

CHELONETHIDA  
Pseudoscorpioni

**擬蠍目**

**Afterskorpone**

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Pseudoscorpions

Zaleszczotki

דמויי-עקרבים

False Scorpions

Ebaskorpionilised

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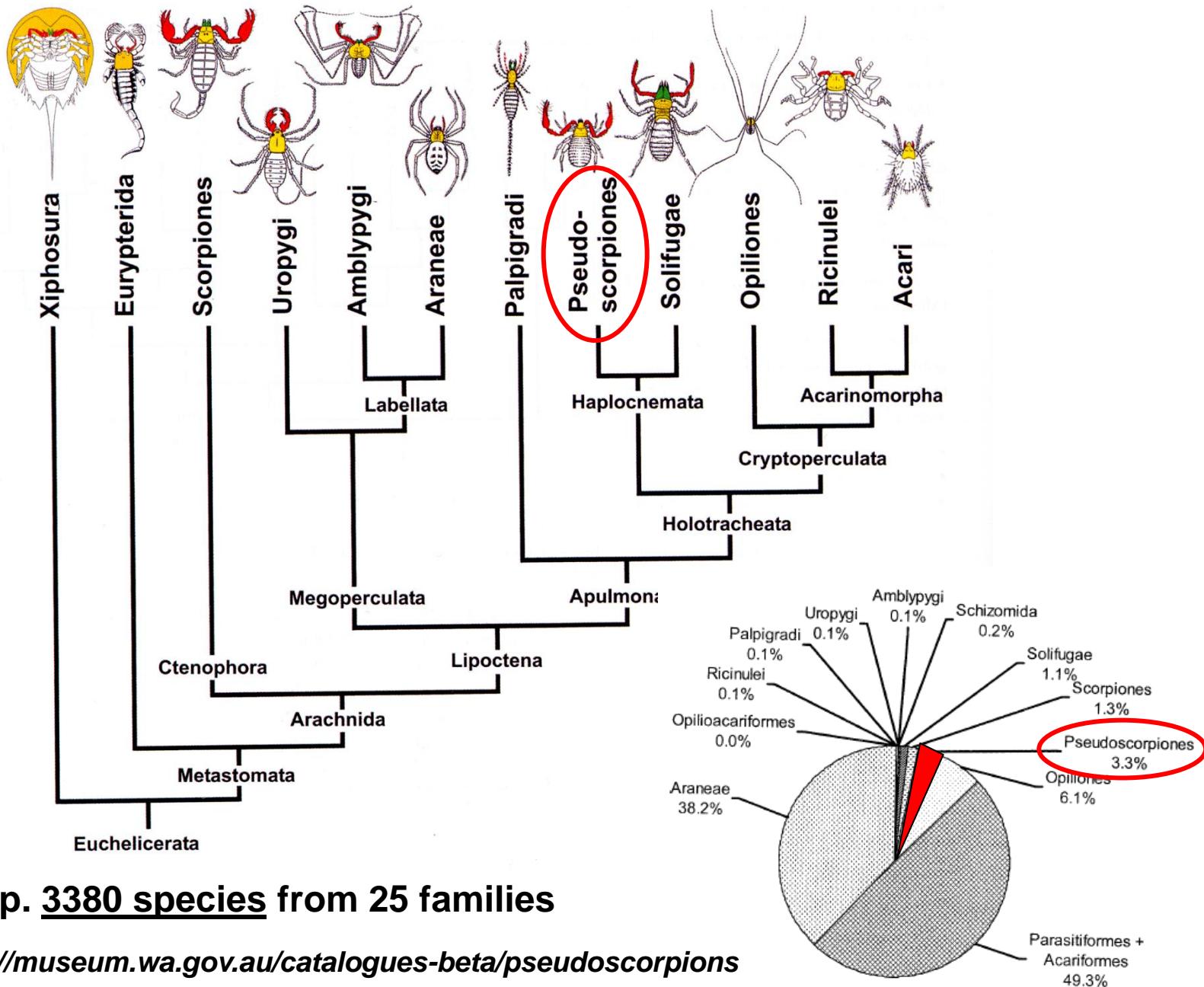
Pseudoescorpiones

Pseudoschorpioenen

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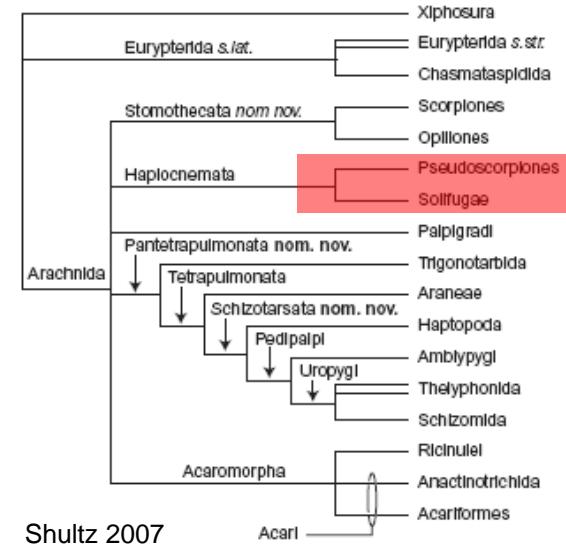
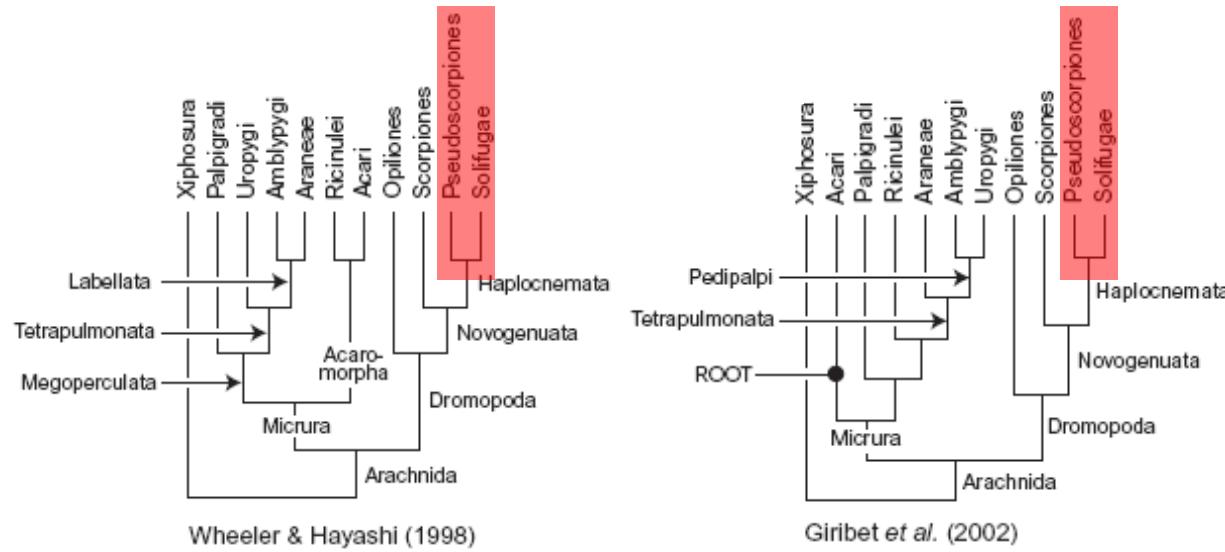
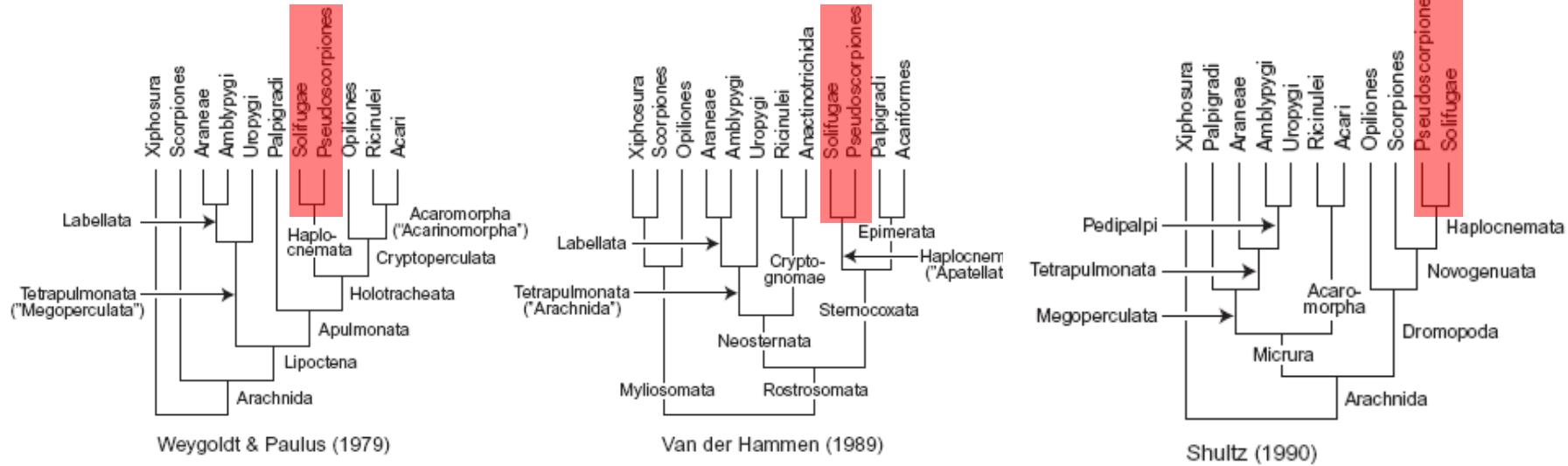
Bogskorpioner

Álskorpiók



app. 3380 species from 25 families

<http://www.museum.wa.gov.au/catalogues-beta/pseudoscorpions>



***Haplocnemata* Börner, 1904**

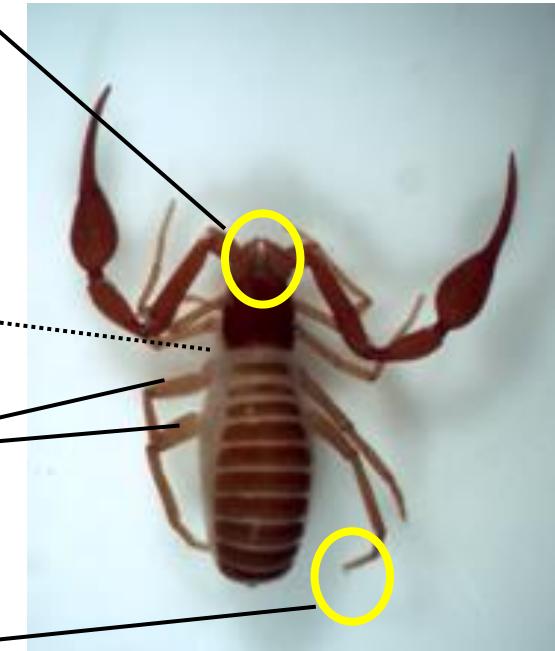
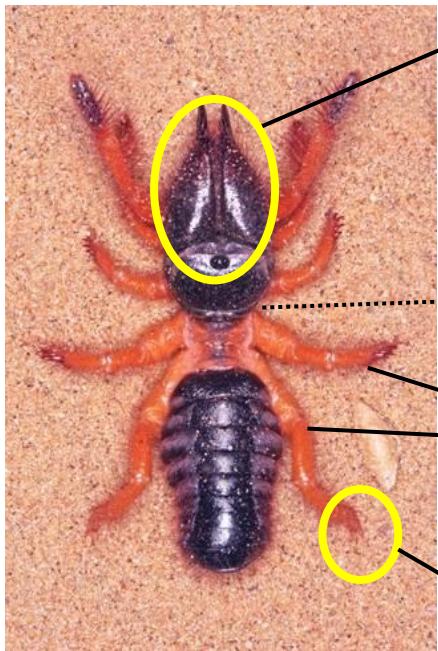
Chelicerae – two-segmented  
pincers  
similar articulation in both groups

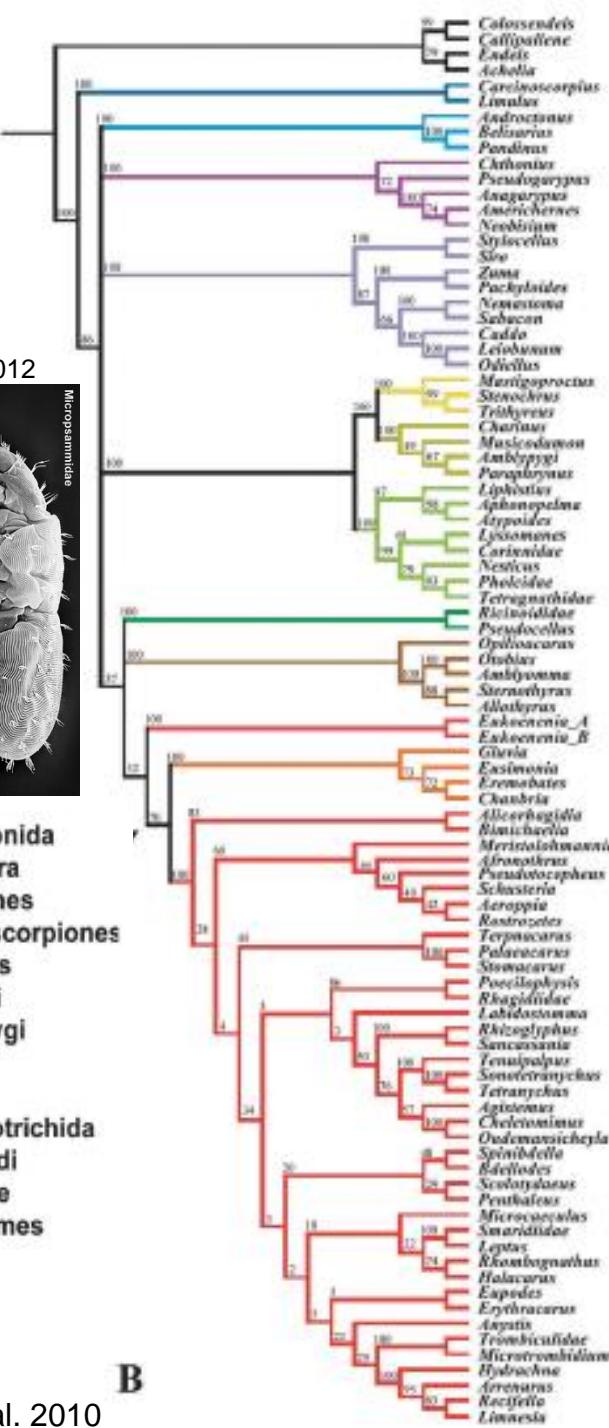
rostrosoma

no sternum  
coxae in contact

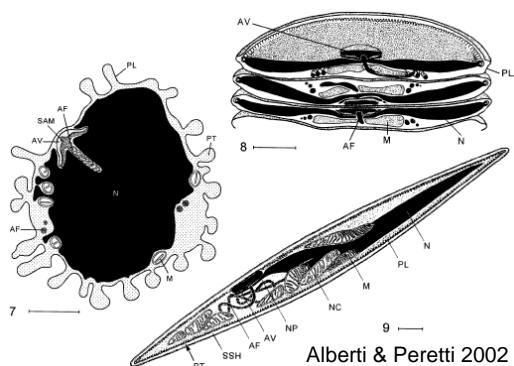
legs III and IV  
femur shorter than patella  
( patello-tibial articulation)

empodium (= pulvillus, arolium)

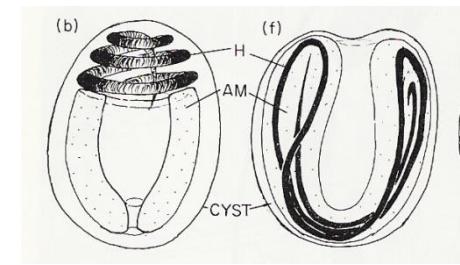




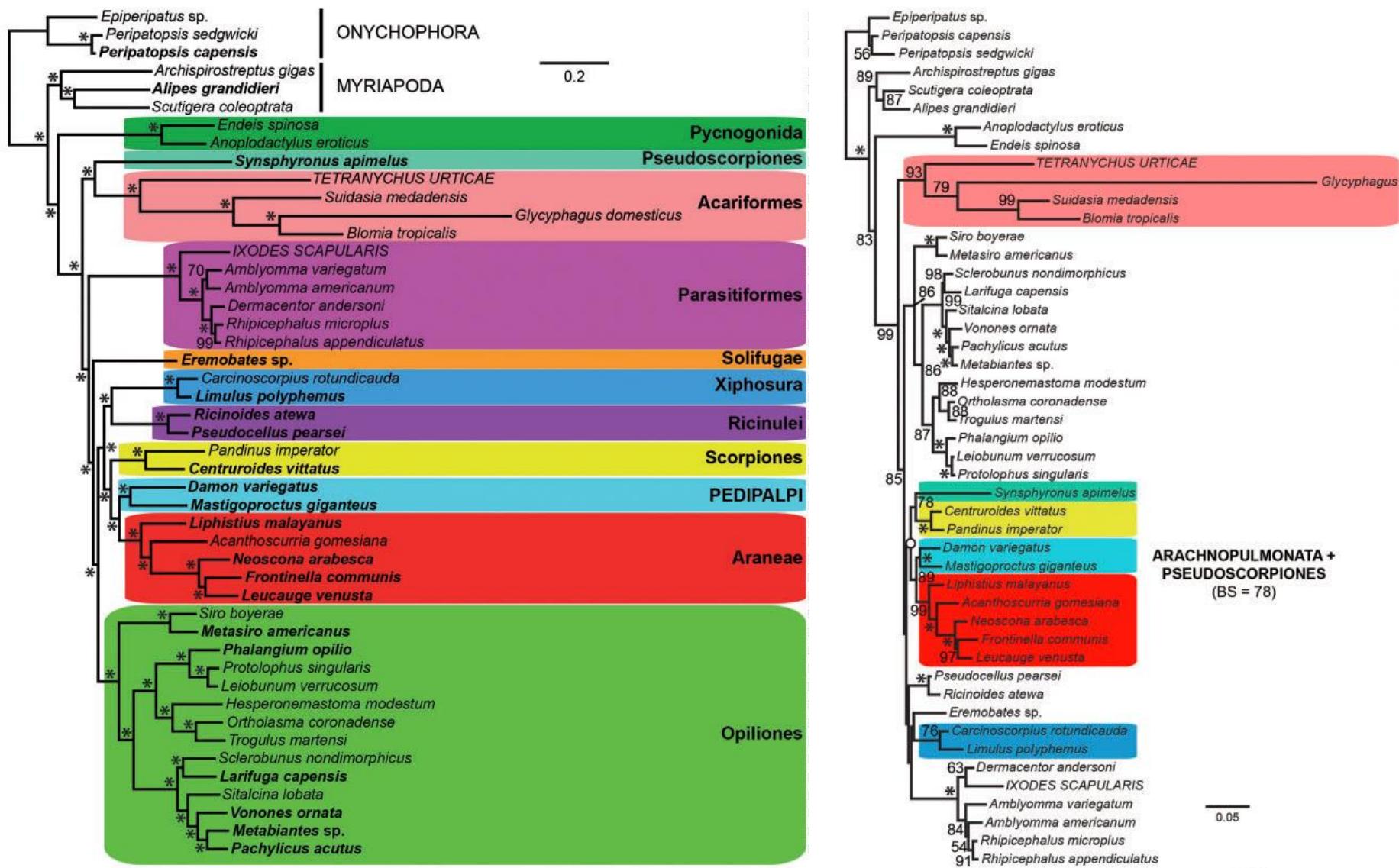
Papato et al. 2010

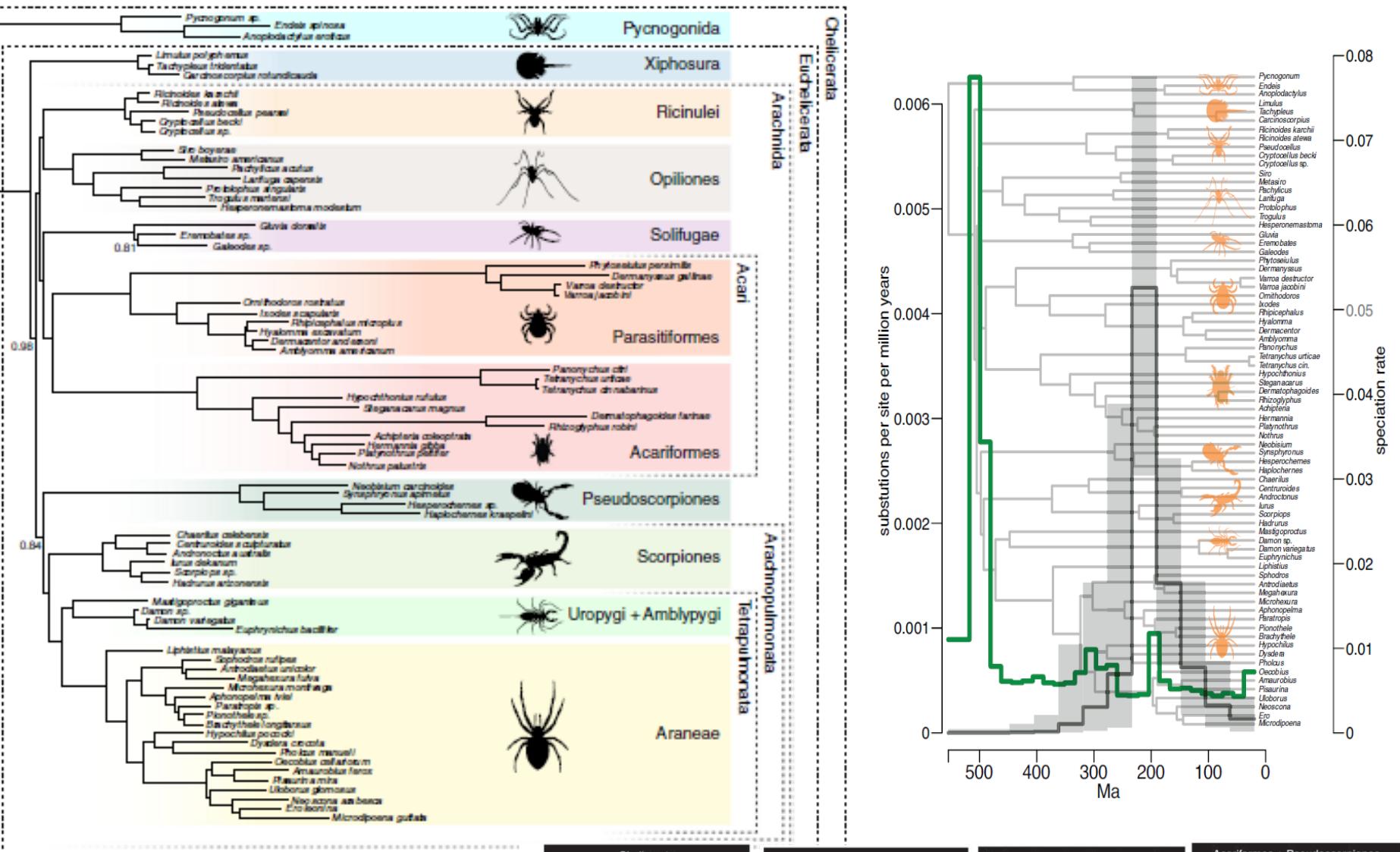


Alberti & Peretti 2002



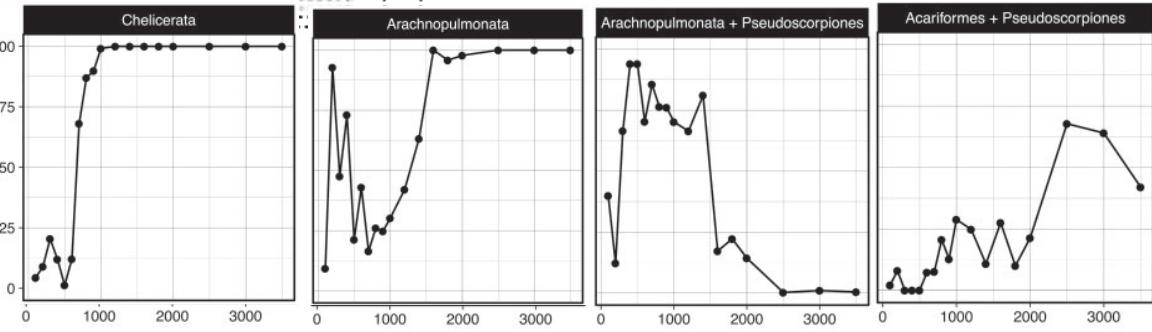
Legg 1973

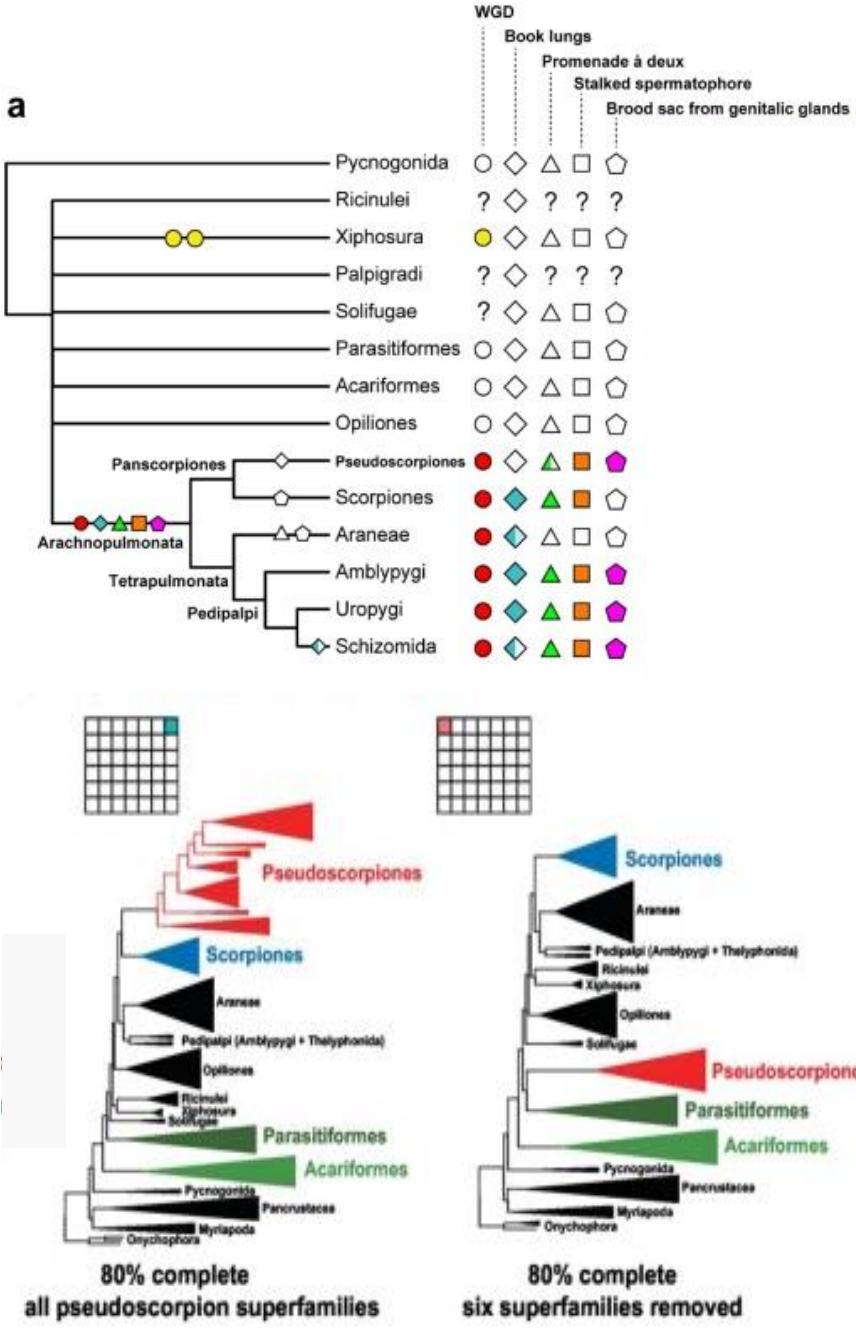
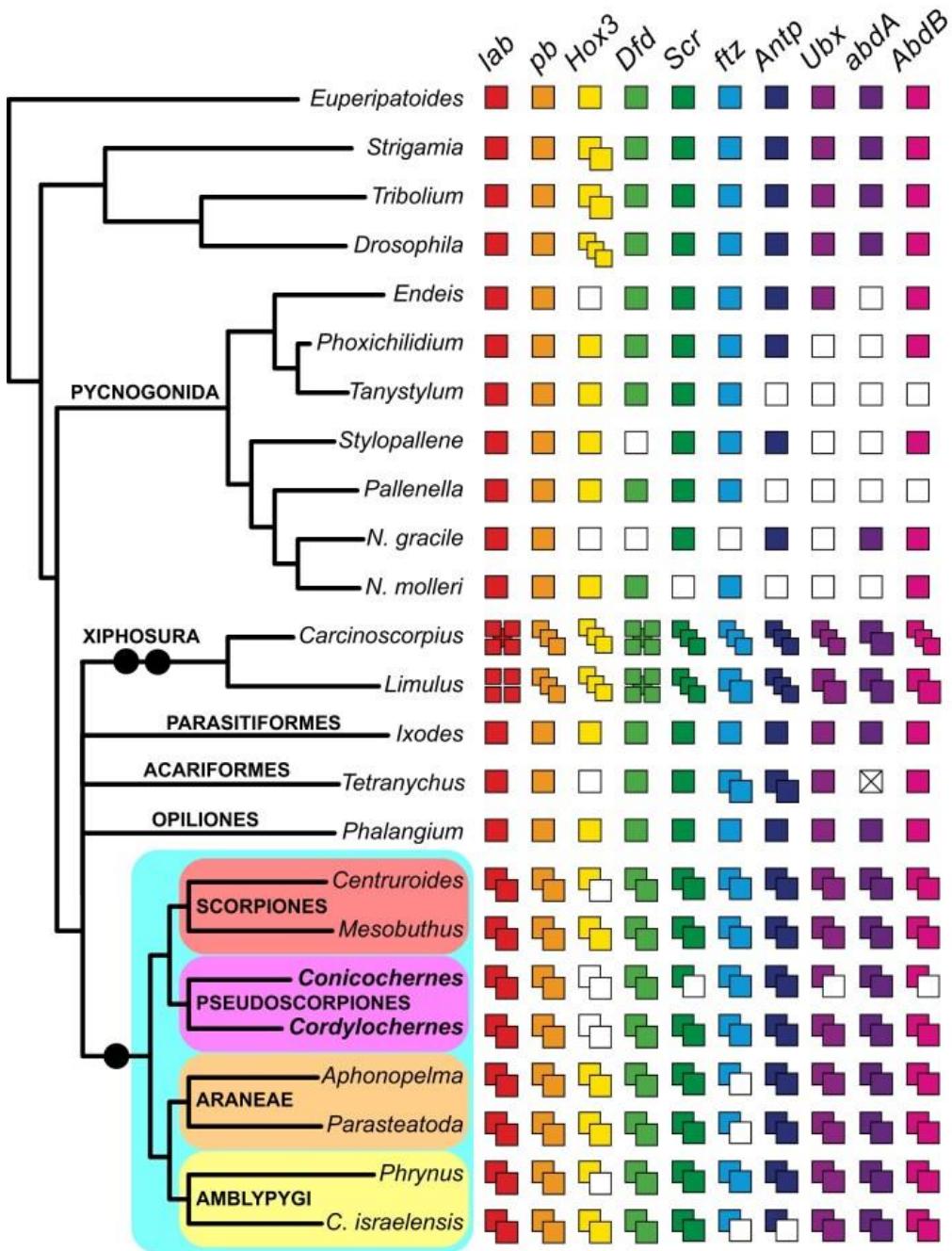




Lozano-Fernandez et al. 2019

Balesteros & Sharma 2019

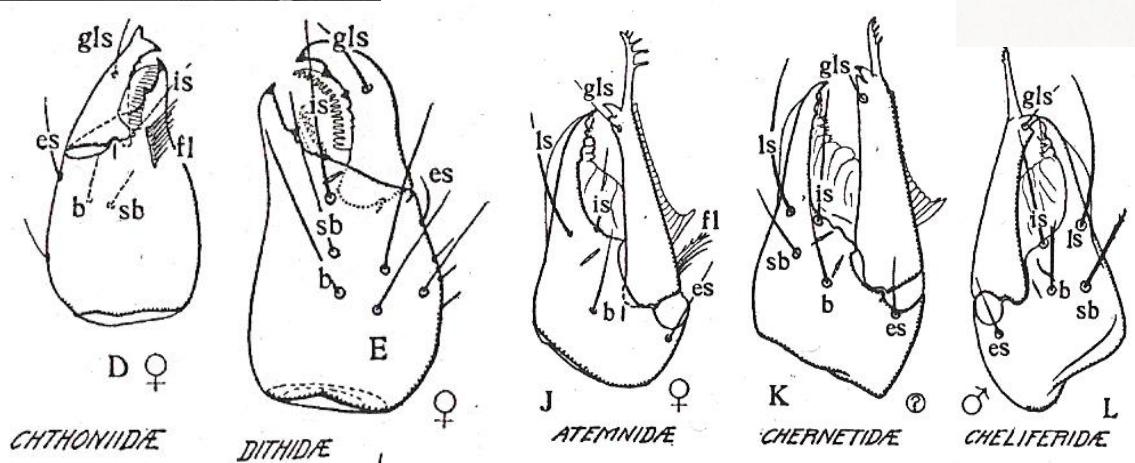
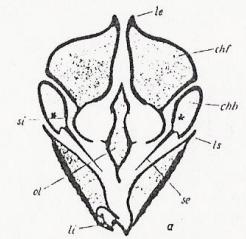
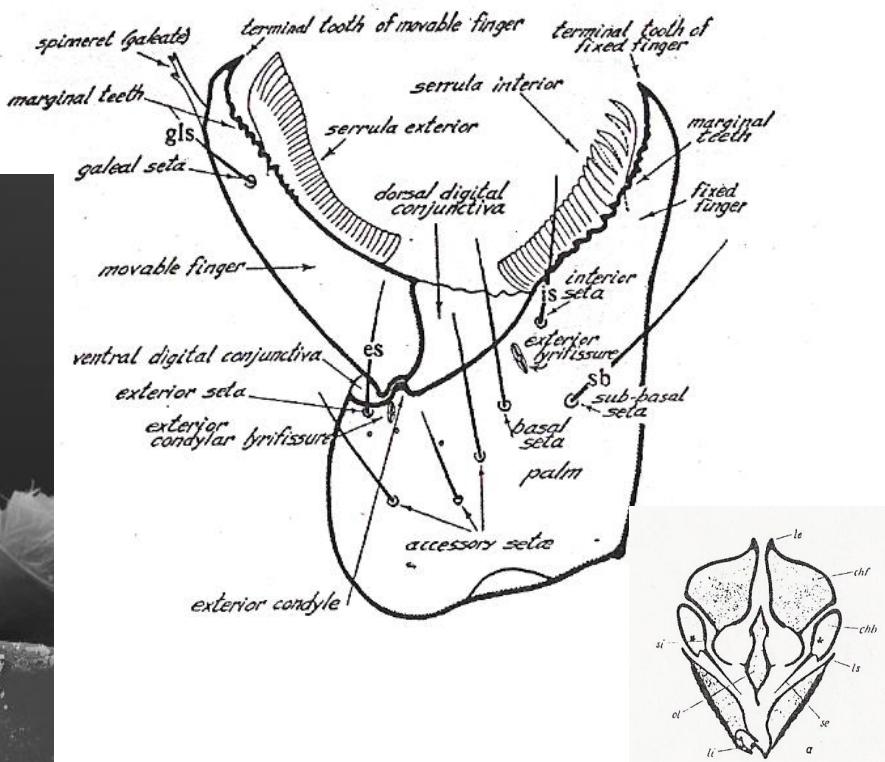
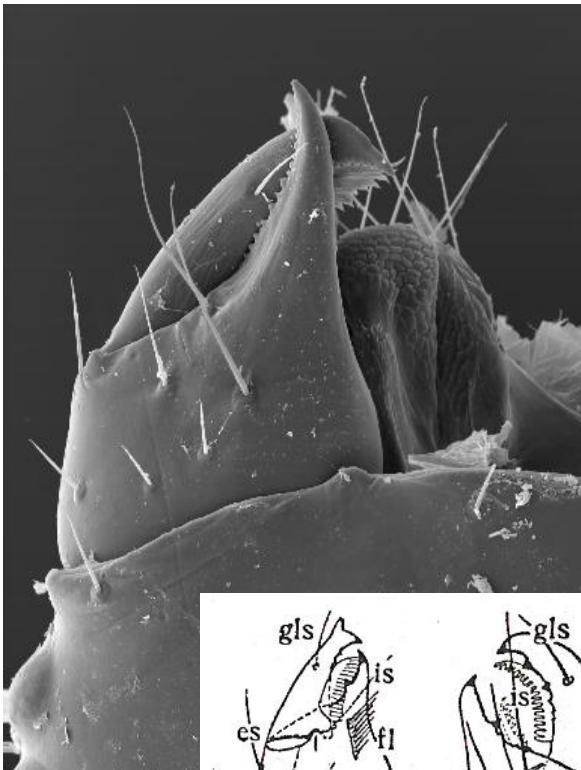
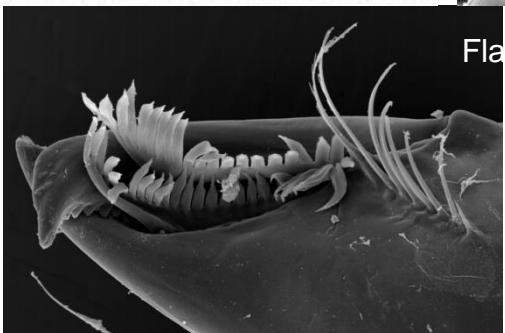
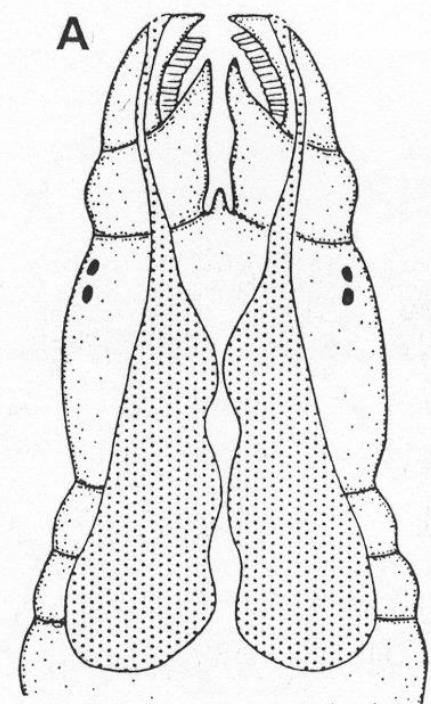




# Charakteristics

chelicerae – two-segmented, chelate

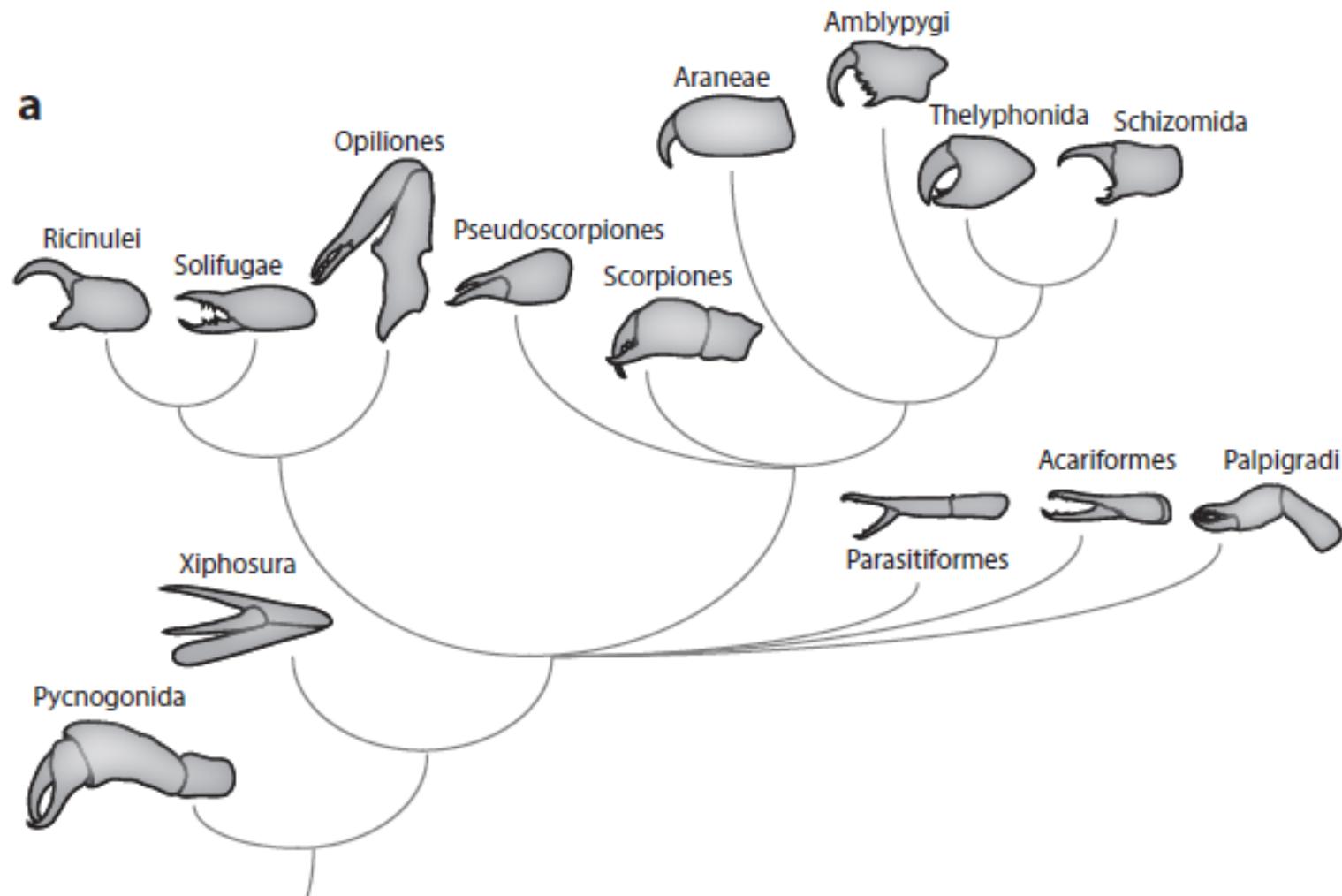
ventrolateral articulation



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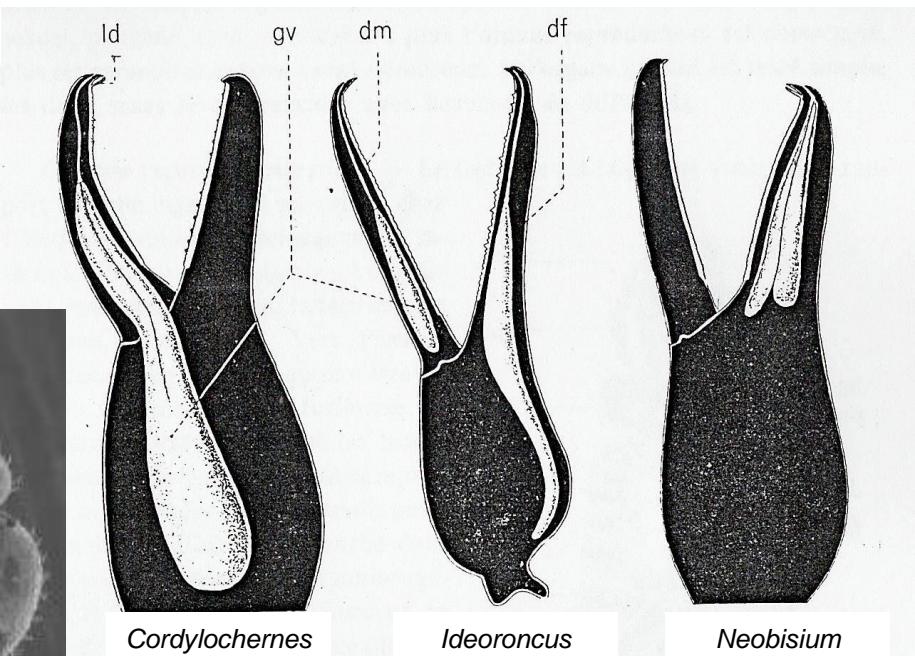
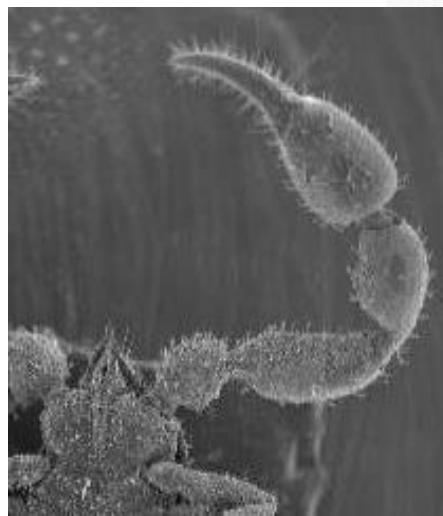
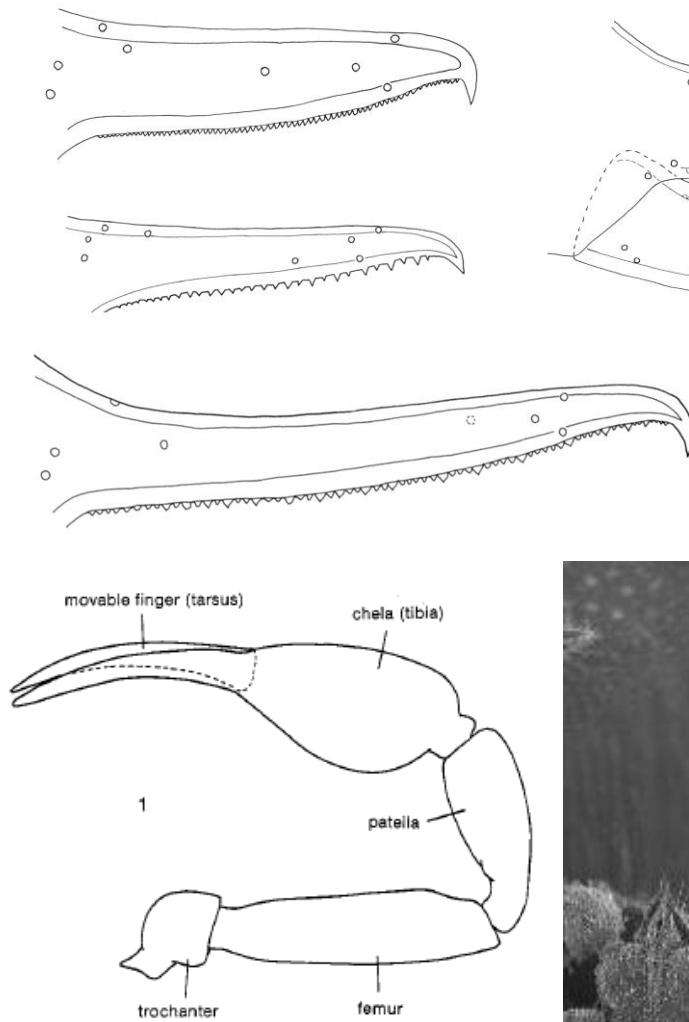
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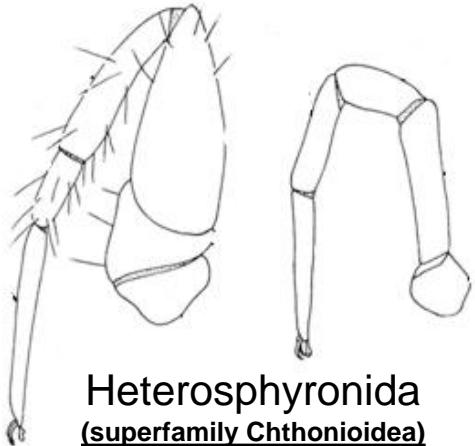


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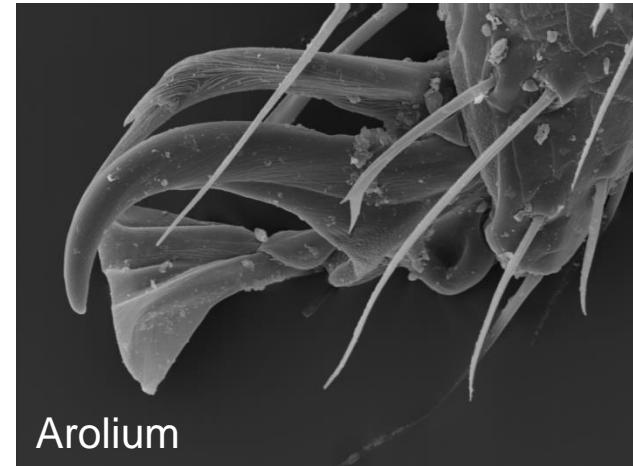
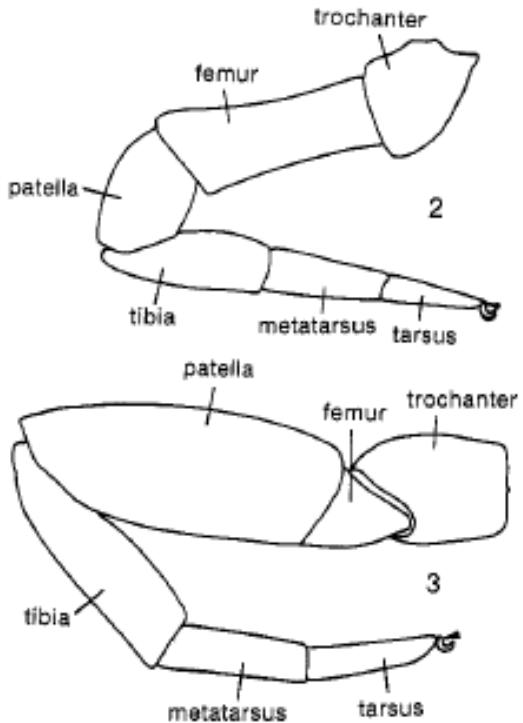
pedipalps – with venom glands  
(without Heterosphyronida)



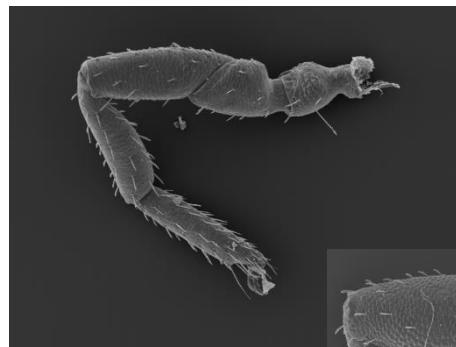
# Charakteristics legs



Heterosphyronida  
(superfamily Chthonioidea)

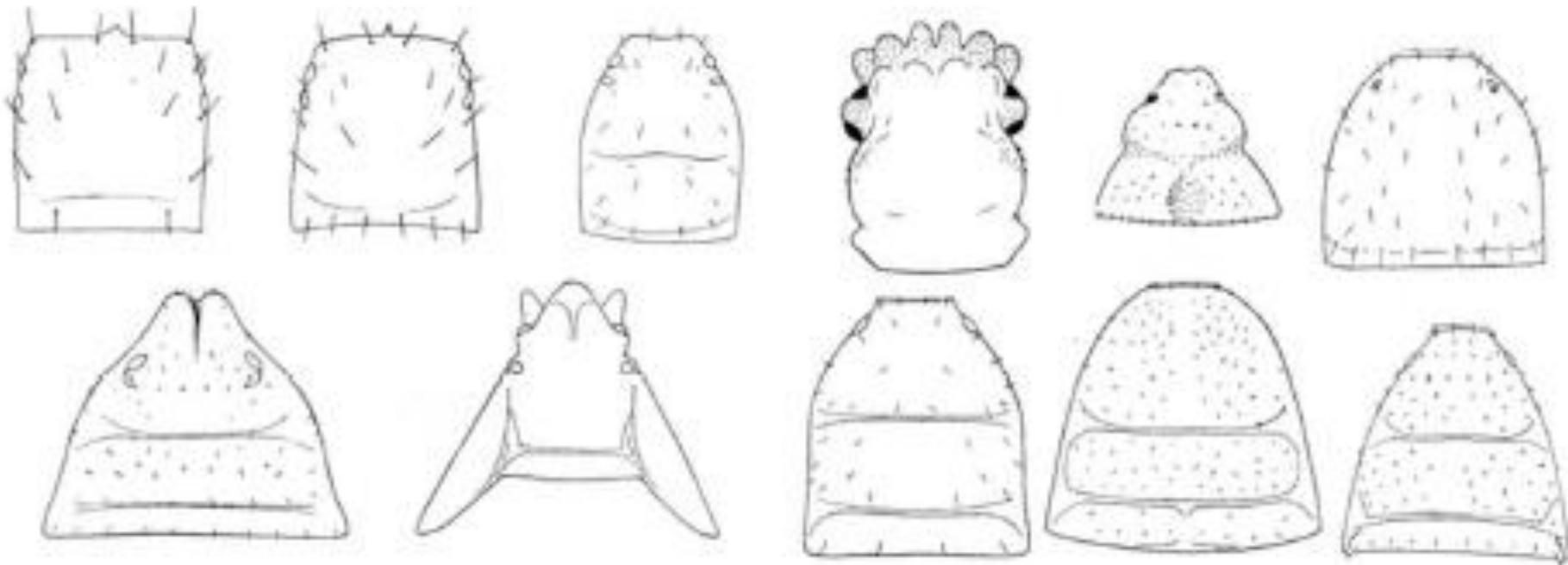


Diplosphyronida (superfamily Neobisioidea a Garypoidea)



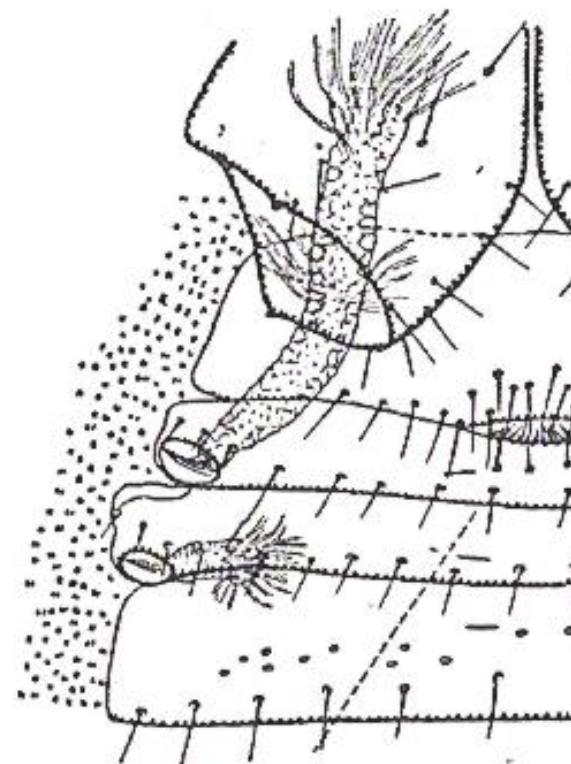
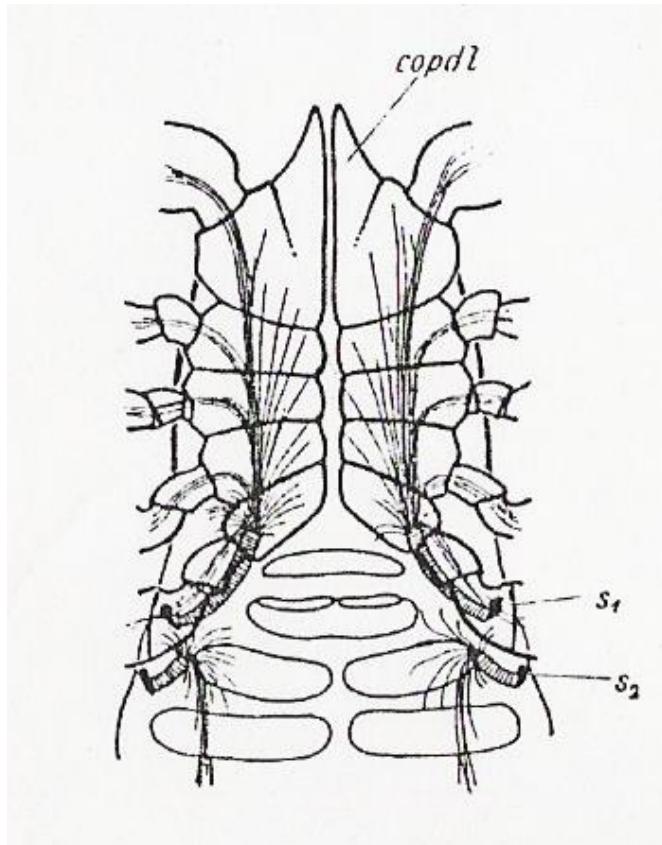
Monosphyronida  
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# Charakteristics carapax



# Charakteristics

trachee opening on 3. and 4. opisthosomal segment

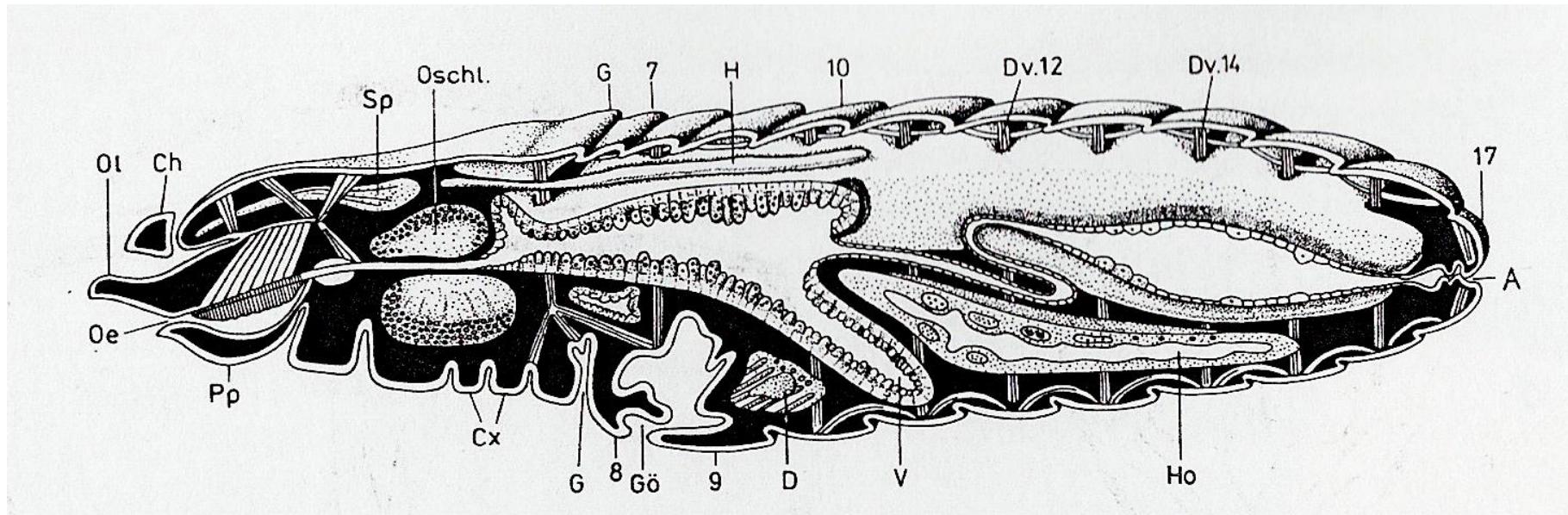


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Vascular system is opening (heart 4-2 pars of opening)

extreiction: excretory cells in stomach

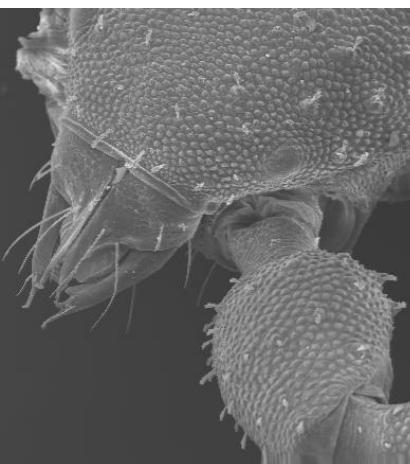
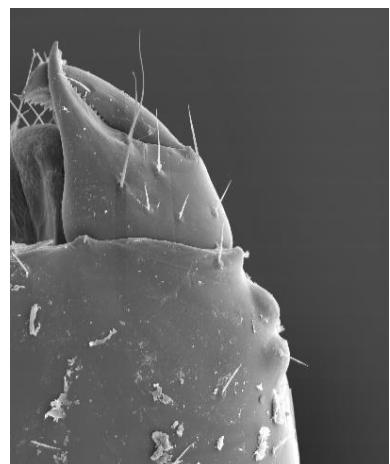
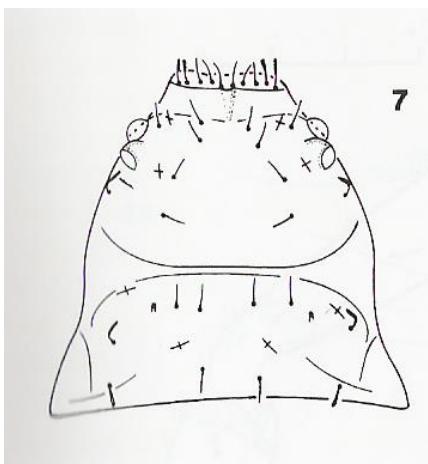
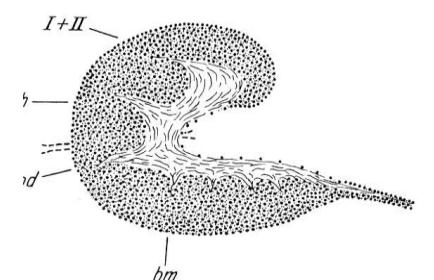
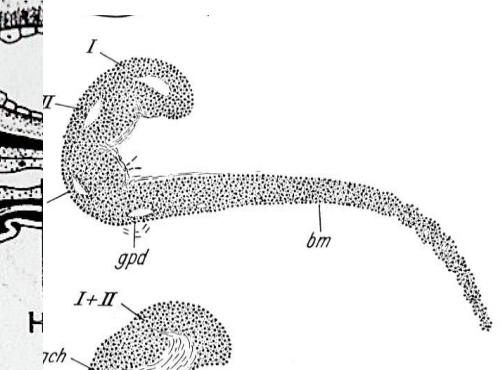
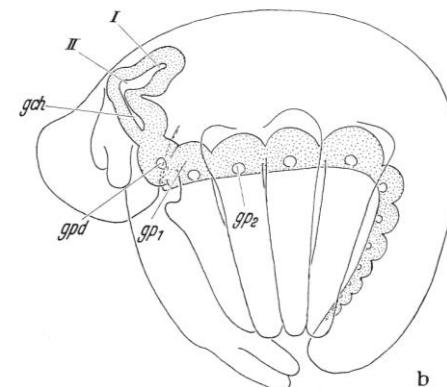
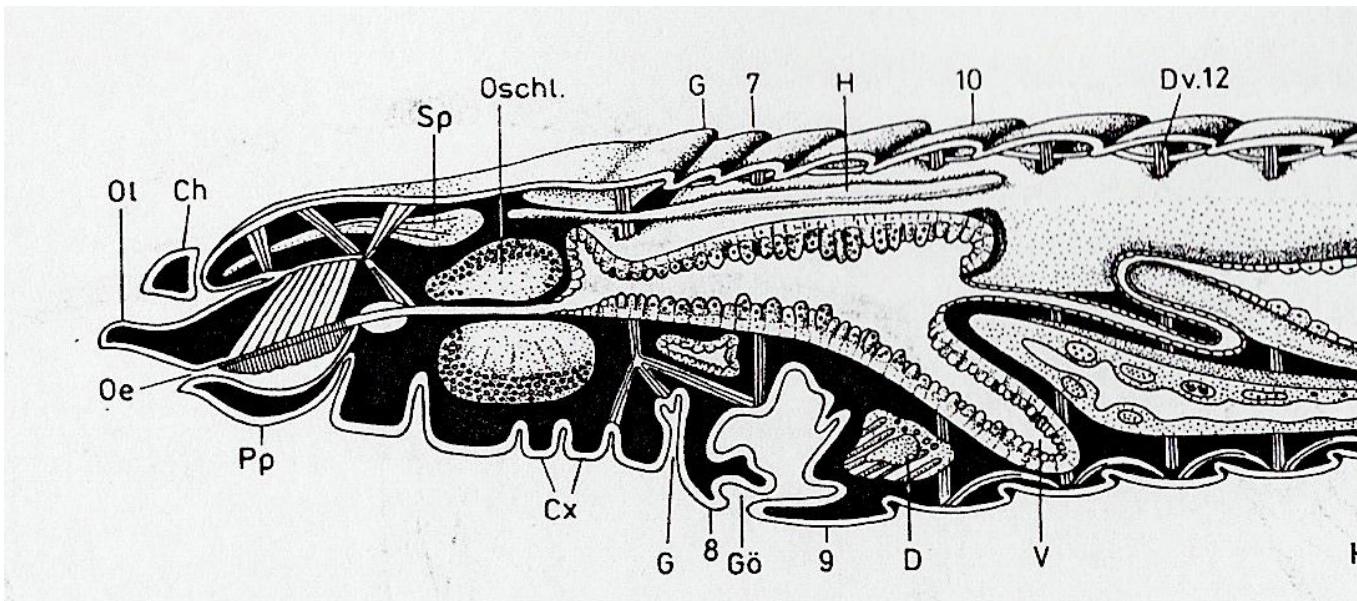
coxal glands



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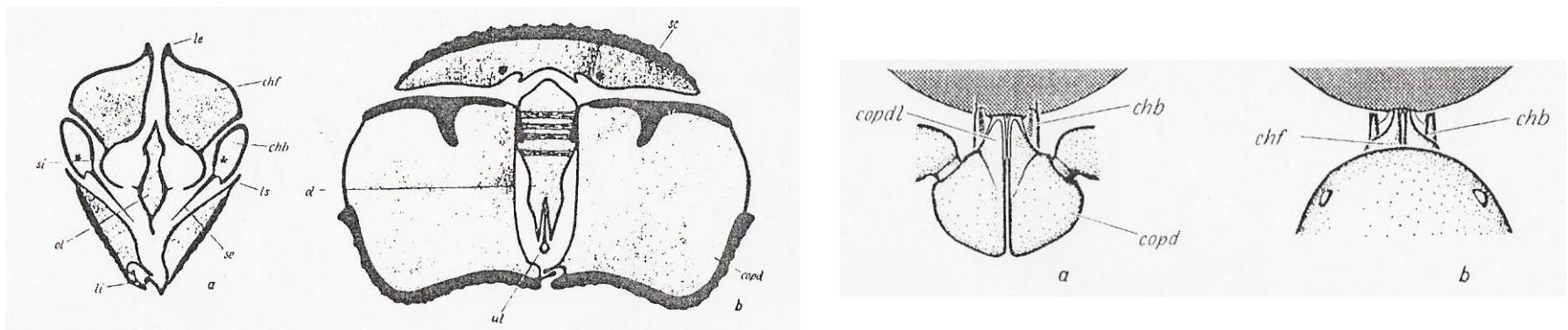
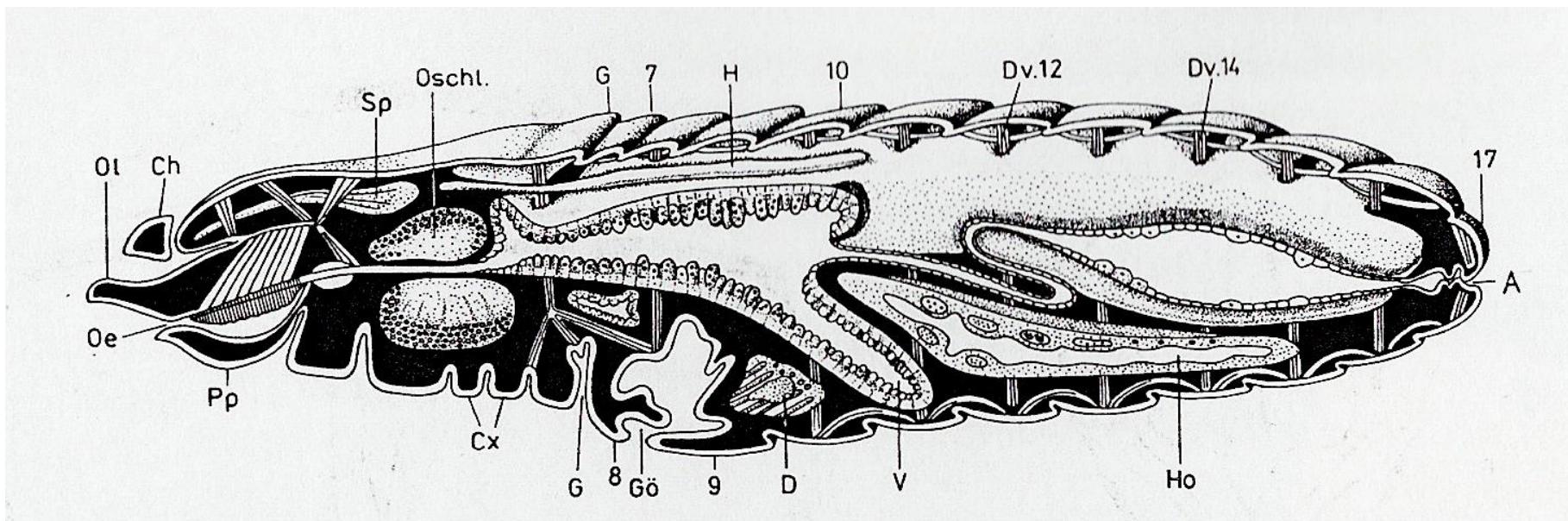
nervous system concentrated

eyes 0-2 pairs



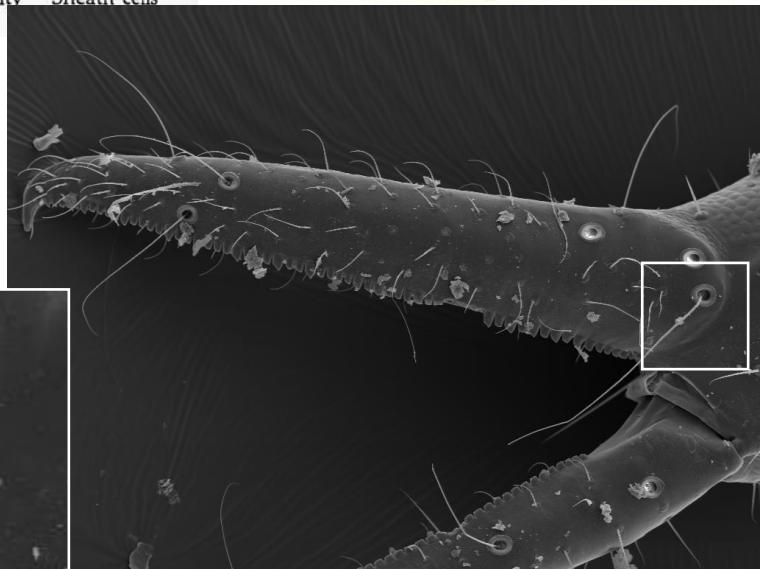
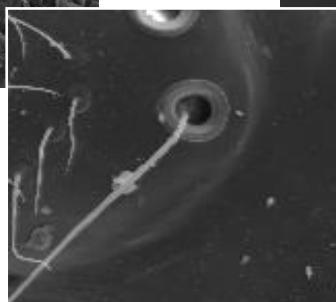
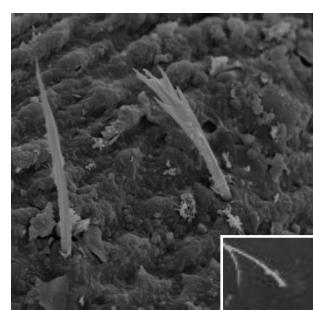
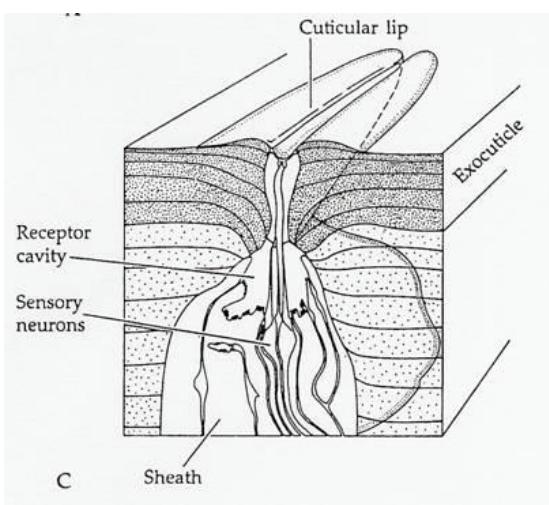
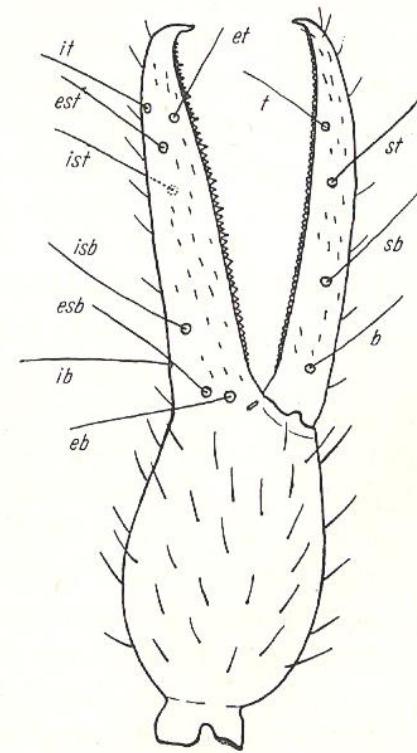
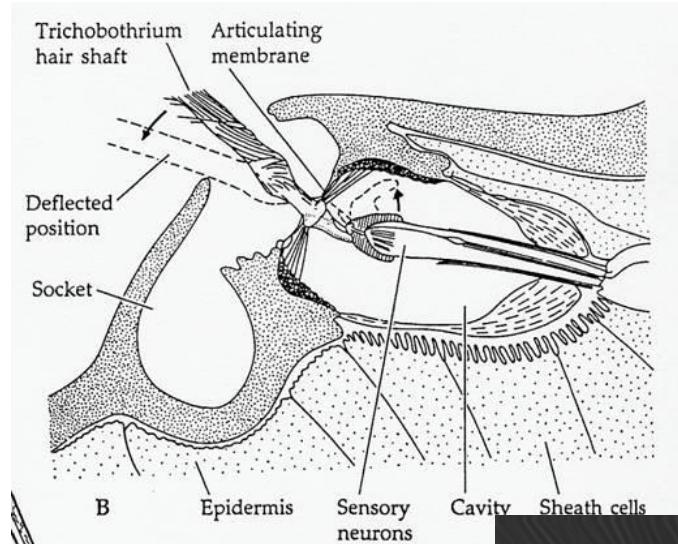
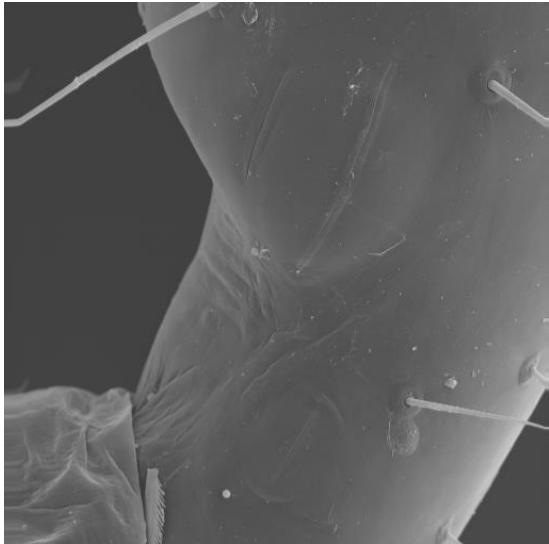
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## Feeding, digestion



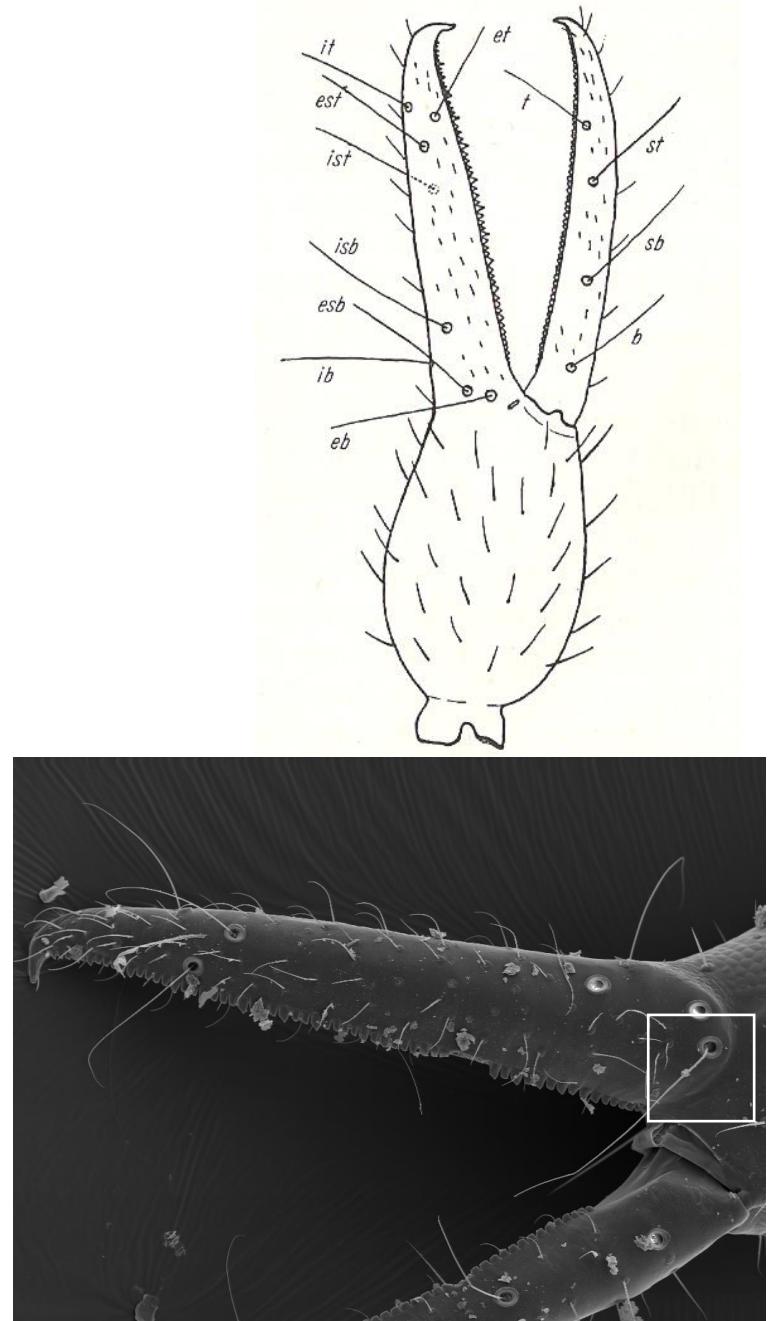
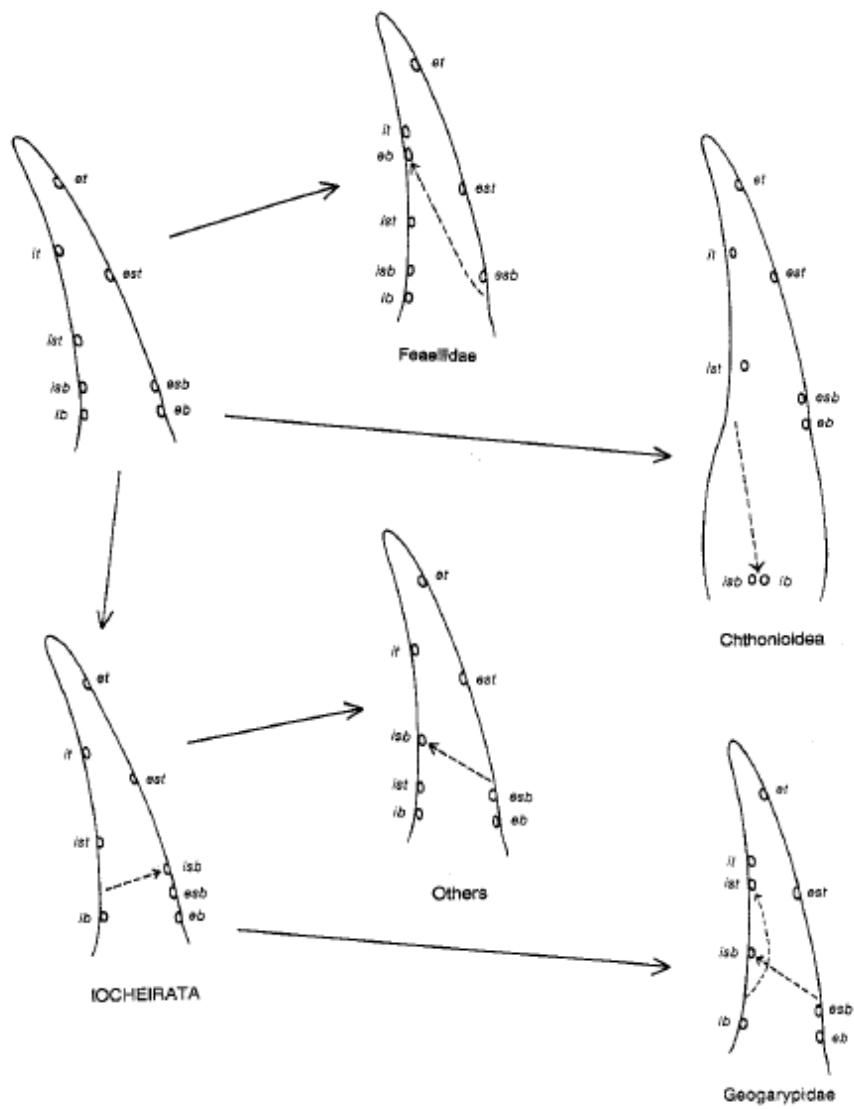
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## Cuticular sense organs



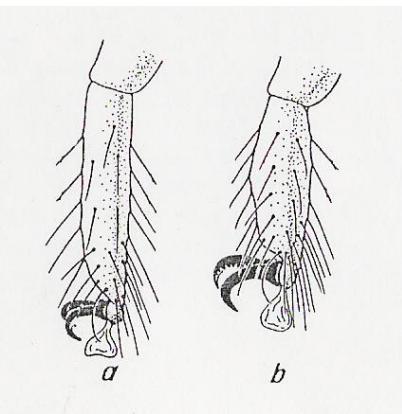
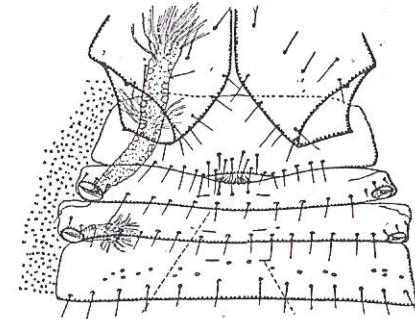
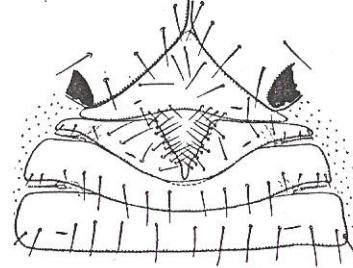
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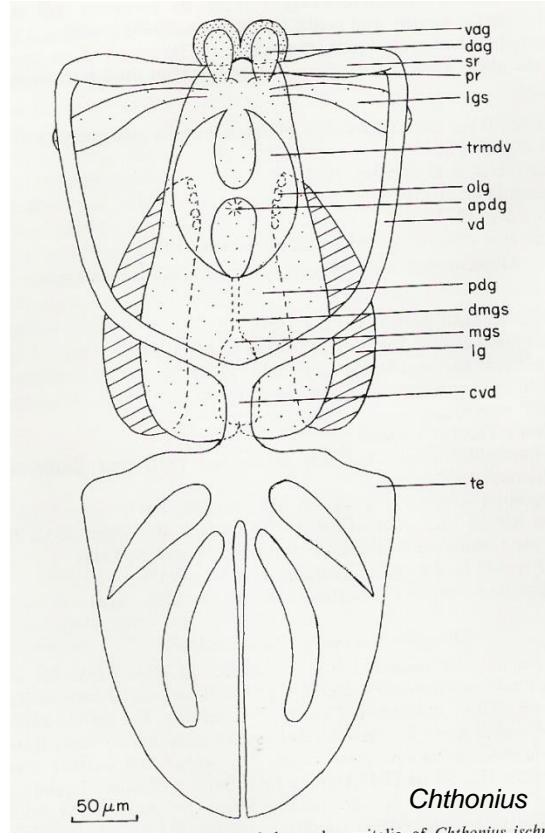


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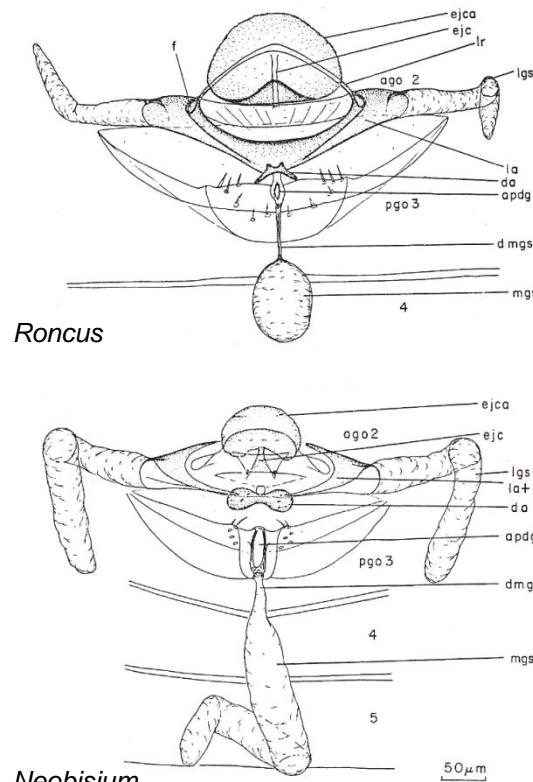
pseudoscorpions reproduce sexually



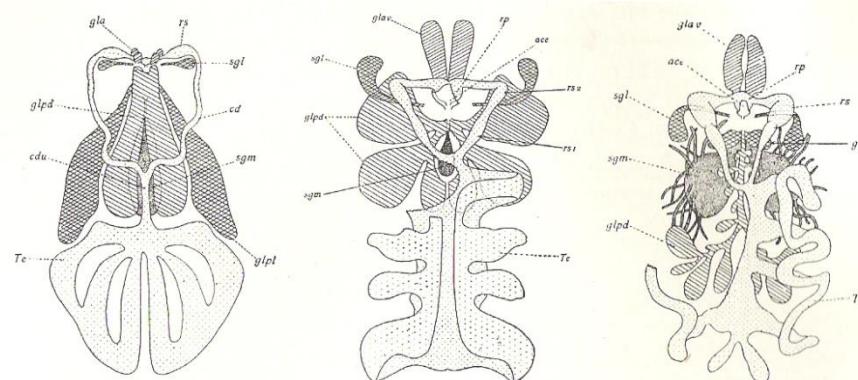
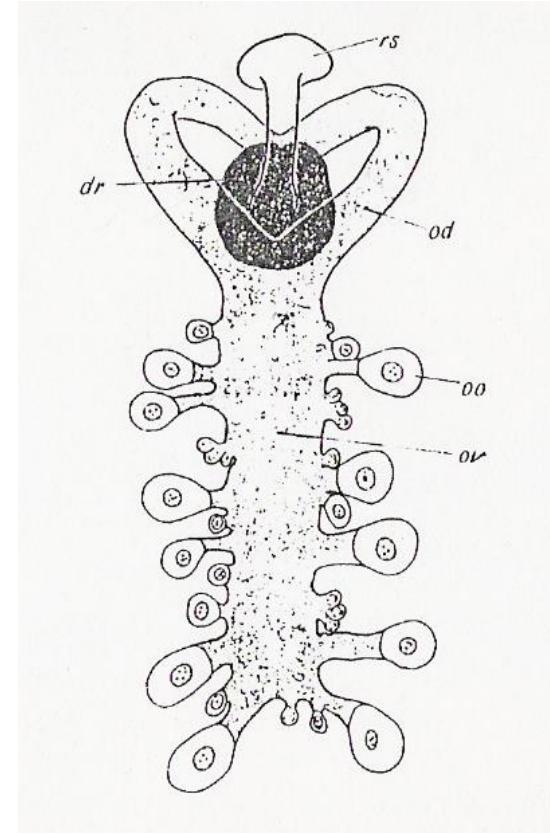
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*Chthonius*



*Neobisium*



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*Neobisium*

*Garypus*

*Chernes*

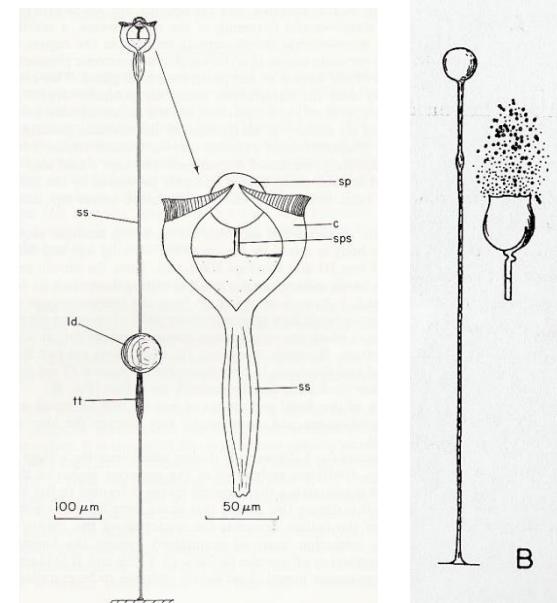
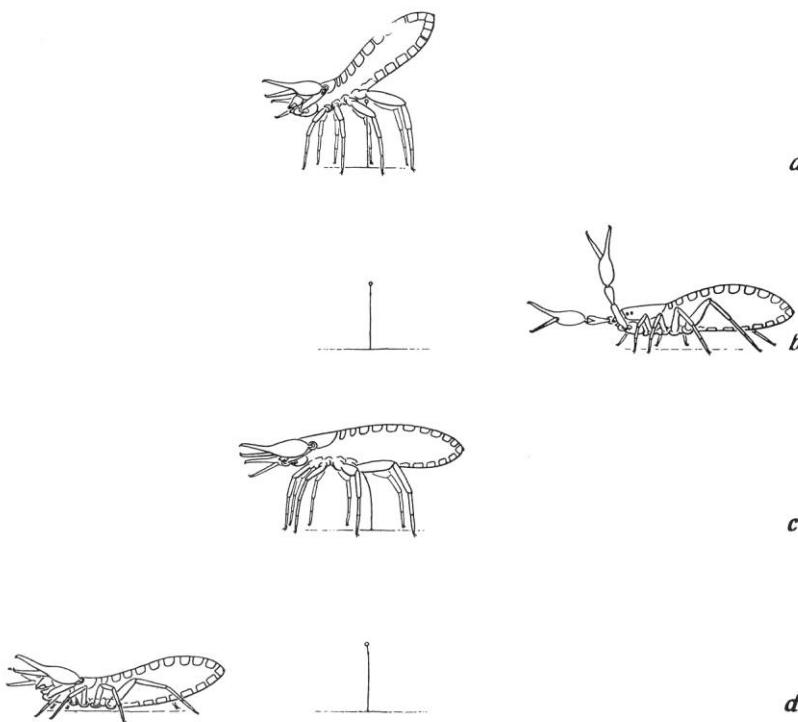
*Chelifer*

# Reproduction

fertilization is internal but indirect

A) Spermatophors without females

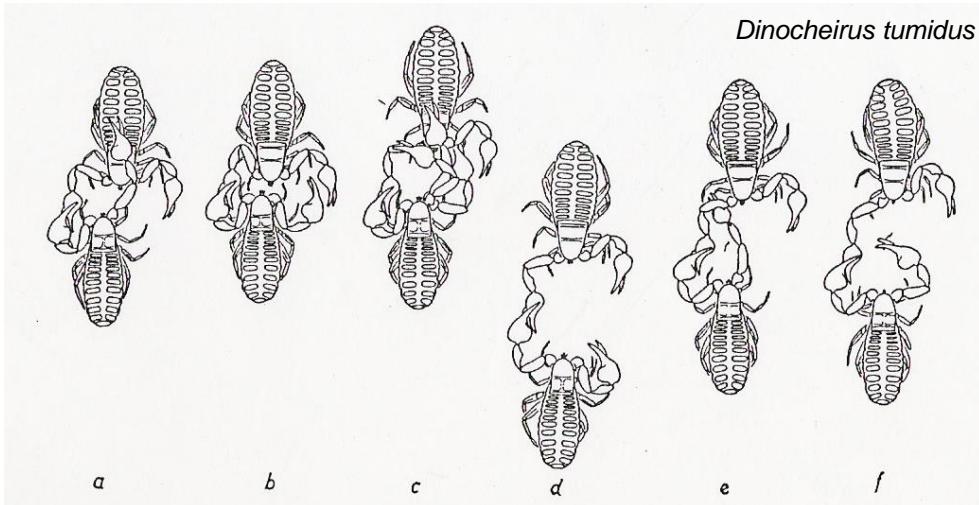
Chthoniidae  
Neobisiidae  
Cheiridiidae  
Olpiidae



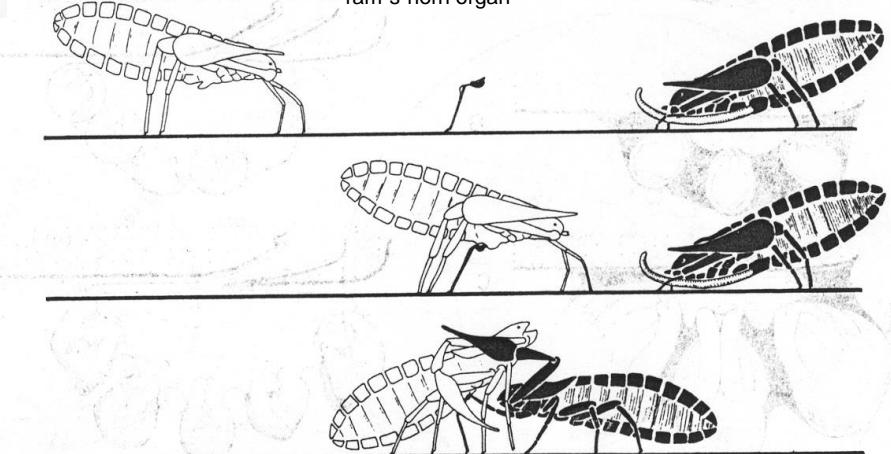
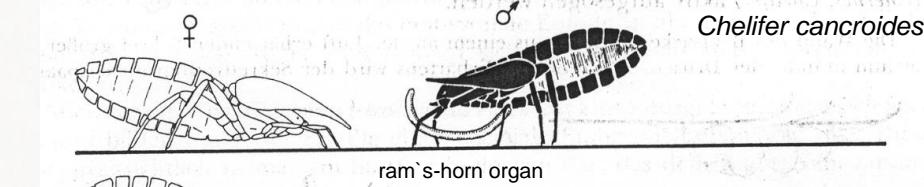
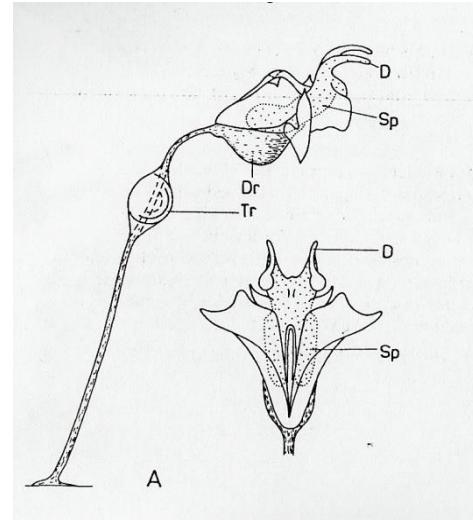
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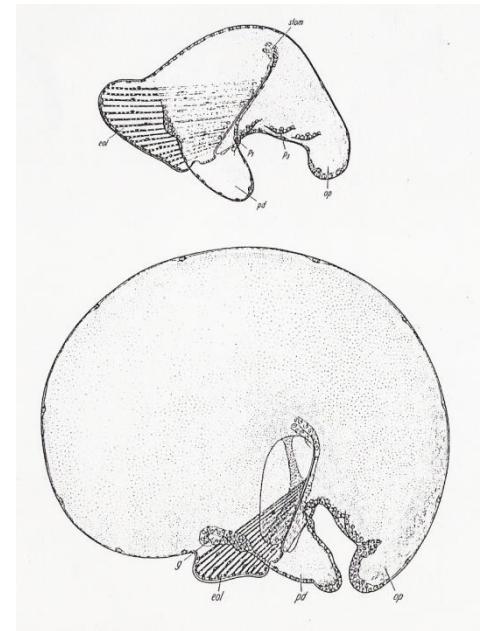
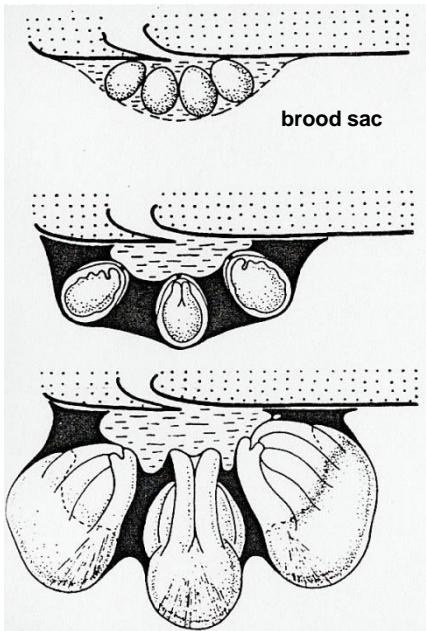
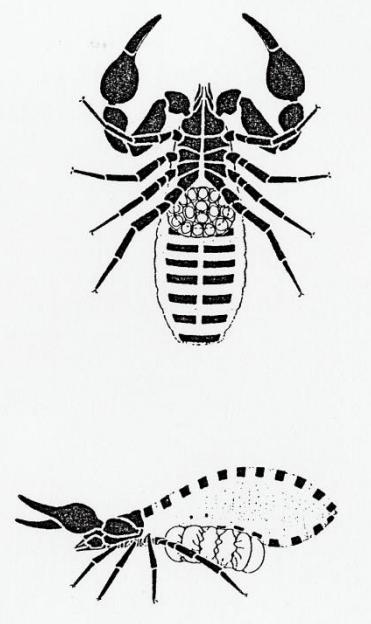
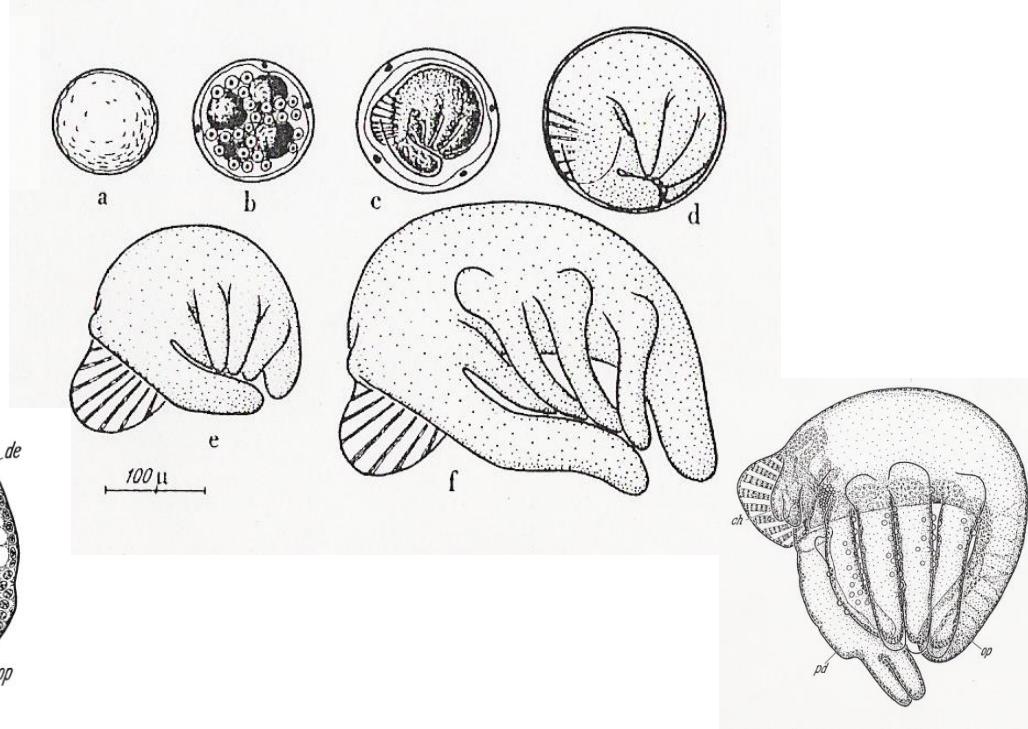
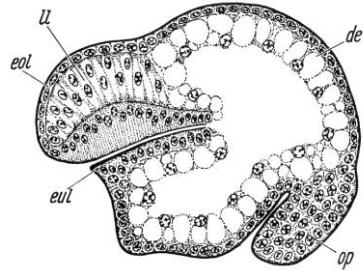
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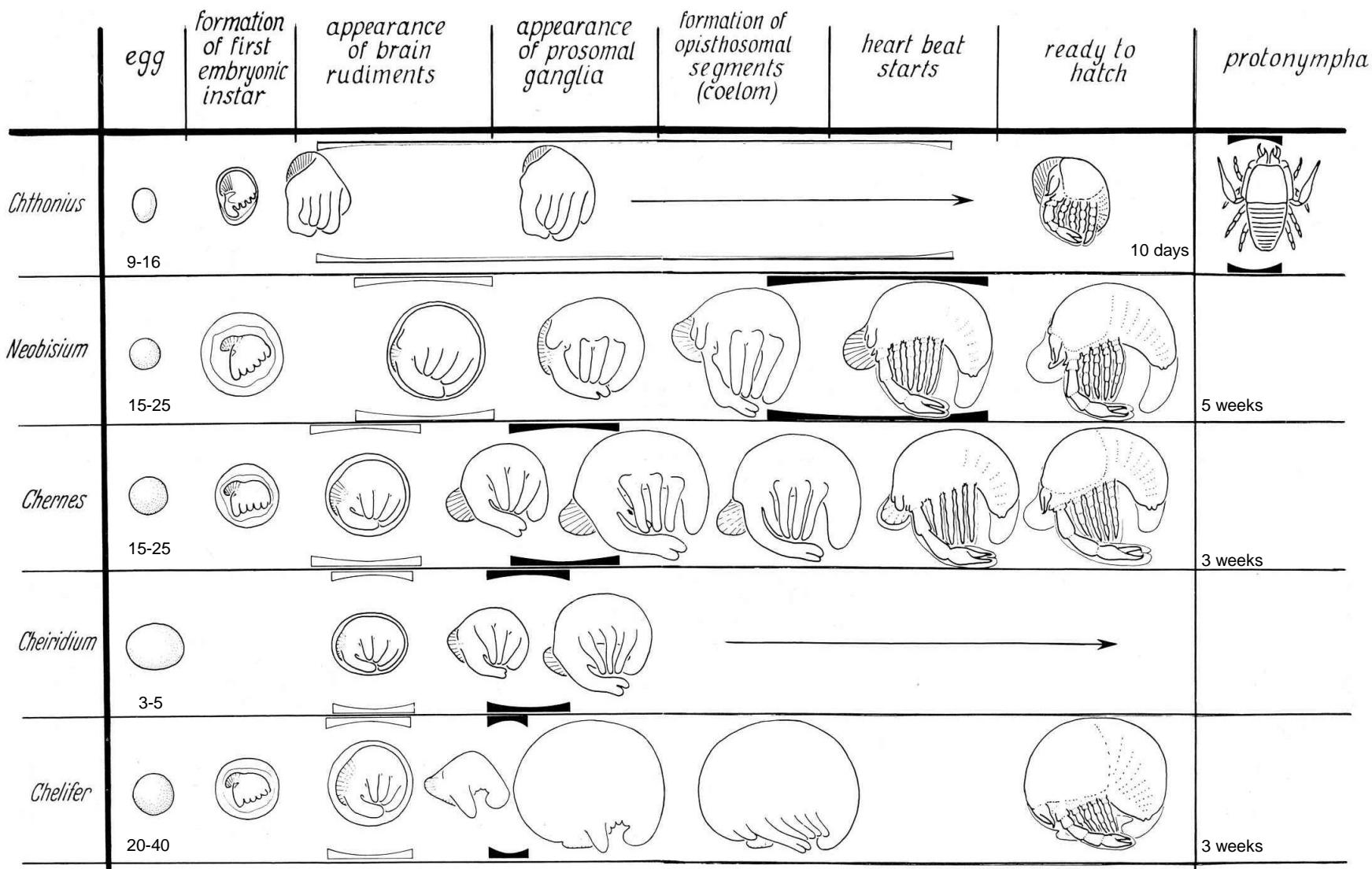
Atemnidae  
Chernetidae  
Cheliferidae



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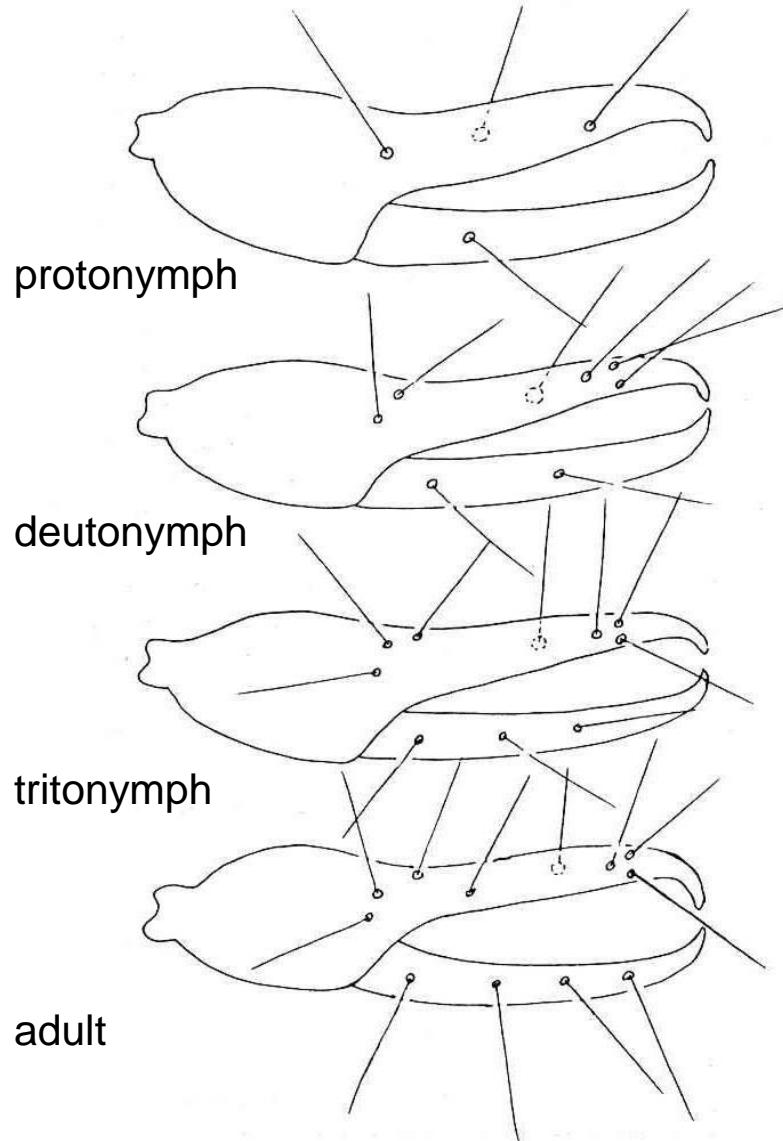


# Life cycle

nymphs (3 instars)



1 mm

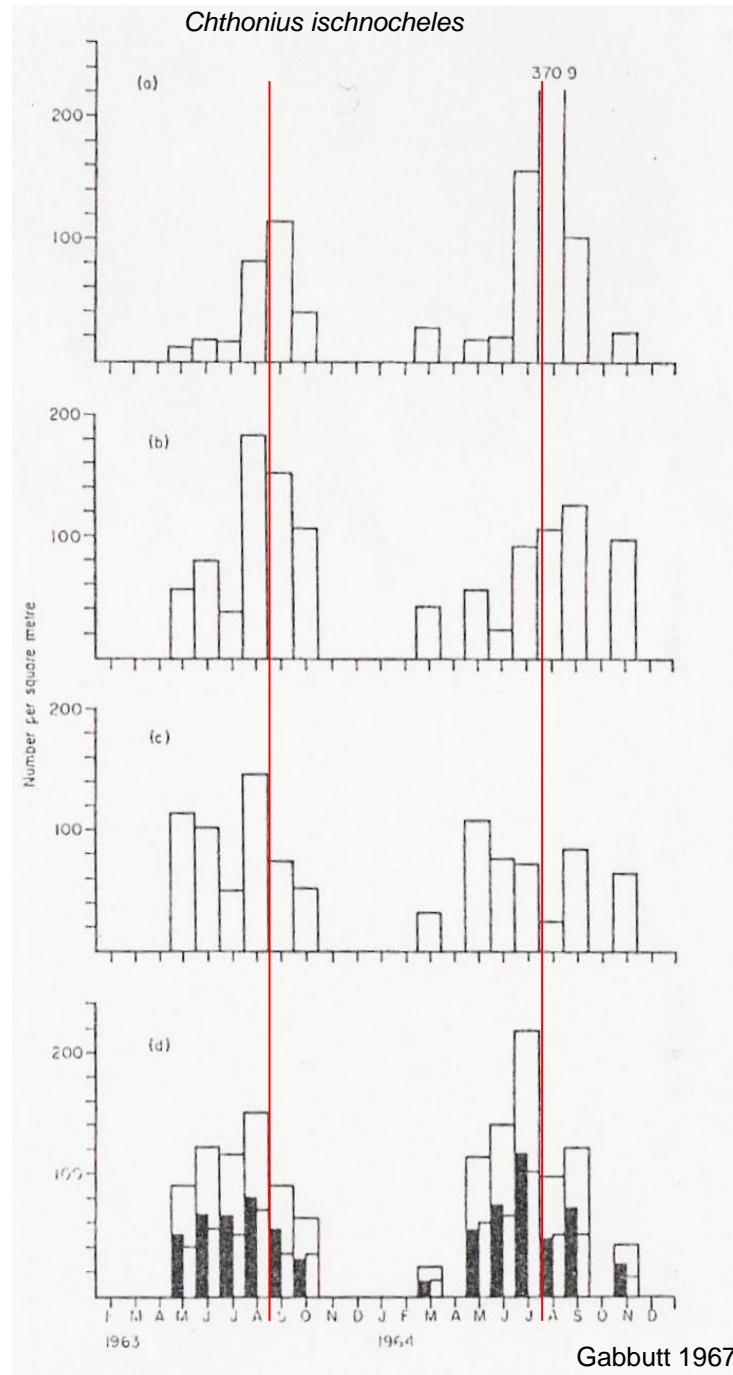
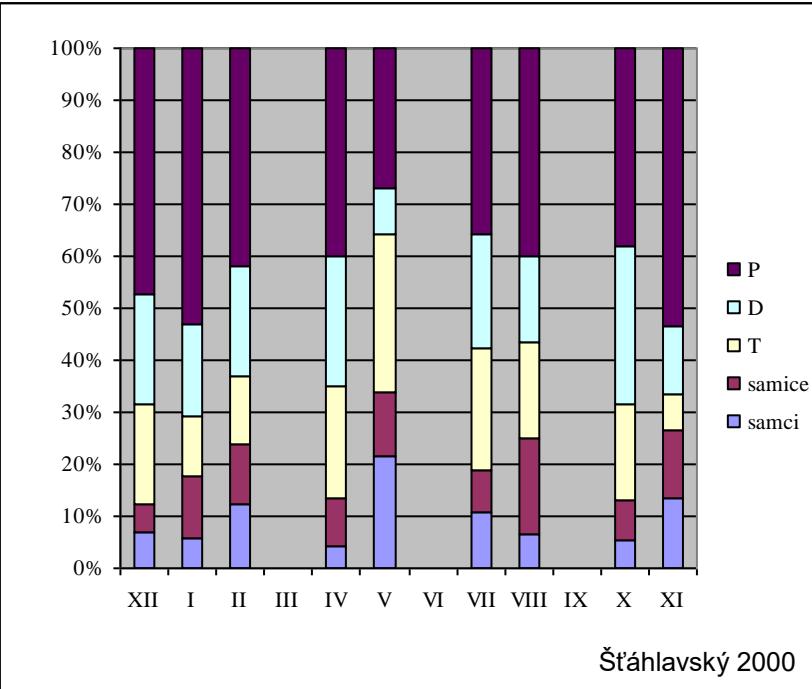


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longevity 2 – 4 years

Abundance up to 900 ex./m<sup>2</sup>

*Allochernes wideri*

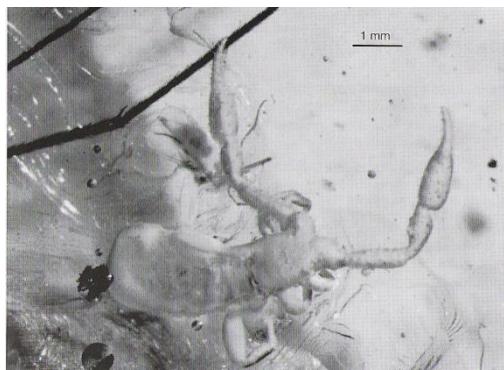


# Phoresy

Tridenchthoniidae	1
Lechytiidae	3
Syarinidae	1
Neobisiidae	1
Larcidae	1
Sternophoridae	1
Cheiridiidae	3
Cheliferidae	9
Atemnidae	7
Withiidae	3
Chernetidae	39

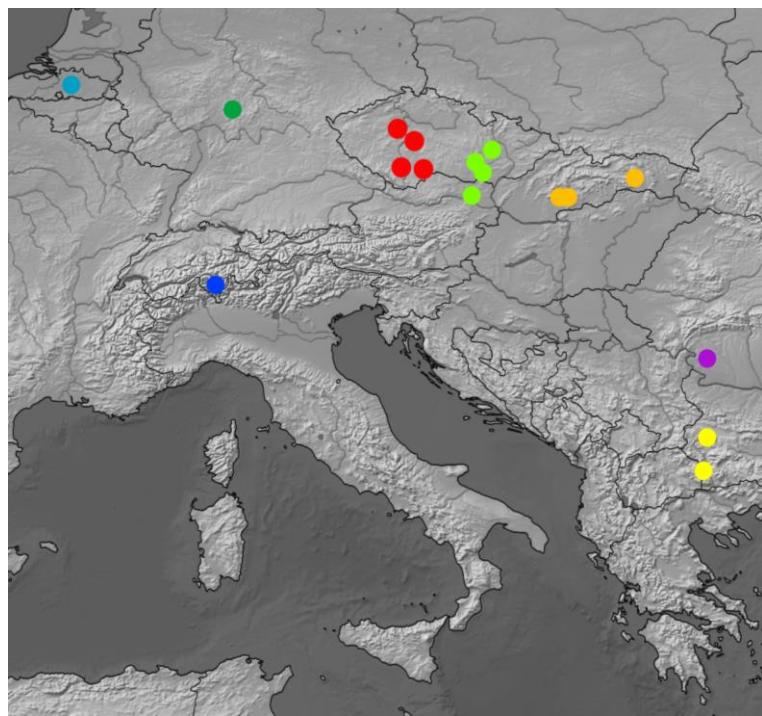
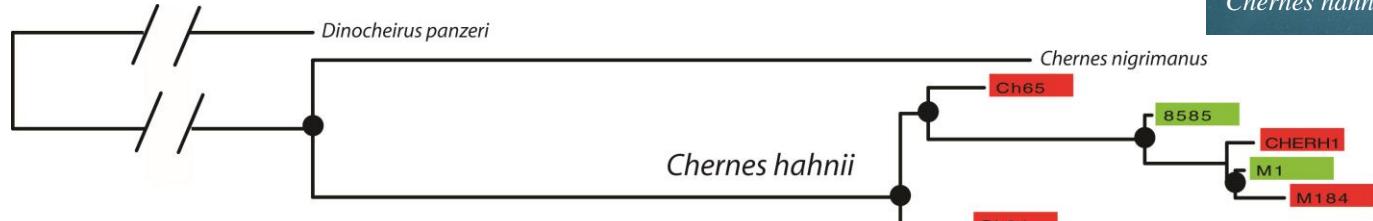


dispersal  
x theory of origin  
predation



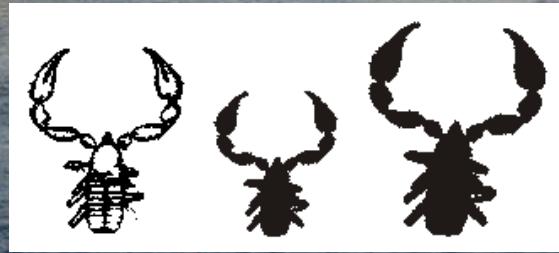
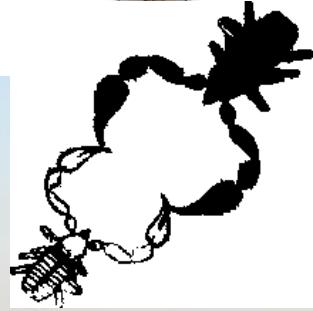
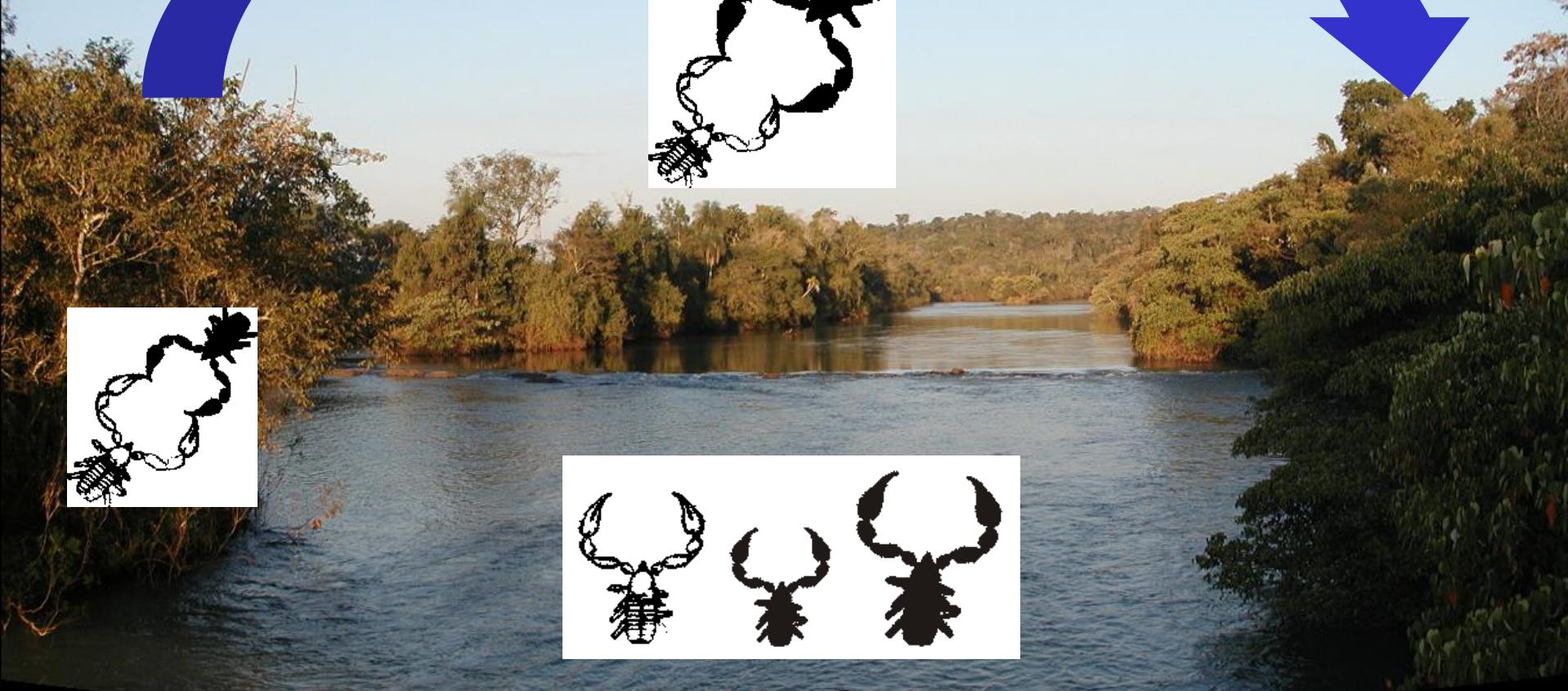
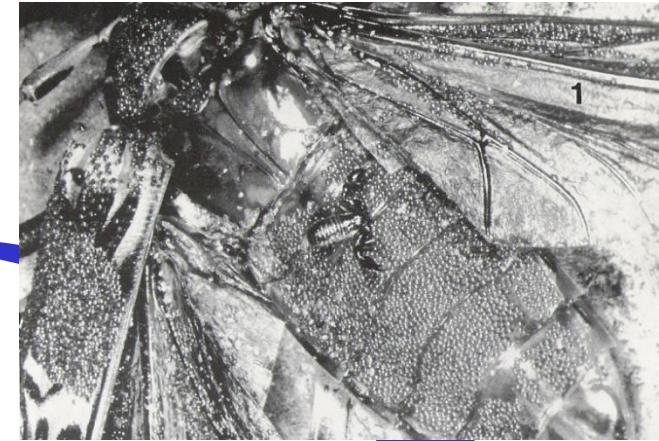
*Garypinus electri* (Baltic amber)





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Opatová & Šťáhlavský 2008



# Sociality

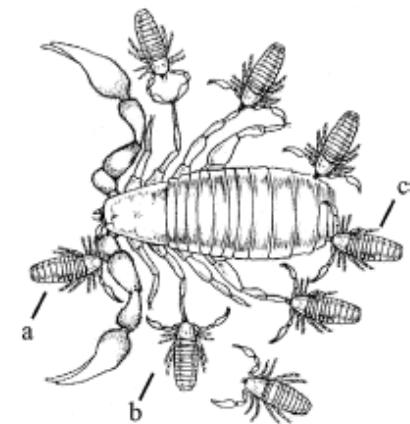
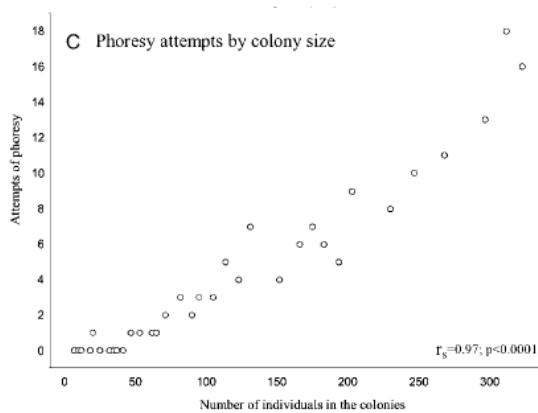
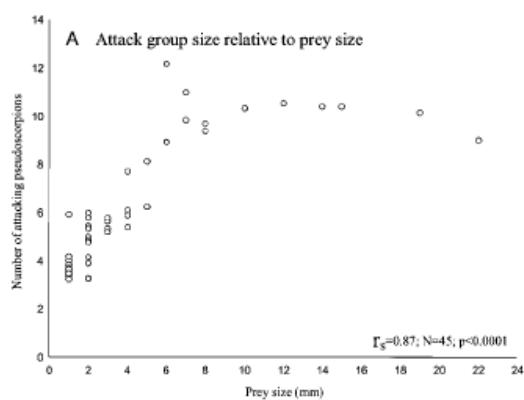
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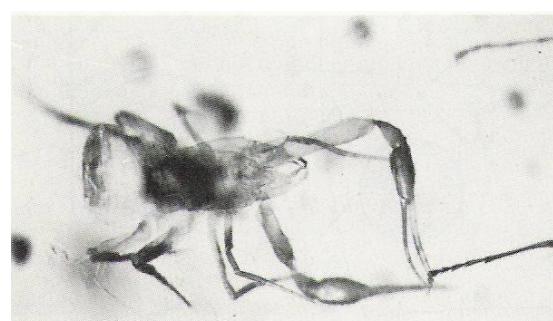
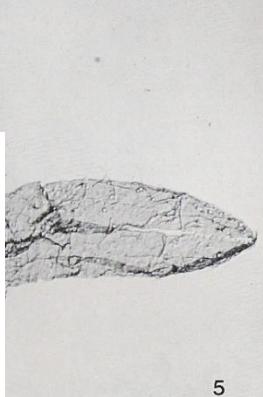
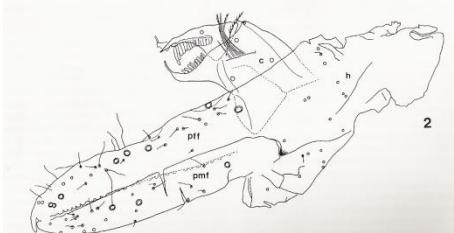
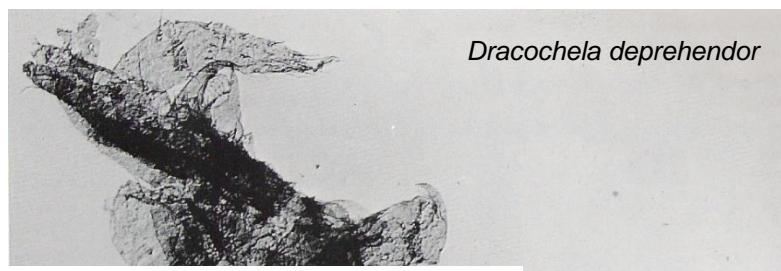
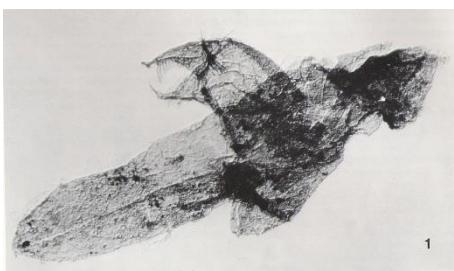
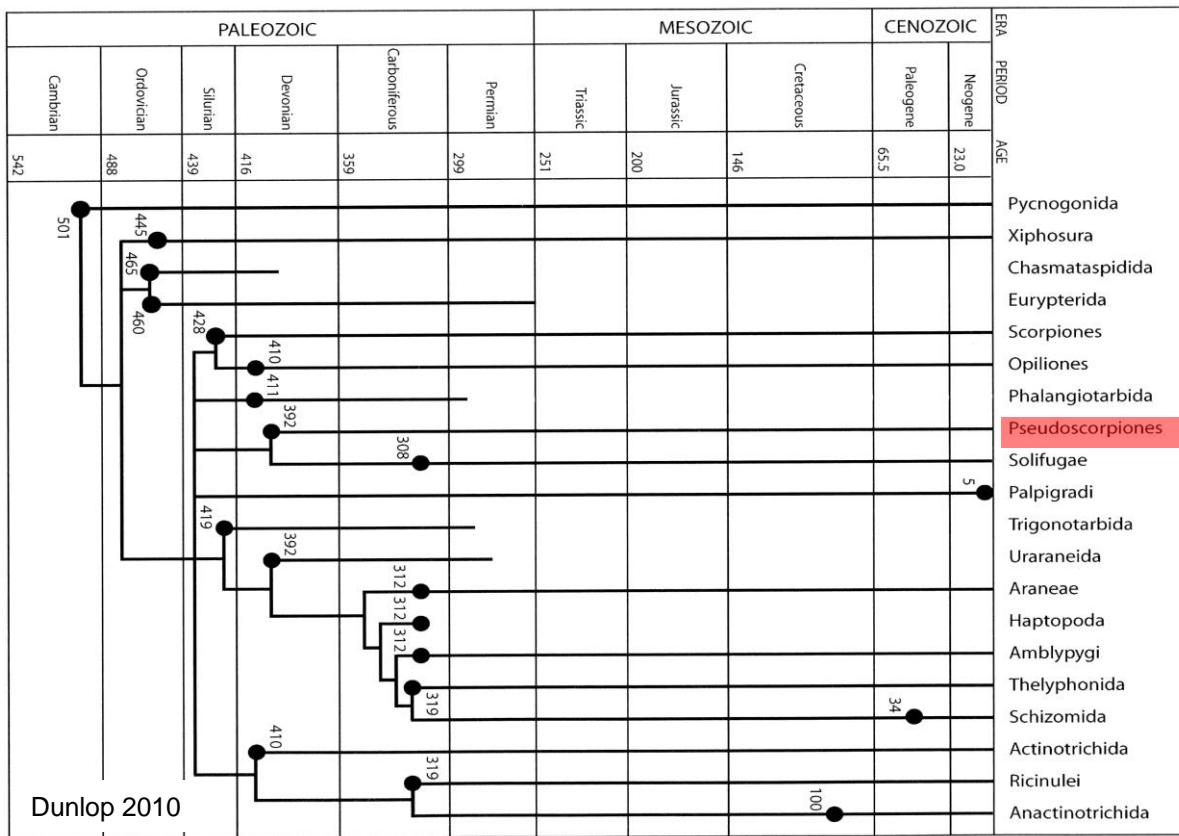


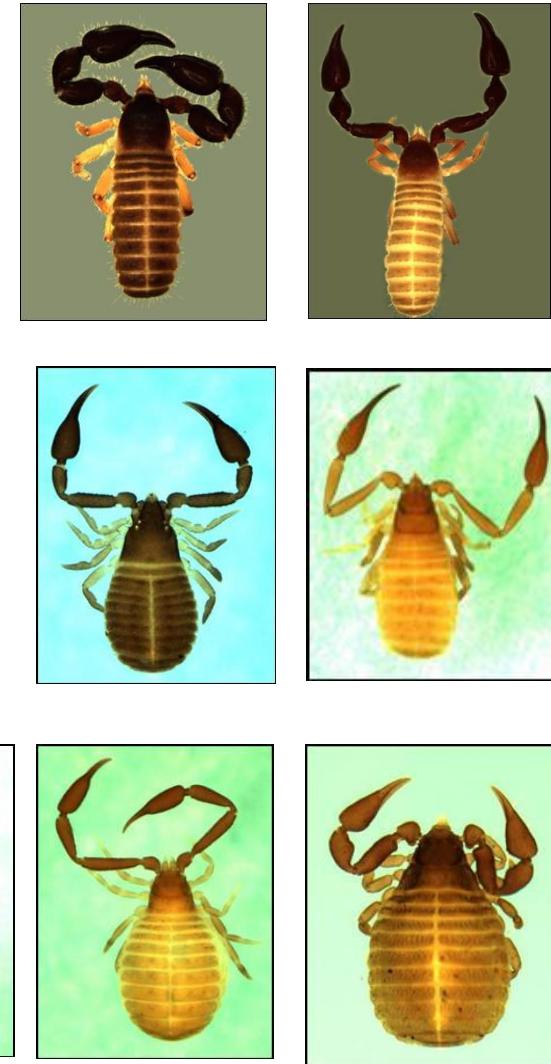
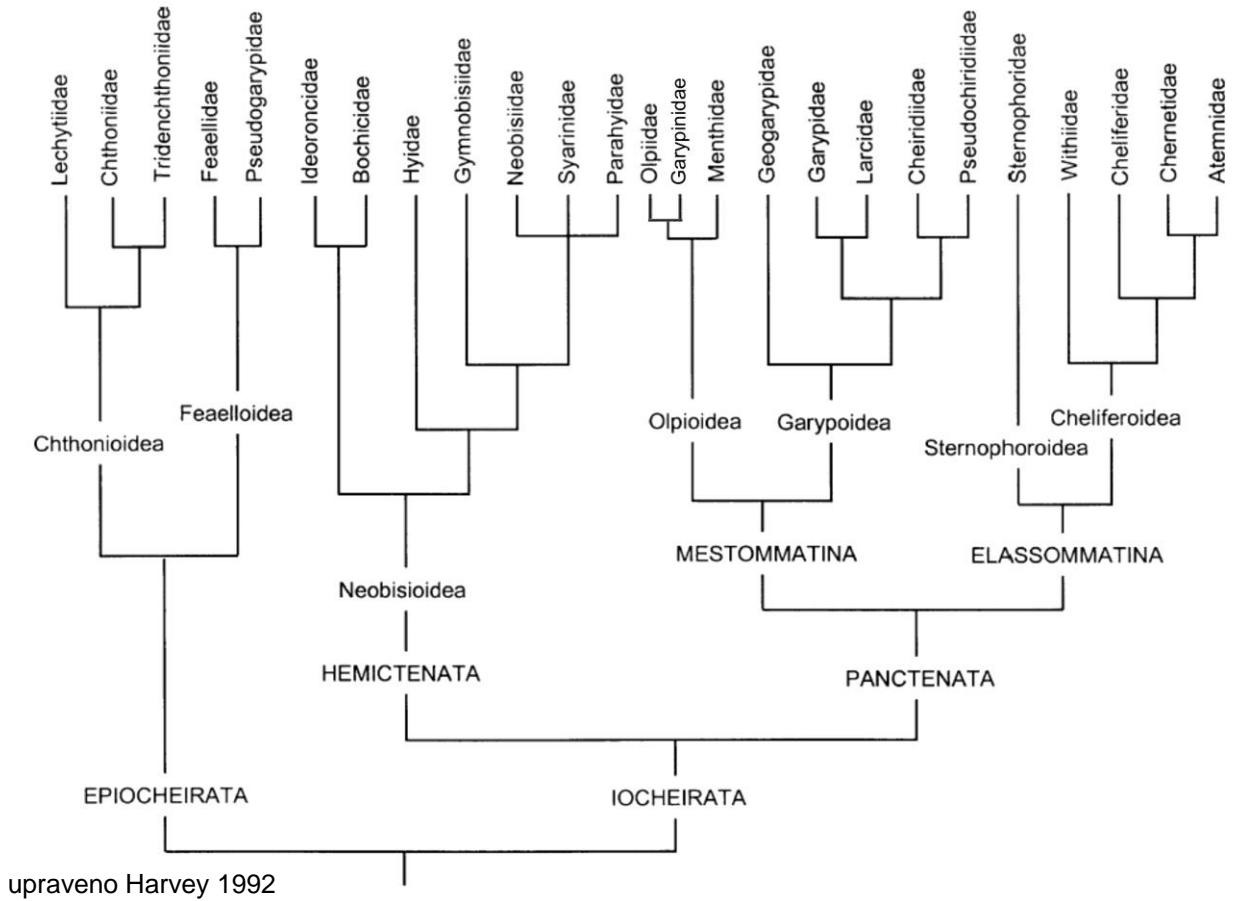
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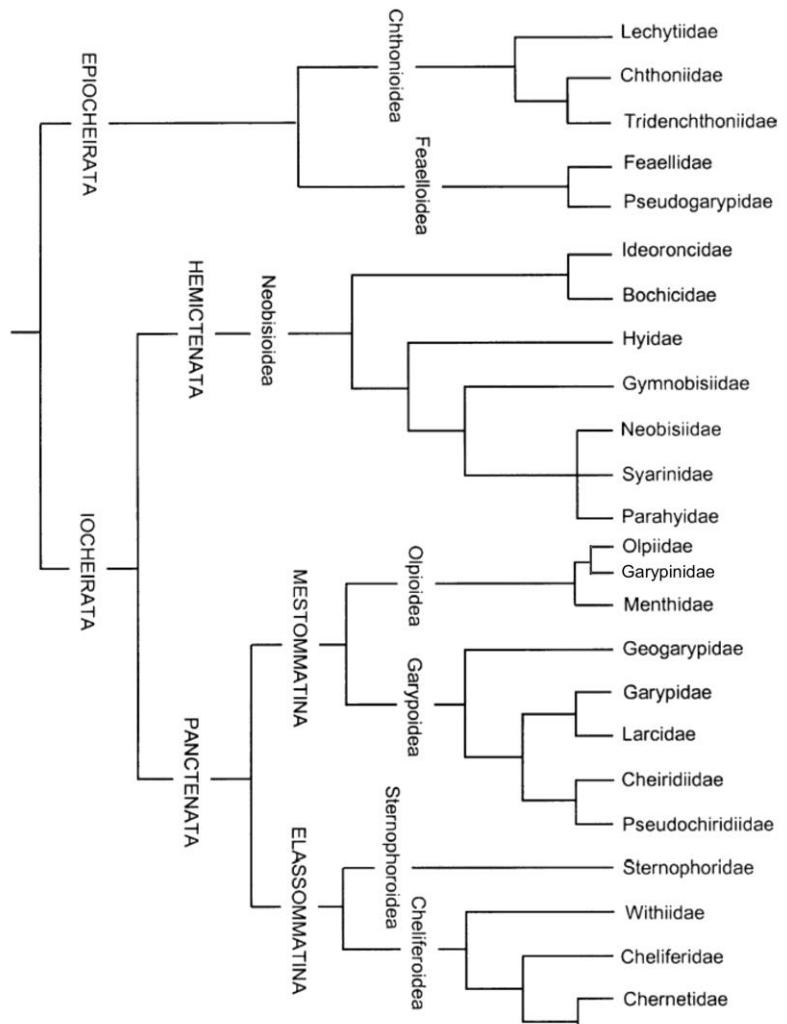
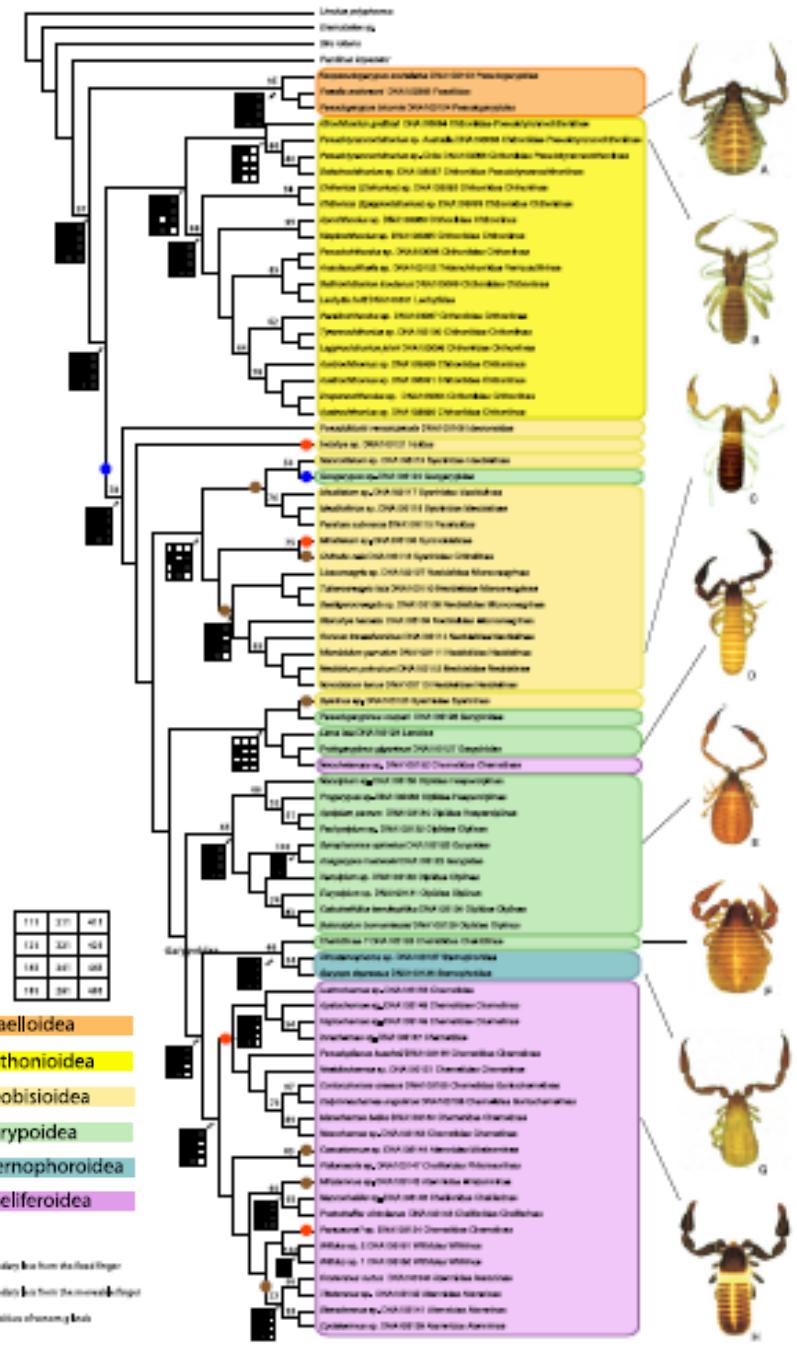
**Table 2** Available knowledge about social behavior in Pseudoscorpions

Species	Family	Distribution <sup>a</sup>	Social level	Classification <sup>b</sup>	Author(s) and publication year
<i>Paratemnoides nidificator</i>	Atemnidae	Central and South America	Permanent and cooperative life form	Non-territorial permanent social	Hahn and Matthiesen (1993a, b); Tizo-Pedroso and Del-Claro (2005, 2007, 2008)
<i>Paratemnoides elongatus</i>	Atemnidae	Central and South America and south of	Permanent and cooperative life form	Non-territorial permanent social	Brach (1978); Zeh and Zeh (1990)



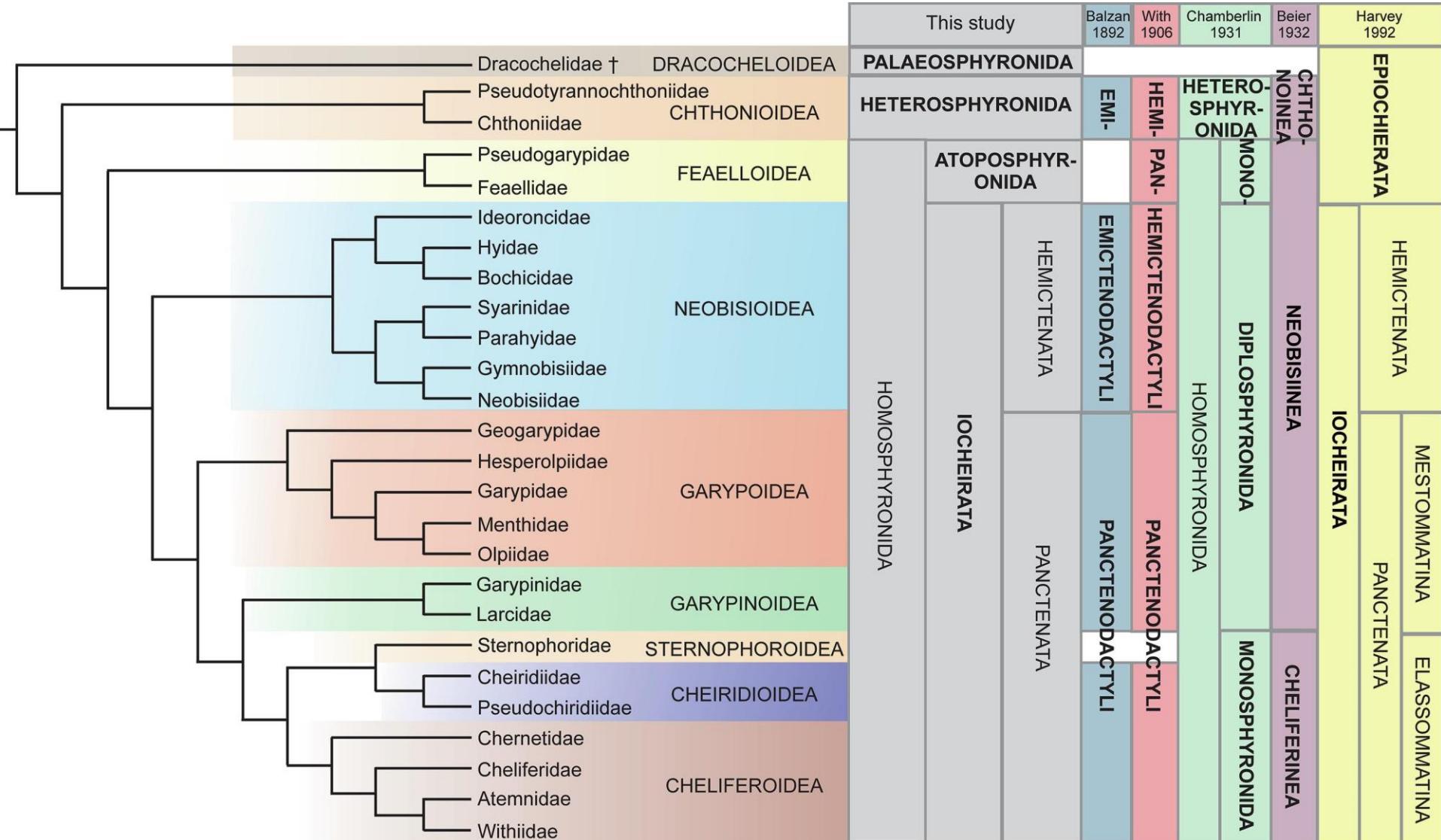


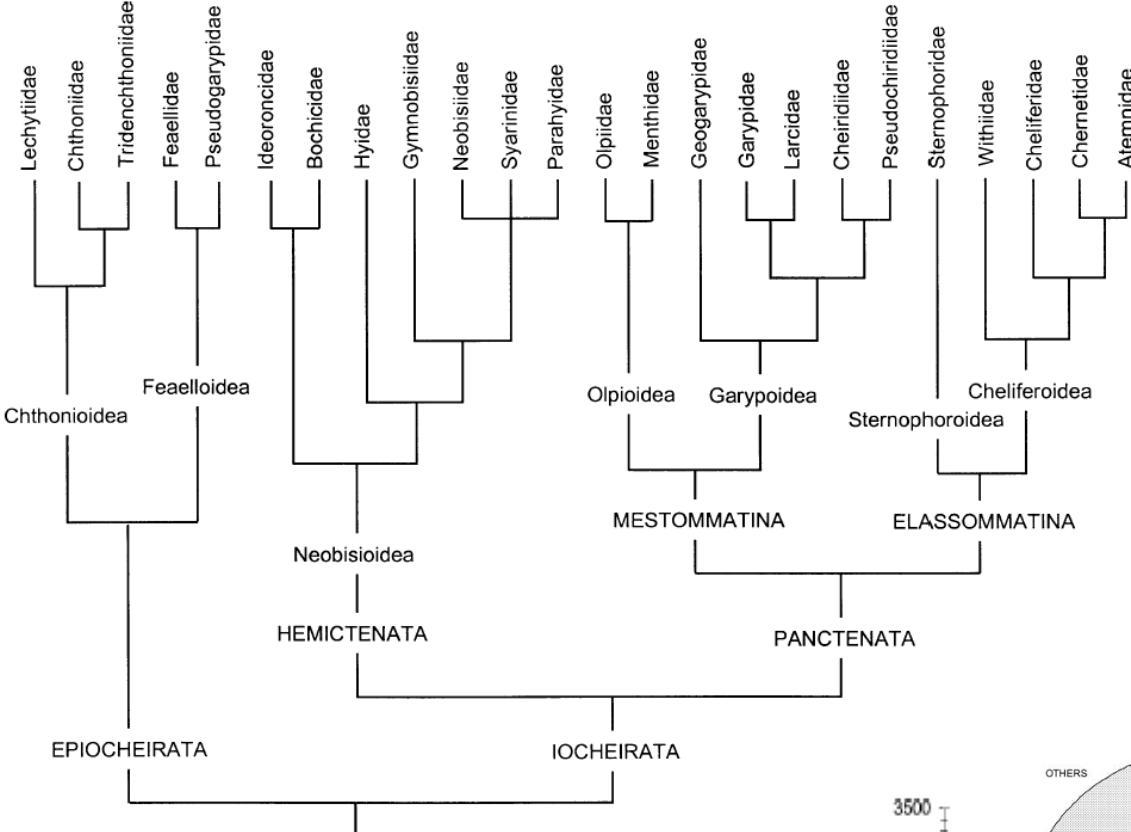




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Murienne, J., Harvey, M. S. & Giribet, G. (2008) First molecular phylogeny of the major clades of Pseudoscorpiones (Arthropoda: Chelicerata). *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, 49, 170–184.





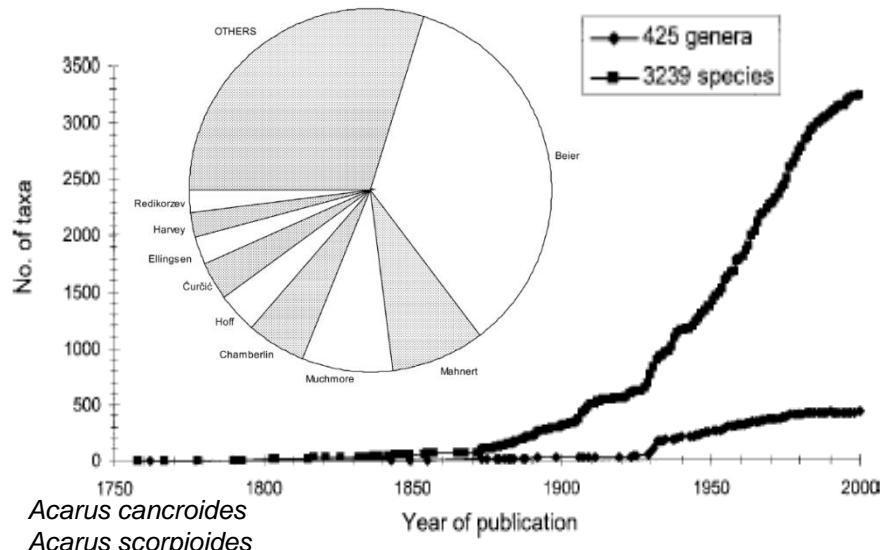
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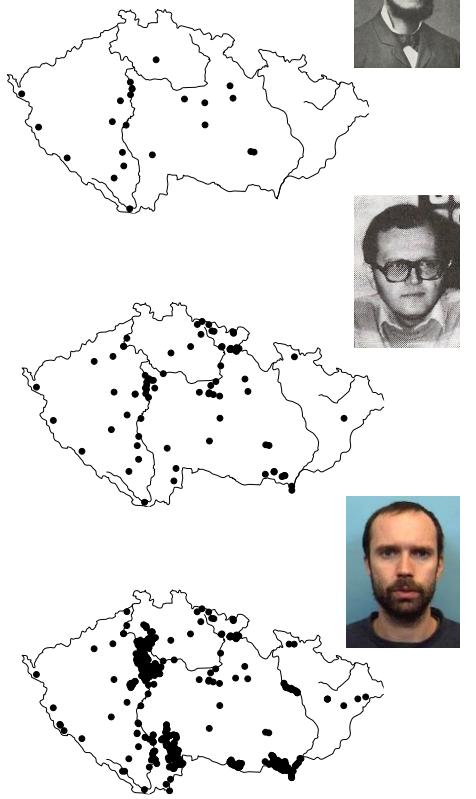
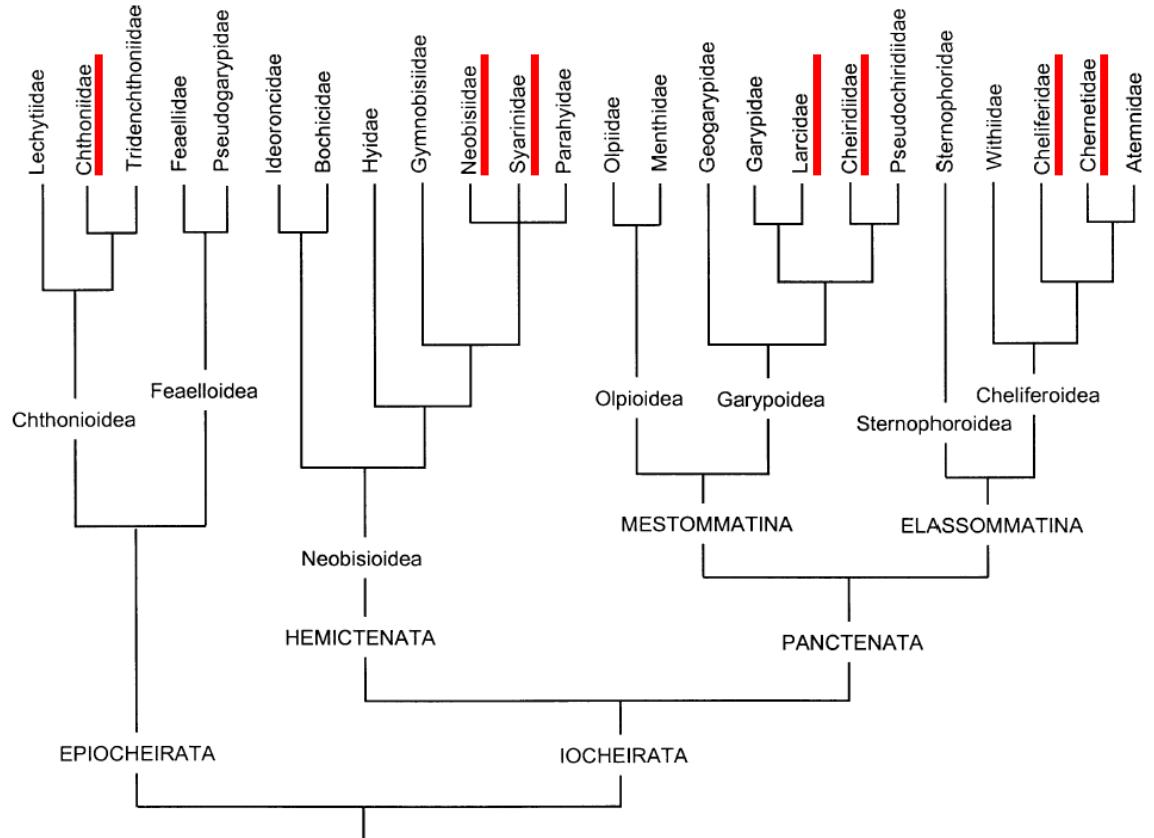


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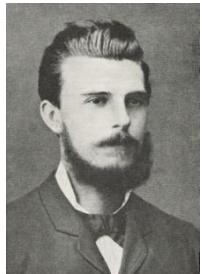


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Families	Countries								$\Sigma$
	AT	CH	CZ	DE	HU	PL	SI	SK	
Chthoniidae	18/3	18/4	10/3	15/4	13/3	6/3	11/3	14/3	34/4
Geogarypidae	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1
Neobisiidae	24/3	17/3	8/3	12/3	18/3	12/3	19/2	17/3	48/3
Syarinidae	1/1	3/1	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/2
Larcidae	1/1	0/0	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/0	1/1	1/1
Cheiridiidae	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	1/1	2/2	0/0	1/1	2/2
Atemnidae	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/0	2/2	0/0	0/0	2/2	2/2
Cheliferidae	5/5	6/6	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	0/0	7/5	9/6
Chernetidae	15/7	15/7	13/7	15/8	13/6	14/7	3/2	14/7	22/8
Withiidae	2/1	2/1	0/0	1/1	2/1	0/0	0/0	1/1	2/1
<b>Species/genera total</b>	<b>70/25</b>	<b>64/25</b>	<b>38/20</b>	<b>50/23</b>	<b>53/20</b>	<b>38/19</b>	<b>33/7</b>	<b>57/23</b>	<b>125/30</b>

Abbreviations: AT — Austria, CH — Switzerland, CZ — the Czech Republic, DE — Germany, HU — Hungary, PL — Poland, SI — Slovenia, SK — Slovakia,  $\Sigma$  — number of species/genera for all considered countries.

# čel.: Chthoniidae (631/9)

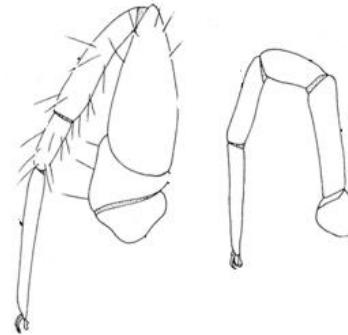
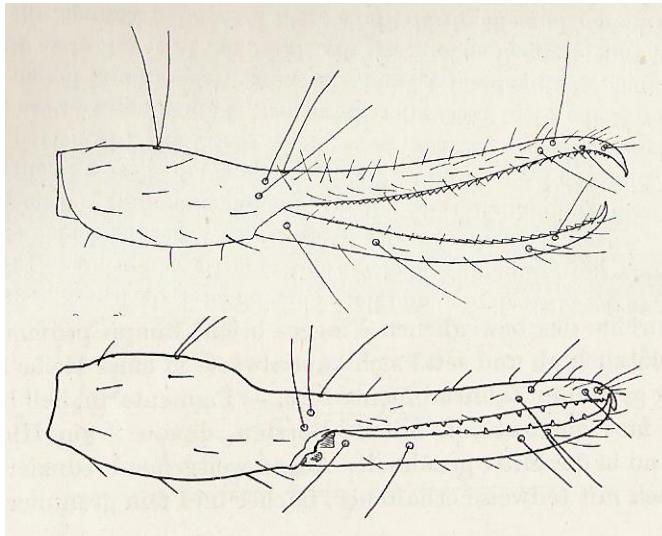
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carapax broader in front part  
chelicerae large  
pedipalps without venom glands  
tergites undivided  
simple spermatophors  
ČR 3 genera:

*Mundochthonius*

*Chthonius*

*Ephippiochthonius*



*Chthonius (Ephippiochthonius) tetrachelatus* (Preyssler, 1790)

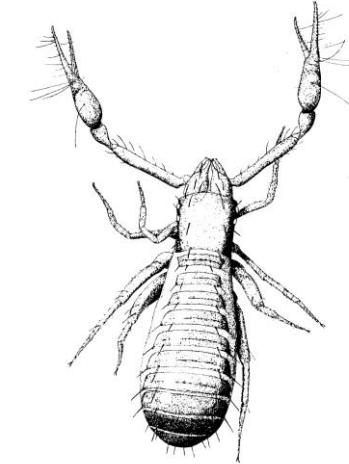
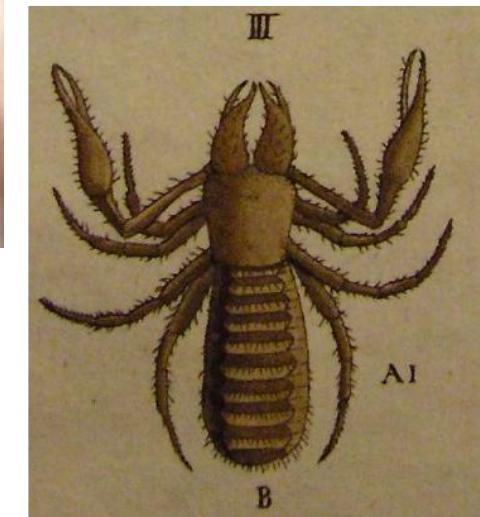


Fig. 10A. *Chthonius tetrachelatus*: entire animal.



Preyssler, J. D. (1790):  
Verzeichniss Böhmischer  
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*E. tetrachelatus*

# čel.: Neobisiidae (548/8)

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carapax of the same breadth  
chelicerae large

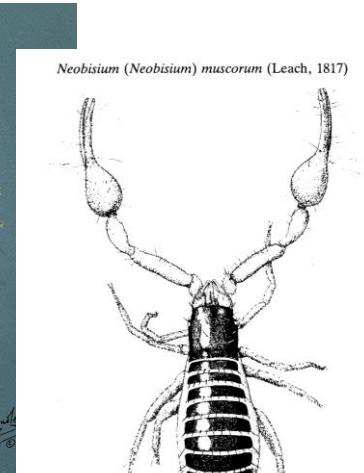
tergites undivided

ČR 3 genera:

*Neobisium*

*Roncus*

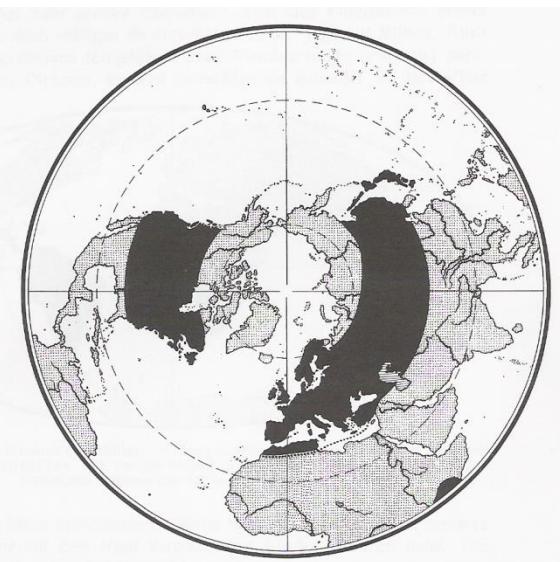
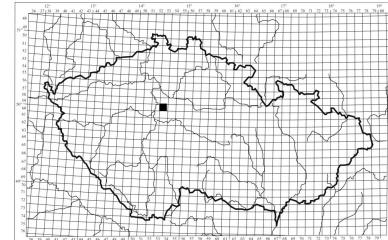
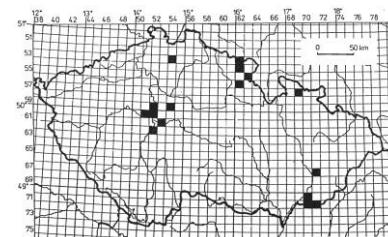
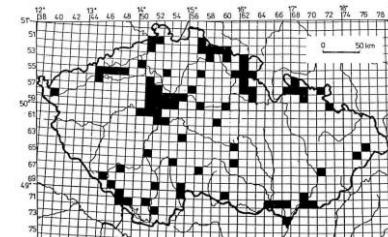
*Microbisium*



*Neobisium (Neobisium) muscorum* (Leach, 1817)



Fig. 17A. *Neobisium muscorum*: entire animal.



# čel.: Larcidae (15/1)

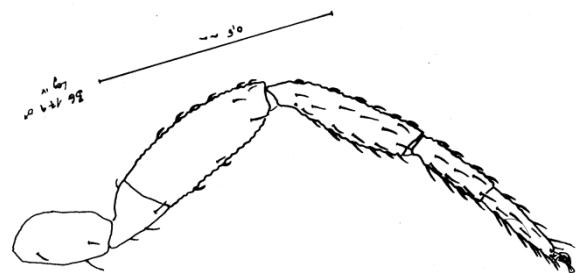
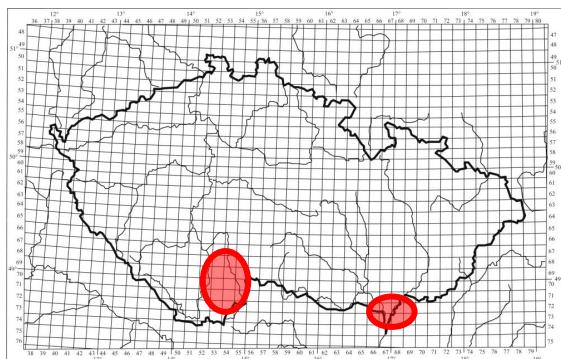
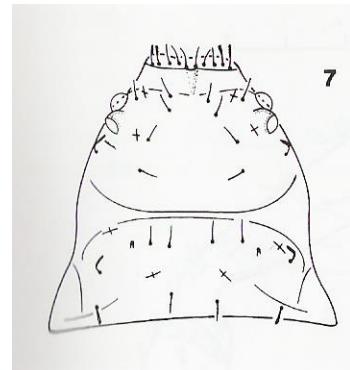
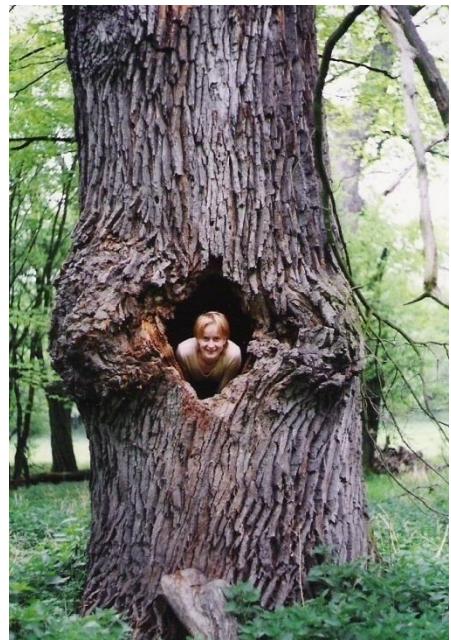
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2 pairs of eyes

chelicerae small

Tergites divided

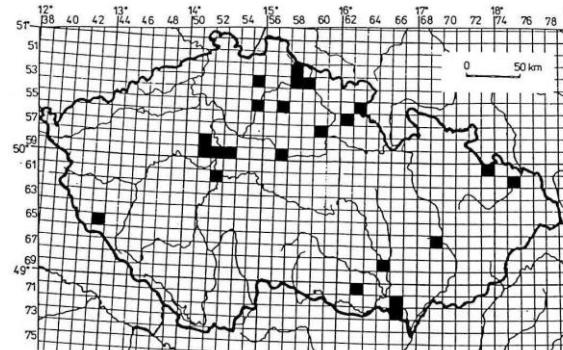
ČR: *Larca lata*



# čel.: Cheliferidae (275/3)

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chelicerae small  
Tergites divided

ČR: *Chelifer cancroides*  
*Mesochelifer resсли*  
*Dactylochelifer latreillei*



# čel.: Chernetidae (652/13)

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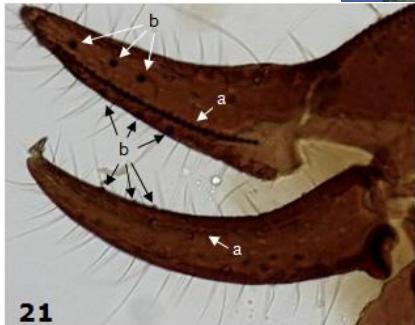
Chelicerae small

Tergites divided  
phoresy

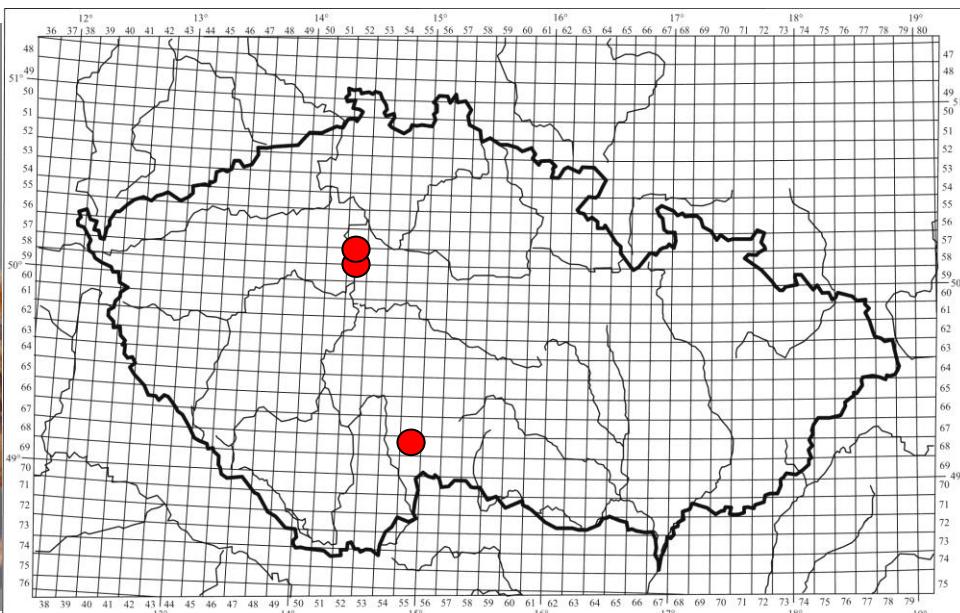
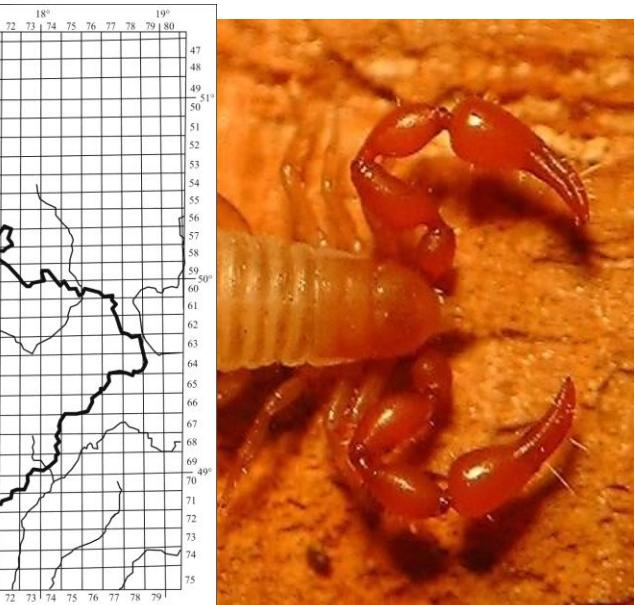
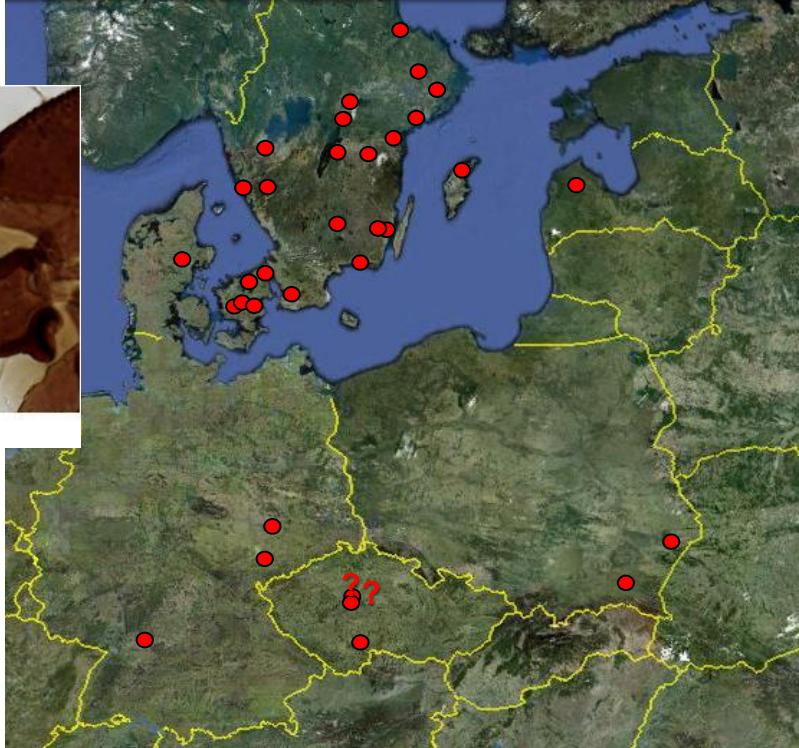
Chernetidae – *Lamprochernes nodosus* (phoresy)

*Chernes hahnii*

*Dendrochernes cyrneus*  
*Anthrenochernes stellae*



*Chernes hahnii*



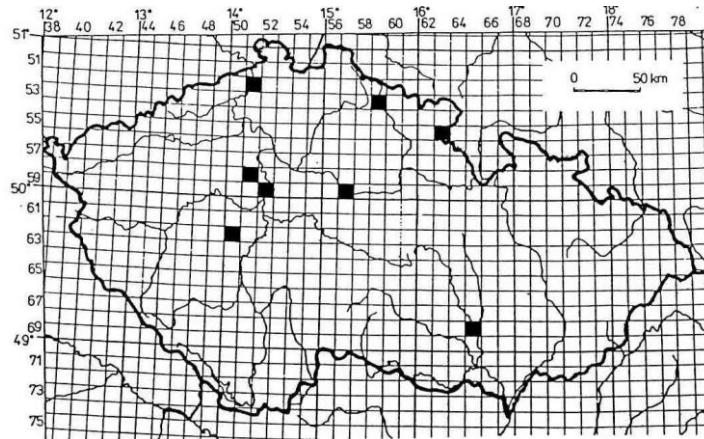
# čel.: Cheiridiidae (71/2)

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Chelicerae small  
Tergites divided  
Body size small

ČR:

*Cheiridium museorum*  
*Apocheiridium ferum*



*Cheiridium museorum* (Leach, 1817)

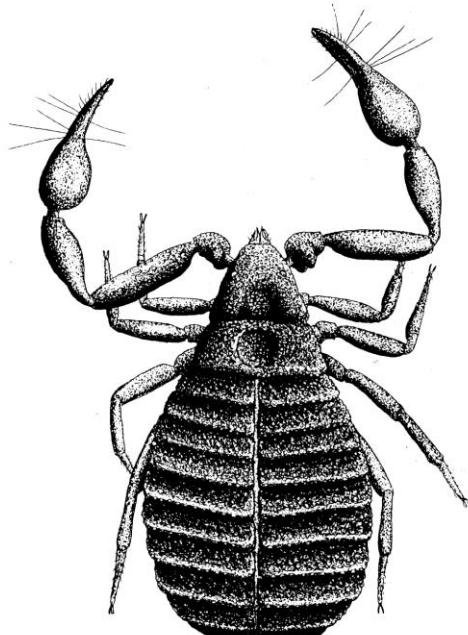


Fig. 20A. *Cheiridium museorum*: entire animal.





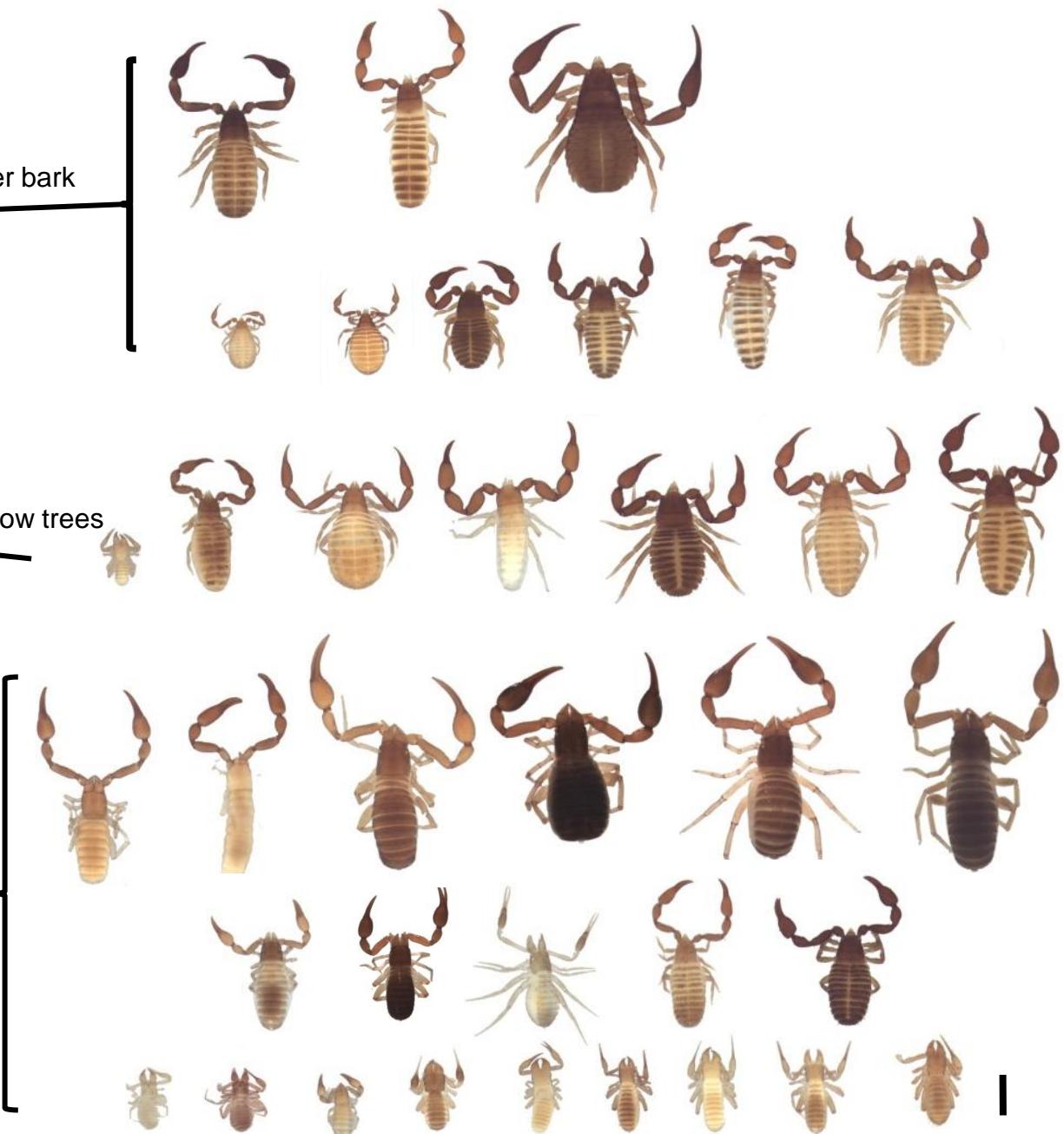


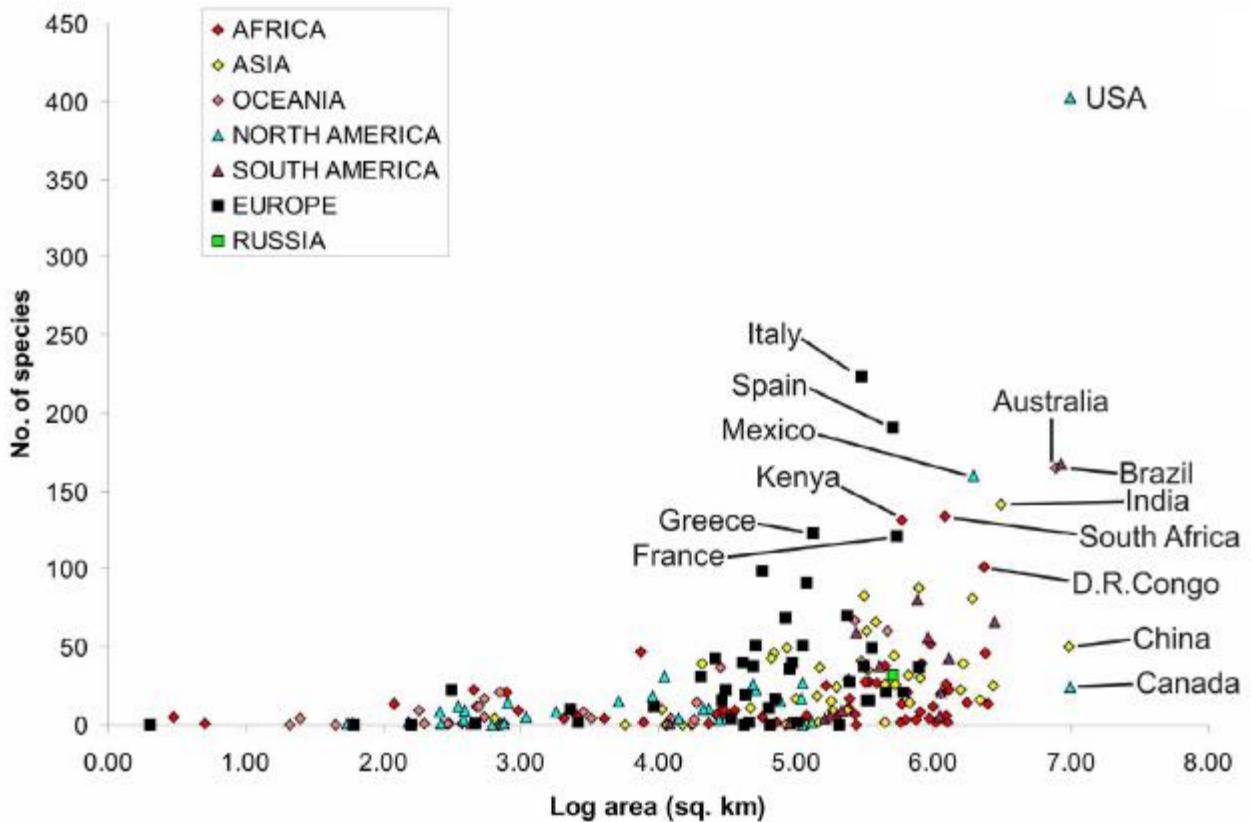
under bark

hollow trees

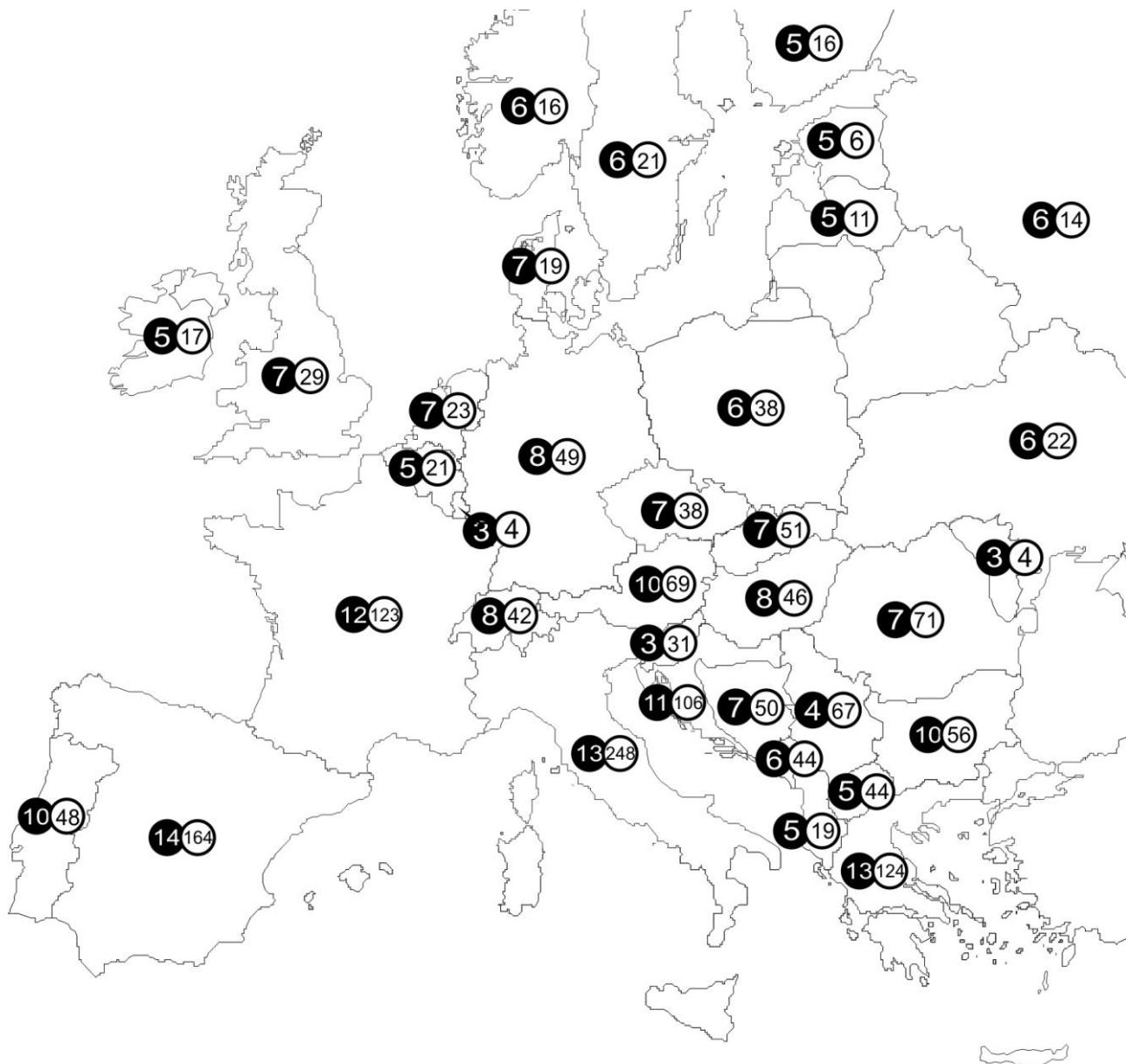
Leaf litter, soil

caves

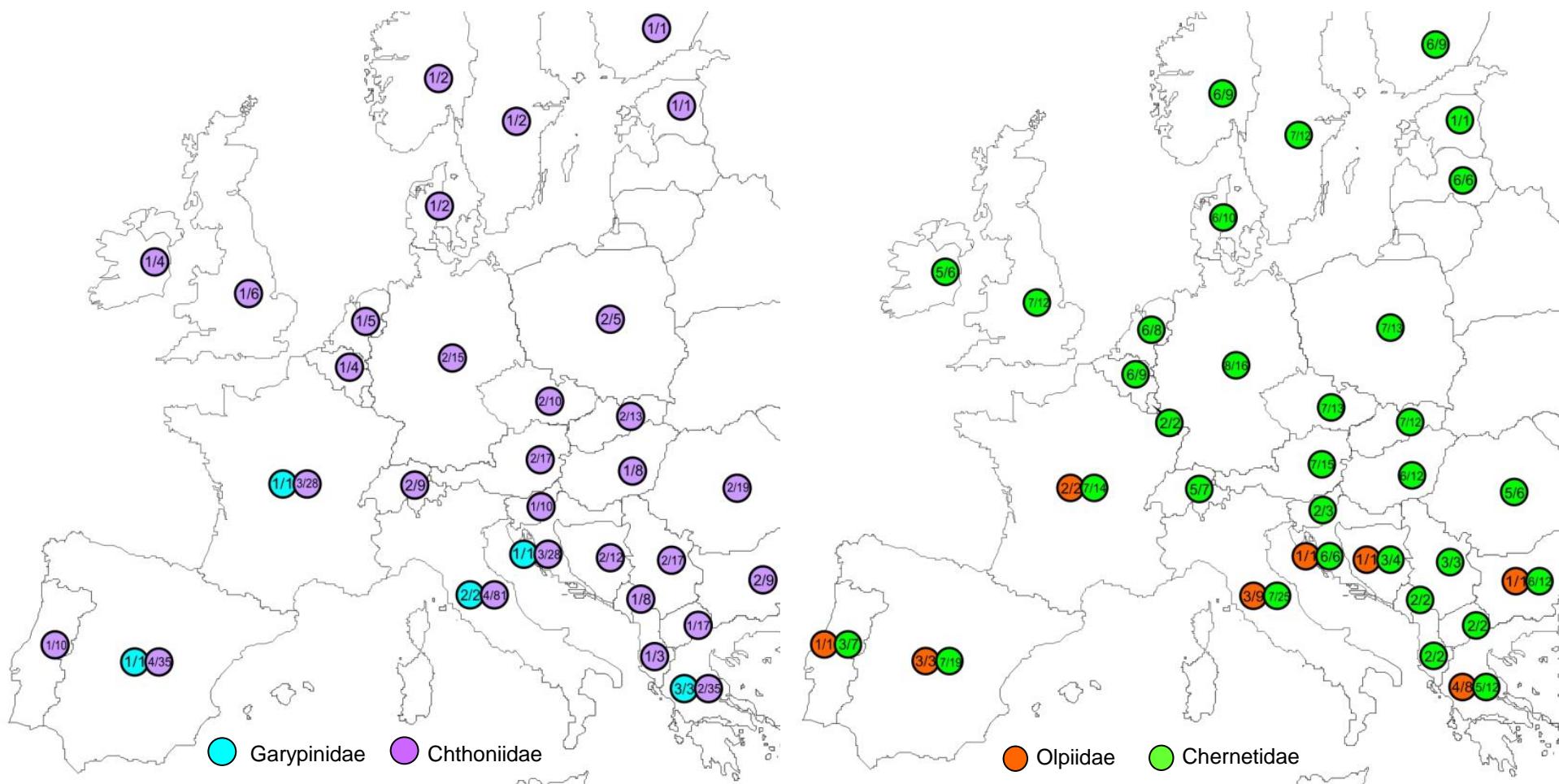




Region	No. of species	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )
AFRICA	559	30,343,578
ASIA	476	45,036,492
EUROPE	760	9,908,599
NORTH AMERICA	583	24,680,331
OCEANIA	367	8,504,256
SOUTH AMERICA	405	17,815,420



Kotrbová 2012



Kotrbová 2012

## Definition of species

Biological species concept

(reproductive or isolation concept)

groups of actually or potentially interbreeding natural populations, which are reproductively isolated from other such groups (Mayr 1942)

Mate-recognition species

a group of sexually reproducing organisms that recognize one another as potential mates

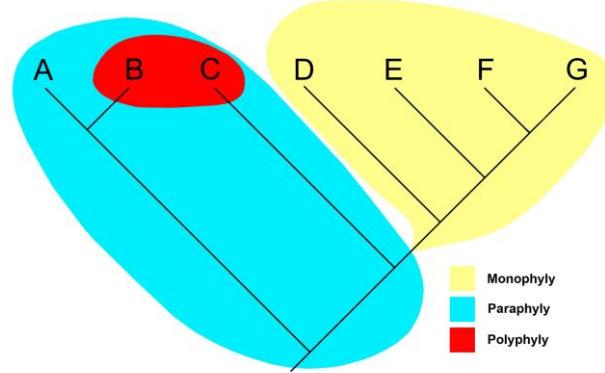
Evolutionary species

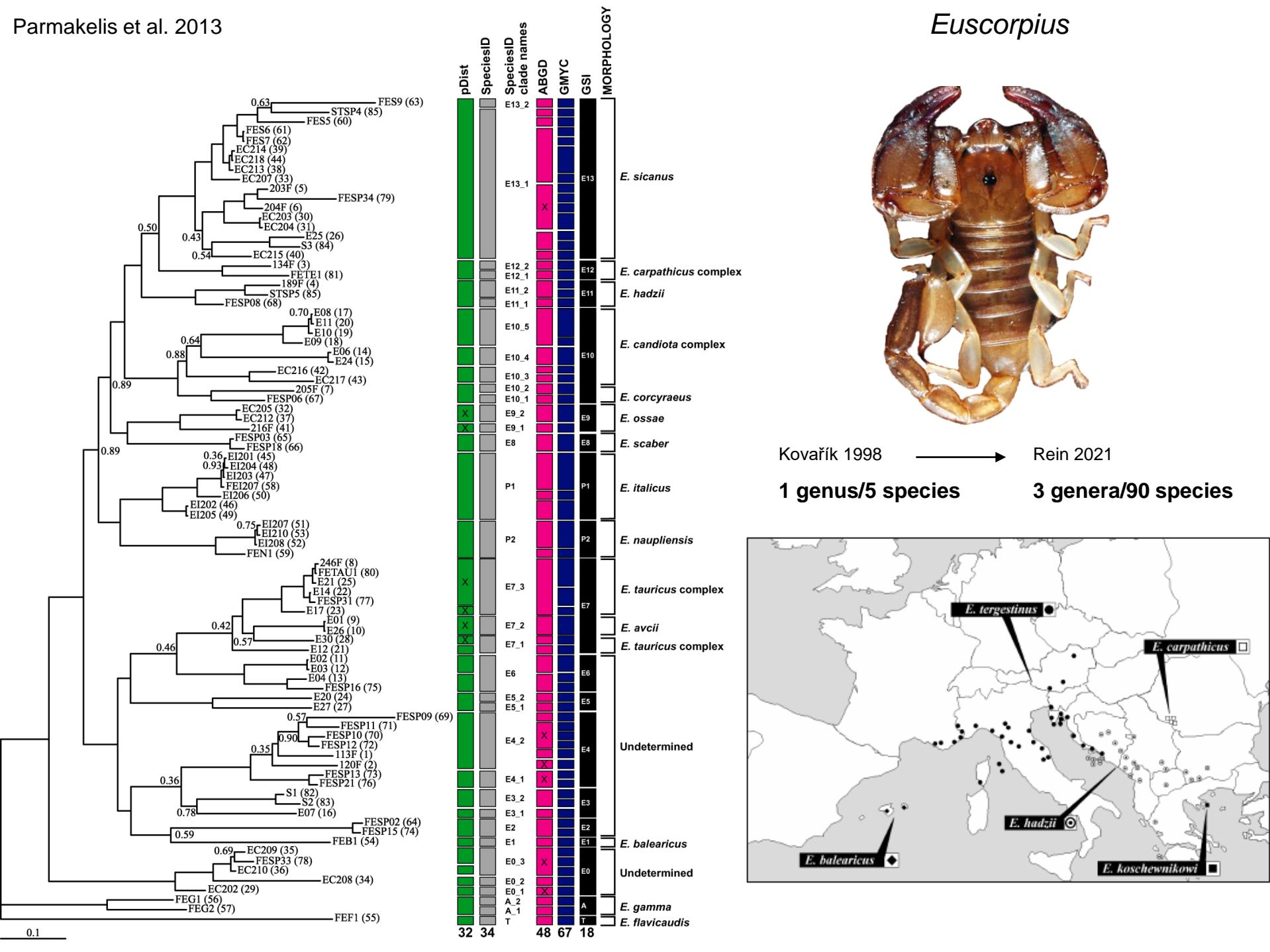
an entity composed of organisms which maintains its identity from other such entities through time and over space, and which has its own independent evolutionary fate and historical tendencies (Simpson 1951)

Typological species  
(morphospecies)

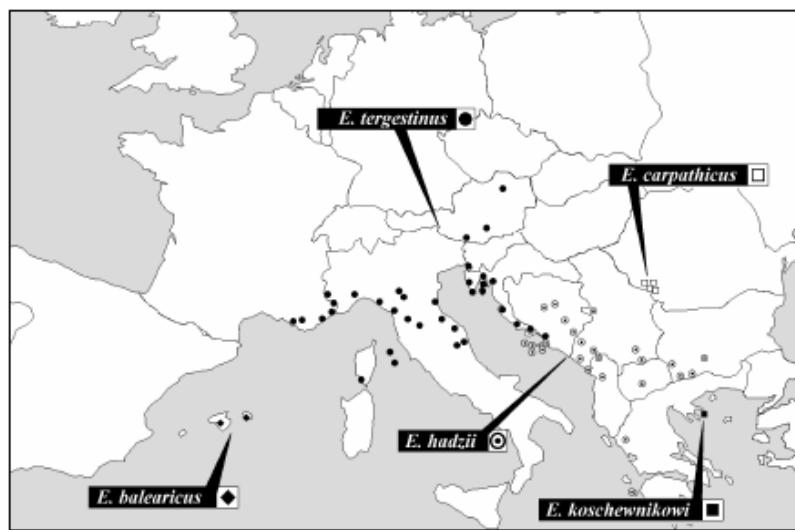
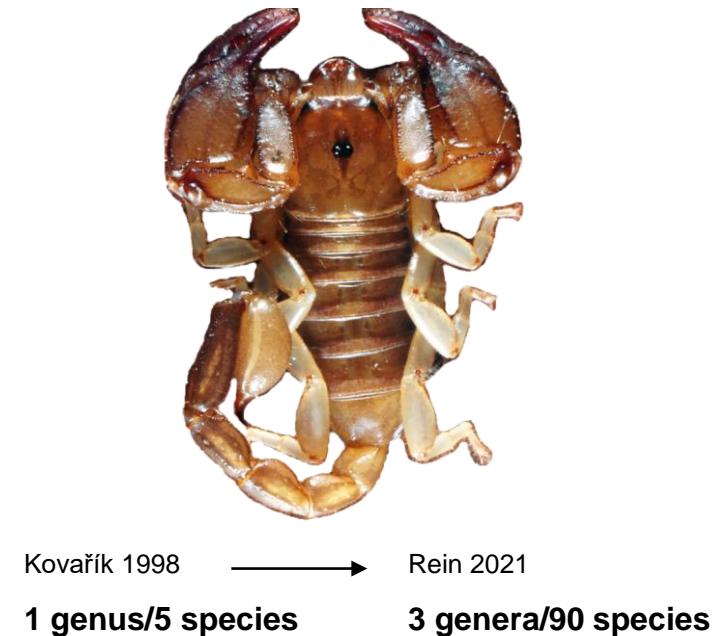
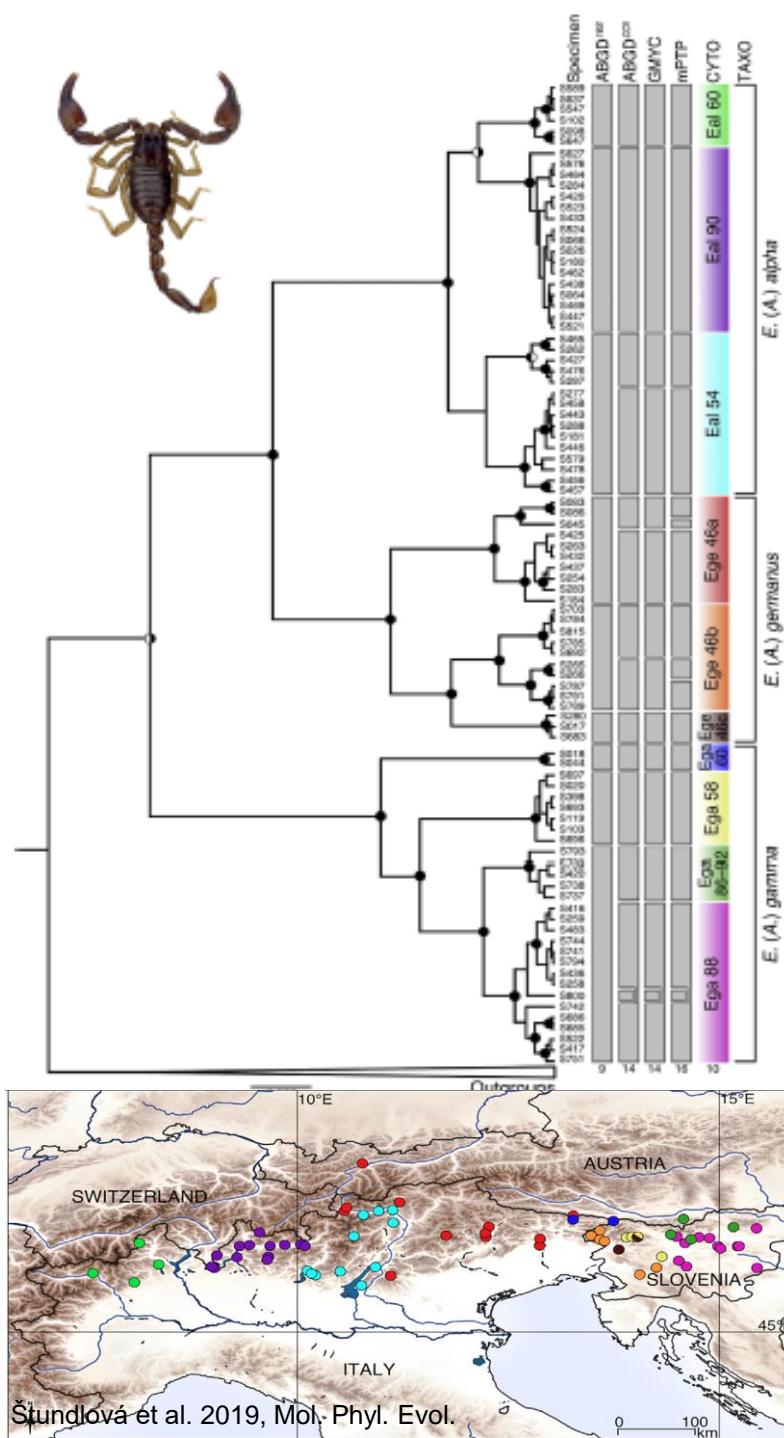
a group of organisms in which individuals conform to certain fixed properties (a type)

**problems** – variability, cryptic species, monophyly

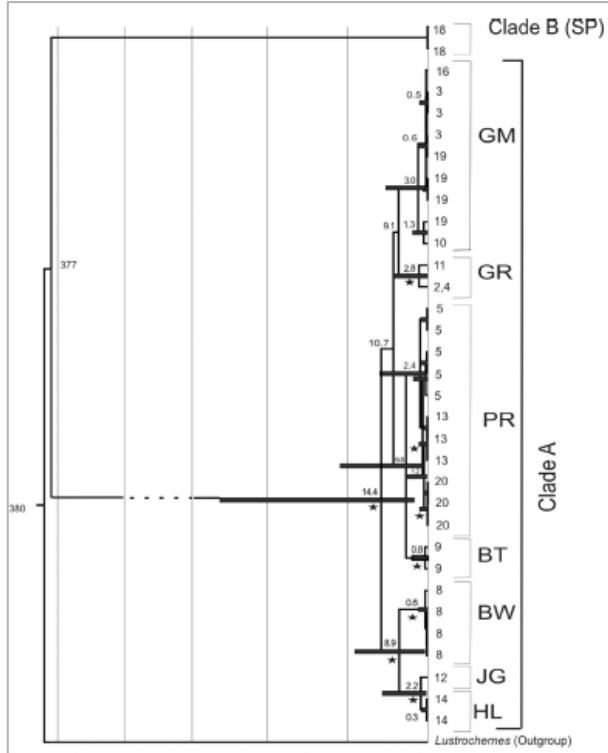




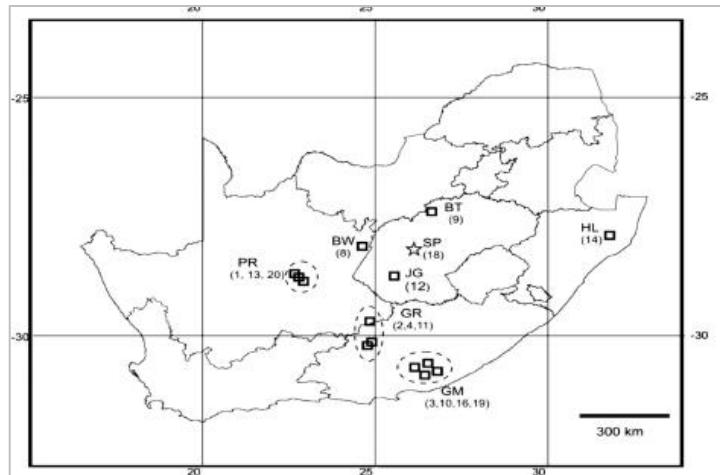
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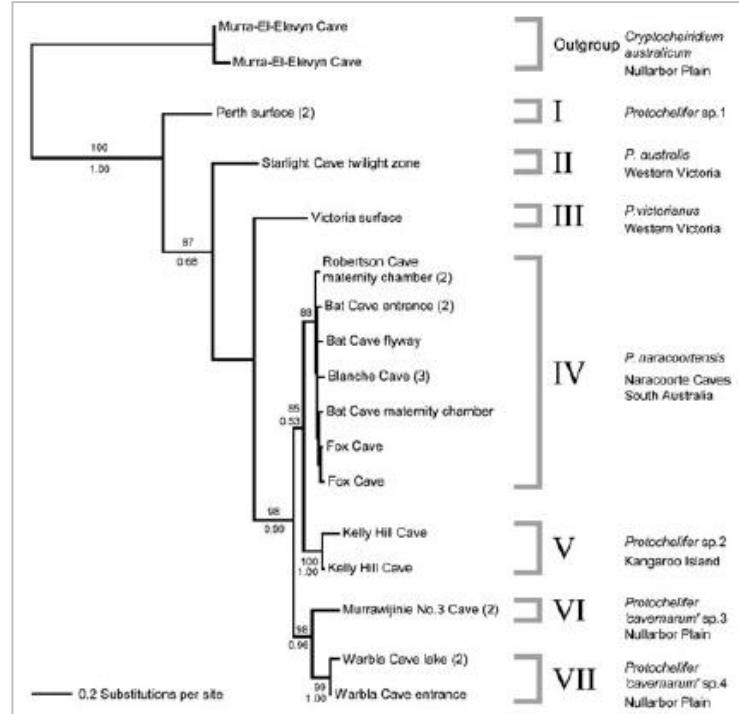
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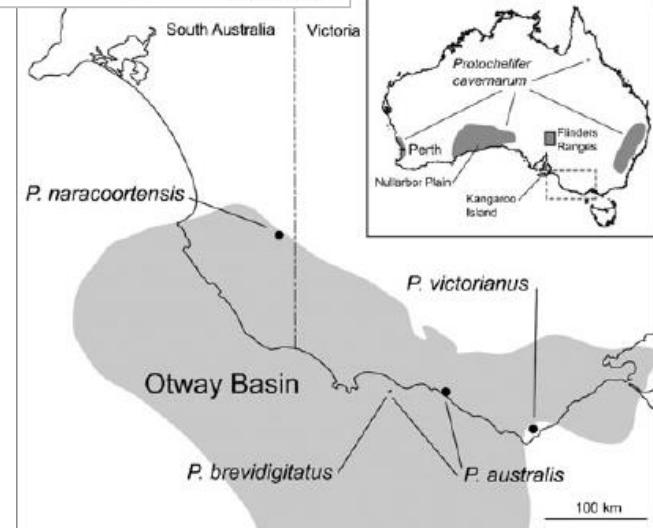
van Haarden et al. 2013

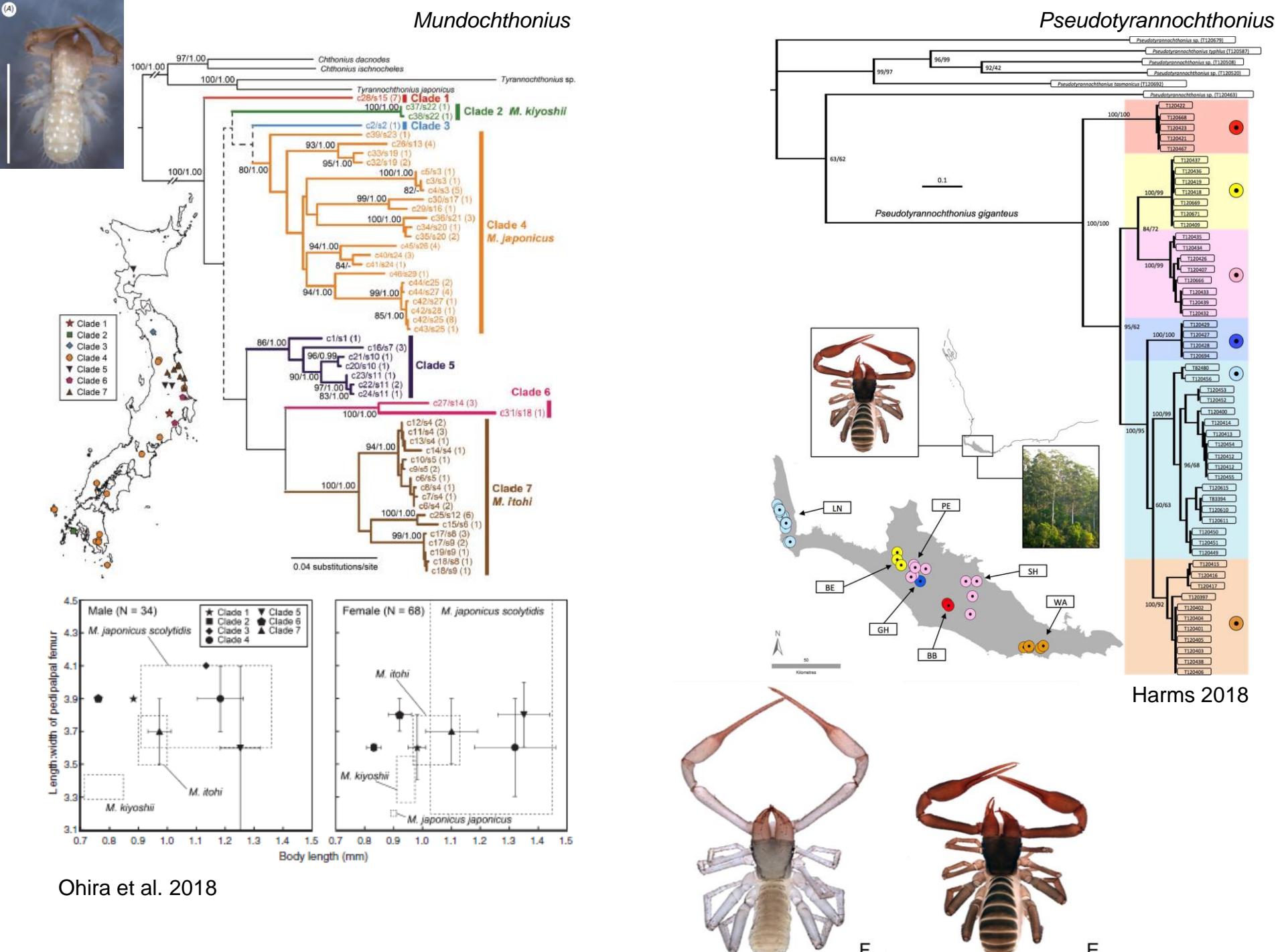


# Protochelifer



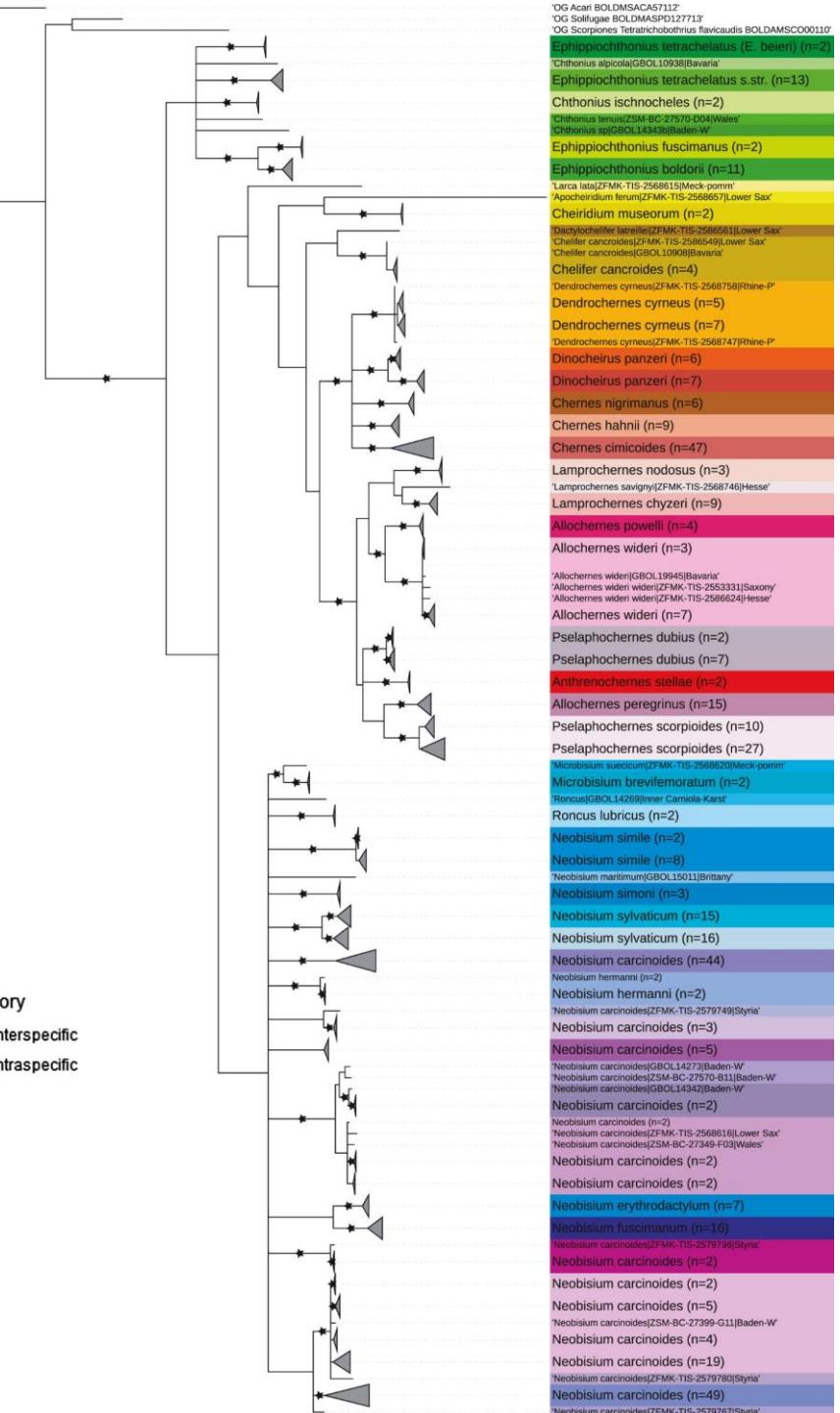
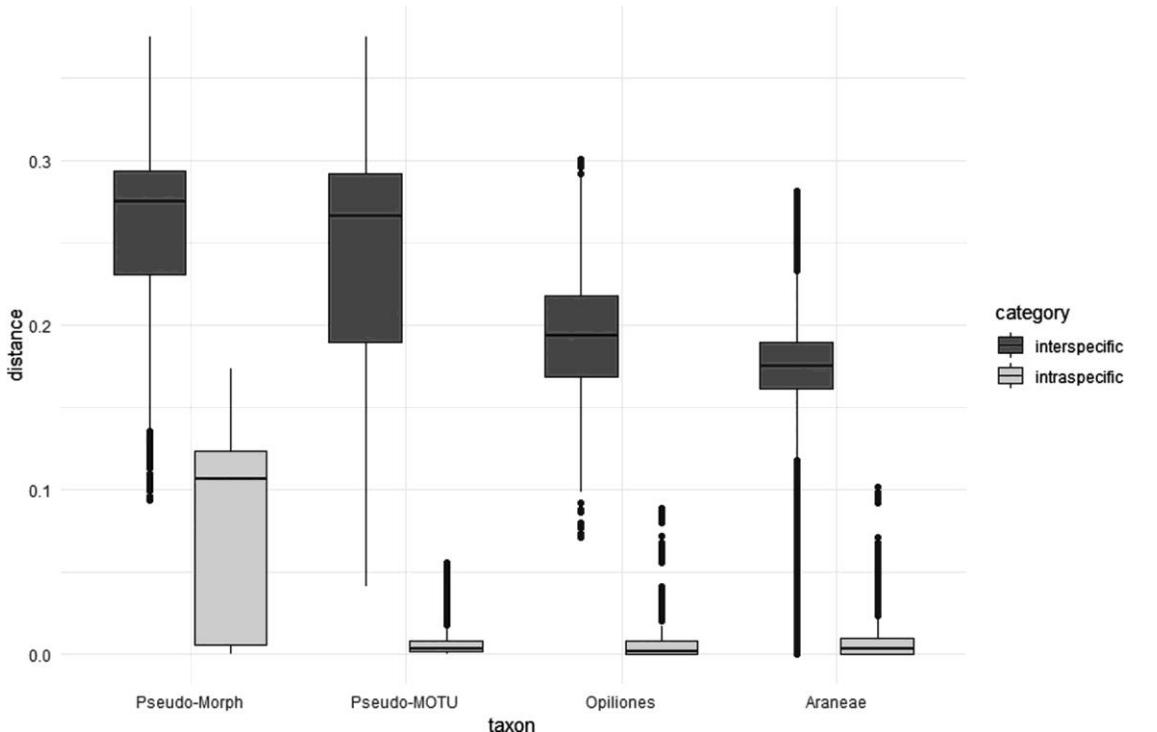
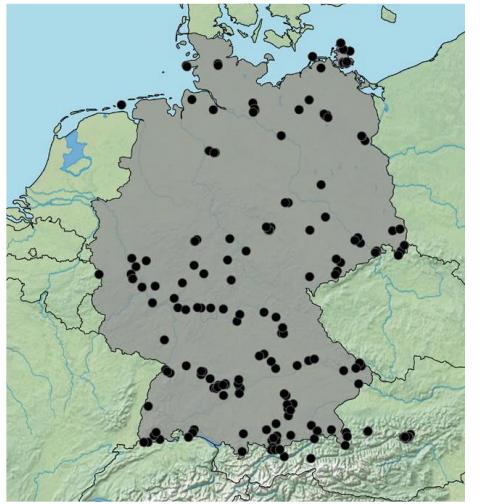
Moulds et al. 2007





# „The German Barcode of Life campaign reveals high levels of undocumented diversity in European false scorpions“

Muster et al. 2021, *Ecol. Evol.*, doi: 10.1002/ece3.8088



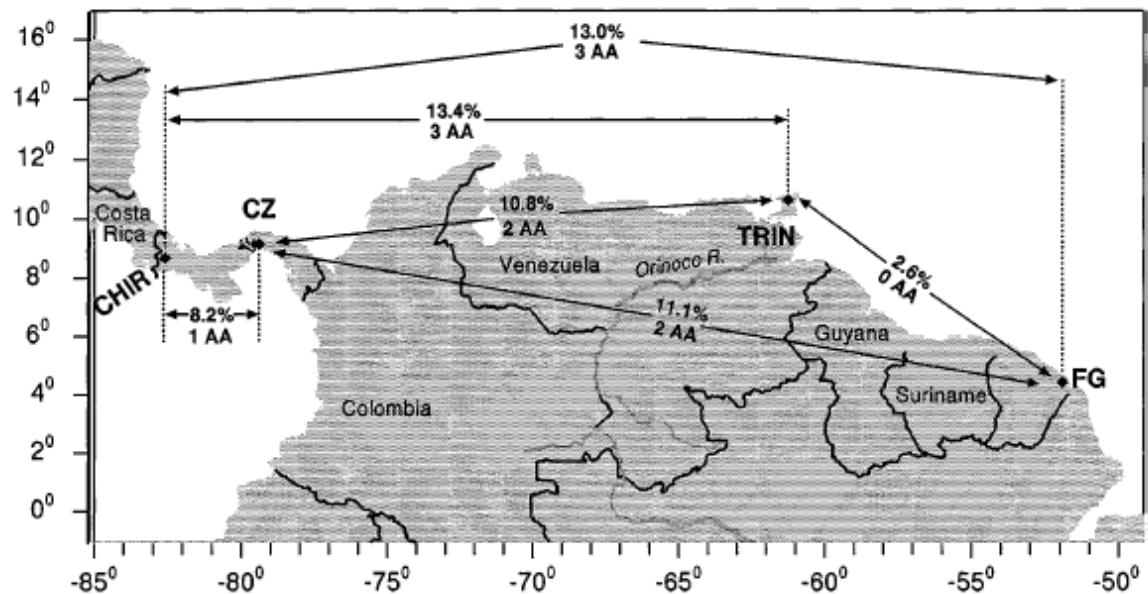
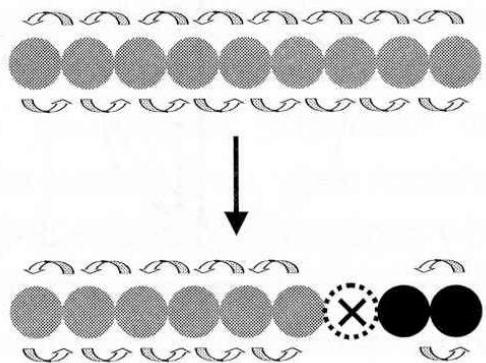
# fast speciation

- extinction

Gene flow only between neighbouring populations.  
Extinction of some population cause very fast  
genetic separation.



*Cordylochernes scorpioides*



Wilcox et al. 1997

# fast speciation

- Polyploidization or hybridization – frequently in plants

Chernetidae



Atemnidae



*Chernes hahnii*  $2n=49$



*Diplotemnus insolitus*  $2n=122$

gradual speciation

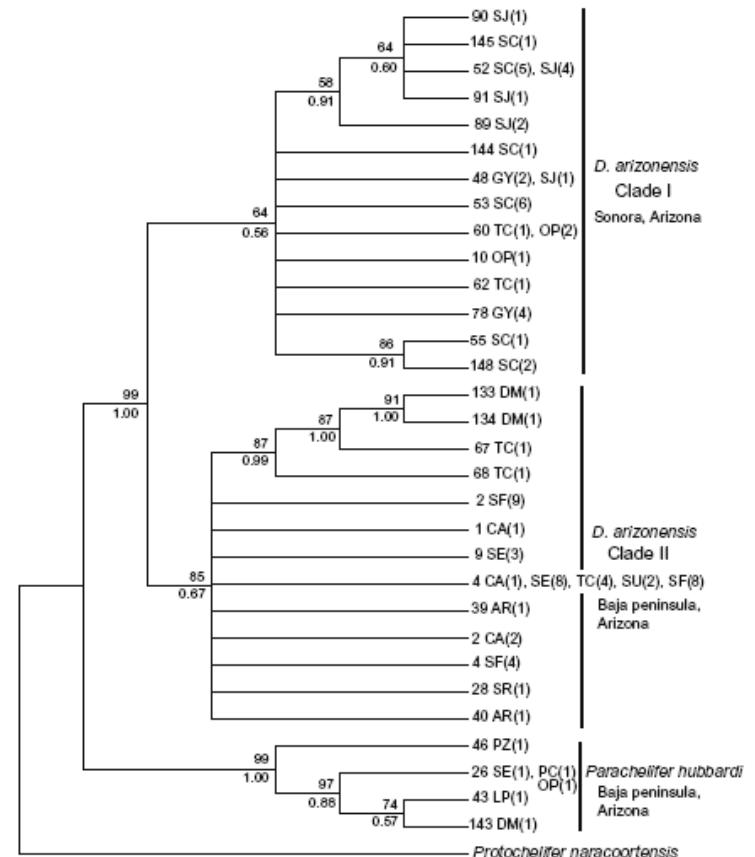
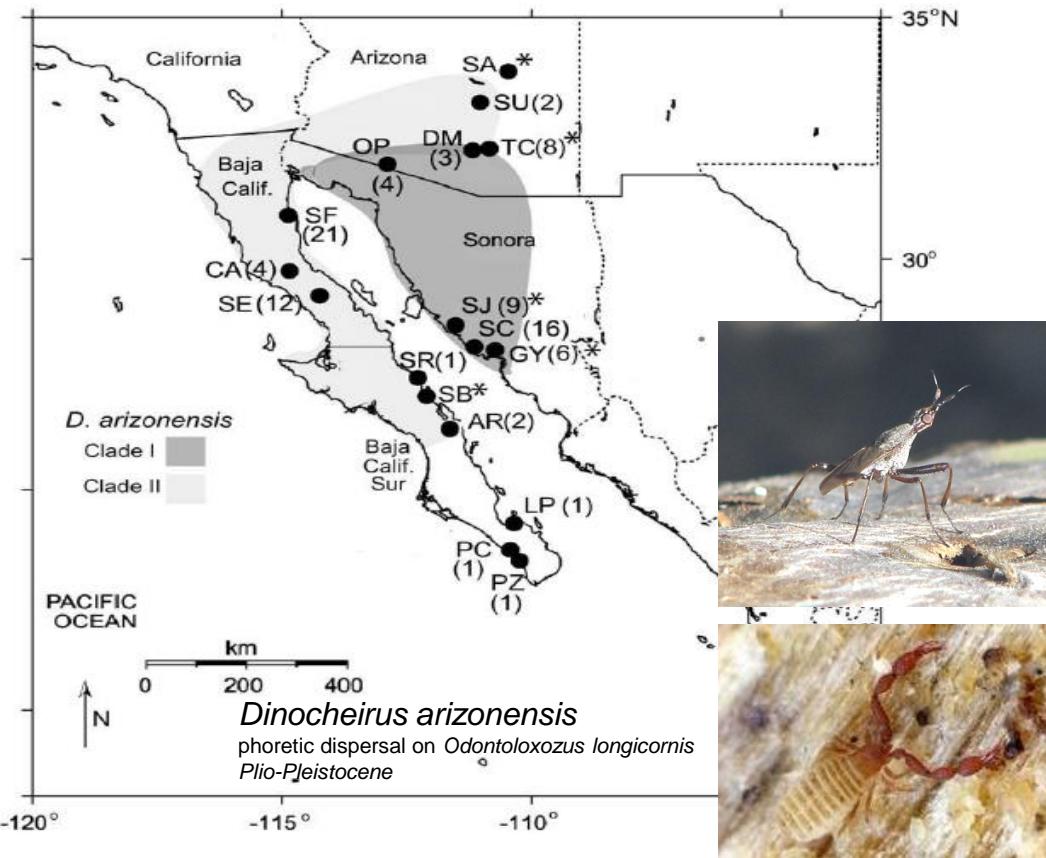
- allopatric

population splits into two geographically isolated populations



vicariant

new populations of similar size

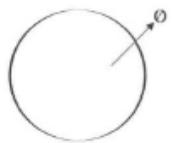


Pfeiler E, Bitler B.G., Castrezana S., Matzkin L.M. & Markow T.A. 2009:  
Genetic diversification and demographic history of the cactophilic  
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gradual speciation

- allopatric

population splits into two geographically isolated populations



peripatric

separation of only small subpopulation



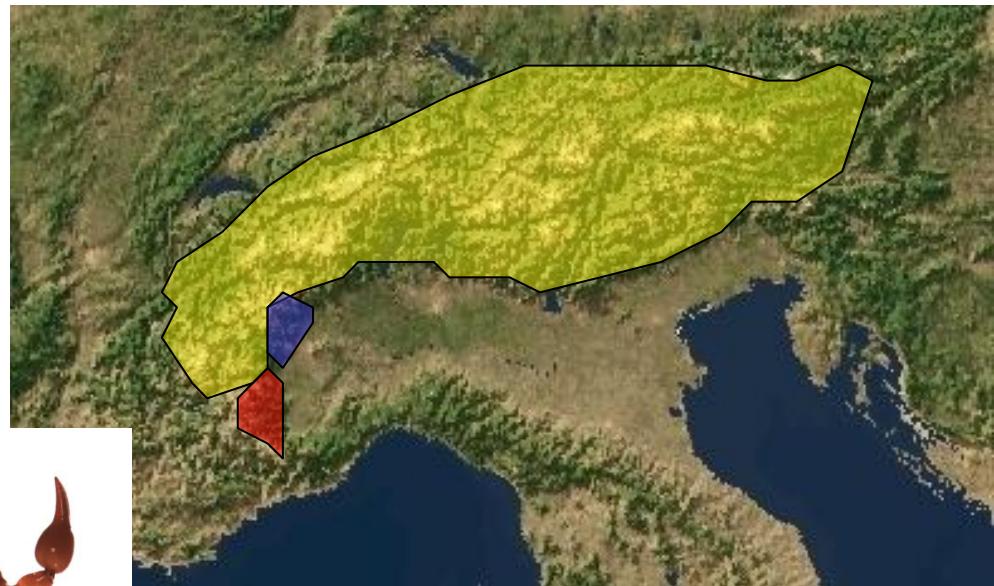
*Roncus alpinus*



*Roncus binaghii*



*Roncus tuberculatus*



gradual speciation

- sympatric

formation of two or more descendant species from a single ancestral species all occupying the same geographic location

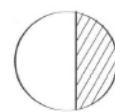


*Chernes hahnii*

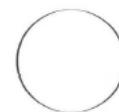


*Chernes similis*

under the bark



leaf litter



*Neobisium ruffoi*



*Neobisium dolomiticum*

- parapatric

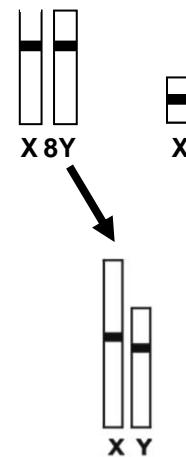
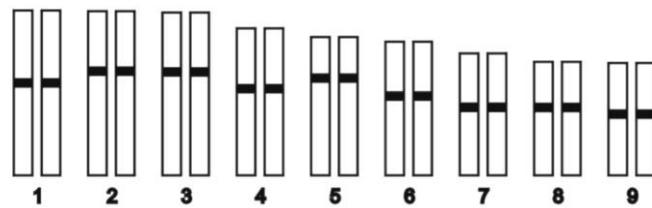
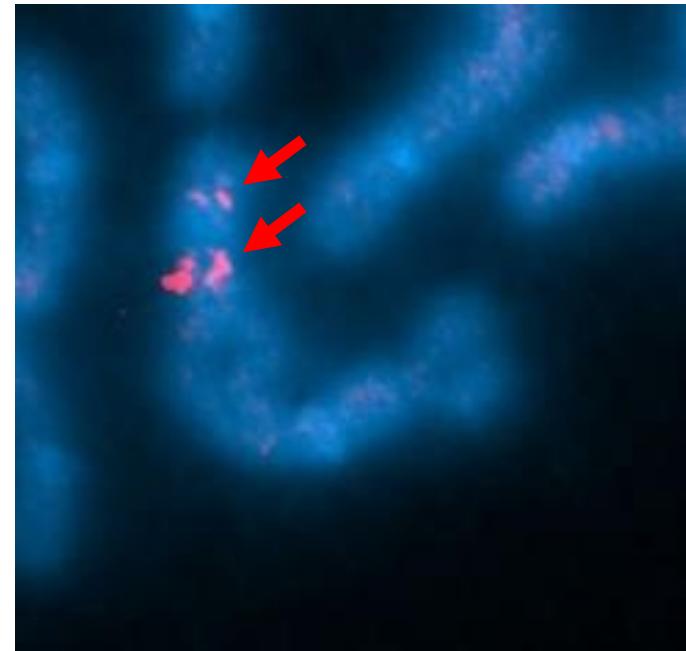
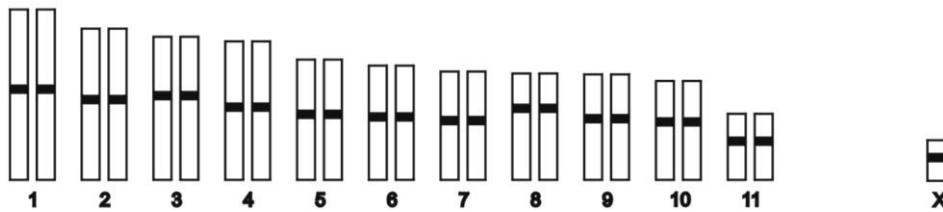
between alopatric and sympatric speciation – gene flow still occurs

# Chromosomal speciation

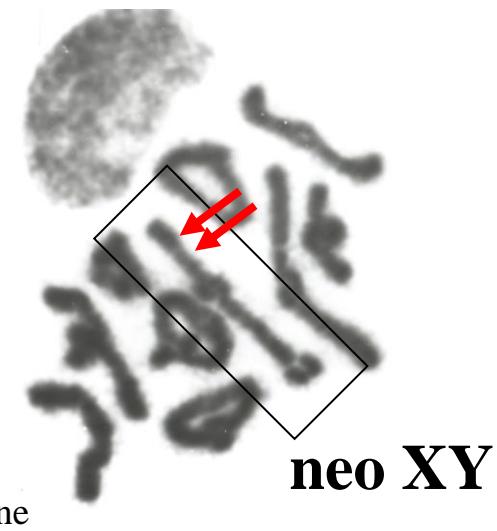
Majority of closely related species differ in karyotypes  
(app. 90-98% speciation change karyotypes)

Is it consequence or cause of speciation?

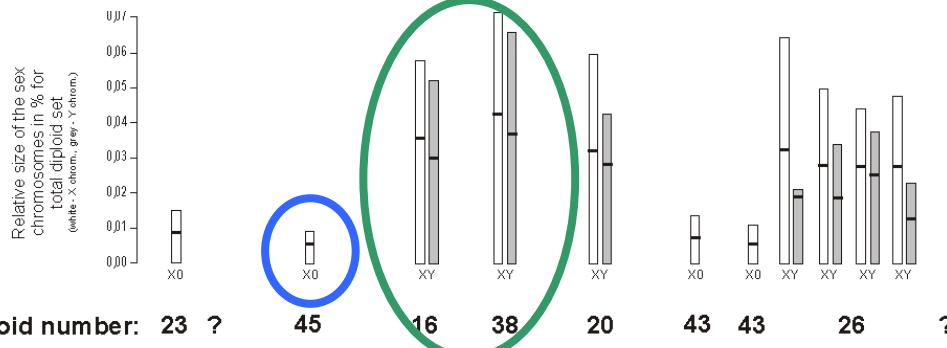
“*hybrid-sterility models*” predicted that the recombination among rearranged chromosomes in heterokaryotypic hybrids generate unbalanced gametes and thus reduce fertility.



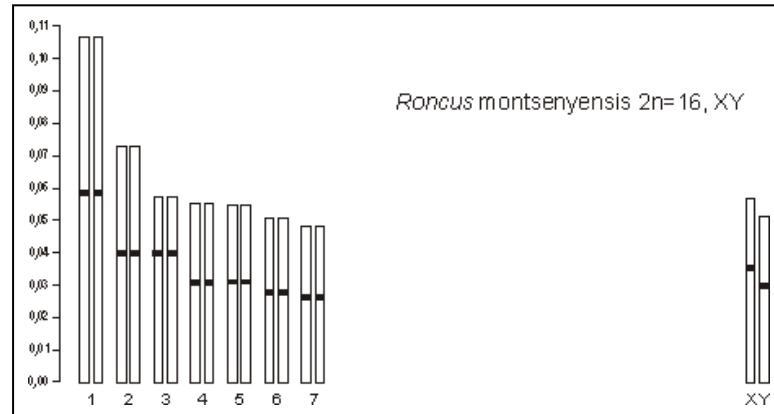
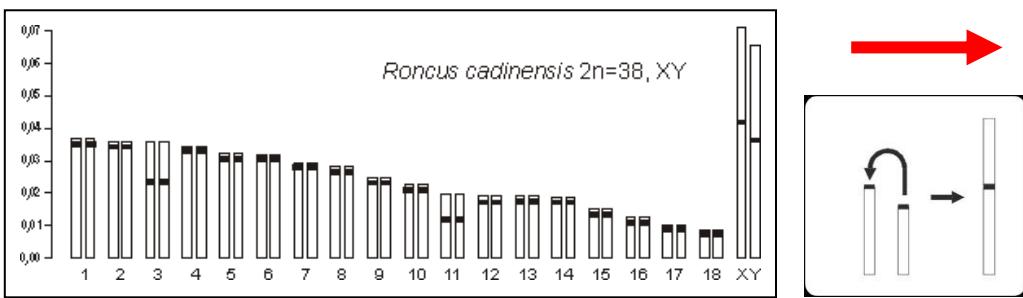
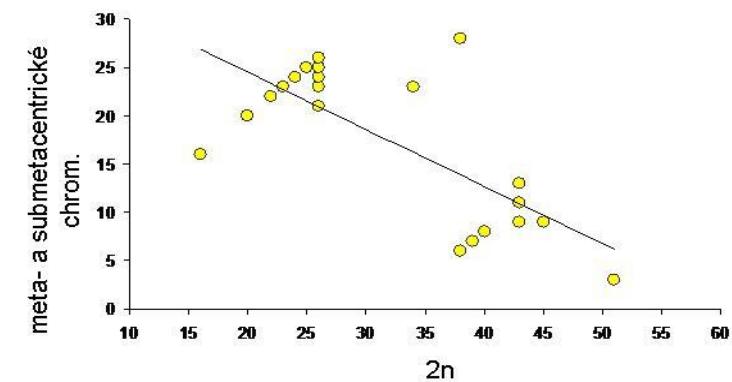
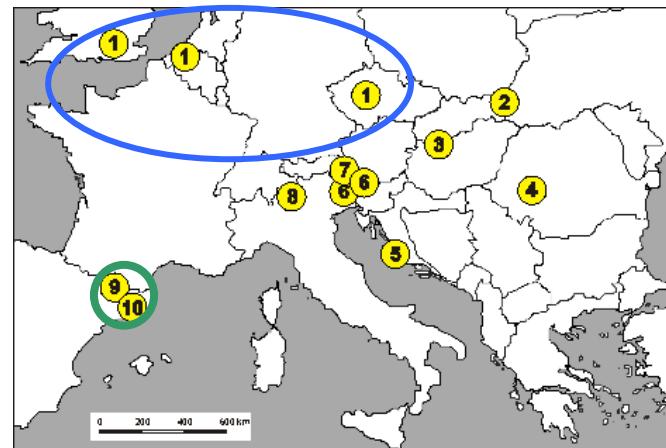
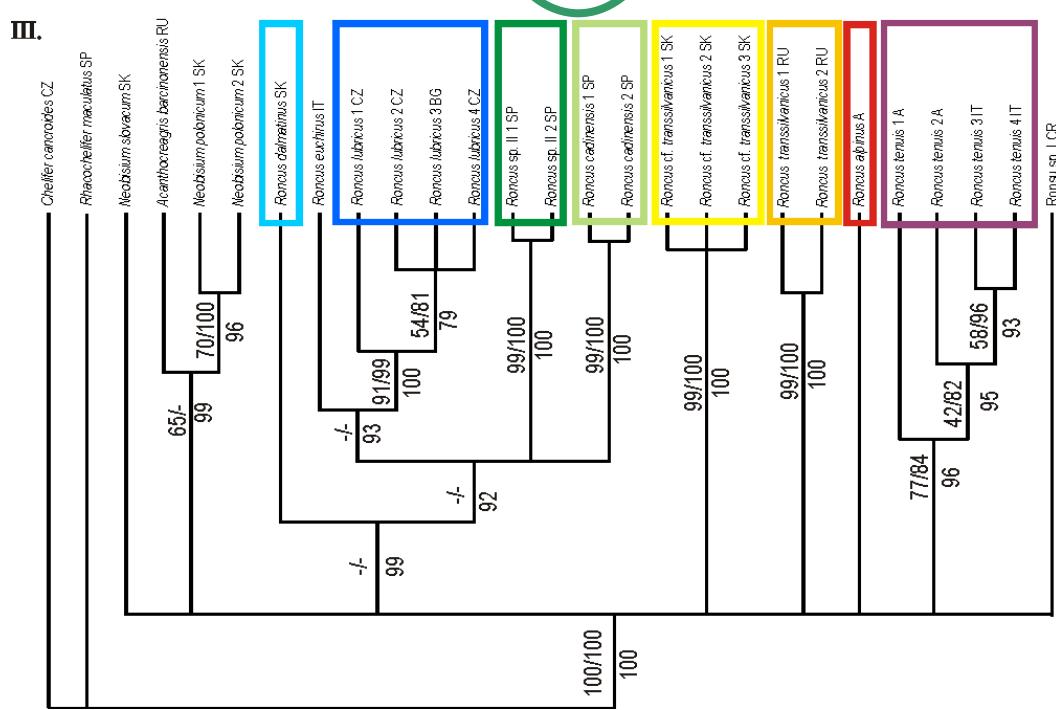
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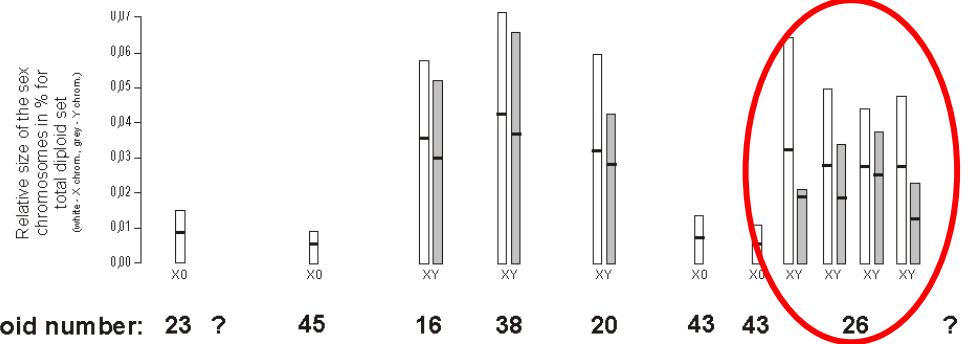
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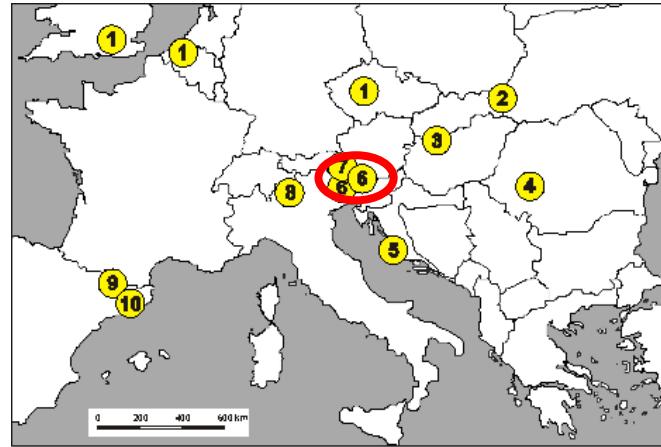
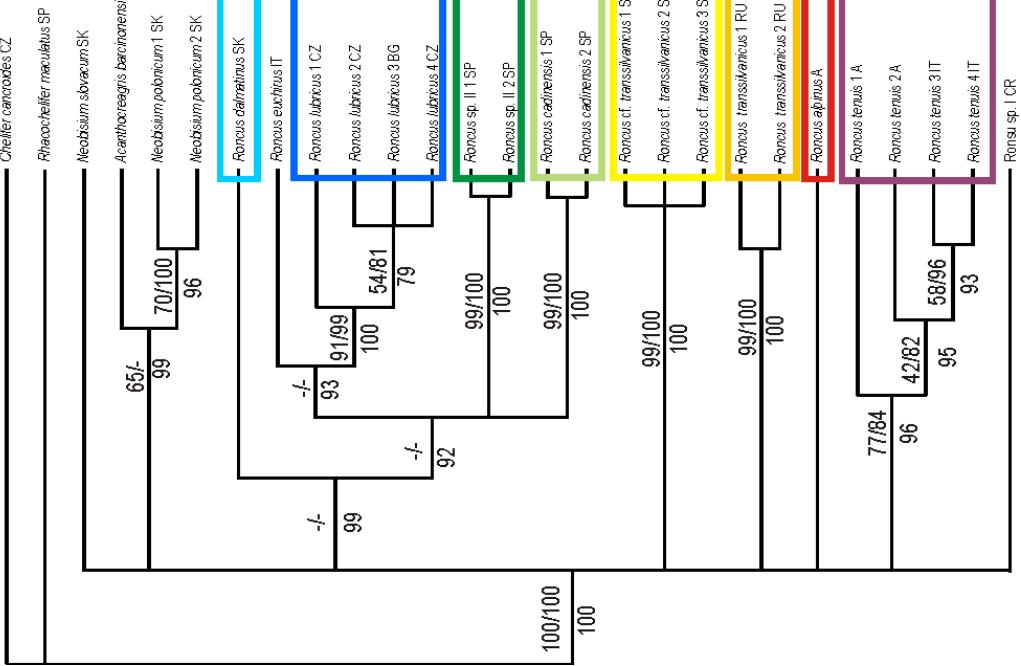


Fig. 15: Karyotype of *Roncus tenuis* 2n=26, XY

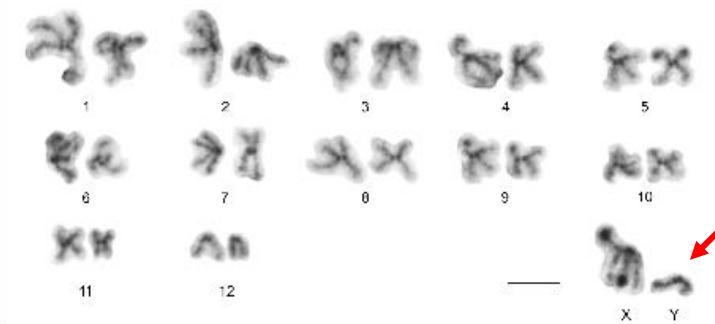
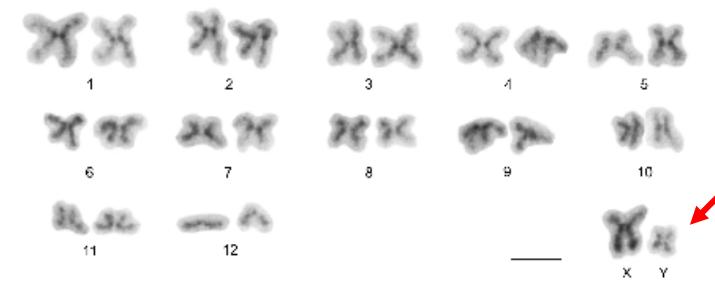
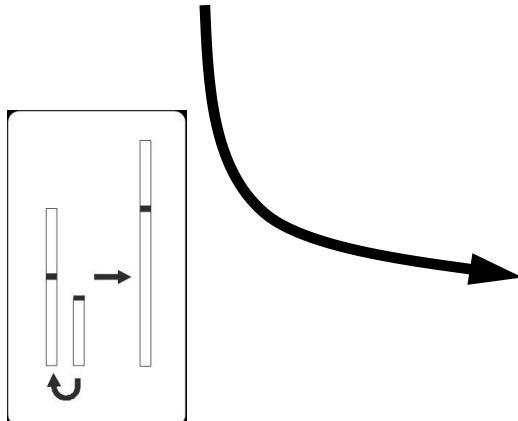
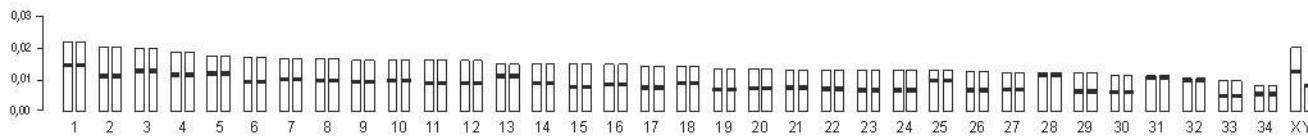


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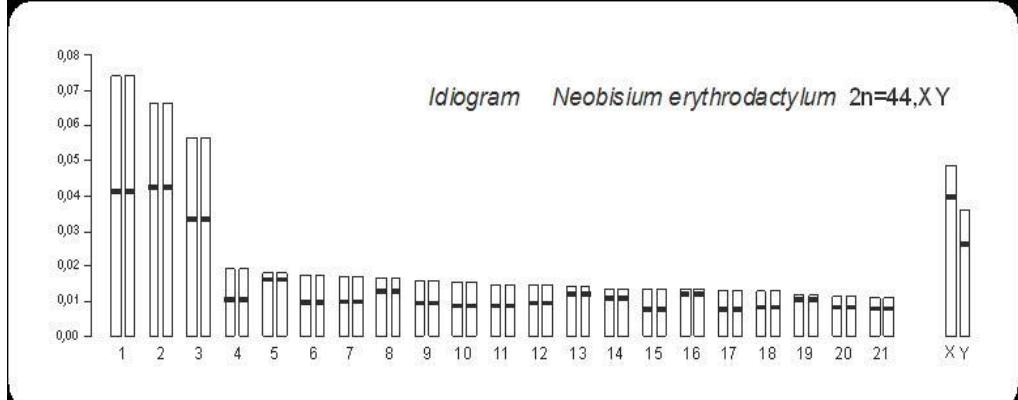


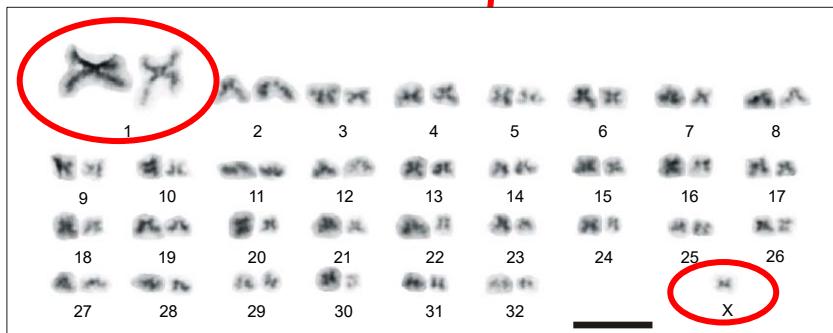
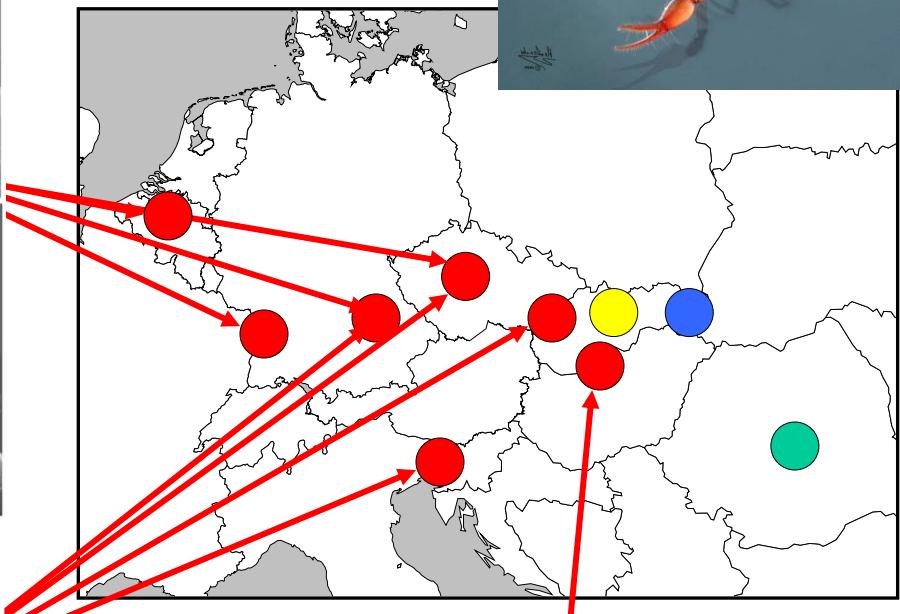
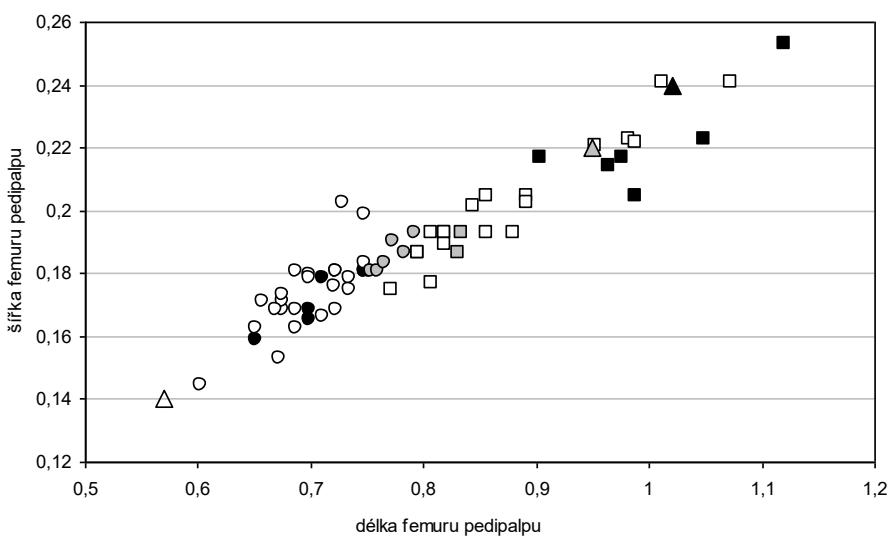
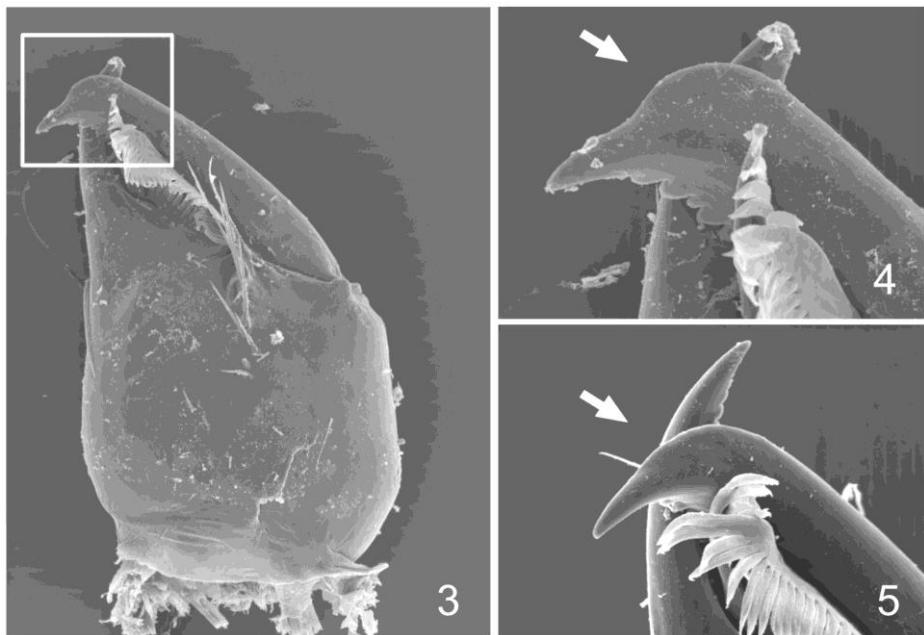


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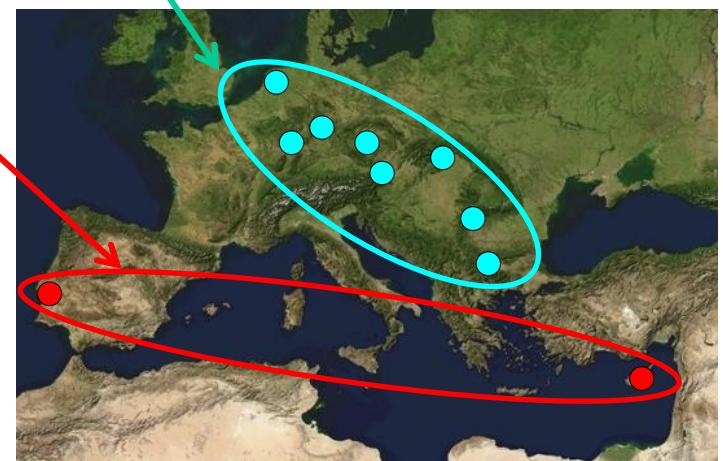
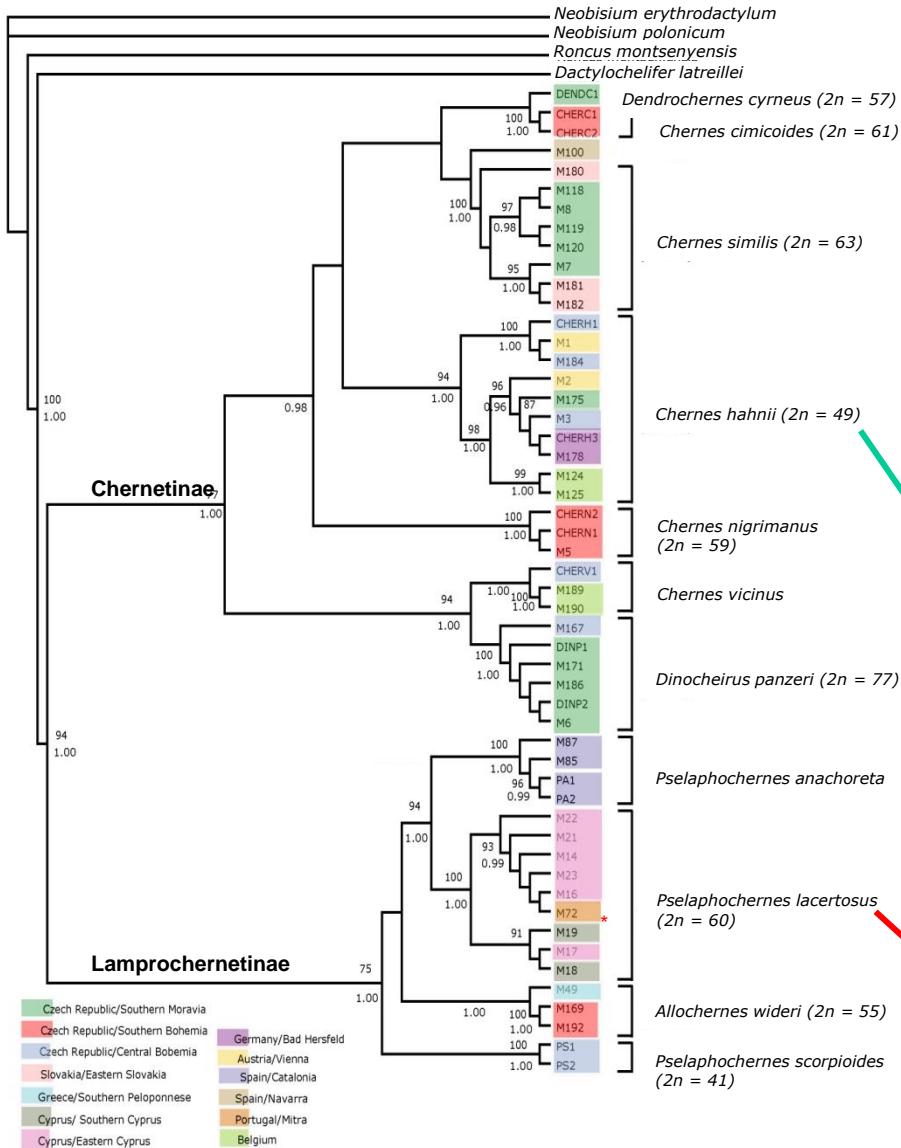


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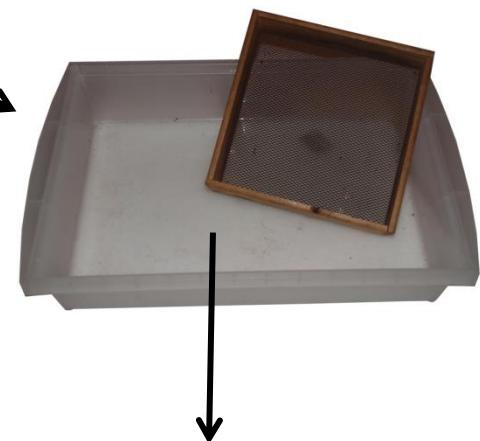
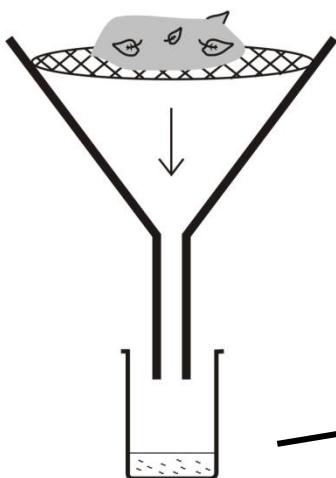
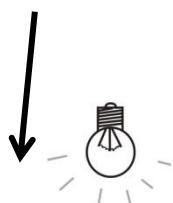
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**Fig. 1:** Results of Bayesian analysis ( GTR+I+Γ+covarion model). Bootstrap values above 0,95% are shown below branches. Values above branches correspond to bootstrap support obtained in Maximum Parsimony analysis (only values above 70% are reported).

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An updated identification key to the pseudoscorpions (Arachnida: Pseudoscorpiones) of the Czech Republic and Slovakia

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