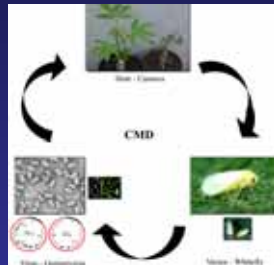


## Mapping genetic loci associated with cassava mosaic disease (CMD)



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## Introduction

**Cassava** (*Manihot esculenta* Crantz) - Euphorbiaceae

- **Centre of origin - South America**
- **Food for 700 million people**
- **World production - 202 MT, Africa - 54% (FAO,2005)**

## India

- Introduced to India by Portuguese – 17<sup>th</sup> century
- India: cultivated in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra
  - Productivity – 28 t/ha : ranks 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Production – 7 MT : ranks 7<sup>th</sup>
  - 5<sup>th</sup> important starchy food crop

## Problem in cassava cultivation : industrial area

- Cultivated for starch and sago purpose
- According to WTO agreement, industries should produce more quantity of starch and sago, otherwise other countries will export to India very cheap rate
- All cultivated varieties are susceptible to CMD
- Production is low, so industries in India have to improve there production
- Industries are much interested in CMD resistant, high starch, high yielding varieties in there area

## Cassava mosaic disease (CMD)

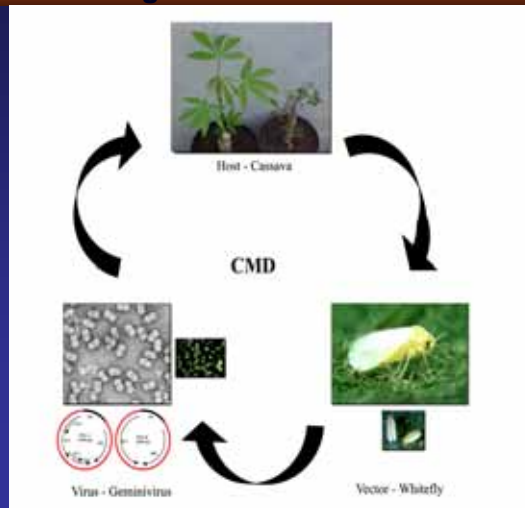
### Important viral disease of cassava - ICMV

- First reported 1894 and India – 1956
- CMD caused by geminivirus and transmitted by whitefly (Vector transmitted disease)
- Yield loss ranging 20-90 per cent



## Cassava mosaic disease (CMD)

### Cassava and causal agents for CMD



## Methods used for developing CMD resistance

- Resistance breeding - intervarietal  
- interspecific

### Mapping genes using molecular markers

- For making selection at molecular level
- Method is quicker & more reliable

## CMD resistant genes in cassava

### Wild relative of Cassava

- *Manihot glaziovii* – Ceara rubber
- Akano et al. (2002) – major dominant gene *CMD2* (CIAT)
- Lokko et al. (2004,2005) – polygenic, recessive nature (IITA)
- >500 SSR markers in cassava genome

## Objective of study

- Mapping the genetic loci associated with CMD resistance using SSR markers in segregating population of CO2 x MNga-1

## Breeding material

Parents

Resistant - IITA

Susceptible - TNAU



Leaf canopy of MNga-1



Tubers of MNga-1

X



Leaf canopy of CO2



Tubers of CO2

141 F<sub>1</sub>  
Progenies

## Breeding material

### Parents

Resistant : MNga-1 (TMS30001)



Susceptible : CO2

### Pedigree of MNga-1

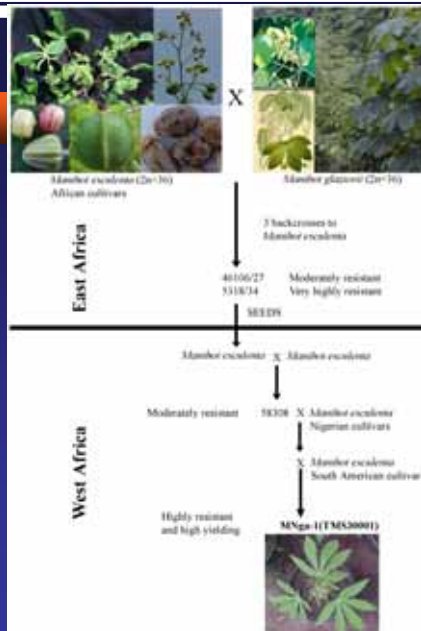


Plate 3. Pedigree of the resistant parent MNga-1

## Screening for whitefly resistance

### Parents

CO2



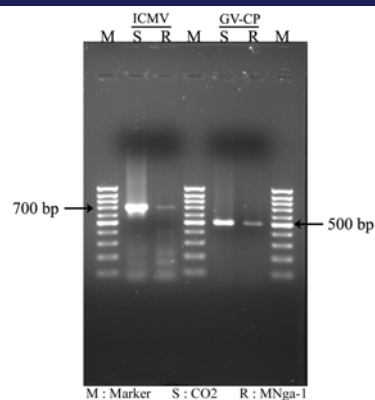
MNga-1



Whiteflies feeding both susceptible and resistant parents

## Virus diagnosis in parents

### Geminivirus specific primers



M : Marker S : CO2 R : MNga-1  
(ICMV- Indian Cassava Mosaic Virus; GV-CP- Gemini virus Coat protein specific primer)

Survey of resistant and susceptible parents for the presence of virus using ICMV and geminivirus coat protein specific primers

## Nature of virus resistance in the parents

- Both the parents are susceptible to the vector
- Presence of virus detected in resistant and susceptible parents
- In MNga-1 virus spread & symptom expression blocked
- There by effect of virus in growth and physiological activity of the plant is nullified in MNga-1

## Phenotypic scoring using symptom expression

Hahn *et al.* (1980)



- 6<sup>th</sup> month phenotypic scoring
- 7<sup>th</sup> month pruning
- 8<sup>th</sup> month phenotypic scoring



## Phenotypic scoring using symptom expression

Hahn *et al.* (1980)

Score 3



Score 4



Score 5

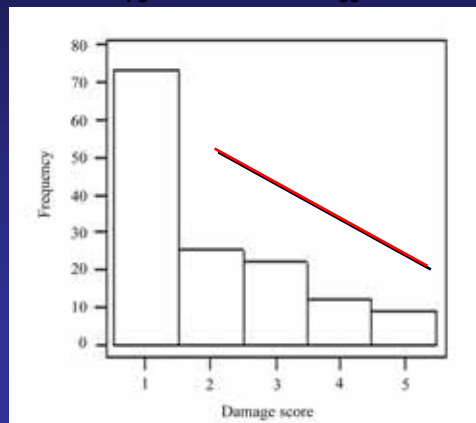


## Phenotypic scoring

Severity of symptom expression

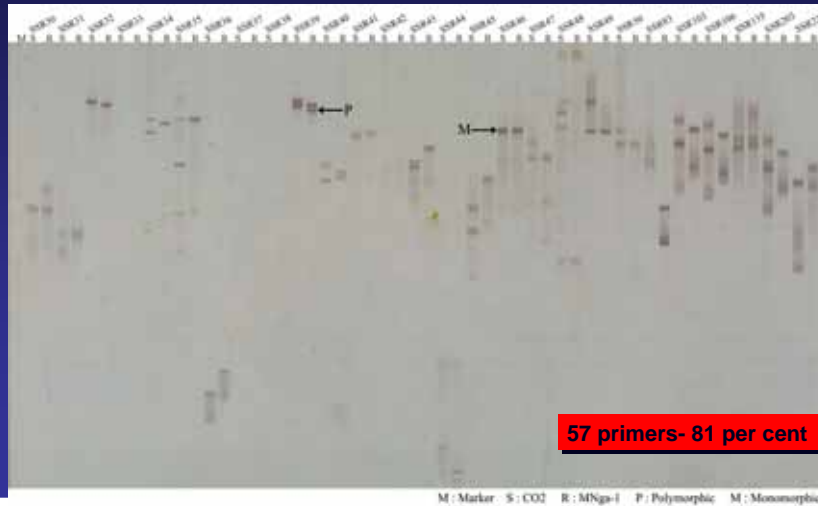
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## Parental screening

70 SSR primers – PCR amplification (Mba *et al.*, 2001)



## Genotyping with SSR primers

S- Susceptible parent R – Resistant parent

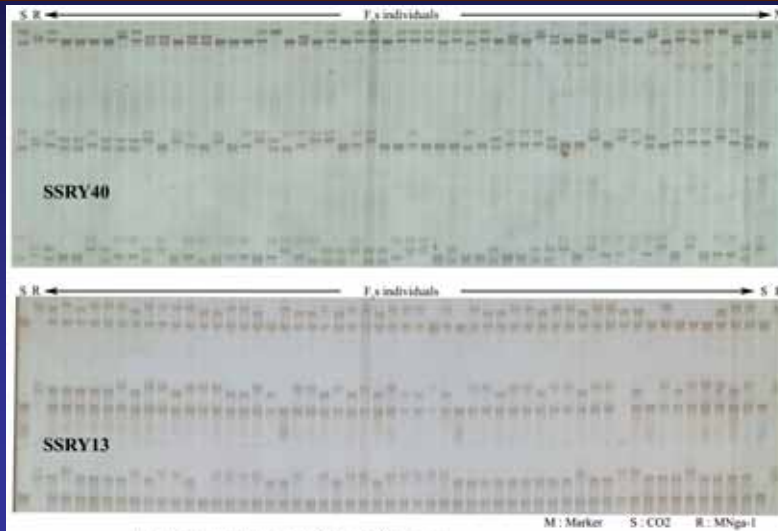
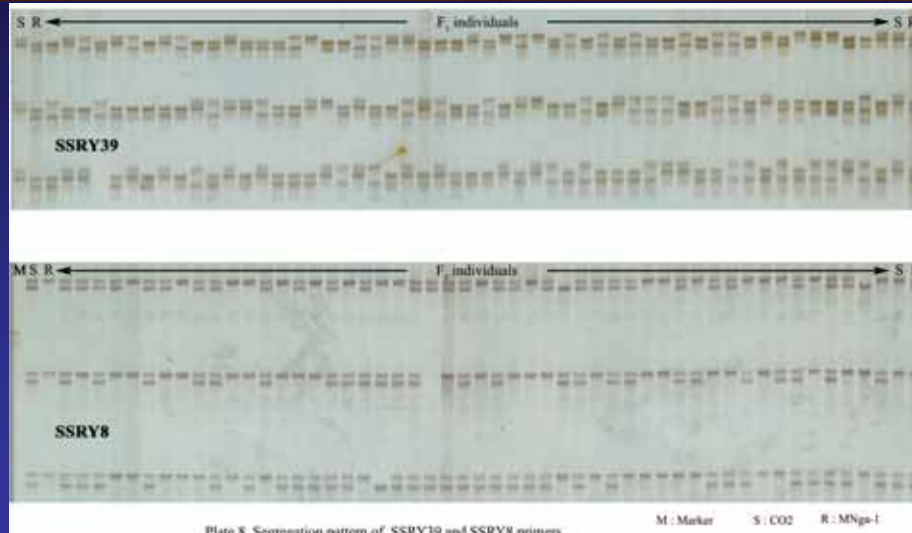


Plate 9: Segregation pattern of SSRY40 and SSRY13 primers.

## Genotyping with SSR primers

S- Susceptible parent, R - Resistant parent



## Genotypic scoring

- Genotyping done as described by Wu *et al.* (1992)
- Single-dose Restriction Fragment – (SDFR)

DNA markers present in one parent and absent in another parent and segregate in a 1:1 ratio in progeny

## Genotypic scoring - SDFR

SSRY28

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S - Susceptible parent R - Resistant Parent

## QTL mapping

QTL – Quantitative Trait Loci

- To identify SSR markers (**genotypic data**) associated with CMD resistance (**phenotypic data**)
- Single marker analysis – one way ANOVA
- A significant F-test indicates association of marker locus with phenotype

## Associated linkage map-G

- **SSRY28<sup>a</sup>**
- **SSRY235<sup>d</sup>**
- **SSRY44<sup>b</sup>**
- **NS136<sup>d</sup>**

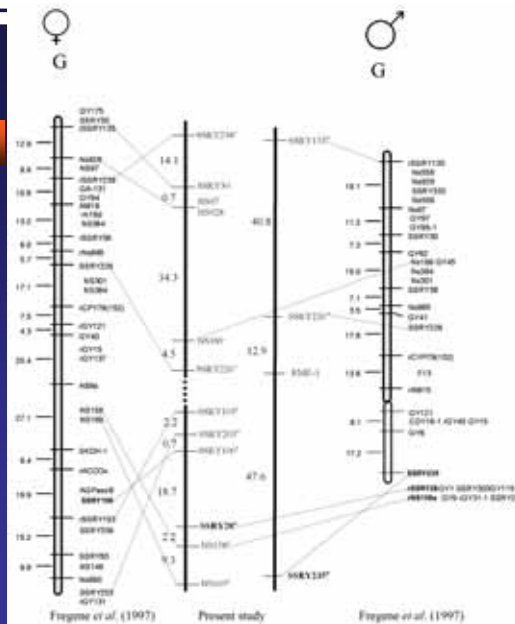


Figure 3. Combined linkage map of linkage group #5, #11 and #12 along with linkage group G of Fregene et al. (1997).

## CMD associated linkage map

- **SSRY28<sup>a</sup>**
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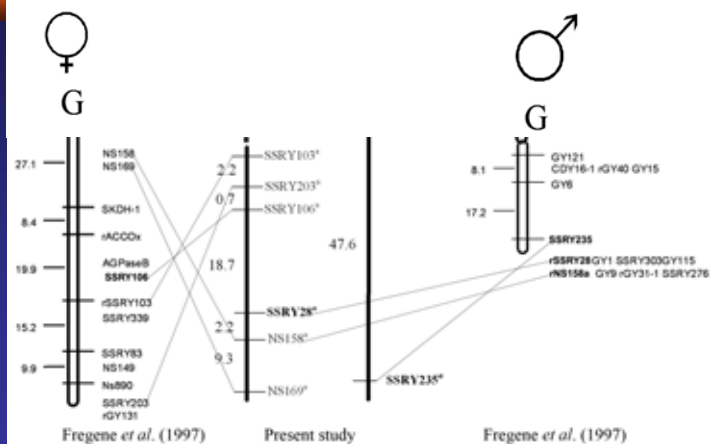


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## Associated linkage map-P

- **SSRY44<sup>b</sup>**
- **NS136<sup>d</sup>**

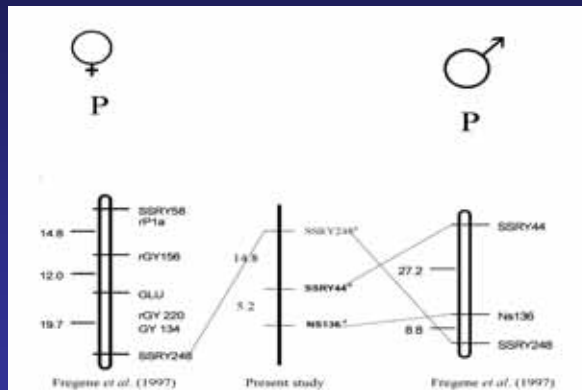
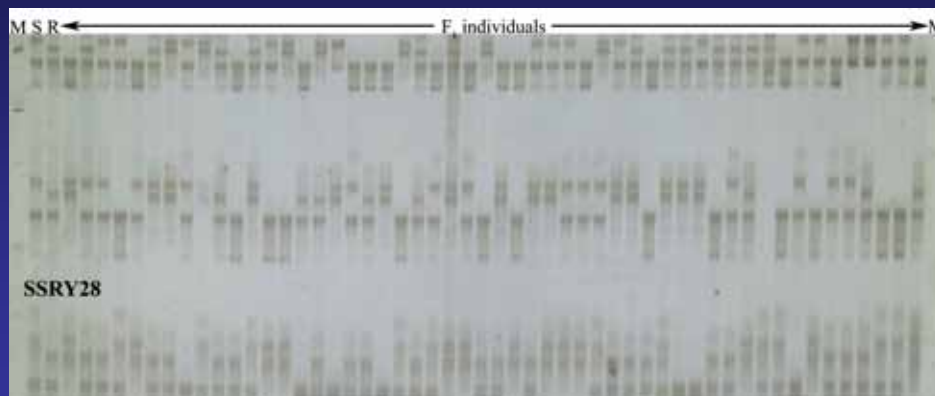


Figure 4. Linkage map of linkage group P14 along with linkage group P of Freyre et al. (1997).

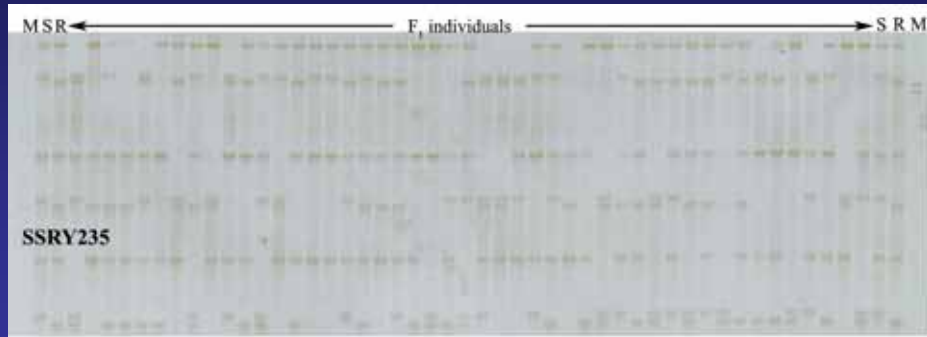
## Marker associated with CMD

**SSR primers - SSRY28**



## Marker associated with CMD

SSR primers - SSRY235



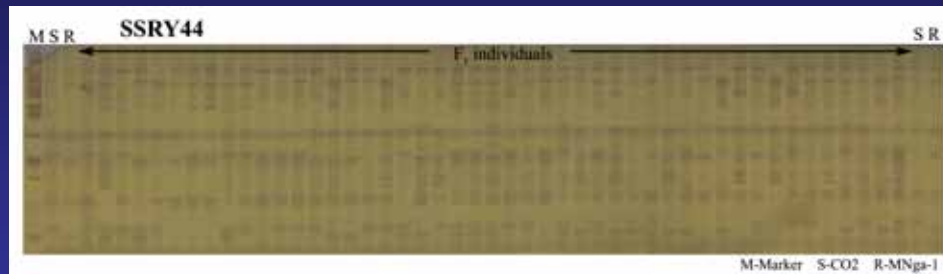
## Marker associated with CMD

SSR primers – NS136



## Marker associated with CMD

SSR primers – SSRY44



## Conclusion

- Virus present in both parents but expressed in susceptible parent alone
- Markers **SSRY28<sup>a</sup>**, **SSRY44<sup>b</sup>**, **NS 136<sup>d</sup>** and **SSRY235<sup>d</sup>** associated with CMD resistance
- Markers are present in different linkage group – **polygenic nature of inheritance**
- Based on these markers resistant lines were isolated which are being field evaluated in CTCRI



