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# *Arthropod comparative genomics with OrthoDB & BUSCO*

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# *Pediculus humanus* - body louse



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**Q:** As an obligate parasite with a small genome, is there any evidence for the loss of genes driven by genome reduction?

**Approach:** orthology delineation with representatives from different insect orders and an outgroup.

Examine the numbers of orthologs shared amongst different pairs and sets of species.

**Genome sequences of the human body louse and its primary endosymbiont provide insights into the permanent parasitic lifestyle**

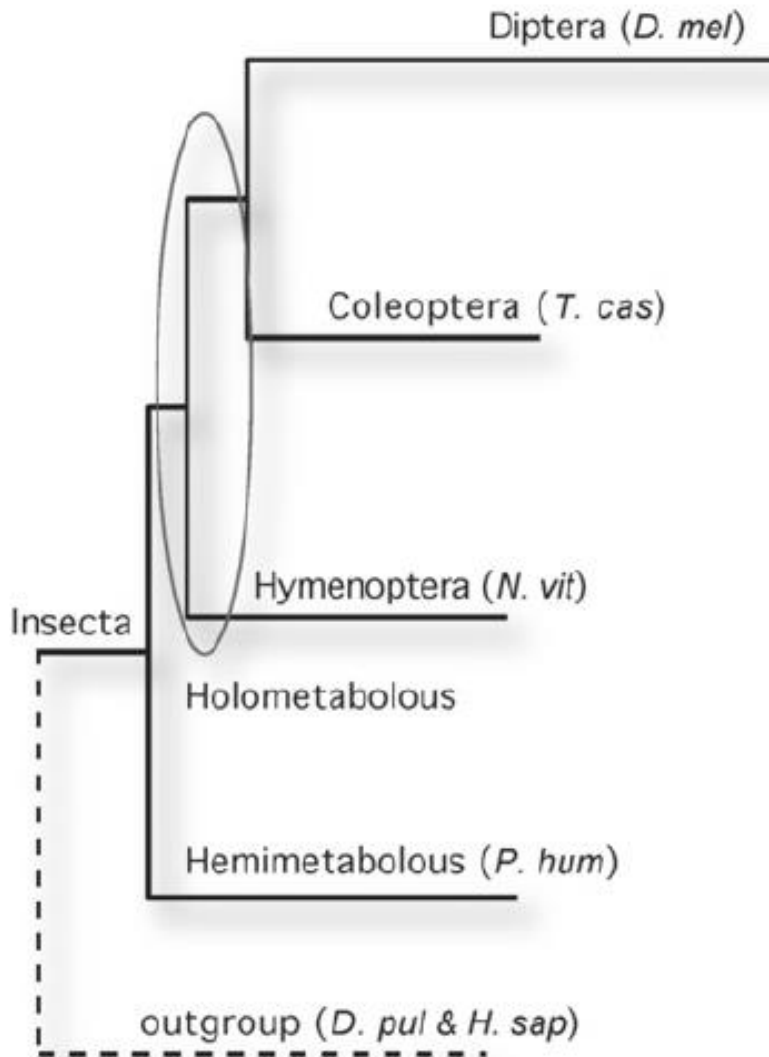


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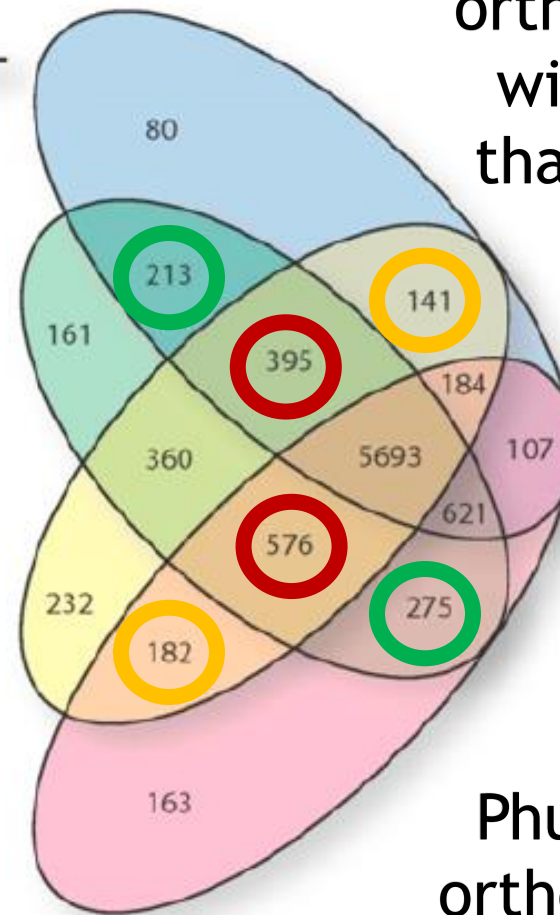


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A



B



Phum shares more orthologs exclusively with **Nvit** OR **Tcas** than either do with Dmel

Phum shares more orthologs exclusively with **Nvit AND Tcas** than they do with Dmel

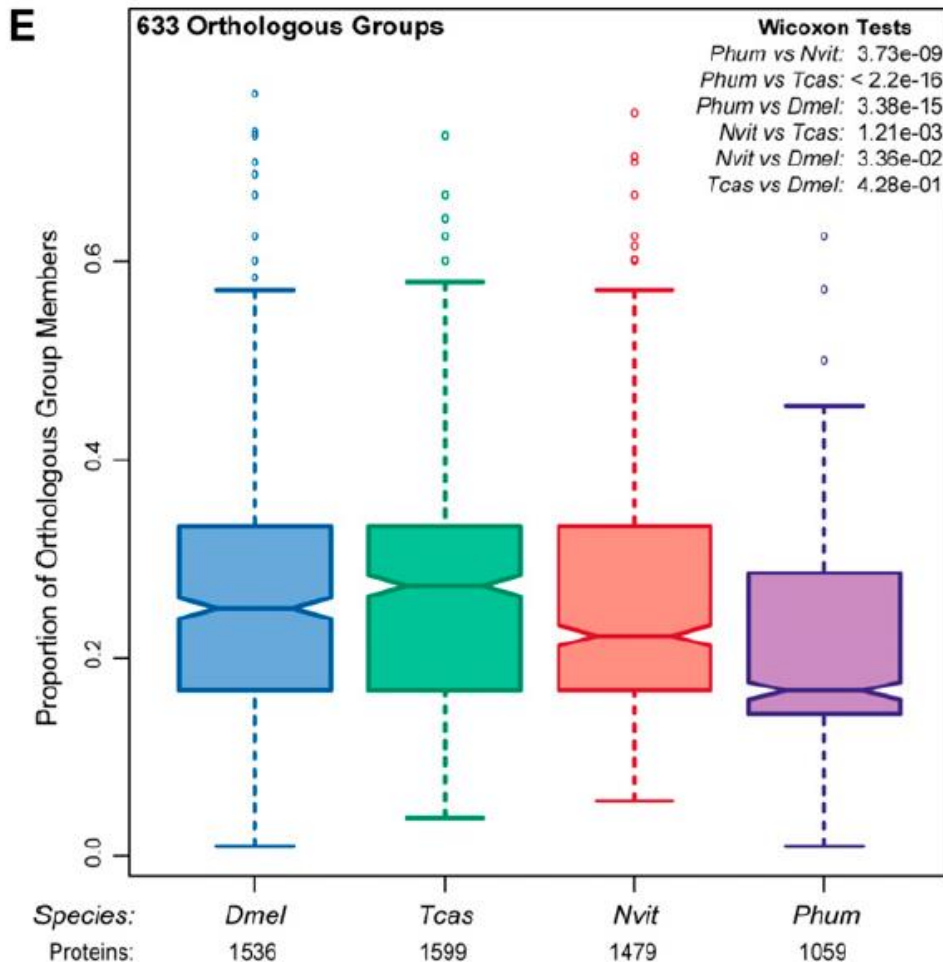


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This suggests that the body louse genomes has not undergone general large-scale gene loss, so perhaps the small gene set is more due to a lack of expansions ...



So, examine all orthologous groups with at least one ortholog in each of the 4 species, but with a total of at least 6 genes

47% OGs have >1 Phum gene  
Nvit=59%, Tcas=70%,  
Dmel=64%

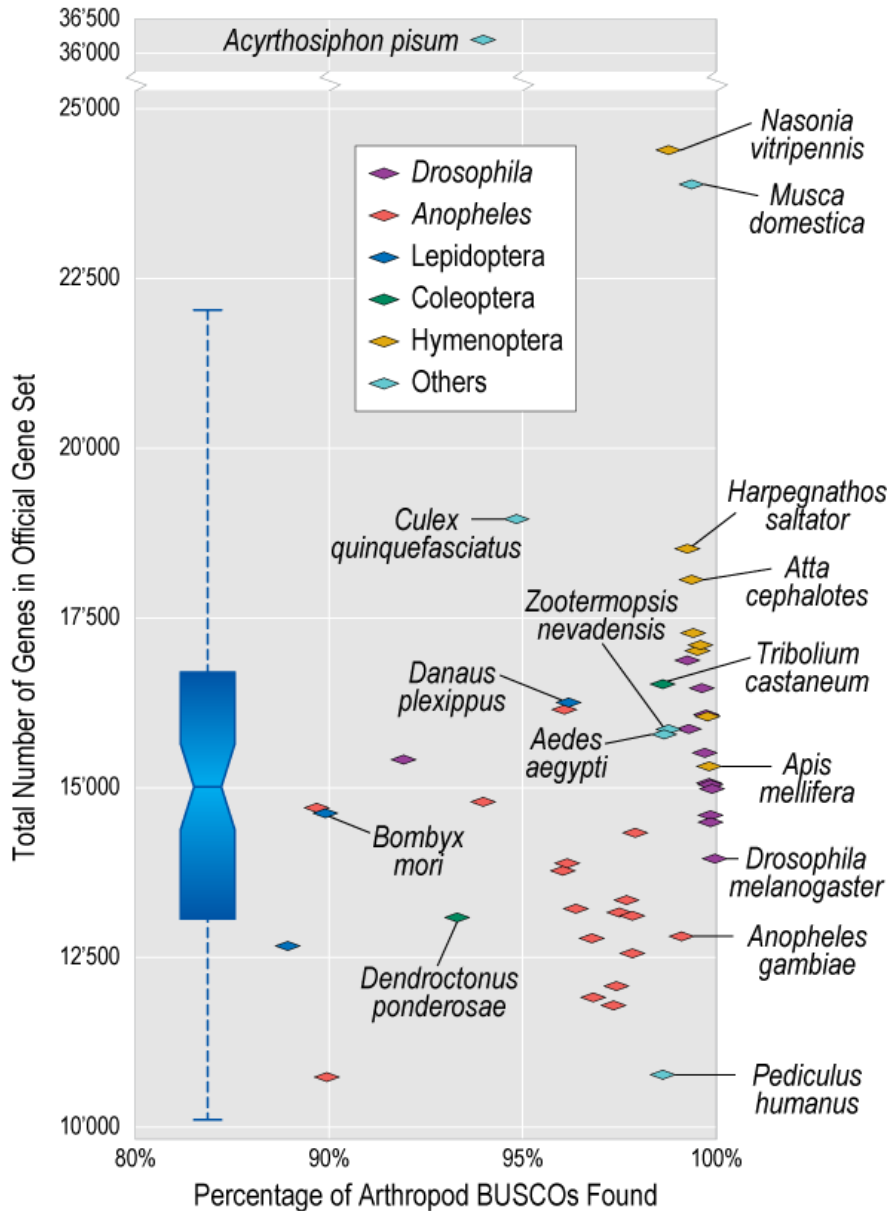
Phum also has lower mean & median proportions



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**Large** gene sets are not necessarily complete

Current Opinion in  
**Insect Science**  
2015, 7: 15–23

A maturing understanding of the composition of the insect gene repertoire  
Robert M Waterhouse<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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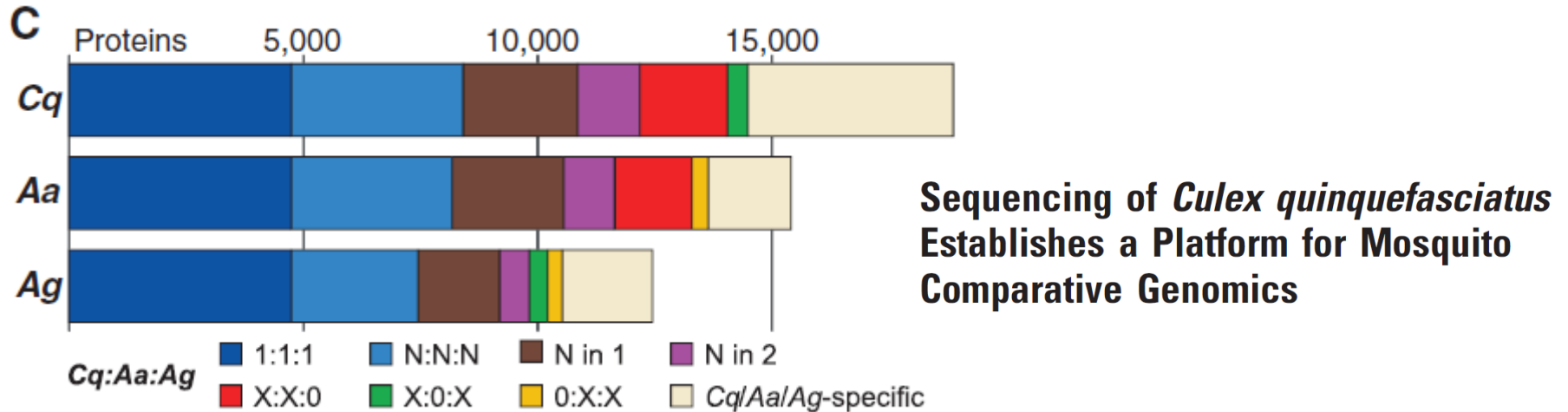


# *Culex quinquefasciatus* - WNV mosquito



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**Q:** Is the rather large predicted gene set perhaps simply due to the inclusion of many haplotype regions?



**Approach:** orthology delineation to identify pairs of paralogs within each of three mosquito species: *Aedes aegypti*, *Anopheles gambiae* and *Culex quinquefasciatus*.

Examine percent identity distributions of these pairs of paralogs differentiating between pairs on the same scaffold and pairs of different scaffolds.



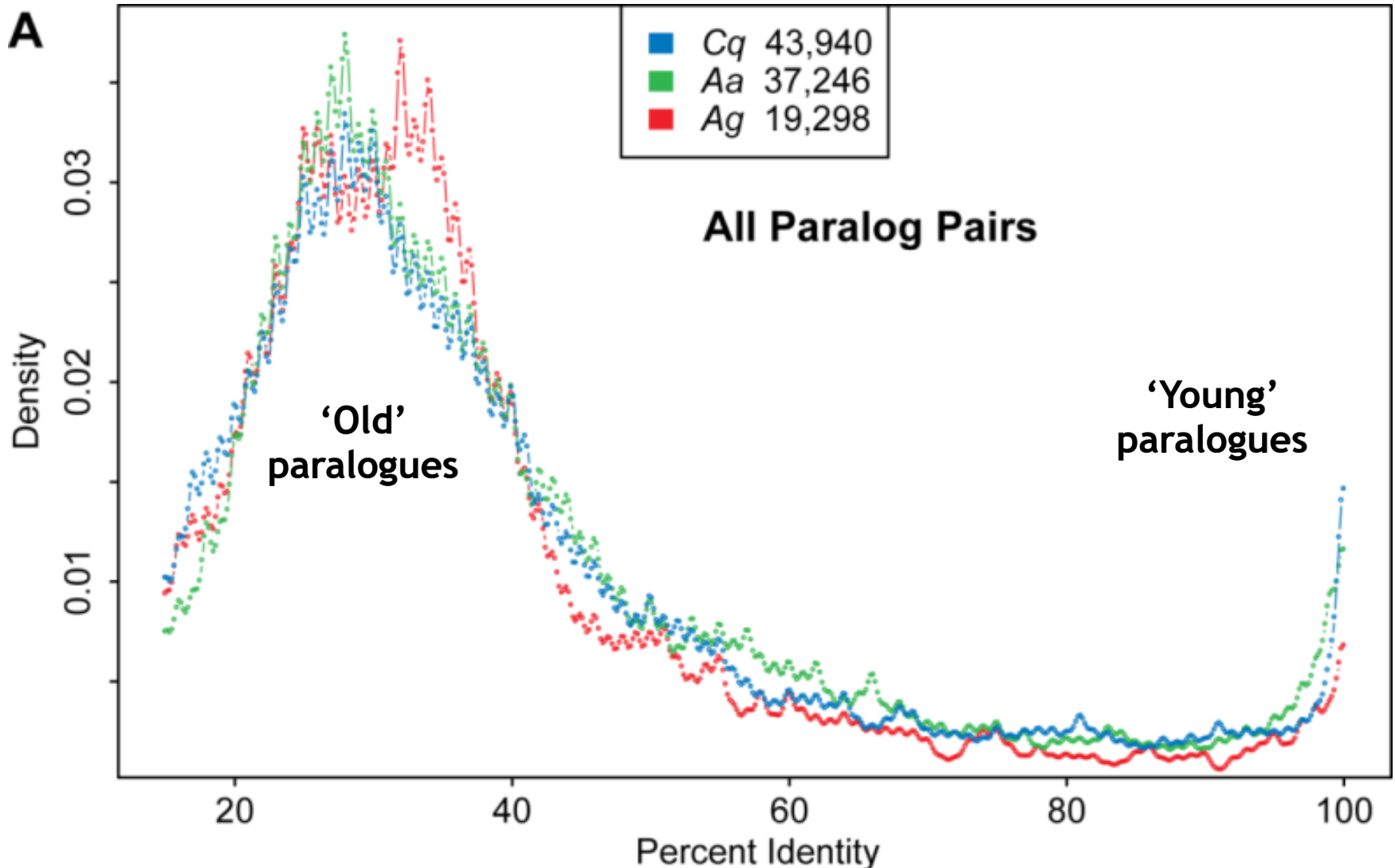


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*Culex* does have slightly more highly-similar paralogues



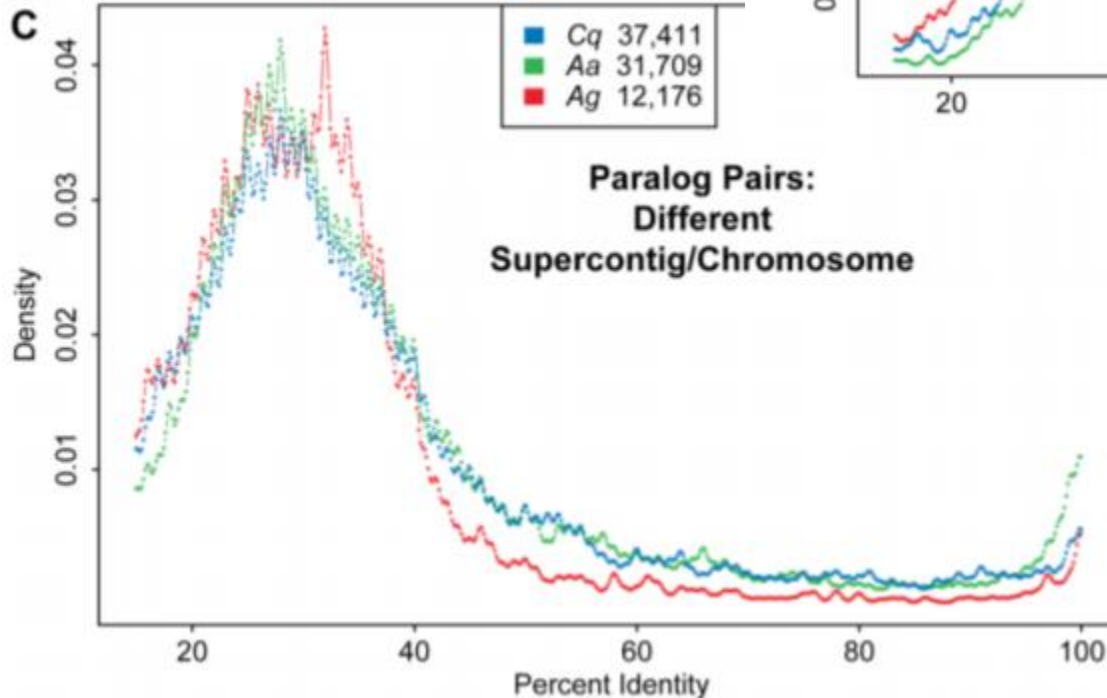
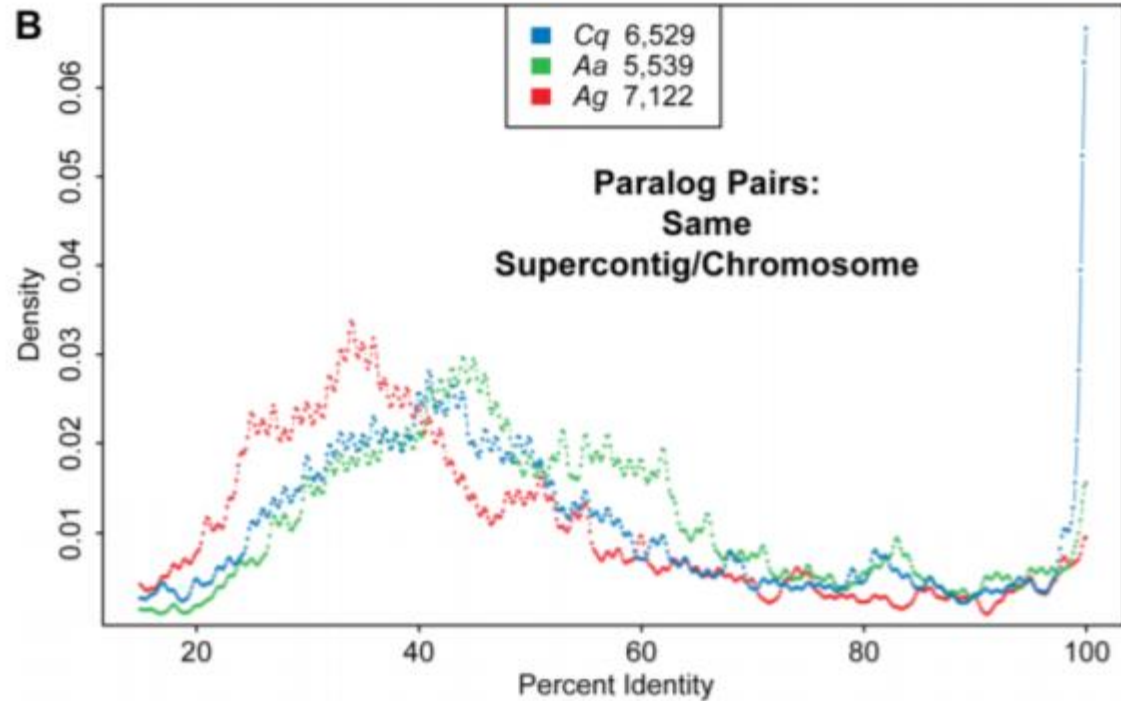


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There are more highly-identical paralogs in *Culex* compared to the others ... but ...



They are usually on the same scaffold ...  
i.e. more likely tandem duplications (i.e. real) than haplotype copies

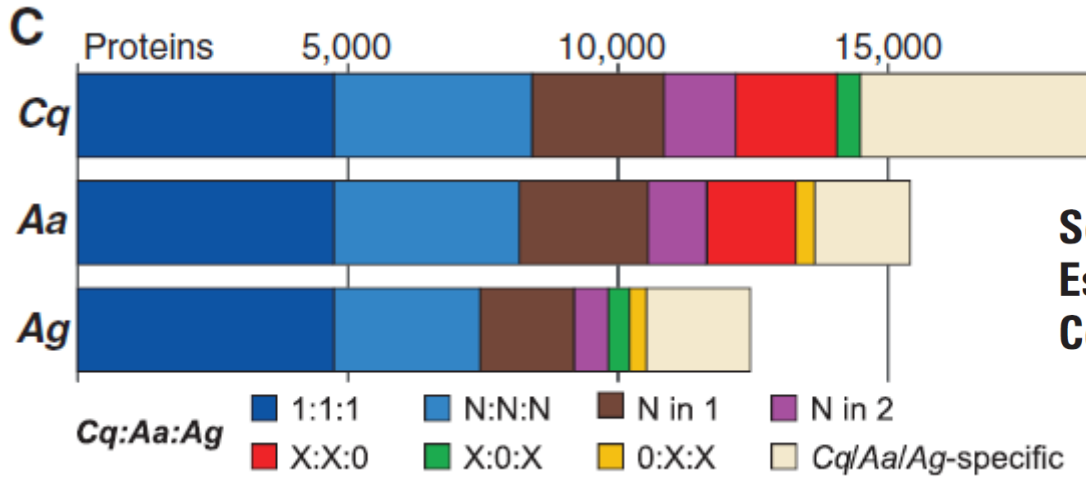


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Sequencing of *Culex quinquefasciatus* Establishes a Platform for Mosquito Comparative Genomics


N (duplicated) categories are all greater in *Culex quinquefasciatus*

*Culex*-specific fraction is large - real genes?

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# Improving honeybee gene annotations



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**Q:** How to improve a genome annotation and has all the effort paid off?

**Approach:** everything you can think of!

## Finding the missing honey bee genes: lessons learned from a genome upgrade

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# Improving honeybee gene annotations



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## Everything but the kitchen sink ...

### Selecting an official gene set

We evaluated the 32 GLEAN sets based on several criteria, including overlap with a conservative evidence-based set (RefSeq), transcript sequences, peptides and the CEGMA [30] conserved core set (Additional file 2). No single gene set was optimal with respect to all criteria. We chose to rank sets based on number of peptide matches, which would prioritize completeness of a protein-coding gene set rather than correctness of gene structure.

### Assessing the new official gene set

The selected GLEAN set, OGSv3.2 (GLEAN31 in Additional file 2), represented a significant improvement because it included 15,314 protein-coding genes, which is 5,157 more genes than the first official gene set, OGSv1.0. The proportion of genes on placed scaffolds as well as those with expressed sequence coverage also increased over OGSv1.0 (Table 4). Since GLEAN predicts only coding exons, but not untranslated regions (UTRs), we used MAKER2 [28] to add UTR to the final GLEAN gene predictions. Out of a total of 15,314 OGSv3.2 genes, UTR were added to 7,514 genes (49%).



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Using orthology to assess the quality a new annotation set

I.e. you could use BUSCO on the different versions, or in this case you can try to count the numbers of **'rare gene losses'** across a number of species and your versions

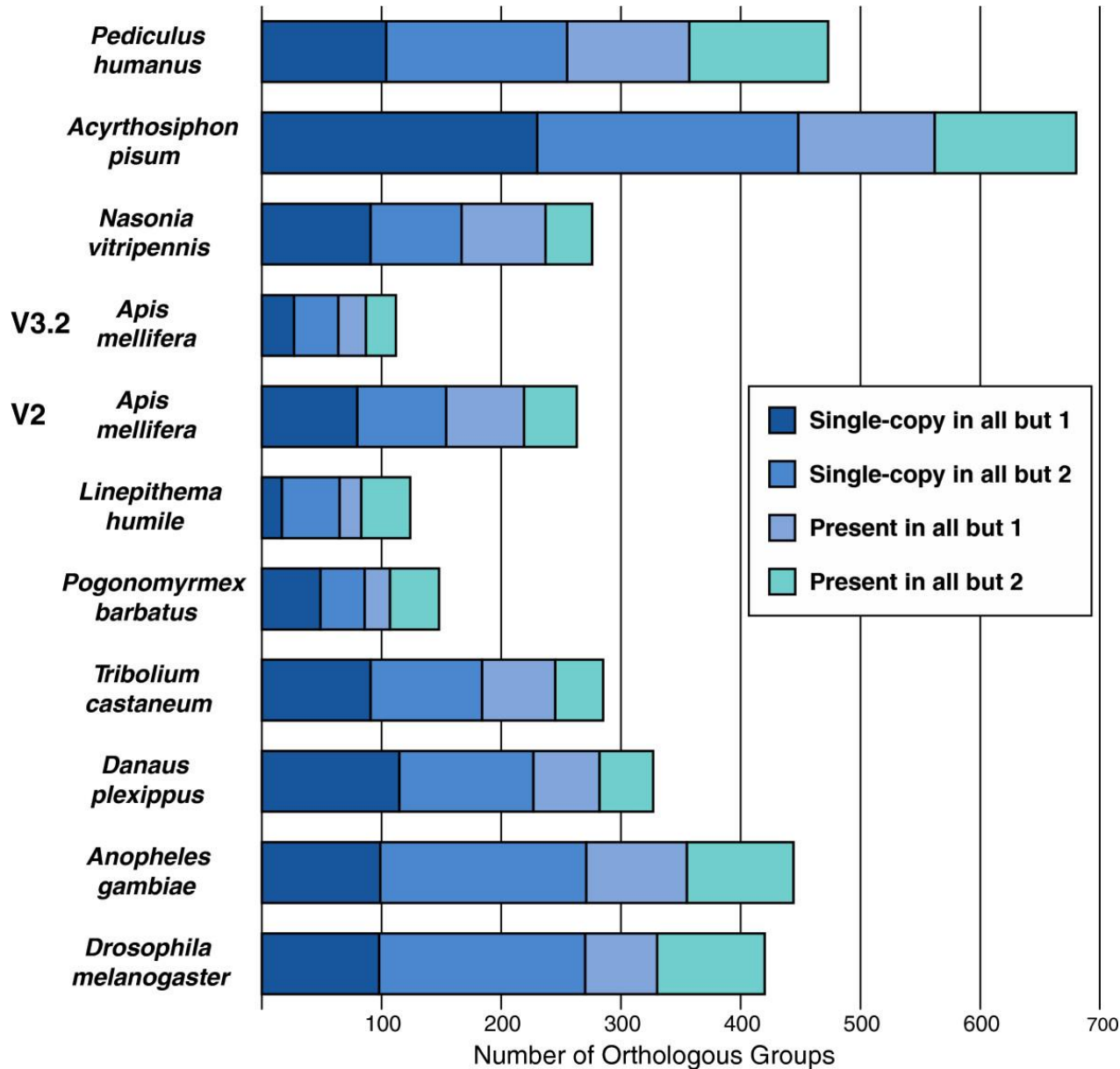
**'rare gene losses'** can and do happen, but they can also be a proxy for estimating numbers of genes missing from your annotation set as they have orthologs in almost all other species and therefore it is likely that the annotation pipeline missed the gene model rather than the gene being lost



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Using orthology to assess the quality of the new Honeybee gene set annotation:


Fewer 'missing' in all but 1 or 2 species orthologues in new gene set



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# Odonata phylogeny



**Q:** What to do when I need a species phylogeny but there are only transcriptomes from other species from my genus/lineage of interest?

**Approach:** BUSCO genome mode +  
BUSCO transcriptome mode

## Genomic Features of the Damselfly *Calopteryx splendens* Representing a Sister Clade to Most Insect Orders

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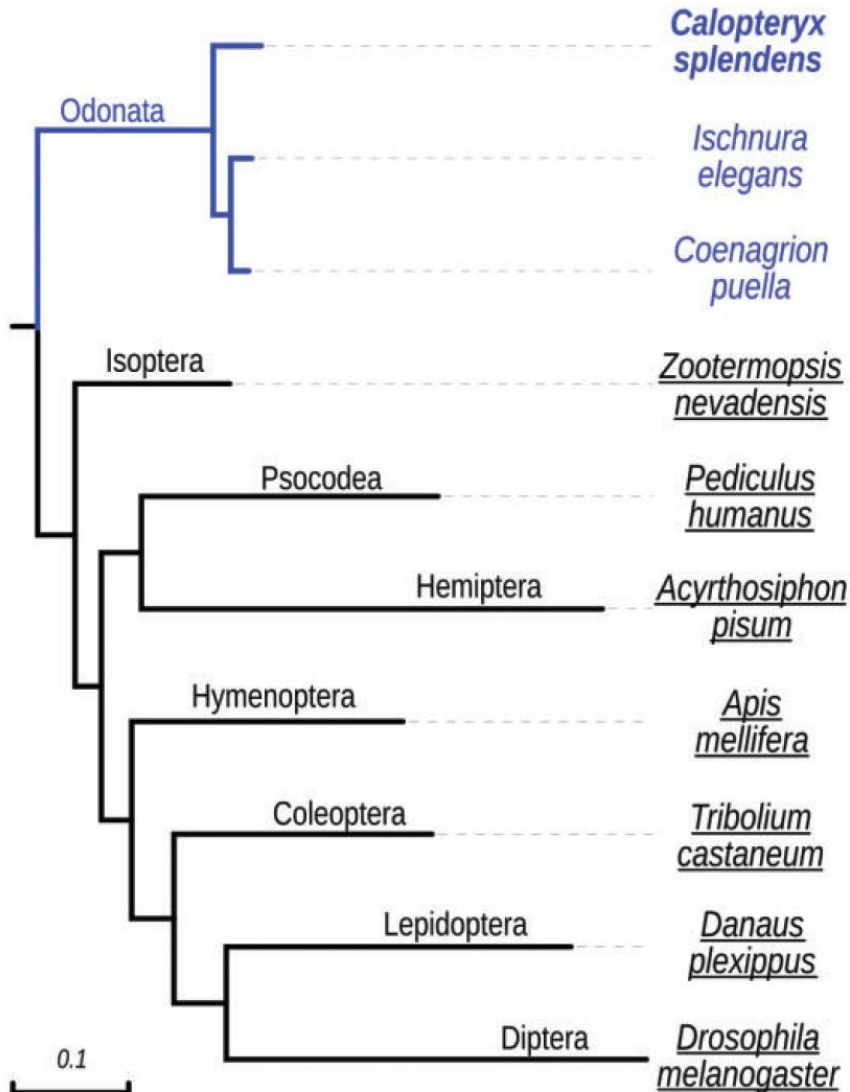


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## Calopteryx splendens, the banded demoiselle



Single-copy orthologs present in *C. splendens* and each of 8 other arthropods identified from OrthoDB.

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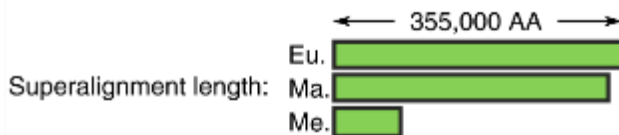
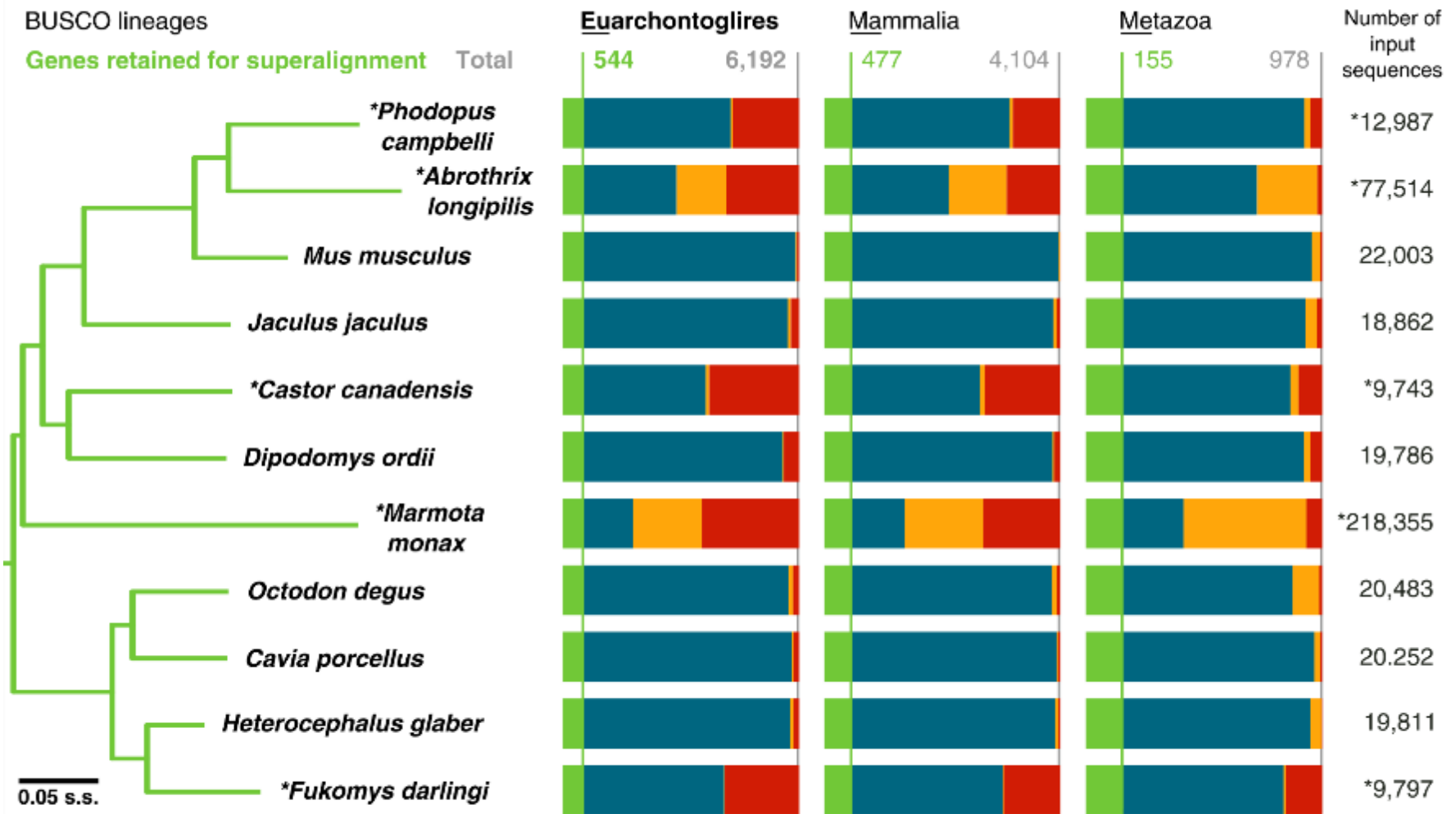
BUSCOs from published transcriptomes of azure damselfly, *Coenagrion puella* and the blue-tailed damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*.

154'159 aa alignment for RAXML phylogeny

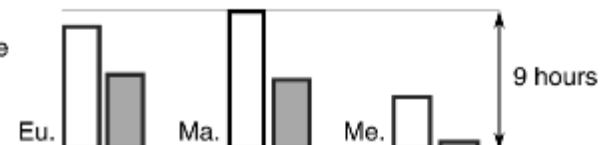
# Phylogenomic Analyses

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- Complete, found in all species in single-copy, retained to build the phylogeny
- Complete single-copy, but not found in all species, unused
- Complete duplicated, unused
- Absent or incomplete, unused



- Phylogenomic analysis runtime
- Average BUSCO runtime for a species



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# Hessian fly saliva



Q: What does the hessian fly secrete into its saliva to manipulate wheat?

Approach: salivary-gland transcriptome and comparative genomics

Report

## Current Biology

**A Massive Expansion of Effector Genes Underlies Gall-Formation in the Wheat Pest *Mayetiola destructor***

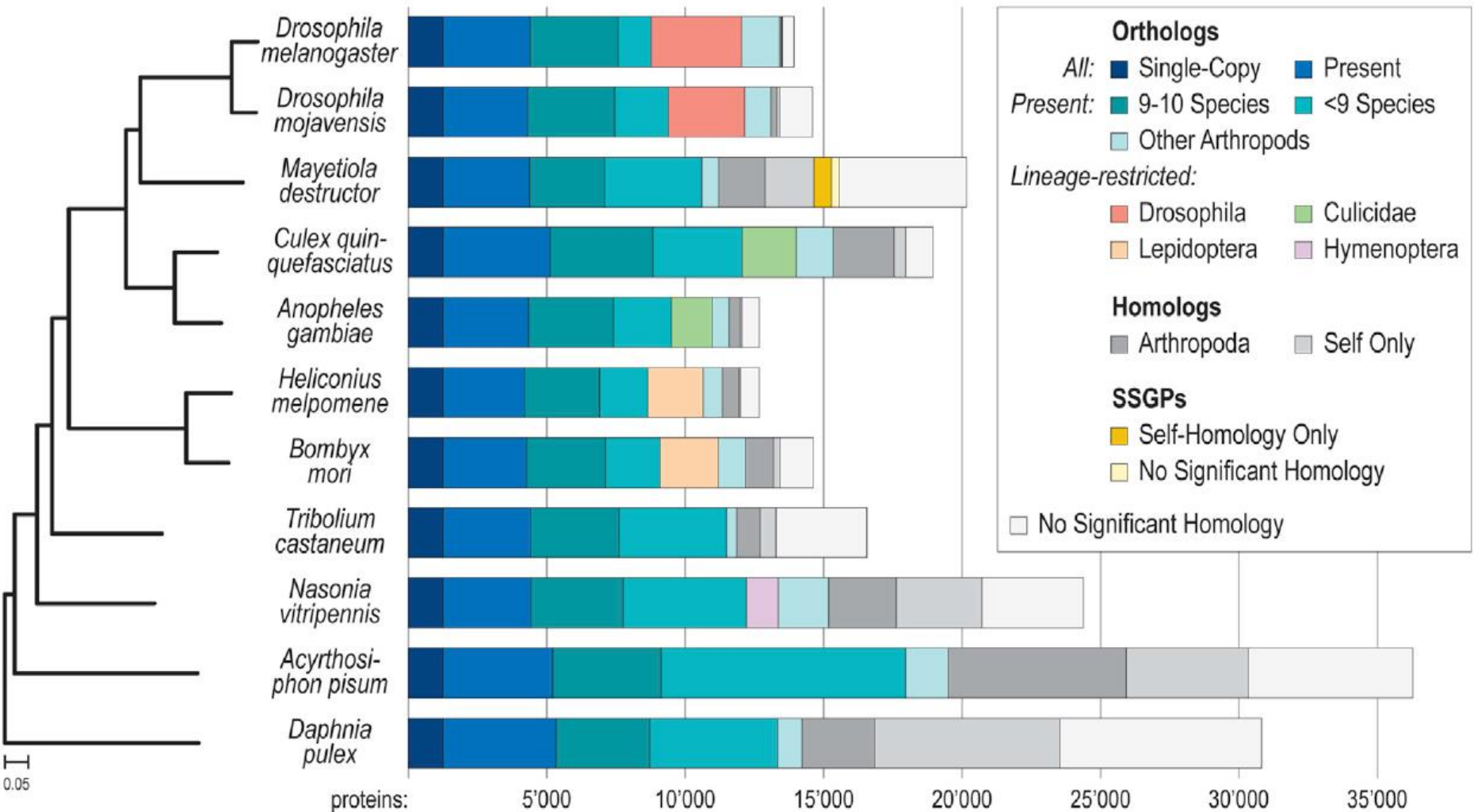


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15% of no-orthology genes, i.e. species or lineage -specific genes are homologous to the major salivary gland product



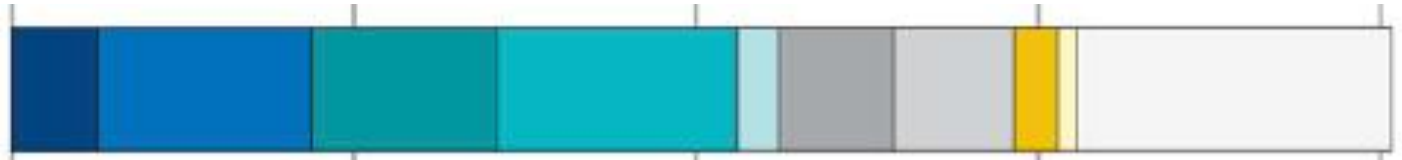


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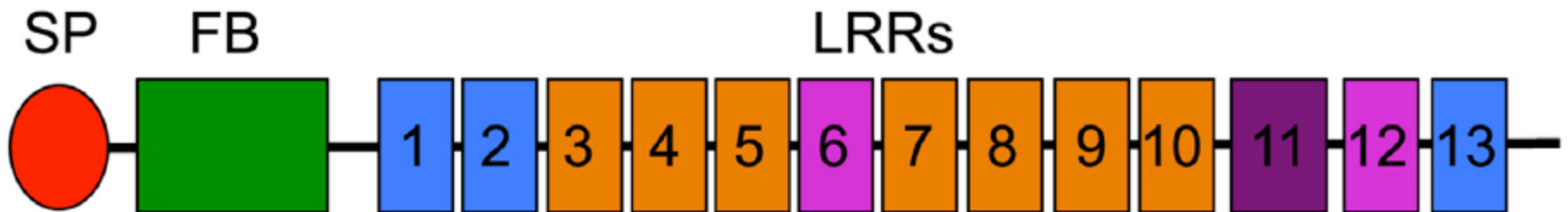
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*Mayetiola destructor*



Compared to most sequenced insect genomes *M. destructor* has a large fraction of genes (34%) lacking homologs in other organisms. Within this fraction, 919 SSGPs had a perfect match with a MAKER2 gene model; 284 were in the single-copy “no-homology” fraction, and 635 were in the multi-copy “self-homology-only” fraction of *M. destructor* genes.

A large reservoir of effector genes to manipulate the host plant.





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 **Tick and Mite intron evolution**



# Tick and Mite intron evolution



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## Genomic insights into the *Ixodes scapularis* tick vector of Lyme disease



Monika Gulia-Nuss, Andrew B. Nuss, Jason M. Meyer, Daniel E. Sonenshine, R. Michael Roe, Robert M. Waterhouse, David B. Sattelle, José de la Fuente, Jose M. Ribeiro, Karine Megy, Jyothi Thimmapuram, Jason R. Miller, Brian P.



The tick genome, therefore, supports an **intron-rich gene architecture** at the base of the arthropod radiation and more similar to that of **ancestral metazoans** than extant pancrustaceans.

## Genome sequencing of the phytoseiid predatory mite *Metaseiulus occidentalis* reveals completely atomised *Hox* genes and super-dynamic intron evolution

GENOME BIOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

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Examining gene architectures of ancient universal orthologues to identify shared and unique intron positions revealed **dramatic intron losses** from *M. occidentalis* genes accompanied by **striking numbers of intron gains**.



# Tick and Mite intron evolution



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## Approach:

Identify all near-universal single-copy orthologs across a set of species with representatives from different clades

Align the protein sequences and annotate the locations of all underlying intron sites in each protein

Use MALIN: [www.iro.umontreal.ca/~csuros/introns/malin](http://www.iro.umontreal.ca/~csuros/introns/malin)

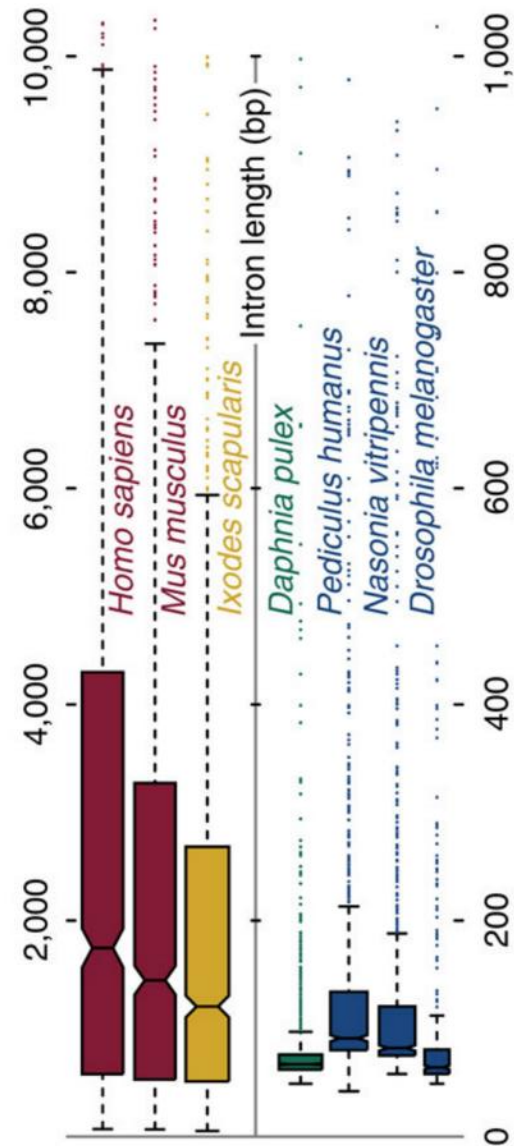
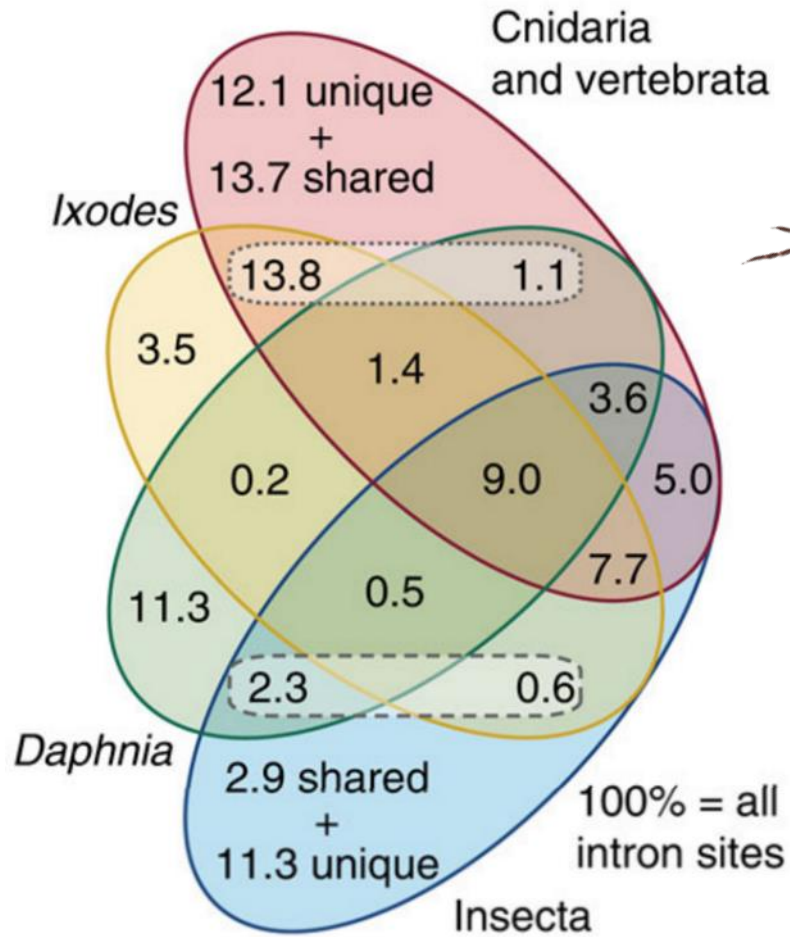
Identification of homologous splice sites in annotated protein sequence alignments.  
Computation of primary statistics about introns in homologous sites (shared introns).  
Estimation of ancestral intron content, intron losses and gains by Dollo parsimony.  
Estimation of intron loss and gain rates in a probabilistic model.  
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Inference of evolutionary histories at individual sites.  
Error estimation for rates and histories by bootstrap.



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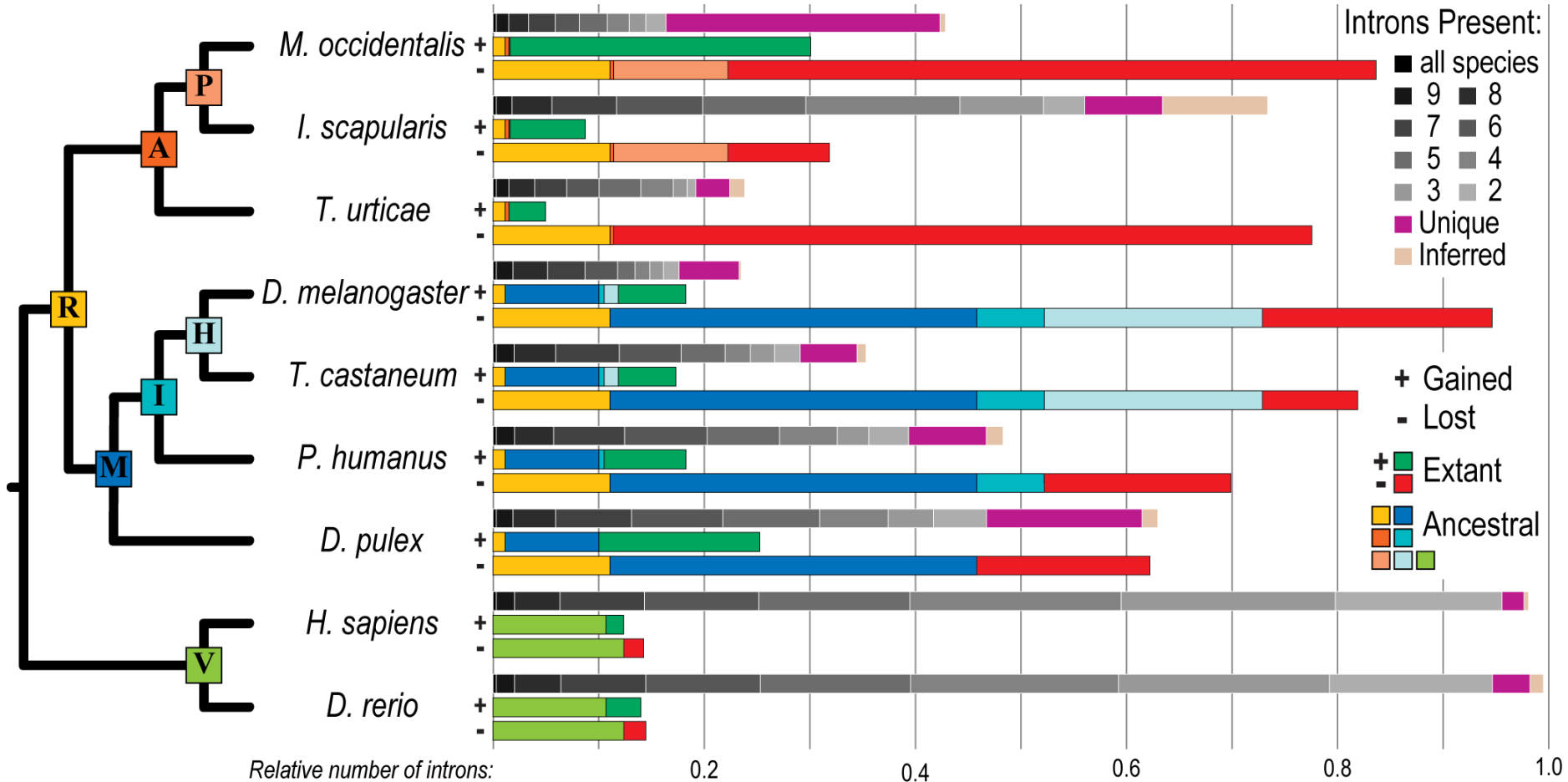




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