

1 The role of hybrid seed inviability in angiosperm speciation

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44 *Abstract*

45 Understanding which reproductive barriers contribute to speciation is essential to  
46 understanding the diversity of life on earth. Several contemporary examples of strong hybrid  
47 seed inviability (HSI) between recently diverged species suggest that HSI may play a  
48 fundamental role in plant speciation. Yet, a broader synthesis of HSI is needed to clarify its  
49 role in diversification. Here, I review the incidence and evolution of HSI. HSI is common and  
50 evolves rapidly, suggesting that it may play an important role early in speciation. The  
51 developmental mechanisms that underlie HSI involve similar developmental trajectories in  
52 endosperm, even between evolutionarily deeply diverged incidents of HSI. HSI is often  
53 accompanied by whole-scale gene misexpression in hybrid endosperm, including  
54 misexpression of imprinted genes which have a key role in endosperm development. I explore  
55 how an evolutionary perspective can clarify the repeated and rapid evolution of HSI. In  
56 particular, I evaluate the evidence for conflict between maternal and paternal interests in  
57 resource allocation to offspring (i.e. parental conflict). I highlight that parental conflict theory  
58 generates explicit predictions regarding the expected hybrid phenotypes and genes responsible  
59 for HSI. While much phenotypic evidence supports a role of parental conflict in the evolution  
60 of HSI, an understanding of the underlying molecular mechanisms of this barrier is essential to  
61 test parental conflict theory. Lastly, I explore what factors may influence the strength of  
62 parental conflict in natural plant populations as an explanation for why rates of HSI may differ  
63 between plant groups and the consequences of strong HSI in secondary contact.

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72 *Introduction*

73 Evaluating which reproductive barriers contribute to the origin and maintenance of species is  
74 foundational to speciation research. The exceptional floral diversity and prevalence of local  
75 adaptation in angiosperms has inspired plant biologists to argue for a primary role of extrinsic  
76 prezygotic barriers such as immigrant inviability or pollinator isolation (Ramsey et al., 2003;  
77 Lowry et al., 2008; Kay and Sargent, 2009; Sobel, 2014; Todesco et al., 2020; Wessinger, 2021;  
78 Christie et al., 2022). Undoubtedly, these barriers played a crucial role in the diversification of  
79 the ~300,000 extant angiosperms (Christenhusz and Byng, 2016). Yet, other angiosperm key  
80 innovations likely contributed to their diversity (Sanderson and Donoghue, 1994). Here, I argue  
81 that the evolution of the endosperm has contributed to angiosperm diversification via its  
82 contribution to a common, rapidly evolving, and strong intrinsic postzygotic reproductive  
83 barrier– hybrid seed inviability (HSI).

84         Endosperm is a nutritive tissue essential for embryo development unique to  
85 angiosperms (Baroux et al., 2002). Endosperm is initiated after fertilisation of the central cell  
86 and usually has a composition of 2:1 maternal:paternal genomes (though see (Williams and  
87 Friedman, 2002)). This 2:1 ratio is crucial for endosperm development, as many genes  
88 expressed therein are imprinted (i.e. their expression is parent of origin biased). The balance of  
89 maternally- and paternally-expressed genes (i.e. MEGs and PEGs) mediates typical endosperm  
90 development (Spillane et al., 2000; Köhler et al., 2003a; b, 2005; Tiwari et al., 2010; Batista et  
91 al., 2019). In interploidy crosses, an excess of maternal or paternal expression results in  
92 canonical parent of origin specific developmental abnormalities (Lin, 1984; Ehlenfeldt and  
93 Ortiz, 1995; Scott et al., 1998). Typical development can be restored by modifying imprinted  
94 gene expression (Erilova et al., 2009; Jullien and Berger, 2010; Kradolfer et al., 2013; Wolff  
95 et al., 2015), highlighting the importance of imprinting in endosperm development.

96           The endosperm's role as a nutritive conduit makes it a prime target for conflict between  
97 ovule- and pollen-parents over resource allocation to offspring (Haig and Westoby, 1989;  
98 Moore and Haig, 1991). Parental conflict arises in non-monogamous systems because pollen  
99 parents are not equally related to all of the offspring produced, thereby favouring the evolution  
100 of paternally-derived alleles that preferentially solicit maternal resources (Trivers, 1974;  
101 Charnov, 1979; Queller, 1983; Haig and Westoby, 1989). In response, maternally-derived  
102 alleles that restrict resource allocation to offspring can evolve, and a co-evolutionary arms race  
103 between paternally-excessive and maternally-repressive alleles can ensue. Within populations,  
104 ovule- and pollen-parents should be well matched, but populations can differentially  
105 experience this arms race (Haig, 1997; Wilkins and Haig, 2001; Van Cleve and Feldman, 2007;  
106 Brandvain, 2010; Brandvain and Haig, 2018). Crosses between populations with different  
107 histories of conflict can reveal such mismatches, resulting in parent of origin growth effects  
108 (Lloyd, 1968; House et al., 2010; Willi, 2013; Cailleau et al., 2018; Raunsgard et al., 2018).  
109 Mismatches can also lead to dysfunctional endosperm and inviability. Given this rapid  
110 evolution, HSI may play an important role early in speciation (Zeh and Zeh, 2000; Gutierrez-  
111 Marcos et al., 2003).

112           Differences in the extent of parental conflict between taxa have been conceptualised  
113 with endosperm balance numbers (i.e. effective ploidy; (Johnston and Hanneman, 1980, 1982;  
114 Lin, 1984)). Inspired by the observation that interploidy and interspecific HSI exhibit similar  
115 phenotypes, endosperm balance number is a relative ranking of taxa based on crossing  
116 outcomes when each taxon acts as an ovule- or pollen-parent, where higher effective ploidy  
117 taxa mimic higher ploidy taxa (Johnston and Hanneman, 1980, 1982; Lin, 1984; Städler et al.,  
118 2021). Despite phenotypic parallels, the underlying genetic basis of inviability likely differs  
119 between interploidy and interspecific HSI, as HSI is instantaneous with polyploidization and  
120 requires no allelic evolution (Scott et al., 1998). Conversely, interspecific HSI must be caused

121 by divergence of genes with parent of origin effects. Thus, while both types of HSI can  
122 elucidate if/how parental conflict manifests in seeds, interspecific HSI can reveal if/how  
123 parental conflict shapes allelic evolution. Yet, much less is known about the incidence, pace,  
124 and mechanisms underlying interspecific HSI.

125 Here I review HSI among diploid taxa and assess its commonality and evolutionary  
126 rate. I synthesise current knowledge of the genetic and developmental bases of interspecific  
127 HSI, and discuss whether they support a role of parental conflict. Lastly, I consider why HSI  
128 might evolve more readily in some plant groups, and its implications for secondary contact.

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130 *HSI is a significant reproductive barrier*

131 HSI arises when heterospecific pollen fertilises an ovule of another species, but the hybrid seed  
132 does not reach maturation, usually due to defective endosperm. Many incidences of HSI were  
133 described in both crops and natural systems in the twentieth century (Table 1). Often,  
134 reproductive isolation was complete in at least one cross direction. While these classic studies  
135 highlight the commonality of HSI, only more recently have we begun to understand its  
136 evolutionary pace.

137 At the most extreme end, incomplete HSI between *Clarkia xantiana* subspecies has  
138 evolved in 65KYA (Briscoe Runquist et al., 2014) and strong, asymmetric HSI between selfing  
139 and outcrossing populations of *A. lyrata* evolved in 35KYA (İltaş et al., 2021). In many cases,  
140 strong HSI evolves in hundreds of thousands of years to ~1-2MYA (Table 1). This is much  
141 faster than hybrid inviability in organisms like *Drosophila*, frogs, *Lepidoptera*, birds, and fish  
142 which often take >>1MYA (Coyne and Orr, 1997; Sasa et al., 1998; Presgraves, 2002; Price  
143 and Bouvier, 2002; Bolnick and Near, 2005). Similarly, in orchids, which lack endosperm, HSI  
144 evolves later than hybrid sterility or necrosis (Scopece et al., 2007, 2008). Despite these

145 intriguing patterns, formal comparisons between endosperm-bearing angiosperms and other  
146 lineages are needed.

147 Work in *Mimulus*, *Streptanthus*, and Solanaceae indicate that HSI can evolve rapidly,  
148 and in some cases faster than postmating-prezygotic isolation (Fig. 1; (Vickery, 1964; Jewell  
149 et al., 2012; Garner et al., 2016; Oneal et al., 2016; Kostyun and Moyle, 2017; Christie and  
150 Strauss, 2018; Roth et al., 2018a; Coughlan et al., 2020; Sandstedt et al., 2020)). In *Mimulus*  
151 nearly complete HSI has been found between lineages of *M. decorus*, which diverged  
152 ~150KYA, and within the *M. tilingii* complex, which diverged ~400KYA (Sandstedt et al.,  
153 2020), but, no incidence of complete postmating-prezygotic isolation is reported for this group.  
154 In *Streptanthus* and *Jaltomata*, the earliest complete HSI is found at ~2.5MYA and 1.1MYA,  
155 respectively (Fig. 1). For *Streptanthus*, the earliest incidence of complete postmating-  
156 prezygotic isolation is similar to that of complete HSI, but HSI is generally a stronger barrier  
157 (mean fruit set RI=0.43, mean HSI RI=0.81 (Christie and Strauss, 2018)). Within the  
158 Solanaceae, seed set evolves more slowly than HSI (*Jaltomata* (Kostyun and Moyle, 2017),  
159 *Nolana* (Jewell et al., 2012), and three pairwise crosses within *Solanum* (Roth et al., 2018a)).  
160 However, other incidences of strong postmating-prezygotic isolation occur in *Solanum* (Baek  
161 et al., 2015, 2016)), and many species pairs within *Jaltomata* and *Nolana* are unable to form  
162 fruits due to pollen-pistil incompatibilities (Jewell et al., 2012; Kostyun and Moyle, 2017),  
163 suggesting that postmating-prezygotic barriers evolve rapidly in the Solanaceae. In total, HSI  
164 is common, evolves rapidly, and can confer significant reproductive isolation. Given that HSI  
165 manifests in the first generation of hybridization, it may serve as a formidable reproductive  
166 barrier.

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168 *HSI is borne in the endosperm*

169 Like interploidy crosses, interspecific HSI is conferred by parent of origin specific endosperm  
170 defects (Ishikawa et al., 2011; Rebernig et al., 2015; Baek et al., 2016; Oneal et al., 2016;  
171 Lafon-Placette et al., 2017; Roth et al., 2018a; Coughlan et al., 2020; İltaş et al., 2021;  
172 Sandstedt and Sweigart, 2022). A causal link between inappropriate endosperm development  
173 and inviability is evidenced by embryo rescue experiments, where dissected embryos are plated  
174 on a nutritive medium akin to a synthetic endosperm. Often, dissected embryos develop into  
175 healthy plants, suggesting that incompatibilities in the endosperm, rather than embryo, cause  
176 HSI (Sukno et al., 1999; Rodrangboon et al., 2002; Rebernig et al., 2015; Lafon-Placette et al.,  
177 2017, 2018; Sandstedt and Sweigart, 2022).

178 Parent of origin specific endosperm defects are remarkably similar across incidences of  
179 HSI, even between highly diverged taxa with different endosperm developmental programs. In  
180 one direction of the cross seeds are larger, though flat or disc-like. In these crosses, endosperm  
181 fails to cellularize in taxa with nuclear-type endosperm (Ishikawa et al., 2011; Rebernig et al.,  
182 2015; Lafon-Placette et al., 2017, 2018; İltaş et al., 2021), or cells become overly large and fail  
183 to divide in taxa with cellular-type endosperm (Roth et al., 2018a; Coughlan et al., 2020;  
184 Sandstedt and Sweigart, 2022). This delayed development results in diffuse endosperm,  
185 arrested embryos, and seed collapse, reminiscent of paternal-excess interploidy crosses. The  
186 reciprocal cross resembles maternal-excess interploidy crosses; seeds are smaller, narrower  
187 and/or shrivelled (Ishikawa et al., 2011; Rebernig et al., 2015; Lafon-Placette et al., 2017, 2018;  
188 Roth et al., 2018a; Coughlan et al., 2020; İltaş et al., 2021; Sandstedt and Sweigart, 2022).  
189 Endosperm proliferation is precocious; for taxa with nuclear-type endosperm, endosperm  
190 cellularizes prematurely (Rebernig et al., 2015; Lafon-Placette et al., 2017). For taxa with  
191 cellular-type endosperm, development is accelerated (Roth et al., 2018a; Coughlan et al., 2020;  
192 Sandstedt and Sweigart, 2022). The resultant endosperm is smaller, with fewer cells than pure-  
193 species crosses in both cases. These parallel developmental phenotypes among divergent

194 incidences of HSI and developmental systems hint at a shared evolutionary explanation, and  
195 the parent of origin effects that mimic excess paternal or maternal expression support parental  
196 conflict.

197         Finer scale patterns of endosperm dysregulation offer unique insights into the  
198 mechanistic causes and evolutionary drivers of HSI. Successful seed development requires  
199 coordination of endosperm, embryo, and maternal integuments, facilitated by a dynamic  
200 exchange of nutrients, hormones, and other signals (Doll and Ingram, 2022; Povilus and  
201 Gehring, 2022). Endosperm itself is a complex tissue, with many specialised components.  
202 Under parental conflict, tissues that mediate nutrient exchange should exhibit paternal-excess  
203 or maternal-repression phenotypes. In the endosperm, chalazal haustoria directly facilitate  
204 nutrient exchange between maternal tissues and embryos (Povilus and Gehring, 2022). The  
205 chalazal haustorium is also involved in regulating cellularization in taxa with nuclear-type  
206 endosperm via *TERMINAL FLOWER 1 (TF1)* expression (Zhang et al., 2020). Cellularization  
207 signals a transition from a phase of endosperm growth and sucrose deposition by the maternal  
208 plant to one of endosperm consumption by the embryo (Doll and Ingram, 2022). Lastly, the  
209 chalazal haustorium is a hotspot for imprinted gene expression (Walia et al., 2009; Picard et  
210 al., 2021), and genes that are uniquely expressed therein show elevated rates of adaptive  
211 evolution (Geist et al., 2019). Together, this makes it an ideal target for parental conflict. In  
212 *Mimulus*, chalazal haustoria persist later in development in paternal-excess hybrids than pure  
213 species or maternal-excess hybrids (Sandstedt and Sweigart, 2022). Similar abnormalities have  
214 been described in other systems (Brink and Cooper, 1947). Although it's well established that  
215 HSI is borne in the endosperm, a mechanistic understanding of embryo-endosperm-maternal  
216 integument communication during development is required to understand how these  
217 relationships fail in HSI.

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219 *Genetic of HSI*

220 Parental conflict predicts that lineages with different effective ploidies have diverged in  
221 imprinted loci involved in resource partitioning and subsequent mismatches of these MEGs  
222 and PEGs leads to parent of origin endosperm abnormalities and inviability. It follows that if  
223 parental conflict were driving the evolution of HSI 1) taxa with different effective ploidies  
224 should exhibit signals of adaptive divergence in imprinting, 2) hybrids should exhibit abnormal  
225 expression of loci that are imprinted in at least one parental species, and 3) the loci that cause  
226 HSI should correspond to a subset of the loci in 1 and 2. However, many particulars of this  
227 model remain unanswered, and an integration of expression surveys, population genetics, and  
228 genetic mapping is required.

229         Imprinting can evolve rapidly. Conservation of imprinted loci is generally low,  
230 suggesting rapid turnover (Zhang et al., 2011; Waters et al., 2013; Hatorangan et al., 2016;  
231 Klosinska et al., 2016; Chen et al., 2018; Flores-Vergara et al., 2020; Picard and Gehring,  
232 2020). In *Capsella*, species generally exhibit more PEGs than MEGs, with the number of PEGs  
233 and the expression of MEGs scaling with effective ploidy, suggests that compensatory  
234 expression of MEGs may effectively balance PEG expression (Fig. 2; (Lafon-Placette et al.,  
235 2018)). In *Solanum*, species exhibit more MEGs than PEGs, and the number of each scales  
236 with effective ploidy (Florez-Rueda et al., 2016; Roth et al., 2018b, 2019). Lastly, imprinted  
237 genes, particularly PEGs, show some signs of adaptive evolution (Hatorangan et al., 2016;  
238 Tuteja et al., 2019).

239         Of the few studies that have quantified expression in hybrid endosperm, misexpression  
240 is rampant. In *Capsella*, hybrid endosperm misexpression resembles interploidy crosses for  
241 both paternal- and maternal-excess crosses (Rebernik et al., 2015). In *Solanum*, inviable  
242 hybrids show extensive expression differences from intraspecific crosses (Florez-Rueda et al.,  
243 2016, 2021a; Roth et al., 2019). While all hybrids exhibit maternally biased expression

244 (Florez-Rueda et al., 2016), MEGs and PEGs tend to be overexpressed in maternal- and  
245 paternal-excess crosses, respectively (Roth et al., 2019). In both *Capsella* and *Solanum*  
246 paternal-excess crosses overexpress several PEGs, including AGAMOUS-LIKE Type1  
247 MADS-box (AGL) genes whose overexpression is implicated in both interploidy and  
248 interspecific HSI in *Arabidopsis* (Rebernik et al., 2015; Roth et al., 2019). Hybrids also exhibit  
249 complex patterns of misexpression. In *Solanum*, reciprocal F1s show a deficit of sRNA  
250 expression, which contributes to greater gene expression in hybrid than intraspecific  
251 endosperm (Florez-Rueda et al., 2021a). In *Capsella*, paternal-excess hybrids show reduced  
252 chromatin condensation and methylation, which may cause dysregulated gene expression,  
253 particularly of *PHERESI* (*PHE1*) targets (Dziasek et al., 2021). *PHE1* is a master regulator of  
254 PEGs (Batista et al., 2019). How much of endosperm misexpression is a cause versus  
255 consequence of inviability remains unknown, but a fundamental role of overexpression of some  
256 MEGs and PEGs is evidenced by the fact that induced polyploidization of the lower effective  
257 ploidy taxa can restore seed viability (Lafon-Placette et al., 2017, 2018; Tonosaki et al., 2018;  
258 Sandstedt and Sweigart, 2022).

259         Although much remains unknown about the genetic basis of HSI, genetic mapping and  
260 inheritance patterns suggest that HSI is caused by many moderate-to-large, parent of origin  
261 effect loci ((Rebernik et al., 2015; Garner et al., 2016; Lafon-Placette et al., 2017; Dziasek et  
262 al., 2021); i.e. 18 QTL control HSI between *M. guttatus* and *M. tilingii*, each of which decreases  
263 viability by 20-60% (Garner et al., 2016)). Explicit links between imprinted genes and HSI  
264 have been made in *A. thaliana* and *A. arenosa*, wherein loss of function *PHE1*, *AGL90*, and  
265 *AGL62* mutants partially restores seed viability (Josefsson et al., 2006; Walia et al., 2009).  
266 Although not uniquely supportive of parental conflict, parental conflict does predict a  
267 polygenic basis of HSI. This is because paternal-excess alleles instigate the arms race, while  
268 the evolution of maternal-repressive alleles are compensatory. However, in most incidences of

269 asymmetric HSI, paternal-excess crosses are more lethal. Without multiple rounds of allelic  
270 replacement, paternal-excess hybrids have the same genotype as the genotype formed with the  
271 initial evolution of a paternal-excess allele (Fig. 2), presenting a similar evolutionary  
272 conundrum as is faced by single locus underdominance. Other aspects of the genetic basis of  
273 HSI remain unknown. For example, whether HSI is governed by derived-ancestral or derived-  
274 derived incompatibilities can elucidate the evolutionary pace of lower effective ploidy taxa  
275 (Fig. 2). Whether HSI is caused by recurrent evolution of new MEGs/ PEGs or compensatory  
276 MEG/PEG expression can inform how these arms races function at a molecular level.

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### 278 *Parental conflict and effective ploidy; WISO and beyond*

279 Why should taxa differ in effective ploidy? Parental conflict suggests that variance in paternity  
280 creates competition among siblings for limited maternal resources, and thus paternally-derived  
281 resource acquiring alleles can evolve (Queller, 1983; Haig and Westoby, 1989). This  
282 observation has sparked the WISO (weaker-inbreeder/stronger-outbreeder) hypothesis, which  
283 predicts that parental conflict should be stronger in outbreeding taxa than selfing ones.  
284 Subsequently, HSI should be stronger between selfing and outcrossing lineages (Brandvain and  
285 Haig, 2005). Much evidence supports WISO, including an excess of HSI between selfers and  
286 outcrossers (Brandvain and Haig, 2005; Rebernik et al., 2015; Lafon-Placette and Köhler,  
287 2016; İltaş et al., 2021), as well as stronger HSI between mating systems than within mating  
288 systems for intraspecific crosses (i.e. (İltaş et al., 2021) versus (Willi, 2013; Hämälä et al.,  
289 2017)). However, recent work has also highlighted that some taxonomic groups rapidly evolve  
290 HSI with no corresponding mating system shift (Roth et al., 2018a; Coughlan et al., 2020).  
291 Differences in demography or life history may influence the variance in paternity by  
292 influencing levels of biparental inbreeding and relatedness within a fruit. Intuitively, these  
293 differences may result in similar dynamics as those seen between selfers and outcrossers (i.e.

294 species with high levels of biparental inbreeding may behave similarly to selfers). However,  
295 this hypothesis requires rigorous testing; including formal meta-analyses and theoretical  
296 explorations.

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### 298 *Conclusions and implications*

299 HSI may play a fundamental role in plant speciation. Yet, the importance of reproductive  
300 barriers is measured by their primary role in the origin of species and their secondary role in  
301 species maintenance. Despite the potentially potent role of HSI in species formation, its role in  
302 species maintenance remains largely unexplored. Recent work in *Mimulus* suggests that  
303 hybridization in the context of mixed paternity fruits (i.e. fruits containing both hybrids and  
304 conspecific seeds), can mediate growth costs for conspecific seeds that develop alongside  
305 hybrids with higher effective ploidy fathers (Coughlan, 2022), suggesting that HSI may confer  
306 indirect costs in secondary contact. How these growth costs translate into selection coefficients  
307 requires exploration. Secondly, much remains unknown about how introgression influences the  
308 fate of HSI alleles. Whether these incompatibilities resist introgression and maintain species  
309 boundaries, or whether one set of parental alleles will introgress into another (and if so, whether  
310 this is determined by effective ploidy) remains unanswered. Lastly, earlier work proposed that  
311 HSI may serve as a rare instance of reinforcement via a postzygotic barrier, particularly if it  
312 prevented significant maternal investment (Grant, 1954; Coyne, 1974), but this idea is largely  
313 untested. A growing appreciation for the generative role of HSI has revealed much about its  
314 developmental and genetic bases and evolutionary drivers. Yet, much remains unknown about  
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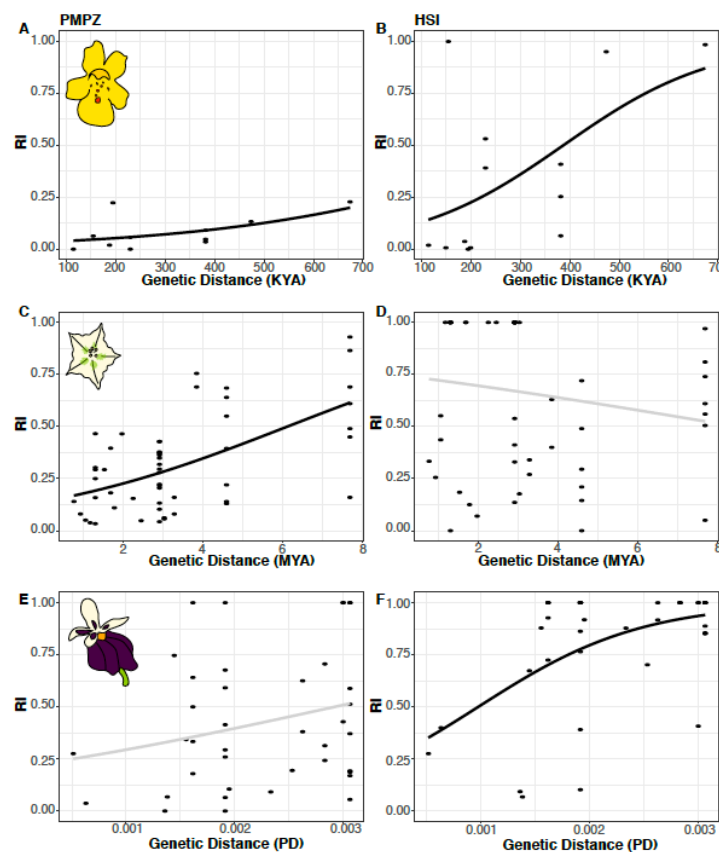
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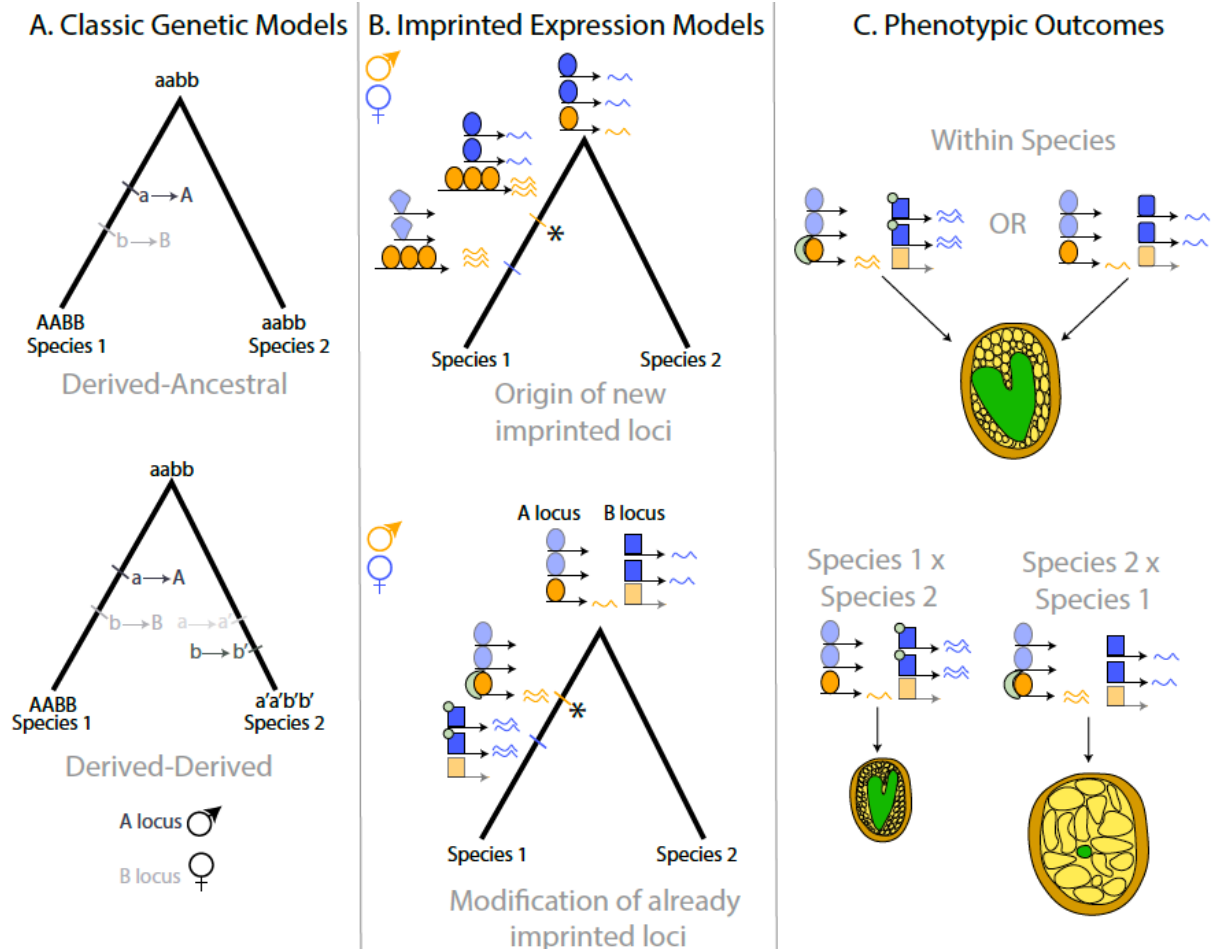
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787 **Figure 1: Hybrid seed inviability can evolve rapidly.** The extent of pre-mating-postzygotic  
 788 (PMPZ) isolation and hybrid seed inviability (HSI) as a function of divergence for three plant  
 789 groups; the *Mimulus guttatus* species complex, three genera within the Solanaceae, and the  
 790 genus *Streptanthus*. Data are fit with GLM with the following model:  $RI \sim \text{Genetic Distance}$ .  
 791 Significant relationships are indicated with a black line, while non-significant relationships  
 792 are indicated with grey. For *Mimulus* and the Solanaceae, PMPZ isolation is measured by  
 793 seed set per cross, for *Streptanthus* PMPZ is based on the ability to make a fruit. Data are  
 794 collated from: *Mimulus* crossing data: (Vickery, 1964; Garner et al., 2016; Oneal et al.,  
 795 2016; Coughlan et al., 2020; Sandstedt et al., 2020); *Mimulus* genetic data: (Brandvain et  
 796 al., 2014; Coughlan et al., 2020, 2021; Sandstedt et al., 2020), distances calculated using  
 797 (Brandvain et al., 2014); Solanaceae crossing data: (Jewell et al., 2012; Kostyun and Moyle,  
 798 2017; Roth et al., 2018a), Solanaceae divergence data: (Guerrero et al., 2013; Pease et al.,  
 799 2016; Wu et al., 2018); *Streptanthus* crossing and divergence data: (Christie and Strauss,  
 800 2018).



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 802 **Figure 2: Genetic (A) and molecular models (B) underlying HSI highlight many**  
 803 **unanswered questions:** (A) is HSI governed predominantly by substitutions in one or both  
 804 lineages (i.e. derived-ancestral vs derived-derived incompatibilities; top vs bottom panel  
 805 respectively)? (B) Does HSI evolve via recurrent evolution of new imprinted genes or  
 806 modified expression of pre-existing imprinted genes (or a combination)? The top panel  
 807 represents the evolution of a newly imprinted gene: increased expression of a paternally  
 808 derived allele (orange) selects for reduced maternal expression (blue) at a single locus,  
 809 resulting in a bi-parentally expressed gene becoming imprinted. The bottom panel depicts a  
 810 scenario where two genes are already imprinted. Increased expression of the PEG (orange)  
 811 selects for increased expression of a compensatory MEG (blue). Green shapes represent the  
 812 origin of new transcription factors or other molecular mechanisms of increasing gene  
 813 expression. While the (C) genotypes displayed in the phenotypic outcomes depict only a  
 814 single round of paternally-derived resource acquiring alleles and maternal-derived  
 815 compensatory alleles, multiple rounds of allelic substitution (either within one species, or in  
 816 both lineages) would have to occur for the Species 2 x Species 1 cross to be lethal, as the  
 817 genotype shown in the Species 2 x Species 1 cross is the same genotype that arises with the  
 818 origin of a paternally-derived, resource acquiring allele (denoted with a \*).  
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824 **Table 1: incidences of HSI in agricultural and natural plant systems.** Group= taxonomic  
825 group, Type= endosperm type (cellular or nuclear), Strength= qualitative assessment of HSI  
826 (many older papers provide only qualitative assessments), divergence= estimate of divergence  
827 times for the taxonomic group. In some cases, the actual species have been genotyped and  
828 estimates made, but for others the crown age of the taxonomic group is given with some  
829 description of the species crossed. Ploidy= interspecific among diploids ('IS'), interploidy  
830 ('IP'), or several crosses involving both intra-diploid and interspecific crosses ('both'). Ref=  
831 reference for HSI and divergence times ('div')  
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Group	Type	Strength	Divergence	Ploidy	Ref
<i>Solanum</i> sect. <i>Petota</i>	cellular	several instances; often complete or strongly asymmetric	crown age ~5.9- 8.5MY; incidences between species ~3- 4MY diverged	Both	(Johnston and Hanneman, 1980, 1982; Dinu et al., 2005); Div: (Särkinen et al., 2013; Fumia, 2021; Tang et al., 2022)
<i>Solanum</i> sect. <i>Lycopersicon</i>	cellular	several instances; often complete or strongly asymmetric	crown age ~1.2- 2.6MY, incidences in species pairs <1MY diverged	Both	(Rick, 1963; Ehlenfeldt and Hanneman, 1992; Ehlenfeldt and Ortiz, 1995; Baek et al., 2016; Roth et al., 2018a; Florez-Rueda et al., 2021b)Div:(Särkinen et al., 2013; Pease et al., 2016)
<i>Brassica</i>	nuclear	several instances; often strong	earliest incidences between species ~2MY diverged	Both	(Nishiyama et al., 1991); Div: (Li et al., 2017)
<i>Nicotiana</i>	cellular	several instances; often complete or strongly asymmetric	crown age ~10- 13MYA; few crosses made between recently diverged species	Both	(McCray, 1932; East, 1935; Cooper and Brink, 1940); Div (Clarkson et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2022)
<i>Triticum</i>	nuclear	strong HSI between <i>T. boeoticum</i> and <i>T.</i> <i>urartu</i>	~1MY divergd	Both	(Gill and Waines, 1978); Div (Huynh et al., 2019)
<i>Aegilops</i>	nuclear	strong HSI between <i>Ae. tauschii</i> ( <i>Ae.</i> <i>squarrosa</i> ) and <i>Ae.</i> <i>speltoides</i>	~3-4MY diverged	IS	(Gill and Waines, 1978); Div (Huynh et al., 2019)
<i>Avena</i>	nuclear	several strong and/or asymmetric incidences	strong HSI between different clades ~7- 11MY diverged, younger pairs not tested	Both	(Nishiyama and Yabuno, 1978)Nishiyama and Yabuno 1978; Div (Liu et al., 2017; Fu, 2018)
<i>Hordeum</i>	nuclear	some incidences within sections, stronger incidences between sections	"sections" not monophyletic; crown age of group(s) with HSI is ~1-2MYA	Both	(von Bothmer and Jacobsen, 1986); Div (Brassac and Blattner, 2015)
<i>Oryza</i>	nuclear	several strong instances; strongly asymmetric	earliest incidence from species <500KY diverged	IS	(Chu and Oka, 1970; Ishikawa et al., 2011); Div (Stein et al., 2018)
<i>Phaseolus</i>	nuclear	two incidences, both strong and asymmetric	2-4 MY diverged	IS	(Shii et al., 1982; Geerts et al., 2002); Div (Delgado-Salinas et al., 2006)

<i>Cucumis</i>	nuclear	several incidences; some strong, few asymmetric	most incidences between <i>C. melo</i> and species in Sect. Sagittani, which split ~9.5MYA	Both	(John R. Deakin et al., 1971); Div (Endl et al., 2018)
<i>Glycine</i>	nuclear	multiple incidences, several strong/complete	multiple incidences between species ~2-4MY diverged	Both	(Singh et al., 1988; Chung and Kim, 1990; Zhang and Palmer, 1990); Div (Egan and Doyle, 2010; Sherman-Broyles et al., 2014)
<i>Medicago</i>	nuclear	several incidences, often strong/complete	earliest incidences are between species ~2MY diverged; crown age is 6-16MYA	Both	(Oldemeyer, 1956; Fridriksson and Bolton, 1963; McCoy and Smith, 1986; Veronesi et al., 1986); Div (de Sousa et al., 2016)
<i>Trifolium</i>	nuclear	multiple strong/complete incidences,	crown age for <i>Trifolium</i> is ~11.8-16MYA, but many sister taxa exhibit HSI	Both	(Chou and Gibson, 1968; Williams and White, 1976; Parrott and Smith, 1986; Abberton, 2007); Div (Ellison et al., 2006; Yan et al., 2022)
<i>Datura</i>	cellular	several highly asymmetric incidences	crown age ~15MYA, few crosses between recently diverged species	Both	(Sansome et al., 1942; Satina et al., 1950); Div (Dupin and Smith, 2018)
<i>Helianthus</i>	nuclear	most annual-perennial crosses fail, but can be partially restored with embryo rescue	~1.5-3.3MY diverged	IS	(Seiler and Rieseberg, 2015); Div (Mason, 2018)
<i>Impatiens</i>	cellular	most stronger incidences are interploidy	-	Both	(Arisumi, 1973, 1982)
<i>Primula</i>	nuclear	multiple strong incidences	~2-3MYA	Both	(Valentine and Woodell, 1960, 1963); Div (Li et al., 2016)
<i>Mimulus</i>	cellular	several instances; sometimes complete, occasionally asymmetric	earliest incidence of complete HSI is ~150KYA	Both	(Vickery, 1964; Garner et al., 2016; Oneal et al., 2016; Coughlan et al., 2020; Sandstedt et al., 2020; Kinser et al., 2022); Fig. 1
<i>Gilia</i>	nuclear	several instances; often complete, occasionally asymmetric	several instances in <2MYA	IS	(Grant, 1954; Grant and Grant, 1954); Div (Landis et al., 2018)
<i>Clarkia</i>	nuclear	modest HSI between <i>C. xantiana</i> subsp.	65KY diverged	IS	(Davis, 1970; Briscoe Runquist et al., 2014)
<i>Collinsia</i>	cellular	several instances; rarely complete, often asymmetric	strong HSI between species 900KY diverged	IS	(Ahloowalia and Garber, 1961; Bell and Garber, 1961); Div Randle (unpublished)
<i>Capsella</i>	nuclear	strong asymmetric HSI between <i>C. grandiflora</i> and <i>C. rubella</i> ; complete between each and <i>C. orientalis</i>	earliest incidence ~100KYA, oldest incidence ~1MYA	IS	(Rebernic et al., 2015; Lafon-Placette et al., 2018)

<i>Arabidopsis</i>	nuclear	several incidences; complete between <i>A. arenosa</i> and both <i>A. thaliana</i> and <i>A. lyrata</i> ; variable/asymmetric within <i>A. lyrata</i>	earliest incidence ~35KYA; latest is ~3.8-5.8MYA	Both	(Josefsson et al., 2006; Hämälä et al., 2017; Lafon-Placette et al., 2017; İltaş et al., 2021)
<i>Lilium</i>	nuclear	several instance (~3% of crosses yield viable seed)	some instances as early as ~500KYA	IS	(Dowrick and Brandram, 1970; Van Tuyl et al., 1988); Div (Gao et al., 2015)
<i>Eucalyptus</i>	nuclear	variable: up ~35% of crosses yield no viable seed	probability of producing a hybrid is <5% by 7MY	IS	(Drake, 1975; Larcombe et al., 2015)
<i>Silene</i>	nuclear	several strong incidences	crown age for section <i>Elisanthe</i> ~1.3MYA	IS	(Prentice, 1978); Div (Moilola et al., 2021)
<i>Streptanthus</i>	nuclear	common and typically strong	earliest complete incidence ~2.5MYA	IS	(Christie and Strauss, 2018).
<i>Jaltomata</i>	cellular	several incidences, often strong, commonly asymmetric	earliest complete incidence ~1.1MYA	IS	(Kostyun and Moyle, 2017); Div (Wu et al., 2018)
<i>Nolana</i>	cellular	several moderate, asymmetric incidences	earliest complete incidence ~2.2MYA	IS	(Jewell et al., 2012); Div (Guerrero et al., 2013)
<i>Lolium</i>	nuclear	multiple, strong incidences	~4.5MY diverged	IS	(Jenkin, 1935, 1954a; b; c); Div (Inda et al., 2014)

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