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Evolution of dominance



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What is dominance ?

- For a behavioural biologist...



What is dominance ?

■ For a molecular biologist...



Sceloporus undulatus

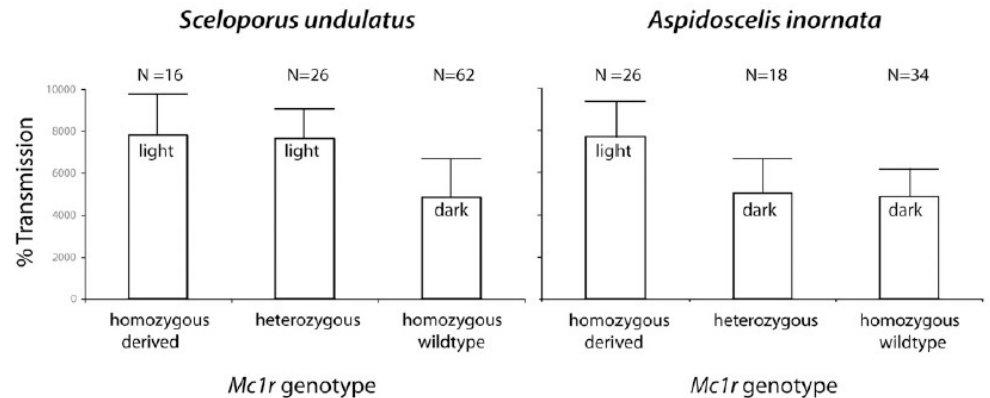
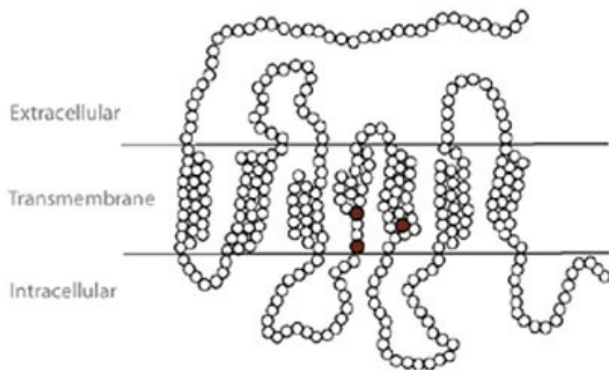
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Holbrookia maculata

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Rosenblum *et al.* PNAS 2010

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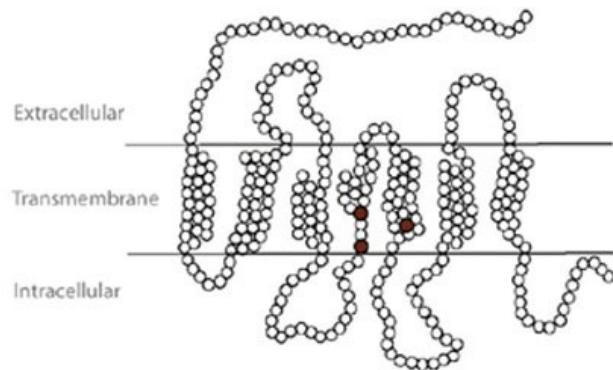
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- ➔ Dominance is a by-product of the mutation.
- ➔ Dominance is a property of the allele.

What is dominance ?

- For a quantitative genetics biologist



Herbicide resistance cost in *A. thaliana*

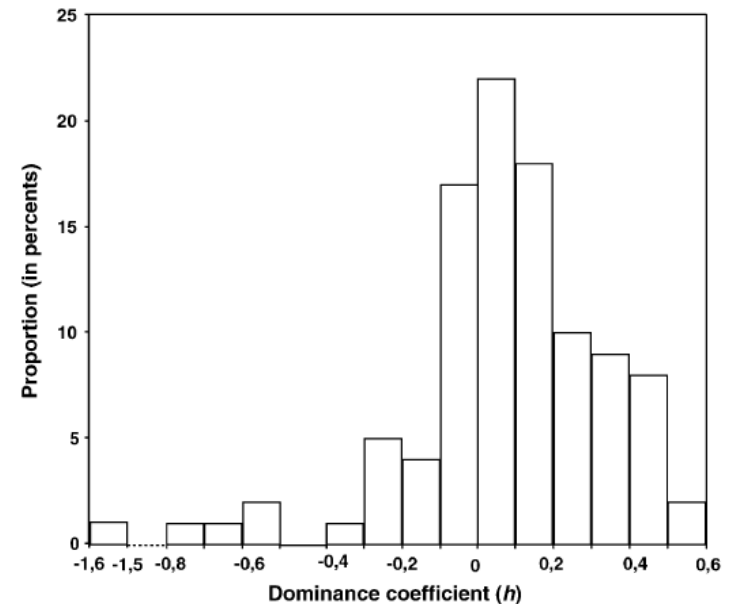


FIGURE 2.—Overall distribution of dominance coefficients. The resistant allele is dominant for the fitness cost when $h = 1$, semidominant when $h = 0.5$, recessive when h approaches 0, and overdominant and underdominant when $h > 1$ and < 0 , respectively.

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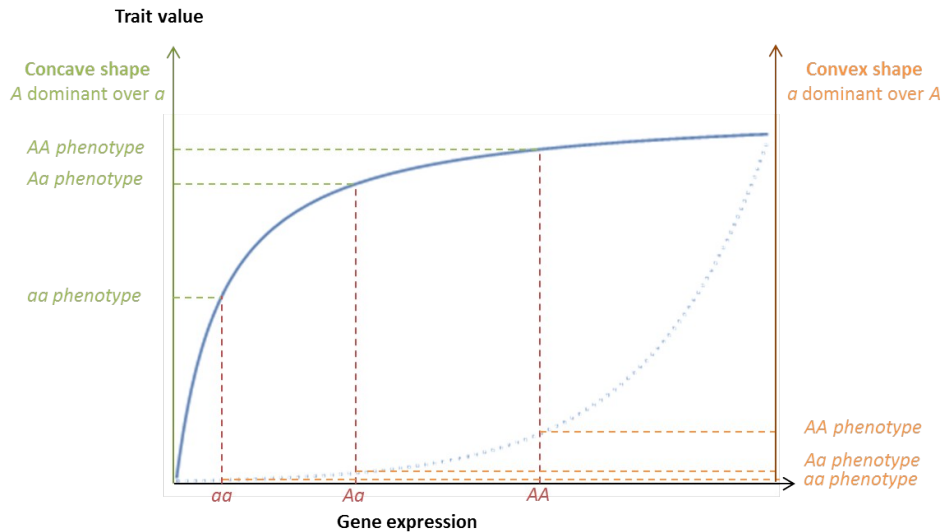
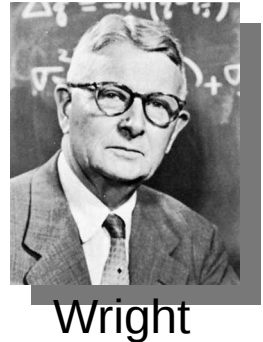


- Dominance is quantitative
- Dominance depend on the genetic background

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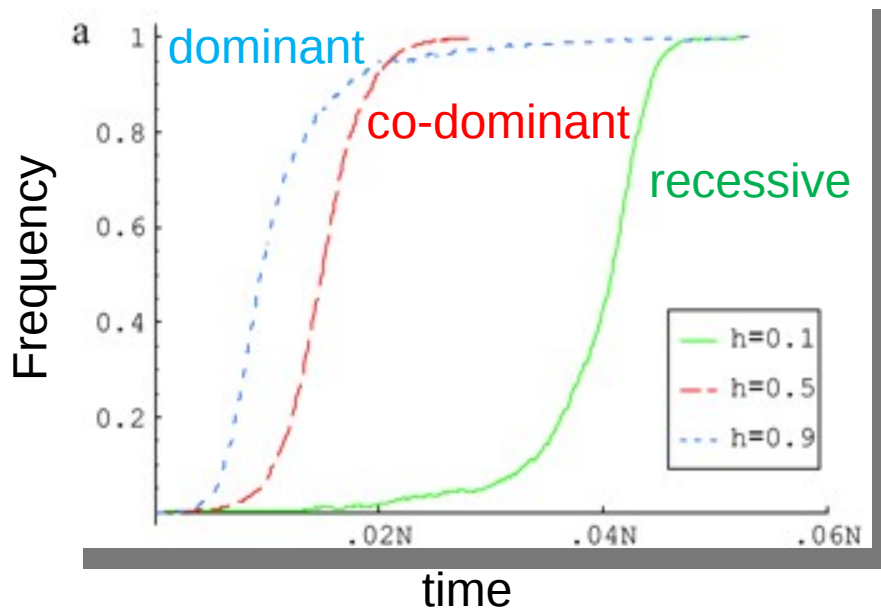
- For population geneticists



- ➔ Dominance depends on the link between genotype and phenotype
- ➔ Direct property of the allele

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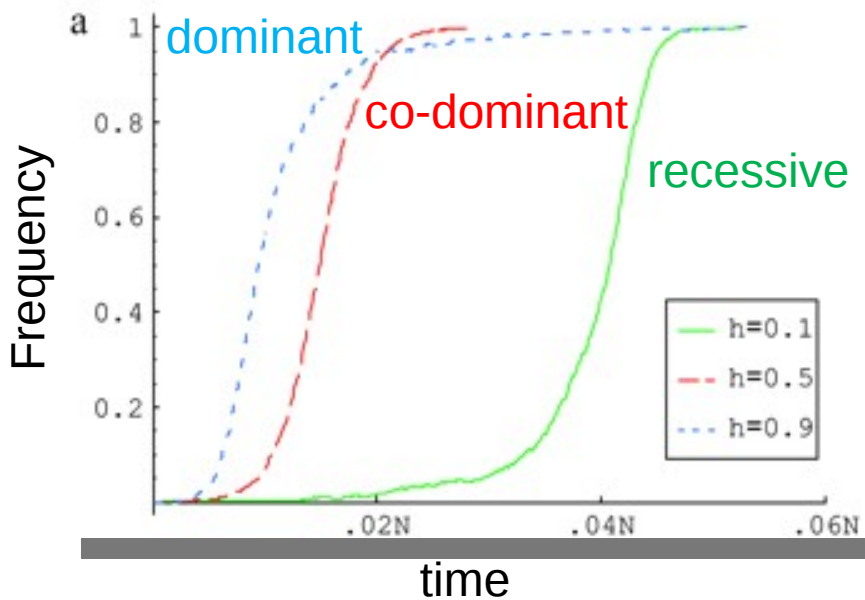
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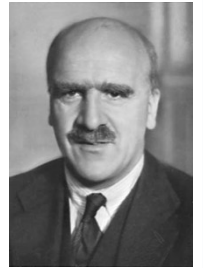
→ Dominance influences fixation of allele under positive selection

What is dominance ?

■ For population geneticists



Teshima & Przeworki 2006 Genetics



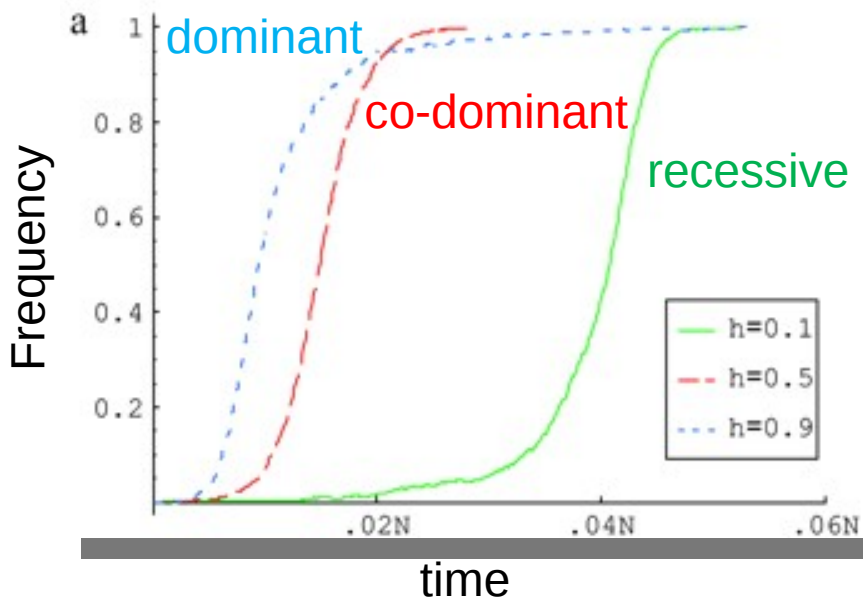
Haldane



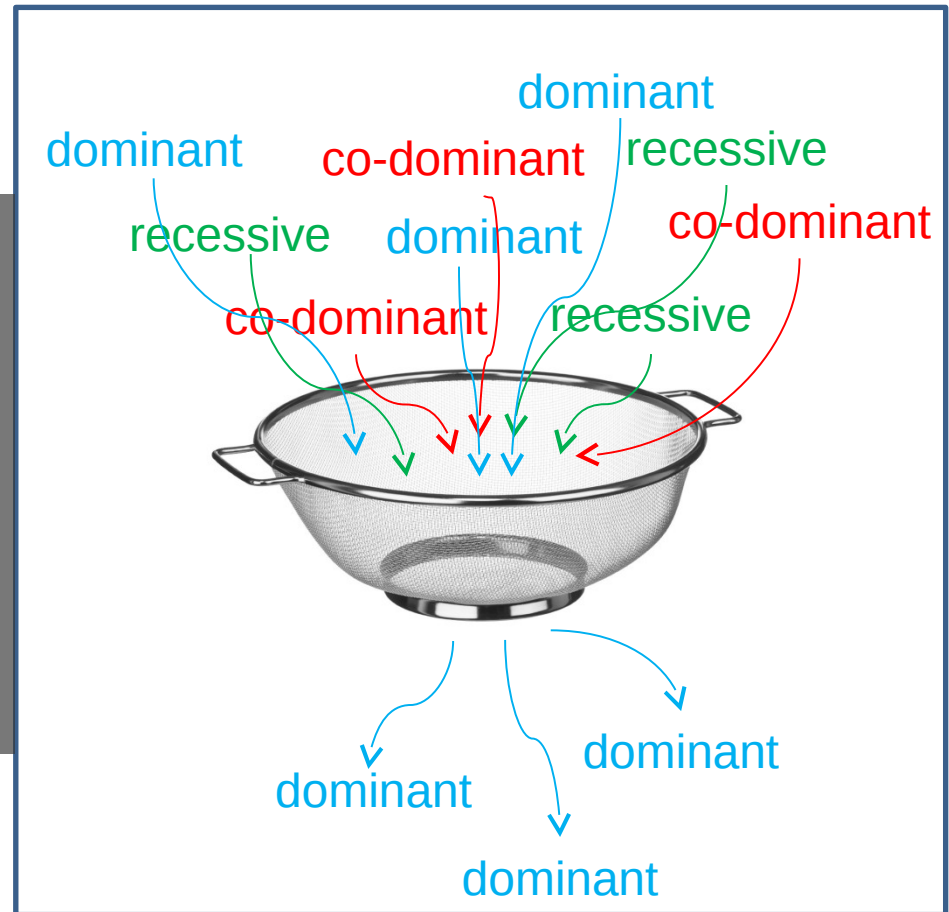
Haldane's sieve

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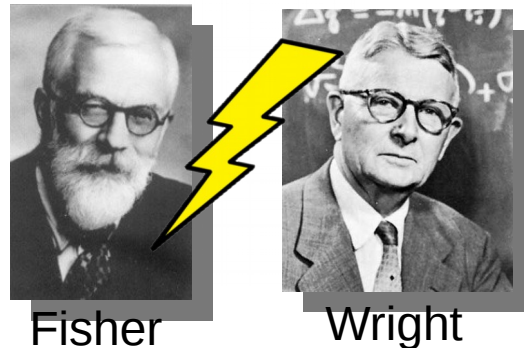
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Evolution of dominance ?

- NATURAL SELECTION ACTING ON DOMINANCE
- DRIVING EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE ?



Fisher

Wright

Fisher (1928):

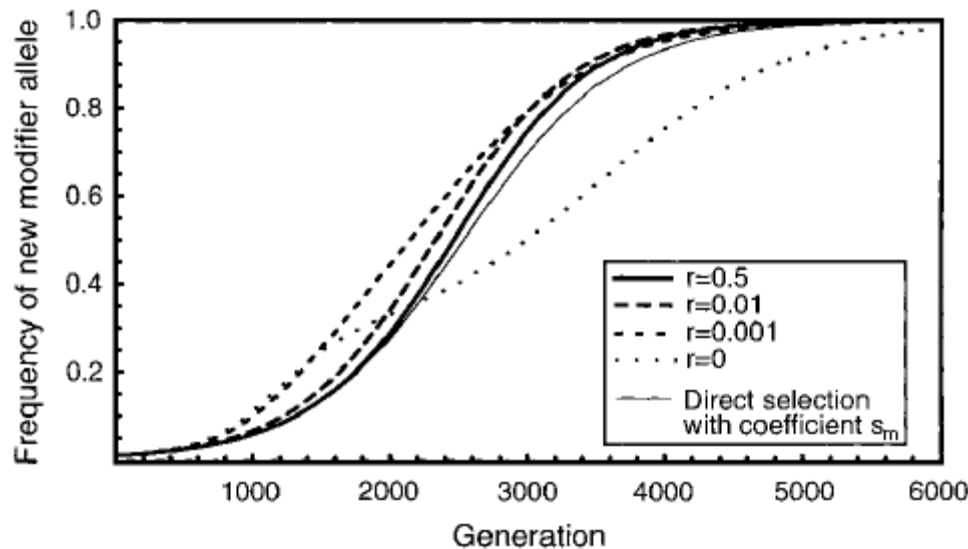
- Selection on dominance modifiers can trigger evolution of dominance

Wright (1929):

- Selection on modifier acts on heterozygotes only
- Unlikely to be efficient in natural populations where heterozygotes are rare

Evolution of dominance ?

→ Evolution of dominance possible when heterozygotes are frequent: in locus under balancing selection

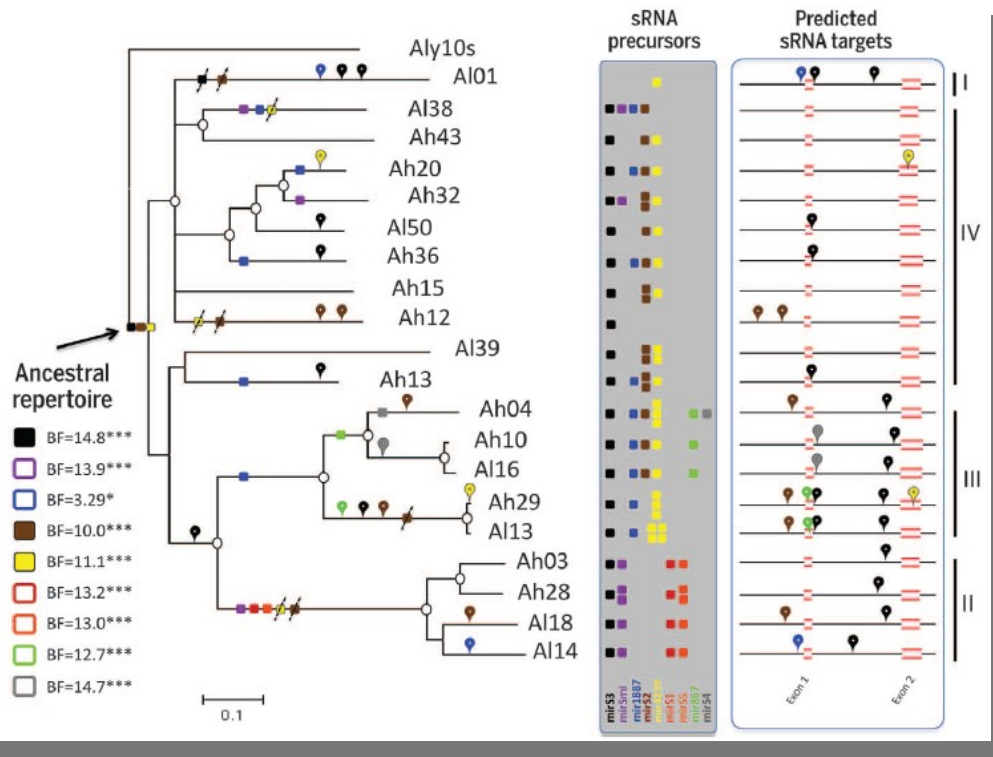


□ Fixation of unlinked dominance modifiers

Otto & Bourguet 1999 Am. Nat.

Evolution of dominance ?

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□ sRNA controlling dominance at the polymorphic *SCR* locus in *A. halleri*

POLYMORPHIC MIMICRY AS A CASE-STUDY

- Butterfly wing colour pattern:
 - ➔ Relevant example of complex phenotype under selection
 - Predators
 - Sexual selection

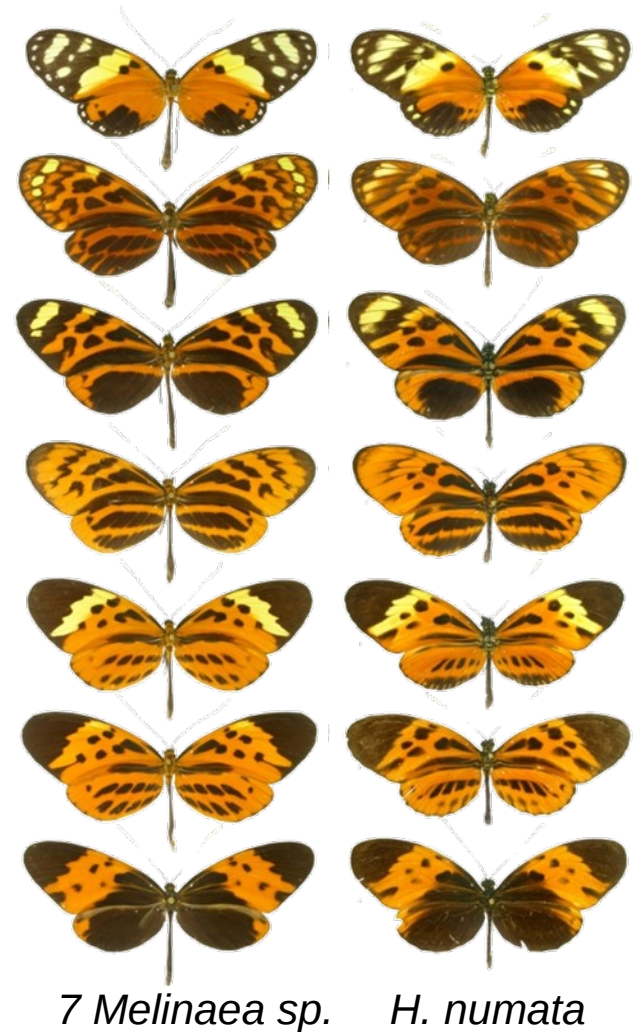
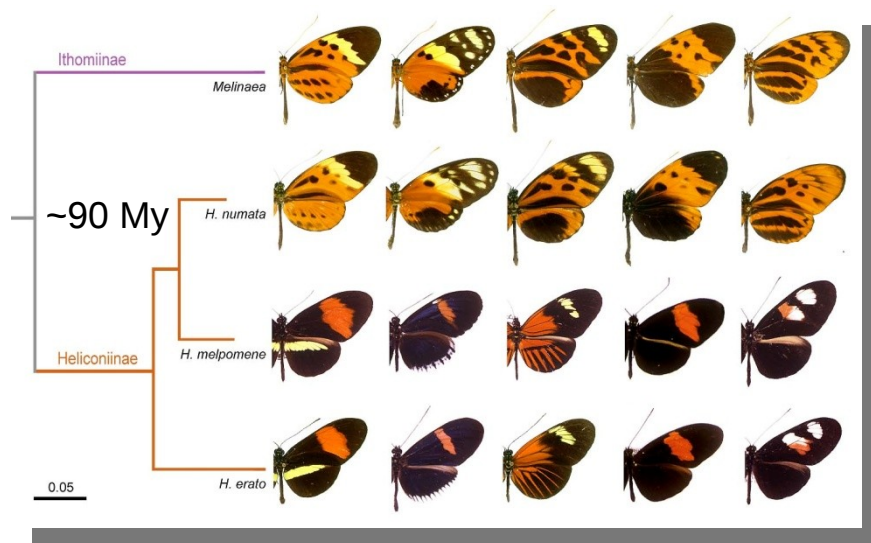


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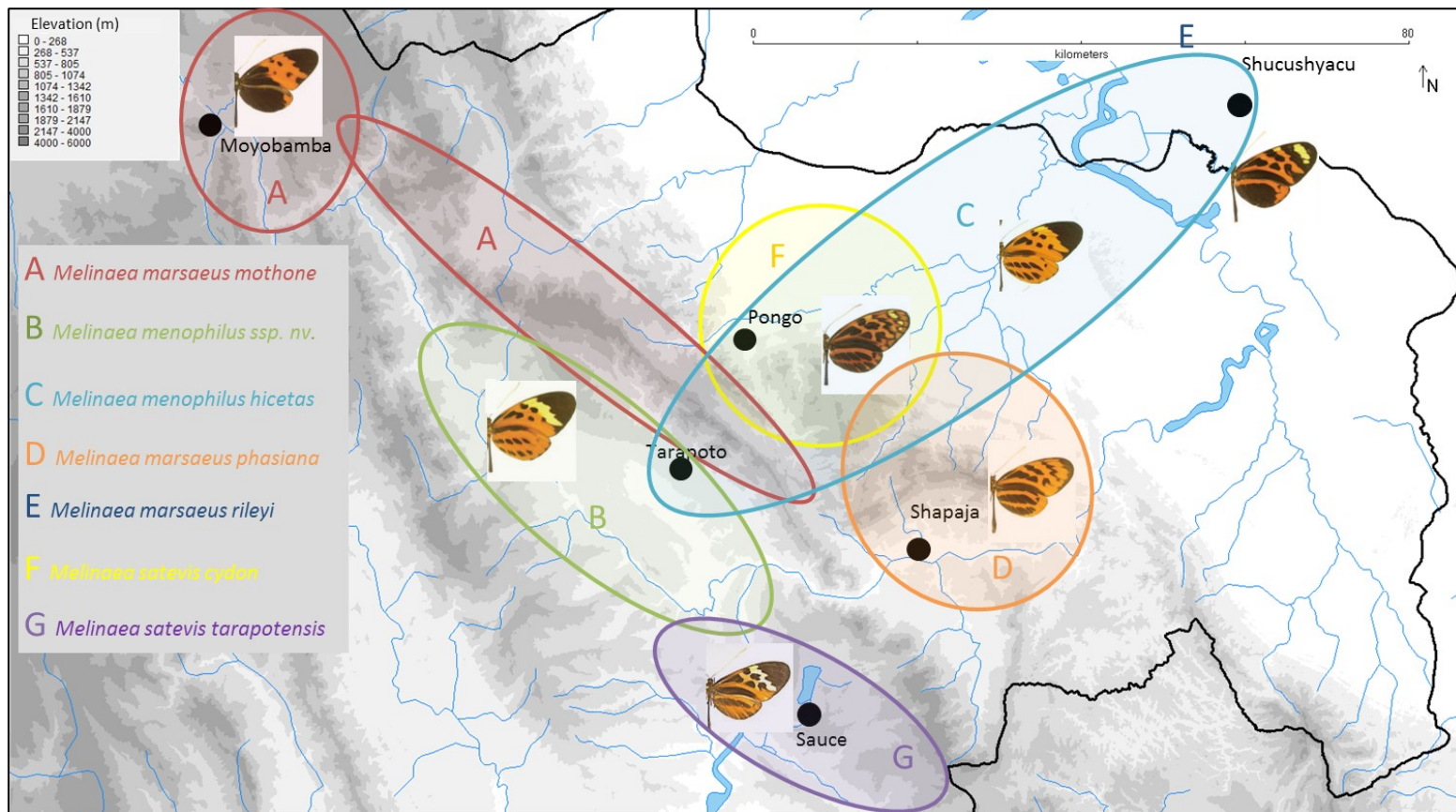
- *H. numata* : striking resemblance with several species from the distantly related genus *Melinaea* (~90 My divergence)



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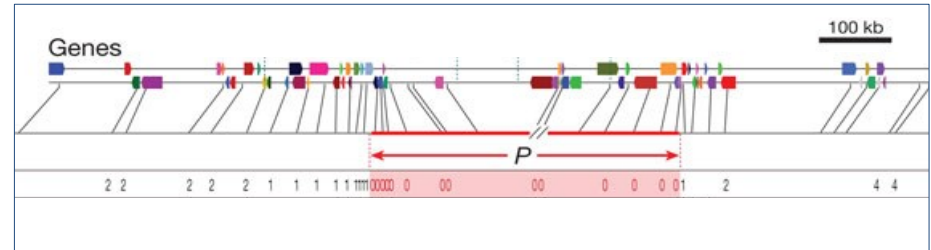
- Polymorphism driven by selection-migration equilibrium



Distribution of *Melinaea* ssp (San Martin Department – PERU) – from Mélanie McClure

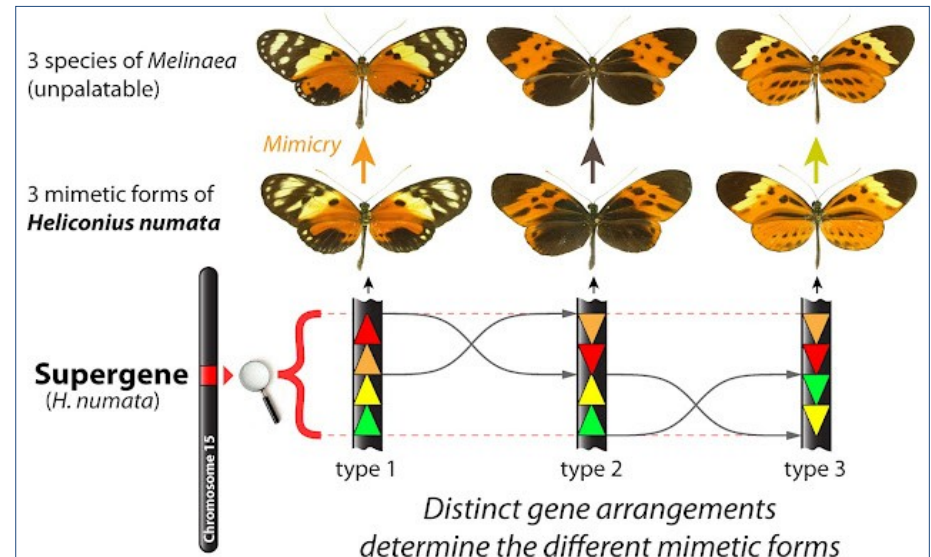
EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE IN POLYMORPHIC MIMICRY

- Supergene encoding for color pattern variations



- Polymorphic gene order corresponding to different mimetic alleles
- Limited recombination

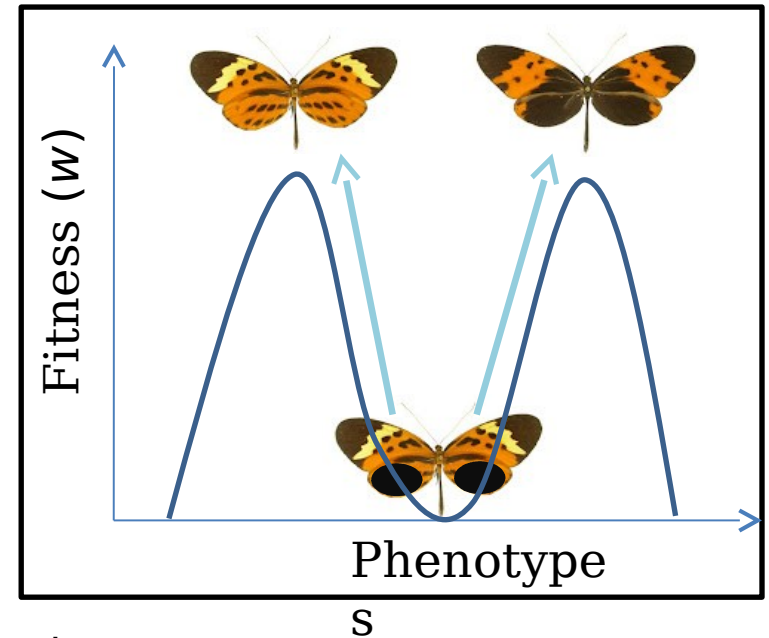
GENETIC ARCHITECTURE FAVOURING POLYMORPHISM



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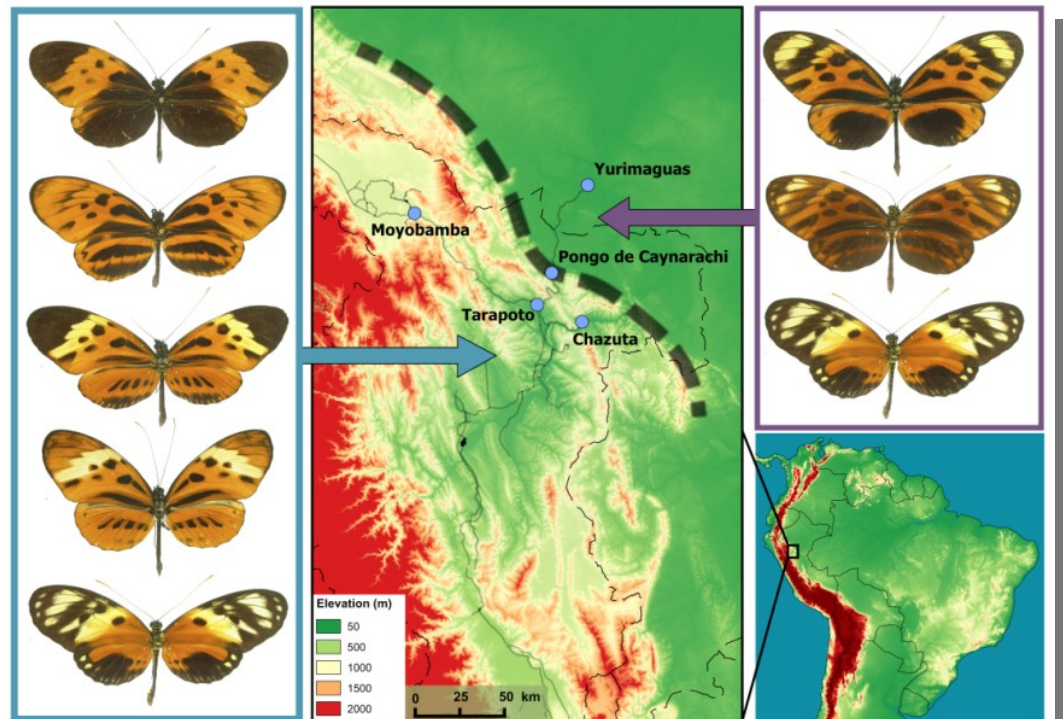
- Polymorphic species
 - High number of heterozygotes



- Negative selection on intermediate phenotype by predators
 - Selection on dominance in natural populations ?
 - ➔ Evolution of dominance ?
- Complex color pattern phenotype
 - Mechanisms of dominance at the supergene *P* ?

DOMINANCE IN SYMPATRY VS. PARAPATRY

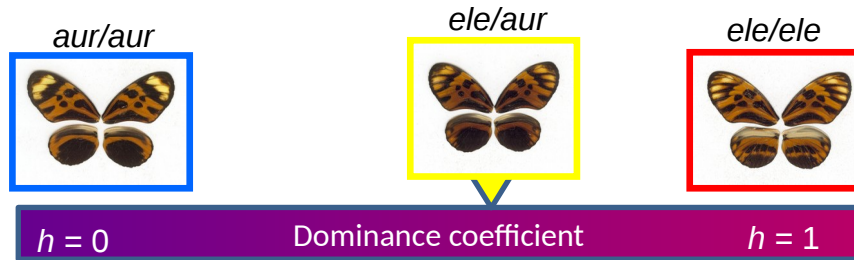
- Measuring dominance in 32 controlled brood
 - Genotyping: microsatellites within supergene.
 - Combination of 7 alleles \square 21 genotypes.
 - N= 588 individuals in total.



ESTIMATING DOMINANCE THROUGHOUT THE WING

- Measuring dominance throughout the wing:

$$h = \frac{T_{aur/ele} - T_{aur/aur}}{T_{ele/ele} - T_{aur/aur}}$$

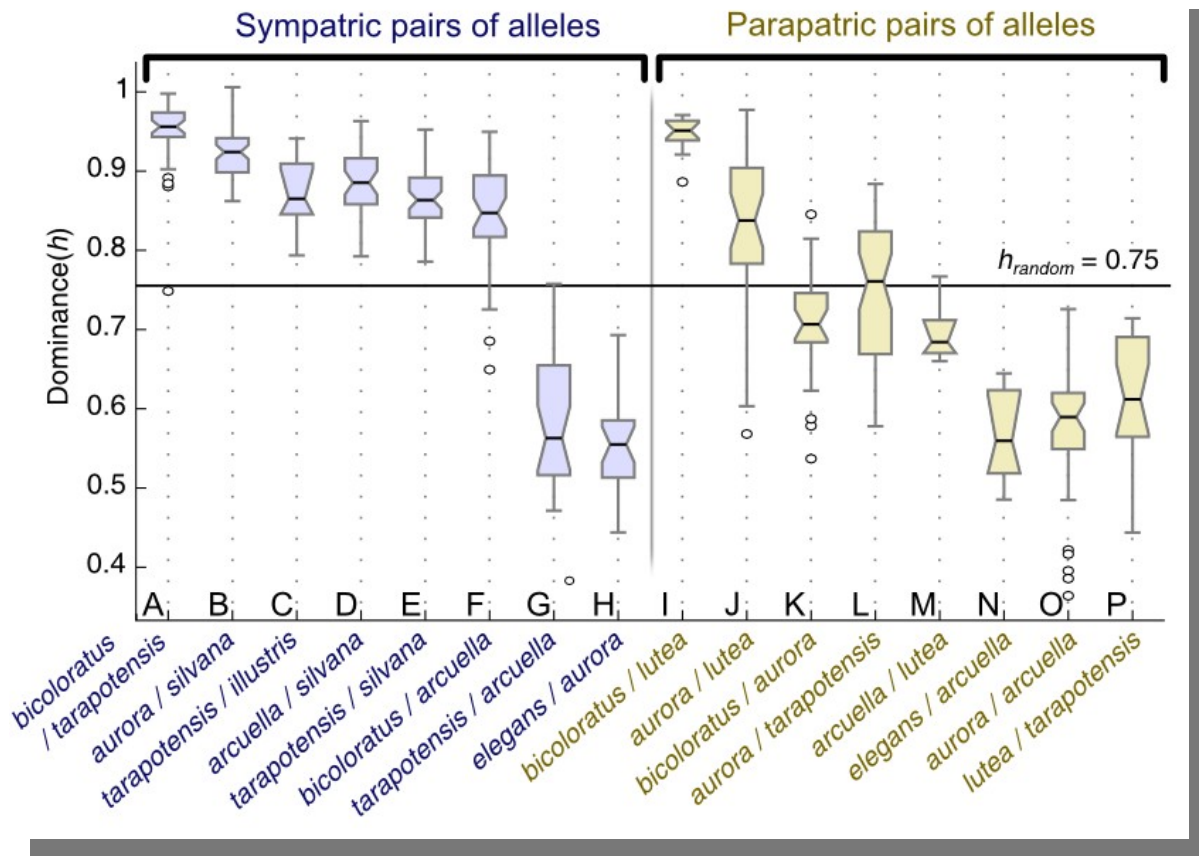


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- Colour pattern modeling (CPM)
 - Proportion of surface of the heterozygote shared with respective homozygotes

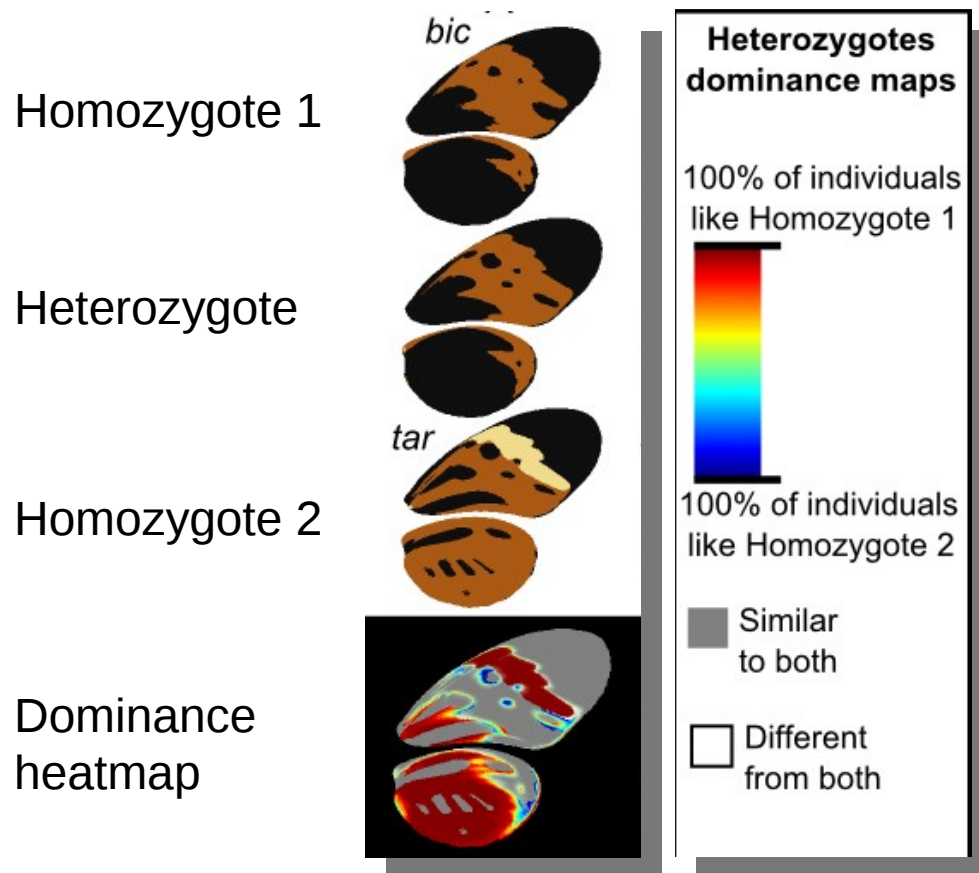
DOMINANCE IN SYMPATRY VS. PARAPATRY

- Variation of dominance in sympatry vs. parapatry



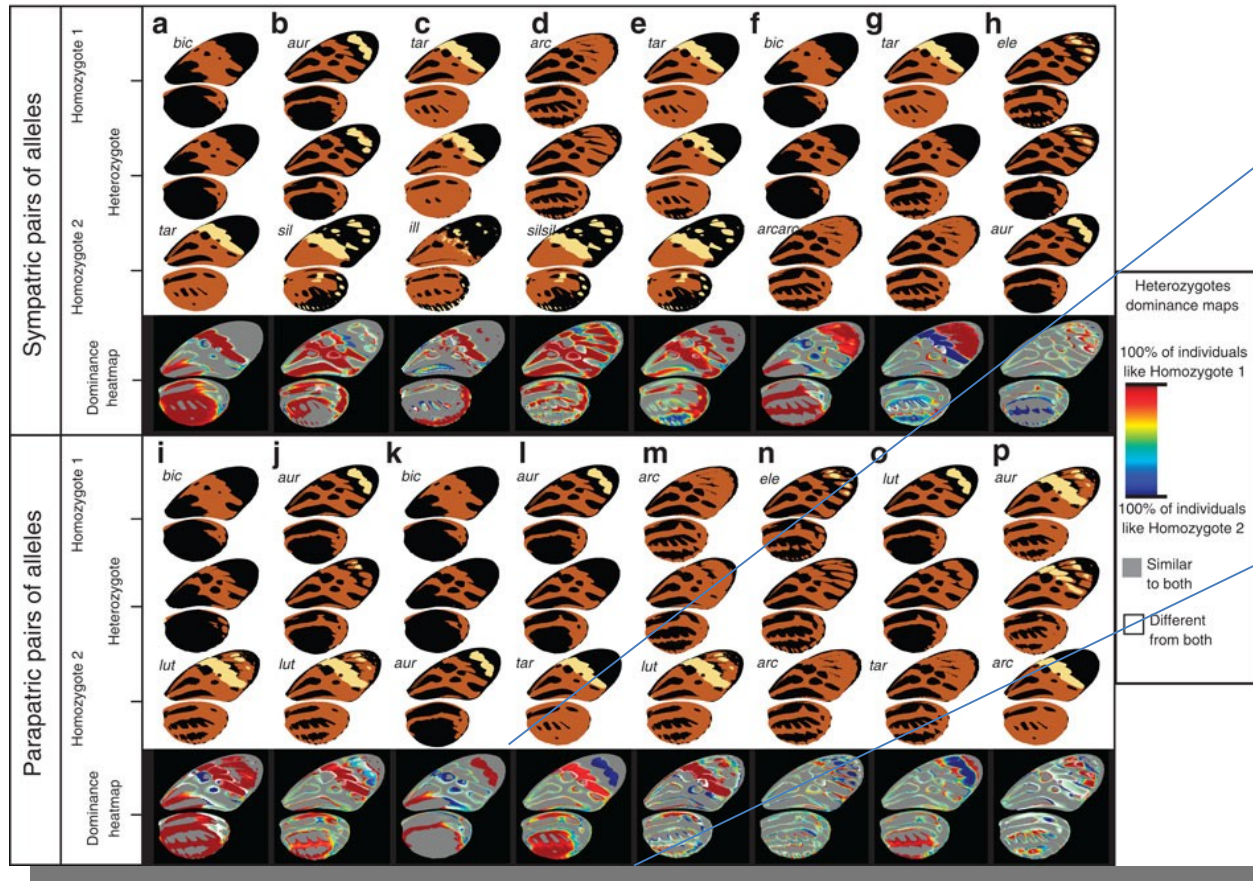
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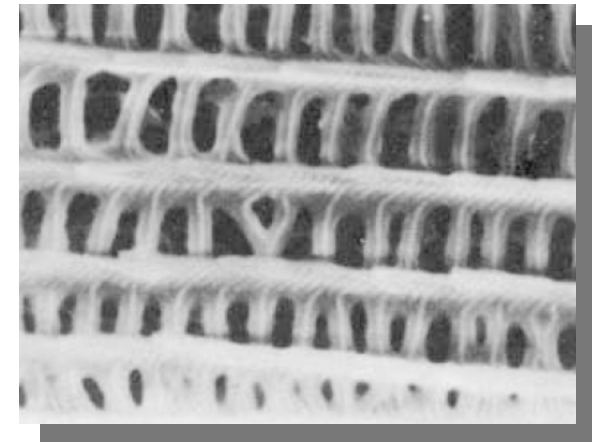
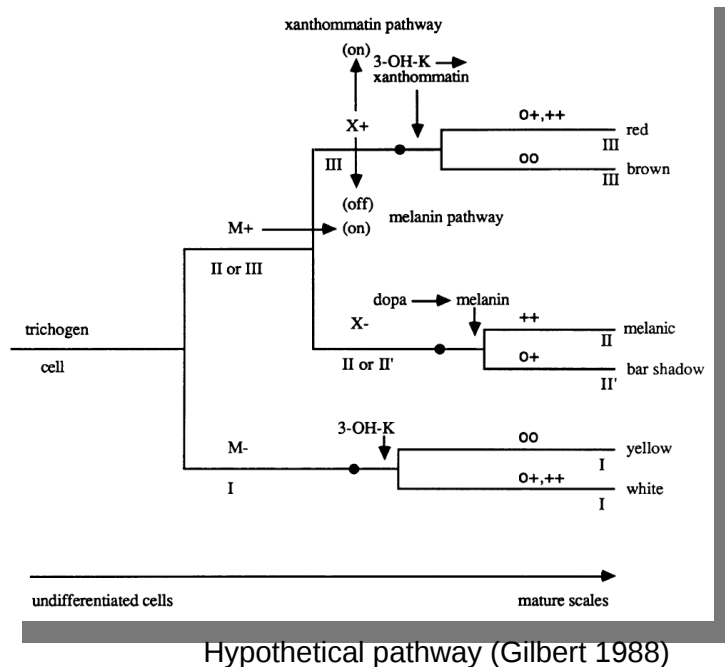


EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE MECHANISMS

- Origin of the mosaic ?

Color pattern: formed by mosaic of colored scales

- Hierarchy in color expression
- Dominance linked to developmental switch among scale types



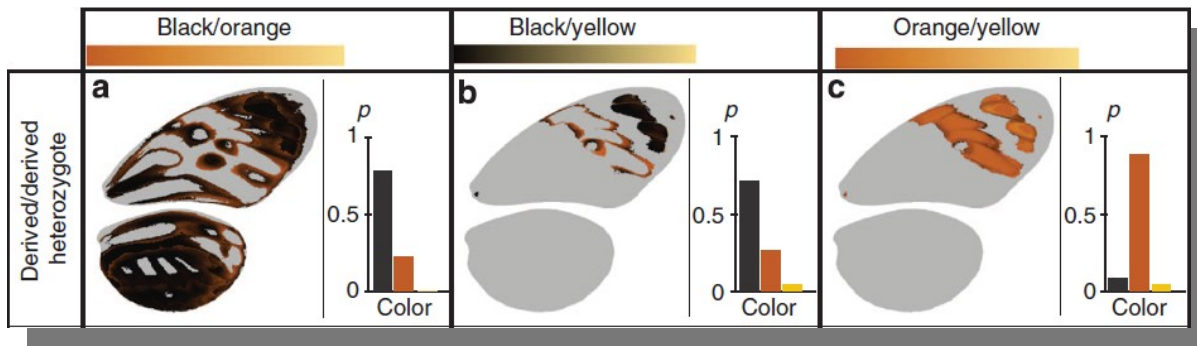
Wing scale microstructure
(Gilbert 1988)

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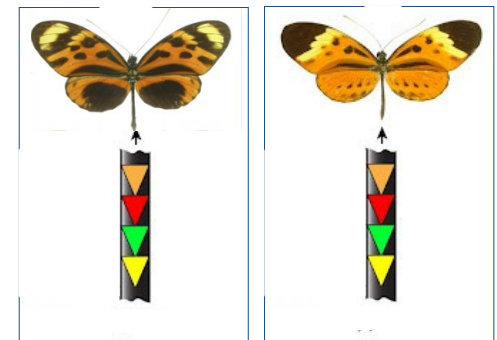
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Controlling dominance between derived alleles

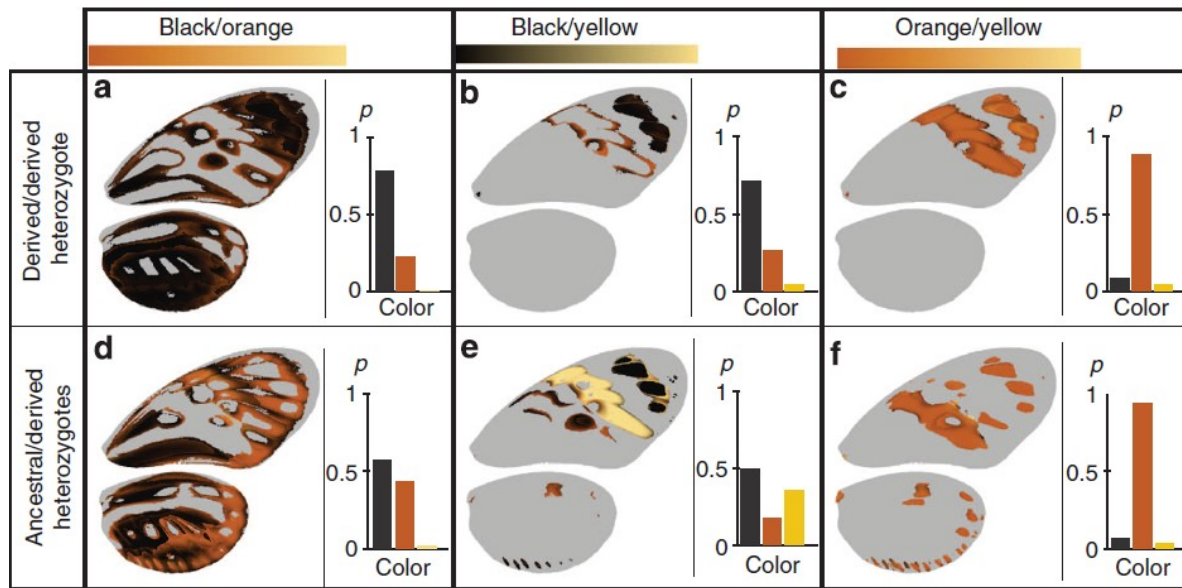


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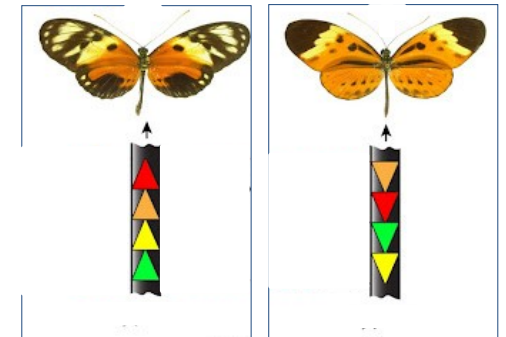
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Does not control dominance between derived and ancestral alleles



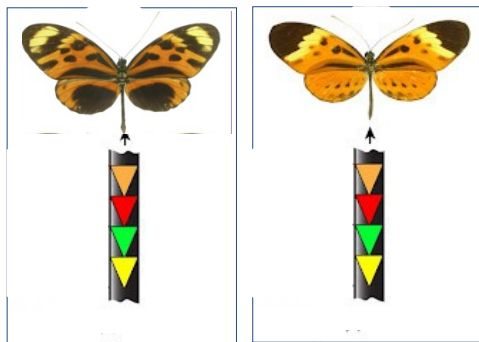
EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE ?

- Two distinct dominance mechanisms, associated with inversions.

Hierarchy in colour expression

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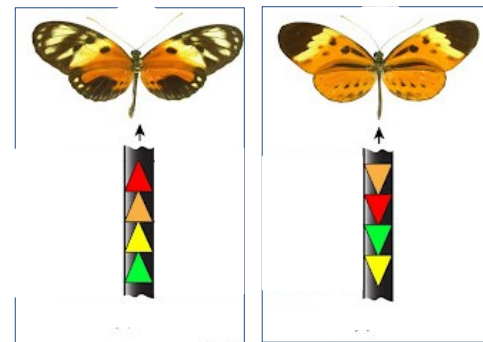
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Strict dominance, independent from colours

DERIVED > ANCESTRALS

Controlling dominance between derived and ancestral alleles

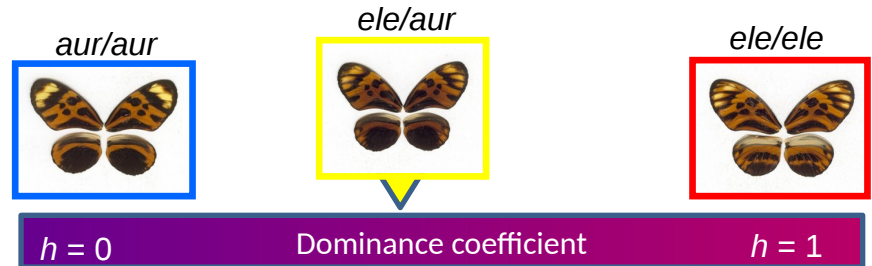


Evolution of dominance mechanisms during allelic diversification at the supergene *P* ?

MODELING THE EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE

Modelling dominance

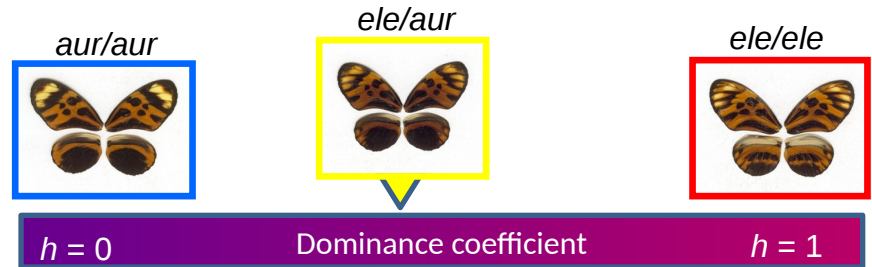
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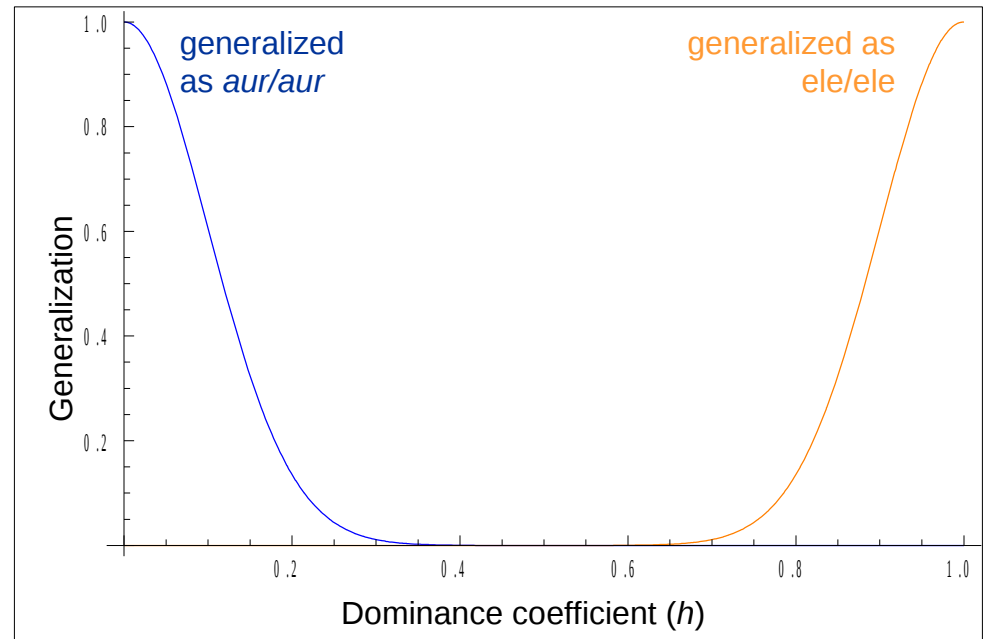
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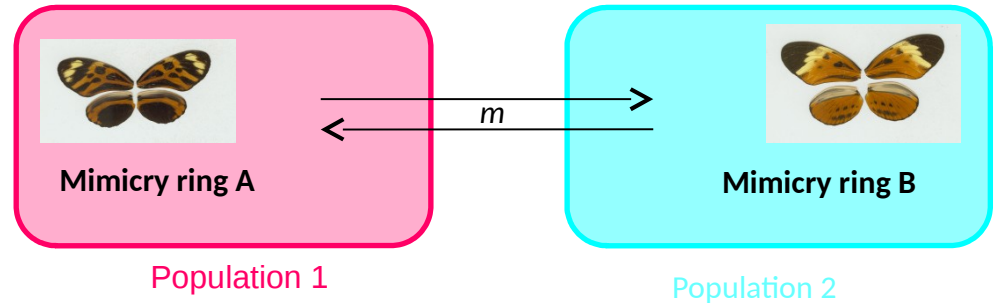


- Modelling predator behavior
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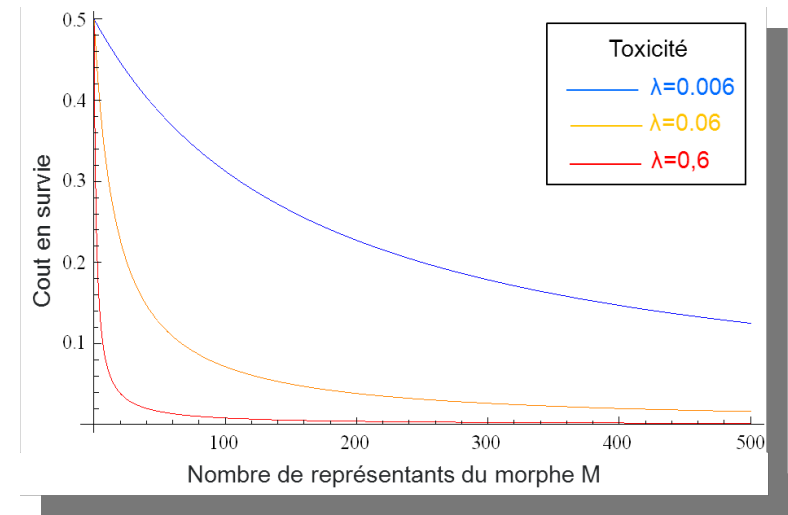
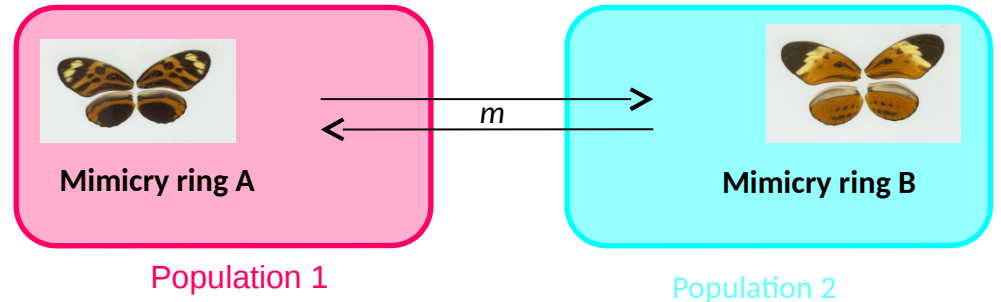
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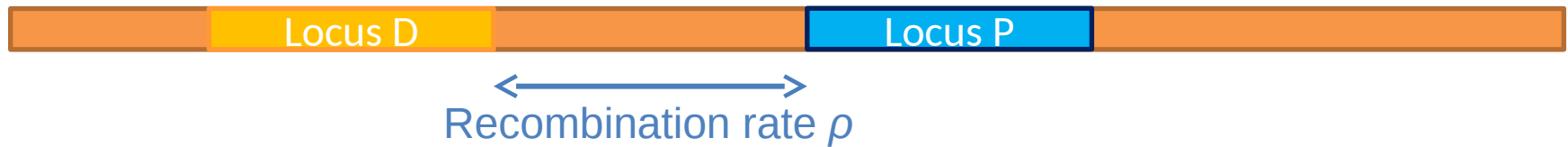
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EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH MODIFIERS ?

- Dominance modifier locus:



- Wild-type allele m with no effect
- Mutant allele M acting on the phenotype of heterozygotes ab

Mimetic alleles:
 a and b

- The mutant M has an effect e on the dominance coefficient $h \rightarrow h+e$

MECHANISMS OF DOMINANCE MODIFICATION

- Mechanisms of dominance involving regulation of expression

- Action : ENHANCER or REPRESSOR of expression



Enhancer:
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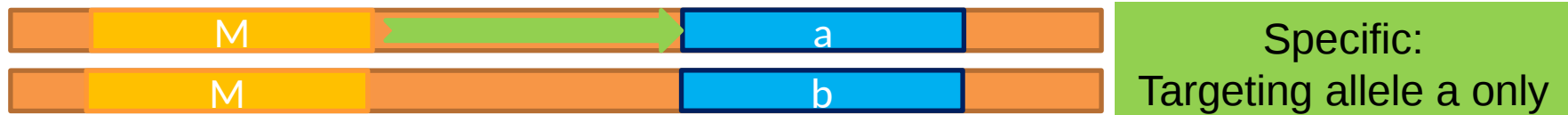


Repressor:
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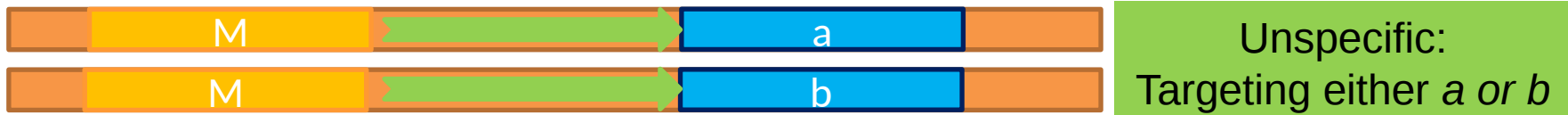


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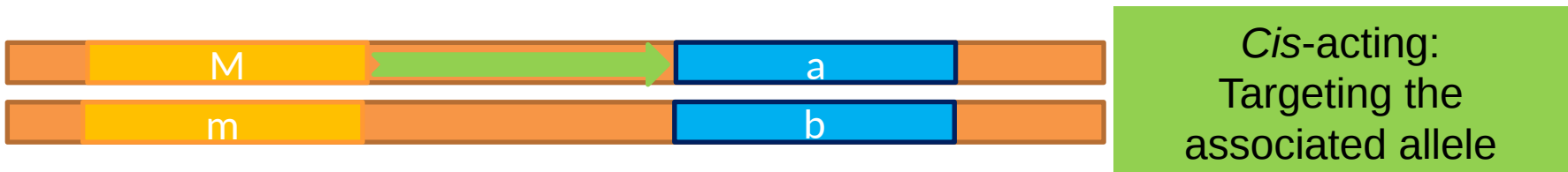
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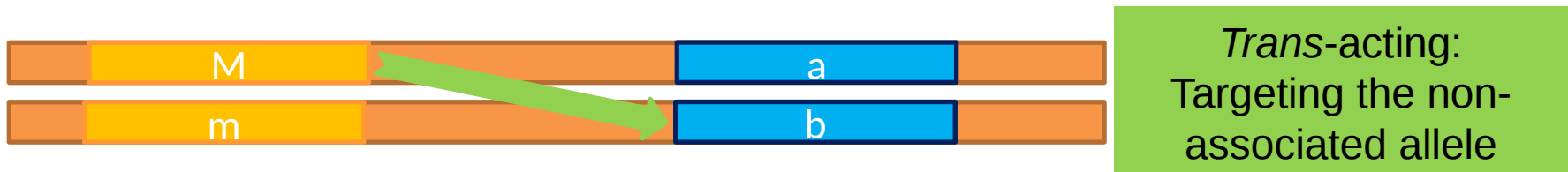
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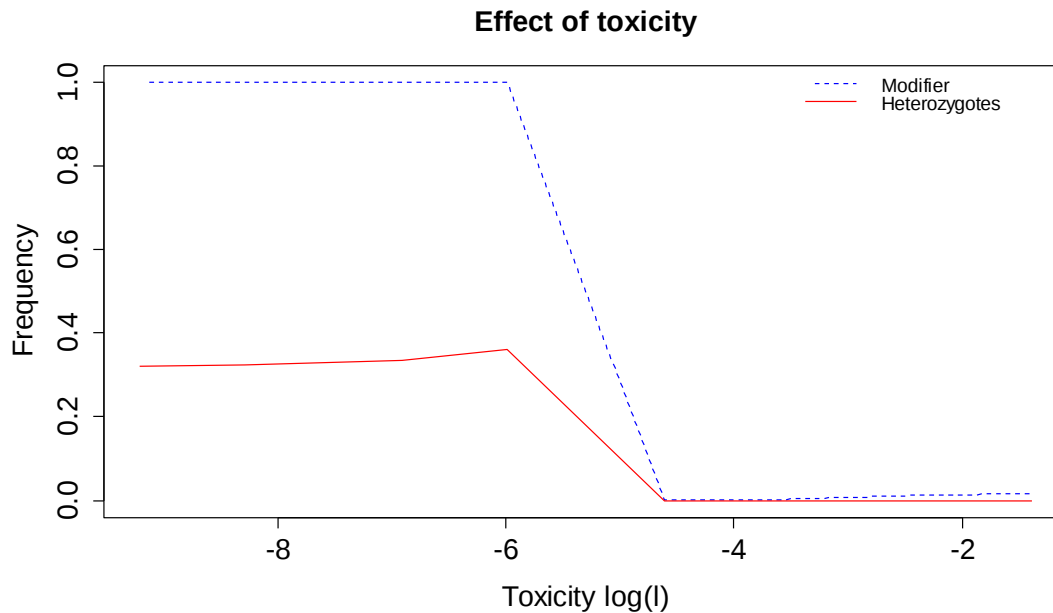
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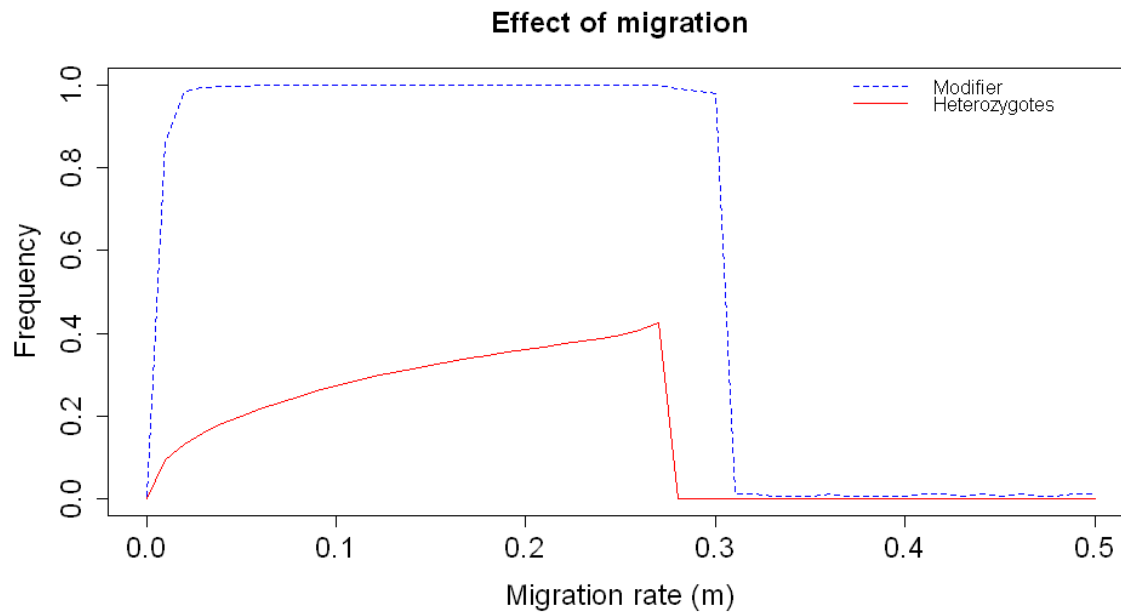
Batesian mimicry

Müllerian mimicry

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 $m = 0.2$, $h = 0.5$, $e = 0.5$, $\rho = 0.5$

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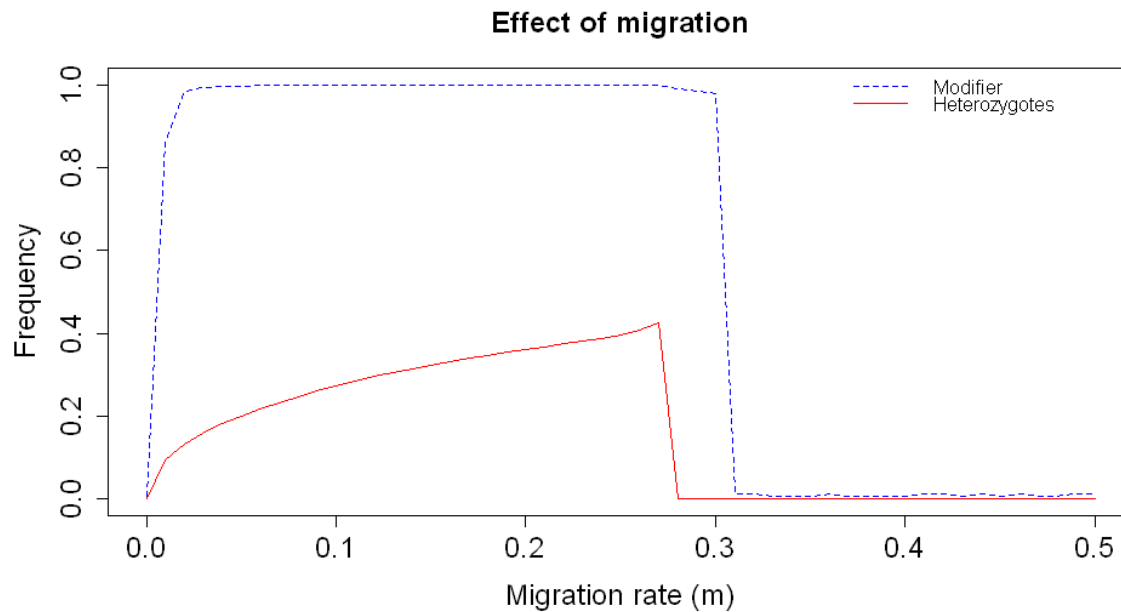
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 $l = 0.0025$, $h = 0.5$, $e = 0.5$, $\rho = 0.5$

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➔ DOMINANCE MODIFIERS POSITIVELY SELECTED WHEN THE COLOUR PATTERN LOCUS IS POLYMORPHIC

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EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH SPECIFIC MODIFIERS ?

■ Fixation of the modifier

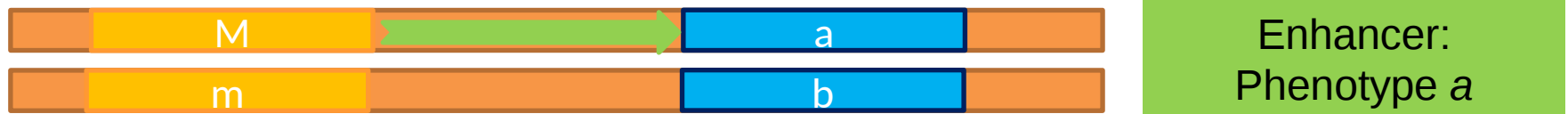
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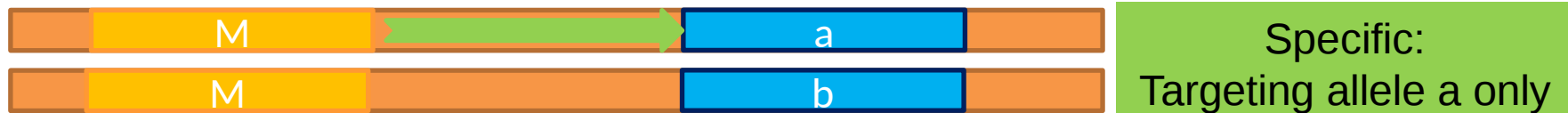
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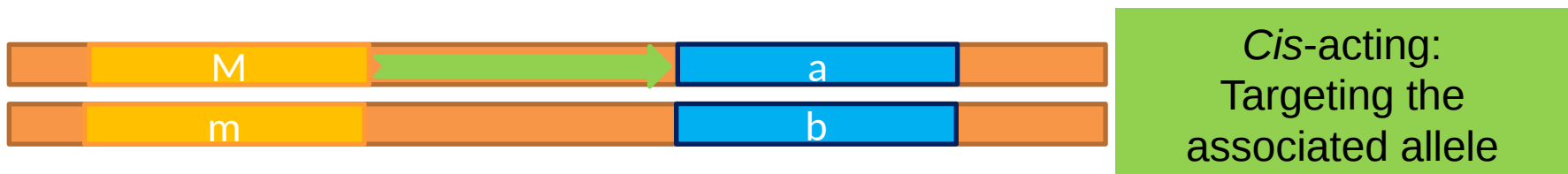
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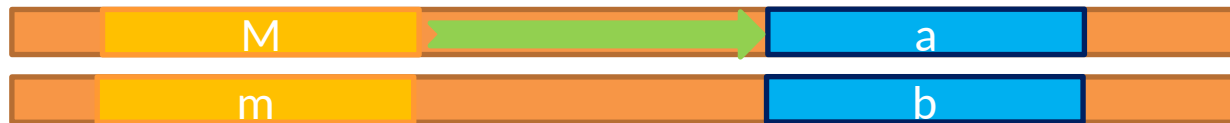
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Enhancer:
Phenotype a

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Specific:
Targeting allele a only

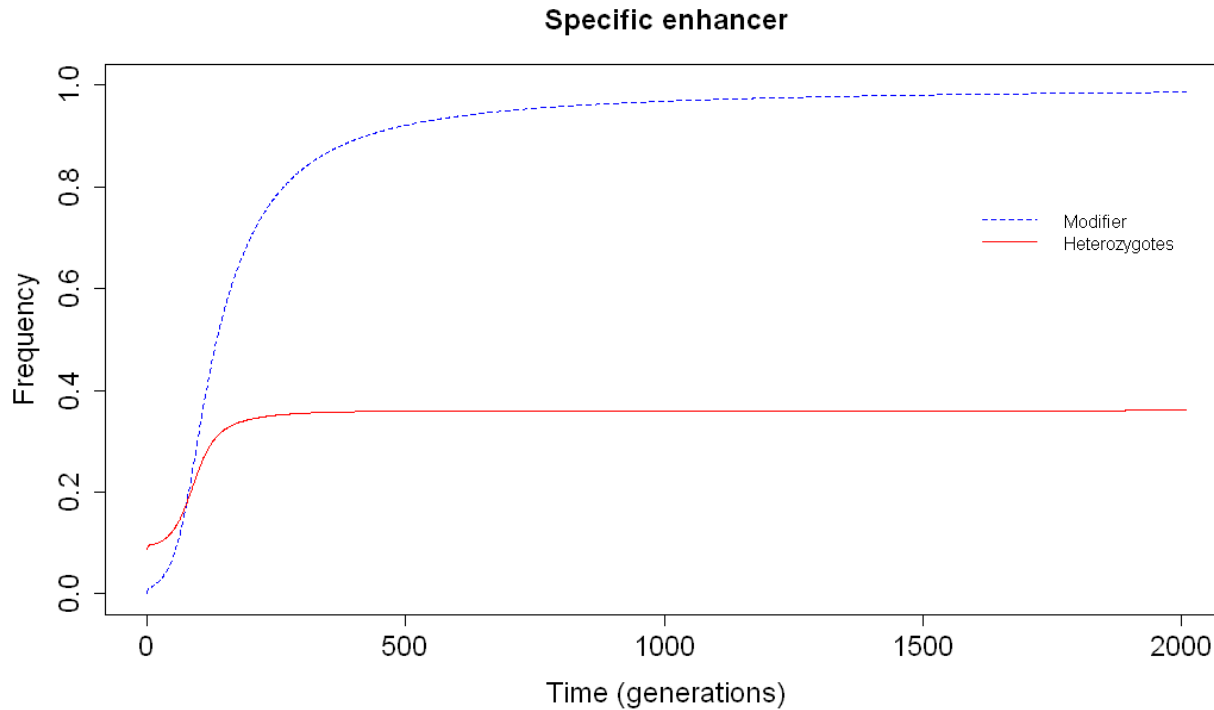
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Trans-acting:
Targeting the non-
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EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH SPECIFIC MODIFIERS ?

- Fixation of the modifier for specific enhancers



Assuming $l = 0.0025$, $h = 0.5$, $e = 0.5$, $m = 0.2$, $\rho = 0.5$

EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH UNSPECIFIC MODIFIERS ?

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Unspecific:
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Cis-acting:
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chromosome

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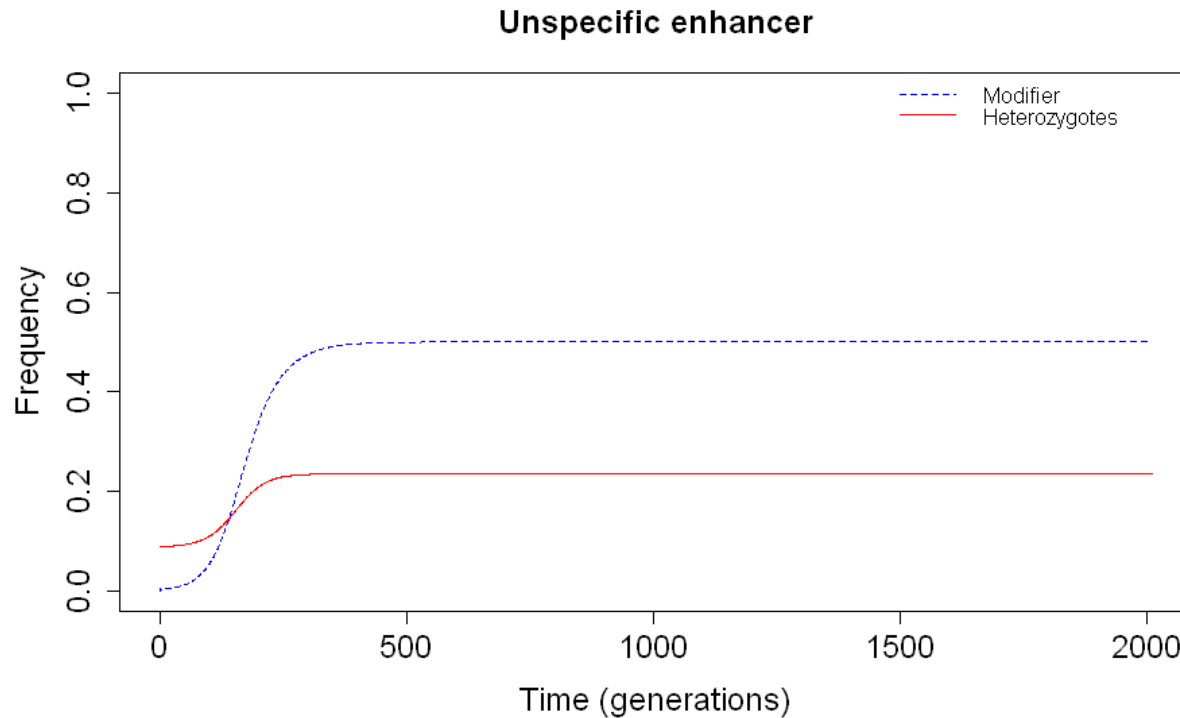
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EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH UNSPECIFIC MODIFIERS ?

- Persistence of the modifier at medium frequency: balancing selection on **unspecific enhancers**



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EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH SPECIFIC *TRANS*-ACTING REPRESSORS ?

■ Fixation of the modifier

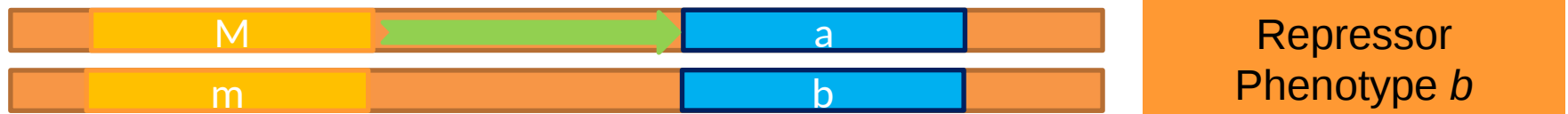
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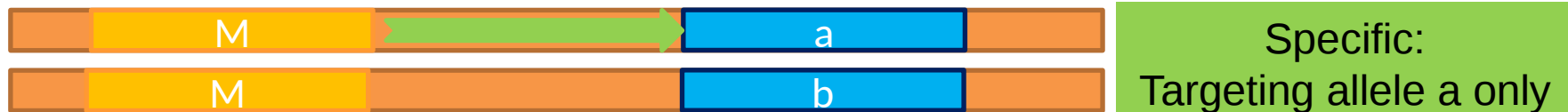
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■ Mechanisms of dominance involving regulation of expression

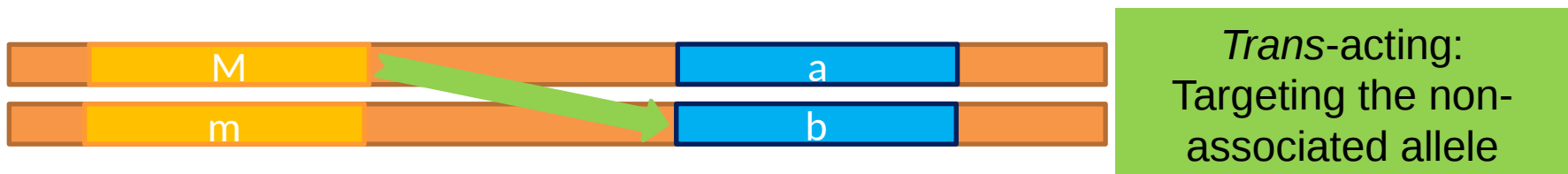
- Action : ENHANCER or REPRESSOR of expression



- Target specificity

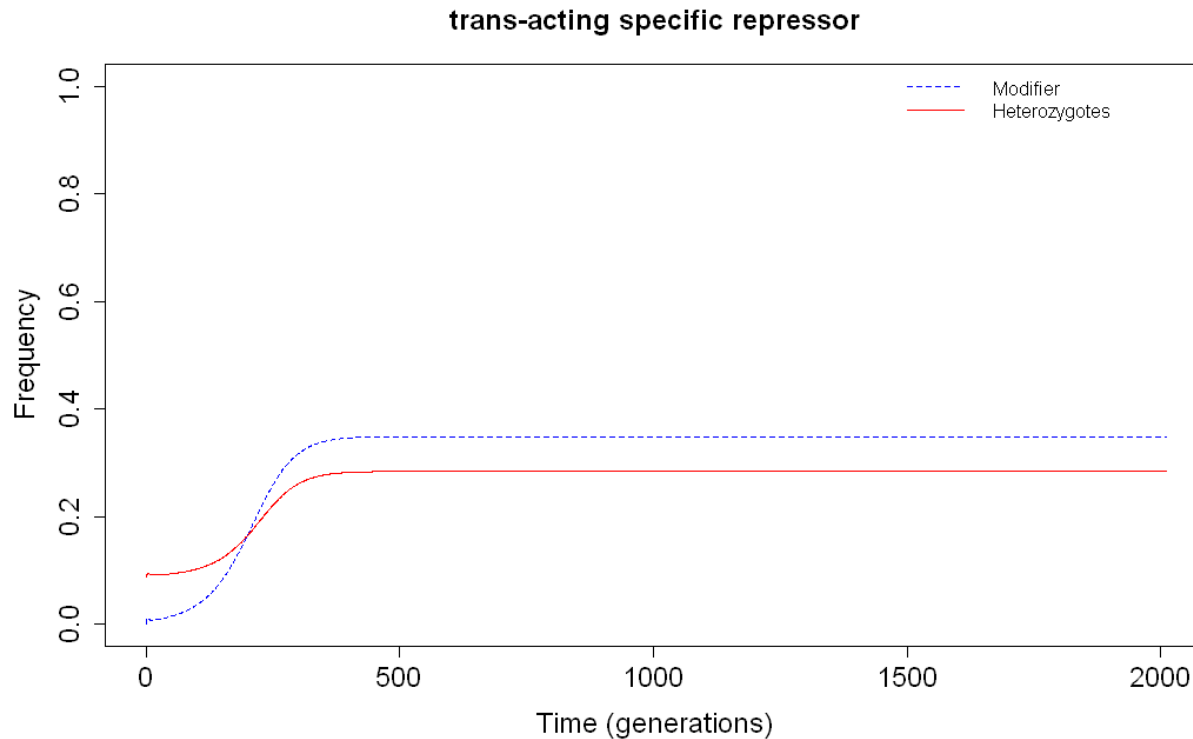


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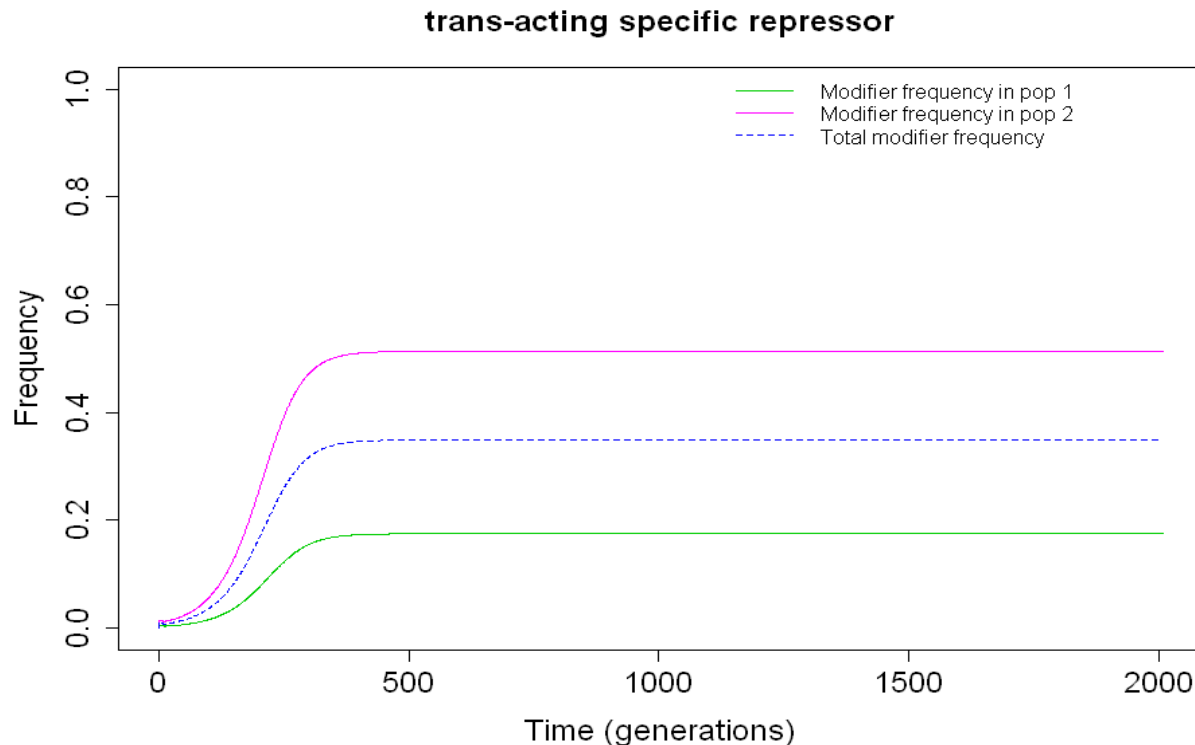
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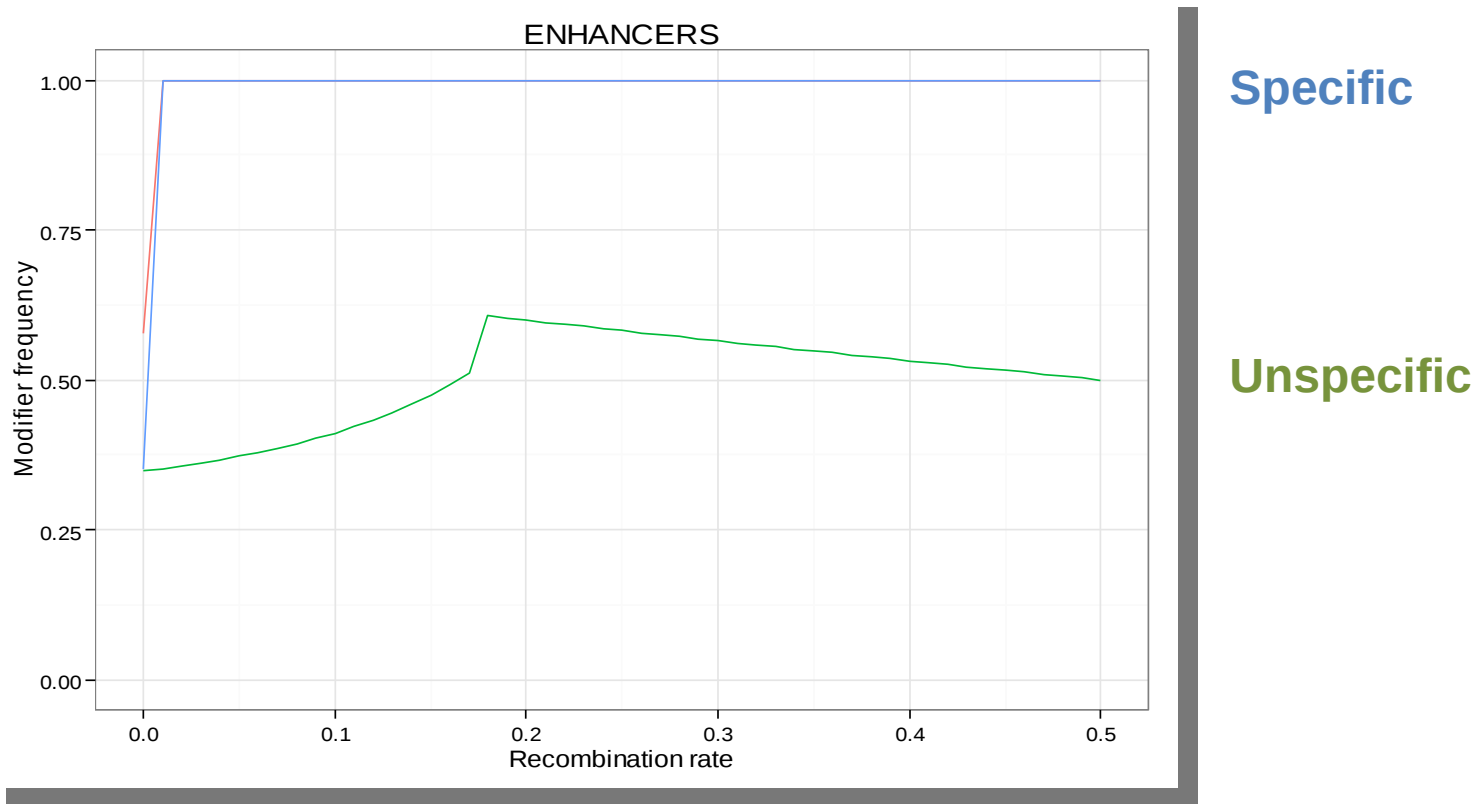
- Eliminated modifiers: negative impact of the modifier on the phenotype of homozygotes aa

Target specificity	Action	Association	Mutant frequency
Specific	Enhancer	cis and trans	1.00
Specific	Repressor	cis and trans	0.35
Unspecific	Enhancer	cis	0.50
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IMPACT OF RECOMBINATION

■ On cis- acting enhancer frequency



Assuming $l = 0.0025$, $h = 0.5$, $e = 0.5$, $m = 0.2$

EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH MODIFIERS

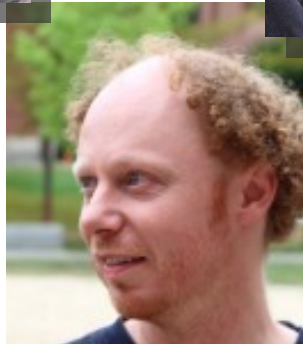
- Positive selection on dominance BUT invasion of modifier depend on the molecular mechanisms involved
- Specific modifiers are likely to get fixed in populations
- Unspecific modifiers could be maintained in populations
 - Modifier under balancing selection themselves
 - Spatial heterogeneity of modifiers
- Fixation of modifiers decrease the overall predation risk

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EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH UNSPECIFIC MODIFIERS ?

- Persistence of the modifier at medium frequency: balancing selection on **unspecific enhancers**

Model Family	Model number	Target specificity	Action	Association	Frequency of a at locus P			Frequency of M at locus D			Δ Population size
					Pop. 1	Pop. 2	Overall	Pop. 1	Pop. 2	Overall	
I	1	Specific	Enhancer	cis and trans	0.53	0.17	0.35	1.00	1.00	1.00	89.34
	3	Specific	Repressor	cis and trans	0.79	0.38	0.58	0.18	0.51	0.35	25.34
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	9	Specific	Enhancer	trans	0.53	0.17	0.35	1.00	1.00	1.00	89.34
	11	Specific	Repressor	cis	0.78	0.22	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	13	Specific	Repressor	trans	0.78	0.35	0.56	0.18	0.51	0.35	15.32

Assuming $l = 0.0025$, $h = 0.5$, $e = 0.5$, $m = 0.2$, $\rho = 0.5$

INFLUENCE OF MODIFIER'S INVASION ON POPULATION SIZE

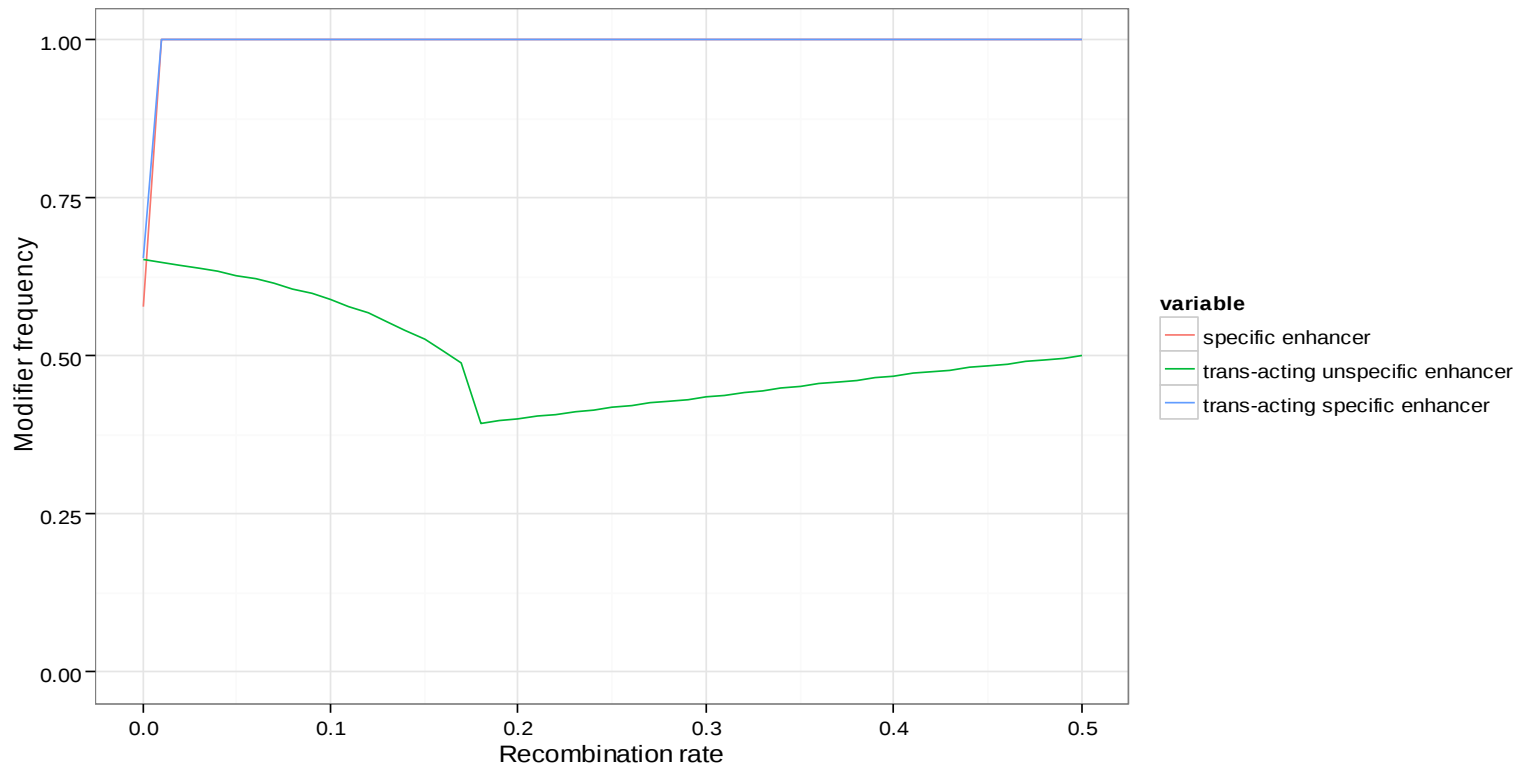
- Fixation of modifier increases population size of 5.84%

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EVOLUTION OF DOMINANCE THROUGH UNLINKED MODIFIERS ?

■ Impact of recombination on enhancer frequency



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