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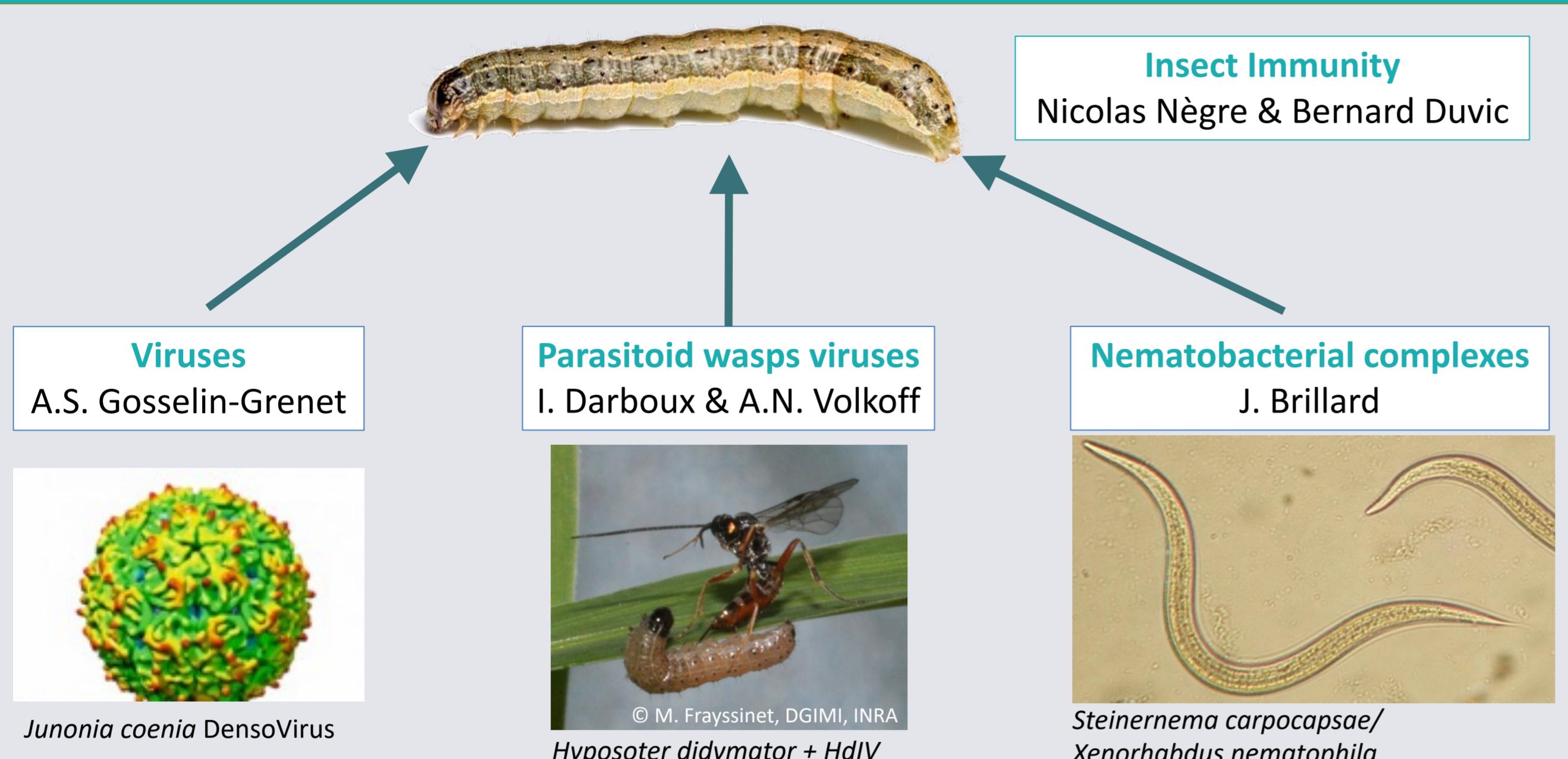
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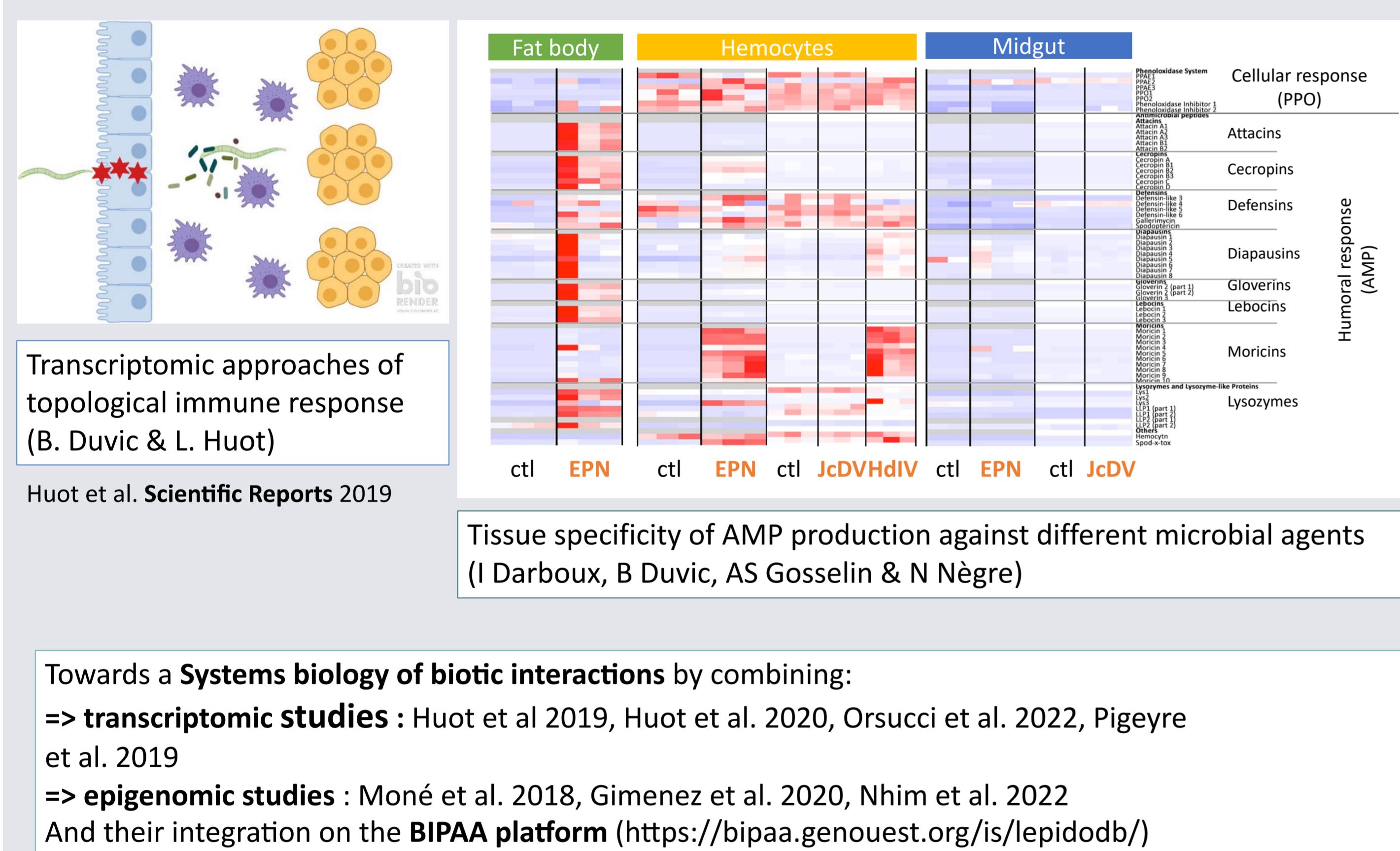
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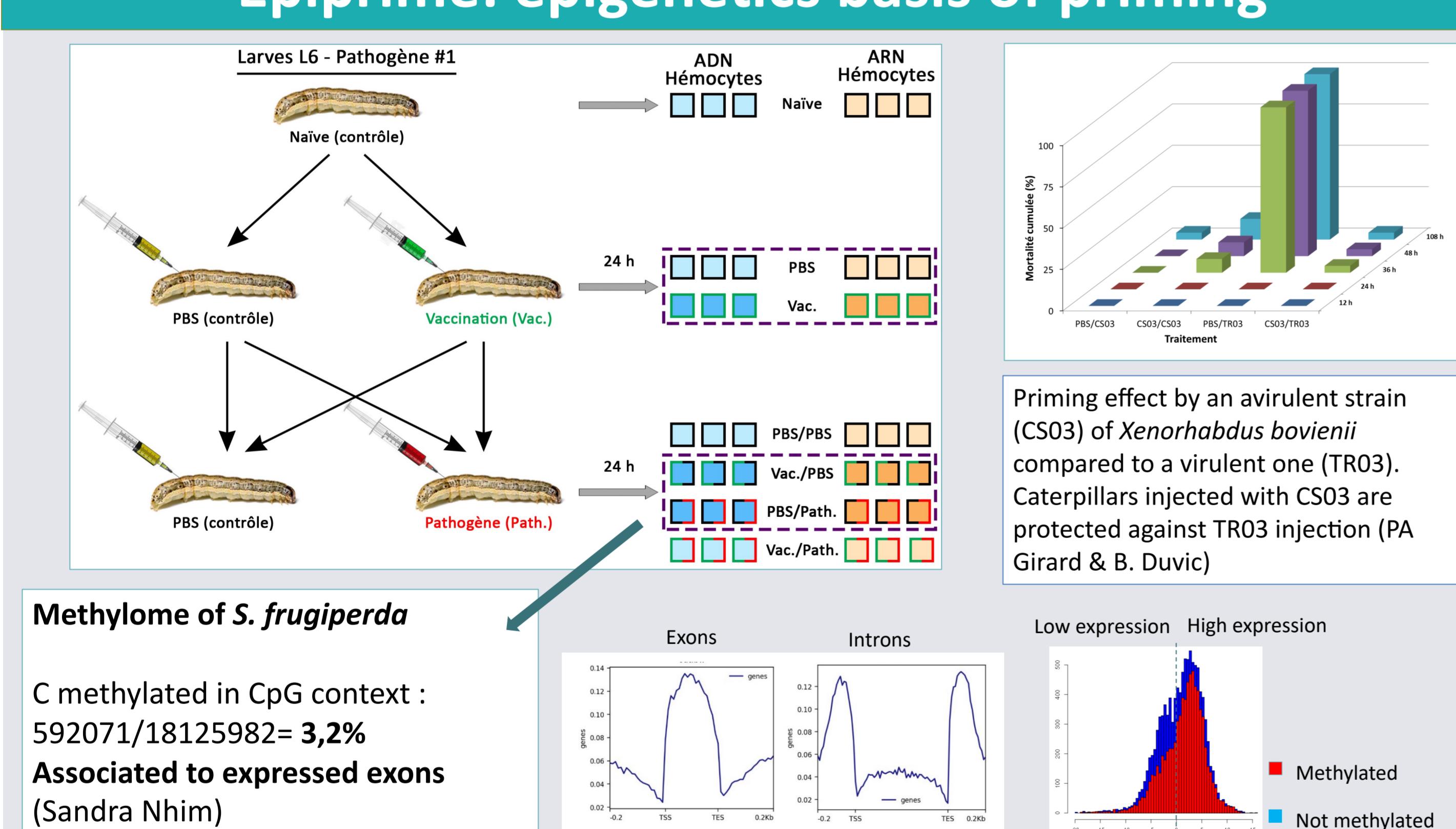
Spodoptera frugiperda : a hungry caterpillar confronted with various microbial agents used in biocontrol



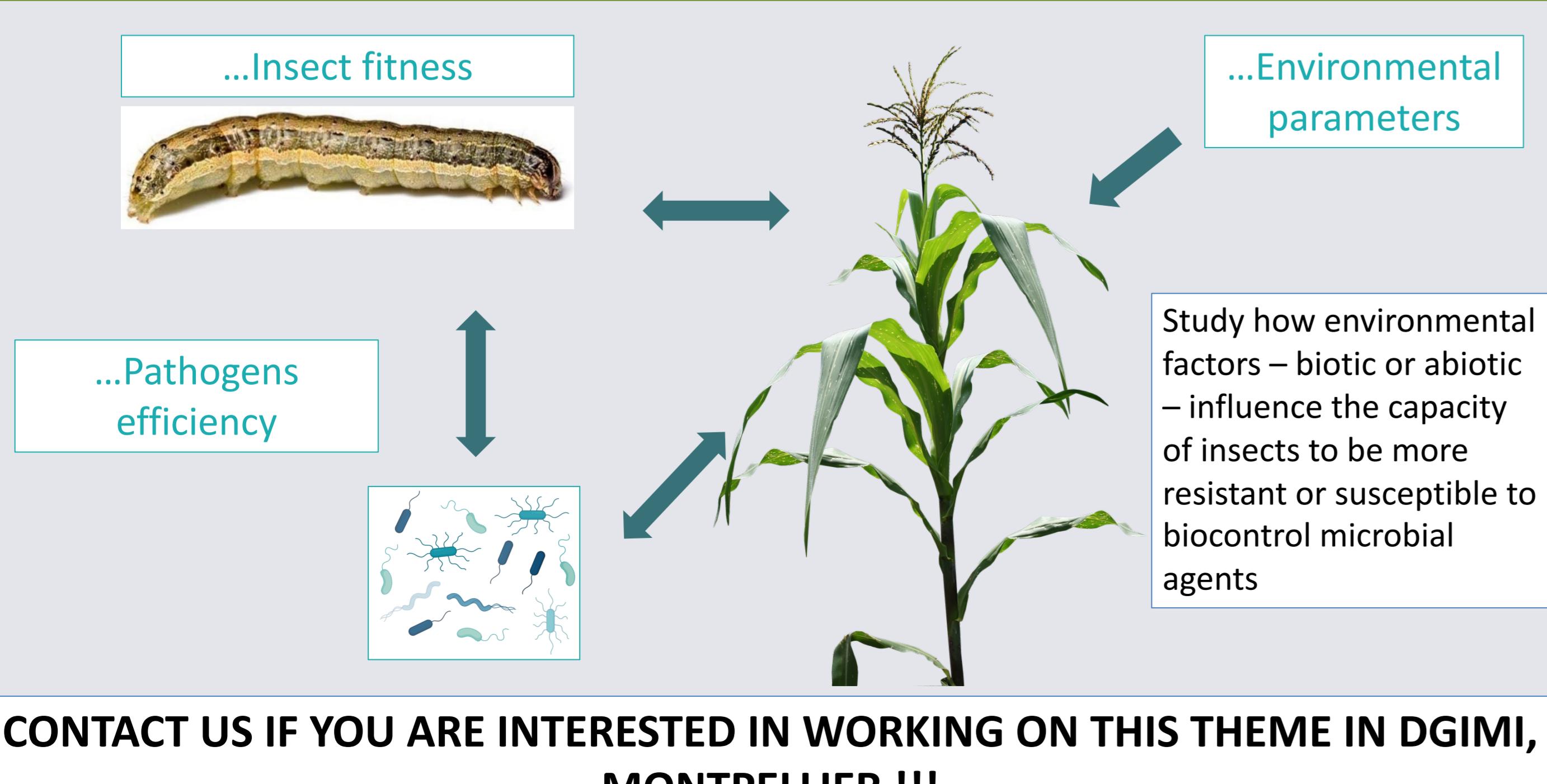
Immune response of *Spodoptera frugiperda* against micro or macropathogens



Epiprime: epigenetics basis of priming

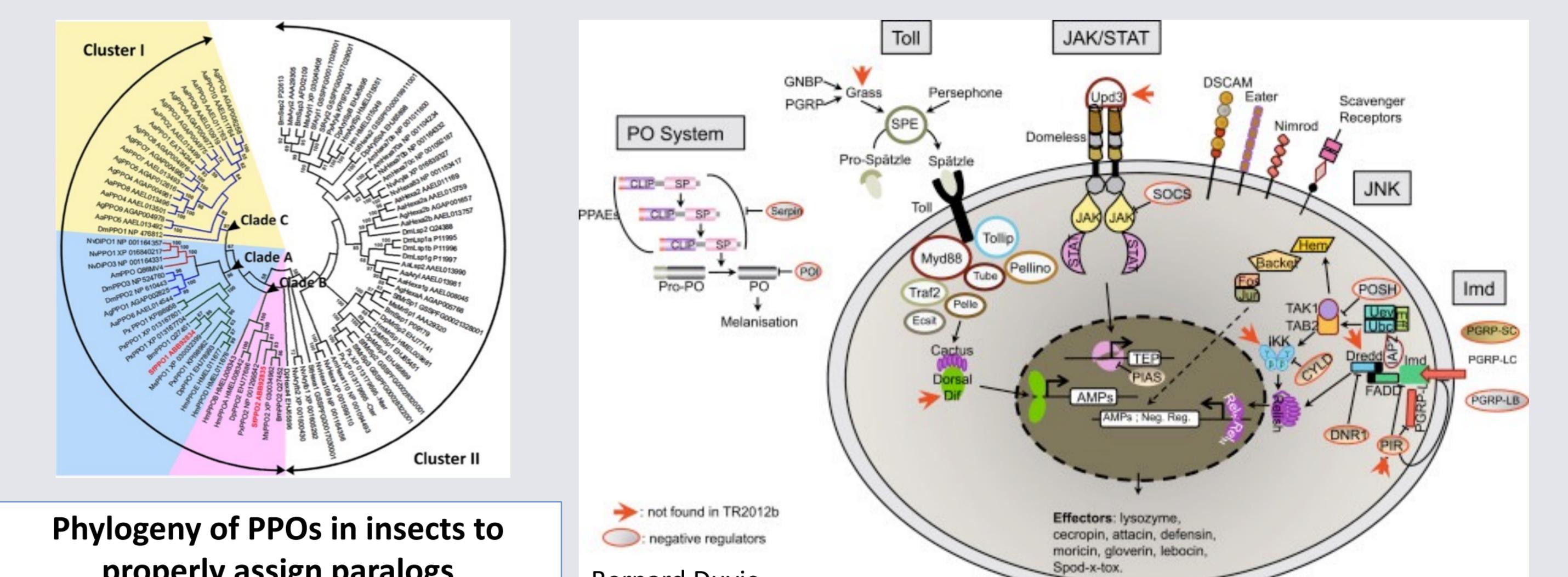


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Genome assembly and manual curation of genes for the description of the immunome



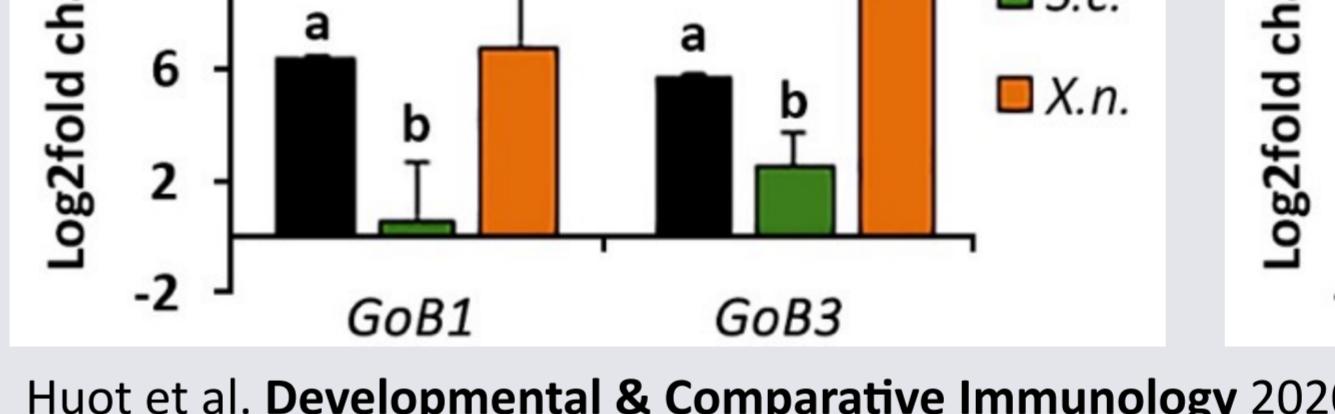
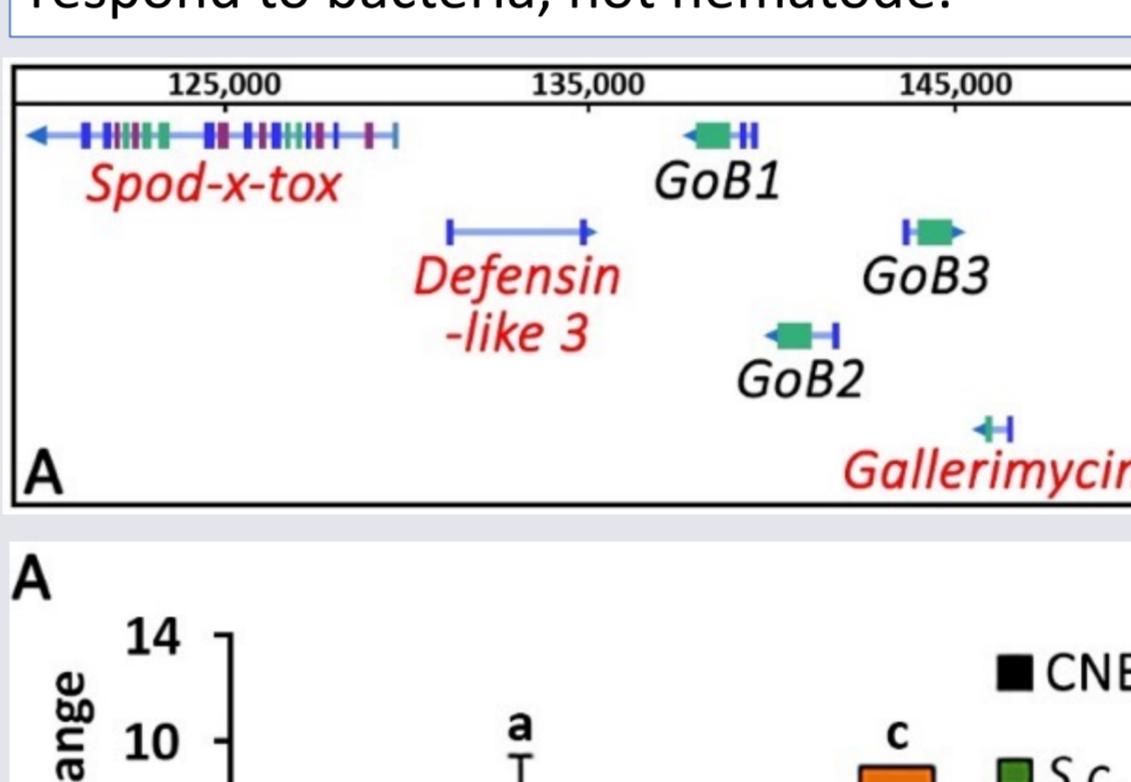
Phylogeny of PPOs in insects to properly assign paralogs
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Functional genomics of Lepidoptera specific immune genes

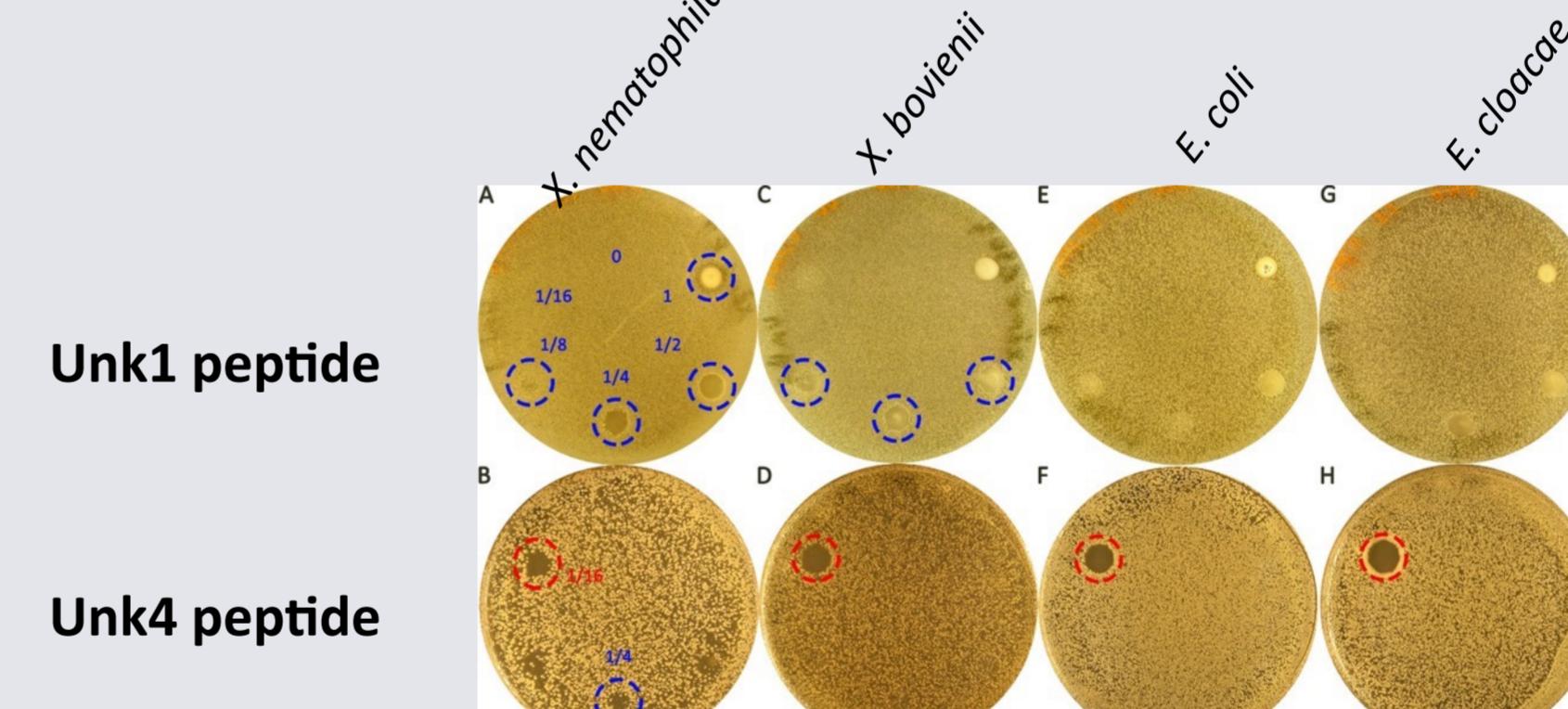
A. New effectors

Gene cluster 1 (GoB): 3 paralogous genes within the defensin locus, found only in Lepidoptera and in... Bacteria (HGT), respond to bacteria, not nematode.

Gene cluster 2 (Unk): short transcripts, with peptide signals. Noctuid specific. Respond to nematode not bacteria.

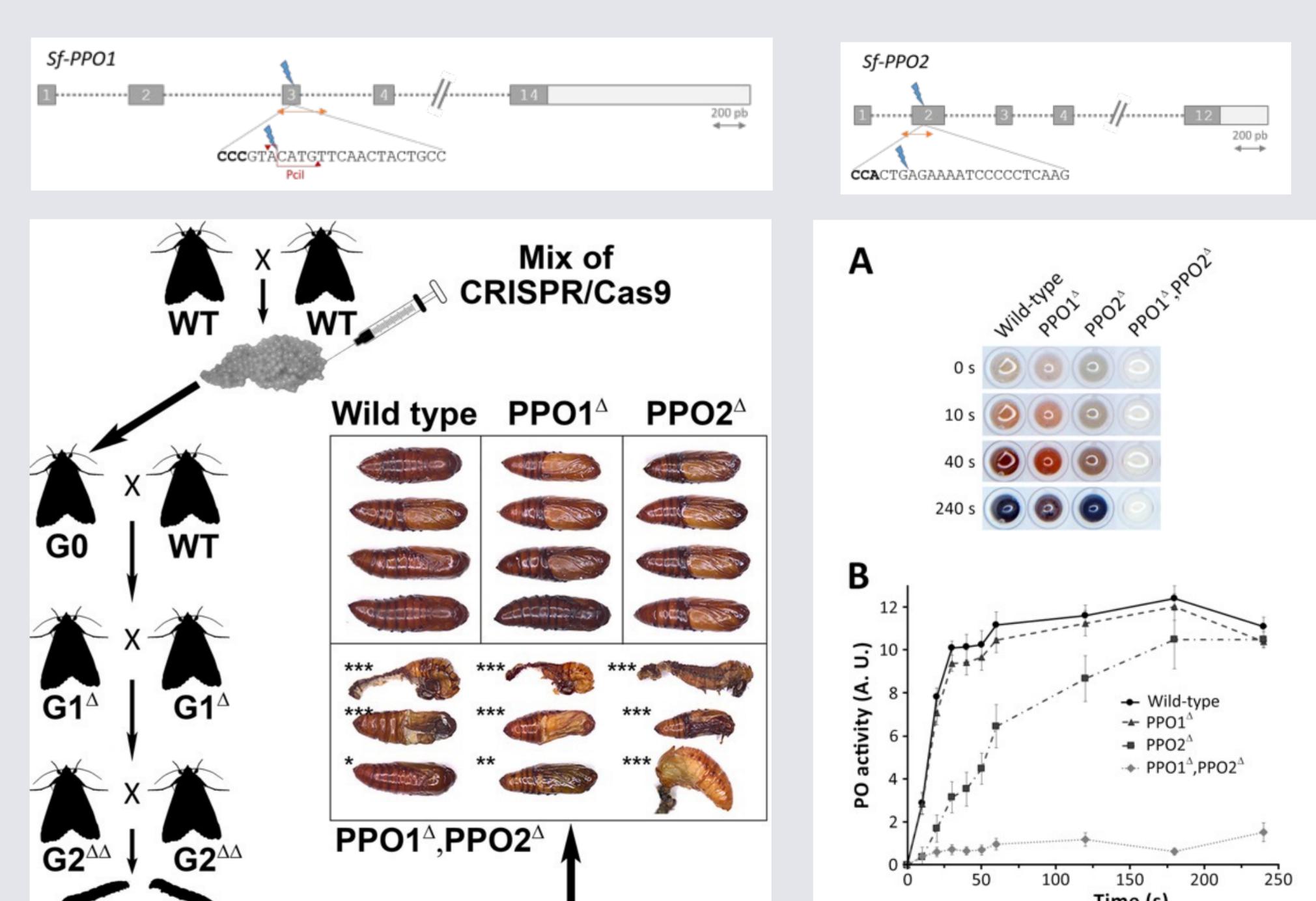


Huot et al. Developmental & Comparative Immunology 2020



Antibiograms with synthetic peptides show a specific activity of candidate new AMPs against *Xenorhabdus*. In red, a Sf-cecropinC peptide (B. Duvic & G. Lextrait).

B. Prophenoloxidases CRISPR mutants



Production of null mutant by CRISPR/Cas9 injection : Relish, PPO1, PPO2
PPO1 & PPO2 in Lepidoptera complement each other and are necessary for metamorphosis

Eychenne et al. Journal of insect physiology, 2022

Conclusion: Gene Regulation and Immunity of Lepidoptera

Establishment of genomic and functional genomics resource of immune genes in *Spodoptera frugiperda*

Current research 1: Characterization of Lepidoptera specific effectors

Current research 2: Epigenomics basis of regulation during priming

To hire: a researcher in Eco-Immunology