

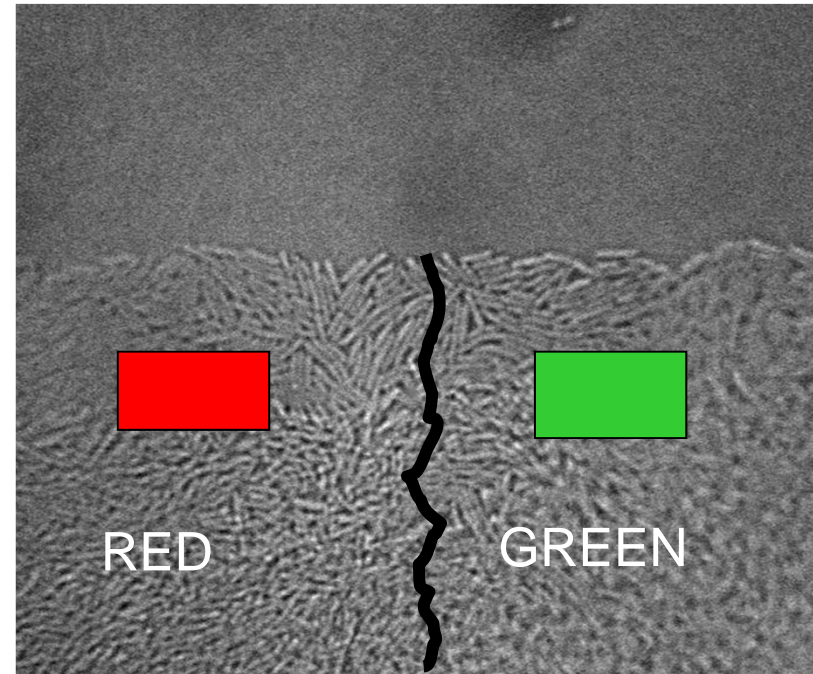
Range Expansions with Competition or Cooperation



In 500 generations....

Large mammals expand over $\sim 10^4$ km

Bacteria (in a Petri dish) expand ~ 1 cm



Red and Green Strains....

1. Could be neutral....
2. Could have different doubling times
3. One or both could secrete toxins that impede the other...
4. One or both could secrete amino acids useful to the other (mutualism)

Competition and Cooperation at Frontiers

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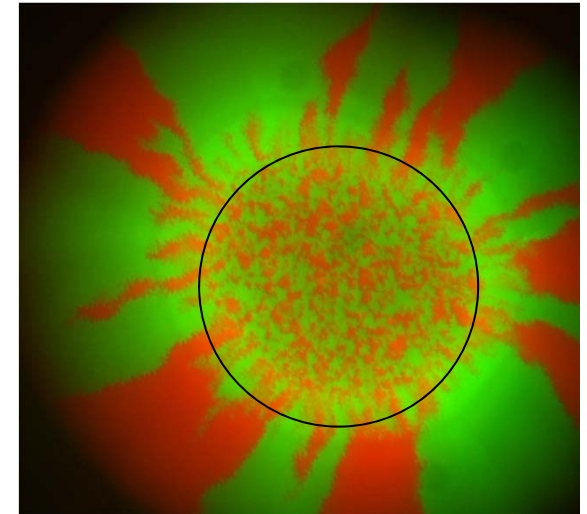
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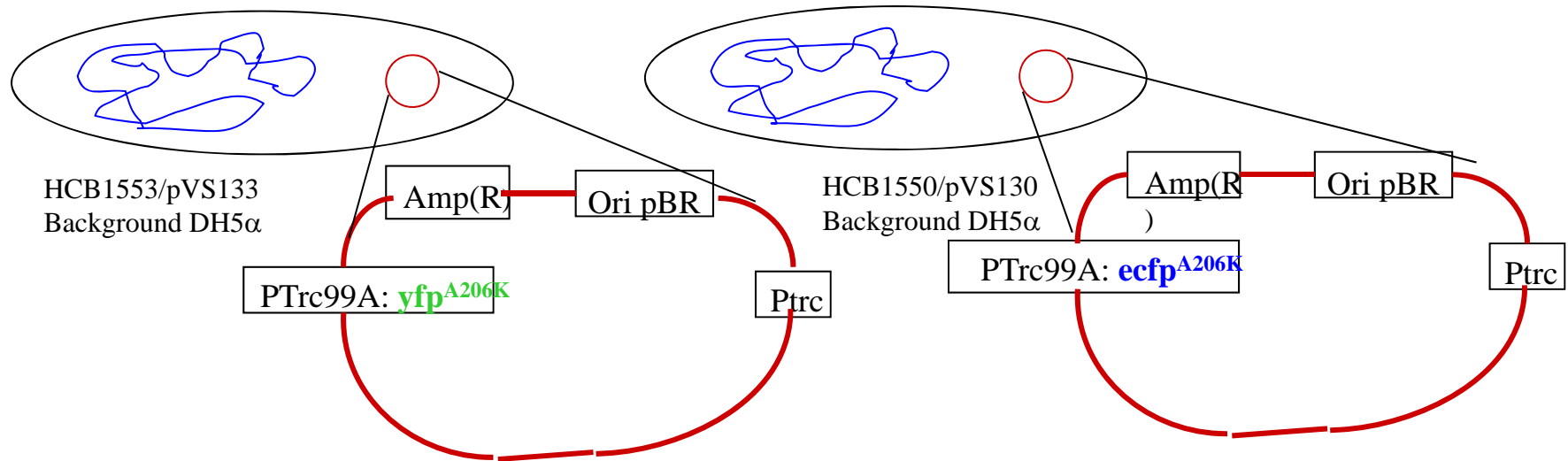
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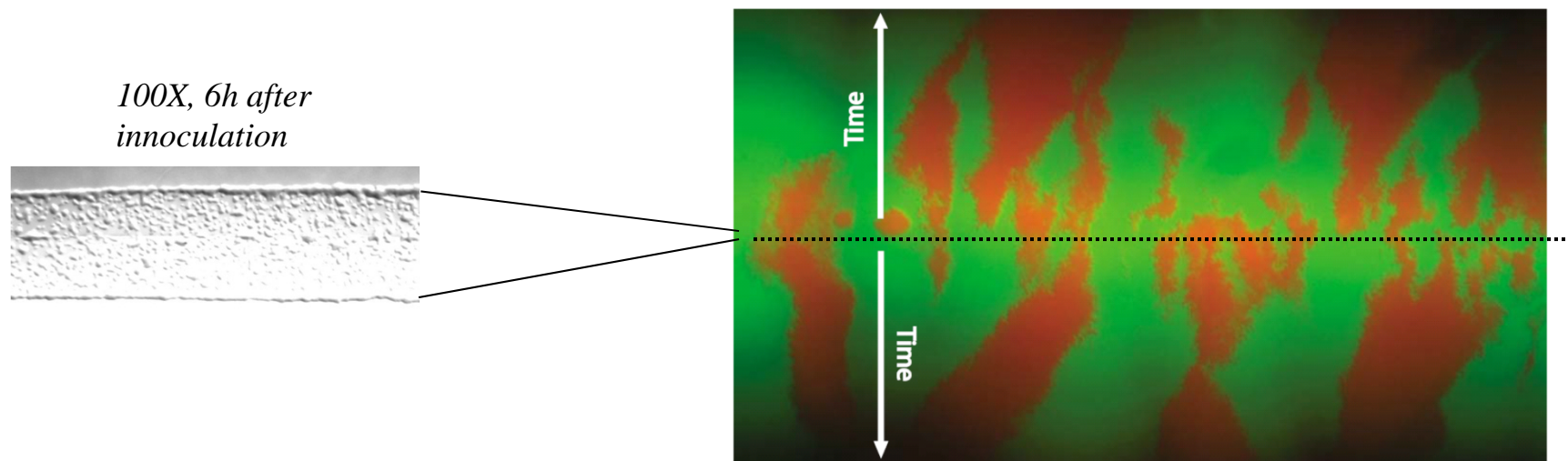


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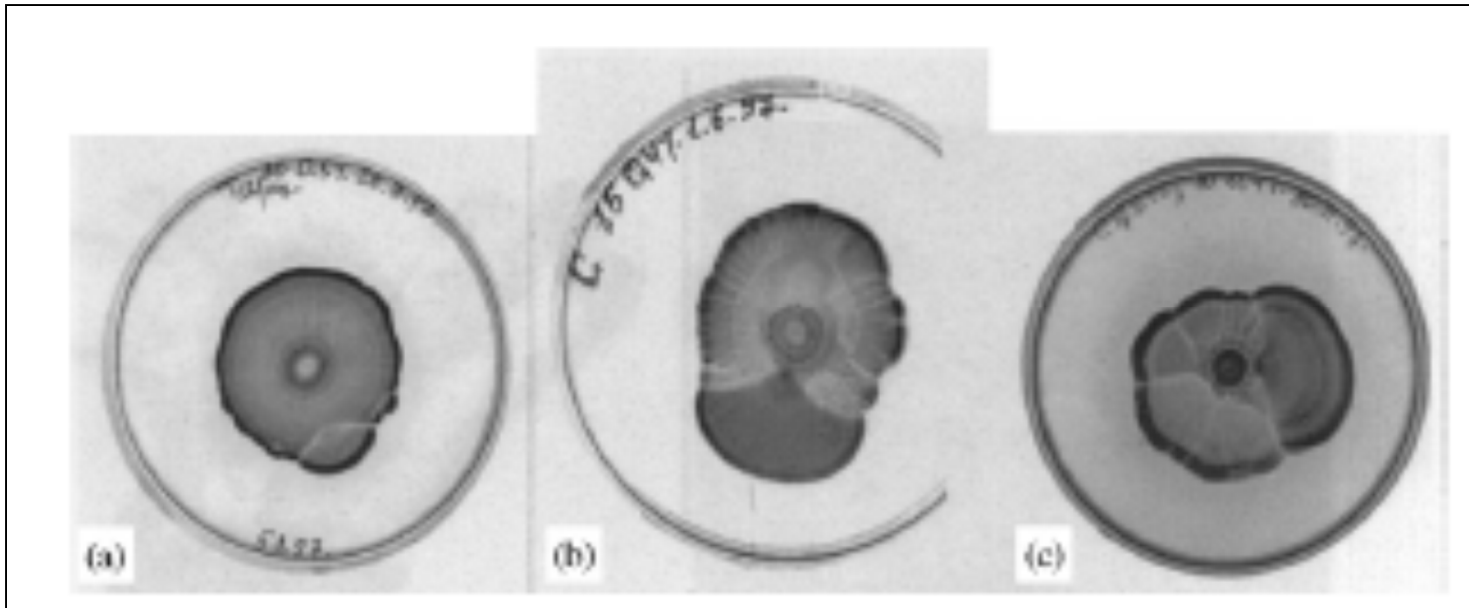


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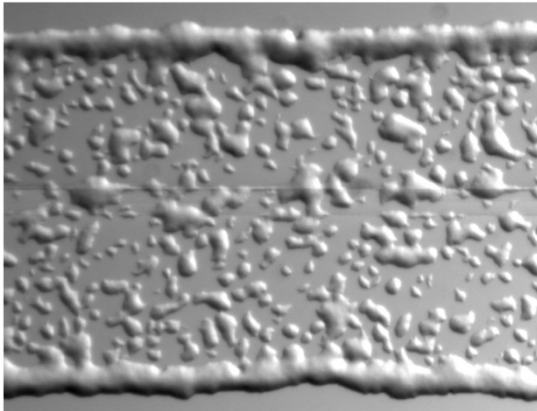
Selective advantages in Paenibacillus dendritiformis:

I. G. Ron et al. Physica A320, 485 (2003)

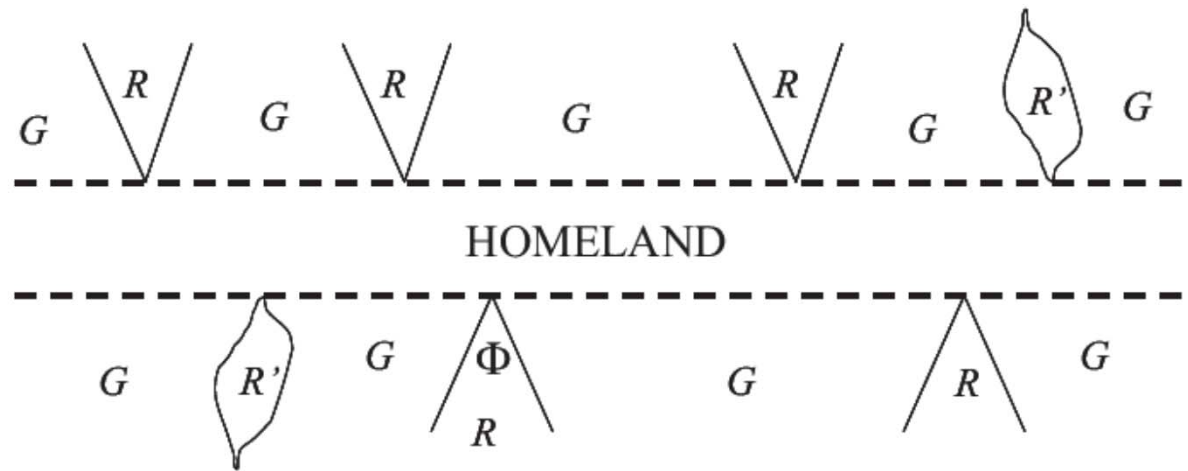


Emerging sectors in compact colonies
of *P. dendritiformis*.

Selective advantages from opening angles



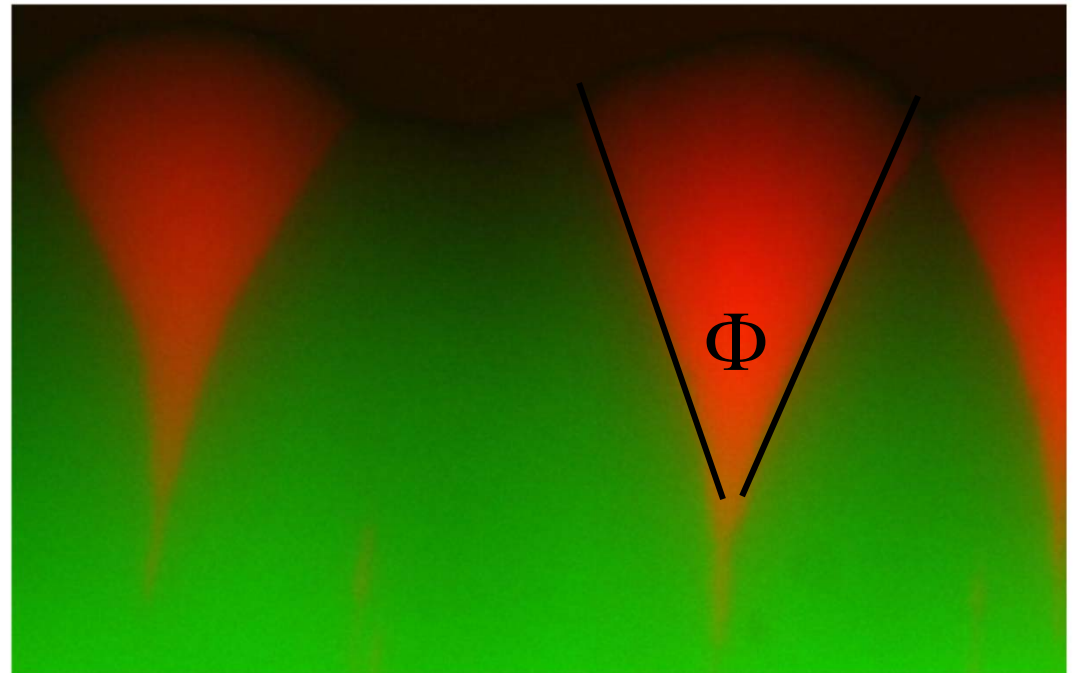
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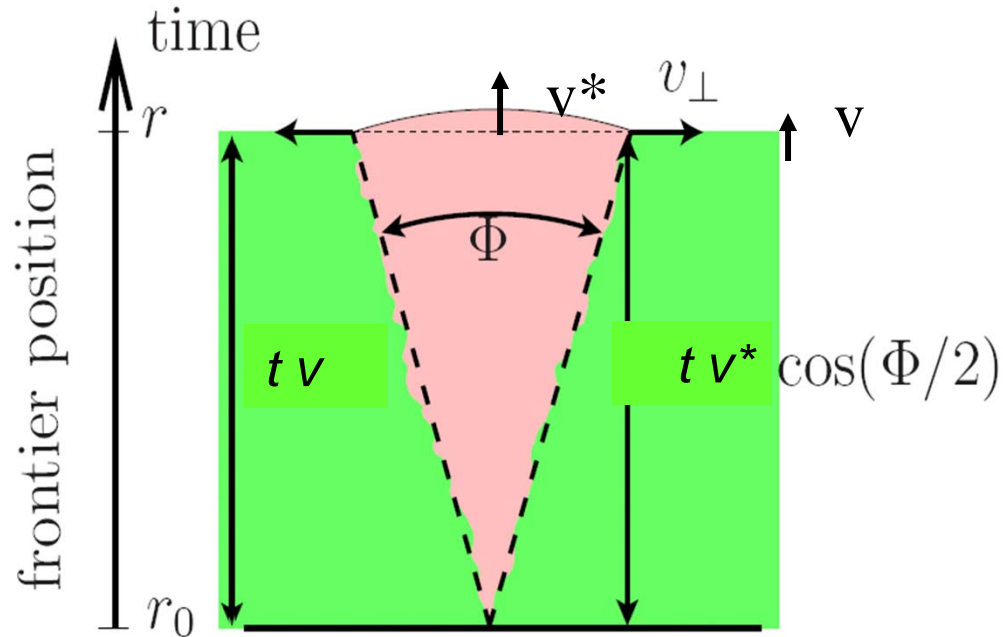
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R' is unfavorable mutant strain
growth rate $v^* = v(1 - s)$



Sector angles and selective advantage (O. Hallatschek)

Consider a front advancing for a time t ...



v = growth velocity of wild type

v^* = growth velocity of mutant

$$v^* = (1 + s)v$$

$$t v = t v^* \cos(\Phi / 2)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + s} = \cos(\Phi / 2)$$

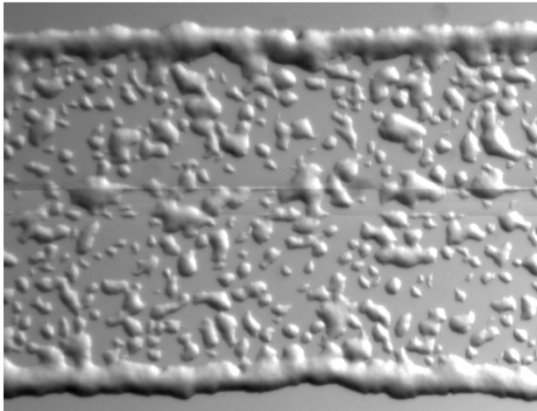
$$\Phi = 2 \arccos[1 / (1 + s)]$$

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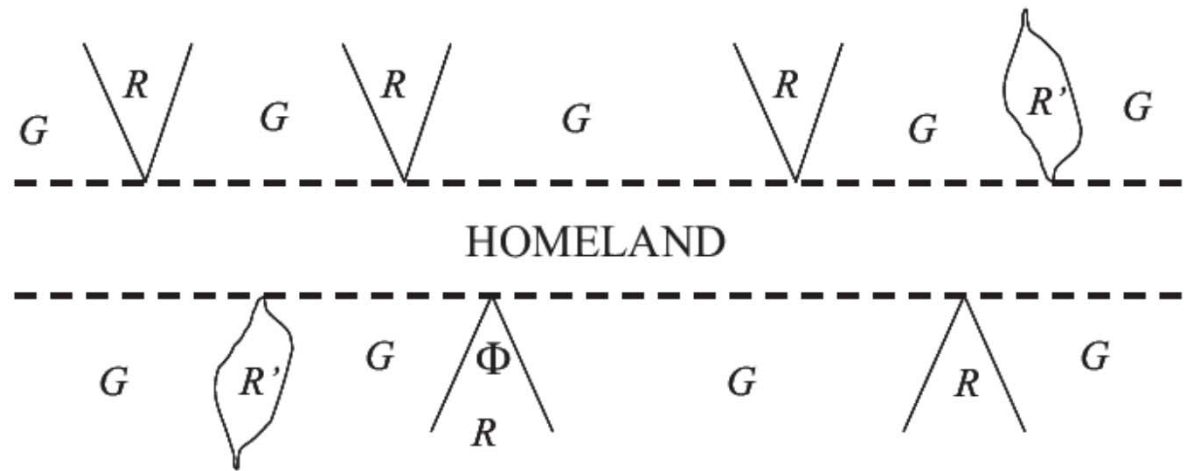
$$v_\perp = v_g \approx \sqrt{2s} v, \quad s \ll 1$$

v_g = velocity of Fisher genetic wave at frontier

Selective advantages from trigonometry



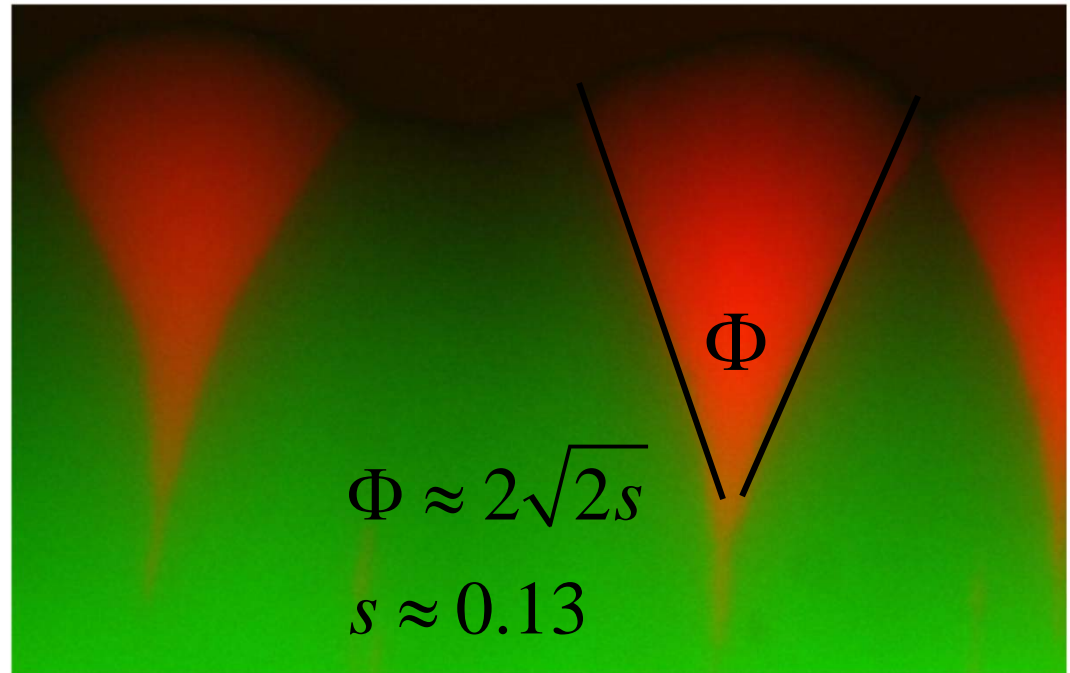
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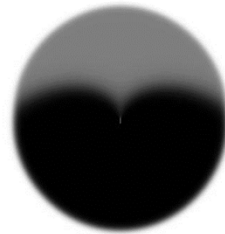
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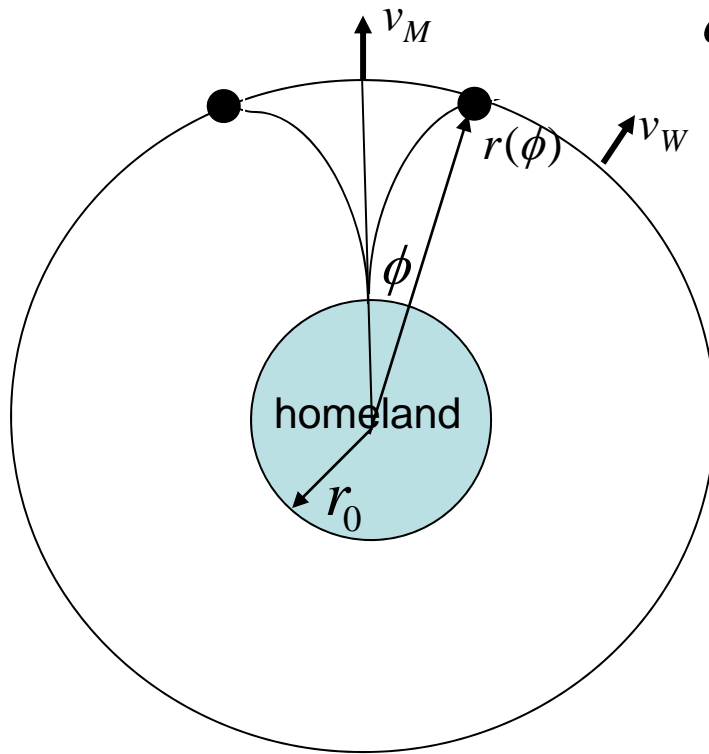


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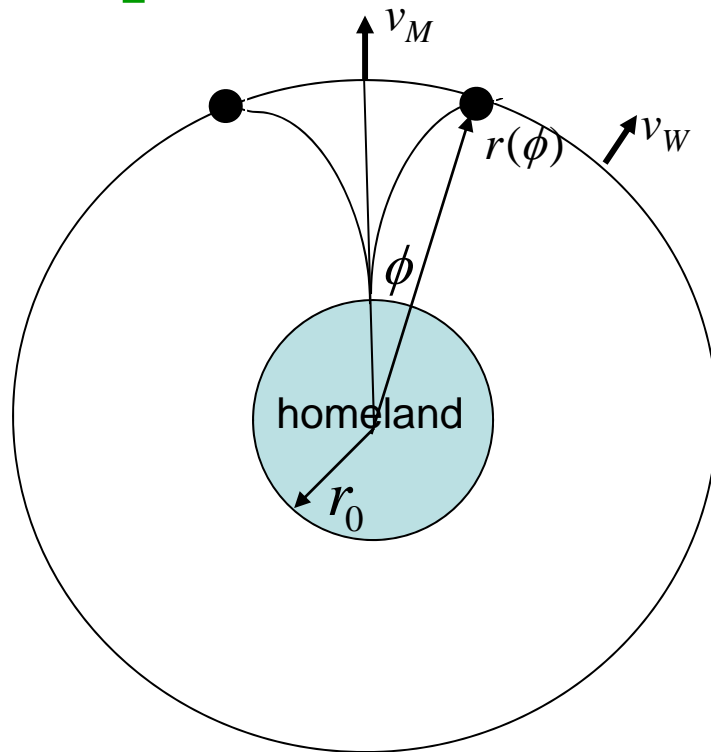
equate time increments at the front.....

$$\sqrt{d^2 r + r^2 d^2 \phi} / v_M = dr / v_W$$



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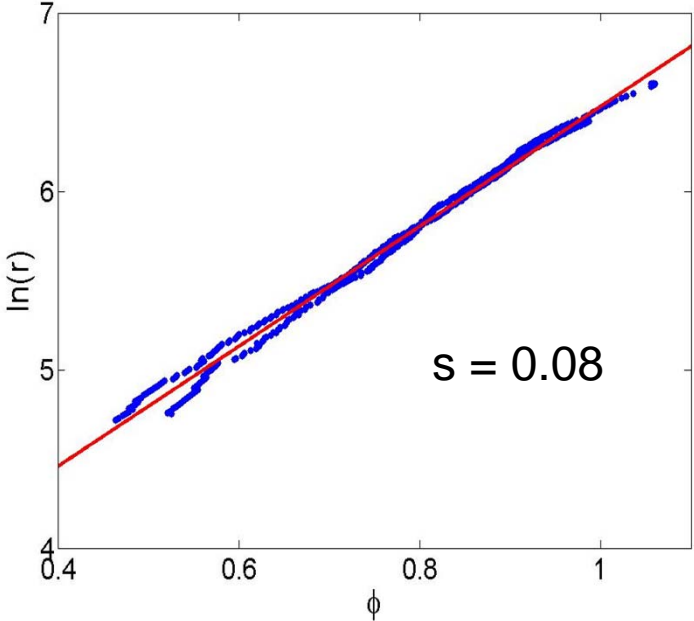
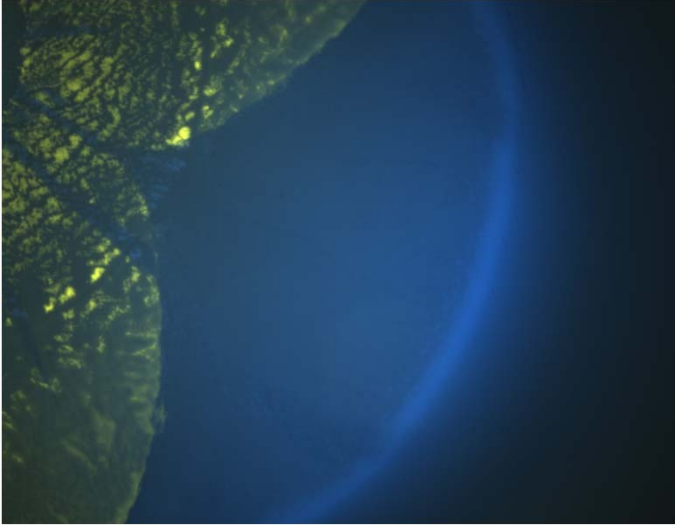
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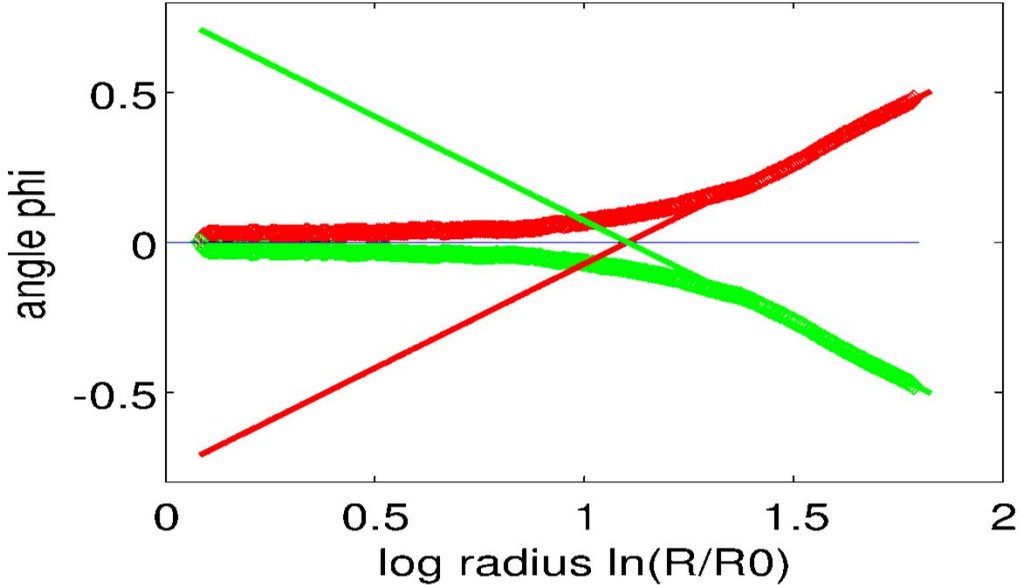
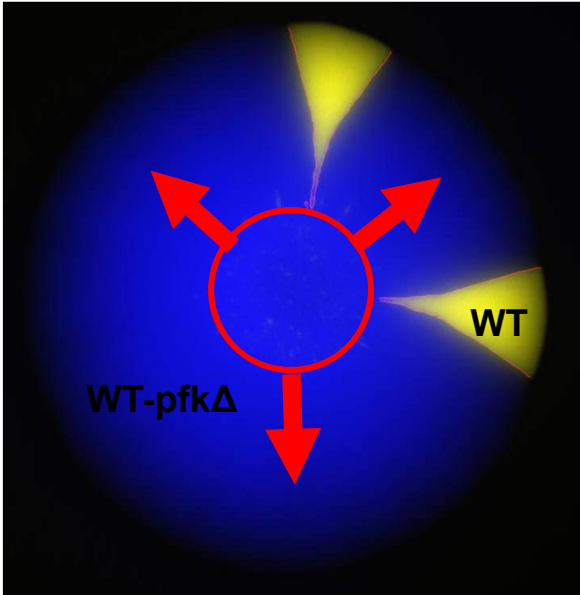
Genetic boundary is a logarithmic (equiangular) spiral.... c. f.

1. Jakob Bernoulli
2. Insect flight trajectories...
3. Nautilus shell....
4. Sectors in microorganisms

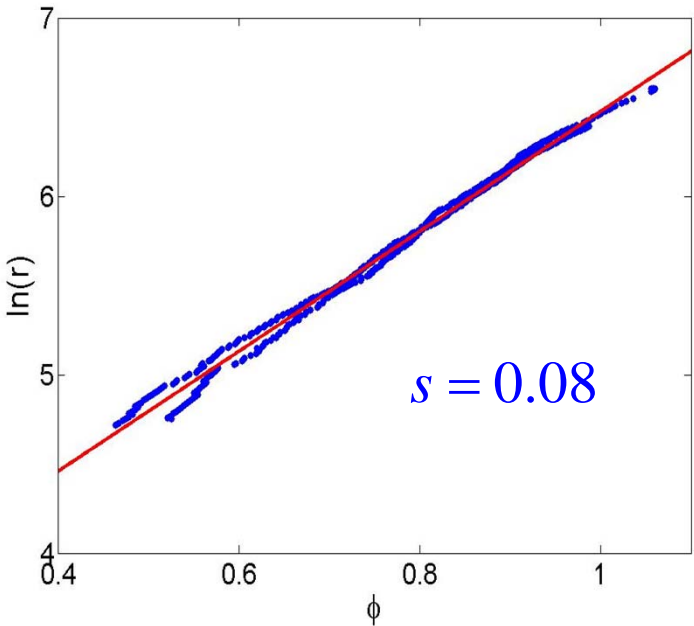
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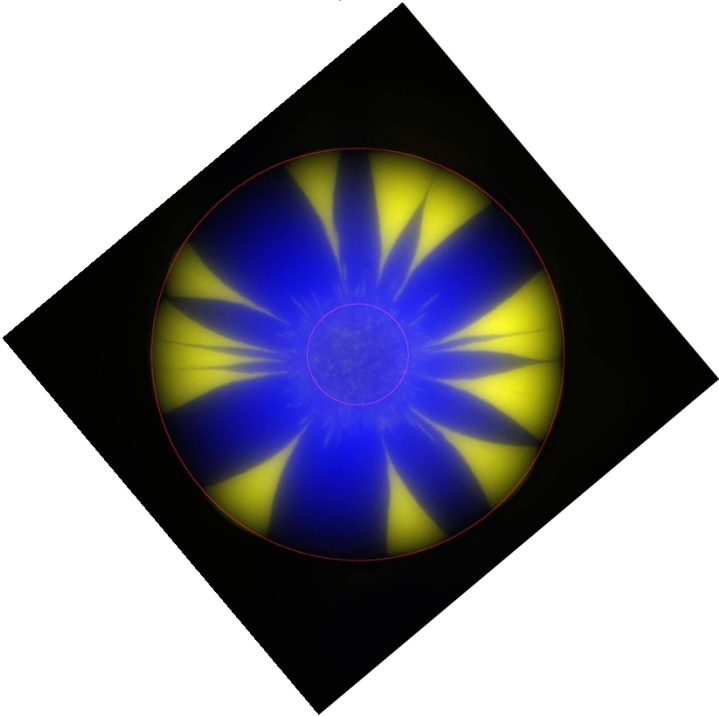
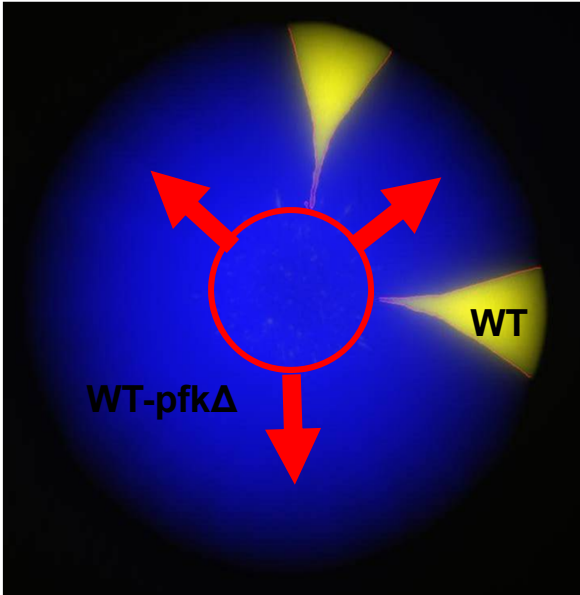
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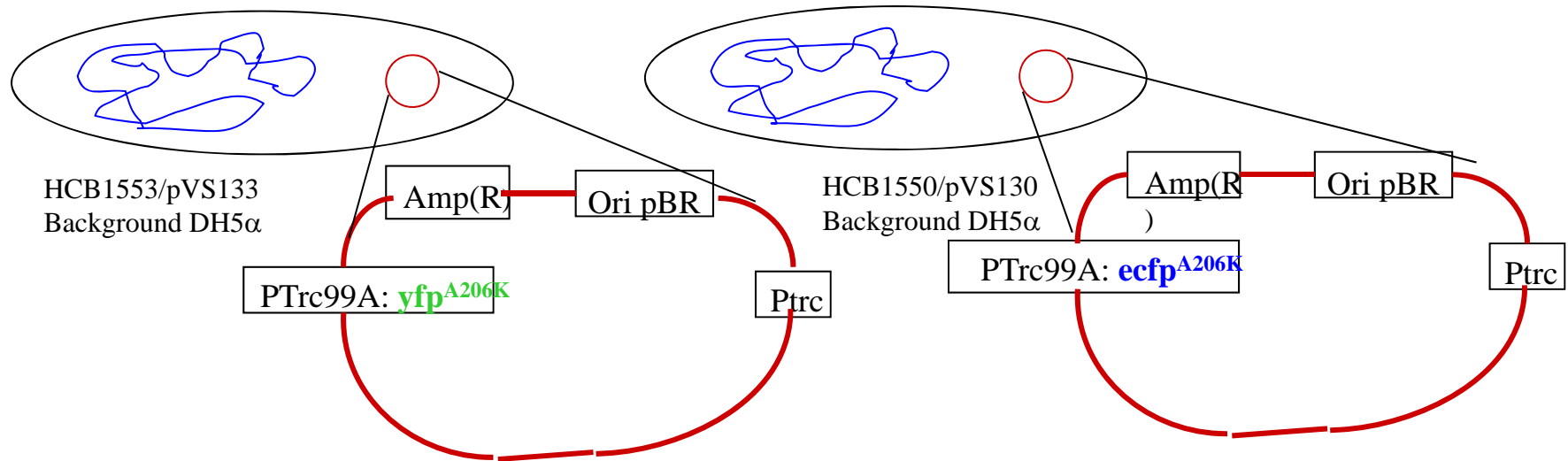
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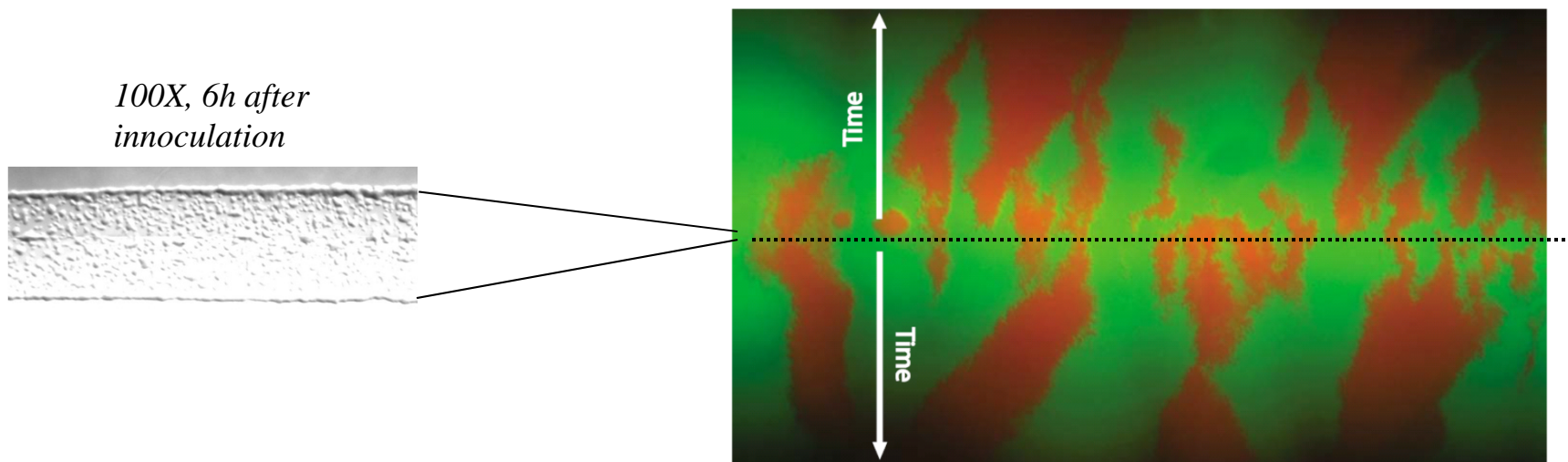
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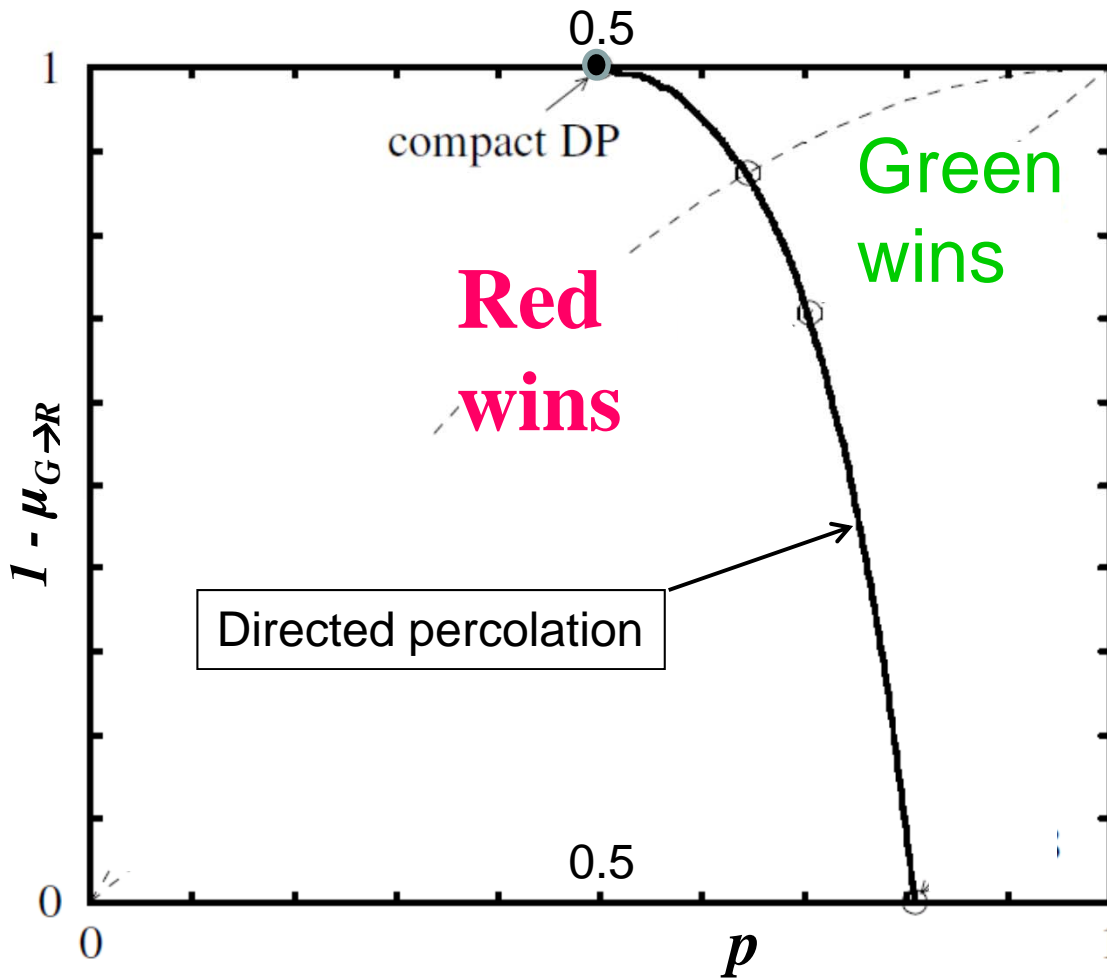
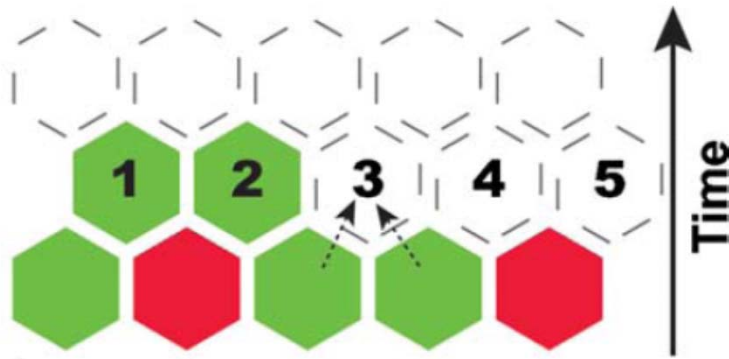


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Phase transitions at frontiers...

(mutation-selection balance)



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$s =$ selective advantage

$$P(R | RG) = 1 - p$$

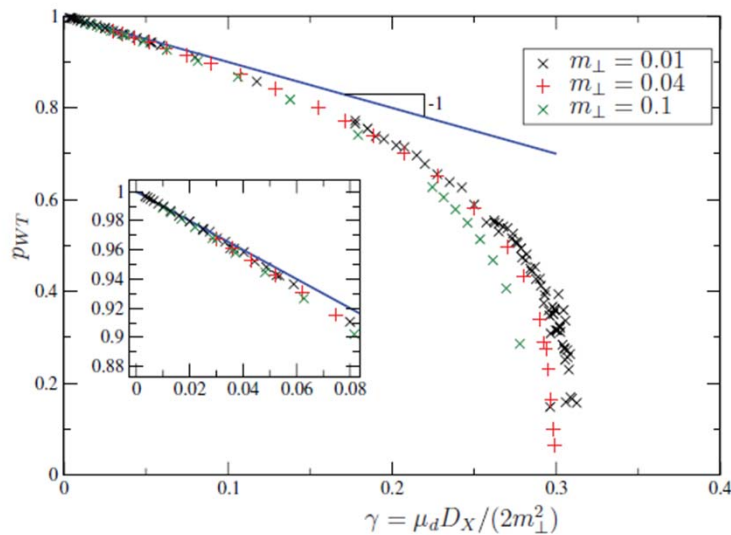
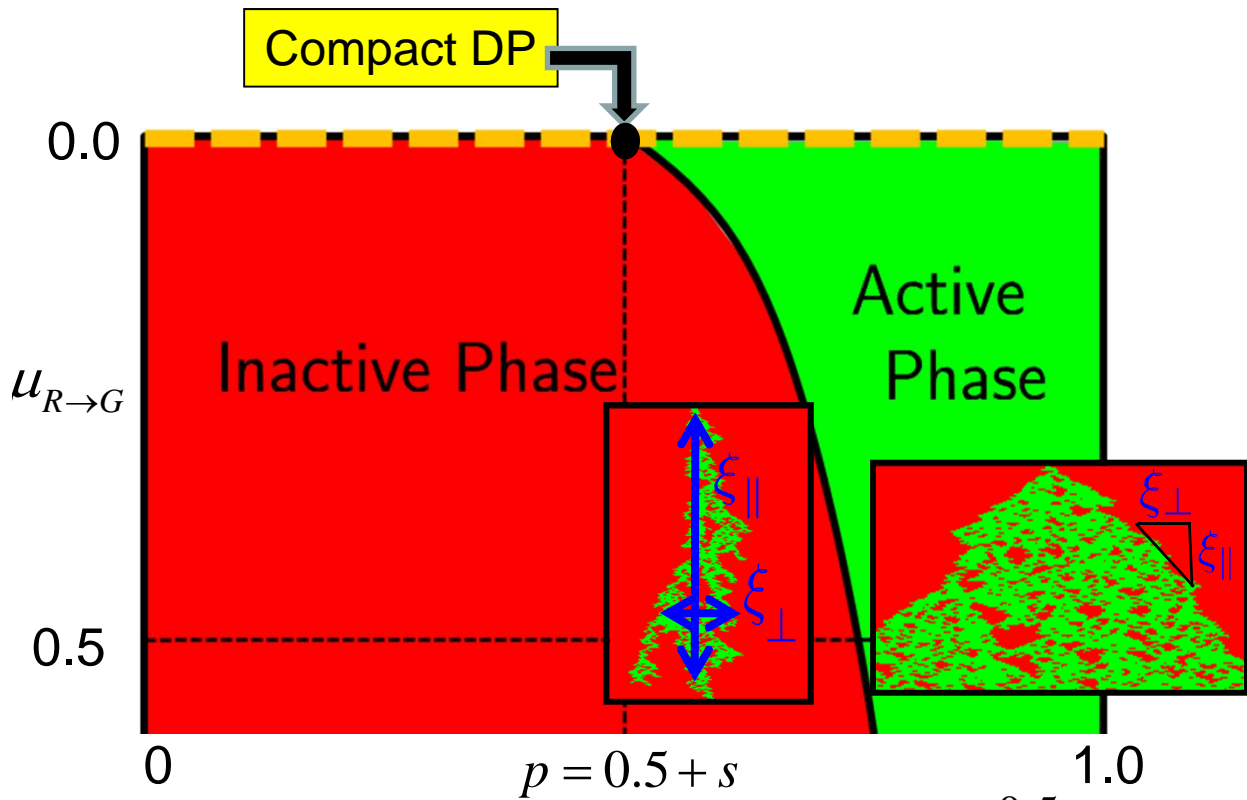
$$P(R | GG) = \mu_{G \rightarrow R} > 0$$

$\mu_{G \rightarrow R}$ is the rate of
deleterious mutations

$$P(G | RR) = 0, P(R | RR) = 1$$

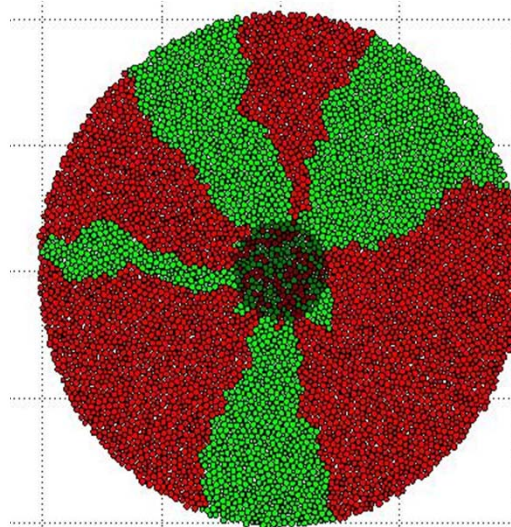
(no back mutations, $R \rightarrow G$)

Directed Percolation Phase Transition
(mutation-selection balance)



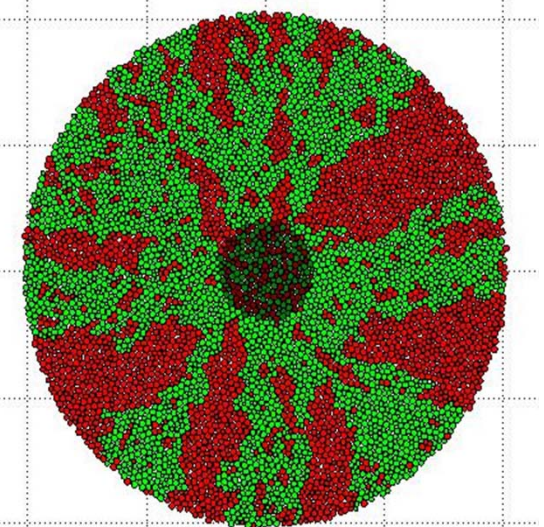
Oskar Hallatschek

$p = 0.5, \mu_{G \rightarrow R} = 0$

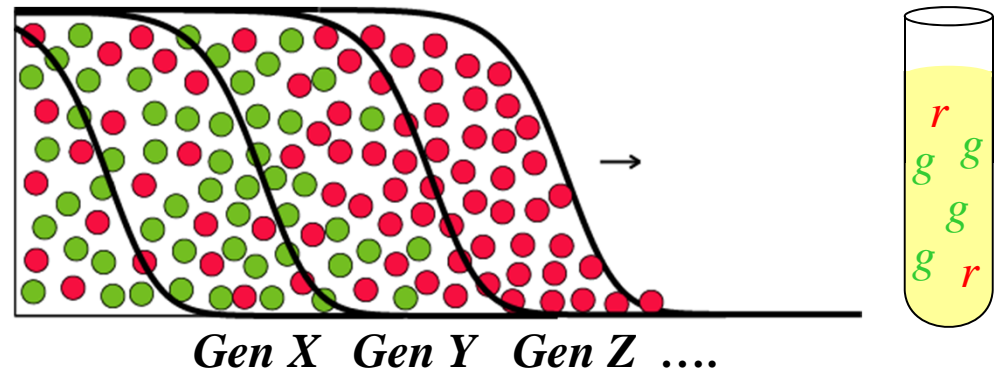
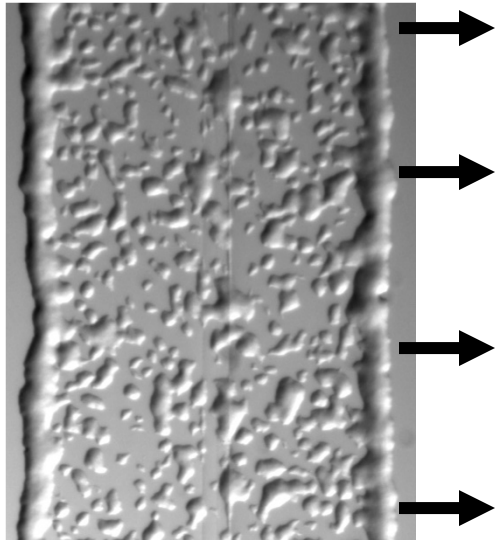


Max Lavrentovich

$p = 0.7, \mu_{G \rightarrow R} = 0.1$



Razor blade inoculations are like massively parallel serial dilution experiments...

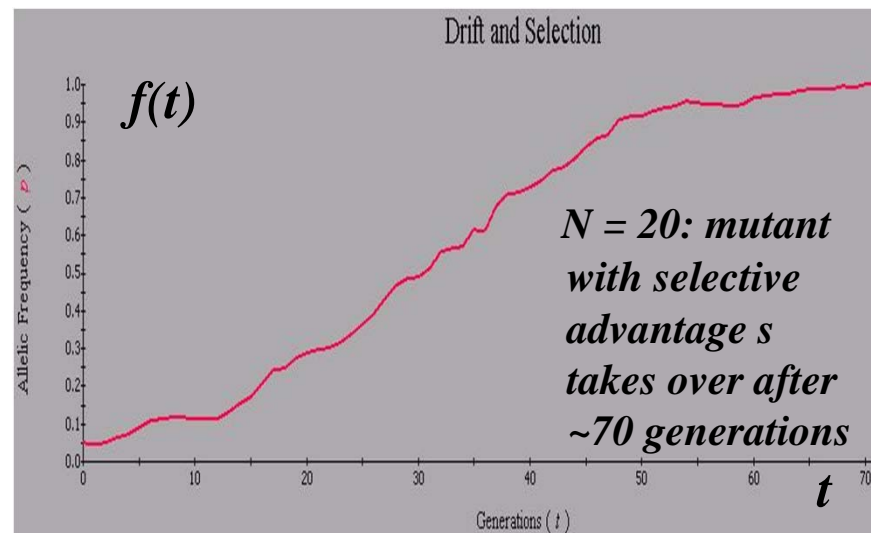


⇒ In effect, a moving population front is a serial dilution experiment in a well mixed test tube

For a “zero-dimensional” frontier, $f(t)$, the fraction of red cells with selective advantage s at time t obeys

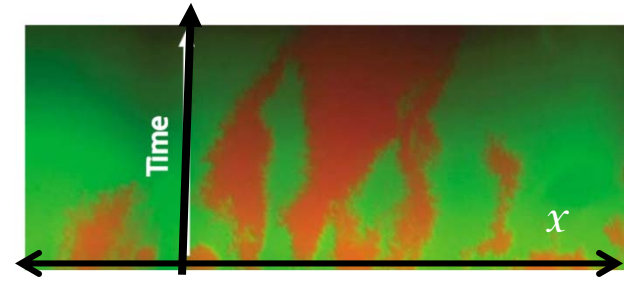
$$\frac{df(t)}{dt} = sf(1-f) + \sqrt{\frac{f(1-f)}{N}} \Gamma(t)$$

$$\langle \Gamma(t)\Gamma(t') \rangle = \delta(t-t') \text{ (Ito calculus)}$$



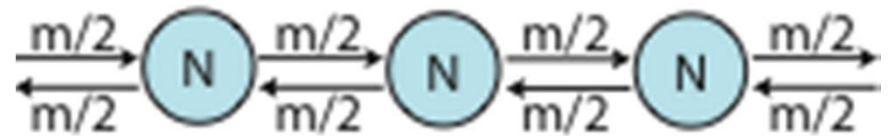
Assume

- (1) the interface remains flat &
- (2) cells stop growing behind the frontier



Then invoke “dimensional reduction” and the....

One Dimensional Stepping Stone Model of Population Genetics



N = population size
on an island

$f(x, t)$ = red fraction at position x , time t

$1 - f(x, t)$ = green fraction at position x , time t

$D \propto m$, spatial diffusion constant

$$\frac{\partial f(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + sf(1-f) + \sqrt{f(1-f)/2N} \Gamma(x, t)$$

$$\langle \Gamma(x, t) \Gamma(x', t') \rangle = 2\delta(t-t')\delta(x-x')$$

Describes number fluctuations
(i.e., genetic drift) on each island

Frequency-dependent selection

$$\frac{\partial f(x,t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 f(x,t)}{\partial x^2} + s(f)f(1-f) + \sqrt{f(1-f)/2N} \Gamma(x,t)$$

Let w_R and w_G be the offspring produced during one generation at a given point on the frontier...

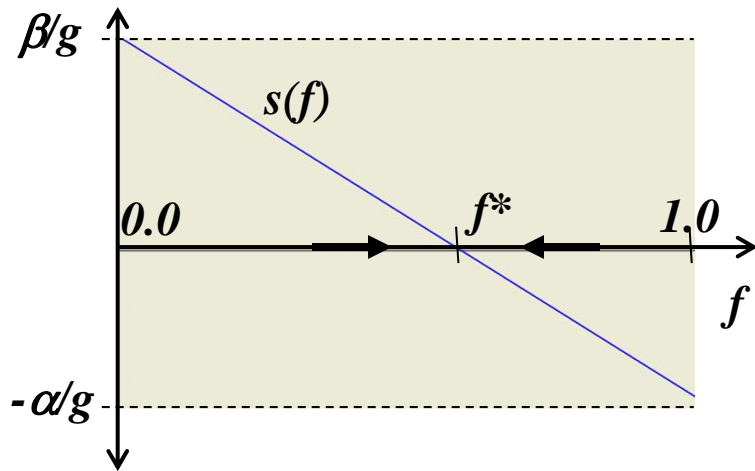
then, $s(f) \approx 2 \frac{w_R - w_G}{w_R + w_G}$

Describe mutualism by...

$$w_R(x,t) = g + \beta(1 - f(x,t))$$

$$w_G(x,t) = g + \alpha f(x,t)$$

assume $\alpha, \beta \ll g$



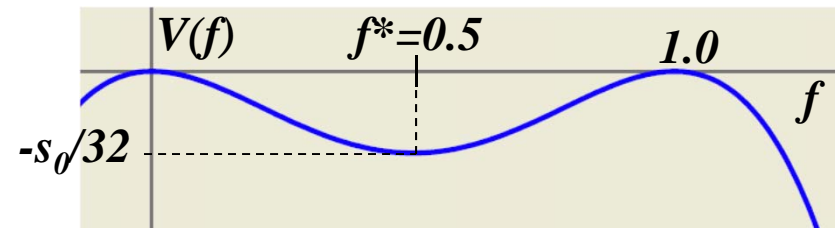
$$s(f) \approx s_0(f^* - f)$$

$$s_0 = (\alpha + \beta) / g$$

$$f^* = \beta / (\alpha + \beta)$$

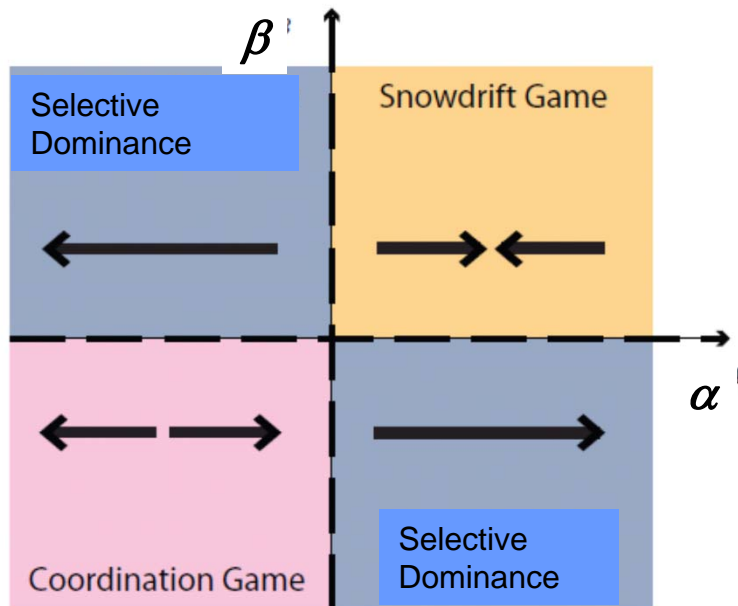
$$\frac{\partial f(x,t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 f(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{dV(f)}{df} + \sqrt{f(1-f)/2N} \Gamma(x,t)$$

$$\frac{dV(f)}{df} = -s_0(f^* - f)f(1-f)$$



Connection with game theory ($g = 1$, zero dimensions)

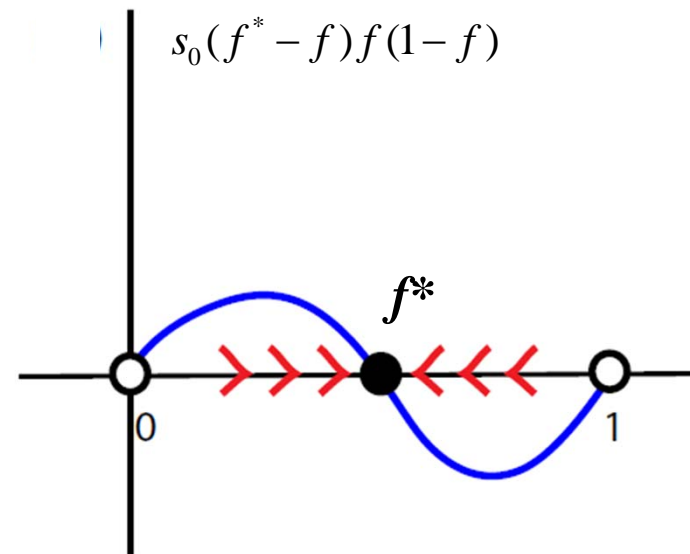
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$$s_0 = (\alpha + \beta)$$

$$f^* = \beta / (\alpha + \beta)$$

In a well-mixed culture, the evolutionarily stable strategy (ESS) for mutualists leads to (transient) mixing....

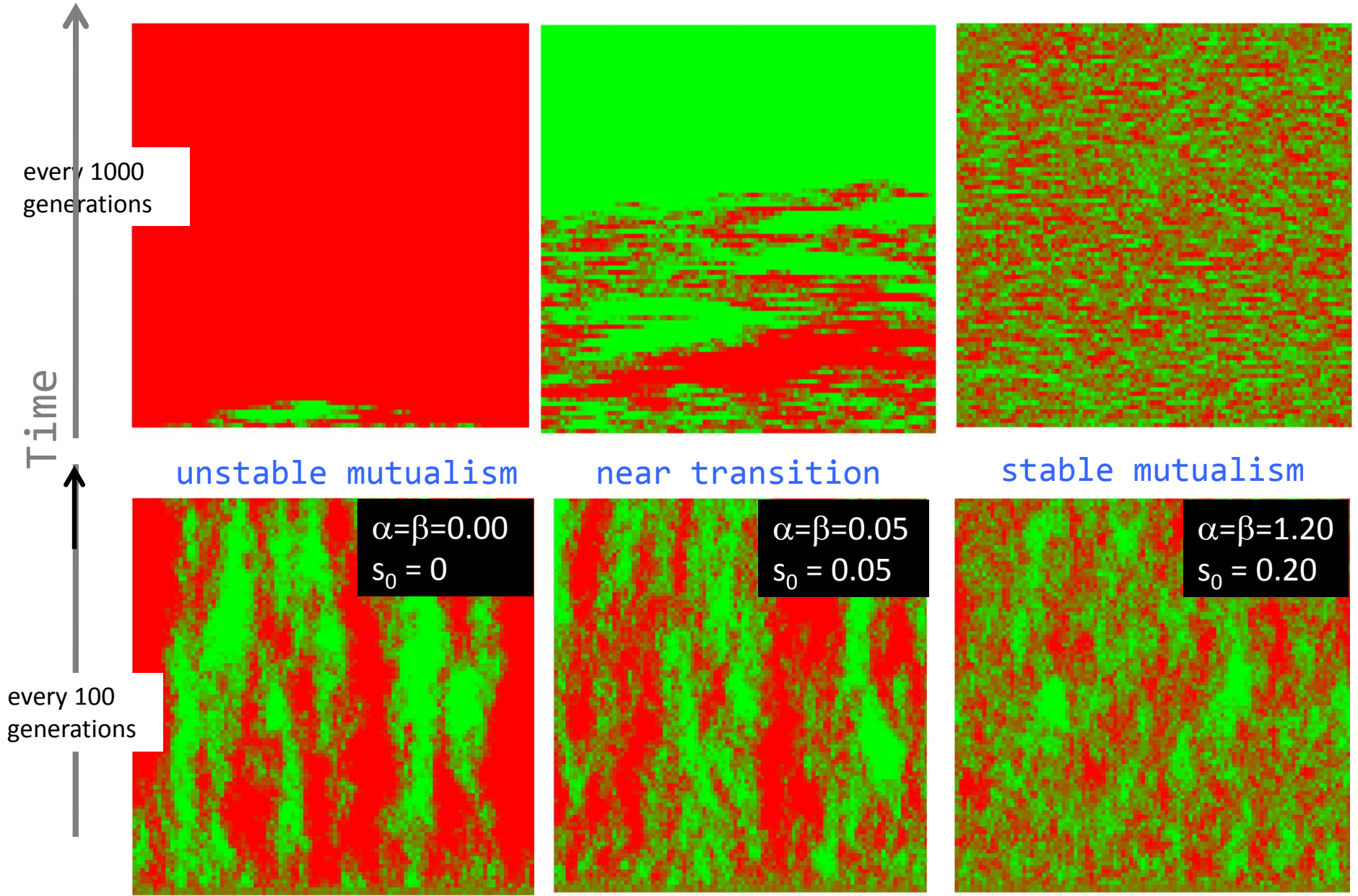


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Computer simulations: Can mutualism prevent genetic demixing?



$\alpha=\beta, L=100, N=30, mN=2$

Null Model: No selective advantage for mutualism ($s_0 = 0$)

$$\frac{\partial f(x,t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 f(x,t)}{\partial x^2} + \sqrt{f(1-f)/2N} \Gamma(x,t)$$

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$H(x,t)$ = heterozygosity correlation function

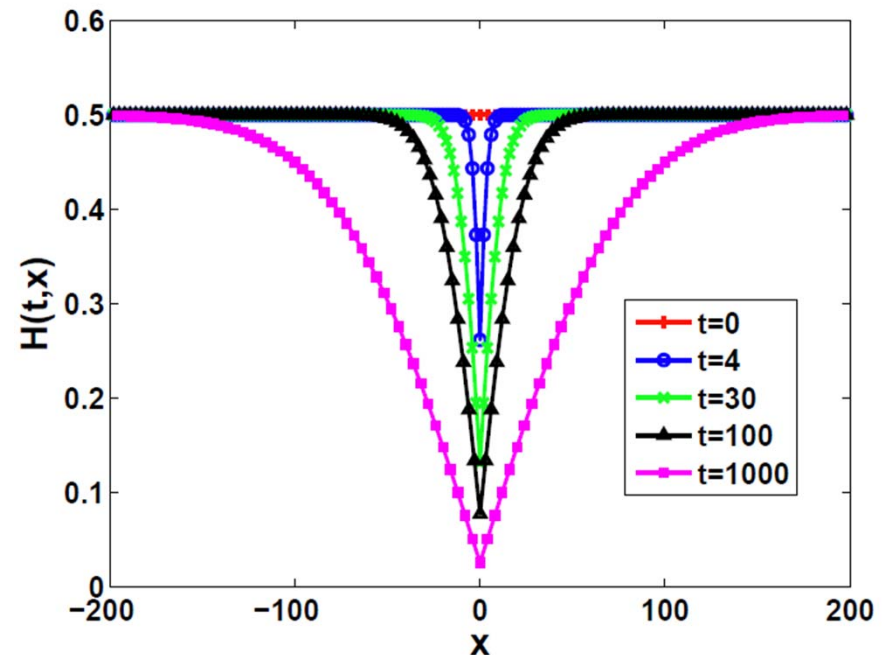
$= 2 \langle f(y,t)[1 - f(y+x,t)] \rangle$ = probability of different colors at separation x

$$\frac{\partial H(x,t)}{\partial t} = 2D_s \frac{\partial^2 H(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2N} H(0,t)\delta(x)$$

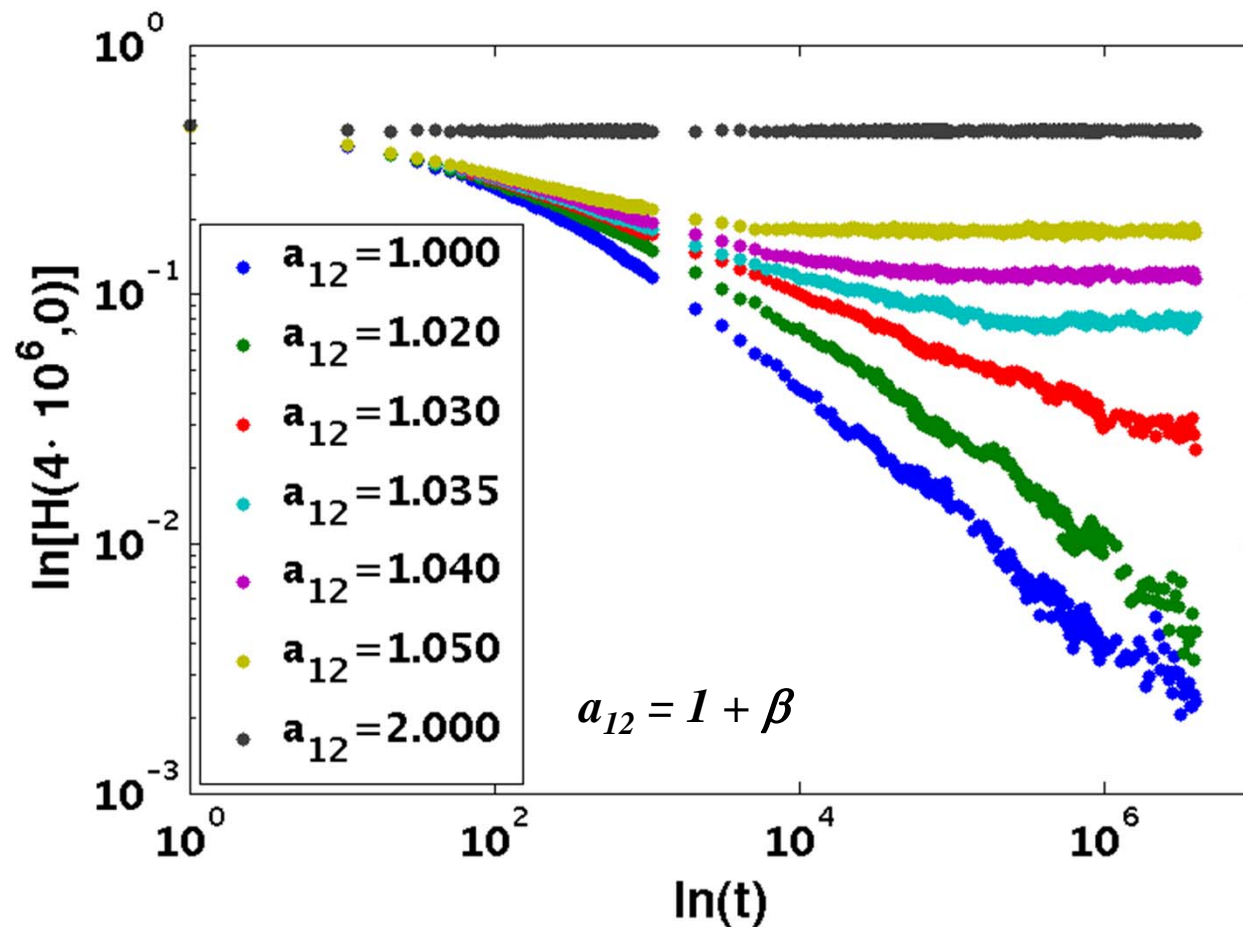
$H(x,0) \equiv H_0 = 1/2$, for 50-50 random
initial conditions

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} H(x=0,t) \approx (t_f / t)^{1/2}$$

one color dominates locally

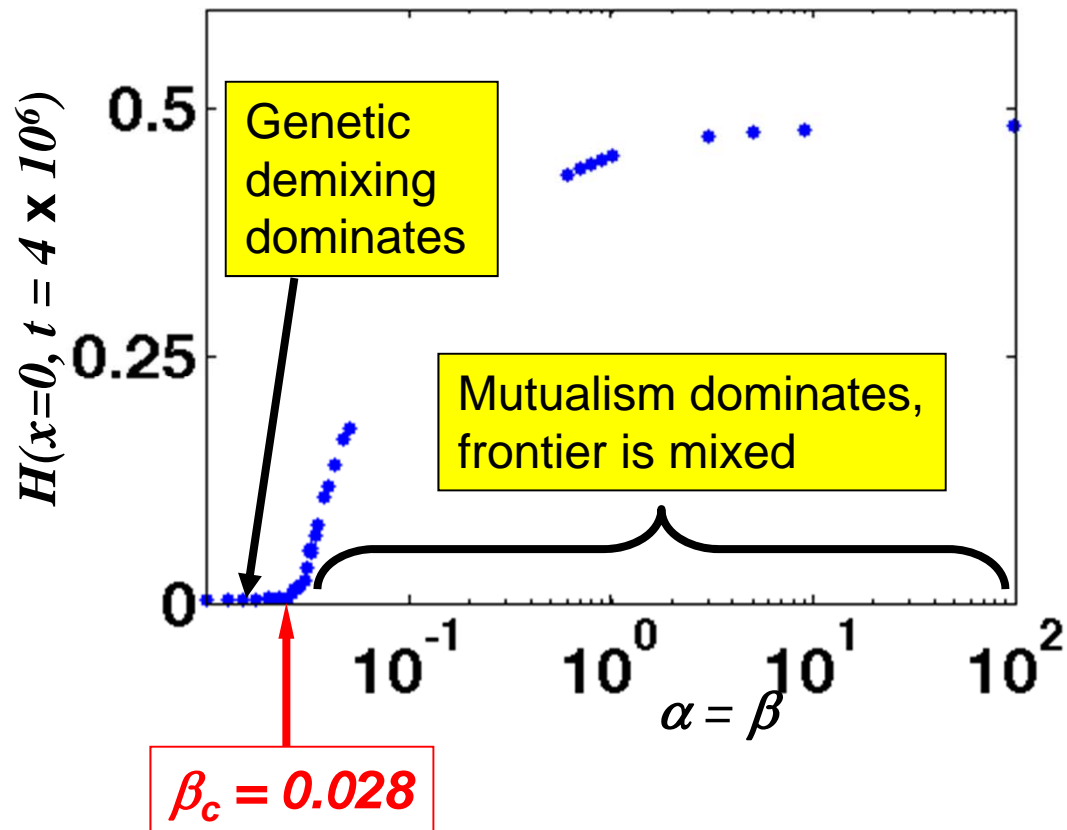


Local heterozygosity reaches a steady state value for large $\beta = \alpha$



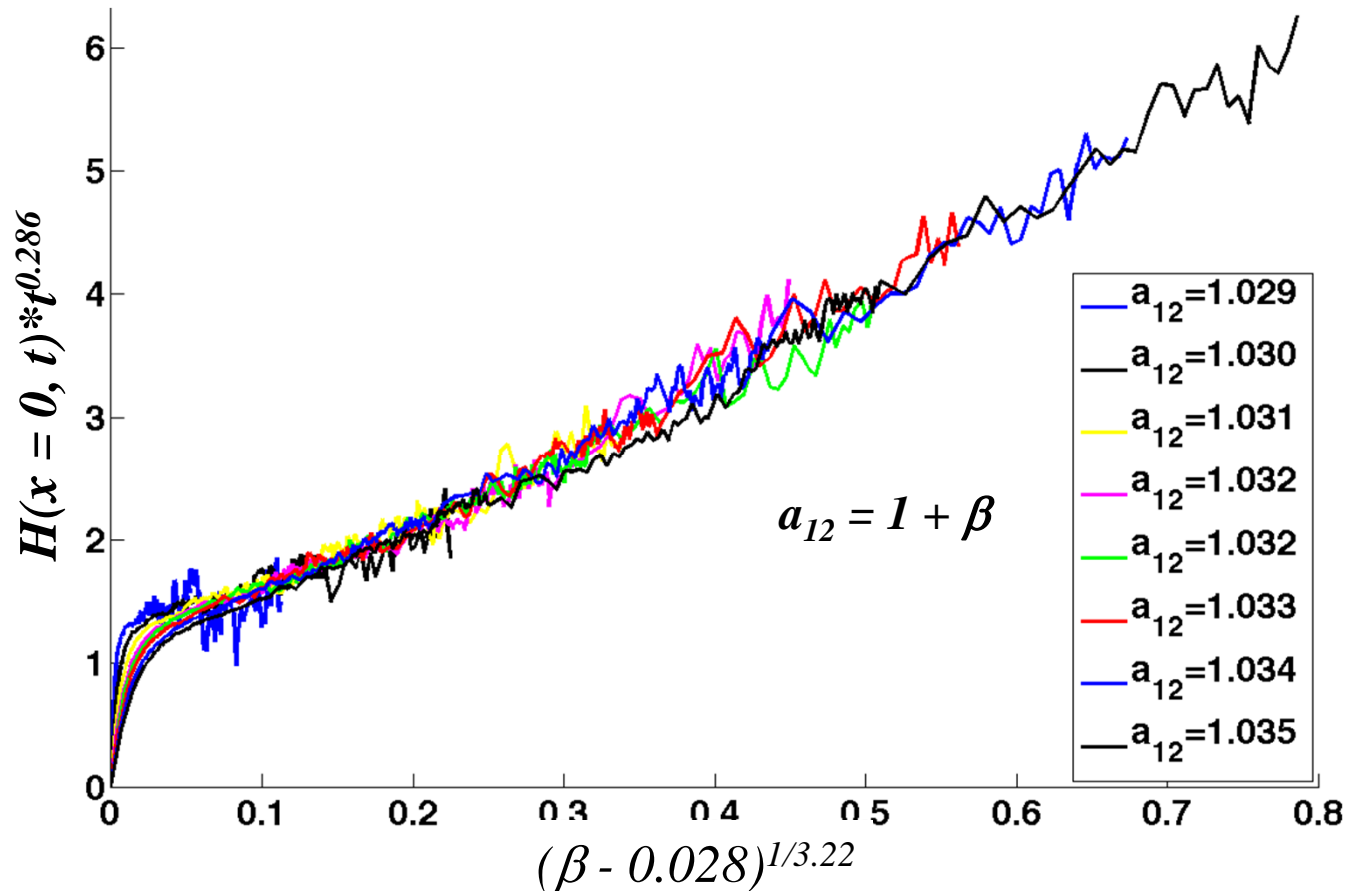
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Mutualism is unstable for small β , but stable for large β



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$H(x,t)$ data for collapse for $\alpha = \beta$ suggest a nonequilibrium phase transition at a critical value of the “cooperativity” $s_0 = 2\beta$...

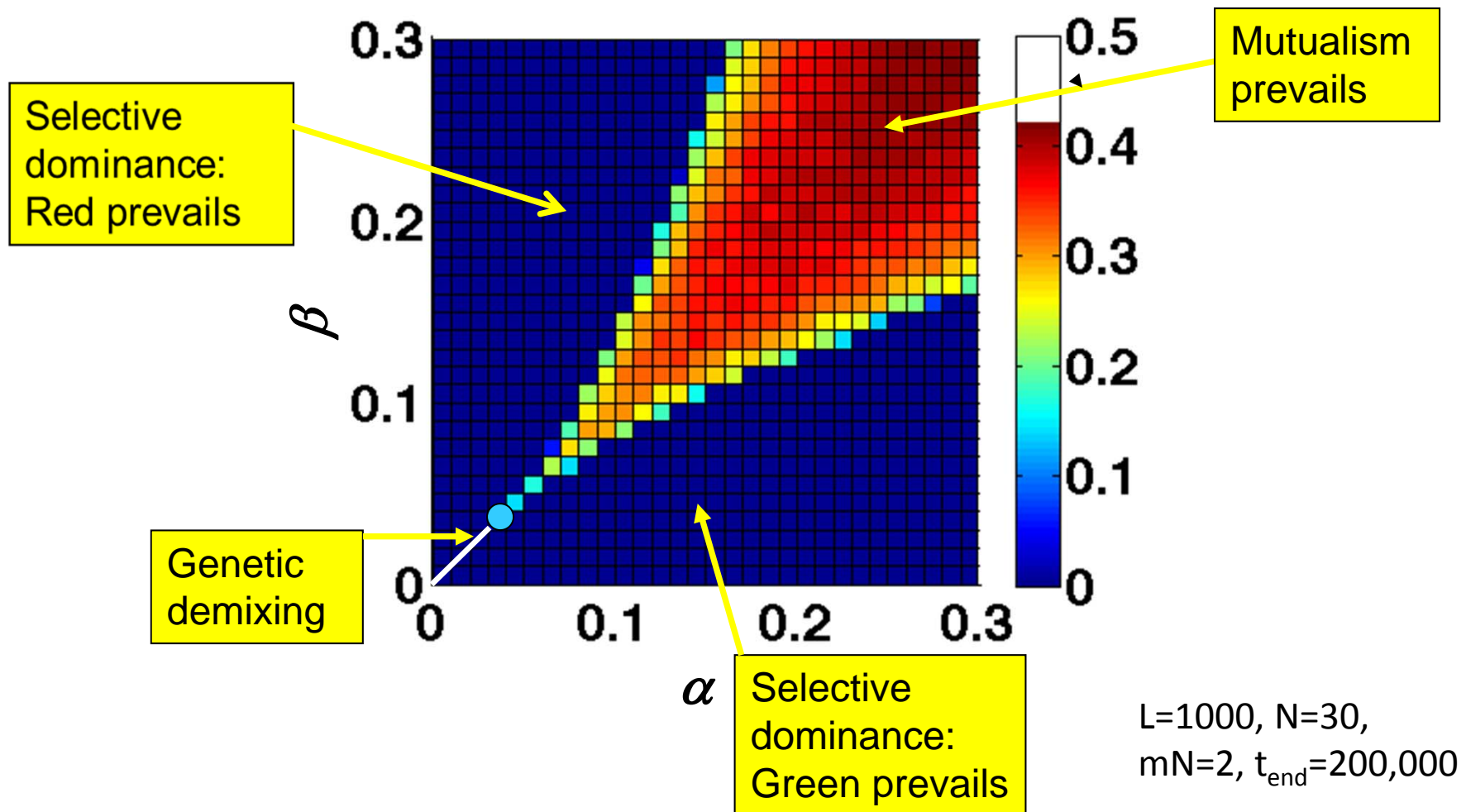


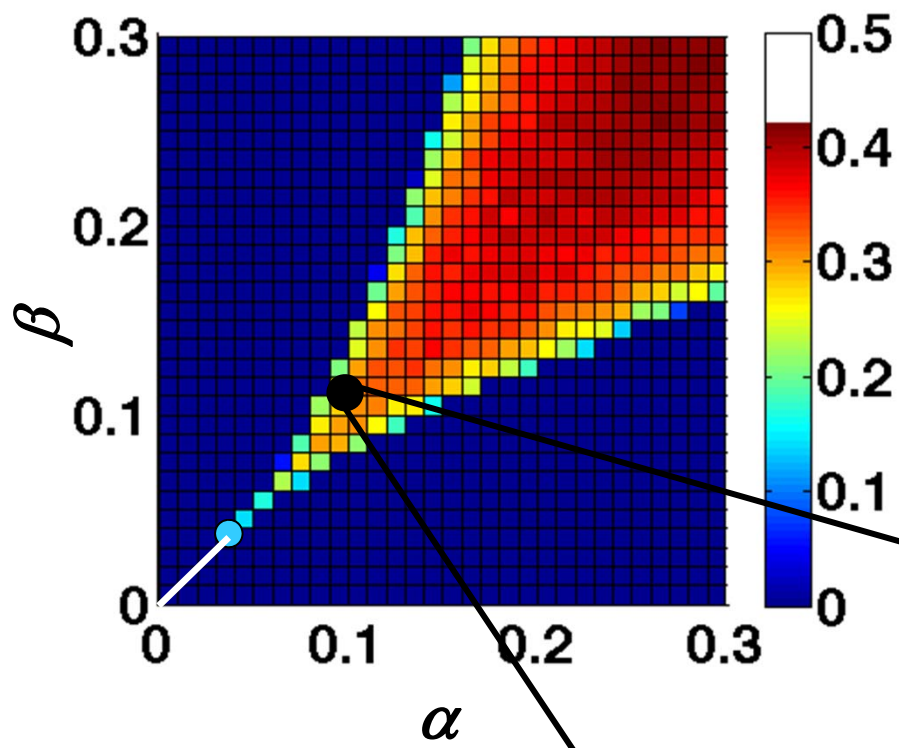
*Conjecture that these are the critical exponents of the “DP2 model”: H. Hinrichsen, Adv. Phys. **49**, 815 (2000)*

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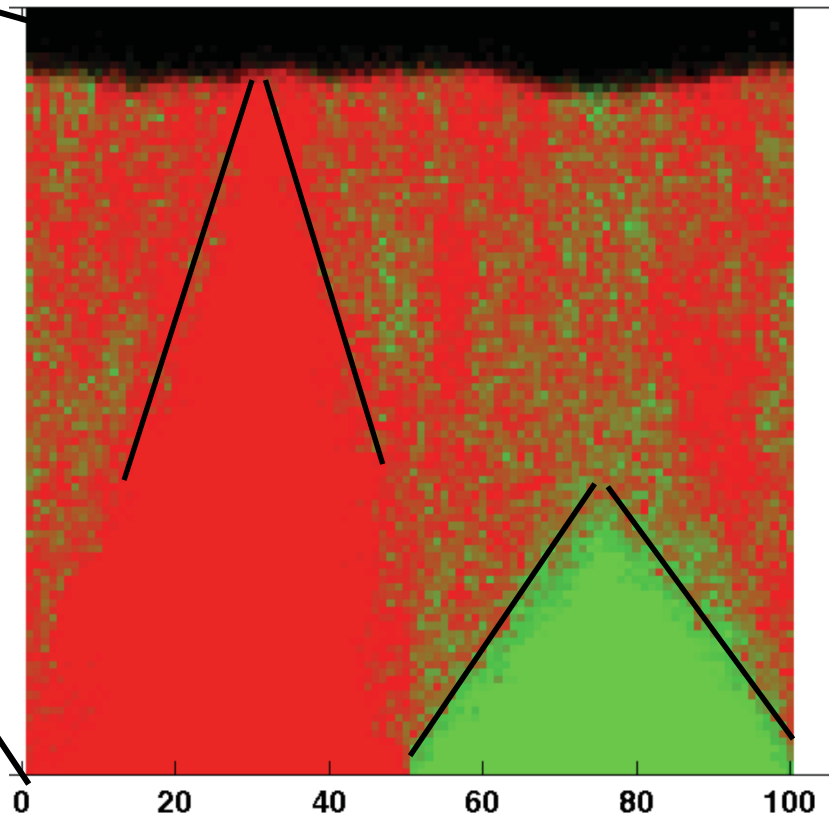
Transition between genetic demixing/fixation and mutualism at the frontier persists for $\alpha \neq \beta$ & $f^ \neq 0.5$*

Transitions are in either the “DP2” ($\alpha = \beta$ & $f^ = 0.5$) or “directed percolation” ($\alpha \neq \beta$ & $f^* \neq 0.5$) universality classes.*





*Mutualistic
“Smoke”*



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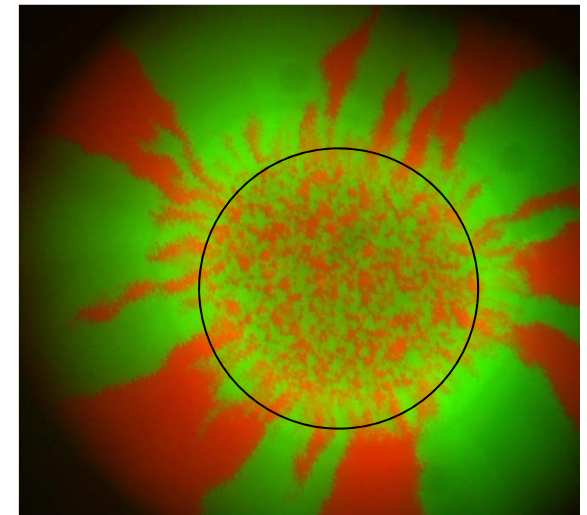
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