

CROPS in a changing climate

PANOMICS meets Germplasm

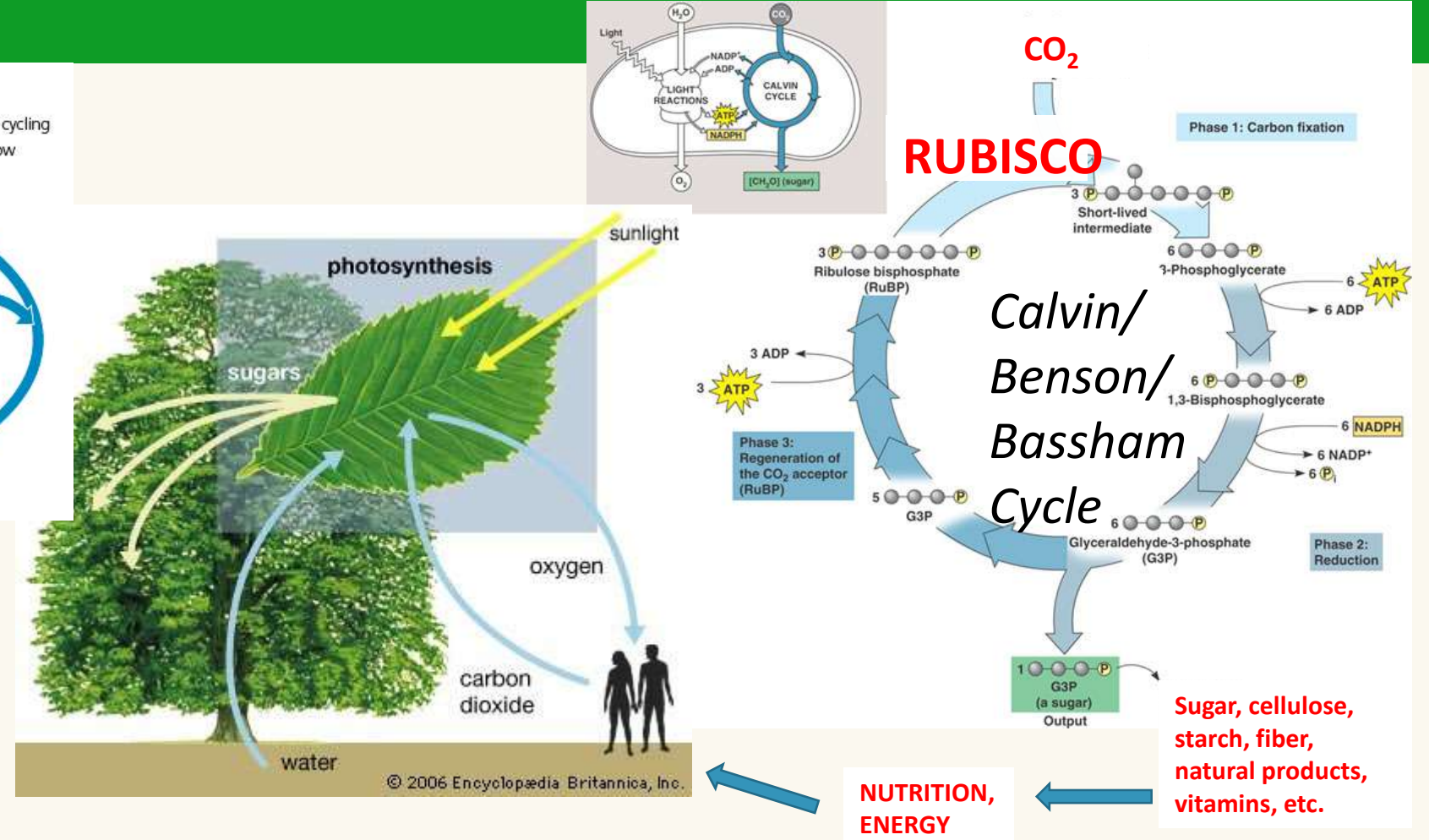
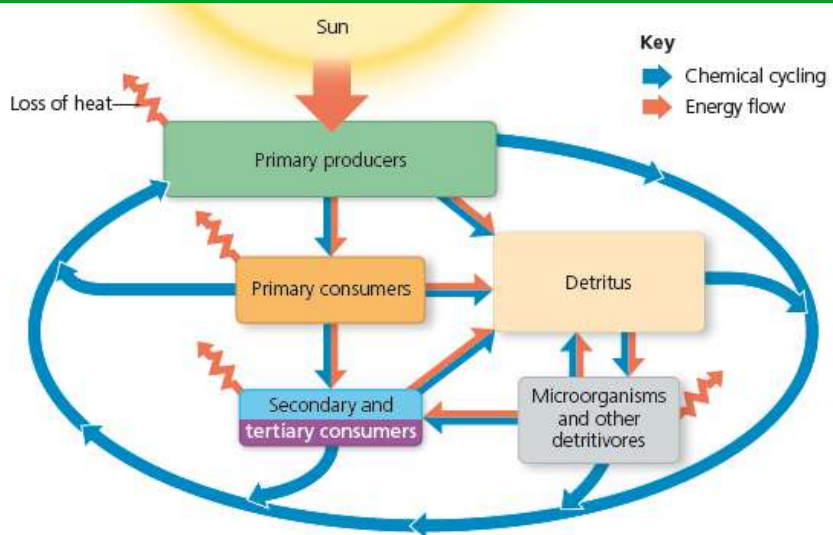
Understanding intraspecific crop plant variation

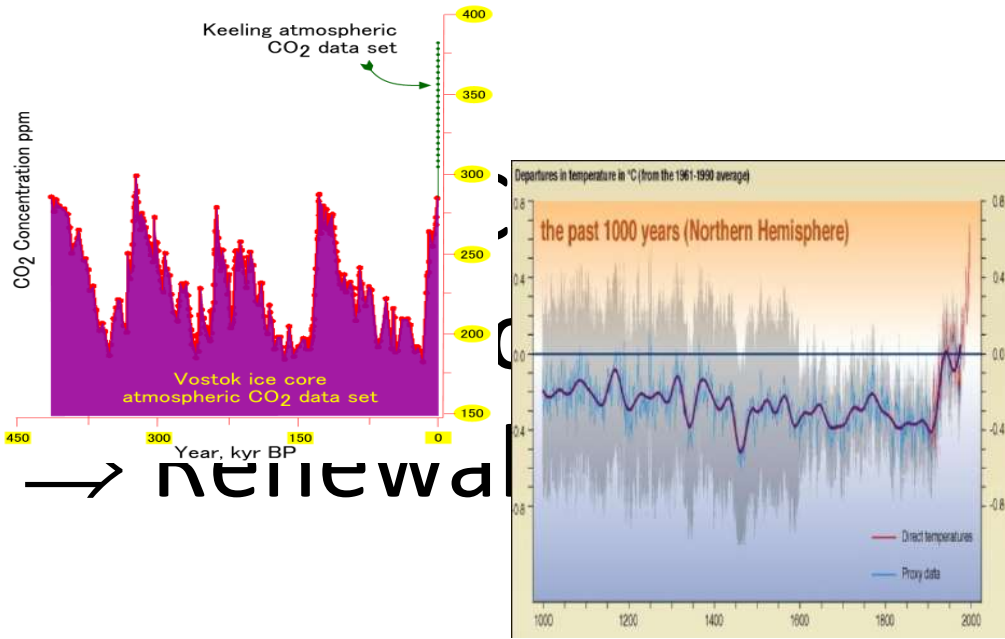
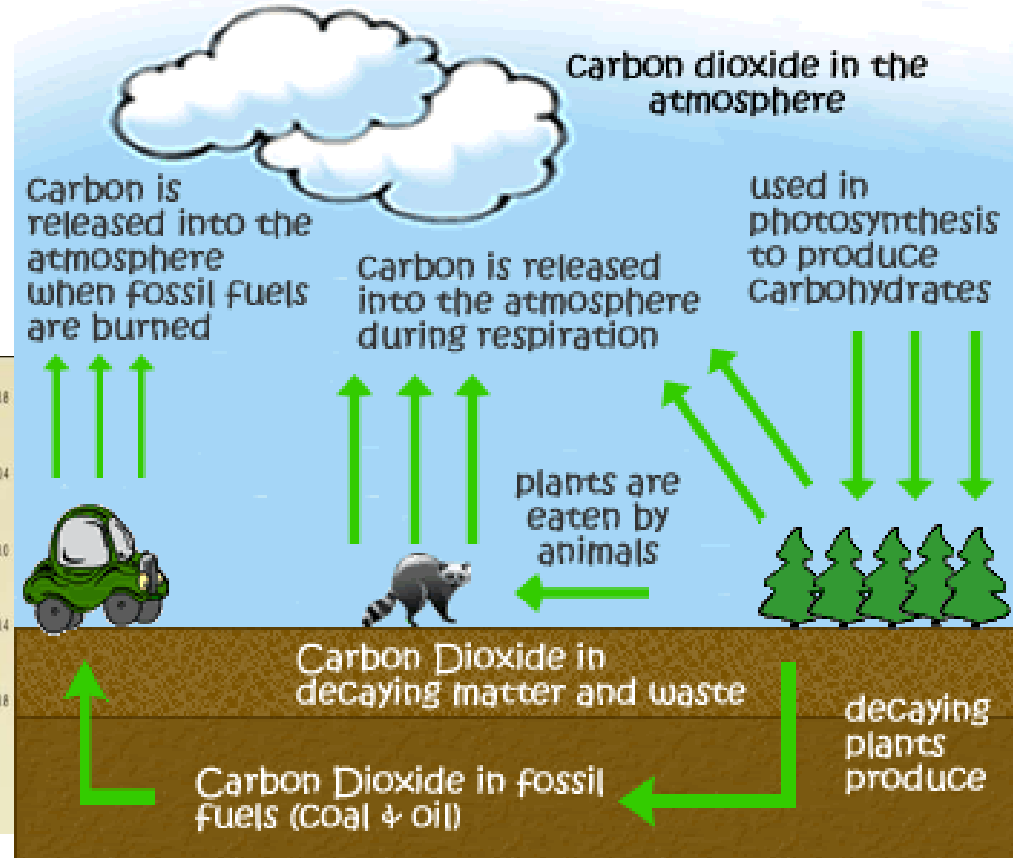
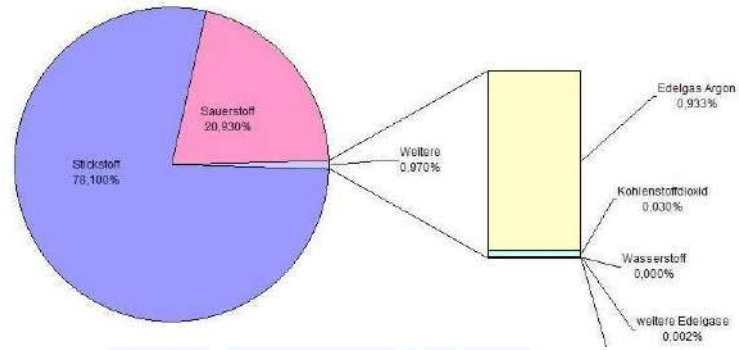
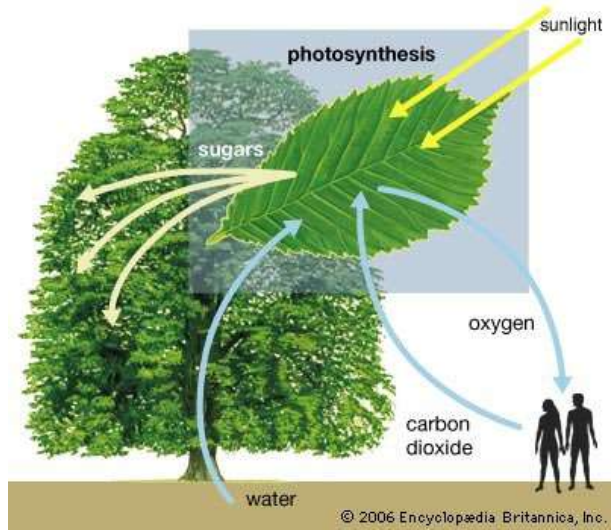
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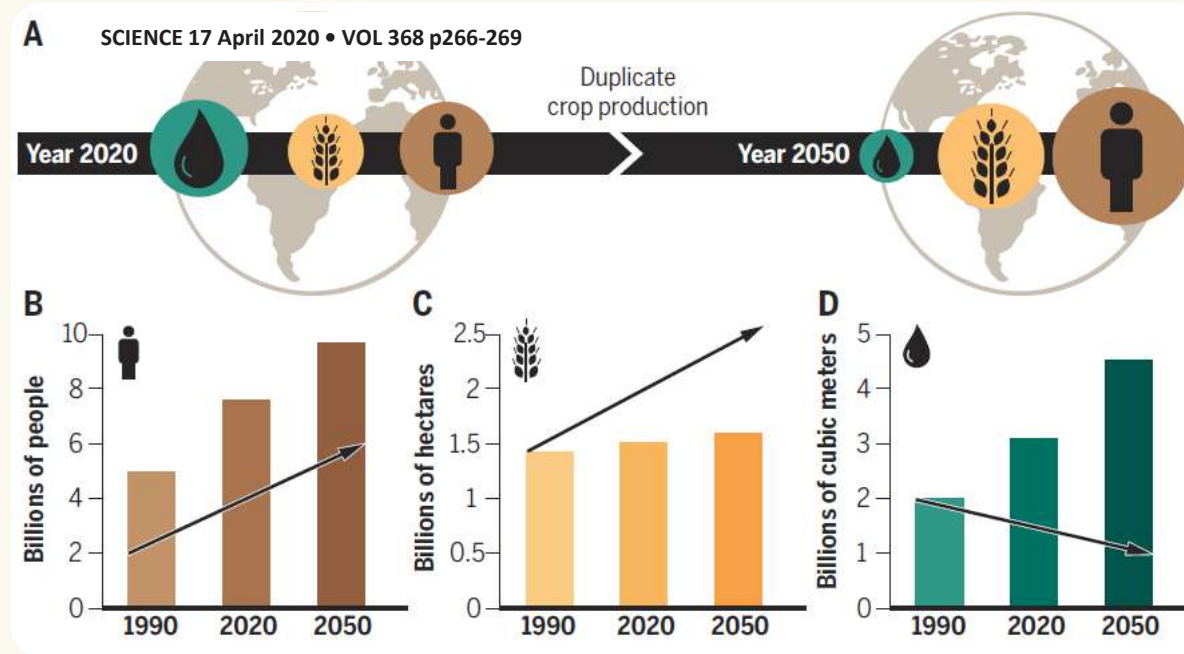
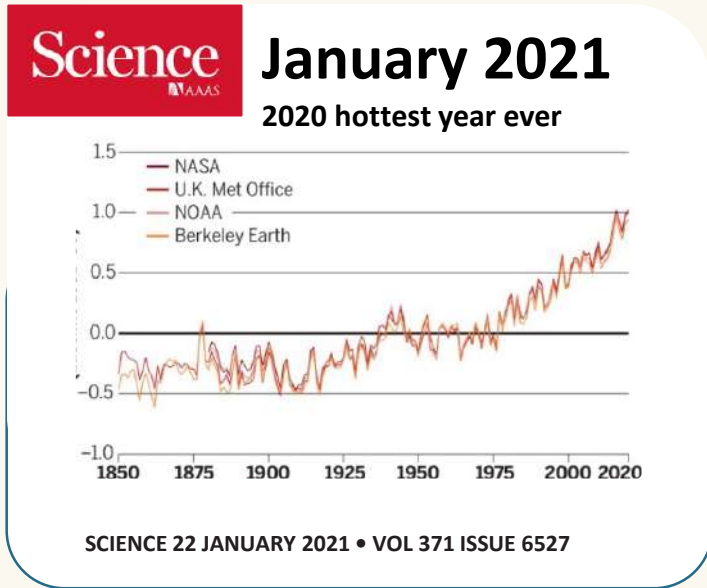


Net primary production – the perfect balance on earth



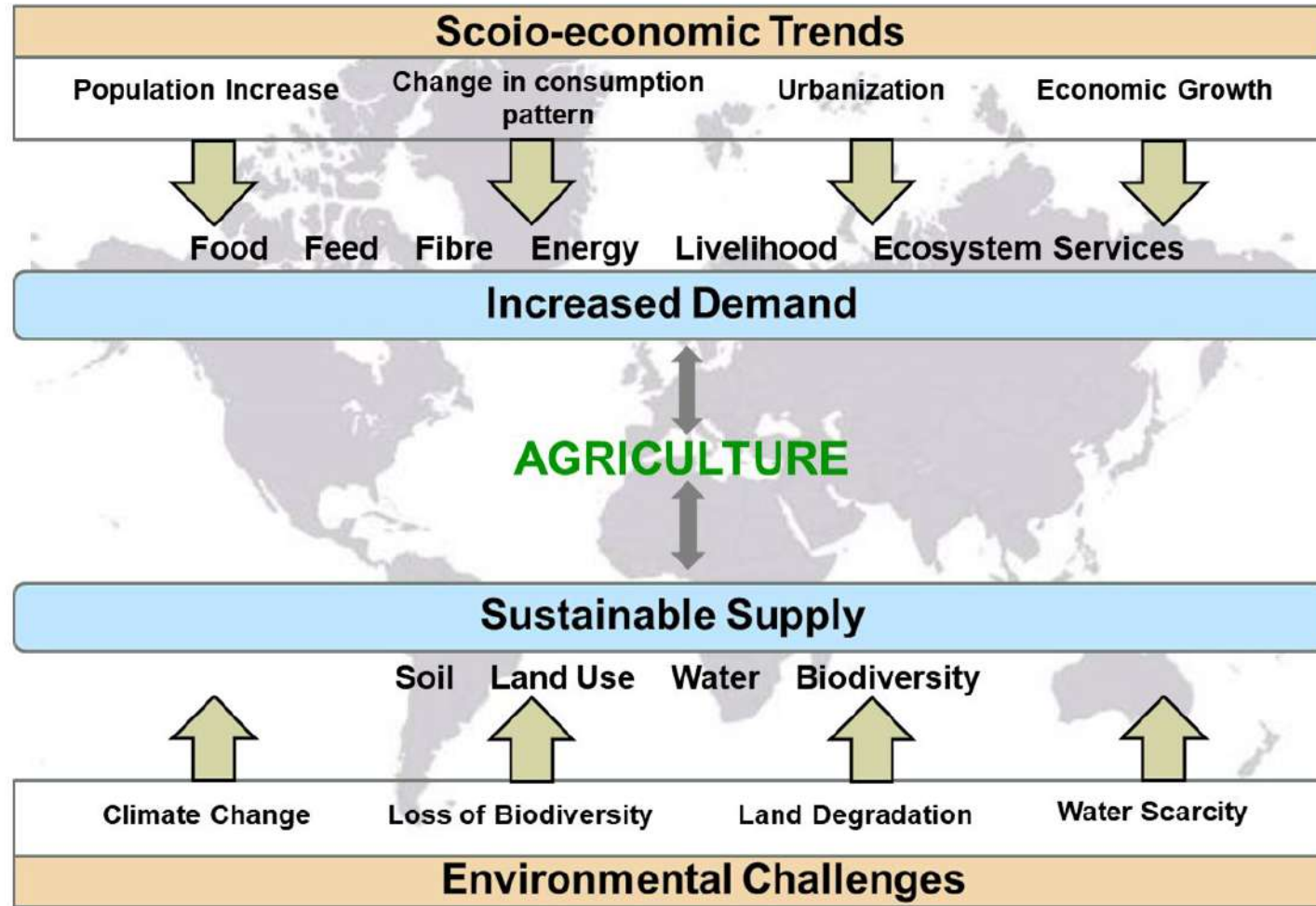


Global climate crisis



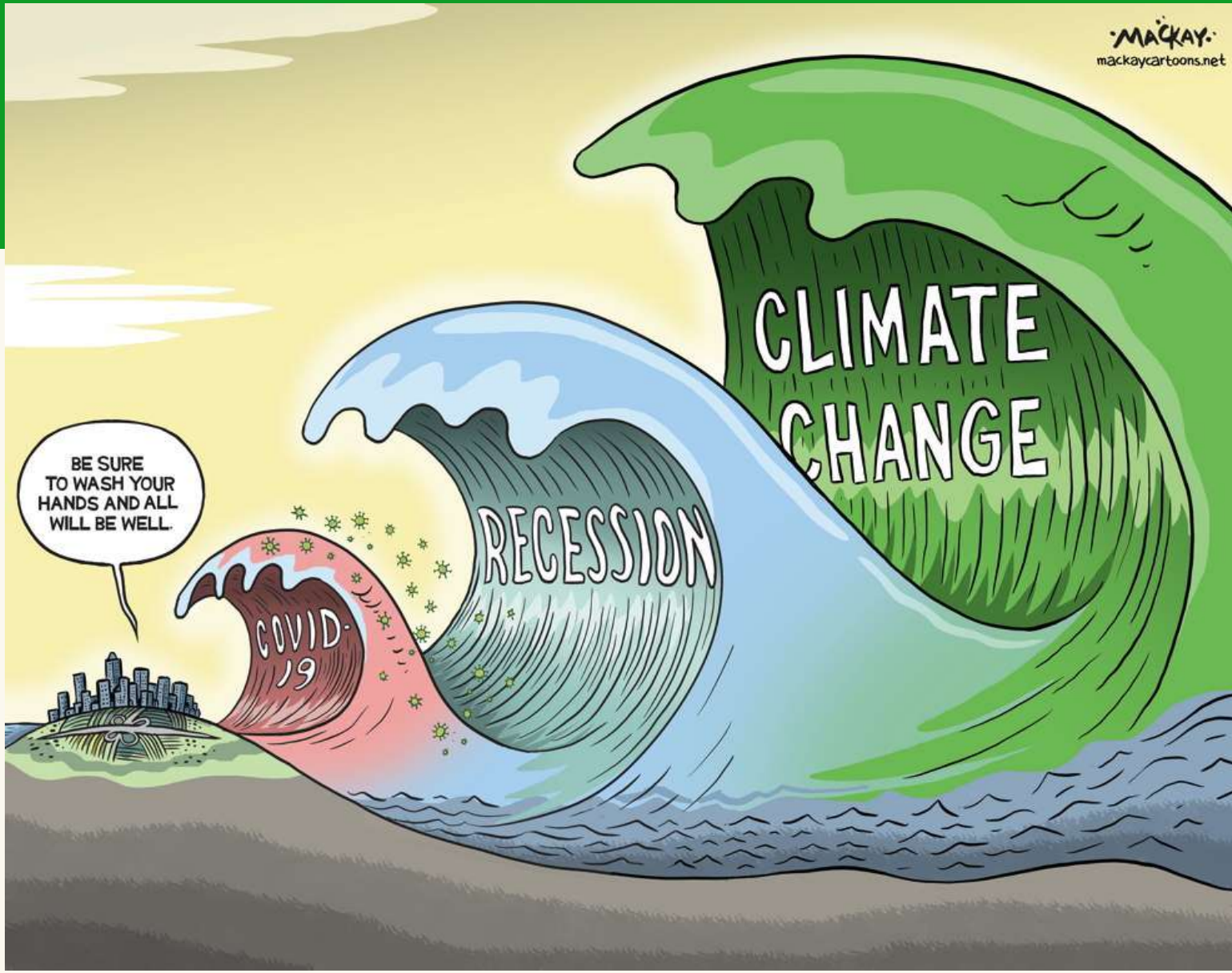
Pressures on Agriculture – Megatrends

Food, Feed, Fibre



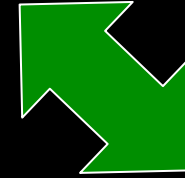
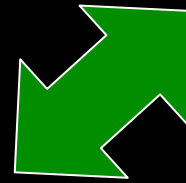
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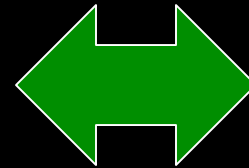


GREEN SYSTEMS BIOLOGY

Megatrends
„FFF“
Food
Feed
Fuel
socio-economic
aspects



Ecology
and
Evolution



Natural genetic
variation, biodiversity
and adaptation

Review

**Green systems biology — From single genomes, proteomes
and metabolomes to ecosystems research and biotechnology**

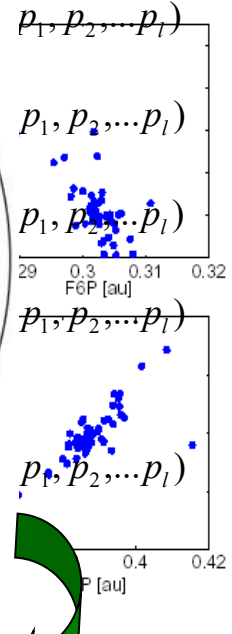
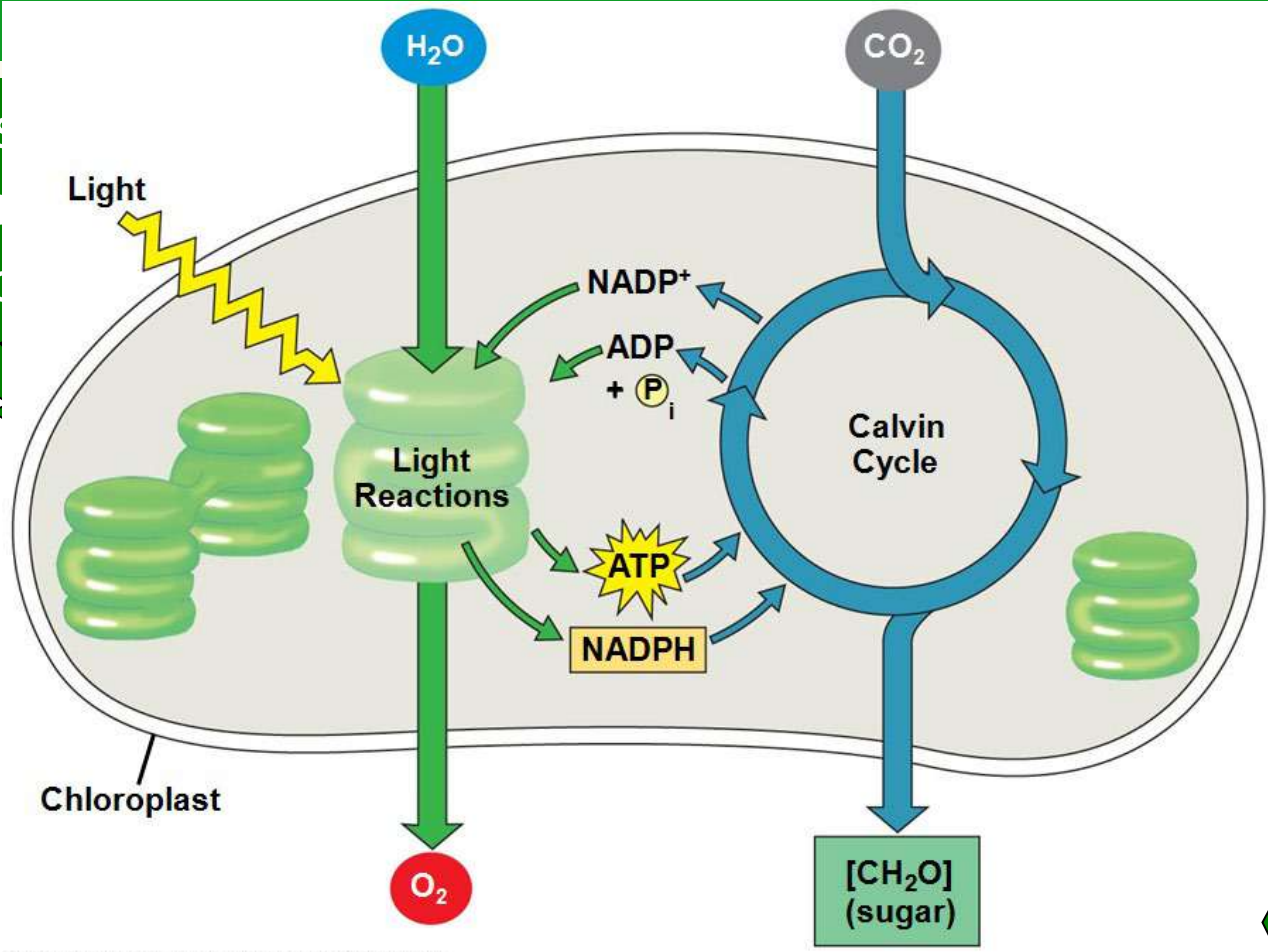
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Green Systems Biology – a genotype-phenotype equation

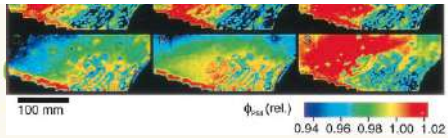
Fundamental relation between network dynamics (statistics) and GENOME SEQUENCE

stochastic differential equations



covariance matrix

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Fundamental relation between network dynamics (statistics/correlation/covariance/network) and GENOME SEQUENCE

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Jacobian entries are the Elasticities of the **enzymatic Reactions** dependent on metabolite concentration changes

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial M}$$

Change in reaction rate ∂f_i

Change in metabolite concentrations ∂M_i

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- J: Jacobian matrix
- N: stoichiometric Matrix
- => GENOME SEQUENCE**
- v: Reaction rate;
- M: metabolite

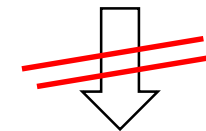
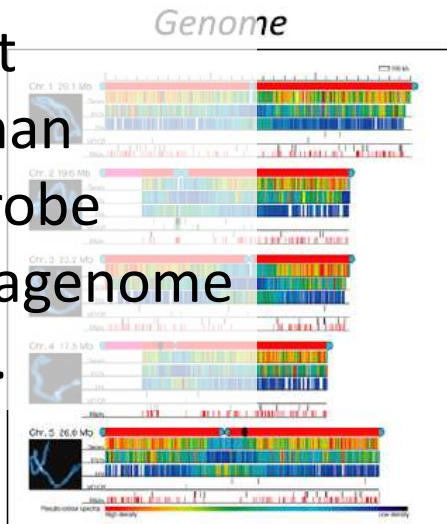


Genome-scale metabolic reconstruction

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Genome-scale metabolic reconstruction

Plant
Human
Microbe
Metagenome
etc...



Dynamic phenotypic plasticity



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A genotype-phenotype-equation

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Genome sequence



Data derived dynamic model of the phenotype

Structure of the Jacobi is defined by the stoichiometric Matrix derived from the genome

Environmentally driven stochastic Diffusionmatrix

$$JC + CJ^T = -2D$$

Covariance Matrix (dynamic network of the metabolic system)

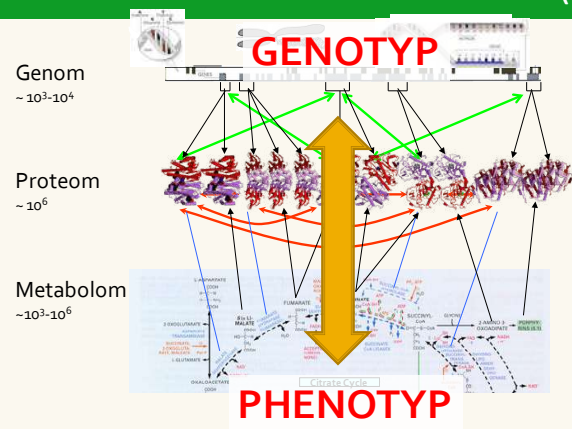


A systematic relation

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	M_1	M_2	M_3	...	M_n
S_1	$q_{1,1}$	$q_{1,2}$	$q_{1,3}$...	$q_{1,n}$
S_2	$q_{2,1}$	$q_{2,2}$	$q_{2,3}$...	$q_{2,n}$
S_3	$q_{3,1}$	$q_{3,2}$	$q_{3,3}$...	$q_{3,n}$
...
S_m	$q_{m,1}$	$q_{m,2}$	$q_{m,3}$...	$q_{m,n}$



$$\frac{dM_1}{dt} = f(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n)$$

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$$\frac{dM_n}{dt} = f(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n)$$

n-dimensional Data matrix

Systems equations

PHENOTYPE C

Systems theory J



$$JC + CJ^T = -2D$$



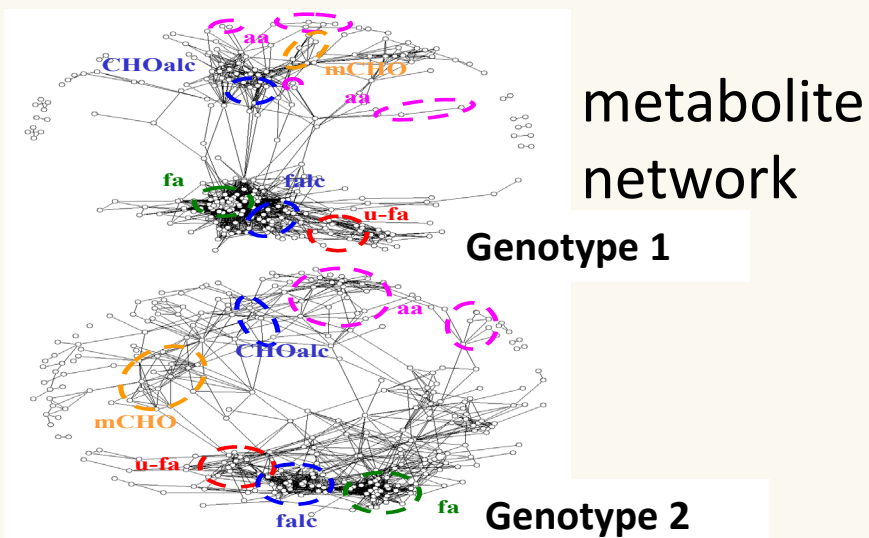
Multivariate
Statistics



Genome
sequence

Trajectories

GENOTYPE N



Linking OMICS and Modelling Platform MoSys

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Data driven mathematical model of the system – **Functional interpretation and Prediction**

$$JC + CJ^T = -2D$$

Genotype-
Phenotype -
relationship

Genotype (genome sequence) : metabolic and regulatory reconstruction of the species

environmental perturbation

Phenotype

“READOUT”

Morphology, Anatomy, Physiology

Metabolomics

Proteomics

Genomics

in vivo

**Dynamics -
PHENOTYPE**

n-dimensional Data
matrix

	M1	M2	M3	...	Mn
S1	$q_{1,1}$	$q_{1,2}$	$q_{1,3}$...	$q_{1,n}$
S2	$q_{2,1}$	$q_{2,2}$	$q_{2,3}$...	$q_{2,n}$
S3	$q_{3,1}$	$q_{3,2}$	$q_{3,3}$...	$q_{3,n}$
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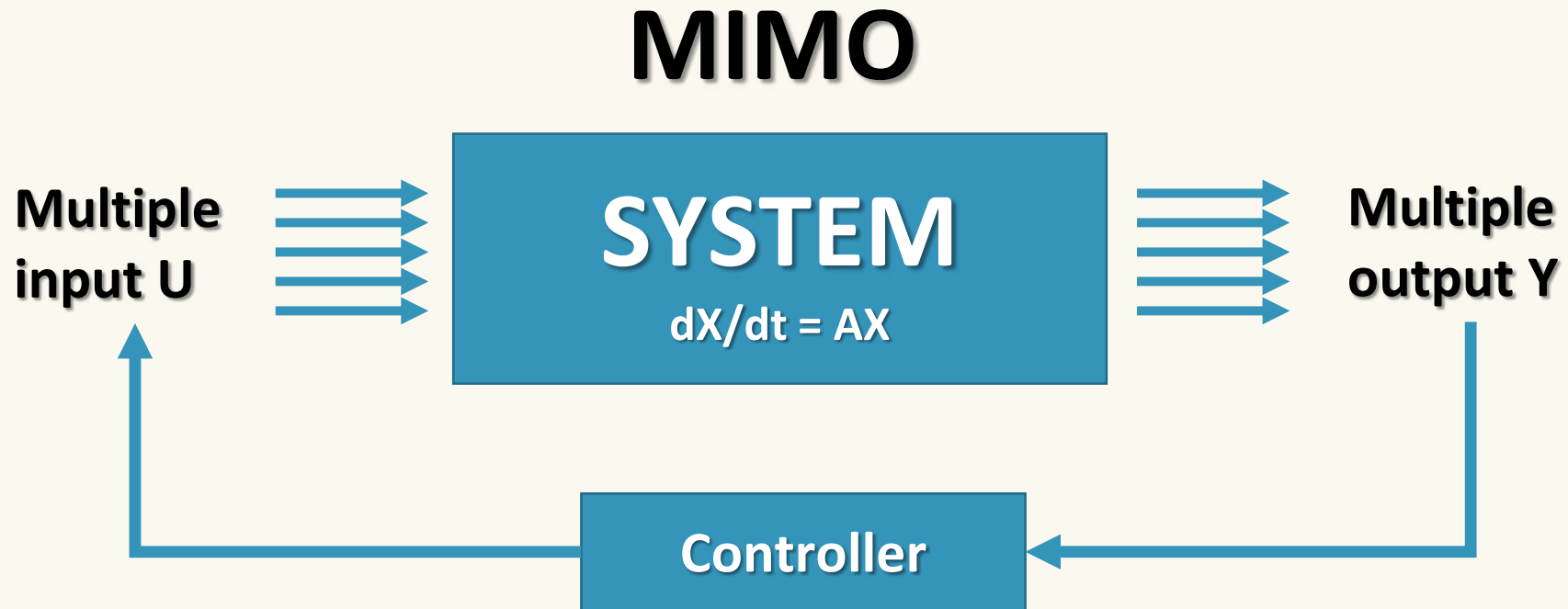
Lyapunov matrix equation in ecology/population dynamics – Richard Levins and Robert May

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- Introduction of the Population Community Matrix which is equivalent with the Jacobi matrix
- Introduction of the Lyapunov matrix equation for stochastic systems $A^T P + P A + Q = 0$
- Applications to population dynamics
- May Hypothesis: increasing diversity destabilizes the ecosystem measured by the eigenvalues of the Jacobian but....
- no random structure of the community matrix



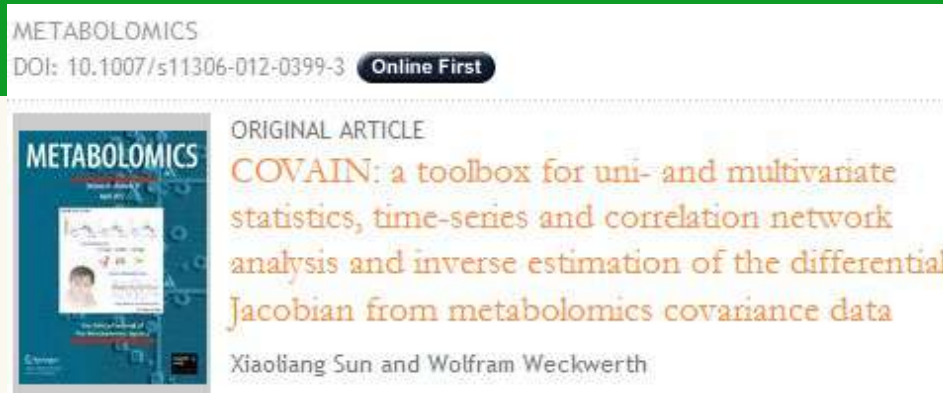
Lyapunov matrix equation is a central approach in artificial intelligence and bioinspired control theory



Weckwerth (2019) Towards a unification of **system-theoretical** concepts in biology and ecology – the stochastic Lyapunov matrix equation and its inverse application. *Frontiers Applied Mathematics and Statistics* 5,29



COVAIN – COVAriance INverse: toolbox for data integration and mining

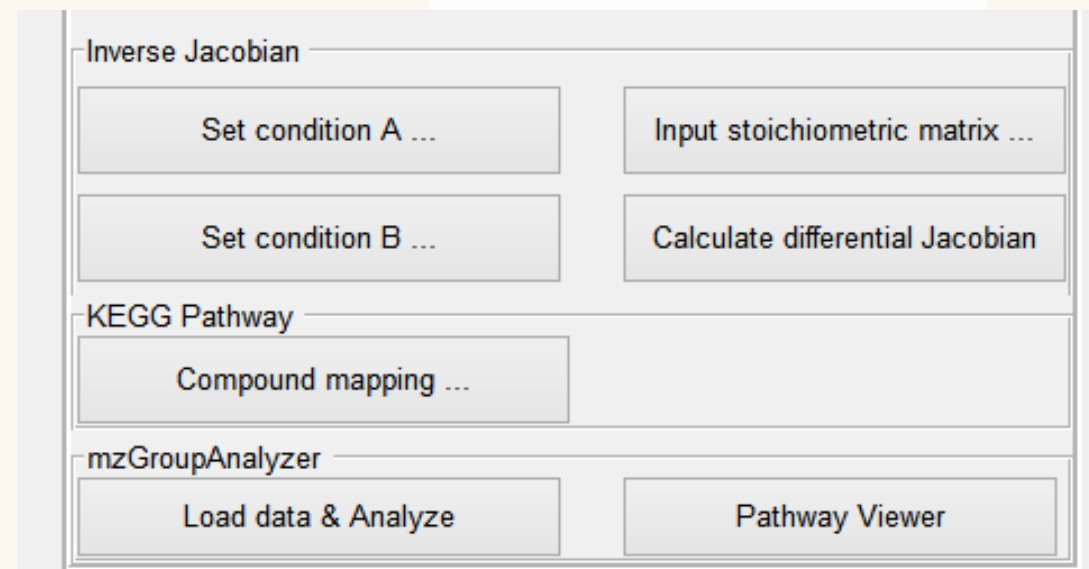


Sun & Weckwerth
2012 Metabolomics

$$JC + CJ^T = -2D$$

COVAIN GUI Matlab

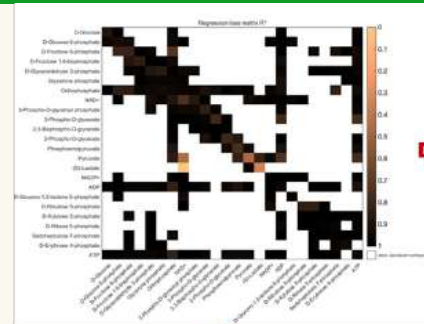
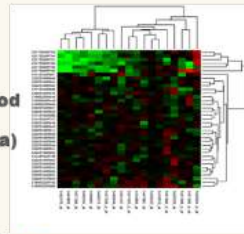
- PCA, ICA, HCA, etc.
- GRANGER CAUSALITY
- data integration
- data transformation
- data normalization
- metabolic modelling
- metabolomics
- proteomics
- transcriptomics
- other data



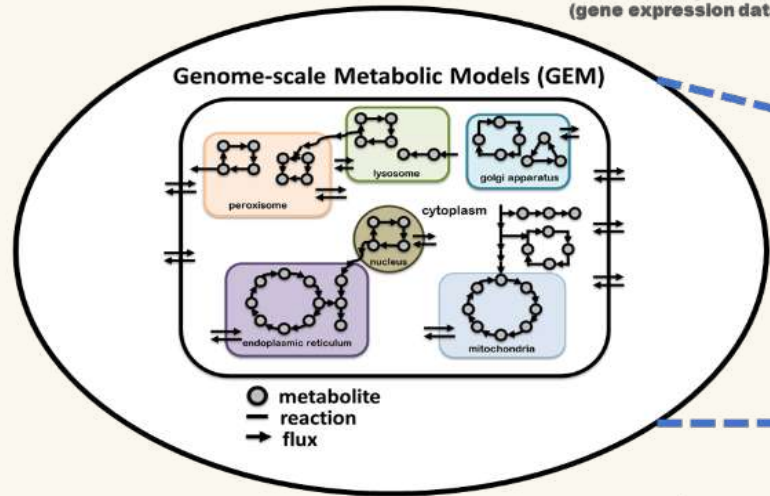
COVRECON: Combining Genome-scale Metabolic Network Reconstruction and Data-driven Inverse Modeling

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Pathway search method
+ Transcriptome
(gene expression data)



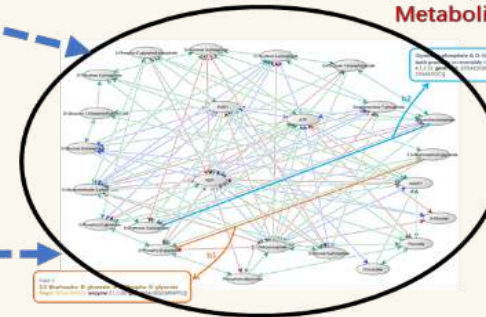
Differential Jacobian
Result Matrix R^*



Network Reduction
Sim-Network

Inverse Differential
Jacobian Approach

Simplified
Conceptualized
Metabolic Model



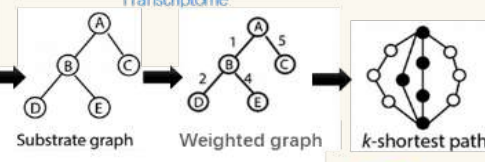
All measured metabolites ($s < 100$)

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{21} & \dots & J_{n1} \\ J_{12} & J_{22} & \dots & J_{n2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ J_{1n} & J_{1n} & \dots & J_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

All metabolites
in an organism Database
($n > 1000$)

	R1	R2
A	-1	0
B	1	-1
C	1	0
D	0	1
E	0	1

S matrix



$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{21} & \dots & J_{s1} \\ J_{12} & J_{22} & \dots & J_{s2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ J_{1s} & J_{1s} & \dots & J_{ss} \end{bmatrix}$$



Jiahang Li

Li et al. 2022
in preparation



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Wang et al. 2016
Prezeli et al. 2016



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Chaturvedi et al. 2013
Chaturvedi et al. 2015



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Ping Fang Wang

PANOMICS PLATFORM

1001 and more?



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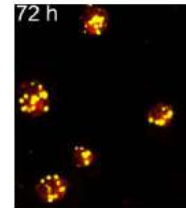


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From Farm to Table to Health - Panomics

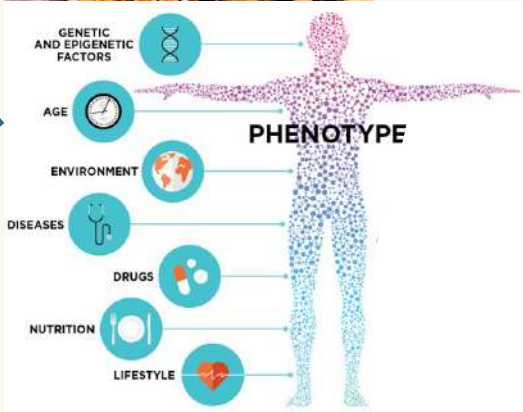
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Rapid delivery systems for future food security

To the Editor — The current world population of 7.8 billion is predicted to reach 10 billion by 2057 (<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/#pastfuture>). Future access to affordable and healthy food will be challenging, with malnutrition already affecting one in three people worldwide. The agricultural sector currently provides livelihoods for 1.1 billion people and accounts for 26.7% of global employment (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SL.AGR.EMPL.ZS>). However, our reliance on a small number of crop species for agricultural calorie production and depletion of land, soil, water and genetic resources, combined with extreme weather events and changing disease/pest dynamics, are already jeopardizing future food security¹. Climate change-induced reductions in the global yield of major crops (for example, rice, wheat, maize and soybean) are more pronounced in low-latitude regions and thus affect farmers in developing countries². As is evident from temperate cereal crops, a robust seed system that delivers improved cultivars to replace old cultivars is a plausible approach to adapting agriculture to climate change³. Here we provide an overview of how seed input supply systems and new production and harvesting technologies can generate increased incomes for developing world farmers and deliver better products

required to realize higher crop yields and income for smallholder farmers and deliver enhanced agricultural outputs (Fig. 1). The integration of planting good-quality seeds of elite crop varieties with improved decision support tools, mechanical harvesting and post-harvest management will increase production gains. Electronic trading portals (for example, Wefarm (<https://about.wefarm.com/>), eNAM (<https://www.enam.gov.in/web/>) and Digital Mandi (<https://www.litk.ac.in/MLAsia/digimandi.htm>)) and support from farmer associations should help farmers market their produce directly for fairer prices. Further processing and addition of value can also deliver improved products to consumers and increase farmer's income (Fig. 1).

Seed is the single entry point for crop resilience and productivity. The sustainability of crop production is vitally dependent on the timely supply of improved seed and other inputs. In developing countries, formal seed supply systems generally do not meet farmers' demands, such that smallholder farmers source more than 80% of their seed from informal seed systems. Some South Asian countries, such as Nepal, ensure seed supply through community-based seed banks⁴, but most of the seed is not from elite varieties, which limits productivity and reduces environmental resilience. Promoting elite

protect the environment¹¹. Seeding rate and planting time are critical components of crop production packages, but they vary between locations. For instance, in China over-seeding of wheat reduced potential yield by 6.3% and under-seeding of maize reduced potential yields by 20.6%; meanwhile, timely sowing increased yields by 6.3% for wheat and 15% for maize. Timely irrigation and fertilizer application reduced wheat yield losses by 6.2%, whereas maize yield increased by 7.5% and wheat by 11.6% following recommended fertilizer regimes¹⁰. Integrated nutrient management incorporates optimal nutrients from various resources and synchronizes crop demand and supply. Using innovative nutrient-specific strategies such as urease inhibitors, fertilizer incorporation at depth and coated urea could improve nutrient use efficiency and crop productivity. Integrated pest management involving innovative ecological pest management strategies could help manage agricultural pests. Under rain-fed conditions, the use of mulch (for example, crop straw, plastic or gravel sand) can preserve soil moisture and increase moisture availability to crops. In China, ridge-furrow plastic mulching of maize increased water-use efficiency by 70% and improved nitrogen-uptake efficiency by 45%, relative to flat irrigation¹².

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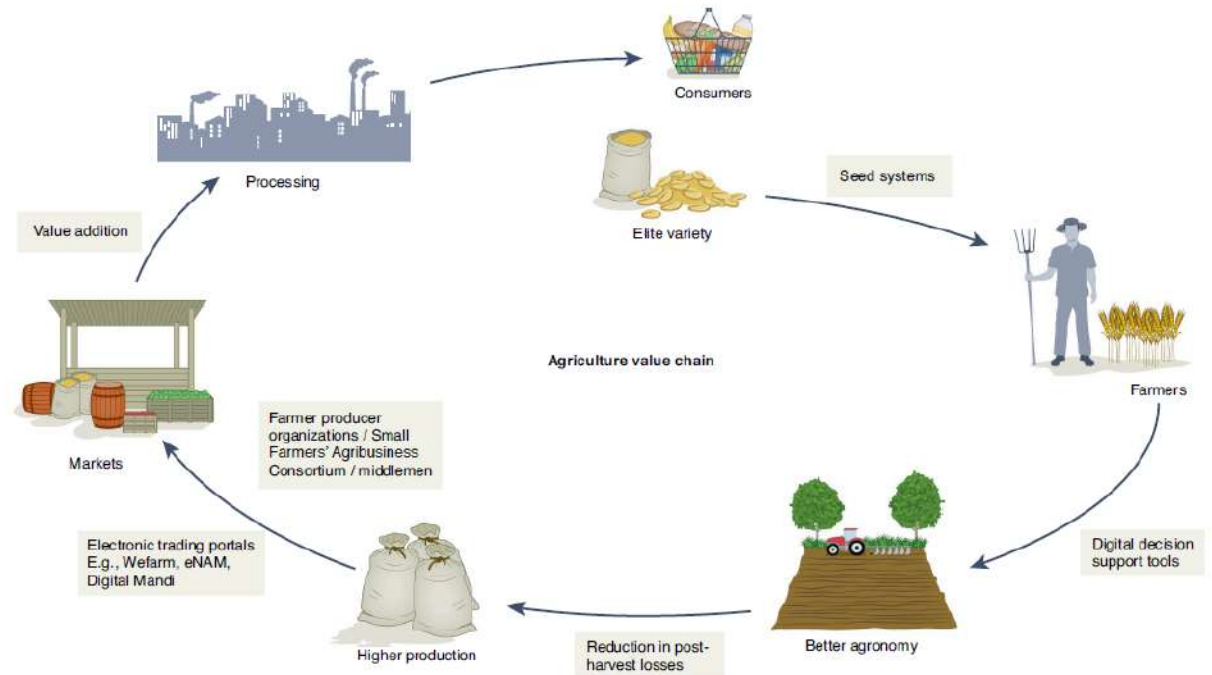


Fig. 1 | Rapid delivery of new cultivars to farmer fields and better products to markets. New crop products developed through innovative breeding technologies should be accessible to farmers. Improved seed and the input supply system remain at the core of farmer accessibility needs. Equally important will be better crop production technologies based on site-specific packages. Institutional support from the public sector (for example, digital agriculture tools, computational decision and analytics tools or digital communication tools) can contribute substantially to this end. Mechanized harvesting and more widespread cold-storage facilities could also reduce harvest losses. Value addition to farm produce could increase farm income, diversify production and provide new markets.

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Understanding intraspecific crop plant adaptation in the climate crisis for climate change mitigation



HYPOTHESIS

Agriculture contributes to the mitigation of climate change due to its nature as carbon sequestration process - photosynthesis and CO₂ -fixation

versus current state:

1. Harsh climate reduces plant growth and productivity leading to inefficient CO₂-neutral biomass and food production
2. High demand on industrial nitrogen fertilizer for productivity but low nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) due to losses (50-70%) in the soil – nitrification processes and GHG emissions (N₂O)
3. Food production – industrial processes

**Net GHG
emission
instead of
sequestration**



Transformation of Agriculture

Towards 10 Billion

New projections by the United Nations suggest the world's population may surpass 10 billion by 2100 — with Asia and Africa far and away the most populous regions.

6 billion people

WORLD POPULATION

4

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0

1960 1980 2000 2020 2040 2060 2080 2100

Source: United Nations

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MIDRANGE PROJECTIONS

2100, IN BILLIONS

Oceania 0.07

North America 0.53

Europe 0.67

Latin America, Caribbean 0.69

Africa 3.57

Asia 4.60

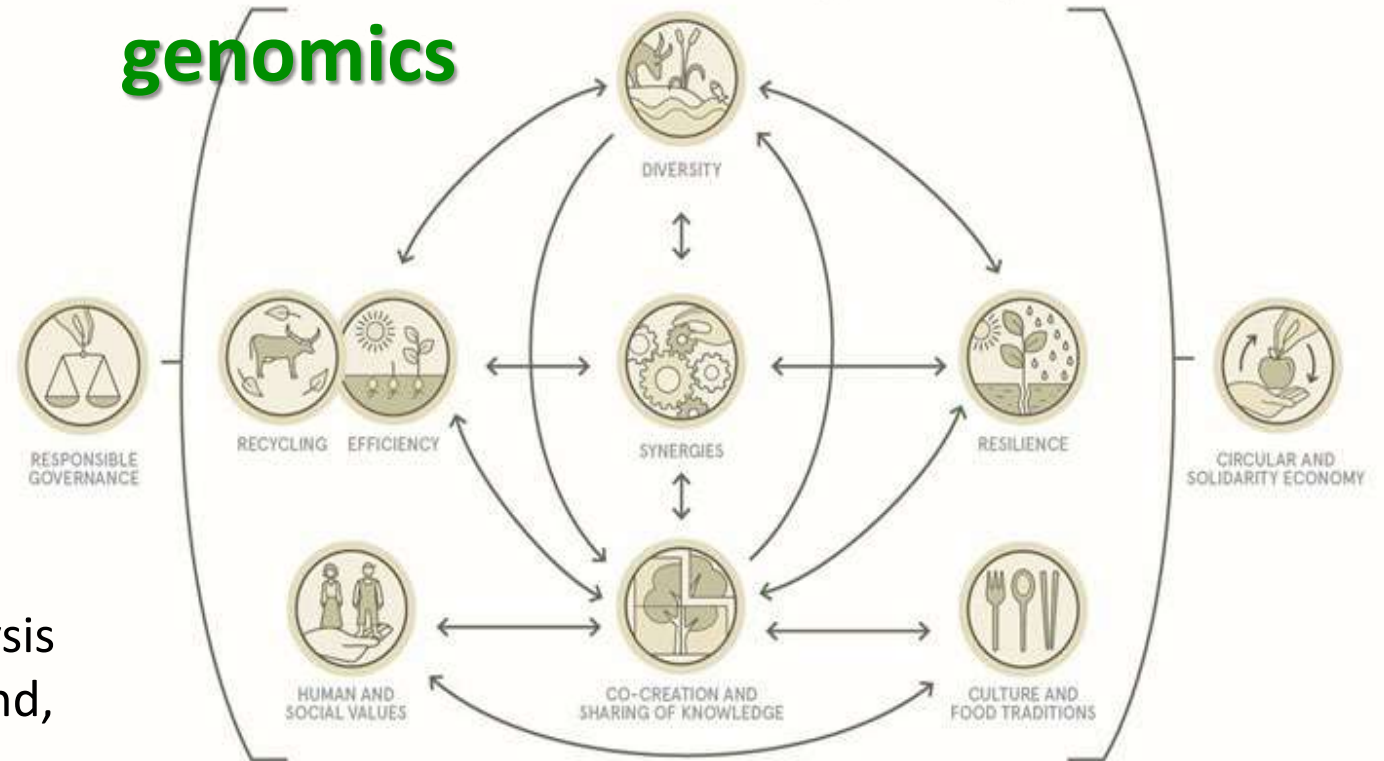
- World population will reach **9 billion** by 2050
- FAO estimates that agricultural production will have to **increase by 60%** by then
- Agriculture should undergo a **significant transformation** to feed the growing global population
- Climate change adds extra challenges in reaching this goal – esp. developing countries where food insecurity and poverty are prevalent



Agroecology: Key to agricultural resilience and ecosystem recovery

- Four major themes of agroecosystems (Conway 1983):
 - Productivity
 - Stability
 - Sustainability
 - Equability
- Fundamental properties of any complex system and derived from **SYSTEM THEORY**
- Agroecology and agroecosystems analysis is intimately bound to system theory and, thus, to systems biology

Genetic variation – germplasm genomics



<http://www.fao.org/agroecology/knowledge/science/en/>





Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research (CGIAR)

Mandate Crops



- Chickpea
- Pigeon pea
- Groundnut
- Sorghum
- Pearl Millet



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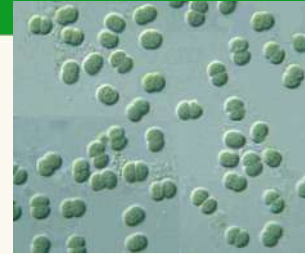
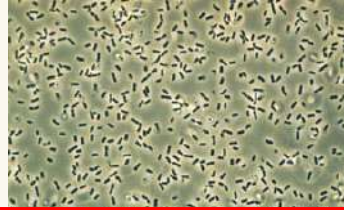


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Next generation sequencing...

Arabidopsis



Synochocystis



Seit 1995 ~**450.000** Genome projects... exponential...
Metagenomes...**2021**



Homo sapiens



Canis familiaris



Medicago sativum



Medicago



Chlamydomonas



Maus



Plant Genomes

Oryza sativa



2002

Ricinus communis



Populus trichocarpa



2006

Solanum tuberosum



Vitis vinifera



2007

Fragaria vesca
Theobroma cacao



Zea mays

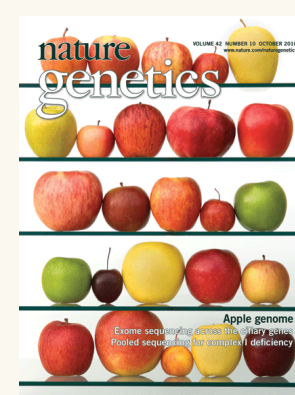


2009

Solanum lycopersicum



Malus x domestica Borkh.



2009

Glycine max

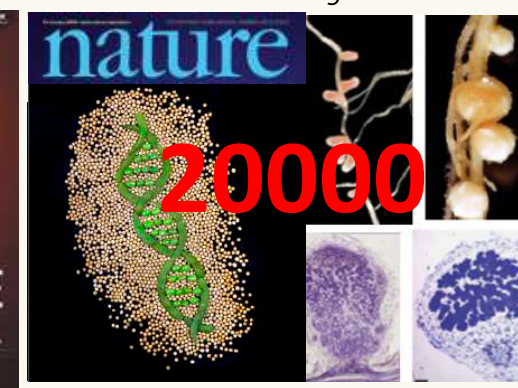
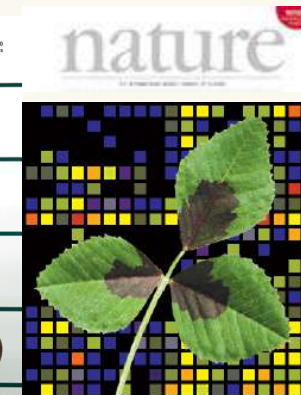


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Medicago truncatula



2011

Rhizobium leguminosarum



2010



2011



2011



2012



2010



2006

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Germplasm genomics

Pearl Millet

Pearl millet genome sequence provides a resource to improve agronomic traits in arid environments

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Pearl millet [*Cenchrus americanus* (L.) Morrone] is a staple food for more than 90 million people in sub-Saharan Africa, India and South Asia. We report the ~1.79 Gb draft whole genome sequence of 23D₂B₁-P1-P5, which contains an estimated 38,579 genes. We highlight the subgenomes which may contribute to heat and drought tolerance in this crop. We resequenced a large number of accessions to gain insights into population structure, genetic diversity and domestication. We use these insights to provide associations for genomic selection, to define heterotic pools, and to predict hybrid vigor. These findings should empower researchers and breeders to improve this important staple crop.

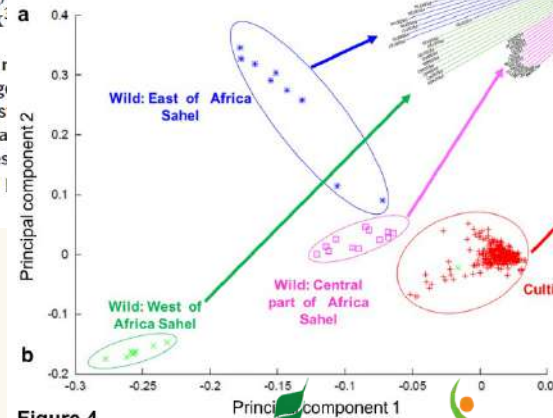
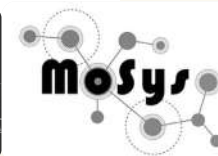
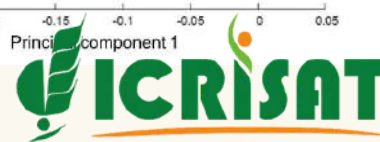


Figure 4

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Germplasm genomics: Chickpea

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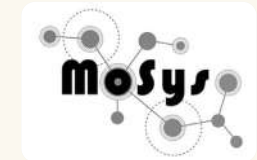
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Zero hunger and good health could be realized by 2030 through effective conservation, characterization and utilization of germplasm resources¹. So far, few chickpea (*Cicer arretinum*) germplasm accessions have been characterized at the genome sequence level². Here we present a detailed map of variation in 3,171 cultivated and 195 wild accessions to provide publicly available resources for chickpea genomics research and breeding. We constructed a chickpea pan-genome to describe genomic diversity across cultivated chickpea and its wild progenitor accessions. A

Chickpea 3000 project



Question:

From all these data

....can we predict metabolite dynamics and/or protein dynamics or transcript dynamics?

Regulation? Growth? Physiology?

Morphotyp? Stress phenotype? Yield?

Quality? Adaptation to climate change?



Panomics meets Germplasm

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Review

PANOMICS meets germplasm

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Summary

Genotyping-by-sequencing has enabled approaches for genomic selection to improve yield, stress resistance and nutritional value. More and more resource studies are emerging providing 1000 and more genotypes and millions of SNPs for one species covering a hitherto inaccessible intraspecific genetic variation. The larger the databases are growing, the better statistical approaches for genomic selection will be available. However, there are clear limitations on the statistical but also on the biological part. Intraspecific genetic variation is able to explain a high proportion of the phenotypes, but a large part of phenotypic plasticity also stems from environmentally driven transcriptional, post-transcriptional, translational, post-translational, epigenetic and metabolic regulation. Moreover, regulation of the same gene can have different phenotypic outputs in different environments. Consequently, to explain and understand environment-dependent phenotypic plasticity based on the available genotype variation we have to integrate the analysis of further molecular levels reflecting the complete information flow from the gene to metabolism to phenotype. Interestingly, metabolomics platforms are already more cost-effective than NGS platforms and are decisive for the prediction of nutritional value or stress resistance. Here, we propose three fundamental pillars for future breeding strategies in the framework of Green Systems Biology: (i) combining genome selection with environment-dependent PANOMICS analysis and deep learning to improve prediction accuracy for marker-dependent trait performance; (ii) PANOMICS resolution at sub-tissue, cellular and subcellular level provides information about fundamental functions of selected markers; (iii) combining PANOMICS with genome editing and speed breeding tools to accelerate and enhance large-scale functional validation of trait-specific precision breeding.

Keywords: Green systems biology, PANOMICS, plant systems biology, multi-omics, phenotyping, crop improvement, germplasm, genome editing, GWAS.

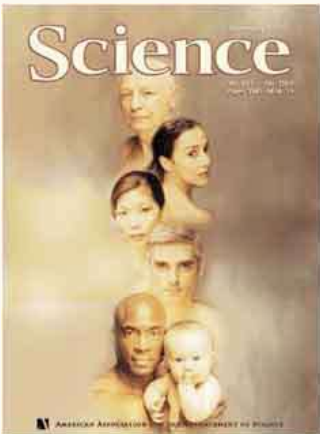
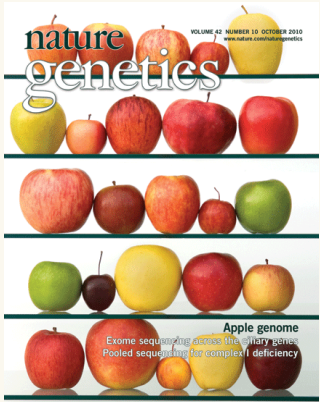
Table 1 GWAS studies and phenotypic variance

Crops	Species	Cultivars studied	GWAS studies (No. of Traits)	SNPs identified	Phenotypic variance	References
Arabidopsis	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	192	107	~216 130	~20%	Atwell et al. (2010)
Rice	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	517	14	~3.6 million	~36%	Huang et al. (2010b)
Rice	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	20	NA	~160 000	NA	McNally et al. (2009)
Rice	<i>Oryza sativa ssp. japonica</i>	176	4	~426 337	~30%–35%	Yano et al. (2016)
Rice	<i>Oryza sativa ssp. japonica</i>	193	5	~1713	~20%–40%	Reio et al. (2018)
Rice	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	369	19	~71 710	~30%	
Wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.	723	23	52 303 DArT-seq markers		
Wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.	105	9	~15 430		
Bread wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.	163	13			
Bread wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.	93	9			
Spring wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.	104				
Aegilops	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.					
tauschii						
Barley						
Barley						
So				~265 000	~40%	Morris et al. (2013)
Ma				~85 585	~15%–20%	Li et al. (2018)
Maiz				~559 285	~4%–7%	Li et al. (2016)
Maize		508	4	~543 641	~10%–15%	Cui et al. (2016)
Maize		346	10	~60 000	~3%–7%	Farfan et al. (2015)
Maize	<i>Zea mays</i> L.	289	3	~56 110	~32%	Riedelsheimer et al. (2012)
Maize	<i>Zea mays</i> L.	350	9	~56 110	~15%–20%	Xue et al. (2013)
Maize	<i>Zea mays</i> L.	513	17	~0.5	~40%	Yang et al. (2014)
Foxtail millet	<i>Setaria italica</i>	916	47	~845 787	NA	Jia et al. (2013)
Tomato	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	163	19	~5995	~30%–40%	Sauvage et al. (2014)
Cassava	<i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz	158	11	~349 827	~30%–40%	Zhang et al. (2018)
Peanut	<i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L.	300	50	~154 SSR, 4597 DArTs marker	~30%–40%	Pandey et al. (2014)

only 10-40% of phenotype variance explained



How is complexity encoded?



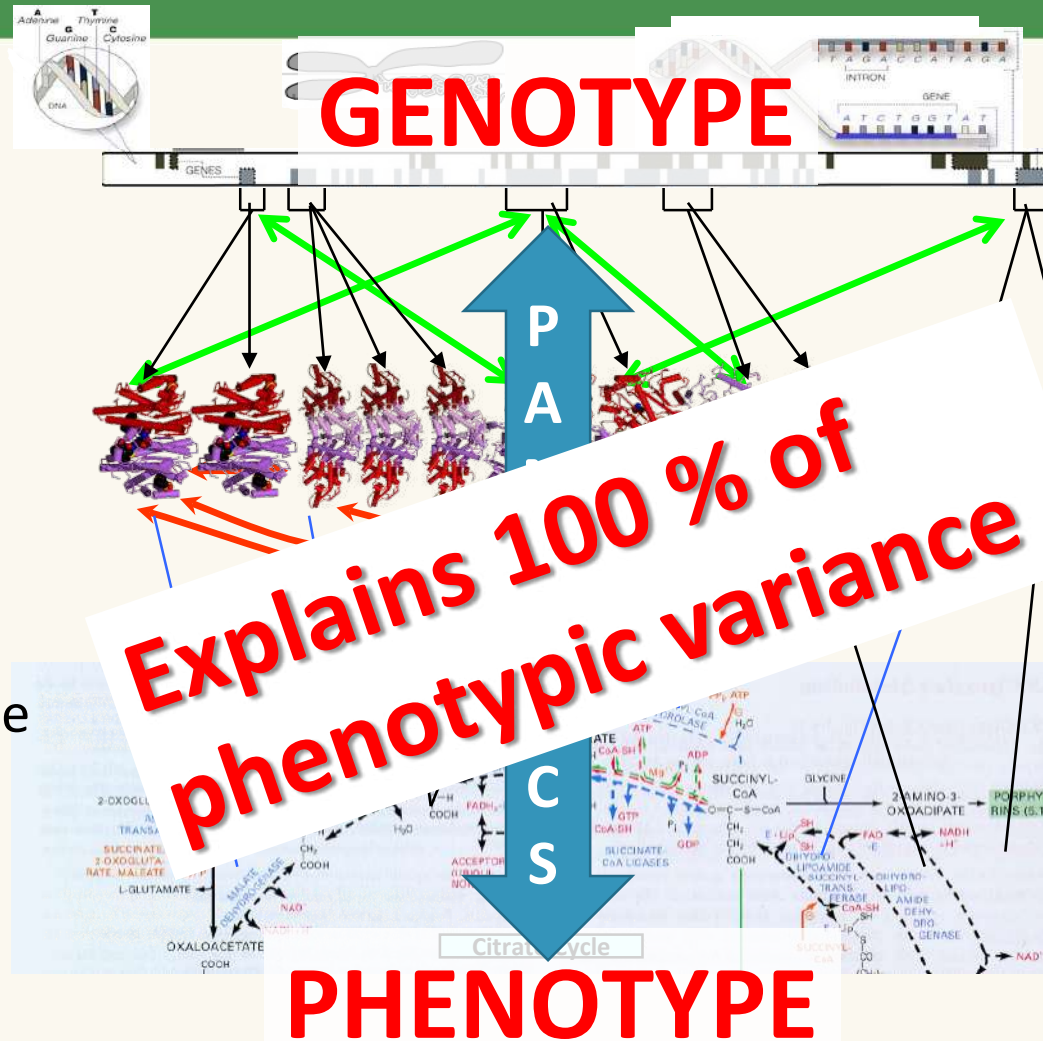
Genome
~ 10³-10⁵

Proteome
~ 10⁶

PTM
~ 10⁶⁻⁷

Metabolome
~ 10⁵-10⁶

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PHENOTYPE

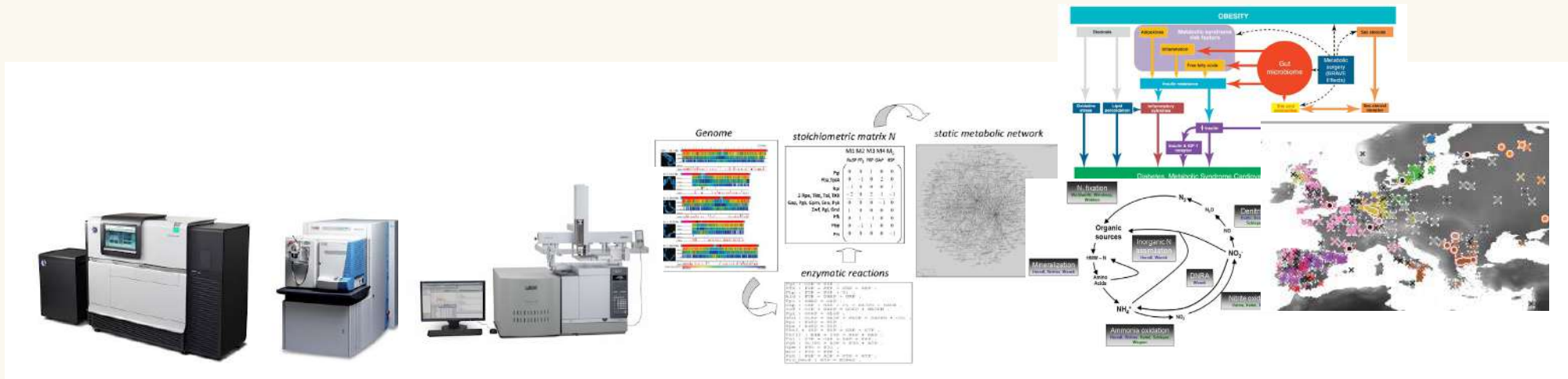
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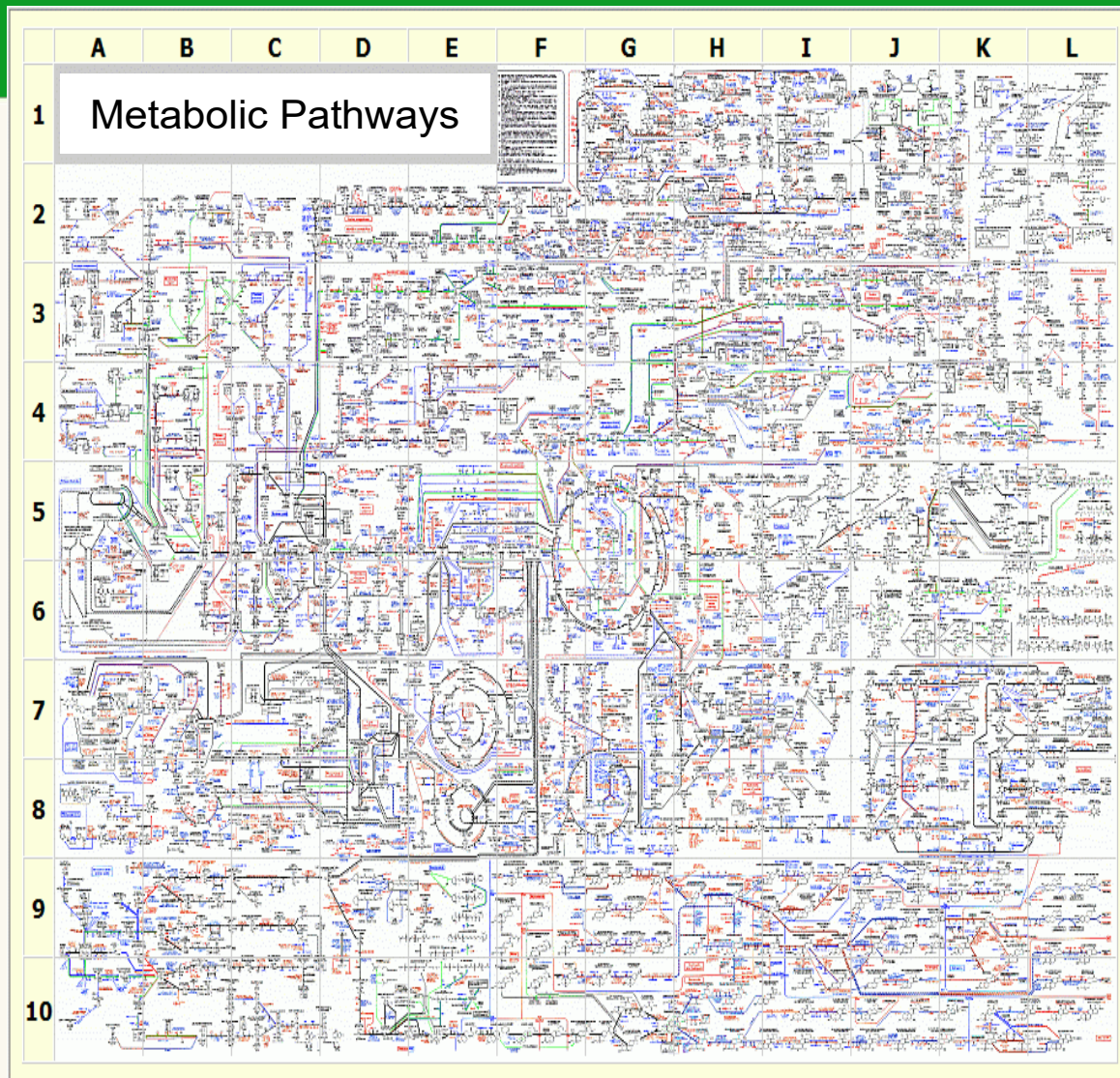
Weckwerth et al 2020 Plant Biotechnology Journal

- From Model Organisms to Ecosystems
- Genomics, Transcriptomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, Physiology, Phenotype **Weckwerth 2011 Green Systems Biology**



NGS Proteomics Metabolomics Genome-scale modelling Ecosystems analysis





Metabolomics

- non-targeted metabolite analysis
- integrative part of systems biology

Weckwerth (2003)
 Metabolomics in Systems
 Biology.
 Annual Review of Plant
 Biology



Vienna Metabolomics Center



- Research Platform University of Vienna (<http://metabolomics.univie.ac.at>)
- Coordinator: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Wolfram Weckwerth
- Faculties of Life Sciences and Chemistry, CMESS and Medical University



Vienna Metabolomics Center

- ViMe – Vienna Metabolomics Center – is an open research platform for national and international scientific collaborations
- Provides a full suite for metabolomic profiling combining GC-MS, LC-MS, structural elucidation, databases, multivariate statistics, data integration and metabolic modelling
- Provides a full suite for proteomic/phosphoproteomic profiling
- **More than 120 publications including Cell, PNAS, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Immunology, Cancer Cell, Plant Cell, Plant Physiology, Plant Journal, and many more**
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VIME mission

Metabolomics, the unbiased profiling of all small molecules in biological samples, has developed into a core technology for functional genomics, biobased economy and personalized medicine in the last decade. Recently, ecological metabolomics has emerged in ecosystem research and metagenomic studies. The quality of state-of-the-art metabolomics technology depends on the quality of the preparation workflows, the quality of metabolite libraries and workflows for structural elucidation of novel structures.

Because of the diversity of the metabolomes from organisms in functional and biomedical studies as well as the complexity of exo-metabolomes in environmental samples from marine, fresh water and terrestrial ecosystems an **interdisciplinary approach** is necessary to tackle this problem. **Internationally recognized labs at the University of Vienna** distributed over three faculties for **Chemistry, Geosciences and Life Sciences** consolidate their specific and complementary metabolomics platforms and application fields to build a **Vienna Metabolomics Center**.

VIME in space - MOMEDOS

10.12.2016

How do microbes in cosmic dust adapt to outer space conditions?

VIME collaborates with Dr. Tetyana Milojevic from the Department of Biophysical Chemistry to investigate the molecular mechanisms of microbial adaptation to outer space conditions such as cold and radiation. The project is funded by the ERC and

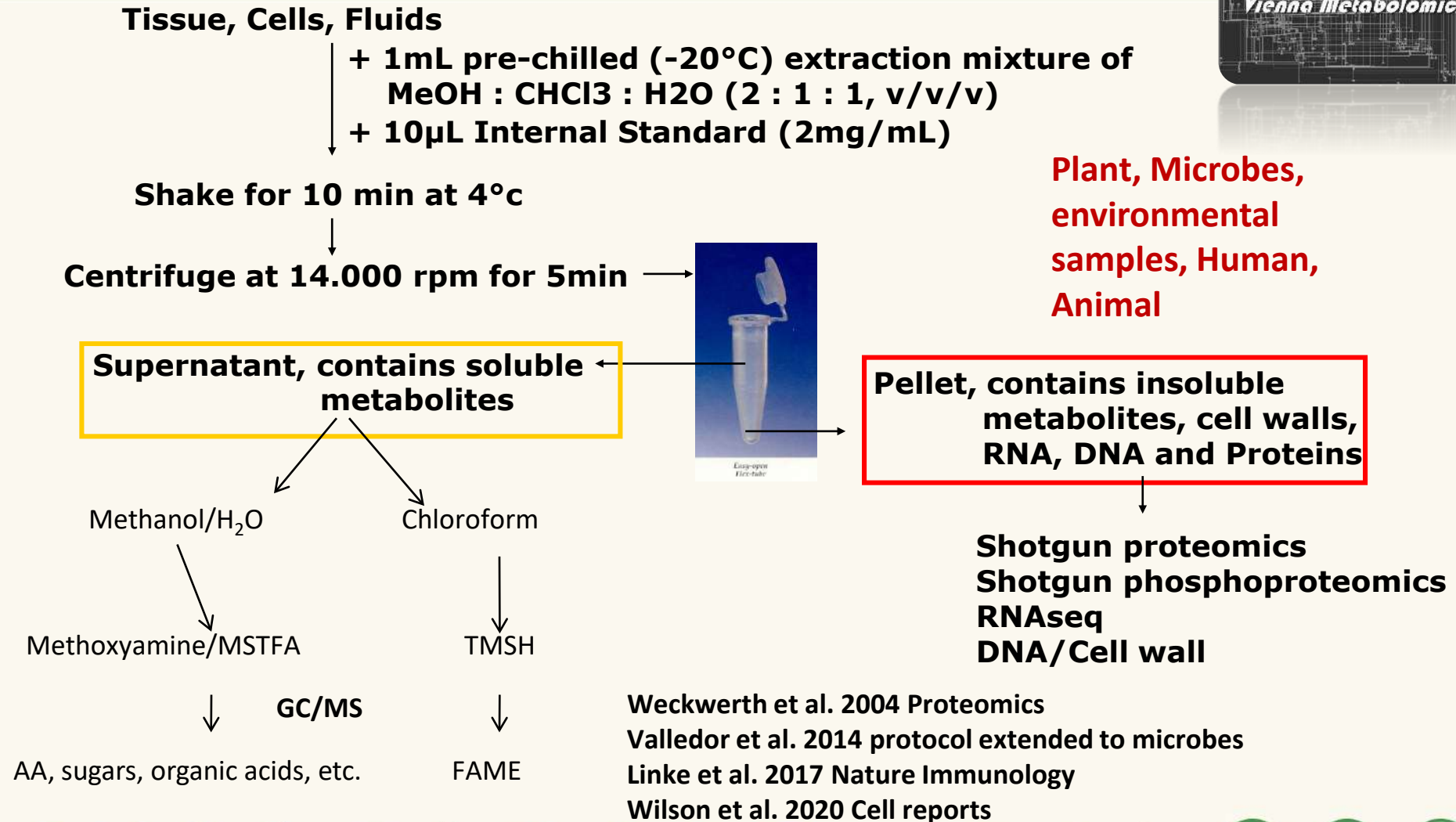


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Integrative Multiomics protocol





Workflow Metabolomics

Weckwerth 2011 Unpredictability of Metabolism.ABC



GC-MS
↓
postprocessing
↓
GC-PA

(extraction of RI, mass spectra, relative fragment intensities, sample versus variable alignment)

VIME
(metabolite database)

nanoLC-MS
↓
mzXML
↓
mzFun

(extraction of accurate precursor m/z, spectral count, sample versus variable alignment)



VIME
(metabolite database)

Data Matrix

COVAIN/Machine learning
Sun & Weckwerth 2012 Metabolomics

n-dimensional Data matrix

	M1	M2	M3	...	Mn
S1	q _{1,1}	q _{1,2}	q _{1,3}	...	q _{1,n}
S2	q _{2,1}	q _{2,2}	q _{2,3}	...	q _{2,n}
S3	q _{3,1}	q _{3,2}	q _{3,3}	...	q _{3,n}

IC 1 IC 1 IC 2

sample pattern recognition/biological interpretation



COVAIN (COVariance INverse) – a toolbox for OMICS data processing, statistics and machine learning, data integration, inverse data modelling, and *de novo* structural elucidation

The screenshot shows the COVAIN Toolbox interface with several callout boxes highlighting key features:

- Data Preprocessing**
 - Cleaning
 - Normalization
 - Transformation
 - T-test / ANOVA
 - Boxplot / Volcano plot
 - Missing value imputation
- Multiomics data integration**
 - E.g. Metabolomics + Proteomics + Microbiome + Physiome
- Network Analysis**
 - Inference
 - Clustering
 - Visualization
 - KEGG mapping
- Uni/Multi-variate Statistics**
 - PCA/ICA/PLS/t-SNE
 - Correlation
 - Clustering
 - Granger causality
- Time series analysis**
 - Granger Causality
 - Correlation
 - Permutation entropy
- Biomathematical modelling**
 - Metabolic reconstruction
 - Lyapunov equation
 - Inverse Jacobian calculation
- Options**
 - Statistical parameter settings
- Regression & Classification**
 - Stepwise regression
 - Supervised classification
- mzGROUPAnalyzer and mzFUN**
 - Data alignment and structural *de novo* elucidation of unknown metabolites

The background interface includes sections for 'Data information', 'Data Analy', and 'Time Series', along with a data preview table and various control buttons like 'Transpose', 'Normalize', 'Reset', 'Fill missing values', 'Adjust outliers', 'ANOVA', 'Log', 'Evaluate & Calculate', 'Name the results', 'Options', and 'Help'.



Machine learning workflow and methods in COVAIN

- Feature filtering
- Feature transformation
- Feature selection (engineering)
- **Feature selection**
- Classification /Regression
- Validation
- Model evaluation (performance)
- Best feature subset

Leitner et al. 2017

The screenshot shows the 'Classification settings' window in COVAIN. It is divided into several sections:

- Workflow:** Feature filtering (None), Feature transformation (None), Feature selection (None, Lasso, Genetic Algorithm), Classifiers (Support vector machine, Discriminant analysis, K-nearest neighbours, Ensemble learning), Validation method (K-fold, Leave one out, Hold out), Performance (ROC/AUC + Classification err), Best subset (ROC/AUC + Classification err).
- Methods:** A list of methods including Anova, PCA loading, PLS vip score, PLS, and PCA.
- Settings:**
 - Genetic Algorithm:** #Population (200), #Gene (5), #Cross sites (3), Cross ratio (0.8), Mutation rate (0.005), Elite threshold (0.95), Cross type (ranking, normalized), Cross method (random, adaptive), Cross position (random, weighted), Selection method (elite + best, elite), Mutation type (adaptive, all), Mutation position (random, weighted).
 - Support vector machine:** Kernel function (polynomial, linear, gaussian, rbf).
 - K-fold cross validation:** K number (5).
 - ROC/AUC:** Number of repeats (20).
- Test dataset:** 1--Ara-GC-MS-cold, 2--exampleData.
- Result:** OK, RUN, Test buttons.





Integration of proteome/metabolome
and machine learning techniques in the
field - FIELDOMICS

Potato germplasm collection



- Mature tubers of tetraploid cultivars of *Solanum tuberosum*:
 - Ag, Agria, Al, Alliance; Ar, Arnika; F, Festien; G, Goldika; K, Kuras; LC, Lady Claire; Ma, Marabel; Mi, Milva; O, Omega; RF, Red Fantasy; T, Topas
- Grown on 3 plots each on 2 geographically separated fields in Germany
- 4 to 6 tubers of each cultivar were analyzed each three times = more than 500 shotgun proteomics analyses

Hoehenwarter et al. 2008 Proteomics





Wolfgang Hoehenwarter

MAPA

Mass Accuracy Precursor Alignment

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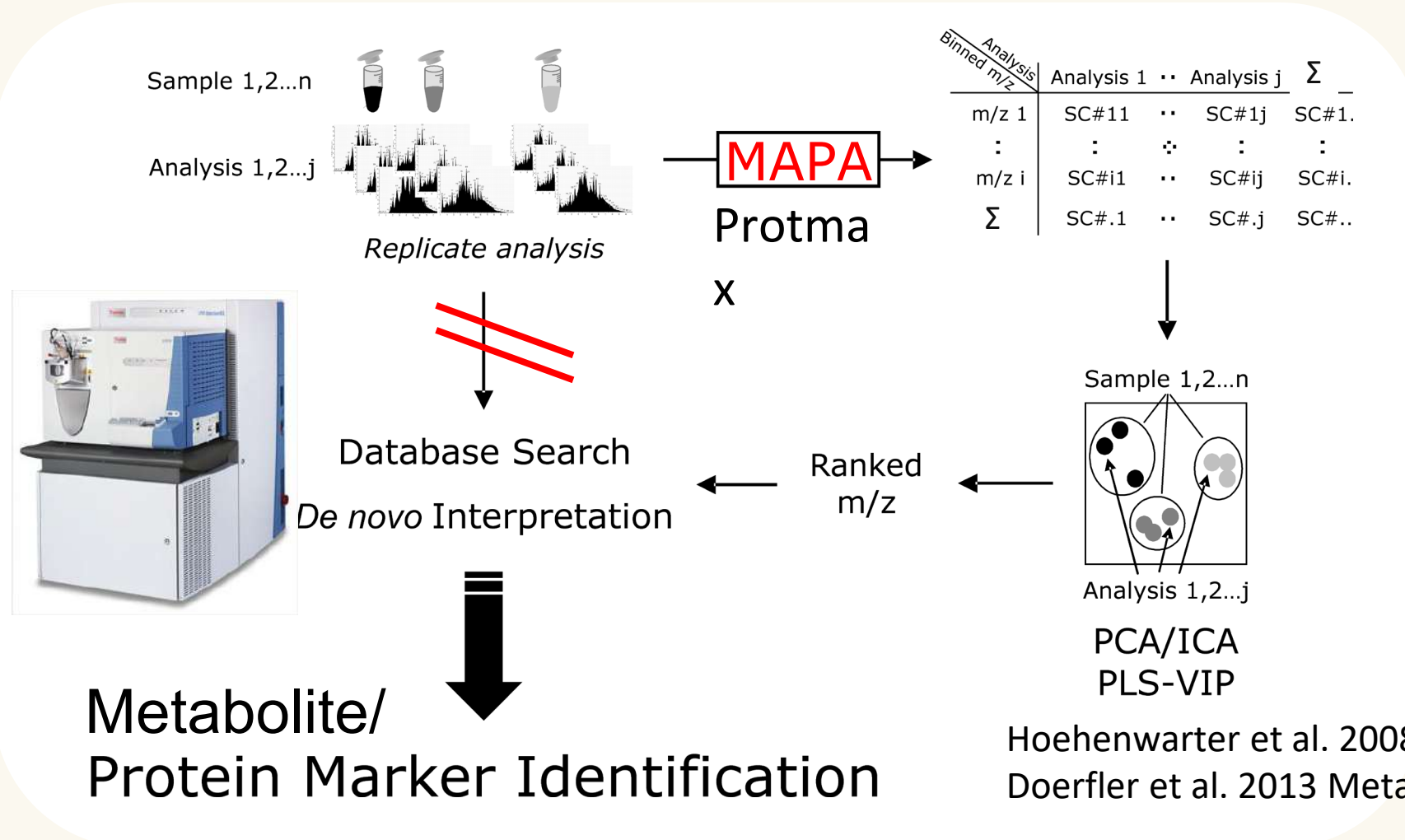
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A rapid approach for phenotype-screening and database independent detection of cSNP/protein polymorphism using mass accuracy precursor alignment

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MAPA – Proteomics/Metabolomics



Machine learning/classification

- 4 splitting rules x
- 5-fold cross validation
 - Leave one out cross validation
 - Bootstrap sampling
 - Monte Carlo cross validation

500 training/test sets each

2000 training/test sets

123 predictors

4 classification methods

- LDA
- KNNC
- SVM
- Random Forest (RF)

500 training/test sets each

- 5-fold cross validation

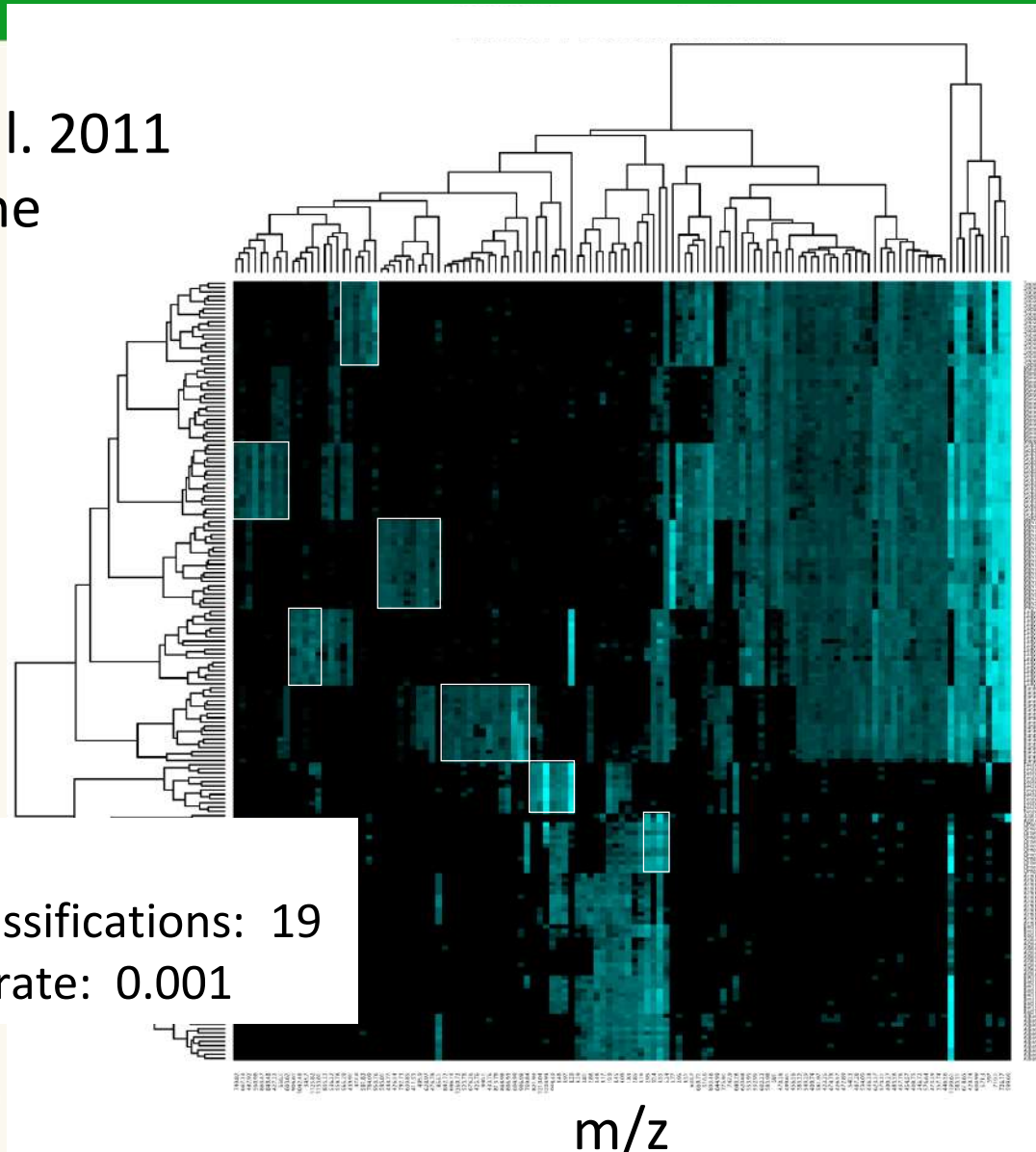
18300 predictions each

Hoehenwarter et al. 2011
Journal of Proteome Research



Machine learning of shotgun proteomics data identifies highly specific cultivar markers

Hoehenwarter et al. 2011
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Research



- Samples
- Topas
 - Marabel
 - Goldika
 - Milva
 - Lady Claire
 - Kuras
 - Festien
 - Omega
 - Arnika
 - Agria
 - Red Fantasy
 - Alliance

18300 predictions
number of missclassifications: 19
missclassification rate: 0.001



m/z

Protein Marker? VIP versus ICA

Independent component	Top 50 precursor ion <i>m/z</i>		Protein accession number	Protein name
	Identified	Not identified		
IC1	27	23	TA23344_4113	Patatin protein 07 (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			STRNA01	Patatin precursor (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA23357_4113	Patatin (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA23294_4113	Patatin (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA23358_4113	Patatin protein group A-3 (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			New patatin polymorphism ^{a1}	Previously undescribed Patatin isoform
			TA23798_4113	Kunitz-type protease inhibitor (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA23796_4113	Putative Kunitz-type proteinase inhibitor (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			CV286572	Serine protease inhibitor 5 precursor (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA24005_4113	Wound-inducible proteinase inhibitor I (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA24257_4113	Aspartic protease (<i>Brassica napus</i> (Rape))
			TA23378_4113	Putative Kunitz-type tuber invertase inhibitor (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA24154_4113	Lipoxygenase (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA24161_4113	Lipoxygenase (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			STLOX1	Lipoxygenase 1 (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA24157_4113	5-Lipoxygenase (<i>S. tuberosum</i> (potato))
			TA24257_4113	Enolase (<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> (tomato))

Rohbrei

- 1 Serine protease inhibitor 5 precursor [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
- 2 Lipoxygenase [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
- 3 Kunitz-type protease inhibitor [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
- 4 Patatin protein 07 [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
- 5 Patatin protein group A-3 [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
- 6 Patatin [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
- 7 Patatin precursor [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
- 8 Alpha-1,4 glucan phosphorylase, L-1 isozyme, chloroplast precursor [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
- 9 Putative Kunitz-type proteinase inhibitor [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]

Black spot

- 1 Patatin [*Solanum tuberosum* (Potato)]
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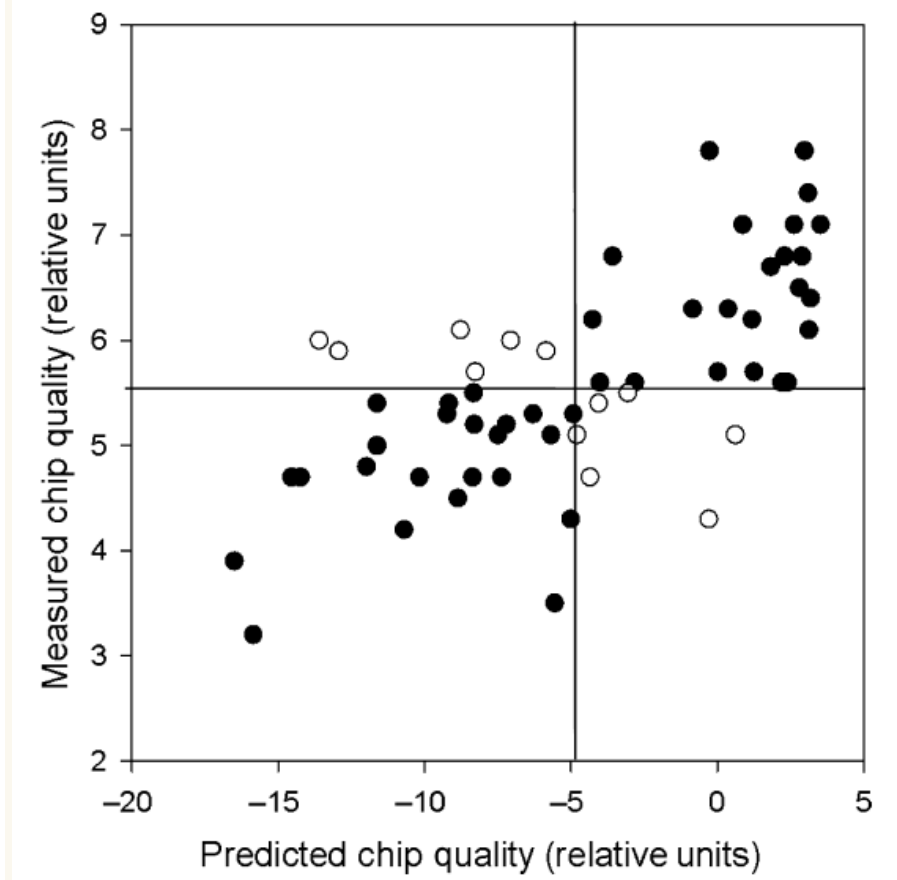
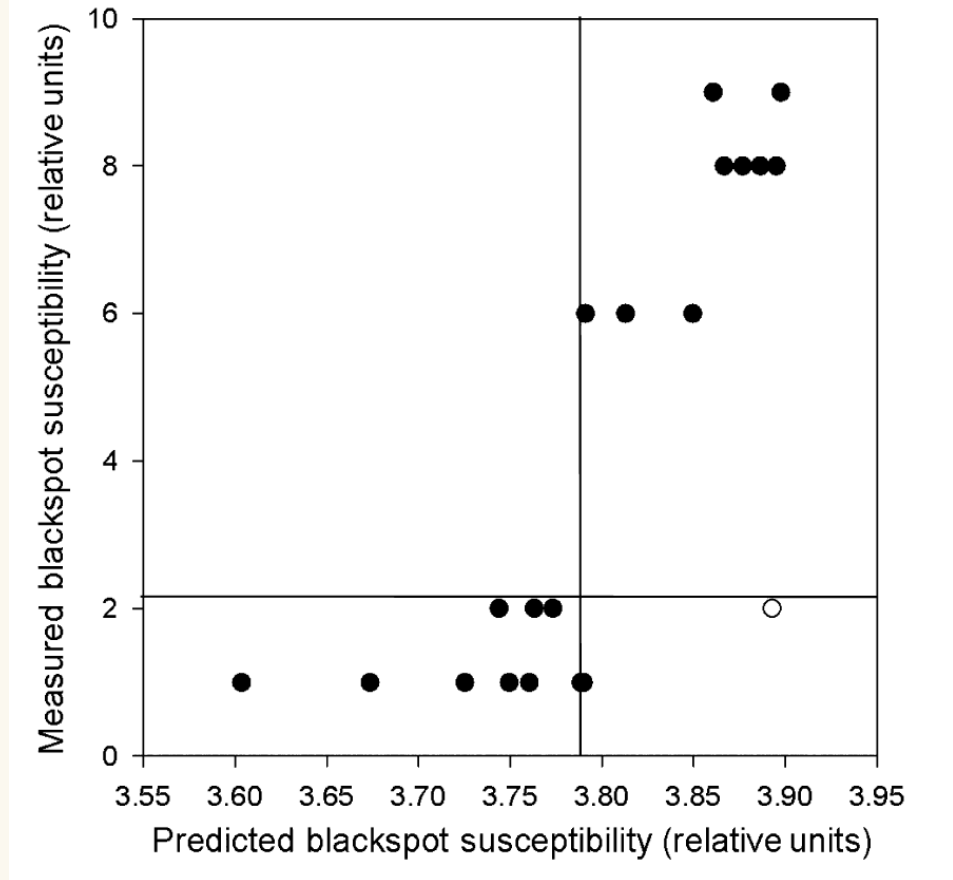
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Metabolite marker for prediction



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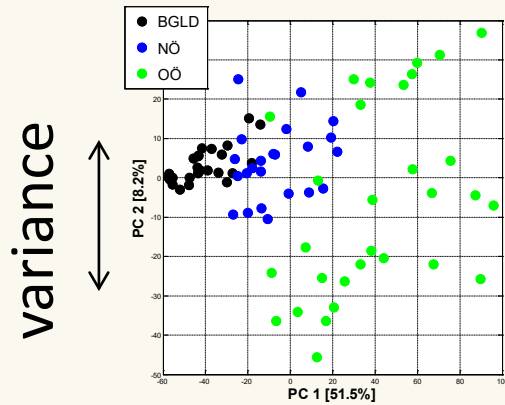


Metabolomics, genetic variation and
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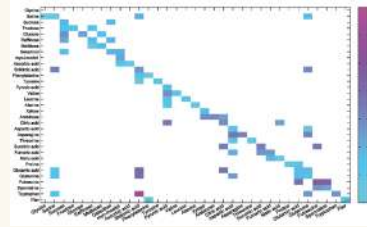
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Arabidopsis thaliana natural populations



Stoichiometric matrix N (Genotype)

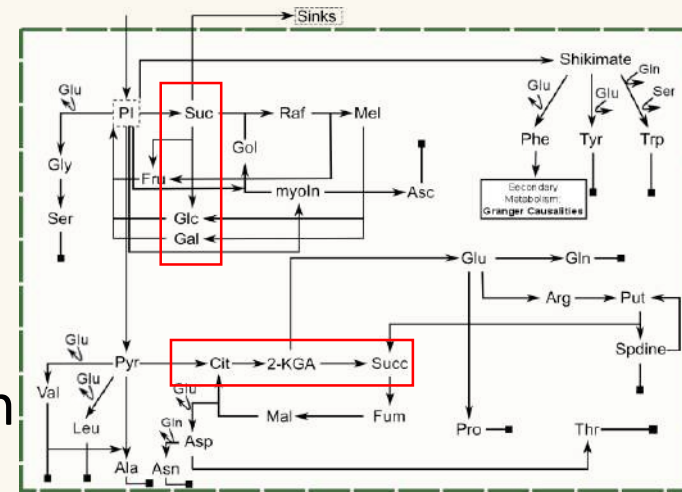


Differential Jacobian



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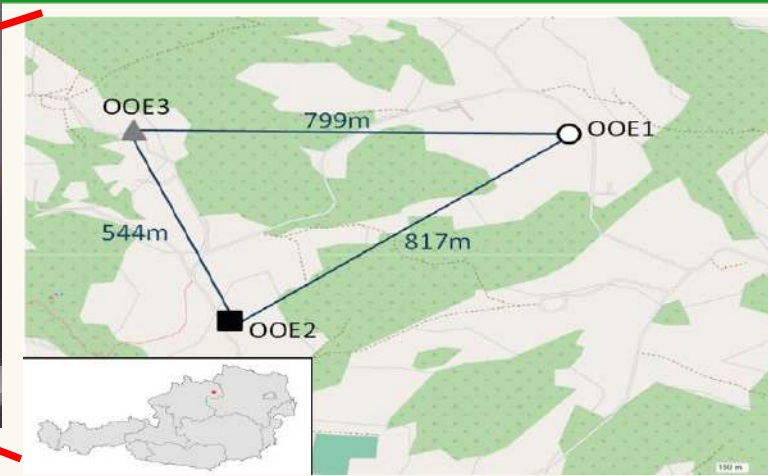
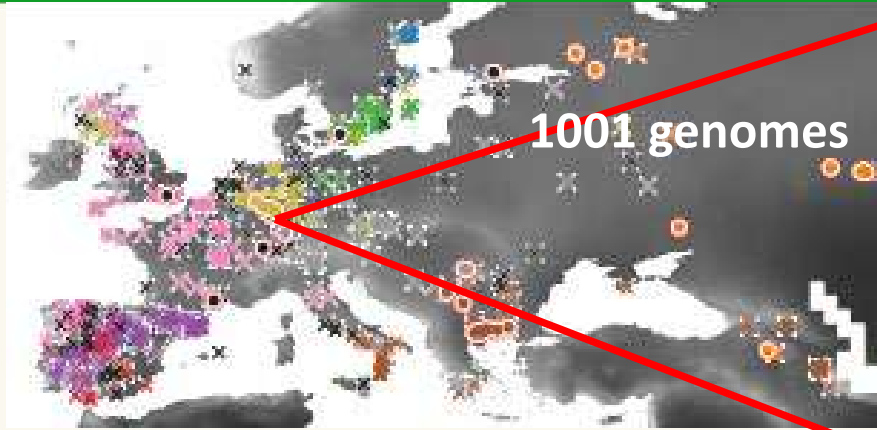


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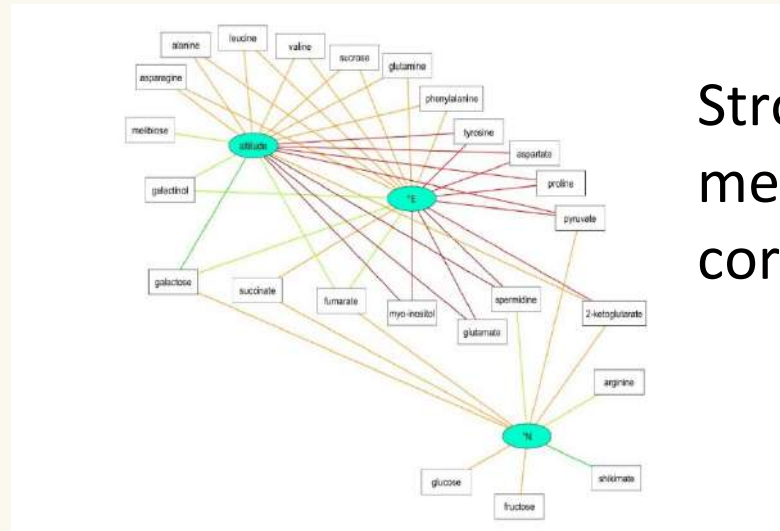
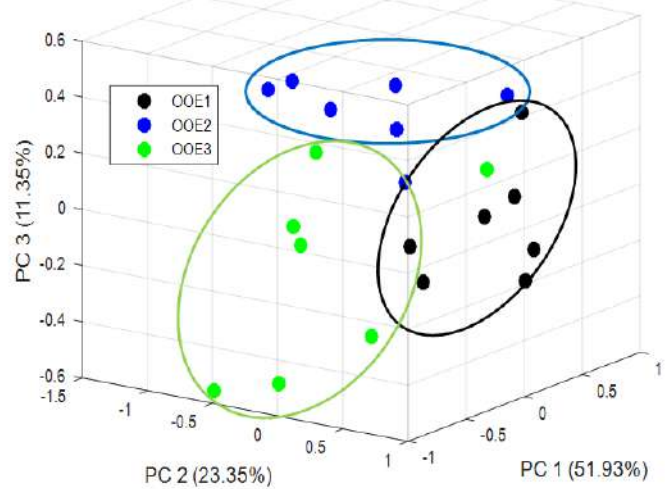


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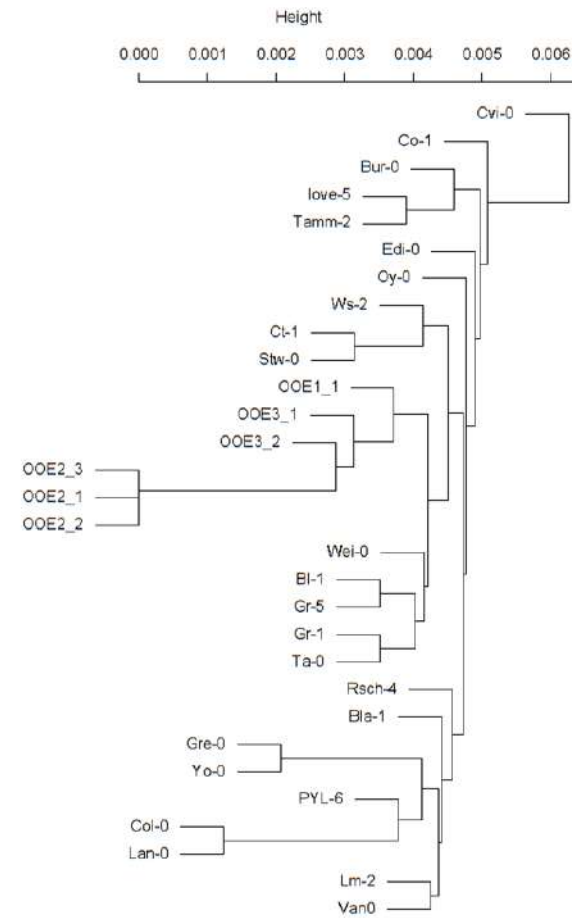
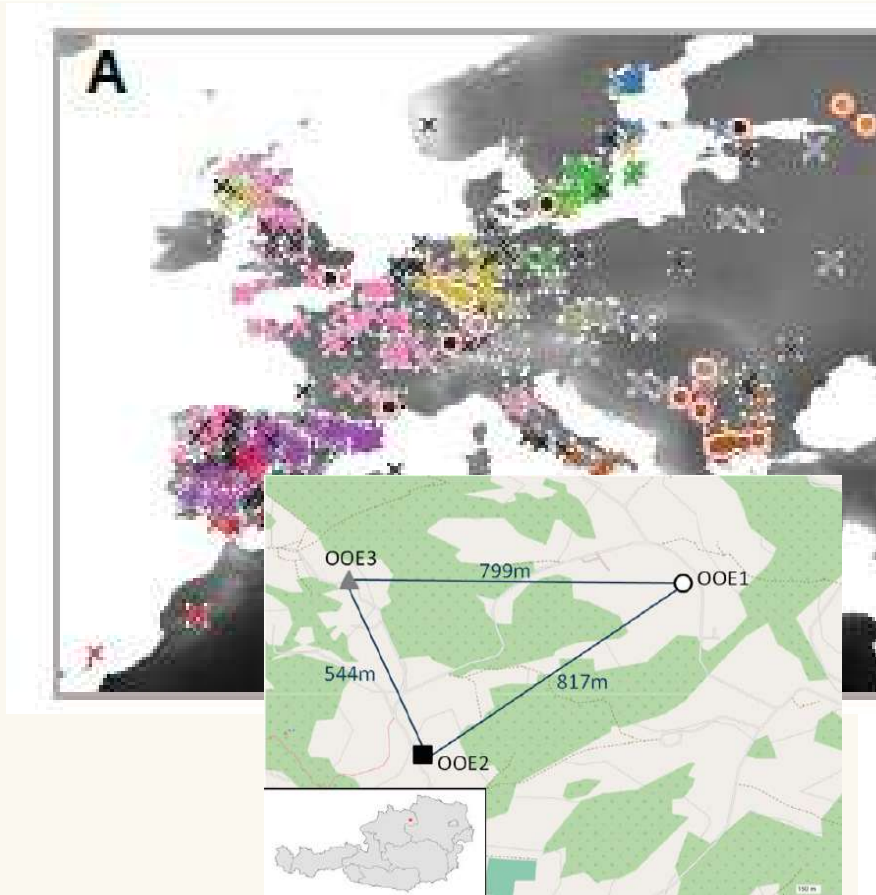


Strong GPS-
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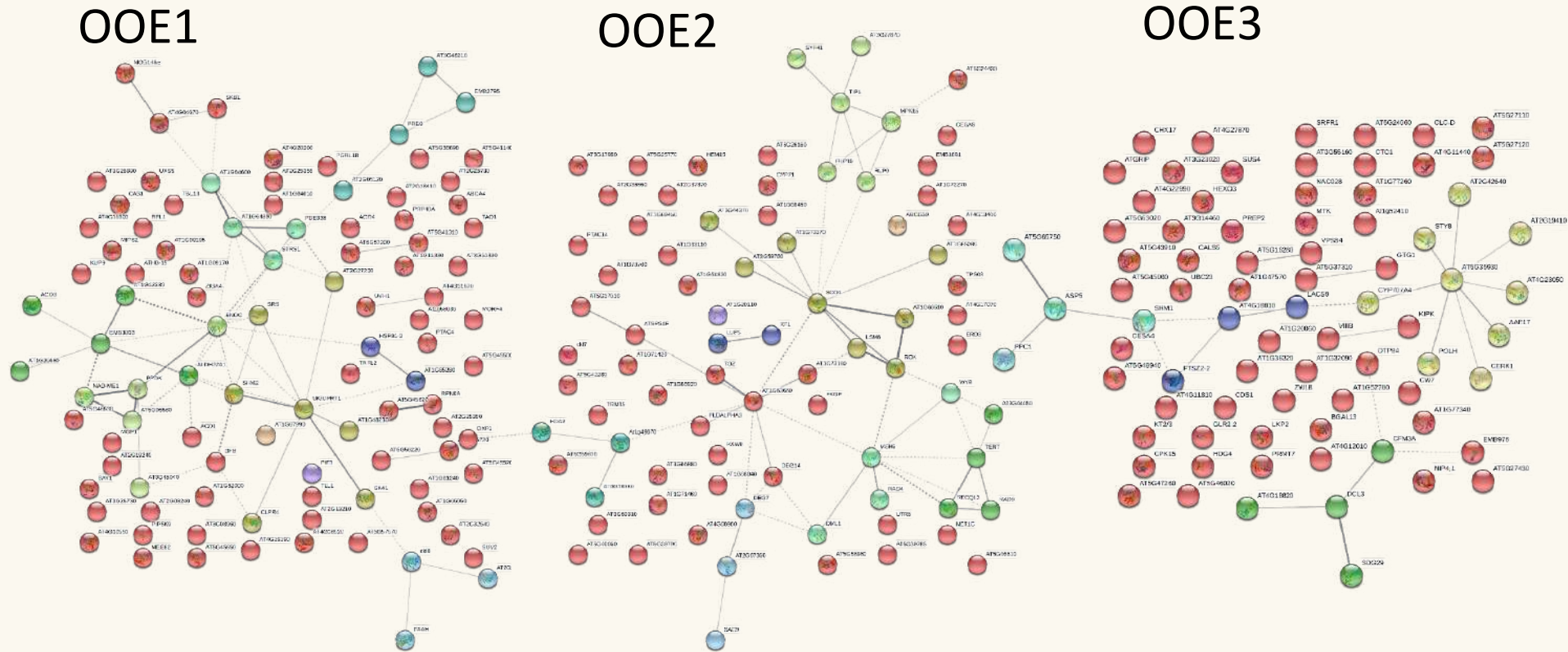
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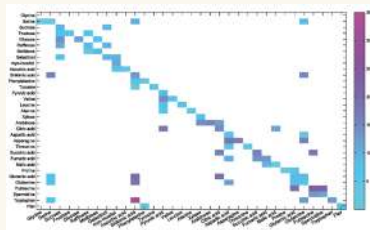
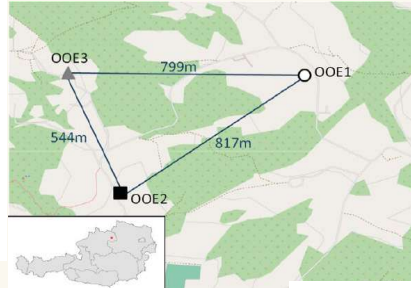
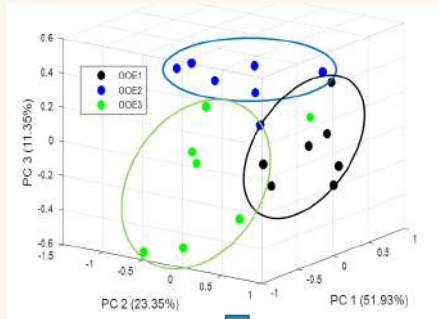


Population specific protein-interaction networks of SNP enriched genes



SNP enrichments of different genotypes correlate with biochemical prediction

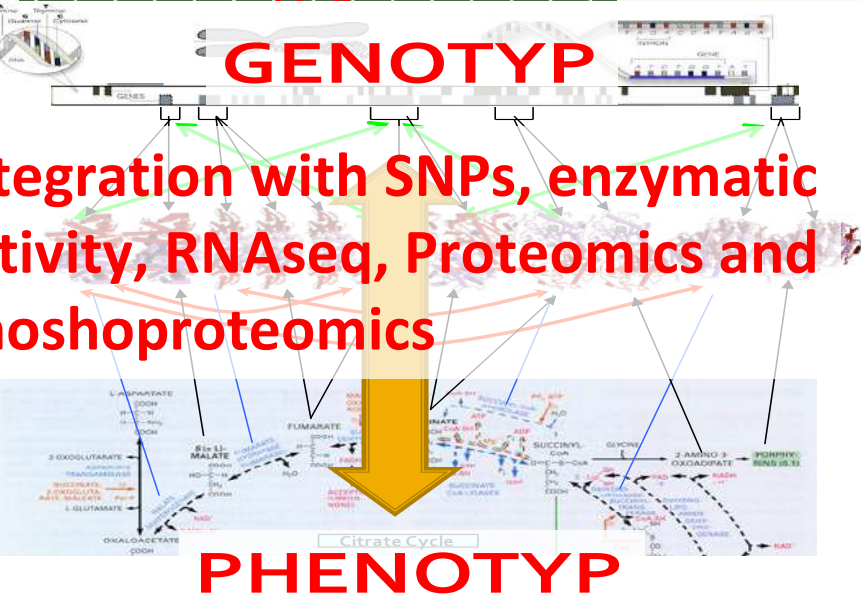
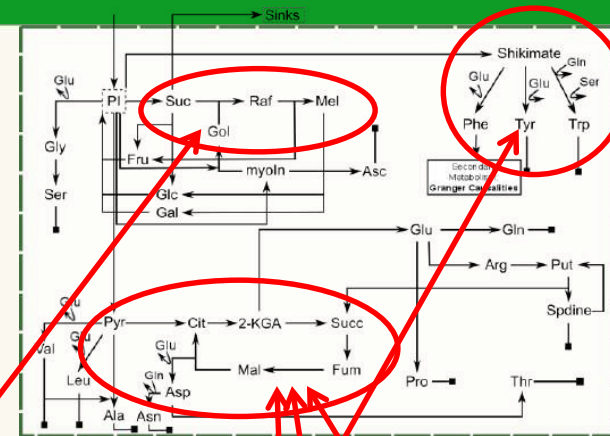
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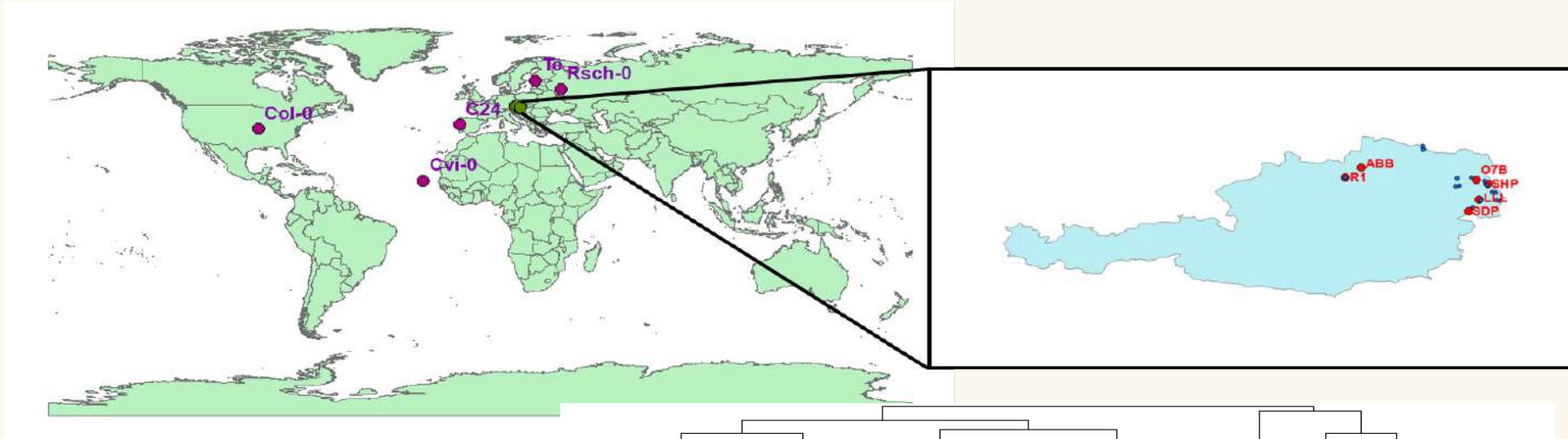
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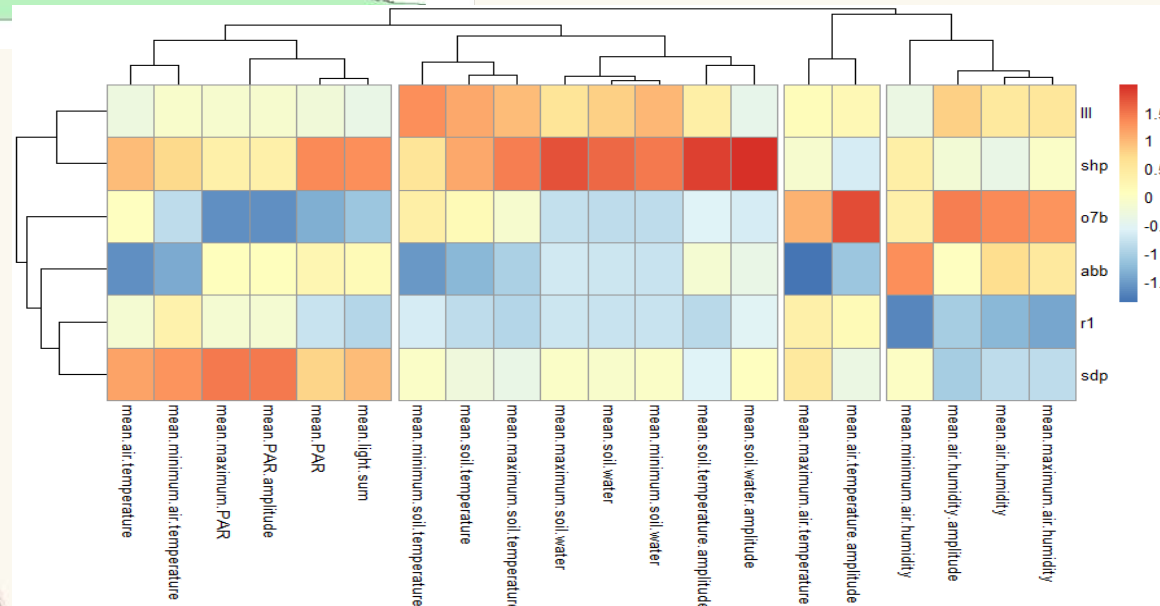
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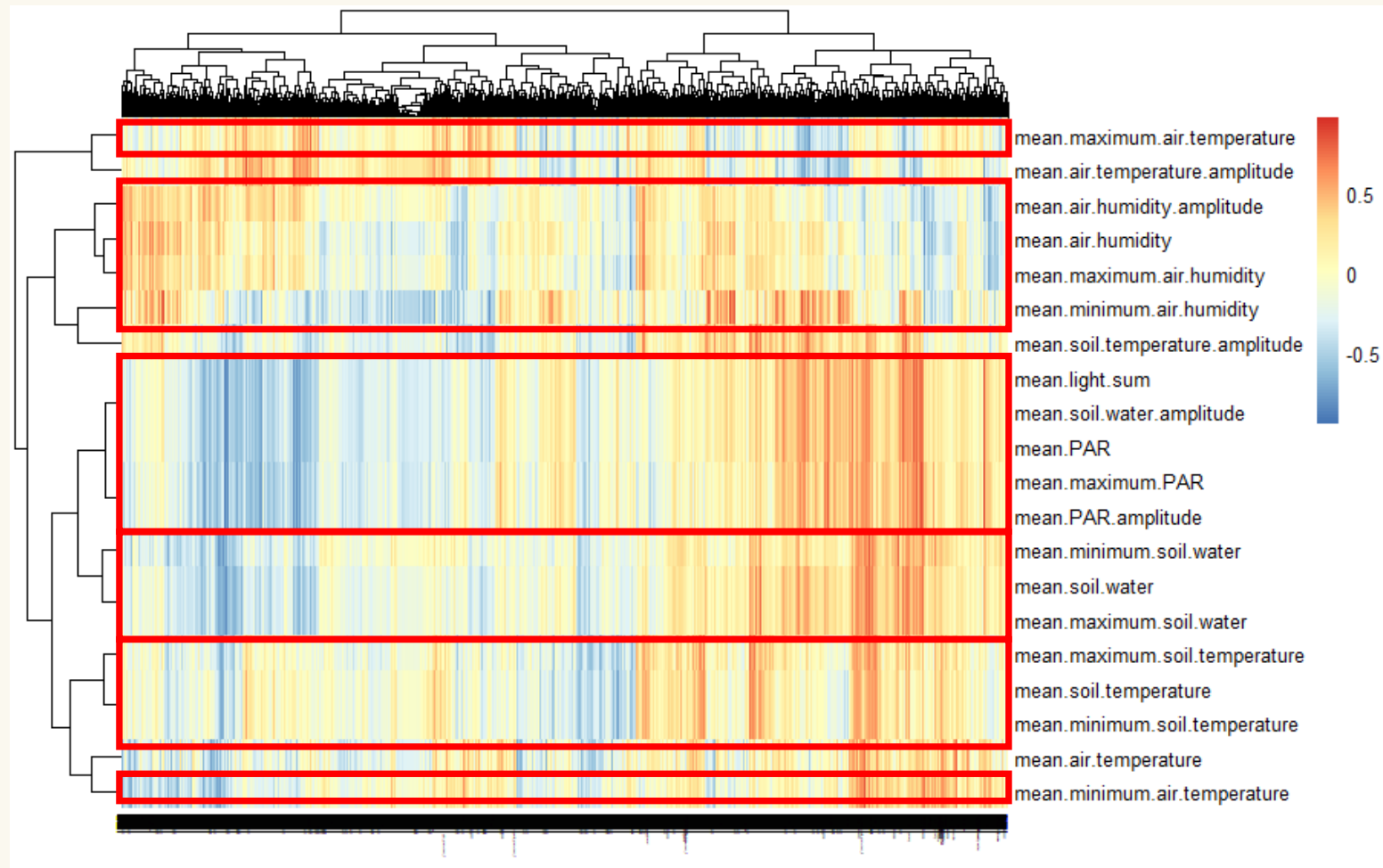
Multionomics analysis of *in situ* Arabidopsis populations



Data logger:
Temp, PAR,
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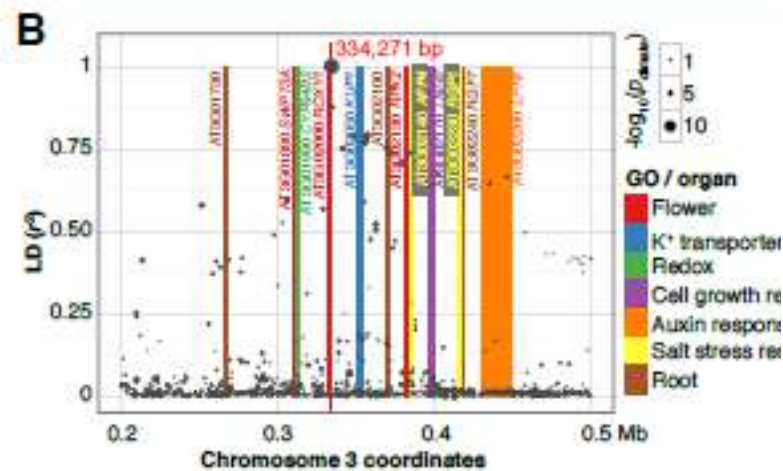
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Metabolic genome wide association studies mGWAS

Germplasm genomics intraspecific variation

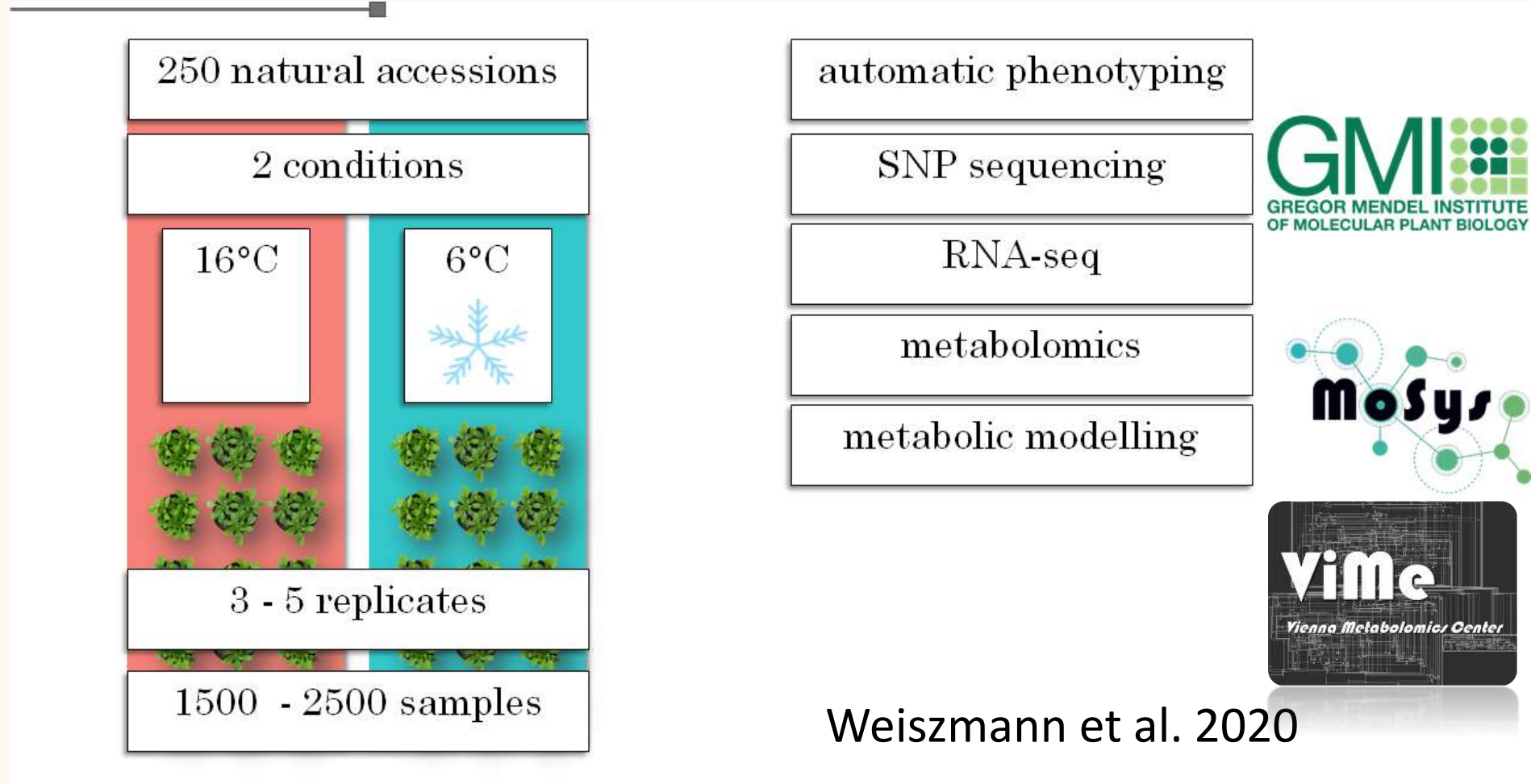
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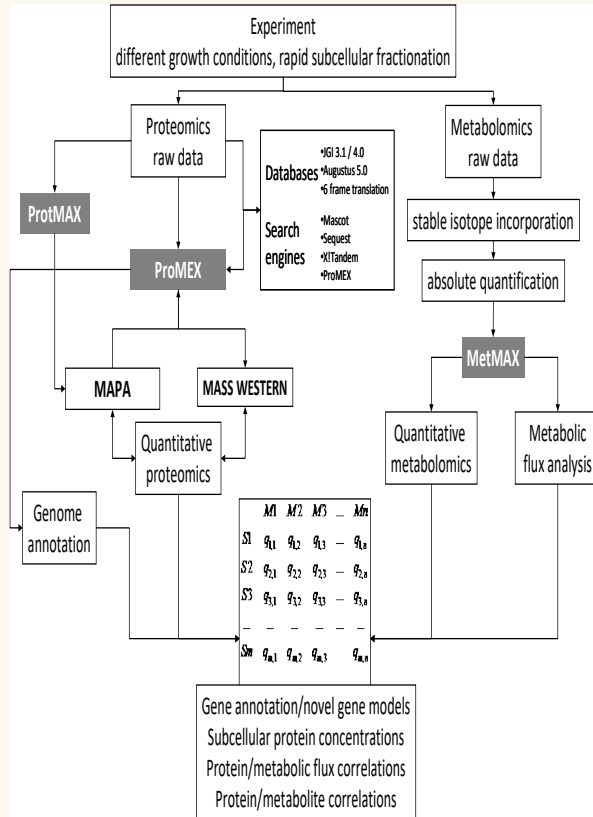
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250 Arabidopsis genotypes in control and cold stress



Some 3000 samples later...

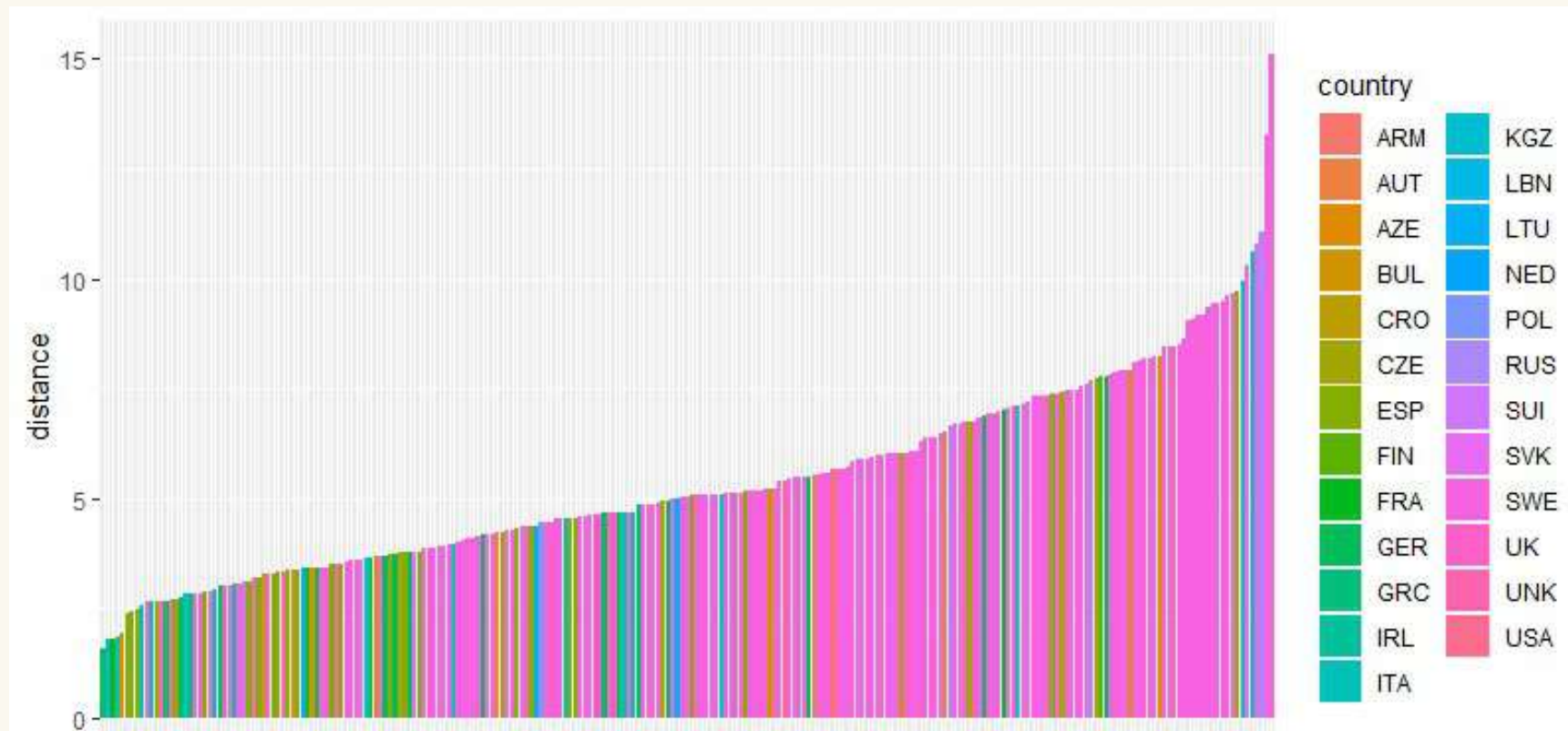


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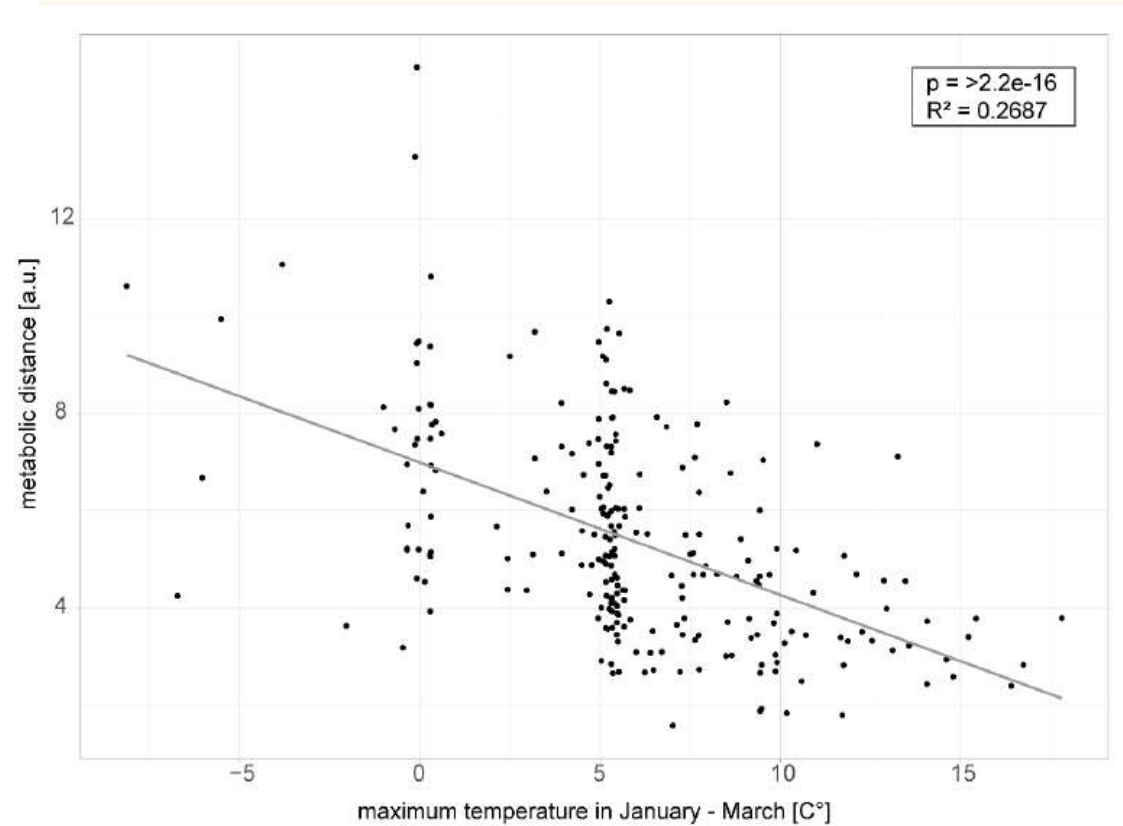
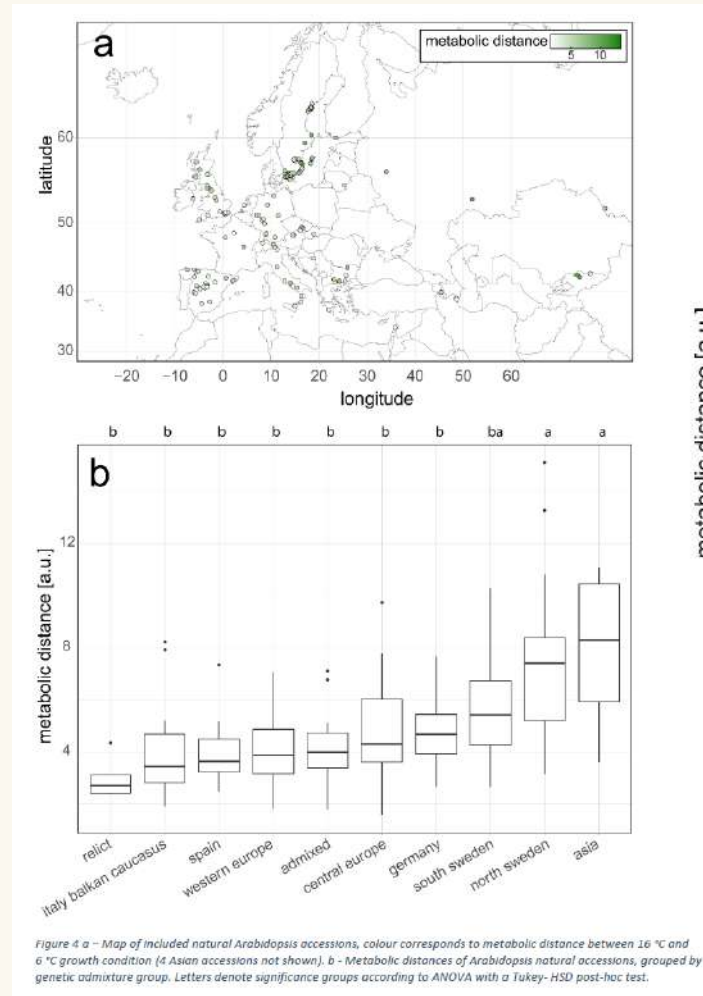


Genotype-dependent metabolic distance of stress adaptation

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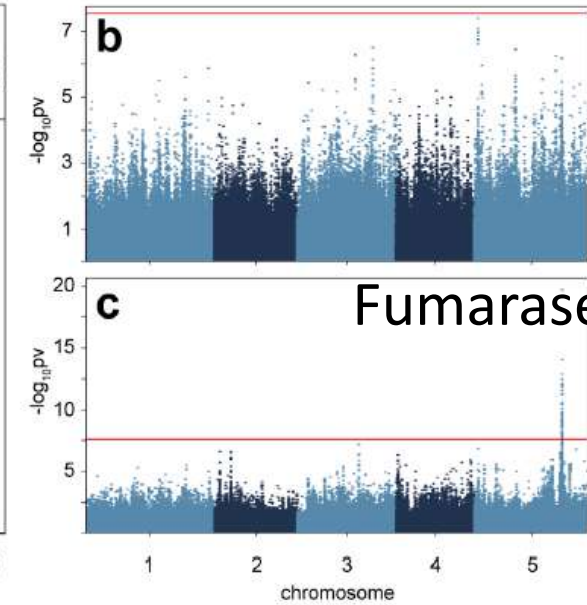
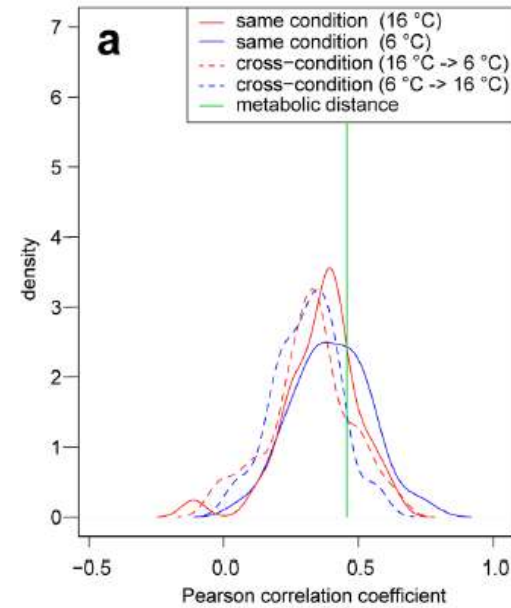
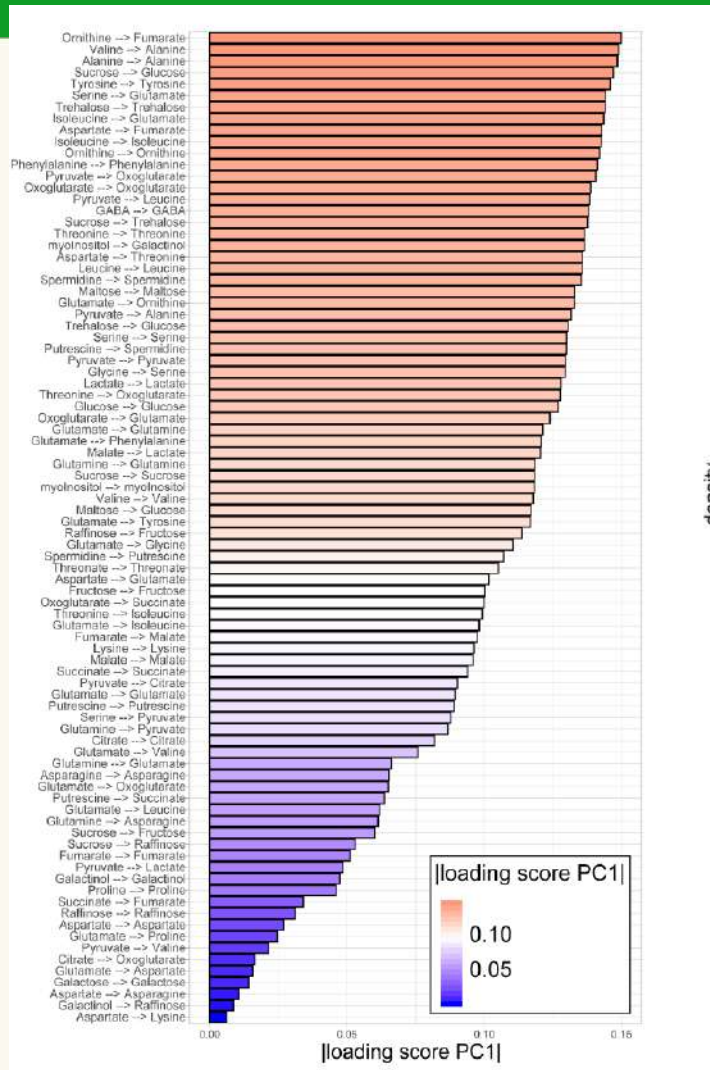
Natural metabolic variation is predicted by early spring time temperature of the natural habitate



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Allelic variation correlates with metabolic prediction



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Conclusion

Every location and microhabitat creates a unique phenotype. This suggests that locally selected and developed cultivars may be superior to seed stocks produced and distributed globally.

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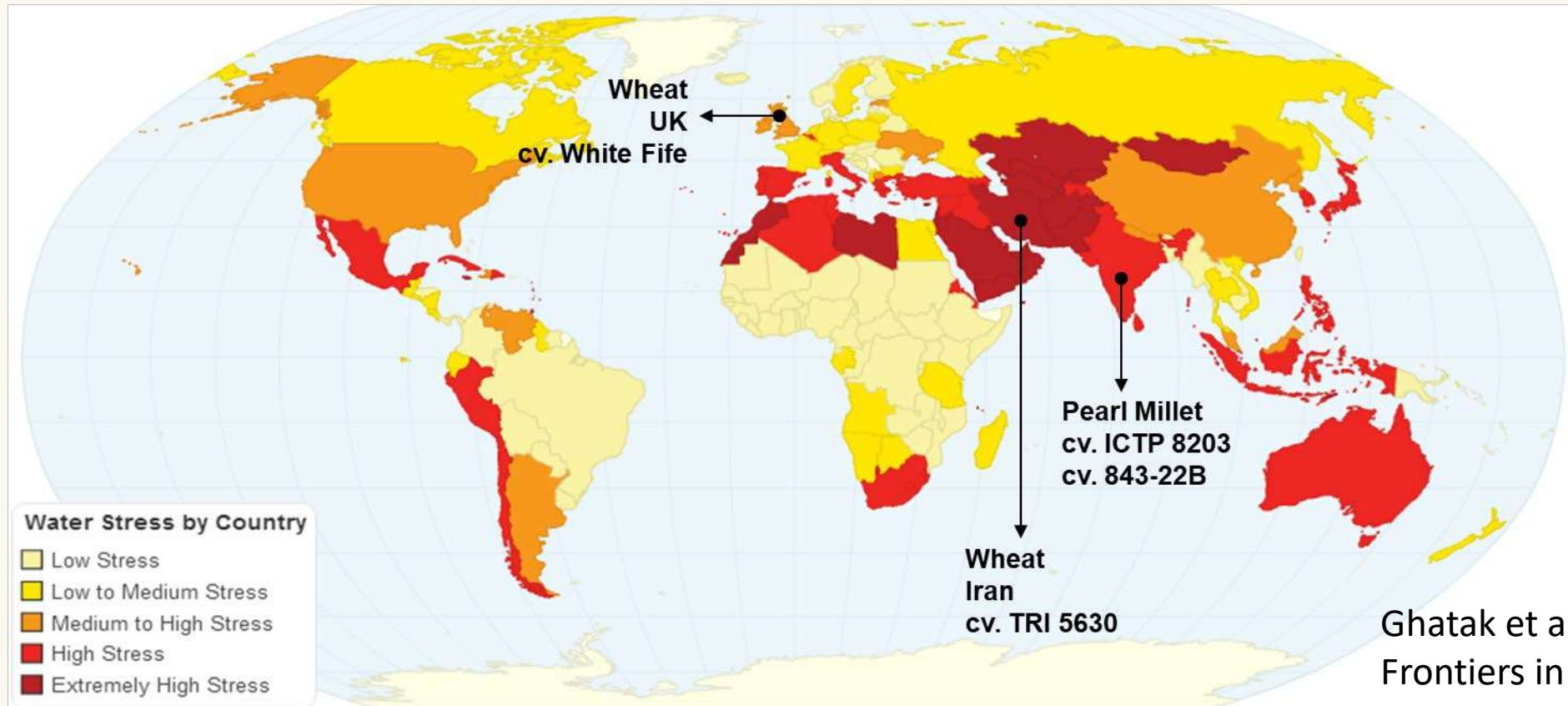
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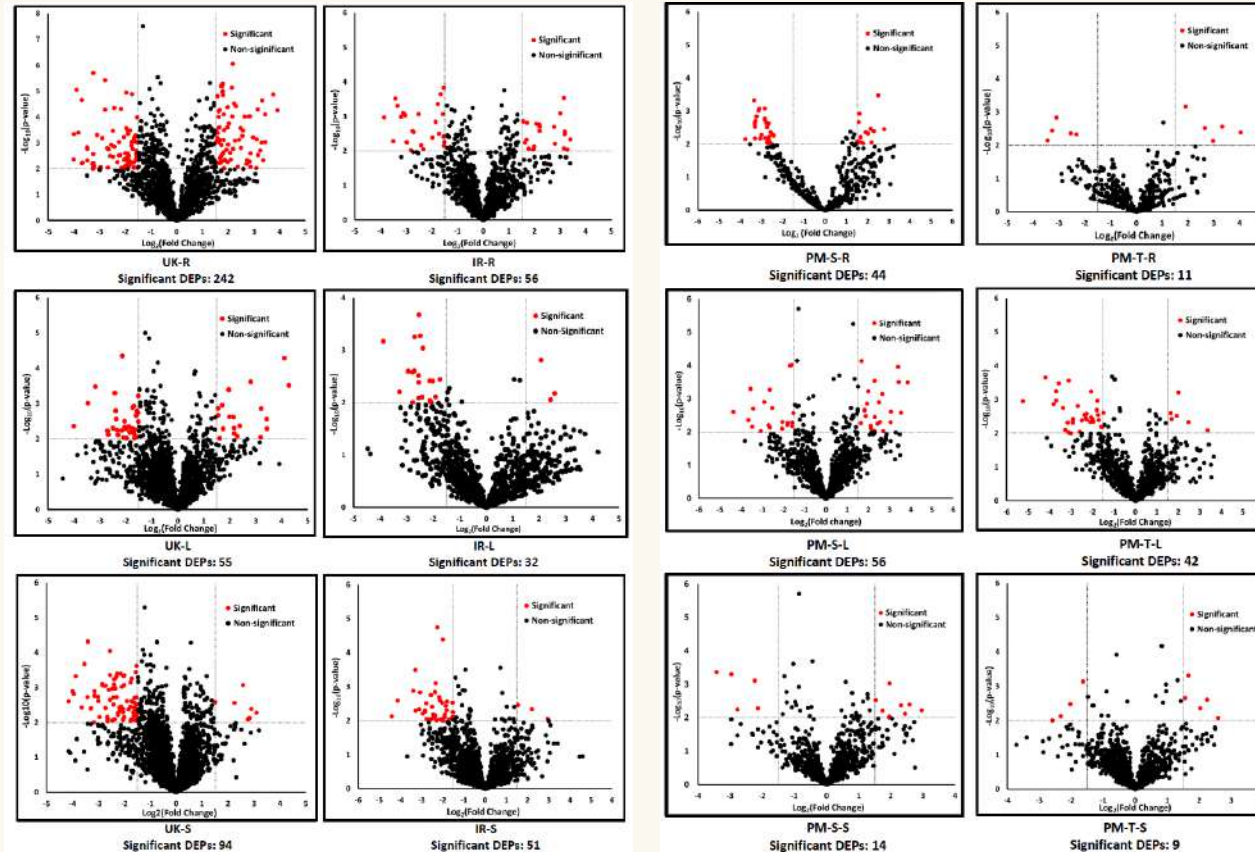
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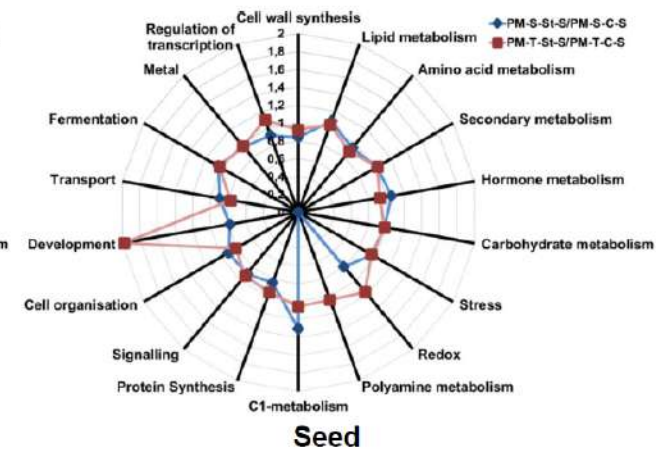
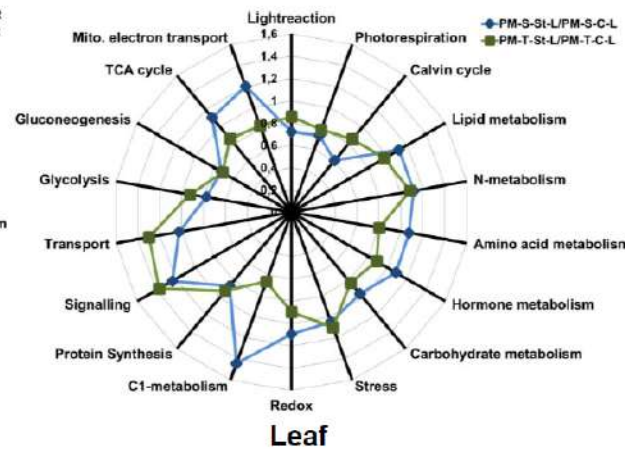
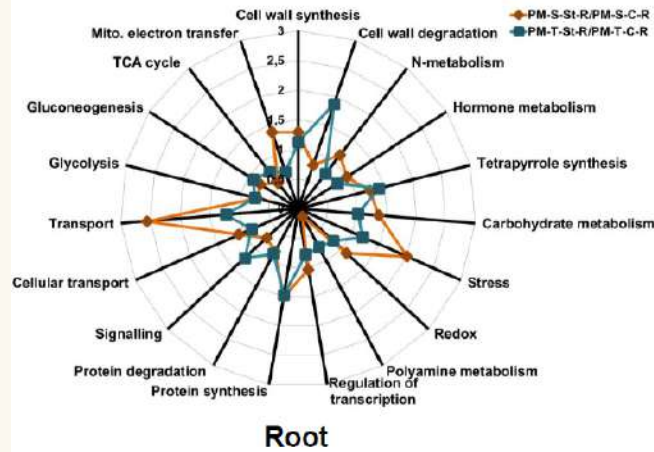


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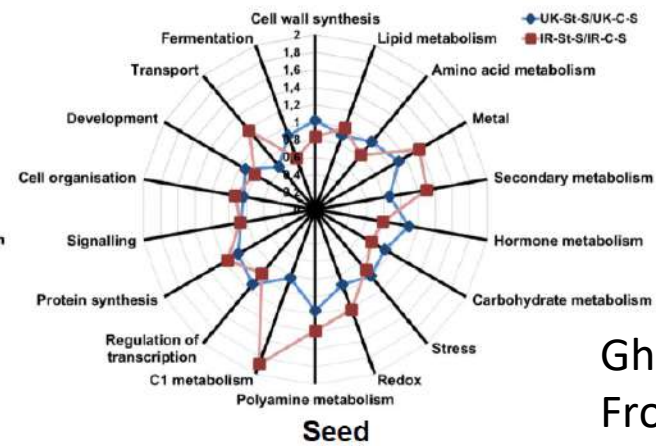
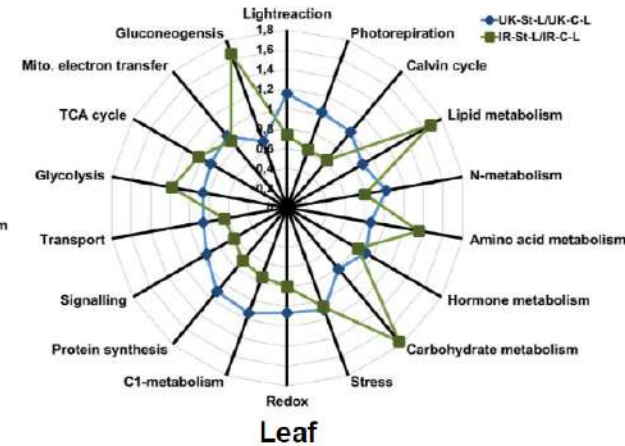
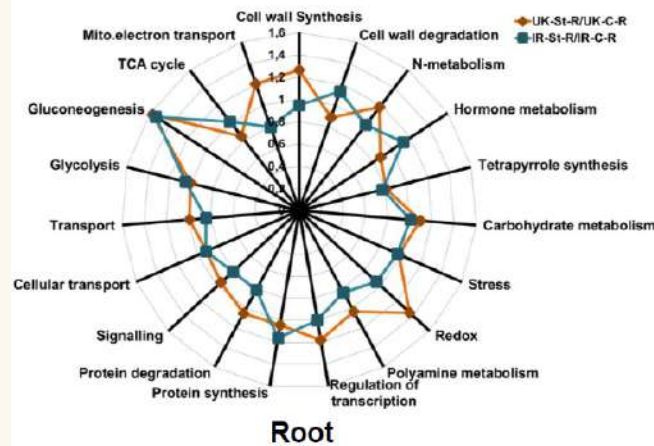


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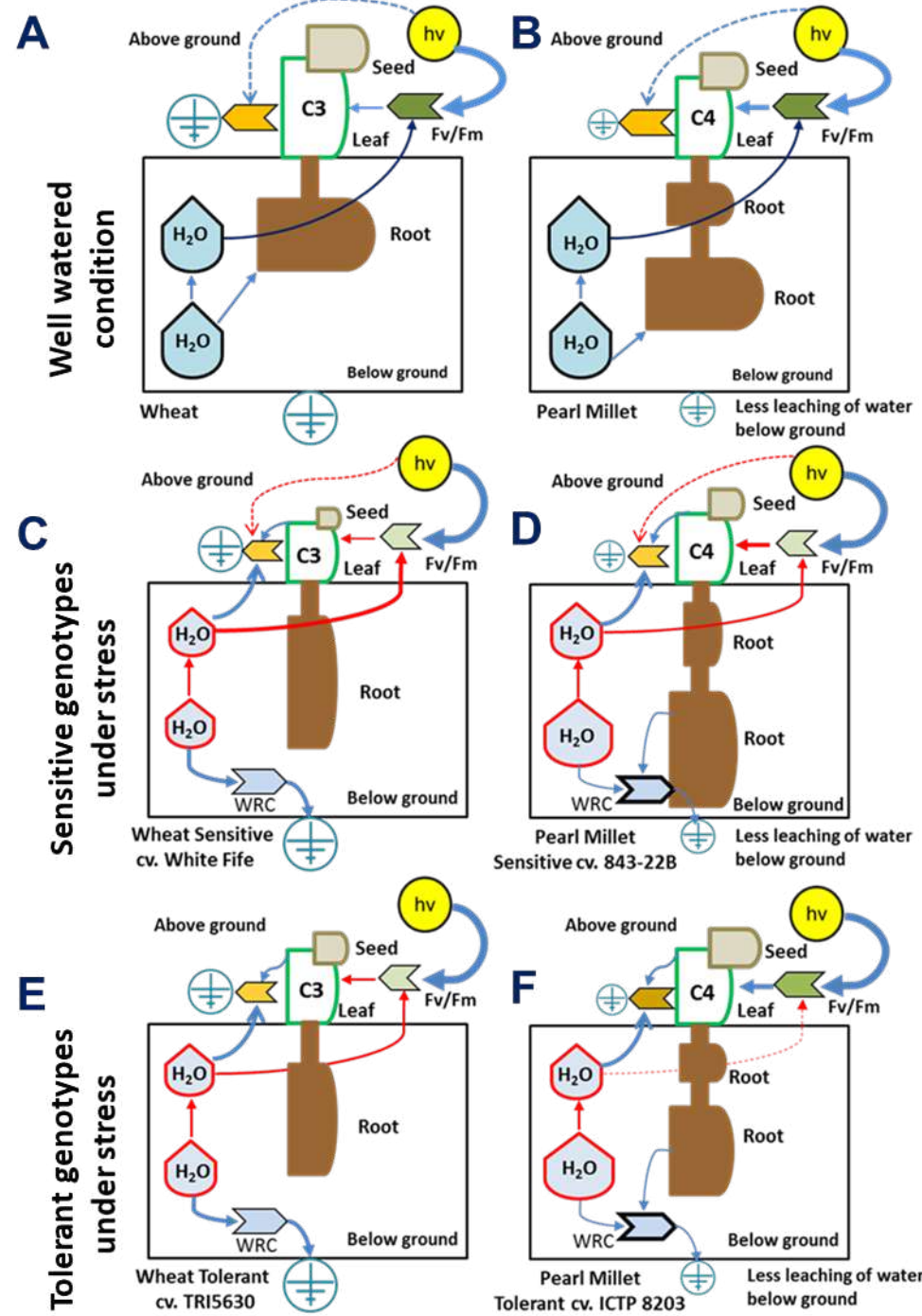


Wheat












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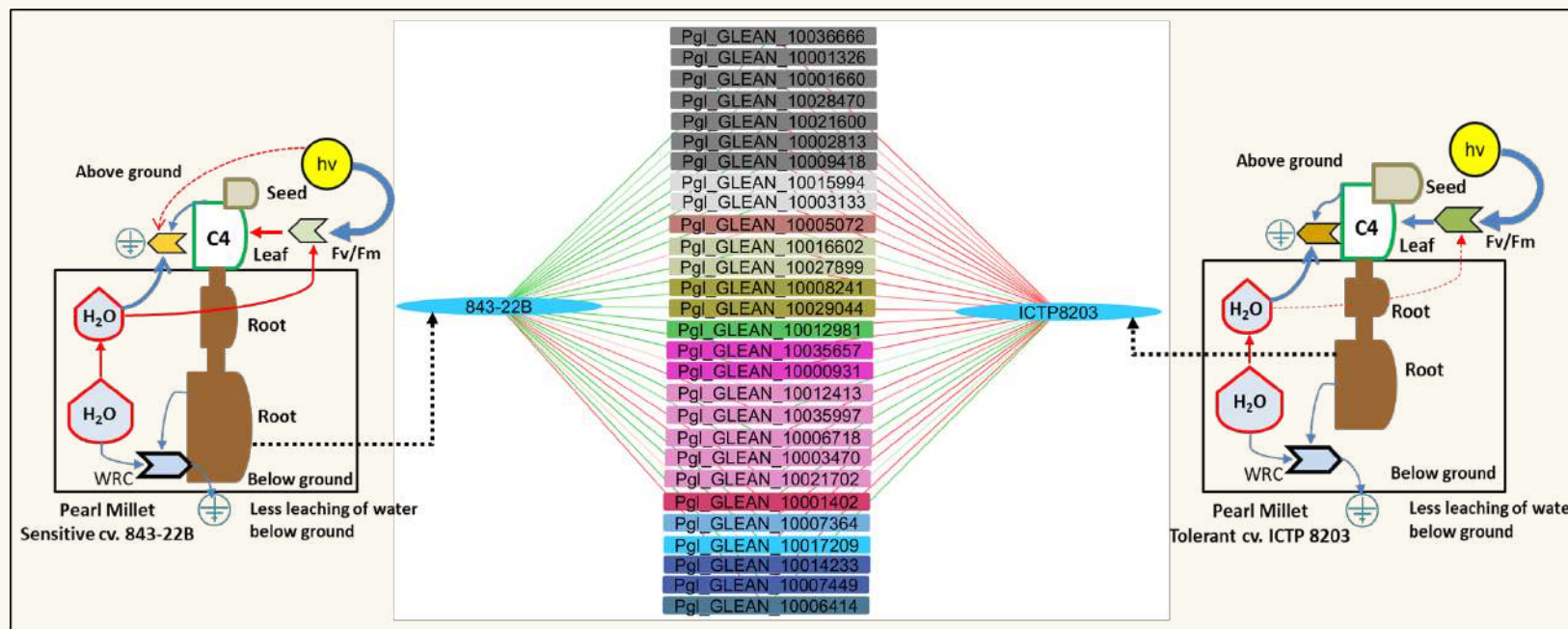
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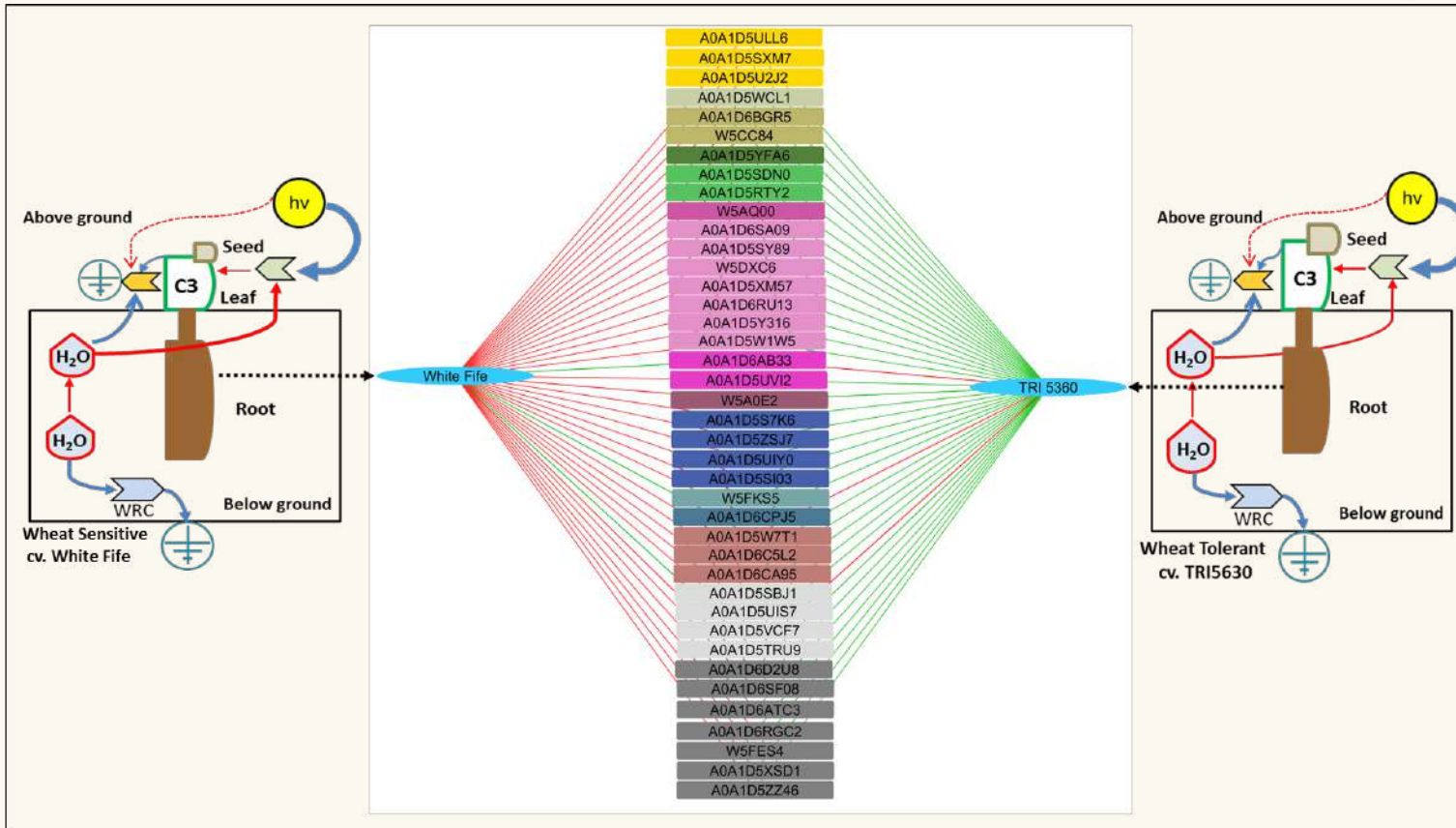
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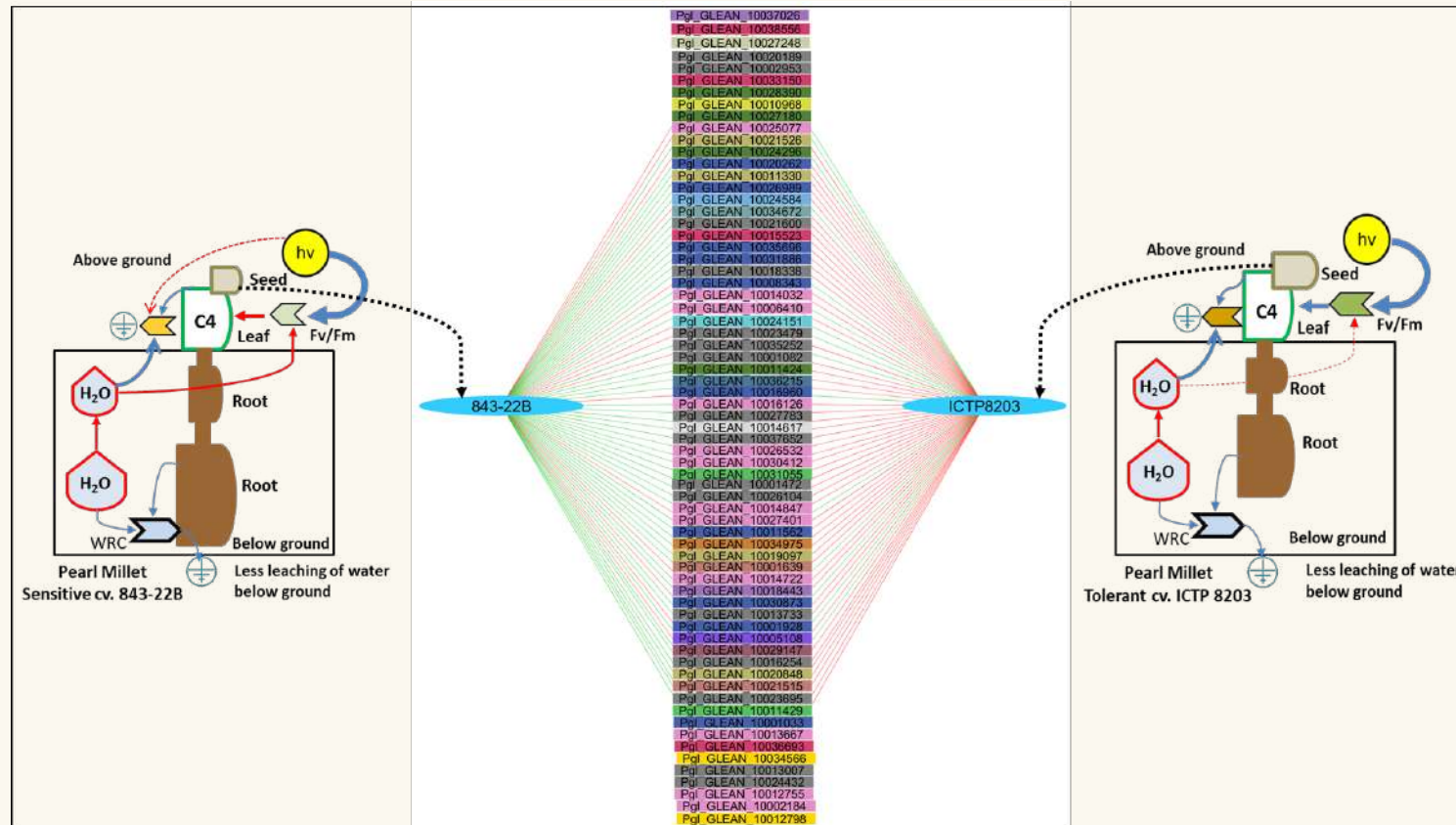


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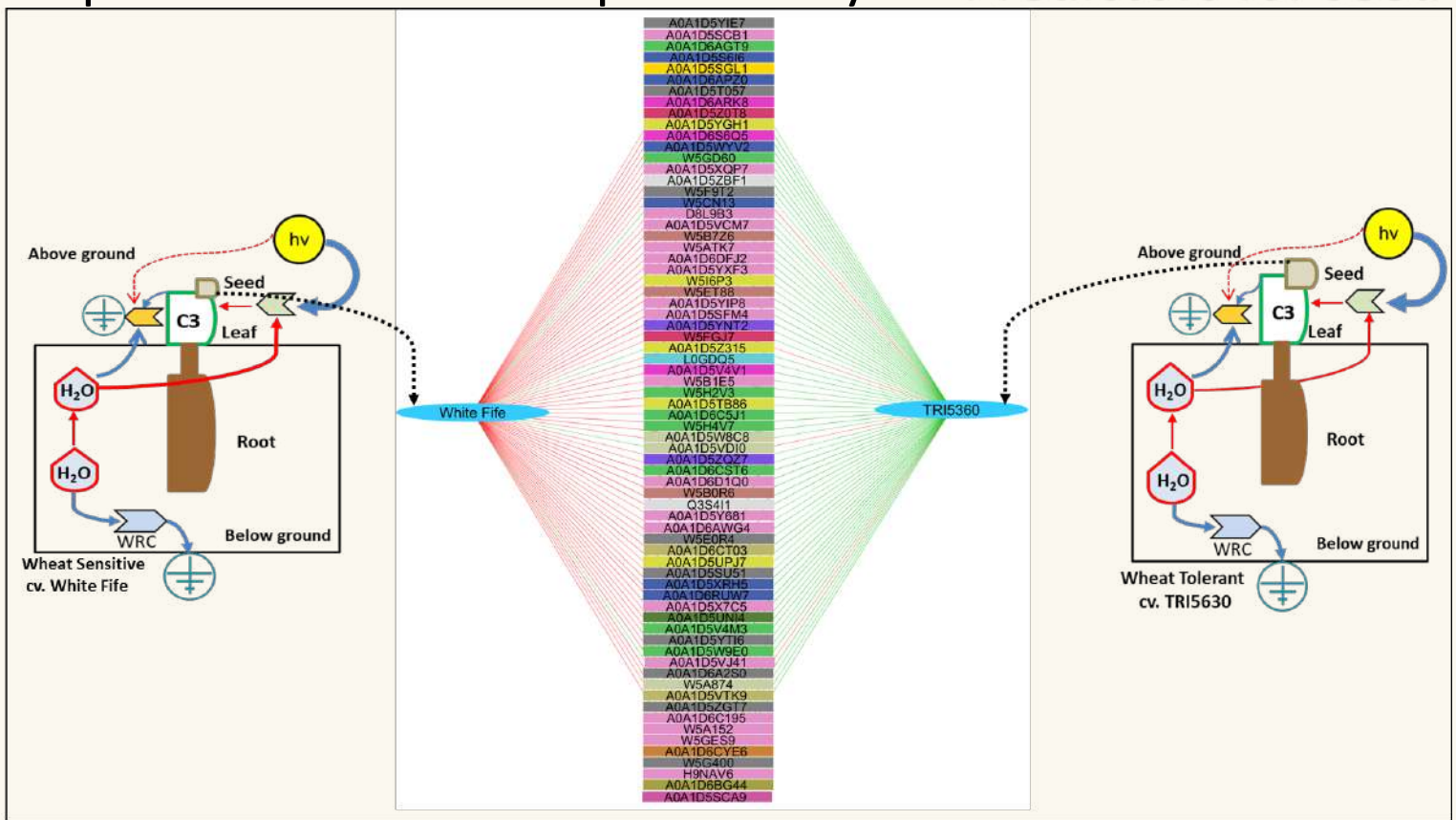
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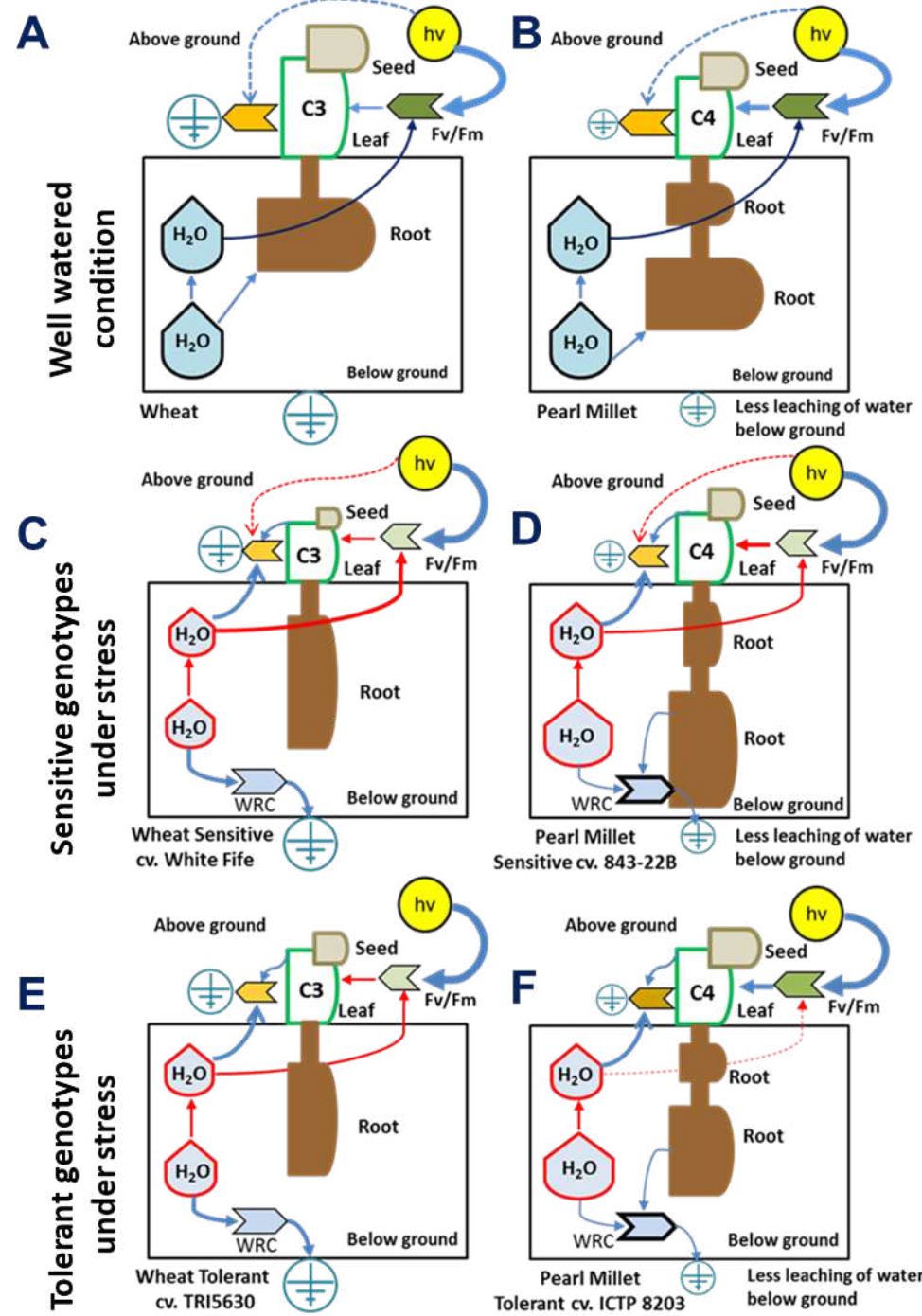
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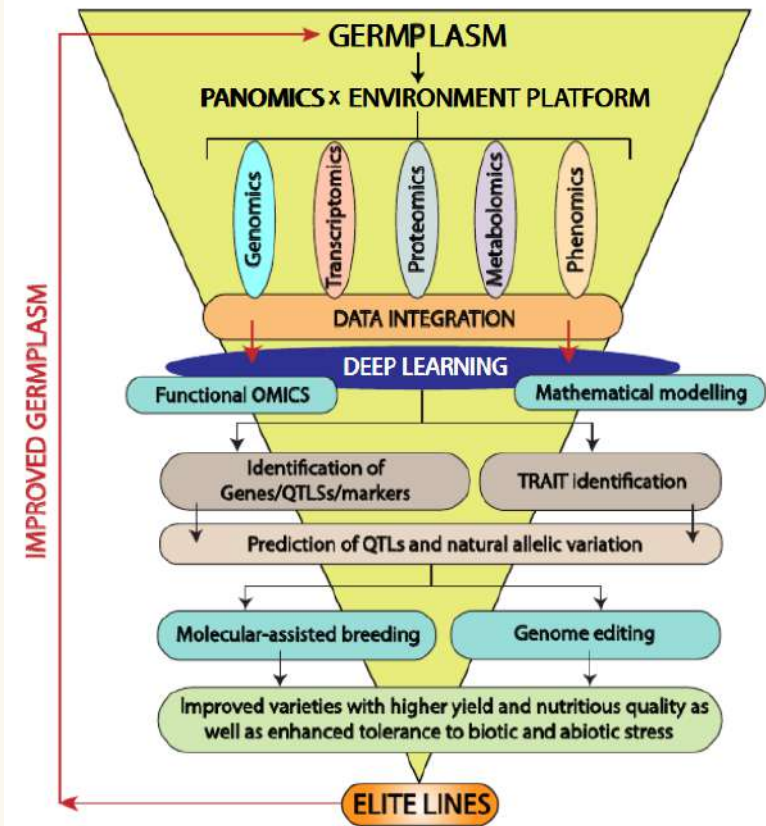
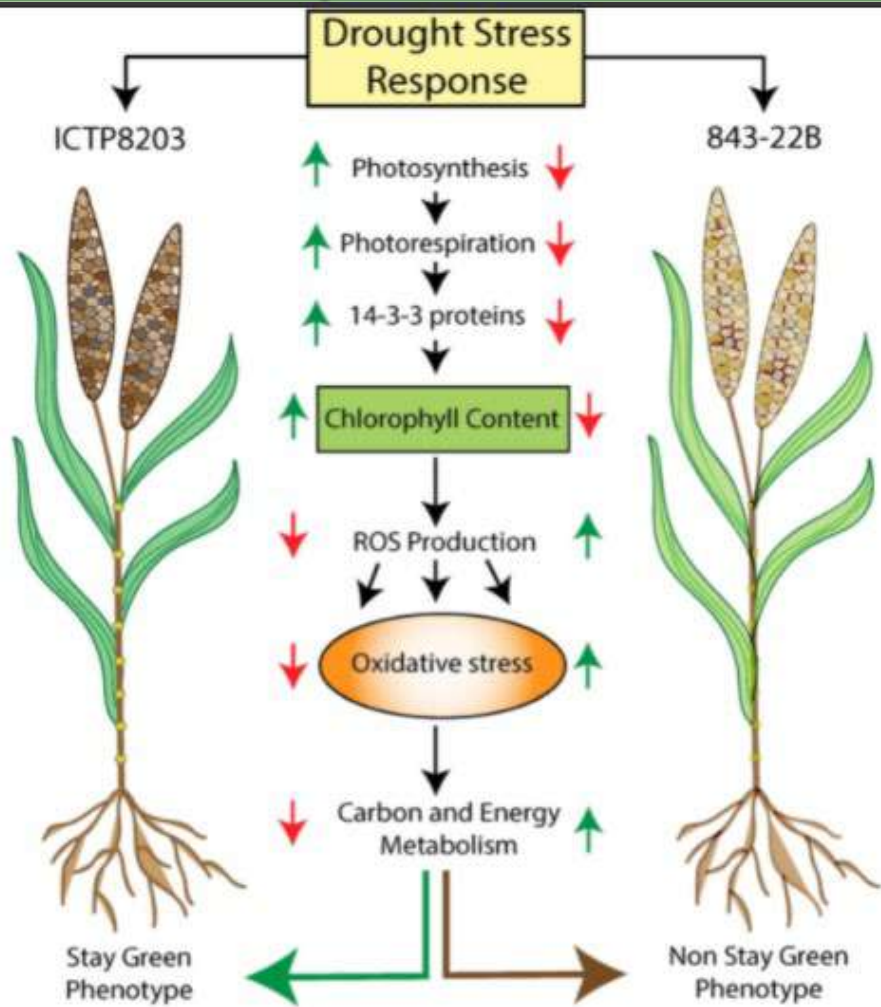
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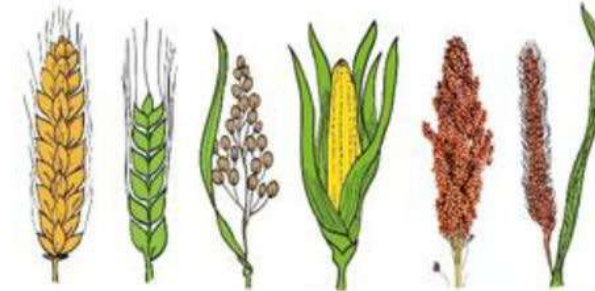
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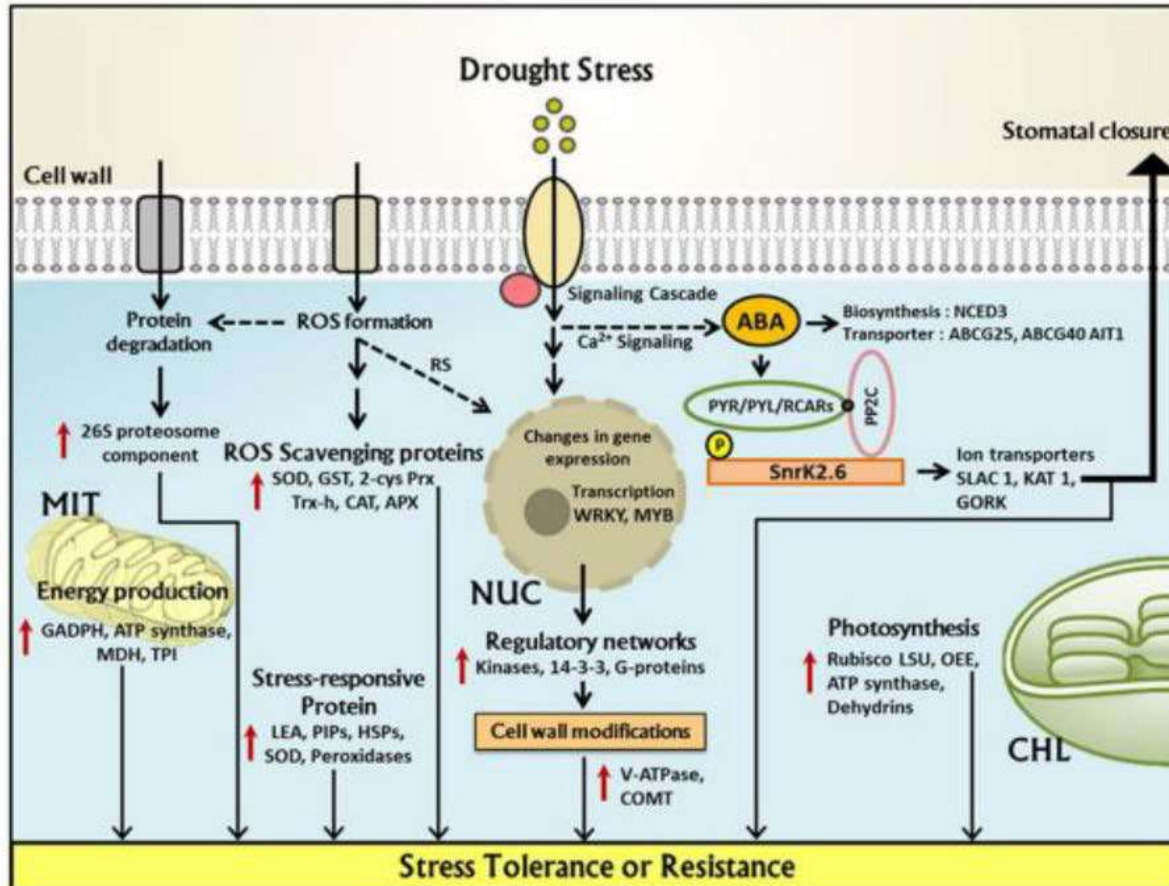
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Wheat Barley Rice Maize Sorghum Millet



**WHEAT, RICE,
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**Comparative summary
of more than 200
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HYPOTHESIS

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versus current state:

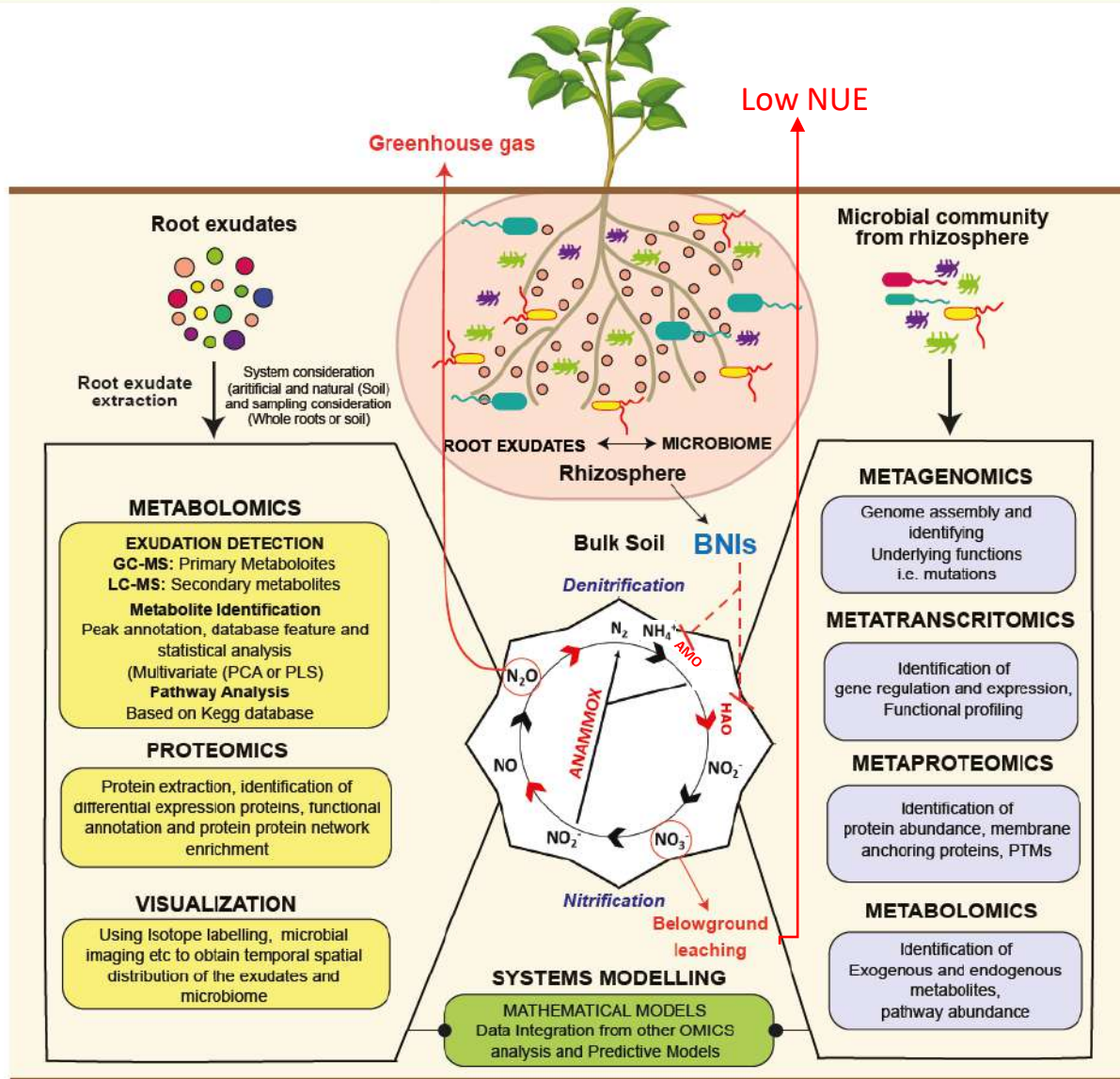
1. Harsh climate reduces plant growth and productivity leading to inefficient CO₂-neutral biomass and food production
2. High demand on industrial nitrogen fertilizer for productivity but low nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) due to losses (50-70%) in the soil – nitrification processes and GHG emissions (N₂O)
3. Food production – industrial processes



**Net GHG
emission
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Root exudation of contrasting drought-stressed pearl millet genotypes conveys varying biological nitrification inhibition (BNI) activity

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Abstract

Roots secrete a vast array of low molecular weight compounds into the soil broadly referred to as root exudates. It is a key mechanism by which plants and soil microbes interact in the rhizosphere. The effect of drought stress on the exudation process and composition is rarely studied, especially in cereal crops. This study focuses on comparative metabolic profiling of the exudates from sensitive and tolerant genotypes of pearl millet after a period of drought stress. We employed a combined platform of gas and liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry to cover both primary and secondary metabolites. The results obtained demonstrate that both genotype and drought stress have a significant impact on the concentration and composition of root exudates. The complexity and function of these differential root exudates are discussed. To reveal the potential effect of root exudates on the soil microbial community after a period of drought stress, we also tested for biological nitrification inhibition (BNI) activity. The analysis revealed a genotype-dependent enhancement of BNI activity after a defined period of drought stress. In parallel, we observed a genotype-specific relation of elongated root growth and root exudation under drought stress. These data suggest that the drought stress-dependent change in root exudation can manipulate the microbial soil communities to adapt and survive under harsh conditions.

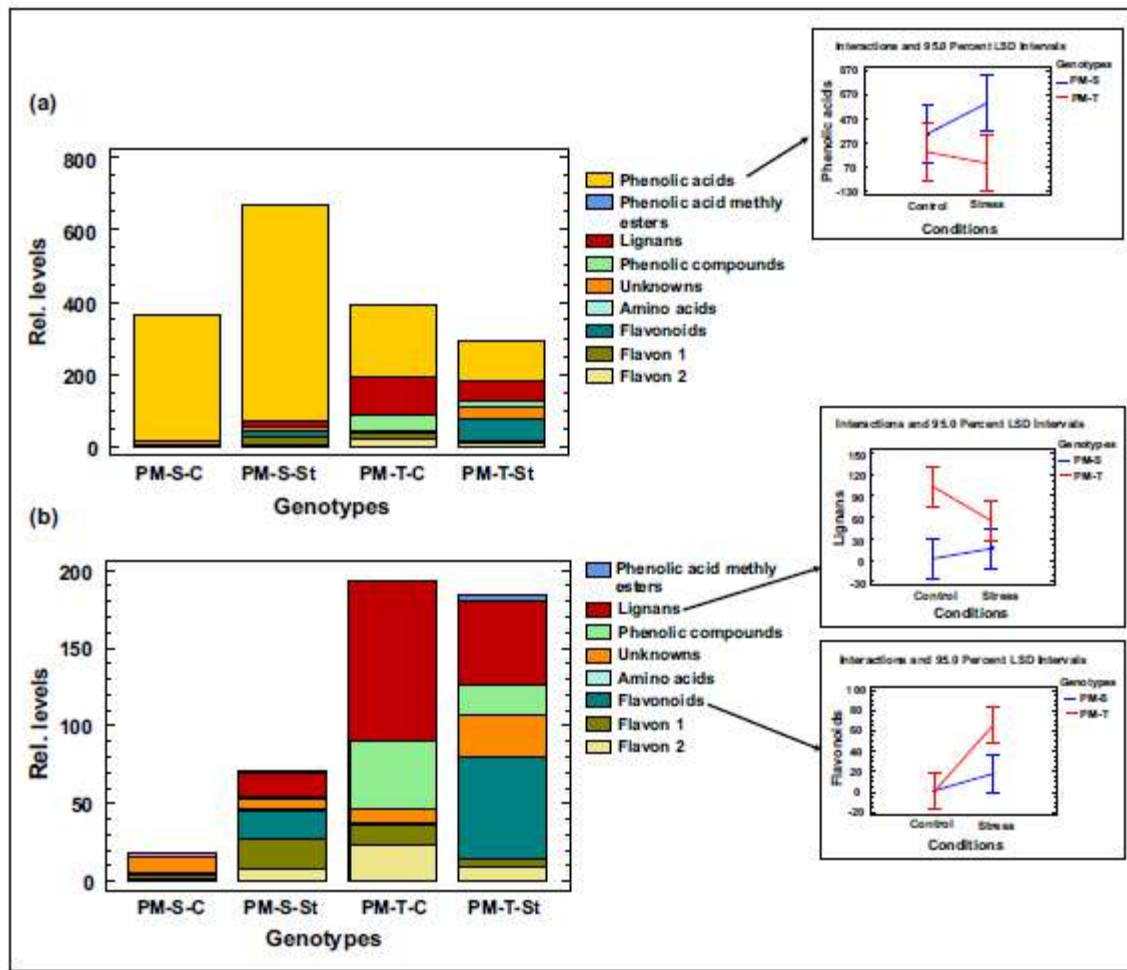


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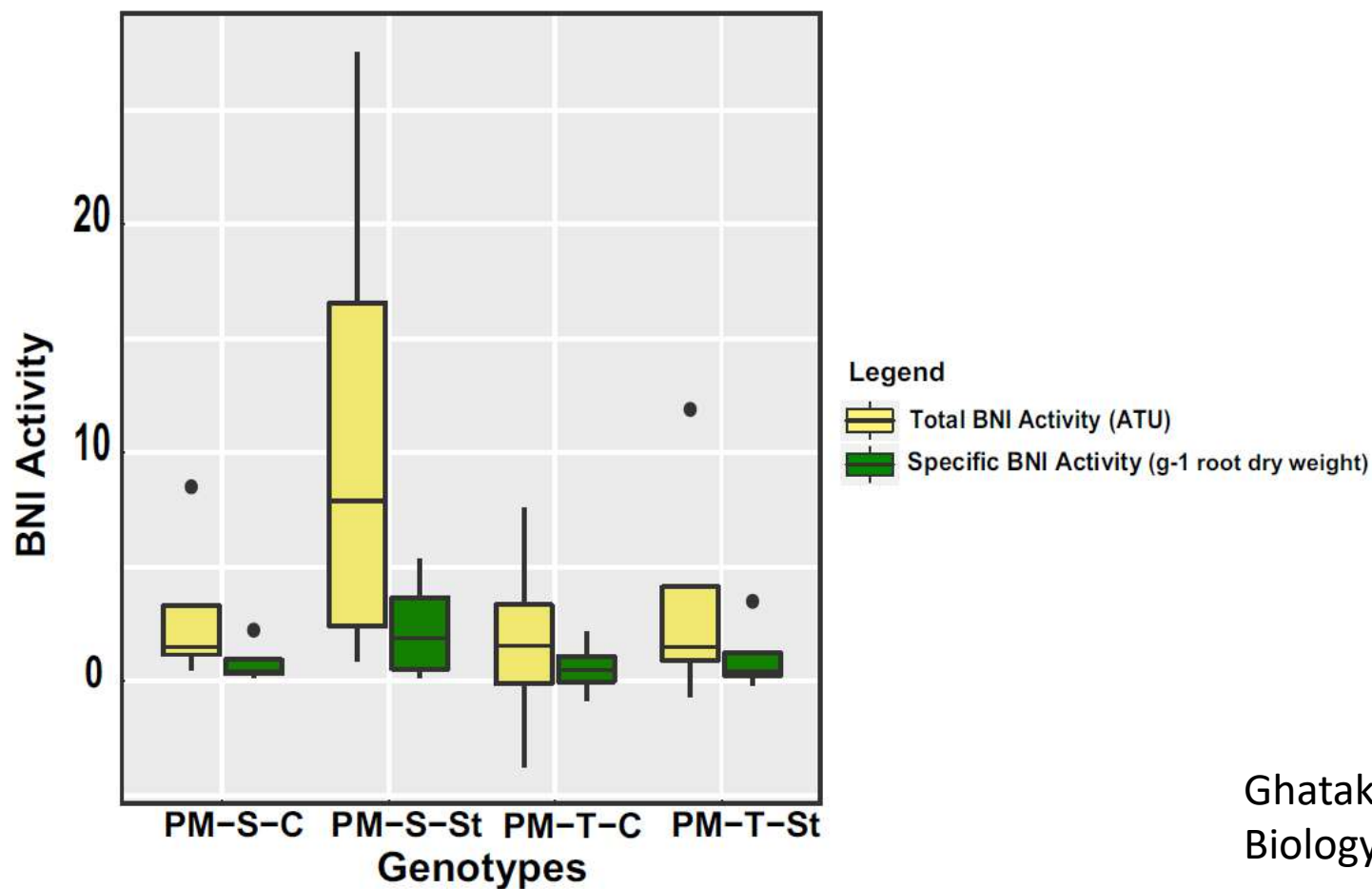


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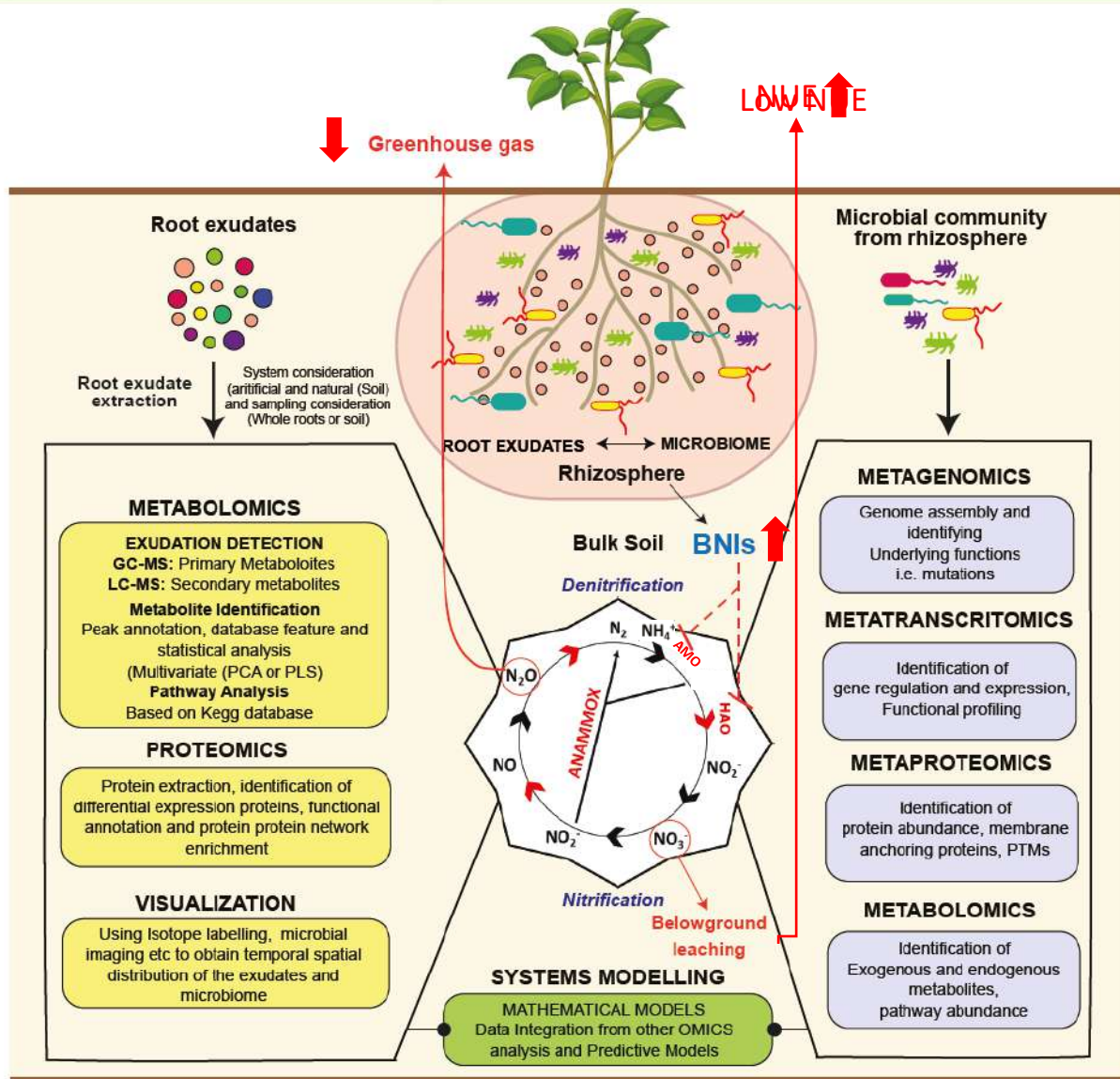
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REGULAR ARTICLE

Identification of several wheat landraces with biological nitrification inhibition capacity

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Abstract

Background and aims Nitrification is the first step in several pathways that lead to losses of nitrogen from agricultural systems. Biological nitrification inhibition (BNI) refers to the ability of some plant species to release chemicals from their roots that inhibit microbial ammonia oxidation thereby decreasing nitrification rates. BNI has been found in the wheat relative *Leymus racemosus* but not in *Triticum aestivum*. The aim of this work was to assess a number of landraces of *Triticum aestivum* for BNI ability.

Methods Samples of root exudates and root tissue extracts, collected from hydroponically grown plants, were tested for their impact on nitrification rates when inoculated with pure cultures of two ammonia oxidising

bacteria, *Nitrosomonas europaea* and *Nitrosospora multififormis*. Pot experiments were then conducted to confirm the results.

Results The vast majority of the landraces tested caused some level of inhibition. However, of the 96 wheat landraces tested, 26 produced root exudates which caused a statistically significant reduction in nitrification rates of the two ammonia oxidising bacteria. Root exudates from four of the BNI positive landraces were shown to significantly inhibit nitrification rates in a sandy loam soil.

Conclusions This is the first evidence of significant levels of BNI in *Triticum aestivum*. The discovery of landraces with BNI ability raises the potential for breeding this trait into modern, elite wheat cultivars.

Keywords Biological nitrification inhibition · Wheat landraces · Ammonia oxidising · Root exudates

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Wheat grain filling process

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Publication in “The Plant Journal” explains grain filling process in wheat

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The recent research published by Shuang Zhang, Palak Chaturvedi and Wolfram Weckwerth highlights the astonishing molecular complexity of the grain filling process using the multiomics approach.

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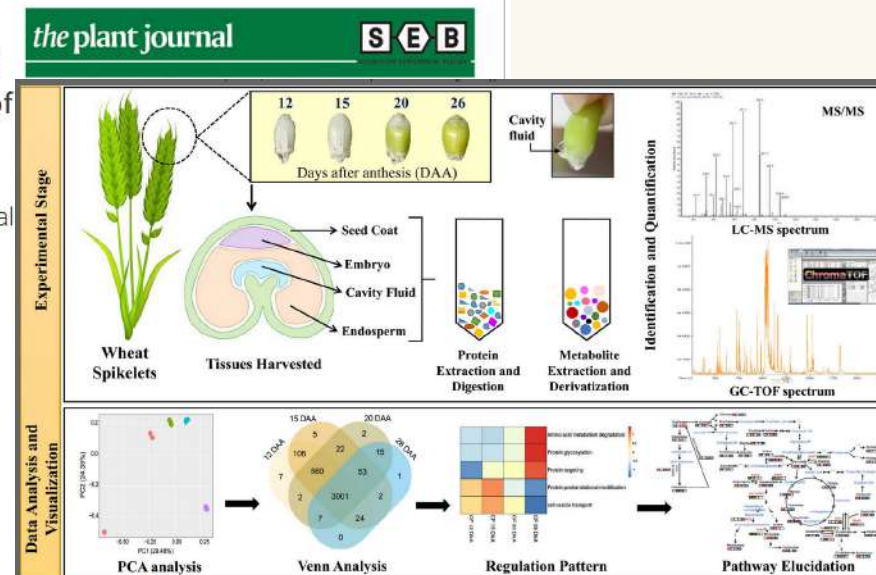
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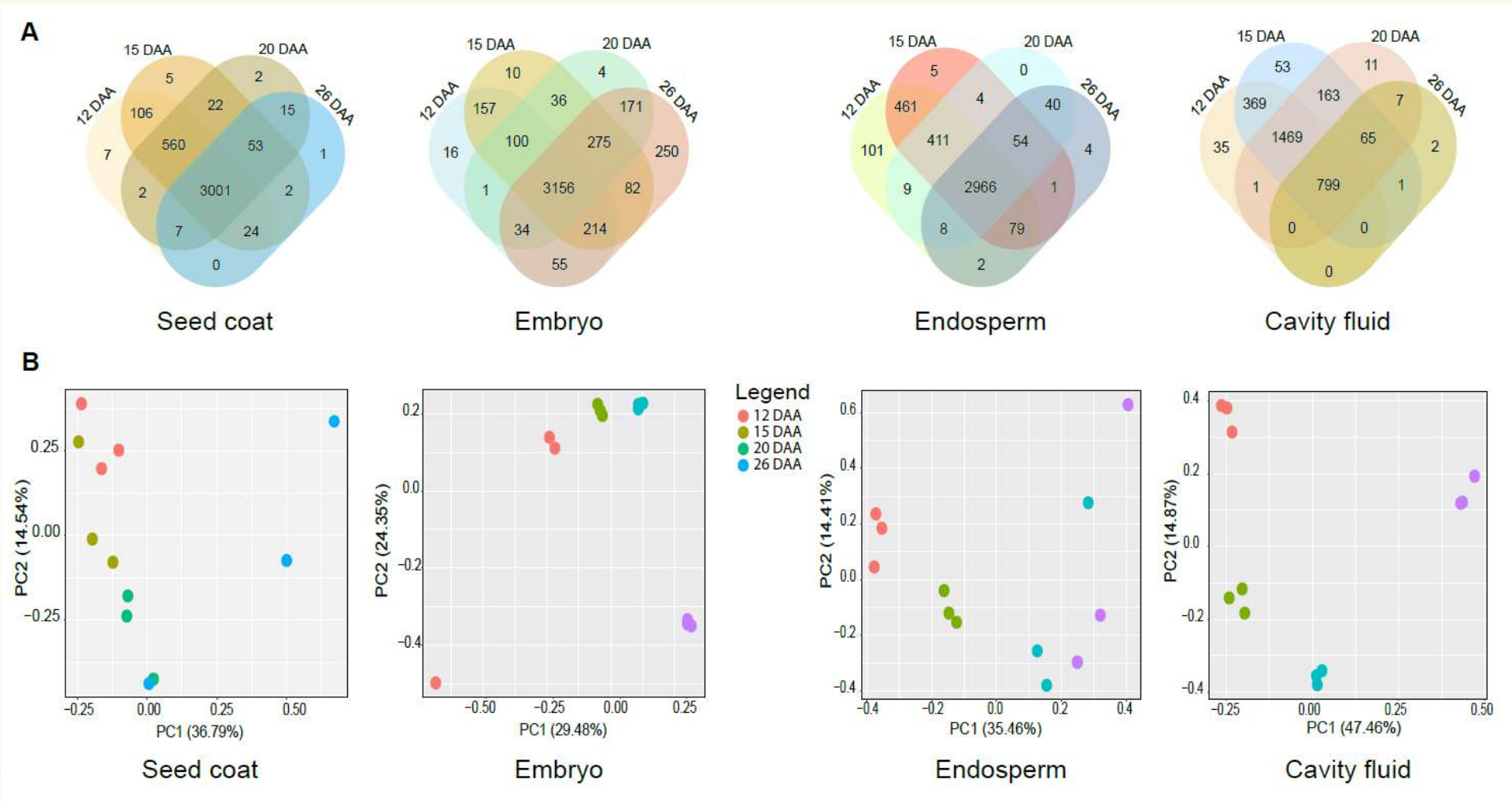
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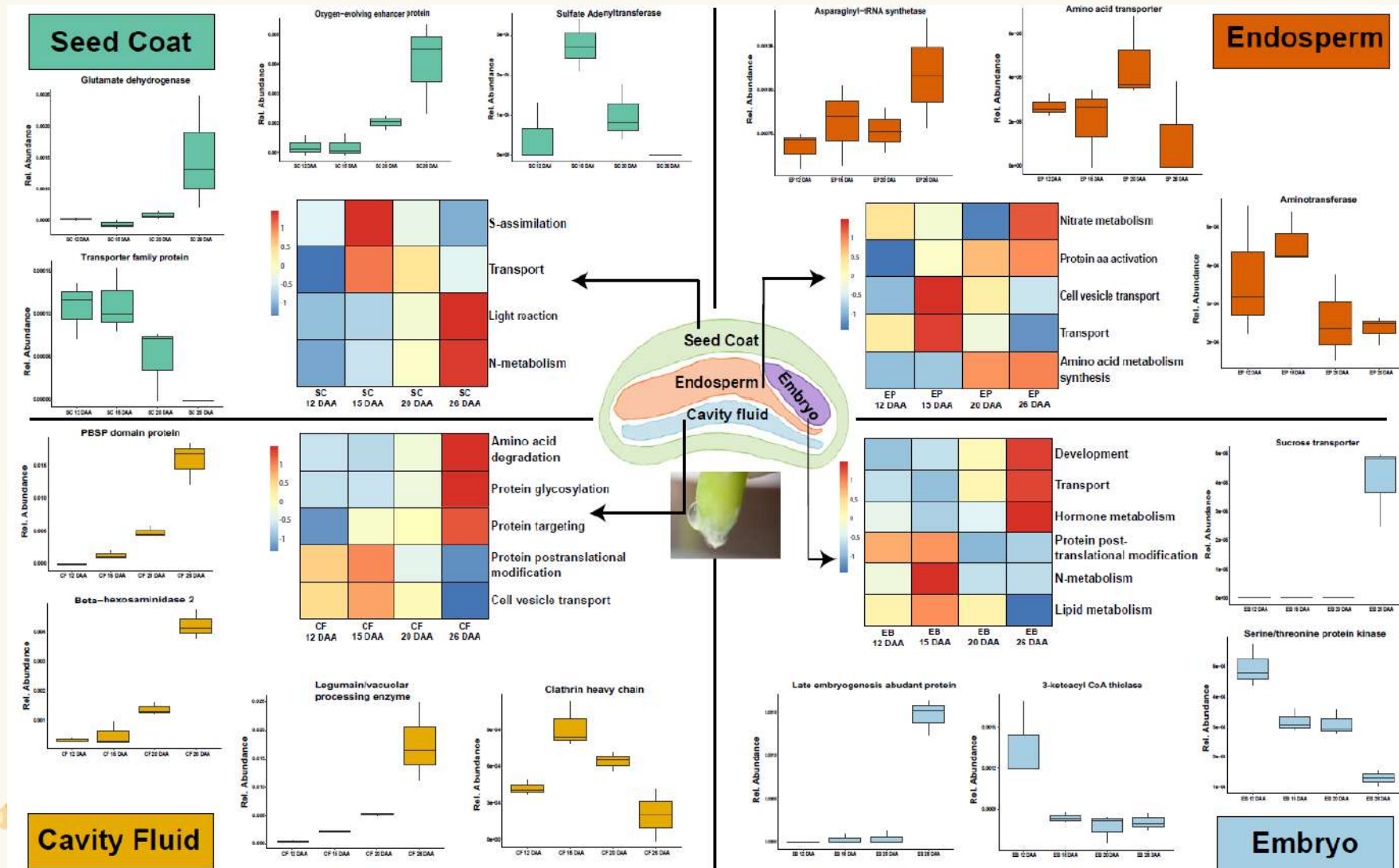
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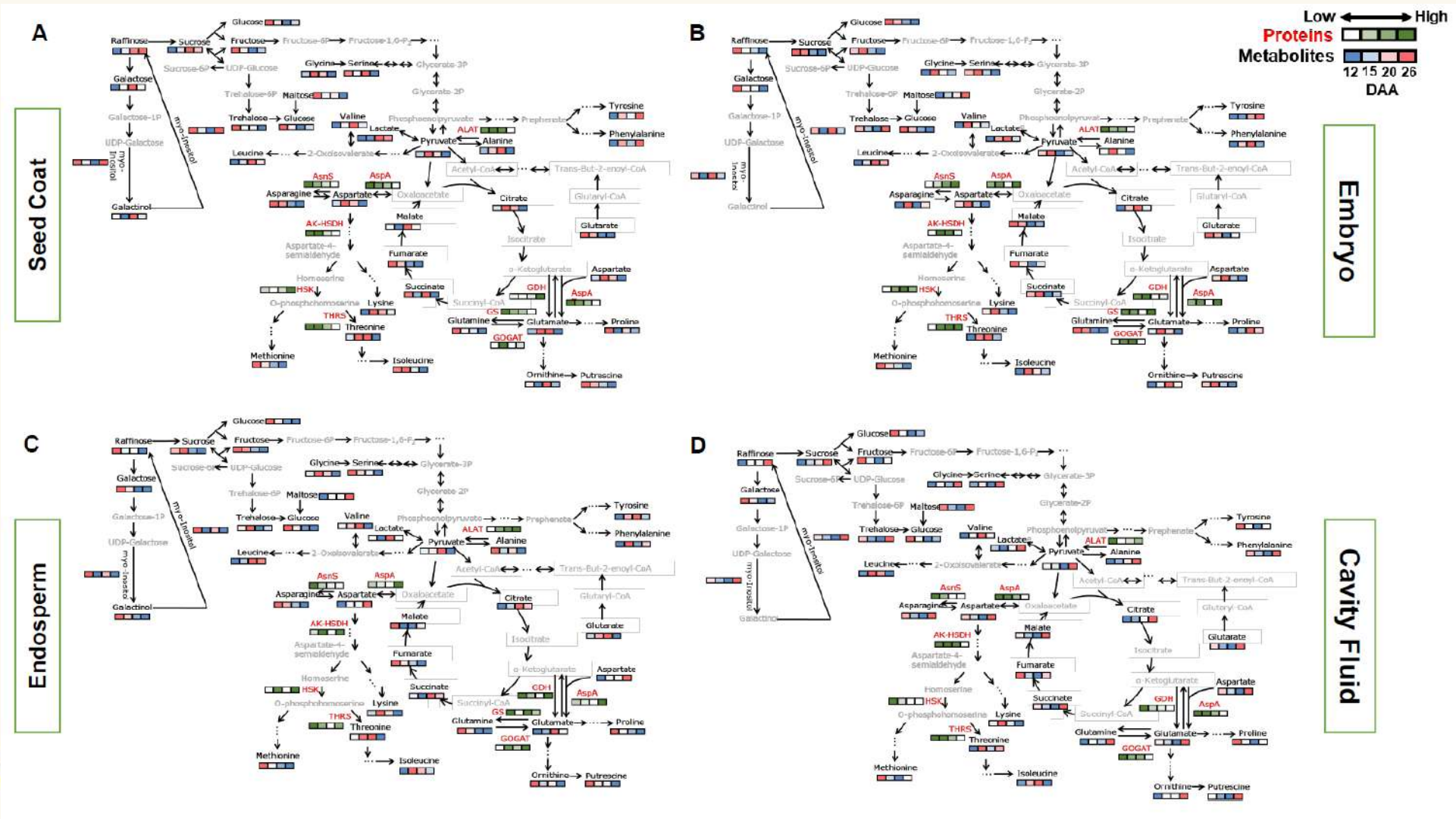
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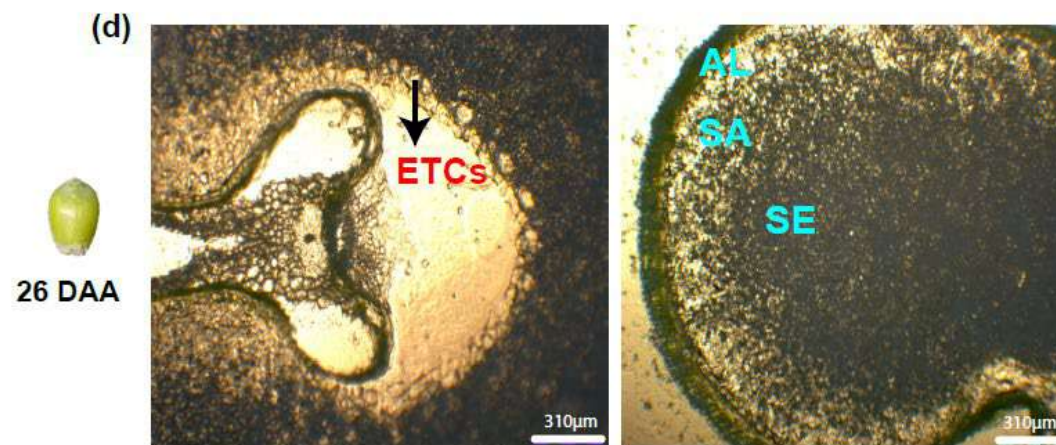
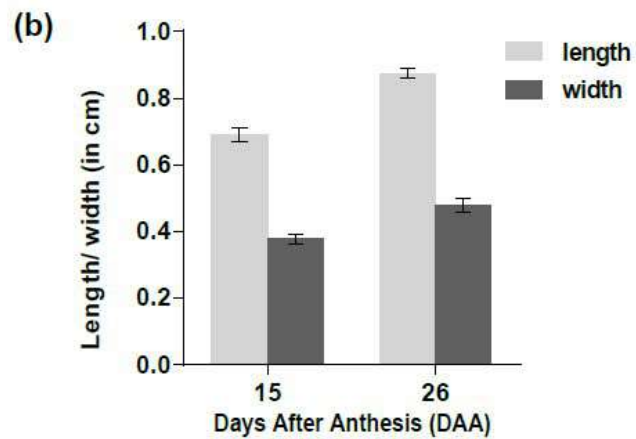
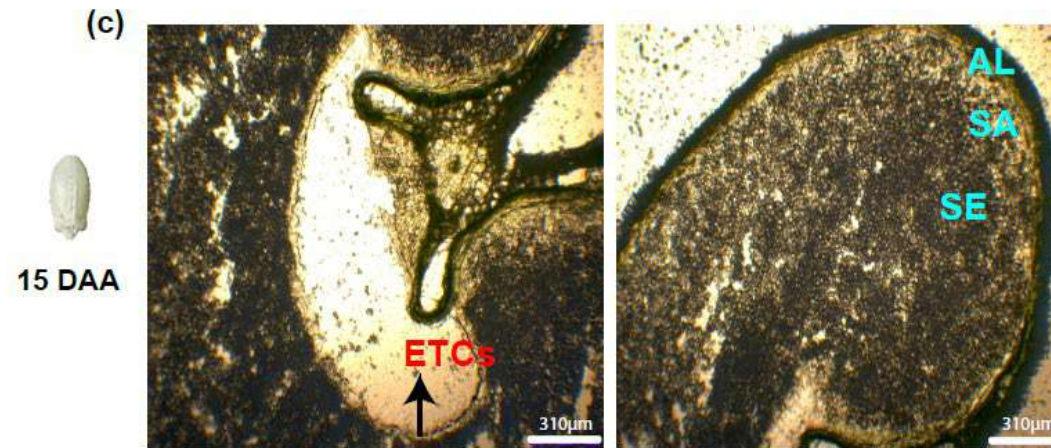
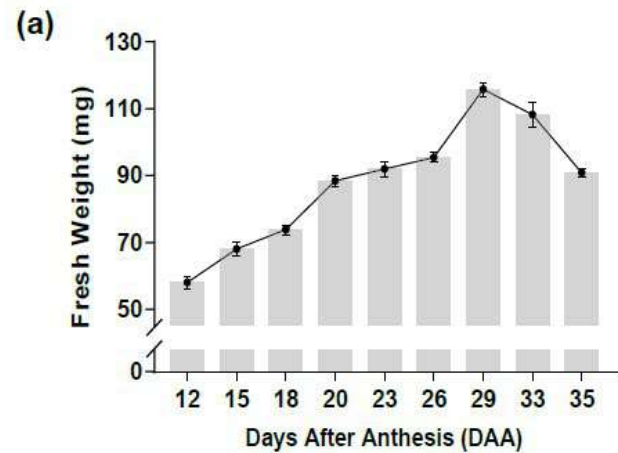
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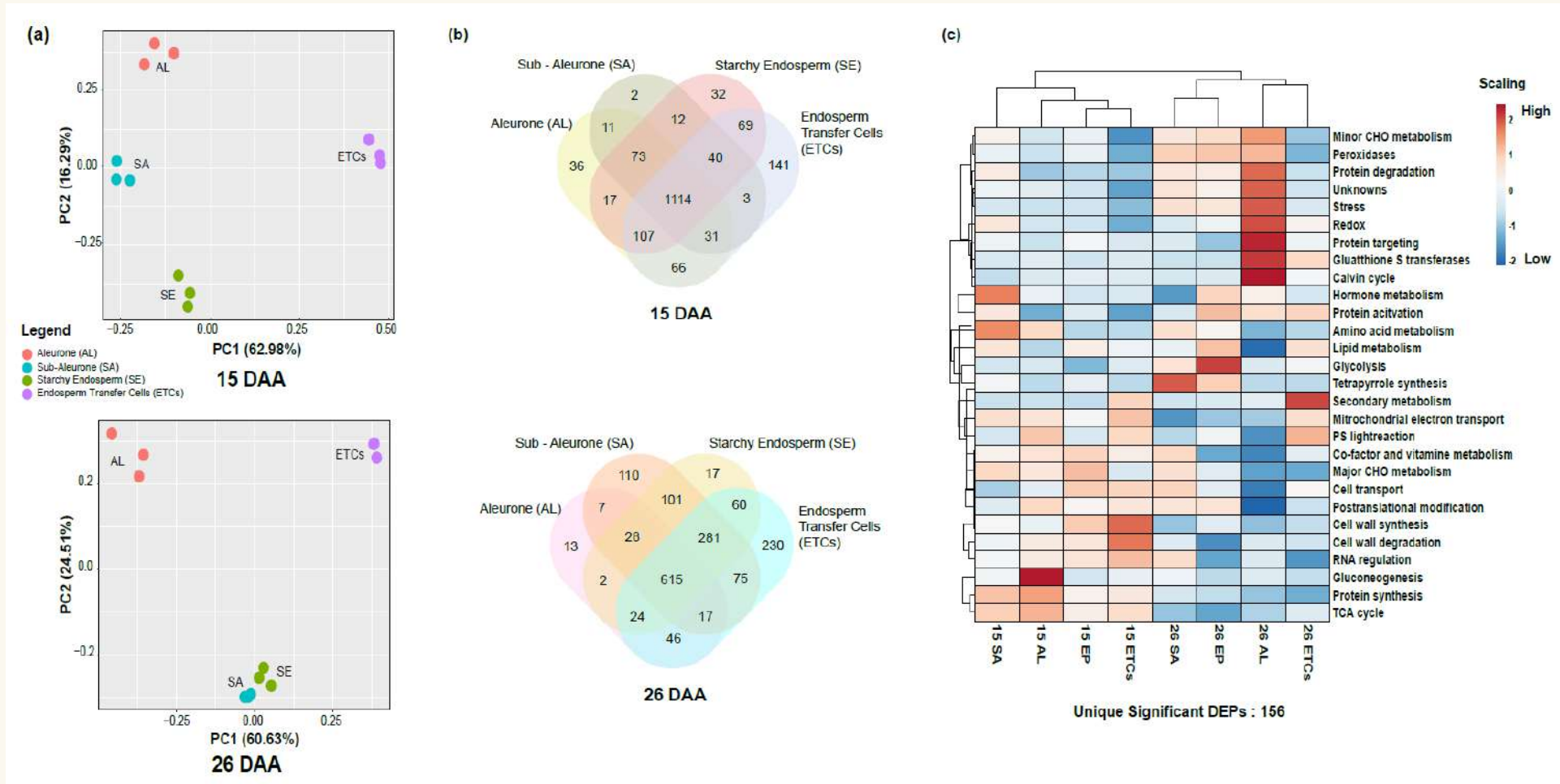
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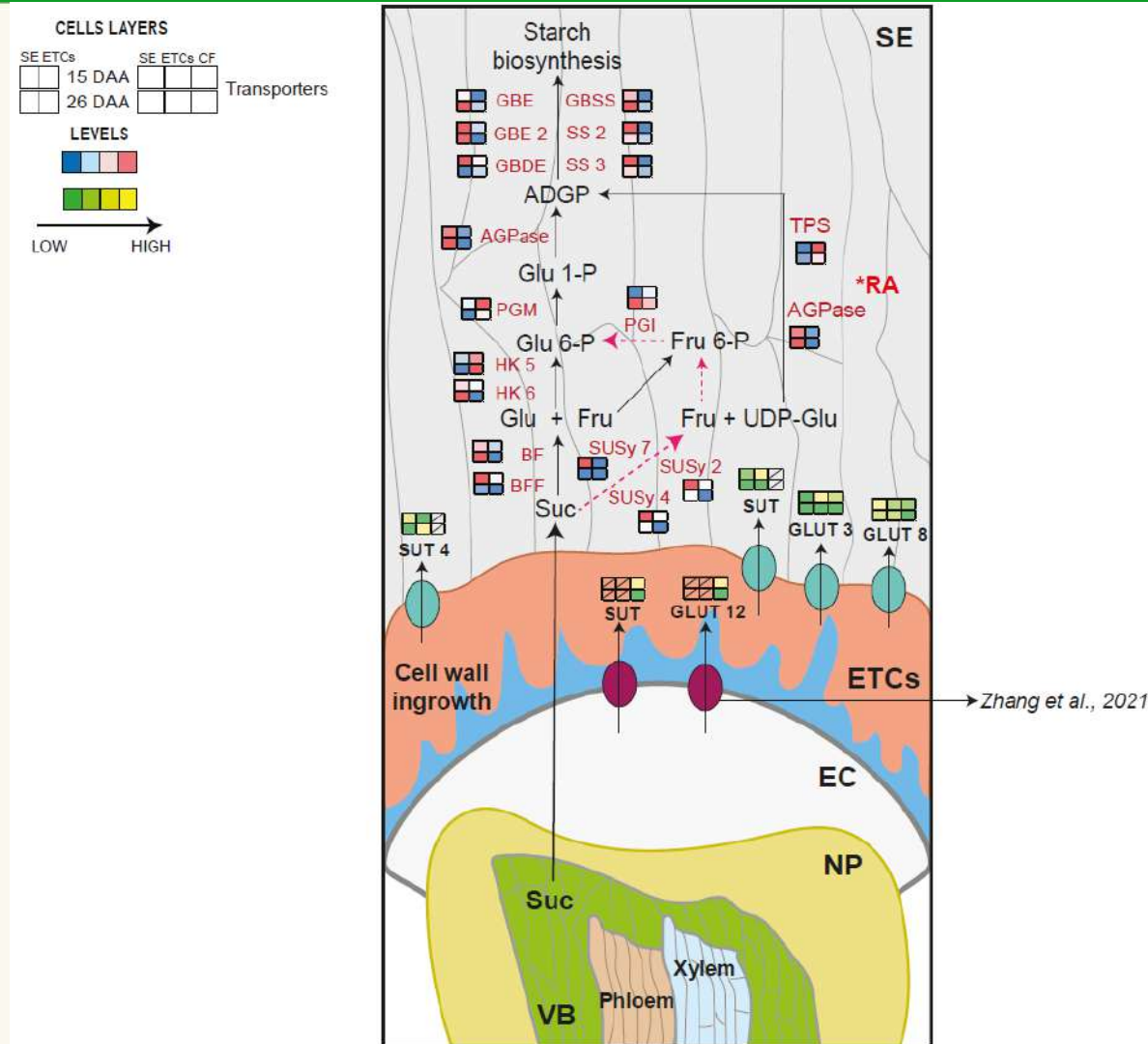
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- **More than 60% of phenotypic plasticity, pleiotropy, polygenic traits, physiology etc. is not explained by genomics** – application of metabolomics, proteomics, phosphoproteomics and biochemical modelling for genomic prediction
- **In situ molecular phenotype plasticity is enormous:** Application of multiomics technology and Systems Biology from lab to field conditions reveals a new picture of the **genotype-environment-phenotype, phenotypic plasticity in a natural/agricultural environment and stress adaptation mechanisms**
- Application **to crop plants and natural ecosystems** reveal different adaptation strategies of the plant and can be used for correlation with traits, yield, stress tolerance, morphology, physiology etc.



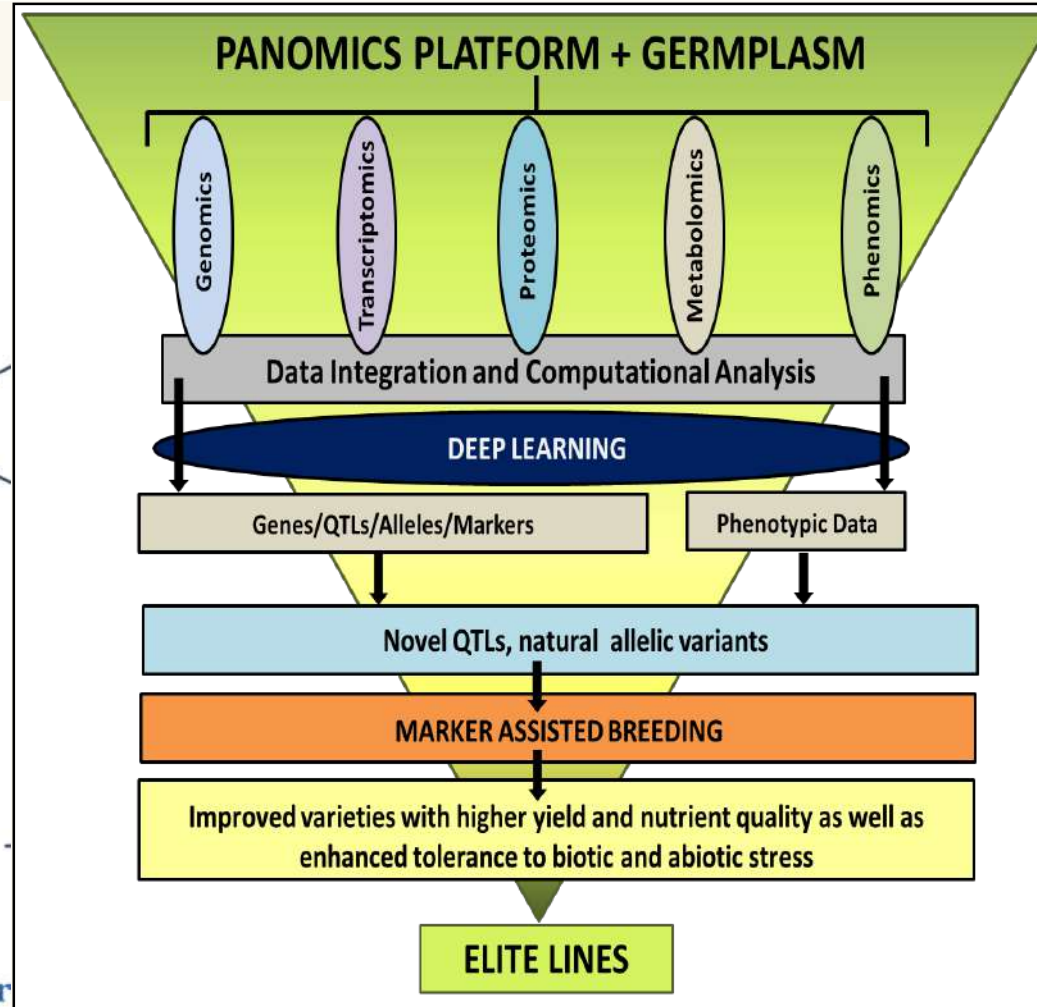
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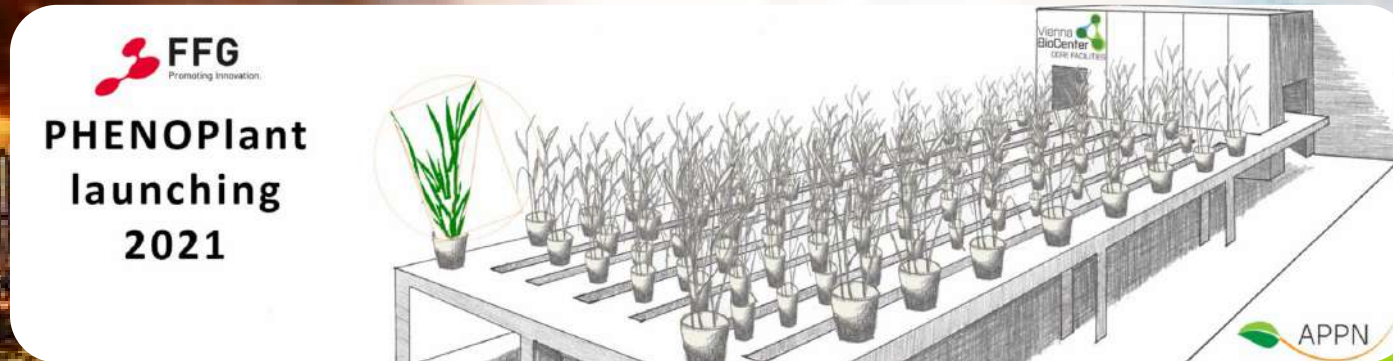
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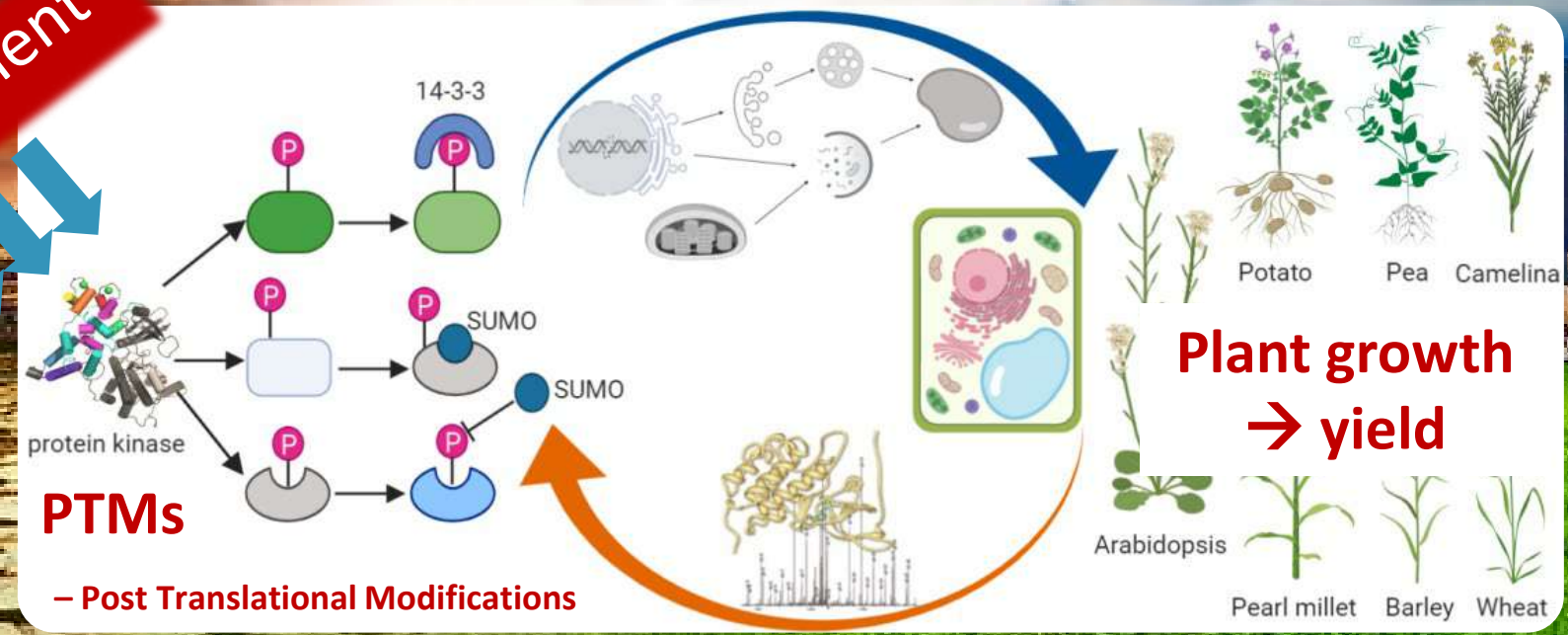
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