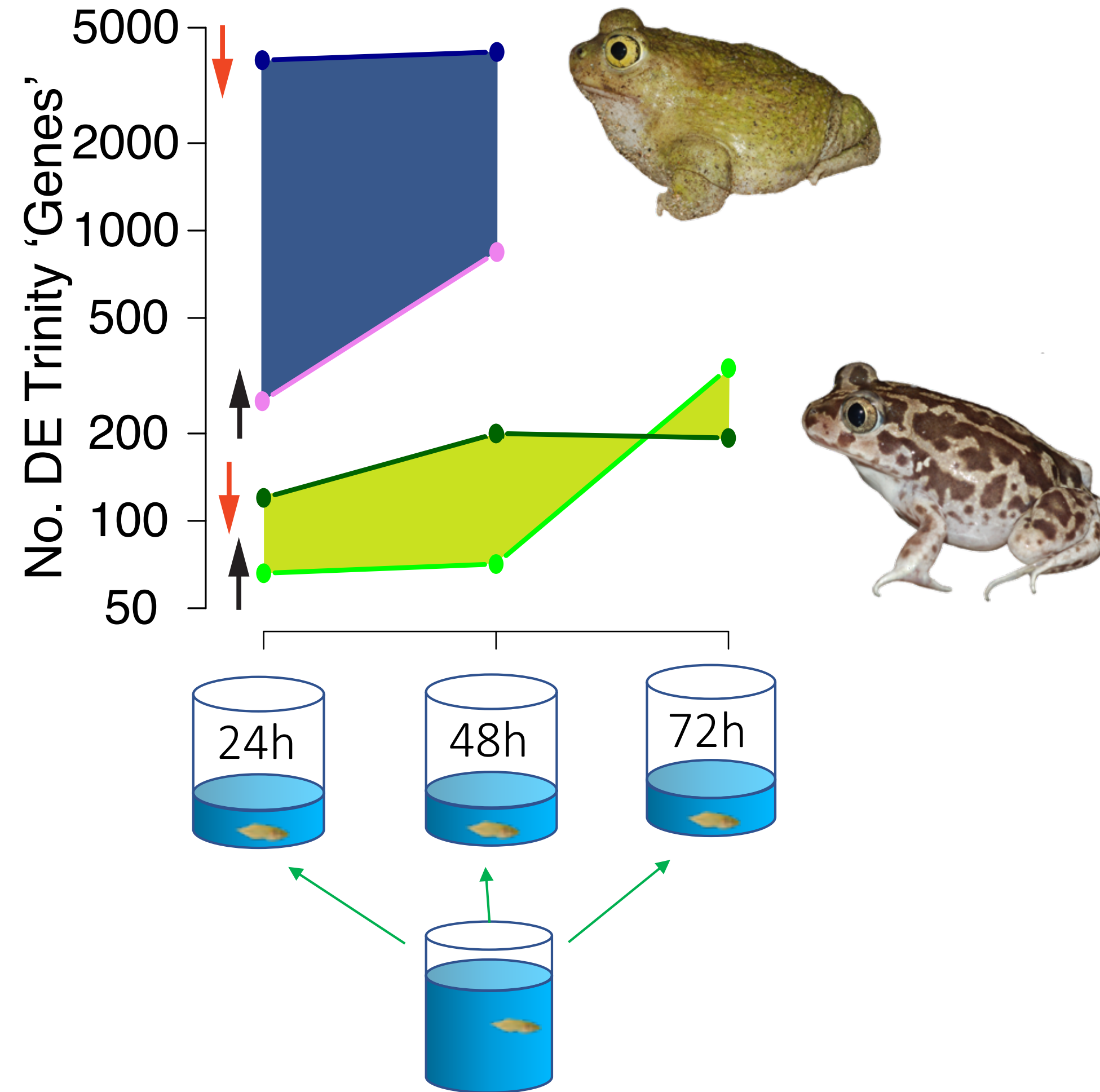
# Scaphiopus - faster response, greater response



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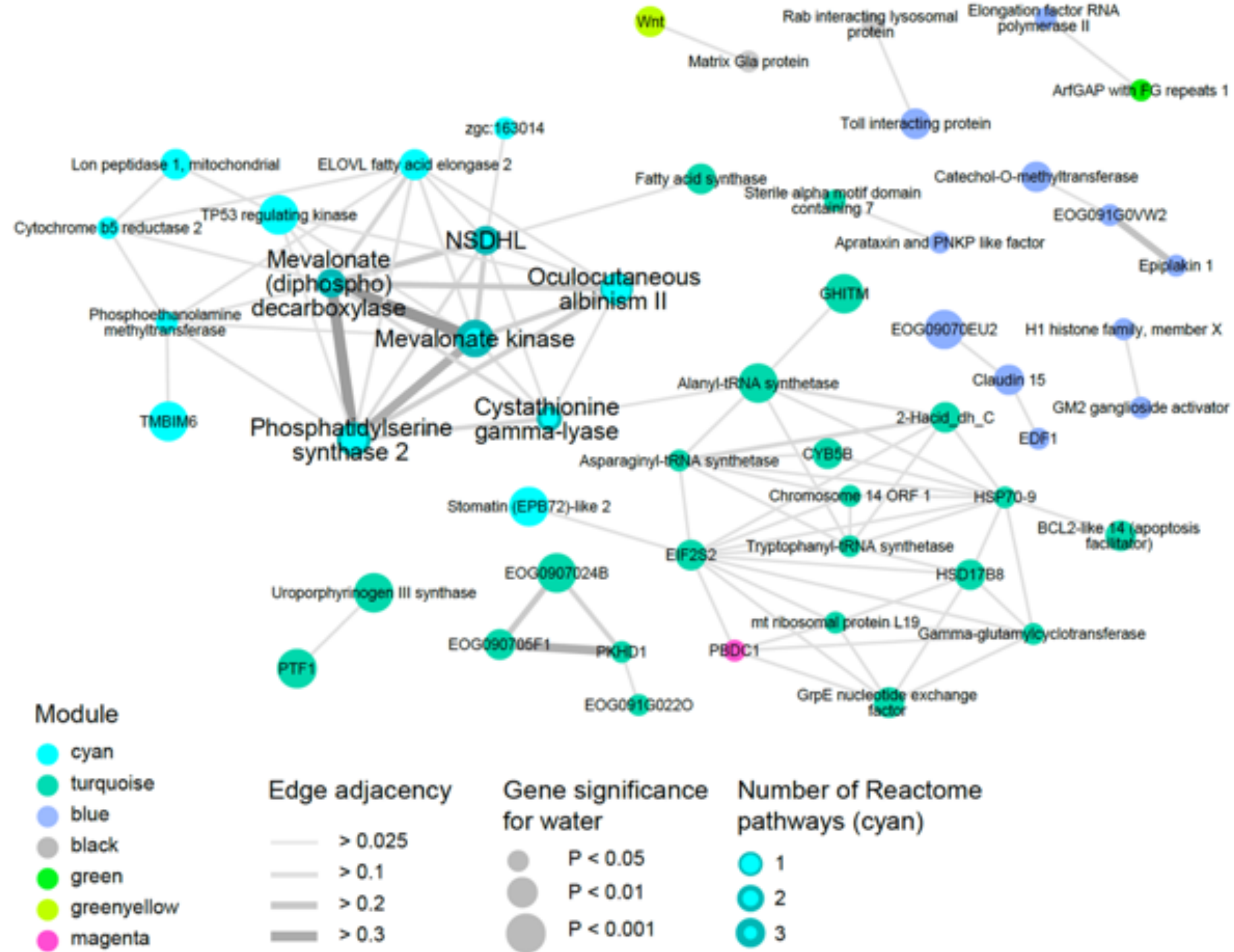


  $\log_2(\text{centred FPKM})$   $\text{LogFC} > 2, p < 0.05$





# WGNCA - gene cluster associated with species x environment

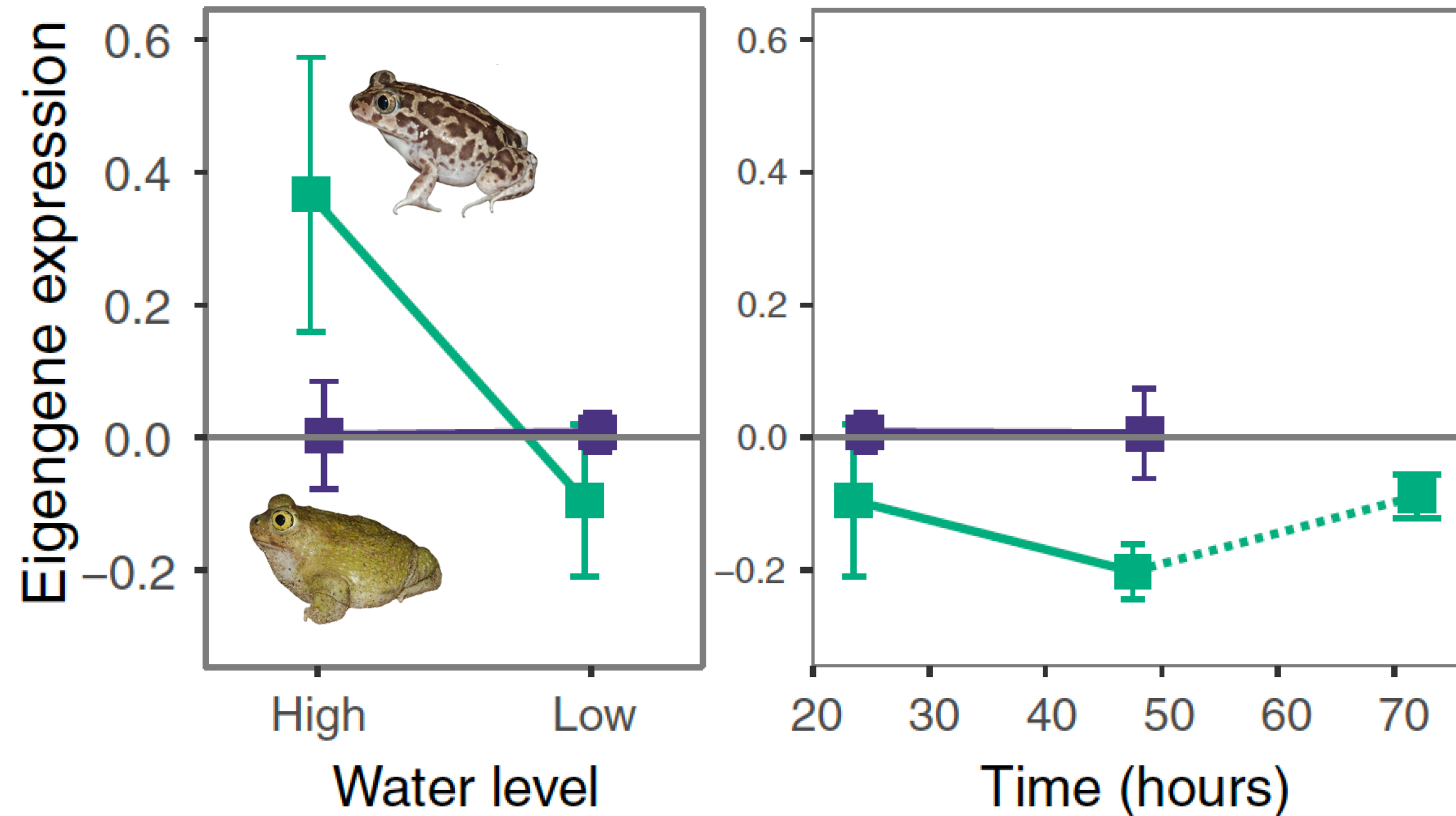






# WGNCA - gene cluster associated with species x environment

(a) Cyan

$N = 54$   



 *P. cultripipes*  
 *S. couchii*

Significant effects:

 Water level  Species

Cholesterol and steroid biosynthesis and metabolism