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PROIFCT

Social Interactions and the Evolution of Complex Phenotypes

I study how social interactions affect the genetic basis, evolution, and development of complex social phenotypes. My project will focus on how multi-level selection acts on genetic components arising from social interactions to shape social evolution. I will extend a model of physiological epistasis arising from interactions between genes within organisms to intergenomic epistasis arising from social interactions. I will also build upon models of the evolution of sociality that incorporate both genes expressed during development and genes with social effects.

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