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When do host–parasite interactions drive the evolution of non-random mating?

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Abstract

Interactions with parasites may promote the evolution of disassortative mating in host populations as a mechanism through which genetically diverse offspring can be produced. This possibility has been confirmed through simulation studies and suggested for some empirical systems in which disassortative mating by disease resistance genotype has been documented. The generality of this phenomenon is unclear, however, because existing theory has considered only a subset of possible genetic and mating scenarios. Here we present results from analytical models that consider a broader range of genetic and mating scenarios and allow the evolution of non-random mating in the parasite as well. Our results confirm results of previous simulation studies, demonstrating that coevolutionary interactions with parasites can indeed lead to the evolution of host disassortative mating. However, our results also show that the conditions under which this occurs are significantly more fickle than previously thought, requiring specific forms of infection genetics and modes of non-random mating that do not generate substantial sexual selection. In cases where such conditions are not met, hosts may evolve random or assortative mating. Our analyses also reveal that coevolutionary interactions with hosts cause the evolution of non-random mating in parasites as well. In some cases, particularly those where mating occurs within groups, we find that assortative mating evolves sufficiently to catalyze sympatric speciation in the interacting species.

Keywords

Assortative mating, coevolution, disassortative mating, major histocompatibility complex, sympatric speciation.

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INTRODUCTION

Parasites have frequently been invoked as a source of selection favouring host individuals that generate genetically diverse offspring. For instance, the Red Queen hypothesis posits that interactions with parasites favour host individuals that reproduce sexually. This hypothesis has been extensively explored both theoretically (e.g. Hamilton 1980; Howard & Lively 1998; Peters & Lively 1999; Agrawal 2006; Gandon & Otto 2007) and empirically (e.g. Dybdahl & Lively 1998; Lively *et al.* 2004) and shown to work within a narrow range of conditions. Specifically, for interactions with parasites to favour sexual reproduction in hosts, selection must be very strong, and resistance to infection must be mediated by only a few genetic loci (Otto & Nuismer 2004).

Host individuals could also produce genetically diverse and potentially more resistant offspring by mating prefer-

entially with genetically dissimilar individuals (e.g. Potts *et al.* 1994; Penn & Potts 1999; Hedrick 2002; Howard & Lively 2004; Milinski 2006). Much of the empirical evidence for this possibility comes from studies of mate preference in vertebrates with respect to major histocompatibility complex (MHC) genotypes. Specifically, studies of mate preference in multiple vertebrate species have demonstrated that females prefer to mate with males whose MHC genotype is different from their own (Penn & Potts 1999; Landry *et al.* 2001; Schwensow *et al.* 2008). Because heterozygosity at MHC loci has been shown to be associated with resistance to parasites and pathogens (e.g. Penn *et al.* 2002; Froeschke & Sommer 2005; Westerdahl *et al.* 2005), these studies suggest a potential role for parasites in observed patterns of disassortative mating in host populations.

Unlike the Red Queen hypothesis, the conditions under which coevolution with parasites drives the evolution of

disassortative mating in host populations have been subject to only limited theoretical investigation. Specifically, Howard & Lively (2003) used simulation models to study the evolution of disassortative mating in coevolving populations of hosts and parasites. Their results showed that alleles increasing female preference for genetically dissimilar males spread when rare in host populations. Because their simulations assumed that coevolution and mate choice are mediated by haploid loci and that all females are guaranteed to mate, the generality of their result remains unclear.

Virtually no effort has been spent evaluating whether coevolution with hosts drives the evolution of assortative mating in parasites. Previous studies have demonstrated host–parasite interactions favour parasites that reduce the number of allelic copies they express, either by reducing their ploidy (Nuismer & Otto 2004) or by expressing only a single gene copy (Nuismer & Otto 2005), which suggests that interactions with hosts may favour parasites that mate assortatively. Specifically, assortative mating is an additional mechanism through which parasites could conceivably decrease the number of allelic copies expressed, albeit indirectly through the formation of homozygous offspring.

Our goal here is to develop and analyse a set of mathematical models to study the evolution of non-random mating in coevolving populations of hosts and parasites. By considering multiple genetic systems of pathogen resistance, diverse mating ecologies and multiple genetic mechanisms of mate recognition, we hope to generalize previous theoretical studies suggesting that parasites can drive the evolution of disassortative mating in host populations. Because our models allow non-random mating to evolve in the parasite as well as in the host, we expect our models to yield novel predictions for the conditions under which coevolution with a host population promotes assortative mating and potentially sympatric speciation in parasite populations.

MODEL DESCRIPTION

We tracked evolutionary change in host and parasite genotype frequencies over a life cycle where species interactions were followed by mating and formation of the next generation through recombination and segregation. Both host and parasite were assumed to be hermaphroditic organisms characterized by two diallelic diploid loci and population sizes sufficiently large for the effects of genetic drift to be ignored. The first locus ‘M’ was assumed to modify the intensity of non-random mating and to have two alleles M and m . The second locus ‘B’ was assumed to mediate species interactions and mating preferences and to have two alleles B and b . Because the loci involved in mate choice and host–parasite interactions are one and the same (so that associations between these

two processes cannot be broken apart by recombination), our modelling framework focuses on a scenario that is particularly conducive to the evolution of non-random mating (Gavrilets 2004). There is evidence, however, that this may be the case for some loci involved in pathogen recognition and mate choice, such as vertebrate MHC loci (e.g. Penn & Potts 1999). Our analyses rely heavily on the work of Kirkpatrick *et al.* (2002), and we have attempted to maintain consistency with their notation. Table 1 summarizes the key parameters and variables and their biological interpretation; a companion *Mathematica* notebook is available upon request.

Species interactions

Host and parasite were assumed to encounter one another at random, with the outcome of encounters (either infection or resistance) depending on the diploid genotypes of host and parasite at the ‘B’ locus. We assume that B locus genotypes of host and parasite interact following one of the three commonly used models of host resistance to parasites (Table 2). The inverse matching-alleles (IMA) model is predicated on hosts having a suite of recognition molecules capable of binding to a particular suite of pathogen antigens, in a manner similar to the vertebrate MHC system (Frank 2002). The gene-for-gene (GFG) model has been shown to be common in interactions between plants and pathogens, and is based on a system where avirulent parasites produce an elicitor that can be recognized by resistant hosts but not by susceptible hosts and where virulent parasites do not produce the elicitor (Burdon 1997). The matching-alleles (MA) model is based on self/non-self recognition, where parasites characterized by surface proteins different from those of the host are recognized as non-self and an immune response is mounted. The MA model has been suggested to play a role in invertebrate resistance to pathogens and in the maturation of the adaptive immune response of vertebrates (Frank 2002).

We assume that each host encounters at most a single parasite per generation. Encounters leading to infection reduce host fitness by some amount s_H and encounters leading to resistance reduce parasite fitness by some amount s_P . With these assumptions, the fitness of a host with genotype \mathbf{X}_H is:

$$W(\mathbf{X}_H) = (1 - \tau_H)^{\alpha(\mathbf{X}_H)} - s_H(E_{\mathbf{X}_P}[\psi(\mathbf{X}_H, \mathbf{X}_P)]), \quad (1)$$

where τ_H is the cost of resistance in the GFG model; $\alpha(\mathbf{X}_H)$ is equal to 1 if genotype \mathbf{X}_H is heterozygous or homozygous for the resistant B allele and 0 otherwise, making the empirically motivated assumption that the B resistance allele is dominant for both resistance and costs (Burdon 1997); $E_{\mathbf{X}_P}[\cdot]$ denotes an expectation taken over the frequency

Table 1 Summary of model notation

Symbol	Meaning
\mathbf{X}	A genotype vector
X_j	Allele carried by an individual at position j
$f(\mathbf{X})$	The frequency of genotype vector \mathbf{X}
$W(\mathbf{X})$	The fitness of genotype vector \mathbf{X}
\bar{W}	Population mean fitness
$E_{\mathbf{x}}[\pi]$	The expectation of π taken over the frequency distribution of \mathbf{x}
\mathbf{W}	The set of positions in genotype \mathbf{X} contributing to fitness W
\mathbf{U}	A set of positions in genotype vector \mathbf{X}
$p_{i,j}$	The frequency of the ‘1’ or ‘capital’ allele in species i , locus j
$\zeta_{\mathbf{U}} = \prod_{j \in \mathbf{U}} (X_j - p_j)$	A measure of an individual’s deviation from population expectation for set \mathbf{U}
$D_{i,\mathbf{U}} = E_{\mathbf{X}}[\zeta_{\mathbf{U}}]$	A measure of the statistical association among alleles in set \mathbf{U} for species i
$a_{i,\mathbf{U}}$	The ‘selection coefficient’ acting on set \mathbf{U} in species i
s_i	The fitness cost of being infected ($i = \text{H}$) or failing to infect ($i = \text{P}$)
τ_i	The fitness cost of carrying one or two resistance alleles ($i = \text{H}$) or carrying two virulence alleles ($i = \text{P}$)
$\bar{p}_i = p_M^2 \rho_{MM} + 2p_M q_M \rho_{Mm} + q_M^2 \rho_{mm}$	The average level of non-random mating in species i
$\delta_{p,j} = p_M(\rho_{MM} - \rho_{Mm}) + q_M(\rho_{Mm} - \rho_{mm})$	The effect of the modifier allele M in species i
r_i	The recombination rate in species i
$\psi(\mathbf{X}_{\text{H}}, \mathbf{X}_{\text{P}})$	The probability that host genotype \mathbf{X}_{H} is infected in an encounter with parasite genotype \mathbf{X}_{P} , given by Table 2
$P_{\lambda}(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	In the plant and animal models, the probability that male genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,m}$ is mated in an encounter with female genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$ in species i , given by Table 3
$G_{i,k}(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	The probability that male genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,m}$ and female genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$ join mating group k in species i , given by Table 4
λ	The probability that a randomly selected host is infected by a randomly selected parasite
$\rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	The intensity with which a female of genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$ discriminates among male genotypes

Table 2 Genetic models of host resistance to pathogens

Pathogen genotype	Host genotype		
	BB	Bb	bb
BB	{R,I,I}	{R,I,I}	{I,I,R}
Bb	{R,R,R}	{R,R,I}	{R,I,R}
bb	{I,R,R}	{R,R,I}	{R,I,I}

Entries indicate whether a particular host genotype is infected by (I) or resistant to (R) particular pathogen genotypes. The first entry in each vector is for the inverse matching-alleles model, the second for the gene-for-gene model and the third for the matching-alleles model. The pattern of dominance in the gene-for-gene model is motivated by empirical data (Burdon 1997).

distribution of parasite genotypes and $\psi(\mathbf{X}_{\text{H}}, \mathbf{X}_{\text{P}})$ is the probability that parasite genotype \mathbf{X}_{P} successfully infects host genotype \mathbf{X}_{H} (Table 2). Similarly, the fitness of a parasite with genotype \mathbf{X}_{P} is:

$$W(\mathbf{X}_{\text{P}}) = (1 - \tau_{\text{P}})^{\beta(\mathbf{X}_{\text{P}})} - s_{\text{P}}(E_{\mathbf{X}_{\text{H}}}[1 - \psi(\mathbf{X}_{\text{H}}, \mathbf{X}_{\text{P}})]), \quad (2)$$

where τ_{P} is the cost of virulence in the GFG model; $\beta(\mathbf{X}_{\text{P}})$ is equal to 1 if genotype \mathbf{X}_{P} is homozygous for the virulent B allele and 0 otherwise, making the empirically motivated

assumption that the B virulence allele is recessive for both virulence and costs (Burdon 1997) and $E_{\mathbf{X}_{\text{H}}}$ [·] denotes an expectation taken over the frequency distribution of host genotypes.

Equations 1 and 2 can be used to calculate the mean fitness of host and parasite populations:

$$\bar{W}_{\text{H}} = E_{\mathbf{X}_{\text{H}}}[W(\mathbf{X}_{\text{H}})] \quad (3a)$$

$$\bar{W}_{\text{P}} = E_{\mathbf{X}_{\text{P}}}[W(\mathbf{X}_{\text{P}})]. \quad (3b)$$

The first section of the Supporting Information (eqns S1–S11) shows how eqns 1–3 can be used to calculate the changes in allele frequencies and statistical associations within and between loci that result from species interactions.

Mating

Following interactions between species, mating occurs. We assume that the phenotypic effects of the modifier locus, M, are restricted to individuals acting as females. Modifiers of assortative mating cause females to mate with males genetically similar at the ‘B’ locus more frequently than expected by chance, whereas modifiers of disassortative mating cause females to mate with males genetically

Female genotype	Male genotype		
	<i>BB</i>	<i>Bb</i>	<i>bb</i>
<i>BB</i>	$1 - (1 - \omega) \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	$1 - \omega \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	$1 - \omega \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$
<i>Bb</i>	$1 - \omega \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	$1 - (1 - \omega) \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	$1 - \omega \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$
<i>Bb</i>	$1 - \omega \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	$1 - \omega \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$	$1 - (1 - \omega) \rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$

Table 3 Preference matrix for ‘plant’ and ‘animal’ models

Entries indicate the probability with which a female accepts a male as a mate, where the function $\rho(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$ measures the intensity with which a female discriminates among male genotypes as determined by her genotype at the modifier locus. For disassortative mating, $\omega = 0$; for assortative mating $\omega = 1$.

dissimilar at the ‘B’ locus more frequently than expected by chance. Mate recognition based on ‘B’ locus genotypes is assumed to be perfect; incorporating errors in mate recognition would reduce the strength of selection acting on the modifier (Otto *et al.* in press). We considered three models of non-random mating, two based on random encounters and female preferences (‘plant model’ and ‘animal model’) and one based on the formation of mating groups (‘grouping model’).

The plant model

The plant model assumes that individuals encounter one another at random and mate with a probability determined by the female’s M locus genotype, the female’s B locus genotype and the male’s B locus genotype (Table 3). Because the plant model assumes that females who decline to mate with a non-preferred male do not have another chance to mate (as might be the case in a pollen-limited plant), the plant model generates strong direct selection against choosy females. Following Kirkpatrick & Nuismer (2004), we first determine the fitness of a mated pair in species *i*:

$$W(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}) = P_i(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}), \tag{4}$$

which here equals the probability, $P_i(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})$, that a male of species *i* with genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,m}$ mates with a female of species *i* and genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$ (Table 3). The mean fitness of mated pairs in species *i* is then:

$$\bar{W}_i = E_{\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}} [W(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})], \tag{5}$$

where the notation $E_{\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}}[\cdot]$ indicates an expectation taken over the frequency distribution of male genotypes, $f(\mathbf{X}_{i,m})$, and female genotypes, $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$, in species *i*. The frequency of a mated pair consisting of male genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,m}$ and female genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$ after non-random mating is then given by:

$$f(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{X}_{i,m})f(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})W(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})}{\bar{W}_i}. \tag{6}$$

The animal model

The animal model is identical to the plant model with the exception that all female genotypes are assumed to have equal mating success (Kirkpatrick & Nuismer 2004).

Consequently, it does not impose direct costs on choosy females as does the plant model, although it does generate strong sexual selection on B locus genotypes. Following Kirkpatrick & Nuismer (2004), we define the fitness of a mated pair in species *i* for the animal model as:

$$W(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}) = \frac{P_i(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})}{E_{\mathbf{X}_{i,m}} [P_i(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})]}, \tag{7}$$

where the denominator is the average mating success of a female with genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$, and all other terms are as defined for the plant model. The frequency of a mated pair consisting of male genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,m}$ and female genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$ after non-random mating is then given by:

$$f(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}) = f(\mathbf{X}_{i,m})f(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})W(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}). \tag{8}$$

The grouping model

Instead of being based on female preferences for males encountered at random, as are the plant and animal models, the grouping model is based on a female’s decision to mate either: (i) within a group or (ii) at random among all groups. The grouping model does not impose strong direct costs on choosy females nor does it generate strong sexual selection on B locus genotypes (Otto *et al.* in press). The probability that a female decides to mate within a group is assumed to be determined by her genotype at the modifier locus M and is denoted by $\rho_i(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$. With these assumptions, the frequency of a mated pair consisting of male genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,m}$ and female genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$ after non-random mating is:

$$f(\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}) = f(\mathbf{X}_{i,m})f(\mathbf{X}_{i,f}) \left(\rho_i(\mathbf{X}_{i,f}) \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{G_{i,k}(\mathbf{X}_{i,m})G_{i,k}(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})}{g_{i,k}} + [1 - \rho_i(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})] \right), \tag{9}$$

where $G_{i,k}(\mathbf{X}_{i,m})$ is the probability that male genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,m}$ joins group *k*, which is assumed to equal $G_{i,k}(\mathbf{X}_{i,f})$ for females with the same genotype (Table 4); *N* is the number of groups and $g_{i,k}$ is the proportion of males of species *i* that join group *k*:

Table 4 Probability of joining mating group j for the grouping model

Group	Genotype		
	BB	Bb	bb
BB	1	0	0
Bb	0	1	0
bb	0	0	1

$$g_{i,k} = E_{\mathbf{X}_{i,m}}[G_{i,k}(\mathbf{X}_{i,m})]. \quad (10)$$

The second section of the Supporting Information (eqn S12) shows how eqns 6, 8 and 9 can be used to calculate the changes in allele frequencies and statistical associations within and between loci that result from non-random mating.

Recombination and segregation

Following the formation of mated pairs, haploid gametes are formed via segregation and recombination. Recombination between the M and B loci is assumed to occur at rate r_i in species i . Gametes then unite at random within each mated pair to produce diploid offspring. Under these conditions, segregation and recombination do not change allele frequencies, although they do change the statistical associations within and between loci. The third section of the Supporting Information (eqn S13) shows how these statistical associations change as a consequence of recombination and segregation.

MODEL ANALYSIS

Quasi-linkage equilibrium approximation

In order to derive analytical solutions for the conditions leading to the evolution of non-random mating in coevolving host–parasite interactions, we assumed that coevolutionary selection is relatively weak (s of order ϵ), modifier alleles have only weak effects (order ϵ) and mating is initially approximately random. We were then able to use quasi-linkage equilibrium approximations (Barton & Turelli 1991; Nagylaki 1993; Kirkpatrick *et al.* 2002) to derive relatively simple expressions for the change in the frequency of modifier alleles in host and parasite (eqns S14–S28). These results demonstrate that species interactions can, at least under some conditions, drive the evolution of non-random mating in both host and parasite. However, our results also show that the type of mating that evolves (i.e. random, assortative, disassortative) depends on the mating behaviour of the species and the genetic mechanism of infection/resistance mediating interspecific interactions (Table 5).

Table 5 Evolution of non-random mating in host and parasite populations

Mechanism of assortment	Infection genetics					
	Outcome in hosts			Outcome in parasites		
	IMA	GFG*	MA	IMA	GFG*	MA
Plant	R	R	R	R	R	R
Animal†	D	?	A	A	?	A
Grouping‡	R	?	A	A	?	A

Entries indicate whether assortative (A), disassortative (D) or random (R) mating evolves in the host population and parasite population, based on the analytical results described in the Supporting material.

IMA, inverse matching alleles; GFG, gene-for-gene, MA, matching alleles.

*For the animal and grouping model, the outcome of the GFG model depends on the costs of resistance and virulence relative to selection imposed by species interactions (Supporting material).

†Results for the animal model assume that assortative mating is weak relative to selection imposed by species interactions (Supporting material).

‡Because mating within groups only generates assortative mating, disassortment was not considered.

?Indicates that analytical predictions are equivocal.

For both host and parasite, the evolution of non-random mating is more likely with some mating behaviours than others. Specifically, our results show that non-random mating will never evolve in the plant model. The reason being that the plant model generates strong direct costs of non-random mating that can never be overcome by any indirect benefits that accrue through species interactions (eqn S14). In contrast, the animal model does not generate direct costs of non-random mating and thus is significantly more conducive to the evolution of non-random mating. However, the animal model does induce sexual selection, which can generate indirect selection on non-random mating capable of overwhelming indirect selection generated by species interactions (eqn S15). The last form of mating behaviour considered, the grouping model, is the most conducive to the evolution of non-random mating because it generates no direct costs and only very weak indirect effects (eqn S22). However, because the grouping model assumes mating occurs within groups, it can only be used to gain insight into the evolution of assortative mating, not disassortative mating.

Although the potential for non-random mating to evolve is largely determined by mating behaviour, our results suggest that whether assortative or disassortative mating evolves in the host and parasite is primarily determined by the genetic basis of infection/resistance. Specifically, we find that the IMA model favours the evolution of disassortative or random mating in the host, but assortative mating in the

parasite (eqns S16, S19, S23 and S26). This result arises because heterozygous hosts tend to be more resistant than the average homozygous host but homozygous parasites tend to be more infectious, on average, than heterozygous parasites. Although this argument holds for the GFG model as well, the costs of carrying resistance and virulence alleles can, in some cases, cause homozygous hosts to have, on average, greater fitness than heterozygous hosts and heterozygous parasites to have greater fitness than homozygous parasites, on average. Consequently, whether the GFG model favours assortative or disassortative mating in host and parasite depends on the relative magnitudes of fitness gains accruing through infection/resistance and fitness losses accruing through costs of resistance and virulence, which in turn depend on the allele frequencies in hosts and parasites (eqns S17, S20, S24 and S27). Finally, our results show that the MA model favours hosts and parasites that mate assortatively, because of the increased resistance of homozygous hosts, which are harder to mimic, and the increased infectivity of homozygous parasites, which are harder to recognize, relative to heterozygotes (eqns S18, S21, S25 and S28).

Numerical simulation and extension to multiple loci

We developed deterministic multi-locus simulations to evaluate whether our analytical results were robust to strong selection, modifiers of large effect, and cases where mate choice and species interactions were mediated by multiple loci. An additional goal of these simulations was to clarify the pattern of non-random mating expected to evolve in the GFG model, for which our analytical results were inconclusive. Simulations assumed that both host and parasite had genomes consisting of a single modifier locus with alleles M and m , located at the terminus of the chromosome, along with an additional set of n loci with alleles '0' or '1', which mediated interactions with the other species as well as mate choice. Recombination between adjacent loci was assumed to occur at a rate of r_i in species i , and loci mediating mate choice and species interactions were assumed to mutate with probability 5×10^{-6} (mutation at the modifier locus was ignored). As with our analytical model, the life cycle was: (i) species interactions, (ii) mating and (iii) offspring production. Because simulations were developed using many of the same assumptions and equations as the analytical model, we describe in detail only those aspects of the simulations that differed significantly from our analytical model. Simulation source code (C++) is available upon request.

The frequency of host genotype \mathbf{X}_H after interactions with the parasite is:

$$f'(\mathbf{X}_H) = f(\mathbf{X}_H) \frac{W'(\mathbf{X}_H)}{\bar{W}_H} \quad (11)$$

and the frequency of parasite genotype \mathbf{X}_P after interactions with the host is:

$$f'(\mathbf{X}_P) = f(\mathbf{X}_P) \frac{W'(\mathbf{X}_P)}{\bar{W}_P}, \quad (12)$$

where all terms are as defined for the analytical model but extended to multiple loci with the following assumptions. First, costs of resistance and virulence in the GFG model were assumed to be multiplicative such that the $\alpha[\mathbf{X}_H]$ term in eqn 1 equals the number of loci heterozygous or homozygous for the resistant '1' allele and the $\beta[\mathbf{X}_P]$ term in eqn 2 equals the number of loci homozygous for the virulent '1' allele. Second, the probability that parasite genotype \mathbf{X}_P infects host genotype \mathbf{X}_H was determined in the following way. For each locus other than the modifier, the outcome of the interaction (infection or resistance) was determined using Table 2. Only if the outcome of the interaction was infected for all loci did the parasite succeed in infecting the host. Consequently, the fraction of host genotypes resistant to any particular parasite genotype generally increased with increasing numbers of loci. We did not consider other biologically plausible scenarios such as the case where each locus contributes only partial resistance (Sasaki 2000).

Among individuals that have survived host–parasite selection (eqns 11 and 12), the frequency of mated pairs was calculated using eqns 6, 8 and 9 by making the following assumptions regarding multi-locus interactions. First, we assumed that non-random mating depended on the exact diploid genotype of potential mates, where individuals discriminated between their own genotype and all other genotypes equally, with no distinction made based on quantitative similarity. That said, we assumed that individuals did not discriminate among differences based solely on the parent of origin. For example, an individual with paternal haplotype {0,0} and maternal haplotype {0,1} would recognize as different a mate consisting of paternal and maternal haplotypes {1,0} and {0,0} but not a mate carrying haplotypes {0,1} and {0,0}.

Offspring were produced from mated pairs such that the frequency of genotype \mathbf{X}_i in the offspring generation was

$$f'''(\mathbf{X}_i) = E_{\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}} [M(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})], \quad (13)$$

where $E_{\mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f}} [\cdot]$ indicates an expectation taken over the frequency distribution of mated pairs, and $M(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_{i,m}, \mathbf{X}_{i,f})$ is the probability that a mating between a male of genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,m}$ and a female of genotype $\mathbf{X}_{i,f}$ produces an offspring of genotype \mathbf{X}_i .

We used these simulations to explore the evolution of modifiers of non-random mating across a broad range of parameter conditions, restricting our attention to cases where non-random mating evolved in only one species at a time. Specifically, we ran simulations for genomes consisting

of one or two loci mediating species interactions (plus a modifier of mating), where parameters were chosen at random from uniform distributions on the following intervals: $\{0 \leq s_H \leq 1.0\}$, $\{0 \leq s_P \leq 1.0\}$, $\{0.05 s_H \leq \tau_H \leq 0.45 s_H\}$, $\{0.05 s_P \leq \tau_P \leq 0.45 s_P\}$, $\{0 \leq r_H \leq 0.5\}$ and $\{0 \leq r_P \leq 0.5\}$. In all cases, we assumed modifiers of non-random mating had additive effects, such that genotype *mm* mated at random, genotype *MM* mated non-randomly and genotype *Mm* exhibited exactly intermediate levels of non-random mating. For the plant and animal models, we considered modifiers with effects drawn from uniform distributions on $\{-0.10 \leq \rho_{H,MM} \leq 0.10\}$ and $\{-0.10 \leq \rho_{P,MM} \leq 0.10\}$. For the grouping model, we considered only modifiers of assortative mating, and thus the effects of the modifier were drawn from uniform distributions on: $\{0.0 \leq \rho_{H,MM} \leq 0.10\}$ and $\{0.0 \leq \rho_{P,MM} \leq 0.10\}$.

At the beginning of each simulation, the frequency of the modifier allele was set to 0.01, and allele frequencies at loci involved in species interactions and mate recognition were chosen at random from the interval $\{0,1\}$. The frequency of the modifier allele was then tracked over 10 000 generations. If the average modifier frequency over the final 1500 generations was > 0.011 , the modifier was considered to have increased in frequency or spread. For each of the nine models (three models of infection genetics and three models of non-random mating), we ran 300 simulations. Thus the results reported in Table 6 for the two locus case are based on a total of 2700 simulation runs. Because the results for the case of three loci are quite similar, we report the results from these additional simulations in the Supporting Information (Table S1).

Results of simulations are in broad qualitative agreement with our analytical predictions for the IMA and MA models (Table 6), and generate predictions for the GFG model (Table 6). However, simulations also reveal that our analyt-

ical predictions are not perfect, with non-random mating failing to evolve in some simulation runs (compare Table 5 with Table 6). This discrepancy is most notable for the MA and IMA models of resistance when non-random mating is mediated by the animal model. There are at least two explanations for this discrepancy. First, the MA model generates underdominant selection in both species and does not efficiently maintain genetic polymorphism at the mating/interaction loci in diploid models (eqns S6b and S7b and Nuismer 2006). Consequently, in many cases, polymorphism may be eroded before any significant modifier evolution occurs. Second, the summary provided in Table 5 assumes that mating is nearly random (i.e. sexual selection is weak, so that eqn S15 is small relative to eqns S16–S21). In the animal model, modifier alleles causing substantial levels of non-random mating can induce sufficient sexual selection to violate this assumption, in which case the more detailed results in the Supporting Information should be used.

We next used simulations to evaluate the potential for very strong assortative mating, and thus incipient sympatric speciation, to evolve in the host and parasite. We restricted these simulations to the animal and grouping models as non-random mating never evolves in the plant model. For each combination of infection genetics and mating behaviour, we ran 75 simulations with modifiers inducing very strong host assortment $\{0.96 \leq \rho_{H,MM} \leq 1.00\}$ and an additional 75 simulations with modifiers inducing very strong parasite assortment $\{0.96 \leq \rho_{P,MM} \leq 1.00\}$. In each simulation, we evaluated whether the modifier approached fixation (average modifier frequency > 0.99 over the final 500 generations) by generation 10 000. In all other respects, these simulations were identical to those previously described.

The results of our speciation simulations are reported in Table 7, and demonstrate that interactions between hosts and parasites can promote sympatric speciation. This is particularly likely when assortative mating occurs through a mechanism of group formation. In this case, parasite speciation occurs for all models of infection/resistance,

Table 6 Percentage of two-locus simulations in which assortative mating (top entry) and disassortative mating (bottom entry) evolved in the host and parasite

Mechanism of assortment	Infection genetics (%)					
	Outcome in hosts			Outcome in parasites		
	IMA	GFG	MA	IMA	GFG	MA
Plant	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Animal	0.0	0.0	15.1	59.0	0.0	18.6
	64.4	24.4	0.0	0.0	29.3	0.0
Grouping	0.0	41.3	80.7	96.0	46.7	82.7
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

IMA, inverse matching alleles; GFG, gene-for-gene; MA, matching alleles.

Table 7 The evolution of high levels of assortment

Mechanism of assortment	Infection genetics (%)					
	Outcome in hosts			Outcome in parasites		
	IMA	GFG	MA	IMA	GFG	MA
Animal	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	0.0	1.3
Grouping	0.0	77.3	92.0	98.7	60.0	85.3

Entries give the percentage of two-locus simulations that led to incipient speciation for the host and the parasite.

IMA, inverse matching alleles; GFG, gene-for-gene; MA, matching alleles.

and host speciation occurs readily for the GFG and MA models. If, in contrast, assortative mating is mediated by the animal model, speciation occurs with significant frequency only in the parasite when infection/resistance follows an IMA model. The reason the grouping model is so permissive of sympatric speciation is that it does not impose direct costs of assortative mating and leads to only very weak sexual selection (S22). Consequently, any genetic mechanism of infection/resistance that causes heterozygotes to be consistently less fit than the average homozygote, and maintains genetic polymorphism, will ultimately cause speciation.

DISCUSSION

Overall, the results of our models show that coevolution between hosts and parasites can promote the evolution of non-random mating. However, our results also reveal that significant levels of non-random mating are likely to evolve only in those species where mating does not impose strong direct costs or frequency-dependent effects. In addition, our results demonstrate that whether assortative or disassortative mating evolves depend primarily on the genetic mechanism of resistance. As a gross generalization, disassortative mating is more likely to evolve in hosts than in parasites, and assortative mating is more likely to evolve in parasites than in hosts. Where mating imposes no direct costs and only very weak frequency dependence, as when non-random mating arises from mating within groups of similar genotypes, we find that assortative mating can evolve to high enough levels to cause sympatric speciation.

Whether a particular type of infection genetics favours the evolution of assortative or disassortative mating depends on its consequences for the expected fitness of heterozygotes relative to homozygotes. For the IMA model, heterozygous hosts tend to be more resistant than homozygous hosts, but homozygous parasites tend to be more infectious than heterozygous parasites. Consequently, the IMA model favours disassortative mating in the host population but assortative mating in the parasite population. Although this argument also holds for the GFG model when constitutive costs of resistance/virulence are absent, incorporating such costs causes increased resistance/infectivity to become negatively associated with fitness under some conditions. When this occurs, the fitness of homozygous hosts may exceed that of heterozygous hosts, and the fitness of heterozygous parasites may exceed that of homozygous parasites. Consequently, whether the GFG model favours assortative or disassortative mating depends on the magnitude of fitness costs of resistance/infectivity relative to the magnitude of fitness gains accrued through increased resistance/infectivity. In contrast to the IMA and

GFG models, the MA model causes homozygous hosts to be more resistant than heterozygous hosts (because homozygotes carry fewer alleles to mimic), and thus favours the evolution of assortative mating in both host and parasite.

Our results for the MA model conflict with those of Howard & Lively (2003, 2004) who found that coevolution in an MA model commonly favoured the evolution of disassortative mating in host populations. This discrepancy likely arises because the model of Howard & Lively (2003, 2004) assumes selection acts on haploids whereas our models assume selection acts on diploids. Consequently, non-random mating evolves in response to epistatic interactions in the model of Howard & Lively (2003, 2004), but in response to dominance interactions in our two-locus analytical model and two-locus simulations. Because our three-locus simulations yield qualitatively similar results to our two-locus simulations, however, it seems that – at least for modest numbers of loci – it is dominance interactions that determine the type of non-random mating that evolves.

In addition to demonstrating the importance of the genetic basis of resistance and infection, our results show that the mating behaviour of the interacting species determines if, and to what extent, non-random mating evolves. Specifically, our results show that non-random mating never evolves in the plant model, evolves with modest frequency in the animal model and readily evolves in the grouping model (Table 6). The primary difference between these models is the extent to which they generate costs and impose sexual selection, with the plant model generating the strongest costs and the grouping model the weakest. Sexual selection can inhibit the evolution of non-random mating by reversing the fitness difference between heterozygotes and homozygotes or by eliminating polymorphism at mating trait loci (as in the animal model) (Otto *et al.* in press). That mating behaviour plays an important role in determining the fate of modifiers of disassortative mating may explain why some studies of mate preference based on disease-resistance genotype have found evidence for disassortative mating (Penn & Potts 1999; Milinski 2006) whereas others have not (Eklom *et al.* 2004; Milinski 2006).

Our results also suggest that host–parasite interactions promote sympatric speciation in some cases. Specifically, we find that incipient sympatric speciation evolves readily in both host and parasite when assortative mating is mediated by the grouping model. These results provide further evidence that ecological interactions between individuals and species may be important catalysts for sympatric speciation (e.g. Doebeli 1996; Dieckmann & Doebeli 1999; Doebeli & Dieckmann 2000, 2003; Dieckmann *et al.* 2004) but also that direct fitness costs and frequency-dependent selection caused by sexual selection can inhibit sympatric speciation (e.g. Otto *et al.* in press; Gavrillets 2004;

Kirkpatrick & Nuismer 2004; Waxman & Gavrilets 2005). It may thus be little surprise that some of the best studied cases of putative sympatric speciation in parasitic taxa occur in insect parasites of plants that follow a grouping model where mating occurs on the host plant, minimizing the importance of sexual selection (Craig *et al.* 1993; Bush 1994; Via 1999).

Together, the results of our models demonstrate that coevolution between hosts and parasites can be an important force driving the evolution of non-random mating. In addition to this very broad prediction, our models generate several more specific and empirically testable predictions. One of the most interesting is that plant species which are not pollen limited should frequently mate disassortatively with respect to disease-resistance loci if such loci operate through a GFG or IMA mechanism. In a similar vein, our results suggest that diploid parasites should frequently mate assortatively at those loci involved in immune recognition, at least when such immunity is based on an MA or IMA mechanism and costs of assortative mating are not strong. Testing these and other predictions of our models should help to clarify the role coevolution plays in shaping patterns of non-random mating in hosts and parasites and may also provide valuable insights into the genetic basis of infection and resistance.

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Appendix S1 Species interactions, mating, segregation and recombination, quasi-linkage equilibrium approximation.

Table S1 Percentage of three-locus simulations in which assortative mating (top entry) and disassortative mating (bottom entry) evolved in (a) the host and (b) the parasite.

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