生物地理学Biogeography

- 環境が同じでも、違った生物が見られることがある。Similar species are not necessarily found in similar environments.
- ホッキョクグマはなぜ南極にいないか?Why polar bears are not found in Antarctica.
- 進化は祖先→子孫の系列(時間)に沿って起るとともに、地理的枠組みのなかで(空間)起こる。Evolution proceeds in the framework of time and space.

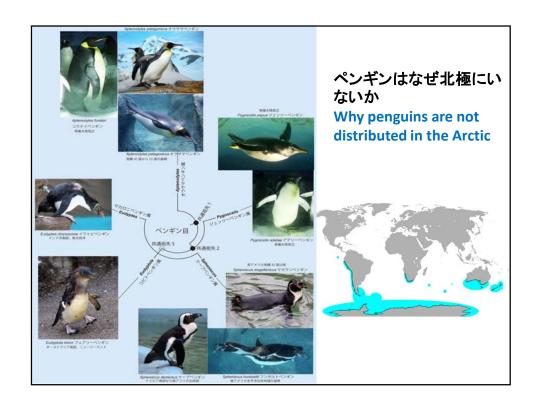


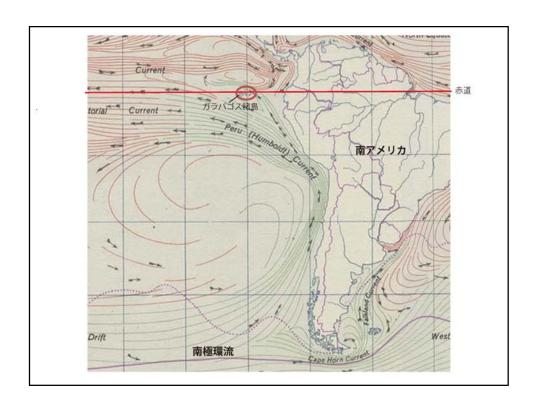


コバタンCacatua sulphurea. 現在ロンボク島では絶滅したとされるが、ウォーレスはロンボク島がこの種の分布の西端であり、これよりも西のバリ、ジャワ、ボルネオには分布しないことを明らかにした。この境界線はウォーレス線と呼ばれる.

In spite of similar environment of Bali and Lombok, Lombok is the west end of the distribution of parrots.





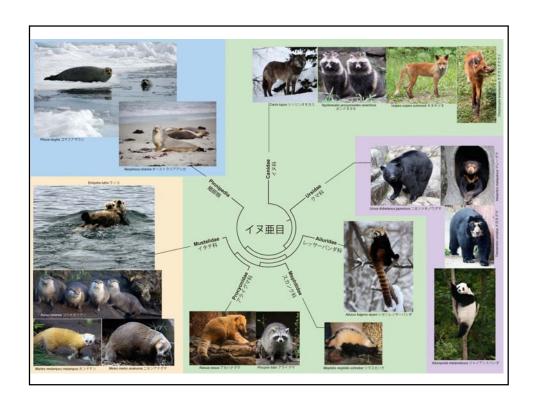




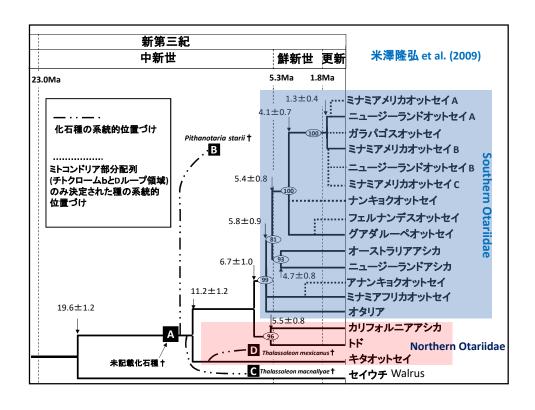


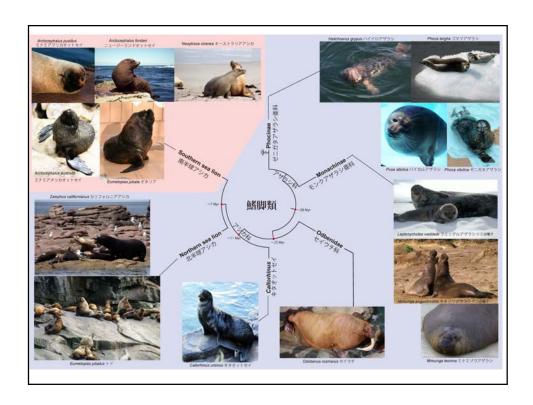


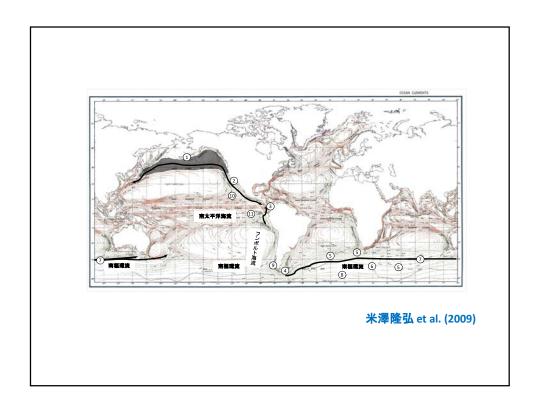


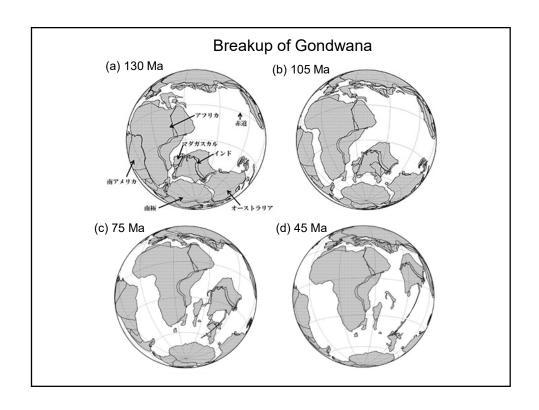


















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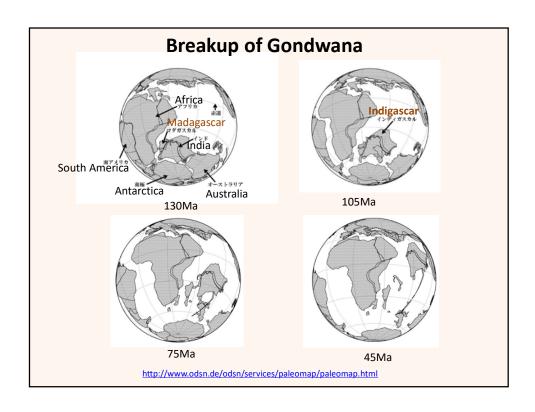
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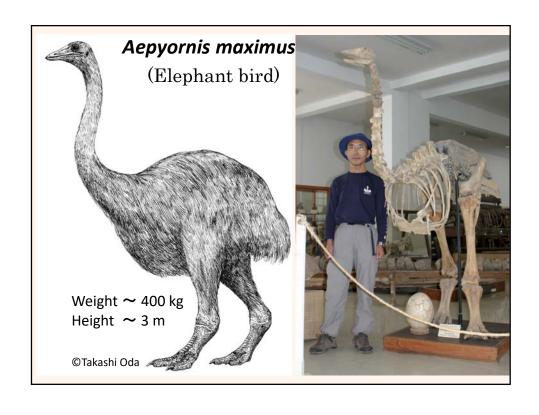
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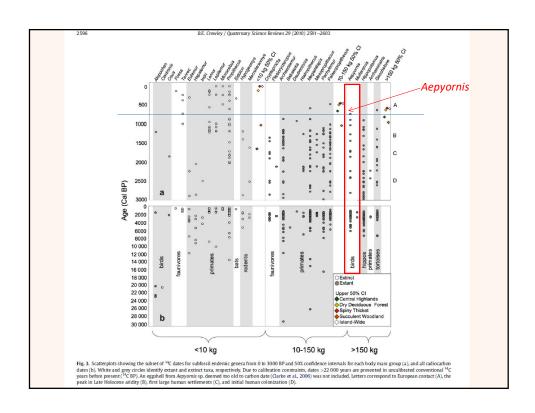
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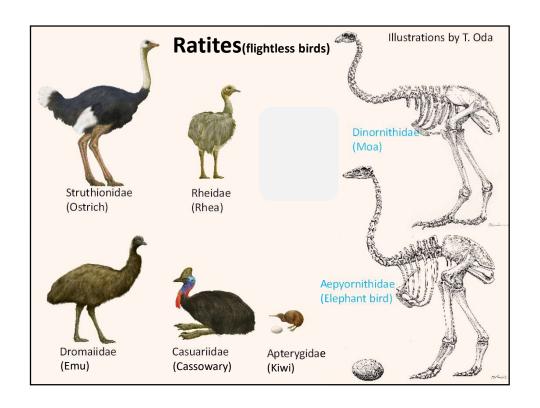
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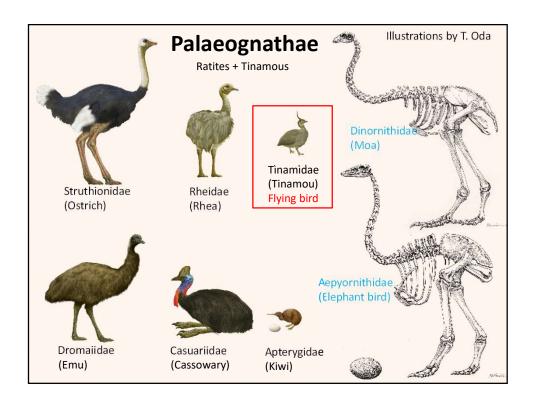


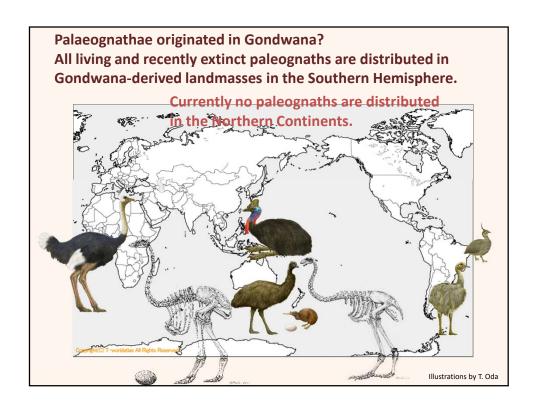


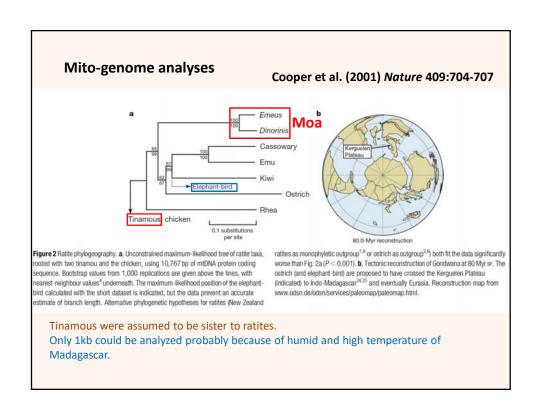


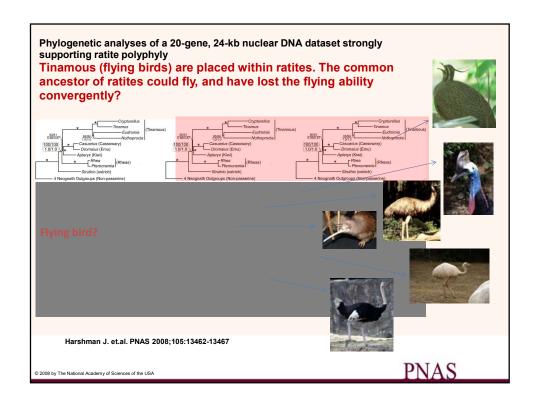


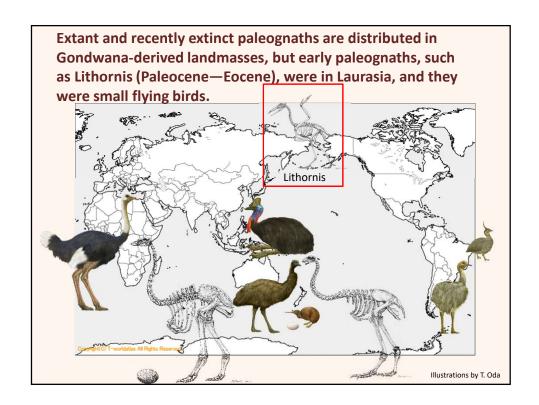












Origin of Palaeognathae

 Extant and recently extinct paleognaths are distributed in Gondwana-derived landmasses.

Early paleognaths, such as Lithornis which
was small and could fly, were in Laurasia, but
their phylogenetic positions have been
uncertain.

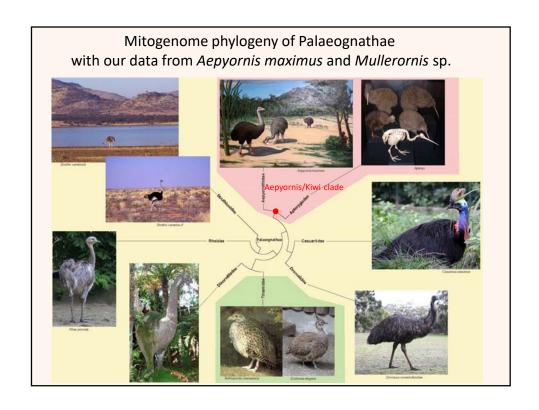
At a first glance, they look similar to tinamous, but since the position of tinamous was revised, the position of *Lithornis* must be reconsidered.

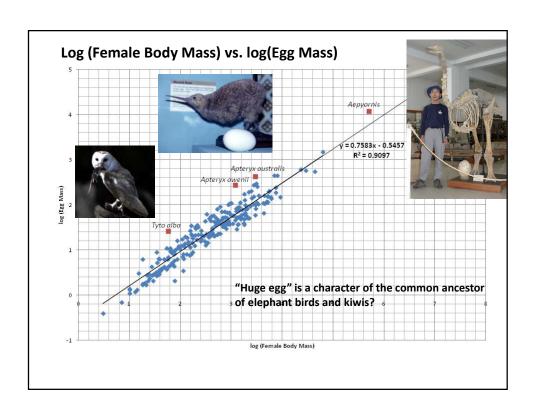
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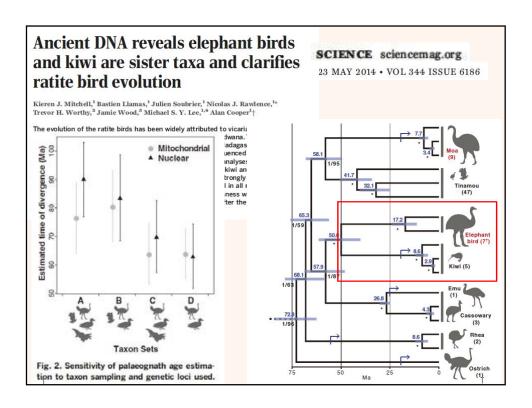
Lithornis

Aim of our project

- Clarify the origin of Aepyornithidae (Elephant birds) in Madagascar by ancient DNA analyses.
- Compared to Neognathae which is comprised of 10,000 species, Palaeognathae consists of less than 100 species, most of which are tinamous. In order to clarify the evolution of Palaeognathae, a robust time-tree (phylogenetic tree with time scale) is prerequisite, and dense taxon sampling is important, but the sampling must inevitably be sparse in the analyses of Palaeognathae. Therefore, inclusion of recently extinct species, such as elephant birds and moas, are important.







A new direction of our project

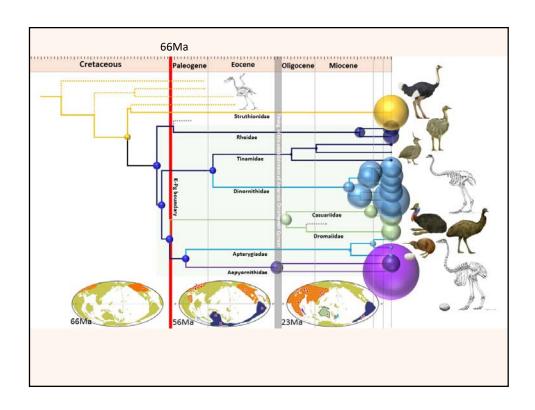
- Mitchell et al. established the branching order in Palaeognathae by mito-genome analyses, but the confidence intervals of the estimated branching times are huge, and the estimates depend very much on taxon sampling and assumed calibration.
- In order to obtain more precise estimates, nuclear DNA analyses are needed, and we carried out nuclear DNA analyses of two species of elephant birds; Aepyornis maximus & Mullerornis sp.

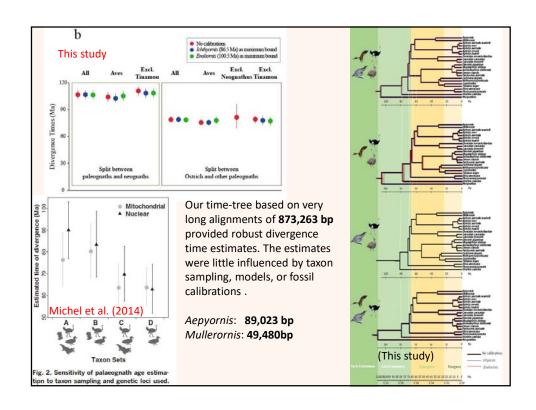
	mtgenome	Haddrath and Baker (2012)	Harshman et al. (2008)	Smith et al. (2013)	Baker et al. (2014)	Total
genes	37	10	20	40	594	701
length	15985 bp	9888 bp	26775 bp	25113 bp	795492 bp	873253 bp
	(11364 bp)	(9888 bp)	(6360 bp)	(0 bp)	(795492 bp)	(823104 bp)
species	39	34	27	12	11	44

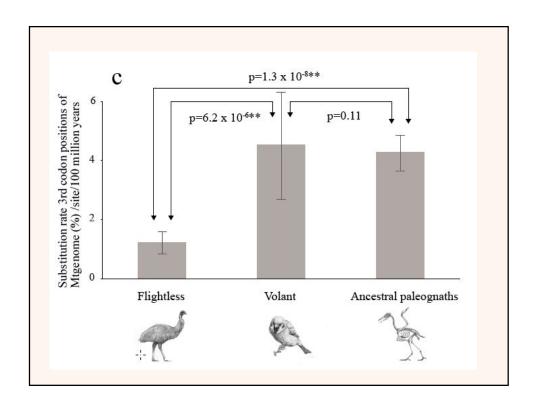
Molecular phylogenetic analyses were carried out by using alignments of **873,263 bp**

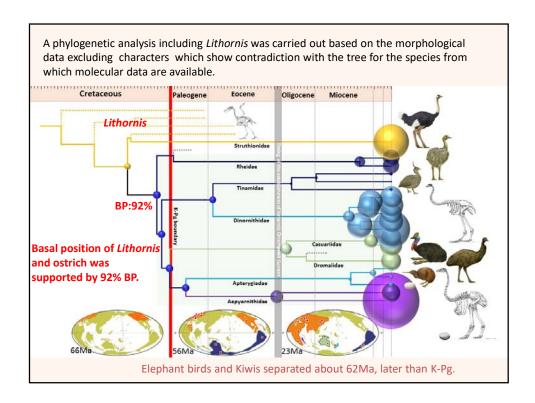
Our additional data:

Aepyornis: **89,023 bp** Mullerornis: **49,480 bp**



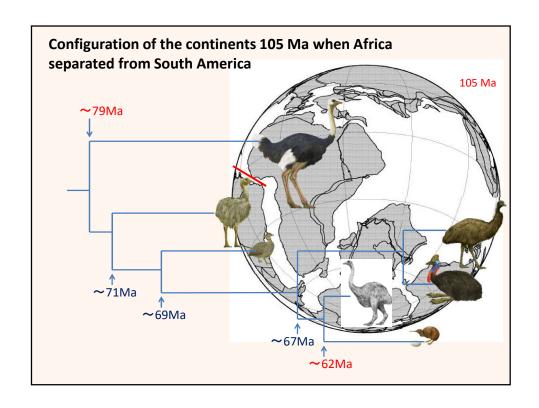


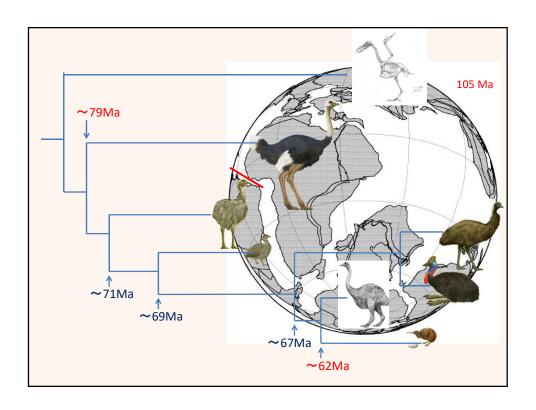




Two alternative hypotheses of Palaeognathae evolution

- Vicariance hypothesis Phylogenetic separation accompanying the breakup of Gondwana
- Overseas dispersal hypothesis Chance dispersal crossing the sea is important in the evolution of Palaeognathae





A new scenario of Palaeognathae evolution

① The common ancestors of Palaeognathae were small flying birds, like *Lithornis*, and were distributed in Eurasia and North America.



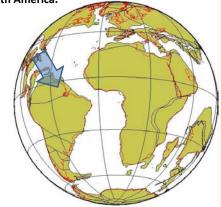
② Ostriches evolved in Eurasia, and some of them migrated to Africa after the land connection in Miocene.

25,000 years old ostrich from China





③ Another group of early paleognaths (flying birds) crossed Panama strait from North America to South America.



75.0 Ma Reconstruction

Red shows coast line.

http://www.odsn.de/odsn/services/paleomap/paleomap.html

(4) At that time, South America was connected to Antarctica and Australia, and the ancestral paleognaths migrated to Antarctica and Australia. In South America, rheas and tinamous evolved, and in Australia emus and cassowaries evolved.

