

1 Direct inference of the distribution of fitness effects of spontaneous mutations from recombinant  
2 inbred *C. elegans* mutation accumulation lines

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22 **Abstract**

23 The distribution of fitness effects (DFE) of new mutations plays a central role in evolutionary  
24 biology. Estimates of the DFE from experimental Mutation Accumulation (MA) lines are  
25 compromised by the complete linkage disequilibrium (LD) between mutations in different lines.

26 To reduce LD, we constructed two sets of recombinant inbred lines from a cross of two *C.*  
27 *elegans* MA lines. One set of lines ("RIAILs") was intercrossed for ten generations prior to ten  
28 generations of selfing; the second set of lines ("RILs") omitted the intercrossing. Residual LD in  
29 the RIAILs is much less than in the RILs, which affects the inferred DFE when the sets of lines  
30 are analyzed separately. The best-fit model estimated from all lines (RIAILs + RILs) infers a  
31 large fraction of mutations with positive effects (~40%); models that constrain mutations to have  
32 negative effects fit much worse. The conclusion is the same using only the RILs. For the  
33 RIAILs, however, models that constrain mutations to have negative effects fit nearly as well as  
34 models that allow positive effects. When mutations in high LD are pooled into haplotypes, the  
35 inferred DFE becomes increasingly negative-skewed and leptokurtic. We conclude that the  
36 conventional wisdom - most mutations have effects near zero, a handful of mutations have  
37 effects that are substantially negative and mutations with positive effects are very rare – is likely  
38 correct, and that unless it can be shown otherwise, estimates of the DFE that infer a substantial  
39 fraction of mutations with positive effects are likely confounded by LD.

## 40 INTRODUCTION

41 The distribution of fitness effects (DFE) of new mutations is of fundamental importance in  
42 numerous areas of evolutionary biology (FISHER 1930; ORR 2000; PECK *et al.* 1997; SCHULTZ  
43 and LYNCH 1997; ZHANG *et al.* 2004), as well as having practical applications, including human  
44 genetic disease (AGARWAL *et al.* 2023; BOYLE *et al.* 2017; EYRE-WALKER 2010; MORROW and  
45 CONNALLON 2013) and cancer (CANNATARO *et al.* 2016; CANNATARO and TOWNSEND 2018;  
46 DURRETT *et al.* 2010). The DFE can be estimated from data in two ways: indirectly from  
47 patterns of sequence variation within and between species (BOYKO *et al.* 2008; GILBERT *et al.*  
48 2021; JAMES *et al.* 2023; JOHRI *et al.* 2020; KEIGHTLEY and EYRE-WALKER 2010; KIM *et al.*  
49 2017; KOUSATHANAS and KEIGHTLEY 2013; LOEWE and CHARLESWORTH 2006; TATARU *et al.*  
50 2017), or directly from comparisons between genotypes differing by a known (or estimated) set  
51 of mutations (BÖNDEL *et al.* 2019; DAVIES *et al.* 1999; KEIGHTLEY 1994; RAMANI *et al.* 2012;  
52 SHEN *et al.* 2022; THATCHER *et al.* 1998). Each method has strengths and limitations.  
53 Estimation from the standing variation incorporates a vastly larger number of mutations than  
54 could ever be assessed experimentally, the effects of very weak selection are detectable (at least  
55 in aggregate), and effects are integrated over the entire spectrum of environmental and genomic  
56 contexts experienced by the organism in question. However, the method has several important  
57 limitations. First, the effects of selection must be jointly estimated with the effects of  
58 demography, which are necessarily greatly simplified for analytical tractability (JOHRI *et al.*  
59 2020; KEIGHTLEY and EYRE-WALKER 2007; LI *et al.* 2012). Second, there is little information  
60 about the tail of the distribution for which selection is strong on an evolutionary timescale but  
61 weak over the course of a few generations ( $s \approx 1\%$ ) (KOUSATHANAS and KEIGHTLEY 2013).  
62 Third, the method assumes there is a class of mutations that are selectively neutral to serve as a

63 reference; the extent to which that assumption is met is an empirical issue requiring independent  
64 validation (KRUGLYAK *et al.* 2023; SHEN *et al.* 2022). Finally, there is no way to connect the  
65 DFE back to phenotypic traits.

66 Direct estimation from fitness differences between known genotypes has the advantage of  
67 being conceptually unambiguous - if two groups differ by a single mutation and differ in fitness  
68 by some amount  $y$ , the effect of the mutation is  $y$ . Constructing two populations that differ by  
69 one or a few mutations is straightforward: known mutations can be introgressed or otherwise  
70 engineered (e.g., by CRISPR) into a common genetic background to provide "nearly isogenic  
71 lines" (NILs). Recent advances in CRISPR technology have made it possible to engineer large  
72 panels of NILs in yeast and other microbes (SHARON *et al.* 2018; SHEN *et al.* 2022). However,  
73 constructing enough NILs to provide a meaningful estimate of the DFE remains a daunting  
74 proposition in multicellular organisms. Single-gene "knockout panels", in which genes are  
75 systematically inactivated and the fitness effects documented, have been tremendously important  
76 in informing our understanding of the functional aspects of the genome (e.g., KIM *et al.* 2010;  
77 RAMANI *et al.* 2012; THATCHER *et al.* 1998), but knockout mutations constitute only a small part  
78 of the mutational spectrum and do not provide an unbiased estimate of the DFE.

79 Mutation accumulation (MA) experiments, in which spontaneous mutations are allowed  
80 to accumulate in the (near) absence of natural selection, provide the opportunity to estimate the  
81 DFE of a (nearly) unbiased set of mutations (HALLIGAN and KEIGHTLEY 2009; KATJU and  
82 BERGTHORSSON 2019). However, within an MA line, all mutations are in complete linkage  
83 disequilibrium, which renders individual mutational effects inestimable.

84 Here we employ a classical line-cross strategy with MA lines, to break down the linkage  
85 disequilibrium among the accumulated mutations. We then combine whole-genome sequencing

86 with high-throughput competitive fitness assays to estimate the DFE of a set of 169 spontaneous  
87 mutations. This strategy was first employed by BÖNDEL *et al.* (2019) with the unicellular green  
88 alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*. We crossed two parental *C. elegans* mutation accumulation  
89 (MA) lines derived from the same genetically homogeneous ancestor to get F1 hybrids that are  
90 segregating at all mutant loci. The F1s were reciprocally crossed, and from the F2s we  
91 constructed two sets of recombinant inbred lines (**Supplemental Figure 1**). For the first set, F2s  
92 were further crossed prior to inbreeding to construct a set of Recombinant Inbred Advanced  
93 Intercross Lines (RIAILs). For the second set, we omitted the intercrossing step and proceeded  
94 directly to the inbreeding step; these lines are classical RILs. We refer to the full set of lines as  
95 RI(AI)Ls for brevity. RI(AI)Ls were assayed for competitive fitness against a marked  
96 competitor strain nearly isogenic for the ancestral genome, and multilocus genotypes inferred by  
97 whole-genome sequencing at low (2-3X) coverage. The strategy is conceptually analogous to  
98 QTL analysis, except the variant loci are not simply markers, but rather are the QTL themselves.  
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100 **METHODS**

101 *1. Experimental Methods*

102 *1.1 Mutation Accumulation (MA) lines.*

103 The details of the MA experiment have been reported elsewhere (BAER *et al.* 2005). Briefly, 100  
104 replicate lines were initiated from a single, highly inbred N2 strain hermaphrodite, and  
105 propagated under standard laboratory conditions for a maximum of 250 generations by transfer  
106 of a single immature hermaphrodite at four-day intervals. Under this protocol the effective  
107 population size,  $N_e \approx 1$ , and all but the most highly deleterious mutations are effectively neutral.

108 The progenitor (G0) was cryopreserved at the outset of the experiment, and surviving MA lines  
109 were cryopreserved upon culmination of the MA phase.

110 *1.2 Recombinant Inbred (Advanced Intercross) Lines.*

111 Two MA lines (MA530, n=76 mutations and MA563, n=93 mutations) were chosen as parents  
112 for a set of recombinant inbred advance intercross lines (RIAILs) or simple recombinant inbred  
113 lines (RILs). The parental lines were chosen on the basis of their near-average decline in lifetime  
114 reproductive success (~20%) over four assays after 200 and 220 generations of MA at two  
115 different assay temperatures (20° and 25° (BAER *et al.* 2006). The original plan was to construct  
116 a set of 600 RIAILs, with ten generations of intercrossing followed by ten generations of selfing,  
117 using the "random pair mating with equal contributions of each parent" design of ROCKMAN and  
118 KRUGLYAK (2008; see their Figure 1). However, many crosses failed during the intercrossing  
119 phase, so we abandoned the intercrossing and completed the set of lines with RILs. The final set  
120 of 517 genotyped lines includes 192 RIAILs and 325 RILs. Details of the crossing schemes are  
121 given in **Section I of the Supplemental Material.**

122 *1.3 Competitive fitness assays.*

123 To assay competitive fitness, an L1-stage focal strain worm and an L1 GFP-marked competitor  
124 (strain VP604) were placed together on a plate seeded with bacterial food and allowed to  
125 reproduce. Upon exhaustion of the bacterial food, worms were washed from the plate and  
126 counted using a Union Biometrica BioSorter™. The natural logarithm of the ratio of the  
127 frequencies of the two types,  $W=\log[(p/1-p)]$ , is proportional to the difference in fitness between  
128 the focal strain (frequency =  $p$ ) and the competitor strain (frequency =  $1-p$ ) (LATTER and SVED  
129 1994). The assay is described in detail in Appendix 1 of YEH *et al.* (2018) and summarized in  
130 **Section II of the Supplemental Material.**

131 *1.4 Genome sequencing, variant calling, and genotyping.*  
132 RI(AI)L genomes were sequenced at low (~2-3X) coverage with 150-bp paired-end Illumina  
133 sequencing, using standard methods. Details of sequencing and variant calling are given in  
134 **Section III of the Supplemental Material.** Raw sequence data (fastq) of the RI(AI)Ls have  
135 been deposited in the NCBI SRA under project number PRJNA1083210. Genome sequences for  
136 the G0 progenitor and the parent MA lines have been previously reported (RAJAEI *et al.* 2021;  
137 SAXENA *et al.* 2019).

138 *1.5. Imputation.* Given the low (2-3X) sequencing coverage, approximately 1/3 of the data  
139 (35.2%) are missing, i.e., the genotype at a given locus was not called as either homozygote.  
140 The mean number of loci successfully genotyped per RI(AI)L is 109, and the mean number of  
141 RI(AI)Ls for which a locus was scored is 335. To account for the missing genotype information,  
142 we constructed a computational procedure to impute the missing data by leveraging linkage  
143 disequilibrium (LD; see next section) between segregating sites. Specifically, we used the  
144 masked language modeling approach from natural language processing to build a predictive  
145 model for the missing alleles. The imputation model is built on the transformer architecture,  
146 which has been widely used for modeling natural languages as well as biological sequences such  
147 as DNAs and proteins (JI *et al.* 2021; RIVES *et al.* 2021). The model output consists of the  
148 predicted log-probability for all possible states per site, i.e., the MA530 or MA563 allele. The  
149 details of the model are given in **Section IV of the Supplemental Material.**

150 To assess the model's performance, we performed 100 rounds of validation. For each  
151 round, all RI(AI)L genotypes were used for training, but with one percent of the called alleles  
152 randomly masked. Across the 100 rounds, we observed a high imputation accuracy on the  
153 masked positions: mean  $\pm$  1 SD prediction accuracy =  $90.3 \pm 1.5\%$ . Cases in which the imputed

154 allele differs from the called allele include errors in the initial call, so 90% is a conservative  
155 estimate of the true prediction accuracy. The final imputed genotypes (**Supplemental Table 1**)  
156 were generated by retraining the model on all RI(AI)L genotypes using all available allele  
157 information.

158 *1.6. Linkage Disequilibrium (LD)*

159 Alleles from the two parents, MA530 and MA563, are initially in complete coupling (positive)  
160 linkage disequilibrium in the F1. However, mutant alleles occur in both parental genomes, so  
161 although the initial LD between pairs of mutant alleles is complete, the sign of the association  
162 (positive or negative) depends on which parental genomes the mutations occurred. Measures of  
163 LD that do not account for the sign of the association are agnostic with respect to whether alleles  
164 are coded by the parent of origin or as ancestral (0) vs. mutant (1); the value is the same either  
165 way. Measures of LD that do account for the sign of the association may differ by sign  
166 depending on if the alleles are coded by parent of origin vs. ancestral vs. mutant. For our  
167 purposes, it is more meaningful to code alleles as ancestral or mutant.

168 The pairwise coefficient of linkage disequilibrium,  $D = p_{AIBI} - p_A p_B$  where  $p_{AIBI}$  is the  
169 frequency of the double-mutant ( $AIBI$ ) haplotype at the A and B loci,  $p_A$  is the frequency of the  
170 mutant allele at the A locus and  $p_B$  is the frequency of the mutant allele at the B locus. The  
171 expected allele frequency in the RI(AI)Ls is 0.5 at all segregating loci, but the observed  
172 frequencies will vary due to sampling. We report two measures of LD, the squared coefficient of  
173 correlation,  $r^2$ , and  $D^* = D / |D_{max}|$ , where  $|D_{max}| = \min[p_A(1-p_B), (1-p_A)p_B]$ ;  $r^2$  is constrained  
174 non-negative and  $D^*$  can take on values [-1,1]. Note that our  $D^*$  is the familiar  $D'$  but with the  
175 sign retained. We calculated  $r^2$  and  $D^*$  among all pairs of the 169 loci using the PLINK v1.9  
176 commands ‘--r2’ and ‘--r dprime-signed’ respectively (PURCELL *et al.* 2007). We also report the

177 mean pairwise intra-chromosomal and inter-chromosomal LD for (1) all lines ( $n = 517$ ), (2) RILs  
178 only ( $n = 325$ ), and (3) RIAILs only ( $n = 192$ ). To visualize intra-chromosomal pairwise LD we  
179 used the ggplot2 package v3.4.4 for R Statistical Software v4.2.3 (WICKHAM 2009).

180 *1.7. Heritability.* We estimated the broad-sense heritability ( $H^2$ ) of  $W$  from the among-line (i.e.,  
181 among-RI(AI)L) component of variance estimated from the general linear model (GLM)  $y_{ijk} = \mu$   
182  $+ \alpha_i + \beta_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ijk}$ , where  $y_{ijk}$  is the value of  $W$ ,  $\mu$  is the overall mean,  $\alpha_i$  is the random effect of  
183 Block  $i$ ,  $\beta_{ij}$  is the random effect of Line  $j$  in Block  $i$ , and  $\varepsilon_{ijk}$  is the residual effect of Replicate  $k$  of  
184 Line  $j$  in Block  $i$ . Because the RI(AI)Ls are homozygous lines derived from a cross of  
185 homozygous parents,  $V_G = V_L$ , where  $V_L$  is the among-line component of variance (FALCONER  
186 1989, Ch. 15) and the broad-sense heritability  $H^2 = V_G/V_P$ , where  $V_P$  is the total phenotypic  
187 variance. Variance components were estimated by restricted maximum likelihood (REML), as  
188 implemented in the MIXED procedure of SAS v. 9.4. 95% Confidence intervals of  $H^2$  were  
189 determined empirically from 200 bootstrap replicates, resampling lines pooled over blocks while  
190 retaining the effect of Block in the analysis.

191 To account for the possibility that some of the among-line variance was due to factors  
192 other than genotype, we included a set of six "pseudolines" of the G0 ancestor and of each  
193 parental MA line in each assay block, which are the experimental equivalent of RILs except they  
194 are genetically homogeneous, and any among-(pseudo)line variance must be due to causes other  
195 than variation among genes. Pseudolines were analyzed identically to the RI(AI)Ls.

196 We next estimated the proportion of the total broad-sense heritability not explained by  
197 the cumulative additive effects of the mutations,  $H^2*$  (here "additive" formally means  
198 "homozygous non-epistatic", because we have no information about dominance). First, we  
199 calculated the multiple regression  $y_{ijk} = \mu + \beta\mathbf{x} + \varepsilon$ , where  $y_{ijk}$  is the value of  $W$  as before,  $\mu$  is the

200 overall mean,  $\mathbf{x}$  is the vector of genotypes at mutant loci 1-169,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is the vector of regression  
201 coefficients, and  $\varepsilon$  is the residual effect. We then re-estimated the linear model from above,  $y^*_{ijk}$   
202  $= \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ijk}$ , where the terms are as before, where the  $y^*_{ijk}$  are the residuals of the multiple  
203 regression of  $W$  on the multilocus genotype,  $\mathbf{x}$ . The difference  $H^2 - H^{2*}$  is the narrow-sense  
204 heritability  $h^2$ , i.e., the fraction of the total phenotypic variance explained by the additive effects  
205 of the mutations. Statistical significance of  $h^2$  was assessed by randomly permuting estimates of  
206  $W$  among replicates and re-calculating  $h^2$ .

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208 2. *Estimation of the DFE*

209 2.1. *Raw Difference*. The simplest way to measure the phenotypic effect of a mutation at locus  $i$   
210 is from the average difference in the trait between lines that have the mutant allele and lines that  
211 have the ancestral allele at locus  $i$ . Following BÖNDEL *et al.* (2019) we refer to the mutational  
212 effects calculated in this way as the raw difference,  $u_{RAW}$ . Confidence intervals and approximate  
213 standard errors of  $u_{RAW}$  were calculated from 1000 bootstrap replicates, holding the number of  
214 lines in each category (mutant, wild-type) constant in each (re)sample.

215 2.2. *Bayesian MCMC*. We take a fully Bayesian approach to estimate the posterior distribution  
216 of all genetic and non-genetic parameters. The basic model is the same as in section 1.7 above,  
217 such that the observed fitness of replicate  $k$  of line  $j$  in block  $i$  is:  $y_{ijk} = \mu + \alpha_i + \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_j + \varepsilon_{ijk}$ . The  
218 vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  contains the effects for the 169 mutations. We fit a series of models with increasing  
219 complexity in the prior distribution of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , to test different hypotheses regarding the DFE of the  
220 mutations. In all models, the grand mean,  $\mu$ , follows an uninformative normal distribution with  
221 mean zero and SD = 10. The individual block effects follow normal distributions with mean 0

222 and  $SD = 1$ , given the small variation in block effects when averaged over lines ( $SD = 0.13$ ). The  
223 models tested are summarized in **Table 1**.

224 To begin, in model 1 (“neutral model”) mutational effects are constrained to 0, i.e.,  $\beta = 0$ .

225 In model 2 (“uniform effect model”), all mutations in the vector  $\beta$  have a constant effect ( $u$ ),  
226 such that  $y_{ijk} = \mu + \alpha_i + m_j \times u + \varepsilon_{ijk}$ , where  $m_j$  is the number of mutant alleles in line  $j$ .

227 Model 3 (“neutral + uniform effect model”) assumes that mutations in vector  $\beta$  follow identical  
228 independent distributions such that the  $m$ -th mutation,  $\beta_m$ , has a probability  $1 - q$  of being  
229 neutral, and  $q$  of having a nonzero constant effect  $u$ , such that  $\beta_m = w \times u$ , where  $w$  is sampled  
230 from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $q$ , which in turn is drawn from an uninformative  
231 Beta prior with shape parameter = 2. In both the uniform effect model and the neutral + uniform  
232 effect model, the constant mutational effect  $u$  follows a normal prior with mean 0 and  $SD = 10$ .

233 Model 4 (neutral + uniform positive effect + uniform negative effect, “3-effect model”) in  
234 addition assumes that mutations can take both constant positive or negative effects, such that  $\beta_m$   
235  $= w \times (z \times u^+ - (1 - z) \times u^-)$ . Similarly,  $w$  is a Bernoulli random variable with the probability  $q$ ,  
236 equal to the probability that a mutation is non-neutral, which follows the same distribution as  
237 model 3. The parameter  $z$  controls the conditional probability of a nonneutral mutation having  
238 the positive effect, and is a Bernoulli random variable with probability  $p^+$ , which follows an  
239 uninformative Beta distribution with shape parameters = 2. The constant positive/negative effects  
240  $u_{pos}/u_{neg}$  follow an uninformative normal distribution with mean 0 and  $SD = 10$ .

241 In addition to these constant-effects models, we tested three models in which mutational  
242 effects are sampled from a continuous Gamma distribution. In model 5 (“negative gamma”), all  
243 mutations are assumed to have negative (i.e., deleterious) effects, with effect sizes sampled  
244 identically and independently from a Gamma distribution, whose shape and rate parameters

245 follow uninformative half normal distributions ( $SD = 10$ ). In model 6 (“symmetric gamma”) and  
246 model 7 (“asymmetric gamma”), mutations can have either positive or negative effects, such that  
247 we can express individual mutation effects as  $\beta_m = z \times \beta_m^+ - (1 - z) \times \beta_m^-$ . Similar to model 4,  $z$   
248 is a Bernoulli random variable with probability  $p^+$ , which follows a symmetric Beta distribution.  
249 The positive (negative) effect sizes,  $\beta_m^+$  ( $\beta_m^-$ ) are in turn sampled from their respective Gamma  
250 distributions, as in Model 5. The only difference between model 6 and 7 is that in model 6,  $\beta_m^+$   
251 and  $\beta_m^-$  follow the same Gamma distribution, whereas in model 7, the Gamma distributions for  
252 the positive and negative effect sizes are allowed to be different.

253 Bayesian inference for all models was implemented in the statistical software PyMC3  
254 v5.10 (SALVATIER *et al.* 2016). The No-U-Turn-Sampler was employed to acquire posterior  
255 samples. Continuous random variables were sampled using the Hamiltonian Monte Carlo  
256 method which relies on gradients calculated using automatic differentiation, whereas discrete  
257 random variable were sampled using the Metropolis algorithm. To account for the uncertainty in  
258 the genotypes due to missing alleles, for each model we performed 50 independent Monte Carlo  
259 runs, each with missing alleles sampled from independent Bernoulli distributions with  
260 probability predicted by the trained imputation model. For each model and genotype replicate,  
261 we ran 4 parallel Monte Carlo chains, each with 1000 warm up steps and 4000 sampling steps.  
262 We used the R-hat statistic (VEHTARI *et al.* 2021) as a diagnostic of model divergence, which  
263 compares the parameter estimates between and within chains. R-hat is greater than 1 if the chains  
264 are not well mixed, such that the between and within-chain sample distributions disagree.

265 We used a Bayesian model selection procedure to identify the best model. Specifically,  
266 for each model we estimated the leave-one-out expected log pointwise predictive density (ELPD  
267 LOO) model fit, equal to the mean expected log likelihood of the observed fitness of a random

268 individual given its genotype, calculated based on a model fitted using the full data set minus the  
269 focal individual. The procedure is implemented in PyMC3 based on the approximate method  
270 introduced by VEHTARI *et al.* (2017) The ELPD LOO scores for all 50 genotype replicates were  
271 averaged to provide an overall goodness-of-fit score for each model.

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273 **RESULTS:**

274 *Linkage Disequilibrium*

275 The purpose of constructing RI(AI)Ls is to break up the linkage disequilibrium between  
276 mutations, to permit estimation of the effects of individual mutations. That effort was only  
277 partially, and variably, successful. Averaged over all lines (RILs + RIAILs), intrachromosomal  
278 LD as measured by median  $r^2$  is 0.12 (**Figure 1**; **Supplemental Figure 2**). However, LD is  
279 much higher in the RILs (median  $r^2 = 0.28$ ) than in the RIAILs (median  $r^2 = 0.045$ ). Ten  
280 generations of advanced intercrossing was effective in breaking up LD, on average, but regions  
281 of near-complete LD remain even in the RIAILs. Inspection of **Figure 1** reveals that regions of  
282 high LD are concentrated in the chromosome centers, as expected given the reduced rate of  
283 crossing over in centers relative to arms, although there are also regions of high LD in  
284 chromosome arms where mutations are tightly clustered. Interchromosomal LD is near 0 in both  
285 RILs and RIAILs (**Supplemental Figure 3**), indicating a trivial role for sampling variance in  
286 maintaining LD.

287 *Heritability*

288 Our goal is to estimate the effects of spontaneous mutations on fitness. To begin, we ask: is  
289 there heritable variation in competitive fitness among the RI(AI)Ls? The broad-sense heritability  
290 of  $W$  including all RI(AI)Ls,  $H^2=0.30$  (bootstrap 95% CI=0.271, 0.370). Estimates of  $H^2$  were

291 similar for RIAILs ( $H^2=0.337$ ; bootstrap 95% CI=0.256, 0.403) and RILs ( $H^2=0.313$ ; bootstrap  
292 95% CI=0.243, 0.382). Including all RI(AI)Ls, narrow-sense heritability, estimated from the  
293 residuals of the multiple regression of  $W$  on multilocus genotype,  $h^2 = 0.16$  (permutation test,  
294  $P<0.001$ ; averaged over 1000 permutations of the data, random  $h^2 = 0.023$ , max=0.048). The  
295 cumulative additive effects of the 169 segregating spontaneous mutations explain approximately  
296 half of the total heritable variance in  $W$ . By way of comparison,  $H^2$  for competitive fitness from  
297 a set of 28 *C. elegans* wild isolates was 0.49, although the assays in the two studies are not  
298 directly comparable (TEOTÓNIO *et al.* 2006).

299 Considering RIAILs and RILs separately,  $h^2$  of the RILs is similar to the estimate from  
300 the full dataset ( $h^2 = 0.20$ ,  $n=325$ ), whereas the same analysis for RIAILs gives a REML point  
301 estimate of residual  $V_L=0$ . Taken at face value, these results imply that additive mutational  
302 effects completely explain  $H^2$  (i.e.,  $h^2 = H^2$ ) in the RIAILs, whereas the additive effects only  
303 explain about two-thirds of the among-line variance in the RILs. To investigate the possibility  
304 that LD could explain the unexplained among-line variance in the RILs, we used parametric  
305 bootstrap simulations, as follows. For each RIL we (i) assigned each mutation in its genome a  
306 fitness effect drawn from a given DFE with mean effect equal to the observed mean, (ii) summed  
307 the effects across loci, and (iii) added to each replicate a residual (= microenvironmental) fitness  
308 effect drawn from a normal distribution. We then estimated  $H^2$  and  $h^2$  from the simulated data as  
309 described above. In the first set of simulations ( $n=100$ ), we maintained the observed LD  
310 structure; in the second set of simulations we permuted alleles (mutant or ancestral) among loci  
311 in each RIL to break up the LD. We tested two different DFEs. The first DFE is the  
312 ‘asymmetric Gamma model’ described in Methods, where mutations can have positive or  
313 negative effects, with the magnitude of the positive/negative effect drawn from two non-identical

314 Gamma distributions. The second DFE is the ‘negative gamma’ model, where mutations can  
315 only have negative effects and are drawn from a single Gamma distribution. We sampled effects  
316 of mutations from these two DFEs using the posterior mean model parameters (Supplemental  
317 Table 2). Residual fitness effects were sampled from zero-mean normal distributions with  
318 variance equal to the posterior means of the noise variance inferred jointly with model  
319 parameters for the two DFEs ( $\sigma^2 \approx 1$ ). For both DFEs, LD had no effect on the inferred  $h^2$ ; in  
320 each case  $h^2 = H^2$  in 100% of the simulations, as expected because the mutations were the only  
321 source of among-line variance in the simulations.

322 Having ruled out differences in LD as the cause of missing heritability in the RILs if  
323 mutational effects are strictly additive, the remaining unexplained heritability in the RILs must  
324 be due to some combination of epistasis, transgenerational epigenetic inheritance (TEI), and/or  
325 residual (but small) genotype-environment correlations. It is not obvious at first glance why the  
326 same set of epistatic mutations would lead to missing heritability in the RILs but not in the  
327 RIAILs. However, the number of RIAILs (n=192) is only slightly greater than the number of  
328 loci (n=169), so it is plausible that there simply is little power to detect residual among-line  
329 variance once the additive effects of the mutations are accounted for. When  $h^2$  is estimated for  
330 the full set of RI(AI)Ls with the additive effects regressed separately for each block, the residual  
331 heritability disappears; that result reinforces the likelihood that the absence of missing  
332 heritability in the RIAILs is simply due to lack of power rather than an actual absence of non-  
333 additive among-line variance. We elaborate on this possibility in Section V of the Supplemental  
334 Material.

335 To account for potential non-genetic variation that is nevertheless heritable over a few  
336 generations, we estimated variance components among sets of "pseudolines" of the G0 ancestor

337 of the parental lines, and of the MA530 and MA563 parental lines. These controls are not  
338 powerful (n=30 pseudolines, 6 per block), but in all three cases the REML estimate of the  
339 among-pseudoline component of variance,  $V_L = 0$ .

340 *Relationship between number of mutations and mean fitness*

341 If all mutational effects are equal and in the same direction (i.e., the Bateman-Mukai criteria  
342 (MUKAI 1964)), the slope of the regression of  $W$  on the number of mutant alleles carried by a line  
343 will equal the average effect of a mutation. Averaged over all RI(AI)Ls, accounting for variation  
344 among assay blocks and removing two outlying lines, the regression of  $W$  on number of  
345 mutations is not significantly different from 0 (slope = -0.0051,  $F_{1,509}=1.83$ ,  $P>0.17$ ), although  
346 the trend suggests that mutations are deleterious, on average.

347 *Relationship between mutational effect and mutant allele frequency*

348 The expected frequency of segregating neutral alleles in the RI(AI)Ls is 0.5. Selection was  
349 minimally effective in the crossing and inbreeding phases ( $N_e \approx 2$ ), but it was not absent. If most  
350 mutations are deleterious and if deleterious alleles were preferentially removed by selection, then  
351 (i) the average frequency of mutant alleles will be  $< 0.5$ , and (ii), there should be a negative  
352 relationship between allele frequency and mutational effect size. The mean observed mutant  
353 allele frequency is 0.500 (range = 0.287-0.675). The correlation between mutant allele  
354 frequency  $p_i$  at the  $i$ th locus and the raw difference  $u_{RAW,i}$ ,  $r_{pu}=0.15$  (**Supplemental Figure 4**).  
355 Thus, we infer that selection did not systematically skew mutant allele frequencies away from  
356 the expected neutral frequency.

357 *The Bayesian posterior DFE.*

358 To infer the DFE, we tested a series of seven increasingly complex models, using the Bayesian  
359 MCMC analysis outlined in the Methods. Because of the discrepancy in average LD between

360 the RIAILs and the RILs, all analyses were first done on the full set of RI(AI)Ls, and repeated on  
361 RIAILs and RILs separately.

362 As a first step, we tested for model convergence, using the R-hat statistic. We observed  
363 no divergence between the four parallel Markov chains, indicated by  $\text{R-hat} < 1$  in all cases  
364 (VEHTARI *et al.* 2021). Model performance, as measured by the Bayesian leave-one-out  
365 expected log pointwise predictive density (LOO-ELPD, VEHTARI *et al.* 2021) averaged across 50  
366 genotype replicates, is summarized in **Table 1**. Posterior means and 95% credible intervals of  
367 model parameters are given in **Supplemental Table 2**.

368 (i) *All lines (RILs + RIAILs = RI(AI)Ls)*. Reassuringly, the **neutral** model, in which mutational  
369 effects are constrained to equal 0, performs worst. The **uniform** effect model, in which  
370 mutational effects are constrained to be equal, is moderately better ( $\Delta\text{fit} = 23.0$ ). The posterior  
371 mean for the shared mutational effect ( $u$ ) is negative and has a 95% credible interval not  
372 intersecting zero ( $u = -0.006$ ; CI = -0.009, -0.005).

373 The **neutral + uniform effect model**, in which mutations can either have a uniform non-  
374 zero effect with probability  $q$  or be neutral with probability  $1 - q$ , performed significantly better  
375 ( $\Delta\text{fit} = 50.0$ ). Again, the mean mutational effect is inferred to be negative ( $u = -0.16$ , 95% CI = -  
376 0.24, -0.10), but with low probability ( $q = 0.064$ , 95% CI = 0.026, 0.114). The **negative**  
377 **Gamma** model, in which effects are constrained to be negative and sampled from a Gamma  
378 distribution, fits equally well as the neutral + fixed effect model ( $u = -0.007$ ,  $\Delta\text{fit} = 0.0$ ).

379 All models summarized so far assume mutations must have a uniform sign. The first  
380 model relaxing this assumption is the **3-effect model**, in which a mutation can be neutral with  
381 probability  $1 - q$ , or have a fixed positive/negative effect with probabilities  $q^+$  and  $q^-$  (in our  
382 Bayesian model parametrization,  $q^+ = q \times p^+$ ,  $q^- = q \times (1 - p^+)$ , where  $p^+$  is the probability that a

383 mutation has a positive effect, given that it is non-neutral). This model showed a significant  
384 improvement in performance ( $\Delta\text{fit} = 19.1$ ).

385 Finally, the two-sided Gamma models (**symmetric** and **asymmetric Gamma**) provide a  
386 moderate improvement over the 3-effect model. The two models have LOO-ELPD scores that  
387 are nearly indistinguishable (symmetric gamma model = -3402, asymmetric gamma model = -  
388 3402.3), indicating that the additional flexibility conferred by the asymmetric gamma model does  
389 not confer higher generalizability to new data. For the asymmetric gamma model, the alpha  
390 (scale) and beta (rate, inverse of the scale parameter) parameters for the positive and negative  
391 halves of the distribution have nearly identical posterior distributions (**Supplemental Table 2**).  
392 Additionally, the two-sided gamma models show very similar posterior distributions for all  
393 parameters. We therefore focus our discussion on the more parsimonious symmetric gamma  
394 model.

395 On average, mutations are slightly less likely to have a positive effect ( $p^+ = 0.426$ ; 95%  
396 CI = 0.294, 0.547). The posterior distribution of the effects of all 169 mutations shows that  
397 39.6% of all mutations have a positive posterior mean effect (**Figure 2A**), consistent with the  
398 posterior probabilities  $p^+/-$ . However, individual mutations exhibit large credible intervals that  
399 intersect zero (**Figure 3A**). The distribution of negative mean effects shows a longer tail than  
400 the positive effects, but this asymmetry in shape was not reflected in the model selection results,  
401 where the symmetric and asymmetric Gamma models have virtually identical performance. This  
402 is likely a power issue, whereby the increased flexibility of the asymmetric Gamma model was  
403 not supported by enough data to result in likelihood improvements that can offset the penalty  
404 resulting from the higher model complexity.

405 (ii) *RILs*. The model selection results for the RILs are largely consistent with results based on the  
406 full set of RI(AI)Ls. The neutral and the fixed effect models have the lowest LOO-ELPD (**Table**  
407 **1**). The two negative effects models have similar LOO-ELPD values and show significant  
408 improvement over the first two models. Finally, we see that the three two-sided models provide  
409 further substantial improvement over the one-sided model. The two-sided Gamma models  
410 produced very similar LOO-ELPD scores, while the 3-effect model has a moderately lower  
411 value. The distribution of mean mutational effects under the symmetric Gamma model are  
412 similar to results generated from the full set of RI(AI)Ls (Pearson's  $r = 0.56$ ; **Figure 2B**).

413 (iii) *RIAILs*. Model selection results for the RIAILs reveal a different pattern. Although the  
414 neutral and fixed effect models still perform worst, performance of the models in which effects  
415 are constrained to be non-positive (in particular the negative Gamma model) is now close to that  
416 of the two-sided models (**Table 1**). The similarity between the two-sided models and the  
417 negative-only model is supported by the change in the shape of the two-sided gamma models, in  
418 which the frequency of mutations with positive effects is lower ( $q+ = 0.355$ ; 95% CI 0.119,  
419 0.595). Inference from RIAILs resulted in an overall reduction in the mean posterior effects of  
420 mutations, such that the effects of most mutations are shrunk towards zero (**Figure 2C**).  
421 Additionally, the posterior variance of the mutational effects is lower in the RIAILs (mean  
422 posterior SD of mutational effects is 0.040, compared with 0.056 in the full set of RI(AI)Ls)  
423 (**Figure 3C**), even with the lower sample size. The mutational effects for the RIAILs are more  
424 weakly correlated to those inferred from the full set of RI(AI)Ls (Pearson's  $r = 0.36$ ) than are the  
425 effects inferred from the RILs.

426 (iv) *Locus-specific effects*. The simplest way to infer the mutational effect at a locus is to  
427 calculate the mean value of all lines with a mutant allele and all lines with an ancestral allele at

428 that locus; the difference is the raw difference ( $u_{RAW}$ ) of the mutation at that locus. As a sanity  
429 check, we plotted the inferred Bayesian posterior effect against the raw difference; ideally, the  
430 correlation should be +1. The correlations were positive, but well below 1 in all three cases  
431 (**Figure 4**). The magnitude of the raw difference is typically much larger than that of the  
432 posterior effects. The difference is likely caused by LD, in that the raw difference of a single  
433 mutation contains contributions from other linked mutations, which may inflate the estimates.

#### 434 *Effects of mutant haplotypes*

435 A major challenge is that many mutations are in high LD, making the effects of individual  
436 mutations nearly unidentifiable (for example, if two mutations with effects,  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are in  
437 complete LD, we only have observations for the sum of their effect  $u_1 + u_2$ , making it impossible  
438 to estimate  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  separately). To proceed, we first identified haplotype blocks consisting of  
439 groups of loci in which LD among all pairs of consecutive loci  $r^2 > 0.8$ . We then designated two  
440 haplotypes for each haplotype block. Among loci in a haplotype block, two types of haplotype  
441 assignment can occur. Consider a haplotype block with two loci, each with an ancestral and a  
442 mutant allele (coded 0 and 1). If the two loci are in positive LD, we have an ancestral haplotype  
443 (00) and a double-mutant haplotype (11). If the two loci are in negative LD, we have two single-  
444 mutant haplotypes, 01 and 10. Treating the data as haplotypes rather than individual loci reduces  
445 the sample size from 169 (the number of loci) to 114 (the number of haplotypes). We restricted  
446 this analysis to the symmetric Gamma model.

447 We acquired the posterior sample of a mutant haplotype by summing the posterior  
448 samples of the individual mutations at each locus in the haplotype. We repeated this procedure  
449 for the RILs, RIAILs and the full set of RI(AI)Ls. In all three cases, the distribution of the mean  
450 mutant haplotype effects is skewed to the left (**Figure 5**). The percentage of mutant haplotypes

451 with negative posterior means is 61.4% in the full set of RI(AI)Ls, 64.0% in the RILs, and 67.5%  
452 in the RIAILs. Again, inference from the RIAILs results in an overall reduction in the mean and  
453 variance of posterior effects of mutant haplotypes, relative to inferences from RILs and the full  
454 set of RI(AI)Ls. The mean absolute posterior mean effect for the negative mutant haplotypes  
455 based on RIAILs only ( $u^- = -0.022$ ) is twice that of the positive mutant haplotypes ( $u^+ = 0.011$ ).

456 Finally, the lower LD in the RIAILs allowed us to identify a mutant haplotype with a  
457 strong negative effect located in a 6.05 Mb region between positions 3771123 and 9819058 on  
458 chromosome III (**Figure 6**). This haplotype contains 13 mutations, including 11 SNPs and 2  
459 indels. The two mutant haplotypes are 1000111001100 for MA530, and 0111000110011 for  
460 MA563. The MA563 mutant haplotype has a large negative effect ( $u = -0.760$ ; 95% CI -1.09, -  
461 0.149), whereas the MA530 mutant haplotype shows a moderately strong positive mean effect ( $u$   
462 = 0.118; 95% CI -0.134, 0.647). However, their effects are strongly negatively correlated in the  
463 posterior samples, i.e., if an estimated effect at the MA530 haplotype is large and negative, the  
464 corresponding estimate at the MA563 haplotype is large and positive. The most we can say with  
465 confidence is that the cumulative effect of mutations in this region is to reduce  $W$  by about 0.64  
466 relative to the ancestor, which is sufficient to explain the decrease in fitness of MA563 relative to  
467 the ancestor (**Supplemental Figure 5**).

468 The full list of mutations, along with parent of origin and their inferred effects, are  
469 presented in **Supplemental Table 3**; fitness data are presented in **Supplemental Table 4**.

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## 471 **DISCUSSION**

472 Unsurprisingly, mutations are deleterious, on average. Coincidentally or not, the point estimate  
473 of the mean average raw difference in competitive fitness in the RI(AI)Ls, -0.0039, is extremely

474 similar to the same estimate from the full set of 80 MA lines of which the two parental lines were  
475 drawn. Assuming that a random pair of MA lines differs by 160 mutations, the average  
476 mutational effect estimated from the data of YEH *et al.* (2018, Table 1) is -0.0040. Given the  
477 substantial sources of variation in these experiments, the concordance is remarkable. In a similar  
478 vein, YEH et al. estimated the mutational heritability from the same data,  $h_M^2 = V_L/2t =$   
479 0.00084/generation of MA. Summed over the approximately 250 generations of MA, we predict  
480 a broad-sense heritability  $H^2 \approx 0.2$ , about 2/3 of the observed value in this study. Or differently  
481 put, our estimate of  $H^2$  implies a mutational heritability  $h_M^2 \approx 0.0012$ . Given that both measures  
482 of heritability are ratios of variances, the observed values are quite consistent.

483 Perhaps more surprising is the relatively high narrow-sense heritability of the mutational  
484 effects ( $h^2=0.16$ ), which explain roughly half of the heritable variance in fitness. There are no  
485 comparable competitive fitness data from wild isolates, but ZHANG *et al.* (2021) estimated  $H^2$   
486 and  $h^2$  for lifetime fecundity on solid media for a set of 121 *C. elegans* wild isolates. In their  
487 assay  $h^2$  (0.20) was about 1/3 of  $H^2$  (0.63). In contrast to our RI(AI)Ls, which differ by about 85  
488 mutations on average, the wild isolates differ by thousands of segregating variants. Comparison  
489 of heritabilities is problematic because the upper bound is 1, which means that  $h^2$  necessarily  
490 reaches an asymptotic value. However, if we assume that the contribution of non-heritable  
491 effects ( $V_E$ ) is similar in the two studies – and we would naively expect that  $V_E$  is greater in a  
492 competitive fitness assay than in a non-competitive assay because the competitor contributes to  
493  $V_E$  – the implication is that the asymptote is reached after at most a few hundred generations of  
494 mutations have accumulated in the population.

495 The inclusion of both RILs and RIAILs in the experiment is fortuitous. If we only had  
496 RILs to work with, we would have been much more confident in concluding that a large

497 proportion of mutations have positive effects. Ten generations of intercrossing in the RIAILS  
498 broke up most of the initial LD, but not all of it, and it is clear that at least some of the apparently  
499 greater fraction of positive-effect mutations in the RILs can be attributed to the confounding  
500 effect of negative-effect mutations in LD. Inspection of the DFE along the chromosome (**Figure**  
501 **3**) reveals a negative spatial autocorrelation: mutations inferred to have large positive effects are  
502 usually in close proximity to one or more mutations with large negative effects.

503 This study was motivated by three antecedents: the studies of BÖNDEL *et al.* (2019), who  
504 used a related crossing design to estimate the DFE from spontaneous MA lines in the unicellular  
505 green alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*; of GILBERT *et al.* (2021), who estimated the *C. elegans*  
506 DFE from the standing site frequency spectrum among wild isolates; and those of VASSILIEVA *et*  
507 *al.* (2000) and KEIGHTLEY *et al.* (2000), who estimated the DFE from the distribution of (non-  
508 competitive) fitnesses among *C. elegans* MA lines. We consider each in turn.

509 BÖNDEL *et al.*'s crossing design differed from ours in a key way: they backcrossed MA  
510 lines to the common ancestor rather than crossing two MA lines. Their design results in all  
511 mutations being initially in complete coupling (positive) LD, rather than a random mix of  
512 coupling and repulsion LD, as in our design. Nevertheless, their design is still constrained to  
513 infer the cumulative effects of mutations in LD. They did not report LD, nor did they report the  
514 distribution of mutational effects along the chromosomes (except as raw data). They too  
515 observed a high proportion of mutations with positive effects on fitness; in their best-fit model  
516 (two-sided Gamma with different means for positive and negative DFEs), the DFE was highly  
517 leptokurtic, with posterior mean frequency of positive effects,  $q^+$ , of 84%. However, the  
518 estimated mean (absolute) effect of deleterious mutations,  $u^-$ , was 4-5 times greater than the  
519 mean positive effect, which reconciles the high frequency of mutations with positive effects with

520 the consistent and well-supported overall decline in fitness of the MA lines. They too observed a  
521 strong positive correlation between the inferred posterior mean mutational effect at a locus and  
522 the raw difference, and that the Bayesian posterior DFE was shrunk toward zero compared to the  
523 raw difference.

524 GILBERT *et al.* used maximum likelihood, as implemented in the DFE-alpha software  
525 (KEIGHTLEY and EYRE-WALKER 2007), to infer the DFE from segregating SNP variation in a set  
526 of ~300 *C. elegans* wild isolates. They also analyzed data simulated under realistic parameters  
527 of mutation and recombination to investigate the effect of self-fertilization on the inferred DFE.  
528 They found that, while DFE-alpha reprises the input DFE quite faithfully when mating is  
529 random, self-fertilization biases the results toward mutations of small negative effect, evidently  
530 due to the slower decay of LD under selfing. Inclusion of a small fraction (0.1%) of beneficial  
531 mutations similarly biases the inferred DFE of deleterious mutations toward small effects.

532 *C. elegans* MA lines invariably decline in fitness, and early studies concluded that the  
533 mean deleterious mutational effect is quite large (~10-25 %) (ESTES *et al.* 2004; KEIGHTLEY and  
534 CABALLERO 1997; VASSILIEVA *et al.* 2000), although none of those studies investigated  
535 competitive fitness. The point estimate of the mean deleterious mutational effect from our  
536 neutral + uniform effect model (Model 3) in the full set of RI(AI)Ls is -0.16 and the inferred  
537 fraction of deleterious mutations (0.064) translates to a per-genome, per-generation deleterious  
538 mutation rate of  $U \approx 0.02$ , very consistent with the aforementioned studies. Coincidentally or  
539 not, our inference from RIAIL haplotypes that the *C. elegans* DFE consists of a very large  
540 proportion of mutations with near-zero effects interspersed with a small number of mutations  
541 with large negative effects is very similar to the conclusion of KEIGHTLEY *et al.* (2000), who

542 reached that conclusion from the distribution of fitnesses among *C. elegans* MA lines that had  
543 been subjected to EMS mutagenesis.

544 Conclusions – Two primary conclusions emerge from this work. First, mathematics is no  
545 substitute for recombination where inference of the DFE is concerned. When mutations are in  
546 strong LD – repulsion or coupling – different combinations of positive and negative effects can  
547 result in the same cumulative effect, possibly leading to the mistaken inference that the DFE  
548 includes a large fraction of mutations with positive effects. However, posterior estimates at  
549 linked loci will be strongly negatively correlated, which will not be true of unlinked loci. That  
550 conclusion is obvious in hindsight, and should serve as a cautionary note. But second, the  
551 unplanned inclusion in this study of RILs along with the RIAILs, and the large difference in  
552 average LD between the two sets of lines, turns out to be informative. As LD is reduced in the  
553 RIAILs vs. the RILs, the DFE becomes more leptokurtic, the inferred proportion of mutations  
554 with negative effects increases, and the relative difference in magnitude between negative and  
555 positive effects increases (negative effects become increasingly greater). When mutations are  
556 binned into haplotypes, the most intuitive interpretation of the results is that almost all mutations  
557 have effects that are very close to 0, and that the decline in fitness with MA is the result of a  
558 small number of mutations with large negative effects – perhaps only one, on chromosome III in  
559 the MA563 genome.

560 Looking ahead, we envision understanding of the DFE being advanced in three ways.  
561 First, technical advances in high-throughput gene editing will allow efficient construction of  
562 nearly-isogenic lines (NILs), removing the confounding effects of LD. The mutation spectrum  
563 can be inferred, and a large random sample of spontaneous mutations can be engineered into a  
564 common genomic background(s) and the DFE estimated as we have done here. Second, the DFE

565 of a common set of mutations should be estimated in a variety of contexts. We only assayed  
566 fitness in one context in this experiment; it would be very interesting to see if, and how, the DFE  
567 changes in different contexts. Finally, experimental estimates of the DFE can be employed as  
568 strong priors in estimates of the DFE from standing polymorphism, which may have the added  
569 benefit of facilitating estimates of demographic parameters by de-confounding selection from  
570 demography.

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## 572 **DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT**

573 Raw sequence data have been submitted to the NCBI BioProject database  
574 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/>) under accession numbers PRJNA1083210  
575 (RI(AI)Ls) and PRJNA429972 (parental MA lines). Cryopreserved stocks (G0 ancestor,  
576 parental MA lines and RI(AI)Ls) are available upon request to CFB. All code for analyses is  
577 available at [https://github.com/Crombie-Lab/manuscript\\_DFE/tree/main](https://github.com/Crombie-Lab/manuscript_DFE/tree/main)

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587 **Table 1.** Comparison of seven competing Bayesian models fitted to the genotype and phenotype  
588 data of all RILs and RIAILs, and separately to RILs and RIAILs. Each model was run with 50  
589 random genotype replicates. Each replicate consisted of four Markov Chains with 4000  
590 Metropolis steps. Sampling was performed using the software PyMC3 (Salvatier *et al.*  
591 2016Salvatier *et al.* 2016). Model performance is measured using the Bayesian leave-one-out  
592 expected log pointwise predictive density (LOO-ELPD), quantifying the generalizability of the  
593 fitted model to validation data points. Higher (less negative) LOO-ELPD indicates better model  
594 performance.

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Index	Model name	RILs + RIAILs		RILs		RIAIALs	
		LOO-ELPD	Δ Best	LOO-ELPD	Δ Best	LOO-ELPD	Δ Best
1	<b>Neutral</b>	-3501.2	-99.2	-2200.6	-33.4	-1493.1	-133.6
2	<b>Uniform</b>	-3478.2	-76.2	-2190.1	-22.9	-1472.6	-113.1
	<b>Neutral +</b>						
5	<b>uniform</b>	-3422.2	-20.2	-2179.7	-12.6	-1365.1	-5.5
	<b>Negative</b>						
4	<b>gamma</b>	-3422.2	-20.2	-2181.0	-13.8	-1360.3	-0.8
5	<b>3 effects</b>	-3403.1	-1.1	-2170.8	-3.7	-1360.4	-0.8
	<b>Symmetric</b>						
6	<b>gamma</b>	-3402.0	<b>0</b>	-2168.2	-1.1	-1359.6	<b>0</b>
	<b>Asymm.</b>						
7	<b>gamma</b>	-3402.3	-0.3	-2167.2	<b>0</b>	-1359.9	-0.3

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597 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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599 **Figure 1 - Intrachromosomal pairwise linkage disequilibrium (LD).** (a) Pairwise LD ( $r^2$ )  
600 calculated with all lines (RIAILs + RILs), (b) RILs only, and (c) RIAILs only. Each heat map  
601 represents a chromosome with pairwise LD ( $r^2$ ) between mutant loci colored as shown in the  
602 legend. The colored lines above each chromosome represent the parental origin of the mutant  
603 allele (MA530-solid blue, MA563-dashed orange). These lines also show the relative physical  
604 position of mutant loci across each chromosome; the far-left vertical line represents the first  
605 mutant locus on the chromosome and the far-right vertical line represents the last mutant locus.

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607 **Figure 2 - Distribution of Bayesian posterior mutational effects on fitness.** The distribution  
608 of mean mutational effects ( $u$ ) calculated using the Bayesian MCMC method is shown. The  
609 distribution is calculated separately with (a) all lines (b), RILs only, or (c) RIAILs only. The  
610 vertical red line in each panel represents the mean of means for that population. The mean value  
611 for each panel is also annotated on the plots in red text.

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613 **Figure 3 - Bayesian posterior mutational effects by genome position.** The mutant loci are  
614 plotted by their physical position in the genome (x-axis) and their mean mutational effect ( $u$ ) (y-  
615 axis), which was calculated using the Bayesian Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method.  
616 The colors indicate the parent of origin for the mutant locus (MA530-blue, MA563-orange) and  
617 the shapes show the mutant class (indel-circle, snp-triangle). The vertical lines plotted behind

618 each point represent the 95% confidence intervals of the mutant effect estimates. The mutational  
619 effects are calculated separately with all lines (a), RILs only (b), and RIAILs only (c).

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621 **Figure 4 - The relationship between Bayesian posterior mutational effects ( $u$ ) and raw  
622 difference,  $u_{RAW}$ .** The effects are calculated separately using (a) all lines, (b) RILs only, or (c)  
623 RIAILs only. Each point represents a locus and is colored by the parent of origin (MA530-blue,  
624 MA563-orange). The shape of the point shows the mutant class (indel=circle, snp=triangle). 95%  
625 confidence intervals for the estimates are plotted as vertical and horizontal lines behind the  
626 points. Pearson's correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) is displayed in the upper left of each panel.

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628 **Figure 5 - Distribution of Bayesian posterior mutant haplotype effects on fitness.** The  
629 distribution of mean mutant haplotype effects ( $u$ ) calculated using the Bayesian MCMC method  
630 is shown. The distribution is calculated separately for (a) all lines, (b) RILs only, or (c) RIAILs.  
631 The vertical red line in each panel represents the mean of means for that population. The mean  
632 value for each panel is also annotated on the plots in red text.

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634 **Figure 6 - Bayesian posterior mutant haplotype effects by genome position.** The 114 mutant  
635 haplotypes are plotted by their physical position in the genome (x-axis) and their mean haplotype  
636 effect ( $u$ ) (y-axis), which was calculated using the Bayesian Markov chain Monte Carlo  
637 (MCMC) method. The center of haplotypes are plotted as points and the genomic range of multi-  
638 locus haplotypes are represented by horizontal boxes plotted behind the points. The colors  
639 indicate the parent of origin for the mutant haplotype (MA530-blue, MA563-orange). Multi-  
640 locus mutant haplotypes are plotted with square points (multi), and the other single-locus

641    haplotypes are plotted with shapes based on mutation type (indel-circle, snp-triangle). The  
642    vertical lines plotted behind each point represent the 95% confidence intervals of the haplotype  
643    effect estimates. The haplotype effects are calculated separately with all lines (**a**), RILs only (**b**),  
644    and RIAILs only (**c**).  
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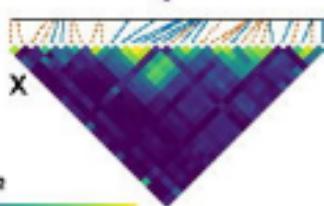
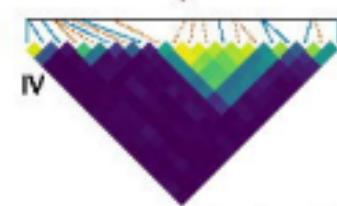
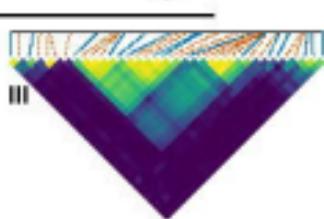
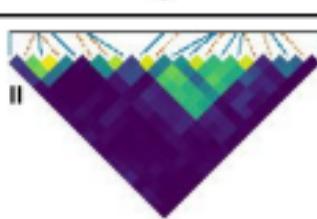
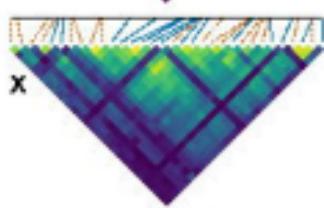
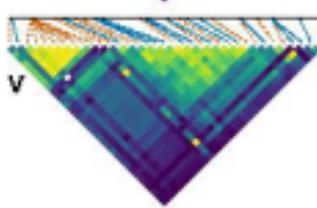
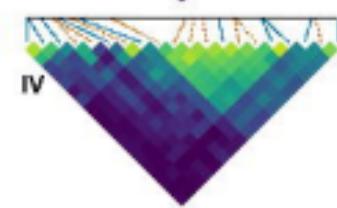
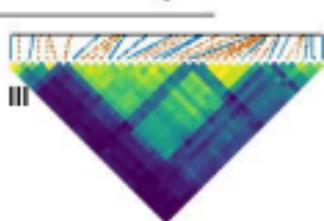
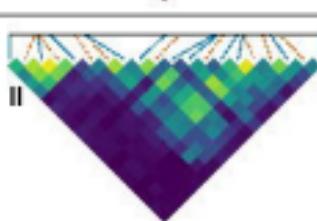
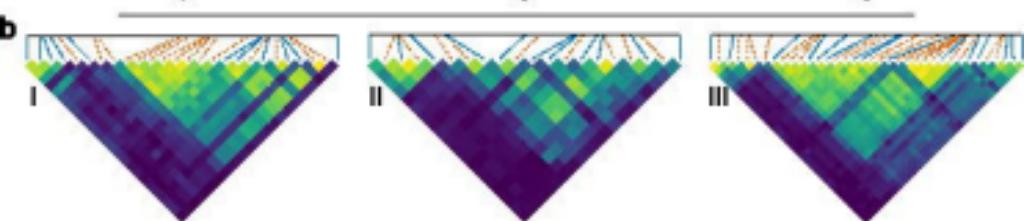
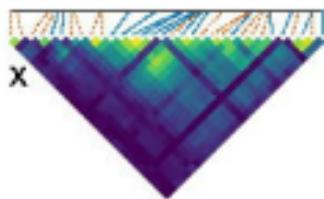
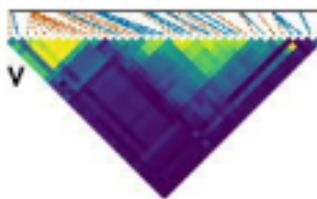
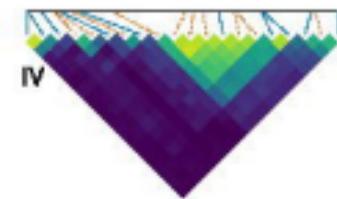
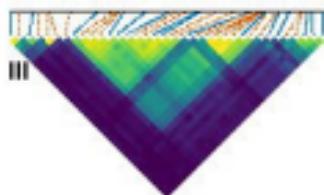
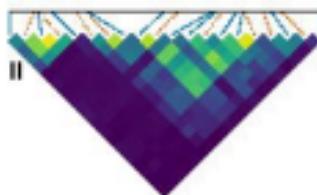
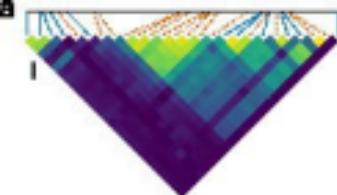
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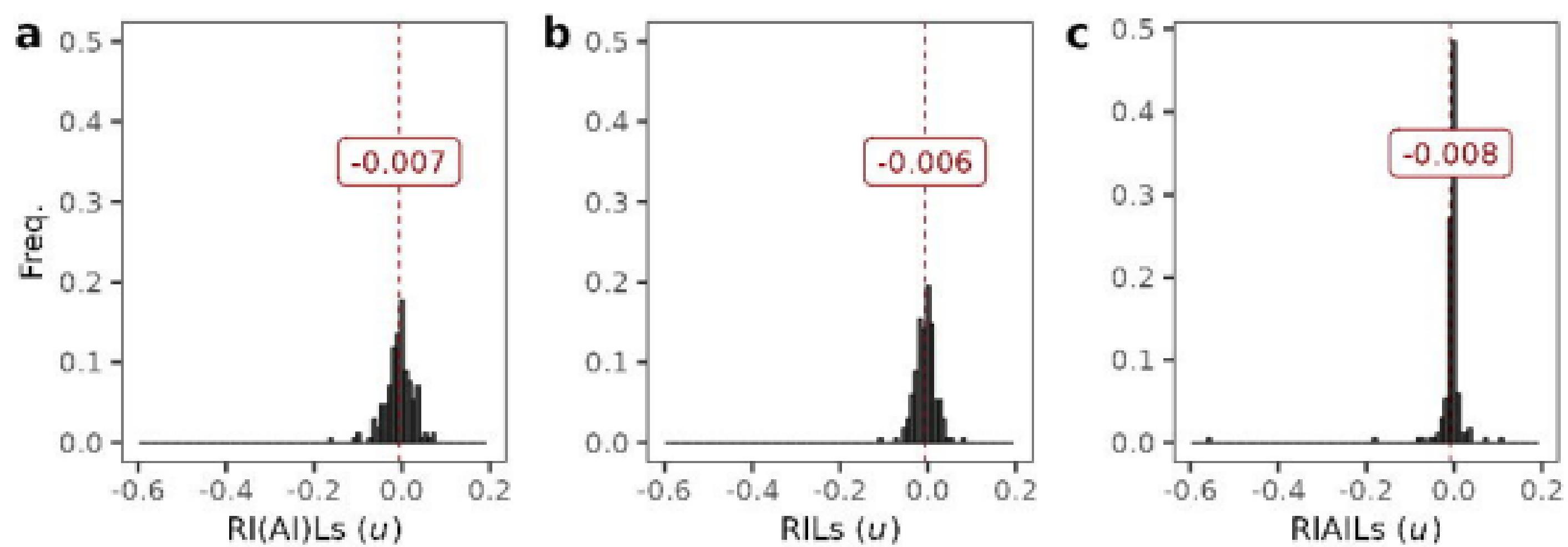
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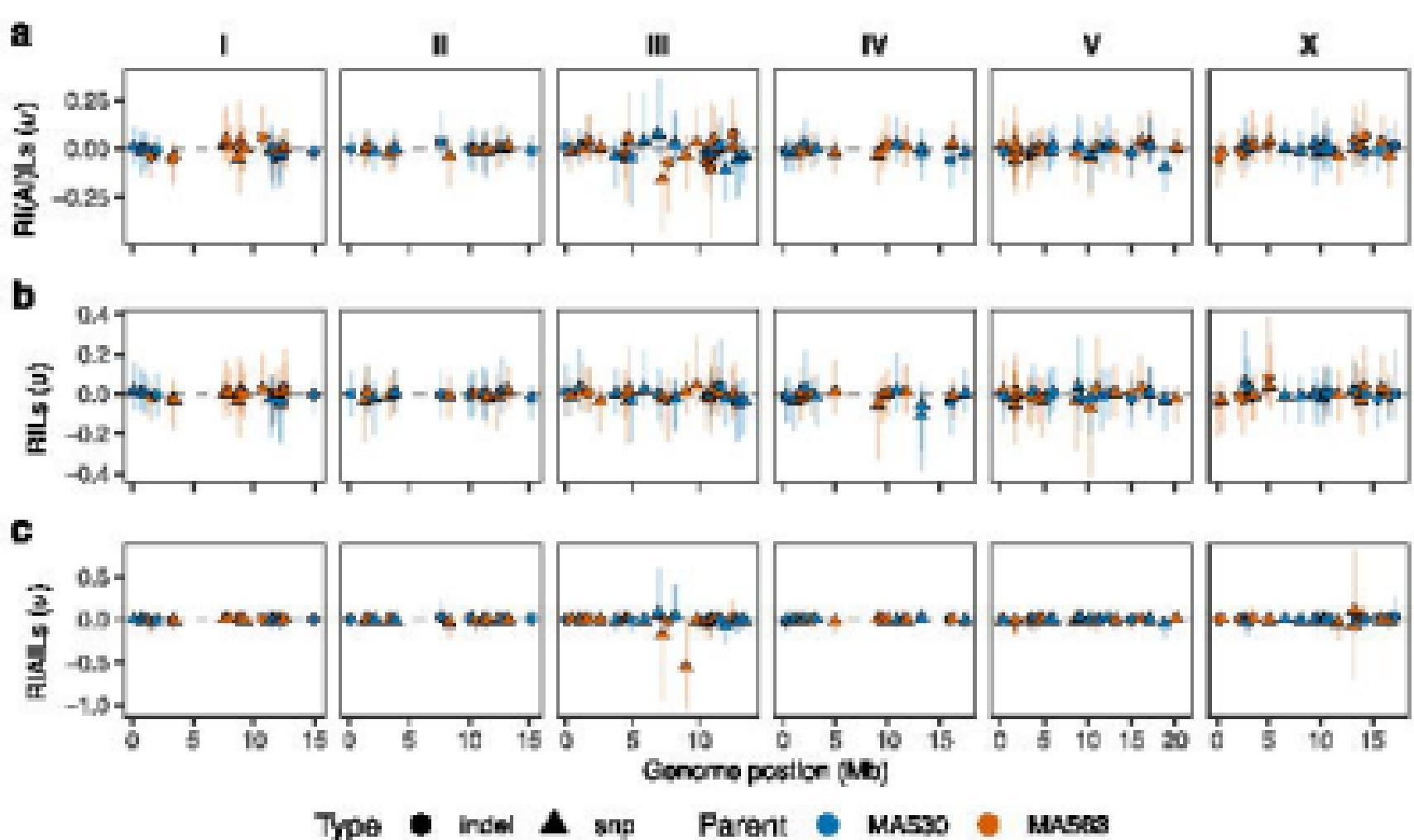
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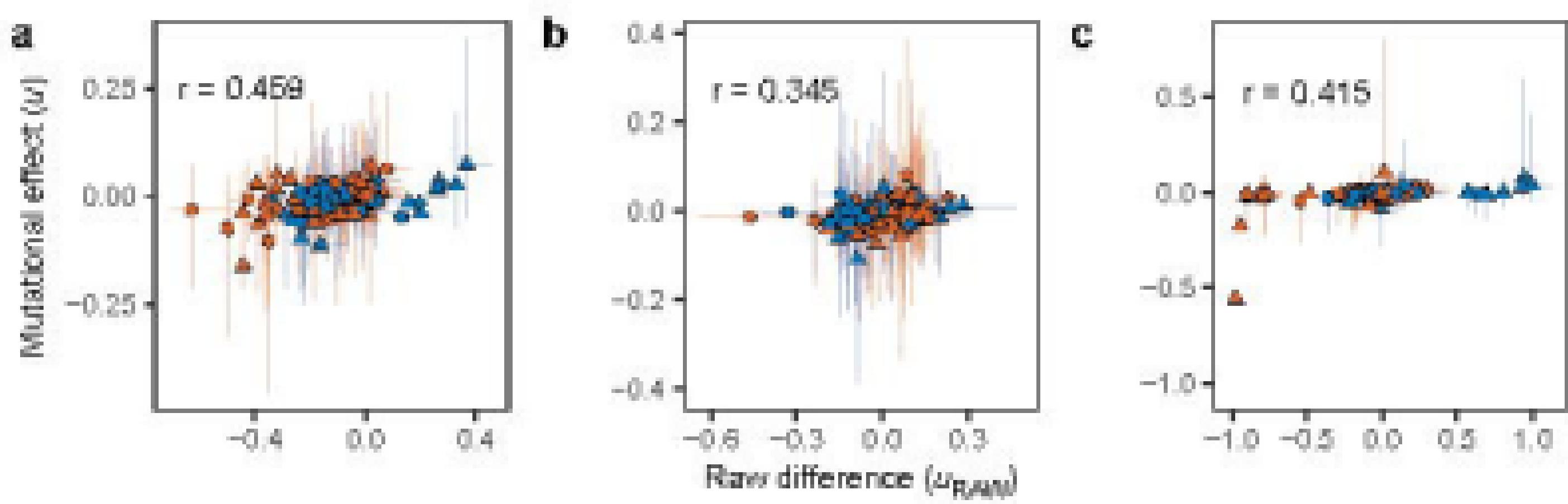


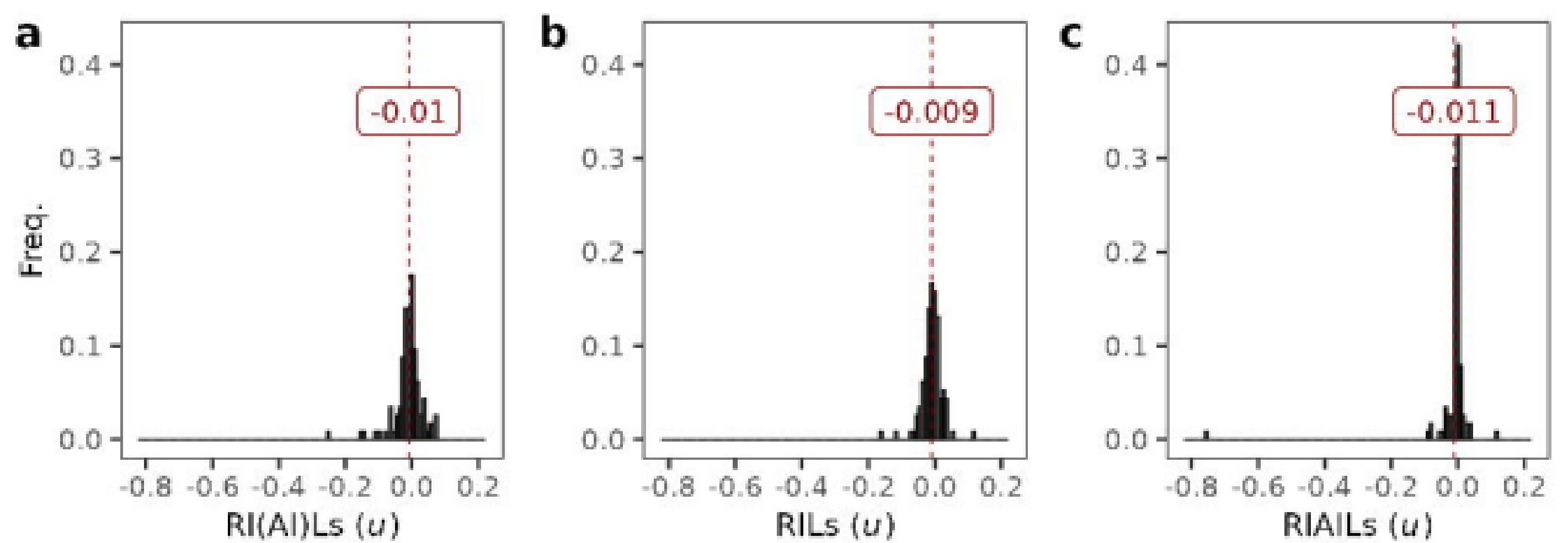
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