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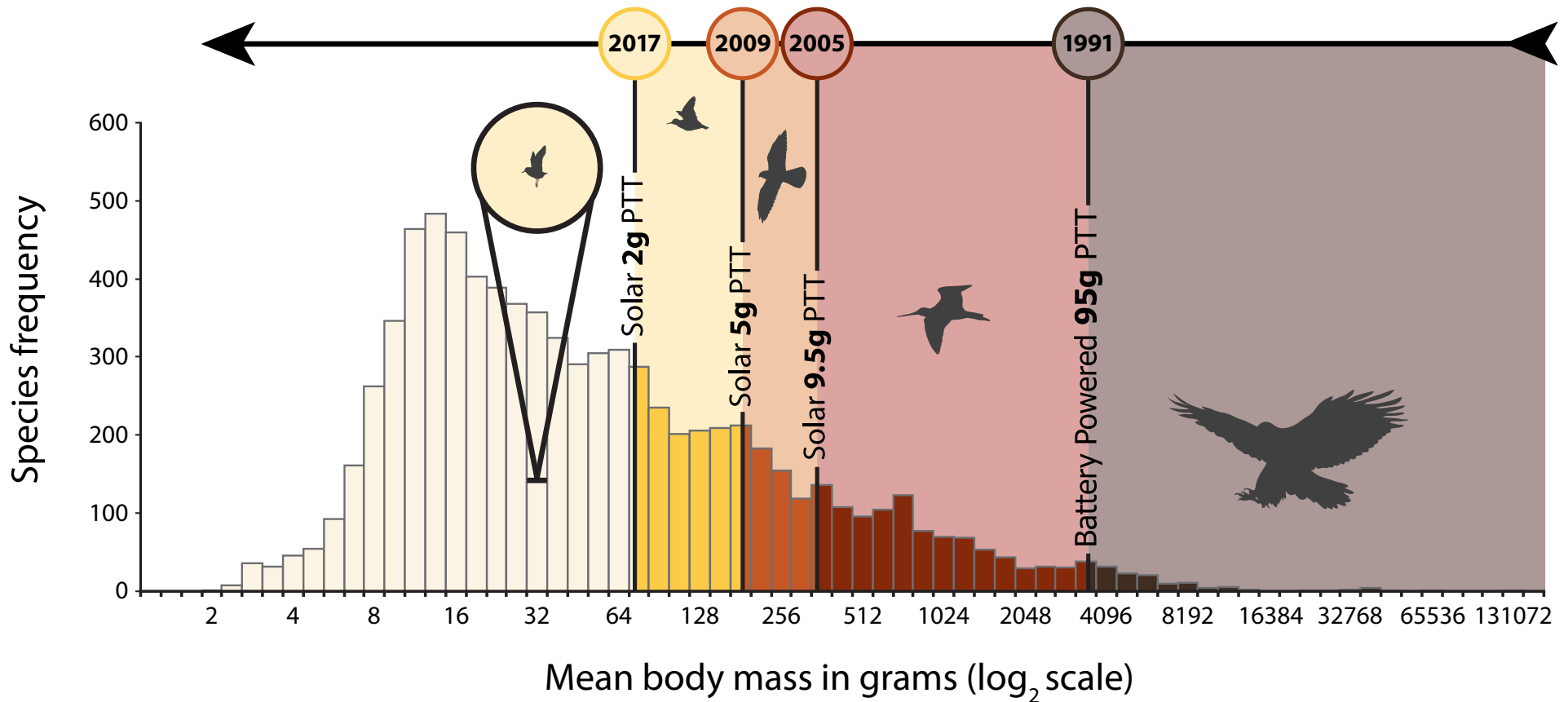

Mean body mass (g) for all of the world's (recorded and reported) species of birds (n=8124) vs. frequency. Masses were log$_2$ transformed for visual clarity, and significant MTI designs and corresponding release years are noted in the timeline under header. Bird icons depict representable species from each size class and are scaled to each other.

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