

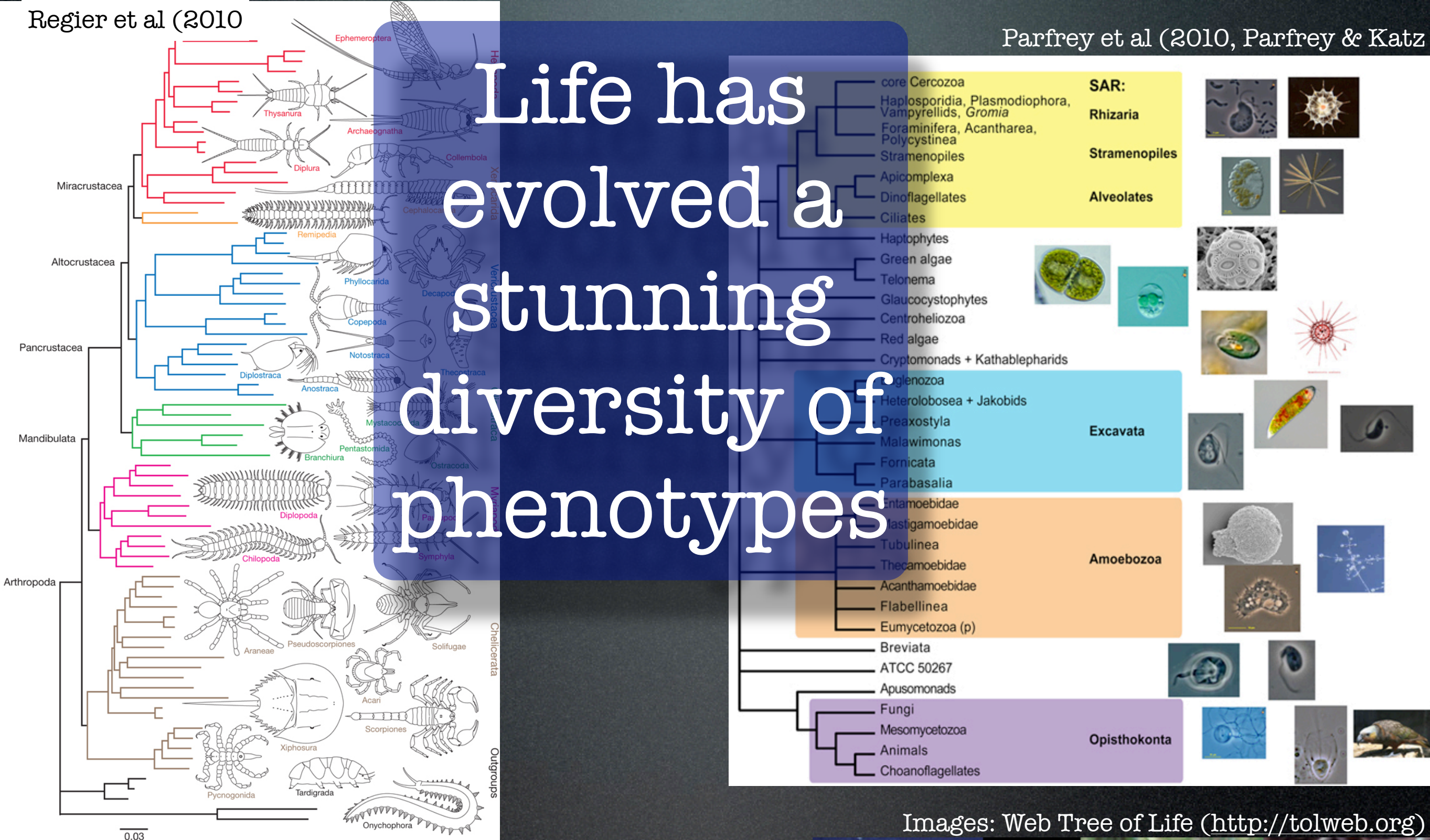
# Reasoning over phenotype diversity, character change, and evolutionary descent

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DNA sequence and morphological data were analyzed for acanthomorph fishes and two species of cichlid fishes (Cichliformes). A 572 base-pair (bp) region from three regions of the 28S ribosomal gene was analyzed under the criterion of maximum parsimony. The results resulted in a set of four most parsimonious trees. The results are congruent with the hypothesis that the acanthomorph fishes are a monophyletic group (554–626). © 2000 Elsevier Science B.V.

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The Acanthomorpha (Rosen, group of the major radiation of and over 14,000 species, they remarkable morphological and

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**ABSTRACT**—A phylogenetic hypothesis of relationships within the callichthyids based on 83 characters. The monophyly of the subfamily is well supported, as are *Aspidoras* and *Brochis*. However, the monophyly of *Corydoras*, as traditionally defined, is not included since species being more closely related to *Aspidoras* or *Brochis* than to nominal *Corydoras*. A previous hypothesis, which considered *Brochis* and *Corydoras* as forming a sister-group. A clade composed of *Aspidoras* and the species currently assigned to *Corydoras*, *C. priomitus* and *Corydoras* sp. A, is herein recognized based on the following characters: preopercular canal long, hypobranchial 2 well ossified, free margin of opercle supraorbital canal long, and ossified portion of pectoral spine reduced. The resulting monophyletic assemblage with complex vertebra compact, posterior expansion of triangular dorsal lamina on anguloarticular, and medial expansion of coracoid edge to accommodate the monophyletic groups defined in the present study. Discussion of the clade are provided.

**RESUMO**—Uma hipótese sobre as relações filogenéticas da subfamília de Callicé base em 83 caracteres. O monofilismo da subfamília é corroborado, assim como *Aspidos* e *Brochis*. Entretanto, o monofilismo de *Corydoras*, como tradicionalmente algumas de suas espécies atuais sendo mais proximamente relacionadas a *Aspidos* nominais. Estas conclusões contrastam com uma hipótese prévia que considera pamento monofilético, com *Aspidos* como seu grupo-irmão. Um clado composto a *Corydoras*, *C. barbatus*, *C. macropterus*, *C. prionotus* e *Corydoras* sp. A, é diagnosticado anterior do osso frontal alongado, hipobrânquio 2 bem ossificado, margem livre do canal supra-orbital alongado, e porção ossificada do espinho petiolar reduzido. Com um grupo monofilético definido pela vértebra complexa compacta, expansão pontal, presença de lâmina dorsal triangular no ângulo-articular e expansão no classificação é proposta para acomodar os grupos monofiléticos definidos no presente de cada um dos principais clados aqui fornecidos.

The subfamily Corydoradinae includes about 90% of the species in the Neotropical catfish family Callichthyidae and is one of the most diverse siluriform assemblages in the Neotropics, with approximately 170 valid species (Nelson, 1994; Reis, 1998a). Species of the Corydoradinae are of small

from the Rio Mabe is a mislocation. Representatives of the genus are found in several freshwater environments, ranging from fast-flowing piedmont streams with sandy or rocky bottom to lowland pools with muddy bottom. They are well known among fishkeepers worldwide, with *Corydoras* species being particularly popular.

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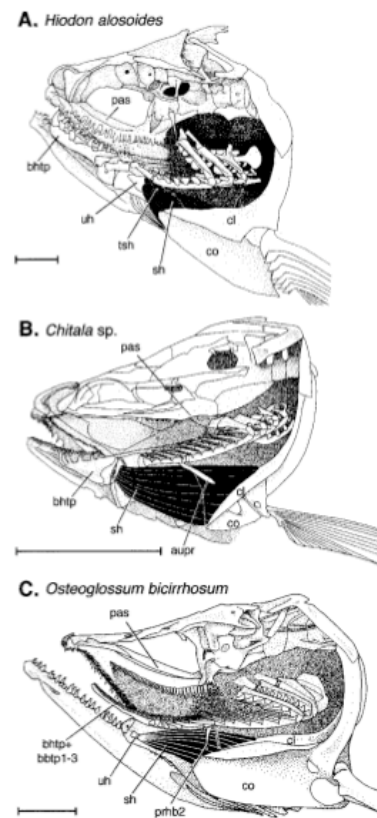


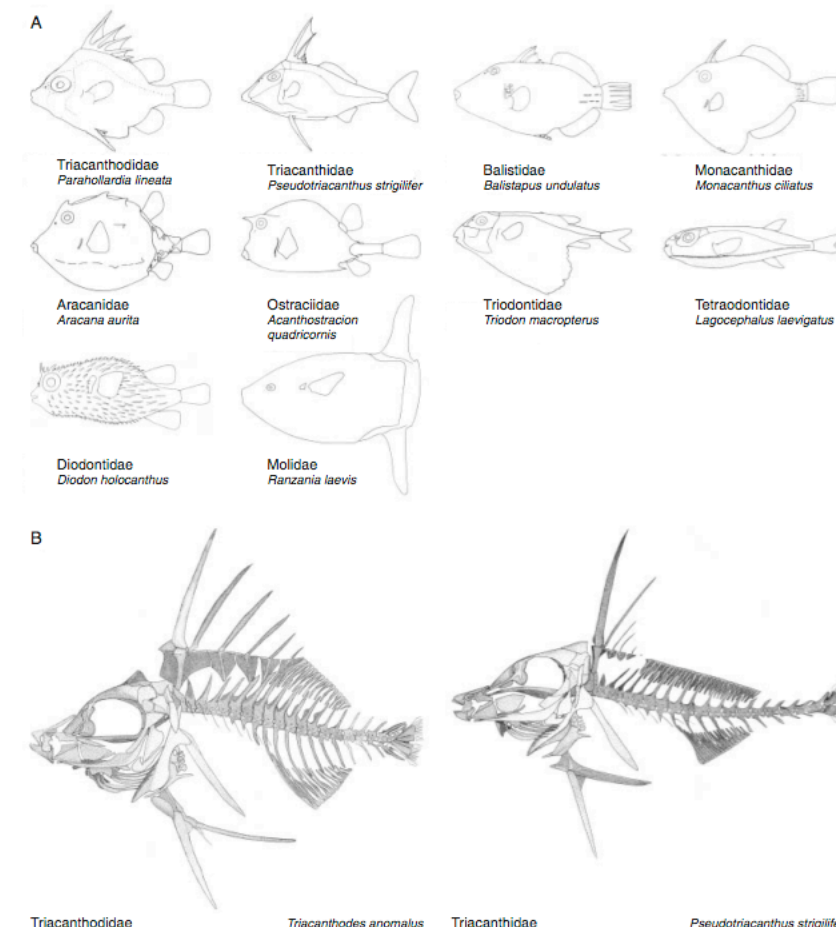
Fig. 1. The three osteoglossomorphs examined in this study showing the overall variation in the structure of the TBA. These specimens are seen in left lateral view with the left "cheek" skeleton removed; anterior is facing left. In addition to variation in the distribution and form of intraoral dentition, these taxa differ in orientation of the pectoral girdle. In *Notopteroidei* (represented by *Chitala* sp.), the pectoral girdle is more vertical, which brings it more posterior than in *Hiodontiformes* and *Osteoglossoidae* (represented by *Hiodon alosoides* and *Osteoglossum bicirrhosum*, respectively), in which the pectoral girdle has a distinct anterior horizontal arm. Osteoglossiformes (*Notopteroidei* + *Osteoglossoidae*) share the presence of autogenous bones (notopterooids) or processes (osteoglossoids) associated with the second gill arch, although the homology of these elements is questionable. The sternohyoideus muscle is shown in black and the orientation of the CBL is shown by a heavy gray line (the CBL actually lies between the left

1999) and between species (Sanford and Laurer, 1990). Such functional variation of the TBA suggests unappreciated complexity of the morphology of the TBA.

In this study, I examined the morphological variation in a character complex, the so-called tongue-bite apparatus (TBA), in three genera (*Hiodon*, *Osteoglossum*, and *Chitala*), which represent three living clades of Osteoglossomorpha (Fig. 1). The monophyly of Osteoglossomorpha, even when

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**Figure 1.** Illustrations of the skeletal anatomy and body shape of a generalized representative for each of the ten extant tetraodontiform families. Lateral views of (A) ten species, one from each extant family, and (B–F) of the skeletons of a representative species for each family, as follows: (B) triacanthodid *Triacanthodes anomalus* and triacanthid *Pseudotriacanthus strigilifer*; (C) balistid *Balistapus undulatus* and monacanthid *Monacanthus ciliatus*; (D) aracanid *Kentrocapros aculeatus* and ostraciid *Acanthostracion quadricornis*; (E) tridontid *Tridodon macropterus* and tetraodontid *Lagocephalus laieigatus*; (F) didontid *Diodon holocanthus* and molid *Ranzania laevis*.

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# Comparative osteology of the *Danio* (Cyprinidae: Ostariophysi) axial skeleton with comments on *Danio* relationships based on molecules and morphology

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water fishes native to Southern Asia. Biological sh, *Danio rerio*, has become an important model in phylogenetics and genetics. Though several phylogenetic trees resulting from different data sets have been published, the resulting phylogenies conflict in detail. To examine the monophyly of the danios, we studied the axial skeleton for 11 species and the mitochondrial cytb gene for 11 species. With DNA sequence data for five gene sequences, *Danio rerio* exhibits 14 characters that prove useful in support of the monophyly of the danios included in the study. The study includes a deep-bodied group and a slender-bodied group. The molecular data resolves relationships within the danio subclade and shows that the molecular data resolves relationships within the danio subclade is determined by morphological data. *Journal of Molecular Evolution*, 2002, 135, 529–546.

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precedented opportunity to investigate patterns and mechanisms of phenotypic transformation among related vertebrate species. Such comparative evolutionary studies of danios require a species phylogeny. While progress has been made in this (e.g. Meyer *et al.* 1993, 1995; Zardoya *et al.* 1995), the several available phylogenies, which rely entirely on DNA sequence data, conflict in and include only a fraction of *Danio* species. In this study we describe osteological variation found in the skeletal of danios and assess the phylogenetic utility at the species level of these morphological data in combination with molecular data, our morphological data provide a well-supported phylogeny for species of *Danio* that we were able to obtain. This study provides a foundation for a more comprehensive phylogenetic analysis of osteological data for pending completion of ongoing alba taxonomic studies by others (e.g. F. Fang, M. Kottelat).

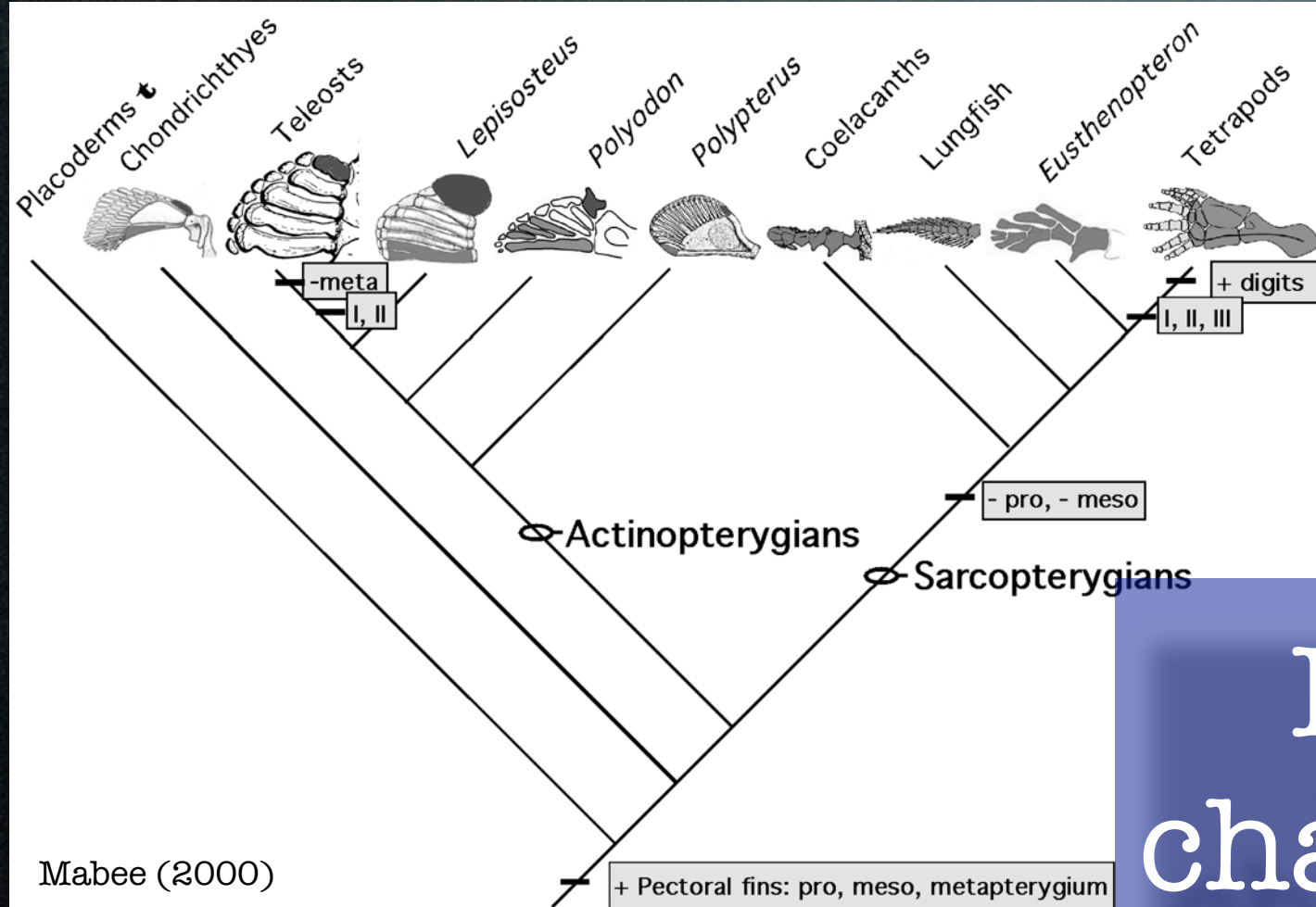
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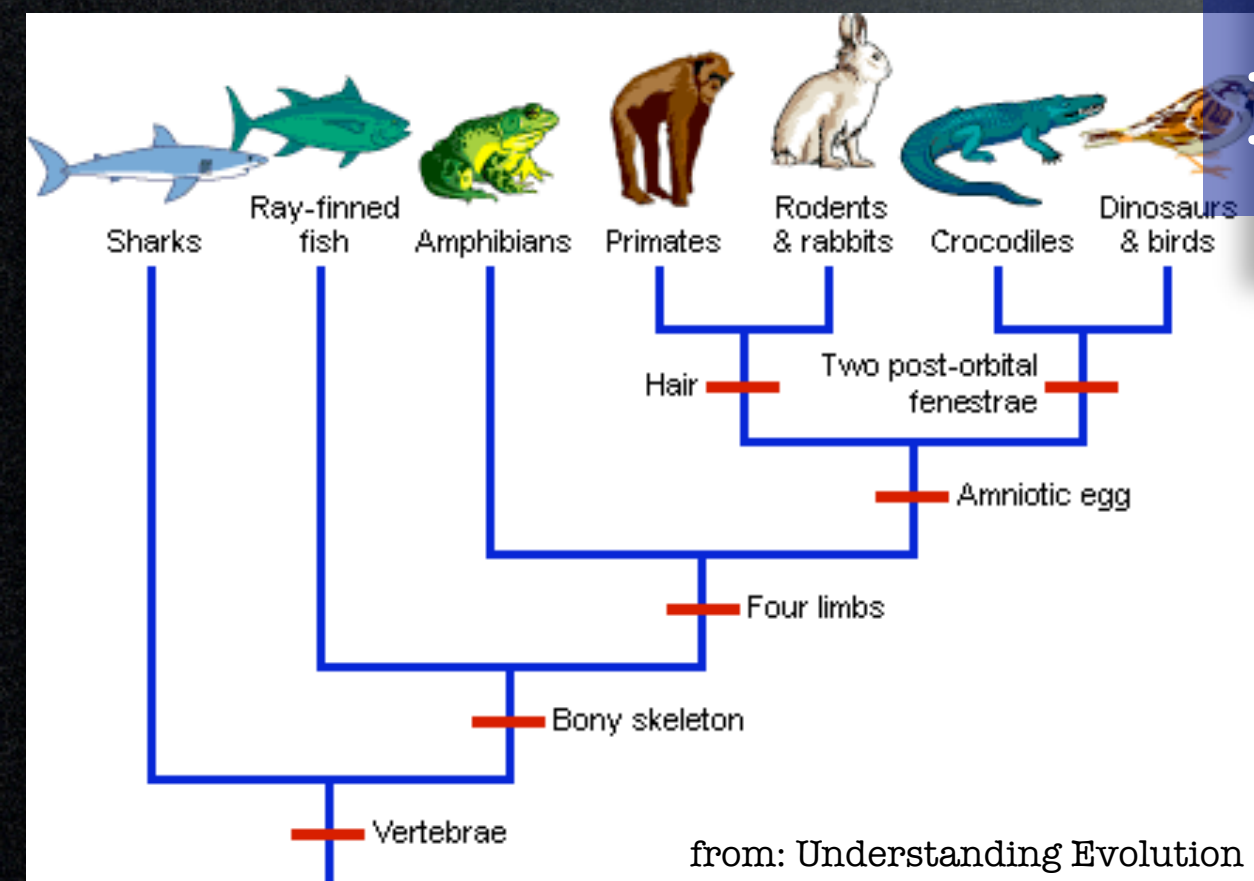
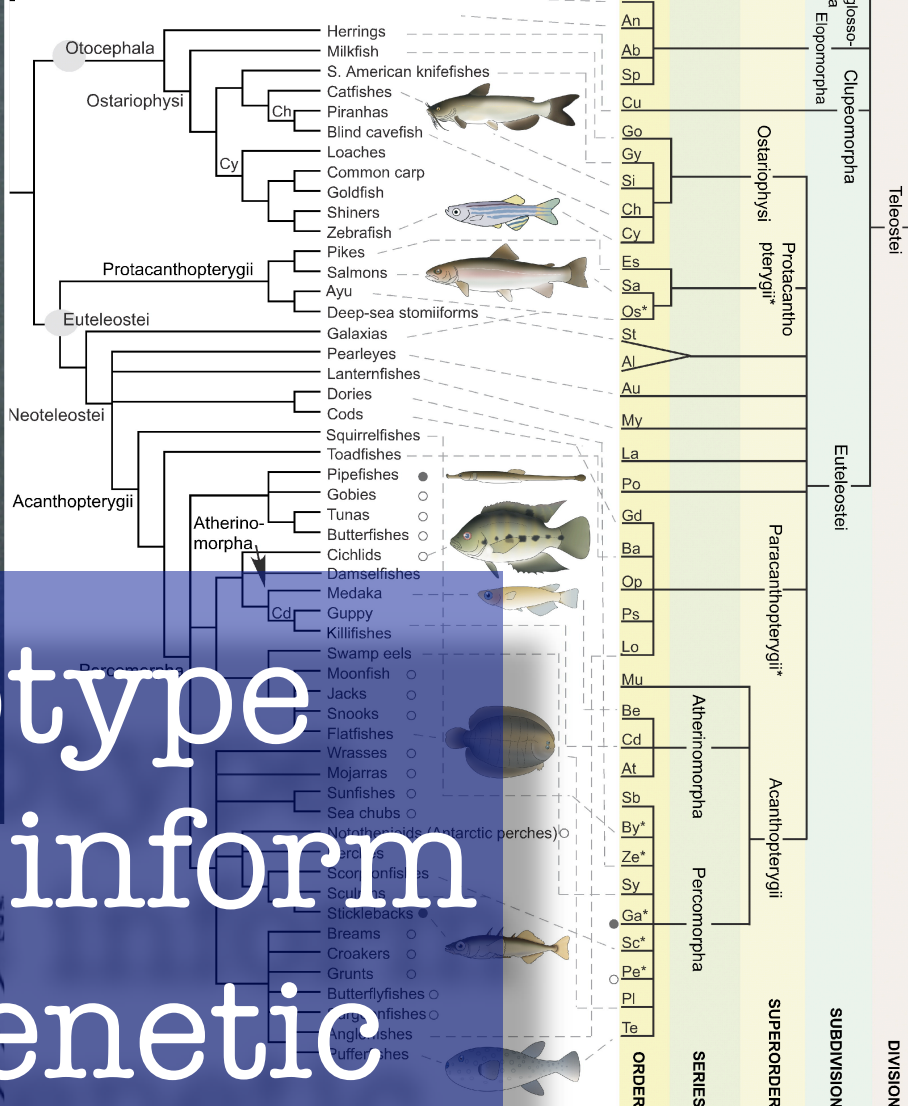




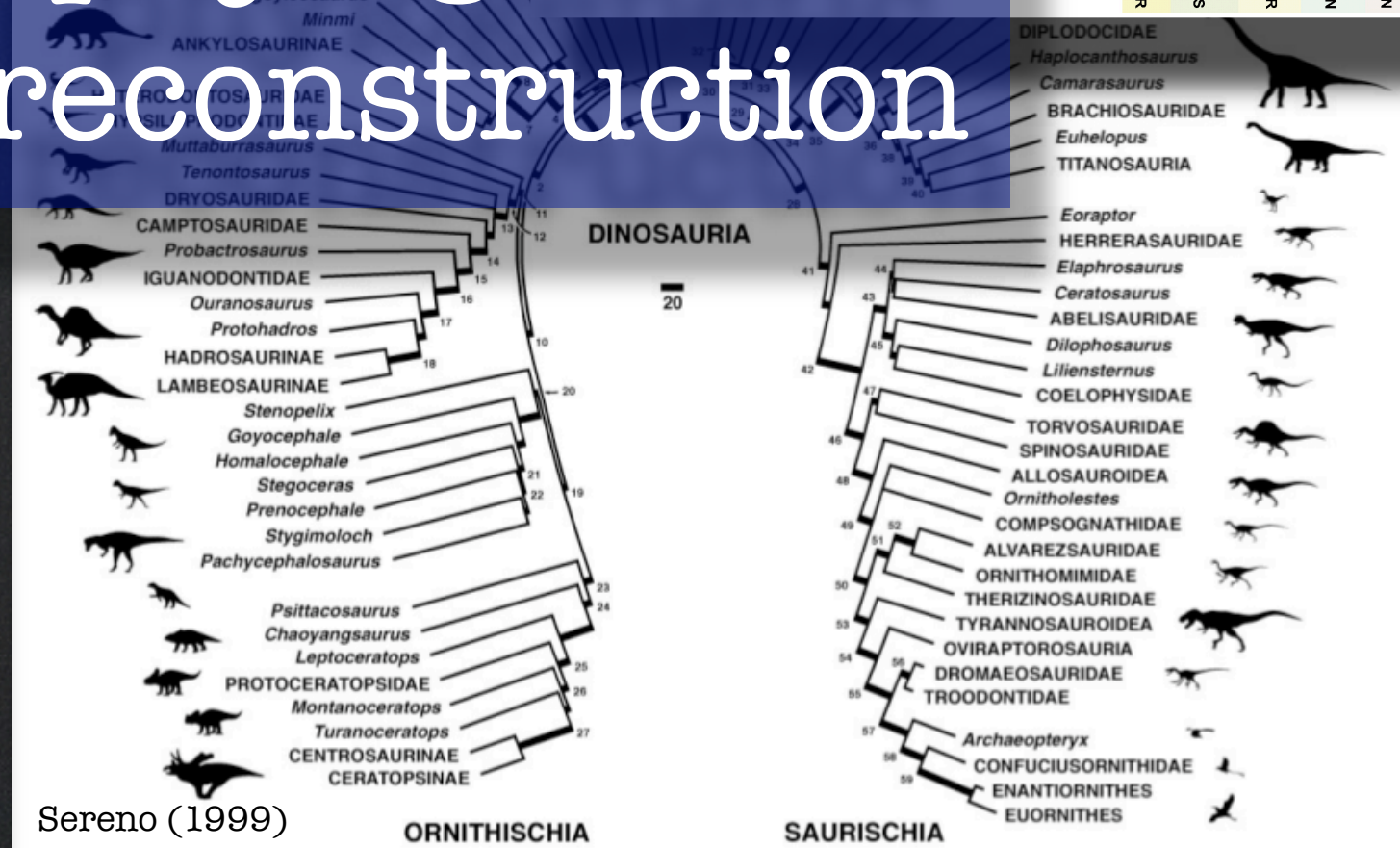
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# Phenotype changes inform phylogenetic reconstruction

Chen & Mayden (2010)



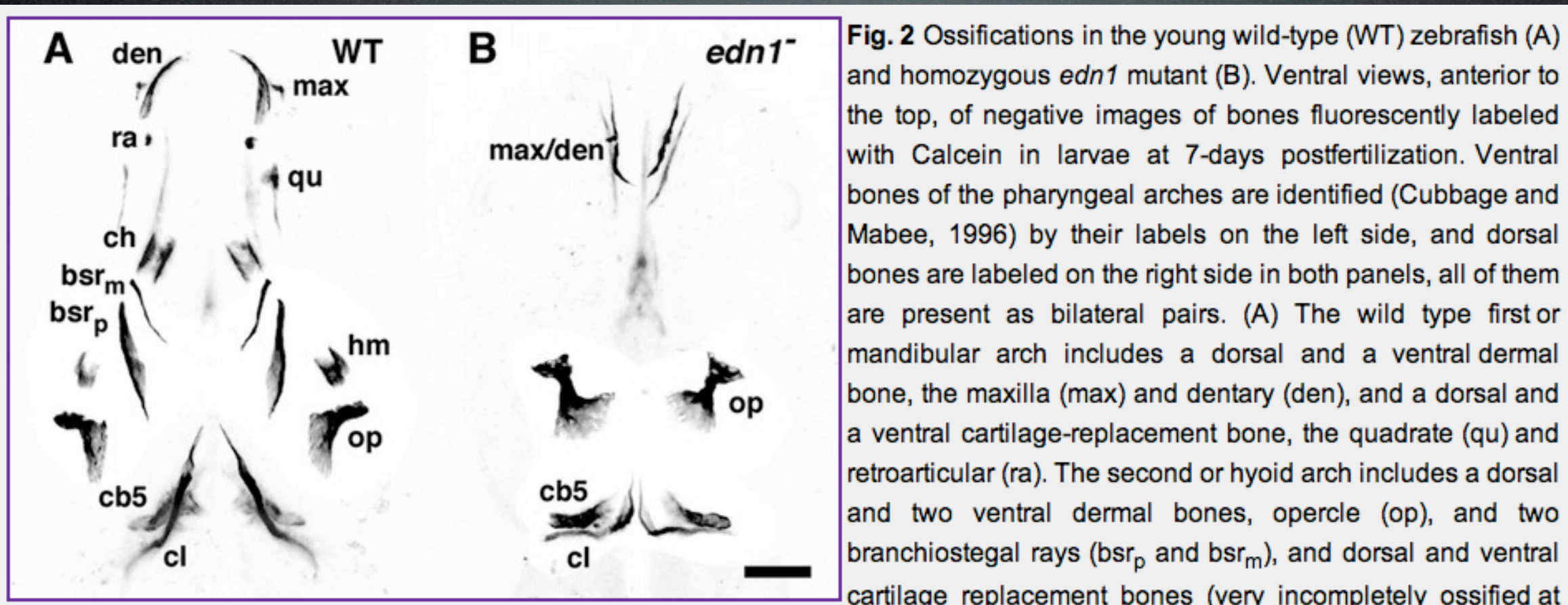
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# Phenotype observations important to many fields

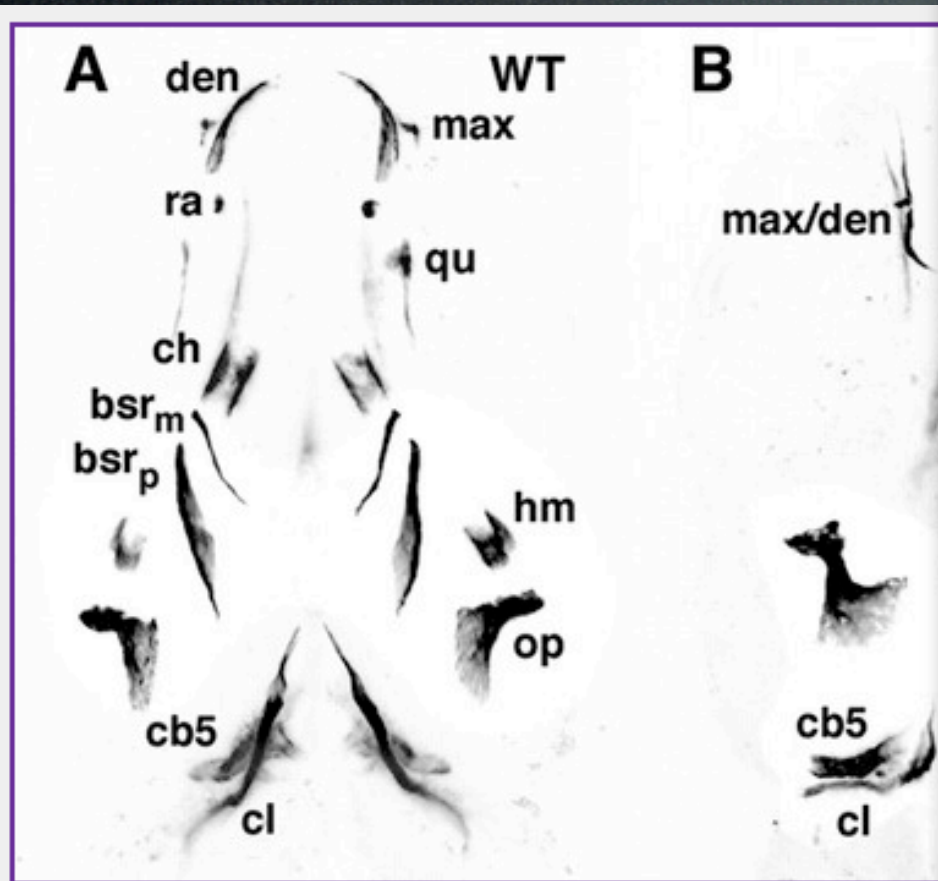


**Fig. 2** Ossifications in the young wild-type (WT) zebrafish (A) and homozygous *edn1* mutant (B). Ventral views, anterior to the top, of negative images of bones fluorescently labeled with Calcein in larvae at 7-days postfertilization. Ventral bones of the pharyngeal arches are identified (Cubbage and Mabee, 1996) by their labels on the left side, and dorsal bones are labeled on the right side in both panels, all of them are present as bilateral pairs. (A) The wild type first or mandibular arch includes a dorsal and a ventral dermal bone, the maxilla (max) and dentary (den), and a dorsal and a ventral cartilage-replacement bone, the quadrate (qu) and retroarticular (ra). The second or hyoid arch includes a dorsal and two ventral dermal bones, opercle (op), and two branchiostegal rays (*bsr<sub>p</sub>* and *bsr<sub>m</sub>*), and dorsal and ventral cartilage replacement bones (very incompletely ossified at this stage), the hyomandibula (hm) and ceratohyal (ch). The most posterior arch includes a cartilage-replacement bone, ceratobranchial 5 (cb5). Overlaying ceratobranchial 5 is the cleithrum (cl), a long dermal bone connecting the posterior skull and the pectoral girdle. Two other craniofacial bones present at this stage lie deeper in the tissue and are not labeled, the parasphenoid and the endopterygoid. (B) Many of the anterior ossifications (in the first two arches) are missing in the *edn1* mutant. Ceratobranchial 5 and the cleithrum are present, shortened and somewhat malformed. In the mandibular arch dermal bones (max/den) are present but severely malformed, an example of the 'wicket' phenotype discussed in the text (see also Fig. 3). In the hyoid arch the opercle is present and its joint region (upper part of the bone) is markedly expanded, a mild example of the 'opercle-gain' phenotype described in the text and other Figures. Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m.

Kimmel et al, 2003



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this stage), the hyomandibula (hm) and ceratohyal (ch). In the mutant (B), the ceratobranchial 5 (cb5) is severely malformed, an example of the 'wicket' phenotype discussed in the text (see also Fig. 3). In the hyoid arch the opercle is present and its joint region (upper part of the bone) is markedly expanded, a mild example of the 'opercle-gain' phenotype described in the text and other Figures. Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m.

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**GENE FUNCTION**

[Morais da Silva et al. \(1996\)](#) found that, consistent with its role in sex determination, SOX9 expression closely follows differentiation of Sertoli cells in the mouse testis, in experimental sex reversal when fetal ovaries are grafted to adult kidneys, and in the chick where there is no evidence for an Sry gene. The results suggested to the authors that SOX9 plays an essential role in sex determination, possibly immediately downstream of SRY in mammals, and that it functions as a critical Sertoli cell differentiation factor, perhaps in all vertebrates.

By cell transfection experiments, [Sudbeck et al. \(1996\)](#) showed that SOX9 can transactivate transcription from a reporter plasmid through the motif AACAAAG, a sequence recognized by other HMG domain transcription factors. By fusing all or part of SOX9 to the DNA-binding domain of yeast GAL4, the transactivating function was mapped to a transcription activation domain at the C terminus of SOX9. With 1 exception, all SOX9 nonsense and frameshift mutations in patients with campomelic dysplasia and sex reversal lead to truncation of this domain, suggesting to [Sudbeck et al. \(1996\)](#) that impairment of gonadal and skeletal development in these cases results, at least in part, from loss of the transactivation of genes downstream of SOX9.

During chondrogenesis in the mouse, Sox9 is coexpressed with Col2a1 ([120140](#)), the gene encoding type II collagen, the major cartilage matrix protein. COL2A1 is therefore a candidate regulatory target of SOX9. Regulatory sequences required for chondrocyte-specific expression of the COL2A1 gene have been localized to conserved sequences in the first intron in rats, mice, and humans. [Bell et al. \(1997\)](#) showed that SOX9 protein binds specifically to sequences in the first intron of human COL2A1. Mutation of these sequences abolished SOX9 binding and chondrocyte-specific expression of a COL2A1-driven reporter gene (COL2A1-lacZ) in transgenic mice. Furthermore, ectopic expression of Sox9 transactivated both a COL2A1-driven reporter gene and the endogenous Col2a1 gene in transgenic mice. These results demonstrated that COL2A1 expression is directly regulated by SOX9 protein in vivo and implicated abnormal regulation of COL2A1 during chondrogenesis as a cause of the skeletal abnormalities associated with campomelic dysplasia.

SOX9 is expressed during chondrocyte differentiation and is upregulated in male and downregulated in female genital ridges during sex differentiation. To study the sex- and tissue-specific regulation of SOX9, [Kanai and Koopman \(1999\)](#) defined the transcription start site and characterized the Sox9 promoter region in the mouse. The Sox9 proximal promoter shows moderately high nucleotide similarity between mouse and human. Transient transfection experiments using various deletion constructs at the 6.8-kb upstream region of the mouse Sox9 gene fused to a luciferase reporter showed that the interval between 193 and 73 bp from the transcription start site was essential for maximal promoter activity in cell lines and in primary male and female gonadal somatic cells and liver cells isolated from mouse embryos 13.5 days postcoitum. This minimal promoter region was shown by DNase I hypersensitive site assay to be in an 'open' state of chromatin structure in gonads of both sexes, but not in the liver. Promoter activity was higher in testis than in ovary and liver, but deletion of the region from -193 to -73 bp abolished this difference. [Kanai and Koopman \(1999\)](#) concluded that the proximal promoter region is in part responsible for the sex- and tissue-specific expression of the SOX9 gene, and that more distal positive and negative elements contribute to its regulation in vivo, consistent with the observation that translocations upstream from the SOX9 gene can result in campomelic dysplasia.

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# As complex, free text phenotypes are resistant to computing

5. Aortic canal on compound Weberian centrum: ventrally open groove [0]; bony tube [1] (Lundberg et al., 1991b). Within the family a uniquely derived and unreversed synapomorphy of Pimelodidae exclusive of *Steindachneridion* and *Phractocephalus-Leiarius* group, CCI = 1.
6. Position of right cardinal vein foramen (or open trough): vertebra 5 [0]; vertebra 6 [1] (Nass, 1991). Within the family a uniquely derived and unreversed synapomorphy of Pimelodidae exclusive of *Steindachneridion* and *Phractocephalus-Leiarius* group, CCI = 1.
7. Ethmoid plate form: rounded [0]; quadrangular [1] (Lundberg et al., 1991b). Within Pimelodidae a uniquely derived and unreversed synapomorphy of *Pimelodus* group plus *Calophysus* group, CCI = 1.
8. Mesethmoid cornua deflection: none [0]; abruptly deflected ventrally [1] (Lundberg et al., 1991b). Within Pimelodidae a uniquely derived and unreversed synapomorphy of *Pimelodus* group plus *Calophysus* group, CCI = 1.
9. Coronoid process: shallow to moderately inclined [0]; steeply inclined, tall, and a little recurved [1] (Lundberg et al., 1991b). Within Pimelodidae a uniquely derived and unreversed synapomorphy of *Pimelodus* group plus *Calophysus* group, CCI = 1.

47. *Shape of posterior dorsomedian fontanelle.* An elongate-rectangular posterior fontanelle of most catfishes appears to be the plesiomorphic condition (see also Tilak 1963, 1964, 1965a; Lundberg 1982; Arratia 1987; Grande 1987). An irregularly-shaped or rounded

rowing posteriorly [2] (Buitrago, pers. comm.). Within Pimelodidae uniquely derived basally in *Brachyplatystoma* but reversed in *B. tigrinum*, CCI = 0.5; state 2 is independently derived in *Steindachneridion* and *Sorubim* group.

17. Mandibular nerve canal in articular: absent [0]; present [1] (Nass, 1991). Highly homoplastic within Pimelodidae; uniquely derived basally in *Brachyplatystoma* but reversed in *B. tigrinum*, CCI = 0.2.
18. Urohyal vertical keel and posterior process: smooth sided [0]; with lateral ridges [1]. Within Pimelodidae a uniquely derived and unreversed synapomorphy of *Brachyplatystoma* exclusive of *B. vaillantii*, CCI = 1.
19. Orbital notch: present [0]; absent, eye not bounded by lateral ethmoid and sphenotic projections [1]. Within Pimelodidae a uniquely derived and unreversed synapomorphy of *Brachyplatystoma* exclusive of *B. vaillantii*, CCI = 1.
20. Ectopterygoid: present [0]; absent [1]. Within Brachyplatystomatini an unambiguously derived and unreversed synapomorphy of *Brachyplatystoma* exclusive of *B. vaillantii*, but independently derived in some Pimelodidae and other catfishes, CCI = 0.33.

State 0 = frontal broad anteriorly and moderately narrow posteriorly, anterior space reduced (adults) and arms moderately wide; 1 = frontal moderately broad posteriorly, anterior space moderately enlarged; 2 = frontal broad posteriorly, anterior arms narrow, space enlarged.

49. *Laminar bone over the anterior vertebrae.* The laminar bone is usually continuous medianly in ariids (except in *Galeichthys* and *Ancharius*) and is more extensive in larger individuals, an ontogenetic change evidenced in most taxa. However, the excavation of the laminar bone posteromedially and the overlapping of the transverse process bases laterally is variable. I consider that a minimal cover over the aortic groove is plesiomorphic in ariids and interpret a 'minimal cover' as exposed transverse process bases and a deep median excavation on the ventral surface. The laminar bone in ariids extends over four to eight vertebra centra. Some ariids possess apomorphic modifications in the laminar shelf, such as depressions (e.g., *Guiritinga barbus*, *Cinetodus froggatti*) or median single keel (e.g., high and acute in *Batrachcephalus*, *Nemapteryx armiger*) or double keel (e.g., *Bagre marinus*).



# Finding similar information in free-text is difficult

“lacrymal bone...flat”

Mayden 1989

“lacrimal...small, flat”

Grande and Poyato-  
Ariza 1999

“lacrimal...triangular”

Royero 1999

“first infraorbital (lacrimal)  
shape...flattened”

Kailola 2004

“fourth infraorbital...anterior and  
posterior margins...in parallel”

Zanata and Vari 2005



# Meaning of words depends on context

- Burrowing insectivorous mammals in the family Talpidae
- A spy buried secretly within an organization or country
- The SI unit used in chemistry for the amount of a substance
- A small, sometimes raised area of skin, usually with darker pigment
- A Mexican sauce made from chili peppers and other spices, including chocolate
- A massive structure, usually of stone, used as a pier, jetty, or breakwater between places separated by water



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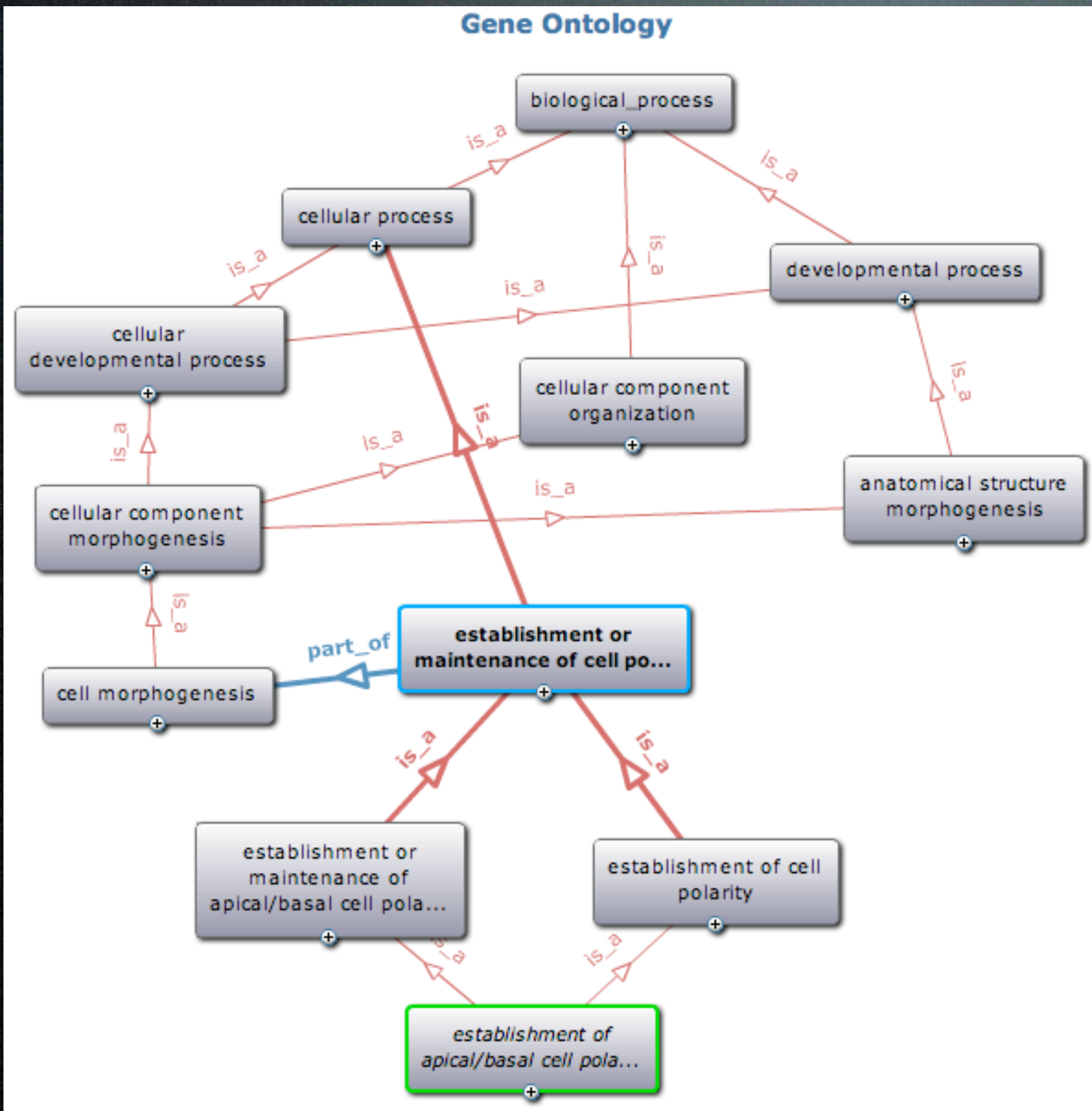


# What is an ontology?

- An ontology is a type of vocabulary with well-defined terms and the logical relationships that hold between them.
- An ontology represents the knowledge about its subject domain.



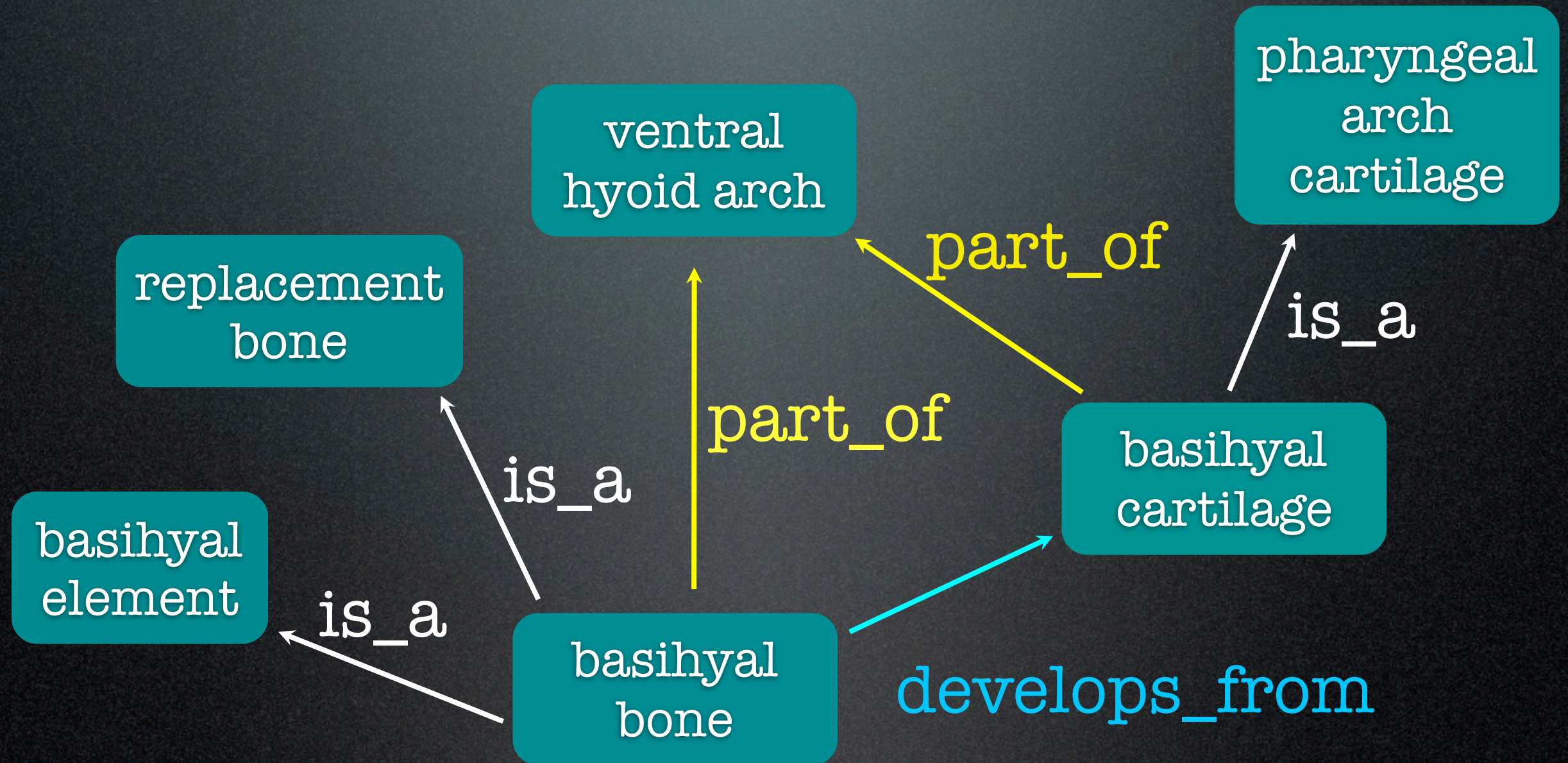
# Ontologies support reasoning



- Relationships (“assertions”) induce a hierarchical structure.
- Ontologies can be processed by machines to make inferences.

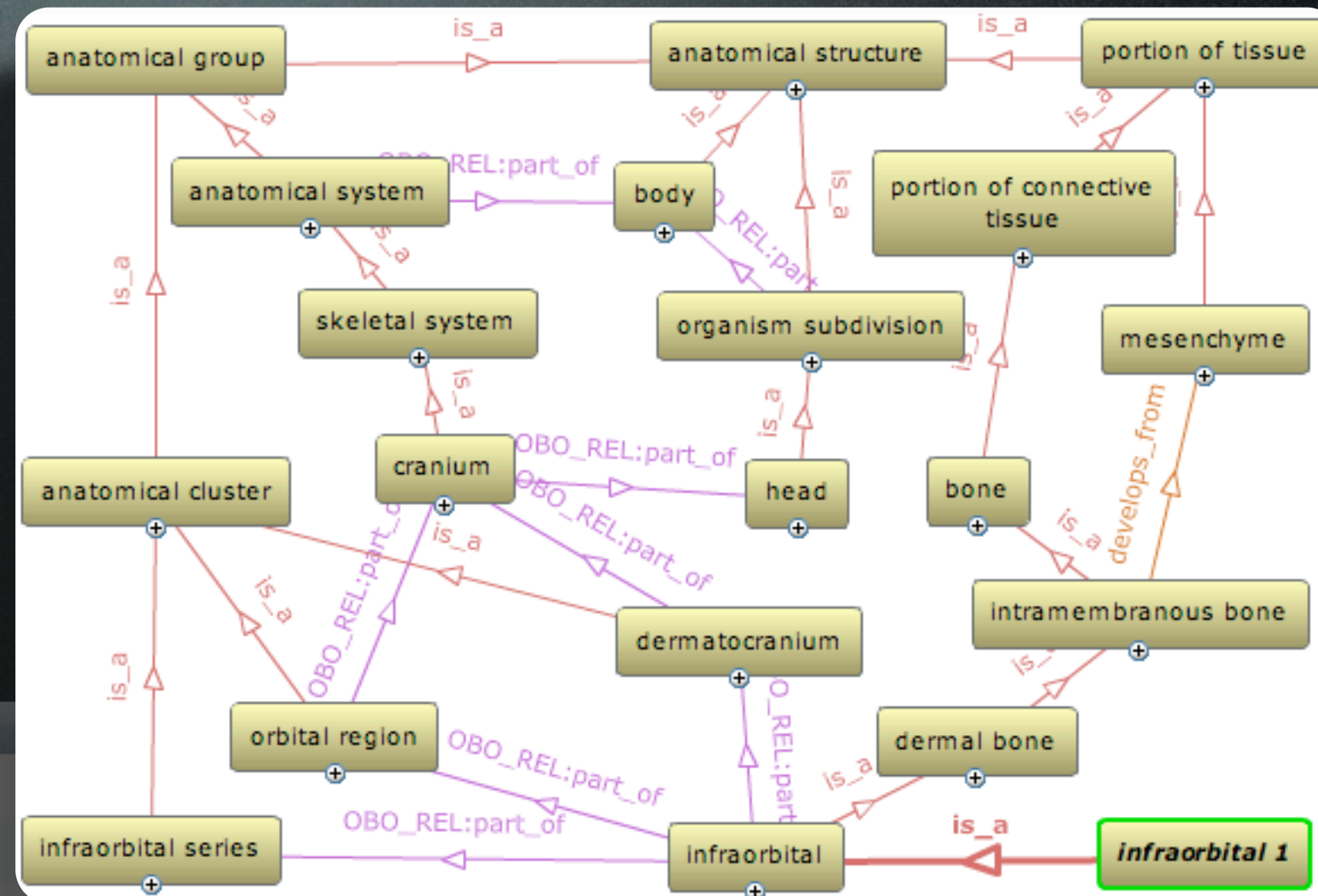


# The same principles apply to anatomy





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# Integrating across studies?

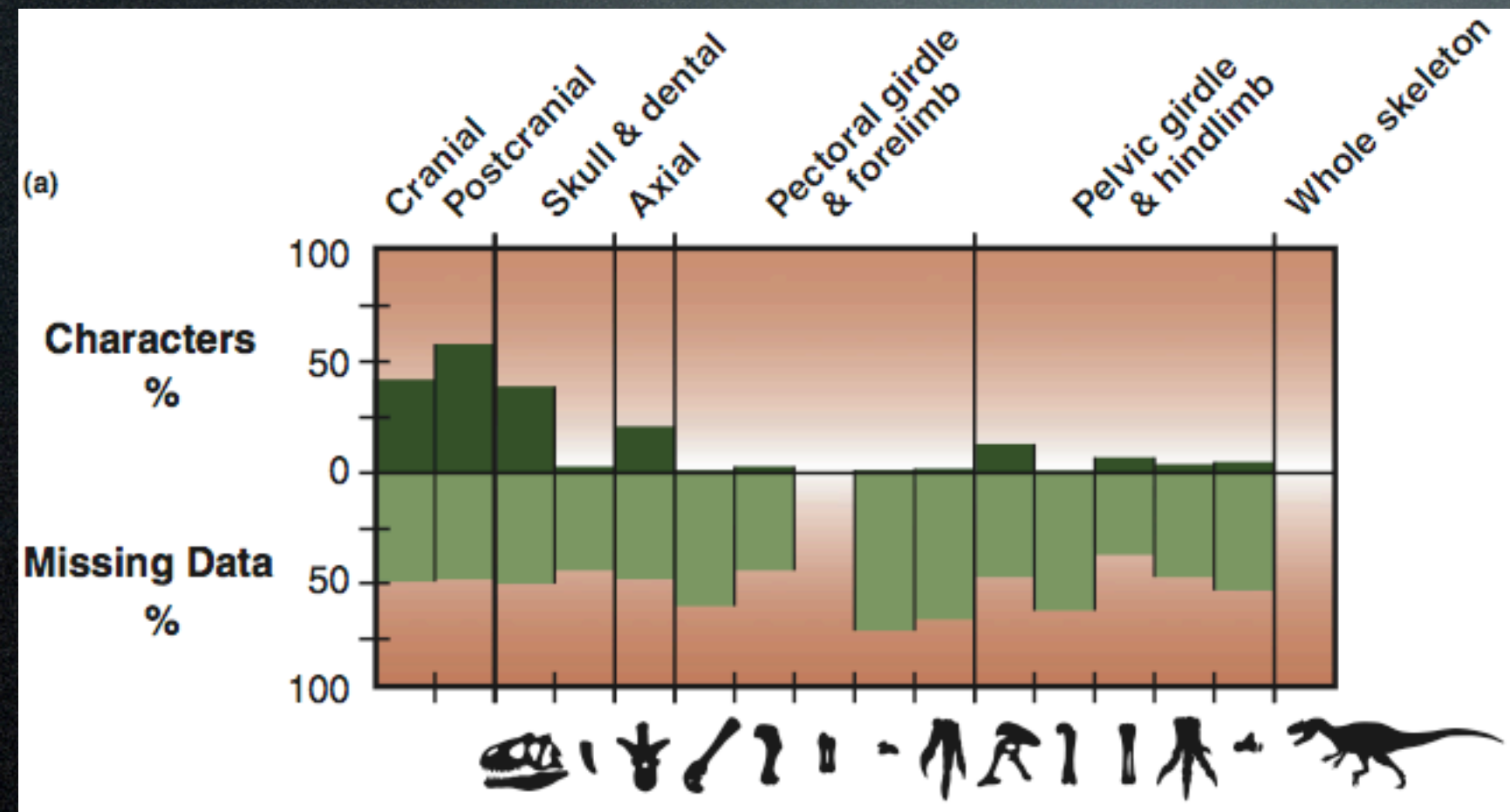


Fig. 7, Sereno (2009)

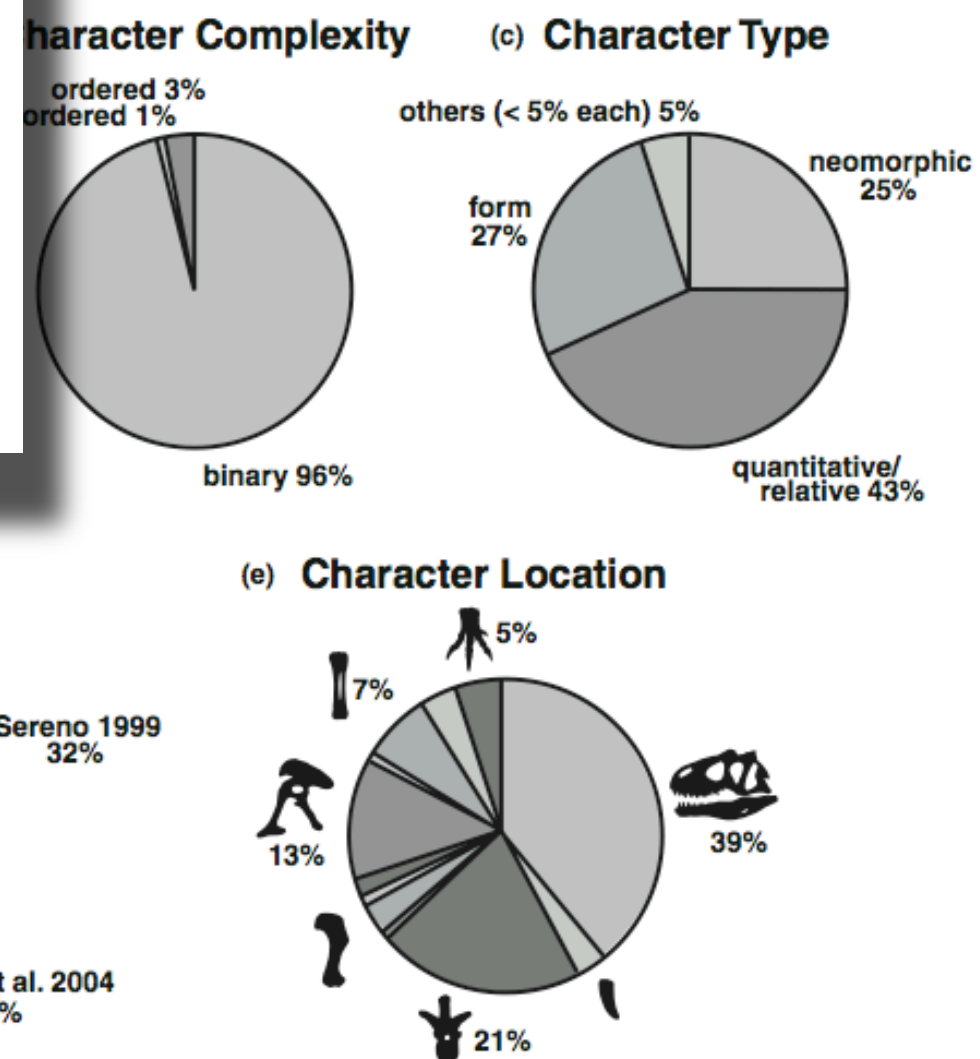


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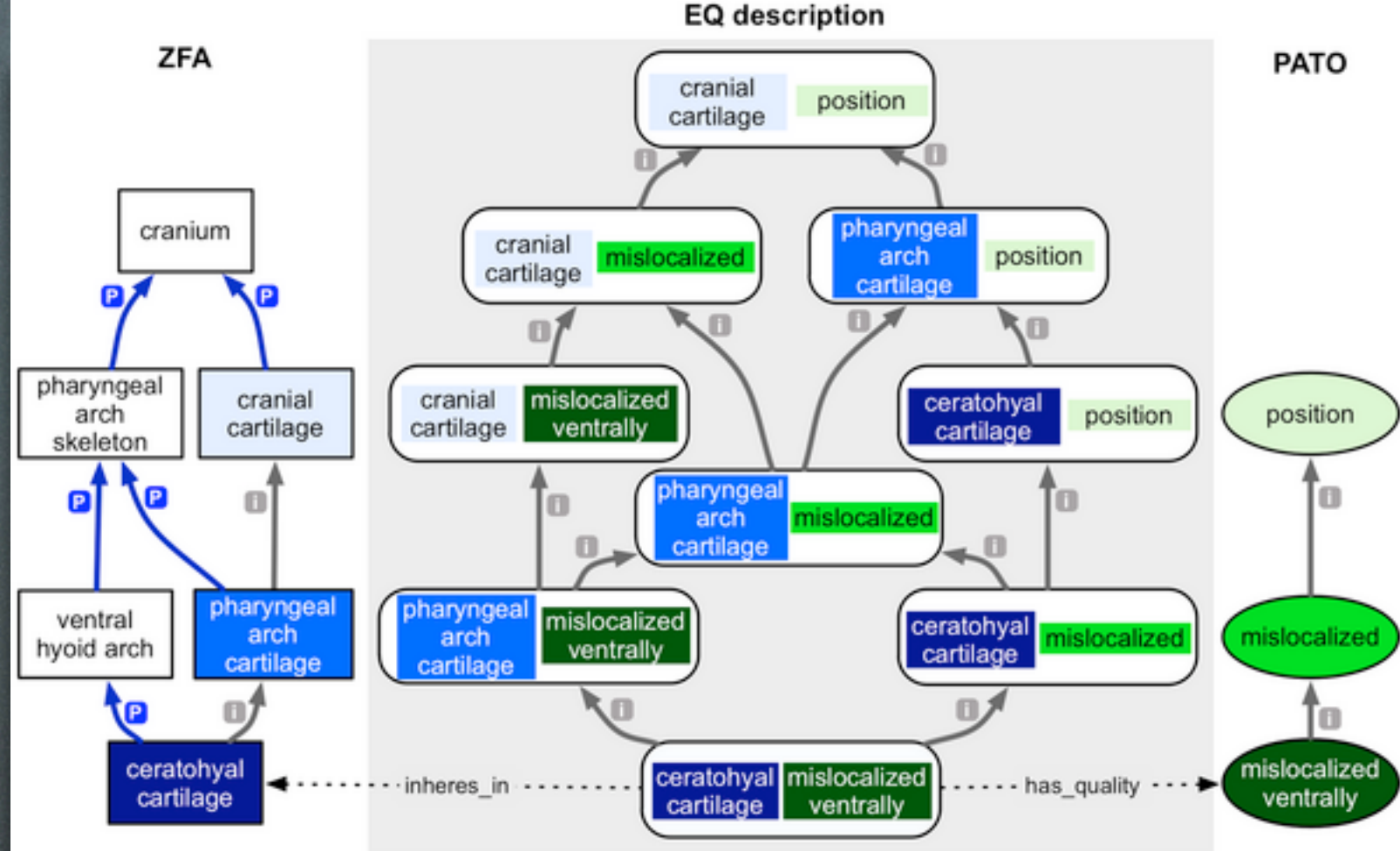


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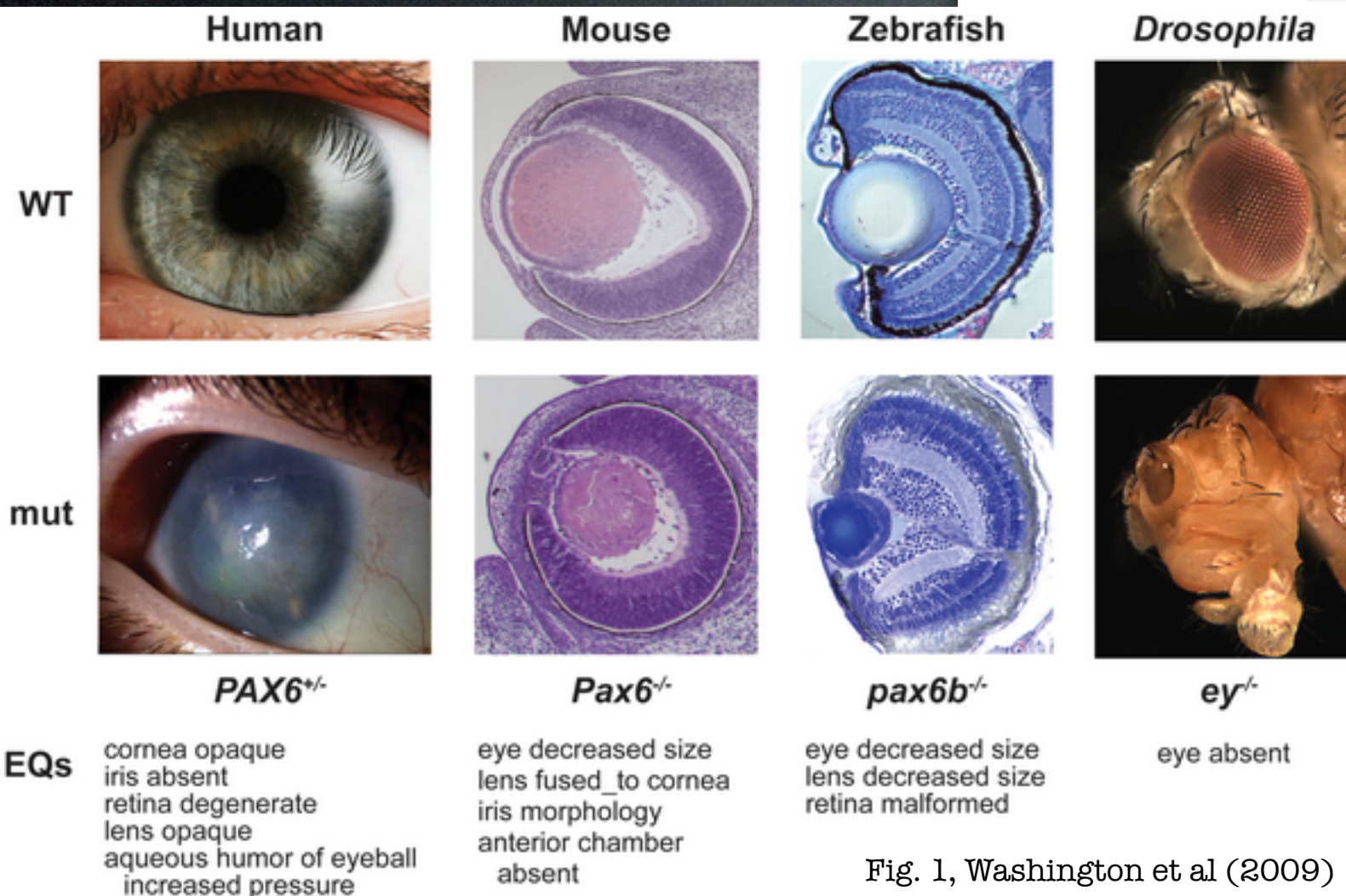


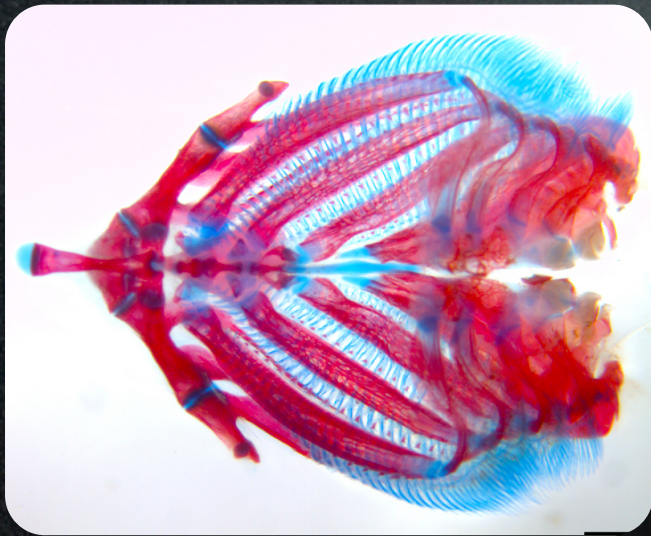
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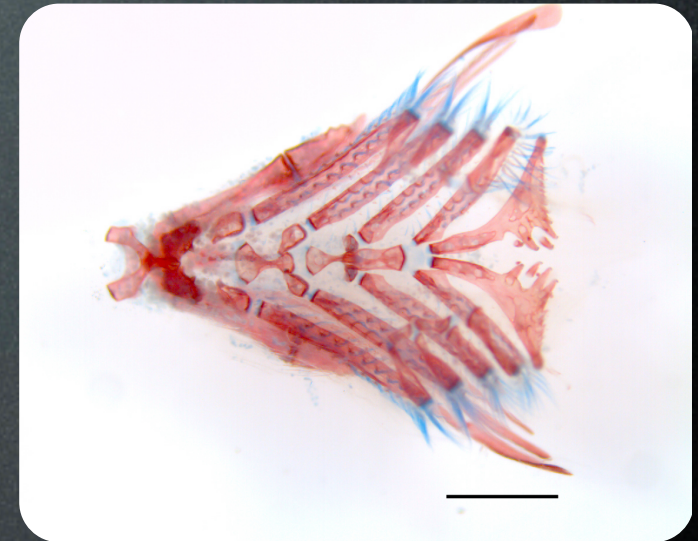
# Computing over comparative morphology?



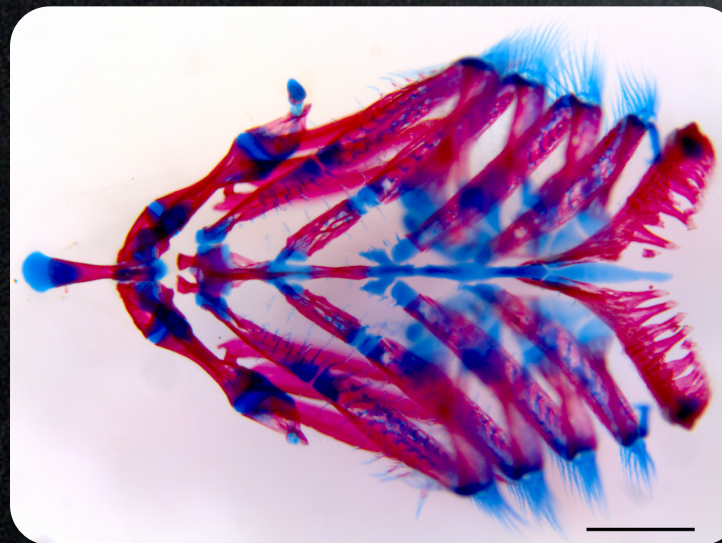
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# Knowledge mining & hypothesis generation

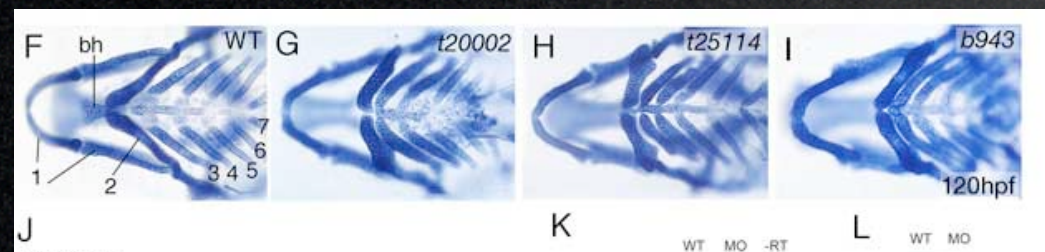
Model Organism



Mutagenesis

Mutant or missing protein at specific developmental stage

Phenotype change(s) to wildtype



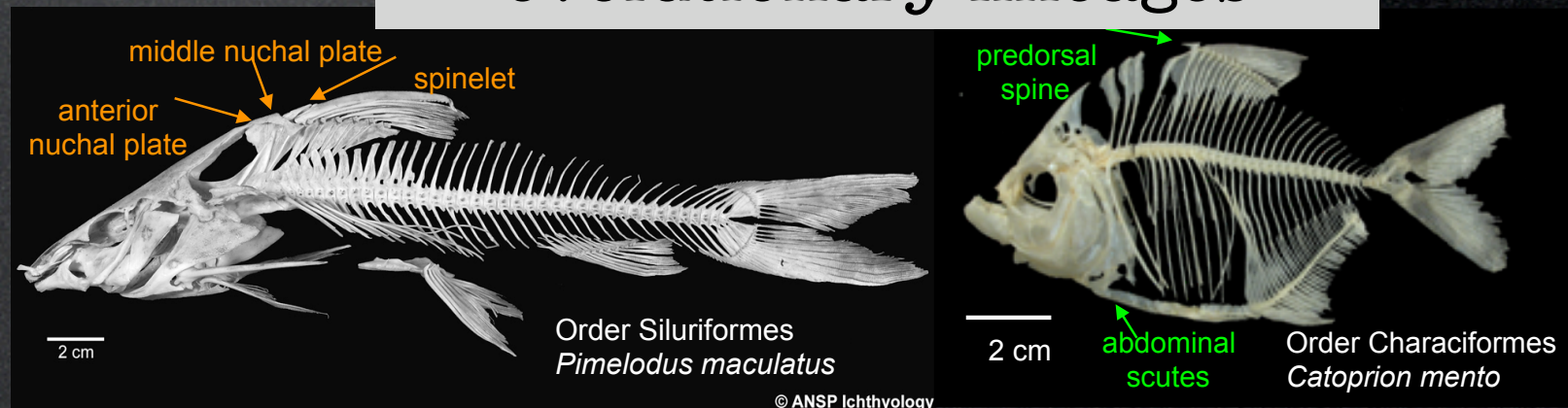
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Non-model organisms

Mutation, selection, drift, gene flow

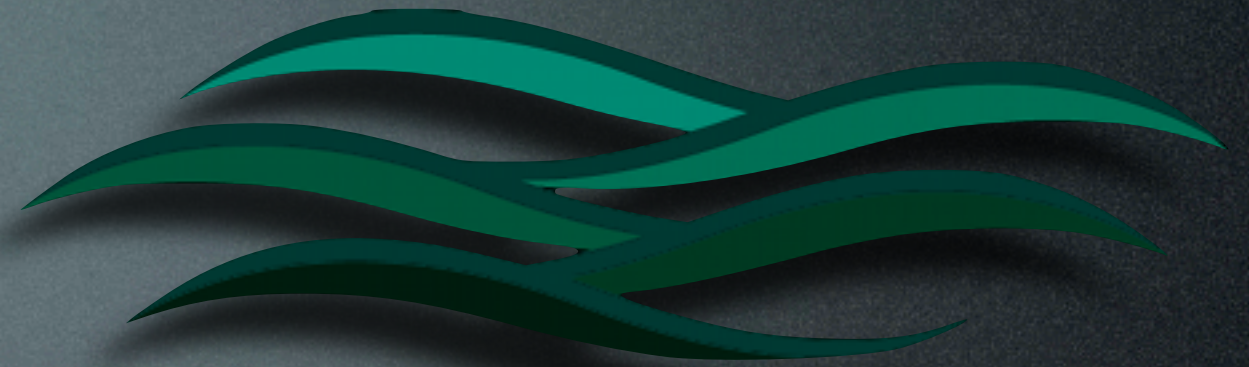
Altered expression or function of protein

Phenotype changes between evolutionary lineages





# Phenoscape



- Collaboration between P. Mabee (PI, U. South Dakota), M. Westerfield (ZFIN), and Todd Vision (UNC, NESCent)
- Aim: Foster devo-evo synthesis by
  - Prototyping a database of curated, machine-interpretable evolutionary phenotypes.
  - Integrating these with mutant phenotypes from model organisms.
  - Enabling data-mining and discovery for candidate genes of evolutionary phenotype transitions.
- Informatics for the project is developed and hosted at NESCent



# Entity-Quality Model for Evolutionary Phenotypes

Character

*Entity*

ectopterygoid

*Attribute*

shape

State

*Value*

rectangular



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Entity (TAO)

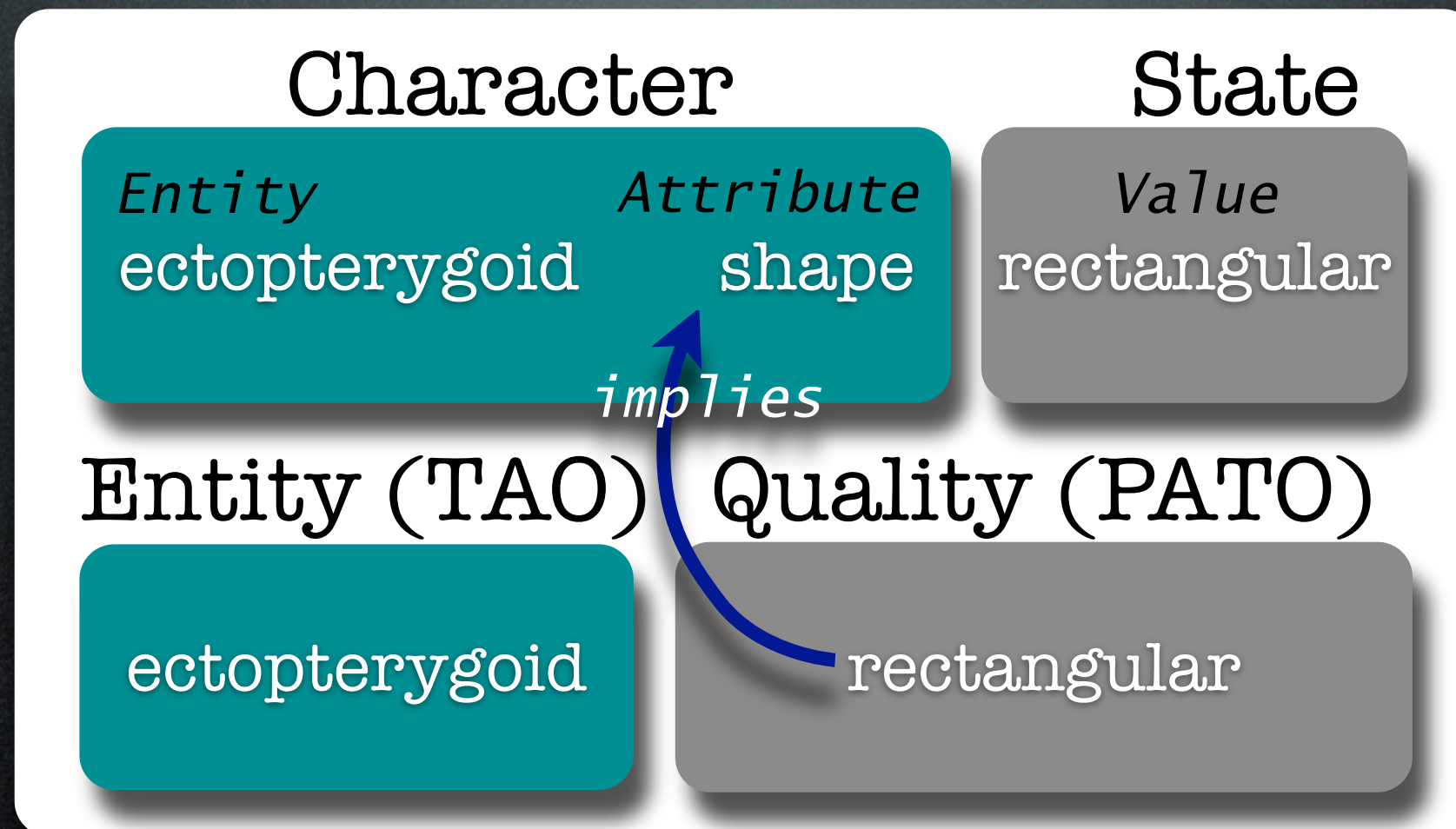
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Quality (PATO)

rectangular

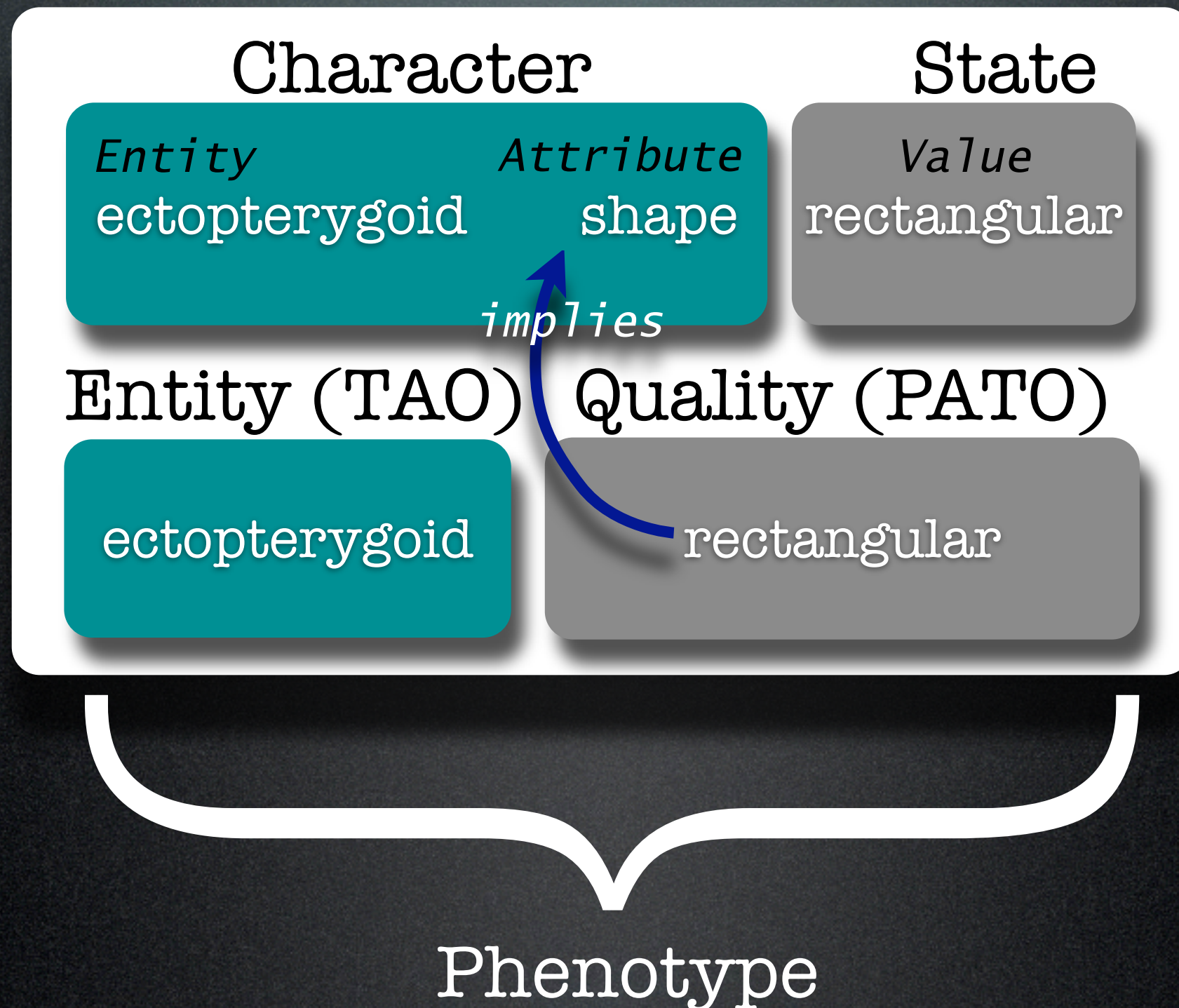


# Entity-Quality Model for Evolutionary Phenotypes





# Entity-Quality Model for Evolutionary Phenotypes





# Taxon phenotype assertion

Links a taxon to a phenotype

Links a quality to the entity that is its bearer

Phenotypic Quality ontology term

some  
Batrachoglanis  
raninus

*exhibits* some

rectangular  
*inheres\_in* some  
ectopterygoid

Taxon  
ontology term

Anatomy  
ontology term



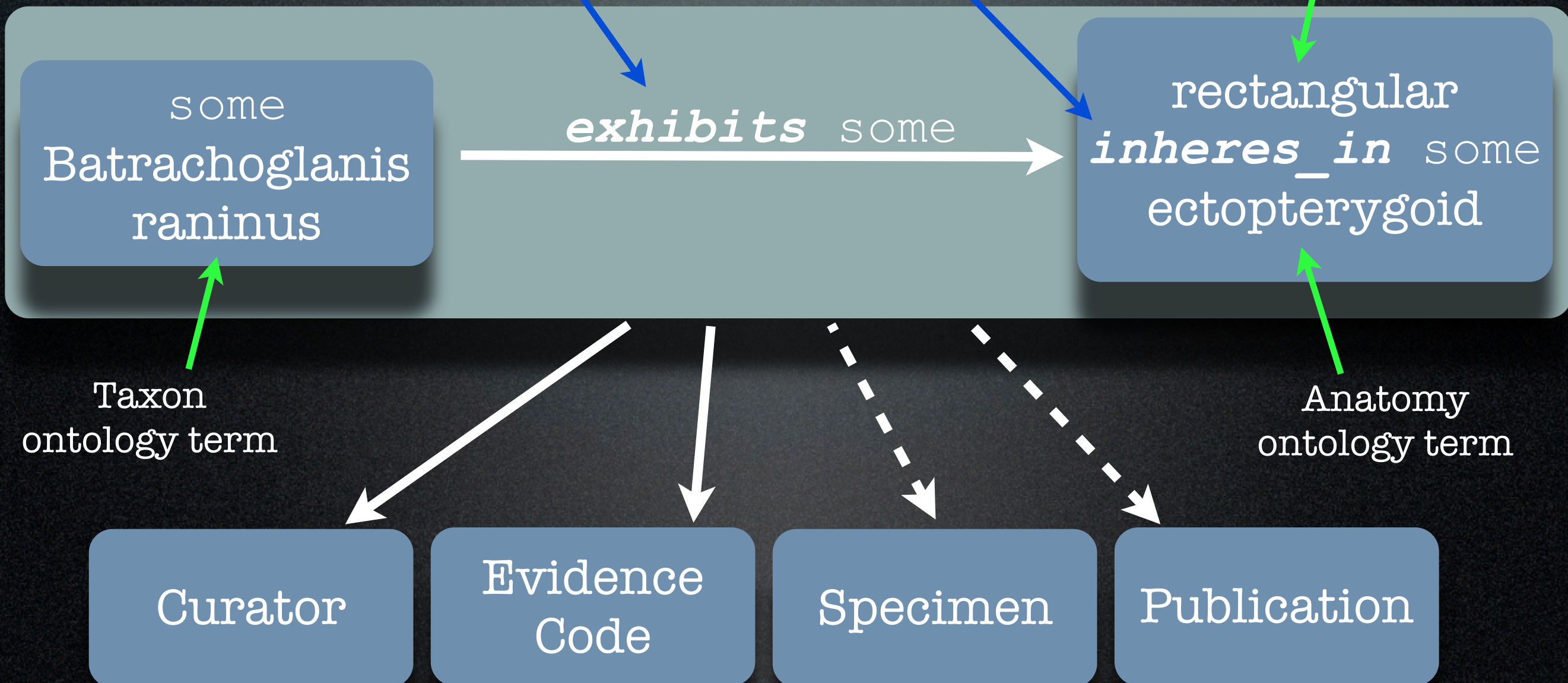


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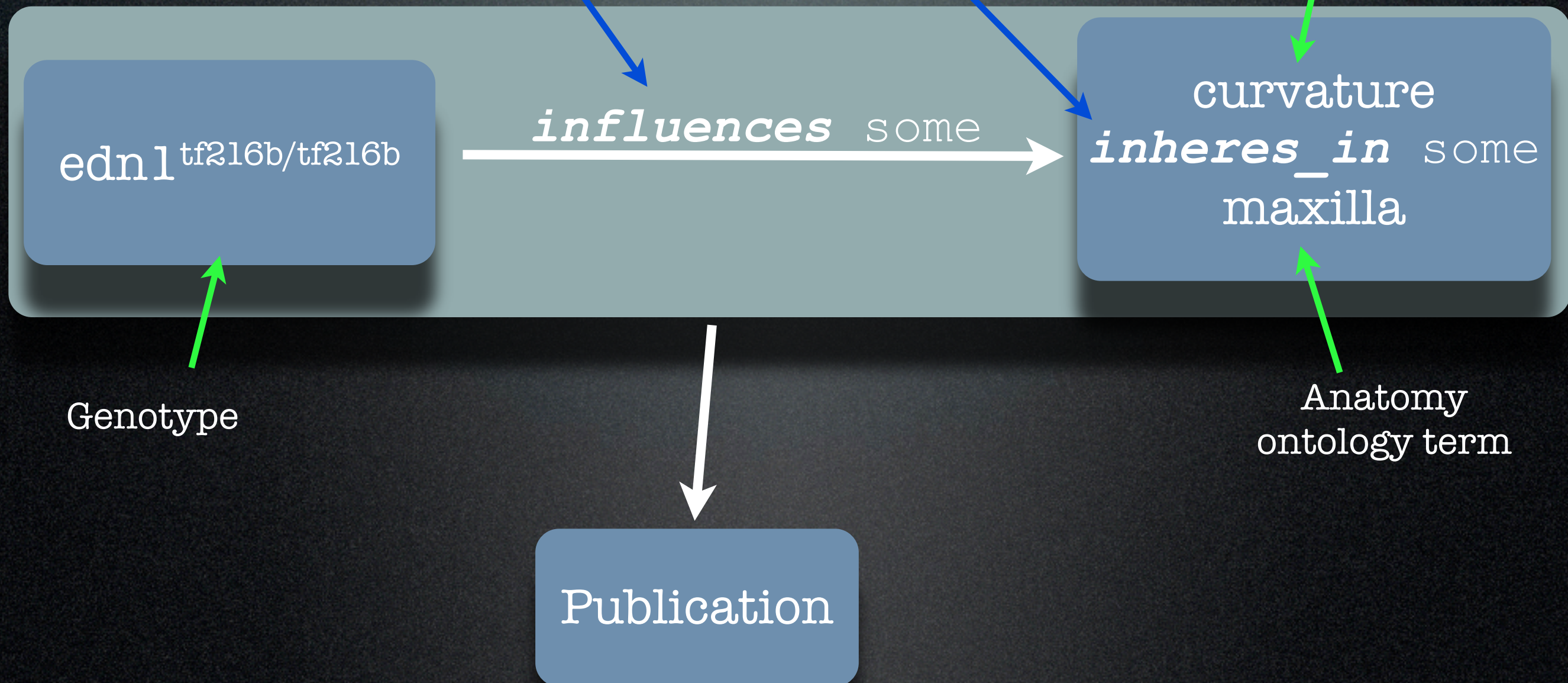


# Gene phenotype assertion

Links a genotype to a phenotype

Links a quality to the entity that is its bearer

Phenotypic Quality ontology term





# Full workflow: free-text → EQ → integrated KB

## legacy free-text character data

56. *Naked body*. A scaleless body is a derived condition in the ostariophysans. Most cypriniforms, characiforms and most primitive teleosts and gonorhynchiforms possess scales on all or part of the body, while the majority of **catfishes** (including ariids) and gymnotoids **lack scales** – although scales are often represented by ossified lateral line tubes (Roberts 1973; Fink and Fink 1981). Some catfishes (doradids,

Kailola (2004)



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## mutant phenotype

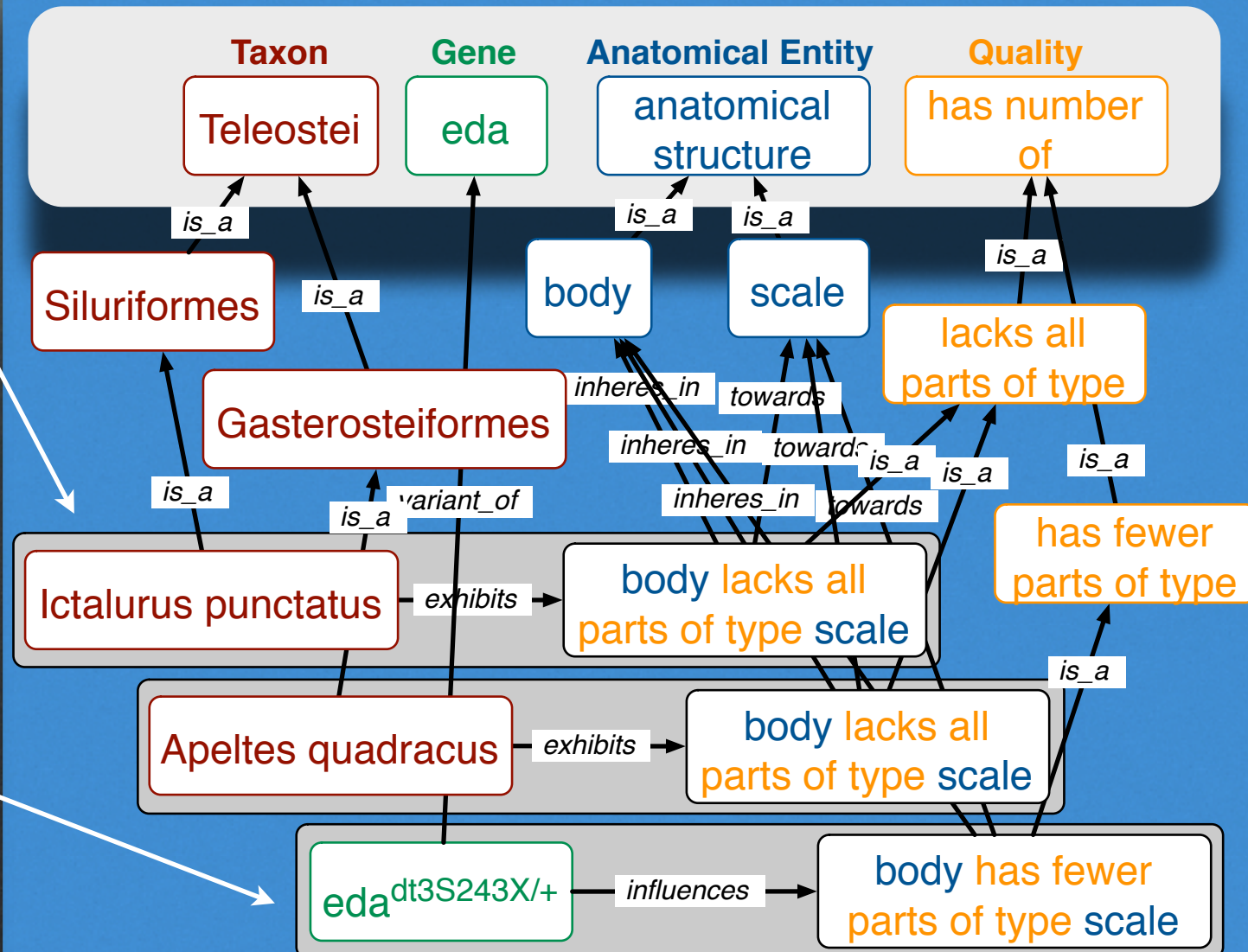
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Harris et al. (2008)



**EQ = body**  
**lacks all**  
**parts of type**  
**scale**

**EQ = body**  
**has fewer**  
**parts of type**  
**scale**





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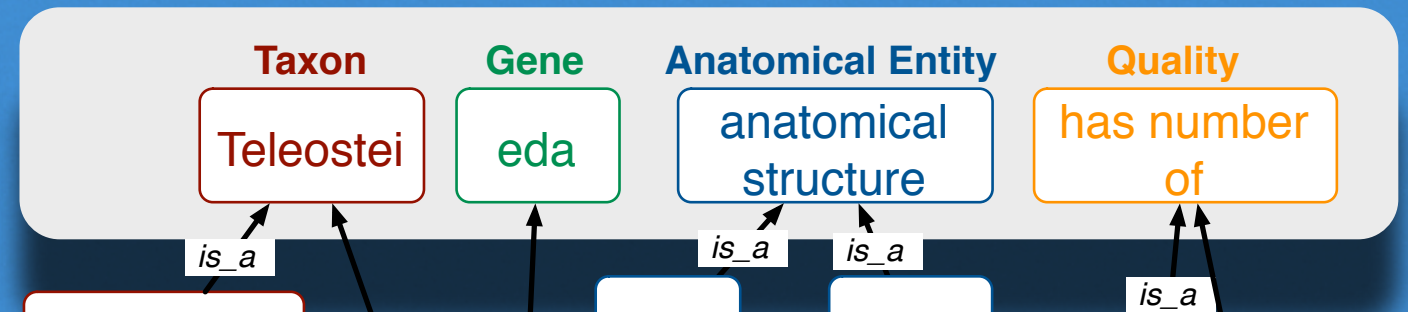
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- 501,862 taxon phenotype annotations
- Curated from 4,732 characters in 2,474 species from 52 papers
- From ZFIN: 21,829 phenotype annotations about 3,893 genes

*eda*<sup>dt3S243X/+</sup>

influences

body has fewer  
parts of type scale




# Phenoscape Knowledgebase

Phenoscape Knowledgebase (BETA)

http://kb.phenoscape.org/

Google



The Phenoscape Knowledgebase is currently in BETA testing - we would greatly value your feedback as we continue its development.

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## Search the Phenoscape Knowledgebase

Search

Matches, basihyal e names or

basihyal bone

basihyal cartilage

basihyal element

basihyal tooth

basihyal toothplate synonym for basihyal tooth plate

basihyal tooth plate

basihyoid synonym for basihyal bone

Anatomical entities

Phenotypic qualities

Genes

Comparative publications

Phenotype annotations to genes

Taxa

Genes

Comparative publications

For further information about the Phenoscape project and project partners, please see our [project wiki](#).

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## Phenoscape News

Third beta release of Phenoscape Knowledgebase 2.0

by Jim - Feb 07, 2011

Phenoscape Knowledgebase 2.0 beta release 3 is now available at <http://kb.phenoscape.org/>. This version includes an enhanced ...

Introducing the Vertebrate Anatomy Ontology

by wdahdul - Jan 12, 2011

The Vertebrate Anatomy Ontology (VAO) was recently developed as a high-level, bridging ontology for existing and future single ...

Matching Phenotypes

by pmidford - Dec 17, 2010

An important goal for the Phenoscape project is to be





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Enter entity terms (e.g. basihyal bone), phenotypic qualities (e.g. shape, size), taxonomic names (e.g. Ictaluridae), gene names or symbols (e.g. cadherin 6, cdh6), or publications.

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### Query for:

Phenotype annotations to taxa

### Taxon is:

*Ictalurus*

Add

and

### Phenotype is:

Any

Add

and

### Publication is:

Any

Add

☐ Include inferred annotations










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	Phenotype <sup>[help]</sup>			
Taxon <span>▲</span>	Entity	Quality	Related Entity	Source
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	posterior region of supraoccipital crest	bifid		
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	process of occipital region	shape		
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	facial foramen	position		
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	pectoral fin spine	shape		
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	anatomical margin of process of dorsal side of cranium	round		
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	Weberian apparatus	depth		
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	lateral ethmoid wing	increased length		
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	frontal bone	structure	adductor mandibulae complex	
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	epihyal-ceratohyal joint	cartilaginous		





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### Query for:

Phenotype annotations to taxa

### Taxon is:

*Ictalurus*

Add

and

### Phenotype is:

mesethmoid bone • shape

[\[broaden/refine\]](#)

☒ including parts

Add

and

### Publication is:

Any

Add

☐ Include inferred annotations

[\[help\]](#)

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Phenotype <a href="#">[help]</a>				
Taxon <input type="button" value="triangle-up"/>	Entity	Quality	Related Entity	Source
<i>Ictalurus australis</i>	mesethmoid cornu	bifurcated		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus balsanus</i>	mesethmoid cornu	bifurcated		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus dugesii</i>	mesethmoid cornu	bifurcated		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	mesethmoid cornu	bifurcated		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus lupus</i>	mesethmoid cornu	bifurcated		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus meridionalis</i>	mesethmoid bone	shape		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus mexicanus</i>	mesethmoid cornu	bifurcated		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus pricei</i>	mesethmoid cornu	bifurcated		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	mesethmoid cornu	bifurcated		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	mesethmoid bone	shape		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	medial region of anterior margin of mesethmoid bone	notched		<a href="#">[document icon]</a>





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## Query for:

Phenotype annotation

### Taxon is:

[Ictalurus](#)

and

### Phenotype is:

[mesethmoid bone](#)

[\[broaden/refine\]](#)

☒ including parts

and

### Publication is:

Any

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## mesethmoid bone

**Source:** Teleost Anatomy Ontology

**Synonyms:** ethmoid

**Definition:** Endochondral bone that extends forward from the frontal bones and articulates posterolaterally with the lateral ethmoids and the vomer and parasphenoid ventrally. The mesethmoid is an unpaired median bone.

**ID:** TAO:0000323

**overlaps:** [mesethmoid-frontal joint](#), [mesethmoid-lateral ethmoid joint](#), [mesethmoid-nasal joint](#), [mesethmoid-premaxillary joint](#), [mesethmoid-vomer joint](#), [neurocranium](#)

**develops from:** [ethmoid cartilage](#), [neurocranial trabecula](#)

**is part of:** [chondrocranium](#), [olfactory region](#)

**is a type of:** [endochondral bone](#)

**may have part:** [lateral mesethmoid wing](#), [mesethmoid cornu](#), [mesethmoid ventral diverging lamella](#)

[View details for mesethmoid bone](#)

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### Phenotype [\[help\]](#)

Entity	Quality	Related Entity	Source
<a href="#">mesethmoid cornu</a>	<a href="#">bifurcated</a>		<a href="#">[details]</a>
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<a href="#">mesethmoid bone</a>	<a href="#">shape</a>		<a href="#">[details]</a>
<a href="#">region of anterior margin of mesethmoid bone</a>	<a href="#">notched</a>		<a href="#">[details]</a>





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### Source Data



*Ictalurus australis*

anatomical margin of process of dorsal side of cranium

round

Lundberg 1992

character  
13: Sagittal crests on skull roof

state: broad with sculptured surface restricted to supraoccipital, and rounded margins near fronto-supraoccipital suture

### Query for:

Phenotype annotation

### Taxon is:

*Ictalurus*

and

### Phenotype is:

Any

and

### Publication is:

Any

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### Acknowledgments

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Entity	Source
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*Ictalurus  
australis*

frontal bone

structure

adductor mandibulae  
complex



*Ictalurus  
australis*

epihyal-ceratohyal joint

cartilaginous







# publication: Lundberg 1992

source: Phenoscape-annotated publications

[Overview](#)[Data Matrix](#)[Specimens](#)

Original character-by-taxon data matrix from publication **Lundberg 1992**. You can also [query for all phenotype annotations](#) curated from this matrix.

	1. Posterior flap of adipose fin	2. Gill membranes	3. Orbital rim	4. Caudal fin
<a href="#">Amelurus brunneus</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Amelurus catus</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	forked with rounded lobes
<a href="#">Amelurus melas</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Amelurus natalis</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Amelurus nebulosus</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Amelurus platycephalus</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Amelurus serracanthus</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Ictalurus australis</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	forked with pointed lobes
<a href="#">Ictalurus balsanus</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	forked with pointed lobes
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<a href="#">Ictalurus mexicanus</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	forked with pointed lobes
<a href="#">Ictalurus pricei</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	forked with pointed lobes
<a href="#">Ictalurus punctatus</a>	free from back and caudal fin	divergent	free	forked with pointed lobes
<a href="#">Noturus flavus</a>	adnate to back and broadly joined to caudal fin	divergent	united to cornea, eye subcutaneous	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Noturus insignis</a>	adnate to back and broadly joined to caudal fin	divergent	united to cornea, eye subcutaneous	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Noturus stigmosus</a>	adnate to back and partly joined to caudal fin	divergent	united to cornea, eye subcutaneous	scarcely emarginate to rou
<a href="#">Prietella phreatophila</a>	adnate to back and broadly joined to caudal fin	divergent	?	scarcely emarginate to rou





## publication: Lundberg 1992

source: Phenoscape-annotated publications

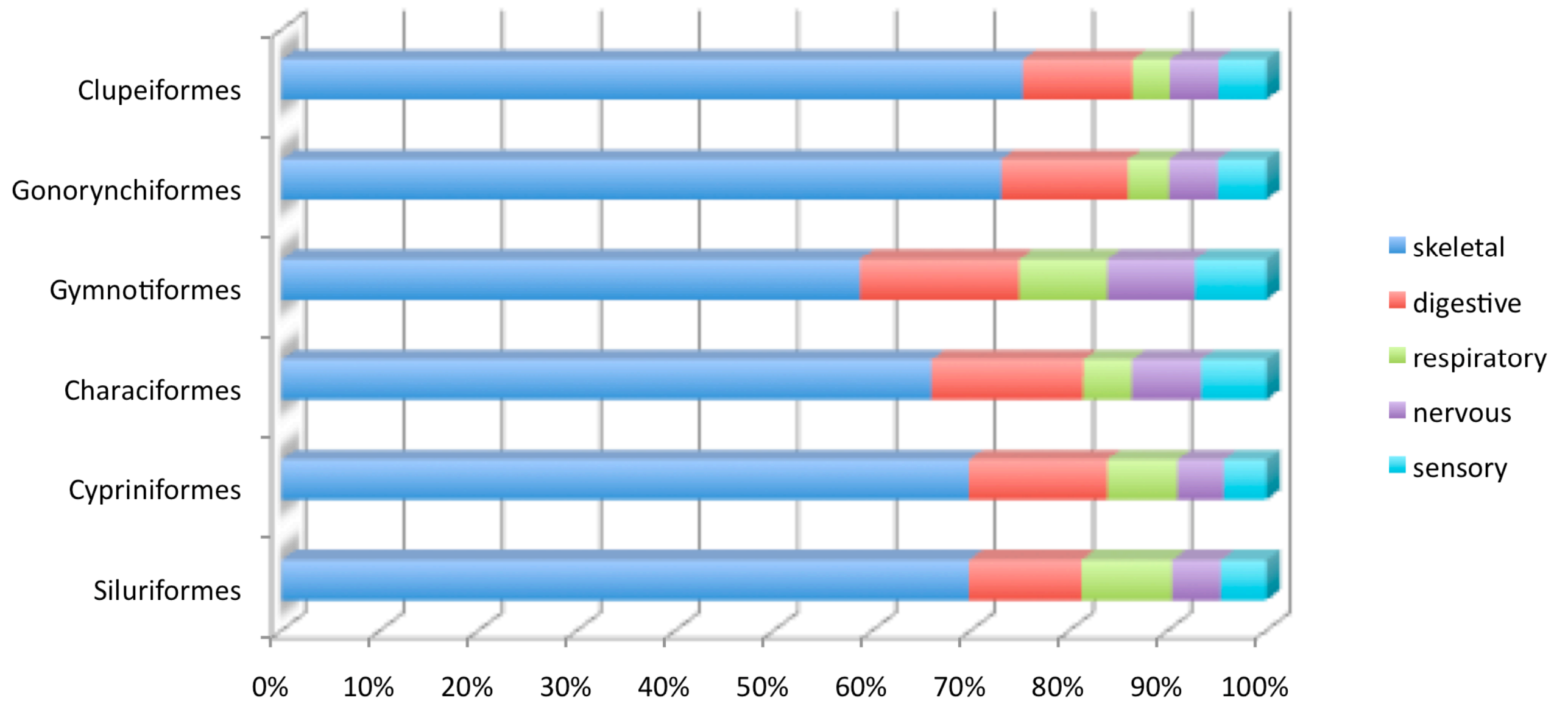
[Overview](#)[Data Matrix](#)[Specimens](#)

### Taxa and specimens used in this study

Taxon name used in publication	Valid taxon	Specimens	Comment
<i>Noturus nocturnus</i>	<a href="#">Noturus nocturnus</a>	UMMZ 165883, UMMZ 167214	
<i>Satan eurystomus</i>	<a href="#">Satan eurystomus</a>		WMM not in collection code list
<i>Noturus flavus</i>	<a href="#">Noturus flavus</a>	UMMZ 126366, UMMZ 126365, UMMZ 182039, UMMZ 111724, UMMZ 165852, UMMZ 165842, UMMZ 165833, UMMZ 189178	
<i>Ictalurus lupus</i>	<a href="#">Ictalurus lupus</a>	UMMZ 169619, UMMZ 17???4, UMMZ 186503, UMMZ 179822	One of the specimen ID numbers for UMMZ was partially unreadable. I replaced the unreadable numbers with question marks.
<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>	<a href="#">Pylodictis olivaris</a>	UMMZ 186652, UMMZ 173452, UMMZ 169029, UMMZ 103107, UMMZ 152549, UMMZ 160732, UMMZ 170129, UMMZ 97069, UMMZ 186266	
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# Major taxonomic groups have similar distribution of entities among phenotypes





# Some notable differences for skeletal characters

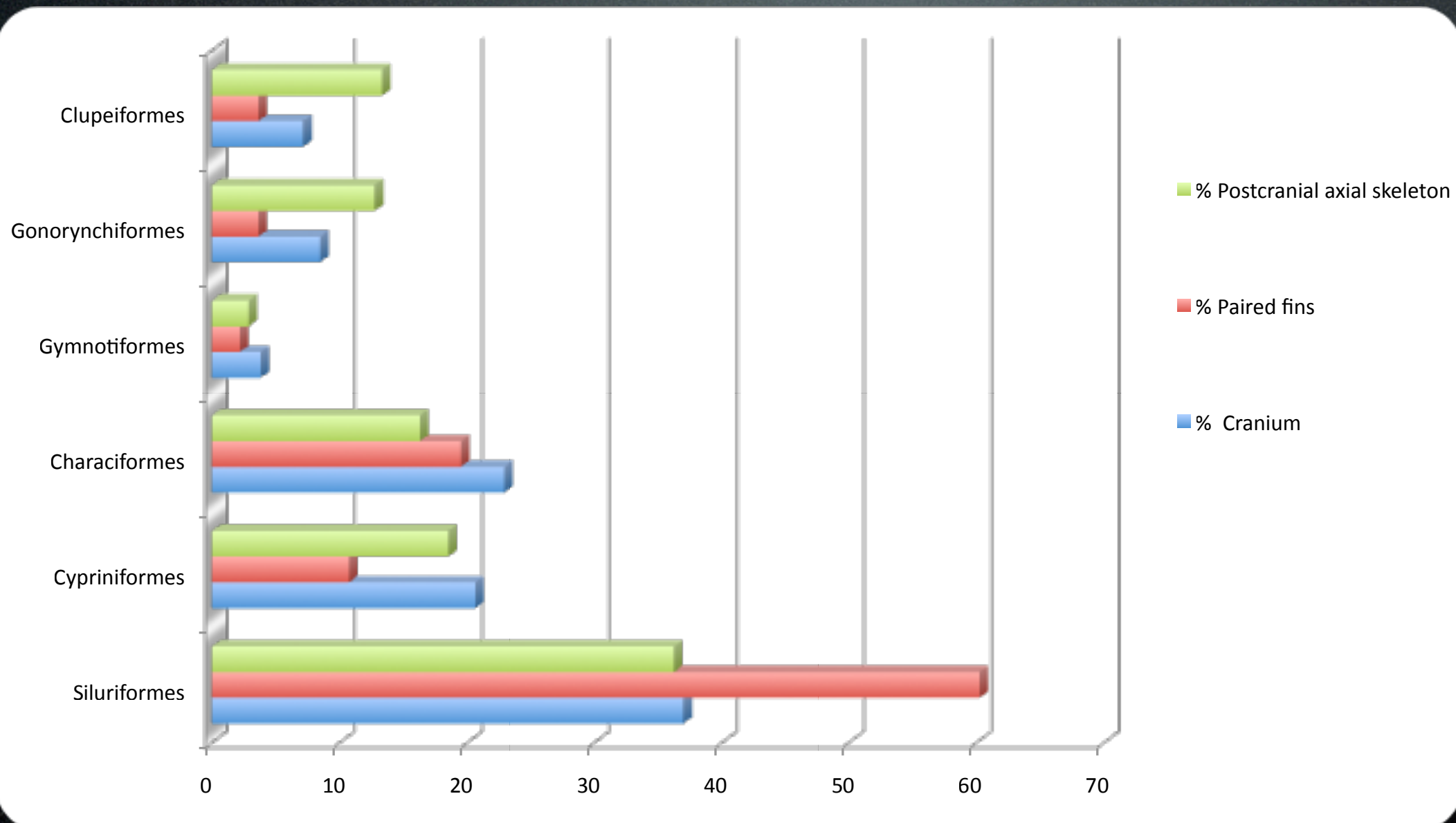
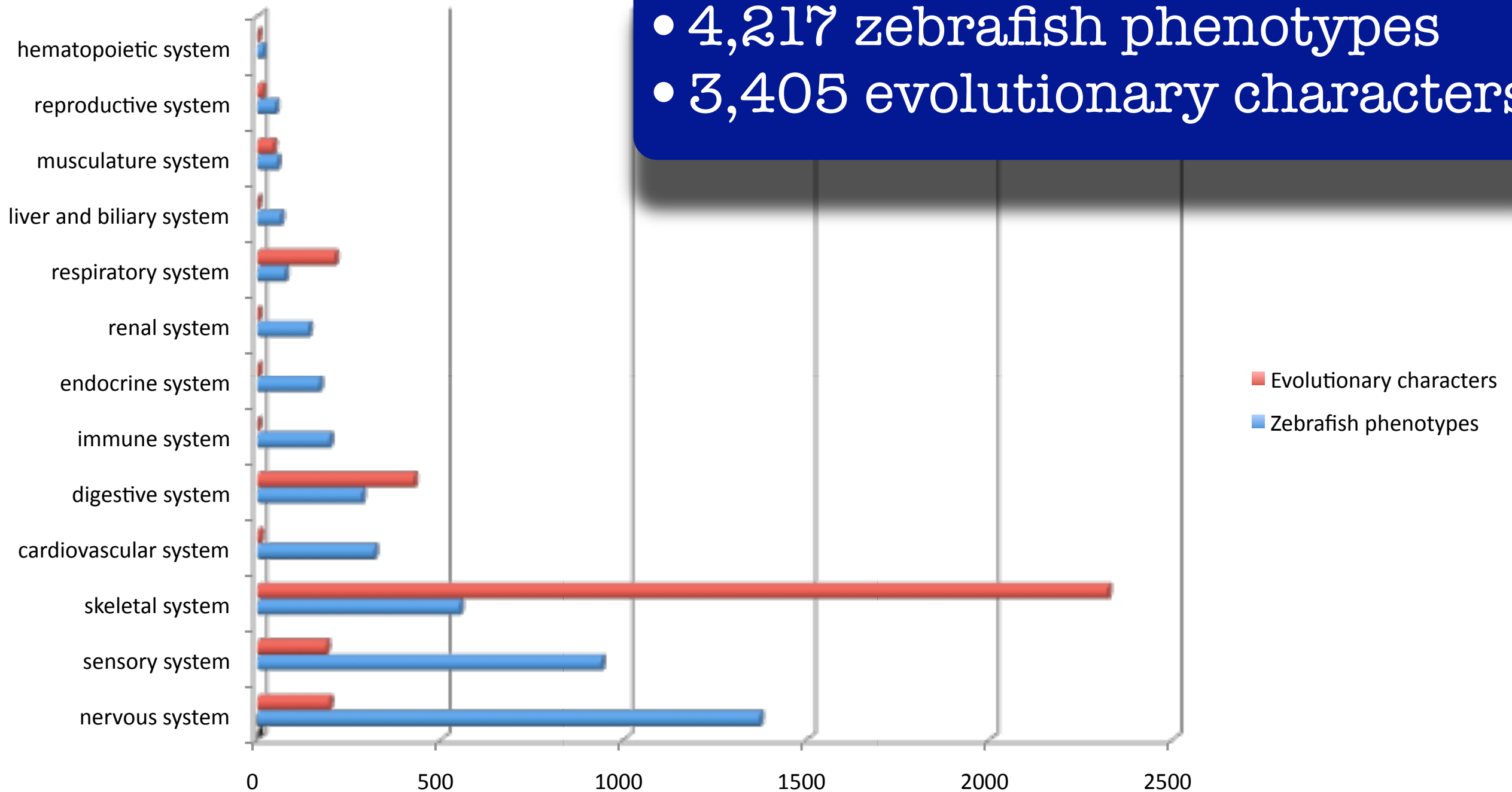


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# Substantial overlap between model organism and evolutionary phenotypes

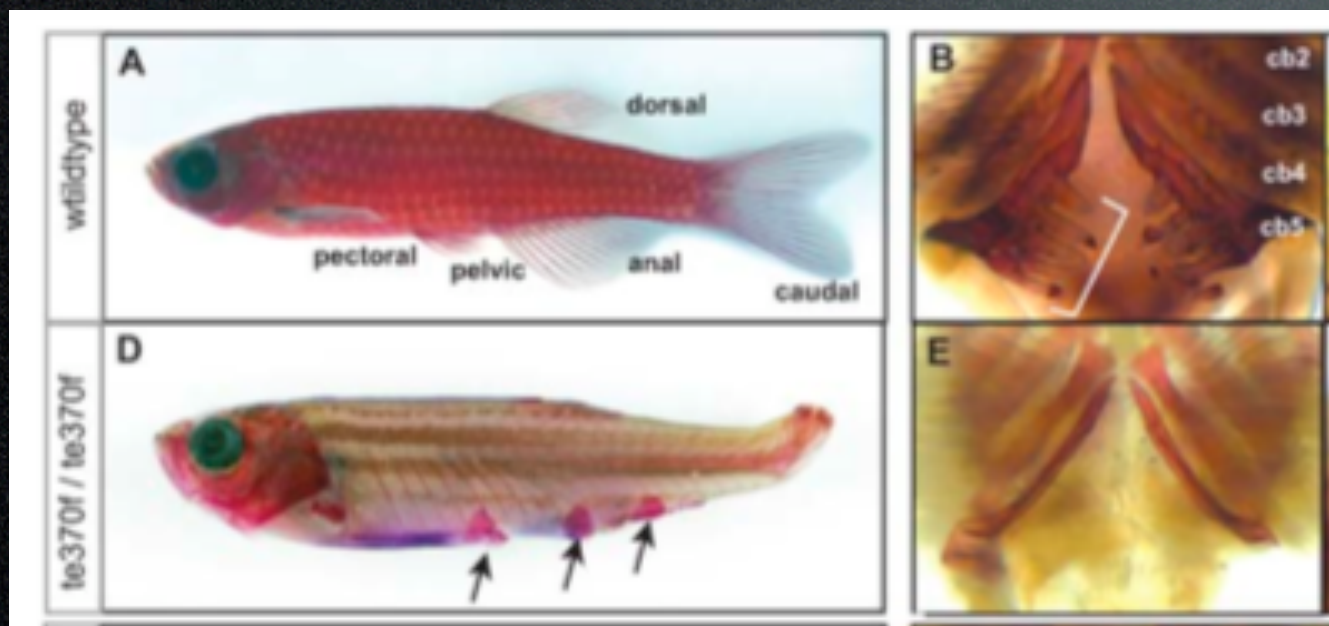
- 4,217 zebrafish phenotypes
- 3,405 evolutionary characters





# Hypothesis generation: Genetic basis for scale loss in Siluriformes

Mutation of *eda* gene  
in *Danio*:



Harris et al., 2007

*Ictalurus punctatus*:



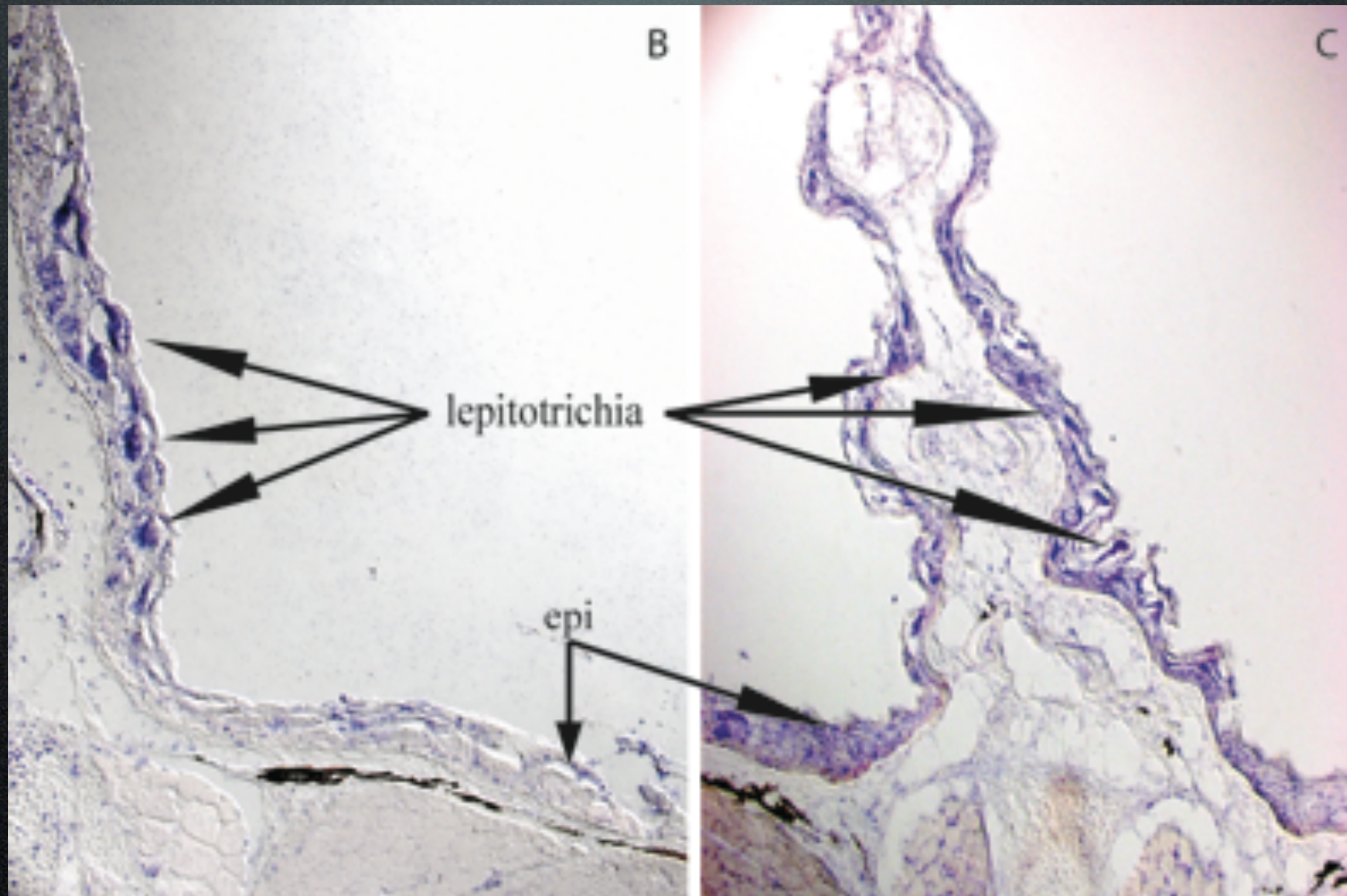
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# Wet lab test

(Work by Richard Edmunds)

## *Ictalurus punctatus*



*eda* expression is lacking in the epidermis



# Hypothesis generation: Genetic basis for absence of the basihyal bone in Siluriformes

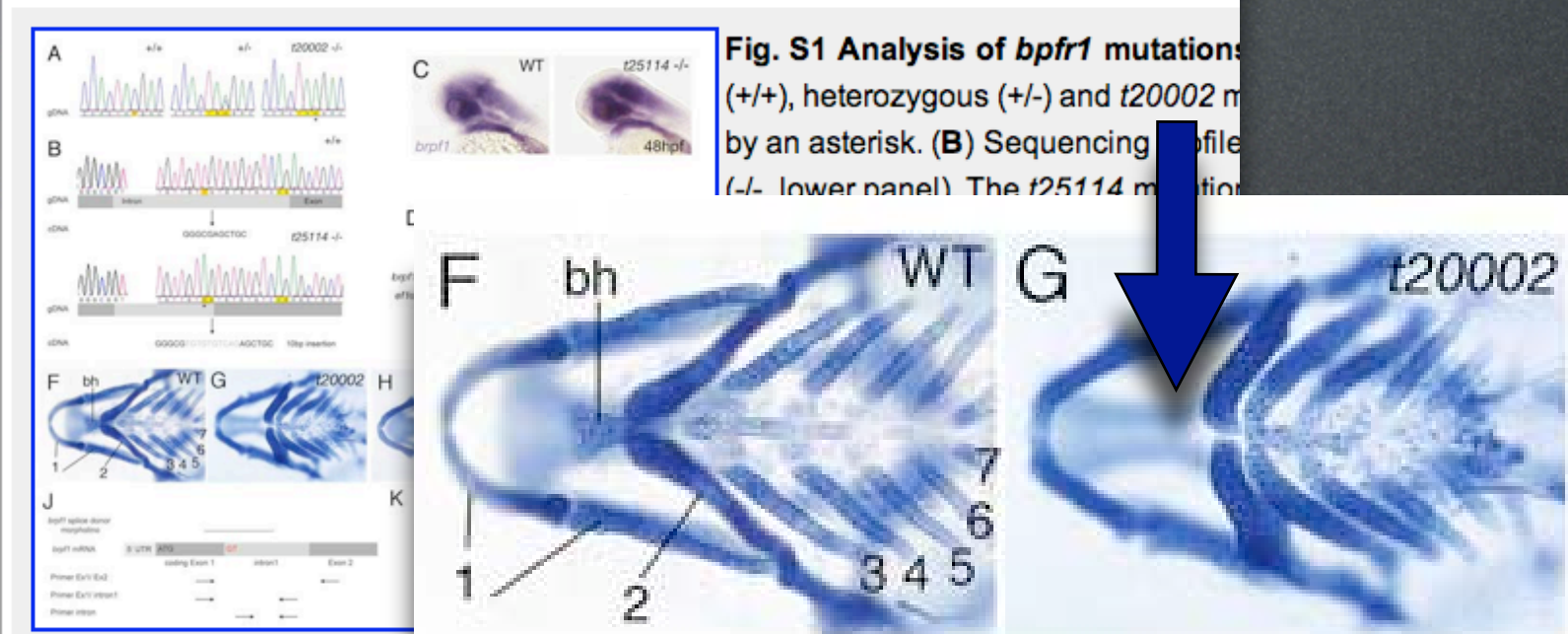
Mutation of *brpf1* gene *Ictalurus punctatus*:  
in *Danio*:

## PHENOTYPE:

Genotype(s): [brpf1<sup>b943/b943</sup>](#) ▼, [brpf1<sup>t20002/t20002</sup>](#) ▼, [brpf1<sup>t25114/t25114</sup>](#) ▼

Observed In: [basihyal](#)

Stage Range : [Day 5](#)



PWWP domain (left). Full-length and truncated proteins are present in comparable amounts



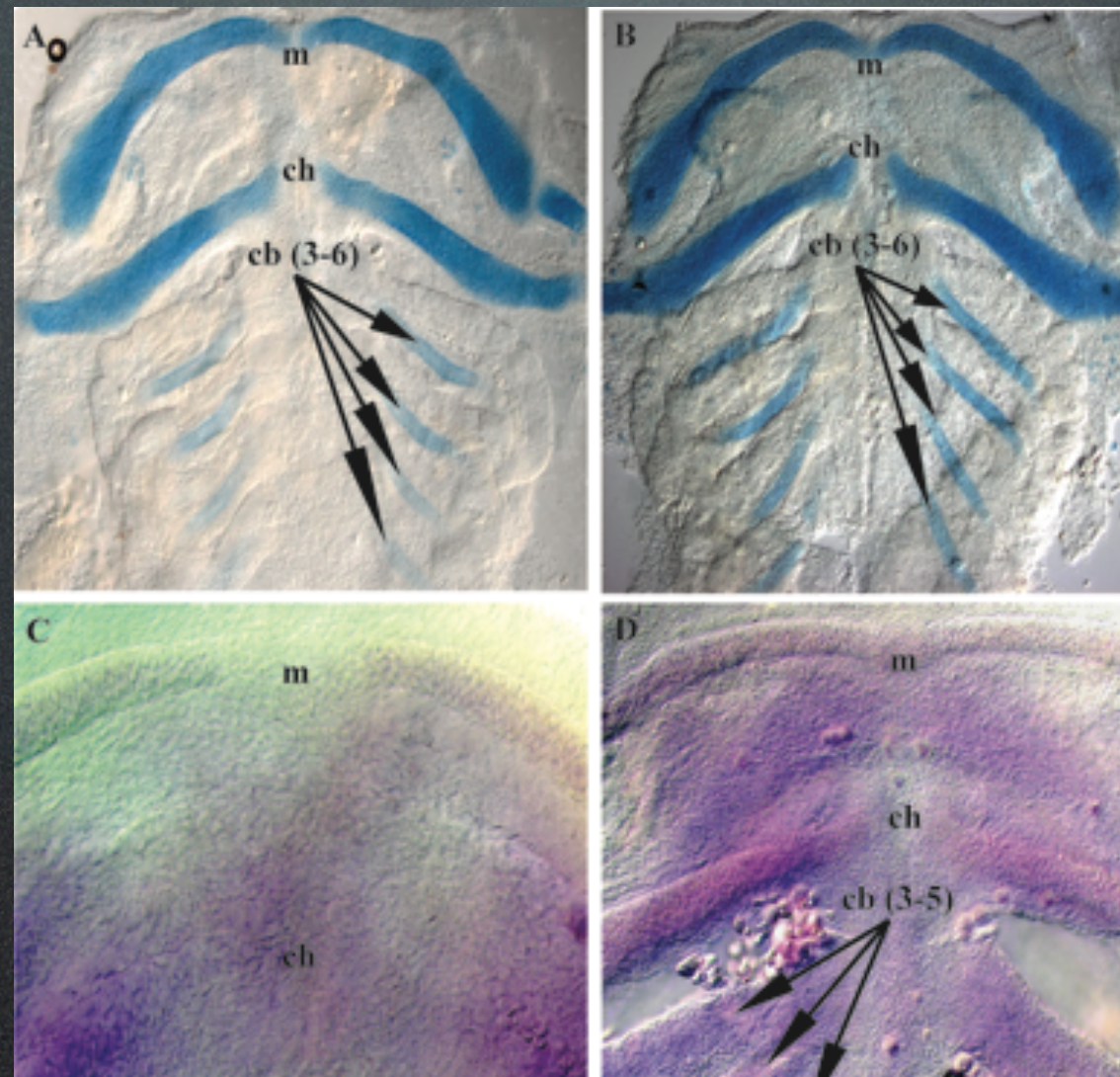
Laue et al (2008)



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## Ictalurus punctatus



78 hpf

86 hpf

*brpf1* lacks expression in the basihyal



# The parts to make this work

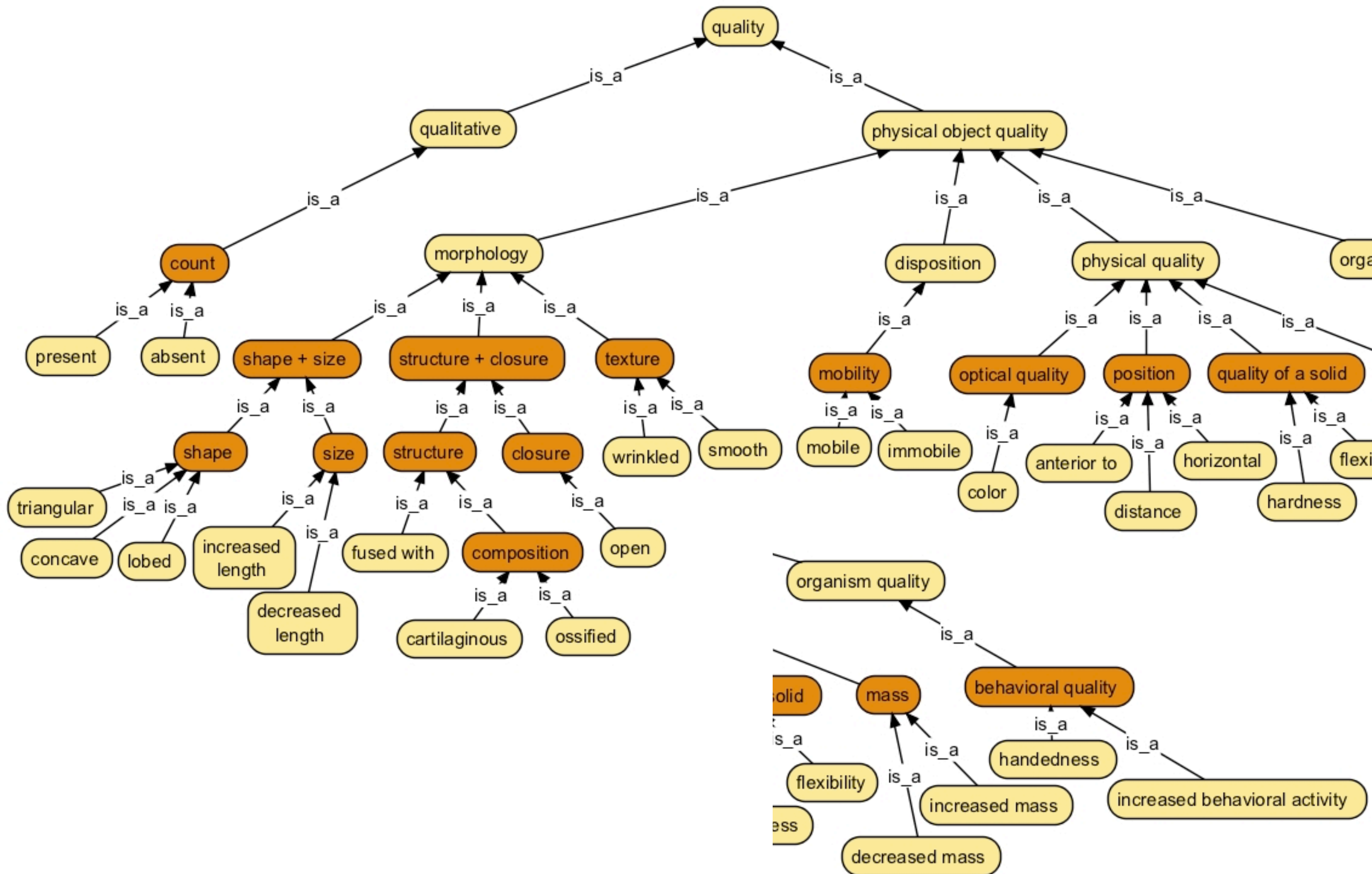
- Ontologies that capture the knowledge domains
- Efficient data curation workflow
- Expressive and scalable inference engine







# Making PATO usable for evolutionary data





# Getting ontologies right is a challenge

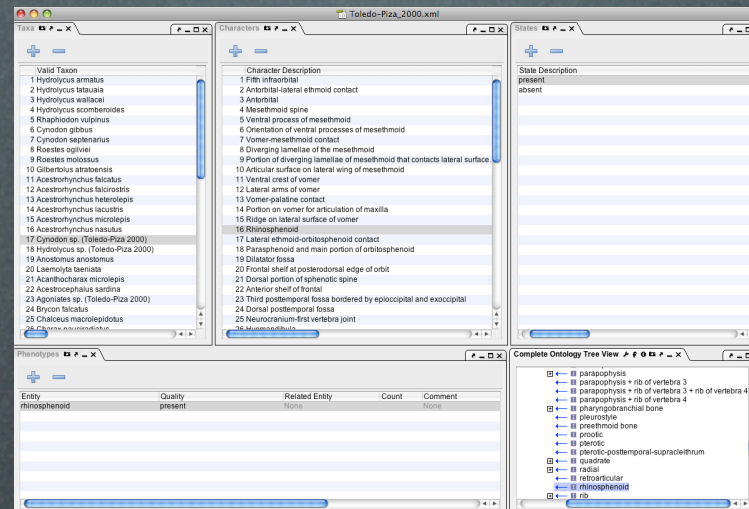
- What is the right axis of classification?
  - Structure versus function
  - Relational vs monadic qualities
  - PATO: shape and size vs natural language  
"Interopercle shape: expanded posteroventrally"
- Different ways to observe or generate a phenotypic quality
  - Color as color hue (radiation quality) or pigmentation (structural quality)
  - Relative sizes don't have a universal reference



# Curation

Dahdul et al., 2010 PLoS ONE

2. Students:  
Manual entry of free  
text character  
descriptions, matrix,  
taxon list, specimens  
and museum numbers  
using **Phenex**



3. Character  
annotation by experts:  
Entry of phenotypes  
and homology  
assertions using  
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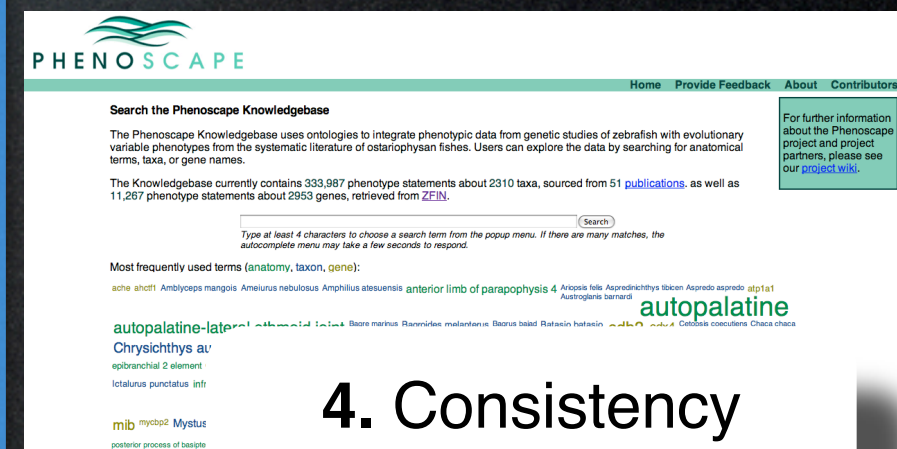


1. Students:  
gather publications  
(scan hard copies,  
produce OCR PDFs)

ting evolutionary patterns and problems for  
that ictalurids originated and diversified only  
s autochthony restricts the number of paleo-  
influenced their history. Their relatively good  
framework, provides minimum ages of  
evolutionary novelties, and, thereby, estimates of  
fishes present an ample diversity of ecologi-  
e variation of adult body sizes (from about 50  
and habitat preferences (from large rivers to  
in channels). The independent evolution of  
species within the family also offers a special  
ation. Furthermore, the highly uneven phy-  
among genera raises interesting evolutionary  
ion and/or extinction. An understanding of  
dae is central to the investigation of these and  
evolutionary history.

are about 50 living species of North American  
catfishes, and fossils record at least 14 extinct species and one extinct, plesiomorphic  
genus. Ictalurid diversity at the generic and species levels includes: *Astrophus*—two  
extinct species; *Ictalurus*—about eight extant and four extinct species; *Amelurus*—  
seven extant and seven extinct species; *Noturus*—25 extant species; *Pygodictis*,  
*Prietella*, *Satan*, and *Trogloglanis*—each with one extant species.

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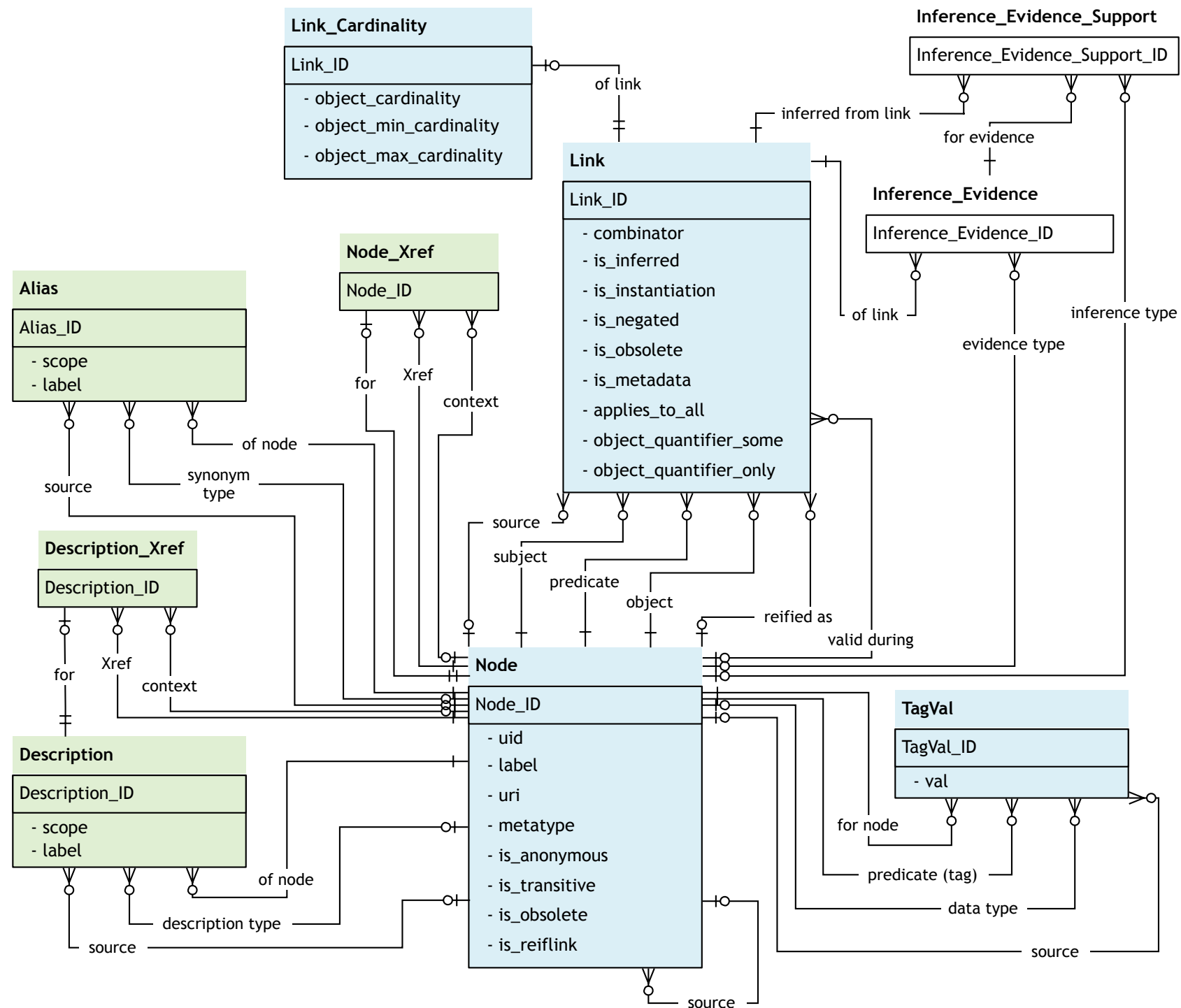


4. Consistency  
checks, upload of  
data to public view of  
Phenoscape KB

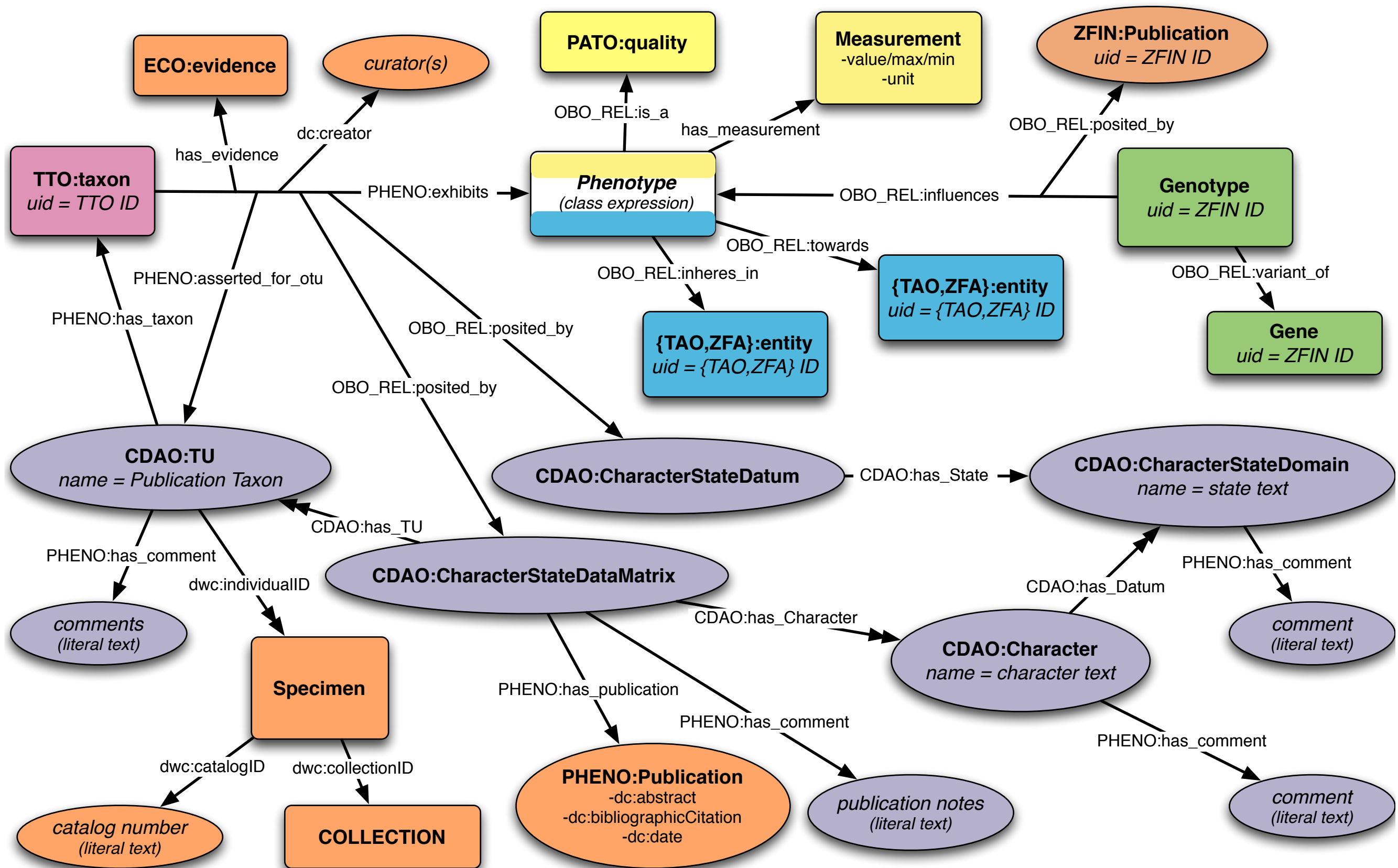


# KB is based on OBD (Ontology-Based Database)

(C. Mungall, LBL)





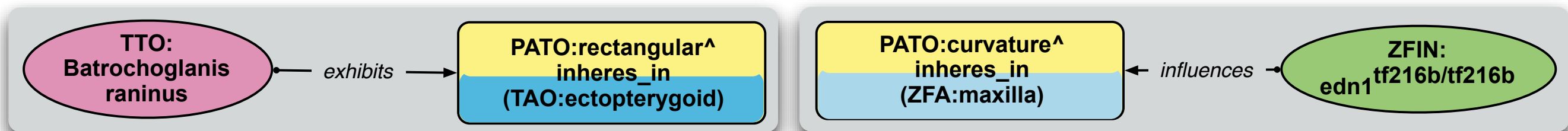




# How does reasoning work?

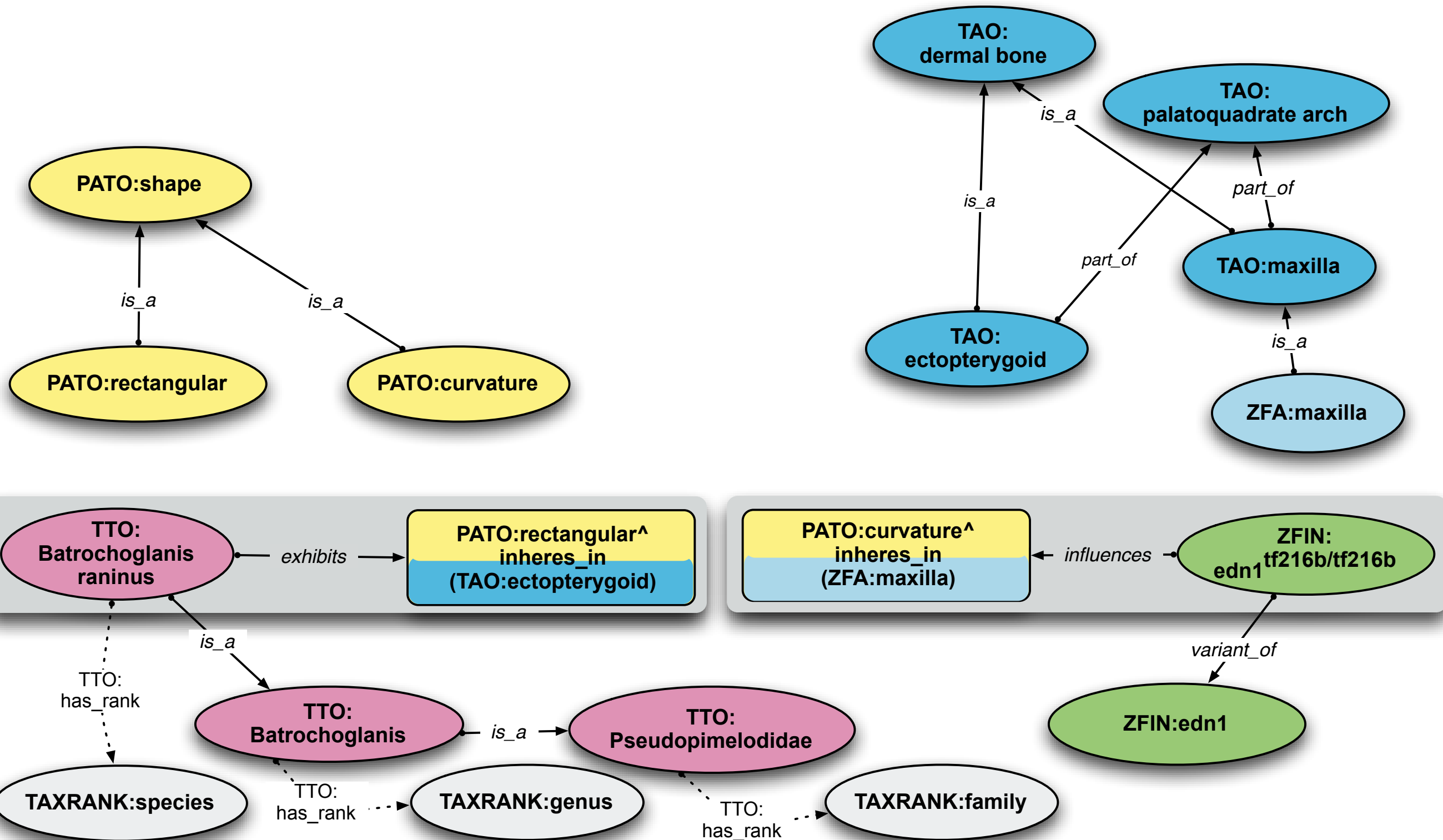


# How does reasoning work?



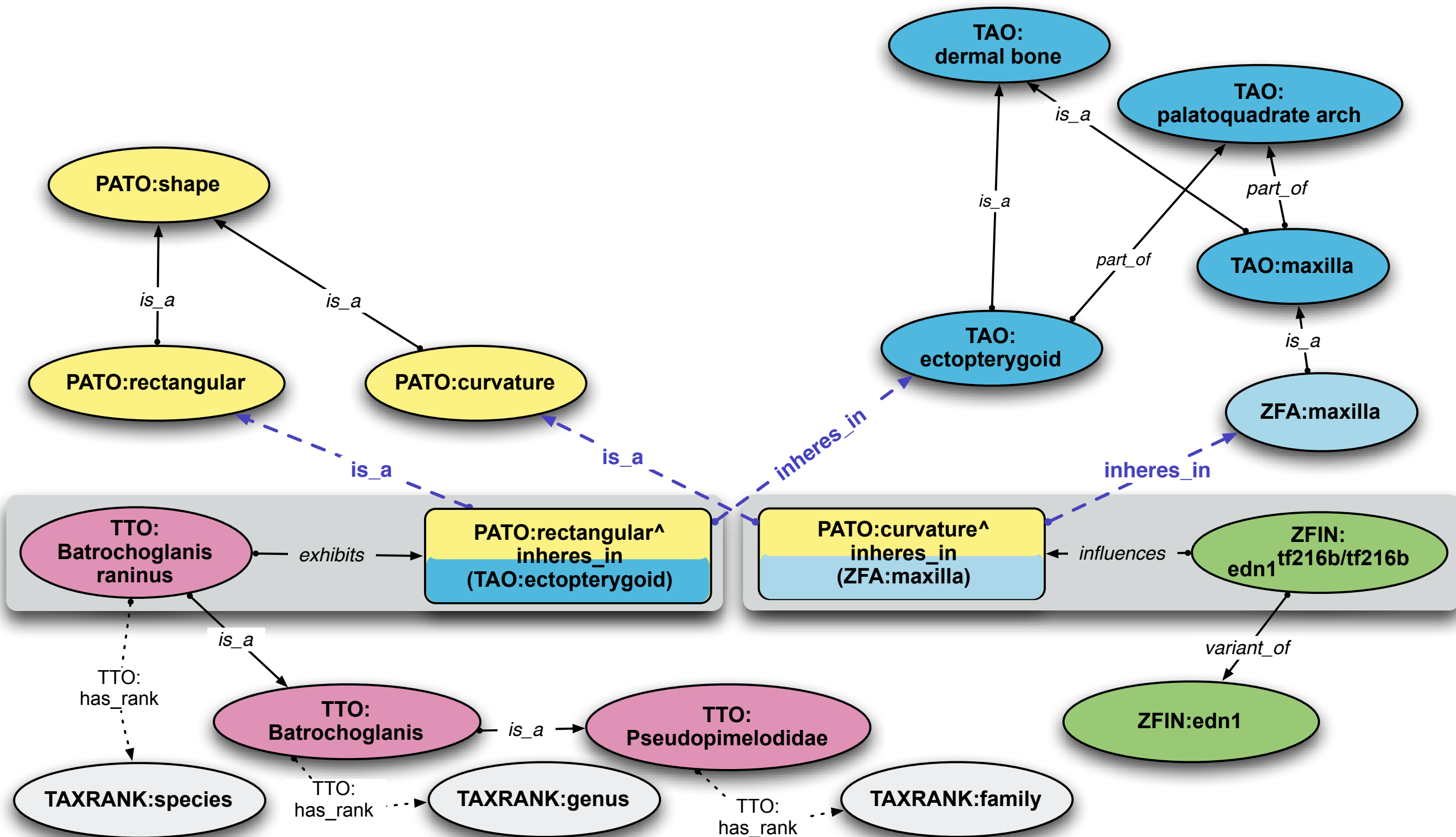


# How does reasoning work?



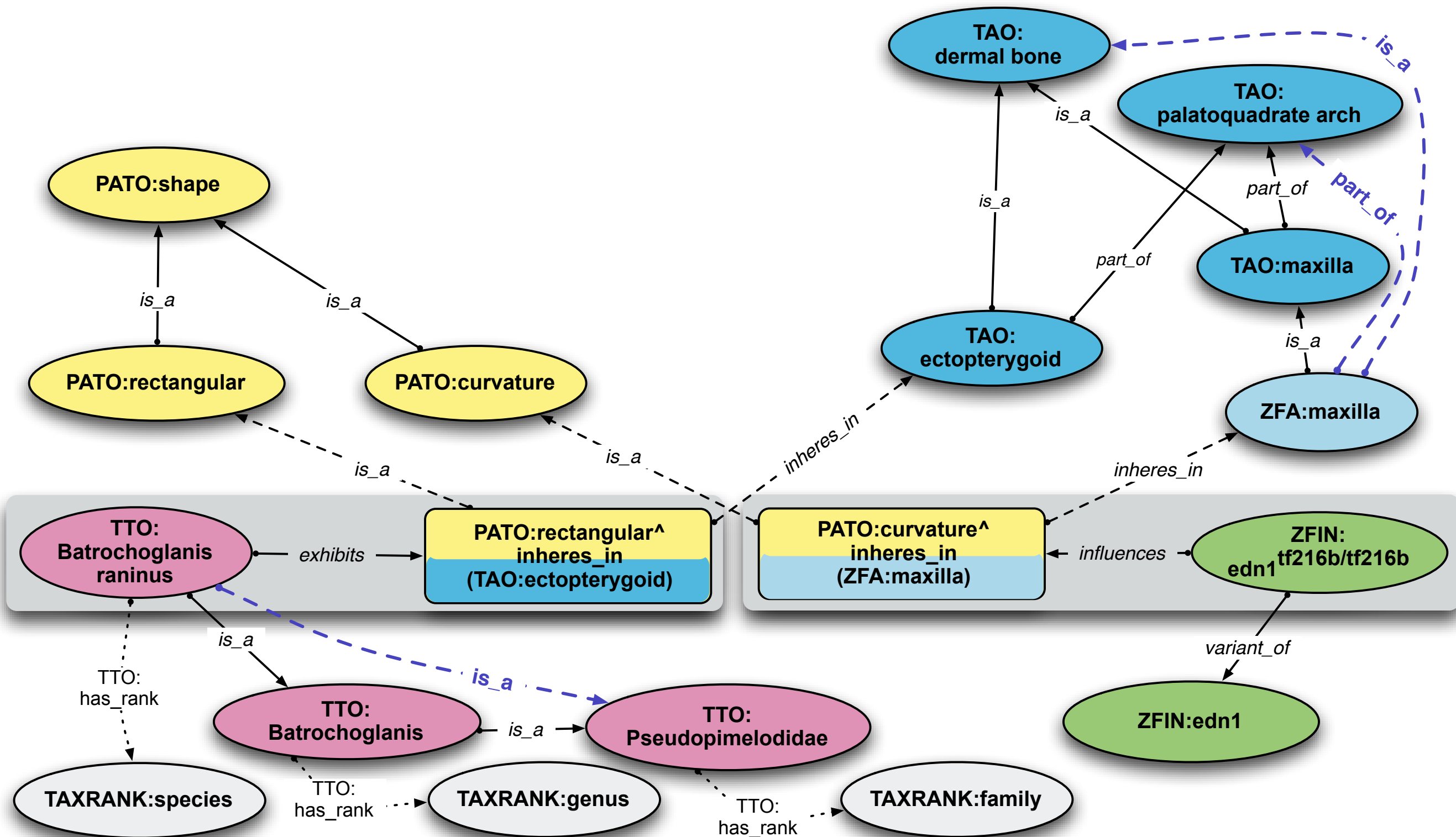


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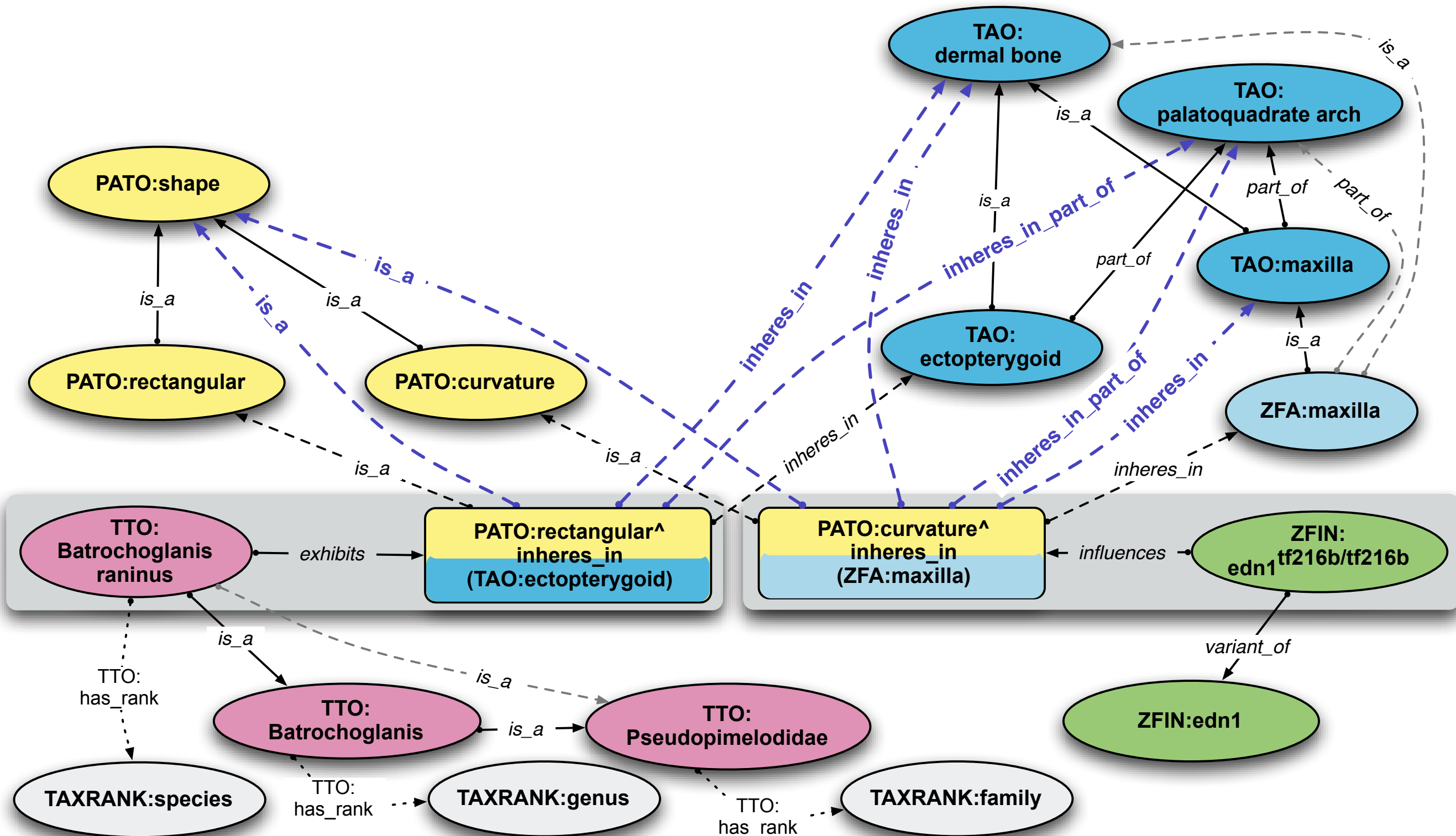


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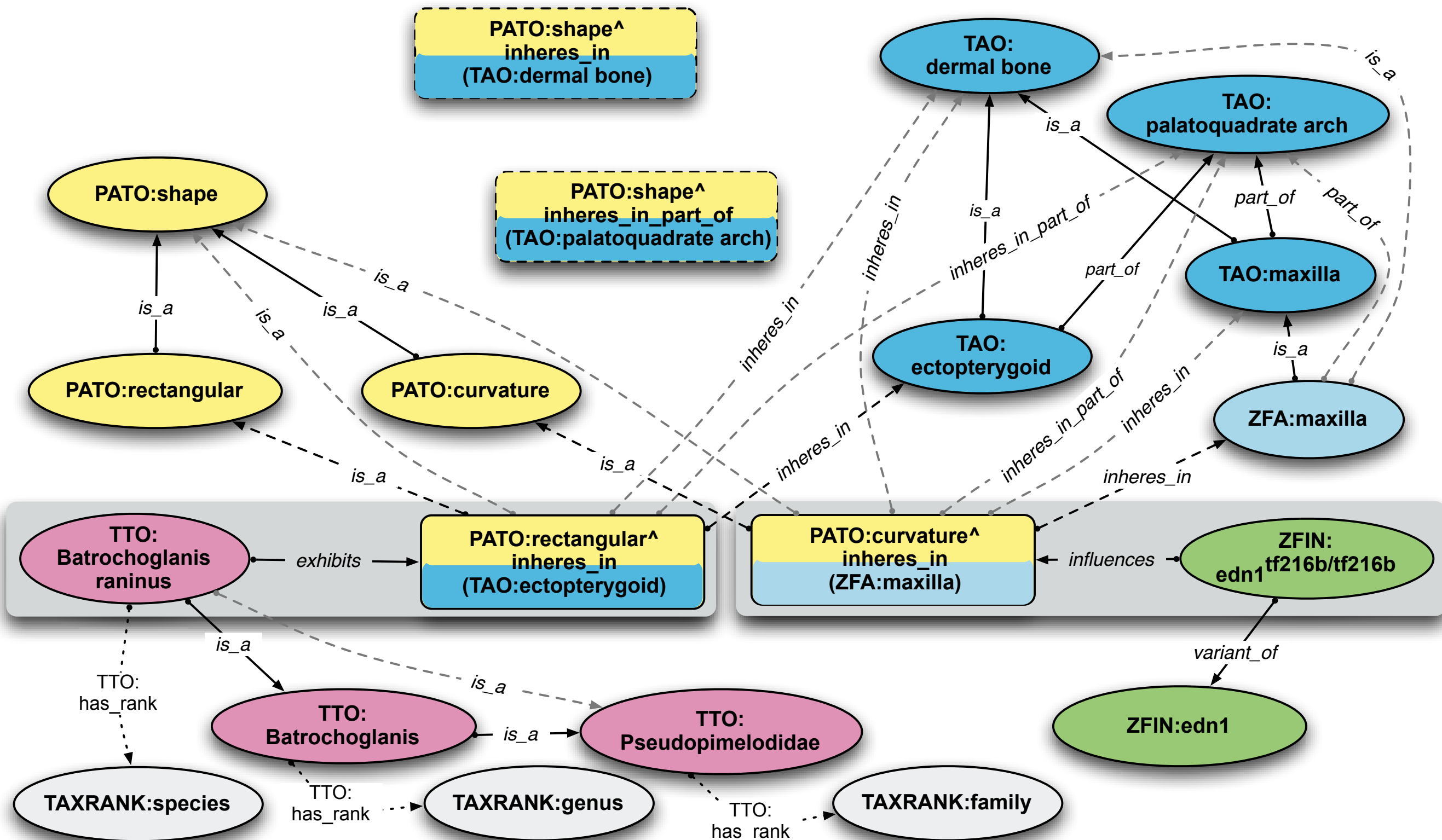


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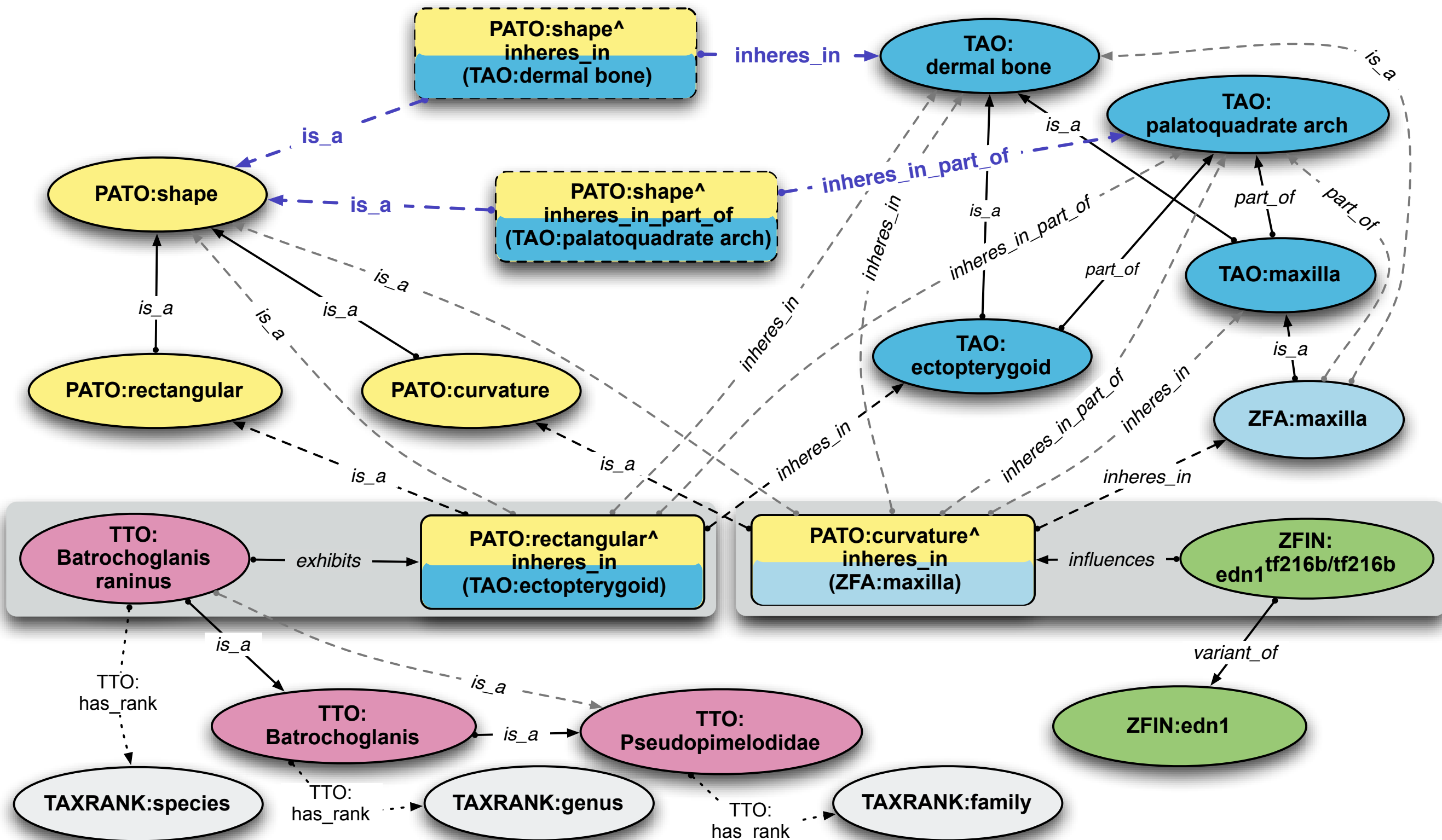


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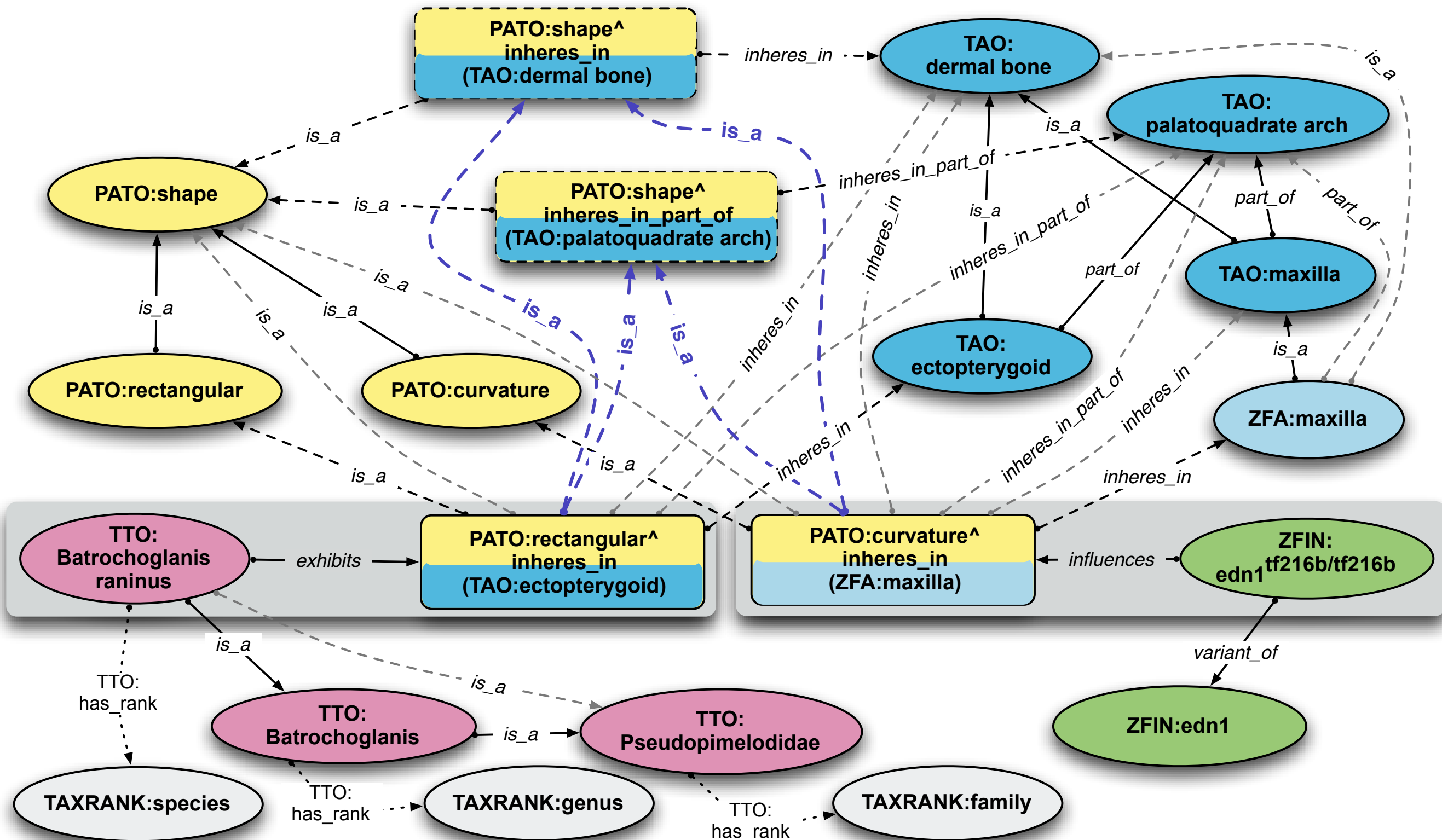


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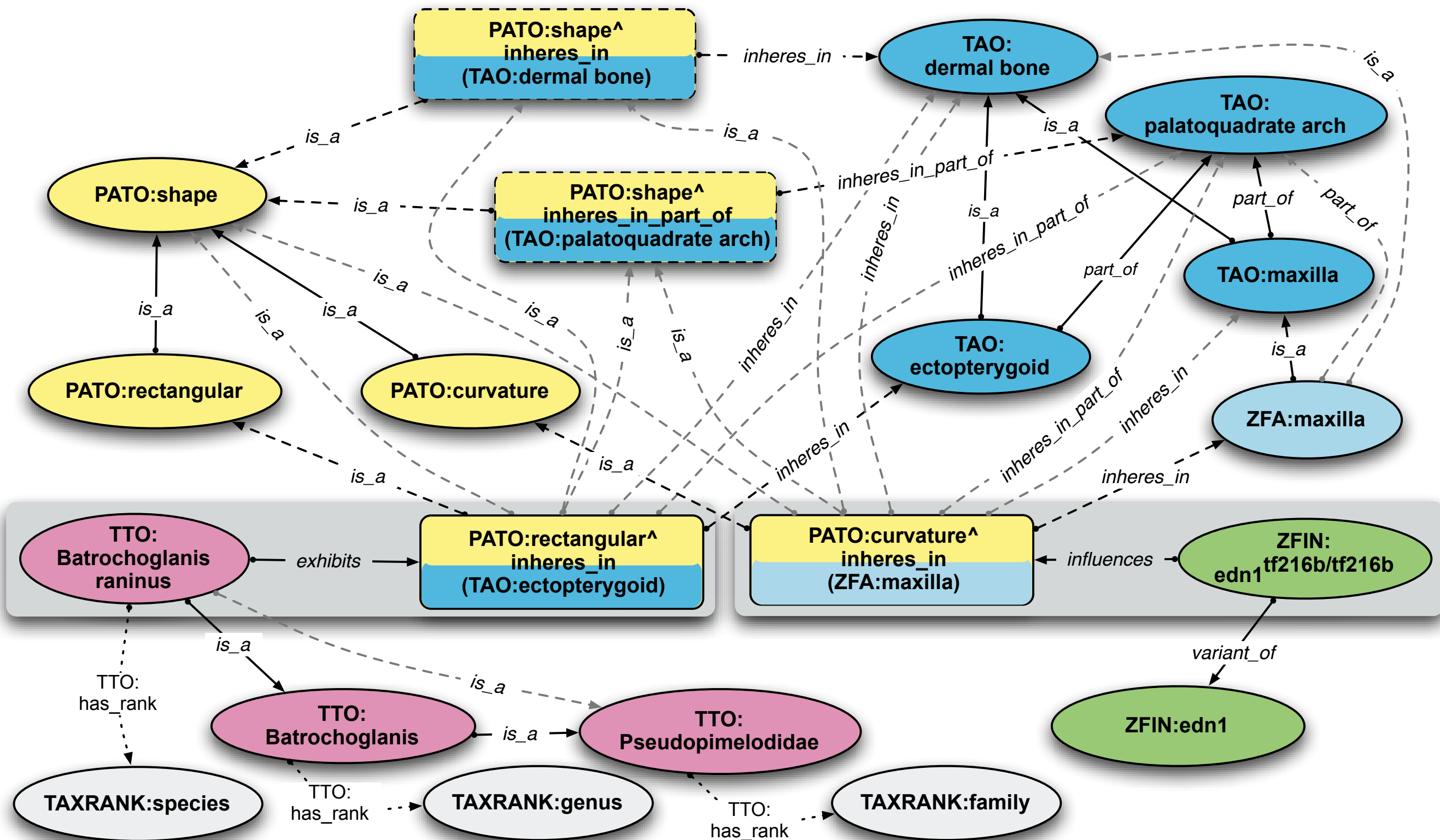


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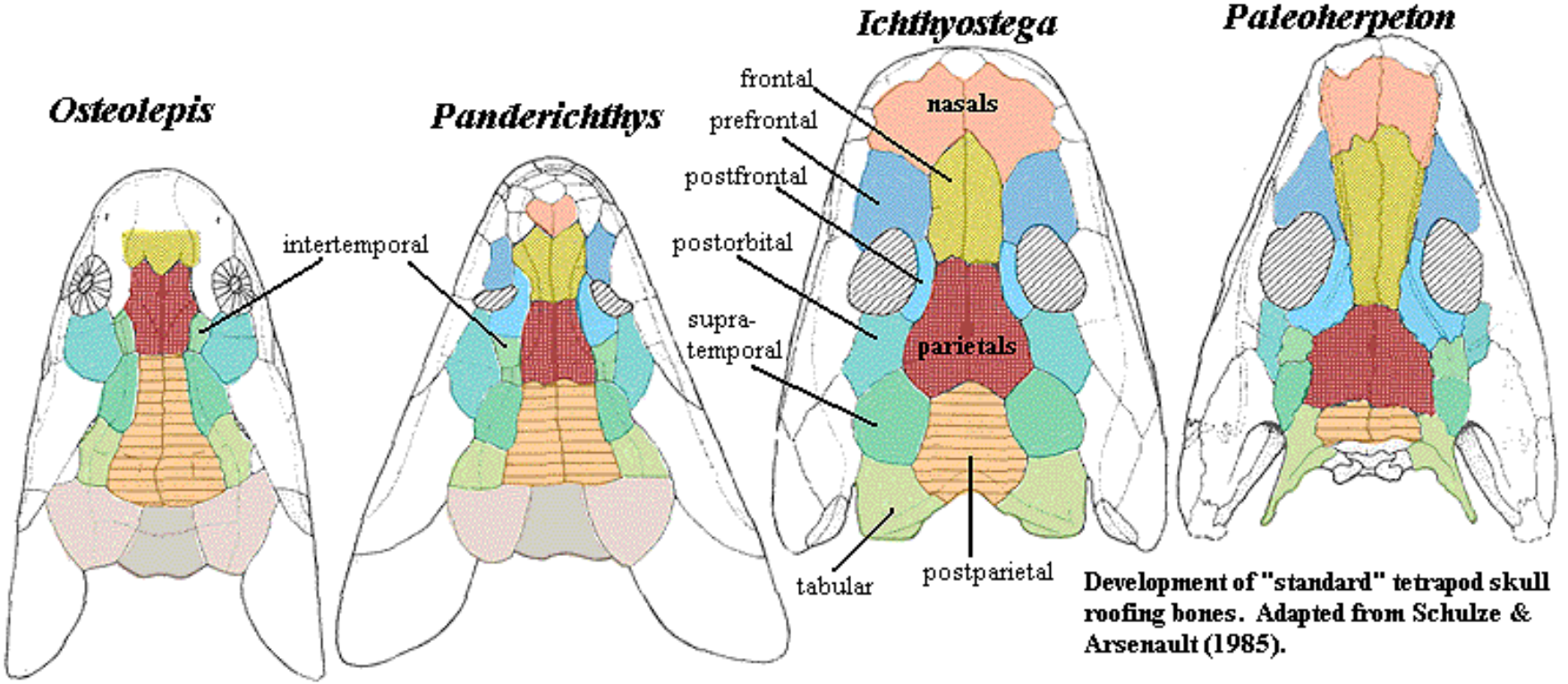
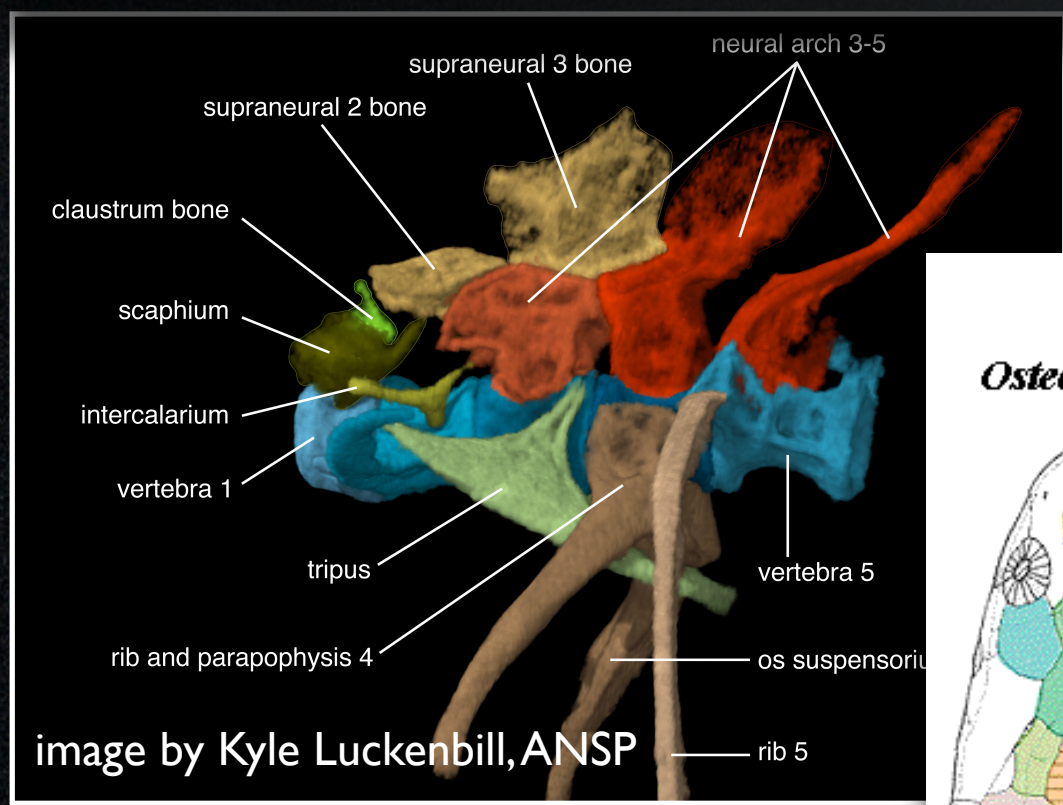




Entity 1	Taxon 1	Relationship	Entity 2	Taxon 2	Evidence	Reference(s)
scaphium	Otophysi	homologous_to	neural arch 1	Teleostei	IDS, IMS, IPS	(Fink and Fink, 1981; Rosen and Greenwood, 1970)
intercalarium	Otophysi	homologous_to	neural arch 2 (ventral portion)	Teleostei	IDS, IMS, IPS	(Rosen and Greenwood, 1970)
intercalarium	Otophysi	homologous_to	neural arch 2	Teleostei	NAS	(Fink and Fink, 1981)
intercalarium	Otophysi	homologous_to	neural arch 2	Teleostei	IMS	(Hora, 1922)
intercalarium	Otophysi	homologous_to	rib of vertebra 2	Teleostei	TAS	(Hora 1922)
tripus	Otophysi	homologous_to	parapophysis + rib of vertebra 3	Teleostei	IDS, IMS, IPS	(Fink and Fink, 1981; Rosen and Greenwood, 1970)

# Future Directions:

## 1. Reasoning over homology



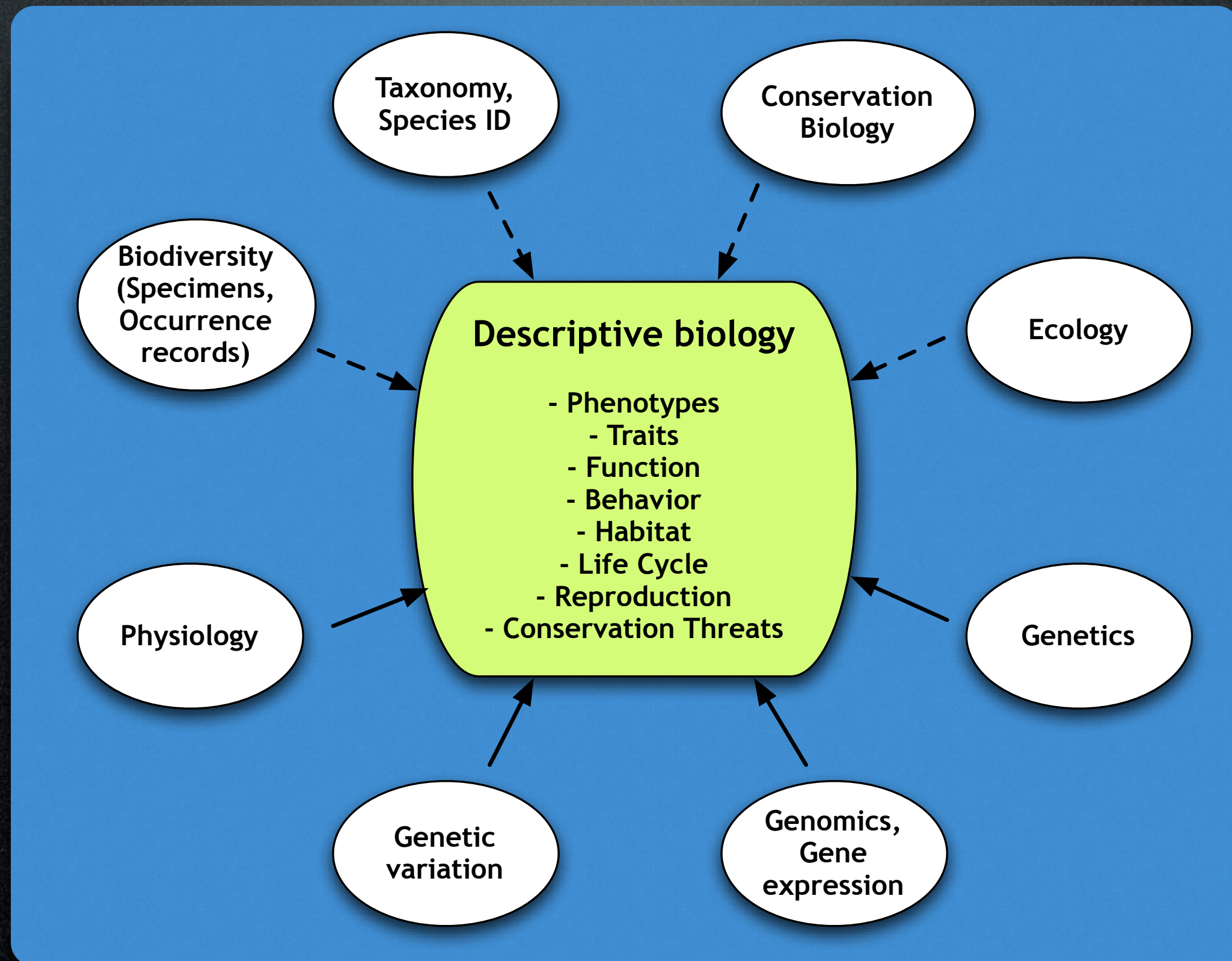


# What next?

- Modeling and reasoning over homology
- Efficient searching and scoring of semantic similarity
- Reducing the bottlenecks in data curation



# Opening descriptive biological data to computing can enable new science





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# Phenotypic similarity matches taxa to candidate genes

Similarity (IC)	Taxon (subsuming taxon with variable phenotypes in subsumed taxa)	Taxon phenotype (one of two or more subsumed variable taxon phenotypes)	Candidate Gene(s) (zebrafish)	Gene phenotype	Subsuming phenotype
15.16	<i>Danio</i>	<i>Danio rerio</i> : epural separated from urostyle	trpm7	epural, composition	epural, structure
14.45	Otophysi	Siluriformes: scales, absent	eda	scales, absent	scales, count
13.25	Siluriformes	Siluriformes: basihyal cartilage, absent	brpf1, disc1 and 10 more	basihyal cartilage, absent	basihyal cartilage, count
10.0	<i>Tachysurus</i>	process of Meckel's cartilage, adjacent to coronoid process	edn1, foxd3 and 22 more	Meckel's cartilage, mislocalized posteriorly	Meckel's cartilage, position



# Mapping EQs back to characters is a challenge

- Properties of “good” phylogenetic characters:
  - Exclusivity of states
  - Distinguishability of states
  - Independence of characters
- Finding exclusive states requires incompatible phenotypes. How to determine incompatibility?
  - Two phenotypes are incompatible iff they cannot both inhere in the same specimen.
  - Two qualities are incompatible iff an entity cannot bear both.

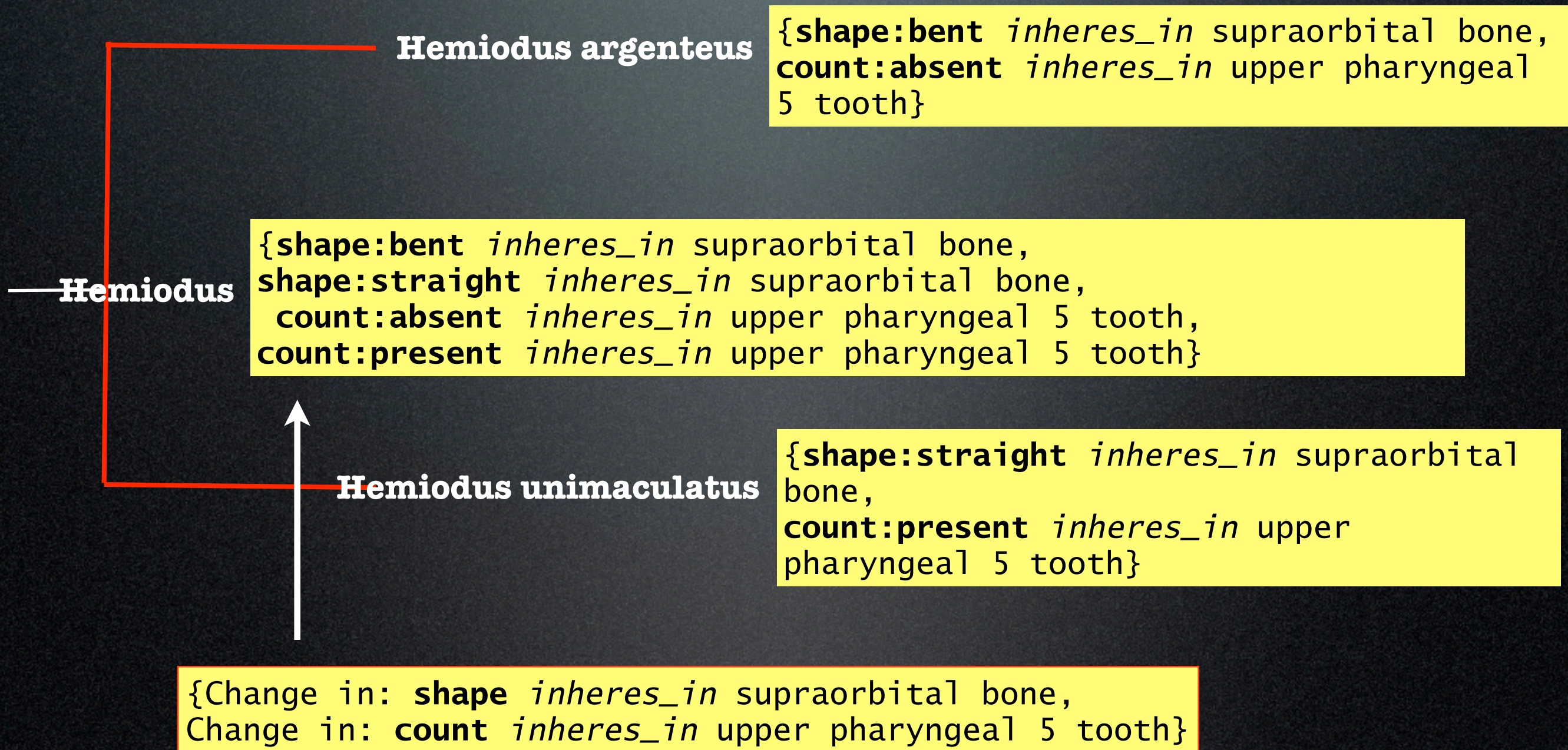


# Which EQs and qualities are incompatible?

- Incompatible Qs
  - present vs. absent
  - triangular vs. round
  - absent vs. any other quality
- Compatible Qs
  - present vs. any other quality (except absent)
  - serrated vs. round
  - some colors
- Incompatible EQs
  - (Q inheres\_in bone E) vs (cartilage E absent)

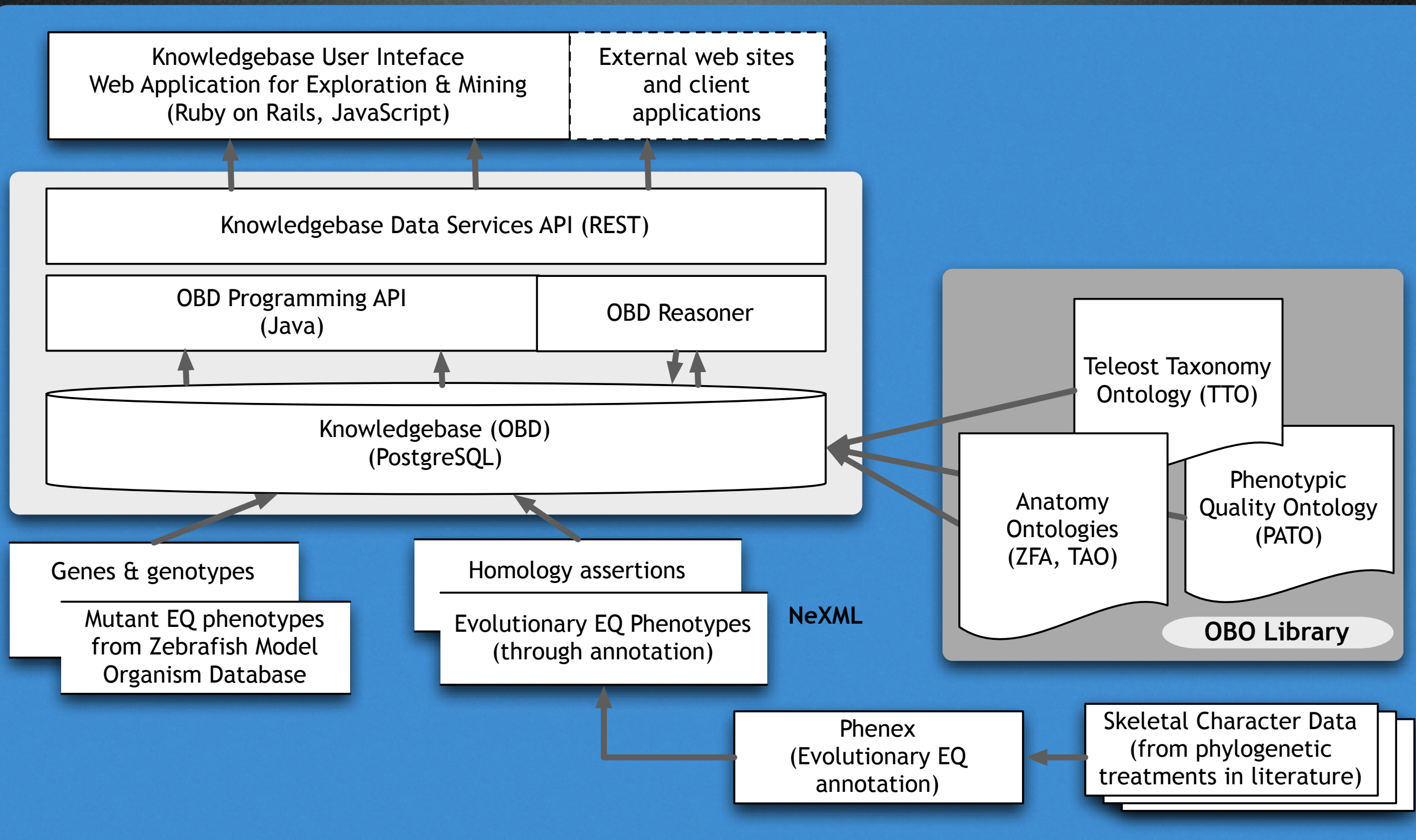


# Detecting phenotype change and variation





# System architecture





# Formalizing homology relationships

- Formal pattern is ternary:

*E1 in\_taxon T1 homologous\_to E2 in\_taxon T2 as E3 in\_taxon T3*

- Classifying homology relationships

- 1-1 homology (phylogenetic homology)
- serial homology

- *A iso\_homologous\_to B as C*

$\Rightarrow$  *all A derived\_by\_descent\_from some*

*(C and has\_derived\_by\_descendent some B)*

*and*

*all B derived\_by\_descent\_from some*

*(C and has\_derived\_by\_descendent some A)*

- *shares\_ancestor\_with* as a relation chain:

*derived\_by\_descent\_from o has\_derived\_by\_descendent*



# Option 1: Asserting homology at higher-level taxa

homology-relations (http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/homology-relations) - [/Users/lapp/Devel/phenoscape/trunk/vocab/homology/utest\_homol-exp-mod.owl]

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Active Ontology | Entities | **Classes** | Object Properties | Data Properties | Individuals | OWLViz | DL Query

Asserted class hierarchy | Inferred class hierarchy

Asserted class hierarchy: 'forelimb Mammalia'

- Thing
  - file:/Users/lapp/Devel/phenoscape/trunk/vocab/homology/utest\_homol-exp-mod.owl
  - root
  - taxonomic\_rank
  - 'anatomical entity'
    - 'material anatomical entity'
      - 'anatomical structure'
        - 'multi-cellular organism'
          - 'organism subdivision'
            - wing
              - 'wing Aves'
              - 'wing Gallus gallus'
            - appendage
              - limb/fin
                - limb
                  - forelimb
                    - 'forelimb Mammalia'**
                    - 'forelimb Mus musculus'
                    - 'forelimb Homo sapiens'
                  - hindlimb
                    - 'hindlimb Mus musculus'
                    - 'hindlimb Gallus gallus'
                    - 'hindlimb Homo sapiens'
    - 'pelvic spur'
      - 'pelvic spur Python'
    - 'anterior region of body'
    - 'posterior region of body'
  - 'vestigial structure'

Usage: 'forelimb Mammalia'

Show: ☒ this ☒ disjoints ☒ named sub/superclasses

Found 5 uses of 'forelimb Mammalia'

- 'forelimb Mammalia'
  - 'forelimb Mammalia' **equivalentTo** forelimb and PHENOSCAPE\_in\_taxon **some** Mammalia
  - 'forelimb Mammalia' **label** "forelimb Mammalia"@en
  - Class('forelimb Mammalia')
  - 'forelimb Mammalia' **subClassOf** derived\_by\_descent\_from **some** (has\_derived\_by\_descendant **some** 'forelimb Mammalia' and has\_derived\_by\_descendant **some** 'wing Aves')
- 'wing Aves'
  - 'wing Aves' **subClassOf** derived\_by\_descent\_from **some** (has\_derived\_by\_descendant **some** 'forelimb Mammalia' and has\_derived\_by\_descendant **some** 'wing Aves')

Description: 'forelimb Mammalia'

Equivalent classes +

- forelimb and PHENOSCAPE\_in\_taxon **some** 'Mammalia'

Superclasses +

- derived\_by\_descent\_from **some** (has\_derived\_by\_descendant **some** 'wing Aves' and has\_derived\_by\_descendant **some** 'forelimb Mammalia')
- forelimb

Inferred anonymous superclasses

- 'part of' **some** 'multi-cellular organism'
- 'part of' **some** 'anterior region of body'
- anterior\_to **some** hindlimb

Members +

Disjoint classes +



# Option 2: Asserting homology at species level

The screenshot displays the Protégé OWL editor interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for 'Active Ontology', 'Entities', 'Classes', 'Object Properties', 'Data Properties', 'Individuals', 'OWLViz', and 'DL Query'. The 'Classes' tab is active, showing the 'Asserted class hierarchy: 'pelvic spur Python'' on the left. This hierarchy is a tree structure starting from 'Thing' and branching down to 'pelvic spur Python' through various anatomical and taxonomic categories. The right pane shows the 'Usage: 'pelvic spur Python'' section, which lists four uses of the class, including its relationship to 'hindlimb Mus musculus' and 'pelvic spur'. Below this, the 'Description: 'pelvic spur Python'' section shows the class's definition as 'pelvic spur' and 'PHENOSCAPE\_in\_taxon some Python', along with its superclasses and inferred anonymous superclasses.



# Validation through standard OWL-DL reasoning

Query (class expression)

shares\_ancestor\_with **some** ('forelimb' **and** PHENOSCAPE\_in\_taxon **some** 'Amniota')

Query results

Sub classes (2)

- ☐ 'forelimb Mammalia'
- ☐ 'wing Aves'

Descendant classes (5)

- ☐ 'forelimb Homo sapiens'
- ☐ 'forelimb Mammalia'
- ☐ 'forelimb Mus musculus'
- ☐ 'wing Aves'
- ☐ 'wing Gallus gallus'

Query (class expression)

shares\_ancestor\_with **some** ('hindlimb' **and** PHENOSCAPE\_in\_taxon **some** 'Amniota')

Query results

Sub classes (4)

- ☐ 'hindlimb Gallus gallus'
- ☐ 'hindlimb Homo sapiens'
- ☐ 'hindlimb Mus musculus'
- ☐ 'pelvic spur Python'

Descendant classes (4)

- ☐ 'hindlimb Gallus gallus'
- ☐ 'hindlimb Homo sapiens'
- ☐ 'hindlimb Mus musculus'
- ☐ 'pelvic spur Python'