

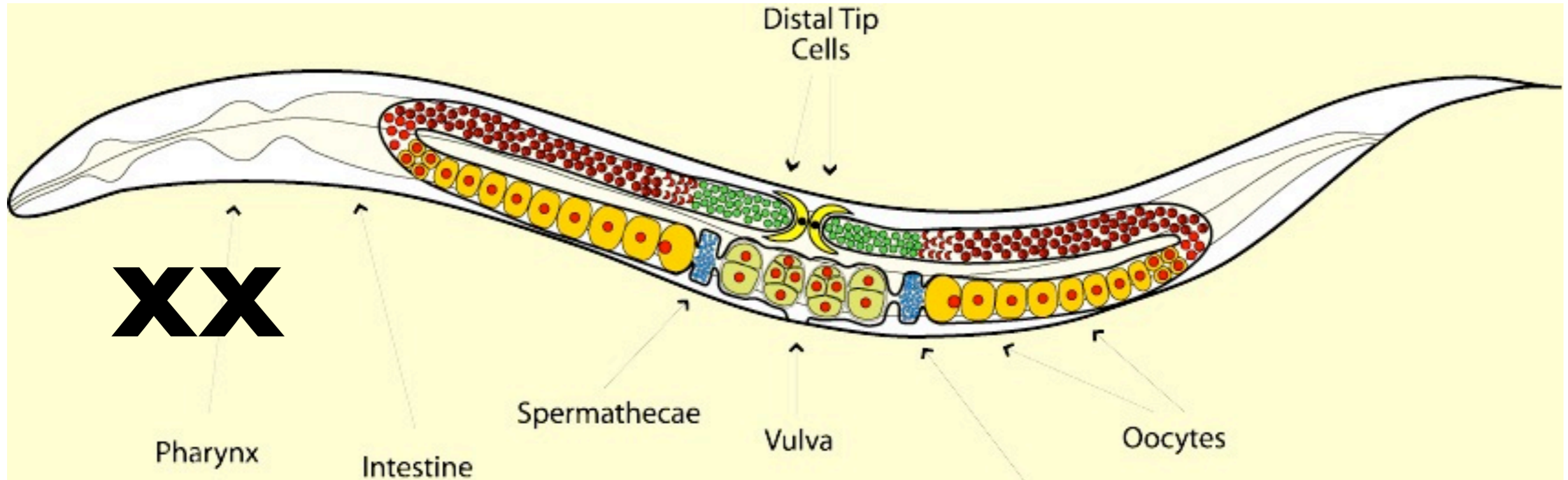


**What happens  
when worms evolve  
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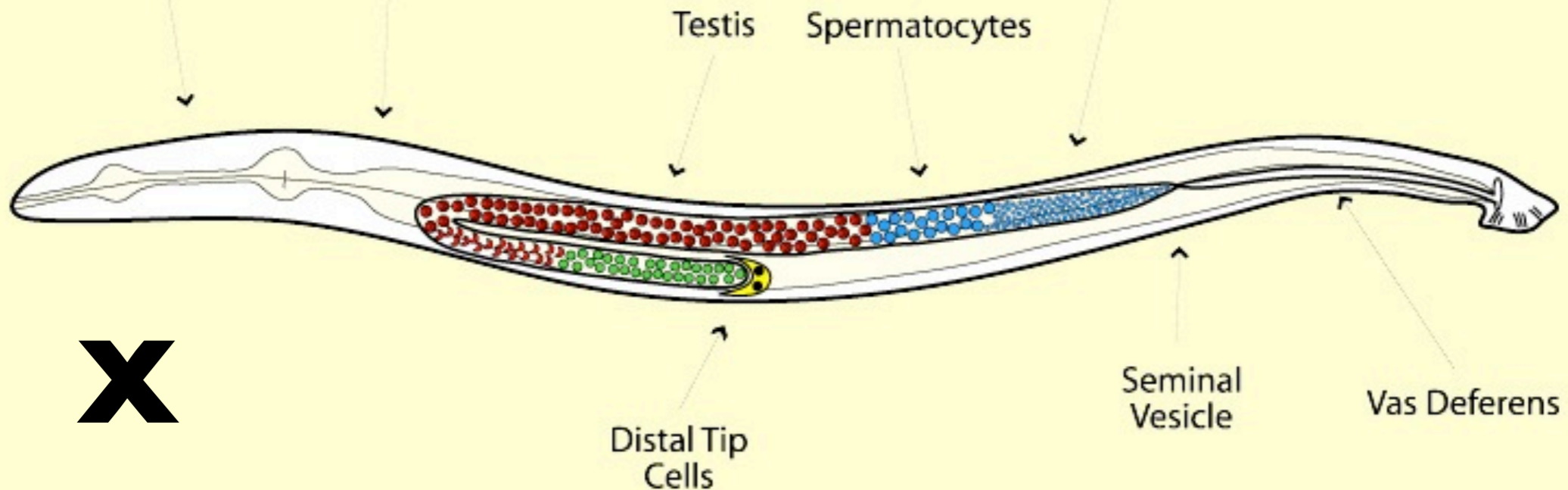
**Matt Rockman  
NYU**

# *C. elegans*

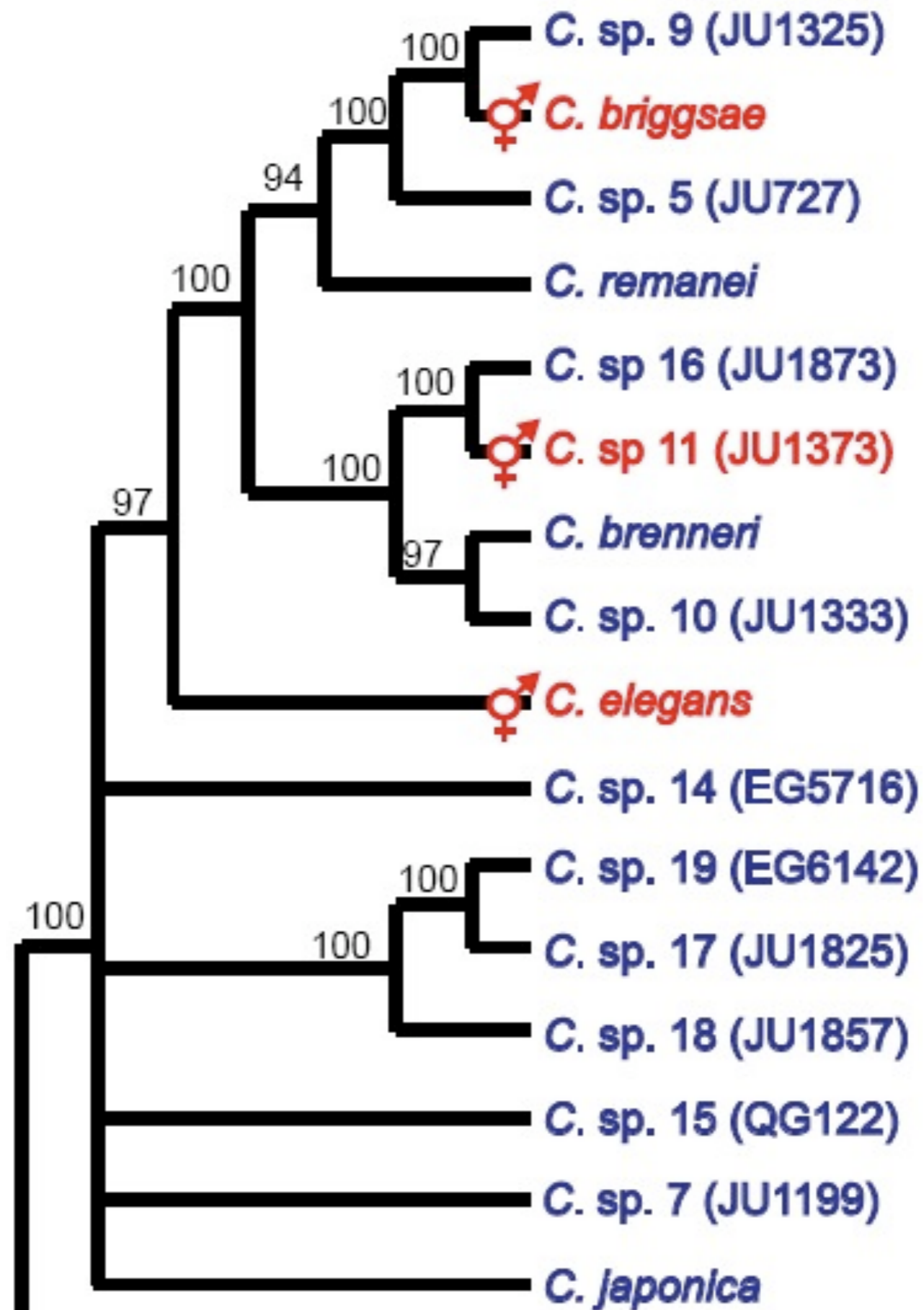
has rare males and self-fertile hermaphrodites



**Evolutionarily Recent Change in Mating System**



# Replicated Evolution: Independent origins of androdioecy



Obligate  
Outcrossing

Androdioecy

Obligate  
Selfing



mating behavior

*essential*



*superfluous*

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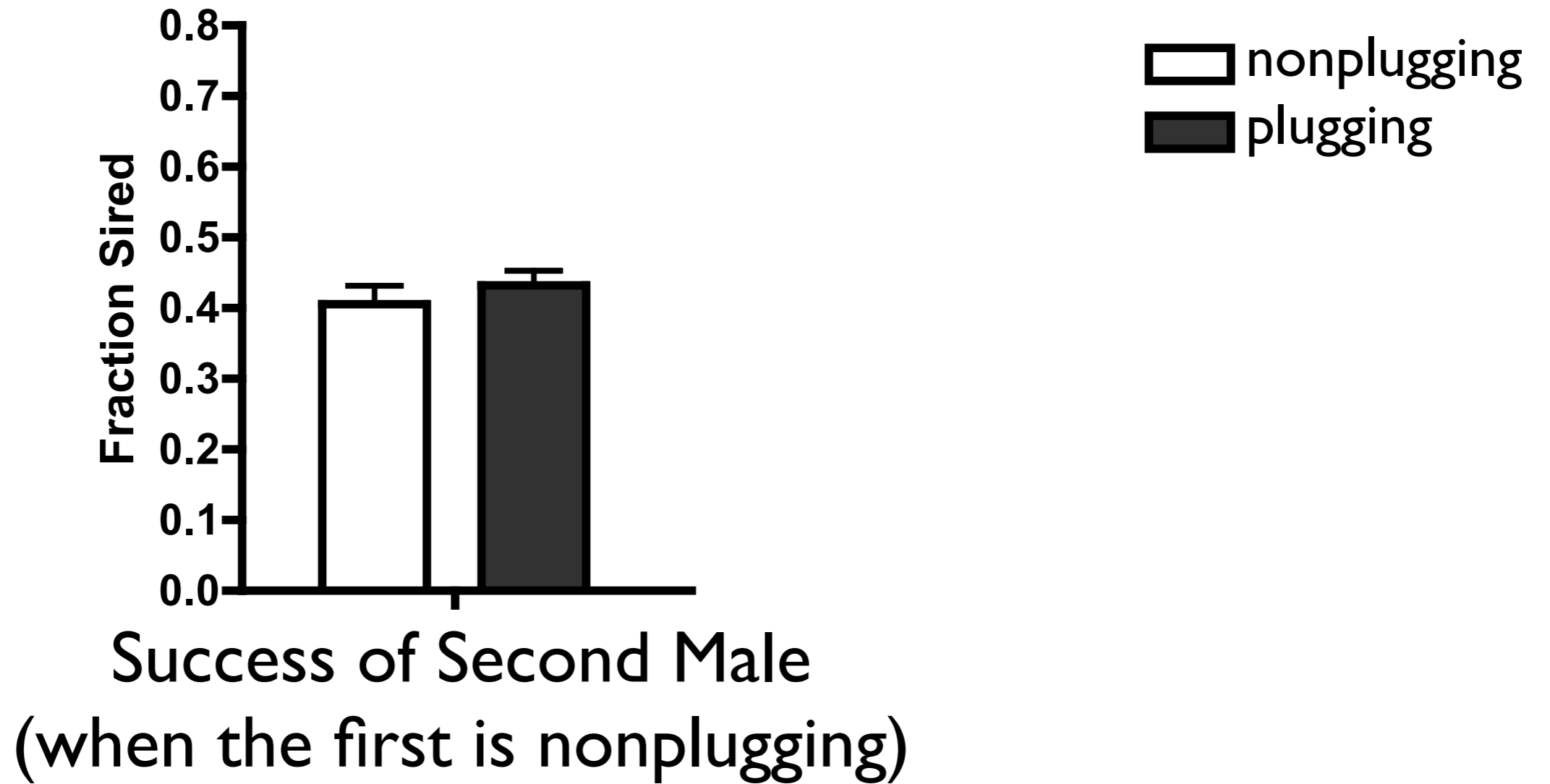


*superfluous*

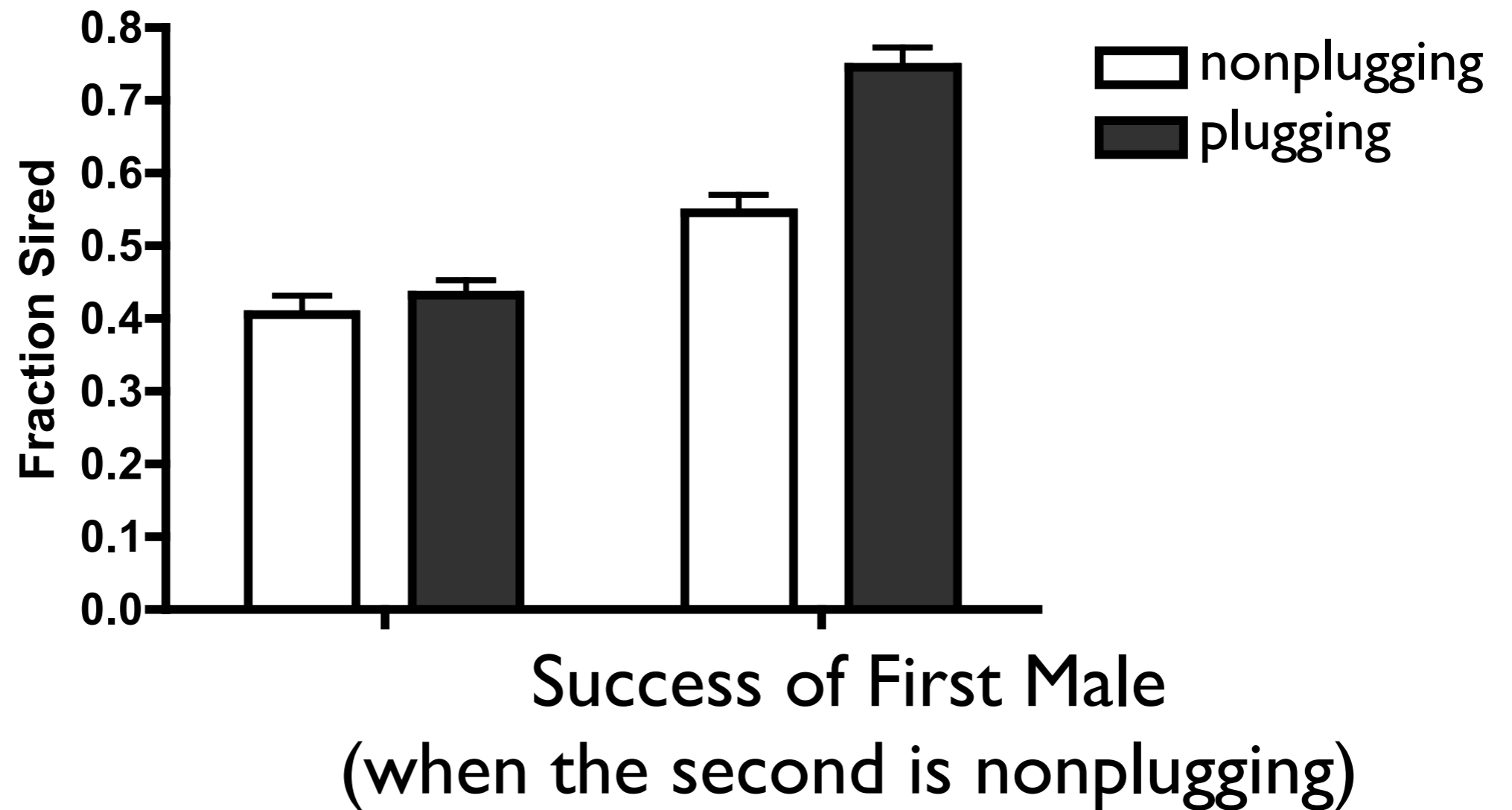
Does male degradation result from  
mutation accumulation or  
selection on pleiotropic effects?



# Plugging protects paternity



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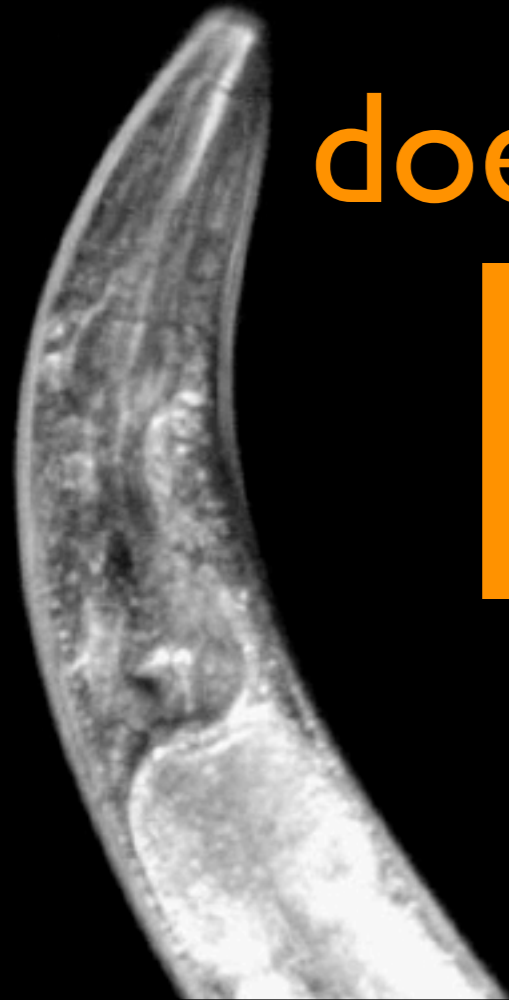




# 284,700 differences

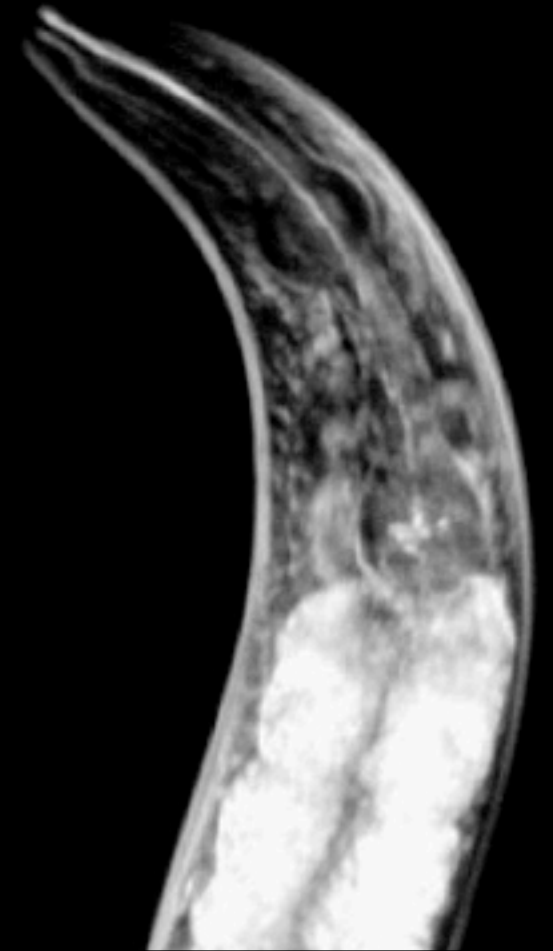
does not plug

**Bristol  
N2**

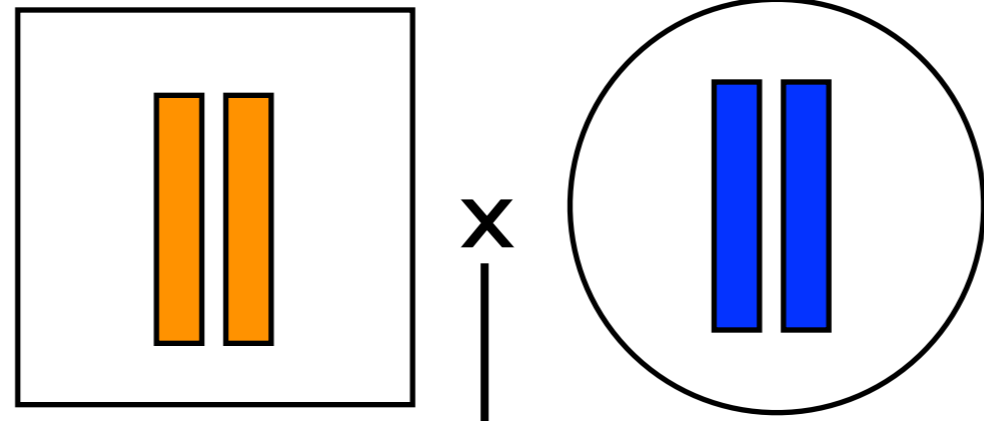


plugs

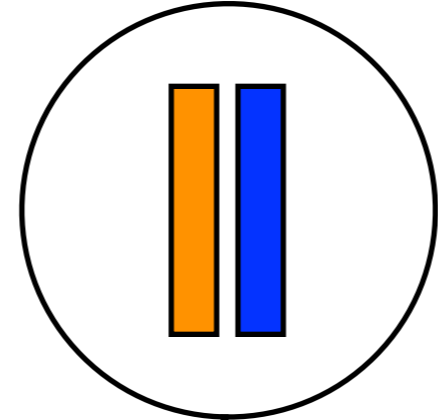
**Hawaii  
CB4856**



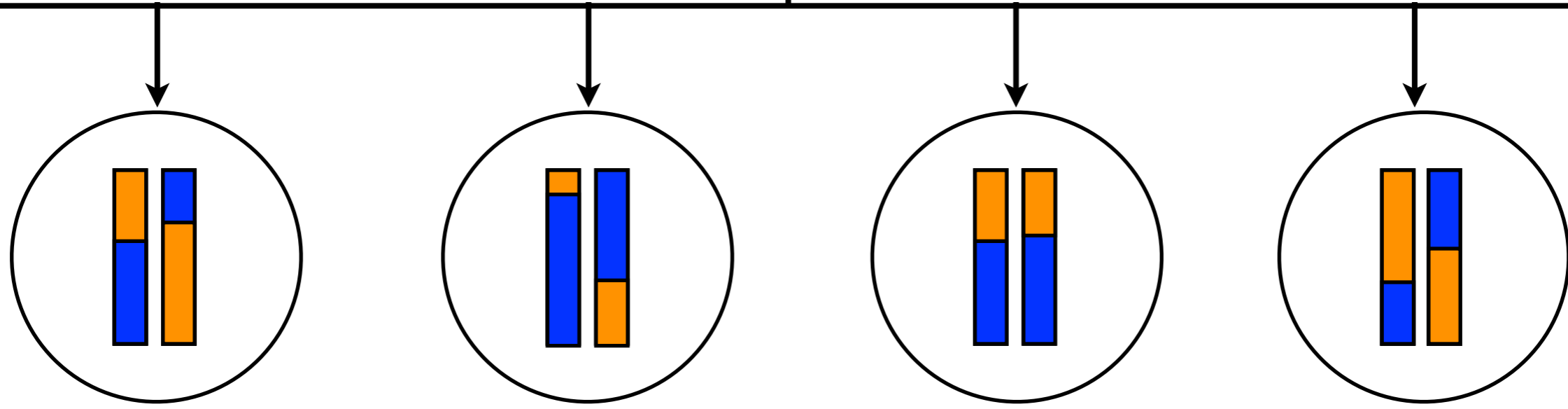
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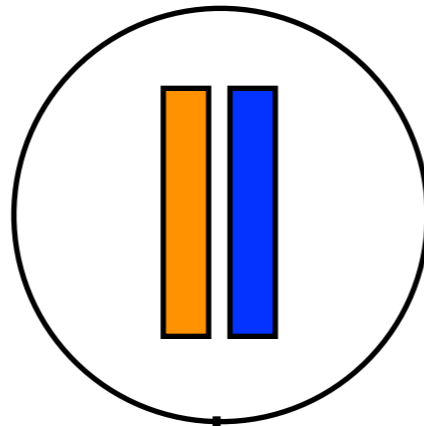
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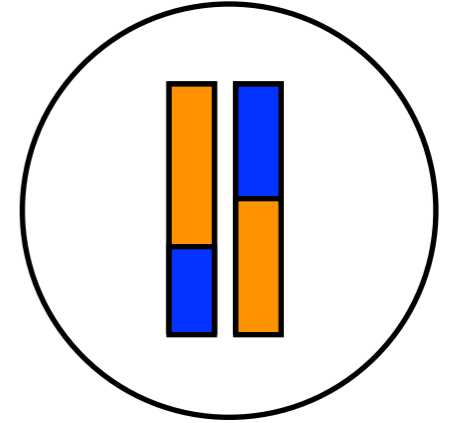
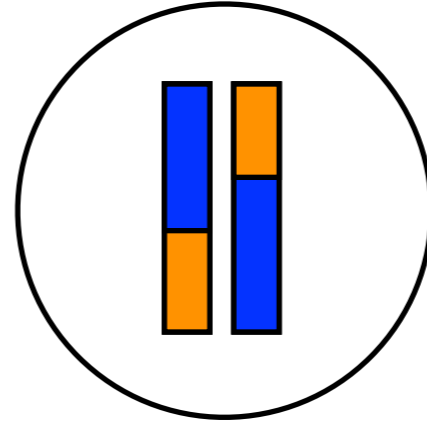
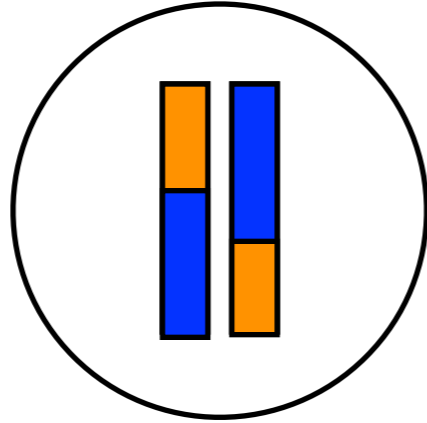
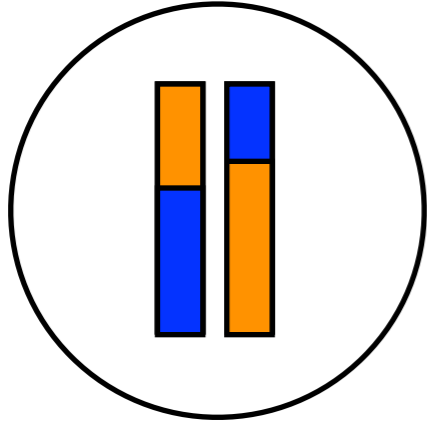
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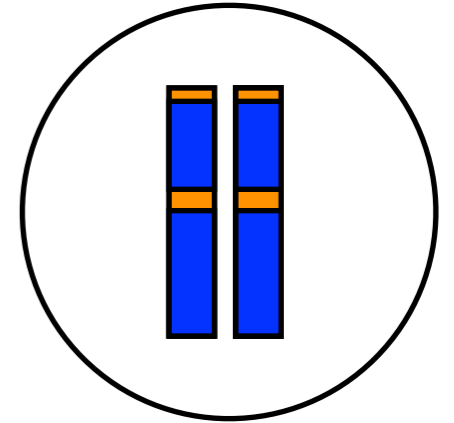
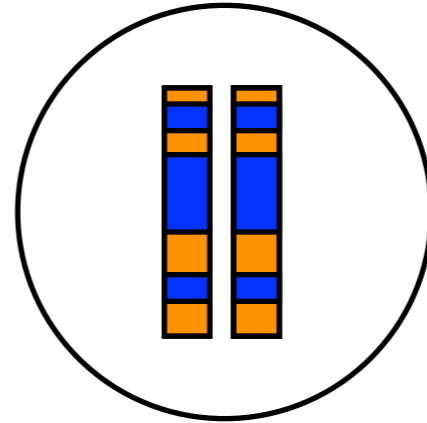
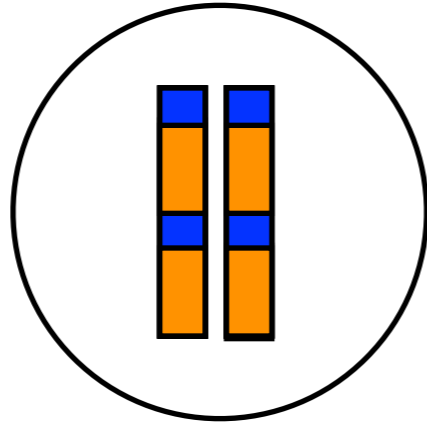
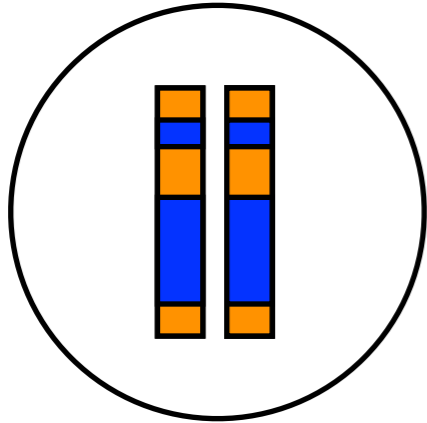
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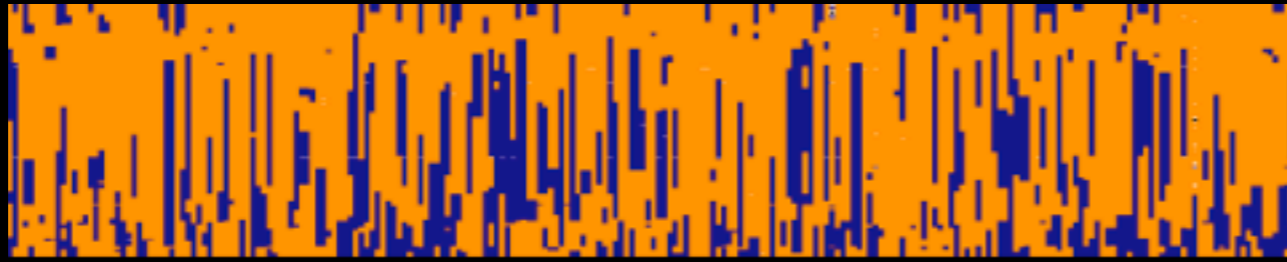
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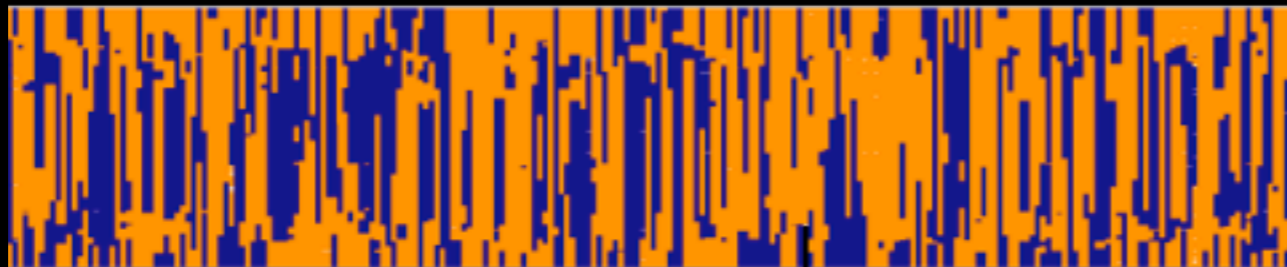
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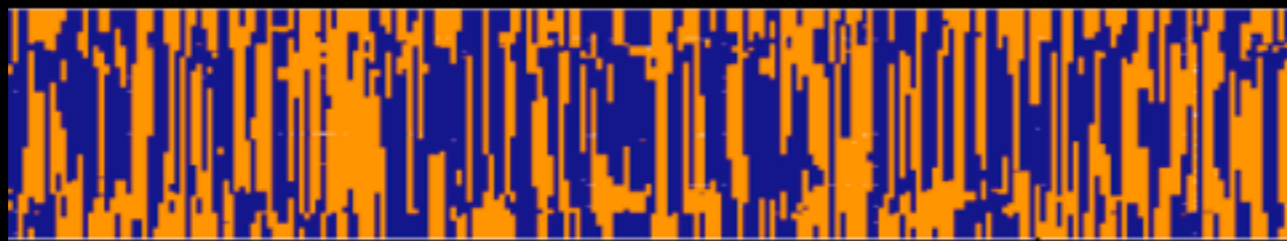
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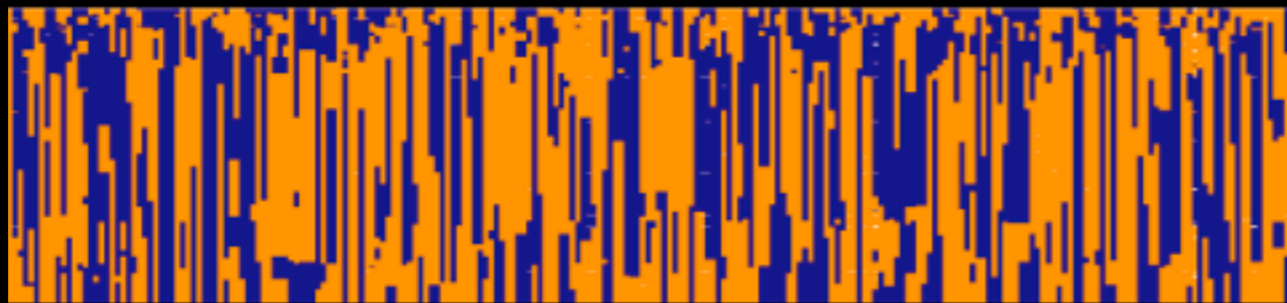
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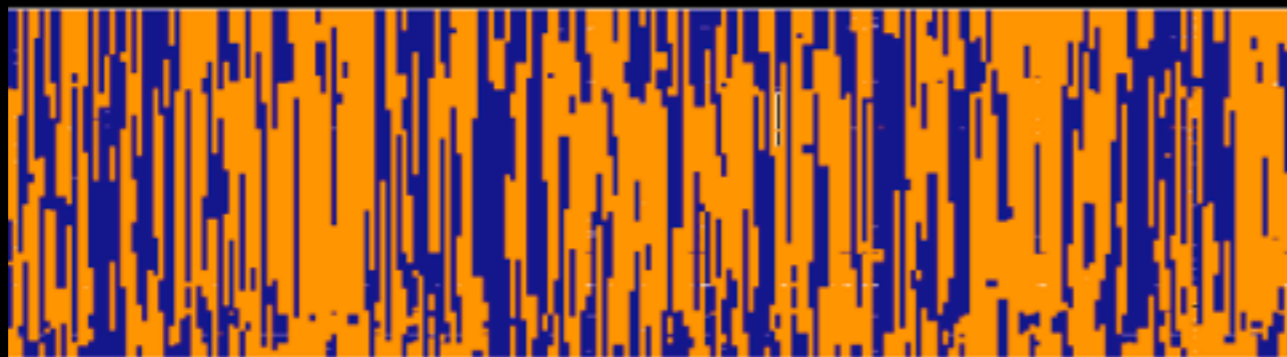
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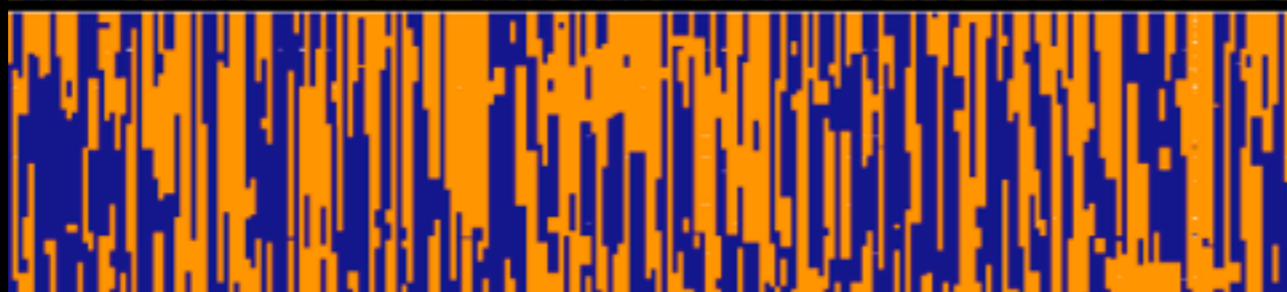
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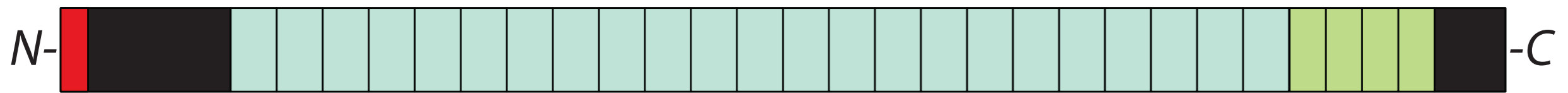
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X



Recombinant  
Inbred  
Advanced  
Intercross  
Line  
Genotypes



100 aa

%Thr+Ser %Pro

43

17

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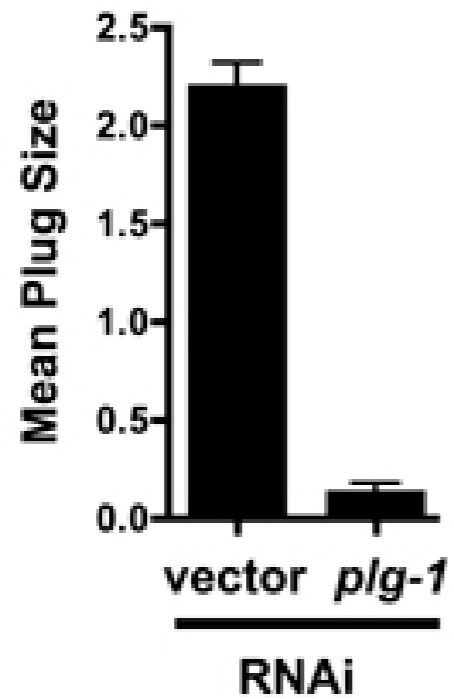
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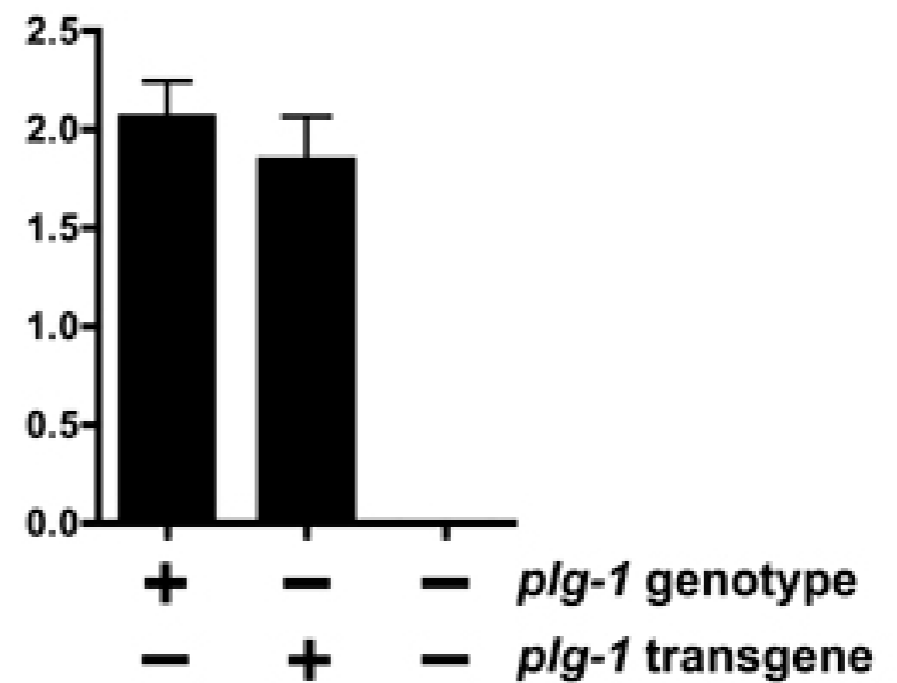
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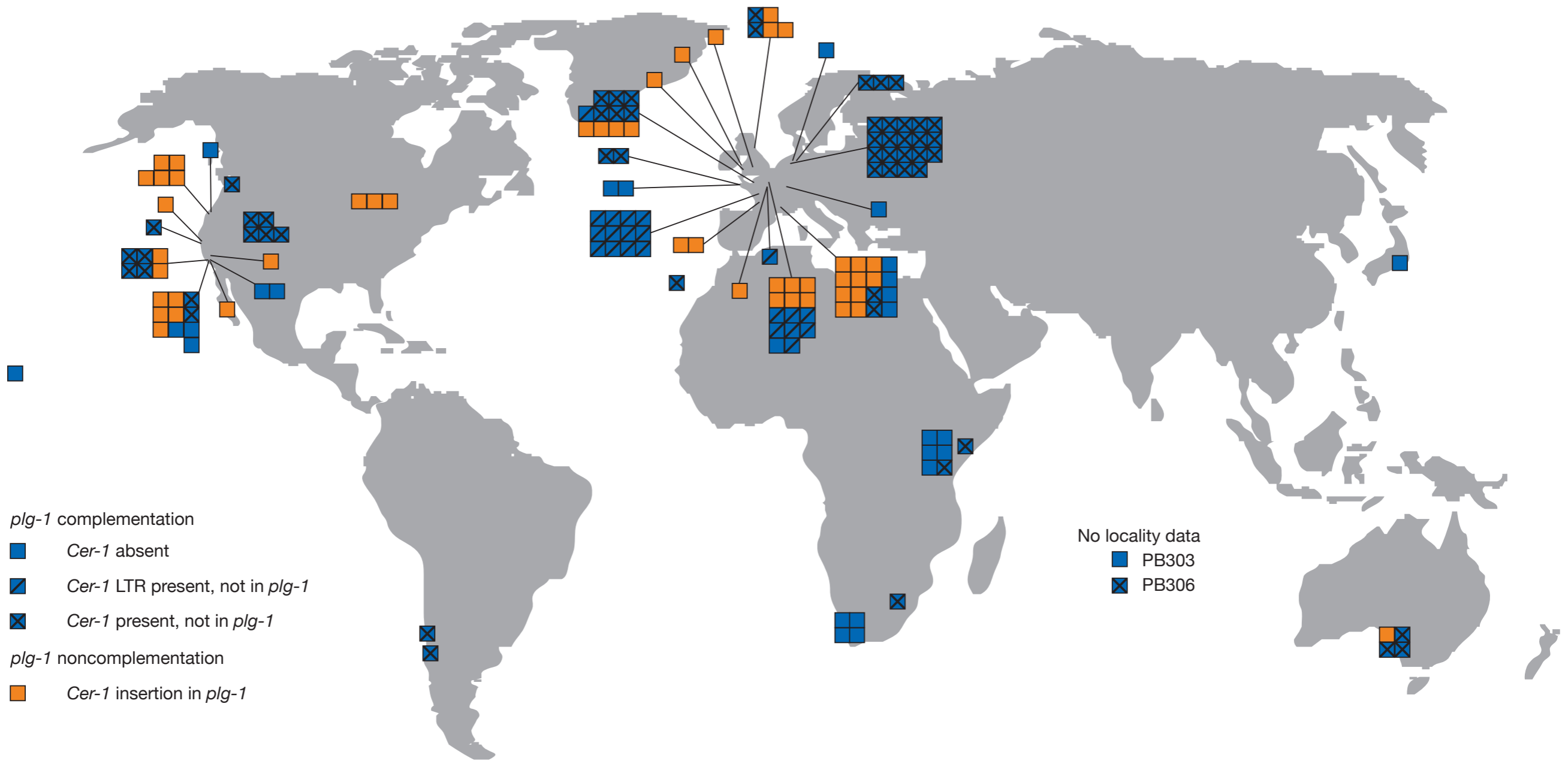
**Mucin!**

# Knock-down RNAi

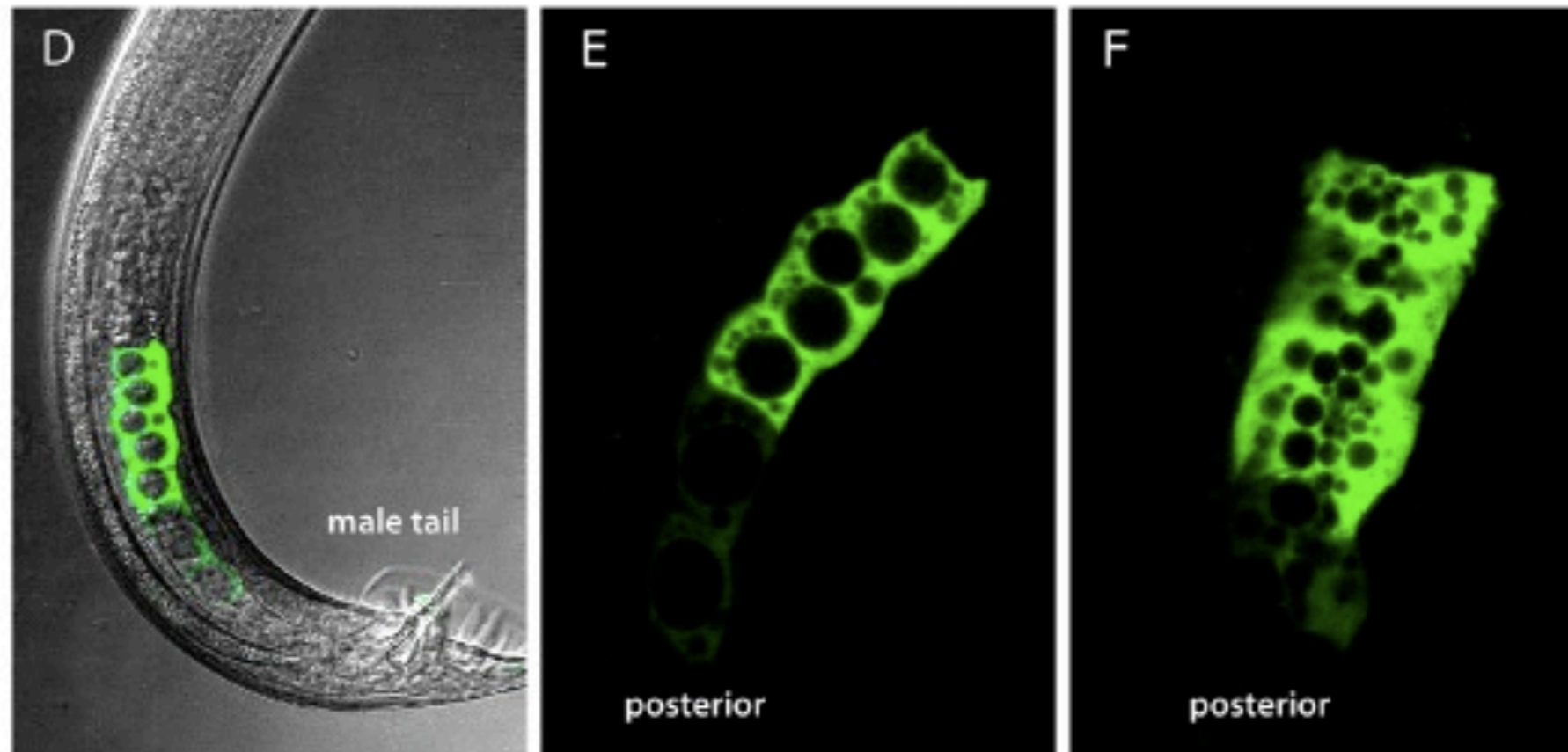


# Knock-in biolistic transformation





*plg-1* expression is limited to male vas deferens







CB4856



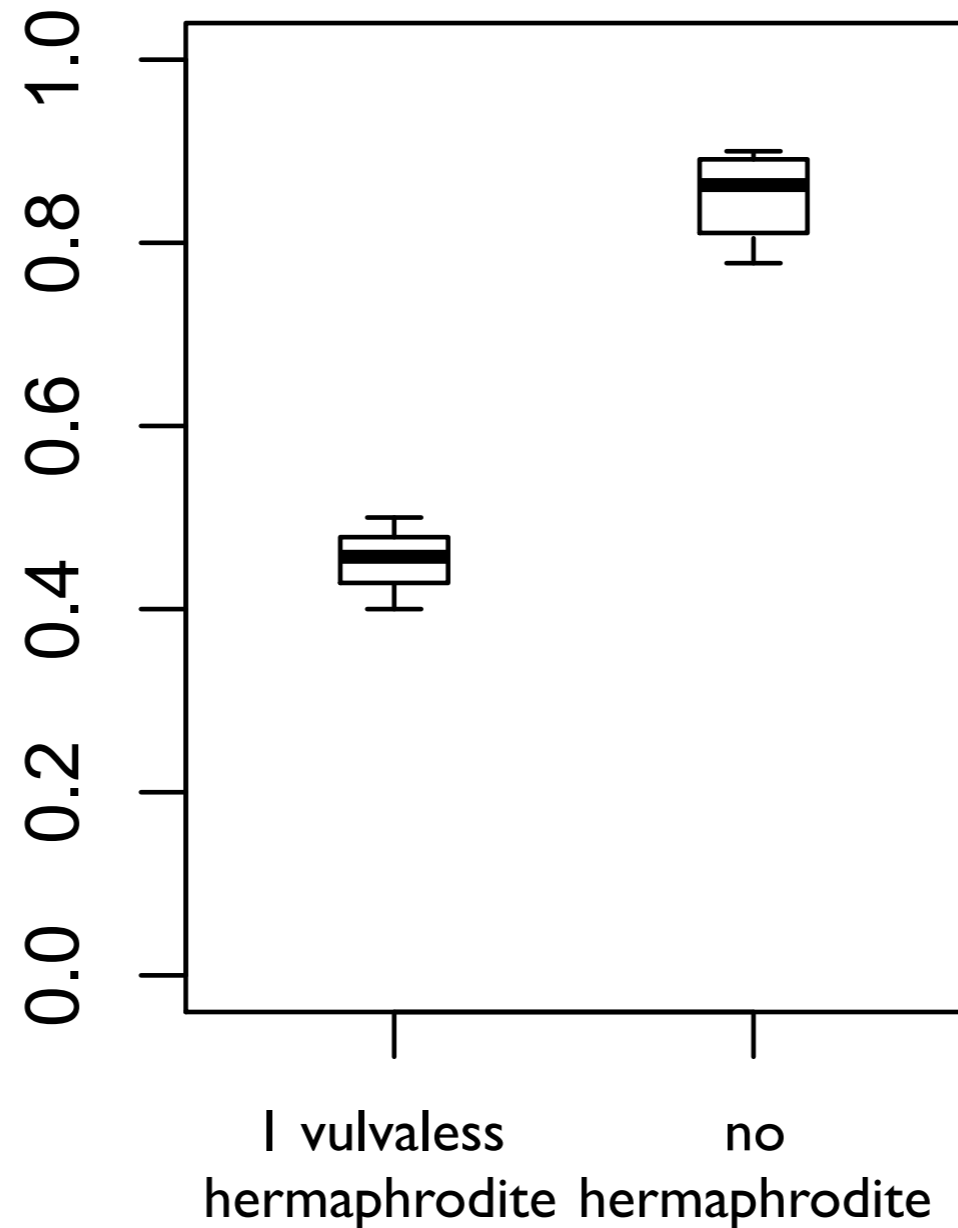
AB2



# Hermaphrodites diminish male plugging

Proportion of  
40 **QG71** males  
plugged

$$p = 10^{-10}$$

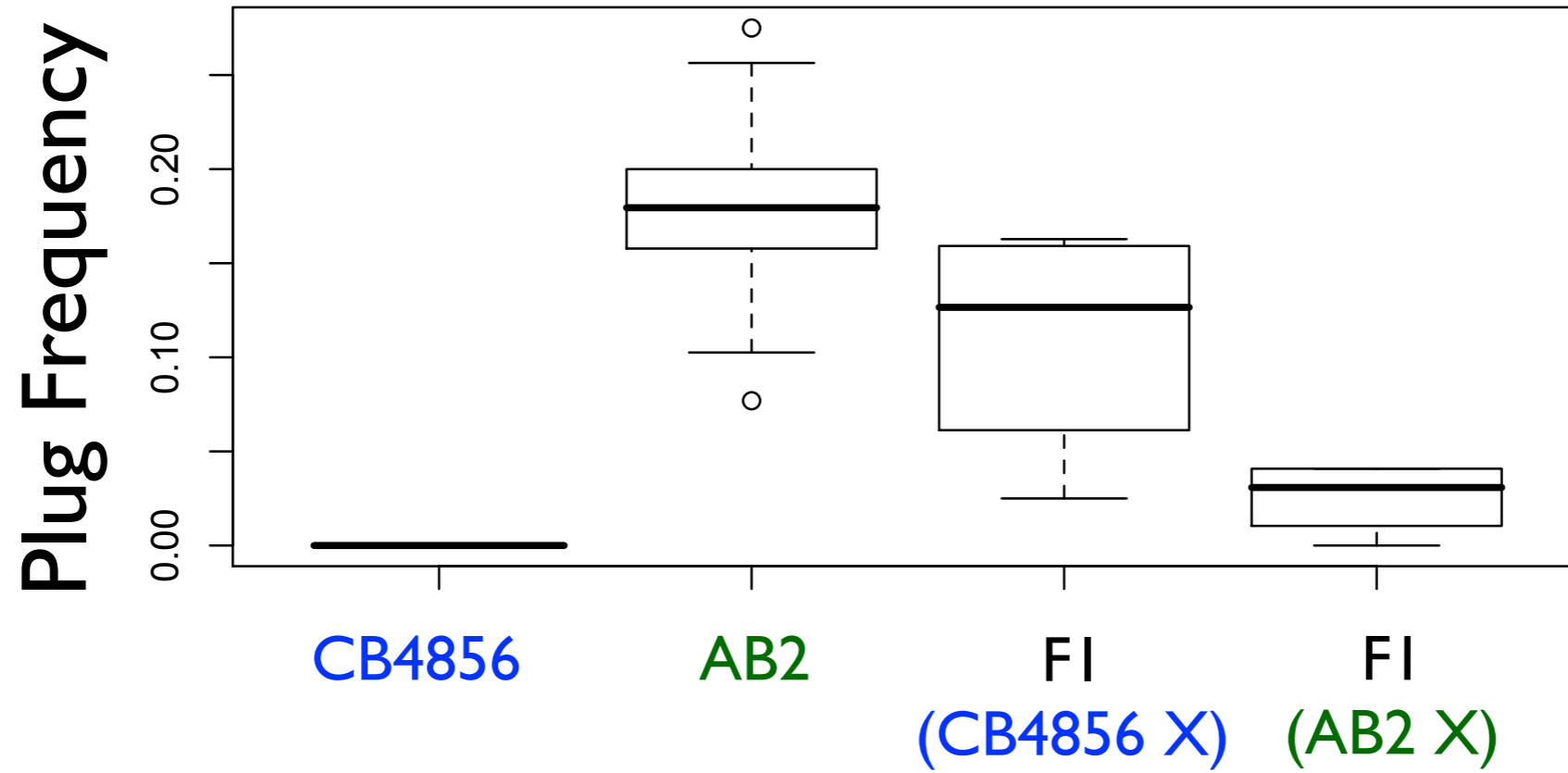


**AB2**  
*lin-4*<sub>RNAi</sub>  
*mex-3*<sub>RNAi</sub>



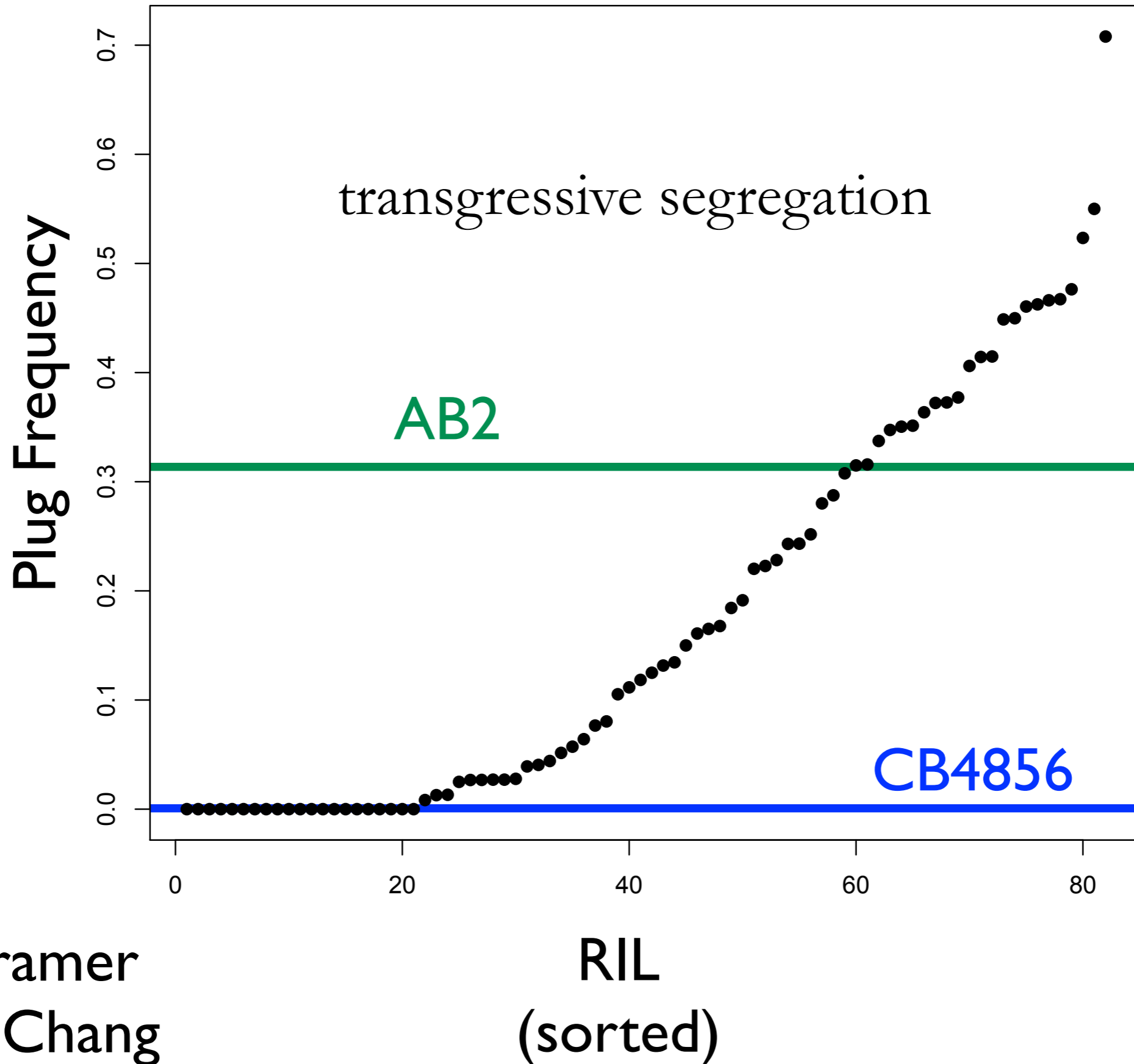
Mimi Yen

# Genetic complexity



40 males + 4 days

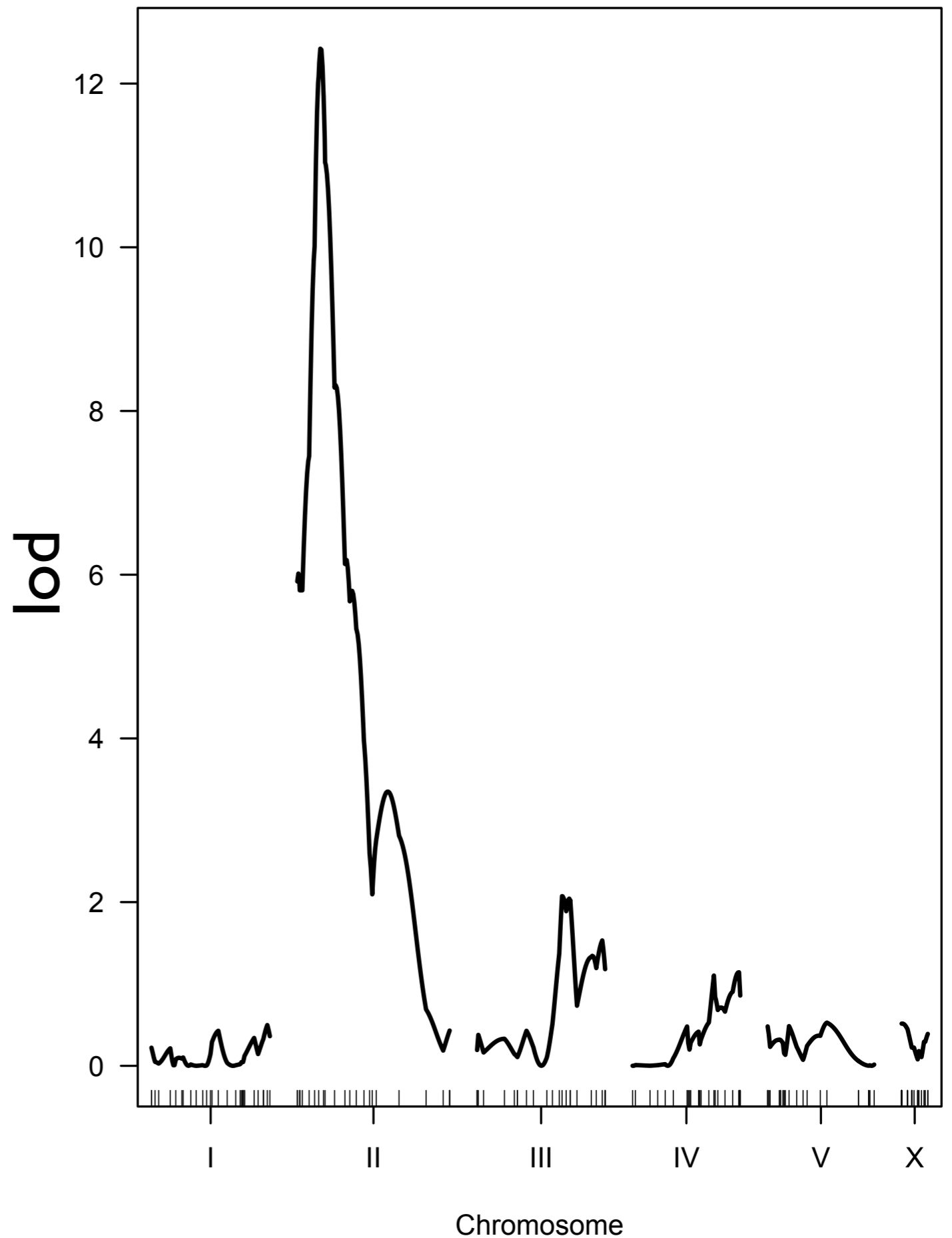
phenotypes in **AB2** (*him-5*) x **CB4856** (*him-5*) RILs



Max Kramer  
Audrey Chang

deposition or receipt?

*statistical evidence  
for an effect of  
genetic variation at  
that locus*



CB4856

*him-5*

functional *plg-1*

no plugs

AB2 QTL NIL

*him-5*

mutant *plg-1*

*qqIs1* [*Pplg-1::GFP*]

no plugs

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Mixture Assay

no plugs

plugs!

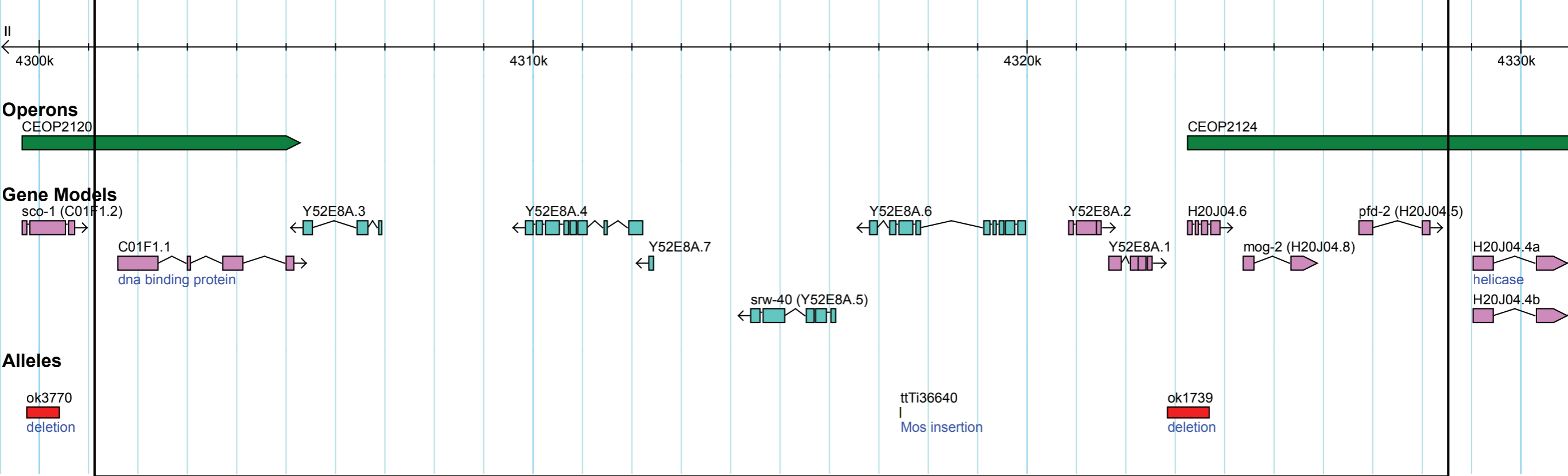


# The headplugging QTL confers susceptibility

## F2 assays

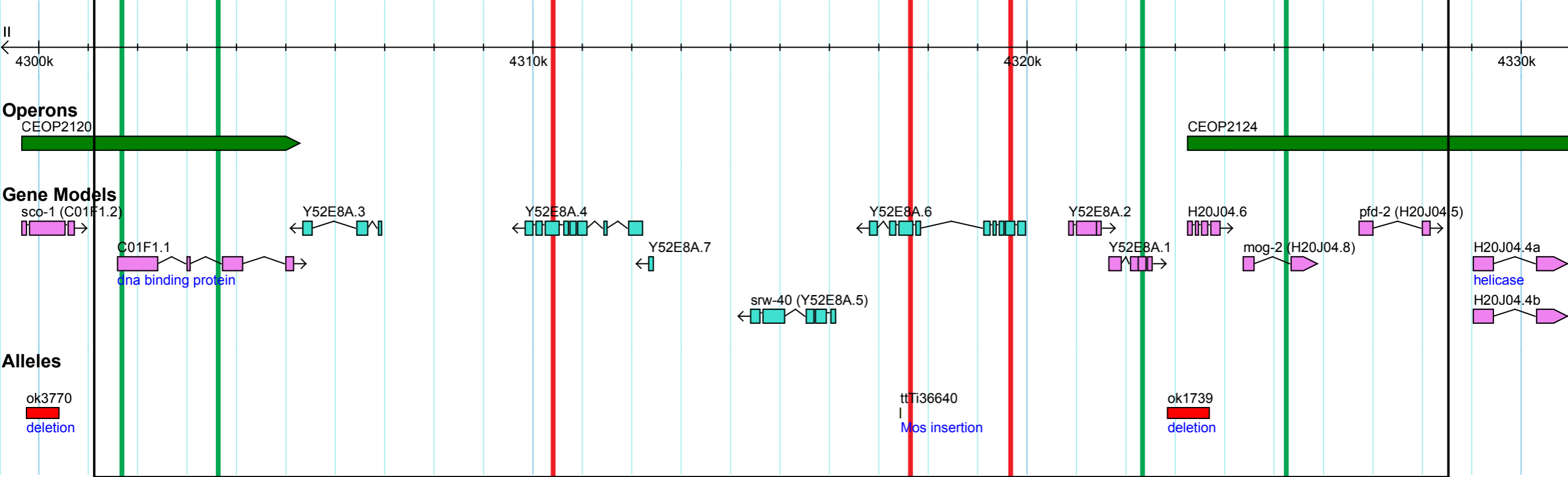
### QTL marker genotype

	AB2 homozygote	heterozygote	CB4856 homozygote
plugged	86%	14%	0%
not plugged	4%	25%	71%



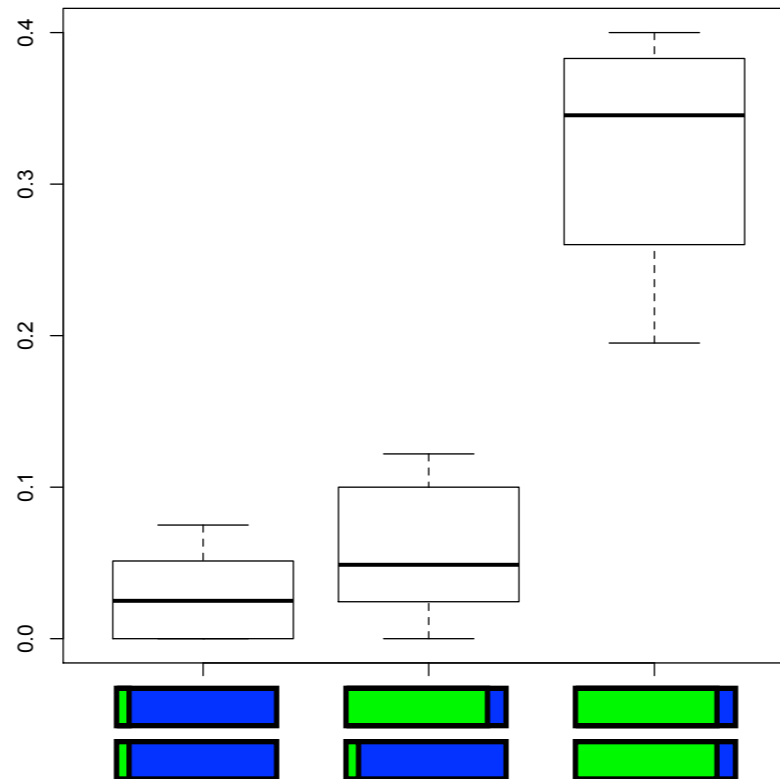
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Association Mapping



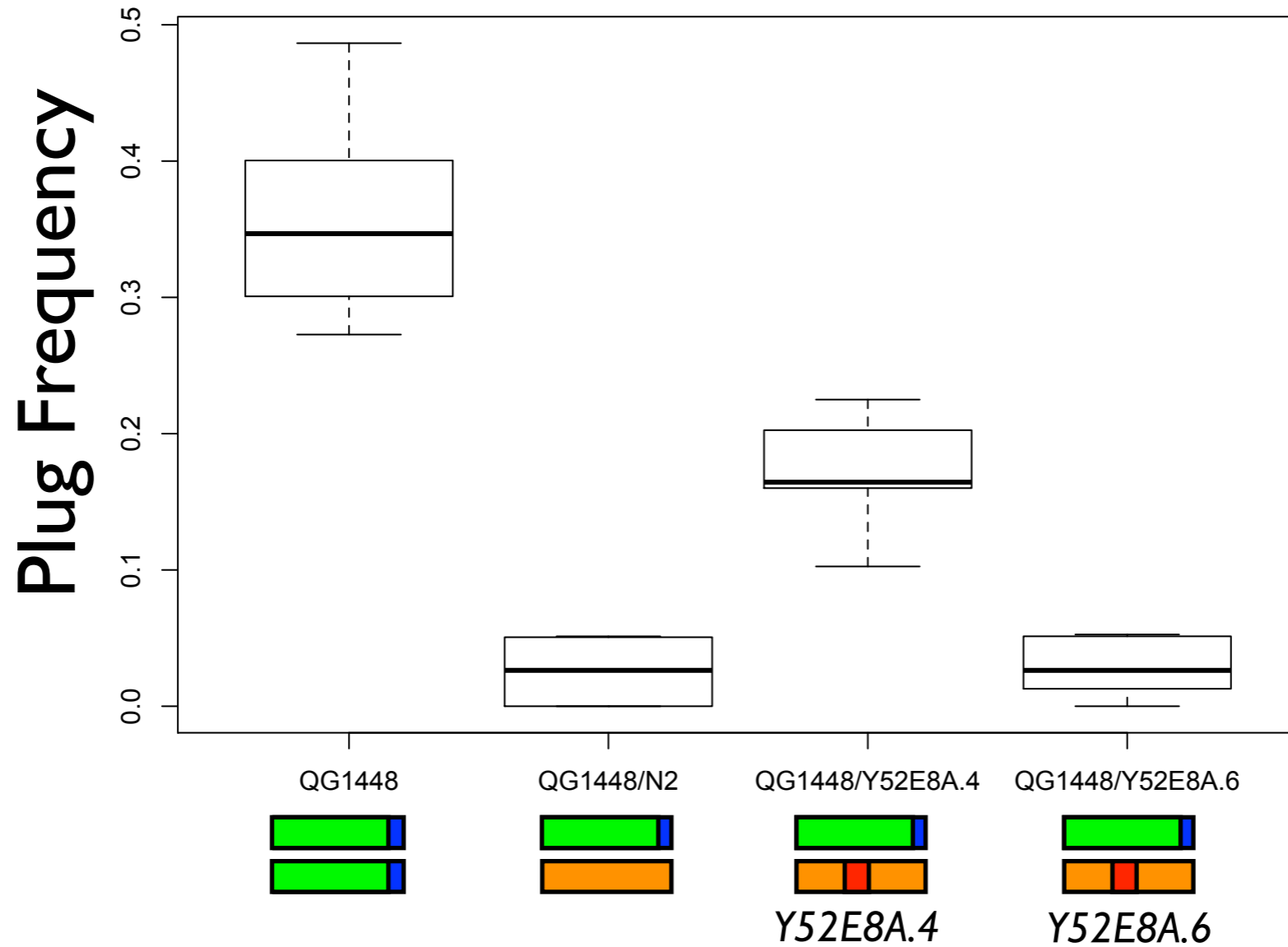
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proportion  
plugged

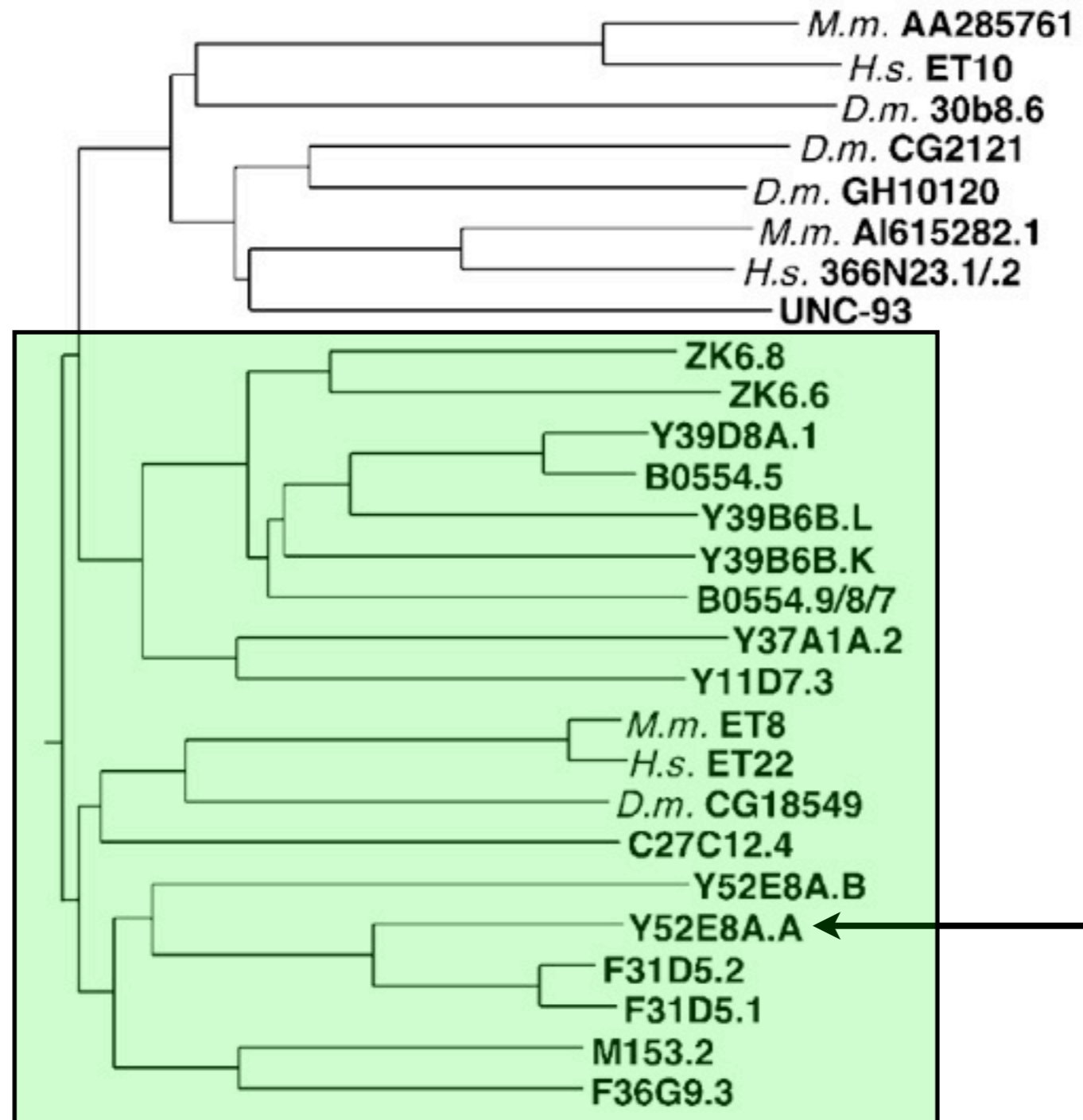


Association Mapping

# Y52E8A.4 fails to complement

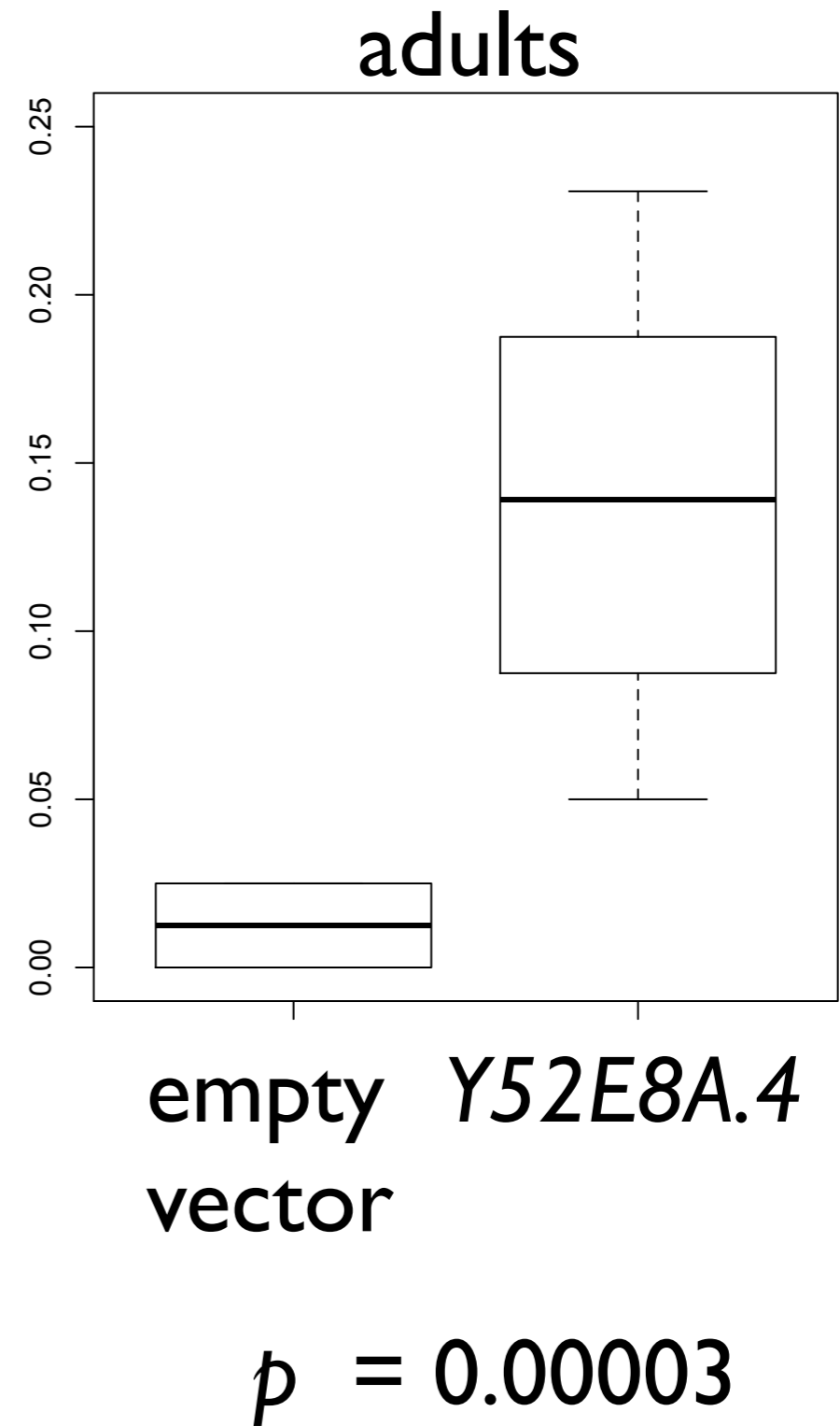
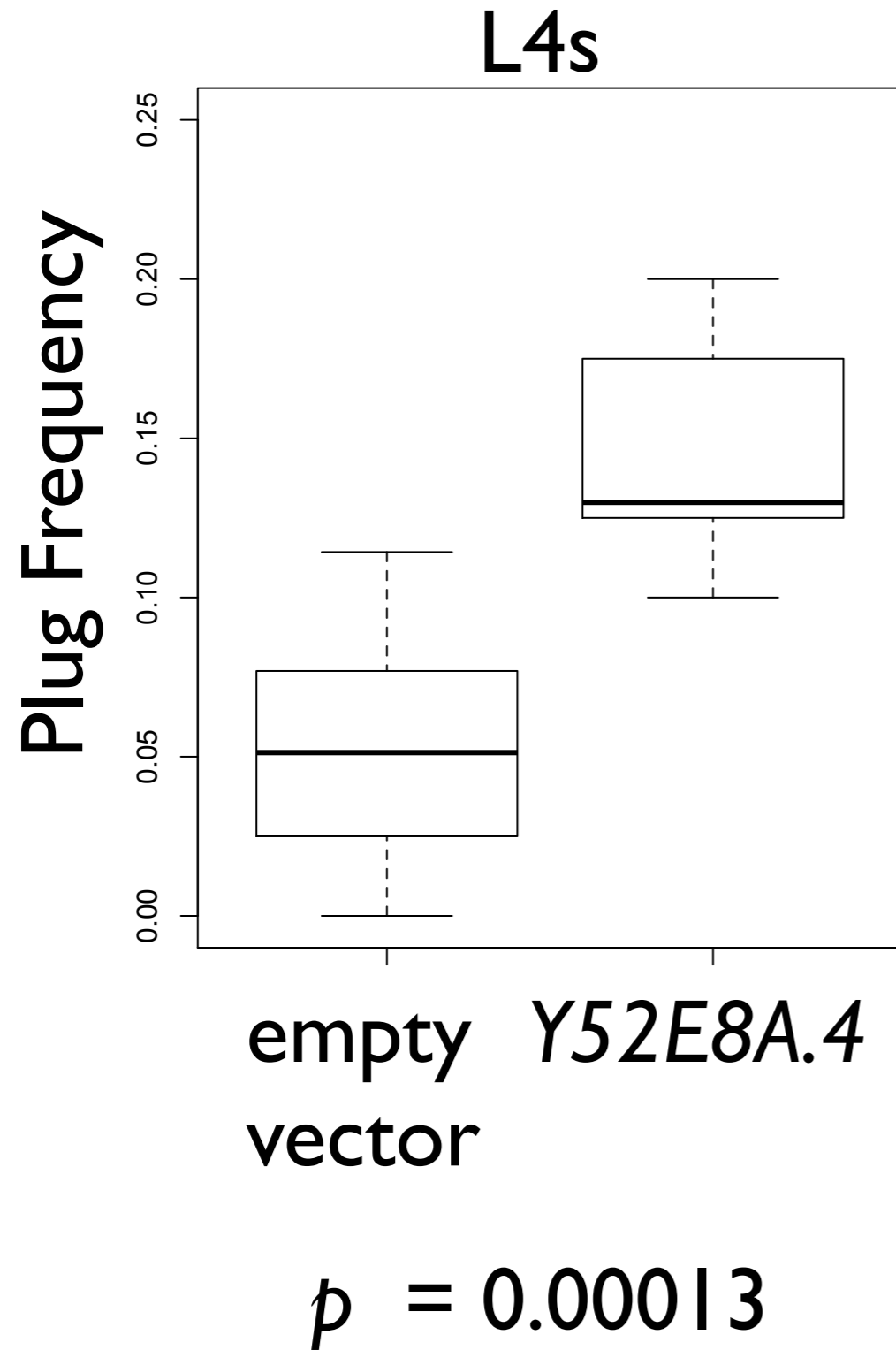


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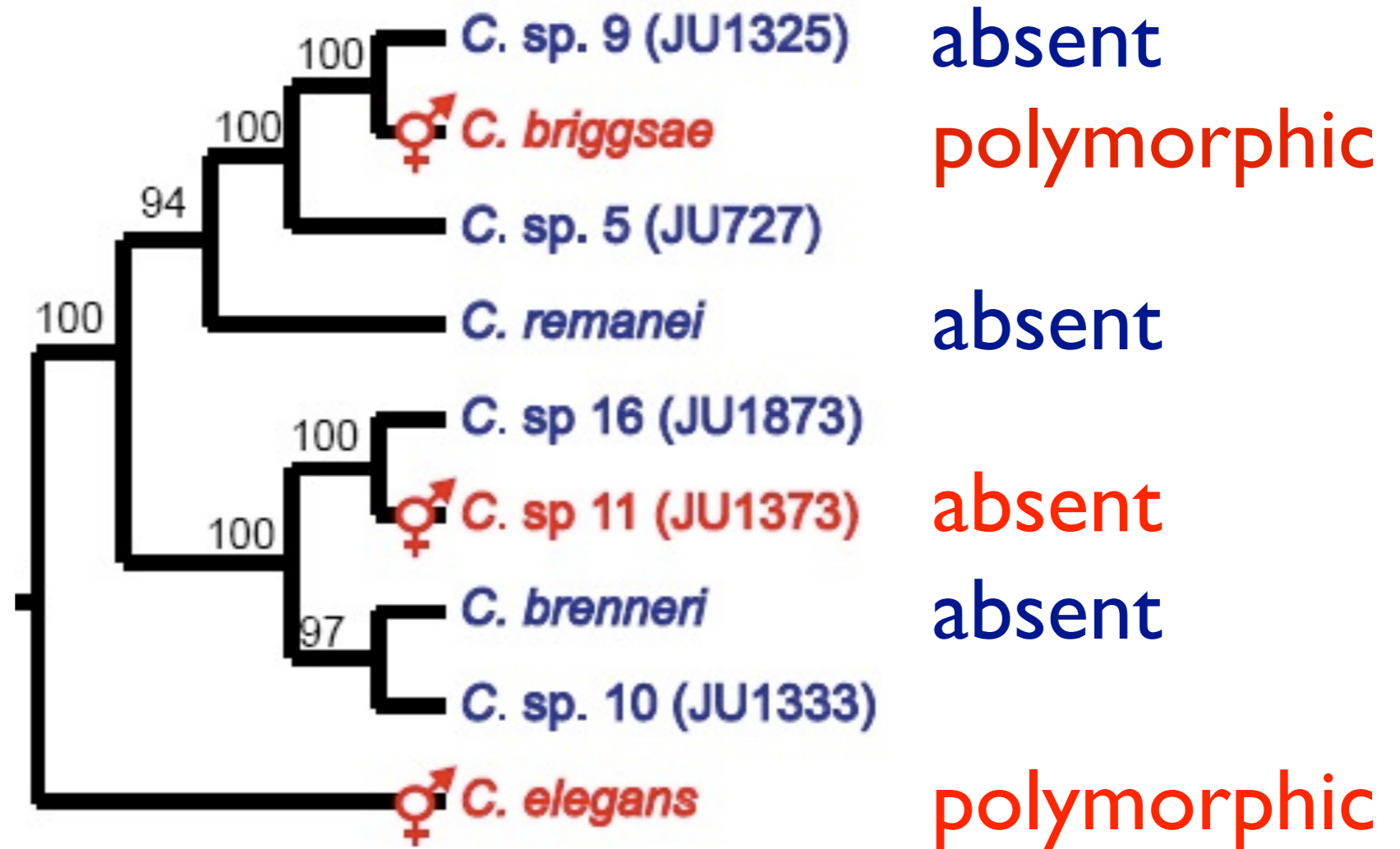
Perez de la Cruz et al. *J. Neurosci.* 2003

# CB4856 *Y52E8A.4*<sub>RNAi</sub>



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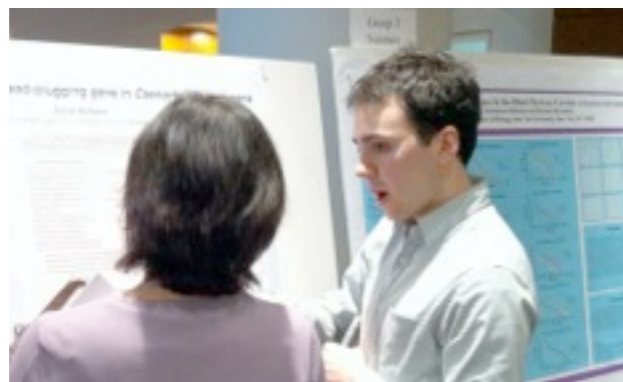
Kiontke, Felix et al. 2011







# Self-plugging in *C. briggsae*



Dan McNelis

Strain	1 worm	40 worms
PS9392	92.6%	95.9%
VT847	100%	94.4%
AF16	94.1%	94.0%
PS9393	70.8%	92.9%
QG129	84.3%	91.6%
NIC17	47.4%	88.3%
QG574	44.8%	56.3%
NIC107	50%	55.6%
QG119	17.6%	35.0%
QG110	12.9%	23.5%
QG117	5.7%	23.1%
QG111	81.5%	19.4%
QG584	0%	18.9%

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mating behavior

*essential*



*superfluous*

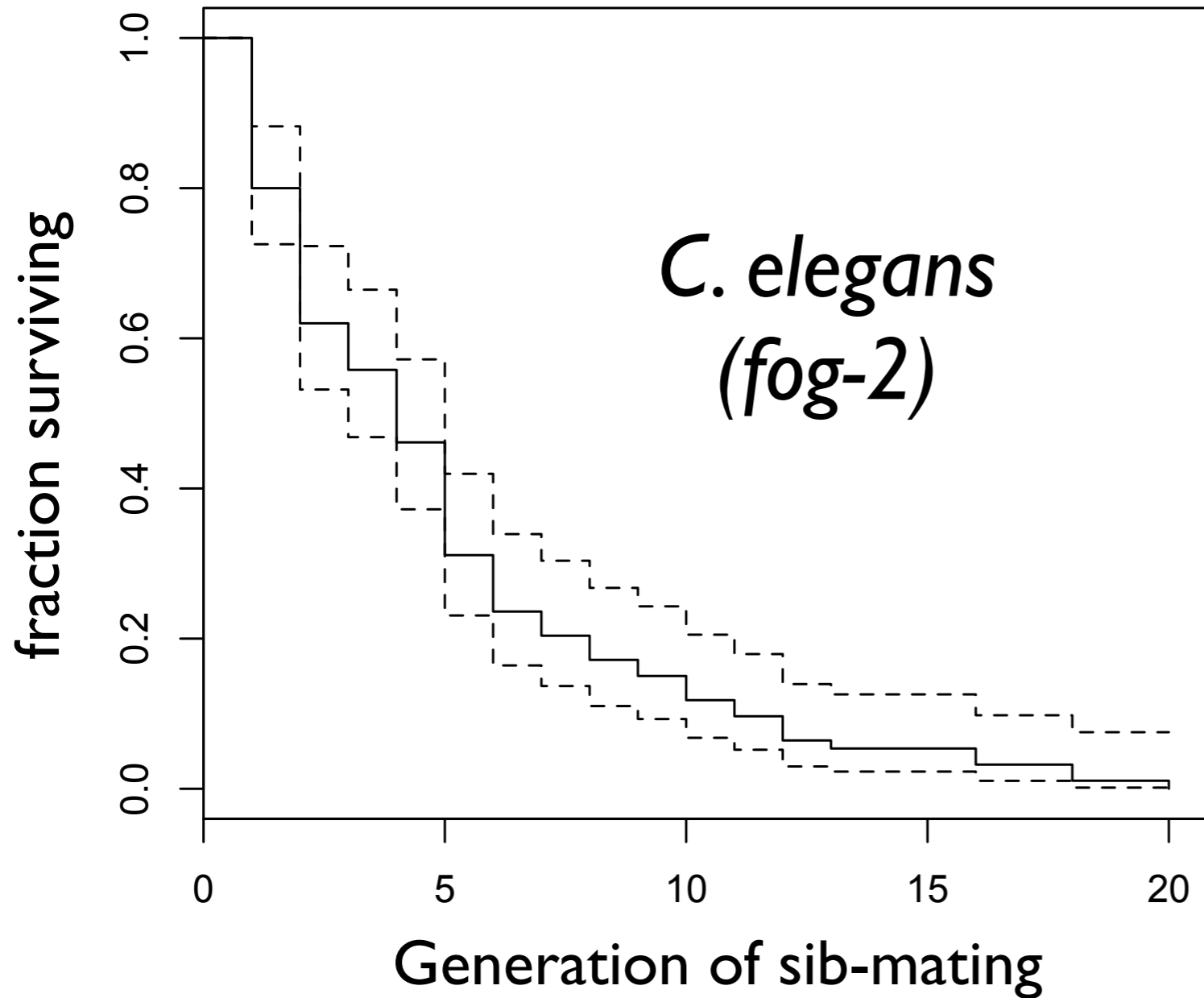
recessive mutations

*masked*



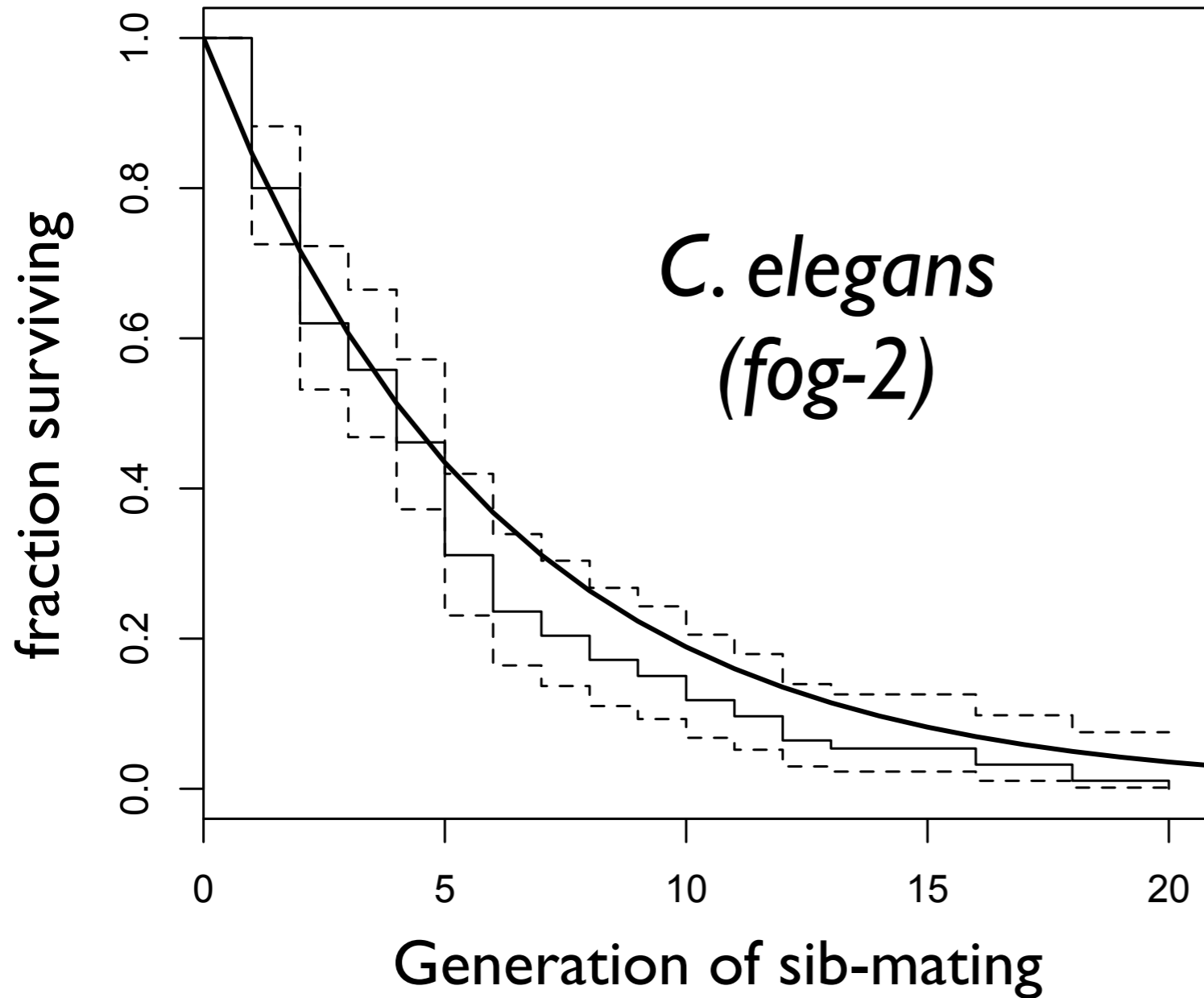
*exposed*

*experiment: serial sib-mating*



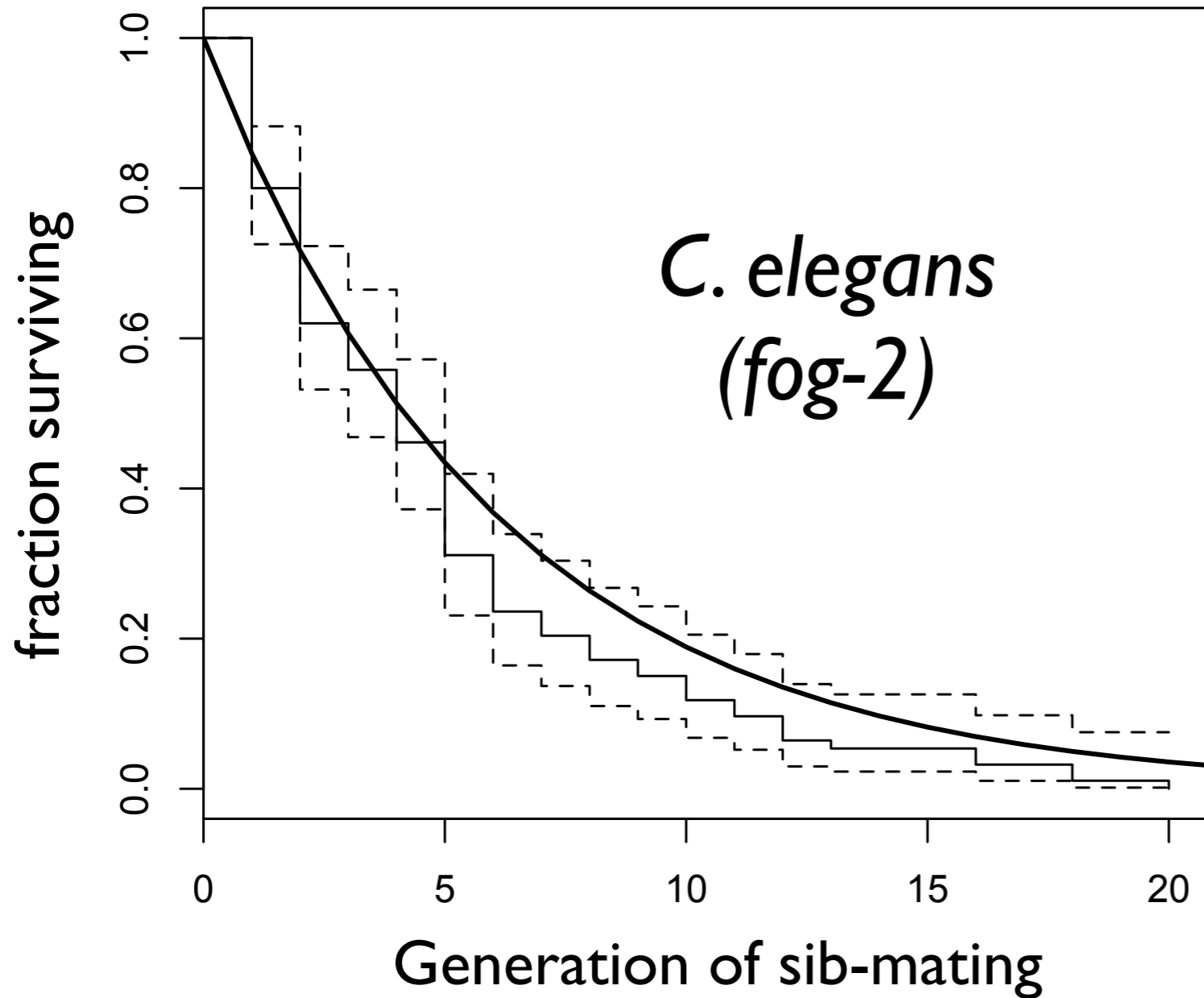
**mating failure:**  
20% per cross

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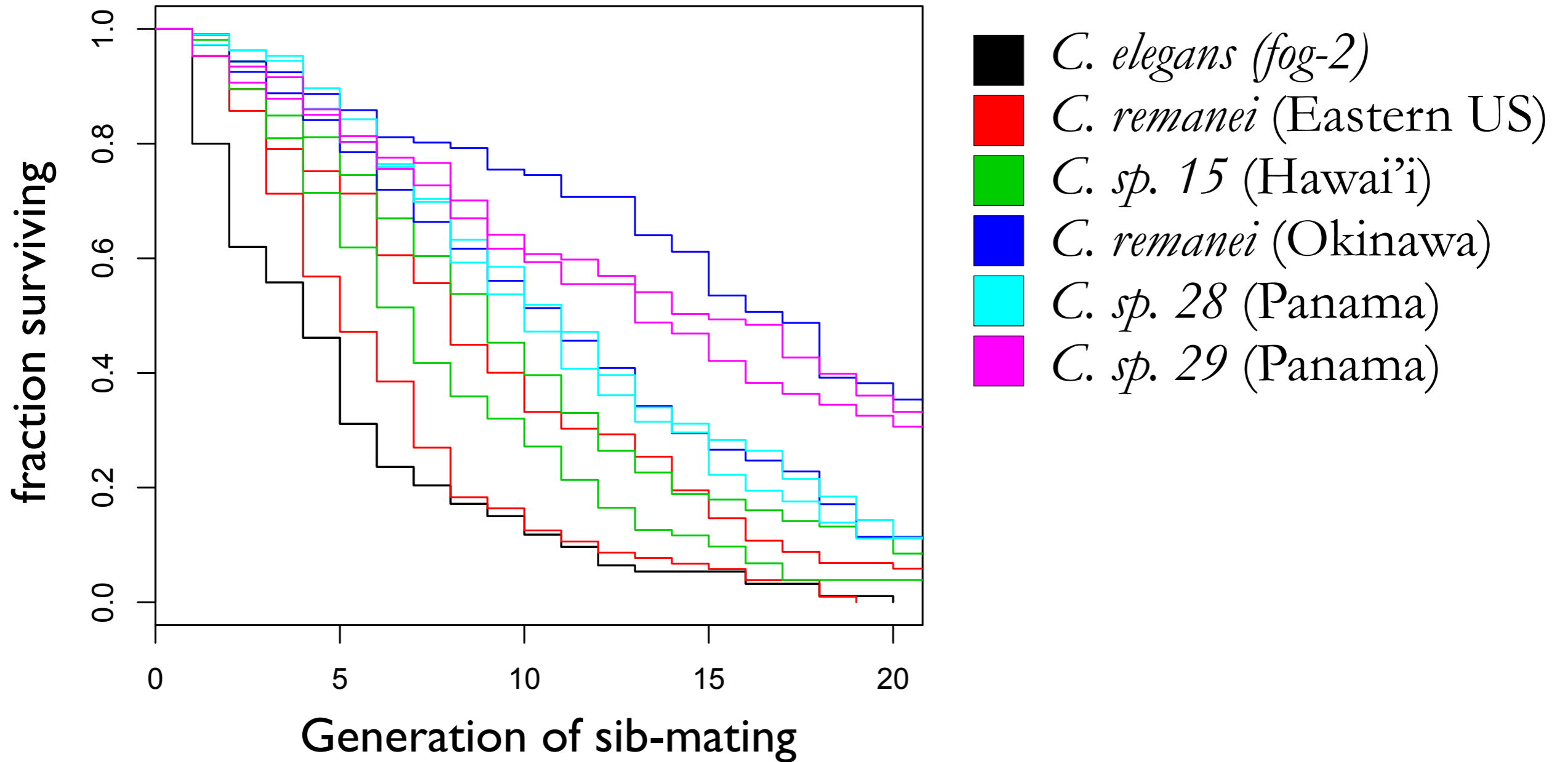


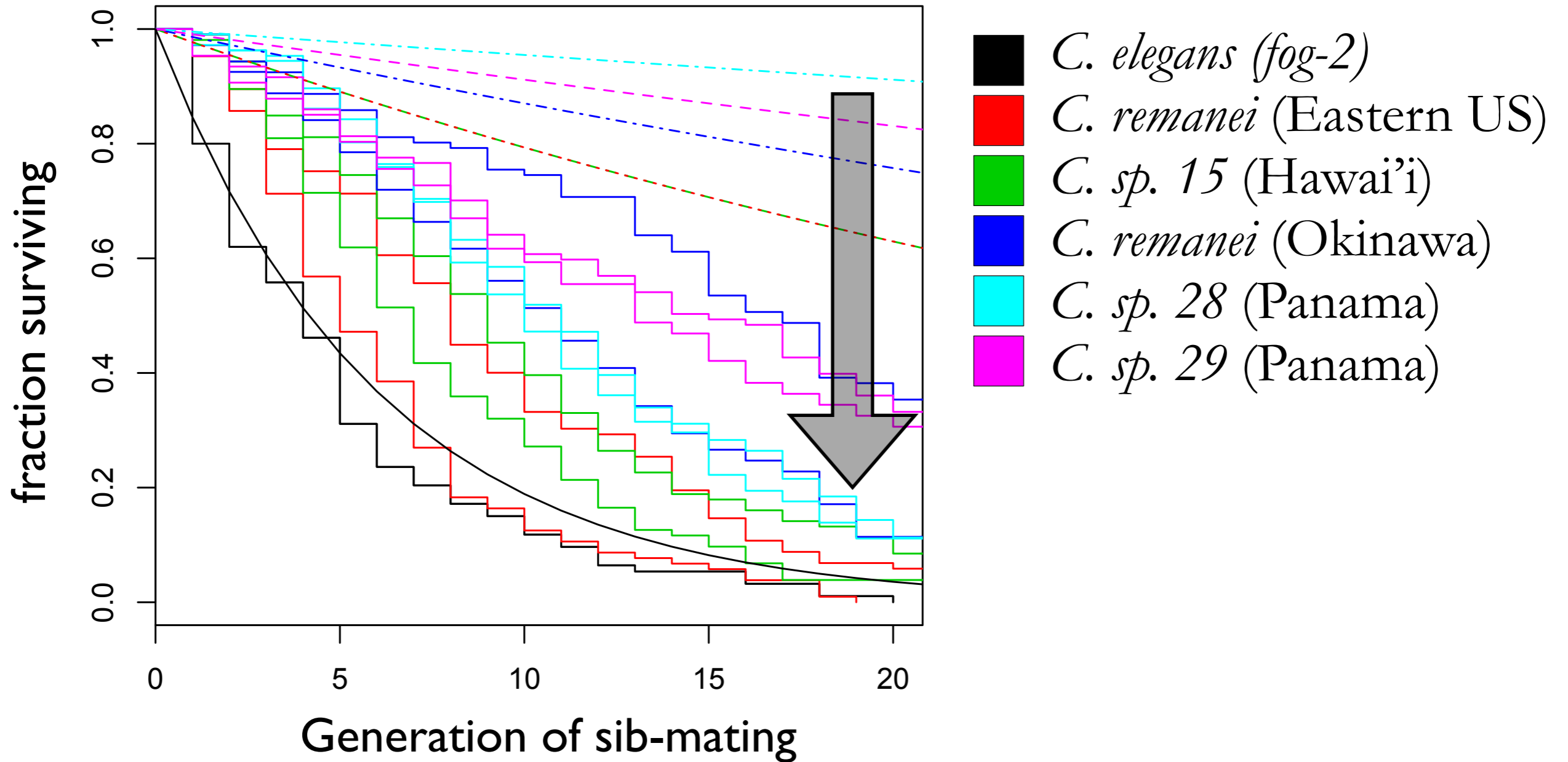
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- *C. elegans* (*fog-2*)
- *C. remanei* (Eastern US)
- *C. sp. 15* (Hawai'i)
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- *C. sp. 28* (Panama)
- *C. sp. 29* (Panama)

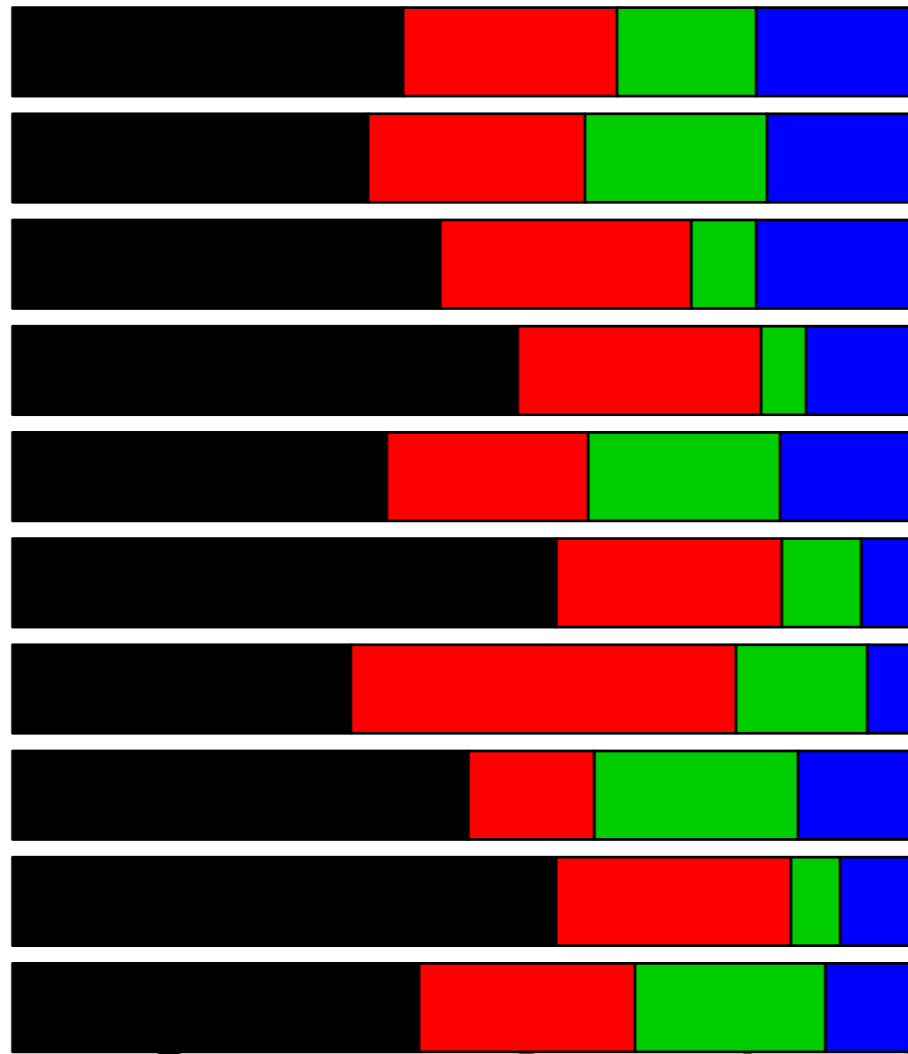




severe inbreeding depression

# proportion of extinctions

0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0



*C. remanei* (Midwest)

*C. sp. 15* (Hawai'i)

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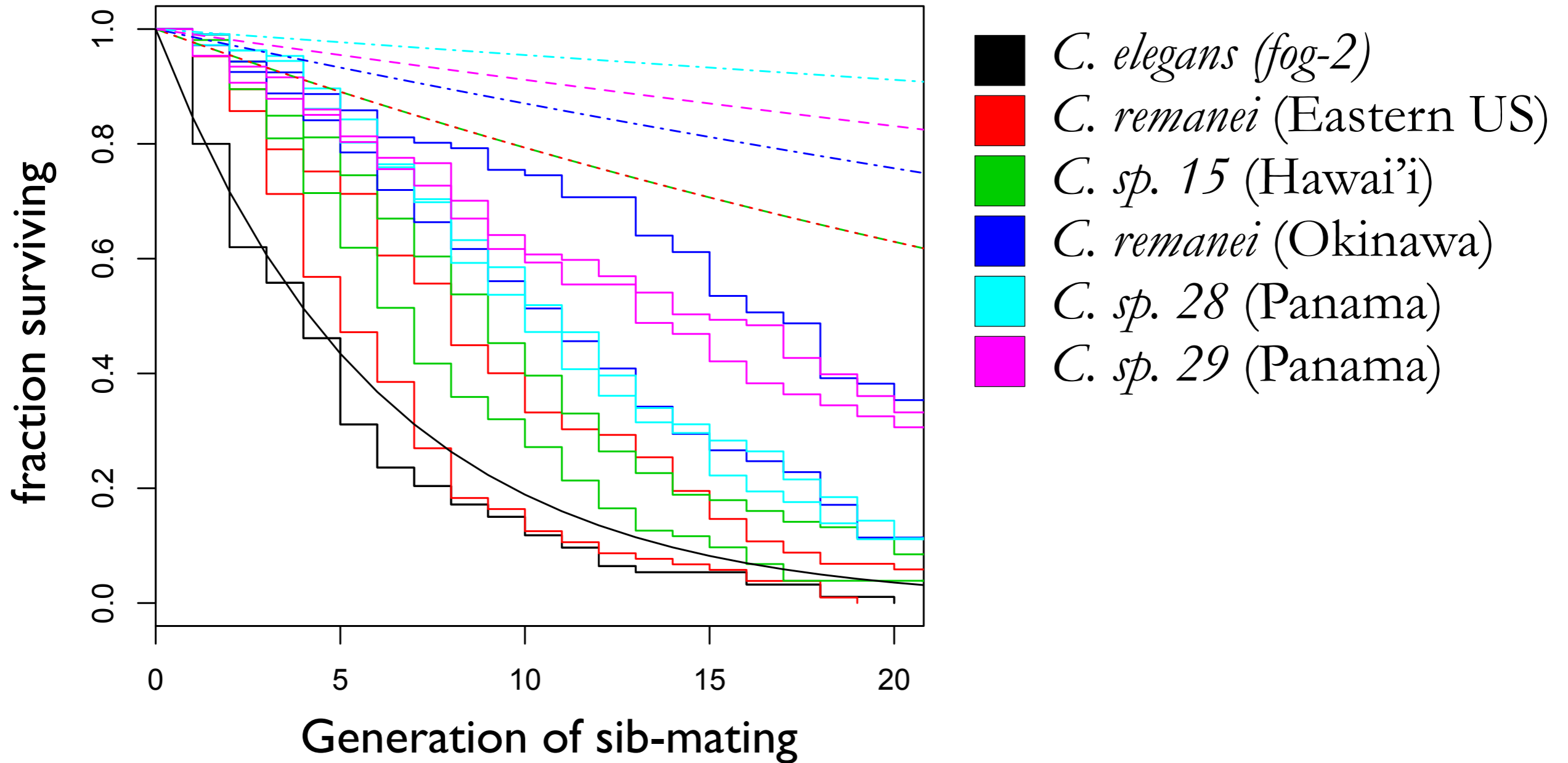
Failure  
to mate

Sterility

Embryonic  
Lethality

Larval  
Lethality



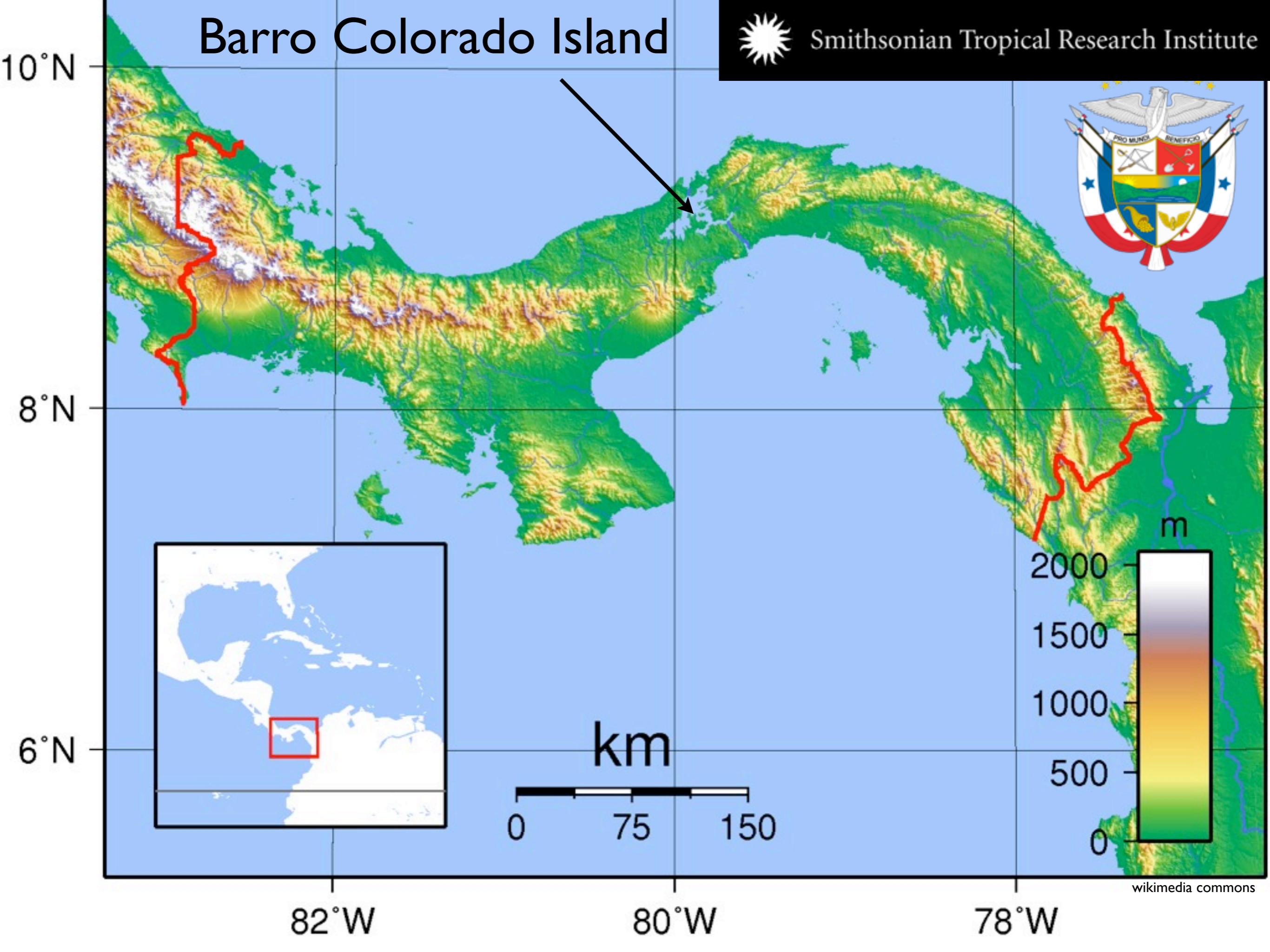


Why do species differ in inbreeding depression?

# Barro Colorado Island

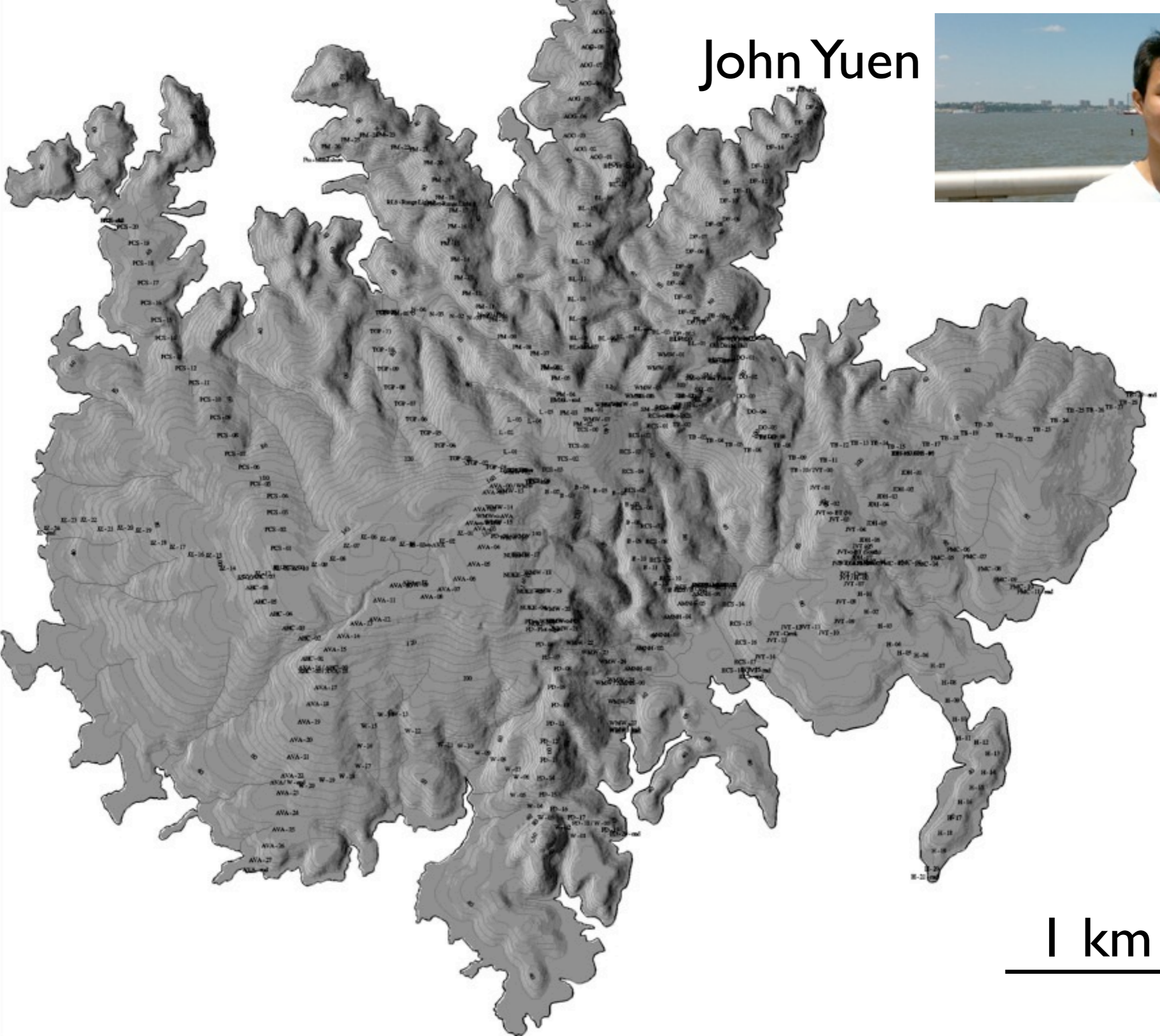


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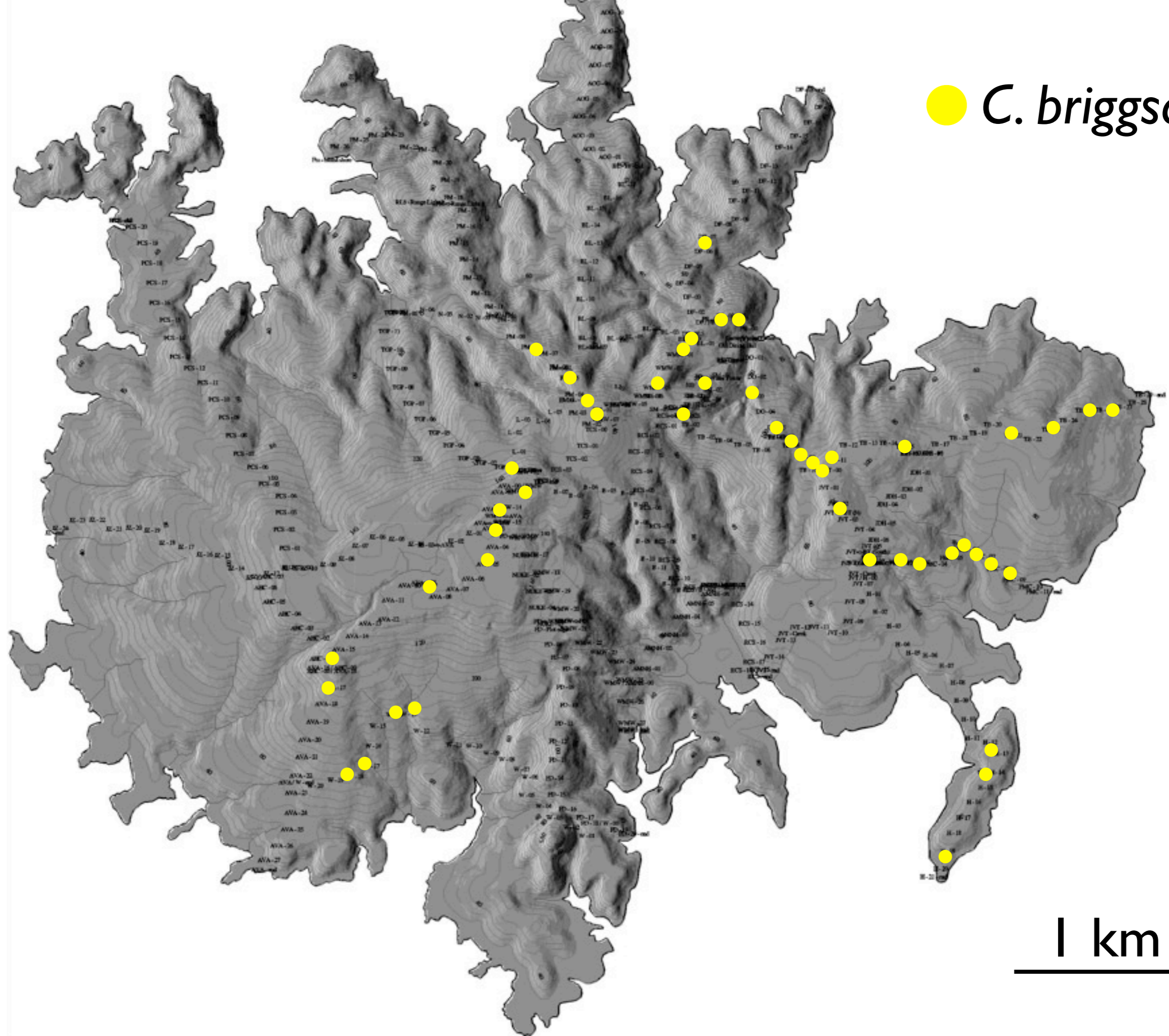


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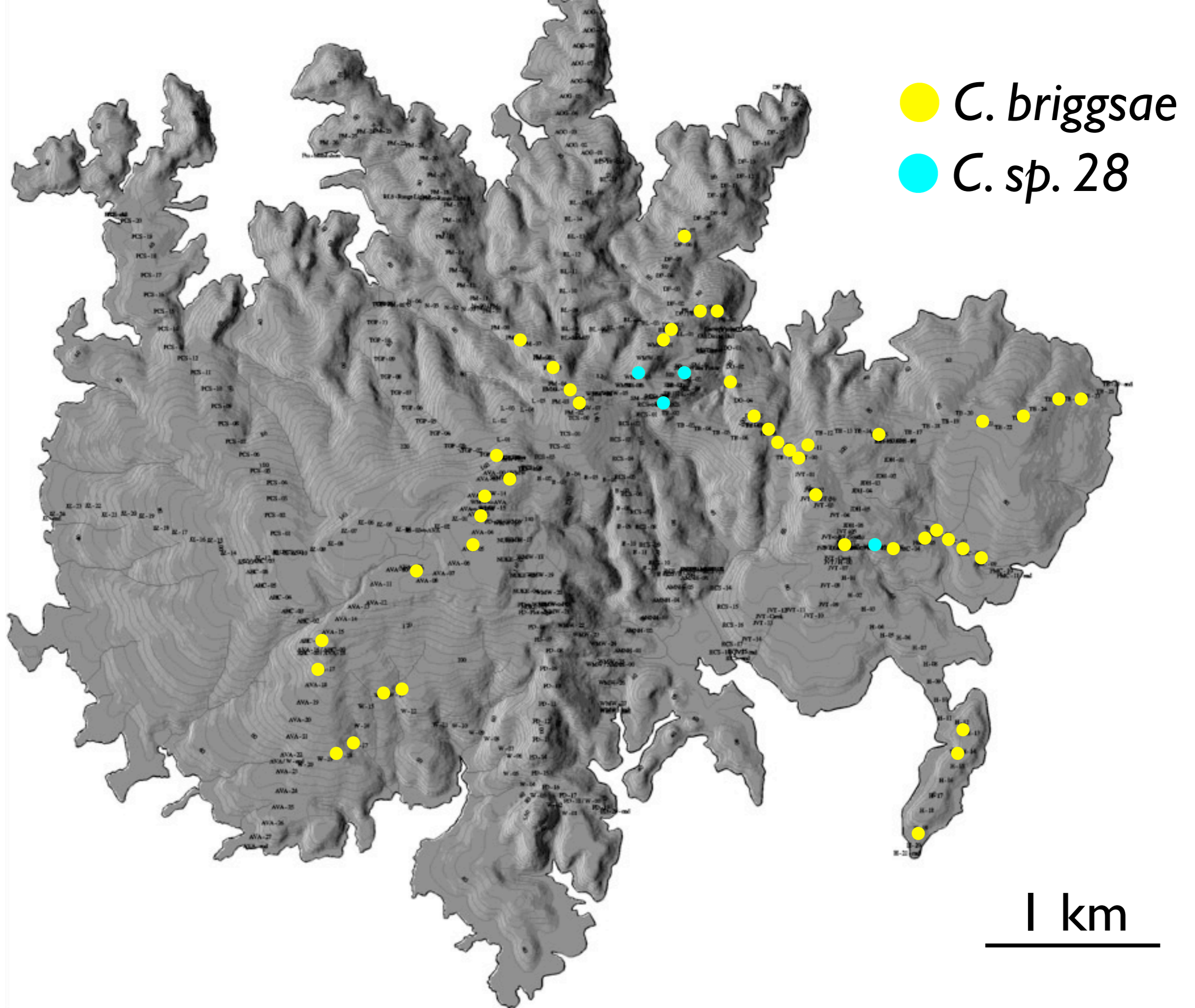


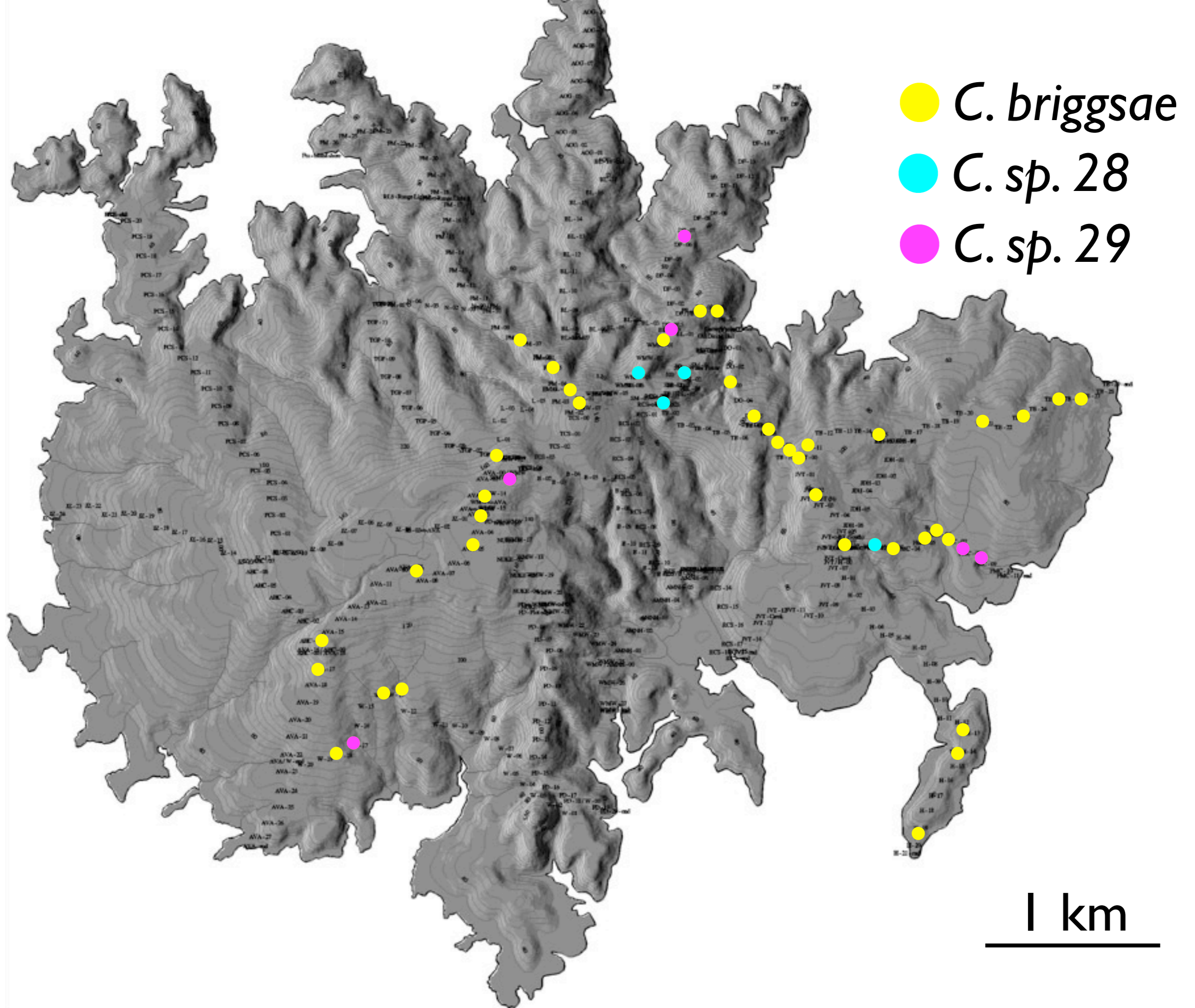
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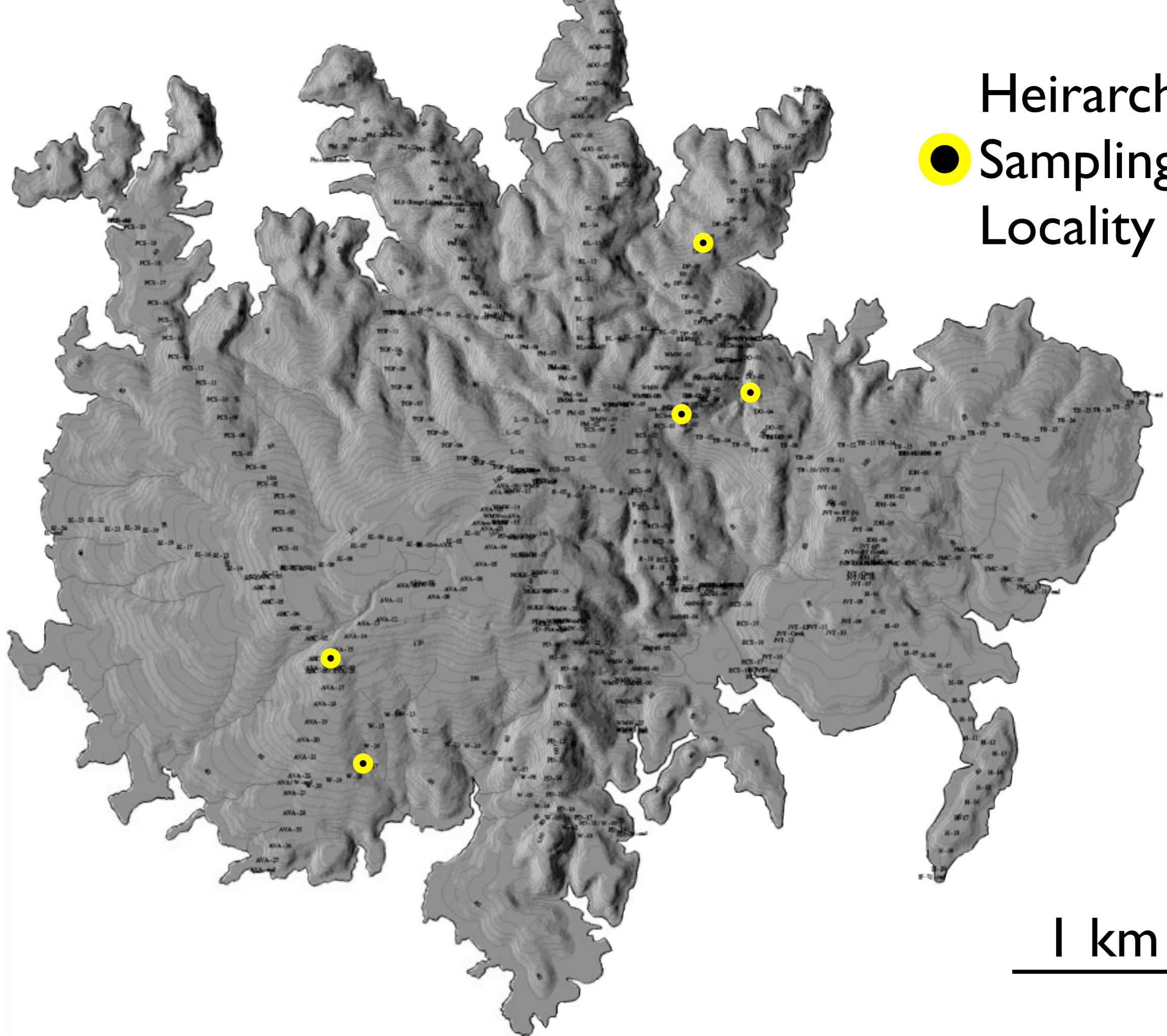
● *C. briggsae*



1 km







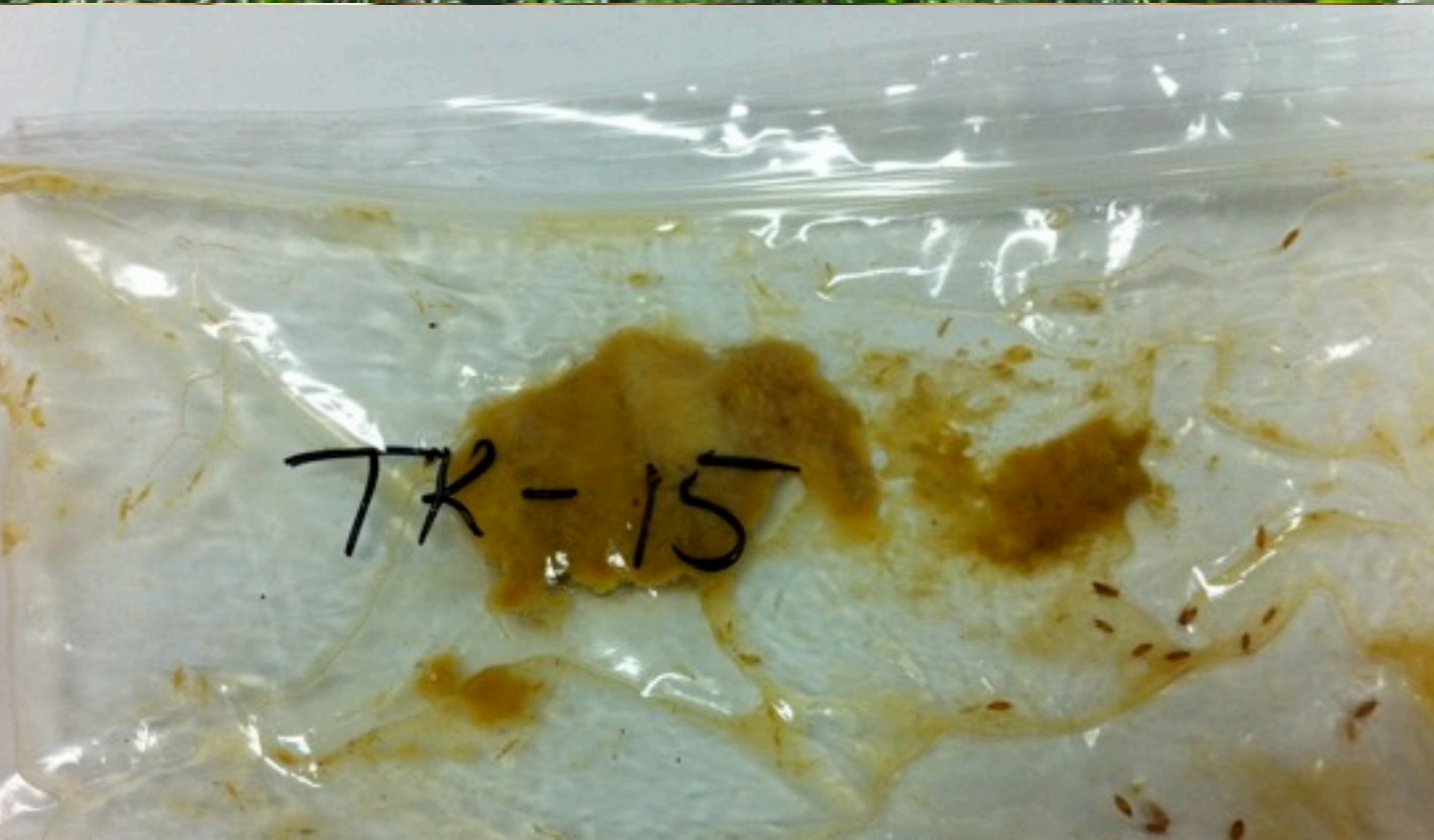
Heirarchical  
● Sampling  
Locality

1 km

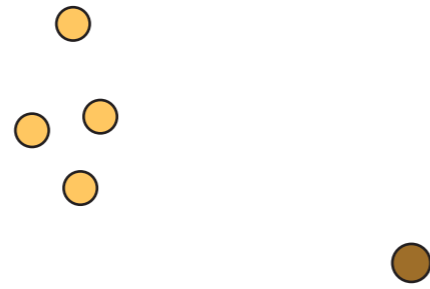
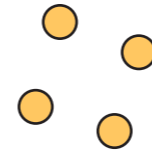




*Gustavia superba*



# Tree DF

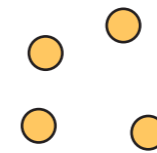


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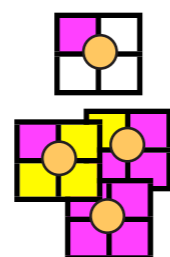
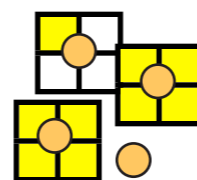


1 m

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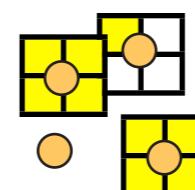
# Tree DF



*Gustavia  
superba*



1 m



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biparental inbreeding

purging of dominance load

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