

Sperm do not evolve to collaborate in female meiotic drive

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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

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oogenesis

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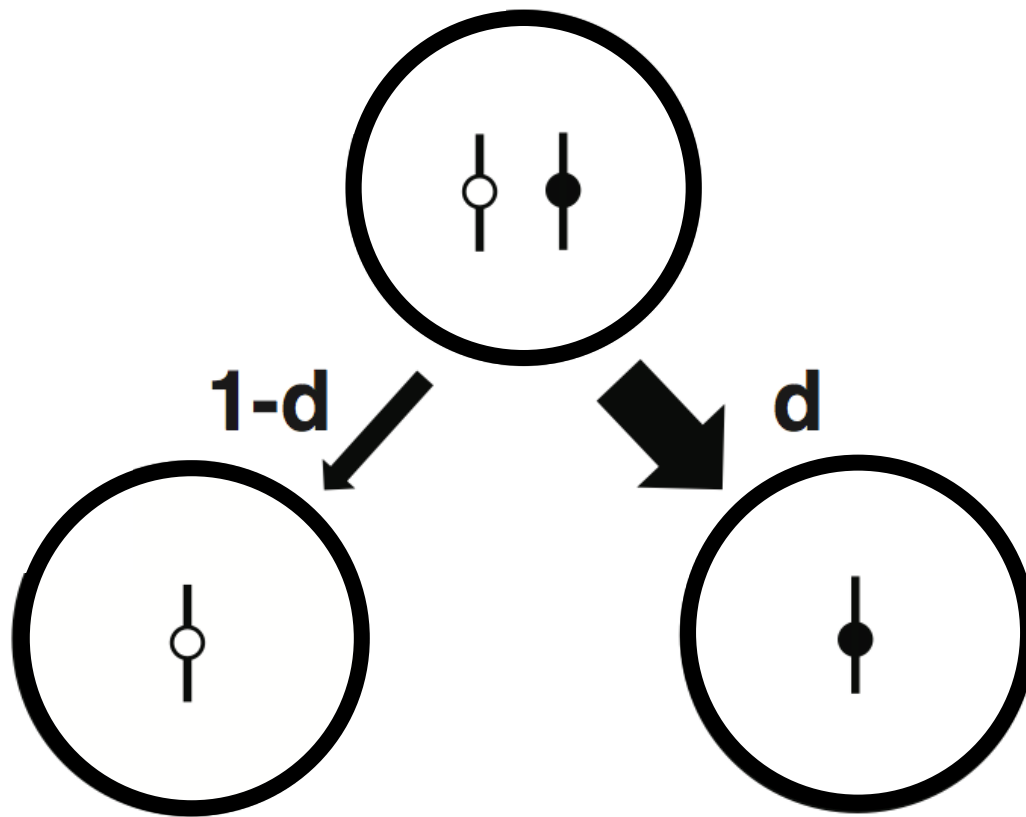
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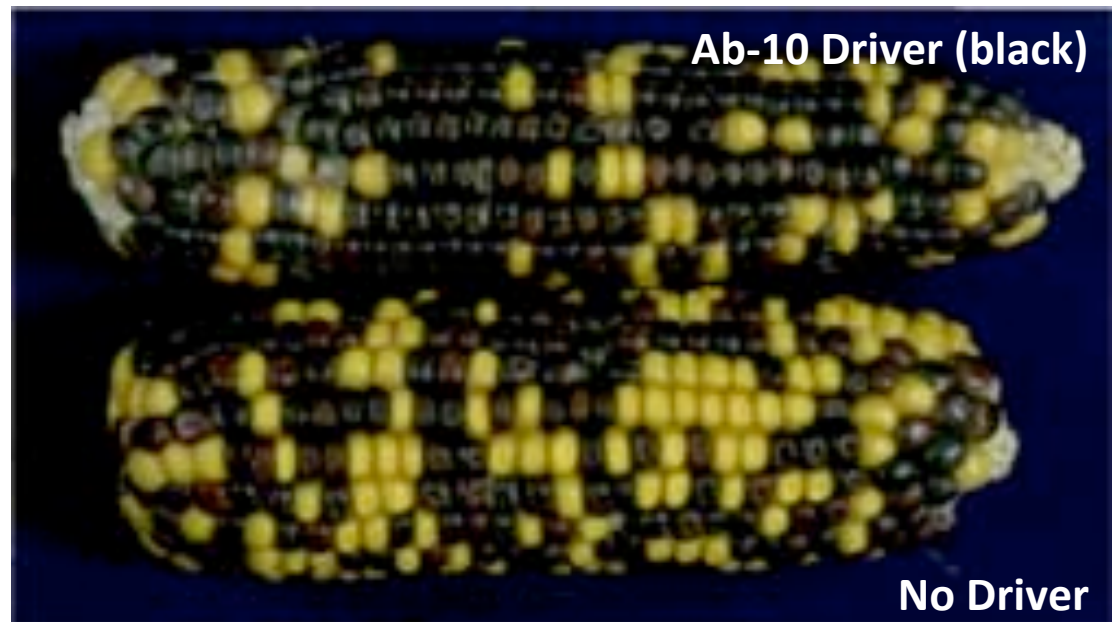
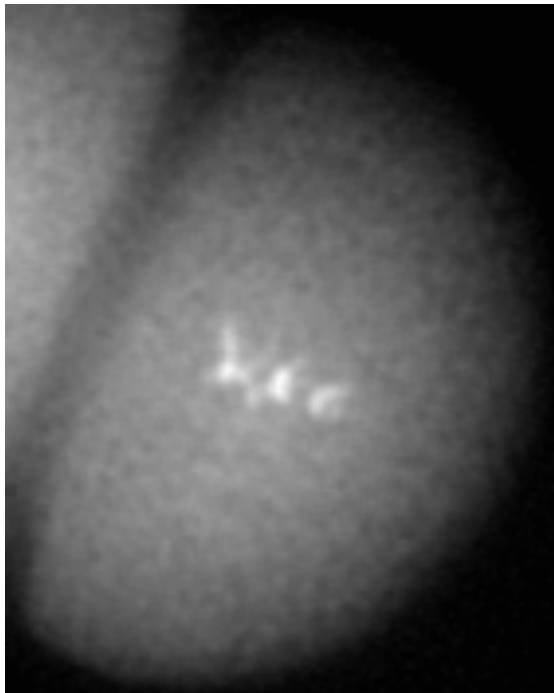
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Drive Cartoon



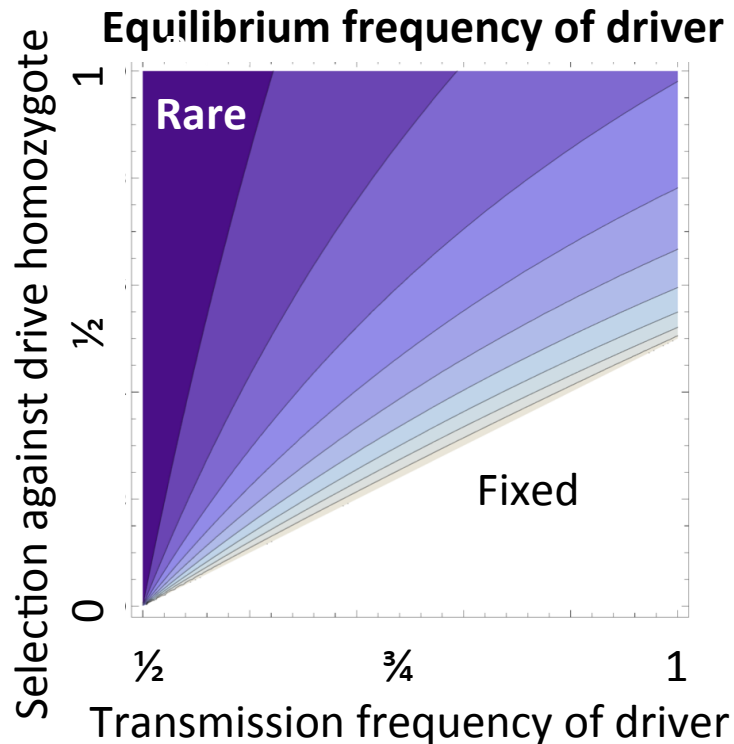
Asymmetry in female meiosis provides an opportunity for cheating 'drivers'

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

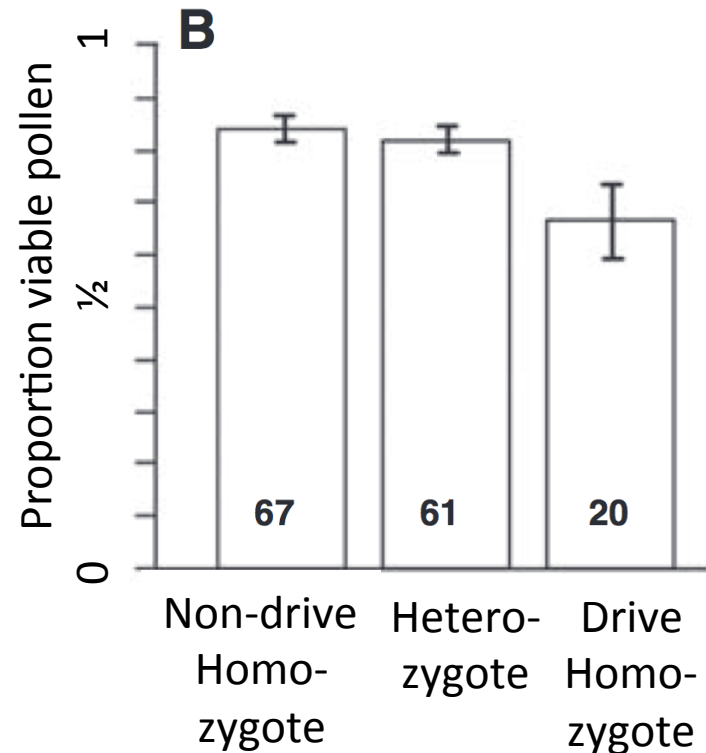


Polymorphic Meiotic Drivers are costly

- Theory



- Data



Features of (female) meiosis interpreted as defense against drive

- Genome doubling in MI
Haig and Grafen 1991
- Meiotic arrest (Mira 1998)
- Sex-differences in recombination
rates (Brandvain &
Coop 2012)

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Genetic Scrambling as a Defence Against Meiotic Drive

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

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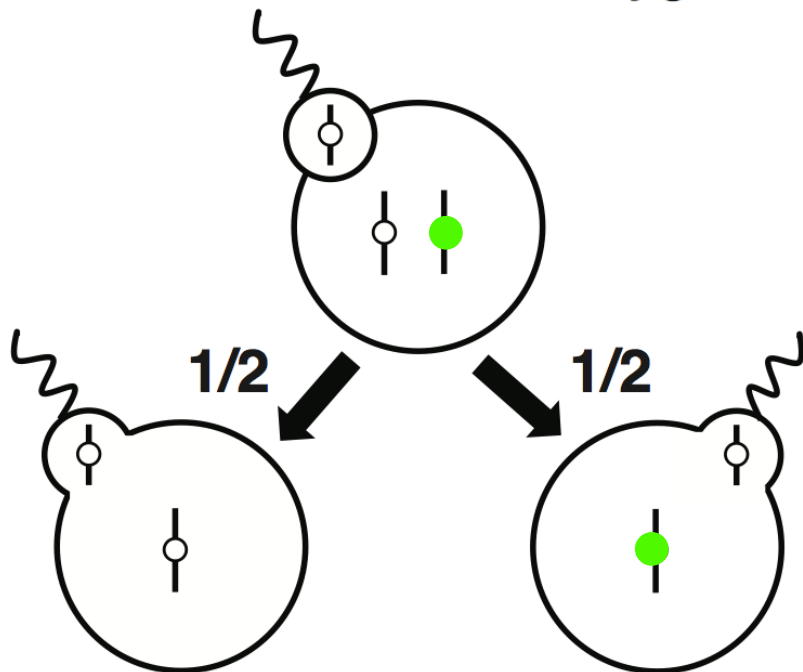
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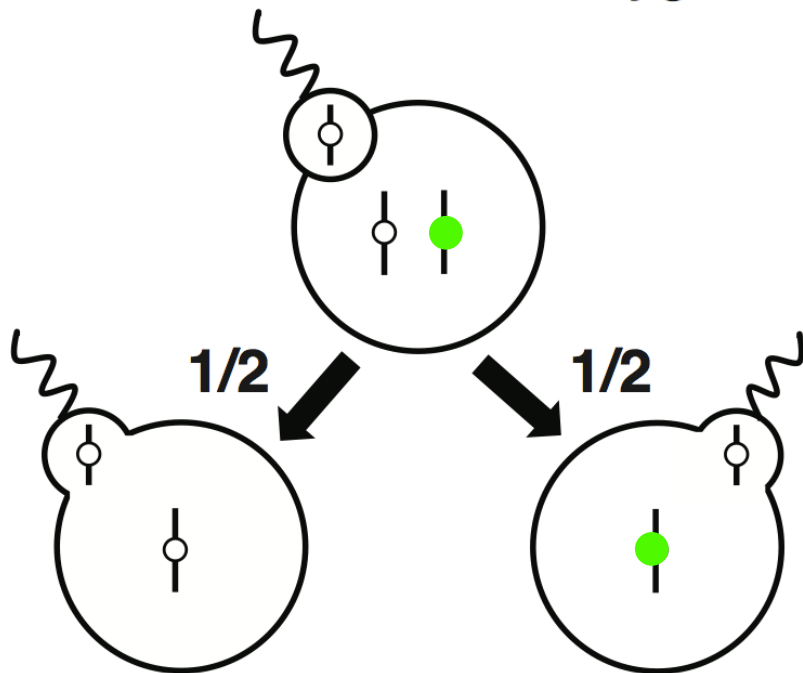
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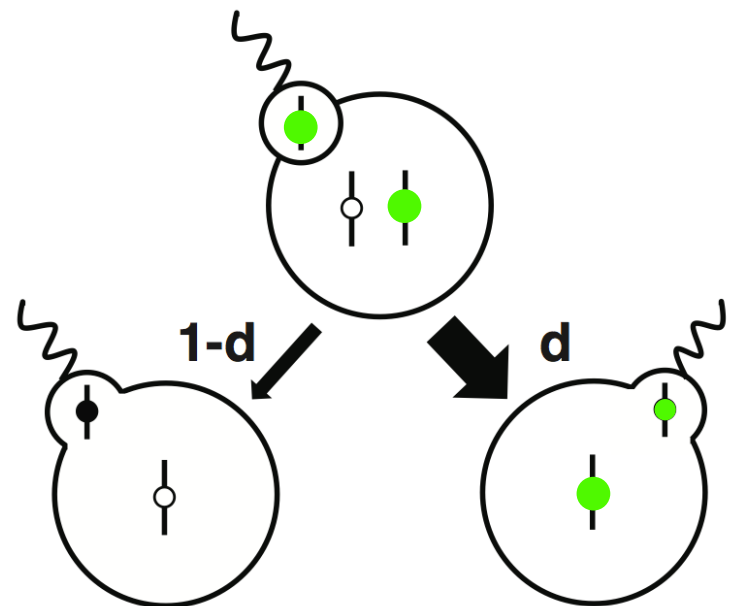
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Models

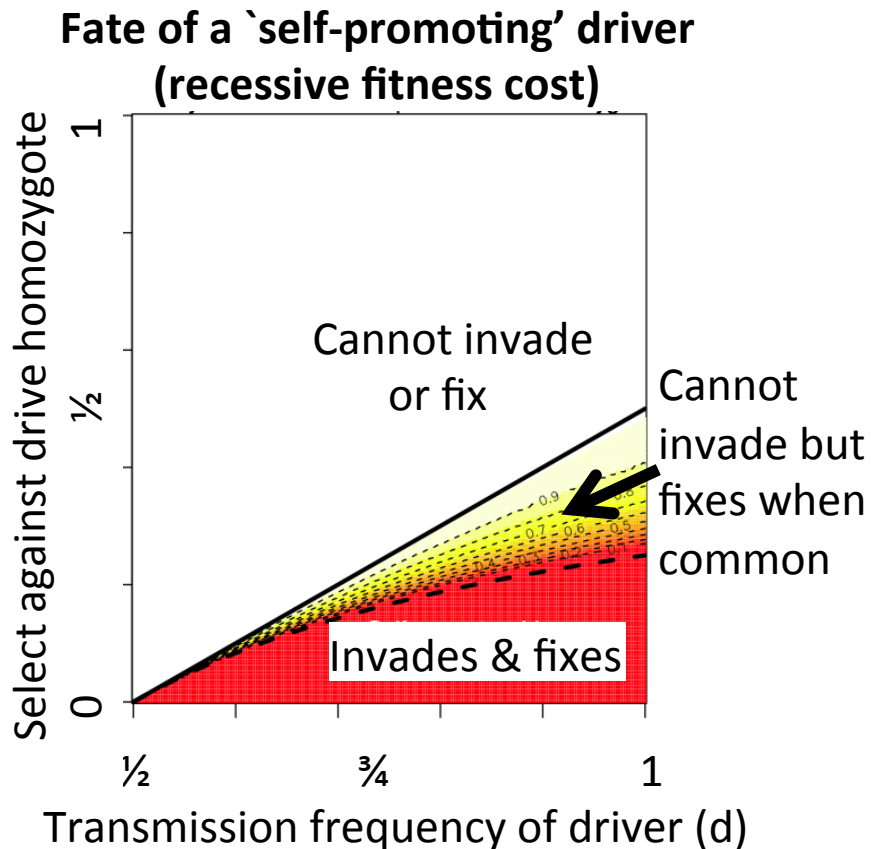
- Population genetic models
- Supplemented analytical approximations with exact recursions
- Specific Models
 - Single-locus
 - Sperm haplotype models
 - Paternal genotype models
 - Two-locus
 - Drive-modifier system [both tightly linked and unlinked]

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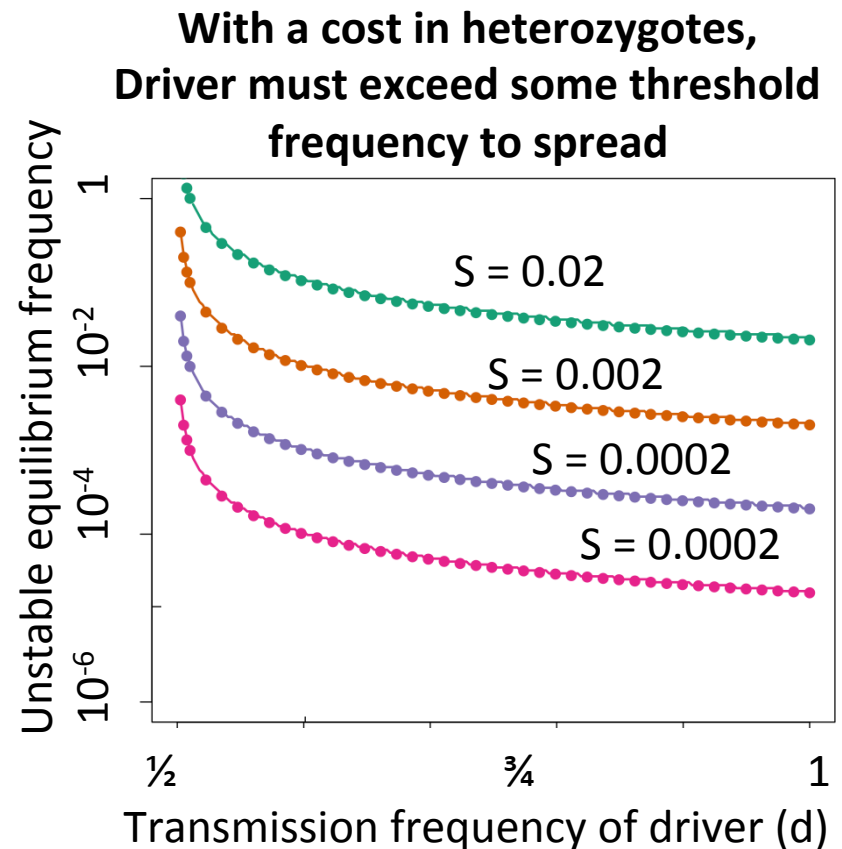
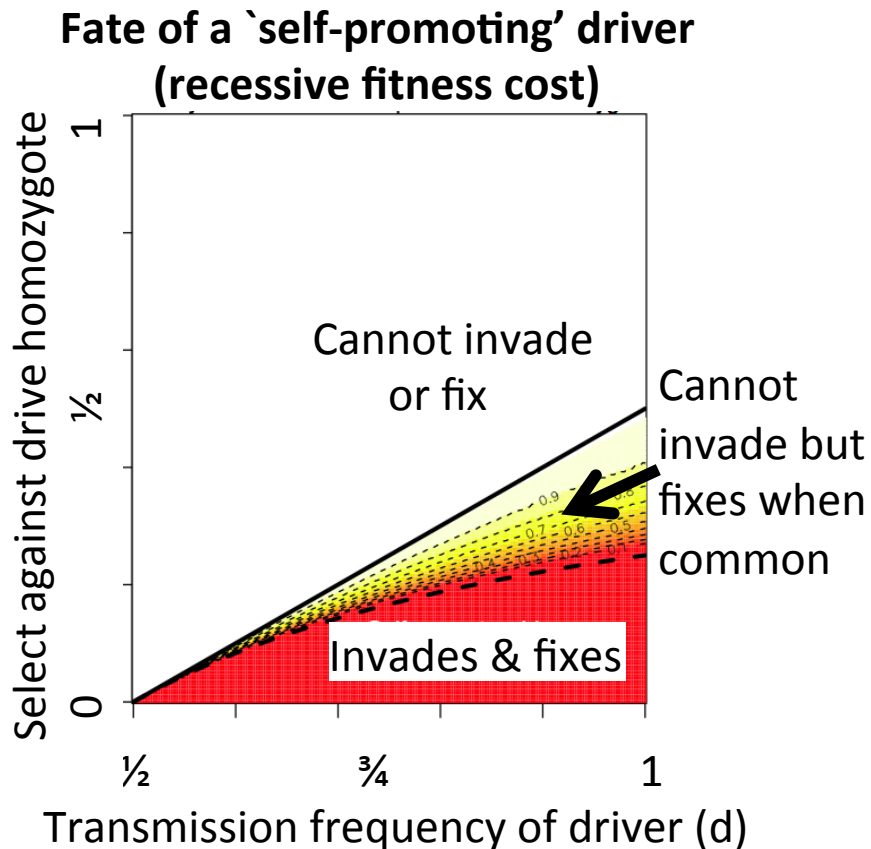
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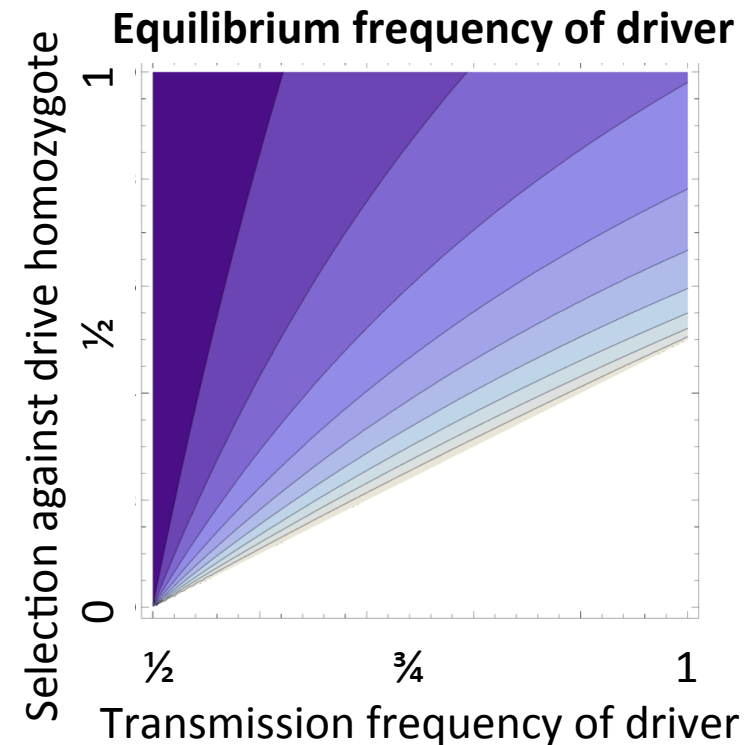
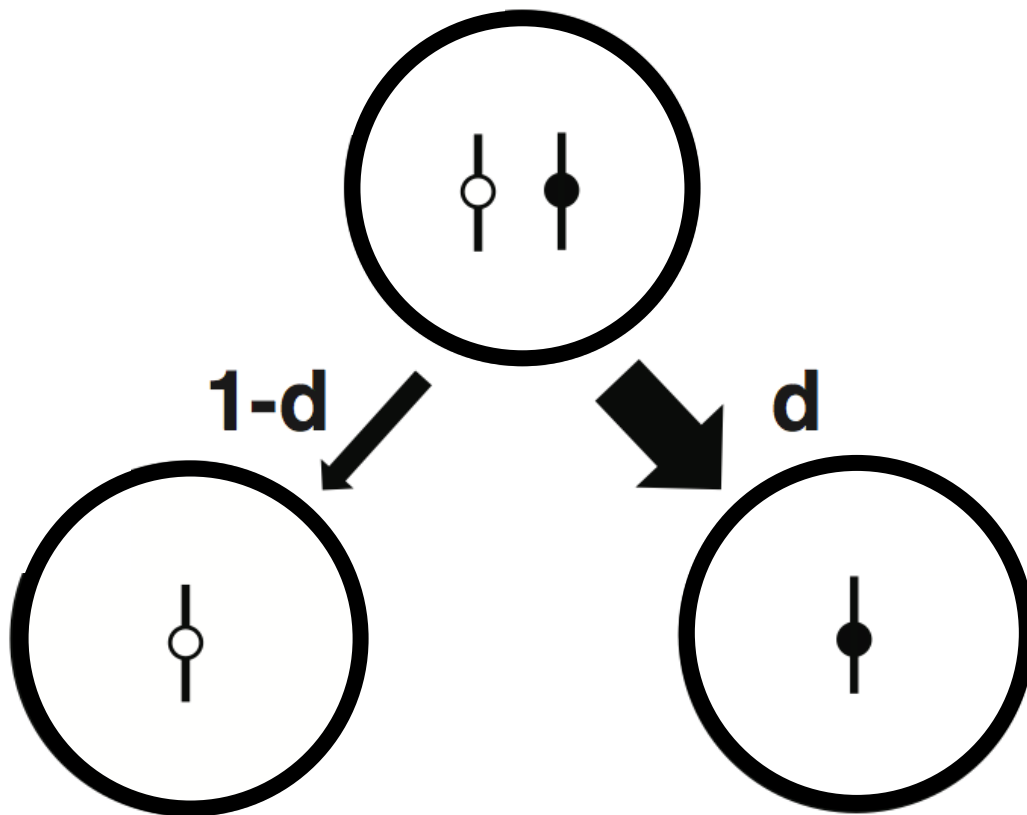


Summary of single locus model

- 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)

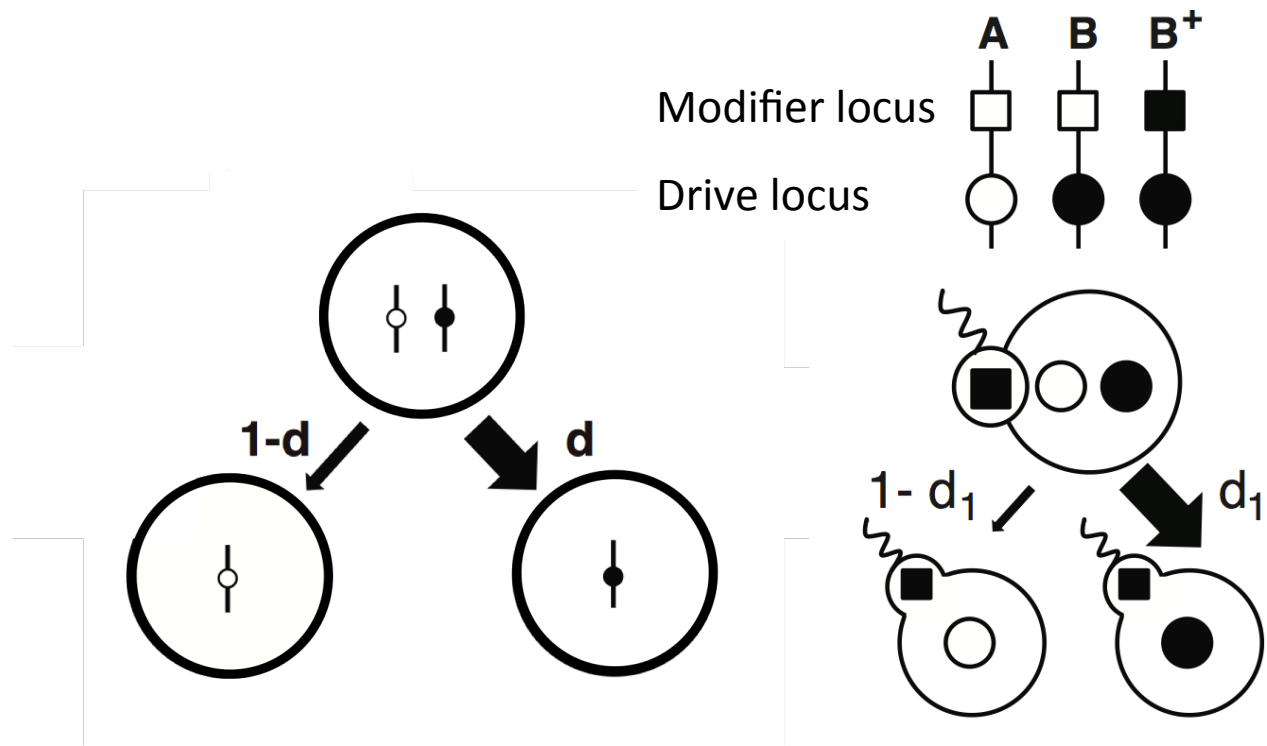
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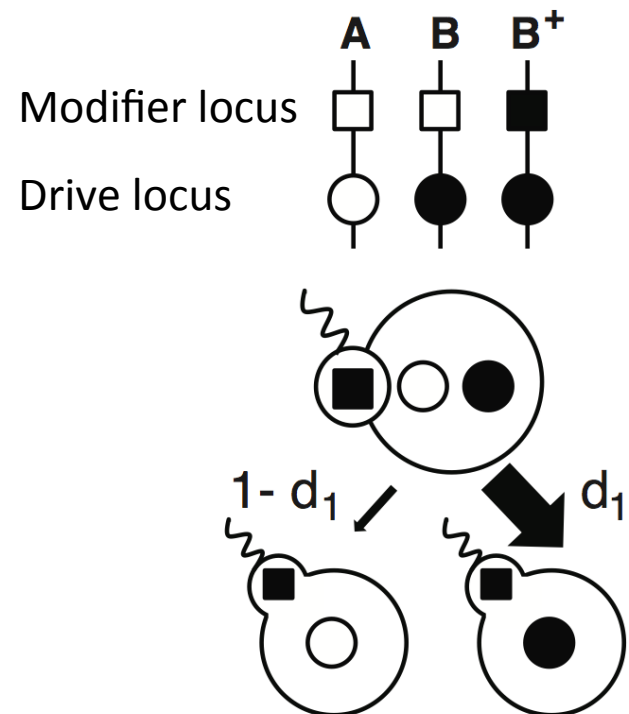
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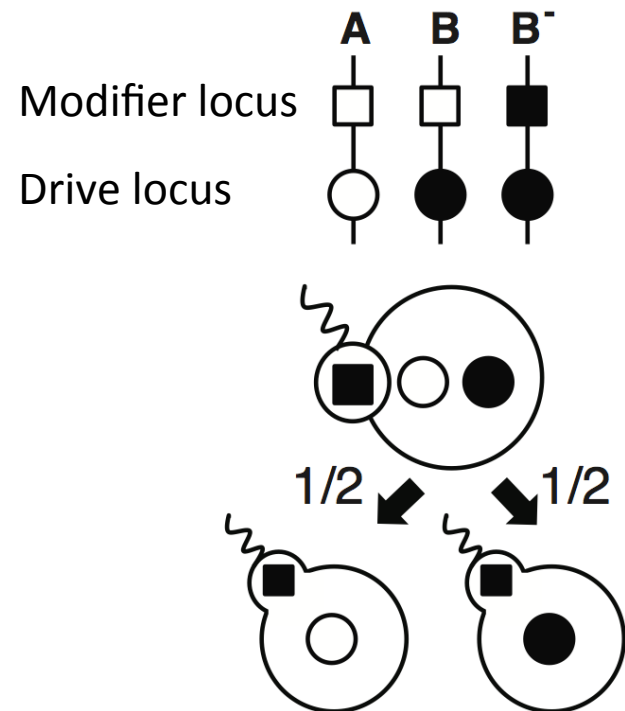
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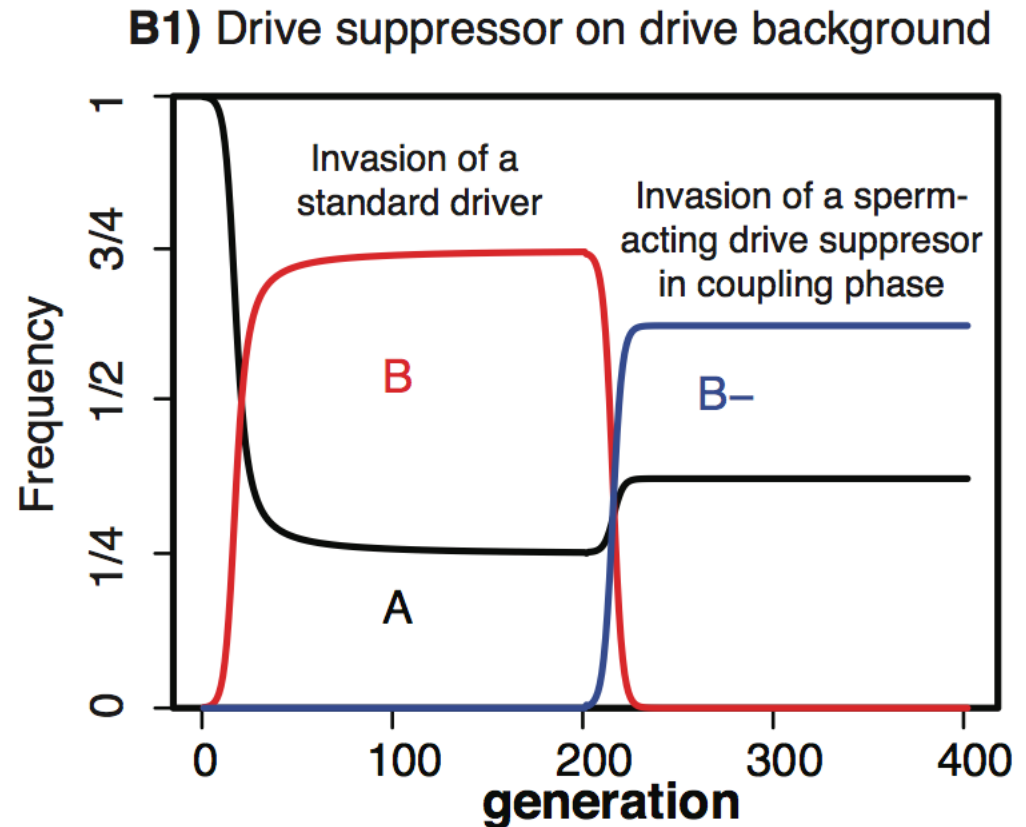
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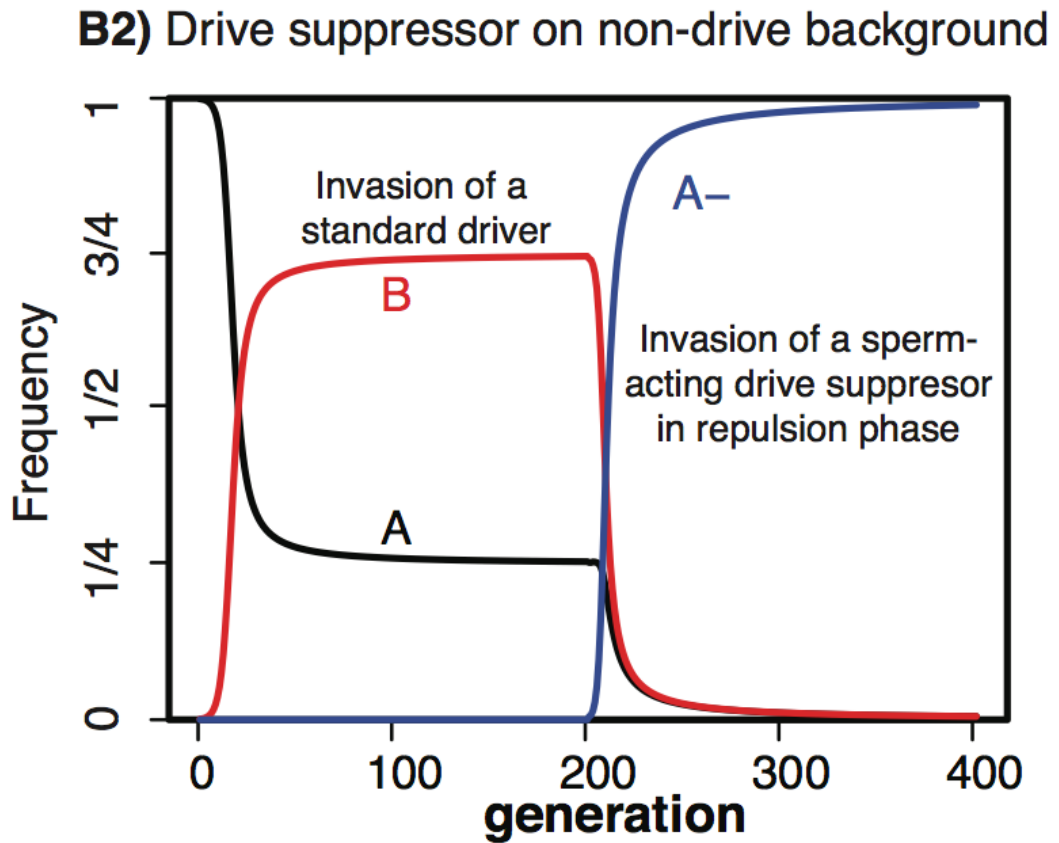
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Summary

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

Previous Evidence/ Speculation

- At the *In* locus (mice) female drive alleles are less effective when fertilized by driving sperm
- Interpreted as a mechanism to make healthy offspring
- Not relevant to plant because of the alternation of generations ☹️

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Effect of sperm genotype on chromatid segregation in female mice heterozygous for aberrant chromosome 1

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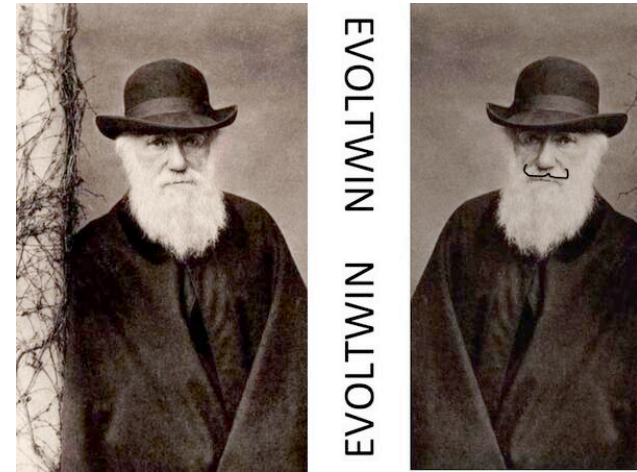
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FACED with malaria, those who are heterozygous for the sickle-cell gene are immune to attack, and are at an advantage

Despite the difference in mode of distortion, *In* has at least three similarities to *SD* and the *t*-complex. First, all of the

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