

Wide phenotype data Querying semantic phenotypes with transcribed specimen data

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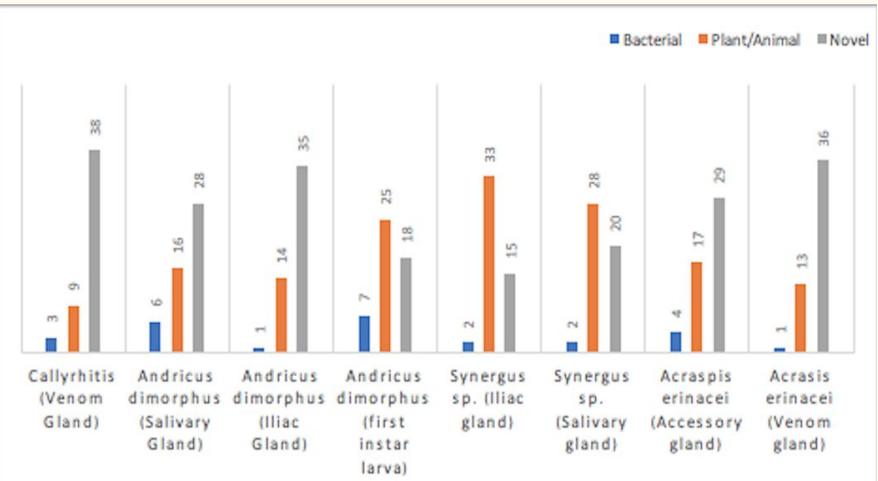
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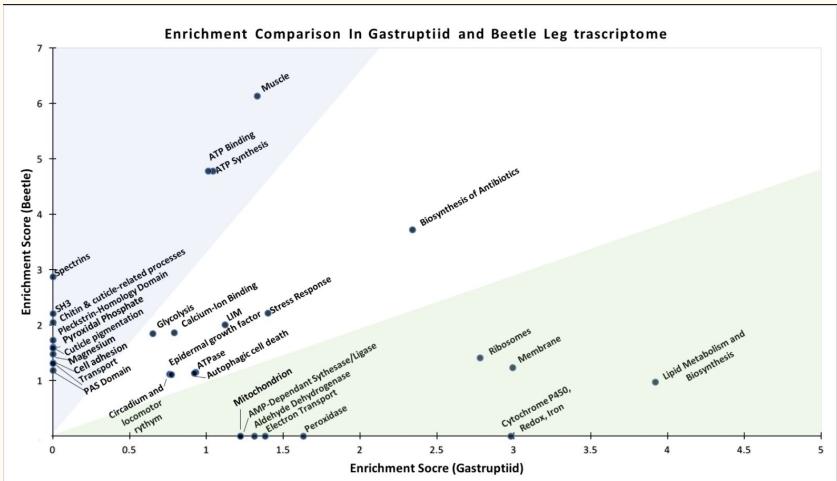


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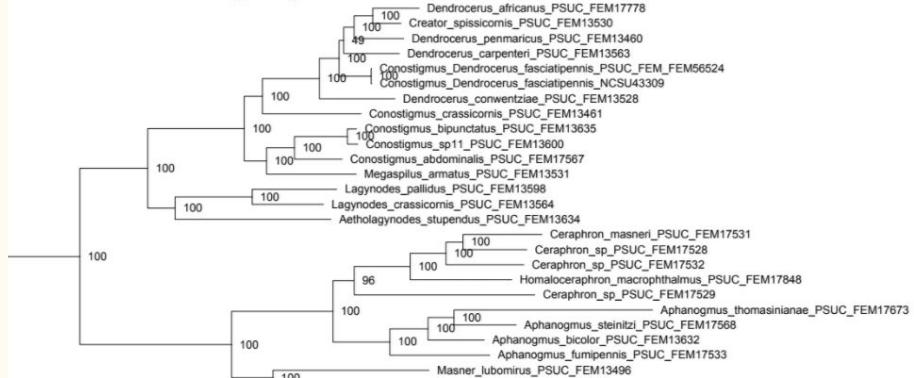
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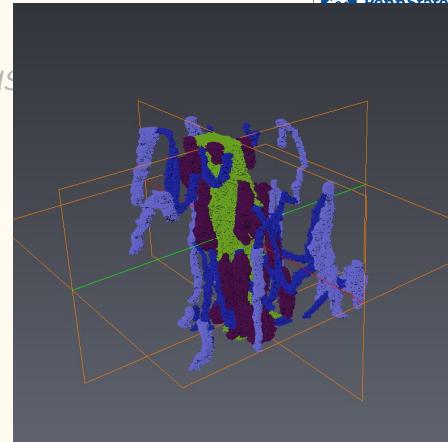
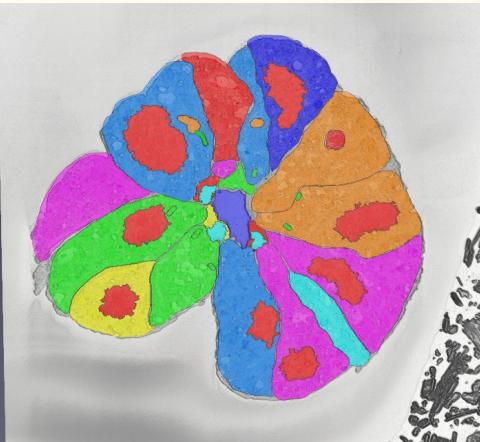
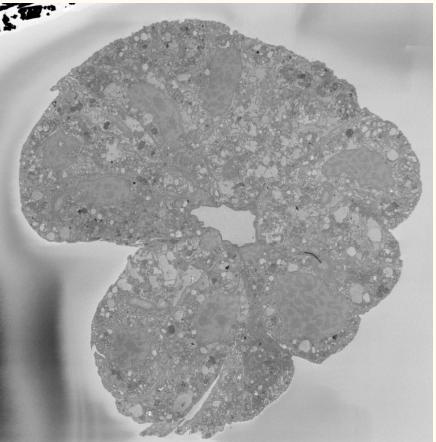
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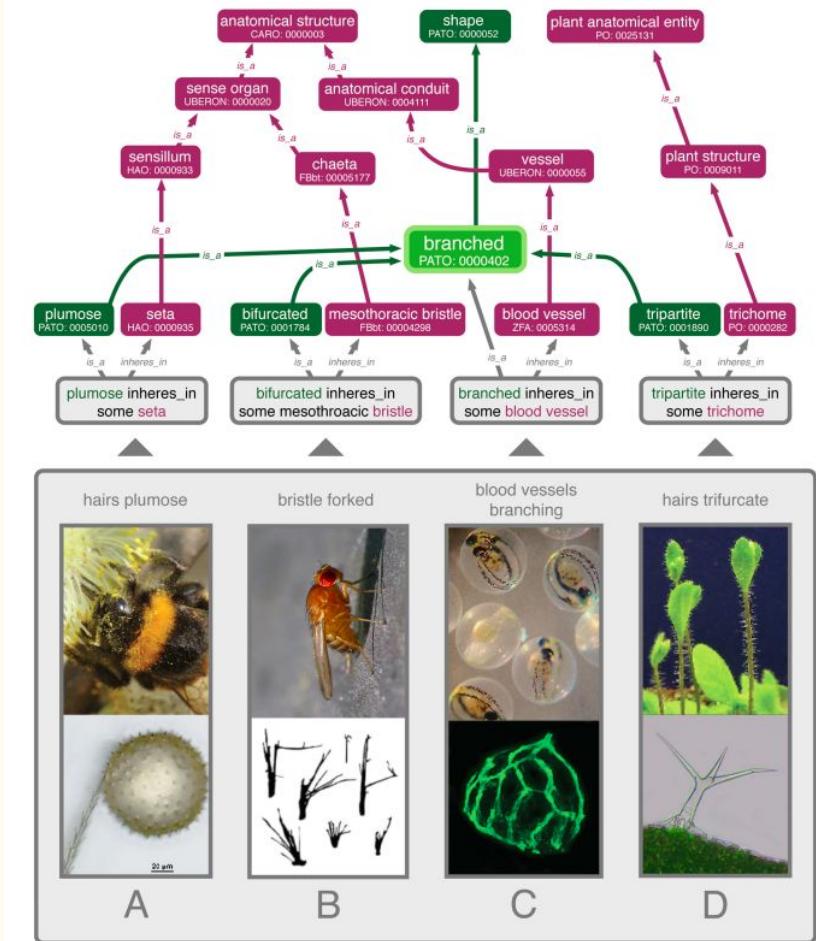
Finding Our Way through Phenotypes

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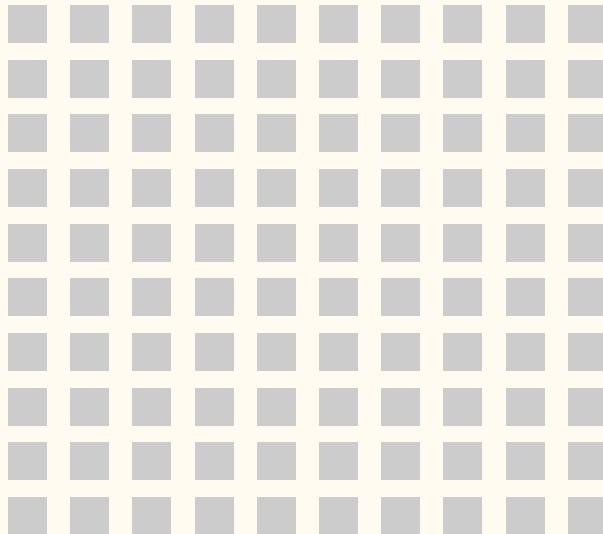
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Abstract

Despite a large and multifaceted effort to understand the vast landscape of phenotypic data, their current form inhibits productive data analysis. The lack of a community-wide, consensus-based, human- and machine-interpretable language for describing phenotypes and their genomic and environmental contexts is perhaps the most pressing scientific bottleneck to integration across many key fields in biology, including genomics, systems biology, development, medicine, evolution, ecology, and systematics. Here we survey the current phenomics landscape, including data resources and handling, and the progress that has been made to accurately capture relevant data descriptions for phenotypes. We present an example of the kind of integration across domains that computable phenotypes would enable, and we call upon the broader biology community, publishers, and relevant funding agencies to support efforts to surmount today's data barriers and facilitate analytical reproducibility.



Phenotypes?



Description. Female. Body length 255–358 (n=4, slide specimens) (dry length of one paratype before slide mounting 264). Dark brown (presumably), appendages apparently lighter in colour (cleared specimens so colour not really known). Fore wing margin in apical half narrowly but distinctly margined with brown, otherwise with faint uniform brown suffusion over most of surface except partly behind venation.

Head. Head width 123–135 (n=3). Face with 7 setae on each side (Fig. 9) and with faint reticulate sculpture. Mouthparts (Figs 9, 10) with mandible about as long as maxilla and with 5 teeth, the two ventral ones large, the 3 dorsal ones small and in one specimen a small tooth between the large ventral ones (Figs 9, 10). Occiput with vertexal suture (= supraorbital suture extension onto occiput) long and in line with supraorbital trabecula, only weakly diverging from posterior eye margin.

Antenna. Scape on inner surface and pedicel with longitudinally reticulate sculpture; funicle 5-segmented, with 1 mps on f_1-f_4 and 2 mps on f_5 (Fig. 8, 15), the mps unusually wide (Figs 7, 8); clava with 6 mps. Measurements (length/width, n = 3 or 4) of antennal segments: scape 53–60/12–16, pedicel 29–34/20–22, f_1 , 35–37/11–12, f_2 , 33–35/10–12, f_3 , 32–34/10–11, f_4 , 33–35/10–12, f_5 , 38–42/13–16, clava 79–86/19–23. Length/width ratios of antennal segments: scape 3.29–4.26, pedicel 1.52–1.66, f_1 , 3.10–3.41, f_2 , 3.19–3.63, f_3 , 3.04–3.44, f_4 , 3.04–3.48, f_5 , 2.60–2.79, clava ≈ 3.69–4.55 (clava not always oriented in perfect lateral view).

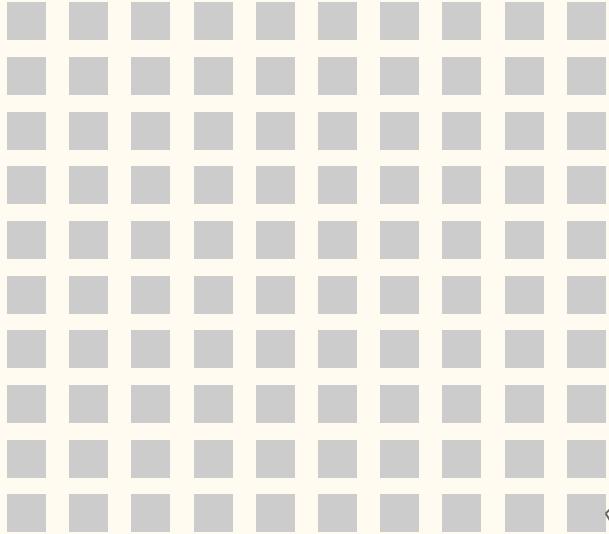
Mesosoma. Mesoscutum width 82–90 (n=3), with coarse reticulate sculpture, the cells irregularly shaped but more longitudinally stretched on midlobe, more isodiametric anteriorly on lateral lobe (Fig. 7); scutellum with coarse reticulate sculpture, the cells smaller on anterior scutellum, larger and more transversally stretched on frenum (Fig. 7); dorsellum apparently smooth (Figs 11, 12); propodeum with sculpture as on frenum (Figs 11, 12). Mesoscutal midlobe and axilla with relatively long setae.

Wings. Fore wing narrow, beyond level of venation with evenly concave posterior margin and surface with one row of about 10 microtrichia extending from stigmal vein almost to wing apex and a second row extending proximally from socketed seta at apex of frenal fold to just past base of parastigma (Fig. 13). Hind wing without microtrichia on surface between the usual anterior and posterior rows. Fore wing length (n=4) 394–428, width 30–33, length/width 13.0–13.5, longest marginal setae ≈ 106–127. Hind wing length 376–414, width 13–15, longest marginal setae 86–94.

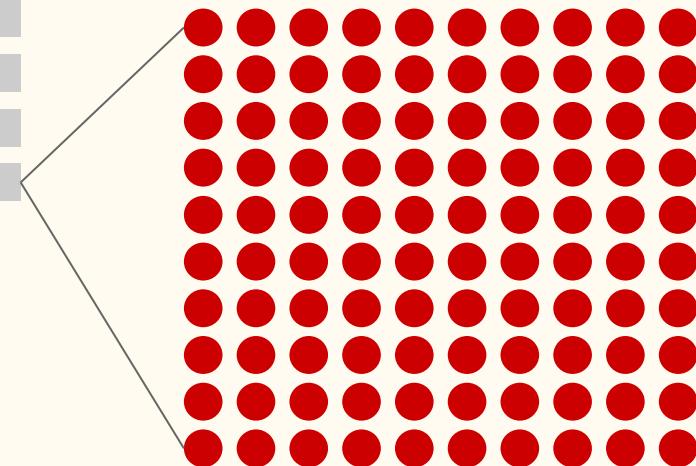
Legs. Metatarsomere 1 0.78–0.92 × as long as metatarsomere 2 (Fig. 14).

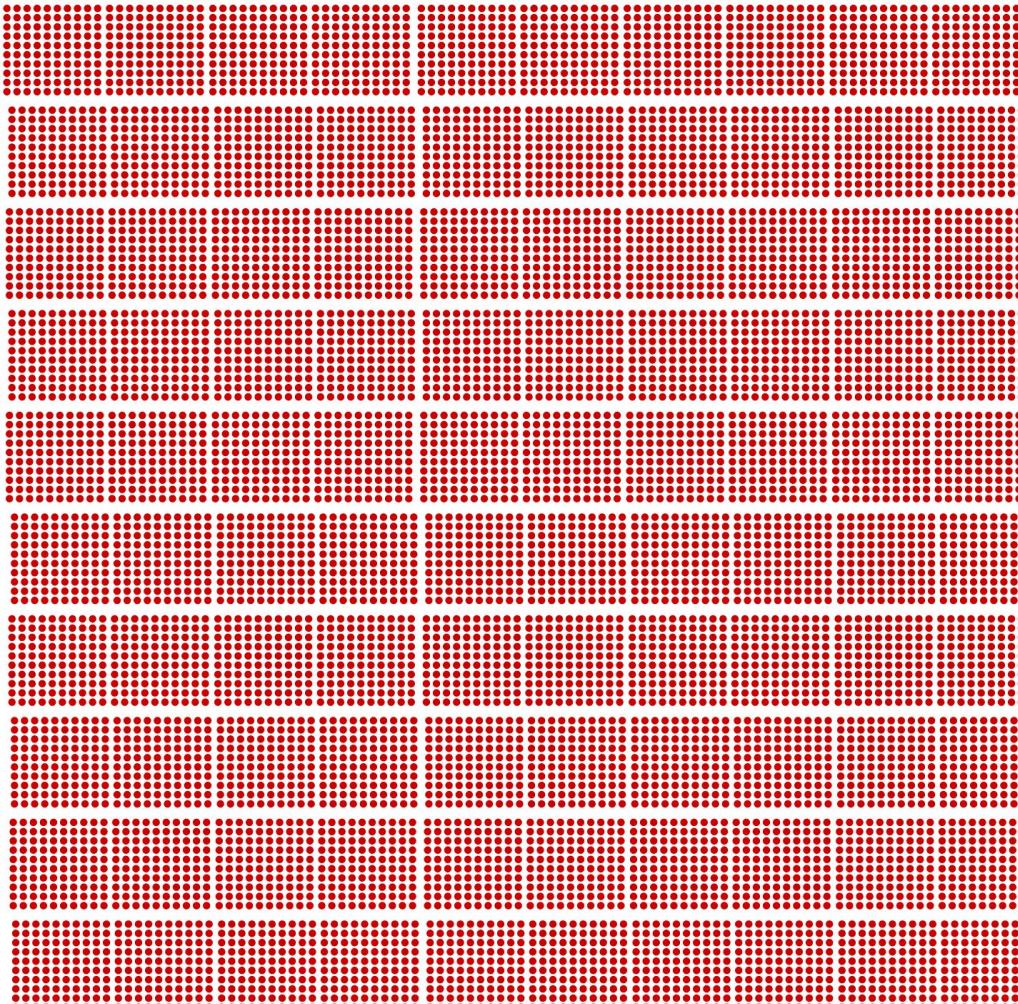
Metasoma. Ovipositor length 124–129 (n=4), 1.13–1.20 × as long as metatibia length (104–114) and extending slightly forward of junction between mesosoma and metasoma (Fig. 14, gaster slightly crushed and poorly oriented).

Huber and Triapitsyn (2013)

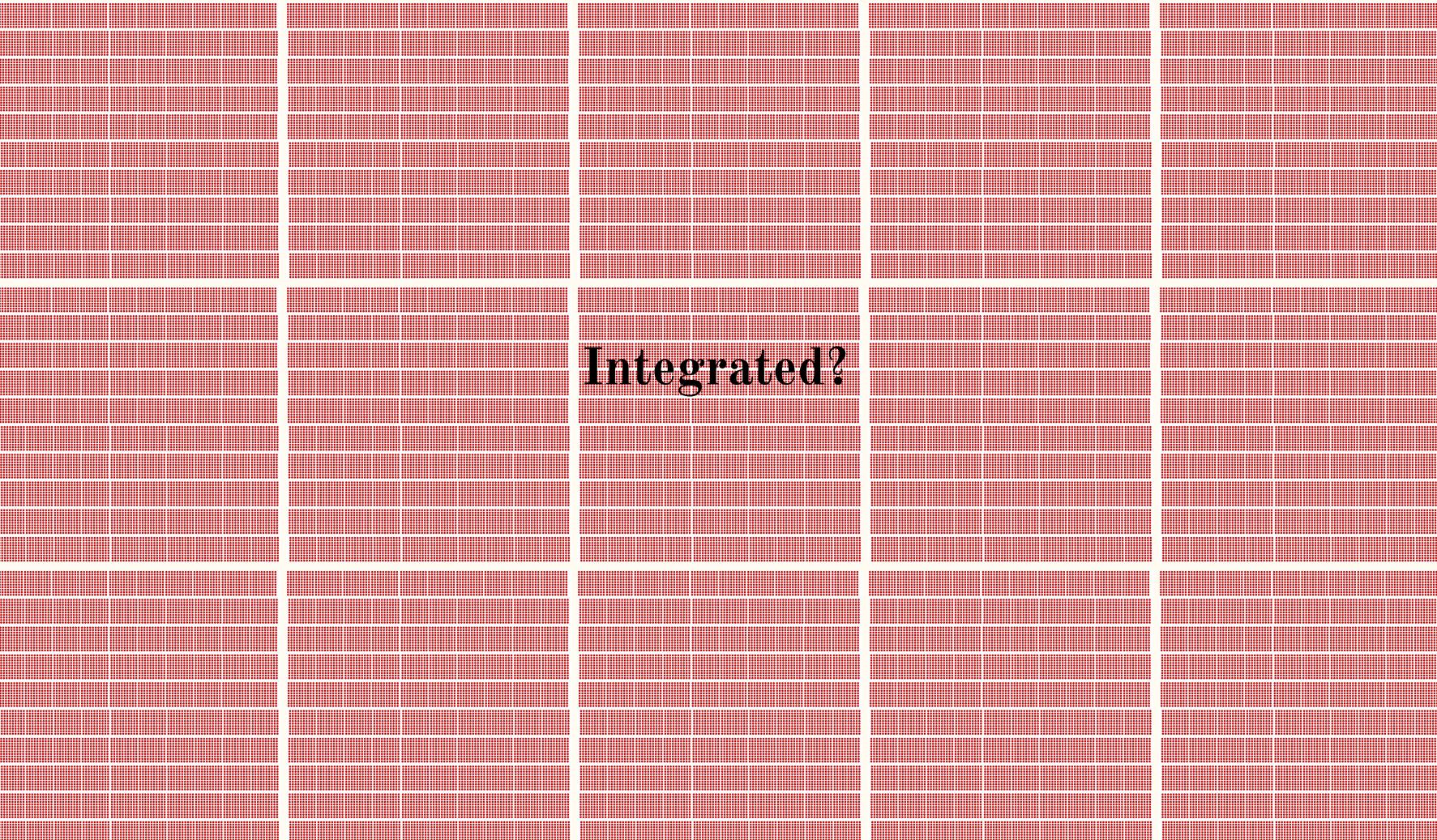


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× 100 specimens
× 100 phenotypes per specimen





10,000 phenotypes
per species



Integrated?

Approaches to phenotype data integration

Legacy data processing (mining phenotypes from published works)

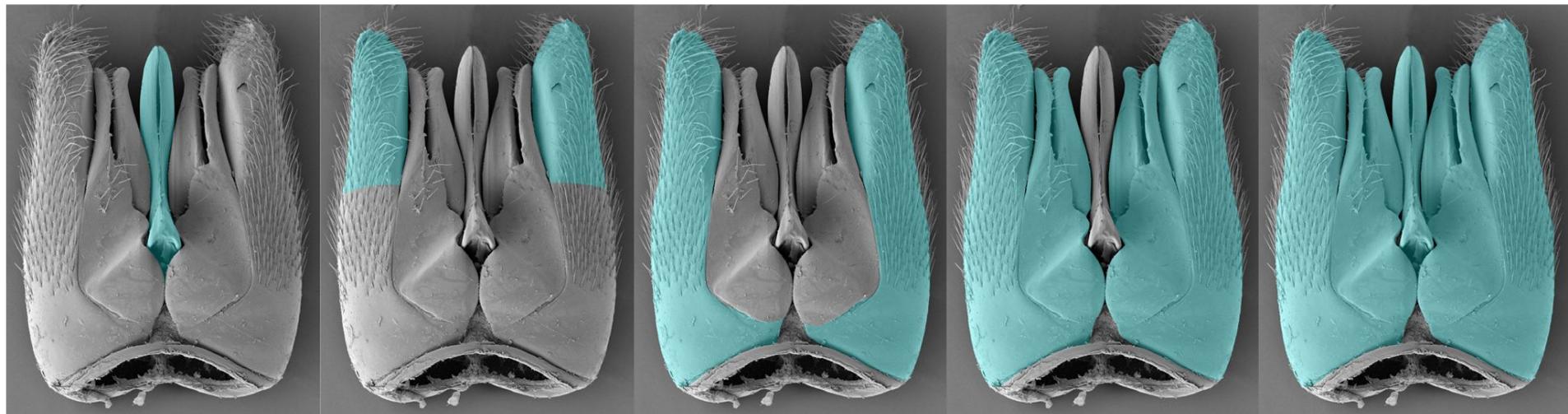
Charaparser (Cui 2012)

Phenex (Balhoff 2010)

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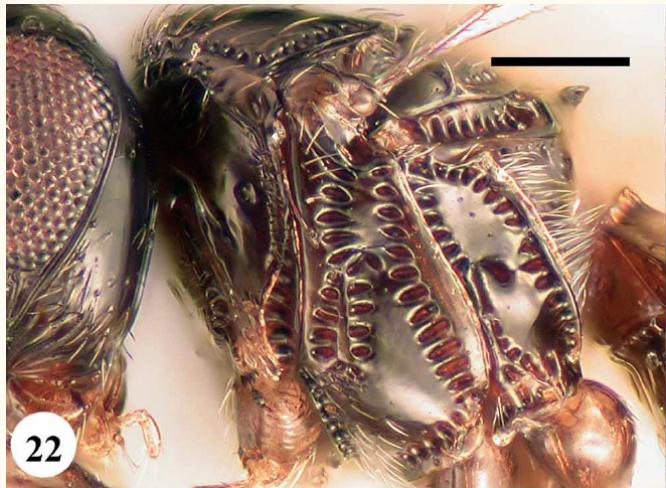
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Data mining application based on label match Homonymy

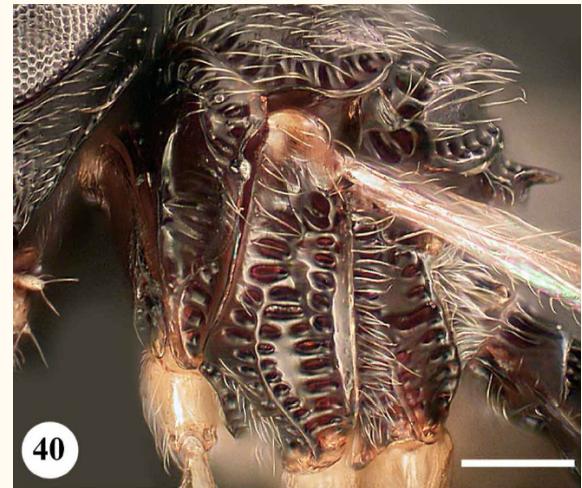


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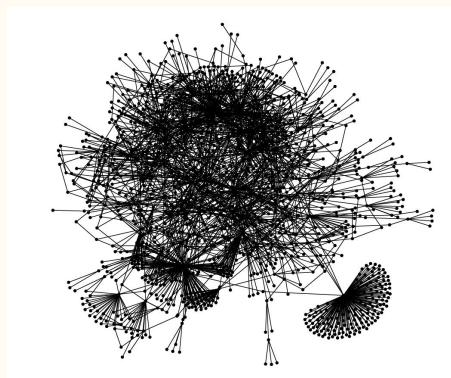
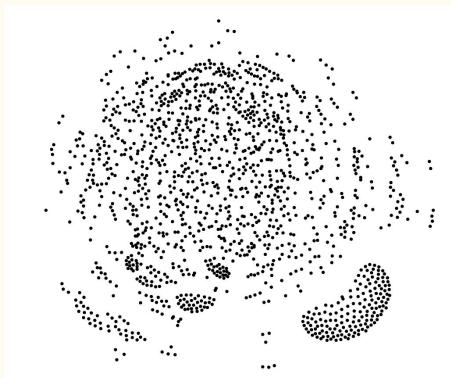


“Mesopleural carina incomplete”



Formalized Anatomy: the foundation for big phenotypes data

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Hymenoptera Anatomy Ontology

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(ch271). The segment of the respiroir is yellowish, transparent and hard, resin-like
 (ch269; Figs. 5F) in critical point dried specimens.
 The first valvula tapers distally in lateral view in Cerachron, Aphanogmus sp. 2 and
 Trassedia (ch290; 1vv; Figs 3B, 5A, F, 6D), whereas it is spatulate in Megaspilidae and
 Aphanogmus sp. 1 (ch291; 1vv; Figs 1A, D, 2A, C, D, E, 4A, B, 6B, C). The banding
 pattern and valves are missing from the first valvula in Cerachron (ch270; 1vv; Figs 1A,
 D) and fused distal to the bulb (ch360). The dorsal valve tapers distally in dorsal view
 (ch360) and the anterior margin of the bulb is curved dorsally. The processus articularis
 is located laterally (ch320; pra; Figs 2F, 5D), the anterior notch of the dorsal valve
 (ch360).

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Term	Definition	URI	References	Preferred Term
anterior area of the second valvula	The area of the second valvula which is anterior to the antennal line that is the straight line from the anterior valvular fossa of the second valvula and the ventral margin of the second valvula.	http://purl.oclibrary.org/obo/HAO_0002189	Ret, A., I. Mikó, and A. anterior notch of the dorsal valve	anterior area of the second valvula
anterior notch of the dorsal valve	The notch that is on the anterior region of the dorsal valve and accommodates the ventral ramus of the second valvula and the first valvula.	http://purl.oclibrary.org/obo/HAO_0002189	Ret, A., I. Mikó, and A. anterior notch of the dorsal valve	dorsal valve
area	The anatomical structure of the cuticle that is delimited by material or immaterial anatomical entities.	http://purl.oclibrary.org/obo/HAO_0000148	Ronquist, F., and G. Nordlander. 1989.	area
articulation	The anatomical cluster that is composed of two adjacent articular surfaces.	http://purl.oclibrary.org/obo/HAO_0000196	Der, M. J. 2009.; Ronquist, F., and G. Nordlander. 1989.	articulation
	The area that is located on the sclerite and that makes movable direct contact with another sclerite.	http://purl.oclibrary.org/obo/HAO_000148	Ret, A., I. Mikó, and A. anterior notch of the dorsal valve	articular surface

Ontology of Arthropod Circulatory Systems (OArCS)

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tubular heart

Defined (both definition and relationships must be met)

Definition:

The **heart** which possesses a **myocard** forming a hollow cylinder.

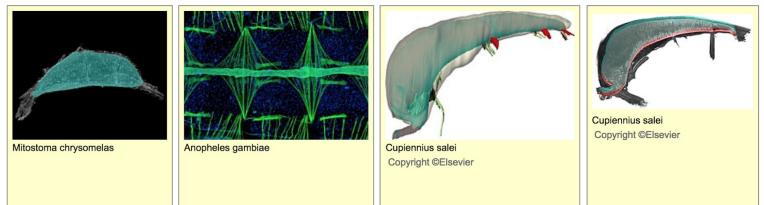
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Relationships / properties:

The tubular heart is a **heart**.

The tubular heart is part of the **dorsal vessel**. The tubular heart is part of the **hemolymph circulatory system**. The tubular heart is part of the **hemolymph vascular system**.

Figures



Label usage (sensu)

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The First Organ-Based Ontology for Arthropods (Ontology of Arthropod Circulatory Systems - OArCS) and its Integration into a Novel Formalization Scheme for Morphological Descriptions

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Abstract—Morphology, the often elusive discipline in biology, is currently experiencing a renaissance in the field of comparative phenomics. However, morphological phenomics research still suffers from various levels of standards. This shortcoming, first highlighted as the “‘semantic problem of morphology’,” concerns the usage of terminology and also the need for formalization of morphological descriptions themselves, something of paramount importance not only to the field of morphology but also when it comes to the use of phenotypic data in systematics and evolutionary biology. We therefore propose the Ontology of Arthropod Circulatory Systems (OArCS), a novel formalization scheme for morphological descriptions that is based exclusively on structural qualities / properties and which in no case include statements about homology and/or function. Statements about homology and function constitute interpretations on a different or higher level. Based on this, “‘semantic relations’” (e.g., referring to functional relationships) and “‘functional morphology’” have been removed from a broad use in morphology phenomics. It is viewed as a key component of a species-based ontology for the more species-rich animal group, the Arthropoda. Our Ontology of Arthropod Circulatory Systems (OArCS) contains a comprehensive collection of 583 terms (i.e., labels) tied to 296 concepts (i.e., definitions) collected from the literature on phenotypic traits of arthropods. The concepts are organized into a hierarchical structure. The concepts are not tied to specific structural features, and the contexts of the ontology are independent of homology and functional assumptions. We cannot rule out that some terms, especially those in the tree of life, may have multiple meanings. This is a major challenge in this context. Concepts are complete, i.e., descriptions of descriptive elements are not tied to individual observed instances through the organizational framework of the ontology. That is, descriptions in ontologies are only descriptions of individuals if they are necessary / and/or sufficient representations of attributes (independently) observed and recorded for an individual. In addition, we here present for the first time an entirely new approach to formalizing phenotypic research, a semantic approach that is based on the concept of “‘label usage (sensu)’.” We demonstrate this with a formalized morphological description of the hemolymph vascular system in one specimen of the European garden spider *Araneus diadematus*. Our description targets five categories of descriptive statements: “‘semantic relations’,” “‘semantic labels’,” “‘semantic concepts’,” “‘semantic descriptions’,” and “‘semantic annotations.’” We also used not only when talking about the circulatory system, but also in descriptions in general. The downstream applications of comparable semantically organized descriptions are widespread, with their core utility being the fact that they make it possible to compare different concepts. Furthermore, our approach is very quick and easy to implement. Thus, this facilitates the identification of phenotypic plasticity and variation when single-taxa comparisons are compared, the identification of those traits which correlate between and within taxa, and the identification of links between morphological traits and genetic (using GO, Gene Ontology) or environmental (using ENVO, Environmental Ontology) factors. [Arthropoda; concept; function; hemolymph vascular system; biology; terminology.]

Morphology Needs Ontologies

Well-established, linked, and consolidated resources for describing phenotypic features are standard for genetic data (e.g., “NCBI, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>”, “<http://flybase.org/>”, etc.), but despite previous calls for more investment in the area of phenotypic research (e.g., Trelease 2006; Houle et al. 2010), analogous resources for morphology are in their infancy (Desai et al. 2015). Few such resources exist, and the available knowledge databases cannot be derived from classical phenotypic characterizations using classical terminology, as the use of different vocabularies means that such characterizations are often not comparable. This central and well-known problem has been termed the “linguistic problem

of morphology” (Vogt et al. 2010)—and it extends from the lack of a commonly accepted, standardized, and transparent nomenclature for morphology to the lack of a commonly accepted standard and formalized method for describing morphological traits. An increasingly popular solution to the lack of standardized vocabularies is the use of software-based ontologies. Ontologies make the semantic scope of a given term comparable, inferable, and queryable. This means that through the properties linking different concepts with each other, a term is understandable in its context.

As nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution (Dobzhansky 1973), phenotypic research is necessarily concerned, among other things, with one of the most central evolutionary concepts,

Semantic statement model Entity attribute: value

Antennal shelf count: absent	not (has part some antennal shelf)	not (has part some antennal shelf)	
Antennal shelf count: present	has part some antennal shelf	has part some antennal shelf	
Anterior tentorial pit count: present	has part some anterior tentorial pit		
Anterior tentorial pit shape: elongate	has part some (anterior tentorial pit and (bearer of some elongated))		
Anterior tentorial pit shape: point-like	has part some (anterior tentorial pit and (bearer of some punctiform))		
Anterodistal notch of the fore wing count: absent	not (has part some anterodistal notch of the fore wing)		
Anterodistal notch of the fore wing count: present	has part some anterodistal notch of the fore wing		
Anterolateral mesopectal projection 2-d shape: isosceles triangular	has part some (anterolateral mesopectal projection and (has part some (lateral side and (bearer of some isosceles triangular))))	has part some (mesopectus and (has part some (corner and (is bearer of some isosceles triangular))))	

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A Semantic Model for Species Description Applied to the Ensign Wasps (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae) of New Caledonia

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Abstract.—Taxonomic descriptions are unparalleled sources of knowledge of life's phenotypic diversity. As natural language prose, these data sets are largely refractory to computation and integration with other sources of phenotypic data. By formalizing taxonomic descriptions as semantic statements, we can facilitate their reuse and integration with other data sets. The compatibility of taxonomic primary data. Here, we present a revision of the enigma wasp (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae) fauna of New Caledonia. We have collected and integrated data from museum specimens, specimen data, and literature records, and reorganized them in a unified Web-based application. We then explored its potential for facilitating taxonomic treatments and semantic statements using the OWL Web Ontology Language. Character-character-state combinations are then annotated with semantic statements. These statements are then used to generate phenotype descriptions. The resulting phenotype data concepts of anatomy are drawn from the Hymenoptera Anatomy Ontology and linked to phenotype descriptions and redescription. The semantic statements also link phenotype descriptions to the Phenotype Description Framework. Applying the model to real data, that is, specimens, taxonomic names, diagnoses, descriptions, and redescriptions, provides us with a foundation to discuss limitations and potential benefits such as automated data reuse and integration. The new species described here include *Encyrtus coryli* sp. nov., *Encyrtus laevigatus* sp. nov., *Encyrtus longulus* sp. nov., *Encyrtus luteola* sp. nov., *Encyrtus niger* sp. nov., *Encyrtus obscurus* sp. nov., *Encyrtus pulchellus* sp. nov., *Encyrtus rufus* sp. nov., *Encyrtus tenuis* sp. nov., and *Encyrtus tenuissimus* sp. nov. *Encyrtus laevigatus* sp. nov. has not yet been collected in New Caledonia but can be found on Islands throughout the Pacific and so is included in the diagnostic key. (Biodiversity informatics; Encyrtidae; New Caledonia; species; ontology; semantic phenotypic; semantic statements)

Taxonomic descriptions constitute an invaluable source of knowledge about phenotypic diversity across the living world. However, these phenomic annotations are not readily accessed or reused by other biological scientists (Balfour et al. 2012). They are often “locked away” in the primary literature, written for, and consumed almost exclusively by taxonomists. While electronic availability of taxonomic treatments is aiding taxonomic data reuse, the lack of standardization of phenotypic data from taxonomically isolated model species (Mungall et al. 2010). Applying these tools to taxonomic descriptions, as semantic phenotypes (SPs), would allow a broad array of biologists to apply powerful data integration, mining, and automatic reasoning techniques to these data, increasing the value of taxonomic work and promoting its reuse (Deans et al. 2012).

The Phenoscape project has pioneered the application of ontological annotations to evolutionary phenotypes, by applying ontological characterizations to data from the published trait systems literature (Dahdul et al. 2010a), and demonstrating semantic correspondences to mutant phenotypes. Annotations are now being applied to the ZFIN database (ZFIN Database et al. 2012). We believe that taxonomists can build on this approach by incorporating ontological annotation to taxonomic descriptions, as semantic phenotypes (SPs), which will allow a broad array of biologists to apply powerful data integration, mining, and automatic reasoning techniques to these data, increasing the value of taxonomic work and promoting its reuse (Deans et al. 2012).

An ontology is a formal representation of concepts within a domain and the logical relationships between

these concepts, supporting knowledge representation with explicit semantics. By referencing standard, shared concepts, diverse data sets can be aggregated and computed over coherently (Washington et al. 2009; Wilcock et al. 2010). The Semantic Web has become a standard tool for organizing and accessing genomic and phenotypic data from taxonomically isolated model species (Mungall et al. 2010). Applying these tools to taxonomic descriptions, as semantic phenotypes (SPs), offers a means to make connections of phenotypic and genomic information across these different but closely related sciences (Mabie et al. 2007; Deans et al. 2012).

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Semantic statement model refined

tubular heart (count: 1) (xref: OARCS:000008):

- shape: fusiform (PATO:000240) AND sigmoid (PATO:0001878) AND tubular (PATO:0002299)
- position: anterior-posterior axis (BSPO_0000013) AND dorso-medial region (BSPO_0000069) AND posterior region (BSPO_0000072)
- spatial relation: located_in (RO_0001025) opisthosoma (SPD_0000003) AND anterior margin (BSPO_0000671); posterior margin (BSPO_0000672) pedicel (SPD_0000006) AND posterior margin (BSPO_0000672): 2nd dorsoventral muscle (OARCS:00000)) AND parallel_to (BSPO.obo#parallel_to) dorso-medial region (BSPO_0000069); opisthosoma (SPD:0000003) AND dorsal_to (BSPO_0000089) posterior midgut (SPD:0000131)
- constituents: first ostium (xref: OARCS:0000143) AND second ostium (xref: OARCS:0000142) AND third ostium (xref: OARCS:0000093) AND epicard (xref: OARCS:0000187) AND myocard (xref: OARCS:0000018)
- connections: gives_rise_to (Xref: OArCS:gives_rise): anterior aorta system (xref: OARCS:0000102) AND posterior aorta system (xref: OARCS:0000080) AND first cardiac artery system (xref: OARCS:0000025) AND second cardiac artery system (xref: OARCS:0000097) AND third cardiac artery system (xref: OARCS:0000098) AND attached_to (RO_0002371): dorsal ligament (xref: OARCS:0000203) (count: 10) AND lateral ligament (xref: OARCS:0000196) (count: 9 pairs) AND ventral ligament (xref: OARCS:0000200) (count: 3 pairs)

has_part exactly 1 (tubular heart and ((attached_to exactly 3 (ventral ligament and (contralateral_to exactly 1 ventral ligament)) and (attached_to exactly 9 (lateral ligament and (contralateral_to exactly 1 lateral ligament)))) and (part_of some dorso-medial region) and (part_of some posterior region) and (part_of some opisthosoma) and (has_part some myocard) and (has_part some epicard) and (has_part some (anterior margin and (adjacent_to some (posterior margin and (part_of some pedicel)))))) and (has_part some (posterior margin and (adjacent_to some second dorsoventral muscle))) and (dorsal_to some posterior midgut) and (bearer_of some sigmoid) and (bearer_of some tubular) and (bearer_of some fusiform) and (gives_rise some posterior aorta system) and (gives_rise some anterior aorta system) and (parallel_to some anterior-posterior axis) and (parallel_to some (dorso-medial region and (part_of some opisthosoma))) and (has_component exactly 2 (third ostium and (contralateral_to exactly 1 third ostium))) and (has_component exactly 2 (second ostium and (contralateral_to exactly 1 second ostium))) and (has_component exactly 2 (first ostium and (contralateral_to exactly 1 first ostium))) and (attached_to exactly 10 dorsal ligament) and (gives_rise exactly 1 (first cardiac artery system and (contralateral_to exactly 1 first cardiac artery system))) and (gives_rise exactly 1 (second cardiac artery system and (contralateral_to exactly 1 second cardiac artery system))) and (gives_rise exactly 1 (third cardiac artery system and (contralateral_to exactly 1 third cardiac artery system))))

Interfaces

A Head with large white hairs, and round ears

B

Annotating an anatomical concept
Head

Source Pages

Order Destroy

Starks, 1970
Parker, 1962
Kent, 1933
Wayne and Jordan, 2015
Rogers and Banner, 2016
5 more ...

A

Target phenotype: "curved"

yours

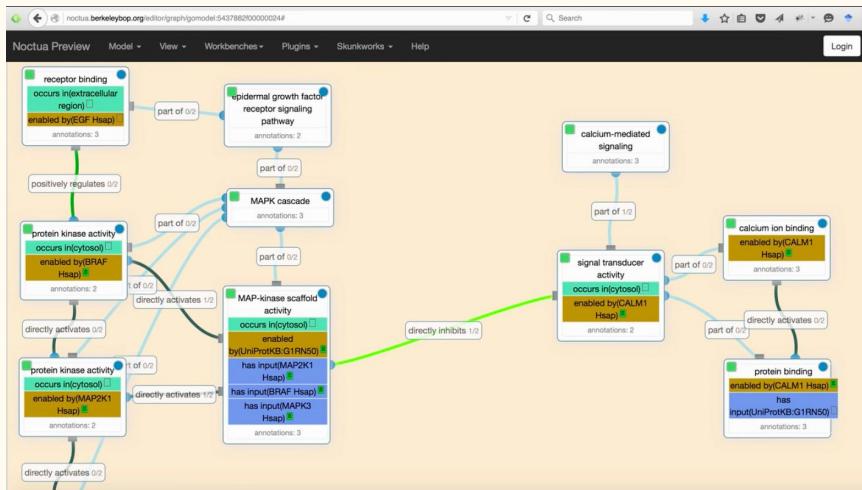
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your labels

"less" "more"

B

Noctua? Sequoia? Konclude?



Computable evolutionary phenotype knowledge: a hands-on workshop

The [Phenoscape project](#) is hosting a hands-on workshop on Dec 11-14, 2017, at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Evolutionary phenotype data that is amenable to computational data science, including computation-driven discovery, remains relatively new to science. Therefore use-cases and applications that effectively exploit these new capabilities are only beginning to emerge. If you are interested in discovering, linking to, recombining, or computing with machine-interpretable evolutionary phenotypes, this is the workshop for you!

The event will bring together a diverse group of people to collaboratively design and work hands-on on targets of their interest that take advantage and promote reuse of Phenoscape's online evolutionary data resources and services. The event is designed as a hands-on unconference-style workshop. Participants will break into subgroups to collaboratively tackle self-selected work targets.

The full Call for Participation, including motivation and scope, is posted here: <https://hackmd.io/s/Sk6Xa7Eq-#>

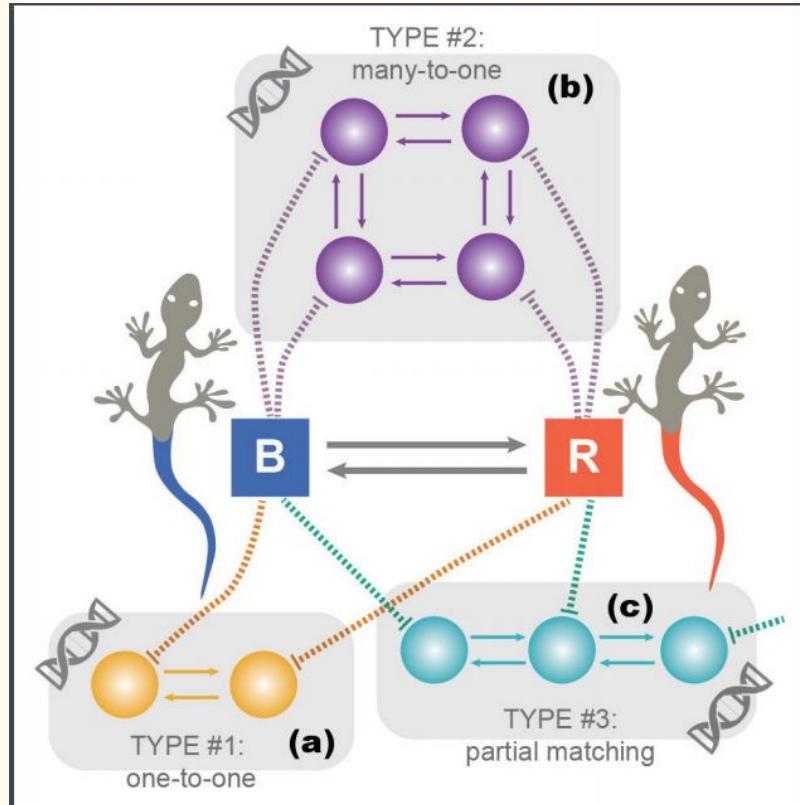
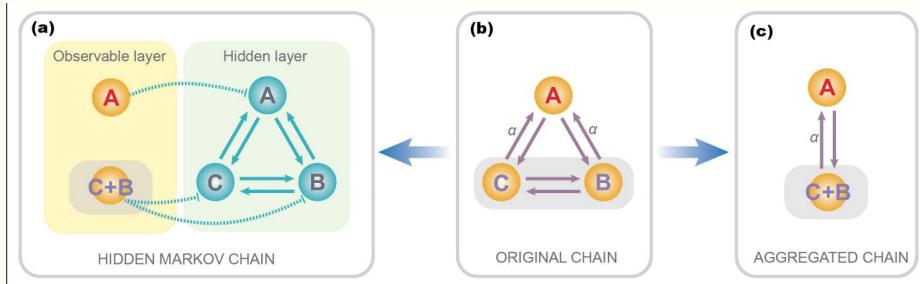
To apply to participate in the event, please [fill out the application form](#) by Oct 9, 2017. Travel sponsorship is available but limited, as is space.

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A new framework for modeling discrete phenotypic traits

Integration of anatomy ontologies and
Evo-Devo using structured Markov
chains

$$(A \otimes I_B + I_A \otimes B) \otimes I_C + I_{AB} \otimes C. \quad (7)$$



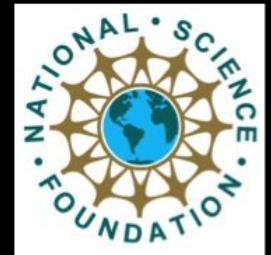
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