

Determinants of QTL mapping power in the realized Collaborative Cross

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ABSTRACT The Collaborative Cross (CC) is a mouse genetic reference population whose range of applications includes quantitative trait loci (QTL) mapping. The design of a CC QTL mapping study involves multiple decisions, including which and how many strains to use, and how many replicates per strain to phenotype, all viewed within the context of hypothesized QTL architecture. Until now, these decisions have been informed largely by early power analyses that were based on simulated, hypothetical CC genomes. Now that more than 50 CC strains are available and more than 70 CC genomes have been observed, it is possible to characterize power based on realized CC genomes. We report power analyses based on extensive simulations and examine several key considerations: 1) the number of strains and biological replicates, 2) the QTL effect size, 3) the presence of population structure, and 4) the distribution of functionally distinct alleles among the founder strains at the QTL. We also provide general power estimates to aide in the design of future experiments. All analyses were conducted with our R package, SPARCC (Simulated Power Analysis in the Realized Collaborative Cross), developed for performing either large scale power analyses or those tailored to particular CC experiments.

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1 Introduction

2 The Collaborative Cross (CC) is a multiparental population
3 (MPP) recombinant inbred (RI) strain panel of laboratory mice
4 derived from eight inbred founder strains (letter abbrevia-
5 tion in parentheses): A/J (A), C57BL/6J (B), 129S1/SvImJ (C),
6 NOD/ShiLtJ (D), NZO/H1LtJ (E), CAST/EiJ (F), PWK/PhJ (G),
7 and WSB/EiJ (H) (Threadgill *et al.* 2002; Churchill *et al.* 2004;
8 Chesler *et al.* 2008; Threadgill and Churchill 2012). This set of
9 founder strains represents three subspecies of the house mouse
10 *Mus musculus* (Yang *et al.* 2011) and, in large part due to the inclu-
11 sion of three wild-derived founders (F-H), imbues the CC panel
12 with far greater genetic variation than previous RI panels de-
13 rived solely from pairs of classical inbred strains. As an RI panel,
14 the CC thus provides a diverse set of reproducible genomes and
15 represents a powerful tool for genetic analysis (Collaborative

16 Cross Consortium 2012; Srivastava *et al.* 2017). Indeed, although
17 the CC RI panel has only become available in the last six years
18 (Welsh *et al.* 2012), it has already yielded new insights into hu-
19 man disease and basic mouse biology (Shusterman *et al.* 2013;
20 Rogala *et al.* 2014; Rasmussen *et al.* 2014; Lorè *et al.* 2015; Levy
21 *et al.* 2015; Gralinski *et al.* 2015; Venkatratnam *et al.* 2017; Orgel
22 *et al.* 2019; Molenhuis *et al.* 2018).

23 As originally envisaged, a key use of the CC was as a resource
24 for QTL mapping (Threadgill *et al.* 2002; Churchill *et al.* 2004). In
25 theory, its broad genetic diversity makes it ideal for this purpose,
26 and its replicability permits the mapping of phenotypes such as
27 drug-response that are otherwise hard to measure in outbreds
28 (Mosedale *et al.* 2017). Its utility for QTL mapping in practice
29 was also predicted by studies in the incipient CC lines (pre-CC)
30 (Aylor *et al.* 2011; Durrant *et al.* 2011; Philip *et al.* 2011; Mathes
31 *et al.* 2011; Kelada *et al.* 2012; Ferris *et al.* 2013; Ram *et al.* 2014;
32 Rutledge *et al.* 2014; Kelada 2016; Donoghue *et al.* 2017; Phillippi
33 *et al.* 2014)

34 Nonetheless, QTL mapping power depends in part on the
35 number of strains available, and the number strains available
36 in the CC is, and will remain, far less than the 1,000 proposed
37 in Churchill *et al.* (2004): At the time of this work, mice were

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available for 59 CC strains from the UNC Systems Genetics Core, with a subset from these 59 and an additional 11 expected to be offered through the Jackson Laboratory (JAX), a total of 70 CC strains potentially.

A reduction in strain numbers as a function of allelic incompatibilities between subspecies (Shorter *et al.* 2017) was expected, and winnowed the number of resulting CC strains down to 50-70. Although smaller than originally intended, this population size reflects the biological and financial realities of maintaining a sustainable mammalian genome reference population. [Whereas cost grows proportional to the number of strains, demand does not, and a much larger number of strains would threaten the economic viability of the operation (F. Pardo-Manuel de Villena, *pers. comm.*.)] Nonetheless, subsets of the available CC strains have already been used to map QTL, as evidenced by a growing list of studies (Vered *et al.* 2014; Mosedale *et al.* 2017; Graham *et al.* 2017). Beyond these successes, however, it is unclear how much the reduction has affected the ability to map QTL in the CC in general.

The initially proposed figure of 1,000 CC strains in Churchill *et al.* (2004) was more formally justified in Valdar *et al.* (2006a) as being necessary to provide enough power both to map single QTL and for robust, genome-wide detection of epistasis. That estimate was based on simulations involving larger numbers (500-1,000) of hypothetical CC genomes. Those simulations, performed before any CC strains existed and with the goal of guiding the CC's design, had a broad scope, exploring the effect of varying strain numbers, alternative mapping approaches [association of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) vs association of inferred haplotypes], and alternative breeding strategies. As such, the power estimates that were reported do not reflect the number of CC strains now available, nor their actual, realized founder mosaic genomes. An updated, more focused power analysis that both exploits and works within the constraints of the realized genomes is therefore timely.

Power analyses have been performed previously for a number of RI panels. For biparental RIs, they have been performed analytically in plants (*e.g.*, Kaepler 1997), animals [*e.g.*, the BXD lines in mice (Belknap *et al.* 1996; Peirce *et al.* 2004)], and in general (Cowen 1988; Soller and Beckmann 1990; Knapp and Bridges 1990), as well as through simulation (Falke and Frisch 2011; Takuno *et al.* 2012). For MPP RIs, they have most often been reported as those resources are introduced to the community. This includes, in plants: *Arabidopsis* (Kover *et al.* 2009; Klasen *et al.* 2012), nested association mapping (NAM) populations (Li *et al.* 2011) in maize (Yu *et al.* 2008) and sorghum (Bouchet *et al.* 2017), and multigenerational advanced intercross (MAGIC) populations of rice (Yamamoto *et al.* 2014) and maize (Dell'Acqua *et al.* 2015). In animals, other than aforementioned prospective study of Valdar *et al.* (2006a): Noble *et al.* (2017) assessed mapping power of SNP association while introducing a 507-strain nematode resource, the *Caenorhabditis elegans* Multiparental Experimental Evolution (CeMEE) panel; and King *et al.* (2012) estimated haplotype-based association power while introducing the *Drosophila* Synthetic Population Resource (DSPR), a fly panel with more than 1,600 lines. In a follow-up DSPR power analysis, King and Long (2017) compared the DSPR with the related *Drosophila* Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP) (Mackay *et al.* 2012). They illustrated how QTL effect size differs between a population whose allele frequencies are balanced (DSPR) vs one whose allele frequencies are less balanced (DGRP) and explored implications for cross-population validation; they also compared

mapping power for bi-allelic QTL, based on single SNPs, and multi-allelic QTL constructed from actual adjacent SNPs within genes.

Here we examine related topics on QTL mapping power in the realized CC, including: 1) how power is affected by the number of strains and replicates; 2) how it is affected by the number of functional alleles and their distributions among the founders; and 3) how the QTL effect size is specific to a particular population or sample and how that influences a power estimate's interpretation.

To allow researchers to repeat our analyses, but tailored to their own specific requirements or with updated CC genome lists, we provide an R package SPARCC (Simulated Power Analysis of the Realized Collaborative Cross), a tool that evaluates the power to map QTL by performing efficient haplotype regression-based association analysis of simulated QTL using the currently available CC genomes. SPARCC is highly flexible, allowing QTL to be simulated with any possible allele-to-founder pattern and scaled with respect to different reference populations. As a reusable resource, researchers could estimate power calculations based on the CC strains available to them and potentially incorporate prior knowledge about the genetic architecture of the likely QTL or the phenotype as whole.

Methods

Our power calculations are based on three main processes:

1. Simulation of CC data, including selection of CC strains from a fixed set of realized CC genomes, and QTL location, and simulation of phenotypes.
2. QTL mapping, including determination of significance thresholds.
3. Evaluation of QTL detection accuracy, power and false positive rate (FPR).

These are described in detail below, after a description of the genomic data that serves as the basis for the simulations.

Data on realized CC genomes

CC strains. Genome data was obtained for a set of 72 CC strains (listed in **Appendix C**) available at the time of writing from <http://csbio.unc.edu/CCstatus/index.py?run=FounderProbs>. Genome data was in the form of founder haplotype mosaics (see below) for each strain, this based on genotype data from the MegaMUGA genotyping platform (Morgan *et al.* 2016) applied to composites of multiple mice per strain. Since genotyping, some of the 72 strains have become extinct, and more may do so in the future (Darla Miller *pers. comm.*), although it is also possible that more may be added. At the time of writing, however, these were all genomes that had been observed by workers at UNC.

Of the 72 CC strains used in the simulations, it is planned that 54 will be maintained and distributed by The UNC Systems Genetics Core, along with another 5 whose genome data were not available in time for this study (see **Discussion**) to give a UNC total of 59 strains (listed in **Appendix C**). A subset of the UNC 59 will also eventually be maintained by The Jackson Laboratory, which will also potentially maintain 11 of the 72 not among the UNC 59.

The 72 strains used in the simulations included two that were more closely related than others: CC051 and CC059. These strains, which are among the UNC 59, were derived from the

157 same breeding funnel; the number of independent strains avail- 209
 158 able from UNC is thus arguably 58. This relatedness, though not 210
 159 explicitly modeled in the simulations, is nonetheless marked in 211
 160 the figures, which include an indicator denoting 58 as a currently 212
 161 realistic maximum for strain number in CC studies. 213

162 **Reduced dataset of haplotype mosaics.** The genomes of the
 163 CC, as with other MPPs, can be represented by inferred mosaics
 164 of the original founder haplotypes (Mott *et al.* 2000). Founder
 165 haplotype mosaics were inferred previously by the UNC Sys-
 166 tems Genetics Core ([http://csbio.unc.edu/CCstatus/index.py?run=](http://csbio.unc.edu/CCstatus/index.py?run=FounderProbs)
 167 [FounderProbs](http://csbio.unc.edu/CCstatus/index.py?run=FounderProbs)) using the hidden Markov model (HMM) of Fu
 168 *et al.* (2012) applied to genotype calls from MegaMUGA, a geno-
 169 typing platform providing data on 77,800 SNP markers (Morgan
 170 *et al.* 2016). The HMM inference provides a vector of 36 diplo-
 171 type probabilities for each CC strain for each of 77,551 loci (each
 172 defined as the interval between adjacent, usable SNPs) across the
 173 genome. Rather than using all of the available data for our simu-
 174 lations, we used a reduced version: since adjacent loci often have
 175 almost identical descent, mapping using all loci is both compu-
 176 tationally expensive and—at least for the purposes of the power
 177 analysis—largely redundant. Thus, prior to analysis the original
 178 dataset was reduced by averaging adjacent genomic intervals
 179 whose diplotype probabilities were highly similar. Specifically,
 180 adjacent genomic intervals were averaged if the maximum L2
 181 norm between the probability vectors of all individuals is less
 182 than 10% of the maximum possible L2 norm ($\sqrt{2}$); this reduced
 183 the file storage from 610 MB to 288 MB, and the genome from
 184 77,551 to 17,900 intervals (76.9% reduction in positions to be
 185 evaluated in a scan).

186 Phenotype simulation

187 Phenotypes for CC strains were simulated based on effects from
 188 a single QTL, plus effects of polygenic background (“strain ef-
 189 fects”), and noise. Within our simulation framework, we speci-
 190 fied: 1) the QTL location, which randomly was sampled from
 191 the genome; 2) the sample size in terms of both strains and
 192 replicates; 3) how the eight possible haplotypes at that location
 193 are grouped into eight or fewer functional alleles (the “allelic
 194 series”; see below); and 4) how those alleles, along with strain
 195 information, are used to generate phenotype values (see below).

Underlying phenotype model. Simulated phenotypes were gen-
 erated according to the following linear mixed model. For
 given QTL with $m \leq 8$ functional alleles, phenotype values
 $\mathbf{y} = \{y_i\}_{i=1}^N$ for N individuals in $n \leq N$ strains were generated
 so that

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{1}\mu + \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\text{QTL effect}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u}}_{\text{Strain effect}} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{\text{Noise}}, \quad (1)$$

196 where $\mathbf{1}$ is an N -vector of 1’s, μ is an intercept, \mathbf{Z} is an $N \times n$
 197 incidence matrix mapping individuals to strains, \mathbf{X} is an $n \times m$
 198 allele dosage matrix mapping strains to their estimated dosage
 199 of each of the m alleles, $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is an m -vector of allele effects, \mathbf{u} is an
 200 n -vector of strain effects (representing polygenic background
 201 variation), and $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ is an N -vector of unstructured, residual error.
 202 The parameter vectors $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, \mathbf{u} and $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ were each generated as being
 203 equivalent to independent normal variates rescaled to have spec-
 204 ific variances: the strain effects \mathbf{u} and residual $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ were rescaled
 205 to have population (rather than sample) variances h_{strain}^2 and σ^2
 206 respectively; the allele effects $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ were rescaled so that the QTL
 207 contributes a variance h_{QTL}^2 , with this latter rescaling performed
 208 in one of three distinct ways (described later).

The relative contributions of the QTL, polygenic background,
 and noise were thus controlled through three parameters: the
 QTL effect size, h_{QTL}^2 , the strain effect size, h_{strain}^2 , and the resid-
 ual variance σ^2 . By convention, these were specified as fractions
 summing to exactly 1.

The allele dosage matrix \mathbf{X} was generated by collapsing func-
 tionally equivalent haplotypes according to a specified allelic
 series. Let \mathbf{D} be an $n \times 36$ incidence matrix describing the haplo-
 type pair (diplotype) state of of each CC strain at the designated
 QTL, with columns corresponding to AA, ..., HH, AB, ..., GH,
 such that, for example, $\{D\}_{3,1} = 1$ implies CC strain 3 has
 diplotype AA. Then

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}, \quad (2)$$

214 where \mathbf{A} is an 36×8 additive model matrix that maps diplotype
 215 state to haplotype dosage (*e.g.*, diplotype AA equals 2 doses of
 216 A), and \mathbf{M} is an $8 \times m$ “merge matrix” [after Yalcin *et al.* (2005)]
 217 that encodes the allelic series, mapping the 8 haplotypes to m al-
 218 leles, such that if haplotypes A and B were both in the functional
 219 group “allele 1”, then diplotype AB in \mathbf{D} would correspond to 2
 220 doses of allele 1 in \mathbf{X} (see examples in **Appendix D**).

221 **QTL allelic series.** The specification of an allelic series, rather
 222 than assuming all haplotype effects are distinct, acknowledges
 223 that for many QTL we would expect the same functional allele
 224 to be carried by multiple founder haplotypes. For our main set
 225 of simulations, the allelic series was randomly sampled from all
 226 possible configurations (examples in **Figure 1**); in a smaller, more
 227 focused investigation of the effects of allele frequency imbalance,
 228 we sampled from all possible configurations of bi-alleles.

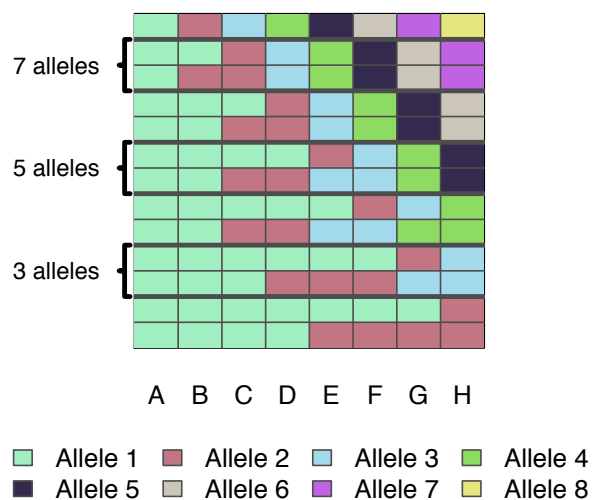


Figure 1 Example allelic series with differing numbers of func-
 tional alleles. Each row is an allelic series, each column of the
 grid is a CC founder, and colors correspond to functional allele.
 Two examples of allelic series are provided for each number of
 functional alleles: a balanced series and an imbalanced series.
 The entire space of allelic series are not shown here; however, the
 full space of series with two alleles is shown in **Figure 9A**.

229 **Alternative definitions of QTL effect size: B and DAMB.** The
 230 QTL effect size (h_{QTL}^2) is a critical determinant of mapping
 231 power; yet its precise definition and its corresponding inter-
 232 pretation often varies between studies and according to what

question is being asked. We used two alternative definitions, “B” and “DAMB”, described below. These alternatives acknowledge that the proportion of variance explained by a particular QTL, and thus the power to detect that QTL, is not determined solely by h_{QTL}^2 , but rather depends on several additional factors, namely: the variance of the finite sample of allele effects β ; the allelic series configuration \mathbf{M} ; and the particular set of CC strains and their locus diplotypes \mathbf{D} .

Definition B scales the allele effects so that $h_{\text{QTL}}^2 = V(2\beta)$, where $V()$ denotes the population variance (rather than the sample variance). The QTL effect size is interpretable as the variance that would be explained by the QTL in a theoretical population that is balanced with respect to the functional alleles. As such, the proportion of variance explained by the QTL in the mapping population will deviate from h_{QTL}^2 due to imbalance in both \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{D} . Conversely, for a given h_{QTL}^2 , the allelic values at a QTL will be constant across populations. (Note: the 2 multiplier ensures proper scaling since \mathbf{X} from Eq 2 includes dosages of founder haplotypes at the QTL, ranging from 0 to 2.)

Definition DAMB scales the QTL effect so that $h_{\text{QTL}}^2 = V(\mathbf{DAM}\beta)$. The QTL effect size is exactly the variance explained by the QTL in the mapping population, essentially the R^2 . As such, it depends on both \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{D} . Correspondingly, for a given h_{QTL}^2 , the allelic values will adjust depending on which population they are in. [In the **Supplement**, for completeness, we also describe a further, intermediate option, Definition MB, where $h_{\text{QTL}}^2 = V(2\mathbf{M}\beta)$, corresponding to balanced founder contributions.]

The earlier power study of Valdar *et al.* (2006a), which considered only bi-allelic QTL, defined effect size in a manner comparable to Definition B.

Averaging over strains and causal loci. The previous subsections described simulation of a single phenotype conditional on a set of strains and a causal genomic locus. For each of S simulations, $s = 1, \dots, S$, we averaged over these variables by uniformly sampling 1) the set of strains included in the experiment (for a specified number of strains), 2) the causal locus underlying the QTL, and 3) the allelic series (for a specified number of functional alleles). This was intended to produce power estimates that take into account many sources of uncertainty and are thus broadly applicable.

QTL detection and power estimation

QTL mapping model. QTL mapping of the simulated data was performed using a variant of Haley-Knott (HK) regression (Haley and Knott 1992; Martínez and Curnow 1992) that is commonly used in MPP studies (Mott *et al.* 2000; Liu *et al.* 2010; Fu *et al.* 2012; Gatti *et al.* 2014; Zheng *et al.* 2015) whereby association is tested between the phenotype and the local haplotype state, the latter having been inferred probabilistically from genotype (or sequence data) and represented as a set of diplotype probabilities or, in the case of an additive model, a set of haplotype dosages then used as predictors in a linear regression. Specifically, we used HK regression on the strain means (Valdar *et al.* 2006a; Zou *et al.* 2006) via the linear model

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(s)} = \mathbf{1}\mu + \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}\beta + \epsilon, \quad (3)$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(s)}$ is the s^{th} simulated n -vector of strain means, \mathbf{P} is an $n \times 36$ matrix of inferred diplotype probabilities for the sampled CC genomes at the QTL [i.e., $\mathbf{P} = p(\mathbf{D}|\text{genotype data})$]; see Zhang *et al.* (2014)], and ϵ is the n -vector of residual error on

the means, distributed as $\epsilon \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}(h_{\text{strain}}^2 + \sigma^2/r))$. The above implies an eight-allele model (cf Eq 1 with $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$). Although this could lead to reduced power when there are fewer functional alleles, particularly at loci in which the functional alleles are not well represented, it is most common in practice, in accordance with the fact that the allelic series of an unmapped QTL would typically be unknown in advance [e.g., Mott *et al.* (2000); Valdar *et al.* (2006a,b); Svenson *et al.* (2012); Gatti *et al.* (2014)]. Additional factors that might contribute to variation in an experiment, such as covariates or batch effects, are neither simulated nor modeled; it is assumed that such factors would be adequately accounted for by, for instance, addition of suitable covariates, pre-processing (e.g., residualizing) of phenotype values or similar, and ultimately lead to a more-or-less equivalent analysis to that described here. The fit of Eq 3 was compared with that of an intercept-only null model via an F-test, and produced a p-value, reported as its negative base 10 logarithm, the $\log P$. This procedure was performed for all loci across the genome, resulting in a genome scan for $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$.

Genome-wide significance thresholds and QTL detection.

Genome-wide significance thresholds were determined empirically by permutation. The CC panel is a balanced population with respect to founder genomic contributions and, by design, has minimal population structure. These features support the assumption of exchangeability among strain genomes: that under a null model in which the genetic contribution to the phenotype is entirely driven by infinitesimal (polygenic) effects, all permutations of the strain labels (or equivalently, of the strain means vector $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$) are equally likely to produce a given configuration of $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$. Permutation of the strain means, $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$, was therefore used to find the $\log P$ critical value controlling genome-wide type I error rate (GWER) (Doerge and Churchill 1996). Briefly, we sampled 100 permutations and perform genome scans for each; this was done efficiently using a standard matrix decomposition approach (**Appendix A**). The maximum $\log P$ s per genome scan and simulation s were then recorded, and these are fitted to a generalized extreme value distribution (GEV) (Dudbridge and Koeleman 2004; Valdar *et al.* 2006a) using R package *evir* (Pfaff and McNeil 2018). The upper $\alpha = 0.05$ quantile of this fitted GEV was then taken as the α -level significance threshold, $T_{\alpha}^{(s)}$. If the maximum observed $\log P$ for $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$ in the region of the simulated QTL exceeded $T_{\alpha}^{(s)}$, then the corresponding locus was considered to be a (positively) detected QTL (see immediately below).

Performance evaluation. For a given simulation, we declared a true positive if the detected QTL was within $\pm 5\text{Mb}$ of the true (simulated) QTL. The 5Mb window size was used to approximate a QTL support interval, which is partly a function of linkage disequilibrium (LD) in the CC. (LD has been characterized in the CC previously but not summarized with a single point estimate (Collaborative Cross Consortium 2012); our choice of 5Mb is therefore an approximation, but we find that it only marginally increased mapping power relative to using smaller window widths.) A false positive was declared if one or more QTL were detected on chromosomes other than the chromosome harboring the simulated QTL. Simulations in which a QTL was detected on the correct chromosome but outside the 5Mb window were disregarded; although this was potentially wasteful of data and biased FPR slightly downward due to loss of false positives on the chromosome with the simulated QTL,

339 it avoided the need for arbitrary rules to handle edge cases in
340 which it was ambiguous whether the simulated signal had been
341 detected or not. Power for a given simulation setting was then
342 defined as the proportion of true positives among all simulations
343 at that setting, and the FPR was defined as the proportion of
344 false positives.

345 As a measurement of mapping resolution, for true positive
346 detection, we recorded the mean and the 95% quantile of the
347 genomic distance from the true QTL. Given our criterion for
348 calling true positives, the maximum distance was necessarily
349 5Mb, and experimental settings that correspond to low power
350 would be expected to have fewer data points, yielding estimates
351 that are unstable. In order to obtain more stable estimates, we
352 used a regularization procedure, estimating the mean distance
353 and 95% quantiles as weighted averages of the observed values
354 and prior pseudo-observations. Specifically, for an arbitrarily
355 small but detected true positive QTL, it is reasonable to expect
356 the peak signal to be distributed uniformly within the ± 5 Mb
357 window. This implies a mean location error of 2.5Mb and a
358 95% quantile of 4.75Mb. Thus, when calculating the regularized
359 mean location error we assumed 10 prior pseudo-observations
360 of 2.5Mb, and when calculating the regularized 95% quantile we
361 assume 10 prior pseudo-observations of 4.75Mb. This number
362 of pseudo-observations represents 1% of the maximum number
363 of possible data points.

364 **Overview of the simulations**

365 **Simulation settings.** Simulations for all combinations of the fol-
366 lowing parameter settings:

- 367 • Number of strains: [(10-70 by 5), 72]
- 368 • QTL effect size (%): [1, (5-95 by 5)]
- 369 • Number of functional alleles: [2, 3, 8]

The number of observations per strain were fixed at $r = 1$ and
the background strain effect size was fixed at $h_{\text{strain}}^2 = 0\%$ with
the understanding that results from these simulations provide
information on other numbers of replicates and strain effect
sizes implicitly. Specifically, a simulated mapping experiment
on strain means that assumes r replicates, strain effect h_{strain}^2 ,
and QTL effect size h_{QTL}^2 is equivalent to a single-observation
mapping experiment with no strain effect and QTL effect size
 \bar{h}_{QTL}^2 , where

$$\bar{h}_{\text{QTL}}^2 = \frac{h_{\text{QTL}}^2}{h_{\text{QTL}}^2 + h_{\text{strain}}^2 + \sigma^2/r} \quad (4)$$

370 [Valdar *et al.* (2006a), after Soller and Beckmann (1990); Knapp
371 and Bridges (1990); Belknap (1998)]. For example, a mapping
372 experiment on strain means with QTL effect size $h_{\text{QTL}}^2 = 0.3$,
373 $h_{\text{strain}}^2 = 0.4$, $\sigma^2 = 0.3$, and $r = 10$, is equivalent to our simula-
374 tion of a single-observation with no strain effect but QTL effect
375 size $\bar{h}_{\text{QTL}}^2 \approx 0.41$ (**Supplement**).

376 We conducted $s = 1,000$ simulation trials per setting. CC
377 strains and the position of the QTL were sampled for each simu-
378 lation, providing estimates of power that are effectively aver-
379 aged over the CC population. We ran these settings for QTL
380 effect sizes specified with respect to the observed mapping pop-
381 ulation (Definition DAMB) and a theoretical population that is
382 balanced in terms of the functional alleles (Definition B). Con-
383 fidence intervals for power were calculated based on Jeffreys
384 interval (Brown *et al.* 2001) for a binomial proportion. A descrip-
385 tion of the computing environment and run-times are provided
386 in **Appendix B**.

387 **Examining FPR when accounting for non-exchangeability of** 388 **CC strain genomes**

389 In the simulations and mapping procedures described above,
390 strain effects are modeled under the assumption that all CC
391 strains are (at least approximately) equally related. That is, the
392 effects $\mathbf{u} = u_1, \dots, u_{72}$ in Eq 1 are simulated as $\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}h_{\text{strain}}^2)$
393 such that any permutation of the values is equally likely (the
394 effects are exchangeable), and this same assumption is made
395 in both the mapping model of Eq 3 and the permutation-based
396 estimation of significance thresholds.

An assumption of equal relatedness among CC strains is com-
monplace: it is suggested by the exchangeable random funnel
design used in the CC, is supported by the results of Valdar *et al.*
(2006a), and has been made in every CC or pre-CC mapping
analysis to our knowledge. Making this assumption simplifies
QTL mapping analysis by obviating the need for an explicit mod-
eling of genomic similarity [as in, *e.g.*, Kang *et al.* (2008)], since,
when those similarities are approximately equal and the analysis
is performed on strain means, the strain effects are absorbed into
the residual error.

Nonetheless, CC strains are equally related only in expecta-
tion. Much like the "equal" relatedness of siblings, realized
relatedness will depart from expectation due to chance at the
point of mixing, and, in the case of the CC, due to selection
[*e.g.*, arising from male sterility (Shorter *et al.* 2017)] and ge-
netic drift during inbreeding [as reflected in unequal founder
contributions by Srivastava *et al.* (2017)]. This combination of
stochastic forces can produce unequal relatedness, correlated
effects among strains, and population structure, at least at some
level.

To quantify population structure in the realized CC, we com-
pared the eigenvalues of the realized genetic relationship matrix
 \mathbf{K} , calculated from the founder mosaic probabilities [after Gatti
et al. (2014)], with those from an idealized \mathbf{K} that reflects equal
relatedness of the CC strains, whose off-diagonal elements were
set to the mean value observed for the off-diagonal elements in
the realized \mathbf{K} . We observed that slightly fewer principal compo-
nents are required to explain 95% of the variation in the realized
 \mathbf{K} than are required for the balanced \mathbf{K} (64 vs 68 components,
respectively; **Figure S5A**). This reduction was attenuated with
the omission of CC059, one of the two cousin strains, but not
completely (64 vs 67 components; **Figure S5B**). This suggested
that the realized CC strains have mild population structure.

To evaluate to what degree the population structure in the
realized CC genomes could inflate FPR when mapping using an
analytic model and threshold procedure that ignores it (*i.e.*, that
assumes exchangeability), we performed an additional set of
null simulations in which strain effects were generated according
to additive infinitesimal model (Lynch and Walsh 1998) based on
the actual genomic similarities. Specifically, we set $h_{\text{QTL}}^2 = 0$ and
 $\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K}h_{\text{strain}}^2)$ but left our mapping protocol unchanged. We
conducted 10,000 such null simulations with $r=1$ for each setting
of strain effect size (%): [0-100 by 20]. These simulations were
performed using either all 72 founder strains or 71 strains with
the omission of CC059, one of the two highly-related cousin
strains. A false positive was declared if any QTL were detected
based on the permutation-based significance threshold.

444 **Measuring the Beavis effect**

445 The "Beavis effect" (Beavis 1994) refers to an upward bias in
446 estimated effect sizes for detected QTL. This phenomenon, also
447 known as the "winner's curse" (Zollner and Pritchard 2007),

448 arises because the data used for effect estimation has already
449 been substantially selected during QTL discovery; the resulting
450 (post-selection) estimates are thus inflated due to ascertainment
451 bias. The Beavis effect was evaluated theoretically in Xu (2003)
452 and found to be most pronounced in studies of smaller sample
453 size ($n < 100$), suggesting that it could be a significant feature of
454 CC mapping studies.

455 To assess the extent of the Beavis effect in CC map-
456 ping experiments, we performed simulations ($s = 1,000$)
457 mapping a bi-allelic QTL, with one replicate ($r = 1$) and
458 zero background strain effect ($h^2_{\text{strain}} = 0$) for all combina-
459 tions of simulated QTL effect size under Definition DAMB
460 $h^2_{\text{QTL}} \in \{0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7\}$ and numbers of strains $n \in$
461 $\{40, 50, 60, 72\}$. If an association was detected within the 10Mb
462 window (using permutation-based thresholds as above), then
463 we recorded the QTL effect size as the R^2 of the model fit at the
464 peak locus (which may or may not be the locus at which the QTL
465 was simulated).

466 **Availability of data and software**

467 **R package.** All analyses were conducted in the statistical pro-
468 gramming language R (R Core Team 2018). SPARCC is available
469 as an R package on GitHub at <https://github.com/gkeele/sparcc>.
470 Specific arguments that control the phenotype simulations, the
471 strains used, genomic position of simulated QTL, and allelic
472 series, are listed in the **Supplement**. A static version of SPARCC
473 is also provided there (File S2).

474 Also included within the SPARCC R package are several re-
475 sults datasets. These include data tables of power summaries
476 from our simulations, as well as table summaries from simula-
477 tions of a bi-allelic QTL that is balanced in the founders, max-
478 imally unbalanced in the founders, and the distance between
479 detected and simulated QTL. Further details are provided in File
480 S1 of the **Supplement**, an account of all the supplemental files.
481 These files are available at figshare, including data, and scripts
482 to run the analysis and produce the figures. File S3 contains the
483 founder haplotype mosaics required for the SPARCC package.
484 Files S4, S5, and S6 can be used to perform the large-scale power
485 analysis. File S7 describes options in the SPARCC package, and
486 also provides two simple tutorials. File S8 produces the figures
487 in this paper and **Supplement**. File S9 is the supplemental tables
488 and figures.

489 **CC strains.** The 72 CC strains with available data that were in-
490 cluded in the simulations are described in **Appendix C**. Founder
491 diplotype probabilities for each CC strain are available on the
492 CC resource website ([http://csbio.unc.edu/CCstatus/index.py?run=](http://csbio.unc.edu/CCstatus/index.py?run=FounderProbs)
493 [FounderProbs](http://csbio.unc.edu/CCstatus/index.py?run=FounderProbs)). We used probabilities corresponding to build 37
494 (mm9) of the mouse genome, though build 38 (mm10) is also
495 available at the same website.

496 We store the founder haplotype data in a directory structure
497 that SPARCC is designed to use, and was initially established
498 by the HAPPY software package (Mott *et al.* 2000). The reduced
499 data are available on GitHub at [https://github.com/gkeele/sparcc_](https://github.com/gkeele/sparcc_cache)
500 [cache](https://github.com/gkeele/sparcc_cache).

501 **Results**

502 Power simulations were performed for varying numbers of
503 strains, replicates and functional alleles, and for a ladder of
504 QTL effect sizes. QTL effect size was defined in two ways: as
505 the variance explained in a hypothetical populations that is bal-
506 anced with respect to the alleles (Definition B; see **Methods**),

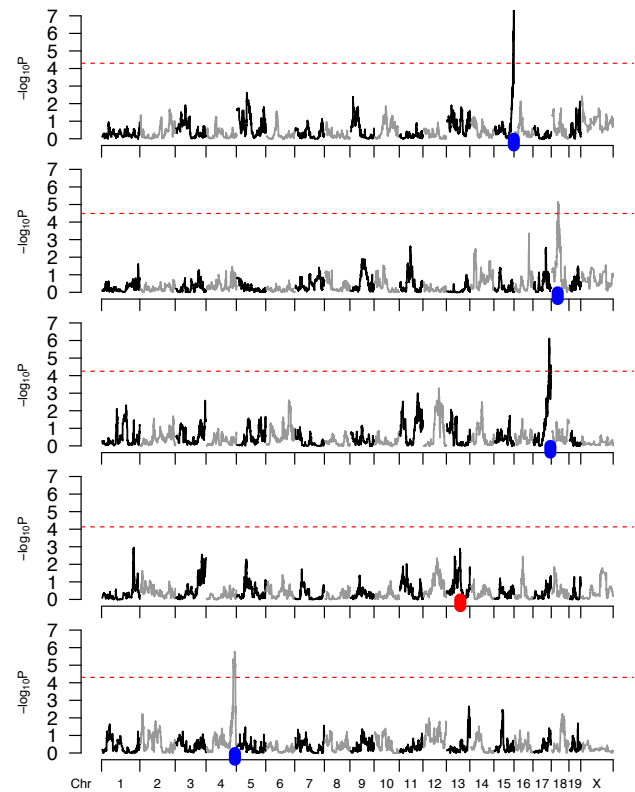


Figure 2 Simulated CC data and resulting genome scans. Five simulated genome scans are generated by the code provided in a simple example using our package SPARCC. Red dashed lines represent 95% significance thresholds based on 100 permutation scans. A blue tick represents the simulated position for a QTL that was successfully detected, whereas a red tick marks a QTL that was missed. These simulations were based on a specified set of 65 CC strains, five replicates of each strain, two functional alleles, 10% QTL effect size, and no background strain effect. The QTL is not mapped in the fourth simulation, ranked top to bottom, resulting in a power of 80%. Actual power calculations are based on a greater number of simulations.

507 or as the variance explained in the realized population (Defini-
508 tion DAMB). In this section we focus on results using the first
509 of these, Definition B, owing to its more consistent theoretical
510 interpretation. Under that definition, plots of power against
511 numbers of strains are shown in **Figure 3**, and power across a
512 representative selection of conditions is shown in **Table 1**. For
513 comparison, these numbers are also provided for simulations
514 under Definition DAMB in **Table S1**. Throughout these simula-
515 tions the false positive rate was controlled at the target 0.05 level
516 (**Figure S2**).

517 **Large effect QTL usually detected by 50 or more strains**

518 As a baseline for describing mapping power in the CC, an experi-
519 ment using one replicate ($r = 1$) of all 72 strains is well-powered
520 to detect QTL explaining $>40\%$ of phenotypic variance but mod-
521 erately or low powered for QTL explaining 30% or less (**Table**
522 **1**). Specifically, assuming eight functional alleles, there is 96.4%
523 power to detect a 50% QTL, 79.2% for a 40% QTL, 44.1% for a
524 30% QTL, and 12.4% for a 20% QTL.

525 More broadly, simulations across different allele effect types
526 and numbers of strains showed that studies without replicates

527 and with large numbers of strains (>50) were found to be well- 586
528 powered to detect large effect QTL (>40%) (Figure 3 [top]). 587

529 Identifying smaller effect QTL is feasible, however, using 588
530 replicates. Replicates improve power by reducing the individual 589
531 noise variance; as such the extent of the power improvement 590
532 diminishes as more variance is attributable to background strain 591
533 effects than noise. Assuming no background strain effect, and 592
534 using 50 strains, the power to detect a 20% effect-size QTL with 593
535 a single replicate is near zero; with 5 replicates it approaches 594
536 80%; detecting QTL with effect sizes $\leq 10\%$ is challenging. For 595
537 example, achieving 80% power to detect an effect size of 10% 596
538 when all 72 CC strains were used required more than 5 replicates 597
539 per strain (Figure 3 [middle right]). Assuming a background 598
540 strain effect, as would be expected with a complex trait, can 599
541 reduce the QTL mapping power of small effect QTL substantially 600
542 (Figure 3 [bottom]). 601

543 **Additional strains improve power more than additional repli-** 602 544 **cates** 603

545 We investigated the relationship between power and the total 604
546 number of mice, evaluating whether power gains were greater 605
547 with additional CC strains or additional replicate observations. 606
548 Power was interpolated over a grid of values for number of 607
549 replicates and total number of mice from simulations based on 608
550 a single observation per strain (Figure 5). This showed that 609
551 additional CC strains improved mapping power more than ad- 610
552 ditional replicates; this is indicated by higher power values for 611
553 lower numbers of replicates while holding number of mice con- 612
554 stant (see Figure 5, bordered vertical section at 250 mice). 613

555 **Location error of detected QTL** 614

556 To obtain an approximation of mapping resolution, for all true 615
557 positive detections we recorded the location error, or the ge- 616
558 nomic distance between simulated and detected QTL. The mean 617
559 and the 95% quantile of the location error are reported as stabil- 618
560 ized estimates for different numbers of strains and QTL effect 619
561 sizes, but averaged over all other conditions, in Figure 4. (The 620
562 stabilization procedure is described in Methods; raw, unstabil- 621
563 ized estimates provided Figure S3.) The location error statistics 622
564 require careful interpretation: for a detection to be classed as 623
565 a true positive it had to be within 5Mb of the simulated QTL; 624
566 therefore, location error was artificially capped at 5Mb. Mediocre 625
567 performance thus corresponds to when that location seems uni- 626
568 formly (and therefore arbitrarily) distributed over the ± 5 Mb 627
569 interval, that is, having a mean of 2.5Mb and a 95% quantile of 628
570 4.8Mb. 629

571 Location error was improved (reduced) by increasing the 630
572 number of strains, increasing the QTL effect size, or both. In 631
573 particular, as with power, location error was improved by in- 632
574 creasing the number of strains even when while holding the total 633
575 number of mice constant (Figure S4), consistent with mapping 634
576 resolution being improved by an increased number of recombi- 635
577 nation events in the QTL region. Distributions of raw location 636
578 error, stratified by levels of the number of strains, the number of 637
579 functional alleles, and the QTL effect size can be found in Figure 638
580 S6. 639

581 **False positive rate** 640

582 The FPR for the QTL power simulations was estimated as the 641
583 percentage of scans (per setting) that produced a statistically 642
584 significant signal on a chromosome without a QTL, shown in 643
585 Figure S2. As expected, FPR was not elevated from 5% when 644
645

the strain effects were simulated independently, as the effects 586
587 were exchangeable by construction. The FPR did not vary with 588
589 the number of strains or the number of alleles. 590

591 In additional null simulations that where strain effects were 592
593 correlated due to realized genomic similarity, QTL scans assum- 594
595 ing independent strain effects (and thus, exchangeability) had 596
597 elevated FPR (Figure 6 and Table S2). Using all 72 CC strains, 598
599 the FPR varied from a maximum of 14.5% when strain effects 600
601 explain all variability to the well controlled FPR of 5.5% when 602
603 the strain effects were relatively small. Omitting CC059, one of 604
605 the highly-related cousin strains (CC053 and CC059), because 606
607 of its obvious violation of equal relatedness, reduced the FPR, 608
609 although it was still elevated (12.9% for maximum strain effect). 610
611 This demonstrates that, when strain effects are large relative to 612
613 individual error (i.e. highly heritable trait, or the use of many 614
615 replicates), failure to account for population structure due to 616
617 realized imbalance in founder contributions can increase the risk 618
619 of false positives. 620

604 **Beavis effect** 605

606 It is an expected feature of QTL mapping studies that estimates 607
608 of QTL effect size, when calculated only for detected QTL, will 609
610 be biased upwards. This phenomenon, known as the Beavis 611
612 effect, is a form of selection bias and as such is expected to be 613
614 most extreme under low power conditions, e.g., when detection 615
616 rates are low and/or estimates have high variance. 617

618 We explored the Beavis effect in our simulations. Assuming 619
620 a one-replicate ($r = 1$) experiment, we found that, for example, 621
622 the estimated effect size of a simulated 20% QTL was inflated 623
624 by 3-fold when mapping in 40 CC strains, and by 2-fold when 625
626 mapped in 72 CC strains. More generally, and as expected, the 627
628 Beavis effect was reduced with larger numbers of strains and 629
630 larger QTL effect sizes (Figure 7). 631

632 These results also imply that the Beavis effect is reduced by 633
634 replication, at least to the extent that replication boosts effective 634
635 QTL effect size. For example, consider again the mapping of 635
636 a 20% QTL effect in 40 strains, which with $r = 1$ replicates 636
637 implies 3-fold effect size inflation. Although this inflation could 637
638 be reduced to 2-fold by increasing the number of strains to 72, 638
639 the same reduction could be achieved by replication: assuming 639
640 no background strain effect, increasing replicates to a theoretical 640
641 $r = 1.8$ (so as to give a total sample size of $N = 40 \times 1.8 = 72$) 641
642 would boost the QTL effect size to an effective $\approx 31\%$ (according 642
643 to Eq 4) and, as shown in Figure 7, have approximately the 643
644 same result. The ability of replicates to reduce the Beavis effect, 644
645 however, will diminish to the extent that there is a significant 645
646 background strain effect, following the general relationship of 646
647 replicates and QTL effect size described in Eq 4. 647

633 **Allele frequency imbalance reduces power** 634

635 For a fixed set of QTL allele effects, it is expected that power will 636
637 always be greatest when allele frequencies are balanced. Accord- 637
638 ingly, when QTL effect size was defined in terms of the variance 638
639 that would be explained in a theoretical population with bal- 639
640 anced allele frequencies (Definition B), deviations from balance 640
641 in the mapping population—either from imbalance in functional 641
642 alleles among the founders or imbalance of the founders among 642
643 the CC strains—inevitably reduce power (Figure 8A). This re- 643
644 duction in power under Definition B is most evident for bi-allelic 644
645 QTL (pink), in which the potential imbalance in allelic series is 645
646 most extreme, namely when a single founder carries one func- 646
647 tional allele and the other seven possess the alternative allele 647

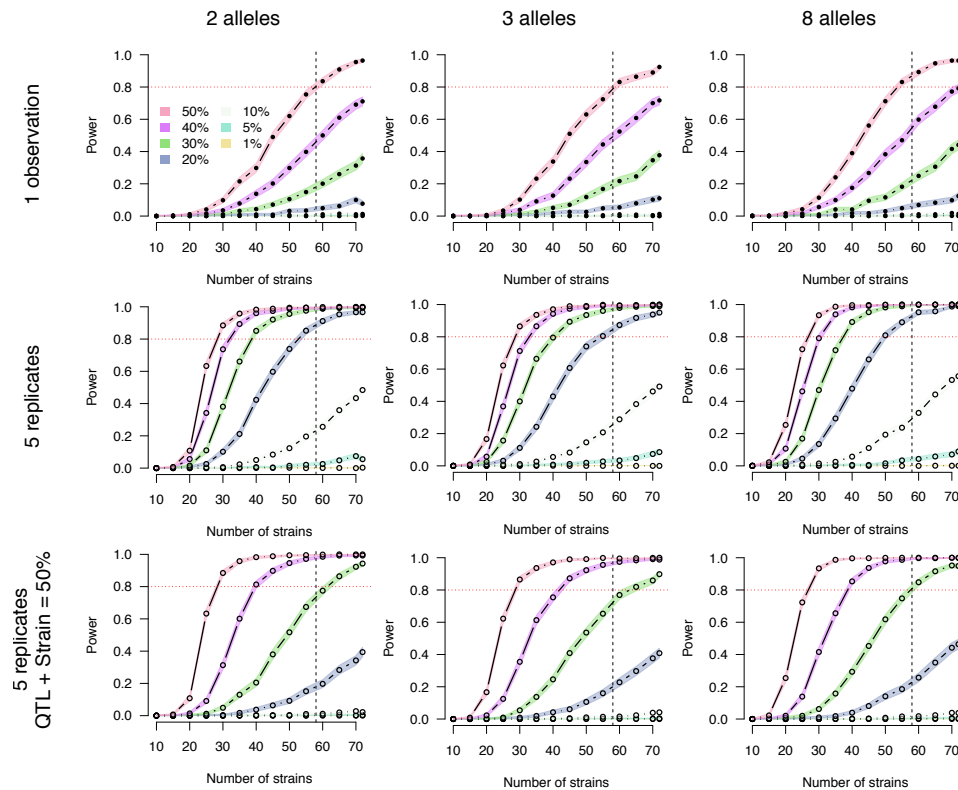


Figure 3 Power curves by number of CC strains. Results are stratified by a number of replicates, background strain effect size, and the number of functional alleles. The **[top]** row is based on a single observation per strain and no background strain effect. The **[middle]** row corresponds to five replicates per strain and no background strain effect. For the **[bottom row]**, five replicates are observed and the QTL effect size and background strain effect size sum to 50%, thus penalizing smaller QTL more harshly. The horizontal red dotted line marks 80% power. The vertical black dashed line marks 58 strains, which is currently the number of unrelated strains available from UNC. The columns, left to right, correspond to two, three, and eight functional alleles. Closed circles represent power estimates that were directly assessed, whereas open circles were interpolated. Simulations are based on Definition B.

Table 1 QTL mapping power in the Collaborative Cross based on QTL effect sizes in a balanced population (Definition B)

QTL			Power									
			30 strains			50 strains			72 strains			
1 obs ^a	3 rep ^b	5 rep ^b	2 alleles	3 alleles	8 alleles	2 alleles	3 alleles	8 alleles	2 alleles	3 alleles	8 alleles	
0.01	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000
0.05	0.017	0.010	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.004	0.000	0.001	0.007	0.000	0.003	0.003
0.1	0.036	0.022	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.006	0.003	0.004	0.013	0.013	0.014	0.014
0.15	0.056	0.034	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.009	0.011	0.014	0.035	0.054	0.041	0.041
0.2	0.077	0.048	0.006	0.009	0.003	0.032	0.026	0.030	0.077	0.110	0.124	0.124
0.25	0.100	0.062	0.002	0.011	0.015	0.076	0.061	0.066	0.207	0.231	0.252	0.252
0.3	0.125	0.079	0.011	0.014	0.010	0.105	0.118	0.116	0.357	0.377	0.441	0.441
0.35	0.152	0.097	0.018	0.024	0.034	0.194	0.207	0.261	0.553	0.564	0.633	0.633
0.4	0.182	0.118	0.035	0.038	0.056	0.298	0.335	0.383	0.711	0.717	0.792	0.792
0.45	0.214	0.141	0.048	0.063	0.078	0.456	0.467	0.539	0.858	0.857	0.905	0.905
0.5	0.250	0.167	0.098	0.102	0.114	0.620	0.630	0.712	0.964	0.924	0.964	0.964
0.55	0.289	0.196	0.156	0.180	0.208	0.789	0.784	0.860	0.977	0.961	0.993	0.993
0.6	0.333	0.231	0.272	0.251	0.304	0.914	0.896	0.935	0.990	0.984	0.998	0.998
0.65	0.382	0.271	0.387	0.412	0.486	0.953	0.934	0.985	0.993	0.992	0.999	0.999
0.7	0.438	0.318	0.603	0.582	0.635	0.983	0.965	0.994	0.998	0.993	1.000	1.000
0.75	0.500	0.375	0.780	0.746	0.818	0.990	0.986	0.999	0.998	0.999	1.000	1.000
0.8	0.571	0.444	0.890	0.851	0.923	0.995	0.991	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.85	0.654	0.531	0.932	0.927	0.983	0.997	0.995	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.9	0.750	0.643	0.970	0.955	0.994	0.999	0.999	1.000	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000
0.95	0.864	0.792	0.976	0.966	1.000	0.999	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

^a Convert QTL effect sizes from experiments with replicates to mean scale with Eq 4.

^b Based on no background strain effect.

646 (7v1).

647 Conversely, when the QTL effect size is defined in terms
648 of variance explained in the mapping population (Definition
649 DAMB, which is similar to an R^2 measure), power remains
650 constant across different allelic series and degrees of balance.
651 Although note that this definition carries with it the (possibly
652 unrealistic) implication that allele effects vary depending what
653 population they are in.

654 When averaged over many allelic series, QTL mapping power
655 based on Definition B is reduced relative to Definition DAMB,
656 with the greatest reduction occurring for bi-allelic QTL (**Figure 8**
657 **B**). Though this modest reduction in power may seem to suggest
658 that simulating with respect to a balanced population (Definition
659 B) versus the mapping population (Definition DAMB) is unim-
660 portant in terms of designing a robust mapping experiment in
661 the CC, we reiterate the value of using Definition B. Specifically,
662 simulating with respect to Definition DAMB is overly optimistic
663 regarding mapping power for QTL with imbalanced allelic se-
664 ries.

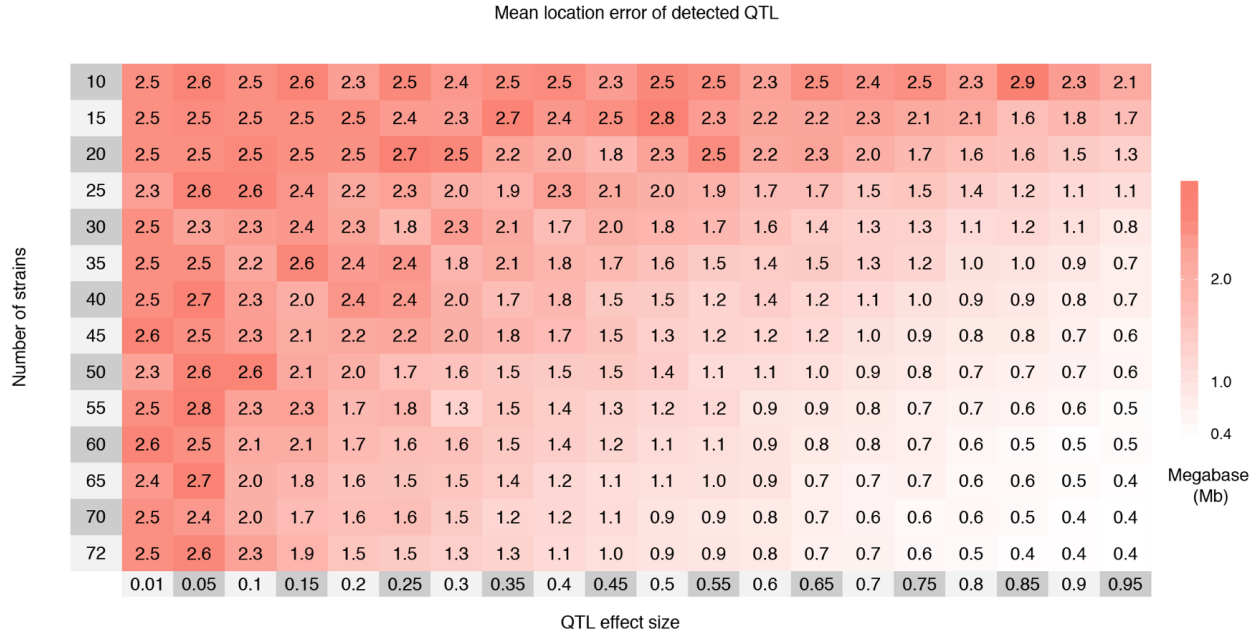
665 We performed additional simulations to evaluate bi-allelic
666 QTL in more detail, these being more prone to drastic imbalance
667 under Definition B. All 127 possible bi-allelic series are visu-

668 alized as a grid in **Figure 9A**, ordered from balance and high
669 power to imbalance and low power. The corresponding power
670 estimates are shown in **Figure 9B**. Power was maximized when
671 the bi-allelic series is balanced (4v4; 35/127 possible allelic series)
672 and minimized when imbalanced (7v1; 8/127 possible allelic
673 series). Uniform sampling of bi-allelic series, the approach in
674 the more general simulations described earlier, slightly reduced
675 power relative to balanced 4v4 allelic series due to averaging
676 over many cases of balance and some cases of extreme imbal-
677 ance. These latter, more focused simulations highlight the extent
678 that the reduction in QTL effect size, and thus mapping power,
679 when simulating based on Definition B, is highly dependent on
680 the allelic series. This could be of particular importance when
681 considering QTL that result from a causal variant inherited from
682 a wild-derived founder, such as CAST, which will present as
683 both imbalanced and bi-allelic.

684 Discussion

685 Now that the CC strains have been largely finalized, it is possible
686 to investigate more deeply how, in potential mapping experi-
687 ments, power is affected by factors such as the number of strains,
688 the number of replicates, and the allelic series at the QTL. We

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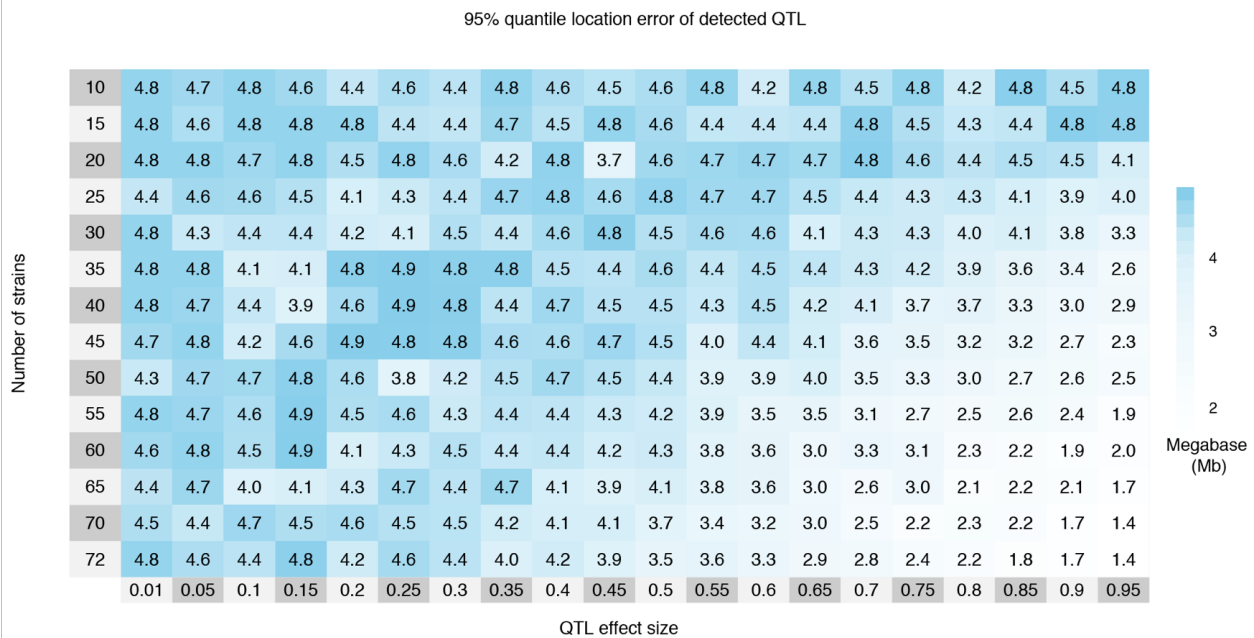


Figure 4 The mean (A) and 95% quantile (B) of location error, the distance in Mb between the detected and simulated QTL, by effect size and number of strains for 1,000 simulations of each setting. The simulations are based on Definition B with an eight allele QTL, and only a single observation per strain. Cells are colored red to white with decreasing mean and blue to white with decreasing 95% quantile. Regularization of the means and 95% quantile was accomplished through averaging the observed results with pseudo-counts; see **Figure S3** for the raw measurements. Increasing the number of strains reduces the location error, both in terms of the mean and 95% quantile, more so than QTL effect size, also shown in **Figure S6**. The maximum possible location error was 5Mb due to the 10Mb window centered around the true QTL position used for detecting QTL.

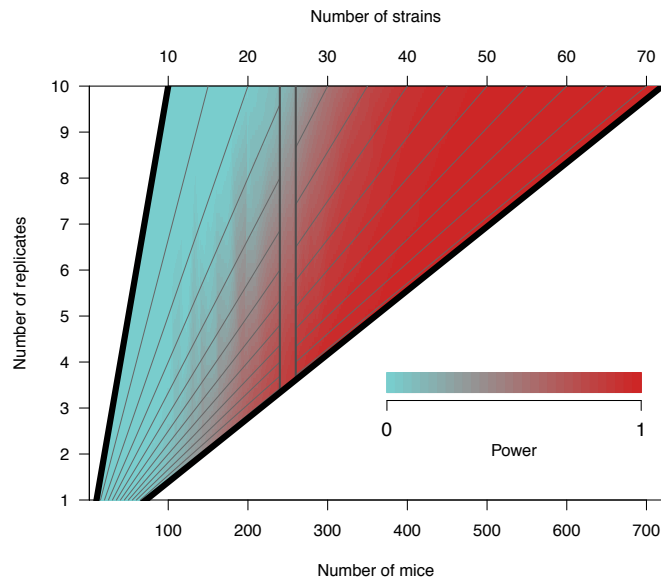


Figure 5 Heatmap of QTL mapping power by number of replicates and total number of mice in the experiment. Power is based on a QTL effect size of 20%, no background strain effect, and two functional alleles, though varying these parameters does not affect the dynamic between number of strains and replicates. The gray diagonal lines represent fixed values of the number of CC strains, ranging from 10 to 70 in intervals of five. Holding the total number of mice fixed, power is reduced as the percentage of the sample that are replicates is increased. This is illustrated with a cutout band centered on 250 mice, where power is lower at the top of the band when replicate mice are a relatively higher proportion of the total number of mice.

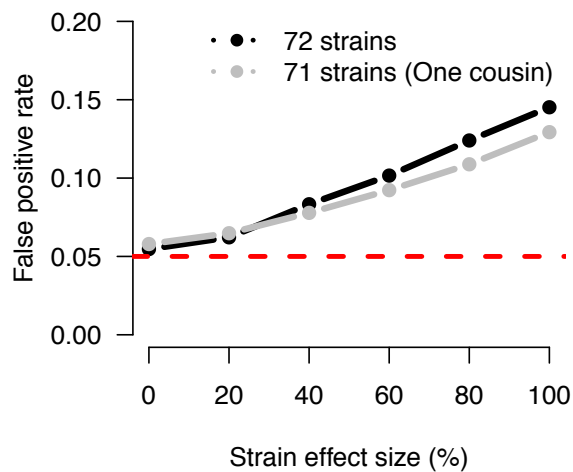


Figure 6 The FPR increases due to population structure among the realized genomes of the CC strains in the presence of a background strain effect and no QTL. Curves are based on 10,000 simulations for each setting of strain effect and strain sample, based on a single observation per strain. The inflation in FPR is greater for all 72 CC strains, which includes two closely related cousin strains (CC051 and CC059). Removing CC059 reduces the inflation in FPR (gray line). The dashed red line marks the specified type I error rate of 0.05, which is approximately met as expected when no strain effect is simulated, as in **Figure S2**. **Table S2** reports the specific FPR values.

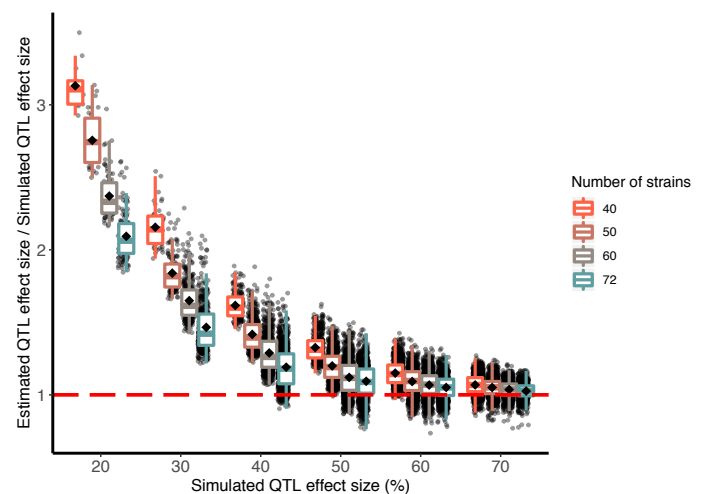


Figure 7 The Beavis effect (inflation of QTL effect size estimates) is more pronounced with smaller simulated QTL effect sizes and reduced numbers of strains. For different settings of numbers of strains (40, 50, 60, 72) and simulated QTL effect sizes (20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%), black dots plot the ratio of the estimated effect size at a detected QTL peak to the effect size that was simulated at the true QTL locus. Out of 1,000 simulations under each setting, only successful detections are shown. Black diamonds represents the mean ratio for a category; horizontal red dashed line marks a ratio of 1, when QTL effect size estimates are unbiased (*i.e.*, no Beavis effect).

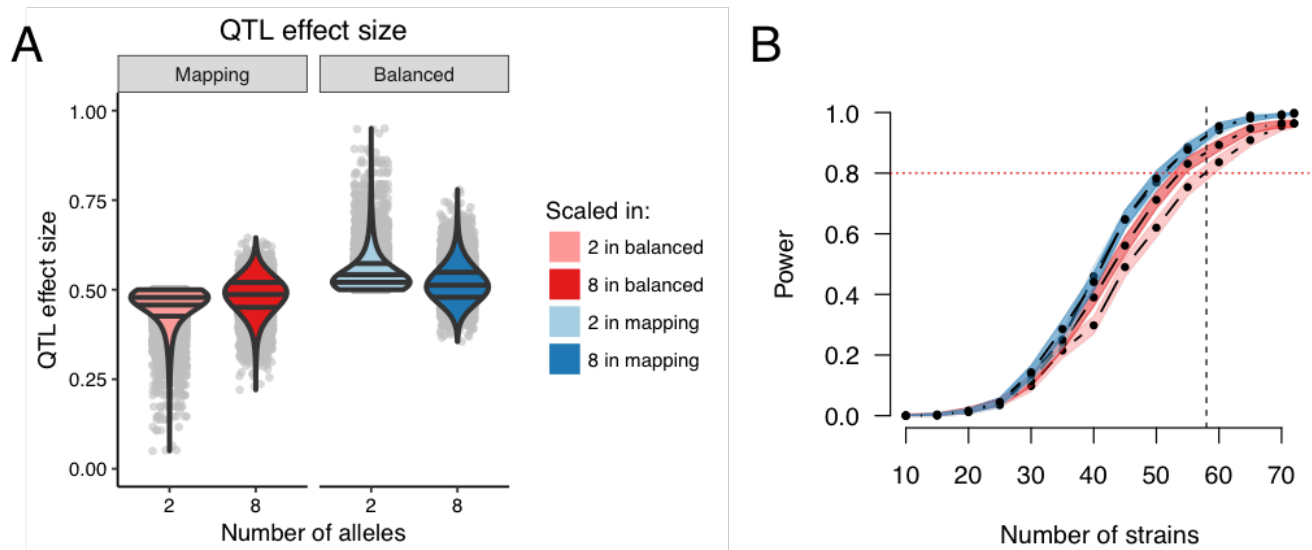


Figure 8 QTL effect sizes are in reference to a population, though effect size in the specific mapping population will determine the mapping power. Consider two populations as examples: the mapping population (definition DAMB) and a population balanced in the functional alleles (definition B). (A) QTL effect size distributions based on 10,000 simulations of the QTL for 72 strains. Using definition B, the effect sizes for the mapping population for two alleles is pink and eight alleles is red. Using definition DAMB, the effect sizes in the balanced population for two alleles is light blue and eight alleles is dark blue. Horizontal lines within the violin plots represent the 25th, 50th, and 75th quantiles from the estimated densities. Gray dots represent actual data points. (B) Power curves corresponding to the previously described settings of alleles and QTL effect size definitions. Power curves are estimated from 1,000 simulations per number of strains for a 50% QTL, no background strain effect, and a single observation per strain. The horizontal red dotted line marks 80% power. The vertical black dashed line marks 58 strains, which is currently the number of unrelated strains available from UNC.

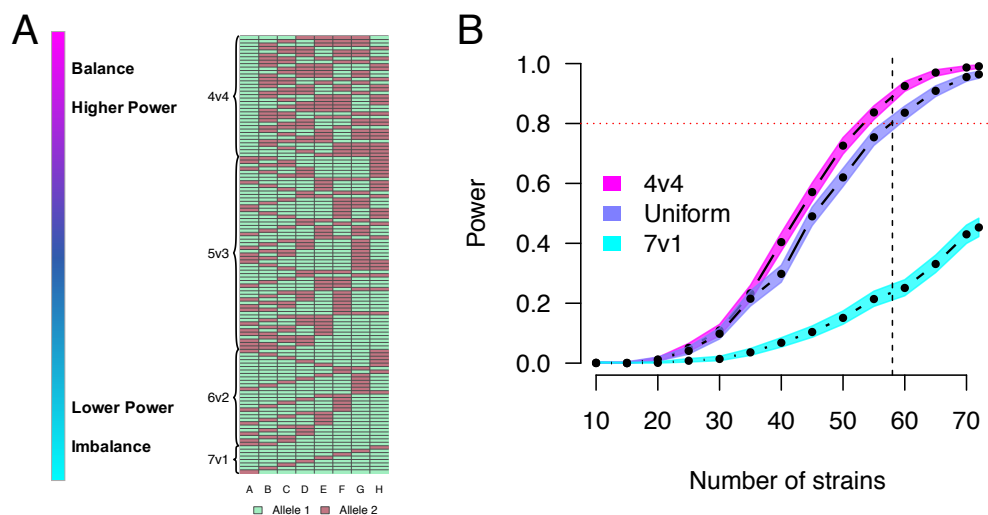


Figure 9 The balance of the allelic series for QTL with two functional alleles, and its effect on QTL mapping power. (A) The 127 possible allelic series for a bi-allelic QTL, categorized by the balance in the distribution of alleles among the CC founder strains, and ordered with balanced allelic series at the top and imbalanced at the bottom. (B) Power curves comparing three different sampling approaches for populations simulated to have a QTL effect size of 50% in a balanced theoretical population, with a single observation per CC strain. The horizontal red dotted line marks 80% power. The vertical black dashed line marks 58 strains, which is currently the number of unrelated strains available from UNC.

689 find that the CC can powerfully map large effect QTL ($\geq 50\%$) 750
690 with single observations of > 60 strains. Through the use of 751
691 replicates, the power to map QTL can be greatly improved, po- 752
692 tentially mapping QTL $\geq 20\%$ in 60 strains with 5 replicates per 753
693 strain with no background strain effect. To guide the design 754
694 of new CC experiments, we provide broad power curves and 755
695 tables in **Figure 3** and **Tables 1** and **S1**. 756

696 The power calculations described here take advantage of re- 757
697 alized CC genomes, allowing the power estimates to be highly 758
698 specific to the available strains but also necessarily restricting 759
699 the number that can be used. This differs from the simulations of 760
700 Valdar *et al.* (2006a), which primarily focused on comparing po- 761
701 tential breeding designs with numbers of strains that far exceed 762
702 (500-1,000) the realized population (50-70). As such, directly 763
703 comparing these studies is challenging. The closest comparison 764
704 case is for a 5% QTL with 45% background strain effect with 765
705 100 simulated strains with 10 replicates, for which Valdar *et al.* 766
706 (2006a) estimates 4% power. Matching those settings with the 767
707 exception of 72 strains instead of 100, and using the DAMB def- 768
708 inition of QTL effect size, we find 0.4% power. The relatively 769
709 lower power with the realized data likely reflects both reduction 770
710 in the number of strains by 28% (72 to 100) and the deviations 771
711 from an ideally-randomized population, such as the observed 772
712 reduction in contributions from the CAST and PWK founders 773
713 (Srivastava *et al.* 2017). This emphasizes the challenge in pro- 774
714 jecting the results from Valdar *et al.* (2006a) into the realized 775
715 population for the purpose of designing an experiment. 776

716 We did not attempt power simulations with epistatic QTL or 777
717 phenotypes with large background strain effect. From the results 778
718 of Valdar *et al.* (2006a), it was clear that mapping studies in the 779
719 realized CC, even with replicates, would not be well-powered 780
720 in those contexts. Nonetheless, despite the reduced number of 781
721 strains of realized population, we found that successful mapping 782
722 experiments can be designed in the realized CC, particularly by 783
723 harnessing the ability of genetic replicates to reduce random 784
724 noise, as well as within the context of molecular phenotypes 785
725 such as gene expression for which the genetic architecture is 786
726 relatively simple. 787

727 **Interpreting QTL effect sizes**

728 Our simulations suggest that QTL mapping experiments in the 788
729 CC are well-powered for large-effect QTL, in the neighborhood 789
730 of 20-40%, depending on the number of strains and replicates, 790
731 and the presence of a background strain effect. As such, it is 791
732 useful to provide some context for what traits might plausibly 792
733 yield QTL of this size. That said, we note that comparisons of 793
734 reported estimates of QTL effect size should be interpreted with 794
735 caution since they vary across different traits and model systems, 795
736 are calculated under different experimental protocols that may 796
737 imply different levels of noise, such as different numbers of 797
738 strains or replicates, and may be estimated by different analysis 798
739 conditions (statistical methods, data transformations, etc.). And 799
740 ultimately, these estimates are subject to overestimation due to 800
741 both the aforementioned Beavis effect and reporting bias. 801

742 Multiple studies in the pre-CC, which had more strains than 802
743 the realized CC population, have reported QTL effect sizes for 803
744 a variety of traits. Philip *et al.* (2011) report effect sizes for 804
745 QTL for 102 morphological and behavioral traits in 235 incipient 805
746 CC strains, ranging from 5.3% (tail-clip latency) to 26% (red cell 806
747 distribution width). Durrant *et al.* (2011) mapped seven QTL for 807
748 susceptibility to *Aspergillus fumigatus* infection in 371 mice from 808
749 66 strains, with effects ranging from 12.2-16.2%. Gralinski *et al.* 809
810

(2015) identified four SARS susceptibility QTL in 140 strains 810
with effect sizes between 21-26% (vascular cuffing, 21% and 26%;
viral titer, 22%; eosinophilia, 26%).

More closely mirroring the number of strains considered here,
Levy *et al.* (2015) detected six strong QTL for traits related to
trabecular bone microstructure using 160 mice from 31 strains,
which ranged from 61-86%. In an ongoing project involving
the mapping of expression QTL (eQTL) from RNA-seq data col-
lected from three tissues of single individuals from 47 strains,
478-739 eQTL were detected at genome-wide significance, rang-
ing in effect size from 60-90%. These results reiterate that QTL
mapping studies in the CC are best suited for detection of large
effect QTL, as are more common in molecular traits.

In considering the above, it is useful to understand how this
relates to effect sizes seen in humans, for which the CC is often
used as a model system (Flint and Mackay 2009). In particular,
human GWASs, which often use much larger sample sizes, rou-
tinely report QTL with estimated effect sizes far smaller than is
detectable in the CC. Nonetheless, there are reasons to expect ef-
fect sizes in the CC to be larger than in humans. Human GWASs
are observational, and as such include many additional sources
of noise, reducing QTL effect sizes relative to what would be
possible in more tightly-controlled experimental designs. Ex-
perimental populations will also have larger QTL effect sizes
because: 1) they typically have more balanced allele frequencies;
2) in the case of panels of RILs such as the CC, because they are
homozygous across the genome, which increases the contrast in
additive allele effects and thus boosts additive QTL effect size;
and 3), again for RILs, because they furnish biological replicates,
which, as illustrated in Eq 4, can increase effect size by reducing
individual error.

781 **Strains versus replicates**

782 When holding the total number of mice fixed, we found that 782
783 adding more strains improves power and reduces location error 783
784 to a greater degree than does adding more replicates. Moreover, 784
785 this inference was made in the absence of a background strain 785
786 effect—given that replicates reduce individual-level variance 786
787 but not strain-level variance, the presence of background effects 787
788 would reduce the relative value of replicates yet further. These 788
789 observations are consistent with the results of Valdar *et al.* (2006a) 789
790 and established theoretical arguments (Soller and Beckmann 790
791 1990; Knapp and Bridges 1990). 791

792 Nonetheless, for many CC mapping experiments we predict 792
793 that adding replicates will provide considerable value. First, for 793
794 all but the most highly polygenic traits, mapping on the means 794
795 of replicates, a strategy originally termed “replicated progeny” 795
796 (Cowen 1988) or “progeny testing” (Lander and Botstein 1989), 796
797 will always provide additional power. Indeed, with a limited 797
798 number of strains available, and the possibility that all available 798
799 strains are used, replication may sometimes be the only way 799
800 power can be further increased (Belknap 1998). 800

801 Second, replicates provide not only an insurance policy 801
802 against phenotyping errors, but also a way to average over 802
803 batches and similar nuisance parameters (Cowen 1988), thus 803
804 protecting against the negative consequences of gene by envi- 804
805 ronment interactions while also providing the opportunity for 805
806 such interactions to be detected [*e.g.*, Kafkafi *et al.* (2005, 2018)]. 806

807 Third, replicates enable deeper phenotypic characterization 807
808 and in particular measurement of strain-level phenotypes that 808
809 are necessarily a function of multiple individuals. For example, 809
810 treatment response phenotypes (*e.g.*, response to drug) are ide-

ally defined in terms of counterfactual-like observations of drug-treated and vehicle-treated strain replicates [e.g., Festing (2010); Crowley *et al.* (2014)] and recombinant inbred lines such as the CC are uniquely able to combine such definitions with QTL mapping [e.g., Mosedale *et al.* (2017) and also, in flies, Kislukhin *et al.* (2013); Najarro *et al.* (2015)]. Similarly, strain-specific phenotypic variance ideally requires replicates (Rönnegård and Valdar 2011; Ayroles *et al.* 2015). We did not consider such elaborations here, but we expect the trade-off between number of strains vs replicates will be more nuanced in such cases.

Population structure in the CC

Our simulations indicate that deviations from equal relatedness in the realized CC strains have introduced a degree of population structure that potentially increases the risk of false positives if not addressed, albeit to a far lesser extent than has been observed in traditional inbred strain association (Kang *et al.* 2008). In particular, null simulations that assumed correlated strain effects due to genetic relatedness increased FPR for our mapping approach when the strain effect was large relative to individual error, as would be the case for a highly heritable polygenic trait or when using many replicates. This elevated FPR supports the use of QTL mapping approaches that account for the effect of genetic similarity on phenotypes, such as a mixed effect model (Kang *et al.* 2008, 2010; Lippert *et al.* 2011; Zhou and Stephens 2012), especially in the context of marginally significant QTL, which may not remain significant given a higher threshold that controls FPR more appropriately. Software packages that can fit the LMM specifically with CC data include our miQTL package (available on GitHub at <https://github.com/gkeele/miqtl>) and R/qt2 (Broman *et al.* 2019).

For the analyses reported here, a mixed effect model approach was not feasible owing to its increased computational burden (and in particular, its incompatibility with the computational shortcut in **Appendix A**). Instead, we simulated independent strain effects and employed a fixed effect mapping procedure due to its computational efficiency, especially when computing permutation-based significance thresholds. Nonetheless, the conclusions drawn in this study should be largely consistent with the use of a mixed effect model that correctly controls for correlated strain effects due to genetic relatedness.

Allelic series, and use of an eight allele mapping model

We found that the allelic series can strongly affect power through its influence on observed allele frequencies. Specifically, imbalanced bi-allelic QTL have significantly reduced mapping power whereas highly multi-allelic QTL do not because the potential for imbalance is reduced.

Regardless of the true allelic series at a QTL, which is unknown in practice, our statistical procedure assumed an eight allele model. For QTL with fewer functional alleles than founder strains, this assumption could reduce power due to the estimation of redundant allele effect parameters. Indeed, QTL consistent with a bi-allelic series have been more powerfully detected in some MPP studies using SNP association (Baud *et al.* 2013; Keele *et al.* 2018).

Nonetheless, multi-allelic QTL (with more than two alleles) do occur. This has been seen, for example, in cis-regulation of gene expression that largely corresponds to the three subspecies lineages of *Mus musculus*, present in the CC (Crowley *et al.* 2015). Moreover, multi-allelic QTL will not be as powerfully detected through SNP association, as seen, for example, in Aylor *et al.*

(2011). SNP (or more generally, variant) association also poses additional challenges, such as how to handle regions of the genome (and variants) that are difficult to genotype, as well as the requirement of extensive quality control filtering to remove markers with low minor allele frequencies. These challenges are implicitly reduced in haplotype analysis.

An ideal statistical procedure would formally model the unknown allelic series and their corresponding uncertainty. Though challenging, the development of alternative mapping strategies that specifically account for the allelic series is clearly an imperative methodological advance that would greatly benefit QTL analyses in MPPs with diverse founder alleles. That said, allelic series-aware approaches would likely be computationally expensive and poorly suited to simulation-based power analyses. Meanwhile, in the absence of more sophisticated approaches, the eight allele model, though potentially redundant, has several advantages over SNP association that suggest it will remain a useful (and maybe the default) tool for CC mapping, namely: it encompasses all possible simpler allelic series, implicitly models local epistasis, and, in reflecting the LD decay around detected QTL, more clearly delineates the limits of mapping resolution.

Inclusion of extinct CC strains in simulations

Our simulations included genomes from CC strains that are now extinct, and also did not include all the CC strains that are currently available. This discrepancy reflects the inherent challenge of maintaining a stable genetic population resource. RI panels, such as the CC, are an approximation to an ideal: they attempt to provide reproducible genomes that can be observed multiple times as well as across multiple studies; yet, as a biological population, the genomes are mutable, and through time will accumulate mutations and drift, and even potentially go extinct.

Although the inclusion of genomes of extinct strains, or those that have drifted since the strains were genotyped, result in power calculations that do not perfectly correspond to the current CC population, they are preferable to simulated genomes, since they represent genomes that were viable at some point. We view the use of extinct genomes as realistic observations of possible genomes that reflect both the potential that more strains will become extinct or be gained from other breeding sites with time, and thus can be reasonably extended to the realized population, now and into the future.

Future use and directions

Any analysis of power is subject to the assumptions underlying that analysis. One of the advantages of simulation is the ability to evaluate the impact of many of these assumptions, as well as the consideration of new scenarios by re-running the simulation under different settings, or by elaborating the simulation itself. We have attempted to make re-running the simulations under different settings straightforward for other researchers by developing a software package for this purpose. This package could be used to investigate highly-specialized questions, such as the power for specific combinations of CC strains or assessing how the power to detect QTL varies depending on genomic position. In future work, the simulation code itself could be expanded to investigate additional topics of interest, such as how variance heterogeneity or model mis-specification influence power.

Conclusion

We used a focused simulation approach that incorporates realized CC genomes to provide more accurate estimates of QTL

930 mapping power than were previously possible. As such, the
931 results of our simulations provide tailored power calculations to
932 aide the design of future QTL mapping experiments using the
933 CC. Additionally, we evaluate how the balance of alleles at the
934 QTL can strongly influence power to map QTL in the CC. We
935 make available the R package SPARCC that we developed for
936 running these simulations and analyses. It leverages an efficient
937 model fitting approach in order to explore power in a level of
938 detail that has previously been impractical, it is replicable, and
939 it can be extended to user-specified questions of interest.

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Appendix A: QR decomposition for fast regression

To maximize power to detect QTL while controlling the FPR, permutations to determine significance thresholds are needed, which is computationally expensive and thus the underlying regression functionality must be highly optimized. We accomplish this through the QR matrix decomposition, which we will describe briefly (Venables and Ripley 2002).

Let $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{PA}$ be the $n \times m$ design matrix included in Eq 3, with $m = 8$. The solution for β from the least squares normal equations is $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$. Through the QR decomposition, $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{QR}$, for which \mathbf{Q} is an $n \times p$ orthonormal matrix ($\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$) and \mathbf{R} is a $m \times m$ upper triangular matrix. With matrix algebra, it is fairly straightforward to show that $\hat{\beta} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{y}$, which is also more numerically stable than calculating $\hat{\beta}$ through $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$. After solving for $\hat{\beta}$, the residual sums of squares, and ultimately $\log P$, can be rapidly calculated. Because our simulation approach involves regressing many permuted outcomes $\mathbf{U}_p \mathbf{y}^{(s)}$, where \mathbf{U}_p is a permutation matrix that re-orders $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$ randomly, on the same design matrices, computational efficiency can be vastly increased by pre-computing and saving the QR decompositions for all \mathbf{X} .

Once the QR decomposition has been stored for a design matrix \mathbf{X}_j , j indexing locus, it is highly computationally efficient to conduct additional tests for any \mathbf{y} , thus encompassing all permuted outcomes $\mathbf{U}_p \mathbf{y}$. If \mathbf{X}_j is the same across S simulations, the boost in computation can extend beyond permutations to samples of $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$, as is the case when the set of CC strains is fixed. In effect, two cases result for our R package SPARCC: when the set of CC strains is fixed, and when the set varies.

- Fixed set of CC strains

1. Store QR decompositions of \mathbf{X}_j for $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$
2. Run genome scans for $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$ and $\mathbf{U}_p \mathbf{y}^{(s)}$ for $s = 1, 2, \dots, S$ $p = 1, 2, \dots, P$

- Varied set of CC strains

1. Store QR decompositions of \mathbf{X}_{js} for $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$
2. Run genome scans for $\mathbf{y}^{(s)}$ and $\mathbf{U}_p \mathbf{y}^{(s)}$ for $p = 1, 2, \dots, P$
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for $s = 1, 2, \dots, S$

Varying the sets of CC strains increases computation time linearly with respect to S . If the investigators do not have a predefined set of strains, it is appropriate that this source of variability be incorporated into the power calculation.

Appendix B: Computing environment and performance

We performed 1,000 simulations (in batches of 100) for each combination of the parameters, resulting in 8,400 individual jobs. These jobs were submitted in parallel to a distributed computing cluster (<http://its.unc.edu/rc-services/killdevil-cluster/>). Runtime varied depending on parameter settings and the hardware used, with the longest jobs taking approximately seven hours to complete.

Appendix C: CC strains

This study used haplotype mosaic data available from <http://csbio.unc.edu/CCstatus/index.py?run=FounderProbs> for the following 72 CC strains: CC001, CC002, CC003, CC004, CC005, CC006,

CC007, CC008, CC009, CC010, CC011, CC012, CC013, CC014, CC015, CC016, CC017, CC018, CC019, CC020, CC021, CC022, CC023, CC024, CC025, CC026, CC027, CC028, CC029, CC030, CC031, CC032, CC033, CC034, CC035, CC036, CC037, CC038, CC039, CC040, CC041, CC042, CC043, CC044, CC045, CC046, CC047, CC048, CC049, CC050, CC051, CC052, CC053, CC054, CC055, CC056, CC057, CC058, CC059, CC060, CC061, CC062, CC063, CC065, CC068, CC070, CC071, CC072, CC073, CC074, CC075, CC076. This includes two strains CC051 and CC059 that are derived from the same breeding funnel and thus more closely related than typical pairs of CC strains.

Of the the 72 CC strains used here, 54 are among a larger set of 59 that are currently maintained and distributed by UNC (personal correspondence with Darla Miller, UNC). These 54/59 strains are CC001, CC002, CC003, CC004, CC005, CC006, CC007, CC008, CC009, CC010, CC011, CC012, CC013, CC015, CC016, CC017, CC019, CC021, CC023, CC024, CC025, CC026, CC027, CC029, CC030, CC031, CC032, CC033, CC035, CC036, CC037, CC038, CC039, CC040, CC041, CC042, CC043, CC044, CC045, CC046, CC049, CC051, CC053, CC055, CC057, CC058, CC059, CC060, CC061, CC062, CC065, CC068, CC071, CC072. The remaining 5/59 strains (CC078, CC079, CC080, CC081, CC083) lacked haplotype mosaic data at the time of simulation and so were not included (although note that their mosaics have since been added to the website).

1356 **Appendix D: Additive model and allelic series matrices**

1357 **Additive matrix**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} A & B & C & D & E & F & G & H \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} AA \\ BB \\ CC \\ DD \\ EE \\ FF \\ GG \\ HH \\ AB \\ AC \\ AD \\ AE \\ AF \\ AG \\ AH \\ BC \\ BD \\ BE \\ BF \\ BG \\ BH \\ CD \\ CE \\ CF \\ CG \\ CH \\ DE \\ DF \\ DG \\ DH \\ EF \\ EG \\ EH \\ FG \\ FH \\ GH \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

1358 We can use matrices to specify simplifying linear combina-
 1359 tions of the 36 diplotypes. The additive model matrix **A** is
 1360 commonly used, and we use it here. Post-multiplication of the
 1361 diplotype design matrix **D** with the **A** rotates the diplotypes at

1362 the locus to dosages of the founder haplotypes. If there is no
 1363 uncertainty on the diplotype identities, **DA** will be the matrix of
 1364 founder haplotype counts at the locus.

1365 **Allelic series matrices**

1366 We explore the influence of the allelic series on QTL mapping
 1367 power through the simulation procedure. The QTL mapping pro-
 1368 cedure estimates separate parameters for each founder, though
 1369 in reality, there are likely fewer functional alleles. We denote
 1370 the q^{th} functional allele as k_q . The allelic series can be sampled
 1371 and encoded in the M.ID argument within the `sim.CC.data()`
 1372 function of SPARCC. Below are examples of balanced (4v4) and
 1373 unbalanced (7v1) bi-allelic series, as well as tri-allelic series.

1374 **Allelic series with eight alleles (maximum)**

1375 M.ID = "0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7"

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} k_0 & k_1 & k_2 & k_3 & k_4 & k_5 & k_6 & k_7 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \\ F \\ G \\ H \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

1376 **Example balanced (4v4) bi-allelic series**

1377 M.ID = "0,1,0,0,1,0,1,1"

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} k_0 & k_1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \\ F \\ G \\ H \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

1378 M.ID = "0,1,1,1,0,0,1,0"

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} k_0 & k_1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \\ F \\ G \\ H \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

1379 **Example unbalanced (7v1) bi-allelic series**

1380 M.ID = "0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0"

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{matrix} & & k_0 & k_1 \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \\ F \\ G \\ H \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

1381 M.ID = "0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0"

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{matrix} & & k_0 & k_1 \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \\ F \\ G \\ H \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

1382 **Example tri-allelic series**

1383 M.ID = "0,0,1,2,2,0,2,0"

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{matrix} & & k_0 & k_1 & k_2 \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \\ F \\ G \\ H \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

1384 M.ID = "0,1,0,0,0,0,2,2"

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{matrix} & & k_0 & k_1 & k_2 \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \\ F \\ G \\ H \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$