#### **Evolution of disassortative** mating in a mimetic polymorphic butterfly

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#### **Evolution of warning signals**



#### Predators learn to associate the signal with the unpalatability





#### $\lambda =$ toxicity





d =strength of predation















#### Evolutionary convergence in mimetic patterns











# A strong polymorphism is observed in *H.numata*



#### Disassortative mating in *H. Numata* favors polymorphism



- Females avoid males sharing their wing patterns => favors individuals with the rarest phenotype
- Cost of disassortative mating
- How does disassortative mating evolve in *H. numata butterflies* ?





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### Heterozygote advantage at the color pattern supergene ?



#### Could a genetic load linked to the locus promote disassortative mating ?



#### Genetic architecture

#### Locus P Locus M



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# Reproduction : genetic architecture of preference

#### R = Random mating dis = Disassortative mating



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**Genotype :**  $i = (p_1, p_2, m_1, m_2)$ 

 $N_{i,pop}^{t}$  = number of individual with the genotype i in the population pop at time t





# Reproduction : The cost of choosiness

 $Pref_{i,P} = 0$  If individuals with i genotype **reject** individuals displaying phenotype P as mate.

 $Pref_{i,P} = 1$  If individuals with i genotype **accept** individuals displaying phenotype P as mate.

**Fertility:**  $f_i = Pref_{i,A}P_A + Pref_{i,B}P_B + Pref_{i,C}P_C$ 



#### Reproduction : mate choice affects the number of available partners

$$F_{i,pop}^{t+1} = \sum_{j,k} coef(j,k,\rho) \frac{1 - cost + costf_j}{f_j} Pref_{j[k]} \frac{f_{j,pop}^t}{2} \frac{f_{k,pop}^t}{2}$$

 $f_{i,pop}^{t+1} = \frac{F_{i,pop}^{t+1}}{\sum_{j} F_{j,pop}^{t+1}}$  genetic distribution among newborns.

$$\Delta R_{i,pop}^{t} = r(1 - \frac{N_{tot,pop}^{t}}{K})N_{i,pop}^{t}f_{i,pop}^{t+1}$$

# Survival : heterozygote advantage at locus P



 $\delta i = \text{strength of the genetic load for allele i}$  $\star \star \star \text{Recessive deleterious mutations}$ 

#### Simulations

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- $\delta a$  and  $\delta b$  associated with mimetic alleles
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot} \, \boldsymbol{\delta c}$  associated with non-mimetic allele



# Genetic loads impact on mate choice evolution



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- $\delta a$  and  $\delta b$  associated with dominant alleles
- ·  $\delta c$  associated with recessive allele

### Literature shows no evidence for self-referencing rules

• Evidence for preference/trait mechanism in H. melpomene



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#### Impact of the genetic load on dominant phenotype allele on the evolution of mate choice



**Genetic load linked to dominant alleles** 

#### Distaste for traits





**Dominance relationship:** 



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Genetic load linked to dominant alleles

#### Conclusion

- Genetic loads linked with the dominant phenotypic allele promote self-rejection behavior
- The genetic architecture impacts the evolution of mate choice



#### Thank you for your attention

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