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Overview

- Introduction to female meiosis and female meiotic drive
 - Meiotic drive
 - Fertilization requirement for female meiosis
- Potential for sperm to influence female meiotic drive
- Models show sperm evolve to prevent female meiotic drive
- Speculation / Conclusion

Background – Female meiosis

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4 products enter, 1 gamete leaves

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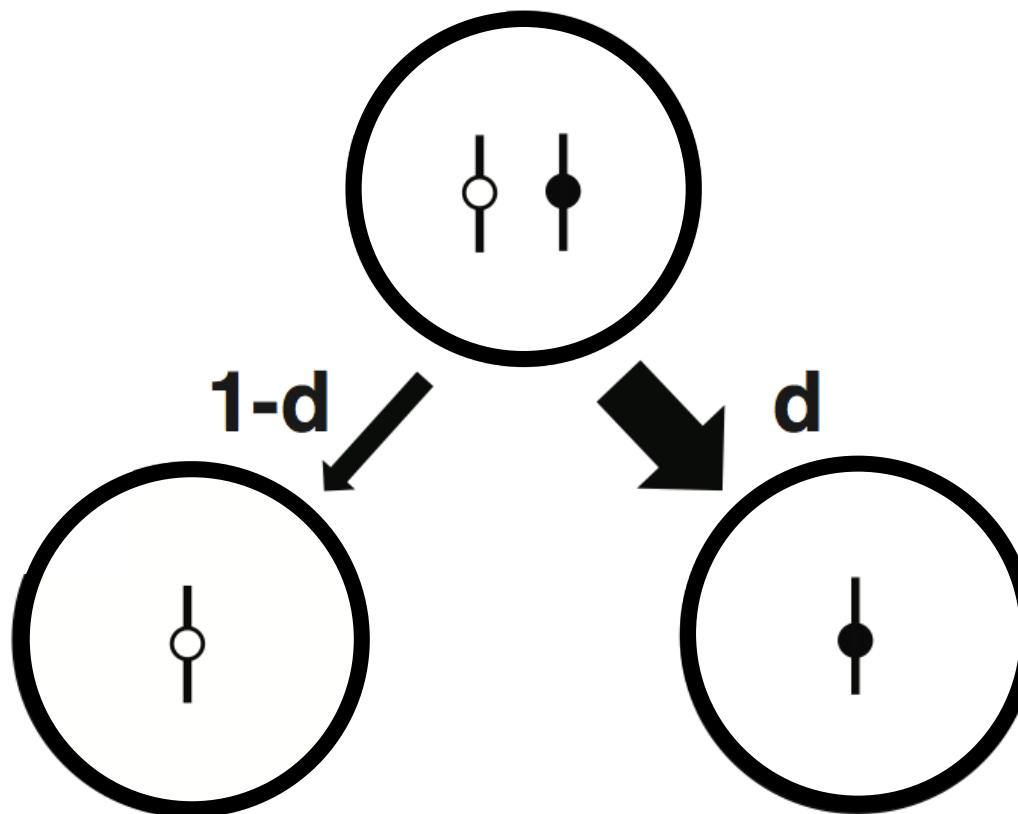
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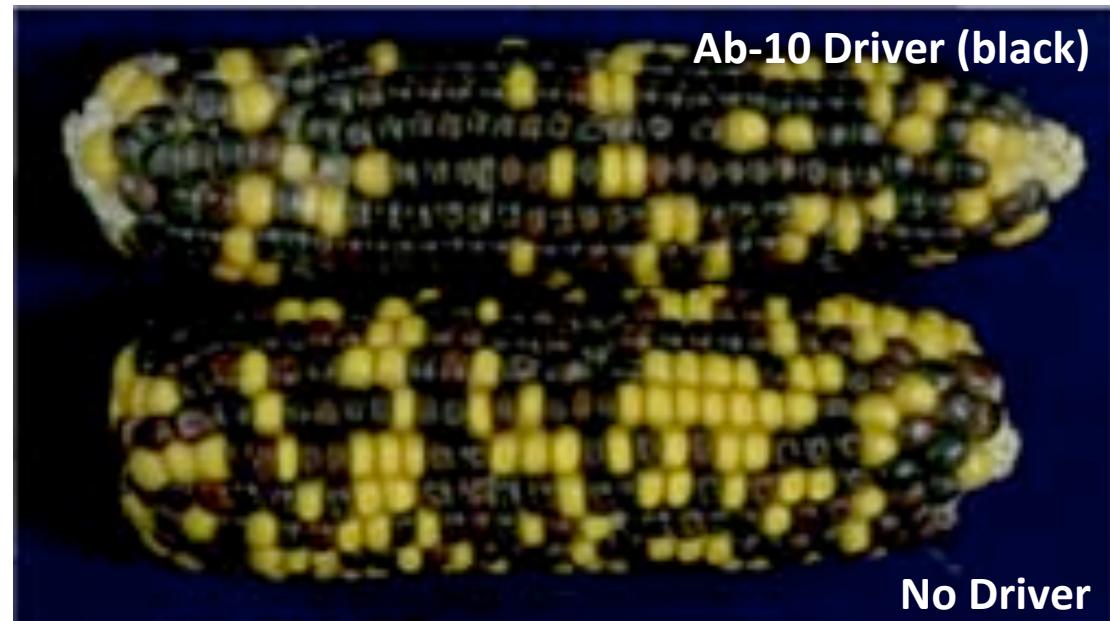
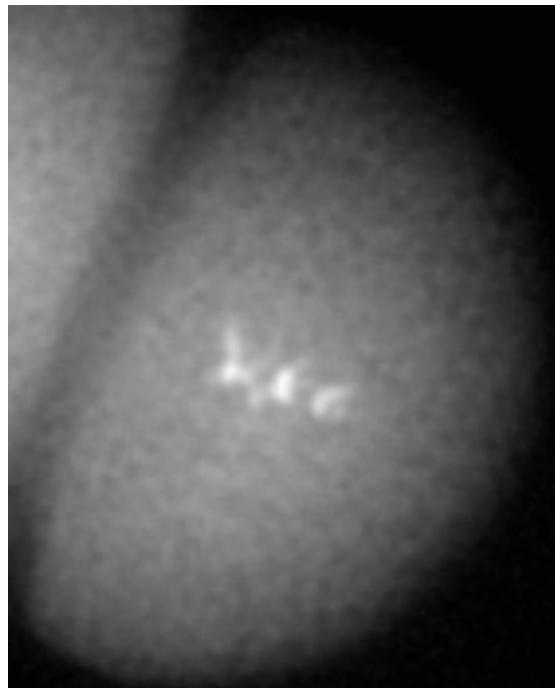
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Drive Cartoon



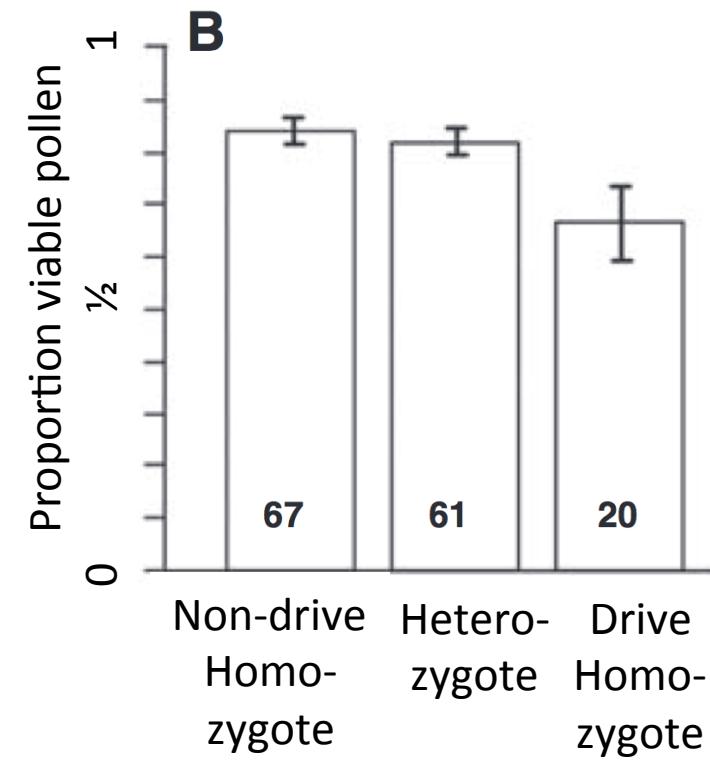
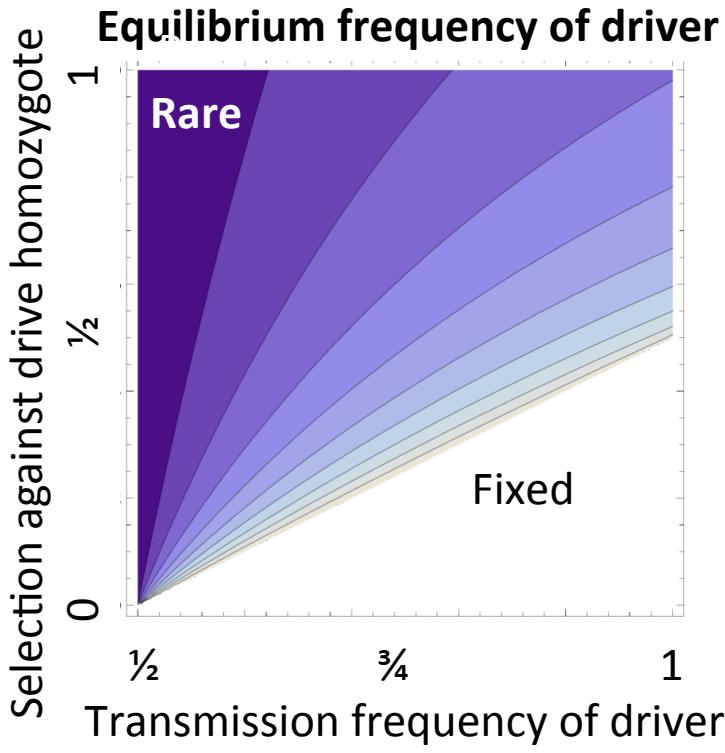
Asymmetry in female meiosis provides an opportunity for cheating ‘drivers’

- **Example:** The AB10 system in maize results in the disproportionate transmission of knobby centromeres in the 2nd meiotic division



Polymorphic Meiotic Drivers are costly

- Theory
- Data



Features of (female) meiosis interpreted as defense against drive

- Genome doubling in MI

Haig and Grafen 1991

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Genetic Scrambling as a Defence Against Meiotic Drive

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Genetic recombination has important consequences, including the familiar rules of Mendelian genetics. Here we present a new argument for the evolutionary function of recombination based on the hypothesis that meiotic drive systems continually

- Meiotic arrest (Mira 1998)

- Sex-differences in recombination

rates (Brandvain & Coop 2012)

Scrambling Eggs: Meiotic Drive and the Evolution of Female Recombination Rates

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ABSTRACT Theories to explain the prevalence of sex and recombination have long been a central theme of evolutionary biology. Yet despite decades of attention dedicated to the evolution of sex and recombination, the widespread pattern of sex differences in the

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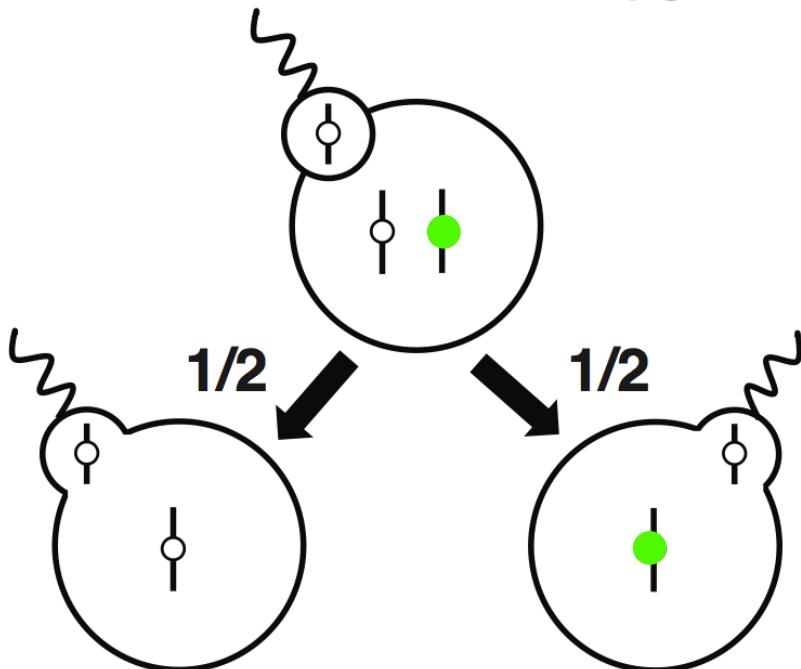
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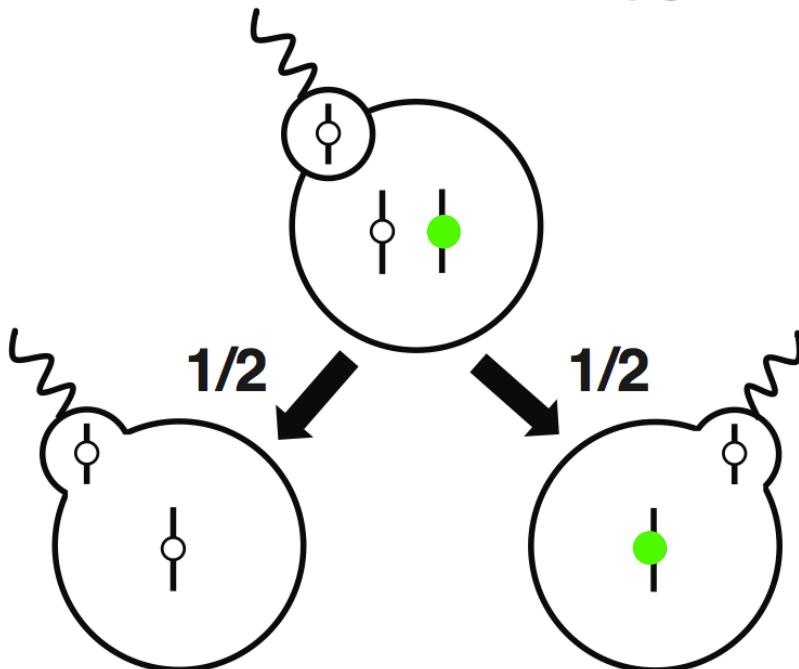
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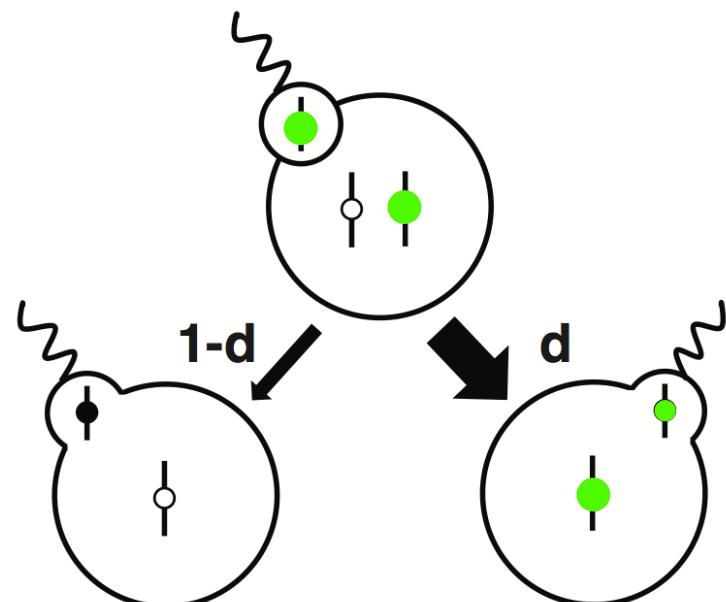
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Models

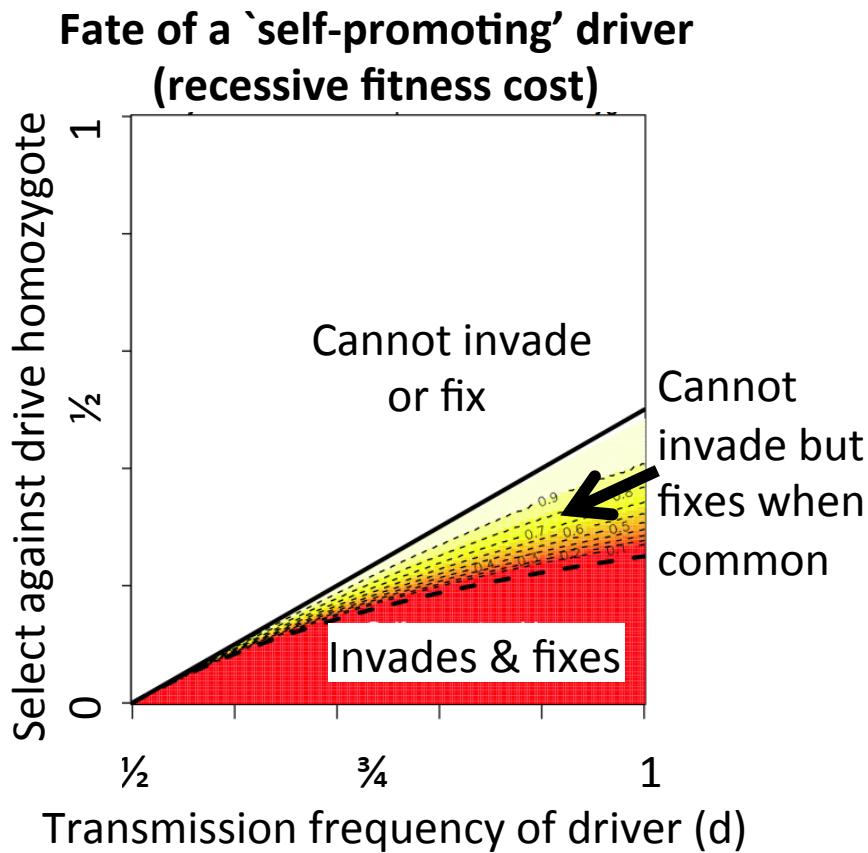
- Population genetic models
- Supplemented analytical approximations with exact recursions
- Specific Models
 - Single-locus
 - Sperm haplotype models
 - Paternal genotype models
 - Two-locus
 - Drive-modifier system [both tightly linked and unlinked]

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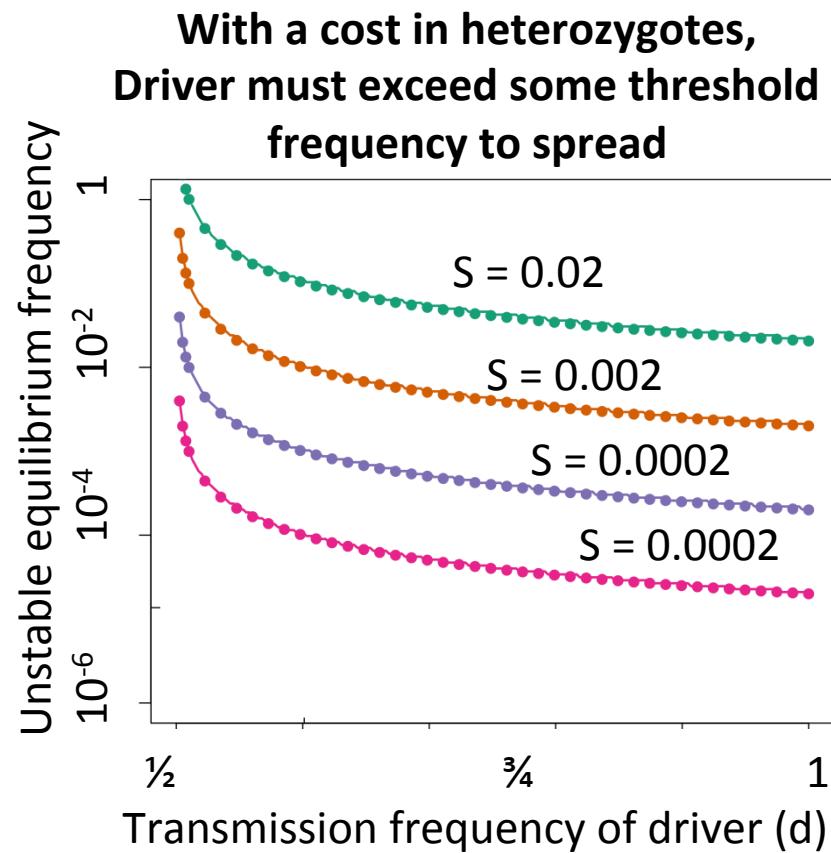
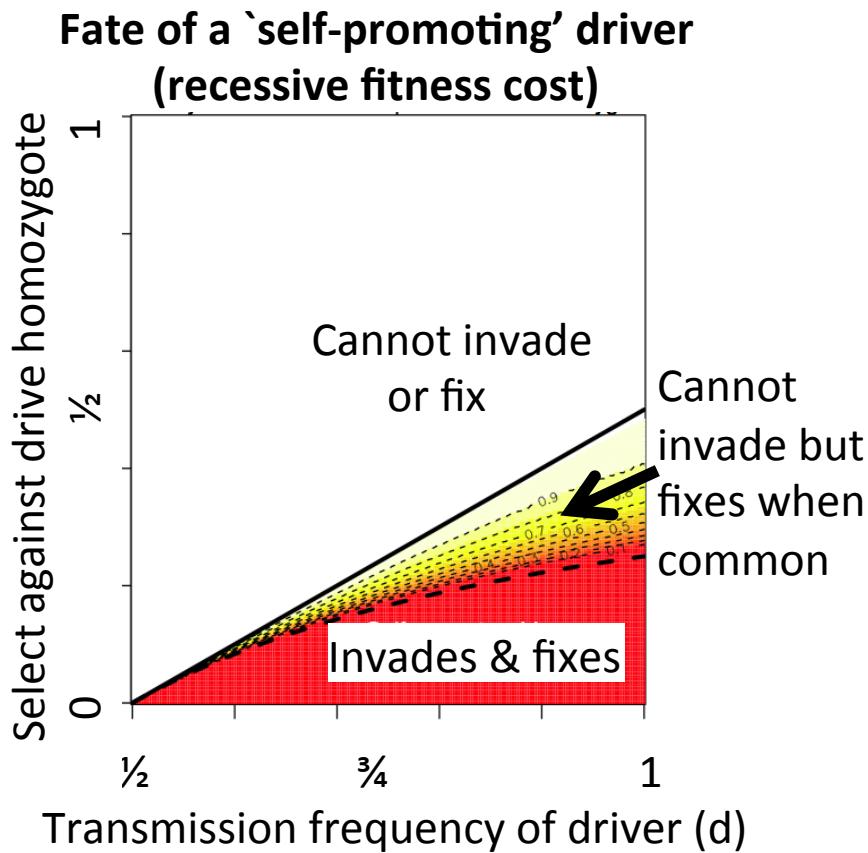
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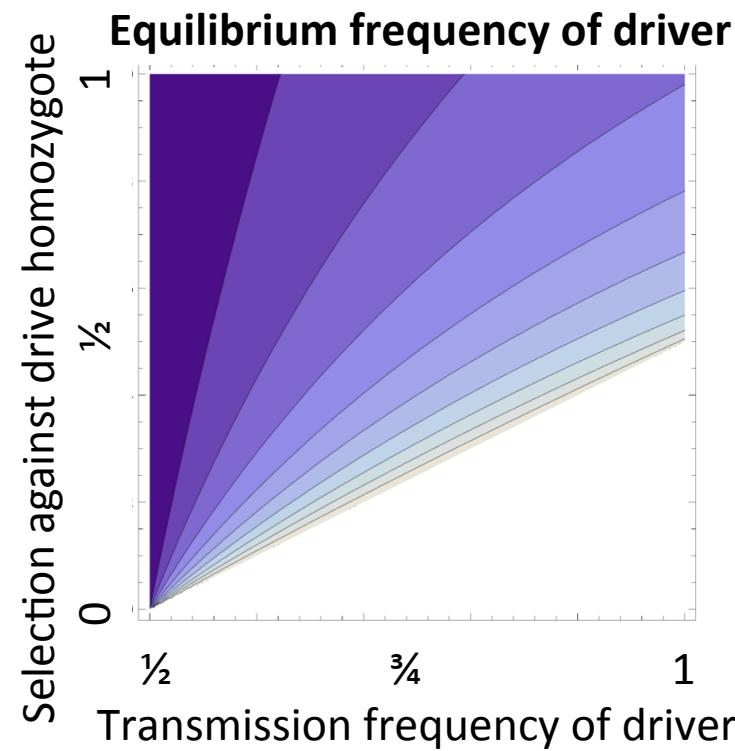
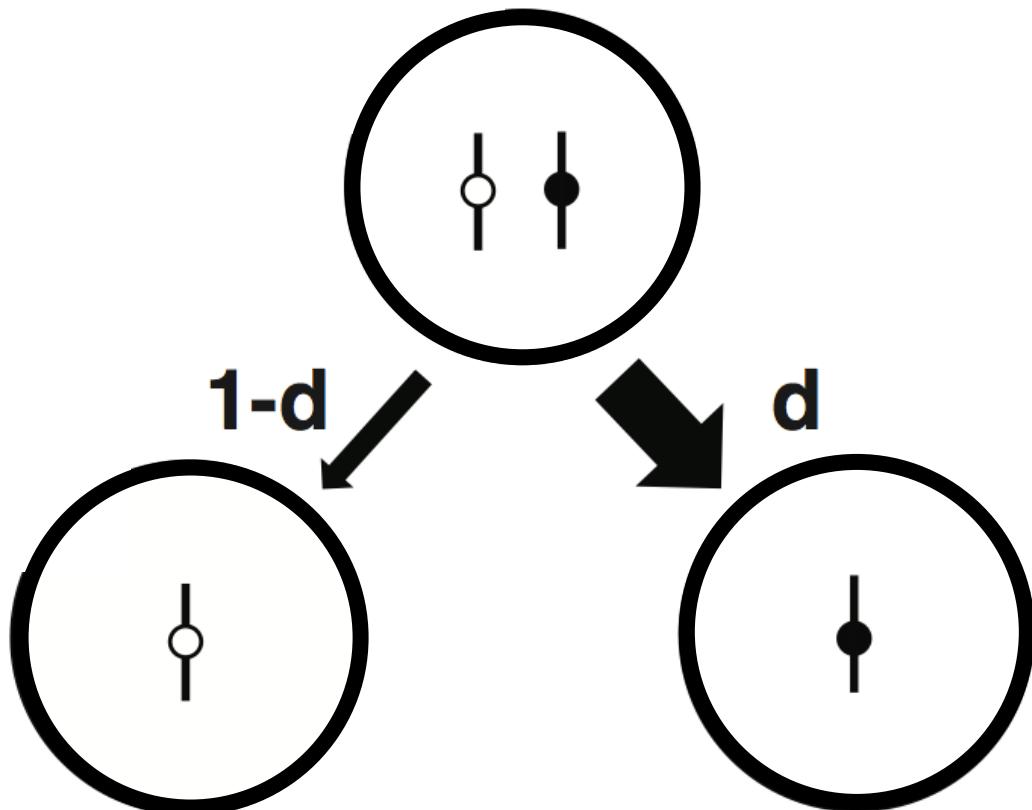


Summary of single locus model

- Self-promoting drivers have a more difficult time invading and fixing than traditional drivers
- Self-promoting drivers cannot be maintained as a stable equilibrium
- Results hold-ish for both sperm-dependent and male-genotype dependent model (not shown, a sliver of parameter space sustains a protected polymorphism)

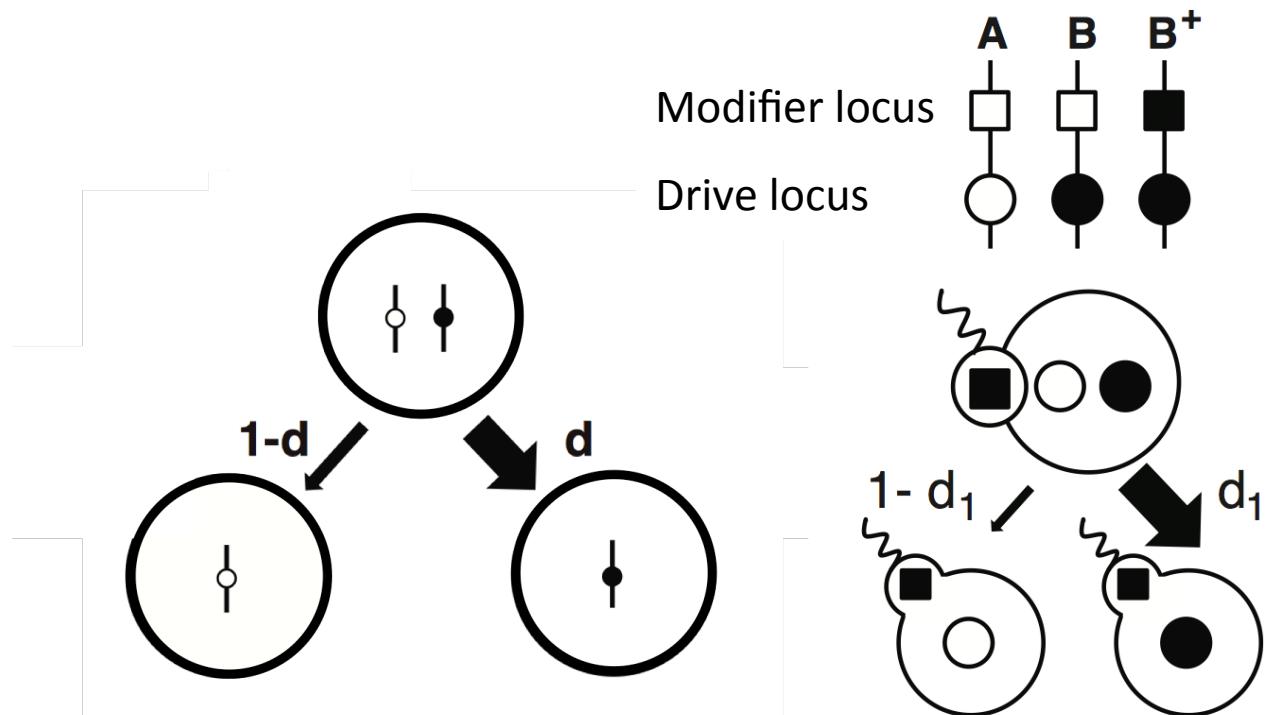
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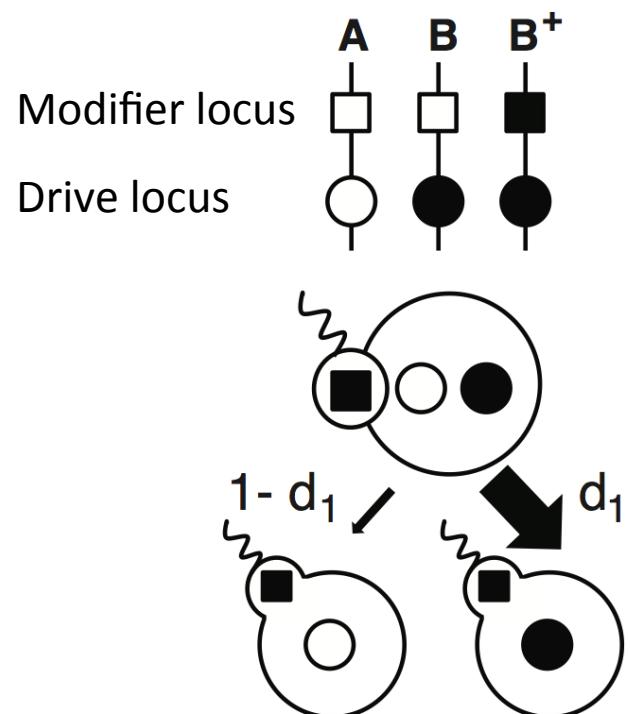
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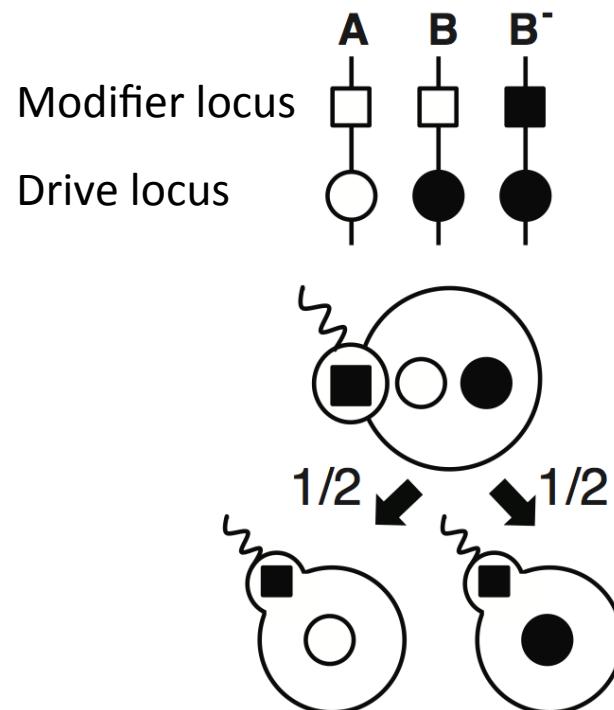
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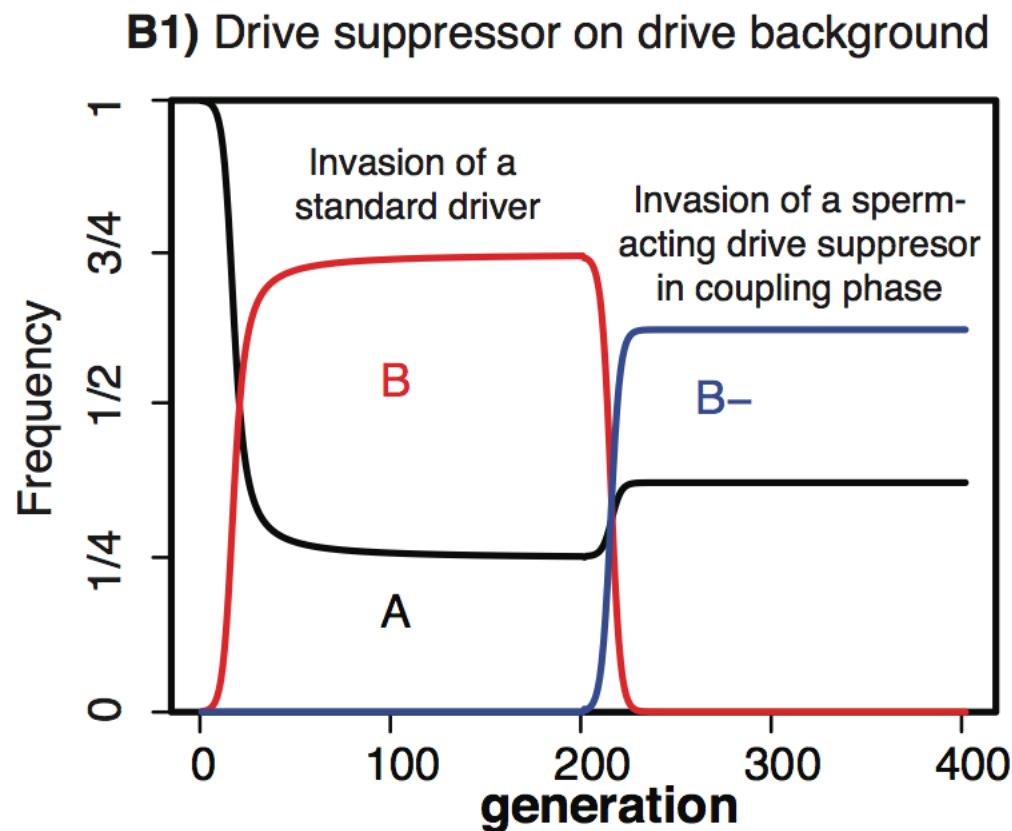
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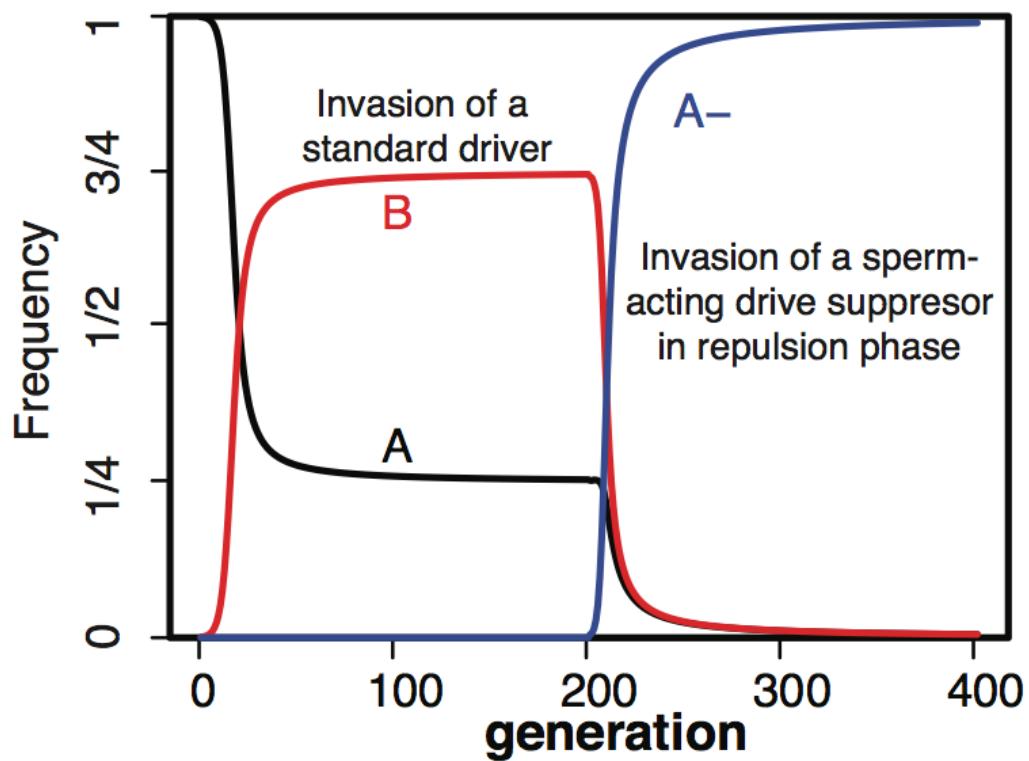
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B2) Drive suppressor on non-drive background



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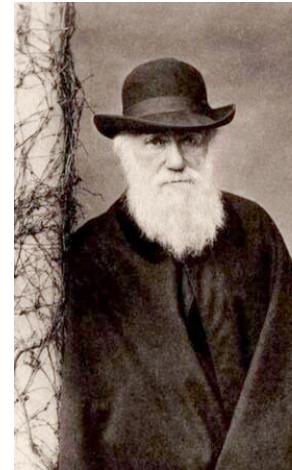
- To avoid occurring in low fitness homozygotes sperm evolve to prevent female drive, regardless of linkage relations

Previous Evidence/ Speculation

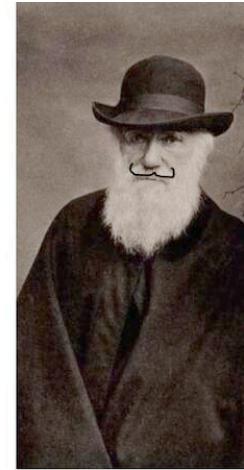
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