MLH1 Results Outline

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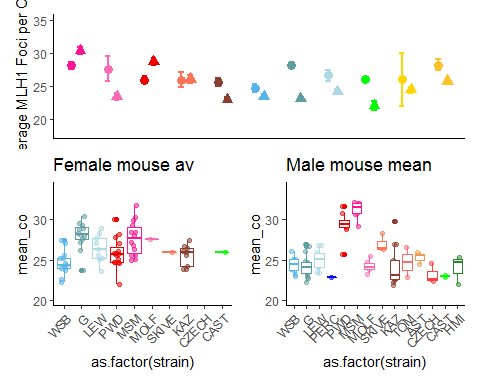
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# Main Figure



~~This is a draft of the main figure. Outgroups are not included in the analysis below. (add horizontal lines for denoting subspecies, group means and expected minimum)~~

# Genome wide recombination rate estimates for both sexes

We used counts of MLH1 foci per cell to estimate the genome wide recombination rates across our panel of 14 wild derived inbred strains sampled from three subspecies within the house mouse species complex; *M. m. domesticus,* *M. m. musculus* and *M. m. molossinus*. Mean MLH1 foci counts were quantified from a total of 1867 spermatocytes and 1409 oocytes.

The general patterns of heterochiasmy in house mouse are displayed in Figure 1A. Taking note of the direction and the magnitude of the sex differences, our results confirm two general patterns: i) genome wide recombination rates averages are greater females compared to males (female biased heterochiasmy) and ii) the degree of heterochiasmy (F:M rates) is generally low in these house mouse strains, ranging from 1.17 in *domesticusG* to 1.02 in *domesticusLEW*. Three notable exceptions of male biased heterochiasmy are from the strains *musculusPWD*, *molossinusMSM* and *musculusSKIVE*, with heterochiasmy values of 0.88, 0.9 and 0.96 respectively.

Examining the mouse means of MLH1 foci per cell separately for each sex reveal distinct patterns of variation (Figure1 B and C). The female means are evenly distributed around the sex-wide mean of approximately 25 MLH1 foci per cell (Figure1 B). While in males, the strain specific means separate more clearly into two groups of high genome wide recombination rates near 30 MLH1 foci per cell and low genome wide recombination rates, near 23 MLH1 foci per cell (Figure1 C).

# Evolutionary Framework

**M1. Mixed Model**

**M2. Linear Model**

**M3. Linear Model**

**M4. Linear Model**

We applied a series of models to our dataset of mean MLH1 foci counts from 187 mice to fit the patterns of variation across sex, subspecies and strain into an evolutionary framework. All of the effects within the mixed model M1 were highly significant (LRT: subsp p= 1.7210^{-4}, sex p = 3.9710^{-5}, subspecies \* sex p = 3.110^{-5}) and random LTR; strain p= 0).

The linear model results confirm the qualitative observations of sex-specific evolution and significant difference in the degree of sexual dimorphism in genome wide recombination rates. The subspecies fixed effects tested in M2, had weak to no significance (glm; p=0.22 and p= 0.09 for *M. m. musculus* and *M. m. molossinus* respectively), indicating that most of the variance is due to strain effects. As such, we focus on results from M3. The two most significant strain effects were *domesticusG* and *musculusMSM* (p= 1.0410^{-6} and p= 3.9910^{-6} for *domesticusG* and *molossinusMSM* respectively).

In addition to significant strain effects, (glm; p = 0.06 and *molossinusMSM* ~~strain~~ p = 3.9910^{-6}) both *musculusPWD* and *musculusMSM* had significant strain by sex effects (glm; p = 3.8610^{-4} and p = 1.2610^{-4}) *musculusPWD* by male and *musculusMSM* by male.

Combined these results demonstrate that i) the significant sex-specific evolution in MSM and PWD and ii) the larger magnitude of sexual dimorphism/heterochiasmy in *domesticusG*. No significant sex effect showing that the sex effect on mean CO number is not uniform across the sample but has synergy with speciefic strains.

A linear model was run on the sex specific data sets (M4), with 192 male and 144 female mean MLH1 foci.

For the male specific data, *musculusPWD* (glm; p=7.3710^{-10}), *musculusSKIVE* (glm; p=0.01) and *molossinusMSM* (glm; p=2.2310^{-14} ). (with effect sizes ranging from 5, 7, and 2 foci respectively). Given these results, theses strains are classified as ‘high rec’ strains and point to rapid evolution in the recombiantion rate for spermatocytes.

While the female specific linear model has many more had significant strain effects; *domesticusG* (glm; p=2.510^{-6}), *domesticusLEW* (glm; p=0.01), *domesticusPWD* (glm; p=0.02), *domesticusMSM* (glm; p=6.2410^{-6}), *domesticusMOLF*(glm; p=0.08), and *domesticusKAZ*(glm; p=0.1) the effect sizes have a smaller range of four to one, indicateing specific, but small strain effects for the mean number of MLH1 foci per cell.

## Within Mouse Variance in CO Count per Cell

Variance of a trait can contain information pertinent to its mode of evolution and mechanistically could reflect the strength of constraints acting on the trait. We examine the within animal variance in MLH1 foci count per cell within the same models applied to mean MLH1 foci count (replacing mean MLH1 foci count with variance of MLH1 foci across cells as the dependent variable).

The linear models support the general qualitative pattern of females having almost twice as much variance in MLH1 foci per cell compared to males (Figure 1)).

For both the mixed and linear models, sex was the only significant effect (LRT; p= 0, glm; p= 2.310^{-4}). Since the measures for within mouse variance may be more susceptible to technical error effects from the staining protocol (i.e. background noise), we replicated the model analysis using a subset of cells with higher quality scores. These models replicated the results of the full data set with sex being the most significant effect (LTR; p = 0, and glm; p = 2.310^{-4} ).

The sex specific effect linear models indicate that there is no significant difference in the amount of within mouse variance of MLH1 foci counts per cell in males.

While in females, the significance of strain effects was not consistent between the full data set and higher quality dataset - LEW (glm; p = 0) was a significant effect in the full model and PWD (glm; p =0.04) in the higher quality dataset.

(combined the summary of the MLH1 distributions evolution in the mean and consistant pattern of sex differences)

1. The striking differences / patterns of variation across sexes suggest that the genome wide recombination rates have distinct evolutionary trajectories for male and female rates. For female the pattern of Strain averages distributed around a species wide average - fits a model of stabilizing / relaxed / neutral evolution in contrast to the male pattern where there is rapid evolution in a subset of genetic backgrounds / strains which fits a model of directional selection on genome wide recombination rate.

# Evolution of Genome wide recombination rate associated with evolution of mean DSB number

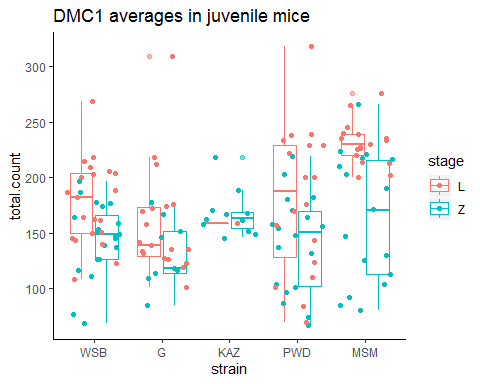


Table X. DMC1 foci counts per cell summary

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|  | category | mean.MLH1 | var.MLH1 | ncells.x | mean.count.x | stage.x | mean.count.L | ncells.y | mean.count.y | stage.y | mean.count.Z | MLH1.L\_ratio | MLH1.Z\_ratio |
| 5 | WSB male | 24 | 0.9 | 21 | 178 | L | 178 | 20 | 144 | Z | 144 | 0.14 | 0.17 |
| 1 | G male | 24 | 1.8 | 19 | 158 | L | 158 | 9 | 132 | Z | 132 | 0.15 | 0.18 |
| 2 | KAZ male | 24 | 5.6 | 1 | 159 | L | 159 | 11 | 167 | Z | 167 | 0.15 | 0.14 |
| 4 | PWD male | 29 | 3.0 | 18 | 180 | L | 180 | 18 | 141 | Z | 141 | 0.16 | 0.21 |
| 3 | MSM male | 31 | 1.1 | 17 | 231 | L | 231 | 17 | 164 | Z | 164 | 0.14 | 0.19 |

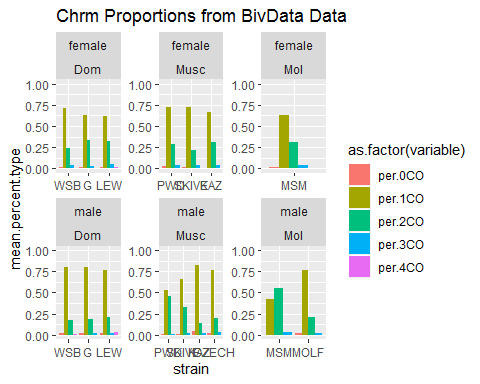
In an attempt to localize the above male specific crossover number evolution within the meiotic pathway we quantified a marker for DSBs, DMC1, in early prophase spermtaocytes. DMC1 foci were scored from a total of 76 leptotene and 75 zygotene staged spermatocytes form juvenile mice (12 to 18 days). A subset of strains were chosen to test for differences between the high and low recombination groups; *musculusPWD*, *molossinusMSM*, *musculusKAZ* , *domesticusWSB* , and *domesticusG* (Figure2). One mouse was sampled for each strain.

For all strains there were significantly more foci from leptotene cells compared to zygotene (t.test; p = 1.0310^{-5}), which reflects the expected patterns across the timing of meiosis. Confirming the prediction that evolution of the mean number of crossovers per cell is associated with evolution of the number of precursors (DSBs), the two high recombining strains tested have significantly more DMC1 foci compared to low recombining strains in leptoene cells (t.test; p=0, one-way-anova; p=0.00027). However, the differences in DMC1 foci were not significant for (later prophase) zygotene cells between the two groups (t.test; p=0.66, one-way-anova; p=0.15). Indicating that this marker at early prophase is more predictive of the downstream crossover number differences.

After DSB formation, DSBs are repaired as either NCO or CO (CO designation step). The vast majority of DSBs are repaired as NCOs, with a minority (in most species) of approximately 10% are repaired as crossovers.

The ratios of mean CO : mean DMC1 , are not significantly different between the high rec and low rec strains (t.test; p = 0.94 and p=0.11 for leptotene and zygotene based ratios respectively). These results indicate that the targets of evolution which lead to differences in crossover numbers may be established before DSB formation (cite Baier et al 2014).

# Evolution of genome wide recombination rate is reflected at the single chromosome level



We distill the variance observed in the mean MLH1 foci counts per cell to number of MLH1 foci per chromosomes (bivalent). Because our observations of MLH1 foci are made in pachytene cells, our chromosome observations are fully synapsed paired homologous chromosomes (4n copies of each chromosomes). Additionally we can distinguish the identity of individual chromosomes (Chromosome 1 or Chromosome 2). for these reasons we use the term bivalent.

Ninety six percent of the pooled dataset of single bivalents (n=34982) have either one or two crossovers (Figure X). The proportion of 1CO:2CO distinguishes the high and low rec strains (Figure X).

This confirms the intuitive interpretation that high recombination strains are enriched for 2CO bivalents at the expense of 1CO bivalents. Across the female observations the proportions of chromosome classes are not notably different.

In the high rec strains the 2CO proportions are 0.33 ( *musculusSKIVE* ), 0.44 ( *musculusPWD* ), and 0.53 (*molossinusMSM* ).

While the proportions are significantly different (chi-square-test; p = 0.06),Males from *musculusPWD* and *molossinusMSM* have 2CO proportions more similar to each other than strains from the same subspecies ( *musculusPWD* and *musculusKAZ* chi-square test; 2CO p=3.1510^{-33}) and *molossinusMSM* and *molossinusMOLF* chi-square test; 2CO p=4.7210^{-13}).

# Single Bivalent Level Results

In order to deconstruct the cell wide MLH1 counts deconstruct we look at the recombination landscape at the single bivalent level. From our total set of cell images 10458 single bivalent were isolated by the image analysis software. After the human curation step, 9829 single bivalent measures were left. We use these observations to look at the recombination landscapes, here refering to the i) total length of the SC ii) the position of single crossovers along bivalents and iii) the spacing between multiple COs on the same bivalent.

A potential downside of the image analysis algorithm we used is that not all bivalents per cell are isolated. The ranges of rates of isolating chromosomes per cell are 0.51 in *molossinusMSM* male to 0.72 ) *musculusKAZ* female, we assume that the isolation process is not biased. However, because there are hundreds of observations per category, we assume the set of single bivalents are equally representative of general patterns.

Using this data set, we address two main questions 1) Which traits are sexually dimorphic? and 2) Which traits fit distinguish the high and low recombining strains for males?

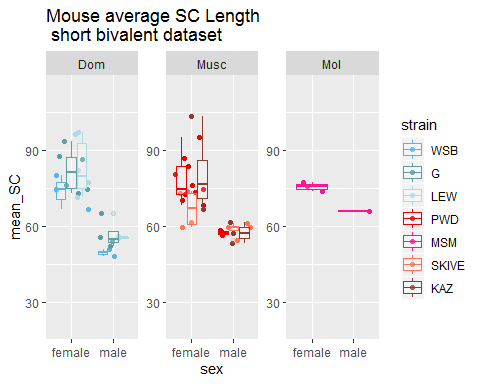
(in our analysis our first step is to test for measurable differences, between sexes or rec.groups and is the differences are significant, our second step is to apply the same sets of models applied to the mean MLH1 foci counts to test / describe the effects due to subspecies or strains.

# Q1 Sex Differences in SC-AE Lengths

(in many mammal species – SC lengths are longer in females - yet most all of these observations come from female biased heterochiasmy species) – Our data set provides an opportunity to test (how SC length and chromatin compaction relates to heterochiasmy)

if the canonical female biased heterochiasmy pattern and long SC lengths are uncoupled in instances / our strain with male-biased heterochiasmy (*musculusPWD* and *molossinusMSM*). A simple model might predict if SC length is the strongest predictor for number of MLH1 foci er cell the high recombining males would have longer SC length proportional to differences in the number of MLH1 foci per cell.

To account of the obvious confounding effect of sex chromosome differences in females and males, we use a reduced bivalent data set made up of chromosomes (below the 2nd quartile for SC length of single cells) to make single bivalent groups which exclude the XX homologs from the female data. A total of 678 ‘short’ bivalents were isolated from 140 oocytes and spermatocytes. Even though this smaller data set has decreased power, it offers a more comparable set of SC-AE metrics across the sexes.



For all but one strain, *musculusSKIVE*, the mouse mean for the short bivalents are significantly longer   
**r the magnitude differences between the mouse mean short bivalent SC range from X to X**

(t.test; p = 0.02, p =0.00049, and p=0.0016 for *domesticusWSB*, *domesticusG* and *domesticusLEW* respectively. This pattern is also true for the musculus strins (t.test; p= 0.00011, 0.06, and 0.11 for *musculusPWD* , *musculusKAZ* , *musculusSKIVE* respectively.

An additional measure of a smaller subset of single bivalents (which excludes the sex chromosomes), we tested/compared a measure of the SC lengths for the whole genome (whole cells) using an image analysis algorithm which measures the skeletonized bivalent and provides an accurate measure of the lengths of single SC/bivalents (ref RWang).

We apply a skeletonizing image analysis algorithm to all MLH1 meiocyte spreads. A total of X images were run through the image analysis pipeline, and after outliers removed, X remained. Mouse means were calculated for their total SC area per cell and are displayed in figure X.

The comparison of this metric is somewhat complicated across sexes due to the sex chromosomes. Briefly/in effect the oocytes have an additional autosome, and the spermatocytes have a mostly recombinationally inactive unit of SC (the XY).

In all of the strains the means of total SC per cell was significantly greater in females than males (ttest; *domesticuesWSB*  p = 0.00000032, *domesticuesG*  p = 0.0000000027, *domesticuesLEW*  p = 0.0000000019, *musculusPWD*  p = 0.00085, KAZ p = 0.00000087, *molossinusMSM*  0.027

~~<~~**~~t.test results for total.SC~~** ~~all values (F vs M) (p= 1.4710^{-26}) Dom (F vs M) – (ttest; p=4.1910^{-15}) Musc (F vs M) – (ttest; p=1.1510^{-9}) (note, missing SKIVE, not enough female measures)  
MSM (F vs M) – (ttest; p= 0.03)>~~

We fit both of the SC based metrics, mean short bivalent length and mean total SC models applied to mean MLH1 foci count per cell to test for effects from the strain and subspecies.

~~follow up the general result of females have longer SC lengths – by applying the same model frameworks which we used to analyze the mean MLH1 foci per cell – to understand the evolutionary framework.~~

**M1. Mixed Model**

**M2.Linear Model**

**M3. Linear Model**

In the mixed models for the sex differences mean **short bivalents** length as the dependent variable, sex is the most significant effect (LTR; p =6.910^{-11}). The interaction (subspecies by sex) effect was also slightly significant (p = 0.13).

~~For the mixed model run on the mean total SC metric, there are more significant effects for strain and subsp~~

In the mixed model using mean **total sc** all of the coefficients were significant,

~~per cell as the dependent variable, the three fixed effects and one random effect were significant~~ (LTR; subsp p= 0, sex p = 1.210^{-31}, and interaction p = 7.1210^{-4}, random LRT; strain p = 0).

In linear models (M2 and M3) for **mean short bivalent length**, sex is the most significant coefficient(M2 glm; p =0 and M3 glm; p = 0) (with slight significant strain and interaction effects~~In the linear model M2 the skive strain and strain by sex effects are slightly significant~~ (glm; p=0.03, p =0.09 for SKIVE strain and SKIVE male effects respectively).

The following effects had significant p values for the **total SC** from the above model (for the linear models M2 and M3), subspecies *musculus* (glm M2; p = 2.1410^{-4}), subspecies *molossinus* (glm M2; p =6.2410^{-4}), sex male (glm M2; p =4.310^{-8}), strain lew p =5.910^{-6}, strain g p =1.7410^{-11}.

For M3 in the mean total SC lengths there were many strain effects are significant, but the largest are sex (glm M3; p = 4.310^{-8}) but also some strain effects, G strain (glm M3; p = 1.7410^{-11}), LEW strain (glm M3; p = 5.910^{-6}), PWD strain (glm M3; p = 6.2710^{-5}).

Supporting the strong sex difference and also indicating that SC length has evolved across strains within this panel, when chromatin condensation is summarized at the whole cell level.

~~<1. the longer female sc’s is consistent and seen across all strains, even in the high rec strains, suggest a decoupling of sc and gwRR - when comparing across sexes – or the sc area is used differently for CO in oocytes and spermatocytes. 2. when the total sc per cell is compared, domesticus males have significantly lower SC arae compared to molossinus and musculus strains. Except in Q2 I Say this isn’t true.>~~

~~Adjusting for XX~~

~~Summarize for now, refine this section later.~~

1. ~~illustrate problem(affects mostly SC length)~~
2. ~~Expected impact on sex comparisons, estimated effect size of the X~~
3. ~~(prove general pattern that ALL bivalents are longer), chrms sorted by bin comparisons~~
4. ~~permutations of 19 female, 19male, 20female 20 male~~

-following up on SC area - with how COs are place - placement and number of COs on single bivalents

1. Transition, — the SC-AE area can be thought of as the ‘area / available real-estate for COs – these results suggest that this area is ’utilized’ in different ways across sexes and strains - so we next investigate the recombination landscape - (ie the relationship between the placement and number of COs along chromosomes).
2. We focus on two metrics/ aspects i) the placement of single foci along a bivalent (just 1CO) and ii) the placement of two foci on the same bivalent / the interfocal distance of 2CO bivalents (reflects crossover interference)

# Q1. 1CO Position Sex Differences

<intro for 1CO rec landscapes>

We focus on the foci positions from one crossover (1CO n= r) bivalents since the landscape patterns for multi crossover bivalents (2COs) will be highly influenced by crossover interference. The CO positions are normalized by the SC length and anchored at the centromere with the normalized position values ranging from 0 to 1, (referred here as terminal or telomeric position).

In all strains, the 1CO landscape had significant differences between males and female which followed the ‘typical landscape’ of females having central positions and males have terminal foci positions.

(These results were also supported by the Mixed model which

For the mixed model, sex is the most significant effect (LTR; p =1.2610^{-25}).The random effect of strain is also significant (LRT; p =0.01).

~~In the domesticus strains the mean normalized foci positions were significantly different between sexes and fit the predictions of the ‘typical recombination landscape’~~

~~The p values across the strains are; (t.test; p = 4.0610^{-4}, 1.6710^{-5}, and 6.9110^{-5} for WSB, G and LEW respectively).~~

~~The musculus and molossinus strains have a similar pattern~~

~~displaying a similar pattern (t.test p = 9.2710^{-5} and 0.04) PWD and MSM. Two musculus strains had a weaker signal, but it was still in the same direction (t.test; p = 0.01, and 0 for KAZ and SKIVE respectively).~~

After confirming the significant sex differences for 1CO position, we apply the model frameworks

**M1. Mixed Model**

**M2. Linear model**

**M3. Linear model**

~~These results confirm the sex difference establish in the t.tests above – and suggesting variation across the strains (in the sexual dimorphism for this pattern).~~

The linear models were used --- to detect if specific strains differed in the sex differences in the 1CO landscape.

While sex was the most significant effect for both M2 and M3

~~The male effects were the most significant~~ (glm M2; p =1.3310^{-7}, glm M3; p = 1.3310^{-7}).

The musc subspecies, LEW and KAZ strains had slightly significant effects (glm M2; Musc subsp p = 0.07, LEW strain p = 0.03) and (glm M3; LEW strain p = 0.03, KAZ strain p = 0.07). (MAKE NOTE of the directions…

(these results will be explored more fully in the Q2 section). The general pattern that emerges across these models is the sex effect being the most significant, (with the male single foci position being more telomeric compared to females).

**Q1. Sex Differences in CO Interference (IFD)**

Crossover interference is one of the major determinates of the recombination landscape. It generates a distribution of evenly spaced crossover along chromosomes instead of a random and more uniform distribution.

~~– shifting it away from random placement of crossovers along chromsomes and to regularly spaceced shifting the CO positions – away from a random (distribution)~~

We isolated 1360 and 1272 2CO bivalents in females and males to test describe sex differences in crossover interference. Mean interfocal distances (IFD) were calculated from 42 female and 45 male mice. We examined both raw IFDraw and normalized by SC length (IFDPER). The mean IFDraw measures of crossover interference as a mechanical force mediated through the SC. We compared the IFDraw to test the hypothesis of interference acting as a mechanical force transmitted through the SC. Previous measures found no sex difference in measures of IFDraw in mice (de Boer et al ).

The difference in mean IFDraw are slightly significant sexes from the full data set (t.test; p = 0.07). However *domesticusG* might be an outlier (by having a larger than average degree of sexual dimorphism ). When the *domesticusG* observations are removed, the difference is not longer significant (t.test; p = 0.27). This indicates there is no general pattern of sex differences in crossover interference measured in physical (SC) units. (confirming deBoer and other models of crossover interference acting through physical/mechanical force).

While the comparisons of the IFDPER metrics can reveal more general landscape patterns while controlling for the underlying differences in chromatin compaction and SC length. Also, this metric is closer to measures of interference from linkage maps which are also removed from physical scales in that they measure frequencies of crossovers. Crossover interference is stronger in male specific linkage maps compared to female maps in a variety of species (ref).

the difference in mean IFDPER are highly significant between sexes.

The mean IFDPER are significantly long in six of seven strains (MSM t.test; p-value = 0.01), *musculusSKIVE* p-value = 4.310^{-5}), *musculusPWD* p-value = 2.2810^{-4}), *molossinusMSM* p-value =0.01), *domesticusLEW* p-value = 3.5710^{-5}), *domesticusG* p-value = 0.05), and *domesticusWSB* (t.test; p-value =0.03) ). Only *musculusKAZ* did not have a difference in mean IFDPER (t.test; p-value = 0.33).

~~These results indicate a general pattern of two foci are separated by more of the bivalent in males area (hence stronger interference) in males.~~

GENERAL RESTULTS – DIFFERENCES between sexes

In examining the IFD^PER^ distributions, we note that

the female norm IFD are centered at ~50% – but they also seem to have slight an enrichment of short (<25%) normalized IFDs

**While the general pattern in the male distributions – are enrichment longer IFD^PER^. (**however we note that there are slight differences in the IFD^PER^ distributions between the high and low rec males

~~We examined the distributions of 2CO IFD~~~~PER~~ ~~to better describe how the means / distributions of this metric are different between the sexes.~~

~~We note that in females there are/ may be signals of upper and lower thresholds for IFD~~~~PER~~~~.~~

the female norm IFD are centered at ~50% – but they also seem to have a higher rate of short (<25%) normalized IFDs. There seems to be a 25% norm.IFD cutoff (in females) – but some mice seem to have less of this cut off. another way to describe these results is in terms of thresholds (where the distributions end) with the general pattern of this sex difference is that the IFDPER distribution is pushed higher (females have mean of .5 IFDPER where as males have a IFDPER mean of ~.6?)

~~The differences between the sexes is slightly different depending on if the males are in the high rec group. In the low rec strains (Dom + KAZ)… (both males and females IFD distributions have lower and upper thresholds around 25% and 75%) respectively. however the weight of observations are slightly shifted across the sexes. There’s an enrichment of lower IFD~~~~PER~~ ~~in females relative to males, while the opposite is true for the higher threshold – where males have an enrichment of higher/long IFD~~~~PER~~ ~~compared to females.~~

~~In the three high rec strains the distributions have a more striking difference of the lower threshold being much higher in males, approximately 30% to 40% compared to 25% in females. Also while the female upper threshold is capped at 75%, in males (some strains have higher upper thresholds – and it’s more likely to observe IFD~~~~PER~~ ~~above the threshold.~~

~~Since the most significant t.test were significantly different across sexes for IFD~~~~PER~~ ~~and we follow up with the model framework to.~~

To test for strain specific effects we applied the model framework

**M1. Mixed Model**

**M2. Linear Model**

**M3. Linear model**

For the Mixed models of IFDs, sex is a significant effect for both raw and nrmIFD

(IFD.PER), sex is most significant effect (LRT: p = 6.7410^{-14}) subspecies, interaction are slightly significant (not shown).

~~glm M2, sex (glm; p= 0.01) p = .0080~~

~~male\*PWD p = 0.02 (glm; p =0.03)~~

~~male \* SKIVE p = 0.0058 (glm; p=0.01)~~

~~for~~ **~~glm M3~~**

~~sex / male p = 0.01 and male\*SKIVE just slightly significant (p = 0.06~~

For the normalized values in both M2 and M3, sex is a significant effect, increasing nrm.IFD in males. SKIVE\*male is the only other consistently significant effect (p = male \* SKIVE p = 0.0058 (glm; p=0.01) and p = 0.06

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, which also increases the nrm.IFD measure. (major differences are due to sex – but there has been sex specific evolution across strains).

Our comparison of interference across sexes – supports / applies with general patterns /results from the literature:

When interference is measured in physical SC units, – the differences between sexes – is low / only slightly significant

IFD raw is not significantly different (t.tests and models?). – indicating that the

While when the variance in chromatin compaction is controlled – males have stronger interference – (like genetic maps) – the impact on the rec landscapes being ….

~~Overall there is a low amount of significant effects across the 2CO IFD measures. This might be an indication that interference is conserved across these samples and/or that there is too much noise across from chromosome specific effects.~~

We tested the sex differences – now we focus on the largest aspect of variation, the high rec males vs the low rec males. **The main objective of this section is to test for significant correlations with the evolution of mean MLH1 foci per cell.**

single bivalent based metrics are compared within males – first level is to tests for significant differences between the high and low rec groups and the second being to follow up with linear models that test for effects of subspecies and strains.

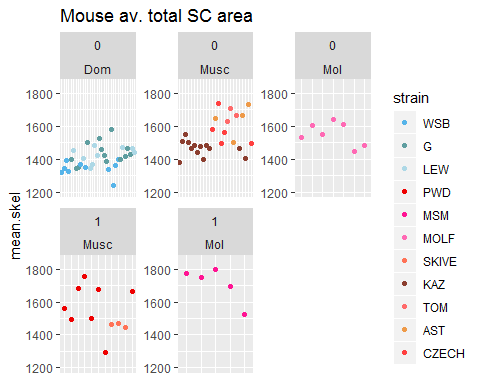
(within strain predictions based on MLH1 variation for SC length interference); i) no strain effects within domesticus, ii) PWD will be greater than SKIVE, which will be greater than KAZ and other strains and iii) msm will be greater than MOLF. The same predictions can be applied for IFD^PER^, but reversed.

# Q2 SC Length

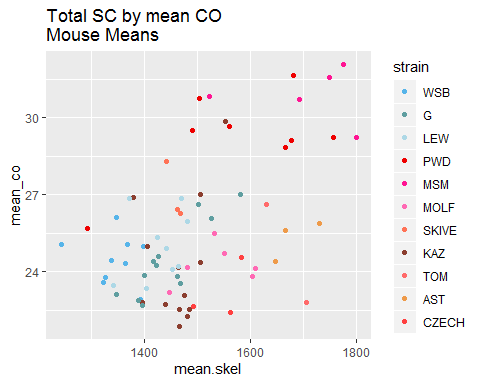
<motivation: the positive correlation, Our prediction for this metric is that the high rec strain will have longer sc lengths (axis lengths)>

While testing the sex differences, there were results (the significant subspecies effect) which suggest that the musculus and molossinus strains had longer SC compared to the domesticus strains - these two strains also contain the high rec strains - motivating a model/hypothesis that sc length / chromatin compaction evolution may proceed - facilitate the rapid male specific evolution in gwRR

The confounding effects of sex chromosomes are removed in this section that makes comparisons within males. Three sc based metrics; total SC, mean short bivalent length and mean long bivalent length. With long bivalents isolated in the same manner as the short bivalent.



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**Mouse means of total SC area for Higher rec strains are significantly higher compared to low rec strains (ttest; p = 0.01).**

when the groups are compared within subspecies, Molossinus have significant difference between mouse means for total sc, between the high and low strains (mol p = 0.03). The total sc mouse means are not significant for the high and low strains in musc (musc p= 0.87).

short and long bivalent t.tests ---!

**The mouse means for the reduced bivalent datasets (short and long) are not significantly different between the high and low rec strains (for the total pooled data) (ttest; short p = 0.88 and long p = 0.18).**

**(glms) For the total SC glm**

**M2.**

**M3.**

~~SKIVE > the rest 3. Msm > mol>~~

For total SC in M1 (glm including subsp), the two subspecies effects are significant (glm; p= Musculus 1.2410^{-6} and Molossinus p= 10^{-6})

In the short bivalent data set, analyzed by M1, both subspecies are sig (glm; p= Musculus 0 and Molossinus p= 0.01).

**For the long bivalent dataset, In M1 where the subsp are tested, only Musc is significant (glm; Musc p= 0.04). The significant strain effects in M1 are slight just MSM (glm; MSM p= 0.09).**

**For the long bivalent dataset, In M2 (limited to just the strain effects) a few strain effects are significant (glm; MSM p = 0.01, SKIVE 0.07 and CZECH p = 0.04).**

**Summary Points**

* confirm that the positive correlation of SC and CO number is maintained
* Predicted differences, between High and low strains OR between Dom and Musc/Mol, are generally not met. only have significant p values when the single bivalent levels are used.
* (the glms, indicate there are many strain effects), Using the mouse average SC lengths, in the full data set all strain effects are significant. This is an indication that there is more variation for the SC lengths than for gwRR / CO counts.
* For the M3 models of mouse av.s across SC metrics, for many of the SC metrics, most all of the strain effects are significant
* for the M2 models of the mouse av, musc - mol are significant fixed effects
* many strain effects, complications in the SC metrics; short/long single bivalents have lower sample size and the total SC might have noise due to the algorithm / differences in the imaging
* th predictions for M3 (strain) differences (motivated by the gwrr variation are not met, (correlation of SC means and CO means?))

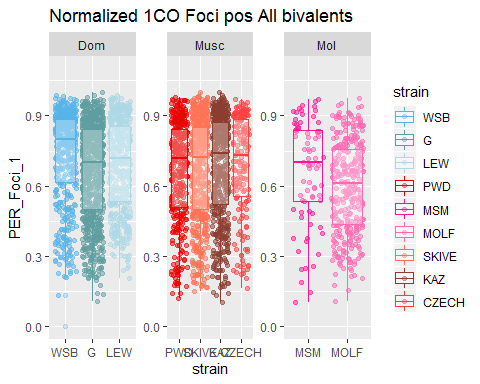
THERE IS a weak signal of the high rec strains having longer SC (having evolved) longer SC (different chromatin compaction) –

While the mouse mean total sc are significantly different between the two groups --- this difference isn’t translated to the reduced bivalent data sets (p = long p = short)

# ~~brief transition, rec landscape~~

~~the lack of predictive power of SC length to predict CO number indicates that there might be different patterns of ‘SC usage’ / different patterns in the layout of the recombination landscape / these patterns could stem from placement or spacing of foci.~~

# Q2.1CO rec landscape evolution is decoupled from gwRR evolution



The previous section found that the single crossover landscape is significantly different between males and females.

In this section we focus on differences between the high and the low rec male strains In order to test if there are distinguishing metrics for these two groups.

A general pattern is that  **WSB has significantly more terminal positioning, while MOLF has significantly more medial position (Figure X).**

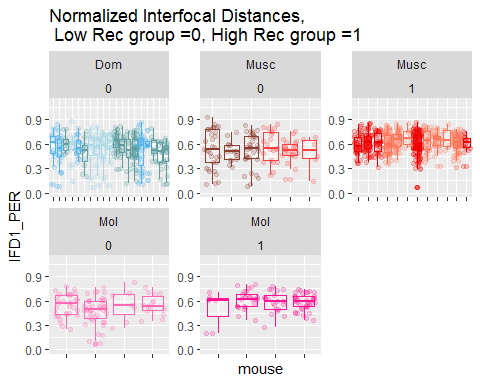
T tests of the single crossover positions reveal that the normalized single foci positions are not significantly different between the total pooled high and low rec male strains (t.test; p = 0.24). The high rec musc strains, *musculusPWD* and *musculusSKVIE*, do not have significantly different single foci landscapes from the other musc low rec strains (ttest; p = 0.41). While *molossinusMOLF* is significantly more centrally positioned compared to *molossinusMSM* (t.test; p = 0.07).

This result is somewhat puzzling and it doesn’t match up with the strains with high recombination rates.

given that the t.test don’t return significant pvalues so we are not motivated to follow up with linear models.

Males from WSB and MOLF have strain specific patterns for the single foci positions, which don’t fit with predicted patterns from the genome wide recombination rate variation.

# Q2 Evolution of interference is associated with genome wide recombination rate evolution



motivation / the prediction is outlined above … A logical prediction for the relationship of crossover number and interference strength is – a negative correlation. ()

how crossover interference affects the evolution of genome wide recombination rate – is

~~prediction for the interference pattern in the high rec strains is that the high rec strains will have weaker interference (ie. less space between foci on the same bivalent, which allows more foci to be placed.~~

GIVEN THAT THERE ARE strain effects for the SC length â“ we only examine the IFDPER which controls for variation in SC lengths.

**Unlike total SC length and 1CO pattern, IFD metrics are a significant predictors of rapid genome wide recombination rate evolution. However, they go against a standard prediction for the relationship between the chromosome level recombination landscape and genome wide recombination rate.**

(unexpectedly, The mouse averages for both IFDraw and IFD PERs were significantly longer in the high rec group (t.test; p = 7.7410^{-7} for IFDPER and p = 8.7810^{-6} for IFDraw). The pattern is confirmed with t.test comparing groups within the same subspecies add these ttests and p values.

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**Linear model M1**

**Linear model M2**

In M1, the model build on the mouse averages of IFD metrics with subspecies and strain as fixed effects, the high rec strains had significant strain effects

IFD raw? (glm; p = 0.01, p = 0.1 and p = 7.0510^{-5} for PWD, MSM and SKIVE respectively). In M2, the mouse average for normalized IFD is modeled with only strain effects.

Only PWD and SKIVE IFDPER had significant strain effects (glm; p = 0.01 and p = 6.6210^{-5} for PWD and SKIVE respectively).

Running M2 within subspecies – confirms the within subepcies predictions across strains – (no significant strain effects n

We determined that the main difference in IFDPER distribution across the high and low groups is an enrichment of ‘close foci’, IFDPER less than 30% in the low rec strains. The rate of IFD^PER^ below 30% range from 8.2% (G) to 16% (KAZ) in the low rec strains, while the high strains all had rates under 5% (0%, 1.3%, and 3.3% for skive, MSM and PWD respectively).

~~BE brief,~~

~~final summary, highlight the themes of 1. more variance in female traits (MLH1 foci per cell, rec landscape / interference)~~

~~while the male traits – more focused (less variance in MLH1 counts per cell, shorter chromatin compaction? bias position, stronger interference)~~

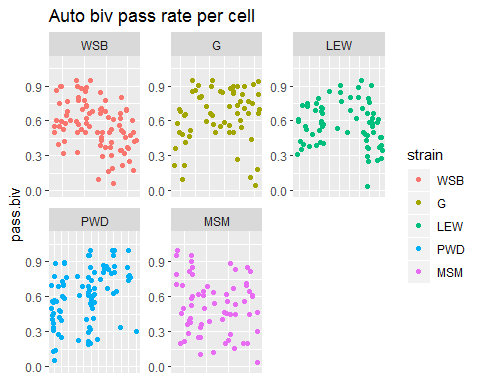
~~(should I measure the var of all traits in Q1)~~

1. ~~rapid evolution of genome wide rec rates can fit into this -~~

* ~~evolution of more COs requires more DSBs (evidence points to a earlier step which is likely the chromatin compaction (amount of axis))~~
* ~~the strongest single bivalent predictor/correlate of rapid gwRR for males is interferece strength in 2COs~~

~~AND somewhat puzzeling result of (having stronger interference), meaning there is a greater proportion of a bivalent that seperates two foci (2 foci push to the ends of chrms (maybe decreased centromere supression))~~

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For the Automated data set, I like to measure the rate of passing bivalent per cell. The mean pass rate will be multiplied to the estimated XX mean\_SC.

The table above shows the number of bivalents from the same strains as in the manual whole cell data. The plot shows the bivalent passing rate across all of the individual cells from this female data set. For each strain, I’ll calculate the mean bivalent passing rate (maybe I should look at the mouse levels).

(some of the mice have different ranges of per cell passing rate) - given this ranges, i think the xx adjustment factor should be called on the mouse level. (it could even be extended to cell level – except i don’t think the XX SC length estimates wont be good.)

strain.XX.adjustment.factor = per\_cell\_passing rate \* 1 of 20 random biv will be XX \*

\*\* It might be simplier to compare the male and female means, and test it they are greater than the whole cell proprotion of the XX in females cells.\*\* The XX in a whole female cell contributes ~ 7% of total SC, if the female means for a type of total SC measure are from XX. But I am not using ‘whole cell’ summaries to compare female and males.

**What is the effect of an extra XX-autosome on single bivalent means?**

use a permutation approach: Make a True data set to start with, same(similar) number of cells, mice and bivalents. Make fake data sets which sample 19 bivalents, for ‘in silico’ cells for males and females. Also Run cntrl-female data set, where 20 bivalents are sampled, but randomly. Run the same bivalent level summaries for each ‘permuted data set’; male avSC, 19Female\_avSC, and rand.20\_Female\_avSC. The difference between the rand.20 and rand.19 female -permuted data sets should indicate the influence of having an extra ‘XX-autosome’ in the total data set.

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I present heterochiasmy as a comparison of oocyte to spermatocyte MLH1 counts, but the sex chromosomes/bivalents complicate this comparison. In females the XX bivalent is indistinguishable from the autosomes. To the meiotic recombination machinery, it is an autosome and has a similar REC landscape. Whereas in spermatocytes the XY bivalent is visually distinct and any MLH1 where not included in the count). (I note if the and Y are paired, which they are at a high rate). The XY pair triggers a response to un-paired chromosomes and only has MLH1 foci within the PAR (the the tips of X and Y). To make a more equivalent comparison I will estimate which bivalent is the XX in oocytes, and subtract that average REC from the category average of each strain.

1. Compile full-cell data from females (all 20 bivalents measured)
2. Look at the SC length -ranked data, extract the 3rd longest estimate average REC for this bivalent,
3. check how variable the REC is across the 1st,2nd,4th, and 5th are.

According to mouse genome website, the X is the 3rd largest chromosome by total amount of DNA (Mb).

(Put the XX adjustment section here)

There is now MOLF, which has female biased hetC 3 of my Musc strains have male biased patter; SKIVE, PWD and MSM. 1 of the musc strains has female biased heterochiasmy, KAZ.

The mouse specific scatter plots aren’t show here because there are too bulky. These plots are in a different document.

Making all of these scatter plots, allows us to look at the whole distributions of the data for each mouse. The distance of the red line from the black could be a indicator of slides or mice with slide specific technical noise.

#try remaking the plot Megan suggested  
# for 2CO positions, Foci1, Position on x and Foci 2 position on y  
  
CurBivData\_2CO <- Curated\_BivData[Curated\_BivData$hand.foci.count == 2,]  
  
CurBivData\_2CO <- CurBivData\_2CO[!(is.na(CurBivData\_2CO$Foci2) | CurBivData\_2CO$Foci2==""), ]  
  
#isolate 2COs  
#facet by sex and subsp  
  
F1.x.F2 <- ggplot(CurBivData\_2CO, aes(x=Foci1,y=Foci2, color=strain) ) + geom\_point()+ facet\_wrap(~sex)+ggtitle("test plot")

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# References