Human meiotic interference

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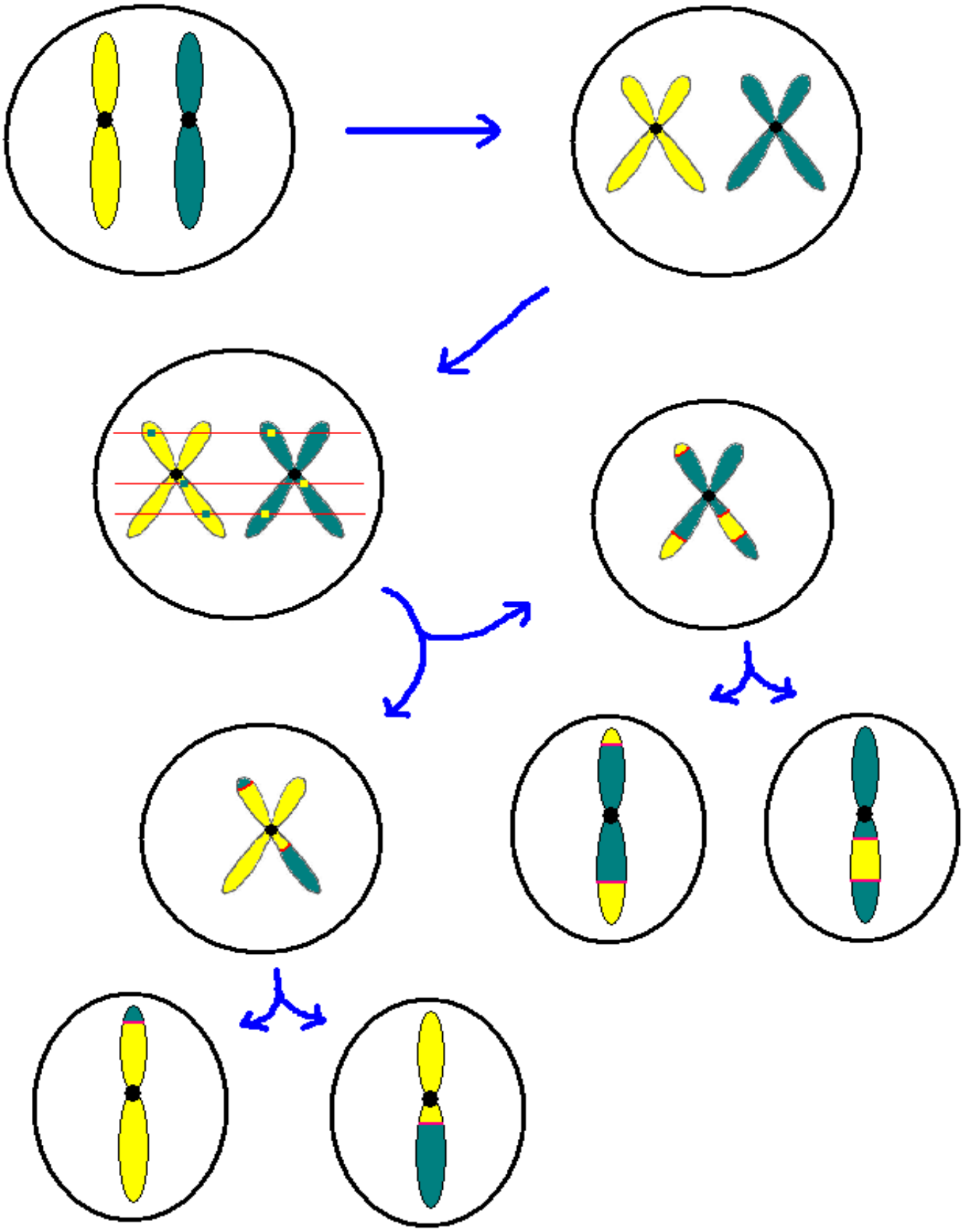
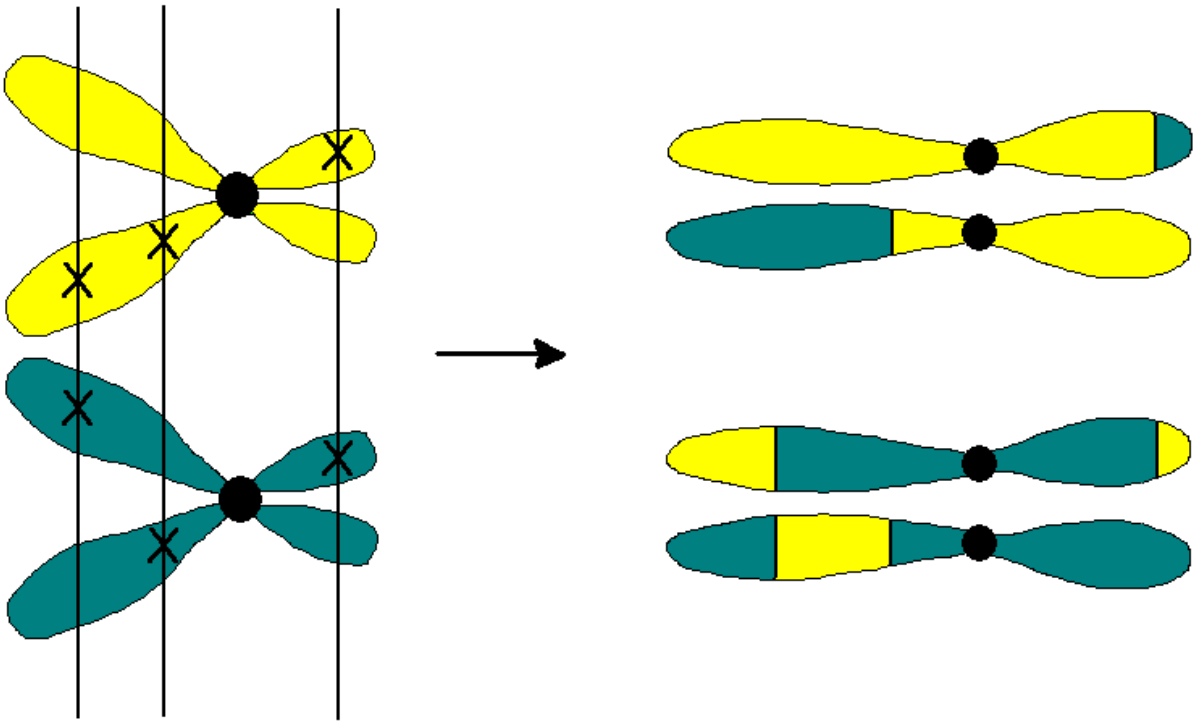
Meiosis



Interference



- Strand choice

  → Chromatid interference

- Spacing

  → Chiasma (crossover) interference

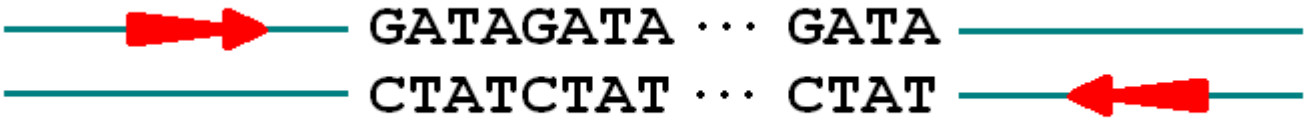
Why study interference?

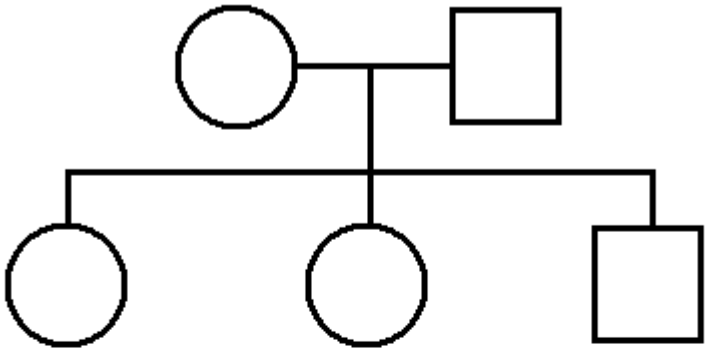
- Estimate the probability of a double crossover in a small interval
- Obtain a model of meiosis for simulation and analysis
- Compare human meiosis to that of other organisms

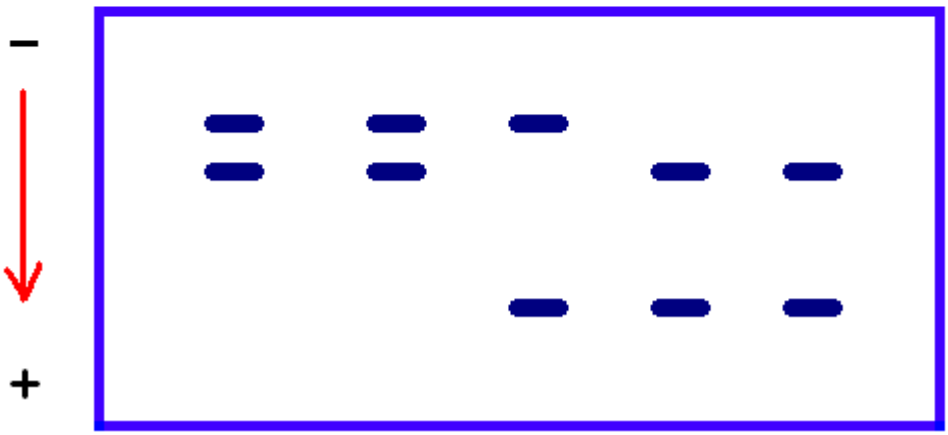
Goals

- Demonstrate the presence of interference in human meiosis
- Obtain an empirical map function
- Find a good model

Genetic markers:
STRPs or microsatellites







Model organisms

- Lots of meioses
- A few linked markers
- Look at frequency of rare multiple recombination events

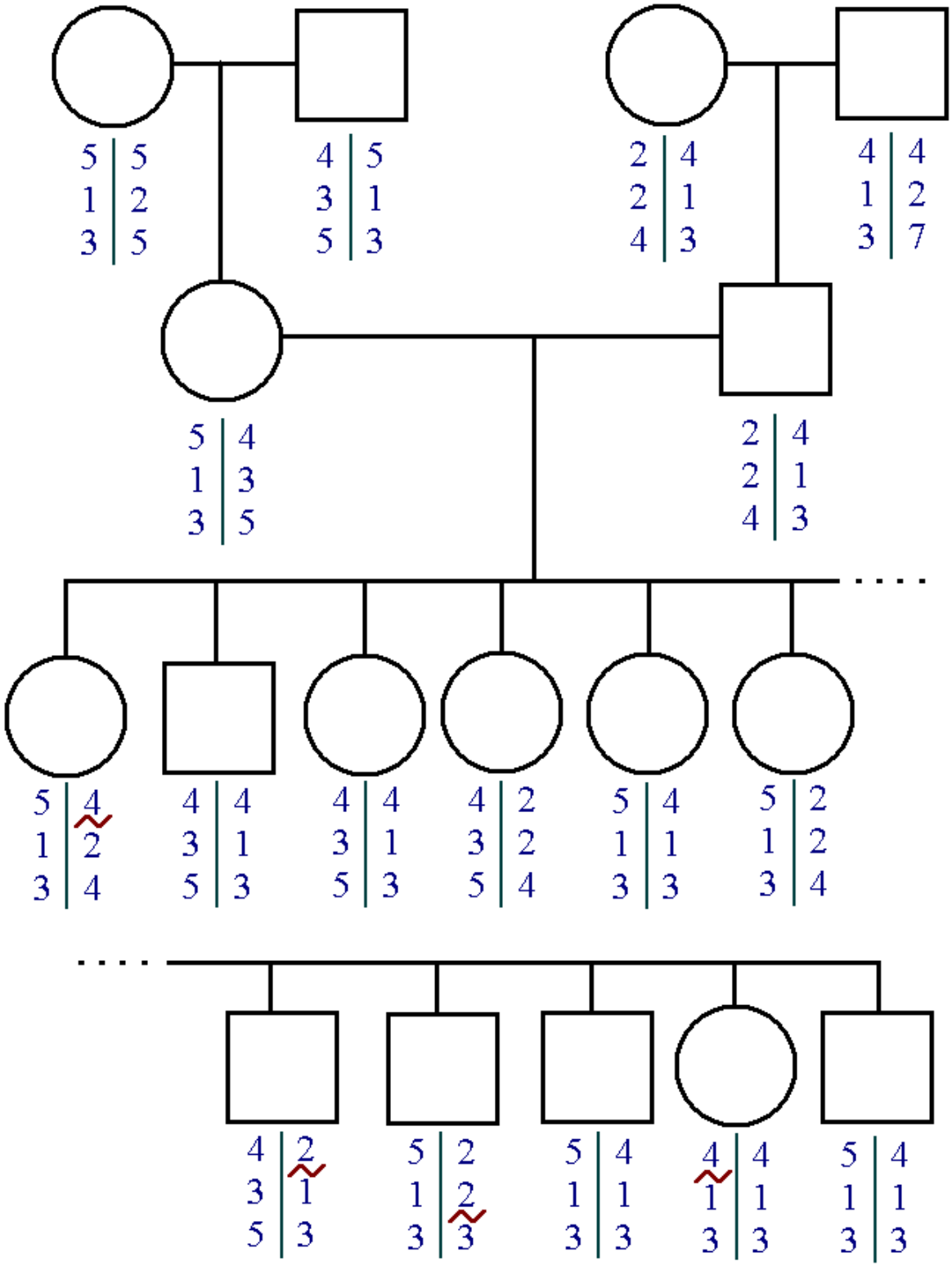
***Drosophila* data (Morgan et al 1935)**

Event	Count	Event	Count
0000	10,431	1001	46
1000	771	0101	53
0100	1,579	0011	25
0010	1,221	1110	1
0001	1,994	1101	1
1100	4	1011	1
1010	7	0111	1
0110	4	1111	1

Human data

- www.marshmed.org/genetics
- 8 CEPH families
  - three generations
  - 11 to 15 progeny
  - 92 meioses
- ~8,000 STRP markers
  - 90 ± 7 % typed
- Average spacing
  - female: 0.6 ± 1.2 cM
  - male: 0.4 ± 1.0 cM
  - sex-ave: 0.5 ± 0.9 cM
- Data cleaning
  - Removed 764/964,425 (~0.08%) genotypes resulting in tight double recombinants

CEPH pedigree



CRI-MAP chrompic output

CEPH individual 1331–11

maternal chromosome 10

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1-11---11- 111111--i- 11-1111-11
--11111-11 1111-11111 11--111111
111-111i-i 1111111111 10000-0-00
0--o00-000 0000-00000 0000--0000
0000--0000 0000-00000 o00-0--0--
--0-11-11- -111ii1i-1 ---1-i-1-i
1111-i--11 11111-11i1 -11i-11111
-1----i111 1i1111-111 -11i1-111-
11-111111i 111-i111i- 1111111-i-
1111111-1i 1i-111i11- 1i--1-11-1
111-1i-1-1 1-1----1-1 1i-1ii1i11
1i--1--1i- 11i11--111 11--1i111i
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o0-00o
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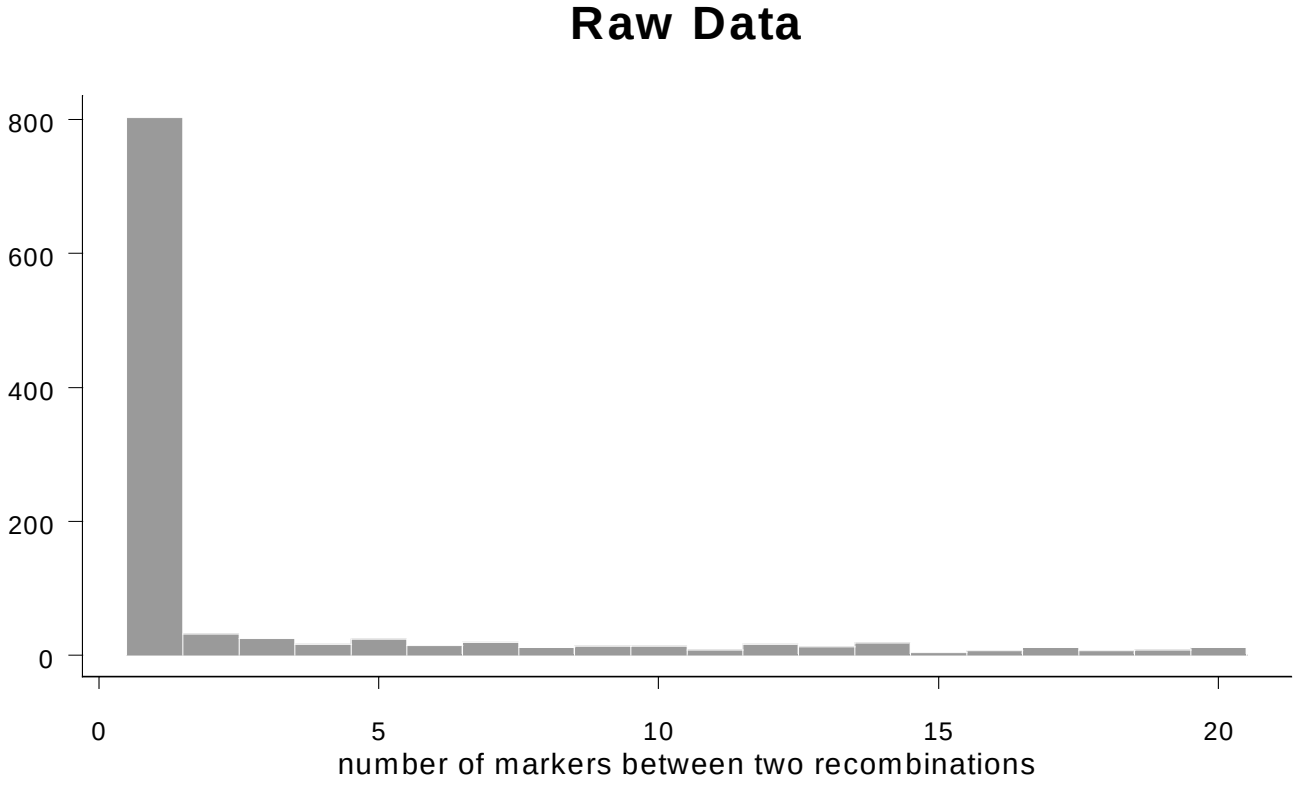
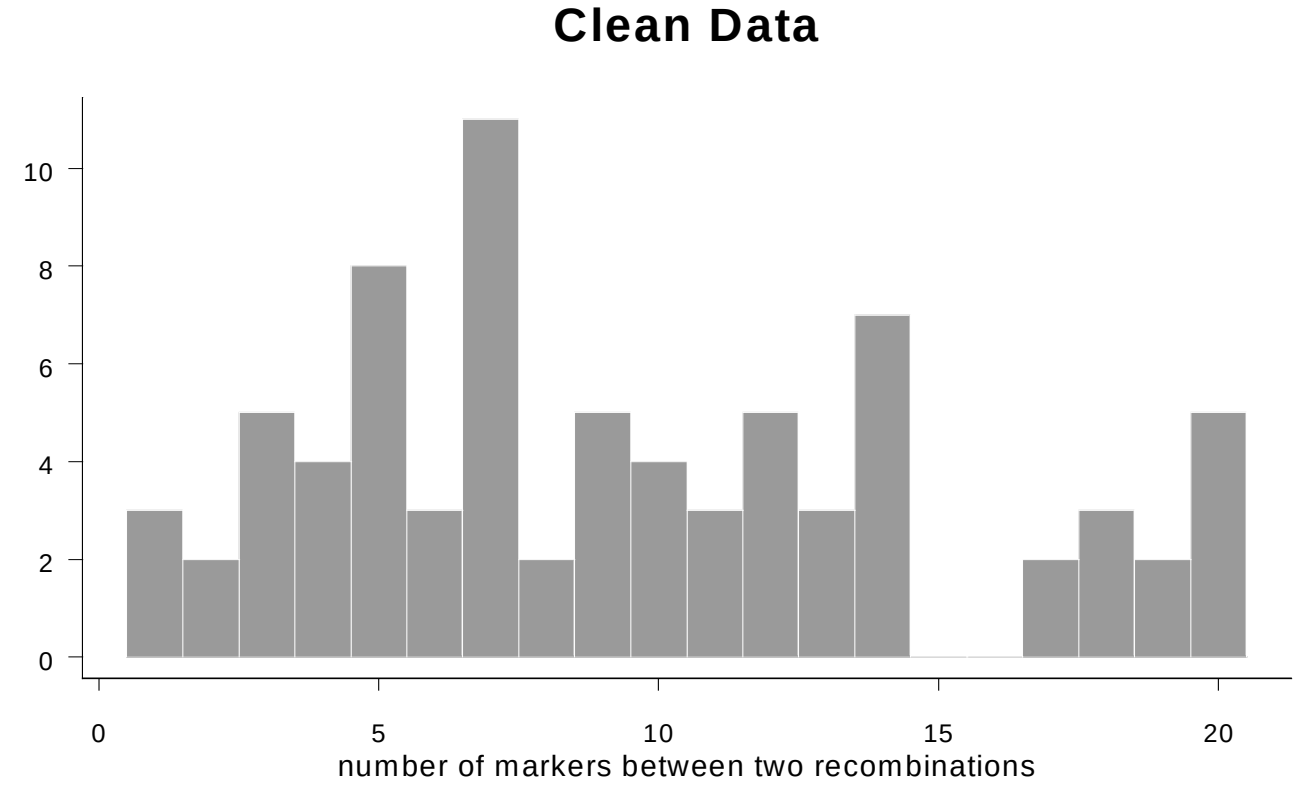
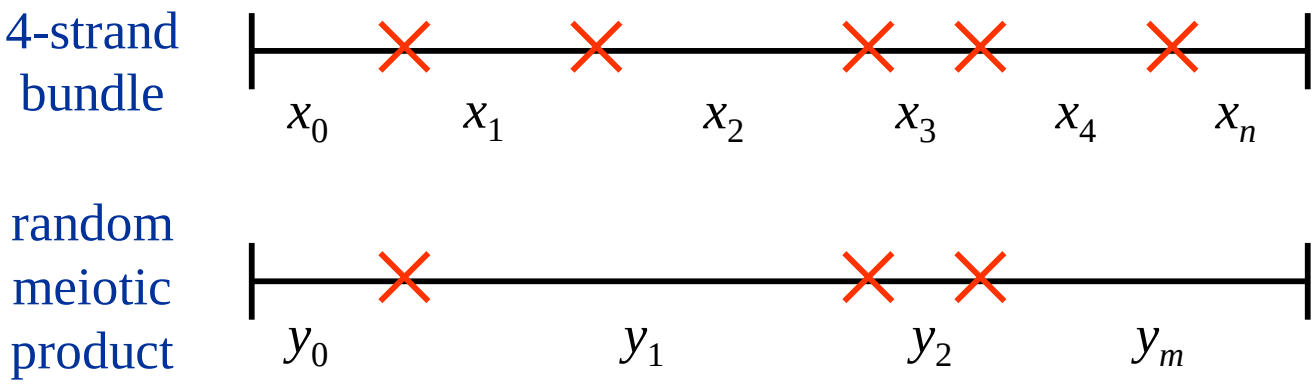
Left tail of the distribution of # markers between recombinations





Models



- Count-location model

  $n \sim (p_0, p_1, p_2, \ldots)$

  locations | n ~ iid uniform

- Gamma model

  x_i's ~ stationary gamma renewal process
  (shape = υ, rate = 2υ)

  y_i's ~ mixtures of gammas

Genetic distance

distance (cM) = average # crossovers in 100 meiotic products

per Morgan { 2 chiasmata on 4-strand bundle
1 crossover on meiotic product

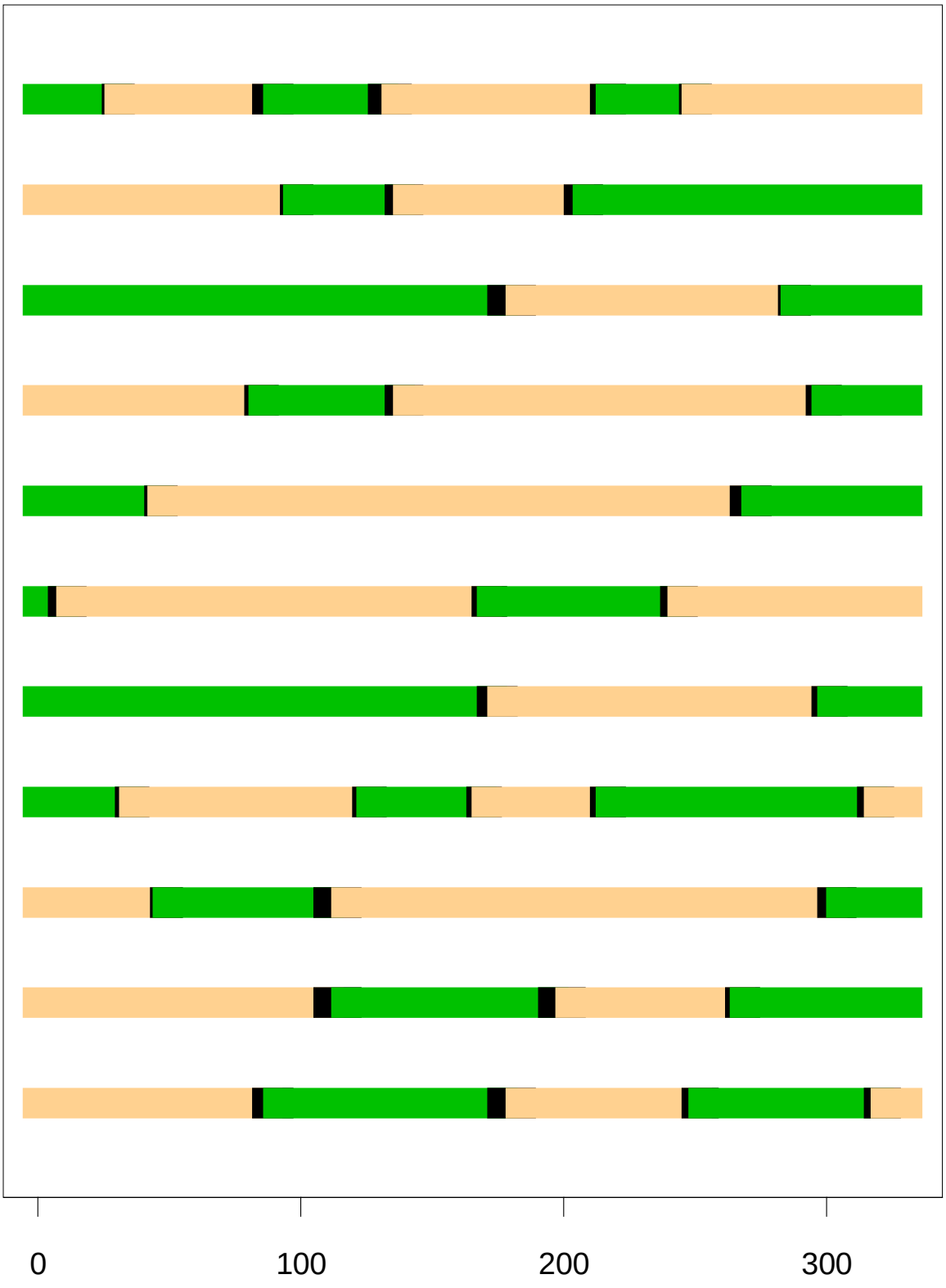
Map function

recombination fraction as a function of genetic distance

Haldane $r(d) = \frac{1}{2} [1 - \exp(-2d)]$

Kosambi $r(d) = \frac{1}{2} \tanh(2d)$

Another view of the data



Model fitting

- Count-location model

m_i = # crossovers
n_i = underlying # chiasmata

$n_i \sim (p_0, p_1, p_2, \ldots)$
$m_i \mid n_i \sim \text{binomial}(n_i, 1/2)$

MLEs via a version of the EM algorithm

Model fitting

- Gamma model

$x_1, x_2, \ldots \sim f(\upsilon, 2\upsilon)$
$x_0 \sim g = 2[1 - F(\upsilon, 2\upsilon)]$
x_i's independent

$y_1, y_2, \ldots \sim \Sigma\, (½)^k f(k\upsilon, 2\upsilon)$
$y_0 \sim ½\, g + \Sigma\, (½)^{(k+1)}\, g * f(k\upsilon, 2\upsilon)$
y_i's independent

- MLE of υ using y_i's
- g calculated numerically
- Convolutions calculated numerically
- Maximization performed using a quasi-Newton method

Distributions of # XOs / chr

Maternal chromosome 1

	0	1	2	3	4	5	> 5	X^2
Obs.	2	7	12	24	23	14	10	
Pois.	3	9	17	20	17	12	14	**9.2**
C-L	2	7	14	22	23	16	9	0.8
Gamma	1	5	14	23	23	16	10	1.2

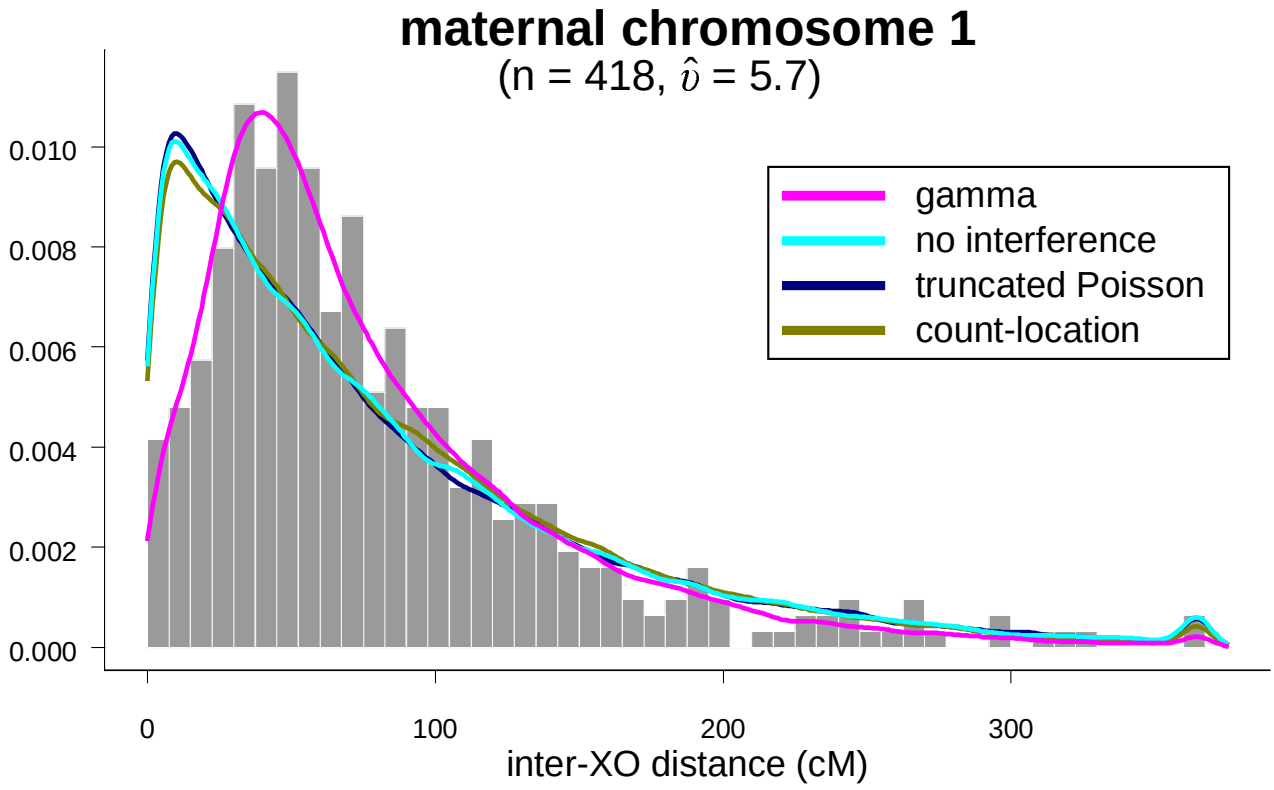
Maternal chromosome 4

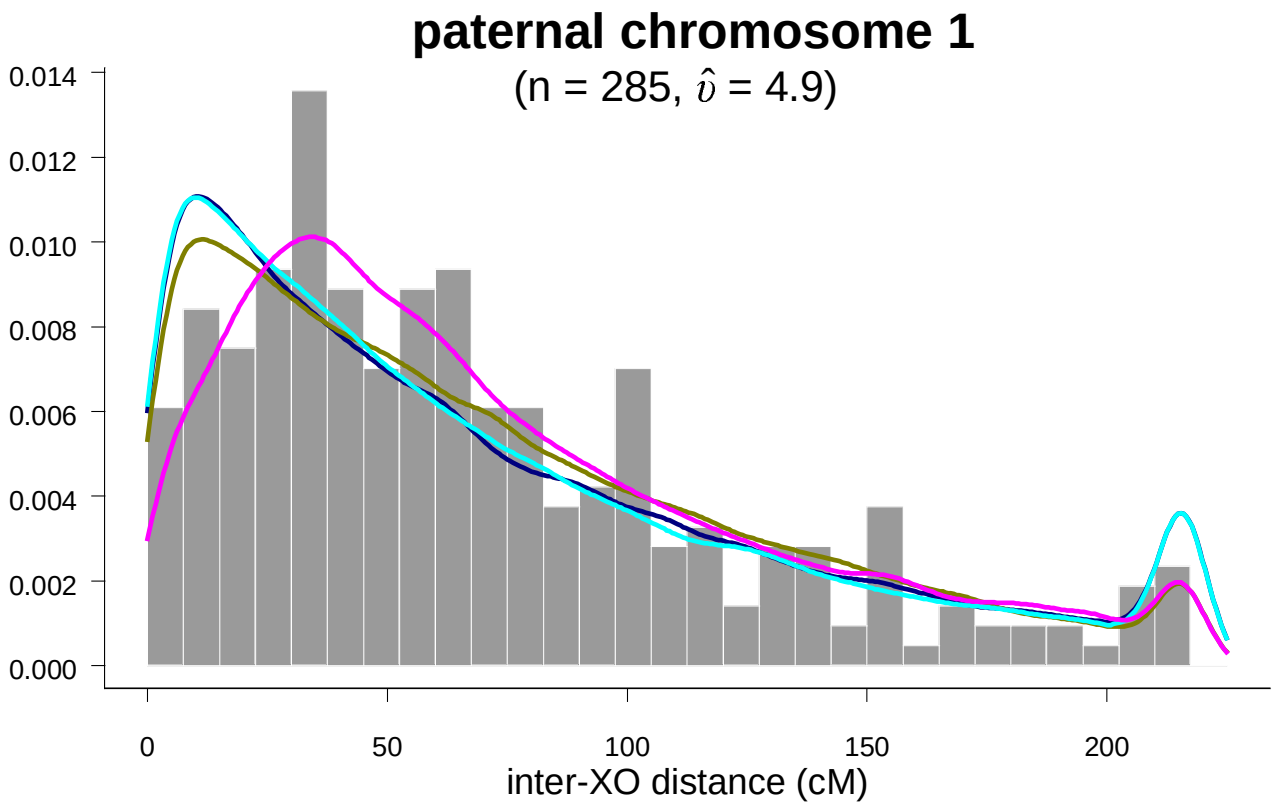
	0	1	2	3	4	5	> 5	X^2
Obs.	1	16	**36**	15	15	9	0	
Pois.	7	18	23	20	13	7	4	**14.4**
C-L	4	16	26	25	15	6	1	**12.8**
Gamma	4	15	26	24	15	6	1	**7.1**

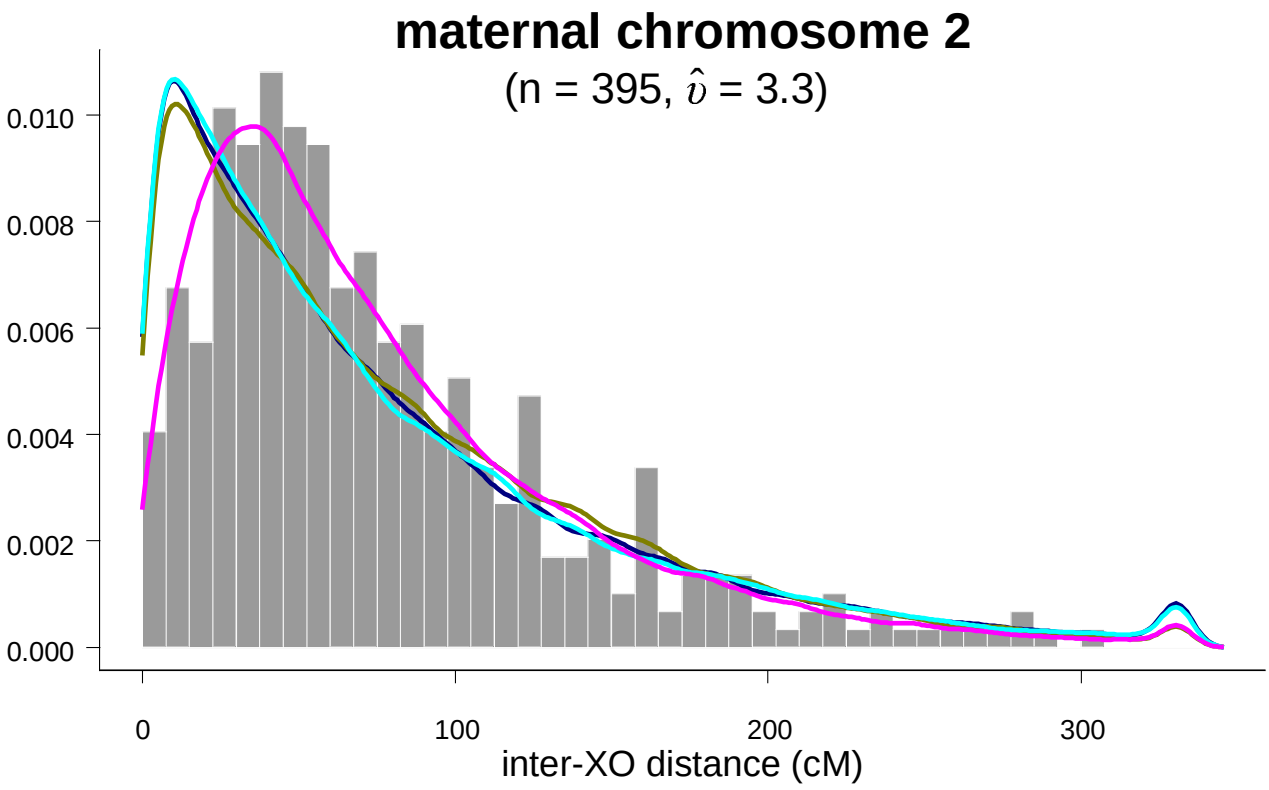
Evidence for interference:

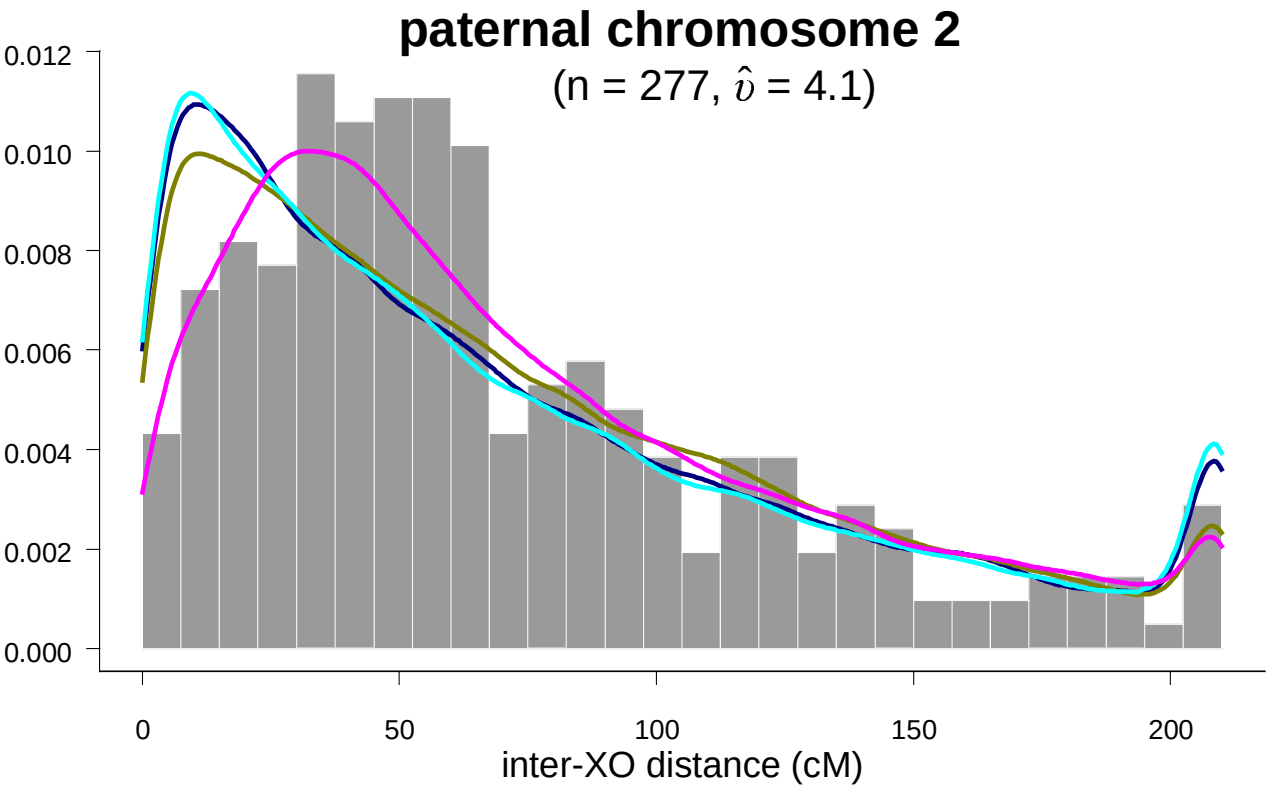
maternal 3, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17

paternal 1, 4, 5, 9, 14


maternal chromosome 1
(n = 418, $\hat{\upsilon}$ = 5.7)
gamma
no interference
truncated Poisson
count-location
0.010
0.008
0.006
0.004
0.002
0.000
0
100
200
300
inter-XO distance (cM)


paternal chromosome 1
(n = 285, $\hat{\upsilon}$ = 4.9)
0.014
0.012
0.010
0.008
0.006
0.004
0.002
0.000
0
50
100
150
200
inter-XO distance (cM)


maternal chromosome 2
(n = 395, $\hat{\upsilon}$ = 3.3)
0.010
0.008
0.006
0.004
0.002
0.000
0
100
200
300
inter-XO distance (cM)


paternal chromosome 2
(n = 277, $\hat{\upsilon}$ = 4.1)
0.012
0.010
0.008
0.006
0.004
0.002
0.000
0
50
100
150
200
inter-XO distance (cM)

Discussion

- Approximations
  - Correct marker order
  - Correct genetic distances
  - All crossovers observed
  - Interval censoring unimportant
  - No individual variation in recombination
  - Interference constant across chromosome
- Conclusions
  - Gamma model fits well
  - Count-location model fits poorly
  - Gamma parameter, $\hat{\upsilon} \approx 3$–5 (stronger than Kosambi, $\upsilon \approx 2.6$)
- Further work
  - Interference across the centromere
  - Variation between chromosomes