Crossover interference and the sex difference in recombination

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Learning about recombination

- MLH1 staining in spermatocytes or oocytes
- Genotype data on families / crosses
- Patterns of linkage disequilibrium

Crosses

Cross	Sample size
(B $\times$ C) $\times$ B	1466
(C $\times$ B) $\times$ B	1528
B $\times$ (B $\times$ C)	1459
B $\times$ (C $\times$ B)	1533

B = C57BL/6J
C = CAST/EiJ

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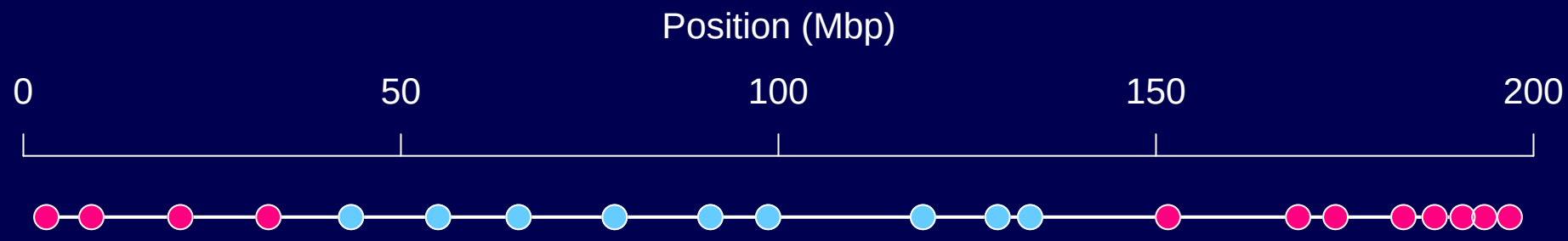

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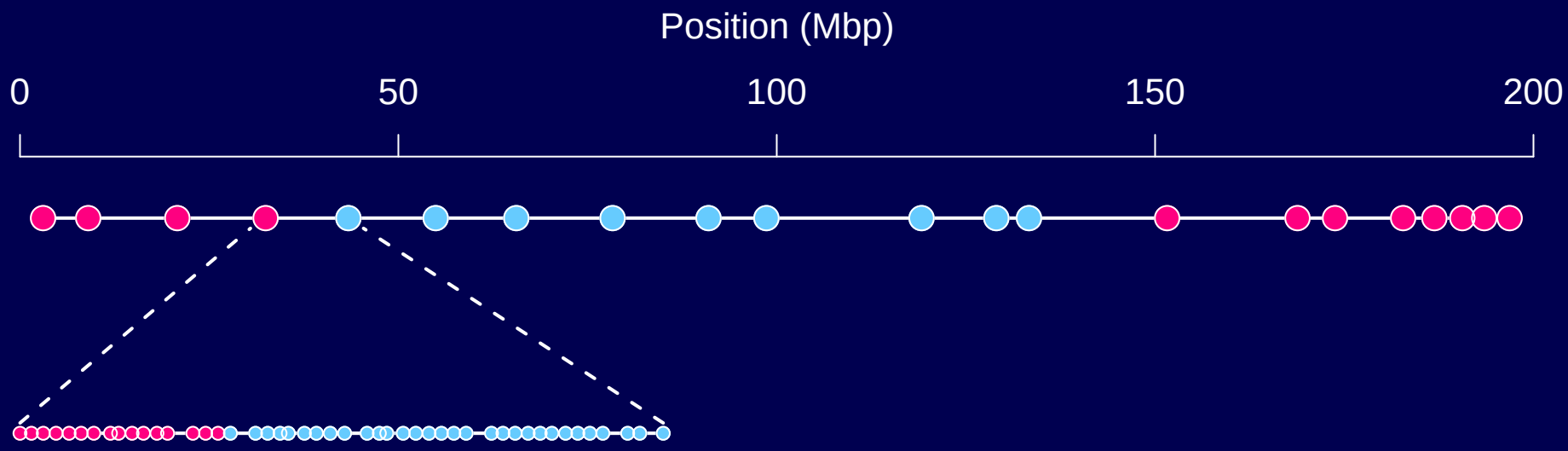

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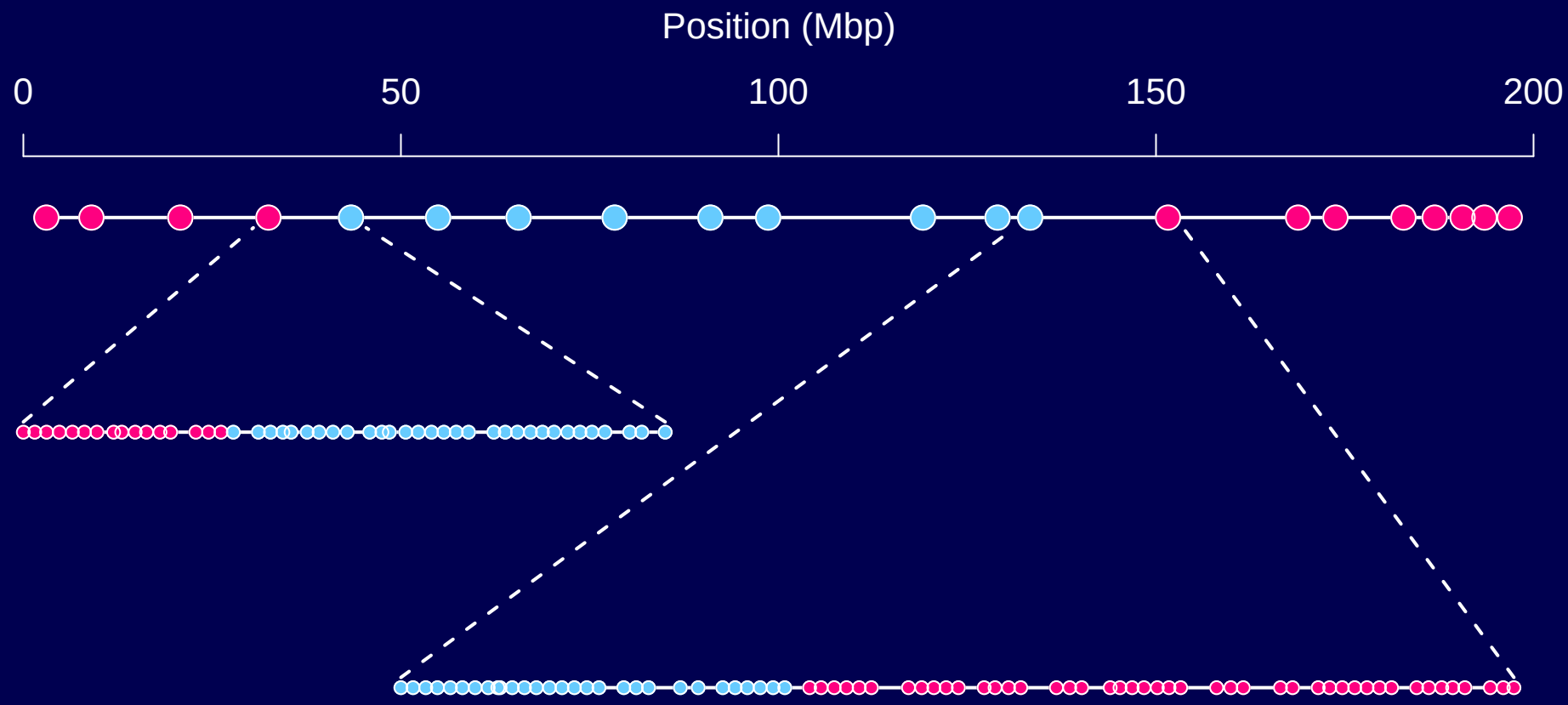

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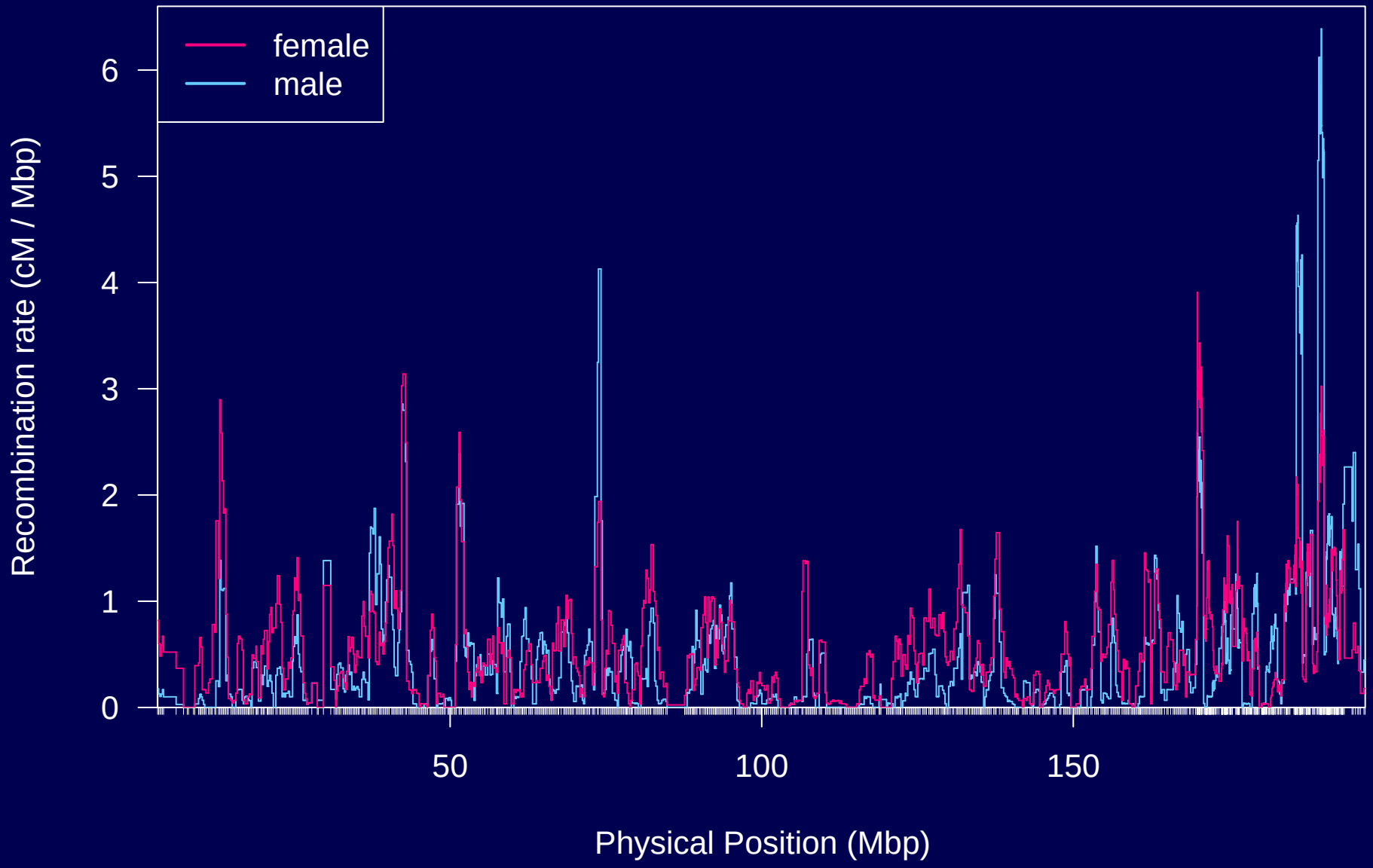
	No. chiasmata					
	0	1	2	3	4	Ave.
female	0	10	78	10	1%	2.02
male	0	33	65	1	0%	1.69

(Assuming no chromatid interference.)

Recombination rate



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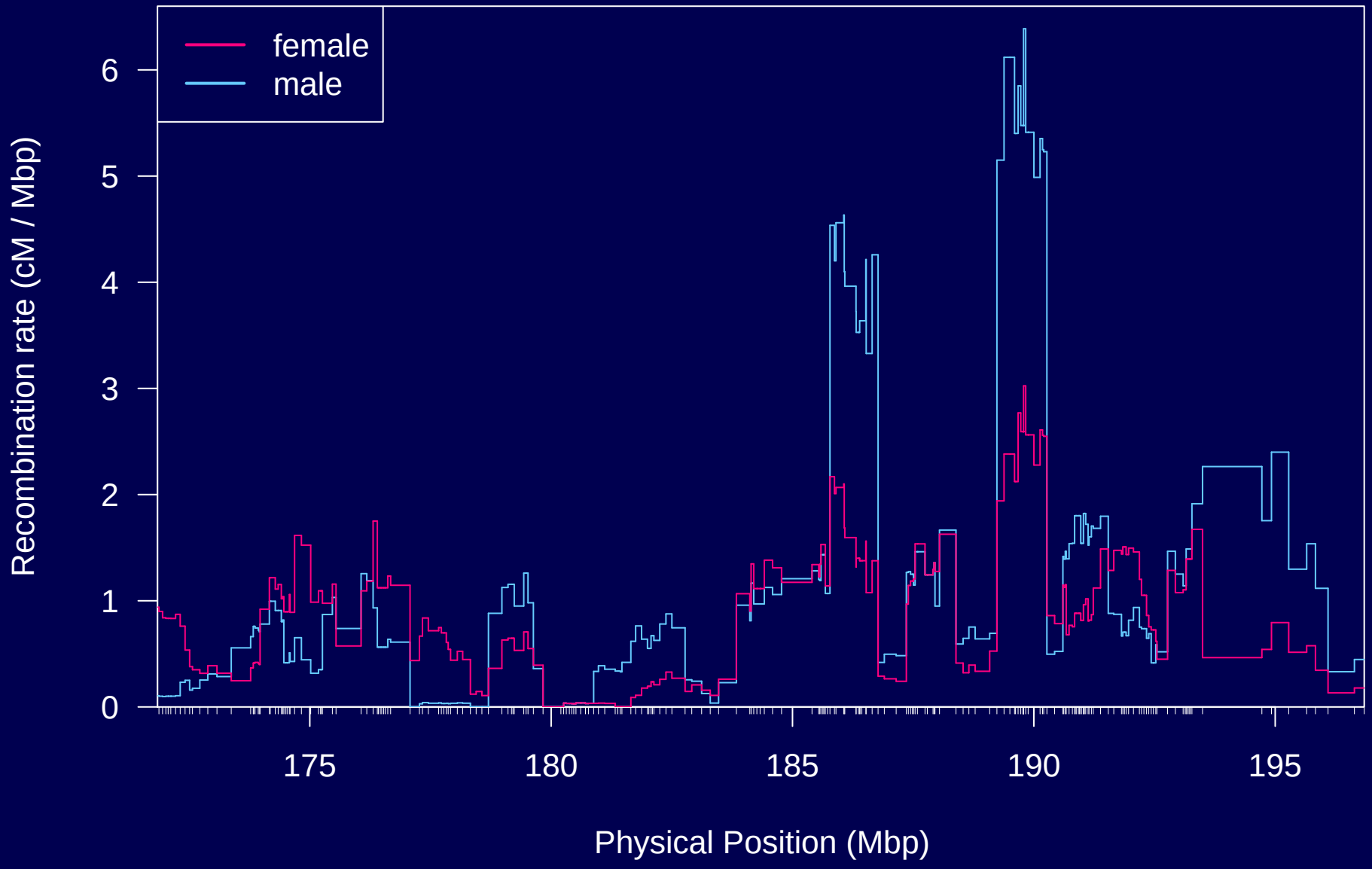

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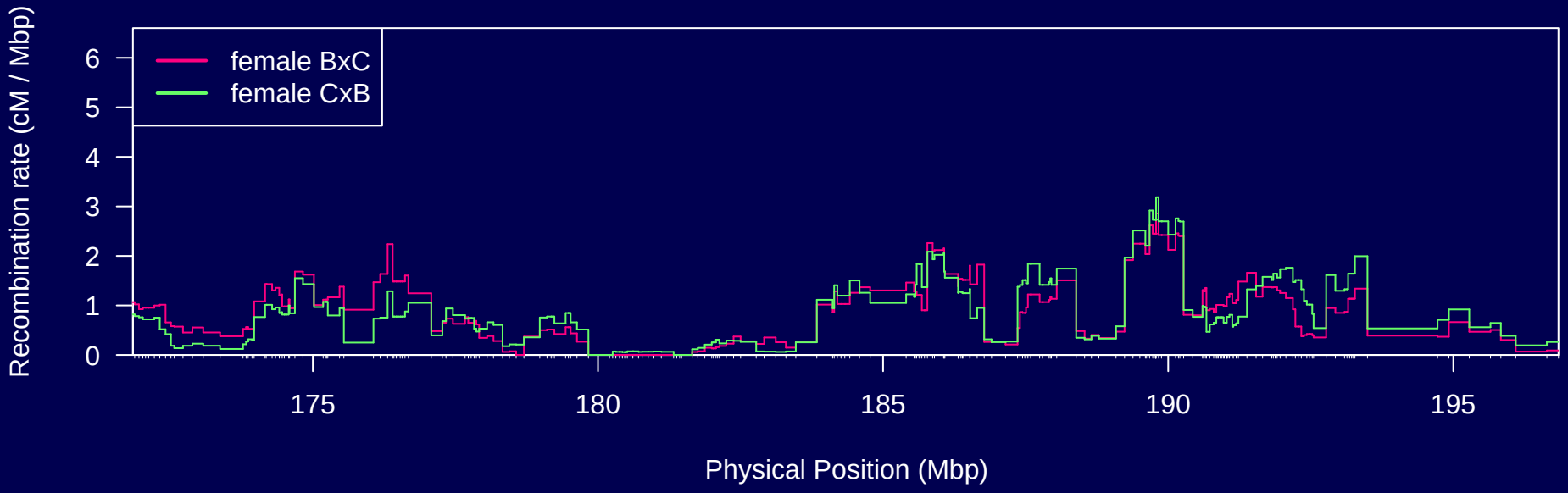

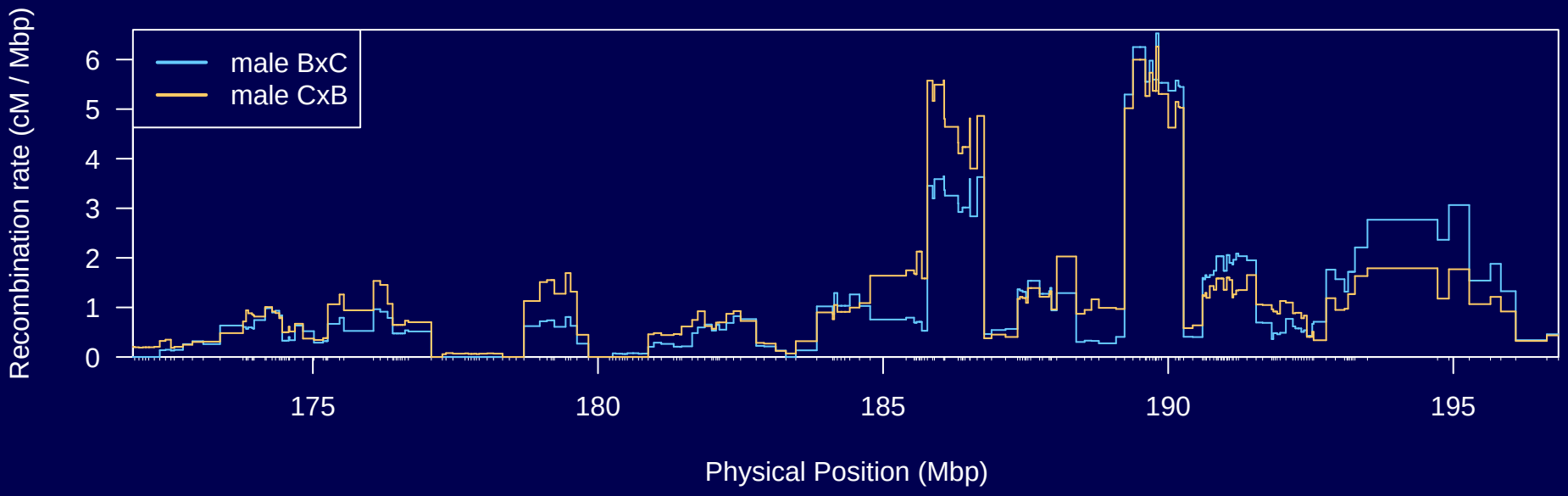

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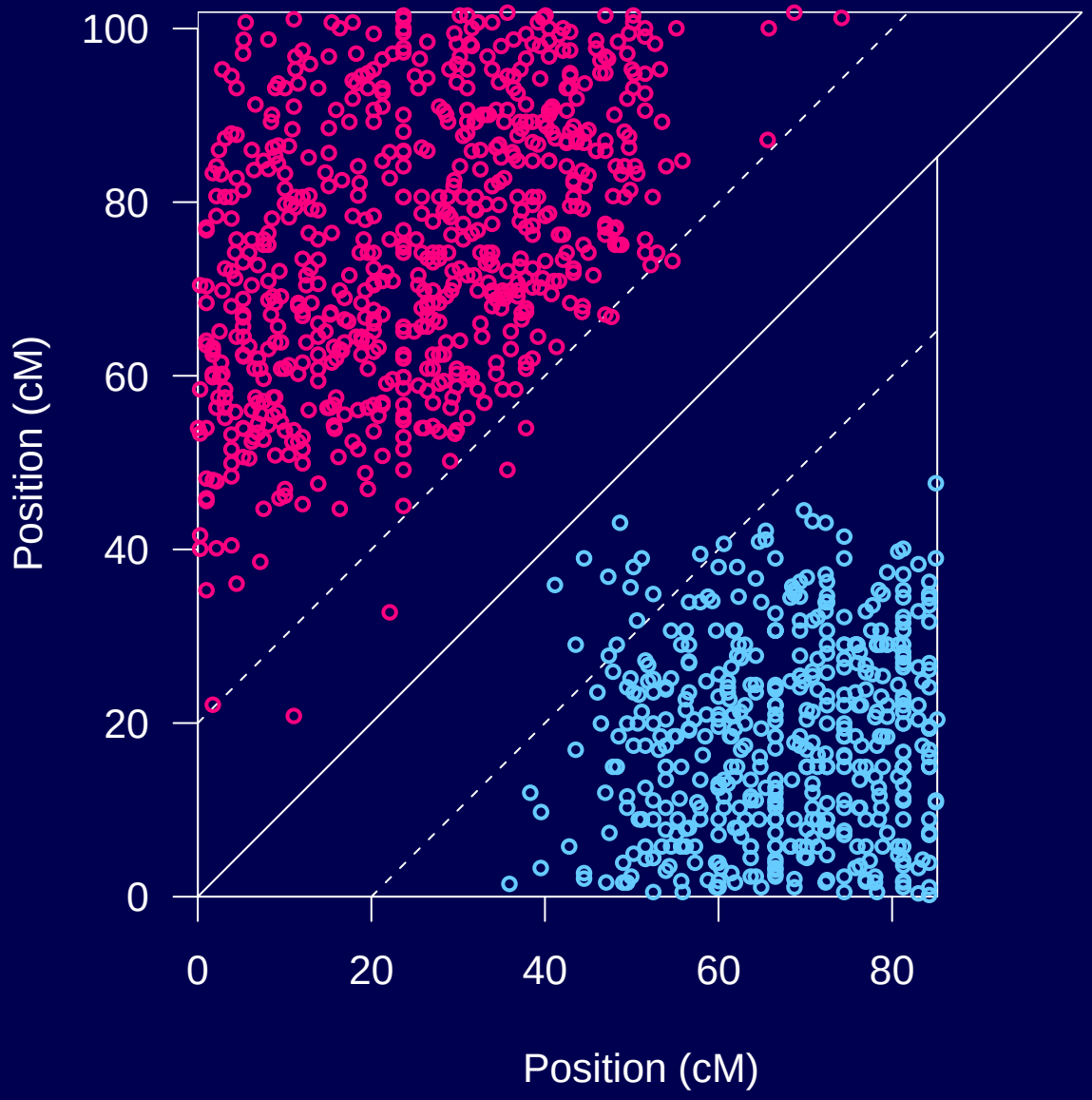

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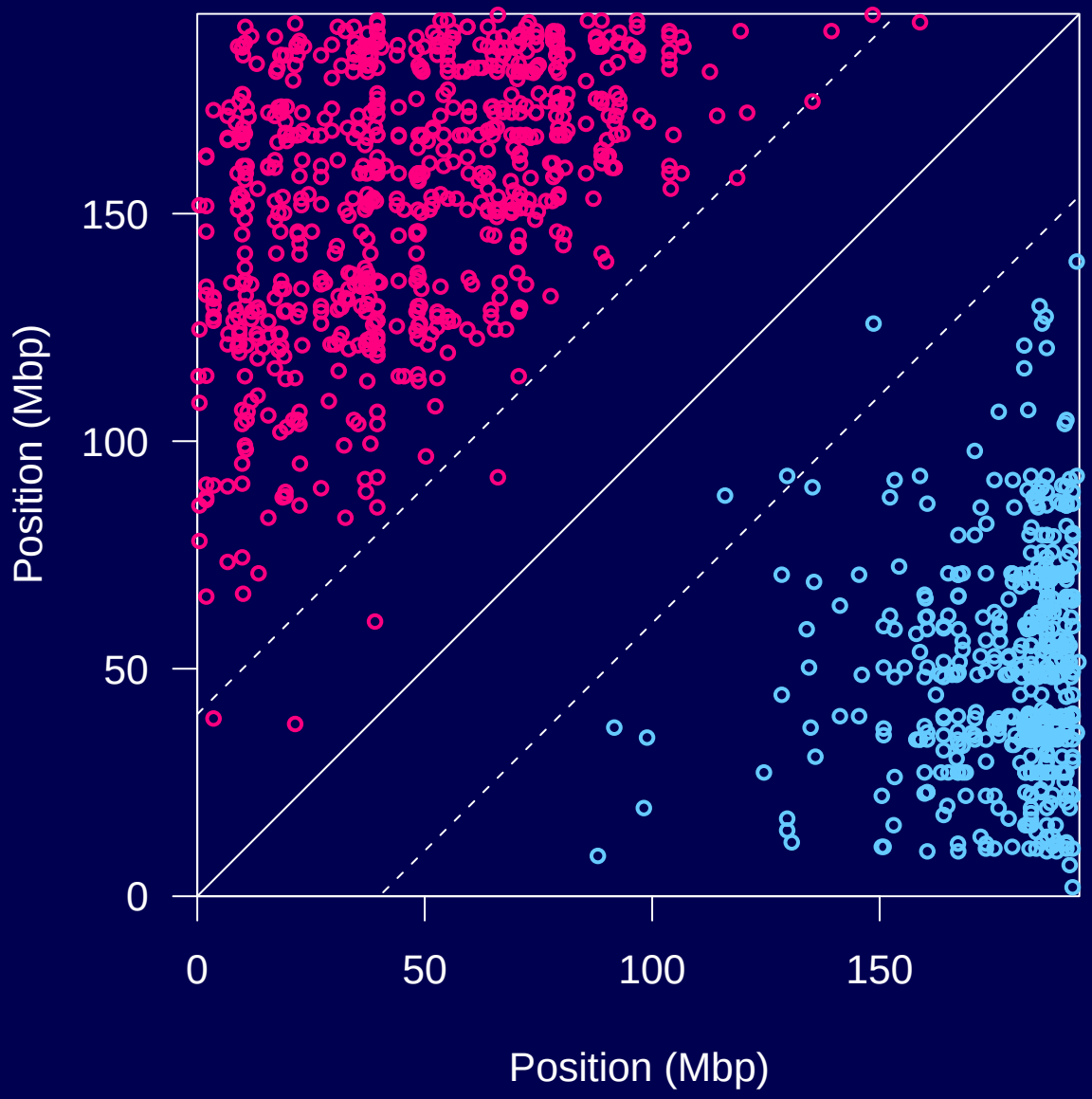

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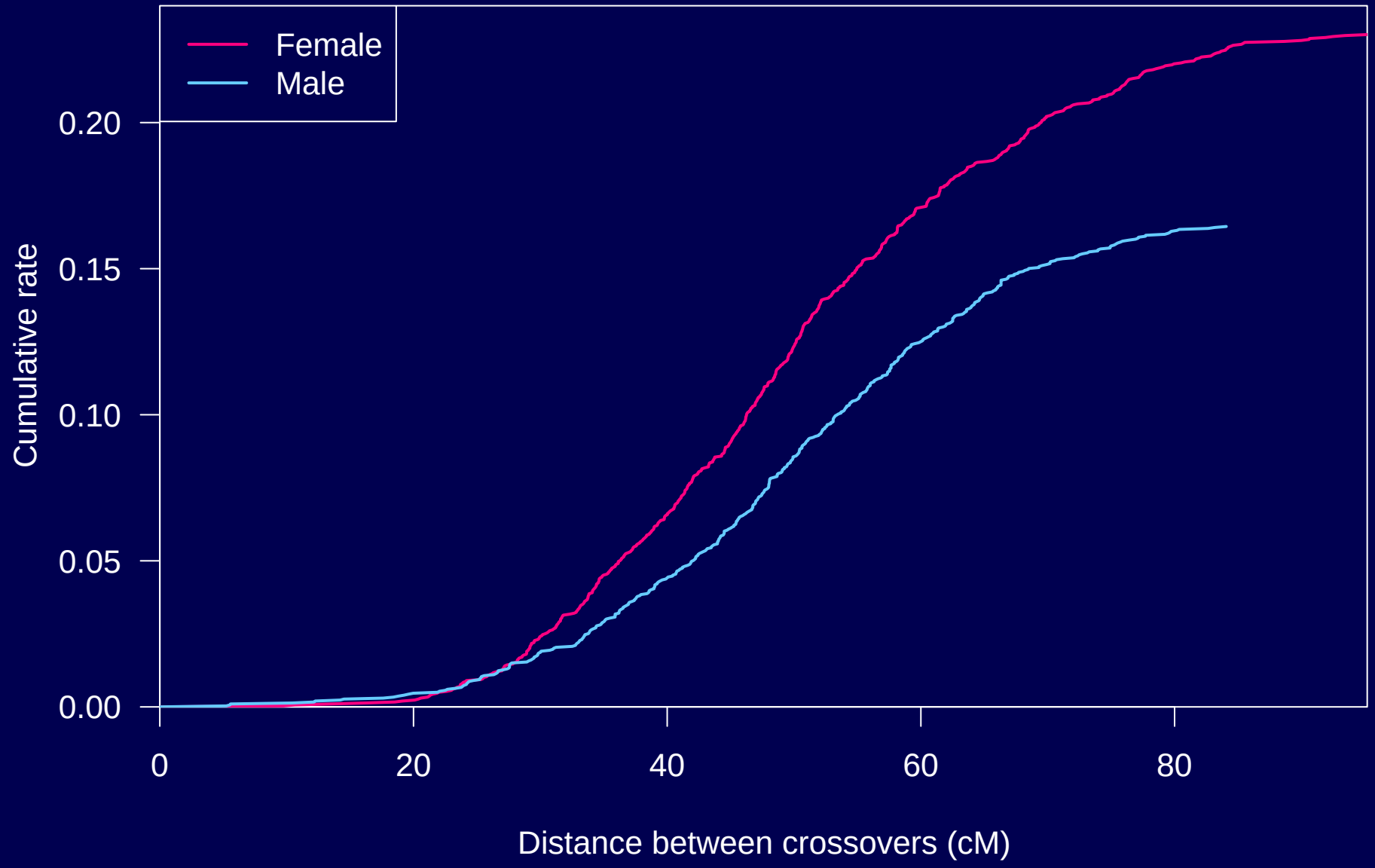

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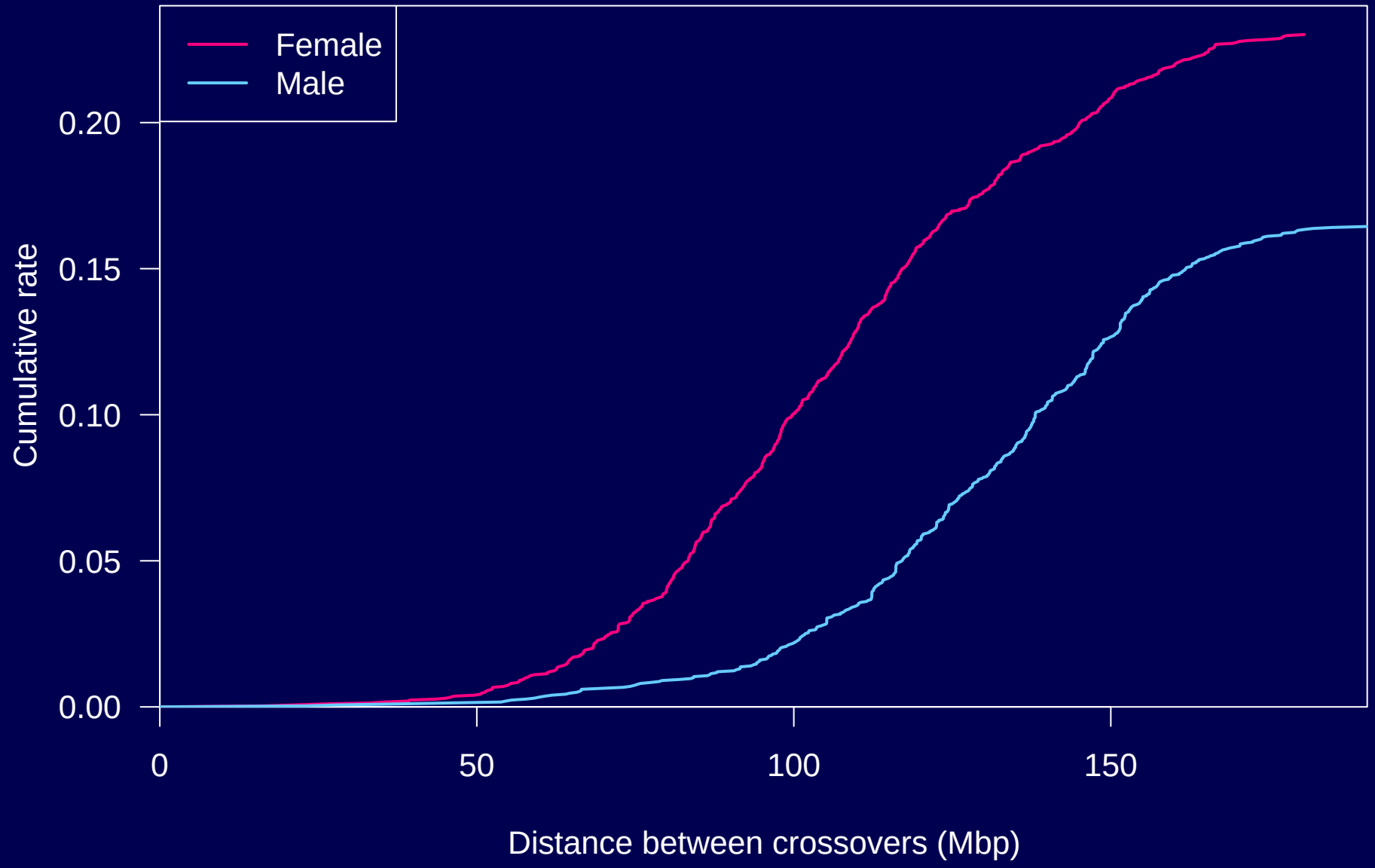

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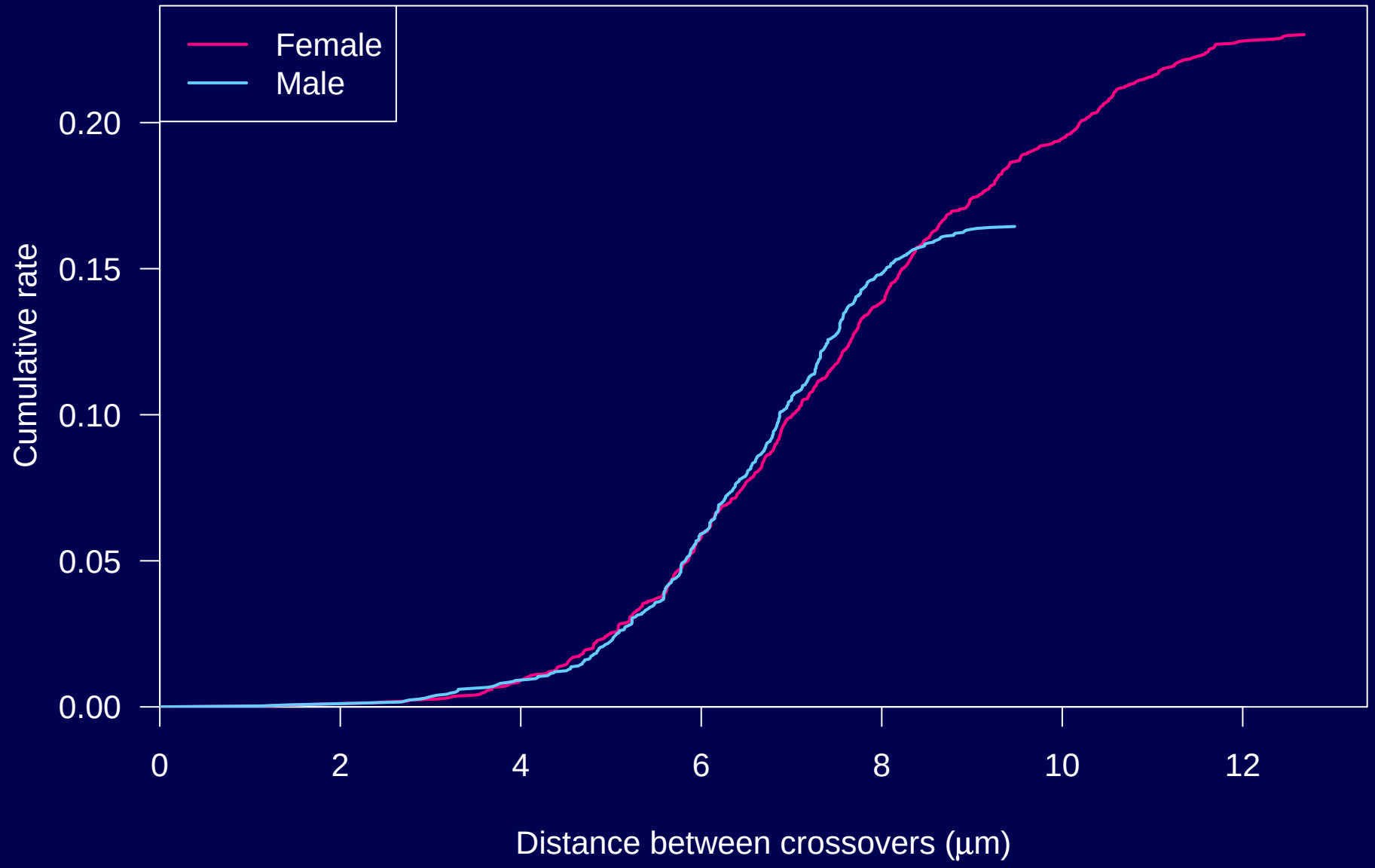

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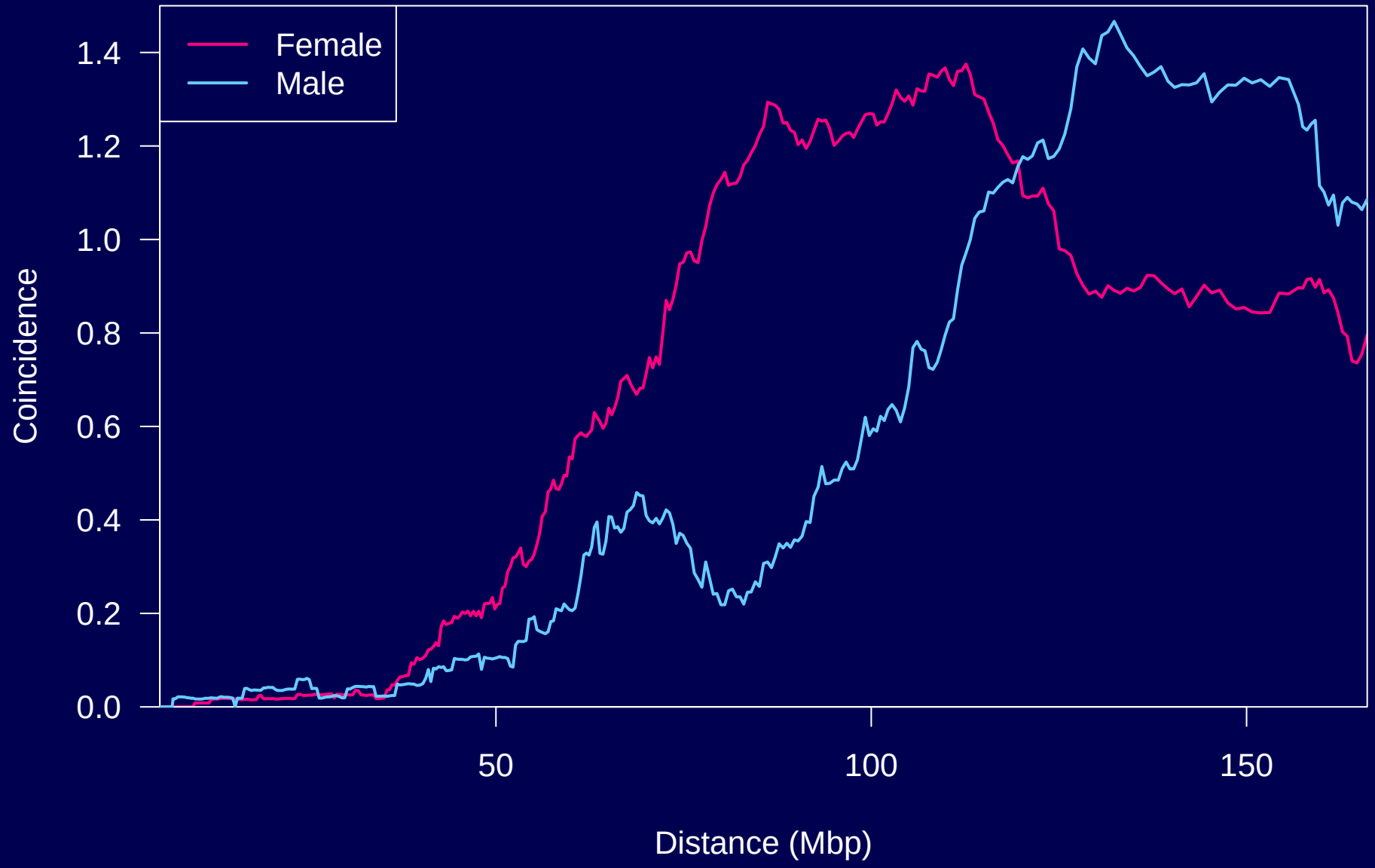

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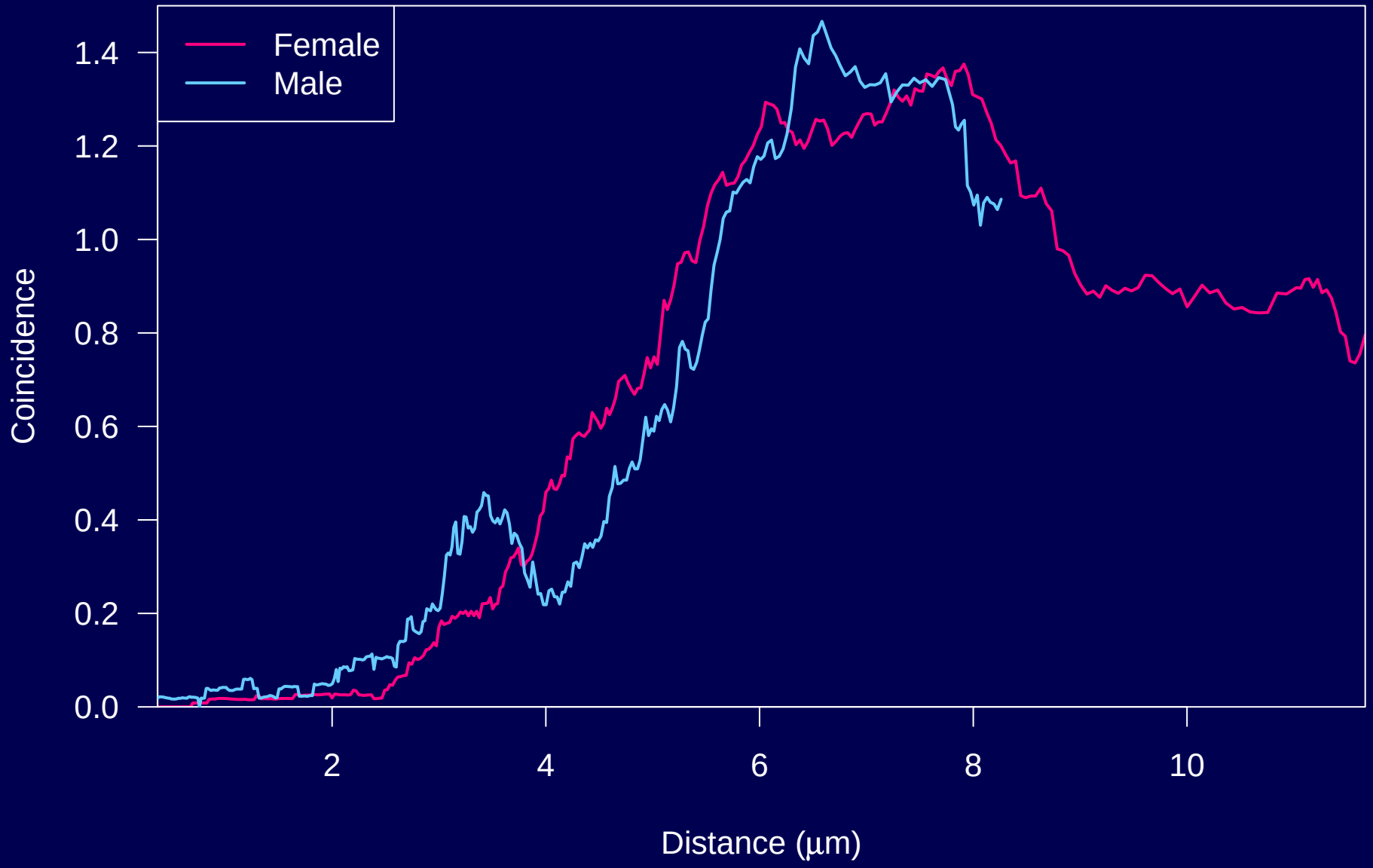

Summary

- Clear sex differences in overall recombination rate
- Differences in compaction + interference
  $\longrightarrow$ difference in recombination rate?
- Nature of local differences?
- Imprinting effects?
- There are a number of tricky statistical problems

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