

# Missegregation rate influences karyotype dominance

In most circumstances the fittest karyotype is expected to eventually become dominant within a population. We asked whether this status quo could be altered simply by changing the missegregation rate. We envisage two ways this could occur (Fig.6A): 1) karyotypes with more high-fitness neighbors should have an advantage when missegregation rate is high, since their numbers are bolstered by a continuous (albeit small) influx from their neighbors. 2) Low ploidy cells should have an advantage when missegregation rate is high, since their reduced total number of chromosomes mean a reduced per-cell risk of missegregation, so their populations should be more stable. Overall if the fittest karyotype has few neighbors or has high ploidy, it may not be dominant when the missegregation rate is high.

To identify possible missegregation dependent switches in karyotype distribution, we generated approximate transition matrices connecting all karyotypes in the charted region of each ALFA-K fitted landscape. We then determined the dominant eigenvectors of these transition matrices at varying missegregation rates to find the steady state karyotype distributions. For a subset of fitted landscapes we indeed found a missegregation rate dependent switch in karyotype distribution (Fig.6 B,C), where karyotypes that were fitter (Fig. 6 D,E) were dominant at lower missegregation rates but were displaced by less fit karyotypes at increasing missegregation rates. For SA906\_x57\_a the fitter group had significantly higher ploidy (Fig. 6F) but similar sized fitness peak to the less fit group (Fig. 6G), indicating that this was an example of a ploidy dependent frequency shift. For SA535\_X7\_bb both groups had similar ploidy (Fig. 6H) but the fitter group had less members (Fig. 6I), indicating that this was an example of peak size dependent frequency shift. Finally, we simulated population evolution in our ABM as a validation of our transition matrix based approximation (Fig. 6J). Overall, these results identify two ways which missegregation rate can interact with fitness to determine clonal dominance and found evidence of their occurrence in cultured cell lines.

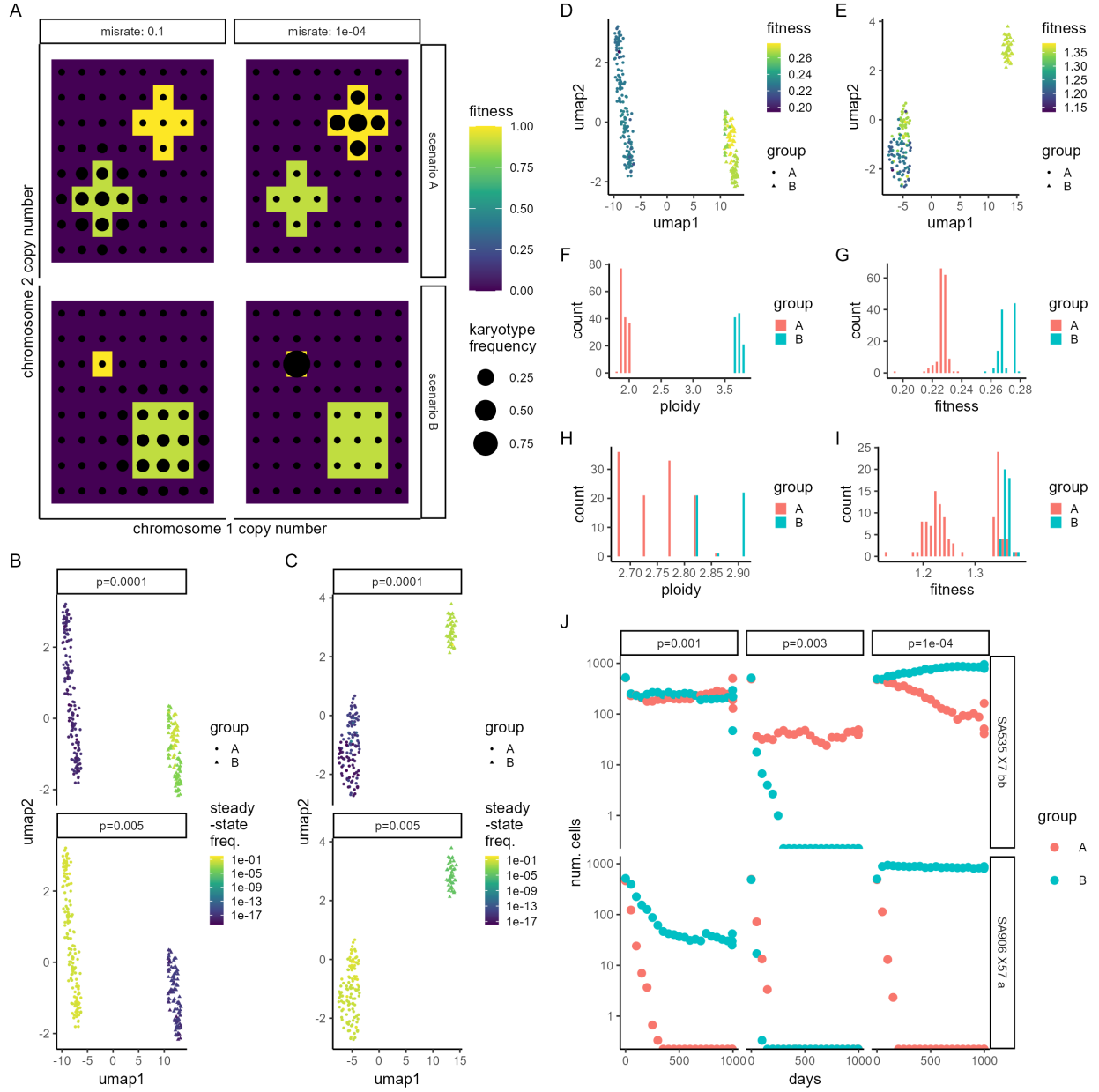


Figure 6 Influence of missegregation rate on karyotype selection. A) Simple hypothetical example fitness landscapes where karyotype frequency depends on missegregation rate. Karyotype frequency (point size) shifts from high to low ploidy (top row) or broader to narrower peaks (bottom row) as missegregation rate changes. (B,C) UMAPs showing the relative frequency of karyotypes representing at least 2% of the predicted steady-state population for SA906\_x57\_a (B) and SA535\_X7\_bb (C) at different missegregation rates. (D,E) ALFA-K estimated fitness of karyotypes shown in B-C for SA906\_x57\_a (D) and SA535\_X7\_bb (E). F) ploidity and G) fitness distributions for the top 2% most frequent clones in SA906\_x57\_a. H) ploidity and I) fitness distributions for the top 2% most frequent clones in SA535\_X7\_bb. J) ABM simulation of karyotype evolution on fitted landscapes for SA906\_x57\_a and SA535\_X7\_b.

