

# Linkage

Problem with chromosome theory:

There are more genes than chromosomes

# Sex linkage

## Fly room at Columbia ~1920



white eyed fly (w)

wild type (R)

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The  $F_1$  hybrids, inbred, produced:

2,459 red-eyed females,  
1,011 red-eyed males,  
782 white-eyed males.

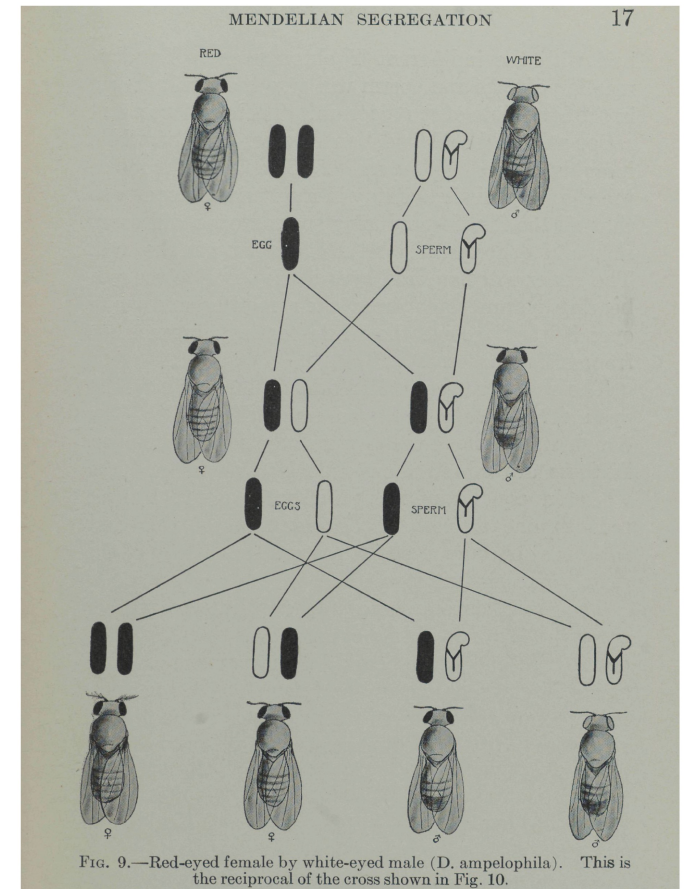
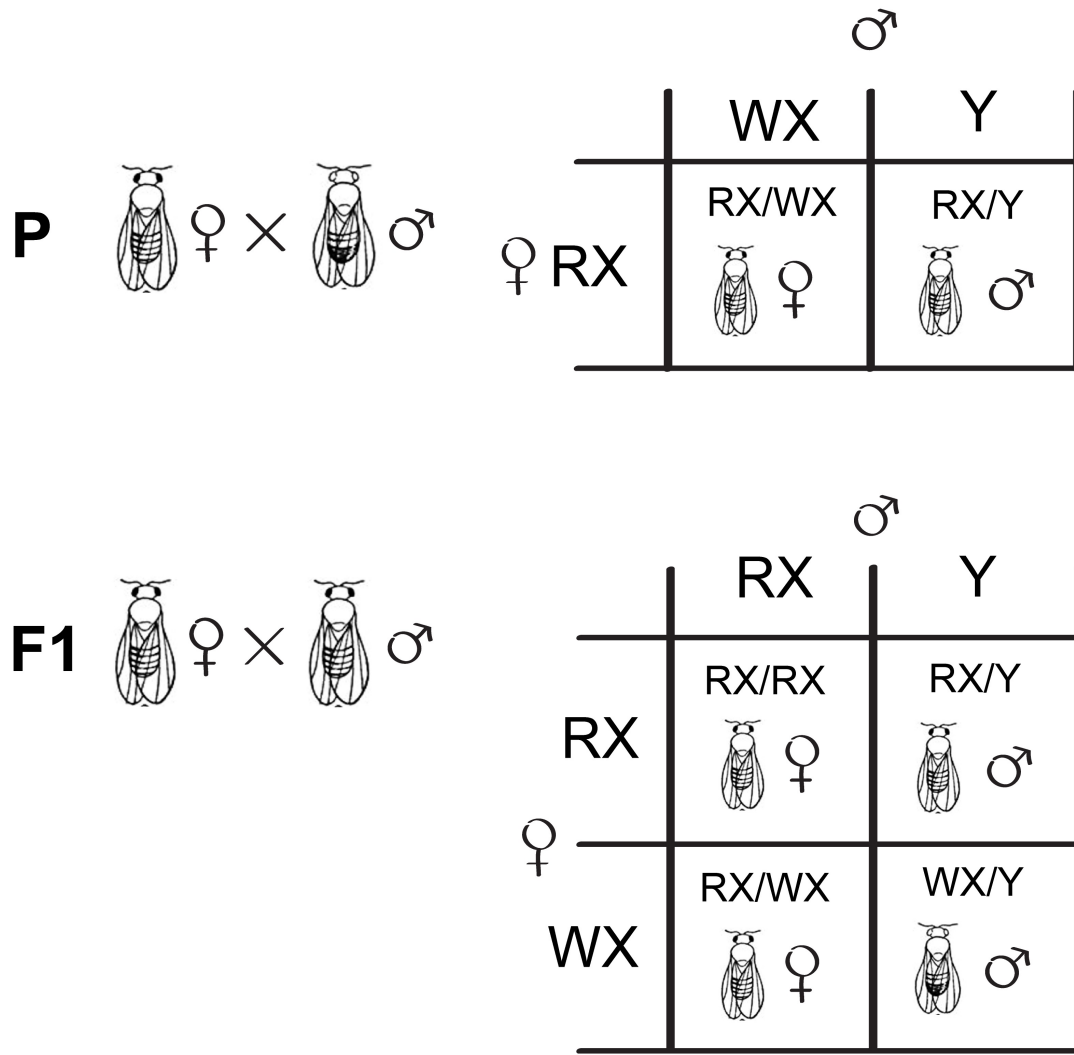
*No white-eyed females appeared.* The new character showed itself therefore to be sex limited in the sense that it was transmitted only to the grandsons. But that the character is not incompatible with femaleness is shown by the following experiment.

The white-eyed male (mutant) was later crossed with some of his daughters ( $F_1$ ), and produced:

129 red-eyed females,  
132 red-eyed males,  
88 white-eyed females,  
86 white-eyed males.

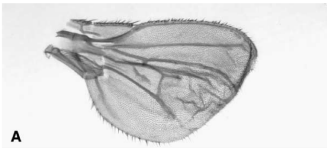
Morgan, 1910

# Sex linkage



# Crossing over

rudimentary



(Rawls 2006)

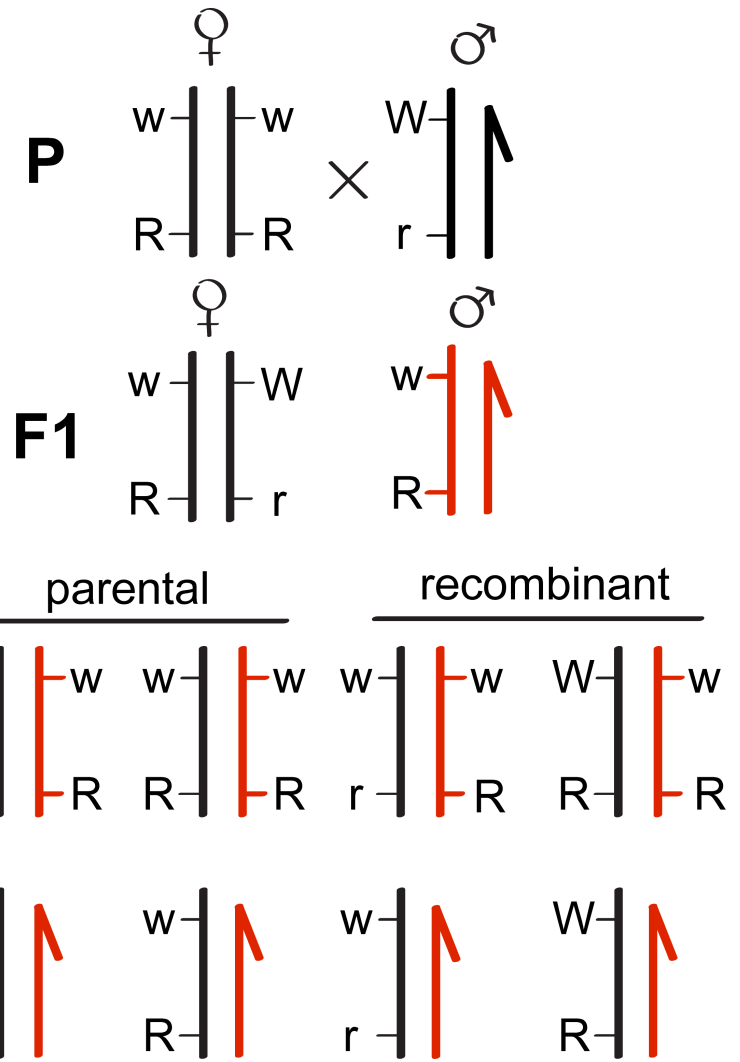
Normal Wing

**P** ♀ white Normal Wing ×  
♂ Red rudimentary

**F1** ♀ Red Normal Wing ×  
♂ white Normal Wing

**F2**

♀ white Normal Wing	520
♀ Red Normal Wing	480
♂ Red Normal Wing	160
♂ Red rudimentary	368
♂ white Normal Wing	402
♂ white rudimentary	170





# Three-factor cross/ crossover interference

**P** ♀  $\frac{y w r}{y w r} \times \text{♂ } \frac{+++}{+++}$

**F1** ♀  $\frac{YWR}{y w r} \times \text{♂ } \frac{y w r}{y w r}$

**F2** ♂

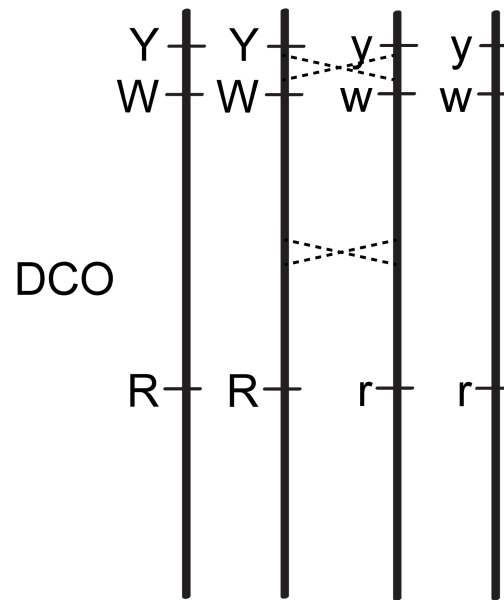
y w r	6972	NCO
YWR		
yWR	60	SCO
Ywr		
YWr	3454	SCO
ywR		
yWr		
YwR	9	DCO

**TABLE 4**

NO CROSSING OVER	SINGLE CROSSING OVER		DOUBLE CROSSING OVER
$\left  \begin{array}{c} B \\ CO \\ R \end{array} \right.$ 6972	$\left  \begin{array}{c} B \\ CO \\ R \end{array} \right.$ 3454	$\left  \begin{array}{c} B \\ CO \\ R \end{array} \right.$ 60	$\left  \begin{array}{c} B \\ CO \\ R \end{array} \right.$ 9

Sturtevant, 1913

Female meiosis:



DCO expected: 0.188%

DCO observed: 0.086%




COI = .046



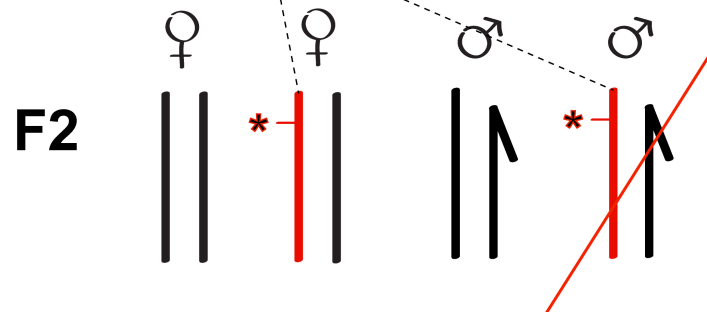
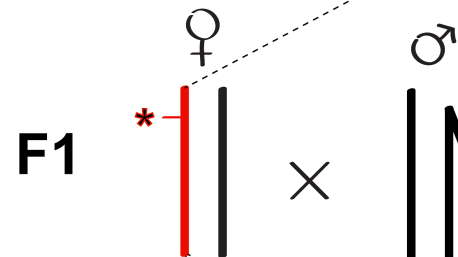
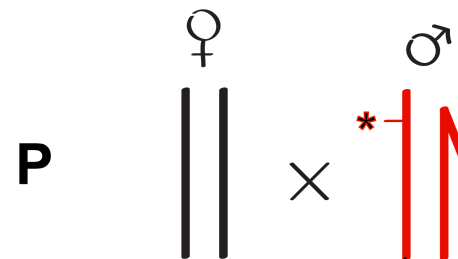
# Sex-linked lethal mutations



**F1** yellow 95  
brown 45

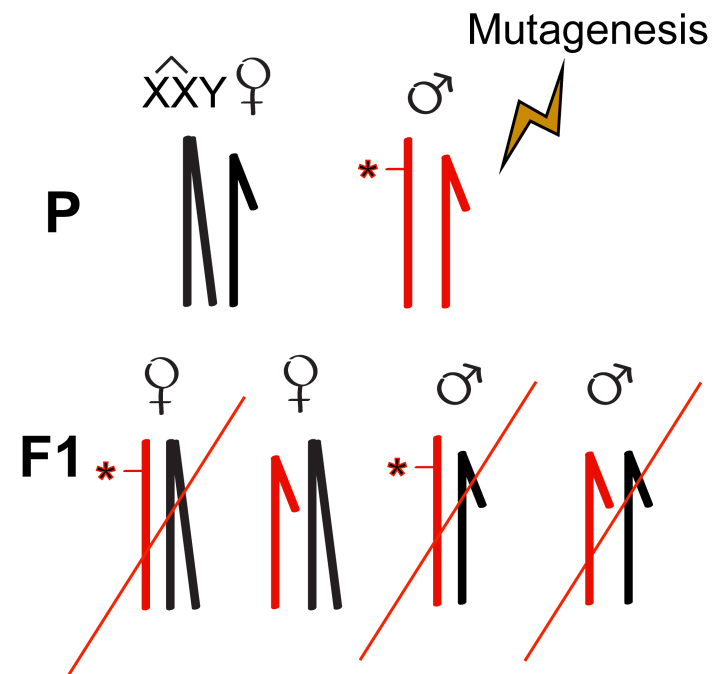
	♂	Y	y
♀		Y	y
Y		Y/Y ✗	Y/y 
y		Y/y 	y/y 

Correns 1905



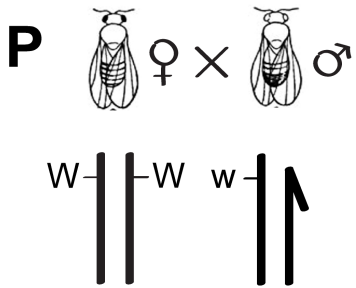
2 : 1 female : male ratio  
reveals sex-linked lethal

# Attached X



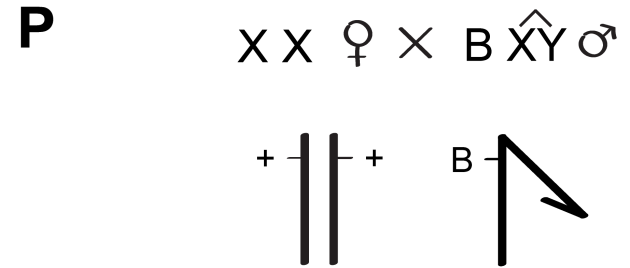
No males  
reveals sex-linked lethal

# Non disjunction



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**F1**

		regular sperm		non-disjunction sperm	
		wX	Y	wX/Y	O
regular ova	WX	WX/wX ♀	WX/Y ♂	WX/wX/Y ♀	WX/O ♂
	WX/WX	<del>WX/wX</del>	WX/WX/Y ♀		
non-disjunction ova	O	wX/O ♂	<del>O/Y</del>		

**F1**

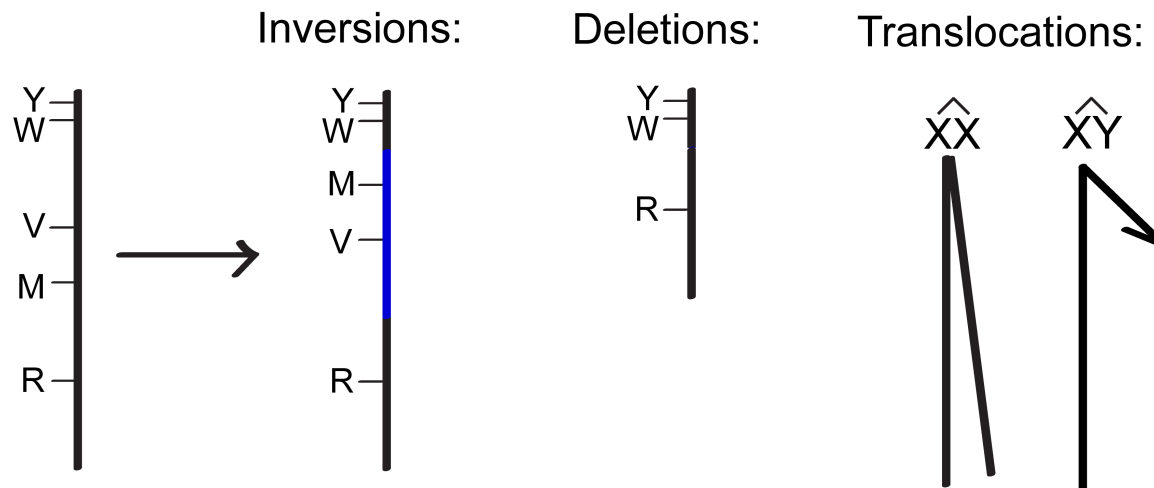
		regular sperm	non-disjunction sperm
		O	$\hat{X}Y$
regular ova	X	XO + ♂	WX/Y B ♀
	XX	+ ♀	<del>XX/Y</del>
non-disjunction ova	O	<del>O</del>	B ♂

# Mutagenesis

1927 Hermann Muller demonstrates that X-rays are mutagenic

- Irradiated flies and measured mutations in the offspring
- Focused on lethal mutations
  - 88/758 lethal mutations in treated cultures
  - 1/947 lethal mutations arose in control cultures
  - These data were later used to estimate the size of a gene

Chromosomal aberrations were now easier to isolate:





# Somatic crossing over: mosaic generation

## SOMATIC CROSSING OVER

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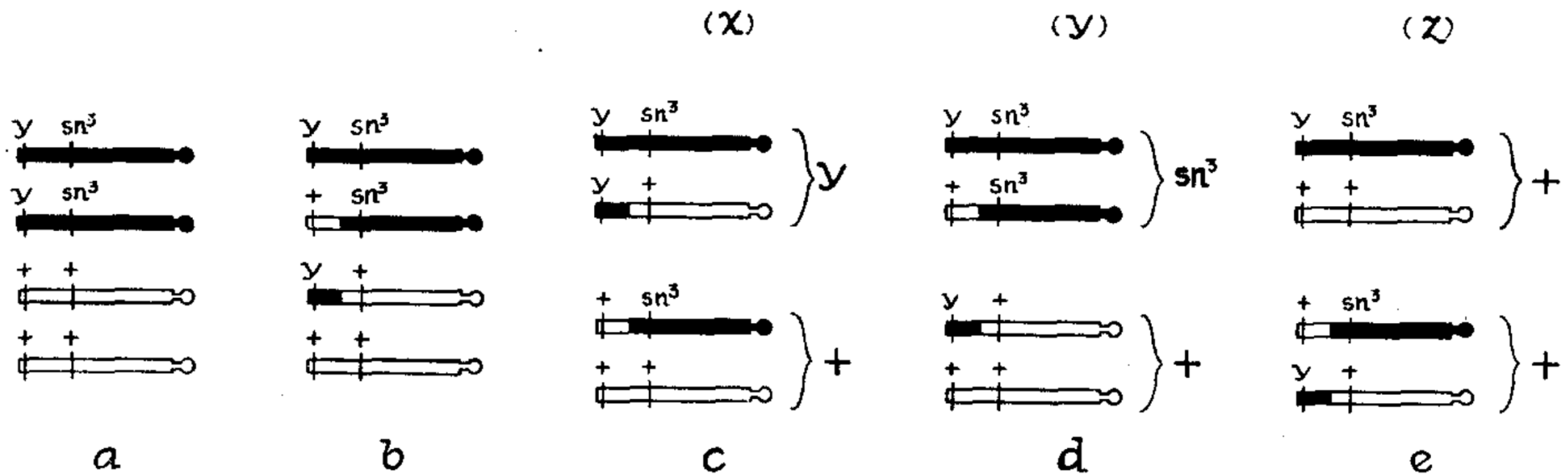
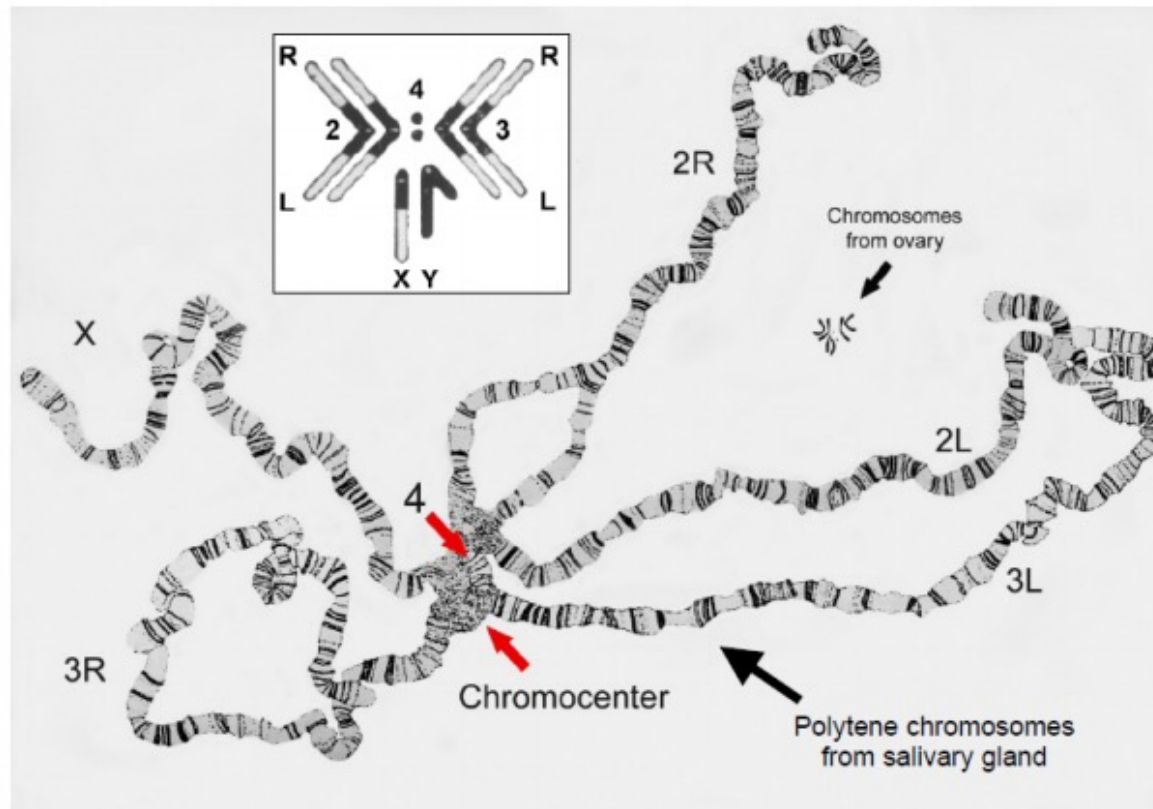


FIGURE 2.  $y sn^3/+$ . Crossing over between  $y$  and  $sn^3$  at a four strand stage. a. Non-crossover chromatids. b. Two crossover and two non-crossover chromatids. c-e. Three different types of chromatid segregation.

# Polytene chromosomes



**Figure 1.** *Drosophila melanogaster* chromosomes (from Painter, 1934; used with permission from Oxford University Press)

- Banding patterns used to verify translocations, inversions, deletions, etc.
- What are chromosomes made of and how do they carry heredity information?