

# Mapping QTL to a phylogenetic tree

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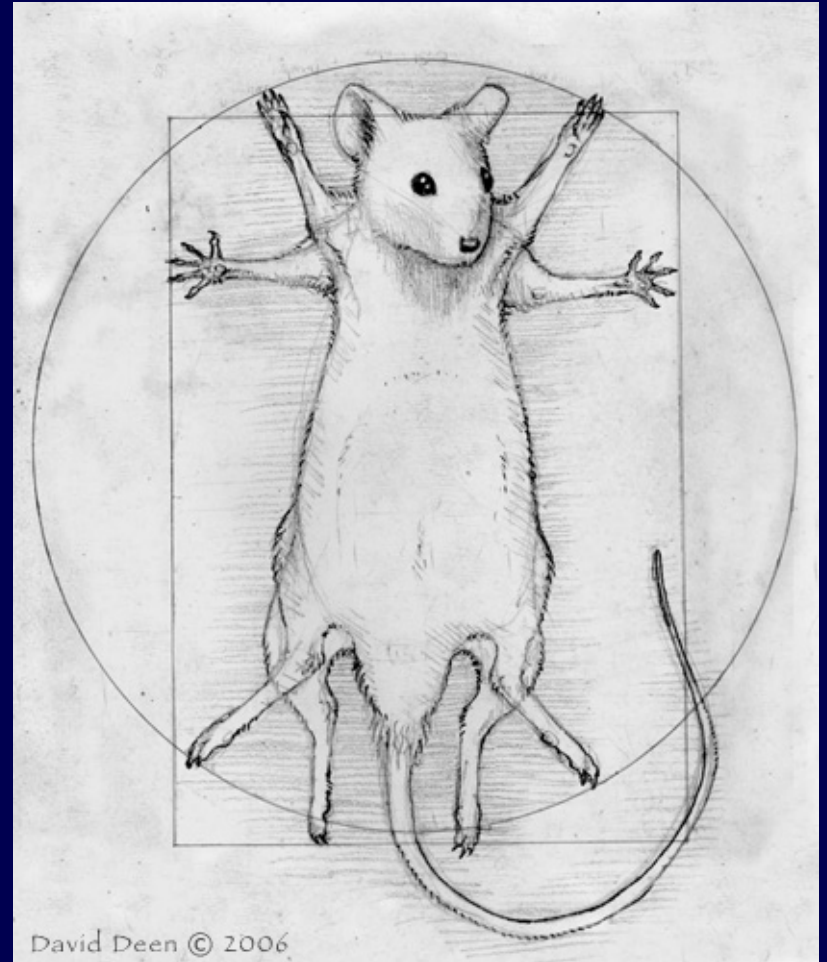
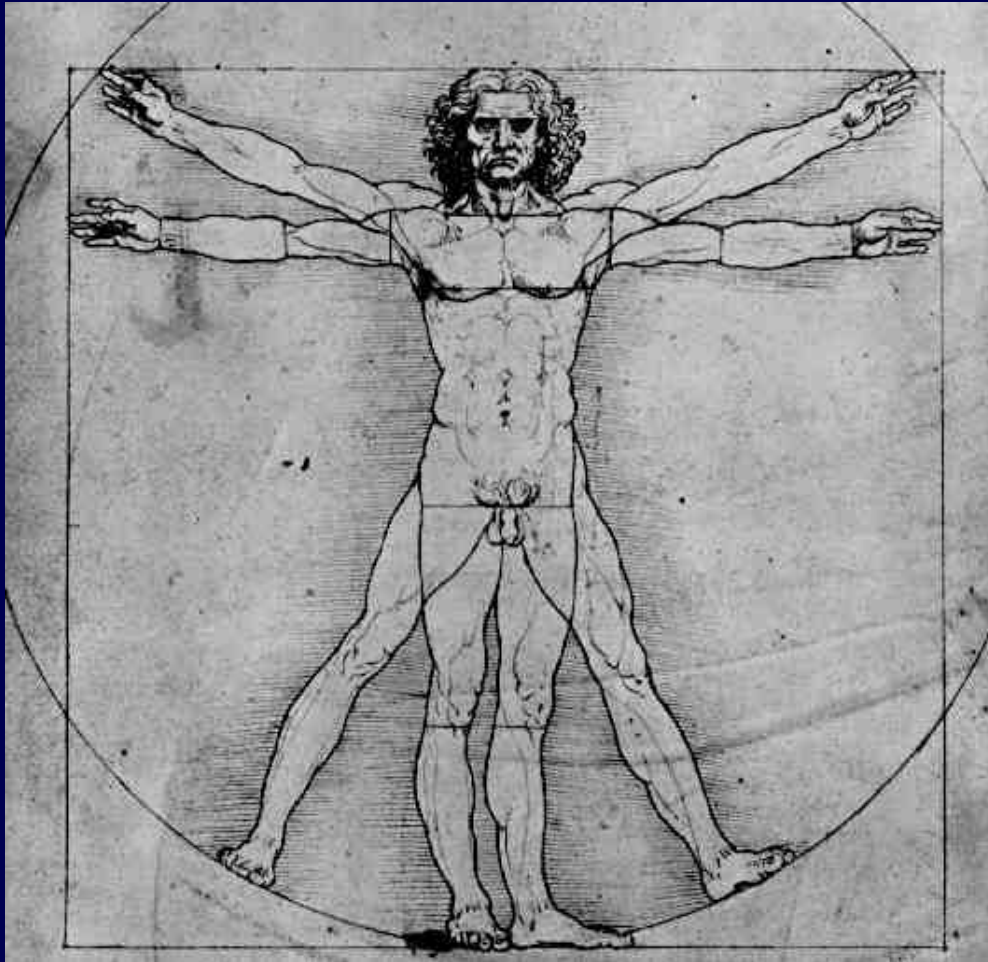
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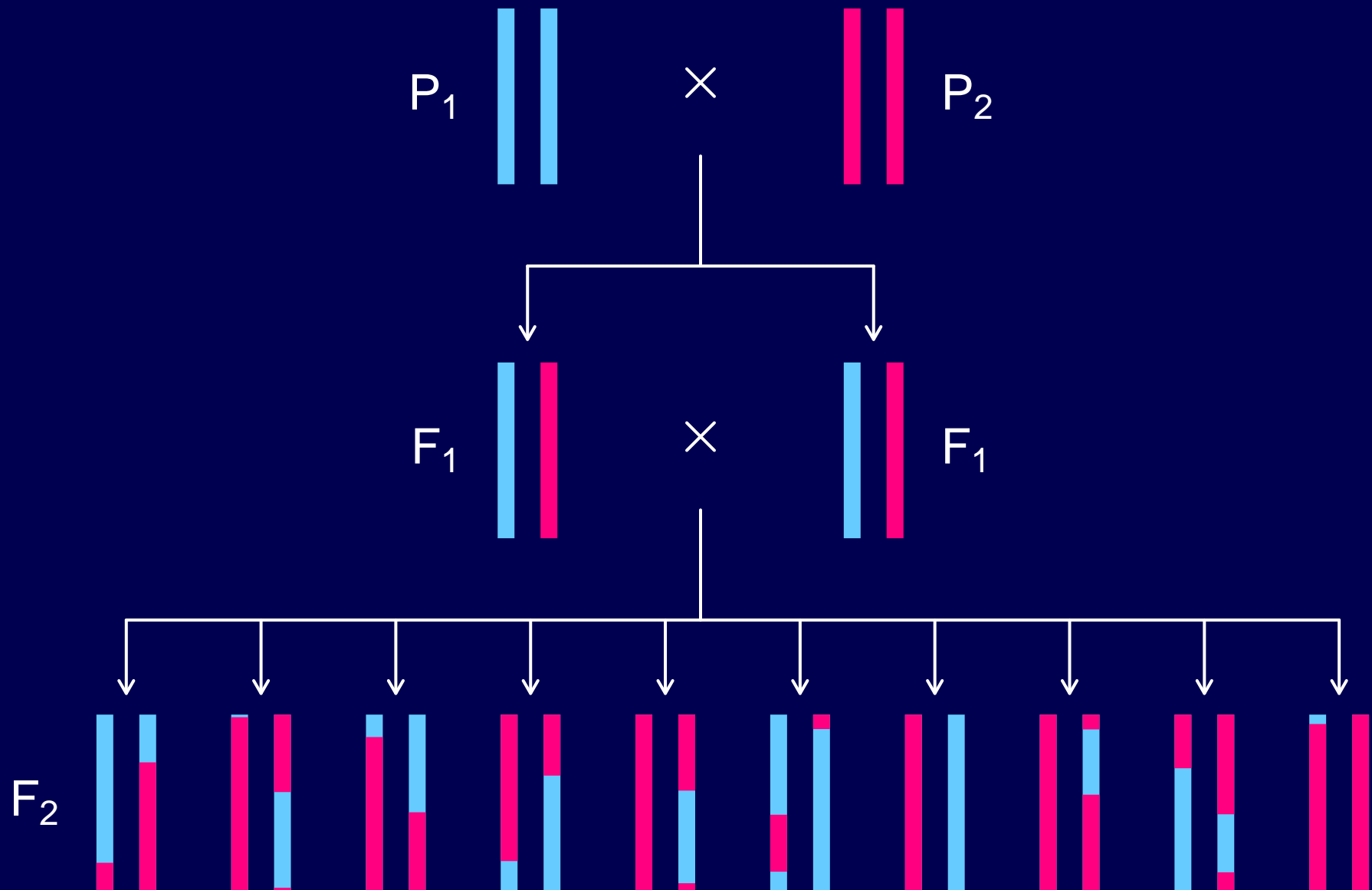


# Human vs mouse

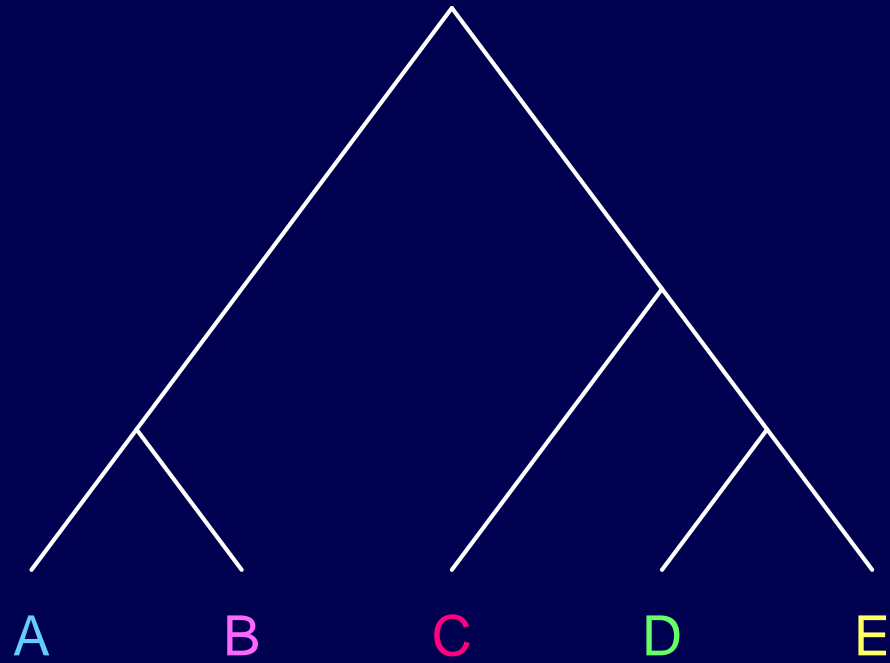


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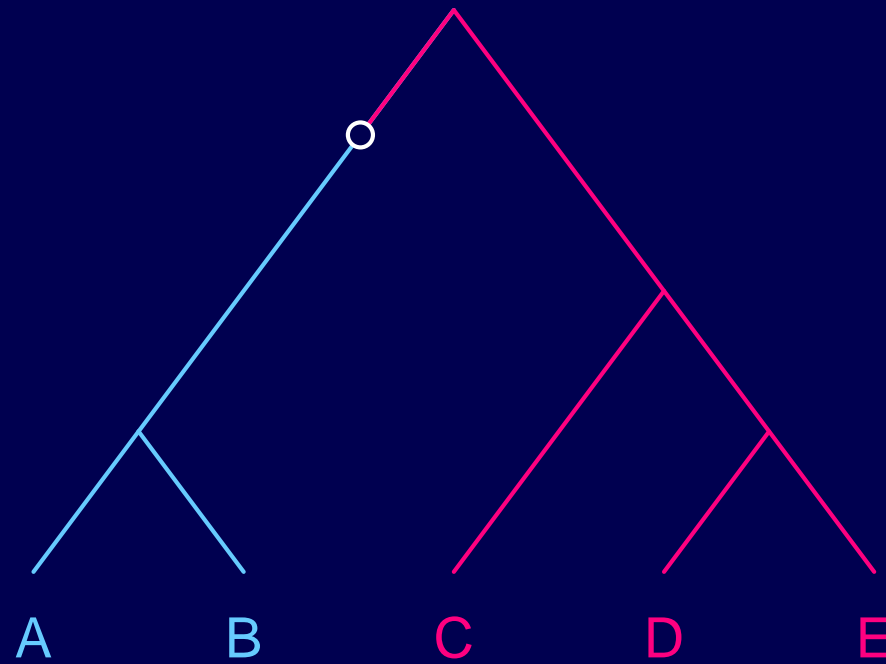
# Intercross



# A tree



# A QTL on a tree



# QTL mapping

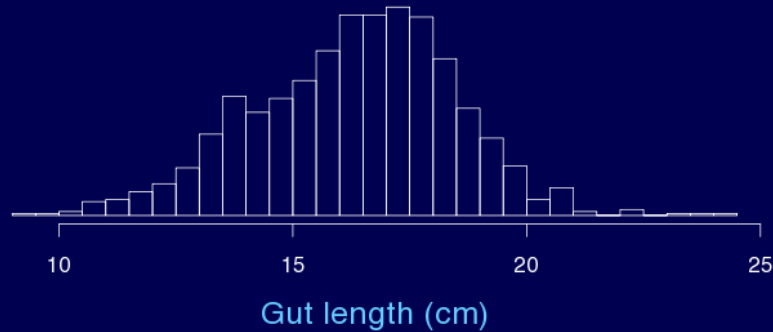
QTL = Quantitative Trait Locus

QTL mapping data:

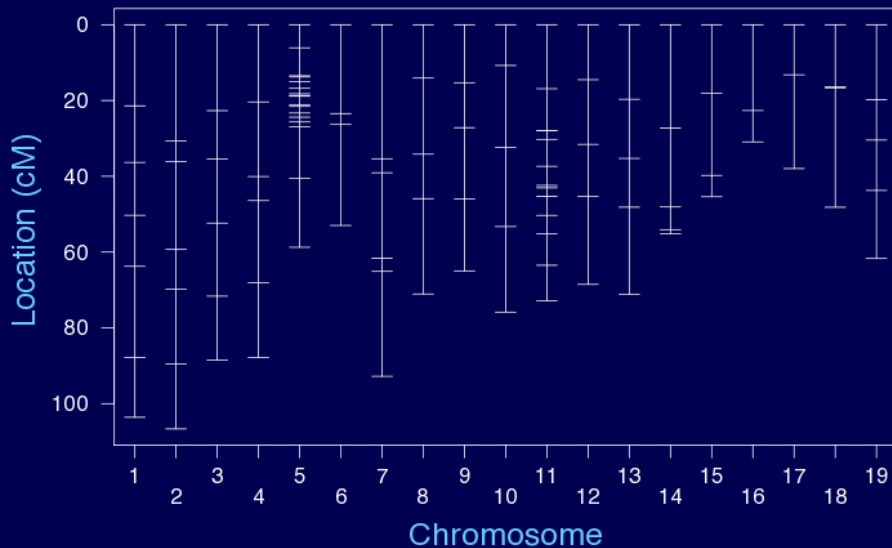
- Set of intercross individuals
- Quantitative phenotype for each
- Marker genotype data
- Genetic map

# QTL mapping data

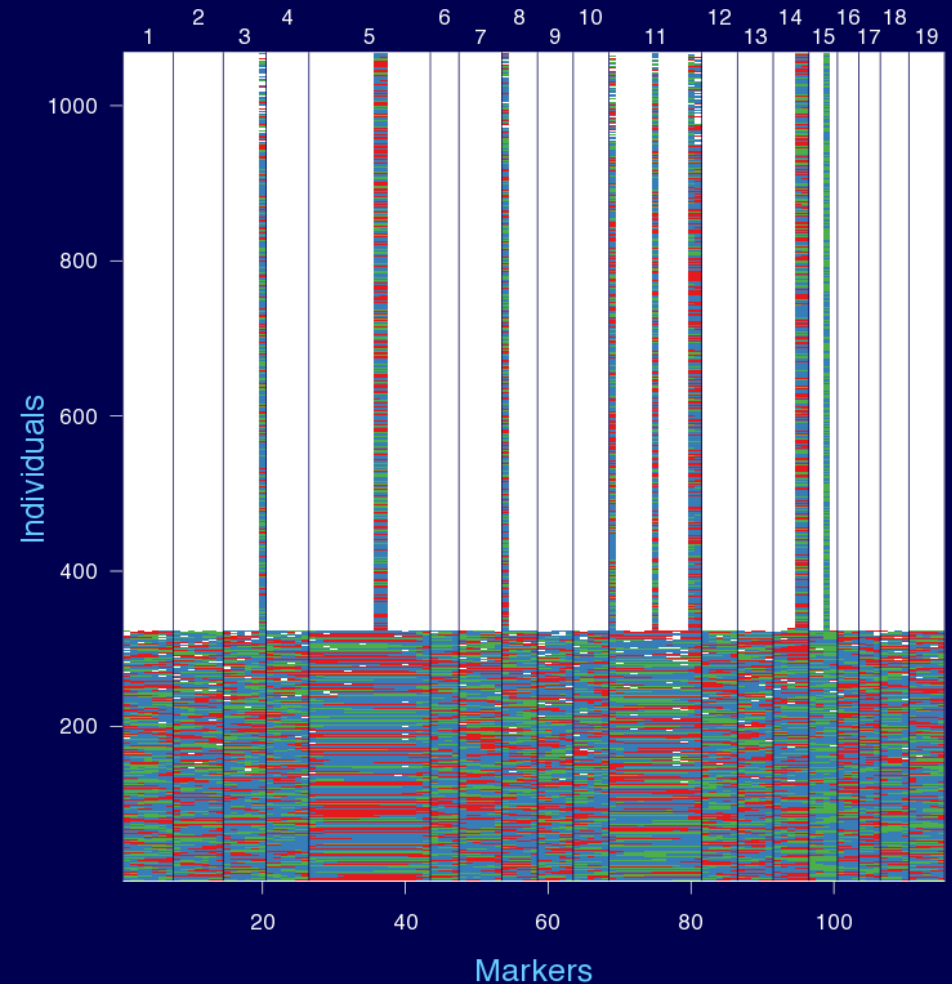
Phenotype



Genetic map



Genotype data

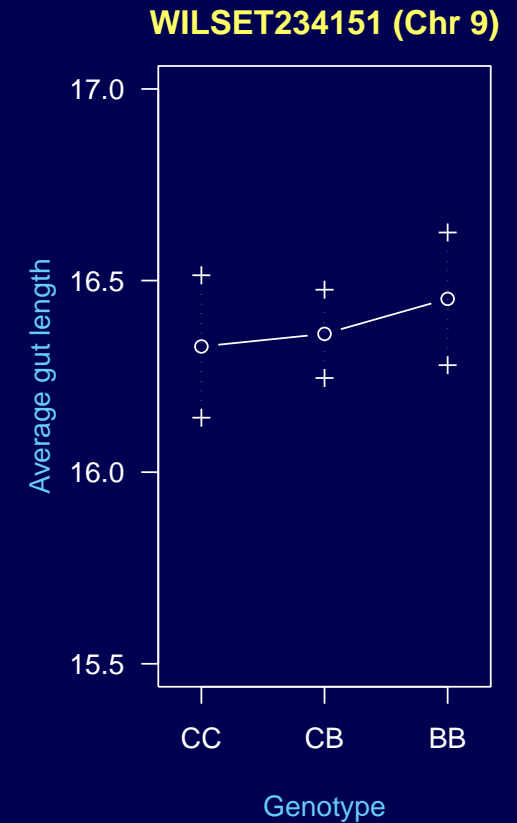
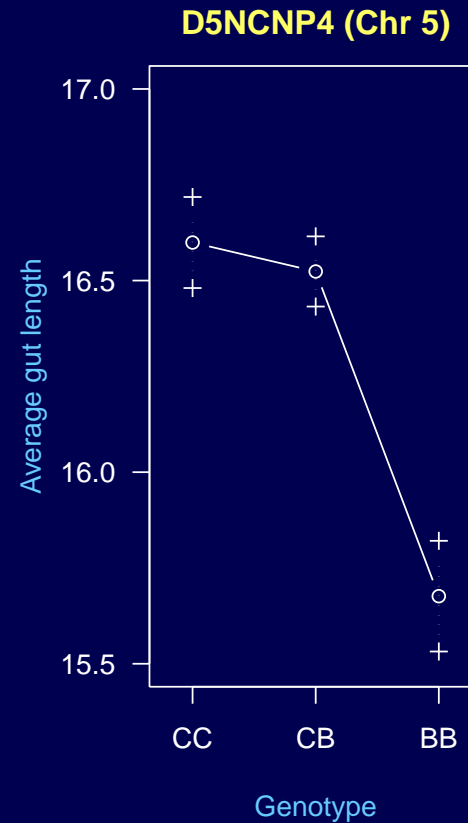


Broman et al., *Genetics*, 174:2151–2158, 2006  
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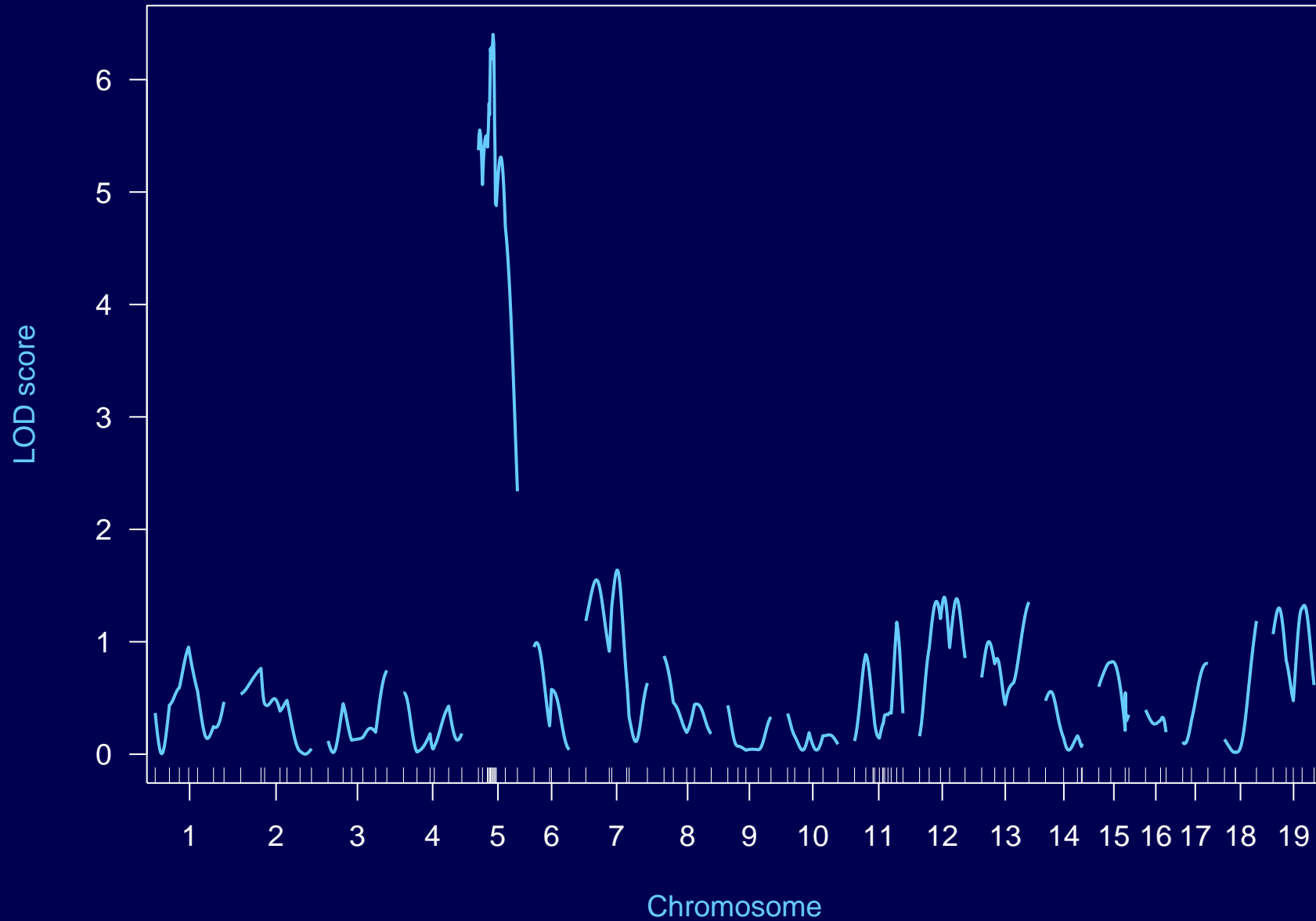


# ANOVA at marker loci

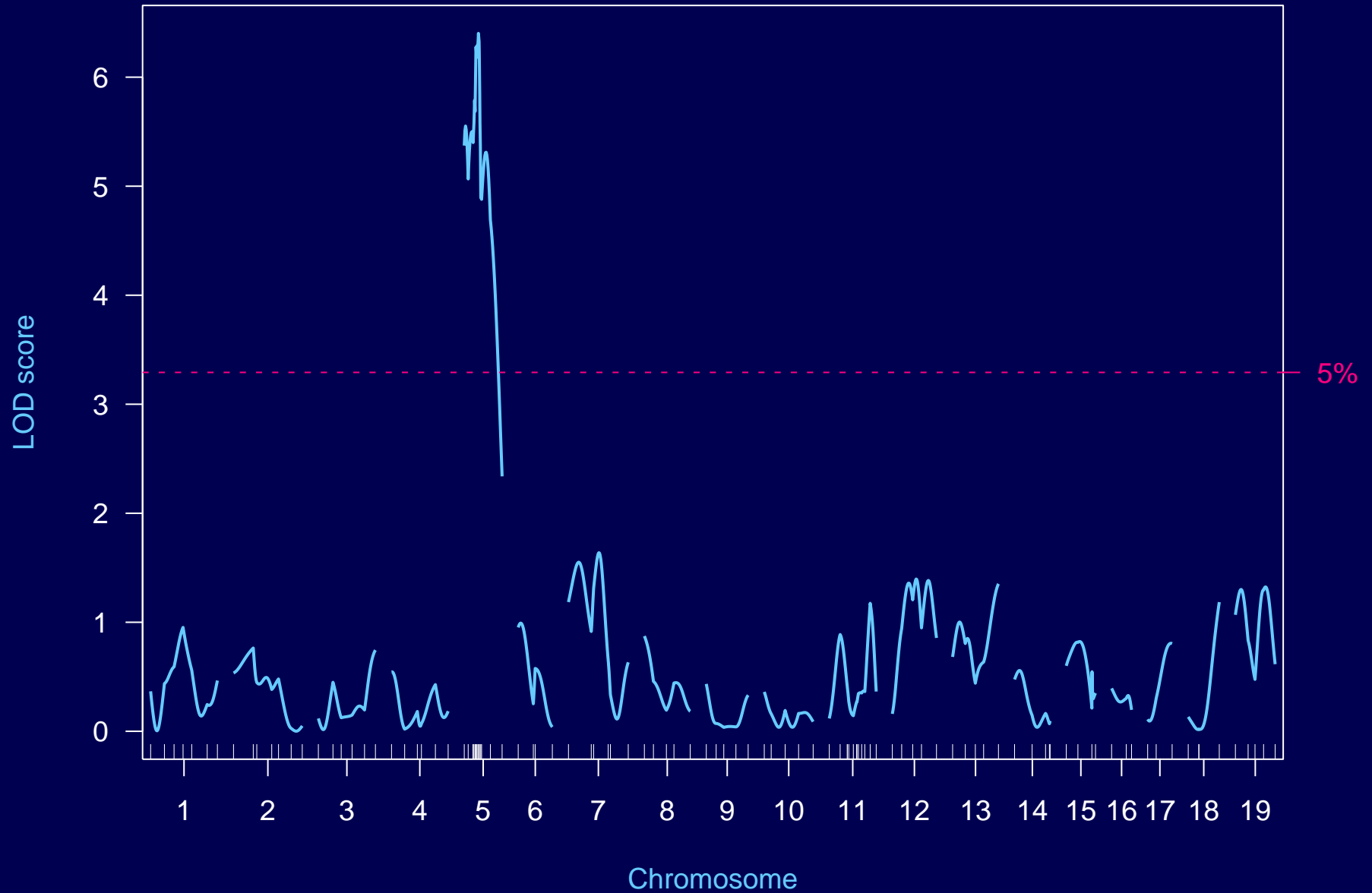
- Split mice into groups according to genotype at a marker.
- Do a t-test / ANOVA.
- Repeat for each marker.



# LOD curves

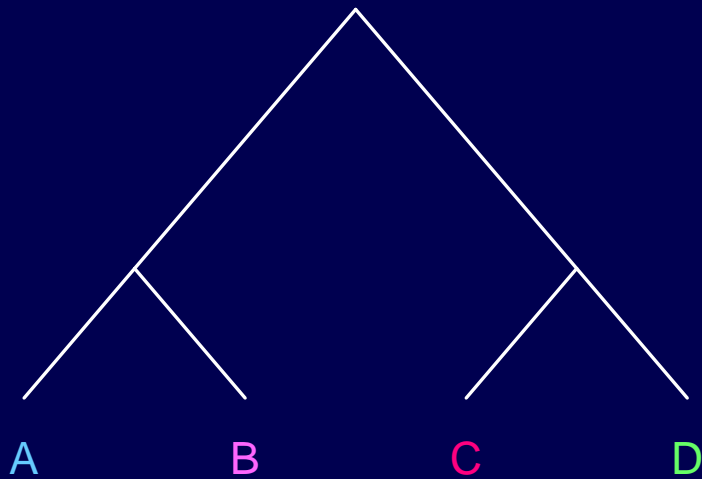


# LOD curves



# QTL on a tree

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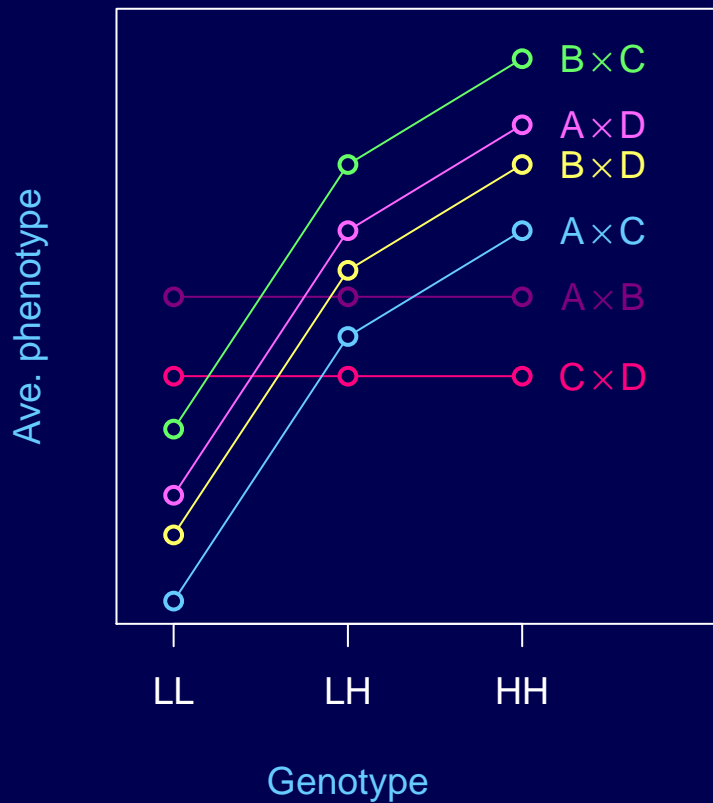
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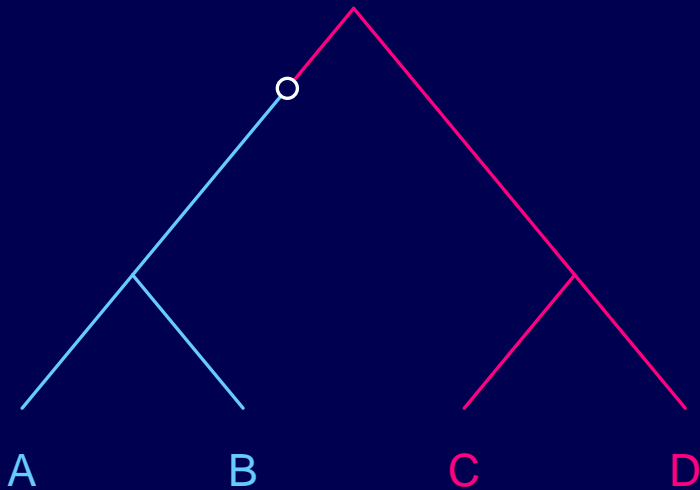
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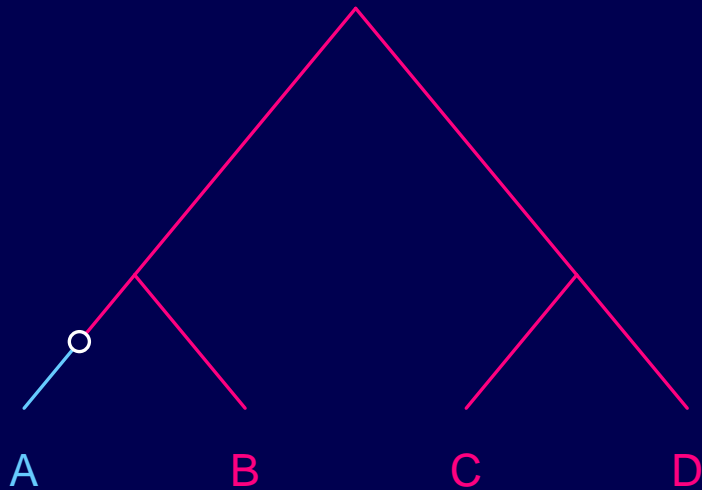
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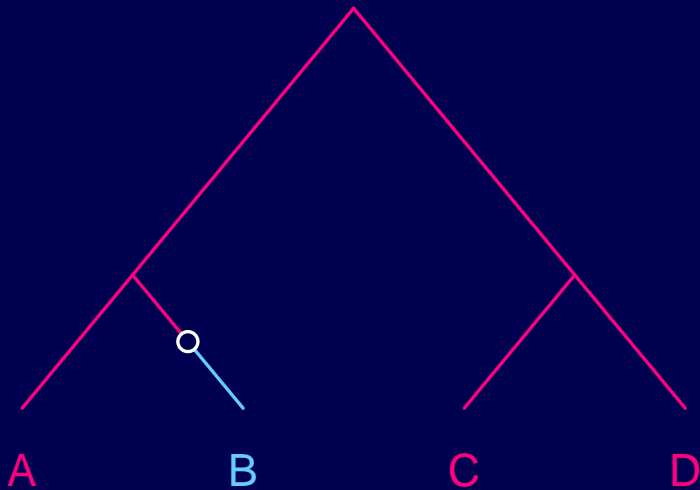
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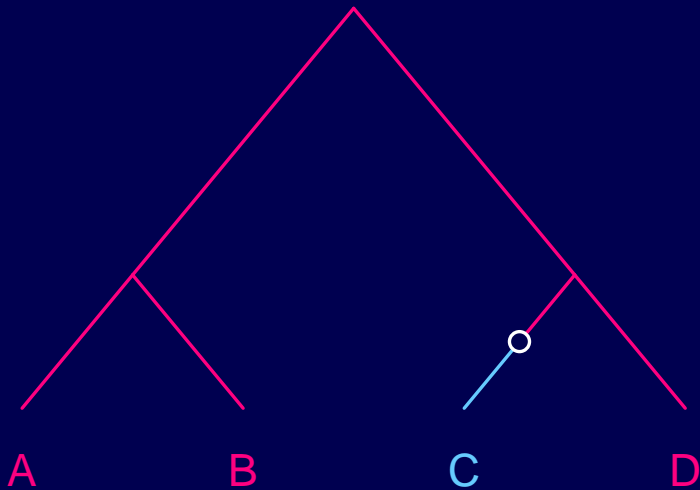


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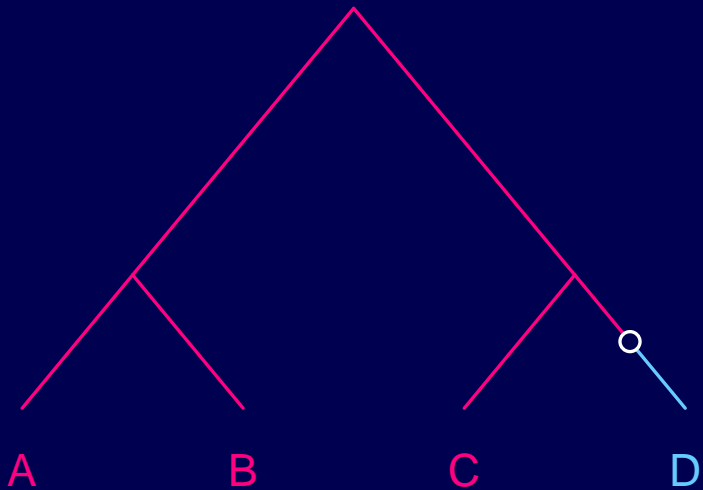
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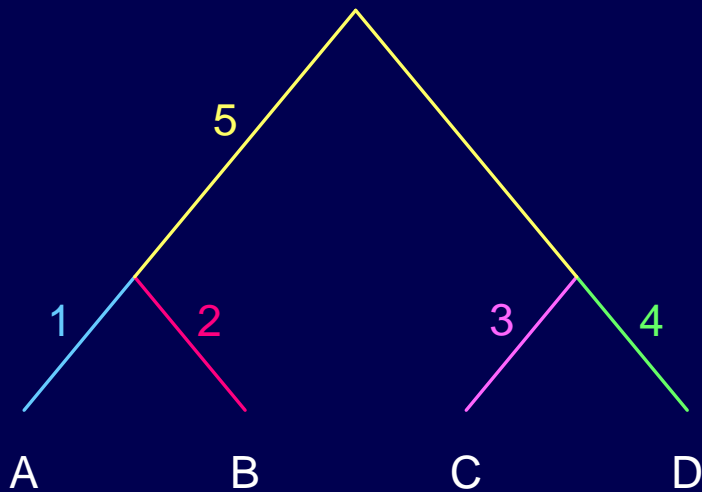
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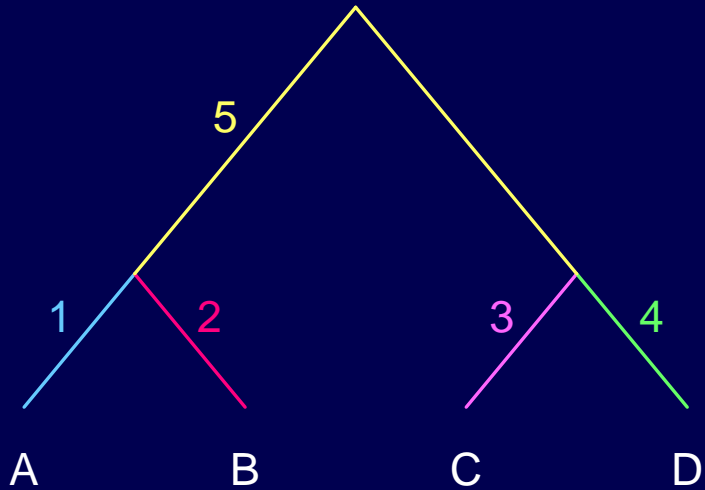
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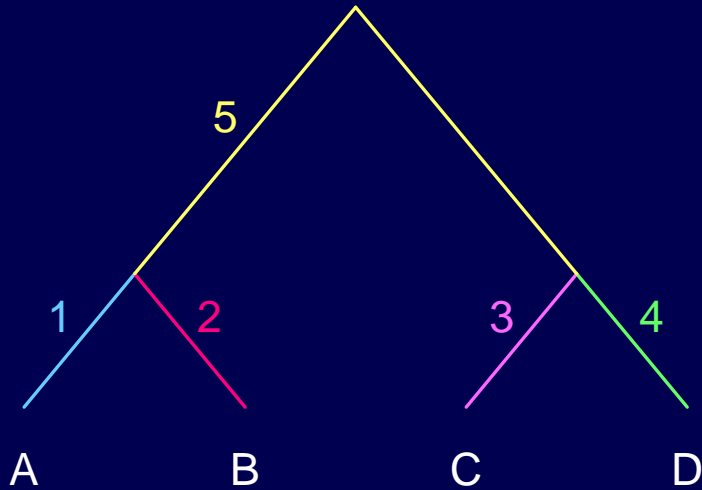
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# Combining crosses

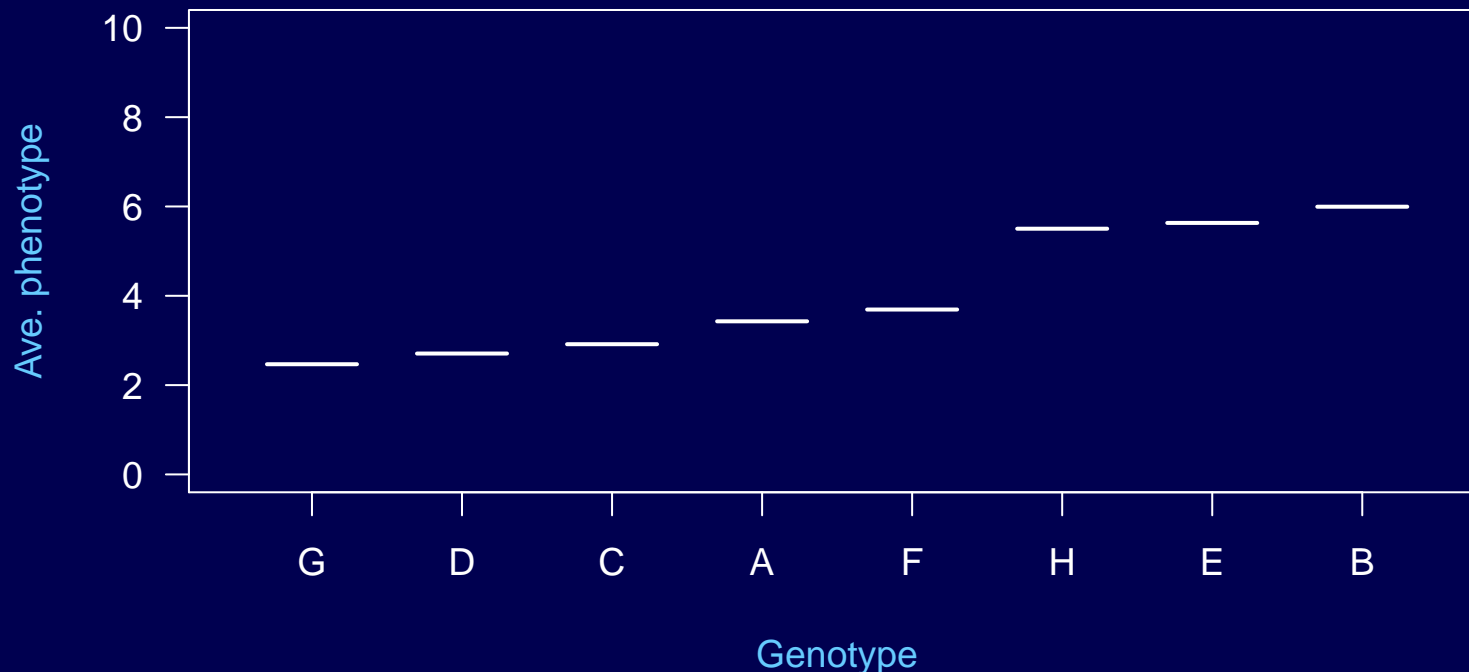
Li et al., Genetics 169:1699–1709, 2005

- Four mouse intercrosses,  $I \times P$ ,  $P \times D$ ,  $D \times C$ ,  $C \times S$
- $I$ ,  $D$ ,  $S$  have low plasma HDL cholesterol
- $P$ ,  $C$  have high plasma HDL cholesterol
- Use results from individual crosses to determine partition
- Recode genotypes in each cross to  $L/H$  and combine (with the goal of increasing mapping precision)

# Diallelic QTL

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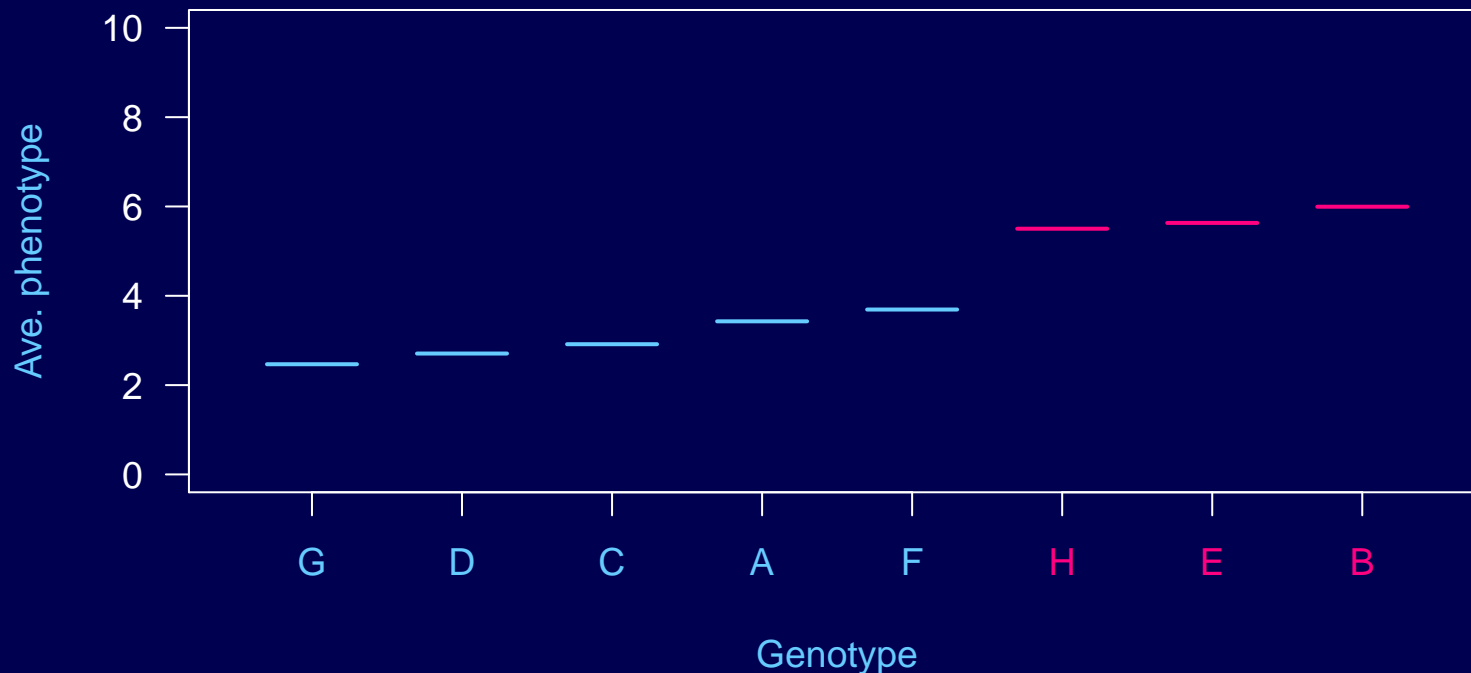
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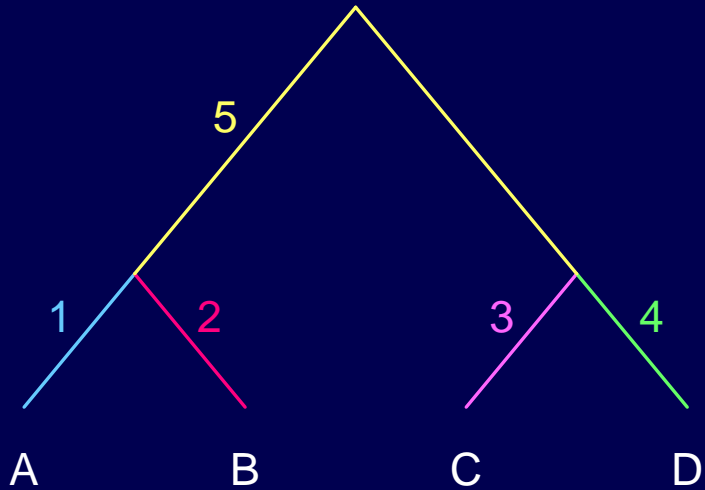
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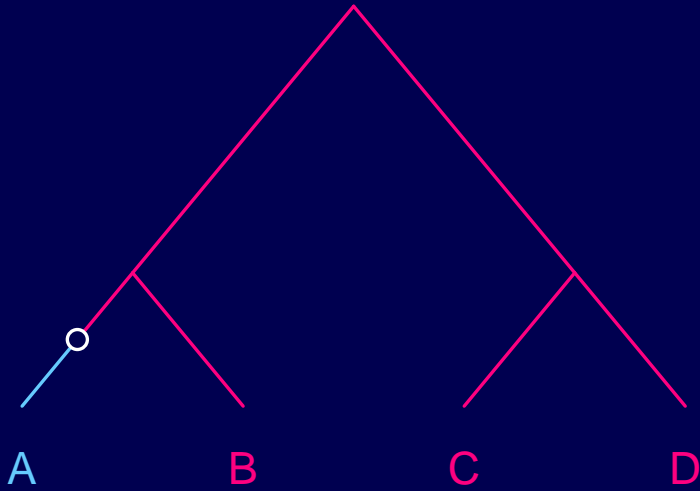


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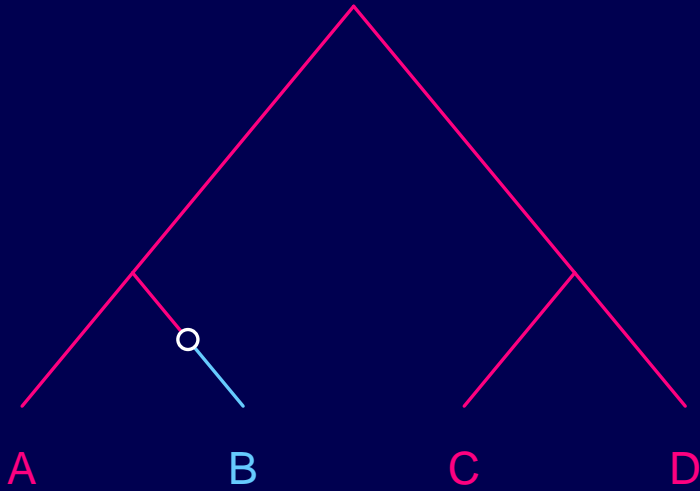
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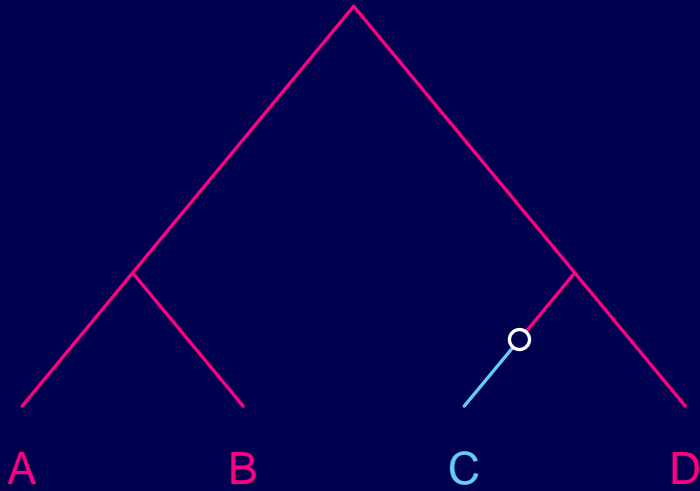
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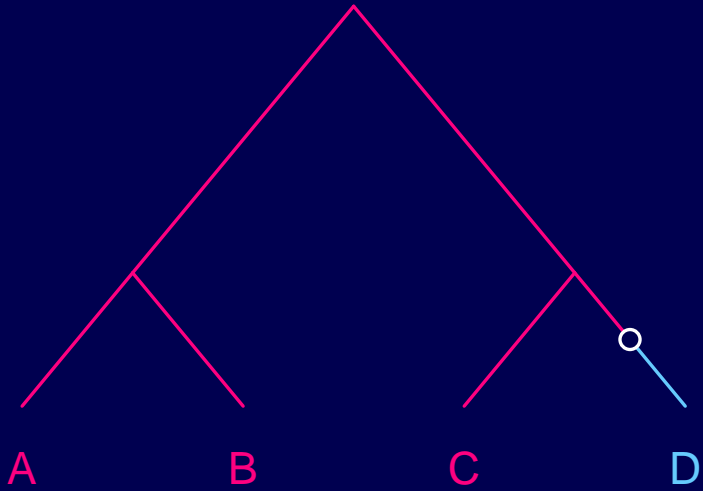
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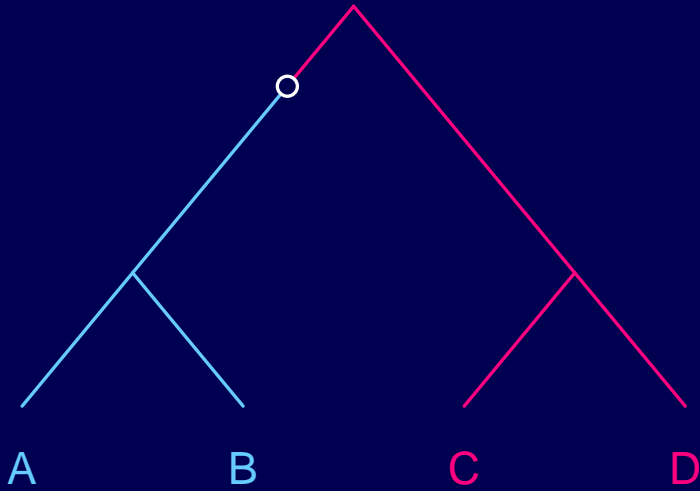
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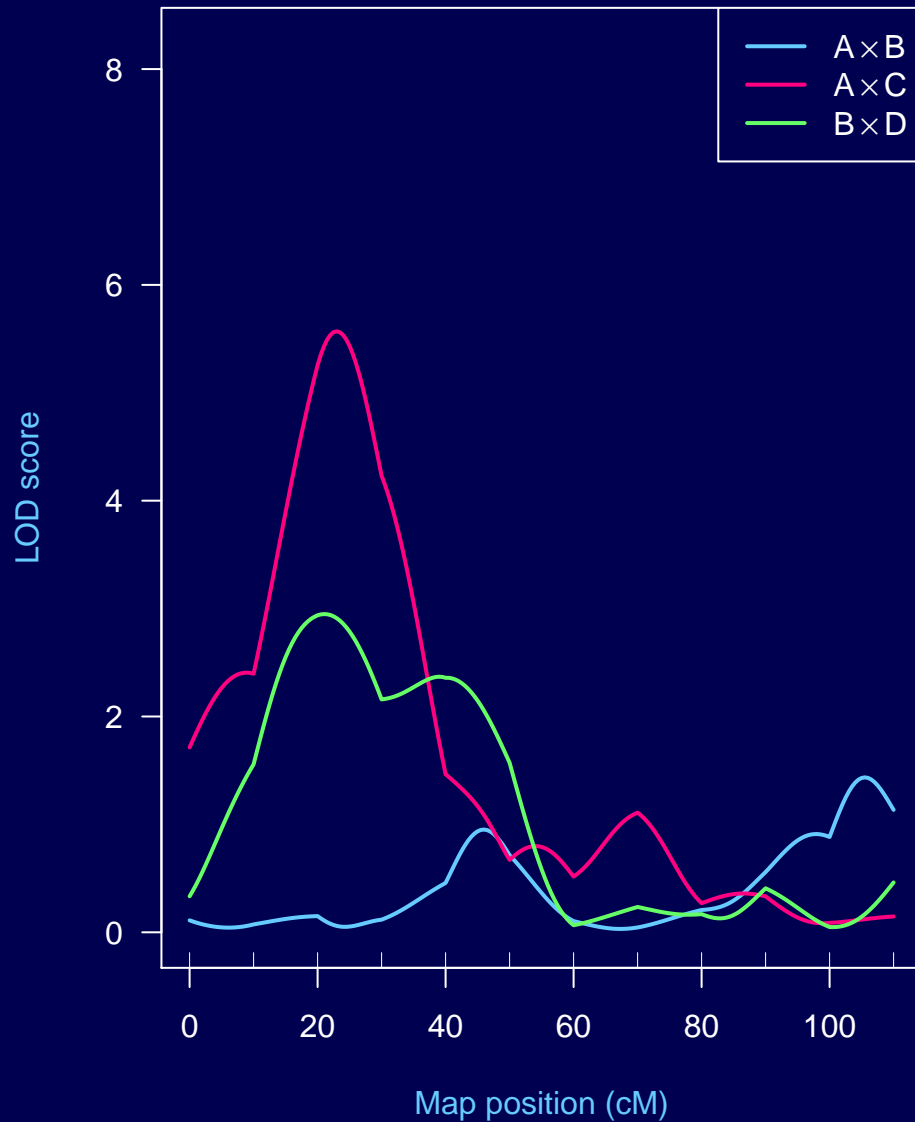
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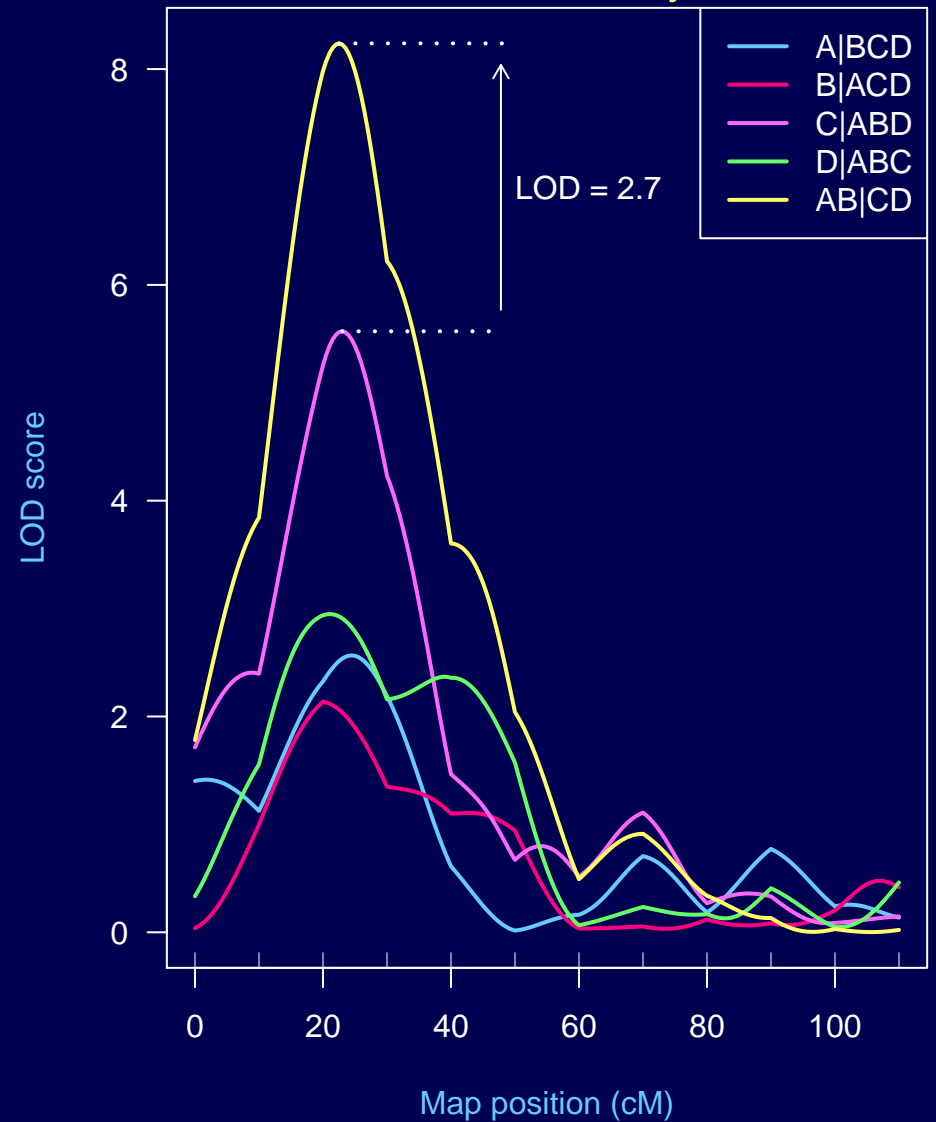
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# Simulated example

## Individual crosses

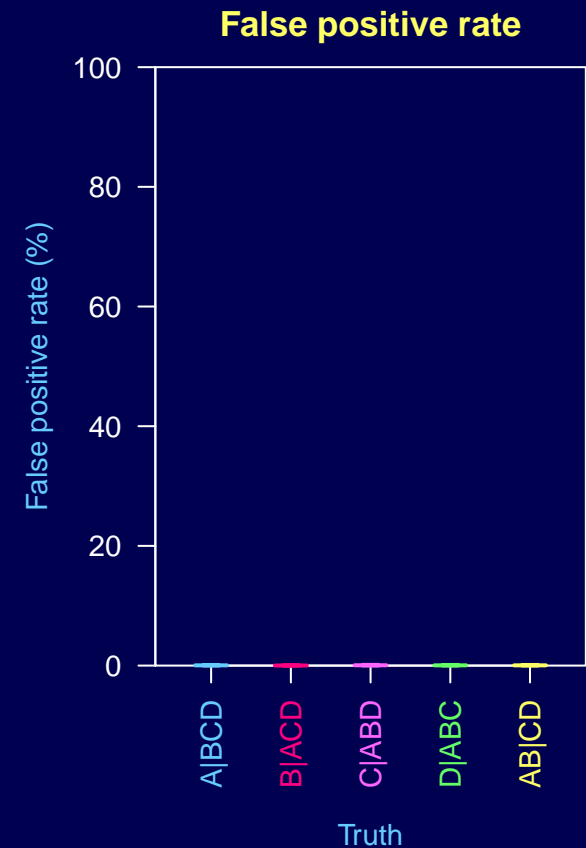
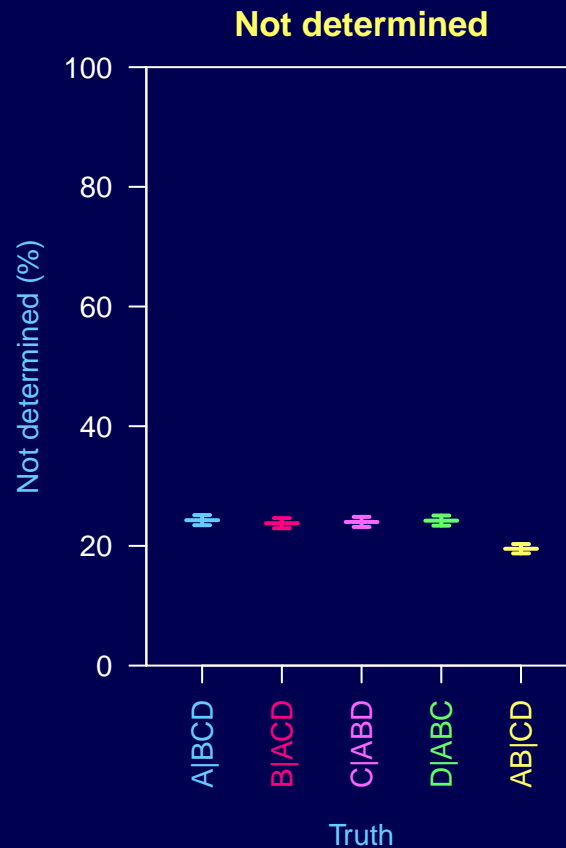
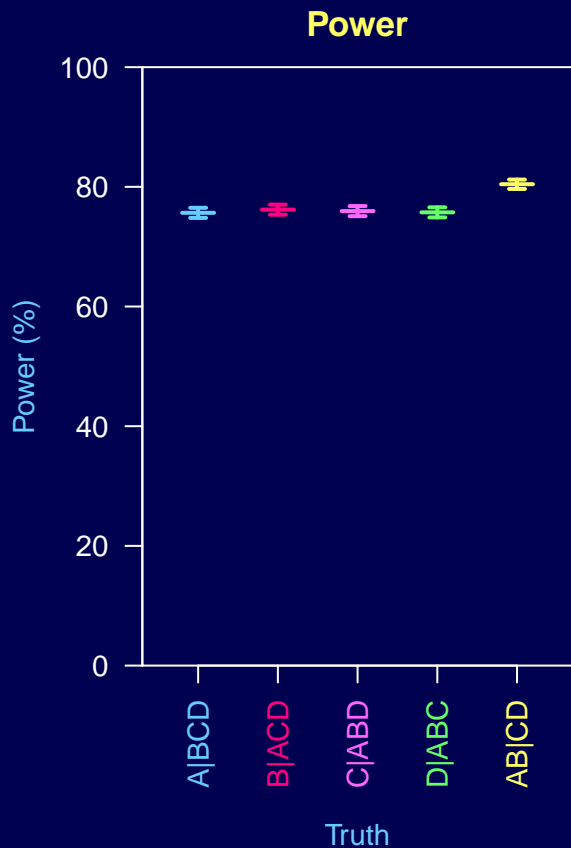


## Combined analysis



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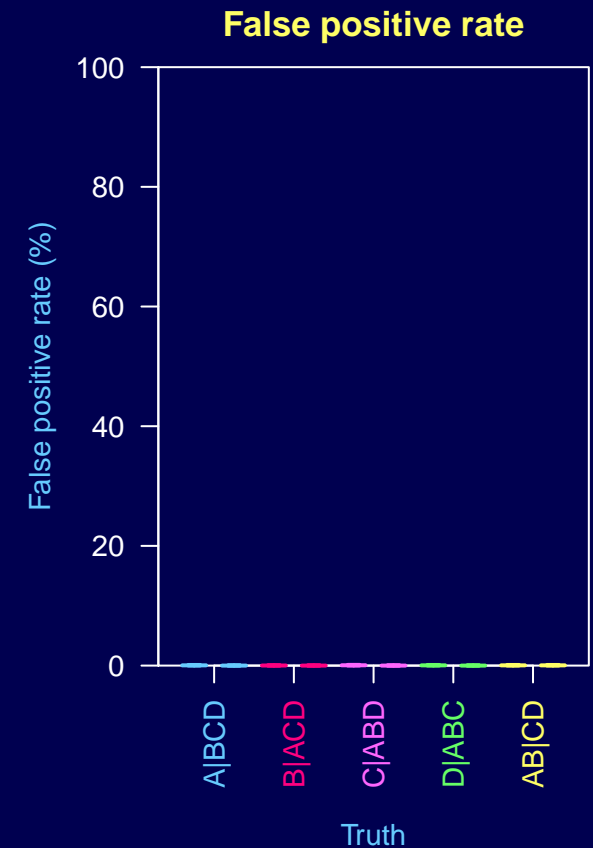
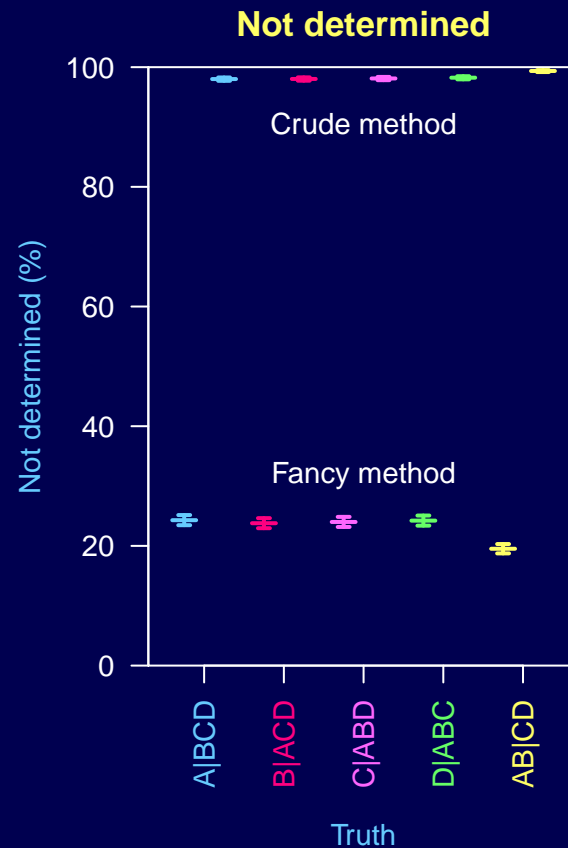
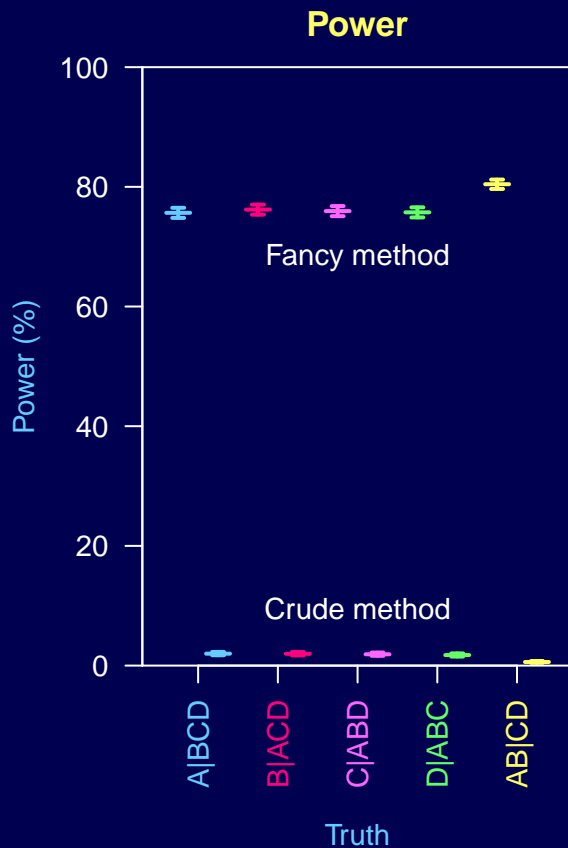
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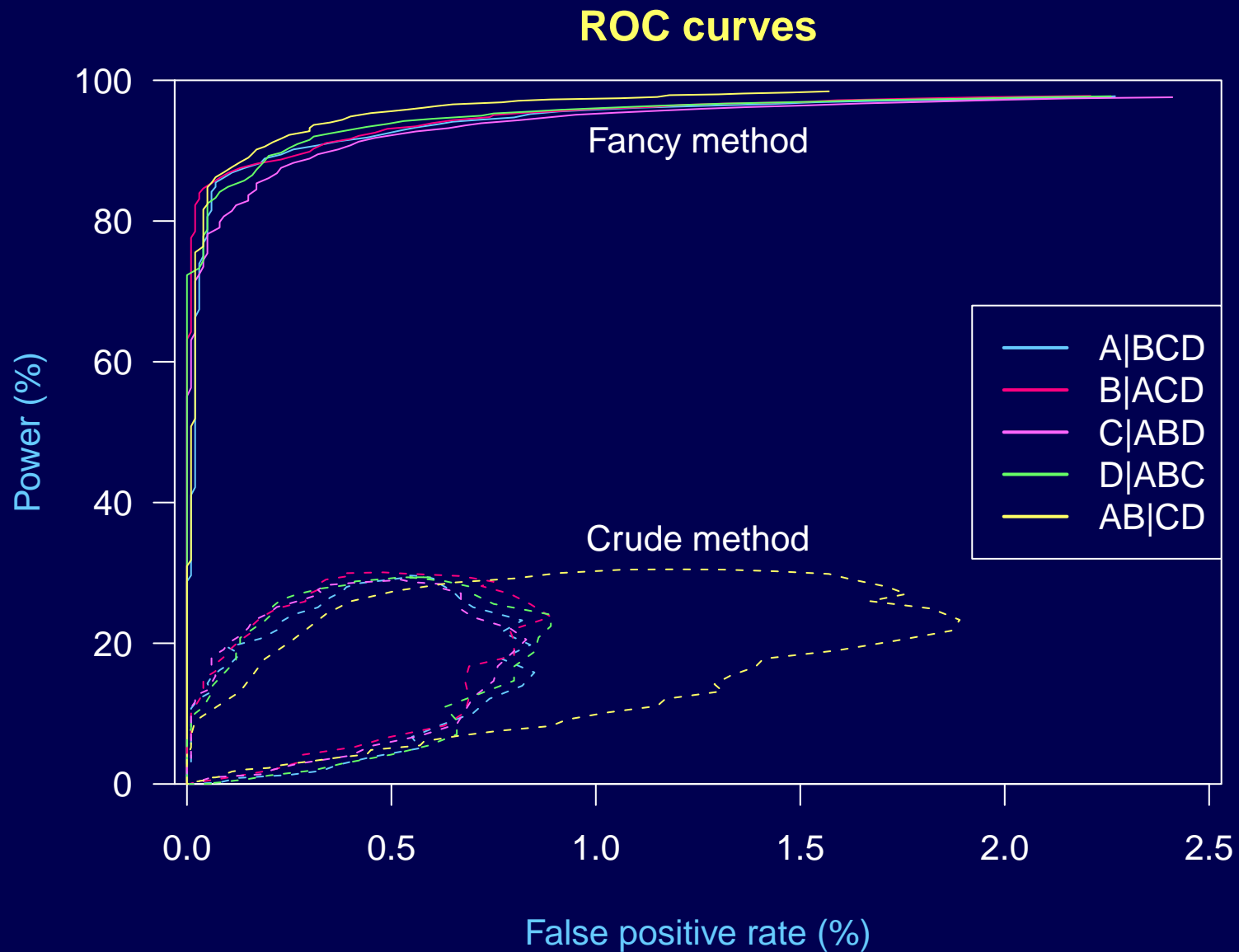


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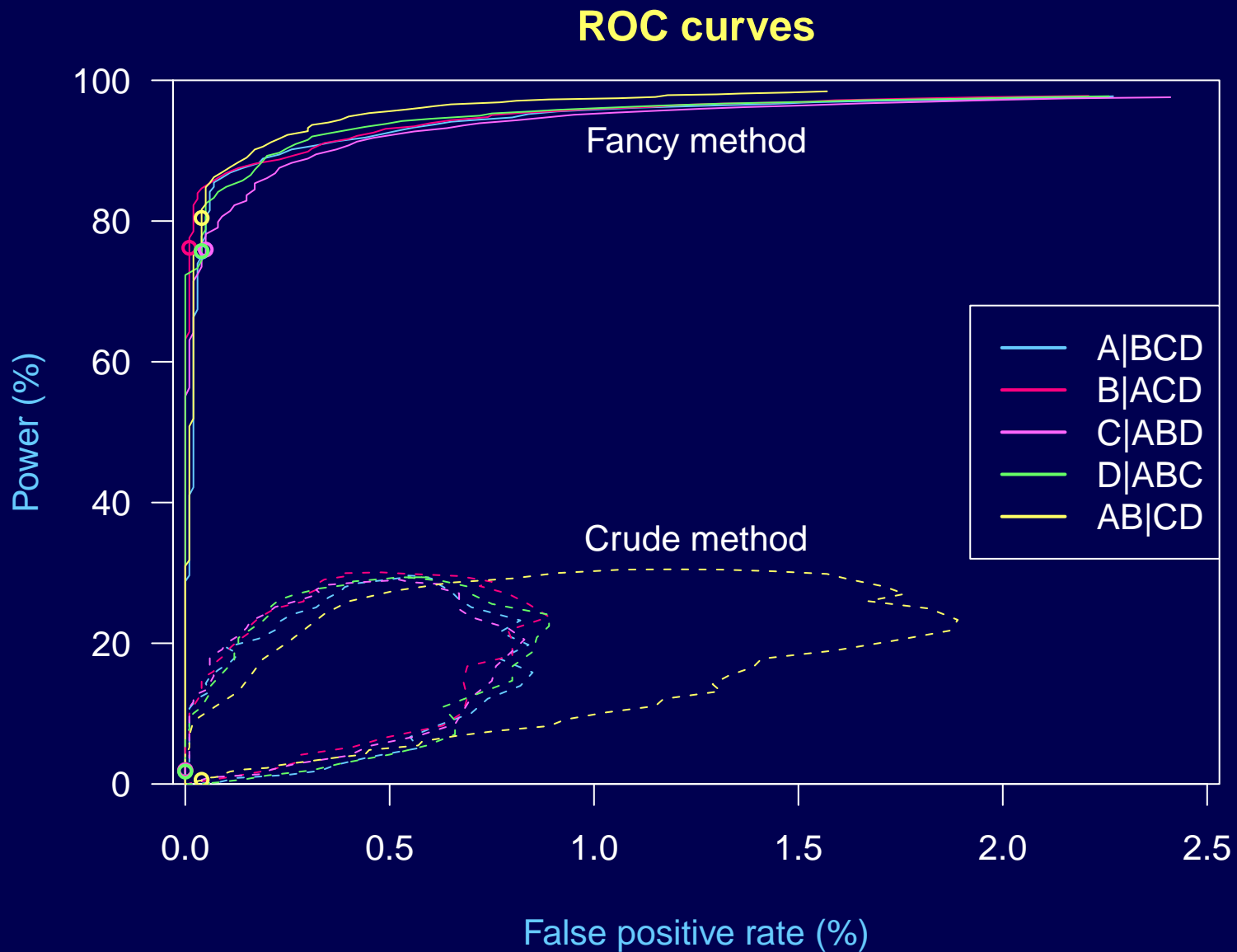
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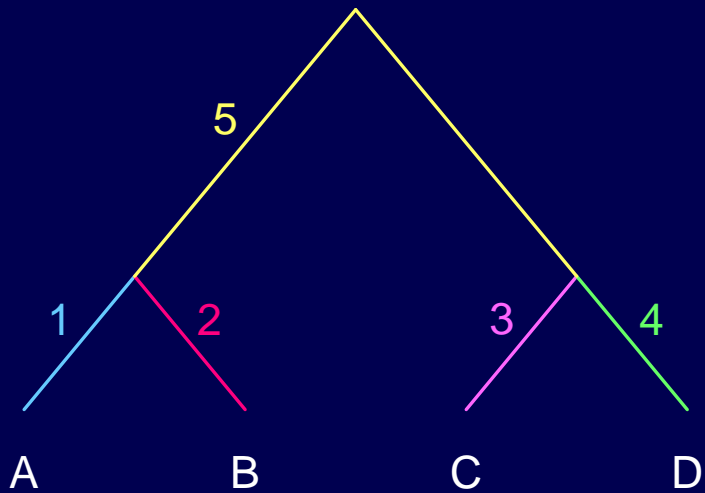
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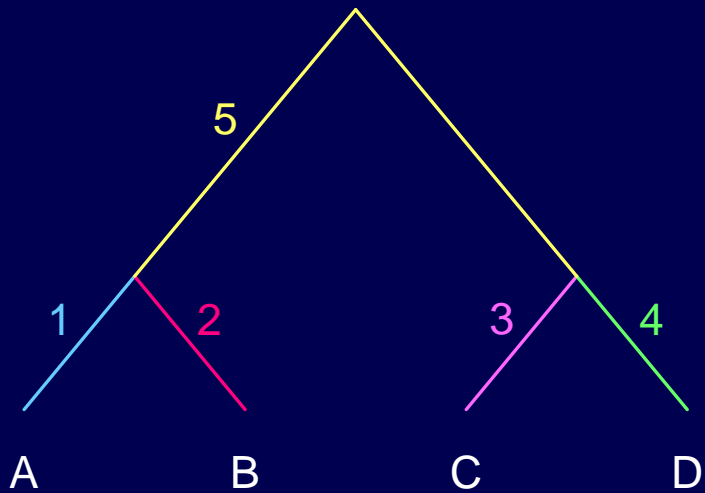


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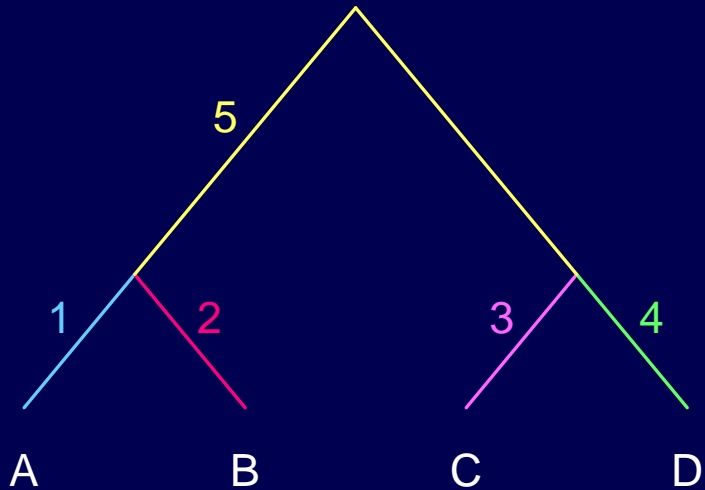
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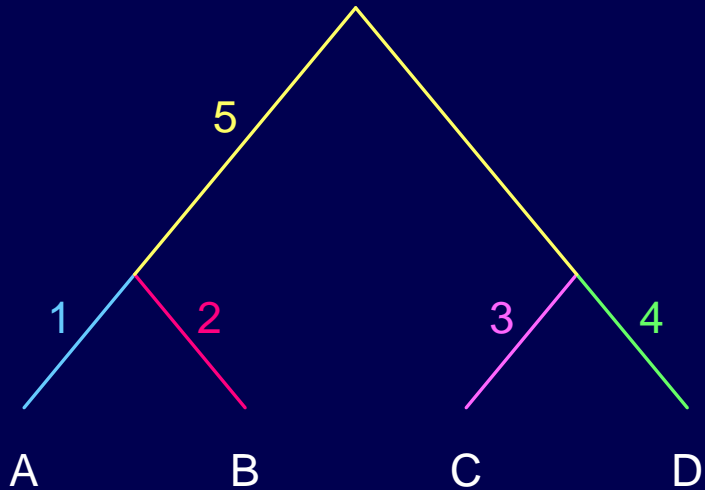
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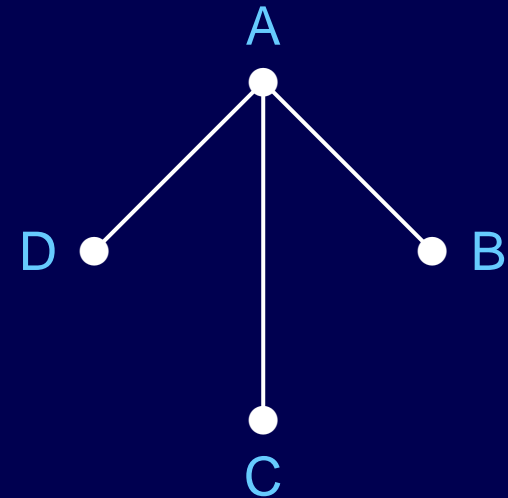
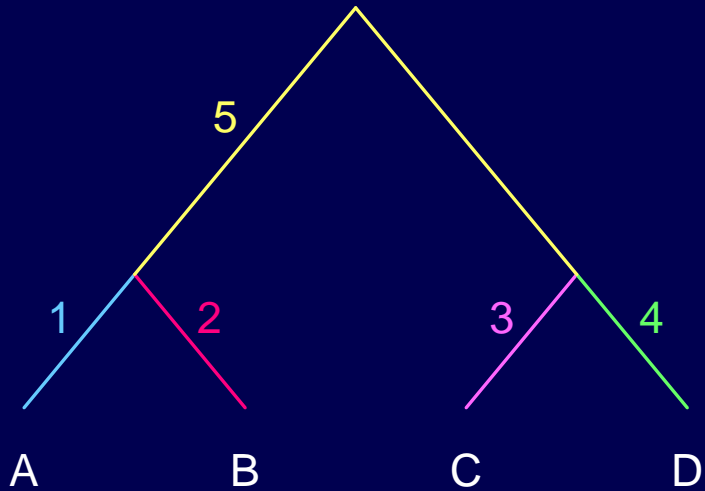
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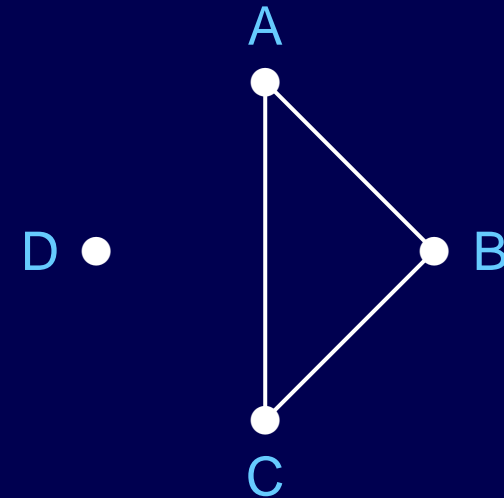
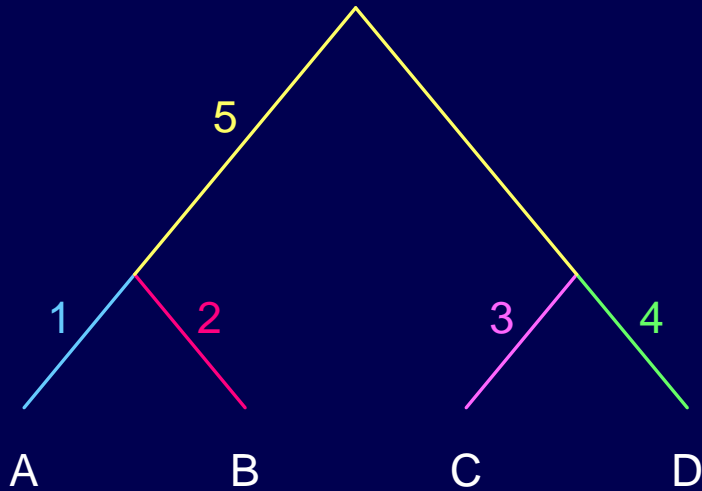


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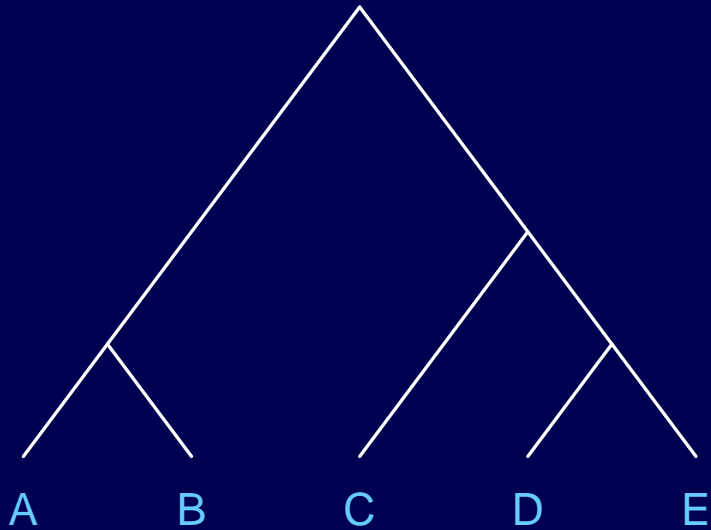
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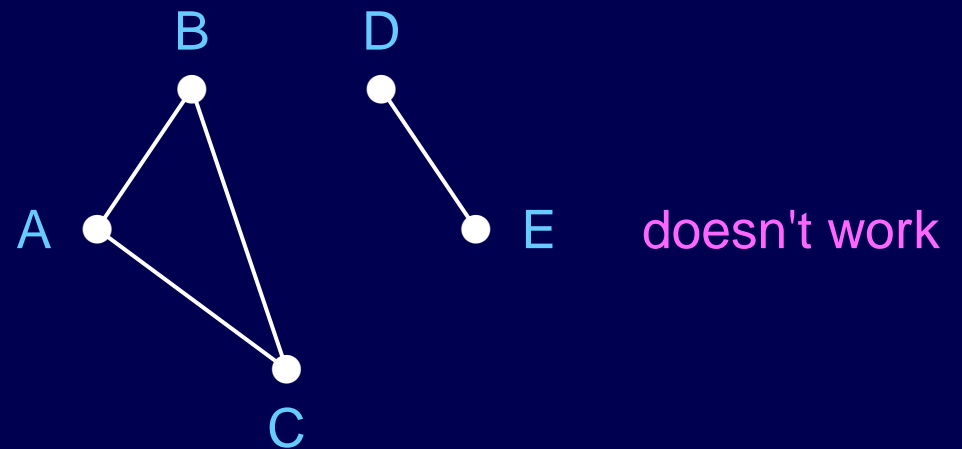
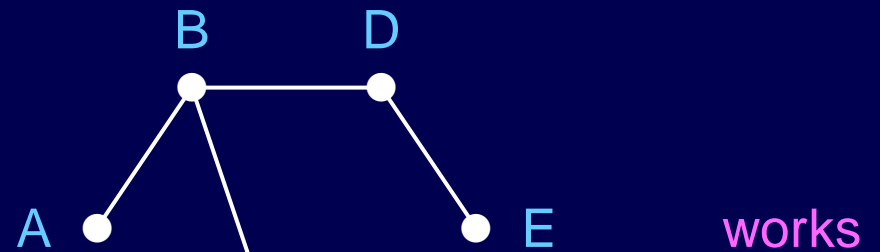
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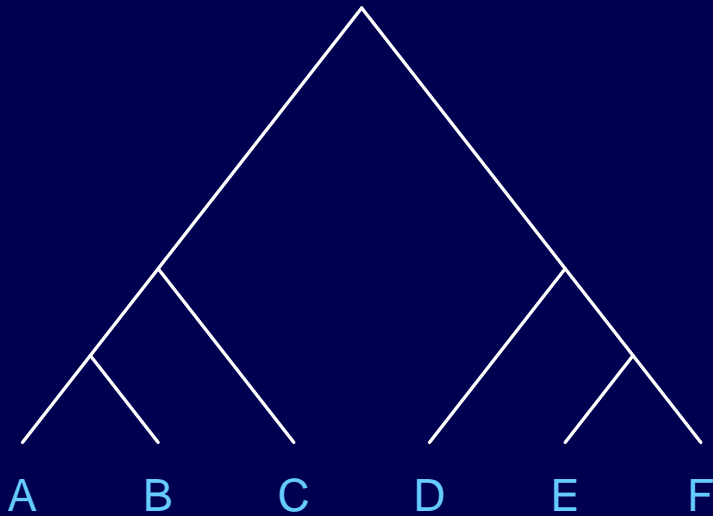


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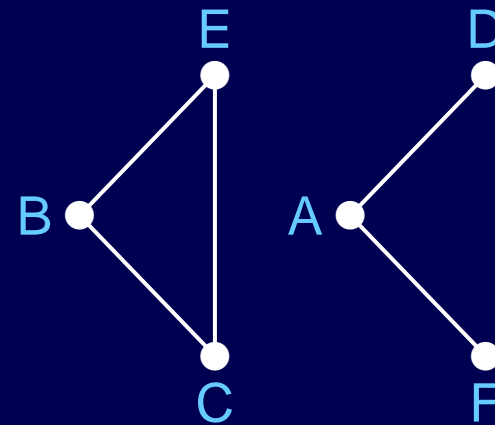


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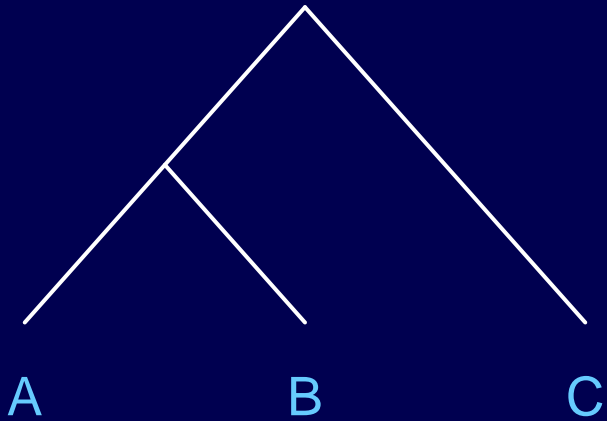


works (sort of)

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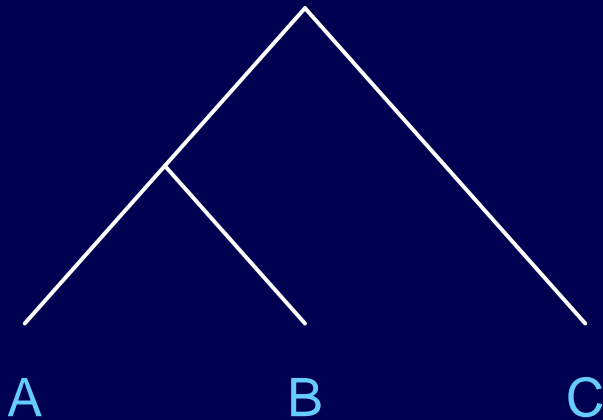
- For  $n$  taxa, you need at least  $n - 1$  crosses
- Crosses should *involve* all taxa
- Crosses should *connect* all taxa  
(if you consider all possible partitions)

# All or some crosses?

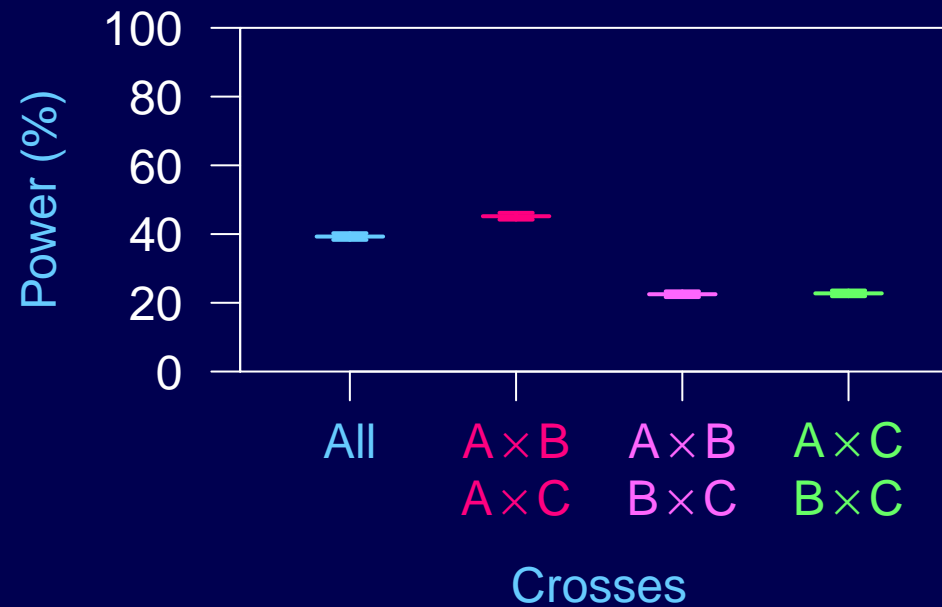


- 3 taxa
- All crosses, 100 individuals each, or 2 crosses, 150 individuals each?
- QTL with 10% heritability; A|BC pattern

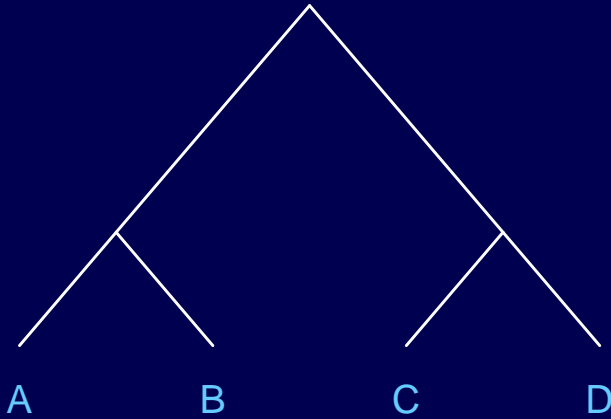
# All or some crosses?



- 3 taxa
- All crosses, 100 individuals each, or 2 crosses, 150 individuals each?
- QTL with 10% heritability; A|BC pattern

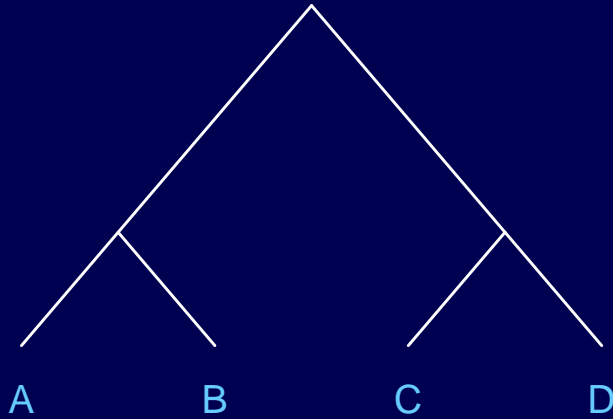


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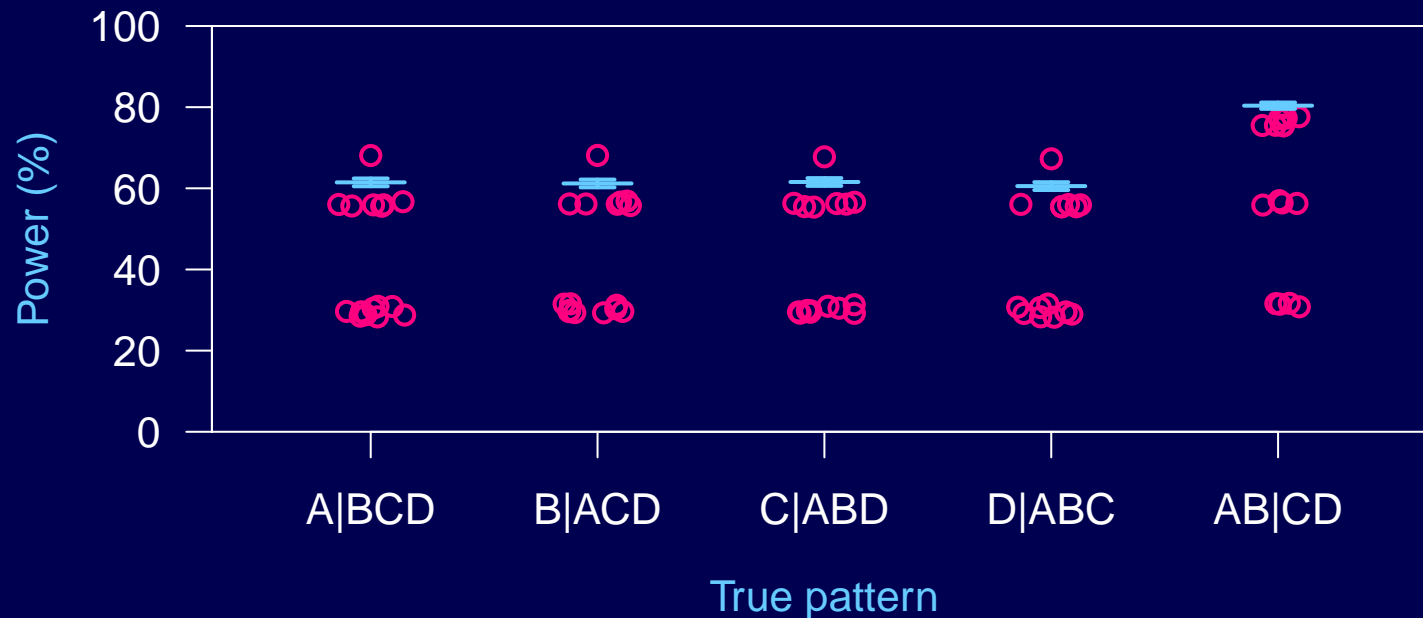


- 4 taxa
- All crosses, 100 individuals each, or 3 crosses, 200 individuals each?
- QTL with 10% heritability

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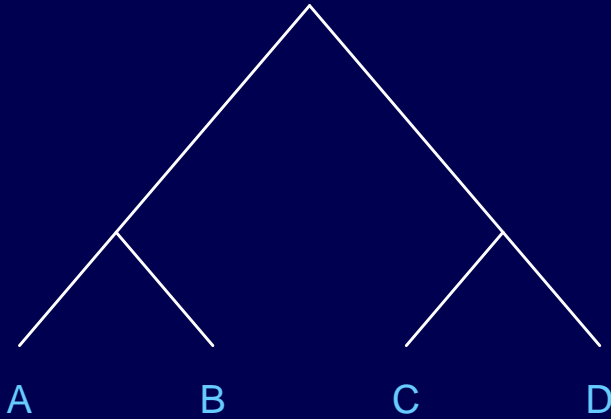


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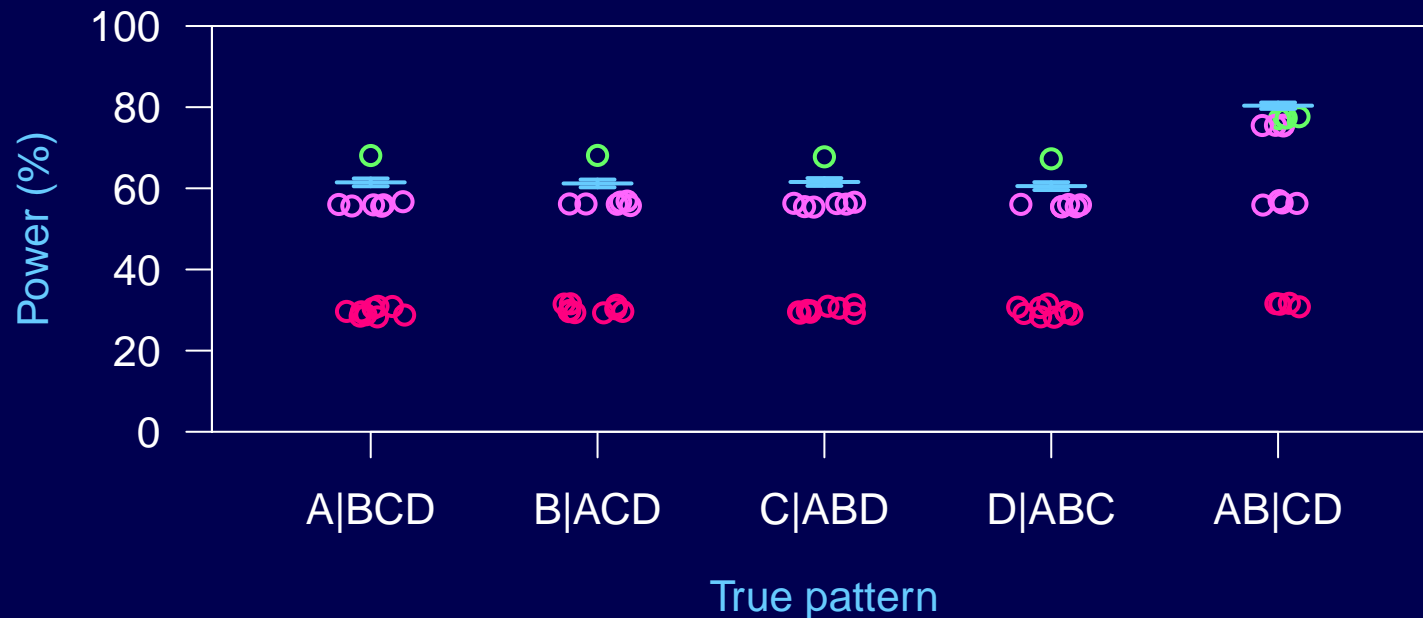




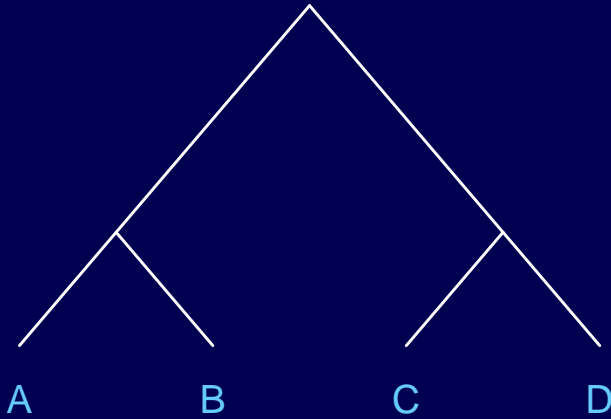
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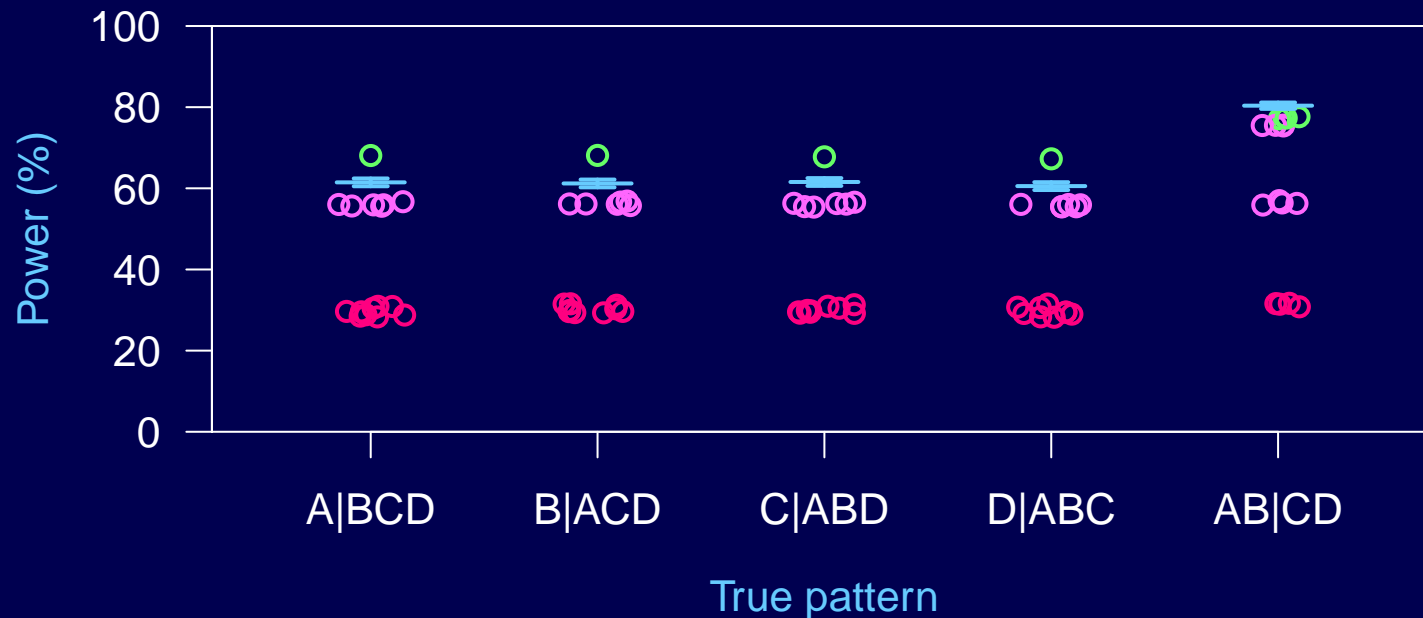
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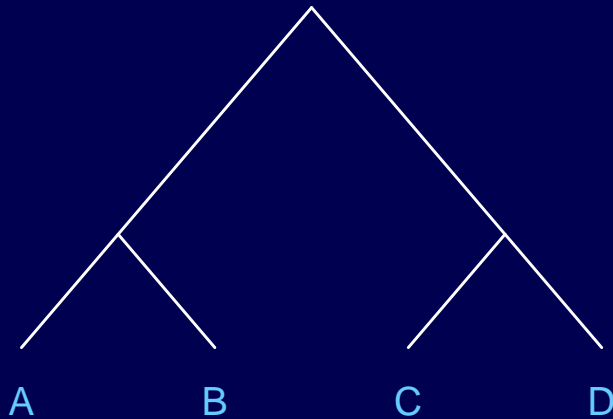
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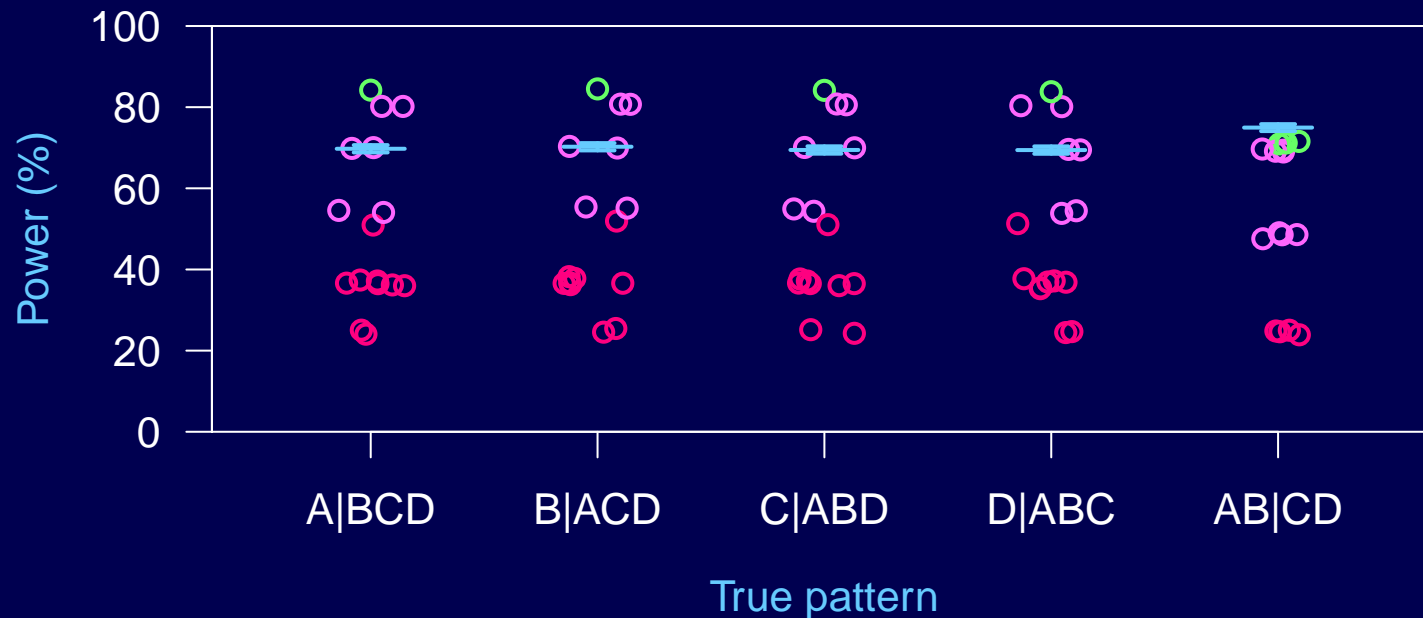
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- QTL with 10% heritability
- Consider all 7 partitions



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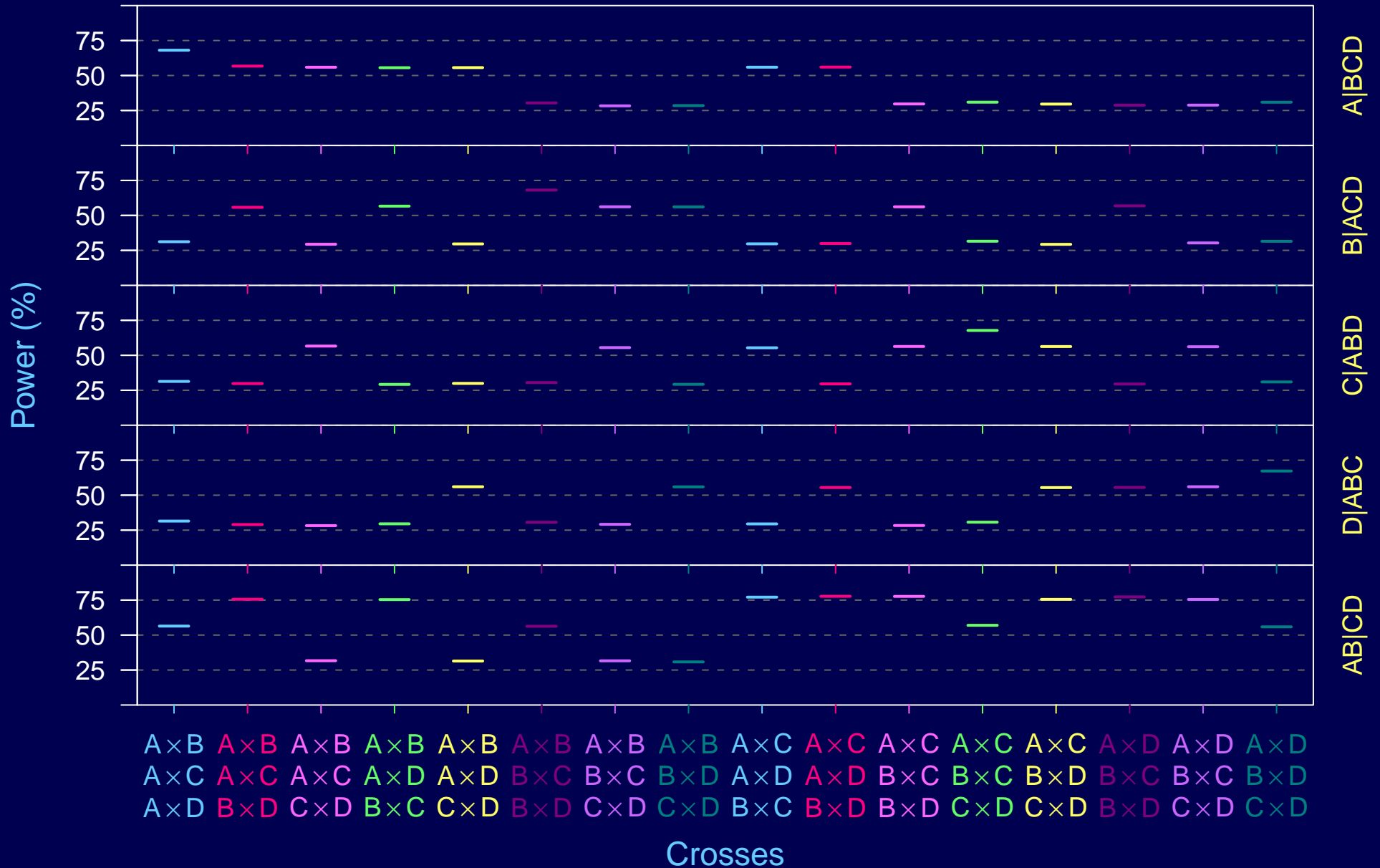


- 4 taxa
- All crosses, 100 individuals each, or 3 crosses, 200 individuals each?
- QTL with 10% heritability
- Consider the 5 partitions induced by the tree



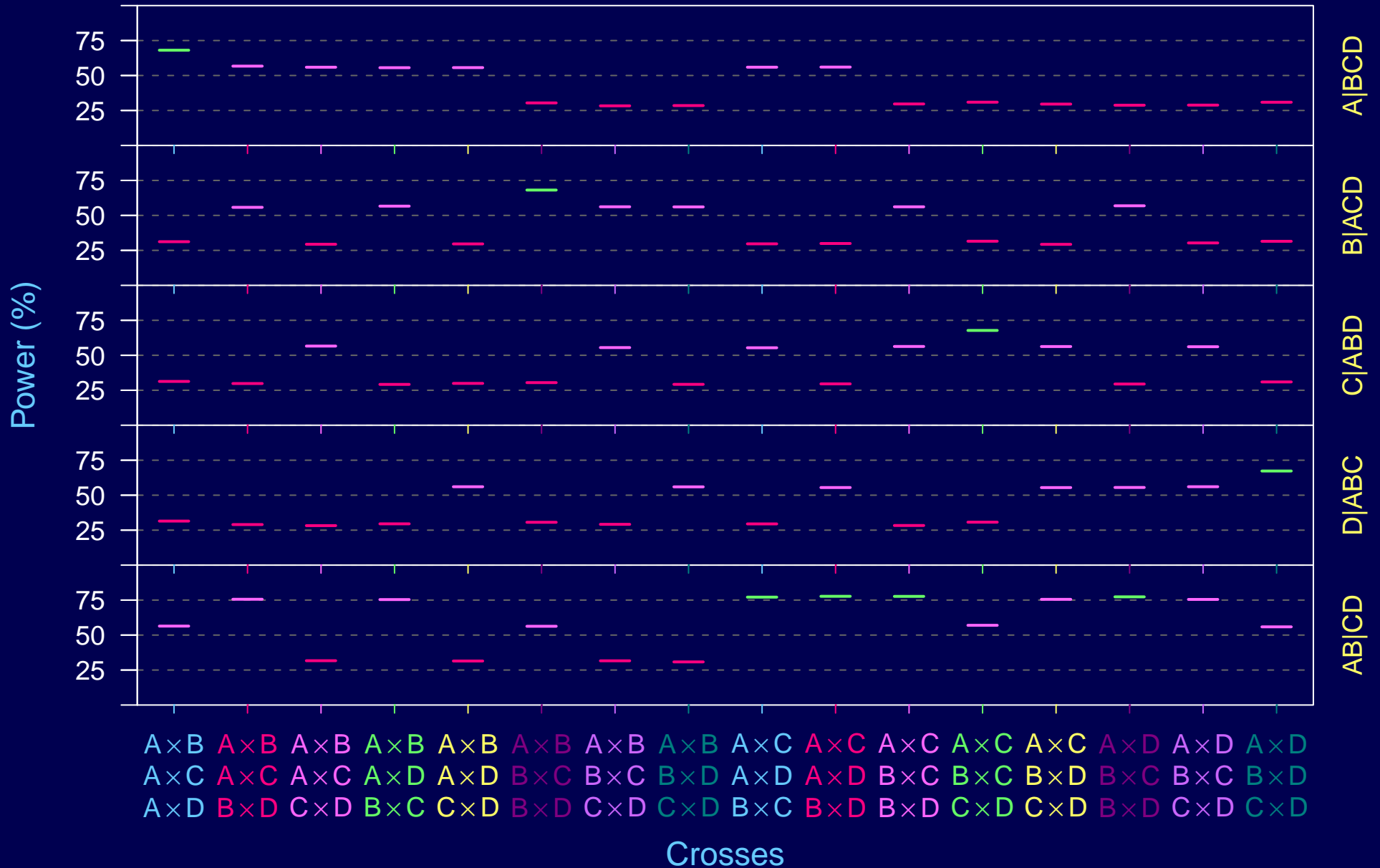
# Which crosses?

Considering all partitions

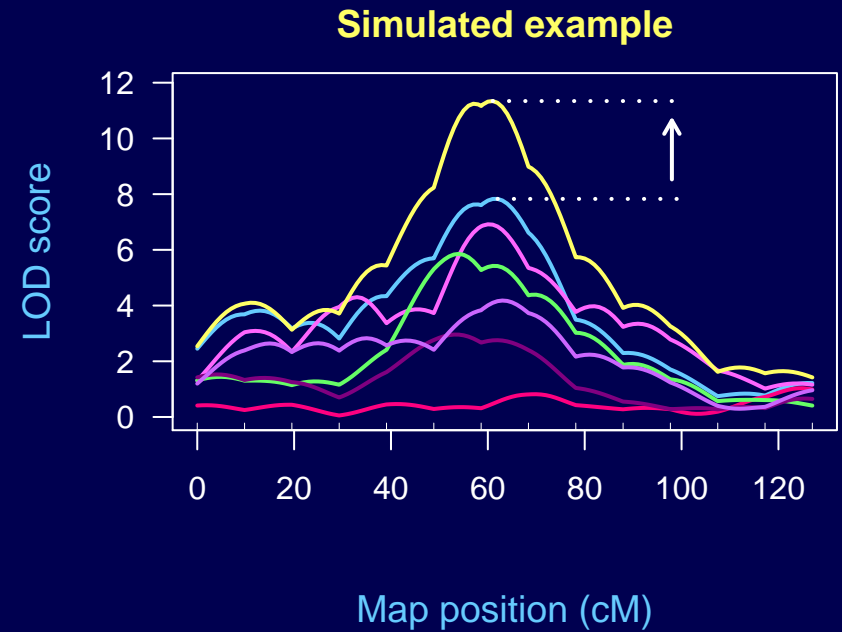
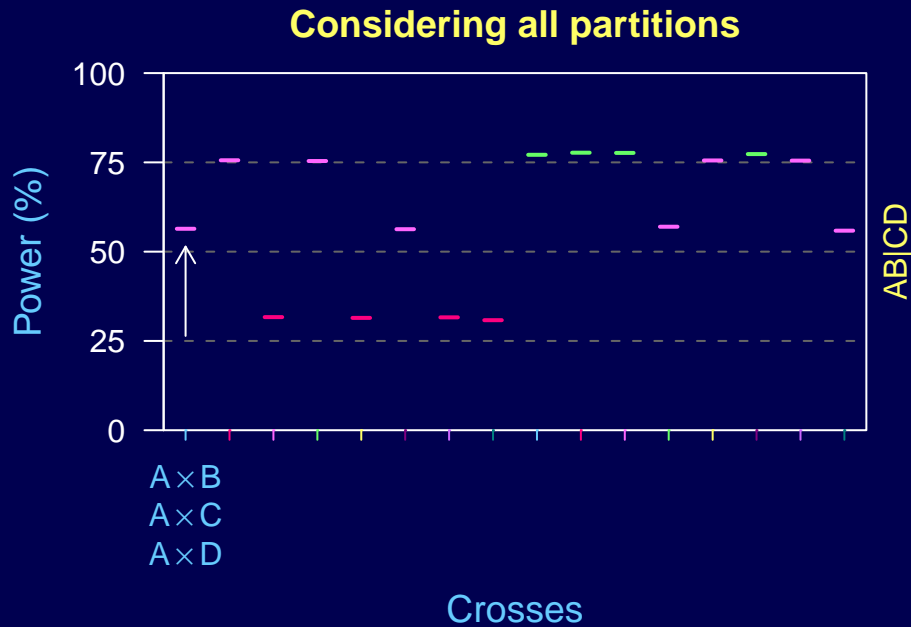


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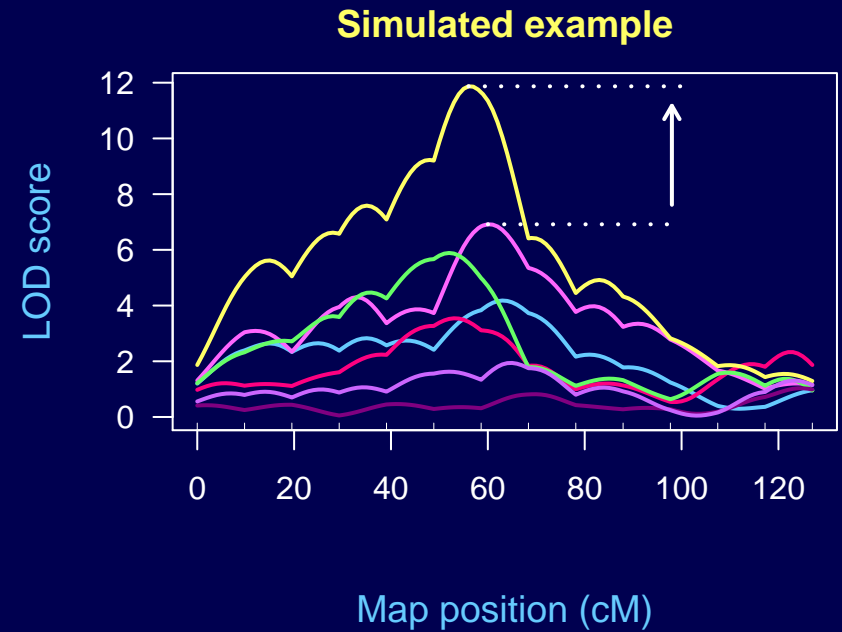
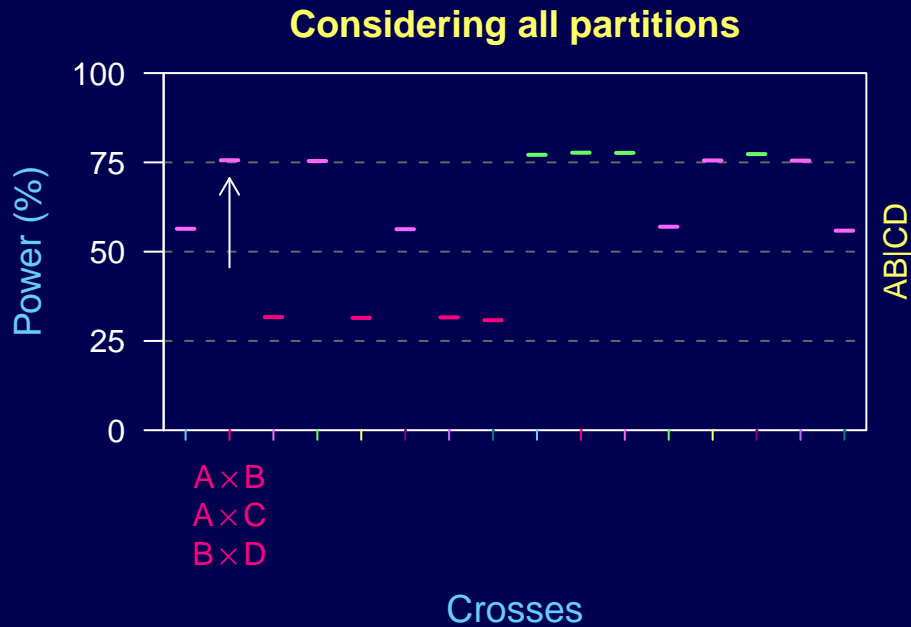


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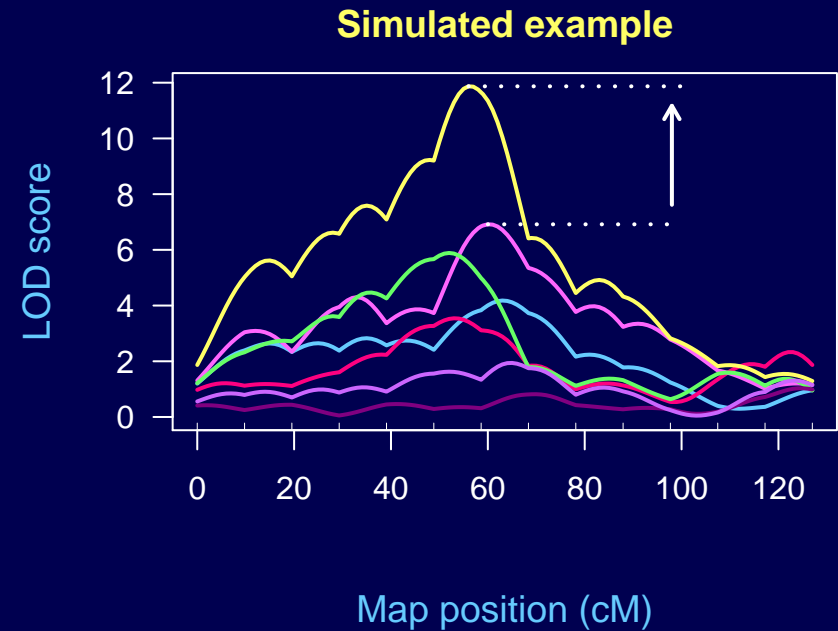
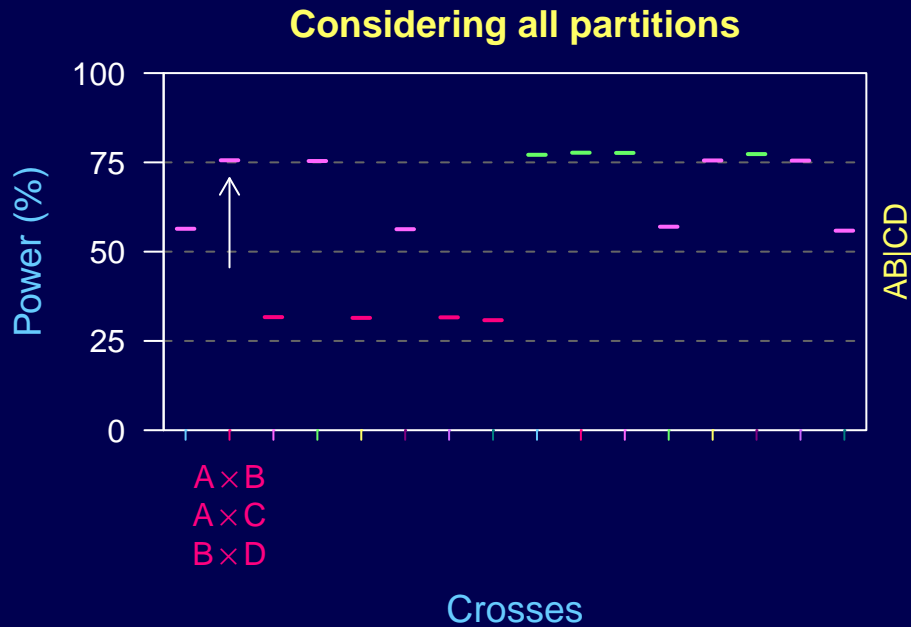
Cross	Partition of taxa						
	A BCD	B ACD	C ABD	D ABC	AB CD	AC BD	AD BC
A x B	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
A x C	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
A x D	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
B x C	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
B x D	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
C x D	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

# Which crosses?



Cross	Partition of taxa						
	A BCD	B ACD	C ABD	D ABC	AB CD	AC BD	AD BC
$A \times B$	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
$A \times C$	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
$A \times D$	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
$B \times C$	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
$B \times D$	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
$C \times D$	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

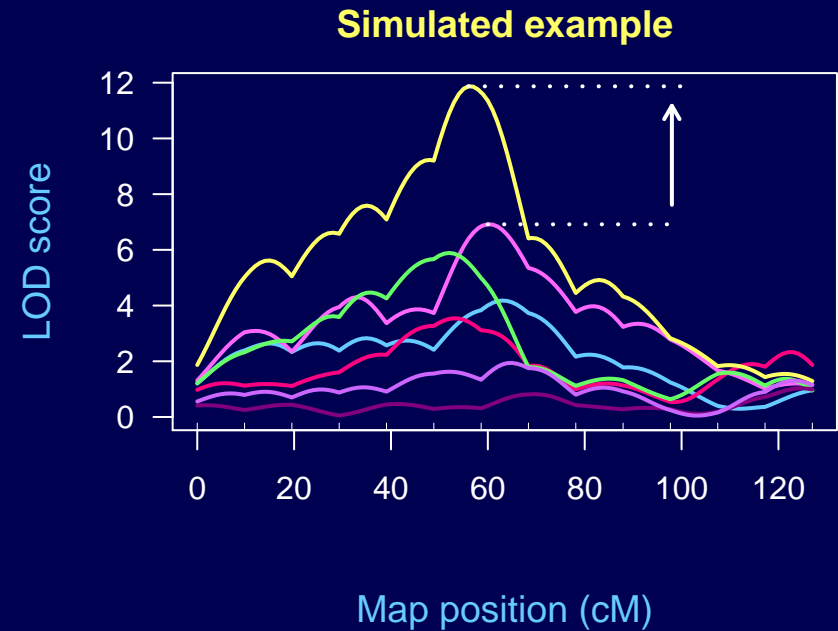
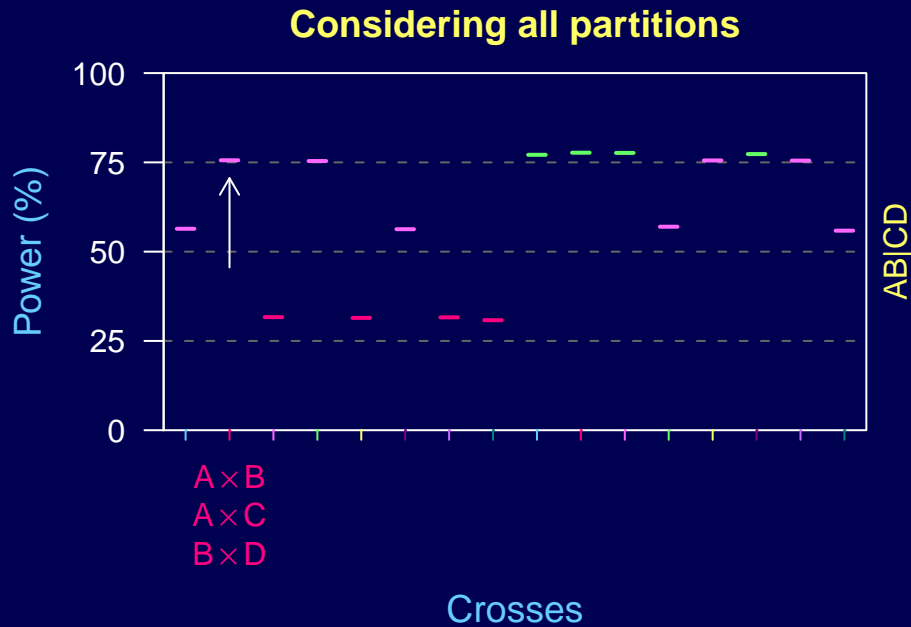
# Which crosses?



Cross	Partition of taxa						
	A BCD	B ACD	C ABD	D ABC	AB CD	AC BD	AD BC
$A \times B$	+	-	0	0	0	+	+
$A \times C$	+	0	-	0	+	0	+
$A \times D$	+	0	0	-	+	+	0
$B \times C$	0	+	-	0	+	-	0
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$C \times D$	0	0	+	-	0	+	-



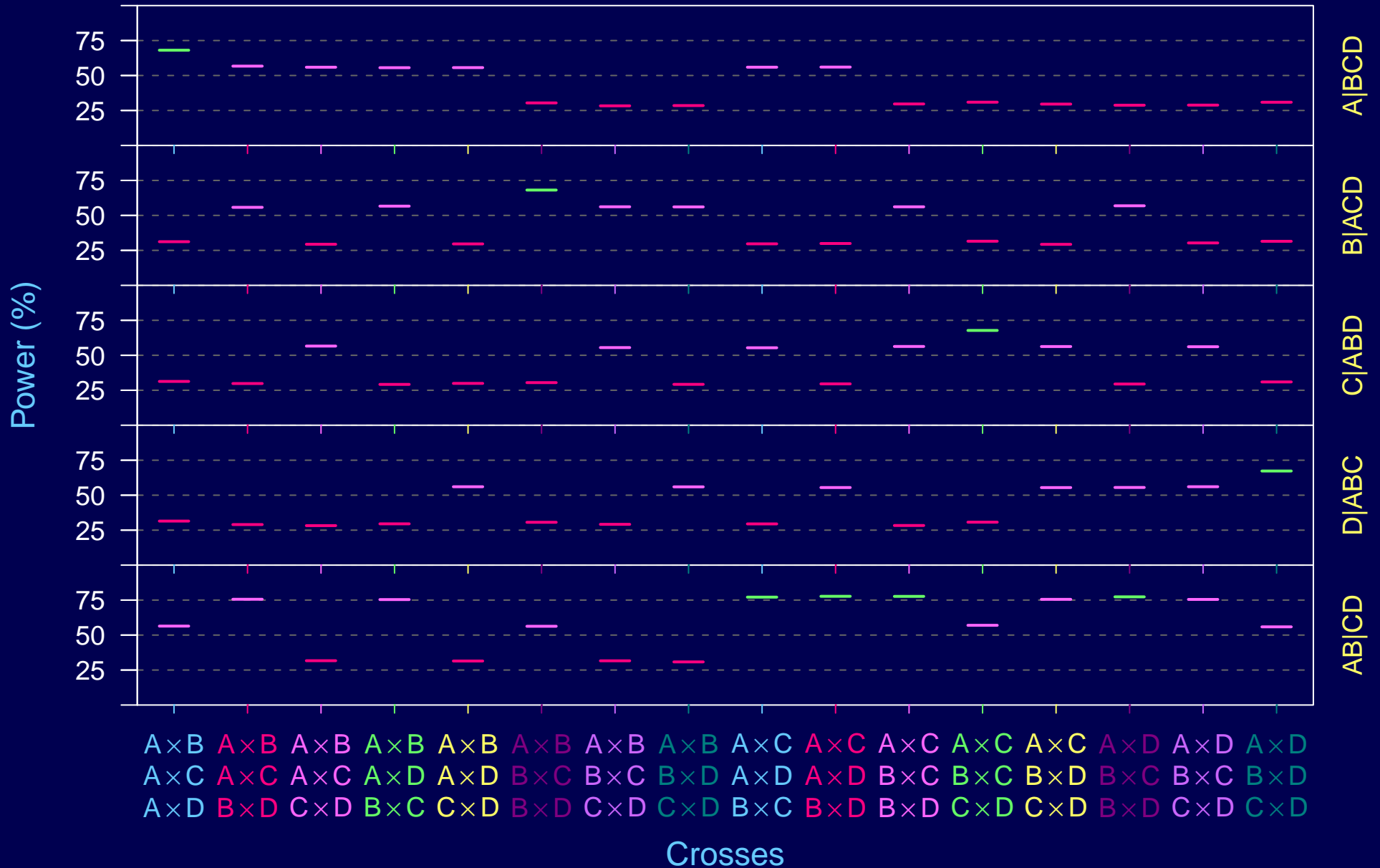
# Which crosses?



Cross	Partition of taxa						
	A BCD	B ACD	C ABD	D ABC	AB CD	AC BD	AD BC
$A \times B$	+	-	0	0	0	+	+
$A \times C$	+	0	-	0	+	0	+
$A \times D$	+	0	0	-	+	+	0
$B \times C$	0	+	-	0	+	-	0
$B \times D$	0	+	0	-	+	0	-
$C \times D$	0	0	+	-	0	+	-

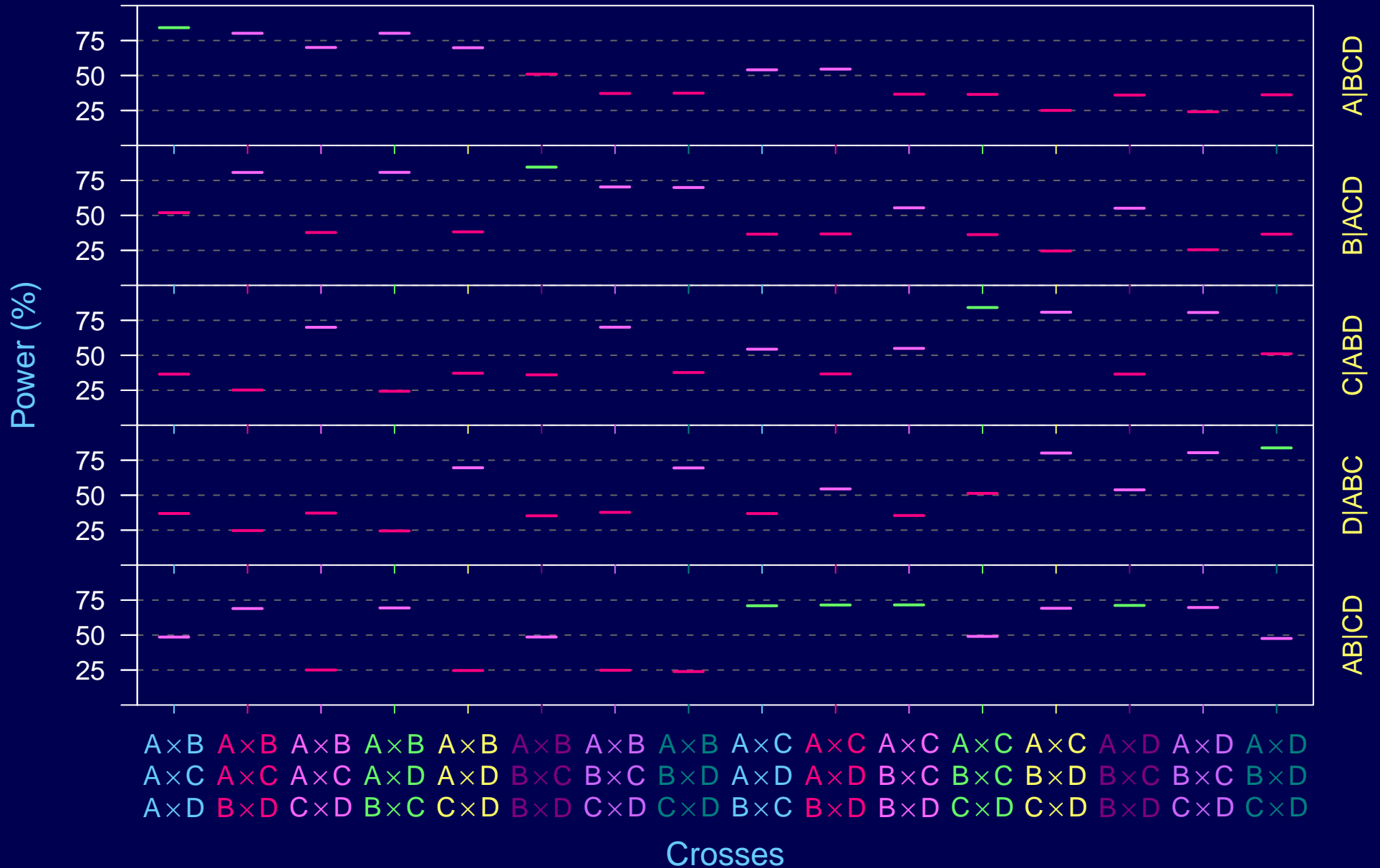
# Which crosses?

Considering all partitions



# Which crosses?

Considering the 5 partitions induced by the tree



# Caveats

- Epistasis
- Multiple linked QTL
- More than two alleles

# Future work

- Software
- Application
- Paper
- Sensitivity to departures from assumptions
- Multiple linked loci
- Jointly consider multiple unlinked regions

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