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The introduction of Standard Evolutionary Theory (SET) --Modern Synthesis

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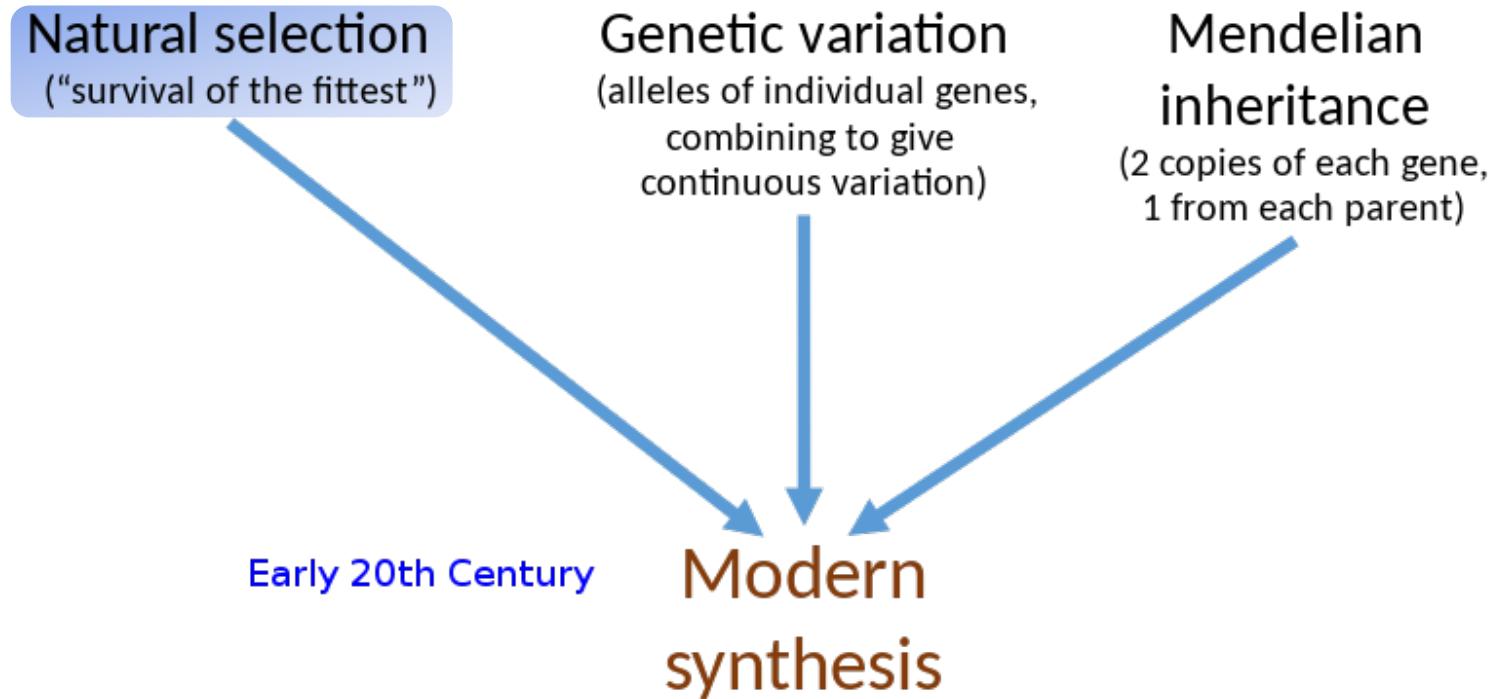
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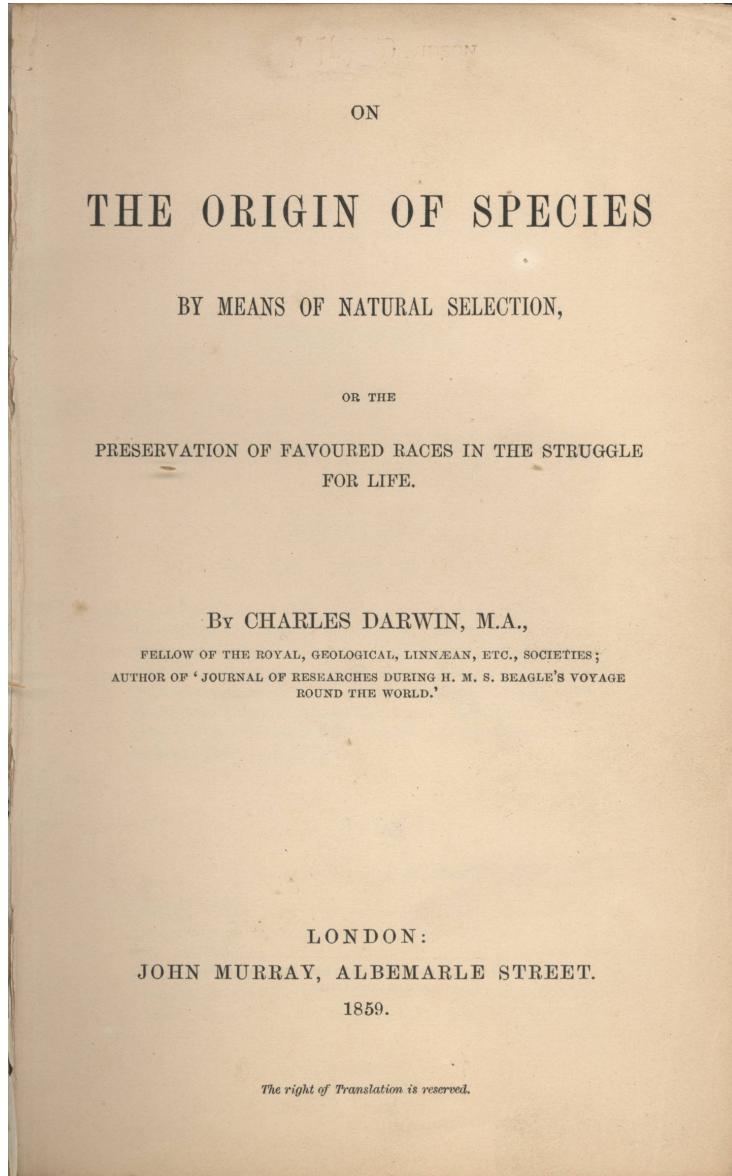
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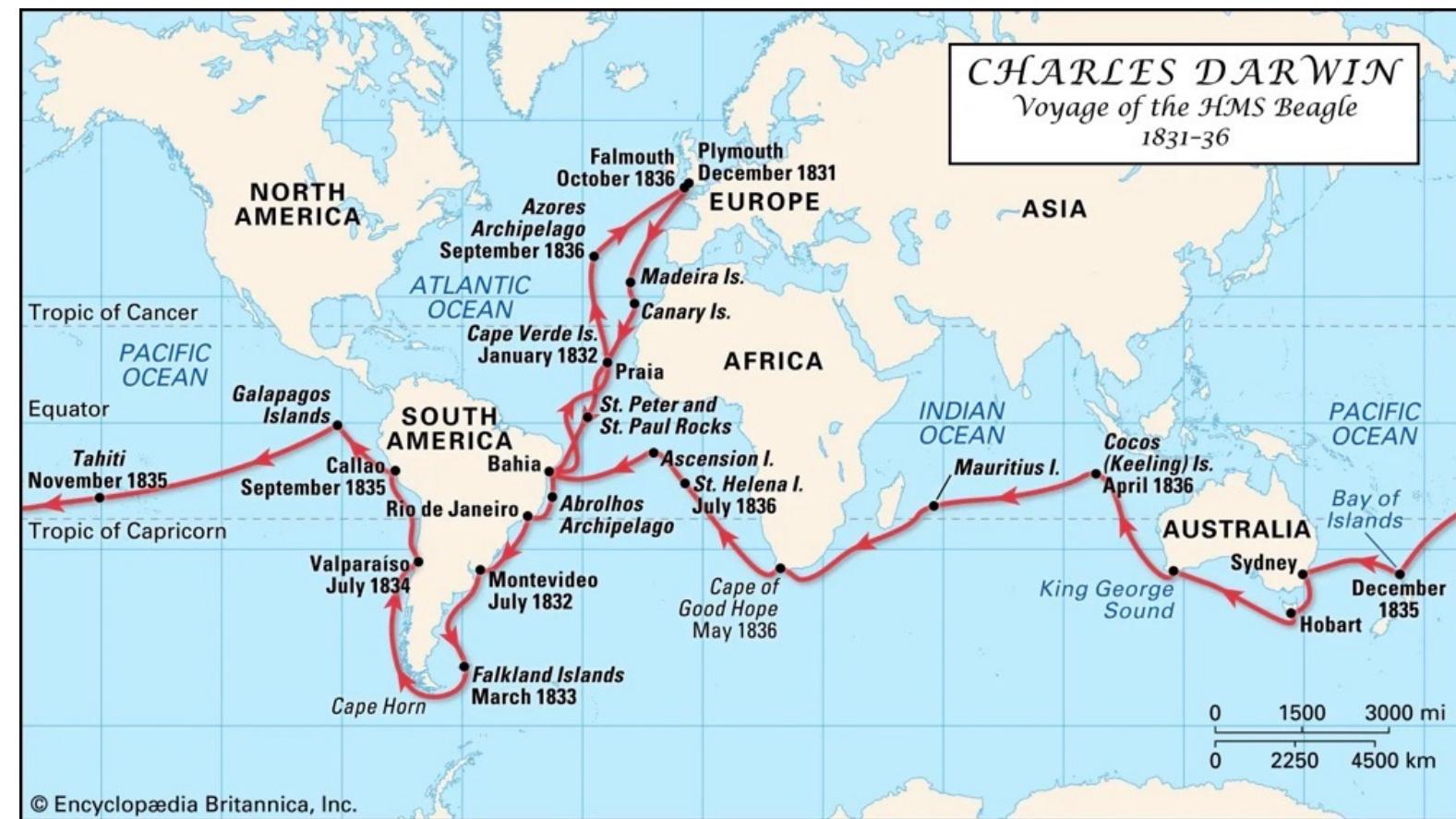


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物种起源

《论依据自然选择即在生存斗争中保存优良族的物种起源》



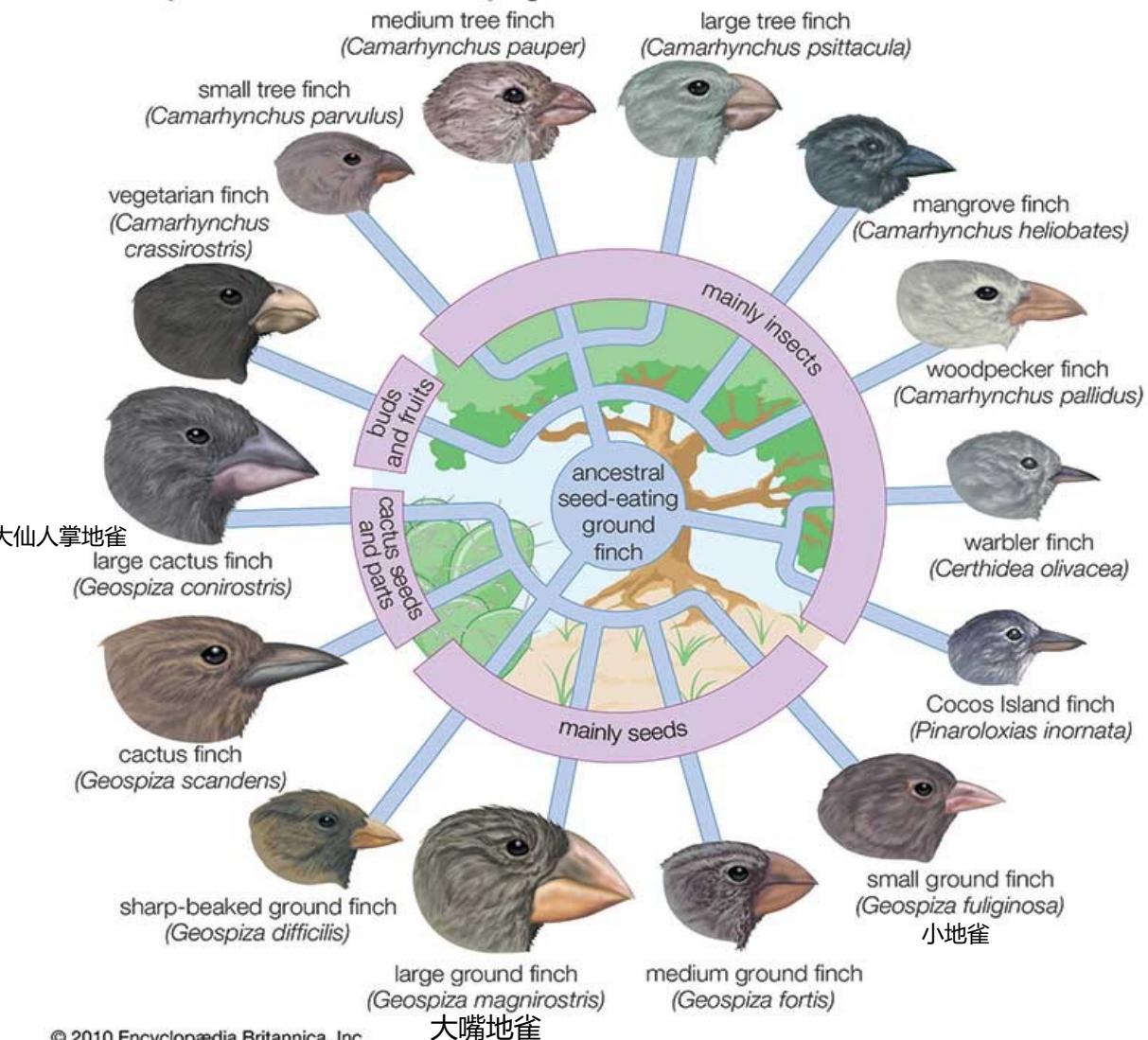


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适应环境

Adaptive radiation in Galapagos finches

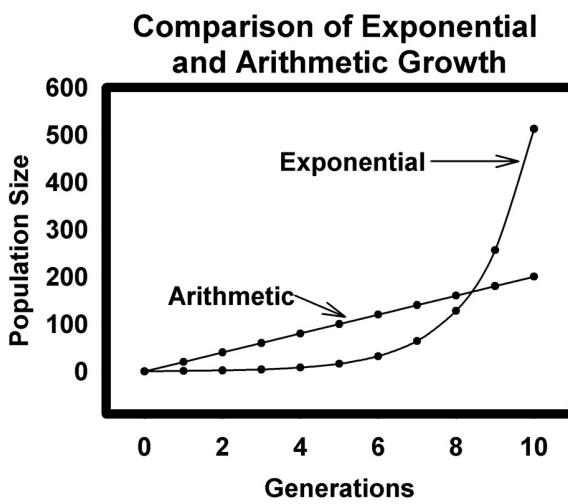


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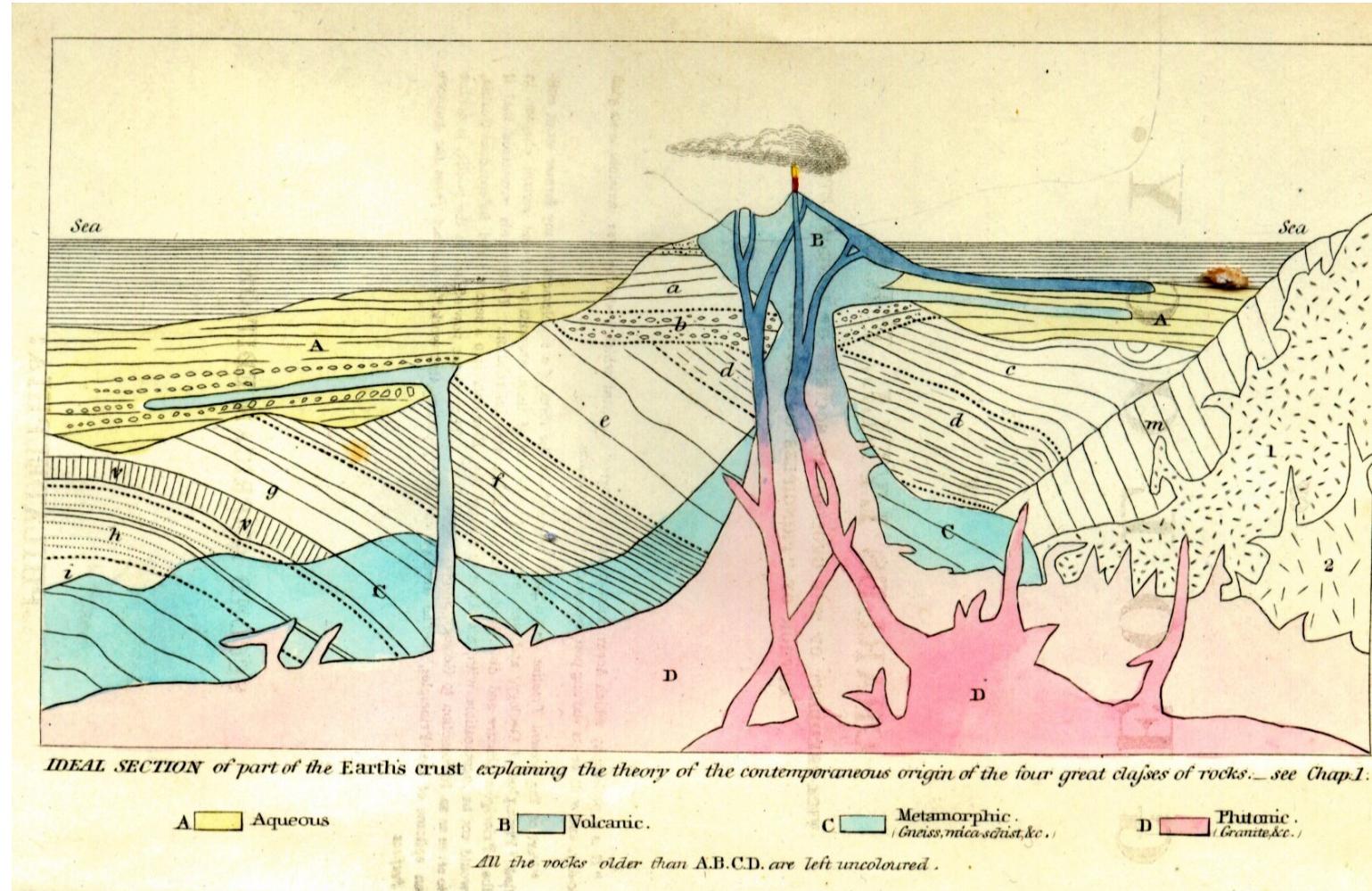
• 人口论

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• 地质学原理



Principles of Geology

- 人类粮食的生产永远无法赶上人口的增加，致使粮食供不应求，进而发生饥荒或战争，导致一部分人口死亡。

- 地球的地形、地貌是经过了长时间细微改造的结果；
- 风、雨、冰雪等微小的力量，持续千万年后就可以改变地表的形貌。

Lyell used the theory of uniformitarianism to describe how the Earth's surface was changing over time.

• 自然选择学说的解释模型

事实1：生物都有过度繁殖的倾向

推论1：个体间存在着生存斗争

事实2：物种内的个体数能保持稳定

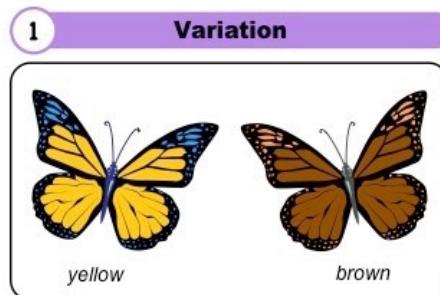
事实4：个体间普遍存在差异（变异）

事实3：资源是有限的

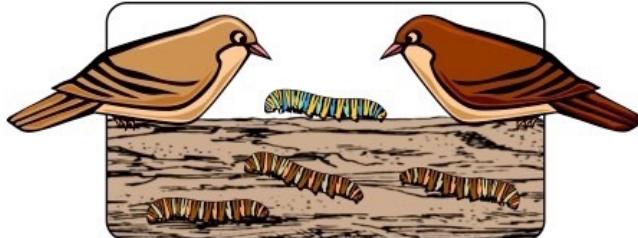
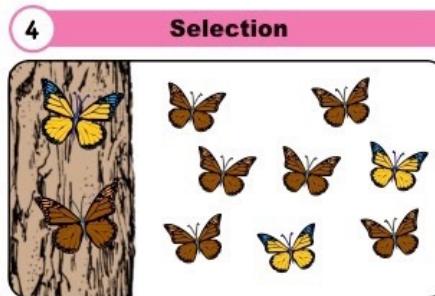
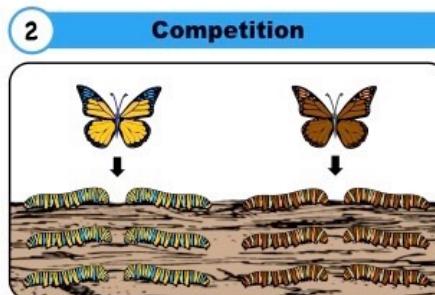
事实5：许多变异是可以遗传的

推论2：具有有利变异的个体，生存并留下后代的机会更多

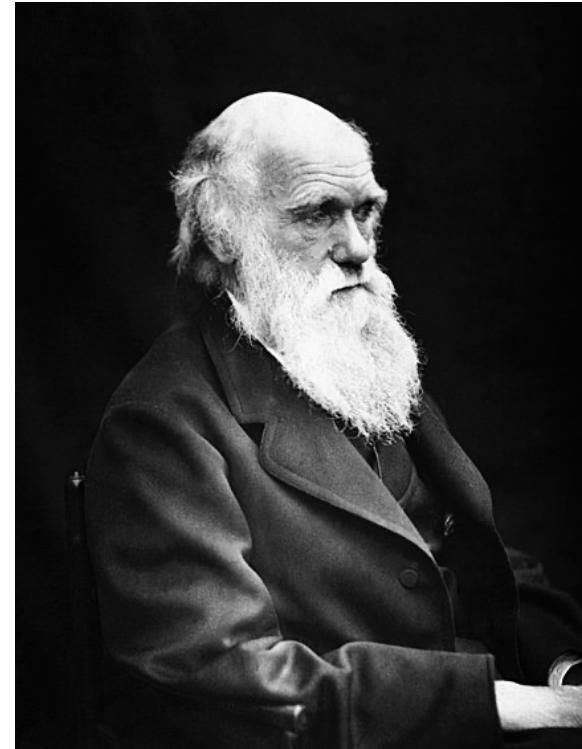
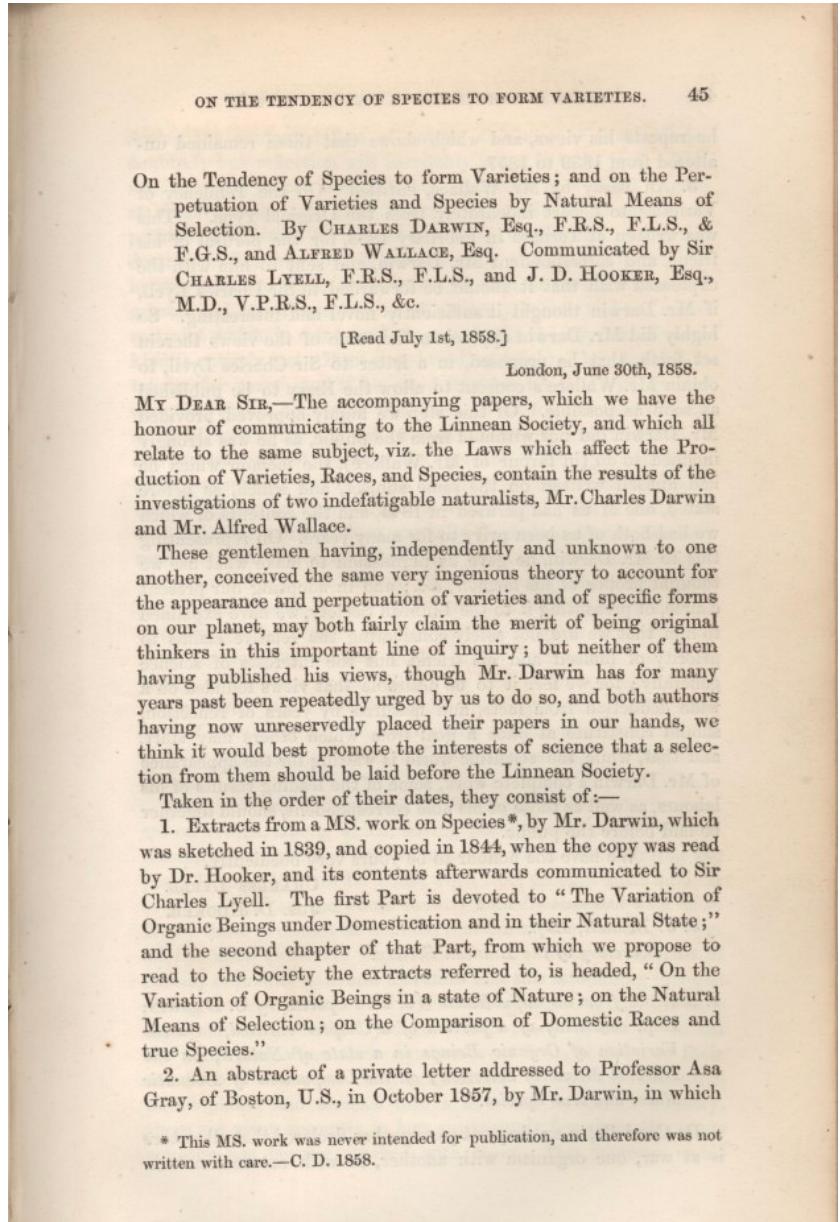
推论3：有利变异逐代积累，生物不断演化出新类型



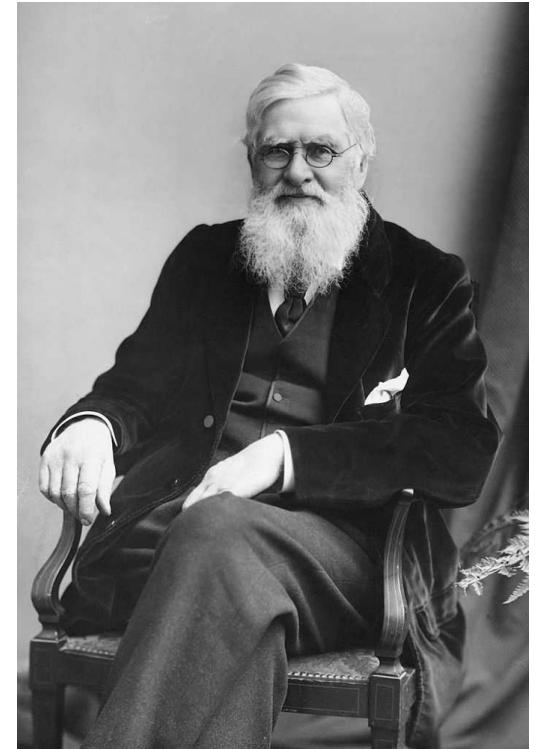
There is genetic variation within a population which can be inherited



- 1.过度繁殖
- 2.生存斗争
- 3.遗传和变异
- 4.适者生存



Charles Robert Darwin
(1809-1882)



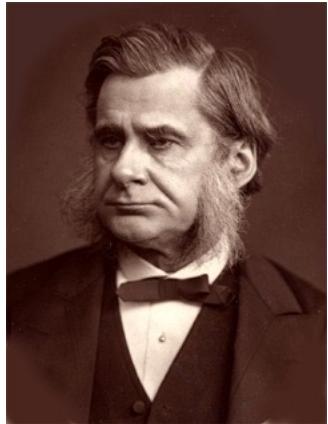
Alfred Russel Wallace
(1823-1913)

1858年7月1日，伦敦林奈学会发布了由达尔文和华莱士共同署名的关于自然选择的论文



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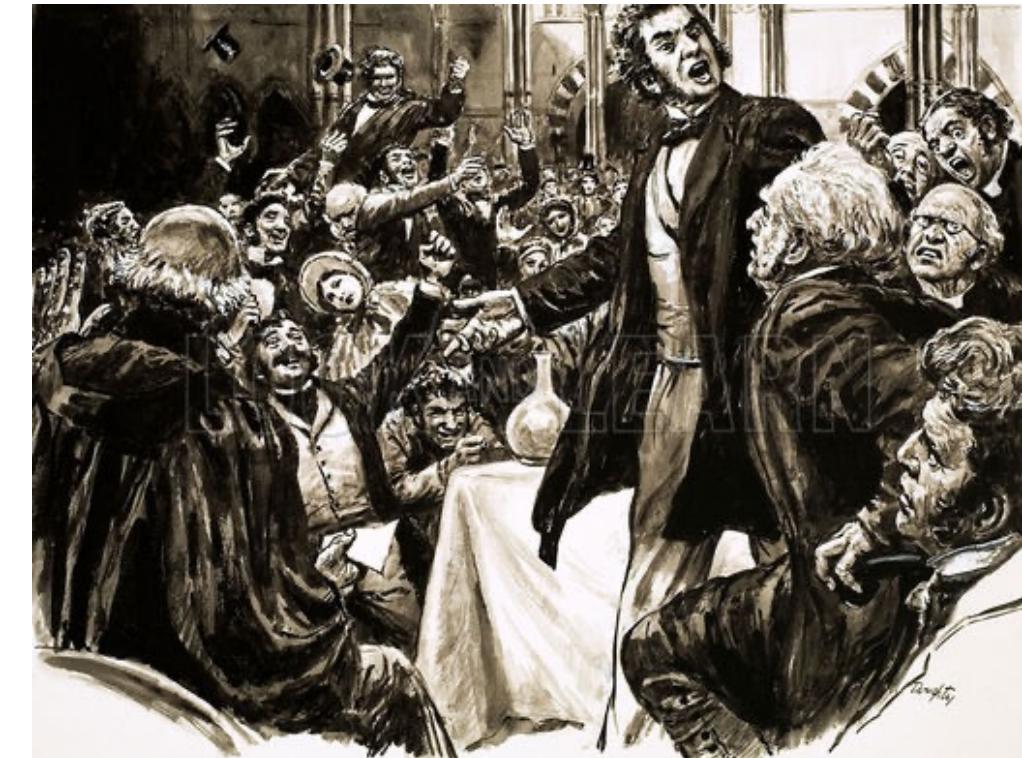
Oxford Evolution Debate



Thomas Henry Huxley
(1825-1895)

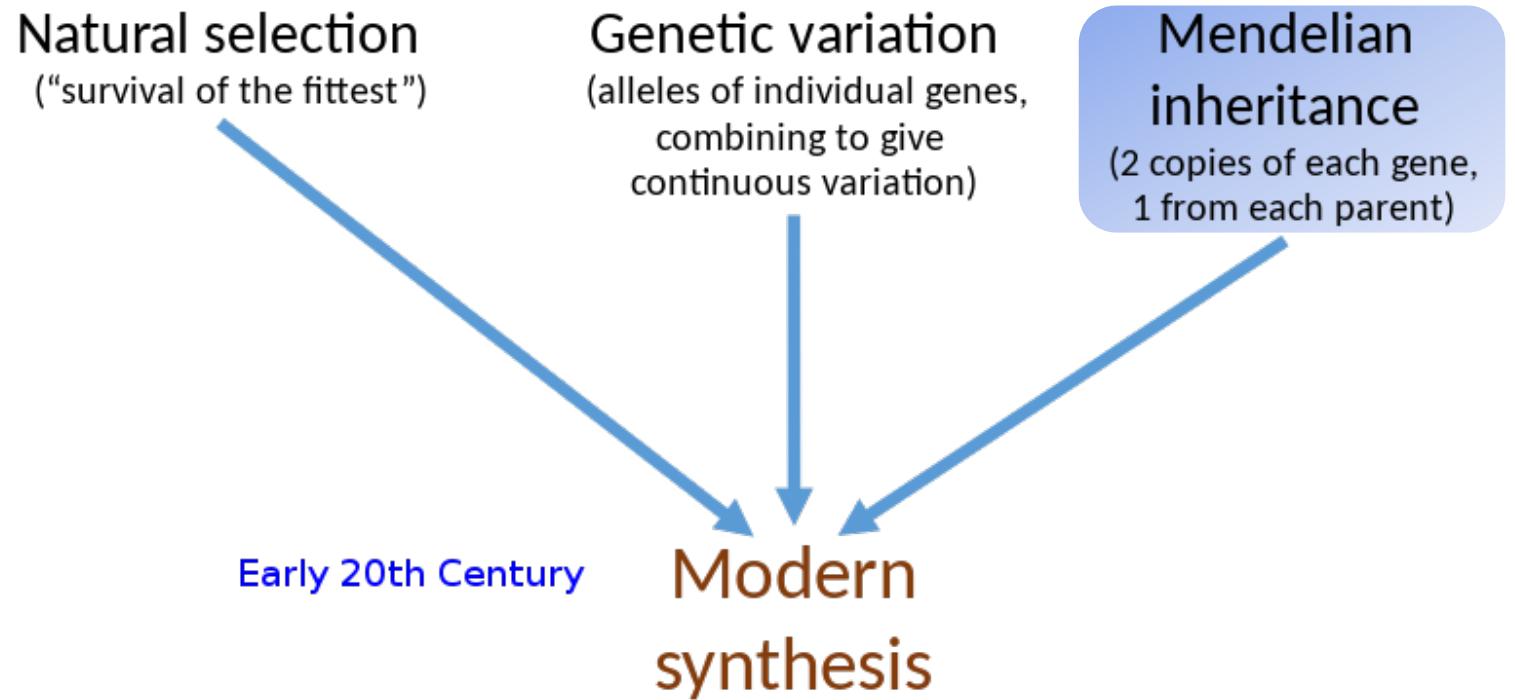


Samuel Wilberforce
(1805-1873)



- Proponents and opponents of Darwin & Wallace's theories clash in the famous Oxford Evolution Debate;
- Thomas Henry Huxley and Samuel Wilberforce butt heads in a public debate, which both sides consider a victory.

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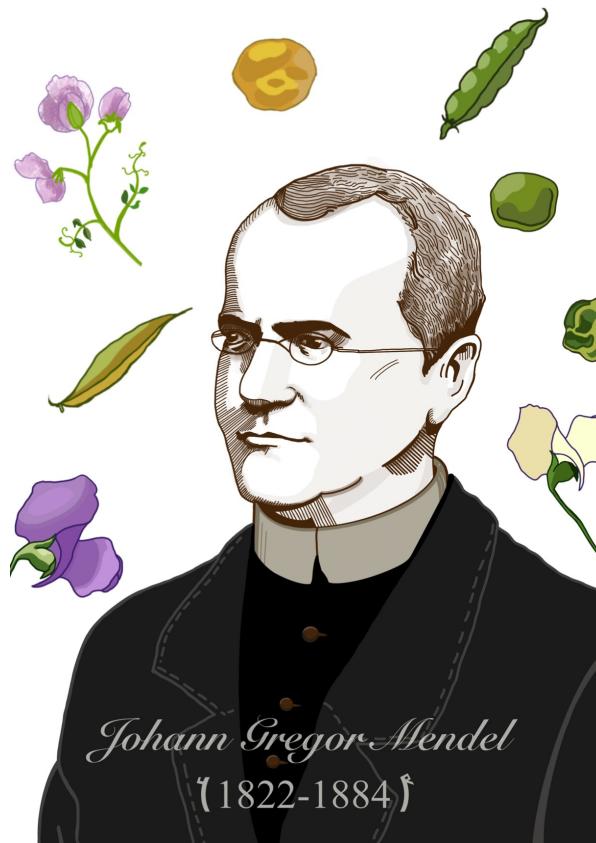




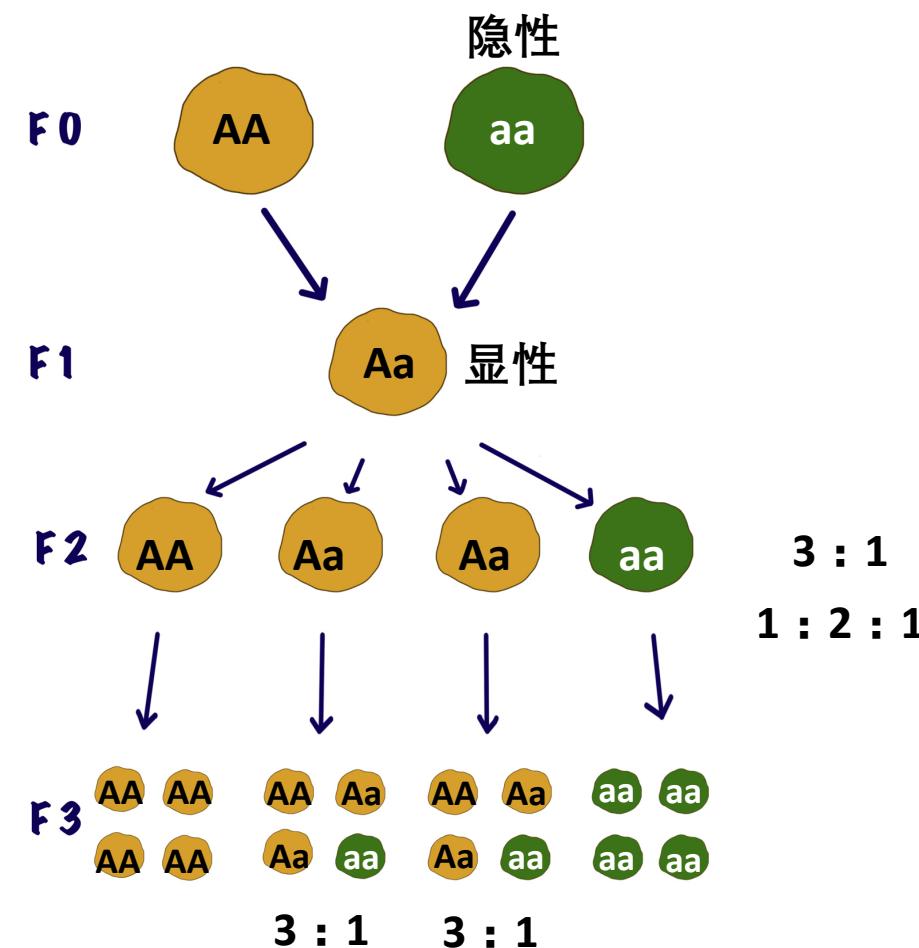
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Experiments on plant hybridization



Pisum(豌豆)

- 1.自花授粉
- 2.异花授粉
- 3.较易人为控制

- 显性 vs 隐性
- 分离律
- 自由组合律
- 遗传因子、数学模型.....

ausprägen den Erbgang der A_1 und A_2 die Erwachungswürde

$$A_1 + 2A_1a + a.$$

$$A_2 + 2A_2a + a.$$

Die offizielle Würde kann nur in dem Maße erreicht werden
wenn man jetzt darum stellt die Erziehung für ein anderes
Lamben nach:

$$1. A_1 A_2$$

$$2. A_1 a A_2$$

$$1. A_2 a$$

$$2. A_1 A_2$$

$$4. A_1 a A_2$$

$$2. A_2 a$$

$$1. A_1 a$$

$$2. A_1 a a$$

$$1. a a$$

die von einzelnem Lambenrechte wiedergegeben zu sein scheint
zugehört, wie viele Pflanzen mit dem entsprechenden Erbgang
in der Rasse gefunden werden können. Da die Pflanze verfüllbar ist,
so sind fünfzehn Lamben im Durchschnitt auf je 10 Pflanzen zu
finden, jedoch wenn die Rasse seltsam ist möglicherweise weniger,



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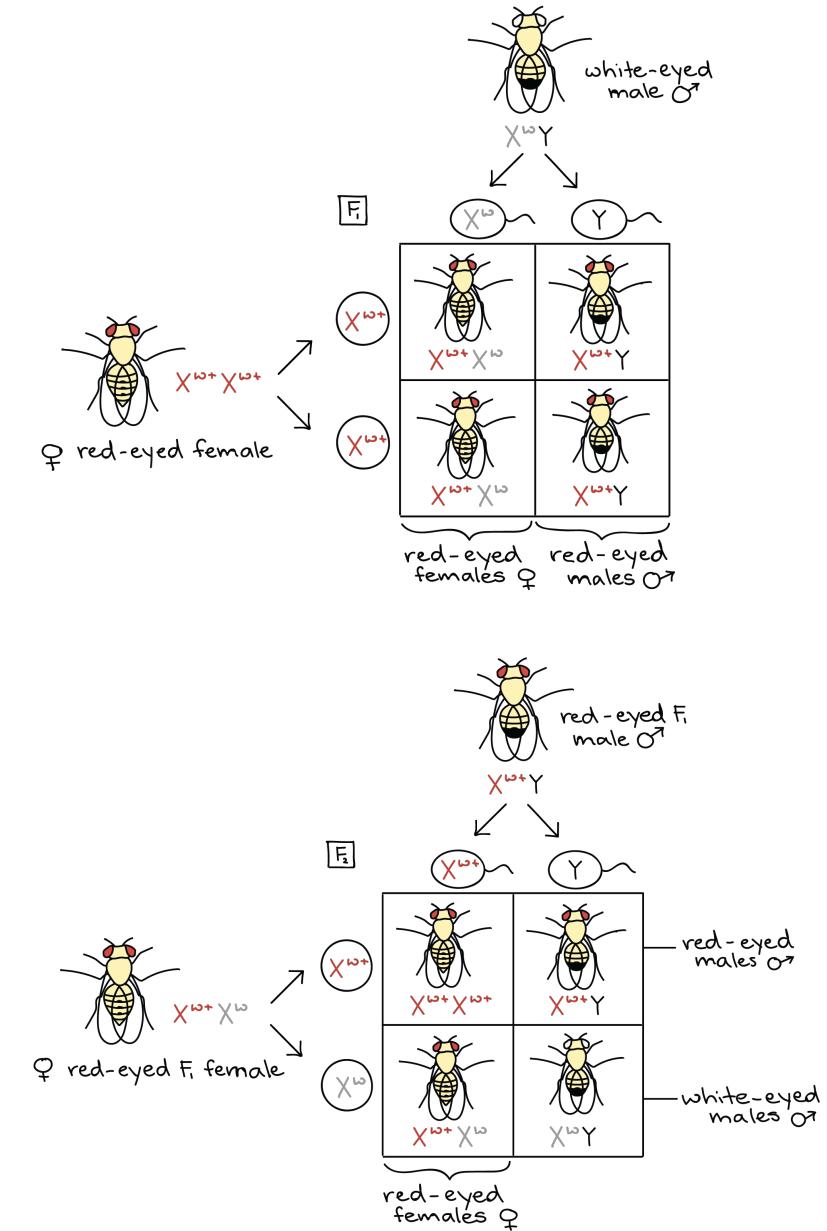
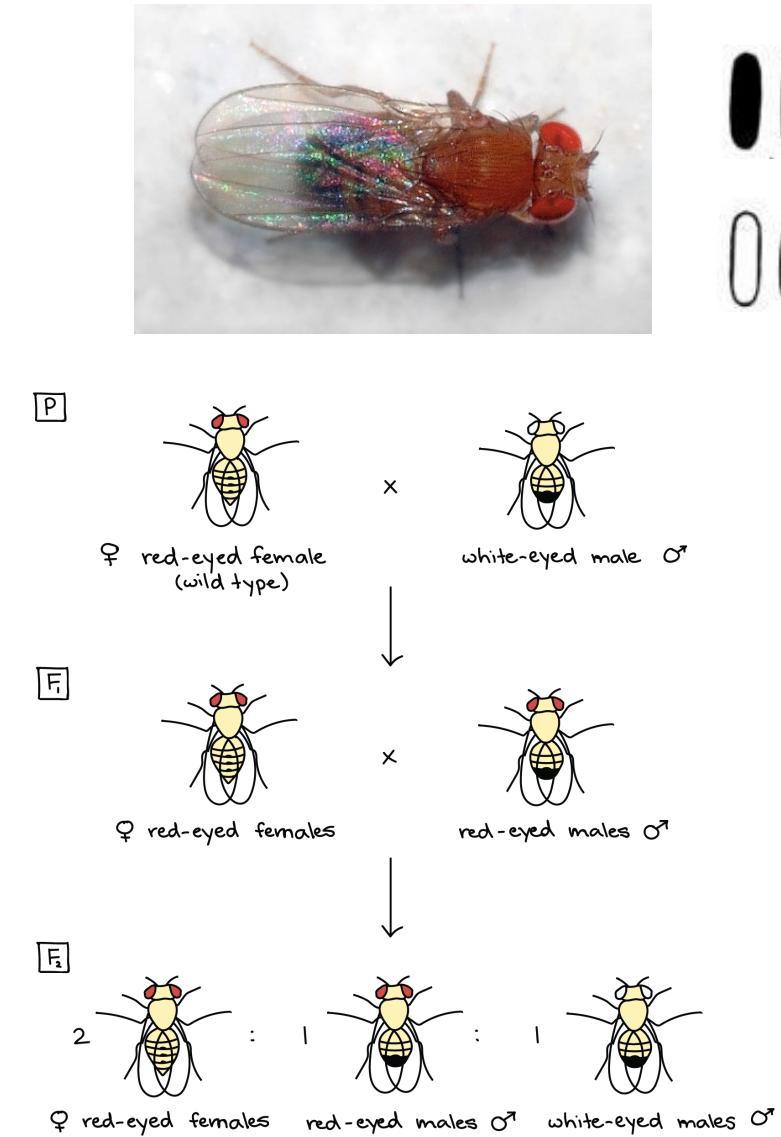


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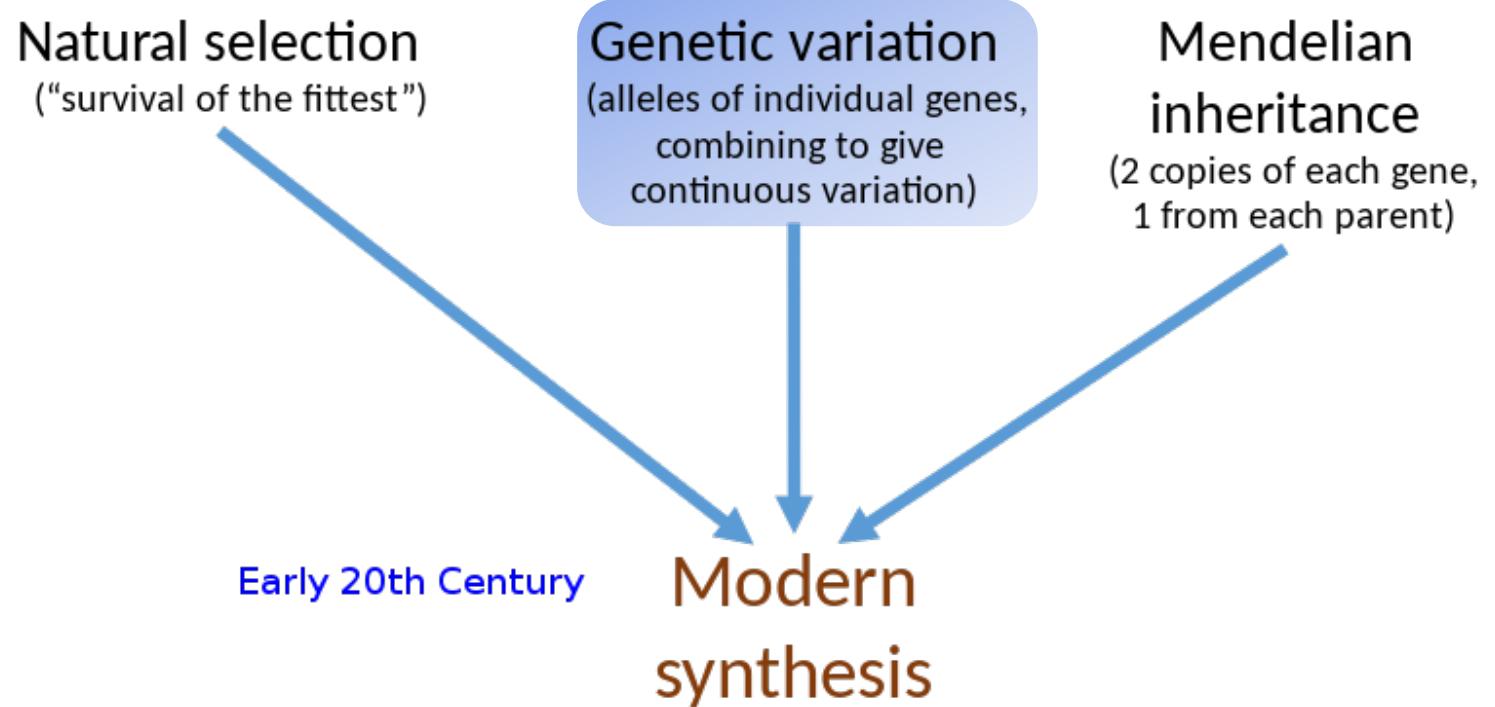


Thomas Hunt Morgan
(1866-1945)

1933年获得了诺贝尔生理医学奖



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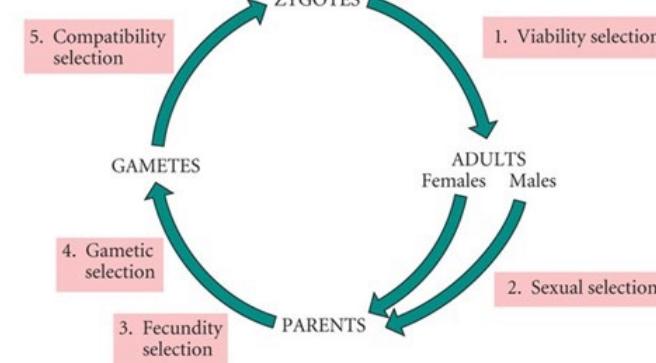


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Ronald Fisher
(1890-1962)

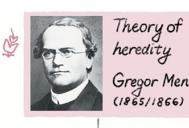


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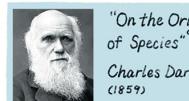
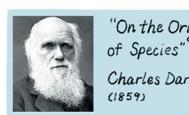
THE GENETICAL THEORY OF NATURAL SELECTION

BY
R. A. FISHER, Sc.D., F.R.S.OXFORD
AT THE CLARENDON PRESS
1930

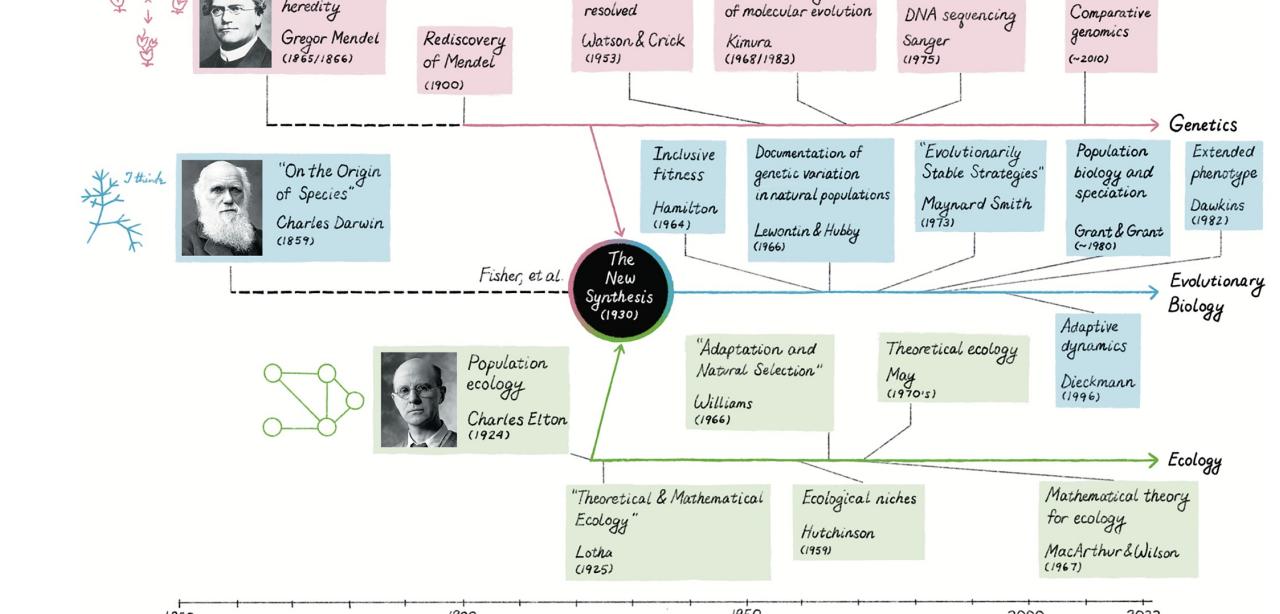
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Theory of heredity
Gregor Mendel
(1865/1866)



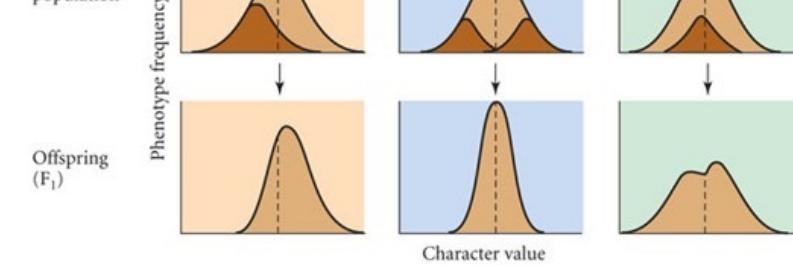
"On the Origin of Species"
Charles Darwin
(1859)



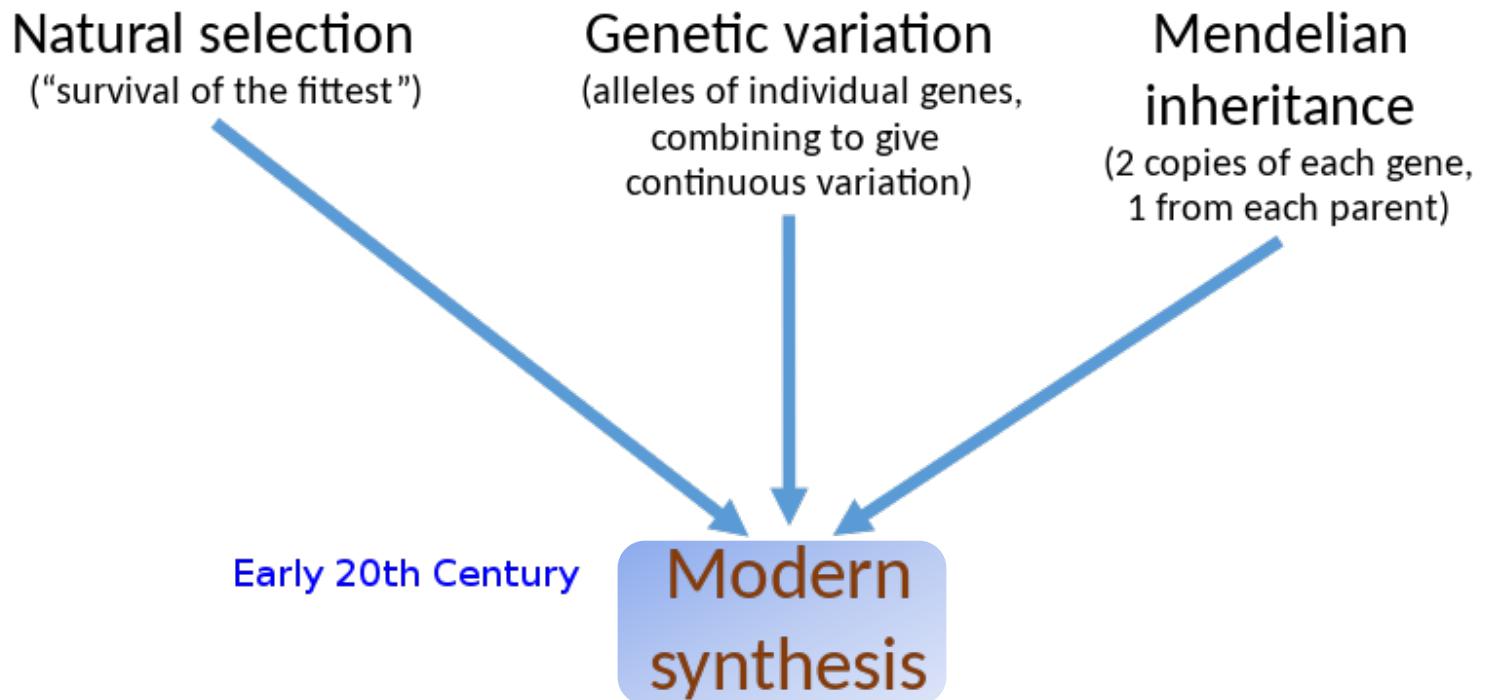
- Continuous variation measured by the biometricians could be produced by the combined action of many discrete genes
- Natural selection could change gene frequencies in a population, resulting in evolution.

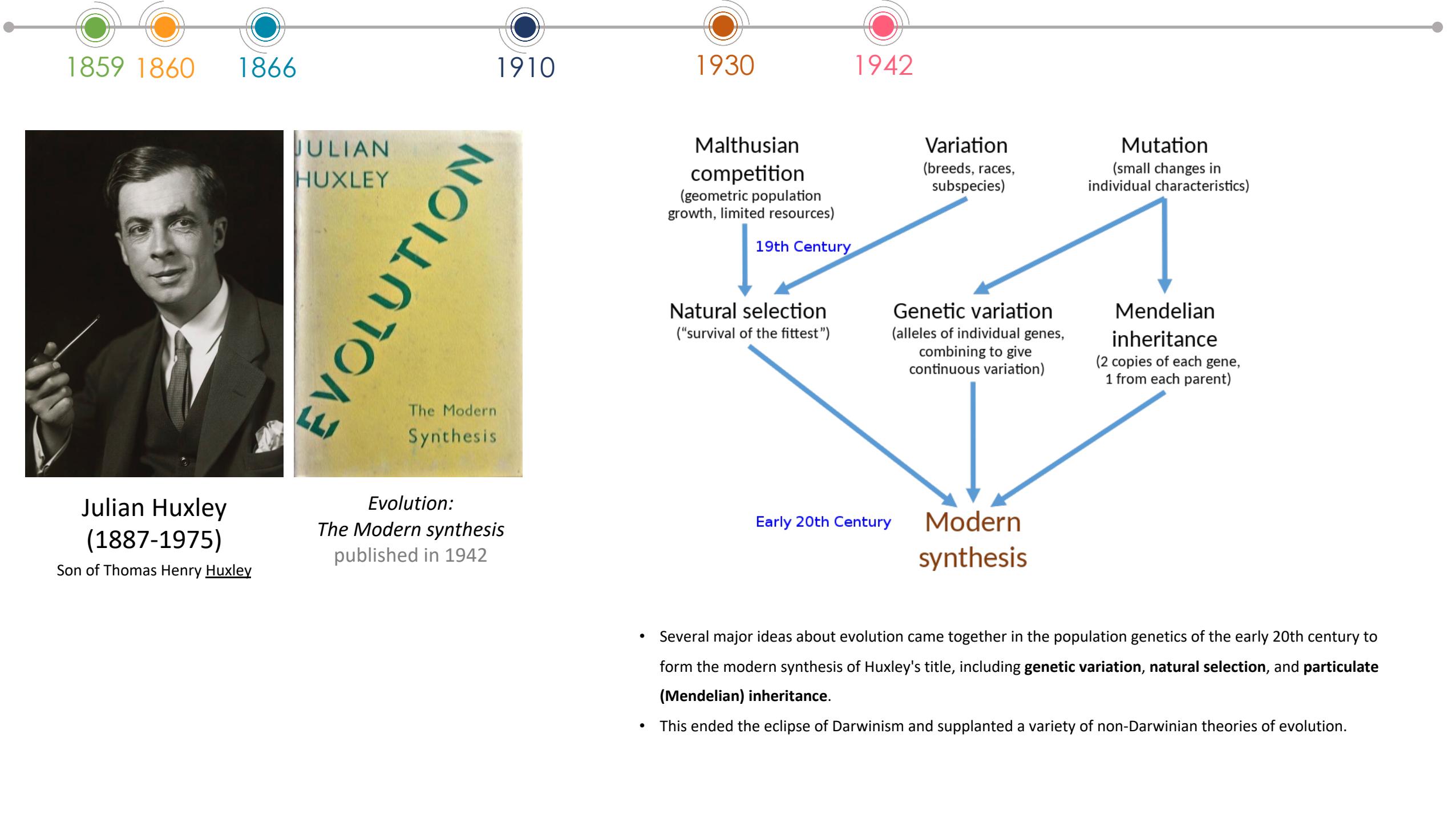
(A) Quantitative trait

Parental population

Phenotype frequency
Offspring (F_1)

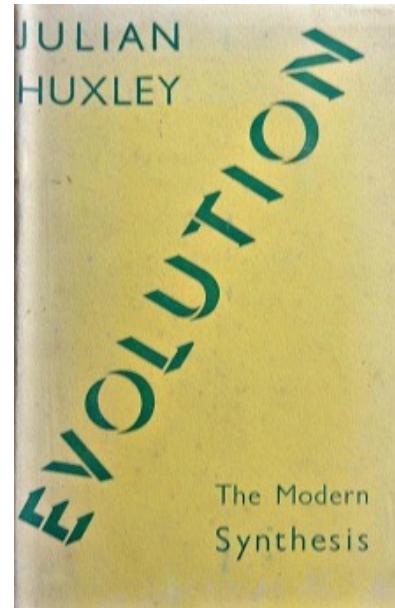
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Julian Huxley
(1887-1975)
Son of Thomas Henry Huxley

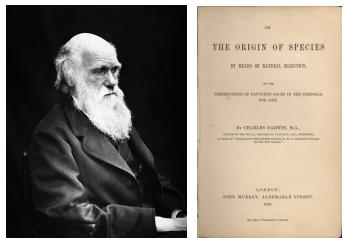


*Evolution:
The Modern synthesis*
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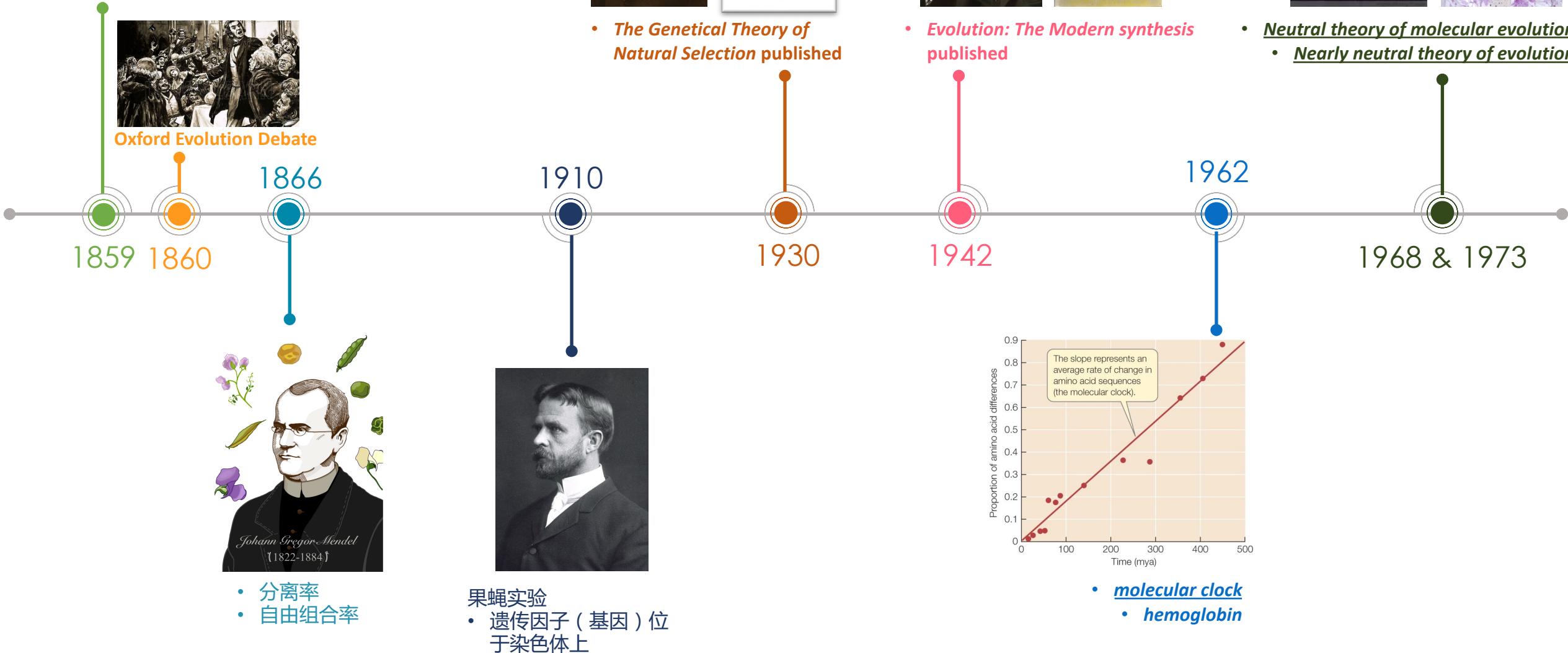
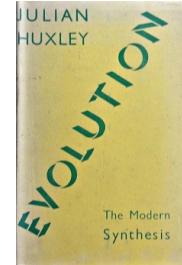
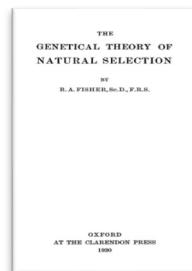
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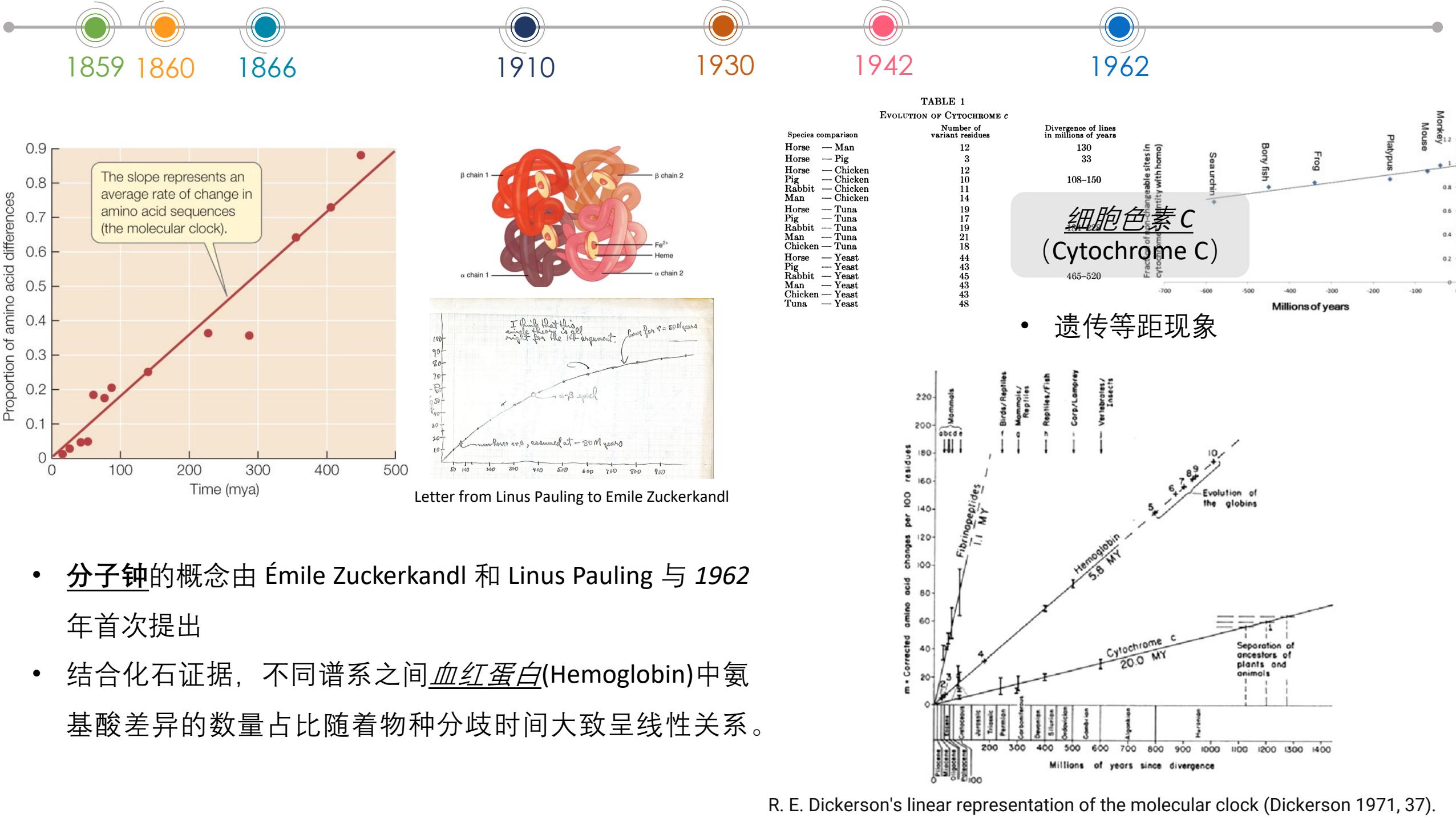
- 种群是生物演化的基本单位
- 生物演化的实质在于种群基因频率的改变。
- 突变和基因重组、自然选择及隔离是物种形成过程的三个基本环节
 - 突变和基因重组产生生物演化的原材料
 - 自然选择使种群的基因频率定向改变并决定生物演化的方向
 - 隔离是新物种形成的必要条件

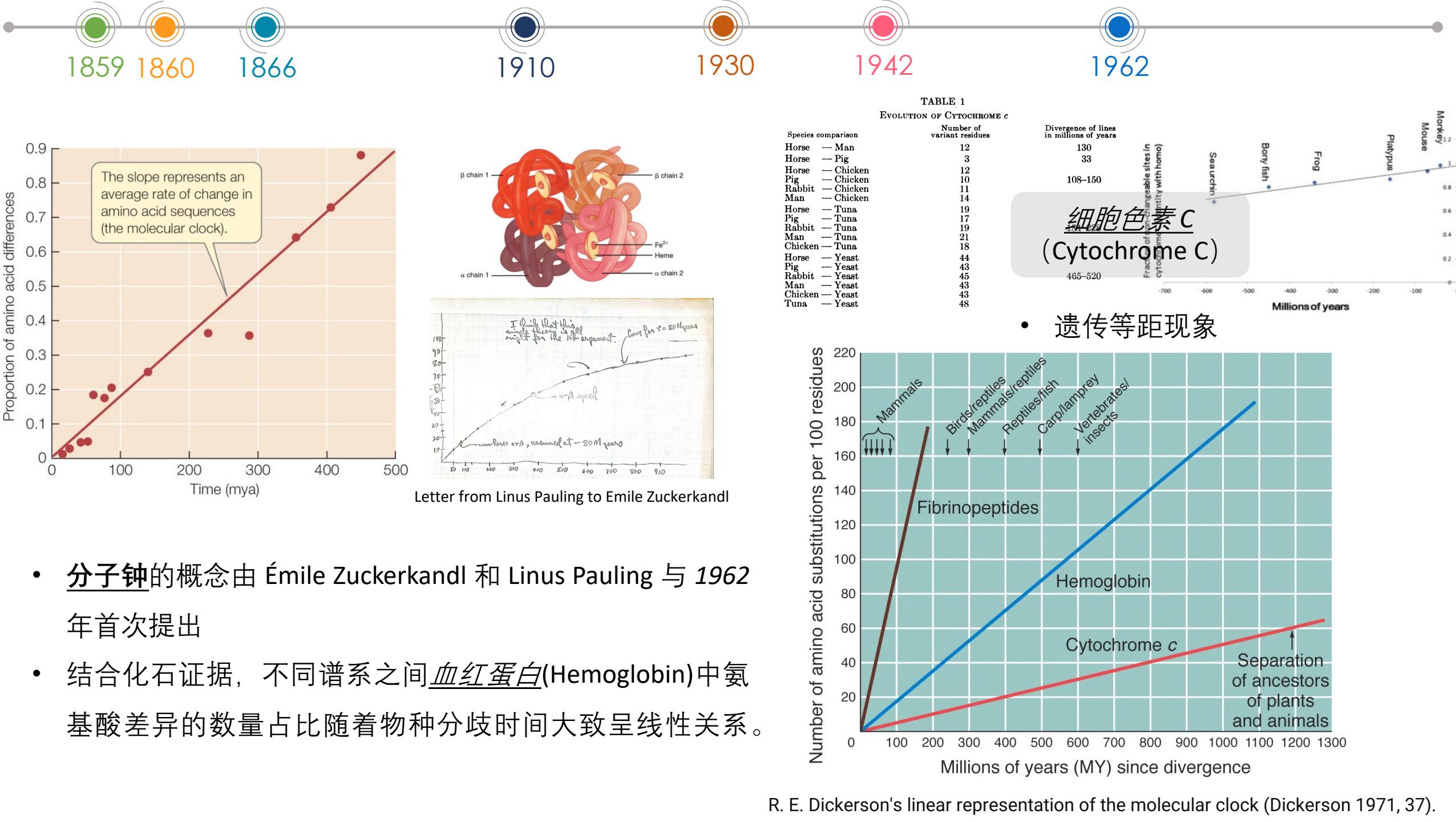
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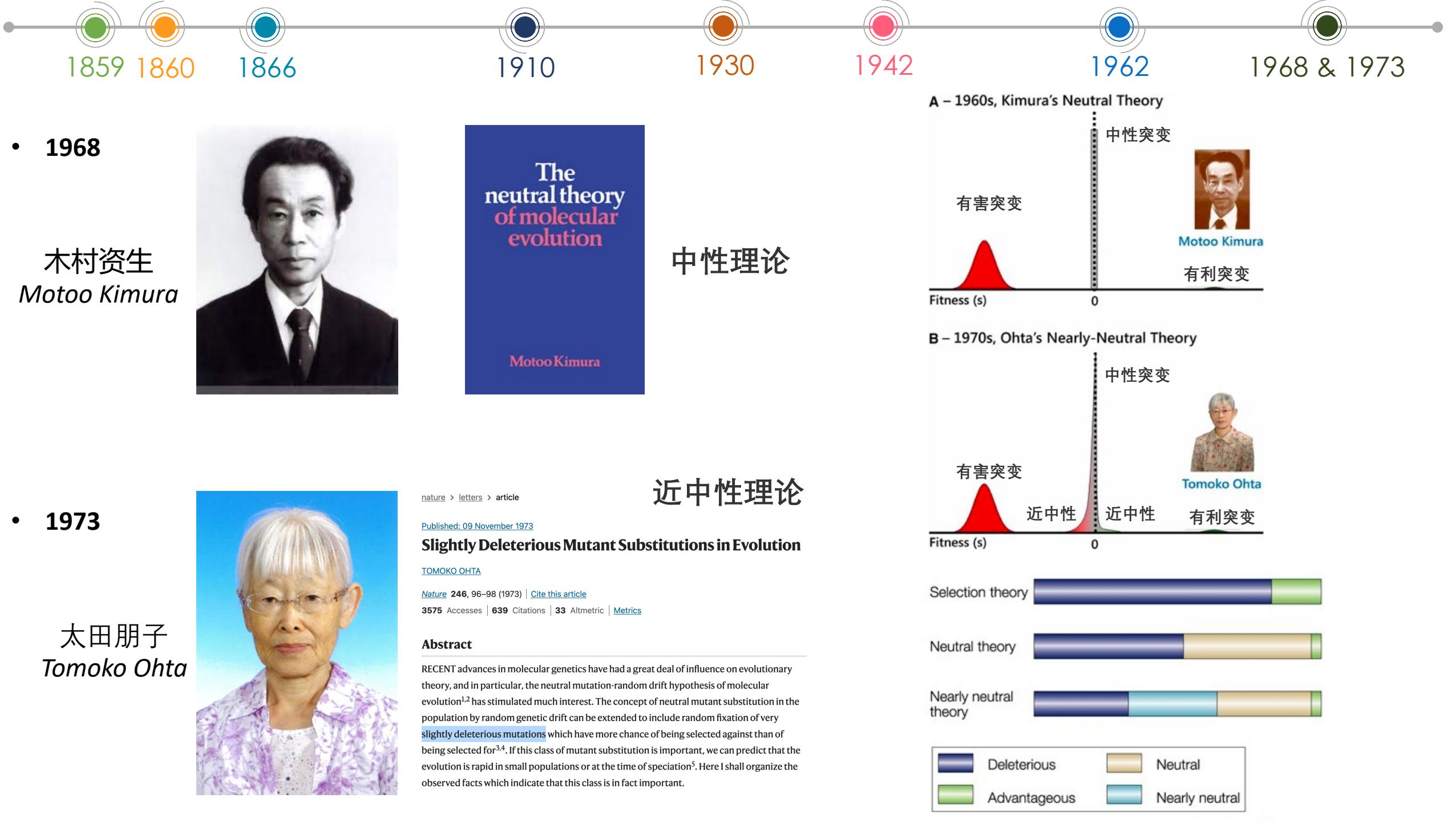


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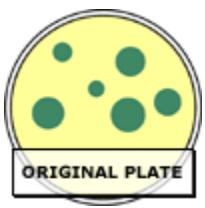
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突变的随机性

The Lederberg experiment



1. Bacteria are spread out on a plate, called the “original plate.”



2. They are allowed to grow into several different colonies.



3. This layout of colonies is stamped from the original plate onto a new plate that contains the antibiotic penicillin.



4. Colonies X and Y on the stamped plate survive. They must carry a mutation for penicillin resistance.



The answer is **no**:

When the original plate is washed with penicillin, the same colonies (those in position X and Y) live — even though these colonies on the original plate have never encountered penicillin before.

The Lederbergs set out to answer the question:

“Did the colonies on the new plate evolve antibiotic resistance because they were exposed to penicillin?”

■ ARTICLES

The Directed Mutation Controversy and Neo-Darwinism

Richard E. Lenski and John E. Mittler

According to neo-Darwinian theory, random mutation produces genetic differences among organisms whereas natural selection tends to increase the frequency of advantageous alleles. However, several recent papers claim that certain mutations in bacteria and yeast occur at much higher rates specifically when the mutant phenotypes are advantageous. Various molecular models have been proposed that might explain these directed mutations, but the models have not been confirmed. Critics contend that studies purporting to demonstrate directed mutation lack certain controls and fail to account adequately for population dynamics. Further experiments that address these criticisms do not support the existence of directed mutations.

A fundamental tenet of evolutionary biology is that mutations are random events. This tenet does not mean that mutation rates are unaffected by environmental factors or that all portions of the genome are equally susceptible to mutation. Indeed, enzymes that catalyze certain DNA repair processes are regulated by environmental factors, and many mutations are mediated by mobile elements that are not uniformly distributed in the genome (1, 2). Rather, the randomness of mutation refers to the supposition that the likelihood of any particular mutational event is independent of its specific value to the organism (3).

suggesting that cells may have mechanisms for choosing which mutations will occur," which provoked vigorous discussion among biologists and philosophers of science (8–13). Subsequent studies (14–22) have also suggested that certain mutations occur more often when the resulting phenotype is advantageous, and such mutations have been variously described as directed, Cairnsian, adaptive, or selection-induced.

In this paper, we review the history and current status of the controversy, including key experimental findings, alternative explanations for these findings, and their relationship to neo-Darwinism. The hypoth-

But bacteriologists could neither see individual mutants nor demonstrate their existence except by imposing selection for the mutant phenotype. Consequently, it was unclear whether selection had caused the mass conversion of cells from one state to another or whether selection had increased the proportion of mutant cells in a population by differential survival and growth.

Strong support that neo-Darwinism could be extended to bacteria came in 1943, when Luria and Delbrück devised the fluctuation test (26). They formulated two alternative hypotheses to account for the appearance of bacteria resistant to infection by viruses. Under the hypothesis of random mutation, each bacterium has some probability of spontaneously mutating from a viral sensitive to a viral resistant state, even in the absence of virus. Under the hypothesis of directed mutation (which Luria and Delbrück called "acquired hereditary immunity"), each bacterium has some chance of surviving and becoming resistant to viral attack. Under both hypotheses, resistance is inherited. The critical distinction between these models is that, in bacterial

- 基因突变是随机事件，这是演化论基本原理之一。
- 随机并不是指突变频率不受环境影响，也不是在说基因组的所有位置发生突变的概率都相同。
- 突变的随机性指的是某个突变对于生物的价值不会影响其出现的概率。

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