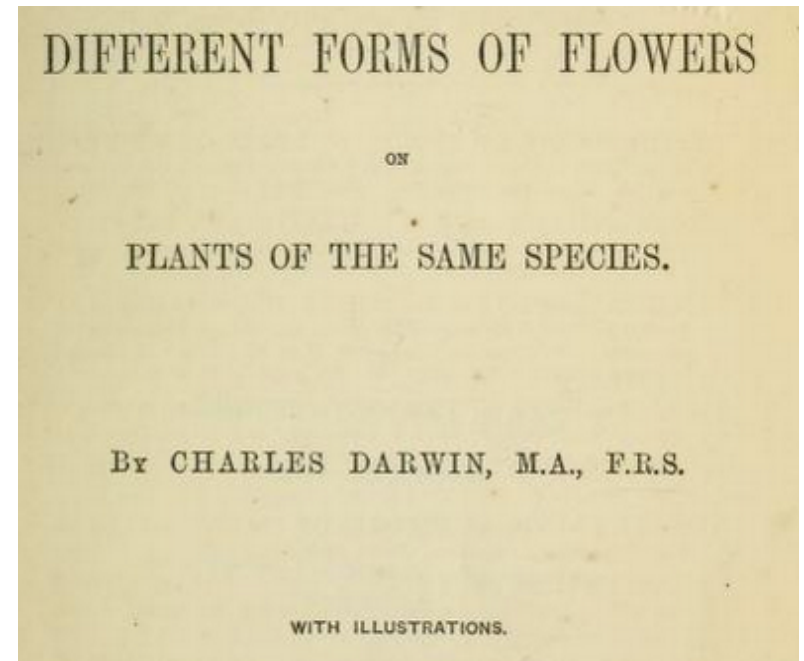
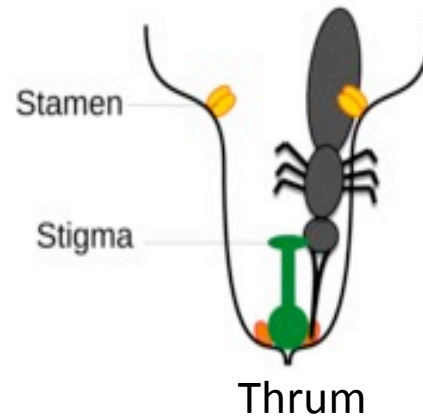
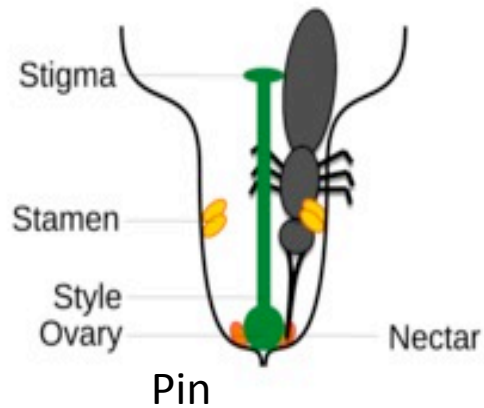
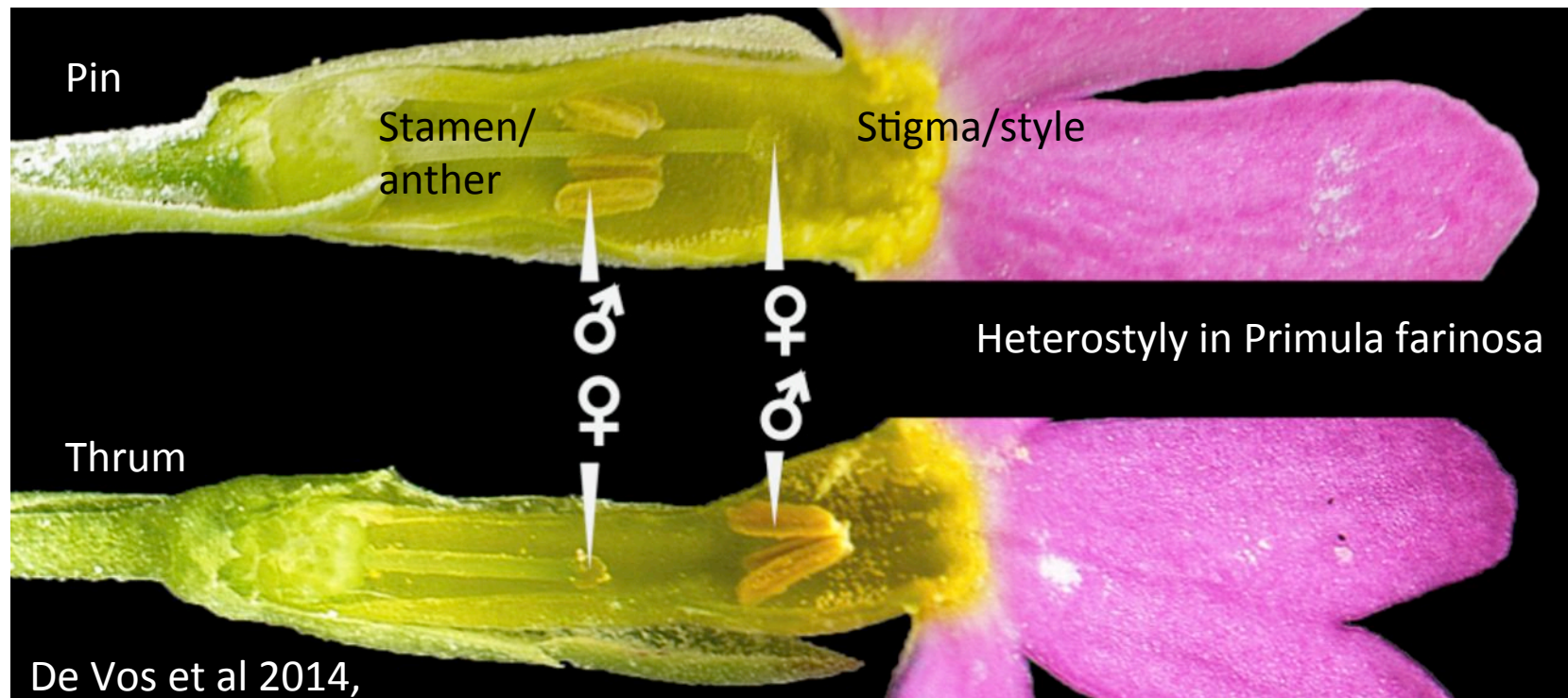


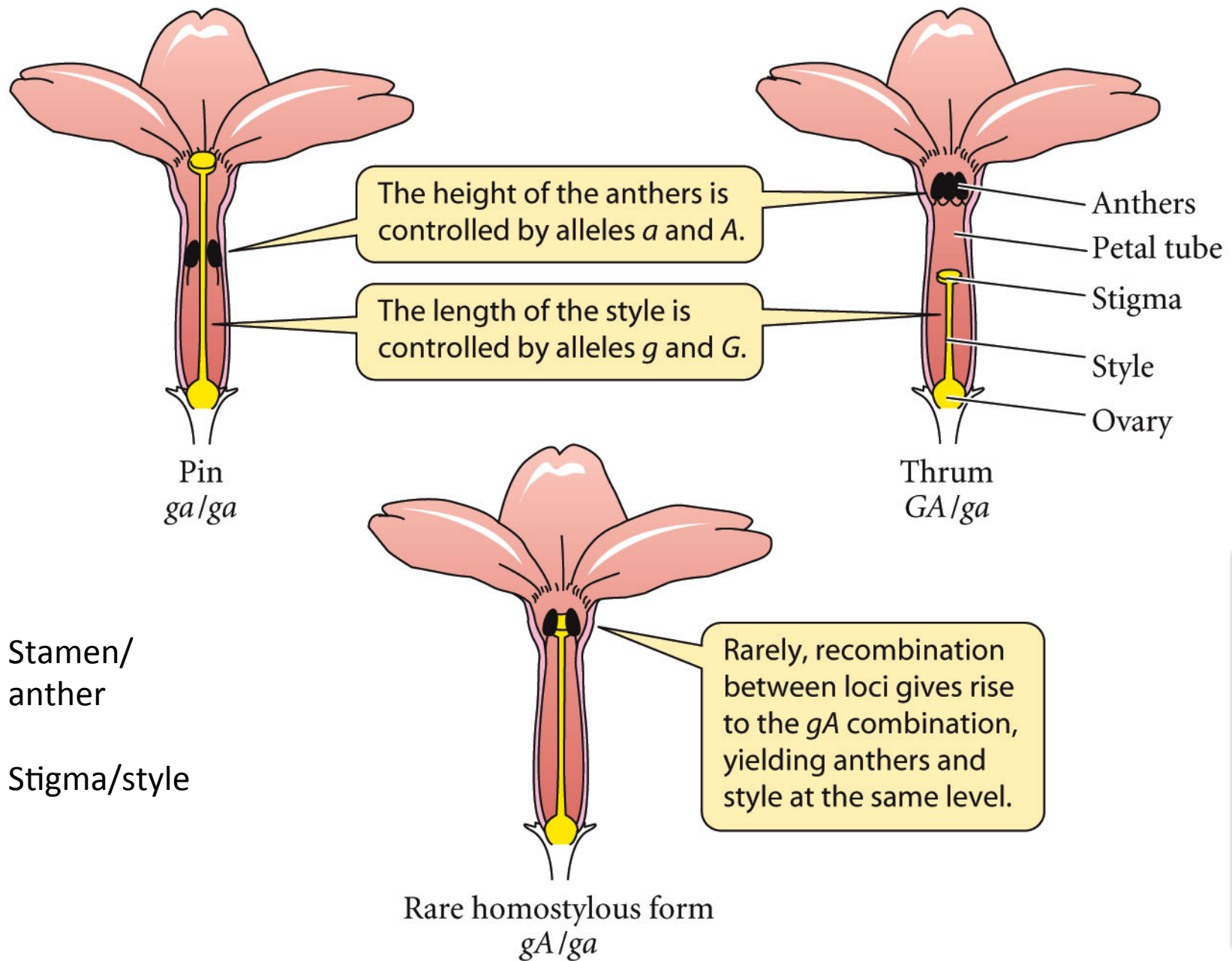
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Pannell & Cossard



"I do not think anything in my scientific life has given me so much satisfaction as making out the meaning of the structure of heterostylous flowers".-Darwin





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Inversions block recombination in heterozygotes

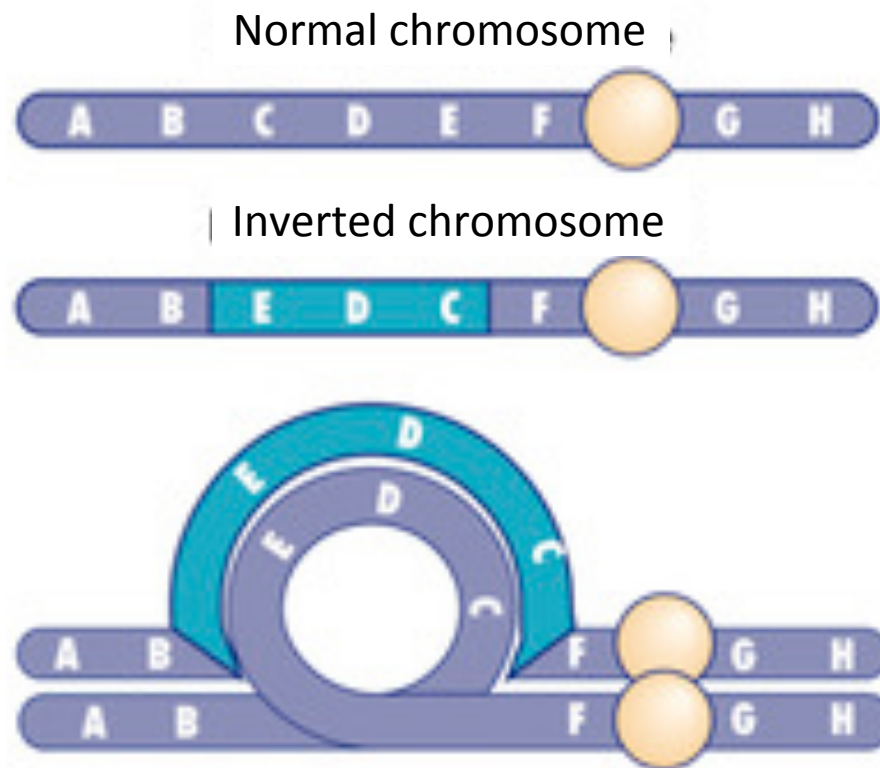
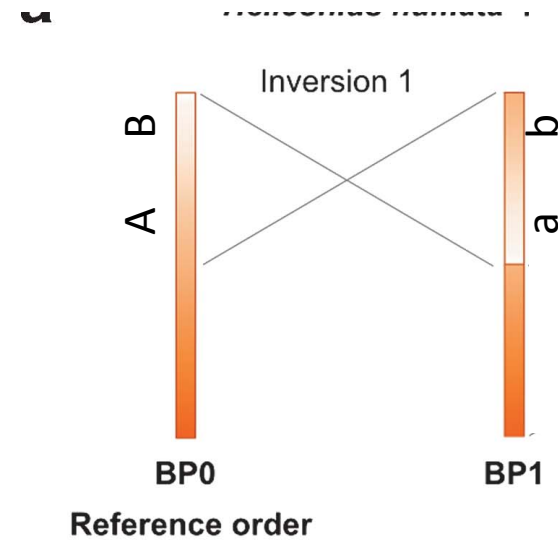


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Super genes

‘coadapted combinations of several or many genes locked in inverted sections of chromosomes and therefore inherited as single units.’

(Dobzhansky, 1970).



Heliconius numata



AB	AB	or	ab
AB	ab		ab

Mimicry model



Supergenes and their role in evolution

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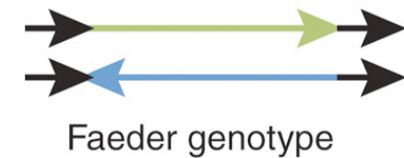
Faeder-Independent inversion 4Mb

Structural genomic changes underlie alternative reproductive strategies in the ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

Sangeet Lamichhaney, Guangyi Fan, Fredrik Widemo, Ulrika Gunnarsson, Doreen Schwochow Thalmann, Marc P Hoepfner, Susanne Kerje, Ulla Gustafson, Chengcheng Shi, He Zhang, Wenbin Chen, Xinming Liang, Leihuan Huang, Jiahao Wang, Enjing Liang, Qiong Wu, Simon Ming-Yuen Lee, Xun Xu, Jacob Höglund, Xin Liu & Leif Andersson

A supergene determines highly divergent male reproductive morphs in the ruff

Clemens Küpper, Michael Stocks, Judith E Risse, Natalie dos Remedios, Lindsay L Farrell, Susan B McRae, Tawna C Morgan, Natalia Karlionova, Pavel Pinchuk, Yvonne I Verkuil, Alexander S Kitaysky, John C Wingfield, Theunis Piersma, Kai Zeng, Jon Slate, Mark Blaxter, David B Lank & Terry Burke



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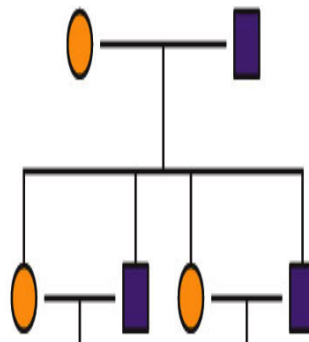
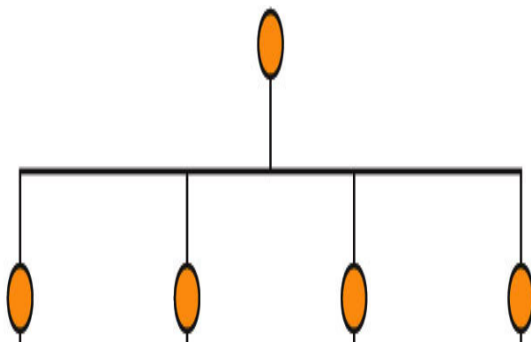
Melissa Hafting

The cost of sex.

Why risk breaking it up a winning genotype.

Finding and attracting a mate are costly and may be impossible, and mating is dangerous

The two fold cost of sex



Sexual organisms only contribute $\frac{1}{2}$ of their genome to their offspring
While asexual organisms contribute their entire genome. This is sometimes called the cost of males

Despite this sexual reproduction persists.

- Why have sex?

Vast majority of eukaryotic organisms reproduce sexually

Many species are not obligate sexuals and can reproduce clonally (i.e. asexually)

e.g. Vegetative growth in plants.

However, they will only do so for a few generations

Vertebrate asexual species can evolve



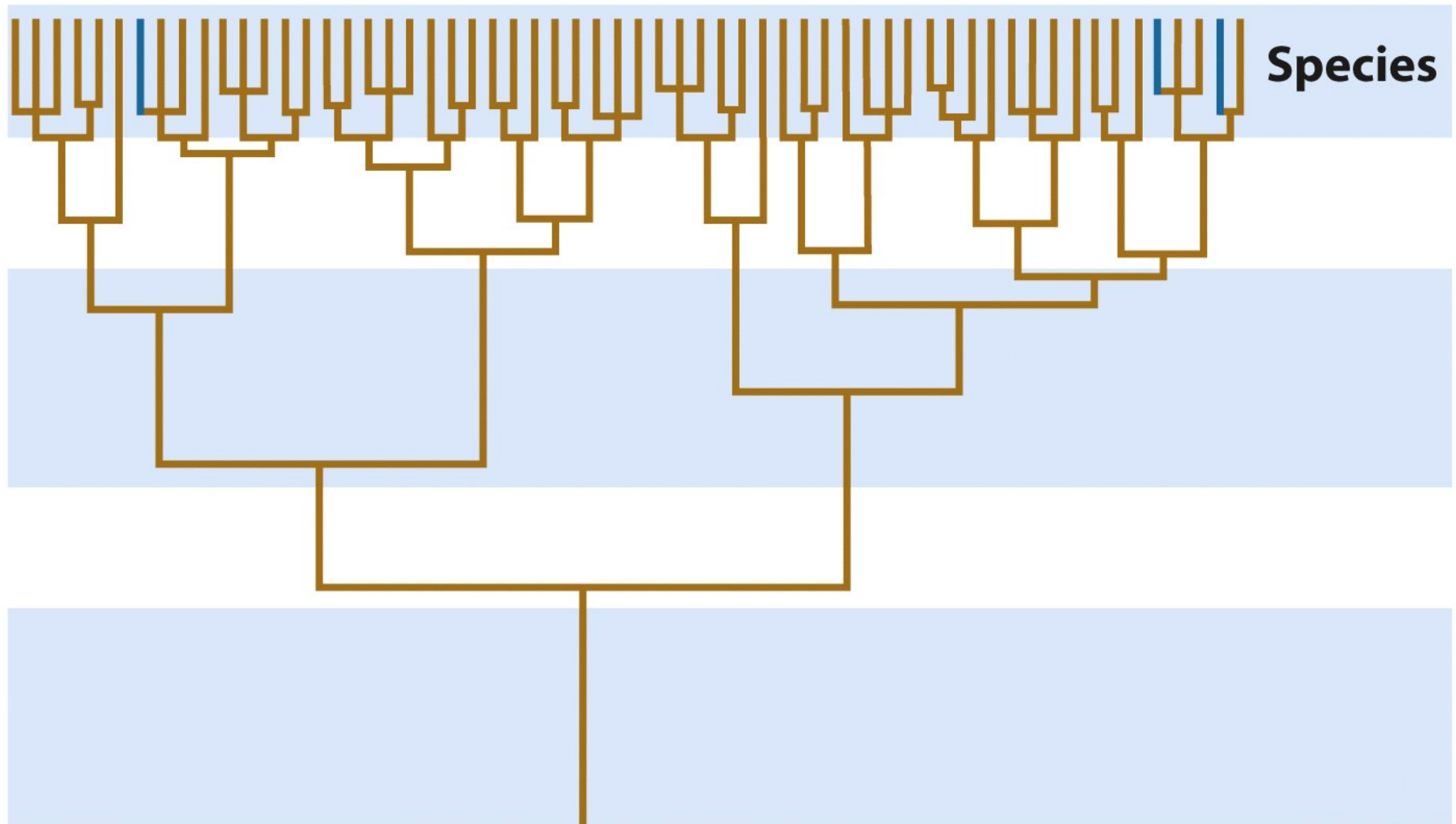
Unisexual *Cnemidophorus*



Unisexual *P. formosa* (left) sexually parasitizes the sexual *P. latipinna* (right)

Despite this sexual reproduction persists.

Asexual species emerge often in animals/plants but are generally short-lived as species

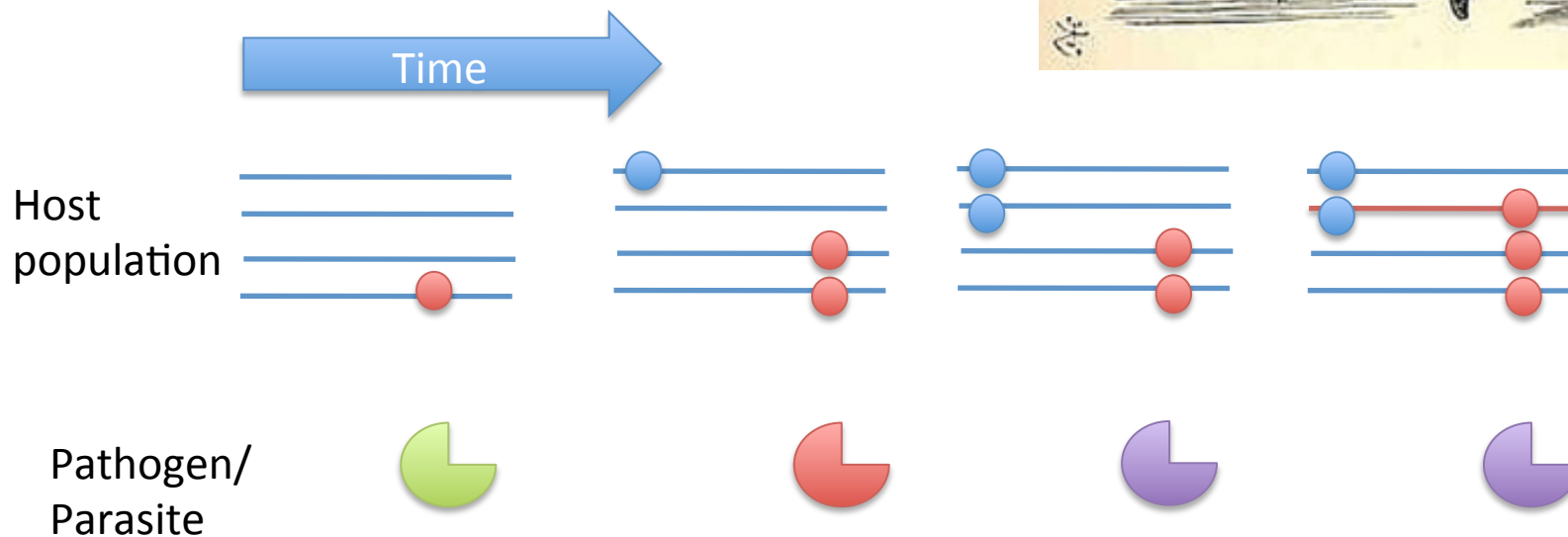


Hypotheses for the evolutionary advantage and maintenance of sex

- Asexual species accumulate deleterious mutations
 - Hitchhiking of deleterious mutations
 - Due to Muller's Ratchet
- Asexual species adapt slower
 - forced to fix advantageous mutations sequentially (Clonal interference)
 - Creation of novel haplotypes in asexuals is mutation limited. Hard to keep pace with rapidly evolving pathogens (Red queen hypothesis)

The Red Queen Hypothesis

Hosts have to constantly adapt to changing pathogen environment



Recombination generates novel combinations of alleles (i.e. haplotypes)

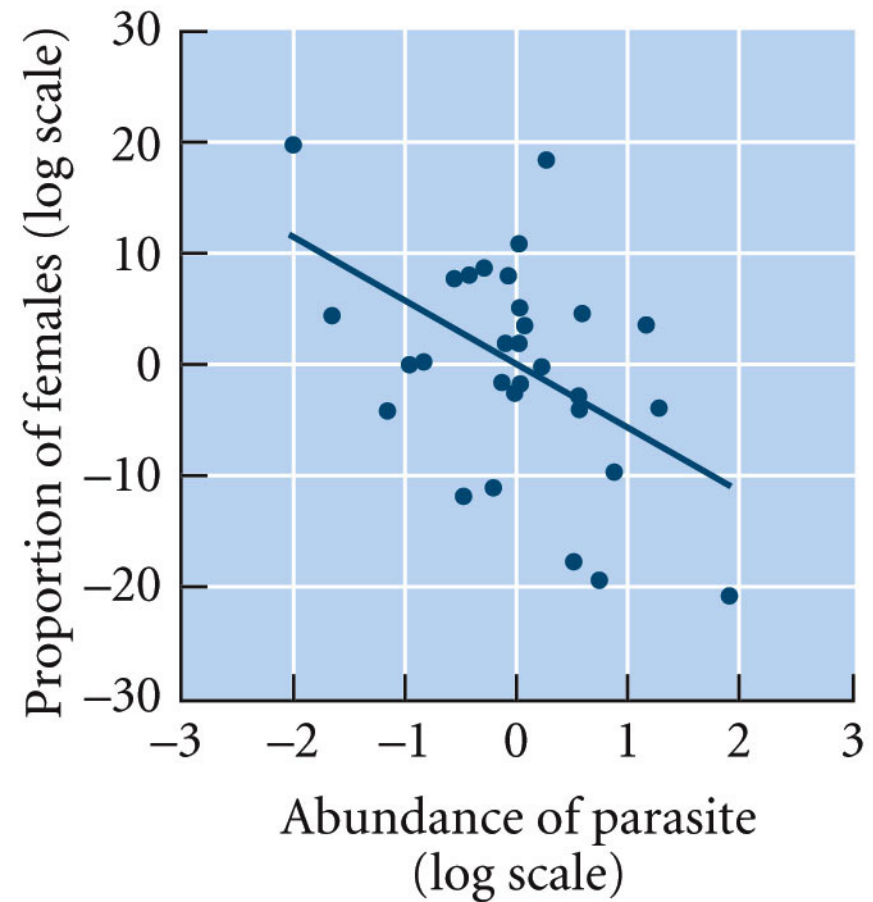
So that sexual species can more rapidly evolve to resist parasites.

Evidence for red queen hypothesis

- Increase in sex with higher parasite load.



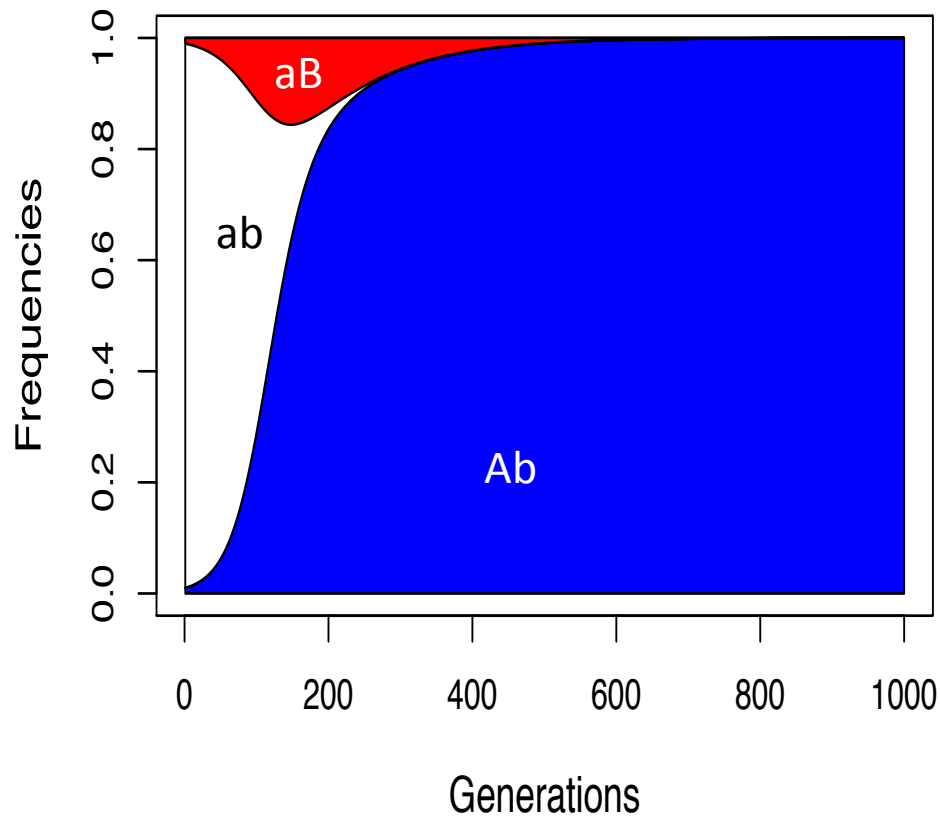
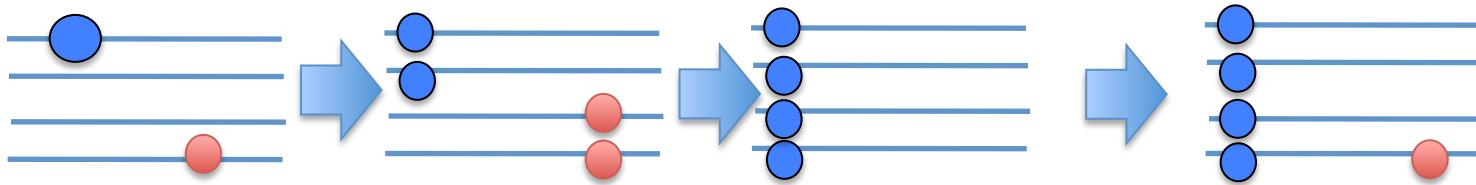
Potamopyrgus antipodarum



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Clonal interference hypothesis

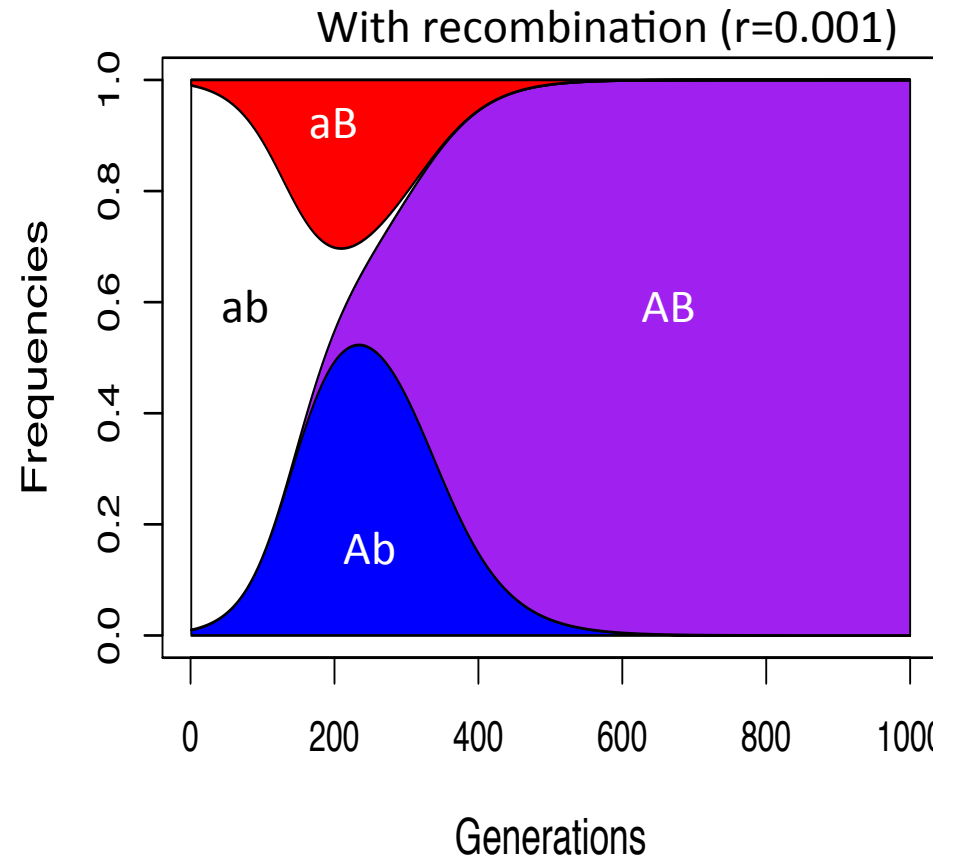
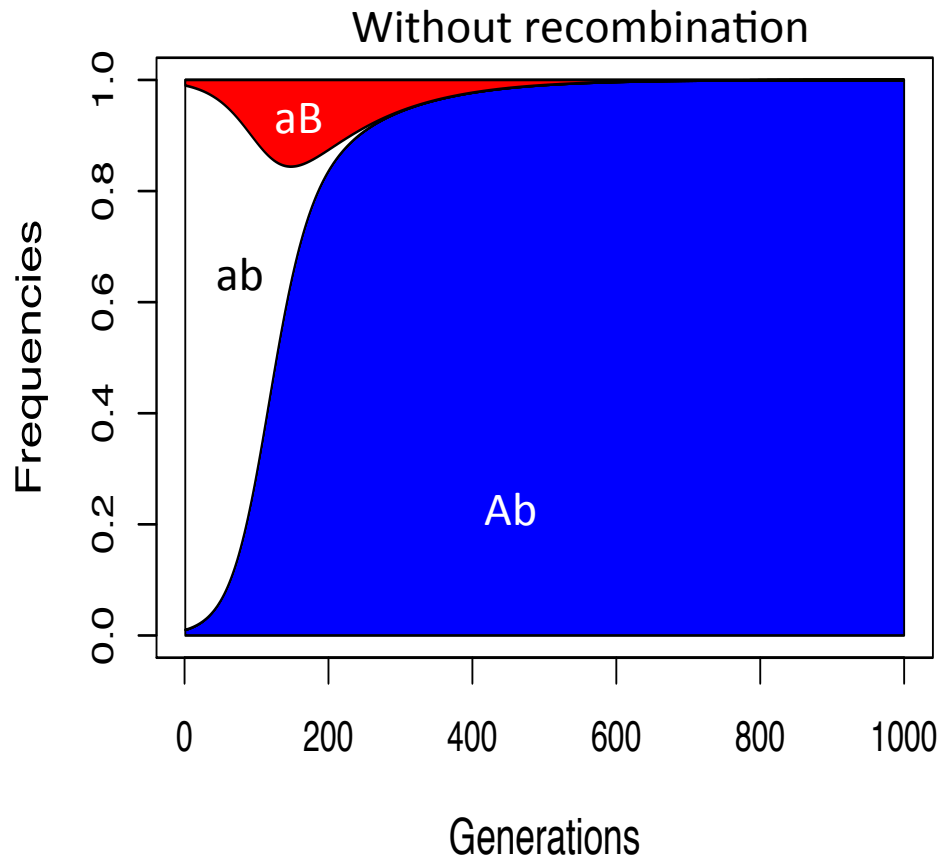
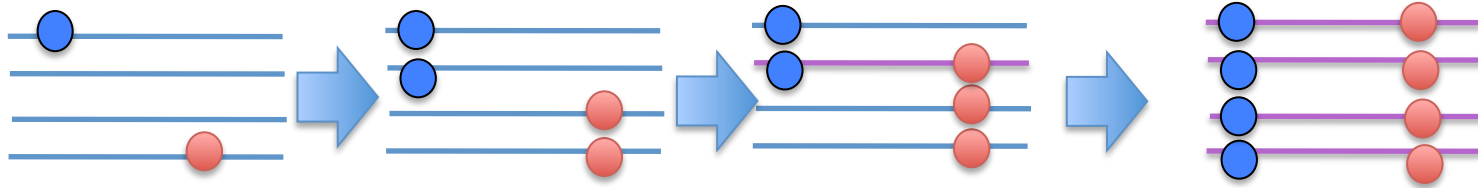
Selected alleles must fix sequentially in absence of sex



$$\begin{aligned}s_A &= 0.08 \\ s_B &= 0.06 \\ s_{AB} &= 0.14\end{aligned}$$

Clonal interference hypothesis

Selected alleles can fix simultaneously in presence of sex.



Evidence of Clonal Interference

Pervasive genetic hitchhiking and clonal interference in forty evolving yeast populations

Gregory I. Lang^{1*†}, Daniel P. Rice^{2*}, Mark J. Hickman³, Erica Sodergren⁴, George M. Weinstock⁴, David Botstein¹ & Michael M. Desai²

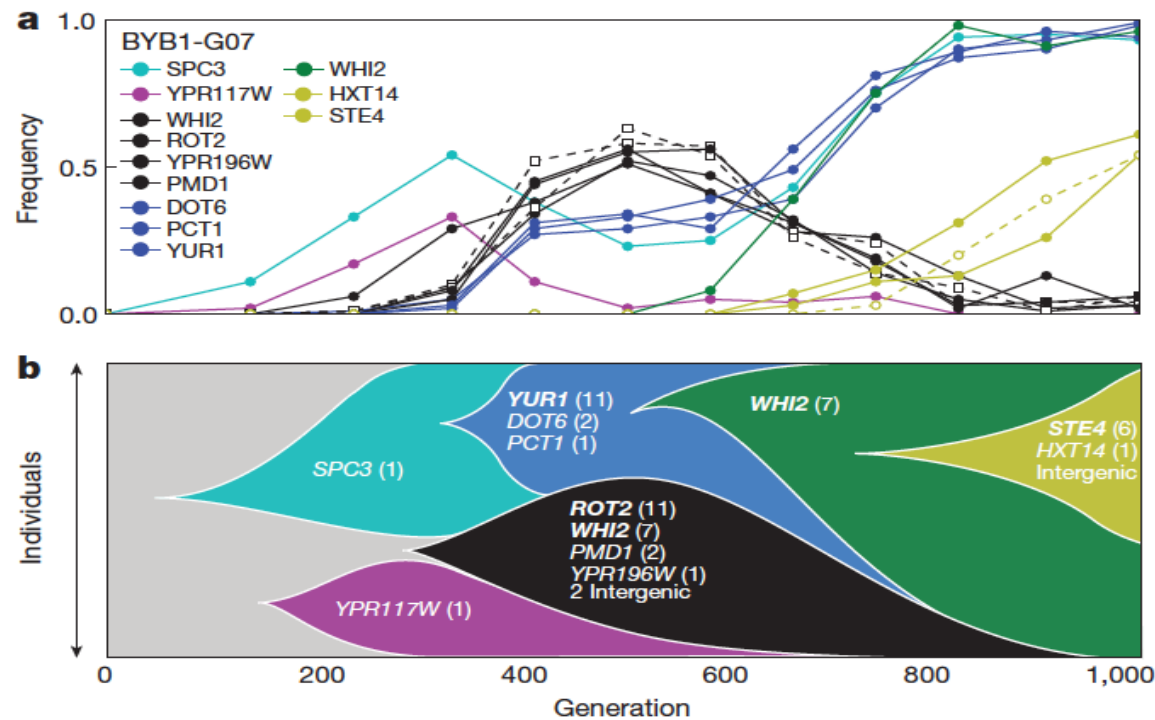


Figure 3 | The dynamics of sequence evolution in BYB1-G07. **a**, The trajectories of the 15 mutations that attain a frequency of at least 30%, hierarchically clustered into several distinct mutation ‘cohorts’, each of which is represented by a different colour (Methods). **b**, Muller diagram showing the

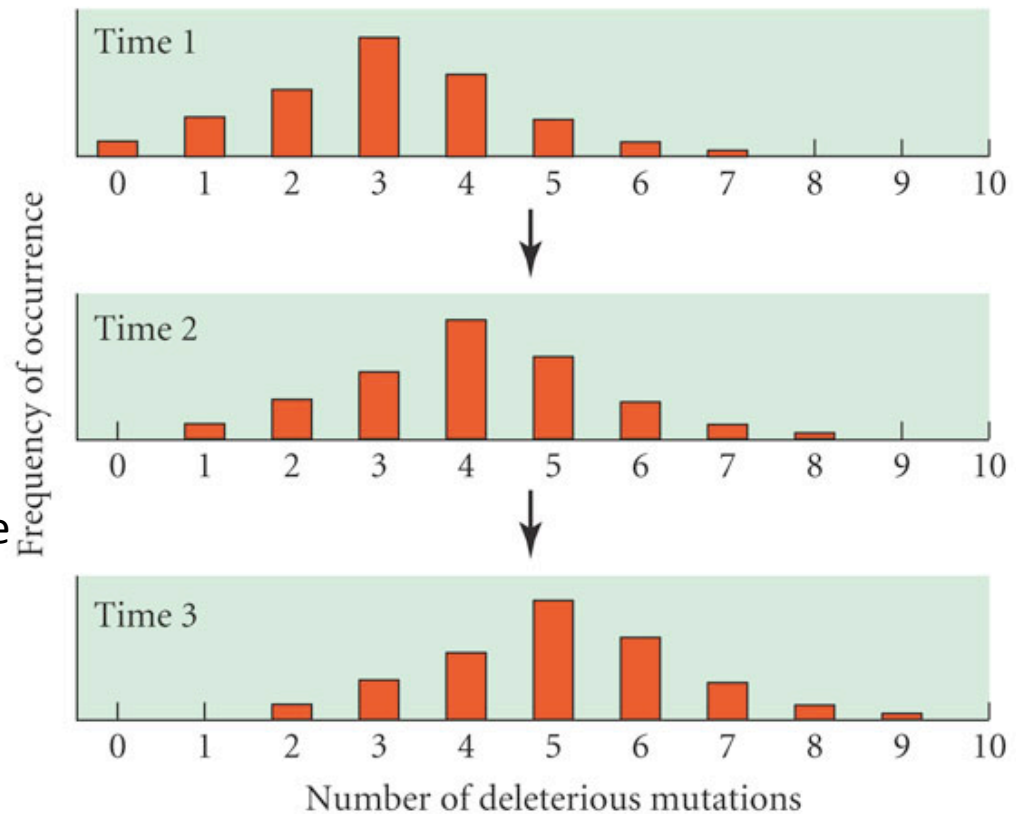
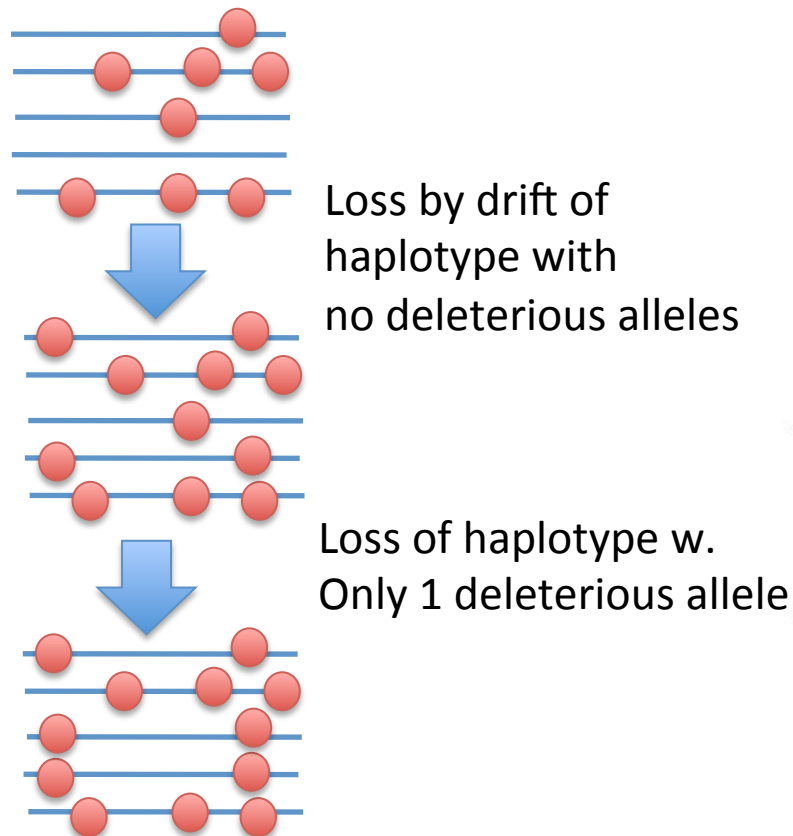
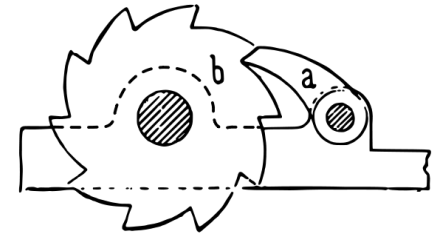
Clonal interference also plays a key role in thinking about evolution of drug resistance in pathogens.

Muller's Ratchet in asexuals

● = Deleterious allele

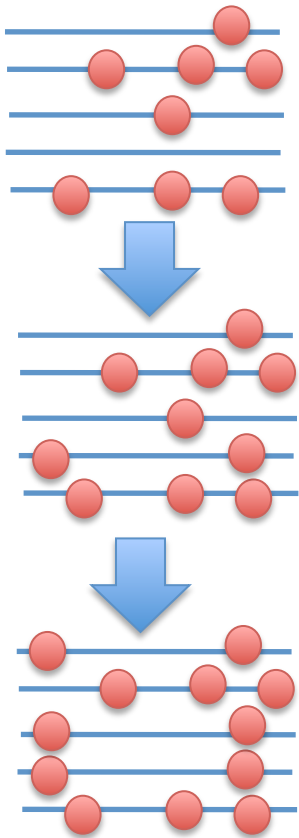


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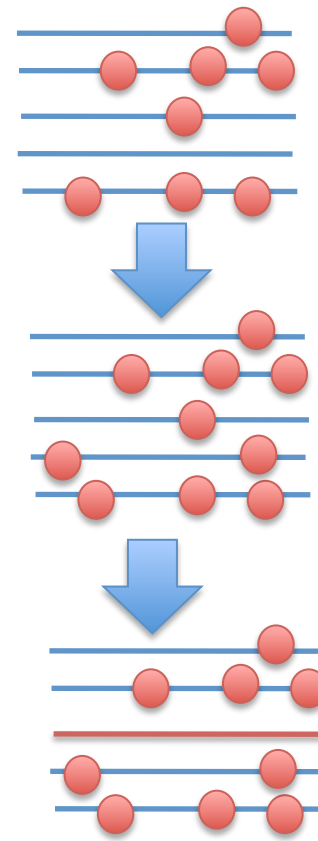


Muller's Ratchet

Ratchet in asexuals: Progressive loss by drift of haplotype with lowest number deleterious alleles. Lowers fitness of population.



Sexual organisms avoid the effects Of Muller's ratchet.

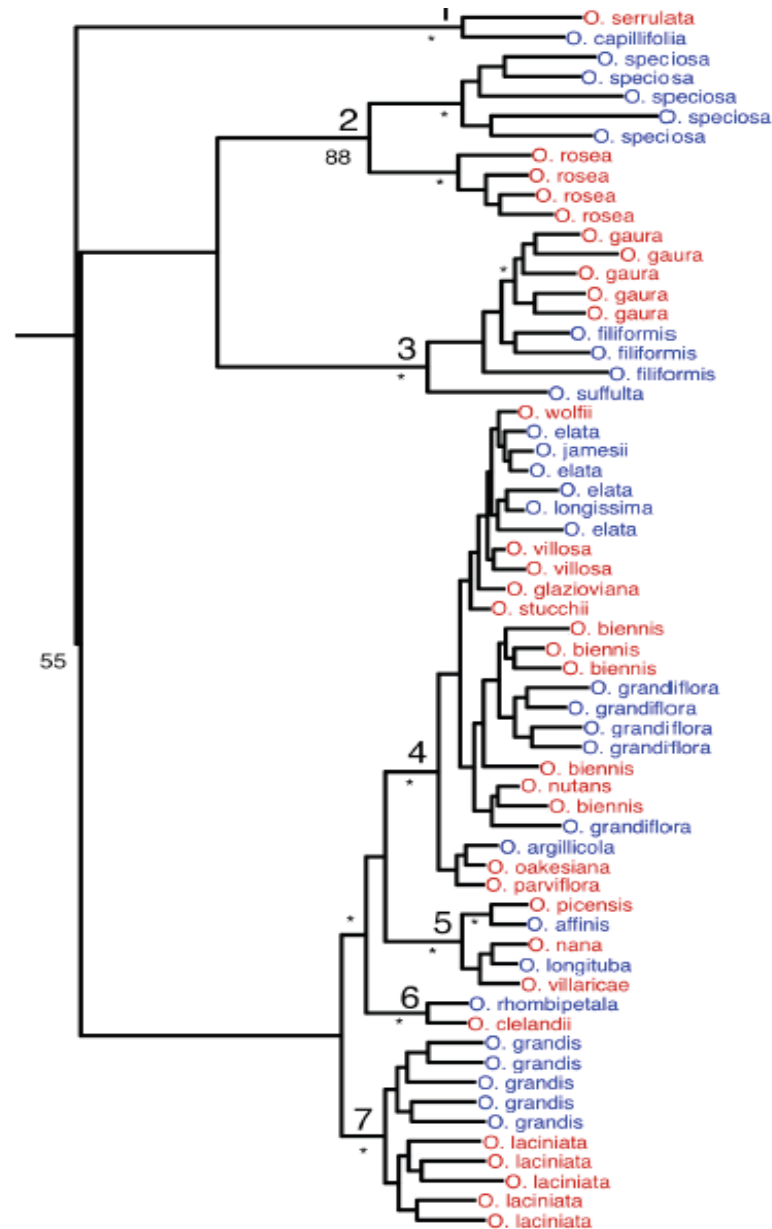


Loss of haplotype
With zero deleterious
alleles

Recombination
Can reform that
haplotype

Recurrent loss of sex is associated with accumulation of deleterious mutations in *Oenothera*

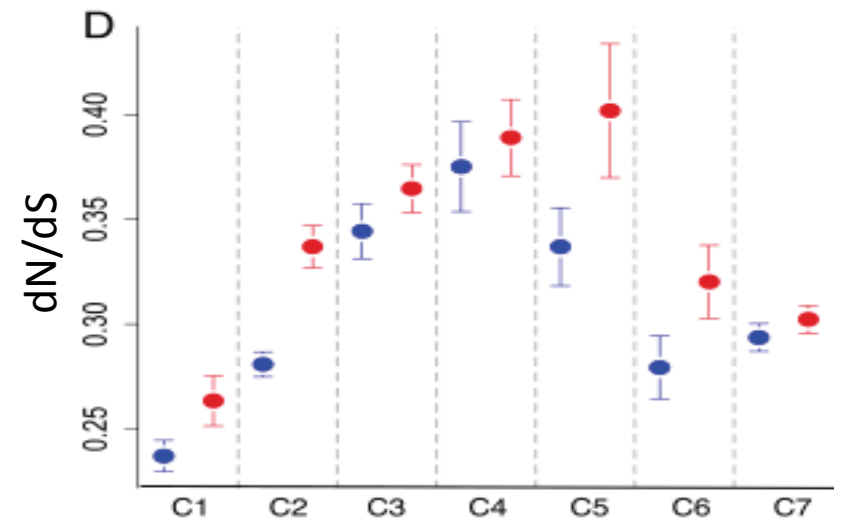
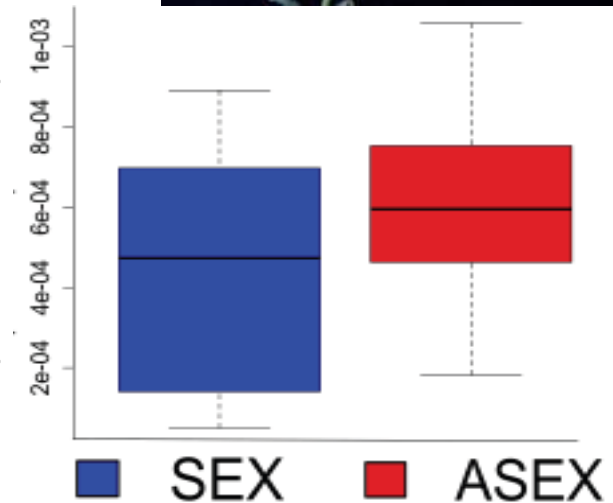
Jesse D. Hollister^{1,2,*}, Stephan Greiner³, Wei Wang¹, Jun Wang⁴, Yong Zhang⁴, Gane Ka-Shu Wong^{4,5,*}, Stephen I. Wright^{1,6}, Marc T. J. Johnson^{2,6}



Showy evening primrose
Marc Johnson



Proportion of genes with premature stop codons



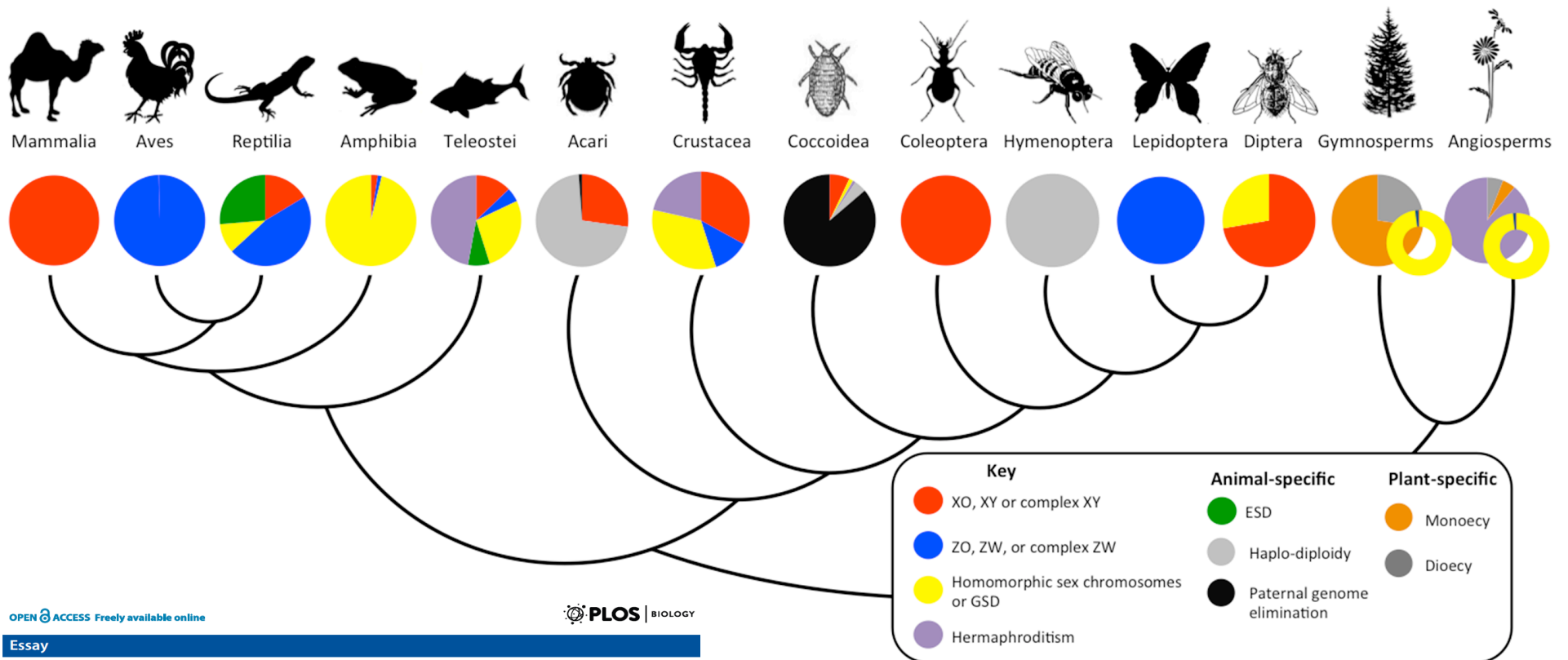
A species having sex is not the same as a species having different sexes

- The fundamental difference between male and female function is Anisogamy (Gametes differ in size)
- Male sexual function:
 - Small mobile gametes
- Female sexual function:
 - Larger less mobile gametes
 - Maternal provisions



Zimmer book

Male and female functions do not necessarily mean sexes are separate individuals
But separate sexes have arisen many times
Perhaps because of:
Selection for specialization
or inbreeding avoidance.



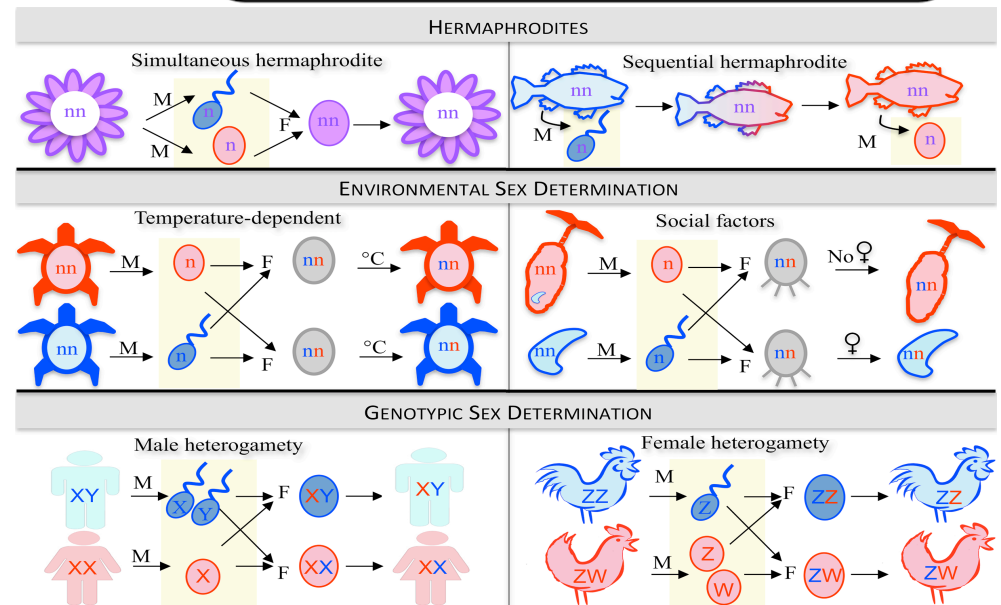
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PLOS BIOLOGY

Essay

Sex Determination: Why So Many Ways of Doing It?

Doris Bachtrog^{1*}, Judith E. Mank², Catherine L. Peichel³, Mark Kirkpatrick⁴, Sarah P. Otto⁵, Tia-Lynn Ashman⁶, Matthew W. Hahn⁷, Jun Kitano⁸, Itay Mayrose⁹, Ray Ming¹⁰, Nicolas Perrin¹¹, Laura Ross¹², Nicole Valenzuela¹³, Jana C. Vamosi¹⁴, The Tree of Sex Consortium[†]

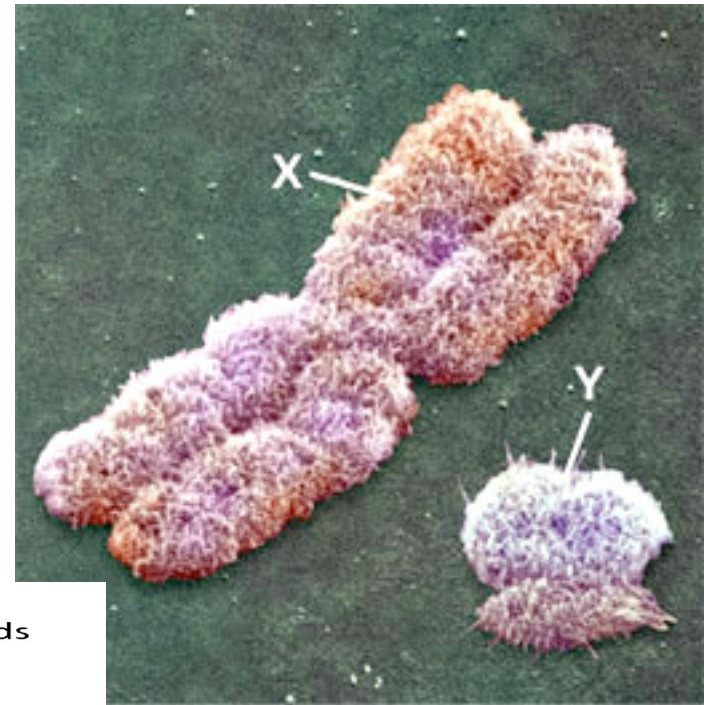
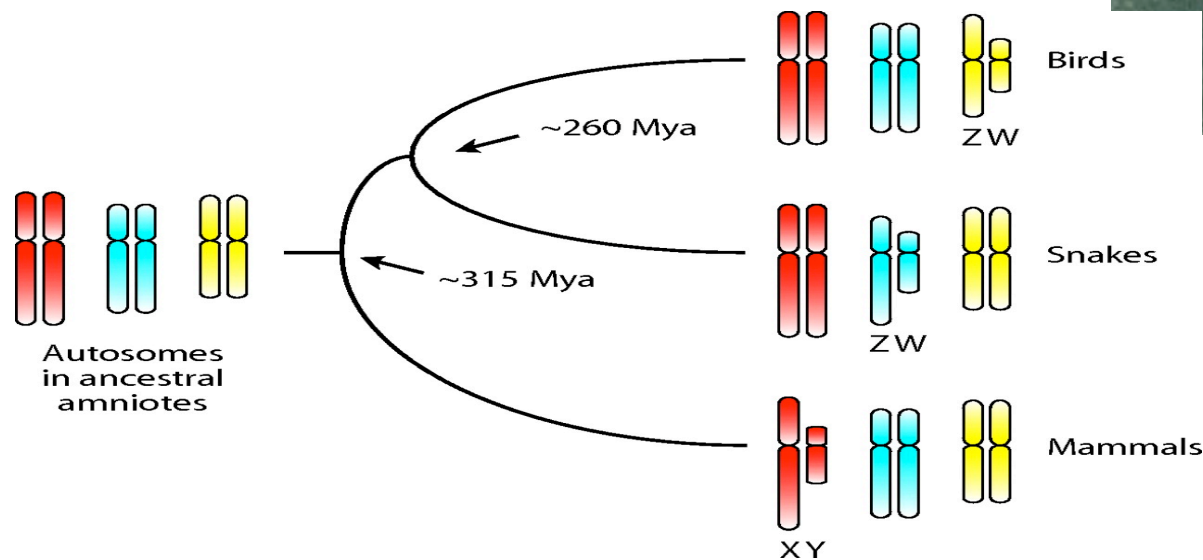


Evolution of sex chromosomes

In species with genetic sex determination the chromosomes containing the sex determining factors are often heteromorphous:
One is much reduced in function and size.
And does not recombine.

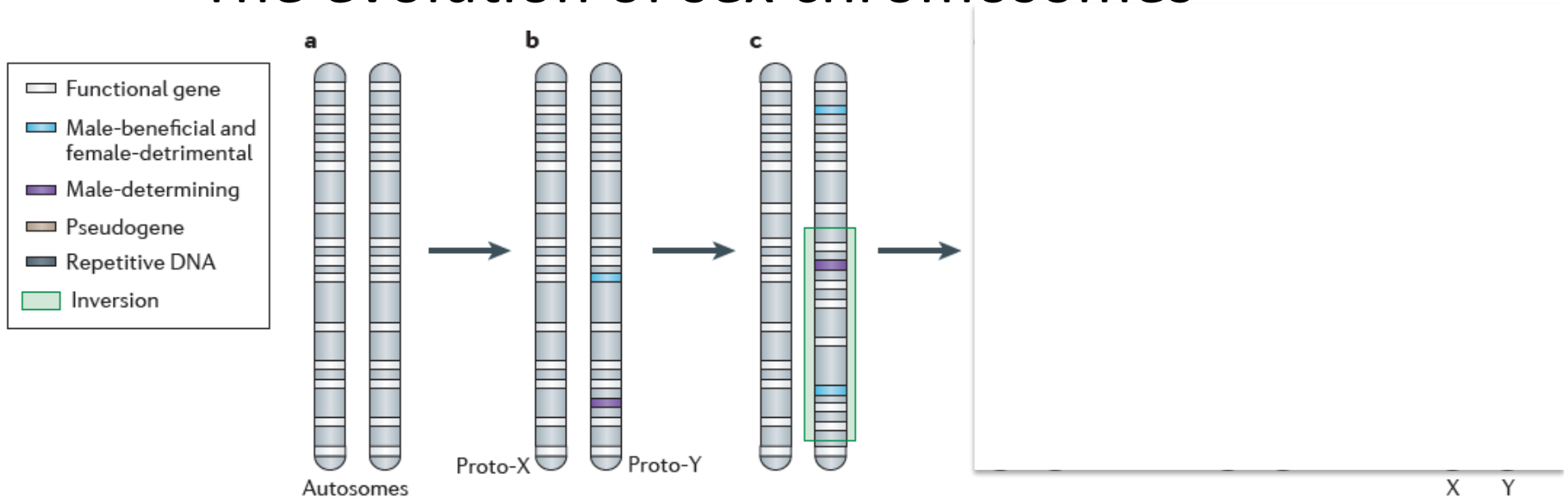
Human Y: 60 Mbp ~80 genes

Human X: 153 Mbp ~2000 genes

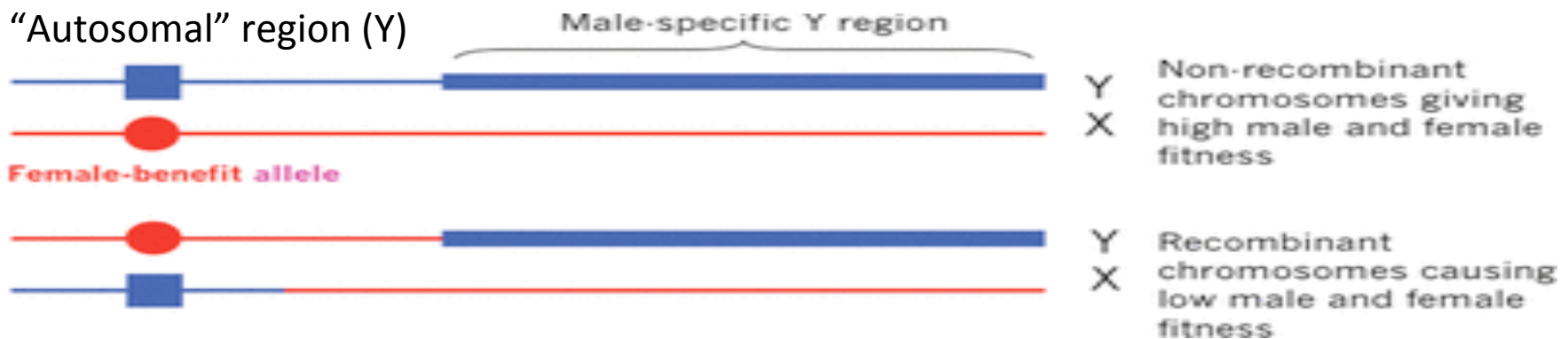


Heteromorphous sex chromosomes have evolved independently many times

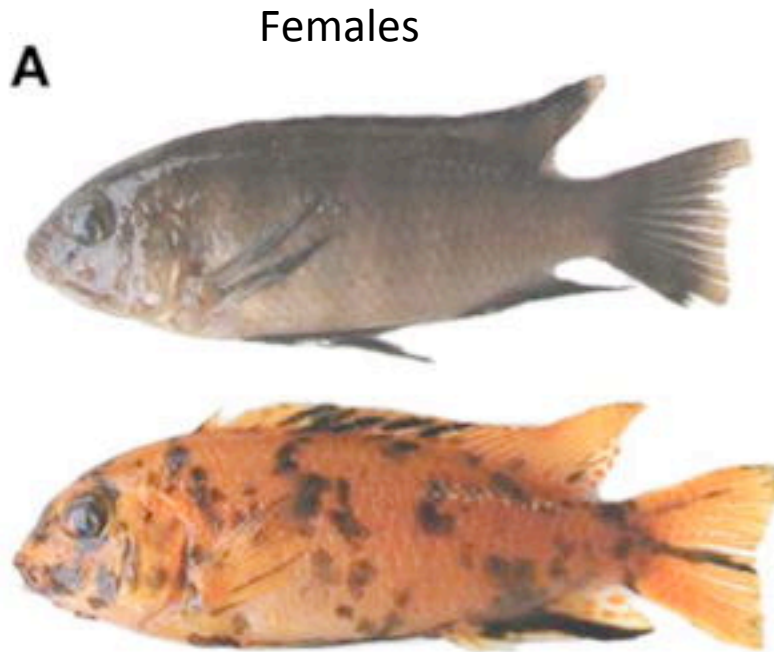
The evolution of sex chromosomes



Sex determining allele arises (e.g. dominant male determining allele)
 Recombination between sexually antagonistic allele and male-determining allele
 have lowers fitness.
 Recombination between these loci suppressed by inversion



Polymorphism



Recessive female advantageous allele



Has deleterious consequences in males

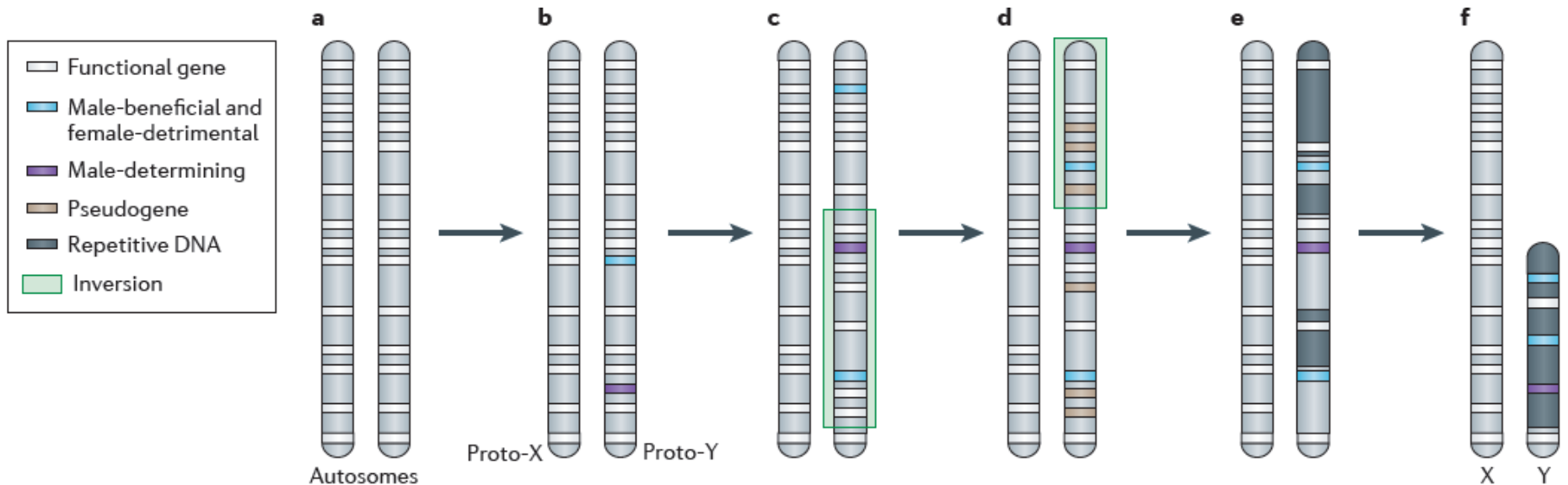
Sexual Conflict Resolved by Invasion of a Novel Sex Determiner in Lake Malawi Cichlid Fishes

Reade B. Roberts, Jennifer R. Ser, Thomas D. Kocher*

Sexual antagonistic alleles and the evolution of reduced recombination on Y chromosomes



The evolution of sex chromosomes



Sex determining allele arises (e.g. dominant male determining allele)

Recombination between sexually antagonistic allele and male-determining allele have lowers fitness.

Recombination between these loci suppressed by inversion

Shutting off recombination now means that this section of Proto-Y no long recombines (note that Proto-X can recombine with itself in females)

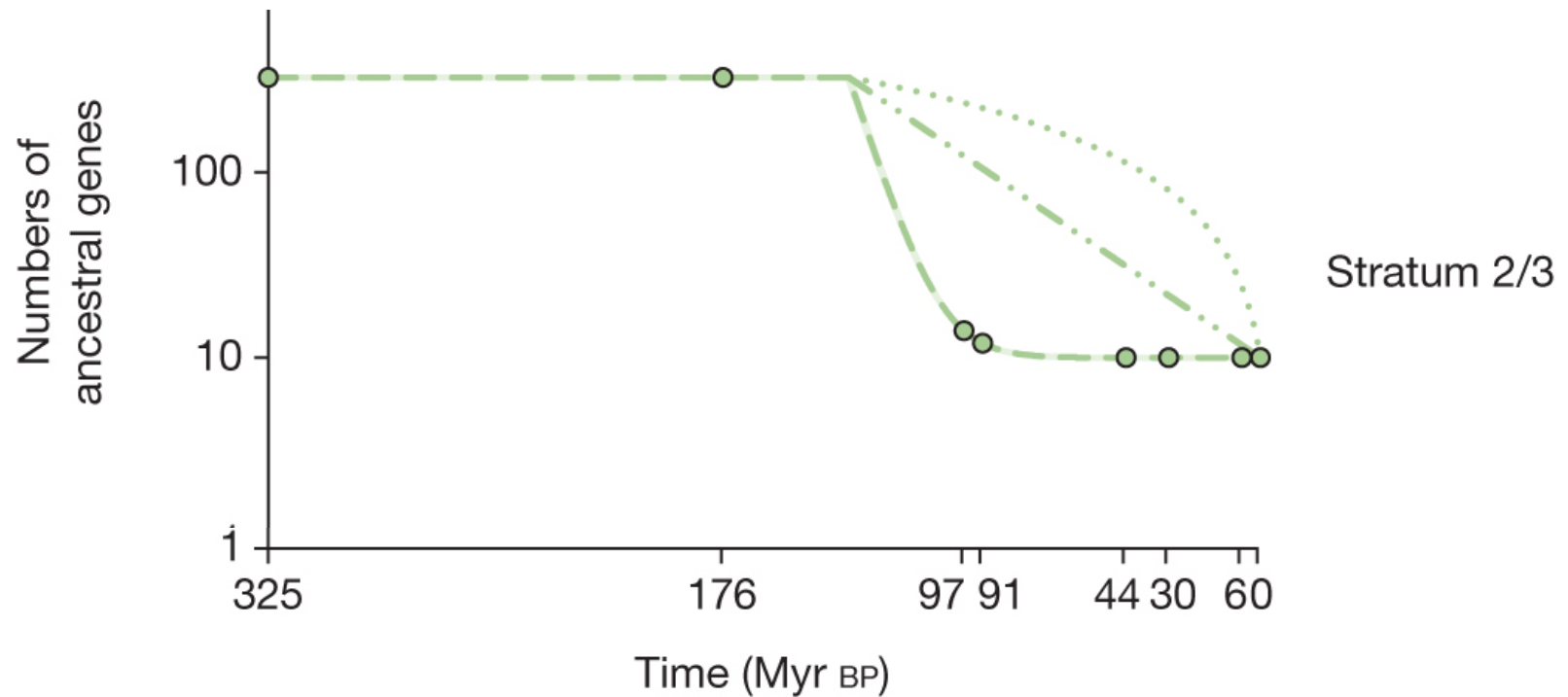
This in turn leads to degeneration of Y sex chromosome genes due to:

Muller's Ratchet

And the hitchhiking of deleterious alleles.

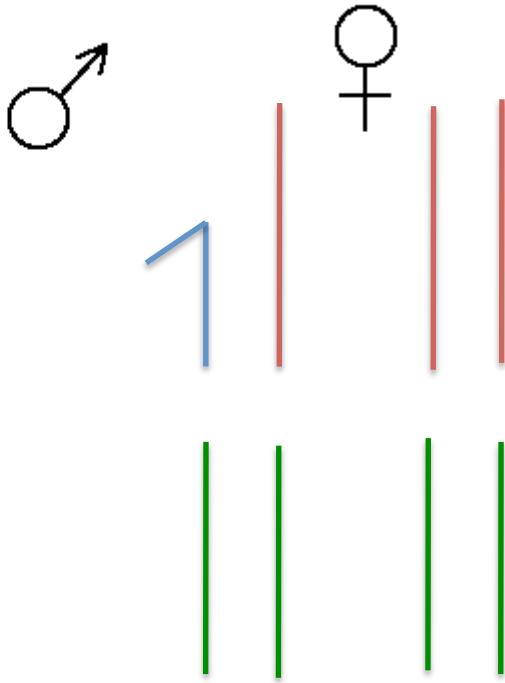
Accumulation of repeats and transposable elements.

Ancestral gene content in section of human Y chromosome



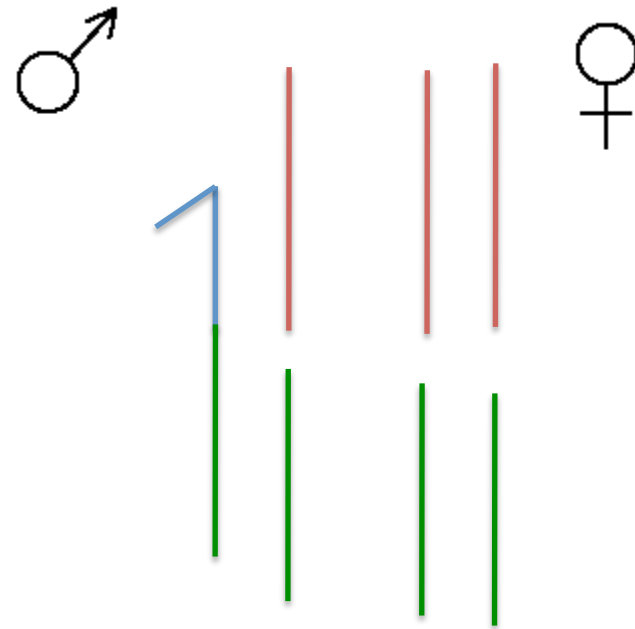
- Linear decay
- . - . - . Exponential decay
- - - - - Exponential decay plus a constant baseline

Neo-sex chromosomes in Drosophila

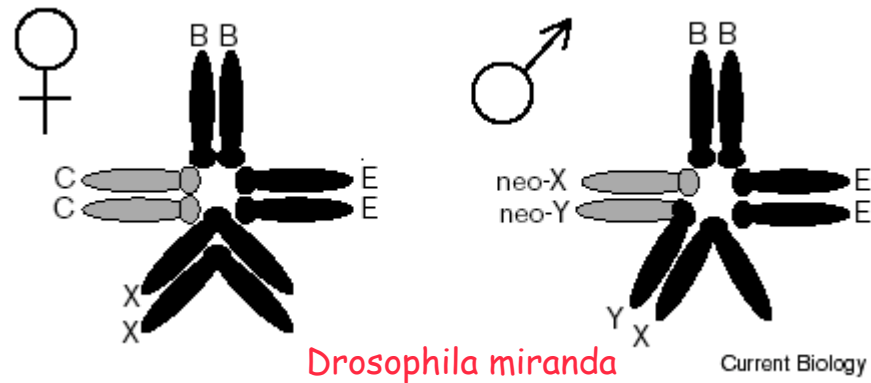


If an autosome fuses to the Y chromosome

Then one copy segregates with the Y and one
With the X this is called a neo-sex chromosome



The autosome fused to the Y
does not experience recombination



A neo-Y chromosome region was formed in *Drosophila miranda* 1.25 Myrs ago and has rapidly decayed

Majority of genes (open reading frames, ORFs)
In neo-Y region have become non-functional

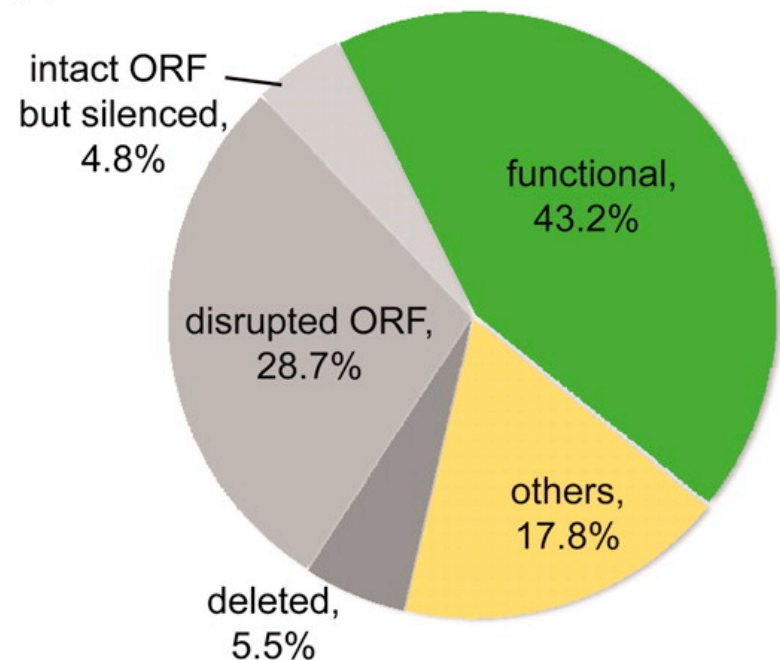
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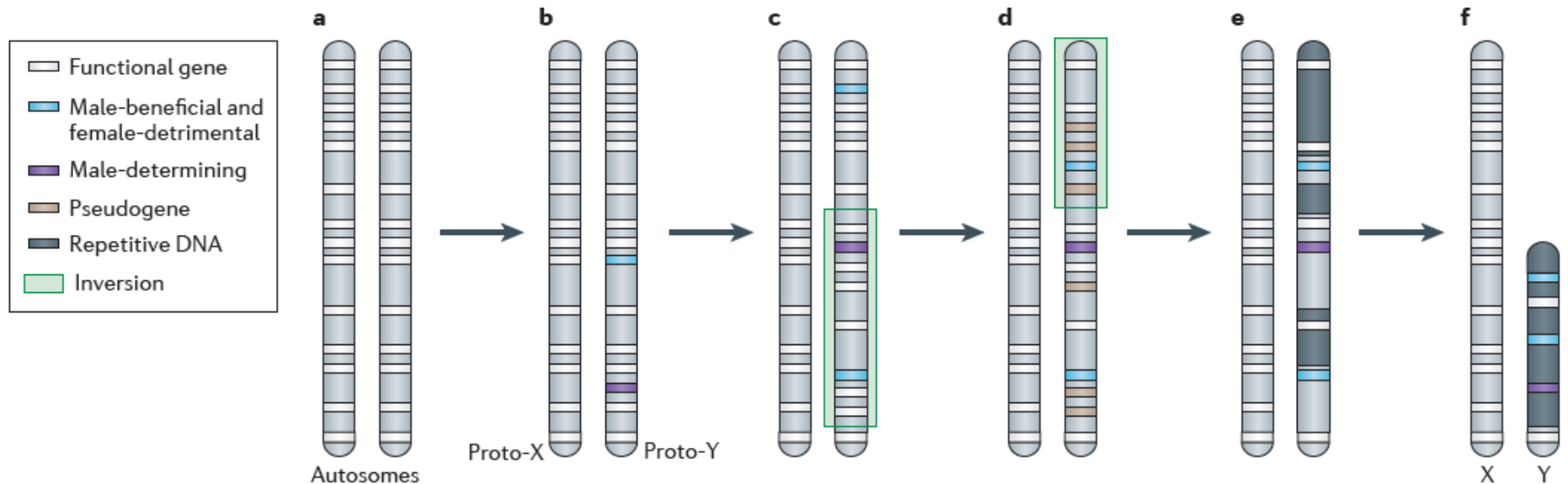
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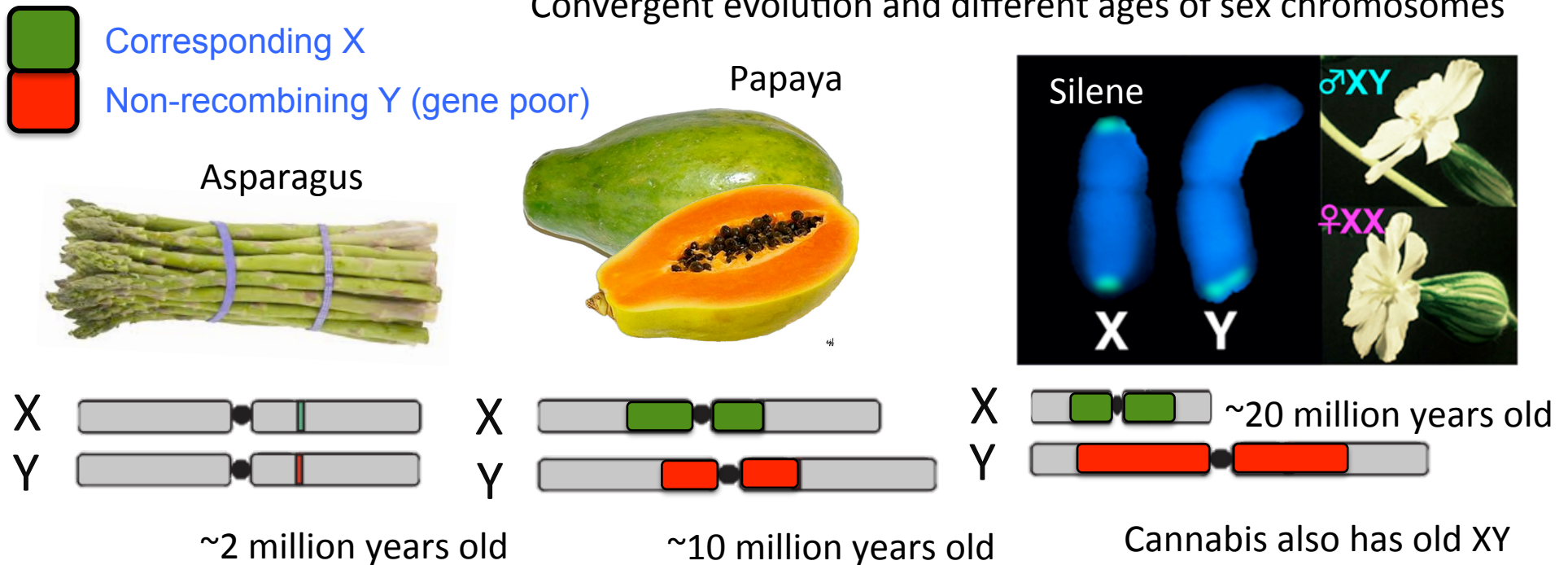
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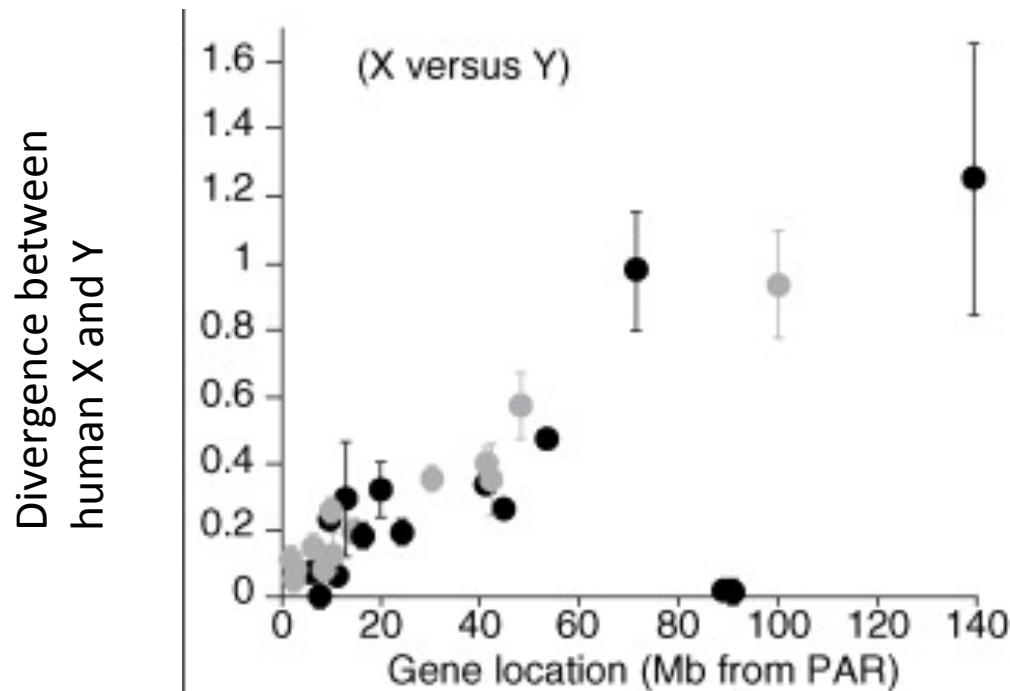
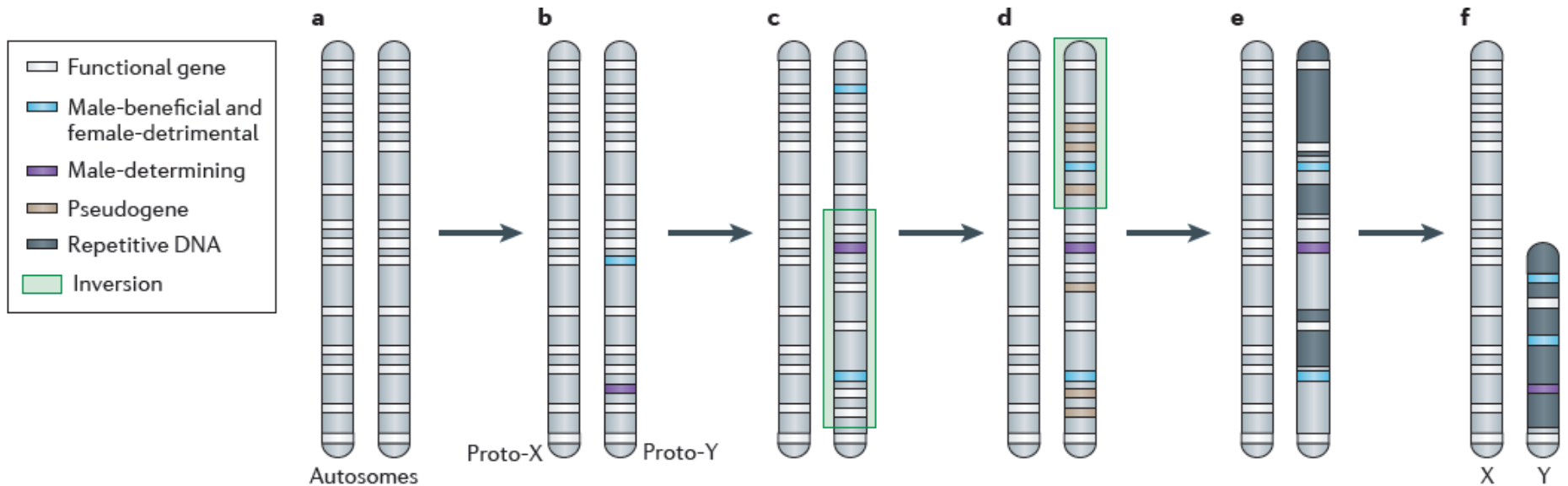
The evolution of sex chromosomes



Convergent evolution and different ages of sex chromosomes



The evolution of sex chromosomes



Our own X and Y have different Evolutionary strata corresponding to different ages that recombination ceased between X and Y (different Inversions & transpositions)

Genes on Y in these different strata are in different states of decay.

Bergero, Charlesworth 2009