

MIXED MODEL BASED CONDITIONAL ANALYSIS FOR COMPLEX TRAITS**Jixiang Wu, Johnie N. Jenkins and Jack C. McCarty****Mississippi State University****Mississippi State, MS****Abstract**

Many cotton complex traits like yield and plant height are determined by their several component traits. Usually these traits are measured under a specific experimental design (i. e. RCB design) and a specific genetic model (additive and dominance model). We used the conditional model in conjunction with mixed linear model approaches which are helpful to plant breeders in dissecting the relationships between a complex trait and its component traits. In this presentation, we extended the use of mixed model based conditional analysis to more general cases such as genotype by environment ($G \times E$) interaction models, additive-dominance (AD) models, and additive-dominance and additive \times additive (ADAA) models, etc. The software package for this analysis has been developed and is available for use. We will demonstrate the use of the software package in this presentation.