

## Out-of-Himalaya: The impact of past Asian environmental changes on the evolutionary and biogeographical history of Dipodoidea (Rodentia)

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Jerboa



Birch mouse



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Jumping mouse



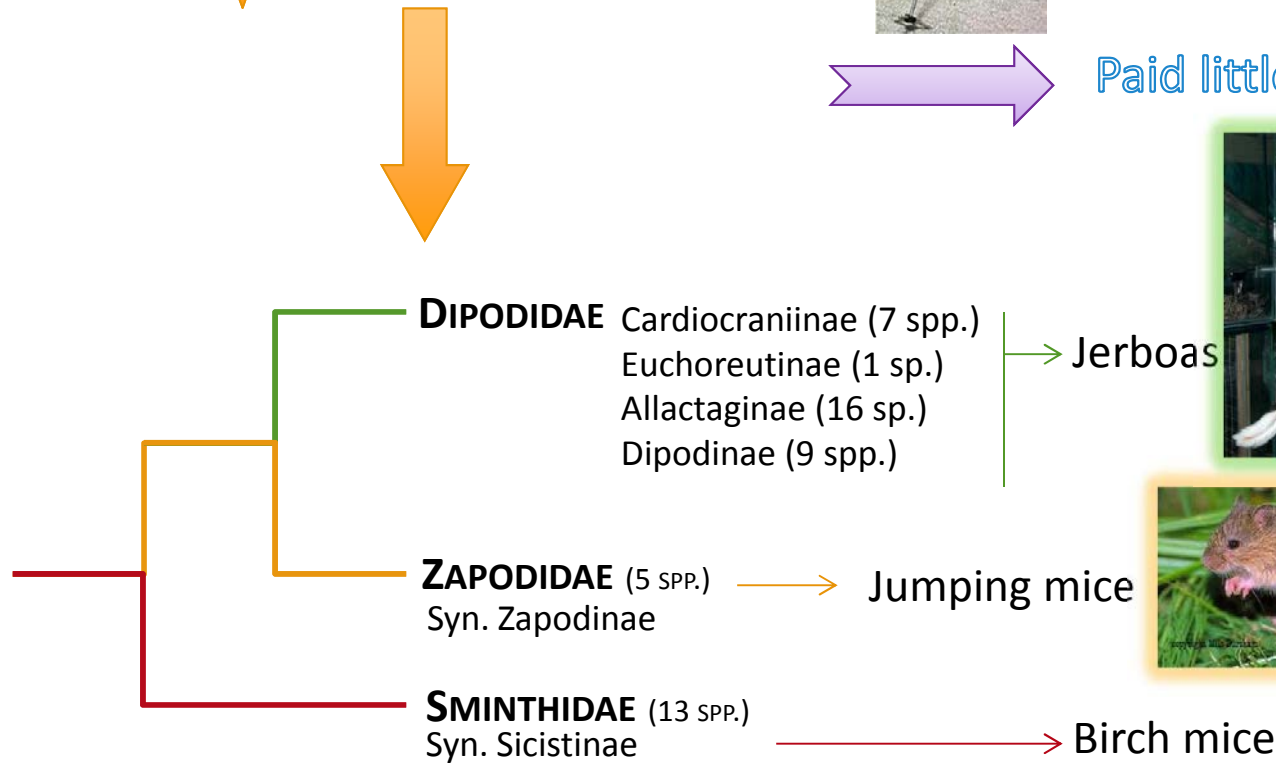
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# Dipodoidea, a superfamily left out..



- Superfamily most closely related to the large and species-rich superfamily Muroidea
- Most studies focus on Muroidea

→ Paid little attention to Dipodoidea



## Dipodoidea, a superfamily distributed throughout the Holarctic:



- Disjoint distribution patterns (e.g. Zapodidae)
- Many species found in different remote arid habitats

**Dipodoidea are particularly relevant for testing biogeographic scenarios**

**BUT**




**Lack of a suitable phylogenetic framework is still impeding the inference of their biogeographic history**





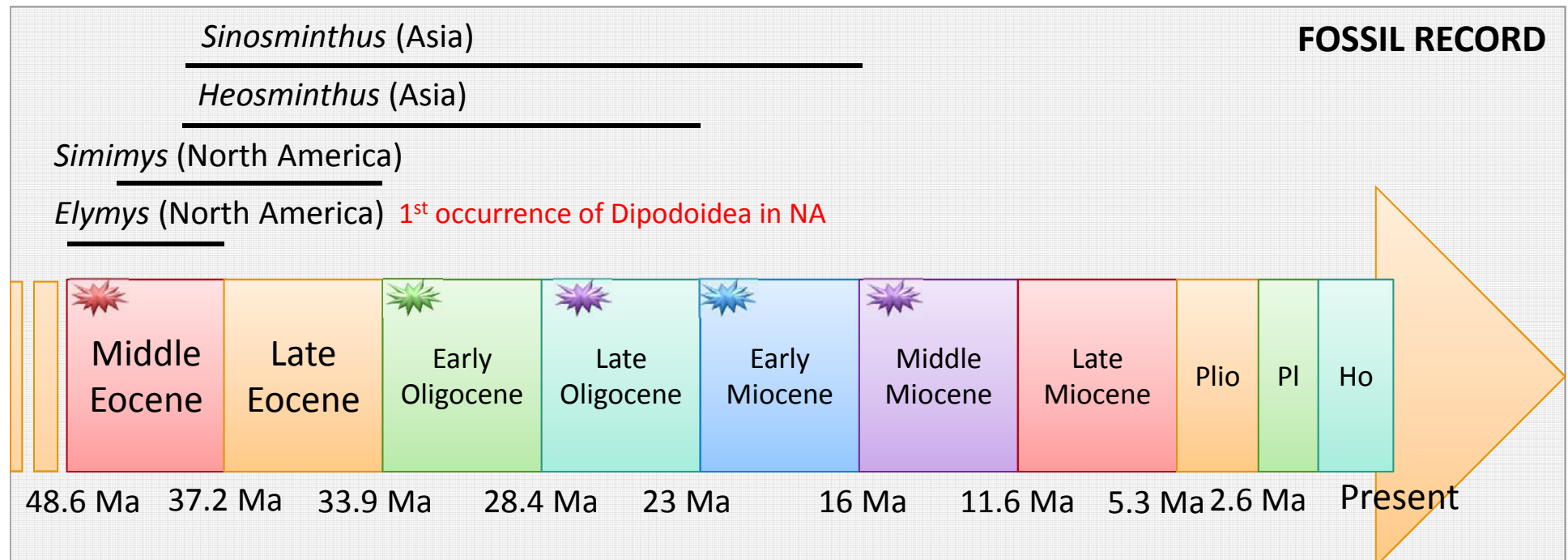
## Dipodoidea, investigation of their evolutionary history in progress:

ZHANG ET AL. (2012):

-  Middle Eocene: Diversification of modern **Dipodoidea** (*i.e.* crown;  $\approx 42.7$  Ma)
-  Warming period spanning from Late Oligocene through Early Miocene: Diversification of **Sminthidae** ( $\approx 16.8$  Ma)
-  Global cooling following the mid-Miocene climatic optimum: Diversification of **Zapodidae** ( $\approx 13.2$  Ma) and **Dipodidae** ( $\approx 27$  Ma)

WU ET AL. (2012):

-  Early Oligocene: Origin of modern Dipodoidea (*i.e.* crown;  $\approx 32.4$  Ma)



## Objectives of this study:

Based on the most complete species-level phylogeny (34/51 spp.), we reconstructed the temporal and biogeographic origins of the group with

1. Estimates of divergence times using a Bayesian relaxed molecular clock calibrated with fossils;
2. Inferences of biogeographic and evolutionary history using the dispersal-extinction-cladogenesis model

Let's go...



Follow me...



I will tell you my evolutionary history!



## Taxon sampling:

- 34/51 species of Dipodoidea
  - 15/16 genera  
(Single missing genus: *Salpingotulus*)
- 12 outgroup species  
(Muroidea, Sciuridae, Aplodontiidae)
  - Selected to recover specific nodes in the phylogeny allowing the use of fossils as calibration points to constrain nodes

## Phylogenetic analyses:

### Molecular datasets:

- Markers: *Cyt b*, IRBP, GHR, RAG1, BRCA1
- Combined matrices:
  - Densely sampled matrix
  - Species-level matrix

### Partitioning:

#### ✓ PartitionFinder 1.1.1:

Appropriate subset partitions

Appropriate substitution models of sequence evolution

### Phylogenetic analyses:

1. **PhyML 3.0 & MrBayes 3.2.2:** on each gene independently
  - ✓ Congruence between markers
2. **raxmlGUI 1.31 and MrBayes 3.2.2:**
  - ✓ Analyses on combined datasets

### 3. **ASSESSMENT OF THE TREE TOPOLOGY:** (solved questions unresolved in Lebedev *et al.* (2012))

- **Bayes factors**

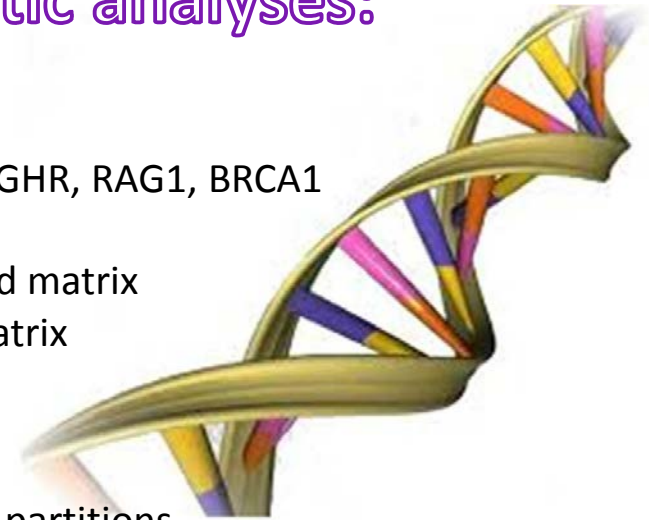
Hypotheses (1<sup>st</sup> part): The single species of Euchoreutinae with

a. Allactaginae

b. Dipodinae

Hypothesis (2<sup>nd</sup> part):

c. Monophyly of Allactaga



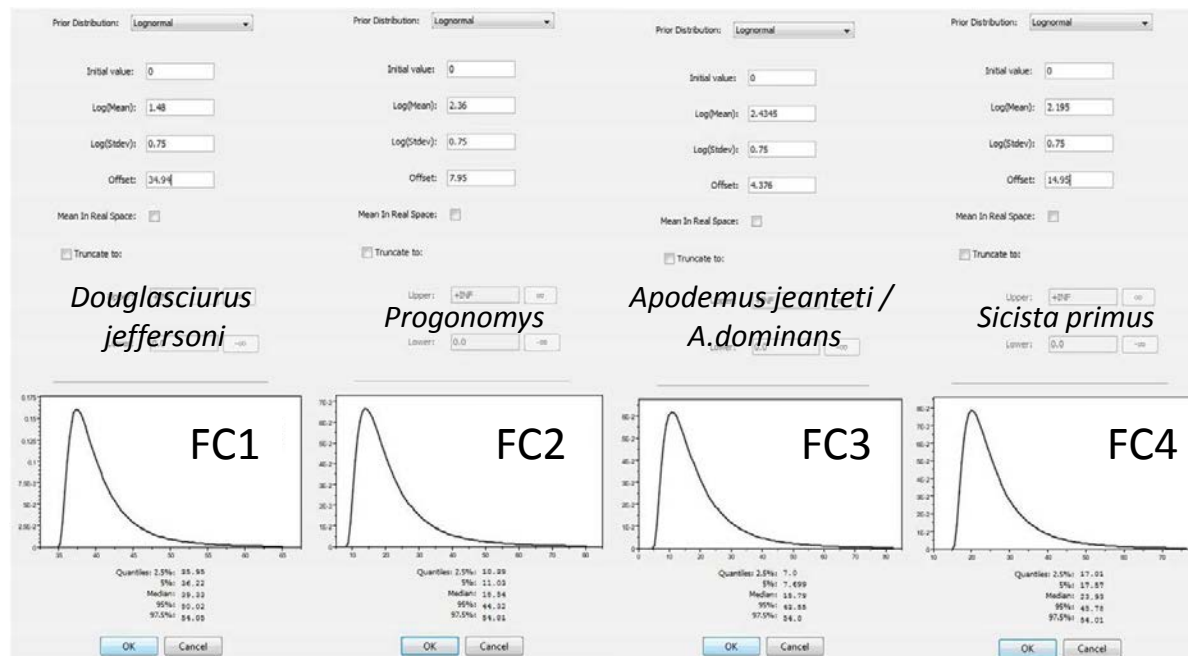
# Bayesian divergence time estimations (BEAST 1.8.0)

## Molecular divergence dates:

- Bayesian relaxed clock
- *Clock model*: Uncorrelated log-normal relaxed clock
- *Tree model*: Yule / birth-death speciation process

## Fossil calibration point parameters:

- Soft bounds:
  - Log-normal distributions :
    - 2.5% quartile = Minimum age of the geological interval where the fossil was found
    - 97.5% quartile = 54 Ma, *i.e.* geological interval where *Erlanomys*, the oldest known fossil of *Myodonta*, was found



## Cross-validation:

- Omission one by one each of the FC in turn to identify putative inconsistencies

**In total: 10 dating analyses**



## Biogeographical analyses (Lagrange-DEC)

Biogeographical model:



Classification proposed in Mammal Species of the World	A Nearctic	B West Palearctic	C Siberia	D Central Asia*	E Altai Mt, Mongolian steppe, Yablonoi Mt	F Persian plateau, Anatolian region and caucasus, iranian plateau	G Himalaya + Tibetan plateau	H Gobi desert, Talkimakan desert	I North Africa + Arabia
<i>Jaculus blanfordi</i>	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
<i>Jaculus jaculus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Jaculus sublineatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Time Slice 2: 5,3 to 16 Ma (middle Miocene)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	-							
B	0,3	-						
C	0,5	1	-					
D	0,3	0,7	1	-				
E	0,3	0,3	0,7	0,7	-			
F	0	0,5	0,3	0,7	0,3	-		
G	0	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,3	0,5	-	
H	0,1	0,3	0,3	1	1	0,3	0,5	-
I	0	0,5	0,1	0,3	0,1	0,7	0,1	0



# Molecular phylogeny of Dipodoidea

Assemble the tree topology

Most complete molecular phylogeny of Dipodoidea to date

- ✓ Congruence with previous studies
- ✓ Answered unresolved questions of Lebedev *et al.* (2012)

✓ The ...

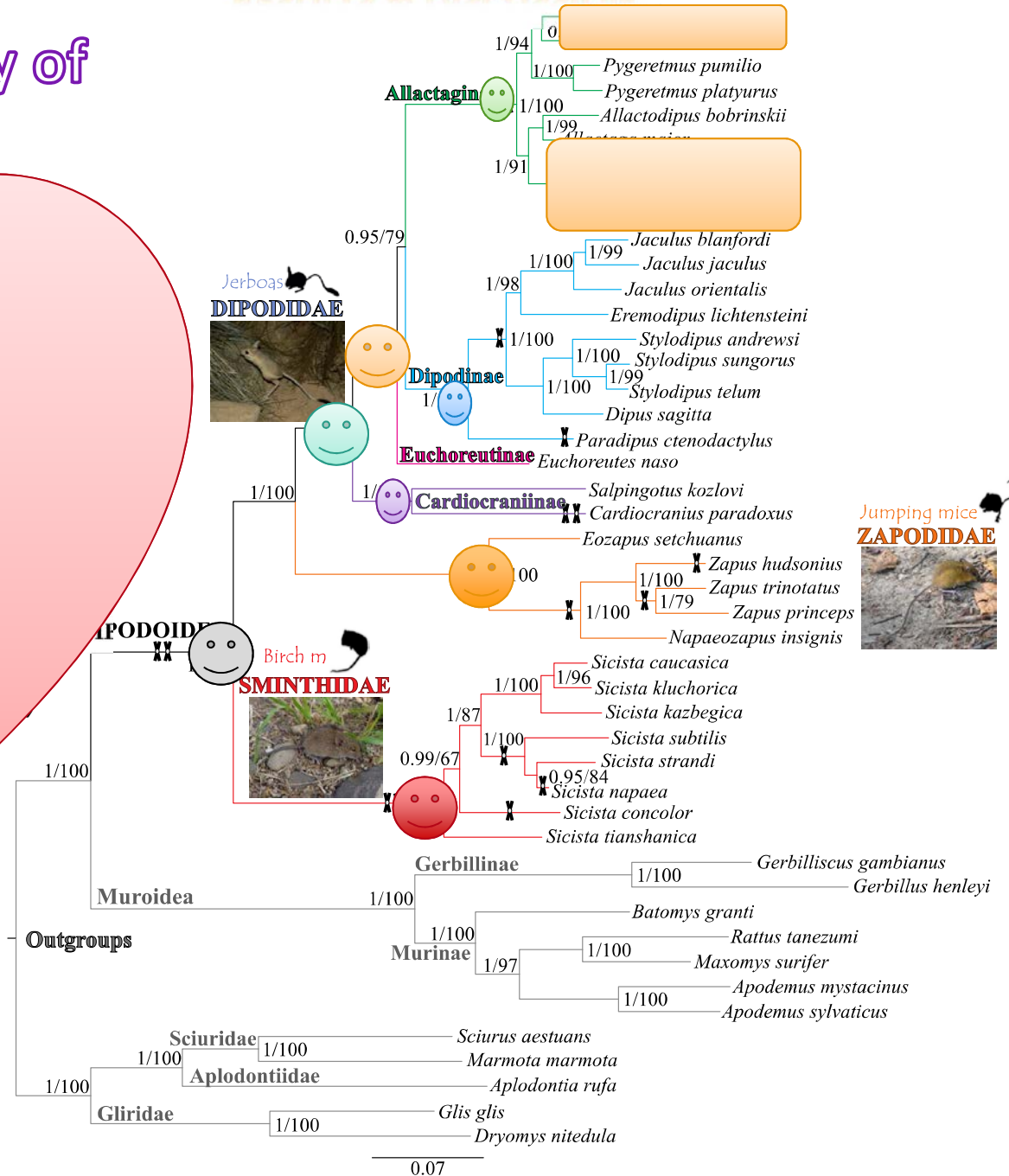
✓ The ...

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## 17 Rare genomic changes:

- Indels of 3 or multiple of 3 nucleotides
  - ✓ Strengthened the obtained topology by confirming several monophylyes



## Introduction

## Material &amp; methods

## RESULTS &amp; DISCUSSION

## Conclusion

Node identification		All FC		No FC1		No FC2		No FC3		No FC4	
		Yule	BD	Yule	BD	Yule	BD	Yule	BD	Yule	BD
1	Crown of Rodentia	64.84 (60-71,72) )	64.85 (60.7-5-71.75) )	64.15 (56.1-8-75.22) )	63.97 (56.6-4-76.01) )	64.8 (60.6-9-71.8)	64.65 (60.6-5-71.53) )	64.4 (60.5-6-70.79) )	64.46 (60.6-9-71.1) )	64.11 (60.4-6-70.87) )	64.18 (60.6-9-71.37) )
3	FC1 – Douglassiurus jeffersoni	37.9 (35.4-9-42.09) )	37.91 (35.5-1-41.94) )	<b>37.5</b> <b>(32.8-4-43.97)</b> )	<b>37.39</b> <b>(33.1-1-44.43)</b> )	37.88 (35.4-8-41.97) )	37.79 (35.4-6-41.81) )	37.65 (35.4-4-41.38) )	37.68 (35.4-8-41.56) )	37.48 (35.3-4-41.43) )	37.52 (35.4-2-41.72) )
9	FC2 – Progonomys (Crown of Murinae)	12.95 (12.1-2-14.38) )	12.95 (12.1-3-14.33) )	12.81 (11.2-2-15.02) )	12.78 (11.3-1-15.18) )	<b>12.94</b> <b>(12.1-2-14.34)</b> )	<b>12.91</b> <b>(12.1-1-14.29)</b> )	12.86 (12.1-2-14.14) )	12.87 (12.1-2-14.2) )	12.8 (12.0-7-14.15) )	12.82 (12.1-7-14.25) )
12	FC3 – Apodemus jeanteti & Apodemus dominans	7.37 (6.9-8.18) )	7.37 (6.9-8.16) )	7.29 (6.39-8.55) )	7.27 (6.44-8.64) )	7.36 (6.9-8.16) )	7.35 (6.89-8.13) )	<b>7.32</b> <b>(6.88-8.05)</b> )	<b>7.33</b> <b>(6.9-8.08)</b> )	7.29 (6.87-8.05) )	7.29 (6.89-8.11) )
14	FC4 – Sicista primus (Crown of Sminthidae)	17.9 16.76 - 19.87 )	17.9 (16.7-7-19.81) )	17.71 (15.5-1-20.76) )	17.66 (15.6-3-20.98) )	17.89 (16.7-5-19.82) )	17.85 (16.7-4-19.75) )	17.78 (16.7-2-19.54) )	17.79 (16.7-5-19.63) )	<b>17.7</b> <b>(16.6-9-19.56)</b> )	<b>17.72</b> <b>(16.7-3-19.7)</b> )
6	Split Dipodoidea / Muroidea	58.51 (54.7-8-64.97) )	58.51 (54.8-2-64.74) )	57.89 (50.7-67.88) )	57.72 (51.1-1-68.59) )	58.47 (54.7-6-64.79) )	58.34 (54.7-3-64.55) )	58.11 (54.6-5-63.88) )	58.16 (54.7-7-64.16) )	57.85 (54.5-5-63.95) )	57.91 (54.6-8-64.4) )
13	Radiation of Dipodoidea	41.18 (38.5-5-45.72) )	41.18 (38.5-8-45.56) )	40.74 (35.6-8-47.77) )	40.62 (35.9-7-48.27) )	41.15 (38.5-4-45.6)	41.05 (38.5-2-45.43) )	40.9 (38.4-6-44.95) )	40.93 (38.5-4-45.15) )	40.71 (38.3-9-45) )	40.76 (38.4-8-45.32) )
21	Divergence Zapodidae	34.99 (32.7-6-38.85) )	34.99 (32.7-8-38.72) )	34.62 (30.3-2-40.59) )	34.52 (30.5-6-41.02) )	34.96 (32.7-5-38.75) )	34.89 (32.7-3-38.6)	34.75 (32.6-8-38.2)	34.78 (32.7-5-38.37) )	34.6 (32.6-2-38.24) )	34.63 (32.7-2-38.51) )
26	Divergence Cardiocraniinae	27.18 (25.4-5-30.18) )	27.19 (25.4-7-30.08) )	26.89 (16.4-4-22.01) )	26.82 (23.7-4-31.87) )	27.16 (25.4-4-30.1)	27.1 (25.4-3-29.99) )	27 (25.3-9-29.68) )	27.02 (25.4-4-29.81) )	26.88 (25.3-5-29.71) )	26.91 (25.4-1-29.92) )
28	Divergence Euchoreutinae	22.51 (21.0-8-25) )	22.52 (21.0-9-24.91) )	22.28 (19.5-1-26.12) )	22.21 (19.6-7-26.39) )	22.5 (21.0-7-24.93) )	22.45 (21.0-6-24.84) )	22.36 (21.0-3-24.58) )	22.38 (21.0-8-24.69) )	22.26 (20.9-9-24.61) )	22.29 (21.0-4-24.78) )

# Origin and evolutionary history of Dipodoidea

**Late Paleocene (≈57.72 Ma): SPLIT BETWEEN DIPODOIDEA AND MUROIDEA**

**Middle Eocene (≈ 40.62 Ma): RADIATION OF MODERN DIPODOIDEA in Central Asia and Himalaya Tibetan plateau (Area 'DG')**

- ✓ Congruent with the fossil record
- ✓ Congruent with environmental changes:

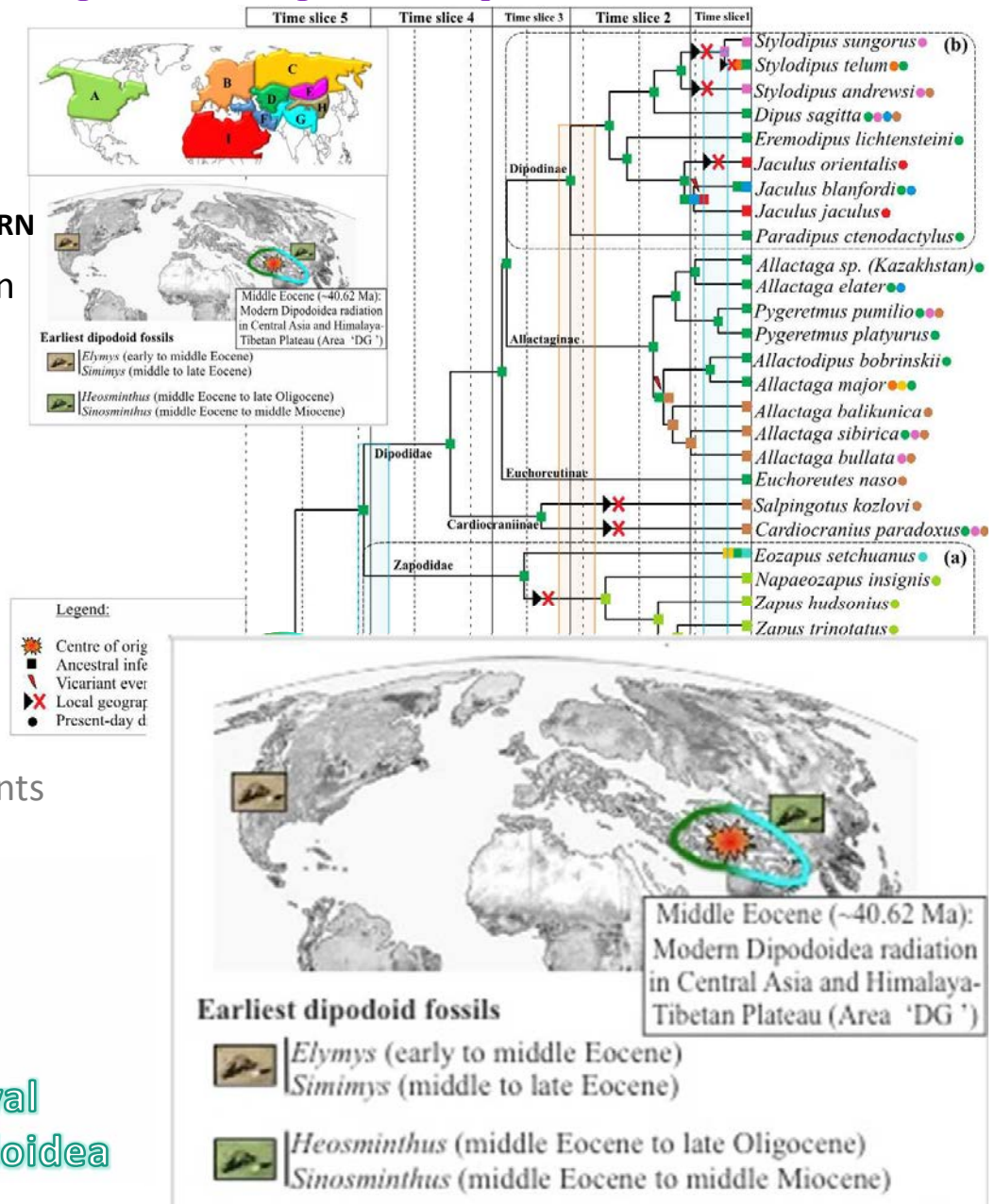
40 Ma: India collided with Asia



Uplift episodes of Himalaya

(Known to have induced vicariant events in many groups; e.g. warblers, glyptosternoid fishes)

Likely that this Geological upheaval triggered the diversification of Dipodoidea





# Origin and evolutionary history of Dipodoidea

Early Oligocene (~ 34.52 Ma): SPLIT BETWEEN ZAPODIDAE AND DIPODIDAE in Central Asia

Global temperature ↓

& Antarctic ice-sheet expanded rapidly



In Paelearctic: development of open grasslands



Great worldwide mammalian faunal turn-over

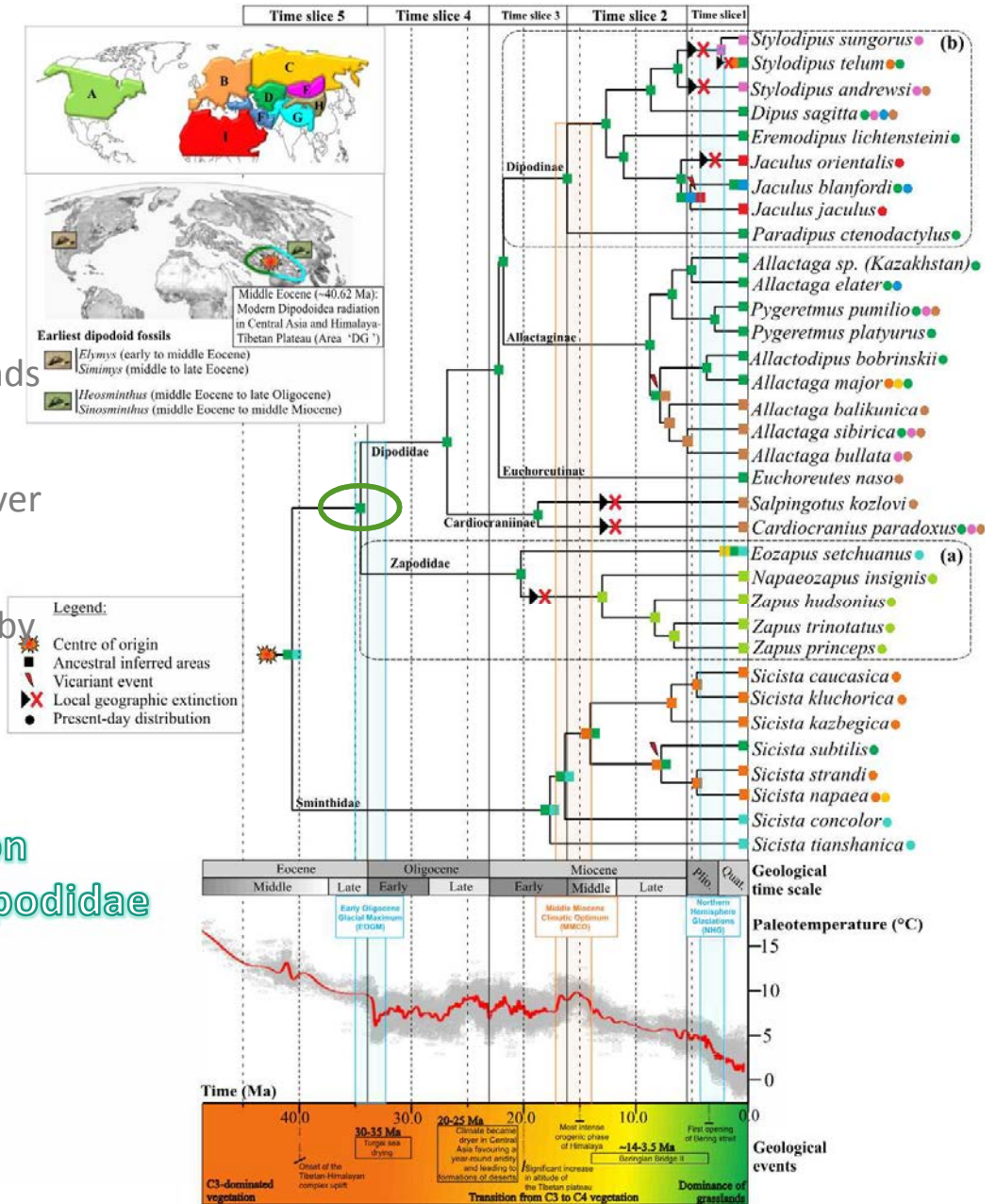
(i.e. the Mongolian remodelling in Asia):

Eocene perissodactyl-dominant faunas replaced by rodent/lagomorph-dominant faunas

In Central Asia:

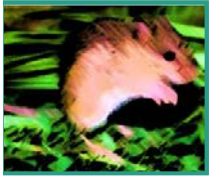
Climatic and geological disruption

→ likely triggered diversification of Dipodidae





# Colonisation of the New World and diversification of the Zapodidae



≈20.24 Ma: Radiation of Zapodidae in Central Asia during early Miocene

Altitude of  
Himalaya-Tibetan  
plateau ↑

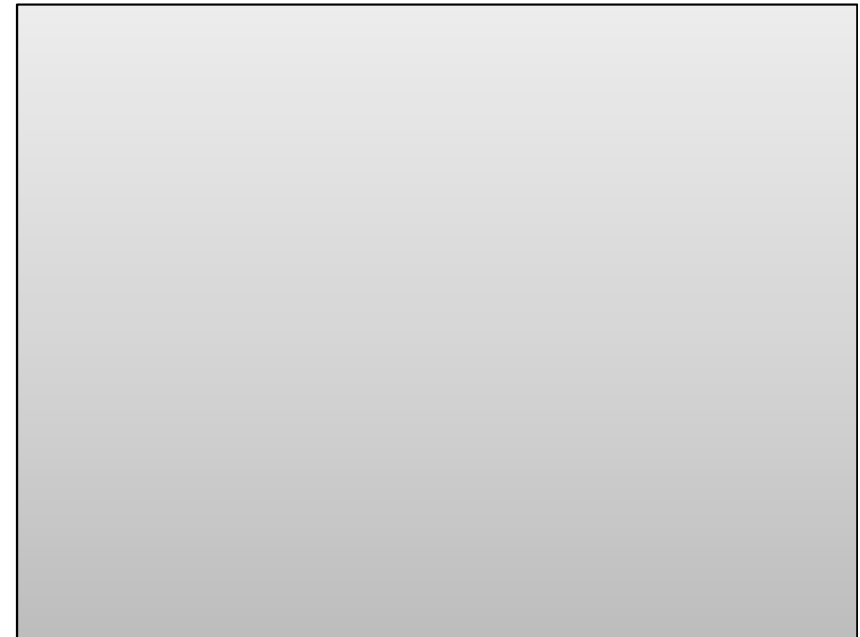
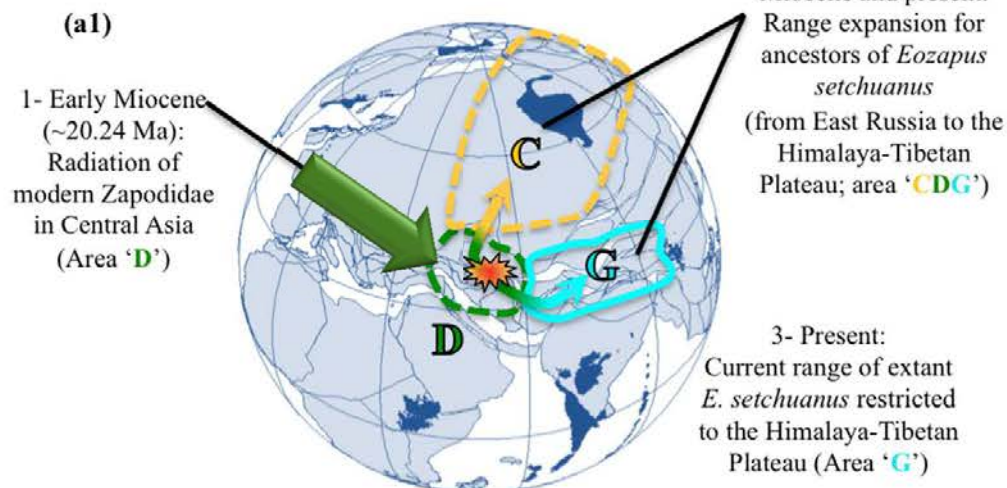


Aridification of  
Central Asia

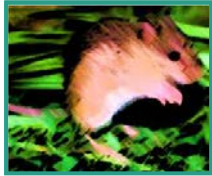


Diversification of  
Zapodidae likely  
triggered by these  
environmental  
changes

## (a) Biogeographical history of Zapodidae



# Colonisation of the New World and diversification of the Zapodidae



*Eozapus setchuanus*, the 1<sup>st</sup> zapodid to diverge

Expansion of the range  
from East Russia to  
Himalaya-Tibetan  
plateau  
(Area 'CDG')

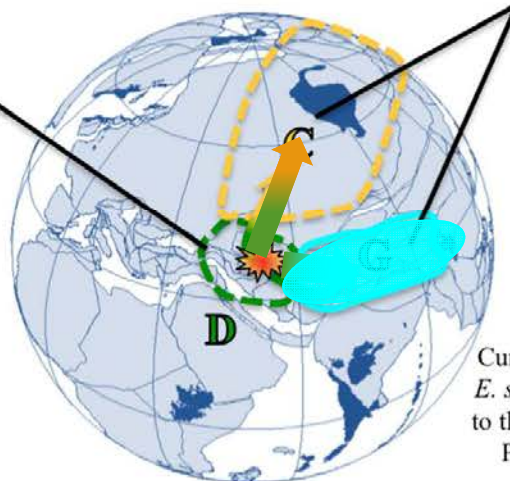


Present: Restricted to  
Himalaya-Tibetan  
plateau (Area 'G')

(a) Biogeographical history of Zapodidae

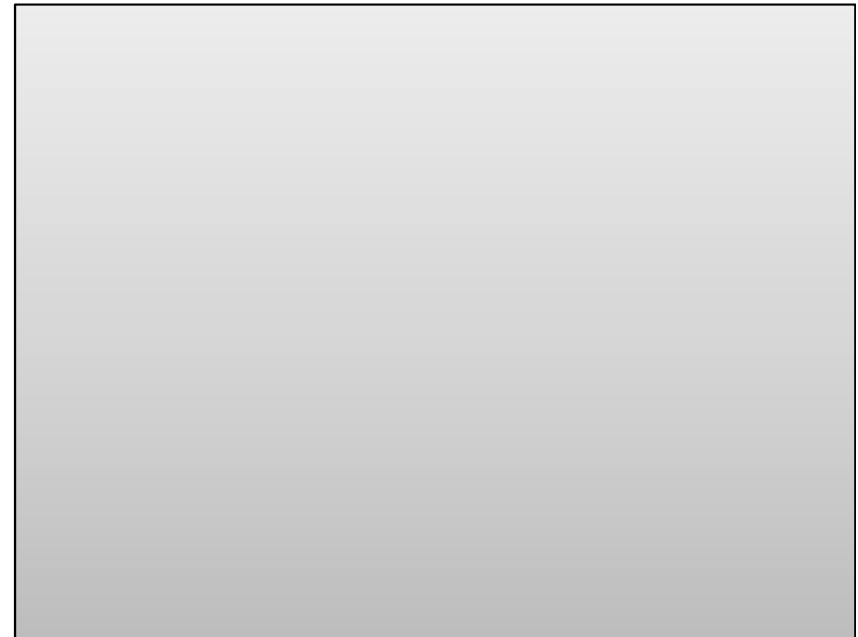
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1- Early Miocene (~20.24 Ma):  
Radiation of modern Zapodidae  
in Central Asia  
(Area 'D')

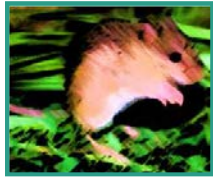


2- Between early Miocene and present:  
Range expansion for  
ancestors of *Eozapus setchuanus*  
(from East Russia to the  
Himalaya-Tibetan  
Plateau; area 'CDG')

3- Present:  
Current range of extant  
*E. setchuanus* restricted  
to the Himalaya-Tibetan  
Plateau (Area 'G')



# Colonisation of the New World and diversification of the Zapodidae



## *Napaeozapus* and *Zapus*, the colonists of North America

Between early ( $\approx 20.24$  Ma) and middle Miocene ( $\approx 13.01$  Ma): Colonisation of North America



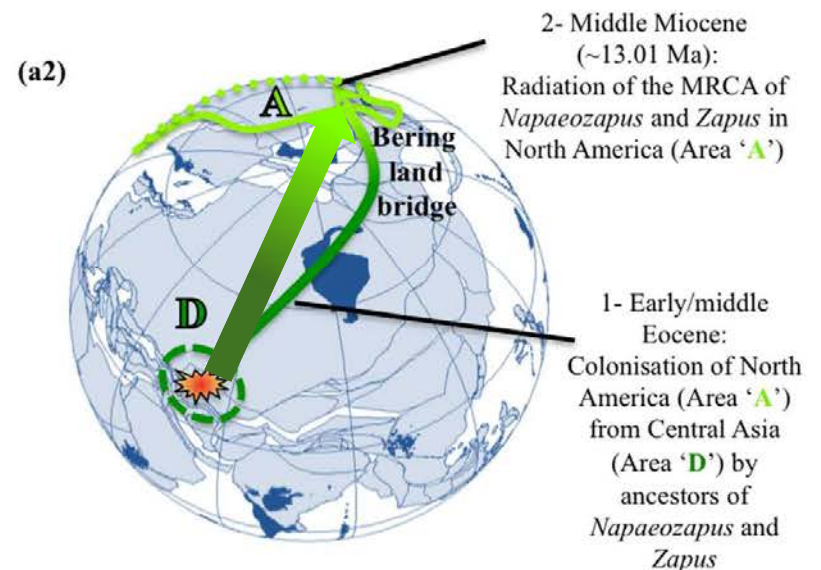
Between  $\approx 14$  to  $3.5$  Ma: BLB covered by a continuous boreal coniferous forest belt



Suggesting a middle Miocene colonisation of North America

### ✓ Congruent with the fossil record:

*Megasminthus*, middle Miocene, North America → Oldest known North American fossil of Zapodidae



# The expansion through Eurasia, the conquest of Africa, and the diversification of Dipodinae



~16.11 Ma: Radiation of Dipodinae in Central Asia at the early-middle Miocene boundary

Most intense orogenic phase of Himalaya



Mid-Miocene climatic optimum: Period of considerable warming



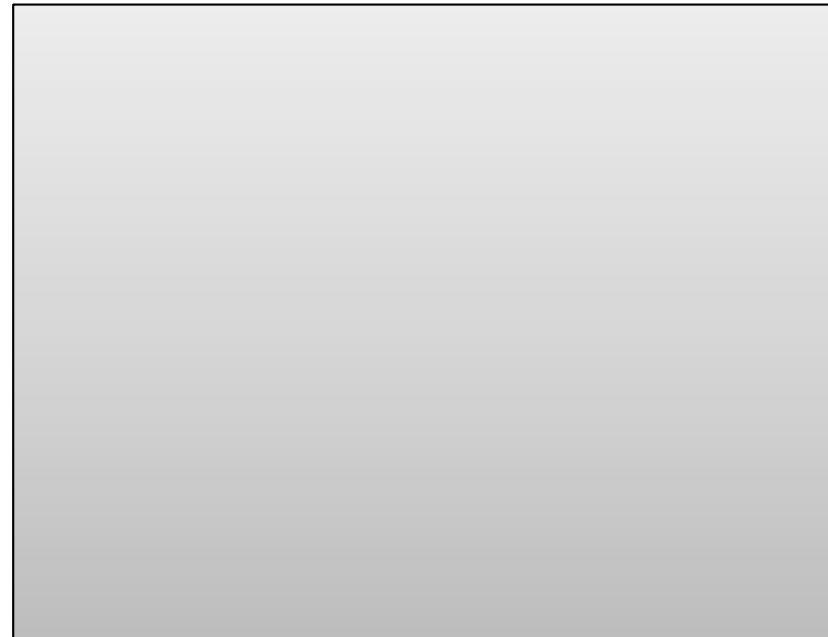
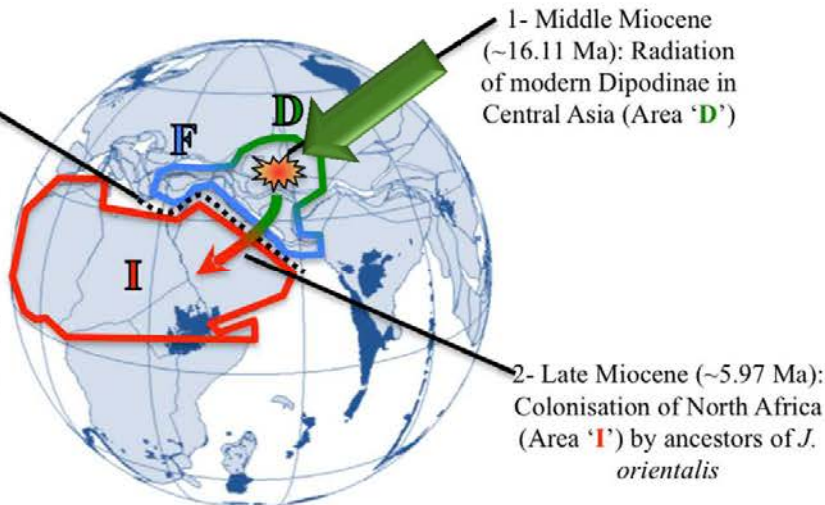
Year-round aridity and formation of deserts and grasslands

Likely to have favour the diversification of Dipodinae

## (b) Biogeographical history of Dipodinae

(b1)

3- Early Pliocene (~5.15 Ma): Vicariance of the MRCA of *J. jaculus* (North Africa; area 'I') and *J. blanfordi* (Central Asia and in the region extending from Turkey to Pakistan; area 'DF')





# The expansion through Eurasia, the conquest of Africa, and

# the diversification of Dipodinae

## The evolutionary history of *Jaculus* spp.



Between 5.33 and 5.96 Ma, the Messinian Salinity Crisis: Dessication of the Mediterranean sea



Promoted faunal exchanges between Africa and adjacent regions

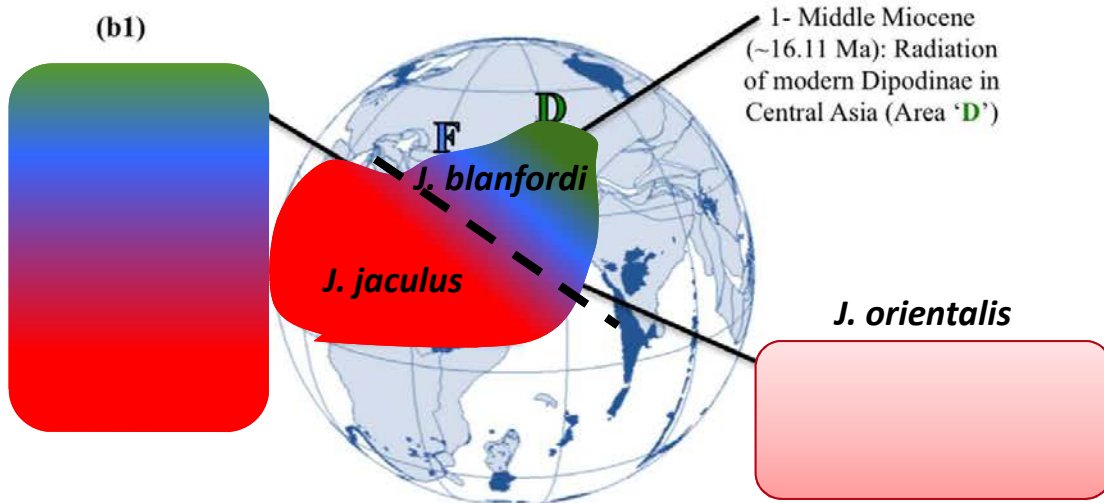


Late Miocene (~5.97 Ma): Diversification of *Jaculus* spp. in Central Asia (and colonisation of Africa)

✓ **Congruent with the fossil record:**  
e.g. colonisation of Africa by *Mus* around 6.6 – 4 Ma

(b) Biogeographical history of Dipodinae

(b1)



# The expansion through Eurasia, the conquest of Africa, and the diversification of Dipodinae

## The evolutionary history of *Stylodipus* spp.

Late Miocene (~8.66 Ma):  
Diversification of the MRCA of *Stylodipus*  
and *Dipus* in Central Asia

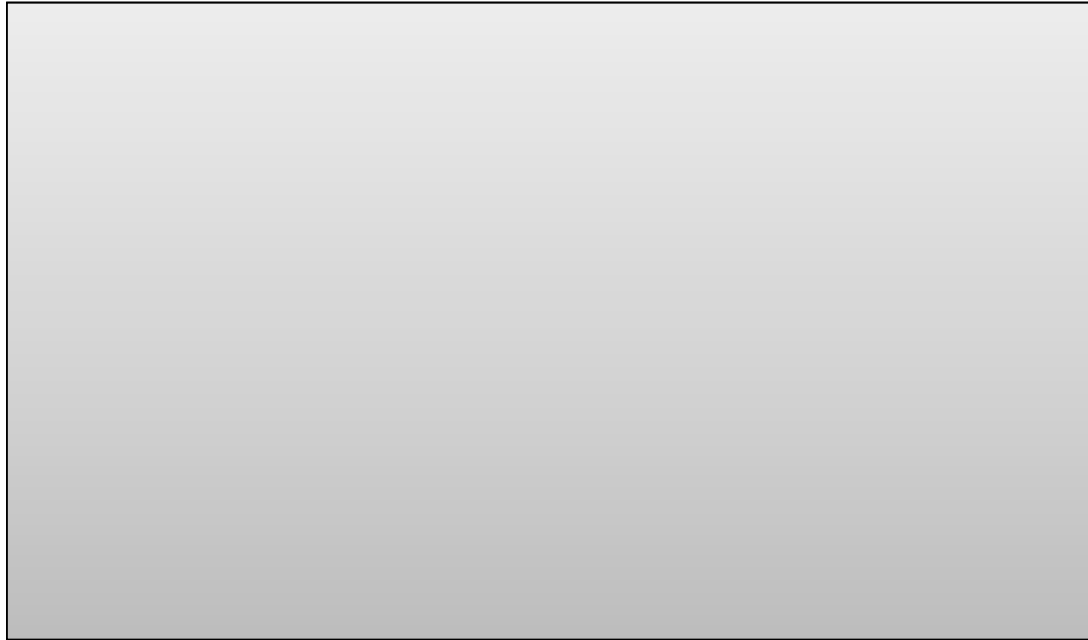


Coincide with the replacement of  
woodland-adapted mammals by more-  
open habitat representatives

Late Miocene: Global cooling promoted  
grasslands & arid habitats in Europe and  
Central Asia

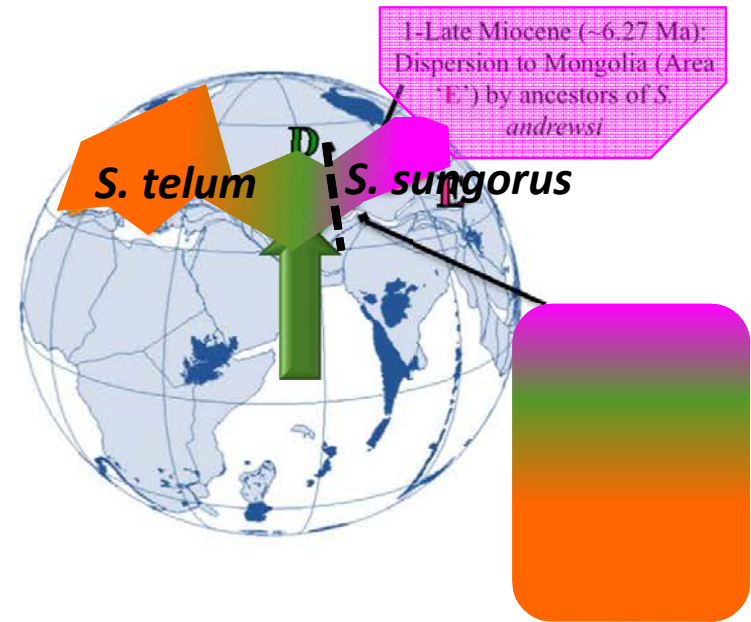


Favoured the diversification of these  
species adapted to open and arid habitats.



### *Stylodipus andrewsi*

(b2)





# Conclusion



- Solved unresolved phylogenetic questions :
  - ✓ Paraphyly of *Allactaga*
  - ✓ Phylogenetic position of Euchoreutinae
- Inference of a **sound biogeographical history of the superfamily**
  - ✓ Especially thanks to **the exhaustive sampling of Zapodidae and Dipodinae**
    - Detailed biogeographic scenarios of these two groups
- **WHAT MAINLY TRIGGERED THE EVOLUTIONARY HISTORY OF DIPODOIDEA?**
  - ✓ **Geological and climatic upheavals of Central Asia**
  - ✓ **AND ESPECIALLY the uplift of the Himalaya-Tibetan plateau**
    - Induced aridification process
    - Promoted the development of new habitats (*e.g.* deserts and grasslands)





Thanks for your attention !

