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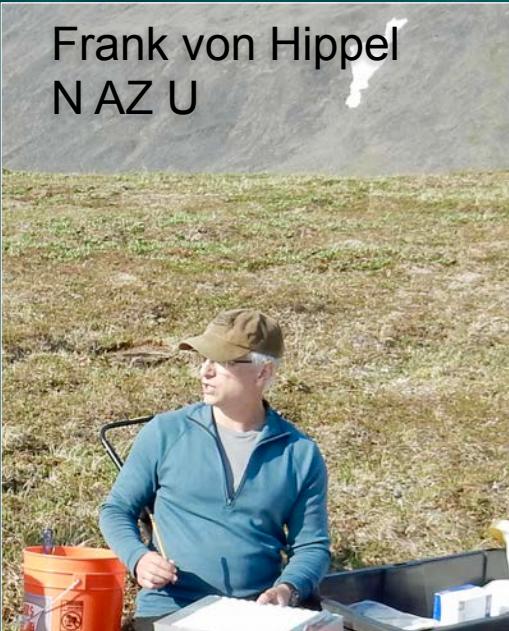
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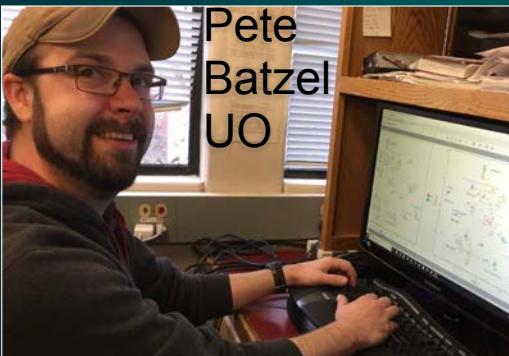
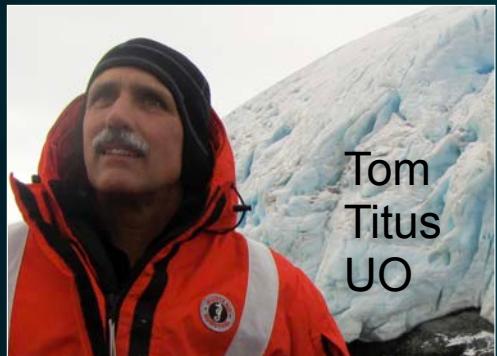
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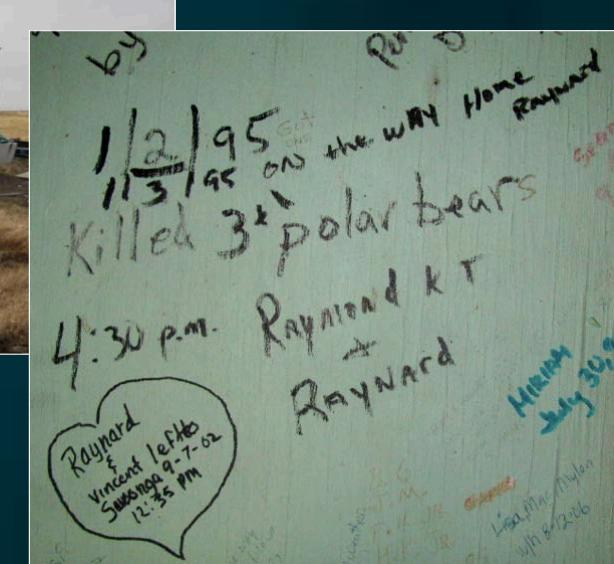
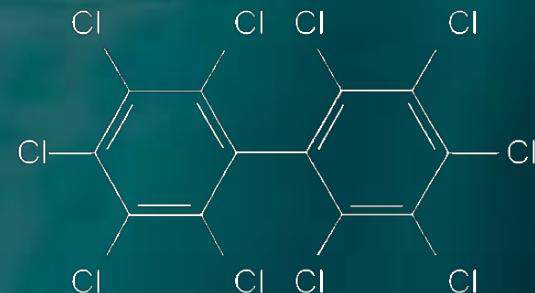


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## The problem:

People living a subsistence lifestyle in the Arctic are highly exposed to persistent organic pollutants.



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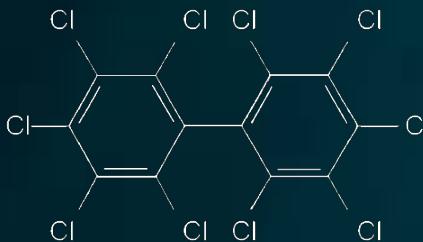
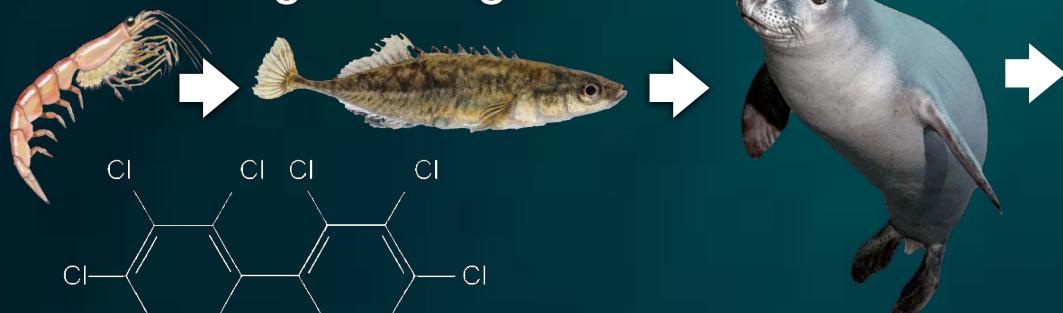
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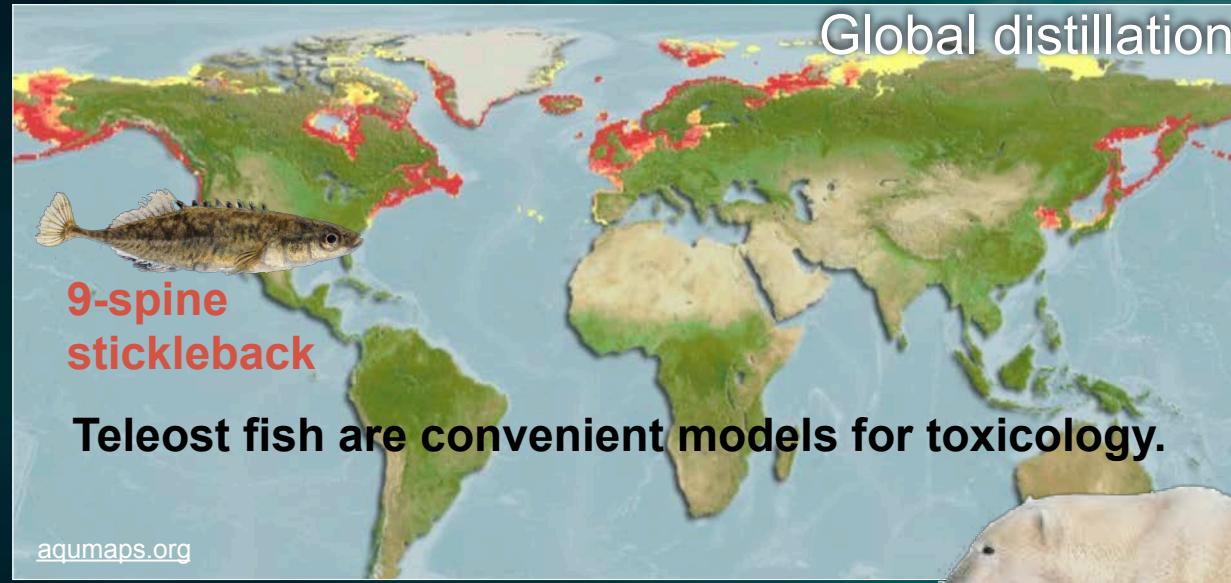
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## Biological magnification



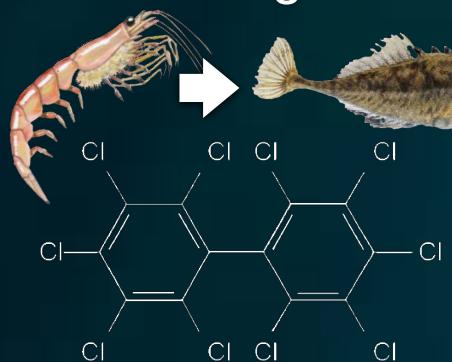
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Teleost fish are convenient models for toxicology.

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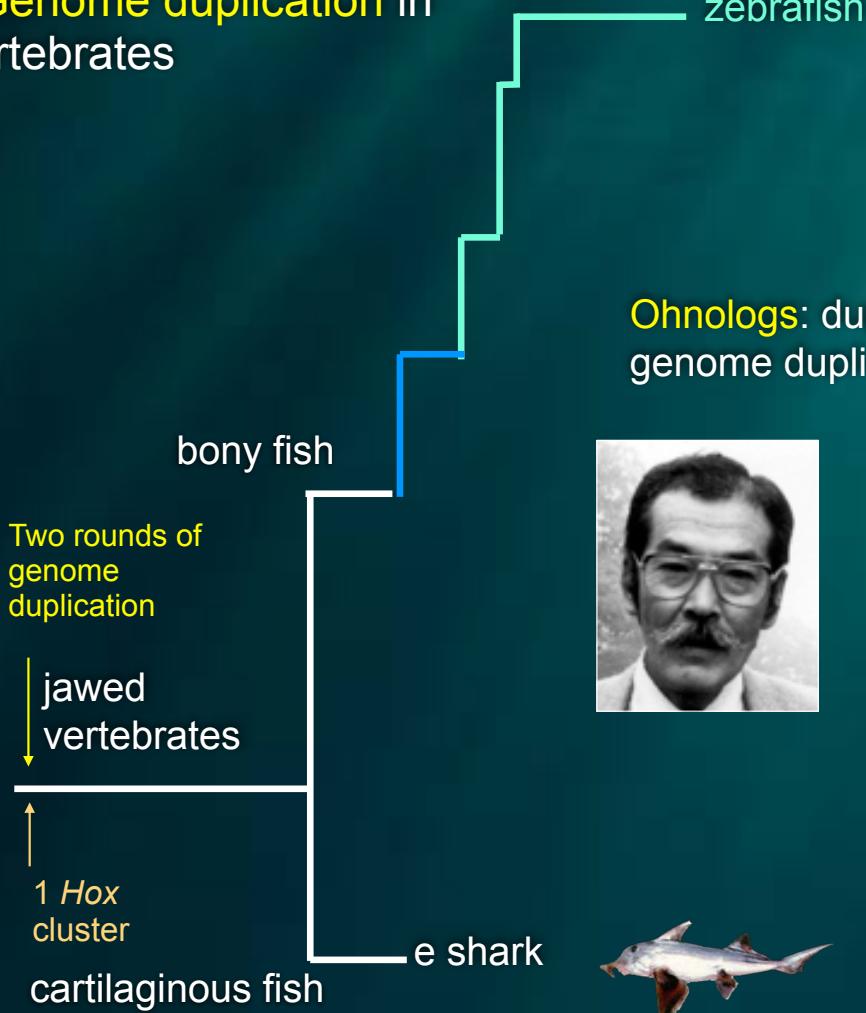
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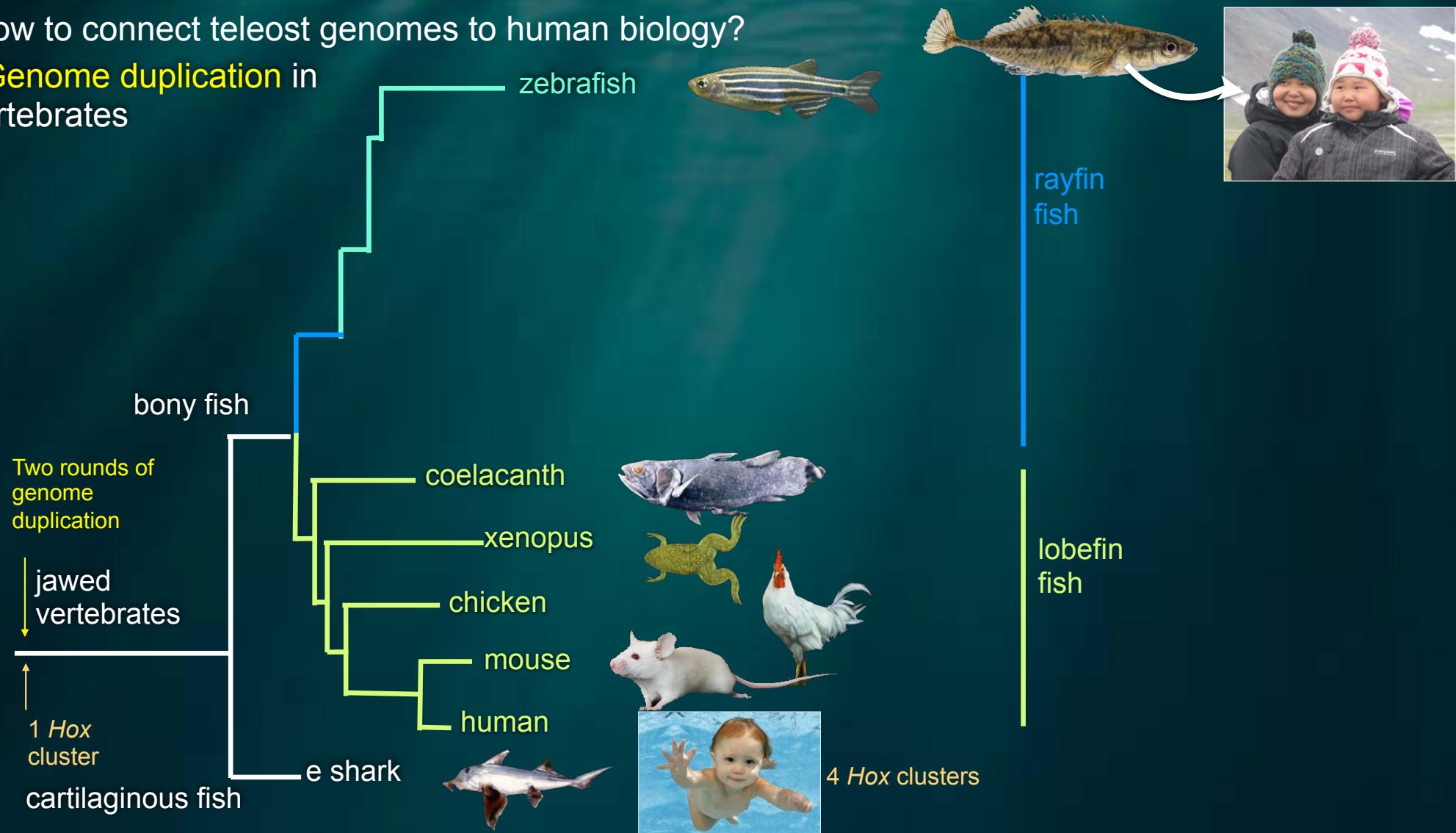
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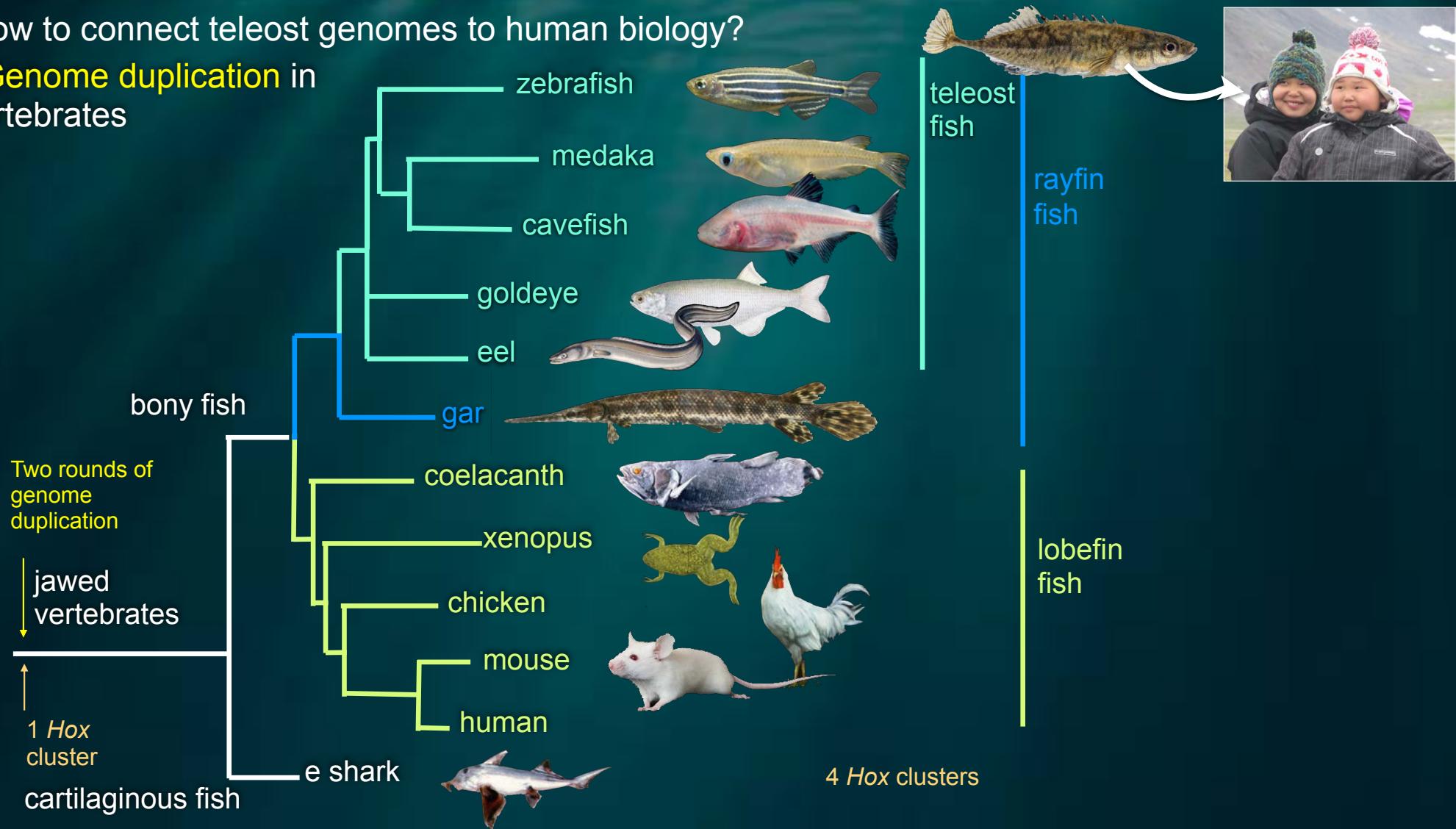
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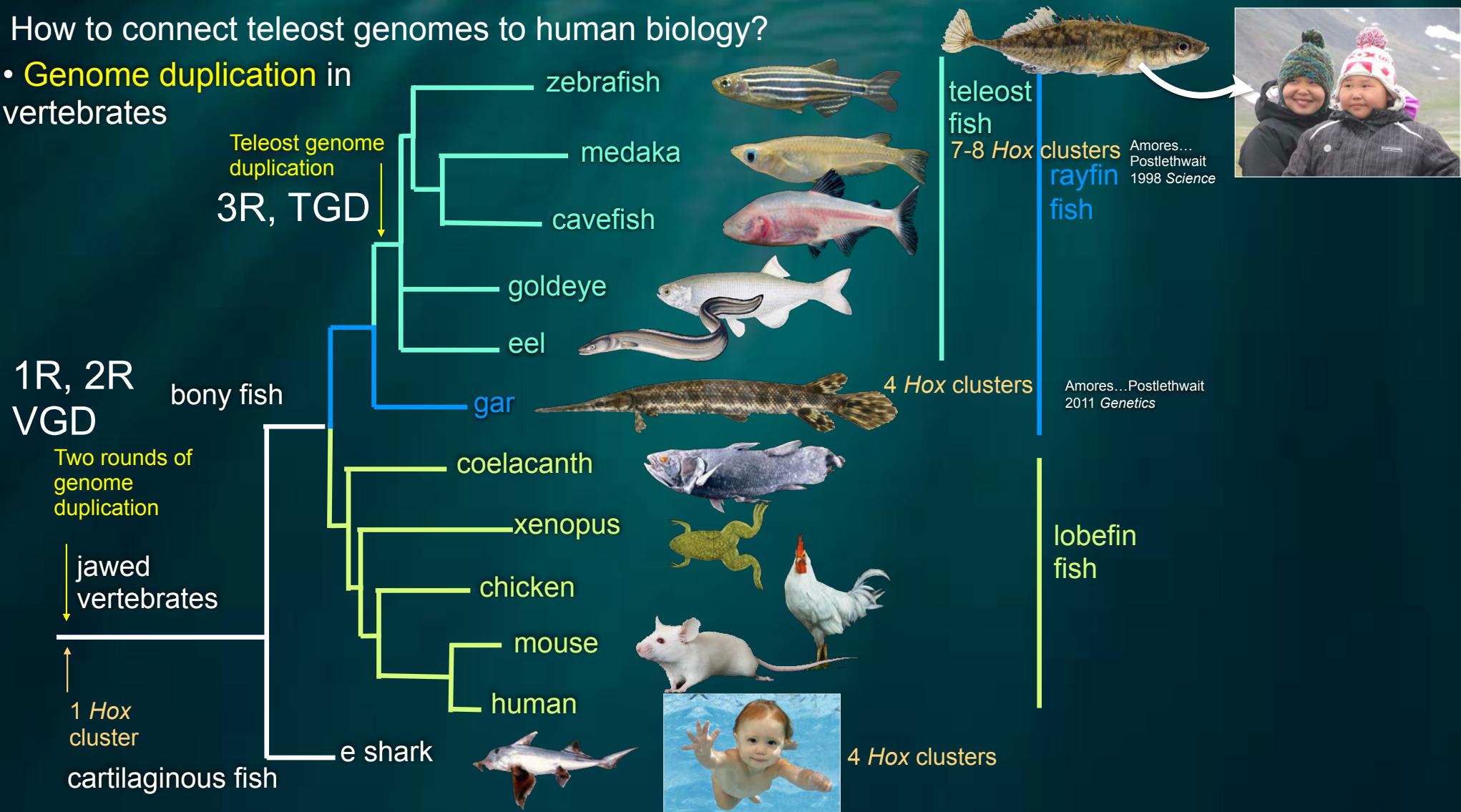
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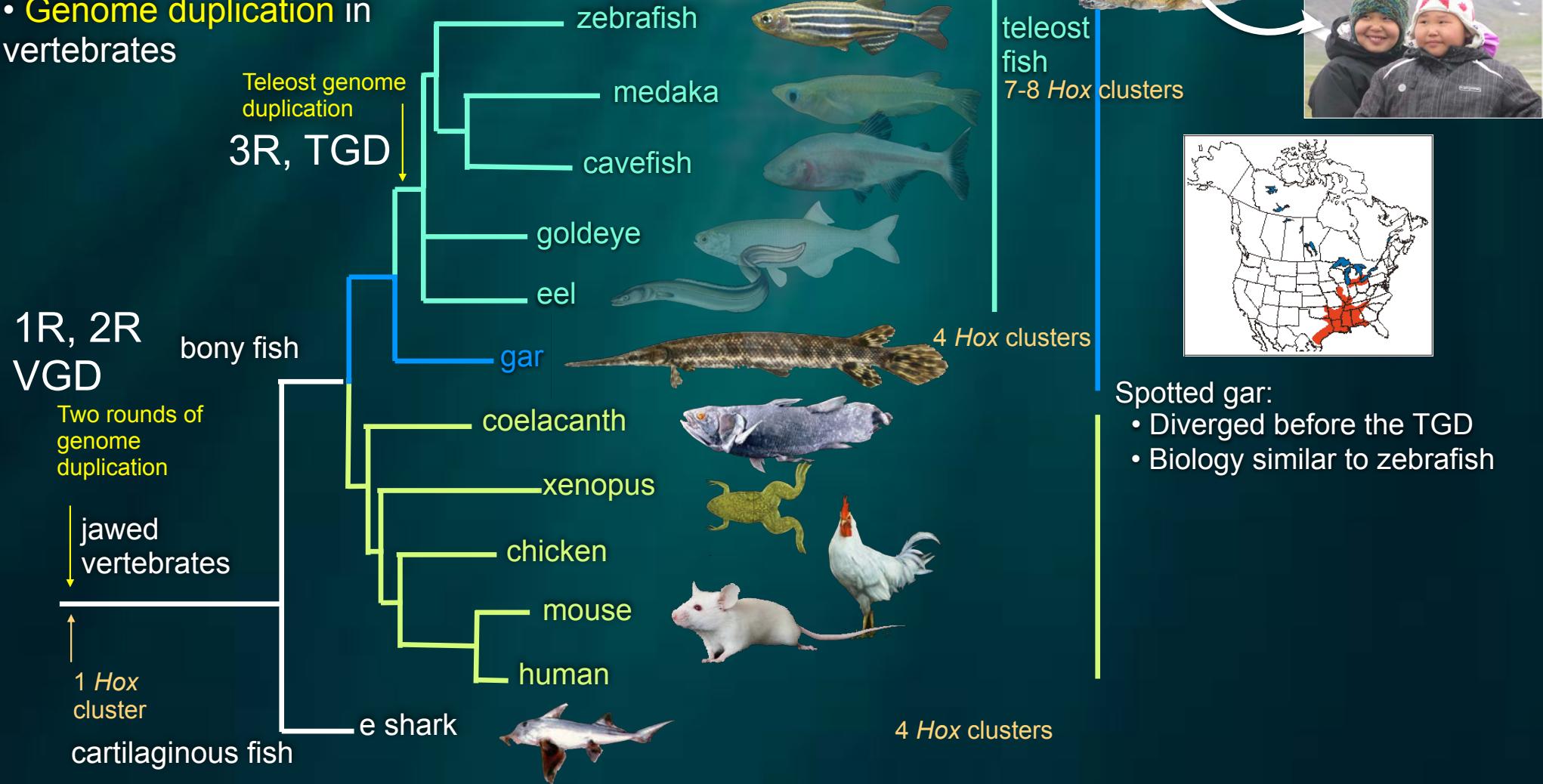
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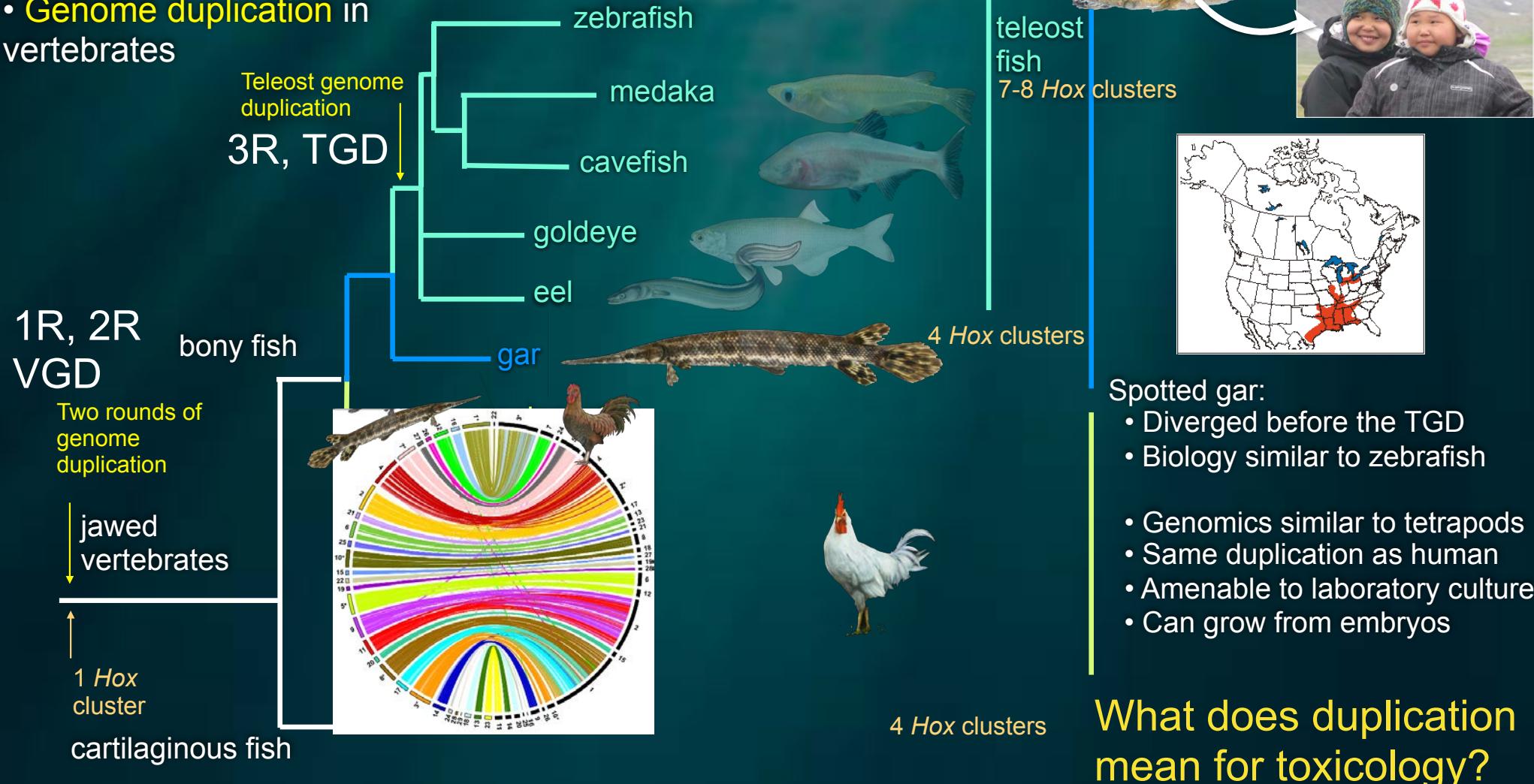
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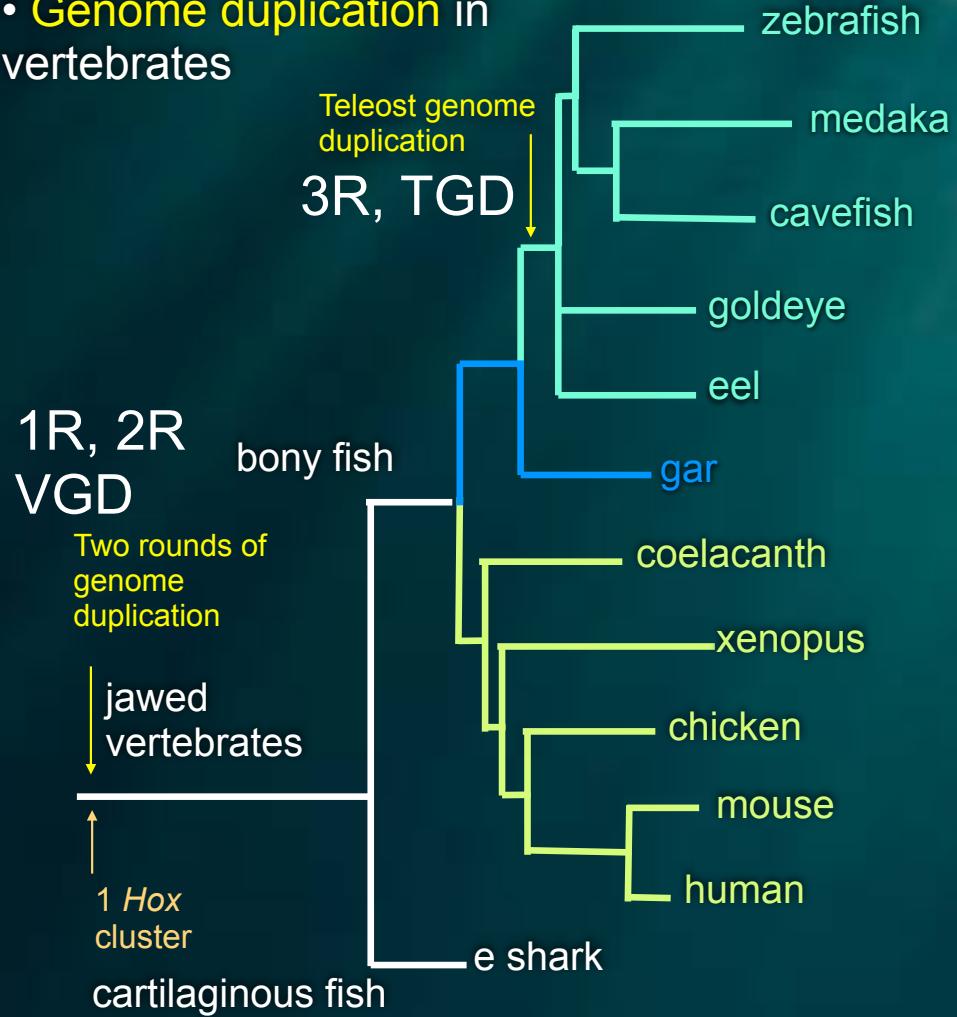
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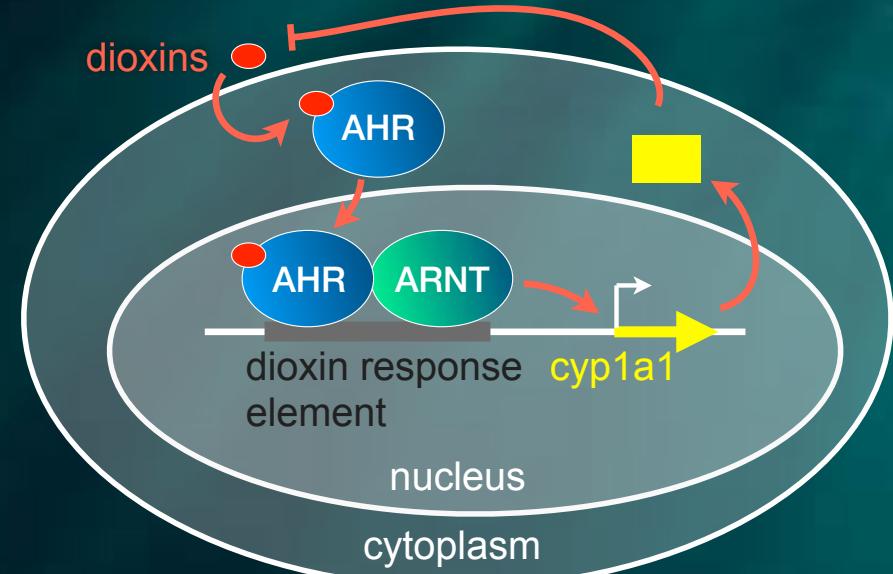


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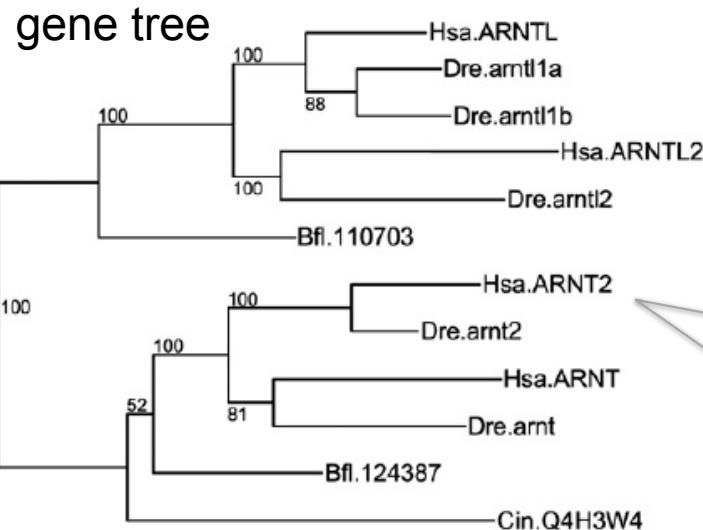


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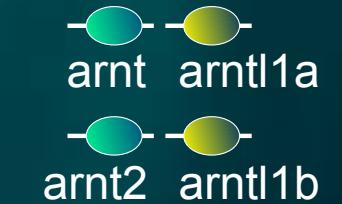


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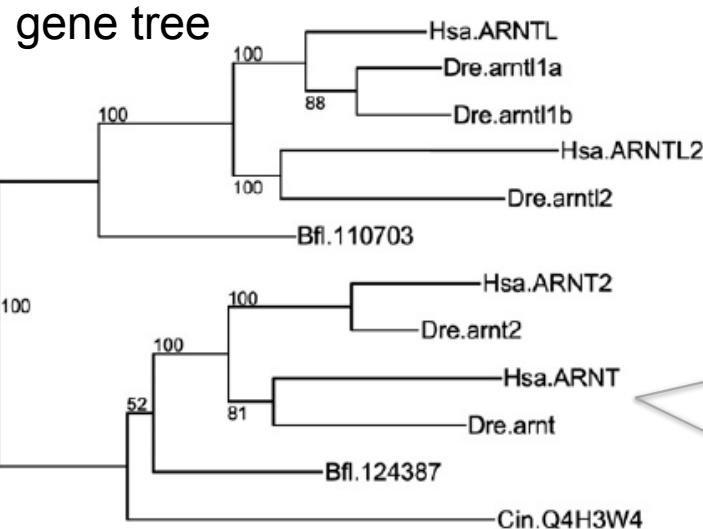


orthologs

TGD



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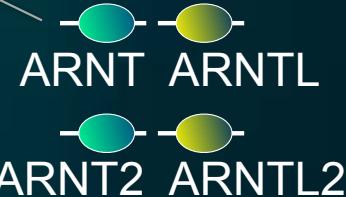
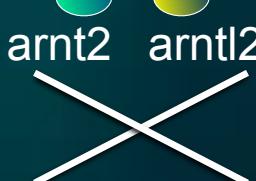
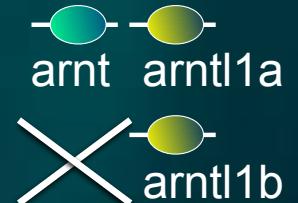


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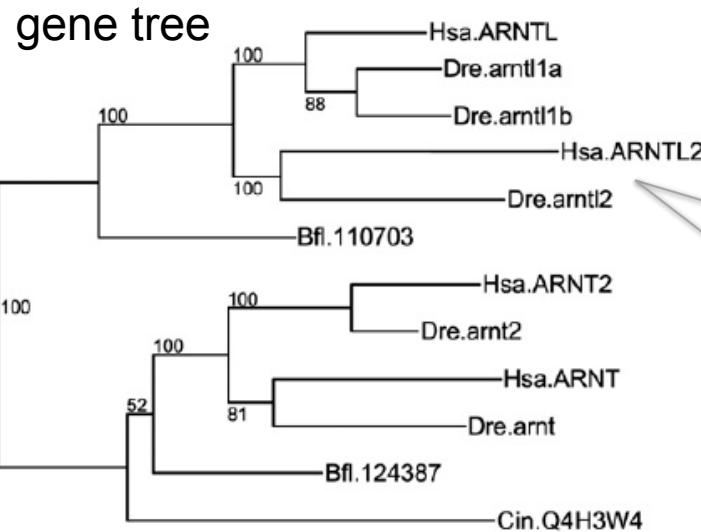
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human

zebrafish



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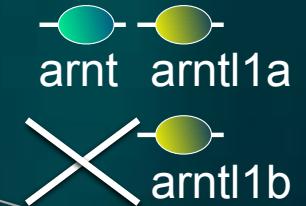


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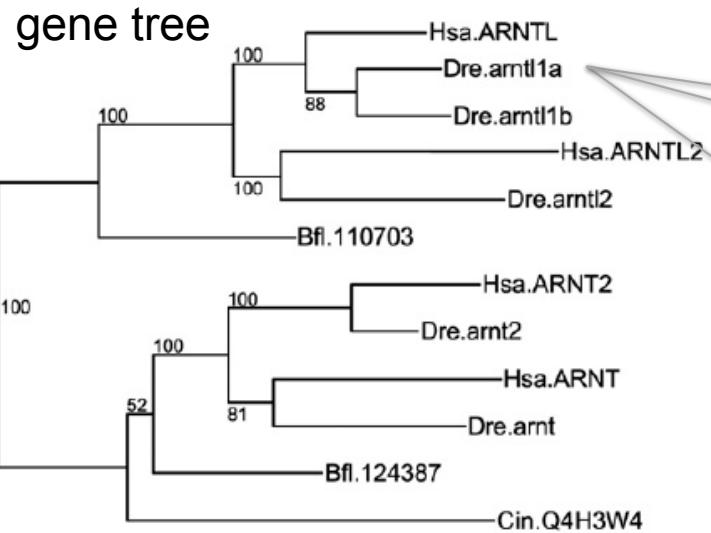


zebrafish arnt2 arntl2

human ARNT ARNTL  
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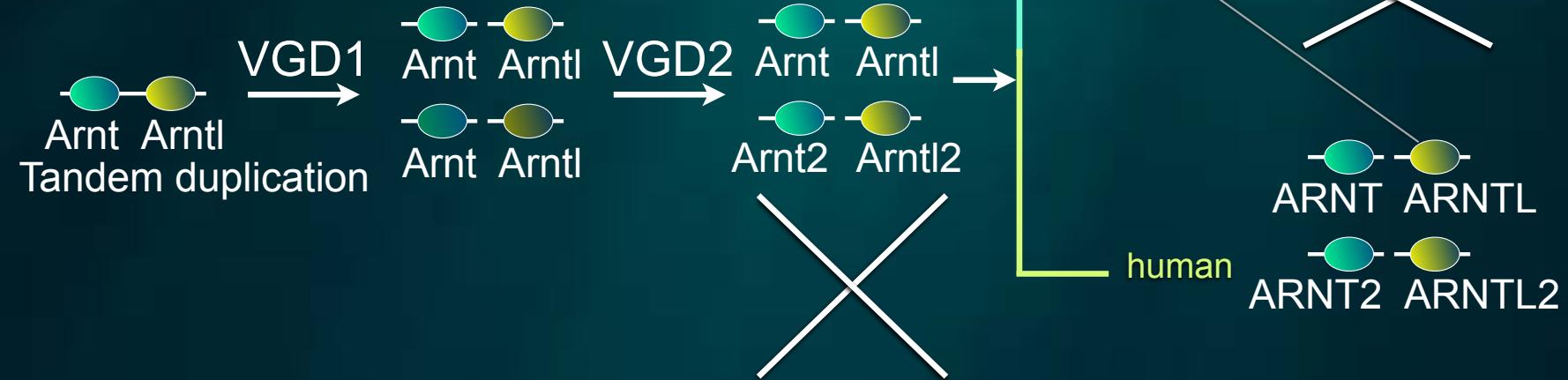
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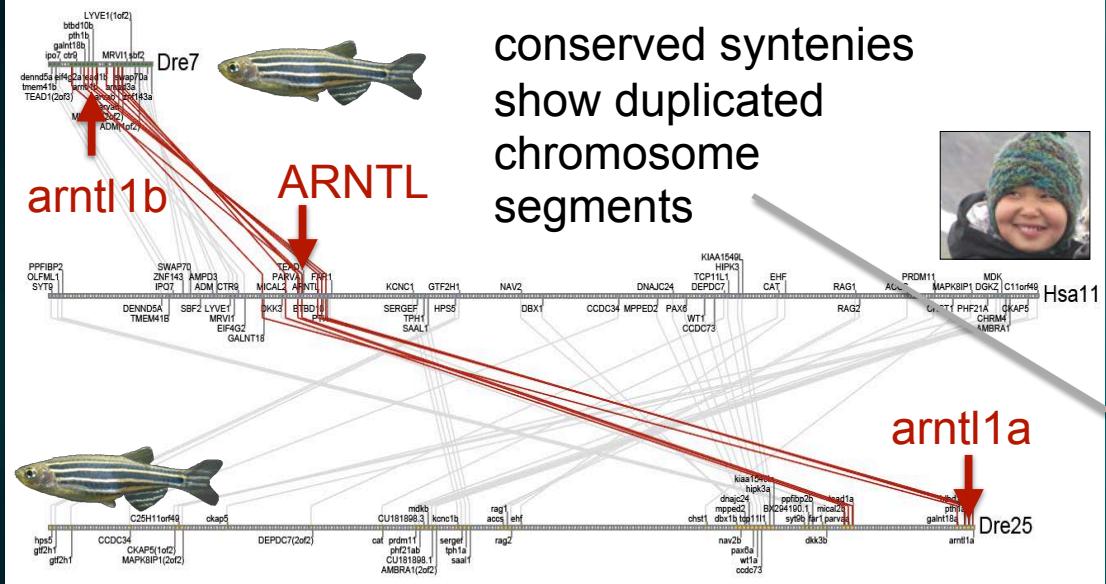
# co-orthologs

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Tree shows  
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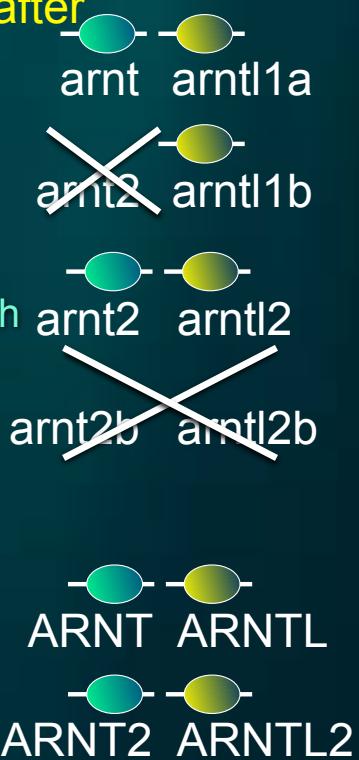
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Tandem duplication

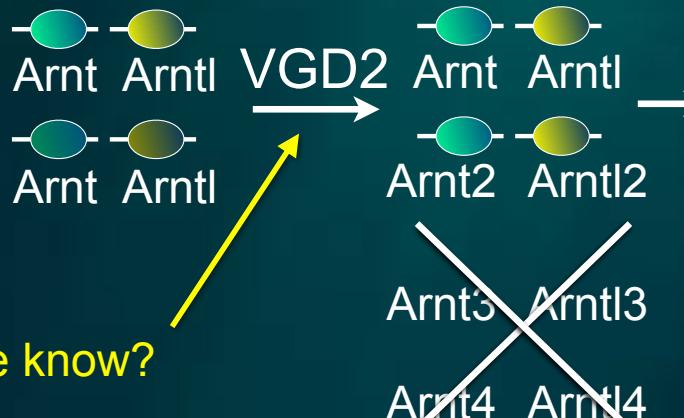
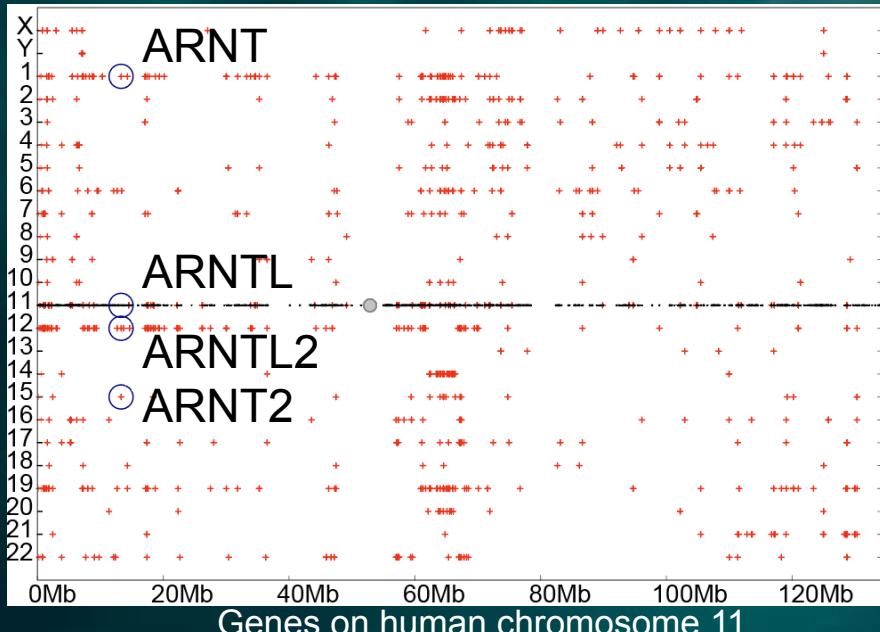
VGD2  
Arnt Arntl  
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Human chromosomes



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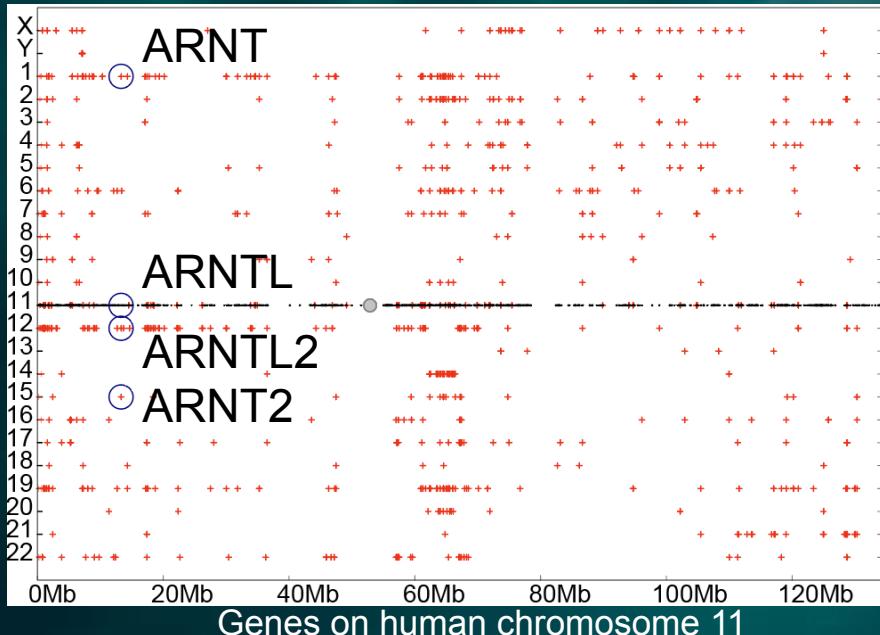
Duplicated chromosome segments in human genome

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Arnt Arntl

VGD2

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Arnt3 Arntl3

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TGD

zebrafish

human

arnt arntl1a

amt2 arntl1b

arnt2 arntl2

amt2b arntl2b

ARNT ARNTL

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How do fish genes relate to human genes?

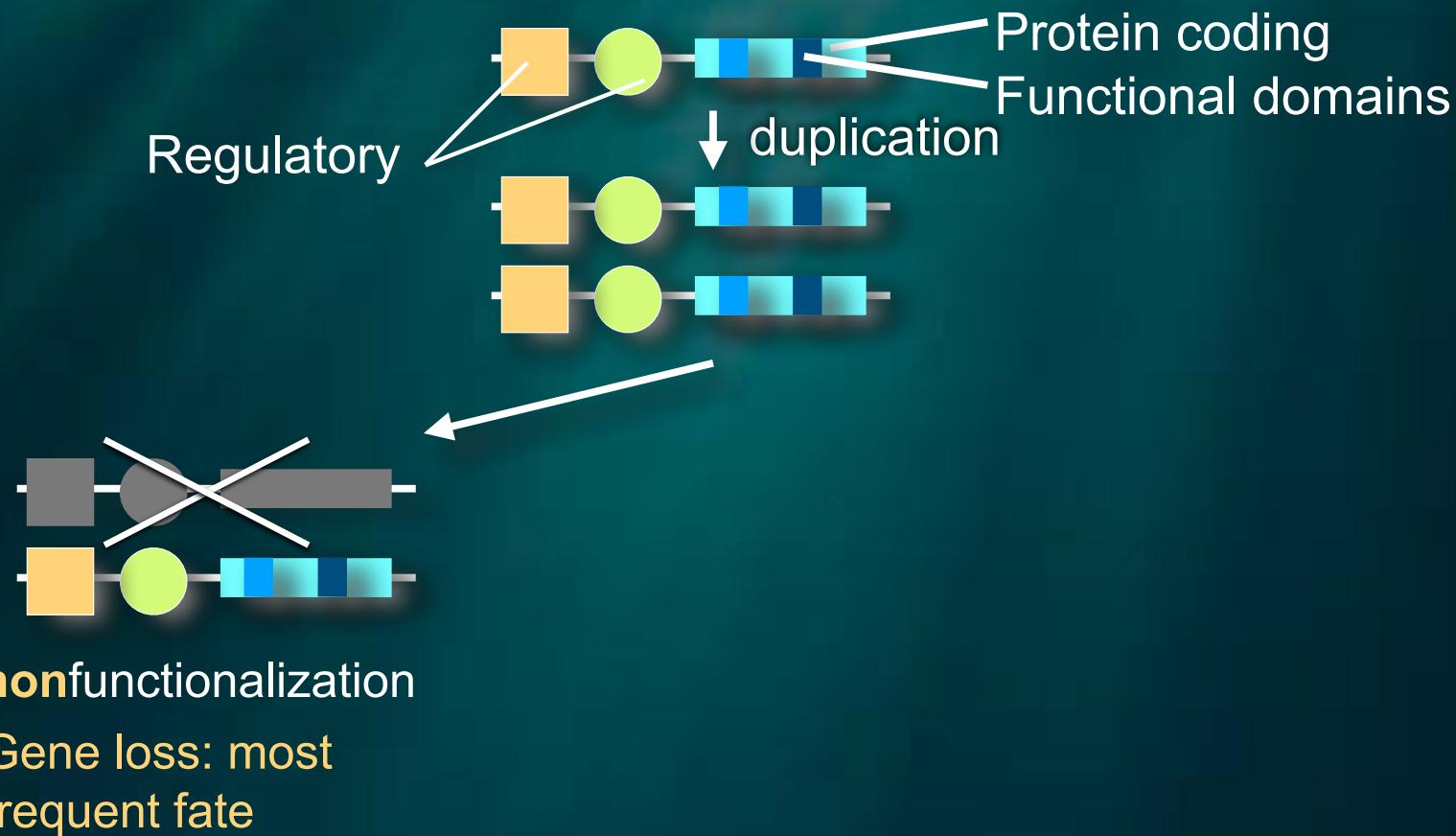
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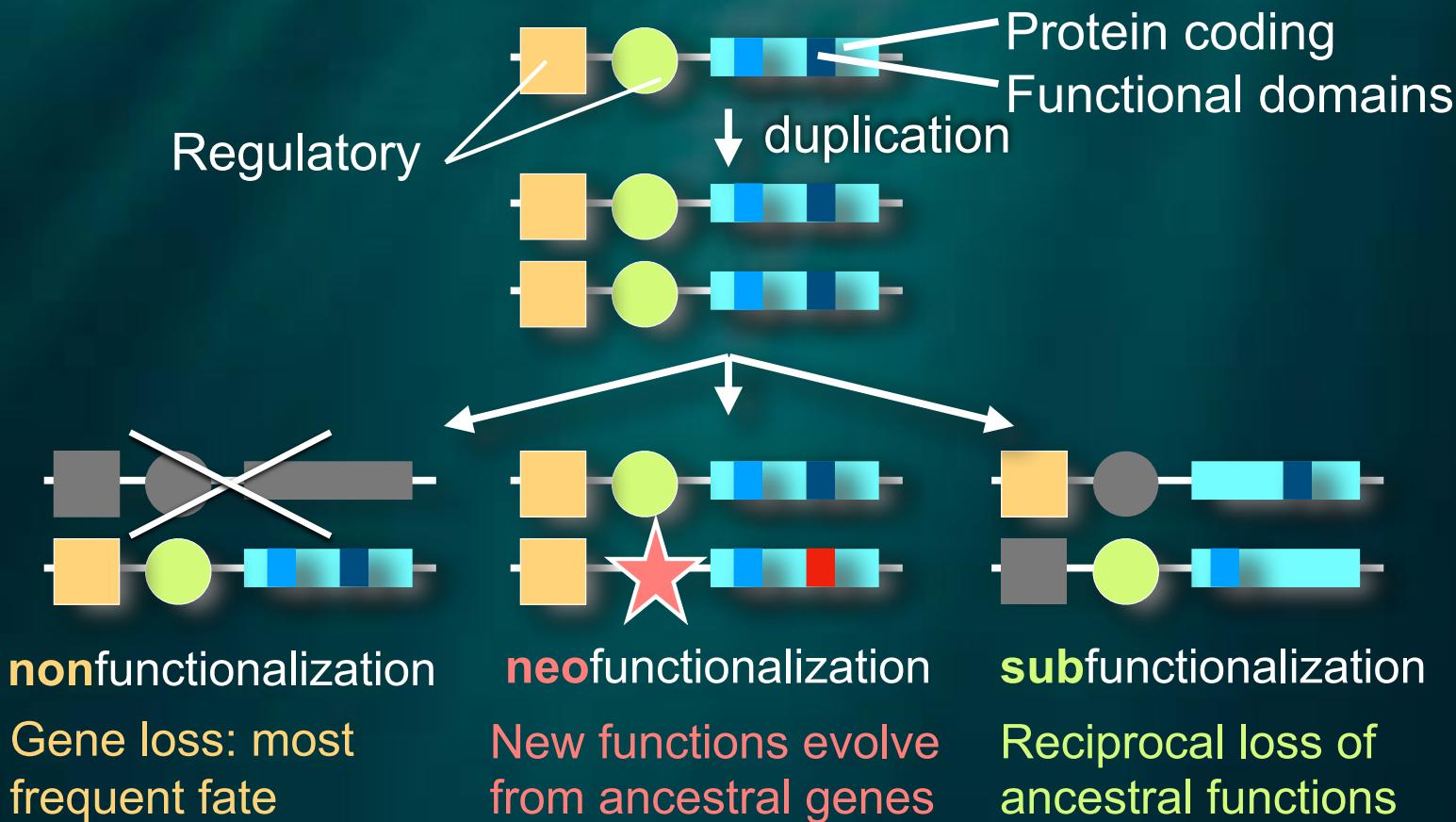
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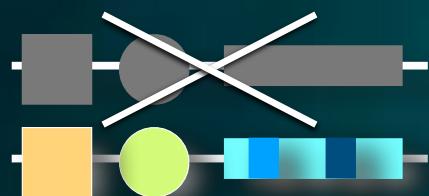
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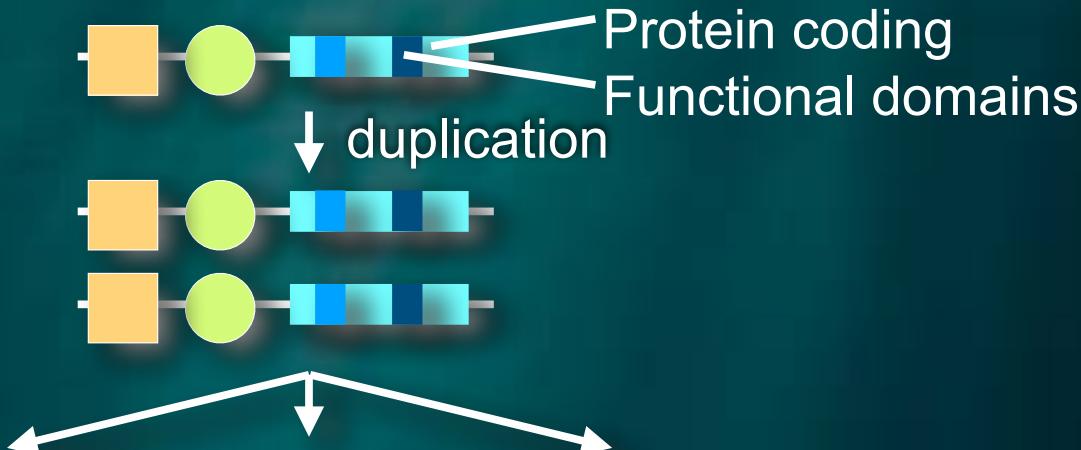
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Most teleost genes are 1:1 orthologs with human



**nonfunctionalization**

Gene loss: most frequent fate

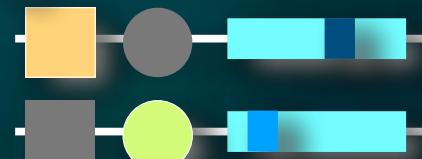


**neofunctionalization**

New functions evolve from ancestral genes

Protein coding  
Functional domains

↓ duplication



**subfunctionalization**

Reciprocal loss of ancestral functions

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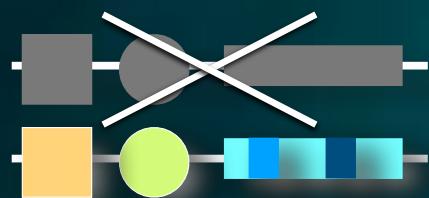
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Problem: All can occur in a lineage-specific fashion.



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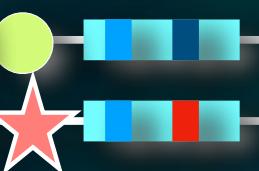
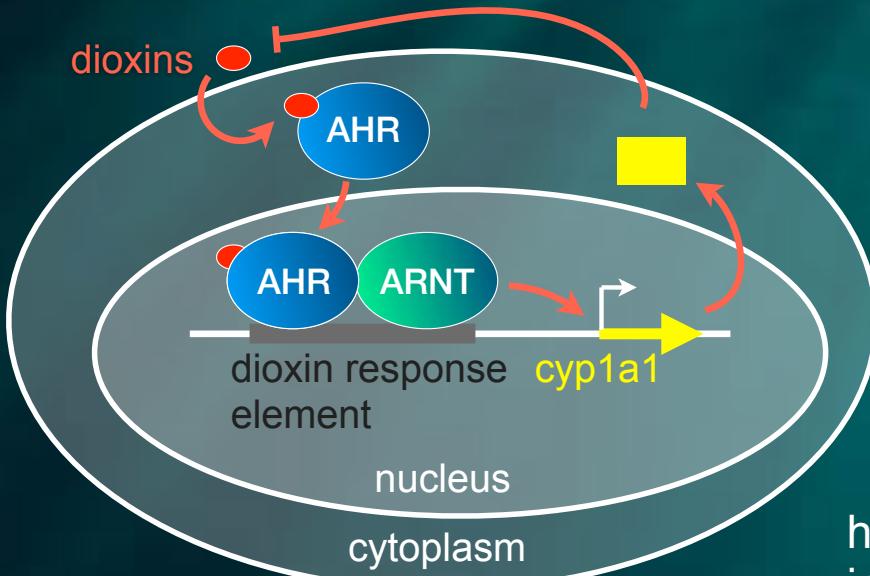
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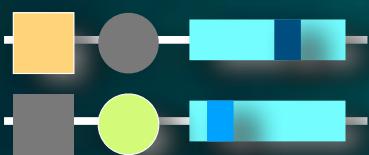
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**neofunctionalization**



**subfunctionalization**

To see if this is **subfunctionalization** or **neofunctionalization**, must look at a pre-duplication outgroup.



heterodimer with ligand-bound AHR, promotes expression of xenobiotic metabolism genes

ARNT ARNTL

ARNT2 ARNTL2

heterodimer with hypoxia-inducible factor 1alpha, promotes expression of oxygen-responsive genes.

heterodimer with CLOCK & HIF1alpha



Amphioxus



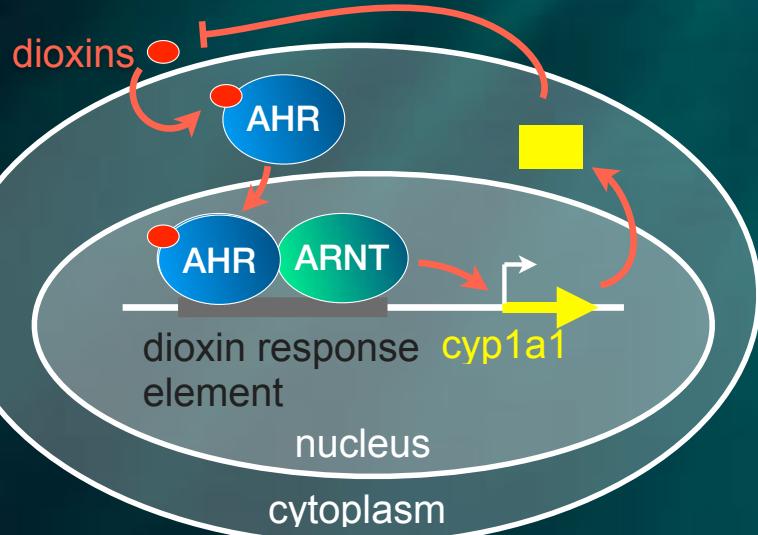
Ascidians



Appendicularians

What about AHR?

What does this mean for toxicology?



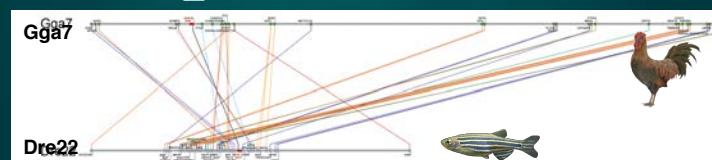
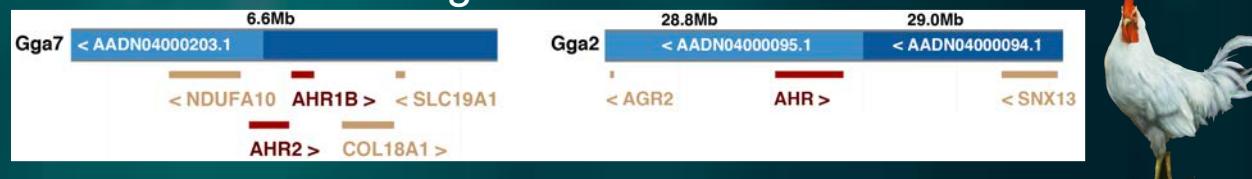
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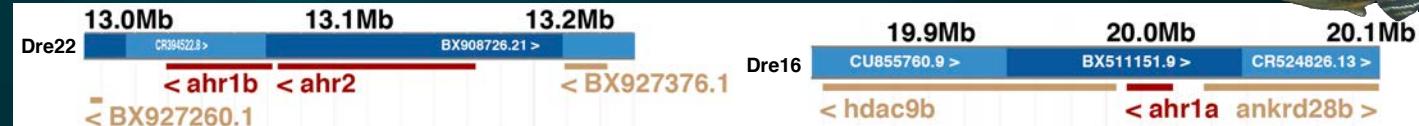
one AHR gene



three AHR-related genes

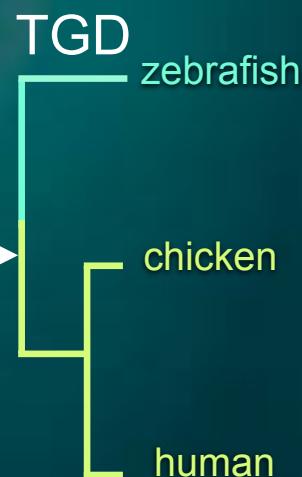
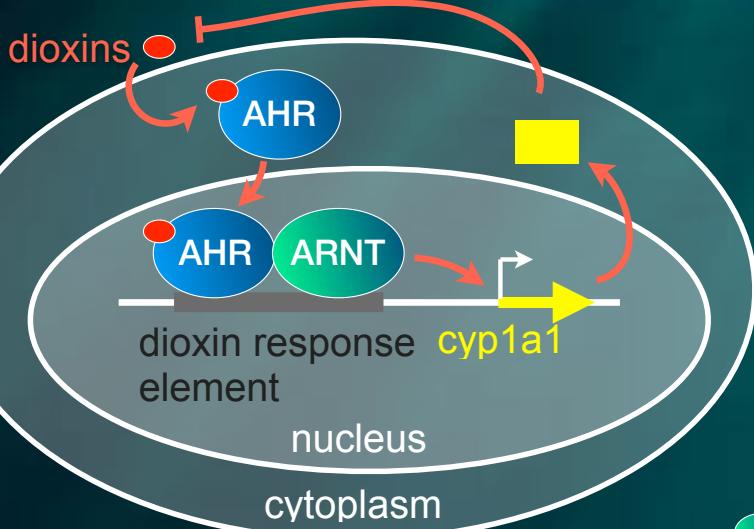


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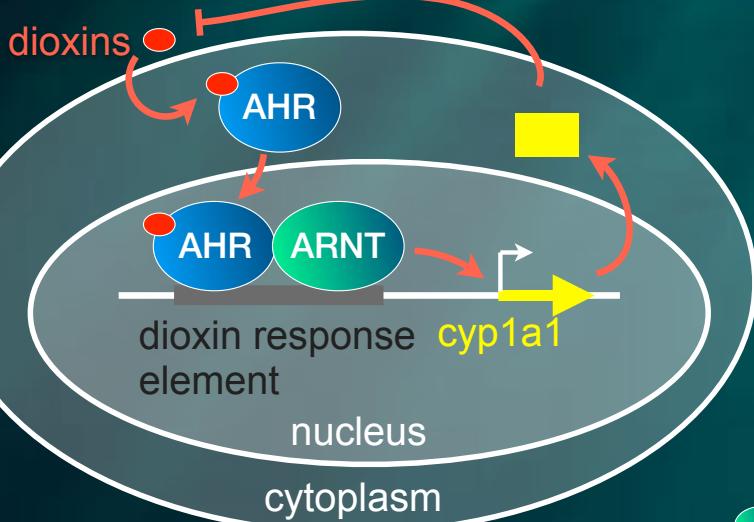


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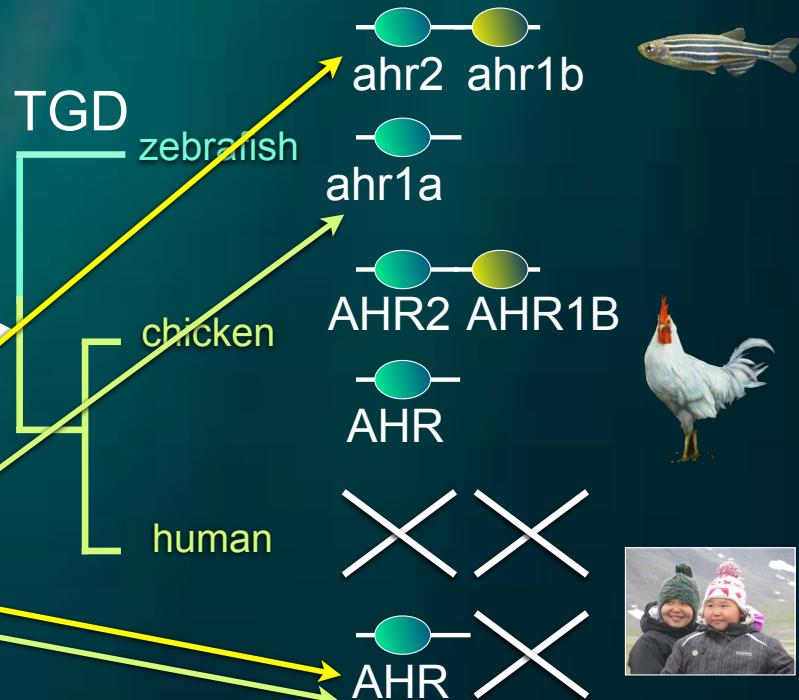


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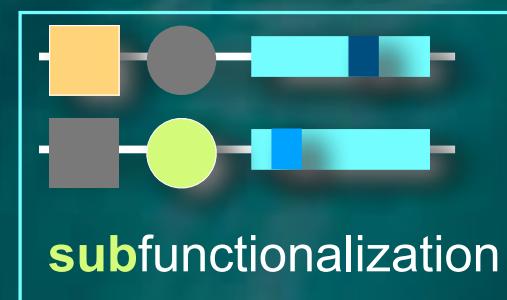
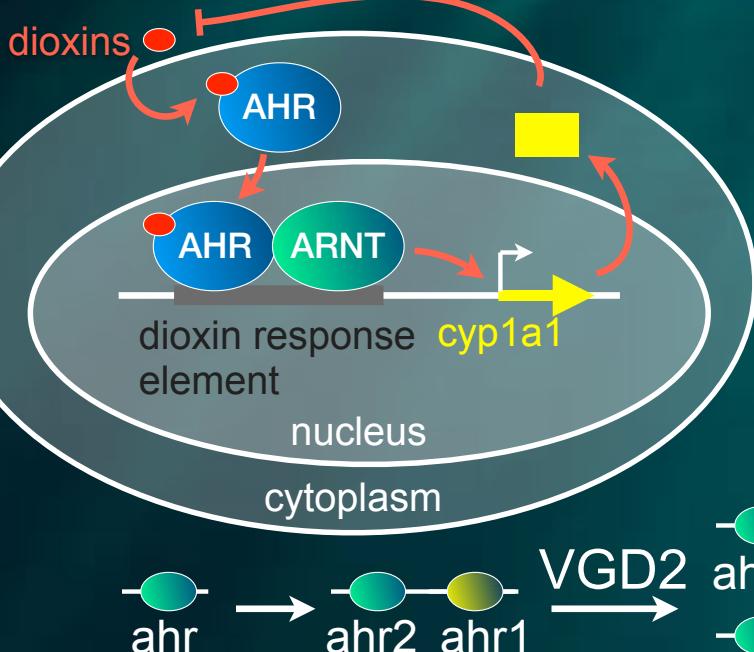


The 'primary mediator of toxicity' for teleosts  
is not the ortholog of human AHR



Zebrafish ortholog of human AHR is an  
'incipient pseudogene'. Karchner 2005 Biochem J. 392:153

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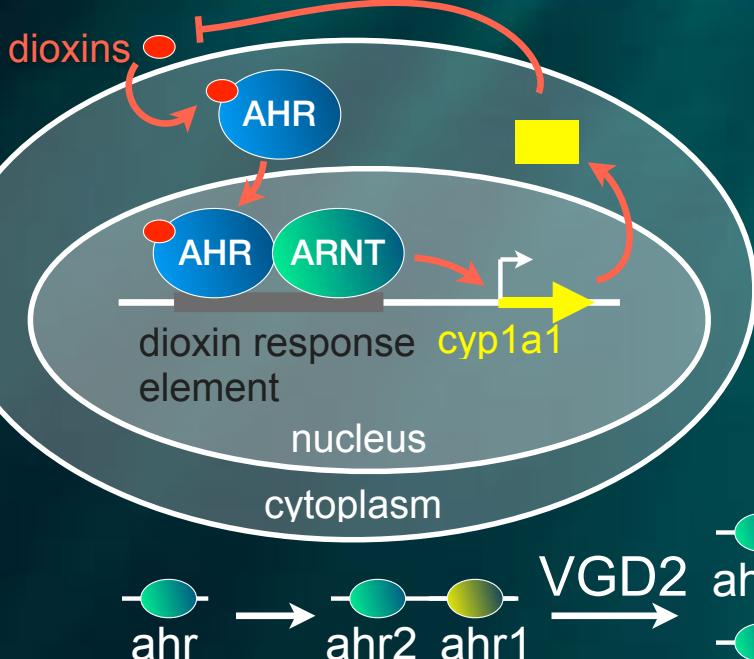
Study of *ahr1b* may reveal sub-functions of human AHR gene



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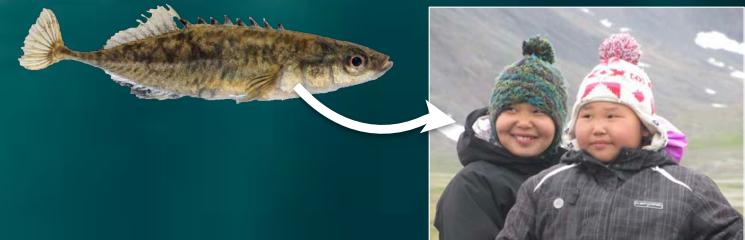


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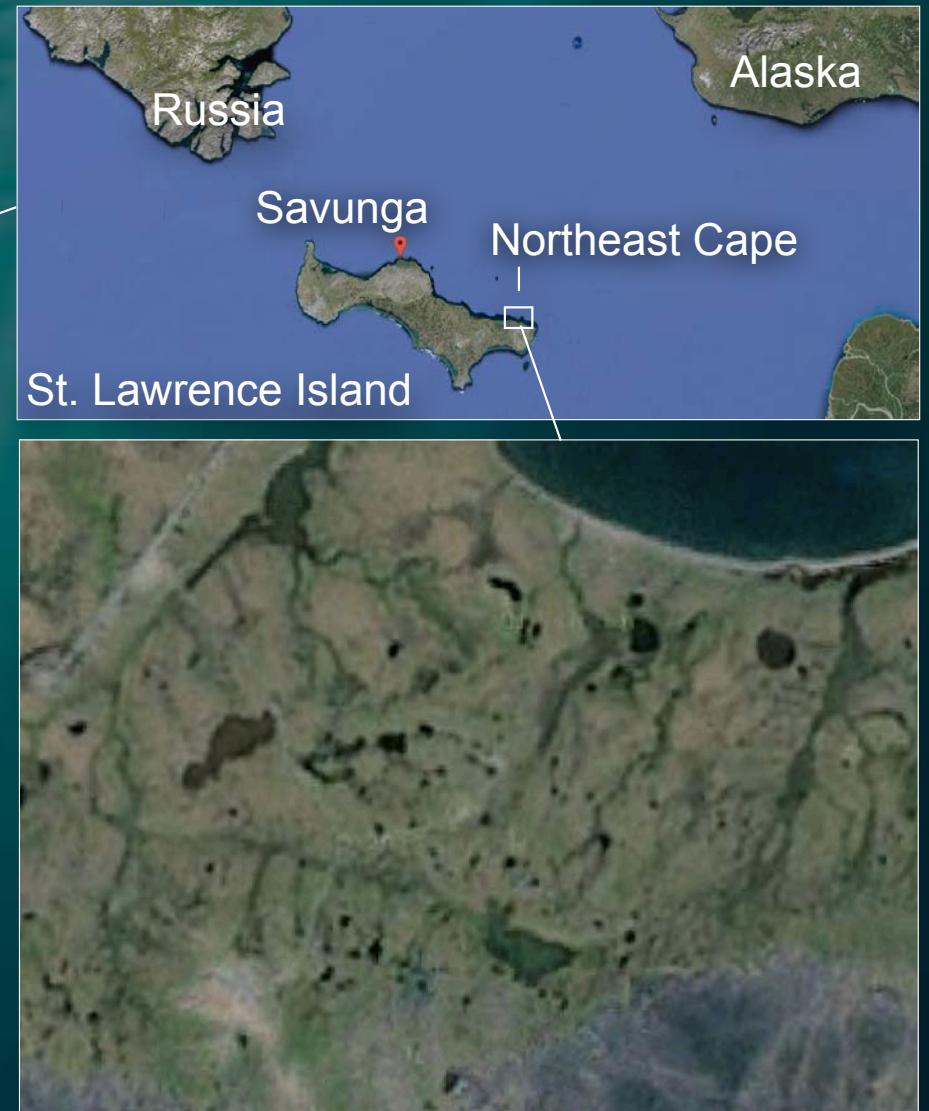


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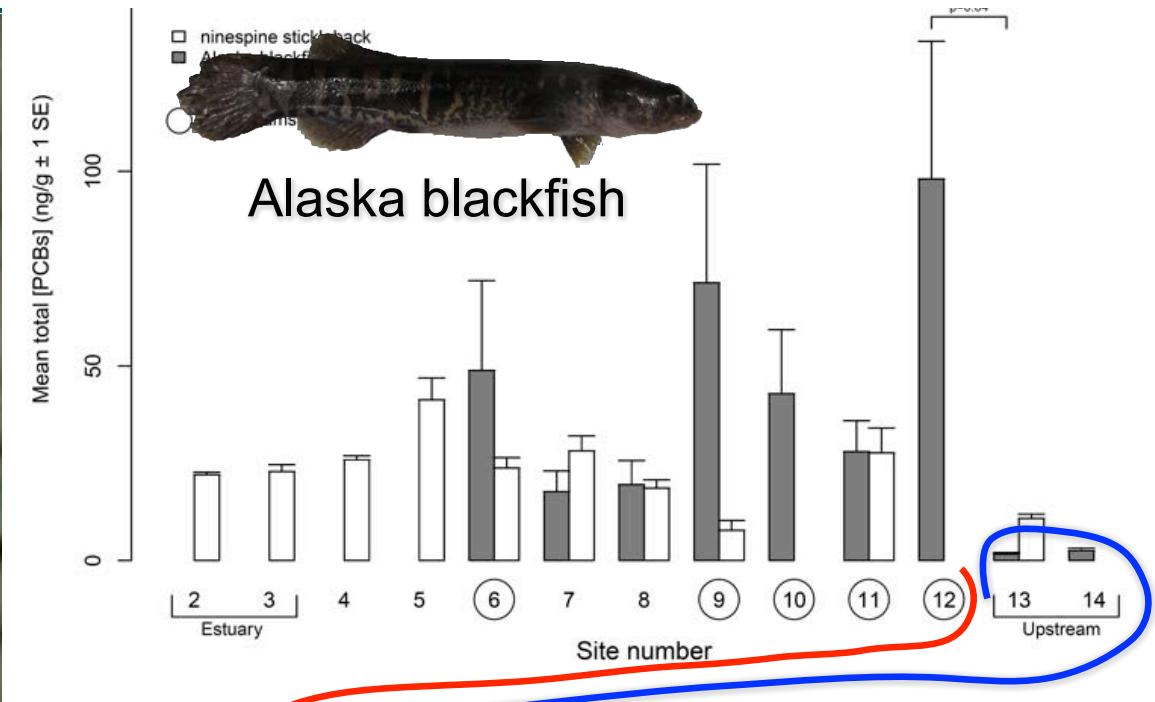
1985 - 2014, \$120M spent on remediation



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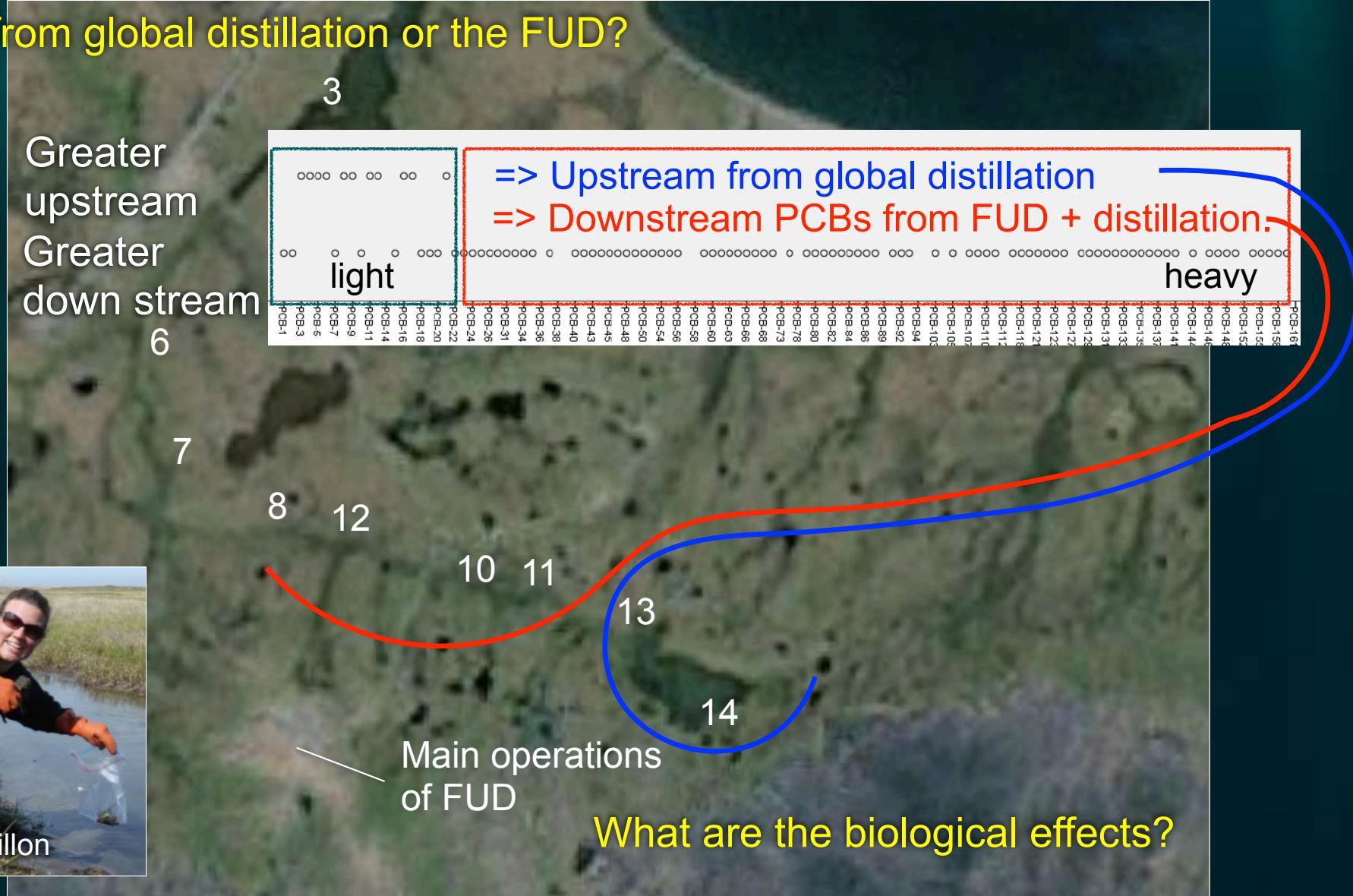


=> significantly more PCBs in downstream fish

Are PCBs from global distillation or the FUD?

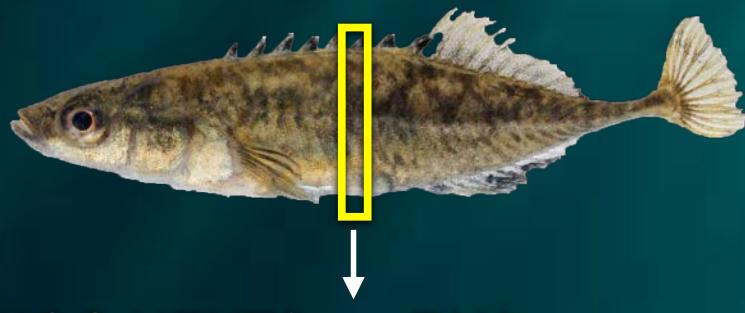
von Hippel 2018 Environmental Pollution 234:279

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What are the biological effects?

Gene expression differences?

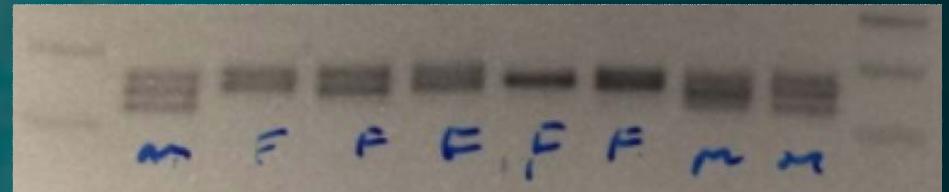


BIOO NEXTflex qRNA-seq

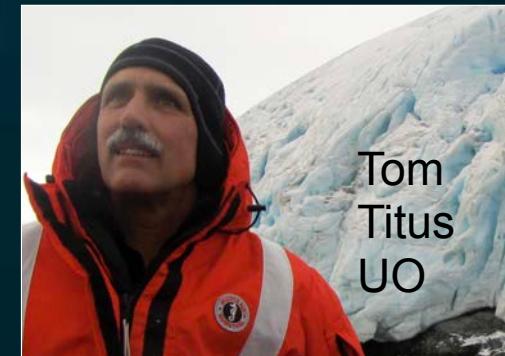
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Unique molecular indexes: guards against PCR duplicates

sex genotype PCR

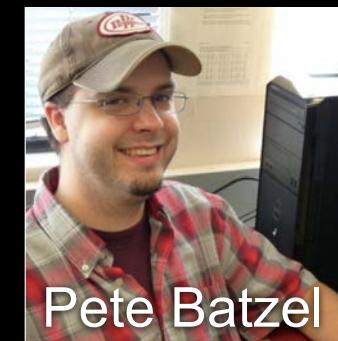
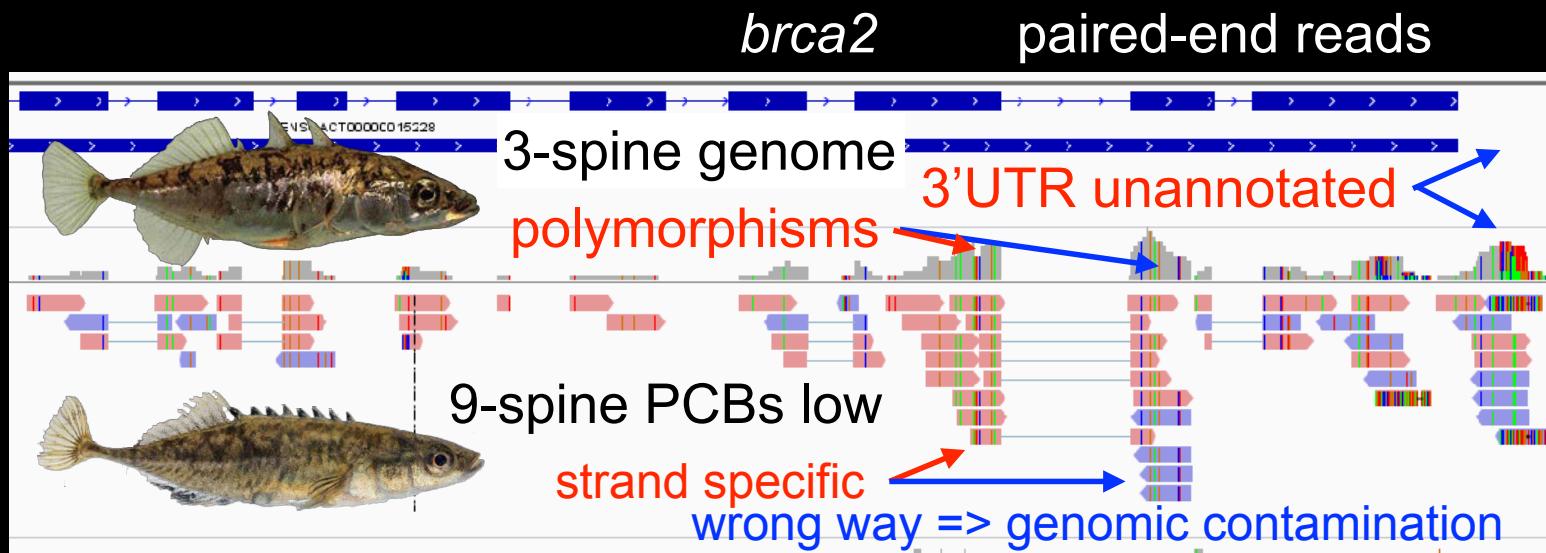


4 females from highly contaminated sites  
4 females from less contaminated sites



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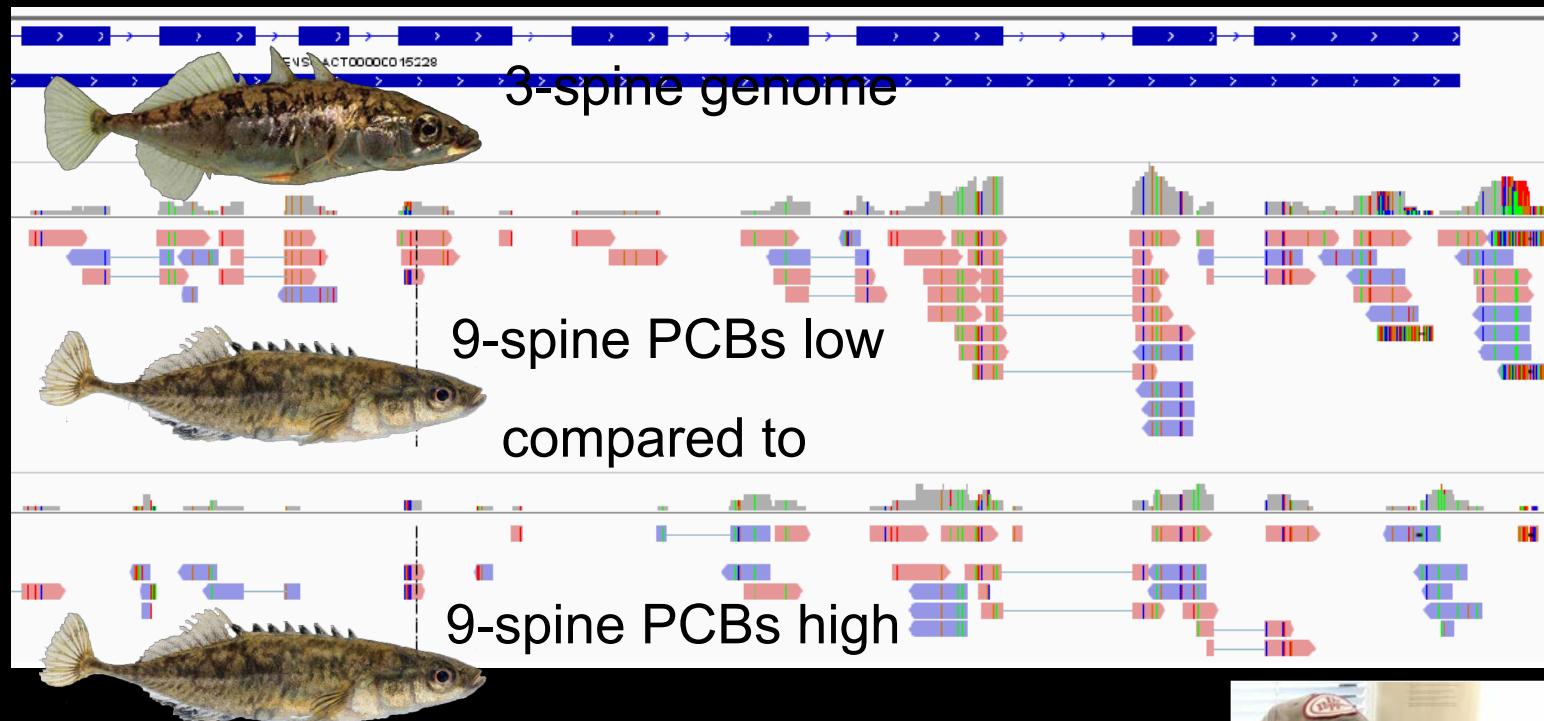
## Aligned 9-spine reads to 3-spine genome



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*brca2*

paired-end reads



DESeq2: Finds differentially expressed genes



Pete Batzel

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Differentially expressed genes

Females: contamin/uncontam	2312
Males: contamin/uncontam	642

What do these genes do?

DAVID 6.7: Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery



## What do these genes do?

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fbx05 = down

h2ax = down

haus6 = down

mad2l1 = down

rab11fip4a = down

llgl2 = down

ccnb1 = down

most tgf betas down

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UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">Mitosis</a>	RT	69	3.7E-16	3.0E-14
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">cell division</a>	RT	83	1.1E-13	2.6E-10
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">mitotic nuclear division</a>	RT	63	1.5E-11	2.3E-8

cell cycle genes



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GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	mitotic nuclear division	RT	■	63	1.5E-11	2.3E-8
Annotation Cluster 2	Enrichment Score: 11.74	G		Count	P_Value	Benjamini
UP_KEYWORDS	DNA replication	RT	■	88	1.5E-15	9.4E-14
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	G1/S transition of mitotic cell cycle	RT	■	19	1.3E-10	1.2E-8
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	DNA replication initiation	RT	■			

DNA replication genes



## What do these genes do?

brca2 (fancd1) = down

cdc23 = down

fbxo5 = down

h2ax = down

haus6 = down

mad2l1 = down

rab11fip4a = down

llgl2 = down

ccnb1 = down

most tgf betas down

mcm3,4,6,7

cdc45

hsc70

pcna

rbbp4

tert

terf1, terf2

Fanconi anemia genes :

Annotation Cluster 1	Enrichment Score: 15.17	G		Count	P_Value	Benjamini
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">Cell cycle</a>	RT	■	135	1.9E-20	5.2E-18
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">Cell division</a>	RT	■	91	1.2E-17	1.7E-15
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">Mitosis</a>	RT	■	69	3.7E-16	3.0E-14
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">cell division</a>	RT	■	83	1.1E-13	2.6E-10
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">mitotic nuclear division</a>	RT	■	63	1.5E-11	2.3E-8
Annotation Cluster 2	Enrichment Score: 11.74	G		Count	P_Value	Benjamini
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">DNA replication</a>	RT	■	38	1.5E-15	9.8E-14
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">G1/S transition of mitotic cell cycle</a>	RT	■	36	3.1E-11	3.7E-8
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">DNA replication initiation</a>	RT	■	19	1.3E-10	1.2E-7
Annotation Cluster 3	Enrichment Score: 6.94	G		Count	P_Value	Benjamini
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">DNA damage</a>	RT	■	67	4.4E-9	1.8E-7
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">DNA repair</a>	RT	■	58	1.8E-8	5.4E-7
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">DNA repair</a>	KI	■	46	1.9E-5	5.7E-3

DNA repair genes



## What do these genes do?

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mcm3,4,6,7

cdc45

hsc70

pcna

rbbp4

tert

terf1, terf2

Fanconi anemia genes =

ercc4

msh6

pola1, pola2

prim1

Annotation Cluster 1	Enrichment Score: 15.17	G		Count	P_Value	Benjamini
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">Cell cycle</a>	RT		135	1.9E-20	5.2E-18
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GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">DNA repair</a>	RT		46	1.9E-5	5.7E-3
Annotation Cluster 4	Enrichment Score: 6.39	G		Count	P_Value	Benjamini
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">Centromere</a>	RT		36	1.0E-8	3.6E-7
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">Chromosome</a>			8	3.7E-7	
GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	<a href="#">sister chromatid cohesion</a>			8	6.9E-6	
UP_KEYWORDS	<a href="#">Kinetochore</a>			7	2.8E-6	
GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	<a href="#">kinetochore</a>	RT		20	1.7E-4	9.4E-3
GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	<a href="#">condensed chromosome kinetochore</a>	RT		21	1.9E-4	9.8E-3

chromosome behavior  
genes

What about duplicated genes?



What about duplicated genes?



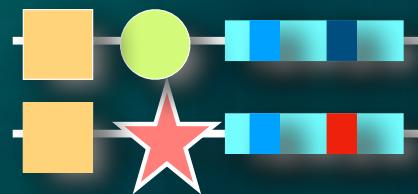
246 TGD gene pairs had at least one copy that was differentially expressed.

21 pairs had both copies differentially expressed.

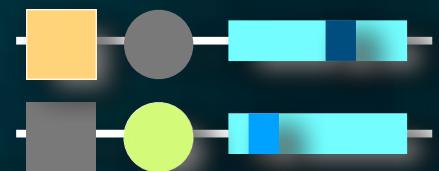
4 of those 21 pairs had one copy up, other copy down in contaminated fish.

Gene	baseMean	log2FC	pvalue	padj
camk1ga	27.345	-2.275	0.003	0.037
camk1gb	60.386	1.587	0.010	0.075
fabp10a	5935.662	2.457	0.000	0.007
fabp10b	32.048	-1.766	0.001	0.019
fam65a	91.364	1.367	0.002	0.028
fam65b	64.561	-1.156	0.009	0.074
kcnj2a	97.195	-2.508	0.001	0.012
kcnj2b	18.028	1.338	0.011	0.084

225 TGD pairs had only one copy DE.  
Study of how they differ with toxicants  
may give insight into mechanisms.



neofunctionalization



subfunctionalization

TGD pairs provide that important advantage  
for analysis of toxicity.



Water at North East Cape is toxic to stickleback genome.

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DNA repair pathways: **low** expression in contaminated sites.

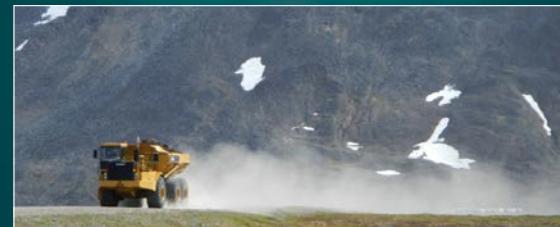
Cell cycle genes: **low** expression in contaminated sites.

DNA replication: **low** in contaminated sites.

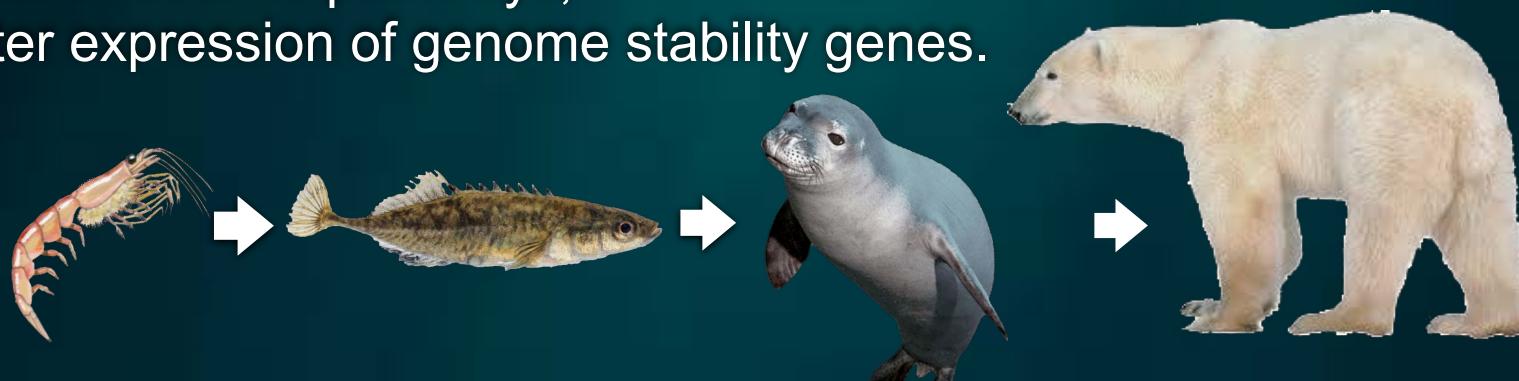
Estrogenic effect on males.

Even after site remediation:

- contaminants persist,
- accumulate in fish,
- alter endocrine pathways,
- alter expression of genome stability genes.

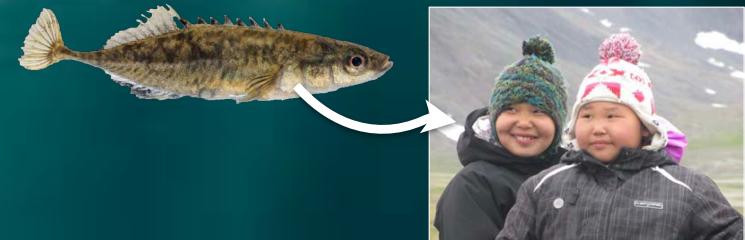


Health of indigenous people is put at risk.



## How to connect teleost genomes to human biology?

- Genome duplication in vertebrates
- Genome duplication complicates connectivity
- Ohnologs gone missing and lineage-specific evolution
- Application: St. Lawrence Island

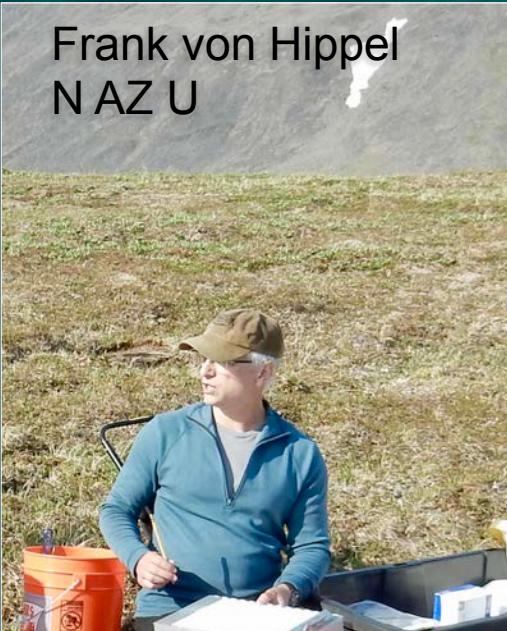


# Genome duplication and fish models for toxicology

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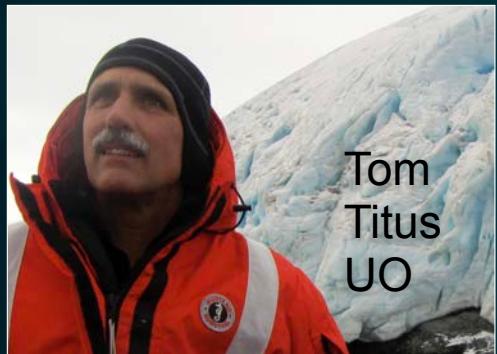
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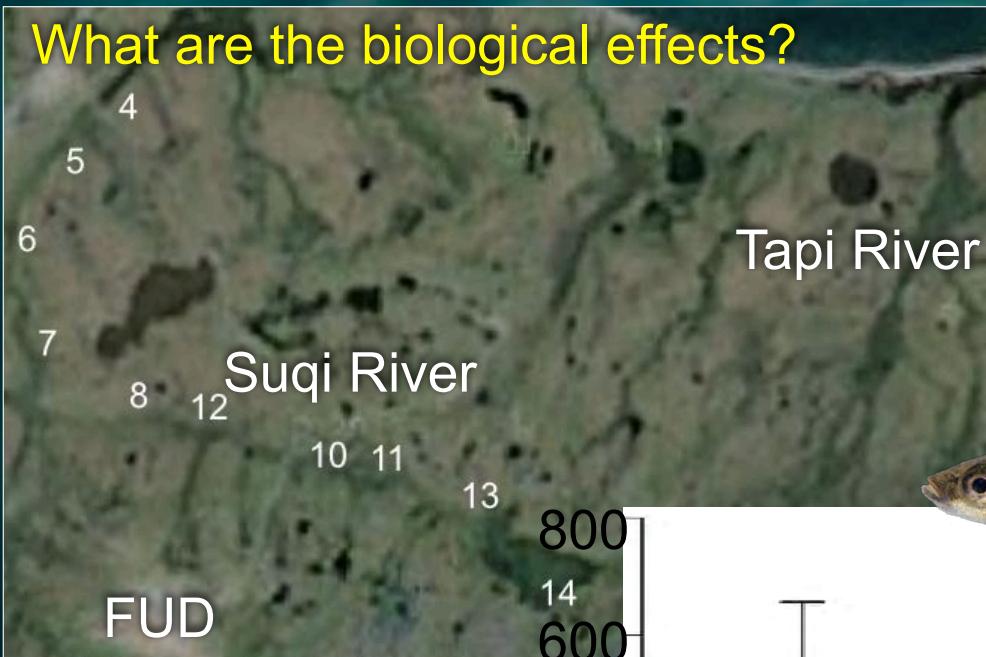


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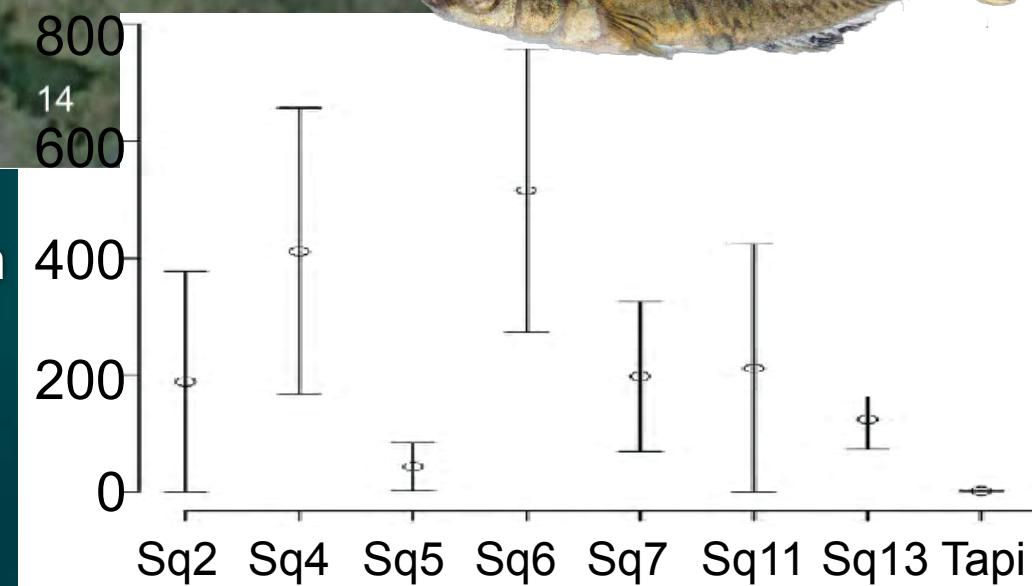




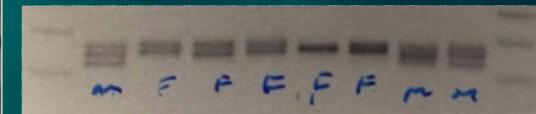
What are the biological effects?



[vitellogenin] in  
males ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )  
=> estrogenic effect  
on Suqi males



sex genotype PCR



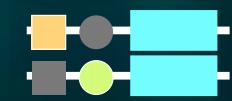
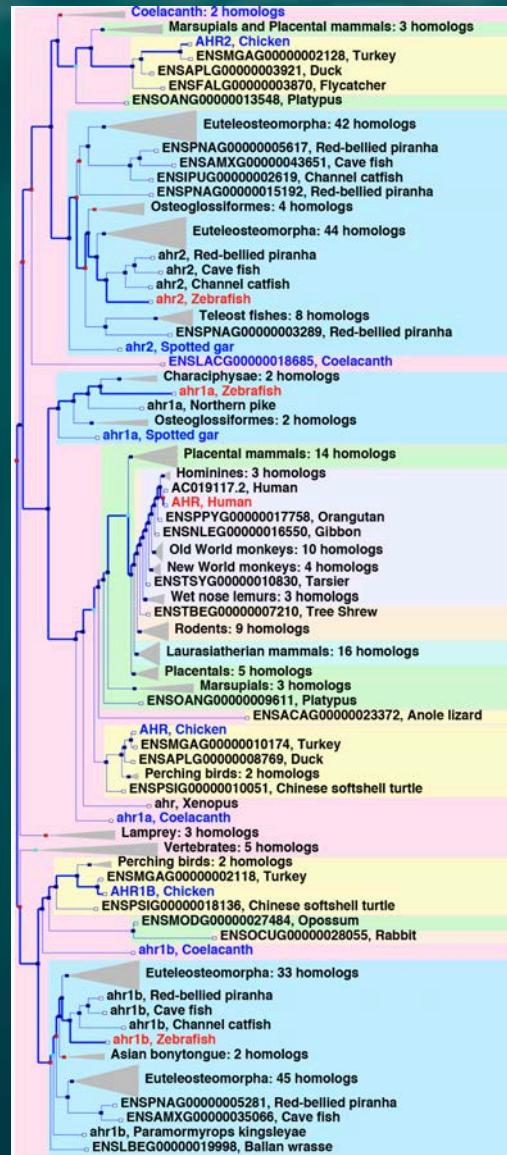
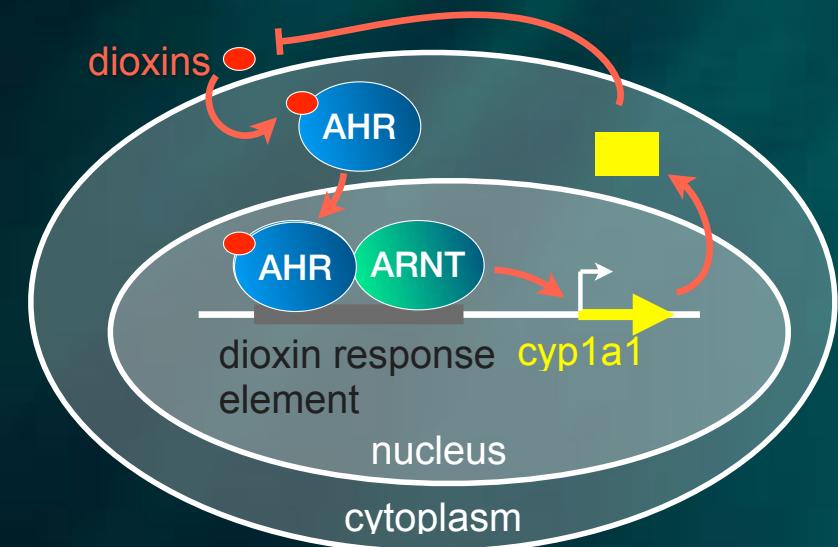
Ninespine stickleback



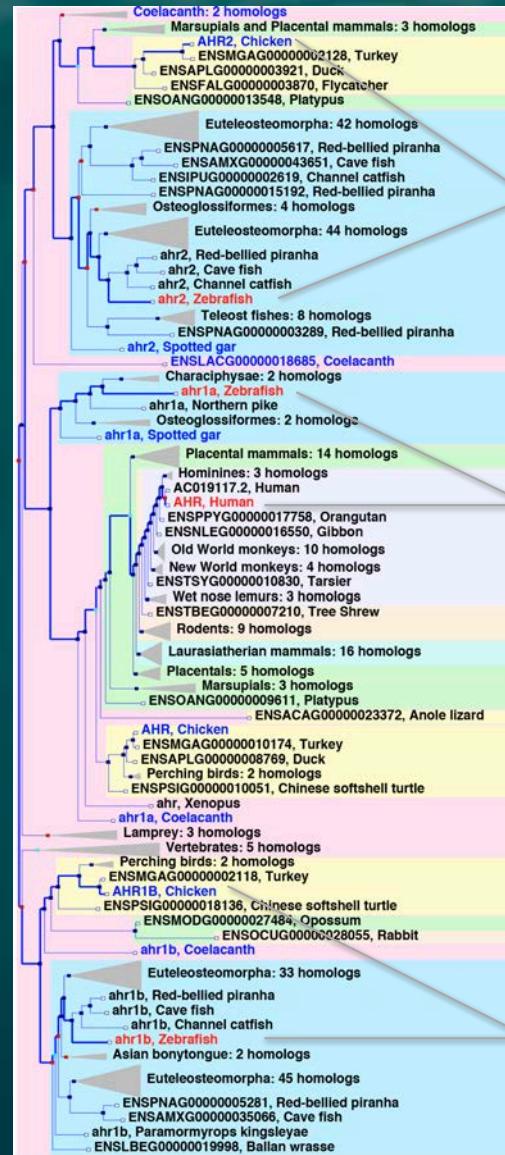
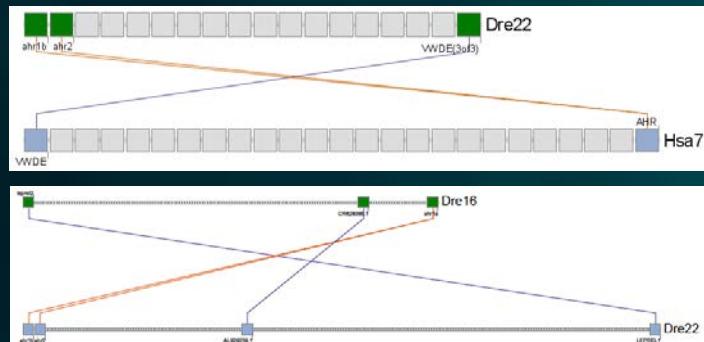
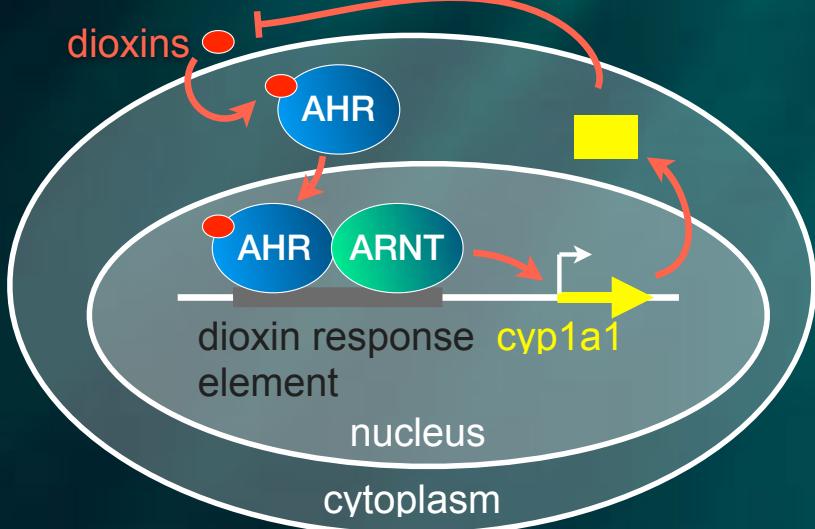
What is the genetic response?

What does this mean for toxicology?

What about AHR?

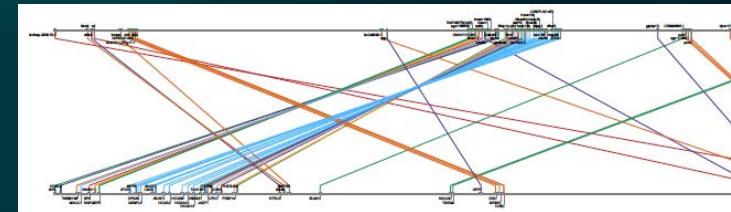


What does this mean for toxicology?



zebrafish and chicken have *ahr2*

zebrafish *ahr1a* appears to be ortholog of human *AHR*



zebrafish and chicken have *ahr1b*