

# Chiropterologie



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## Struktura kurzu

1. Informační zdroje. Chiropterologie jako vědní obor. Vymezení skupiny Chiroptera a peripetie jejího vzniku. Nejstarší fosilní záznam a bazální radiace. Strukturní charakteristiky a diversita základních adaptací.
- 2.- 3. Přirozená biodiverzita skupiny a přehled jednotlivých vývojových linií, systém.
4. Ochrana netopýrů, současná rizika.

*Důraz na metodické souvislosti a case examples*

# Význam a rizika letounů jako modelu

**letouni - netopýři** - dlouhověkost, 1-2 mláďata, vysoká socialita, specifické adaptace

**monitoring a bioindikace** - vysoká specializovanost

**právní ochrana** –

vyhláška č. 395/1992 Sb., zákon č. 114/1992 Sb., o ochraně přírody a krajiny.

Dohoda o ochraně netopýřů v Evropě (EUROBATS), dodatkem

Úmluvy o ochraně stěhovavých druhů volně žijících živočichů (Bonská úmluva).

kadavery po kolizi s automobilovou dopravou



*Leptonycteris* obalená pylem Agave

# Význam a rizika letounů jako modelu

**Ale...**

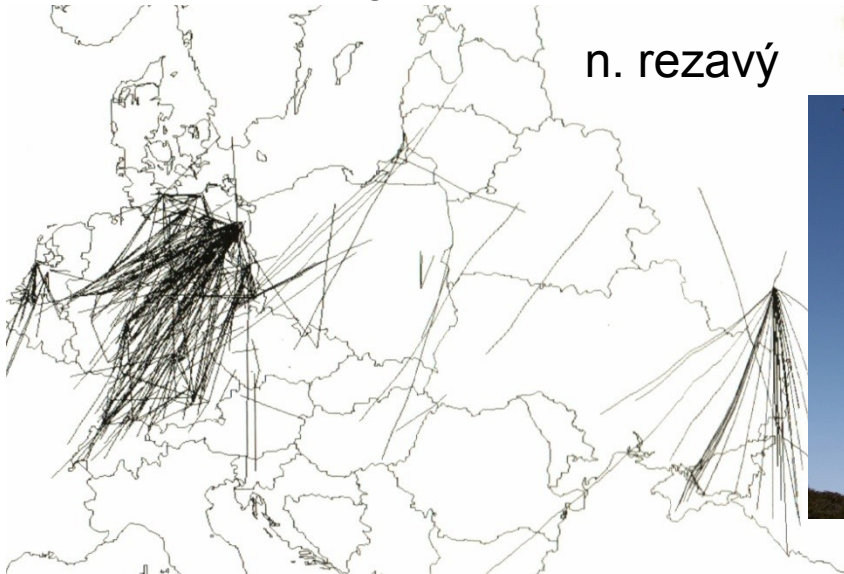
obtížně dostupné údaje o biologii  $\Rightarrow$  mnoho neznámého  $\Rightarrow$  **strach**



zásadní rozdílnosti v úrovni poznání - migrační koridory netopýřů a ptáků

## Netopýři

n. rezavý



## Ptáci

European bird migration network



# Zdroje informací

domácí knihy - Poznáváme naše savce, Létající savci, Naši netopýři, A tribute to bats

zahraniční knihy - atlasy poznávací, distribuční

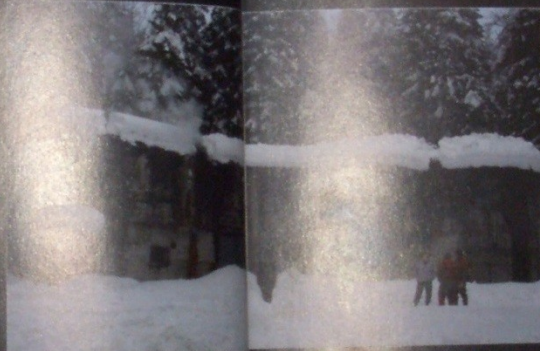
tématické knihy - echolokace, ekologie, biogeografie

časopisy a sborníky - Acta Chiropterologica, Acta Theriologica, Journal of Mammalogy, Myotis, Nyctalus, Folia Zoologica, Vespertilio, Lynx, informační letáky a brožury

## historická literatura v českých zemích

**ch Bat Conservation Trust**  
ination platform of bat research and bat conservation in  
former Czechoslovakia, since 1993 in the Czech Republic

At beginning of the year 1974, in cooperation with bat students, a need of a formal platform for integration of regional bat studies with the projects of then newly establishes Environment Ministry (including international projects such as EUROBATS) and in care for continuity of the long-lasting monitoring of underground hibernacula, the Czechoslovak Bat Conservation Trust (Československá společnost pro ochranu netopýrů – ČESON) was established. After a split of former Czechoslovakia into the Czech Republic and Slovakia in 1993, the regional scope of ČESON is restricted to the Czech Republic and its role in Slovakia was taken by a newly established Slovak Bat Conservation Society (SON).



in care of two professional employees. Thanks to them ČESON started a large-scale programme of a strict control upon current rebuilding projects which might threat bat roosts and spread its focus onto huge number of local and regional bodies engaged in these projects.

For its members, ČESON provides a standard platform for presentation of particular outputs and promoting methodical innovations in study of bats. It organizes the annual plenary assemblies (with awarding particular achievements of young bat students with the F.A.Kolenati award), annual field meetings and



Since then ČESON is designed as a non-governmental non-profit organization

In cooperation with SON, it edits the journal Vespertilio founded in 1997.

# 15th International Bat Research Conference

**\* The Biology of Bats at the Onset of the 21st Century \***

Prague, Czech Republic, 23-27 August 2010



## LIST OF INTERNATIONAL BAT RESEARCH CONFERENCES

1ST	1968	CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HLUBOKA N. V.
2ND	1970	THE NETHERLANDS, AMSTERDAM
3RD	1972	YUGOSLAVIA, PLITVICE
4TH	1975	KENYA, NAIROBI
5TH	1978	USA, ALBUQUERQUE
6TH	1982	NIGERIA, IFE
7TH	1985	UK, ABERDEEN
8TH	1989	AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY
9TH	1992	INDIA, MADURAI
10TH	1995	USA, BOSTON
11TH	1998	BRAZIL, PIRENOPOLIS
12TH	2001	MALAYSIA, BANGI
13TH	2004	POLAND, MIKOLAJKI
14TH	2007	MEXICO, MERIDA
15TH	2010	CZECH REPUBLIC, PRAHA



# Chiropterologie



**... samostatná zoologická  
disciplína ?**

## Google Scholar:

**Bat 1.720.000**

Mammal(s) 1.870.000

Rodent 813.000

Bird(s) 2.350.000

Fish 2.560.000

**Bat Research 675.000**

Mammal research 437.000

Mammalogy 64.200

Rodent research 531.000

Ornithology 133.000

Bird research 2.180.000

Ichthyology 121.000

Fish research 2.110.000





**Vrchol  
rozmanitosti  
přizpůsobení  
mezi savci**



## *Historie oboru* – tradiční důrazy na specifika netopýrů

(A) 19. stol. H.Kühl, Koch, Blasius, Kolenati ...

(B) Základy moderní chiropterologie (klasická díla): 30-50. léta 20. století

M.Eisentraut: Die deutsche Fledermäuse

G.M.Allen: Bats

A.P.Kuzyakin: Letučije myši

O.Ryberg: Studies on bats and bat parasites

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(C) Explosivní nárůst informací s novými technikami

70. léta – sítě

80. léta - detektory

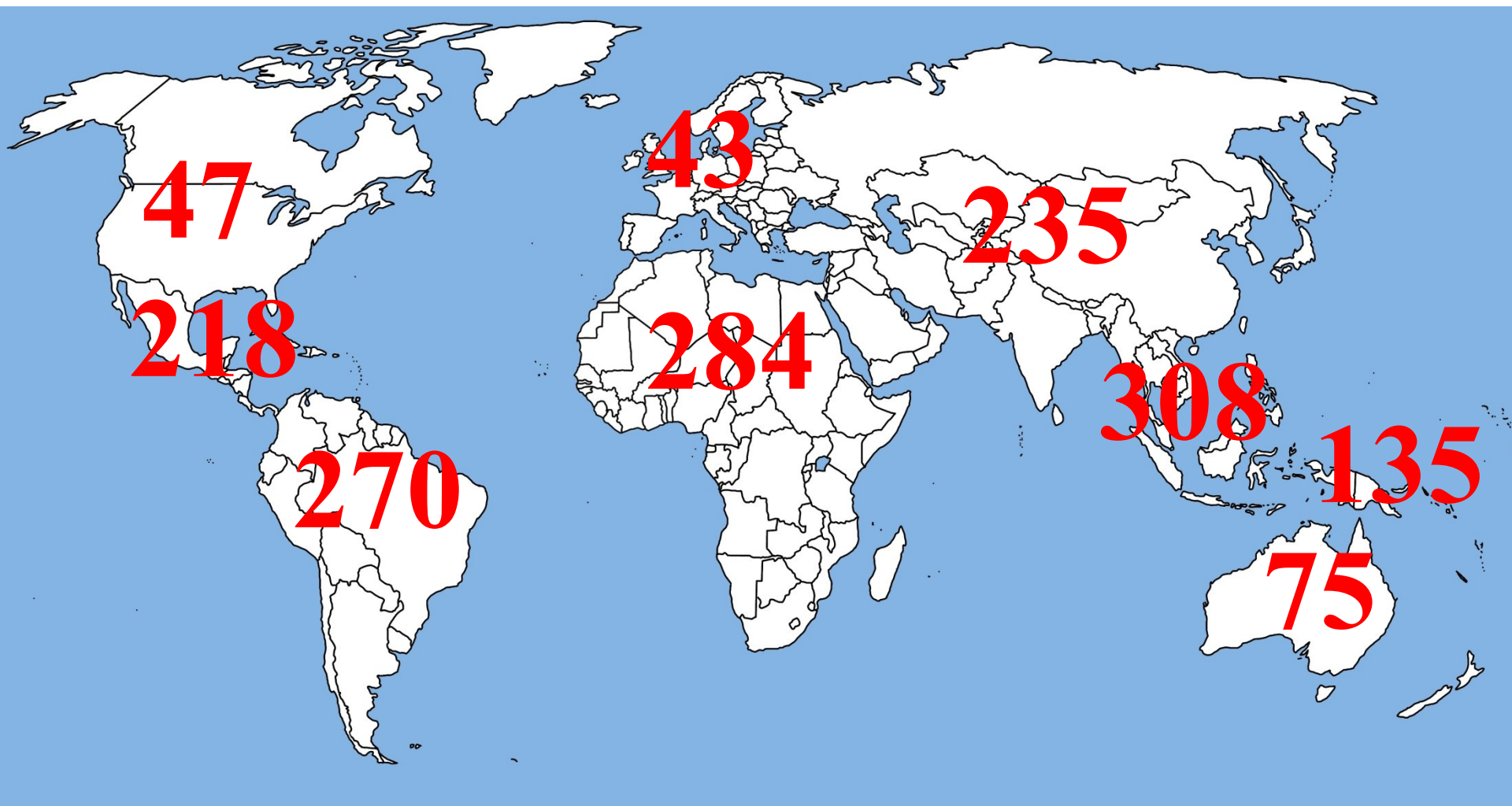
90. léta – DNA

(D) Nyní: nejdynamičtější součást výzkumu savců

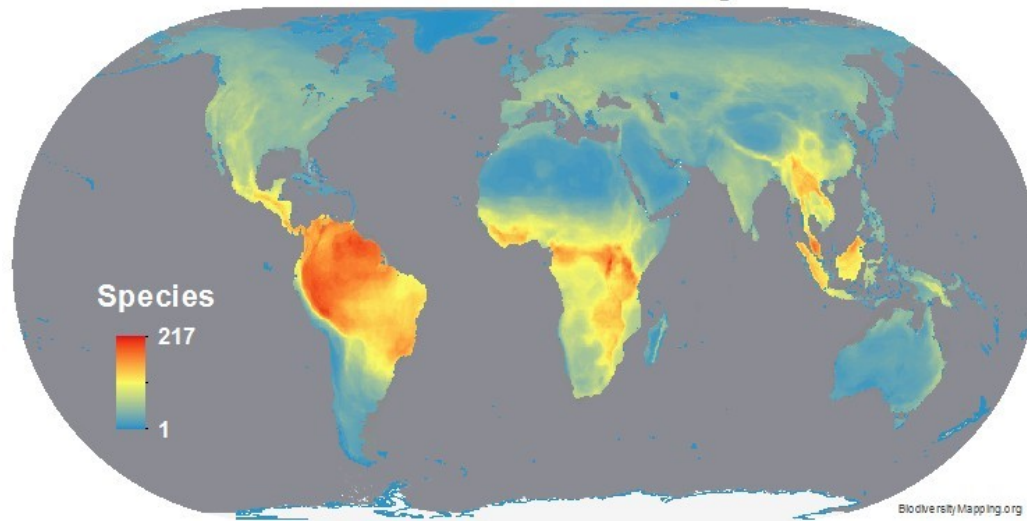
Letouni (Chiroptera) –  
druhý nejpočetnější řád  
savců

1250 druhů

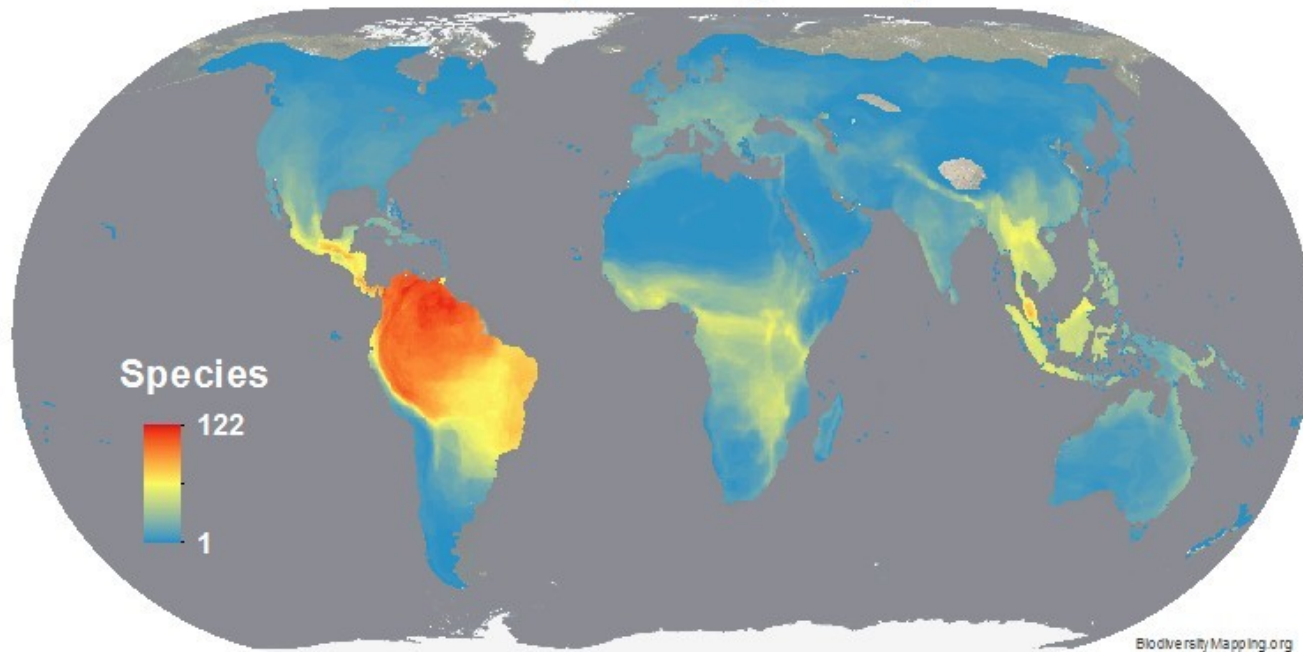




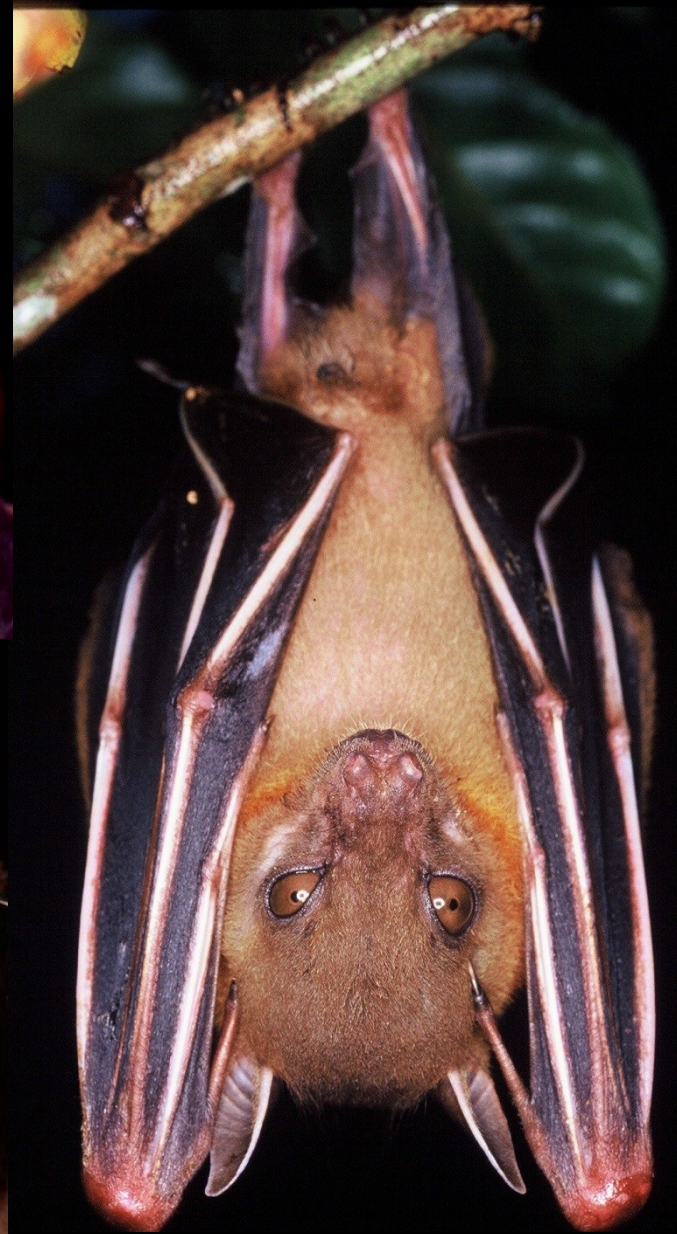
## Mammal Diversity



## Chiroptera (Bats)



Naprostá většina netopýrů žije v tropech



# *Craseonycteris thonglongyai* – příklad « nej »

tělo cca 3 cm, váha 2-2,5 g, rozpětí 12 cm, nejmenší savec světa



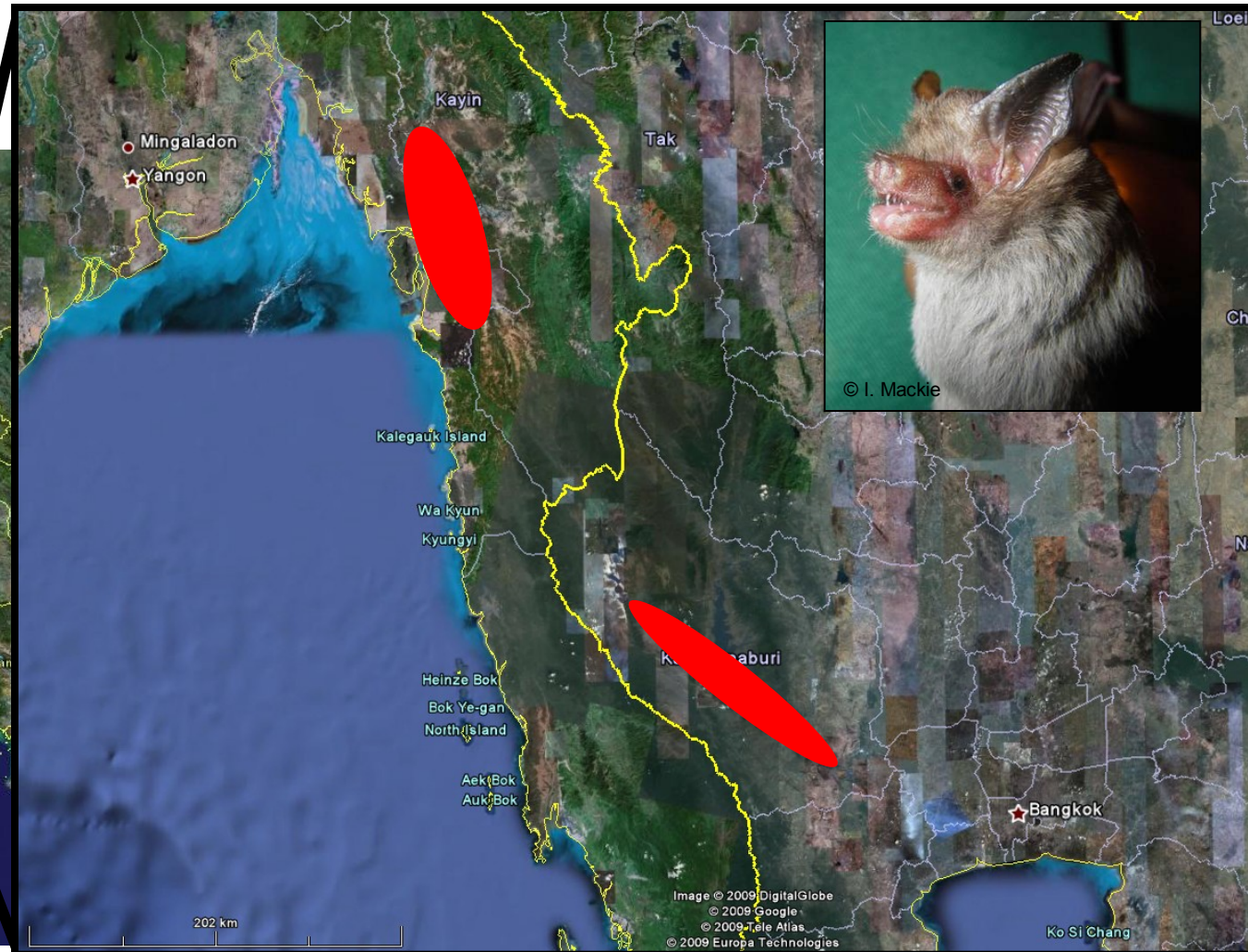
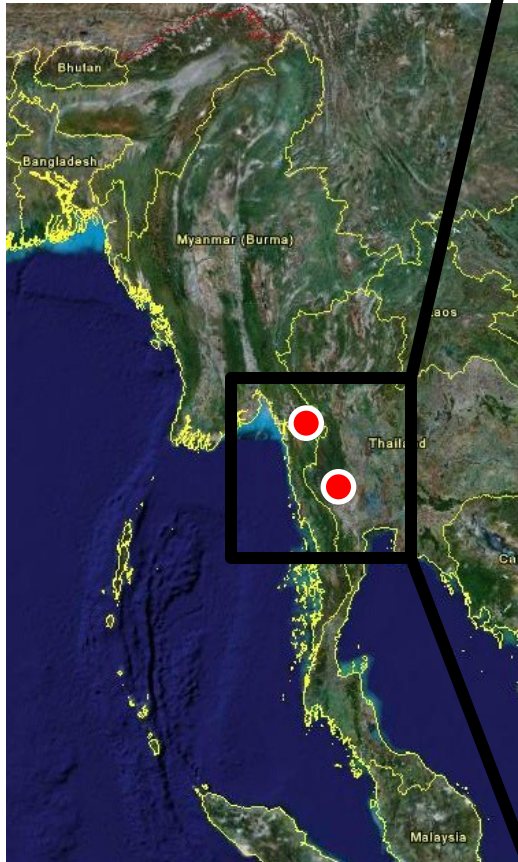
# *Pteropus vampyrus* - kaloň malajský

rozpětí křídel až 1,7 m, hmotnost až 1,6 kg, největší letoun světa





# *Craseonycteris thonglongyai* – příklad « nej »



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## ***Craseonycteris thonglongyai* (Chiroptera: Craseonycteridae) is a Rhinolophoid: Molecular Evidence from Cytochrome *b***

[Pavel Hulva](#) and [Ivan Horáček](#)

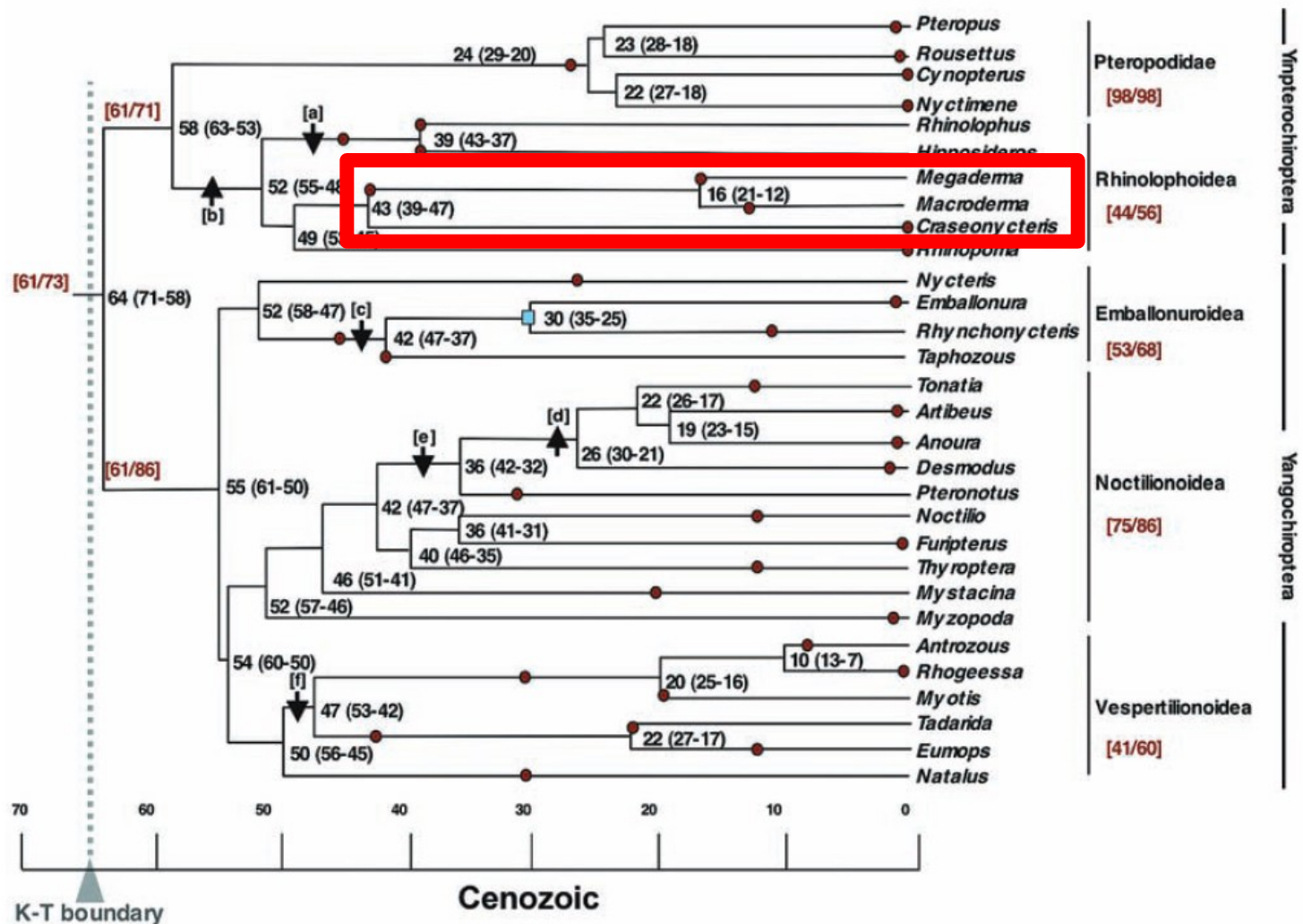
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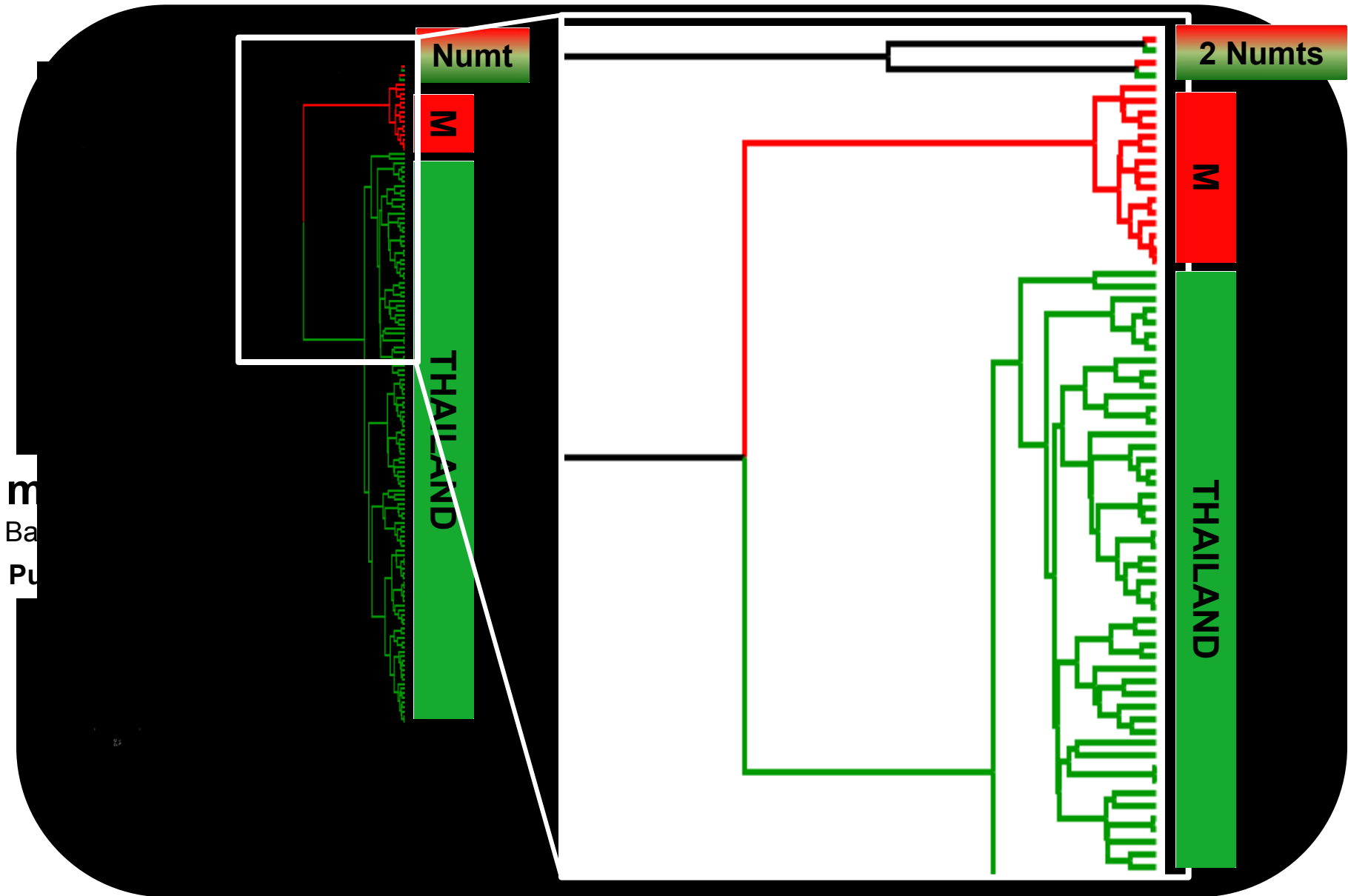
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*Craseonycteris thonglongyai* (Chiroptera: Craseonycteridae), an enigmatic taxon which shares morphological traits with both Rhinopomatidae and Emballonuridae was for the first time investigated with the aid of molecular phylogenetic techniques. Three methods of phylogenetic inference,

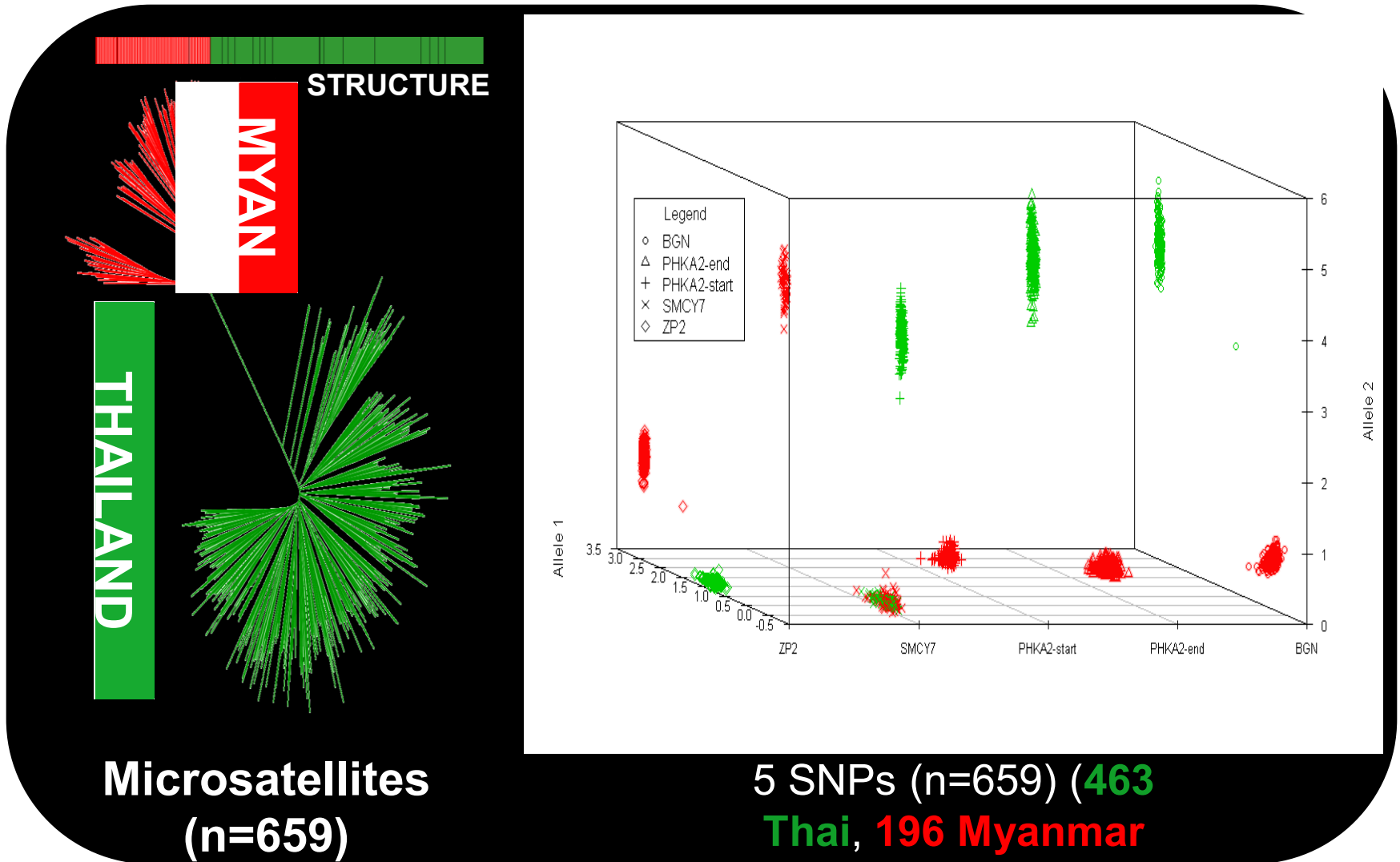
# Craseonycteridae



# Thailand *versus* Myanmar ...



# Nuclear support



Considering only emergence counts, 80% of the colonies in Thailand included between 100 and 400 ind. (n = 20, range = 11 to 856). In Myanmar, emergence counts at 4 caves furnished estimates of 40, 600, 1100 and 2000 ind.

# Vymezení (ideologické) netopýra



# Schopnost aktivního letu

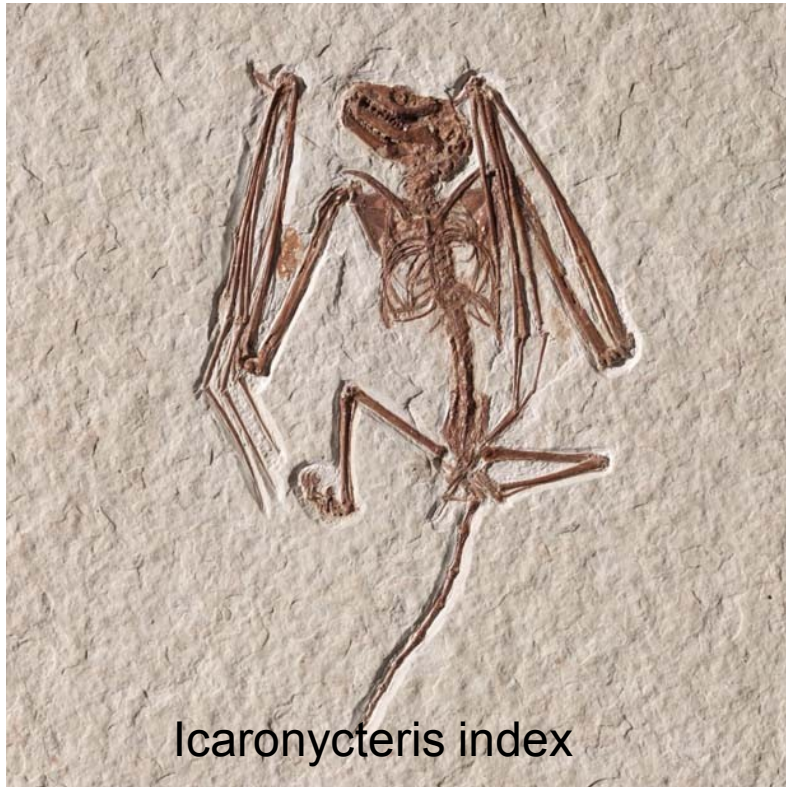


**70% fosilního záznamu chybí**

ale Eocén

**Icaronycteris, Palaeochiropteryx, Archaeonycteris,  
Hassianycteris, Tachypteron**

Wyoming, USA, 52,2 mya



Icaronycteris index

**schopnost letu i  
laryngeální echolokace**

**kosti křídla,  
hlemýžd', kladívko...**



# Ale...*Onychonycteris finneyi*

nemá základní struktury nutné pro  
echolokaci

u kaloňů a neecholokujících  
stylohyal (bodcovitý výběžek jazylky)  
není pevně spojen s tympanem

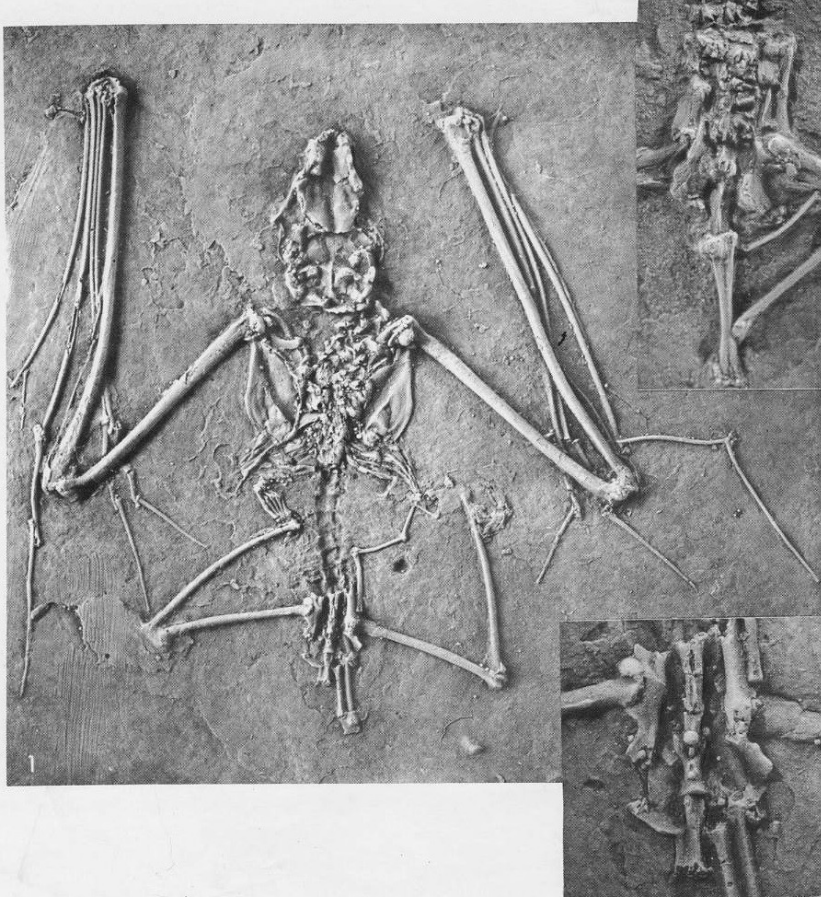
ale *Onychonycteris* spoj má!

Veselka et al. 2010

vědecký konsensus

**neuměl echolokovat !!!**





1917 *Palaeochiropteryx tupaiodon* Revilliod

Messel, Darmstadt, NE, zachovaná fosilie s potravou v žaludku, široká křídla, lesní gleaner, lov nízko nad zemí podobně jako pavrápenci

# Phosphorites du Quercy



Montpellier a Paříž Quercy phosphorites formace více než 100 fosilií v perfektním stavu. late Eocene and the beginning of the late Oligocene

# Messel Pit (near Darmstadt, Germany)

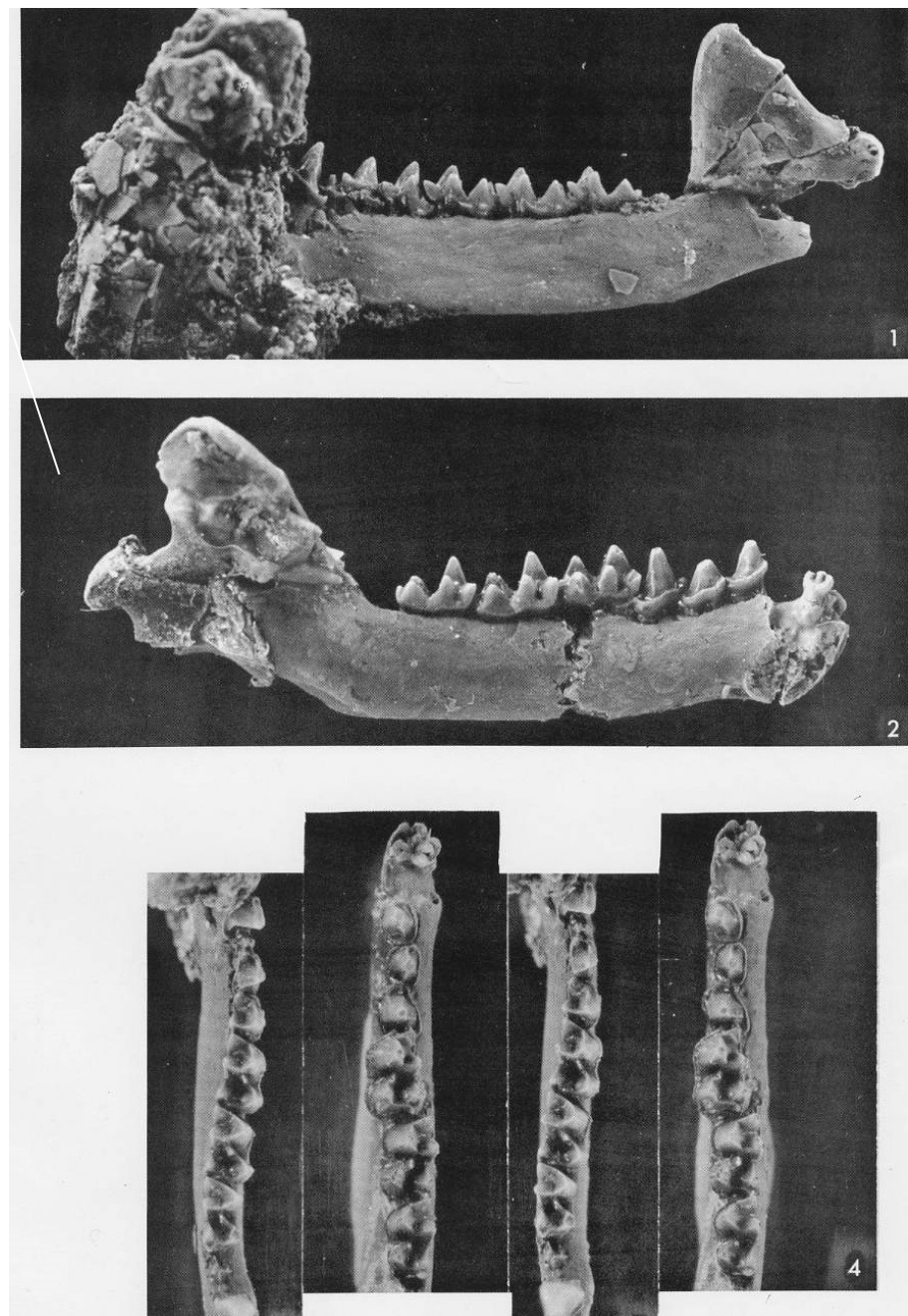
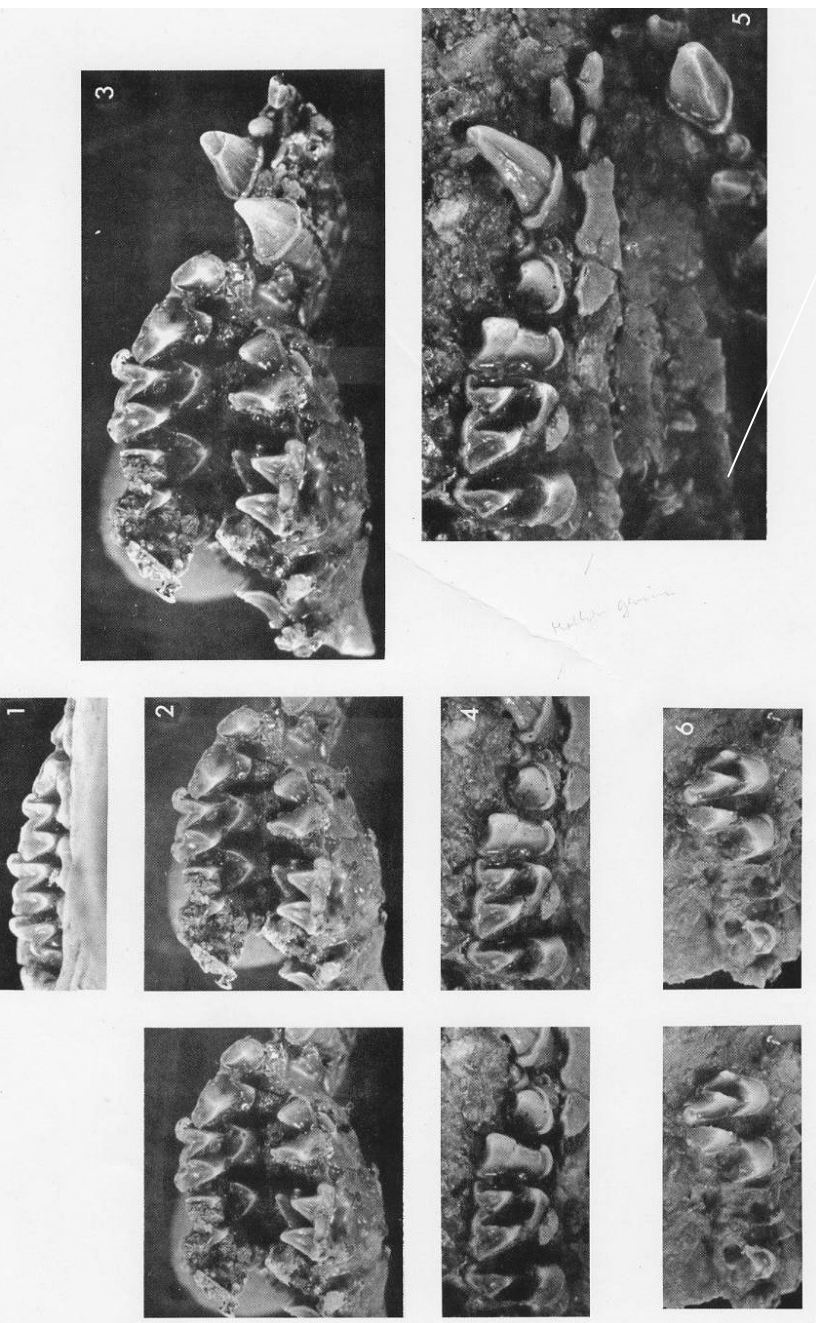


# Messel Bats - Palaeochiropterygidae

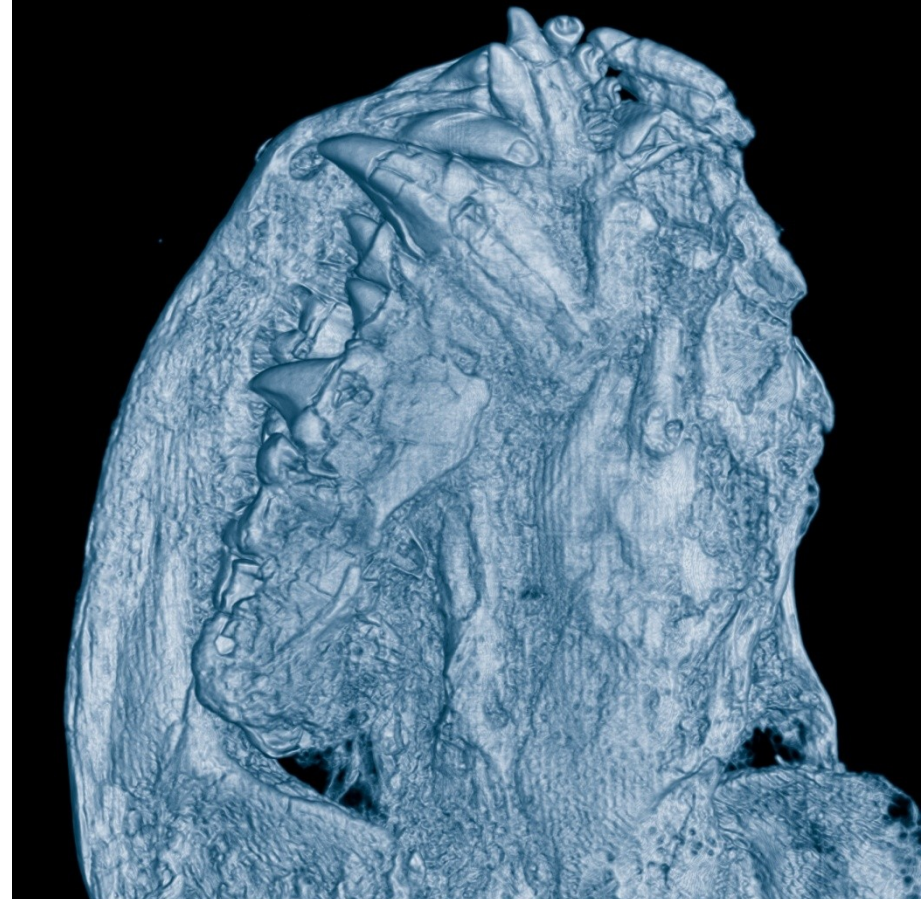
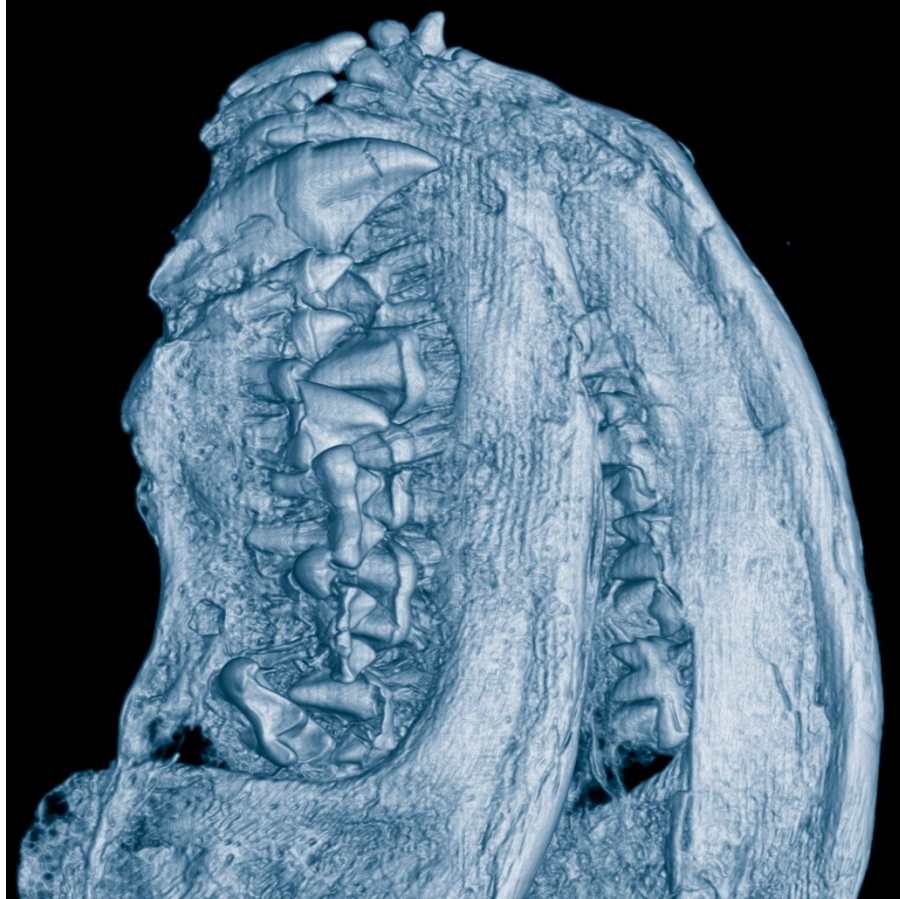


*Palaeochiropteryx tupaiodon* (SMF 2022)

Geiseltal: *Cecilionycteris prisca*, *Matthesia insolita*

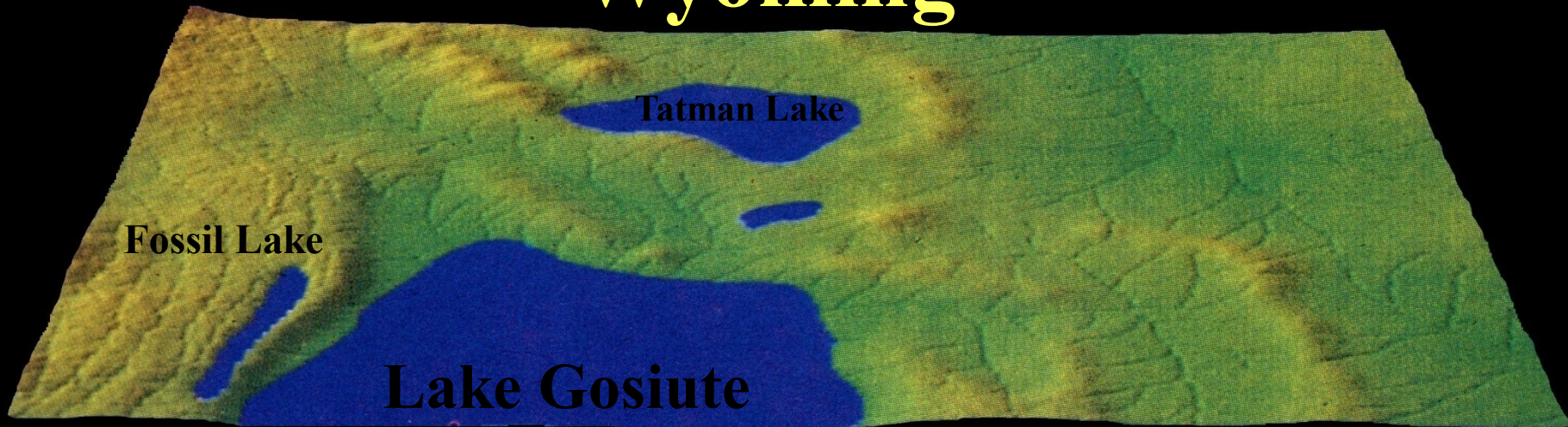


# *Archaeonycteris* Dentition

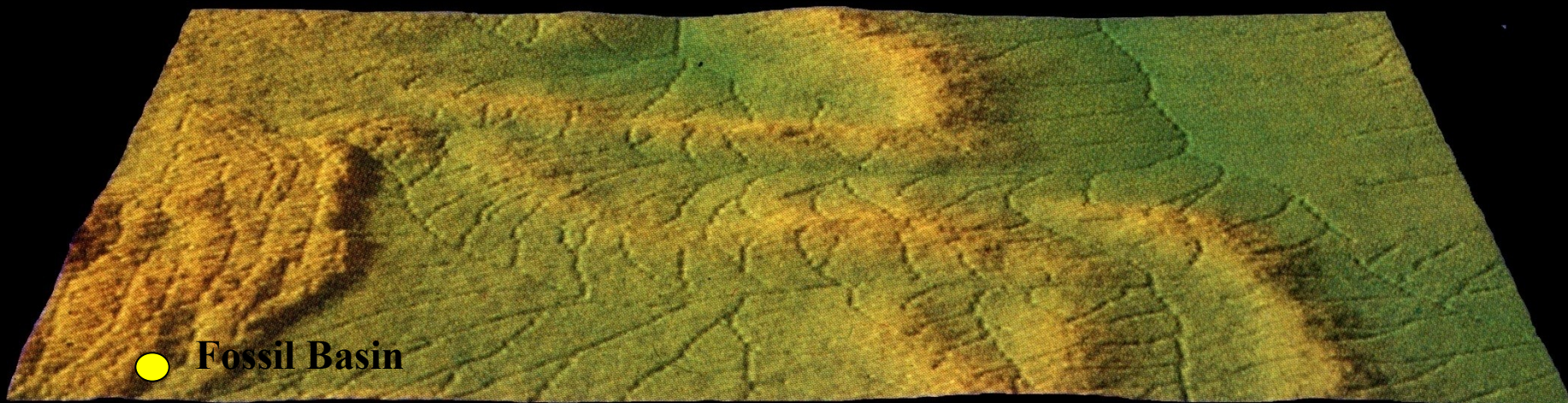


čel. Archaeonycteridae

# Wyoming

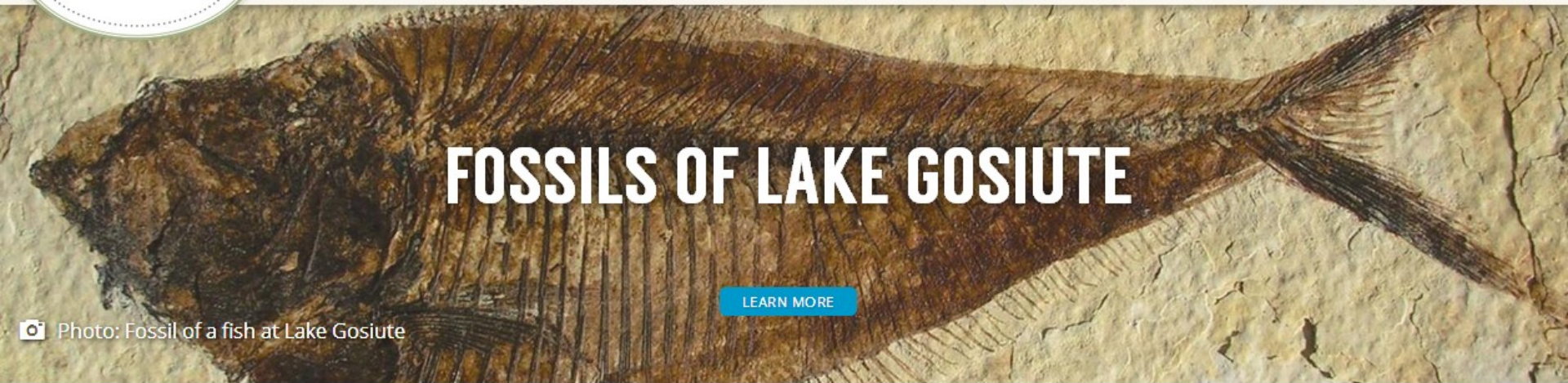


**Late Early - Middle Eocene**



**Early Eocene**





# FOSSILS OF LAKE GOSIUTE

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## FOSSILS OF LAKE GOSIUTE [Time Travel to the Eocene Era](#)

Lake Gosiute was home to a diverse population of strange creatures that flourished in the lush vegetation of its tropical shores. Fast-forward 58 million years to Wyoming, and it's an archaeologist's paradise with fossil-rich soil and stones that tell tales of ecosystems past.

**SWEETWATER COUNTY TRAVEL TOOLS**

## Green river formation

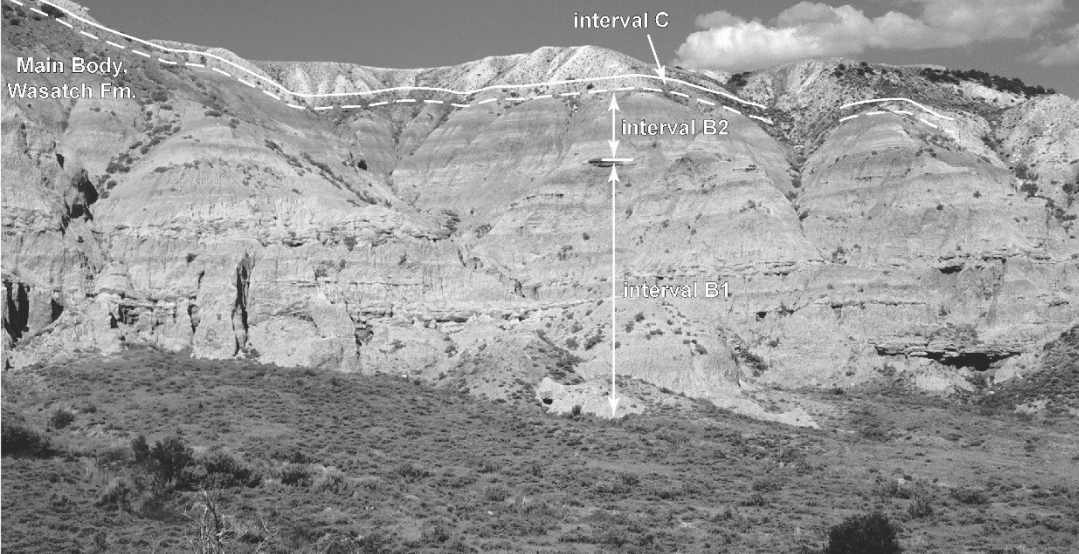


The earliest known [bats](#) ([Icaronycteris index](#) and [Onychonycteris finneyi](#)), already full-developed for flight,

A.

Fossil Butte Member,  
Green River Fm.

Main Body,  
Wasatch Fm.



B.



# nature



## FLIGHT FIRST

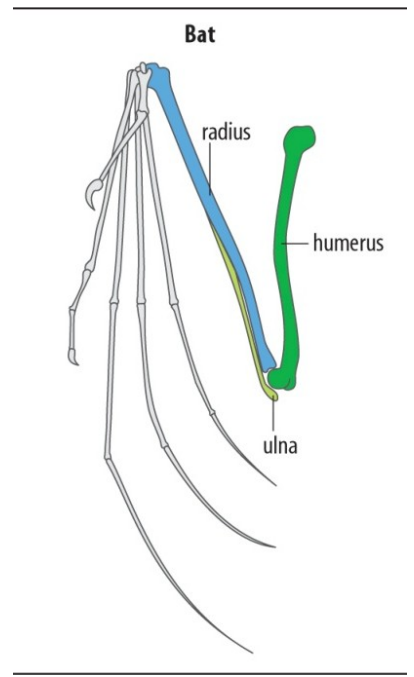
Solving the mysteries of bat evolution

**NANODEVICES**  
In search of power  
**REAL ECOSYSTEMS**  
It's chaos out there  
**SPEED DATING**  
The rules of the game

**TECHNOLOGY FEATURE**  
Stem-cell culture

## *Icaronycteris index*

Do nedávna najstarší známá fosilie, sp. Eocén.  
Už hotový netopýr, mj. malá redukce ulny

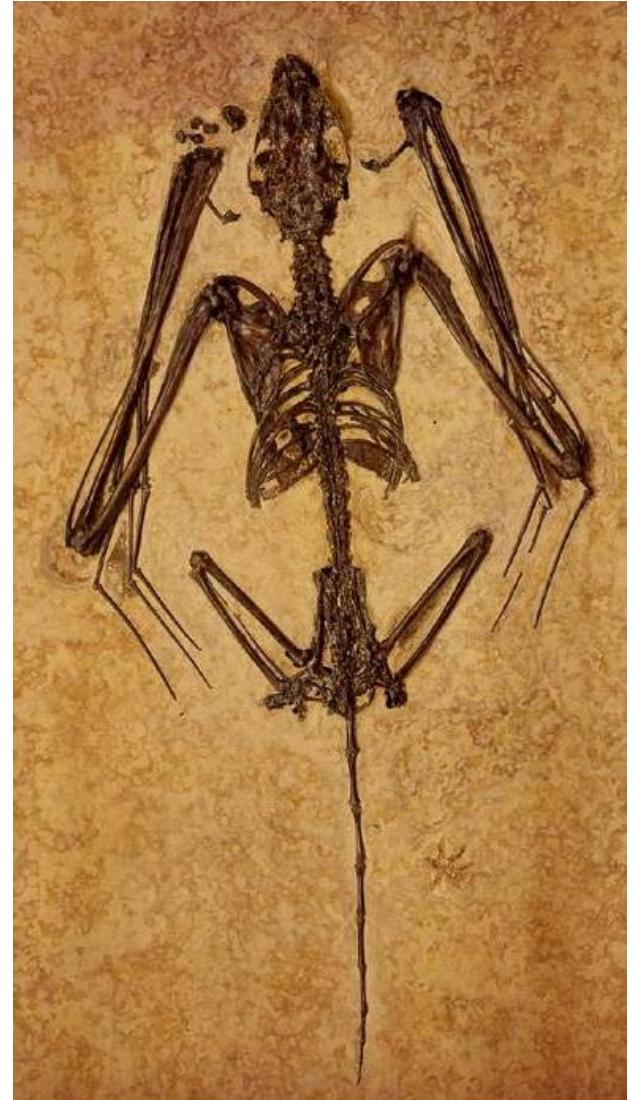


***Onychonycteris finneyi***



**Paratype (Private Collection)**

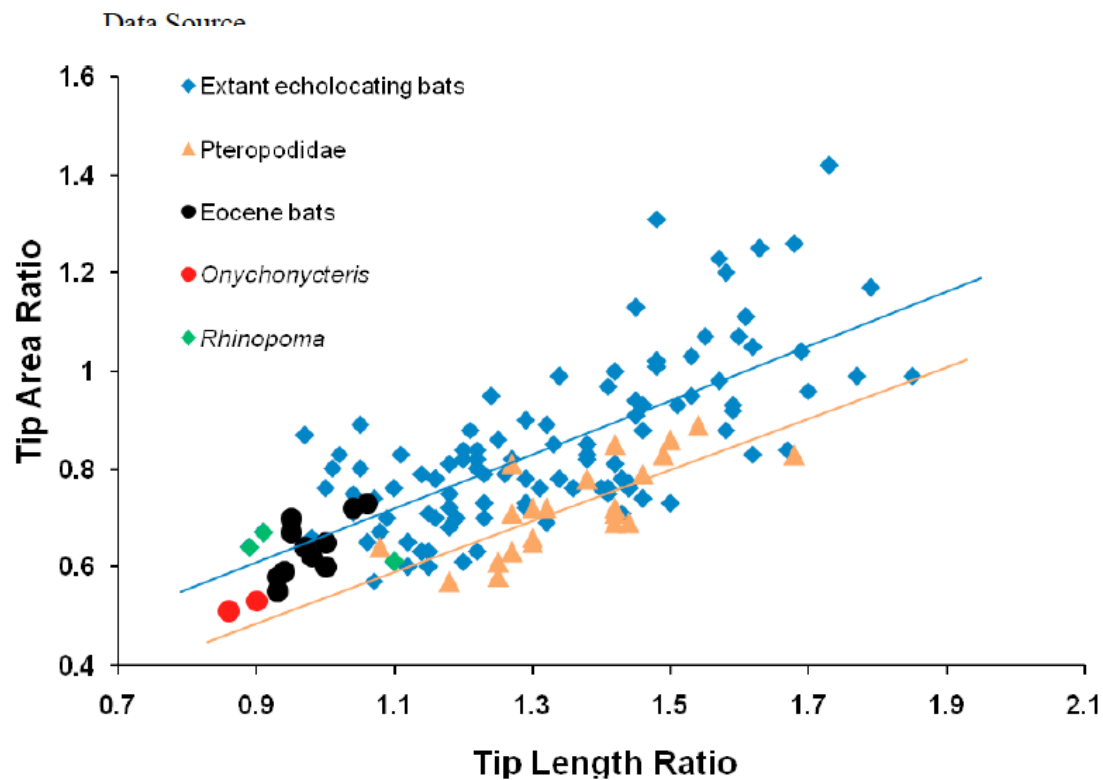
***Icaronycteris index***



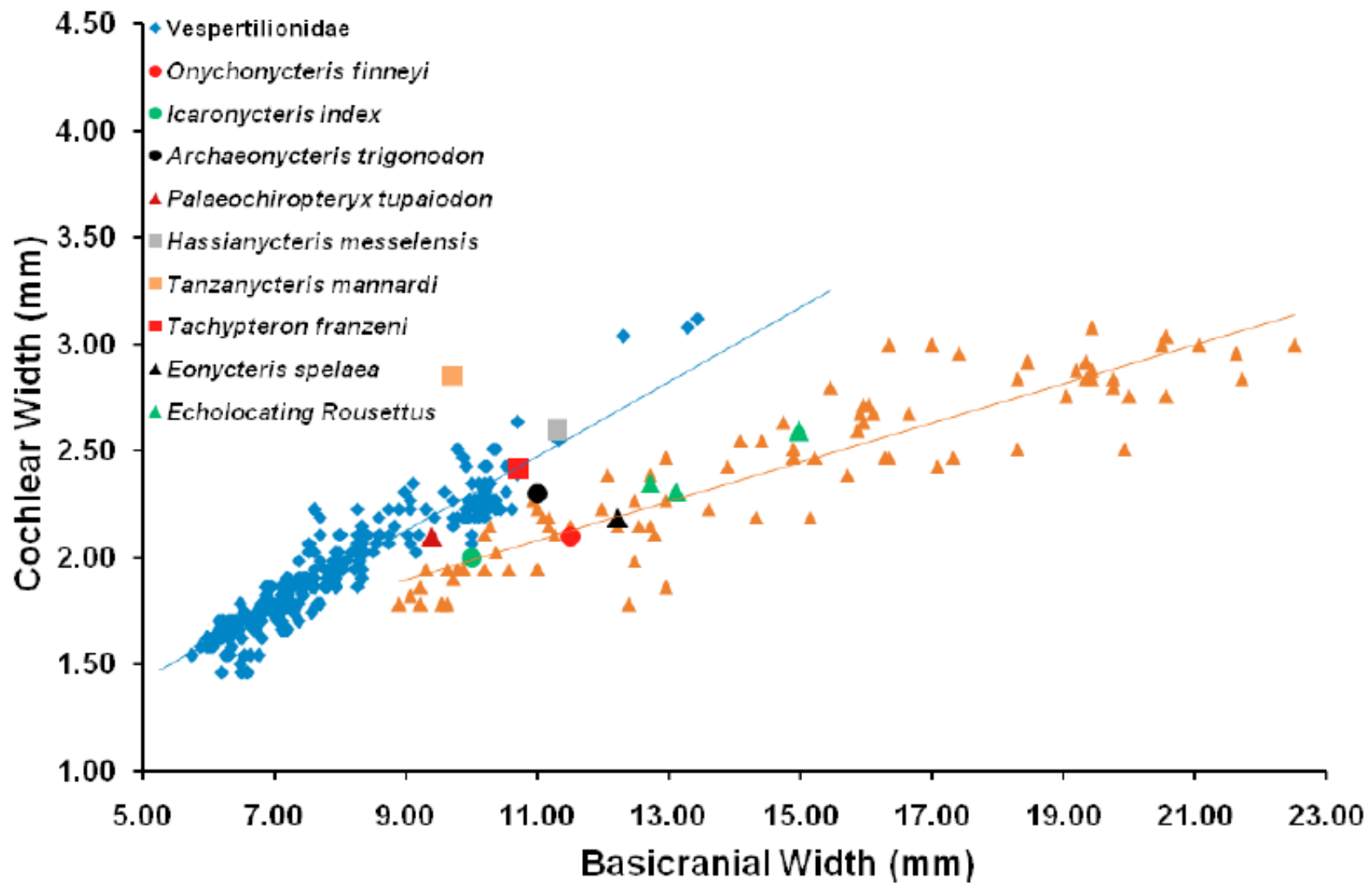
**Holotype (YPM-PU 18150)**

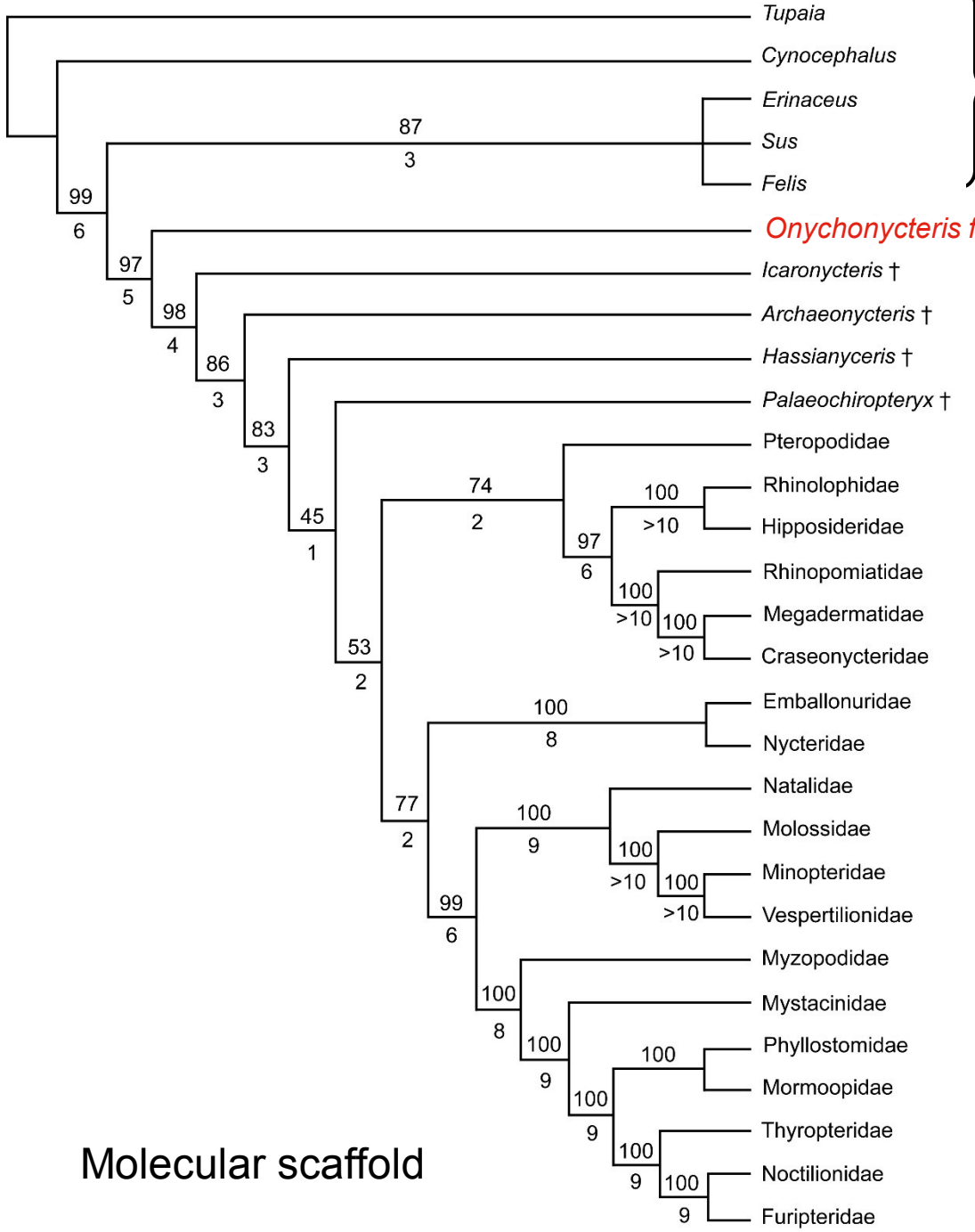


<u>Taxon</u>	<u>Aspect Ratio Index</u>
<i>Onychonycteris finneyi</i>	1.74
<i>Icaronycteris index</i>	1.97
<i>Archaeonycteris trigonodon</i>	1.87
<i>Palaeochiropteryx tupaiodon</i>	2.04
<i>Palaeochiropteryx spiegelii</i>	2.06
<i>Hassianycteris messelensis</i>	2.51
<i>Hassianycteris magna</i>	2.66
<i>Tachypteron franzeni</i>	2.75
Pteropodidae	2.16-2.21
Rhinopomatidae	2.11
Megadermatidae	2.19
Rhinolophidae	2.14
Emballonuridae	2.39
Nycteridae	2.00
Noctilionidae	2.53
Mormoopidae	2.22
Phyllostomidae	1.99-2.20



Široká a krátká křídla





Outgroups



Molecular scaffold



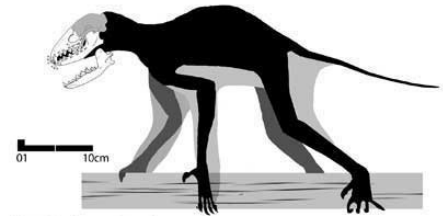
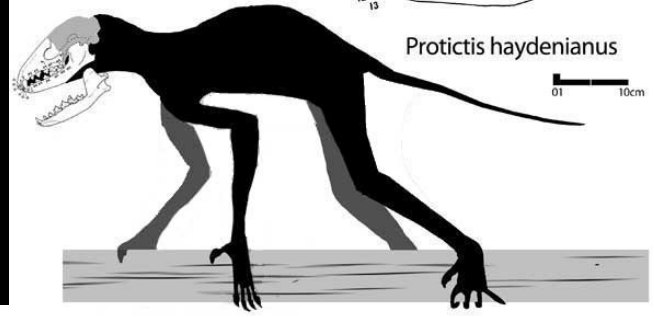
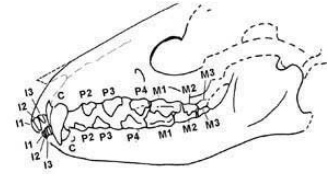
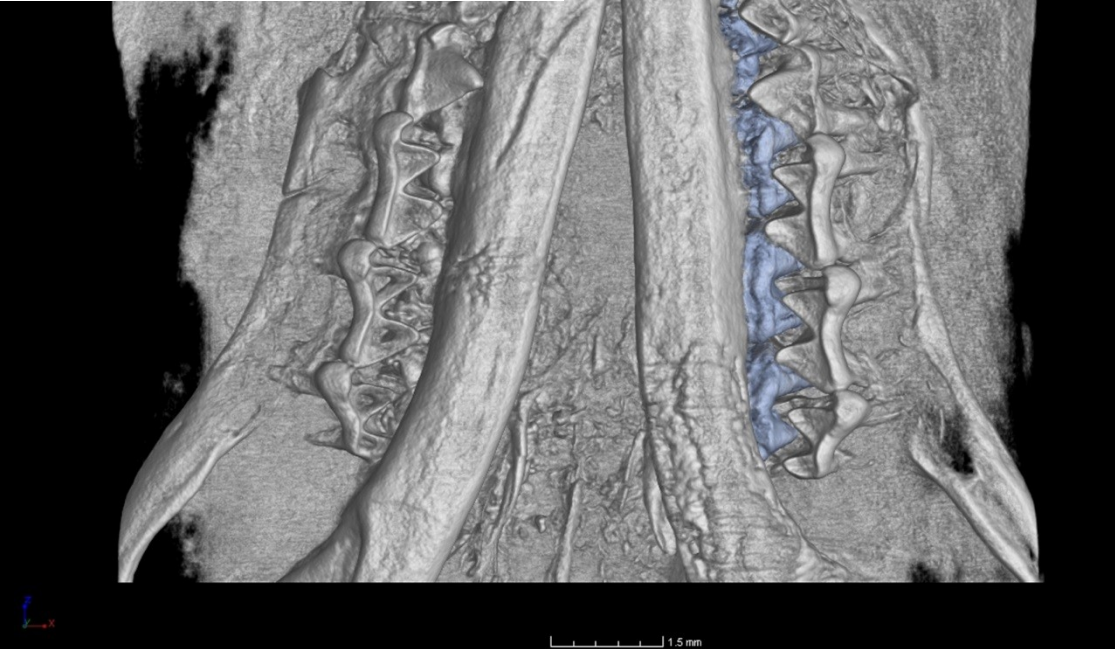
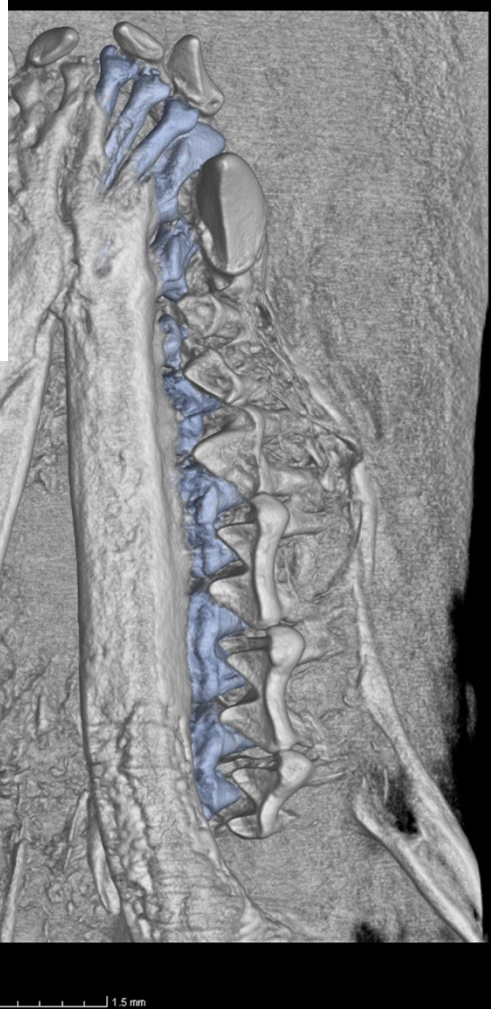
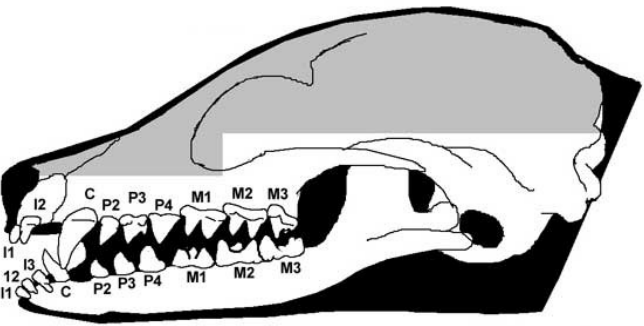
# *Onychonycteris* Dentition



**Paratype (Unaccessioned)**



**Holotype ROM 55351A)**

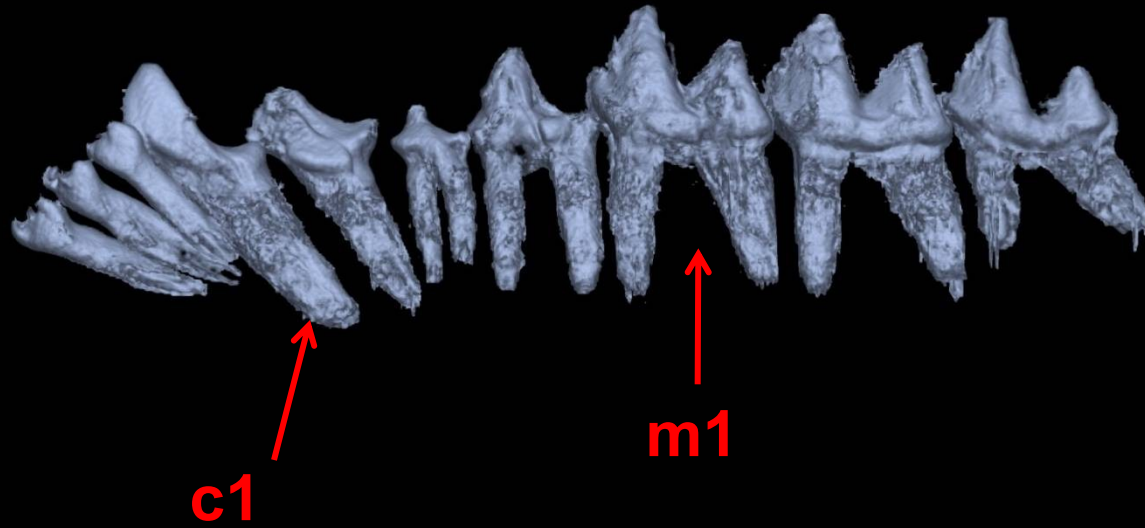


*Protictis microlestes*



*Protictis tenuis* 01 10cm

# Lower Dental Formula = 3.1.3.3



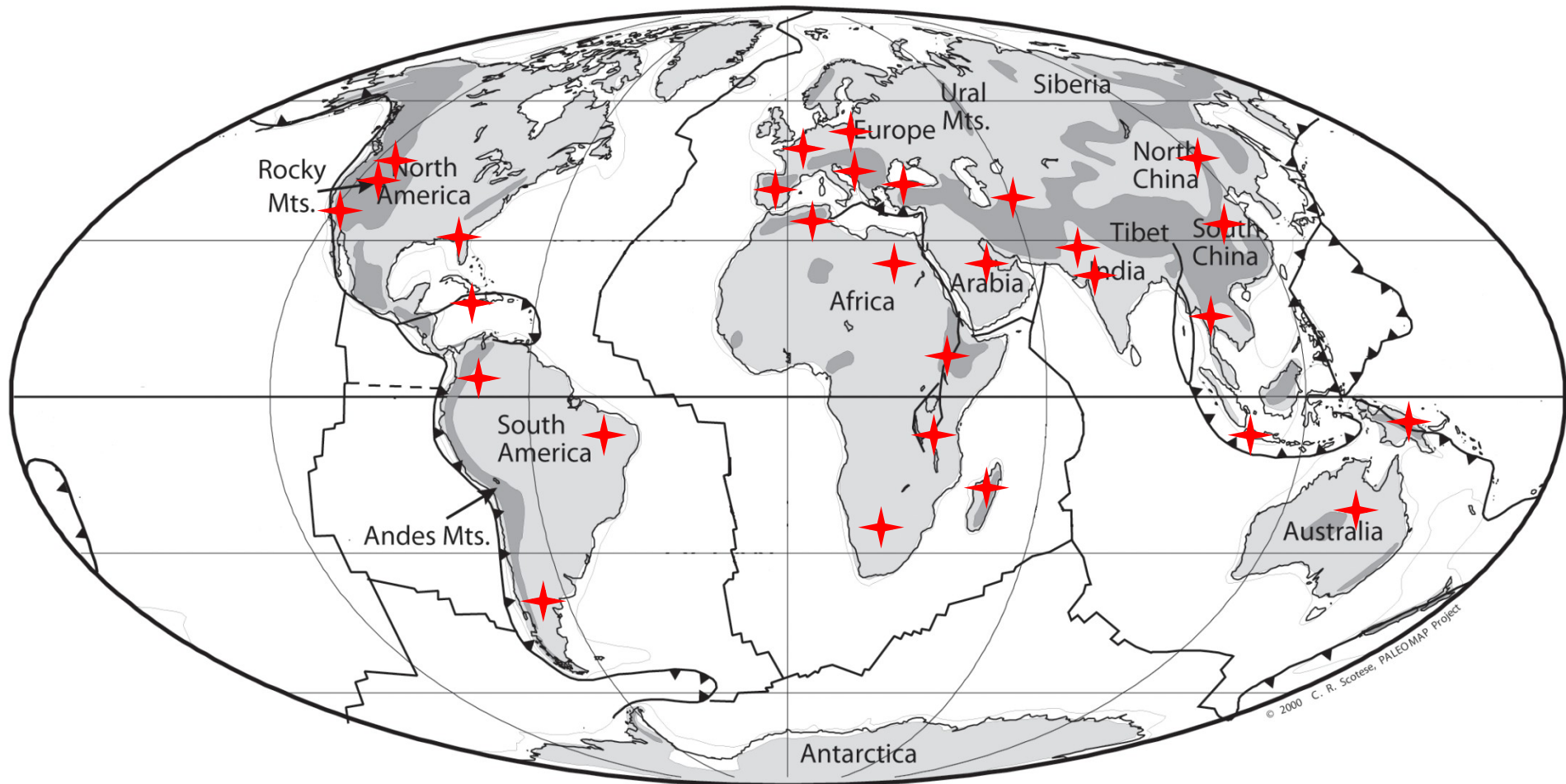
Observation 3.1.3.3  
100  
50  
0



Upper Dental Formula = 2.1.3.3



1.5 mm



# Létání: omezení tělesné velikosti

Letouni: 1.9 g - 1.5 kg

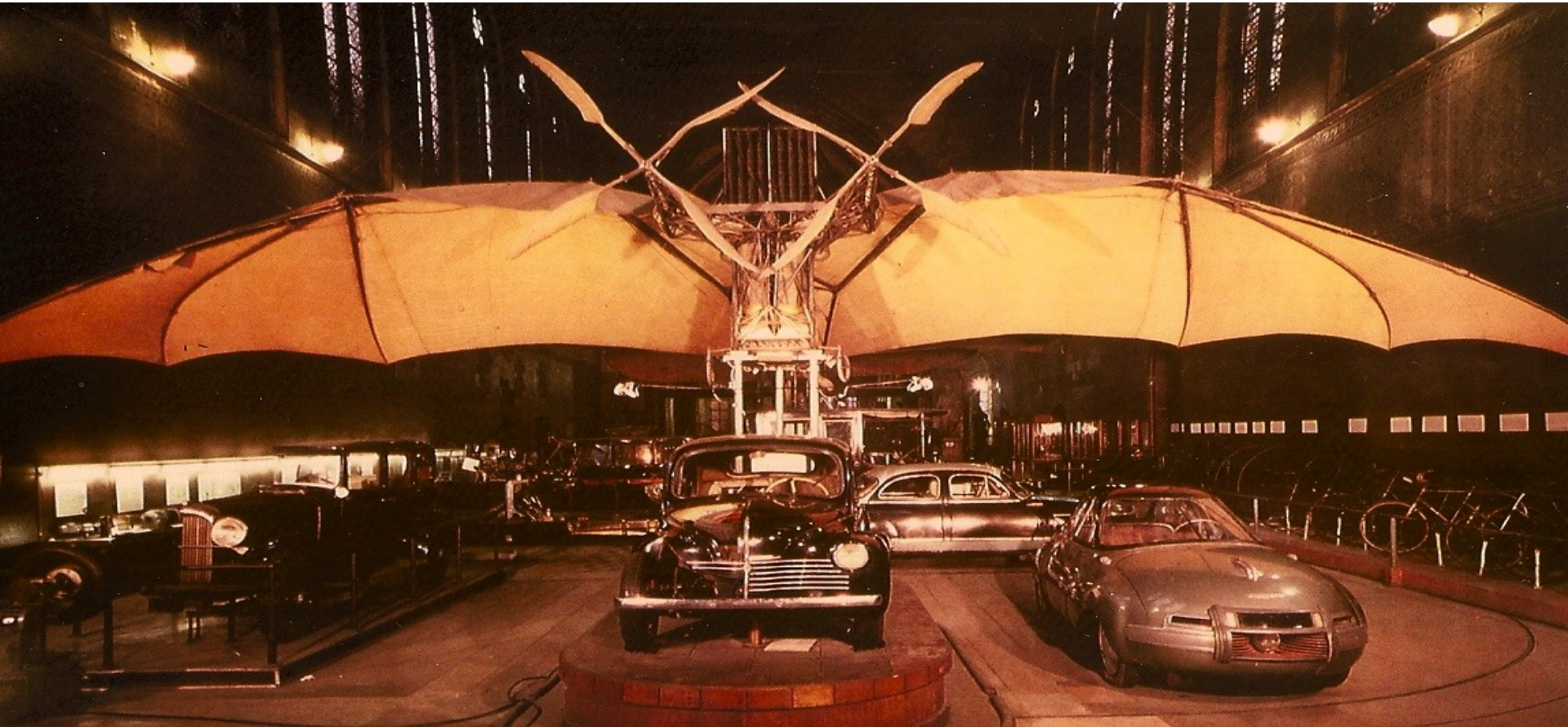
Ptáci: 1.5 g - 16 kg      **Hmyz: 0.01 -200 g**

Pterosauři 4 g - 100 kg



*Pteropus vampyrus*

... netopýr velikosti člověka



# Chiroptera – nejmenší genom mezi savci

- 1.63 pg in *Lophostoma carrikeri* to 3.17 pg in *Rhinopoma hardwickii*, averaging  $2.35 \text{ pg} \pm 0.02\text{SE}$ .
- Pteropodidae: variabilita velikosti genomu výrazně omezena

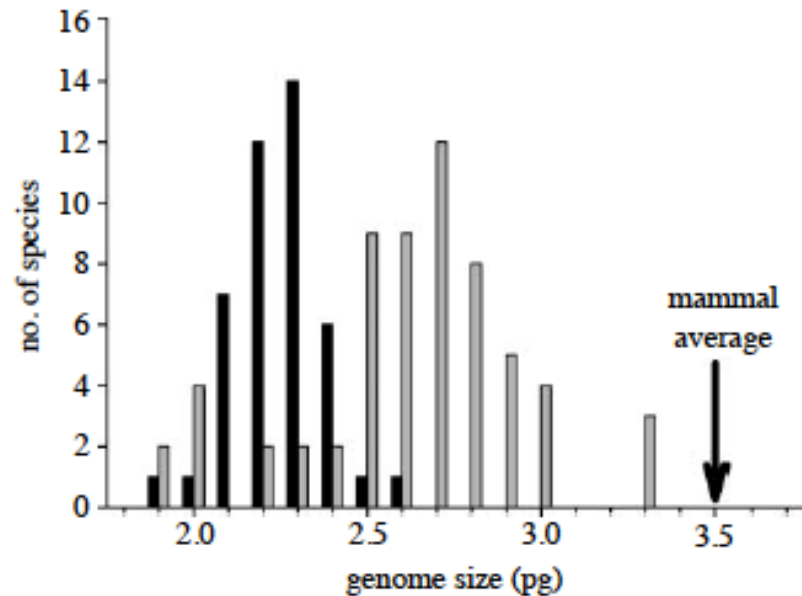
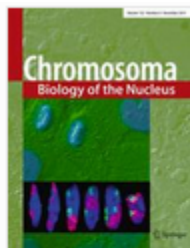


Figure 1. Summary of genome size diversity in 43 species of megabats of the family Pteropodidae (black bars, present study) and 62 species from six families of microbats (grey bars, Gregory 2009).






# The bat genome: GC-biased small chromosomes associated with reduction in genome size

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## Abstract

Bats are distinct from other mammals in their small genome size as well as their high metabolic rate, possibly related to flight ability. Although the genome sequence has been published in two species, the data lack cytogenetic information. In this study, the size and GC content of each chromosome are measured from the flow karyotype of the mouse-eared bat, *Muotis muotis* (MMY). The sm  
relative proportions of homologous segments between MMY and human differ among the MMY

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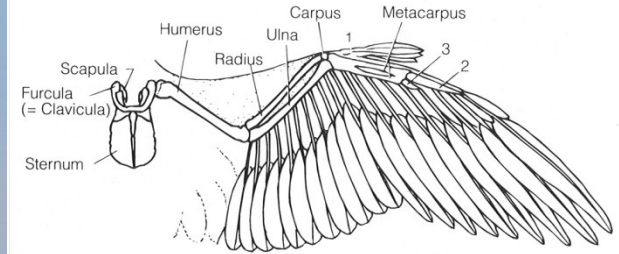
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# Letouni jsou výlučně noční

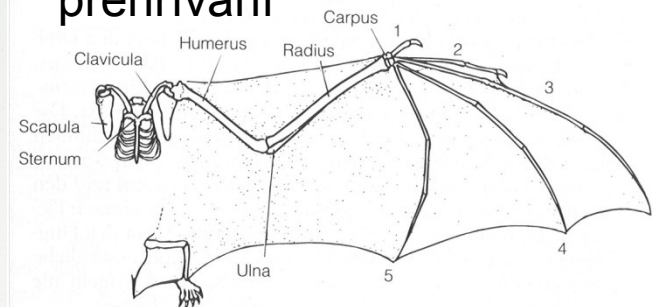
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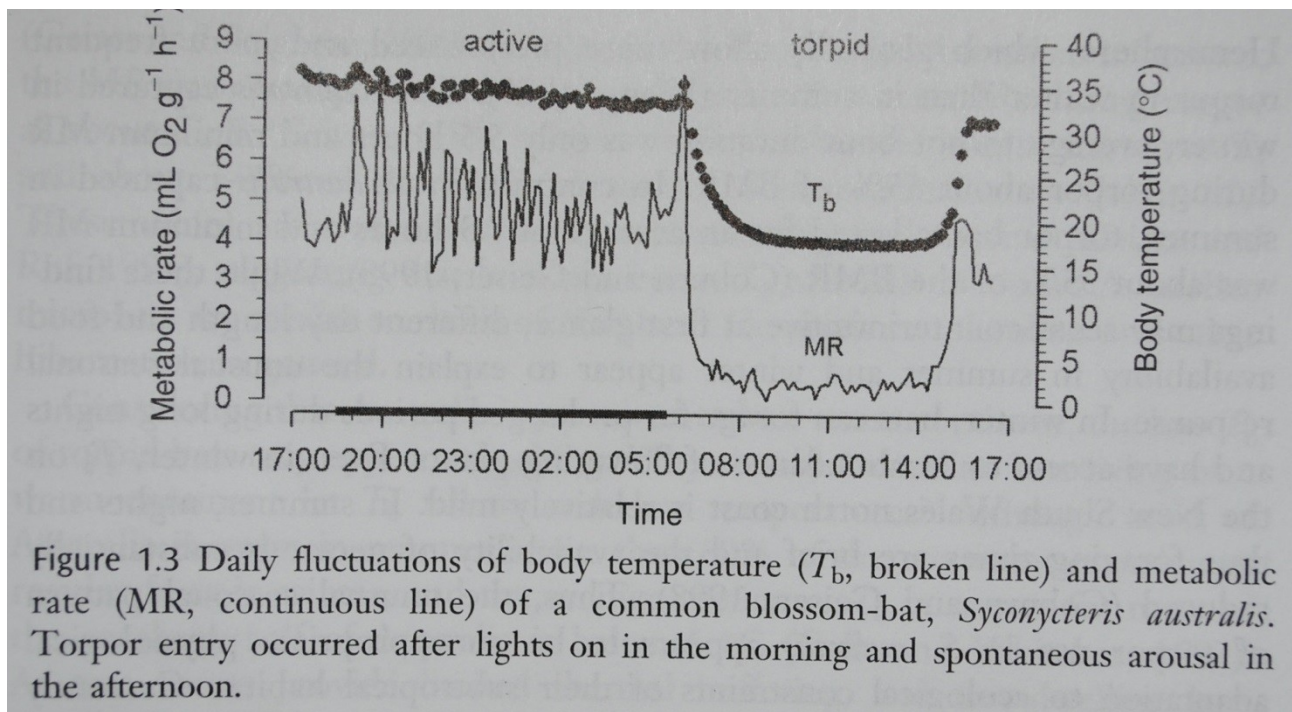


Peří – izolace proti přehřívání

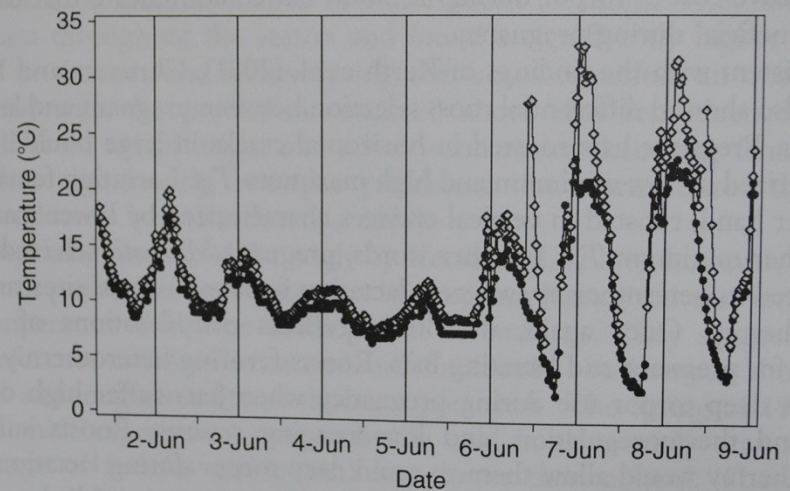
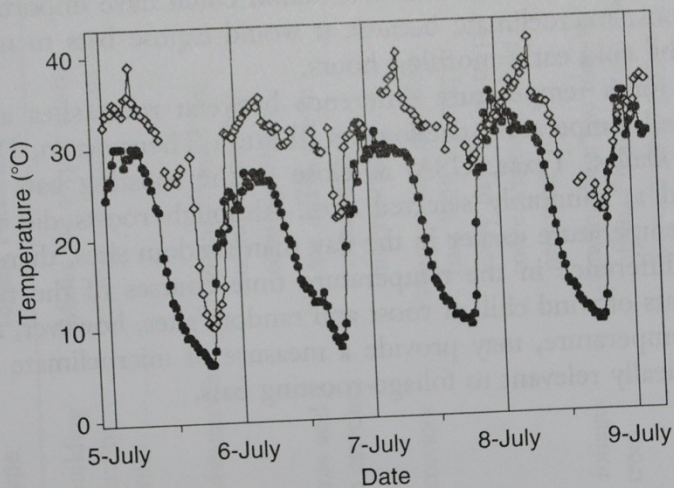


Velká plocha neizolovaného povrchu – riziko denního přehřívání



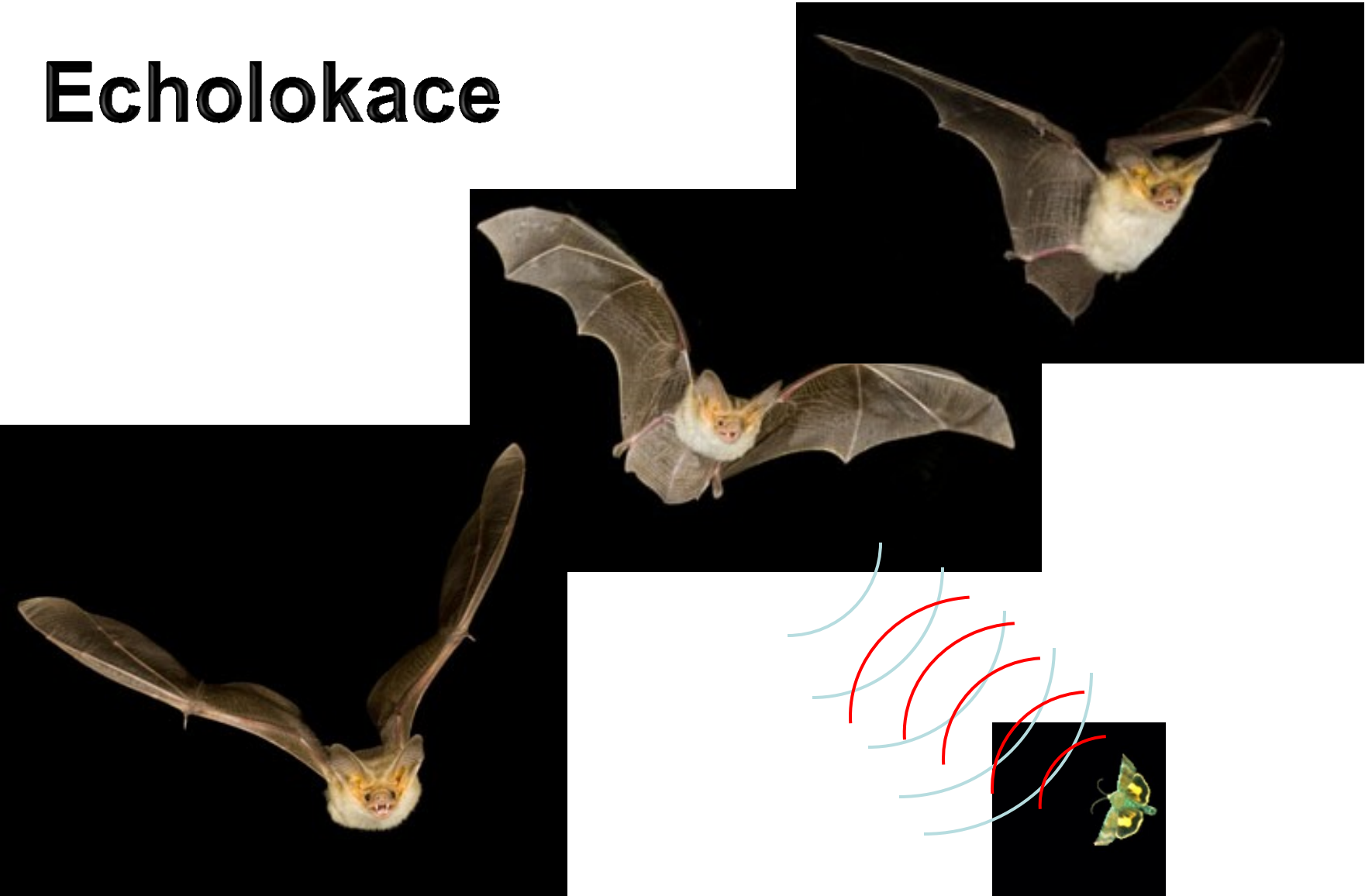


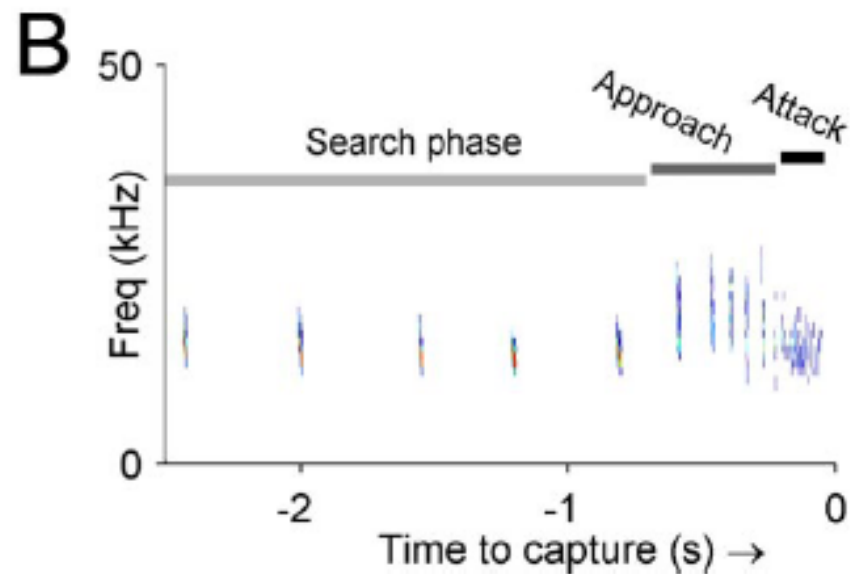
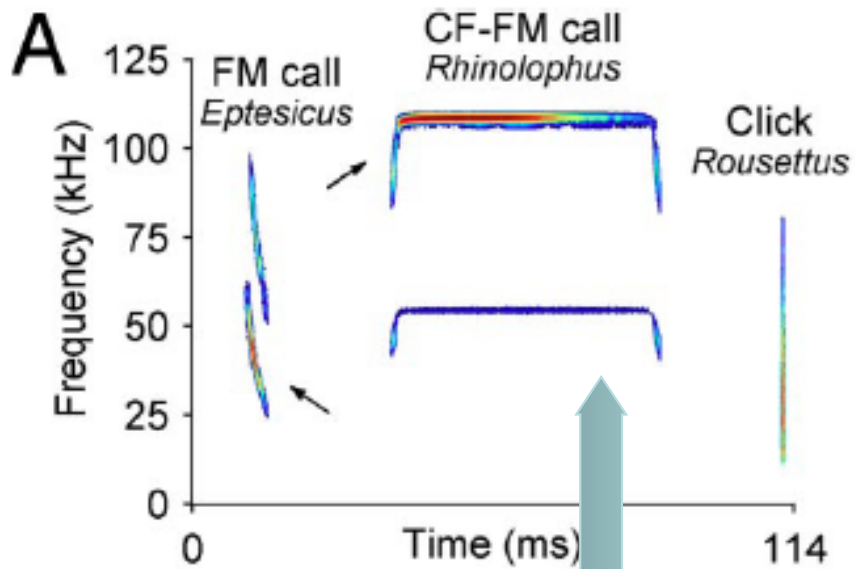
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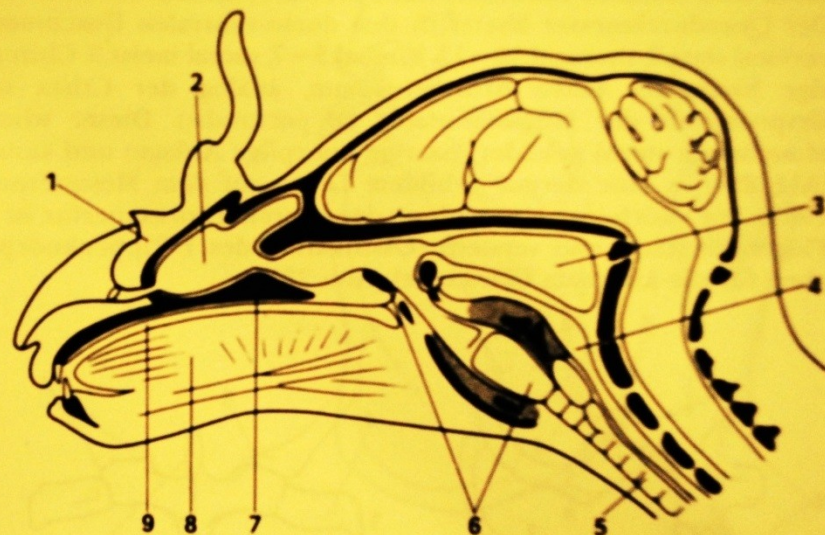
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# Echolokace



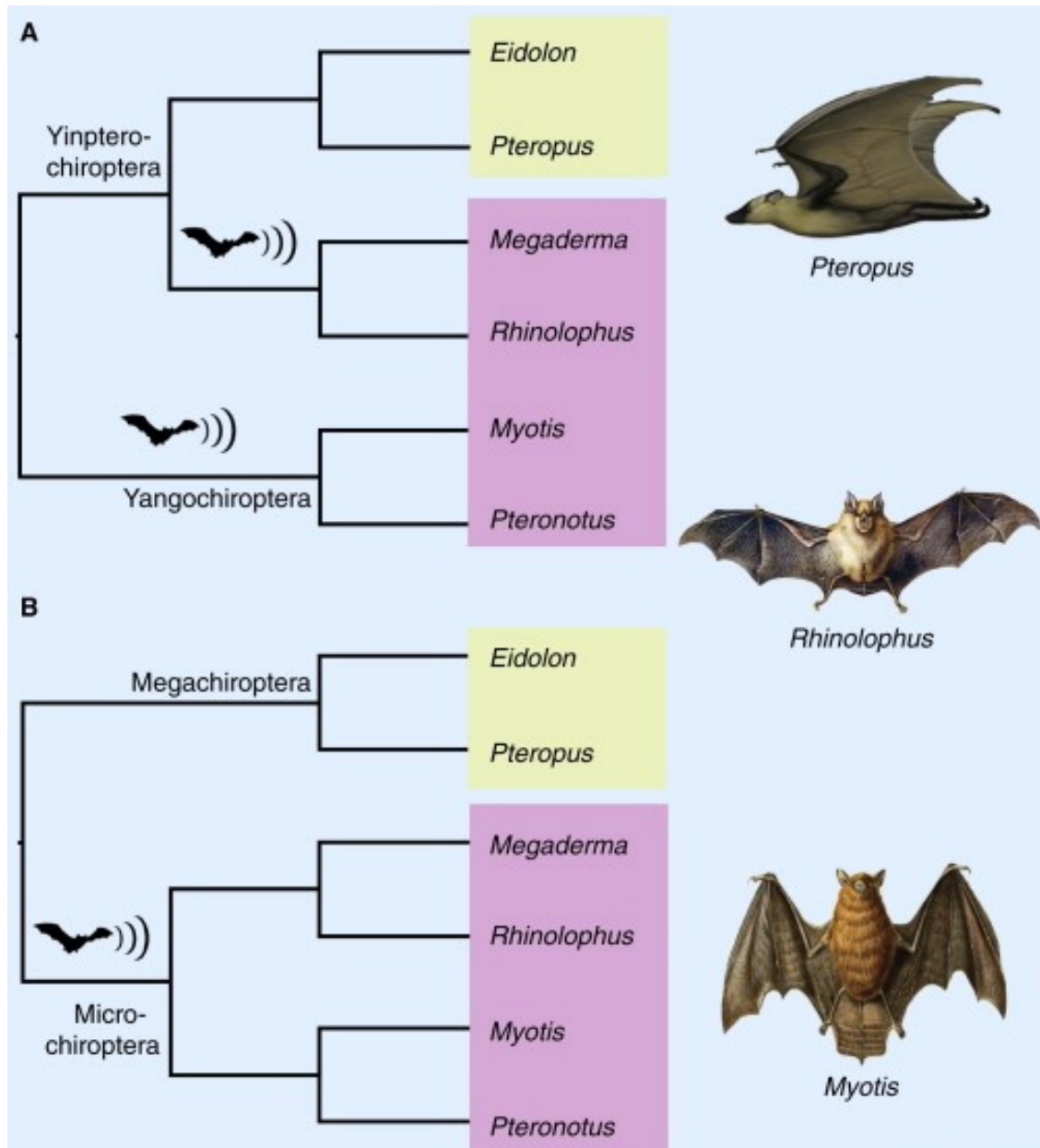


laryngeální echolokace  
tlamkou, nozdrami



**Abb. 230.** Parasagittalschnitt durch den Kopf einer Kleinen Hufeisennase, *Rhinolophus hipposideros* (Microchiroptera, Rhinolophidae). Nach MÖHRES 1952.  
1. Hufeisen, 2. Nasenhöhle, 3. Bursa pharyngica (Rec. pharyngis), 4. Oesophagus, 5. Trachea, 6. Larynx, 7. Gaumen, 8. Zunge, 9. Mundhöhle.

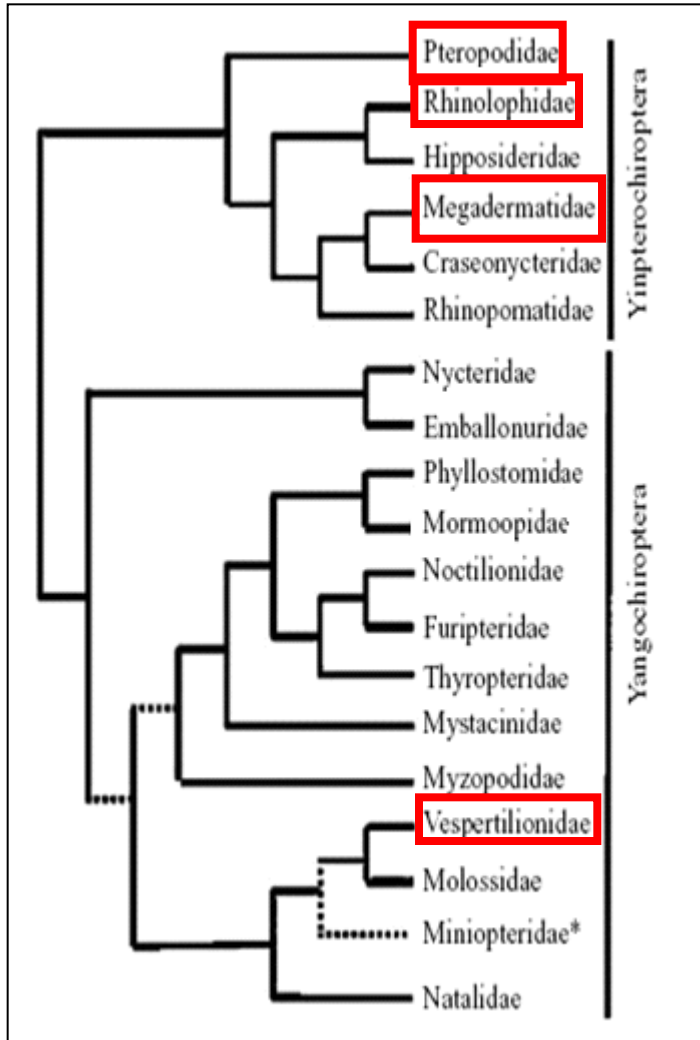
# Otázka vzniku echolokace



echolokační gen FOXP2 – velmi variabilní (vocal learning gen u člověka a ptáků)



konvergentní evoluce mezi vrápenci, pvrápenci a kytovci (Odontoceti)



Megadermatidae (Old World false vampire bats)



Photo by G. Jones



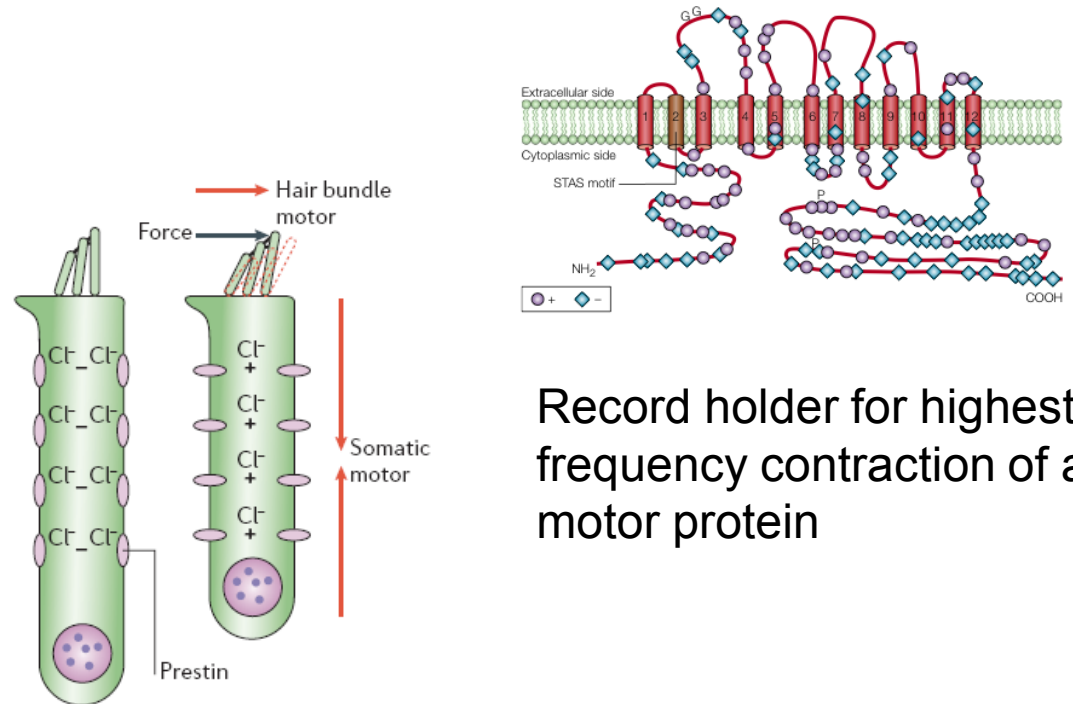
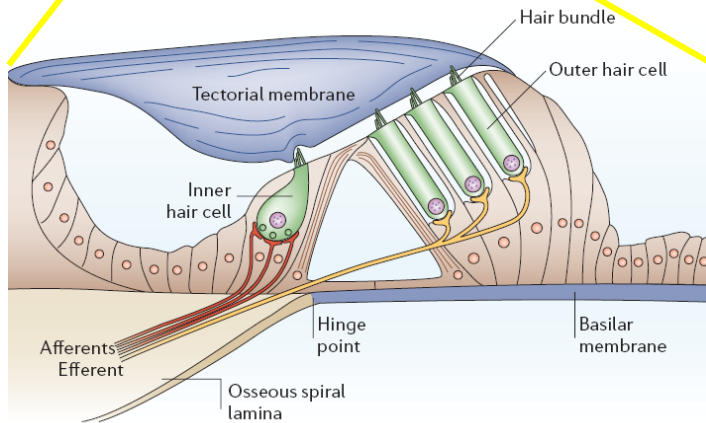
# Prestin is the motor protein of cochlear outer hair cells

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The outer and inner hair cells of the mammalian cochlea perform different functions. In response to changes in membrane potential, the cylindrical outer hair cell rapidly alters its length and stiffness. These mechanical changes, driven by putative molecular motors, are assumed to produce amplification of vibrations in the cochlea that are transduced by inner hair cells. Here we have identified an abundant complementary DNA from a gene, designated *Prestin*, which is specifically expressed in outer hair cells. Regions of the encoded protein show moderate sequence similarity to pendrin and related sulphate/anion transport proteins. Voltage-induced shape changes can be elicited in cultured human kidney cells that express prestin. The mechanical response of outer hair cells to voltage change is accompanied by a 'gating current', which is manifested as nonlinear capacitance. We also demonstrate this nonlinear capacitance in transfected kidney cells. We conclude that prestin is the motor protein of the cochlear outer hair cell.



Record holder for highest frequency contraction of a motor protein

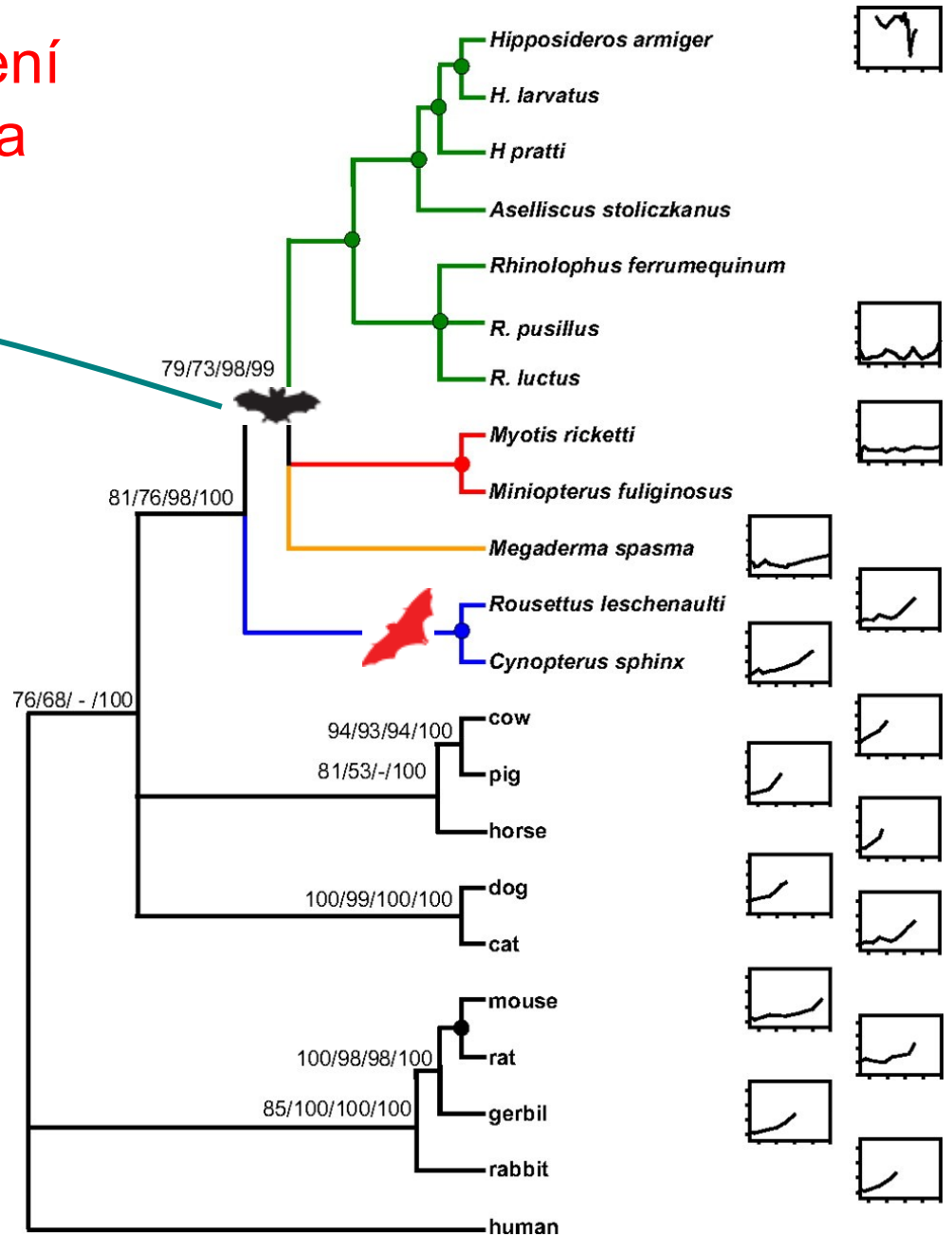
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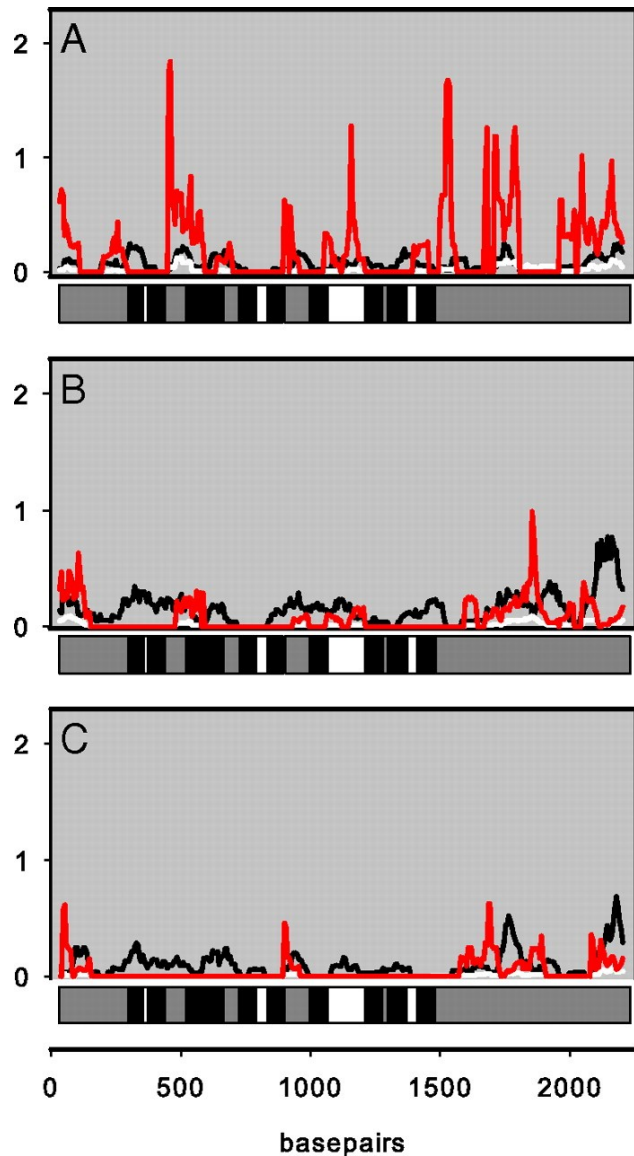
# Prestin! – bazální rozdělení na Mega a Microchiroptera

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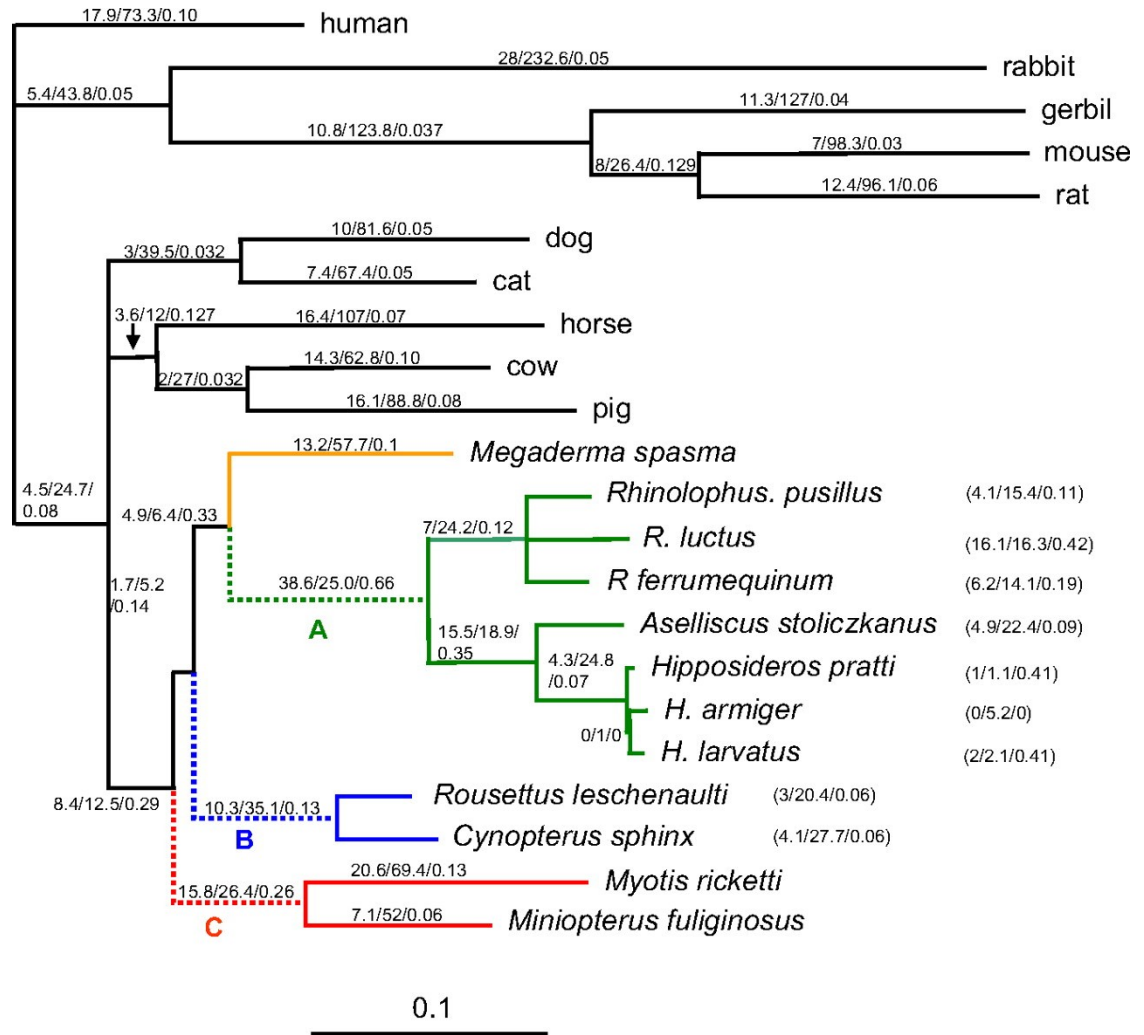
**Prestin** kodující gen u 22 savců, genetický strom stejný i u kytovců



dN/dS (red) along the ancestral branches of CF bats (A), Old World fruit bats (B) and Yangochiroptera (C)



## Constrained species tree



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# From the ultrasonic to the infrared: molecular evolution and the sensory biology of bats





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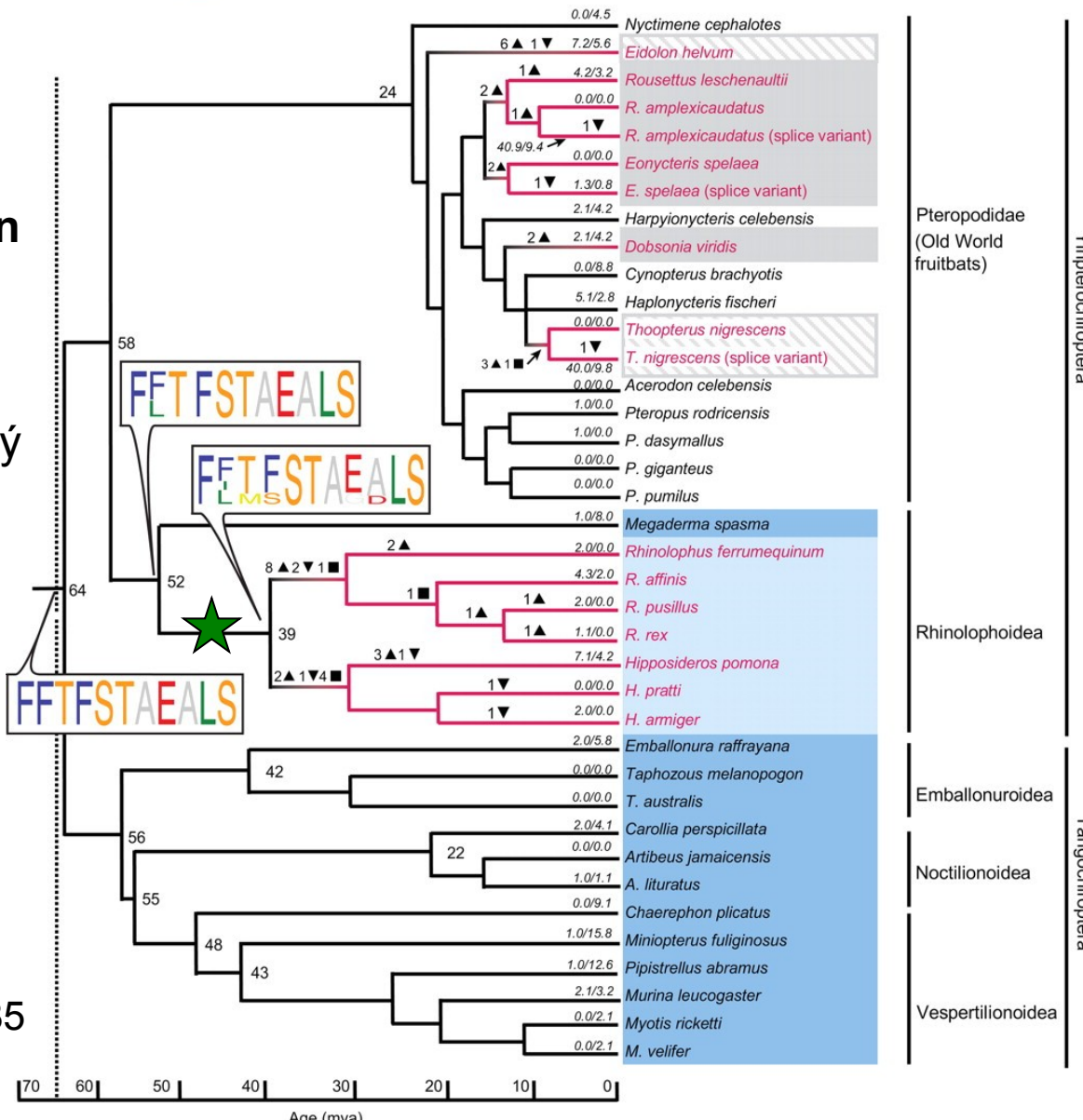
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geny kódující rhodopsin a opsin (citlivý na dlouhé vlny) fungují u netopýřů

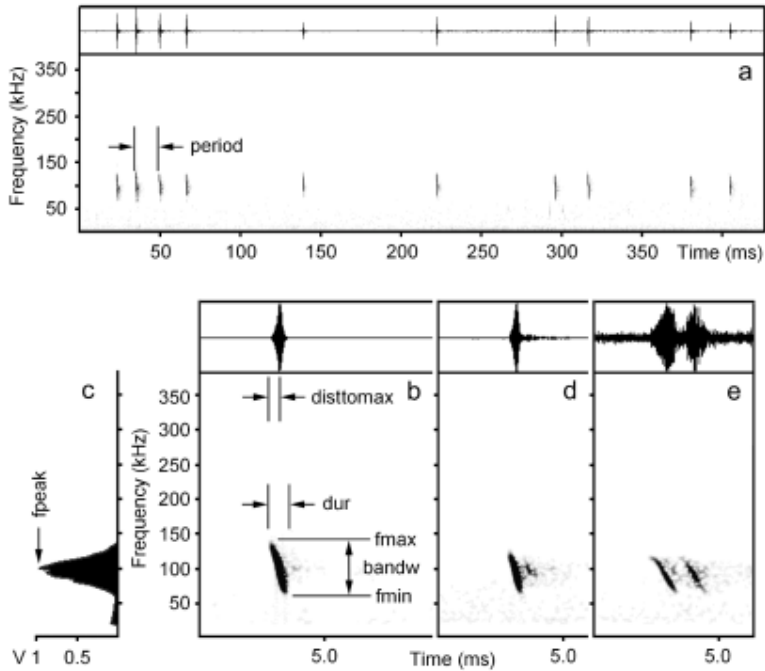
Ale..ty geny co kódují opsin citlivý na **krátké vlny** je u rhinolophoidních netopýřů (vysokofrekvenční echolokace) **nefunkční**

trade-off mezi zrakem a sluchem

-  Roosts in caves or trees (*Eidolon*) or roosting ecology not known (*Thoopterus*)
  -  Roosts in trees
  -  Low-duty-cycle echolocation
  -  High-duty-cycle echolocation
- Fruit bat roosting ecology
- Mode of laryngeal echolocation



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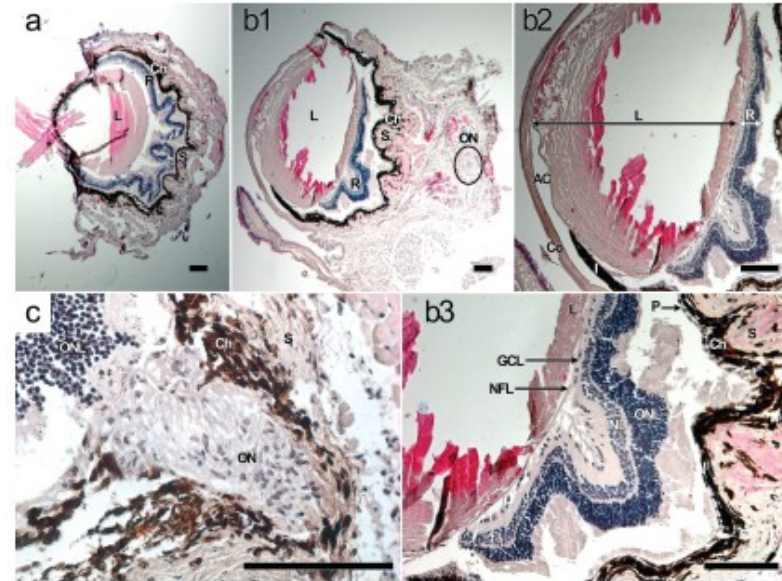
**Figure 2** The waveforms, spectrograms and power spectrum (c) representing acoustic patterns and acoustic variables measured from the vocal pulses of *Typhlomys chapensis*. (a) Natural sequence of pulses, of which the first 4 comprise a typical bout; period, the period between pulses. (b) and (c) A pulse without echo; fmax, the maximum fundamental frequency; fmin, the minimum fundamental frequency; bandw, the pulse bandwidth; dur, the pulse duration; distomax, the duration to the pulse maximum amplitude; fpeak, the peak frequency. (d) A pulse with weak echo. (e) A pulse with strong echo.

## A blind climber: The first evidence of ultrasonic echolocation in arboreal mammals

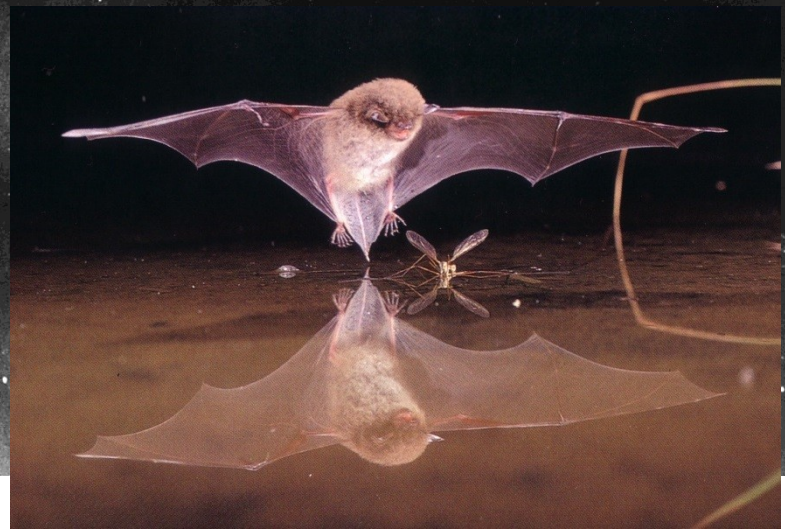
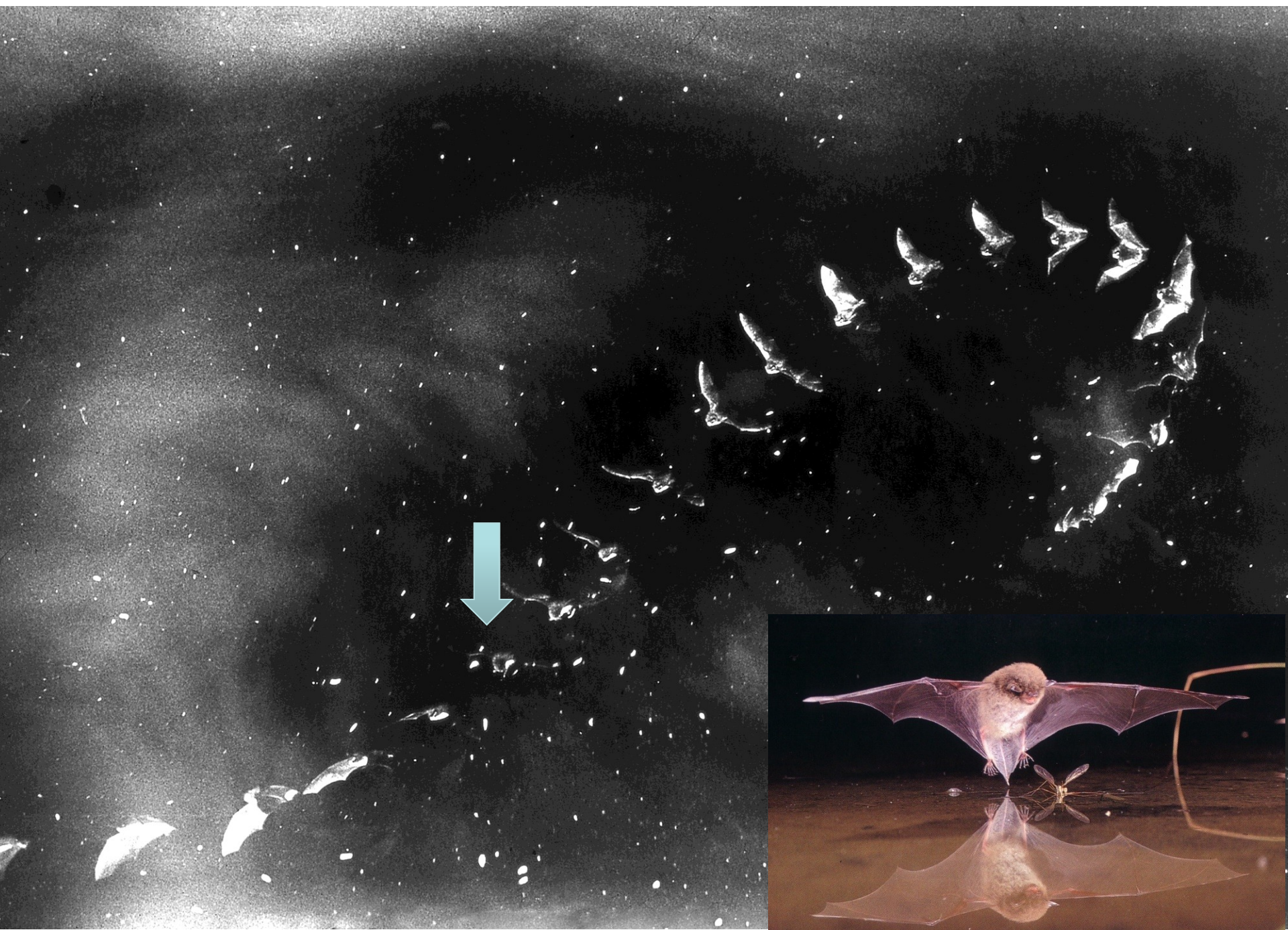
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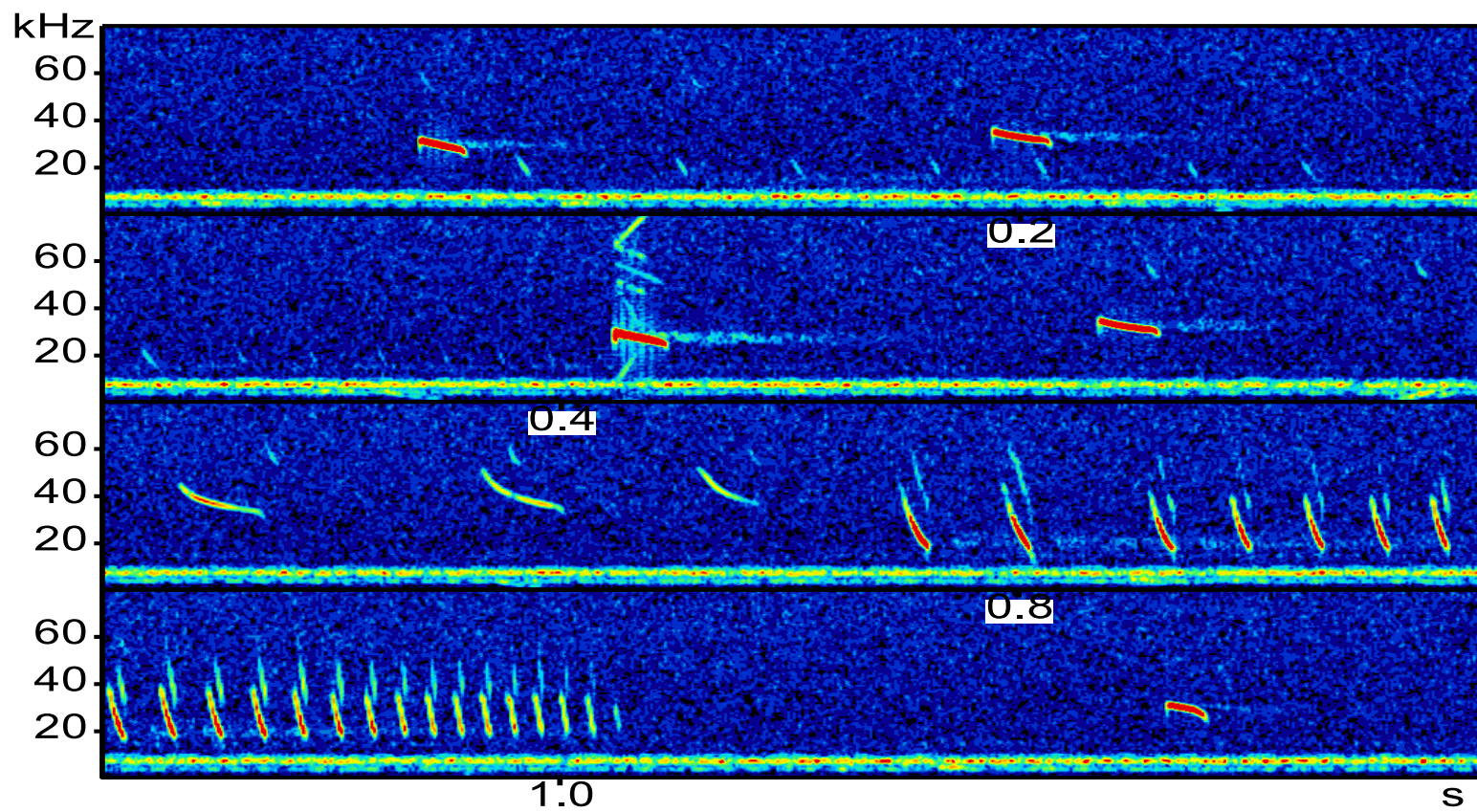
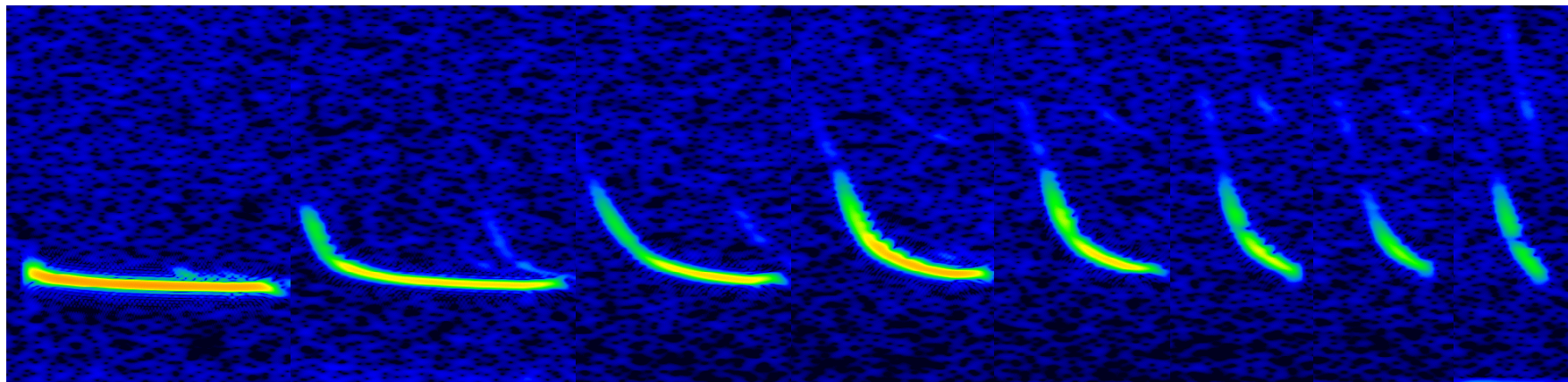
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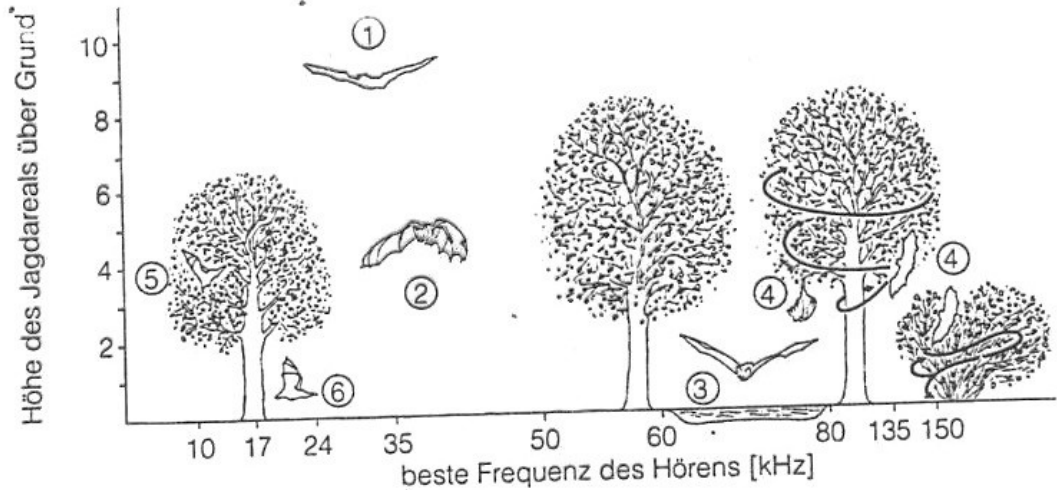
**Figure 3** Eye structure in *Typhlomys chapensis*. (a) Section parallel to the optic axis stained according to Mallory represents extensive folding of retina. (b) Section through the optic axis stained according to Mallory at different magnifications: (b1) general eye composition, (b2) close-up view of the retina and (b3) close-up view of the retinal fold. (c) Longitudinal section of the optic nerve at its exit out of retina stained with hematoxylin-eosin shows gliosis of the optic nerve. AC, anterior chamber; Ch, choroid; Co, cornea; GCL, ganglion cell layer; I, iris; INL, inner nuclear layer; L, lens; NFL, nerve fiber layer; ON, optic nerve; ONL, outer nuclear layer (rod nuclei); P, pigment epithelium; R, retina; S, sclera. Scale bars 0.1 mm.



**Figure 1** Vietnamese pygmy dormouse *Typhlomys chapensis*. Its reduced eyes are reflected in the generic name, which means “the blind mouse.”

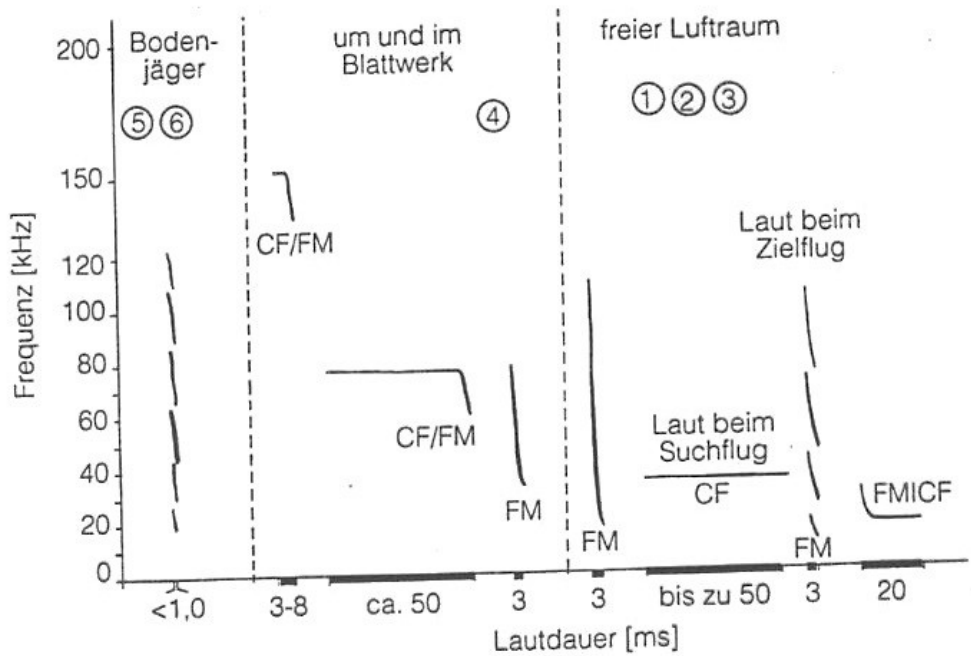




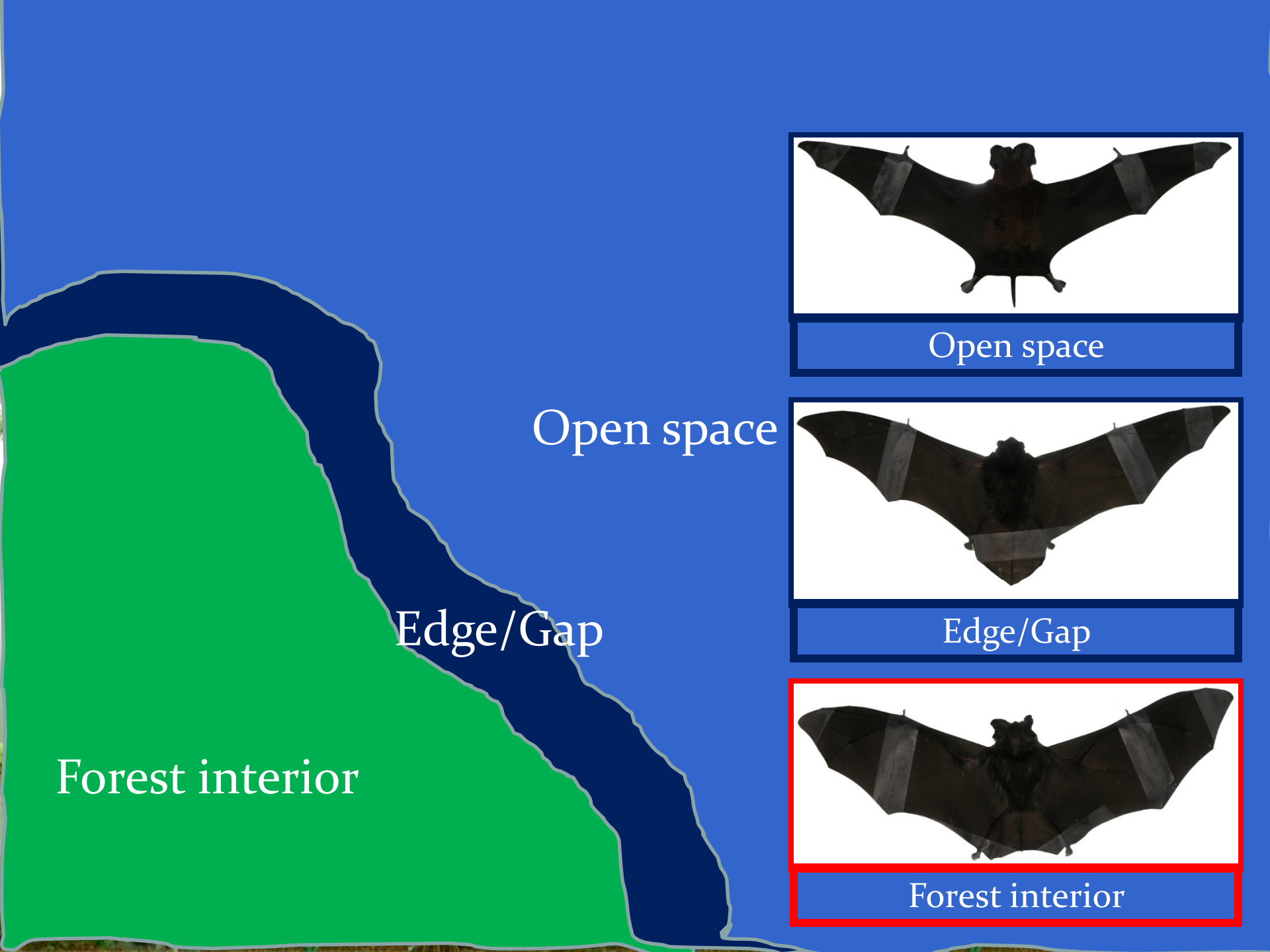


Vysoká frekvence – krátká vlnová délka: vysoká přesnost echolokační informace, ale krátký dosah

Nízké frekvence – dlouhé vlnové délky – rámcová informace, malé ztráty energie



Frequenz nejlepšího slyšení a frekvenční úprava echolokačních hlasů koreluje s loveckým prostředím a loveckou strategií



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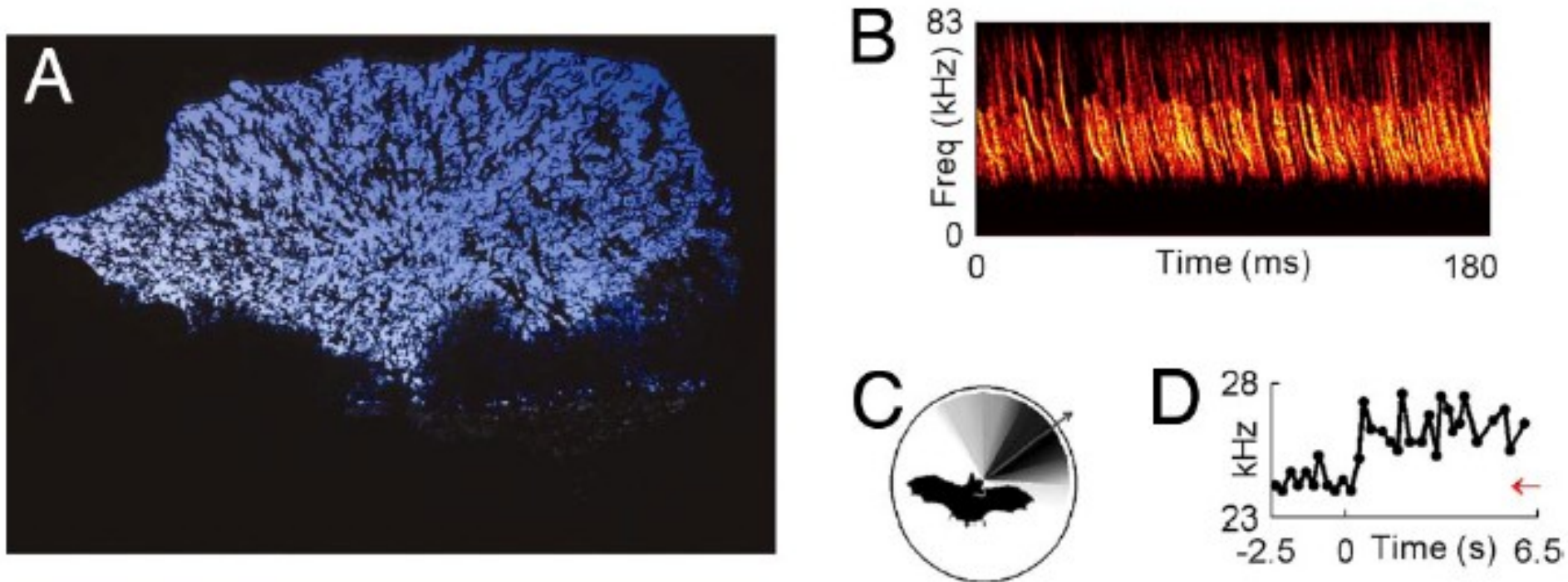


Edge/Gap



Forest interior





**Fig. 3.** The problem of auditory scene analysis in bats. (A) Millions of Brazilian free-tailed bats streaming out of Bracken Cave in Texas at dusk (photo courtesy of Merlin D. Tuttle, Bat Conservation International). (B) Spectrogram of calls produced by Brazilian free-tailed bats emerging from Ney Cave, another large bat colony in Texas. The extreme density of calls and echoes illustrates the problem of the “cocktail-party nightmare” (see *Difficult Problem no. 1*). Note that the average interval between calls of an individual bat in this species is  $\approx 200$  ms (ref. 64), longer than the 180 ms shown here (recording by E. Gillam). (C) The directional emission pattern of big brown bat: black color, high intensity of emissions; white, low intensity. Arrow shows the beam aim, direction of the sonar beam’s maximal intensity. Beam shape was measured by K. Ghose, using an array of 16 microphones. (D) Example of jamming avoidance response in a Brazilian free-tailed bat that was suddenly presented at  $t = 0$  with a sequence of echolocation calls at a frequency of 24.3 kHz (red arrow); in response to this stimulus, the bat rapidly shifted the frequency of its calls upward (black line) (data from experiment by E. Gillam (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), G. McCracken (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), and N.U. (64)).

Can pipistrelles, *Pipistrellus pipistrellus* (Schreber, 1774) and *Pipistrellus pygmaeus* (Leach, 1825), foraging in a group, change parameters of their signals?



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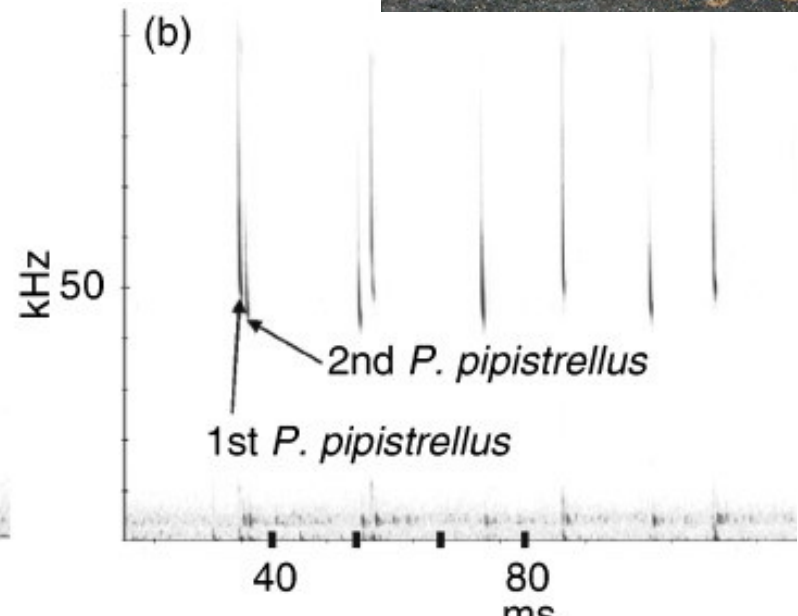
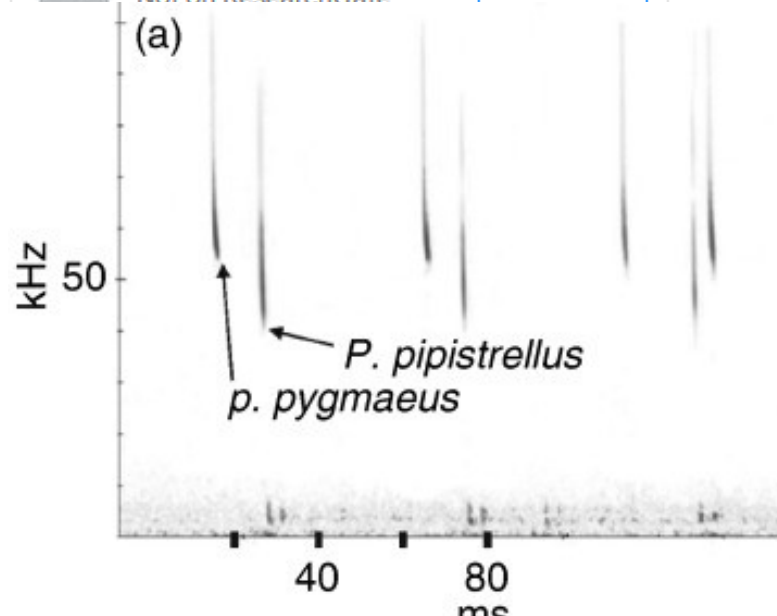


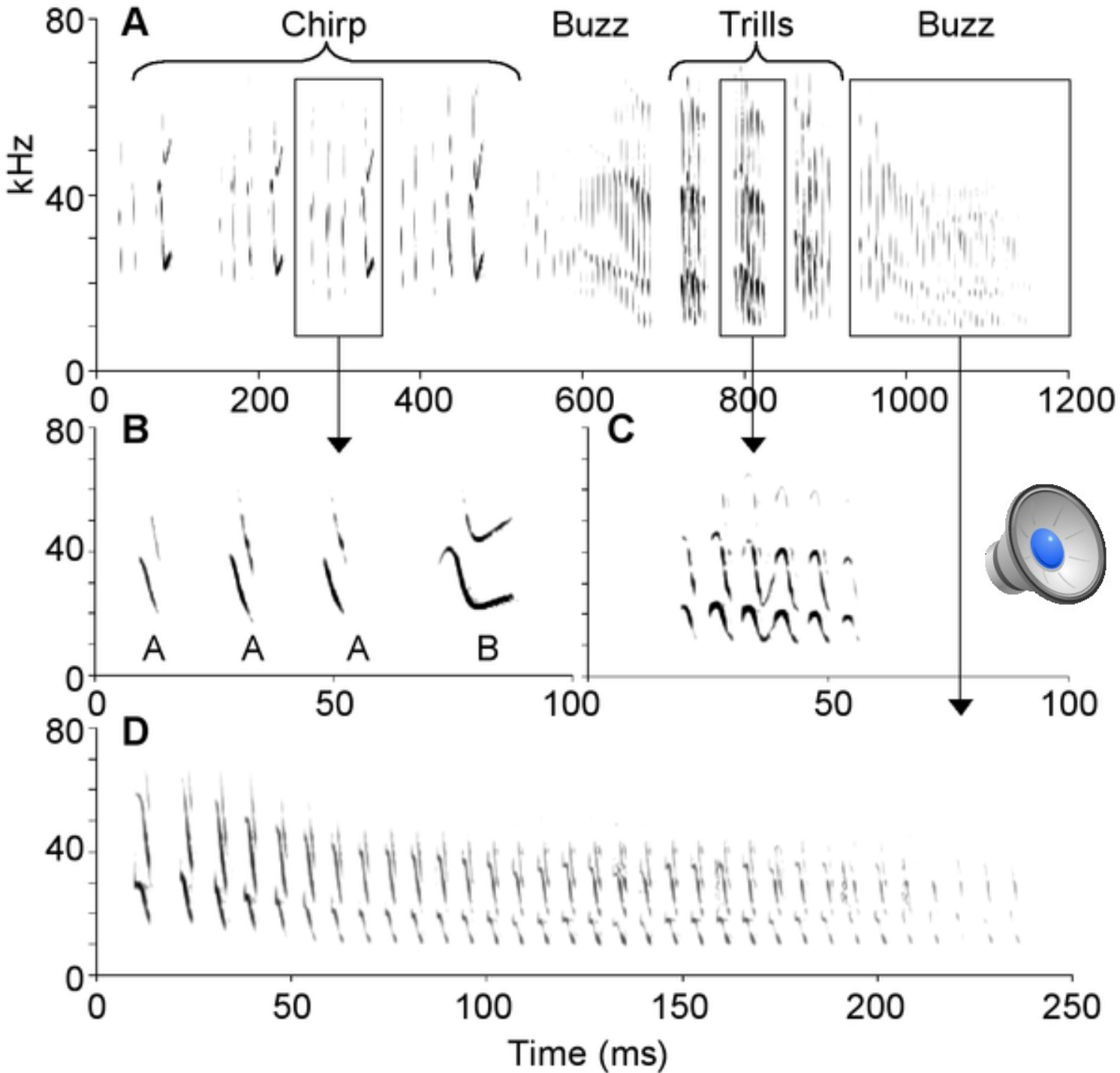
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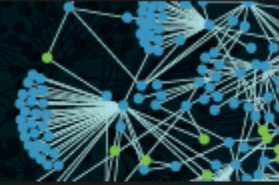




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# Acoustic mirrors as sensory traps for bats

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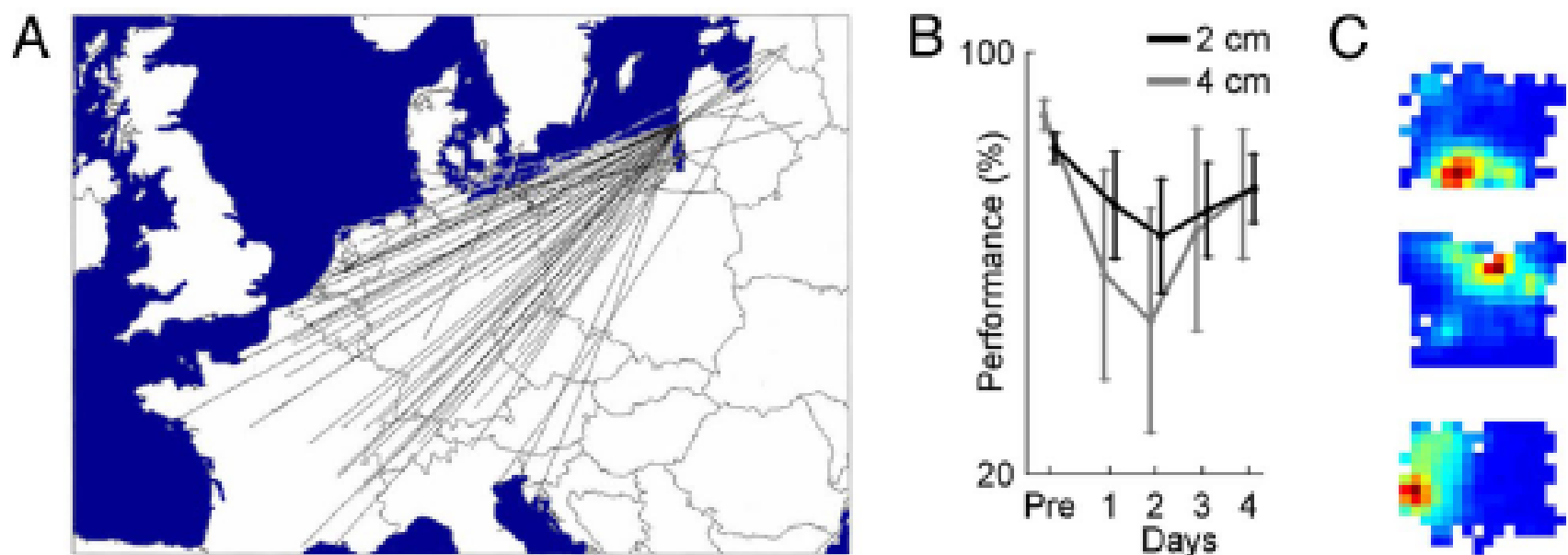
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**Fig. 5.** Spatial memory and navigation in echolocating bats. (A) Example of long-range migration by the bat *P. nathusii*. Straight lines correspond to individual bats that were banded in Eastern Europe and then recaptured as far as Croatia, Italy, and France (adapted with permission from ref. 54). (B) Spatial memory for 3D flight paths, on the centimeter scale: echolocating bats (*M. lyra*) were trained to fly through an array of wires, and two bats flew through the wires without touching them on >85% of trials ("pre"); when the wires were moved by 4 or even 2 cm, the bats showed a significant drop in performance on days 1–2, followed by slow recovery. Data were measured from ref. 100 and reanalyzed. Error bars, mean  $\pm$  SEM, computed over all wire-shift trials in these two bats. (C) Place fields of three "place cells," recorded from the hippocampus of big brown bats, a small bat species weighing  $\sim 15$  g, as the animal was crawling in a rectangular arena (103). Blue color, no spiking activity; red, maximum activity of the neuron (data recorded by N.U.).