

# How can twins have completely different genetics?

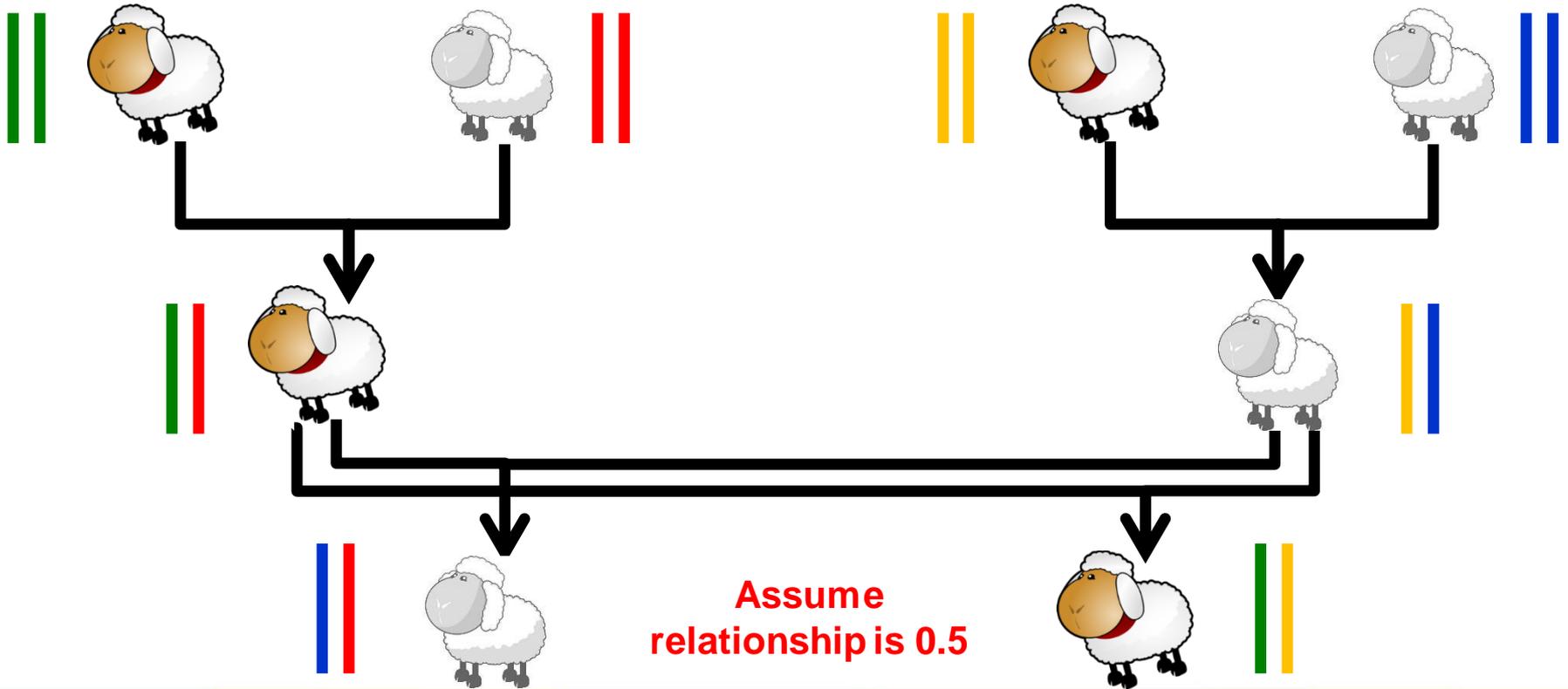
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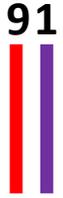
# How good is pedigree?



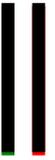
# In reality



+6 95% acc



40% acc +10



52% acc ~~+8~~

>52% acc +15



~~+8~~

+9



~~+8~~

+1

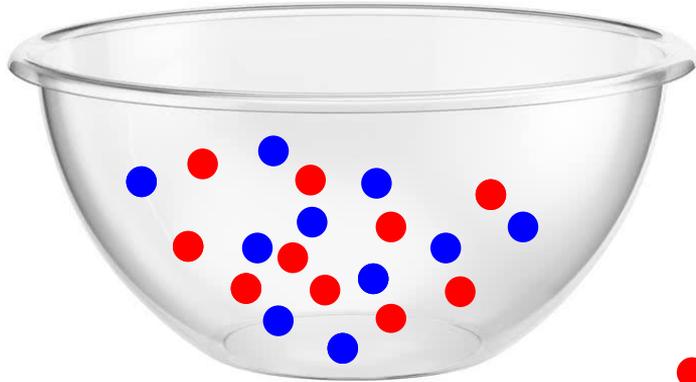


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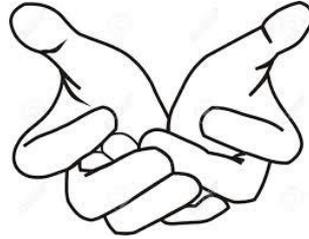
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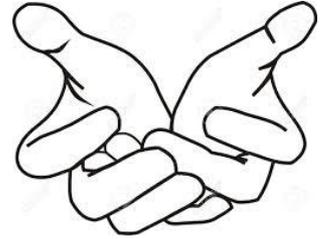
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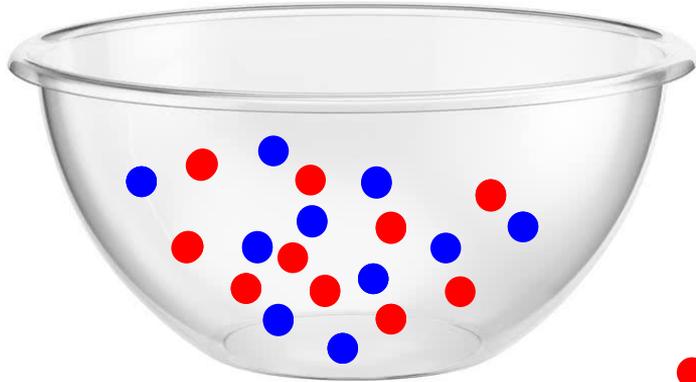


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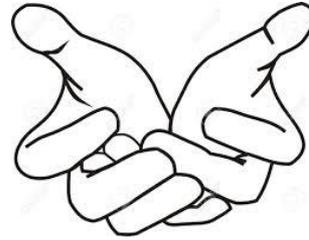
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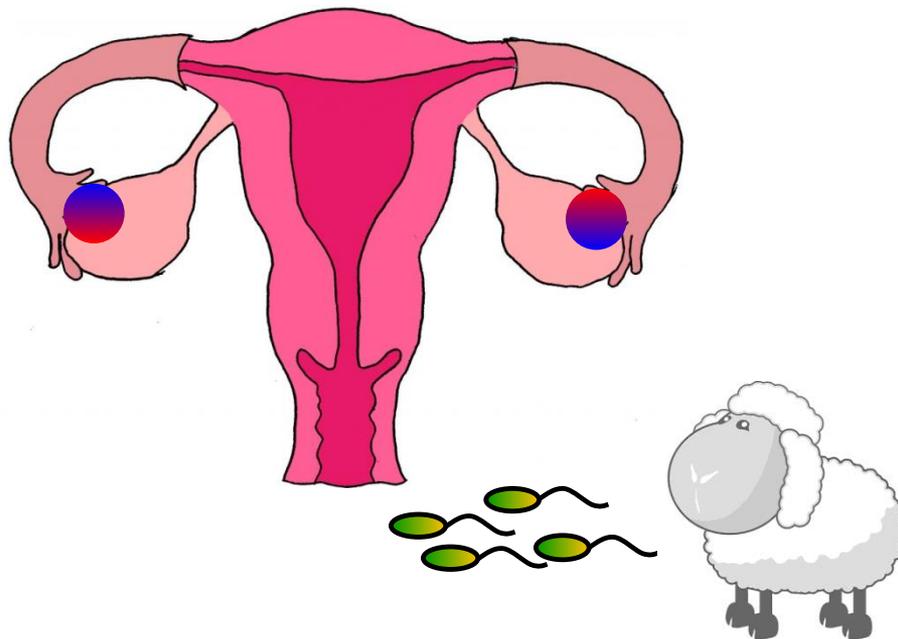


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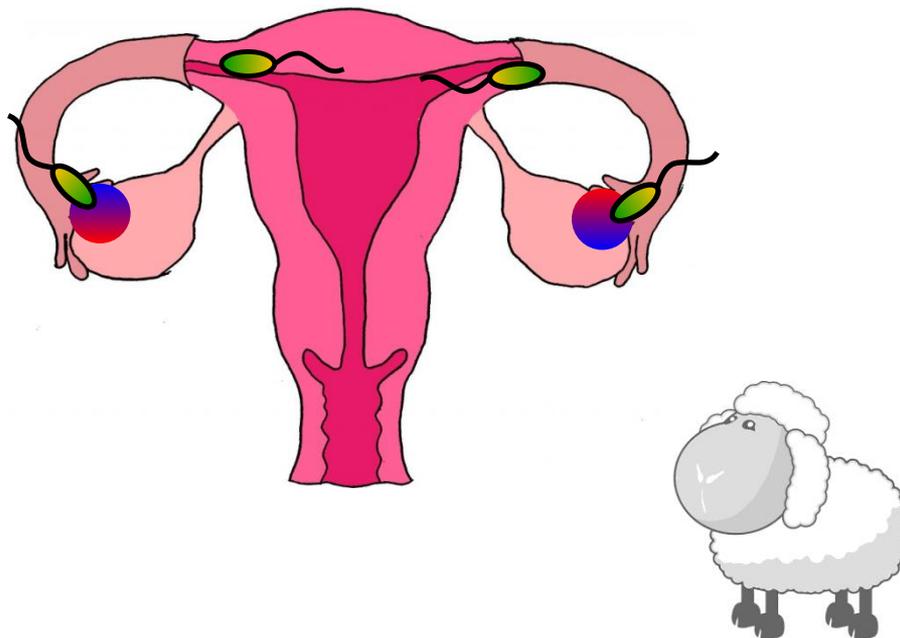
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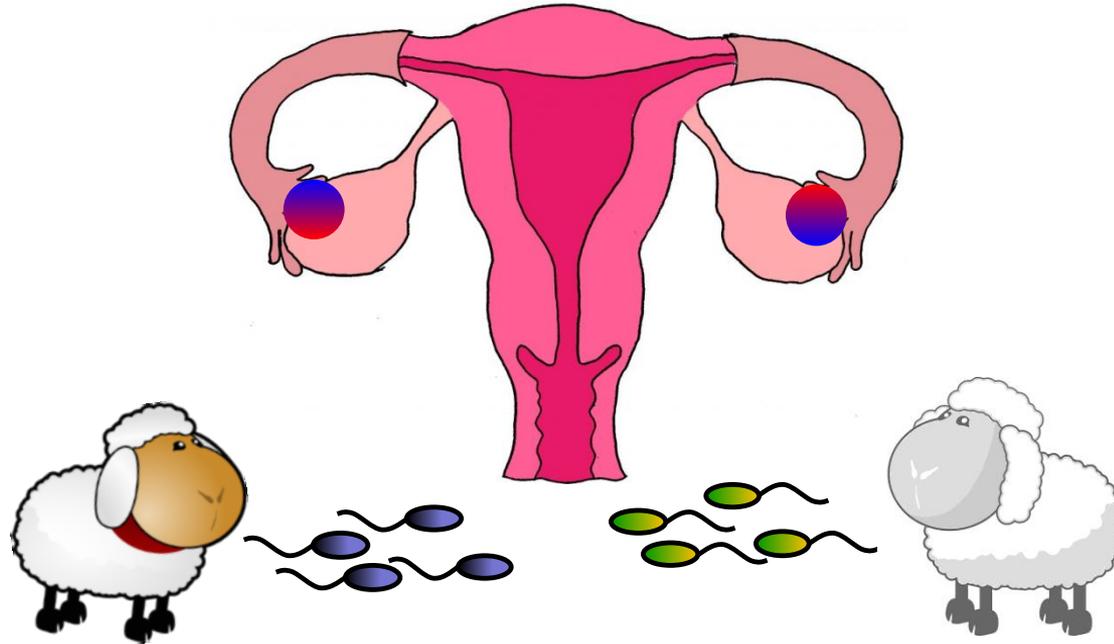
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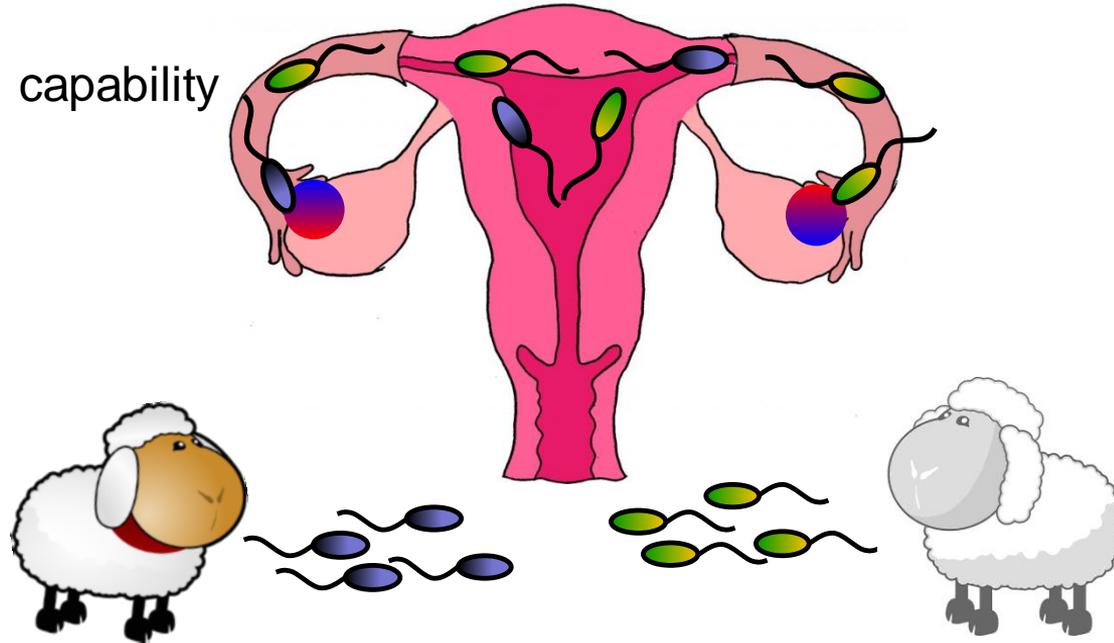
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~50% probability

- Fertilisation capability



# Heteroparental superfecundation



## One set of twins - two fathers: how common is superfecundation?

Heteropaternal superfecundation will be tackled in a new romcom - but it happens in real life, too. Two experts explain how



The Hetero-paternal Superfecundation : Twins From Different Fathers ?



Twins from different fathers?  
The heteropaternal Superfecundation.

[\(image source\)](#)

Hello, Fellow steemians! I Hope everyone is doing well. Its nearly been a month since my last post, today I will be discussing an interesting science topic which I'm pretty sure you had not heard of before!

The Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine 2003;14:217-219

## Editorial

### Superfecundation and superfetation: lessons from the past on early human development

Isaac Blickstein

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Kaplan Medical Center, Rehovot, Israel

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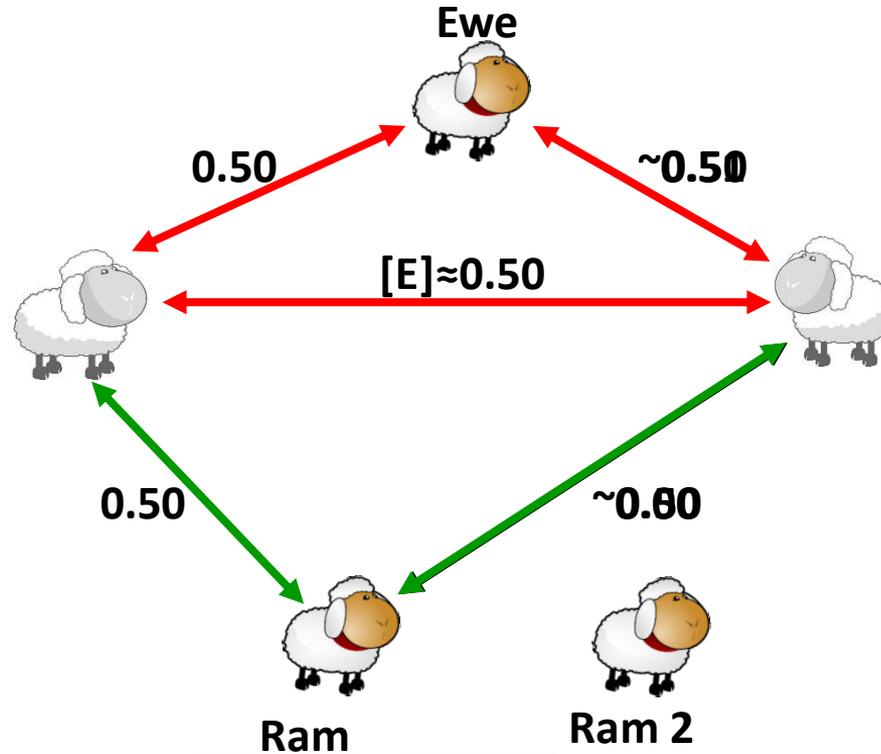
### Rate of bovine heteropaternal superfecundation in the Irish National Herd: twins with different sires

Matthew C. McClure, Jennifer C. McClure and John McCarthy

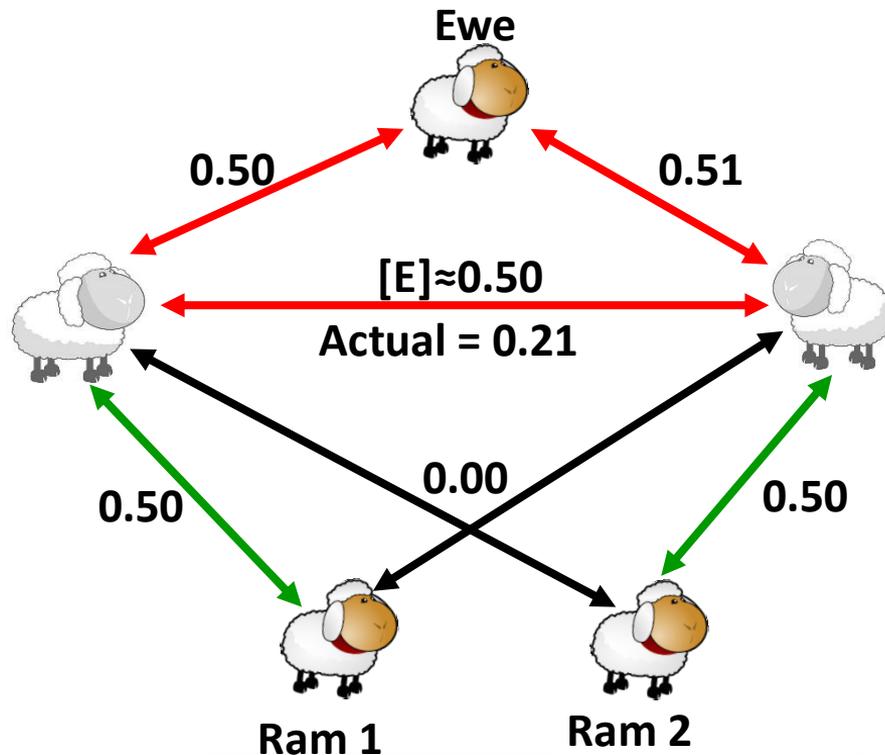
Irish Cattle Breeding Federation, Bandon, Co. Cork, Ireland

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**33% incidence  
on one farm**

# Implications

- **Is the parentage truly correct?**
  - **Certs**
  - **Genetic evaluations - star ratings**
  - **Mating advice/inbreeding**
- **Only for mob-matings, ram changeover, ET, & multiple AI**
  - **Not a big issue**
- **Genomics can solve**

# Take home message

- Genomic evaluations are based on better relationships
- DNA provides information to generate more accurate relationships
- Heteroparental superfecundation does occur in all species
  - Likelihood is greater in pluriparous species (sheep)
  - Likelihood greater in multi-sire matings
  - Has practical implications
  - Solutions (DNA) exist
    - With additional benefits

