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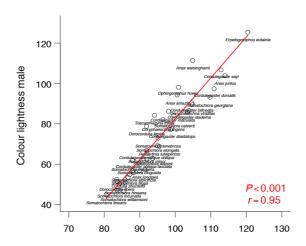
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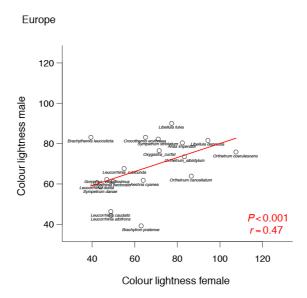
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### Appendix 1

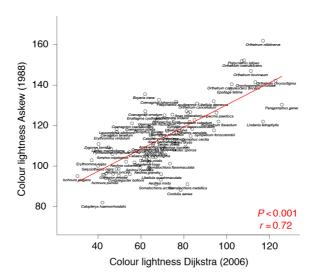
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#### North America



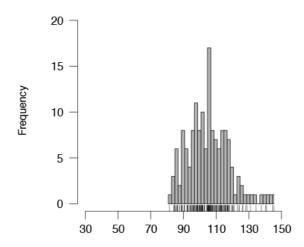


**Figure A1.** Scatterplots between female and male colour lightness of 44 North American (Needham et al. 2000) and 19 European (Askew 1988) dragonfly species. Note that colour lightness of females and males is highly correlated.

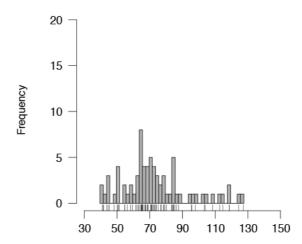


**Figure A2.** Correlation of the average colour lightness of European dragonfly species illustrated in both Askew (1988) and Dijkstra and Lewington (2006). Average colour lightness ranges from 0 (absolute black) to 255 (pure white). Note that the extracted colour values of dorsal dragonfly drawings from both sources are highly correlated.

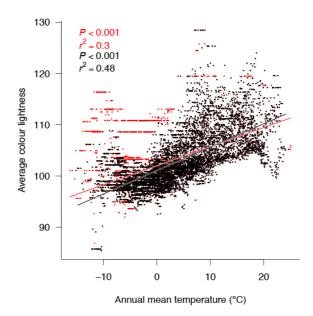
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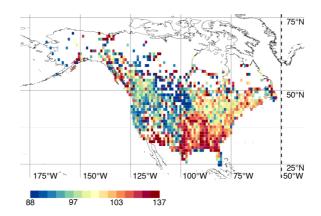
#### Europe



**Figure A3.** Frequency distribution of the average colour lightness of 152 North American and 74 European dragonfly species. Average colour lightness ranges from 0 (absolute black) to 255 (pure white). Rugs at the abscissa indicate the value of each species. Note that colour values are from different sources (North America: Needham et al. 2000, Europe: Askew 1988), and hence absolute values are not directly comparable.

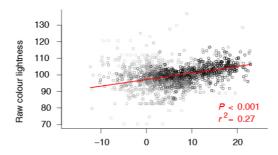


**Figure A4.** Scatterplots of single ordinary least-squares regressions between average colour lightness of 8,127 North American dragonfly assemblages and mean temperature of the warmest quarter. Red dots represent assemblages that were excluded from the analysis because they contained less than five species. Note that those assemblages that were excluded scatter more than those with more than five species (c.f. the coefficients of determination) due to the inherent effect of very low sampling sizes.



**Figure A5.** Map of the spatial variation in average colour lightness of North American dragonfly assemblages. Colour lightness ranges from 0 (absolute black) to 255 (pure white). Colour scale intervals follow an equal-frequency classification, ranging from blue (darkest) to red (lightest). The dataset represents occurrence records provided by OdonataCentral.org (Abbott 2006), which were resampled to 1,373 one-degree grid cells (EPSG: 4326).

a) 1 degree resolution; occurence records



b) 0.5 degree resolution; contour maps

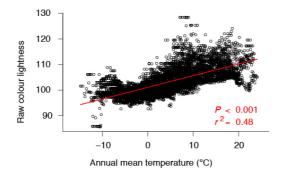
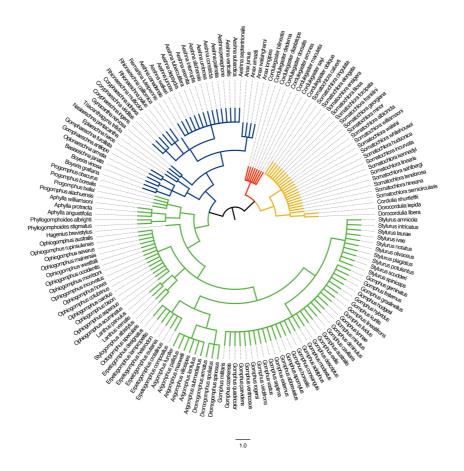
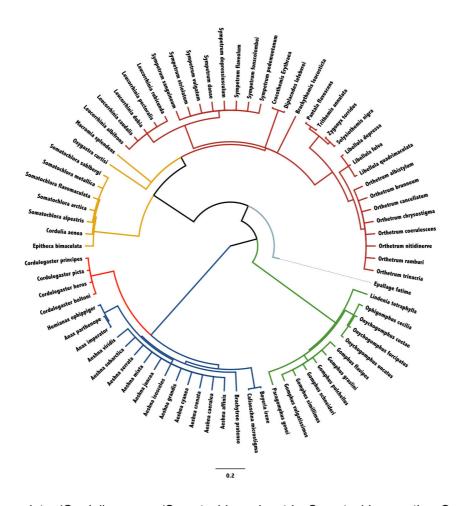


Figure A6. Scatterplots showing the correlation of the spatial variation in average colour lightness. a) Average colour lightness was based on occurrence records that were resampled to one-degree resolution (weighted by sampling density, i.e. the number of records). b) Average colour lightness was based on contour maps of distribution ranges that were resampled to half-degree grid cells against the main predictor annual mean temperature (see main text). Colour lightness ranges from 0 (absolute black) to 255 (pure white). Dot colours follow an equal-frequency classification, ranging from light grey (low sampling density) to black (high sampling density). Note that data from both occurrence records and contour maps basically support the thermal melanism hypothesis, but they also indicate that the correlation between average colour lightness and temperature is less strong and the slope is less steep for dragonflies in North American than for dragonflies in Europe.

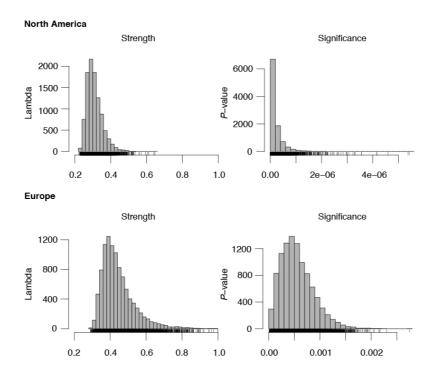


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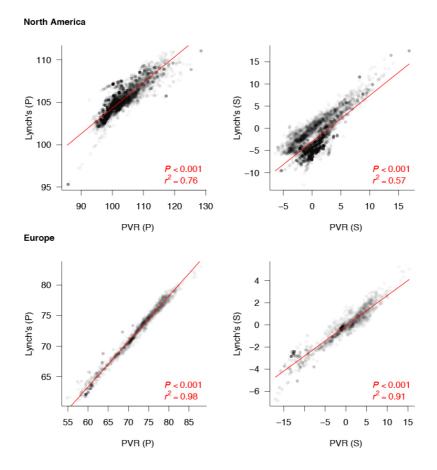


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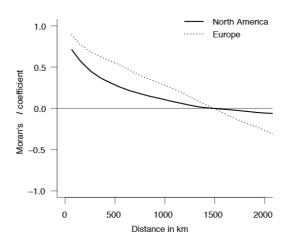
**Figure A7.** Phylogenetic hypotheses for the 152 North American and 74 European dragonfly species, compiled from different sources (see Methods). Branch colours on the tree represent the families: Aeshnidae (dark blue), Cordulegastridae (bright red), Corduliidae (ochre), Gomphidae (green), Libellulidae (dark red) and Euphaeidae (bright blue). Note that both continents share six families, but colour data for North American dragonflies was only available for four of them (Aeshnidae, Cordulegastridae, Corduliidae, Gomphidae).



**Figure A8.** Frequency plots of strength and significance of the phylogenetic signal in colour lightness of 152 North American and 74 European dragonfly species. Pagel's lambda was repeatedly calculated for 10,000 randomly resolved phylogenetic trees (see Methods). Note that all of the alternative trees had a significant phylogenetic signal (P < 0.05).



**Figure A9.** Correlations between phylogenetic components (P) and between specific components (S) of the colour lightness of 8,127 North American and 1,839 European dragonfly assemblages obtained from Lynch's comparative method (Lynch's) and phylogenetic eigenvector regression (PVR). Partly transparent dots indicate data density. Both methods were used to partition the phylogenetically predicted part of colour lightness (P) of dragonfly species based on 10,000 randomly resolved phylogenetic trees (see Methods) and the species-specific deviation from this prediction (S). However, because the results of the two approaches were highly similar only the spatial variation of the P and S components obtained from Lynch's comparative method was discussed in the main text.



**Figure A10.** Spatial autocorrelation (Moran's *I* correlation coefficient) of the residuals from the model of average colour lightness of 8,127 North American and 1,839 European dragonfly assemblages and six environmental variables (mean annual temperature, temperature seasonality, mean temperature of the warmest quarter, mean altitude, mean annual precipitation and mean precipitation of the warmest quarter). Note the spatial autocorrelation up to about a distance of 1,400 km in North America and 1,500 km in Europe.

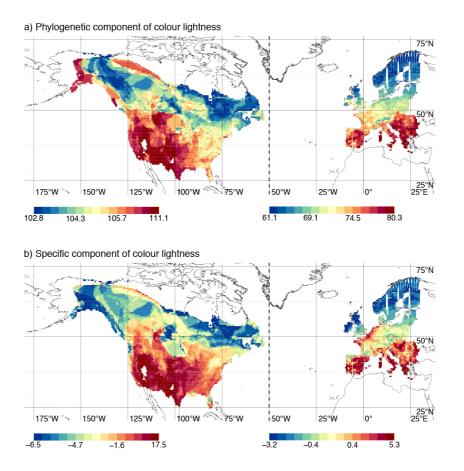
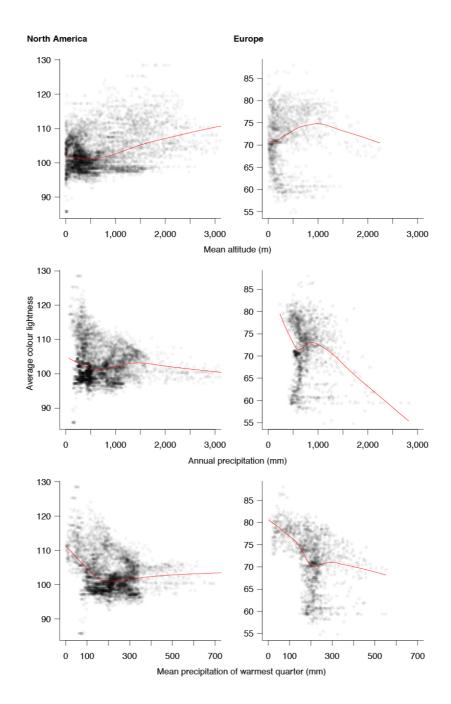


Figure A11. Maps of the spatial variation of the average phylogenetic (P) and specific (S) components of the colour lightness of North American and European dragonfly assemblages. Raw colour lightness, ranges from 0 (absolute black) to 255 (pure white), and was divided into two components with Lynch's comparative method to differentiate the influence of phylogenetic autocorrelation in the data (see Methods). We randomly resolved multifurcations of the original tree 10,000 times, calculated P and S components for each alternative phylogenetic tree and averaged these values for each species. a) P component, i.e. the proportion of colour lightness explained by the species' ancestral relations. b) S component, i.e. the deviation from the ancestral predicted colour lightness. Colour scale intervals follow an equal-frequency classification, ranging from blue (darkest) to red (lightest). Because of different data sources for North America and Europe, only the classes but not the values can be directly compared. Note that the colour lightness decreases in both continents towards northern and increases towards warmer regions. The datasets comprise 8,127 half-degree grid cells in North America and 1,839 approximately half-degree grid cells in Europe (EPSG: 4326 and EPSG: 3537; rectangular latitude and longitude grid).



**Figure A12.** Scatterplots of single ordinary least-squares regressions between average colour lightness of 8,127 North American and 1,839 European dragonfly assemblages and three environmental variables (mean altitude, annual precipitation, mean precipitation of warmest quarter). Partly transparent dots indicate data density. Red lines were fitted with spline-based smoothed regressions. Note that correlation trends between average colour lightness and the environmental variables in the two continents are similar.

**Table A1.** Total sums of squares loadings, proportion of explained variance and cumulative explained variance of three principal components that characterise major trends of a set of six biologically relevant environmental variables for each continent based on a correlation matrix (highest contributions are in bold).

-	Continent						
	Europe		North America				
Variable	PC 1	PC 2	PC 3	PC 1	PC 2	PC 3	
Annual mean temperature	0.90	0.36	-0.10	0.96	0.24	-0.09	
Temperature seasonality	-0.31	-0.82	-0.04	-0.62	-0.51	0.53	
Mean temperature of warmest quarter	0.92	0.01	-0.13	0.97	0.00	0.19	
Mean altitude	-0.14	0.12	0.98	-0.08	-0.30	-0.89	
Annual mean precipitation	-0.42	0.85	0.19	0.17	0.95	0.04	
Precipitation of warmest quarter	-0.83	0.29	0.09	0.08	0.83	0.35	
SS loadings	2.65	1.63	1.04	2.30	2.01	1.26	
Proportion of variance	0.44	0.27	0.17	0.38	0.33	0.21	
Cumulative variance	0.44	0.71	0.89	0.38	0.72	0.93	

**Table A2.** Individual slopes from a multiple regression model between colour lightness of 8,127 North American and 1,839 European dragonfly assemblages and three environmental variables. Models were controlled for spatial autocorrelation using trend surface generalized additive models, i.e. a smoothing term for longitude and latitudes (effective degrees of freedom = 29). Differences in slopes between the two continents that were significant at P < 0.001 are shaded grey. Variables: TWaQ, mean temperature of the warmest quarter; A, mean altitude; and AP, mean annual precipitation. Note that the individual slopes of the correlations between colour lightness and environmental variables are significantly steeper in Europe than in North America, with mean temperature of the warmest quarter having the steepest slopes in each continent. All results, except for the relationship of colour lightness of North American dragonflies and AP that was corrected for spatial autocorrelation, were significant at P < 0.001.

Model	Variable	Individual slo	Intercept ± SE		
		North America	Europe		
None	TWaQ	$7.3 \times 10^{-1}$ $\pm 6.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.5 \times 10^{0}$ $\pm 1.9 \times 10^{-2}$		
	Α	$4.4 \times 10^{-3}$ $\pm 6.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-3}$ $\pm 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.8 \times 10^{1}$ $\pm 1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	
	AP	$-6.1 \times 10^{-4}$ $\pm 7.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$-1.9 \times 10^{-3}$ $\pm 2.8 \times 10^{-4}$		
Corrected	TWaQ	$5.6 \times 10^{-1}$ $\pm 2.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$-1.7 \times 10^{-1}$ $\pm 4.2 \times 10^{-2}$		
	Α	$2.1 \times 10^{-3}$ $\pm 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$-2.7 \times 10^{-3}$ $\pm 2.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.9 \times 10^{1}$ $\pm 4.3 \times 10^{-1}$	
	AP	$-3.4 \times 10^{-5}$ ± 1.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	$-2.0 \times 10^{-3}$ $\pm 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$		

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