Dissecting and fine-mapping *trans*-eQTL hotspots

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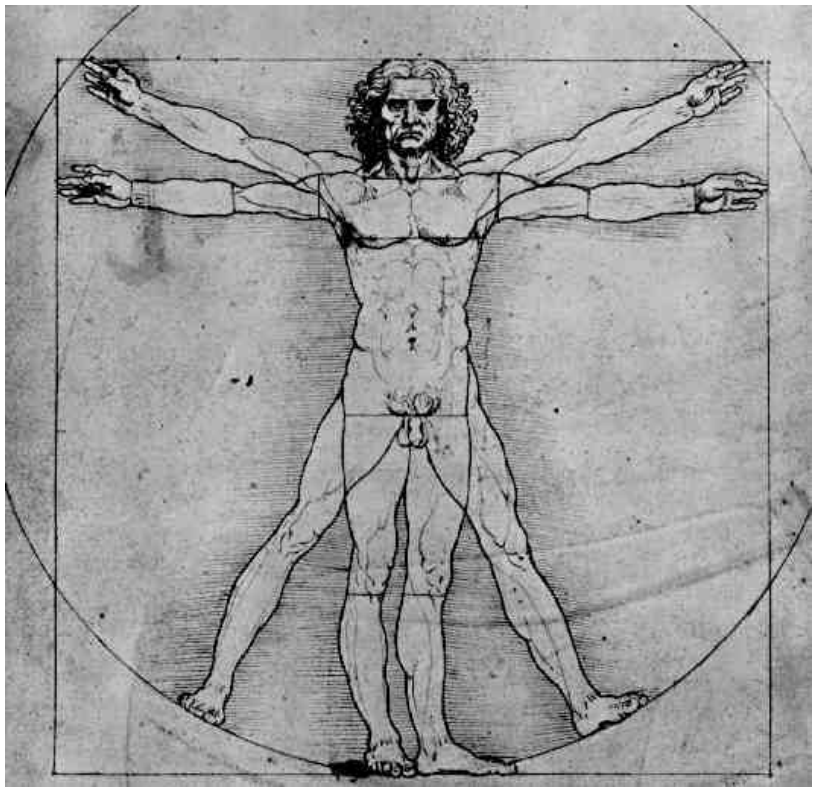

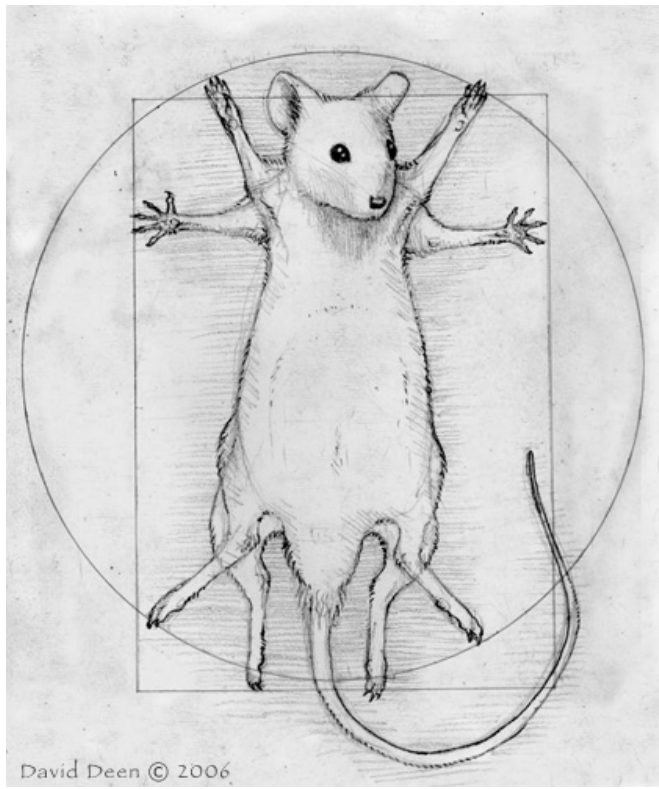

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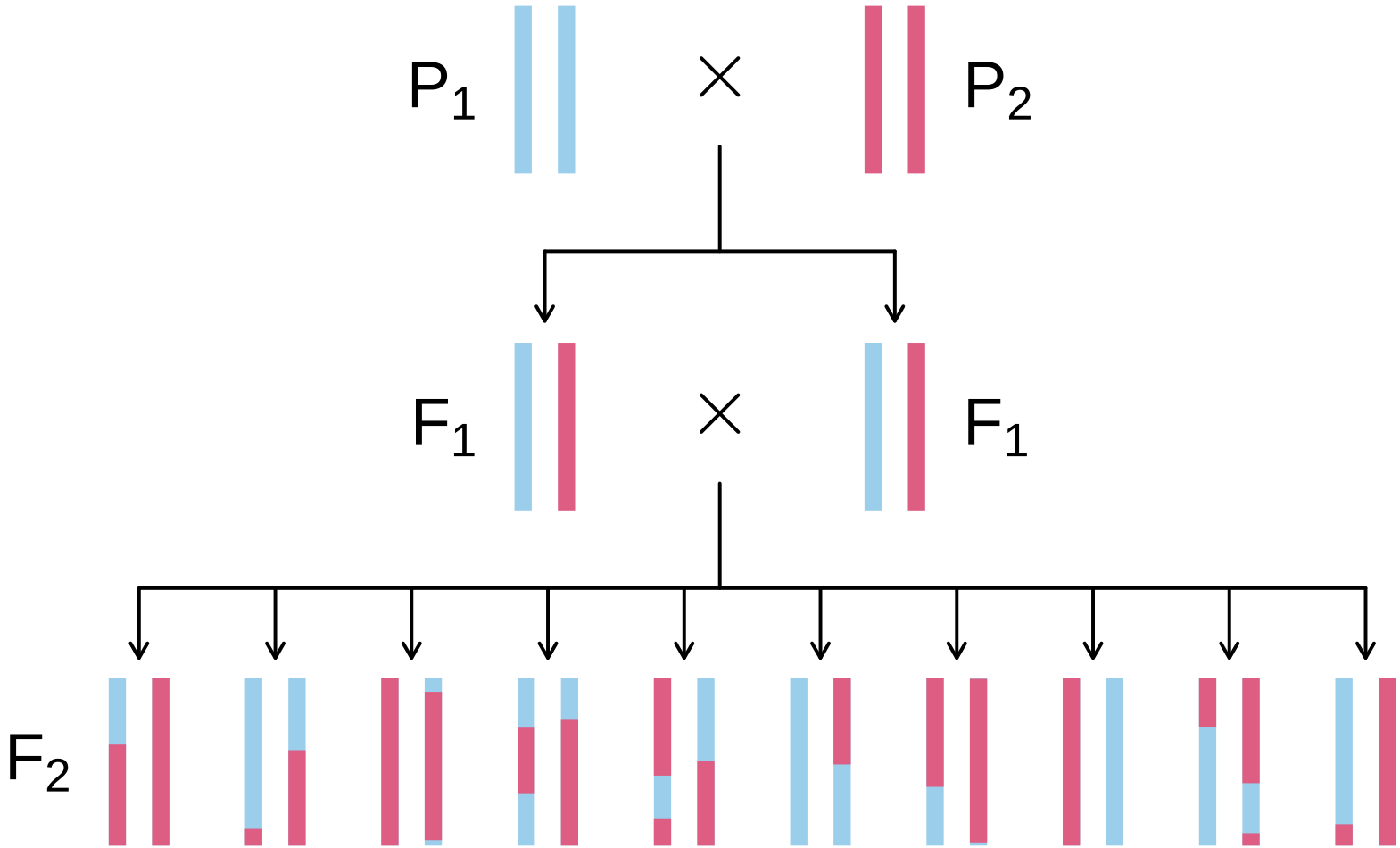

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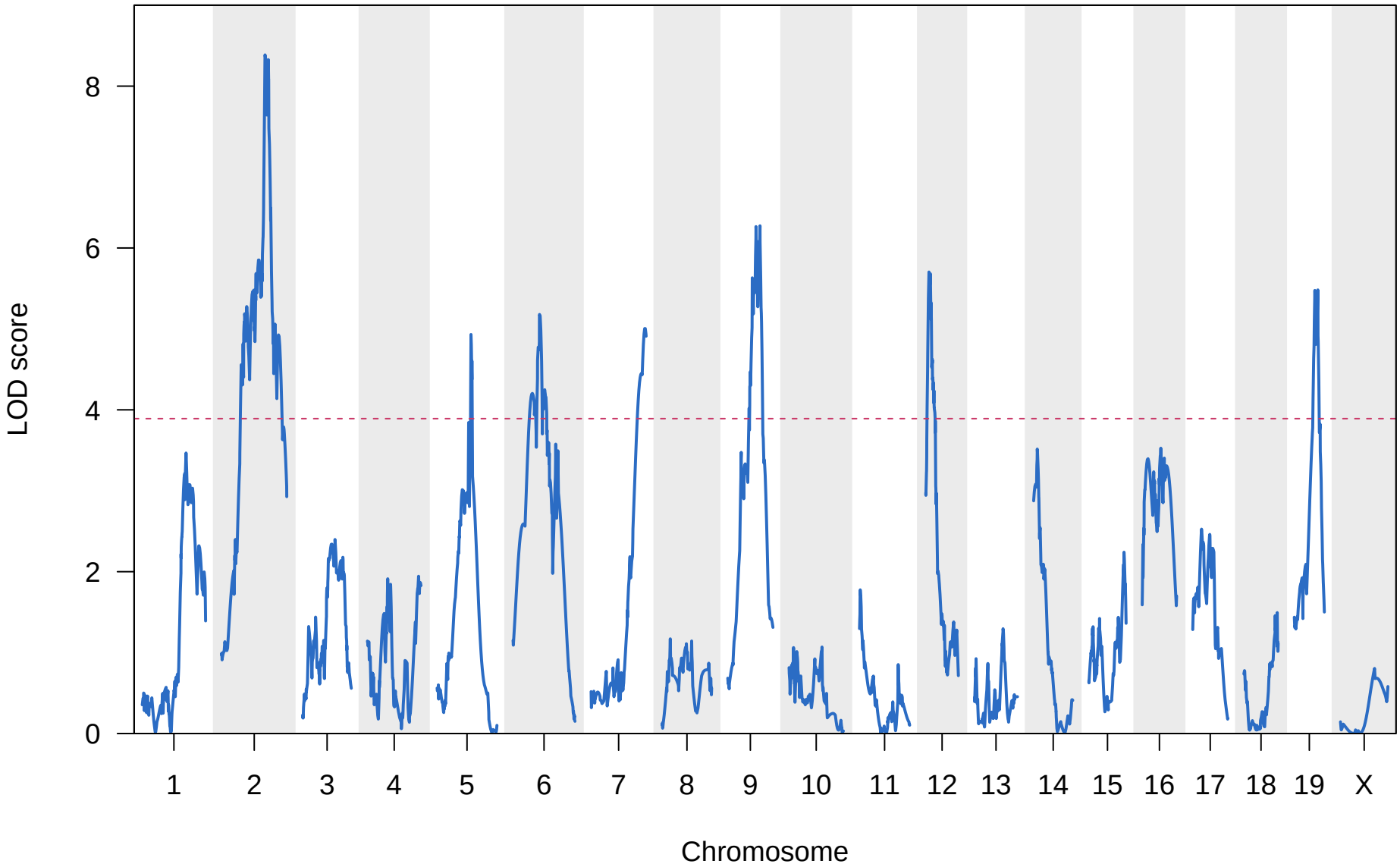
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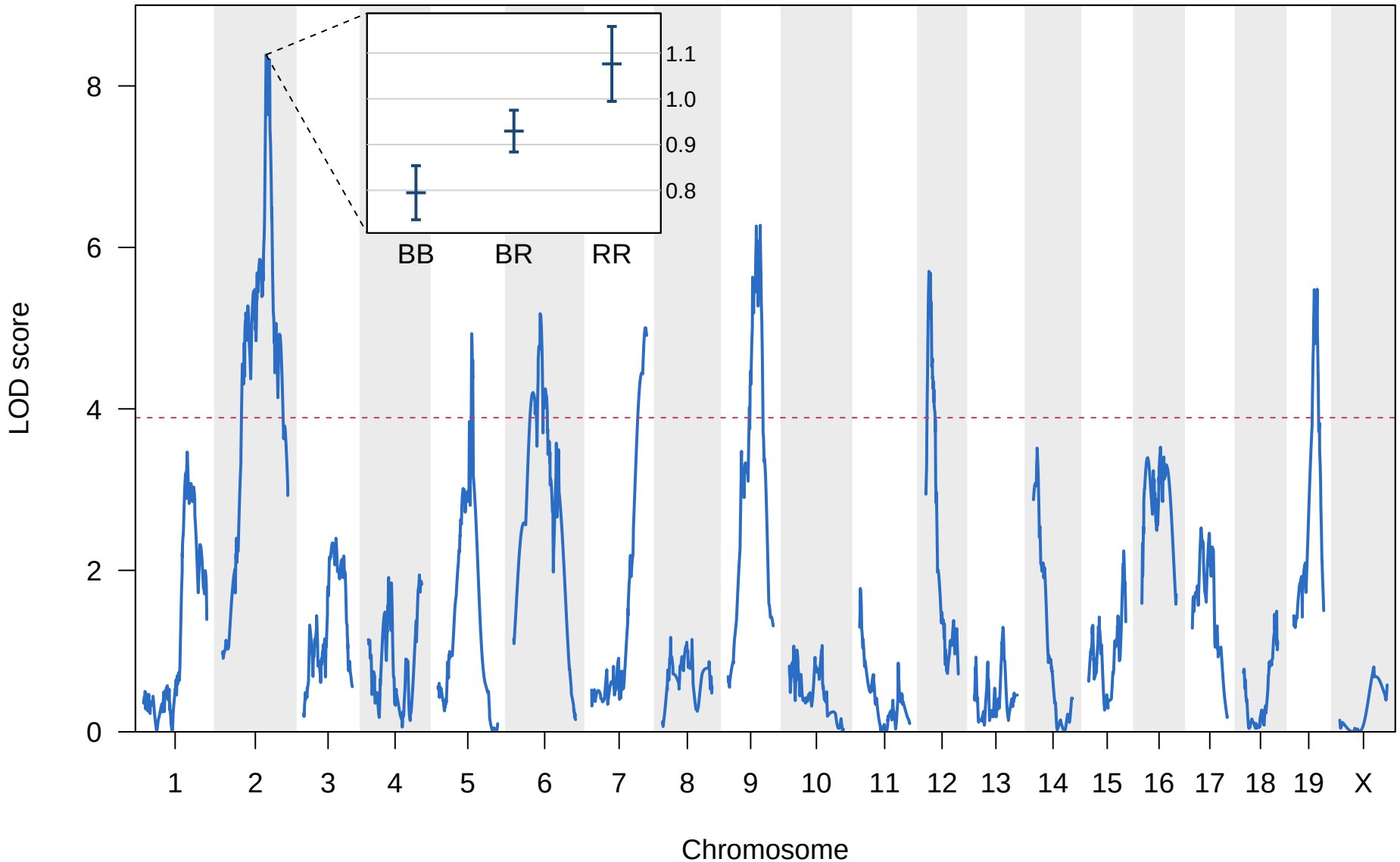
QTL mapping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BB
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RR

B6 × BTBR, *Lep*$^{ob/ob}$

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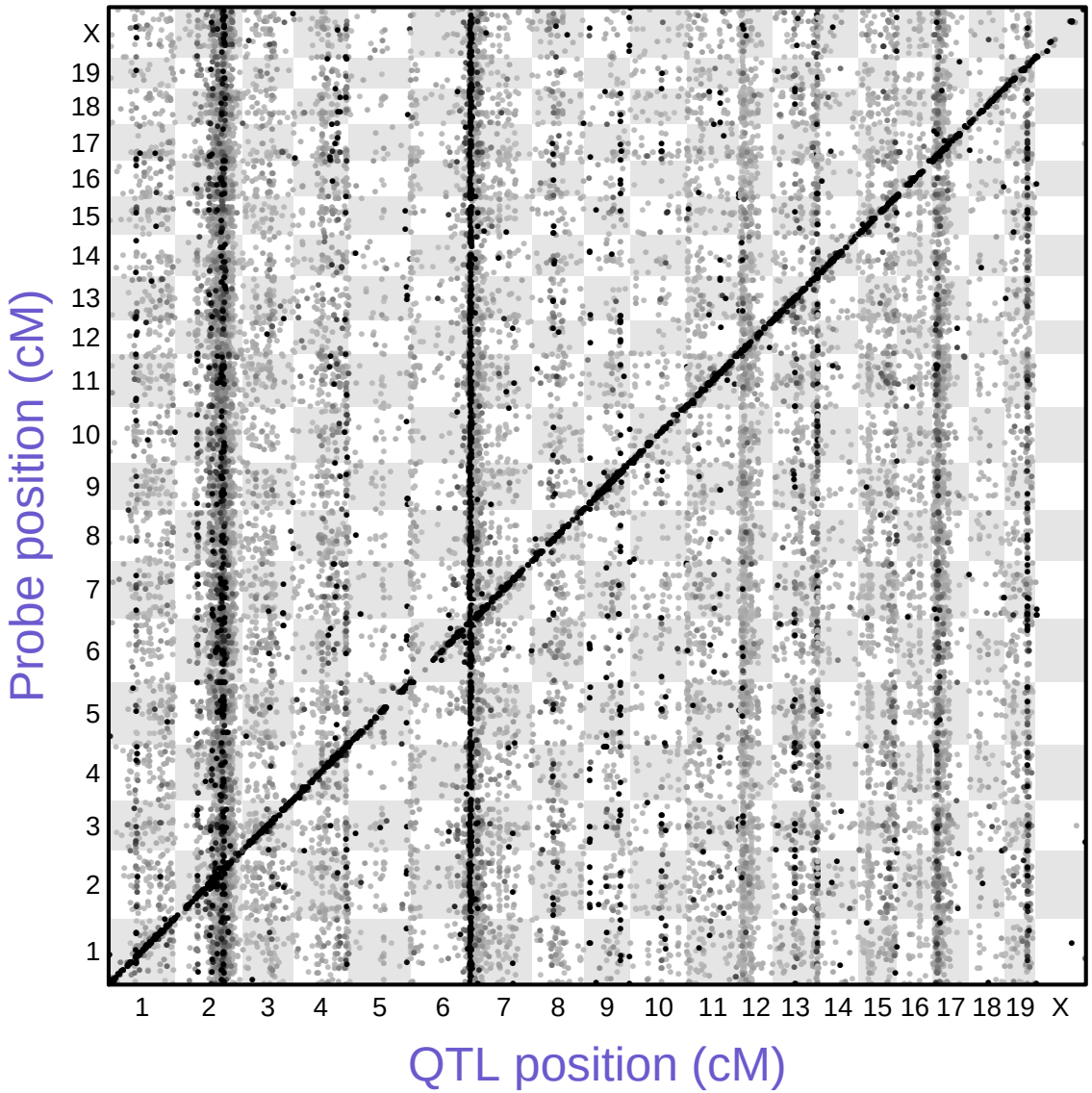

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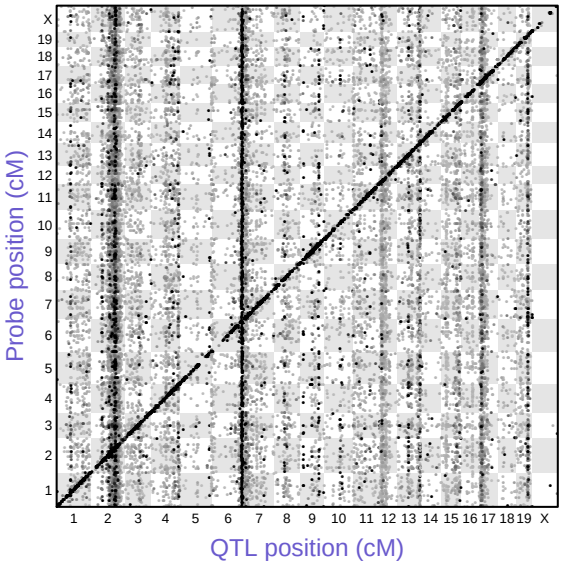

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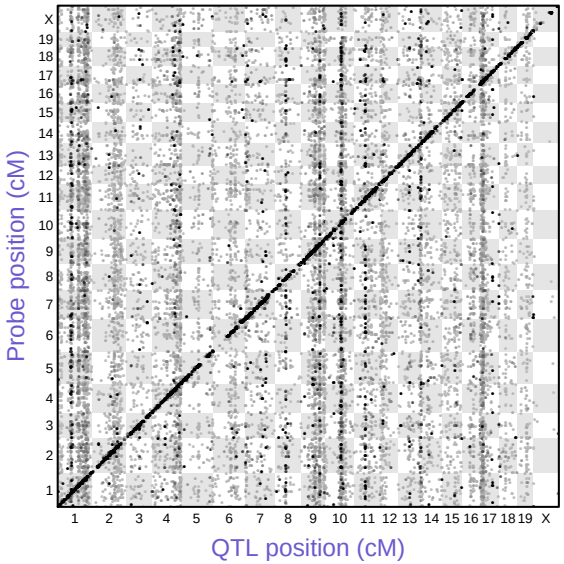

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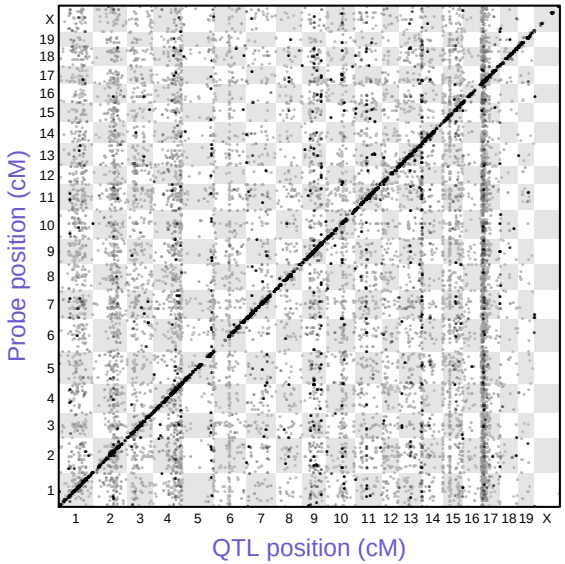

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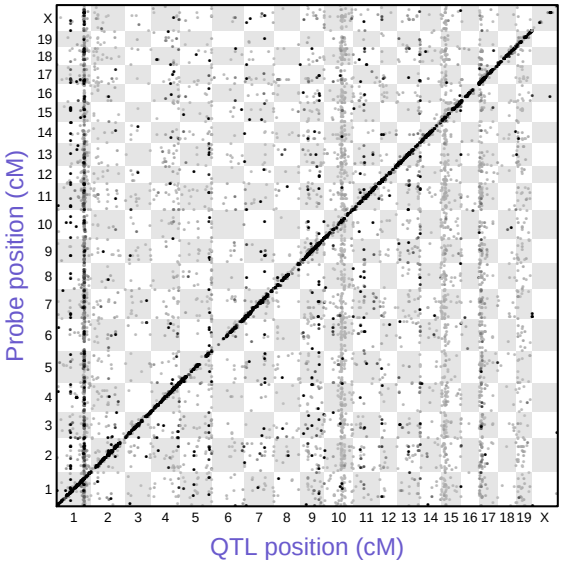

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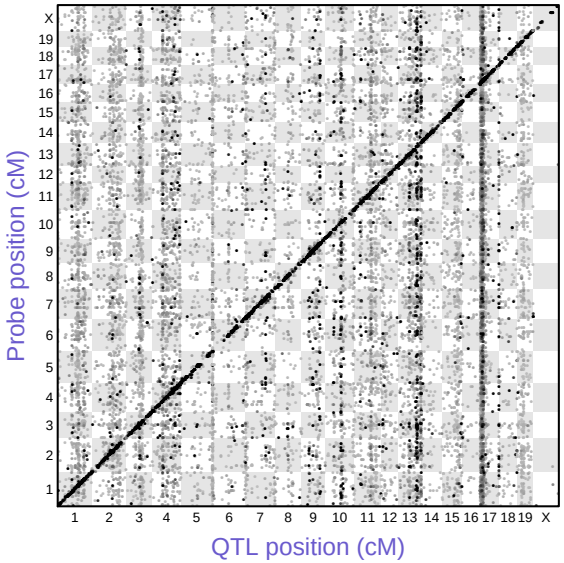

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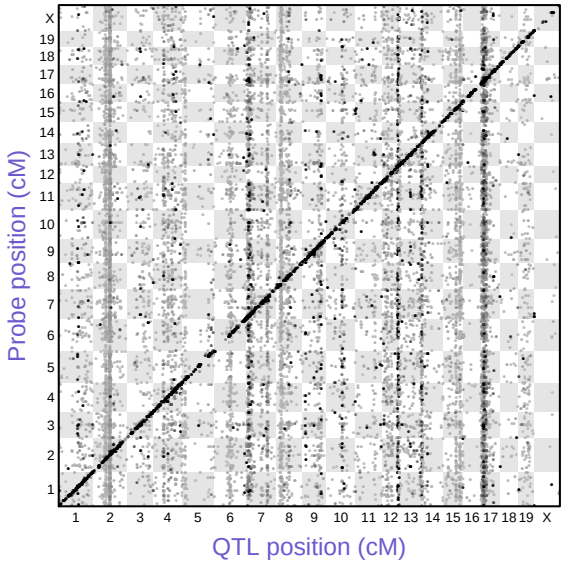

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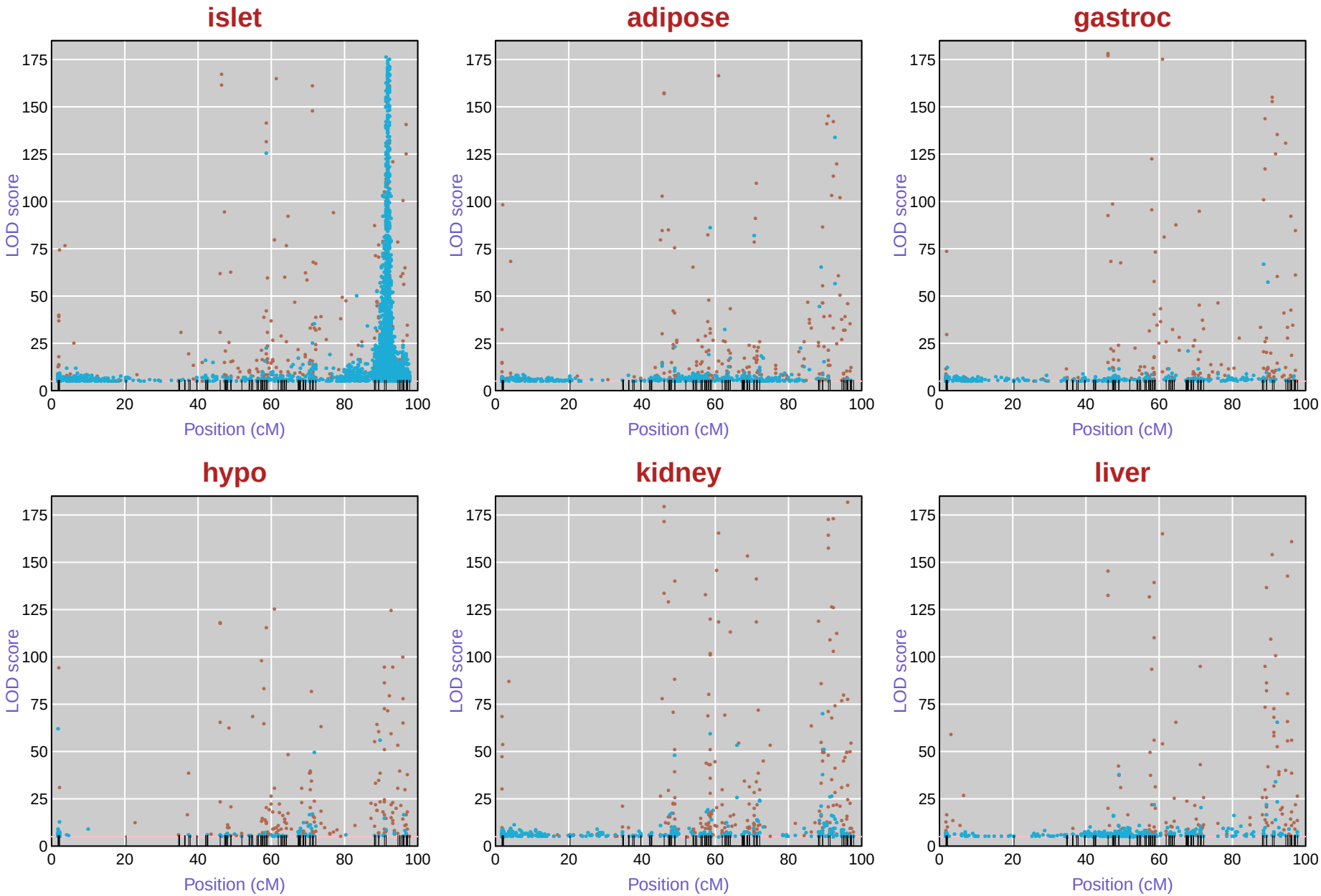
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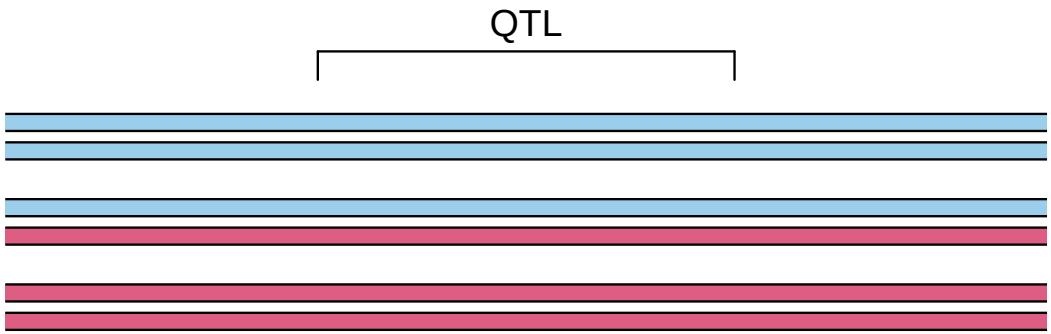
Consider the non-recombinants…



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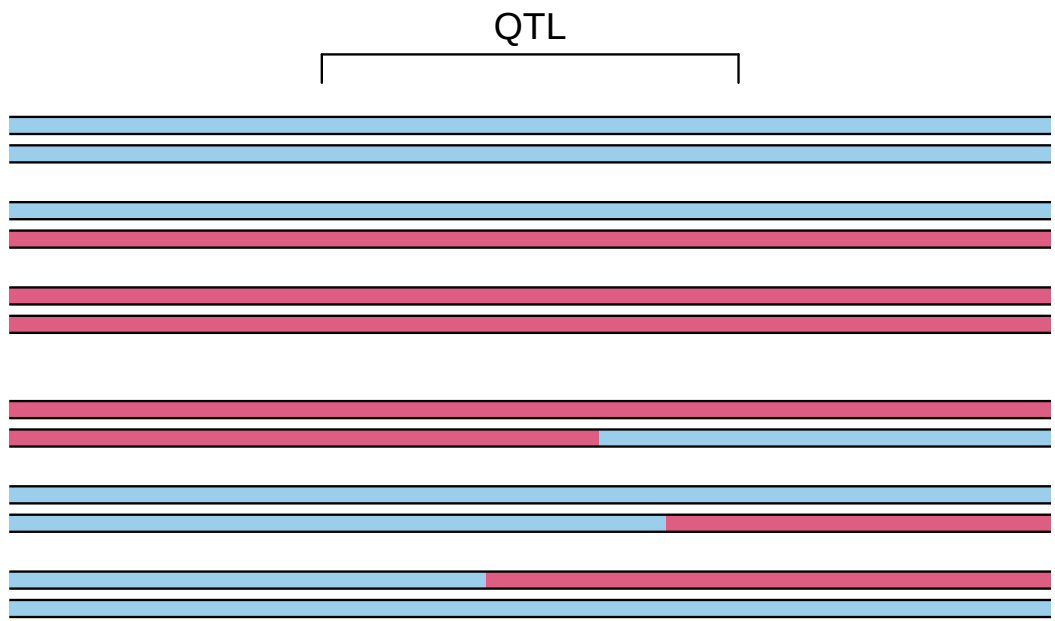
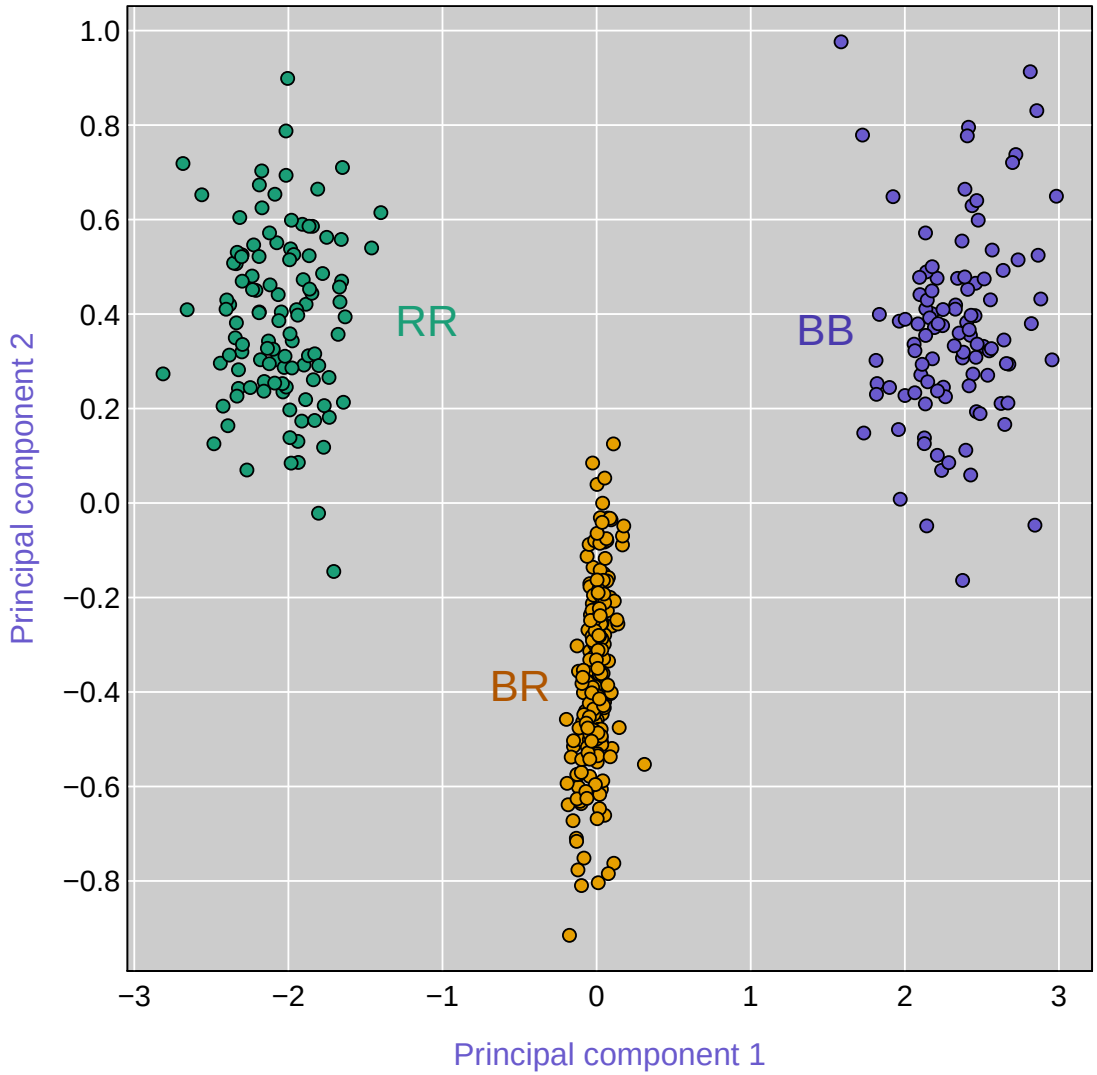


Islet c6 PCs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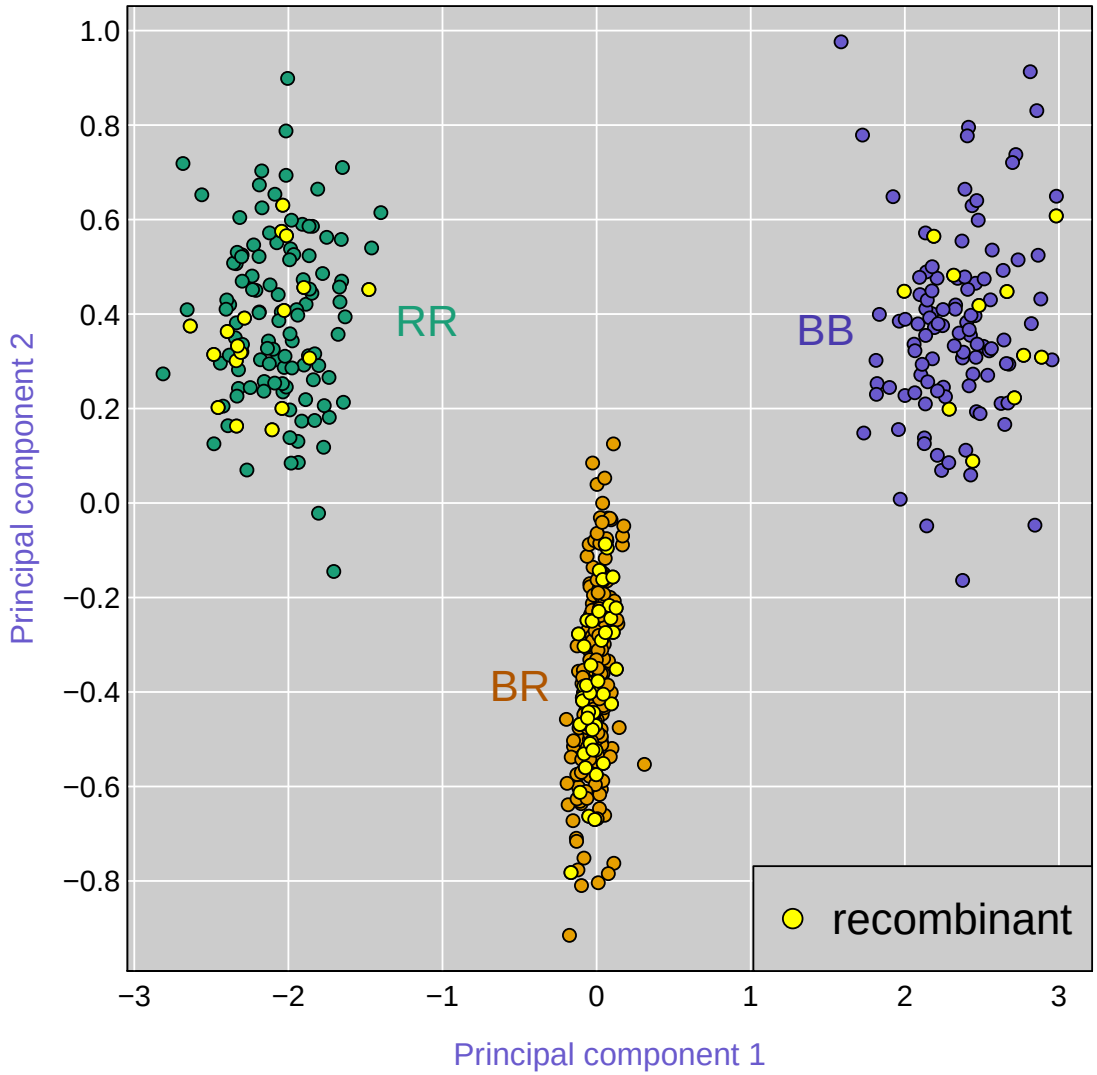
Islet c6 PCs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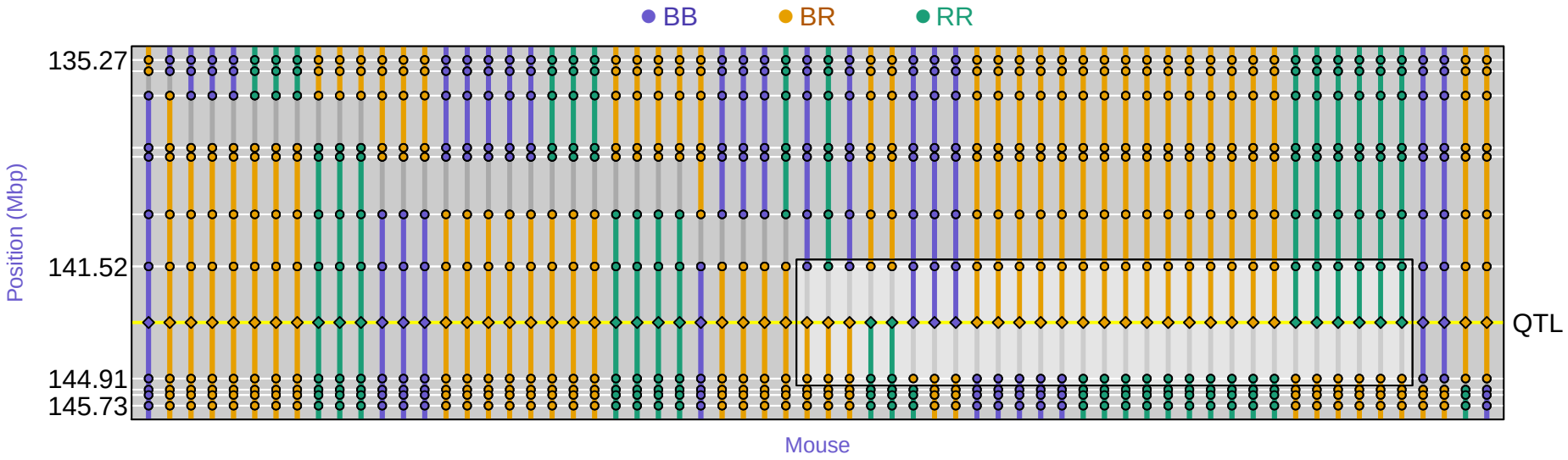
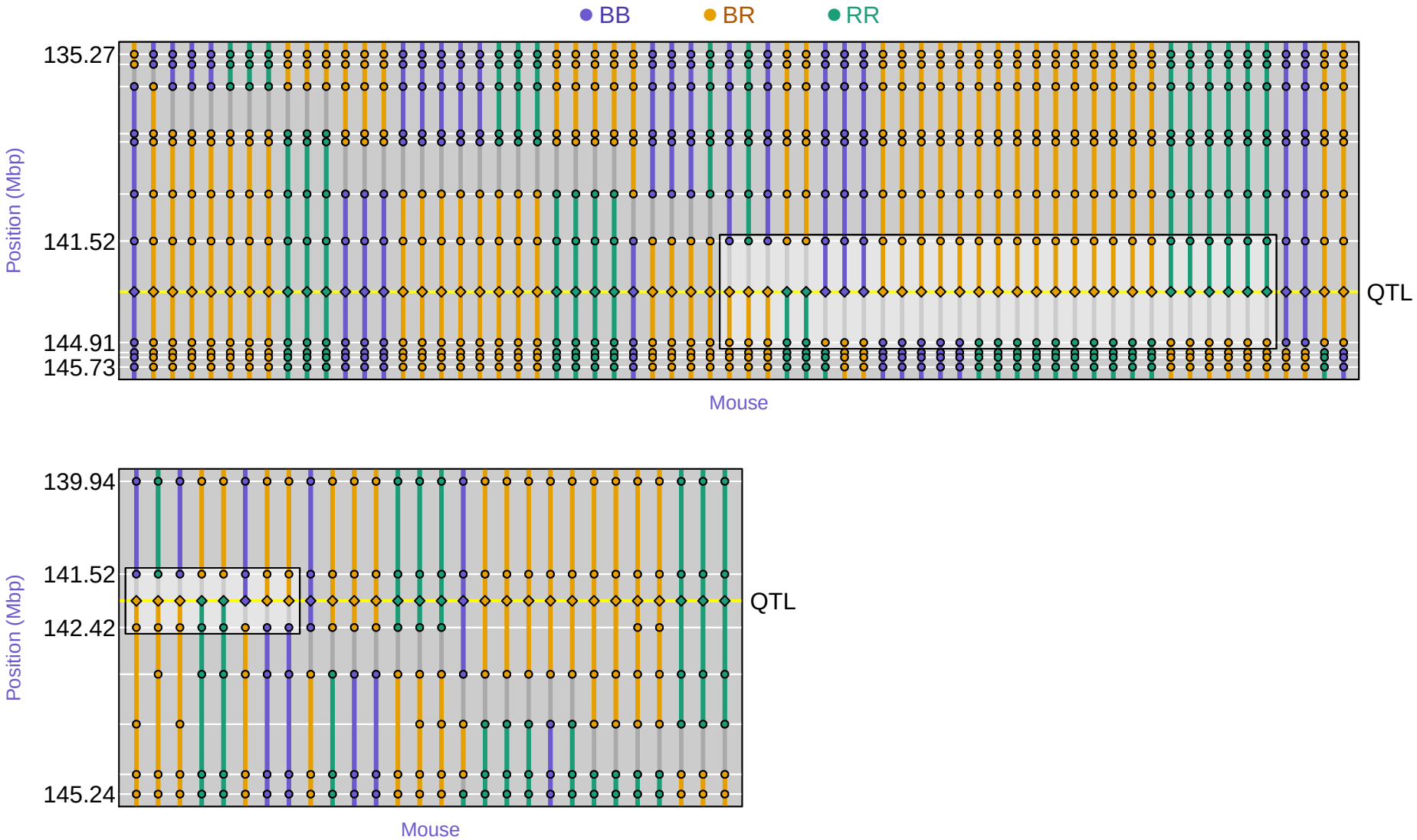
Fine-mapping the c6 locus



Fine-mapping the c6 locus



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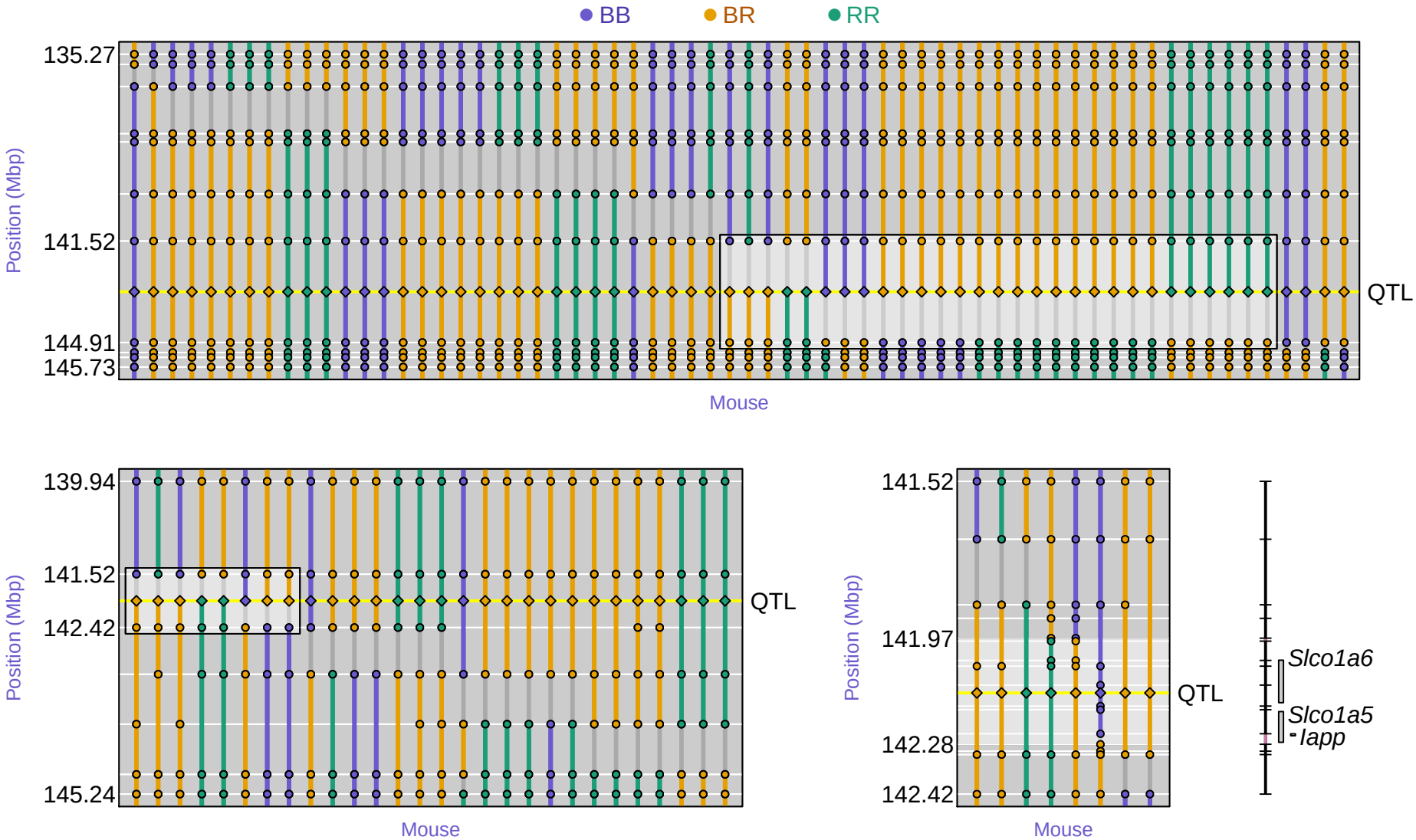
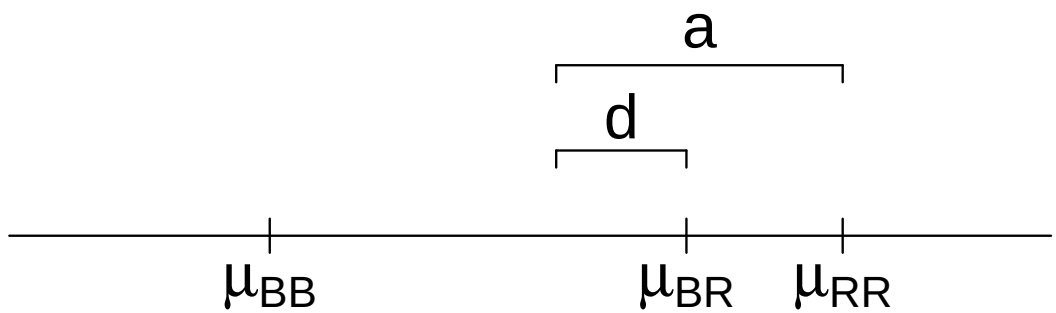
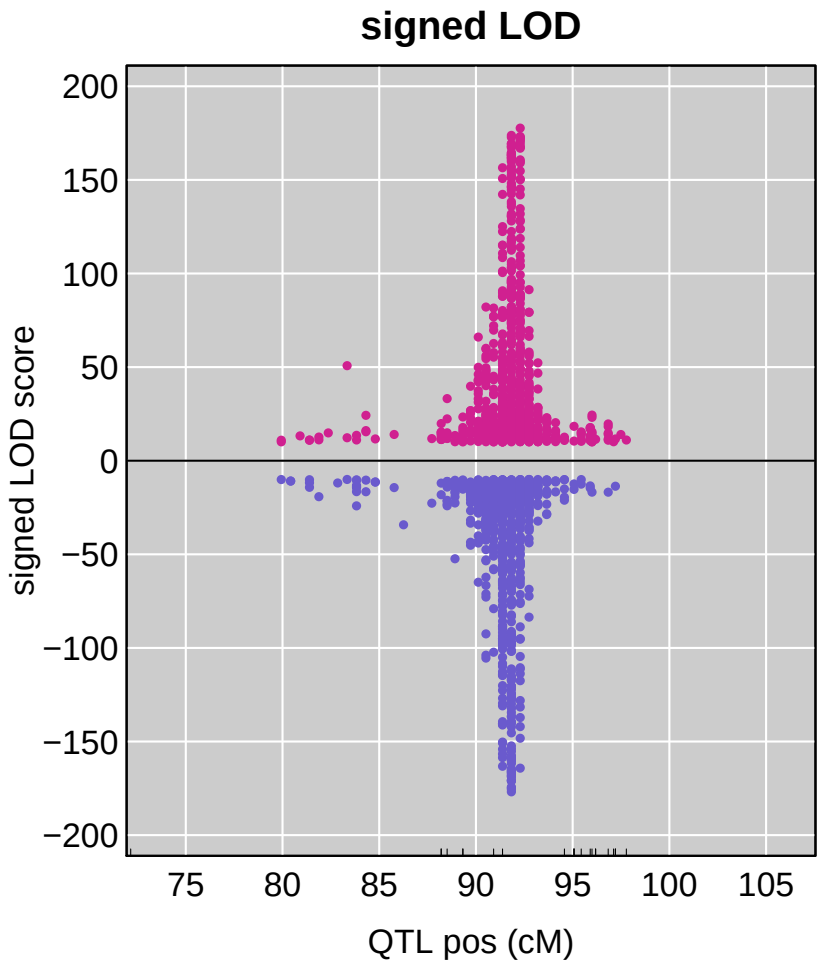


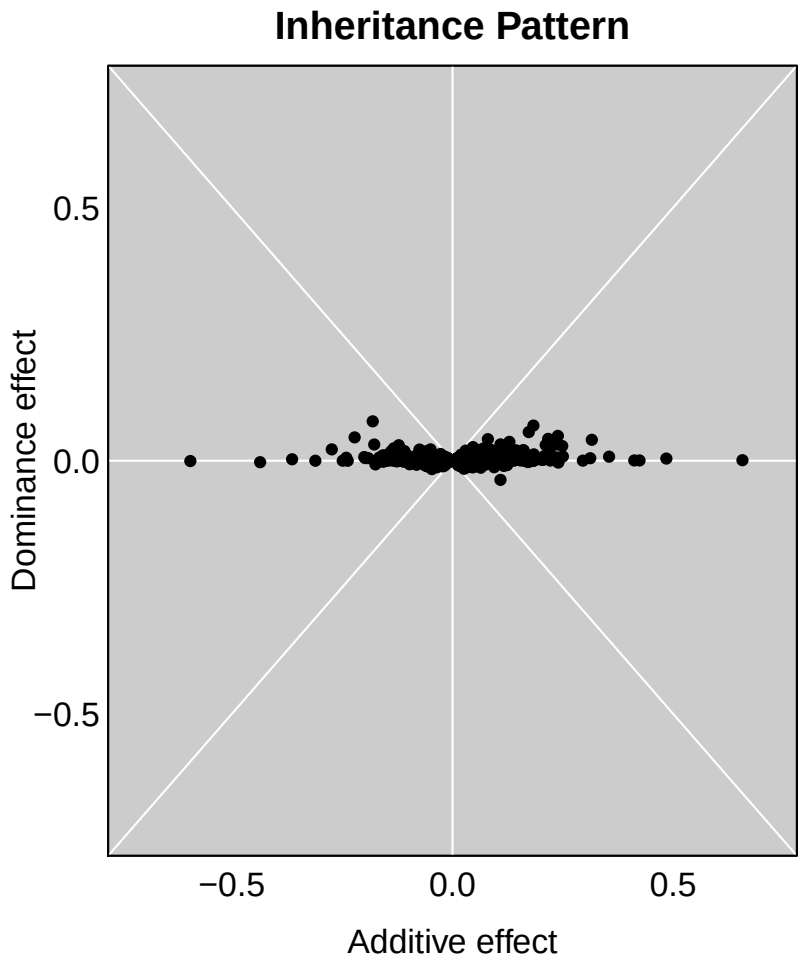
Is it one QTL?

Consider the QTL effects…

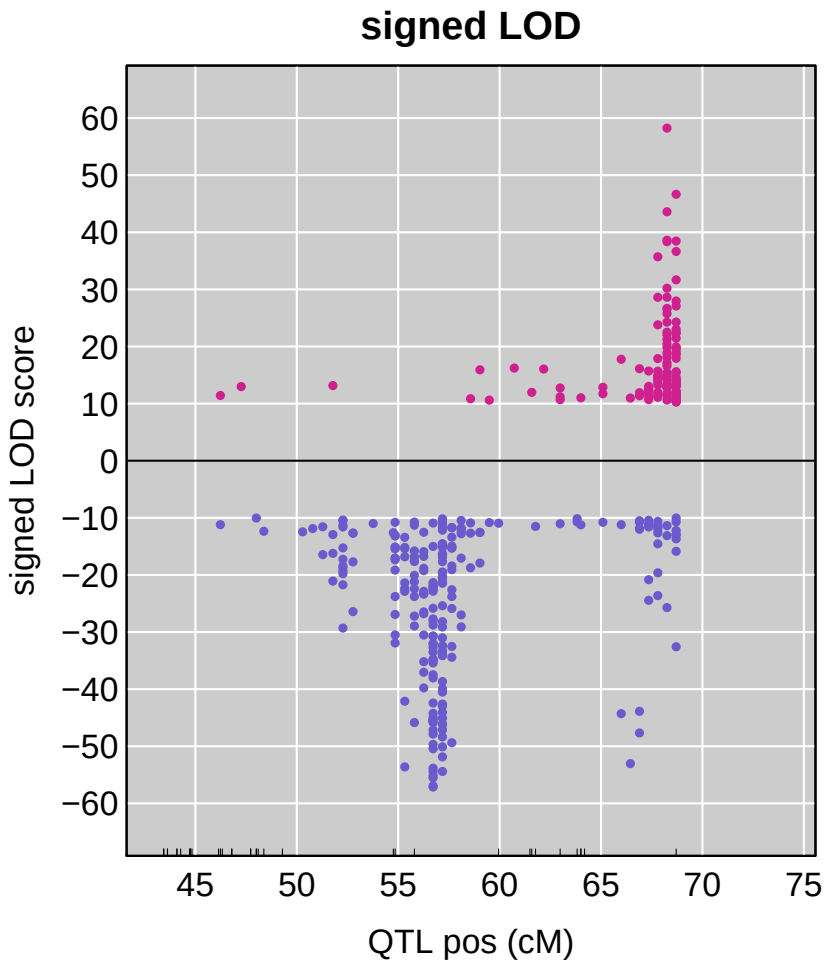


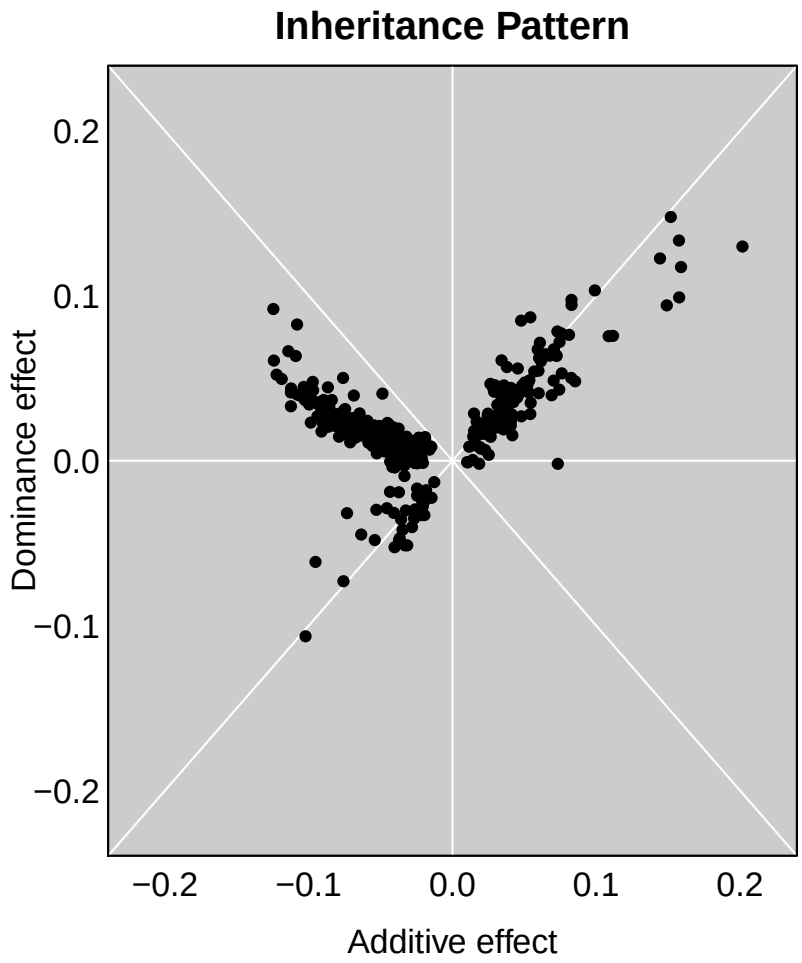
eQTL effects: Islet c6





eQTL effects: Kidney c13





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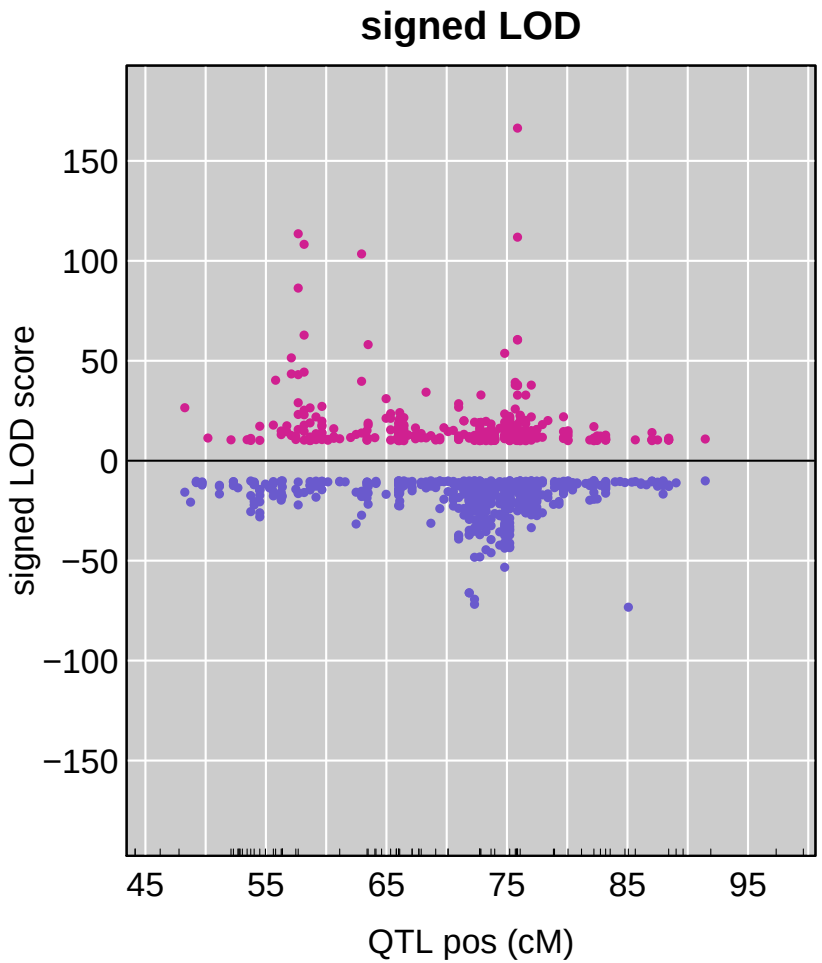

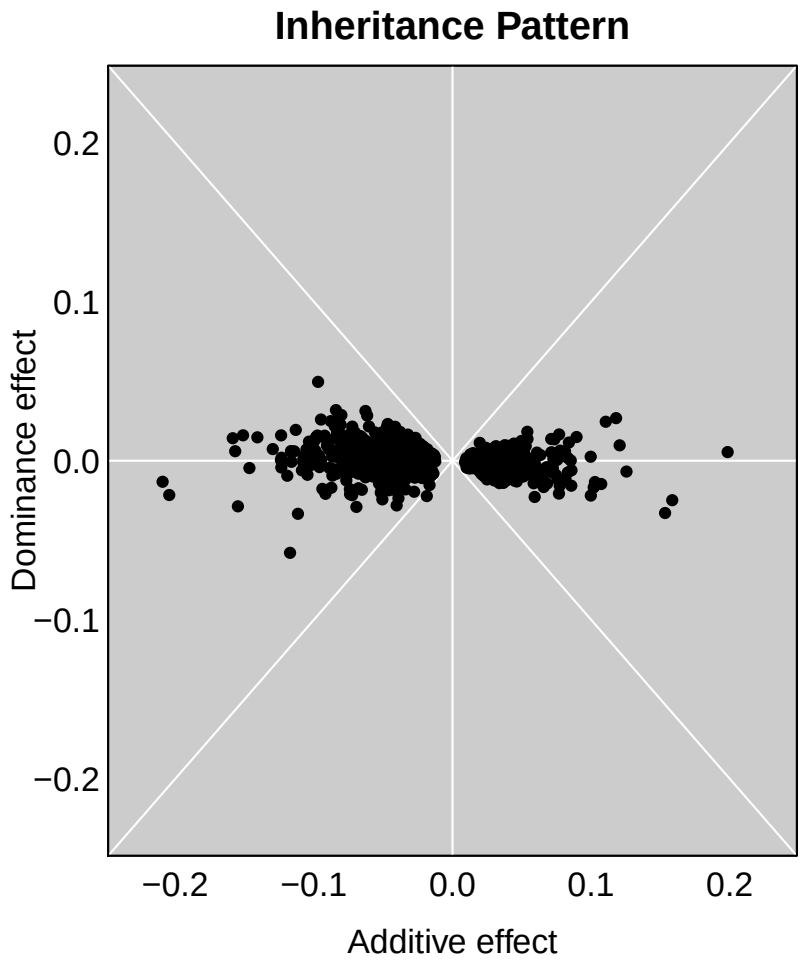

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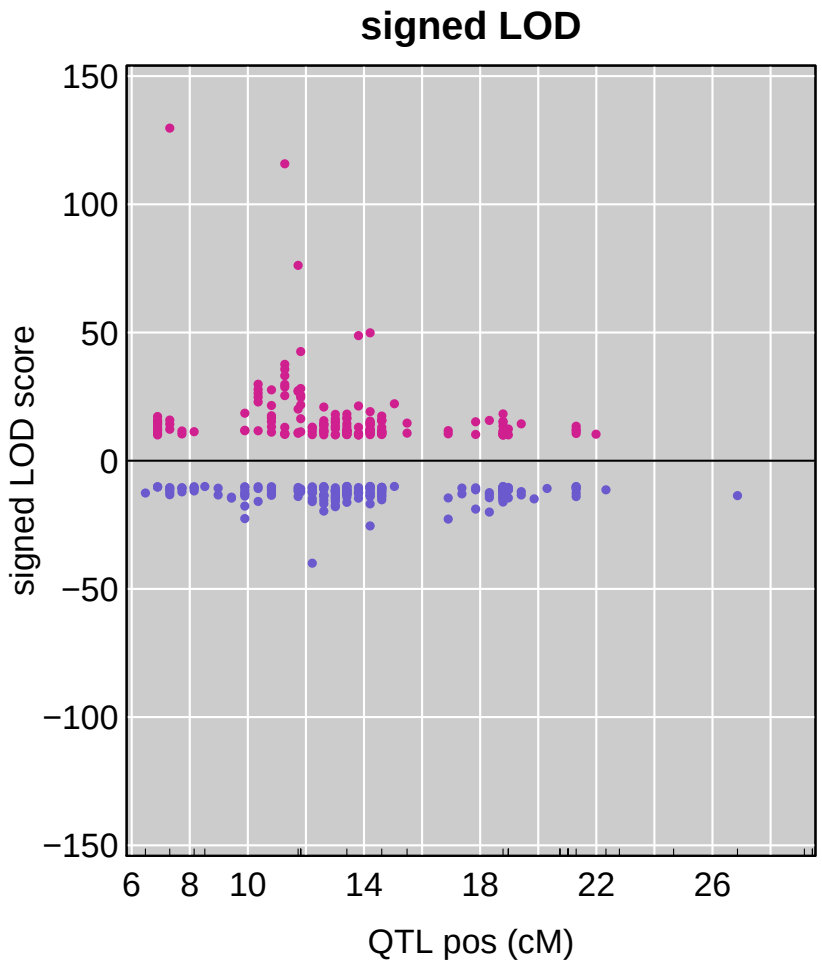
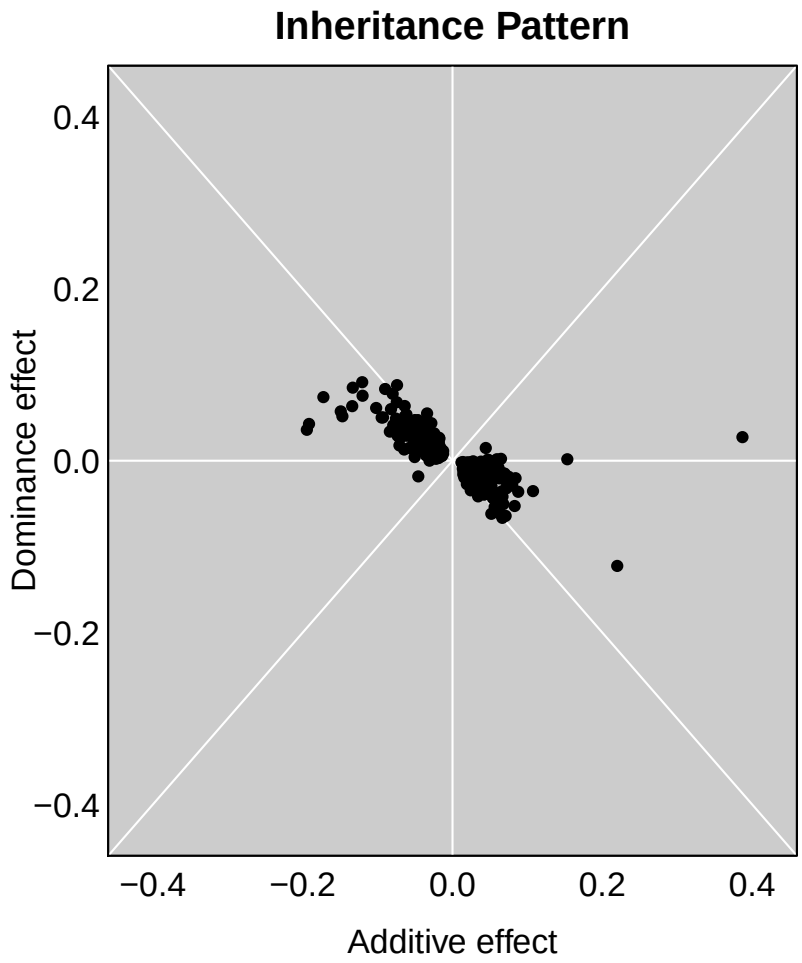
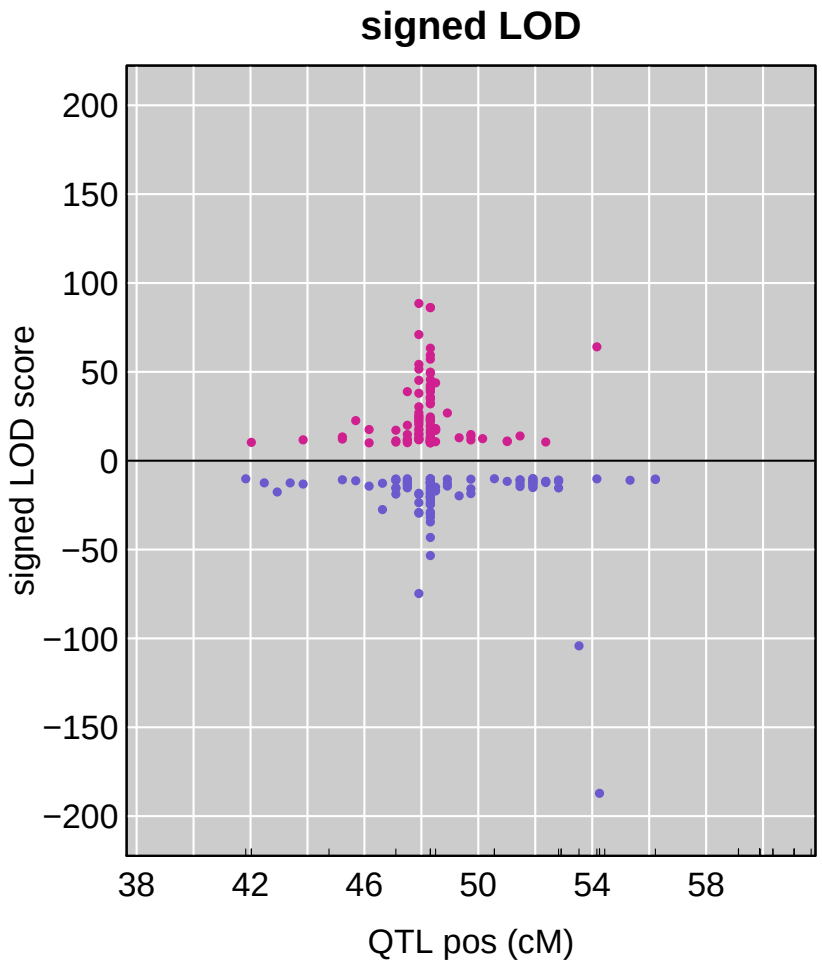
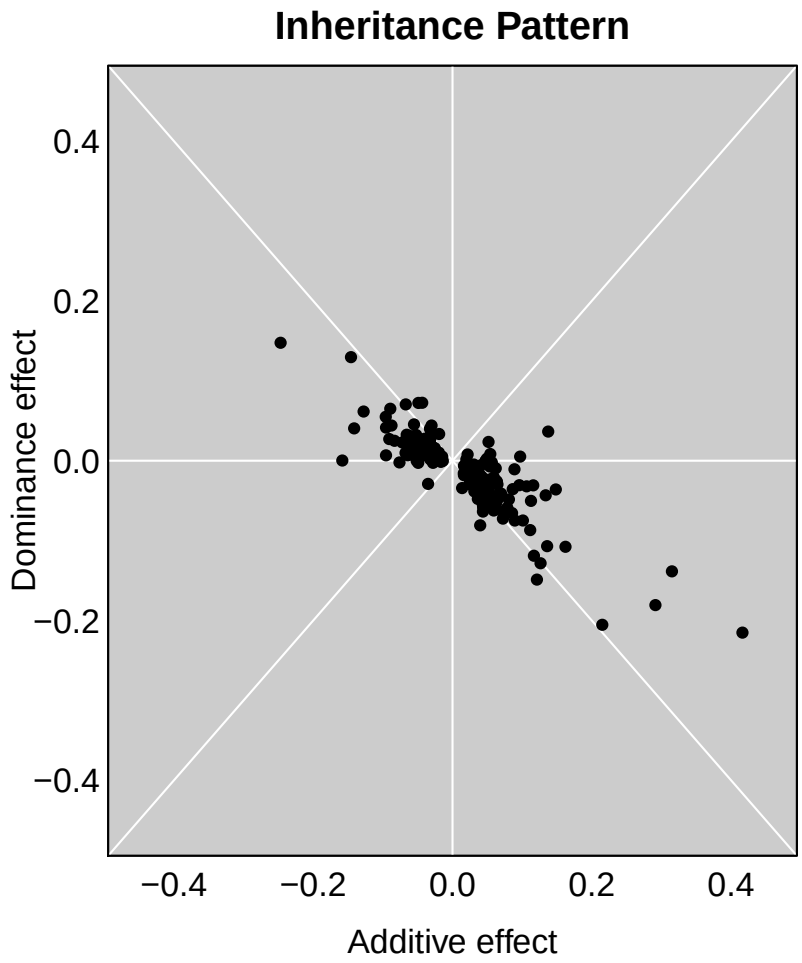




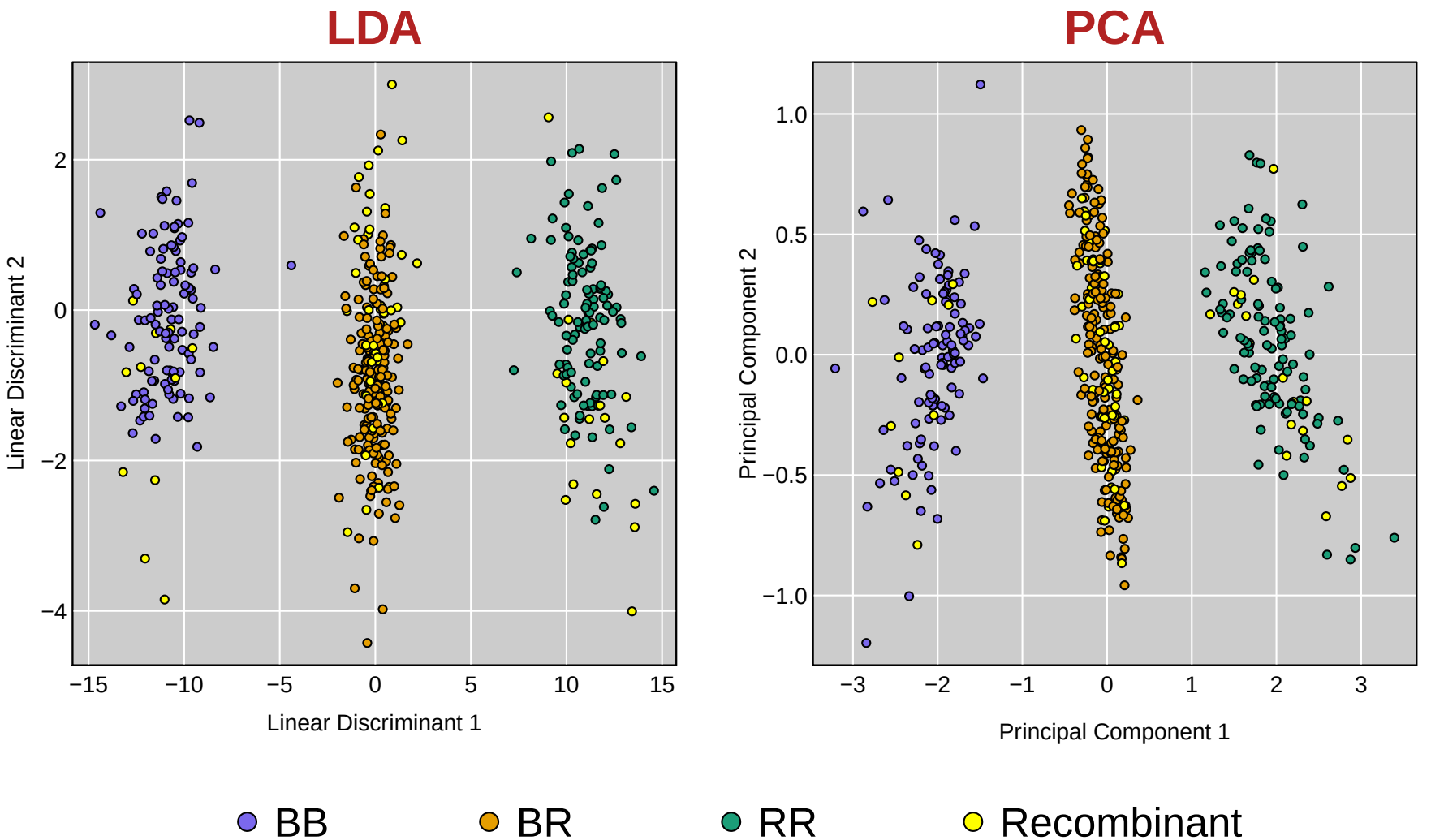
eQTL effects: Adipose c10





Compare the recombinants and non-recombinants.

LDA & PCA: Islet c6



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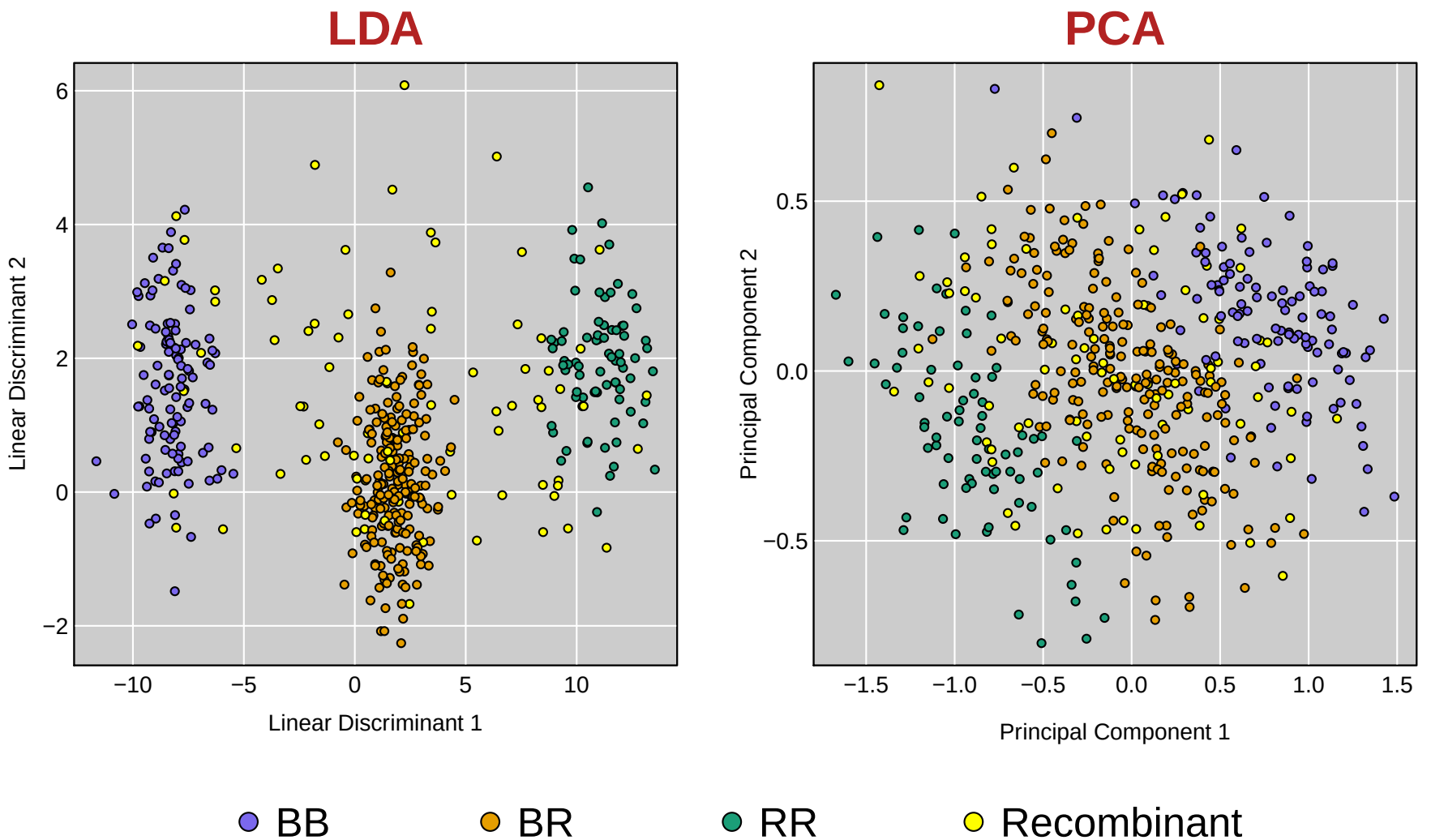

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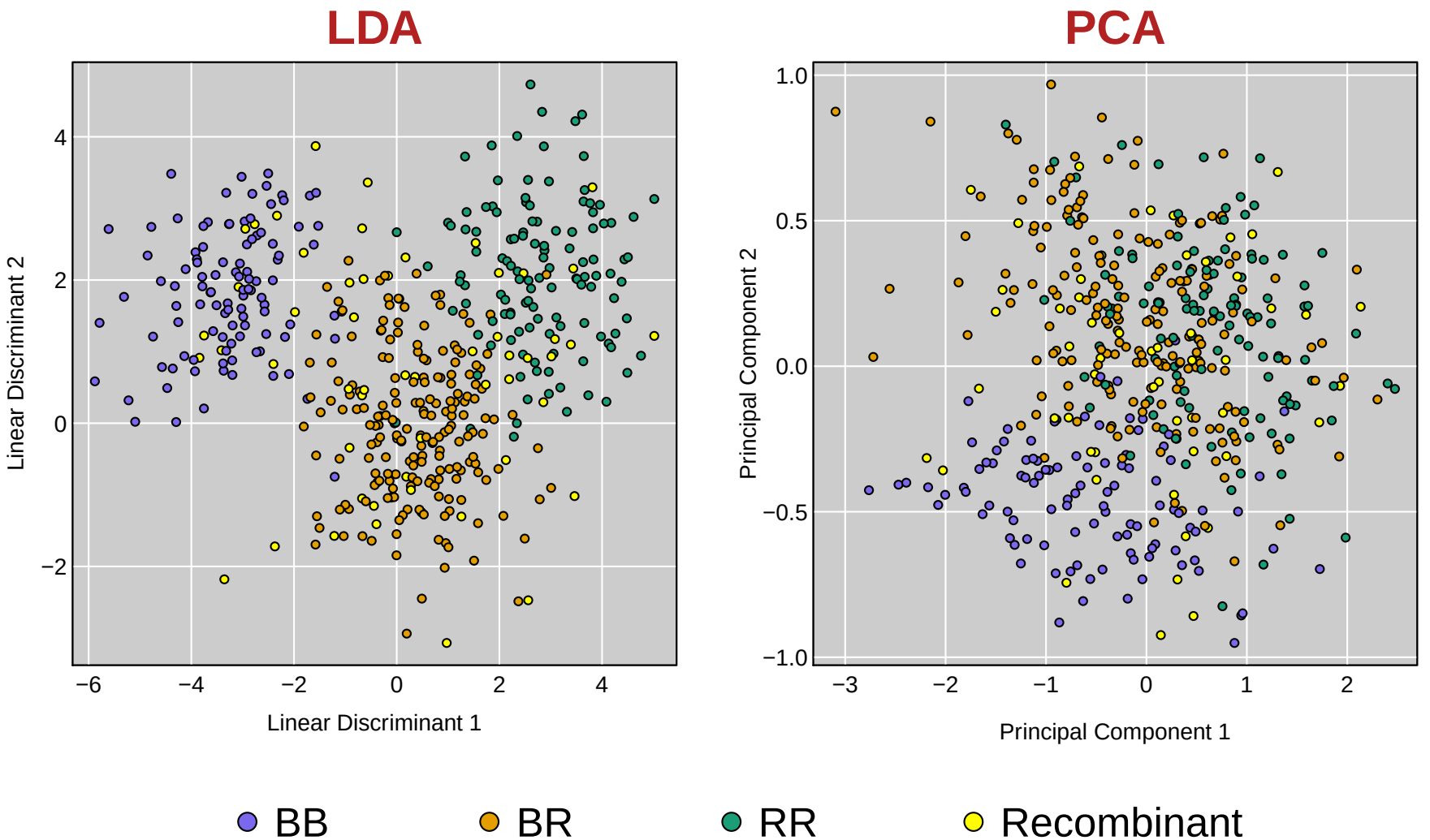
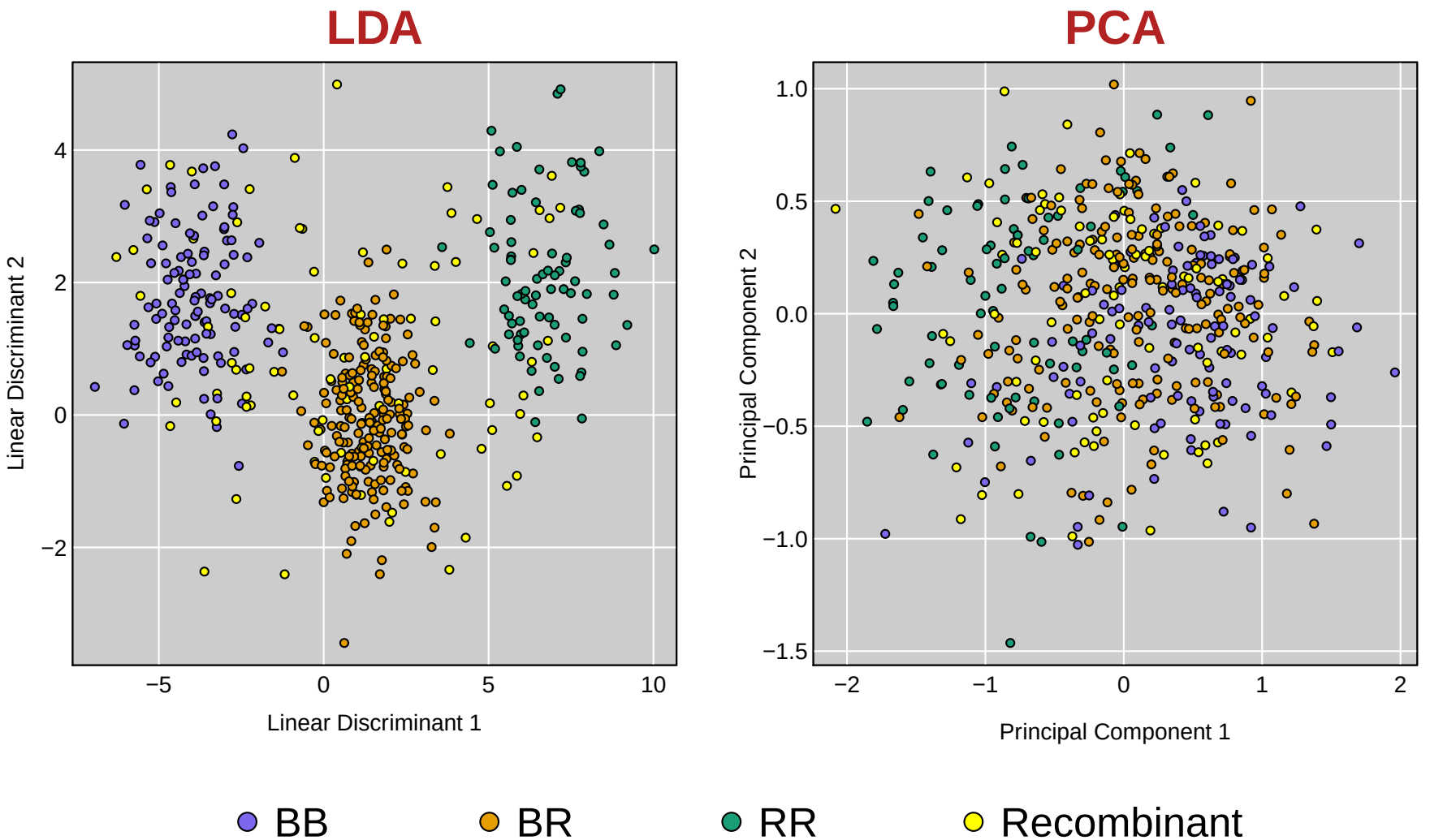


LDA & PCA: Liver c17



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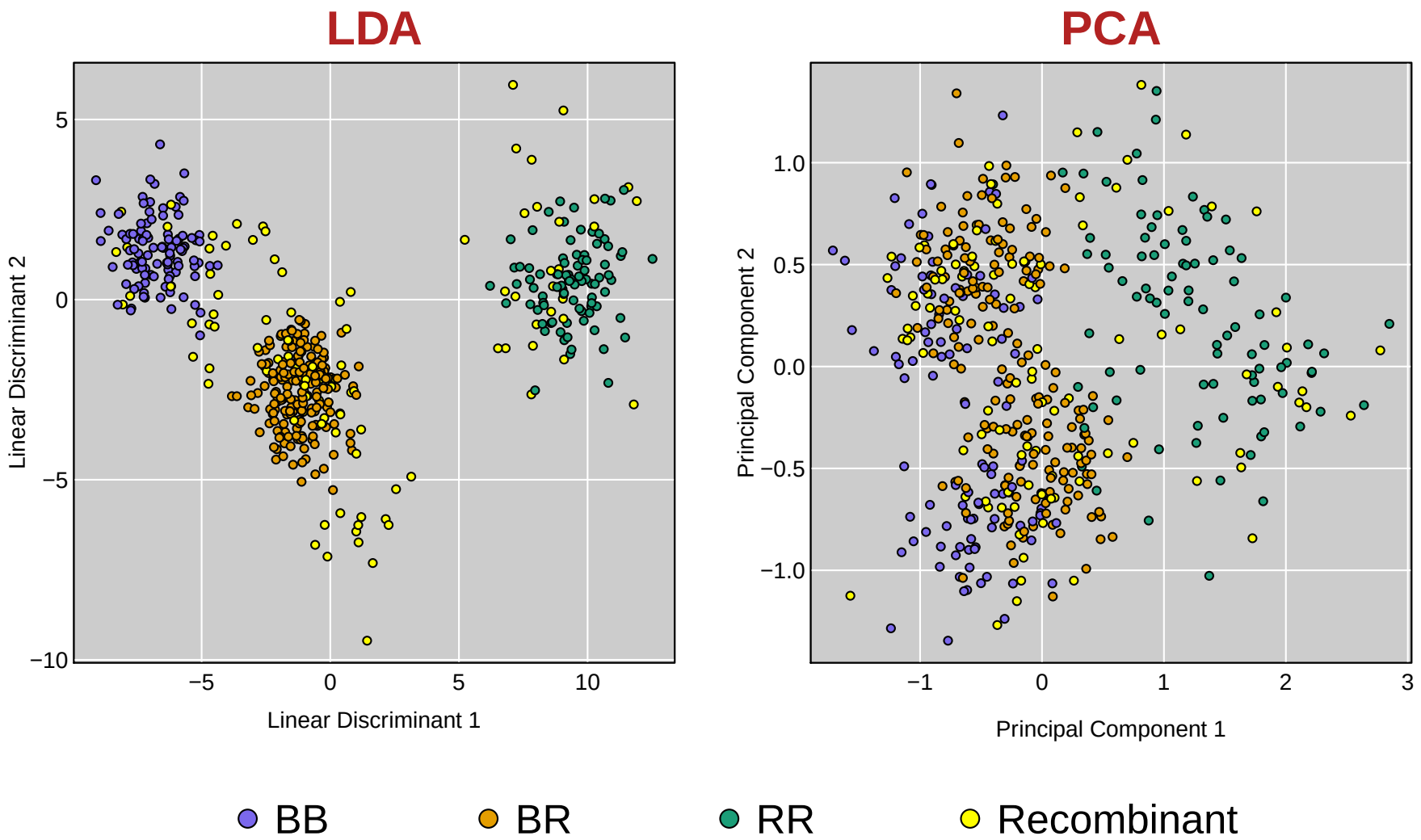
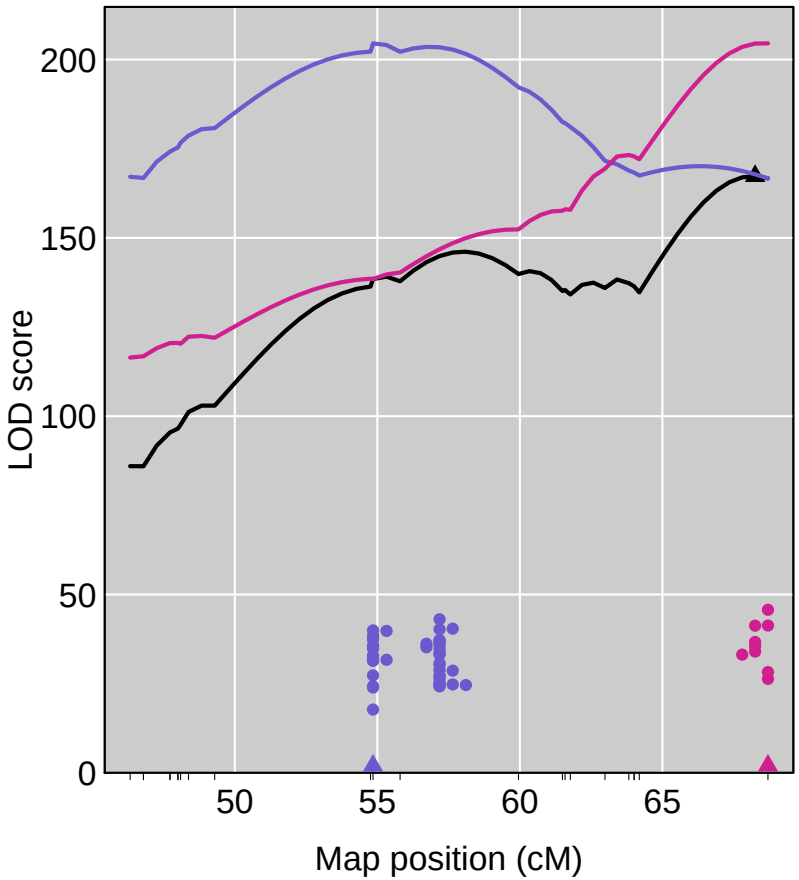


Formal test for 1 vs 2 QTL

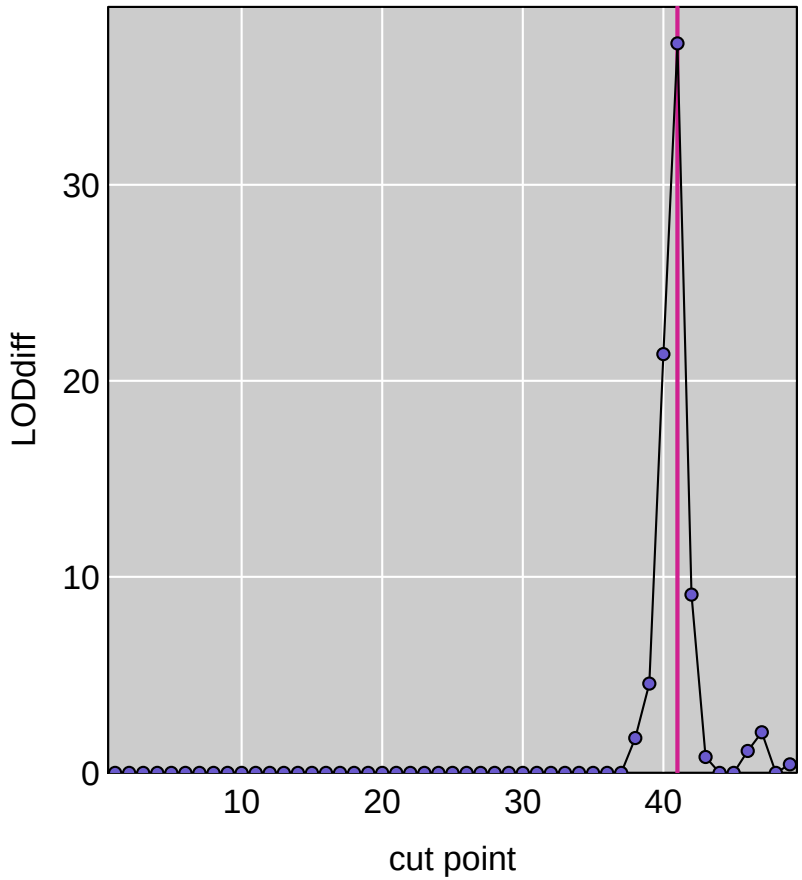
- Consider a set of traits mapping to common eQTL
- Multivariate QTL analysis with 1 or 2 QTL
- With 2-QTL model, each trait affected by one or the other QTL
  - Order traits by estimated QTL location when considered separately
  - Consider cut points of the list, assign first group to one QTL and second group to other.
- P-value: parametric bootstrap or stratified permutation

1 vs 2 QTL: Kidney c13

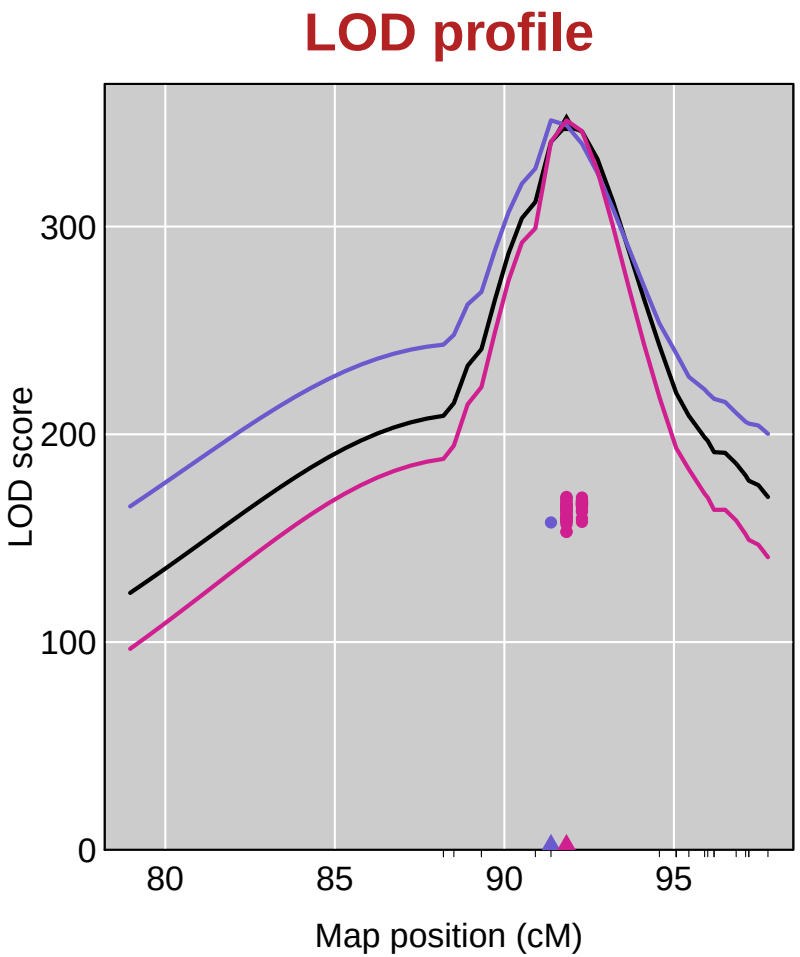
LOD profile

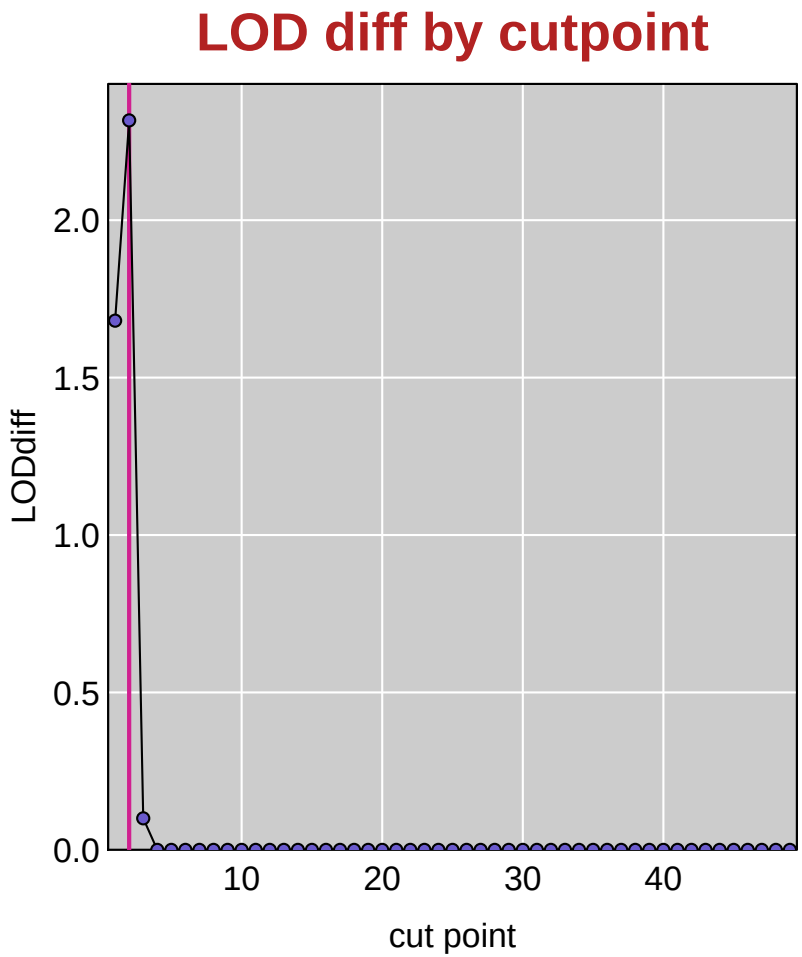


LOD diff by cutpoint



1 vs 2 QTL: Islet c6





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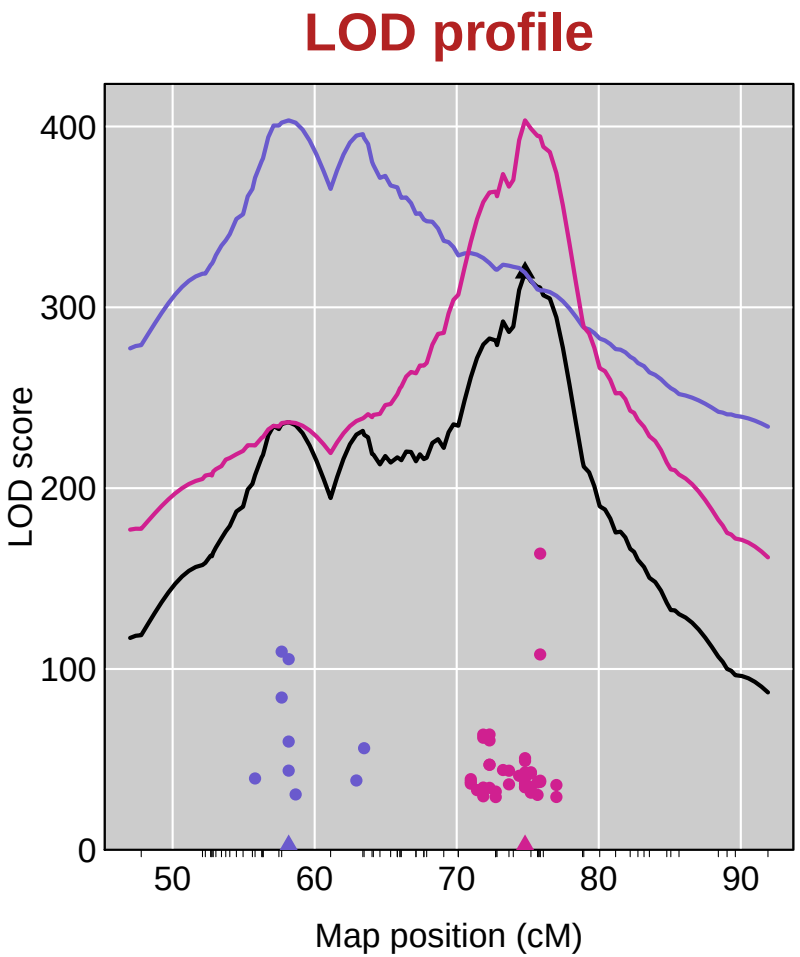
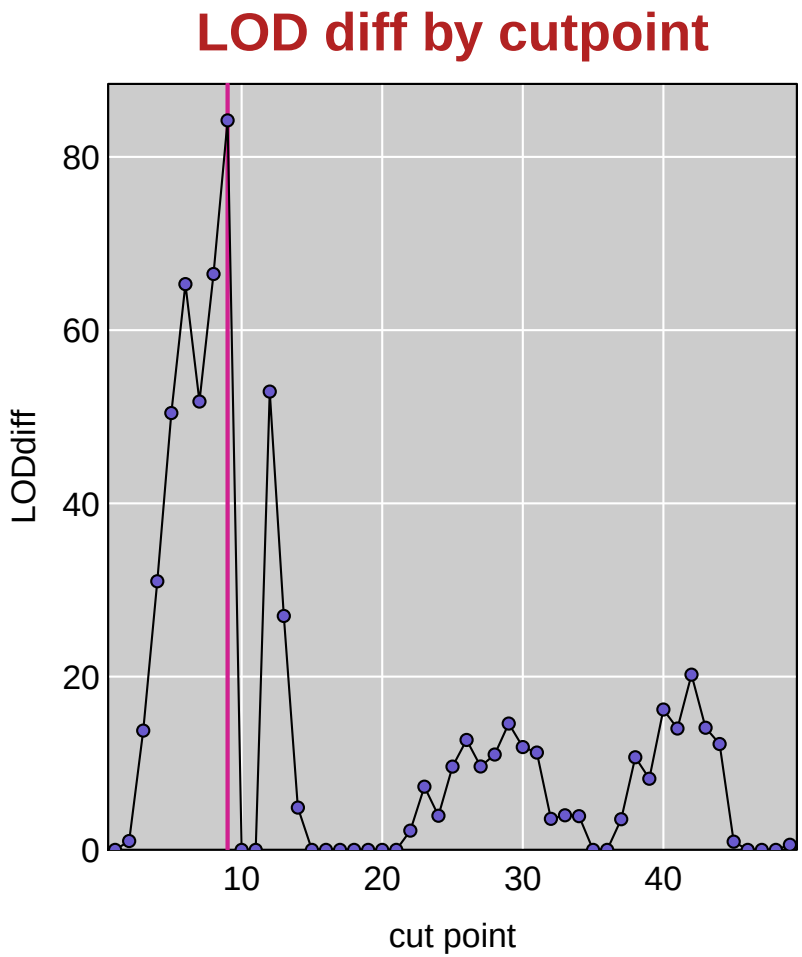
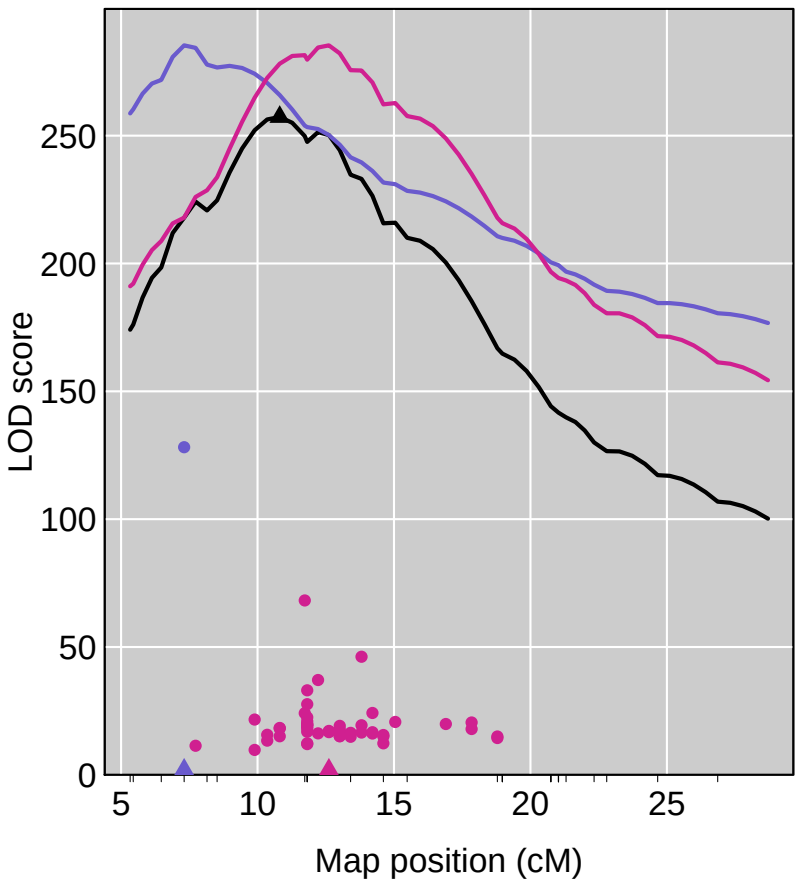




1 vs 2 QTL: Liver c17

LOD profile



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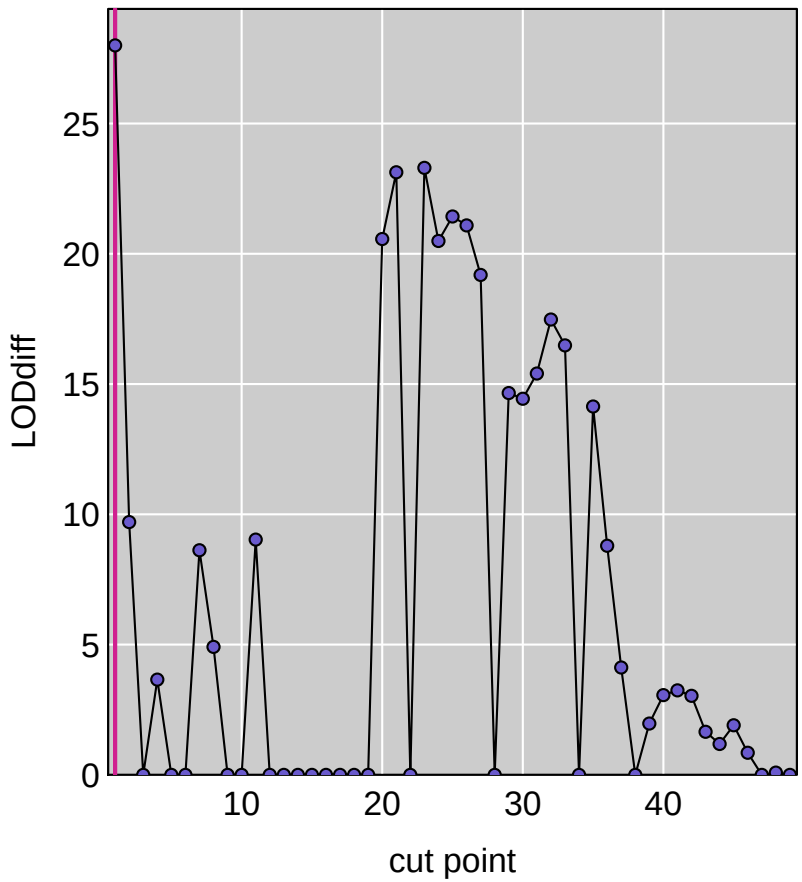

1 vs 2 QTL: Adipose c10

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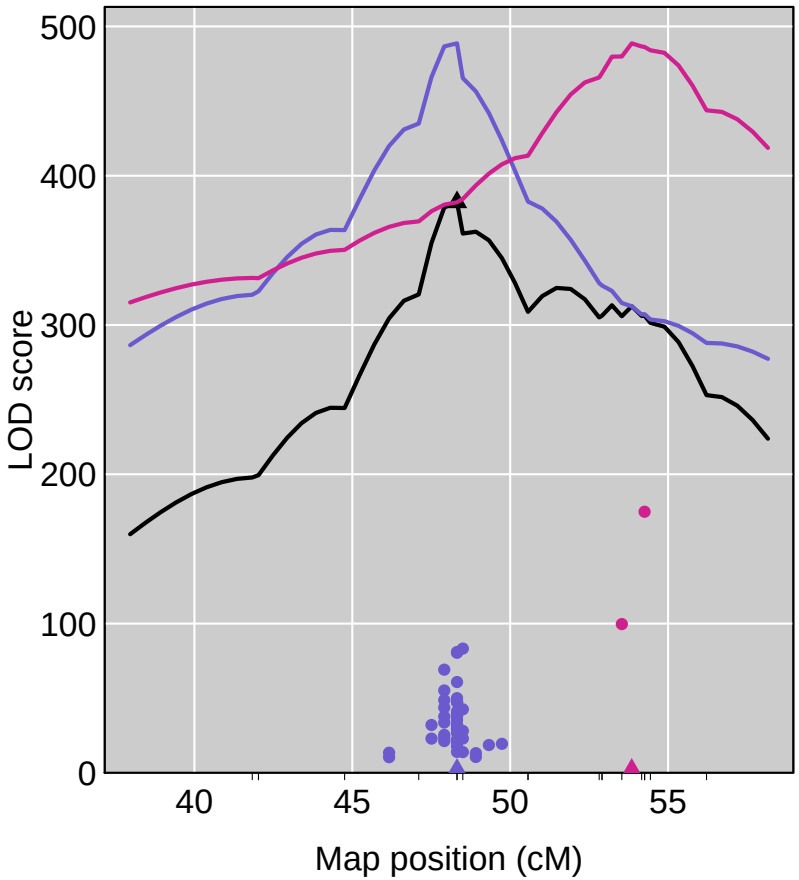

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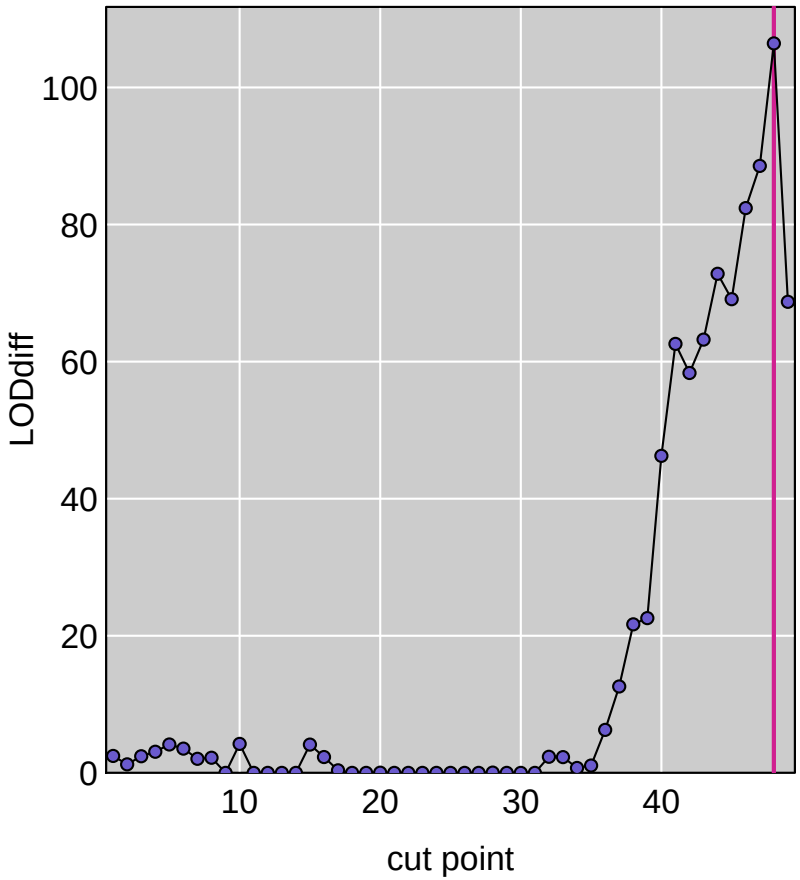

Summary

- Fine-mapping a *trans*-eQTL hotspot
  - Consider the non-recombinants
  - Predict QTL genotype of recombinants
    $\longrightarrow$ Mendelian trait
  - Fine-map by traditional means
- Large-effect locus on chr 6
  - Affects expression of $\sim$8% of genes
  - Effects specific to pancreatic islets
  - Looks to be *Slco1a6*
- Dissecting a *trans*-eQTL hotspot
  - Sign of eQTL effect
  - Degree of dominance
  - Compare recombinants and non-recombinants
  - Formal statistical test

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