

# Supplementary Materials for

# Erosion of heterogeneous rock drives diversification of Appalachian fishes

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#### 28 Materials and Methods

#### 29 Locality Data

30 Nothonotus chlorobranchius and N. camurus locality data were obtained from the Fishnet2 31 Portal (www.fishnet2.net). The presence data were supplemented with biodiversity inventory data documented across the upper Tennessee River basin by the Tennessee Valley Authority 32 33 (TVA). The curated locality data are in Data S1. We leveraged the TVA inventories to derive N. chlorobranchius presence and absence data. To do so, we defined 7-km-long river reaches. We 34 classified any reach containing a FishNet2 or TVA N. chlorobranchius observation as "present". 35 36 If a reach had no N. chlorobranchius presence points, but did contain a TVA survey site, we classified the reach as "absent". We compared the stream gradient, predominant rock type, and 37 median bed-sediment particle size in the presence and absence stream reaches (Fig. S1). We 38 restricted the fish distribution analysis to upstream of the confluence of the Hiwassee River. 39 For our topographic analyses, we used the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) 90-m 40 digital elevation model (DEM) (40). Our analysis was conducted using the MATLAB toolkit 41 TopoToolbox (41). Geologic data were acquired from the USGS State Geologic Map 42 Compilation (42). To simplify the USGS state geologic maps, we classified each unit's major 43 44 rock type into one of the rock type categories listed in the legend of Fig. 1. To characterize the sediment, we used the results from a machine-learning algorithm that estimated median river 45 46 bed-sediment particle size across the conterminous United States (43). We note that channel 47 slope and rock type are used as predictors in the machine-learning algorithm, and therefore the modeled grain size may not be independent of other variables considered here. 48

We augmented our analysis of fish presence and absence localities with channel survey
data from a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation report (44), including

channel slope, bankfull width, depth, and cross-sectional area, and water discharge. To account 51 for the relationship between channel geometry and water discharge when comparing stream 52 reaches in the Blue Ridge and Valley and Ridge, we performed an analysis of covariance 53 (ANCOVA). We used regressions of log-transformed channel geometry variables versus log-54 transformed water discharge (Fig. S1C) to calculate adjusted means for the two physiographic 55 56 provinces. An assumption of homogeneous regression slopes (similar relationships between channel geometry and water discharge in the two physiographic regions) is met for channel 57 slope, depth, and cross-sectional area (Tables S1-S3) but not for channel width (F = 6.12, p =58 59 0.018). No further analysis was performed on the channel width data. When accounting for the relationship with water discharge, Blue Ridge rivers are steeper, shallower, and have smaller 60 cross-sectional areas than Valley and Ridge rivers (Table S4). We performed a similar analysis 61 for the channel-slope data derived from the DEM using drainage area instead of water discharge 62 as the independent variable (Fig. S1D). This analysis also does not meet the assumption of 63 homogeneous regression slopes (F = 5.34, p = 0.021); however, visual inspection of the 64 regression suggests that larger streams are less steep in the Valley and Ridge than in the Blue 65 Ridge, but that smaller streams may have similar gradients in the two regions. We found no 66 67 significant linear relationship between modeled median bed-sediment particle size and drainage area, but to ensure we were comparing similarly sized rivers in the two regions, we binned the 68 69 presence and absence localities by drainage area and compared the average modeled median bed-70 sediment particle size in rivers of comparable sizes (Fig. S1F). We used a two-tailed t-test to assess whether river reaches with or without N. chlorobranchius had, on average, significantly 71 72 different median bed-sediment particle sizes. The median bed-sediment particle size is, on

73	average, larger in Blue Ridge rivers – a relationship that is significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) in all drainage
74	area bins except for one (drainage area of $200 - 445 \text{ km}^2$ ; p = 0.06).

### 76 Taxon and Specimen Sampling

In addition to sampling 177 specimens of Nothonotus chlorobranchius from 39 sampling 77 78 locations across the species' geographic distribution in the upper Tennessee River system, we sampled 286 specimens comprised of 20 recognized species of Nothonotus. Among the 463 79 specimens included in this study, 214 of them have previously published sequence data for the 80 81 mitochondrial gene cytb (20, 29, 30, 45, 46). Specimens collected for this study were euthanized upon capture using tricaine methanesulfonate (MS-222), commonly used for sedation and 82 euthanasia of fish and amphibians, and the right-side pectoral fin was clipped to provide tissue 83 for DNA extraction. Fin-clips were stored in 100% non-denatured ethanol, and the whole-body 84 specimens were fixed in 10% formalin before being transferred to 70% ethanol for long-term 85 86 preservation. Fin-clips were catalogued and deposited at the Yale Fish Tissue Collection (YFTC). Voucher specimens were catalogued at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History 87 (YPM), the North Carolina State Museum (NCSM), the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS), 88 89 or the University of Tennessee (UT) fish collection (see Data S2-S3). All handling of animals was carried out in accordance with protocols approved by Yale University IACUC (No. 2018-90 91 10681) and appropriate collecting permits.

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## 93 Double-Digest Restriction Site Associated DNA (ddRAD) Sequencing

94 We extracted genomic DNA using a Qiagen DNeasy Tissue Extraction Kit (Qiagen, Valencia,

95 CA, USA), following the manufacturer's protocols. We quantified the DNA concentrations in

each sample using a Qubit 3.0 Flourometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and 96 visually assessed the quality of the DNA using gel electrophoresis before proceeding. The 97 preparation of ddRAD libraries followed protocols outlined in Peterson et al. (47) and as applied 98 by Kim et al. (48). Following DNA extraction and quantification, approximately 400 ng of DNA 99 from each sample was digested using PstI/MspI restriction enzymes, ligated with 96 unique 100 101 barcodes per plate, and then amplified using polymerase chain reaction (PCR). We normalized DNA concentrations across samples after ligation and PCR amplification and purified the 102 samples using a QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen, Valencia, CA, USA). Purified PCR 103 104 products for each batch were pooled into one 96-sample library and size-selected for fragments ranging between 300 and 500 bp using a BluePippin 2% cassette (Sage Science, Beverly, MA, 105 USA). Each size-selected library was validated using a 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent, Santa Clara, 106 CA, USA), and DNA fragments were sequenced using 100 bp single-end sequencing on an 107 Illumina Hiseq 4000 at the University of Oregon GC3F facility (http://gc3f.uoregon.edu). 108 The sequence data were processed using ipyrad version 0.9.68 (49). We employed the 109 default settings with the following exceptions: 'denovo' for the assembly method, 'ddrad' for the 110 datatype, 'TGCAG, CCG' for the restriction overhang, and '0.96' for the clustering threshold 111 112 (50). The minimum number of specimens sharing a locus, hereafter referred to as 'min', was set to maintain a missing portion below 15% in each data matrix. 113

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## 115 <u>Mitochondrial DNA Sequencing</u>

116 The complete mitochondrial cytochrome b (*cytb*) gene was amplified using PCR and primers

117 GLU2 and ProR1. Amplified PCR products were purified using 20% polyethylene glycol DNA

118 precipitation and sequenced on an Applied Biosystems 3730xL (Applied Biosystems, Foster

City, CA, USA) at the Yale Keck DNA Sequencing Facility. Sequences were trimmed and
assembled using Geneious v.8.0.5 (http://www.geneious.com), aligned using MAFFT version
7.409 (*51*), and then translated into amino acids using MEGA version 6.0 (*52*) to verify gene
regions and check for premature stop codons. We supplemented the data sequenced in this study
with those from previously published datasets (*20, 29, 45, 46*). The original publication and
GenBank Accession (*53*) numbers for each sequenced individual can be found in Data S2.

126 <u>Phylogenetic Analysis</u>

127 We used a maximum-likelihood approach for phylogenetic inference using the software IQ-TREE v.2 (54). We inferred phylogenies from four phylogenetic datasets. First, we used the 128 ddRAD sequence data to assess the phylogenetic placement and monophyly of *Nothonotus* 129 chlorobranchius within Nothonotus (Fig. S2). Second, we assessed mitochondrial introgression 130 among species of Nothonotus using cytb sequence data (Fig. S5). The third and fourth analyses 131 were aimed at relationships within N. chlorobranchius based on separate analyses of the ddRAD 132 (Fig. 2A) and mtDNA cytb (Fig. 2B) datasets. For all analyses, the best-fit sequence substitution 133 model was determined using ModelFinder (55) implemented in IQ-TREE on the basis of the 134 135 Bayesian information criterion (BIC). We assessed topological support with 1,000 ultrafast bootstrap replications (56). 136

The *Nothonotus* ddRAD phylogeny was inferred using a dataset of 39,715 ddRAD loci sampled from 27 selected specimens of *Nothonotus chlorobranchius* from geographically spaced sampling locations and 136 specimens of 18 other species of *Nothonotus* (Fig. S2; Data S2). The minimum number of specimens required to share a locus was set to 118 (min=118) during the ipyrad filtering, and the TVM+F+R2 substitution model was selected. We then inferred an

mtDNA gene tree inferred for 15 species of Nothonotus (Fig. S5), including 156 specimens of N. 142 chlorobranchius and 155 outgroup taxa, including 114 specimens of N. rufilineatus, a species 143 that has previously been observed to hybridize with multiple species of Nothonotus (29). The 144 TIM3+F+I+G4 substitution model was selected for this analysis. We rooted both the ddRAD 145 phylogeny and mtDNA gene tree for *Nothonotus* with *N. juliae*, following its phylogenetic 146 147 resolution in previous phylogenetic analyses of darters (Etheostomatinae) (20, 30). The resulting trees, as well as previous darter phylogenies (20, 30), resolve the lineage consisting of N. bellus 148 and N. camurus as a sister lineage of N. chlorobranchius (Fig. S2, Fig. S5). 149 150 We analyzed the relationships within the Nothonotus chlorobranchius complex using both the ddRAD (Fig. 2A) and the mtDNA cytb (Fig. 2B) datasets. We included N. bellus and N. 151 *camurus* as outgroup taxa. The ddRAD dataset comprised 15,210 loci sequenced from 141 152 specimens of N. chlorobranchius, two specimens of N. bellus, and five specimens of N. camurus 153 (min=126). The cytb dataset included 156 specimens of N. chlorobranchius, two specimens of N. 154 bellus and three specimens of N. camurus. The TVM+F+R2 and TN+F+G4 models were 155 identified as the best-fit sequence substitution models for the ddRAD and *cytb* datasets, 156 respectively. 157

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### 159 <u>Divergence Time Estimation</u>

160 To calibrate our estimate for the timing of divergence between lineages of *Nothonotus* 

161 *chlorobranchius,* we first estimated a rate of nucleotide substitution in a concatenated dataset

- 162 consisting of 7,339 concatenated ddRAD loci (totaling 629,563 base pairs) sampled from a
- single specimen from 18 species of *Nothonotus* (Data S2; Fig. S10A). We deployed two
- 164 calibration points inferred from a previously published multispecies coalescent species-tree

165	analysis of 92 percid species using 12 Sanger-sequenced nuclear loci (30). The first calibration is
166	the age of the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) of N. juliae and all other species of
167	Nothonotus [mean, 19.38 Ma; 95% highest posterior density (HPD), 22.40-16.32 Ma]. The
168	second calibration is the MRCA of the clade that includes all species of <i>Nothonotus</i> excluding <i>N</i> .
169	juliae (mean, 13.64 Ma; 95% HPD, 16.41–11.00 Ma). We used these two calibration points as
170	priors in BEAST (57) v. 2.6.3 assuming a normal distribution over the range of the upper and
171	lower bounds of the inferred HPDs. For all BEAST analyses, we used a Birth-Death tree prior,
172	the uncorrelated lognormal relaxed clock model (ucld), and a mean of 10.0 for the "ucld.mean"
173	parameter with an exponential distribution. Two independent runs of one hundred million
174	generations were performed, sampling parameters and trees every 10,000 generations.
175	Next, we used the estimated rate of nucleotide substitution of the ddRAD loci in
176	<i>Nothonotus</i> ( $3.89 \times 10^{-4}$ substitutions per site per million years) as a prior in a BEAST analysis
177	to estimate the age of the MRCA of N. bellus, N. camurus, and N. chlorobranchius. For this
178	analysis, we used a ddRAD dataset that included 24,247 loci (2,126,476 base pairs) sampled
179	from a single specimen from each lineage of N. chlorobranchius resolved in our more inclusive
180	phylogenetic analyses (Fig. S10B; Data S2). A single specimen of each N. bellus and N. camurus
181	were included as outgroups. We use the resulting tree as our first of two estimates for the timing
182	of the Little Tennessee, the earliest-diverging clade (Fig. S10).
183	For our second estimate of the divergence times of the major lineages of Nothonotus
184	chlorobranchius, we used the multispecies coalescent framework as implemented in the SNAPP
185	module (58) in BEAST. We treated each of the eight major lineages of N. chlorobranchius as
186	species and subsampled three specimens for each of these species and N. camurus. Using the R
187	package "phrynomics" (http://github.com/bbanbury/phrynomics), the dataset was reduced to

188	include 2,237 biallelic and unlinked SNPs that were shared by all specimens in the SNAPP
189	analyses. We estimated divergence times among lineages of N. chlorobranchius using a strict
190	molecular clock method in SNAPP. The phylogeny inferred from the SNAPP species tree
191	analysis was used as the starting tree in the molecular clock analysis, and the taxon sampling was
192	identical to that used in the SNAPP species tree analysis. The age of the MRCA of N. camurus
193	and N. chlorobranchius, inferred from the BEAST divergence time analysis using the nucleotide
194	substitution rate (mean 8.06 Ma; 95% HPD 10.28–6.47 Ma), was treated as the calibration point.
195	Two independent runs of twenty million generations were performed, sampling parameters every
196	200 generations. For all BEAST and SNAPP analyses, Tracer v.1.7 was used to check
197	stationarity, to determine the number of generations discarded as burn-in, and to confirm that
198	effective sample sizes (ESS) were over 200. The converged runs were combined with
199	LogCombiner (https://www.beast2.org/programs/). Post-burnin tree samples were annotated for
200	mean height using TreeAnnotator (https://www.beast2.org/programs), and the final trees were
201	visualized in FigTree v.1.3.1 (http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree).
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#### 203 <u>Population Genomics and Species Delimitation</u>

We calculated a population-genetics metric, the fixation index ( $F_{ST}$ ), between 13 geographic

205 clusters of localities across the upper Tennessee River basin to assess the degree of genetic

differentiation within and between Blue Ridge tributaries. We assigned each of the 142

207 individuals in the ddRAD sequence data to a geographic cluster to compare within- and between-

- tributary differentiation (Fig. S3A). We calculated F<sub>ST</sub> using the R package HIERFSTAT (60)
- using the equations from Weir and Cockerham (59) using the ".vcf" output file from ipyrad.

210	We then used the concatenated ddRAD loci dataset to calculate the absolute genetic
211	divergence (D <sub>CH</sub> ) of <i>N. chlorobranchius</i> between 23 localities, using the R package HIERFSTAT
212	(60). Each locality was treated as a population. We used 63 specimens for this analysis (min=49;
213	51,086 loci; ~15.5% missing portion in sequence matrix). We then compared the pairwise
214	genetic divergence to the streamwise distance between localities (Fig. S3B). We differentiated
215	between localities within the same major tributary versus localities that are in different tributaries
216	and thus separated by the sedimentary rocks of the Valley and Ridge. We performed a least-
217	squares linear regression between streamwise and genetic divergence for the between-tributary
218	comparisons and within-tributary comparisons. For each regression, we used an F-Test to
219	determine whether the slope was significantly different than a constant model.
220	We also tested hypotheses of species delimitation using the genealogical divergence
221	index (gdi) (25) for the seven major lineages of Nothonotus chlorobranchius, including the two
222	located in the Little Tennessee River (mainstem and Cheoah rivers) and one in each of the
223	Holston, Watauga, Pigeon, Nolichucky, and French Broad rivers (Fig. S3C). We included five
224	specimens from each of the seven lineages using loci that are shared by all 35 specimens (2,672
225	loci). We first used the R package PopGenome (61) to estimate average nucleotide diversity
226	within and between lineages (62). We used these estimates as priors for estimating the effective
227	population size ( $\theta$ ) and coalescent time ( $\tau$ ) using the algorithm A00 of the program BPP v.4.1
228	(63). The phylogenomic relationships inferred from the IQ-TREE analysis were used as the
229	guide species tree. We performed ten independent runs each for 150,000 generations, sampling
230	parameters every 50 generations, with a burn-in of 50,000 generations. Tracer was used to check
231	stationarity and to confirm that the effective sample size (ESS) was over 200.
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233 <u>Morphological Traits</u>

Morphological traits were examined for 400 specimens of Nothonotus chlorobranchius and 30 234 specimens each of N. camurus and N. bellus. The nine traits examined included the snout length 235 and the number of the following quantities: lateral line scales, scales above the lateral line, 236 transverse scales, circumpeduncle scales, first dorsal fin (D1) spines, second dorsal fin (D2) rays, 237 238 anal fin rays, and pectoral fin rays. We employed principal component analysis on the nine measurements (Fig. S6) and then created a fitted discriminant model using the "fitcdiscr" 239 function in MATLAB using all the data. Because of highly variable sample size among lineages, 240 we used a uniform prior probability for each class equal to 1/K, where K is the number of classes 241 (lineages). We then used the trained model to predict the lineage of each specimen. We report the 242 proportion of individuals correctly identified using the discriminant model in Fig. S6B. The raw 243 morphological trait data can be found in Data S3. 244

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#### 246 <u>Geologic Model of Isolation</u>

We reconstructed the predicted history of isolation between tributaries for planar rock contacts with different attitudes. To do so, we made several simplifying assumptions. First, we assumed that the river network has remained in the same location that it occupies today throughout the period of study. Second, we assumed that the contact between the Blue Ridge metamorphic rocks and Valley and Ridge sedimentary rocks is a dipping plane that can be characterized by a single strike ( $\theta$ ) and dip ( $\alpha$ ). We related the strike and dip to the normal vector to the plane ( $\vec{n} =$  $\langle a, b, c \rangle$ ) as

$$a = \sin \alpha \sin \theta , \qquad (1)$$

$$b = -\sin\alpha\cos\theta, \qquad (2)$$

$$c = -\cos\alpha. \tag{3}$$

We then solved for the scalar equation of a plane using the horizontal position (x,y) and elevation (*z*) of the surface trace of the Blue Ridge Thrust Fault,

$$ax + by + cz = d , (4)$$

where d is a constant. We relied on USGS geologic maps to locate the position of the Blue Ridge 256 Thrust Fault in the landscape today. What we refer to as the Blue Ridge Thrust Fault comprises 257 several local features: the Meadow Creek Fault, the English Mountain Fault, the Holston 258 259 Mountain Fault, and the Great Smoky Fault (Fig. S7). These faults generally separate Ordovician and younger rocks (Valley and Ridge) from Cambrian and older rocks (the metamorphic rocks of 260 the Blue Ridge). We extracted polylines from the USGS State Geologic Map Compilation (42) 261 that correspond to these faults in local geologic maps (64-67). We then merged the polylines into 262 one regional feature we refer to as the Blue Ridge Thrust Fault. All geographic data were 263 projected in UTM Zone 17N. 264

For a given geometry, we assumed that any topography above the plane of the Blue 265 Ridge Thrust Fault is composed of metamorphic rock and is, therefore, suitable *Nothonotus* 266 267 chlorobranchius habitat. Conversely, we assumed that any location in the landscape with an 268 elevation below the plane is in sedimentary rock and is not suitable habitat. Prior to constructing 269 hypothetical phylogenies, we identified the fault geometry that best fits the present-day 270 topography and exposure of rock using two approaches. First, we performed a least-squares fit of a plane to the surface trace of the fault, which produced the following values:  $a = 4.40 \times 10^{-4}$ , b 271  $= 3.98 \times 10^{-3}$ , c = -1, and  $d = 1.52 \times 10^4$ , corresponding to a dip angle  $\alpha = 0.2^\circ$  and a strike 272 direction  $\theta = 6.3^{\circ}$  north of east (equivalently, a dip direction of 83.7° south of east). Note that dip 273 directions (not strikes) are plotted in Figures 4 and S8. Second, we solved Equations 1 - 4 for a 274

given strike ( $\theta$ ) and dip angle ( $\alpha$ ) using the mean value of the surface trace of the fault, x =304,906 m, y = 3,980,489 m, and z = 510 m. We calculated the mean fraction of the landscape for which a geologic contact with a given dip direction correctly predicts the presence of either metamorphic or sedimentary rock exposed at the surface for dip angles ranging from horizontal to 20°. A dip direction ~60° south of east produces the best prediction of rock type across the upper Tennessee River basin.

We used the fault geometries to build hypothetical phylogenies varying the strike ( $\theta$ ) and 281 282 keeping the dip angle ( $\alpha$ ) constant. Different values of  $\alpha$  produce similar patterns (Fig. S9). The 283 results presented in the main text (Fig. 4) and Fig. S8 are for  $\alpha = 1^{\circ}$ . We identified the farthest downstream recorded instance of Nothonotus chlorobranchius within each tributary (Fig. S7). 284 285 We then found the total thickness of rock that would need to be added back to the landscape in 286 order for the pathway between any two tributaries to be located entirely in metamorphic rock. We assumed that the total thickness of rock (and thus time) required to connect two populations 287 288 should correlate with how distantly related the populations are. The process is visualized in Fig. 3 and Fig. S7. We note that these reconstructions assume a simplified geometry involving only 289 two major geologic units, the Blue Ridge and Valley and Ridge, and therefore do not capture 290 291 geological structures beyond the geographic extent of these two provinces. In particular, the reconstructions predict that Blue Ridge metamorphic rocks were previously exposed in the 292 293 westernmost tributaries of the upper Tennessee River basin where the rocks of the Cumberland 294 Plateau are currently exposed, but it is unlikely that the Blue Ridge thrust sheet extended that far west. This simplification does not affect our analysis substantially because the tributaries 295 296 inhabited by N. chlorobranchius and the paths between them are in the central and eastern parts of the upper Tennessee basin. Despite their simplicity, these reconstructions are useful for 297

examining how habitat connectivity near the contact between the Valley and Ridge and BlueRidge provinces changed over time.

300 We placed pairwise comparisons of the amount of time required for a connection 301 between Nothonotus chlorobranchius populations into a distance matrix to construct hypothetical dendrograms representing the timing of isolation between each tributary for each of the fault 302 303 geometries using MATLAB's "phytree" function. We compared the topology of the dendrograms predicted by the geologic scenarios to dendrograms representing the history of 304 305 isolation inferred from the ddRAD sequence and mtDNA data (Fig. 4B,C). We excluded the 306 Hiwassee River when comparing the geologic model to the ddRAD data because the specimen sampled from the Hiwassee was resolved as N. camurus. It was included when analyzing the 307 mtDNA gene tree because it contains N. chlorobranchius-like mtDNA (see main text for more 308 details). We note that specimens from the Little Pigeon and Pigeon Rivers are not monophyletic 309 in the ddRAD and mtDNA phylogenies, respectively. Therefore, we repeated the analysis 310 311 without these tributaries, which leads to a NE dip (as opposed to a NE or SE dip) being favored in the comparison to the ddRAD dataset (Fig. S8). 312

We quantified the similarity between the dendrograms inferred from the geologic and 313 phylogenetic analyses using the R package "TreeDist". We calculated the mutual clustering 314 information, an information-theoretical metric for assessing the shared information between the 315 two trees (68). For this analysis, we only considered differences in the tree topologies, not 316 differences in the relative timing or distance between nodes. We normalized the values by 317 318 dividing the mutual clustering information value for a comparison between the geologic model 319 and dendrograms inferred from the phylogenies by the mean value for a comparison of the geologic model to 1000 random dendrograms with the same number of tips. 320

#### 321 <u>Geologic Prediction for Absolute Timing of Isolation</u>

Vertical river incision can be directly related to time by assuming a steady and uniform erosion 322 rate throughout the basin. We estimated the timing of isolation of the Little Tennessee River by 323 finding the total amount of rock needed to be added back to the landscape in order for the Little 324 Tennessee and Watauga Rivers to be connected (Fig. S7). We then divided this value by an 325 326 erosion rate to calculate how long ago the populations would have been connected by a pathway that was 100% or 50% metamorphic rock (Fig. S7). Erosion rates were estimated by measuring 327 the concentration of the cosmogenic nuclide <sup>10</sup>Be in stream sediment throughout the Tennessee 328 329 River basin. To ensure that the simple geometric reconstruction described above is a reasonable way to estimate the timing of isolation, we additionally used a 1D numerical simulation of the 330 topographic evolution of a river incising into different rock types to perform a similar calculation 331 synthetically. 332

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# 334 Cosmogenic nuclide-derived erosion rates

To constrain the rate at which the landscape is lowering, we measured cosmogenic-nuclidederived basin-averaged erosion rates throughout the Tennessee River basin. We collected stream sediment from across the basin and then isolated quartz and extracted *in situ*-produced <sup>10</sup>Be at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst Cosmogenic Nuclide Laboratory. Erosion rate data produced for this study are reported in Table S5.

We first sieved the sediment to a grain size between 250 and 850 μm and isolated quartz.
Quartz was treated with hot hydrochloric acid and then purified by repeated etching in a 1 L
solution of 2% hydrofluoric acid (69) in a heated ultrasonic bath. Heavy liquid was used to

343	separate dense minerals from quartz prior to the final etching. The pure quartz separates were
344	dissolved following the addition of ~250 $\mu$ g of low-level <sup>9</sup> Be carrier. Beryllium was separated
345	via ion chromatography following Ditchburn and Whitehead (70) and Stone (71). The <sup>10</sup> Be/ <sup>9</sup> Be
346	ratios were measured via accelerator mass spectrometry at the Purdue Rare Isotope Measurement
347	(PRIME) Laboratory and normalized to the 07KNSTD standard (72). We ran two process blanks
348	(with ${}^{10}\text{Be}/{}^{9}\text{Be}$ ratios: $3.85(\pm 3.03) \times 10^{-16}$ ; $4.07(\pm 3.20) \times 10^{-16}$ ) and subtracted the average
349	<sup>10</sup> Be/ <sup>9</sup> Be ratio of the process blanks from the sample measurements. We propagated the
350	analytical uncertainty associated with each sample measurement and the mean blank uncertainty
351	to represent $1\sigma$ analytical uncertainty on each of the measurements. We then used the Balco et al.
352	(73) calculator to derive erosion rates from the measured ${}^{10}\text{Be}/{}^{9}\text{Be}$ ratios. We used LSDtopotools
353	to calculate an effective latitude, longitude, and atmospheric pressure in each basin (74). We
354	assumed that there is no topographic shielding $(75)$ and that the density of the material is 2.65 g
355	cm <sup>-3</sup> . We used the Lal/Stone cosmogenic nuclide production scaling (76, 77) and report the
356	external uncertainty in erosion rates. The inputs to the Balco et al. (73) calculator are in Table
357	S6.

We supplemented the erosion rates collected in this study with a compilation of previously published measurements throughout the central and southern Appalachian Mountains (78-84). The compilation is available in Data S4.

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# 362 *Numerical simulation of river incision*

We simulated the evolution of the longitudinal profile of the Nolichucky River with the widely
used stream-power equation (*85*), which predicts the evolution of the land surface elevation (*z*)

through time (*t*) and upstream distance (*x*) as a function of an uplift rate (*U*), an erodibility constant (*K*), drainage area (*A*), slope  $(\partial z/\partial x)$ , and two exponents (*m* and *n*),

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = U - K(x)A(x)^m \left|\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right|^n.$$
(5)

The steady-state profile of a channel can be determined by setting  $\partial z/\partial t = 0$  and integrating Eq. 5 with respect to *x*, yielding

$$z(x) = z_b + \left(\frac{U}{KA_0^m}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \chi , \qquad (6)$$

369 where  $A_0$  is a reference drainage area used to scale the value of  $\chi$ ,

$$\chi = \int_{x_b}^x \left(\frac{A_0}{A(x')}\right)^{\frac{m}{n}} dx' , \qquad (7)$$

and the subscript *b* refers to a base-level location (*86*). The erodibility coefficient, *K*, can be estimated with a  $\chi$ -transformed river profile: the slope of a plot of *z* against  $\chi$  is equivalent to the normalized steepness index,  $k_{sn}$  (*86*, *87*), which can be related to the erodibility coefficient *K*,

$$K = \frac{E}{k_{sn}^n},\tag{8}$$

where *E* is the erosion rate, which in a steady-state river profile is equal to the uplift rate *U*, or equivalently a rate of base-level fall *B*. To estimate the erodibility coefficient *K* for metamorphic rock, we regressed elevation (*z*) versus  $\chi$  for the Nolichucky River upstream of the contact between sedimentary and metamorphic rock. We used an iterative process to select the value of *m/n* that minimized the least-squares residual of the  $\chi$ -transformed profile. We then solved for *K* using Eq. 8; we used values of *n* equal to 1 and 1.5, and we assumed that *B* is equal to 20 m/Myr, based on the measured erosion rate of 21.1 m/Myr (TEN18-13) in the mainstem Nolichucky
upstream of the knickzone (Table S5). We solved Eq. 6 to produce a steady-state profile as our
initial condition. We then introduced a horizontal layer of more erodible rock at the outlet to
represent incision into the sedimentary rocks of the Valley and Ridge. We varied the erodibility
of this softer rock between 2 and 10 times the erodibility of the metamorphic rock.

384 After setting up the initial condition, we solved Eq. 5 using a forward-time, upwind-space finite-difference method (88, 89). When the rock contact reached the position where it is located 385 today, we used the simulation to perform a synthetic calculation equivalent to our methodology 386 387 described above. That is, we estimated the total amount of rock needed to be added back to the profile for the entire simulated Nolichucky River to be located in metamorphic rock. We 388 compared this estimate to the actual time it took for the contact to migrate to its position in the 389 390 numerical simulation. The estimated time in the synthetic calculation yields a comparatively older age than the actual time in the numerical simulation, but only by several thousand years, a 391 difference of less than 1% (Fig. S12). 392

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Fig. S1. River channel characteristics in the Blue Ridge and Valley and Ridge. (A)

Topographic map of the upper Tennessee River basin with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) presence and absence data for *N. chlorobranchius*. Only data upstream of the Hiwassee River is included in the analysis. (**B**) Frequency of different rock types underlying 7-km stream reaches where *N. chlorobranchius* is present or absent. (**C**) Relationships between channel slope, width, depth, cross-sectional area and water discharge for Blue Ridge and Valley and Ridge rivers. (**D**) Relationship between channel slope measured from a DEM and drainage area for *N. chlorobranchius* presence and absence localities. (**E**) Histograms of predicted median bed-sediment particle size. The shaded lines above the bins represent the mean  $\pm 1\sigma$  and the p-value for a two-tailed t-test of the difference between means is reported.

	df	SS	MS	F
Groups	1	5.28	5.28	38.03*
Discharge	1	1.97	1.97	14.21*
Error	36	5	0.14	

Note: Homogeneity of regression tested and not significant: F = 0.05, p=0.83. Regression coefficient with  $log_{10}(Discharge) = -0.32^*$ . The unadjusted and adjusted mean slope values for the groups (Blue Ridge and Valley and Ridge) are reported in Table S4. \*The results of the F-Test are significant (p < 0.05).

	df	SS	MS	F
Groups	1	0.32	0.32	19.64*
Discharge	1	14.28	14.28	874*
Error	36	0.57	0.016	

Note: Homogeneity of regression tested and not significant: F = 0.6, p=0.45. Regression coefficient with  $log_{10}(Discharge) = 0.87^*$ .

\*The results of the F-Test are significant (p < 0.05).

#### Table S3. ANCOVA Results for Channel Cross-Sectional Area

	df	SS	MS	F
Groups	1	0.11	0.11	13.8*
Discharge	1	3.03	3.03	384.5*
Error	36	0.28	0.008	

Note: Homogeneity of regression tested and not significant: F = 3.11, p=0.09. Regression coefficient with  $log_{10}(Discharge) = 0.40^*$ .

\*The results of the F-Test are significant (p < 0.05).

Table S4. Unadjusted and adjusted means of channel cross-sectional geometry
using water discharge as a covariate.

		Unadjusted		Adjusted	
Log10(Measurement)	Location	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
	Blue Ridge	-1.61	0.35	-1.49	0.25
Channel Slope (m/m)	Valley and				
	Ridge	-2.25	0.53	-2.27	0.25
Moon Bonkfull Donth	Blue Ridge	0.63	0.12	0.29	0.08
(m)	Valley and				
(11)	Ridge	0.43	0.17	0.48	0.09
Cross Sectional Area	Blue Ridge	-0.31	0.05	-0.47	0.06
(m <sup>2</sup> )	Valley and				
(111)	Ridge	-0.38	0.09	-0.36	0.06

Note: Adjusted means calculated at  $log_{10}(Discharge) = 0.46$ . There are 21 Blue Ridge data points and 18 in the Valley and Ridge. All data are log (base 10)-transformed.



**Fig. S2.** Phylogeny of *Nothonotus* inferred from concatenated ddRAD sequence data. Numbers at nodes are bootstrap support values. The lineages comprising the *Nothonotus chlorobranchius* species complex is highlighted in the gray box. The photograph shows a *N. chlorobranchius* specimen from the Little Tennessee River (YPM\_ICH 021891).



**Fig. S3. Additional metrics of genetic divergence.** The map to the right of each panel shows the localities represented in each analysis. (A) The fixation index ( $F_{ST}$ ) between specimens split into groups as shown in the map. Within-tributary comparisons (outlined in black boxes) have smaller  $F_{ST}$  values than between-tributary comparisons (p < 0.001, see main text). (**B**) Genetic divergence ( $D_{CH}$ ) versus streamwise distance for within-tributary comparisons (white points) and between-tributary comparisons (black points). Points comparing the Cheoah River with other Little Tennessee localities are outlined in green. Least-squares linear regressions between genetic divergence and streamwise distance are shown for the within- and between-tributary comparisons. Dashed lines show the 95% confidence intervals. P-Values for an F-Test of the linear fit versus a constant model are reported next to the regressions. (**C**) Values of the genealogical divergence index (*gdi*) for the seven lineages in the ddRAD sequence phylogeny. The gray bar indicates intermediate *gdi* values consistent with either species-level or population-level divergence.



**Fig. S4. Locality data for** *Nothonotus camurus* **and** *N. chlorobranchius.* Locality data are from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) collection records and from www.fishnet2.com, a database of vouchered museum specimens. The star represents the locality of a *N. camurus* specimen bearing a *N. chlorobranchius*-like mitochondrial genome indicating past hybridization.







Fig. S6. Analysis of morphological traits of *Nothonotus chlorobranchius, Nothonotus bellus,* and *Nothonotus camurus.* (A) Principal component analysis on nine morphological traits (black lines with arrows). Each specimen is plotted with a small dot and colored by the tributary from which it was collected. The centroid of the space each population occupies is plotted with a star, and the minimum bounding perimeter for specimens collected from each tributary is outlined and shaded. The pink star represents the one Hiwassee specimen sequenced in our study. (B) Percentage of specimens correctly identified in each group through a linear discriminant analysis.



**Fig. S7. Visualization of a model for the exhumation of the metamorphic rocks of the Blue Ridge.** (A) The most downstream instance of *Nothonotus chlorobranchius* recorded in each of the tributaries (circles) and the pathways between them (black). We require that the entire pathway between any two points be located in metamorphic rock when constructing hypothetical phylogenies. (B) Location and elevation of the thrust faults separating the Blue Ridge and Valley and Ridge. (C) An example of a dipping plane that we use to represent the structure of the Blue Ridge Thrust Fault. Elevations in (B) and (C) are relative to mean sea level. (D) An example of the calculation for determining which parts of the landscape have eroded through the metamorphic rocks of the Blue Ridge and into the sedimentary rocks of the Valley and Ridge. Areas where sedimentary rock is predicted to be exposed are highlighted in white. The panels show the progression of isolation through erosion from when the landscape was 240 m above what it is today to the present for a fault dipping 6° degrees east of south and 0.02° below horizontal A similar illustration is shown in Fig. 3 in the main text.



Fig. S8. Comparison of genetic phylogenies to geologic evolutionary scenarios. Results shown are analogous to Fig. 4 in the main text, but the analysis here excludes the Little Pigeon (ddRAD and mtDNA dendrograms) and the Pigeon (mtDNA dendrogram). Specimens from these tributaries are not resolved as monophyletic in the phylogenies. (A) The fraction of the landscape for which a geologic contact with a given dip direction correctly predicts the rock type (metamorphic or sedimentary) exposed at the surface. Dendrograms below are evolutionary scenarios predicted by the model of erosion into a geologic contact dipping to the NE or SE. (B) and (C) show the mutual clustering information between dendrograms representing the topologic relationships of lineages inferred from (B) the ddRAD phylogeny and (C) the mtDNA phylogeny and dendrograms predicted by erosion into a geologic contact dipping in a given direction at 1° below horizontal, normalized by similarity to 1000 randomly generated dendrograms (Materials and Methods). Dashed lines in the dendrograms in (B) and (C) indicate tributaries where specimens were not resolved as monophyletic. In all polar plots the black line represents the mean and the shaded area represents  $\pm 1\sigma$ .





Fig. S9. Comparison of genetic phylogenies to geologic evolutionary scenarios for different dip angles. Results shown are analogous to Fig. 4 in the main text, but for different values of the dip angle below horizontal. The results in the main-text are for a dip angle of  $1^{\circ}$  below horizontal. The polar plots show the mutual clustering information between dendrograms representing the topologic relationships of lineages inferred from the ddRAD phylogeny (left panel) and the mtDNA phylogeny (right panel) and dendrograms predicted by erosion into a geologic contact dipping in a given direction for different dip angles (rows), normalized by similarity to 1000 randomly generated dendrograms. The black line represents the mean and the shaded area represents  $\pm 1\sigma$ .



**Fig. S10. Time-calibrated phylogenies.** (A) Time-tree for *Nothonotus* inferred from concatenated ddRAD sequence data and used to calibrate the rate of molecular evolution that is in turn used to estimate the time-calibrated phylogeny of *N. chlorobranchius* (B and C) derived from a dataset of concatenated loci in BEAST (B) and from a multi-species coalescent model applied using SNAPP (C). The blue bars represent the 95% HPD estimate for the age of the node. The photograph shows a *N. chlorobranchius* specimen from the Pigeon River (YPM\_ICH 021729).



**Fig. S11. Comparison of absolute timing of divergence inferred from geologic and molecular datasets.** The estimated timing of isolation, in millions of years ago (Mya), between the Little Tennessee and Holston/Watauga clades as a function of fault dip and erosion rate. The lines are colored by the fault dip angle. Solid lines assume that the populations were connected when the pathways between tributaries were located in 100% metamorphic rock. Dashed lines only require that 50% of the pathway flows over metamorphic rock. A histogram of measured erosion rates from across the region is shown on top of the main plot. The bars are colored in shades of grey, representing percentile intervals. The horizontal lines represent the mean inferred ages since divergence from the most recent common ancestor of all *Nothonotus chlorobranchius* and the horizontal line and bar represent the age derived from an analysis of concatenated loci in BEAST (Fig. S10B). The red line and bar represent the age estimate derived from a multi-coalescent analysis in SNAPP (Fig. S10C).



Fig. S12. Synthetic test of geologic calculation for absolute timing of isolation. (A) The modeled initial condition (black) and the actual present-day longitudinal profile of the Nolichucky River colored by the rock type it overlies. (B) The topographic evolution of the simulated Nolichucky River profile over time as it erodes into a layer of softer rock. The horizontal black line represents the initial elevation of the contact between sedimentary and metamorphic rock. (C) A comparison of a synthetic calculation analogous to the one we use in this study to the actual timing of isolation measured from the simulation. We perform this synthetic calculation for two values of n and for sedimentary rock that is 2 to 10 times more erodible than the metamorphic rock. (D) Parameters used in the landscape evolution model.

Sample ID	River	Longitude	Latitude	Drainage area (km²)	<sup>10</sup> Be concentration (atoms/g)	<sup>10</sup> Be uncertainty (1σ, atoms/g)	Erosion rate (m/Myr)	1σ Erosion rate uncertainty (m/Myr)
TEN18-01	Betty Creek	34.97668	-83.43471	32.3	459400	9900	15.8	1.32
TEN18-02	Ledford Branch	35.15237	-83.25957	2.8	327800	9300	18.5	1.58
TEN18-03	Walnut Creek	35.13922	-83.27246	15.6	302700	6500	21.4	1.78
TEN18-04	Cullasaja River	35.12205	-83.28171	121.7	368900	10500	15.2	1.31
TEN18-05	Big Creek	35.08174	-83.20662	11.1	427300	8500	15	1.25
TEN18-06	Catheys Creek	35.21316	-82.78721	21.5	385500	7800	14.8	1.23
TEN18-07	Kuykendall Creek	35.21390	-82.78528	7.5	451800	10800	10.7	0.911
TEN18-08	Rice Creek	36.01004	-82.56195	15.5	291300	9000	18.4	1.58
TEN18-09	Rocky Fork	36.04808	-82.56071	22.2	415200	10700	18.1	1.53
TEN18-10	Jones Branch	36.09970	-82.43103	5.9	271800	8000	22.2	1.9
TEN18-11	Nolichucky River	36.10135	-82.44807	1644.1	242100	8300	43.2	3.74
TEN18-12	Hollow Poplar Creek	36.08955	-82.33287	12.6	486900	10700	11.2	0.941
TEN18-13	North Toe River	36.04043	-82.30597	1134.0	273700	7400	21.1	1.78
TEN18-14	Hurricane Creek	35.72093	-83.02543	22.1	296400	8200	18.4	1.57
TEN18-15	Pigeon River	35.52446	-82.84420	335.7	325900	16400	14.4	1.38
TEN18-16	Spring Creek	35.87727	-82.83523	182.2	276500	6100	16.7	1.4
TEN18-17	Paint Creek	35.94735	-82.89468	63.8	457000	10800	9.06	0.772
TEN18-18	Flat Creek	35.73142	-82.59518	41.6	510600	12500	9.94	0.847
TEN18-19	Worse Creek	34.74100	-83.35861	1.4	381500	7900	8.97	0.758
TEN18-20	Unnamed	34.74333	-83.35871	0.1	91400	3000	40.8	3.52
TEN18-21	Unnamed	34.74742	-83.37509	0.6	415800	9600	9.3	0.79

 Table S5. Cosmogenic-nuclide derived erosion rates and sample data for the Tennessee and Chattooga Rivers.

Sample			Effective Elevation/Pressure		Sample thickness	Sample Density	Shiel-	Erosion Rate			Min-	Concentra- tion	1σ Uncertainty	
name	Latitude	Longitude	(hPa)	Flag	(m)	(g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	ding	(cm yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Year	Nuclide	eral	(atoms g <sup>-1</sup> )	(atoms g <sup>-1</sup> )	Standardization
TN18-01	34.97668	-83.4347	852.6973	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	459400	9900	07KNSTD;
TN18-02	35.15237	-83.2596	882.5332	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	327800	9300	07KNSTD;
TN18-03	35.13922	-83.2725	872.6323	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018:	Be-10	quartz	302700	6500	07KNSTD:
TN18-04	35.12205	-83.2817	892.6063	1 nro	0	2.65	1	0	2018.	Po 10	1 auorta	368900	10500	07VNSTD.
TN18-05	35.08175	-83.2066	872.1197	pre	0	2.05	1	0	2018,	Be-10	quartz	427300	8500	07KNSTD,
TN18-06	35.21317	-82.7872	890.7757	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	385500	7800	07KNSTD;
TN18-07	35.21391	-82,7853	913,1273	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	451800	10800	07KNSTD;
TN19 09	26.01004	en 560	004 2202	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	201200	0000	07KNSTD;
TN10-00	30.01004	-82.302	904.3202	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	291300	9000	07KNSTD;
IN18-09	36.04809	-82.5607	851.34	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	415200	10700	07KNSTD;
TN18-10	36.09971	-82.431	886.7063	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	271800	8000	07KNSTD;
TN18-11	36.10135	-82.4481	804.8193	nre	0	2.65	1	0	2018.	Be-10	nuartz	242100	8300	07KNSTD
TN18-12	36.08955	-82.3329	898.0353	pre	0	2.05	1	0	2010,	De 10	quartz	486900	10700	O7KNSTD.
TN18-13	36.04044	-82.306	893.4386	pre	0	2.03	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	273700	7400	07KNSTD;
TN18-14	35.72094	-83.0254	900.4893	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	296400	8200	07KNSTD;
TN18-15	35.52446	-82.8442	921.6295	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	325900	16400	07KNSTD;
TN18-16	35 87727	-82 8352	926 2477	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	276500	6100	07KNSTD;
TN19 17	25.04726	82.8352 82.8047	028 0244	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	457000	10200	07KNSTD;
11010-17	33.94730	-82.8947	938.0244	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	437000	10800	07KNSTD;
TN18-18	35.73142	-82.5952	906.6597	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	510600	12500	07KNSTD;
TN18-19	34.74101	-83.3586	965.0252	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018;	Be-10	quartz	381500	7900	07KNSTD;
TN18-20	34.74334	-83.3587	965.7346	pre	0	2.65	1	0	2018:	Be-10	quartz	91400	3000	07KNSTD:
TN18-21	34.74743	-83.3751	946.1743	nre	0	2 65	-	0	2018	Be-10	quartz	415800	9600	07KNSTD

**Table S6. Inputs to Balco** *et al. (73)* erosion rate calculator. Effective atmospheric pressures for each basin were calculated using LSDTopoTools (74).

# **Captions for Data S1 – S4**

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<u>Data S1:</u> Locality data for *Nothonotus chlorobranchius* collected by the Tennessee Valley Authority and curated from Fishnet2.

<u>Data S2:</u> All tissue samples used for DNA sequencing in this study including GenBank and NCBI accession numbers.

<u>Data S3:</u> Morphological measurements for *Nothonotus bellus*, *Nothonotus camurus*, and *Nothonotus chlorobranchius*.

Data S4: Cosmogenic nuclide-derived erosion rate compilation for the southern and central Appalachian Mountains.

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