

Recombination: Crossing over and gametes

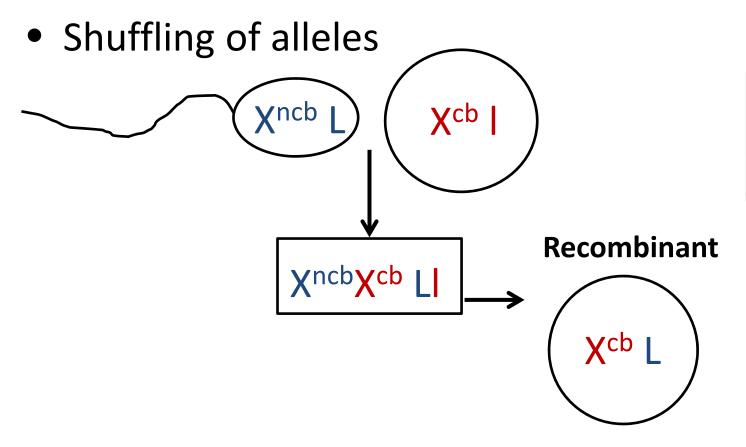


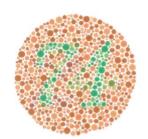
Recombination!

- Shuffling of alleles
 - Warning: Wikipedia definition is not precise
- Fundamental to genetics and evolution
- A gamete with a combination of alleles that did not come from the parents is a "recombinant" gamete
 - Examine by contrasting combinations of alleles at two stages:
 - Gametes that made person (from parents)
 - Gametes *from* person



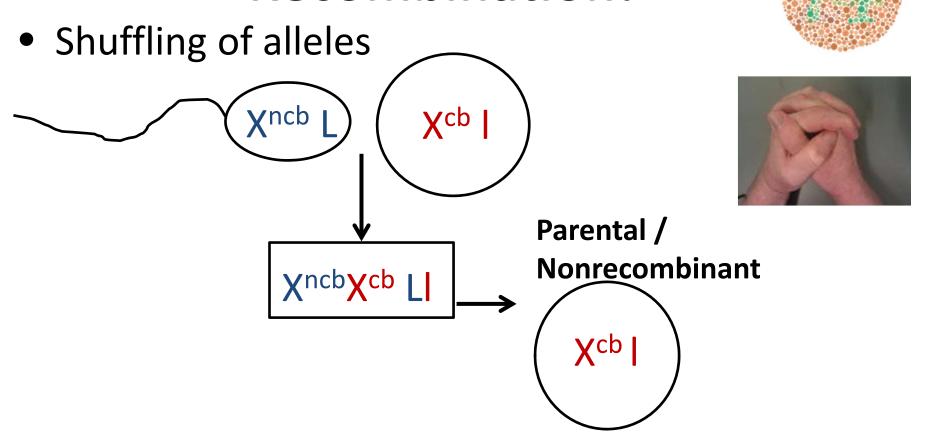
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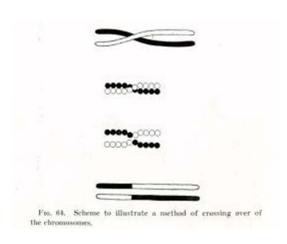


Recombination!



Two means of recombination

- Independent assortment
 - Process with different chromosomes
- Crossing over
 - Sometimes the word "recombination" is used specifically referring to crossing over
 - Wikipedia focuses just on this



Recap: Independent Assortment

- Last time, we assumed that the traits studied were inherited independently
 - Could multiply probabilities

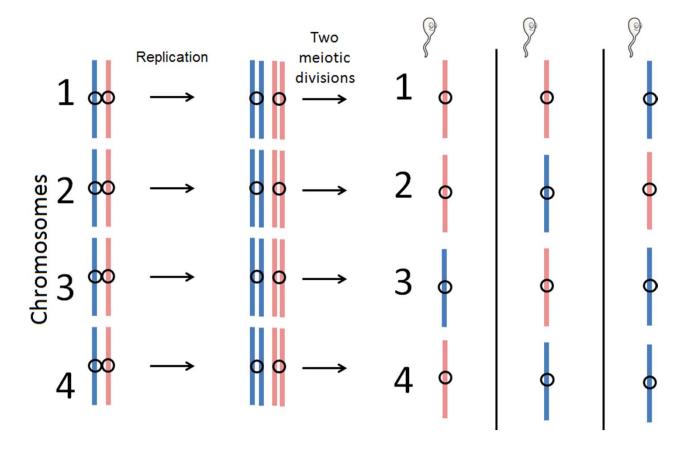
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Tt Ss x Tt Ss

¼ TT, ½ Tt, ¼ tt

¼ SS, ½ Ss, ¼ ss
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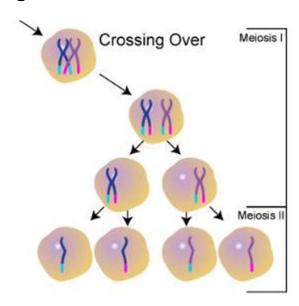
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9 possible genotypes:
1 TTSS 2 TTSs 1 TTss
2 TtSS 4 TtSs 2 Ttss
1 ttSS 2 ttSs 1 ttss
Each / 16
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Meiosis



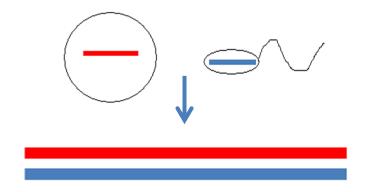
... but it isn't so simple...

- Often, homologous chromosomes trade pieces with each other during meiosis
 - Happens when doubled
 - Called "crossing over"
 - Can form mixed ("recombinant")chromosomes in gametes



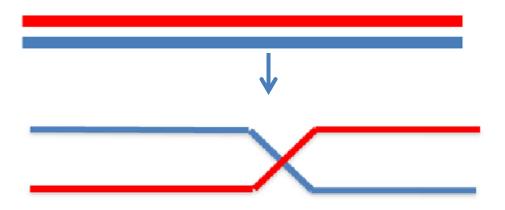
What are we working with?

 Two homologous chromosomes, one inherited from the egg and one from the sperm



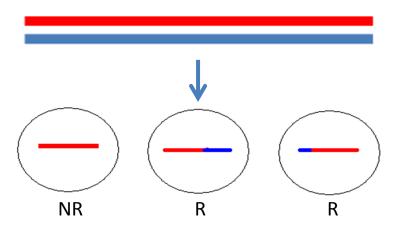
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 This heterozygote sometimes experiences crossing over during meiosis



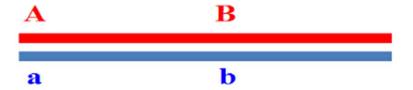
What are we working with?

 This heterozygote then passes on a noncrossover (nonrecombinant) or crossover (recombinant) chromosome to its eggs



How do we tell?

 We use look at alleles at genetic markers (discussed soon) along the chromosome!

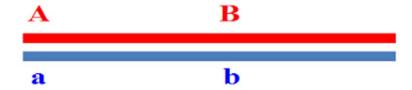


Nonrecombinant eggs: AB, ab

Recombinant eggs: a B, A b

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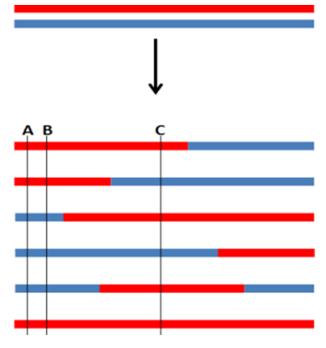
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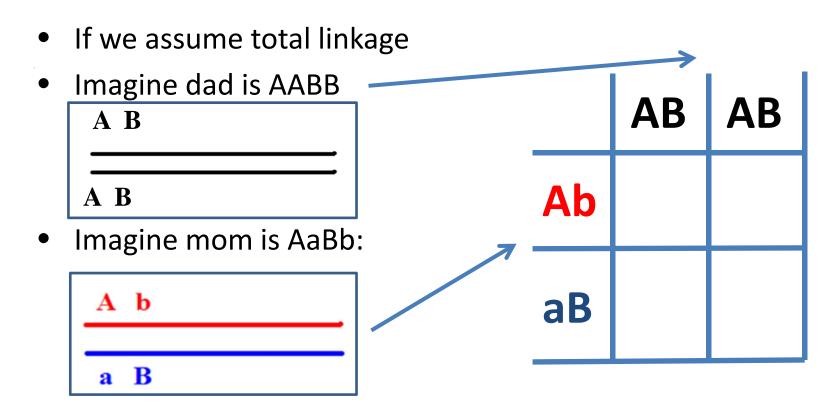
Recombinant eggs: **a B**, **A b**

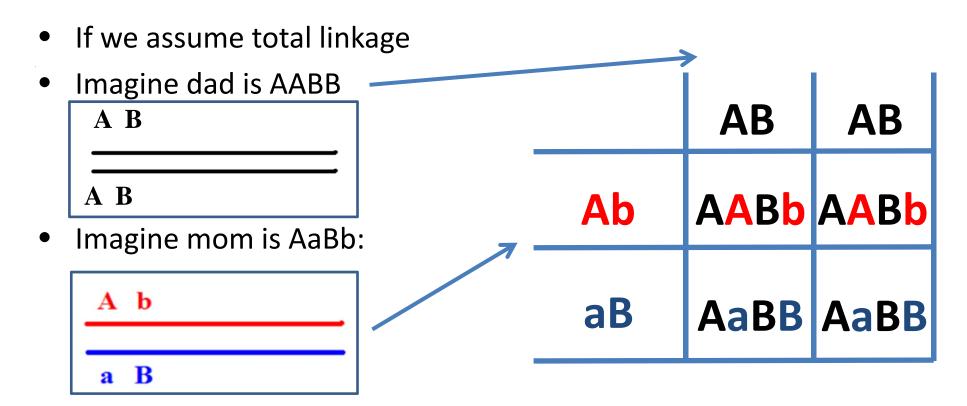
• If totally linked (no recombination), only get Nonrecombinant eggs

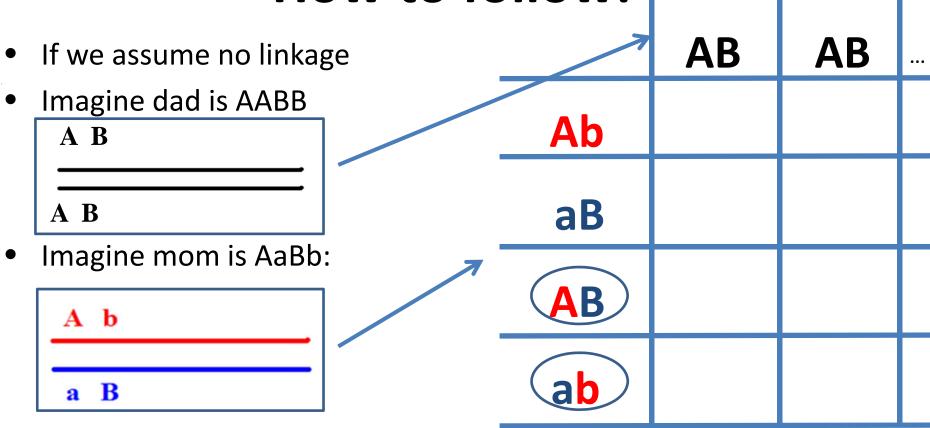
Neighboring gene variants (alleles) tend to stay associated

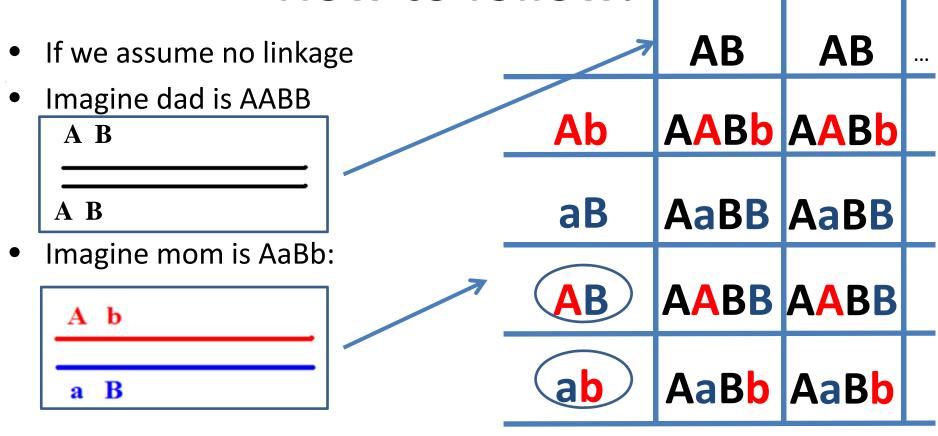
- Start with heterozygote
- Produces gametes, with crossover(s) occurring along the length
 - How often are A and B "linked" (ie, same color)?
 - How often are A and C "linked"?
 - What does this mean?



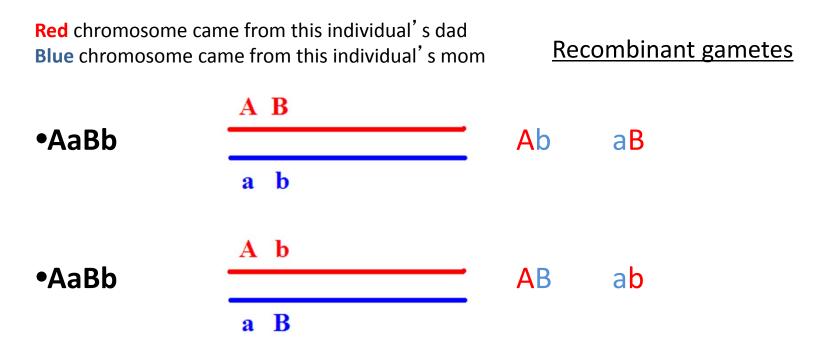








"Phase" matters...



Punchline: Knowing an individual is "AaBb" is not enough to understand which gametes are recombinant vs. parental

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