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LE STUDIUM

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Innate immunity in a biomineralized context:
trade-offs or synergies?

Integrative workshop:

Avian eggshell biomineralization and
innate immunity

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The calcified avian eggshells

Physical protection

Ultrastructure and genetic variations,
Genetic traits inherited under the environmental pressure

A biomineral full of antimicrobial molecules

Distribution in the shell and roles during egg life cycle
Dual role of matrix proteins (eg ovot, lyz and OCX-32)

Shell/skeleton dialog

Molecular, vesicular and cellular mechanisms

Metabolite and immunity in biominerals

The physical protection

Ultrastructure and genetic variations,

- Strong evidences that the structural organization of avian eggshell is under genetic control
- Polymorphisms of specific shell proteins (ovalbumin, ovocleidin-116, ovocalyxin-32) partially explain variations in certain eggshell properties (i.e., eggshell thickness, crystal size, crystal orientation, eggshell mechanical properties)
- A total of 118 QTLs associated with shell strength

Toward a selection of haplotypes with higher strength quality (genomic selection, candidate gene approach) ?

ANIMAL GENETICS Immunogenetics, Molecular Genetics and Functional Genomics 

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Genetic variation in eggshell crystal size and orientation is large and these traits are correlated with shell thickness and are associated with eggshell matrix protein markers

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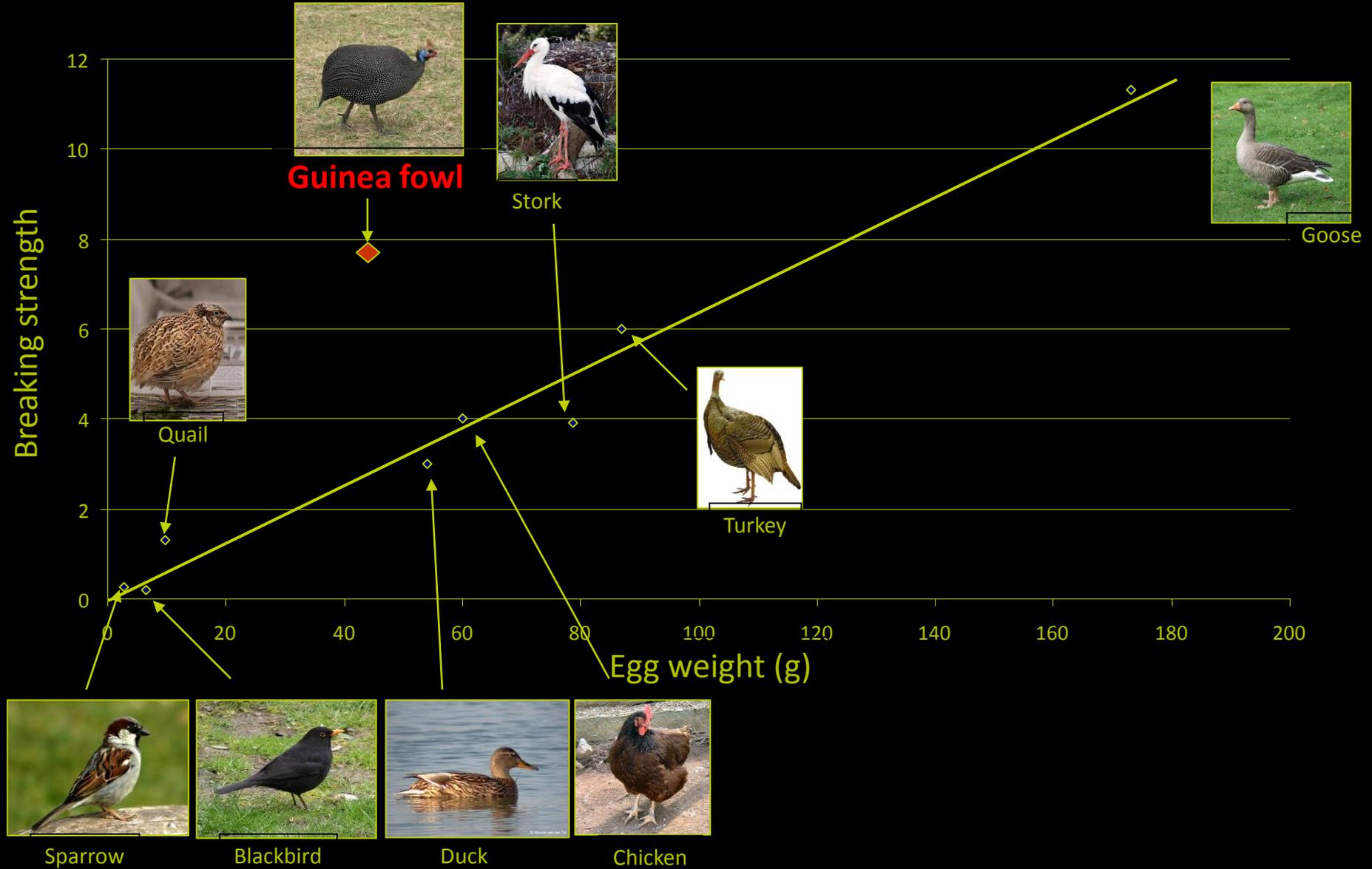
Quantitative trait loci affecting eggshell traits in an F₂ population

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Genetic traits inherited under the environmental pressure

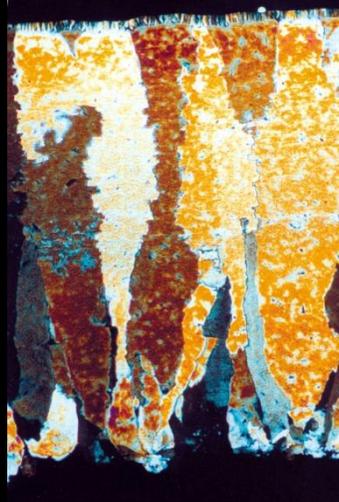


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Gallus gallus



Meleagris gallopavo



Numida meleagris



Sankofa pyrenaica

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SHORT COMMUNICATION

The evolution of host-specific variation in cuckoo eggshell strength

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Phylogenetic analysis of life-history adaptations in parasitic cowbirds

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Cowbirds (*Molothrus*) are obligate brood parasitic birds, that lay their eggs in nests of other bird species. The hosts provide all parental care to the parasitic eggs, chicks and fledglings.

Obligate brood parasitic birds are known for their greater eggshell thickness

- * Intraspecific competition amongst parasite birds (frequently peck and puncture of other eggs laid into the nest)
- * limit shell damage when rapid lay on elevated position
- * Prevent damage from attempts by hosts to pierce-eject parasitic eggs

Increased thickness, but also variability in shell microstructure → Increased eggshell mechanical properties.

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Eggshell cuticles containing vaterite nanospheres have been noted (but not studied) on eggshells of six species including the double-crested cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*), emperor penguin (*Aptenodytes forsteri*), great frigatebird (*Fregata minor*), hamerkop (*Scopus umbreta*) and smooth-billed ani (*Crotophaga ani*) (Mikhailov, 1997). The majority of these species incubate eggs in wet environments, where microbial abundance is likely high (D'alba et al., 2014)



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Antimicrobial activity of the Anseriform outer eggshell and cuticle

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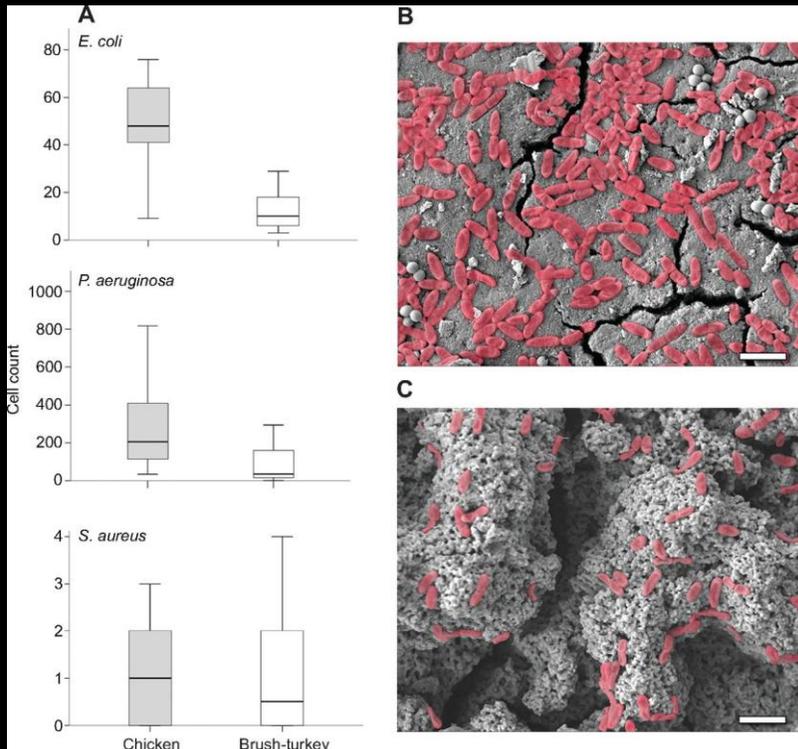
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... the presence of more potent antimicrobial proteins in the eggshells of cavity-nesting versus open cup-nesting Anseriform species

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Antimicrobial properties of a nanostructured eggshell from a compost-nesting bird

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“The presence of nanoscale spheres composed of calcium phosphate, renders the eggs hydrophobic, decreases bacterial attachment and is most likely the major component preventing trans-shell penetration

This modified surface also appears to limit bacterial adhesion...”

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Anti-microbial activity observed in eggshell extracts (Mine et al. 2003)



Identification of antimicrobial proteins into the shell

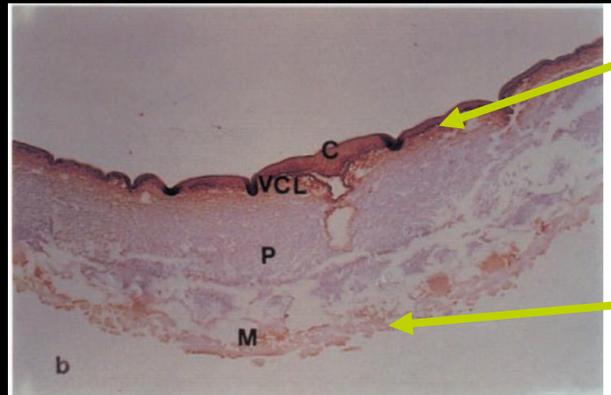
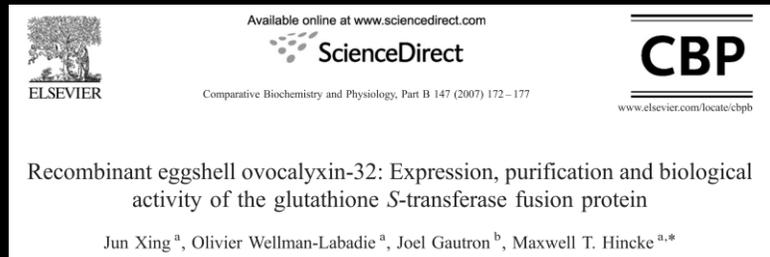
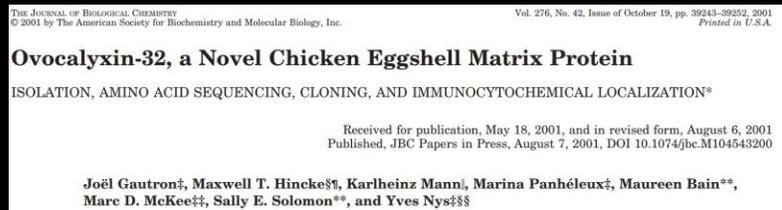
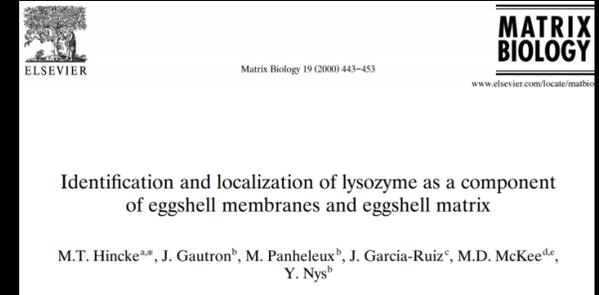


FIG. 2. Immunohistochemistry to localize the 32-kDa protein in eggshell matrix. Shell was decalcified/fixed and paraffin-embedded

Highly concentrated in the cuticle
→ to avoid bacterial penetration during eggshell formation?

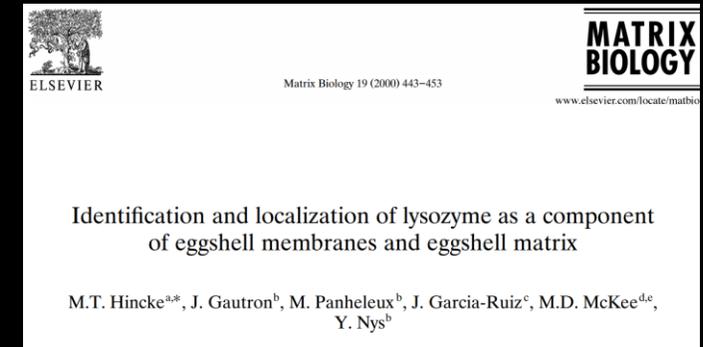
Highly concentrated in the lower part of the shell (membranes and mmmillary layers)
→ to protect the developing embryo when shell components are made soluble?

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Identification of antimicrobial proteins into the shell



Multi purpose roles

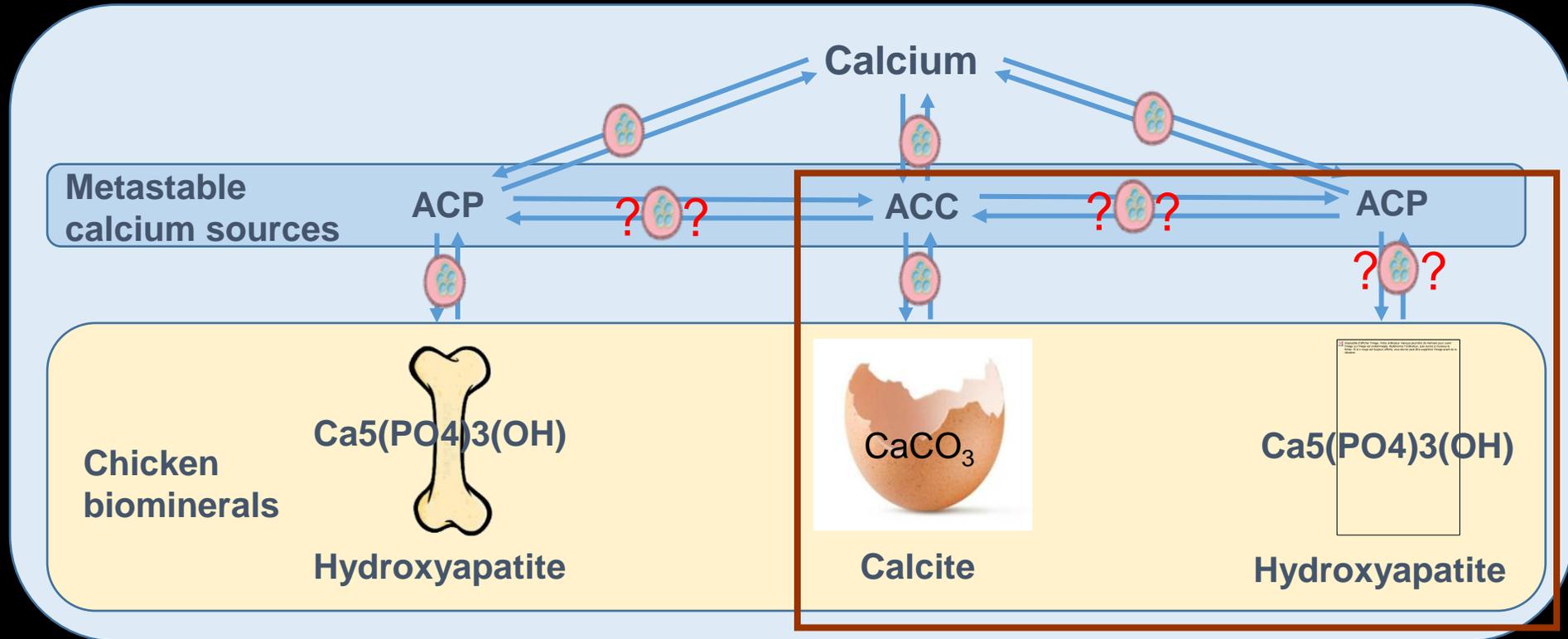
Biomineralization
Ultrastructure and
mechanical properties

Antimicrobials 1
In soluble form during shell
formation (keep the egg free of
pathogens)

Antimicrobials 2
Solubilisation during chicken
embryo development and
skeleton formation

Shell/skeleton dialog

Molecular, vesicular and cellular mechanisms



Role of CAM to solubilize the shell
CAM and osteoblasts ?
CAM and immune cells ?

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Immune-responsive gene 1 (IRG1) and dimethyl itaconate are involved in the mussel immune response

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