

THE FOSSIL RECORD OF STERNORRHYNCHA (HEMIPTERA)



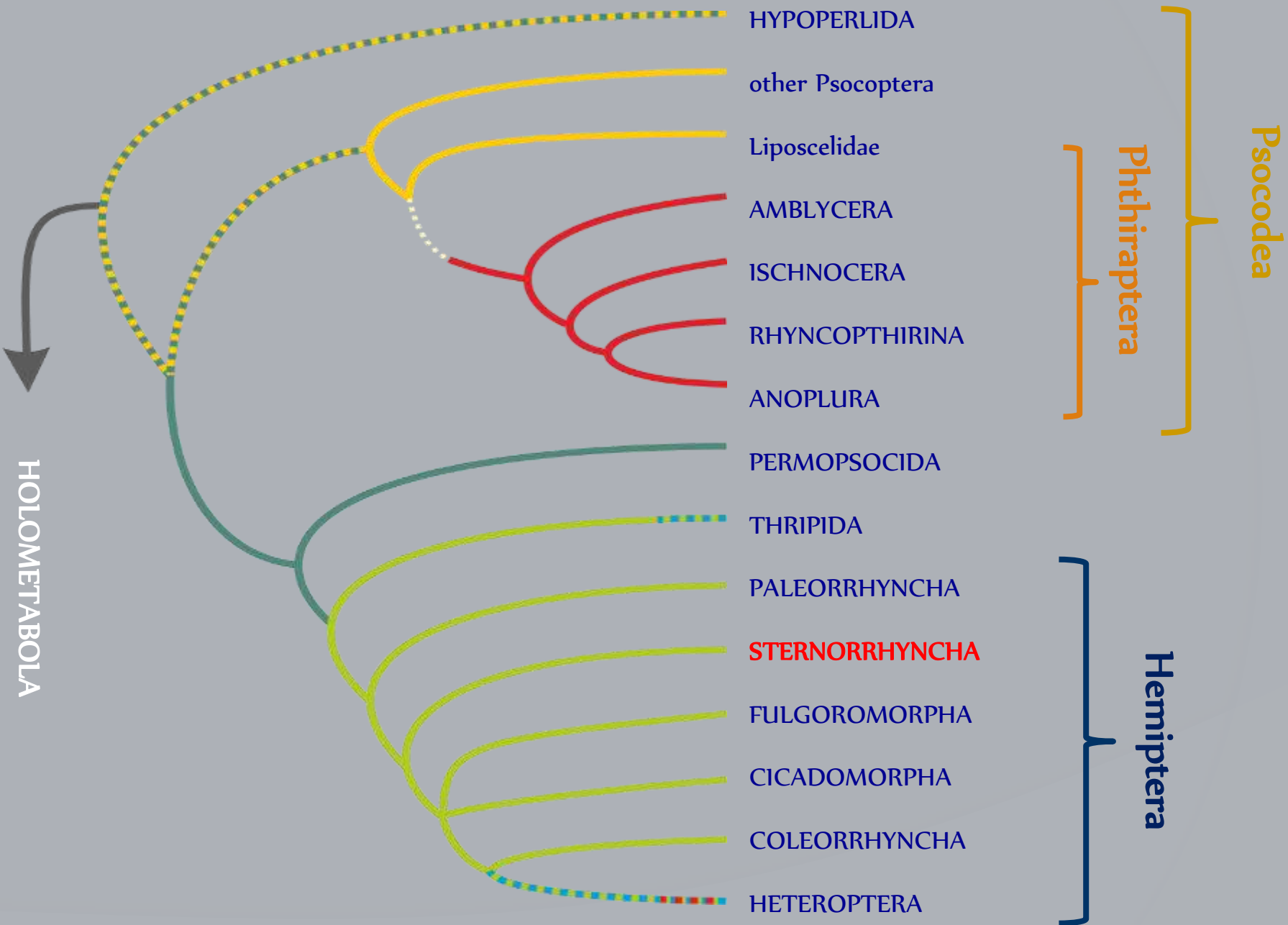
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Sternorrhyncha questions

- ◆ Where to search for sternorrhynchan ancestors?
- ◆ What constitutes a sternorrhynchan insect?

The recent morphological disparity and biodiversity is enormous, then which characters can be used for the fossils?

- ◆ Which is the oldest Sternorrhyncha?

The questions where and when the splitting of Sternorrhyncha from hemipteran stock took place are not fully answered.



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Eoarchaean Erathean Stenian		Series / Epoch	Stage / Age	numerical age (Ma)	
Phanerozoic	Cenozoic	Quaternary	Holocene	present	
			Pleistocene	Upper	0.0117
				Middle	0.126
		Pliocene	Calabrian	0.781	
			Gelasian	1.80	
			Piacenzian	2.58	
			Zanclean	3.600	
		Paleogene	Neogene	Messinian	5.333
				Tortonian	7.246
				Miocene	11.63
	Serravallian			13.82	
	Langhian			15.97	
	Oligocene		Burdigalian	20.44	
			Aquitanian	23.03	
			Chattian	28.1	
			Rupelian	33.9	
			Eocene	37.8	
	Mesozoic	Cretaceous	Lutetian	41.2	
			Ypresian	47.8	
			Thanetian	56.0	
Selandian			59.2		
Danian			61.6		
Paleocene		Maastrichtian	66.0		
		Upper	72.1 ± 0.2		
		Campanian	83.6 ± 0.2		
		Santonian	86.3 ± 0.5		
		Coniacian	89.8 ± 0.3		
Triassic	Turonian	93.9			
	Cenomanian	100.5			
	Albian	~ 113.0			
	Aptian	~ 125.0			
	Barremian	~ 129.4			
Jurassic	Hauterivian	~ 132.9			
	Valanginian	~ 139.8			
	Berriasian	~ 145.0			

Eoarchaean Erathean Stenian		Series / Epoch	Stage / Age	numerical age (Ma)	
Phanerozoic	Mesozoic	Jurassic	Tithonian	~ 145.0	
			Upper	Kimmeridgian	152.1 ± 0.9
				Oxfordian	157.3 ± 1.0
			Middle	Callovian	163.5 ± 1.0
				Bathonian	166.1 ± 1.2
		Bajocian		168.3 ± 1.3	
		Aalenian		170.3 ± 1.4	
		Lower	Toarcian	174.1 ± 1.0	
			Pliensbachian	182.7 ± 0.7	
			Emsian	190.8 ± 1.0	
	Pragian		199.3 ± 0.3		
	Lochkovian		201.3 ± 0.2		
	Paleozoic	Triassic	Upper	Rhaetian	~ 208.5
			Norian	~ 227	
			Carnian	~ 237	
			Ladinian	~ 242	
			Anisian	247.2	
		Permian	Lower	Olenekian	251.2
			Induan	252.17 ± 0.06	
			Changhsingian	254.14 ± 0.07	
Lopingian			259.8 ± 0.4		
Wuchiapingian			259.8 ± 0.4		
Paleozoic	Permian	Guadalupian	Capitanian	265.1 ± 0.4	
		Wordian	268.8 ± 0.5		
		Roadian	272.3 ± 0.5		
		Kungurian	283.5 ± 0.6		
		Cisuralian	Artinskian	290.1 ± 0.26	
	Carboniferous	Sakmarian	295.0 ± 0.18		
		Asselian	298.9 ± 0.15		
		Upper	Gzhelian	303.7 ± 0.1	
		Kasimovian	307.0 ± 0.1		
		Middle	Moscovian	315.2 ± 0.2	
Carboniferous	Lower	Bashkirian	323.2 ± 0.4		
	Upper	Serpukhovian	330.9 ± 0.2		
	Middle	Visean	346.7 ± 0.4		
	Lower	Tournaisian	358.9 ± 0.4		

Eoarchaean Erathean Stenian		Series / Epoch	Stage / Age	numerical age (Ma)	
Phanerozoic	Paleozoic	Devonian	Upper	Famennian	372.2 ± 1.6
			Middle	Frasnian	382.7 ± 1.6
				Givetian	387.7 ± 0.8
			Lower	Eifelian	393.3 ± 1.2
				Emsian	407.6 ± 2.6
		Pragian		410.8 ± 2.8	
		Silurian	Pridoli	419.2 ± 3.2	
			Ludlow	423.0 ± 2.3	
			Wenlock	425.6 ± 0.9	
			Llandovery	427.4 ± 0.5	
	Sheinwoodian		430.5 ± 0.7		
	Ordovician	Upper	Hirnantian	433.4 ± 0.8	
			Katian	438.5 ± 1.1	
			Sandbian	440.8 ± 1.2	
			Aeronian	443.8 ± 1.5	
			Rhuddanian	445.2 ± 1.4	
		Middle	Darriwilian	453.0 ± 0.7	
			Dapingian	458.4 ± 0.9	
			Floian	467.3 ± 1.1	
			Tremadocian	470.0 ± 1.4	
Furongian			477.7 ± 1.4		
Cambrian	Stage 10	485.4 ± 1.9			
	Jiangshanian	~ 489.5			
	Paibian	~ 494			
	Guzhangian	~ 497			
	Drumian	~ 500.5			
Terreneuvian	Series 3	~ 504.5			
	Stage 5	~ 509			
	Stage 4	~ 514			
	Stage 3	~ 521			
	Stage 2	~ 529			
Fortunian	541.0 ± 1.0				

Eonothem / Eon	Erathem / Era	System / Period	numerical age (Ma)
Proterozoic	Neo-proterozoic	Ediacaran	541.0 ± 1.0
		Cryogenian	~ 635
		Tonian	~ 720
	Meso-proterozoic	Stenian	1000
		Ectasian	1200
		Calymnian	1400
	Paleo-proterozoic	Statherian	1600
		Orosirian	1800
		Rhyacian	2050
		Siderian	2300
Archean	Neo-archean	2500	
	Meso-archean	2800	
	Paleo-archean	3200	
	Eo-archean	3600	
Hadean		~ 4600	

Units of all ranks are in the process of being defined by Global Boundary Stratotype Section and Points (GSSP) for their lower boundaries, including those of the Archean and Proterozoic, long defined by Global Standard Stratigraphic Ages (GSSA). Charts and detailed information on ratified GSSPs are available at the website <http://www.stratigraphy.org>. The URL to this chart is found below.

Numerical ages are subject to revision and do not define units in the Phanerozoic and the Ediacaran; only GSSPs do. For boundaries in the Phanerozoic without ratified GSSPs or without constrained numerical ages, an approximate numerical age (-) is provided.

Numerical ages for all systems except Lower Pleistocene, Permian, Triassic, Cretaceous and Precambrian are taken from 'A Geologic Time Scale 2012' by Gradstein et al. (2012); those for the Lower Pleistocene, Permian, Triassic and Cretaceous were provided by the relevant ICS subcommissions.

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Aviorrhyncha magna Nel *et al.* 2013
(Moscovian, Pennsylvanian; France)



Protoprosbole straeleni Laurentiaux, 1952
(Bashkirian, Pennsylvanian; Belgium)



HOMOPTERA: Archescytinidae: *Permopsylla americana* Tillyard, 1926

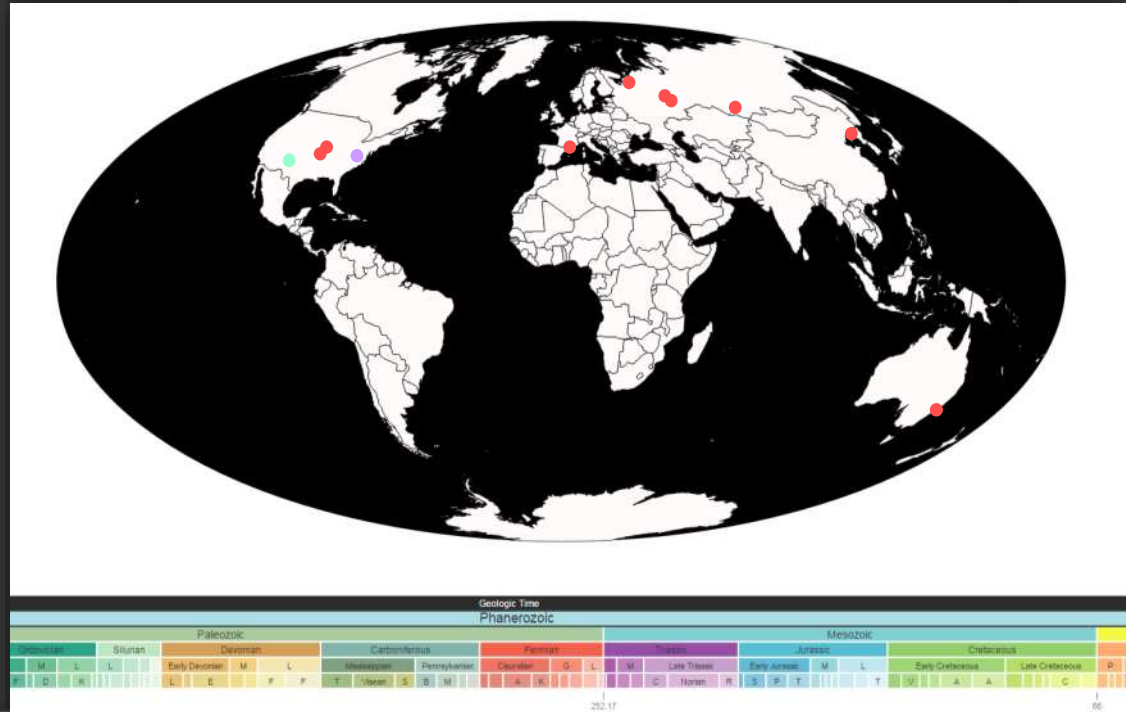


- Suborder Paleorrhyncha
- Fam: Archescytinidae
 - = Permopsylliidae
 - = Lithoscytinidae
 - = Maueriidae
 - = Permopsytinopsidae
 - = Uraloscytinidae
 - = Maripsocidae
 - = Kaltanaphididae



There is a considerable diversity of Permian hemipterans, but their relationships are obscure.

The supposed ancestors of the Sternorrhyncha are among the members of the suborder Paleorrhyncha.

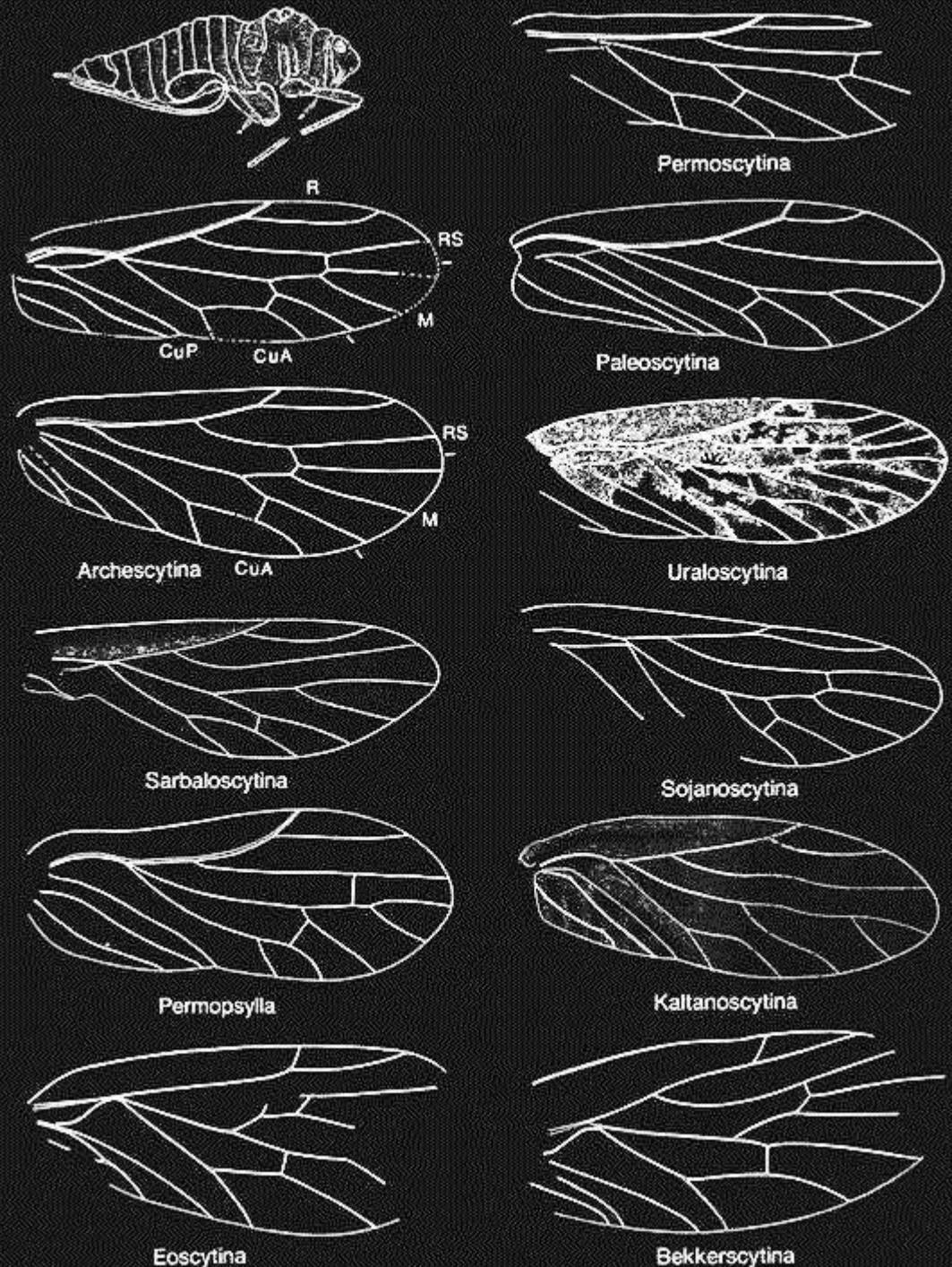


Where to search for Sternorrhyncha ancestors?

Paleorrhyncha

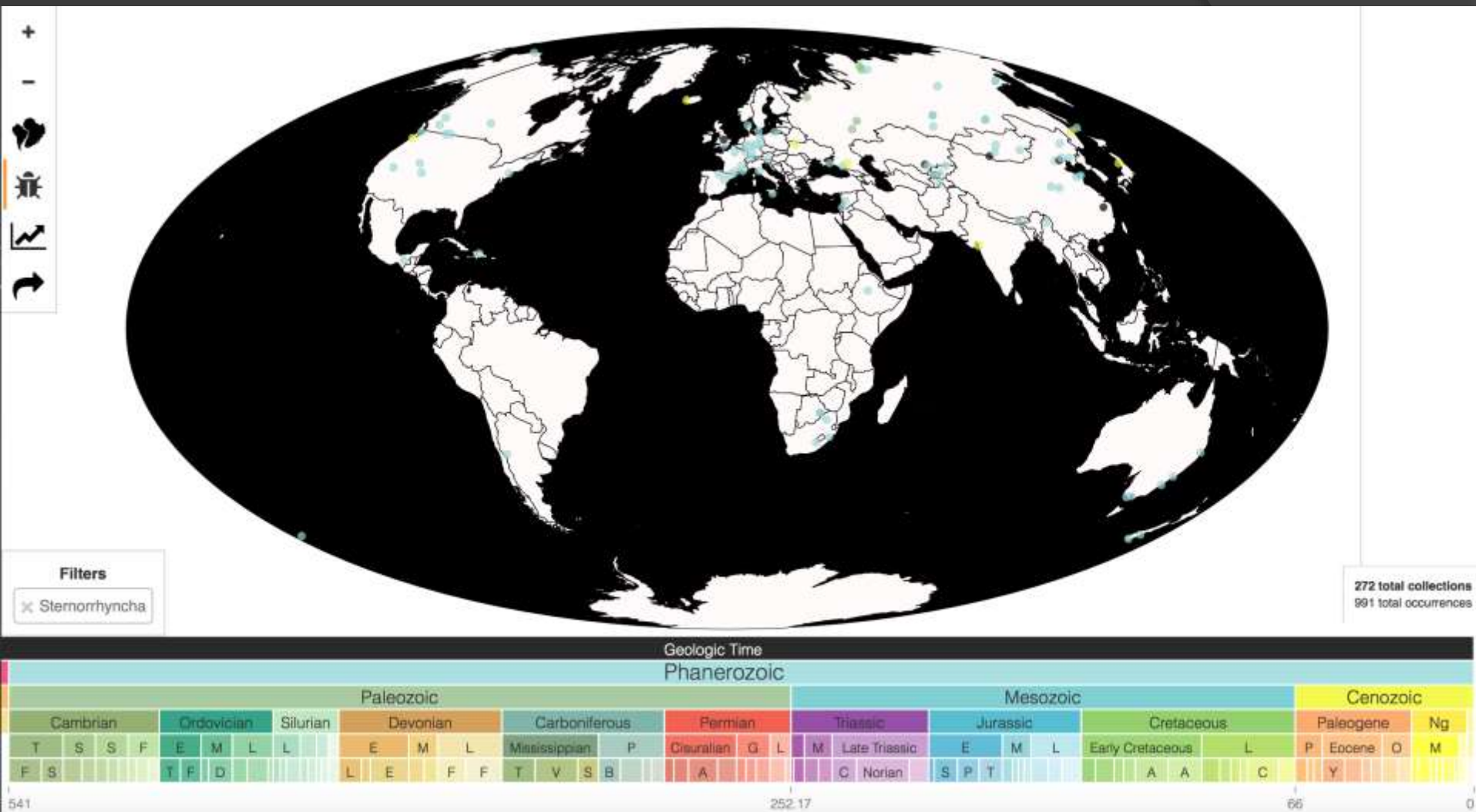
This group is a paraphyletic assemblage, ranging from the late Carboniferous (300 mya) to late Permian (270 mya).

- smaller size
- homonomic venation of forewings and hind wings
- antennae 10-segmented with rhinaria
- probably gall-making
- trophic relationships with seed ferns and early gymnosperms



Paleorrhyncha display several morphological specializations, e.g. variously formed ovipositors from short needle-like to very long, and forming a coil under the body. Also the placement of the rostrum base is variable. On the other hand, they show some sternorrhynchous characters, i.e. smaller size, antennae with rhinaria, and relatively simple venation.





The fossil record of the Sternorrhyncha stretches back to the Permian (270 mya); most of the fossil sites are distributed in the northern hemisphere; and only a few sites are located in the southern hemisphere.

Where to search for sternorrhynchan ancestors?

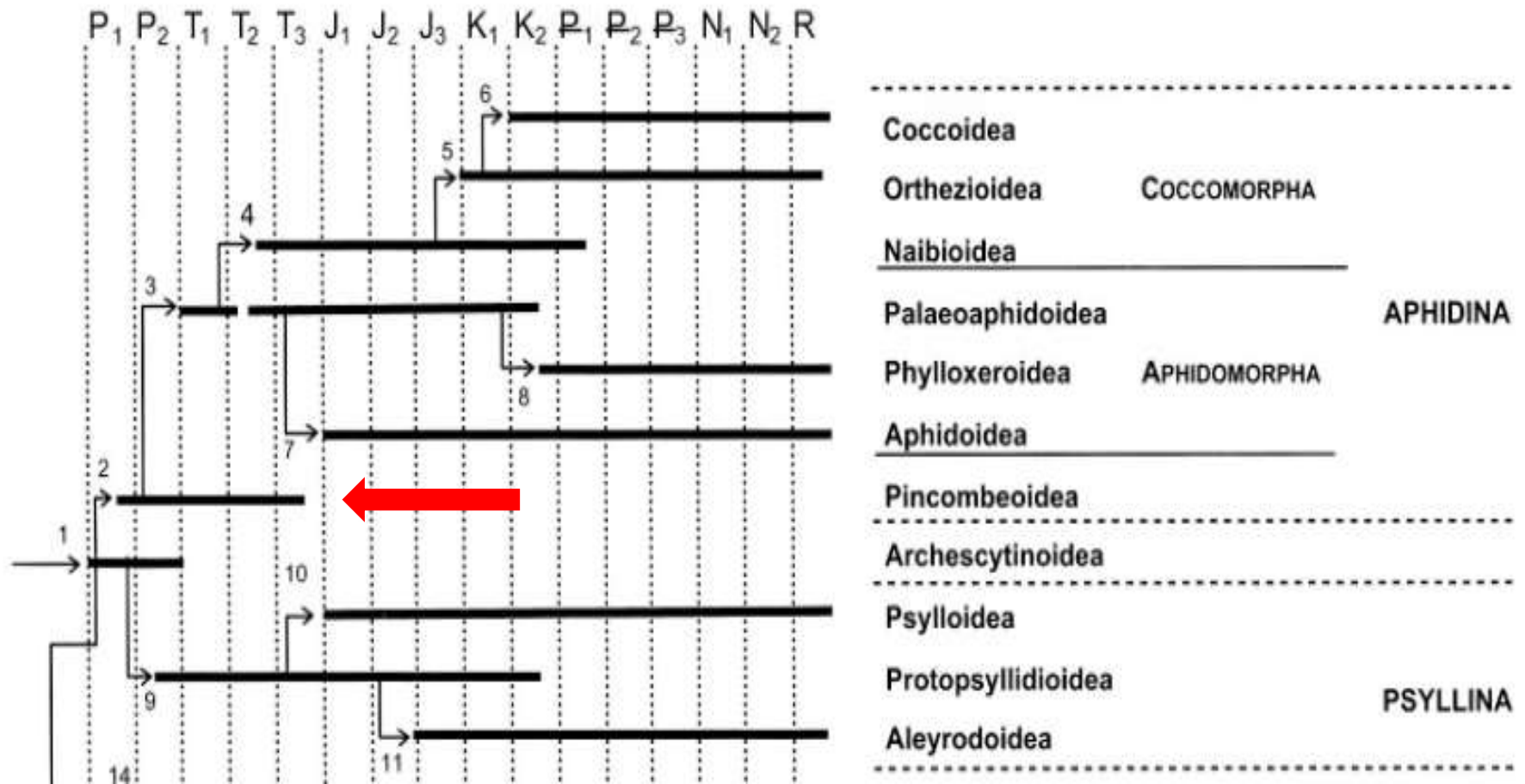
Sternorrhyncha

- Earliest Sternorrhyncha are closely related to the Paleorrhyncha (ancestral or sister-group relationship to be revealed)
- According to the fossil record, the lineage Pincombeomorpha + Aphidomorpha separated earlier than Psylloidea + Aleyrodoidea
- exclusively plant sap-feeders (phloem feeders)
- underwent morphological and behavioral differentiation in the Permian
- have the first major radiation in the Triassic (250–200 mya)
- the second in the Late Cretaceous (100–65 mya)



What constitutes a sternorrhynchan insect ?

First separation of Sternorrhyncha took place in the Permian (250 mya), when the infraorders Pincombeomorpha and Aphidomorpha appeared. Pincombeomorpha, with three families occur in the Permian to the Late Triassic (about 270–200 mya).



Pincombeomorpha

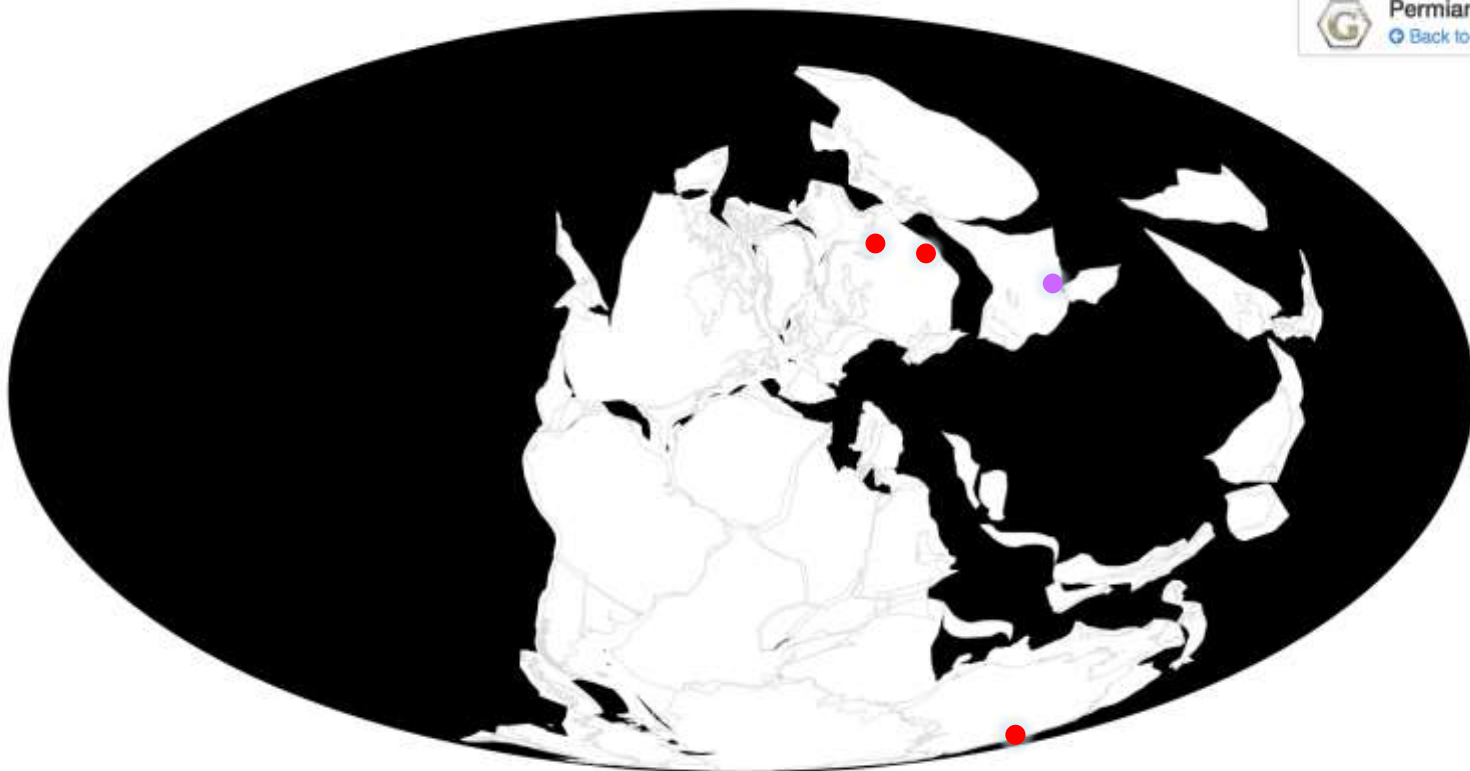
Their characters are the forewing with the radius posterior vein (RP) originating well before the pterostigma, convex up to the nodal line and concave beyond it; nodal line crossing RP near base; median vein (M) and cubitus anterior vein (CuA) forming a short common stalk; claval vein(s) remote from posterior margin.



Pincombea sp.
Upper Permian, Australia



Simulaphis shaposhnikovi Shcherbakov, 2007
Upper Permian, Australia



Filters

Permian

Pincombeoidea

During the Permian (300-250 mya), Pincombeomorpha were present in both hemispheres, but from the Triassic they are only known from the northern hemisphere.

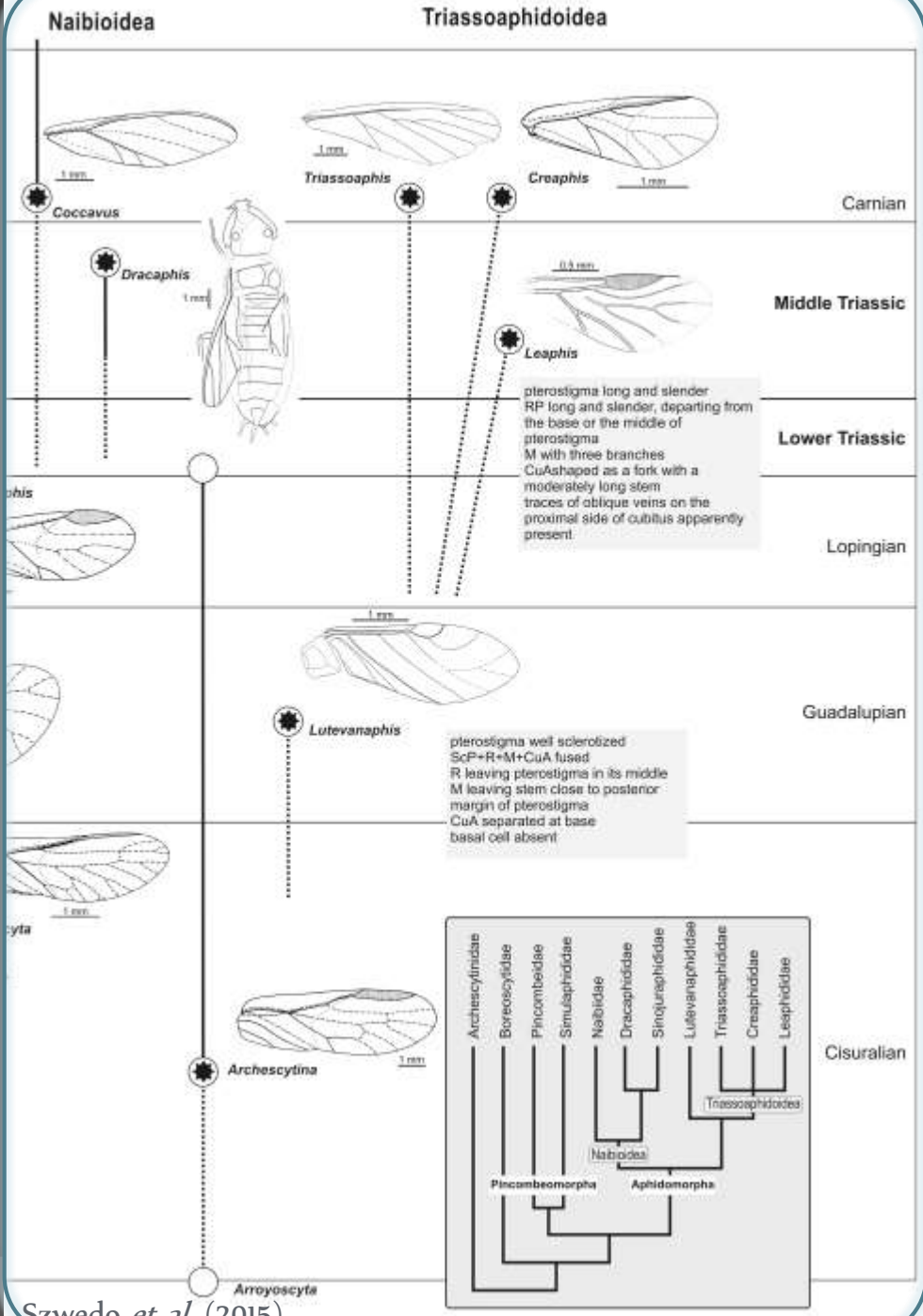
Pincombeidae (Permian-Triassic)

Simulaphididae (Permian)

Boreoscytidae (Permian)

- Evolutionary histories of each extant sternorrhynchan lineage – aphids, coccids, psyllids and whiteflies are far from complete.
- They are rarely fossilized because they have small and delicate bodies, and the known fossils are preserved mostly in Cretaceous and Cenozoic ambers.
- Next part 1 will briefly introduce the history of these lineages.

The early evolution of aphids
(Aphidomorpha)

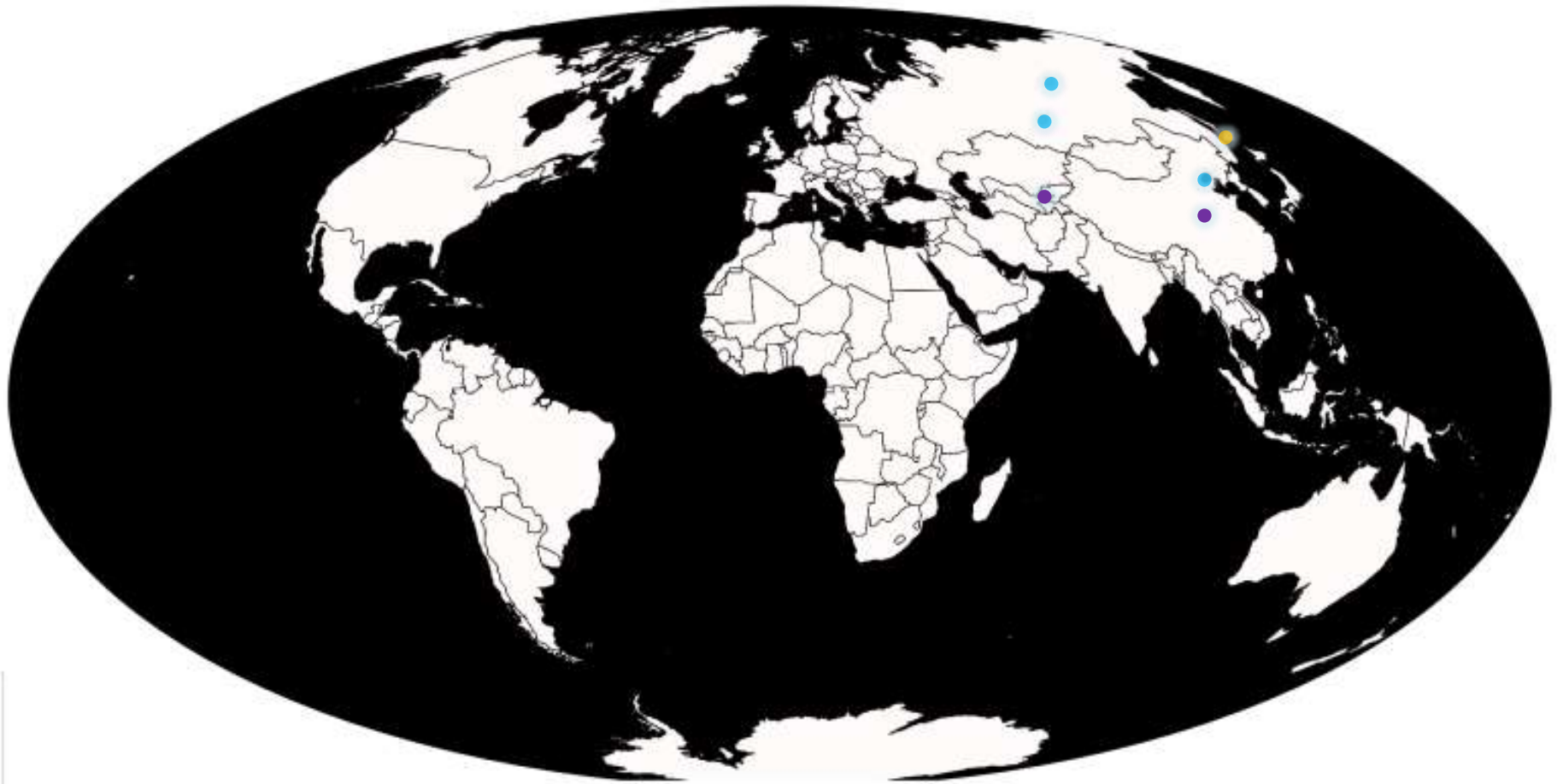


Szwedo *et al.* (2015)

Aphidomorpha occurs in the Permian, is represented by one species. After the great Permian/Triassic extinction event, aphids rebuilt its diversity with two superfamilies, Naibioidea and Triassoaphidoidea.

Triassic aphids

- wing shapes from oval to triangular
- reduction of basal cell
- reduction of venation
- loss of vein M connection with stem
- reduction of costal area and anal lobe (clavus)

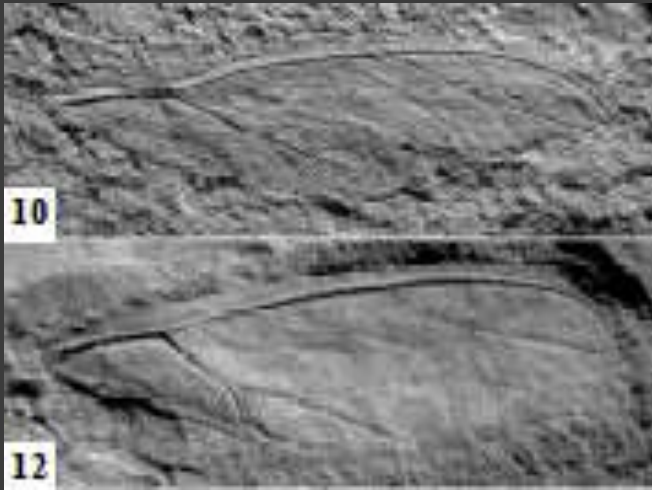


Naibioidea with three families are known from the Triassic to the Eocene (240–50 mya). They are only reported from the northern hemisphere:

Naibiidae (Triassic-Eocene);

Dracaphididae (Triassic);

Sinojuraphidae (Jurassic).



10. *Cocavus supercubitus* Shcherbakov, 2007; Triassic

12. *Panirena sukatshevae* Shcherbakov, 2007; Jurassic

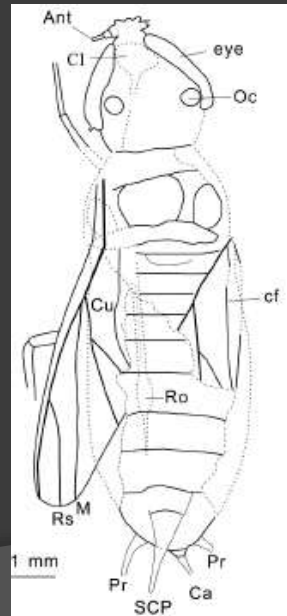


Naibia zherikhini Shcherbakov, 2007; Eocene

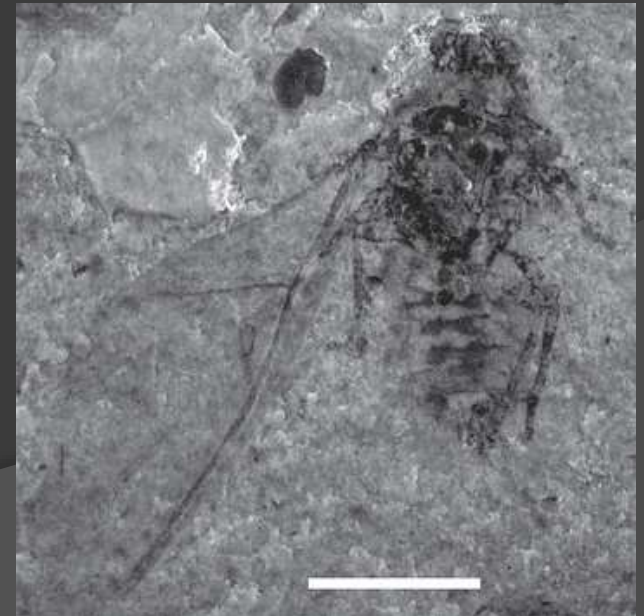
very narrow pterostigma
 elongate stem of CuA
 Sc fused to radial stem

This group was originally regarded as 'four-winged ancestors of coccids'; but now they are believed to be closely related to aphids because of the body structure.

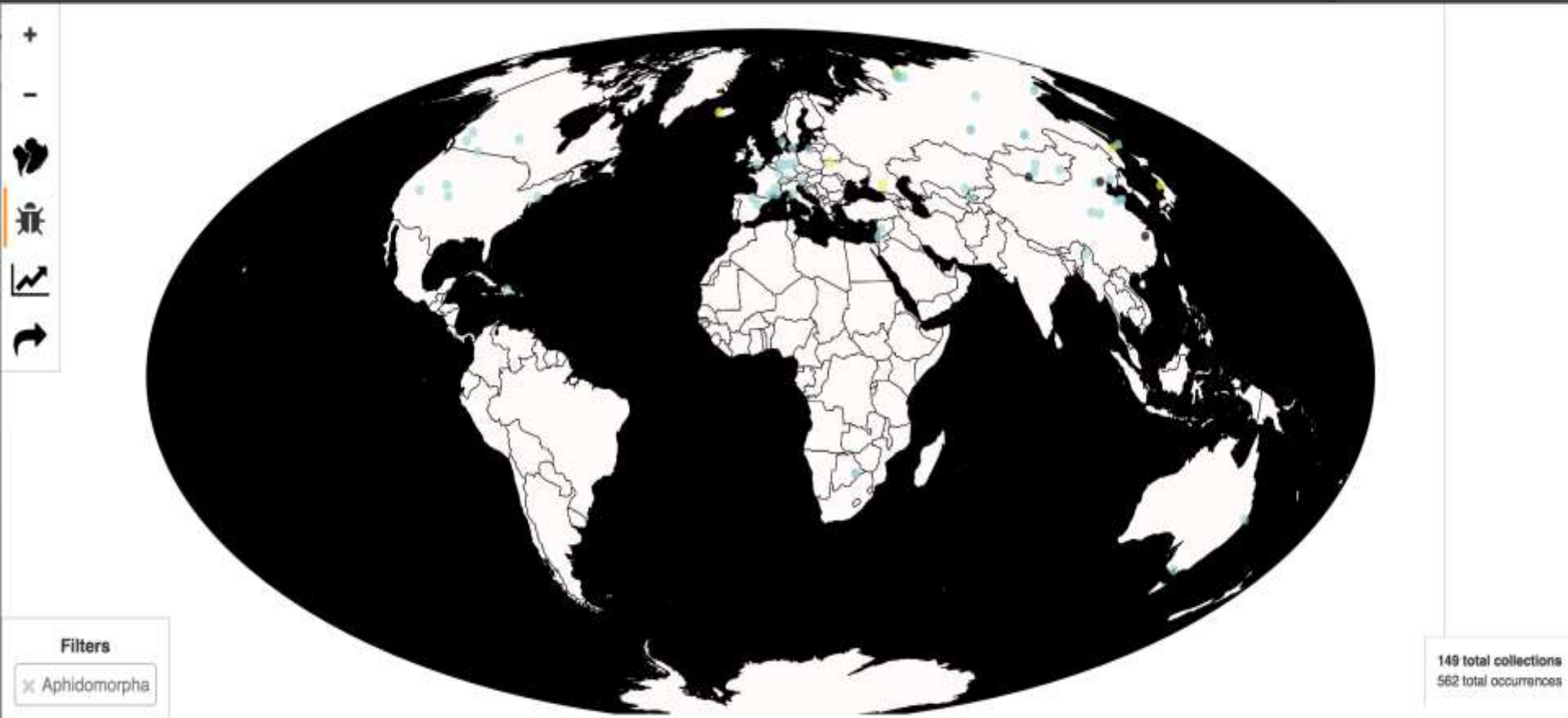
Dracaphis angustata
 Hong *et al.*,
 2009;
 Triassic



Sinojuraphis ningchengensis
 Huang et Nel, 2008; Jurassic



Aphidomorpha: aphids, phylloxerans and adeligds



The fossil record of aphids is good, and they are particularly common in deposits from the Cretaceous and Palaeogene, thanks to inclusions in amber. Most abundant findings come from the northern hemisphere, but there are a few from Gondwanaland (southern continents).

Infraordo Aphidomorpha Becker-Migdisova et Aizenberg, 1962

Superfamily Adelgoidea Annand, 1928

Adelgidae Annand, 1928 – Eocene-Holocene

Elektraphididae† Steffan, 1968 – Late Cretaceous-Pliocene

Mesozoicaphididae† Heie in Heie and Pike, 1992

– Late Cretaceous

Superfamily Aphidoidea Latreille, 1802

Aiceonidae Raychaudhuri, Pal et Ghosh, 1980 – Holocene

Anoeciidae Tullgren, 1909 – Holocene

Aphididae Latreille, 1802 – Late Cretaceous-Holocene

Baltichaitophoridae† Heie, 1980 – Eocene

Canadaphididae† Richards, 1966 – Cretaceous

Cretamyzidae† Heie et Pike, 1992 – Late Cretaceous

Drepanochaitophoridae† Zhang et Hong, 1999 – Eocene

Drepanosiphidae Herrich-Schaeffer in Koch, 1857

– Early Cretaceous-Holocene

Eriosomatidae Kirkaldy, 1905 – Eocene-Holocene

Greenideidae Baker, 1920 – Eocene-Holocene

Hormaphididae Mordvilko, 1908 – Eocene-Holocene

Lachnidae Herrich-Schaeffer in Koch, 1854 – Miocene-Holocene

Oviparosiphidae† Shaposhnikov, 1979

– Middle Jurassic-Early Cretaceous

Parvaverrucosidae† Poinar et Brown, 2005 – Late Cretaceous

Phloeomyzidae Mordvilko, 1934 – Holocene

Rasnitsynaphididae† Homan et Wegierek, 2011

– Early Cretaceous

Sinaphididae† Zhang, Zhang, Hou et Ma, 1989

– Early Cretaceous

Tamaliidae Oestlund, 1922 – Holocene

Thelaxidae Baker, 1920 – Early Cretaceous-Holocene

Superfamily Genaphidoidea† Handlirsch, 1907

Genaphididae† Handlirsch, 1907 – Early Cretaceous

Superfamily Palaeoaphidoidea† Heie, 1981

Juraphididae† Żyła, Blagoderov et Wegierek, 2014

– Middle Jurassic-Early Cretaceous

Palaeoaphididae† Richards, 1966 – Cretaceous

Shaposhnikoviidae† Kononova, 1976 – Late Cretaceous

Szelegiewiczziidae† Wegierek, 1989

– Middle Jurassic-Early Cretaceous

Superfamily Phylloxeroidea Steffan, 1968

Phylloxeridae Herrich-Schaeffer in Koch, 1857

– Eocene-Holocene

Superfamily Tajmyraphidoidea† Kononova, 1975

Burmaphididae† Poinar et Brown, 2005 – Cretaceous

Grassyaphididae† Heie in Heie et Azar, 2000

– Late Cretaceous

Khatangaphididae† Heie in Heie et Azar, 2000

– Late Cretaceous

Lebanaphididae† Heie in Heie et Azar, 2000

– Early Cretaceous

Retinaphididae† Heie in Heie et Azar, 2000 – Late Cretaceous

Tajmyraphididae† Kononova, 1975 – Late Cretaceous

Superfamily Triassoaphidoidea† Heie, 1991

Creaphididae† Shcherbakov et Wegierek, 1991

– Middle Triassic

Triassoaphididae† Heie, 1991 – Middle Triassic

Leaphididae† Shcherbakov, 2010 – Middle Triassic

Lutevanaphididae† Szwedo, Lapeyrie et Nel, 2015

– Early Permian

The taxonomic diversity of fossil aphids is very high,
with 4 extinct superfamilies

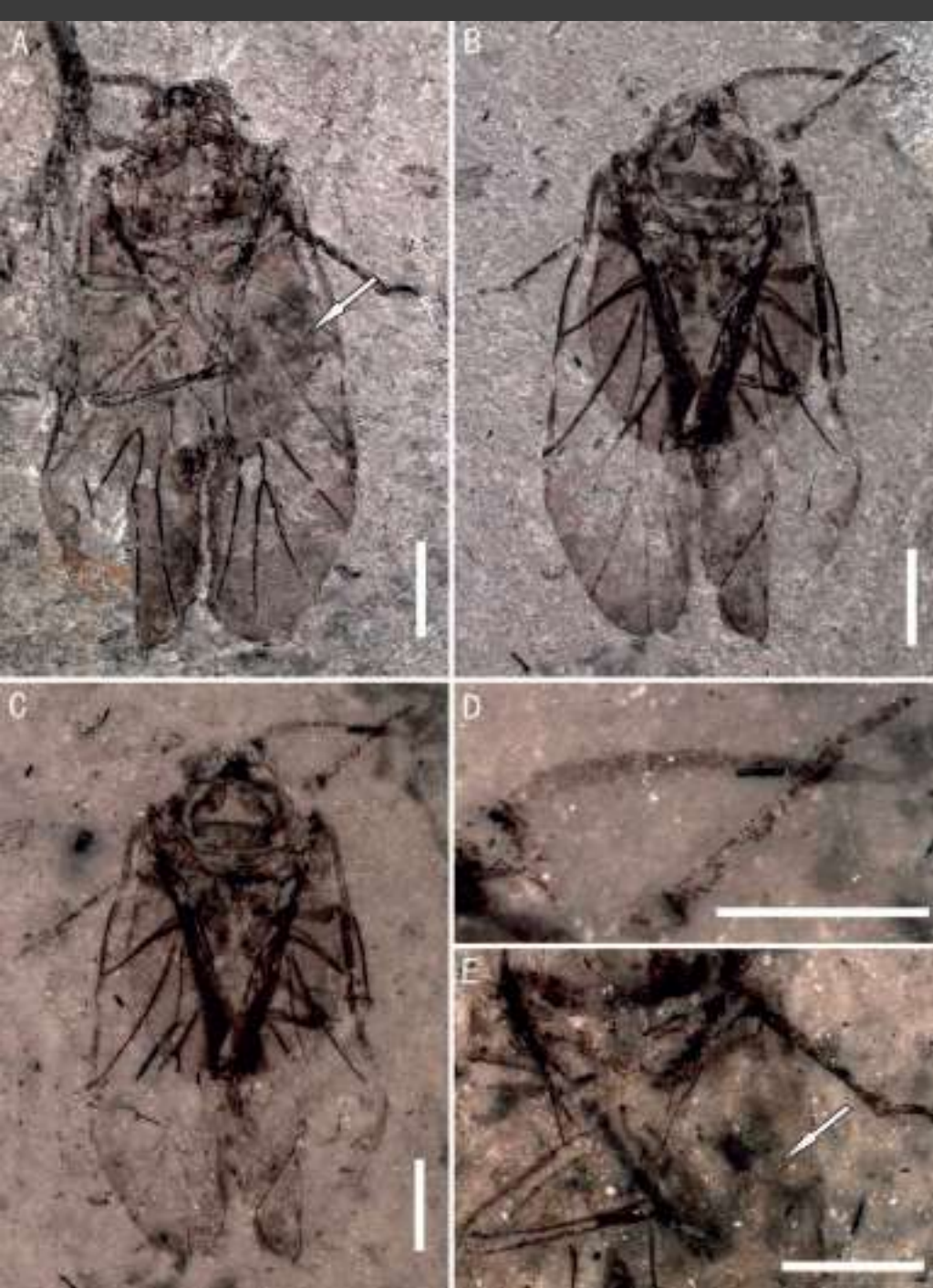


Jurassic aphids are only known from Eurasia, with some records belonging to three extinct families:

Juraphididae

Szelegiewiczziidae (Palaeoaphidoidea)

Oviparosiphidae (Aphidoidea)



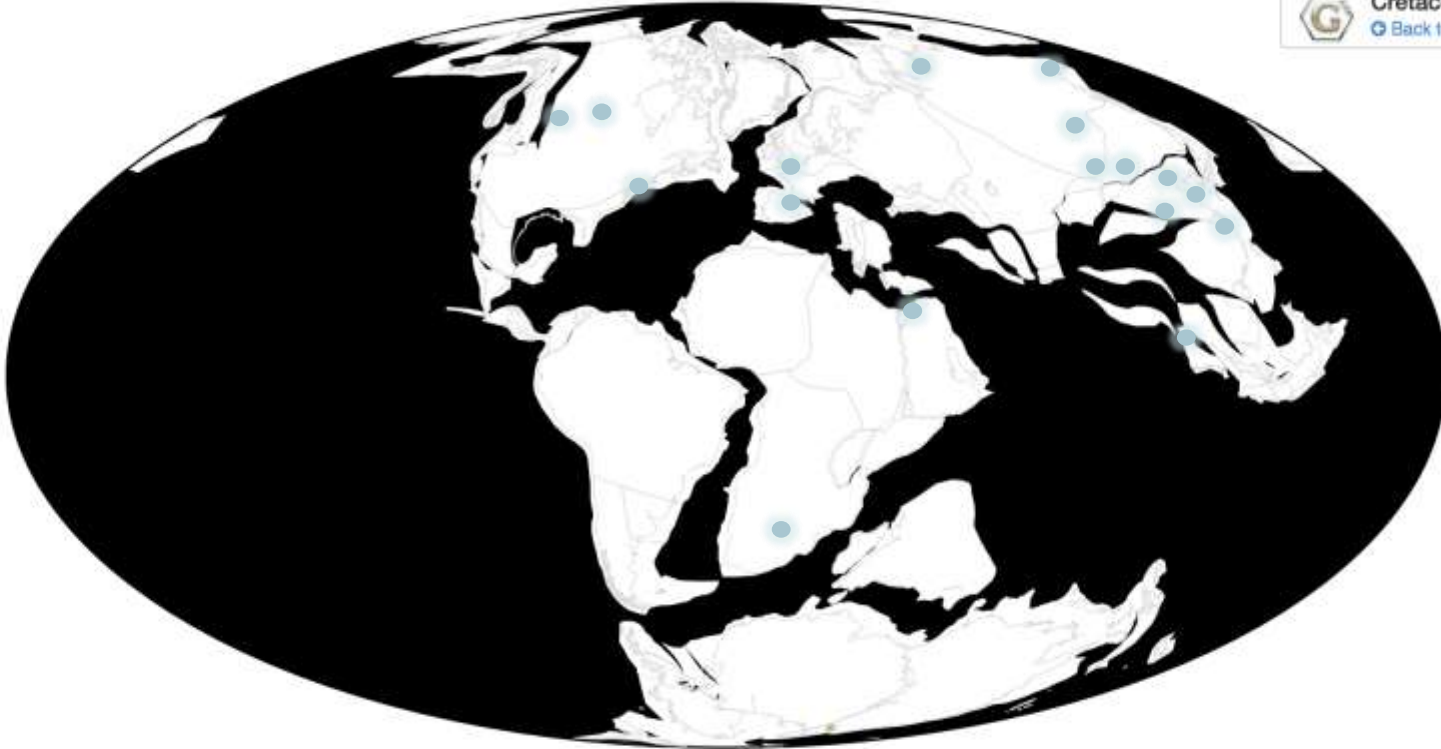
Jurassic aphids (160 mya)

forewings similar in structure to the modern aphids;
hindwings strongly reduced, with venation simplified;
antennae 7-segmented;
secondary rhinaria grouped in rows;
terminal spine developed;
compound eyes well developed;
Ovipositor and cauda.

These Jurassic aphids probably had a simple life cycle.

Oviparosiphidae

Daoaphis magnalata Huang *et al.*, 2015



Filters

Cretaceous

✕ Aphidomorpha

Cretaceous families:

- Elektraphididae
- Aphididae
- Canadaphididae
- Cretamyzidae
- Drepanosiphidae
- Oviparosiphidae
- Parvaverrucosidae

- Rasnitsynaphididae
- Sinaphididae
- Thelaxidae
- Genaphididae
- Juraphididae
- Palaeoaphididae
- Shaposhnikoviidae
- Szelegiewicziidae

- Burmaphididae
- Grassyaphididae
- Khatangaphididae
- Lobnaphididae
- Retinaphididae
- Tajmyraphididae

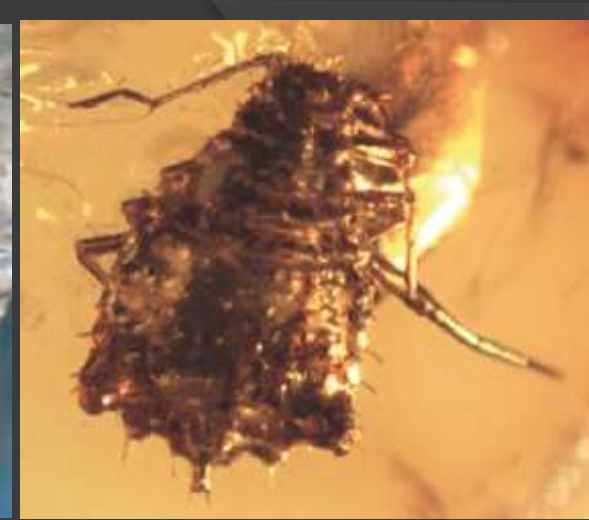
The highest diversity at family level of aphids dates from the Cretaceous (145-66 mya), with some families restricted to this period. There are much more undescribed aphids from the Cretaceous, both from sedimentary deposits and inclusions in amber.



Genaphididae



Szelegiewicziidae



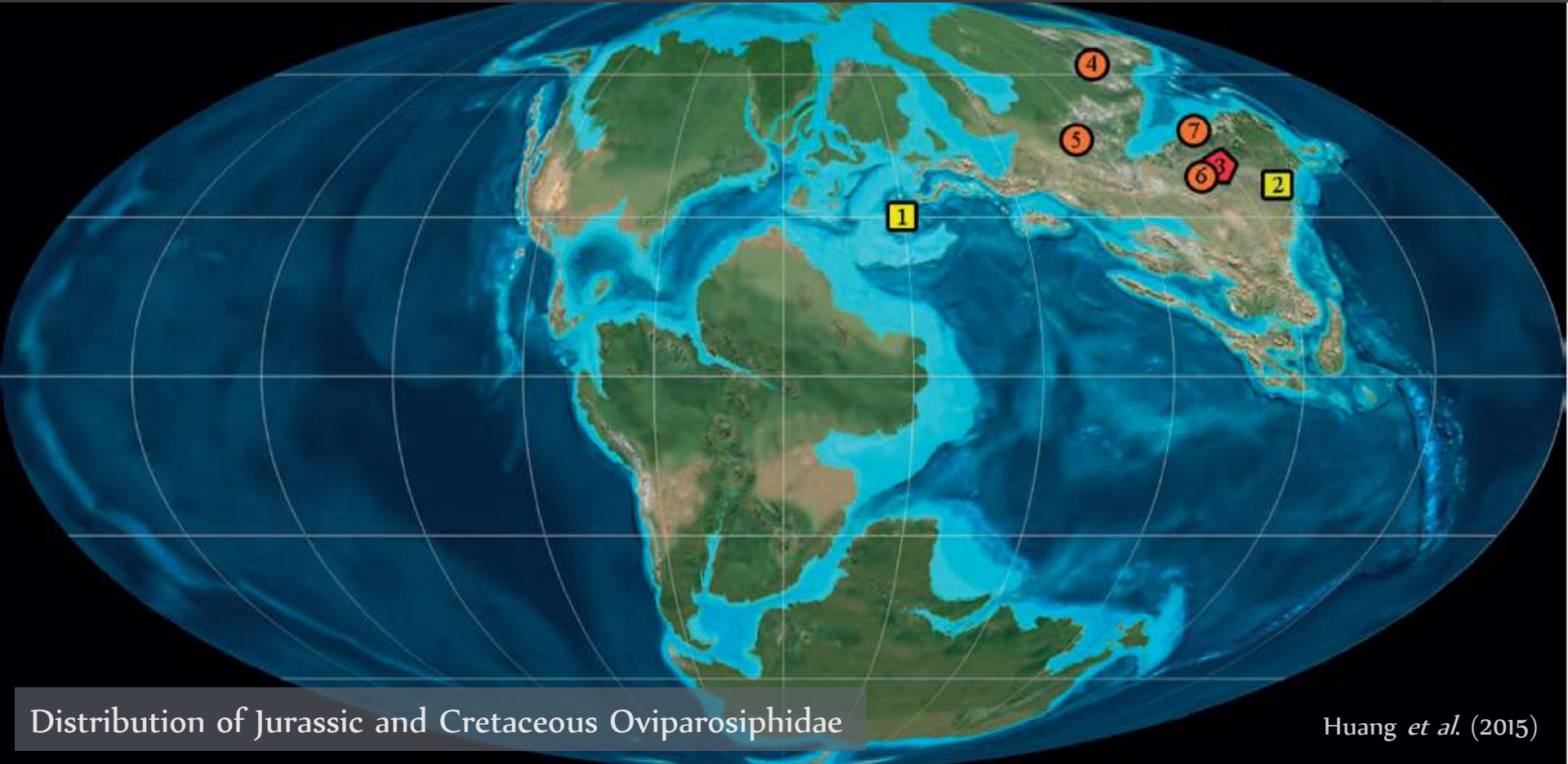
Thelaxidae

Oviparosiphidae

New family? from Burmese amber



- Extant aphid families had already appeared during the Cretaceous but were rare, whereas most Mesozoic aphids belong to extinct families.
- Aphids are rare in tropical regions (such as Burmese amber), but are common in temperate area, like the distribution of extant aphids.



Distribution of Jurassic and Cretaceous Oviparosiphidae

— underlined sub-families contain species associated with coniferous hosts

Host alternation

Families showing characters considered as plesiomorphous

Radiation on gymnosperms

Radiation on ancestors of modern angiosperms and conifers

Mid-Cretaceous
Terrestrial Revolution
(100 mya)

Ancestors feeding on early rosaceae?

During this period, some aphids may have gregarious behavior and excretion of sugary liquid. These great advancements in the evolution of aphids, probably led to another mutualistic partnership of these insects with primitive ants. And also, the aphids became more mobile because of their longer antennae and legs.

Most species-rich subfamily (2500 species)

Phyloxeridae

Adelgidae

Neophyllaphidinae

Mindarinae

Eriosomatinae

Eriosomatini
Pemphigini¹
Fordini^{2,3}

Thelaxinae

Anoeciinae

Hormaphidinae

Pterastheniinae

Phyllaphidinae

Saltusaphidinae

Parachaitophorinae

Neuquenaphidinae

Myzocallidinae

Phloeomyzinae

Macropodaphidinae

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Tamaliinae

Israelaphidinae

Taiwanaphidinae

Greenideinae

Ricconinae

Trietaphorinae

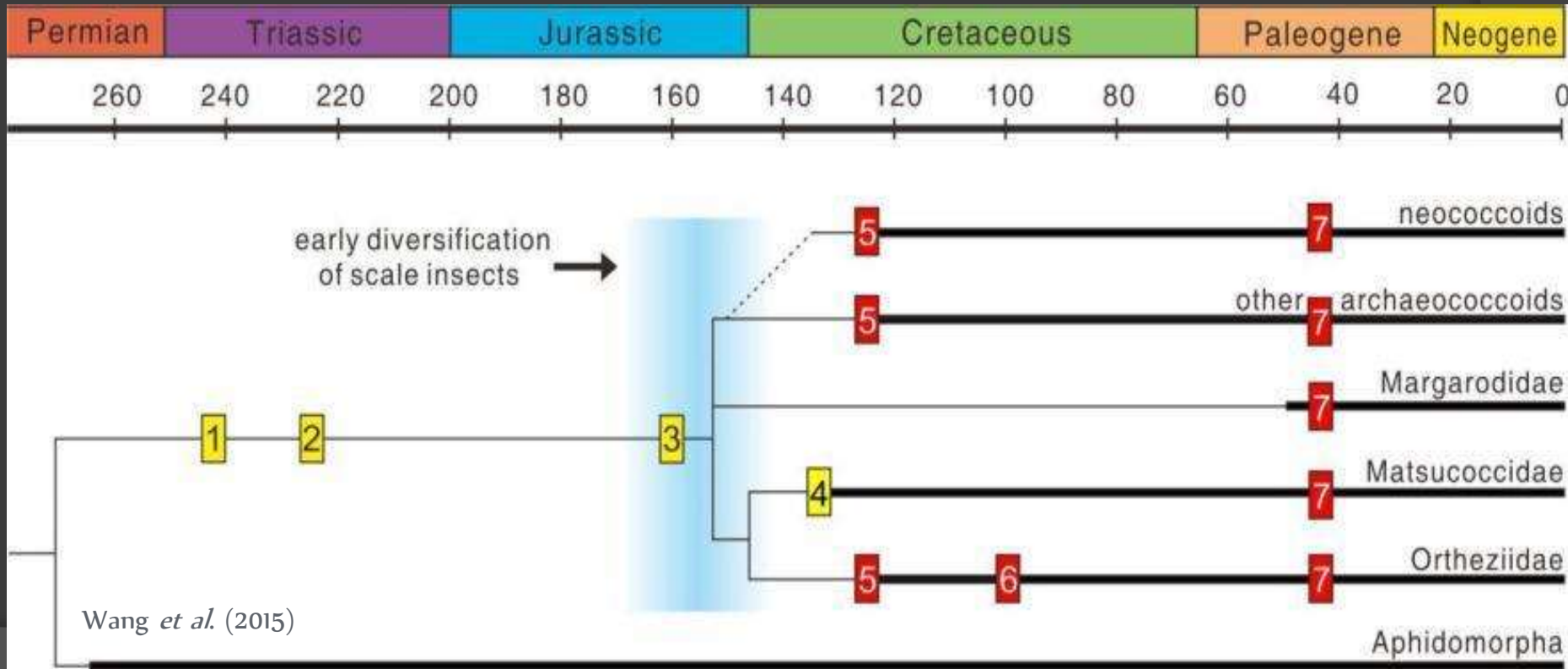
Trietaphorinae

Lachninae⁴

Aphidinae Pterocommatinae⁵

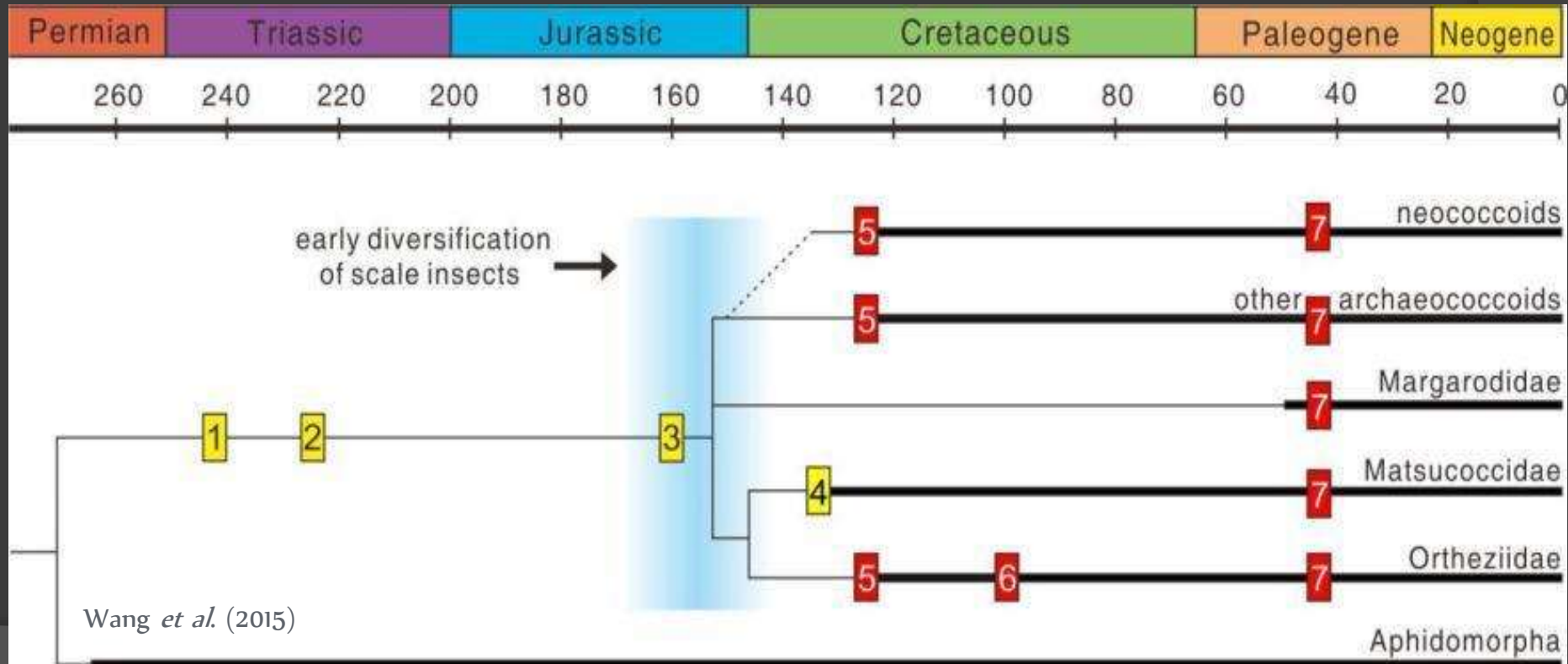
The early evolution of scale insects

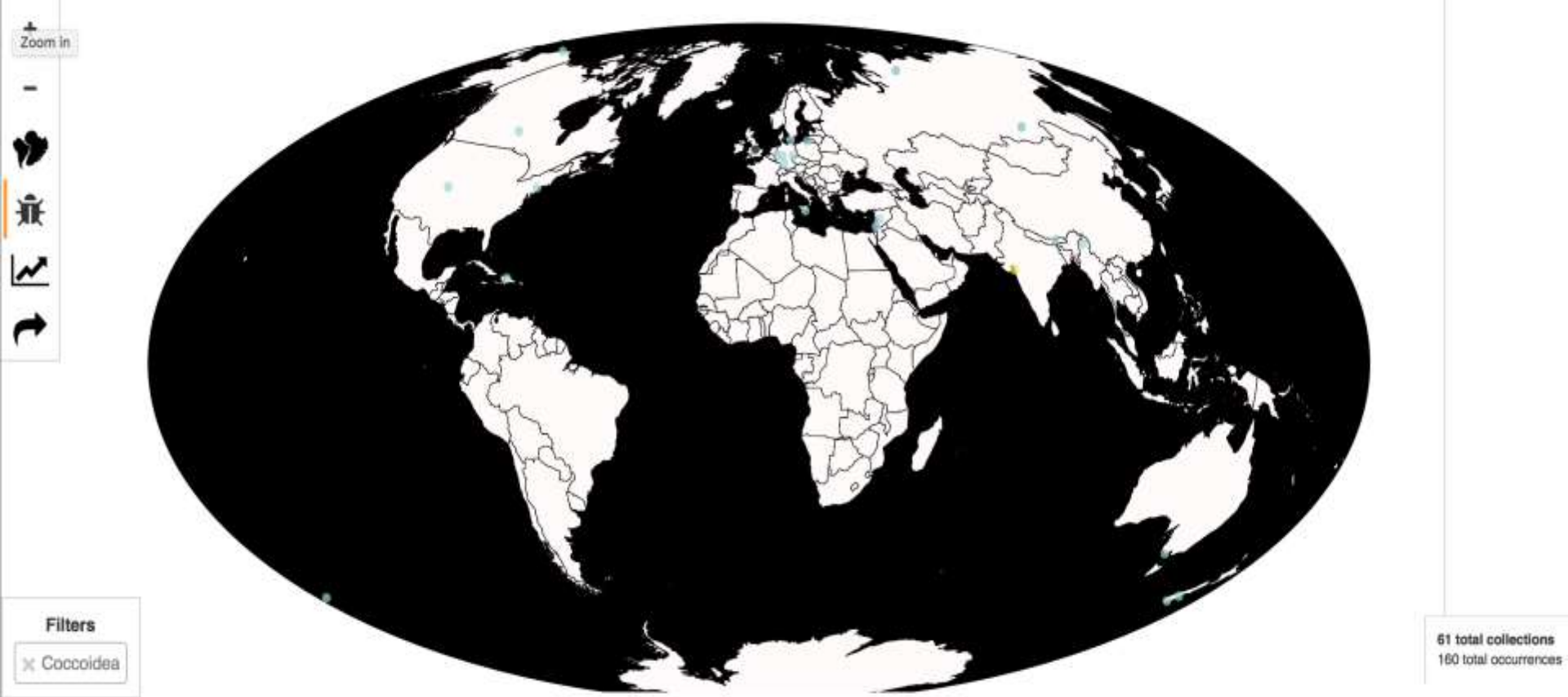
- The early evolution of scale insects is still a mystery. Probably they split from common ancestor with aphids somewhere in the Permian.
- Probably ancestral coccids lived in litter or soil, feeding on roots, and this condition among recent taxa seems to be very ancient.
- We do not have any direct record until the Early Cretaceous, when they appear as highly diversified group with number of families of archaeococcids.



A simplified history of scale insects

(1) There are undescribed scale marks on plants from the Middle Triassic of Italy; (2) Also, scale marks on plants from the Late Triassic of South Africa; (3) undescribed scale insects from the Late Jurassic; Fossil evidence show an early diversification of scale insects probably occurred during the end of the Jurassic or earliest Cretaceous (blue area), and later radiations are probably closely related to the rise of angiosperms and ants.





Extinct families:

Apticoccidae

Arnoldidae

Burmacoccidae

Electrococcidae

Grimaldiellidae

Groehnidae

Hammanococcidae

Jersicoccidae

Kozariidae

Kukaspidae

Labiococcidae

Lebanococcidae

Lithuanicoccidae

Pennygullaniidae

Serafinidae

Weitschidae

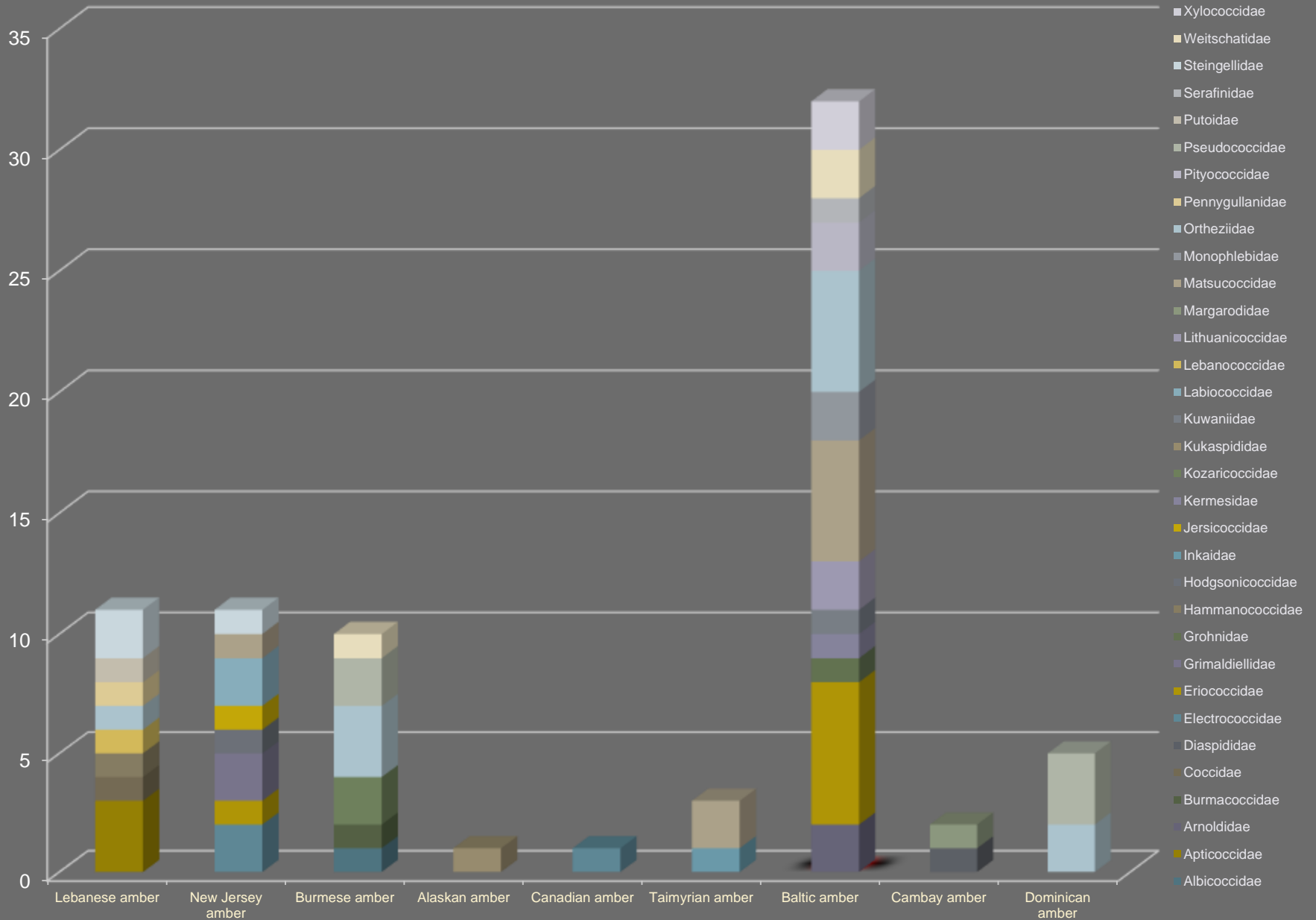
Albicoccidae

Hodgsonicoccidae

Inkaidae

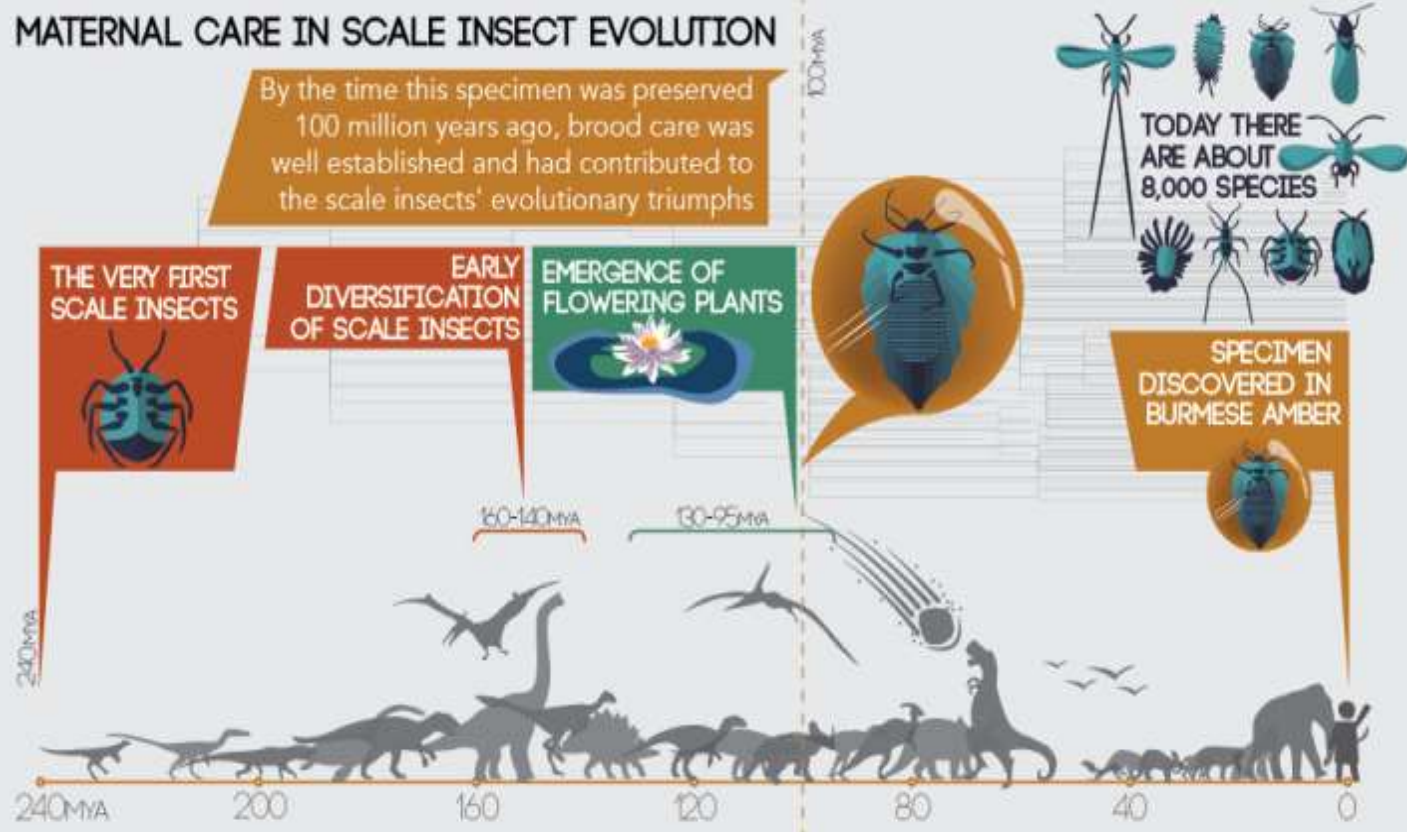
The fossil record of scale insects is relatively rich, but mainly the fossils preserved in amber have been studied. There are some new findings of extinct scale insects from the Early Eocene Indian amber (50 mya) and the Miocene of Chinese Zhangpu amber (15 mya).

Scale insect families in various fossil ambers – 33 families recorded in total



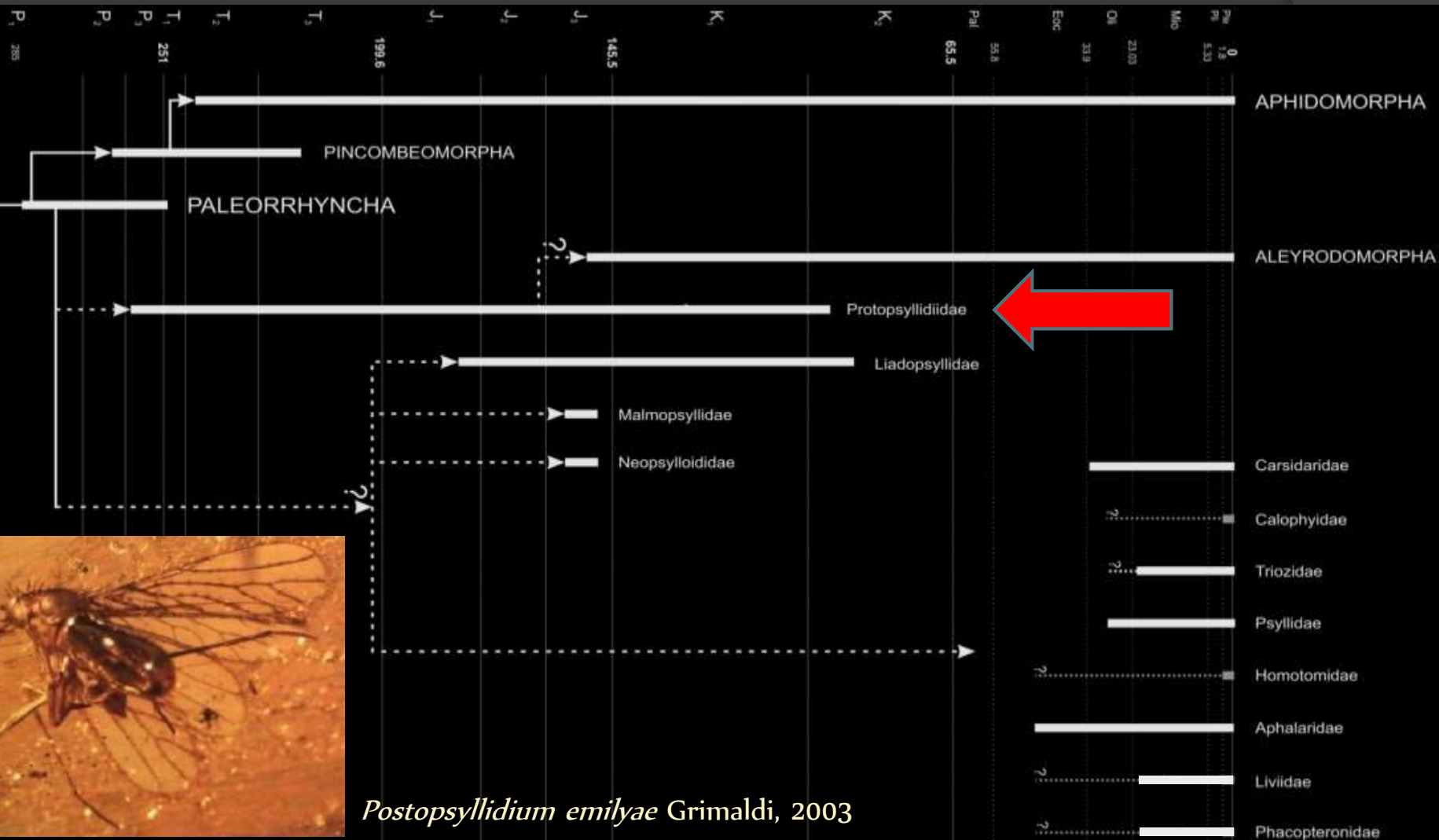
- In 2015, we reported an ensign scale insect (Hemiptera: Ortheziidae) from mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber. It has eggs within a wax ovisac, and several freshly hatched nymphs.
- This fossil represents the earliest direct evidence of brood care in the insect fossil record.
- Brood care could therefore have been an important driver for the early radiation of scale insects.

Wang *et al.* (2015)



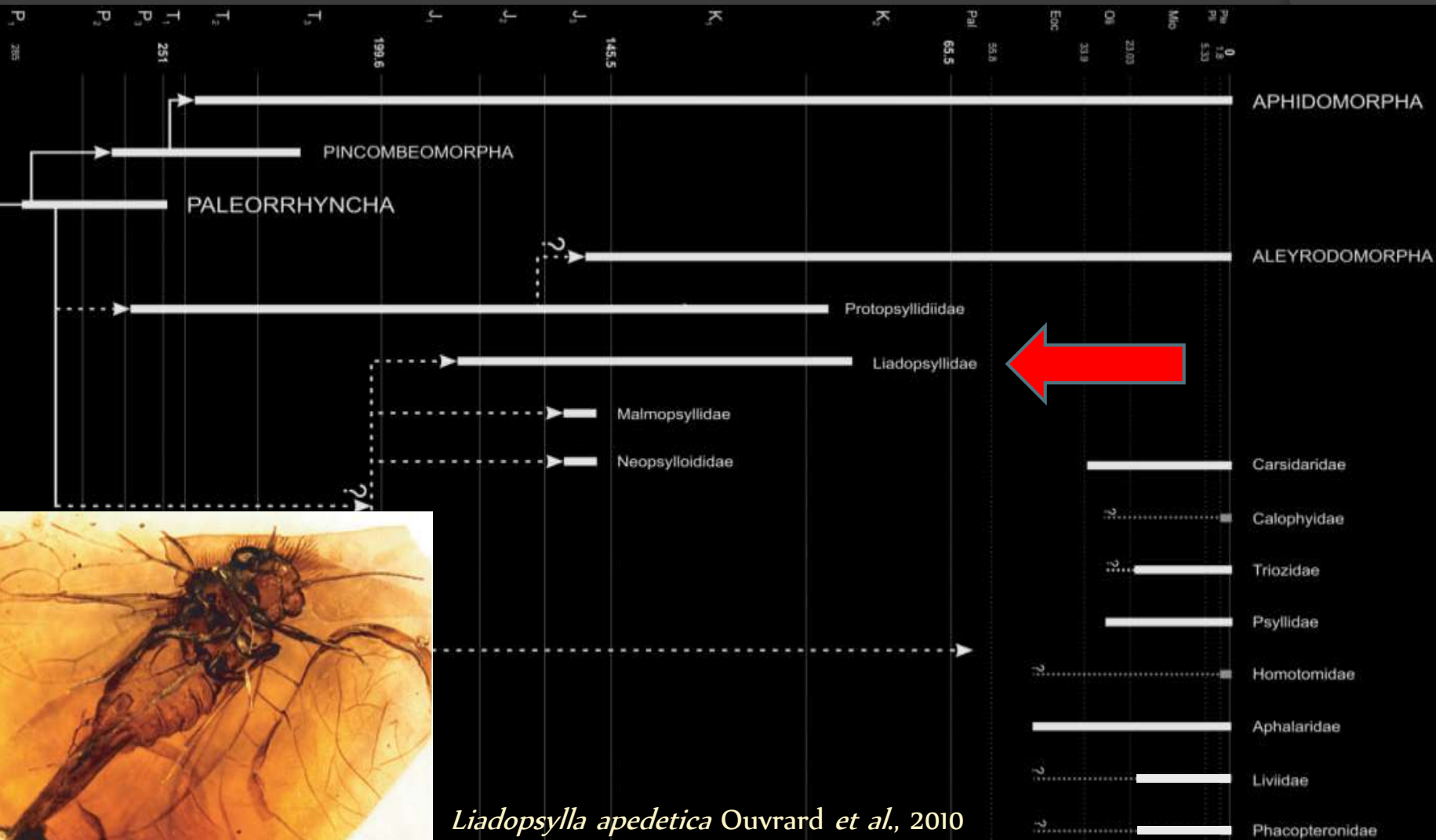
The early evolution of psyllids
(Psylloidea)

The third branch of sternorrhynchan includes Psylloidea and Aleyrodoidea. The oldest representatives (Protopsyllidiidae) are quite abundant as fossils from the Permian to Early Cretaceous (270–100 mya).

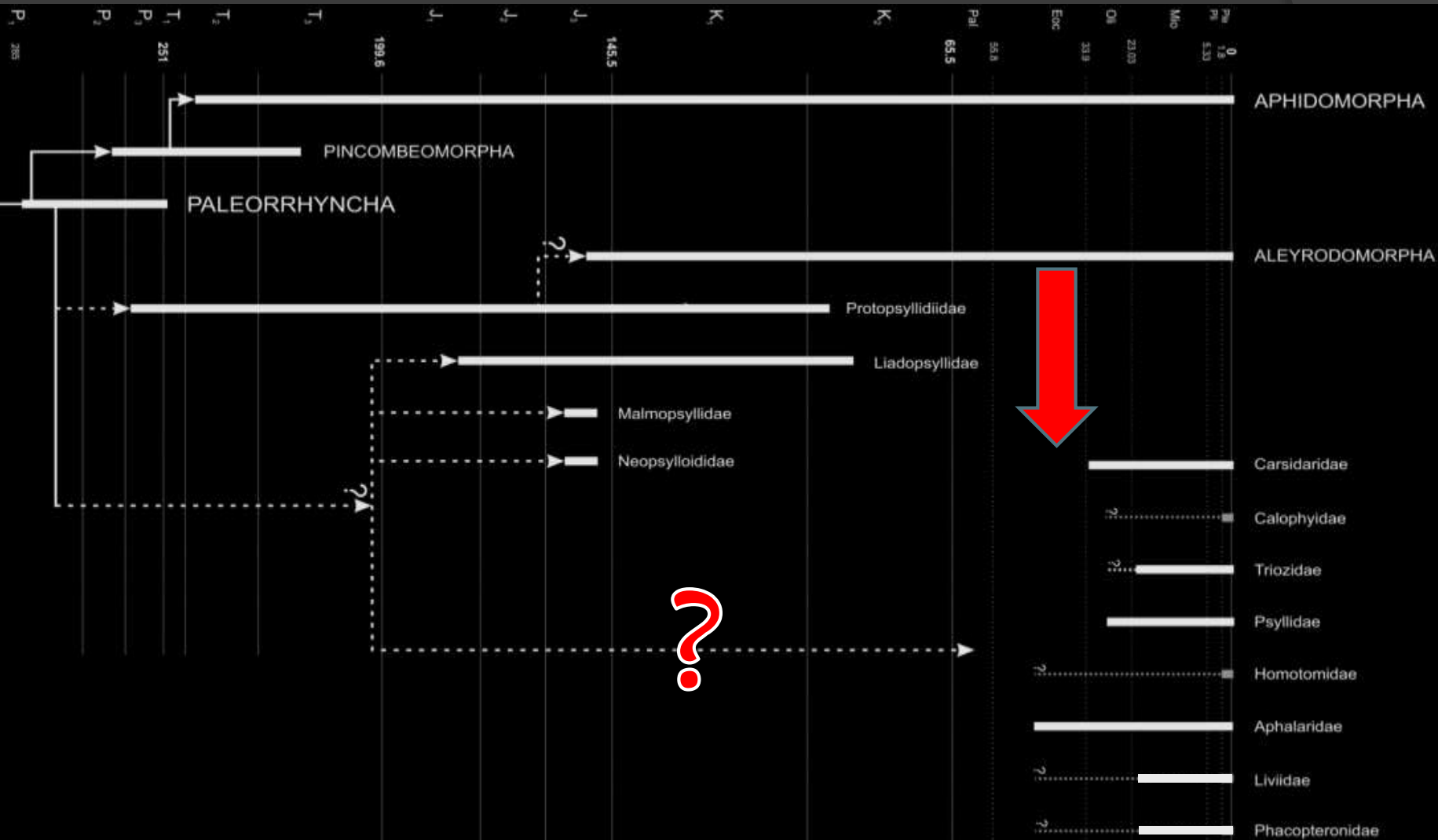


Postopsyllidium emilyae Grimaldi, 2003

Three extinct families were known from the Jurassic. Among them, the family Liadopsyllidae is widespread in Early Cretaceous amber. These extinct psyllids probably cannot jump.



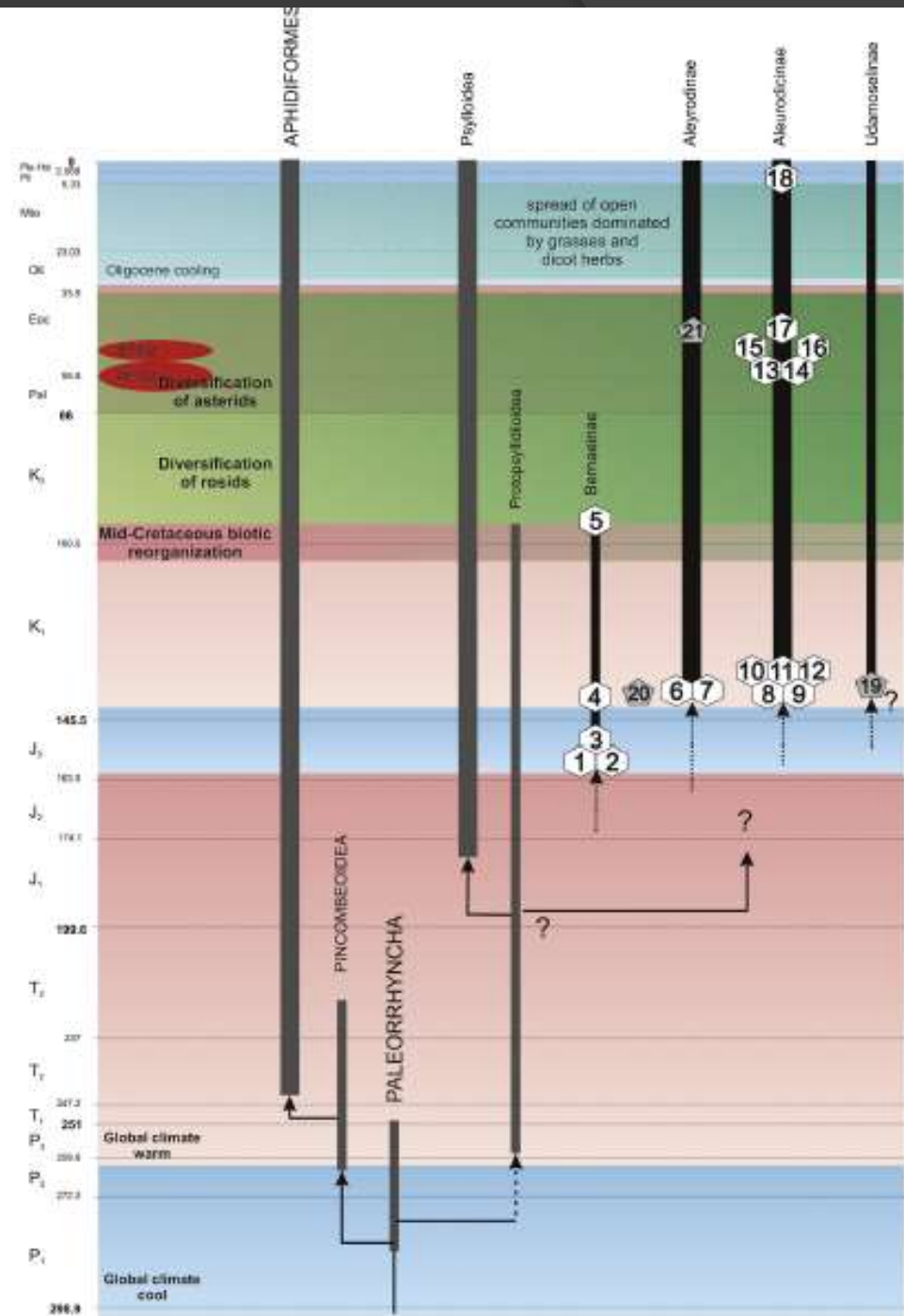
Two modern families appear in the Eocene (50 mya); and other extant families are reported from the Miocene (20 mya). Why psyllids are not common among fossils - this question remains open.



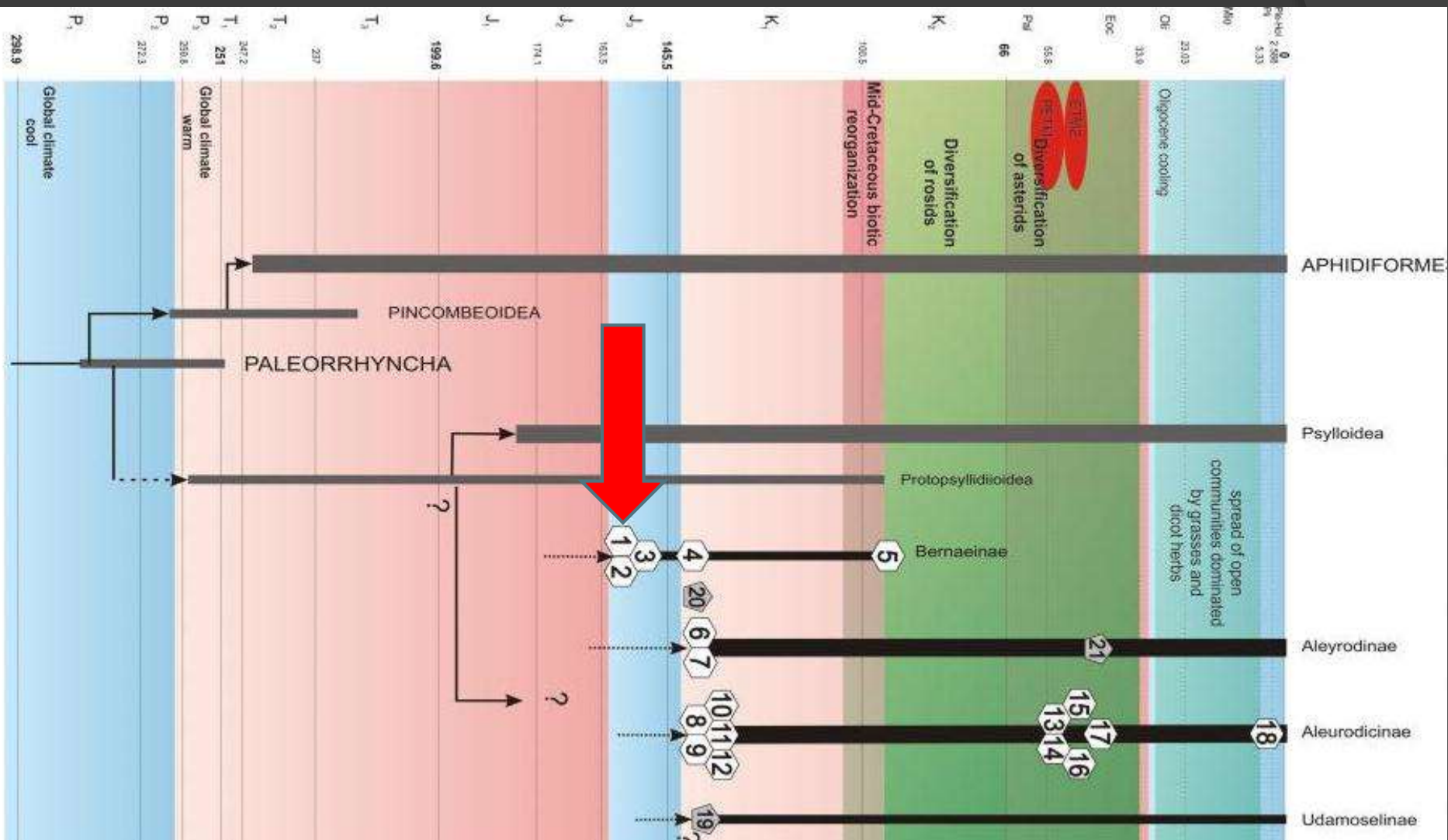
The early evolution of whiteflies
(Aleyrodoidea)

Aleyrodoidea

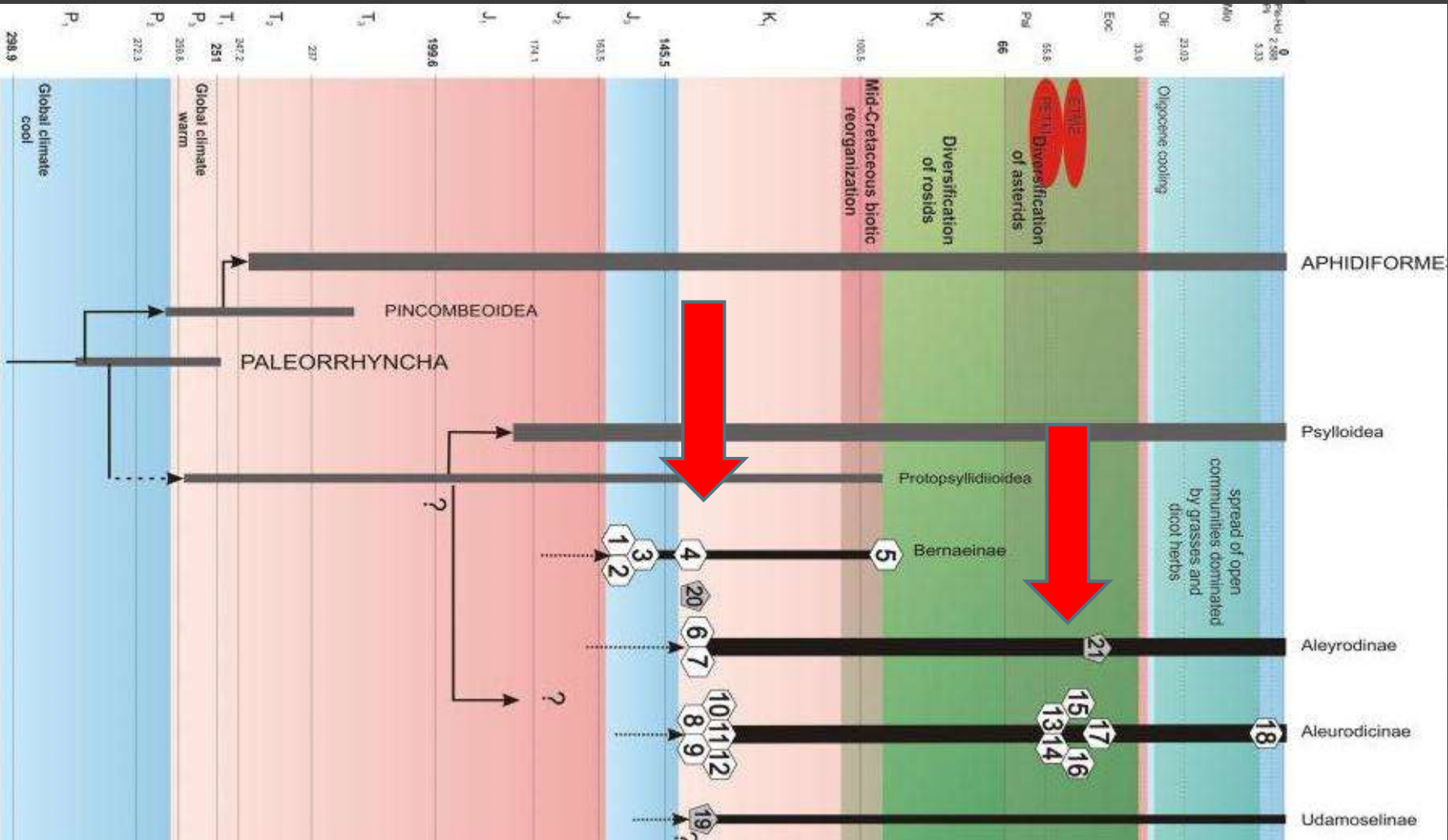
- ◆ the oldest known fossils from the Mid-Late Jurassic (160 mya);
- ◆ decreasing number of antennal segments;
- ◆ tendency to separate the compound eye into two portions;
- ◆ miniaturization;
- ◆ reduction of venation of both wings;
- ◆ reduction of clavus;
- ◆ loss of M and claval veins
- ◆ hind legs jumping
- ◆ imagines and nymphs covered with wax and wax-derived substances;
- ◆ four instars feeding, fifth instar non-feeding;
- ◆ fifth instar – resting stage (pupa)



The oldest whiteflies come from the Late Jurassic of Daohugou (undescribed) and Karatau (160 mya). They belong to the extinct subfamily Bernaeinae. In the Early Cretaceous, this group is still present, but extant subfamilies appeared.

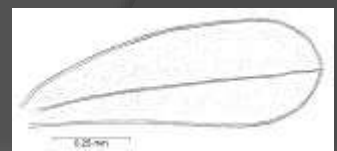
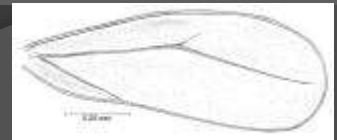
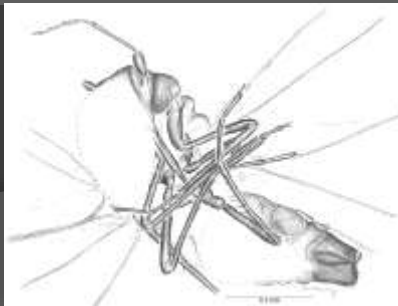
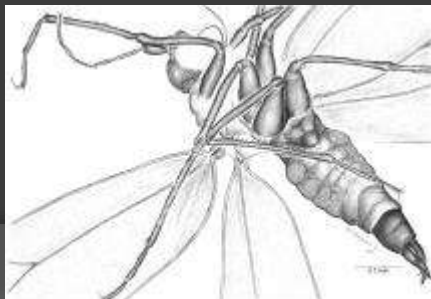
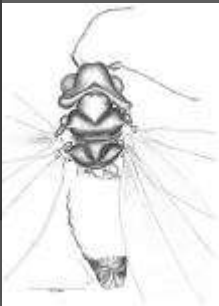


Three subfamilies were recorded from the Early Cretaceous ambers. Diverse whiteflies are preserved in early Eocene Oise amber, more specimens come from Baltic amber. All these are imagines. The only described puparium comes from the Pliocene of Germany.





Also among fossil whiteflies the spectacular fossils could be found. This piece of Baltic amber contains 12 specimens of whiteflies, belonging to the subfamily Aleyrodinae. It is the first record of gregarious behavior of whiteflies.



Conclusion

- Sternorrhynchan insects are rarely fossilized because they have small and delicate bodies.
- The oldest Sternorrhyncha are traced back to the Permian, but they may have originated in the Carboniferous (300 mya).
- Aphids are traced back to the Permian, with several records from the Triassic. They underwent a rapid radiation into the current tribes after shifting from gymnosperms to angiosperms some time during the Late Cretaceous.

- The oldest fossil scale insects are from the Early Cretaceous. The oldest scale marks on plants are from the Triassic but scales probably really of Permian age. The earliest radiation of the neococoids is probably in conjunction with the rise of Cretaceous flowering plants.
- Protopsyllidiidae are reported from the Late Permian to Cretaceous. Modern psyllid families appear in the Eocene, but they probably diversified in the Cretaceous.
- Whiteflies extend back into the Jurassic (160 mya), and they may have originated in the Late Permian or even earlier. Modern subfamilies probably appeared during the Cretaceous.

- The fossil record of Sternorrhyncha is very complicated, with numerous gaps, and sudden appearances of highly diverse and specialized groups.
- The evolutionary history of Sternorrhyncha was shaped by global geological and biological events, such as massive extinctions and biotic changes.
- There are many fossils still waiting to be studied. New fossils will be described in the near future, and may provide a good opportunity to test the hypotheses based on molecular investigations.

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