

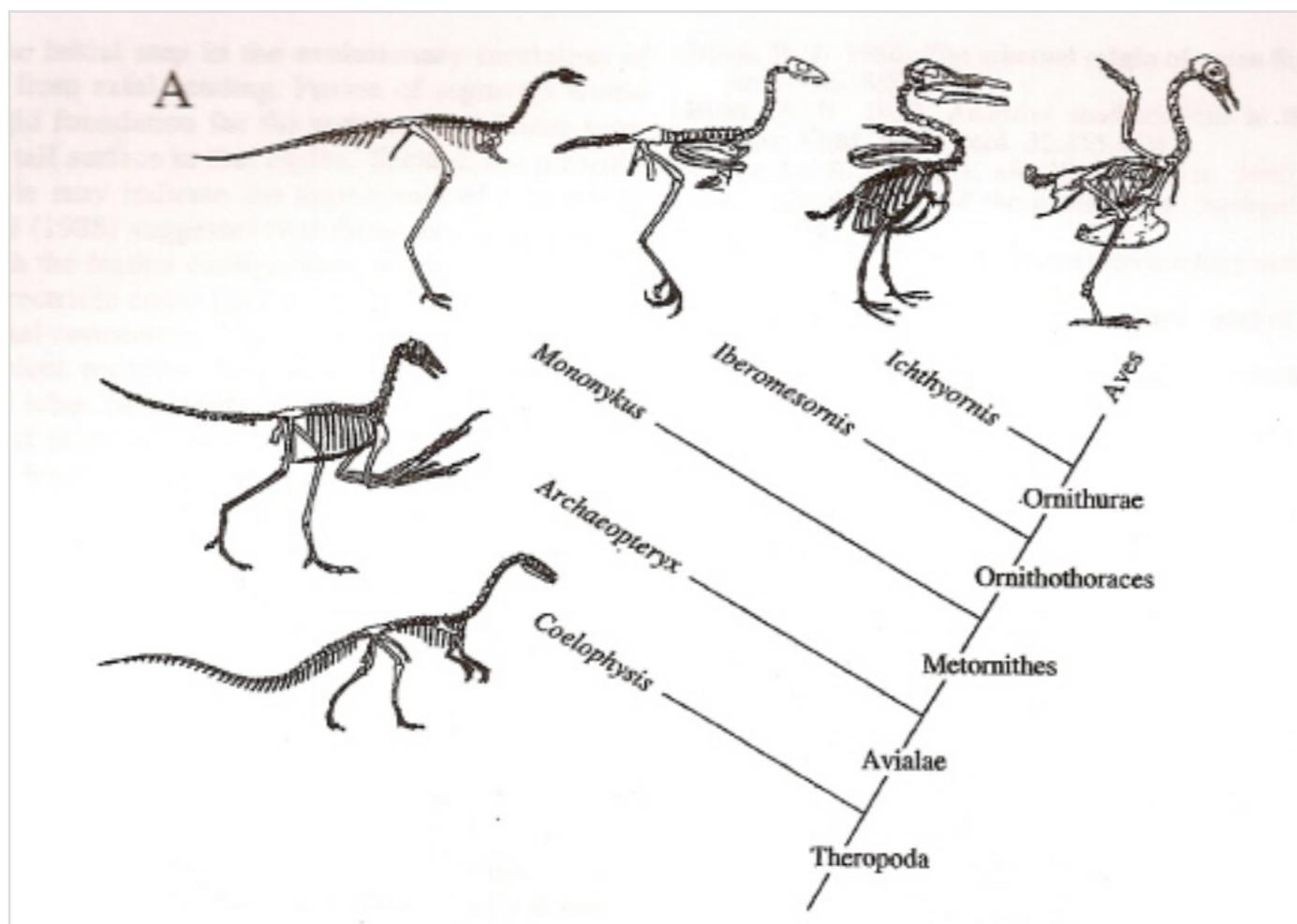
A brief introduction to experimental evolution

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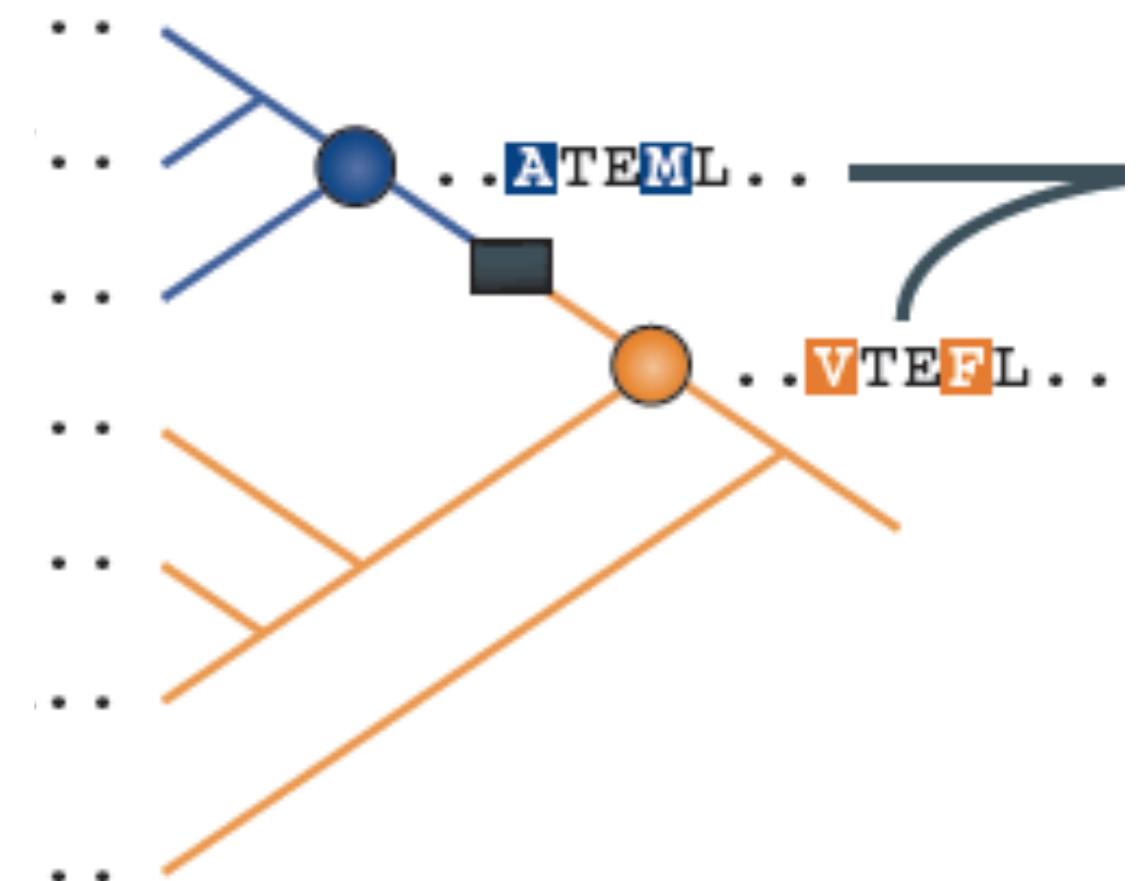
Evolutionary change?

Studying evolutionary change

I. Fossils

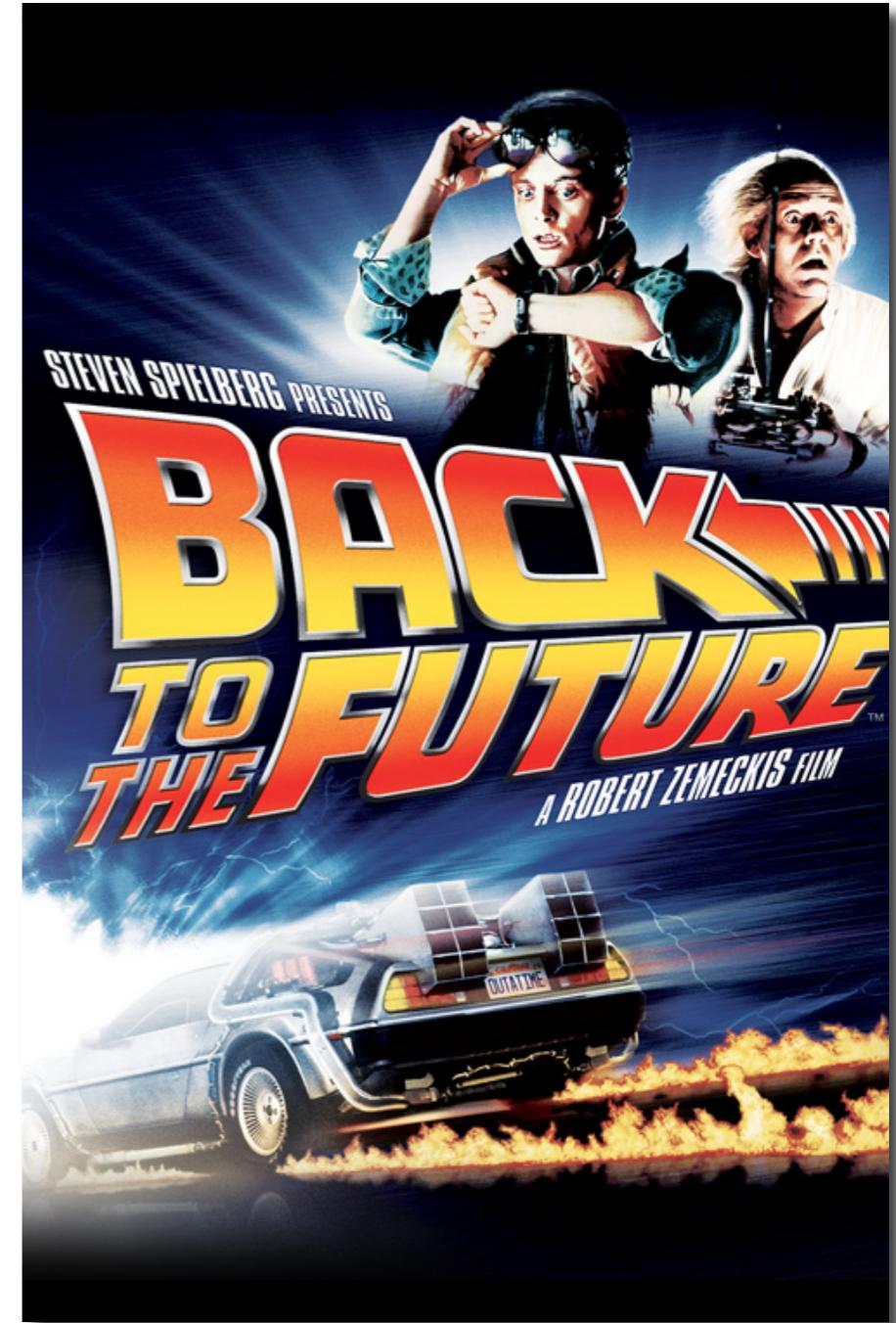
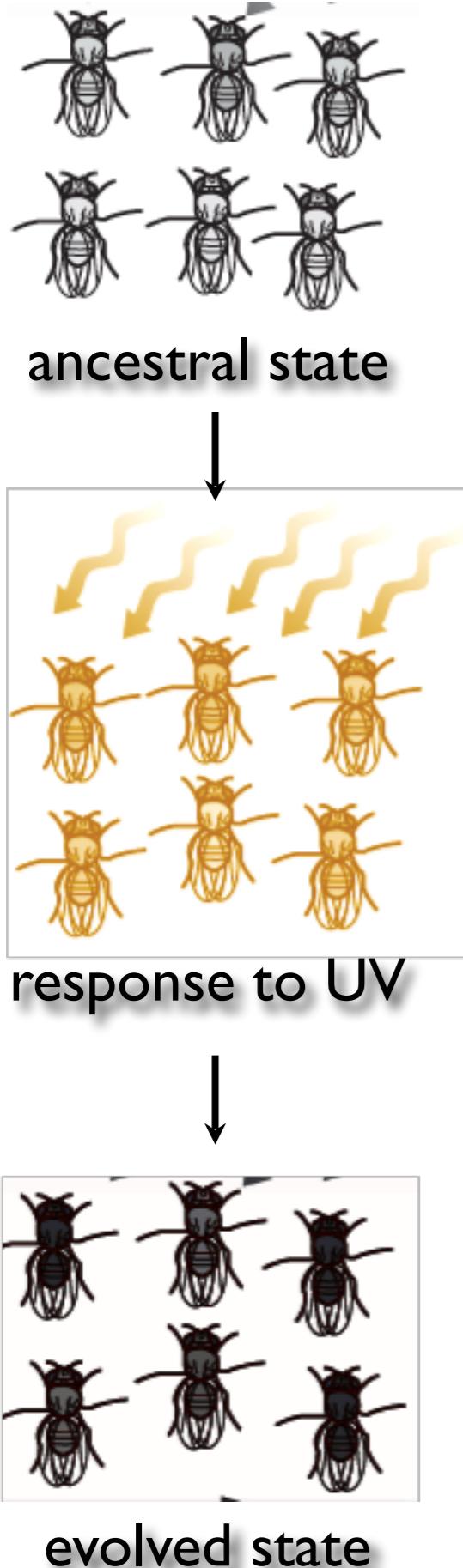


2. Comparative studies



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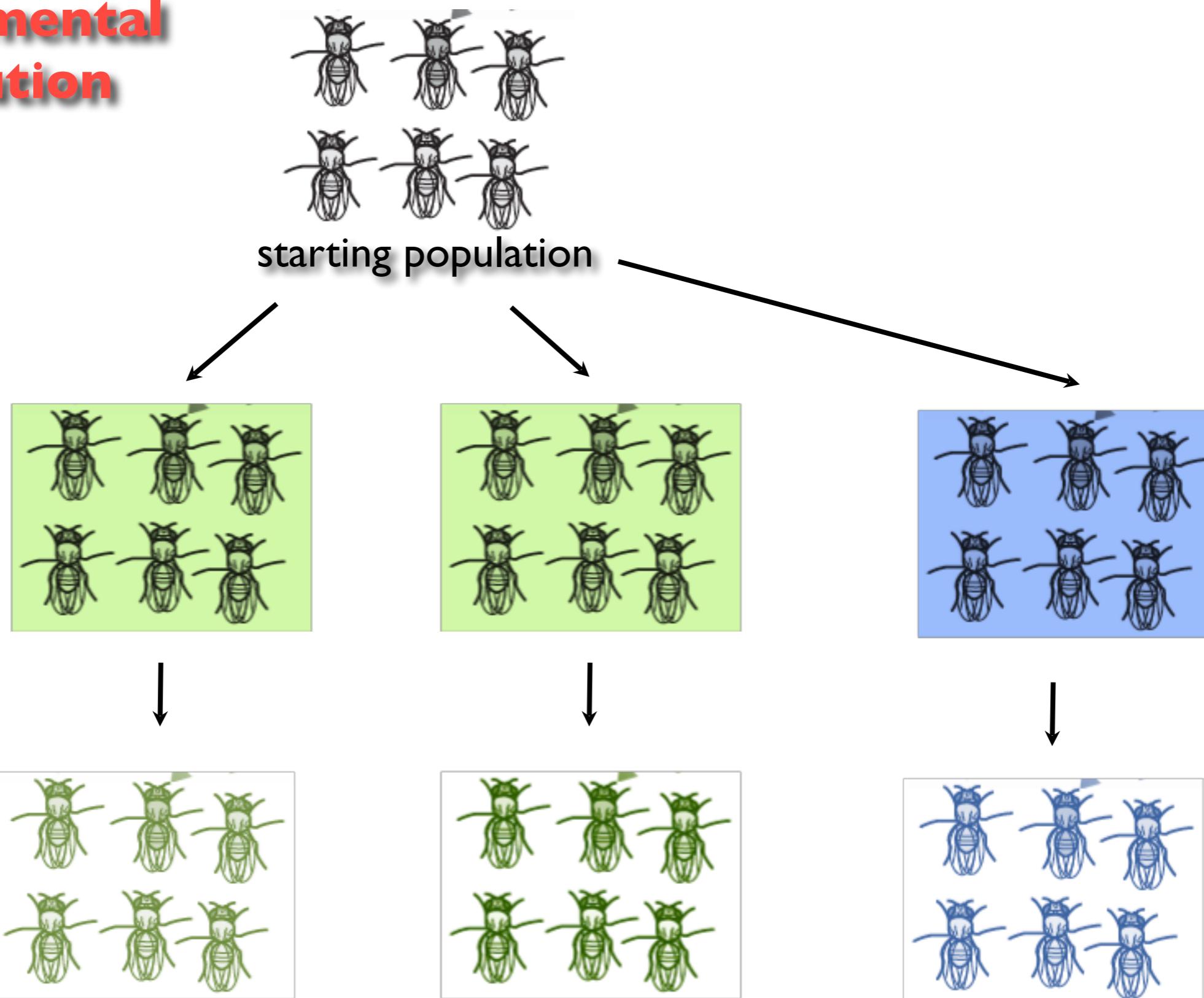
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Studying evolutionary change - Evolution in action

3. **Experimental Evolution**

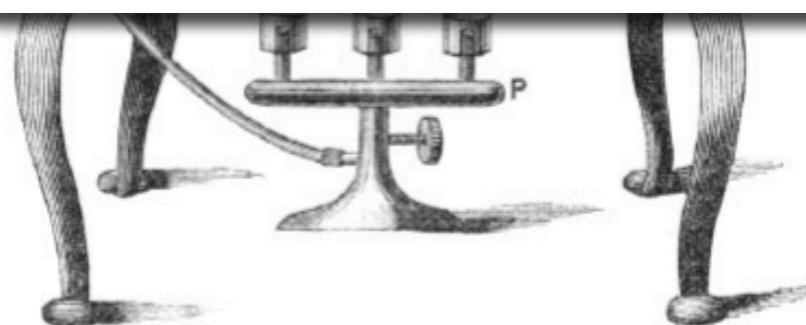


First direct test of natural selection (WH Dallinger, 1887)

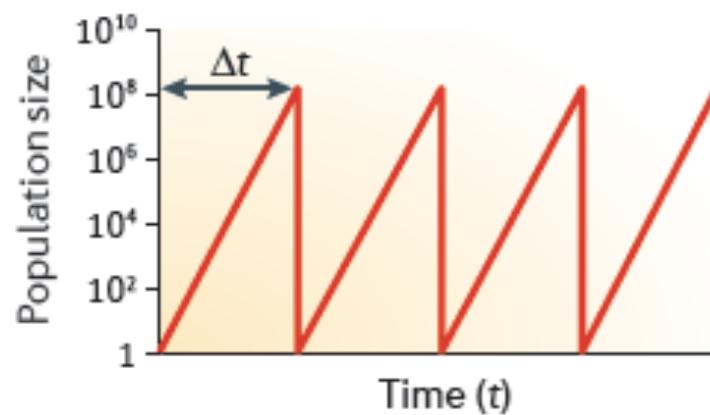
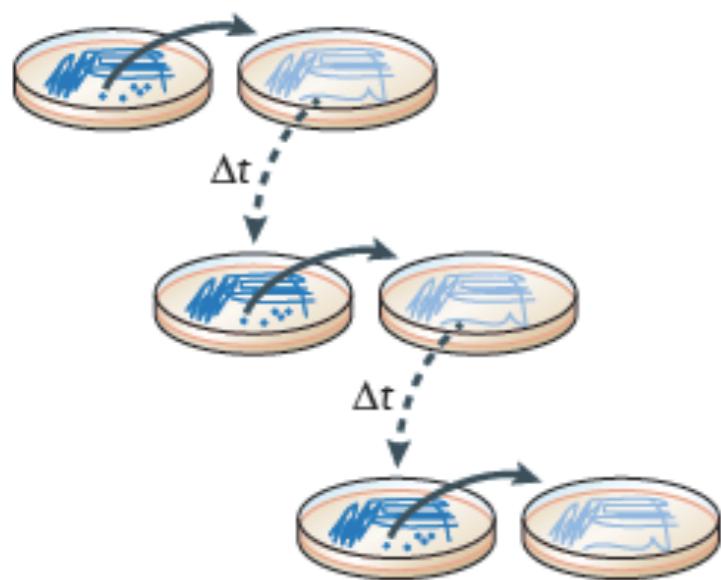


from his selection results. Dallinger's article (1887, 191) contains an insightful evaluation from Darwin:

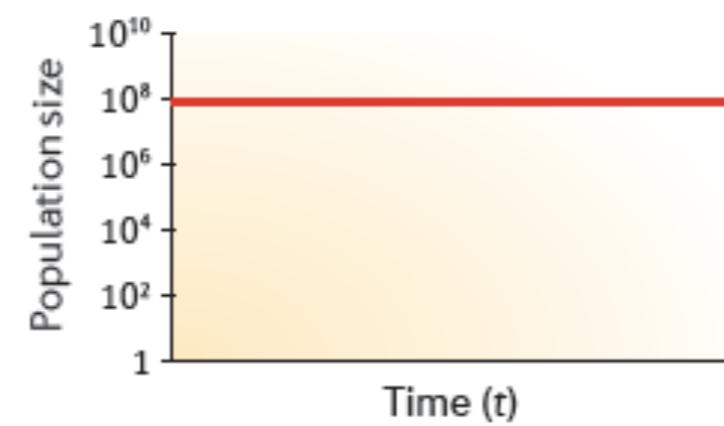
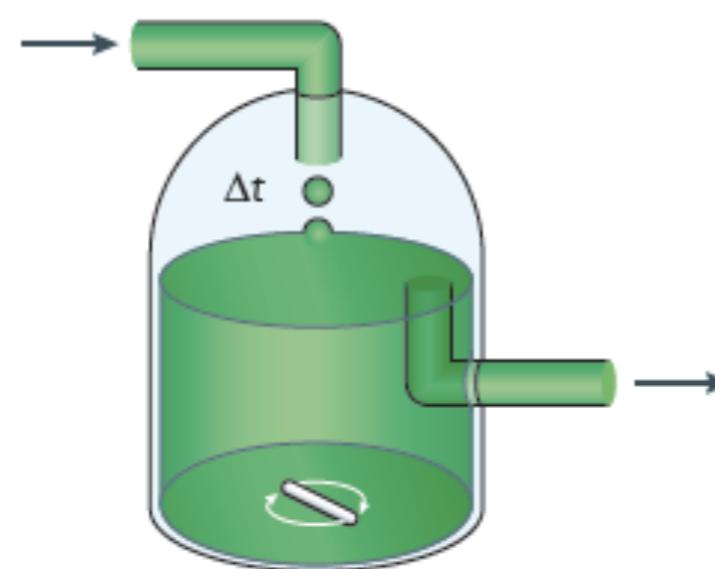
I did not know that you were attending to the mutation of the lower organisms under changed conditions of life; and your results, I have no doubt, will be extremely curious and valuable. The fact which you mention about their being adapted to certain temperatures, but becoming gradually accustomed to much higher ones, is very remarkable. It explains the existence of algae in hot springs.



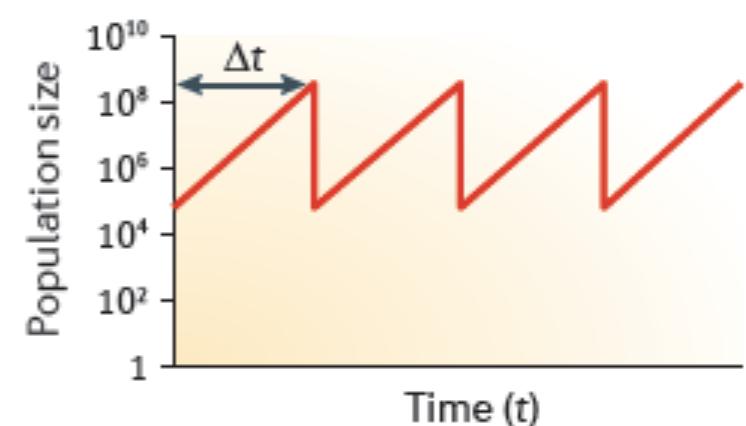
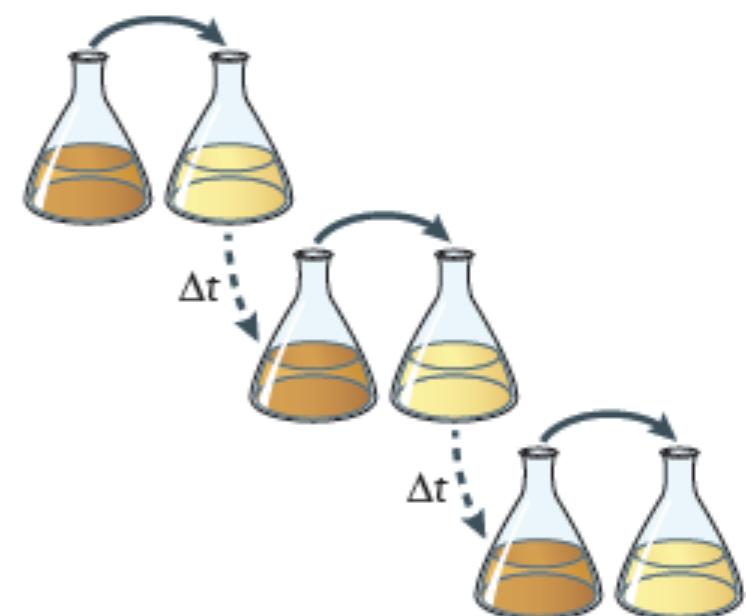
Bottlenecks:



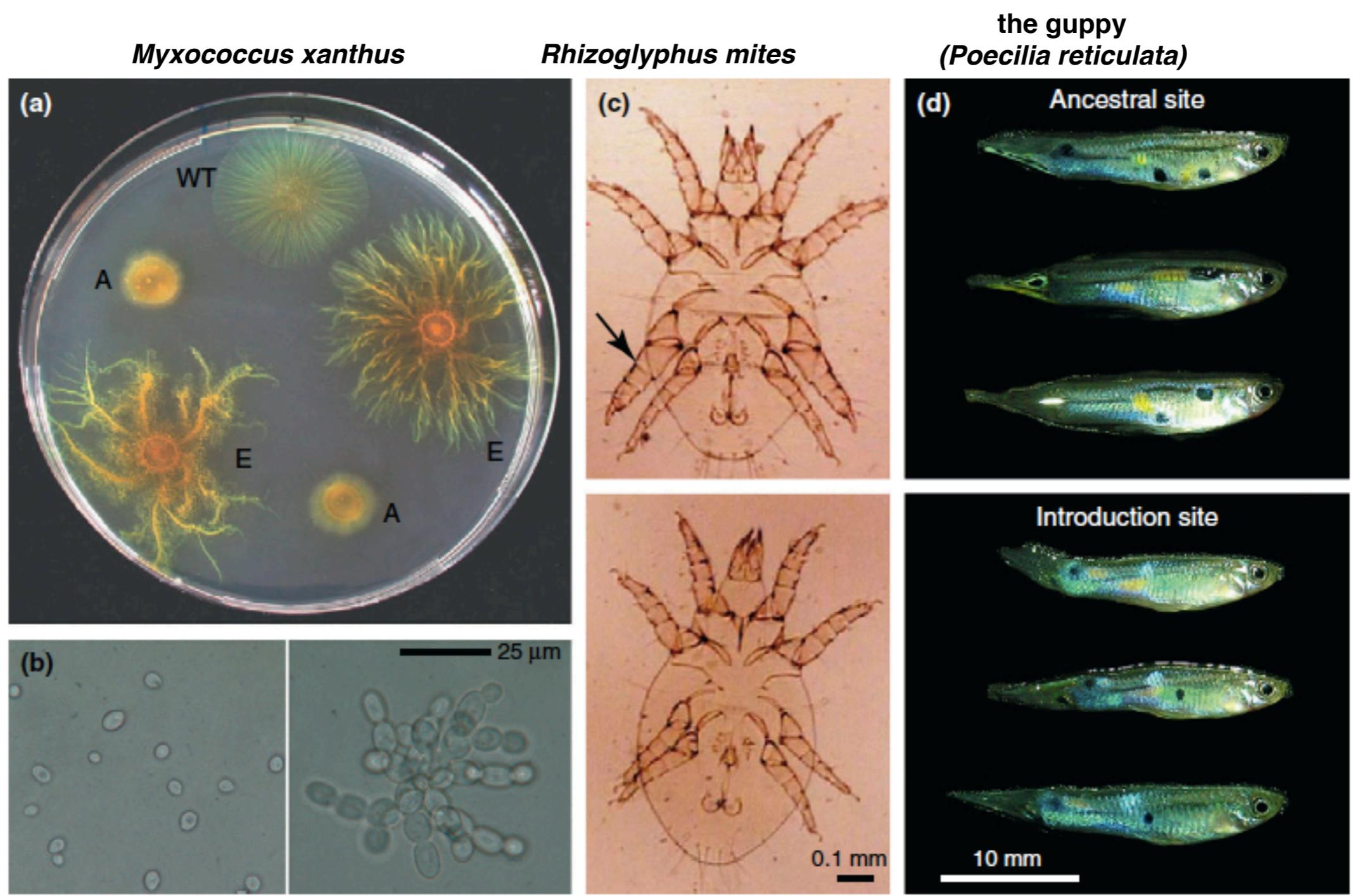
Continuous culture:



Serial transfers:



Model organisms



TRENDS in Ecology & Evolution

history,
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**How do we quantify adaptation?
Fitness, relative fitness.**

quantifying
adaptation

Adaptive evolution

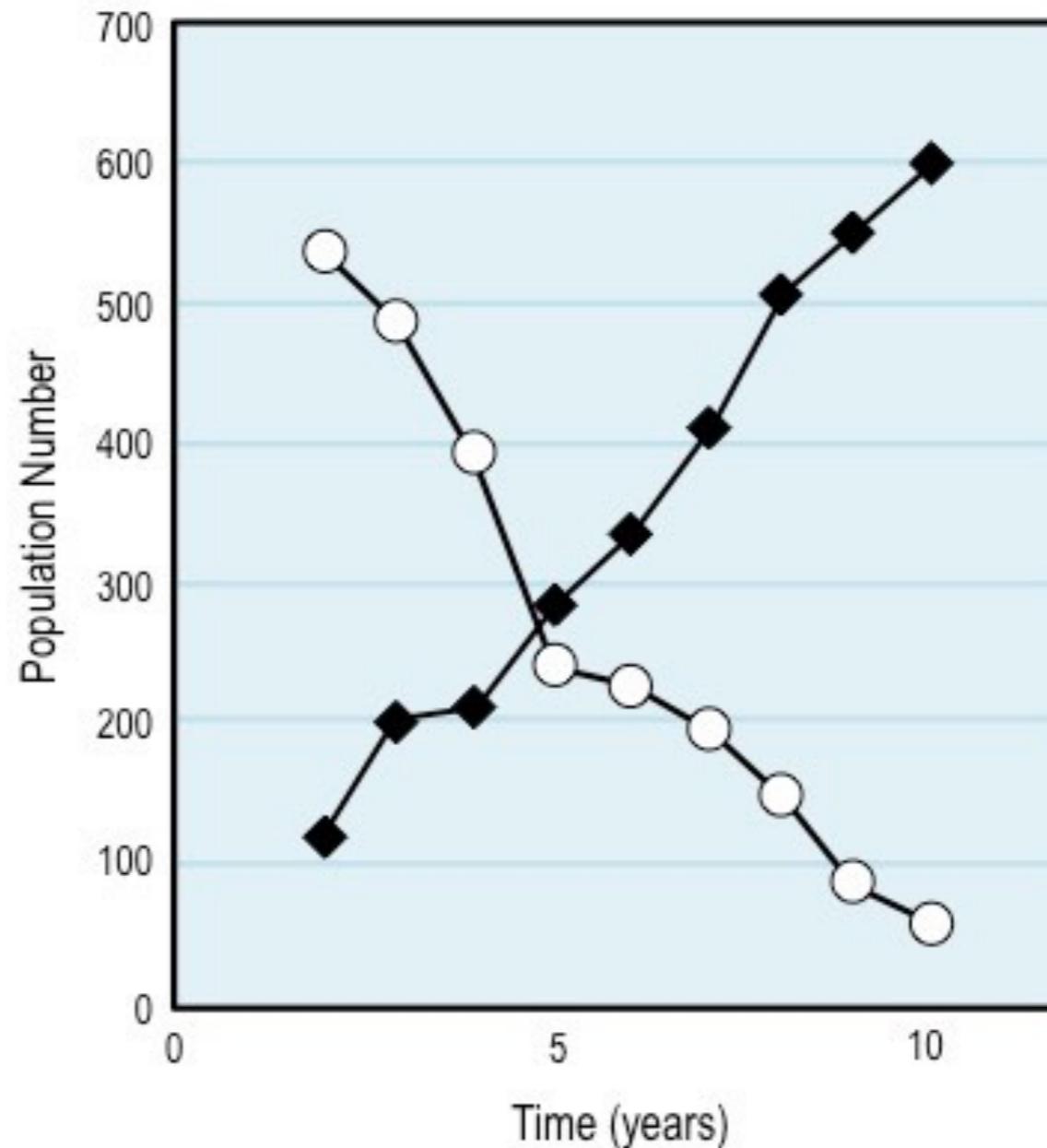
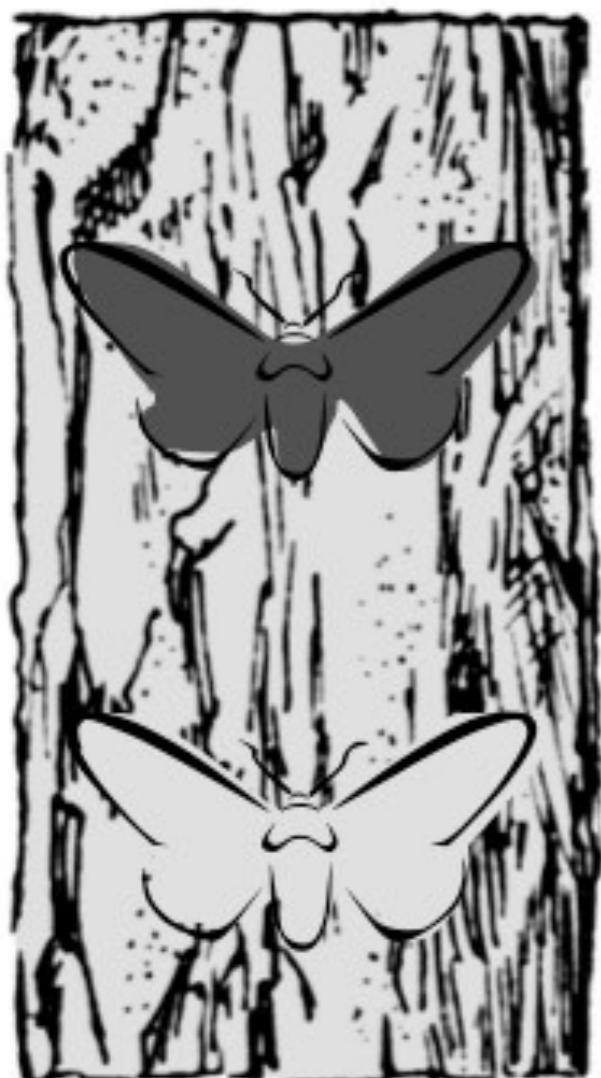


Unpolluted Environment

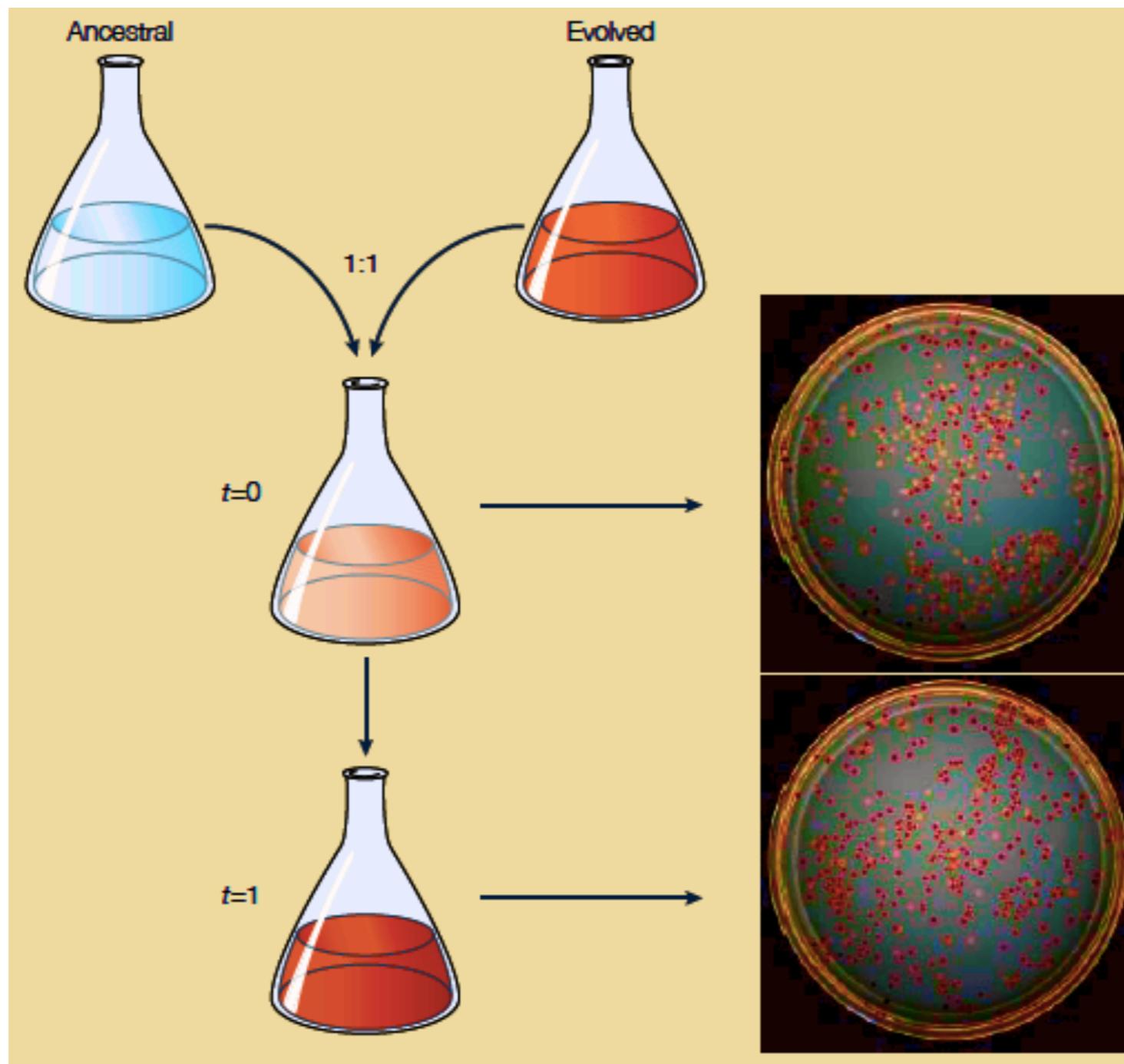


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Adaptive evolution

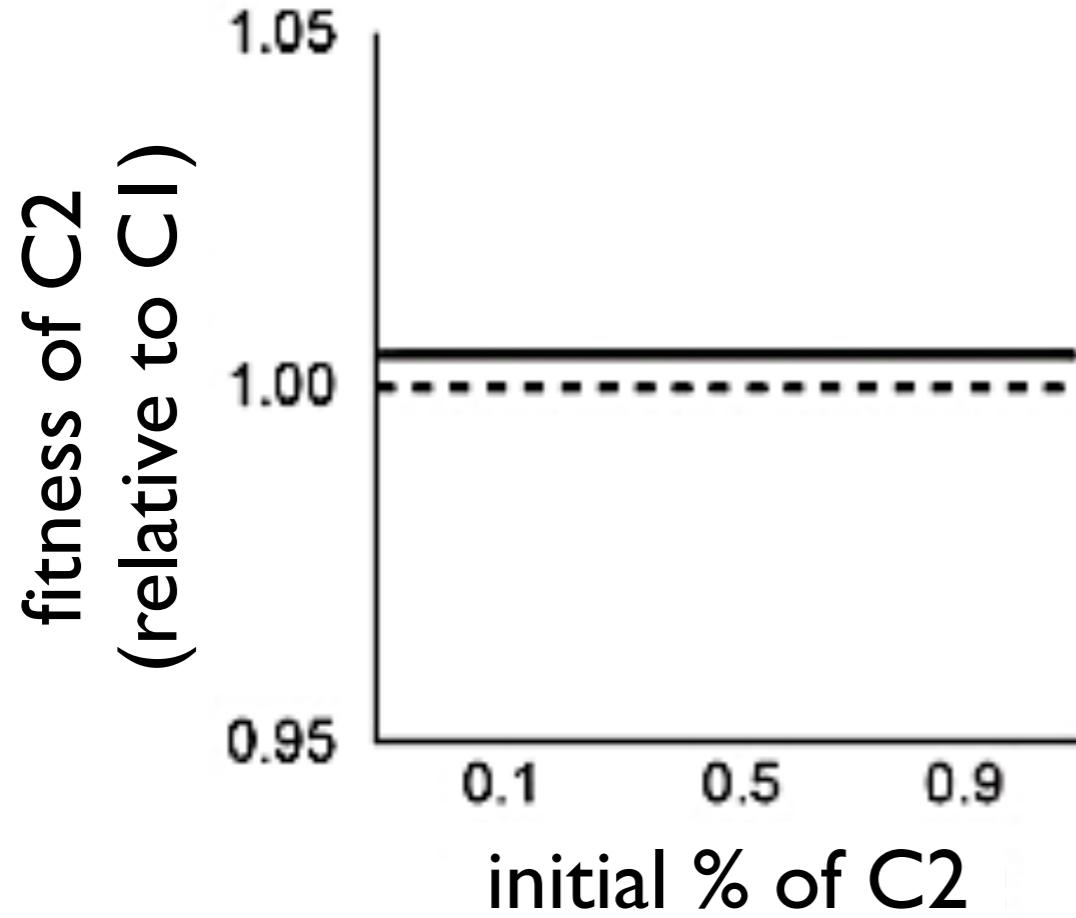


How do we quantify adaptive change?

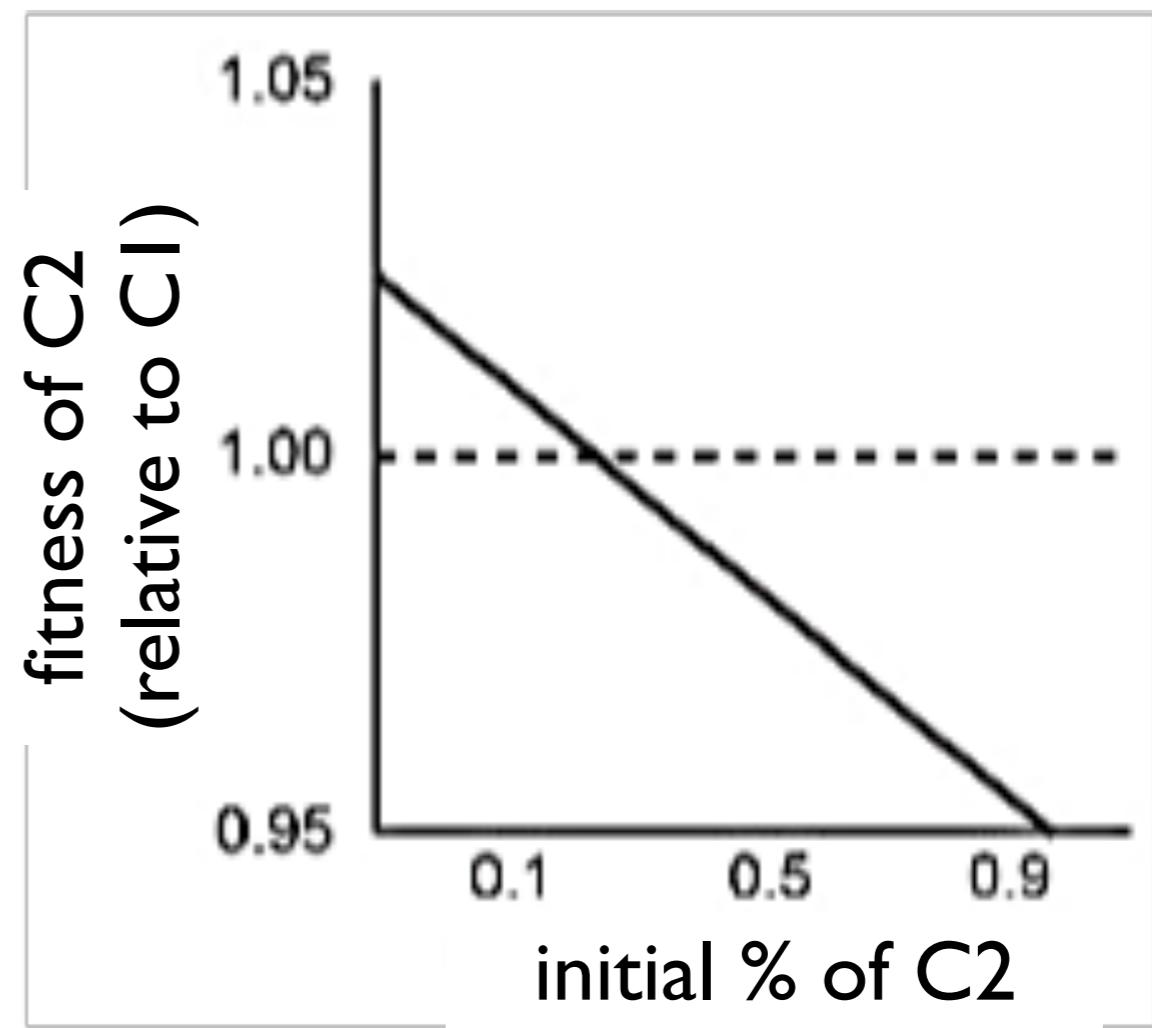


quantifying
adaptation

Relative fitness

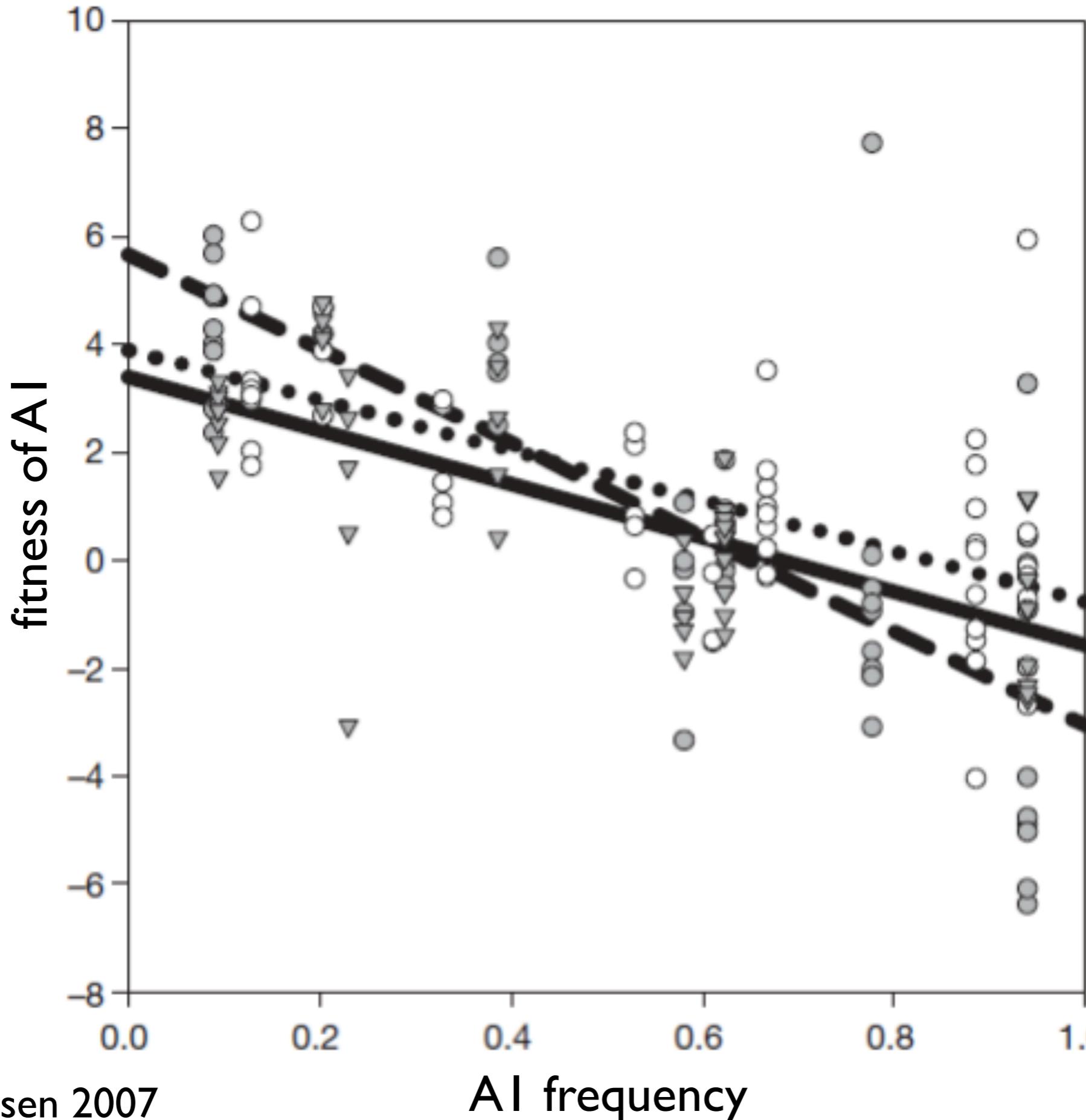


Measuring growth rate
independently is OK



Co-culturing is necessary

Nature “cares” about the relative fitness



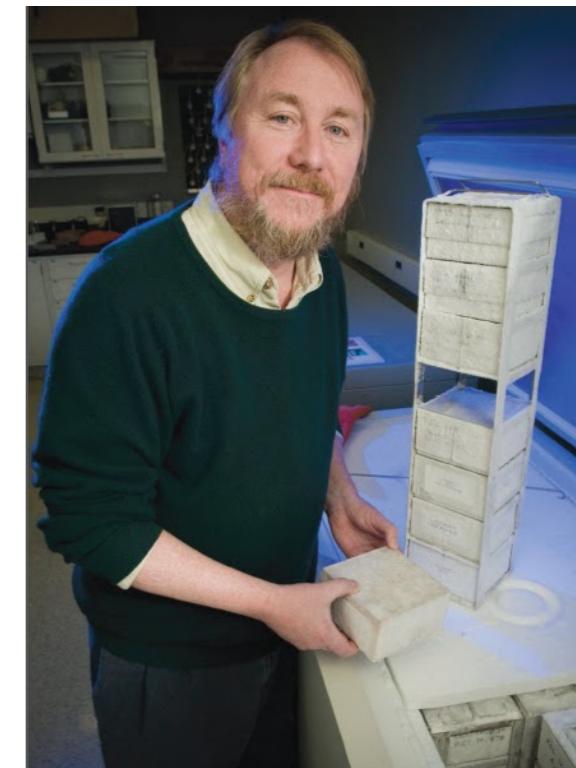
Dynamics of evolutionary adaptation in response to selection

Lenski's long term experimental evolution study

Richard Lenski



Liquid culture

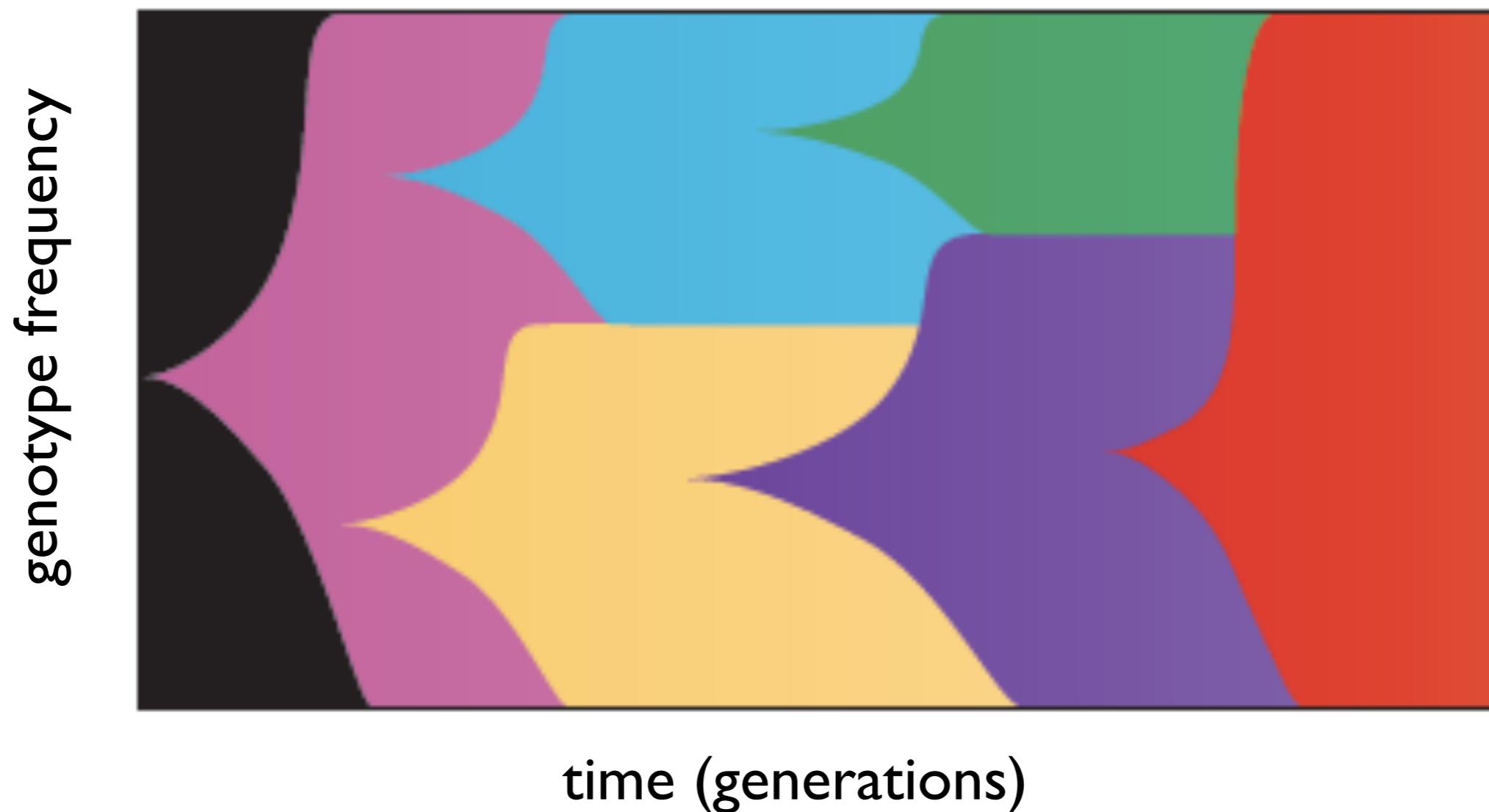


- 1) Is adaptation a slow process?
- 2) Multiple local optimums?
- 3) How repeatable?

adaptation

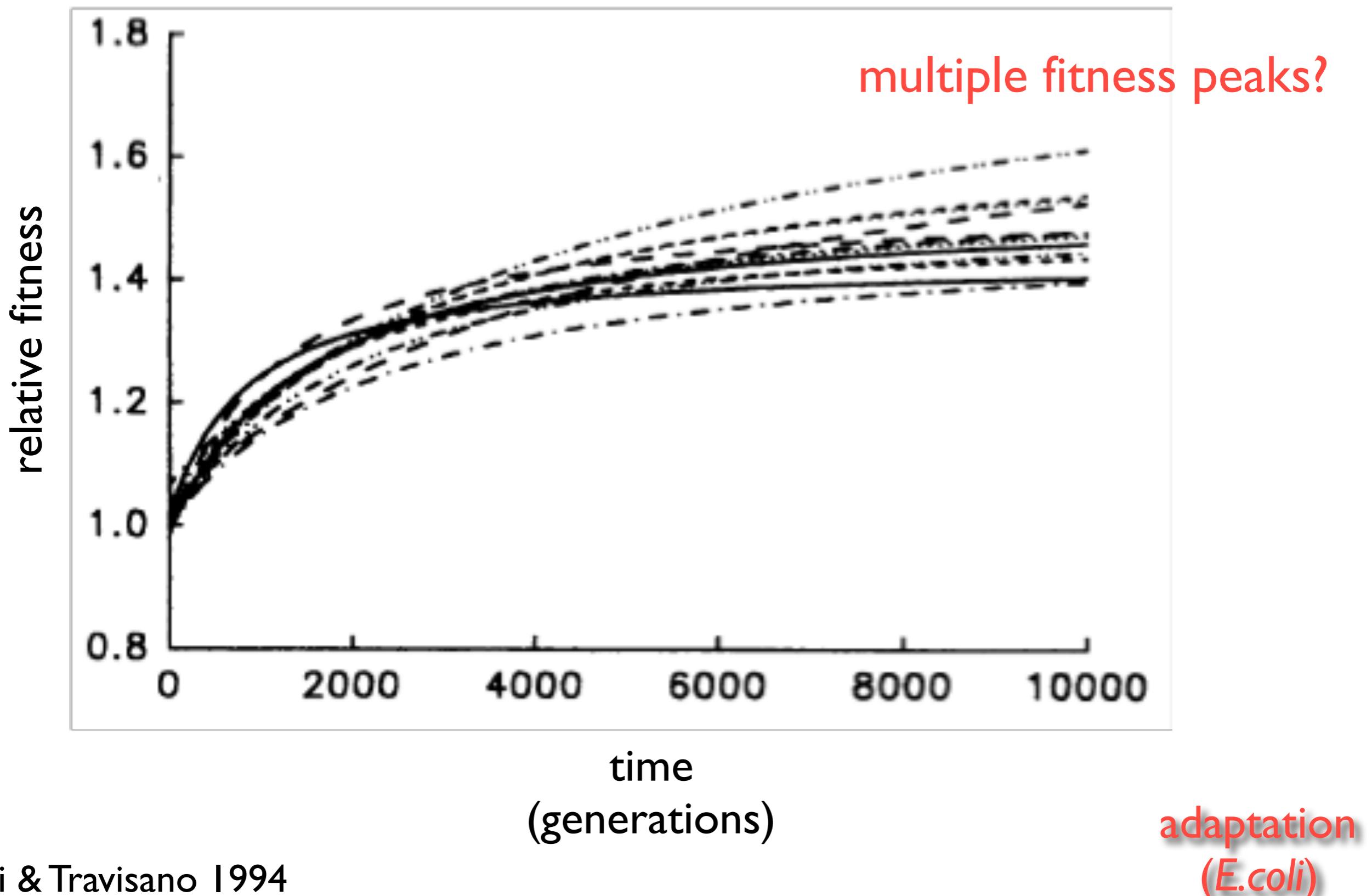
Adaptation in clonal & asexual organisms

- Isogenic ancestor

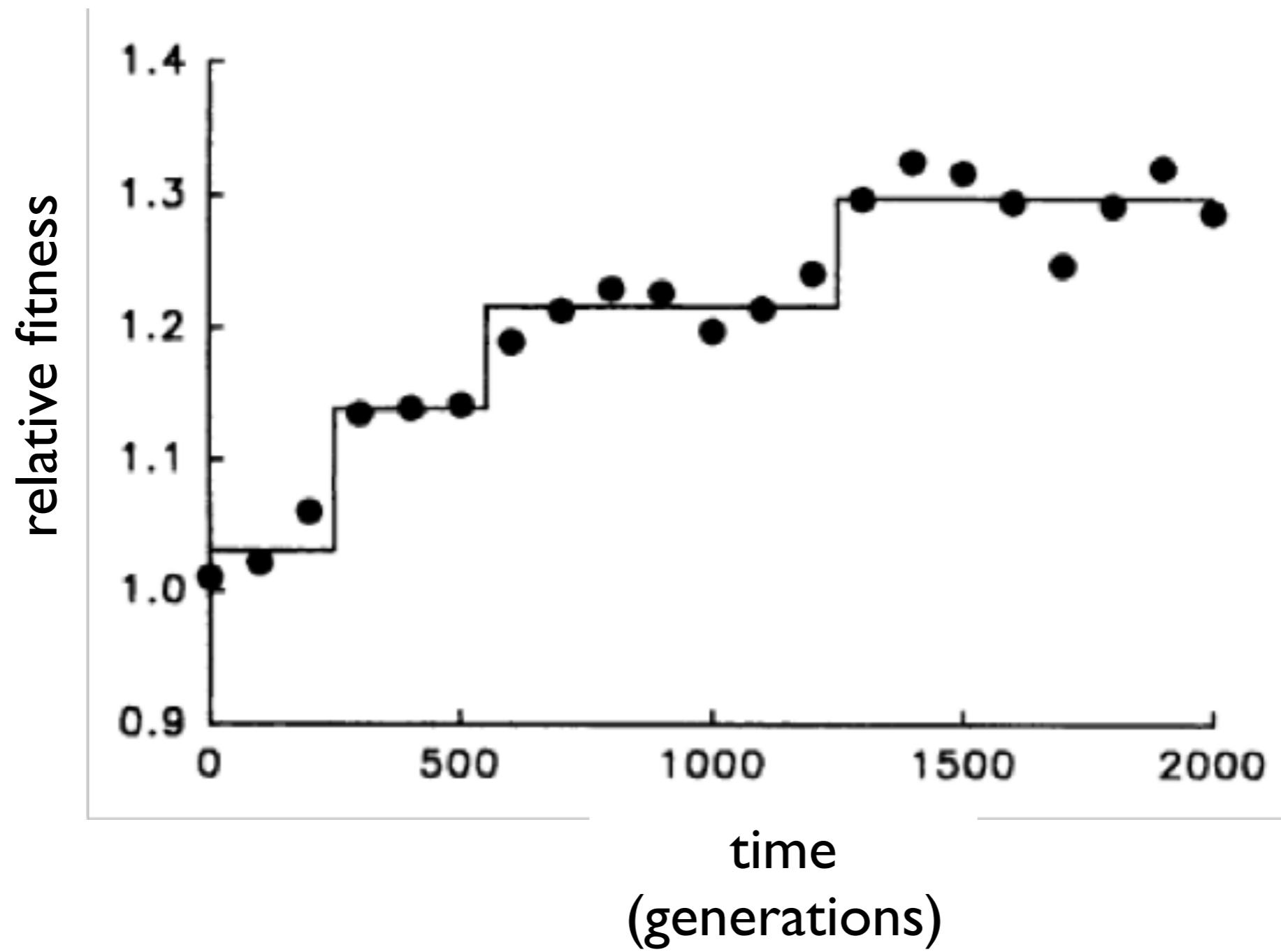


adaptation
Muller Plot

10000 generations of adaptive evolution

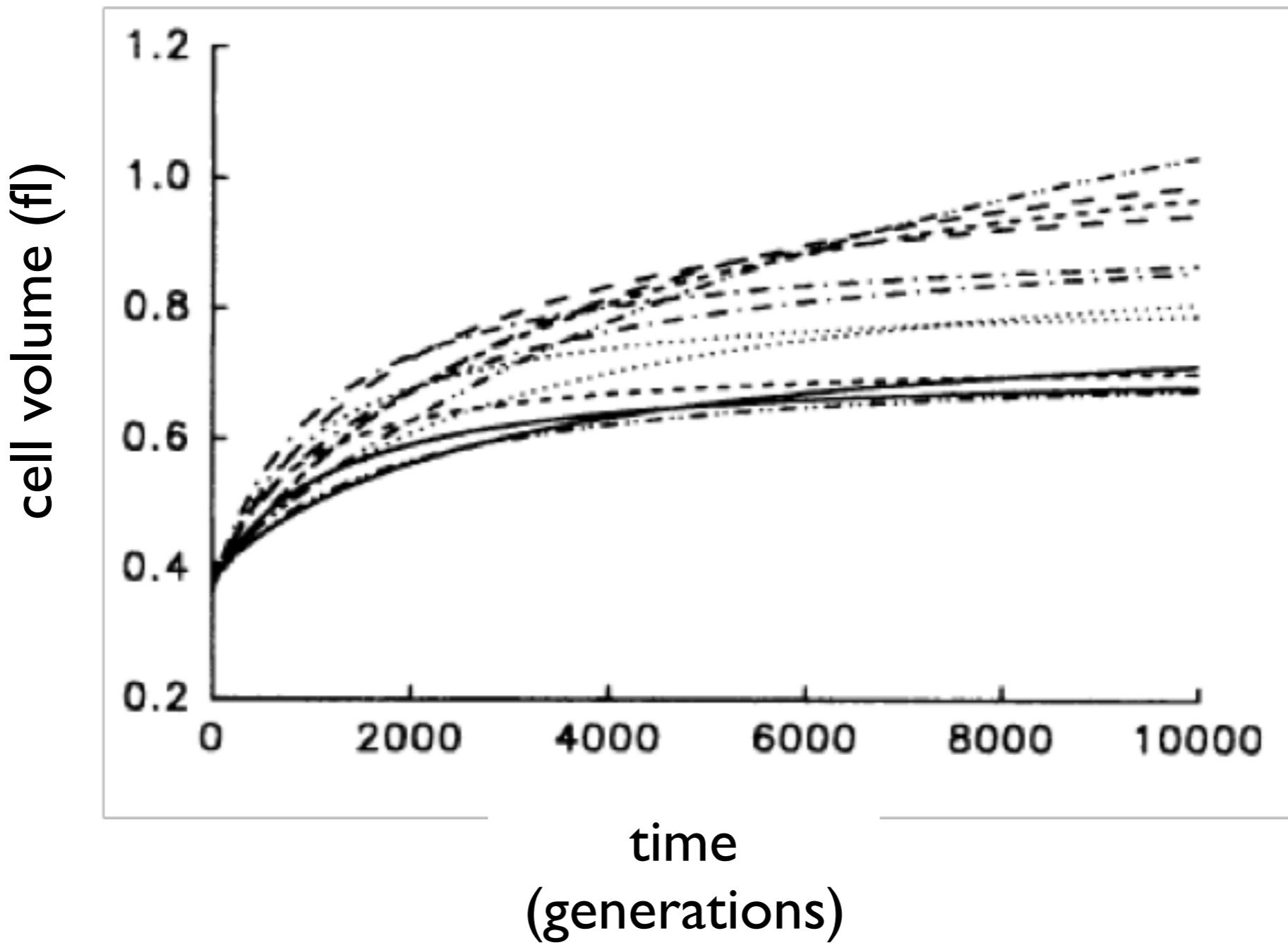


Dynamics of change in relative fitness



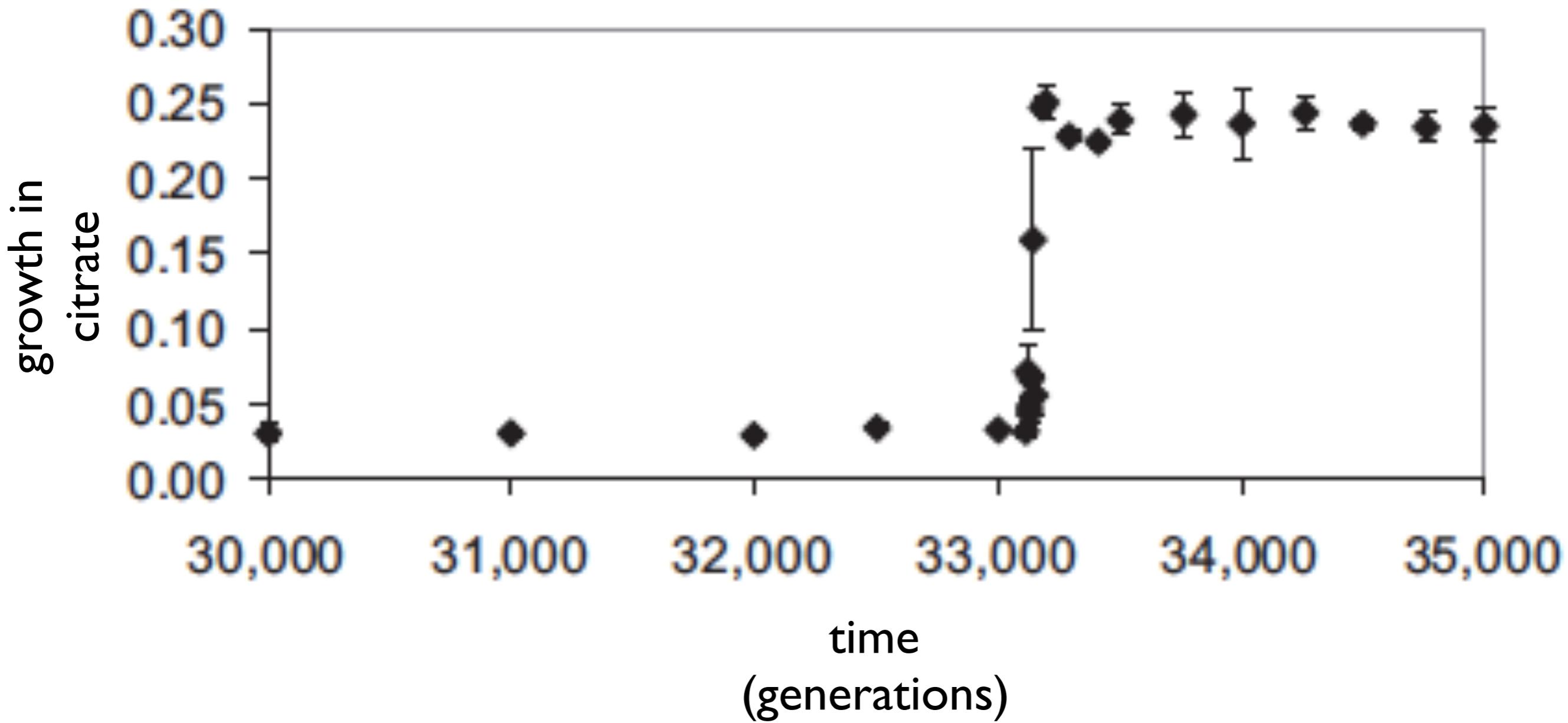
adaptation
(*E.coli*)

Phenotypic change?



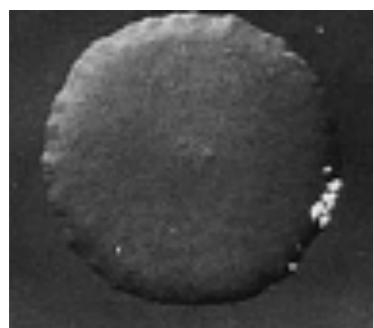
adaptation, phenotypic change
(*E.coli*)

Evolution of a novel trait: citrate consumers



adaptation
(*E.coli*)

Evolution of novel morphs

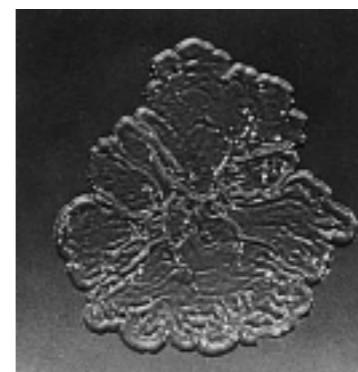


Pseudomonas
(smooth)

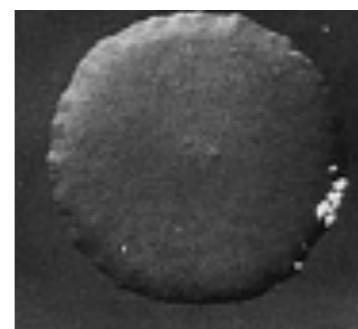
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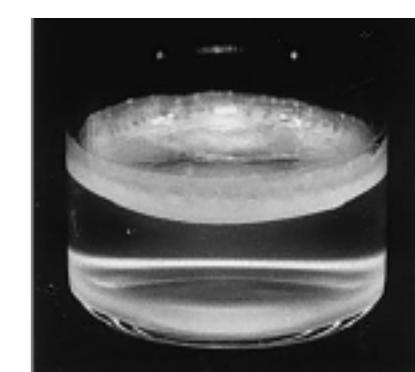
fuzzy



wrinkly



smooth

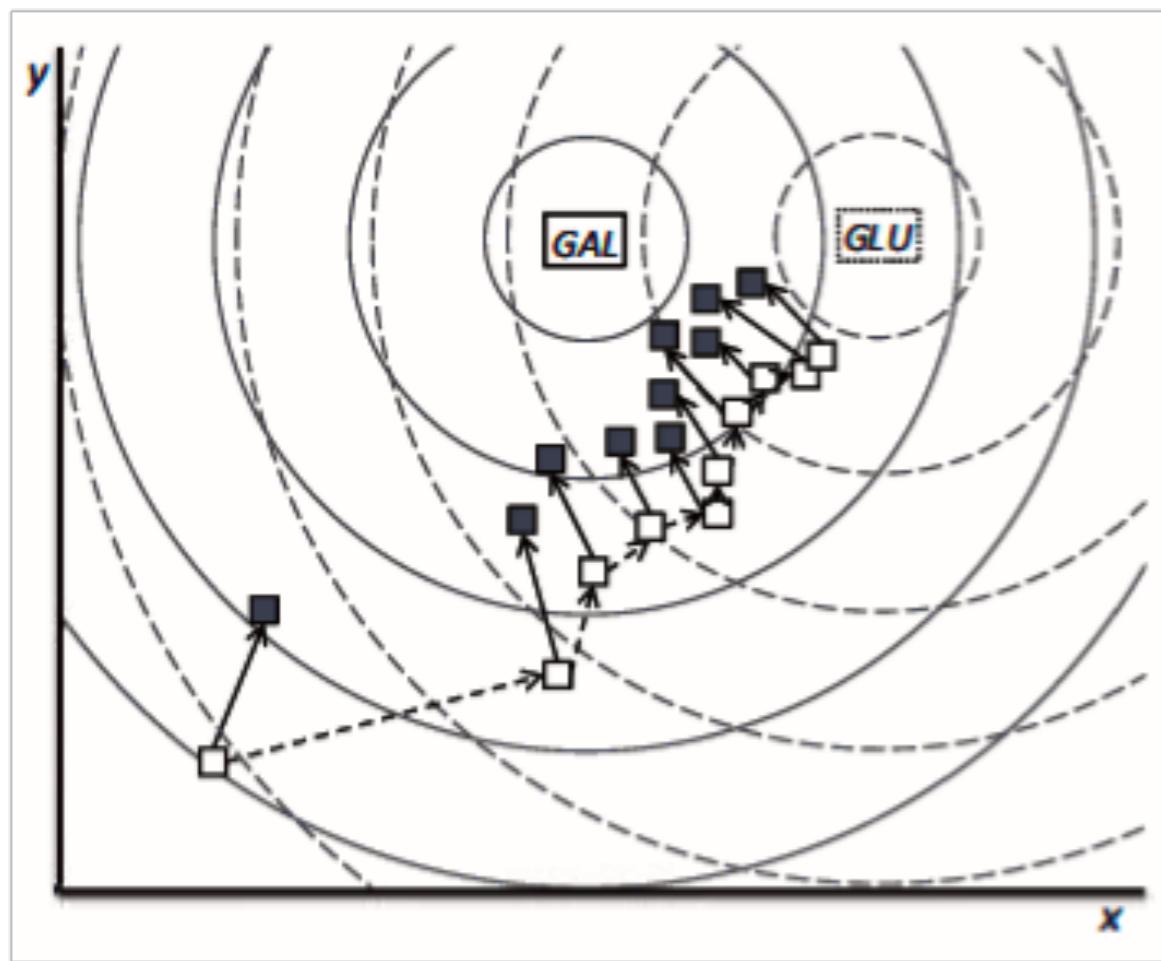


adaptation
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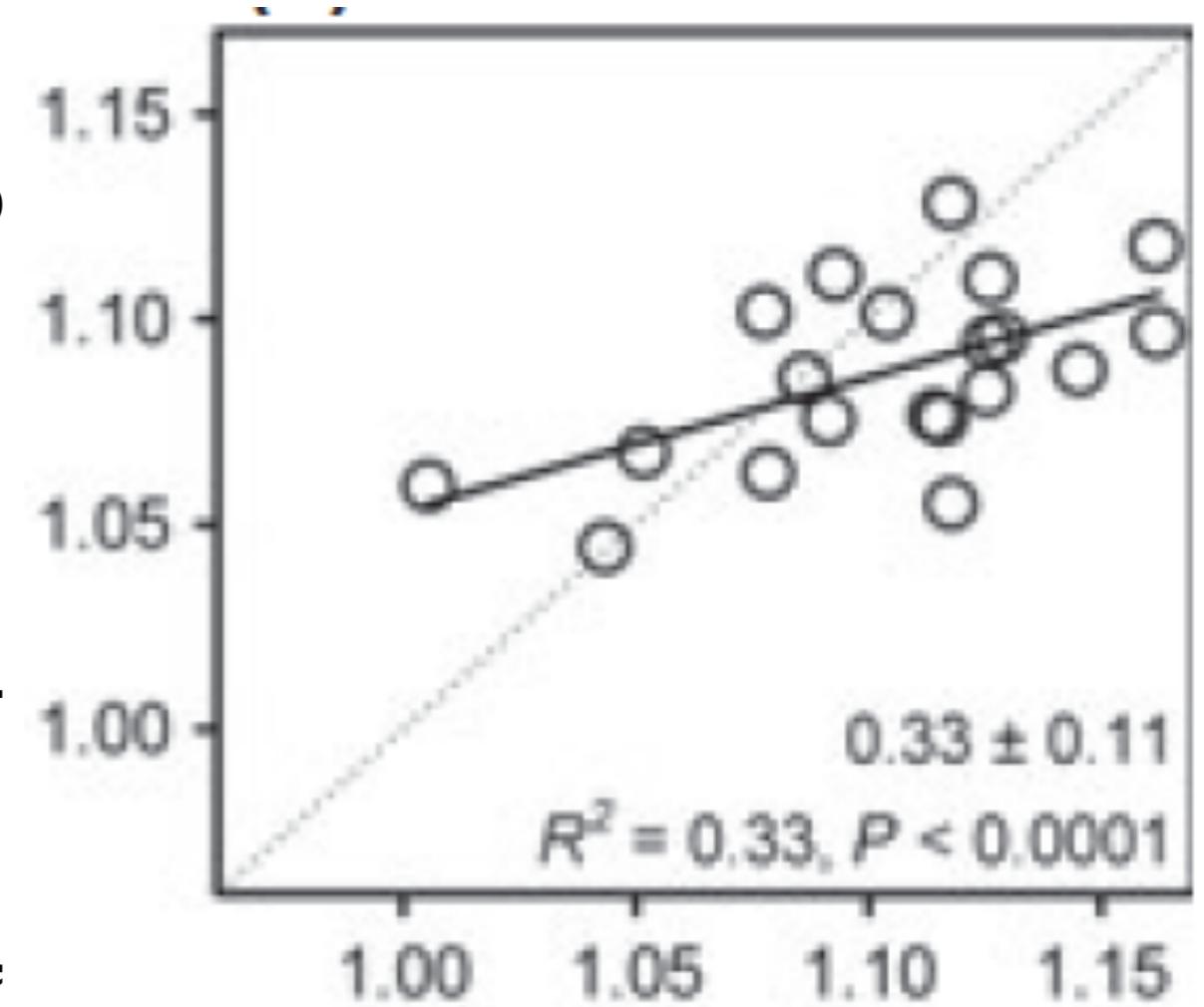
Cost of adaptation, sex

adaptation,
trade-off

Pleiotropic effects of beneficial mutations



adaptation to galactose
(pleiotropic effects on glucose)

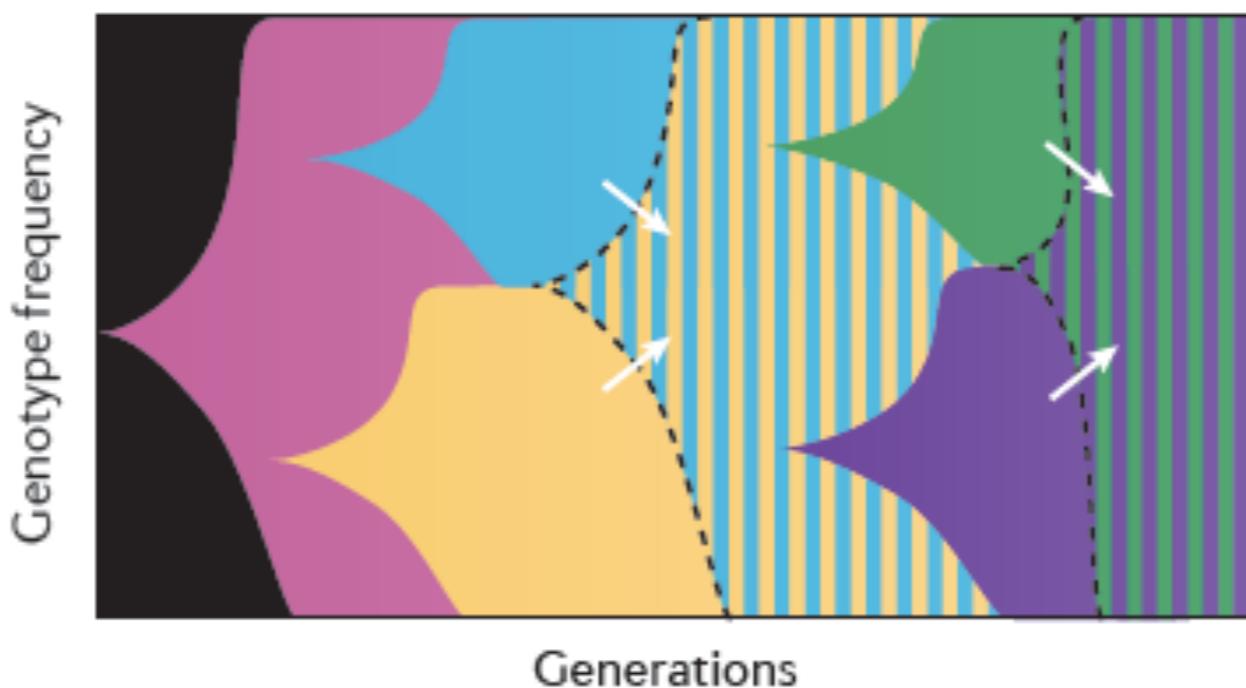
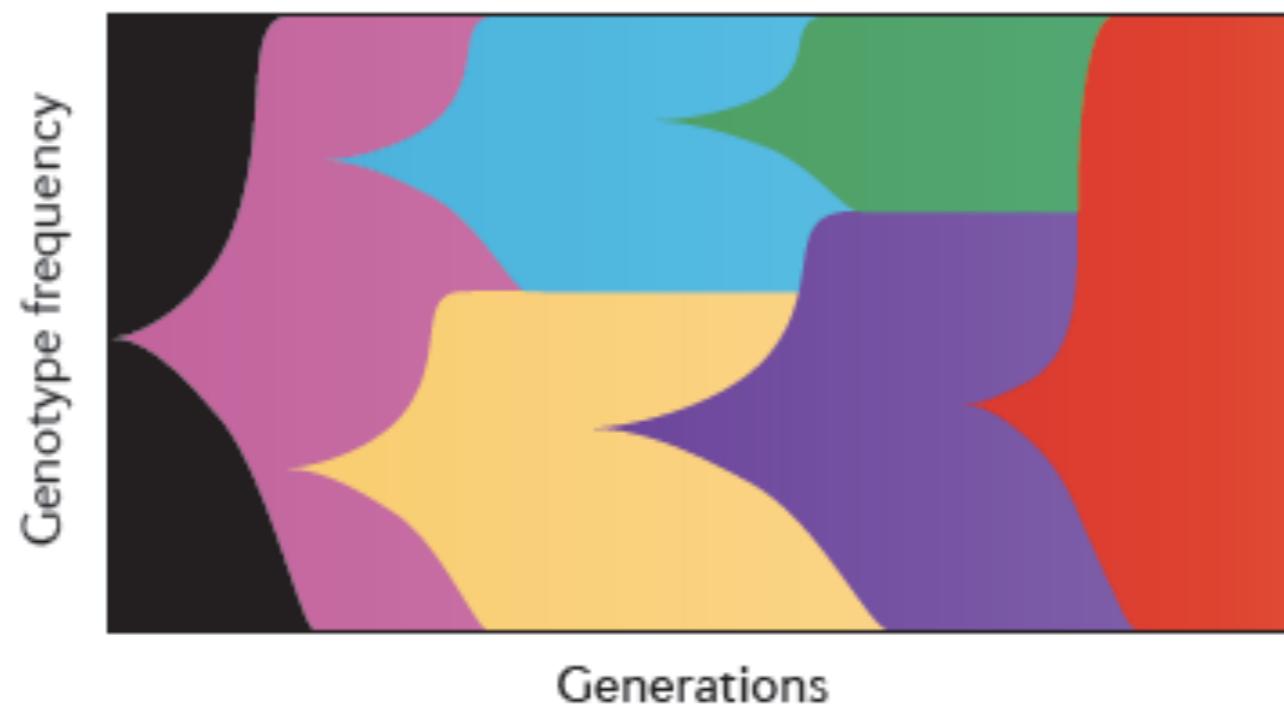


no selection on galactose

adaptation, trade-off
(yeast)

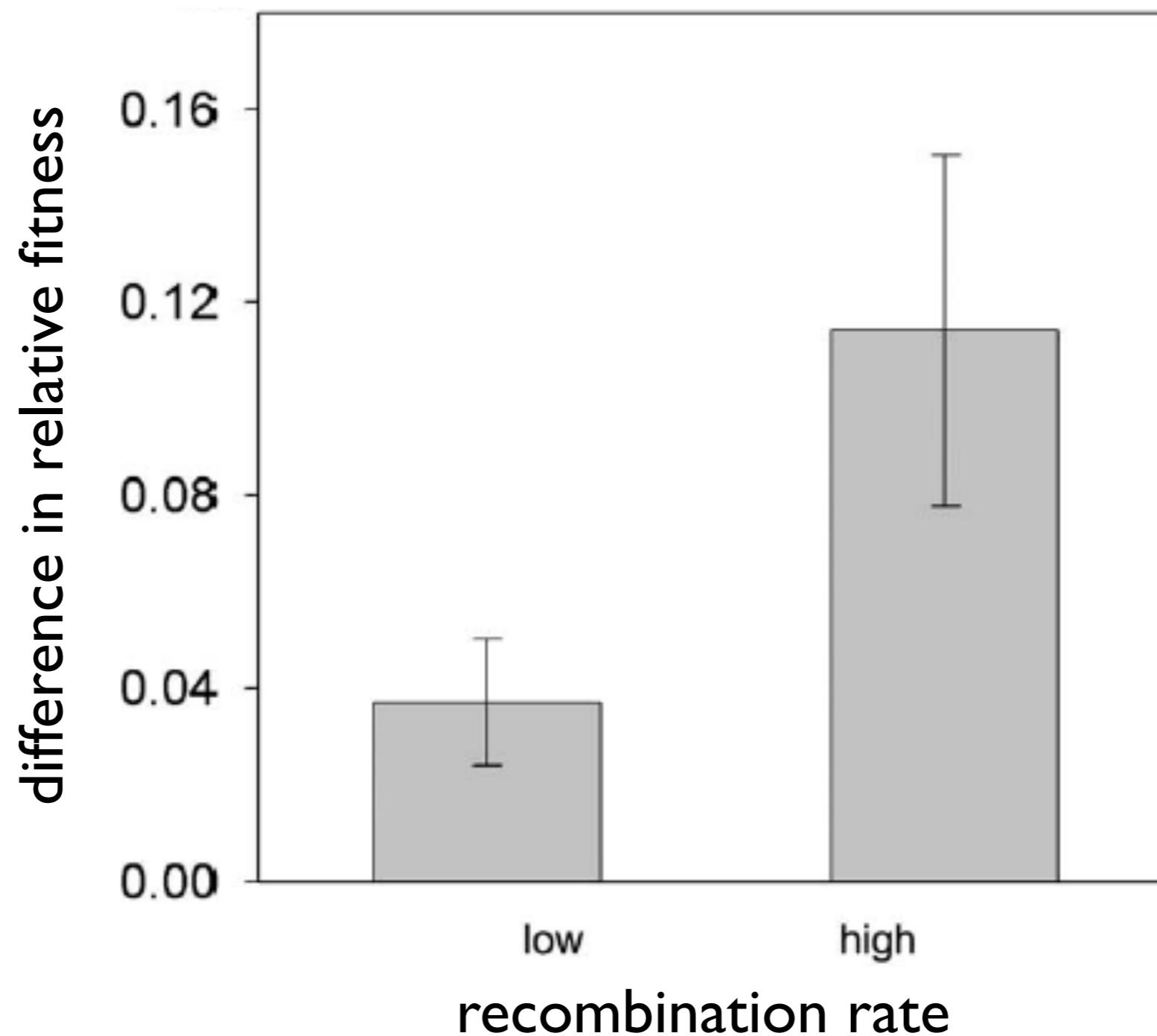
Sex/recombination & rate of adaptation

Sex/recombination?



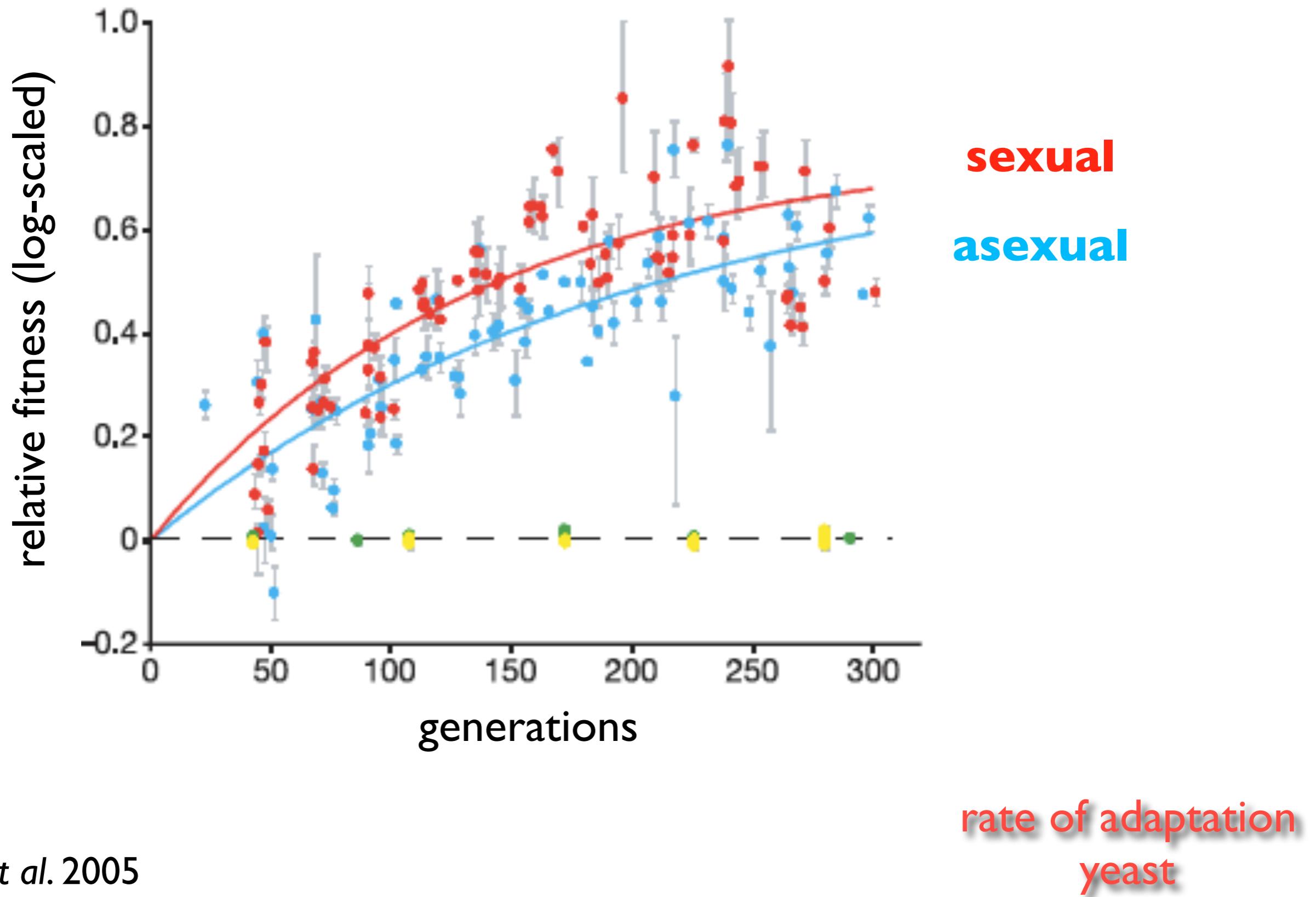
rate of adaptation
Muller Plot

Sex/recombination & rate of adaptation



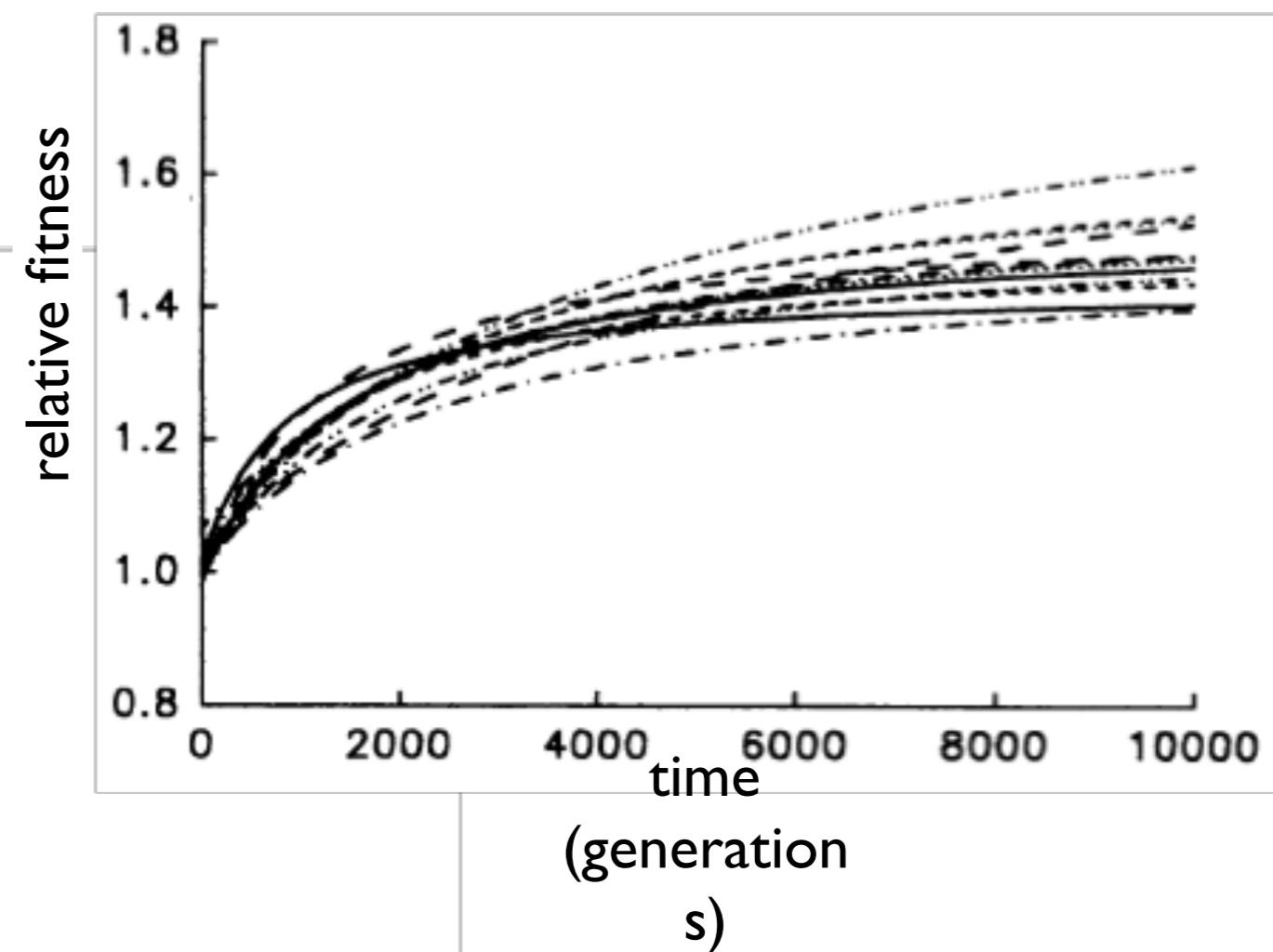
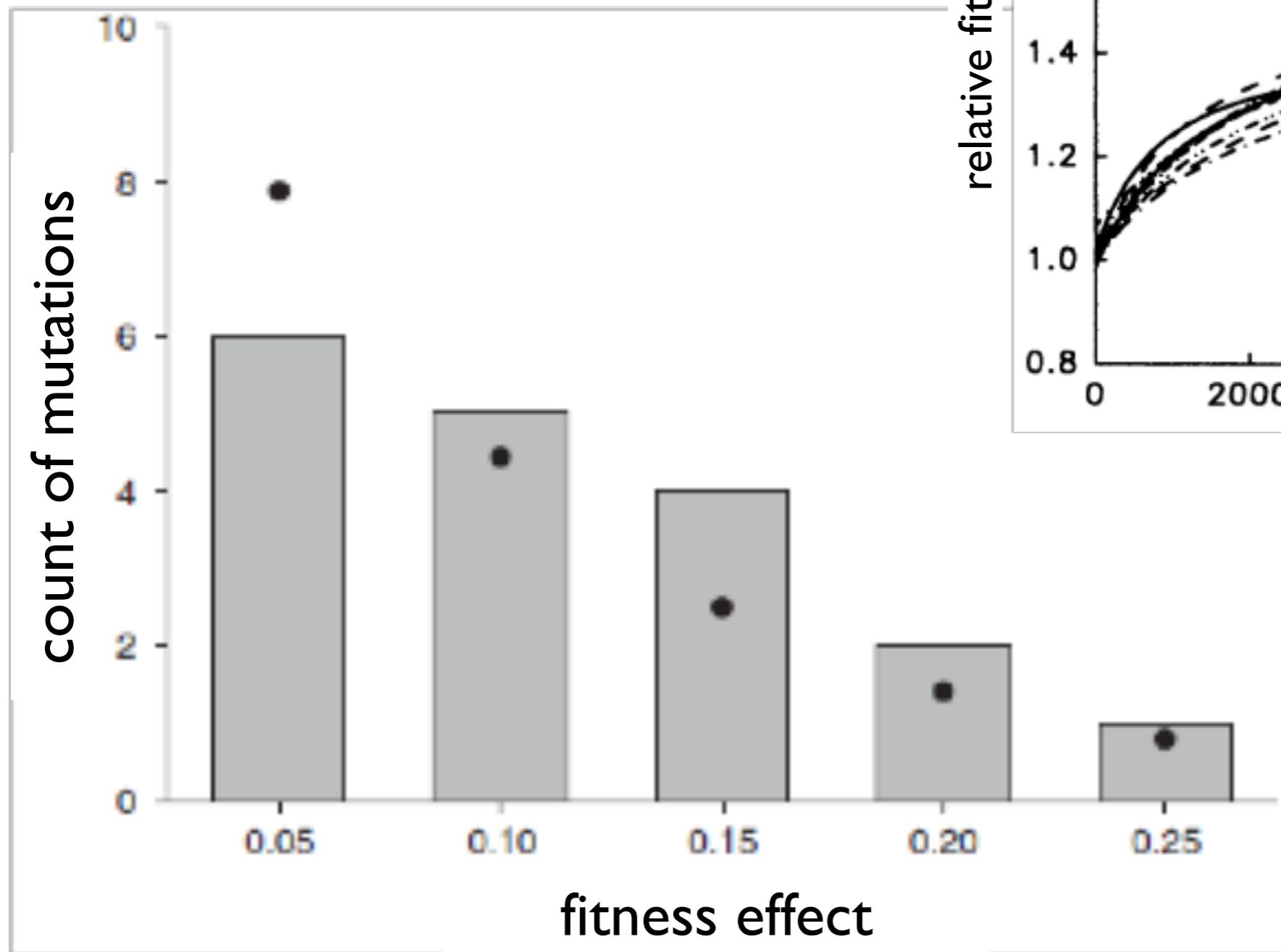
rate of adaptation,
bacteria

Sex/recombination & rate of adaptation



Genetic/genomic bases of adaptation

Fitness effects of beneficial mutations



Alleles & their fitness effects

Table 2 | Tests of fitness effect in competition between isogenic constructs

Gene or region	Fitness effect (%)	Significance
<i>topA</i>	13.3	***
<i>pykF*</i>	11.1	***
<i>spoT</i>	9.4	***
<i>nadR†</i>	8.1	***
<i>glmU</i> promoter	4.9	***
<i>fis</i>	2.9	***
<i>rbs</i> operon†	2.1	***
<i>malT</i>	0.4	**
<i>ompF‡</i>	-9.7	**

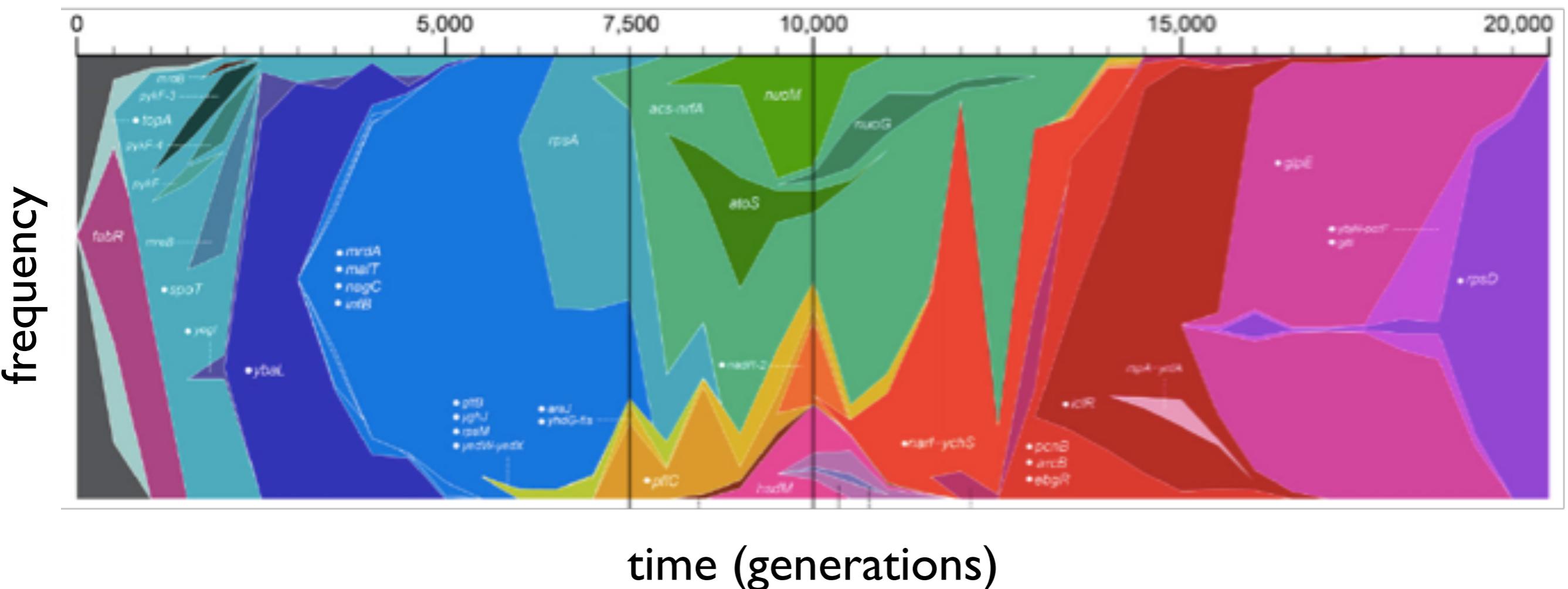
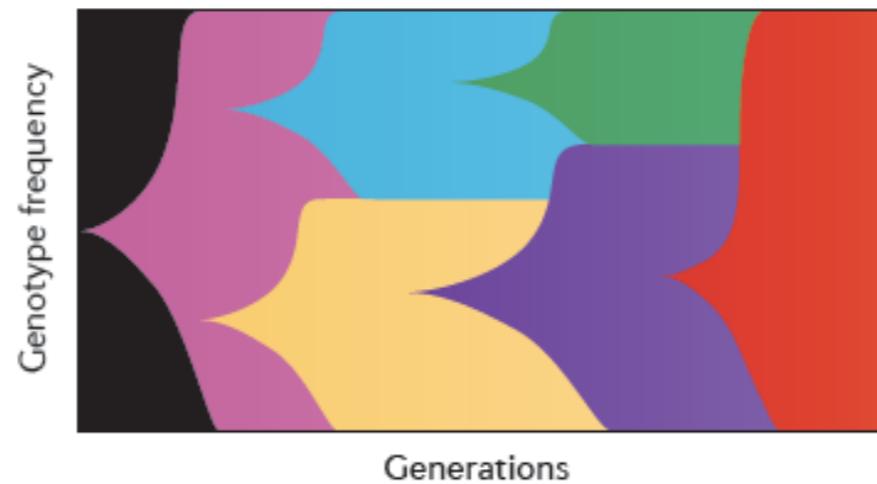
“Tape of life”: Parallel mutations

Table 1 | Frequency of parallel mutations in 11 other independently evolved lines

Gene or region	Function	Parallel mutations (%)
<i>nadR</i>	Transcriptional regulator	100
<i>pykF</i>	Pyruvate kinase	100
<i>rbs</i> operon	Ribose catabolism	100
<i>malT</i>	Transcriptional regulator	64
<i>spoT</i>	Stringent response regulator	64
<i>mrdA</i>	Cell-wall biosynthesis	45
<i>infB</i>	Translation initiation factor 2	45*
<i>fis</i>	Nucleoid-associated protein	27
<i>topA</i>	DNA topoisomerase I	27
<i>pcnB</i>	Poly(A) polymerase	27
<i>ompF</i>	Outer-membrane porin	18*
<i>rpsD</i>	30S ribosomal protein	18*
<i>rpsM</i>	30S ribosomal protein	0
<i>glmU</i> promoter	Cell-wall biosynthesis	0

* In addition to populations with substitutions, one or more others were polymorphic.

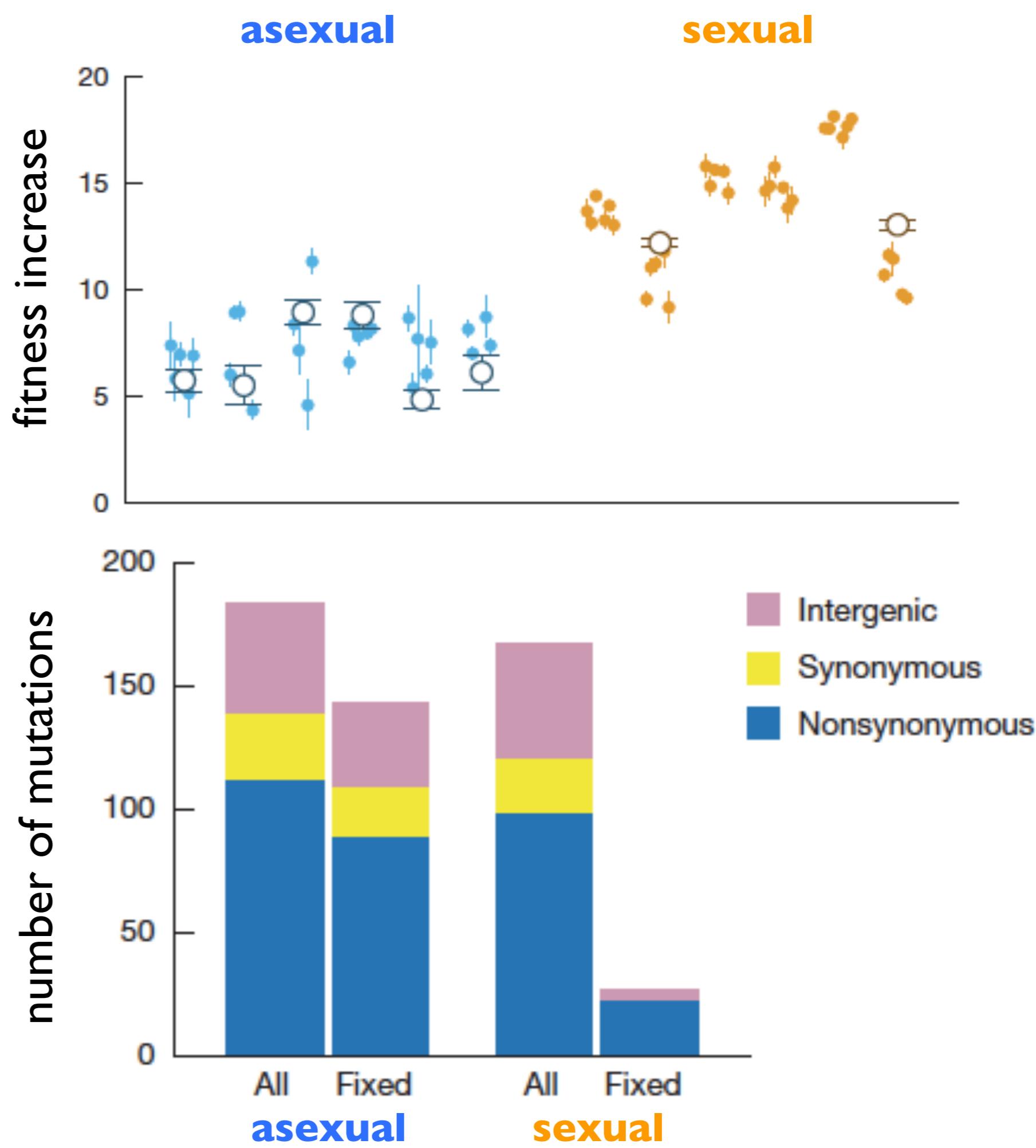
Muller plots from NGS data

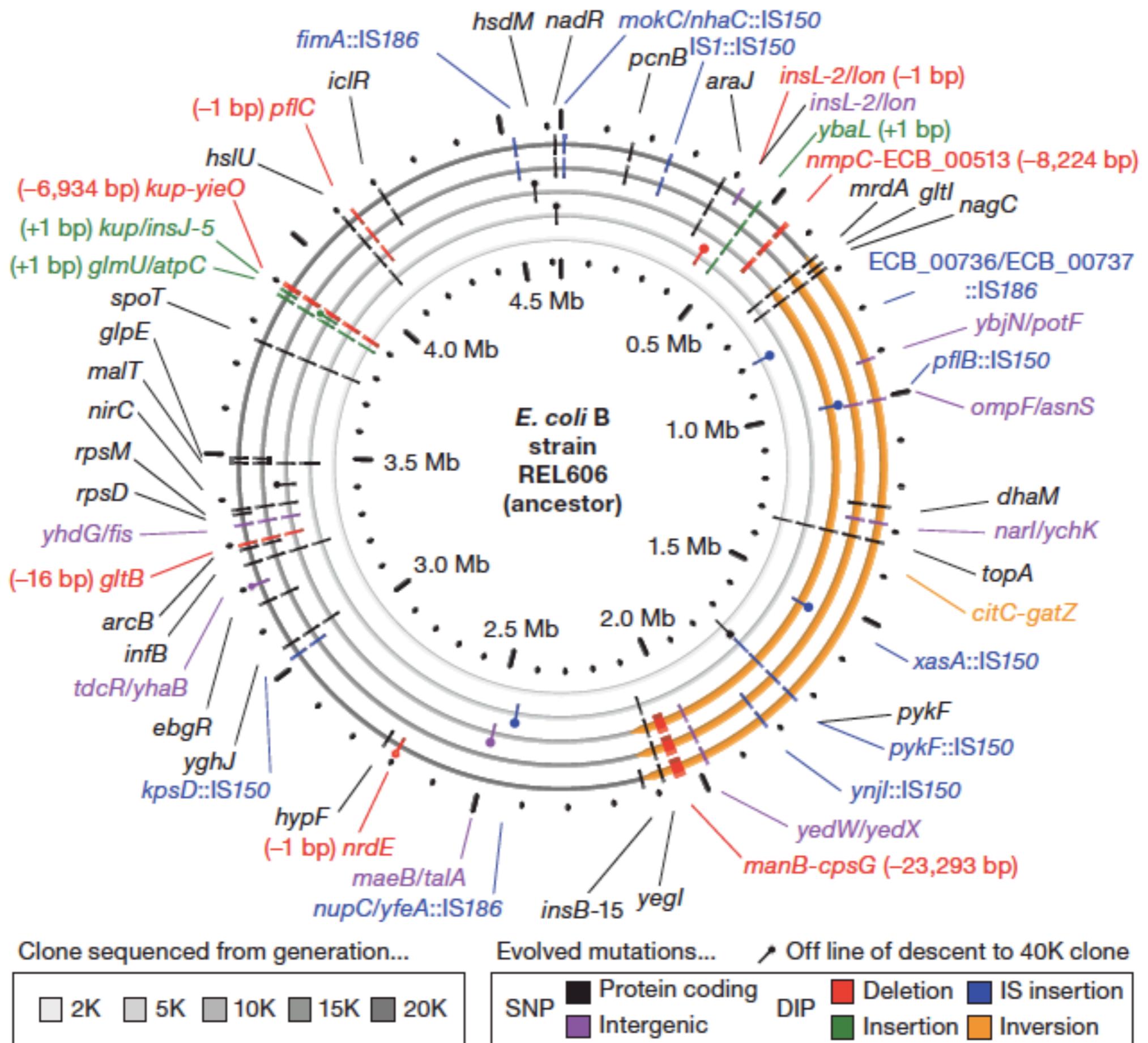


Genetics of adaptation: sex

genetics
of
adaptation

McDonald et al. 2016

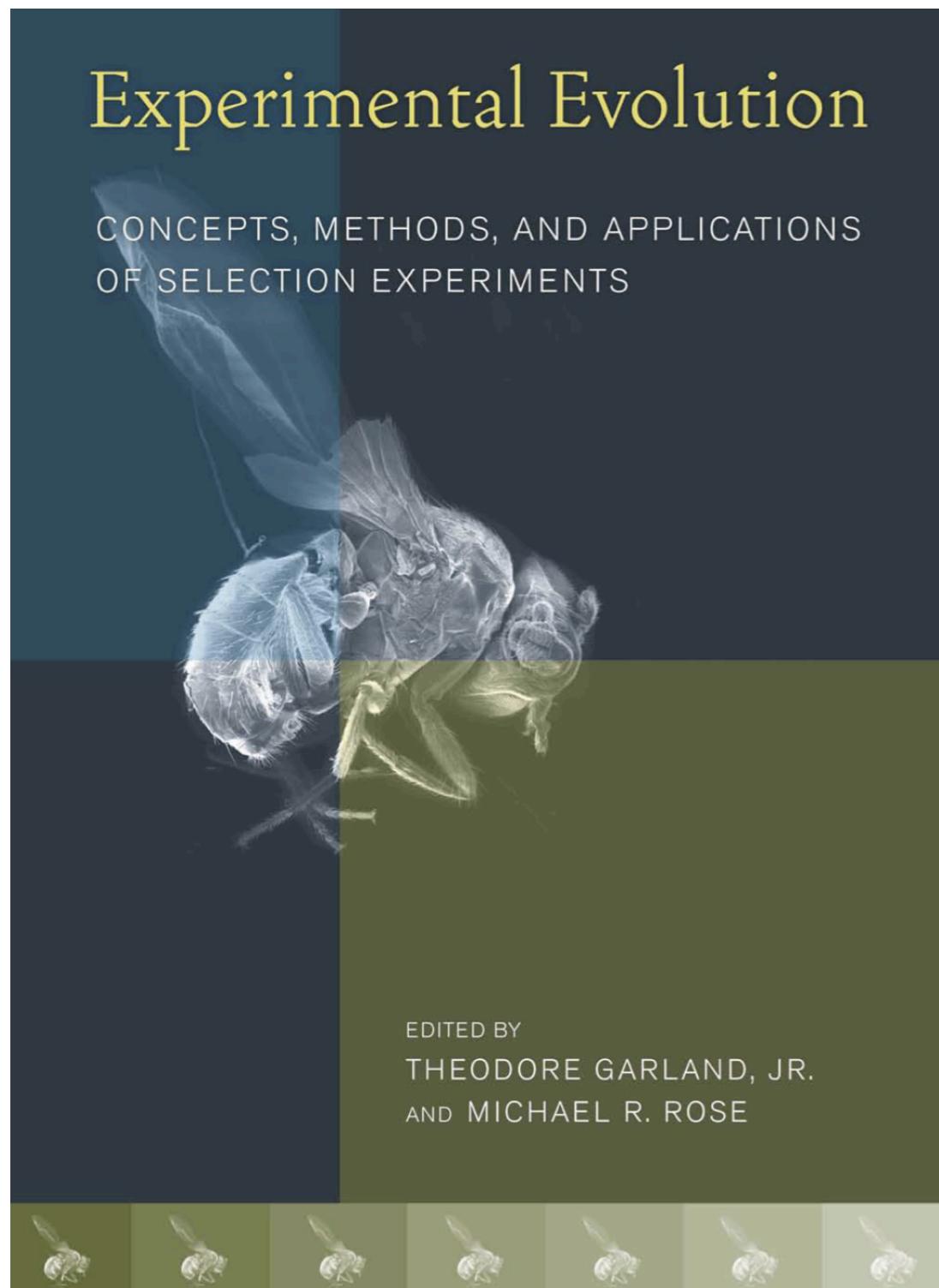




Limitations of experimental evolution

too simplified,
growth parameters are not widely applicable,
nutrient levels are arbitrarily selected,
ignores ecological complexity

Further reading

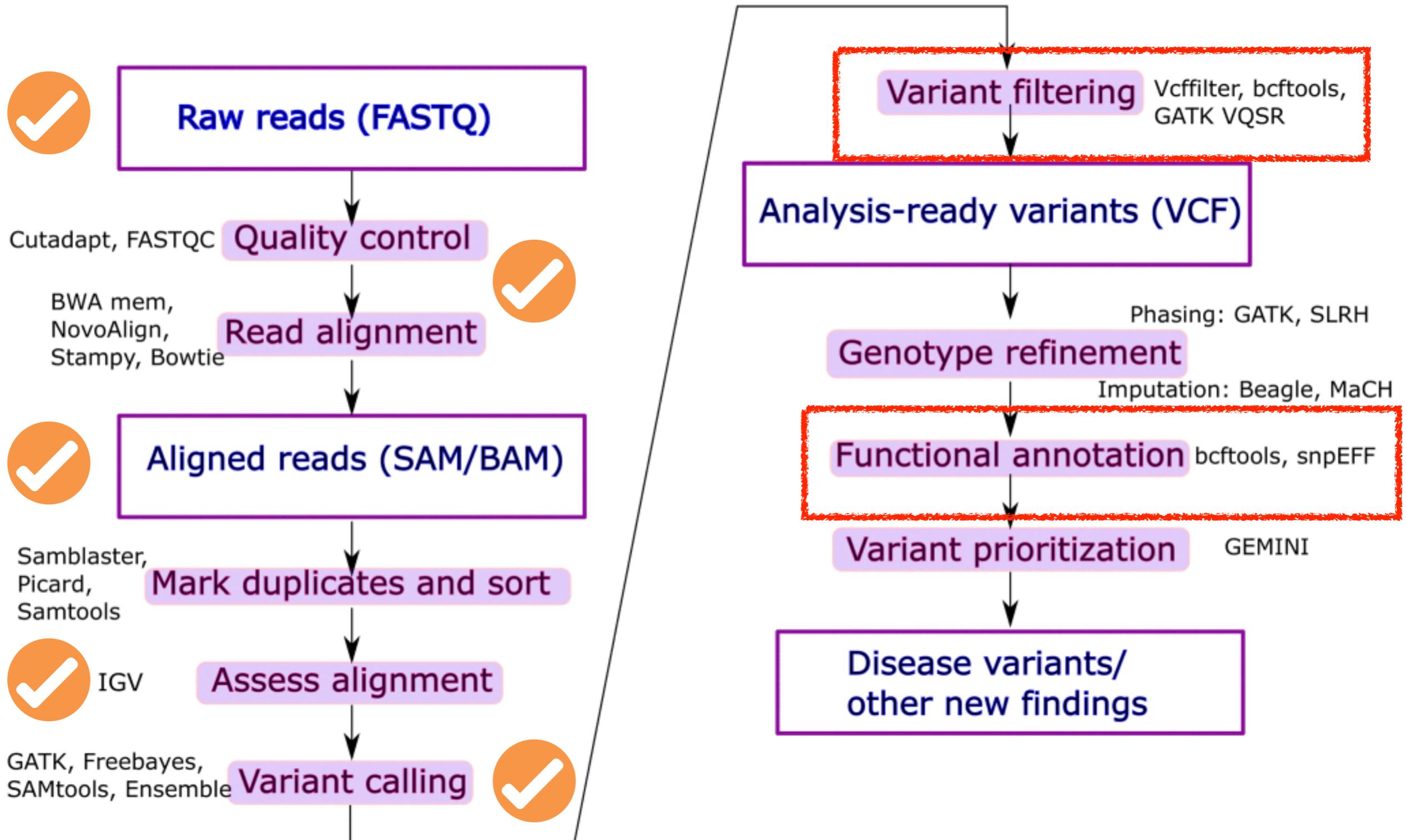


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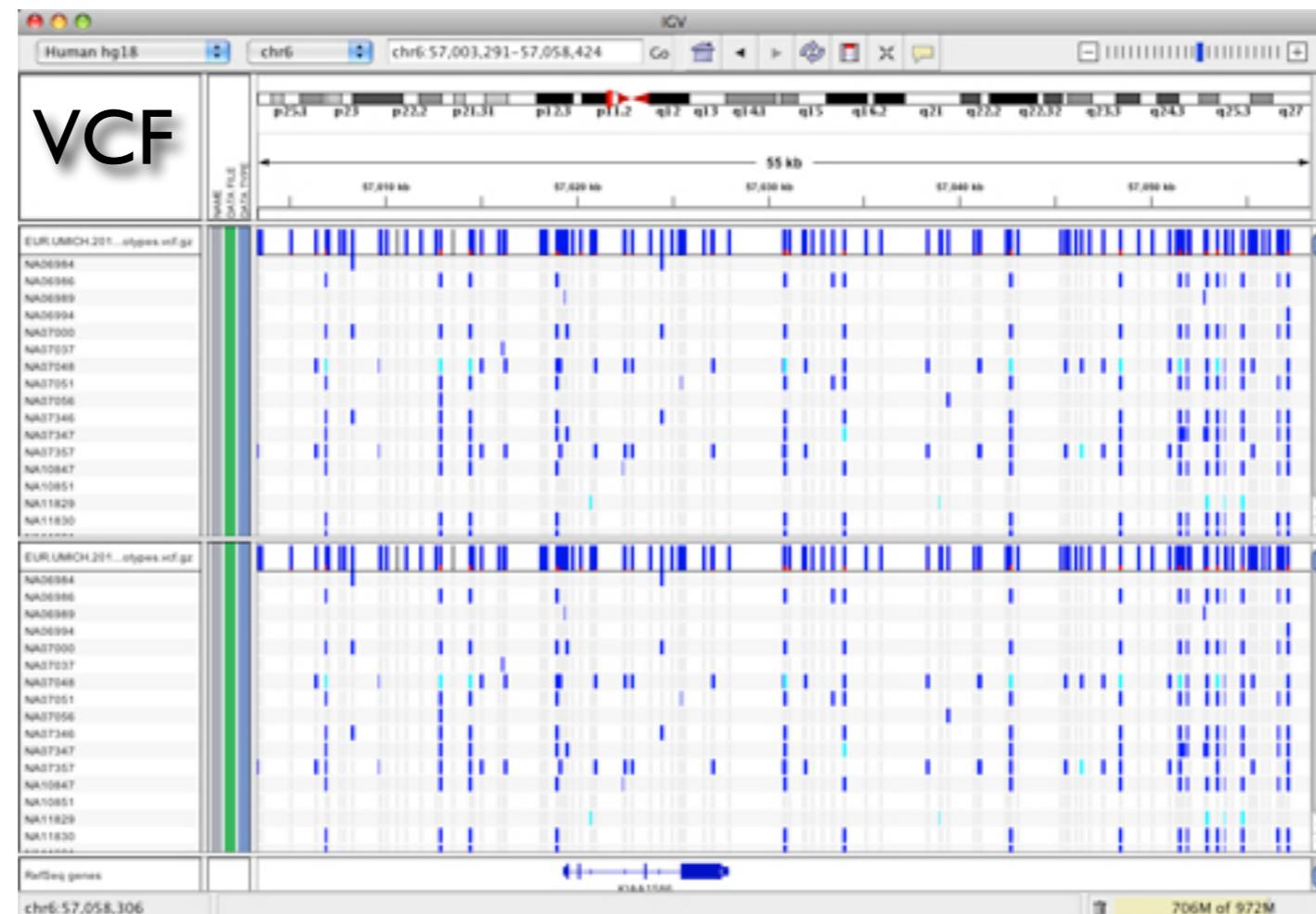
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Find
variants
(VCF files)
in ancestor

Find
variants
(VCF files)
in evolved

Compare
Using
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