

(2) Quantitative trait loci and genetic maps

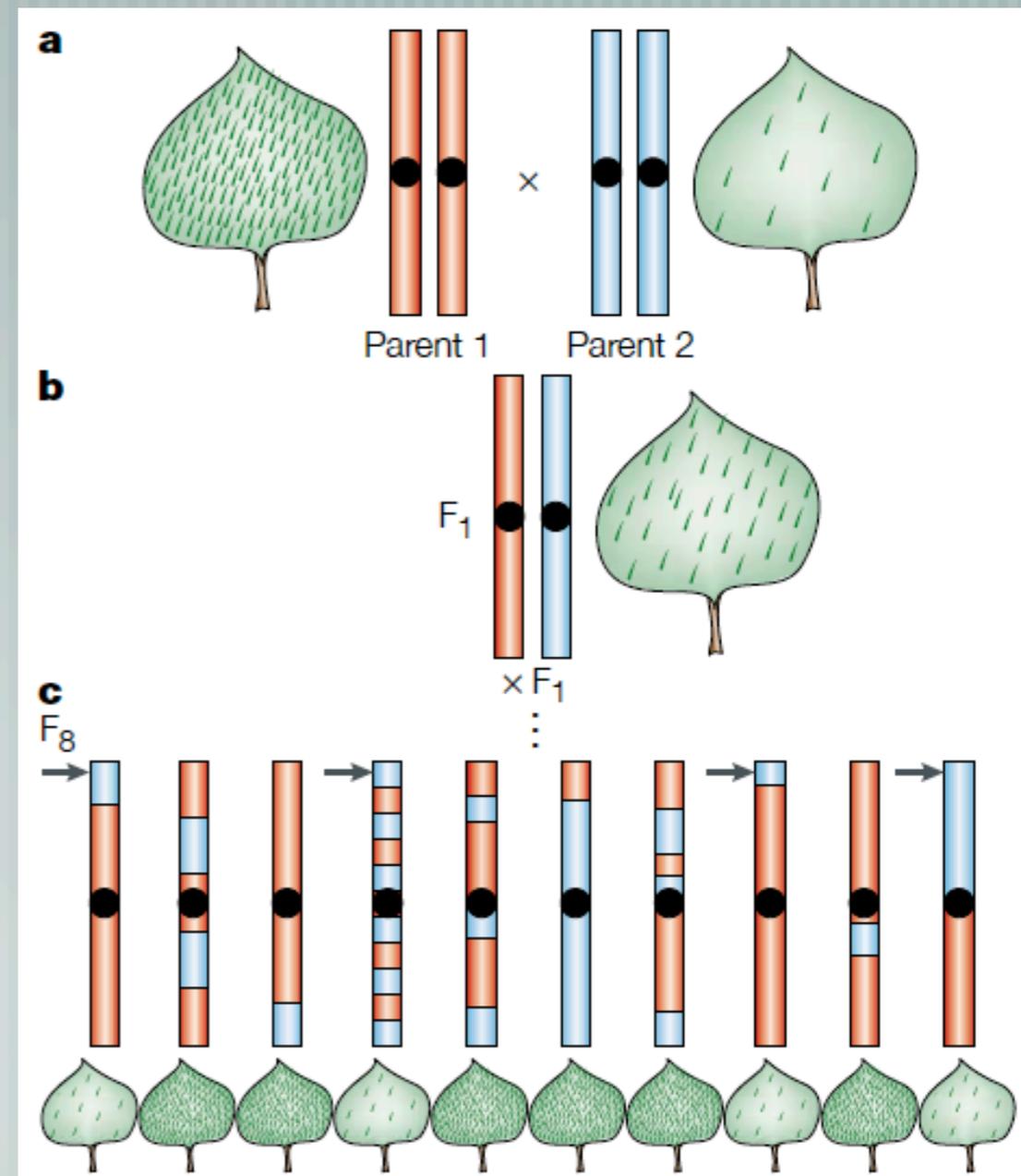
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By the end of this lecture you should be able to explain:

- The four main types of information you need to for QTL analysis
- Why understanding recombination & genetic linkage is important for localising genes that control traits
- What a marker-trait association is

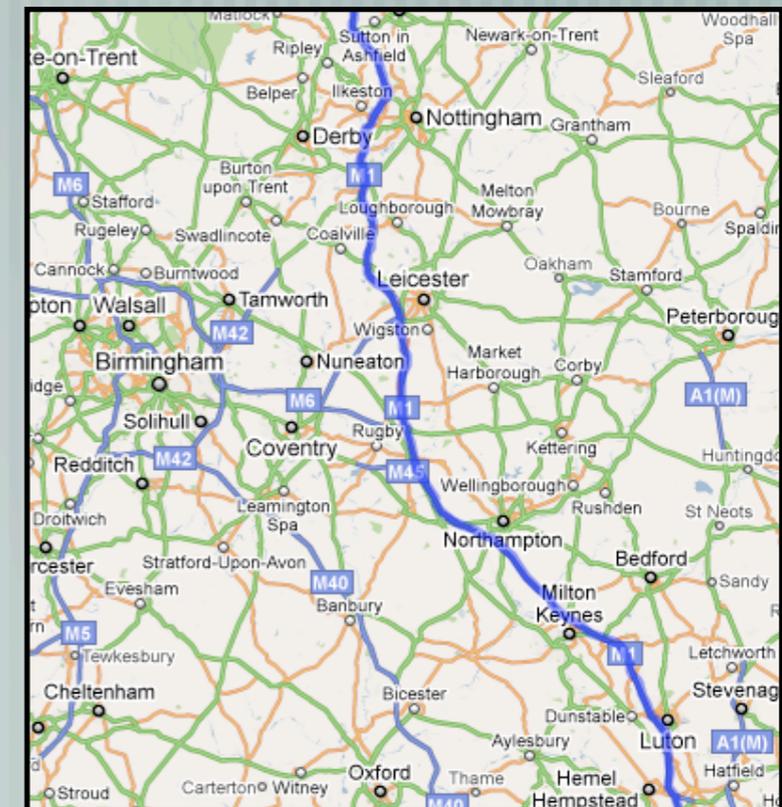
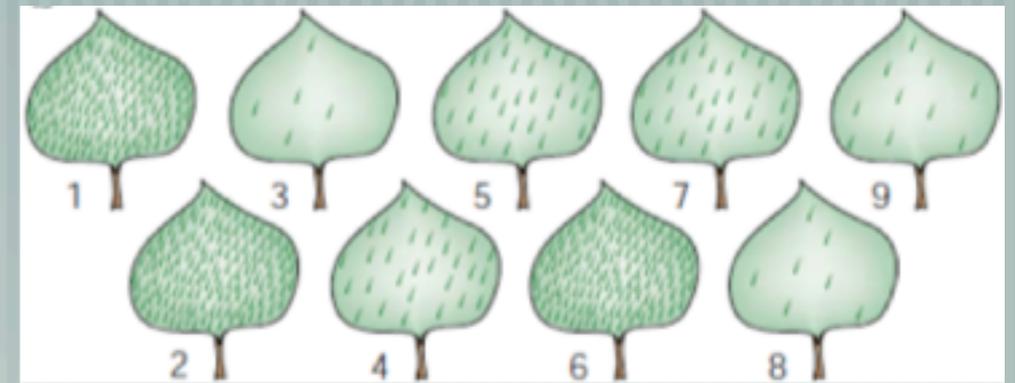
Objectives of QTL analysis

- The statistical study of the alleles that occur at a locus and the phenotypes (traits) that they produce
- Methods developed in the 1980s
- Next-gen sequencing = enabling
- Rapid, genome-wide analysis possible
- Better statistical methods

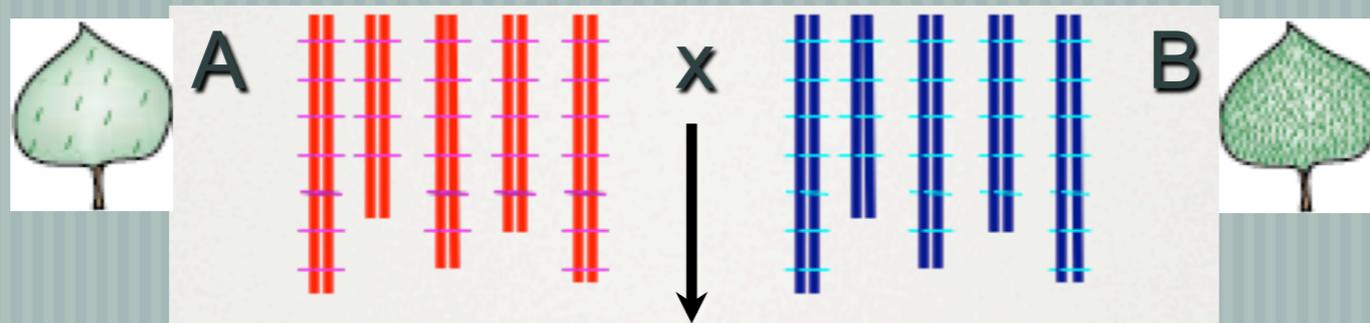


What you need for QTL analysis:

- (i) A large population of individuals that you can score
 - variation in phenotype
 - population designed using parents with contrasting phenotypes
- (ii) Markers over the genome to pinpoint QTL location
- (iii) A way to identify which markers from each parent have been inherited by the progeny
- (iv) A map of the genome to find out where you are



(i) Mapping lines

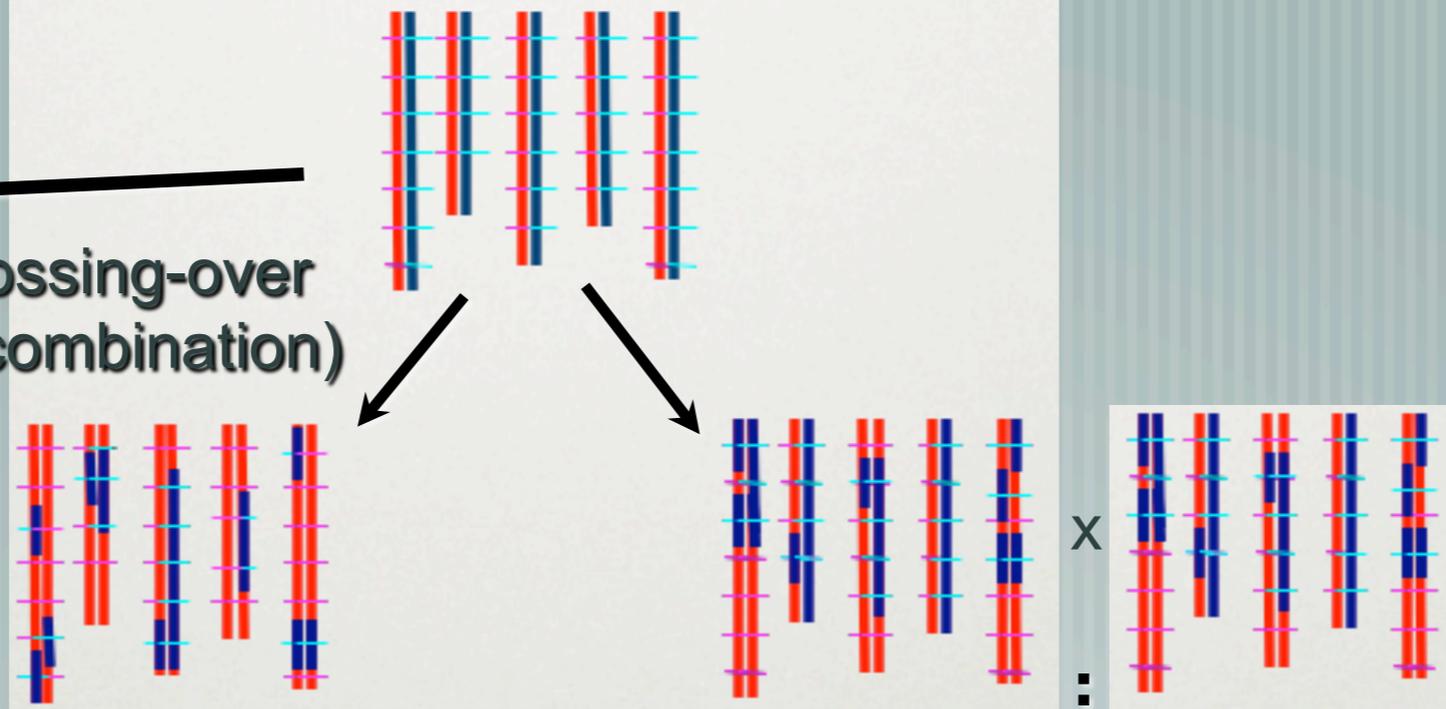


Parents =
Homozygous

F1 =
Heterozygous
at all loci

F1
microspore
culture of male
gametes
↓
DH population
(homozygous)

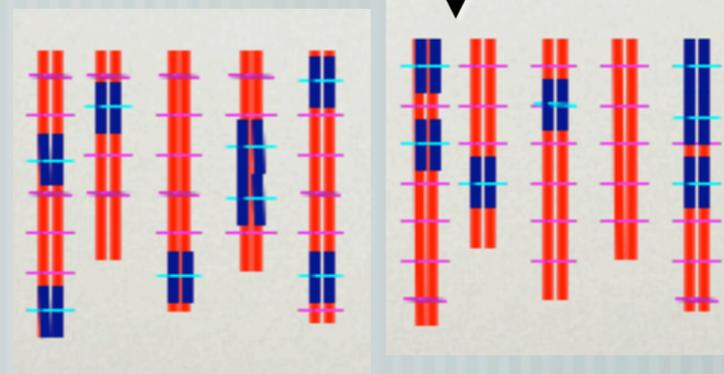
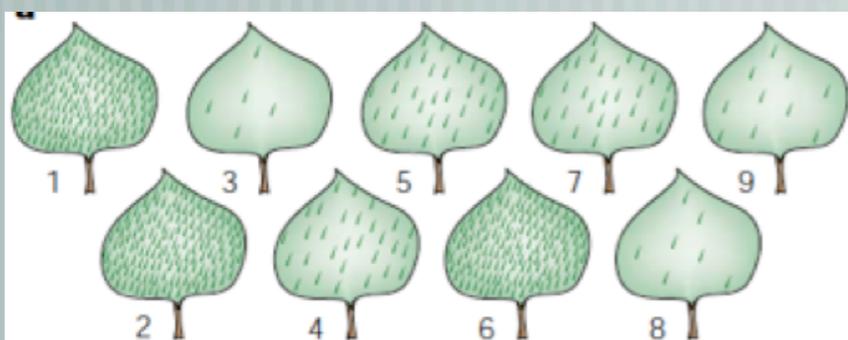
crossing-over
(recombination)



F2 =
Heterozygous
at some loci

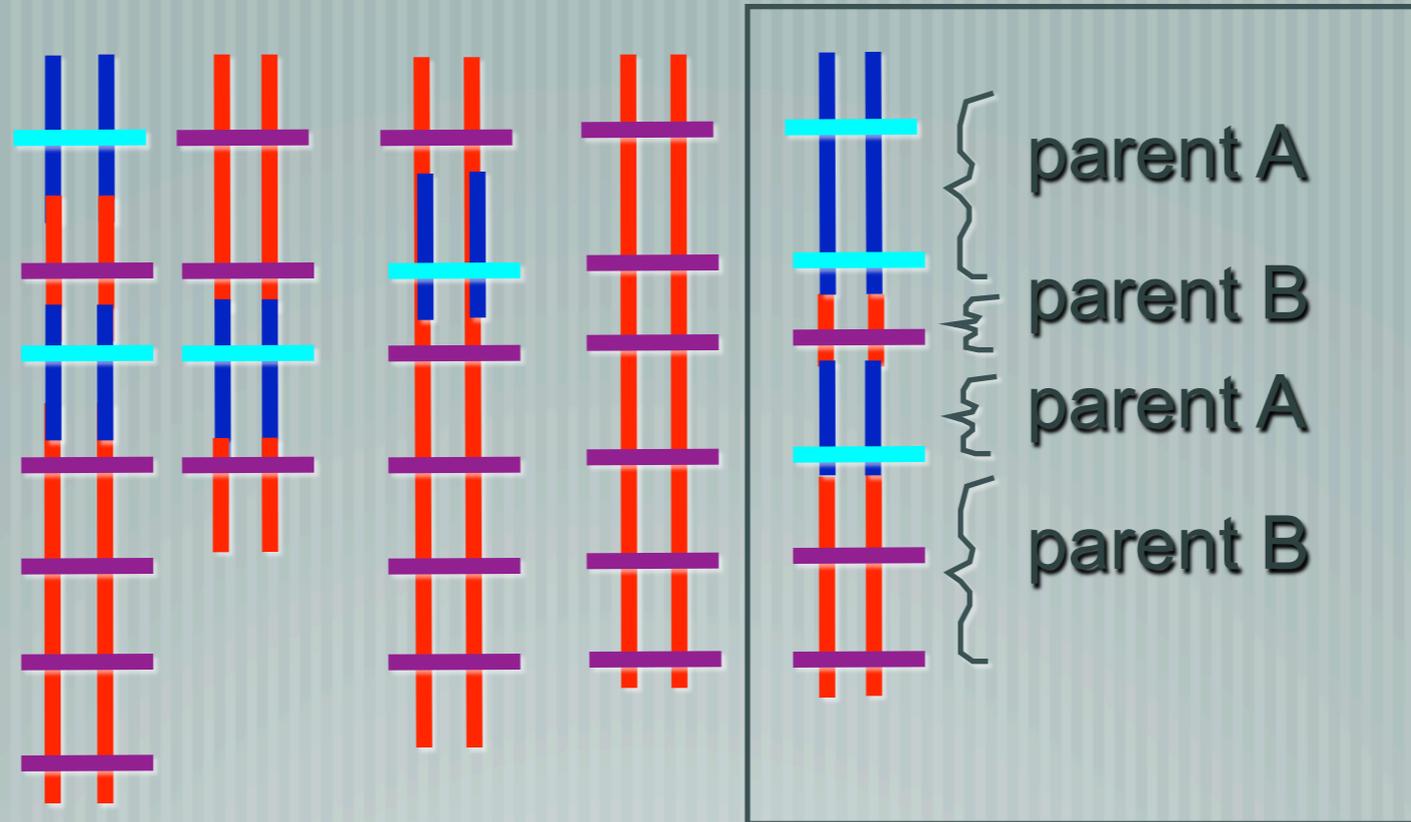
Many different individuals
are obtained & separately
selfed to develop RILs

x5



F7 RILs =
Homozygous
at all loci
& heterogeneous

(ii) Genetic markers



- Most common: molecular markers (DNA sequence differences)

- What else could you use?

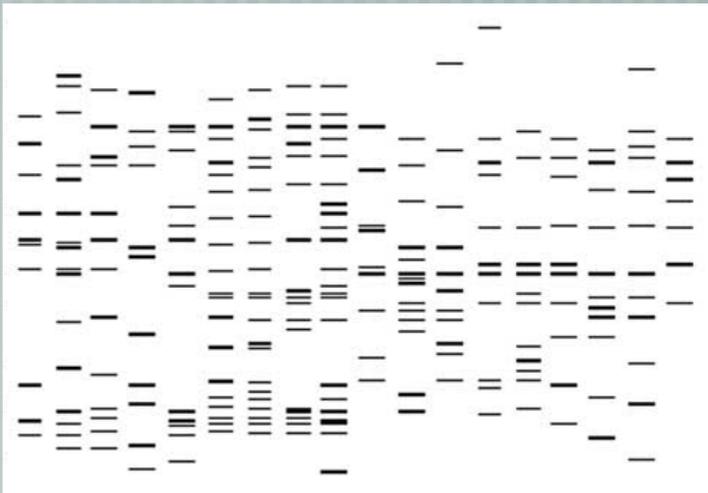
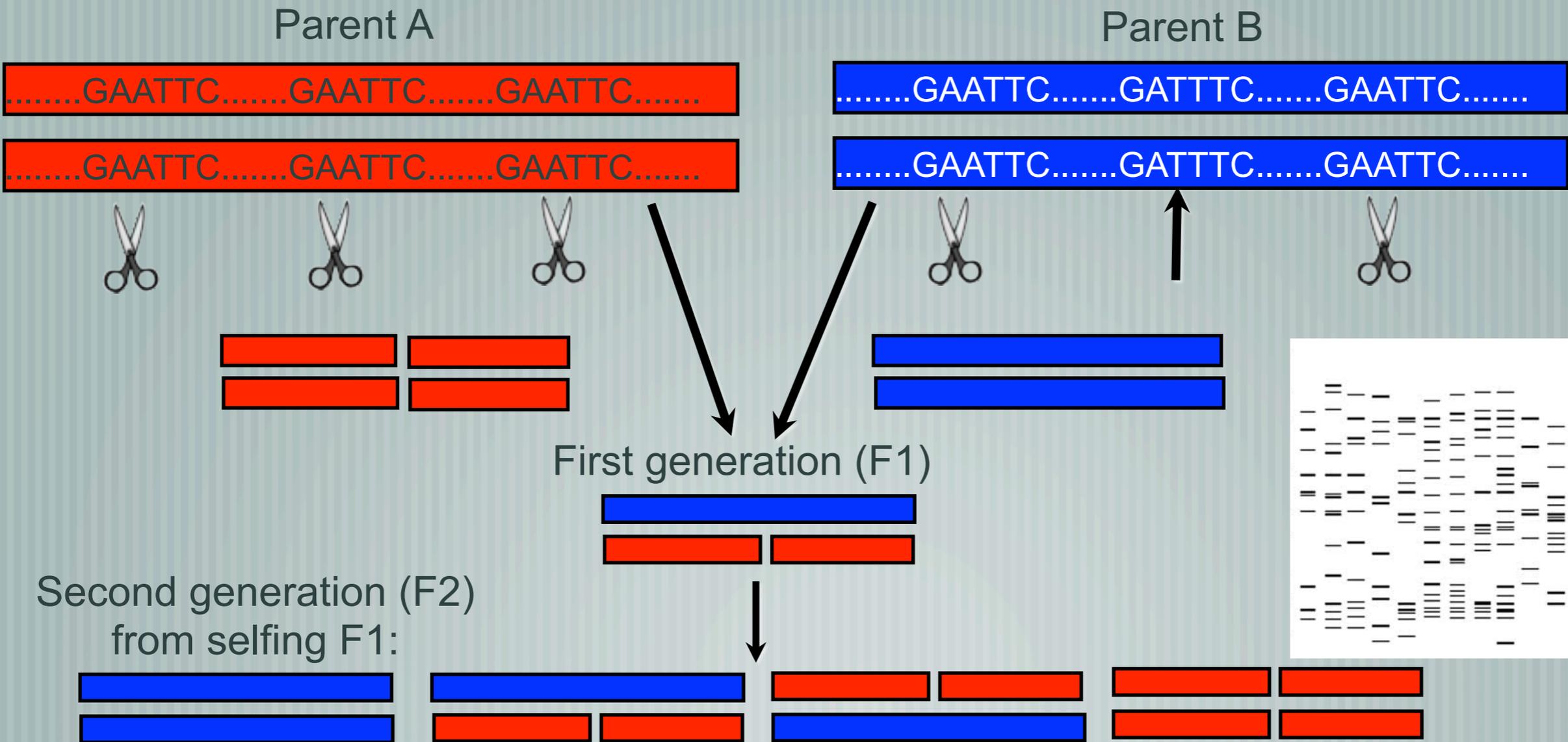
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(iii) A way to distinguish molecular markers

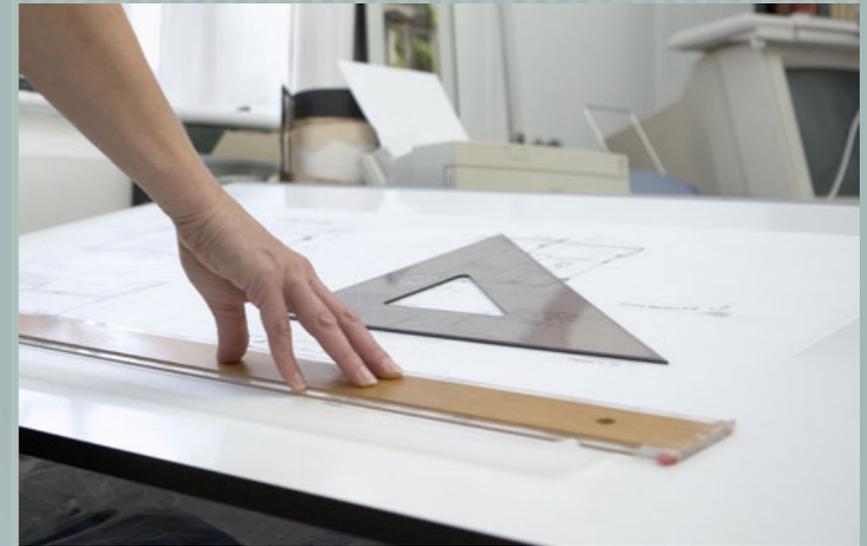


- Restriction enzymes e.g. EcoRI cut DNA only at a specific recognition sequence
- Compare restriction patterns:



(iv) Genetic map

- Physical map: lays out the sequence information and annotates it: promoters, genes etc.

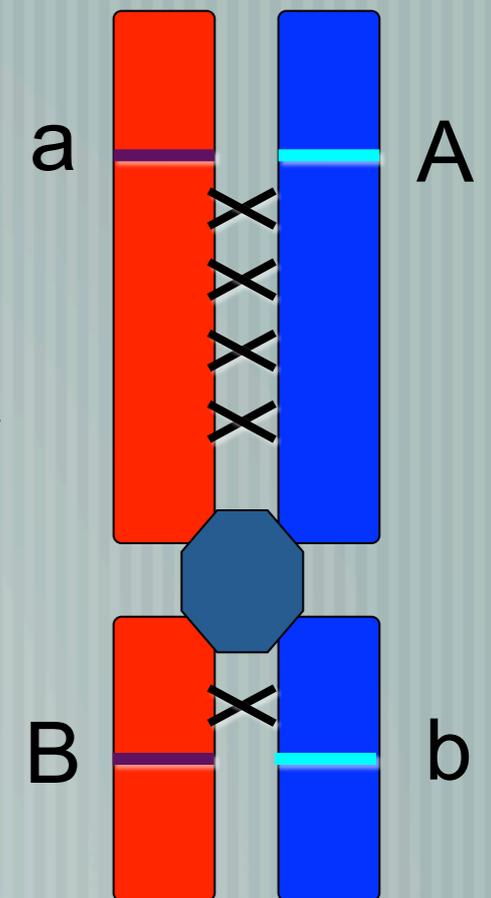


- Linkage map:

order of genetic markers and relative distances from each other

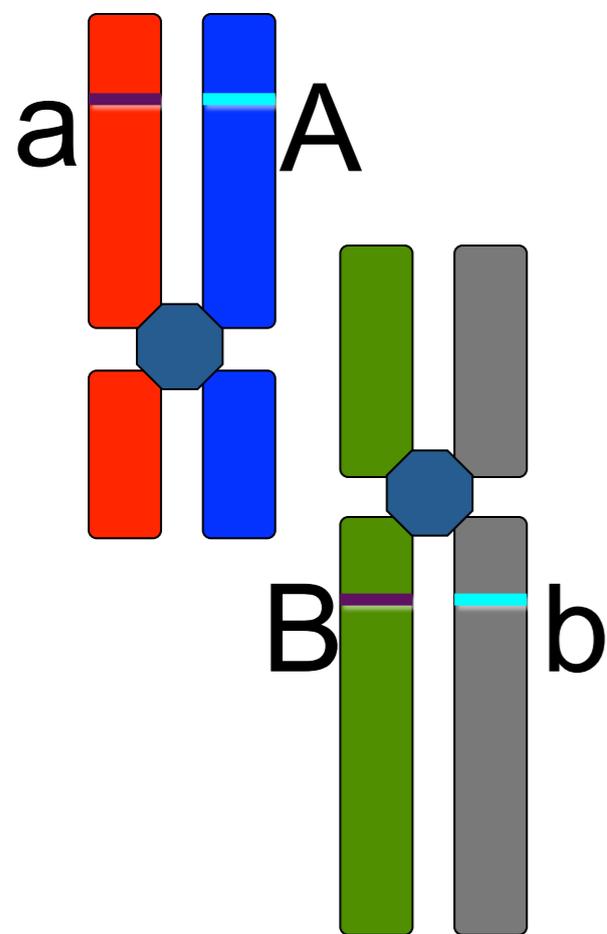
- based on meiotic recombination (crossing over)

between chromosomes

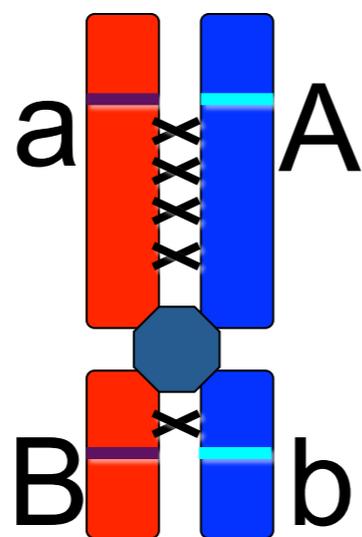


- Link genetic map to physical map

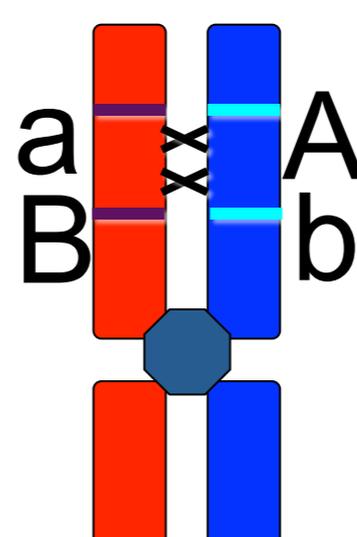
Genetic linkage is related to recombination frequency



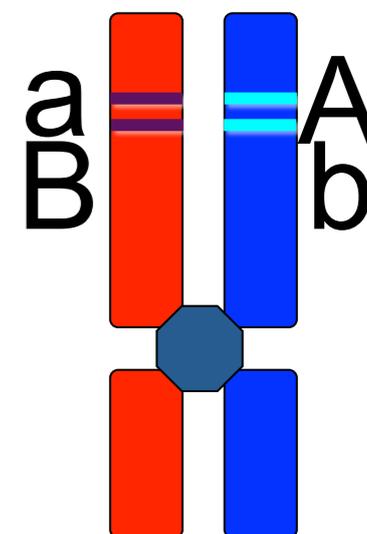
$R_f = 0.5$ (50%)
= no linkage



More recombination
so $R_f = \text{high}$ (≤ 0.5)
= weak linkage



Some recombination
so $R_f = \text{medium}$
= quantifiable linkage

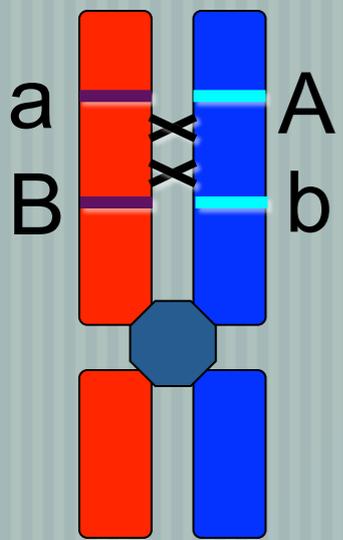


Little recombination
so $R_f = \text{small}$
= tight linkage



$R_f = \text{recombination frequency}$

Map distances and genetic linkage

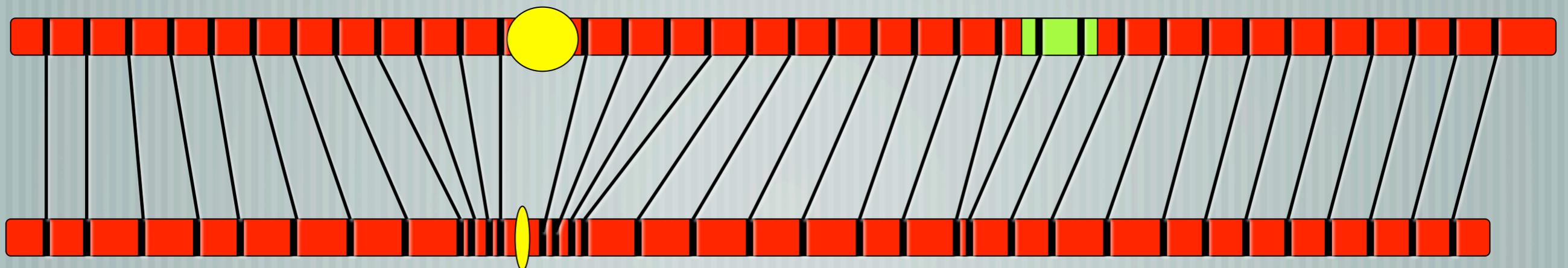


- Recombination frequency of 0.01 (1%) = a genetic map unit of 1 cM
- Recombination events occur randomly, once or twice per chromosome
- Linkage map made by characterising the recombination events that have taken place in a cross between two parental genotypes
- Assumes that linkage is the only cause of non-independence between markers and that segregation is Mendelian
- Haldane mapping function adjusts map distance to account for double crossovers that go undetected
- Kosambi mapping function also adjusts for crossover interference

Linkage groups are the basis of genetic maps

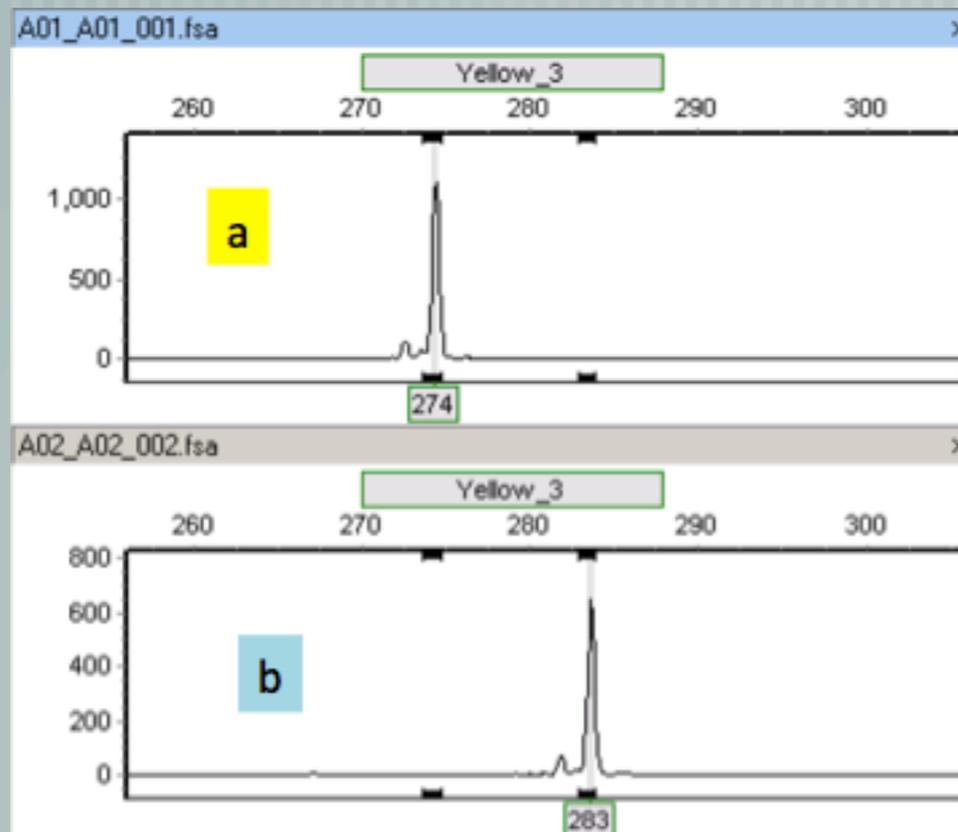
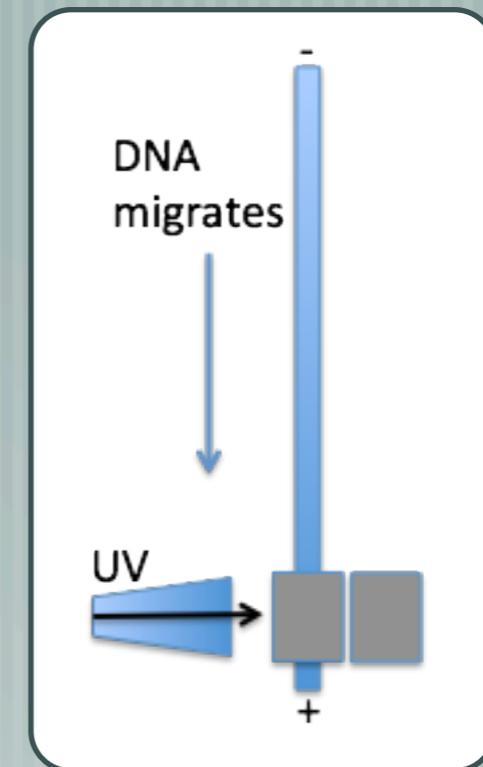
These should theoretically correspond to chromosomes, but if...

- Chromosomes very long
- Recombination frequency very high
- Mapping populations are not large enough
 - ...one chromosome can statistically “break” into several linkage groups
- Also, centromeres and heterochromatin have suppressed recombination



Making a map: Selecting markers

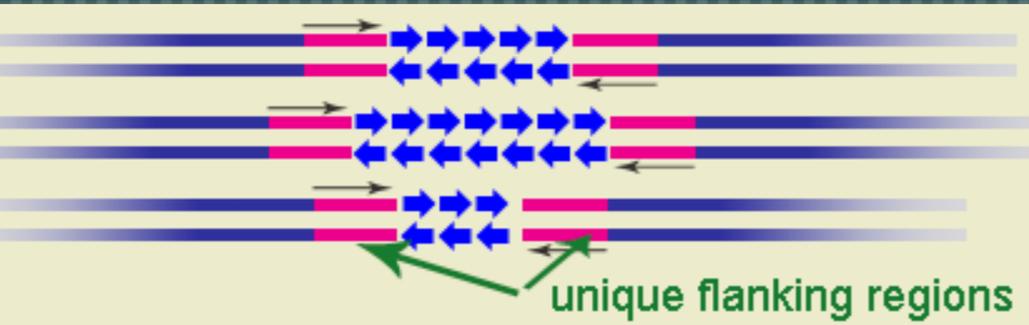
- Are the markers **polymorphic** between the parental lines?



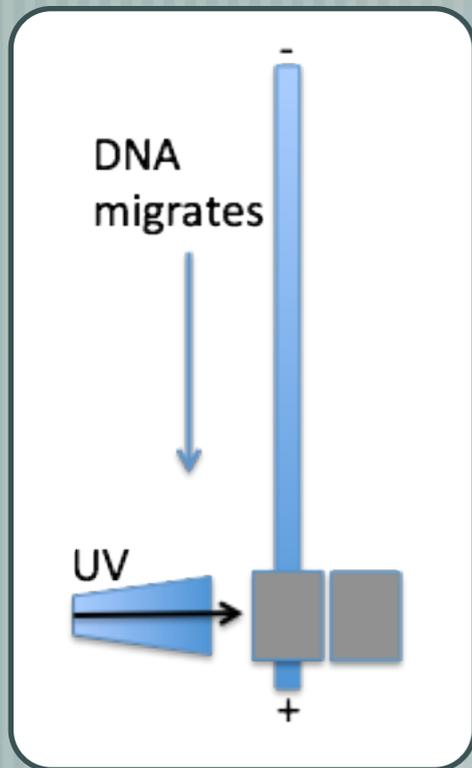
Marker 1 parental genotypes

- P1 274 bp
- P2 283 bp

Making a map: scoring genotypes



- The number of SSRs is highly variable among individuals



Making a map: scoring genotypes

Raw data matrix

		Lines									
		DH01	DH02	DH03	DH04	DH05	DH06	DH07	DH08	DH09	DH10
Markers	A	a	a	a	b	a	b	b	b	a	b
	B	b	a	b	b	a	a	a	a	b	b
	C	a	b	b	b	a	a	a	a	b	b
	D	a	b	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a
	E	a	a	b	a	a	b	b	b	a	b
	F	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a
	G	b	a	b	a	a	b	a	a	b	b
	H	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	a	b
	I	a	b	a	b	b	a	a	a	b	b
	J	a	b	b	a	b	b	a	a	b	a

An example by hand

Raw data matrix

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		DH01	DH02	DH03	DH04	DH05	DH06	DH07	DH08	DH09	DH10
Markers	A	a	a	a	b	a	b	b	b	a	b
	B	b	a	b	b	a	a	a	a	b	b
	C	a	b	b	b	a	a	a	a	b	b
	D	a	b	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a
	E	a	a	b	a	a	b	b	b	a	b
	F	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a
	G	b	a	b	a	a	b	a	a	b	b
	H	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	a	b
	I	a	b	a	b	b	a	a	a	b	b
	J	a	b	b	a	b	b	a	a	b	a

Chart 1

Score recombination frequencies, i.e. 4 recombinations in 10 lines is $4/10 = 0.4$, and fill in the chart

J	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0
I	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0.4
H	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0	0.6	0.4
G	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	0	0.4	0.6	0.4
F	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2
E	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.6
D	0.6	0.6	0.4	0	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.4
C	0.6	0.2	0	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
B	0.6	0	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6
A	0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.8
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

Chart 1

- Determine all pairwise recombination frequencies (each marker with every other marker)

Determining map order: example continued

Chart 1

Score recombination frequencies, i.e. 4 recombinations in 10 lines is $4/10 = 0.4$, and fill in the chart

J	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0
I	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0.4
H	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0	0.6	0.4
G	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	0	0.4	0.6	0.4
F	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2
E	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.6
D	0.6	0.6	0.4	0	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.4
C	0.6	0.2	0	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
B	0.6	0	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6
A	0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.8
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

Chart 2

Identify adjacent markers on the basis of low recombination frequency and assign to one of 2 groups - Hint: there are 5 markers per group

Marker	Adjacent markers	Group
A	E	1
B	C G	2
C	B I	2
D	I	2
E	A H	1
F	H J	1
G	B	2
H	E F	1
I	C D	2
J	F	1

Charts 3 and 4

For each group place the markers in the correct order and fill in the recombination frequencies

Group 1

A	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.2	0
E	0.6	0.4	0.2	0	0.2
H	0.4	0.2	0	0.2	0.4
F	0.2	0	0.2	0.4	0.6
J	0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8
	J	F	H	E	A

Group 2

D	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.2	0
I	0.6	0.4	0.2	0	0.2
C	0.4	0.2	0	0.2	0.4
B	0.2	0	0.2	0.4	0.6
G	0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8
	G	B	C	I	D

Chart 2

- Identify closely linked markers

Charts 3 and 4

- Determine the order of markers for each linkage group

Determining map order: LOD scores

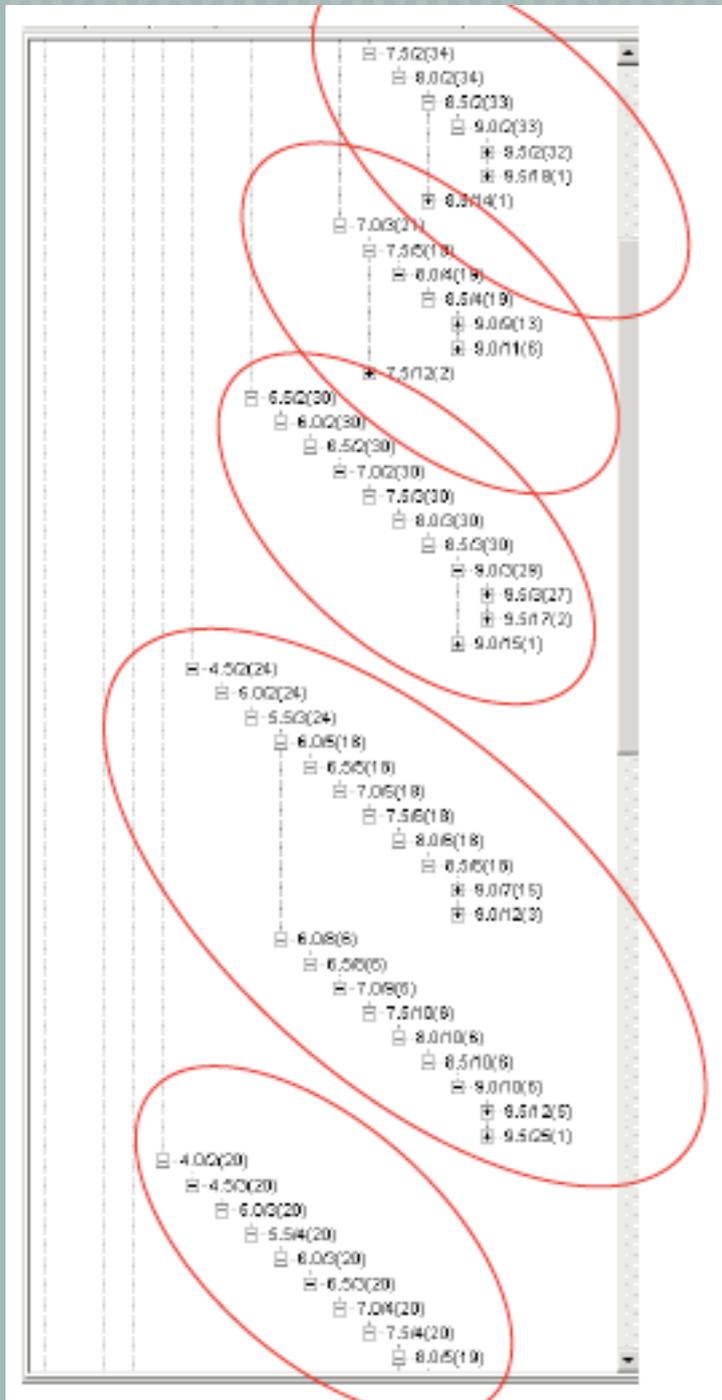
- LOD score: likelihood of the observed linkage
- Statistical analysis of +/- of 100s of markers in (F7) progeny population (parental genotypes)

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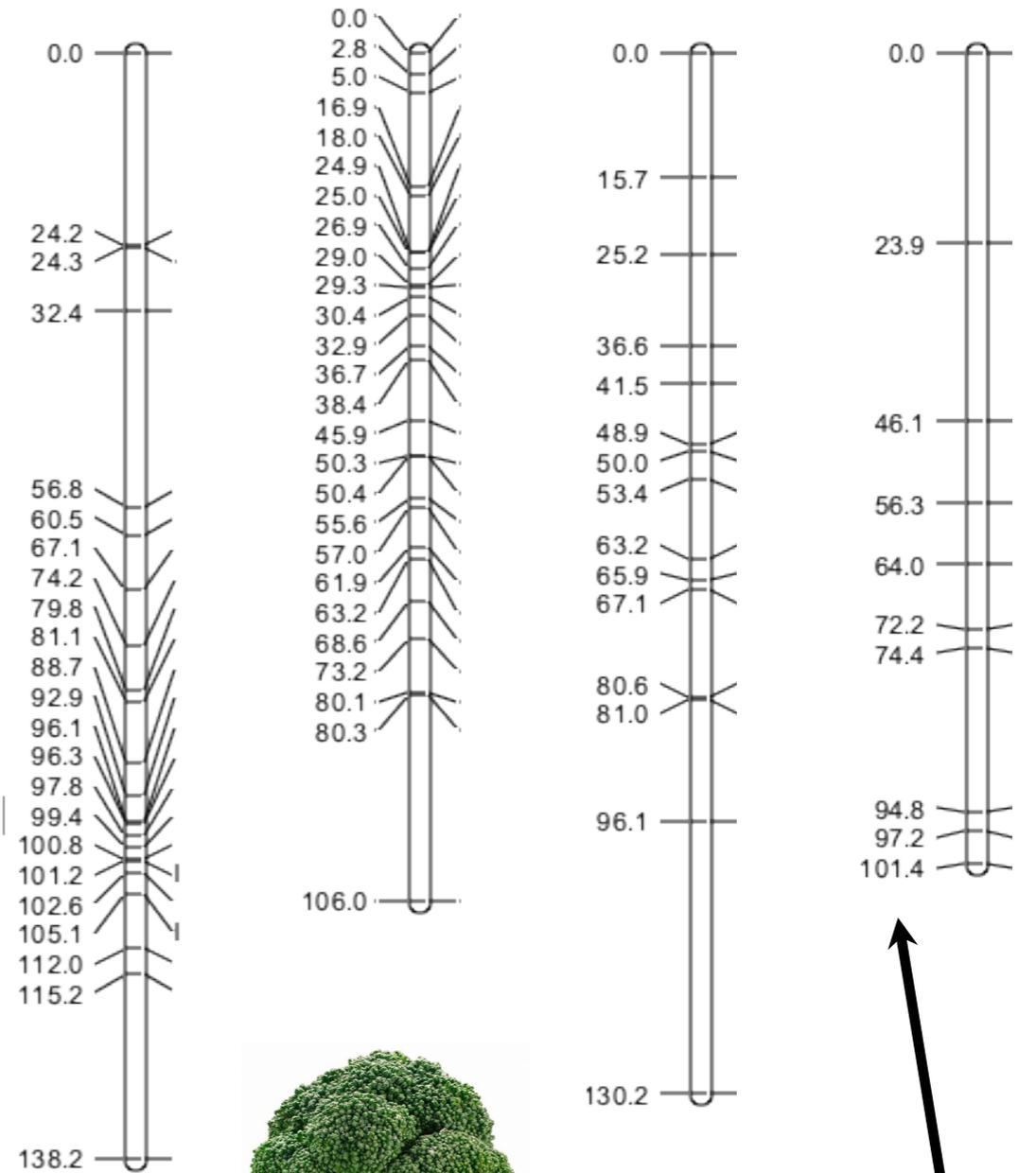
$$LOD = \log_{10} \frac{(1 - \theta)^{NR} \times \theta^R}{0.5^{(NR+R)}}$$

- NR = number of non-recombinant offspring; R = number of recombinant offspring
- Theta = recombinant fraction = R / (NR + R)
- Mapping software e.g. Mapmaker, JoinMap

Create linkage groups -> Linkage (genetic) map



Increasing LOD score



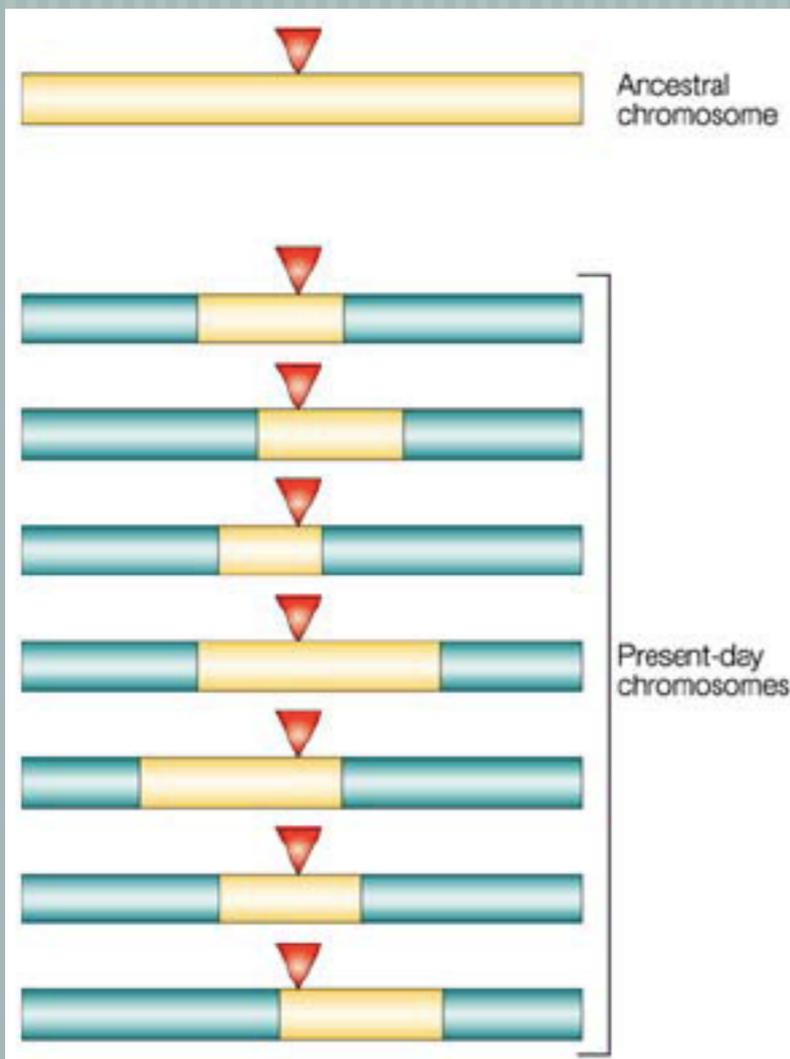
map units
cM

Map sorted genotype data = graphical genotypes

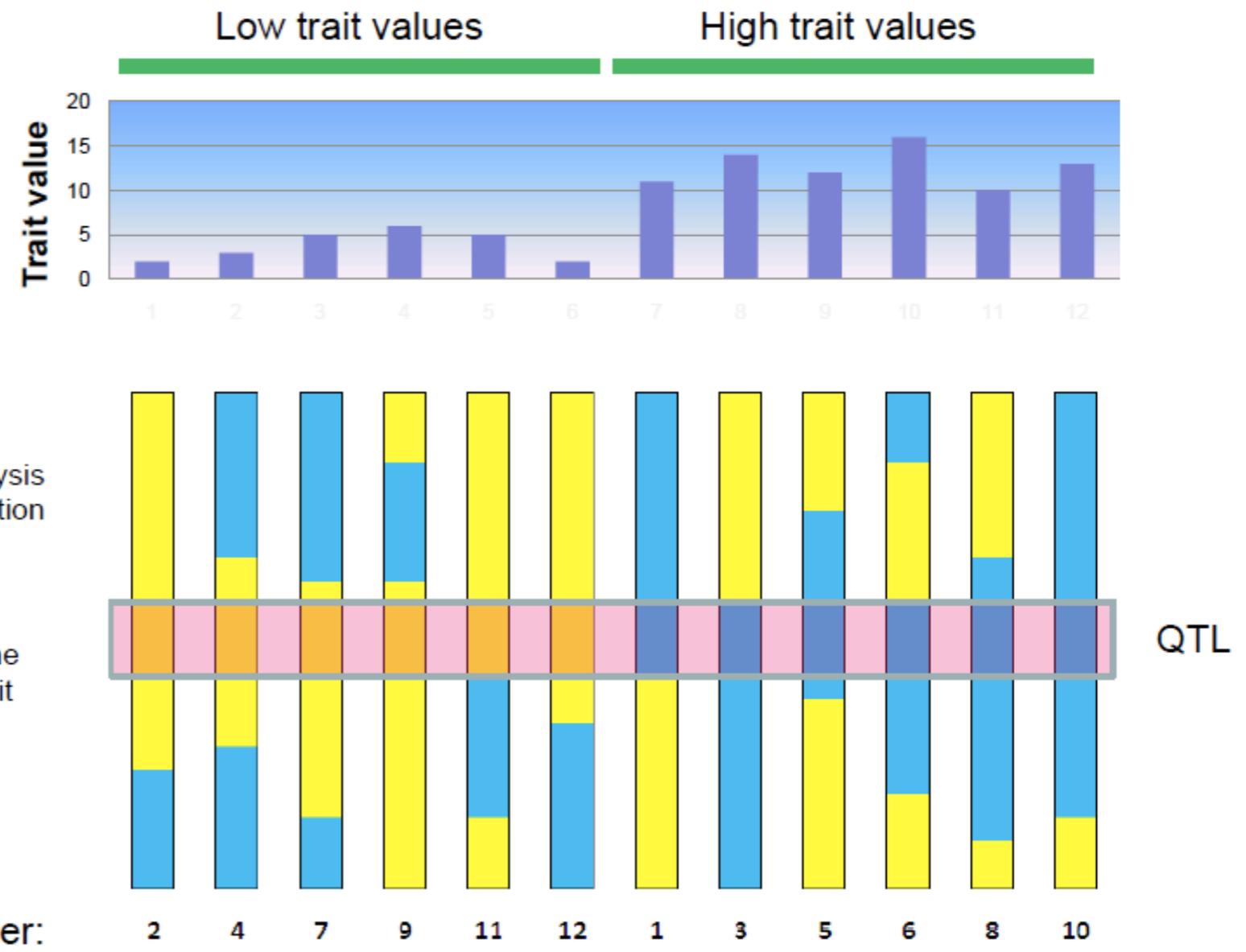
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- Format and check the data
- Calculate all pairwise recombination frequencies
- Assign markers to linkage groups then map markers within each linkage group

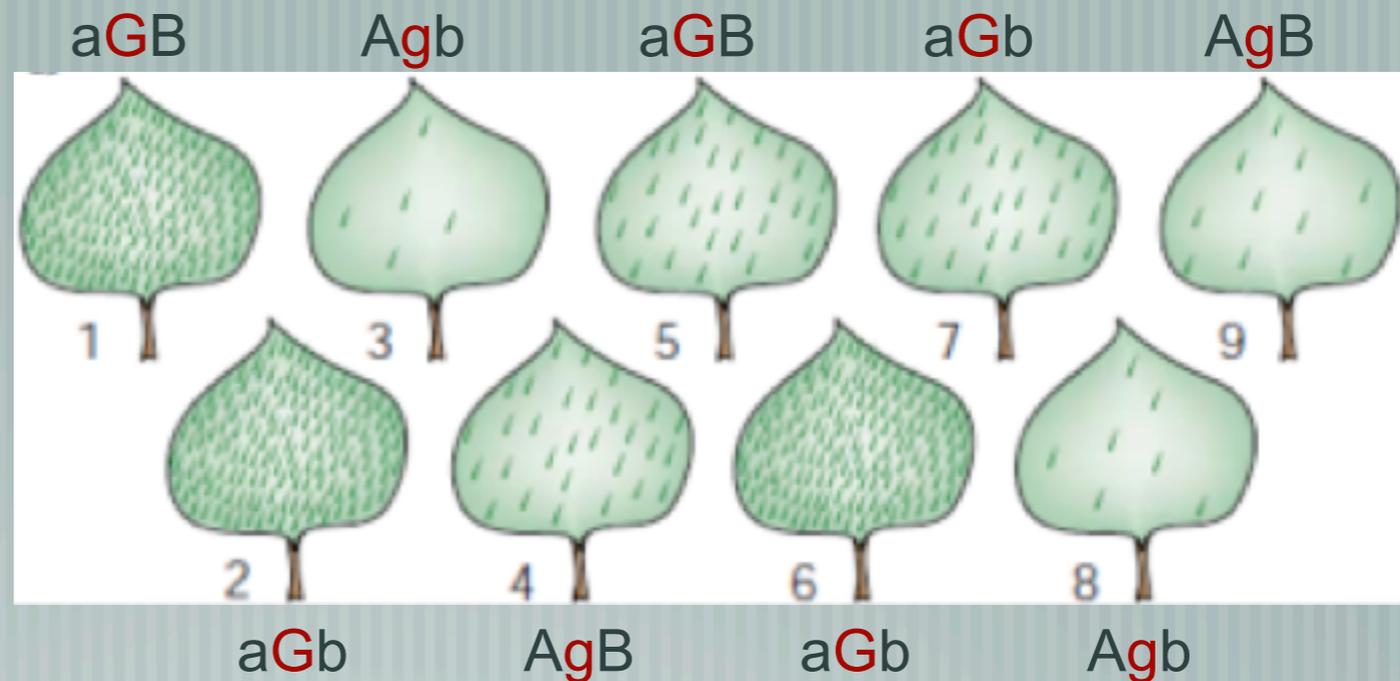
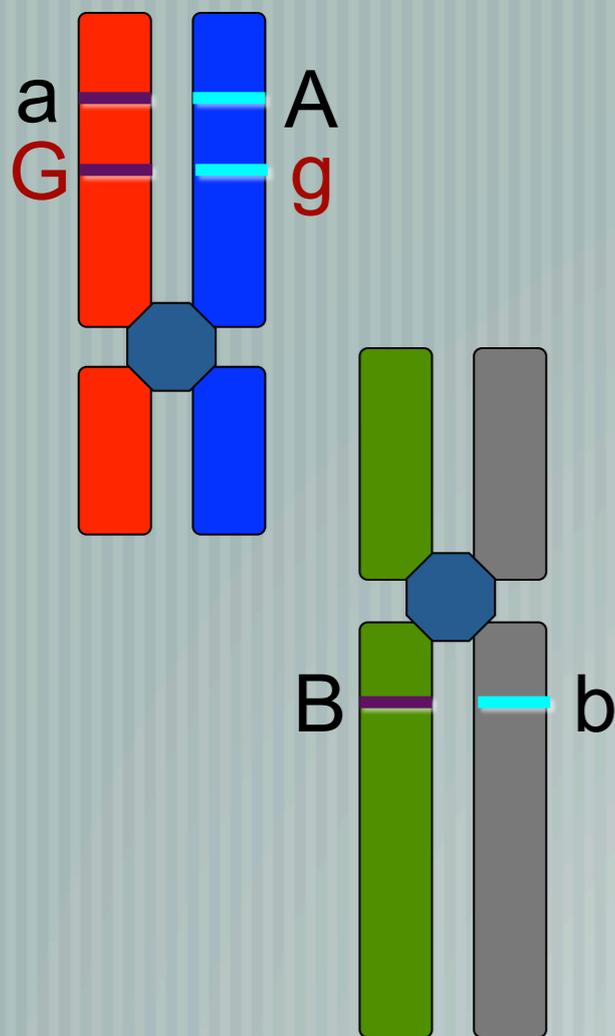
Quantitative trait loci analysis & association mapping



Statistical analysis reveals correlation of the parental genotype of a segment of the genome with the value of the trait



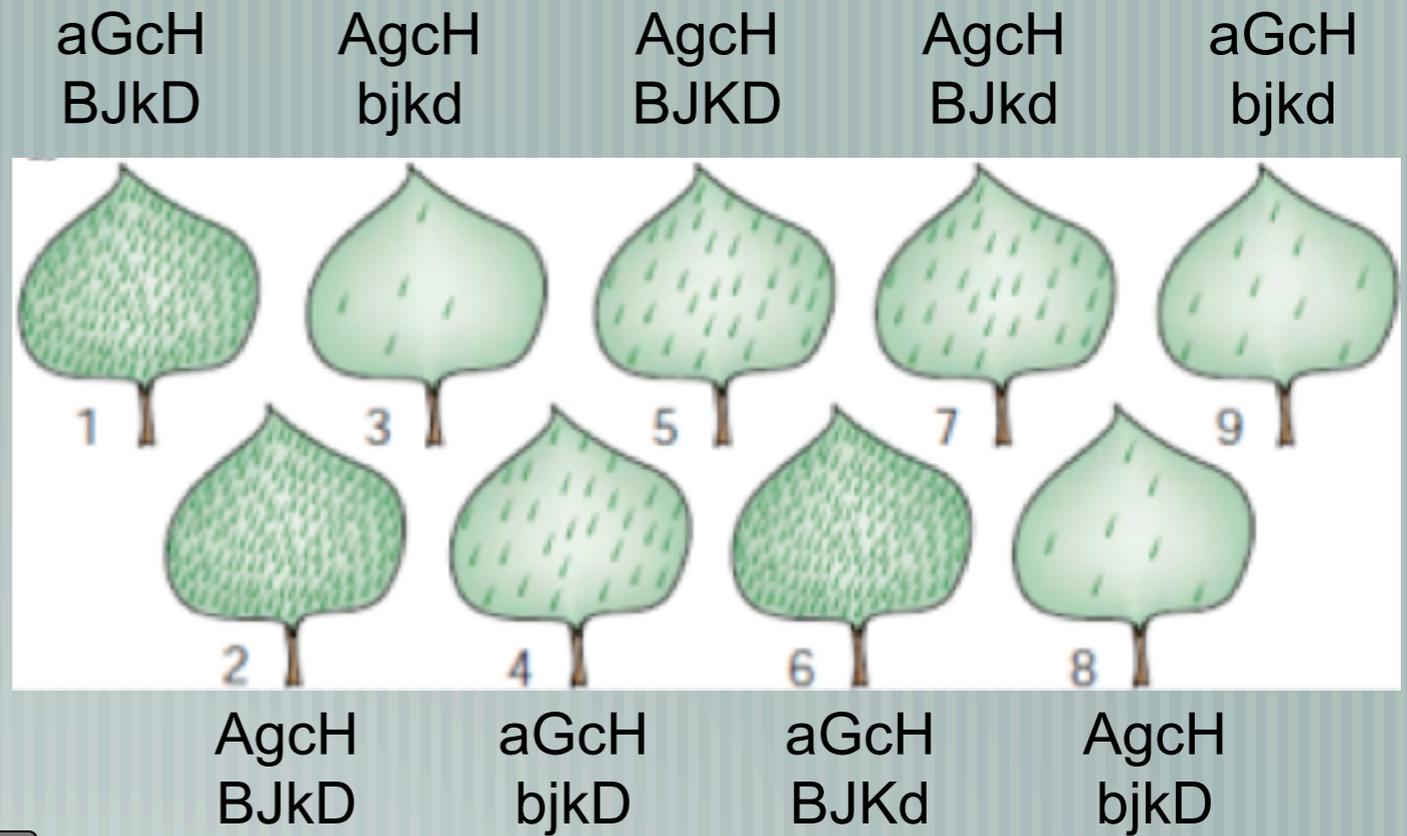
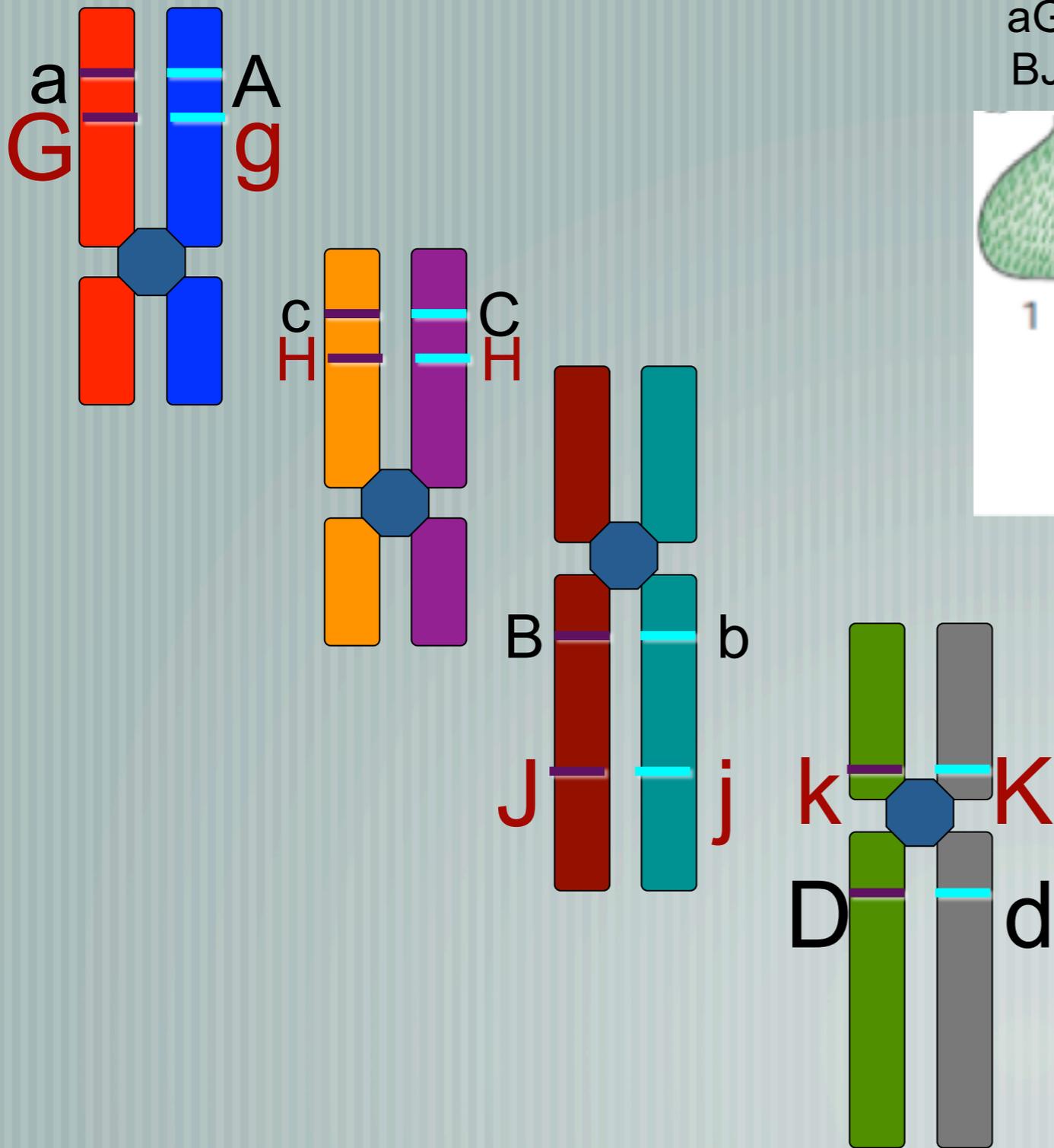
Association of phenotypes with markers



aGB	AgB	A/a and B/b = molecular scores
aGB	AgB	
aGb	Agb	G/g = phenotypic score
aGb	Agb	
aGb	Agb	

- Results from marker A/a: suggests that the gene is very close to the marker
- Results from marker B/b: suggests that the gene is not linked to the marker

Have to consider multiple loci

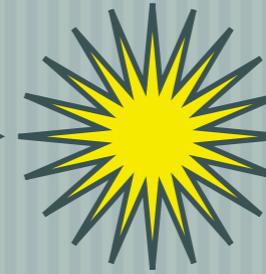


Agch BJkd	Agch BJkD	aGch bjkD	aGch bjkd
Agch BJKD			
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To map a quantitative trait (QTL analysis):

1. Make a suitable population
2. Genotype individuals - generate linkage map

3. Collect phenotypic measurements
 - Evaluate in uniform environment,
 - Evaluate in multiple environments
 - Data transformation (approach normal distribution)Look at correlations between traits, transgressive segregation?



design your
experiment,
e.g. DEW

4. Look for trait-marker associations
5. Estimate the effects of the QTLs on the quantitative trait:
 - many genes with small effect each or few genes with large effect each?
 - their effects on the trait: is gene action additive or dominant?
 - their positions in the genome: linkage and association, epistasis
 - their interaction with the environment
6. Identify candidate genes underlying the QTL and thus the trait

Variation in a trait in a population is caused by Genetic and Environmental contributions

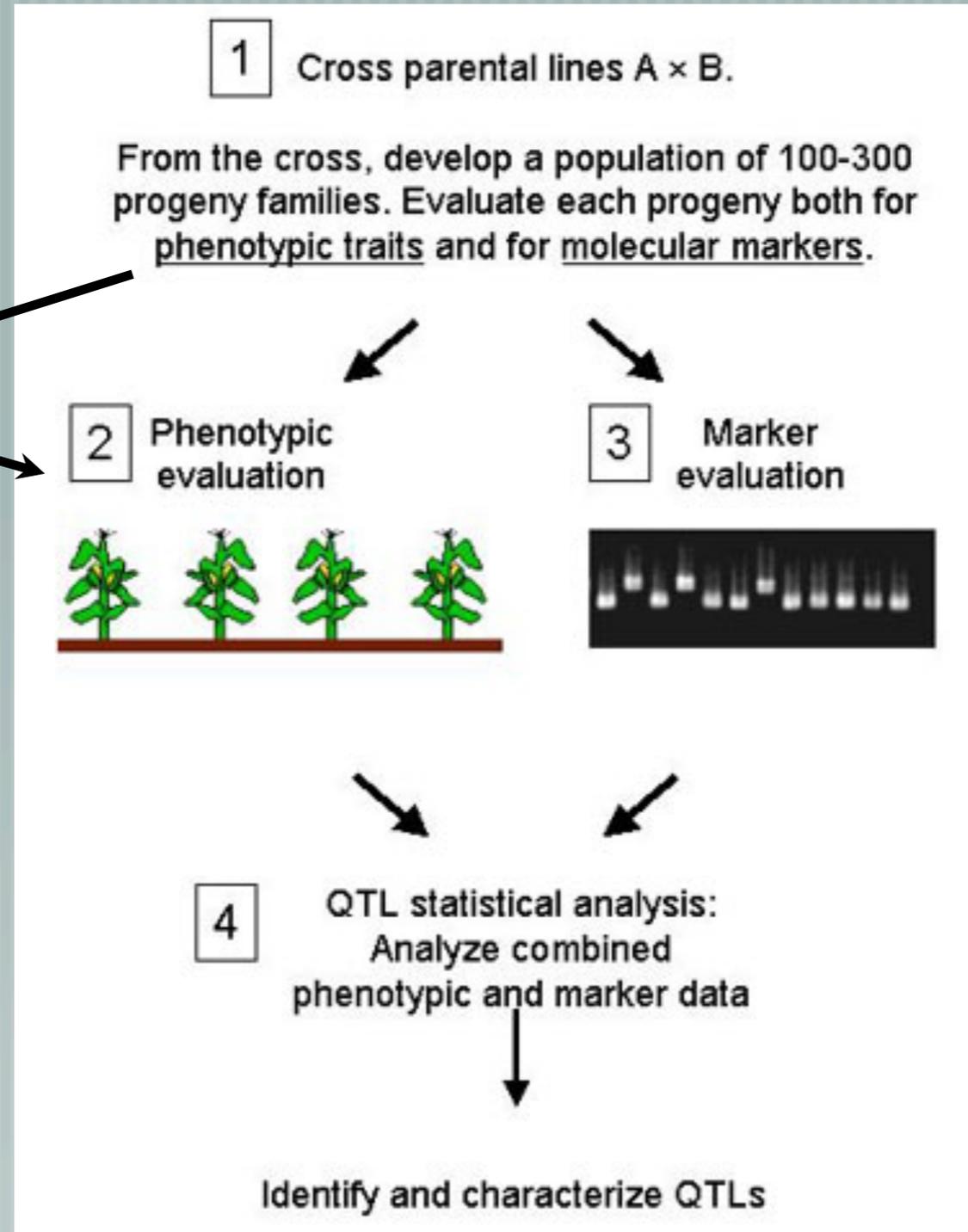
$$V_P = V_G + V_E$$

Variation due to genetical causes is the heritability of the trait

$$h^2 = V_P/V_G$$

broad sense heritability
 $h^2_b = V_G/(V_G+V_E)$

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Next time:

(3) QTL and GWAS methods

By the end of this lecture you should be able to explain:

- Some of the principles underlying the statistical analysis of QTLs
- Under what conditions particular methods are suitable
- The core differences between QTL analysis and GWAS