

Morphology in Collembola systematics: the potential and limitations

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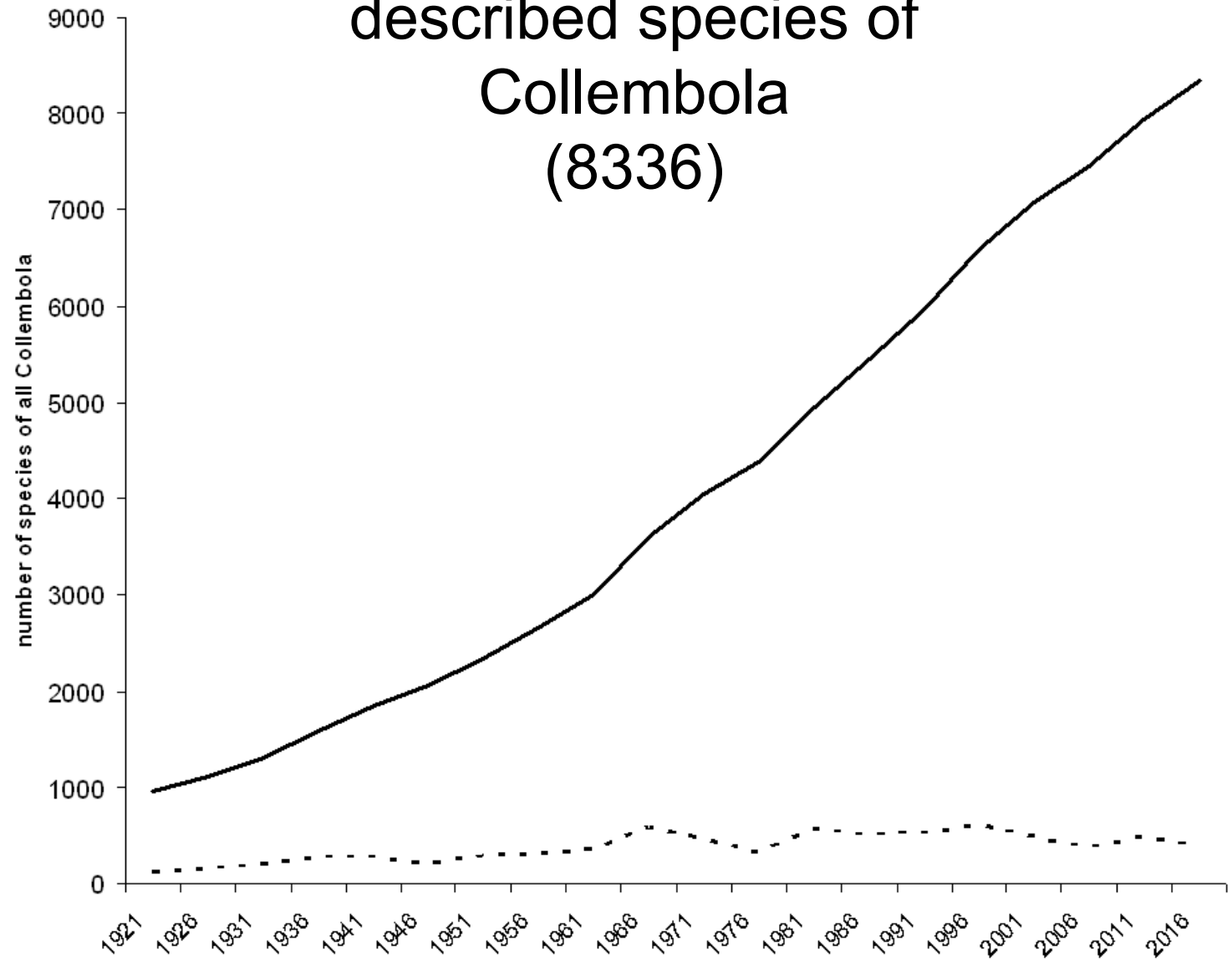
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- geography of routine taxonomy
- re-estimation of widely accepted morphological characters and phenotypic plasticity (**limitations**)
- the characters newly introduced and new insight into systematics of higher taxa (**potential**)

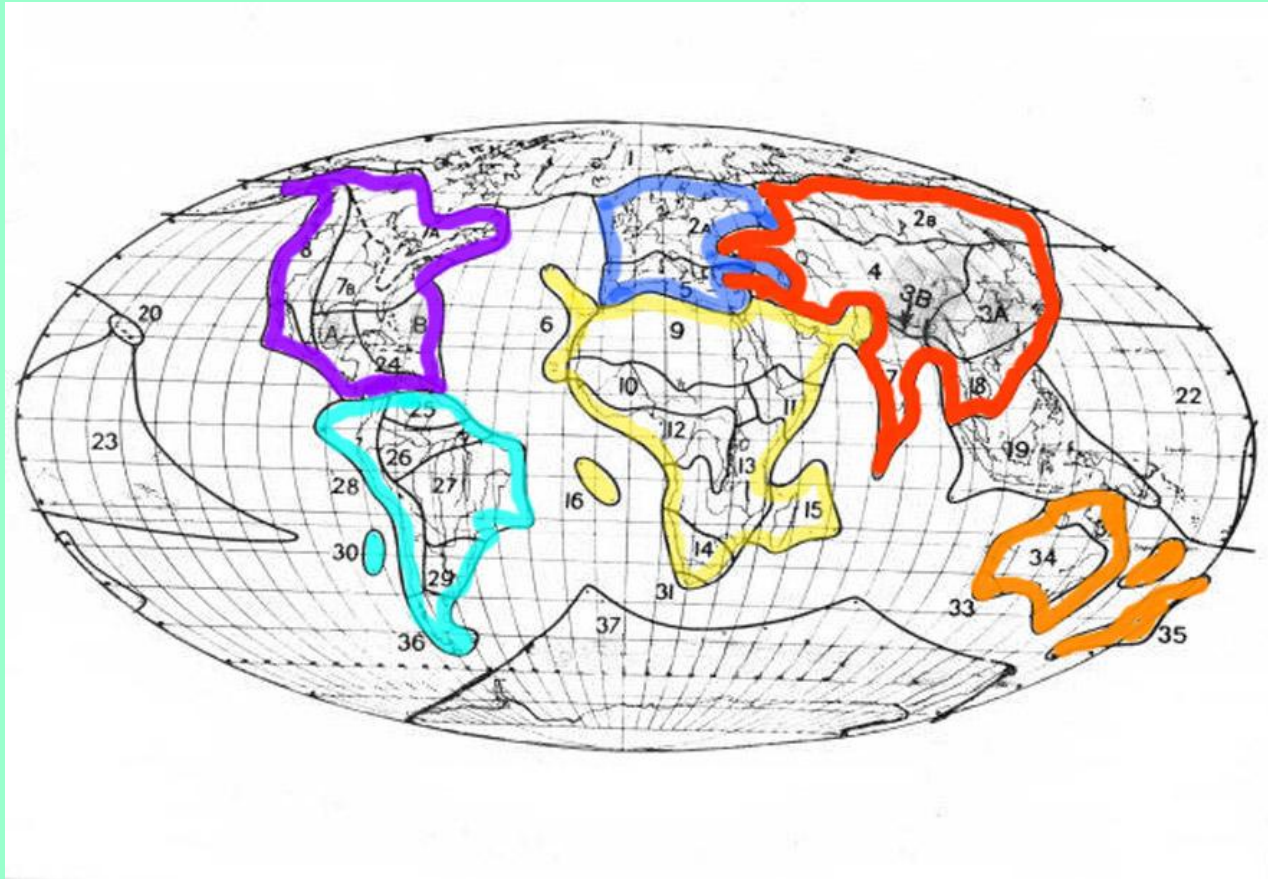
our contribution to global diversity of springtails

based on data from
<http://www.collembola.org>

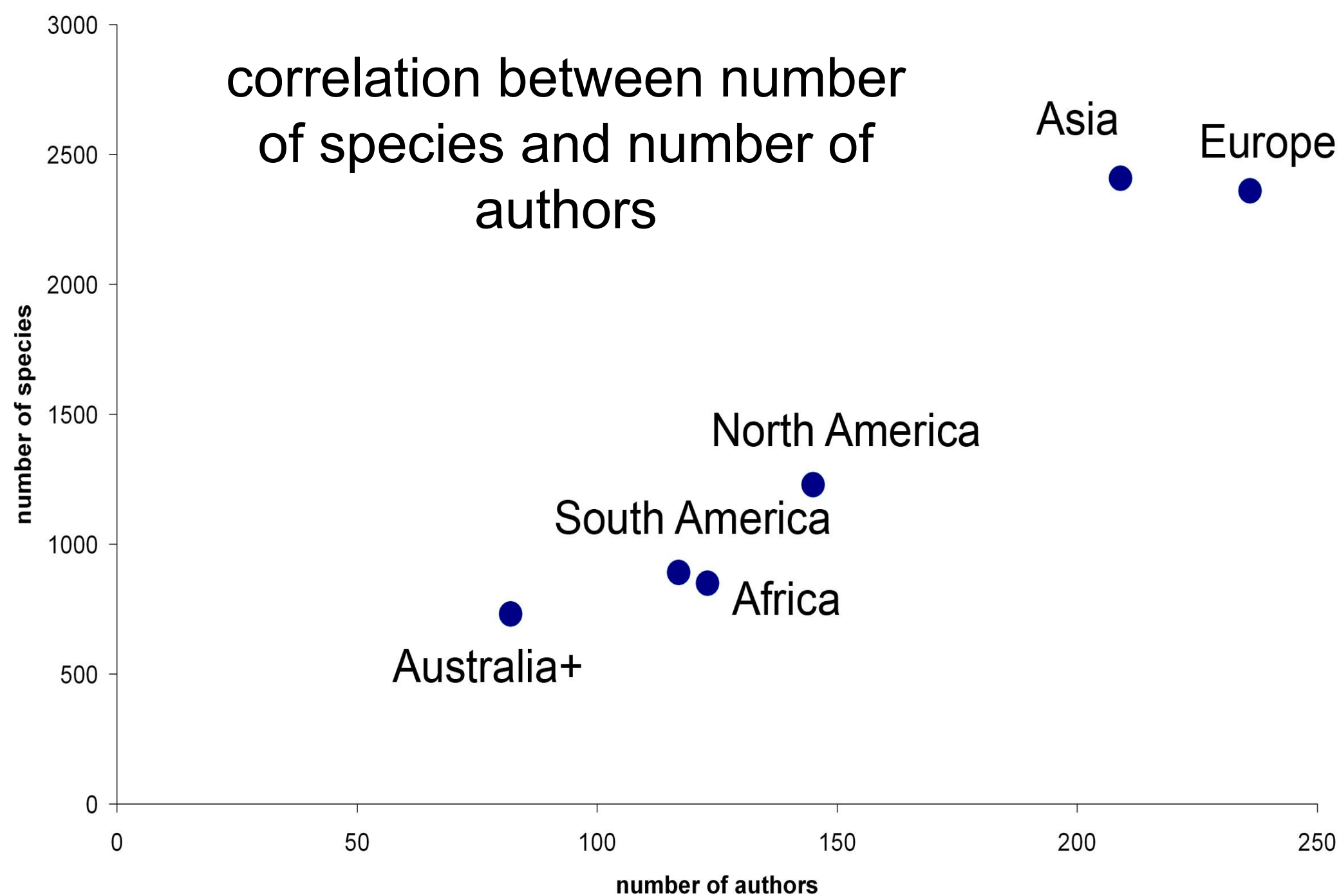
the whole number of
described species of
Collembola
(8336)



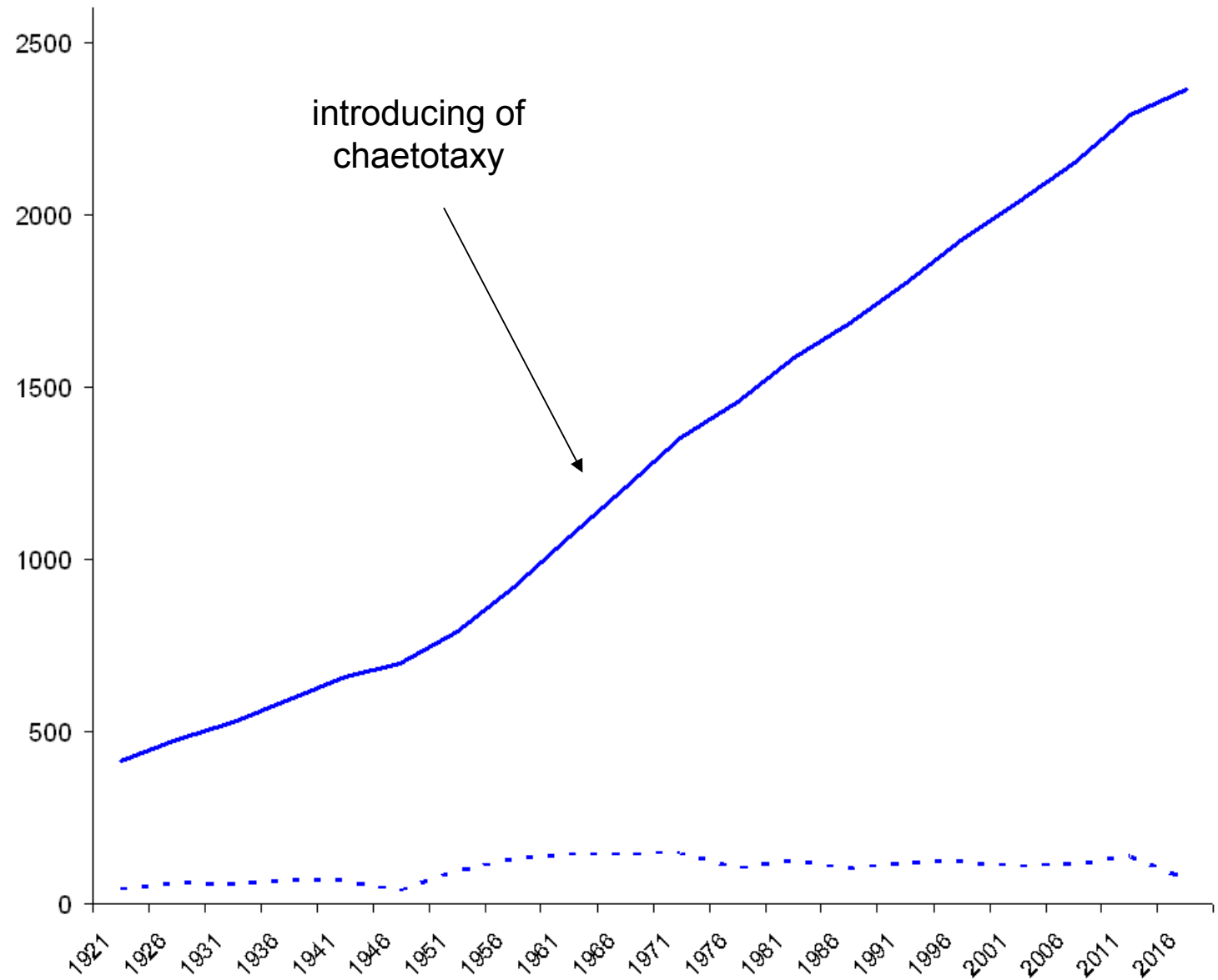
regions analyzed



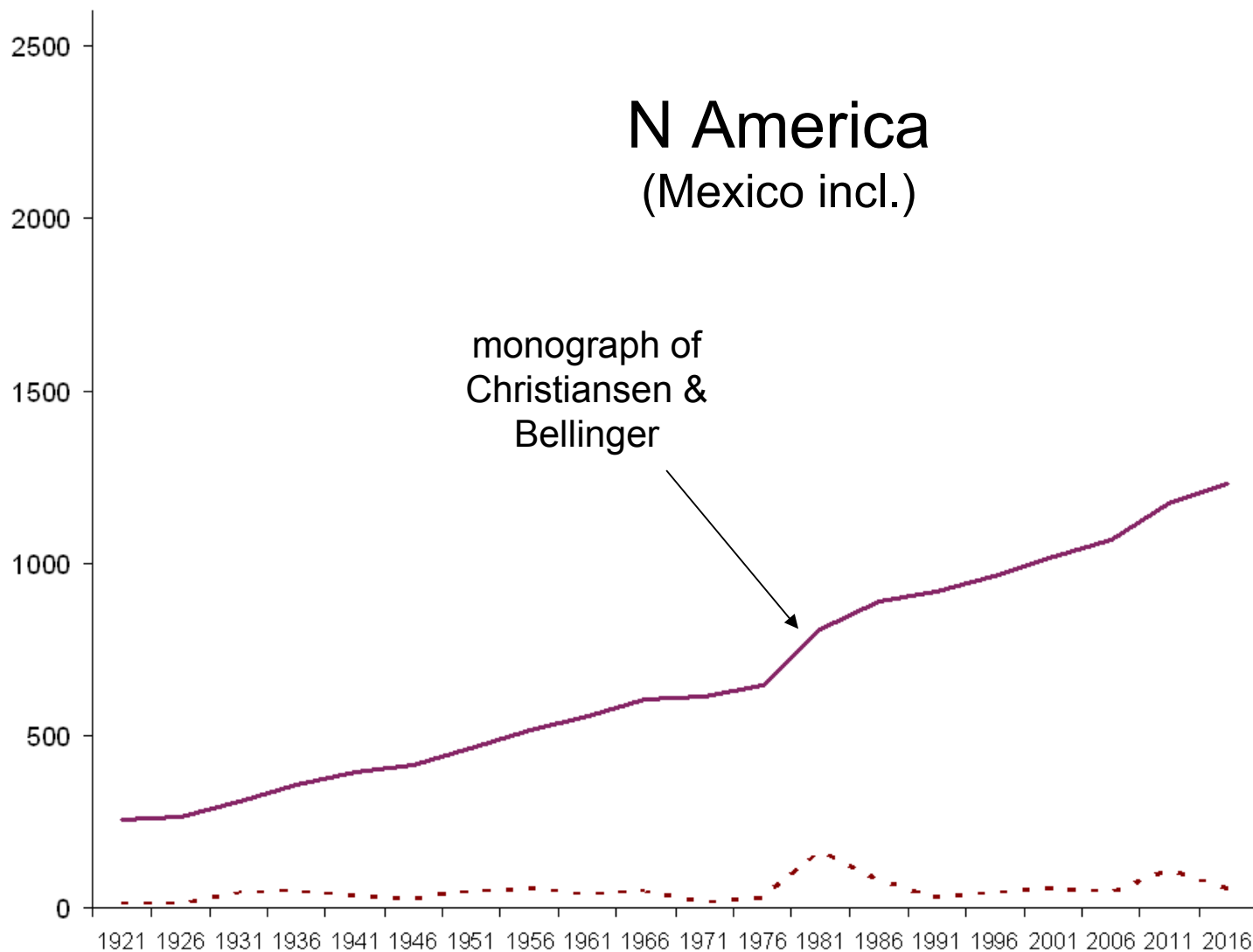
correlation between number
of species and number of
authors



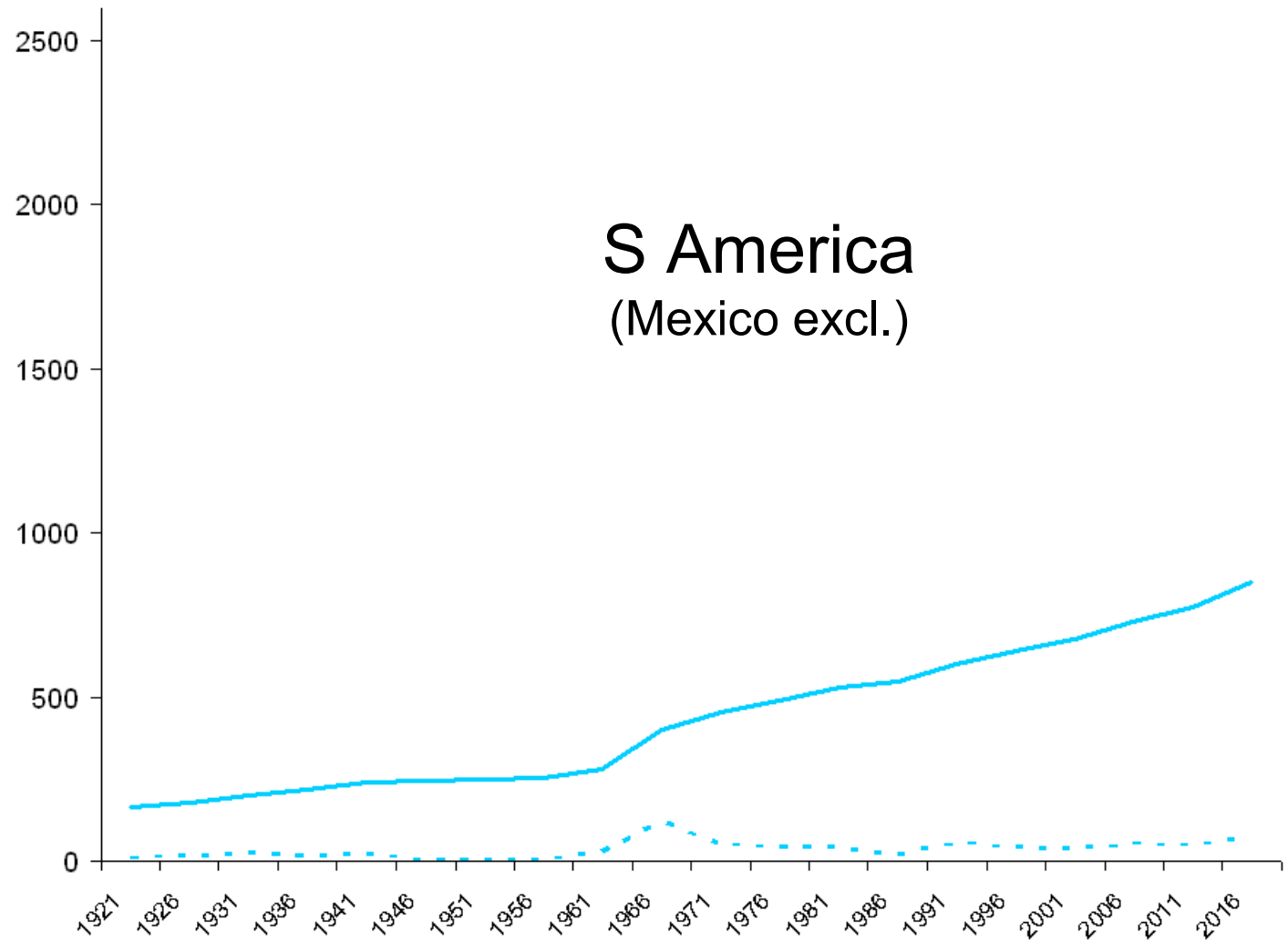
number of described and recorded species in Europe



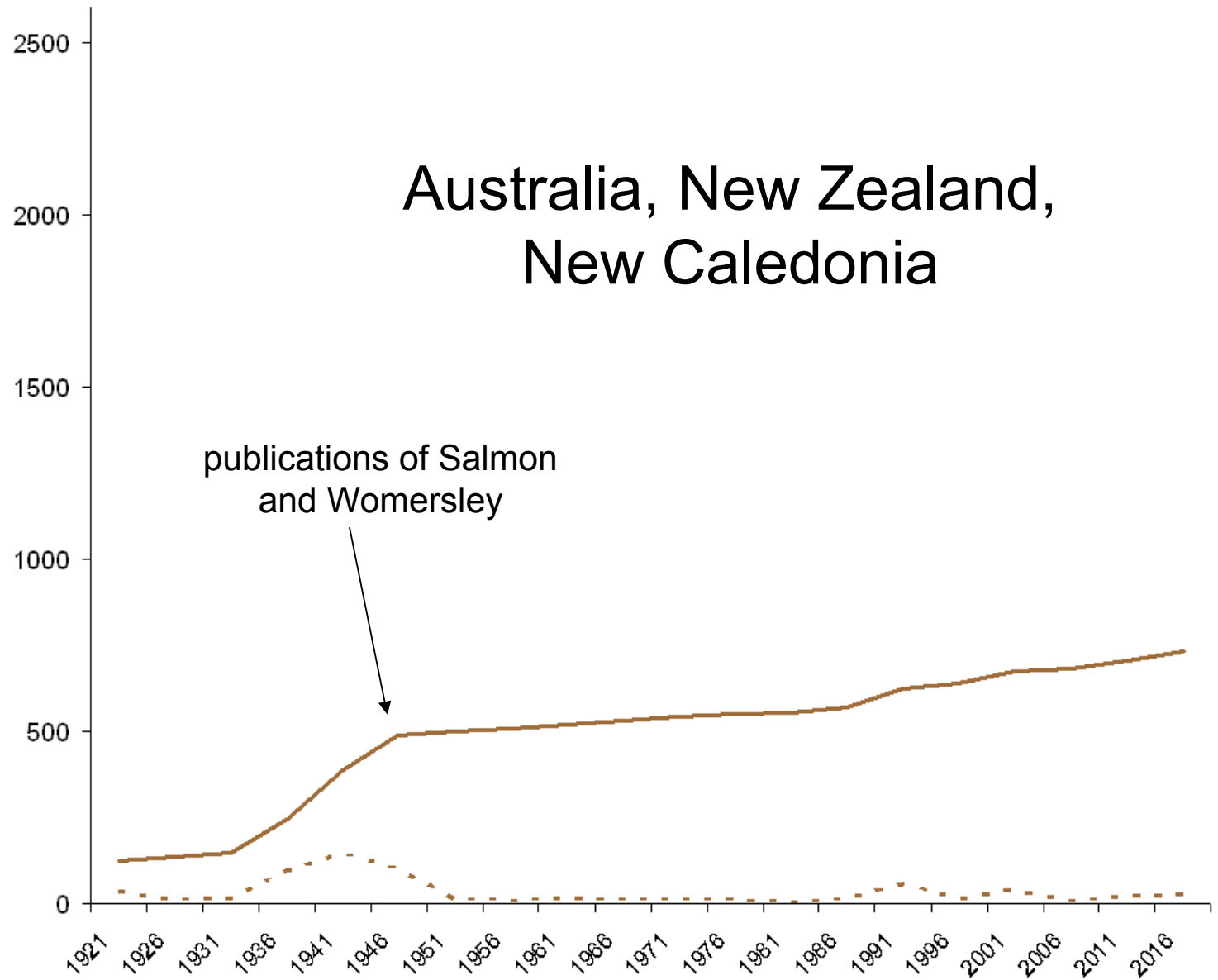
N America (Mexico incl.)

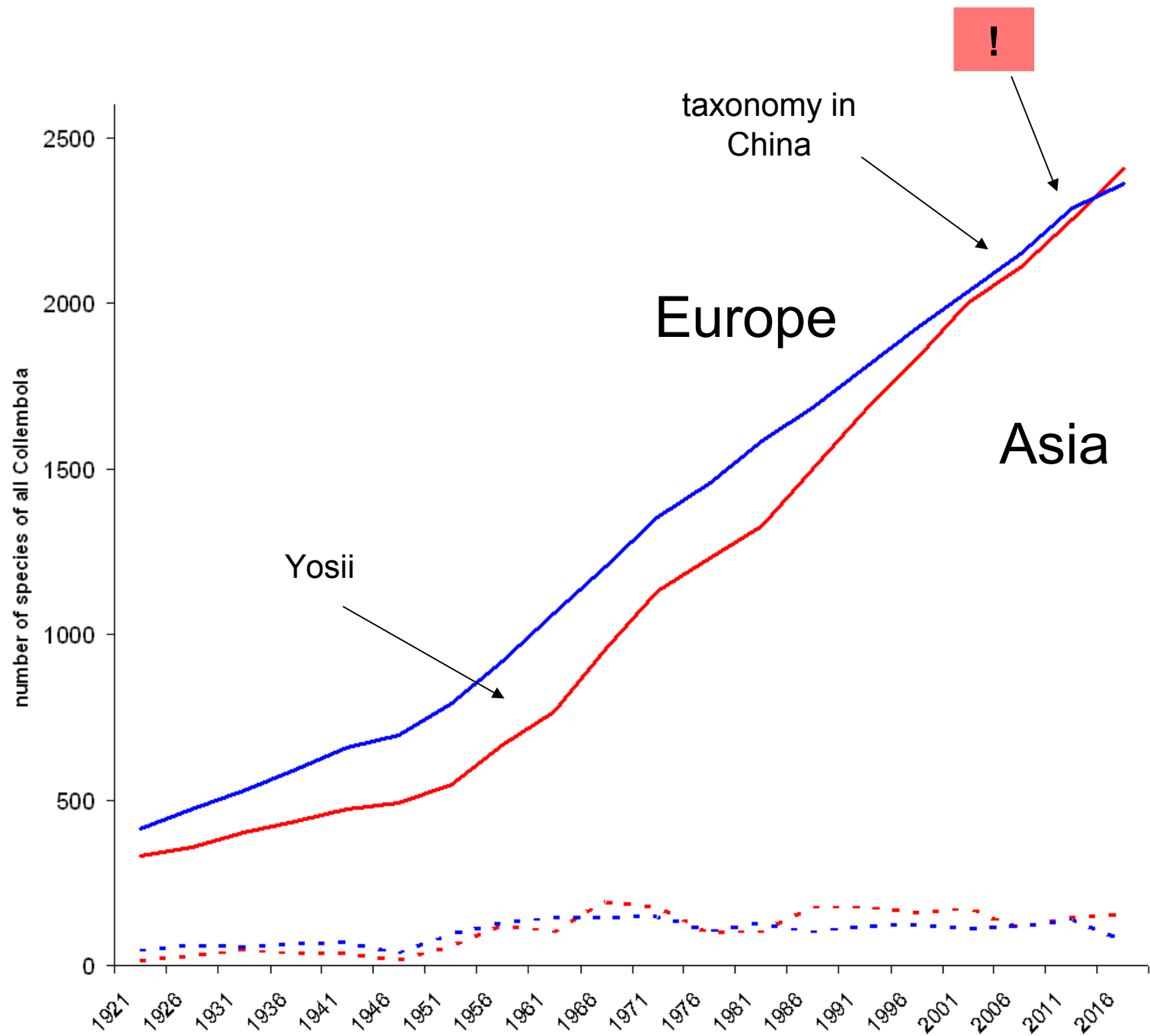


S America (Mexico excl.)

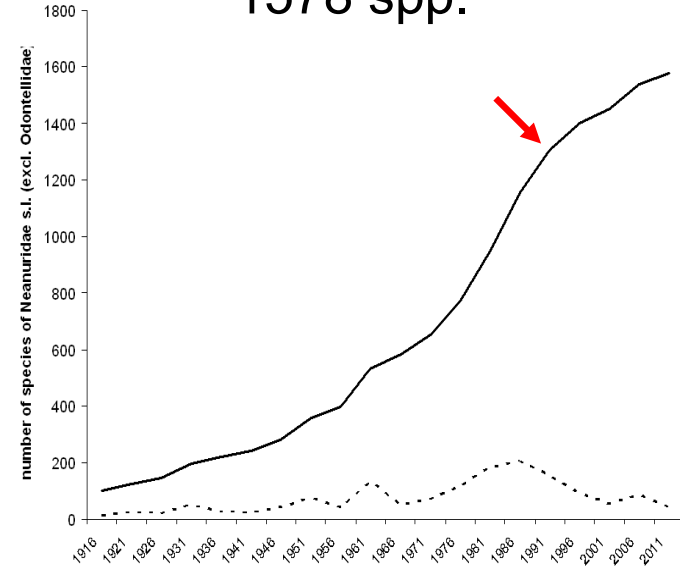


Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia

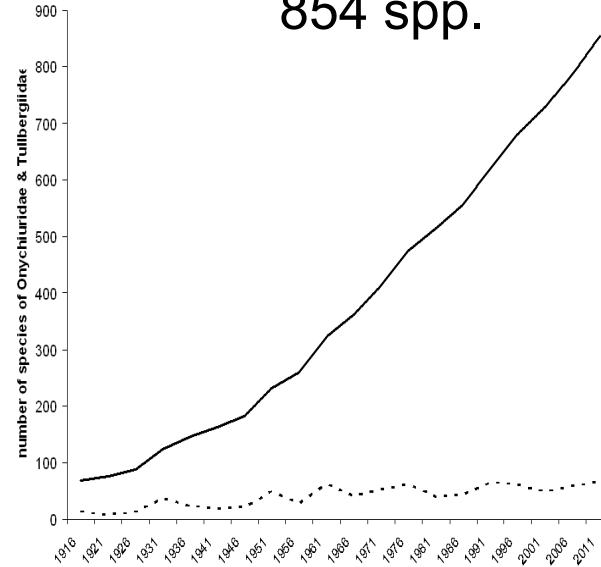




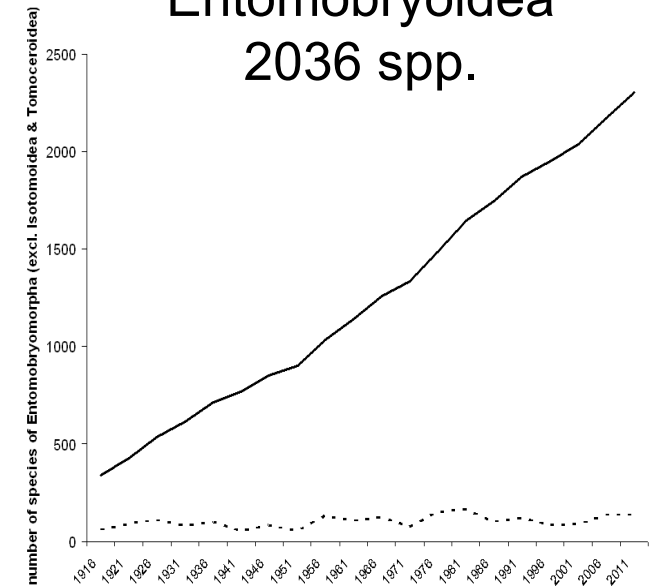
Neanuridae s.l. 1578 spp.



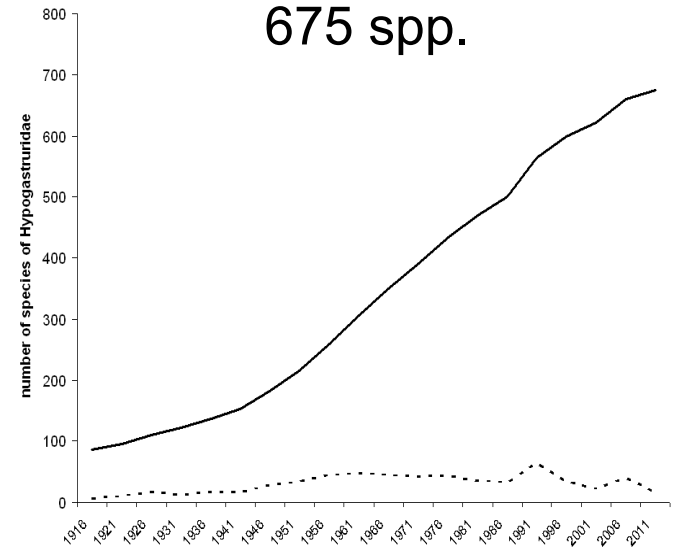
Onychiuroidea 854 spp.



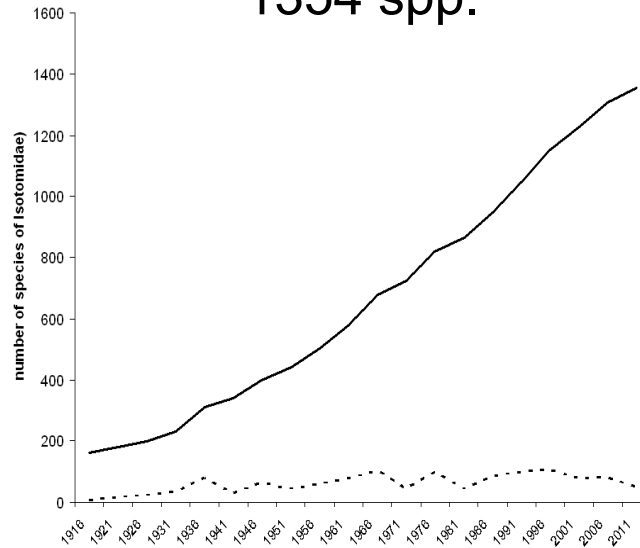
Entomobryoidea 2036 spp.



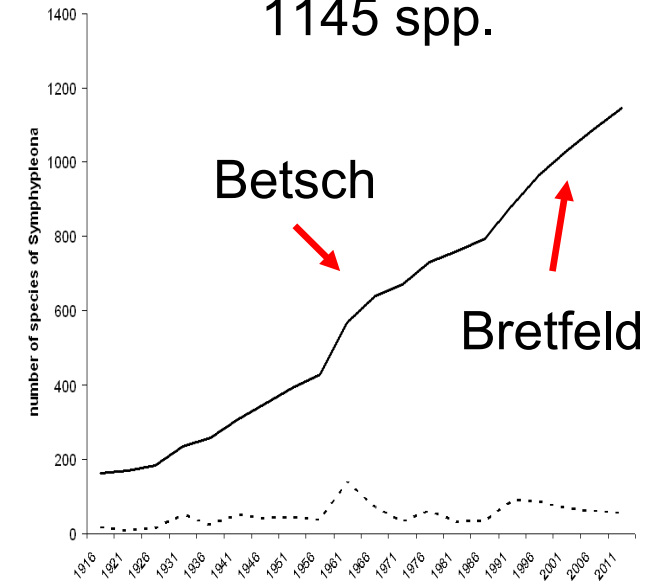
Hypogastruridae 675 spp.



Isotomidae 1354 spp.



Symphyleona 1145 spp.

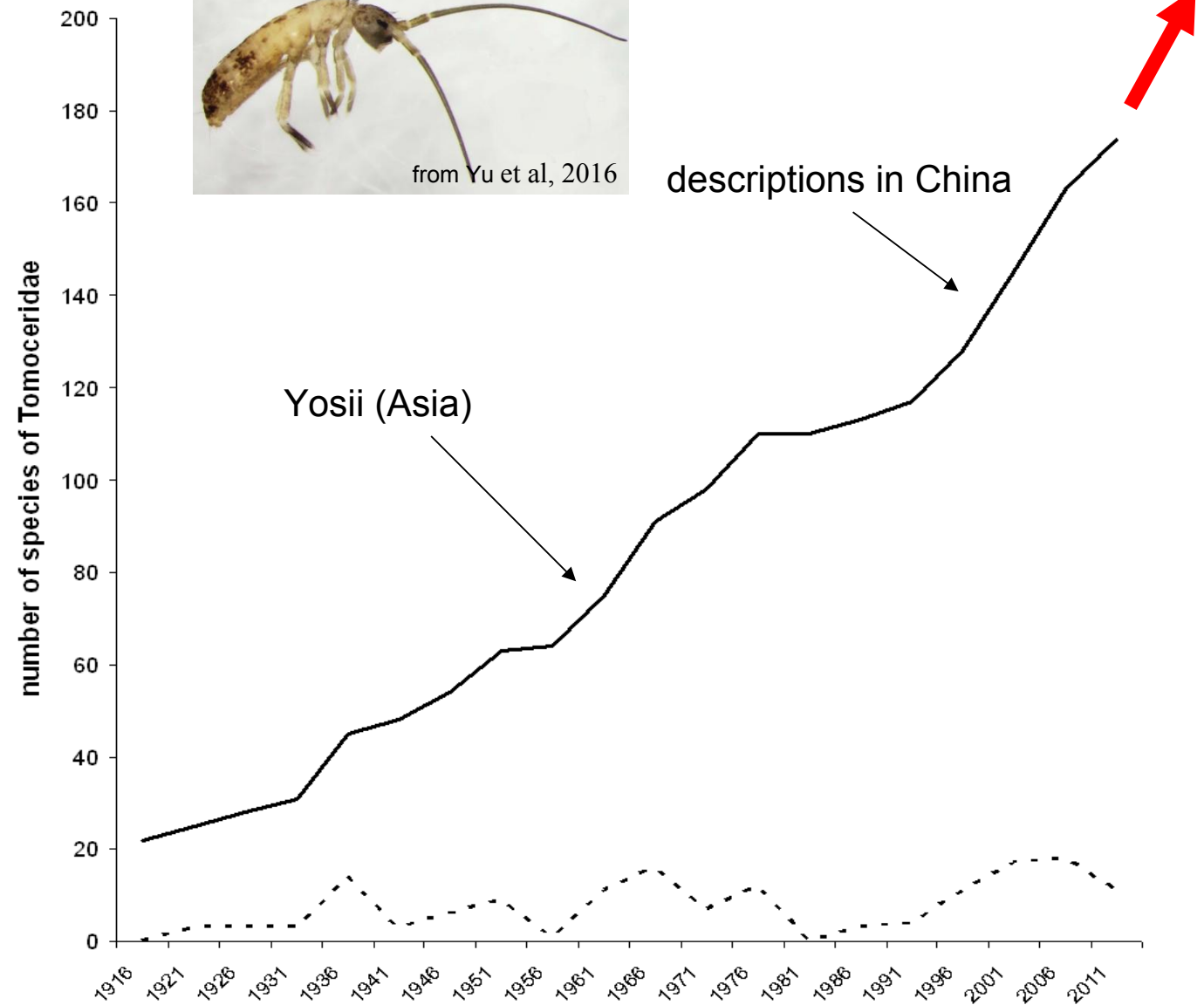


taxa with "explosive" taxonomy

Tomoceridae (174 spp.)



from Yu et al, 2016

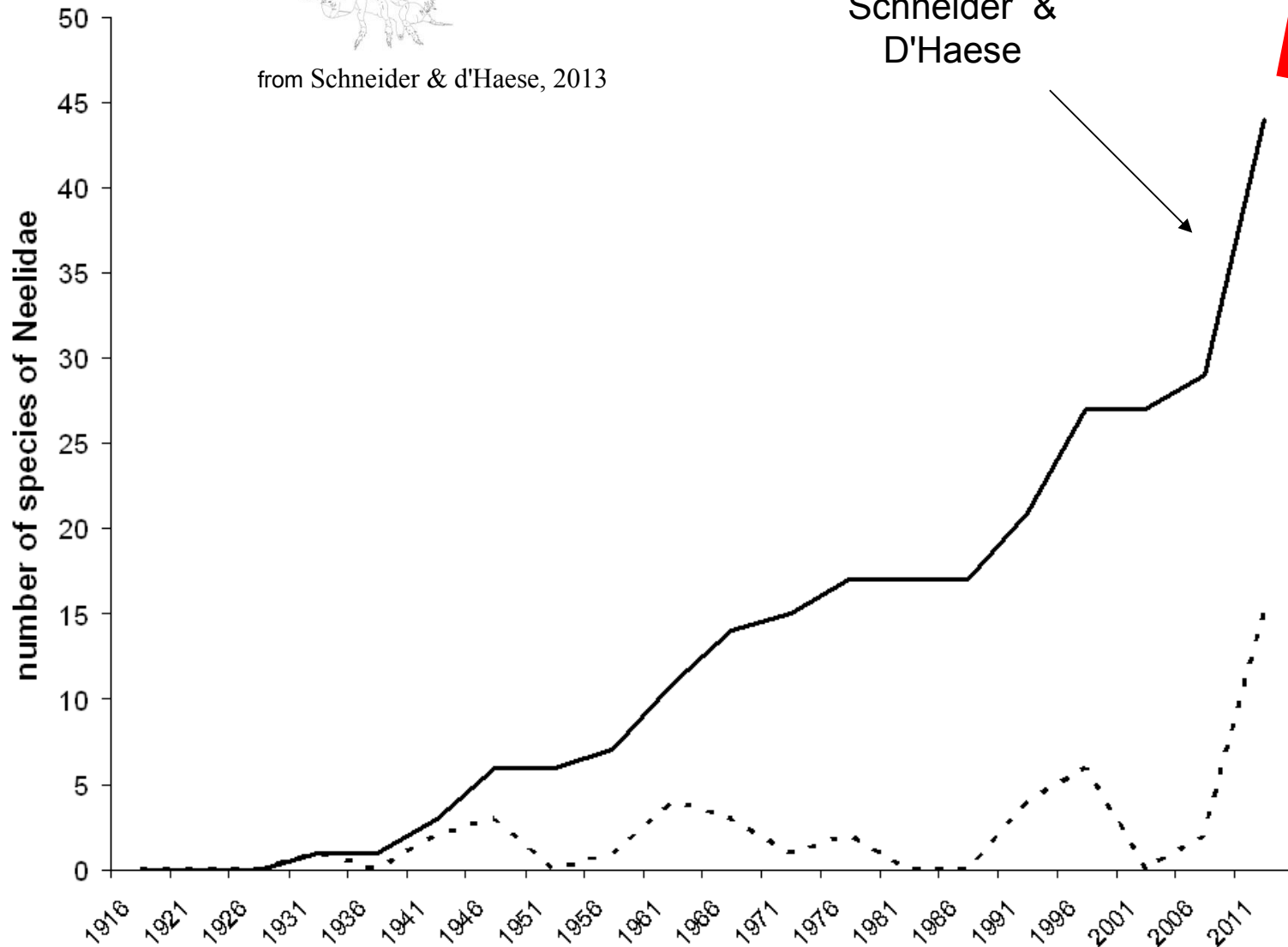


Neelidae (44 spp.)



from Schneider & d'Haese, 2013

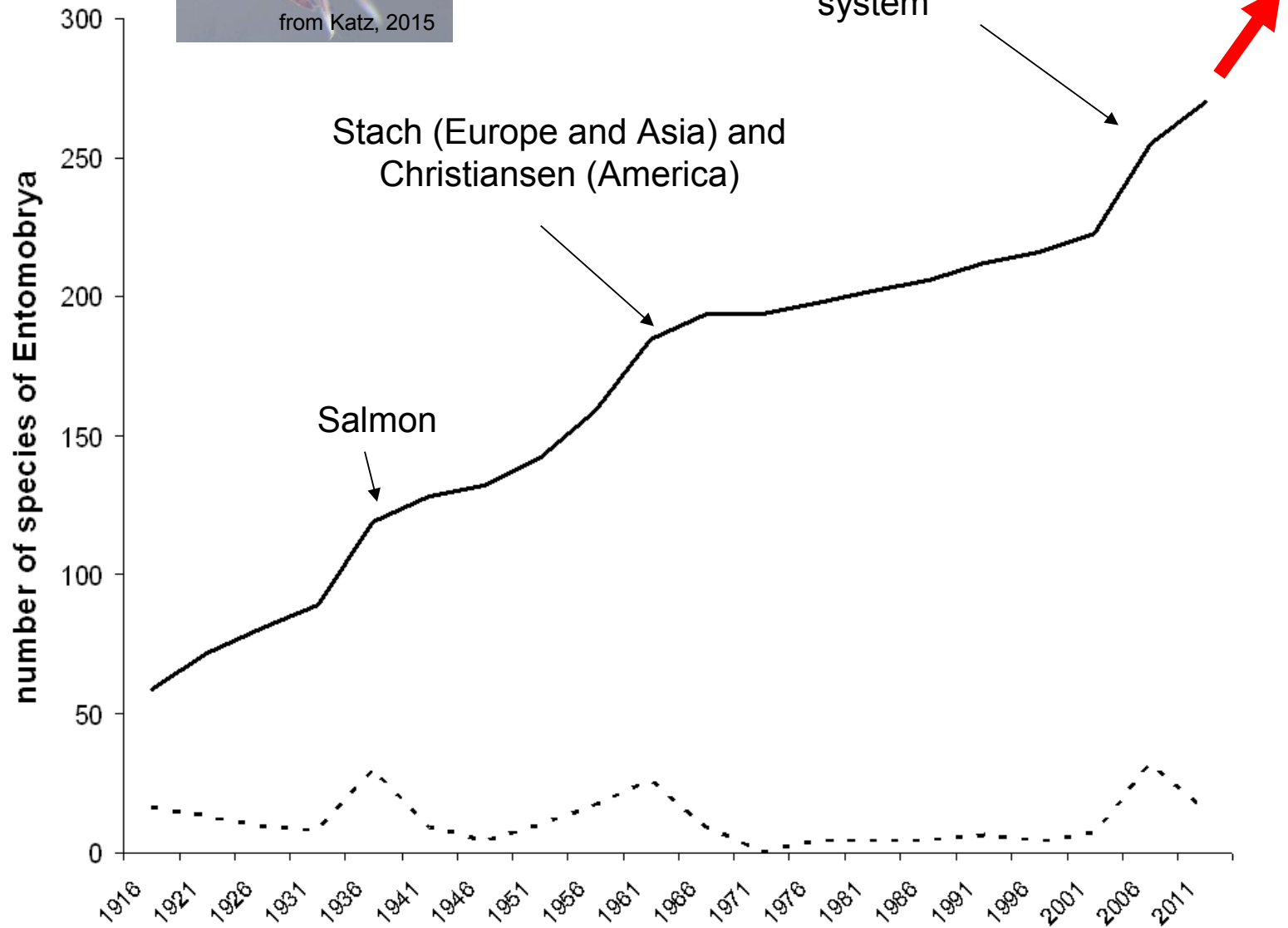
Schneider &
D'Haese



Entomobrya (270 spp.)



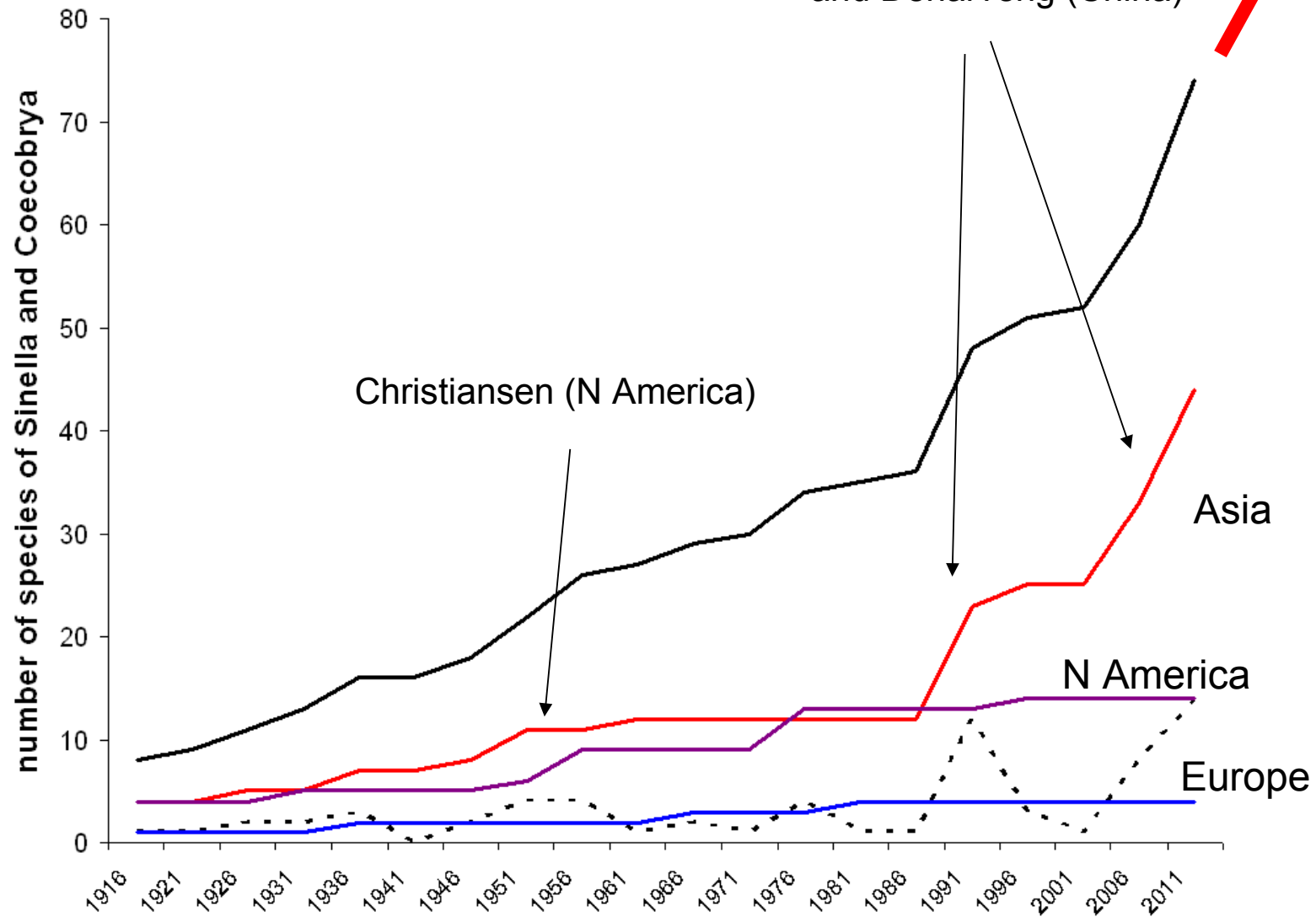
REBIRTH:
Jordana's taxonomical
system



Sinella and *Coecobrya* (74 spp.)

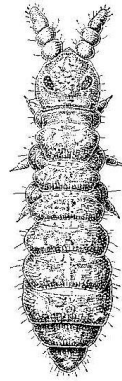


Chen, Christiansen, Zhang,
and Deharveng (China)

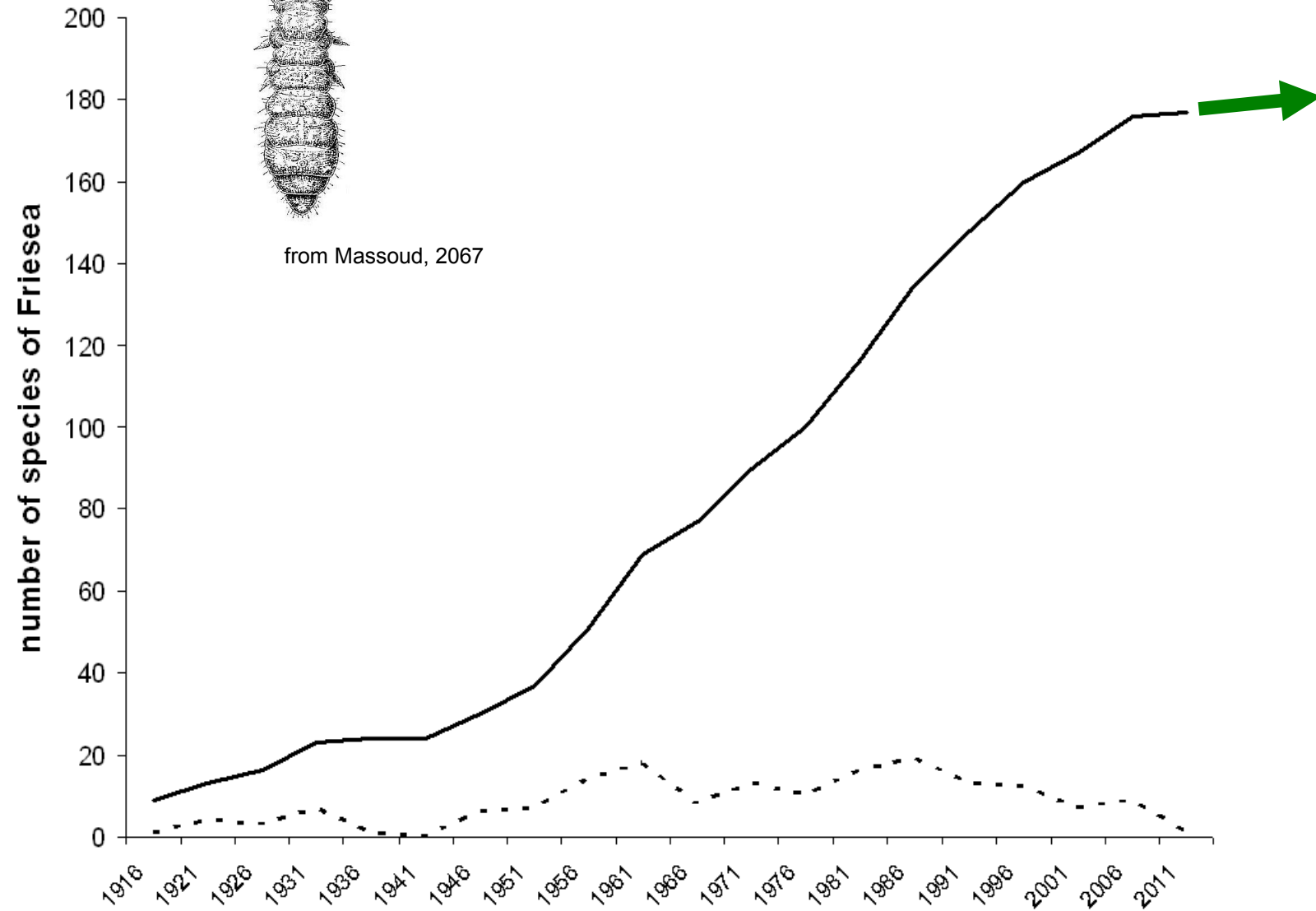


taxa which almost found their final size ?

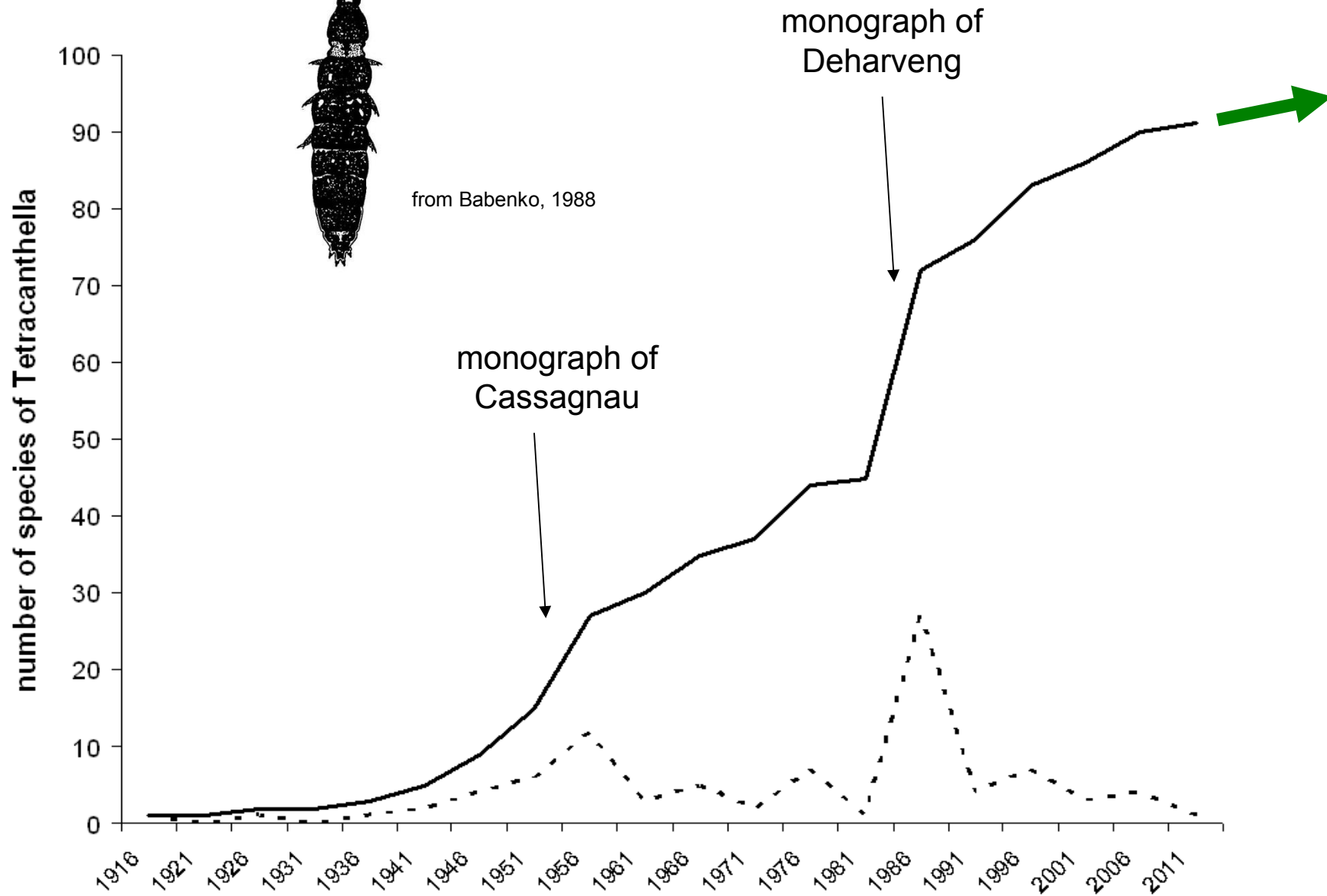
Friesea (177 spp.)



from Massoud, 2067

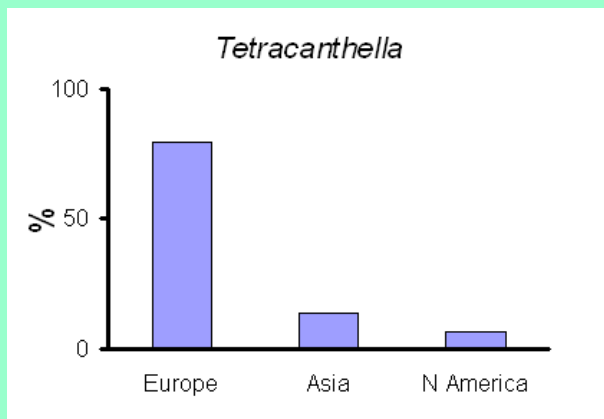
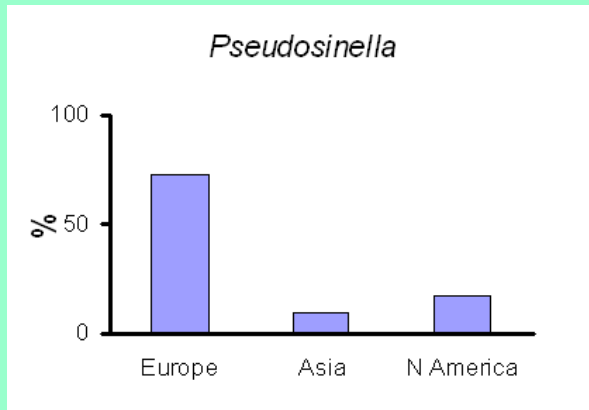
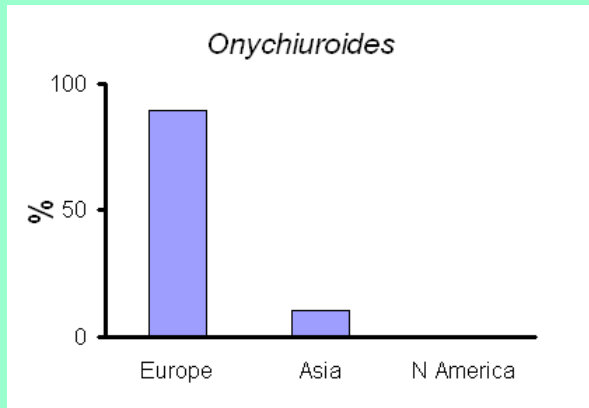


Tetracanthella (91 spp.)

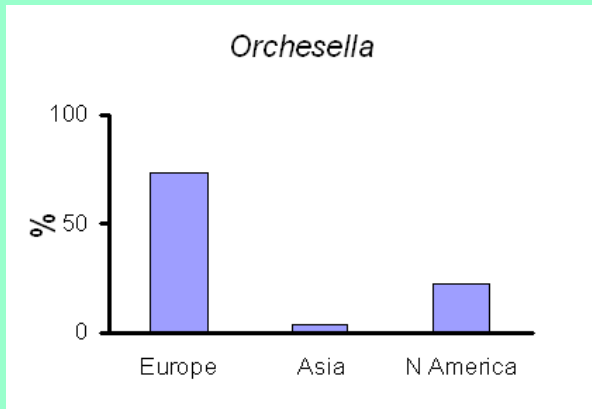
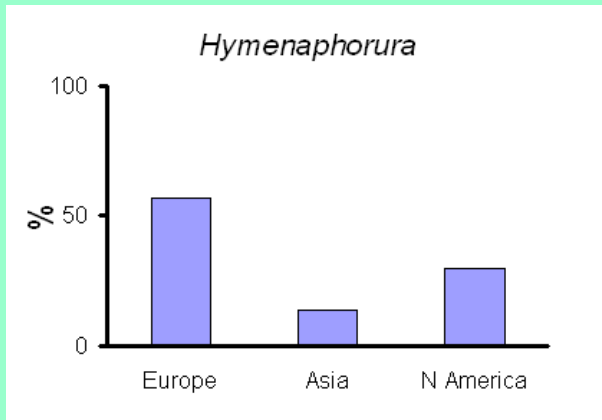


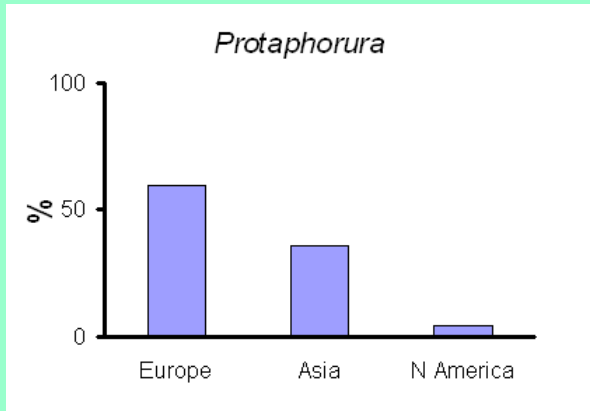
Taxonomy of East and West:
Overview of distributions of
higher taxa on large
biogeographical scale

genera with European distribution

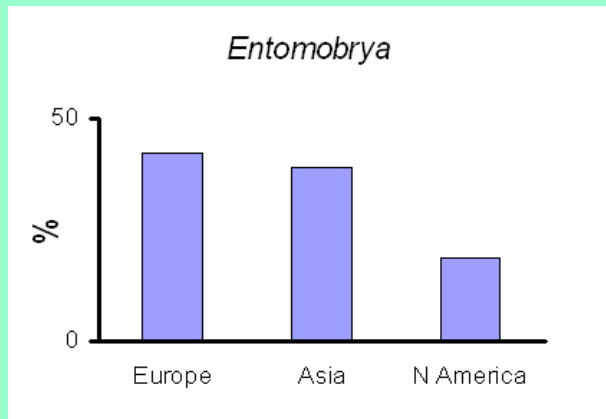
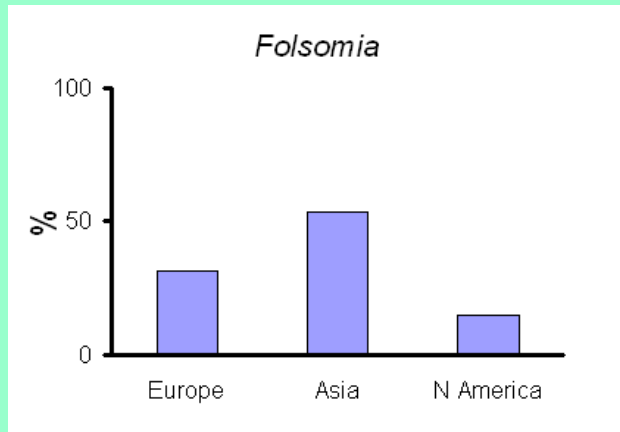


genera with Euro- American distribution



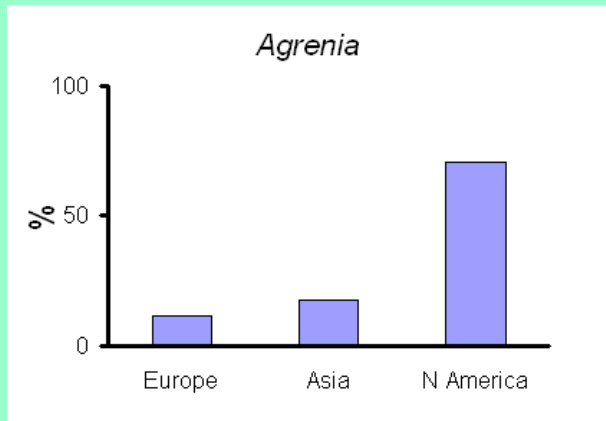


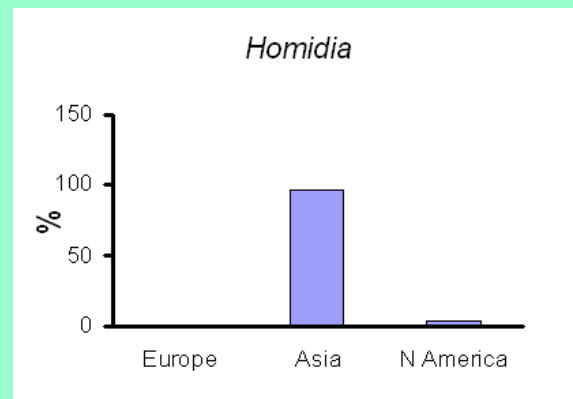
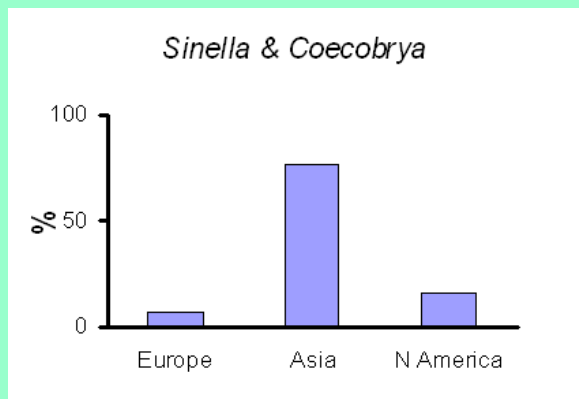
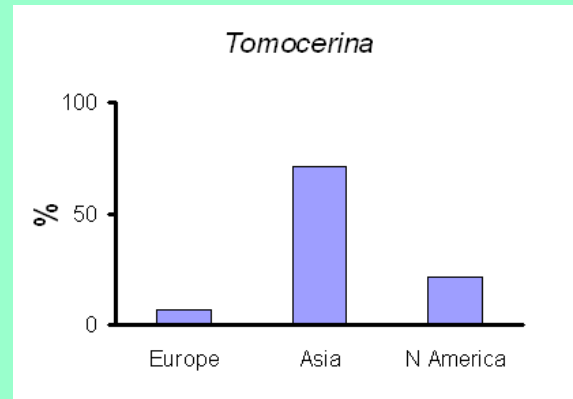
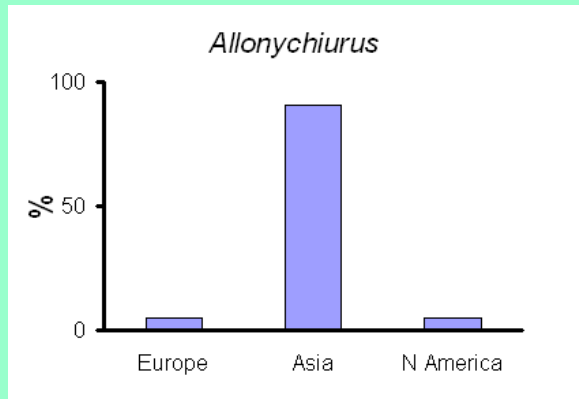
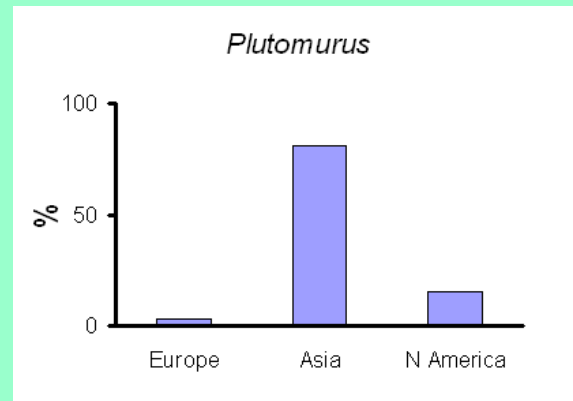
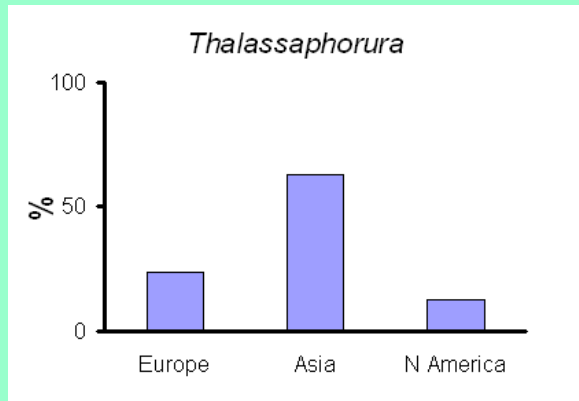
genera with Palearctic
distribution



genera with Holarctic
distribution

genera with Nearctic distribution





genera with
Asiatic distribution

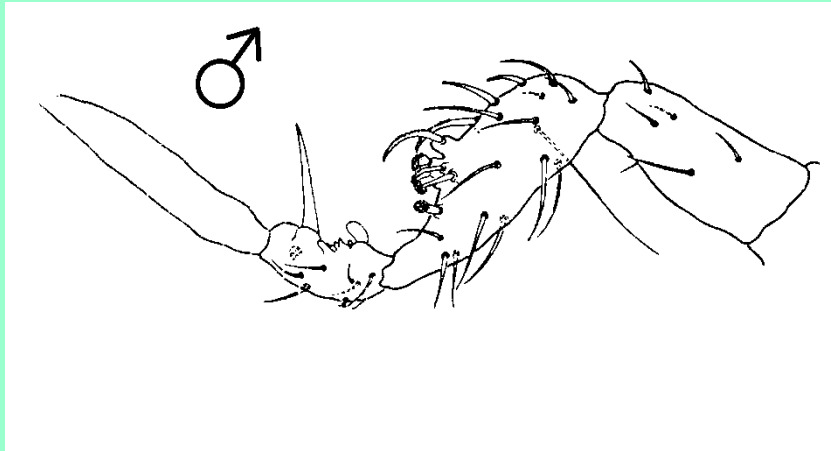
Limitations of morphological taxonomy:

- value of strong sexual dimorphism and epitoky
- colour pattern
- mobile forms

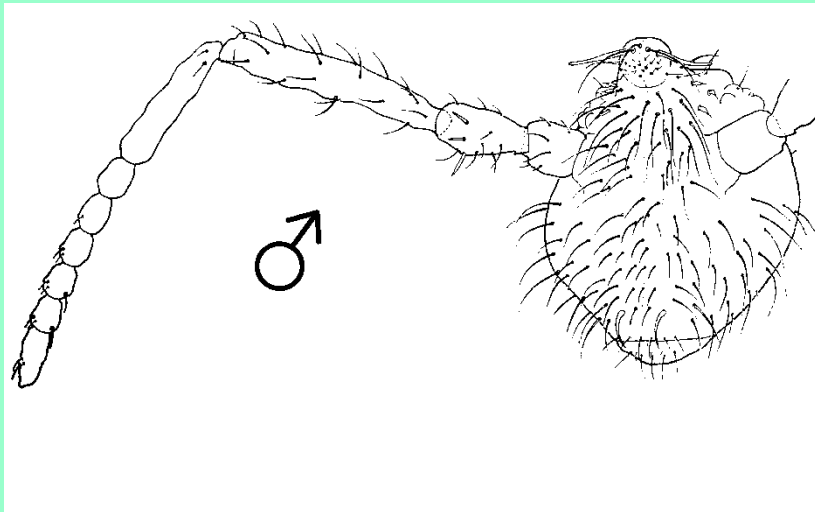
Limitation of morphological
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Symphyleona:

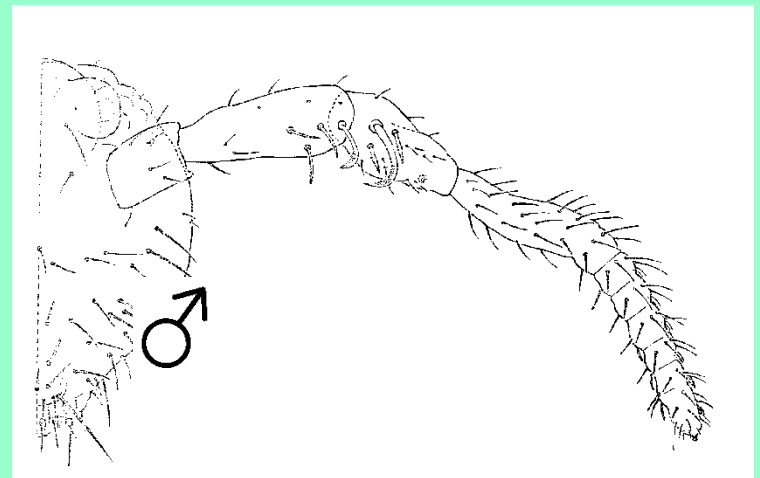
males of “dimorphic” genera (from Betsch, 1980)



Sminthurides



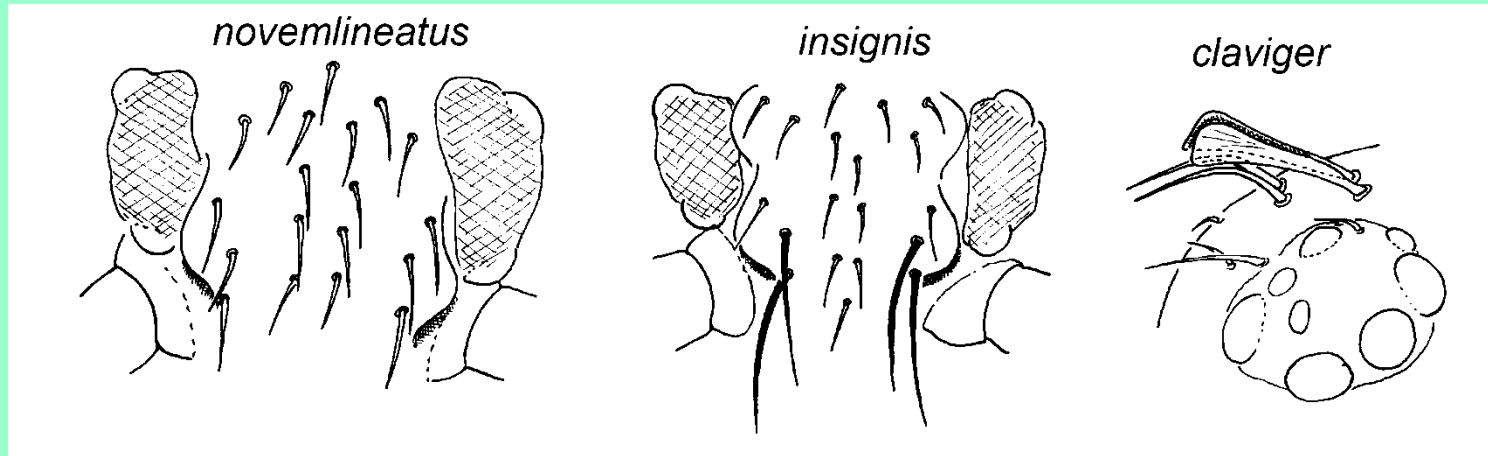
Bovicornia



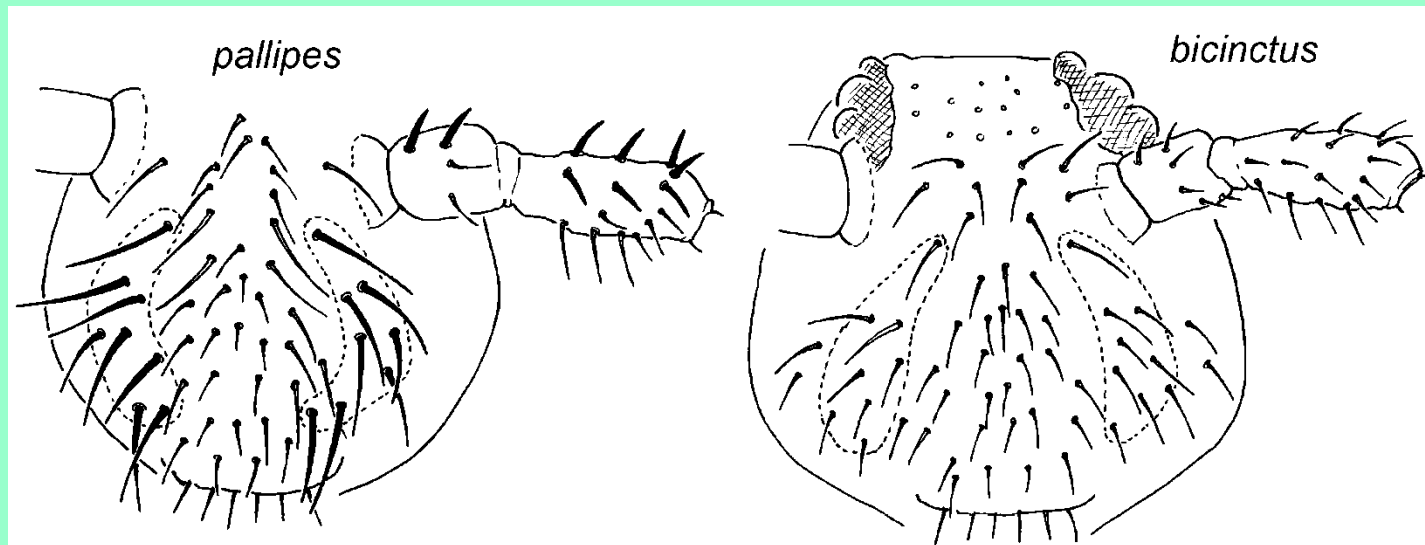
Bourletides

males of species of "non dimorphic" genera
(from Fjellberg, 2007)

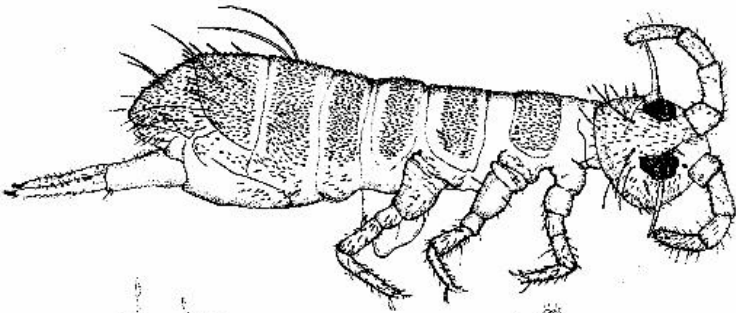
Heterosminthurus



Deuterosminthurus



Isotomidae: modified males

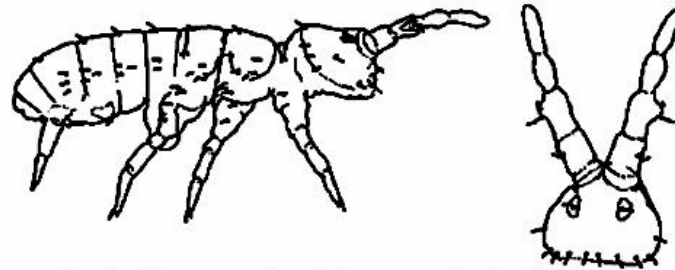


Rhodanella minos Denis, 1928
(Delamare-Debboutville et al., 1969)

Rhodanella



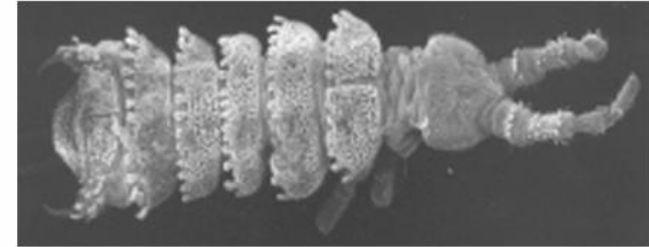
Jestella siva Najt, 1977 (Najt, 1977)



Jestella armata Potapov et al., 2005
(Potapov et al., 2005)

Jestella

separate “dimorphic” genera



Guthriella muskegis Börner, 1906
(Palacios-Vargas et Castaño-Meneses, 2009)

Guthriella



Dimorphotoma porcella Ellis, 1976
(Schulz, 2010)

Ephemerotoma

Isotomidae: modified males



Vertagopus reuteri Schott, 1893
(Fjellberg, 1982)

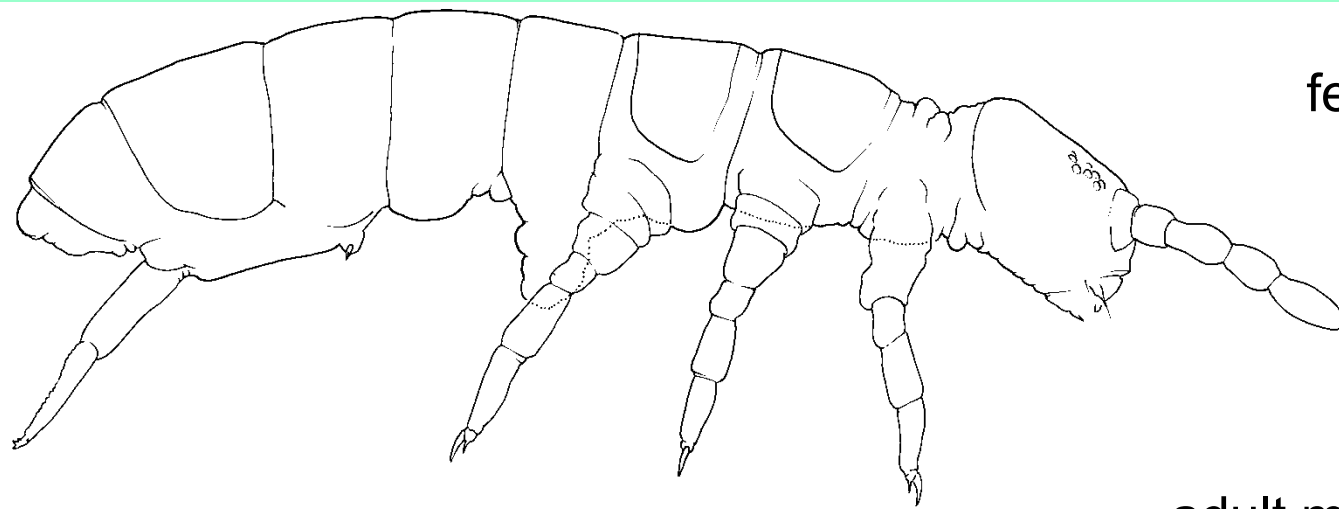
Vertagopus



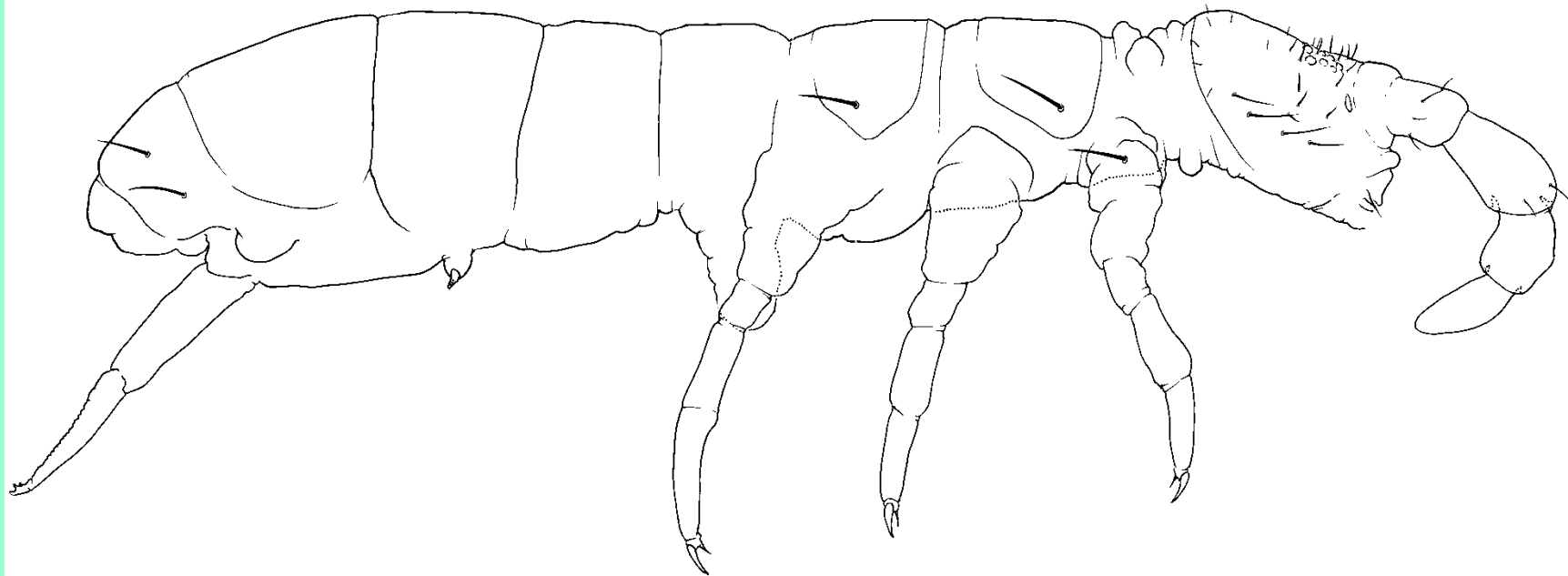
Archisotoma pulchela
Moniez, 1890 (Fjellberg, 2007)

Archisotoma

males of some species of
"not dimorphic" genera

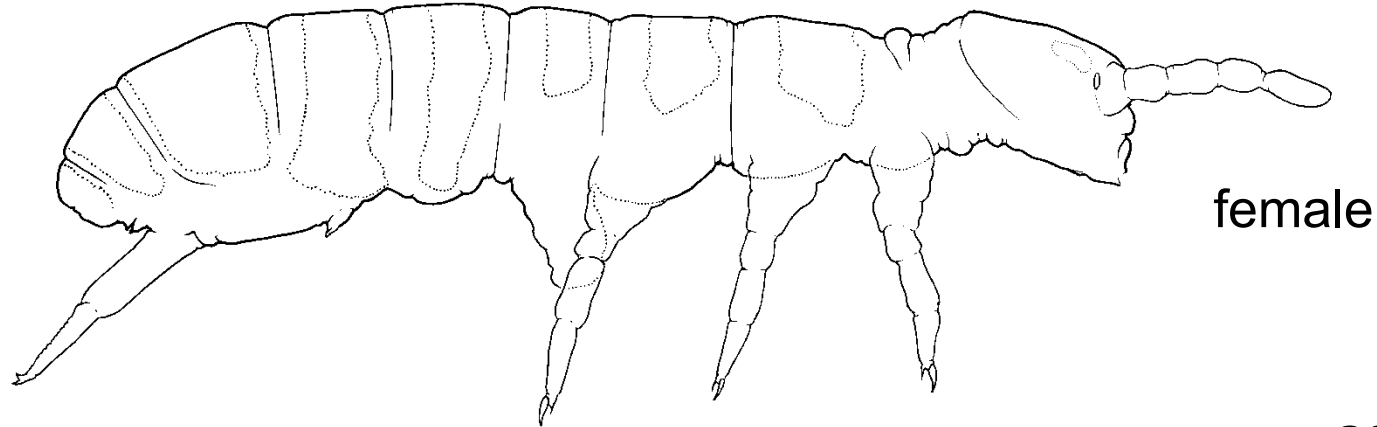


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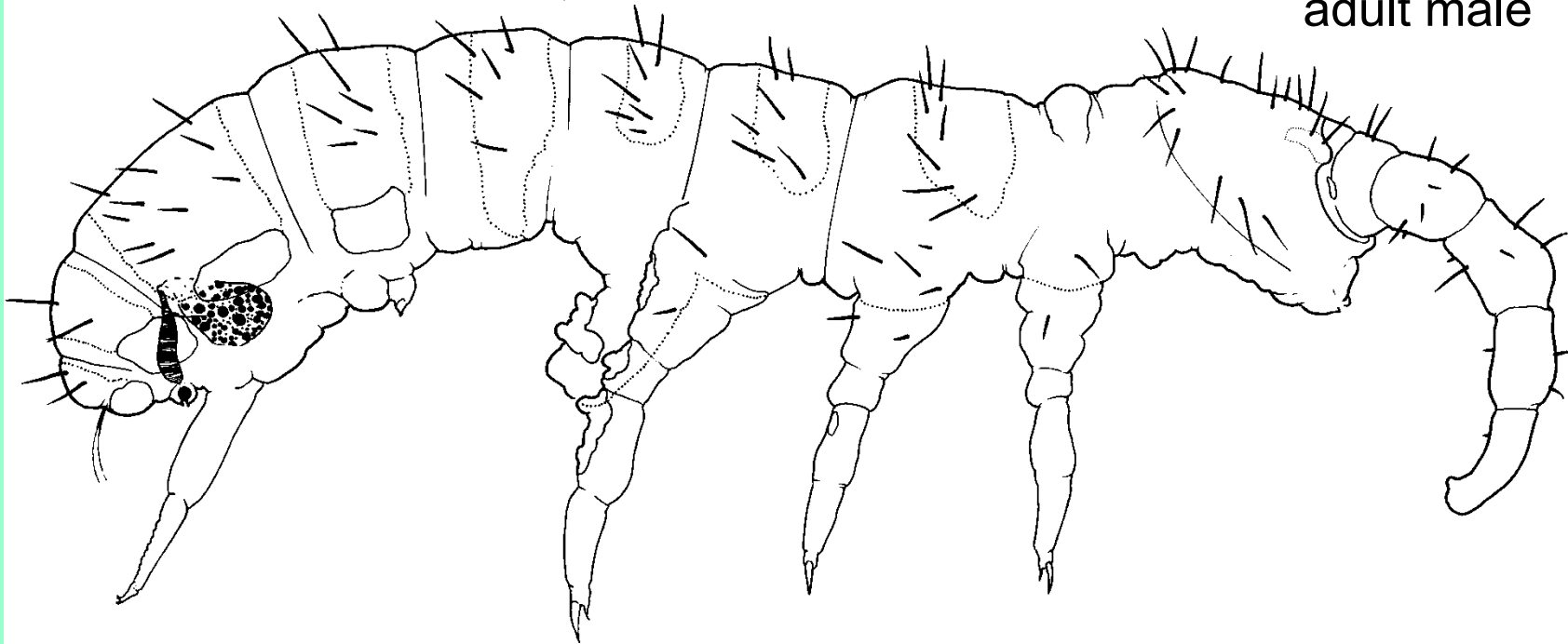


adult male

Ephemerotoma huadongensis (Chen, 1985) Asia: Shanghai

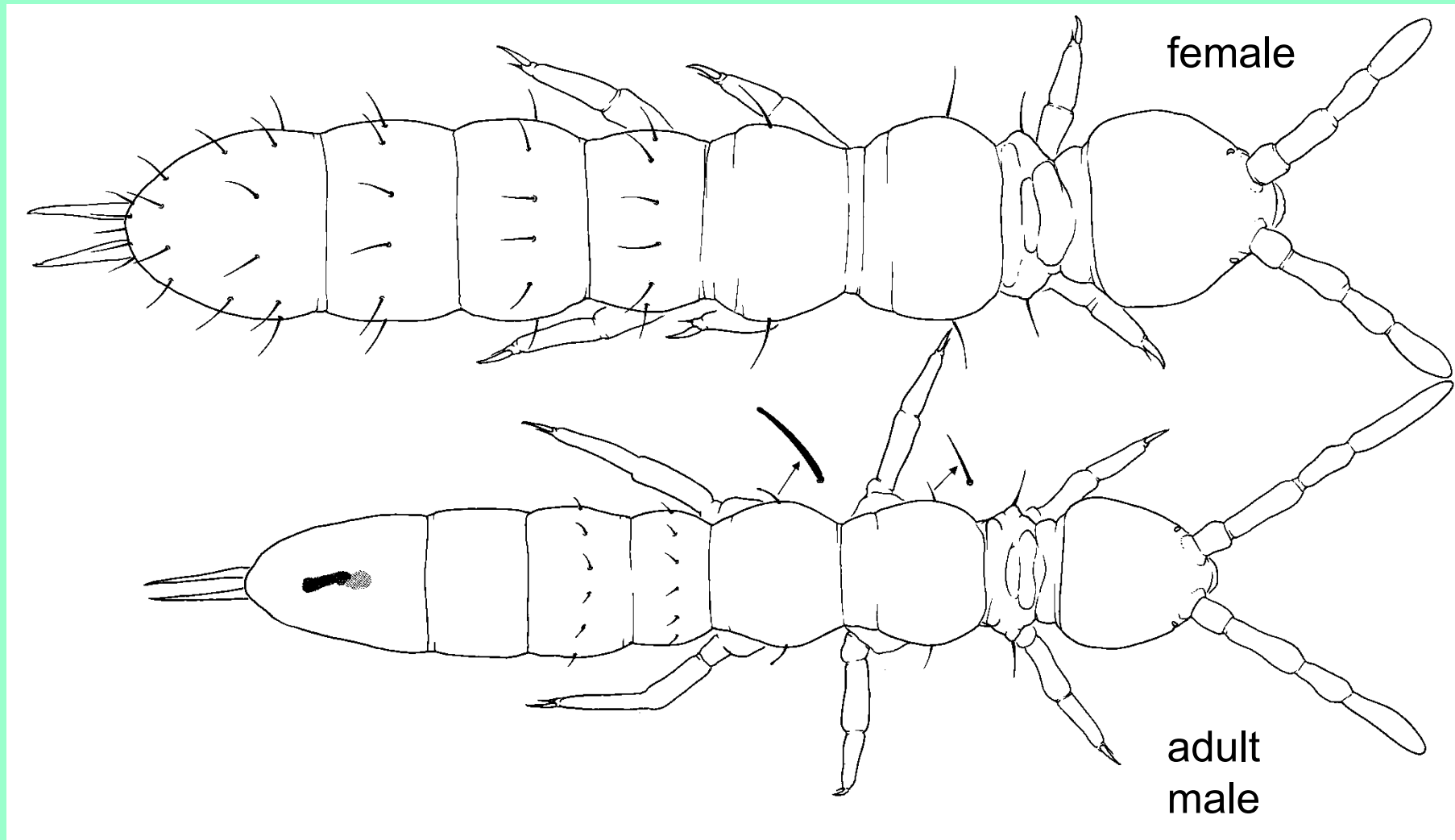


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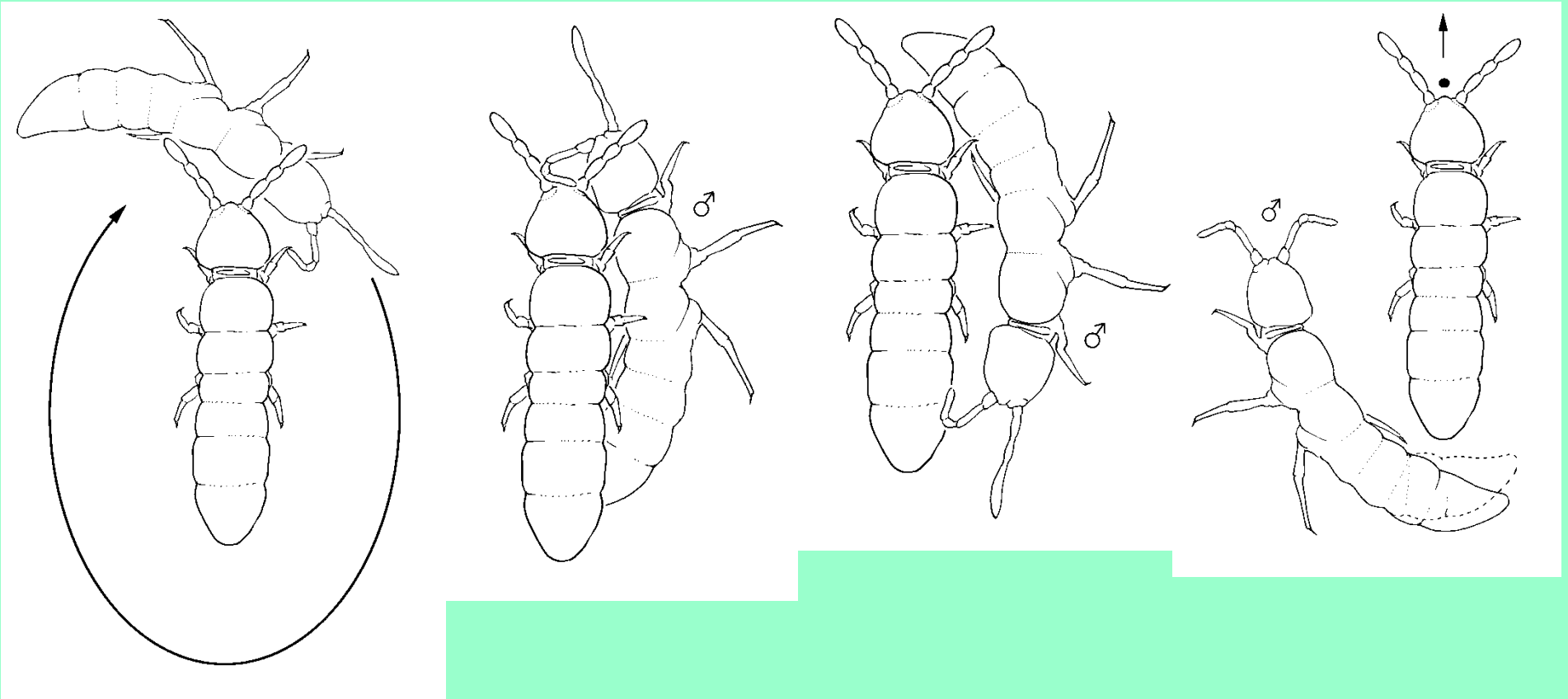
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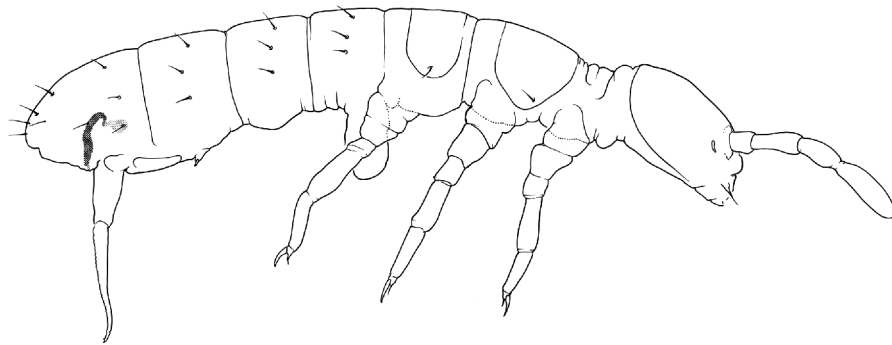
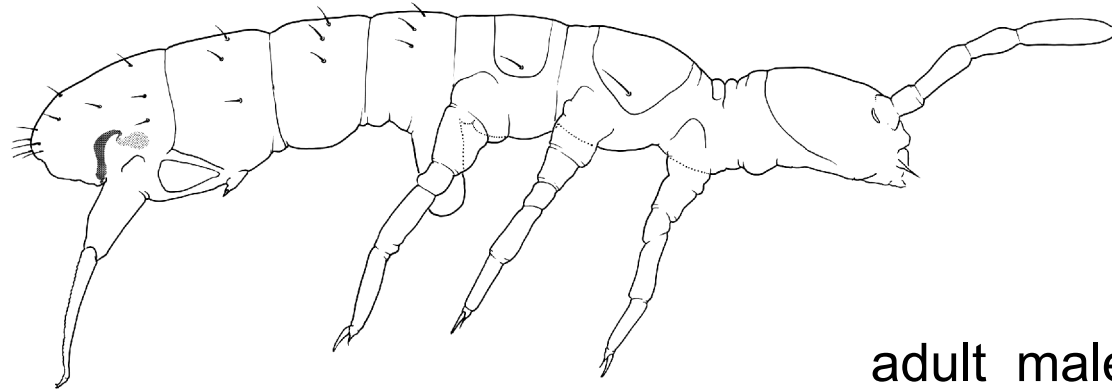
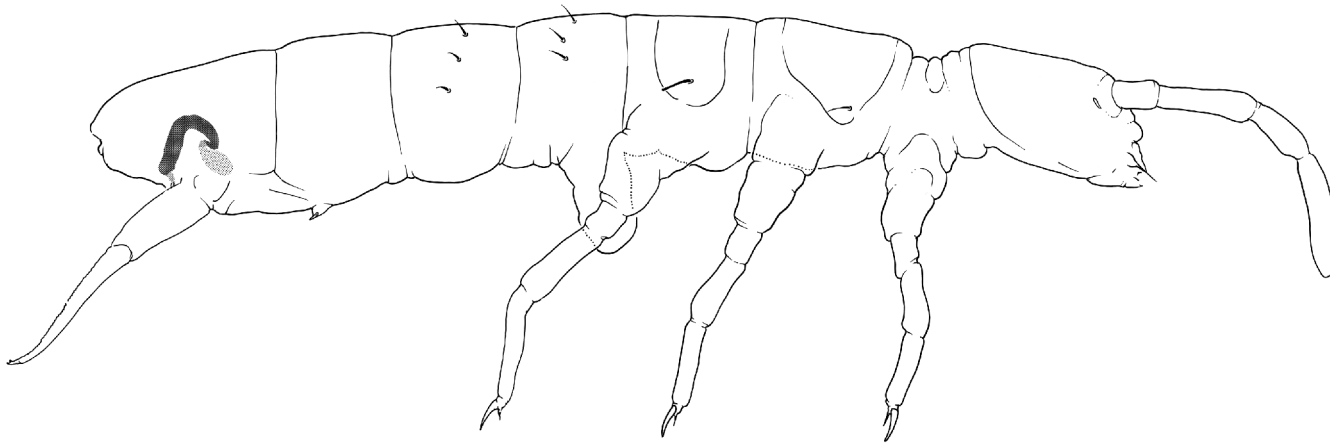
Scutisotoma stepposa (Martynova, 1975) Asia, Eastern Siberia



Folsomia candida Willem, 1902 Asia, Shanghai laboratory population (unpubl.)

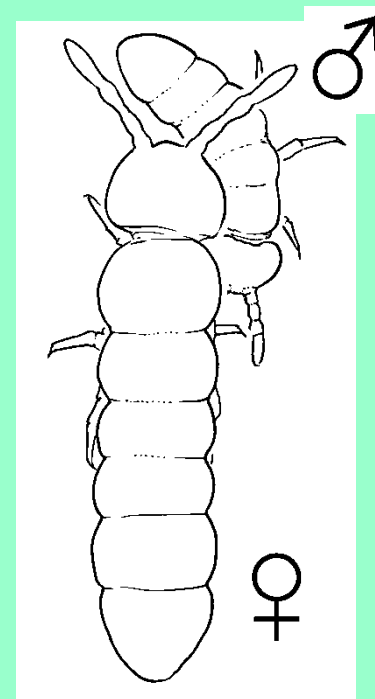
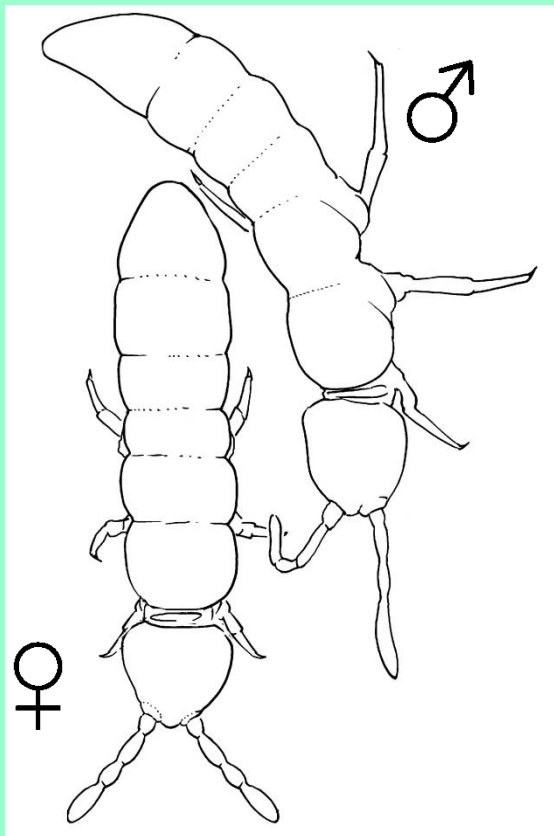
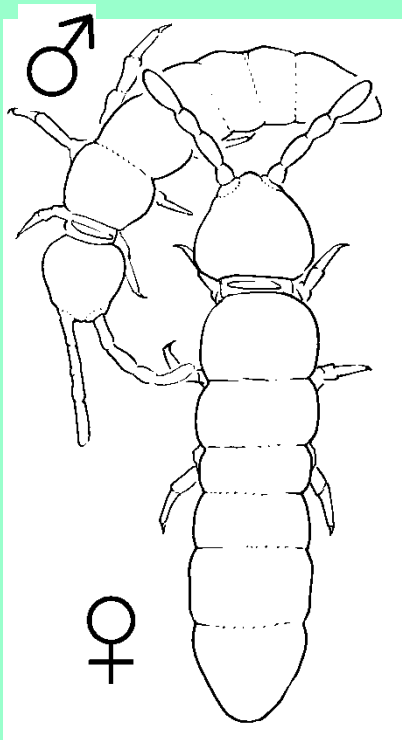
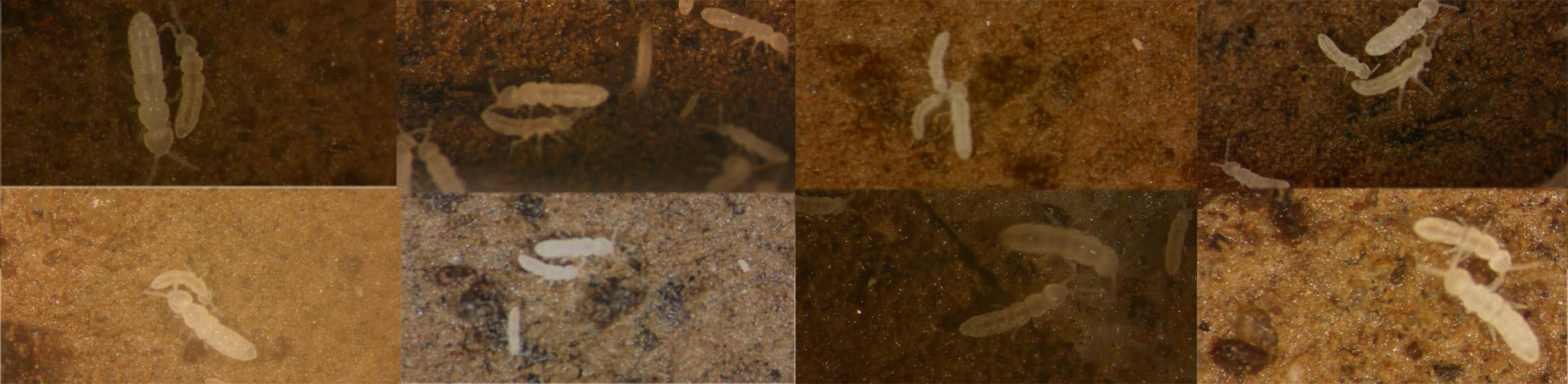
courtship in *F. candida* (Shanghai laboratory population, unpubl.)



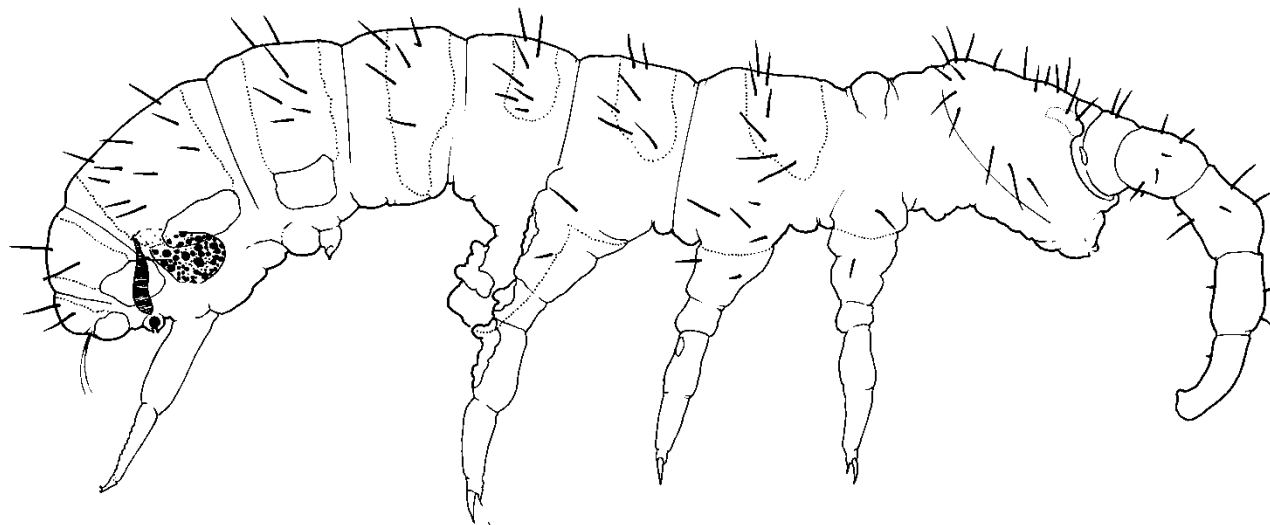


adult males

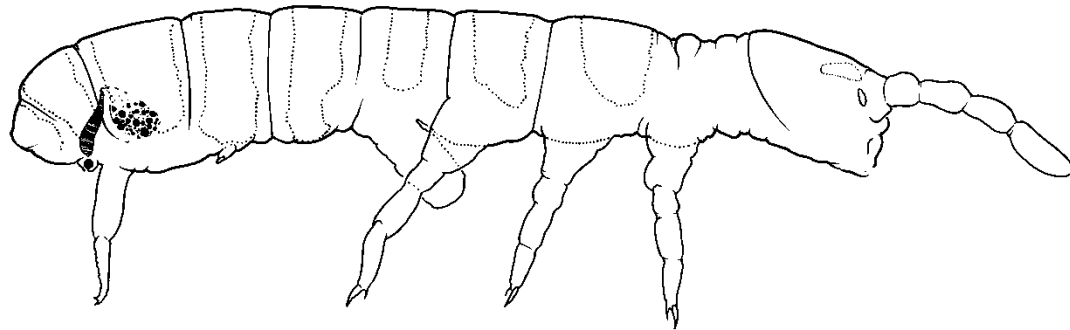
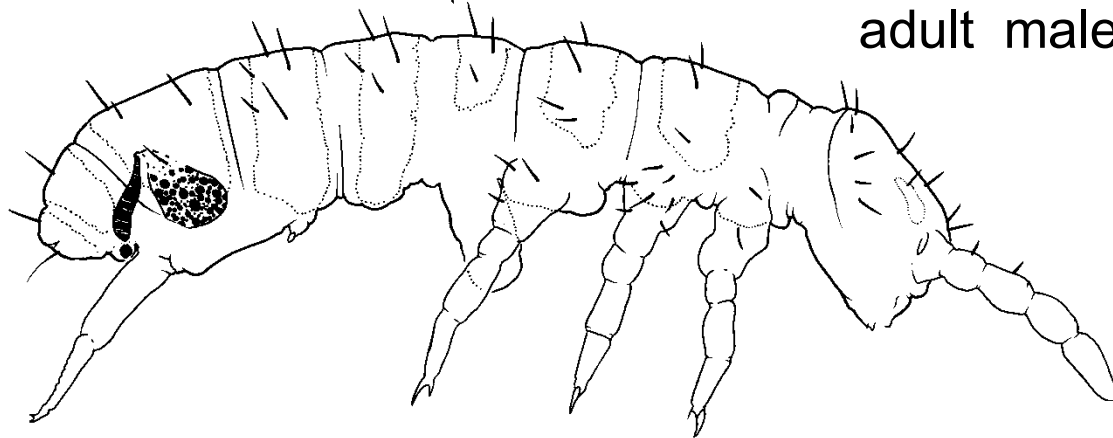
Folsomia candida Willem,
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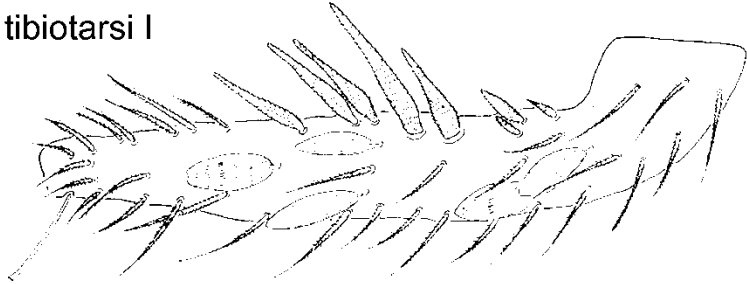
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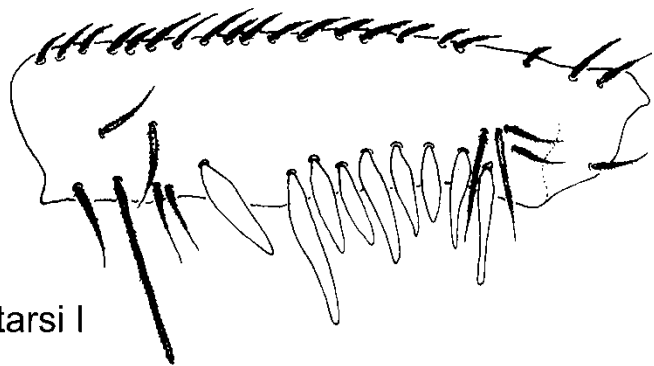


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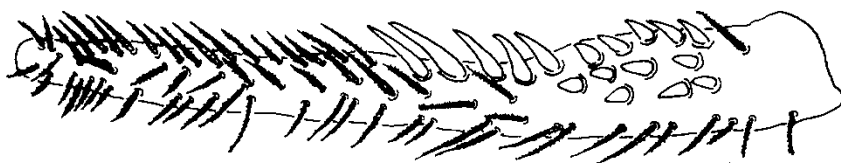


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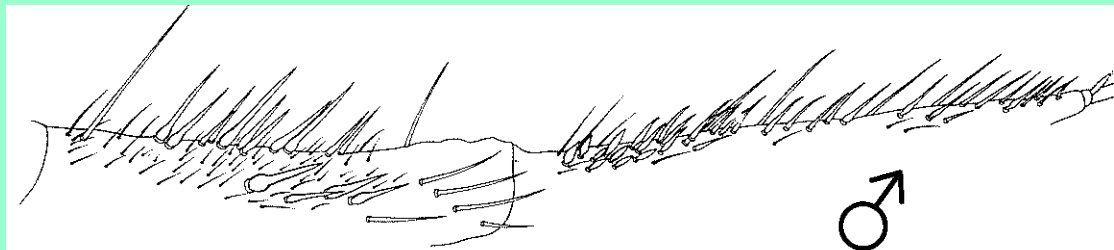


Entomobryidae: “dimorphic” genera

“dimorphic” genus:
1-st pair of legs in *Tyrannoseira*
(from Bellini & Zeppelini, 2011)

non “dimorphic” genus:
Seira mantis
(from Zeppelini & Bellini, 2006)

Seira domestica
(from Gisin & Gama, 1962)

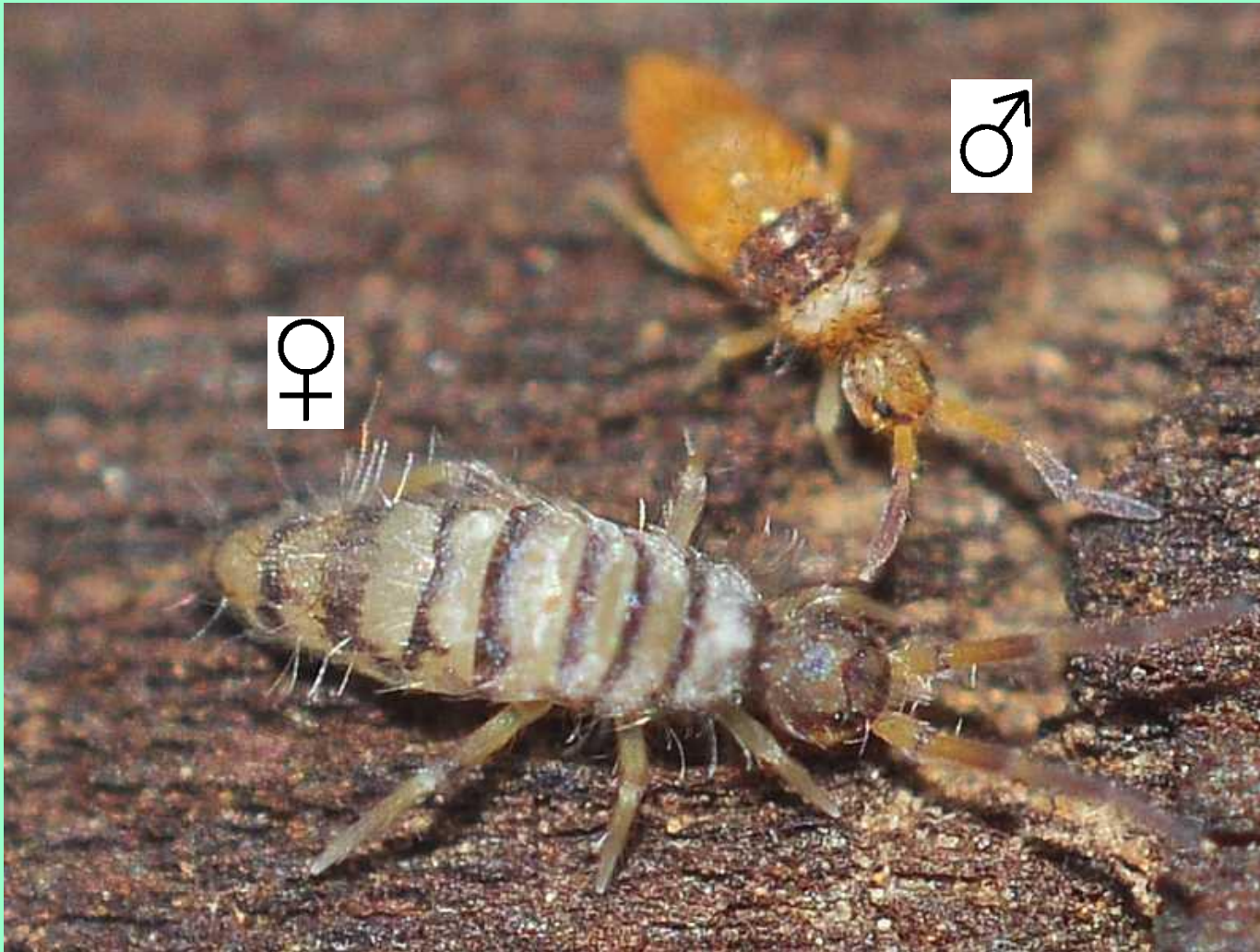


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Limitation of morphological
taxonomy:

colour pattern

dimorphism of *Entomobrya atrocincta*: Ramel, Baquero,
Jordana, 2008)
from <http://www.collembola.org>

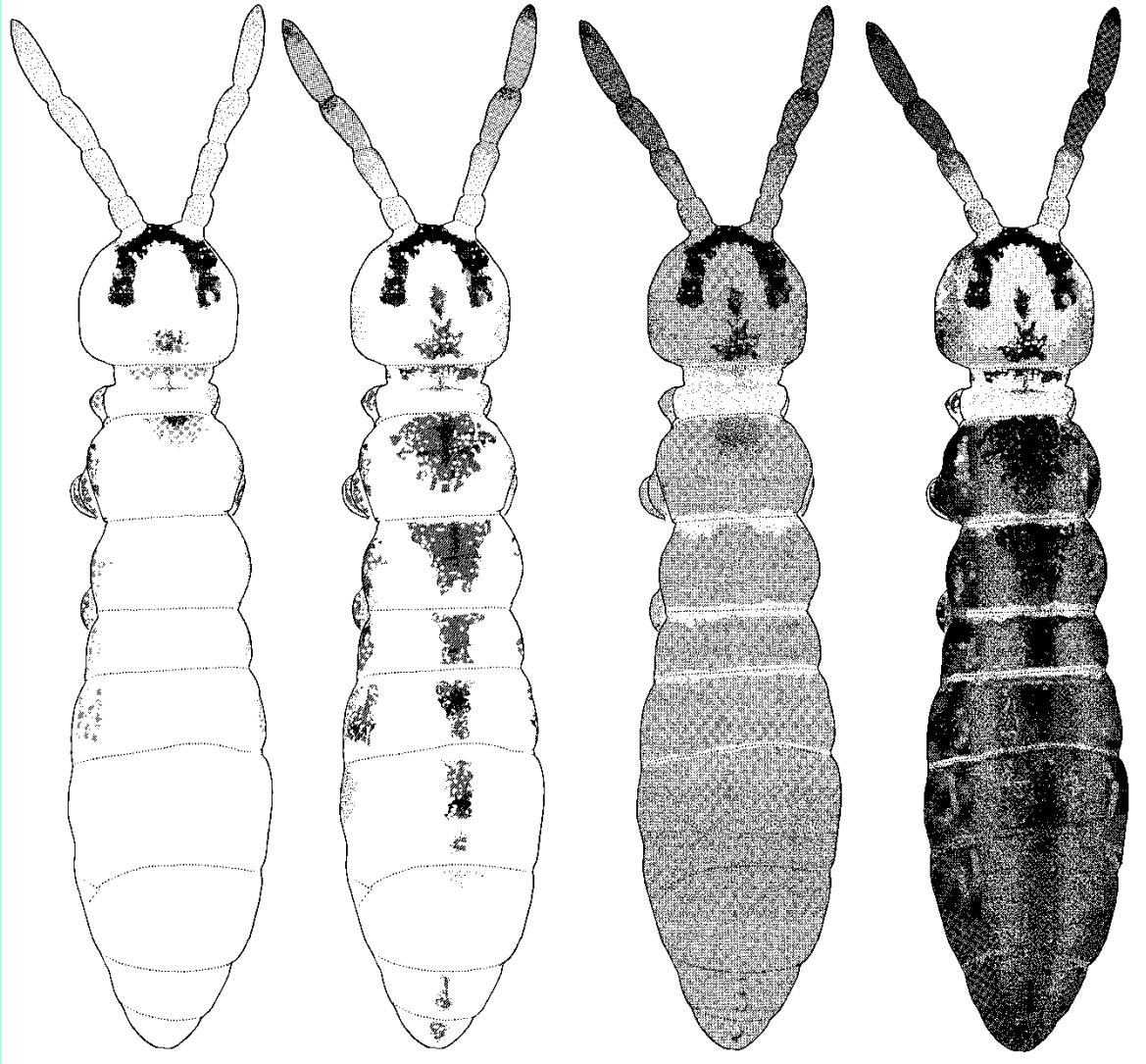


Isotomurus sp.nov. Asia: Kunashir Isl. (unpubl.)

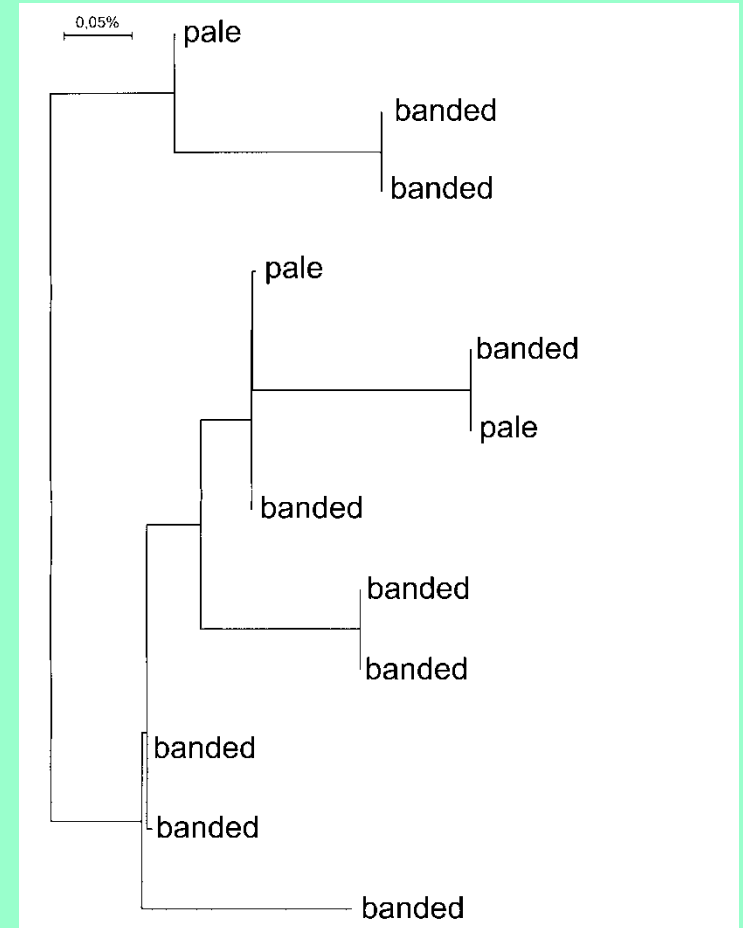


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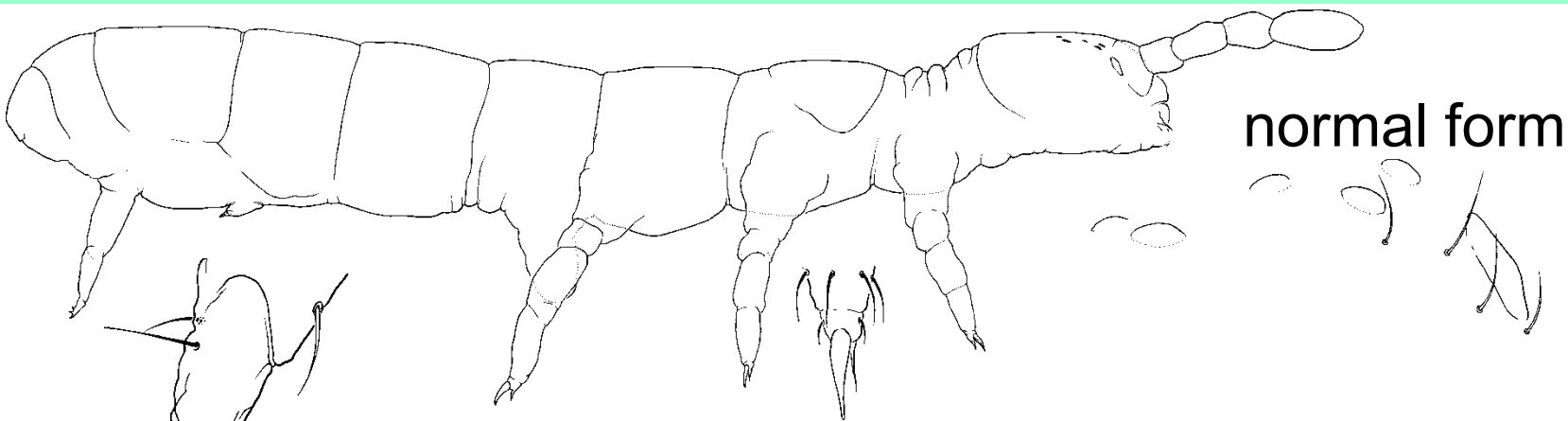


barcoding (COI)



Limitation of morphological
taxonomy:

mobile forms – effect of
current conditions



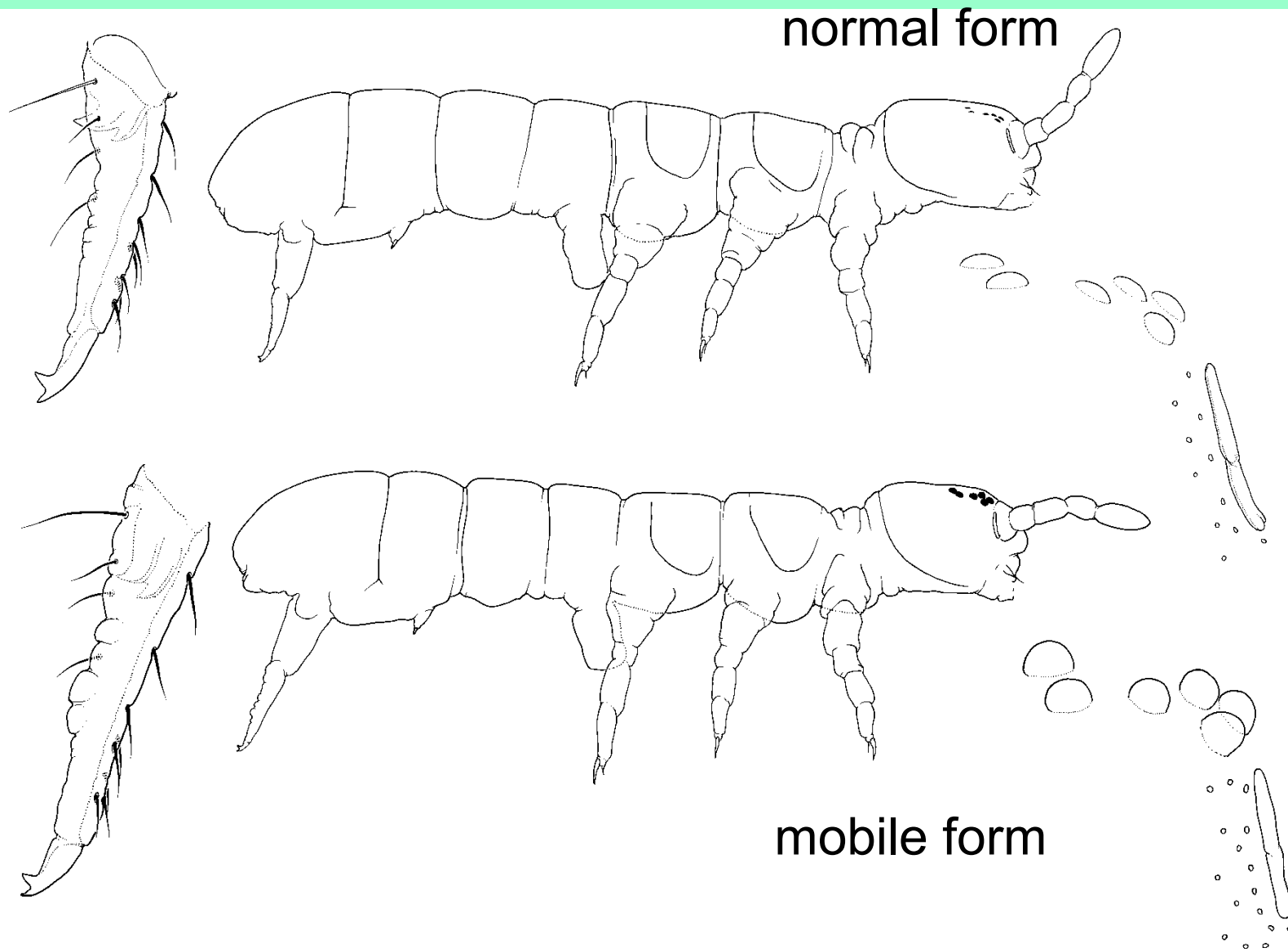
normal form

Proisotoma
minima

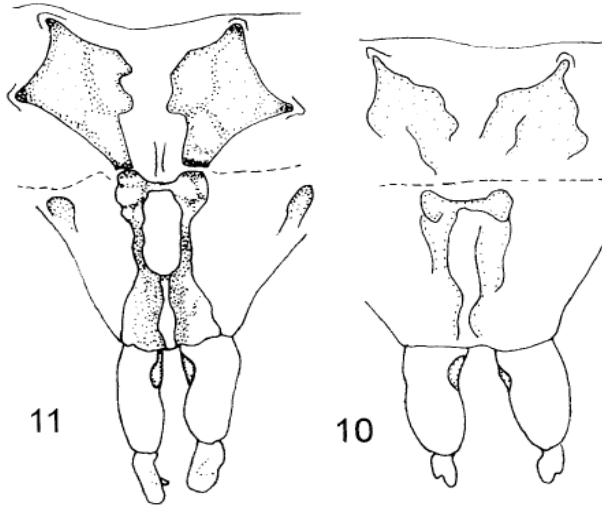


mobile form

+ *P. dualis*
P. dottrensi

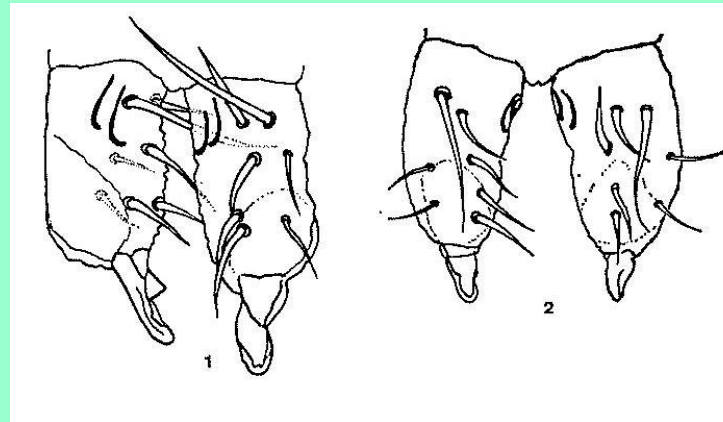


Folsomia sp.nov. (Asia, Far East of Russia, unpubl.)

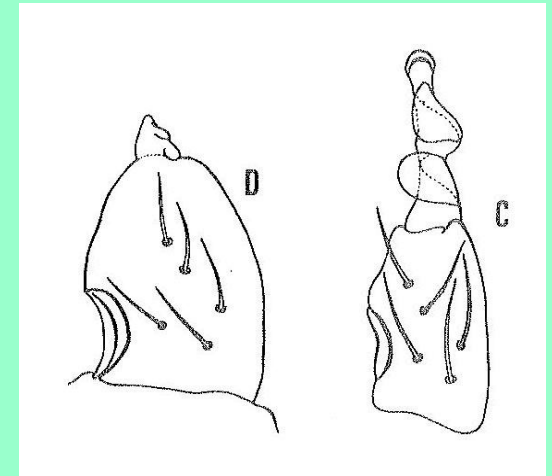


Ceratophysella denticulata:

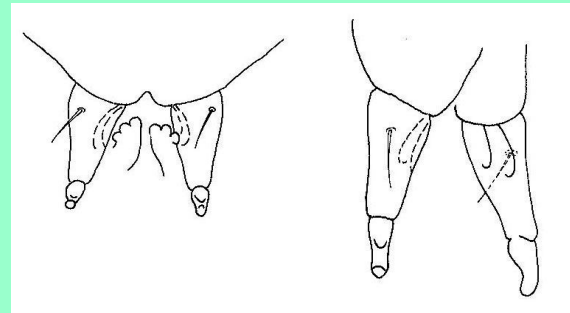
from Skarzynski (2000)



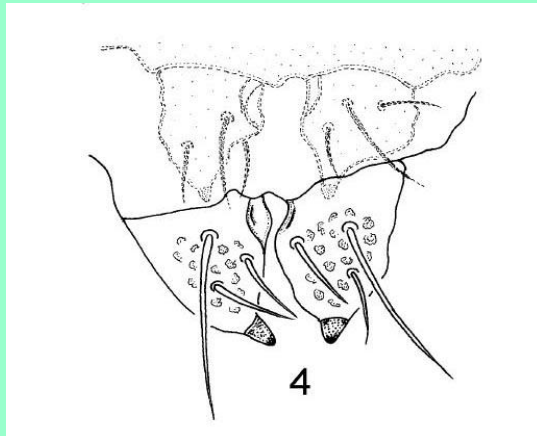
from Bourgeois (1981)



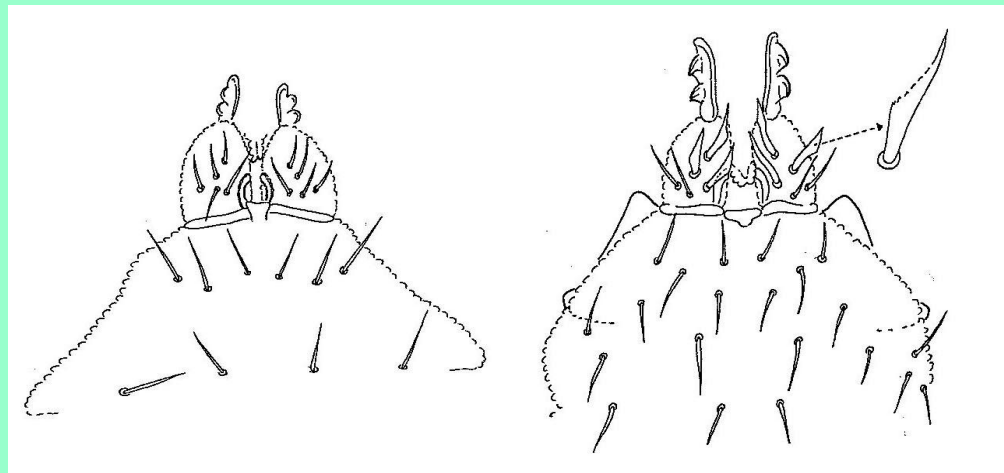
Odontella nana
from Arbea (1988)



Xenylla franzi
from Luciañez et Simon (1992)



from Skarzynski (2001)

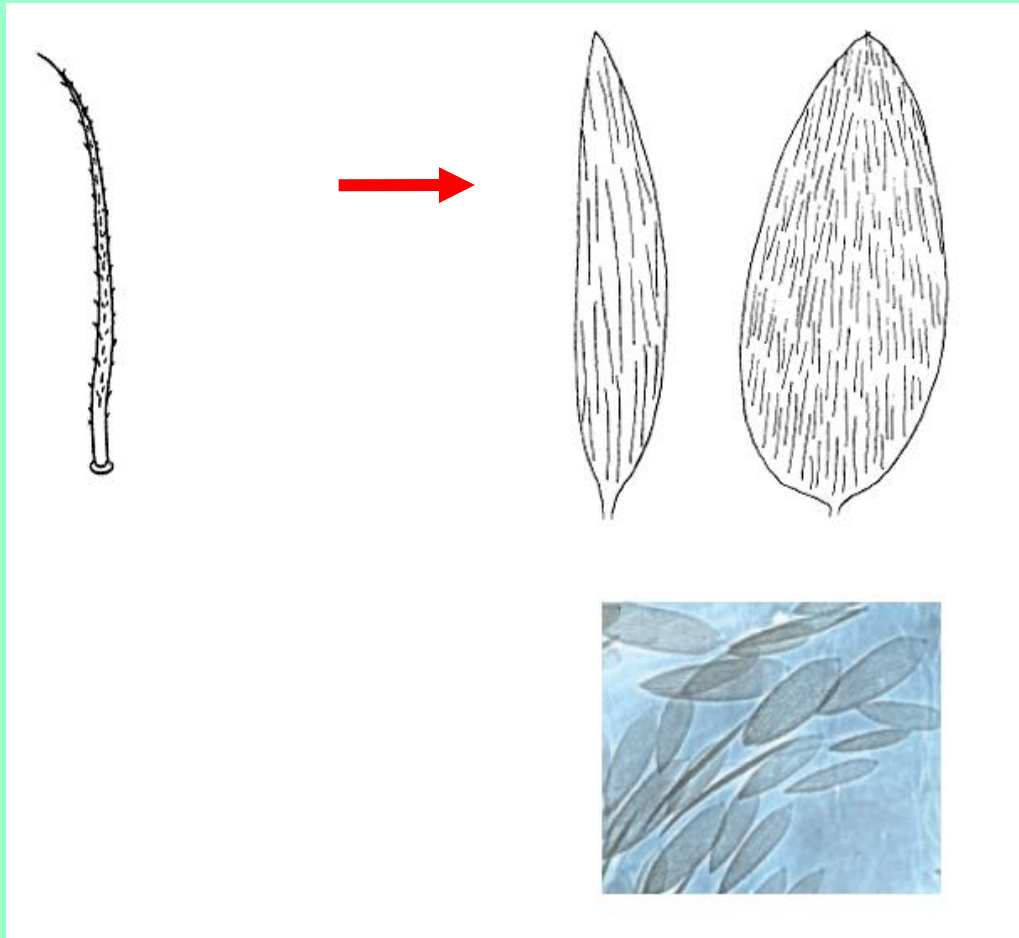


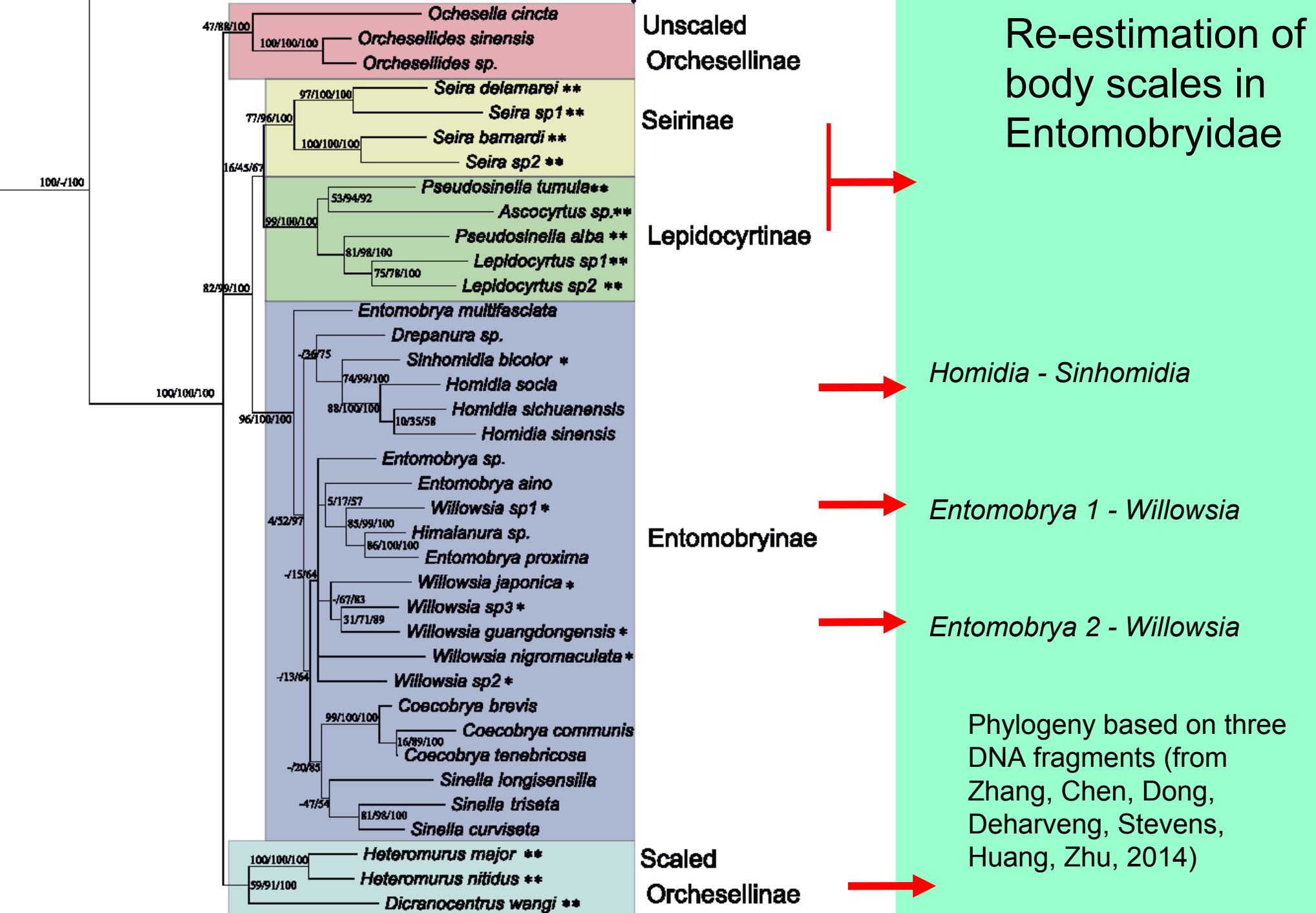
Odontella lamellifera
from Cassagnau et
Lauga-Reyrel (1992)

Potential of morphological
taxonomy:

- the characters newly
introduced or re-estimated
- taxonomy of particular taxa

1. Re-estimation of value of body scales in Entomobryidae





2. Scale patterns in Tomoceridae



Pogonognathellus bidentatus



P. elongatus



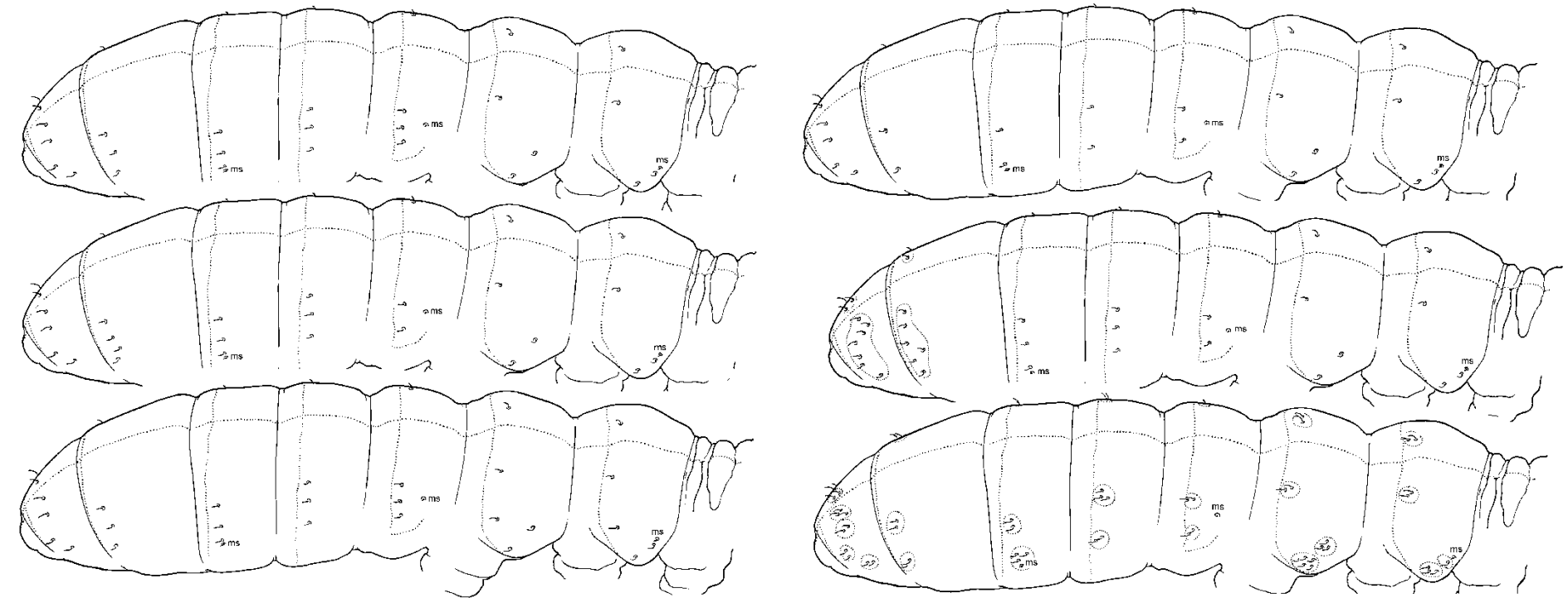
P. nigrinus

from Felderhoff, Bernard and Moulton (2010)

3. S-chaetotaxy of Entomobryidae

S-chaetotaxy of Isotomidae

Subisotoma



from Potapov et al. (2009)

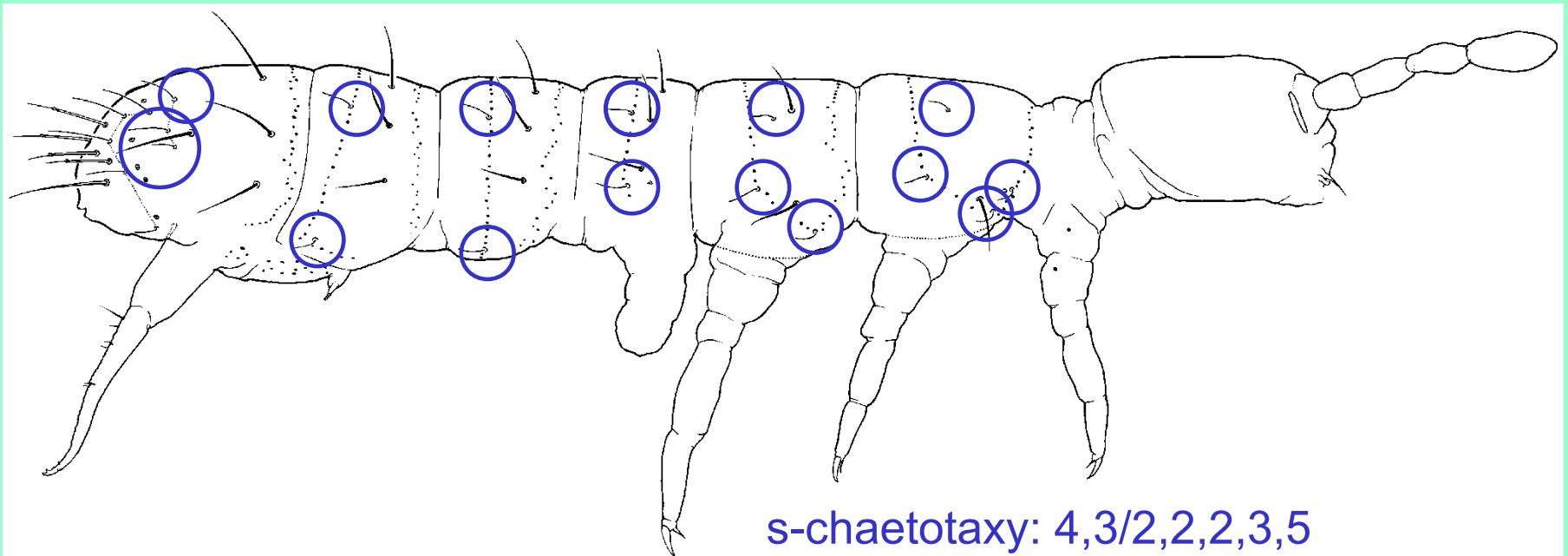
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S-chaetotaxy of Isotomidae

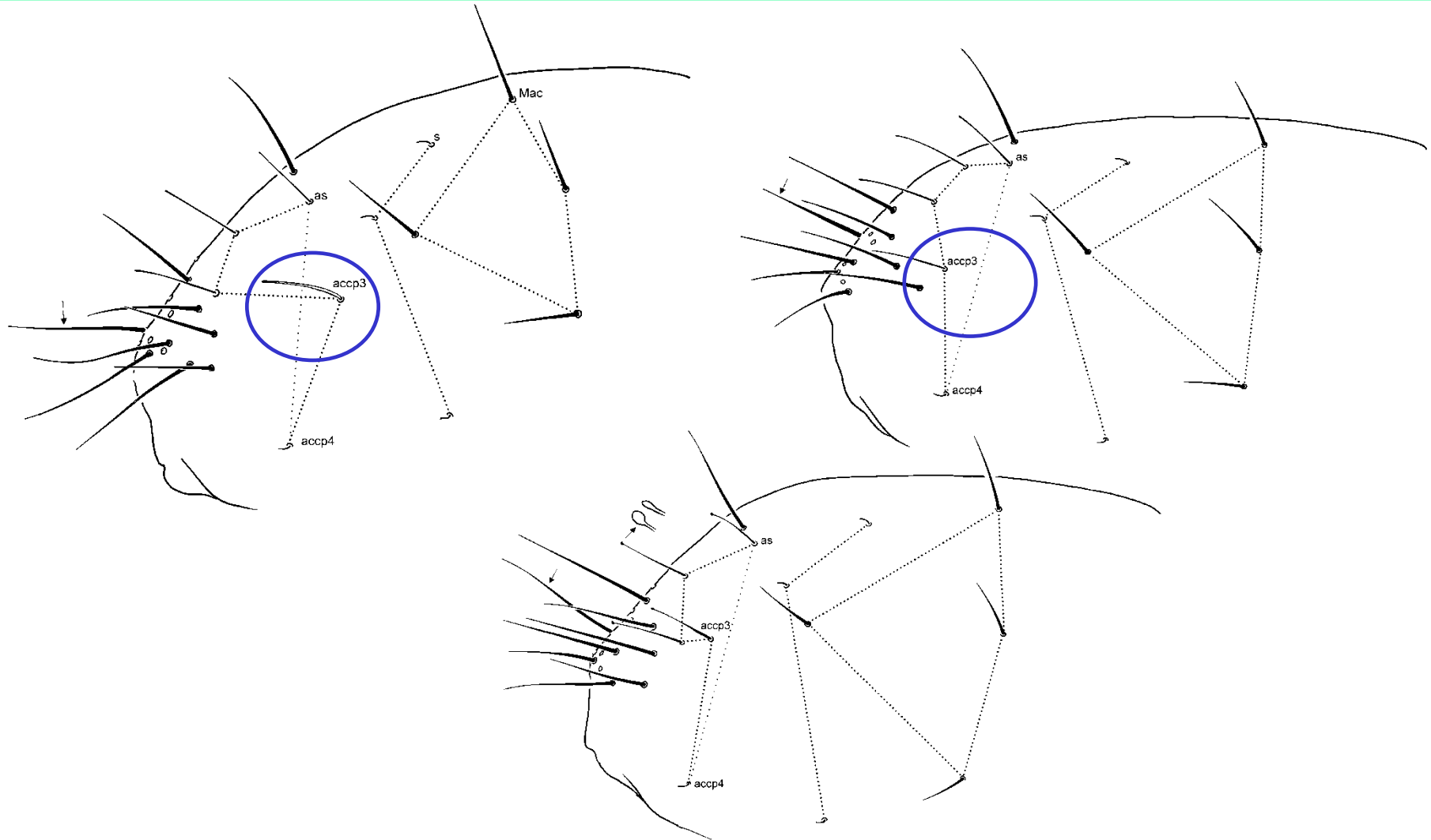
varies considerably: *Subisotoma*, *Desoria*, *Parisotoma*, *Pachyotoma*, *Isotopenola*.

varies slightly: *Anurophorus*, *Vertagopus*, *Isotoma*, *Isotomiella*, *Metisotoma*, *Isotomurus*.

stable within a genus: *Folsomia*, *Cryptopygus* s.str., *Scutisotoma*, *Tetracanthella*, *Isotomodes*, *Folsomides*, *Proisotoma*,



S-chaetotaxy of Abd. IV-V in *Folsomia octooculata*



S-chaetotaxy of Entomobryidae

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from Zhang & Deharveng (2014)

Species	Th. II		Th. III	Abd. I		Abd. II	Abd. III		Abd. IV	Abd. V
	sens	ms	sens	sens	ms	sens	sens	ms	sens	sens
<i>Bessoniella procera</i> Deharveng & Thibaud 1989	1	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	3	3
<i>Corynothrix borealis</i> Tullberg, 1876	2	1	2	1	1	>3	>4	1	—	9
<i>Orchesella cincta</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	2	1	2	1	1	6	8	1	>53	10
<i>Orchesella flavescens</i> (Bourlet, 1939)*	2	1	2	1	1	5	5	1	—	—
<i>Orchesella</i> sp.	2	1	2	1	1	6	6	1	>38	9
<i>Orchesellides boraoi</i> Bonet, 1930	2	1	2	1	1	7	8	1	20	6
<i>Heteromurus major</i> (Moniez, 1889)	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	—	3
<i>Heteromurus nitidus</i> (Templeton, 1839)*	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	—	3
<i>Dicranocentrus chenae</i> Ma, Chen & Soto-Adames, 2006	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	—	4
<i>Dicranocentrus wangi</i> Ma & Chen, 2007	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	>30	4
<i>Dicranocentrus liuae</i> Xu & Zhang, 2014	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	—	4
<i>Entomobrya nivalis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	13	3
<i>Entomobrya huangi</i> Chen & Ma, 1998	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	7	3
<i>Entomobrya koreana</i> Yosii, 1965	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Entomobrya proxima</i> Folsom, 1924	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	10	3
<i>Entomobrya aino</i> Matsumura & Ishida, 1931	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Entomobrya multifasciata</i> Tullberg, 1871	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Entomobrya</i> sp.	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Entomobryoides myrmecophila</i> (Reuter, 1886)*	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Homidia cingula</i> Börner, 1906	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	>60	3
<i>Szeptyckiella lii</i> Zhang, Bedos & Deharveng, 2014	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Lepidosira vicina</i> Yoshii, 1989	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	≈17	3
<i>Acanthocyrtus spincus</i> (Schött, 1917)	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Seira bamardi</i> (Womersley, 1934)	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	3	3
<i>Seira delamarei</i> Jacquemart, 1980	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	11	3
<i>Seira oligoseta</i> Lee & Park, 1989	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Seira dowlingi</i> Wray, 1953†	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	11	3
<i>Seira</i> sp1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Seira</i> sp2	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Seira</i> sp3	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	—	3
<i>Lepidocyrtus cyaneus</i> Tullberg, 1871	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	8	3
<i>Lepidocyrtus curvicaulis</i> (Bourlet, 1839)	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	4	3
<i>Lepidocyrtus</i> cf. <i>lanuginosus</i> (Gmelin, 1788)†	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	4	3
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<i>Lepidocyrtus felipei</i> Wang, Chen & Christiansen, 2003	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	5	3
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<i>Ascocyrtus</i> sp1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	7	3
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<i>Rambutsinella hanchongensis</i> Deharveng & Bedos, 1996	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	—	1
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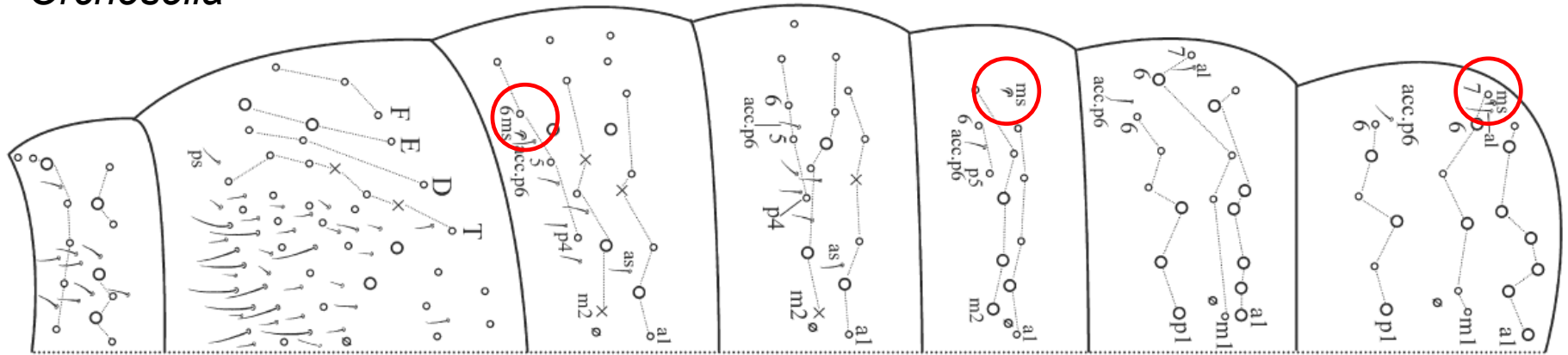
S-chaetotaxy of Entomobryidae

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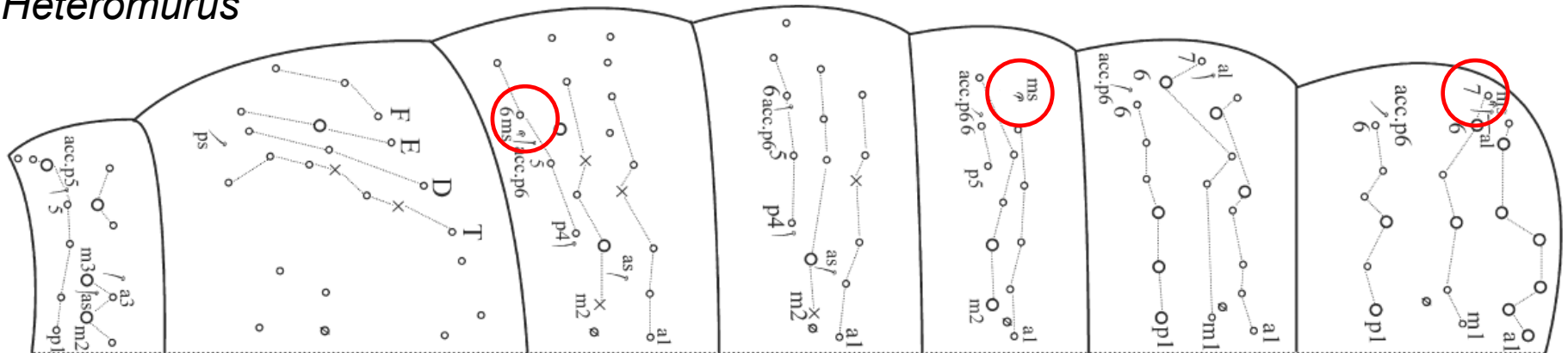
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Orchesella



Heteromurus



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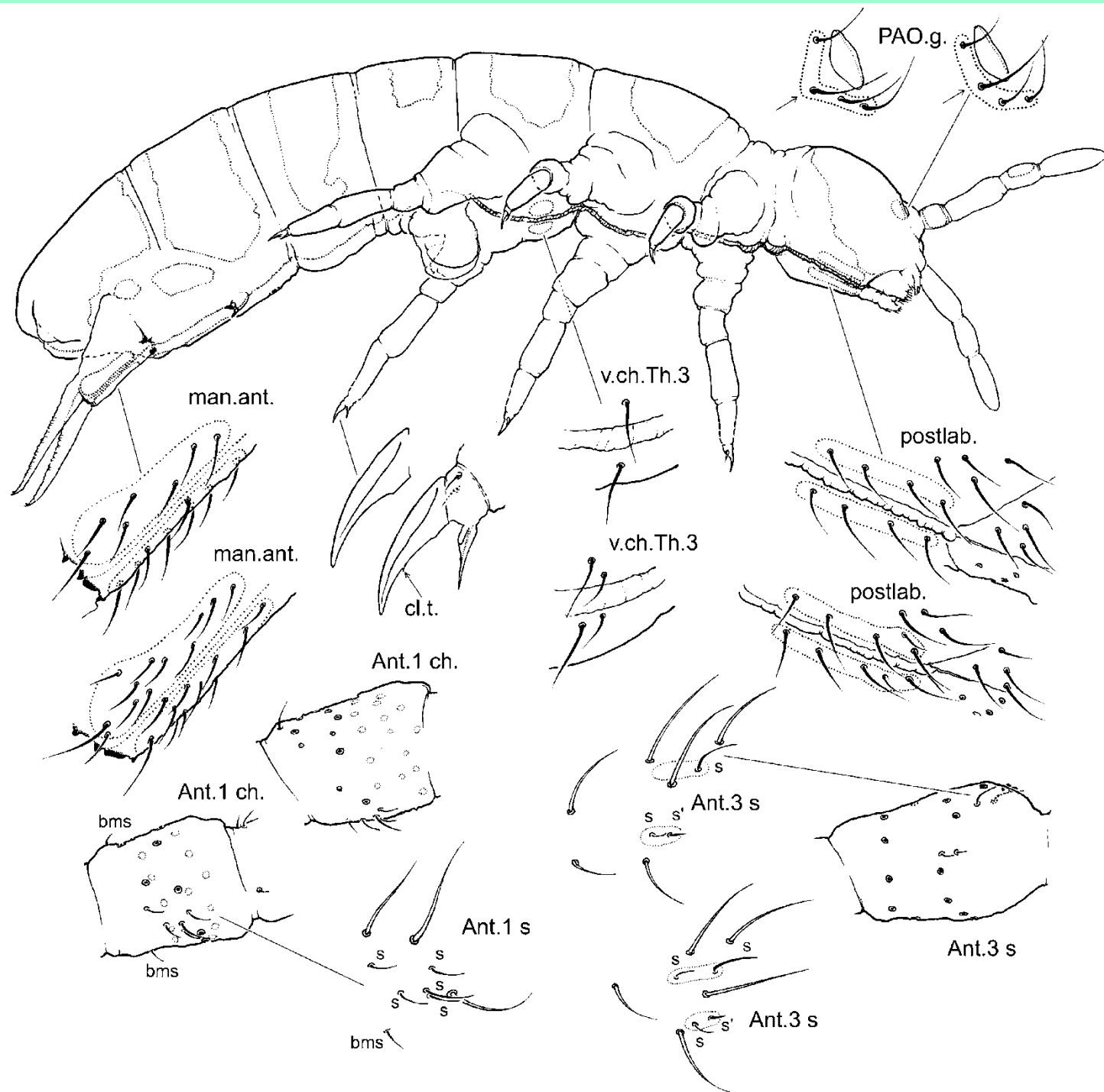
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4. Morphology at intra-specific level

Morphological characters in discrimination between strains of *F.candida*

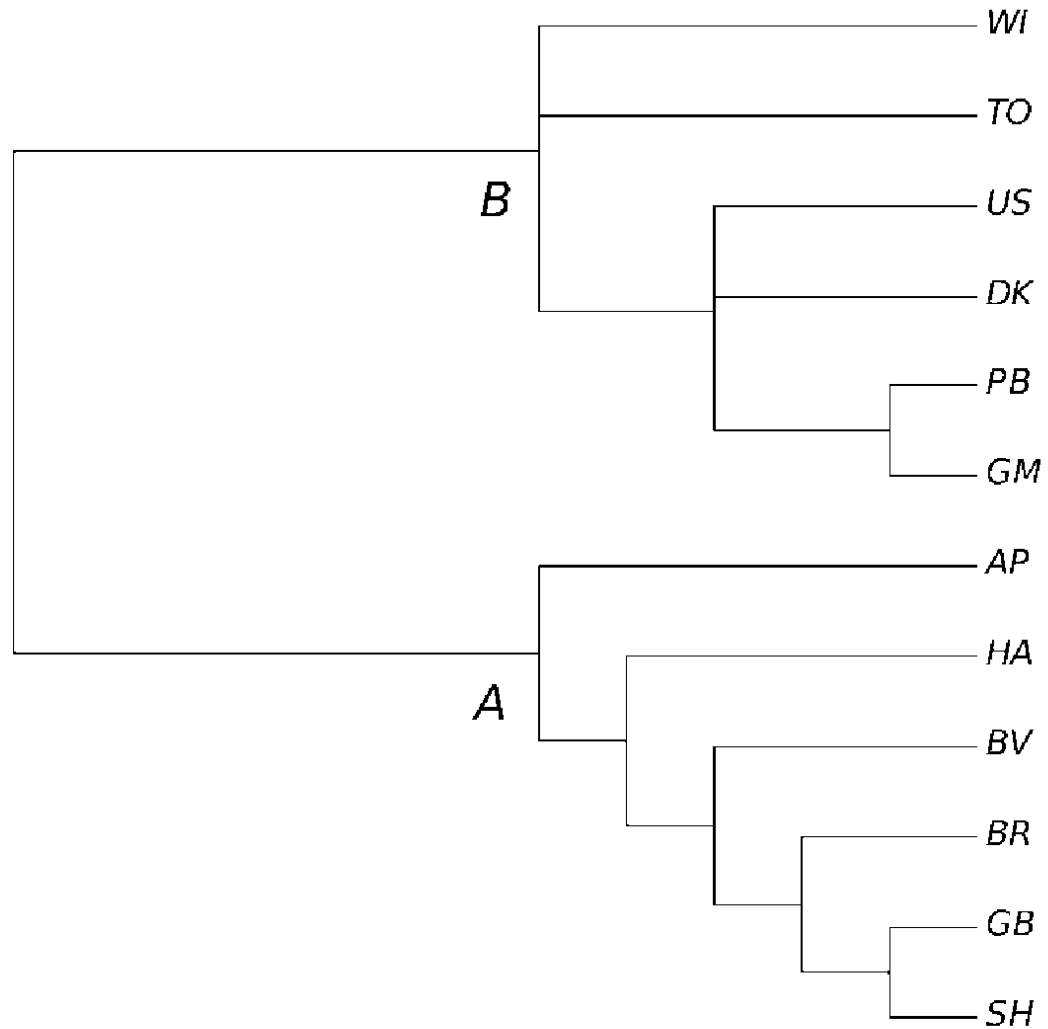
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“Phylogeny” of *F.candida*

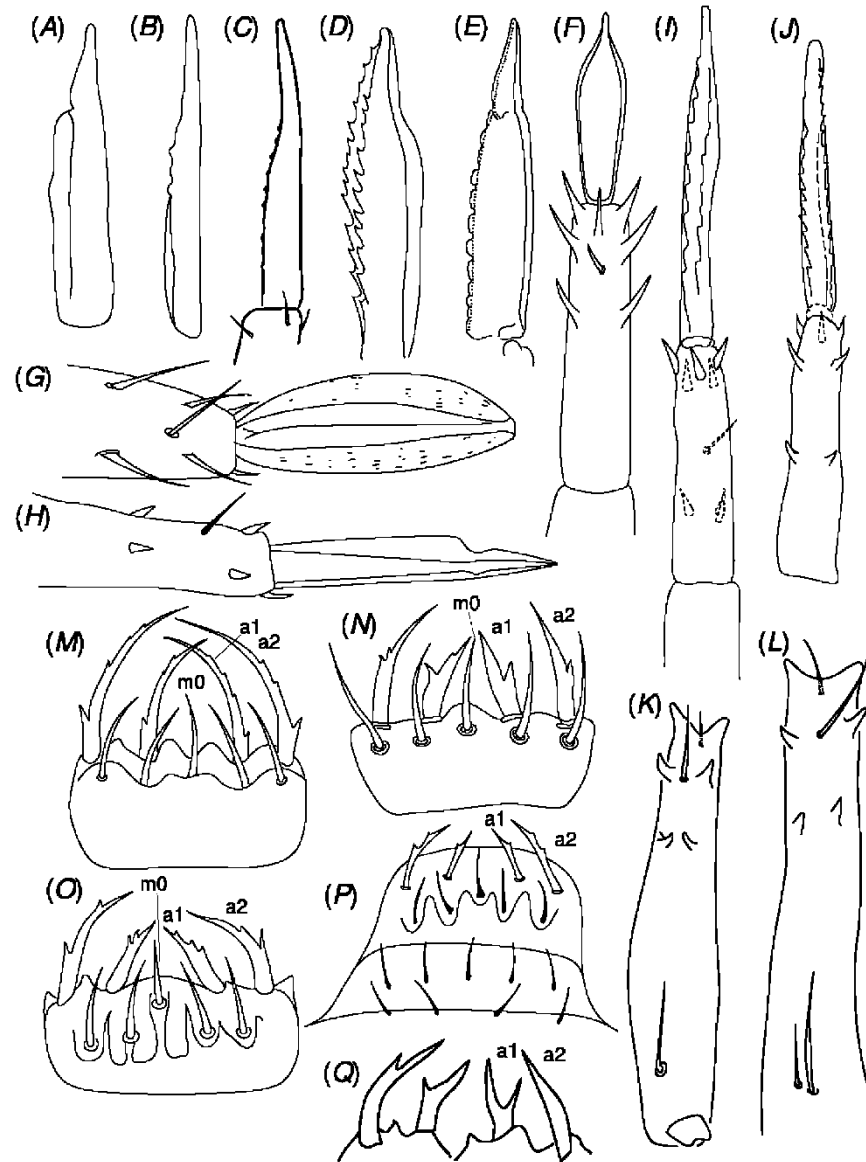
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A) Strict-consensus cladogram



particular taxa

Revision of *Megalothorax* (Schneider & D'Haese, 2013)



from Schneider &
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- **description of diversity (faunas, lists of species, catalogues, new species descriptions)**
- **introducing new characters and careful re-estimation of known morphological characters**
- **closer connection to molecular taxonomy**

Thank you

