

## examples in detail

- simulation study (after Stephens & Fisch (1998))
- obesity in mice ( $n = 421$ )
  - epistatic QTLs with no main effects
- expression phenotype (SCD1) in mice ( $n = 108$ )
  - multiple QTL and epistasis
- mapping two correlated phenotypes
  - Jiang & Zeng 1995 paper
  - *Brassica napus* vernalization
- gonad shape in *Drosophila* spp. (insect) ( $n = 1000$ )
  - multiple traits reduced by PC
  - many QTL and epistasis

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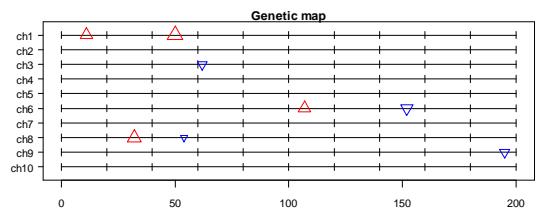
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## simulation with 8 QTL

- simulated F2 intercross, 8 QTL
  - (Stephens, Fisch 1998)
  - $n=200$ , heritability = 50%
  - detected 3 QTL
- increase to detect all 8
  - $n=500$ , heritability to 97%

QTL	chr	loci	effect
1	1	11	-3
2	1	50	-5
3	3	62	+2
4	6	107	-3
5	6	152	+3
6	8	32	-4
7	8	54	+1
8	9	195	+2



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## loci pattern across genome

- notice which chromosomes have persistent loci
- best pattern found 42% of the time

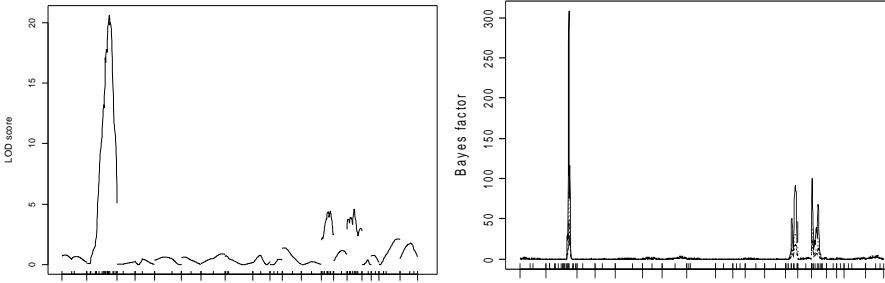
### Chromosome

<b><u>m</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b>Count of 8000</b>
8	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	3371
9	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	751
7	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	377
9	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	218
9	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	218
9	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	198

## obesity in CAST/Ei BC onto M16i

- 421 mice (Daniel Pomp)
  - (213 male, 208 female)
- 92 microsatellites on 19 chromosomes
  - 1214 cM map
- subcutaneous fat pads
  - pre-adjusted for sex and dam effects
- Yi, Yandell, Churchill, Allison, Eisen, Pomp (2005) *Genetics*

## non-epistatic analysis



single QTL LOD profile

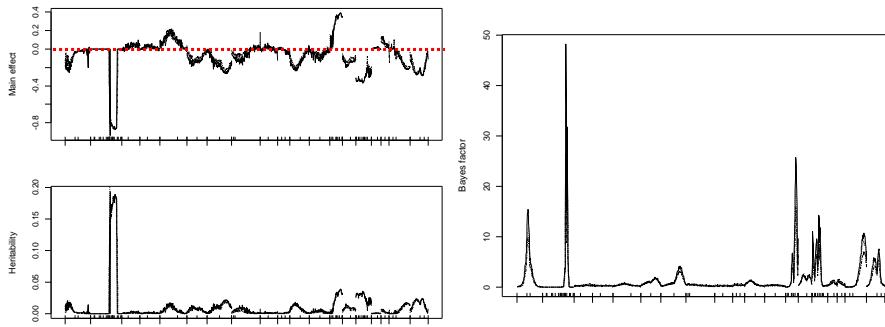
multiple QTL  
Bayes factor profile

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## posterior profile of main effects in epistatic analysis



main effects & heritability profile

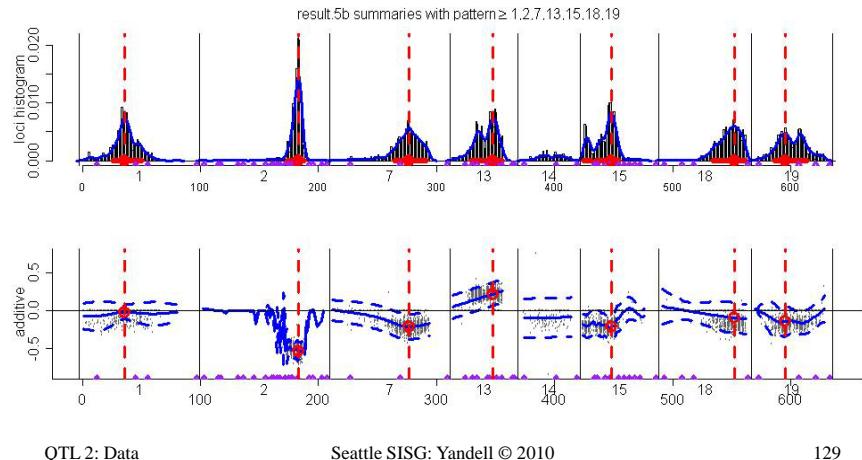
Bayes factor profile

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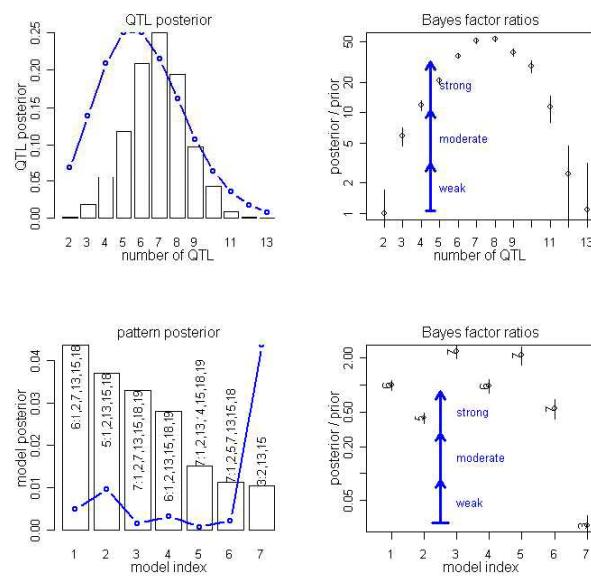
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## posterior profile of main effects in epistatic analysis

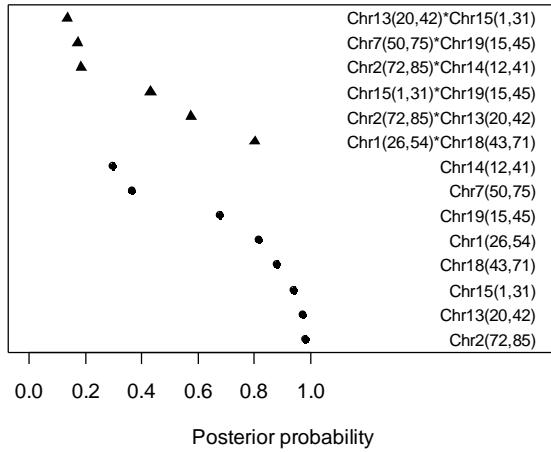


model selection  
via  
Bayes factors  
for  
epistatic model

number of QTL  
QLT pattern



## posterior probability of effects

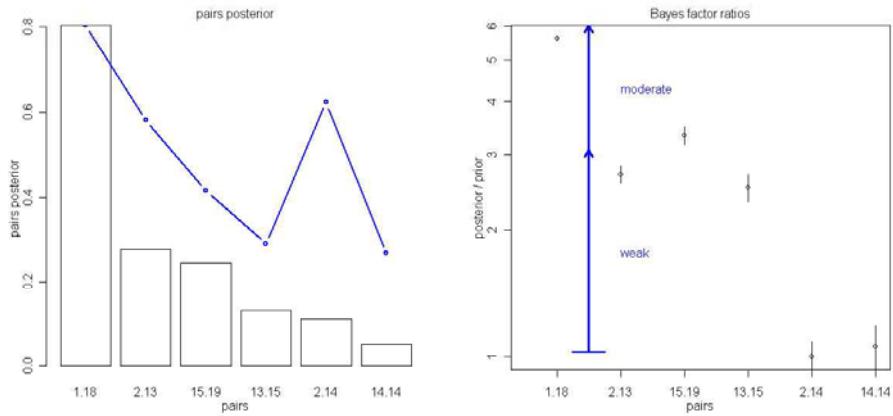


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## model selection for pairs

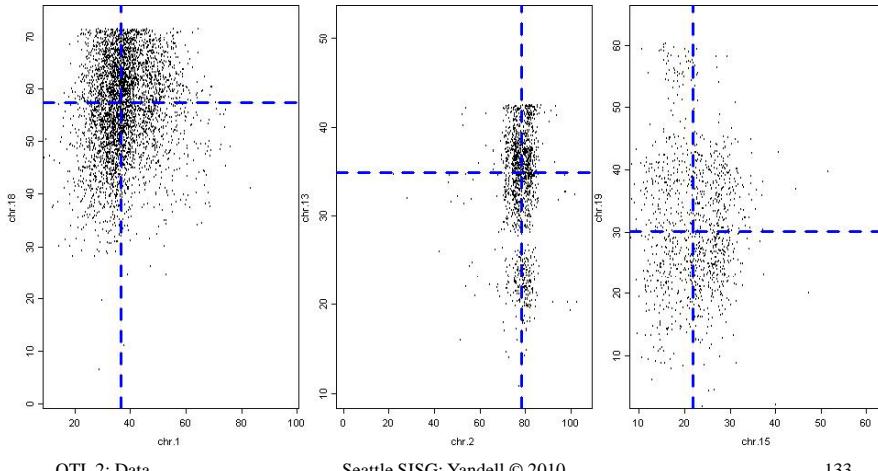


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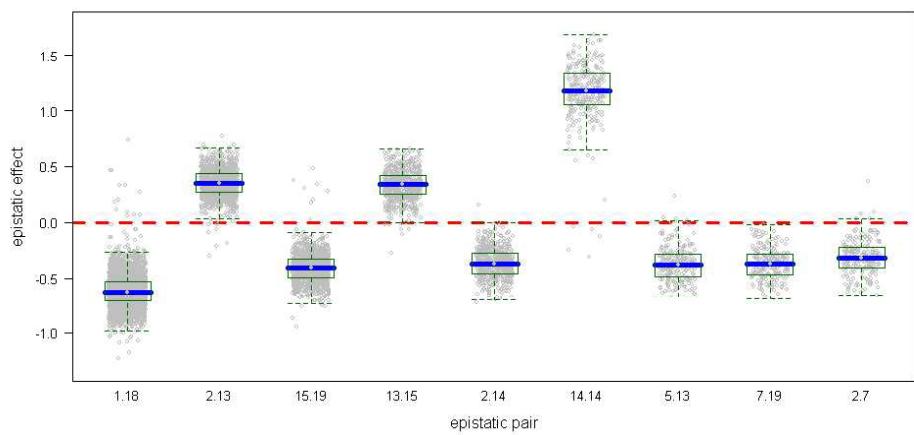
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## scatterplot estimates of epistatic loci



## stronger epistatic effects

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# studying diabetes in an F2

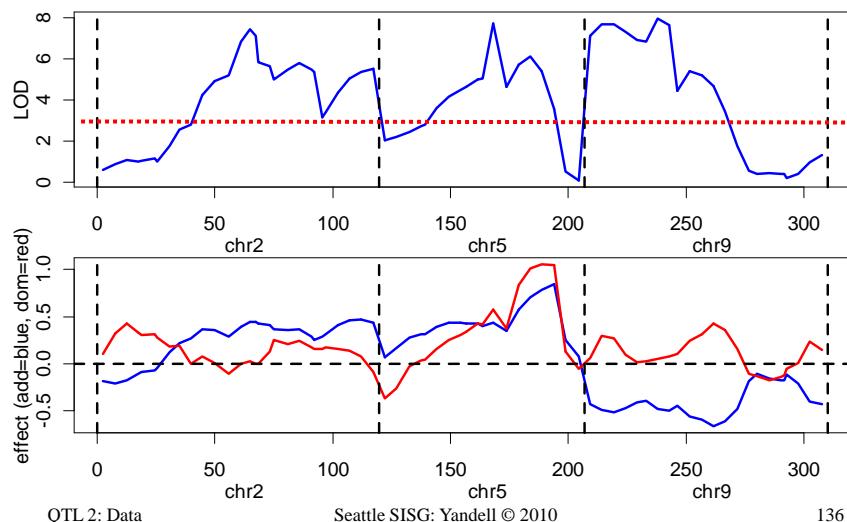
- segregating cross of inbred lines
  - B6.ob x BTBR.ob → F1 → F2
  - selected mice with ob/ob alleles at leptin gene (chr 6)
  - measured and mapped body weight, insulin, glucose at various ages (Stoehr et al. 2000 Diabetes)
  - sacrificed at 14 weeks, tissues preserved
- gene expression data
  - Affymetrix microarrays on parental strains, F1
    - key tissues: adipose, liver, muscle,  $\beta$ -cells
    - novel discoveries of differential expression (Nadler et al. 2000 PNAS; Lan et al. 2002 in review; Ntambi et al. 2002 PNAS)
  - RT-PCR on 108 F2 mice liver tissues
    - 15 genes, selected as important in diabetes pathways
    - SCD1, PEPCK, ACO, FAS, GPAT, PPARgamma, PPARalpha, G6Pase, PDI,...

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## Multiple Interval Mapping (QTLCart) SCD1: multiple QTL plus epistasis!

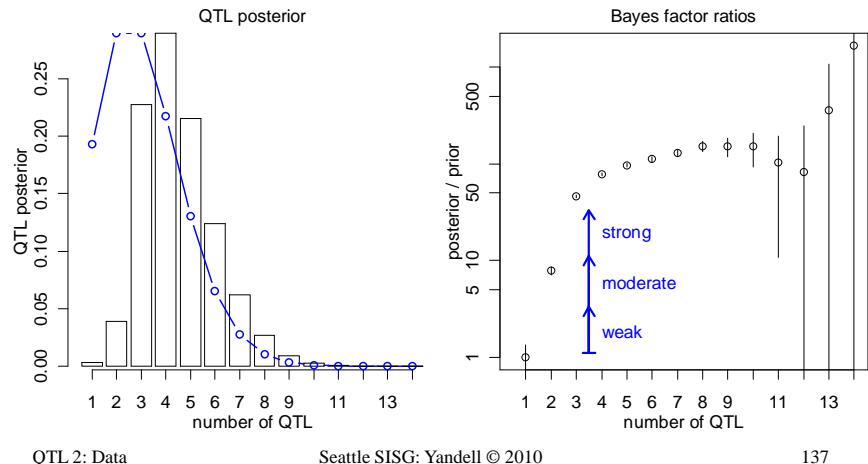


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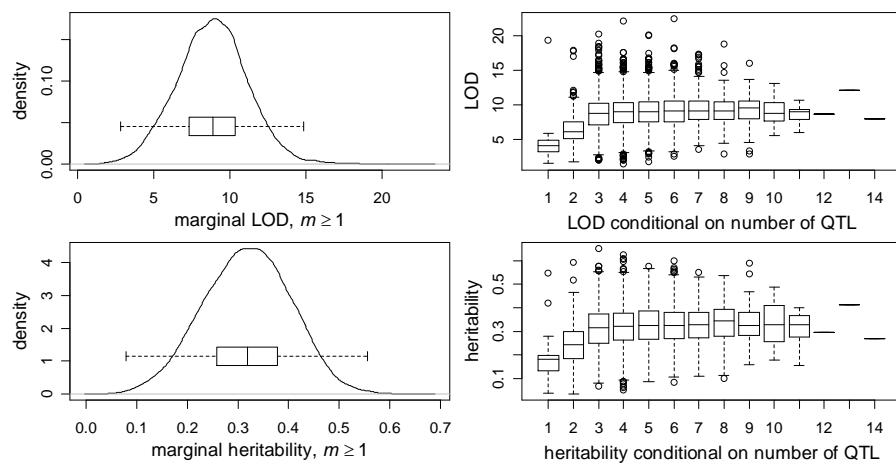
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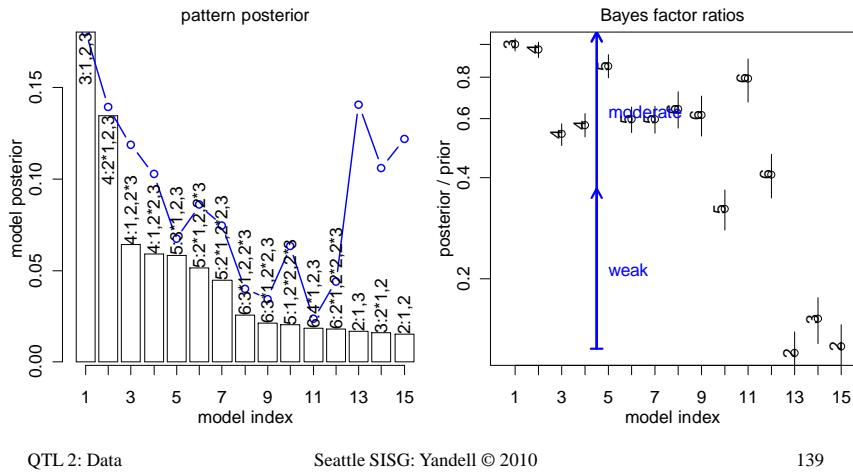
## Bayesian model assessment: number of QTL for SCD1



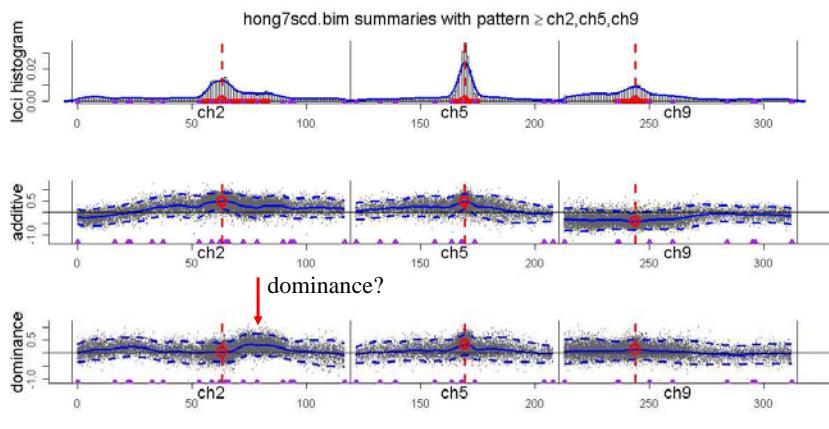
## Bayesian LOD and $h^2$ for SCD1



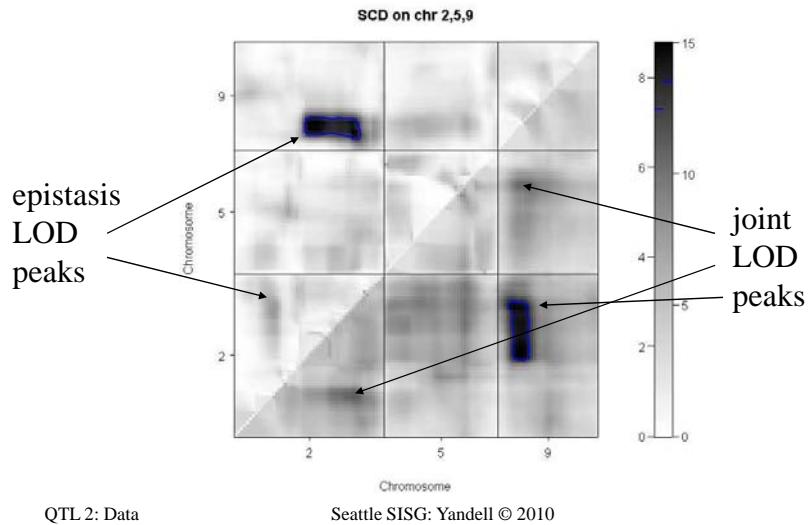
## Bayesian model assessment: chromosome QTL pattern for SCD1



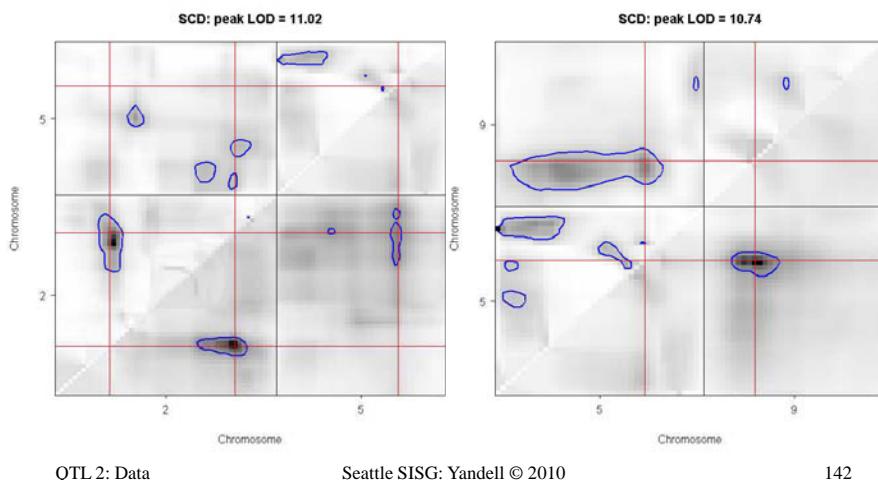
## *trans*-acting QTL for SCD1 (no epistasis yet: see Yi, Xu, Allison 2003)



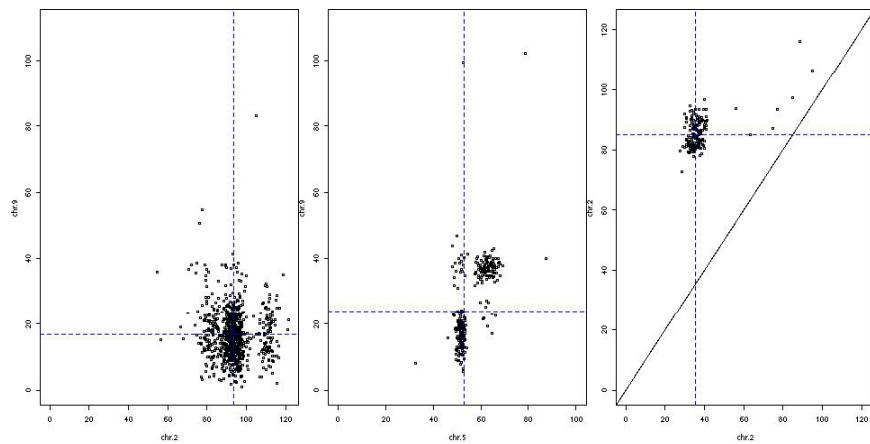
## 2-D scan: assumes only 2 QTL!



## sub-peaks can be easily overlooked!



## epistatic model fit

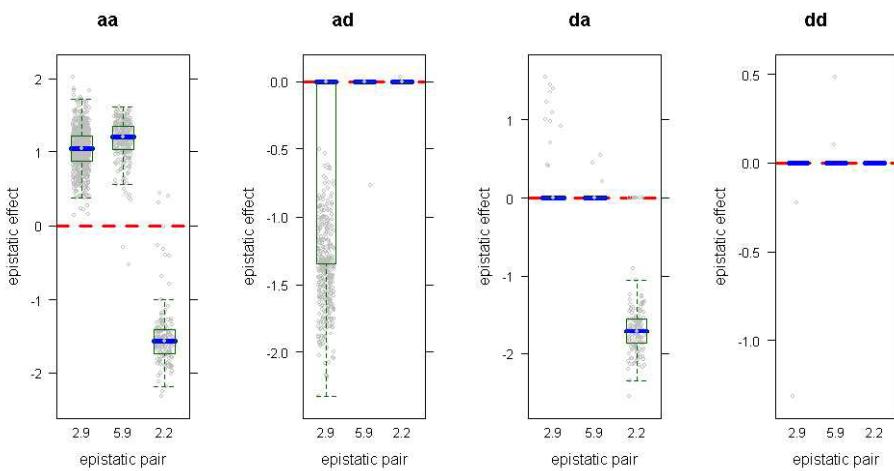


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## Cockerham epistatic effects



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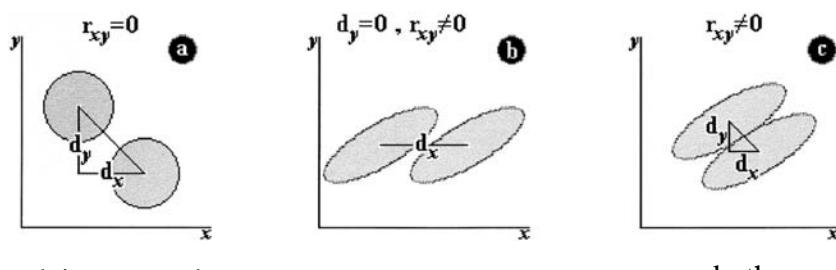
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## co-mapping multiple traits

- avoid reductionist approach to biology
  - address physiological/biochemical mechanisms
  - Schmalhausen (1942); Falconer (1952)
- separate close linkage from pleiotropy
  - 1 locus or 2 linked loci?
- identify epistatic interaction or canalization
  - influence of genetic background
- establish QTL x environment interactions
- decompose genetic correlation among traits
- increase power to detect QTL

## interplay of pleiotropy & correlation



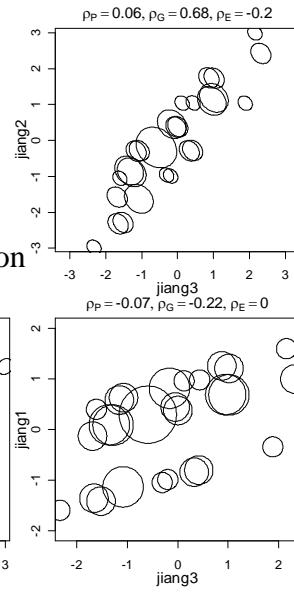
Korol et al. (2001)

## 3 correlated traits (Jiang Zeng 1995)

ellipses centered on genotypic value  
width for nominal frequency  
main axis angle environmental correlation

3 QTL, F2  
27 genotypes

note signs of  
genetic and  
environmental  
correlation



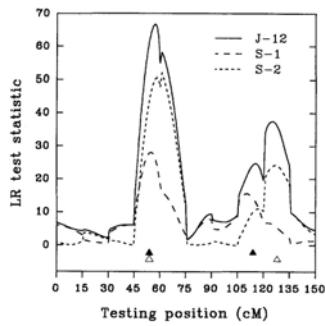
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## pleiotropy or close linkage?

2 traits, 2 qtl/trait  
pleiotropy @ 54cM  
linkage @ 114,128cM  
Jiang Zeng (1995)



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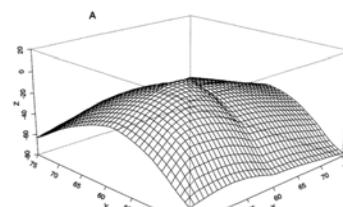
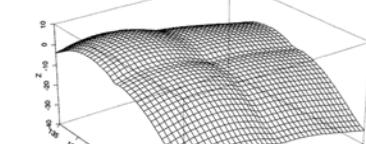


FIGURE 2.—Two-dimensional likelihood surfaces (expressed as deviations from the maximum likelihood, with the peaks on the diagonal) for the test of pleiotropy vs. close linkage. The two plots (A and B) cover the regions between 45 and 75 cM of Figure 1(A) and between 105 and 135 cM (B). X is the testing position for a QTL affecting trait 1 and Y is the testing position for a QTL affecting trait 2. In both plots, two QTLs are located in the same position and simultaneously are tested for either pleiotropic QTL. Z is the likelihood ratio test statistic scaled to zero at the maximum point of the diagonal.



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## *Brassica napus*: 2 correlated traits

- 4-week & 8-week vernalization effect
  - log(days to flower)
- genetic cross of
  - Stellar (annual canola)
  - Major (biennial rapeseed)
- 105 F1-derived double haploid (DH) lines
  - homozygous at every locus ( $QQ$  or  $qq$ )
- 10 molecular markers (RFLPs) on LG9
  - two QTLs inferred on LG9 (now chromosome N2)
  - corroborated by Butruille (1998)
  - exploiting synteny with *Arabidopsis thaliana*

## QTL with GxE or Covariates

- adjust phenotype by covariate
  - covariate(s) = environment(s) or other trait(s)
- additive covariate
  - covariate adjustment same across genotypes
  - “usual” analysis of covariance (ANCOVA)
- interacting covariate
  - address GxE
  - capture genotype-specific relationship among traits
- another way to think of multiple trait analysis
  - examine single phenotype adjusted for others

## R/qtl & covariates

- additive and/or interacting covariates
- test for QTL after adjusting for covariates

```
## Get Brassica data.
library(qtlbim)
data(Bnapus)
Bnapus <- calc.genoprob(Bnapus, step = 2, error = 0.01)

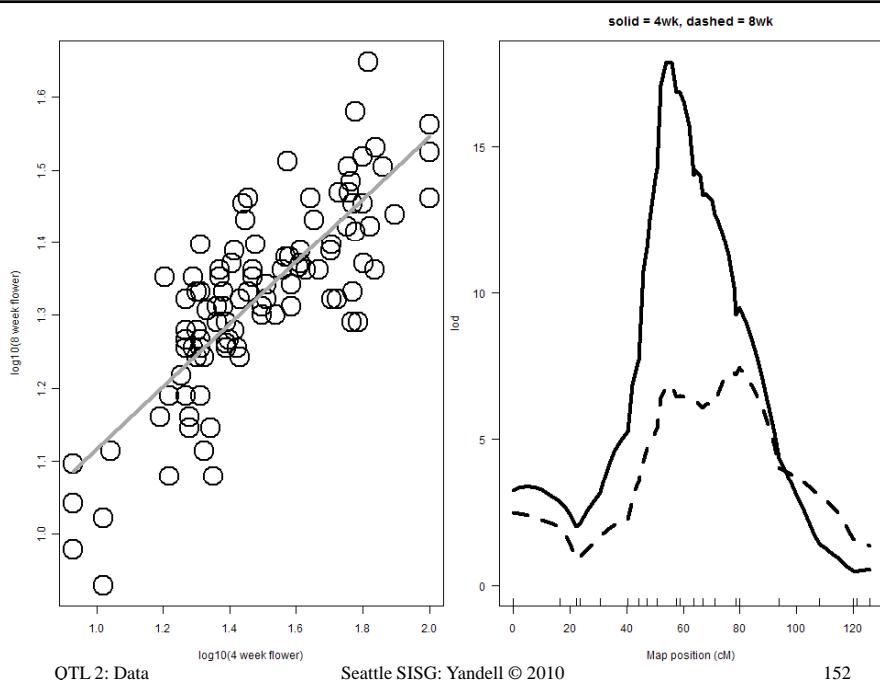
## Scatterplot of two phenotypes: 4wk & 8wk flower time.
plot(Bnapus$pheno$log10flower4,Bnapus$pheno$log10flower8)

## Unadjusted IM scans of each phenotype.
f18 <- scanone(Bnapus,, find.pheno(Bnapus, "log10flower8"))
f14 <- scanone(Bnapus,, find.pheno(Bnapus, "log10flower4"))
plot(f14, f18, chr = "N2", col = rep(1,2), lty = 1:2,
     main = "solid = 4wk, dashed = 8wk", lwd = 4)
```

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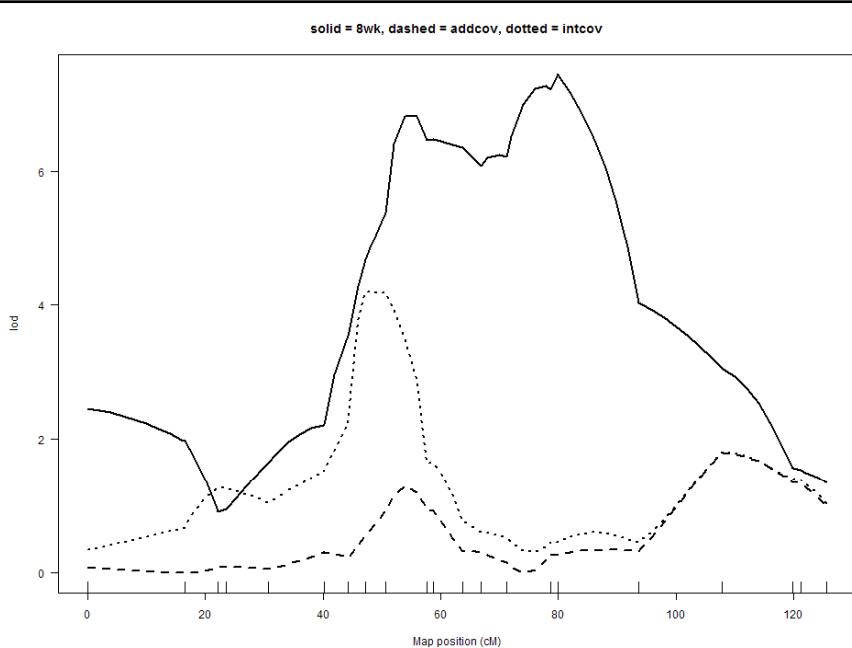
- additive and/or interacting covariates
- test for QTL after adjusting for covariates

```
## IM scan of 8wk adjusted for 4wk.  
## Adjustment independent of genotype  
f18.4 <- scanone(Bnapus,, find.pheno(Bnapus, "log10flower8"),  
addcov = Bnapus$pheno$log10flower4)  
  
## IM scan of 8wk adjusted for 4wk.  
## Adjustment changes with genotype.  
f18.4a <- scanone(Bnapus,, find.pheno(Bnapus, "log10flower8"),  
intcov = Bnapus$pheno$log10flower4)  
  
plot(f18, f18.4a, f18.4, chr = "N2",  
main = "solid = 8wk, dashed = addcov, dotted = intcov")
```

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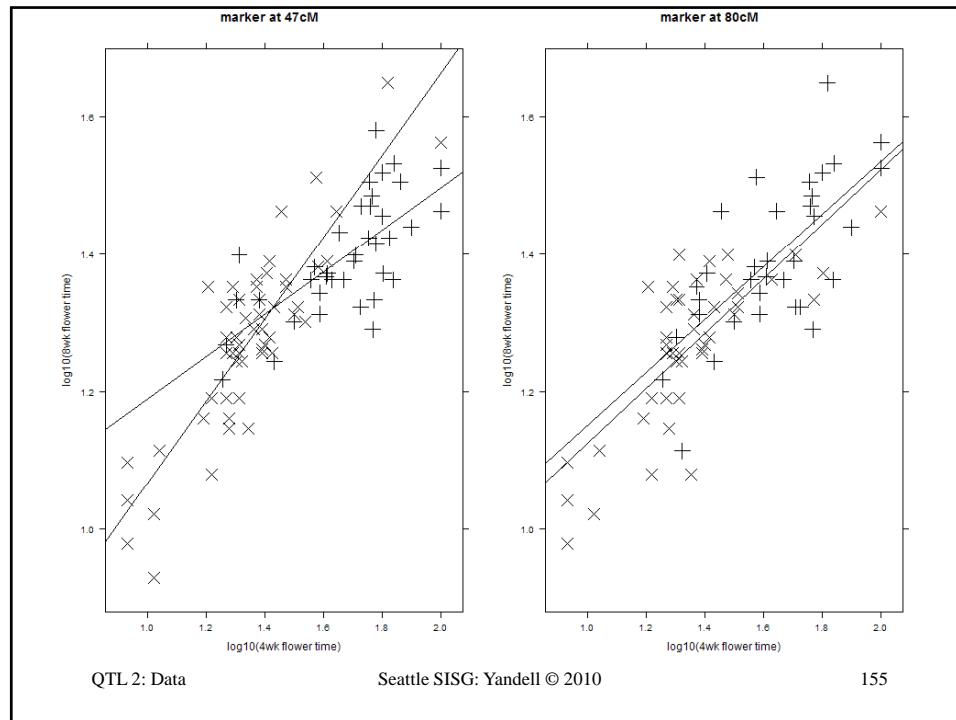
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## scatterplot adjusted for covariate

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## Set up data frame with peak markers, traits.
markers <- c("E38M50.133", "ec2e5a", "wg7f3a")
tmpdata <- data.frame(pull.genotype(Bnapus)[, markers])
tmpdata$f14 <- Bnapus$pheno$log10flower4
tmpdata$f18 <- Bnapus$pheno$log10flower8

## Scatterplots grouped by marker.
library(lattice)
xyplot(f18 ~ f14, tmpdata, group = wg7f3a,
       col = "black", pch = 3:4, cex = 2, type = c("p", "r"),
       xlab = "log10(4wk flower time)",
       ylab = "log10(8wk flower time)",
       main = "marker at 47cM")
xyplot(f18 ~ f14, tmpdata, group = E38M50.133,
       col = "black", pch = 3:4, cex = 2, type = c("p", "r"),
       xlab = "log10(4wk flower time)",
       ylab = "log10(8wk flower time)",
       main = "marker at 80cM")
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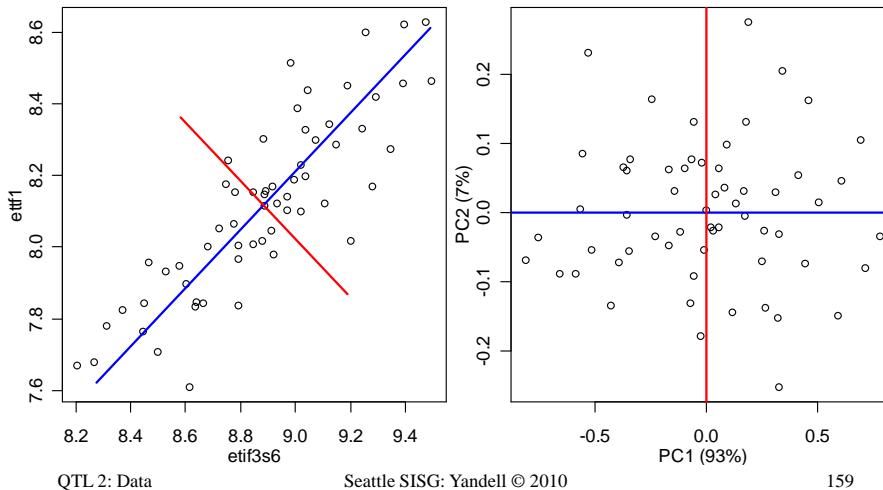
## R/qtlbim and GxE

- similar idea to R/qtl
  - fixed and random additive covariates
  - GxE with fixed covariate
- multiple trait analysis tools coming soon
  - theory & code mostly in place
  - properties under study
  - expect in R/qtlbim later this year
  - Samprit Banerjee (N Yi, advisor)

## reducing many phenotypes to 1

- *Drosophila mauritiana* x *D. simulans*
  - reciprocal backcrosses, ~500 per bc
- response is “shape” of reproductive piece
  - trace edge, convert to Fourier series
  - reduce dimension: first principal component
- many linked loci
  - brief comparison of CIM, MIM, BIM

## PC for two correlated phenotypes



## shape phenotype via PC

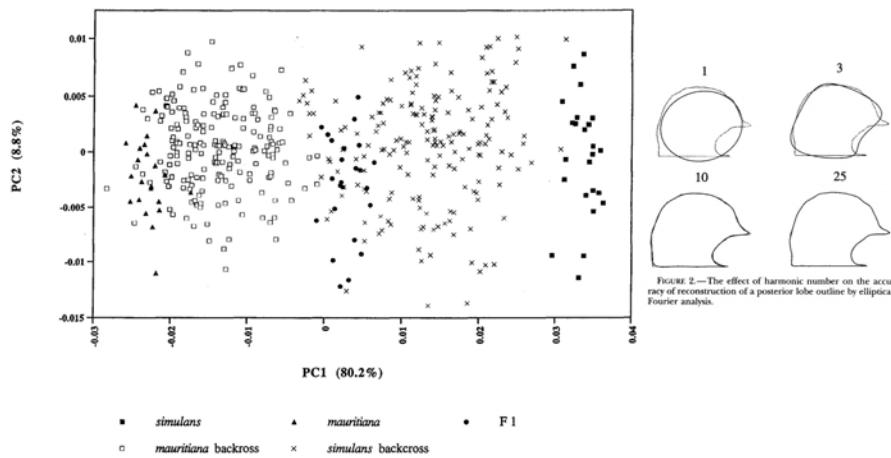
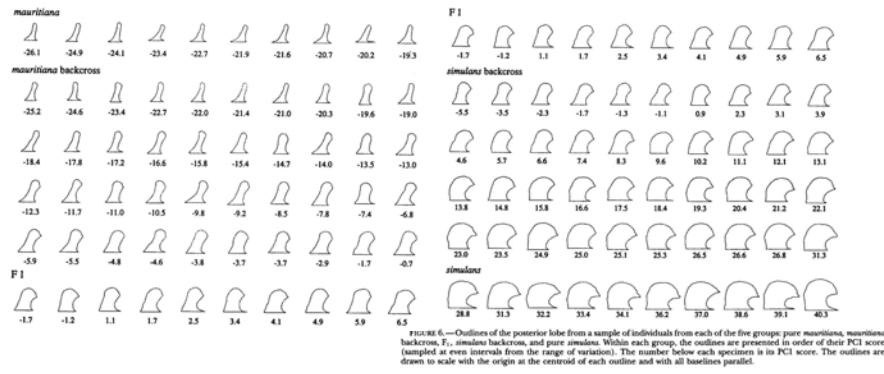


FIGURE 5.—A plot of the first two principal components of the Fourier coefficients from posterior lobe outlines. Many individuals from each of five genotypic classes are represented. Each point represents an average of scores from the left and right sides of an individual (with a few exceptions for which the score is from one side only). The percentage of variation in the Fourier coefficients accounted for by each principal component is given in parentheses. Liu et al. (1996) *Genetics*

# shape phenotype in BC study indexed by PC1



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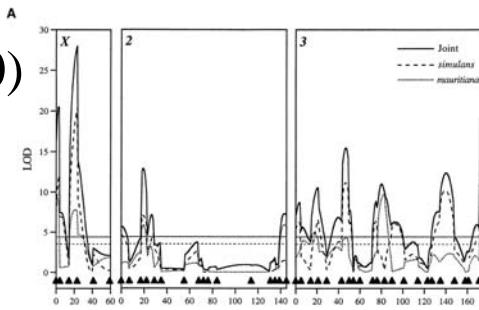
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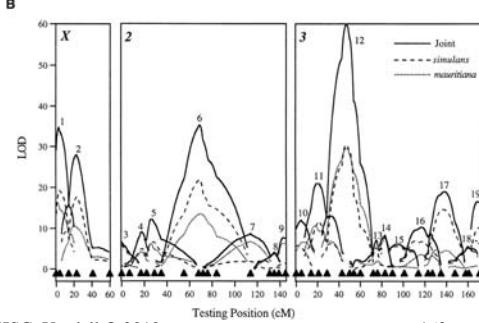
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## Zeng et al. (2000) CIM vs. MIM

composite interval mapping  
(Liu et al. 1996)  
narrow peaks  
miss some QTL



multiple interval mapping  
(Zeng et al. 2000)  
triangular peaks



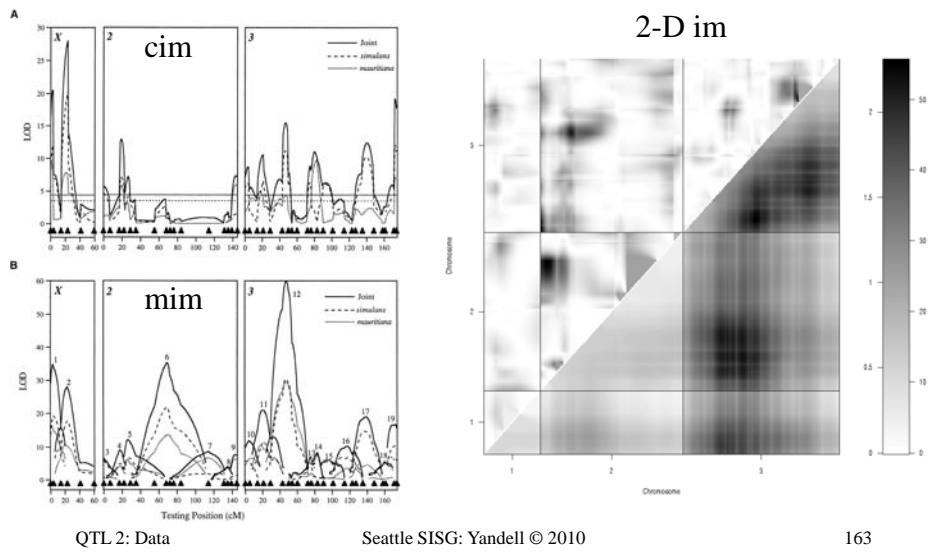
both conditional 1-D scans  
fixing all other "QTL"

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## CIM, MIM and IM pairscan



## multiple QTL: CIM, MIM and BIM

