

Revising conventional breeding approaches for meeting the changing needs of cotton

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Diversity of Situations in Asia and plant breeding challenges

- Experiences with commercialization of Bt cotton
- Asian countries differ in terms of **species and products** grown
- Giant China and many others rely mainly on varieties while India is relying heavily on hybrids.....who's right? Need for introspection?
- Egypt and neighboring countries need immediate focus on maintaining their supremacy in Barbadense cotton
- Asian countries also differing in terms of priorities of resistance requirement for pests and diseases
- Loss of species diversity especially diploid cotton has lead several problems
- We need to share our views concepts beneficial to Asian Breeders
- We must work in collaborative project mode

The basic challenges of Cotton breeding

- Enhancing productivity of cotton *per se* in different situations by Following revised approaches and revising the existing approaches
- Developing genotypes Making cotton based cropping system more remunerative,
- Enhancing the value of cotton and value added (special) cottons ?

After effects and side effects of Bt cotton

- During the era of Bt cotton genes responsible for conventional mechanism of resistance to Bollworms have been disused
- *Changes seen on introduction of Bt gene and the Priority of Traits*

The impact of rise in Harvest Index (HI)

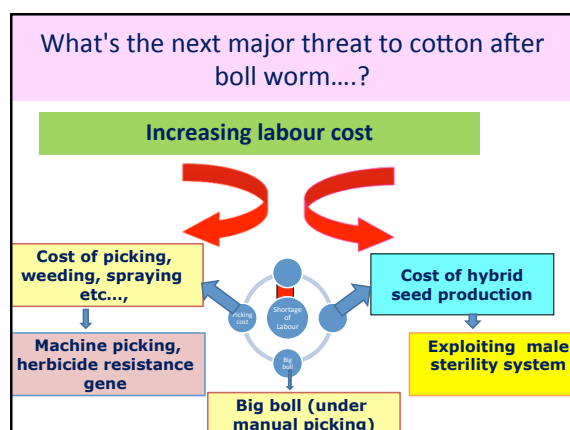
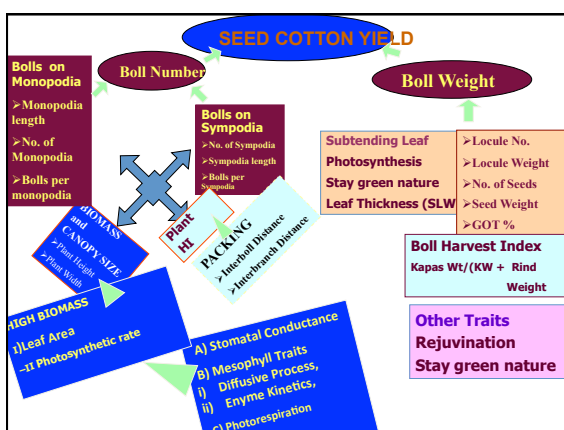
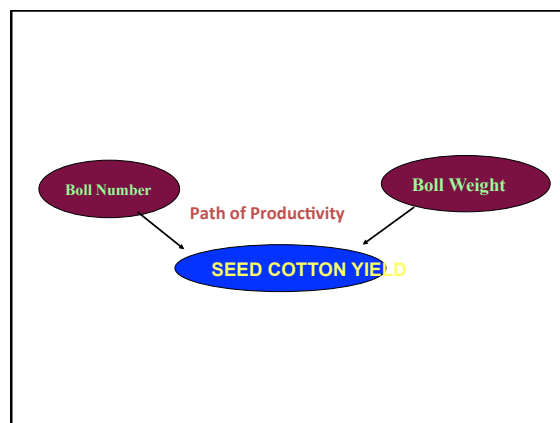
- With same photosynthetic output (source) the quantum of sink has increased
- Some genotypes lack matching photosynthetic potential (source) to meet extra demand of Sink
- They cannot cope with this drain,
- Leaves are weakened, subsequent reddening, disease incidence and senescence
- In some hybrids there is Mismatch between source and sink at a later stage of growth (upper half of the plant)

Central dogma of varietal development

Hybridization of carefully chosen varieties which are complementing for yield traits followed by selection in segregating/back cross generations.

Carefully Choosing parents complimenting for array of yield influencing traits contributing to
Boll weight and Boll number
Physiological traits contributing to
Biomass and Harvest index etc.,.

- If desired traits are not available in just two parents multiple crossing must be initiated
- It may become necessary to determine how much is the desired contribution from each chosen parent



The heat of Increasing labour cost

- It is felt in general but still at different levels in neighboring Asian countries
- Can we make machines to pick cotton from existing cotton plant types or modify cotton plant type to suit the machines ?



Compact Varietal Cultivation of Asia
In China and Uzbekistan with a crop density 300,000 plants/ha farmers harvesting >50 q/ha

Turkey also has shorter plant types
 India has started introducing compact cotton varieties to indian farmers



FUTURE TRENDS

Increase in labour cost has its impact on the cost of cultivation

- It has necessitated high density planting and use of machines for picking cotton
- Compact early maturing varieties are the best choice for this situation
- This can facilitate and promote double cropping in cotton ecosystem.
- Public sector can play important role in developing compact varieties of cotton.

Suitability of Compact cotton to different Spindle type and Stripper type of machines hand pickers

Changing outlook of plant type

Reducing stature (horizontal growth) to increase density and increase productivity even with few bolls per plant
 bring synchronous maturity to solve labour cost, improve plant protection efficiency

By virtue of earliness explore effective double cropping options



Compact cotton varieties for summer situation

- Enhancing Remunerative value of sole crop is getting difficult than fitting cotton in double cropping system and enhance the total remunerative value of the system
- Breeding for earliness (and compactness) plays key role in making highly successful double cropping systems

The Irony of Hybrids in Machine Picking Situation


**Compact Type-
Synchronous Maturity
High Density
High yield**

**High Density
Increasing Seed Cost
Reducing Income**

EVEN THOUGH SEED COST INCREASES
 SEED INDUSTRY IS SENSING NEED FOR BRINGING COMPACTNESS IN
 EVEN HYBRIDS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE
 INCREASE DENSITY TO MAXIMIZE PRODUCTIVITY

A perfect match between

| Three dimensional space requirement of a genotype | Space provided | Realizing potentiality |
|---|----------------|------------------------|
| | Mismatch | Yield not realized |
| | Matching Space | Yield realized |



It is To even distinguishable compacts as super compacts, medium compacts determine ideal population density
 Breeders and Agronomists must work out this



Development of Trait based Populations in Cotton
 (Principles of Polygenic Equilibrium of cross pollinated crops can be adopted)

Developing Trait based populations for each Physiological yield component, Boll weight, Boll number fibre trait component, Pest, Disease resistance, etc.,

Identify Elite lines for a trait -Make multiple crosses

- random mating-attaining and maintaining Polygenic (Linkage) Equilibrium-

Distributing to Breeders for selfing -selecting superior recombinants with highest expression

Need for national programs on trait based Populations
 This encourages continuous recombination helps overcome linkage disadvantage
 Such populations can spin out highly desirable recombinants

Developing and Exploiting Heterotic Groups of Cotton

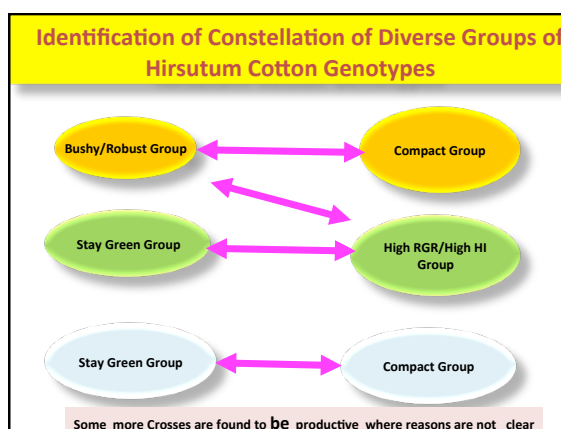
PHASE I

- Evaluation of large no. crosses.
- Forming Heterotic groups based on hybrid performance.
- Developing Heterotic Boxes.
- Making within group crosses and advancing the generations.

Phase I

• Exploiting Heterotic Population

Phase II



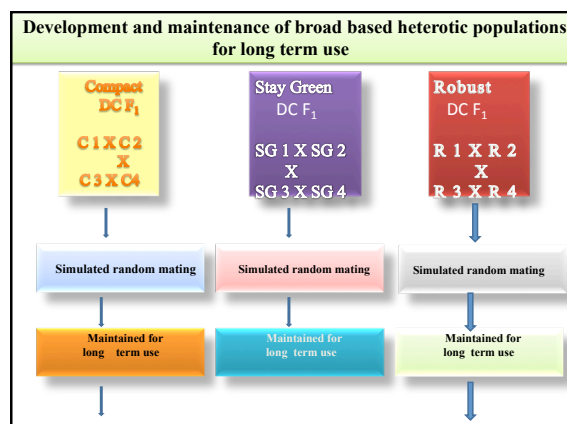
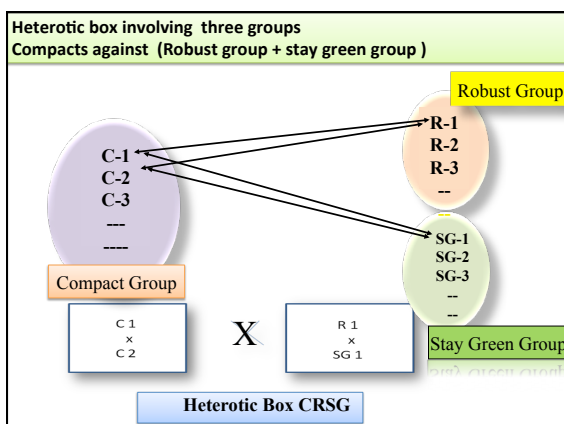
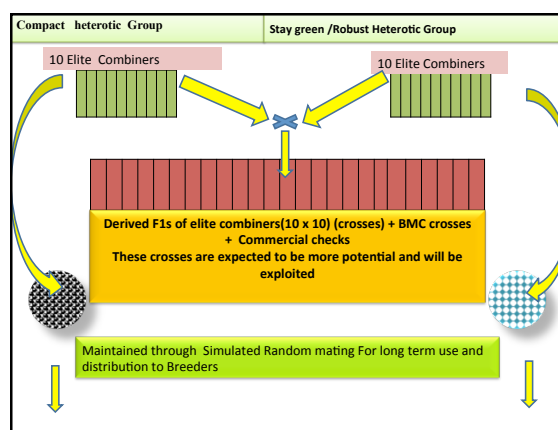
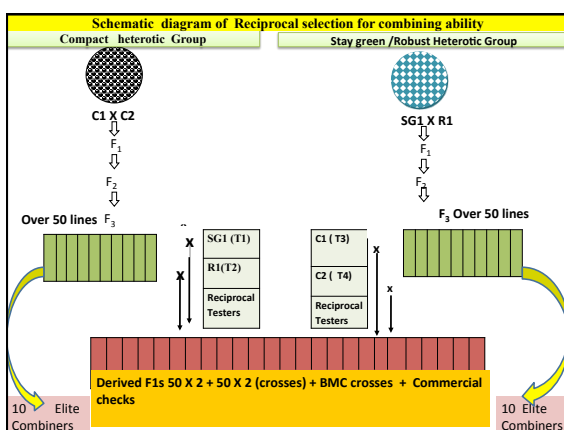
| Finalizing the heterotic boxes for exploitation in Phase 2 based Predicted Potentiality of the Heterotic Boxes | | | | |
|--|--|---------|--|---|
| | GROUP 1 | GROUP 2 | MEAN SCY (kg/ha) NON PARENTAL CROSSES (3/4y) | PRESENT GENERATION AT OFFSEASON NURSARY |
| HETEROTIC BOX 1 | STAY GREEN & ROBUST x COMPACT | | | |
| A | DSMR 10 | DSC 7 | 4015 | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| B | DSG3-5 | DSC 68 | | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| HETEROTIC BOX 3 | ROBUST x COMPACT | | | |
| A | DSMR 10 | DSC 7 | 4012 | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| B | DRCR 8 | DSC 68 | | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| HETEROTIC BOX 4 | ROBUST SG Vs RGR | | | |
| A | DSMR 10 | 100 | 3978 | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| B | DSG3-5 | 178-24 | | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| HETEROTIC BOX 5 | SG ROBUST Vs RGR | | | |
| A | DSMR 10 | 100 | 3845 | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| B | DSG3-5 | RGR 4 | | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| HETEROTIC BOX 6 | SG Robust Vs RGR COMPACT | | | |
| A | DSMR 10 | 100 | 3812 | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| B | DSG3-5 | DSC 7 | | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| HETEROTIC BOX 7 | ROBUST VS COMPACT | | | |
| A | DRCR 8 | DSC2028 | 3753 | F ₂ /F ₃ |
| B | DSMR 10 | DSC 7 | | F ₂ /F ₃ |

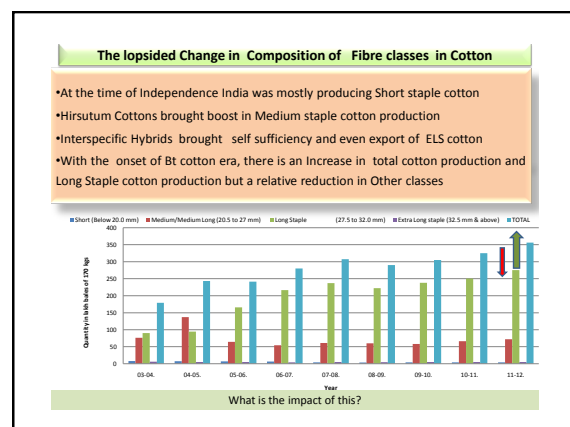
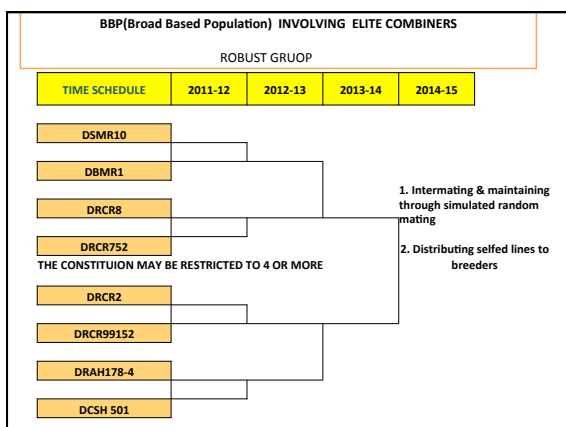
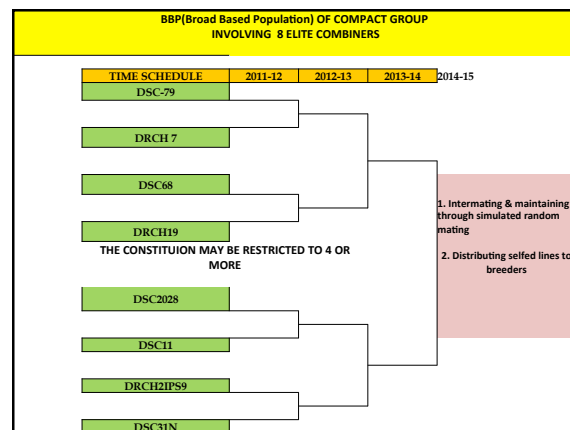
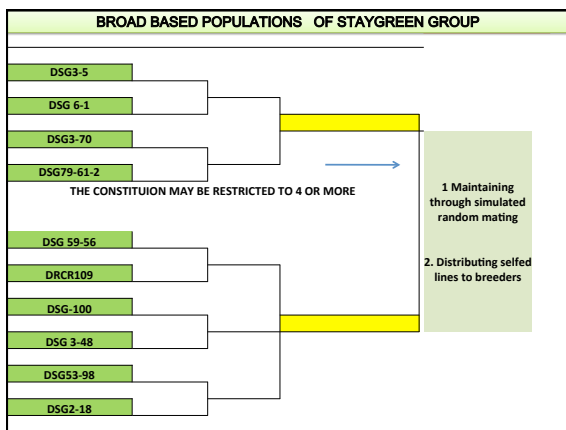
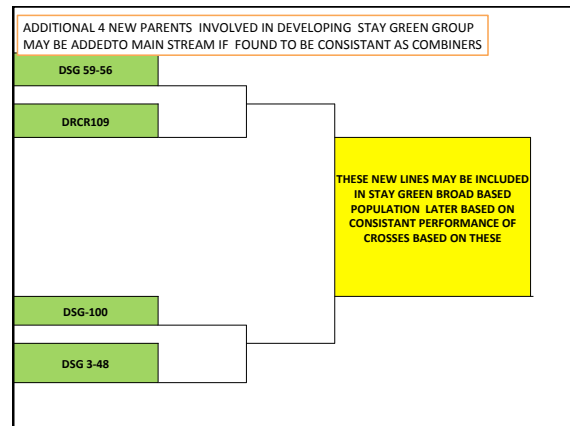
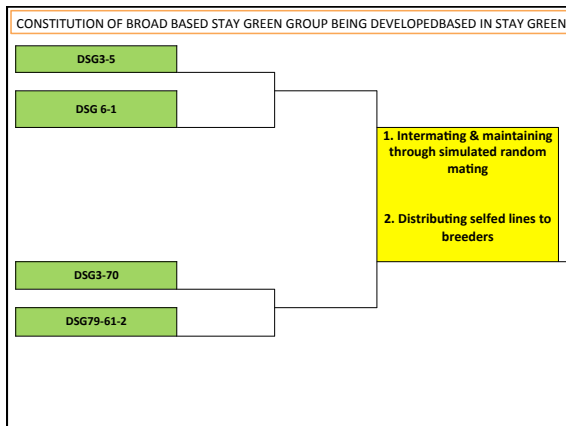
How do we proceed after forming heterotic groups ?

- Each group has many genotypes Identify Elite Combiners
- How many of them should be used to develop opposite heterotic populations ?

OPTION 1: Heterotic box is formed based on 2 elite combiners from the opposite group

OPTION 2: Developing broad based heterotic populations
4 elite combiners of a group are involved in developing multiple crosses [SG1, SG2, SG3, SG4.....] [C1, C2, C3, C4.....]





Are we responding to the mismatch between Requirement and Production of fibre classes

- A severe shortfall in ELS cotton production
- Against the requirement of 10 just 4 lakh bales of ELS cotton is produced Out of it, Barbadense is slowly getting eliminated
- Pima and Giza cottons are being imported to overcome deficit
- Desi cottons are required for Denim cotton and surgical cotton but there is a severe shortfall of Desi cotton production
- The requirement of medium staple cotton is high but production has declined

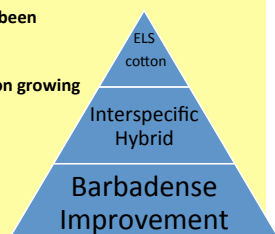
There is an urgent need to focus on ELS Cotton and Desi Cotton Research

Need for balanced growth in Fibre Quality classes

- Need for promotion of research on Barbadense and ELS cotton
- Promotion of Desi cotton to increase short staple cotton production

Need for Lont Efforts of Asian countries for Barbadense Improvement

- Barbadense cotton has excellent fibre quality.
 - In international market, the demand for ELS cotton is increasing.
 - Barbadense cotton output has been stagnant at the level of Suvin.
- There is need for exchange of genetic stocks between ELS cotton growing countries like Egypt and India



Limits of Barbadense and Barbadense Breeder

- Suvin, an excellent source of this ELS cotton but extremely low productivity, boll size, Low GOT%, late maturity, Susceptible to biotic stresses
- Need for increasing productivity of barbadense cotton with acceptable fibre properties Making it a more remunerative option to cotton growers.
- Fibre Quality: There is need for overcoming low micronaire value, improve fibre strength and Strength/ Length ratio, GOT
- Most Defects of Interspecific hybrids are inherited from Barbadense parent .An improvement in Barbadense cotton can mean a leap in production of Interspecific hybrids

Potentiality of New Barbadense varieties

| Sl. no | Entries | Boll wt (gm) | GOT % | SCY(k g/ha) | 2.5% S L (mm) | UR % | Micronaire value | Maturity Ratio | Tenacity (g/t) | Elongation % | Sl ratio |
|--------|----------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------|---------------|------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | 534 M | 3.00 | 37 | 1703 | 30.6 | 48 | 3.1 | 0.60 | 28.9 | 6.7 | 0.94 |
| 2 | ICB 125 | 3.73 | 35 | 1698 | 30.2 | 49 | 3.6 | 0.65 | 28.6 | 7.0 | 0.95 |
| 3 | SN X ICB 263-8 | 3.13 | 36 | 1620 | 30.9 | 49 | 4.4 | 0.72 | 29.6 | 7.0 | 0.96 |
| 4 | SN X ICB 75-10 | 2.73 | 34 | 1557 | 34.6 | 48 | 4.1 | 0.68 | 29.0 | 6.5 | 0.84 |
| 5 | SN X ICB 75-16 | 3.20 | 35 | 1180 | 34.1 | 47 | 3.6 | 0.64 | 31.8 | 6.8 | 0.93 |
| 6 | SN X ICB 75-16 R II IPS 3 | 3.86 | 33 | 1073 | 32.9 | 48 | 2.8 | 0.57 | 31.5 | 6.5 | 0.96 |
| 7 | SN X ICB 75-10 R II IPS 4 | 4.33 | 36 | 1069 | 33.6 | 46 | 3.0 | 0.61 | 30.4 | 6.7 | 0.90 |
| 8 | SN X ICB 179-13 R II IPS 4 | 3.60 | 38 | 973 | 36.4 | 46 | 3.5 | 0.62 | 27.2 | 6.5 | 0.75 |
| 9 | SN X ICB 75-16 R I IPS 1 | 3.40 | 32 | 886 | 33.4 | 46 | 2.8 | 0.56 | 31.4 | 6.3 | 0.94 |
| 10 | SN X ICB 179-13 R I IPS 1 | 3.00 | 33 | 820 | 35.4 | 46 | 2.7 | 0.56 | 29.9 | 6.5 | 0.88 |
| 11 | SN X ICB 75-16 R I IPS 2 | 3.00 | 33 | 695 | 31.9 | 46 | 2.5 | 0.55 | 29.0 | 6.3 | 0.91 |
| 12 | SN X ICB 75-10 R I IPS 2 | 2.93 | 32 | 621 | 33.2 | 45 | 2.8 | 0.58 | 31.7 | 6.7 | 0.96 |
| 13 | SN X ICB 75-10 R I IPS 1 | 3.06 | 30 | 615 | 31.9 | 45 | 2.8 | 0.58 | 31.3 | 6.2 | 0.98 |
| 14 | Suvin | 3.73 | 33 | 605 | 32.6 | 46 | 3.1 | 0.59 | 28.6 | 6.4 | 0.88 |

Development of Hirsutum v/s Barbadense Heterotic Populations

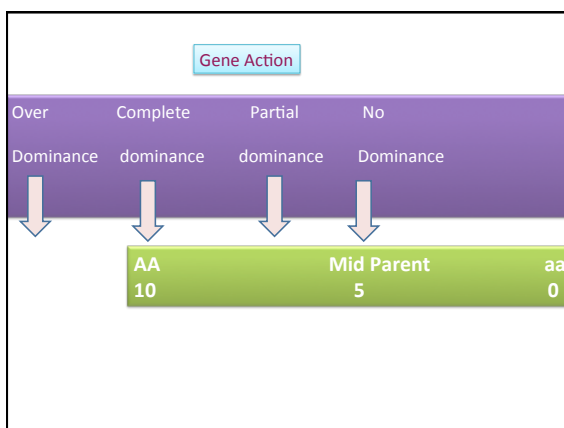
Hirsutum Varietal Lines

Barbadense Varietal Lines

I Application of Principles of Population Genetics and Quantitative Genetics for refining Methods / Steps of Cotton Breeding

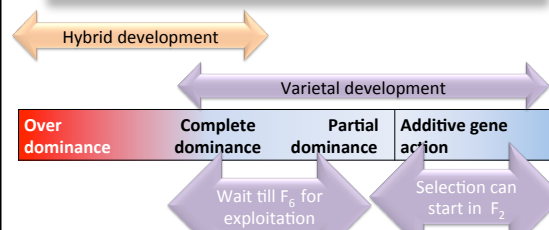
A good understanding of Principles of Plant Breeding is the basis for a successful results in Varietal and Hybrid Development

- Many a times we (Cotton breeders) realize committing mistakes that cause irrevocable loss of material precious time or both
- A sound knowledge principles of Population Genetics and Quantitative Genetics equips him better in taking up right decisions in terms of
 - Effective choice of Breeding method
 - Effective handling of the segregating material
 - adopting right strategies/ method selection at different stages of handling the material
 - Developing confidence in adopting need based (sudden) modification in the strategy/ methodology of handling the segregating material



Cotton is a unique crop where both hybrids and varieties are commercialized

Gene action Exploited through different Breeding methods



Consequences of selfing involving polygenic loci

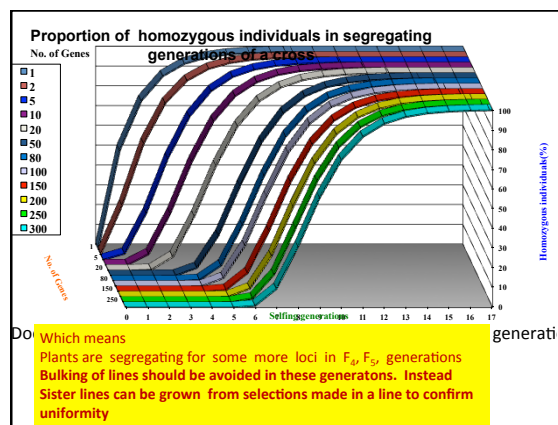
The Myth and Misconception about Proportion of homozygous Individuals For Polygenic Traits in segregating generations

| Segregating loci | Selfing generations (F) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | F2 | F3 | F4 | F5 | F6 | F7 | F8 | F9 | F10 | F11 | F12 | F13 | F14 | F15 | |
| 1 | 50.00 | 75.00 | 87.50 | 93.75 | 96.88 | 98.44 | 99.22 | 99.61 | 99.80 | 99.90 | 99.95 | 99.98 | 99.99 | 99.99 | |
| 2 | 25.00 | 56.25 | 76.56 | 87.89 | 93.85 | 96.90 | 98.44 | 99.22 | 99.61 | 99.80 | 99.90 | 99.95 | 99.98 | 99.99 | |
| 5 | 3.13 | 23.73 | 51.29 | 72.42 | 85.32 | 92.43 | 96.15 | 98.06 | 99.03 | 99.51 | 99.76 | 99.88 | 99.94 | 99.97 | |
| 10 | 0.10 | 5.63 | 26.31 | 52.45 | 72.80 | 85.43 | 92.46 | 96.16 | 98.06 | 99.03 | 99.51 | 99.76 | 99.88 | 99.94 | |
| 20 | 0.000 | 0.32 | 6.92 | 27.51 | 52.99 | 72.98 | 85.48 | 92.47 | 96.17 | 98.06 | 99.03 | 99.51 | 99.76 | 99.88 | |
| 50 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.13 | 3.97 | 20.44 | 45.50 | 67.56 | 82.23 | 90.69 | 95.23 | 97.59 | 98.79 | 99.39 | 99.70 | |
| 90 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.57 | 7.89 | 28.37 | 53.39 | 73.12 | 85.52 | 92.48 | 98.03 | 98.07 | 99.03 | 99.51 | |
| 100 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.16 | 4.18 | 20.70 | 45.64 | 67.61 | 82.24 | 90.69 | 97.59 | 97.59 | 98.79 | 99.39 | |
| 150 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.006 | 0.85 | 9.42 | 30.84 | 55.59 | 74.58 | 86.37 | 92.94 | 96.40 | 98.19 | 99.09 | |
| 200 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.17 | 4.29 | 20.83 | 45.71 | 67.64 | 82.25 | 90.69 | 95.23 | 97.59 | 98.79 | |
| 250 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.036 | 1.95 | 14.07 | 37.59 | 61.34 | 78.33 | 88.51 | 94.08 | 96.99 | 98.49 | |
| 300 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.007 | 0.89 | 9.51 | 30.91 | 55.63 | 74.59 | 86.37 | 92.94 | 96.40 | 98.19 | |

Proportion of fully homozygous Plants even by F_6 is very less.

| Constitution of F ₆ Population segregating for 200 loci | | | |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|
| Loci for which plants are Heterozygous | Homozygous | Percentage | Total (Upto) |
| 0 | 200 | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| 1 | 199 | 1.13 | 1.3 |
| 2 | 198 | 3.62 | 4.92 |
| 3 | 197 | 7.7 | 12.6 |
| 4 | 196 | 12.2 | 24.9 |
| 5 | 195 | 15.5 | 40.3 |
| 6 | 194 | 16.2 | 56.6 |
| 7 | 193 | 14.5 | 71.1 |
| 8 | 192 | 11.3 | 82.4 |
| 9 | 191 | 7.77 | 90.1 |
| 10 | 190 | 4.79 | 94.9 |
| 11 | 189 | 2.67 | 97.6 |
| 12 | 188 | 1.35 | 98.9 |

If proportion of nearly homozygous individuals is considered that is higher in F₆ (heterozygosity at upto 10 out of 300 loci)



| Consequences of Selfing F ₁ and variability released in F ₂ after Hybridization | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| No. of loci segregating | Homozygous types in F ₁ | Genotypes Possible in F ₂ | Minimum Perfect Population in F ₂ |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 | 4 | 9 | 16 |
| 3 | 8 | 27 | 64 |
| 4 | 16 | 81 | 256 |
| 10 | 1,024 | 59,049 | 1,084,576 |
| 21 | 2,097,152 | 10,460,353,203 | 4,398,046,511,104 |
| n | 2 ⁿ | 3 ⁿ | 4 ⁿ |

Even When "n" is unrealistically low (21) minimum pop size in F₂ (4ⁿ) is 4trillion
With regular varietal spacing it requires 111mill ha of cotton area to raise one F₂

For realistic numbers of loci (say 200) to raise minimum F₂ population of one cross 4²⁰⁰ in cotton crop we may have to go to moon/mars in search of land !!!

The paradox of Minimum Population size required in F₂ and later generations

With few hundred plants normally raised in F₂ can we expect to get entire range of segregants and the desired best recombinant ?????
Its Comparable to of using a bucketful of sea water to study diversity of marine fauna including sharks and whales !!!!

Advantages of following Single Seed Decent method
Min. Population size reduces from 4ⁿ in F₂ to 2ⁿ in F₆
When no. of loci are just 21 (4 trillion to 2 million -2million times reduction) when artificial selection is initiated in F₆ ---

When 'n' is large (say >200) billion times reduction in minimum population size !!!!
Thus Chance of observing entire range of variability and picking most potential segregants is enhanced

Single seed and Pedigree approaches can even be mixed
Mild selection in regular season and quick advancing through SSD by using off-season facility and initiate full fledged artificial selection in F₆.
Its also helps to avoid confusing heterozygotes at loci showing dominance !!

When Desirable and undesirable alleles of a parent are linked in Trans combination
AbCdEF
aBCdEf
crossovers must occur frequently between the desirable and undesirable alleles
BUT
Frequency of Crossing over between such closely inked genes is low

Genes linked in repulsion phase

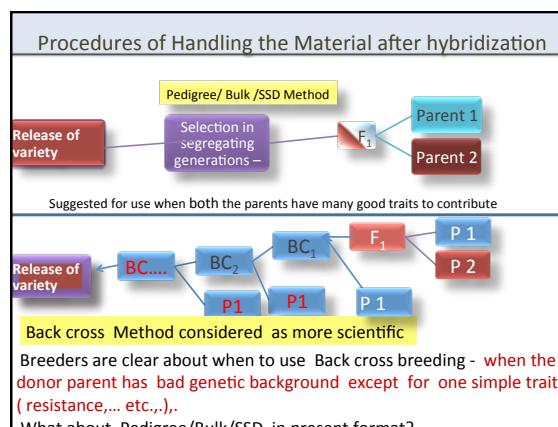
| | B | b | Total |
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| A | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| a | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Total | 0.5 | 0.5 | |

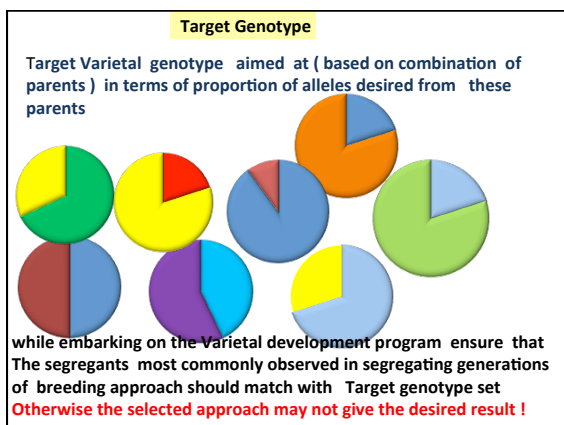
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After continuous random mating At State of Joint equilibrium

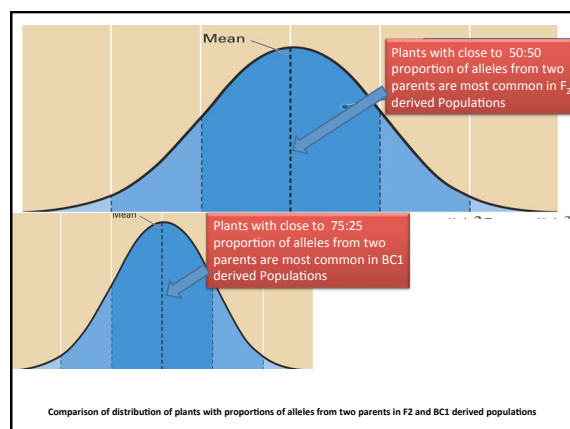
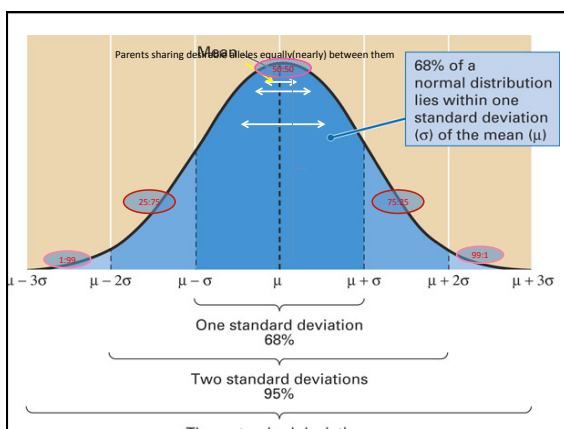
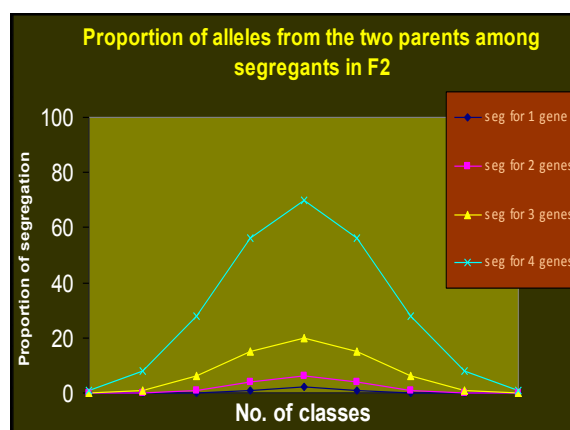
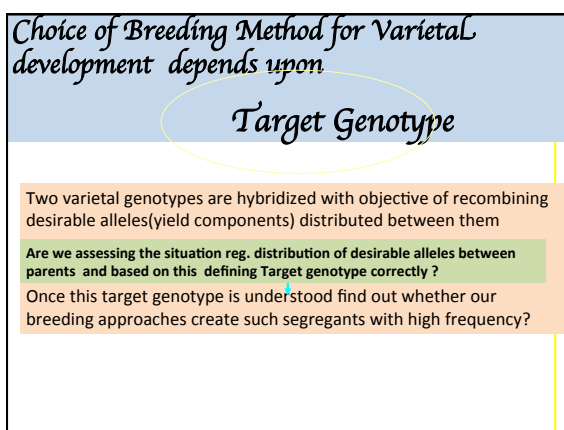
| | B | b | Total |
|-------|------|------|-------|
| A | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.5 |
| a | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.5 |
| Total | 0.5 | 0.5 | |

To enhance the chance of such cross overs it is necessary to **intermate productive genotypes** in early generations --- Effective recombination at these desired sites





PROPORTION OF ALLES FROM THE TWO PARENTS AMONG PLANTS IN ANY SEGREGATING GENERATION



Development of Cotton genotypes for organic situation

There is increasing awareness about organic cotton cultivation
GM cotton can not be grown in GM situation

Seed Chain of Non GM cotton is in shambles
Varieties developed for Conventional situation can not be tried under organic situation WHY?

Ecosystem of organic cotton cultivation is considerably different From Conventional cotton's ecosystem where-
Harmful pesticides are flooded
and excessive usage of inorganic fertilizer is affecting microclimate of Soil -
Forms in which nutrients are available ,
diversity of micro fauna and availability of beneficial micro organisms(known and unknown)
Availability of high organic content

Projects presently being handled

BioRe - Madhya Pradesh
Chetna Organics -Orissa
Rama bai foundation -Karnataka

These programs can be extended to other neighbouring countries

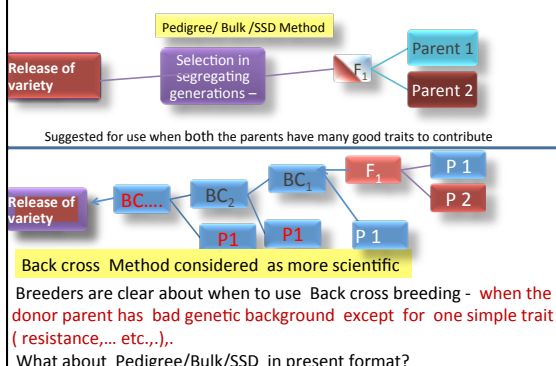
Promotion of Special cotton types to enhance remunerative value of cotton

- Breeding varieties with special features meant for niche markets fetching high remuneration
- Superior fibre quality
- Desi Cotton varieties with High micronaire for use as surgical cotton
- Denim Cotton
- Development of Different Naturally coloured cotton types

Use of related species and wild species for transferring desired genetic bits and pieces

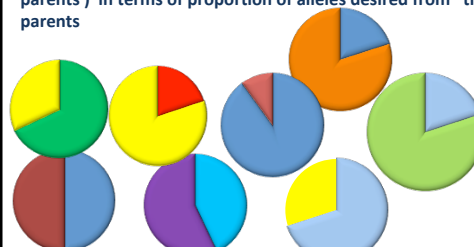
- Need for improving male sterility system to increase the longevity of hybrids
- Relook at *G. herbaknessi* - Did we forget something while back crossing ????
- Continuous search for other species for better cytoplasm for male sterility system
- Use of different wild species with desirable alleles
general attempt to explore changes in back cross derived generations -drought, pest tolerance

Procedures of Handling the Material after hybridization



Target Genotype

Target Varietal genotype aimed at (based on combination of parents) in terms of proportion of alleles desired from these parents



while embarking on the Varietal development program ensure that The segregants most commonly observed in segregating generations of breeding approach should match with Target genotype set
Otherwise the selected approach may not give the desired result !

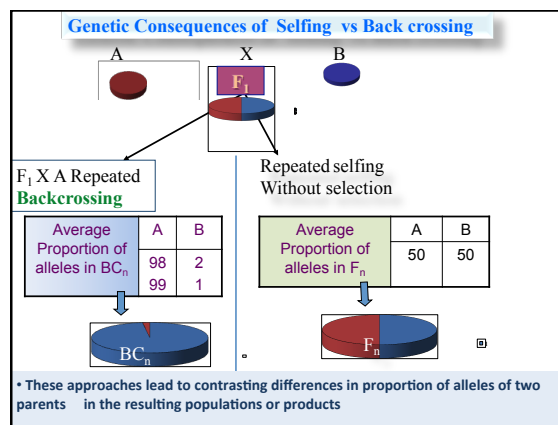
Choice of Breeding Method for Varietal development depends upon

Target Genotype

Two varietal genotypes are hybridized with objective of recombining desirable alleles(yield components) distributed between them

Are we assessing the situation reg. distribution of desirable alleles between parents and based on this defining Target genotype correctly?

Once this target genotype is understood find out whether our breeding approaches create such segregants with high frequency?



I Hence it is necessary to understand **what's our target genotype** before embarking on a breeding procedure and parallelly What are the types of segregants most commonly observed in a selected breeding approach

II What are most common proportions of alleles from two parents seen among segregants in

- F₂ and later generations
- Limited back cross derived Populations
- Complete Back cross derived populations ???

Proportion of alleles of two parents among segregants of F₂ generation

| One gene case | Genotypes and Prop of alleles of two parents | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------|-------|
| | AA | Aa | aa |
| Prop of alleles of parents | 100:0 | 50:50 | 0:100 |
| Segregation ratio | 1 | 2 | 1 |

| Two gene case | AABB 1 | AABb 2 AaBB 2 | AaBb 4 AAbb 2 aaBB 2 | Aabb 2 AaBb 2 | aabb 1 |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Prop of alleles of parents | 100:0 | 75:25 | 50:50 | 25:75 | 0:100 |
| Segregation ratio | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |

> 50: 50 and nearly 50: 50 types are most commonly observed in F₂ generation
 > This pattern remains same when large no. of loci (Quantitative character) are considered in F₂ generation where selection is initiated in Pedigree method

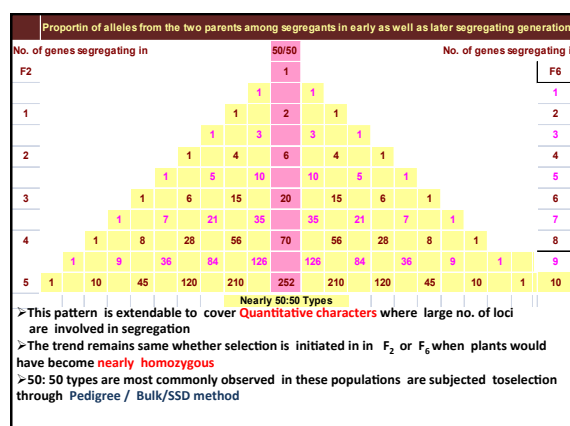
Proportion of alleles of two parents among segregants of F₆ generation

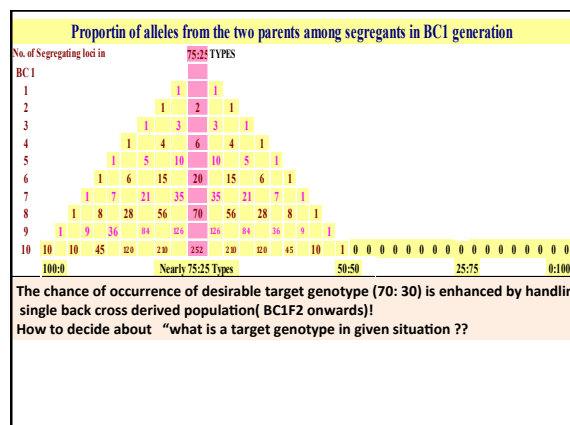
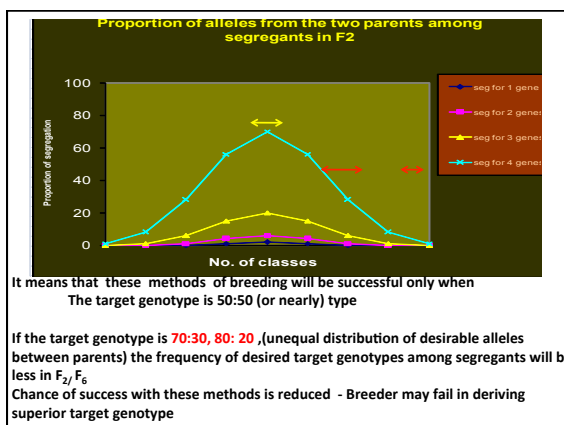
| | Genotypes and Proportion of alleles of two parents | | |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|--------|
| | AABB 1 | AAbb 1 aaBB 1 | aabb 1 |
| Two gene case | AABB 1 | AAbb 1 aaBB 1 | aabb 1 |
| Prop of alleles of parents | 100:0 | 50:50 | 0:100 |
| Segregation ratio | 1 | 2 | 1 |

> 50: 50 types are most commonly observed even in F₆ generation

> The trend remains same when more genes are considered

> Extending it to cover the case of quantitative characters





Approach I Comparison of Segregating populations

Study on Evaluation of B₁, B₂ and F₂ populations of the cross

Situation I : Decreasing order of performance being B₁>F₂>B₂

| POPULATION | PROPORTION OF ALLELES | | METHOD OF BREEDING | RESULT OF SELECTION IN SEGREGATING GENERATIONS |
|---|-----------------------|----|---|--|
| | P1 | P2 | | |
| B ₁ (F ₁ X P ₁) | 75 | 25 | Limited backcross breeding (with P ₁) | CAN BE SUCCESSFUL |
| F ₂ (SELFING F ₁) | 50 | 50 | Pedigree/Bulk/SSD | PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL/FAILURE |
| B ₂ (F ₁ X P ₂) | 25 | 75 | | MAY BE A FAILURE |

- Here P₁ parent has higher proportion of desired alleles contributing to higher productivity of B₁>F₂>B₂
- Selfed generations of B₁ populations can be subjected to selection either by following pedigree or bulk or single seed decent method of breeding

Situation 2: Decreasing order of performance being B₂ >F₂ >B₁

| POPULATION | PROPORTION OF ALLELES | | METHOD OF BREEDING | RESULT OF SELECTION IN SEGREGATING GENERATIONS |
|---|-----------------------|----|---|--|
| | P1 | P2 | | |
| B ₂ (F ₁ X P ₂) | 25 | 75 | Limited backcross breeding (with P ₂) | CAN BE SUCCESSFUL |
| F ₂ (SELFING F ₁) | 50 | 50 | Pedigree/Bulk/SSD | PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL /FAILURE |
| B ₁ (F ₁ X P ₁) | 75 | 25 | | LIKELY TO BE A FAILURE |

- Here P₂ parent has higher proportion of desired alleles contributing to higher productivity of B₁>F₂>B₂
- Selfed generations of B₂ populations can be subjected to selection either by following pedigree or bulk or single seed decent method of breeding

Situation III: Decreasing order of performance being F₂>B₁ or B₂

| POPULATION | PROPORTION OF ALLELES | | RESULT OF SELECTION IN SEGREGATING GENERATIONS |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|
| | P1 | P2 | |
| F ₂ | 50 | 50 | CAN BE SUCCESSFUL |
| B ₁ or B ₂ | 75 25 | 25 75 | MAY BE PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL |

- Here P₁ and P₂ parents have equal proportion of desired alleles contributing to higher productivity of F₂>B₁ > B₂ or F₂>B₂ > B₁
- Selfed F₂ and later segregating generations can be subjected to selection either by following pedigree or bulk or single seed decent method of breeding

Approach II
Assessing the target genotype based
on distribution of desirable traits

Traits mattering in Bt era

Breeding for Fibre quality
Mixed feelings about mixed cotton

- Enhancing the genetic potential in each fibre length class so that trend of blending can be avoided
- Introgression breeding to transfer fibre strength
- Maintaining fibre quality balance S/L ratio