

# Why are some AR mutations frequent ?

## 1. FOUNDER EFFECT

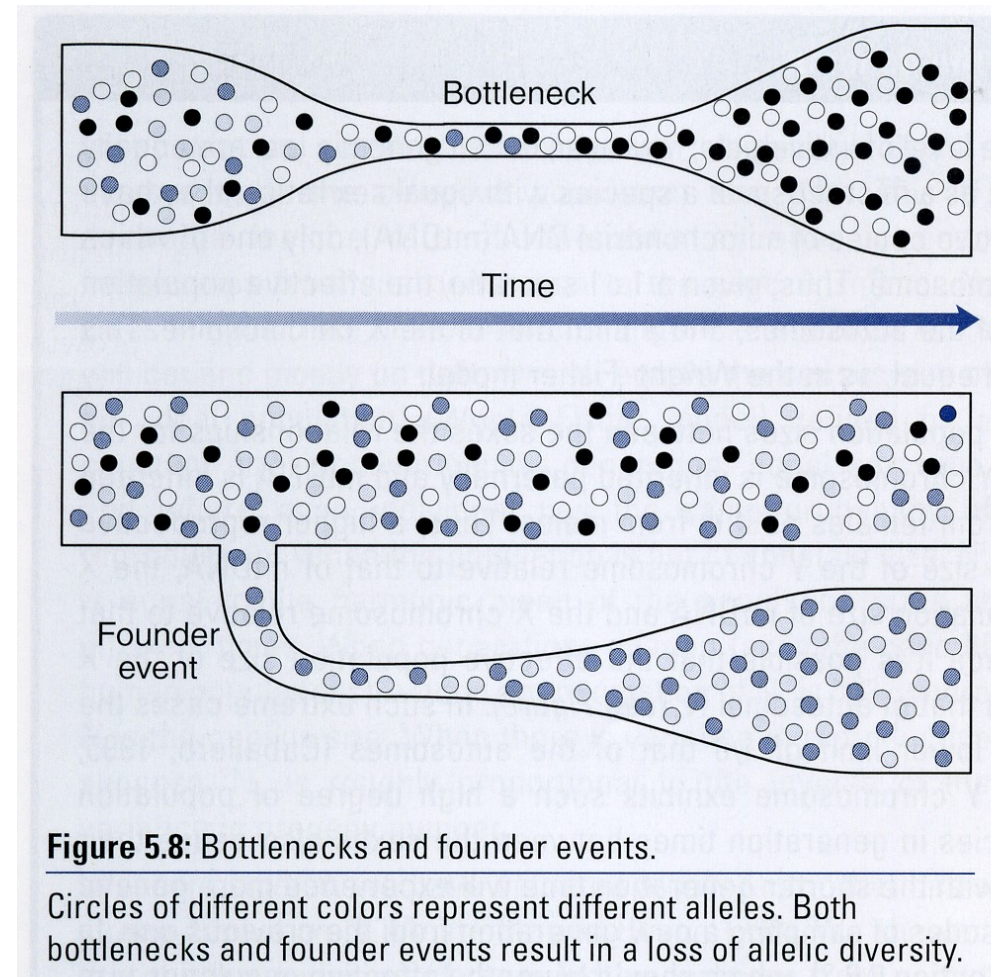
- Founder event
- Population bottleneck

## 2. OVERDOMINANCE

htz has selective advantage

ex: HbS and malaria

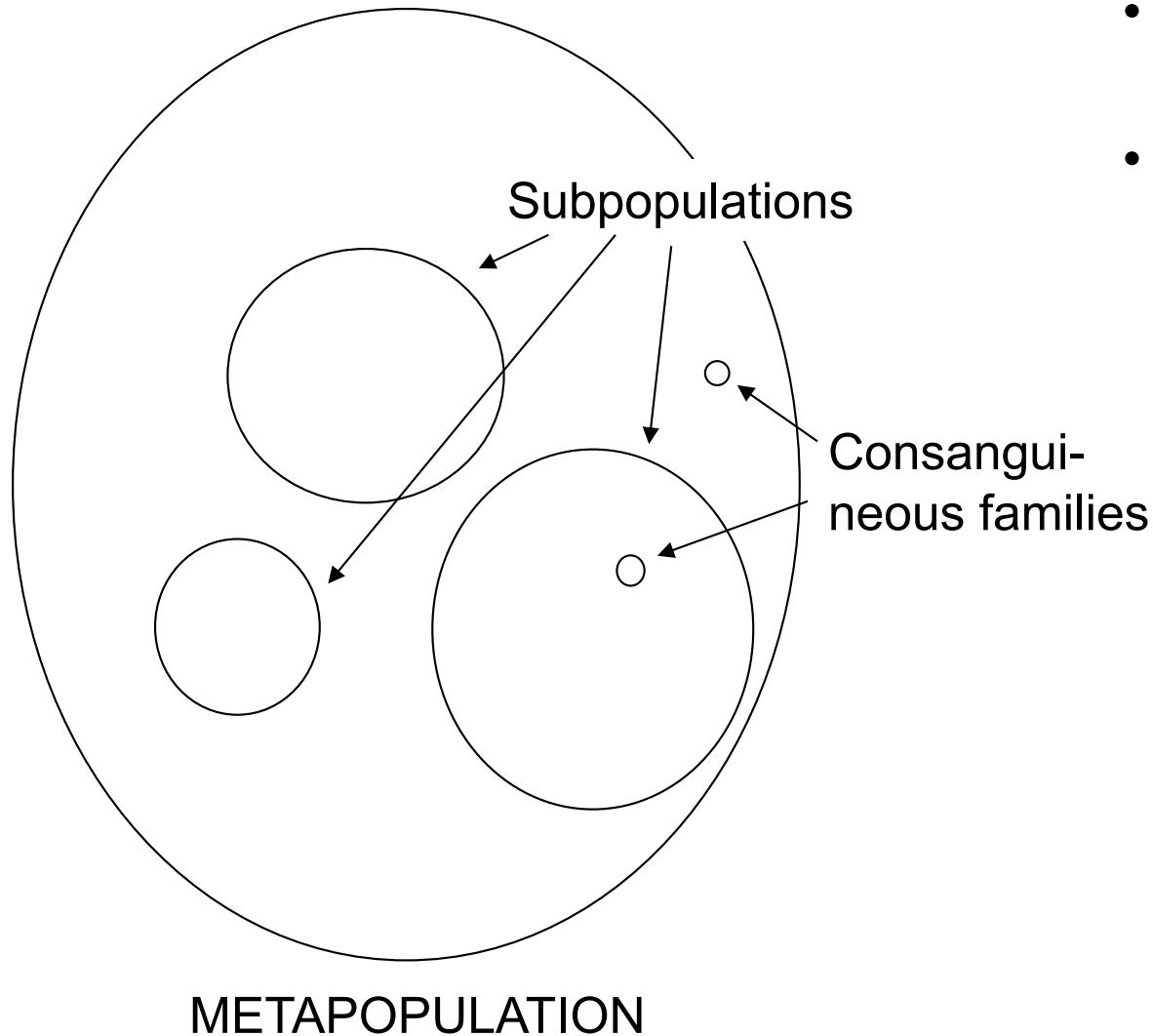
Both (1) and (2) tend to be population-specific



# AR phenotypes tend to be ethnic = population specific

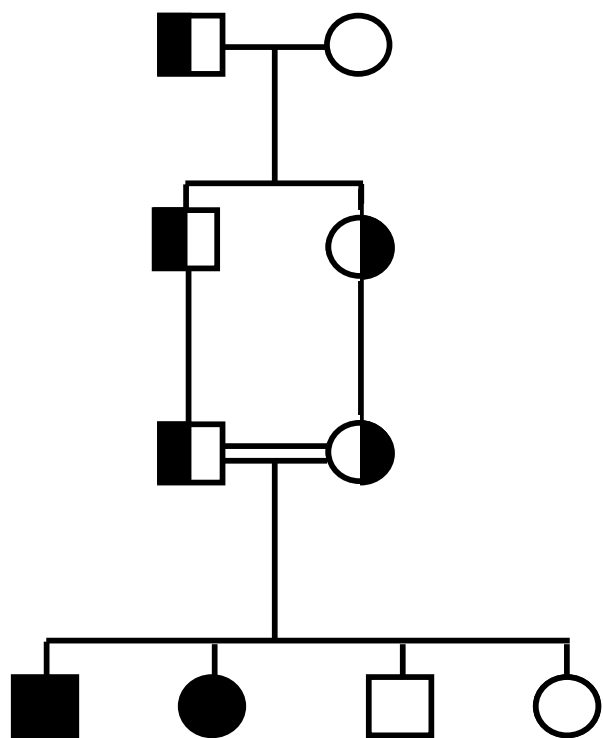
- Founder effects
- Population bottlenecks
- Overdominance < population-specific selection (HbS < malaria)

# Subpopulations in Metapopulation



- Cross-fertile individuals (species)
- Subpopulations isolated by
  - Geography
  - Language
  - Religion
  - ...
  - Inbreeding
  - Consanguinity

# Consanguinity and AR disease



- One ancestral mutation
- Identical-by-descent (**IBD**) in first cousins
- Affected offspring  
= true homozygote  
= homozygote by descent  
= « **autozygote** »
- Rarer mutation  $\Leftrightarrow$  more cases due to consanguinity

# Burden of consanguinity: 3% excess disease in offspring of 1st cousins

- We all carry one recessive disease [non embryonic-lethal].
- hence :

normal risk of handicap :	3%
additional risk from consanguinity :	<u>3%</u>
total risk:	6%

# Homozygosity by descent in first cousins

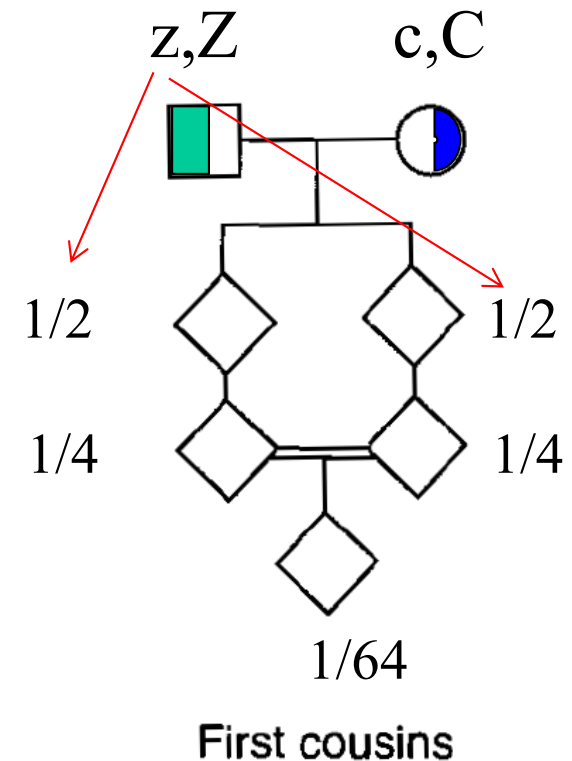
- Assume everyone carries 1! severe recessive disease
  - Grandfather carries Zellweger disease
  - Grandmother carries CF

- Proba hmz (z,z) = 1/64

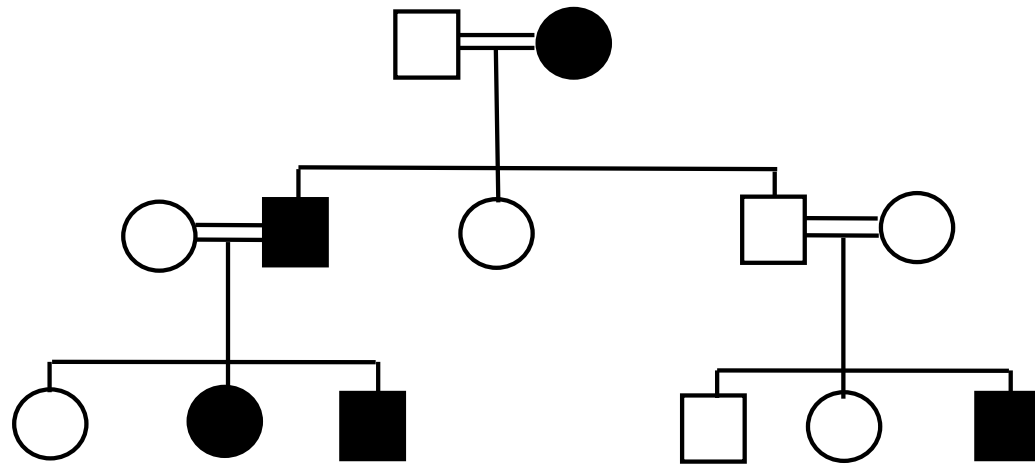
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=> excess risk = 1/32

- fits with observed 3%



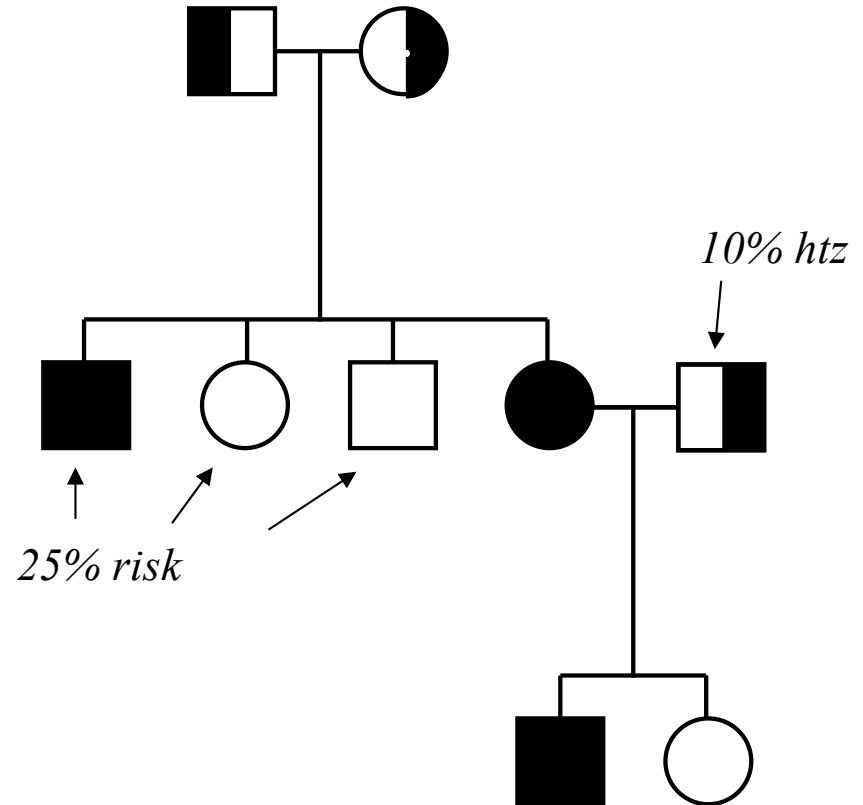
# Pseudodominance in rare AR trait



Multi-generation consanguinity => AR disease may seem AD.

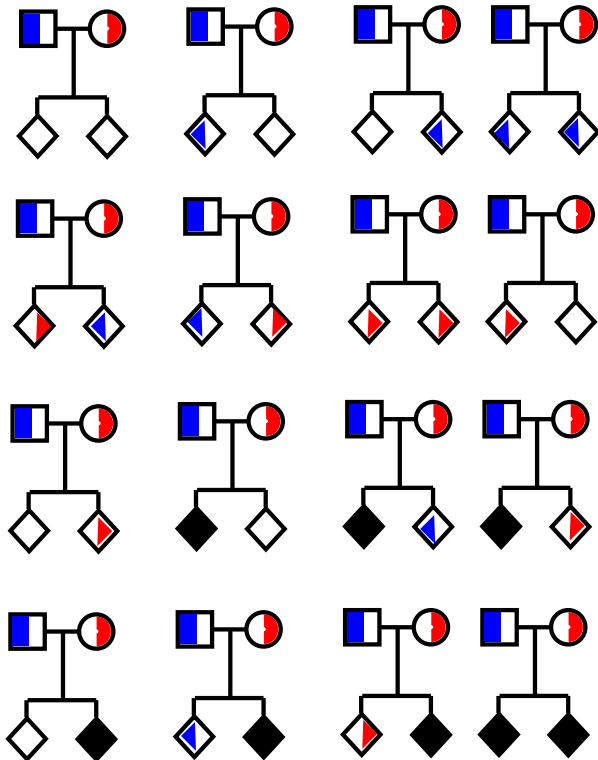
# Pseudodominance in frequent AR trait: hemochromatosis

- 10% (!) carriers in Western Europe
- Low penetrance of full-blown disease





# Ascertainment bias



- AR disease, 2-children families
- 16 possible families, 32 children, 8 affected ( $8/32 = 1/4$ )

=> Now look only at families with one affected child:

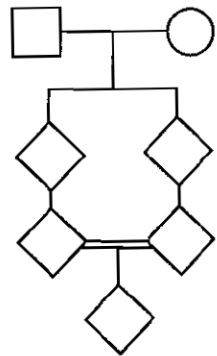
- 7 families, 14 children, 8 affected ( $8/14$ )

=> Unaffected families

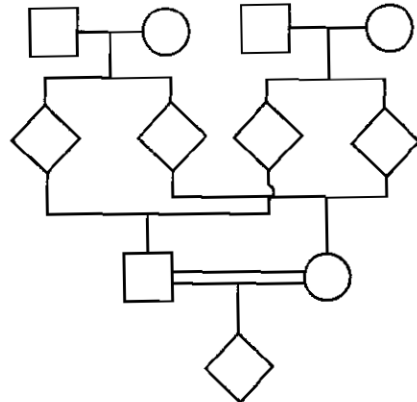
- Are the majority:  $9/16$
- Chance for no affected child =  $.75 \times .75 = .56 = 9/16$

# Consanguinity

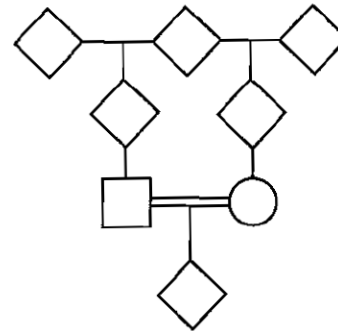
= having (relatively) close common ancestors



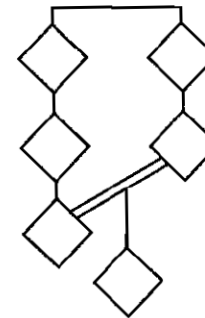
First cousins



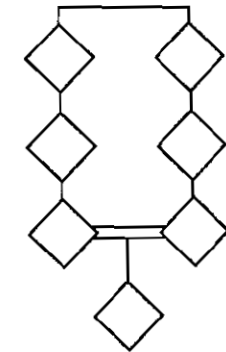
Double first cousins



Half first cousins



First cousins  
once removed



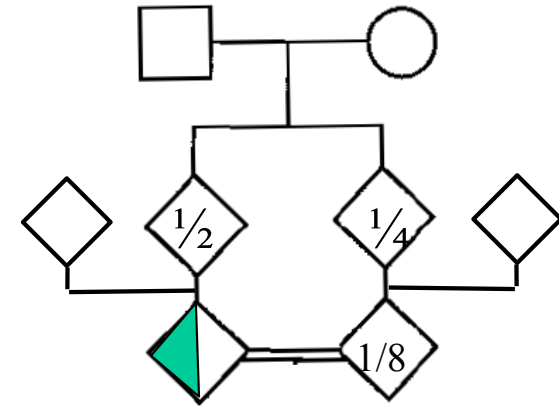
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- ✓ « germans » = siblings = brothers and sisters
- ✓ First cousins = offspring of siblings (cousins issus de germains)

# First cousins share 1/8 genome

## FIRST COUSINS:

- Probability of finding green allele in consanguinity loop

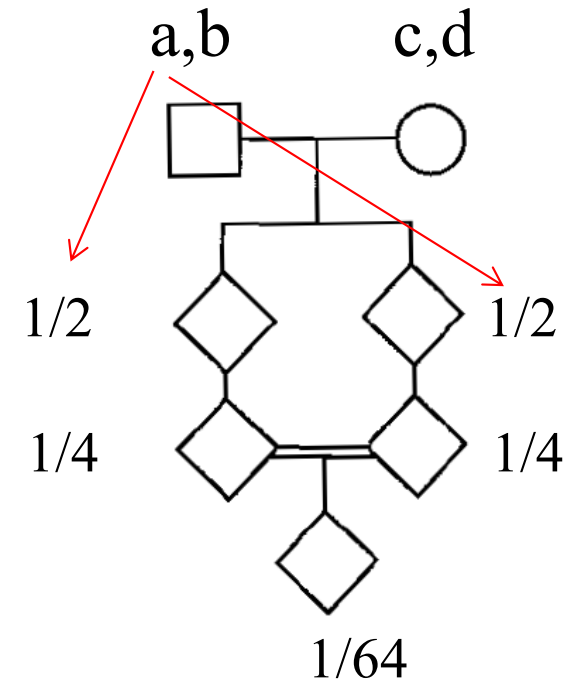


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$F = \text{coefficient of inbreeding}$   
 $= p(\text{hmz by descent})$

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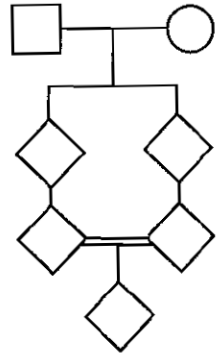
- 4 alleles in common ancestors
- Proba of *one* ancestral allele (a) hmz =  $1/64$
- Proba *any* of the 4 ancestral alleles hmz =  $1/16 = F$



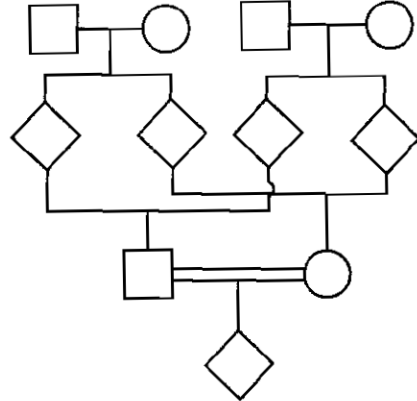
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$$4 \times 1/64 = \mathbf{1/16}$$

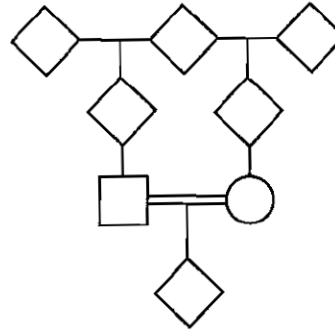
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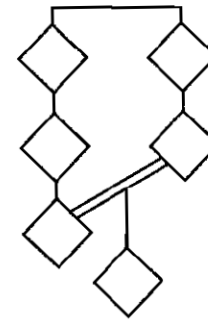
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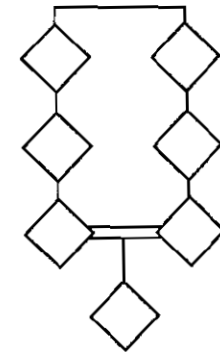
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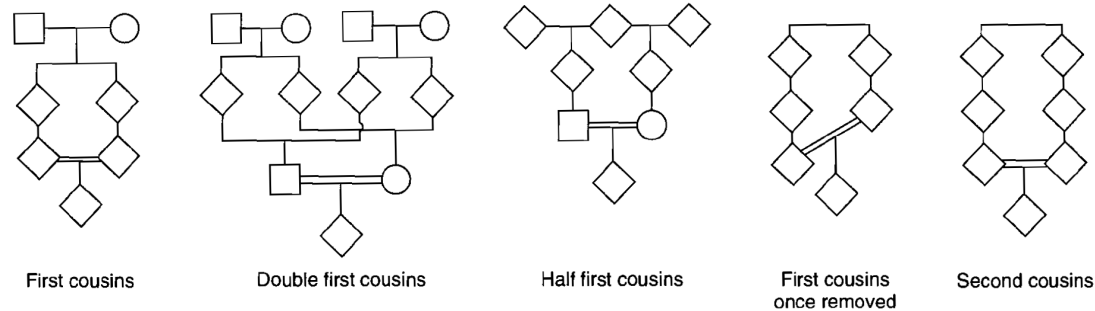


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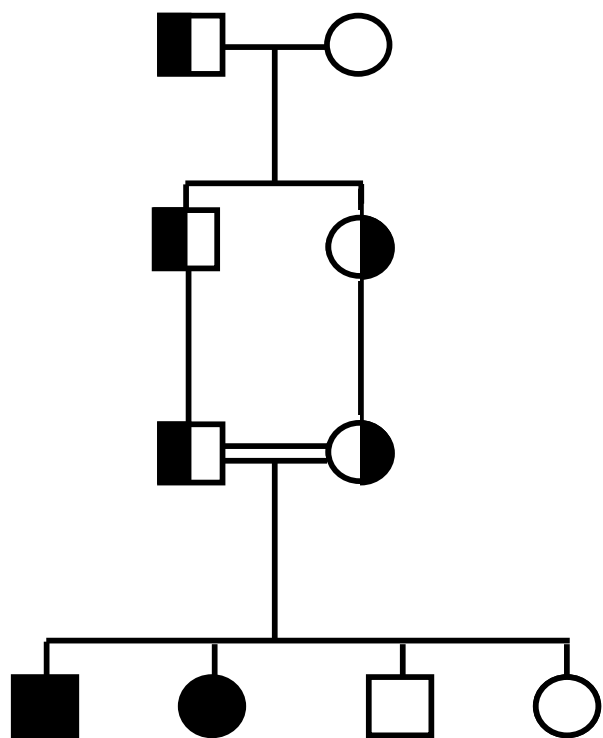


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- $F = 1/16$  in offspring of first-cousin parents
- $F =$  probability of homozygosity at any given locus  
true homozygosity, identity-by-descent, autozygosity

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**$q \ll F \Rightarrow$  autozygosity likely to cause the disease**

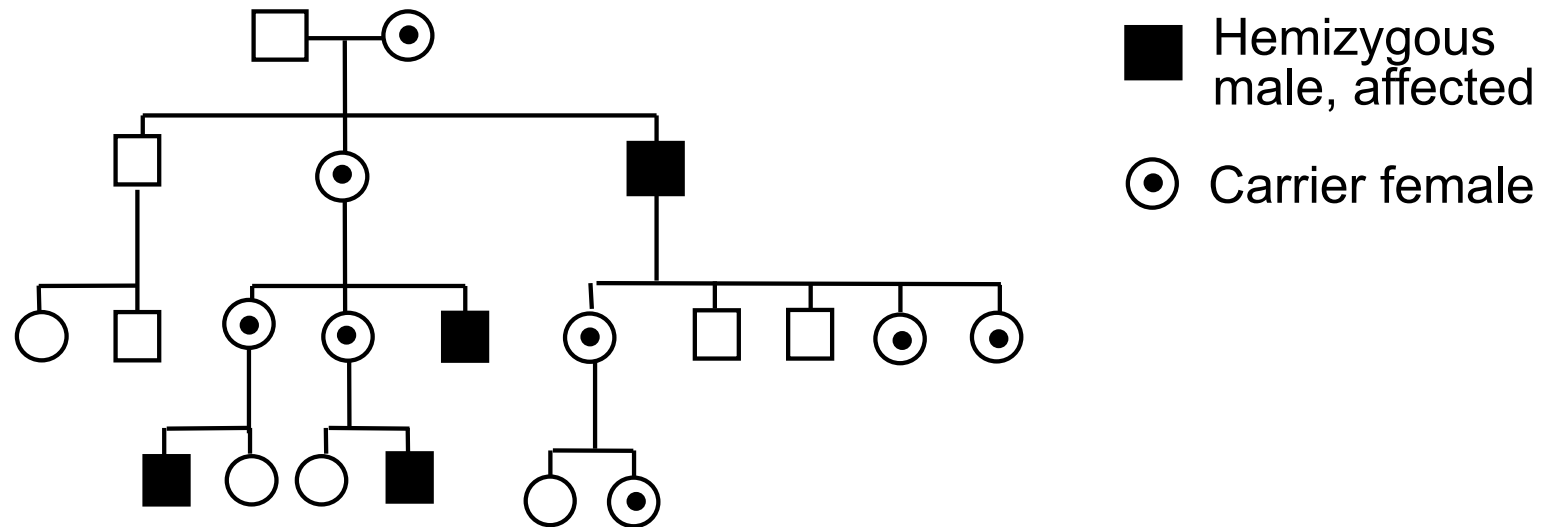
Patterns of single-gene inheritance

# **X-LINKED DISORDERS**



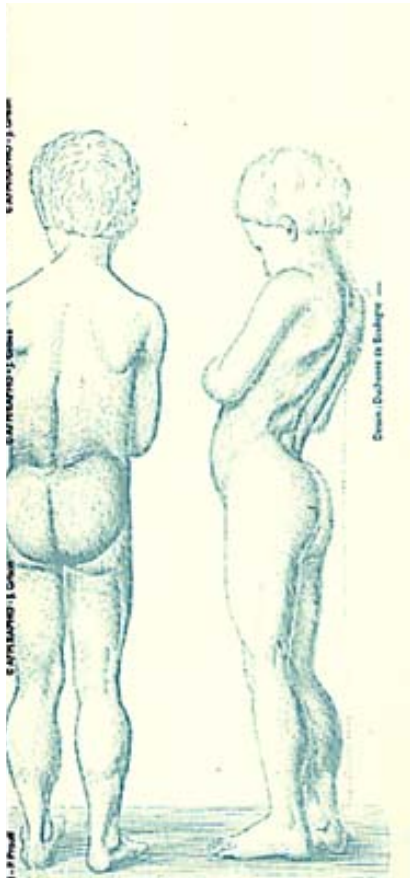
## X-linked recessive phenotype: oblique transmission

genotype: hemizygous mutation in male

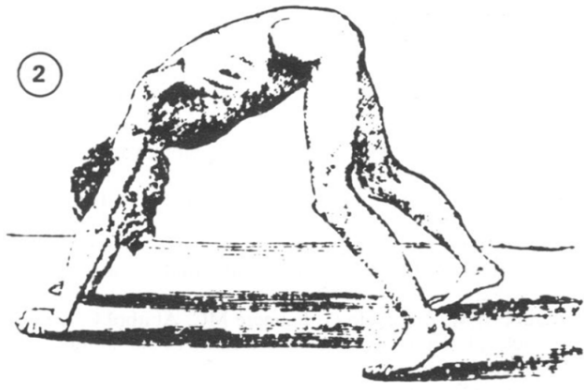
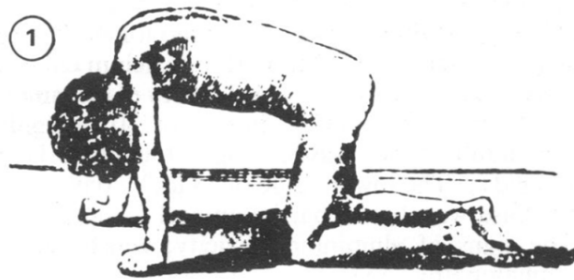


- Ex: hemophilia A, B; Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)...
- All daughters of affected males are carriers .
- All sons of affected male are unaffected (Y chromosome).
- No male-to-male transmission.

# Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)

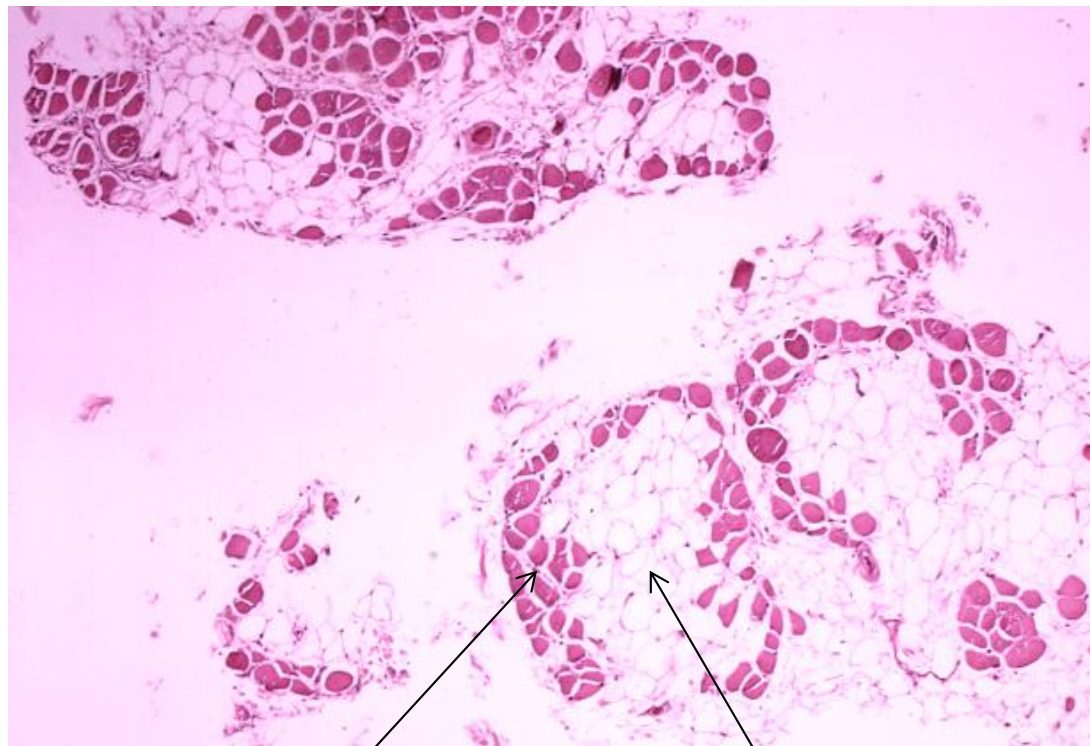
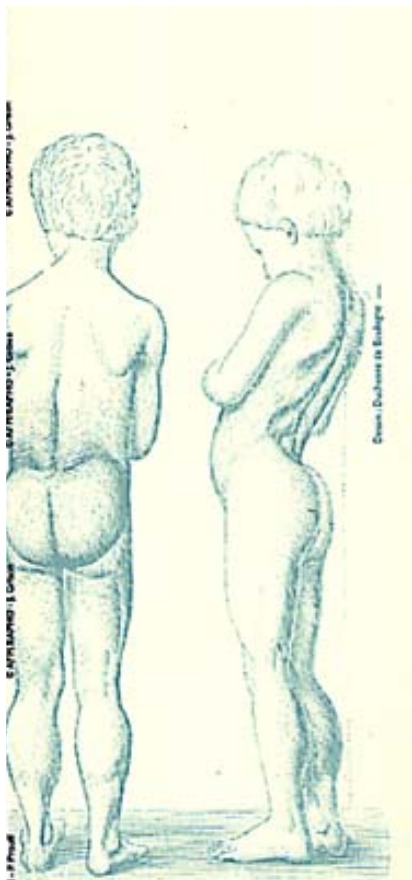


- 1/10,000 birth
- Boys, almost all patients
- Progressive decay of muscular fibres



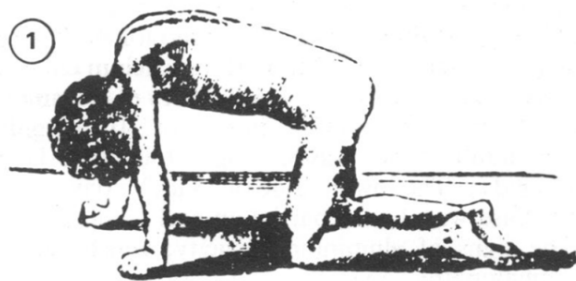
Gowers sign

# Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)



Muscular fiber

adipose tissue



Gowers sign

# Hemophilia



Rx knee

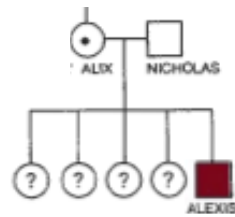
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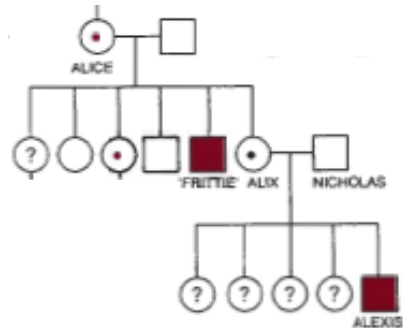
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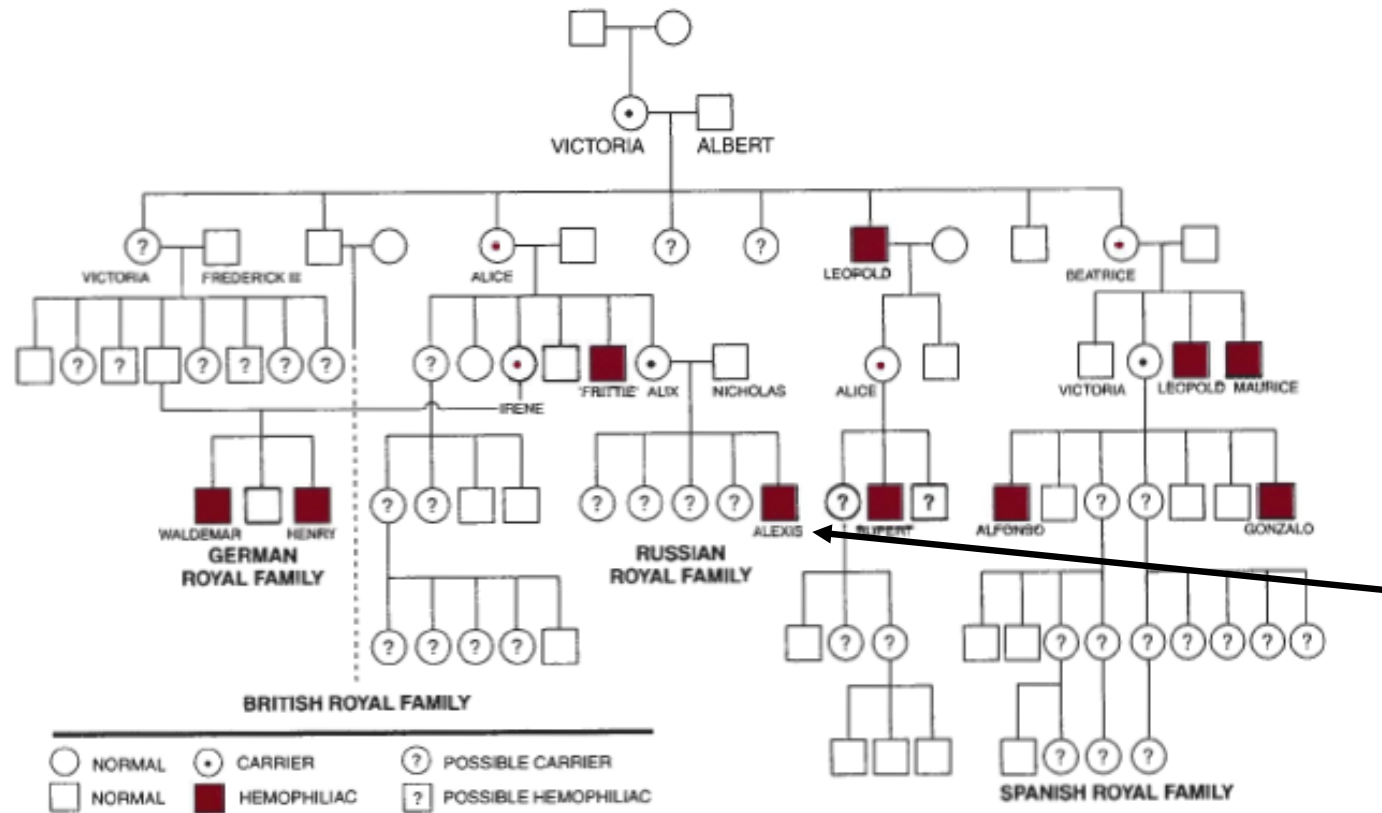


Figure 7.16. Queen Victoria's pedigree. Though the X-linked recessive inheritance pat-



- Inherited defect of coagulation. Rare: 1/10.000
- This family shows that the disease must be genetic and monofactorial from mutation on X chromosome



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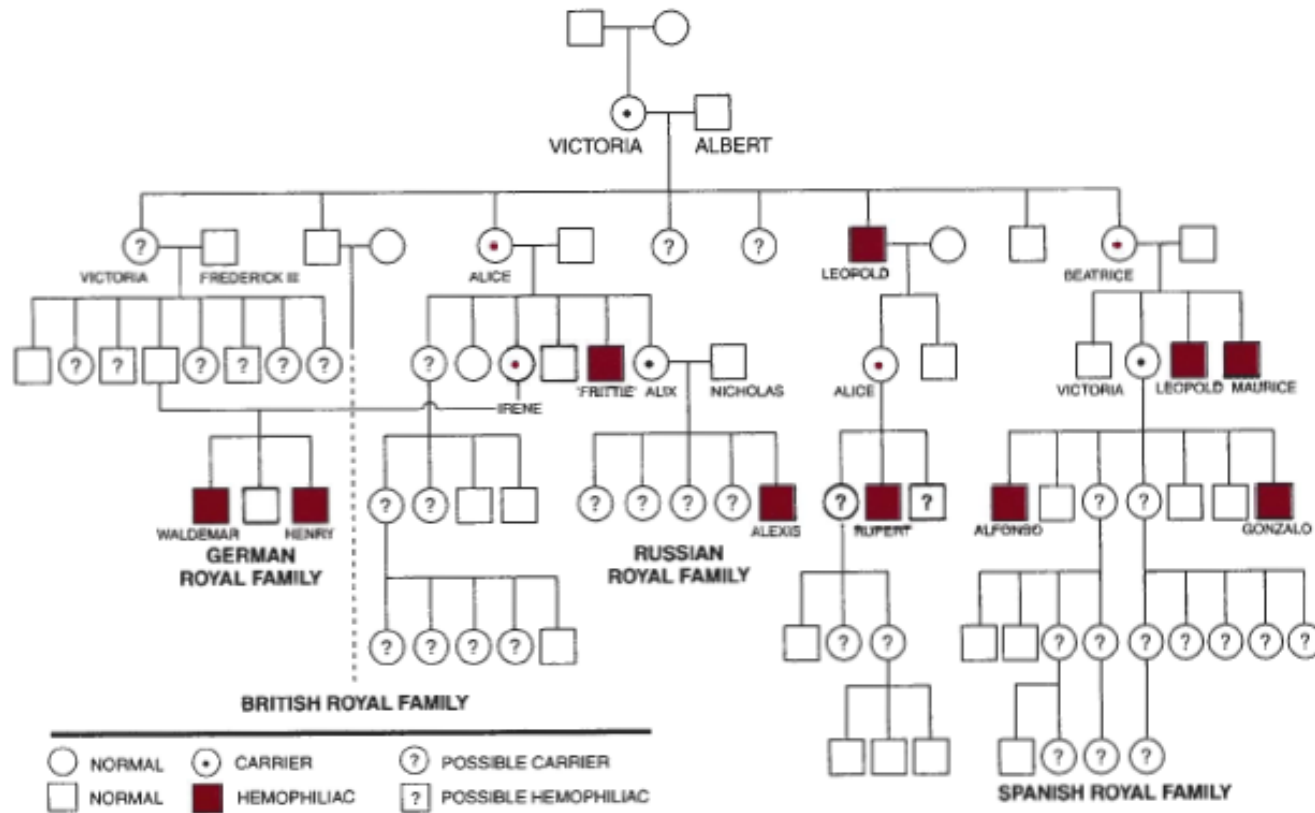
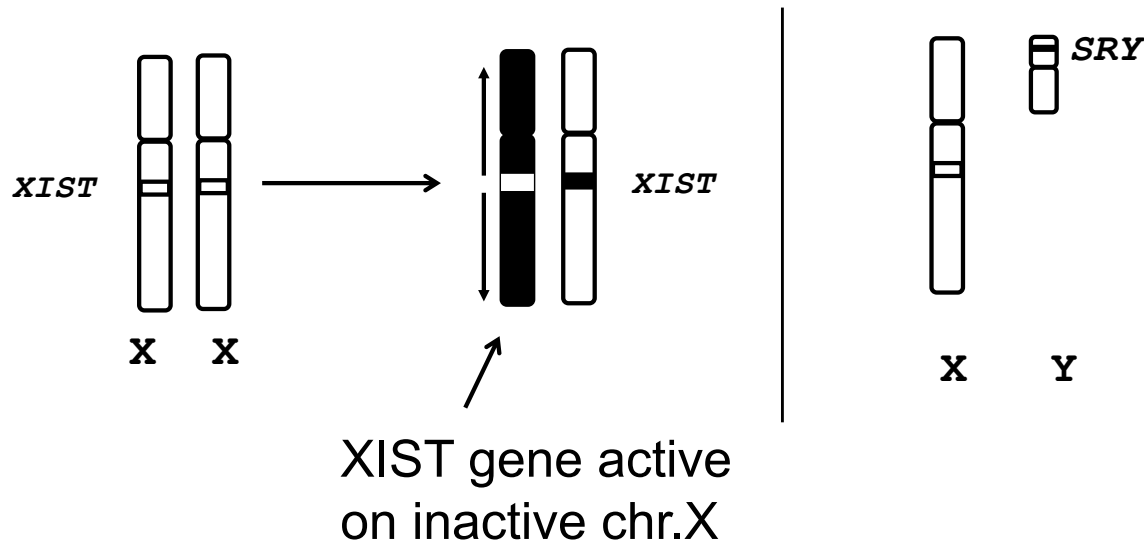


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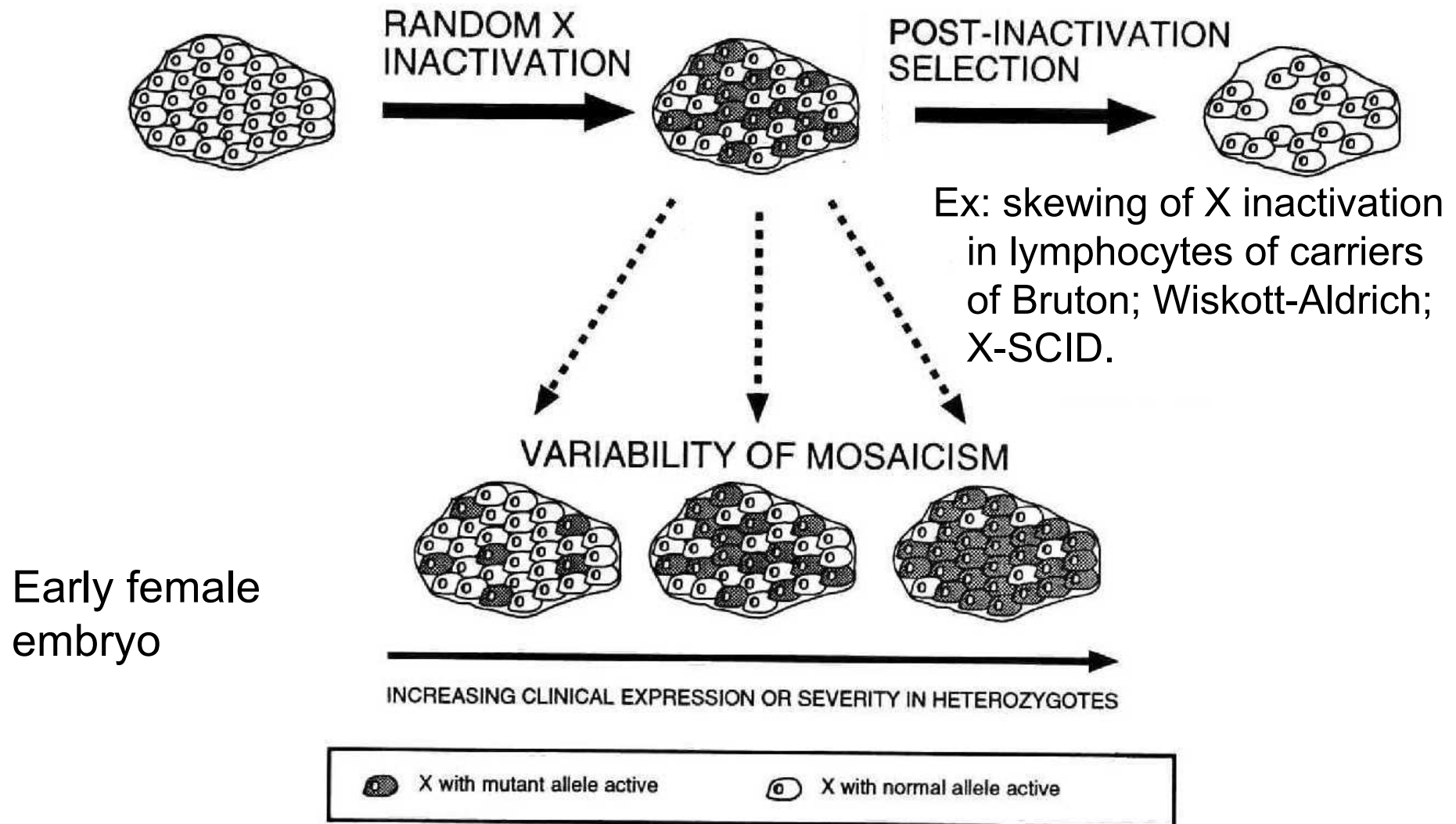
- High penetrance, severe monogenic disease
- Women asymptomatic

# Woman are mosaic for 2 cell populations

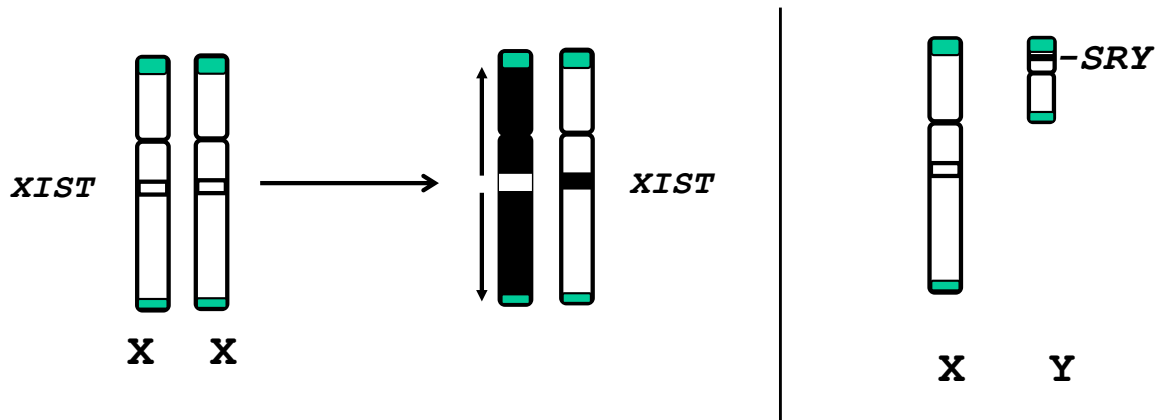


XX Embryo < 100 cells => random inactivation of one X chromos  
(Lyonisation)

# X chromosome inactivation in female somatic cells. Early. Random.



# Pseudo-autosomal regions

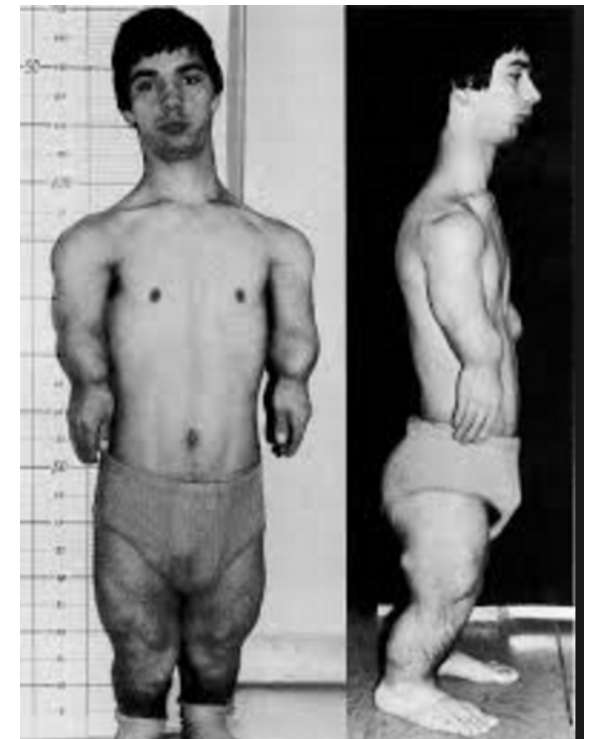


- On X and Y
- Escape X-inactivation
- Recombine by crossing-over

- AD (or AR) heredity, not X-linked
  - eg, SHOX mutations
- *SRY* very close to Y-PAR
  - Too centromeric cr-ov produces XX males

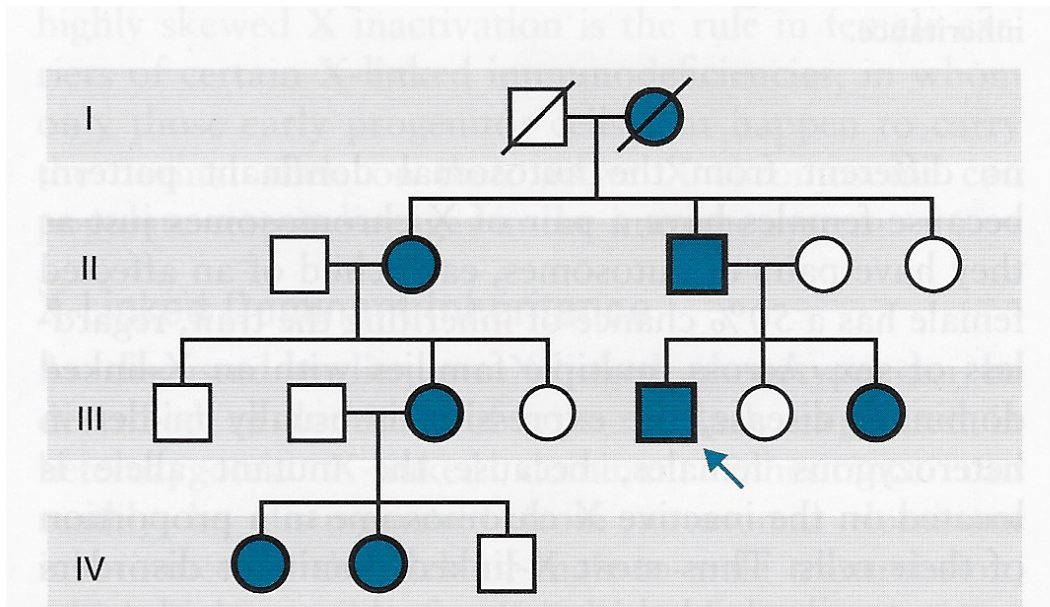
# Pseudo-autosomal inheritance

- A few phenotypes
- Eg: SHOX gene – linked dyschondrosteosis
- Male to male transmission, male and female affected... if dominant: AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT pattern
- Or AUTOSOMAL RECESSIVE: Langer mesomelic dysplasia
- « 23rd chromosome »



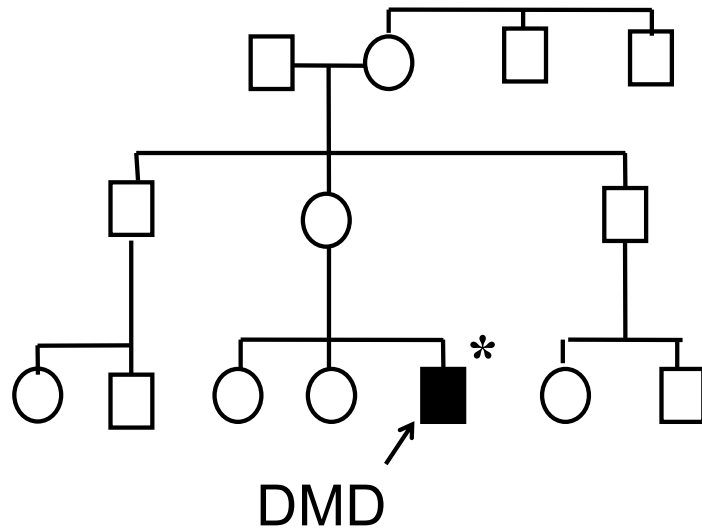
# AD inheritance of SHOX-associated phenotype

On the X and Y chromosome, so inheritance is not X-linked



**Figure 7-16** Pedigree showing inheritance of dyschondrosteosis due to mutations in *SHOX*, a pseudoautosomal gene on the X and Y chromosomes. The *arrow* shows a male who inherited the trait on his Y chromosome from his father. His father, however, inherited the trait on his X chromosome from his mother. See Sources & Acknowledgments.

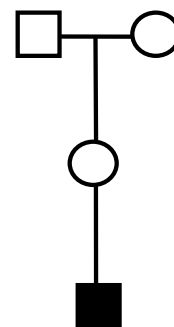
# X-linked gene new mutation: in patient OR mother



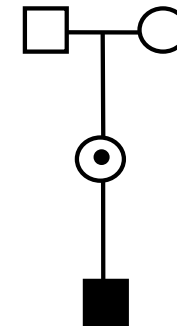
New mutation:

1. Either in patient
  - Mother's egg cell
2. Or in patient's mother
  - Grandmaternal egg cell
  - Grandpaternal sperm

*1. Risk in further boy  
very small*

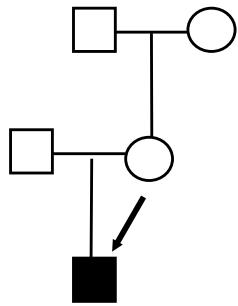


*2. Risk in further boy  
= 50%*

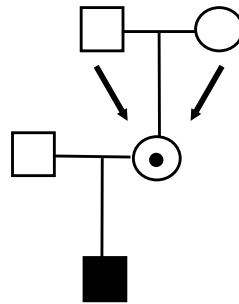


In-between (1) and (2):  
maternal germ-line mosaicism

# Many new X-linked gene mutations arise in maternal Grandfather



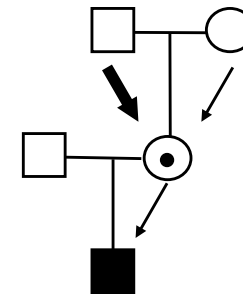
1/3 of cases



2/3 cases

- 66% carrier mothers rate applies to DMD
  - High contribution of large genomic deletions
- Higher (>85%) for most other Xgenes
  - High contribution of testicle-derived point mutations

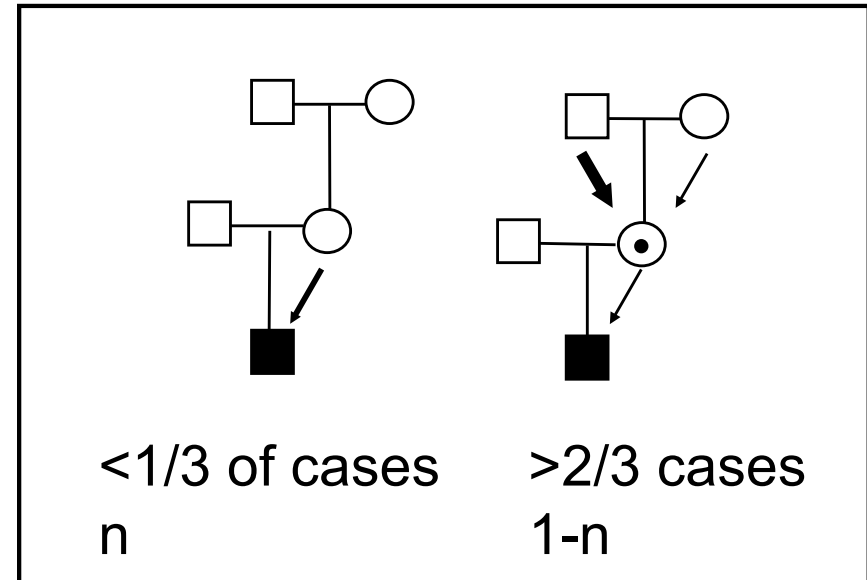
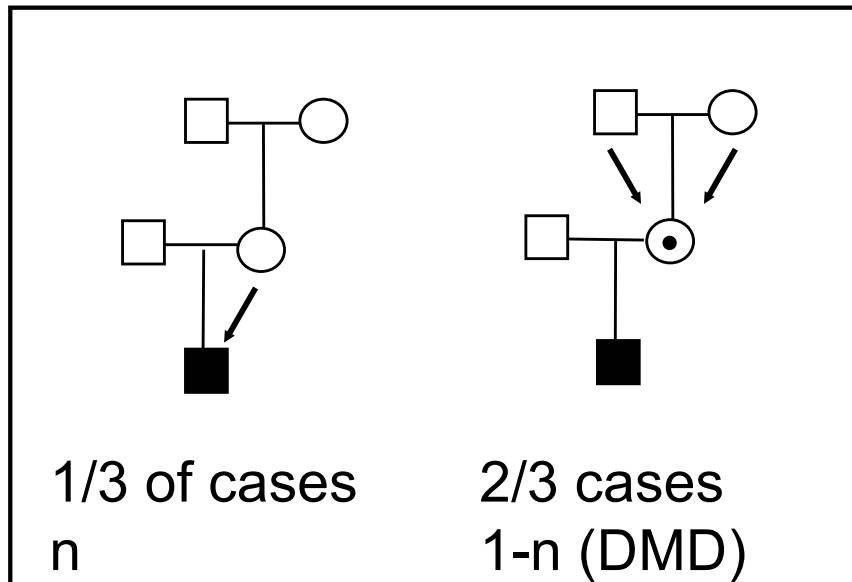
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- Grand-paternal age effect



*NB: father not involved (Y chromosome)*



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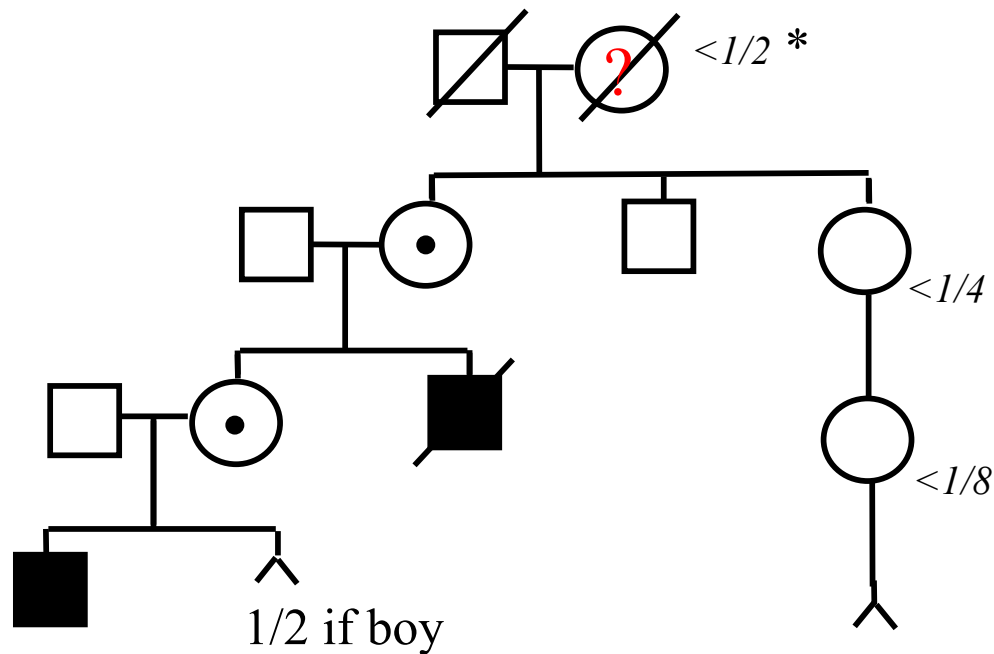
$n$  = frequency of new mutation in affected boy, not in mother

$n = (1-f) / (k + 2)$  where  $k$  = male mutation rate / female mutation rate ;  $f$  = fitness

- DMD: equal rate in both sexes:  $k = 1$ , and  $f = 0$   
=>  $n = 1/3$
- Most X genes:  $k > 1$  ( $k$  range: 2 – 10) =>  $n < 1/3$
- If  $f = 1$  (and patient number constant): no new mutation

# Risk in mother of carrier woman?

Ex: DMD



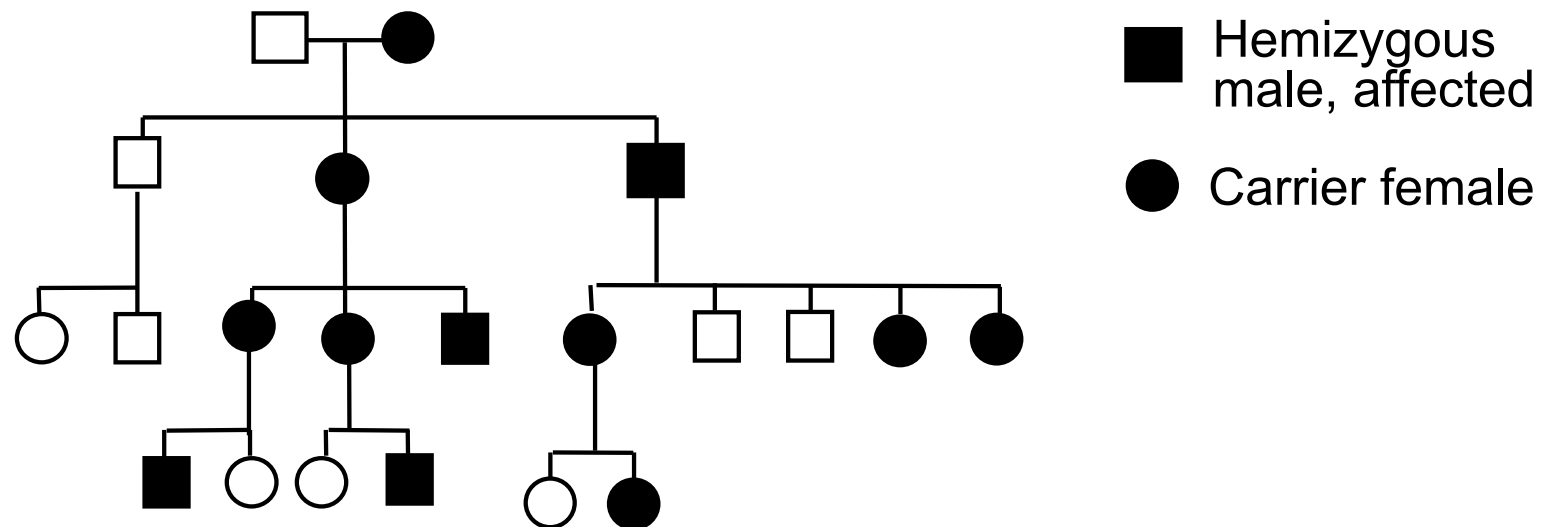
\* proportion of carrier women's mothers who are carrier themselves is maximum  $1/2$

If male = female mutation rate ( $k=1$ ) and  $f=0$ , maximum risk =  $1/2$

Risk  $<1/2$  if  $k>1$

In previous generations of women, risk is halved going up the pedigree (as it is halved going down the pedigree)

# X-linked dominant phenotype



- Females have 2 chromosome X
- F/M ratio = 2/1

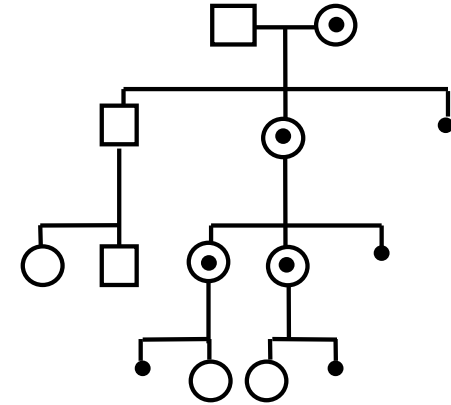
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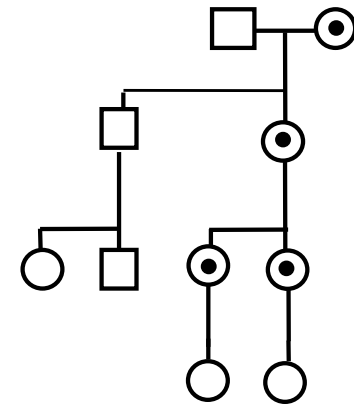
- Renal failure, cardiophaty, stroke.
- X gene, but most carrier females become sick

# X-linked recessive, lethal in hemizygous male

- 50% of expected male births

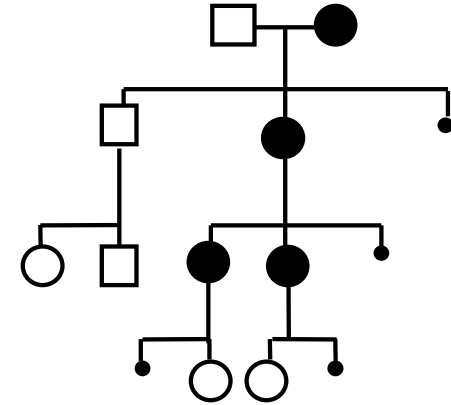


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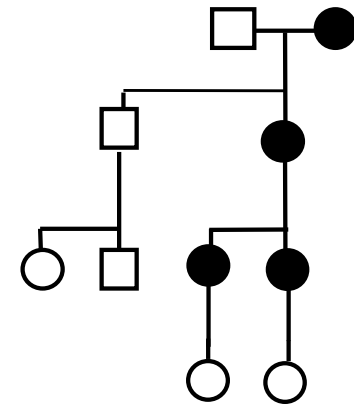


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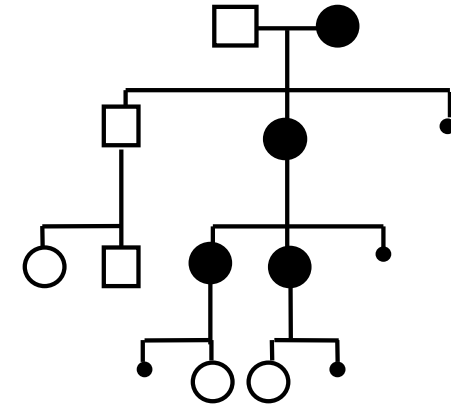


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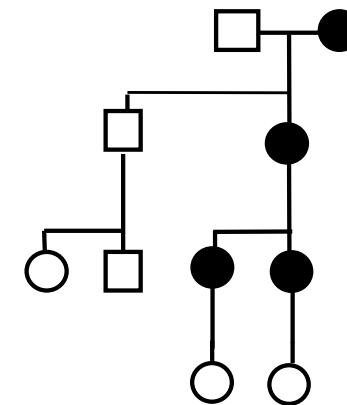
- 50% of expected male births
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- Ex: **Incontinentia pigmentii**



- Ex: **Rett syndrome**
  - Fitness  $\sim 0 \Rightarrow$  neomut only  
(except germ-line mosaics)



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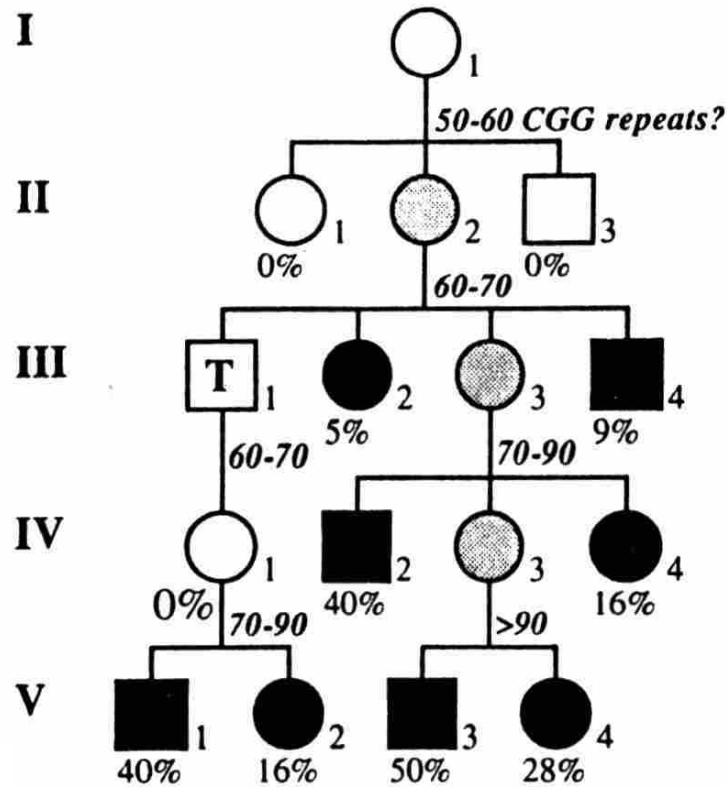
# Fragile X syndrome

- 1st cause of hereditary MR ?
- X-linked, complex: « semi-dominant with incomplete penetrance »
  - Women often affected
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# Fra-X: complex X-linked inheritance



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Empiric Risk of Mental Retardation Varies with Pedigree Position  
*Fu et al, 1991, Cell.*

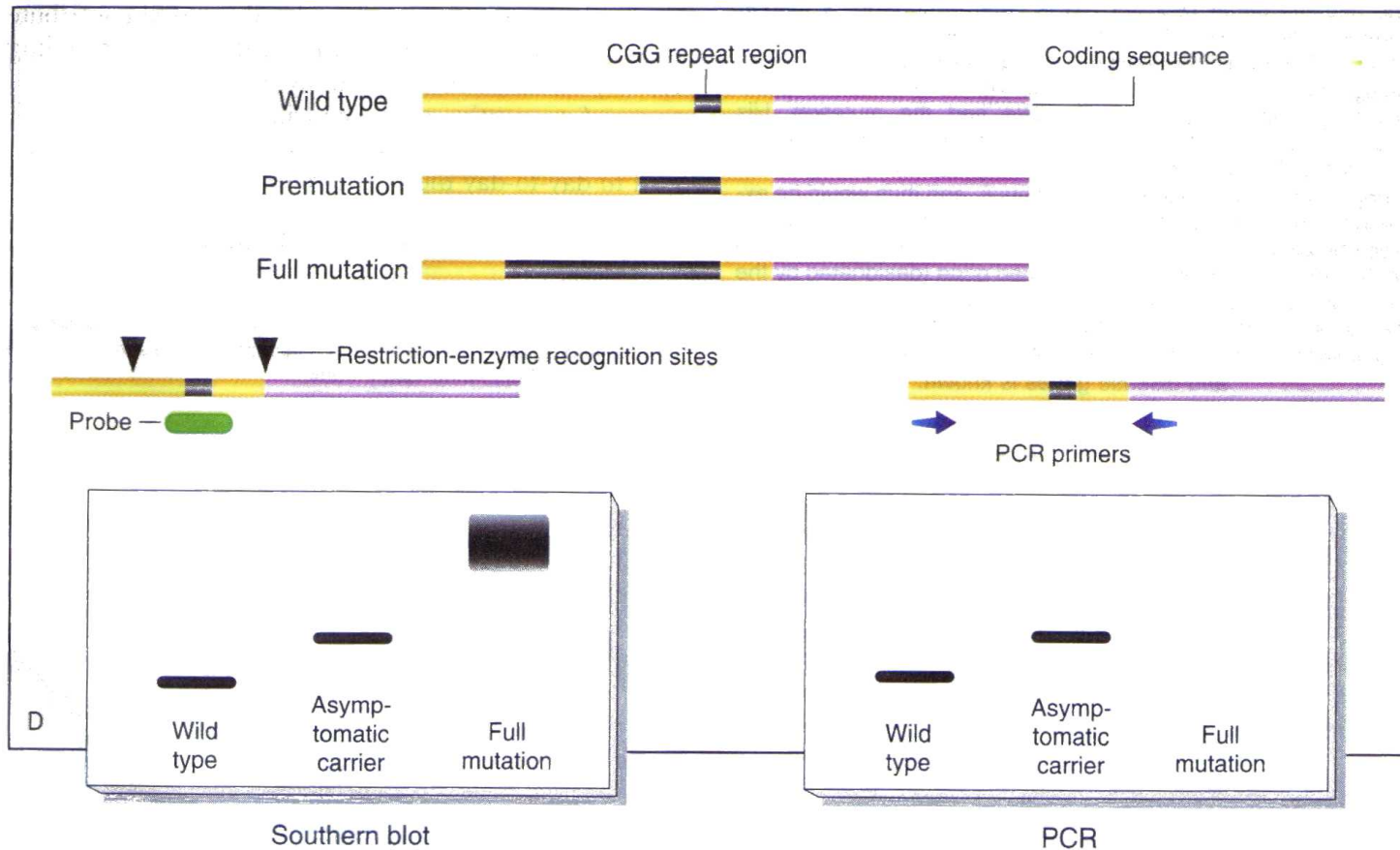
An example pedigree is given with data from Sherman et al. (1985) showing percent risk (below each individual) of mental retardation based on pedigree position from studies of fragile X families.



# Dynamic mutation in Fra-X

- 3 types of alleles
  - Normal  $n < 50$
  - Premutated : unstable in femal transmission :  $n = 50-200$
  - Full mutated : loss of function, semi-dominant (?):  $n$  usually  $> 300$

# DNA analysis in Fra-X males

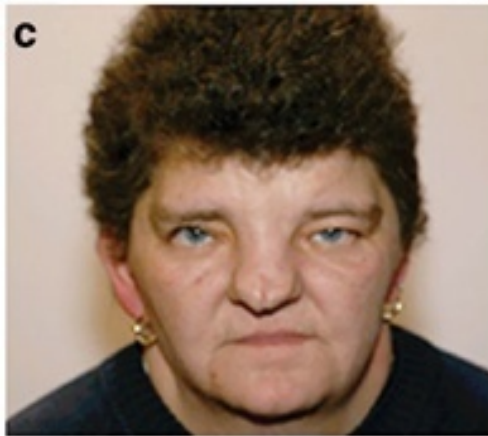


**(CGG) $n$**

- **Premutation:** non-methylated DNA, functional gene. May expand further via female meiosis. Expansion risk increases with size ÷ taille (n)
- **Full Mutation:** methylated DNA, loss of gene fn, MR

# X-linked more severe in females

- Paradoxical
- Cranio-fronto-nasal dysplasia
  - *EFNB1* gene (Xq12)

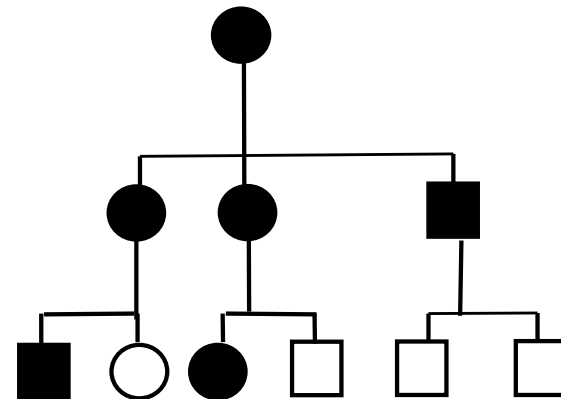


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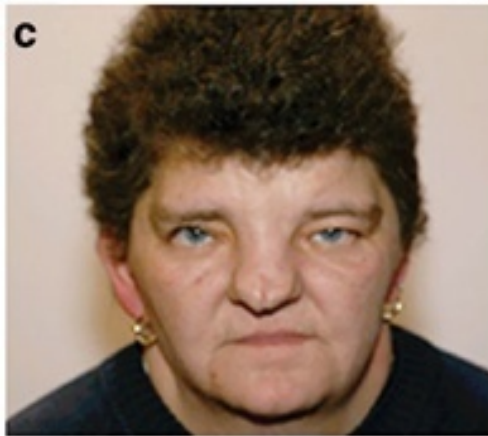
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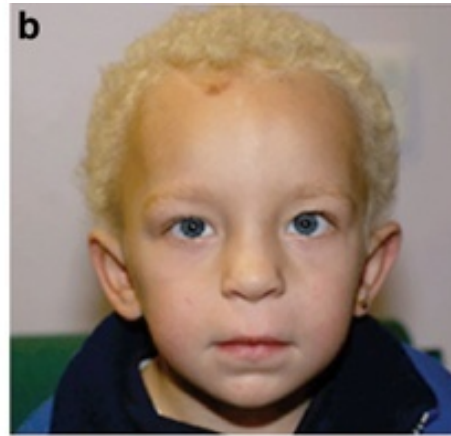
X-dom inheritance

# X-linked more severe in females

- Paradoxical
- Cranio-fronto-nasal dysplasia
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cell autonomous
  - CELLULAR INTERFERENCE model

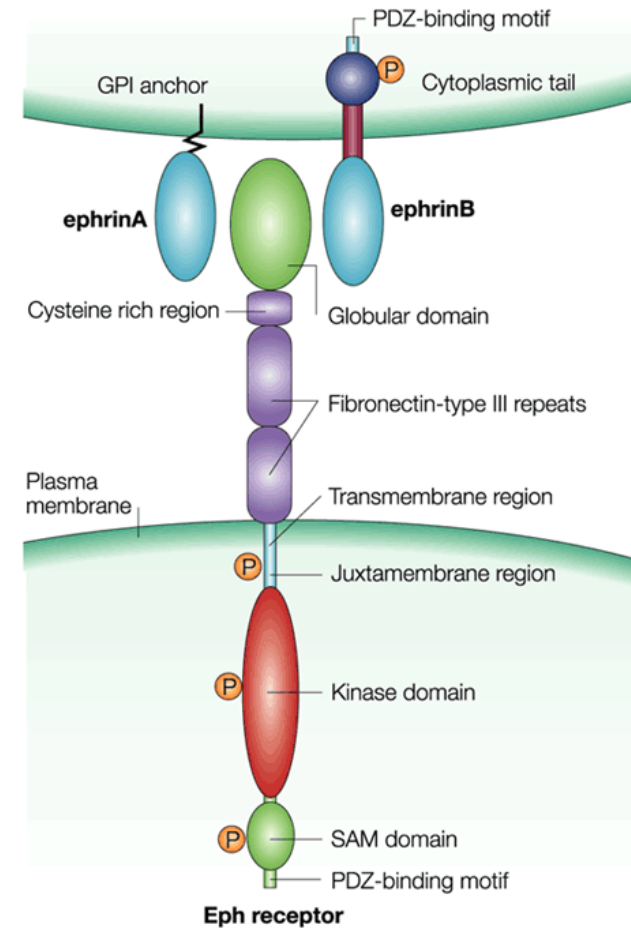


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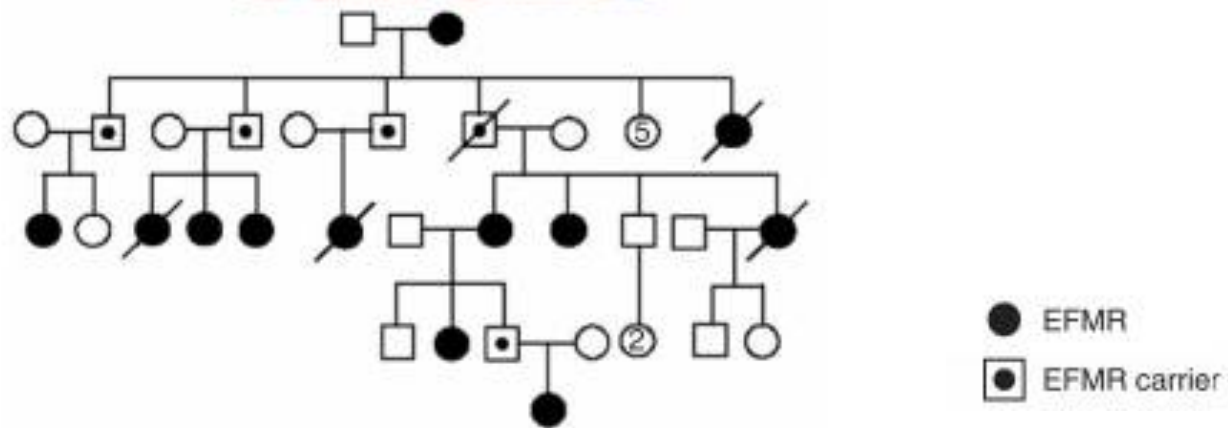
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# EPILEPSY, FEMALE-RESTRICTED, WITH MENTAL RETARDATION; EFMR

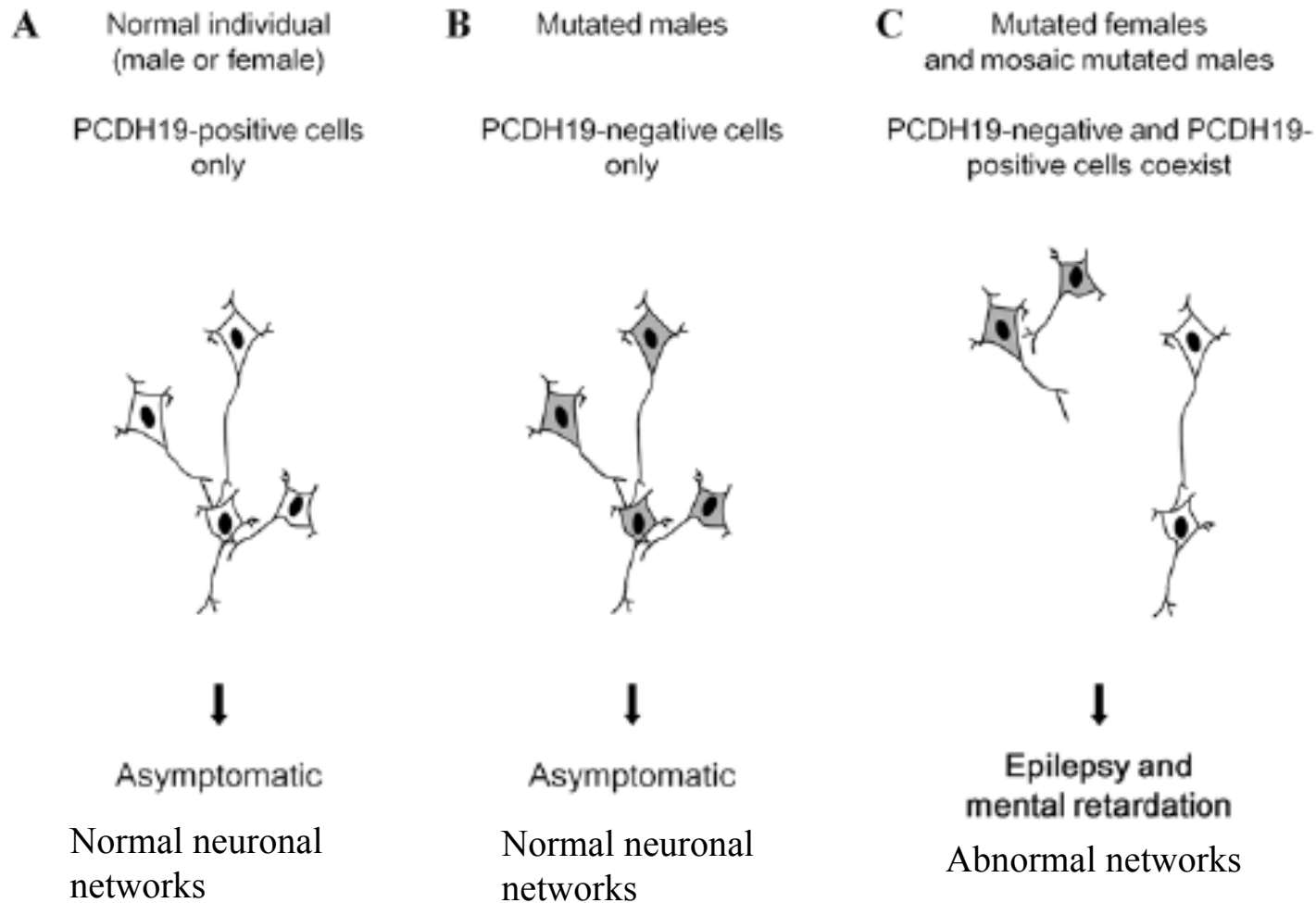


Dibbens LM et al. Nat Genet 2008  
*PCDH19* gene mutation

# Cellular interference in another X-linked disorder

All patients are female, except 1 male who is a mosaic !

*PCDH19 Mutations in Dravet-Like Syndrome  
Depienne et al 2009*



# X-linked, cell autonomous lethal

## PLP gene mutations

- X-linked disorder severe in affected boys => no sign in carrier mothers
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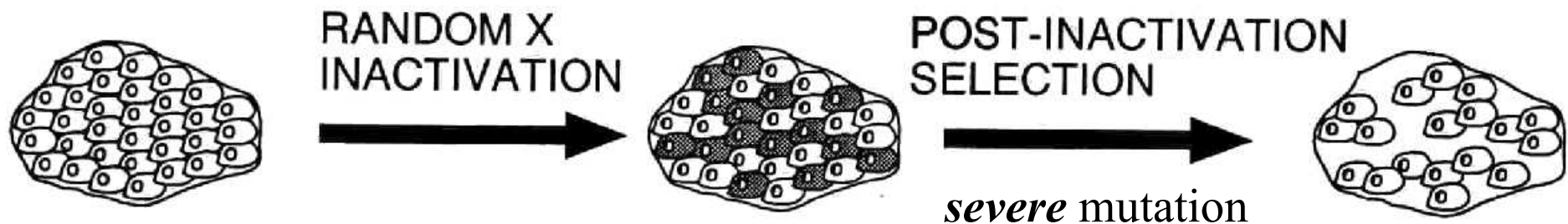
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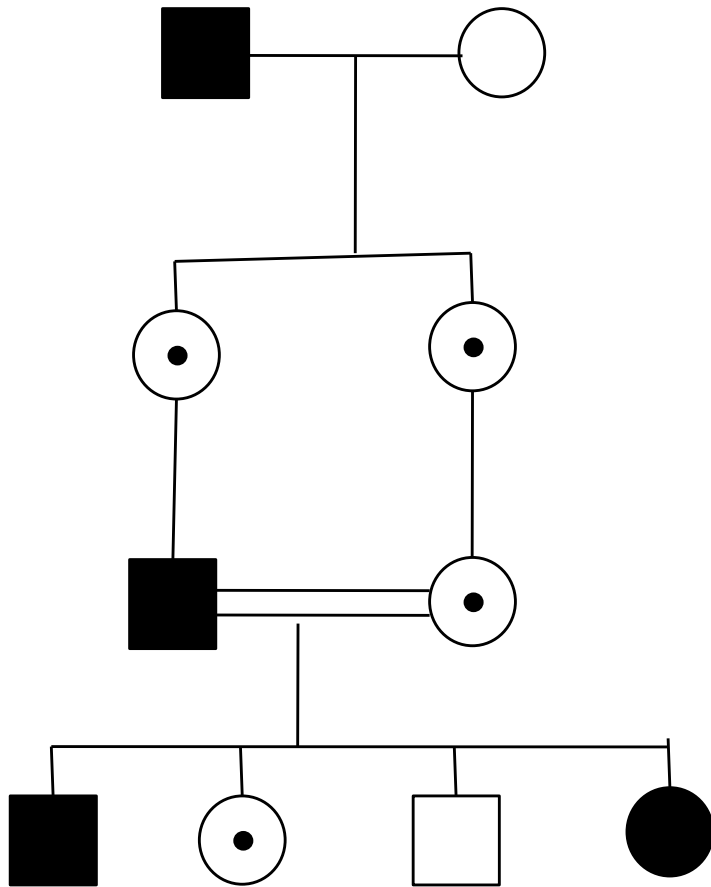
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## Mechanistic model:

- severe mutation in carrier => cell die after lyonisation  
healthy cell repopulate
- Mild mutation in carrier => all cells survive lyonisation,  
mutated cell degenerate in adult



# X-linked in consanguineous family

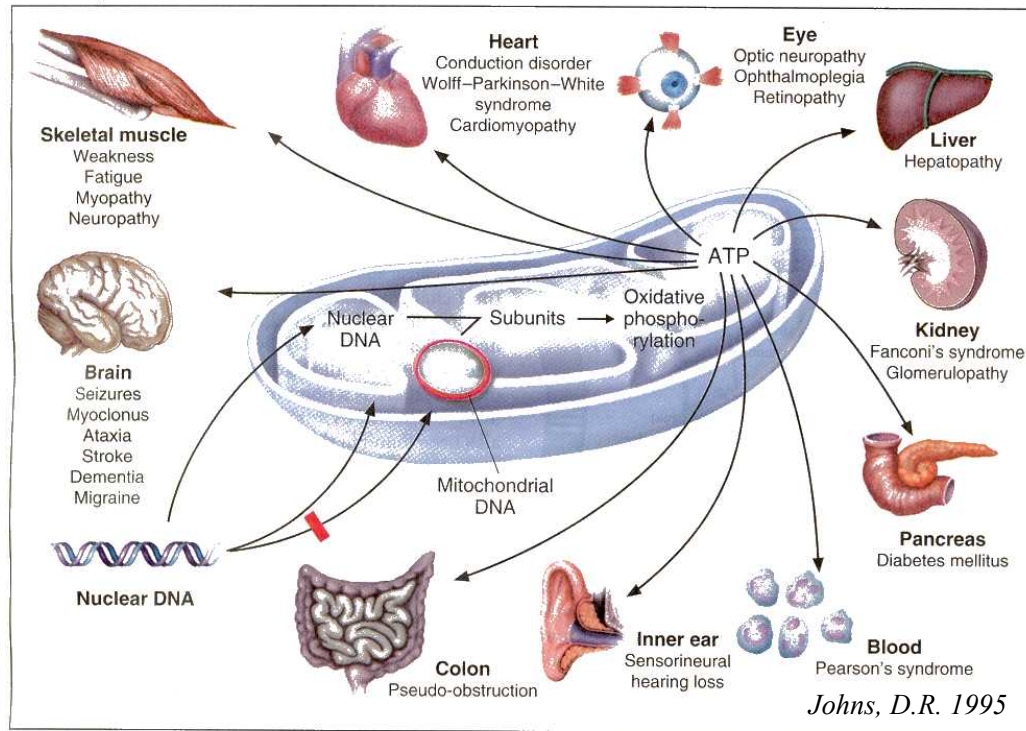


- Affected females
- Male-to-male transmission
- Also if frequent X-linked trait  
red-green colour-blindness

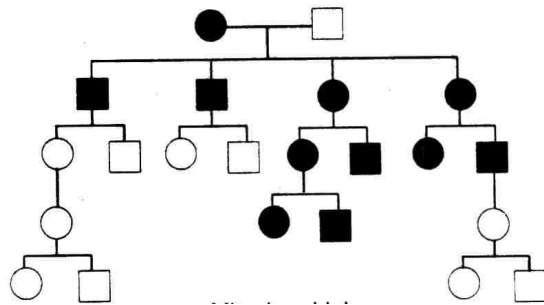
Patterns of single-gene inheritance

# **MITOCHONDRIAL DISORDERS**

# Maternal transmission mtDNA mutation

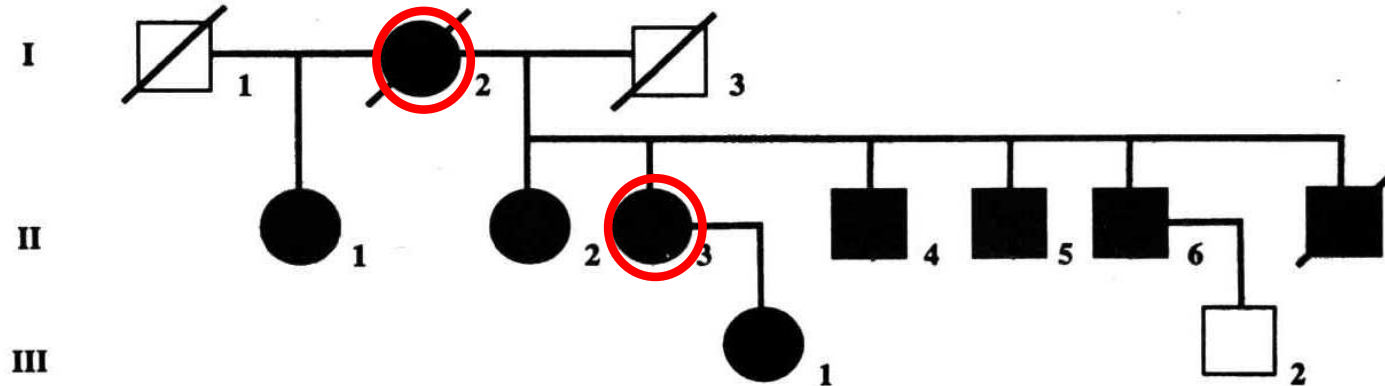


- 100 – 1000 mitoch/cell
- Few genomes/mitoch
- mtDNA: 16 kb
- Encode some components of mitochondrial respiratory chain complexes
- Variable phenotypes
  - Mostly neuro-muscular
- MATERNAL INHERITANCE
- Disease or susceptibility
  - Hearing loss ← aminosides



- Other components  $\leq$  nucl. genes
- Respiratory chain defects:  
>1/10,000

# Variable expressivity in mt disease

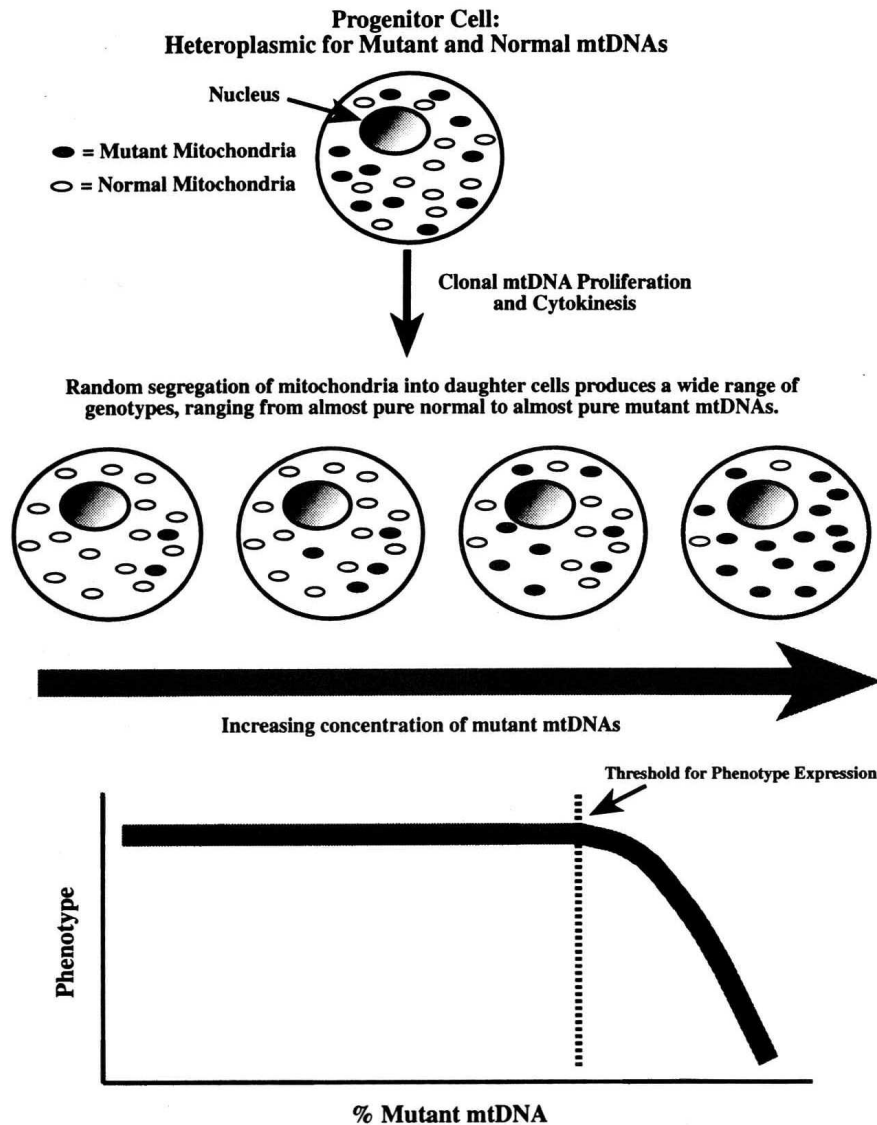


	II-1	I-2	II-2	II-3	III-1	II-4	II-5	II-6	III-2	II-7
Age	53	-	51	49	25	46	45	-	29	-
%Deletion	39	ND	42	44	44	38	43	ND	0	ND
Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus	+	+	+	+	+ <sup>1</sup>	+	+	+	-	+
Diabetic Ketoacidosis	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Deafness	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
→ Stroke	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmoplegia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ptosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mitochondrial Myopathy	ND	ND	ND	-	ND	-	-	ND	ND	ND
OXPHOS Biochemistry	ND	ND	ND	+	ND	+	+	ND	ND	ND

<sup>1</sup> Diabetes mellitus has recently developed and the patient is currently managed with oral hypoglycemics. + = abnormal; - = normal.

Mitochondrial encephalomyopathy with lactic acidosis and stroke-like episodes

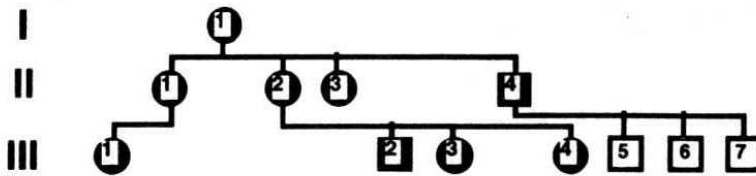
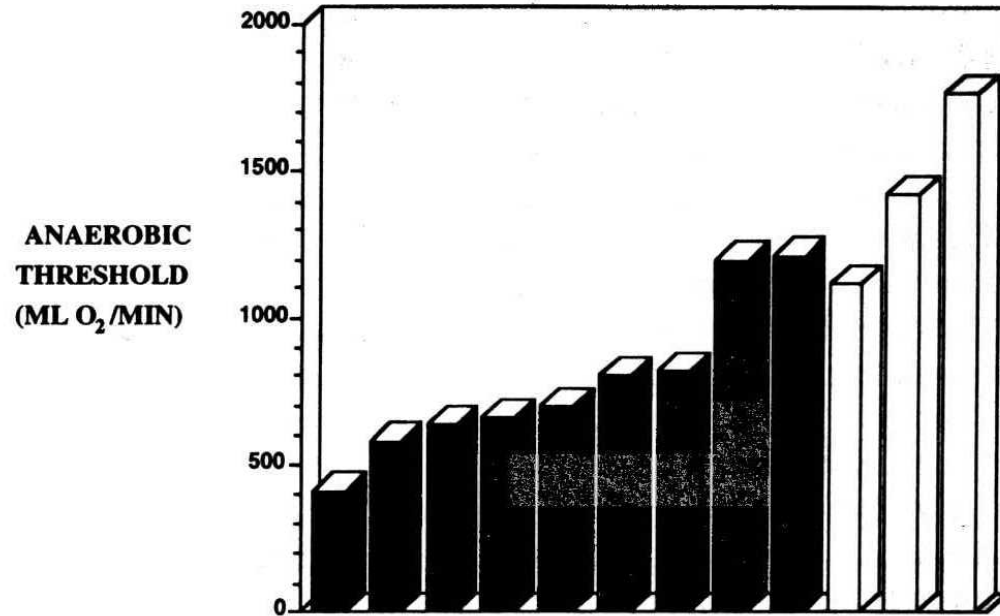
# heteroplasmy



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« intracellular mosaic »
- TRESHOLD EFFECT

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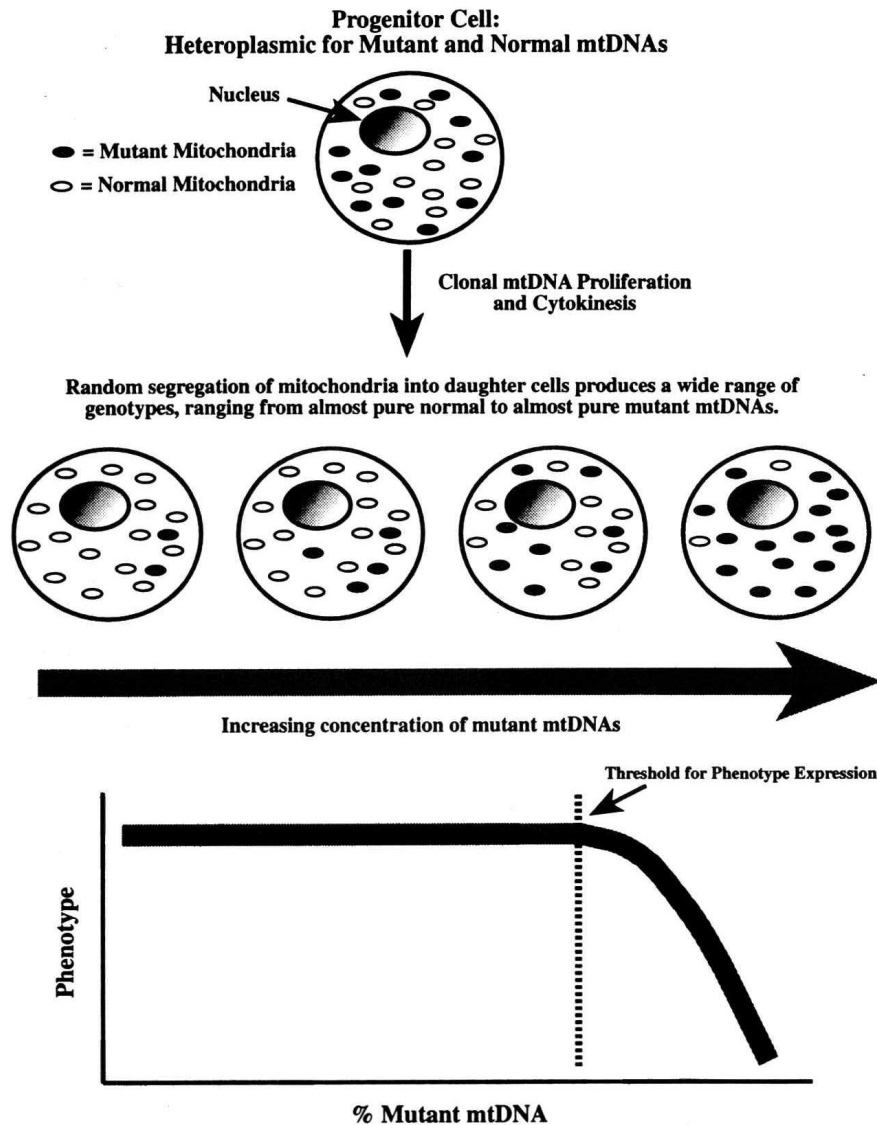


Abnormal VER/EEG	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	ND	ND
Mitochondrial Myopathy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Deafness	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Myoclonic Epilepsy	+	+/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dementia	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Respiratory Failure	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Normal mtDNA	6	6	27	3	4	4	nd	10	15	100	100	100
% Mutant mtDNA	94	94	73	97	96	96	nd	90	85	0	0	0

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Variable penetrance of clinical manifestations due to replicative segregation in MERRF.

# Mitotic segregation



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- Random distribution of mitoch to daughter cells
- Modifies heteroplasmy  
=> modifies clinical course



# Respiratory chain disorders



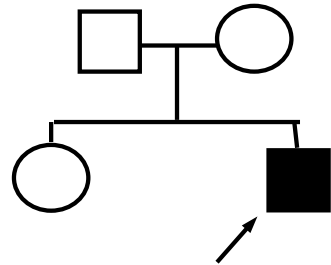
## mtDNA

- Maternal inheritance
- Heteroplasmy, threshold effect
- Mitotic segregation

## Nuclear DNA

- AD
- AR
- X

# In small families, it may be difficult to identify mode of heredity

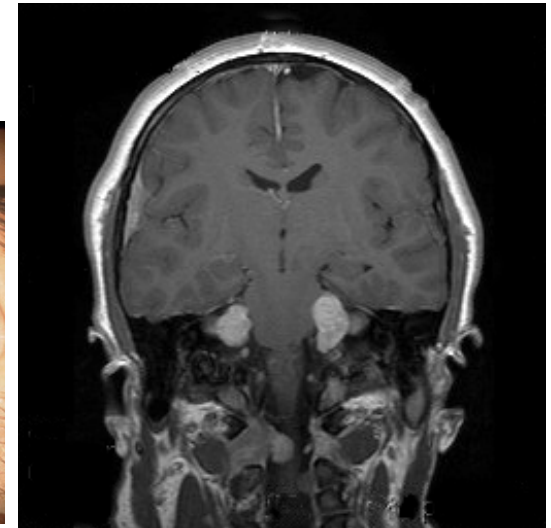
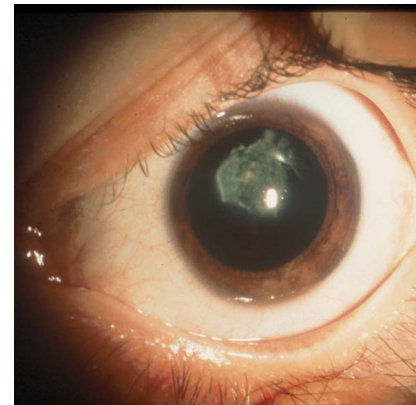


- Recessive?
- Dominant with low expressivity in affected parent ?  
— (*forme fruste*) ?
- Dominant with incomplete penetrance in carrier parent?
- Dominant, neomutation ?
- X chromosome-linked ?
- Multigenic/ Multifactorial ?
- Mitochondrial ?
- Non genetic ?

# Locus heterogeneity

- MEN1 and MEN2
- NF1 and NF2; NF1-Like
- BRCA1 and BRCA2
- SCA1, SCA2, SCA3, SCA6, .....
- ... and many disorders : identical phenotype, several loci

# Genetic heterogeneity in Neurofibromatosis



NF1 (Von Recklinghausen) 1/3000  
Peripheral NF; >6 café-au-lait spots;  
iris hamartomas (Lisch nodules);  
freckling;  
f/u: optic tract gliomas; PNST  
**NF1 gene, #17**

NF2 : 1/25000  
CentralNF; few café-au-lait spots;  
VIII schwannomas;  
f/u: meningiomas  
**NF2 gene, #22**

# Genetic heterogeneity in Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease = HSMN, Hereditary Sensory-Motor Neuropathy



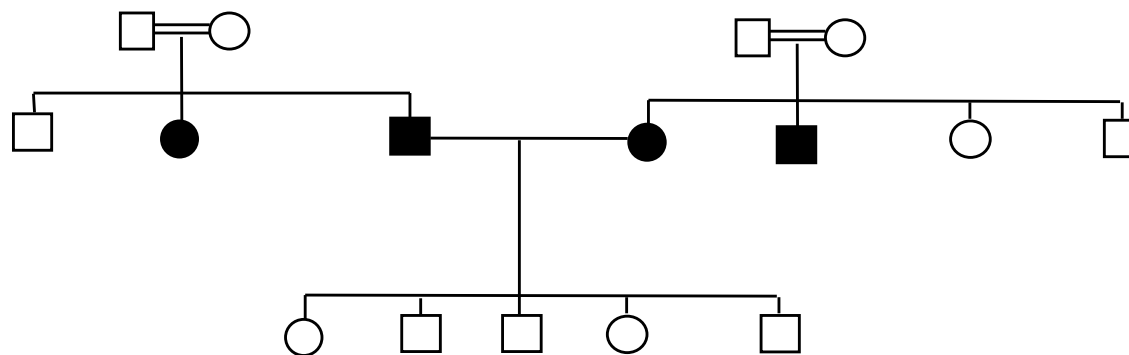
- CMT1 is heterogeneous beyond our ability to distinguish sub-phenotypes (>< NF1 and NF2)
- CMT2 also

# Locus heterogeneity, AR disease



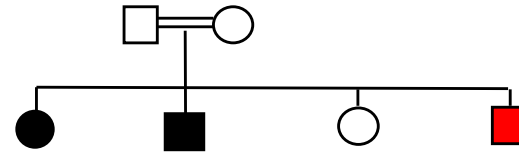
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# Phenocopy

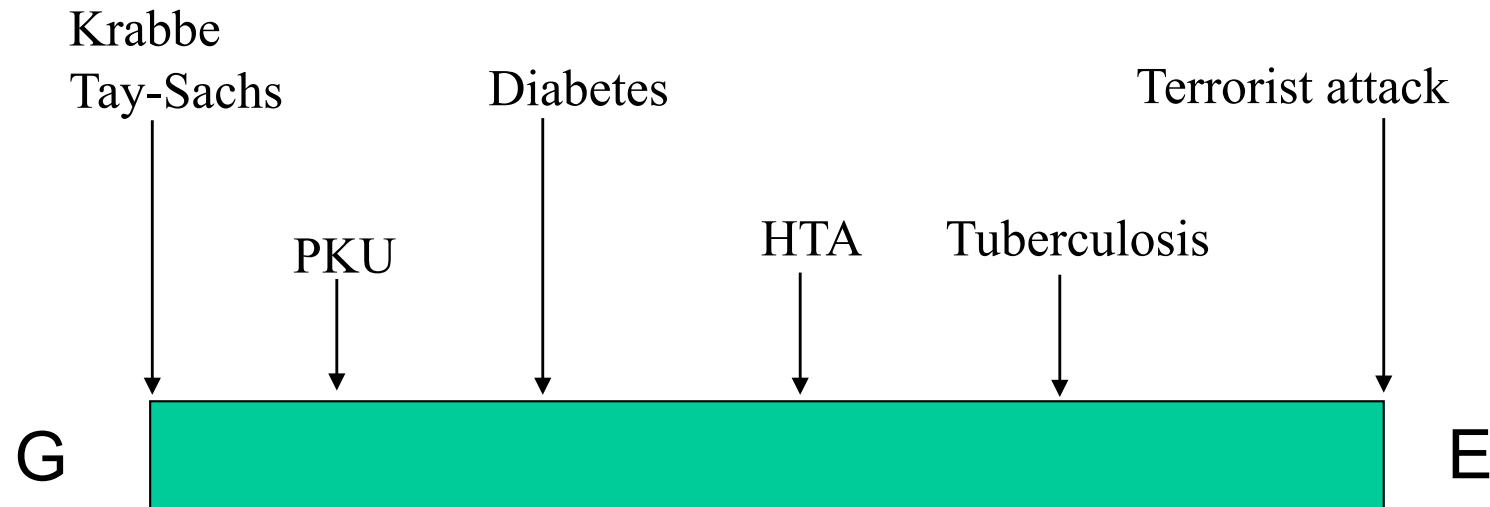


Deafness, AR

Deafness < fetal  
rubella

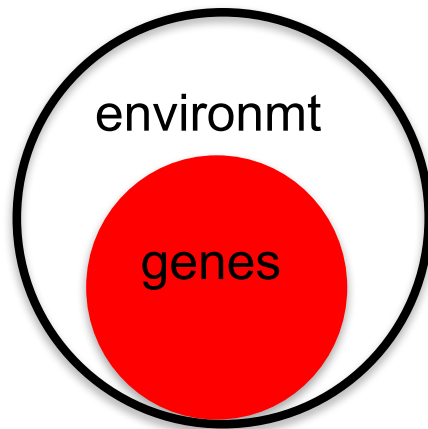


# Gene – Environment interactions

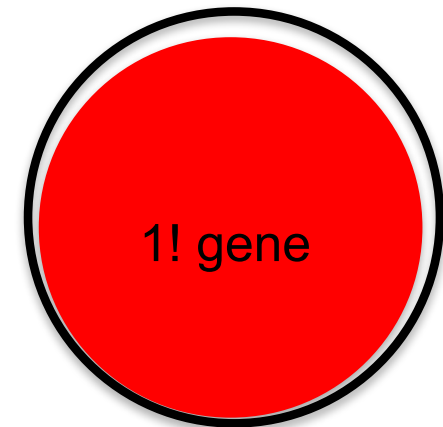


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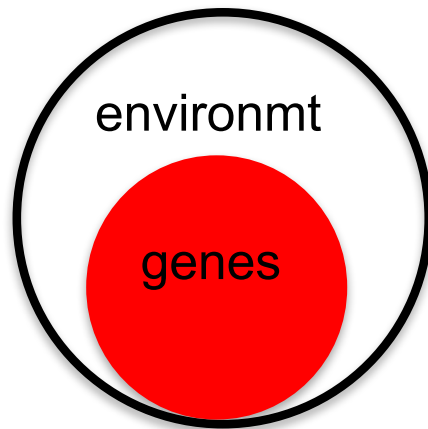
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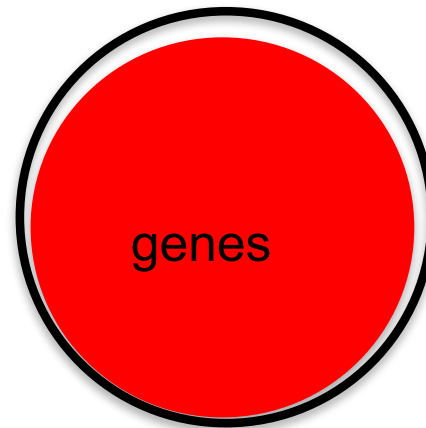
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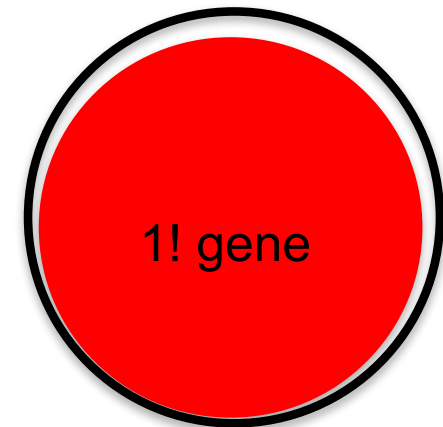
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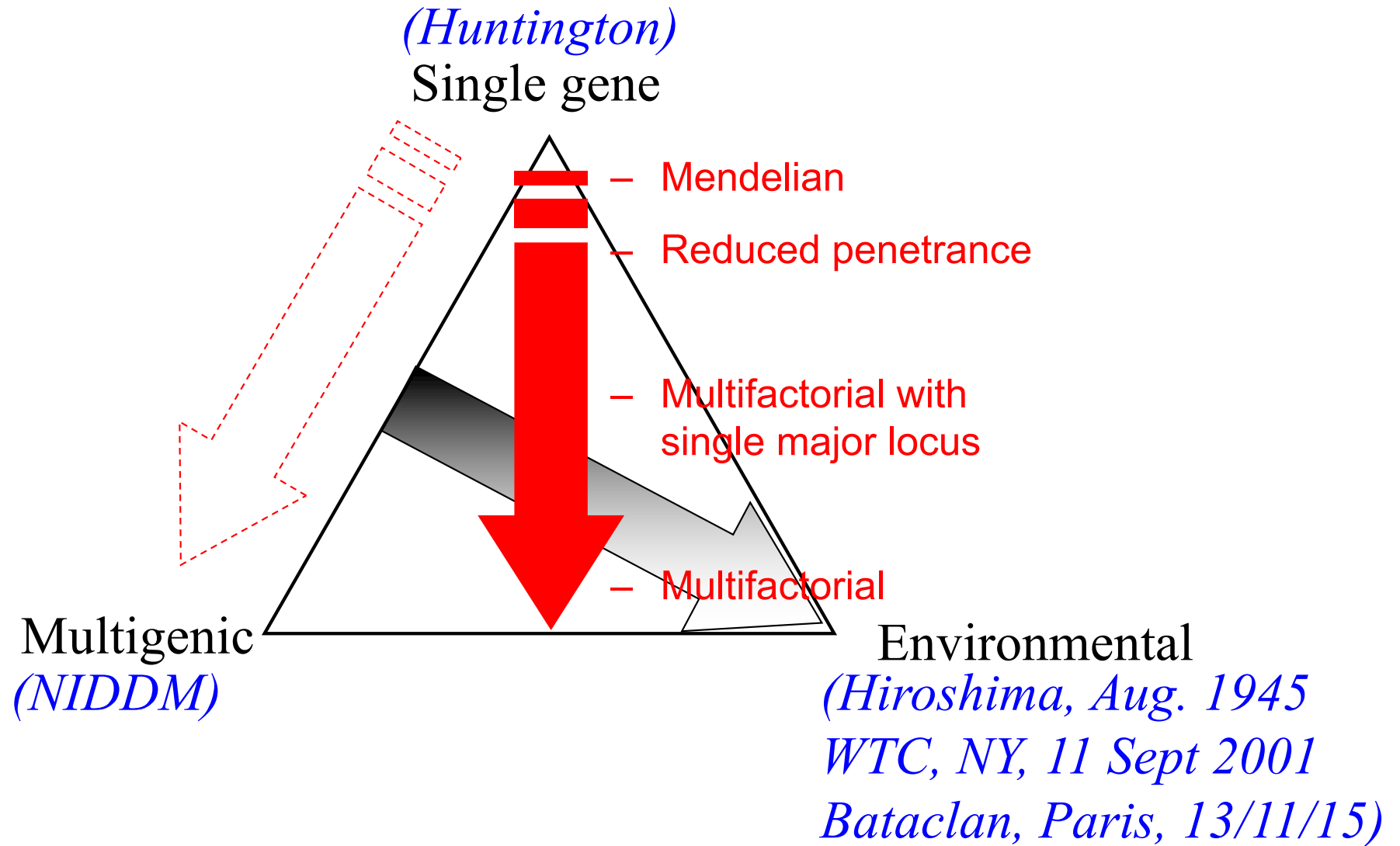


Multigenic, pure  
(exceptionnel)

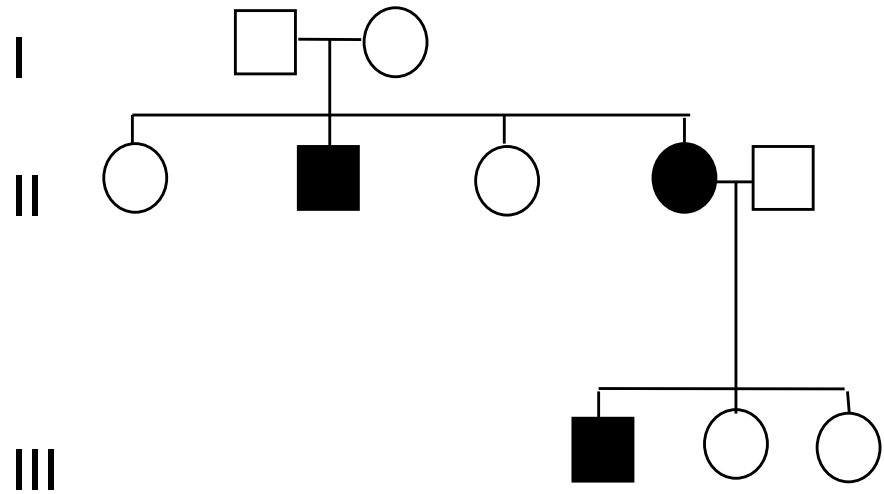


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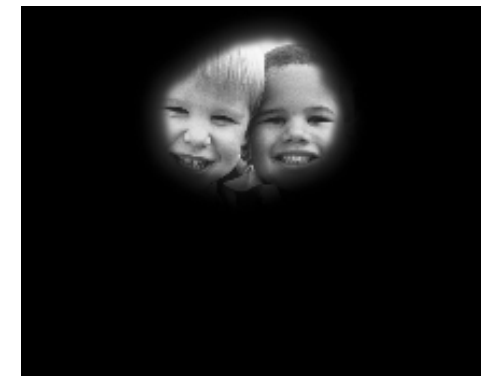
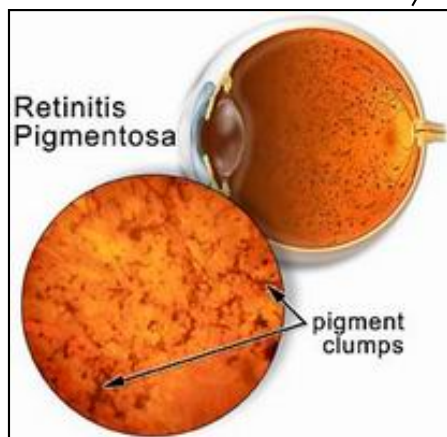
# Gene-Gene and Gene-Environment interactions



# Complex inheritance of a case of pigmentary retinitis



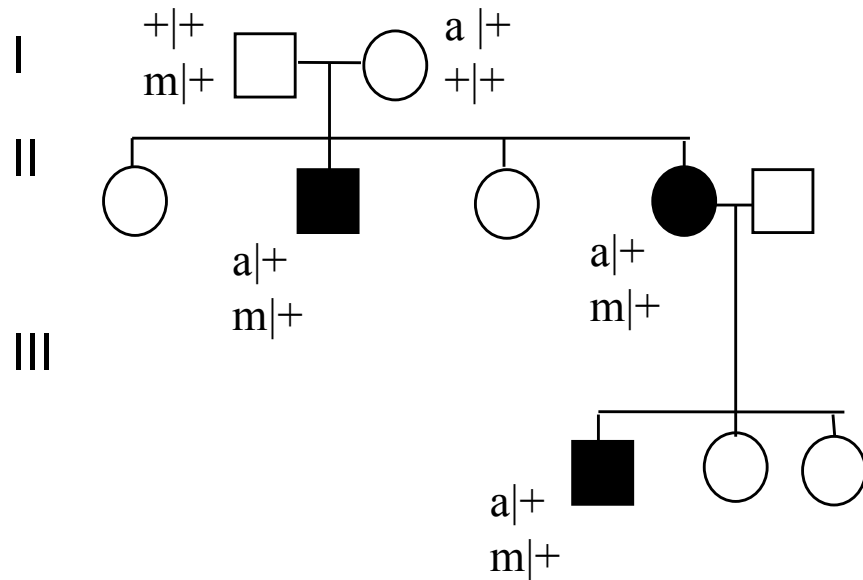
Non mendelian: dominant?  
Recessive? X-linked? ...



Tunnel vision

# Digenic inheritance of a retinitis pigmentosa

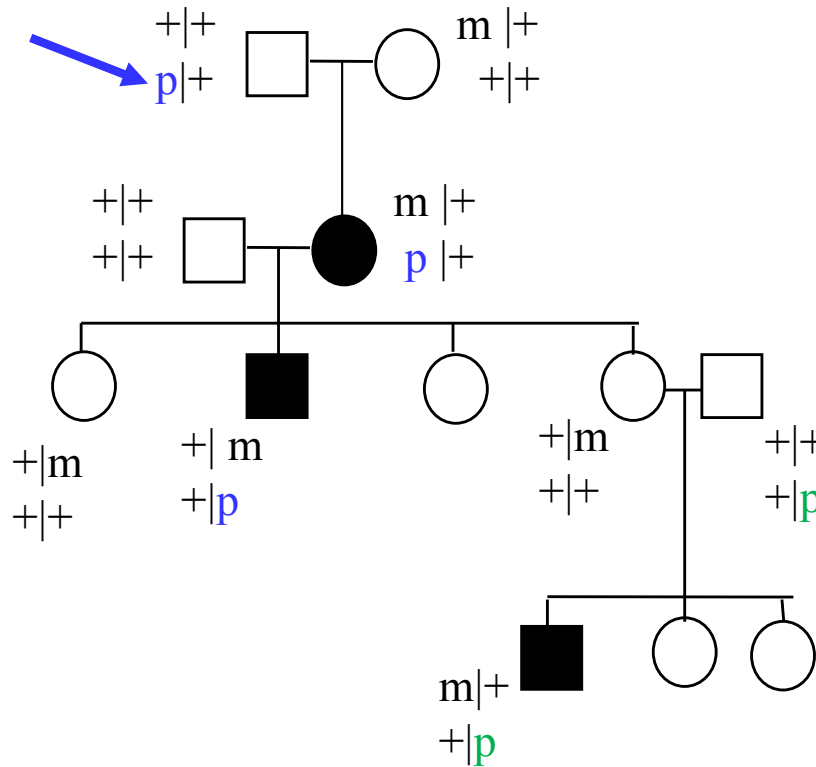
ex: mutations **a** and **m**  
non genetically linked  
(+ = wt allele)



Ex: Rétinite pigmentaire from mutations at 2 non-linked loci *peripherin/RDS* and *ROM1*. (Kajiwara et al. Science 1994)

- Disease if **double heterozygote** (htz at 2  $\neq$  loci). Complete penetrance then.
  - Parents are simple heteroz and unaffected
  - 1/4 of children will be affected in génération II ; resembles AR
- Over next generations (génération III etc...) :
  - 1/4 offspring will be affected: very different from AR
- **a et m are 2 rare mutations**, independently inherited

# Digenic inheritance, with 1 rare mutation rare (m), 1 frequent polym (p)



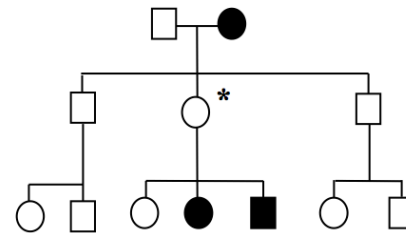
- AD with penetrance <1
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*Re-entry of p in the pedigree*

Fqcy of allele m = 1/10,000  
Fqcy of allele p = 1/10

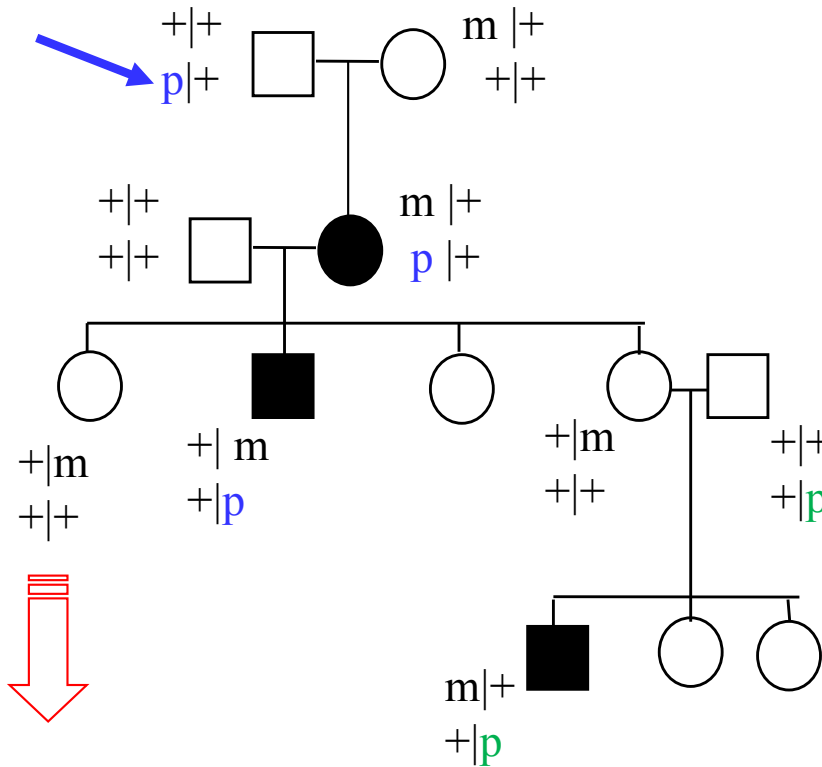
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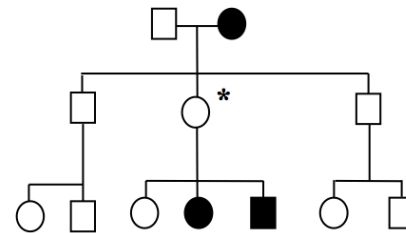
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Migrates into island where all are p|p  
=> AD, following transmission of m

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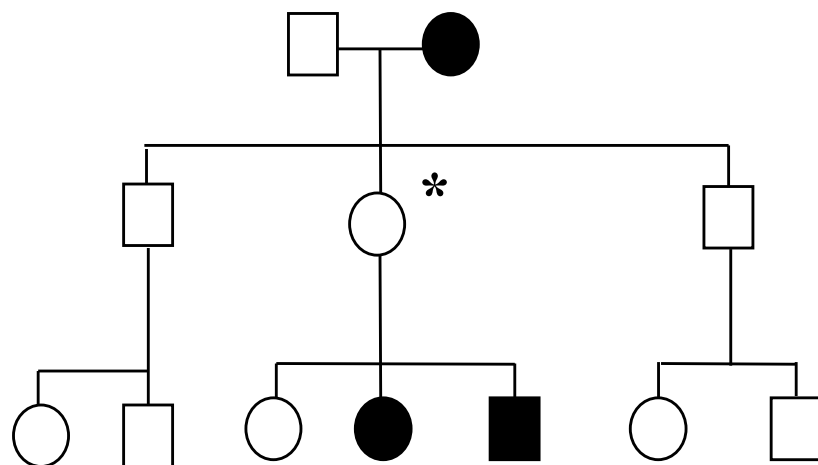
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**MAJOR GENE: necessary but not sufficient**  
**Modifier gene: modifies penetrance/expressivity**



Incomplete penetrance:  
\* "non-penetrant » individual

Human genetic diversity:

# **MUTATION and POLYMORPHISM**

# Mutations and polymorphisms

- MINOR MUTATIONS = Polymorphisms  
Little or no functional effect on phenotype  
(Little or no penetrance)
- MILD MUTATIONS
- MAJOR (SEVERE) MUTATIONS High penetrance

**ALL are genetic VARIANTS = not wild type**

# Mutations : tentative classification

<b>Class</b>	<b>Mechanism</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Examples</b>
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# Mutant phenotypes



# Genome mutation (T21) are new mutations

PHENOTYPE  
= Down syndrome



GENOTYPE = T21



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47,XX,+21

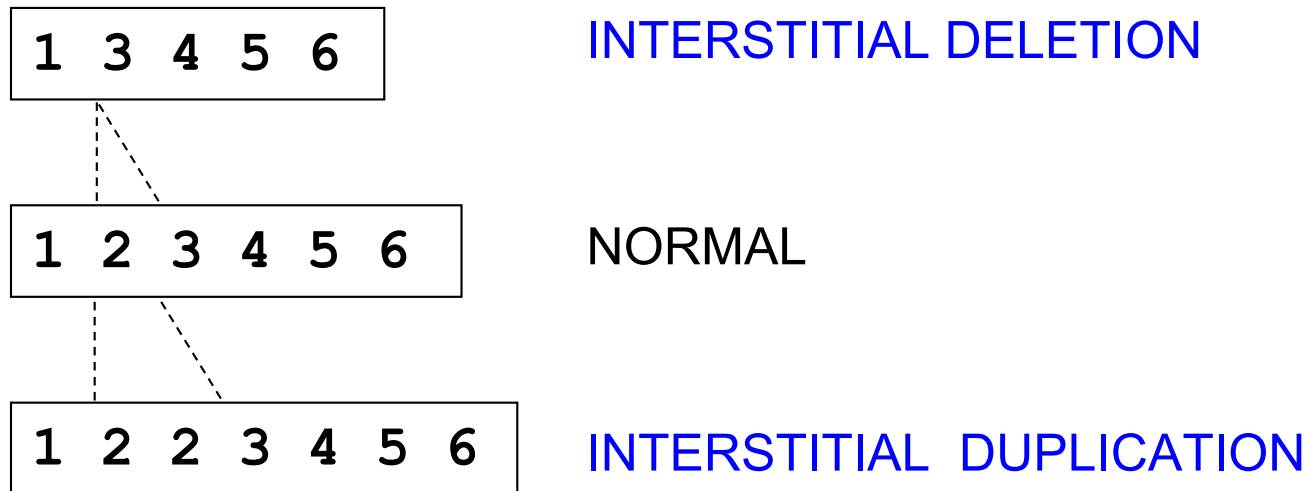
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# Chromosome mutations (chromosomal rearrangements; structural anomalies)

## INTRACHROMOSOMAL:



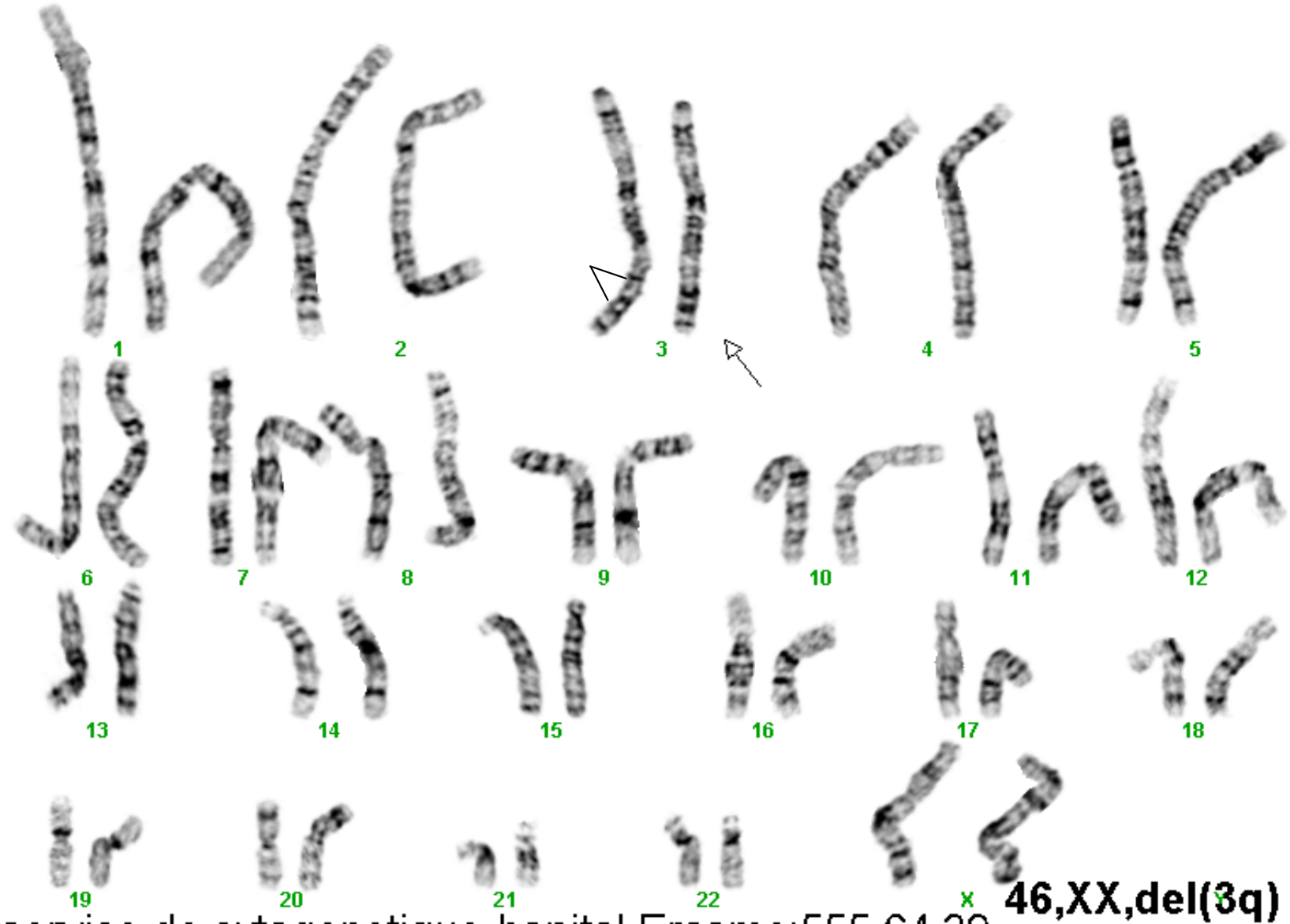
=> Partial monosomies and trisomies (or tetrasomies...)  
may be compatible with live birth

## INTERCHROMOSOMAL

- translocations
- Inversions : pericentric, paracentric

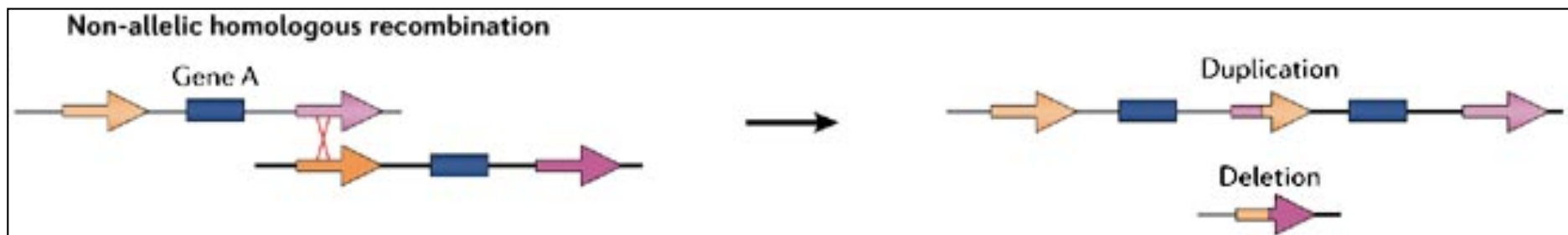
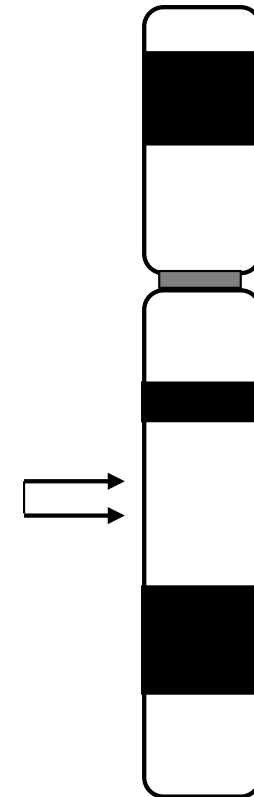


# Interstitial deletion, long arm, # 3



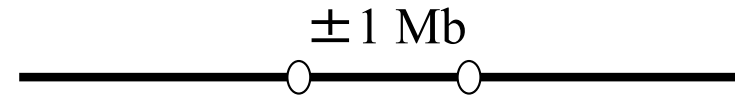
# Sub-microscopic chromosomal interstitial del (**microdeletions**)

- **Unseen on standard K**
- May cause MCA+ID
  - **Partial monosomy**
  - Phenotype if involves **haplo-insufficient** genes
- Recurrent Microdeletions => known syndromes
- Single gene or **contiguous genes**
- Same for **microduplication**.



# Recurrent microdeletions => Known syndromes

- Breakpoint hot-spots  
(interspersed repeats)
  - 1 meiose / 10,000



- Known Syndromes
  - **Williams** syndrome (7q)
  - **DiGeorge** syndrome (22q)
  - Prader-Willi / **Angelman** (15q, imprinting)
  - ...et autres...



St. Ao,  $\uparrow\text{Ca}^{++}$ ...



Ataxia, laughter,...



Lymphopenia T,  
hypoPTH,...

# Non Allelic Homologous Recombination (NAHR)



eg, Deletion PMP22 => HNPP  
Duplication PMP22 => CMT1a

# NAHR

