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# Recurrent selection

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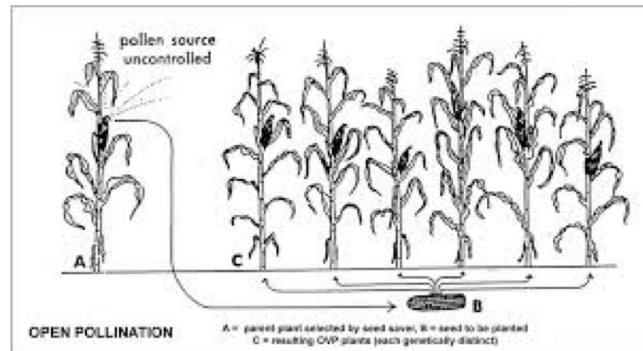
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# Applications

- Heterogeneous populations
- *Advantages*
- *Disadvantages*
- There is a limit of heterosis exploited
- It is difficult to identify the best balance between genetic variability, heterozygosity, and number of cycles

- **Types of population**

- Synthetics
- Pre-breeding
- Heterotic groups
- Open-pollinated varieties (OPV)



## Definition and scheme

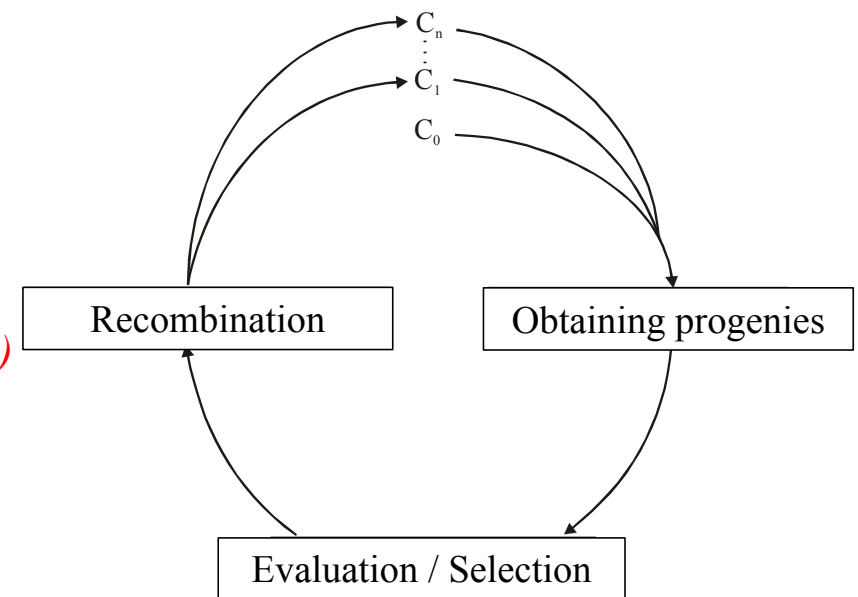
- Continuous process which aims the increasing of the allele frequencies but without miss substantial genetic variability.
- Dynamic process – every cycle is possible to release na improved material and add more genetic variability

- Three stages

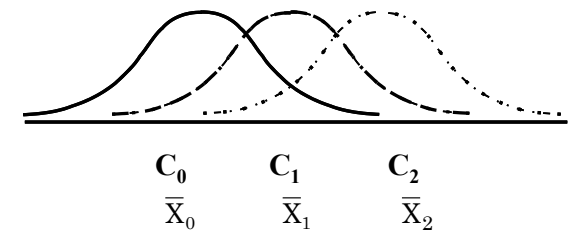
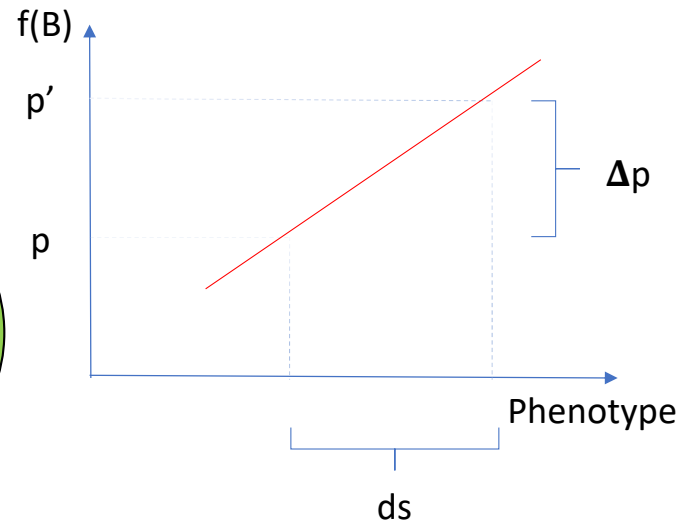
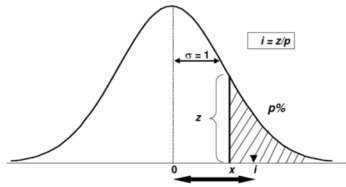
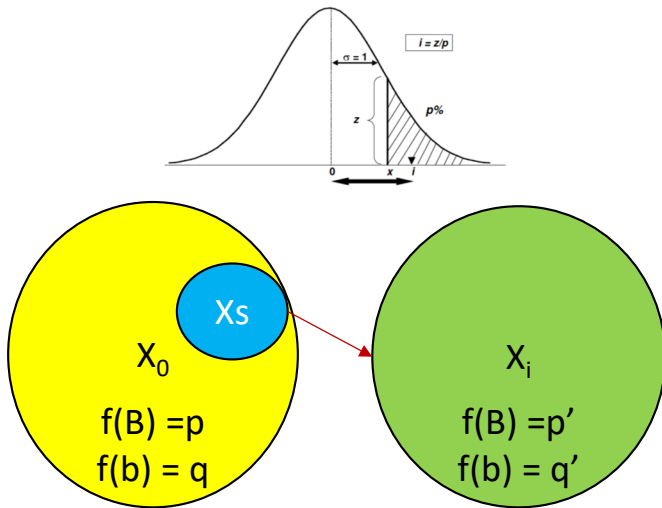
*i) Obtaining progenies*

*ii) Evaluation and selection – identify the best parents*

*iii) Intermate the selected progenies (next cycle of selection)*



# Main features

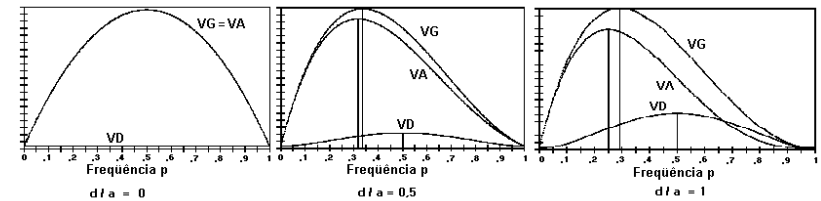


$$\sigma_A^2 = 2pq\alpha^2$$

$$\alpha = a + (q - p)d$$

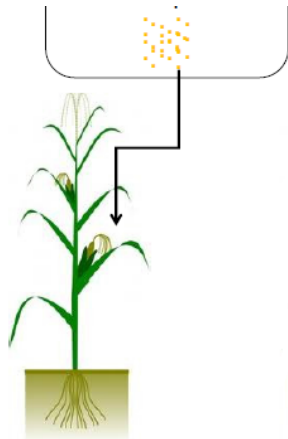
$$\sigma_D^2 = (2pqd)^2$$

- Long-term objectives (by the standard method)
- Time-consuming per cycle
- 2 or 3 cycles to achieve the first results
- Quantitative traits



# Stages of recurrent selection

- Stage 1: *obtaining progenies*



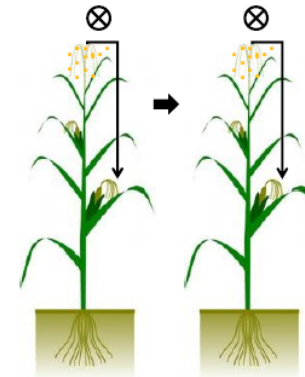
**Half-sibs (HS)**  
**Open-pollinated**

$$\sigma_g^2 = \frac{1}{4}\sigma_A^2$$



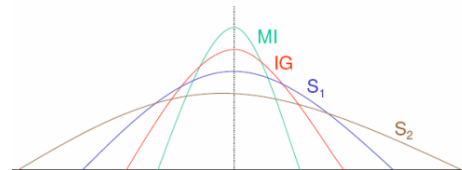
**Full-sibs (FS)**  
**Controlled pollination**

$$\sigma_g^2 = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_A^2 + \frac{1}{4}\sigma_D^2$$



**Self-pollinated (Sn)**  
**Controlled pollination**

$$\sigma_g^2 = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_A^2$$



# Stages of recurrent selection

- **Stage 2: evaluation and selection**

- **Breeding objectives**

$$RS = \frac{i}{\sigma_P} c \sigma_A^2$$

$$RS = \frac{i}{\sigma_P} c \left( \sigma_A^2 + \frac{D1}{2Ne} \right) - \frac{ID}{2Ne}$$

Evaluate	Intermate	c	Ne	Ne (10% of 200)	D <sub>1</sub>
HS	HS	¼	4	80	0
HS	S <sub>1</sub>	½	1	20	0
FS	FS	½	2	40	0
FS	S <sub>1</sub>	½	1	20	0
S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	1	1	20	0.5

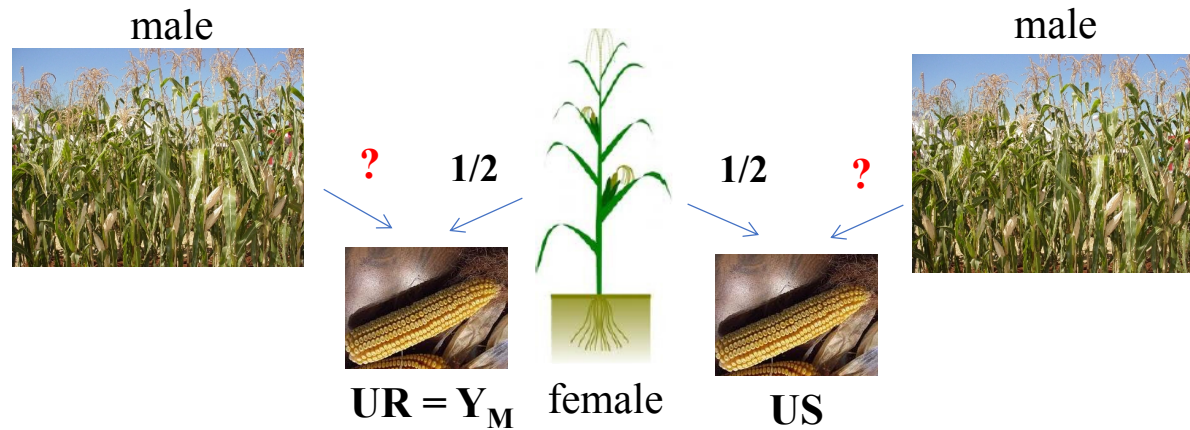
% 20 10 1 0.1  
i 1.40 1.76 2.67 3.37

$$Ne = \frac{1}{2F}$$

- **c** = Parental control and additive covariance between the units of selection and recombination
- **D<sub>1</sub>** = covariance between additive and dominance effects in the homozygous genotypes
- **DE** = inbreeding depression
- **Effective population size** - evaluation (200) and intermate (30 to 40)
- Avoid to miss the genetic variability and boost the genetic drift

## Scheme based on one type of progenies

- Among half-sibs (**only one sex**)

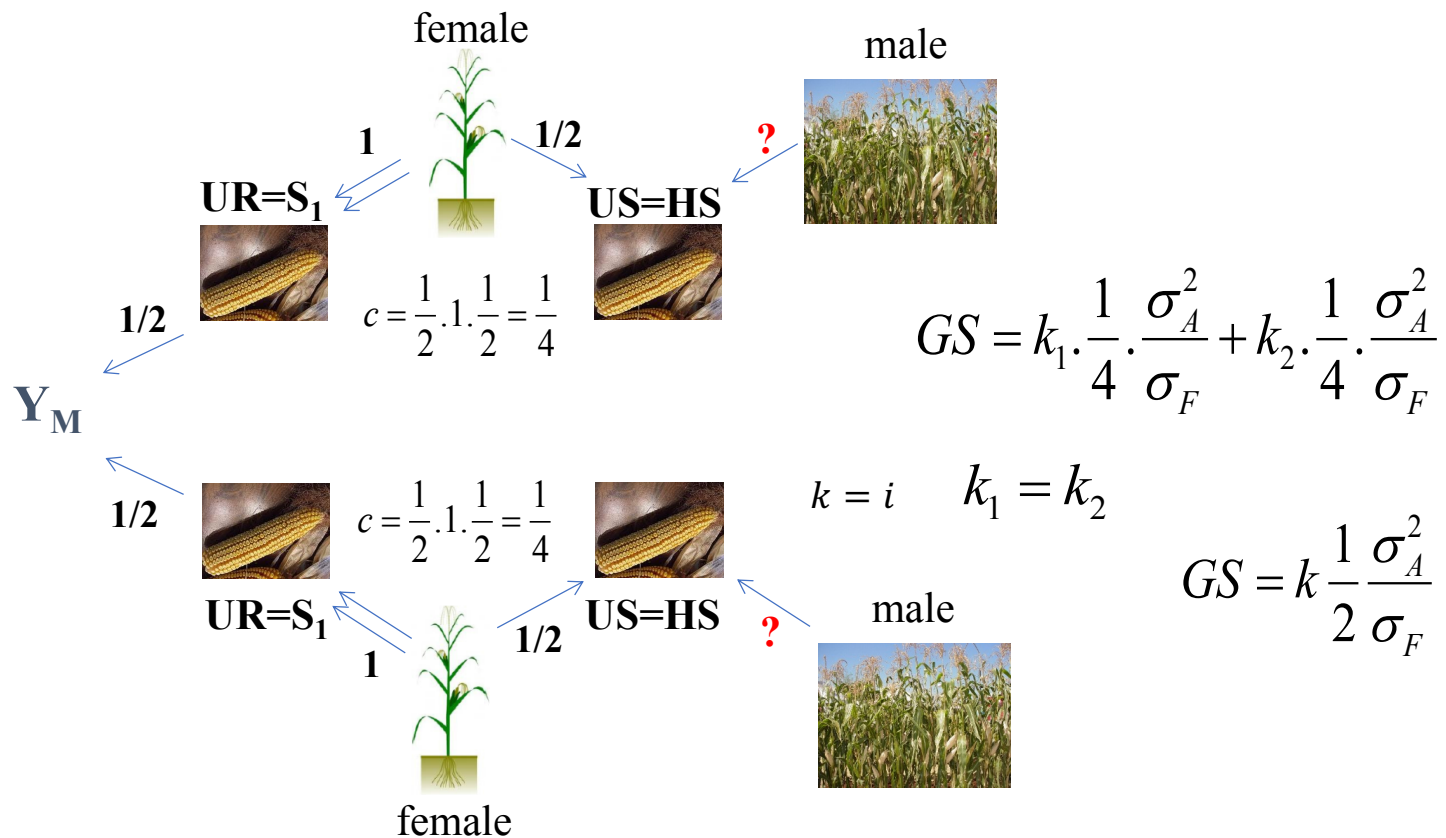


$$c = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$GS = k \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{\sigma_A^2}{\sigma_F^2}$$

$$k = i$$

# Scheme based on two types of progenies – HS / S<sub>1</sub>





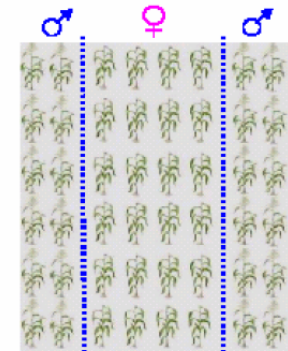
# Stages of recurrent selection

- **Stage 3: *intermate***
- Produce genetic variability for the next cycle
- Combine the superior allele/genes selected from different individuals in the newest genotypes

## *Ireland Method*

$$Vq = \frac{pq}{2N}$$

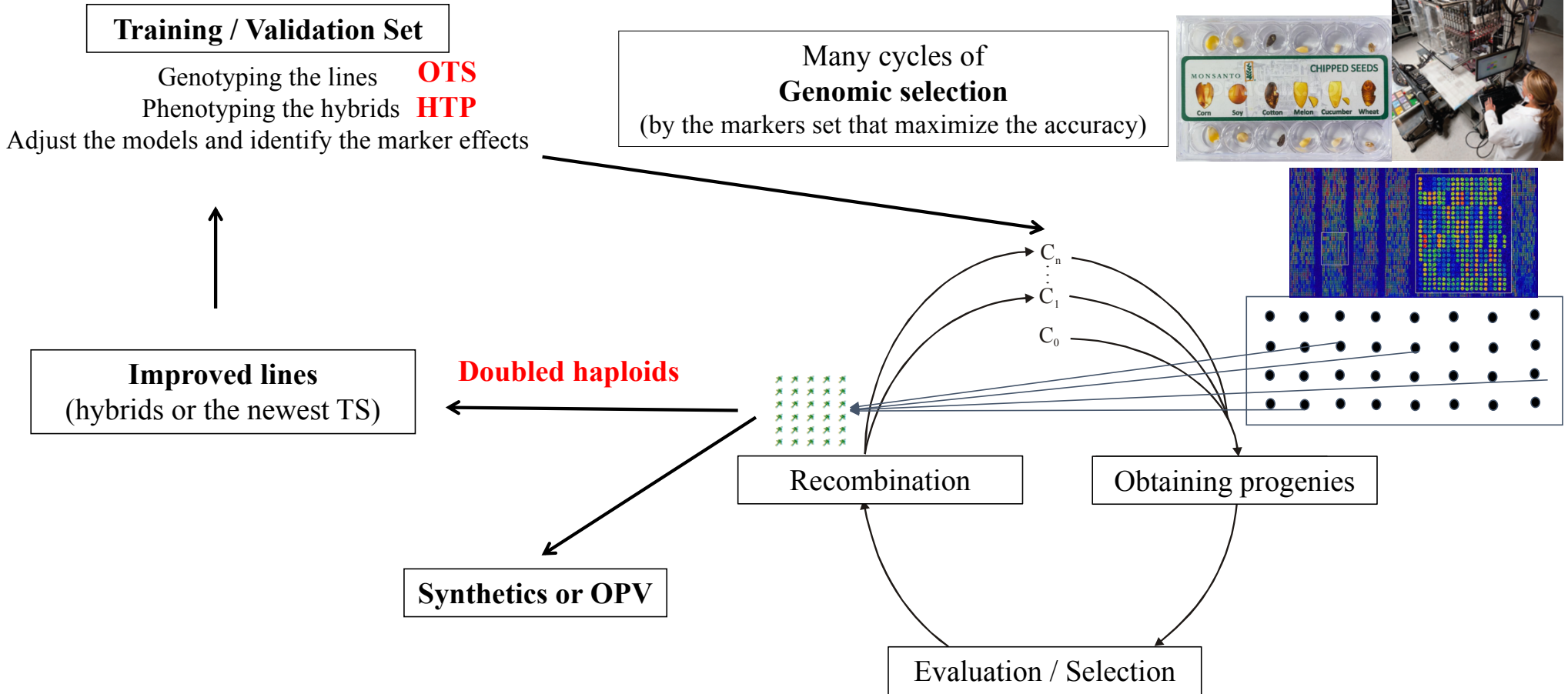
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3
4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1
2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2
3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3
4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1
2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2
3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5



- **50 plants at least in the female rows**
- Just one cycle of random intermate is enough to achieve the HWE
- Use the same number of seeds to hybridize and to compose the post-harvest sample

Macho: mistura das sementes das progênies selecionadas  
 Fêmea: progênies selecionadas

# Genomic Recurrent Selection



## Is this an worthy effort?

TABELA 6. Número de indivíduos a serem avaliados em um ciclo seletivo para se obter uma linhagem com o mesmo número de alelos favoráveis de dois ciclos seletivos, considerando 40 locos segregantes e diferentes números de famílias (Q) sendo avaliadas.

Número desejado de alelos favoráveis	Número de famílias a serem avaliadas		
	Dois ciclos seletivos	Um ciclo seletivo	
	Q=Q'	Q <sub>1</sub>	Q <sub>1</sub> /2Q
31,3	50	3500	35
32,6	100	18800	94
33,8	200	116400	291
34,8	400	543200	679

<sup>1</sup>Q=Q' indica que o mesmo número de famílias foi considerado nos dois ciclos.