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Evidence for Evolution

The fossil record

Homologous structures (including
DNA)

Local adaptations (Response to
selection in agriculture, for example)

Evolution in Populations

Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

Evolution is about change over time
one consequence is common ancestry





Evolution of the modern horse and its leg bone



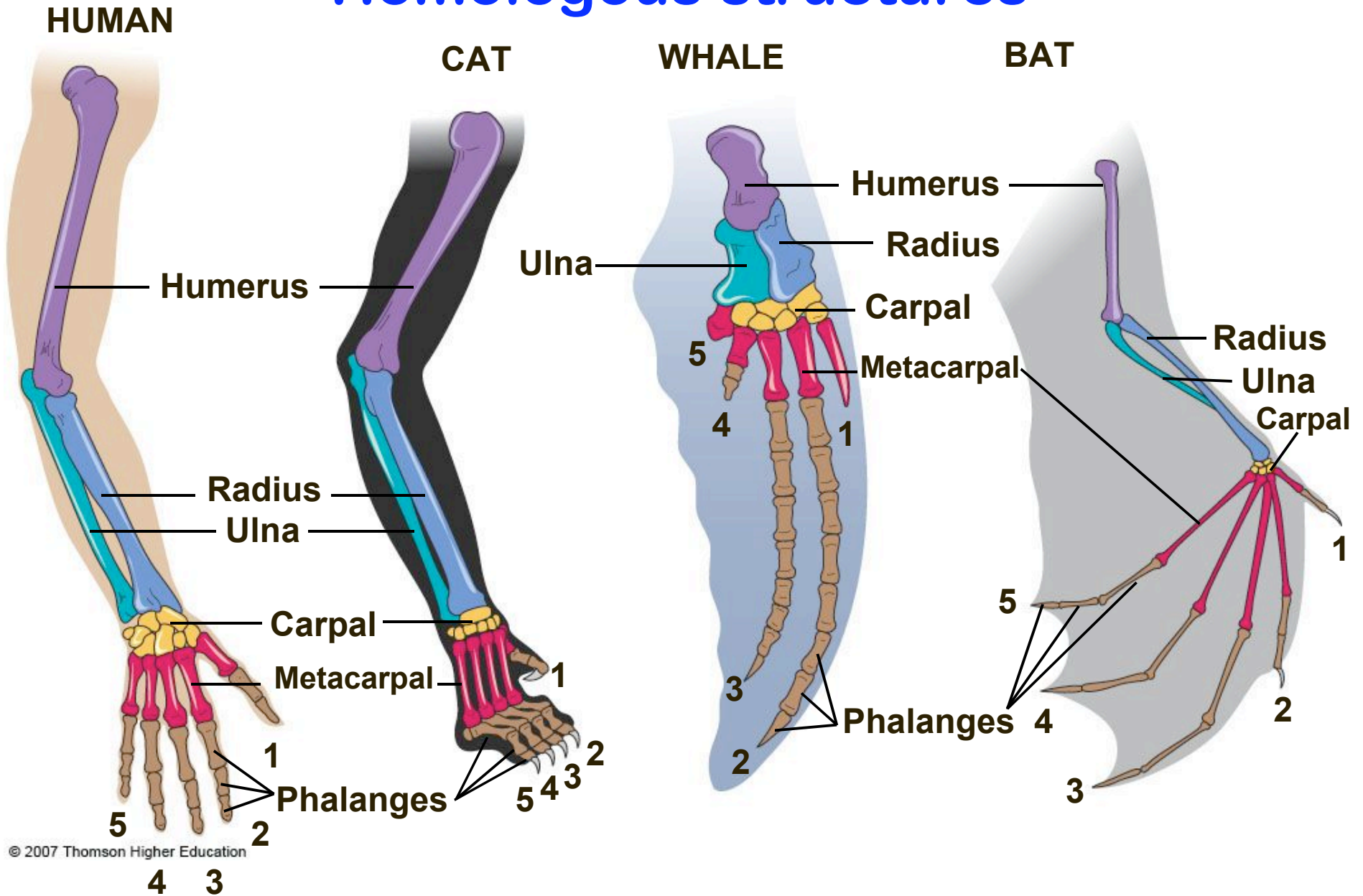
Eocene Oligocene Miocene Pliocene Pleistocene Recent

40-50 million yrs ago

10,000 yrs ago



Homologous structures



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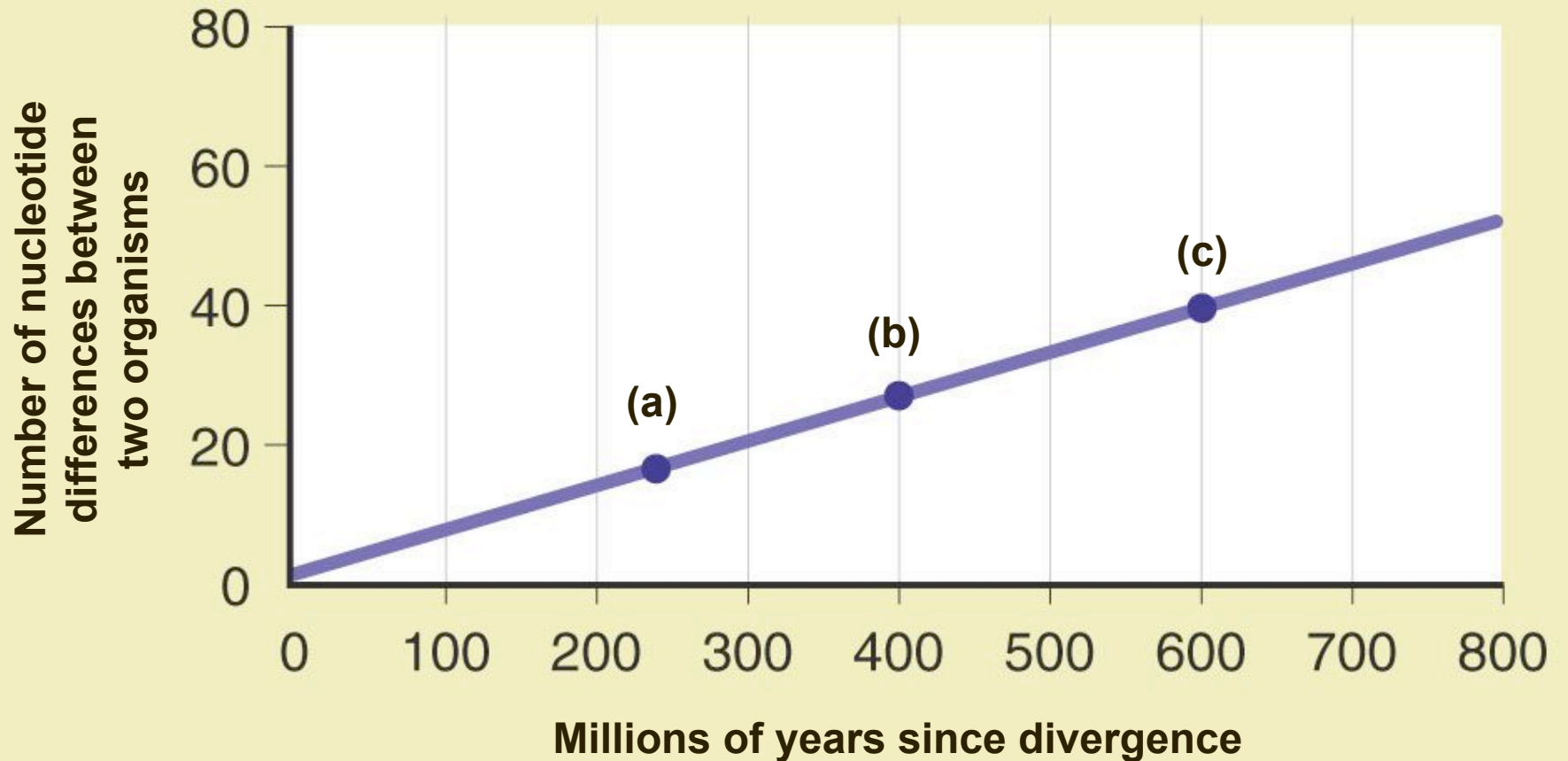
TABLE 18-1**Differences in Nucleotide Sequences in DNA
as Evidence of Phylogenetic Relationships**

Primate Species Pairs	Percent Divergence in a Selected DNA Sequence
Human–chimpanzee	1.7
Human–gorilla	1.8
Human–orangutan	3.3
Human–gibbon	4.3
Human–rhesus monkey (Old World monkey)	7.0
Human–spider monkey (New World monkey)	10.8
Human–tarsier	24.6

Source: From M. Goodman et al., “Primate Evolution at the DNA Level and a Classification of Hominoids,” *Journal of Molecular Evolution*, Vol. 30, 1990.

Note: *Percent divergence* refers to how different the base sequences are for the same gene in different organisms. In this example, humans and chimpanzees have a 1.7% difference in their DNA base sequences, which means that 98.3% of the DNA examined is identical. The data shown are for the noncoding sequence of the β -globin gene.

Molecular Clock



- (a) Divergence of birds and reptiles
- (b) Divergence of reptiles and fish
- (c) Divergence of fish and insects

Responses To Selection



Brassica oleracea

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Kale

Brocoli

Brussels Sprouts

Kohlrabi

Cabbage

Cauliflower

All evolved within
the past 8000 yrs
due to artificial
selection



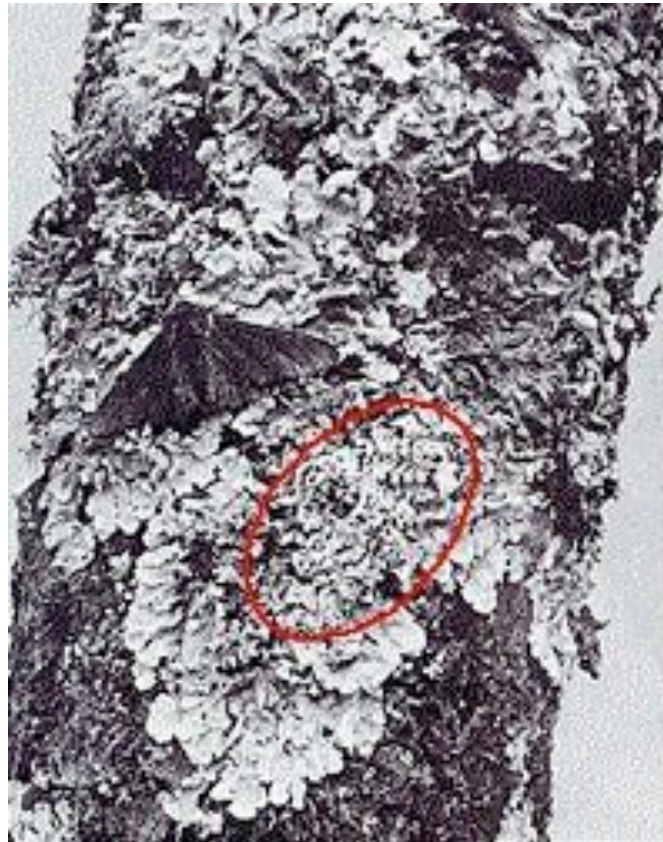
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Light and dark forms of the peppered moth



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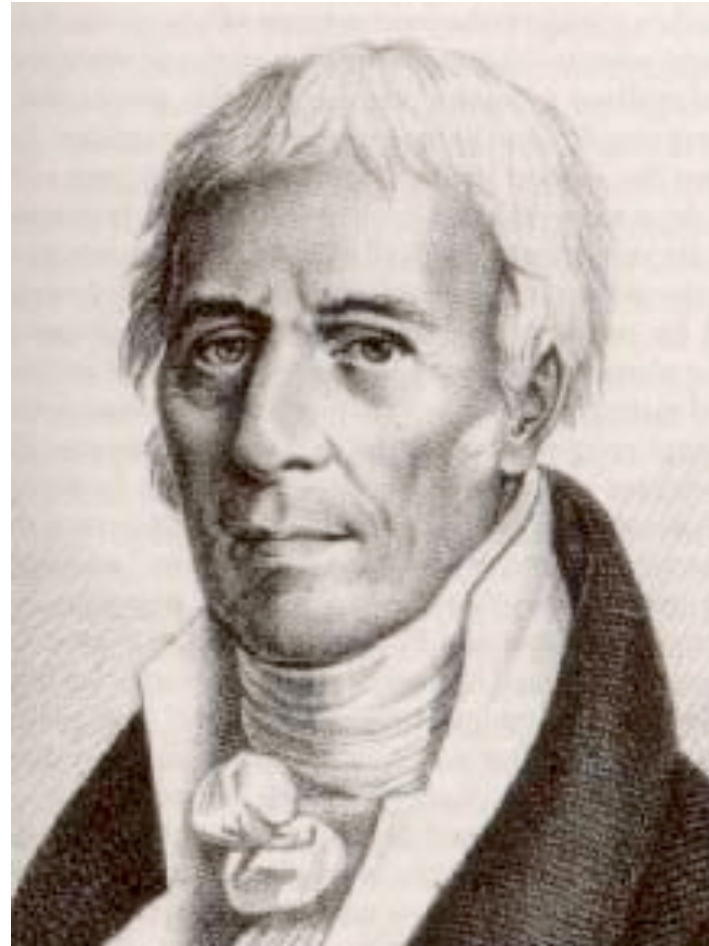
Adaptation

Any change in the structure or functioning of an organism that makes it better suited to its environment.

Oxford Dictionary of Science



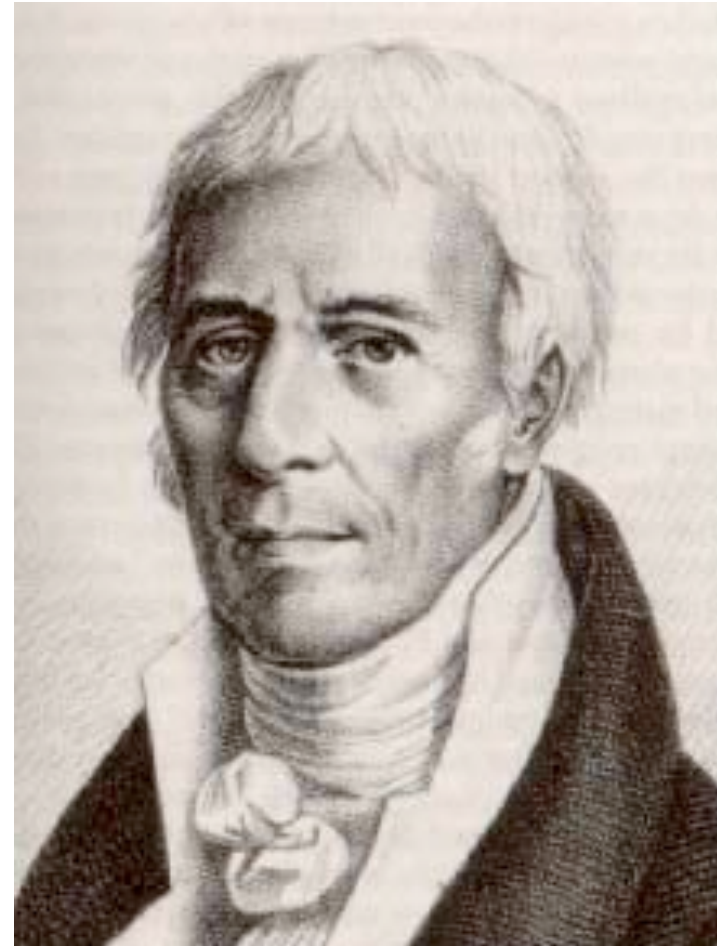
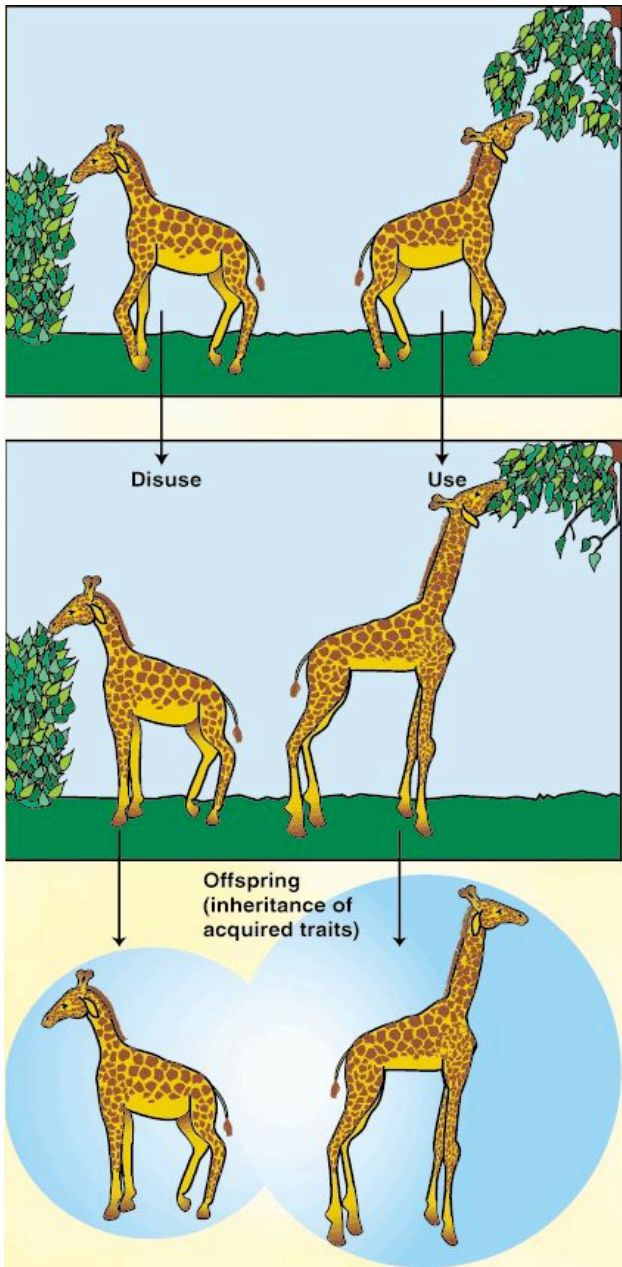
**The quest for a mechanism to explain
evolutionary processes -**



Jean-Baptiste Pierre Antoine de Monet Chevalier de **Lamarck**
1744-1829

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2. "The production of a new organ in an animal body results from the supervention of a new want (*besoin*) continuing to make itself felt, and a new movement which this want gives birth to and encourages."
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Charles Darwin
1809-1882



Alfred Russel Wallace
1823-1913



We will suppose the means of subsistence in any country just equal to the easy support of its inhabitants. The constant effort towards population... increases the number of people before the means of subsistence are increased. The food therefore which before supported seven millions must now be divided among seven millions and a half or eight millions. The poor consequently must live much worse, and many of them be reduced to severe distress.

Thomas Malthus

1766-1834



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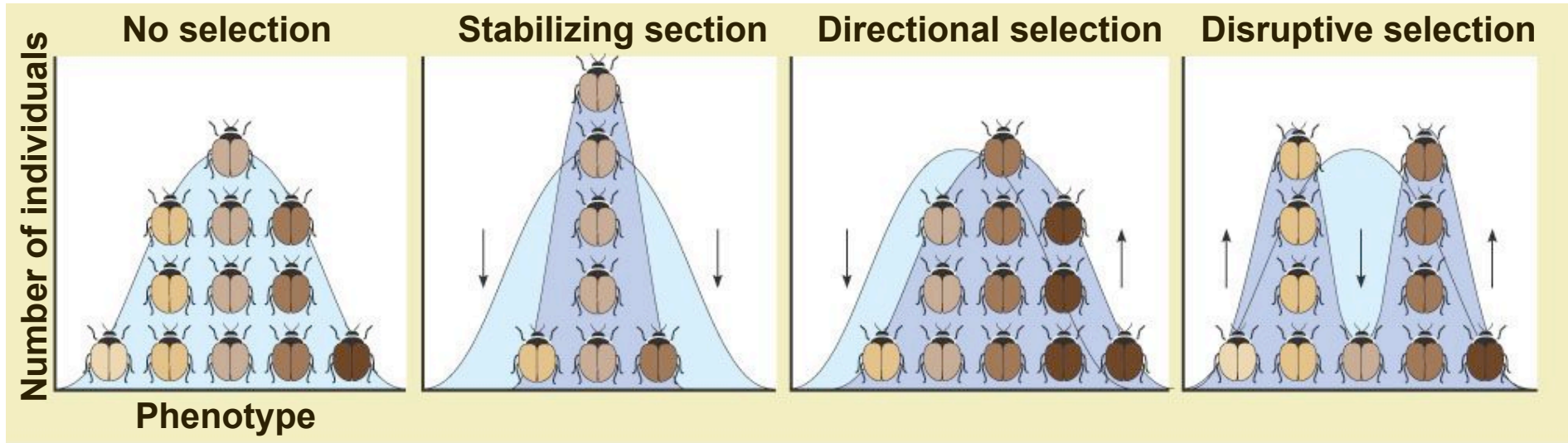


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Darwin / Wallace - Four Conditions for Natural Selection

- 1) Variation within populations
- 2) Overproduction
- 3) Limited resources
- 4) Differential reproductive success

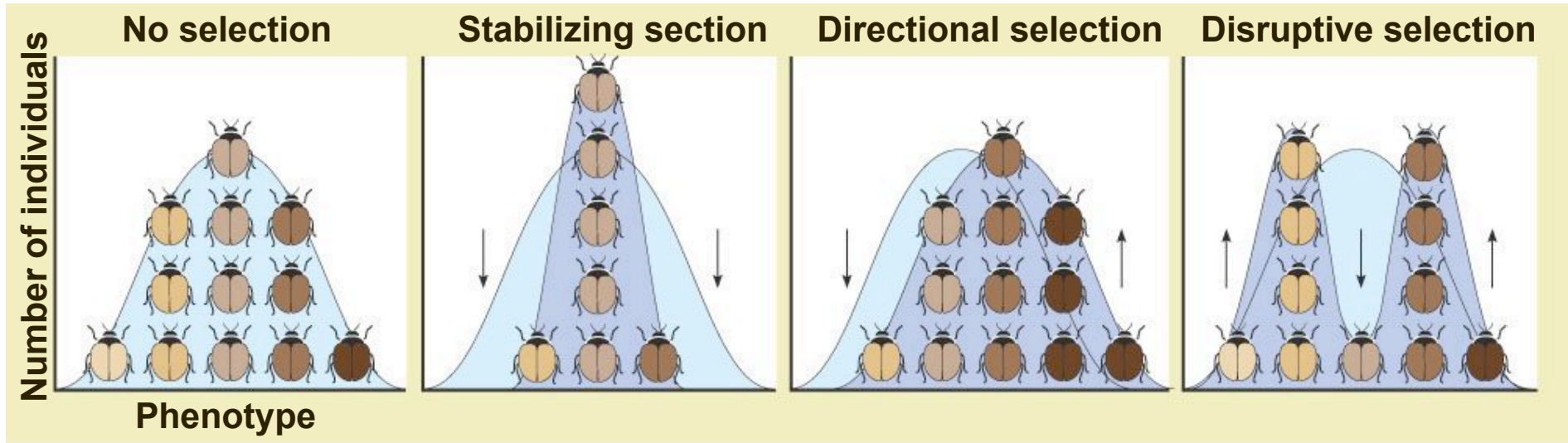
Three major kinds of selection (for now...)



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Selection operates on Phenotypes



G. H. Hardy (1908)

Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

'I have, of course, considered only the very simplest hypothesis possible. Hypotheses other than that of purely random mating will give different results, or if ...[the character]...has an influence on fertility, the whole question may be greatly complicated'

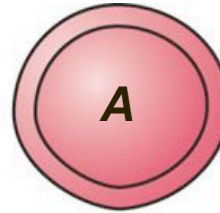
Allele frequencies will remain constant in a population unless altered by selection, non-random mating, migration or genetic drift. (credit also to C. Castle and W. Weinberg)

$$p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$$

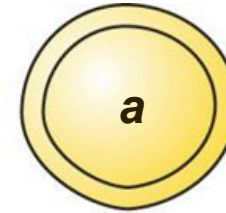
Frequency of *AA* Frequency of *Aa* Frequency of *aa* = 1

All individuals in the population

Allele frequencies in female gametes

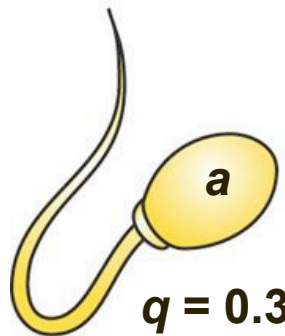
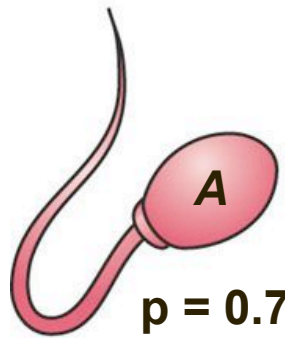


$p = 0.7$



$q = 0.3$

Allele frequencies in male gametes



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Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

Holds true only if:

1 - No Mutation

2 - No immigration / emigration

3 - No Selection (no differential survival of genotypes)

If these are violated, then evolution occurs

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Evolution II-

Revisit Hardy Weinberg Equilibrium

**Micro-Evolution - antibiotic
resistance in bacteria**

Neo-Darwinism (Modern synthesis)

Macro-Evolution - speciation

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Genotype and Allele frequencies will stay the same, forever if...

Random Mating

No Mutations

No Genetic Drift

No Migration

No Selection

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If all this is true, No Evolution Occurs

Random Mating - often violated, some individuals reproduce much better than others

No Mutations - “rare”, but constant

No Genetic Drift - happens in smaller, isolated populations - *sampling*

No Migration often happens

No Selection selective environments change often (physical and biotic changes)

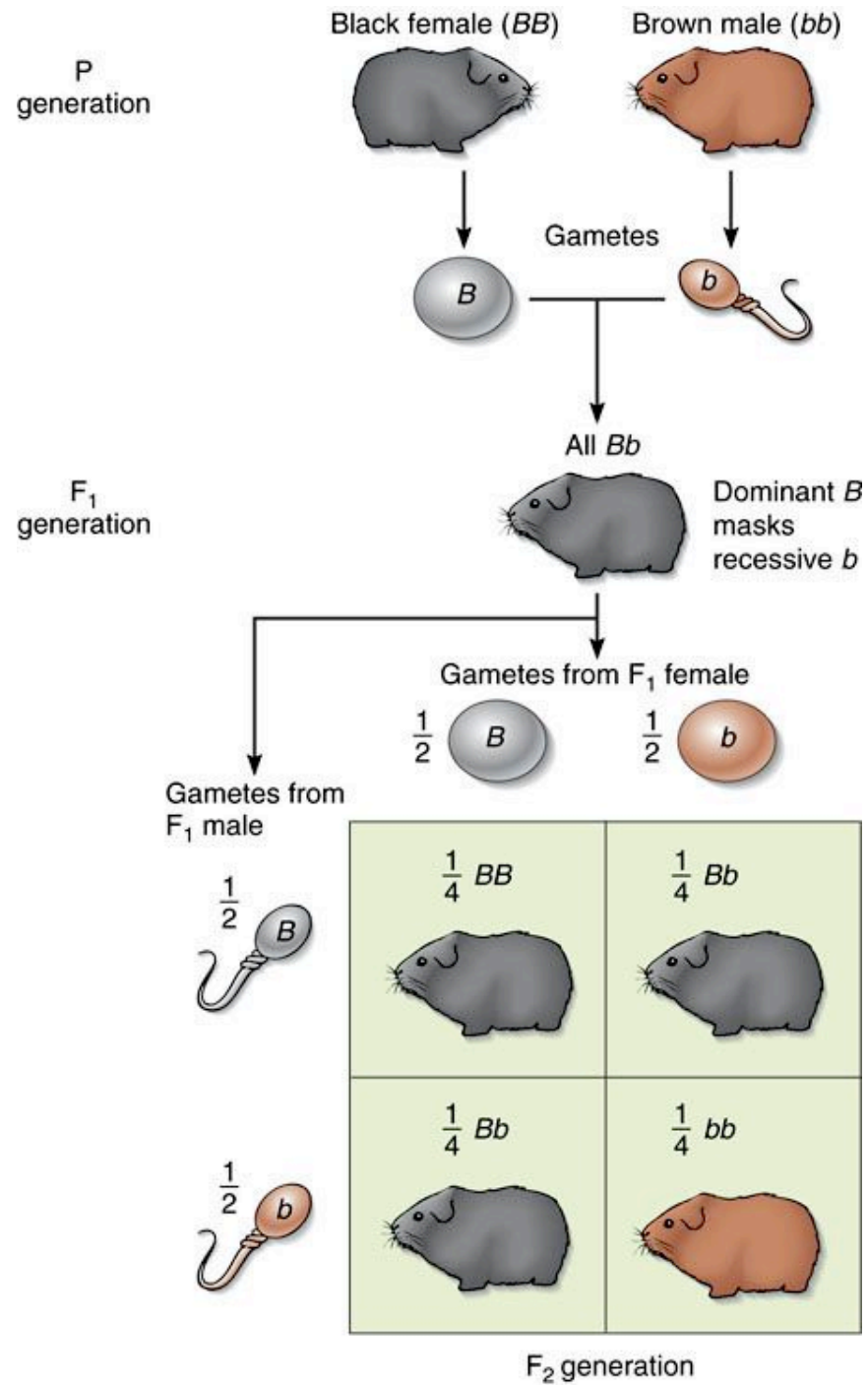
Therefore, evolutionary change is likely

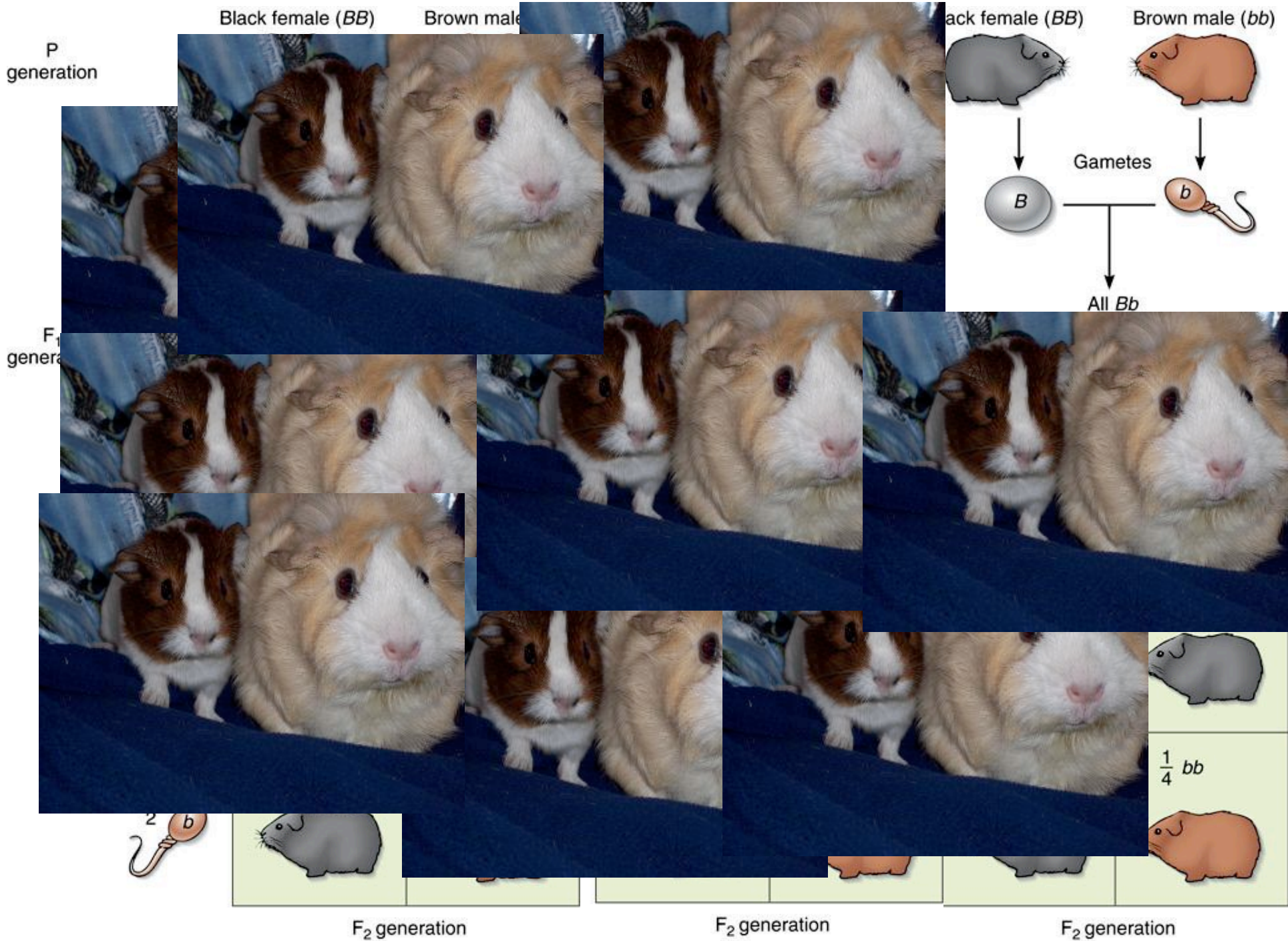
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All individuals in the population

Imagine a population
of guinea pigs....





We observe that half the population is Black (genotypes BB or Bb) and half the population is brown (bb)

What will the next generation look like under HWE?

First step, estimate frequencies of B and b alleles

Half the population is Black
(genotypes BB or Bb)

We can't do much with this info yet, since we only know phenotypes, not genotypes

Half the population is brown (bb)

We can work with this, because we know that genotypes conform to the HWE.

p = the frequency of one allele (B)

q = the frequency of the other (b)

We know that half the individuals are bb, half are Bb or BB.....

$$p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$$

Frequency of *BB* + Frequency of *Bb* + Frequency of *bb* = All individuals in the population

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$$p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$$

Frequency of *BB* Frequency of *Bb* Frequency of *bb* All individuals in the population

$$q^2 = \text{Frequency of } bb$$

q^2 = the frequency of the bb genotype

q = the frequency of the b allele

Therefore, the square root of q^2 = the frequency of the b allele

1 - the frequency of the b allele = the frequency of the B allele

$$q^2 = \text{Frequency of } bb$$

q^2 = the frequency of the bb genotype

q = the frequency of the b allele

Therefore, the square root of 0.5 = the frequency of the b allele ($=0.71$)

$1 - 0.71 = 0.29$ = the frequency of the B allele

$$p = 0.29$$

$$q = 0.71$$

Black Phenotype

Brown Phenotype

$$p^2$$

+

$$2pq$$

+

$$q^2$$

=

Frequency of
 $BB = 0.08$

Frequency of
 $Bb = 0.42$

Frequency of
 $bb = 0.5$

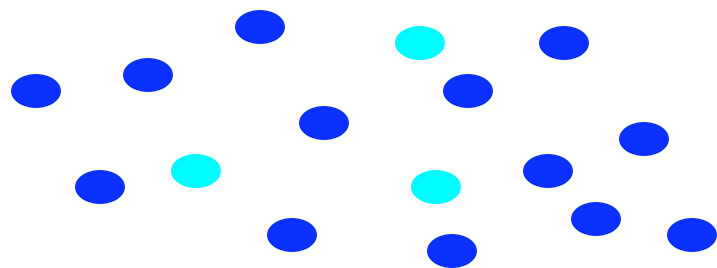
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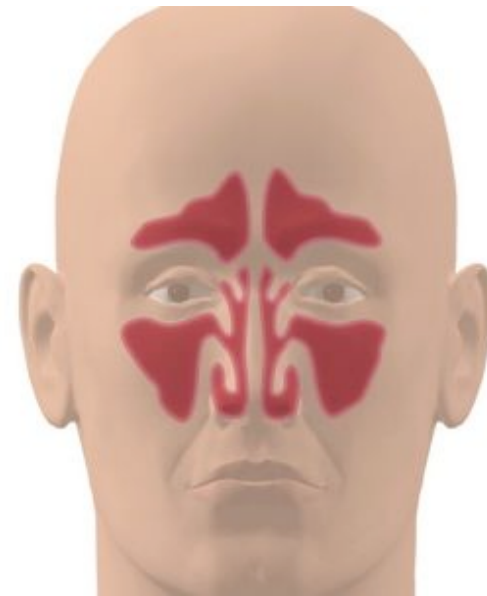
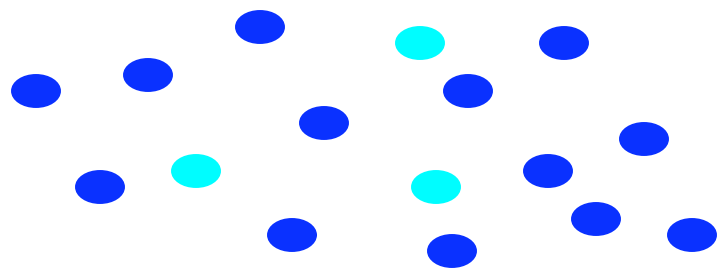
Imagine a bacterial population with some variation...



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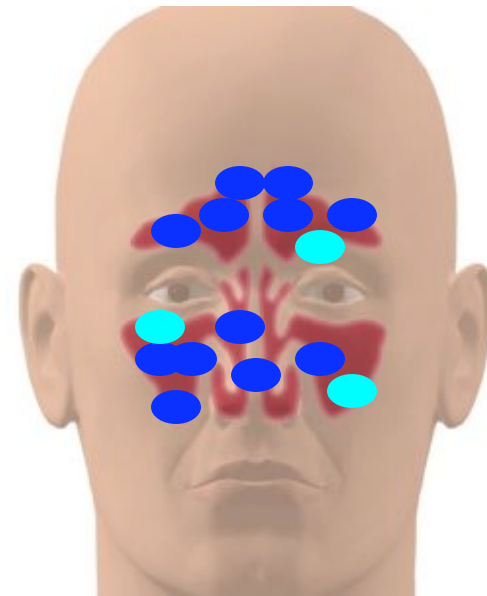
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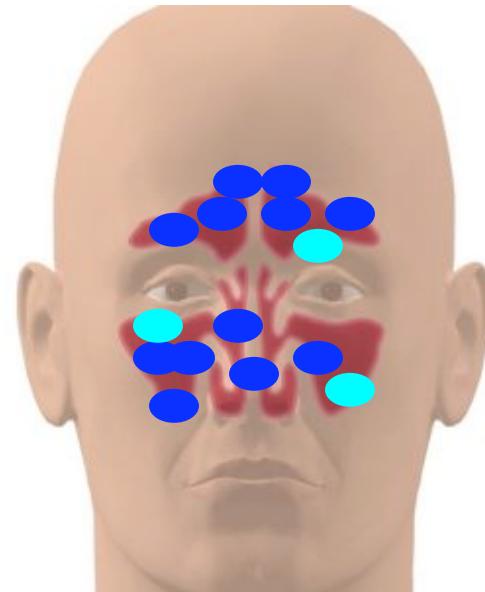
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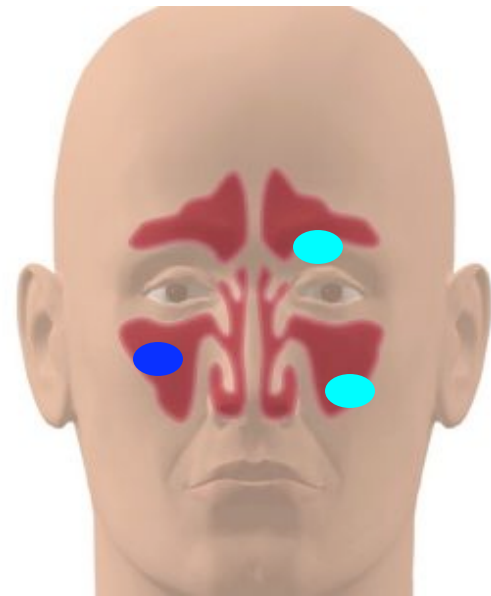
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Imagine an antibiotic that kills off most of the bacteria, but some of the light blue ones are less susceptible



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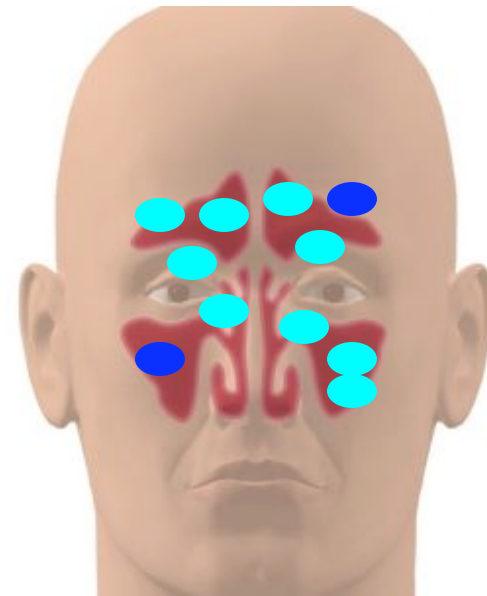
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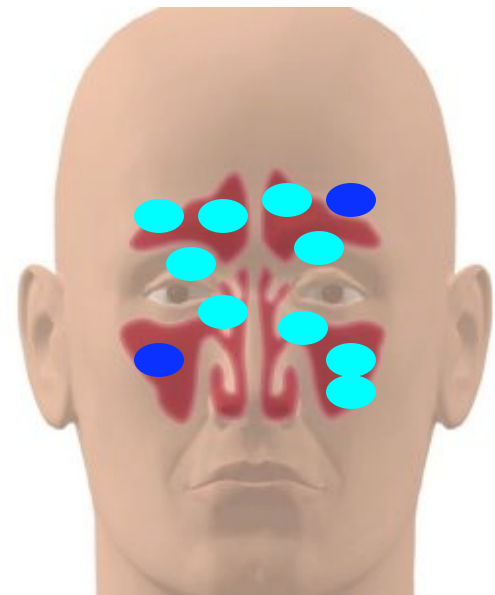
After the patient stops taking antibiotics, the more resistant bacteria can take over, making it harder to treat the infection next time



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- 1 - huge population size*
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- 3 - horizontal gene transfer*



Rapid Evolution case study...

Bacteria can evolve rapidly for several reasons -

- 1 - huge population size (greater chance of getting the right phenotype)*
- 2 - rapid mutation rate (less DNA repair, haploid, etc)*
- 2 - rapid reproduction (the right phenotype can spread quickly)*
- 3 - horizontal gene transfer (good genes can be shared)*



Neo-Darwinism (the Modern Synthesis)

Combines the Darwin-Wallace model of evolution via Natural Selection

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Mendelian and Biochemical Genetics

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Population Genetics

(From Wikipedia)

The **modern synthesis** bridged the gap between experimental geneticists and naturalists; and between both and palaeontologists, stating that

1. All evolutionary phenomena can be explained in a way consistent with known genetic mechanisms and the observational evidence of naturalists.

2. Evolution is gradual: small genetic changes, recombination ordered by natural selection. Discontinuities amongst species (or other taxa) are explained as originating gradually through geographical separation and extinction (not saltation).

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(From Wikipedia)

3.Selection is overwhelmingly the main mechanism of change; even slight advantages are important when continued. The object of selection is the phenotype in its surrounding environment. The role of genetic drift is equivocal; though strongly supported initially by Dobzhansky, it was downgraded later as results from ecological genetics were obtained.

4.The primacy of population thinking: the genetic diversity carried in natural populations is a key factor in evolution. The strength of natural selection in the wild was greater than expected; the effect of ecological factors such as niche occupation and the significance of barriers to gene flow are all important.

5.In palaeontology, the ability to explain historical observations by extrapolation from micro to macro-evolution is proposed. Historical contingency means explanations at different levels may exist. Gradualism does not mean constant rate of change.

Neo-Darwinism has a major impact in how we think about SPECIATION

Historical view - species were unchanging entities, created once for all eternity.

Modern view - species are fluid, new ones evolve regularly, others go extinct.

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Neither definition is 100% adequate

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The BSC relies on Reproductive Isolation (RI)

RI can be pre-zygotic or post-zygotic

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~before mating/after mating

Post Zygotic examples -

Horse x Donkey = mule. Mules are healthy, but infertile, probably due to chromosomal differences.

Under the BSC, horses and donkeys are distinct species.

Pre-Zygotic examples -

**Different mating signals, timing, behaviors
etc.**

Temporal Variation -

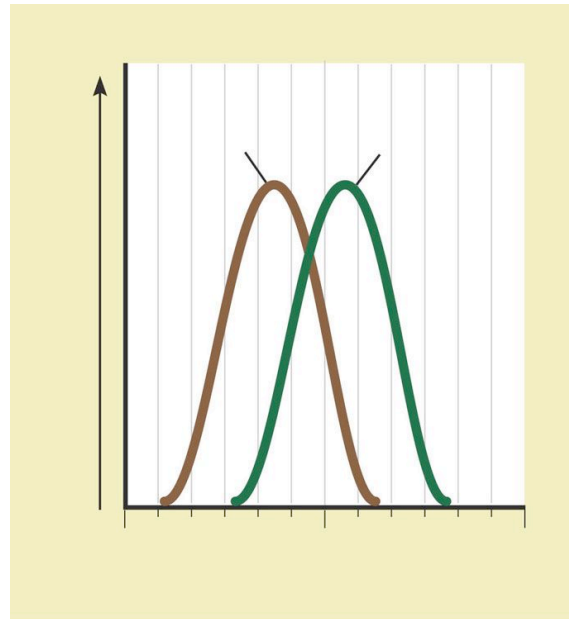


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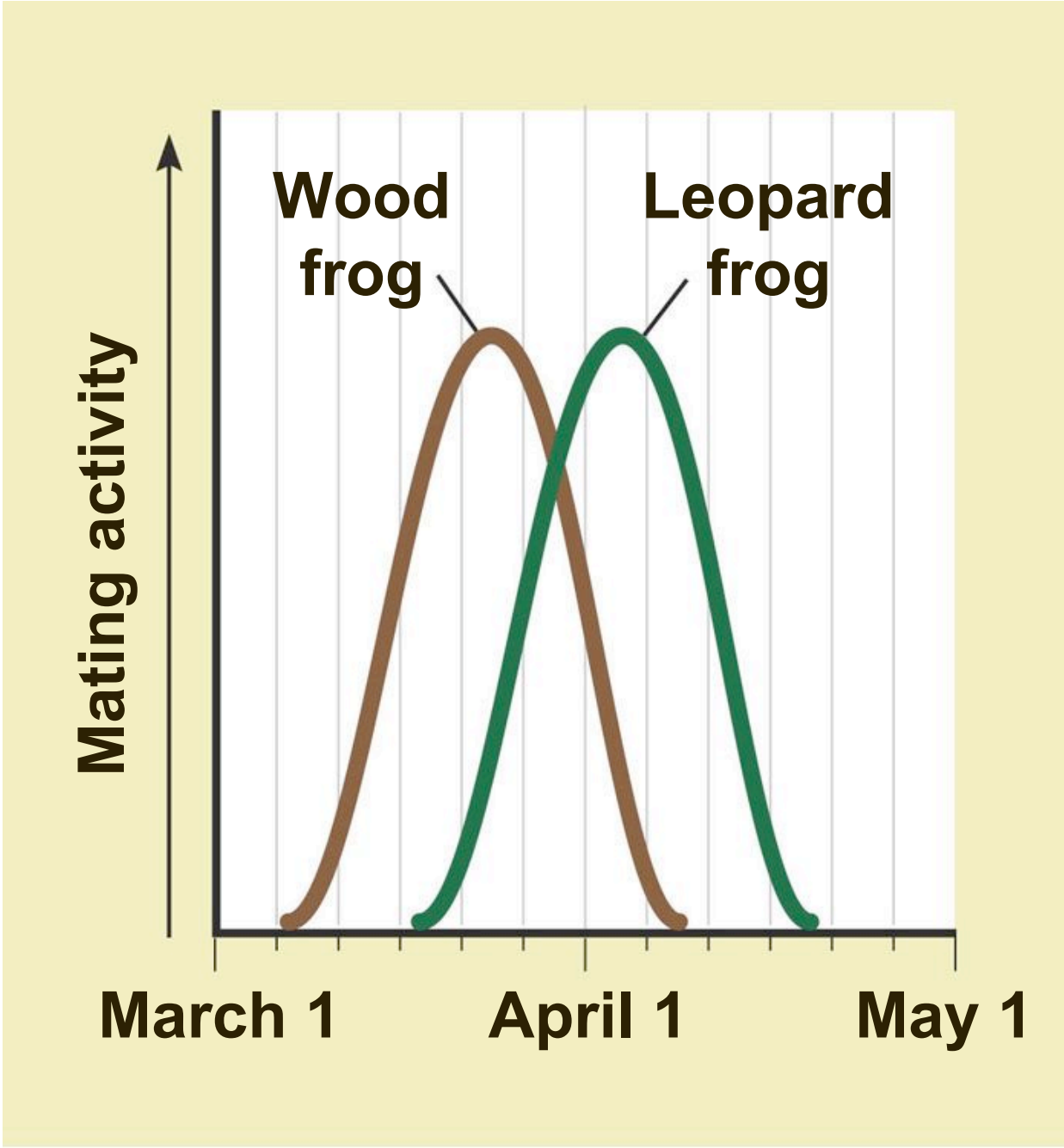


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Wood Frogs and Leopard Frogs mate at different times



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Different mating signals, timing, behaviors etc.

Mate recognition -

Wood Frogs and Leopard Frogs sing different songs -

<http://allaboutfrogs.org/files/sounds/wood.wav>

<http://allaboutfrogs.org/files/sounds/sleaprd.wav>

How does speciation start ?

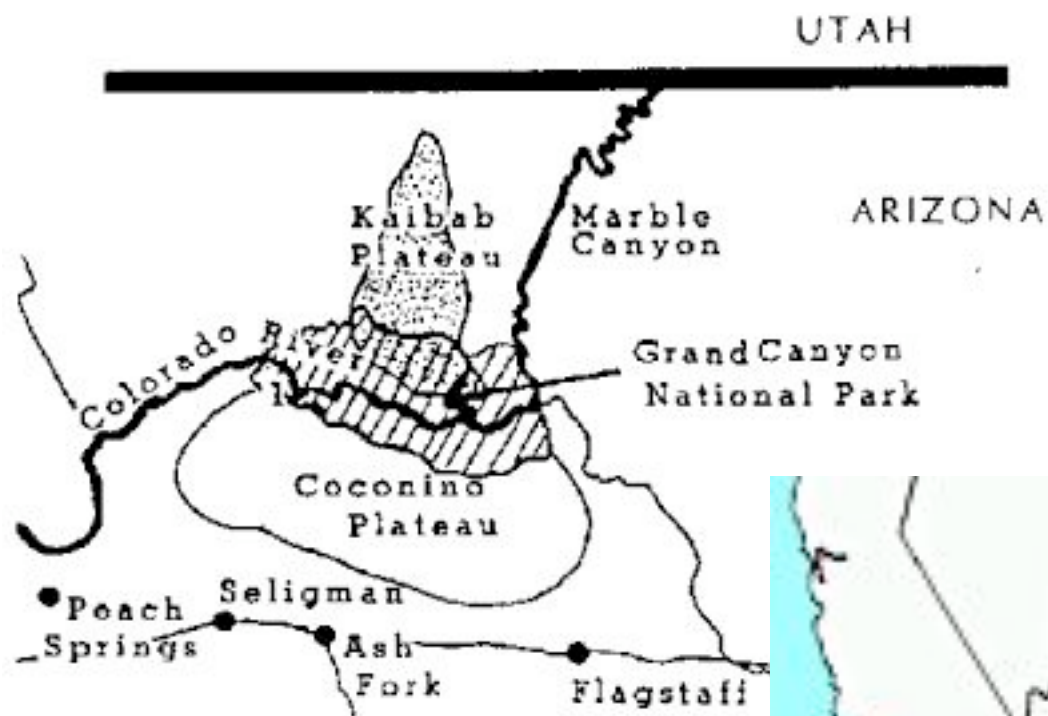
One way is through allopatry ('different fatherlands')

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(a) The Kaibab squirrel, with its white tail and gray belly, is found north of the Grand Canyon.





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(b) The Abert squirrel, with its gray tail and white belly, is found south of the Grand Canyon.

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