



# What can molecular markers add to the development of new biocontrol agents?





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# Outline:

- Background: matching the enemy to the pest
- Genetic improvement of natural enemies: analysis of relevant factors
- Exploiting genetic variation; a guideline to use what and when
- Outlook



# Matching the enemy to the pest

Nature

Agriculture



Butterfly

Pest

**DAMAGE**



Parasitoid  
wasp

Natural  
enemy



**DAMAGE**



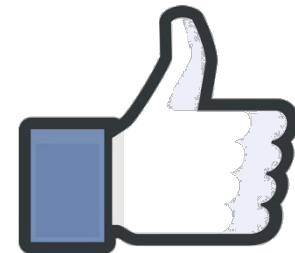
Demands/wishes of the  
stakeholders

# Matching the enemy to the pest

Matching must concern the full life history



Demands/wishes of the stakeholders



**VARIATION**

**HEREDITY**

**FITNESS**

**Adaptive**

**EVOLUTION**

**VARIATION**

**HEREDITY**

**FITNESS**

**Desirable**

**Phenotype**

# Analysis of relevant factors

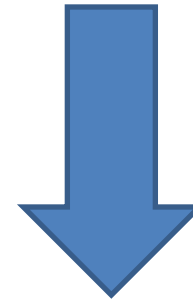
Exploiting variation in natural enemies

(i) Geographic variation



- Useful to uncover G-P map
- Estimating fitness of trait combinations and trade-offs
- Evolutionary history

(ii) “Experimental” approaches



- Producing tailor-made strains through genetic improvement





# Analysis of relevant factors

“Desirable phenotype”

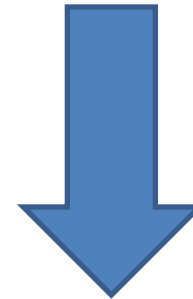
Single/simple  
trait



- E.g. insecticide resistance



Composite/complex  
traits



- LH adaptations
- Prey handling times
- Stress resistance
- ...



# Genetic variation and nature of traits

## consequences for analysis



discrete classes

alleles individually  
identified

Population Genetics



continuous variation

partitioning of  
variances

Quantitative Genetics

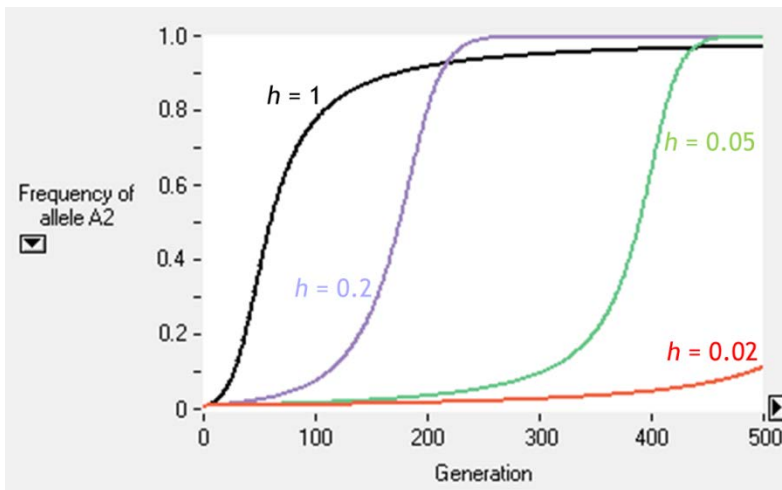
QTLs, GWAS, Genetical  
Genomics *et cetera*

# Analysis of relevant factors

## Heredit

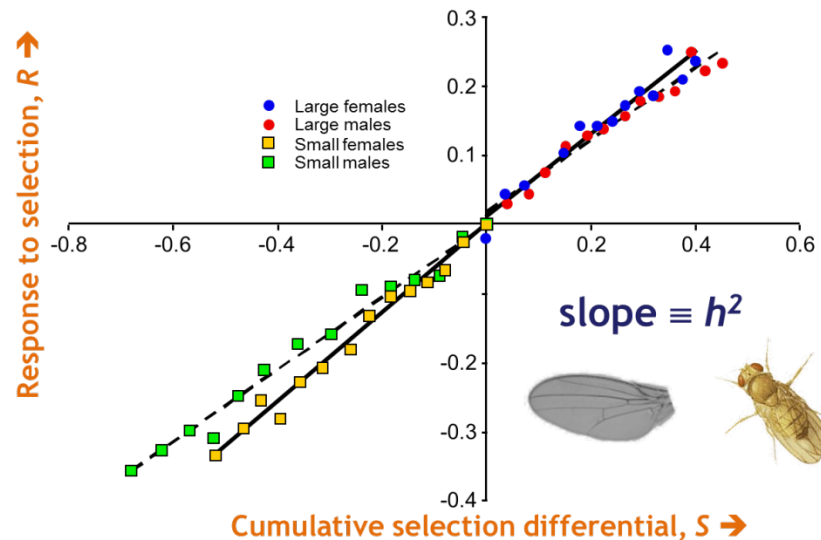
### Population Genetics

- One locus, two alleles;  $q_0 = 0.01$ ,  $s = 0.1$



### Quantitative Genetics

- Heritability ( $h^2$ ) ~ the proportion of the phenotypic variance ( $V_p$ ) that is attributable to (additive) genetic variance ( $V_A$ )
- $h^2 = V_A/V_p$
- Breeders equation,  $R = h^2 \cdot S$
- $h^2$  determines response to selection
- $h^2$  tends to be low for LH traits

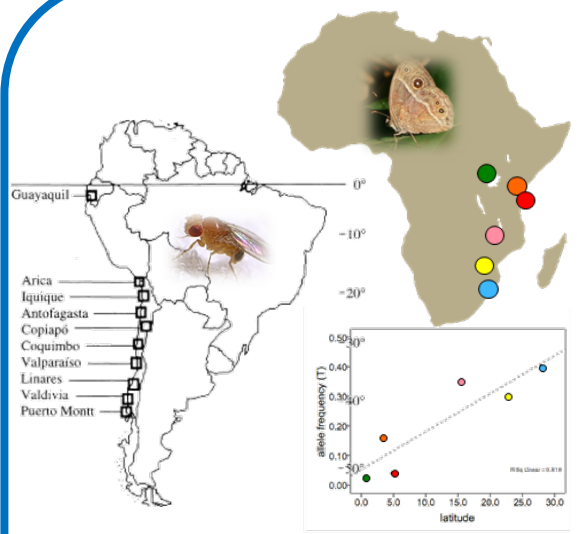




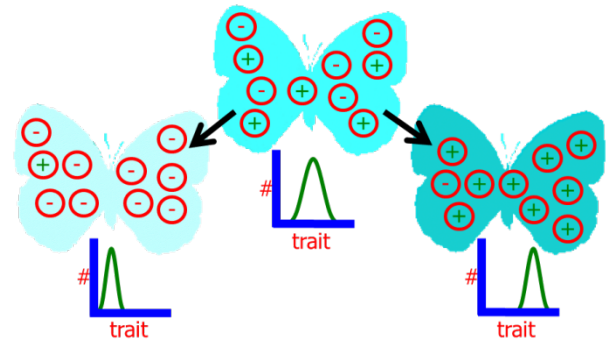
# Analysis of relevant factors

## Exploiting variation in natural enemies

- (i) *De novo* mutations
- (ii) Standing genetic variation
- Microbes (prokaryotes and simple eukaryotes) usually (i)
- Eukaryotes (small  $N_e$ , longer generations times) usually (ii)



Latitudinal clines



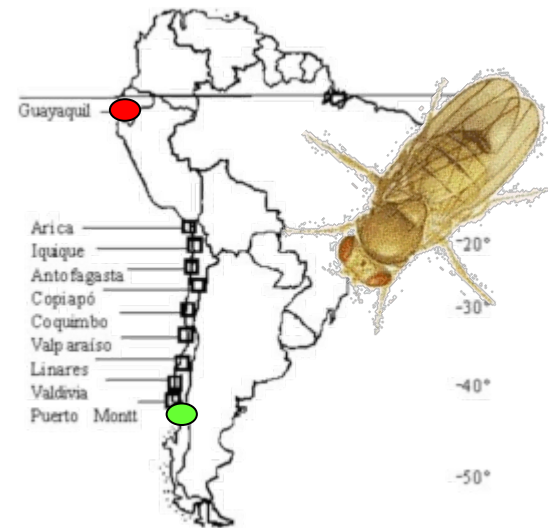
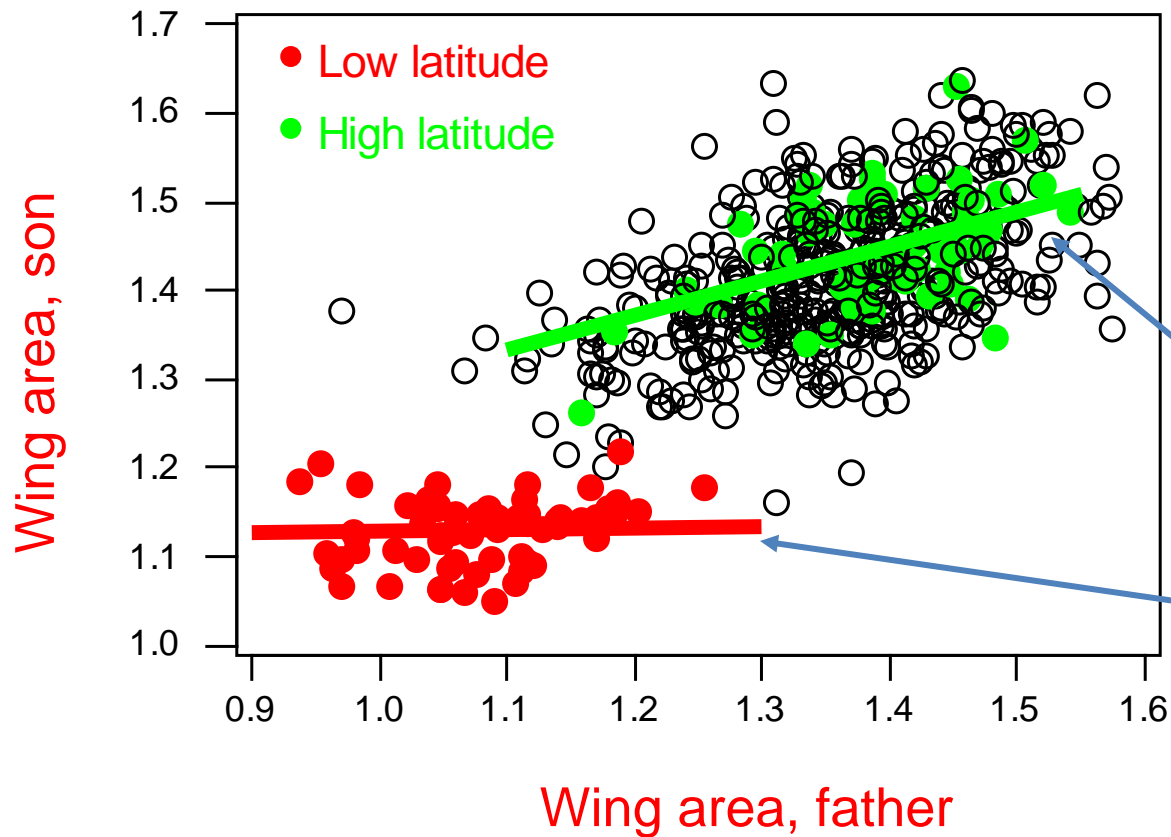
Artificial selection



Experimental evolution

# Exploiting variation; what and when?

## Heritability of wing area



# Exploiting variation; what and when?

## Adaptation in European *Drosophila* populations



2013



STN - 2016

- Cooperate in collecting, generating and analyzing genomic and environmental data,
- In order to track the eco-evolutionary dynamics for numerous *Drosophila* populations across Europe (and beyond),
- And to foster the integration and exchange of population genomic information and data

# Population genetic differentiation - $F_{ST}$

FST: 0.03 - 0.036



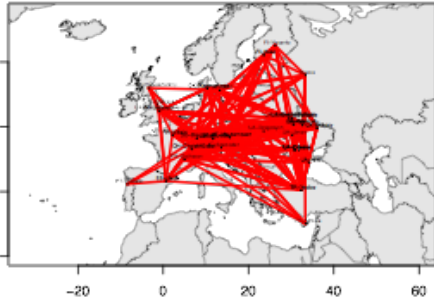
FST: 0.036 - 0.042



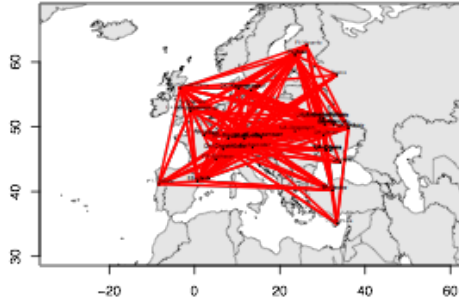
FST: 0.042 - 0.048



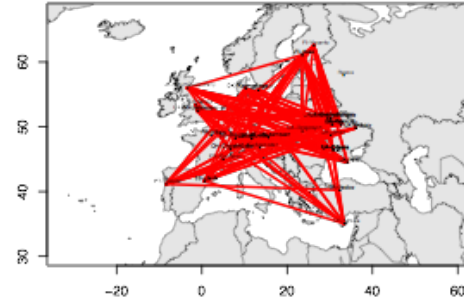
FST: 0.048 - 0.054



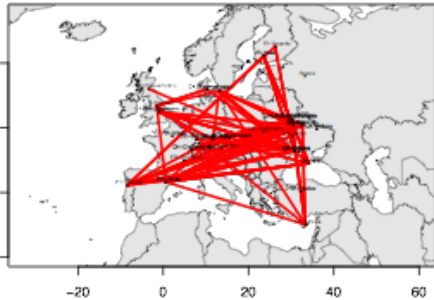
FST: 0.054 - 0.06



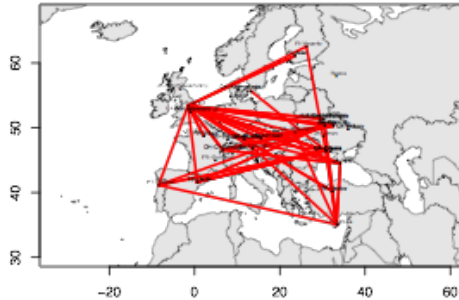
FST: 0.06 - 0.066



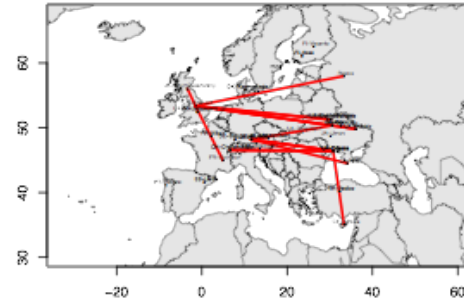
FST: 0.066 - 0.072



FST: 0.072 - 0.078



FST: 0.078 - 0.084

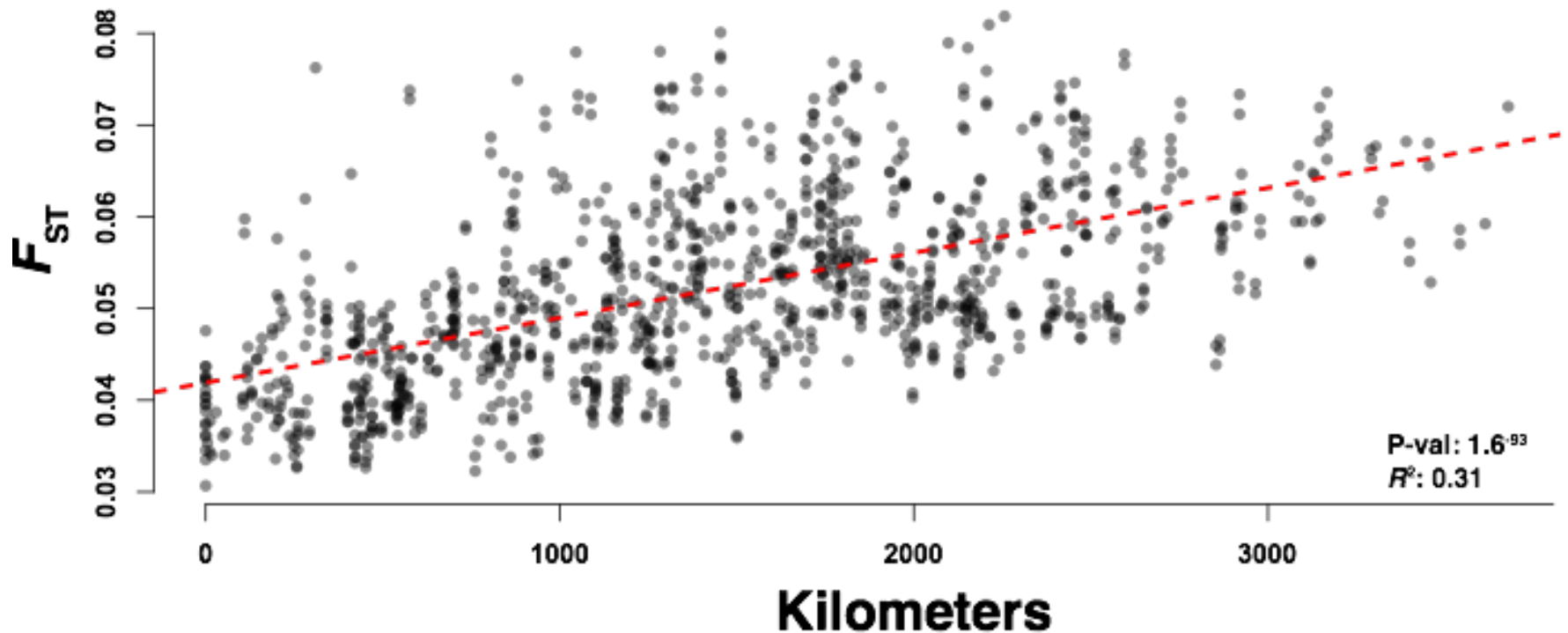


- SNPs located in short introns (<60 bp)
- SNPs in 100kb distance from inversions
- $n = 21008$

# Population genetic differentiation - *IBD*

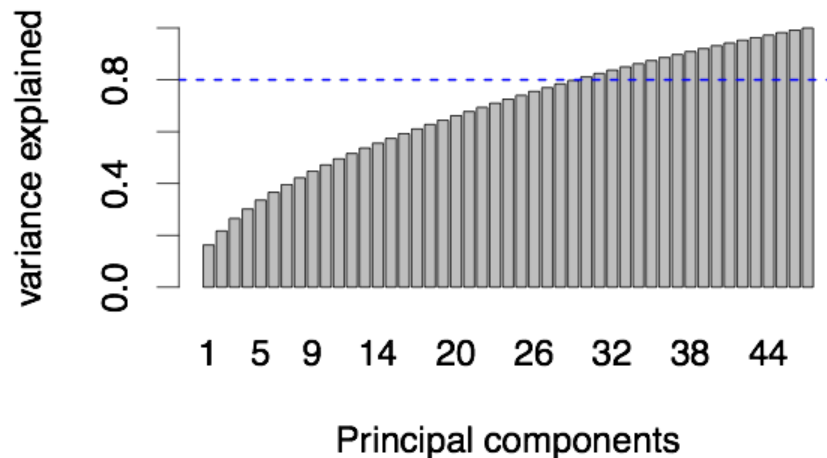
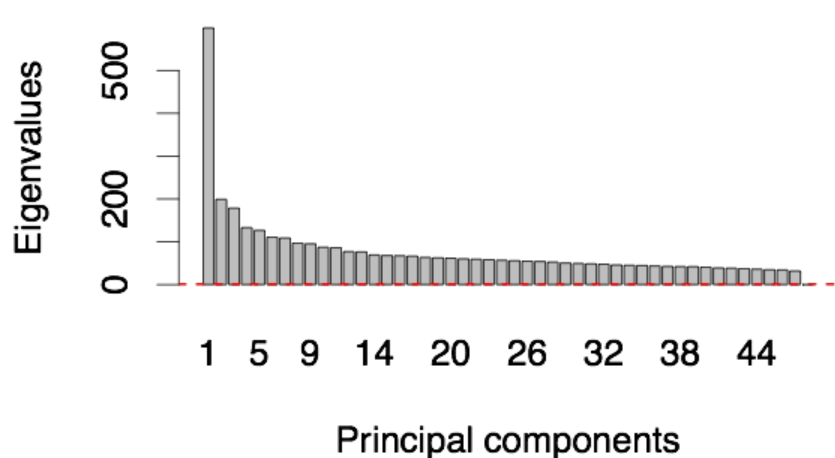
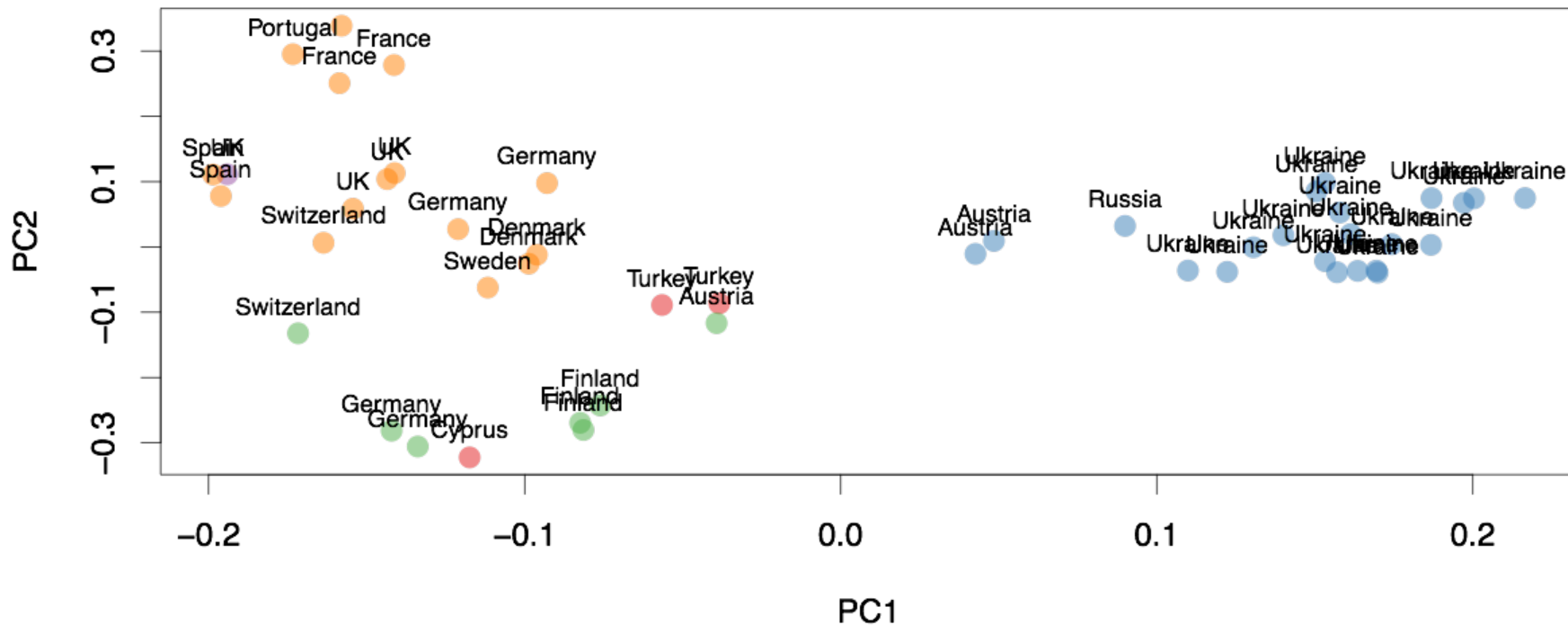
Correlation:  $F_{ST}$  / geographic distance

neutral intronic SNPs



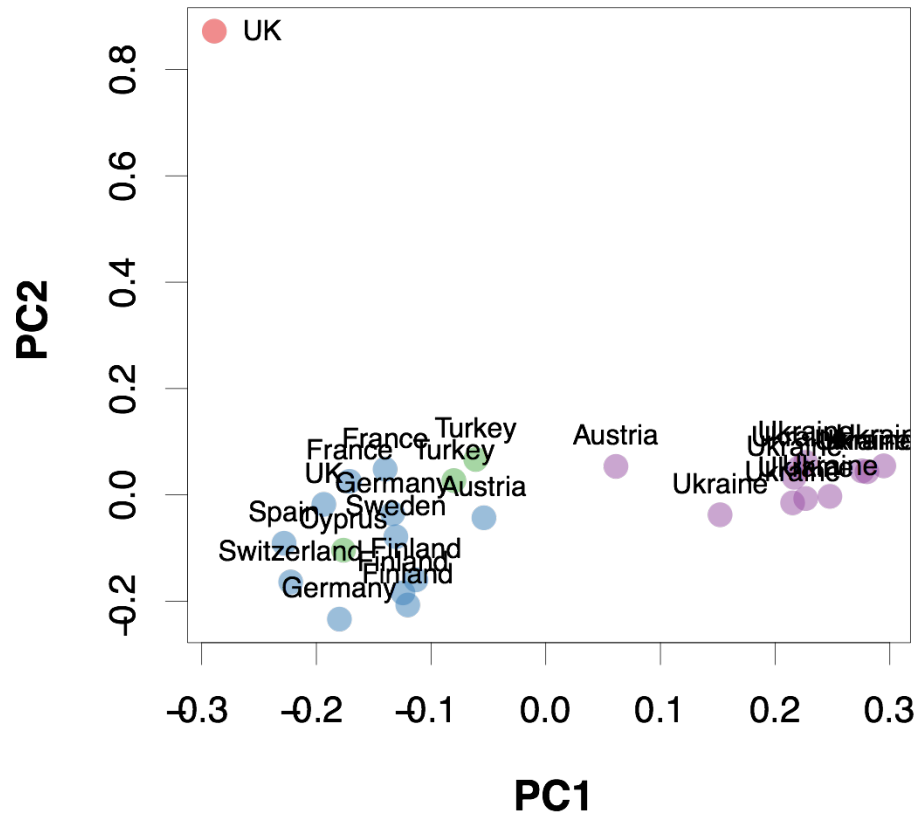


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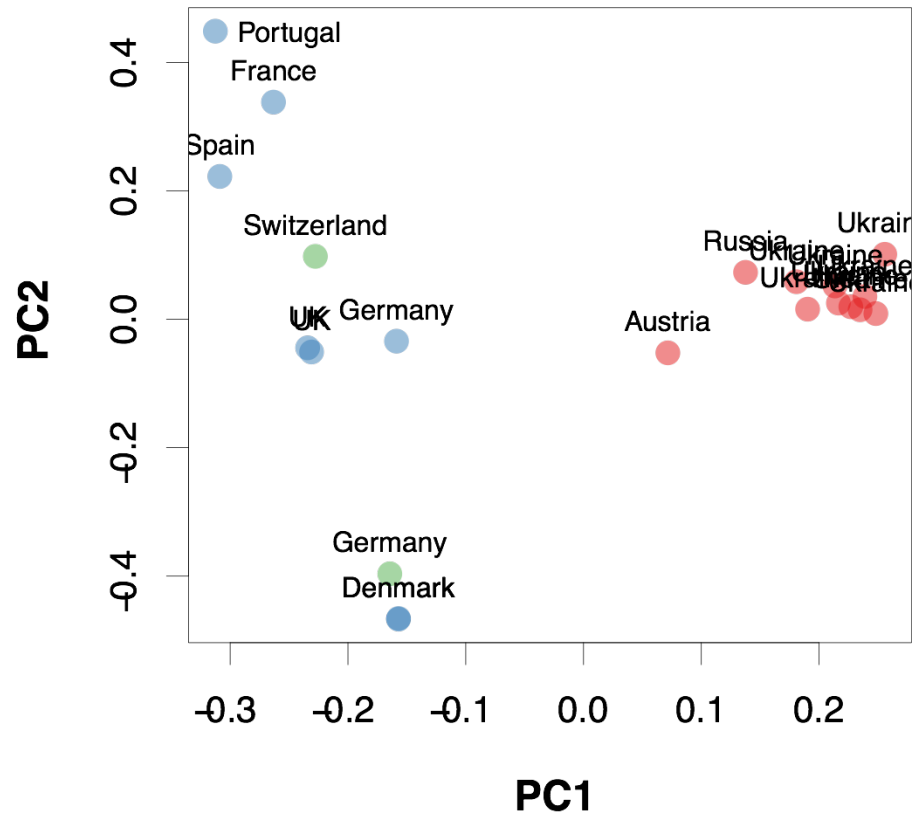


# Population genetic differentiation - *IBD*

## Spring



## Fall



# Population genetic differentiation

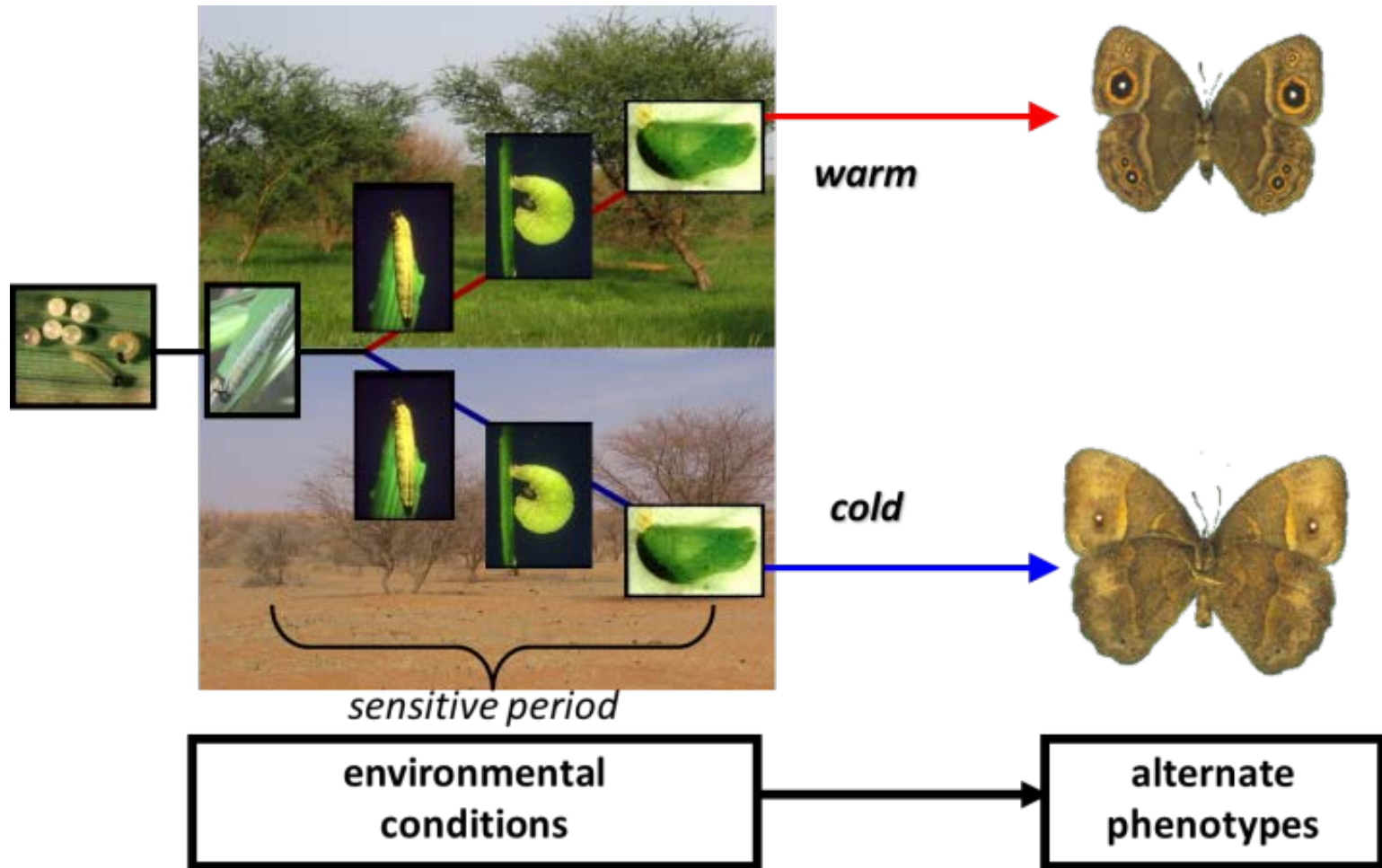
## Conclusions

- X chromosome with highest  $F_{ST}$
- Overall low amounts of genetic differentiation
- Low but highly significant IBD
- Pronounced longitudinal variation/ population structure



# Exploiting variation; what and when?

Footprints of selection in wild populations of *Bicyclus anynana*



## *B. anynana*: species range and climate

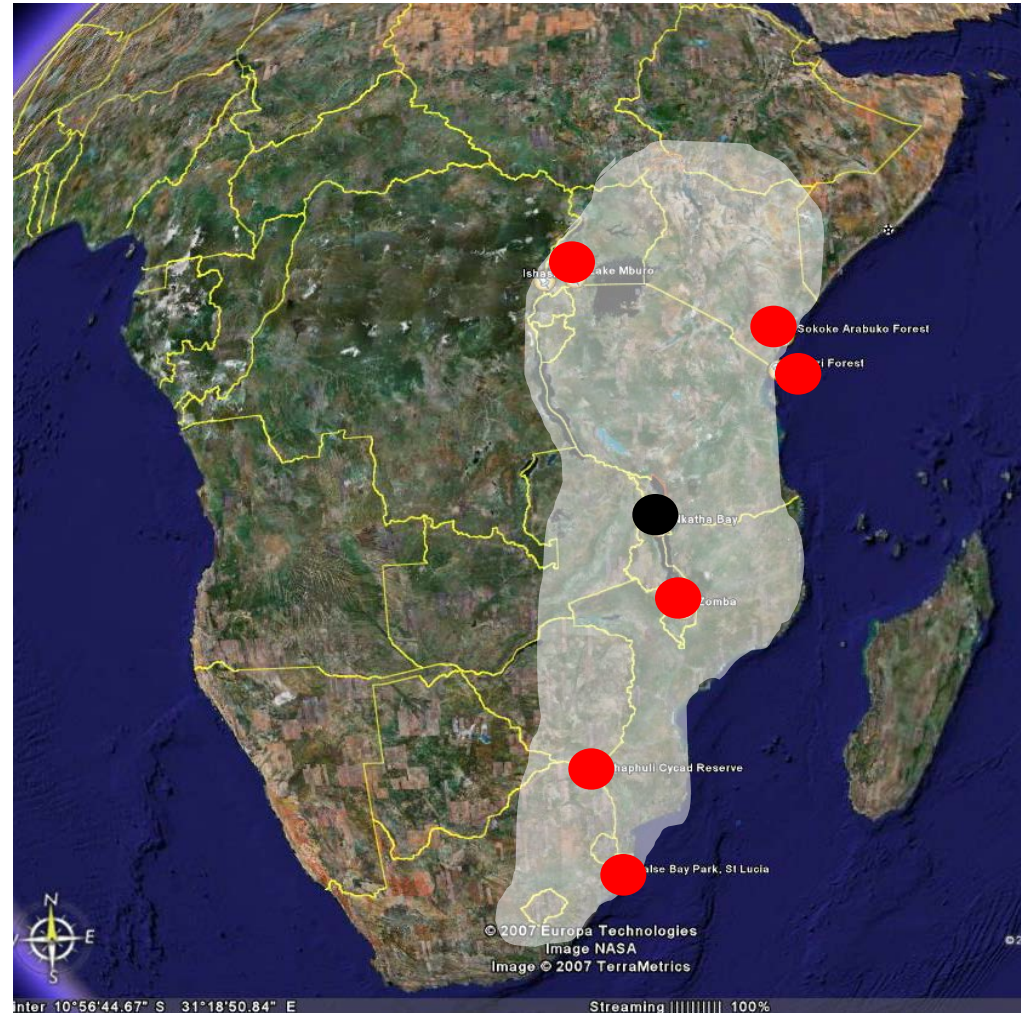
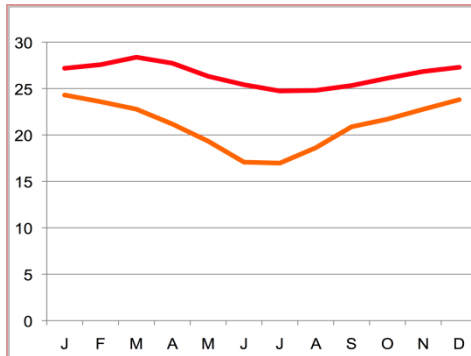
Eastern Africa: equator to subtropics

Towards equator:

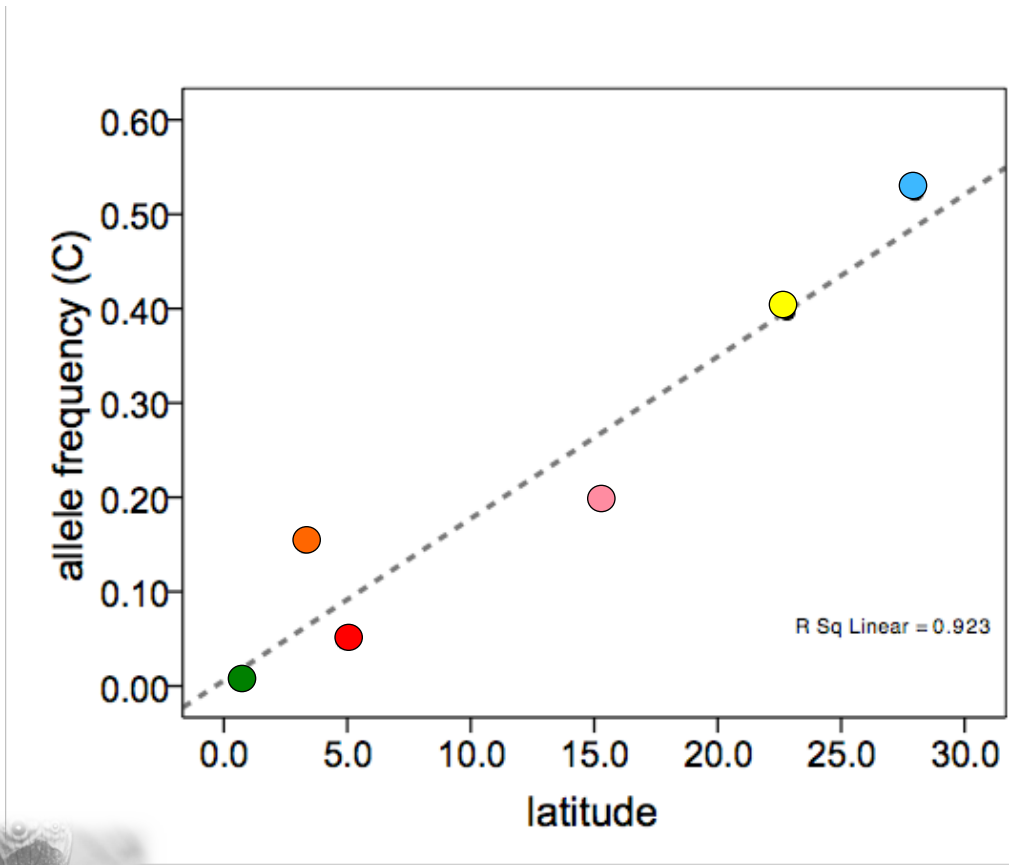
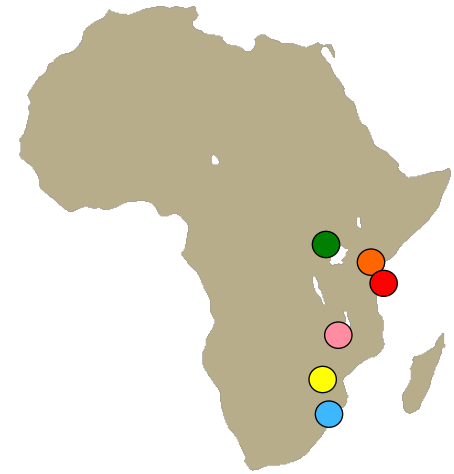
- increase average temperatures
- decrease yearly temperature differences

Sampled populations across 3000 km  
6 populations: #35 to #50

Kenya  
South Africa



Significant cline:  
*UGPase*  
(UDP-glucose-pyrophosphorylase)

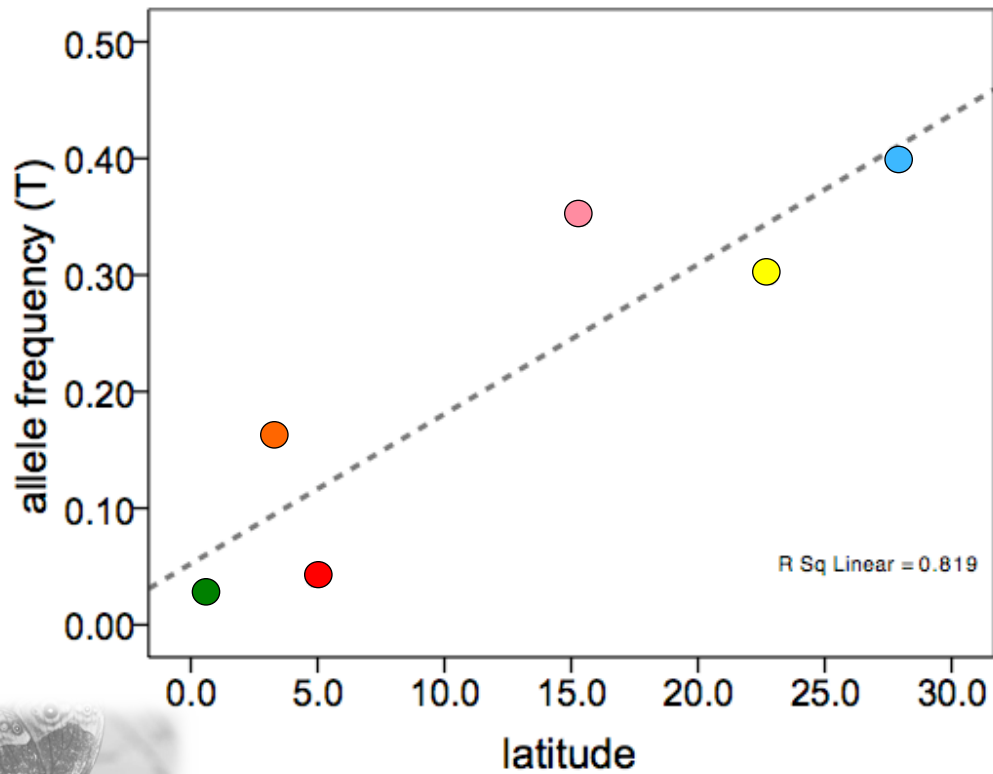
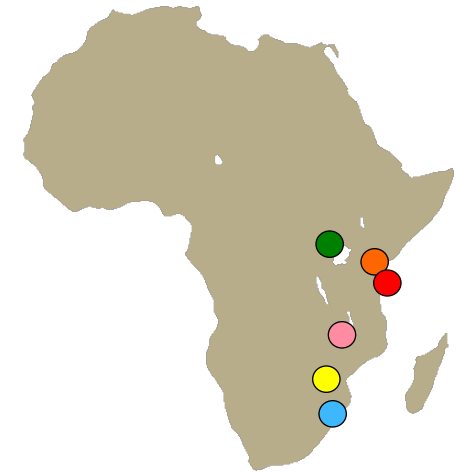


Sampled length: 408 bp  
1 replacement SNP  
 $F_{st} = 0.31$   
 $R_{sq} = 0.966$   
 $p = 0.002$

Fst outlier locus



Significant cline:  
*Treh*  
(Trehalase)



Sampled length: 931 bp

1 of 3 replacement SNPs

SNP position = 550

$F_{st} = 0.45$

$R_{sq} = 0.905$

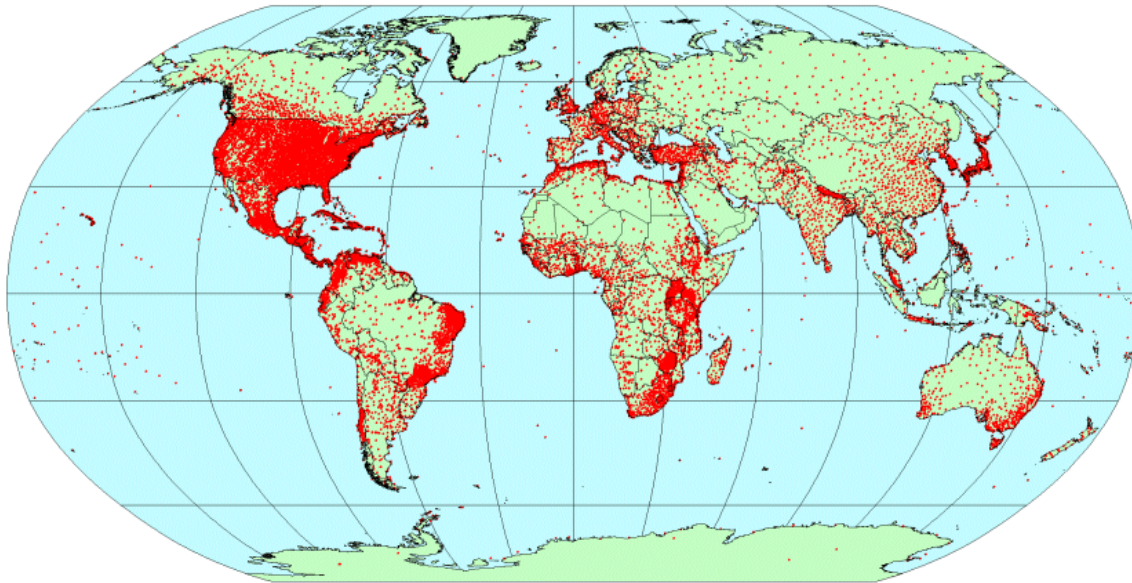
$p = 0.013$



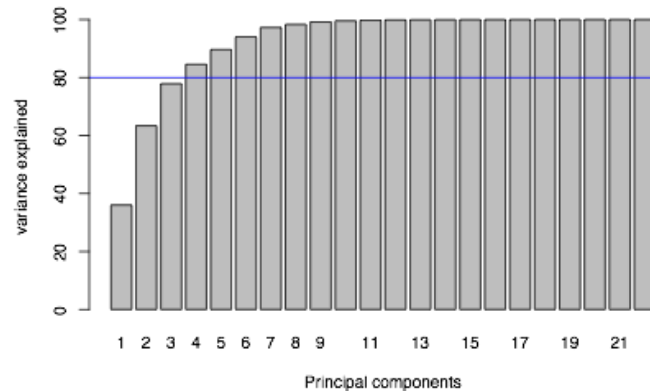
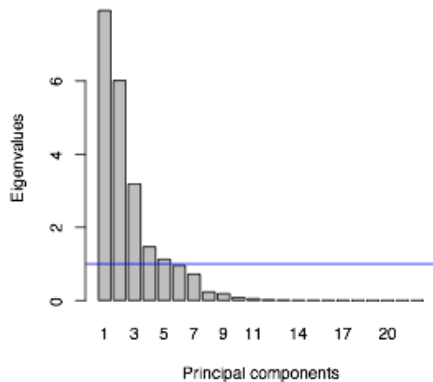
# Exploiting variation; what and when?

## Adaptation in European *Drosophila* populations

### WorldClim Data

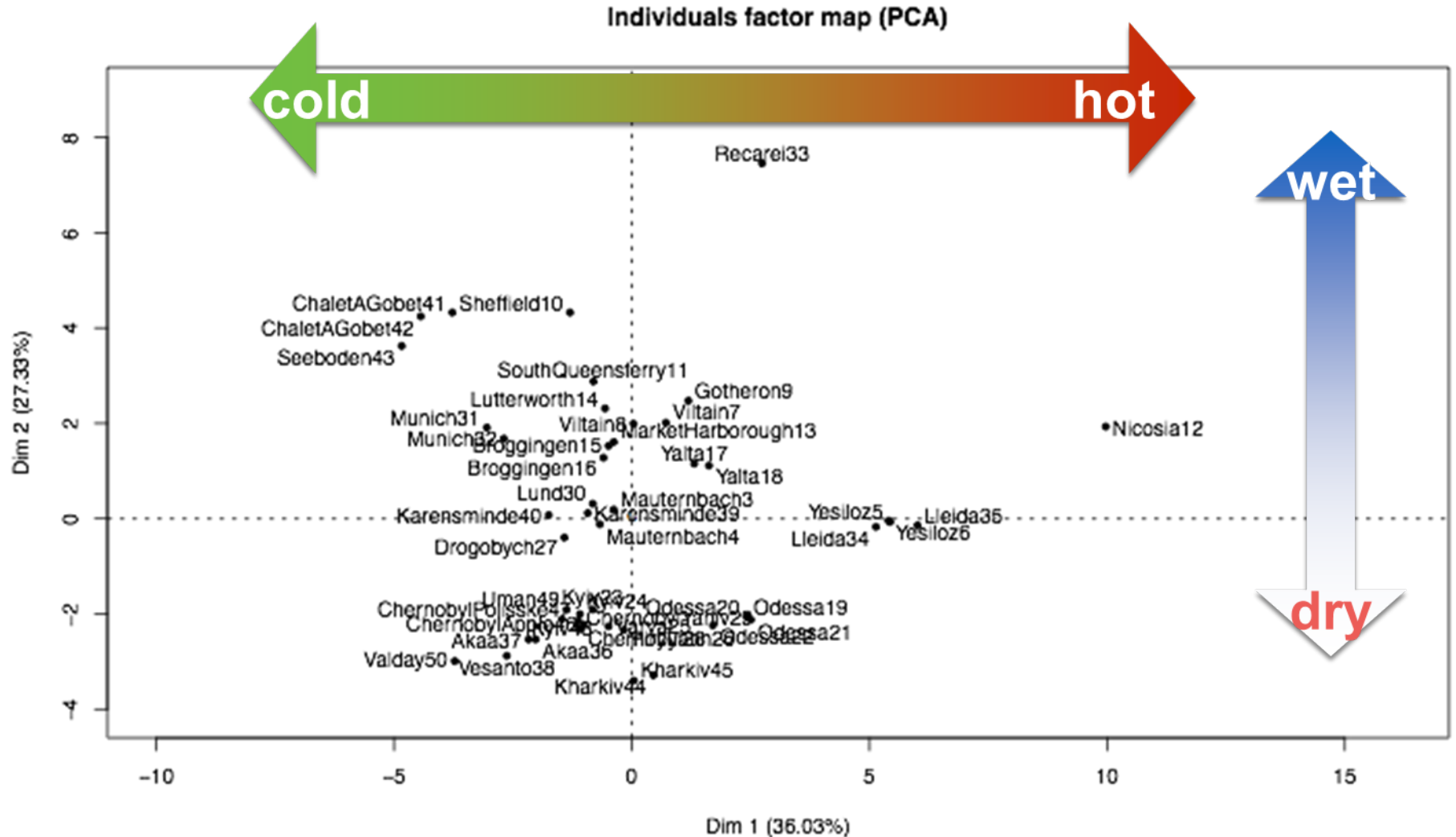


- Interpolated from data collected across 50 years (annual averages)
- 19 interpolated annual average biovariables
- 3 interpolated monthly average biovariables
- z-Transformation (mean=0; Stdev=1)





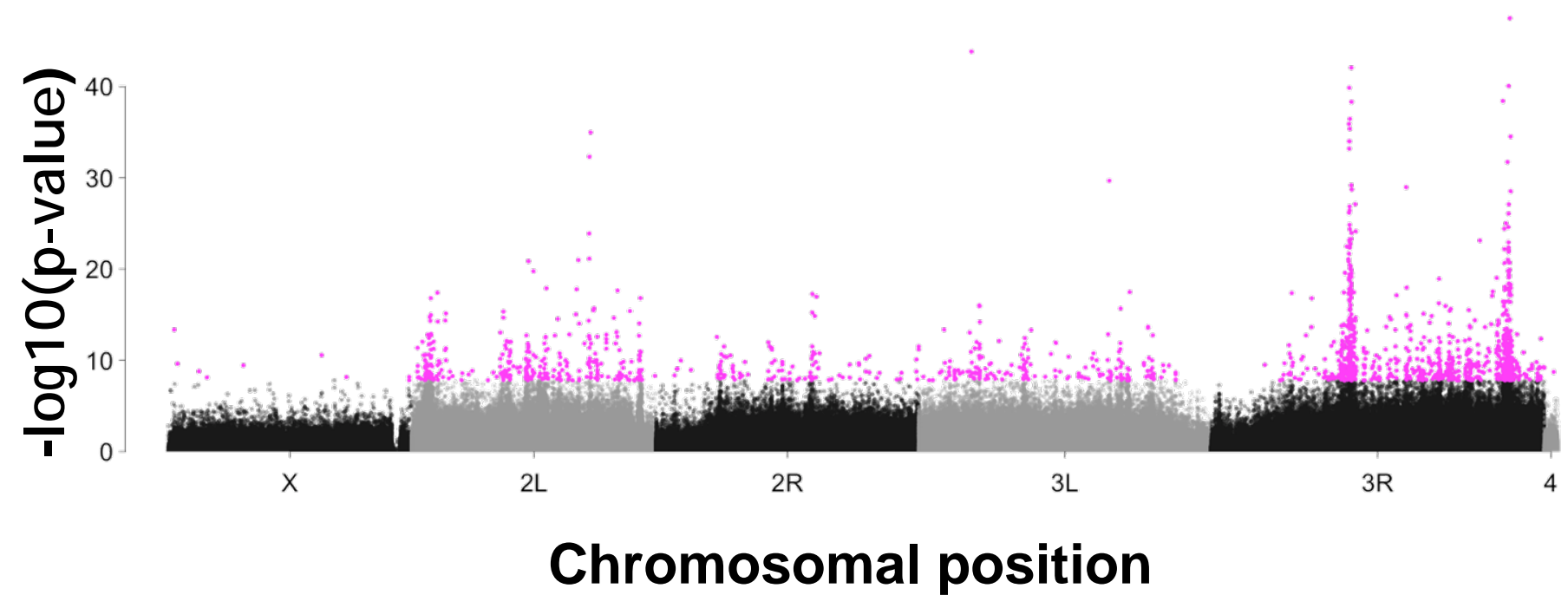
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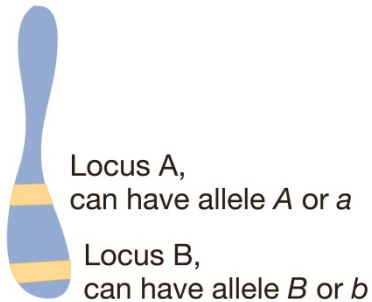
Linking SNPs to climatic variables (PC1)



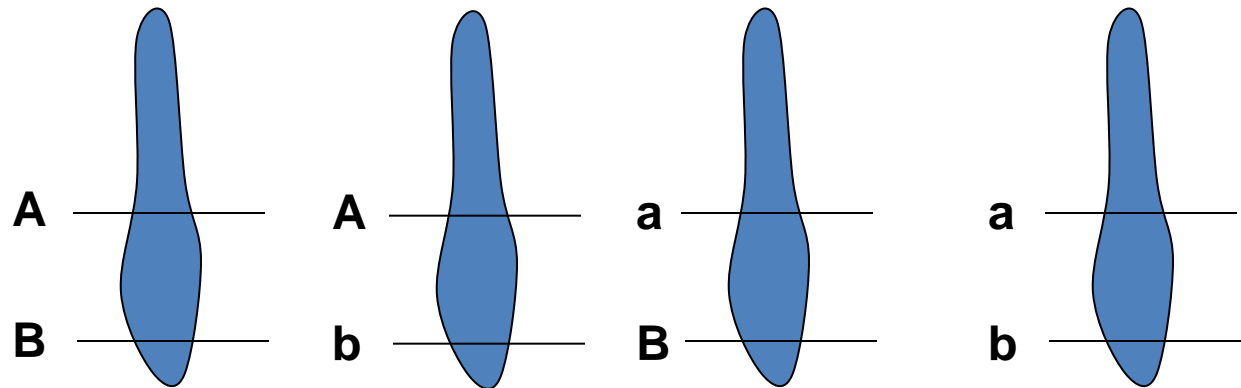
# Exploiting variation; what and when?

## Intermezzo - Linkage disequilibrium (LD)

- Haploid genotype = Haplo(id)(geno)type = Haplotype
- Haplotype = the multilocus genotype of a chromosome

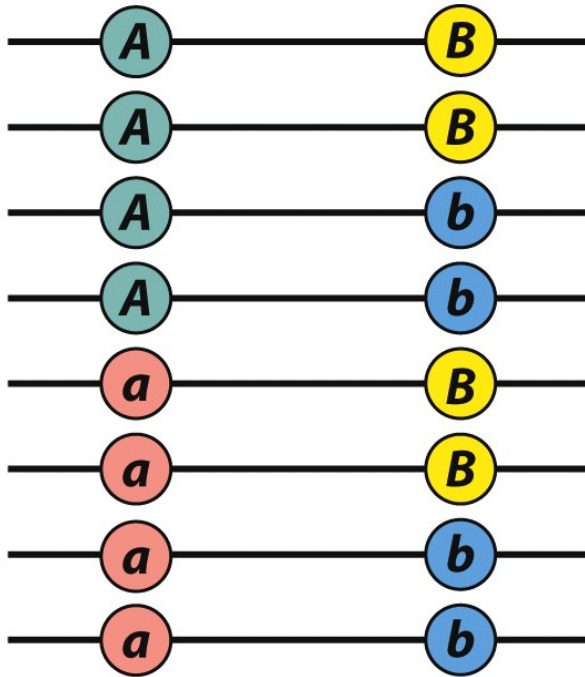


- For two loci, A and B, and 4 alleles, A, a, B, and b



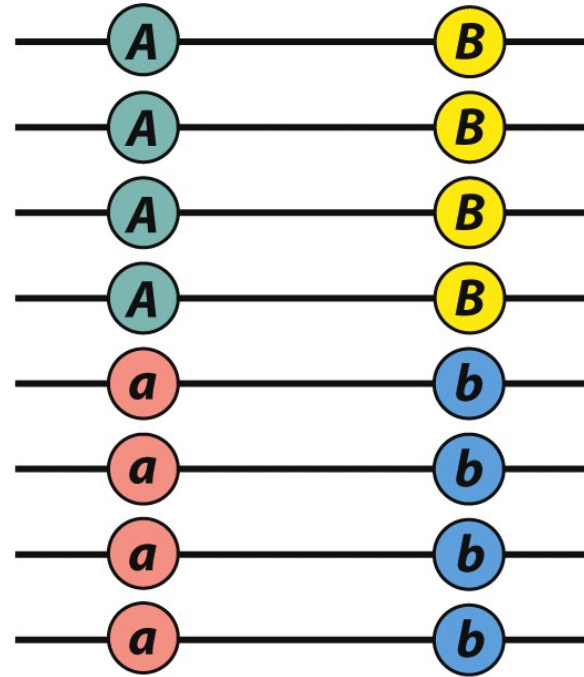
# Linkage disequilibrium is the nonrandom association between two loci

**(a) Linkage equilibrium**



$p_A = 0.5$	$P_{AB} = 0.25$
$p_a = 0.5$	$P_{Ab} = 0.25$
$p_B = 0.5$	$P_{aB} = 0.25$
$p_b = 0.5$	$P_{ab} = 0.25$

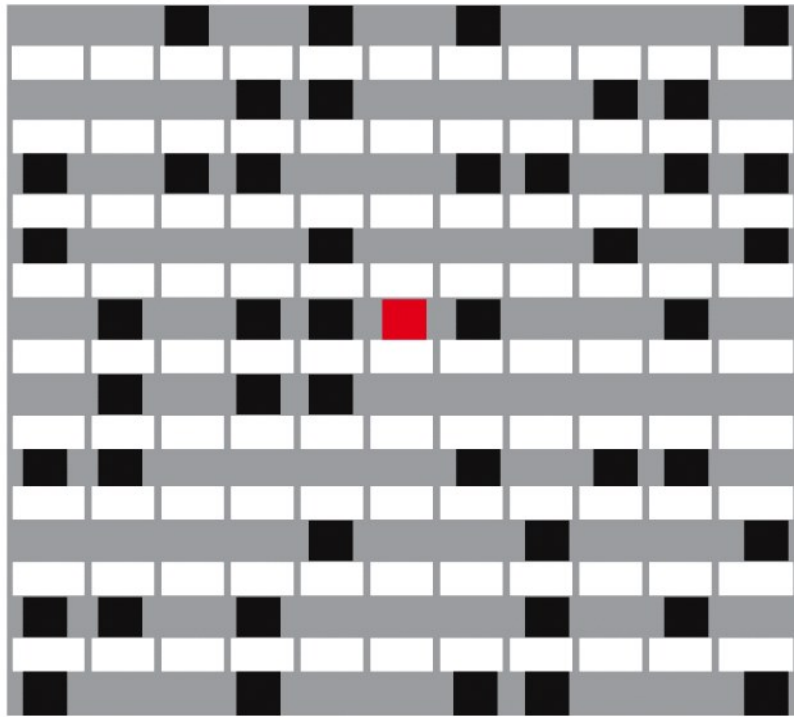
**(b) Linkage disequilibrium**



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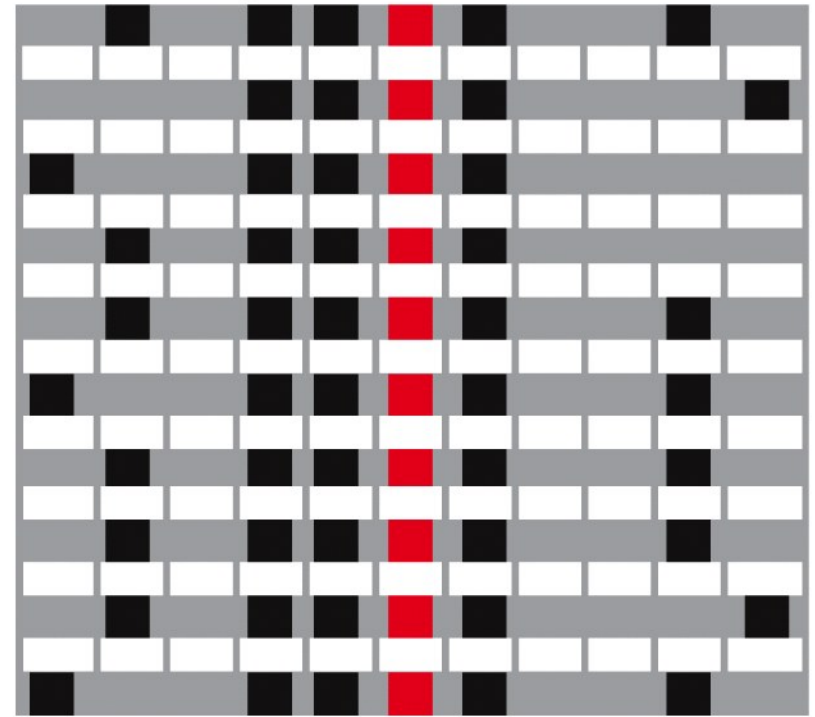
# Positive selection leaves a distinct signature

## Haplotypes before selection



A B

## Haplotypes after selection



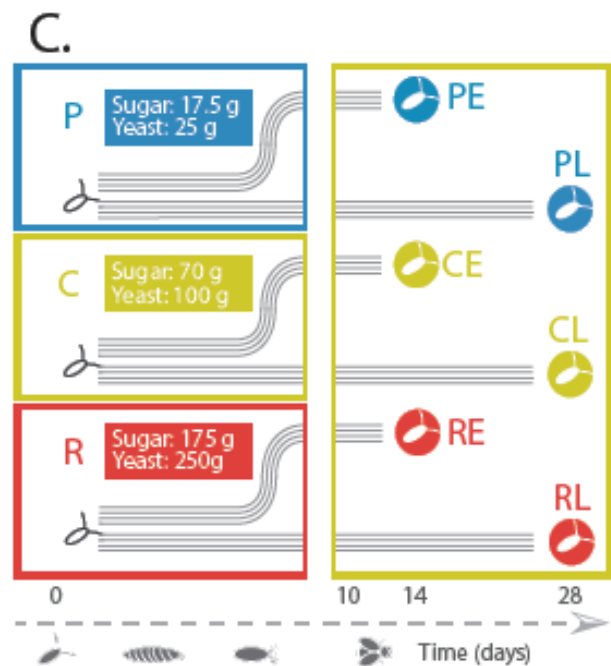
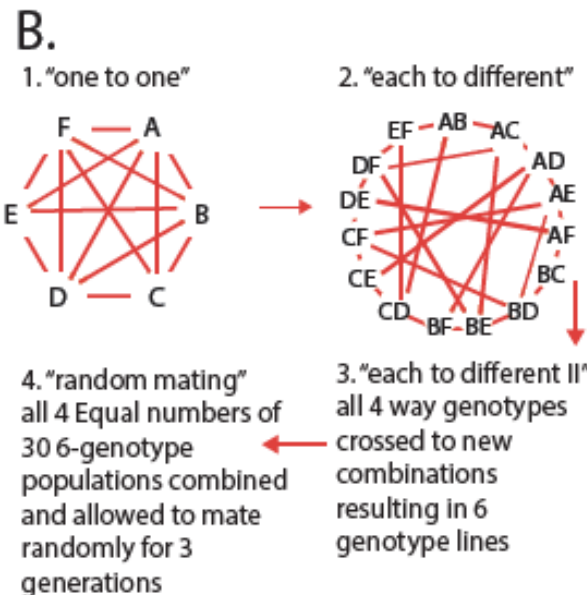
A B  
Selective sweep

# Exploiting variation; what and when?

## Experimental evolution in *Drosophila melanogaster*

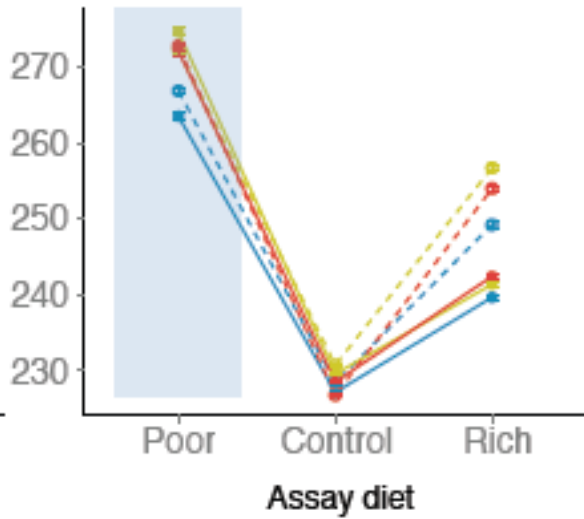


- EE well replicated (4x)
- ~170/85 generations of selection (early/late)
- Life history phenotypes measured multiple times throughout EE

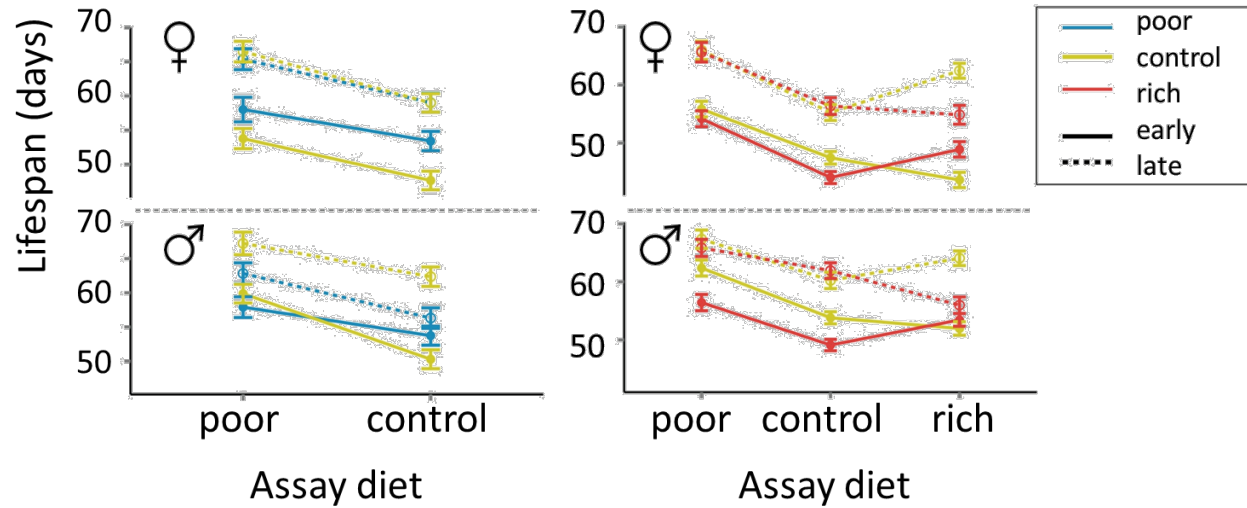


# Life history phenotypes

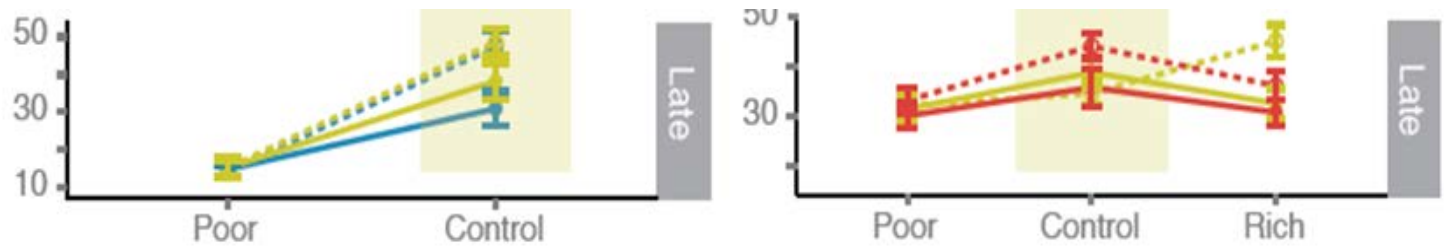
## Development time



## Lifespan

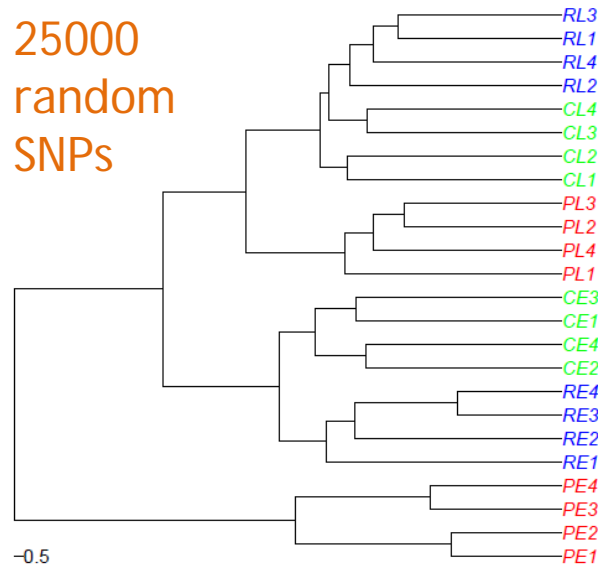


## Late fecundity

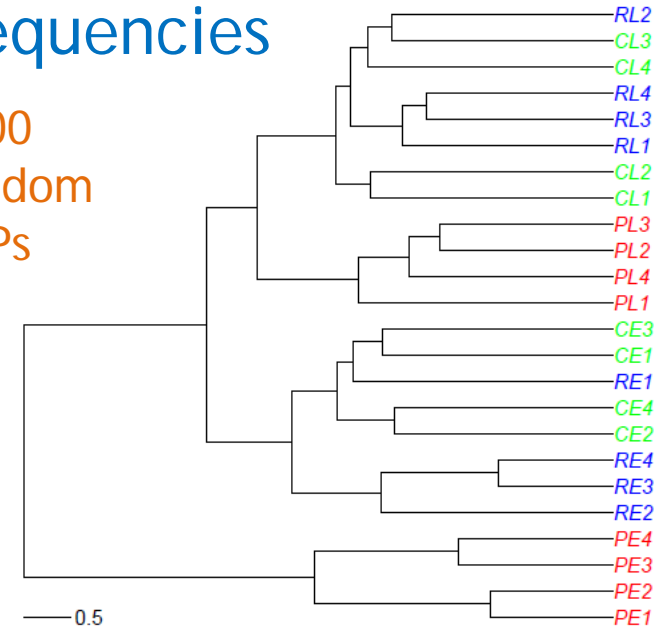


# Population genetic differentiation - Euclidean distance over major allele frequencies

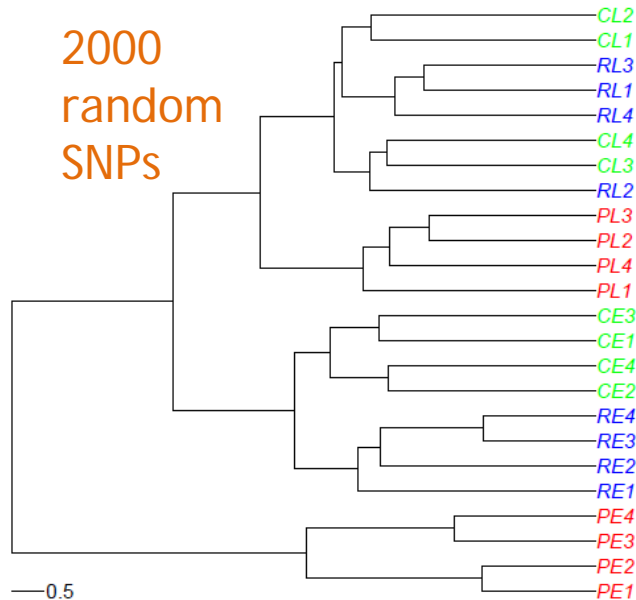
25000  
random  
SNPs



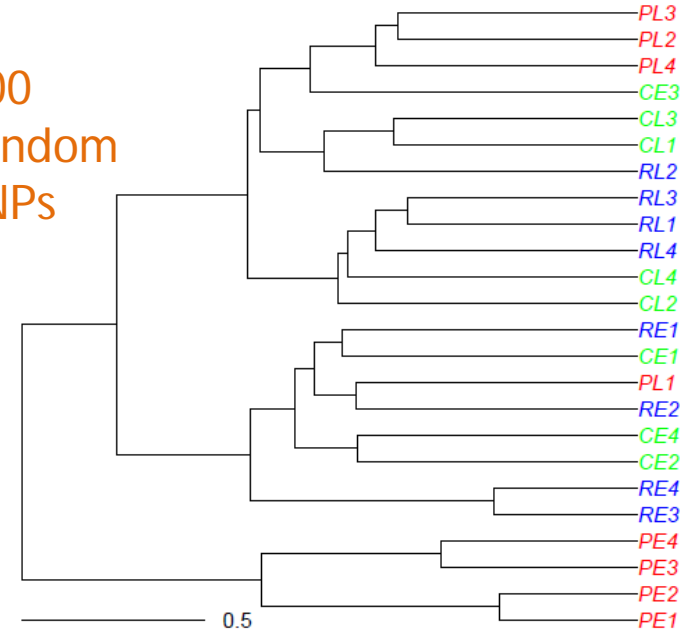
1000  
random  
SNPs



2000  
random  
SNPs



100  
random  
SNPs

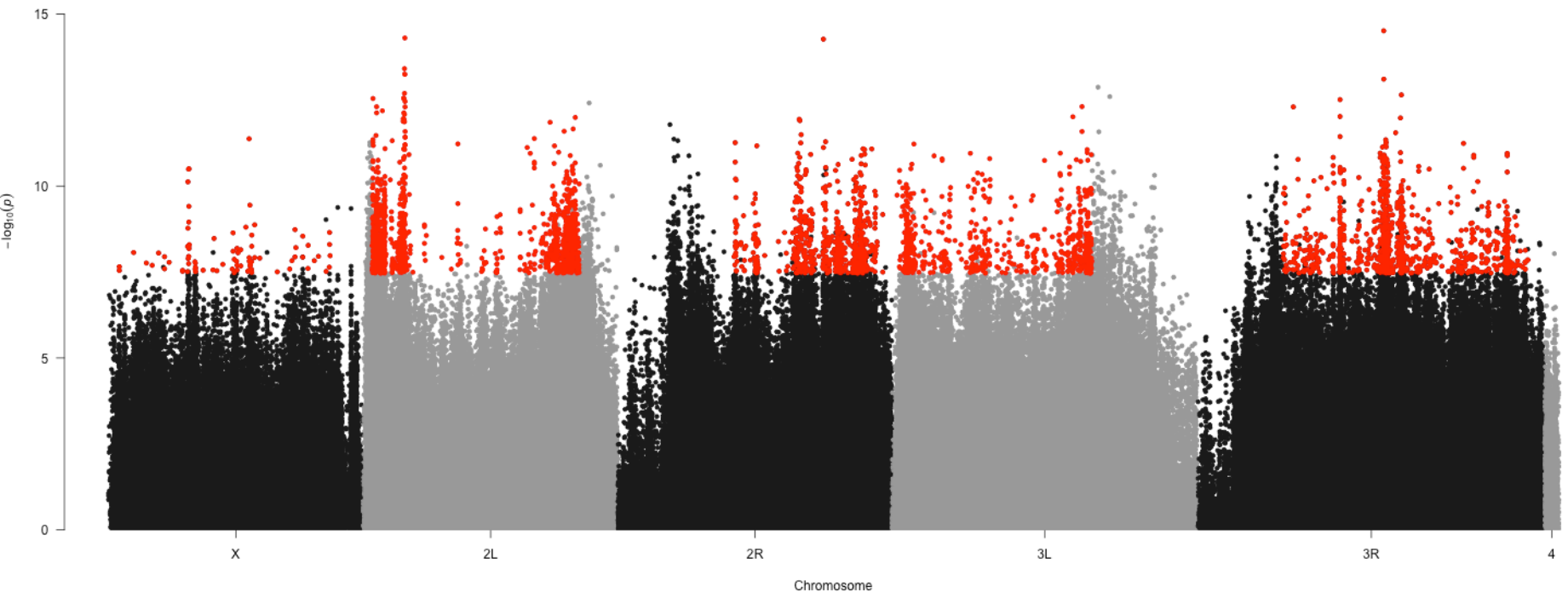




# Footprints of selection - association with EE



Reproductive age  
3698 significant



GLMM

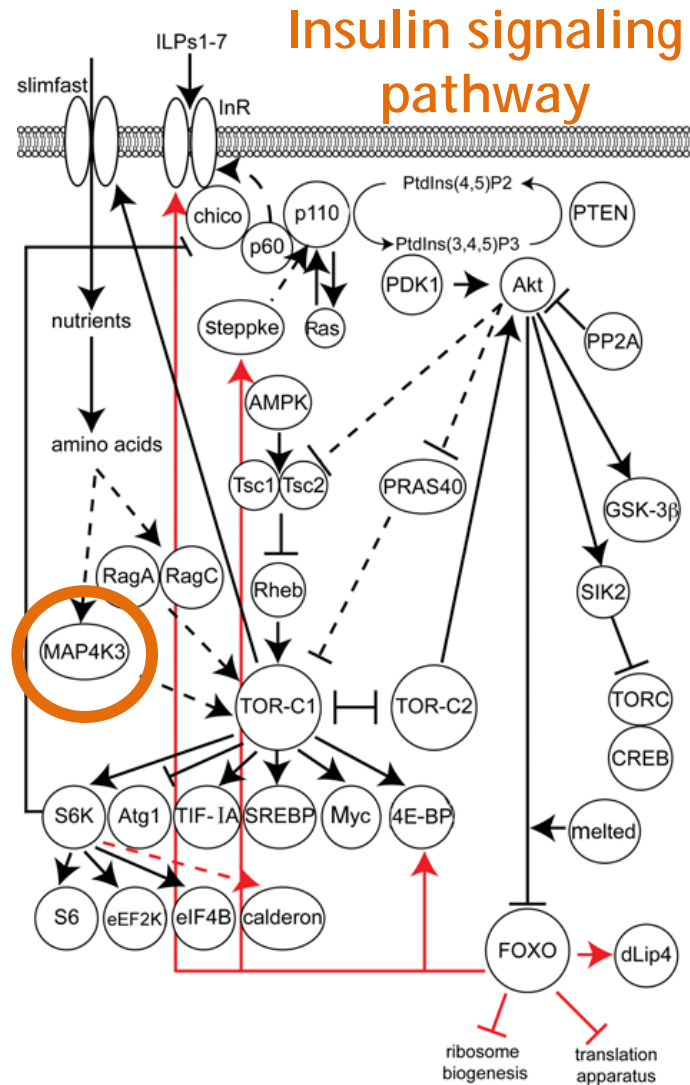
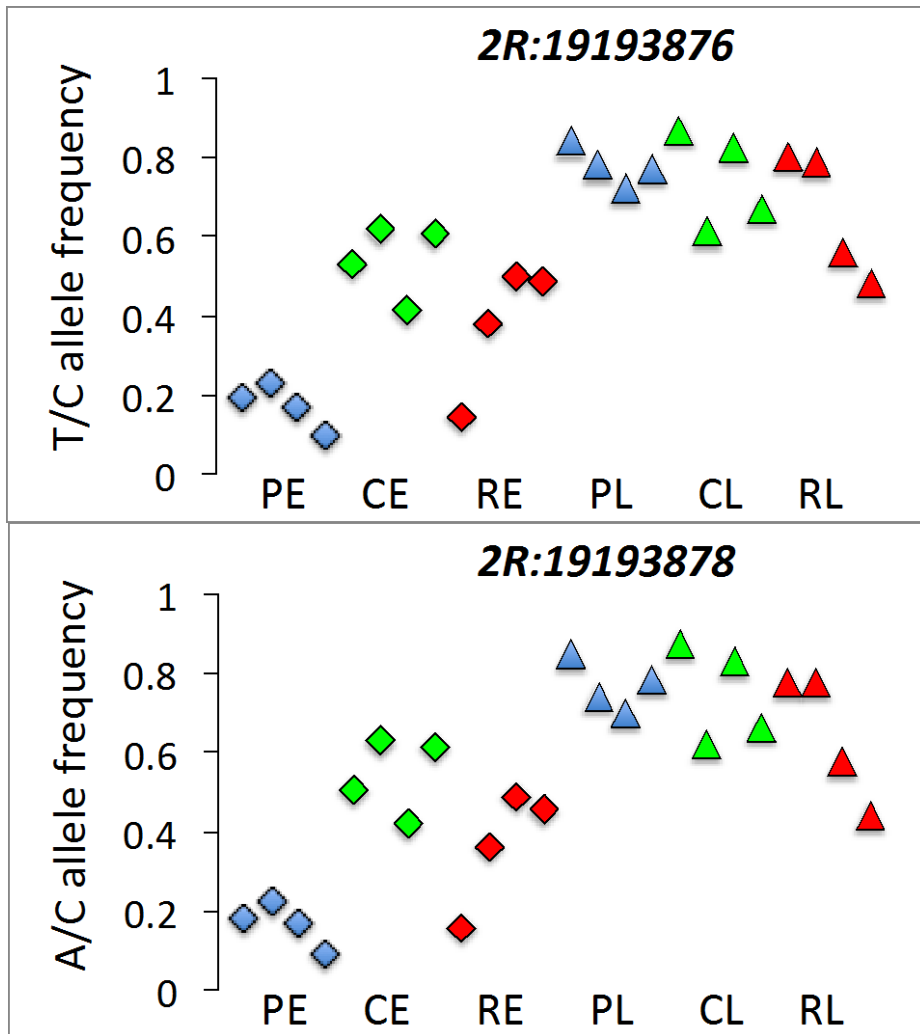
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glmer(cbind(allele, total-allele)~diet+repr+diet:repr+(1 | EEpop), family="binomial")
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# Footprints of selection - an example



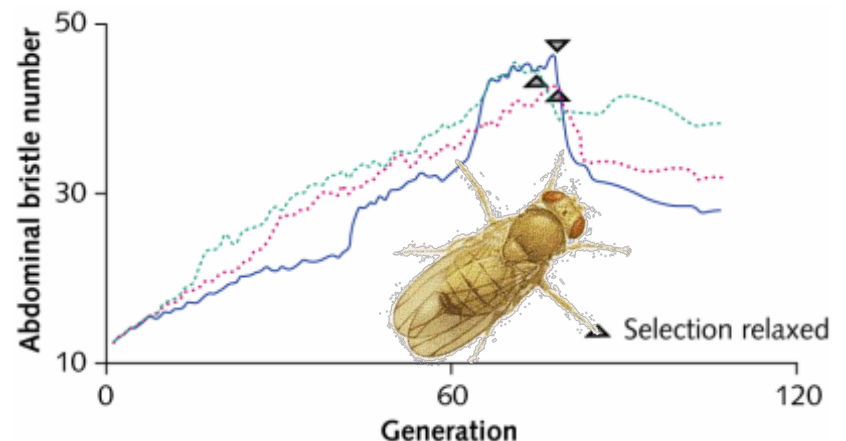
## SNPs in Happy Hour (*hppy*)



# Exploiting variation; what and when?

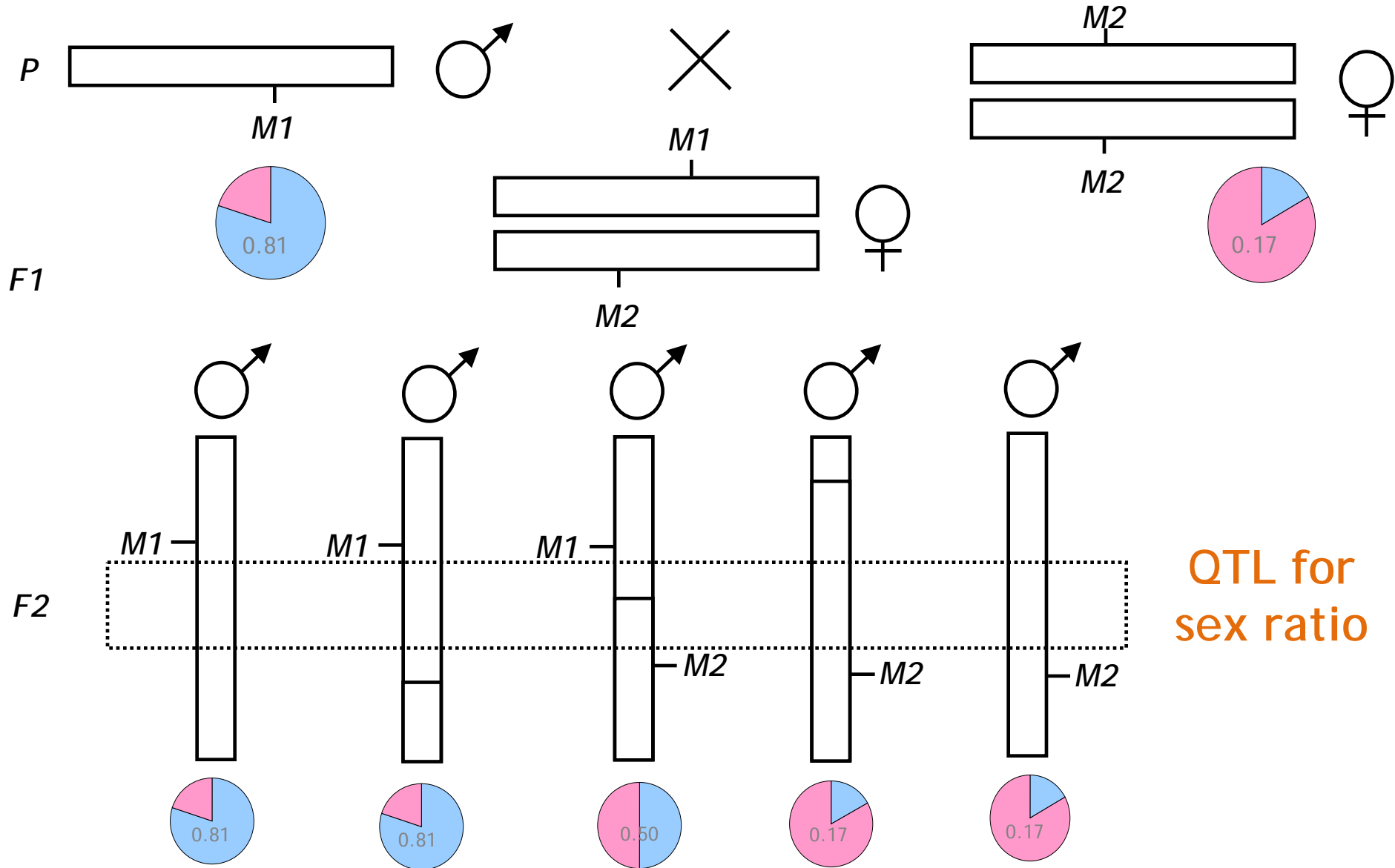
## Artificial selection and QTL mapping

- Artificial selection is arguably the most straightforward to accomplish
- Response depends on heritability and selection differential (breeders equation,  $R = h^2 \cdot S$ )
- Proven method to go well-beyond original phenotypic variance in starting population
- Ample numbers of genetic markers facilitated QTL-mapping





# Sex ratio variation in *Leptopilina clavipes*



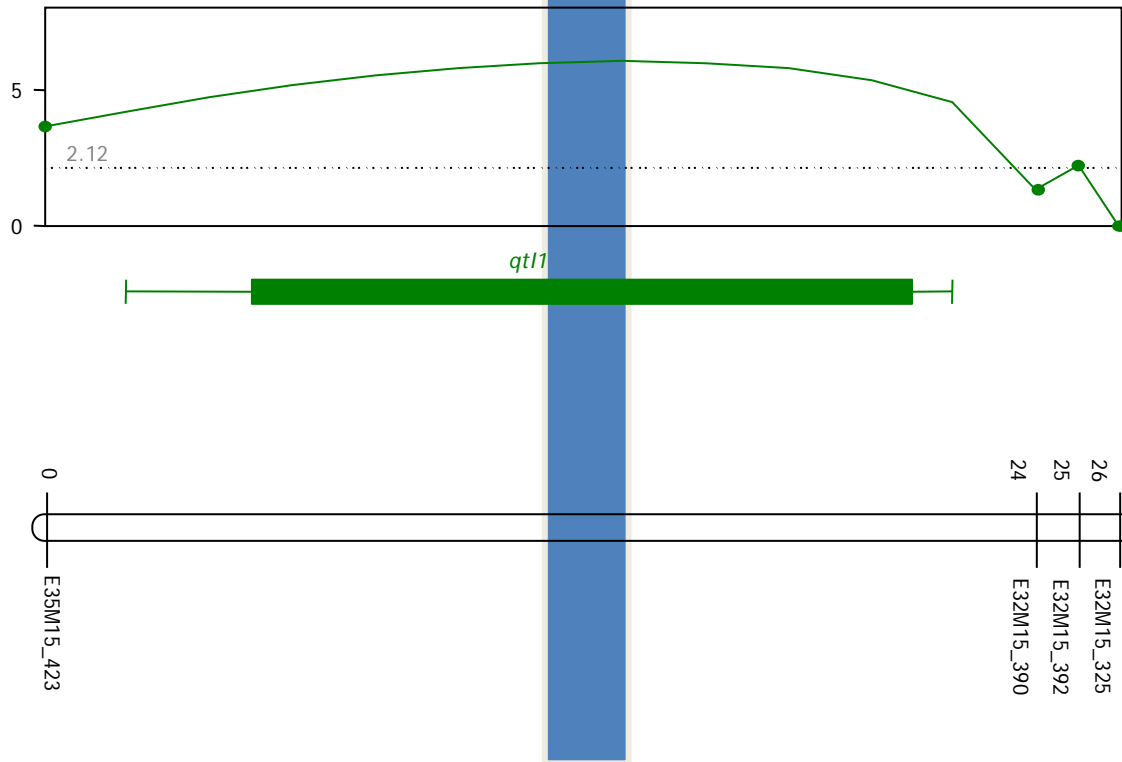
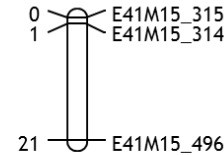
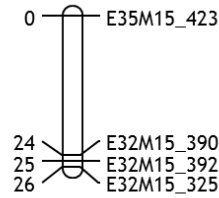
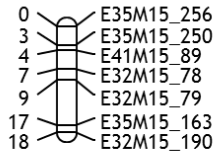
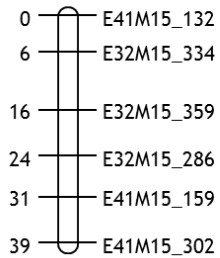


# Sex ratio variation in *Leptopilina clavipes*



## *L. clavipes* linkage map

- APLP markers
- total distance: 110 cM
- 7 unlinked loci
- not saturated

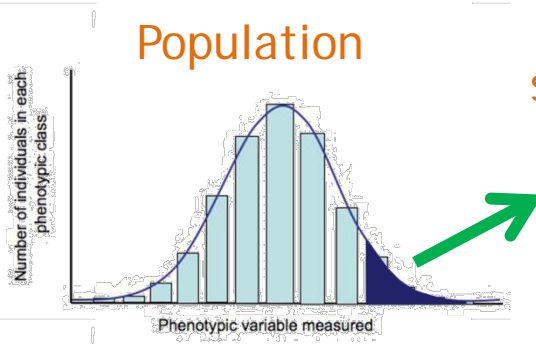


Linkage group 3  
(CIM mapping)

*qt1* explains 40.1% of phenotypic variance; large effect!

# Outlook for genetic improvement

Artificial selection



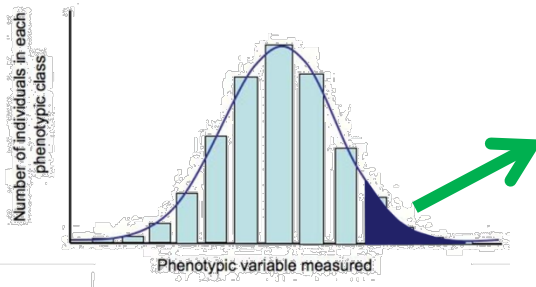
Information for selected individuals

I. Phenotype ( $P$ )

Which traits/phenotypes?

- Any

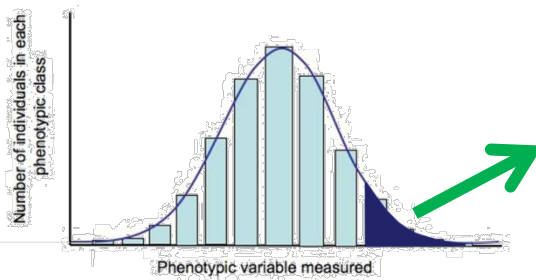
Marker Assisted Selection (MAS)



I. Phenotype ( $P$ )  
II. Genotype ( $G$ ) for selected (QTL) markers

- Any
- Traits with few QTL, e.g. resistance

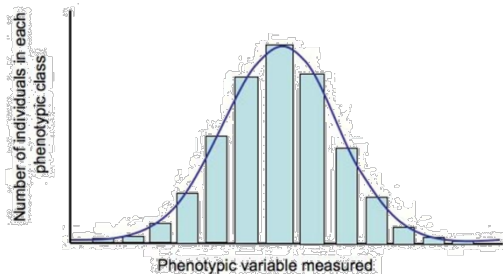
Genomic selection (GS)



II. Genotype ( $G$ ) for genome-wide markers

- Composite traits
- Difficult to measure
- Expensive to measure
- ...

Reference population (RS)





I. Phenotype ( $P$ )  
II. Genotype ( $G$ ) for genome-wide markers





# Take home messages



- Genetics is central to the understanding of evolution and the generation of biodiversity
- There are ample methods to uncover genetic variation for (LH) traits relevant for biocontrol
- Genetic markers (most notably SNPs) are extremely useful for many areas in biology,
- and thus for the WPs in  

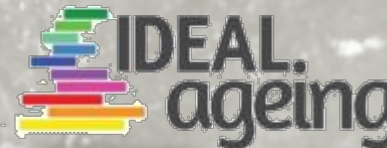


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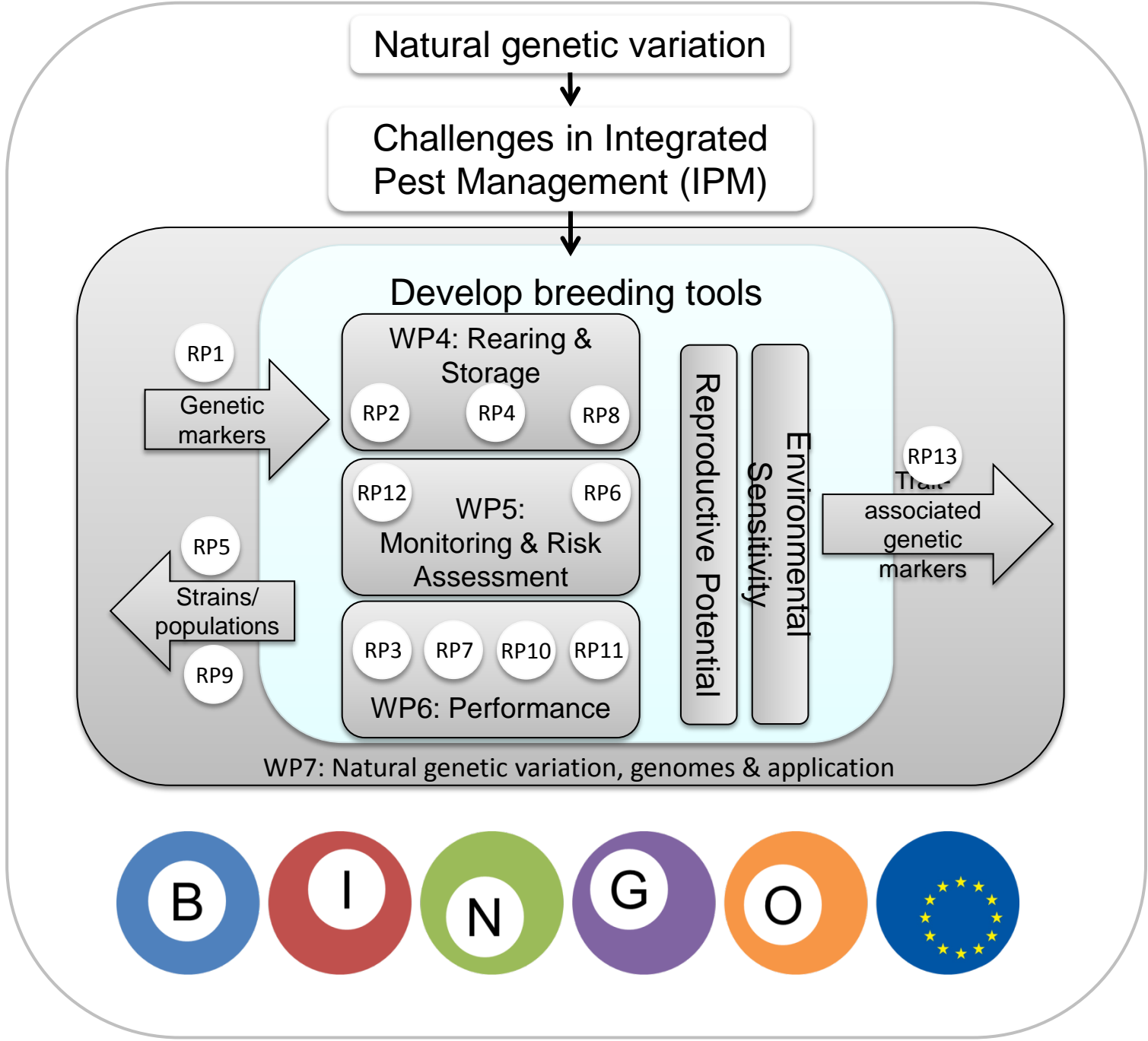


**Thank you**

**I am happy to take  
questions and comments**







Natural genetic variation



Challenges in Integrated Pest Management (IPM)



**Develop breeding tools**

WP4: Rearing & Storage  
RP2 RP4 RP8

WP5: Monitoring & Risk Assessment  
RP12 RP6

WP6: Performance  
RP3 RP7 RP10 RP11

Reproductive Potential

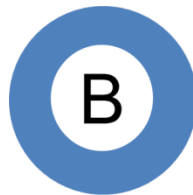
Environmental Sensitivity

Genetic markers (RP1)

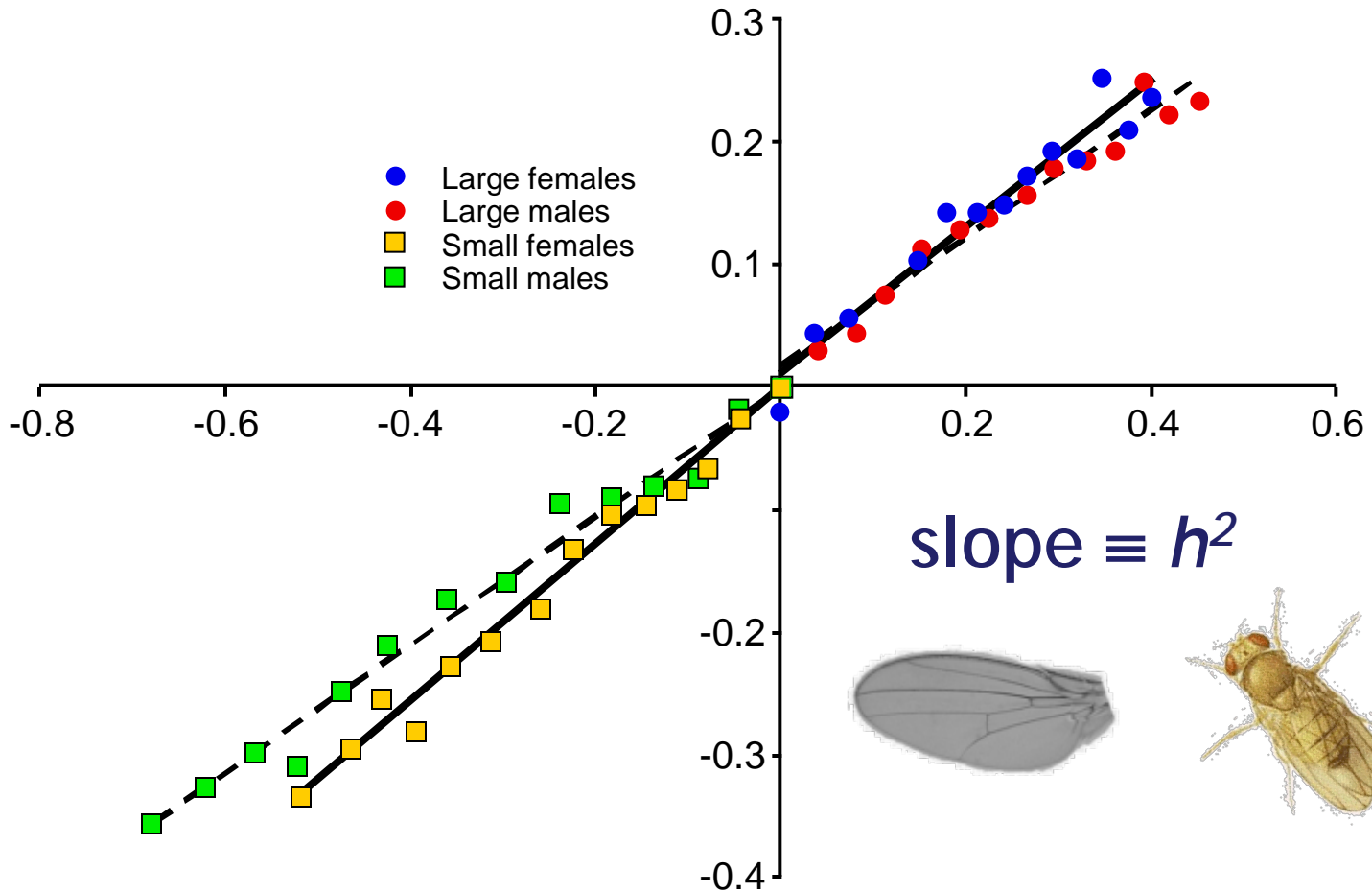
Strains/populations (RP5, RP9)

associated genetic markers (RP13)

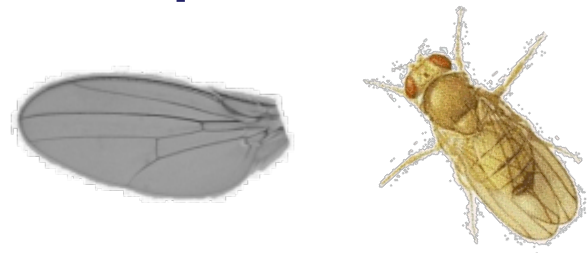
WP7: Natural genetic variation, genomes & application



Response to selection,  $R \rightarrow$



Cumulative selection differential,  $S \rightarrow$



# Genetic differentiation - $F_{ST}$

- Unbiased  $F_{ST}$  estimation based on Weir & Cockerham (1984) *Evolution*

$$\hat{F}_{ST}^{WC} = 1 - \frac{2 \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \frac{1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} [n_1 \tilde{p}_1 (1 - \tilde{p}_1) + n_2 \tilde{p}_2 (1 - \tilde{p}_2)]}{\frac{n_1 n_2}{n_1 + n_2} (\tilde{p}_1 - \tilde{p}_2)^2 + \left(2 \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_1 + n_2} - 1\right) \frac{1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} [n_1 \tilde{p}_1 (1 - \tilde{p}_1) + n_2 \tilde{p}_2 (1 - \tilde{p}_2)]}, \quad (6)$$

$n_1$  = sample size pop 1

$n_2$  = sample size pop 2

$p_1$  = estimated allele frequency of allele A in pop 1

$p_2$  = estimated allele frequency of allele A in pop 2

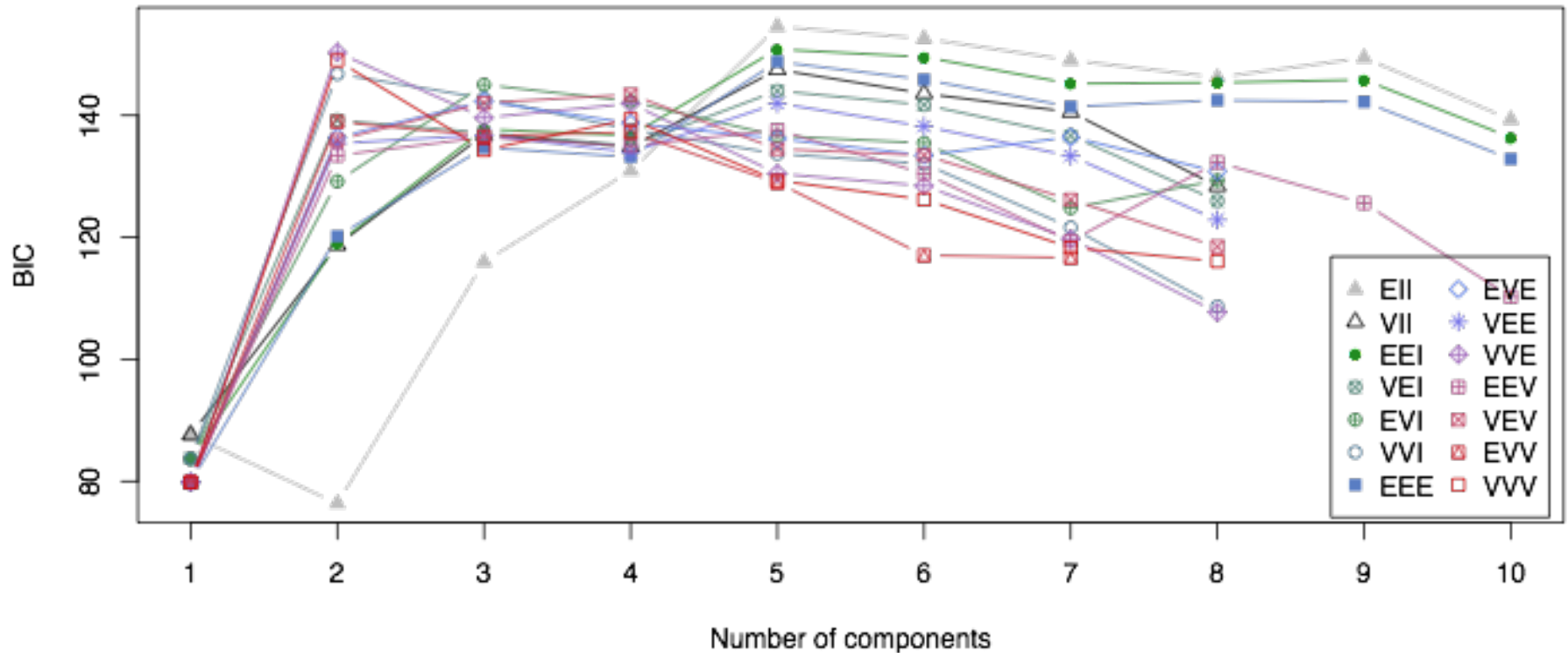


# Genetic differentiation - PCA

## Principal components analysis (PCA)

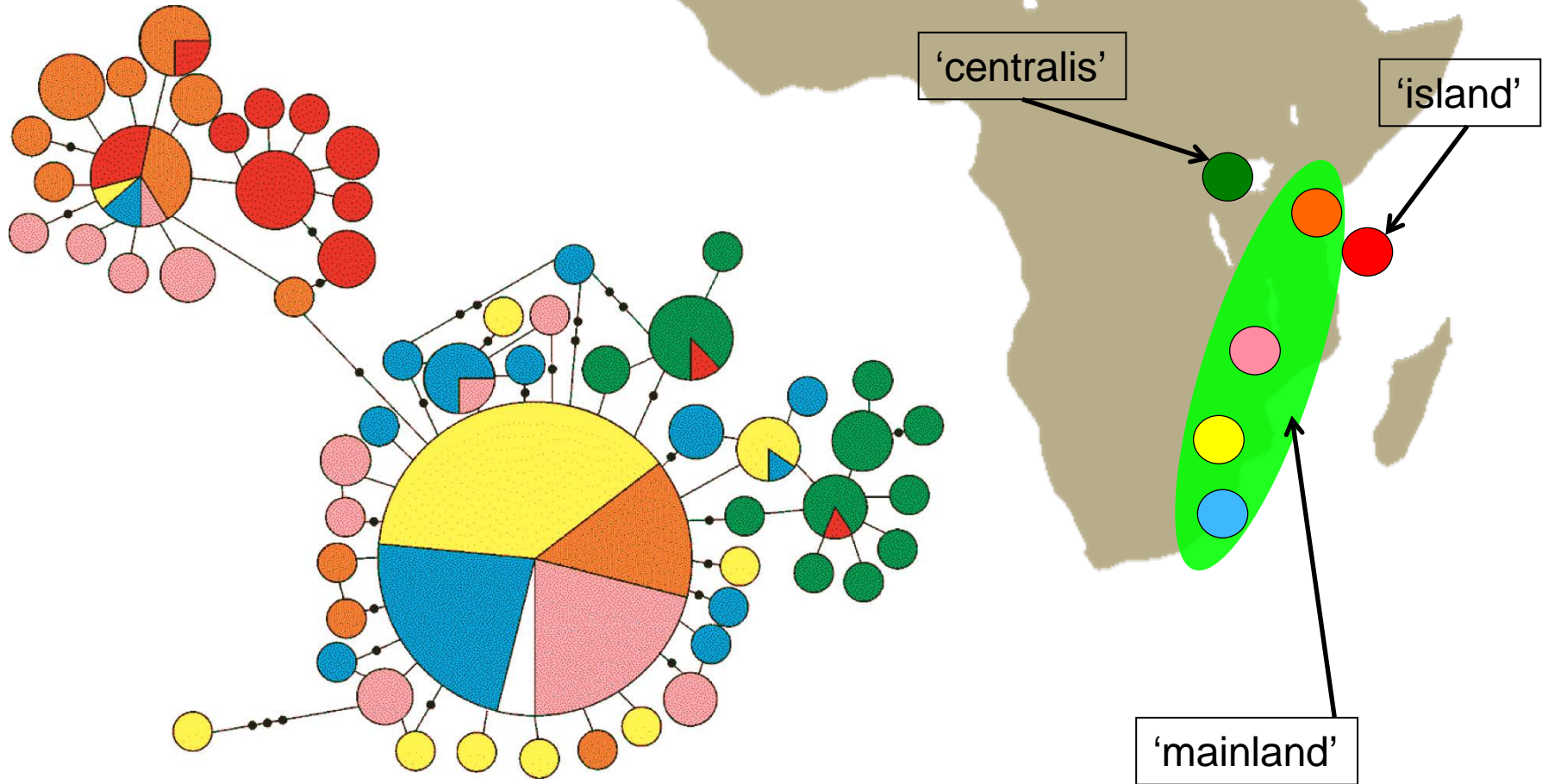
- Based on allele frequencies of intronic SNPs
- using the *R* package *LEA*
- Cluster analysis to identify the optimal number of sub-clusters
  - Based on the best fit (using BIC) of multiple hierarchical models (*R* package: *mclust*)
  - K-means method to identify optimal clustering for *k* clusters (*R* package *kmeans*)

# Optimal number of clusters



# MtDNA COI

- little geographic structure among 'mainland' populations
- more differentiation for 'centralis' and 'island'



Introduction

Phylogeography

Candidate genes



## Candidate genes for **thermal** adaptation:

### ***Metabolic genes:***

Life history and other fitness traits closely linked with metabolic processes

### ***Pigmentation genes:***

Wing/body melanization involved in UV protection and regulation of body temperature

### ***Heat shock protein genes:***

Cell regulation & stress responses, including thermal stress

# Study clinal variation in candidate genes

19 genes putatively involved in **thermal** adaptation:

**metabolic**  
genes:

<u>Glycolytic pathway:</u>	<u>Lipid pathway:</u>	<u>Other:</u>
<i>Gapdh2</i>	<i>Desat1</i>	<i>Gdh</i>
<i>GlyP</i>	<i>TAG Lipase</i>	<i>Cat</i>
<i>Tpi</i>	<i>LpR</i>	
<i>Treh</i>	<i>ApolPre</i>	
<i>UGPase</i>	<i>Lipase like</i>	
	<i>Vitellogenin</i>	

**pigmentation**  
genes:

*black*  
*Catsup*  
*Ddc*  
*light*  
*yellow*

**heat shock protein**  
genes:

*Hsp23*  
*Hsp60*  
*Hsp68*  
*Hsp83*  
*Hsc70-3*  
*Hsc70-4*

In addition, inclusion of genes for which we do not expect clinal variation:

Developmental genes:

*Apc, Distalless, Engrailed, Ovo, Wingless*

- Important in embryogenesis and throughout development
- No association with thermal adaptation

# Methods

## **Candidate genes**

sequence lengths: 500-1500bp

PCRs: pools per 3 individuals

Illumina solexa 75bp sequencing

positions on sequence and allele frequencies for each SNP

## *analysis:*

reconstruction of genotype files (no linkage, assuming HWE)

Clinal variation: regression allele frequencies with latitude

fdist method (Beaumont & Nichols), 4 mainland populations

R-package DetSel (Vitalis *et al.*), pair-wise, parameters sensitivity

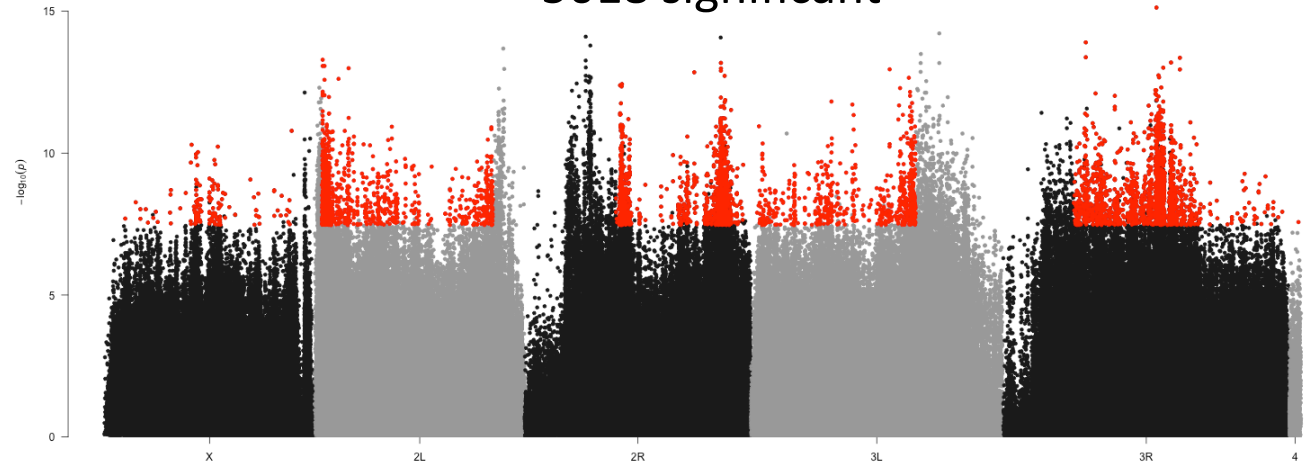
# General genetic distance

- Poor lines are very different from the other lines, both for short- and long-lived
- Genetic divergence larger in short-lived comparison of food types (for instance CE vs RE) compared to long-lived
- Effect of lifespan a bit larger than food for C and R lines, but else effects of food and lifespan quite similar

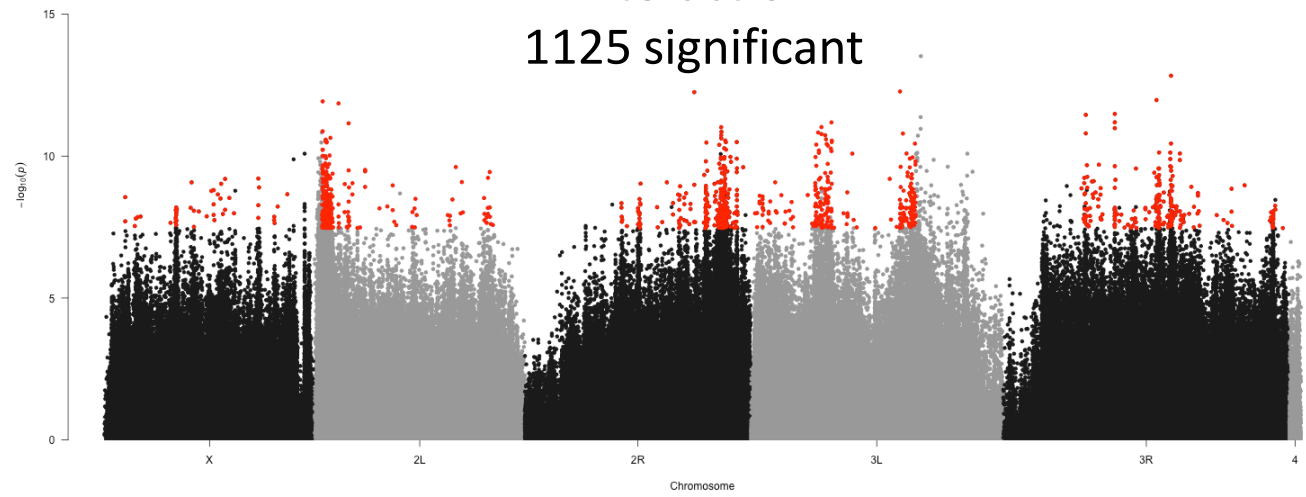


# GLMM

**Developmental diet**  
5018 significant

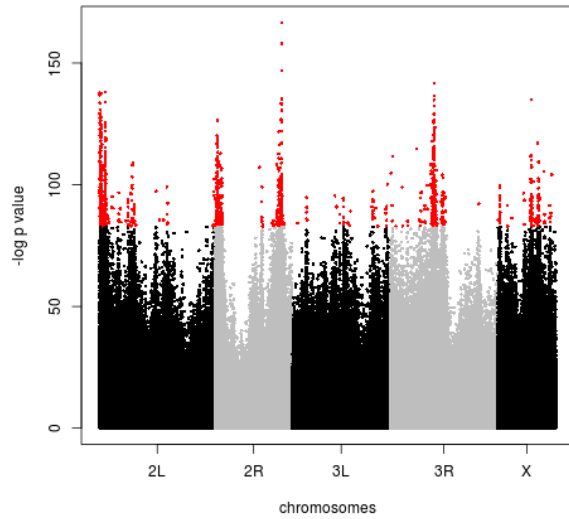


**Interaction**  
1125 significant

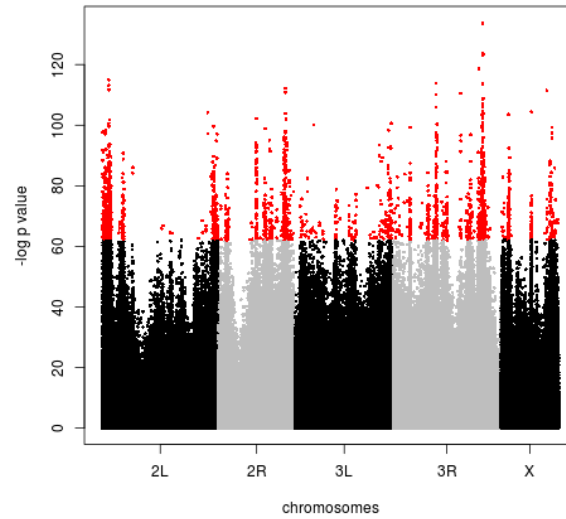


# FDR = 0

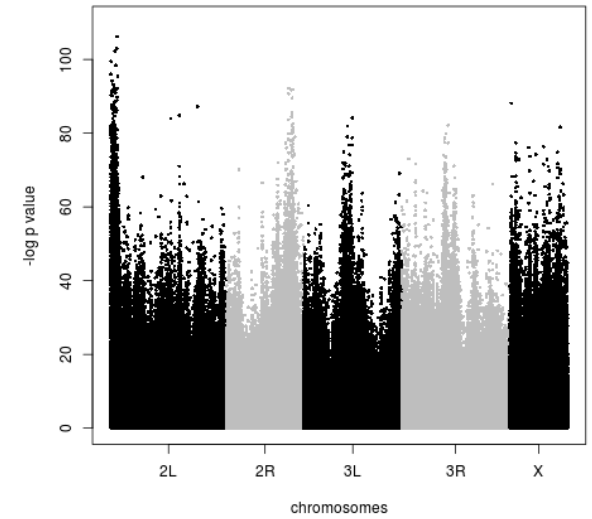
larval nutrition (GLM 1120)



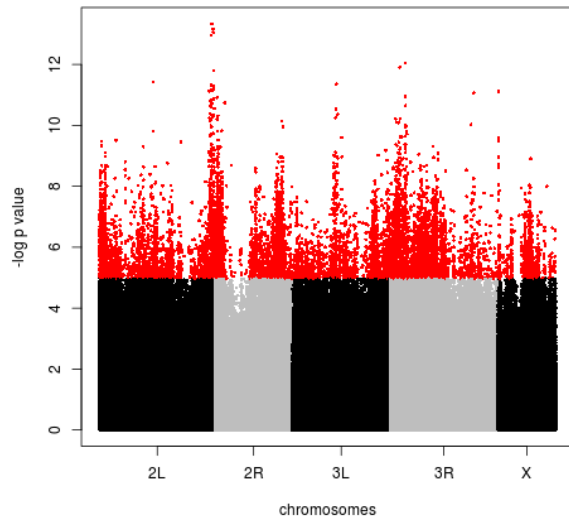
adult reproduction (GLM 1978)



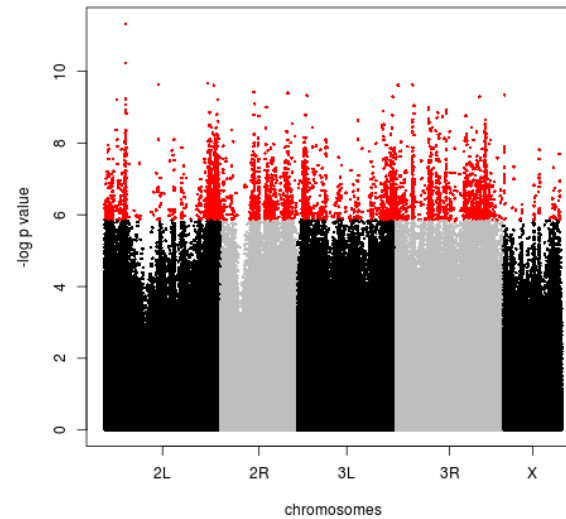
interaction (GLM 0)



larval nutrition (AOV 11293)



adult reproduction (AOV 10408)



interaction (AOV 2765)

