



Développement et évolution des caractères morphologiques

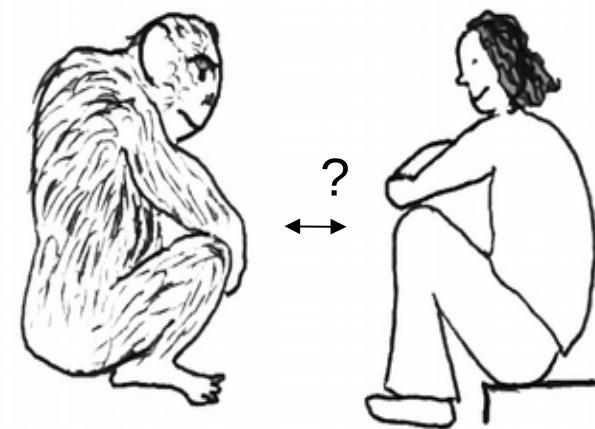
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What makes us different?

between individuals



between species



Where do we come from?

What are the mutations responsible for phenotypic differences?

Genomes

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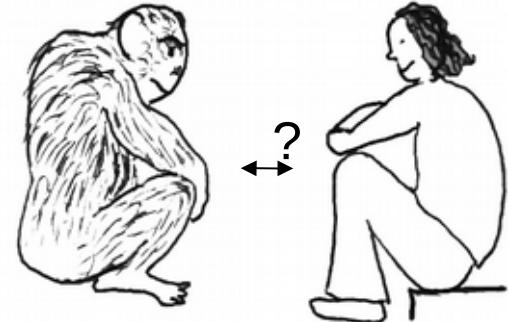
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Genomic approach

identifies rapidly-evolving genomic regions, new genes, deleted genes

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Phenotypic differences

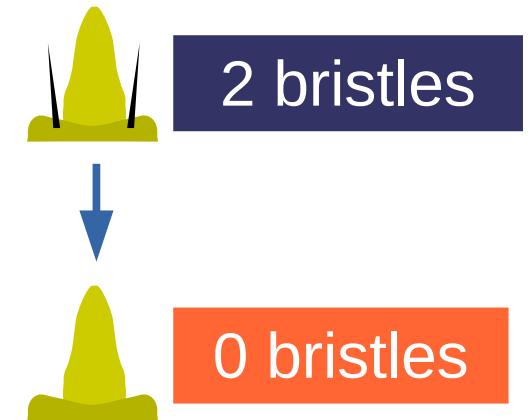
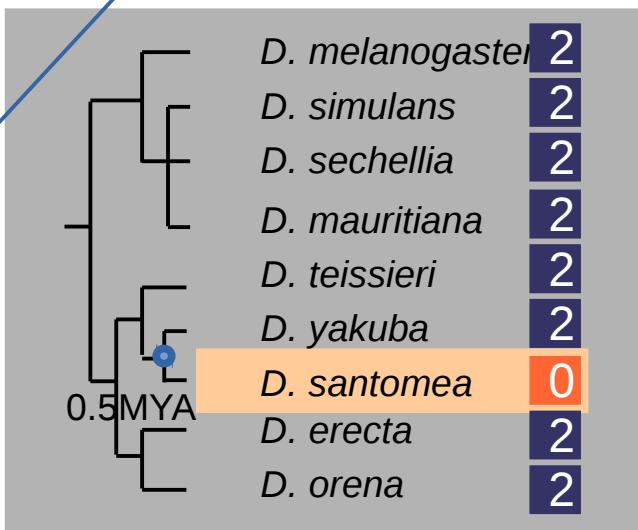
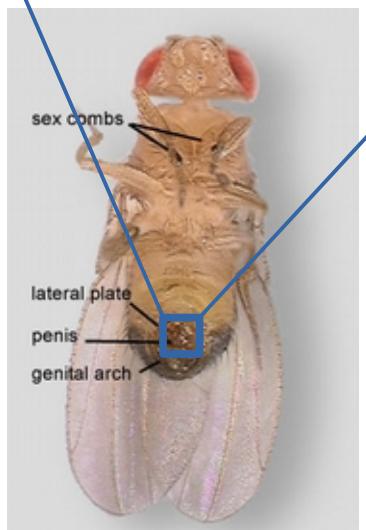
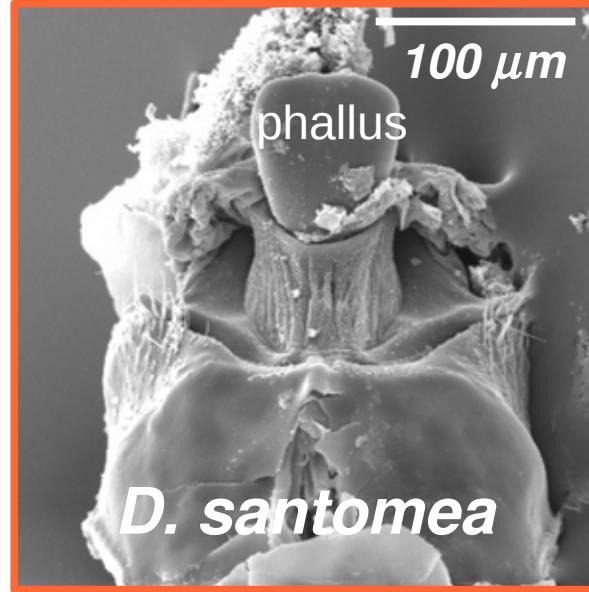
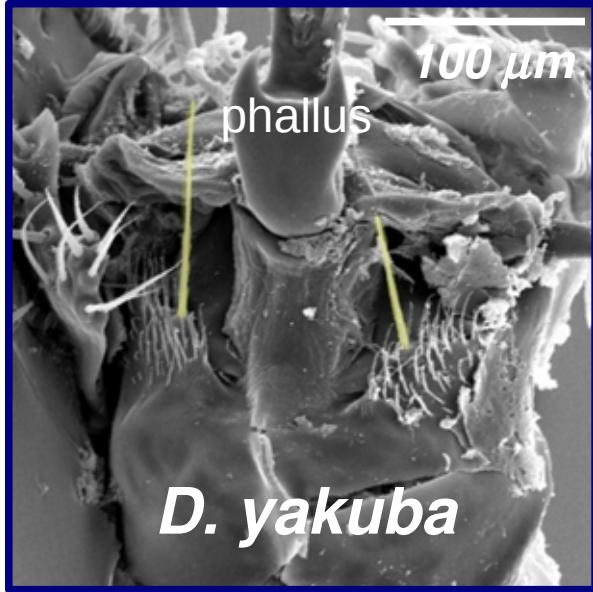


Phenotypic approach

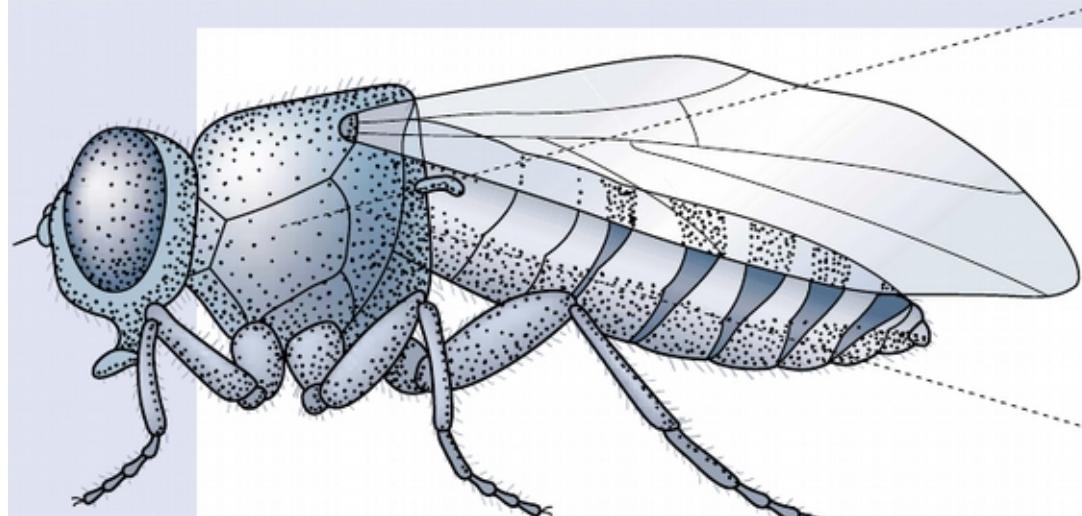
identifies the gene(s) and the mutation(s) responsible for a phenotypic change

Evolutionary loss of bristles in *D. santomea*

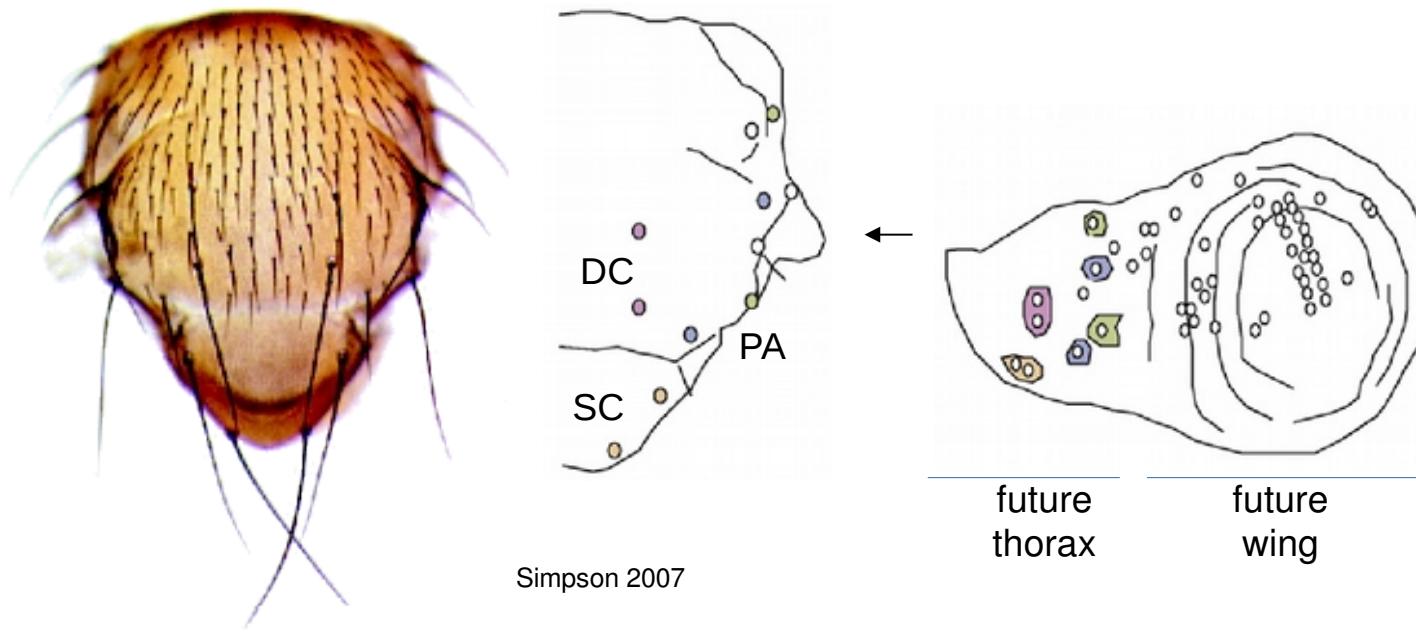
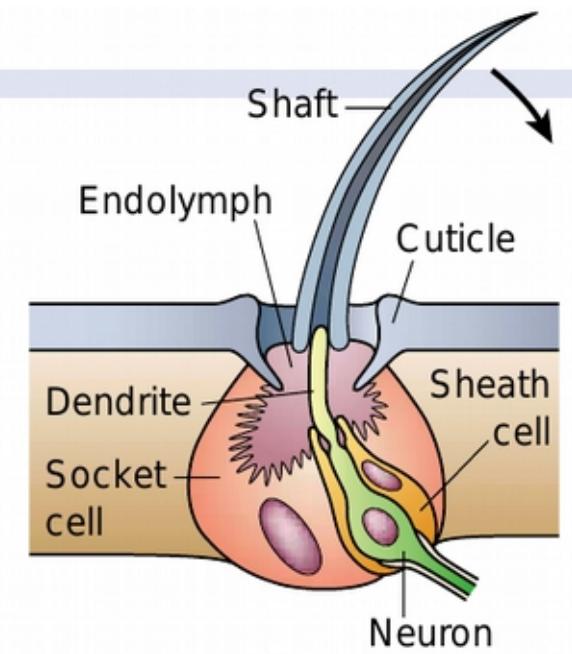
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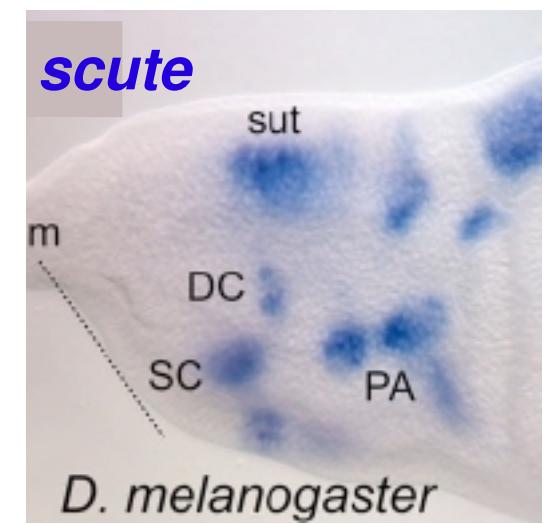
Bristle development



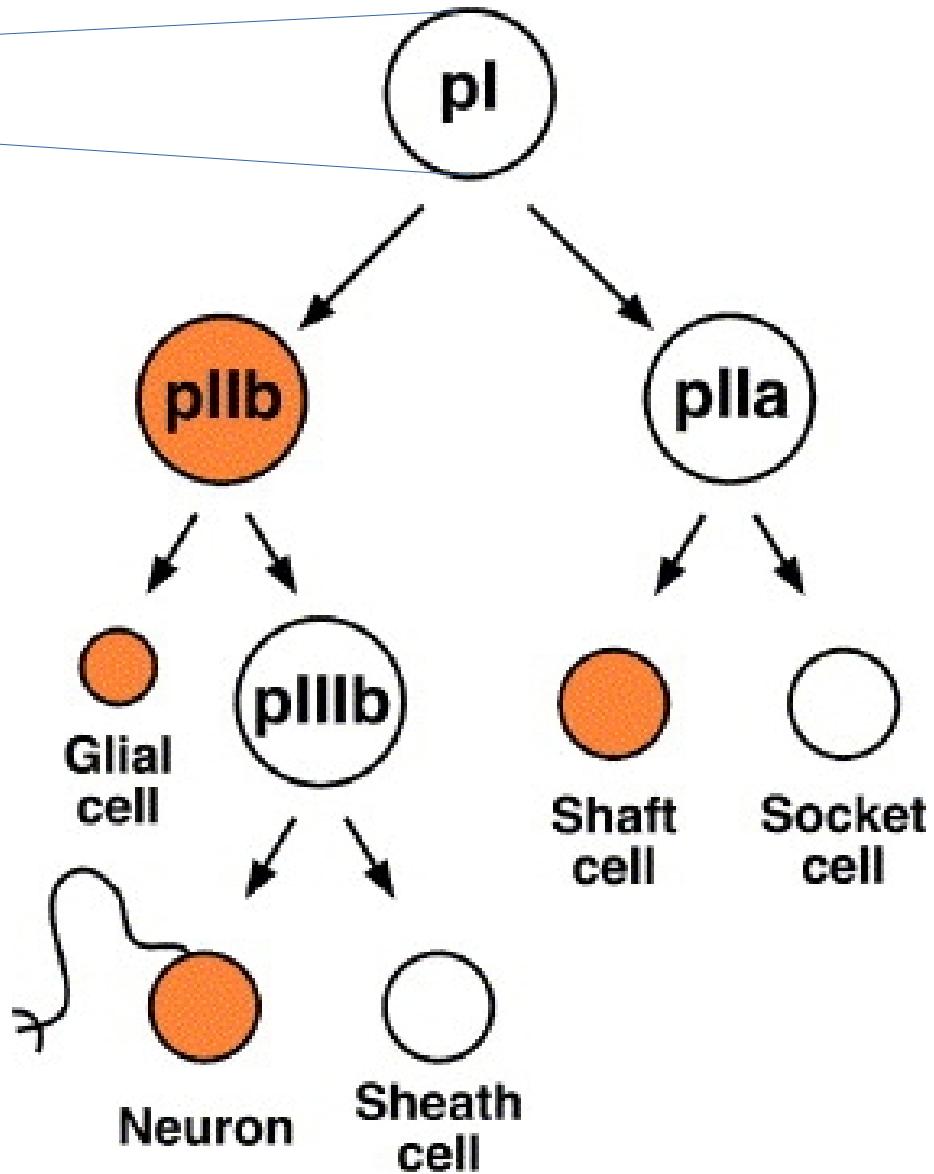
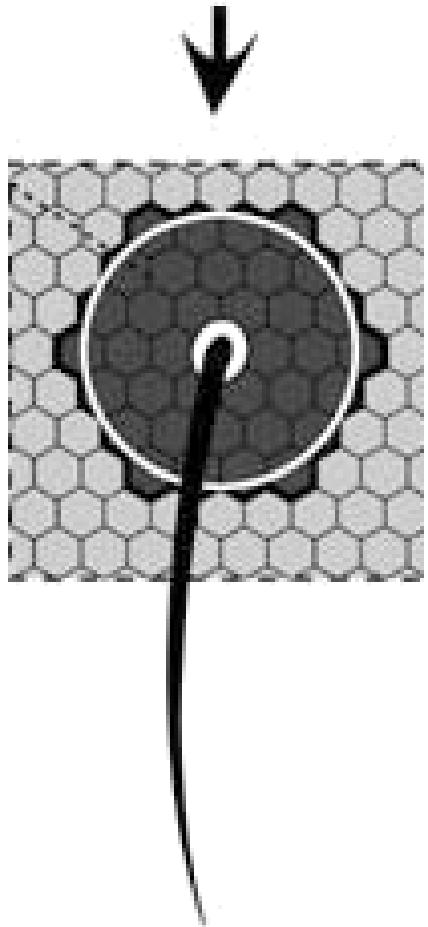
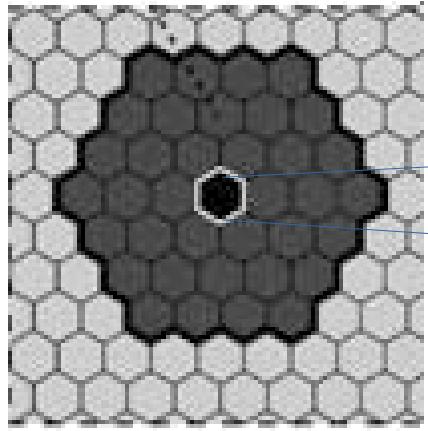
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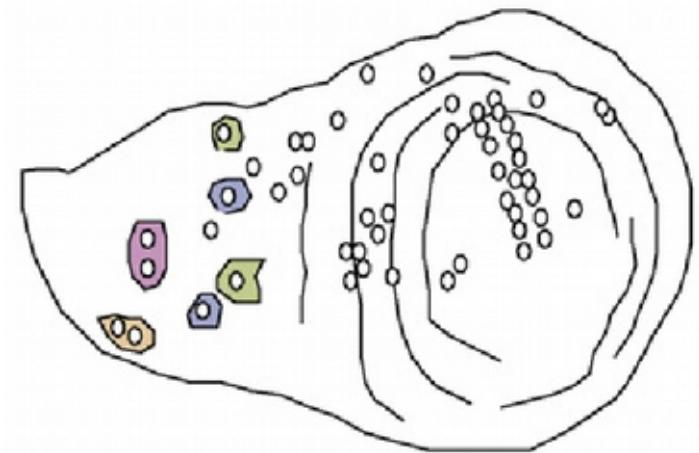
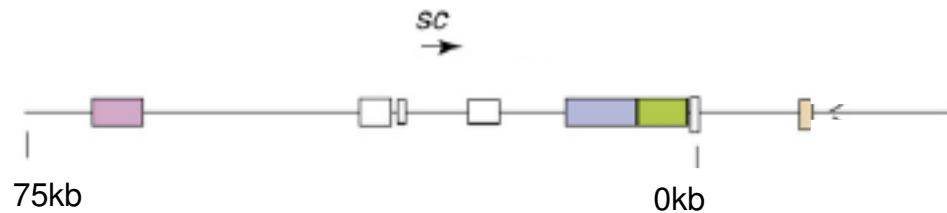
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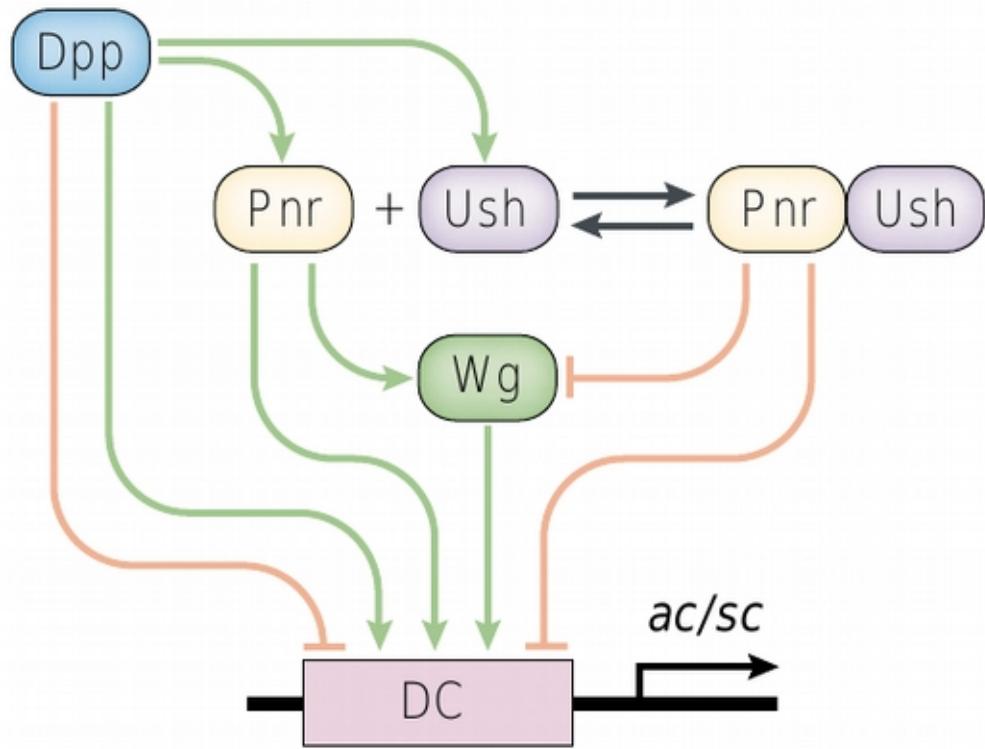
Marcellini 2006 - PLoS Biology



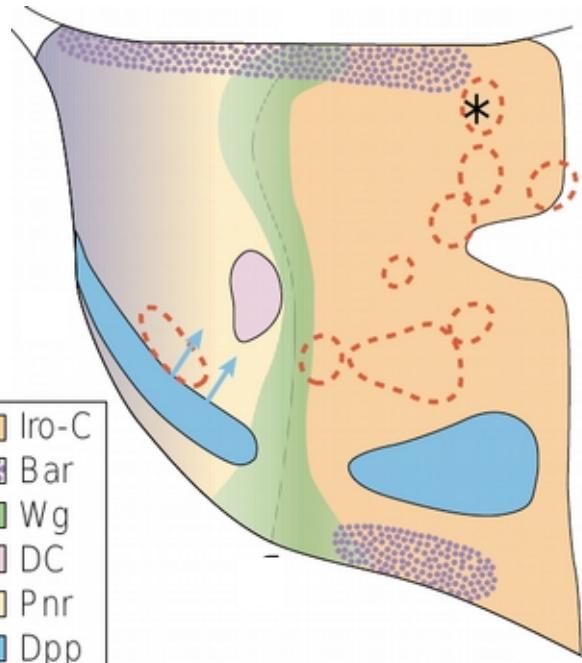
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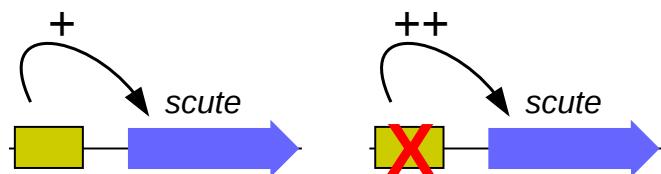
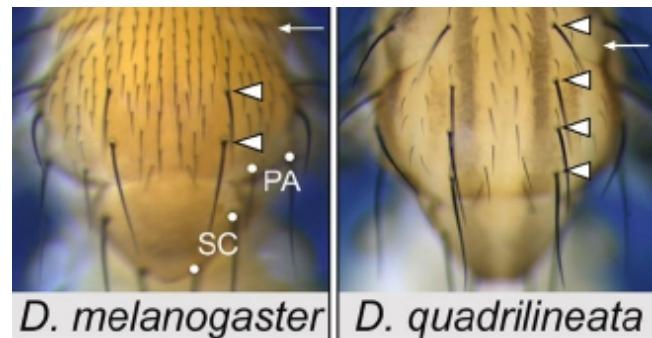
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Gómez-Skarmeta 2003

Evolution of fly bristle pattern

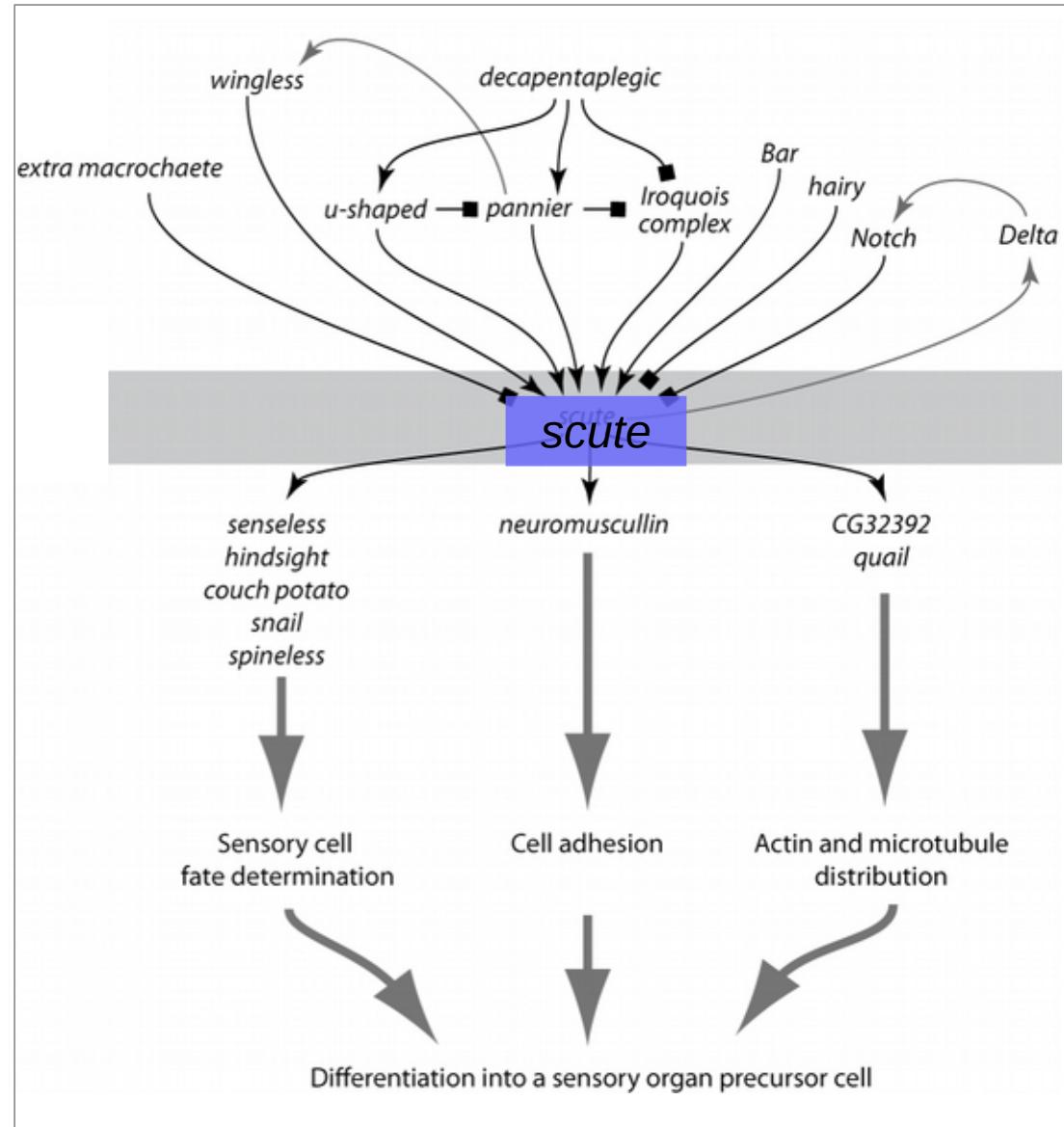
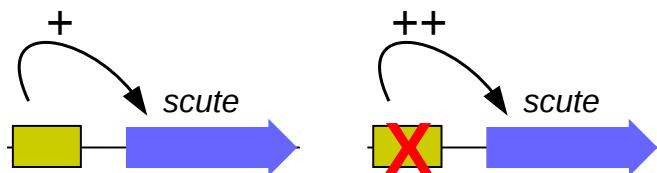
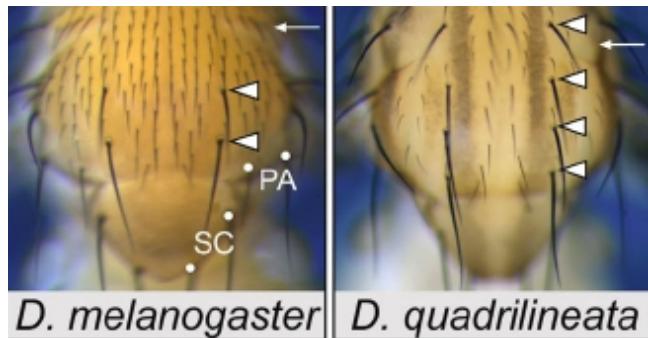
Cis-regulatory element (CRE) in *scute*



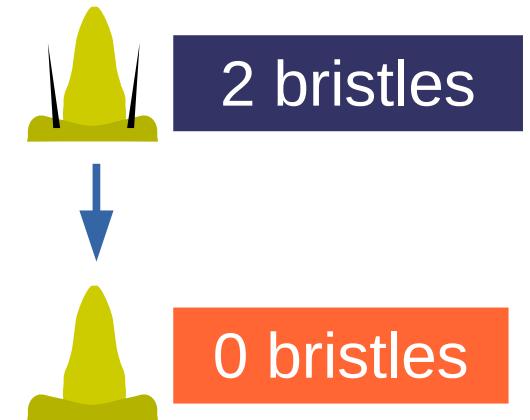
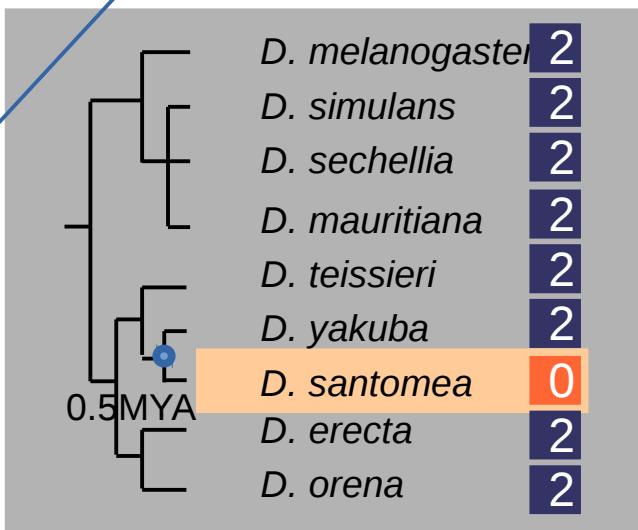
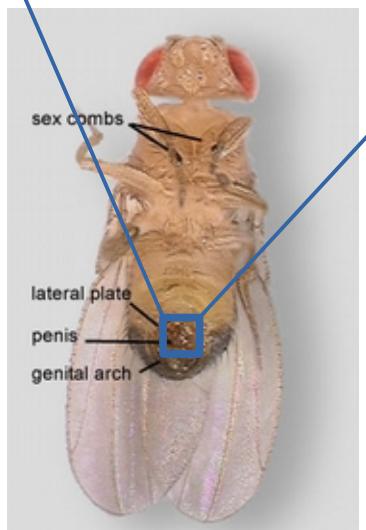
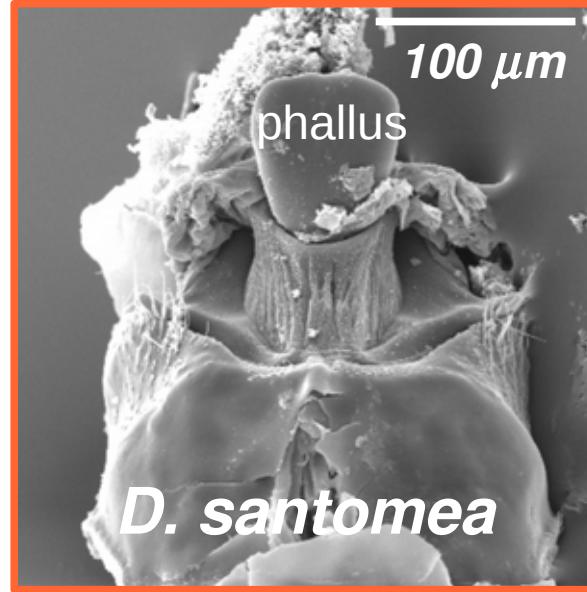
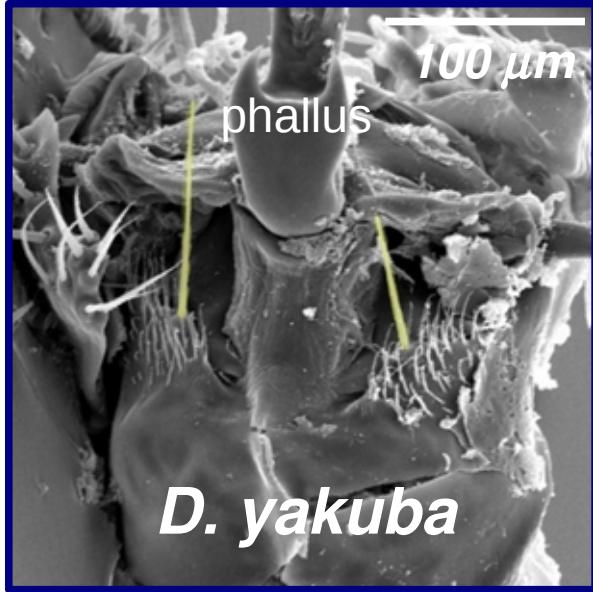
Genetic evolution is predictable

Evolution of fly bristle pattern

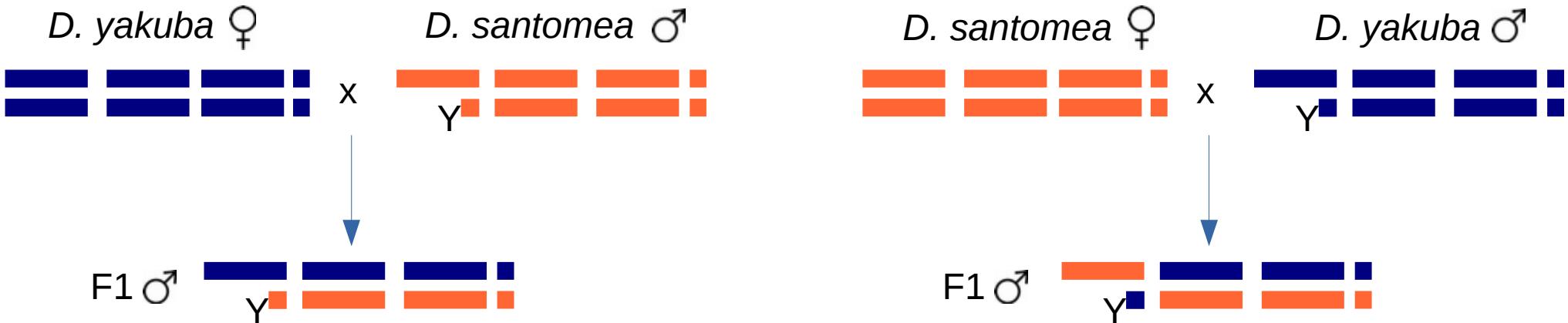
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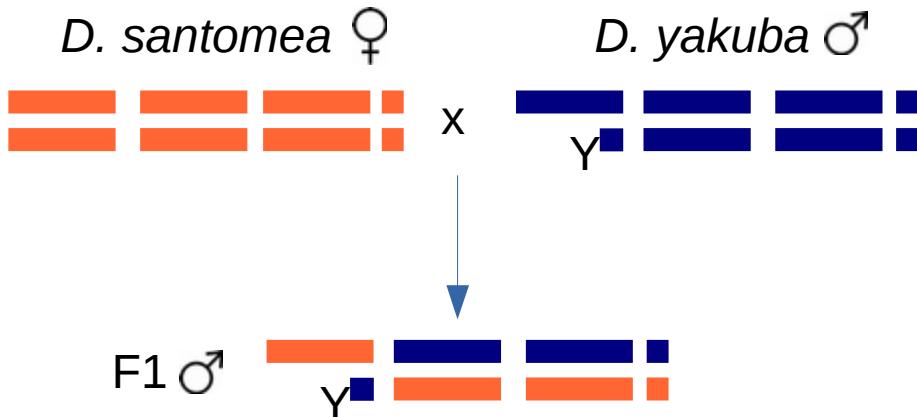
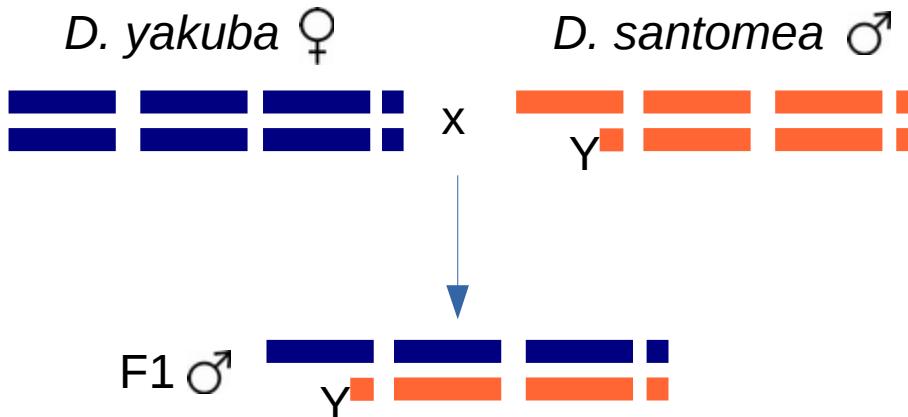
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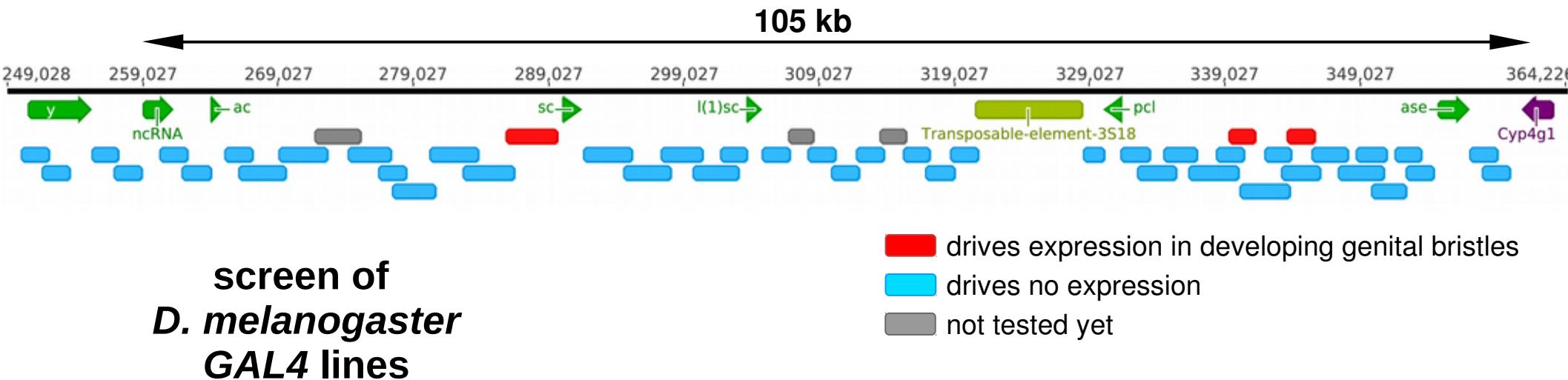


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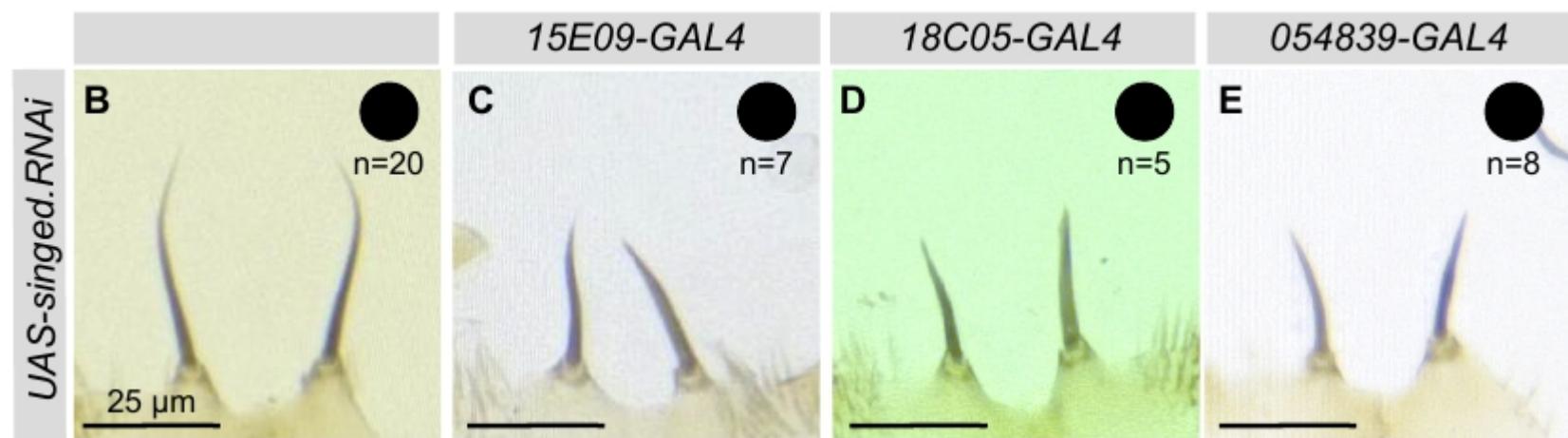


- 2 bristles
- 1 bristle
- 0 bristle

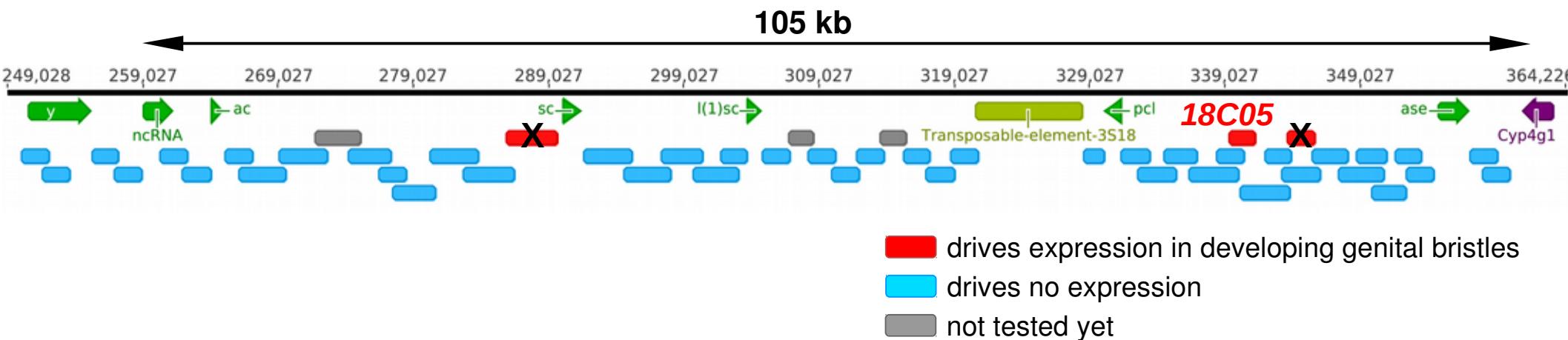
Screening a 100-kb region



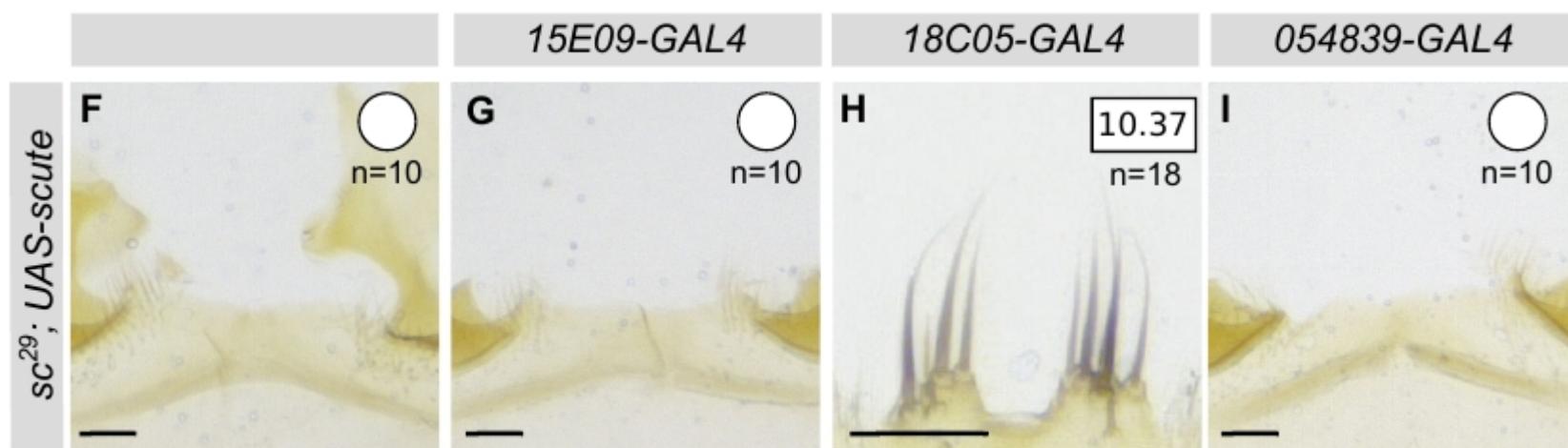
GAL4 X UAS-RNAi-singed , UAS-Dicer2



18C05 drives expression independently of *scute*

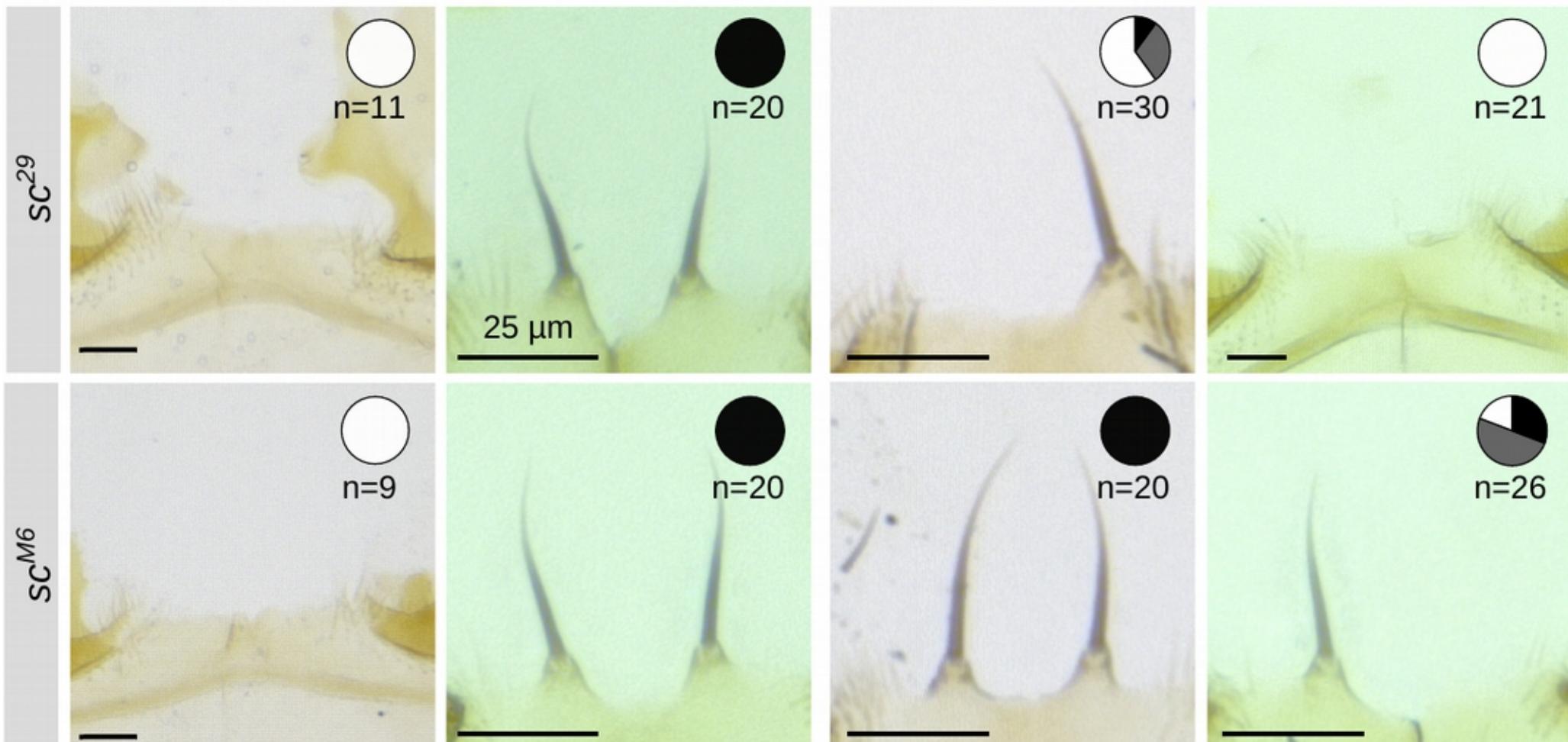
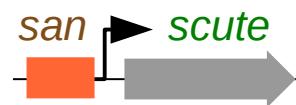
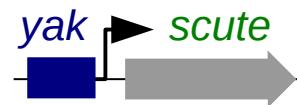
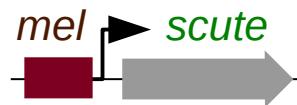


GAL4 X *sc²⁹ ; UAS-scute*



Mutation(s) in 18C05 cause loss of bristles

- 0 bristle
- 1 bristle
- 2 bristles



D. melanogaster transgenics

27 SNPs and 3 indels between *D. santomea* and *D. yakuba*

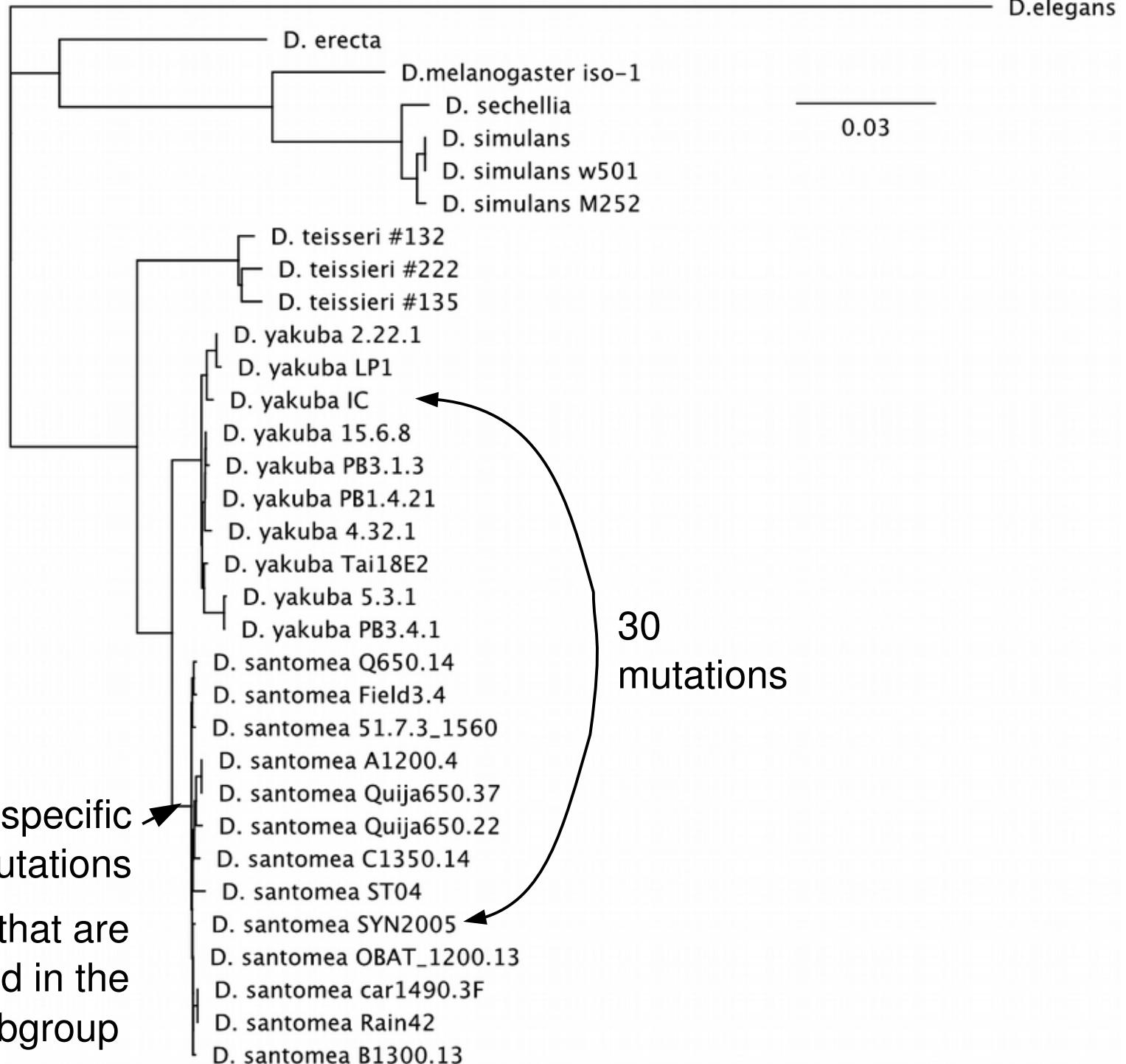
Sequence alignment showing 27 SNPs and 3 indels between *D. santomea* (san) and *D. yakuba* (yak). The sequence is aligned from position 1 to 2,088. Colored boxes highlight the differences at each position.

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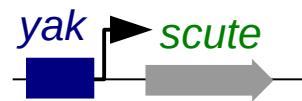
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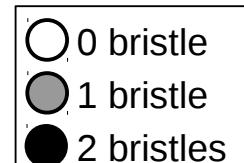
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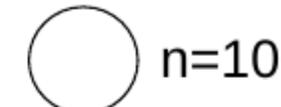
3 mutations affect genital bristle number



sc^{M6}



D. yakuba



yak-G869A



yak-T970A



yak-T1429G



yak-A1507G



yak-T1775G



T1775G mutation disrupts an AbdB binding site

D. yakuba

1775
ACCGTTCTTATTGACTT
TGGAAAAGAAAATAAACTGAA

0.91

T1775G
→

D. santomea

1775
ACCGTTCTT**G**TATTGACTT
TGGCAAAGAAC**C**ATAAACTGAA

0.78

JASPAR
Binding Score

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ACCGTTTCTTATTGACTT
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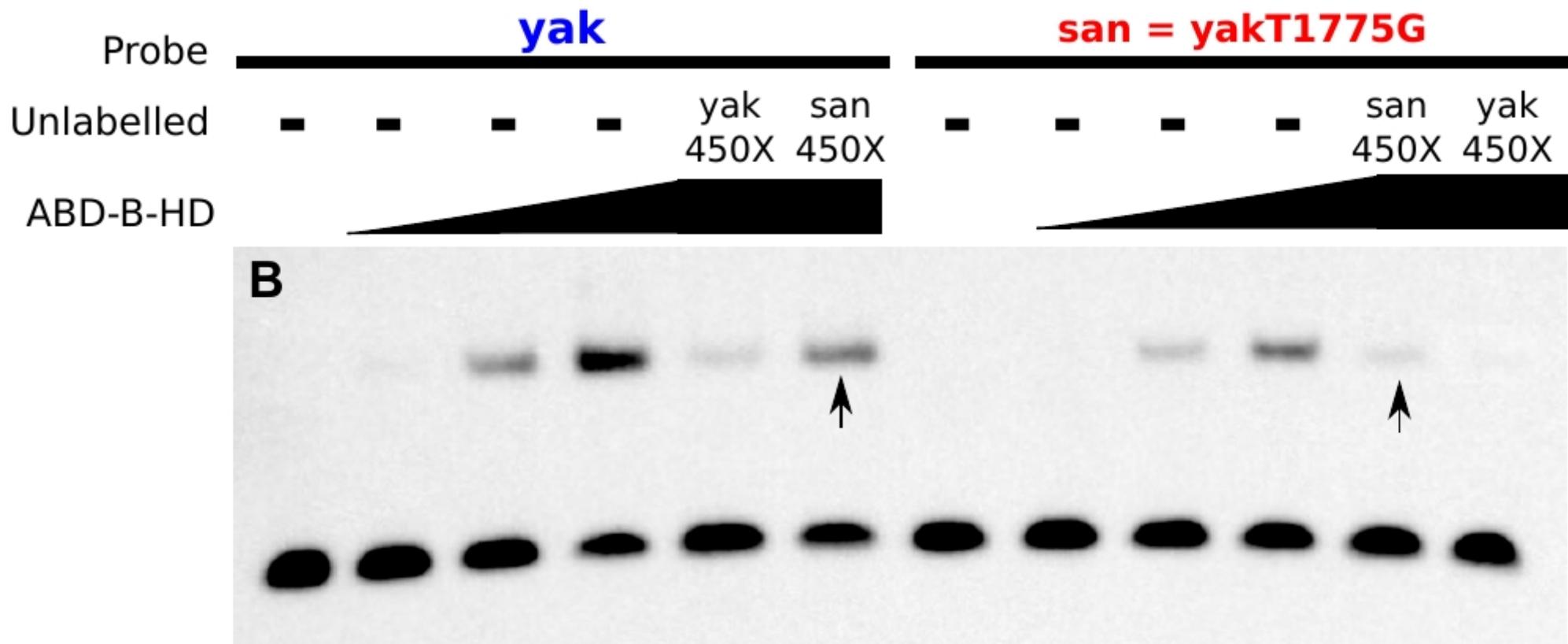
T1775G
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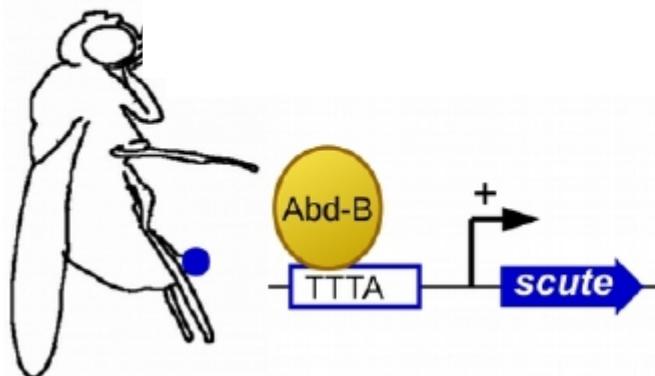
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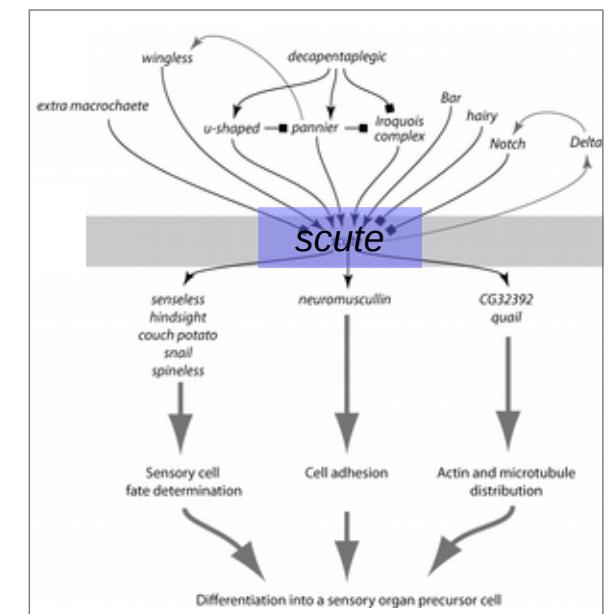
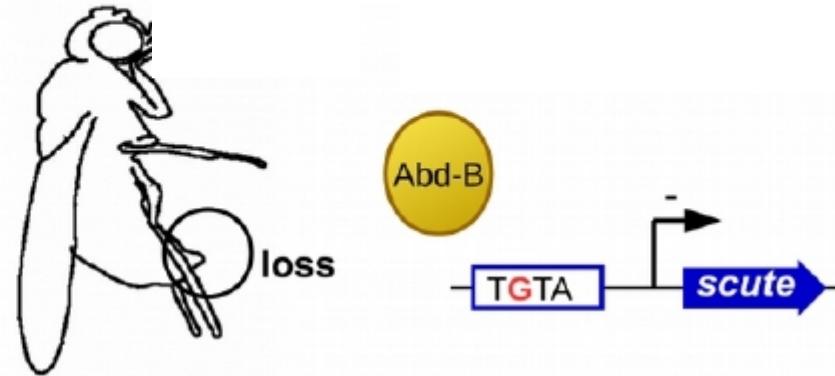


D. santomea lost genital bristles via 3 mutations in *scute*

ancestor

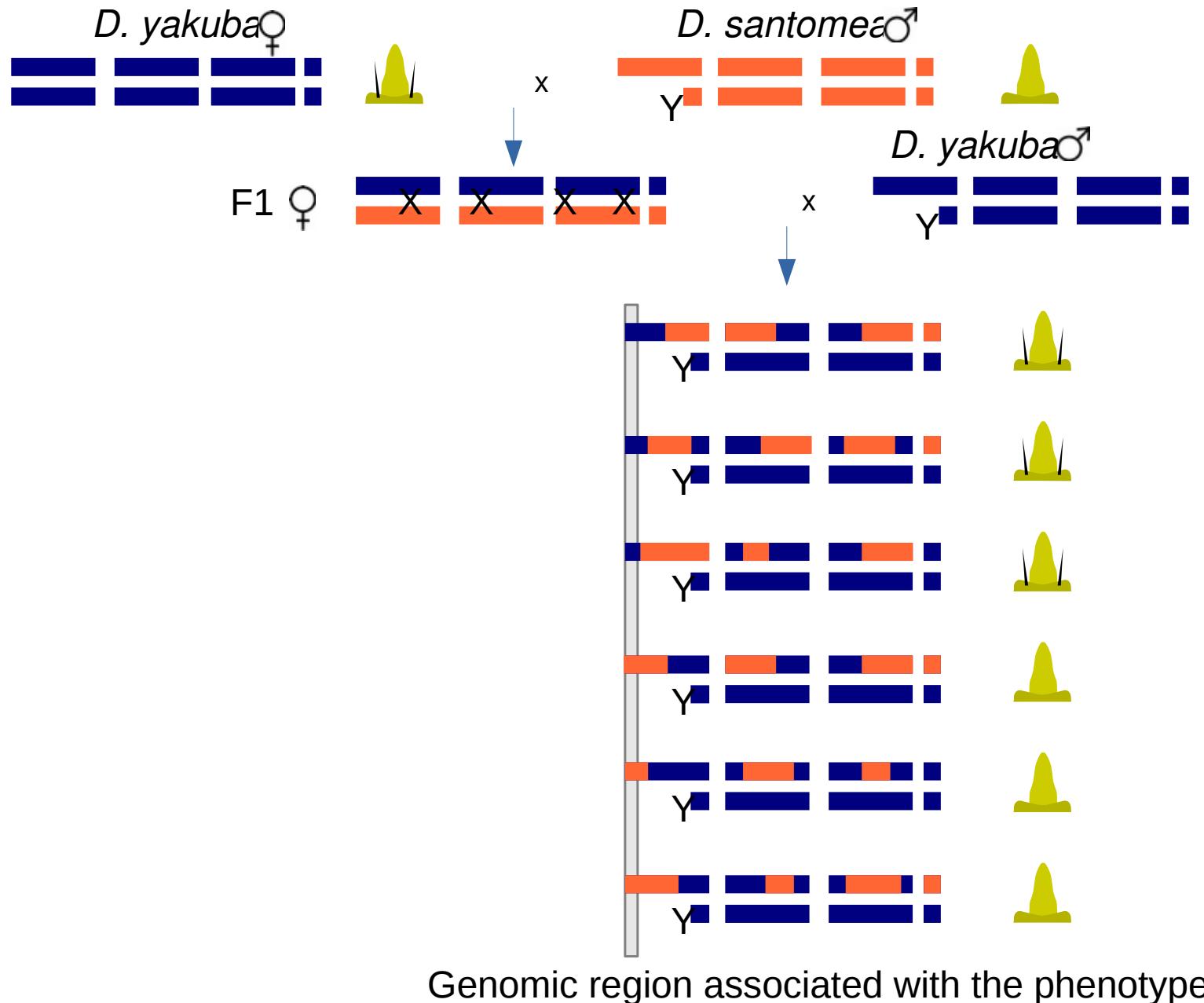


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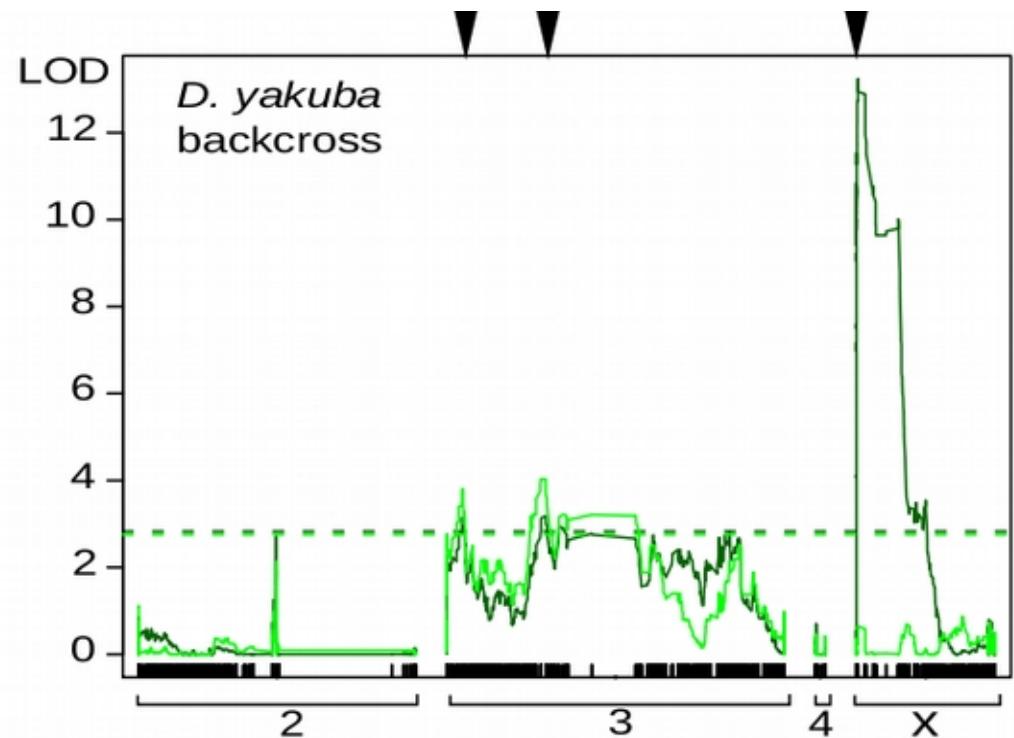
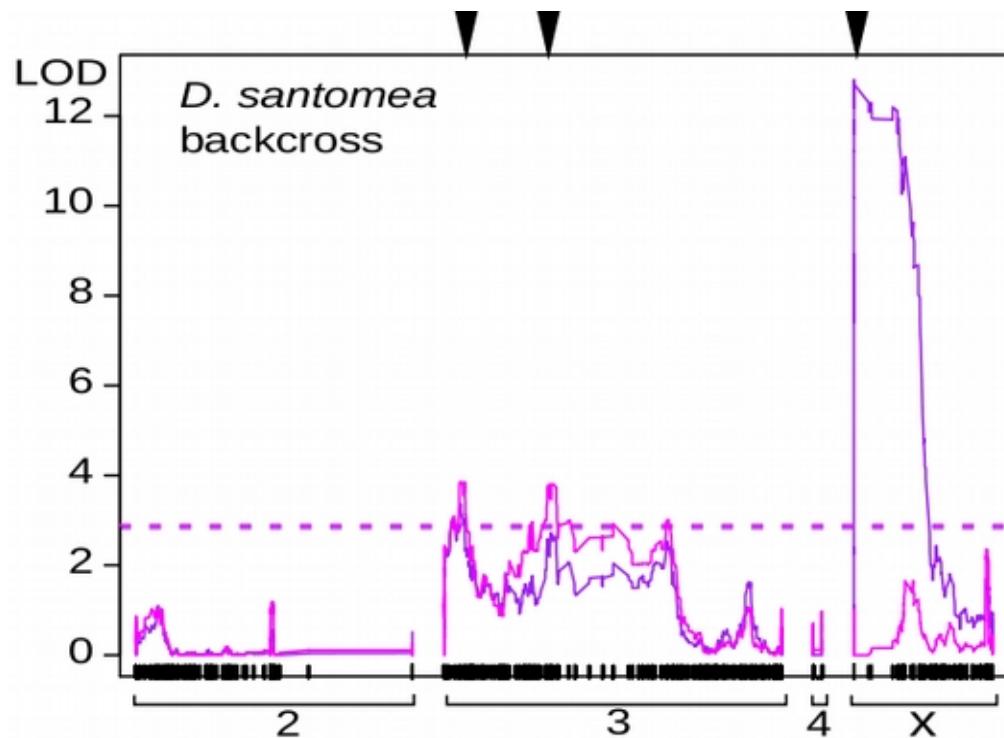
QTL mapping

D. yakuba backcross

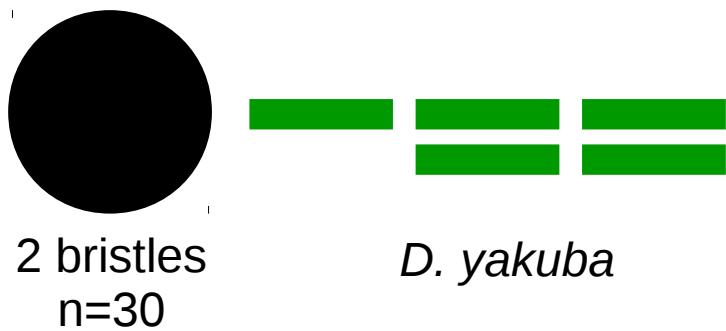


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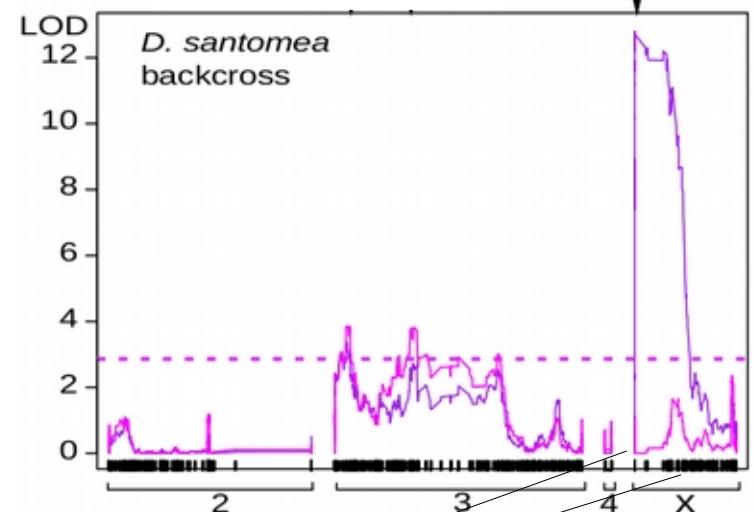
One major QTL at the tip of the X chromosome
Two minor QTL on the 3rd chromosome



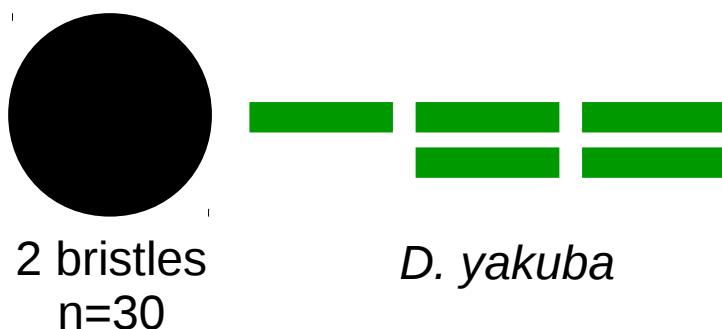
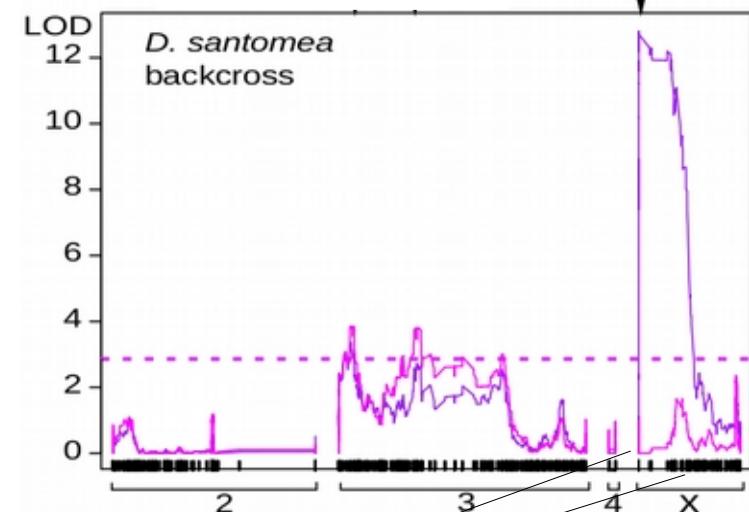
Introgression of *18C05 (scute)*



no effect!

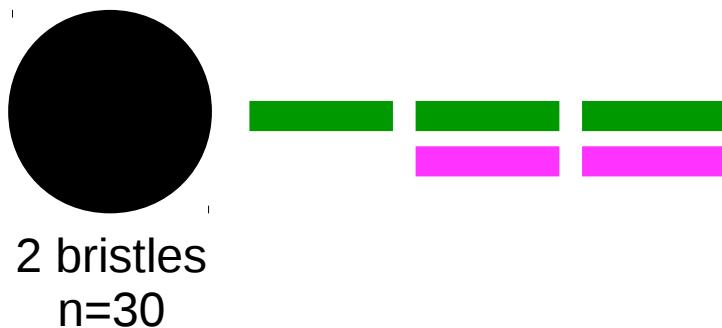
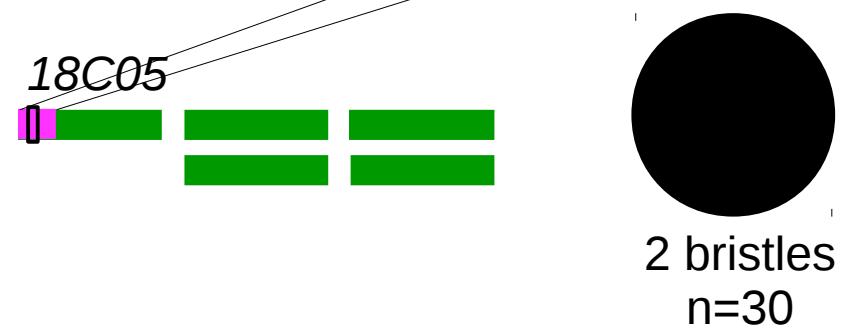


Introgression of 18C05 (*scute*)



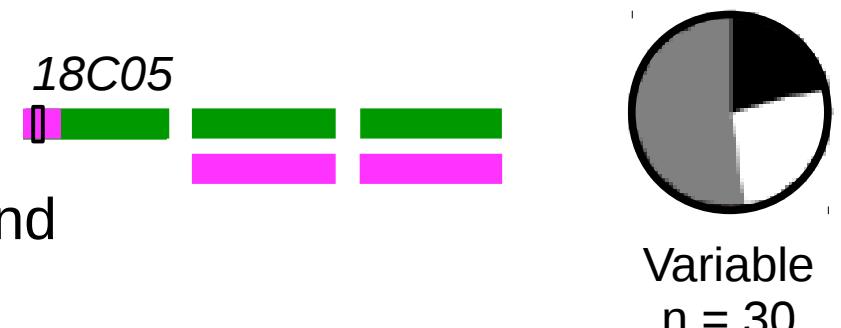
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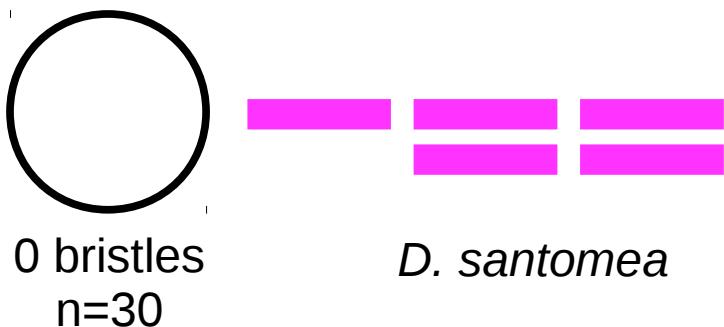
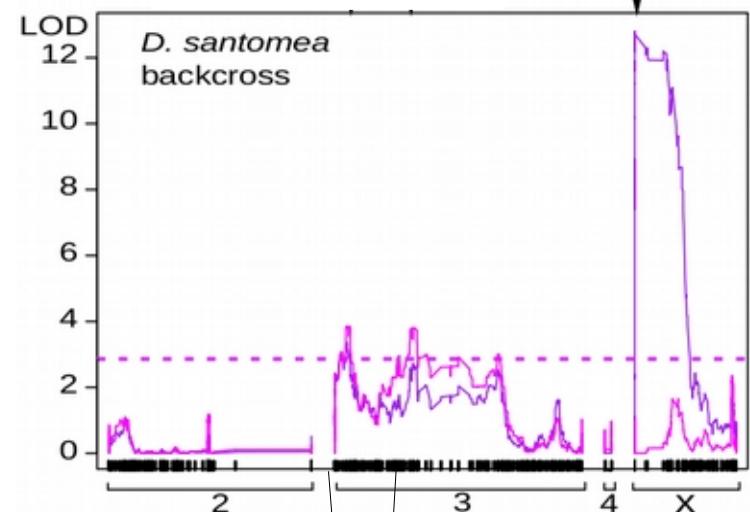


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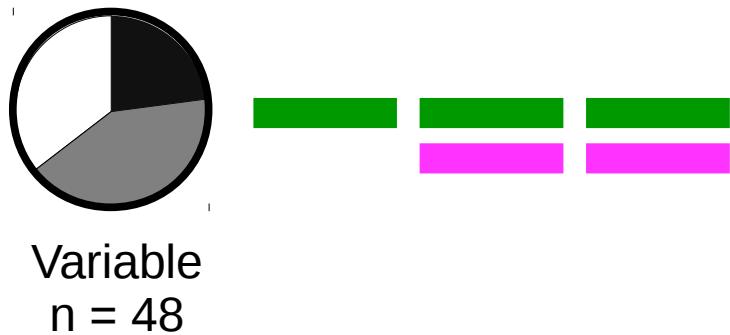
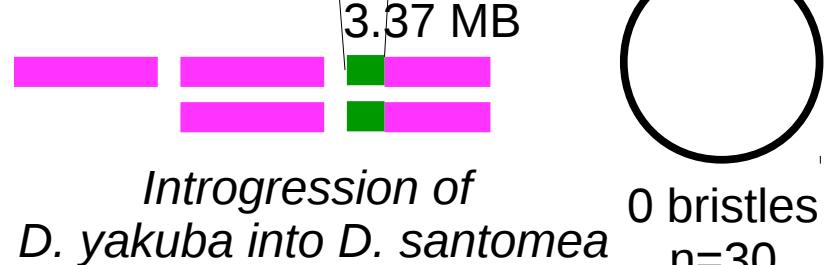


Introgression of 3L



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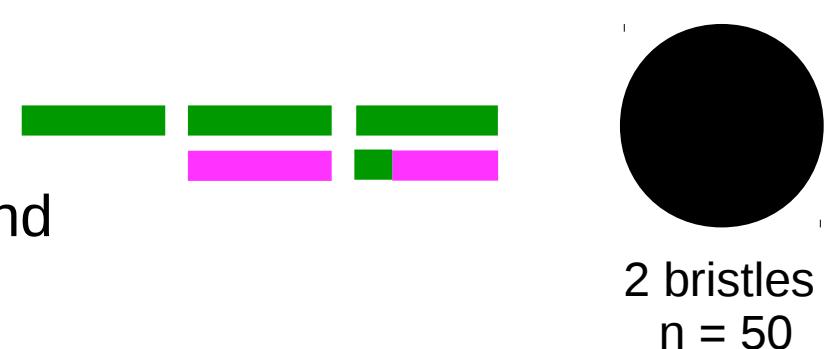
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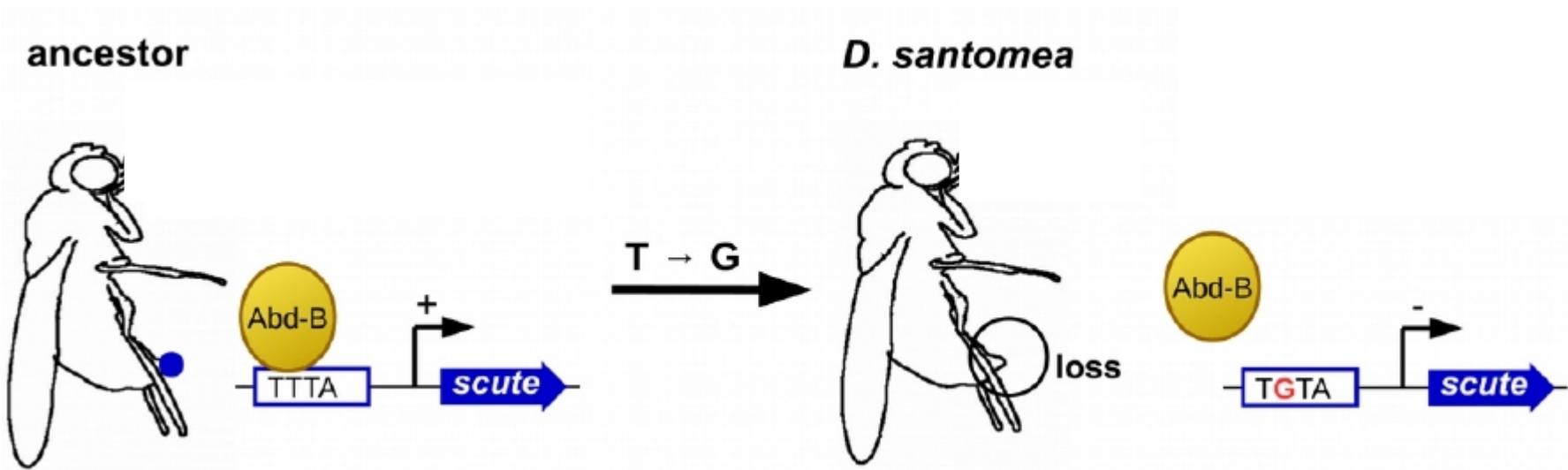
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Hybrid background
at 29 °C



D. santomea lost genital bristles via mutations in **scute**



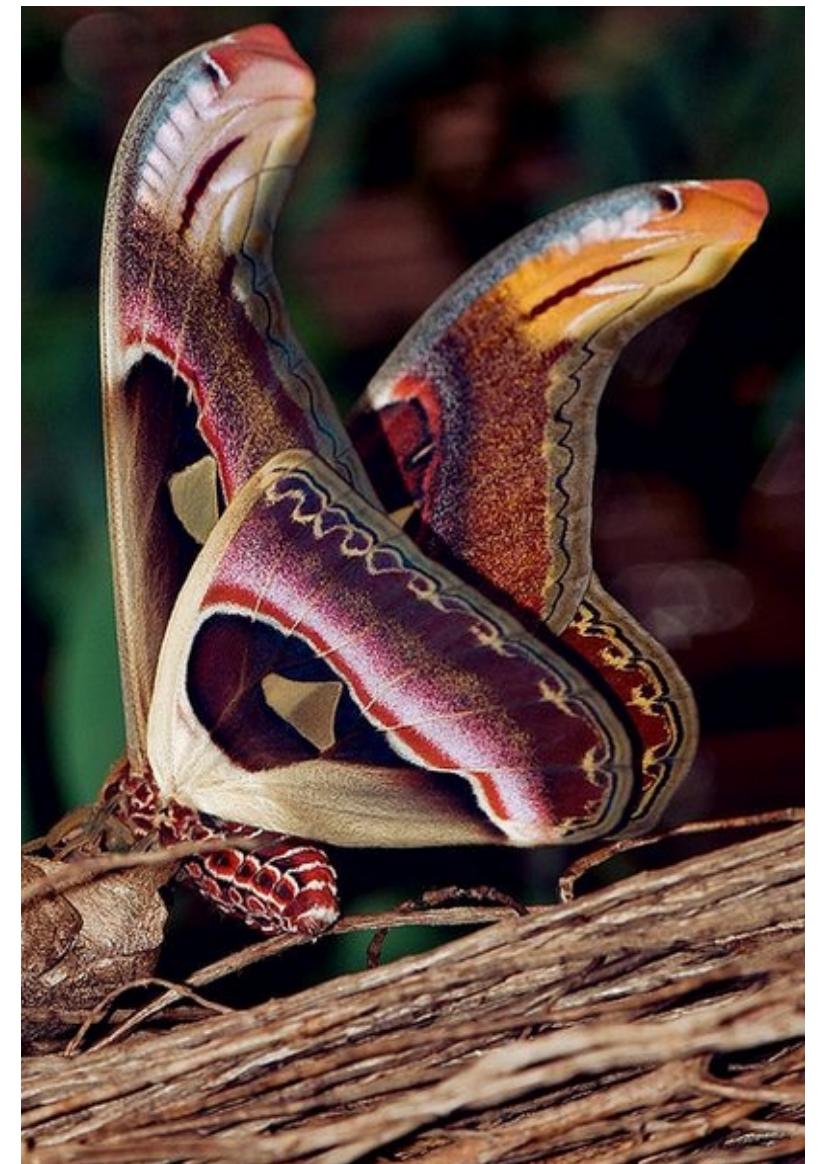
.. and in at least 2 other genes on 3L.

The **scute** locus has no effect alone.

Sensitive genetic and environment backgrounds help to magnify the QTL effects.

Evo-devo in butterflies

(slides modified from A. Martin)





Butterfly Alphabet by Kjell Sandvell



Mimicry : natural selection for resemblance

Vespid wasp

Sesiid moth

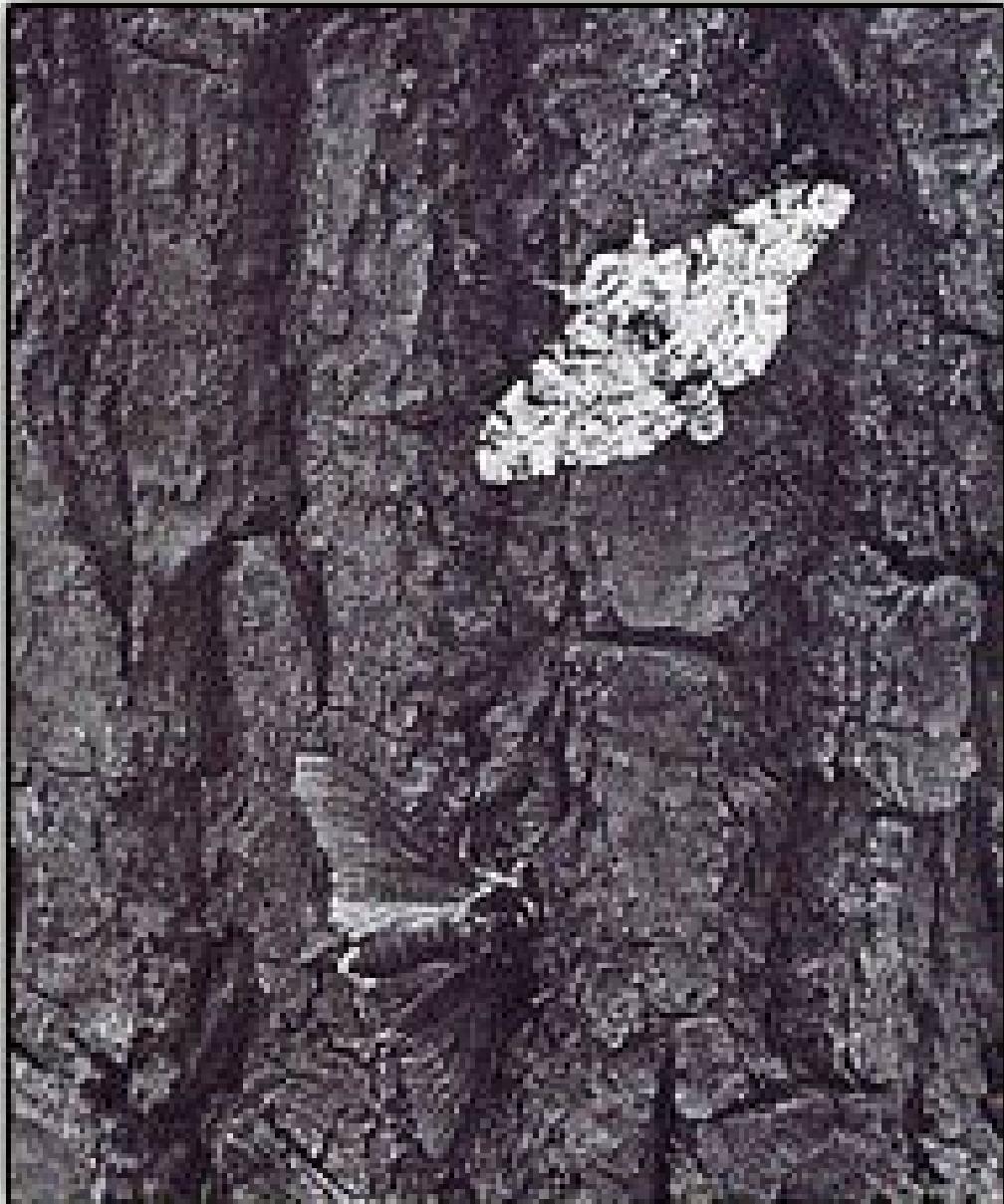
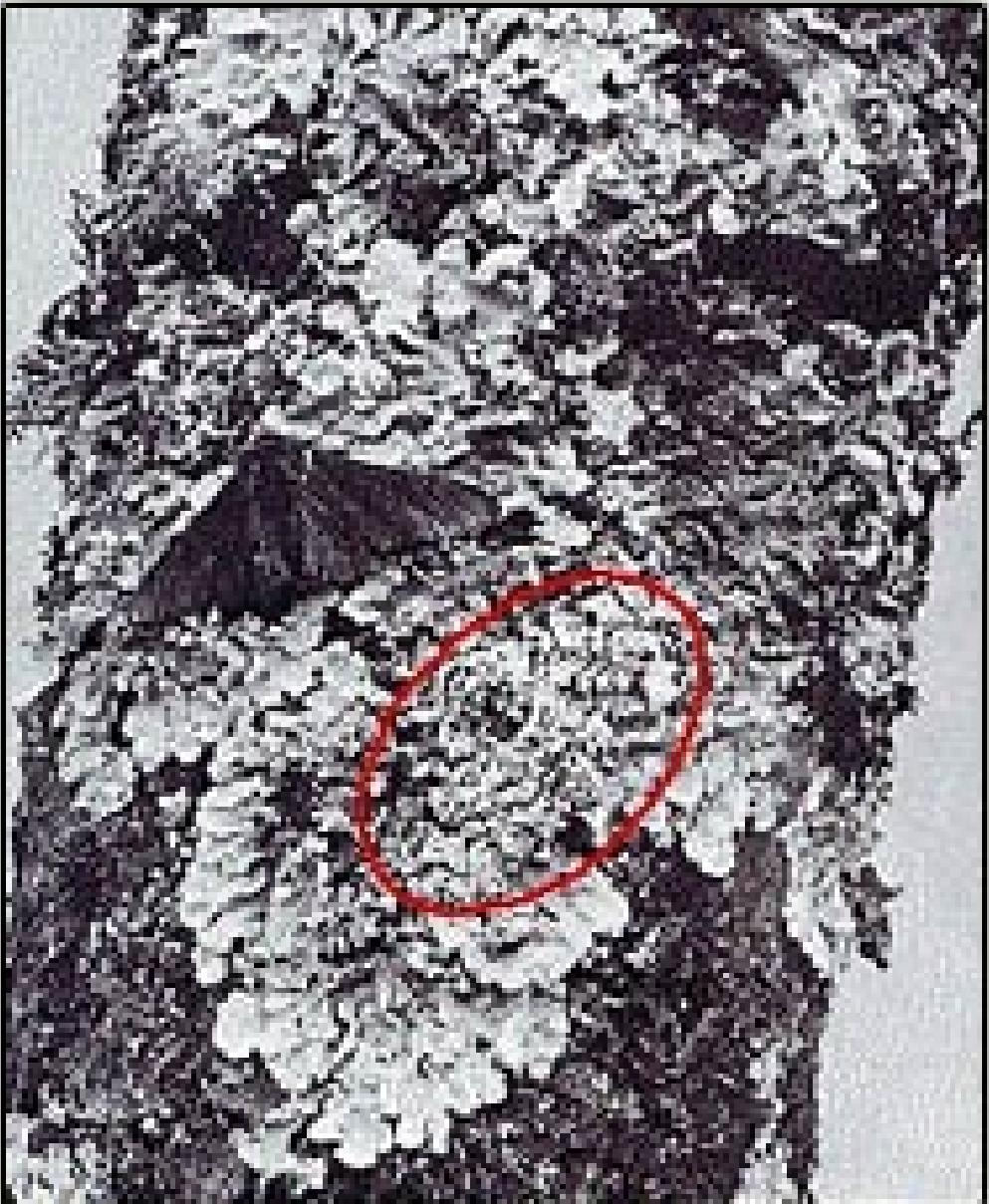




Monarch

Viceroy





*On these expanded membranes nature writes, as on
a tablet, the story of the modification of species*
Henry Walter Bates (1863)

A CASE OF DIRECTIONAL SELECTION

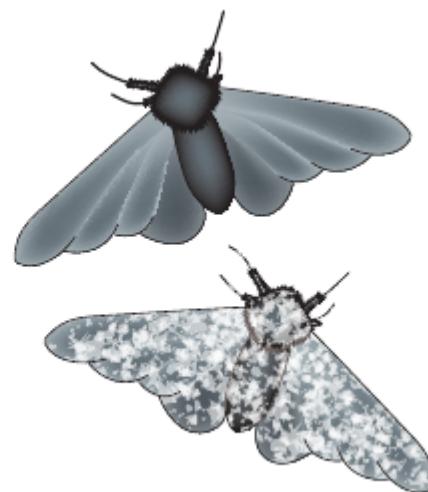
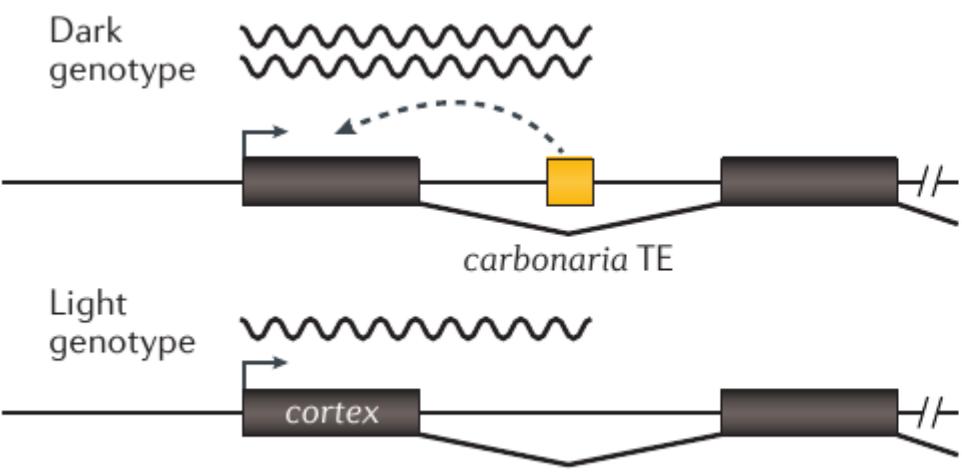
Dark-colored moth



Light-colored moth



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Upregulates cortex,
resulting in increased
darker coloration

Lepidoptera

Scaled

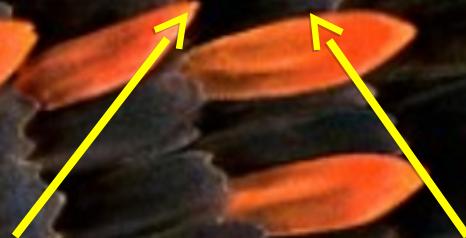
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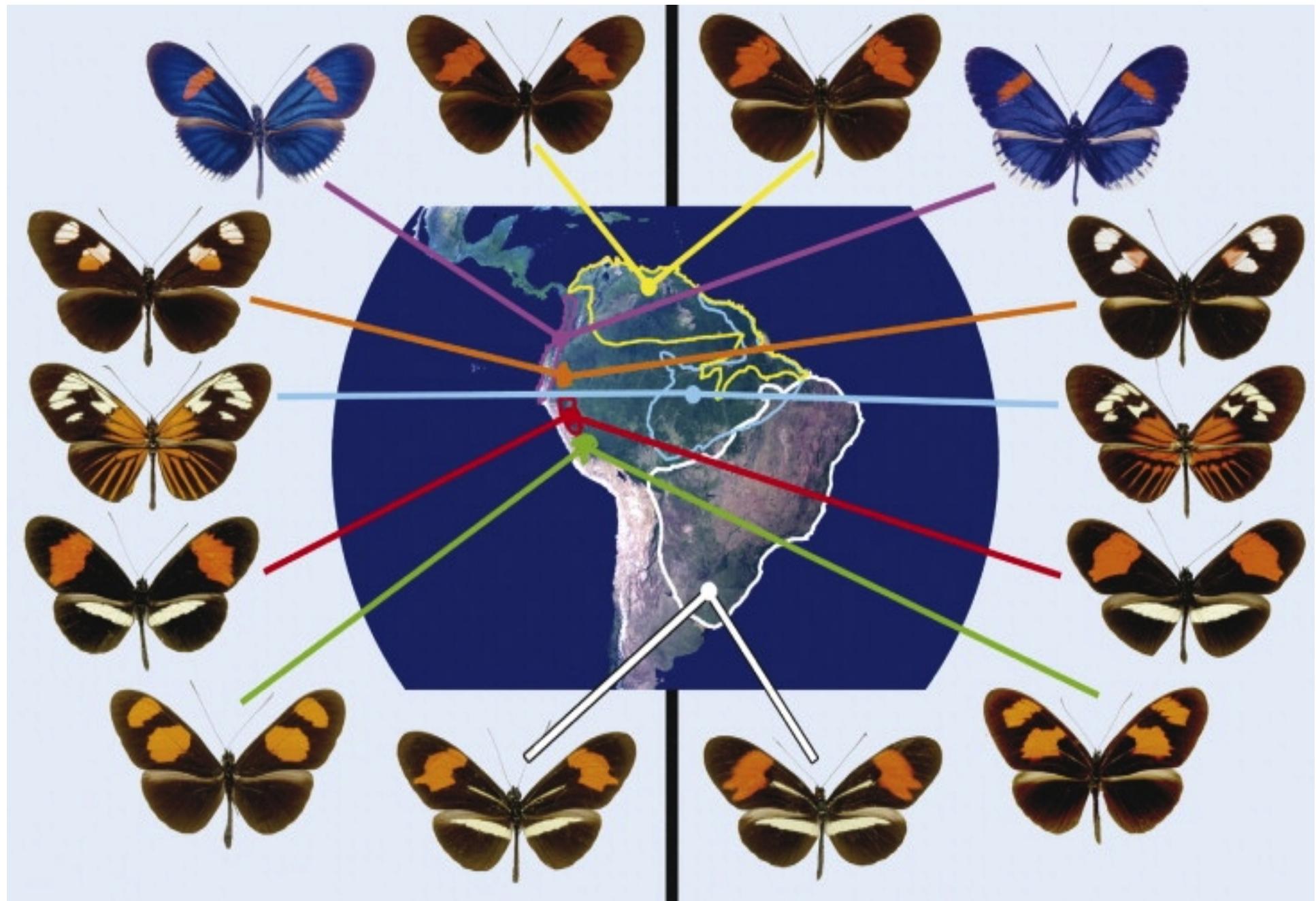
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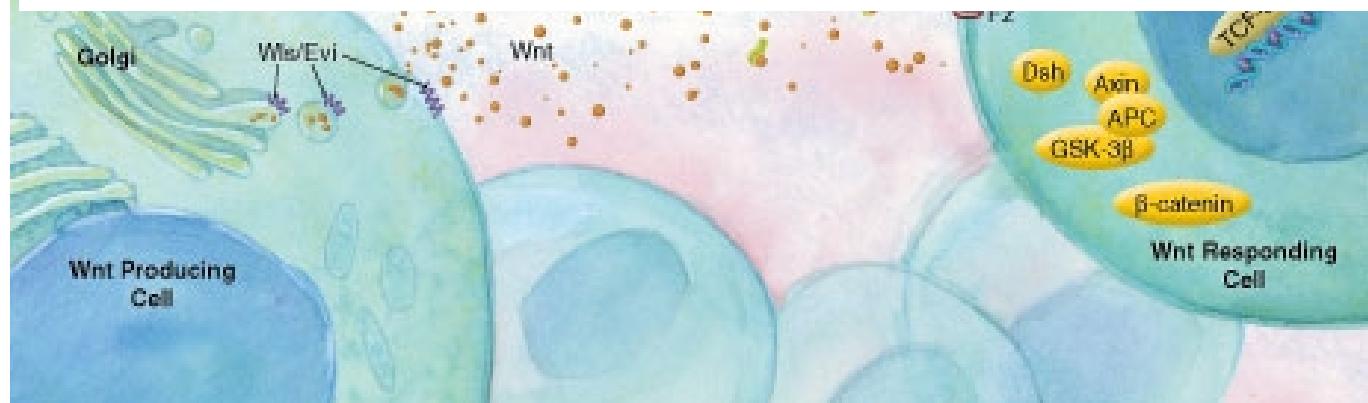
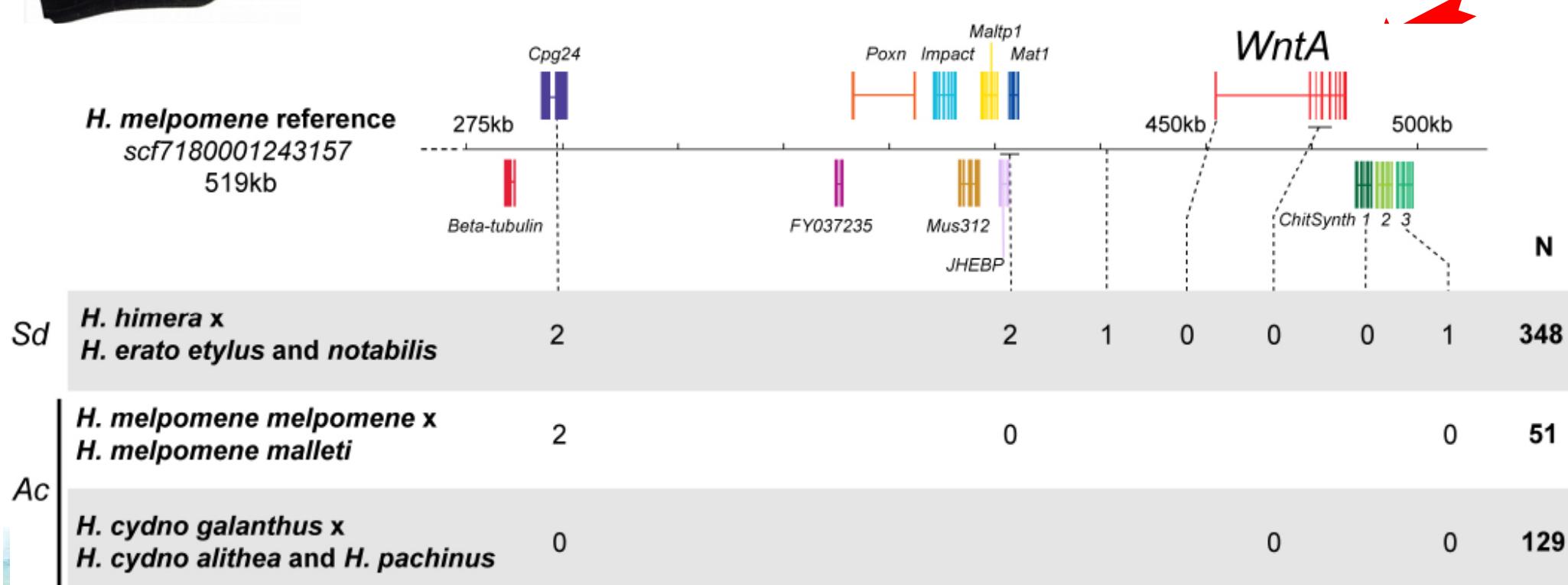
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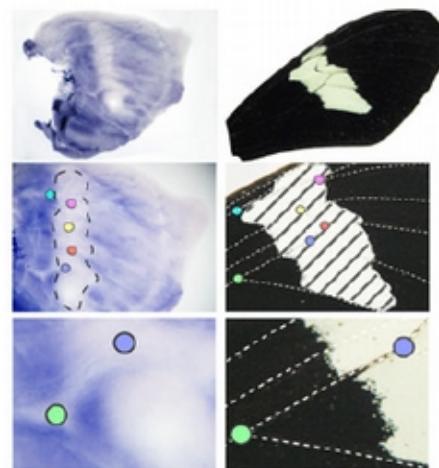
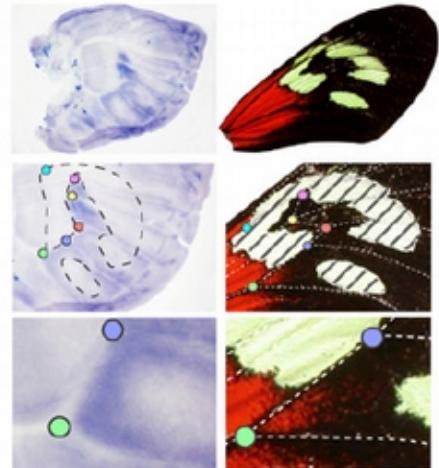
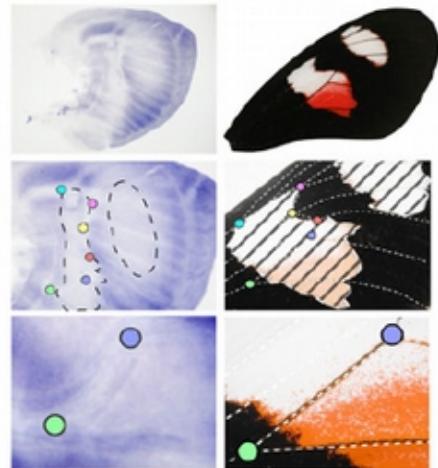
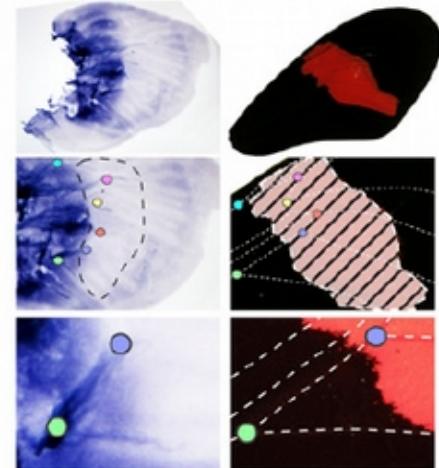
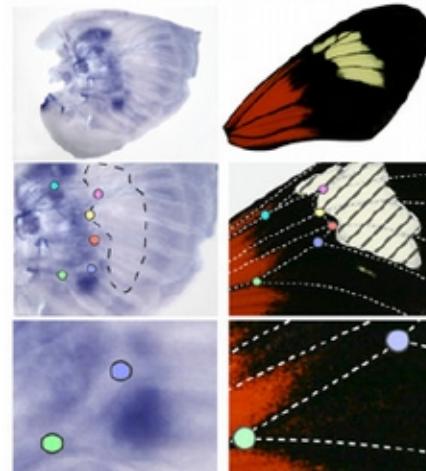
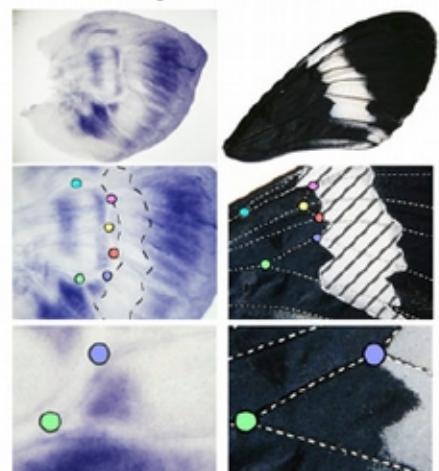
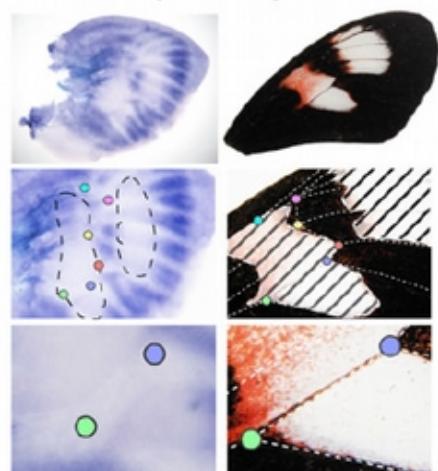
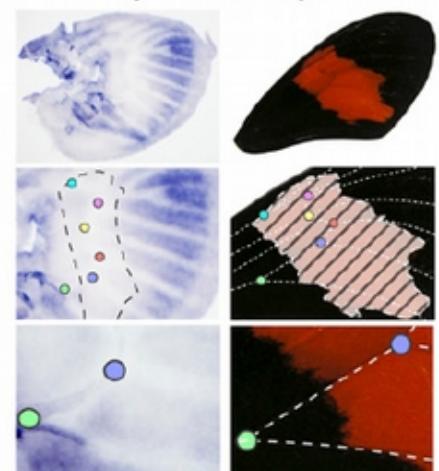
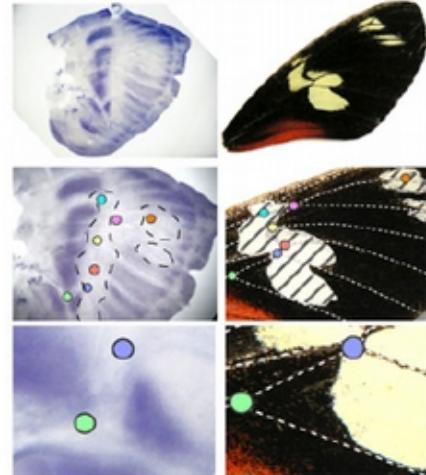
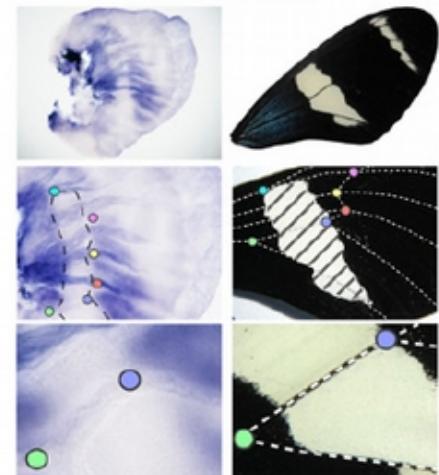
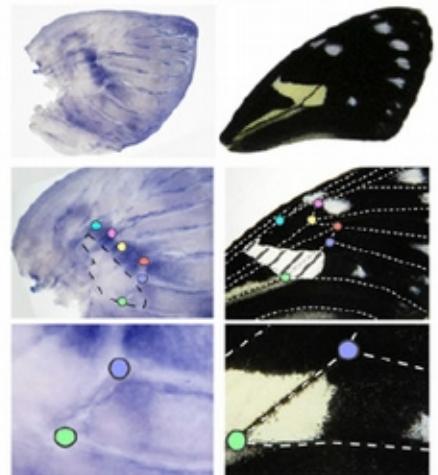




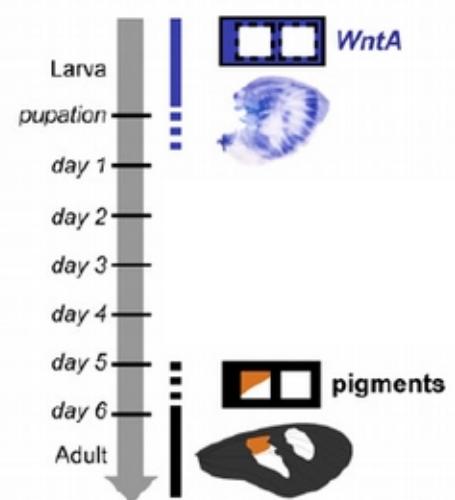
Forward genetics

Crosses: Riccardo Papa
Brian Counterman,
Owen McMillan



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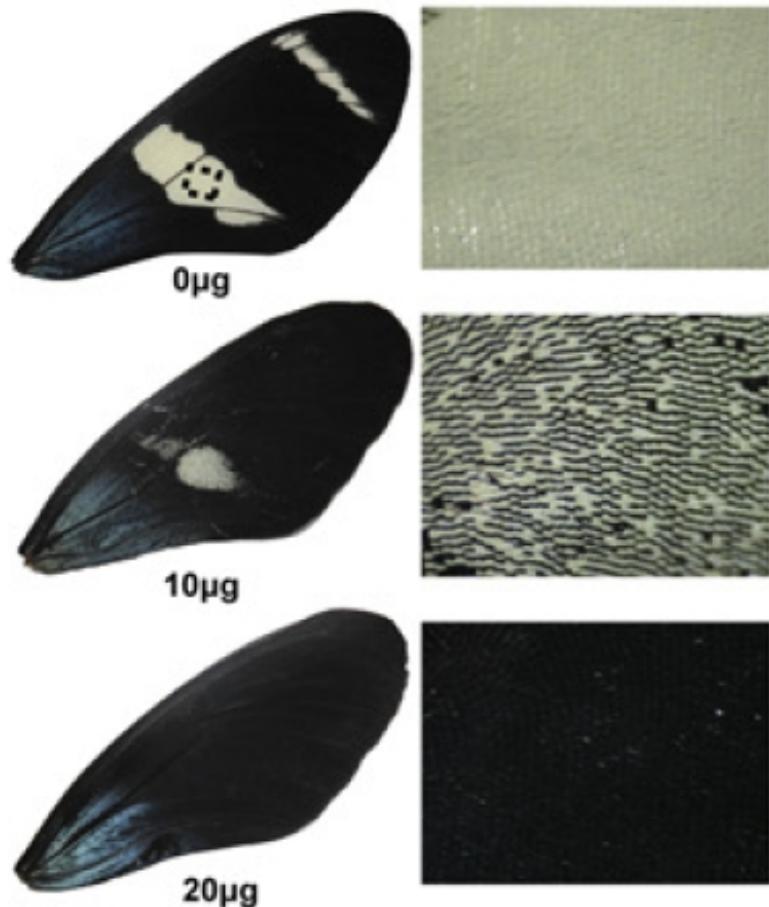
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Pharmaceutical *WntA* gain-of-function assay

Heparin

H. sara sara



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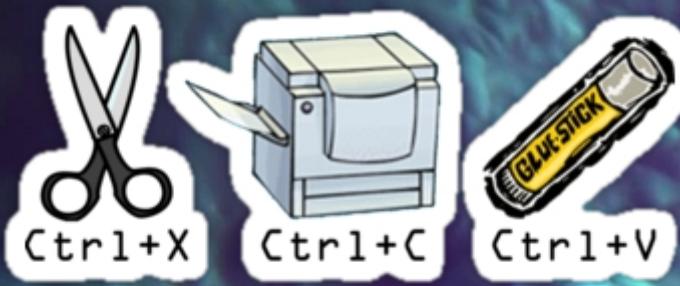
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heparin-
like GAGs

CRISPR-Cas9

Clustered regularly-interspaced short palindromic repeats



WntA knock-out

Done by Carolina Concha
Richard Wallbank



WT

WntA CRISPR

removal of black/yellow boundaries



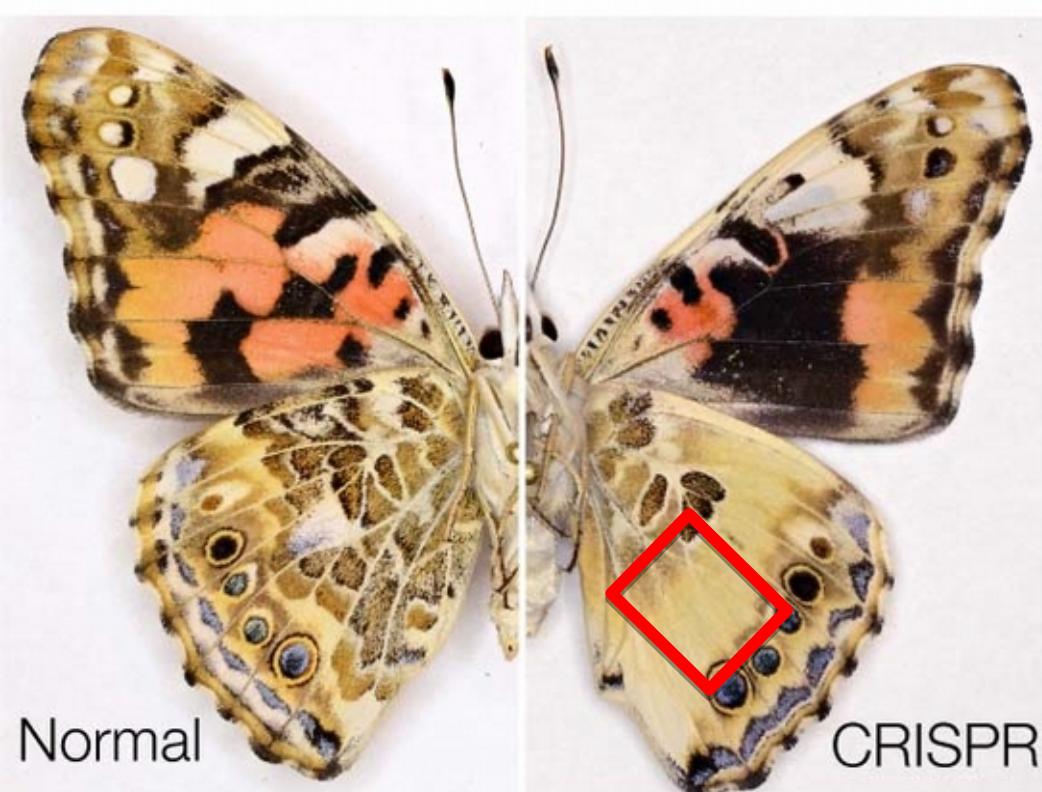
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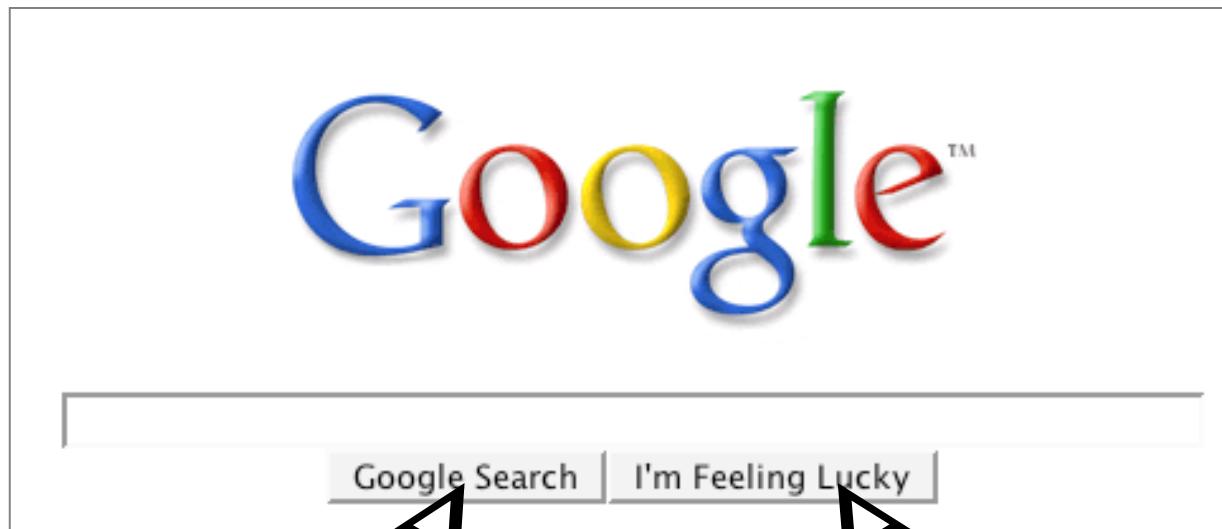


Normal

CRISPR

Methods to identify the genes and the mutations responsible for phenotypic evolution

Two types of approaches



Genetic mapping

Candidate gene

no a priori, fewer bias

long and tedious

rarely ends with identification of the gene

only with strains/species which produce fertile hybrids

Based on an a priori idea
can be fast and efficient

will only find known genes

In both cases genes with small effect are more difficult to identify

Various methods

Genetic

which chromosome (ex: autosomal versus sex)

QTL mapping

Genetic association studies

Candidate Gene

Complementation tests

General biology

General knowledge of the genes involved in the phenotype

Similarity with a known phenotype

Correlation with a change in gene expression level/pattern

Final test of protein activity

in vitro in *E. coli*, by transgenesis in the studied species or the closest model organism (ex: *beta-defensin* of dogs tested in mouse)

Final test of cis-regulatory regions

- with reporter constructs, transgenesis, comparison of both regions
- comparison of allele expression levels in hybrids (pyrosequencing)
- CRISPR-mediated targeted mutation

Evolution repeats itself

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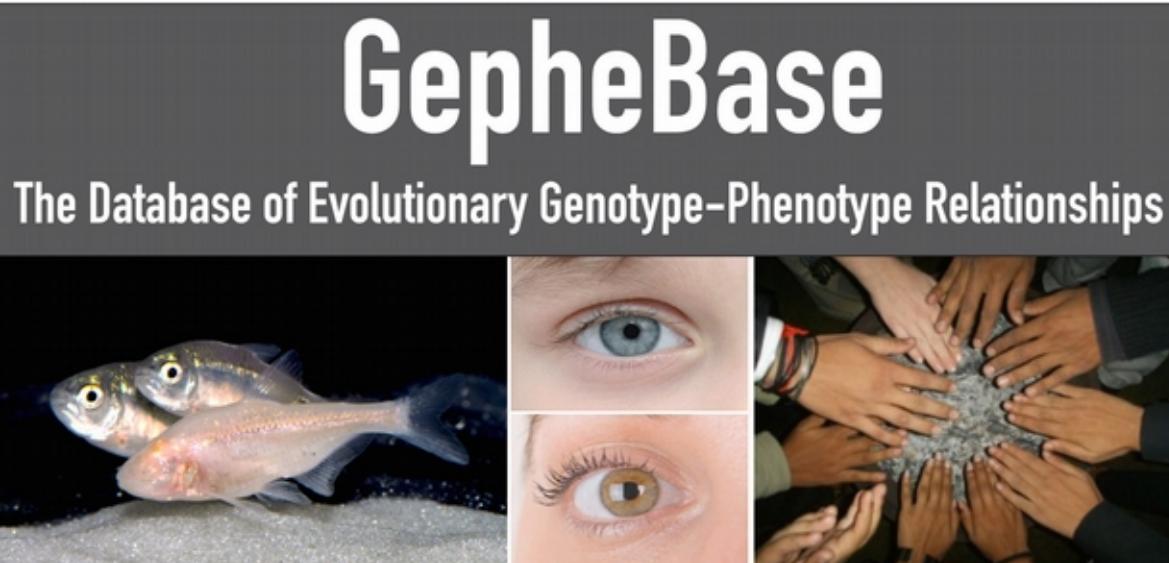
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**Includes Natural, Domesticated and Experimental Variation
but *NO LAB MUTANTS* and *NO CLINICAL TRAITS***

>1600 genes and mutations
associated with
natural phenotypic changes
in animals and plants

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a Genetic VARIATION *causing* a Phenotypic VARIATION

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C A V
 ₄₇₇

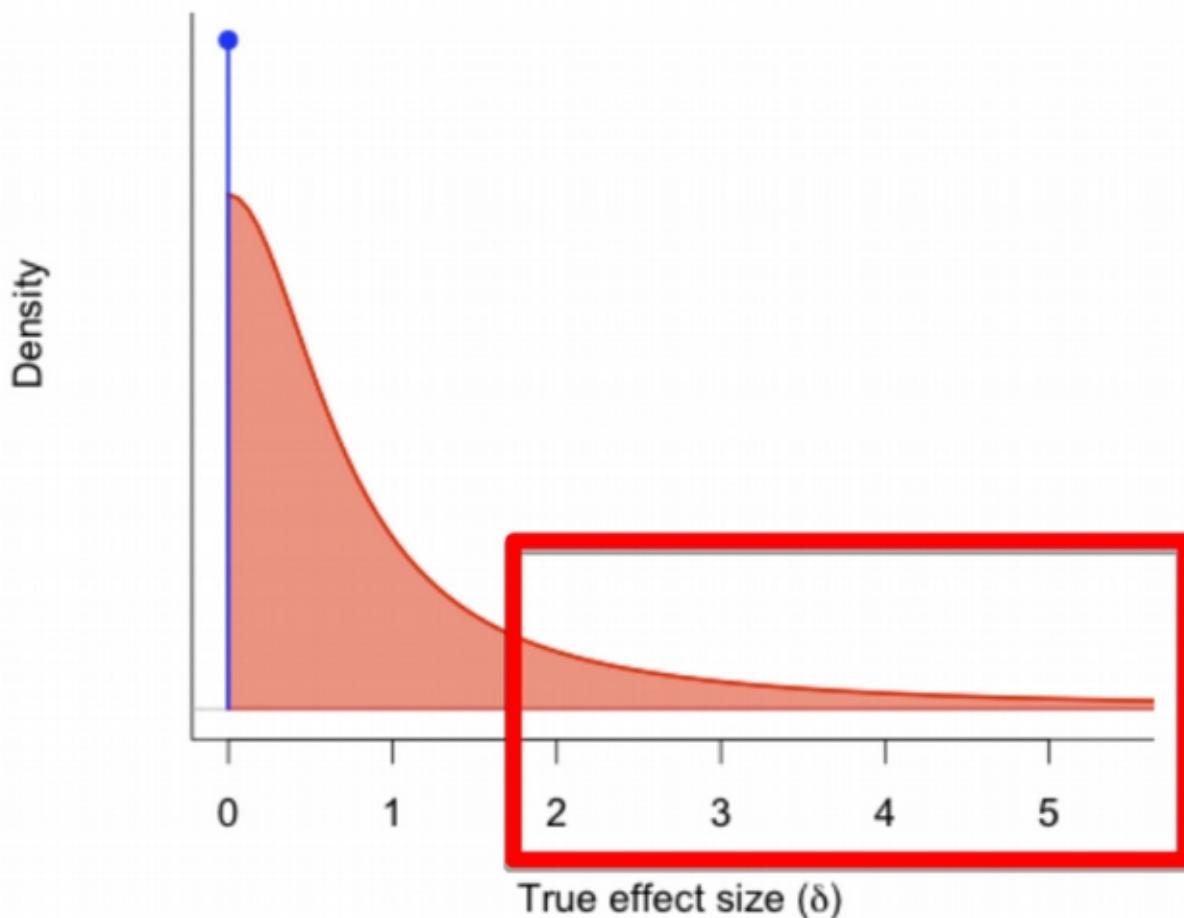
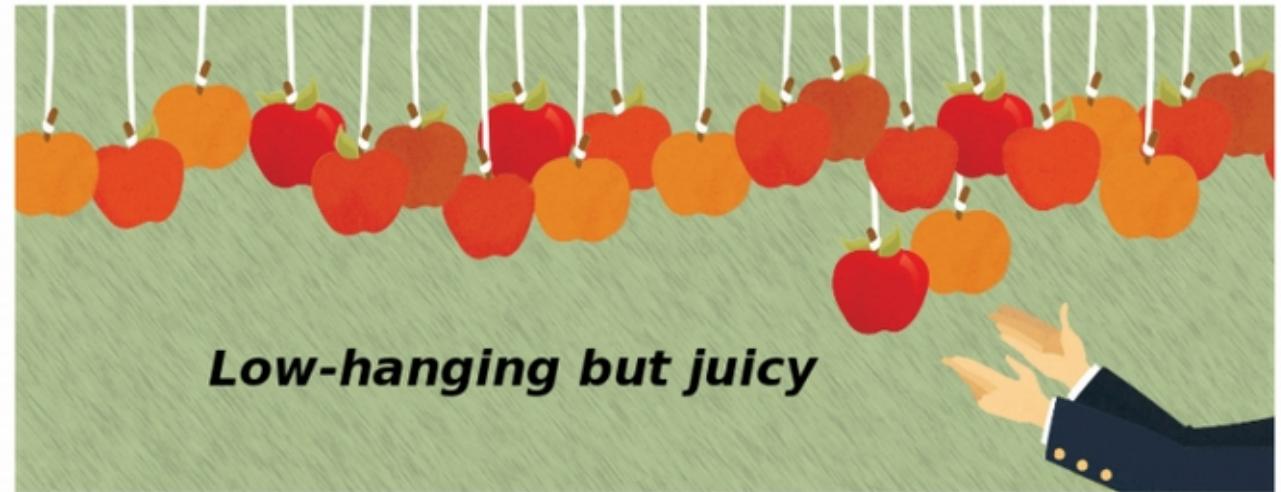
coding region
of *SLC45A2* gene

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THE QTN PROGRAM AND THE ALLELES THAT MATTER FOR EVOLUTION: ALL THAT'S GOLD DOES NOT GLITTER

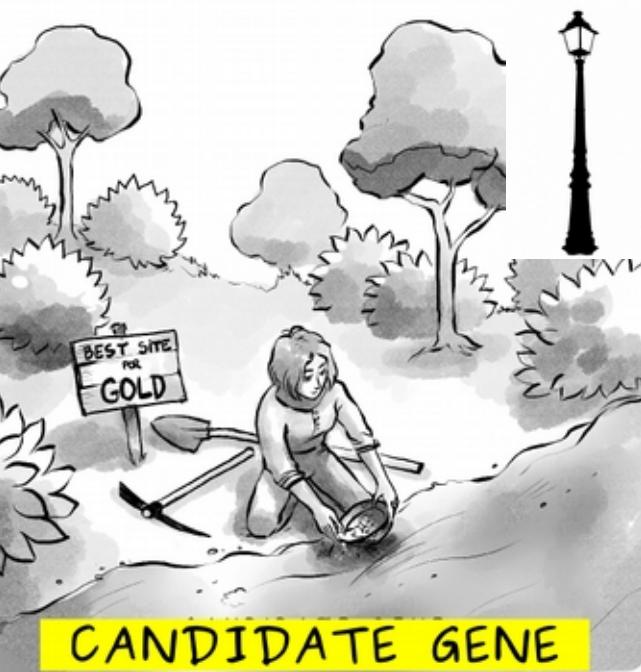
Matthew V. Rockman^{1,2}



The shiny
"large effect" loci we can document experimentally



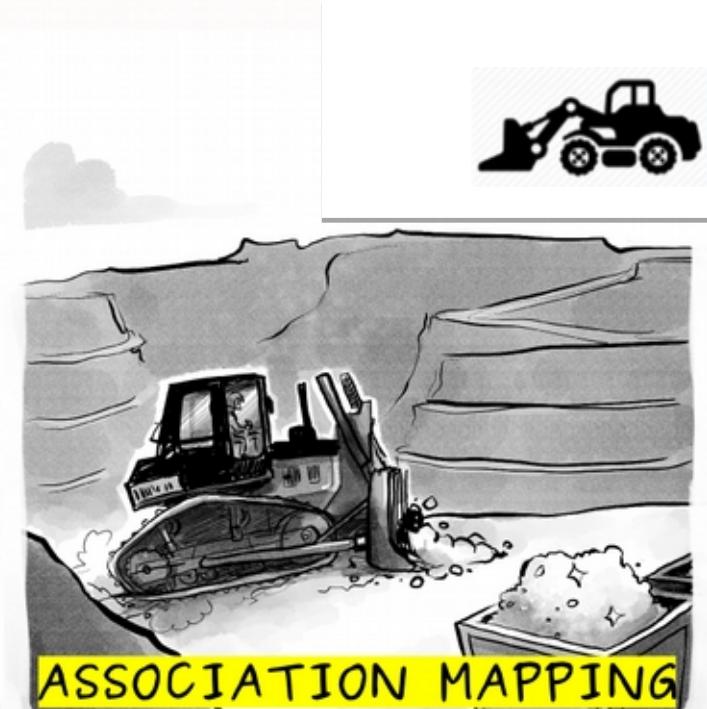
THREE APPROACHES to FIND the GOLDEN LOCI of EVOLUTION



CANDIDATE GENE



LINKAGE MAPPING



ASSOCIATION MAPPING

REVERSE GENETICS

From genes to traits

FORWARD GENETICS

From traits to genes

Little Ascertainment Bias, but Micro-Evolution only:

**Requires the intermixing of two gene pools
or lineages**

CHKov1

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GEPHE SUMMARY

Gephebase Gene	CHKov1	GephelID	GP00000182
Entry Status	-	Main curator	Martin

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

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Trait #1	
Trait Category	Physiology
Trait	Pathogen resistance
Trait State in Taxon A	Drosophila melanogaster - susceptible
Trait State in Taxon B	Drosophila melanogaster - resistant

Trait #2	
Trait Category	Physiology
Trait	Xenobiotic resistance (insecticide)
Trait State in Taxon A	-
Trait State in Taxon B	-

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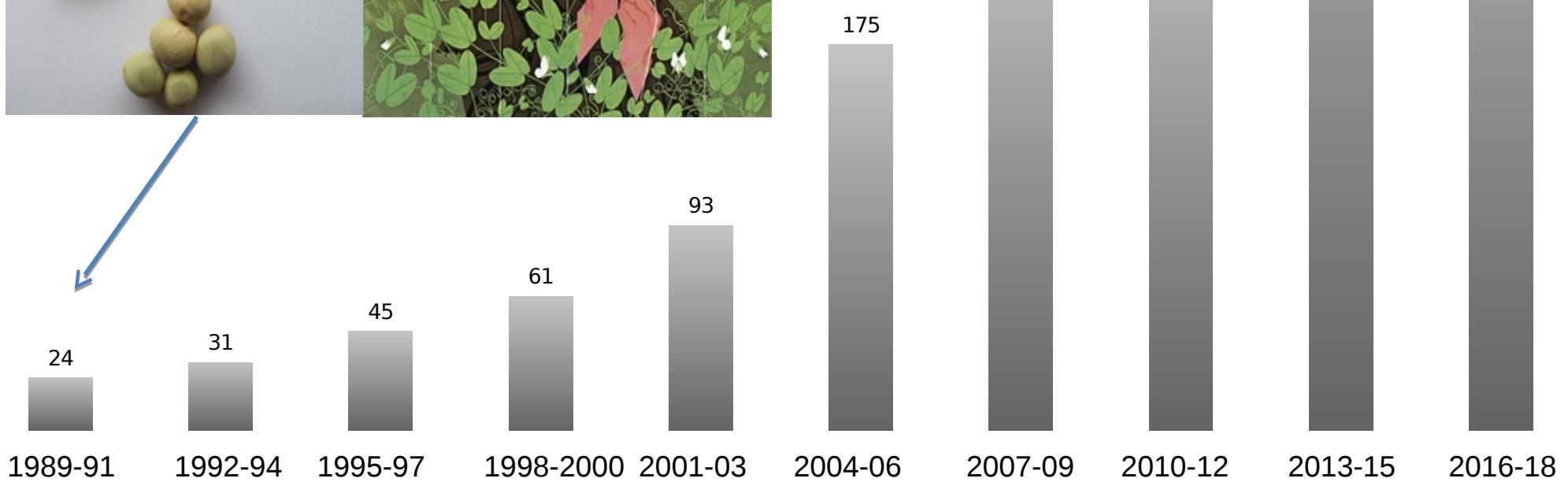
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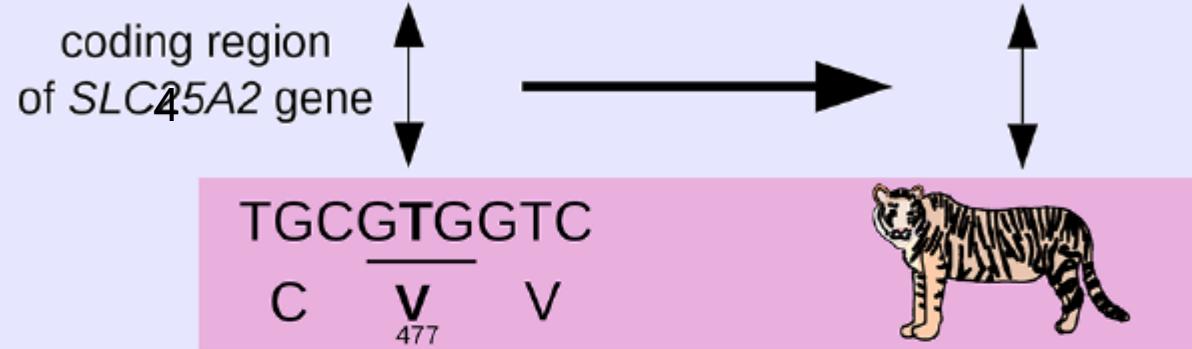
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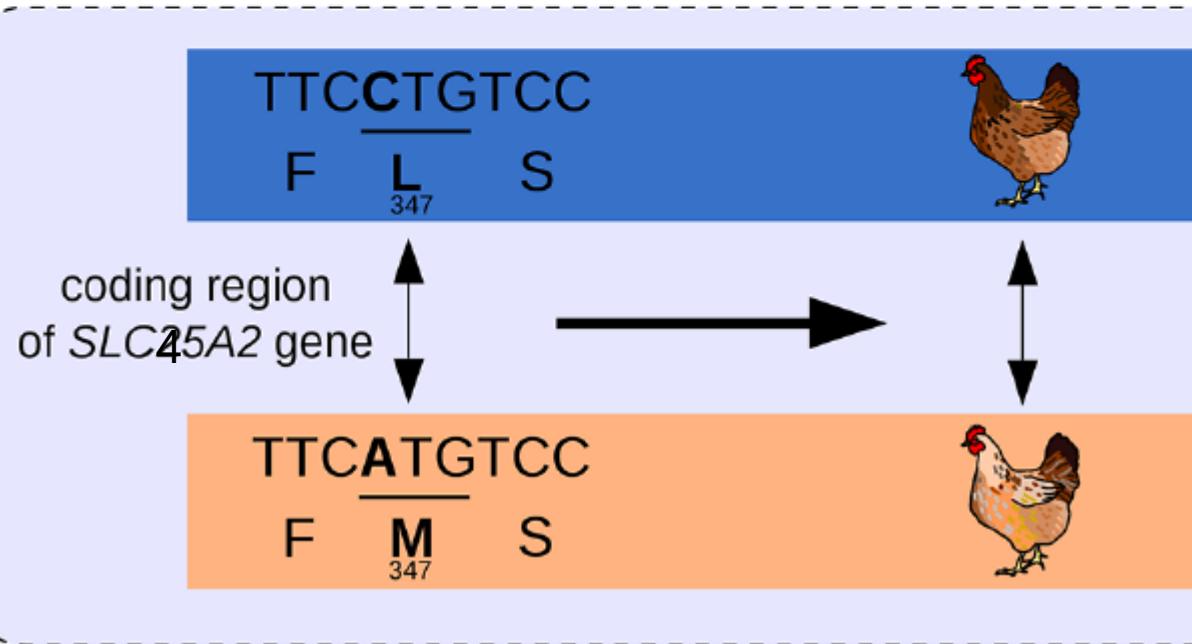
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Repeated evolution



Also in:
Humans
Horses
Quails
Chickens
Mice
Pigeons



Repeats in..



.. the genes responsible for natural evolution

Ex : *hemoglobin* in dogs and humans in Tibet
(Wang et al 2014 GBE)



.. the genes responsible for experimental evolution

Ex : *sulfate transporter SUL1* in yeasts in low sulfate
(Gresham et al 2008 PloS Genetics)

.. the phenotypes evolving in certain environments



Ex : flying marsupial phalanger and placental flying squirrel

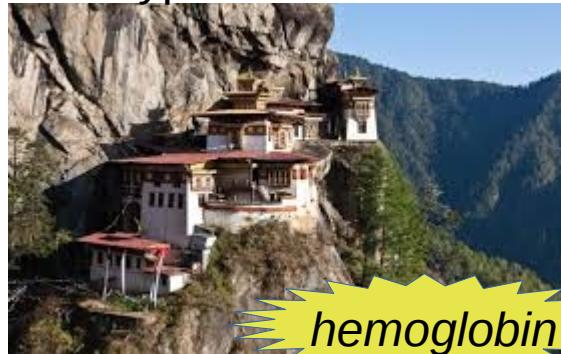
For a given phenotypic change the underlying gene is predictable

Color vision



opsin

Hypoxia resistance



hemoglobin

Pesticide Resistance



VKORC1

Flowering Time



FRIGIDA

Pigmentation



SLC45A2

Loss of seed dispersal



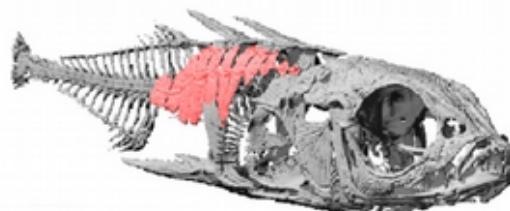
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Drosophila bristle pattern



scute

Bone Skeleton



GDF6

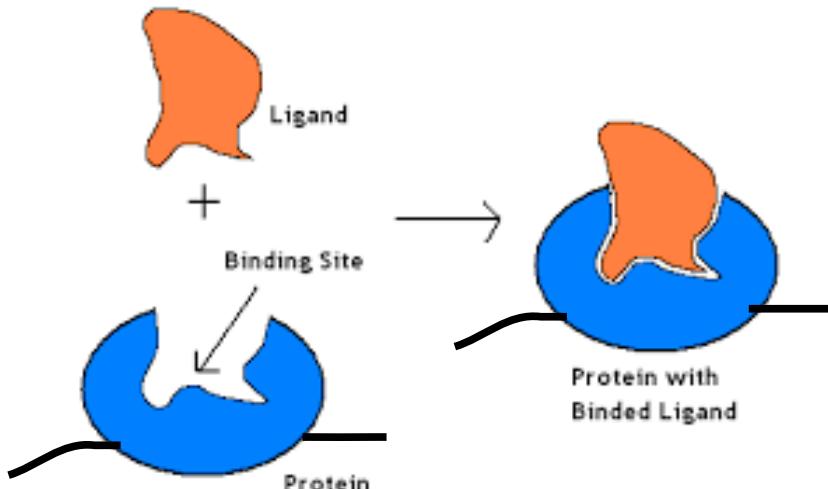
Lactase Persistence



lactase

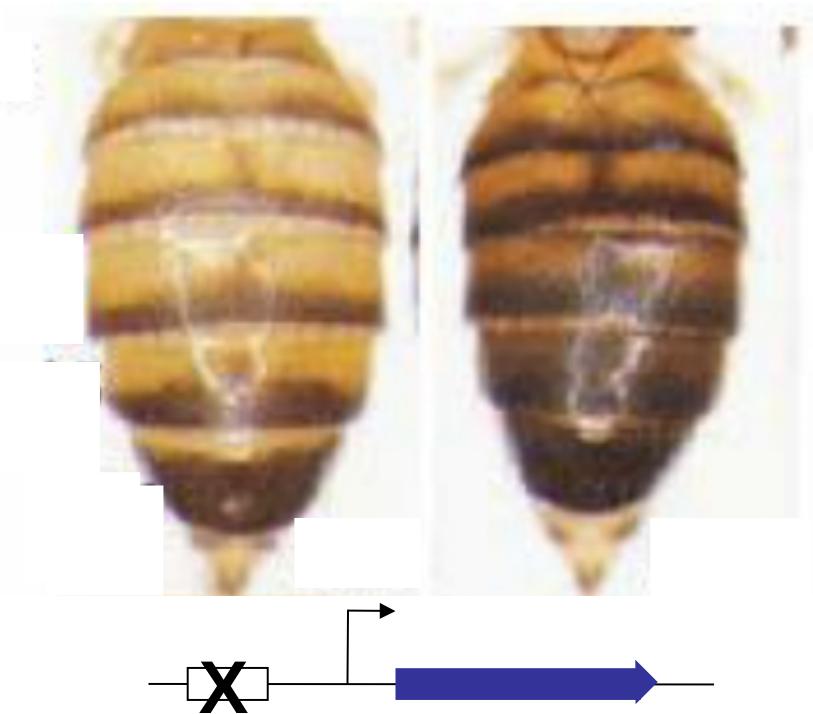
Genetic predictions broader than the gene level

*Morphological evolution
is likely to involve
ligand-coding genes.*



19 signaling genes represent 20% of the cases where an animal morphological change has been mapped to a gene (80/391)

*Drosophila pigmentation evolution
is likely to involve
cis-regulatory mutations.*



32 cases, 9 genes, all cis-regulatory.

There are genetic paths of least resistance



**Why is the set of genes
causing evolution limited?**

There are specialized genes in a genome

Color vision



a specialized tissue
specialized molecules

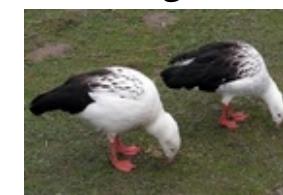
mutations in *opsin*
genes

Hypoxia resistance



a specialized tissue
specialized molecules

mutations in
haemoglobin genes



McCracken
2009

Specialized genes are usually genes that interact
with external parameters

Specialized loci in the genome

Proteins that interact with external molecules

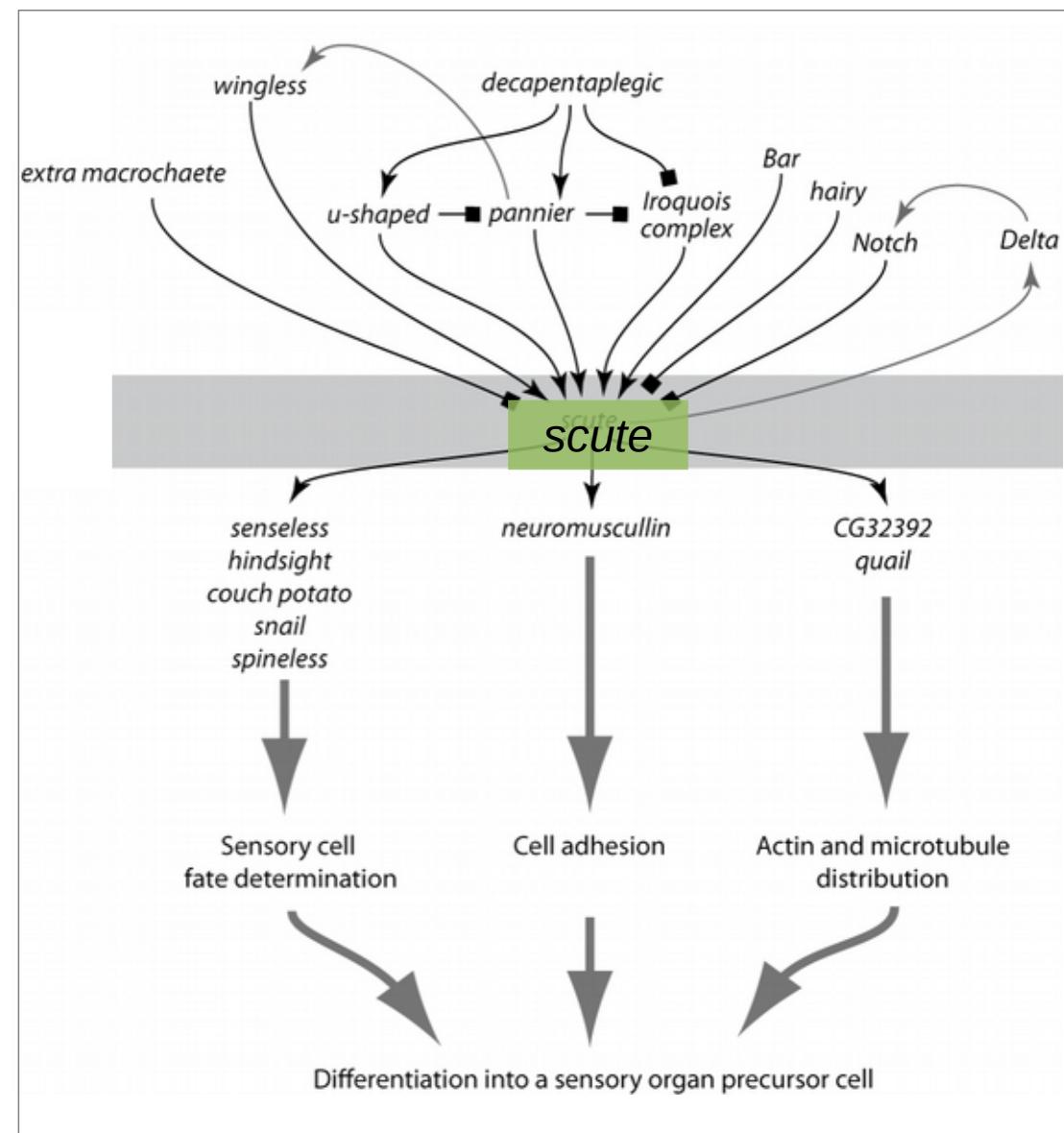
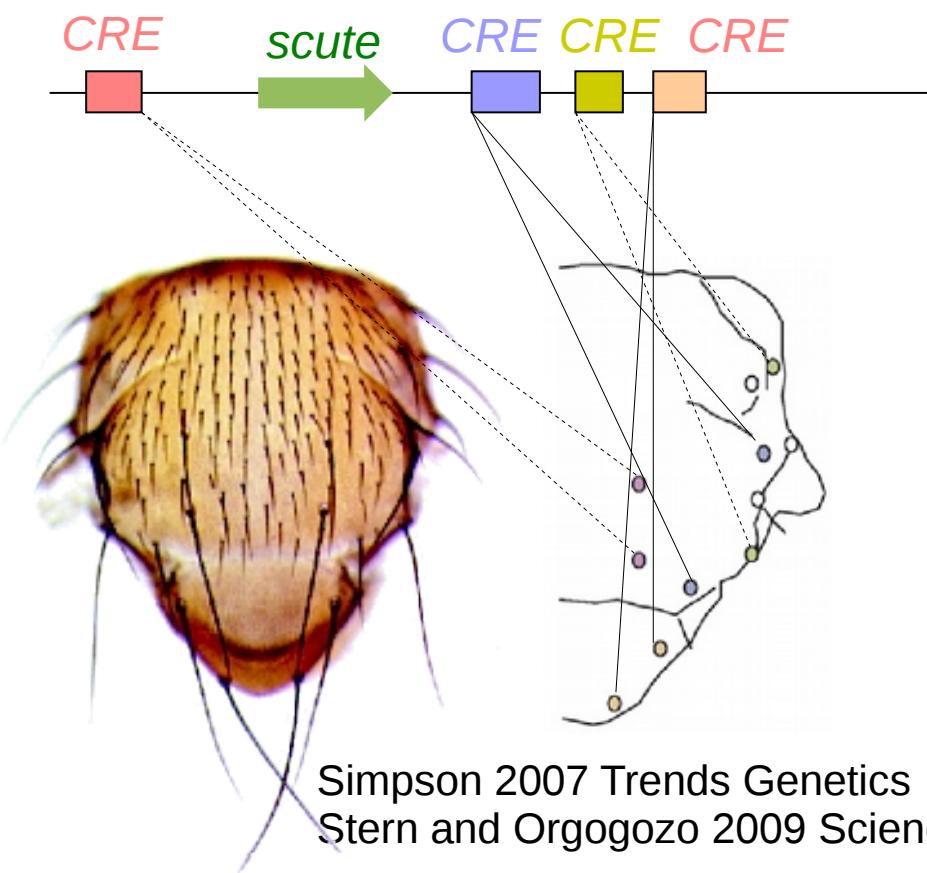
oxygen, photons, insecticide, cholesterol...

Specialized loci in the genome

Proteins that interact with external molecules

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Cis-regulatory elements of “developmental switch genes”



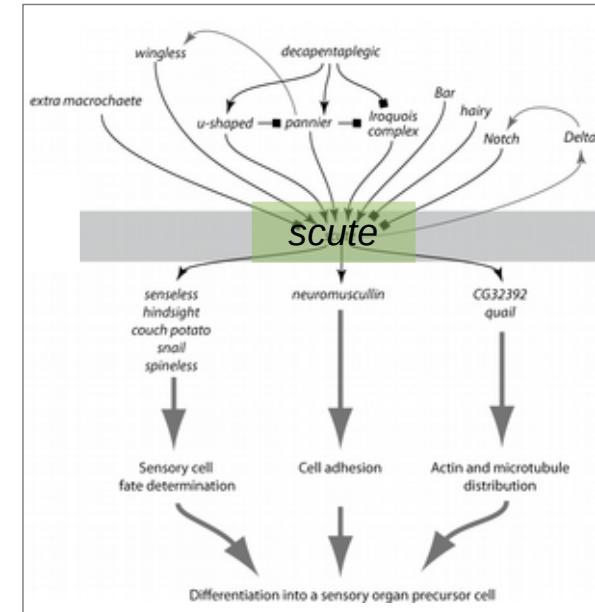
From random processes can emerge predictability

Many unpredictable processes
at a low level



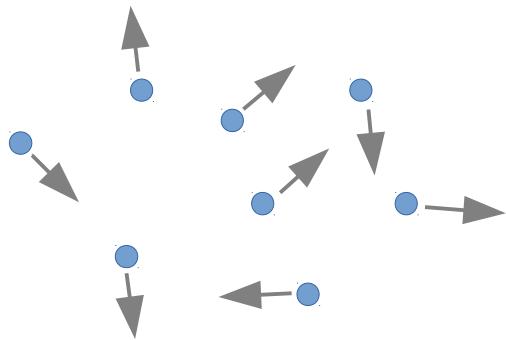
Predictable Evolution
at the genetic level

Mutations in DNA
Chromosome segregation during meiosis
Assortative mating
Gamete competition during fertilization
Life history traits
Genetic linkage
Environmental changes (meteorite, etc.)
...



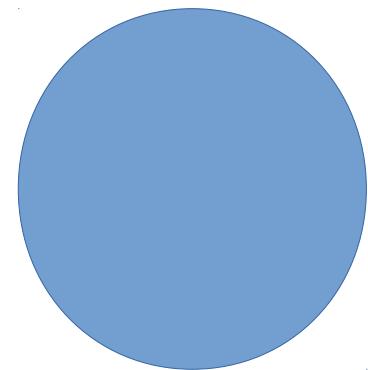
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Microscopic world

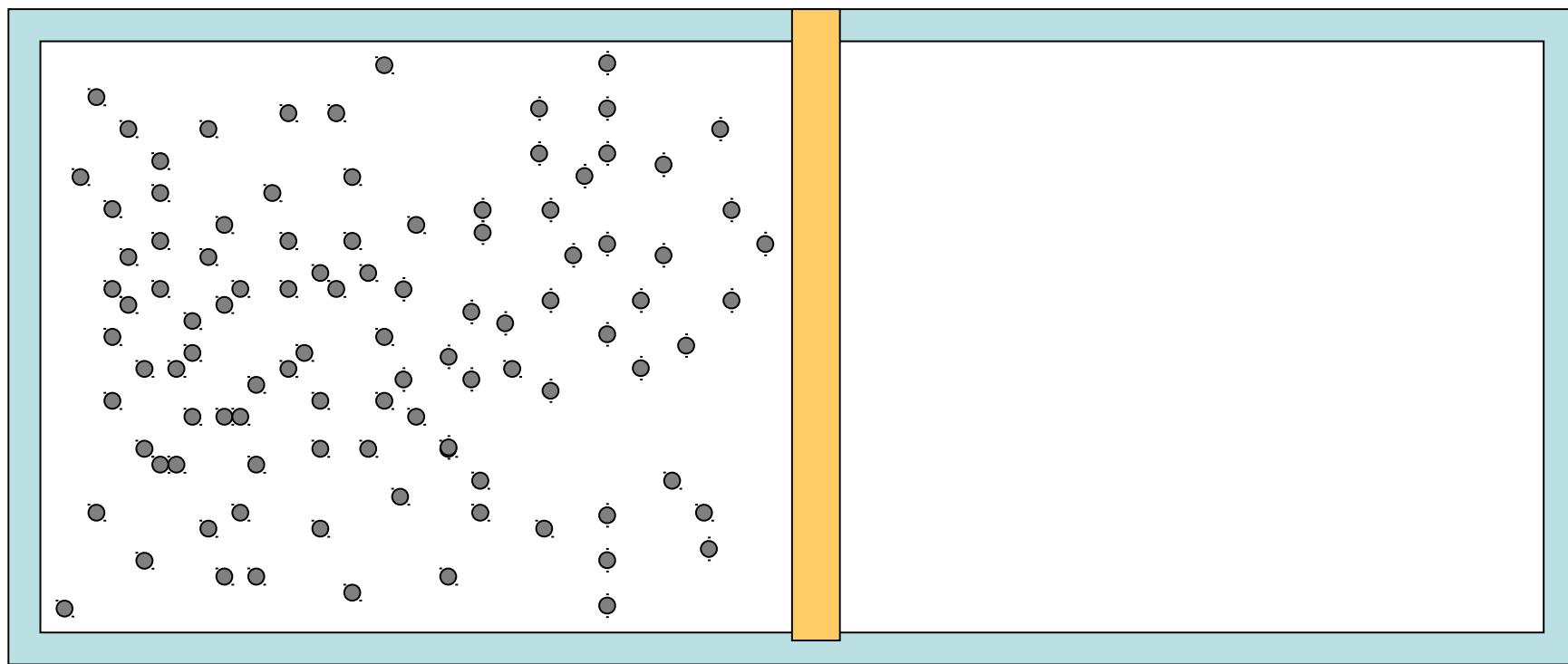


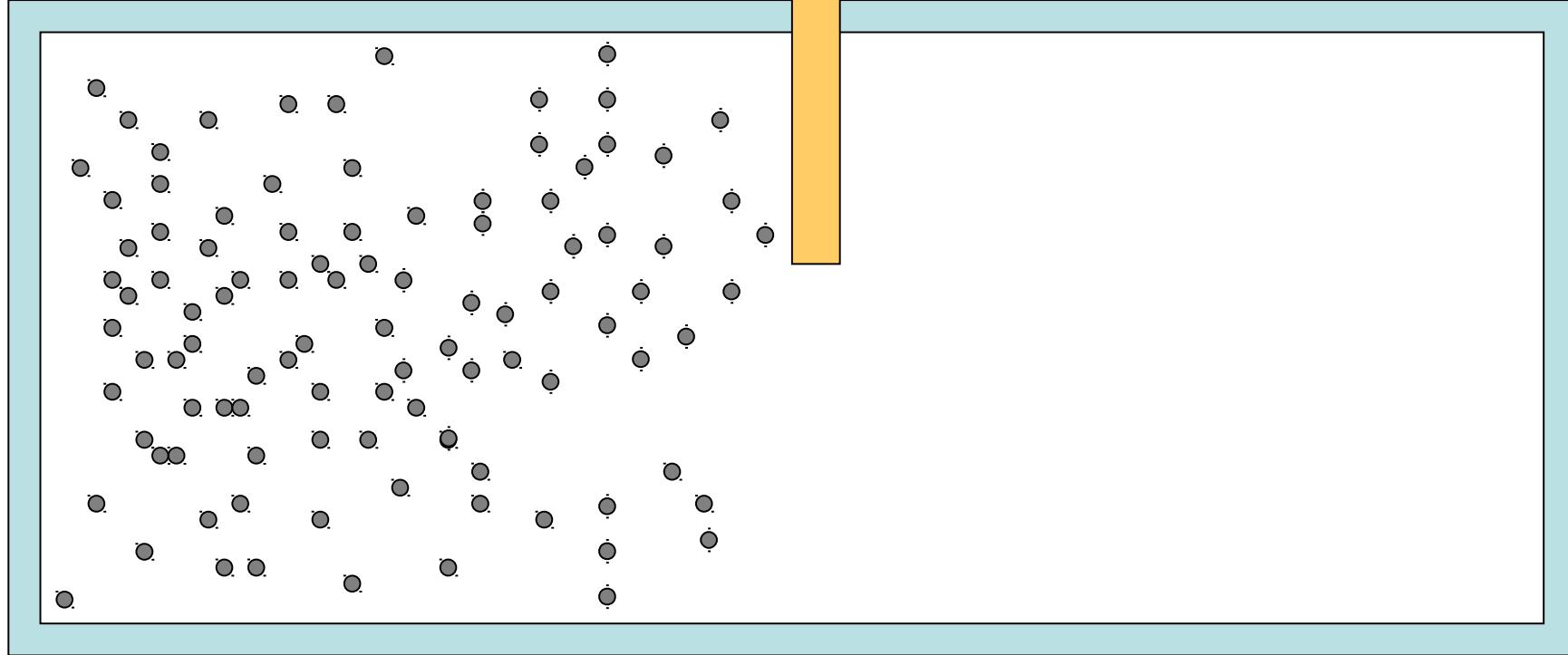
Position, mass, velocity of each particle

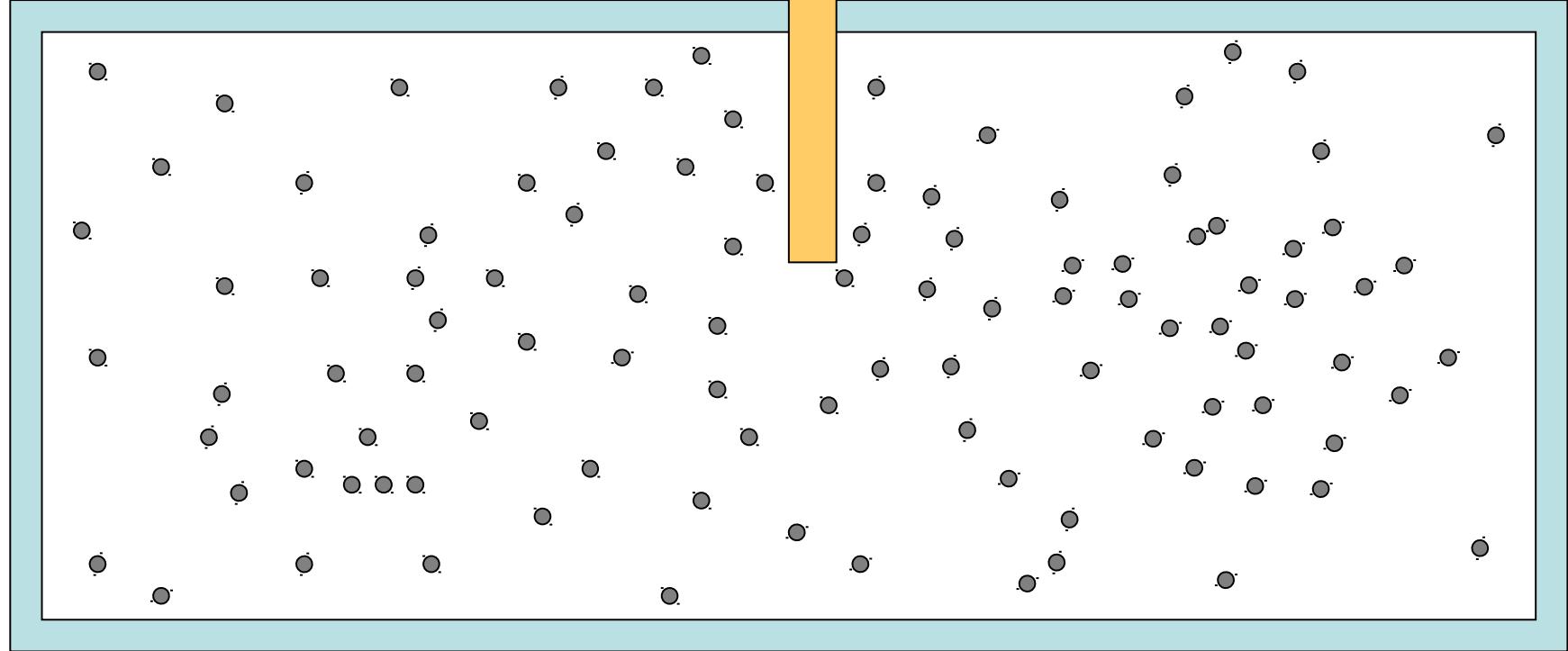
Macroscopic world



Pressure, Volume, Temperature,
Number of moles







After a few seconds

Evolution: unconstrained and unpredictable?

[past and present organisms are] a subset of workable, but basically fortuitous, survivals among a much larger set that could have functioned just as well, but either never arose, or lost their opportunities, by historical happenstance.

Stephen Jay Gould, 2002

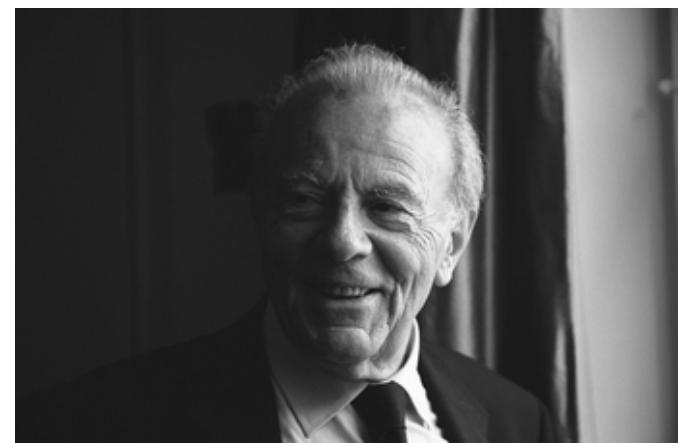


It is hard to realize that the living world as we know it is just one among many possibilities; that its actual structure results from the history of the earth.

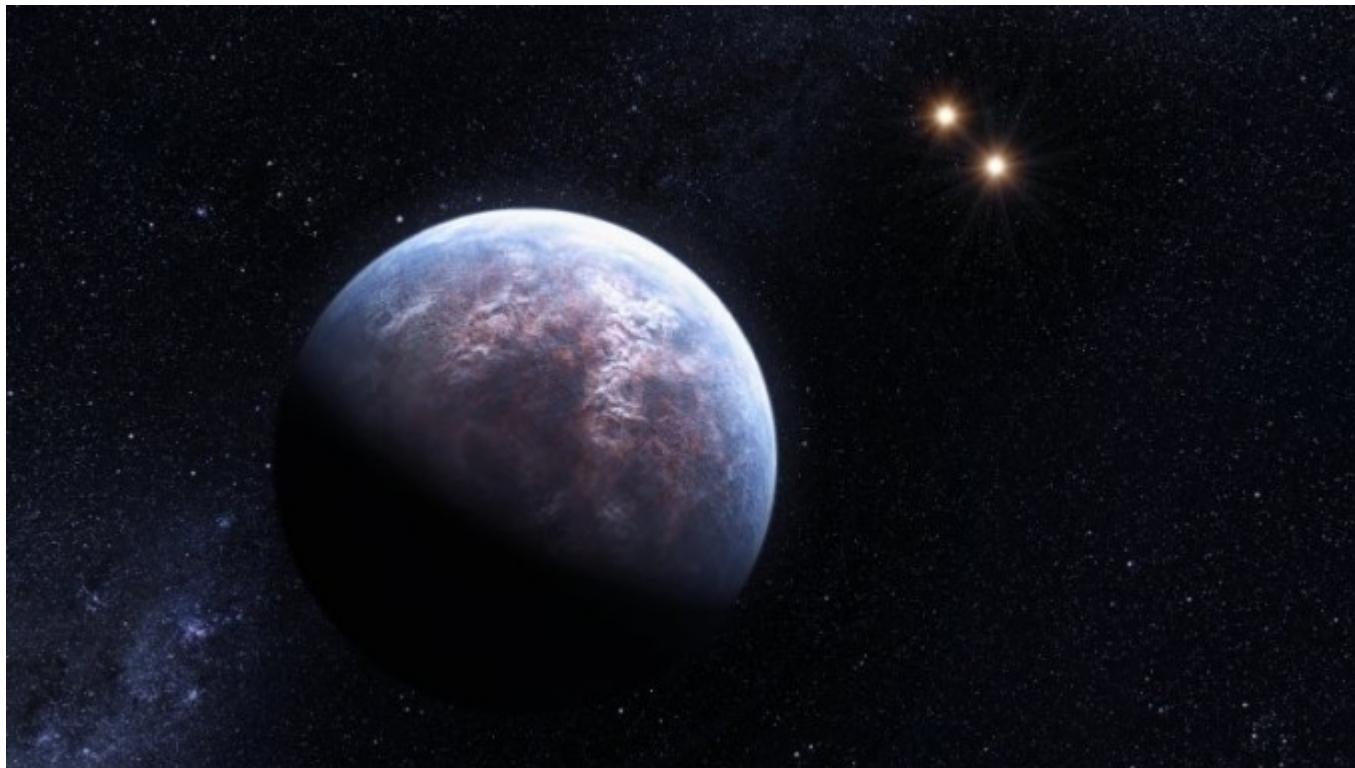
1977

Evolution and Tinkering

François Jacob



Would life evolve again, would it produce similar living beings?

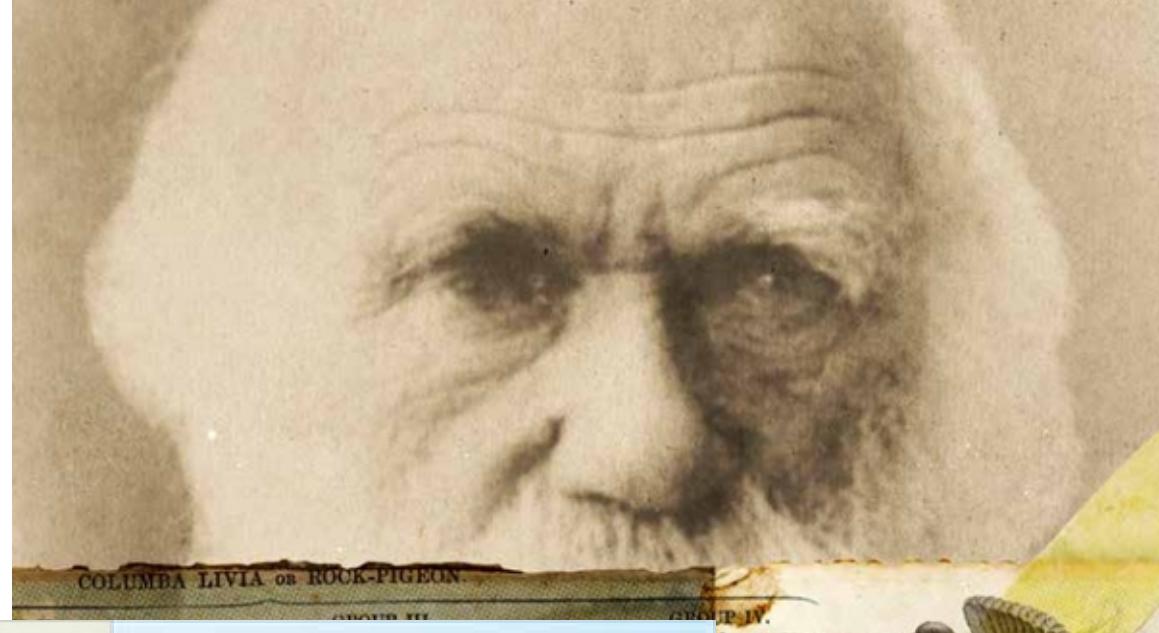
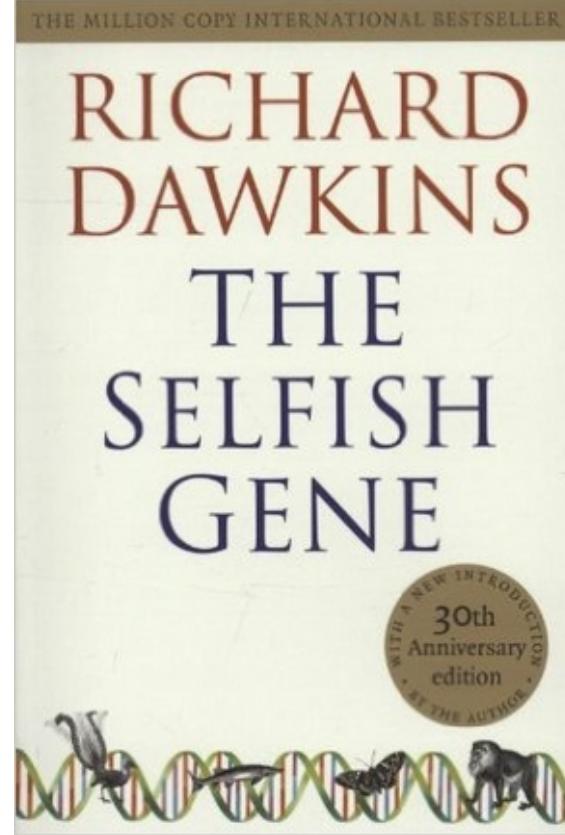


evolution

How?

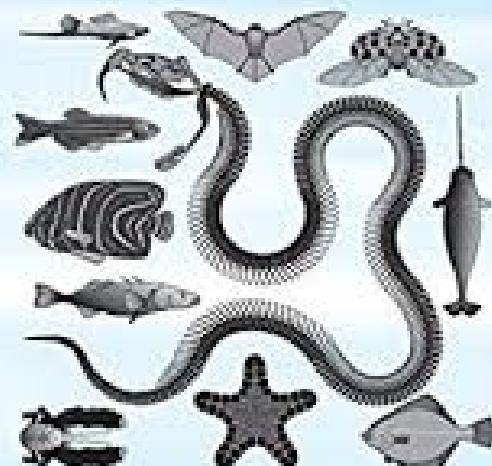
Why? (1) rather than nothing

Why? (2) rather than another change



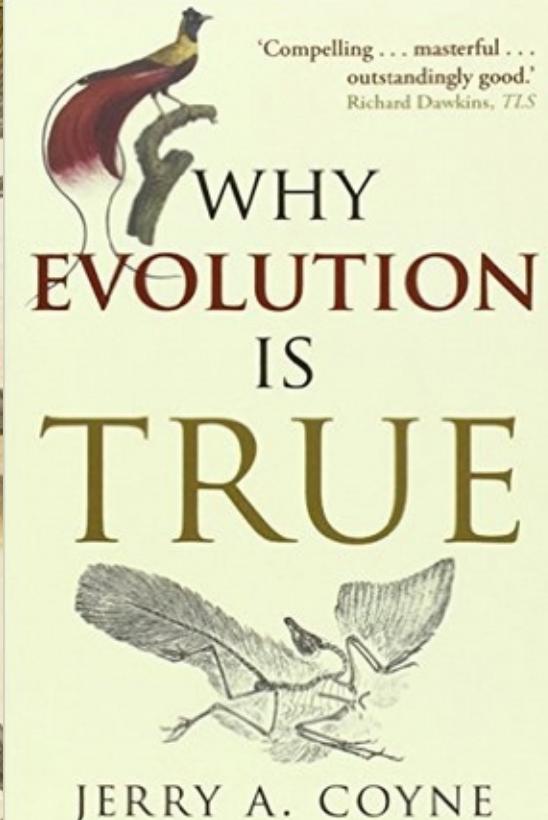
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