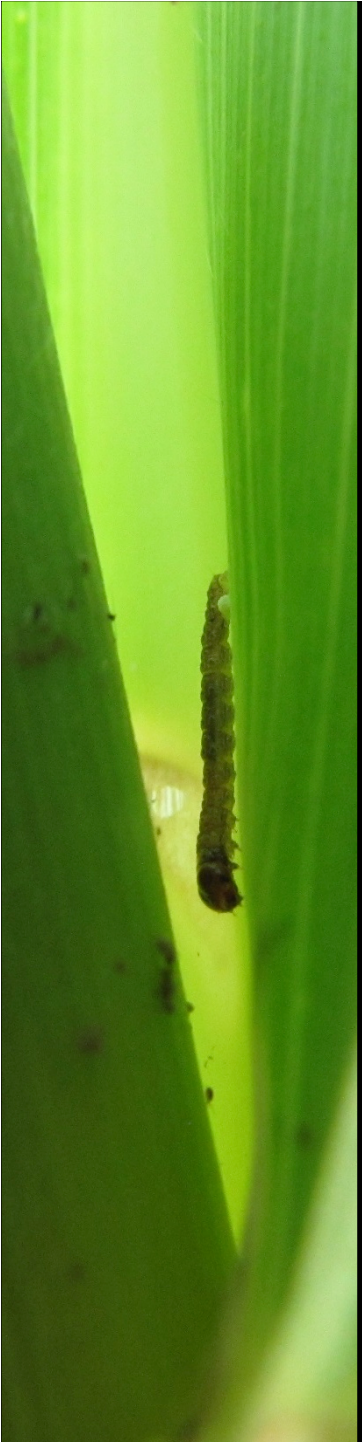




Plant adaptation and speciation in *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Fall Army Worm)

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Spodoptera frugiperda (Noctuidae)

A pest moth of economical importance in North America, the Caribbean and South America.



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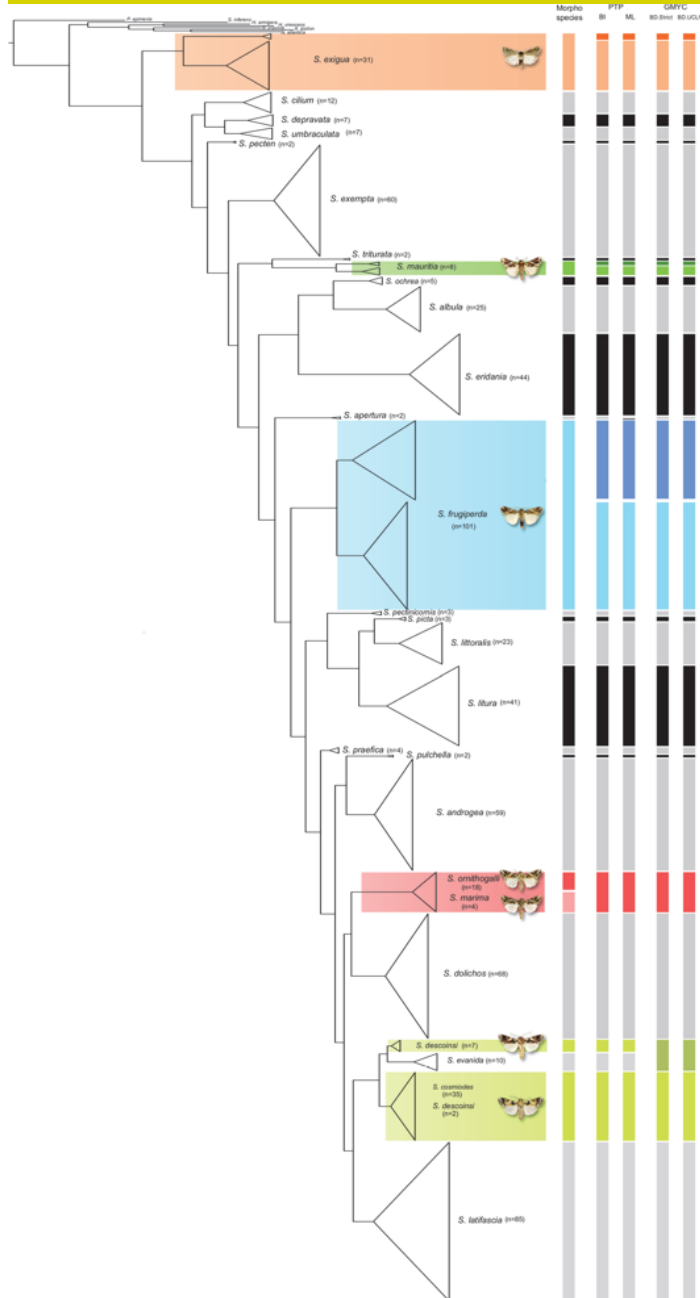
2 strains morphologically undistinguishable



While polyphagous the two strains have a preferential host plant



Two species ?



Sf-Corn

Sf-Rice

“[...]host races are **genetically differentiated**, **sympatric** populations of parasites that use **different hosts** and between which there is appreciable **gene flow**.”

in Berlocher & Feder, 2002

Populations

Host races

Species

A multi-level integrative analysis in order to understand the mechanisms of speciation in relation to the host-plant adaptation

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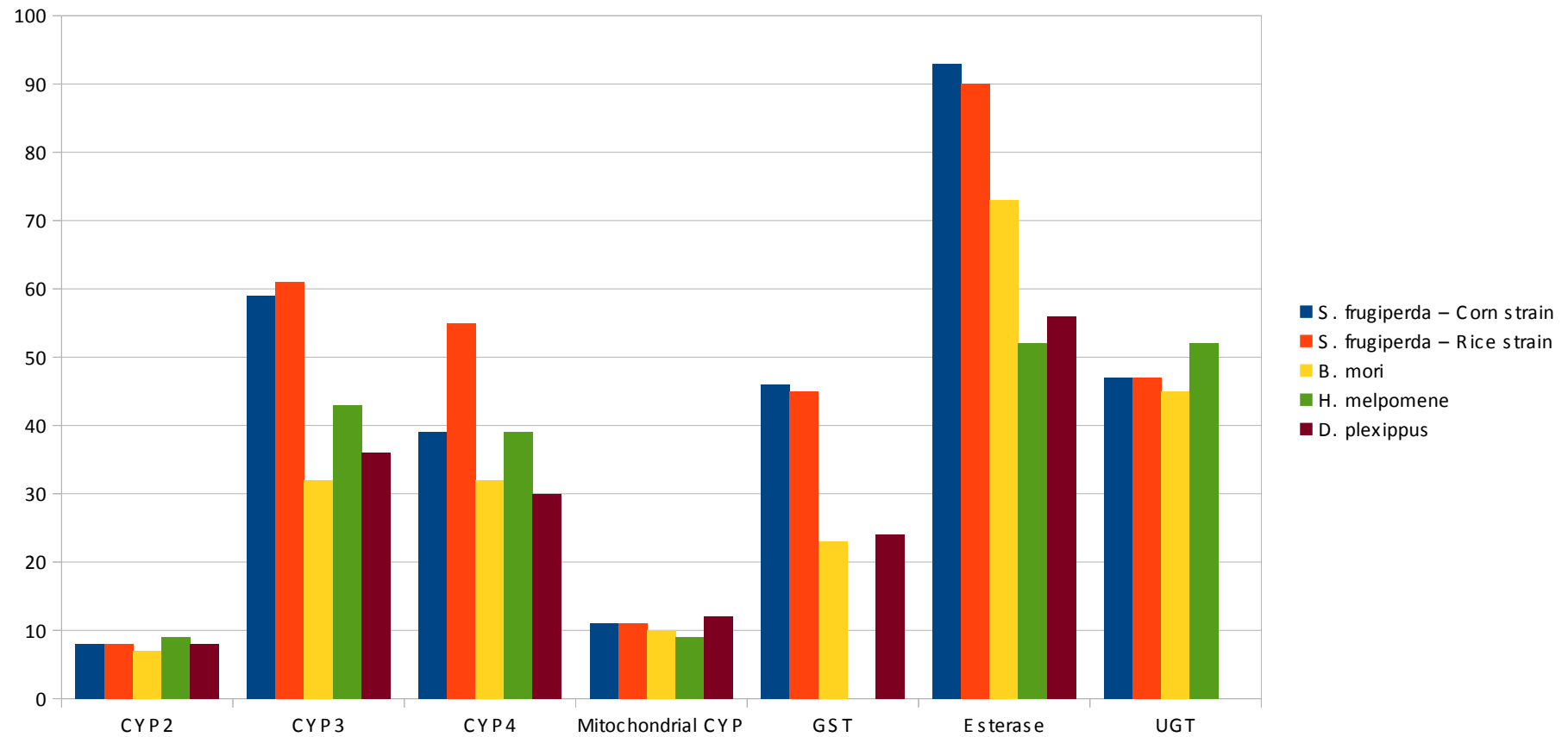
➡ Comparaitive genomics analysis

1. Polyphagy versus Monophagy
2. Corn versus Rice strains

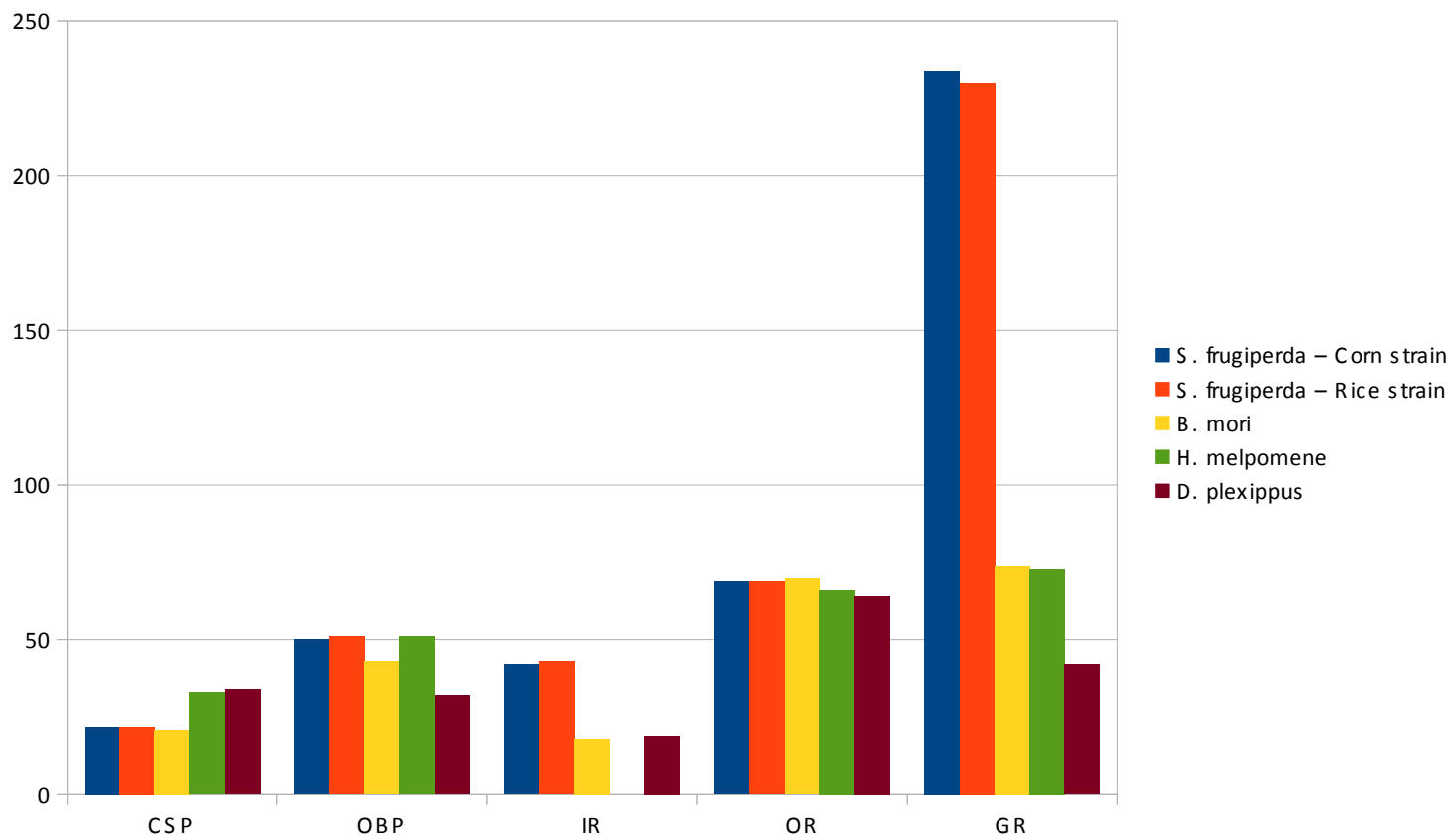
Whole genome sequencing

	Corn strain	Rice strain
Origin of the sample	Guadalupe	Florida
Assembly software	AllPaths-LG	Platanus
# of scaffolds	41,577	29,127
Total Size	437,873,293	371,020,023
N50	52.781 bp	28.526 bp
Number of N	11,379,916 (2.60 %)	130,481 (0.04%)

Detoxification genes

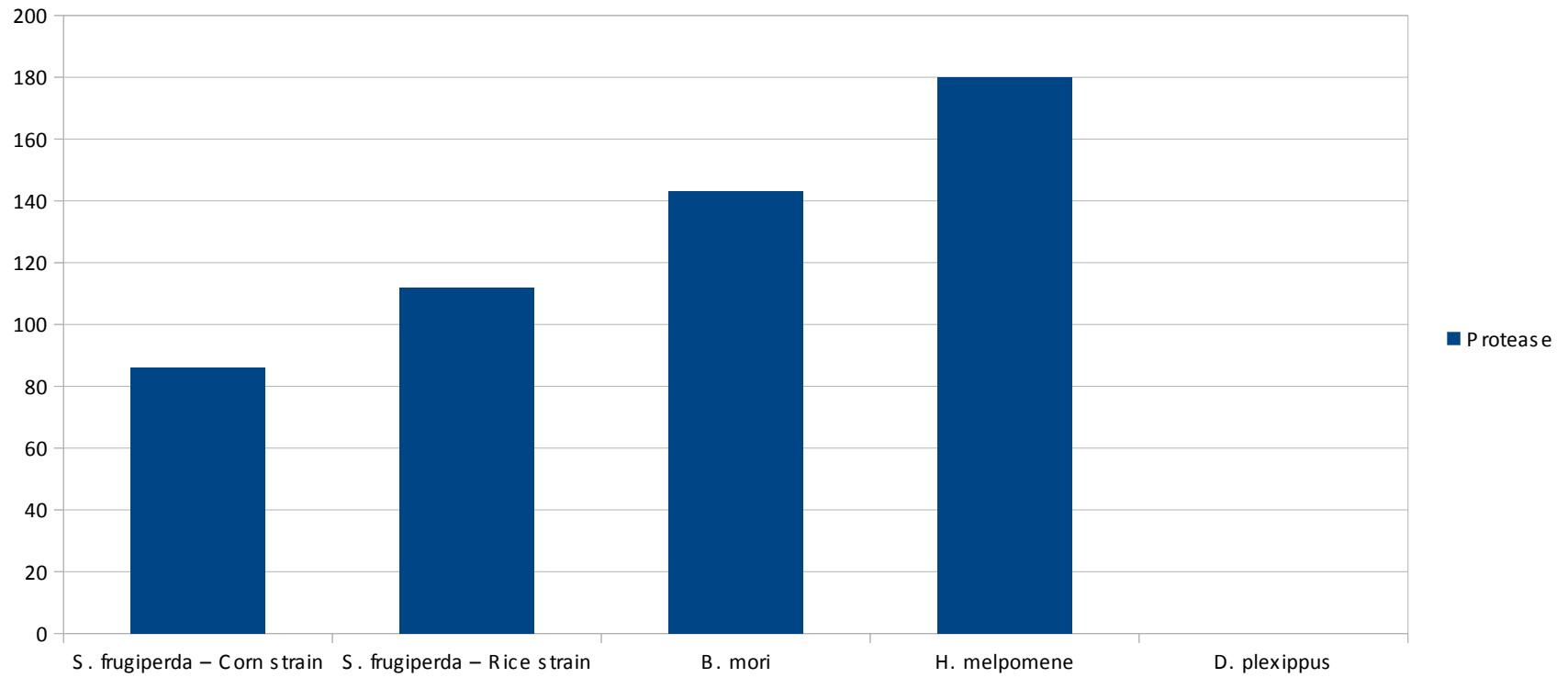


Chemosensory genes



Gene expansion of GR genes

Digestion genes

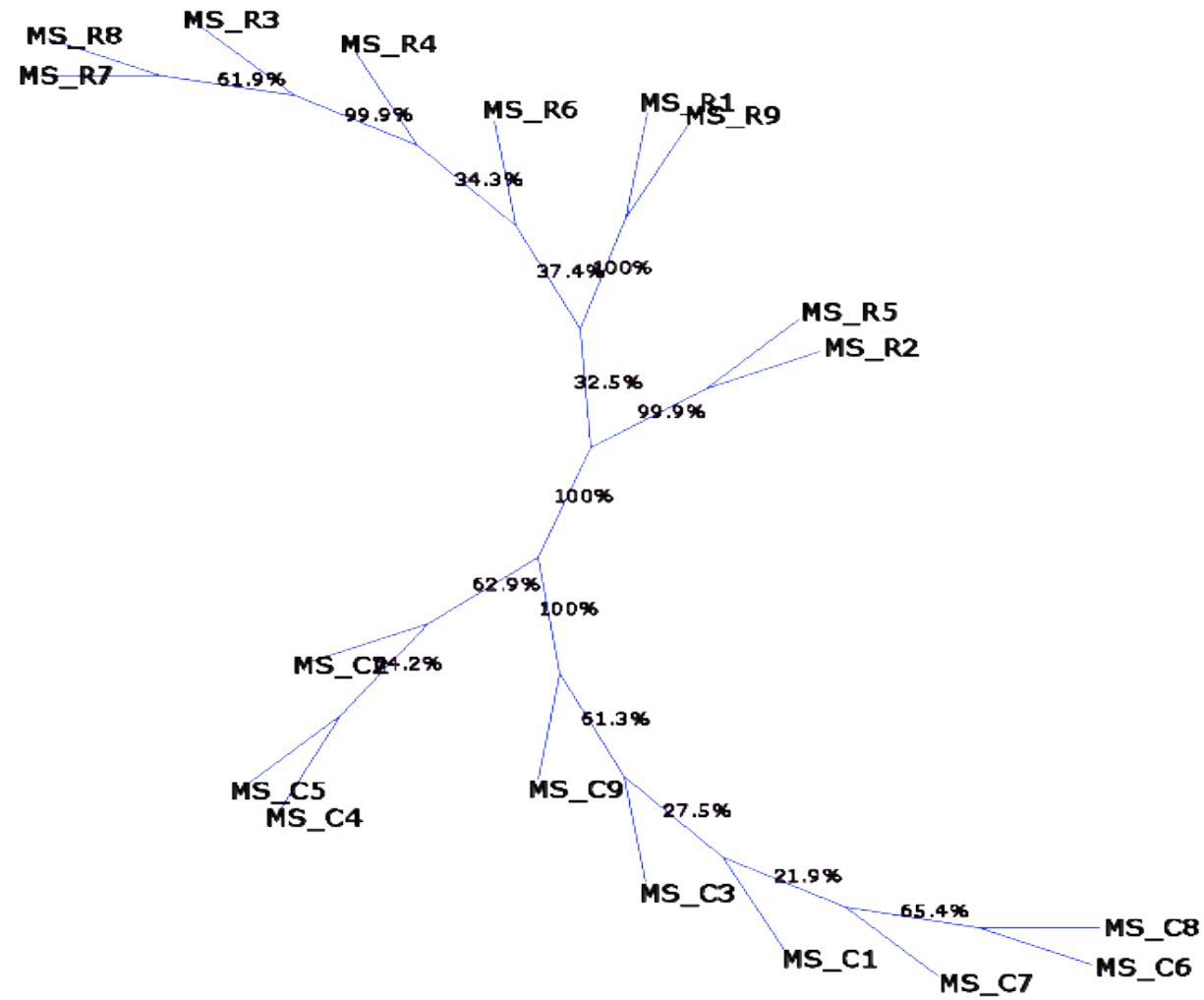


The comparison between Corn and Rice strains

1. Sampling Corn and Rice strains from Mississippi
2. Sequencing 9 corn and 9 rice (Illumina Hiseq)
3. Mapping (bowtie2) and variant calling (samtools)
4. Calculating genetic distance between pairs of individuals
5. Making a NJ tree

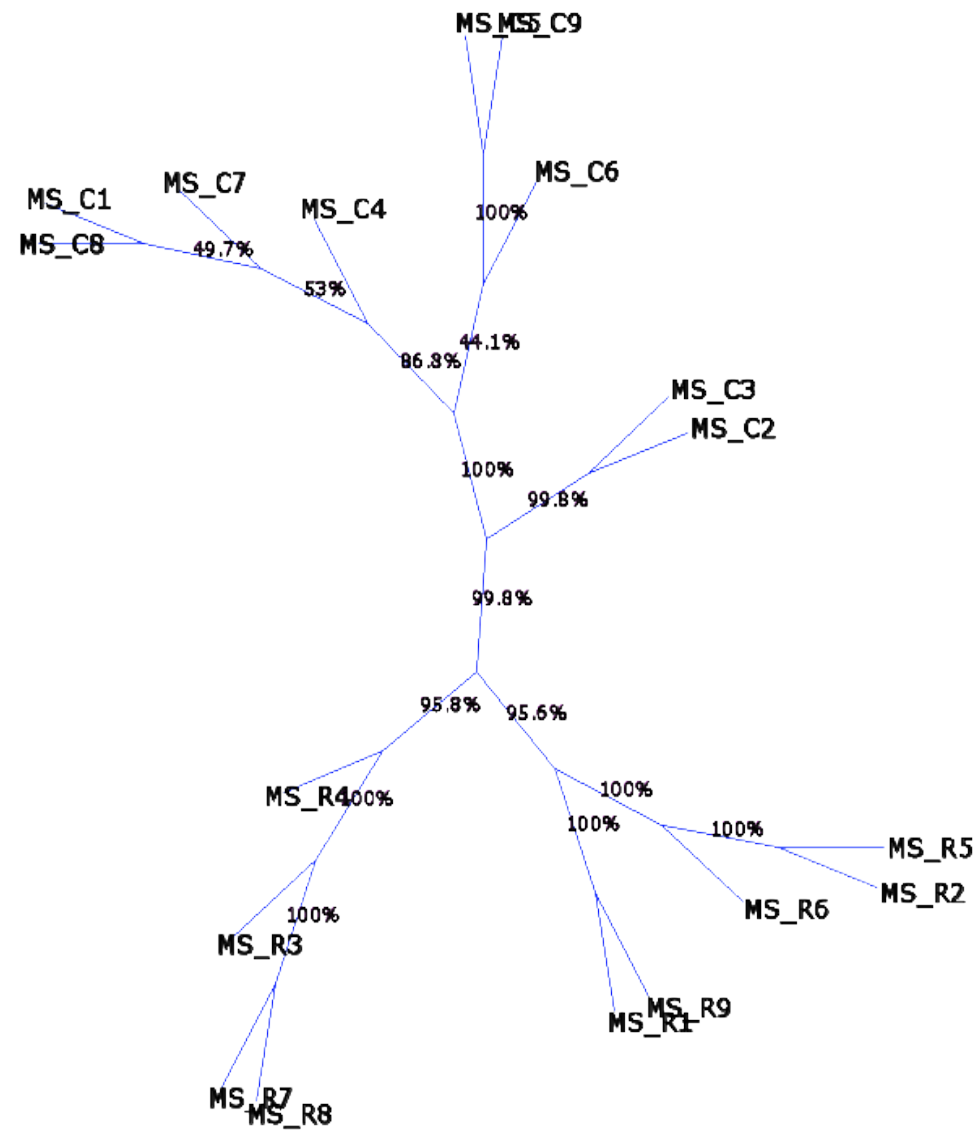
NJ tree

stru_mt



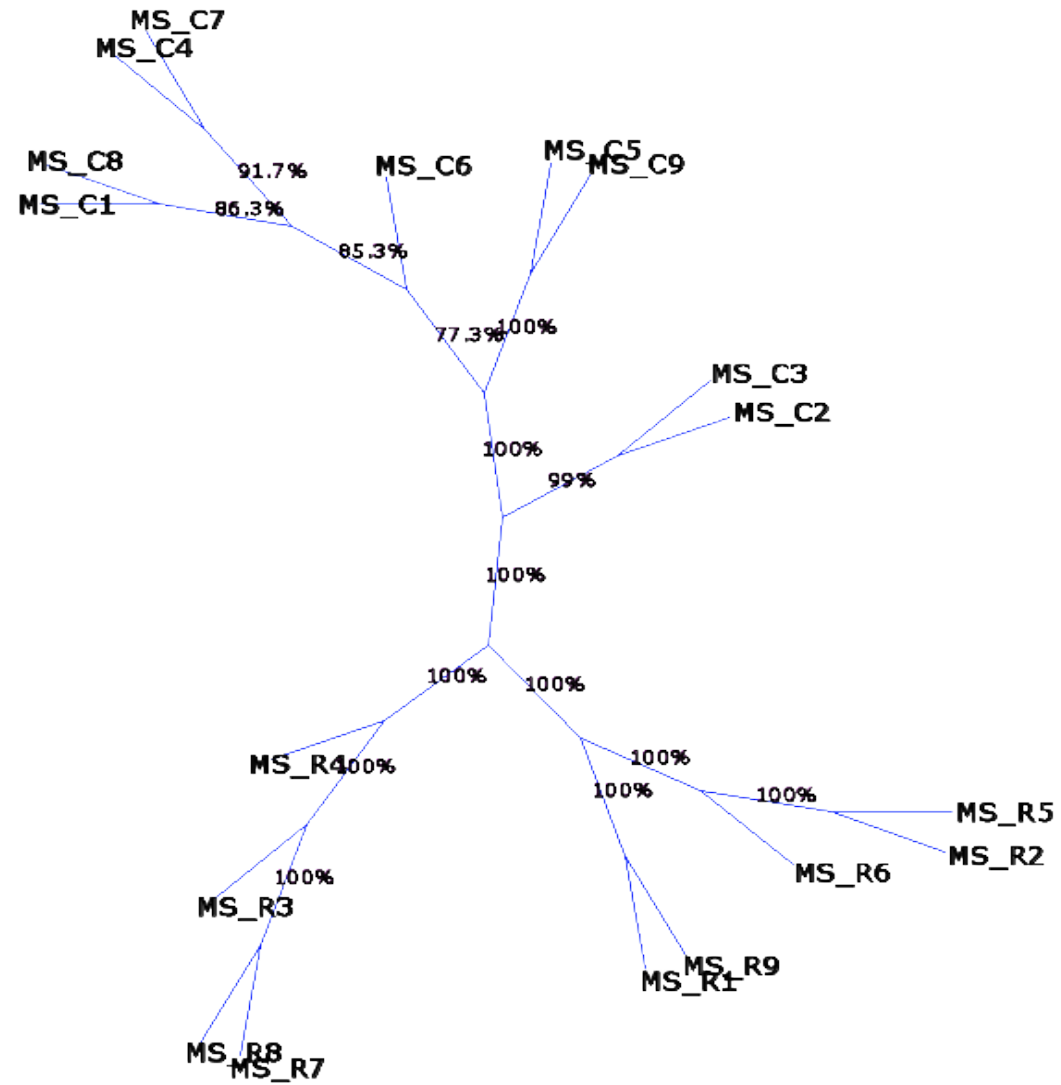
NJ tree

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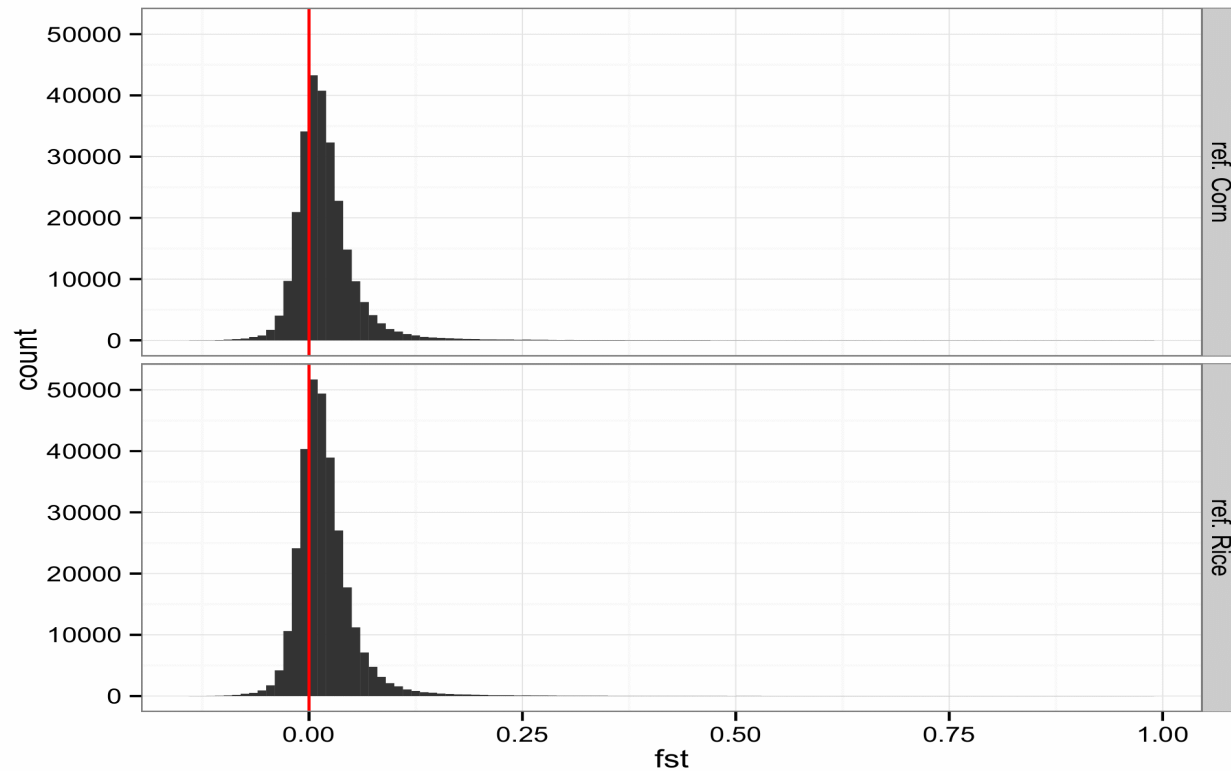


NJ tree

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Distribution of Fst



Average Fst = 0.019

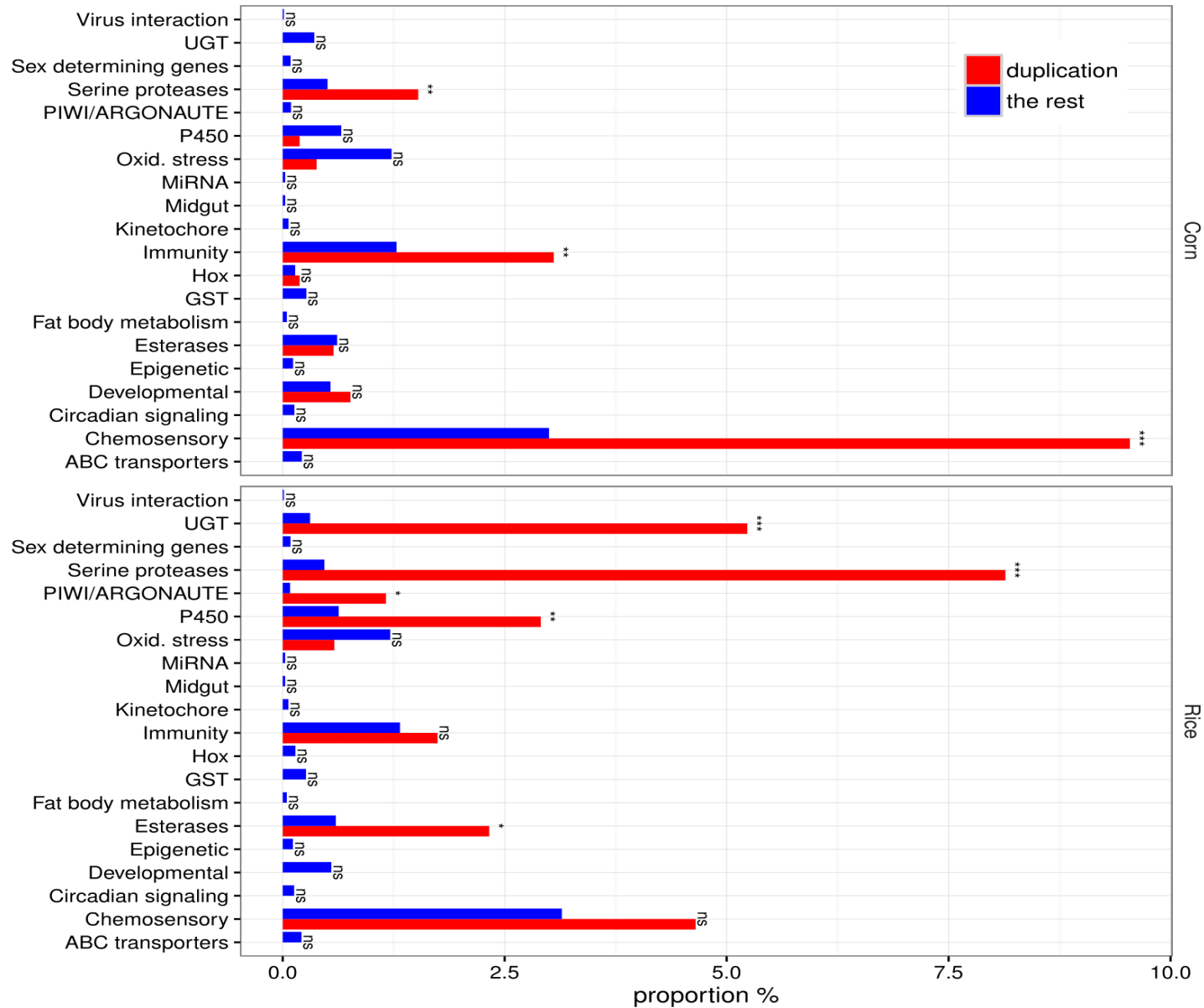
Significant genetic differentiation between corn and rice ($p < 0.005$)

Two genetic identities of corn and rice strains

Structural variation

	Insertion	Deletion	Copy number gain	Copy number loss	Inversion	Transposition
Number	1,108	1,009	475	417	49	271
Coverage	1.1 Mb	0.9 Mb	5.2 Mb	1.0 Mb	59 kb	345 kb

Structural variation



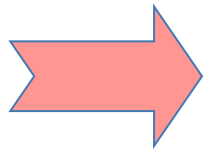
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Copy number variation of detoxification, chemosensory, immune, and digestion genes

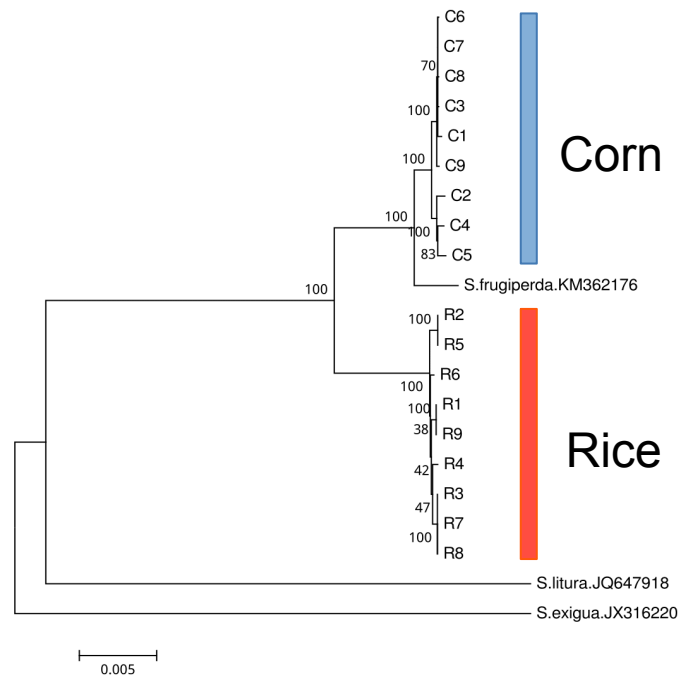
Remaining issue: What is the meaning of CNV, population level difference in CNV

Question 2

What is a genetic basis of speciation between corn and rice strains

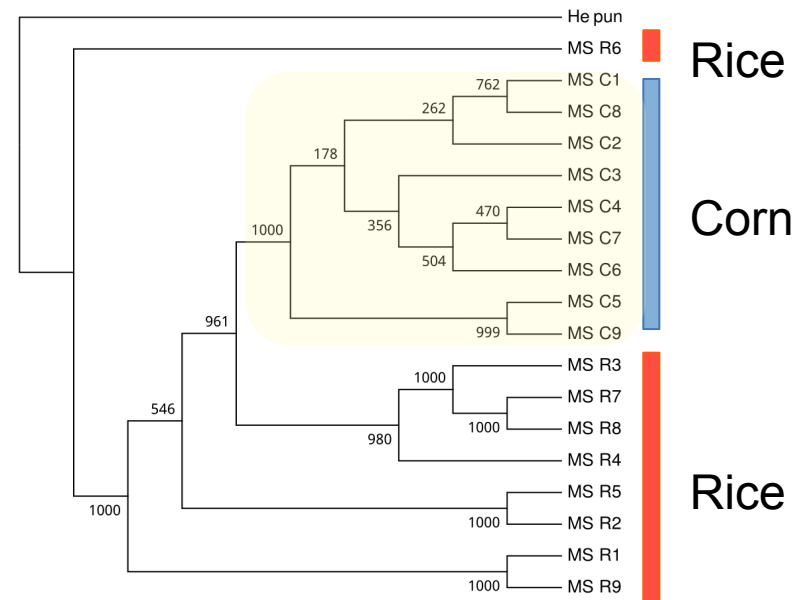
➡ Population genetics analysis (preliminary)

Phylogenetic analysis



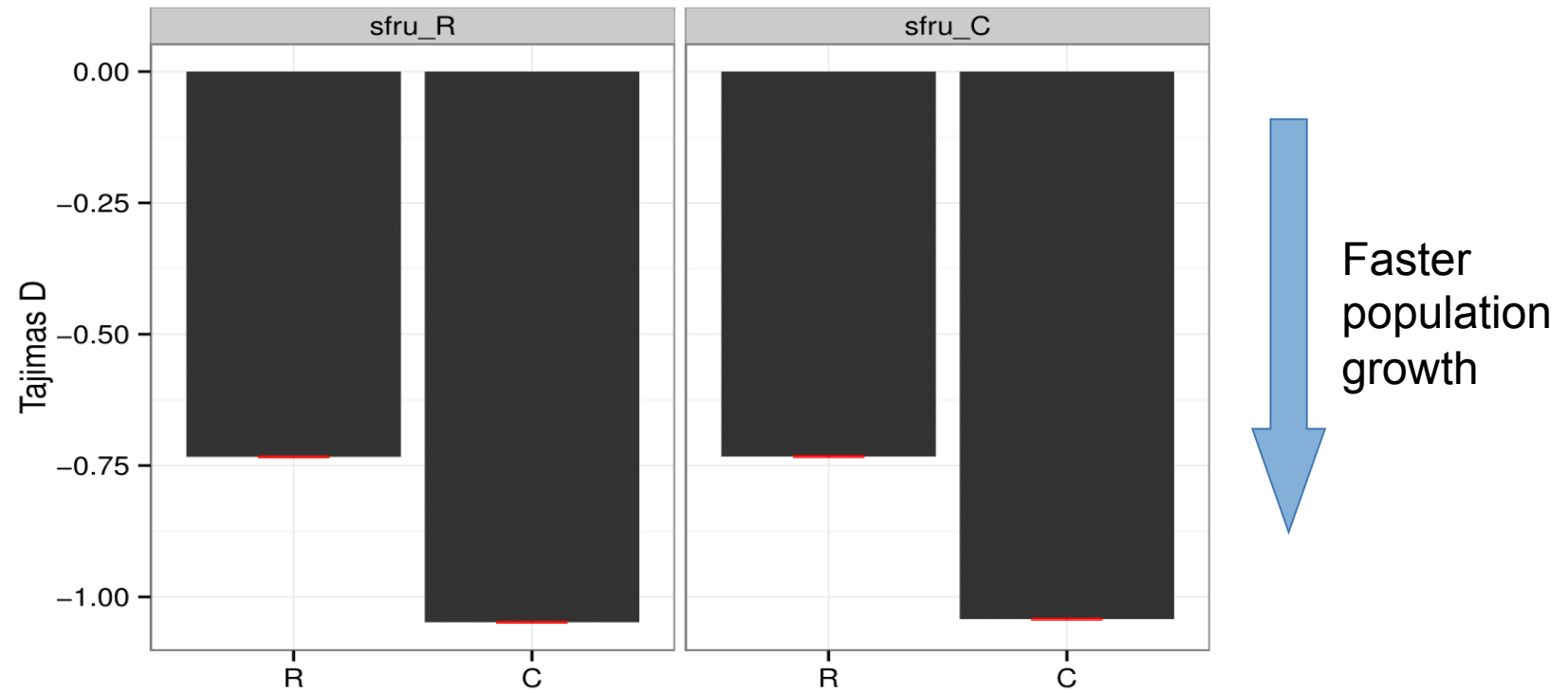
mtDNA (full
sequences)

Corn and Rice strains are the
sister group of each other



NucDNA (1,207,856
Positions)

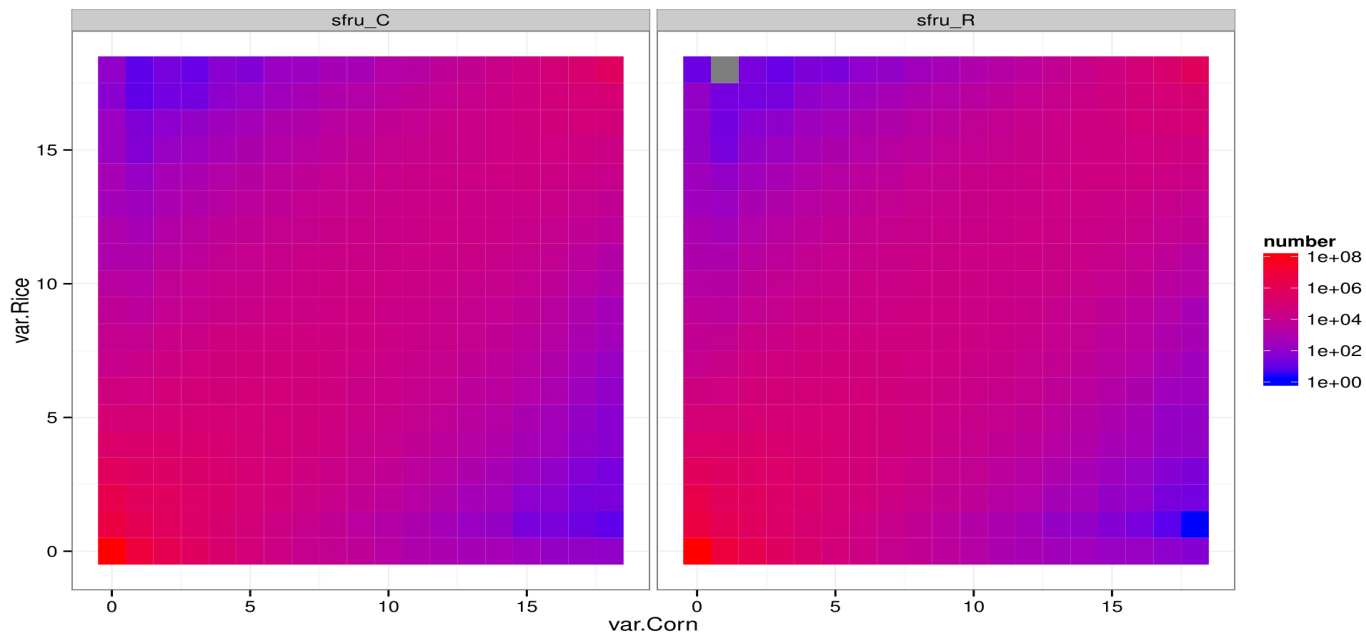
Corn strain is a subgroup of the
rice strain



Corn experiences faster rate of population expansion

Correlated allele frequency

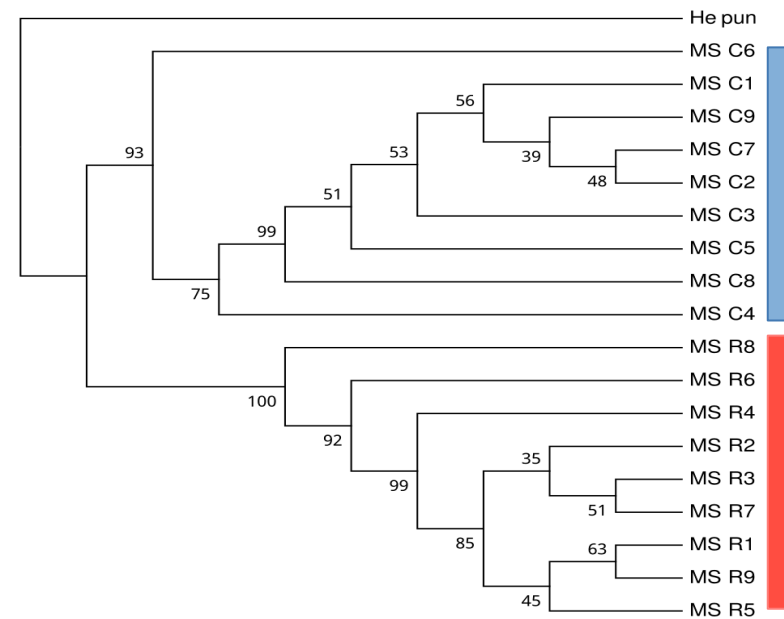
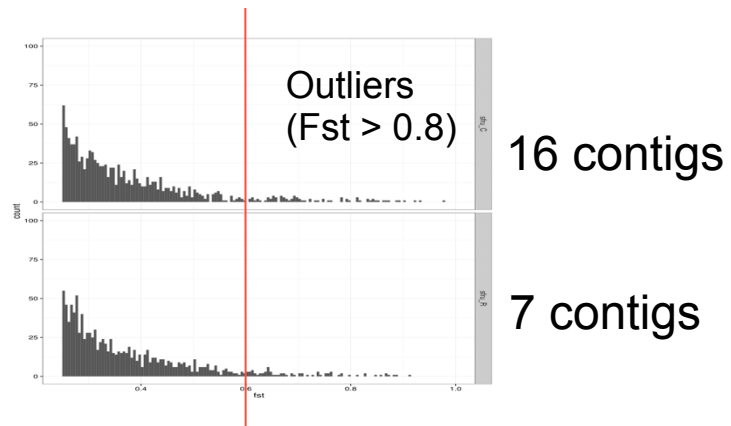
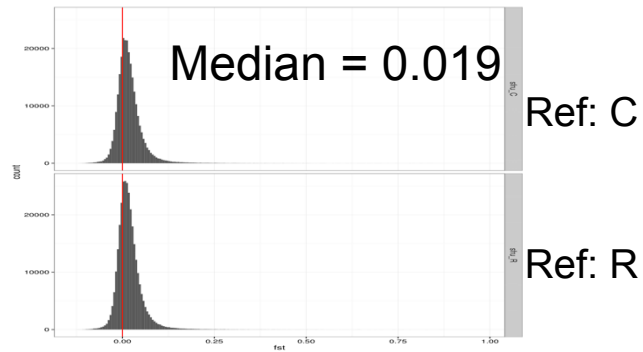
1. For each position, the numbers of alternative allele in the corn and the rice strains are counted
2. Calculating the frequency of these numbers



→ Shared SNPs → Recent diverging time

Mito-divergence predates nuc-divergence?

Distribution of Fst

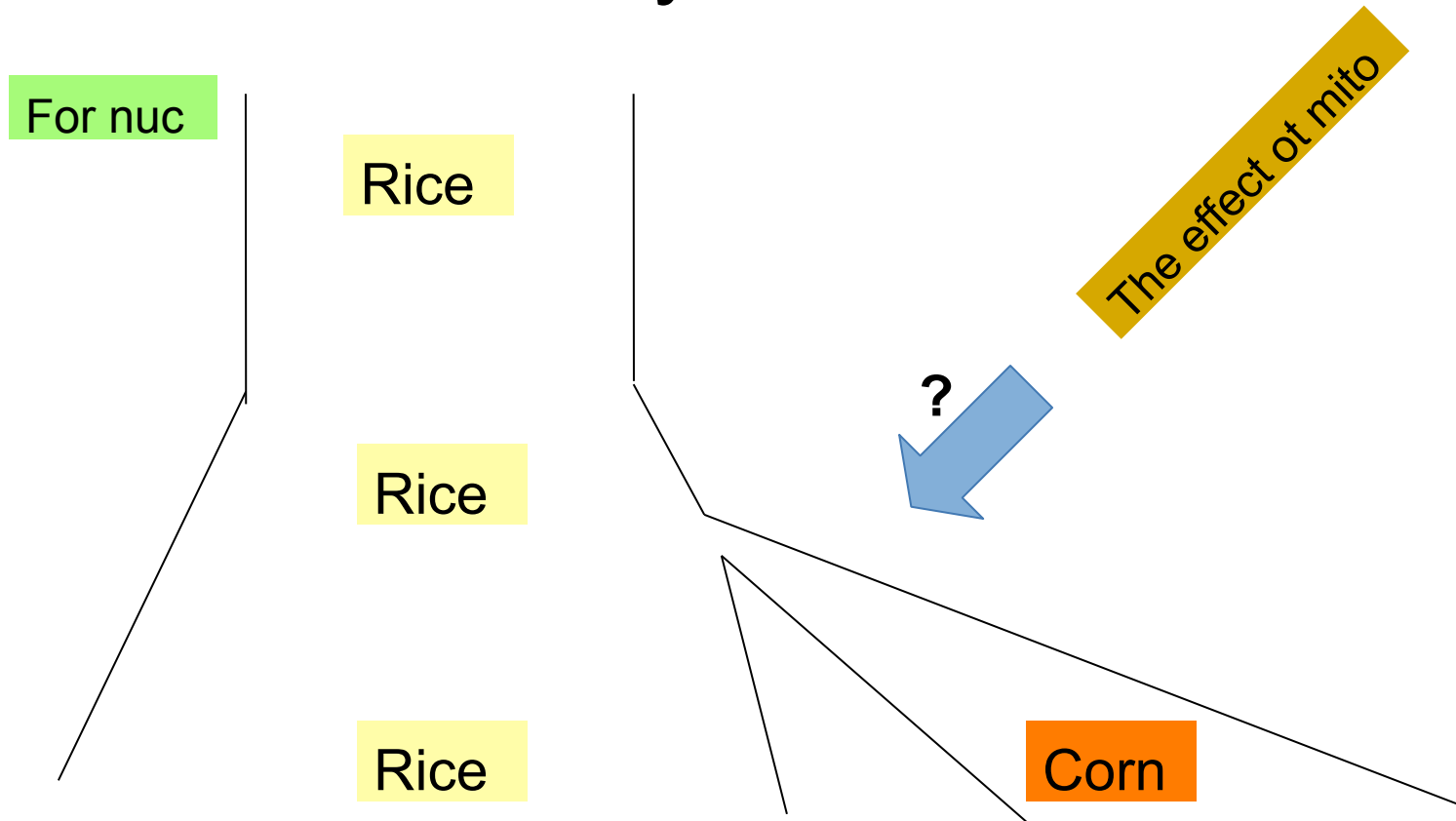


The same topology with mtDNA

98 SNPs

Mitochondria-divergence predates nuclear divergence

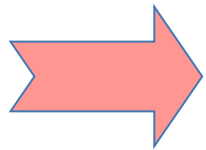
Most likely scenario



Question 2

What is a genetic basis of speciation between corn and rice strains

 Population genetics analysis



Mt-nuclear incompatibility might be a driving force of speciation

Many things to be done...

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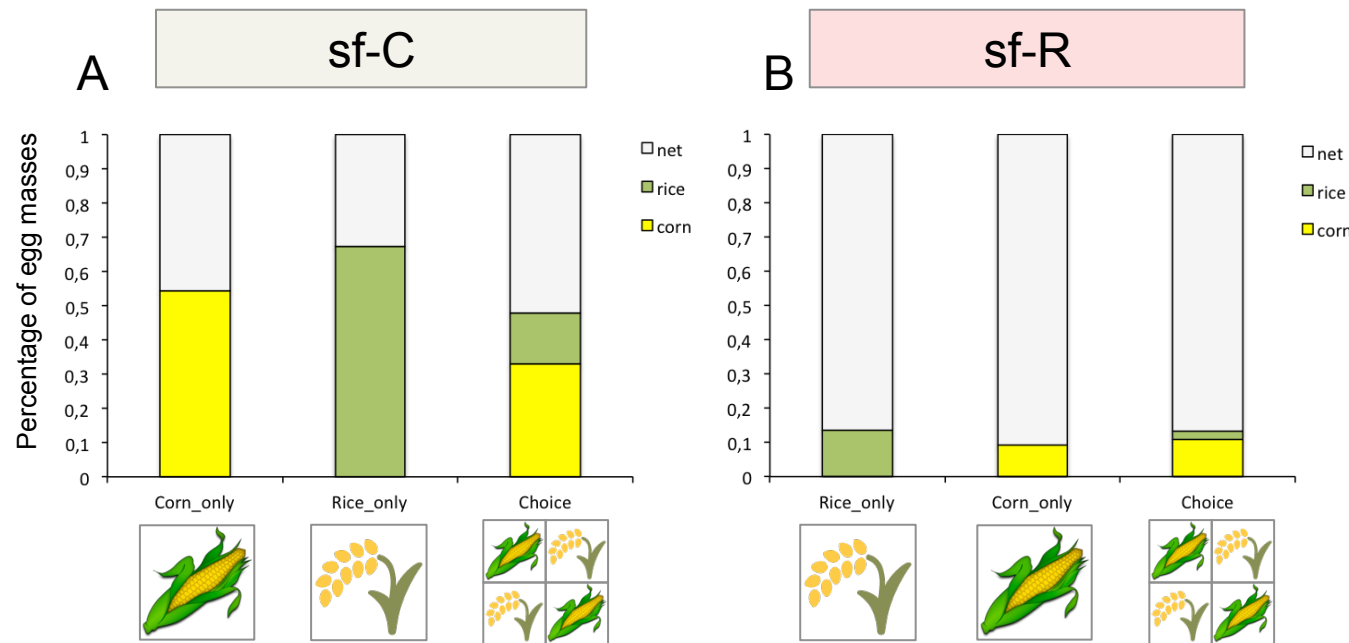
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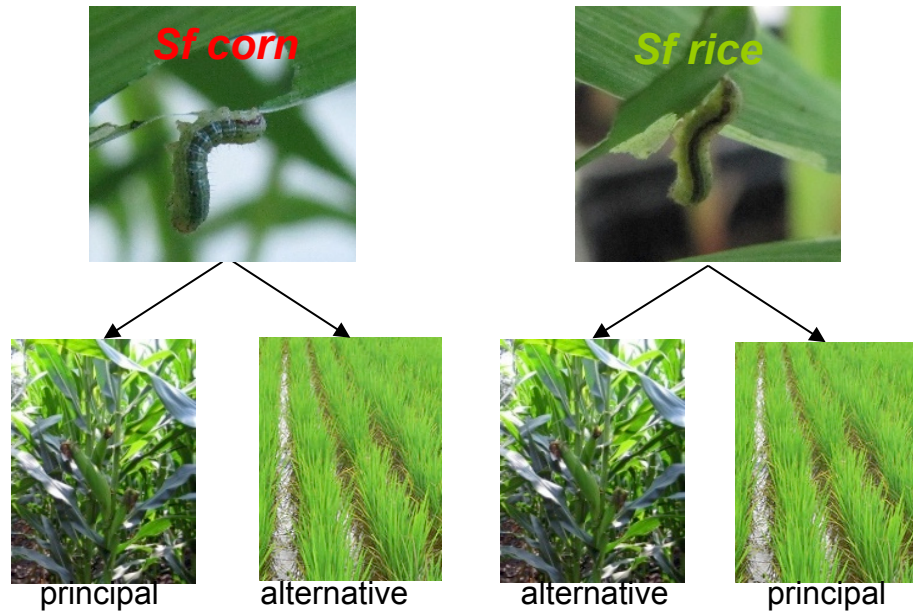
1: Oviposition preference in RT experiments

Oviposition preference can be an indicator of the fitness of species on different plants



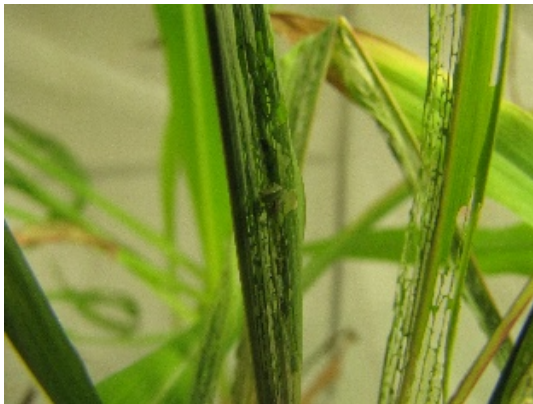
- Behavioral difference between strains
- No sign of specialization to plant
- Test fitness variations at larval stages

Experimental design



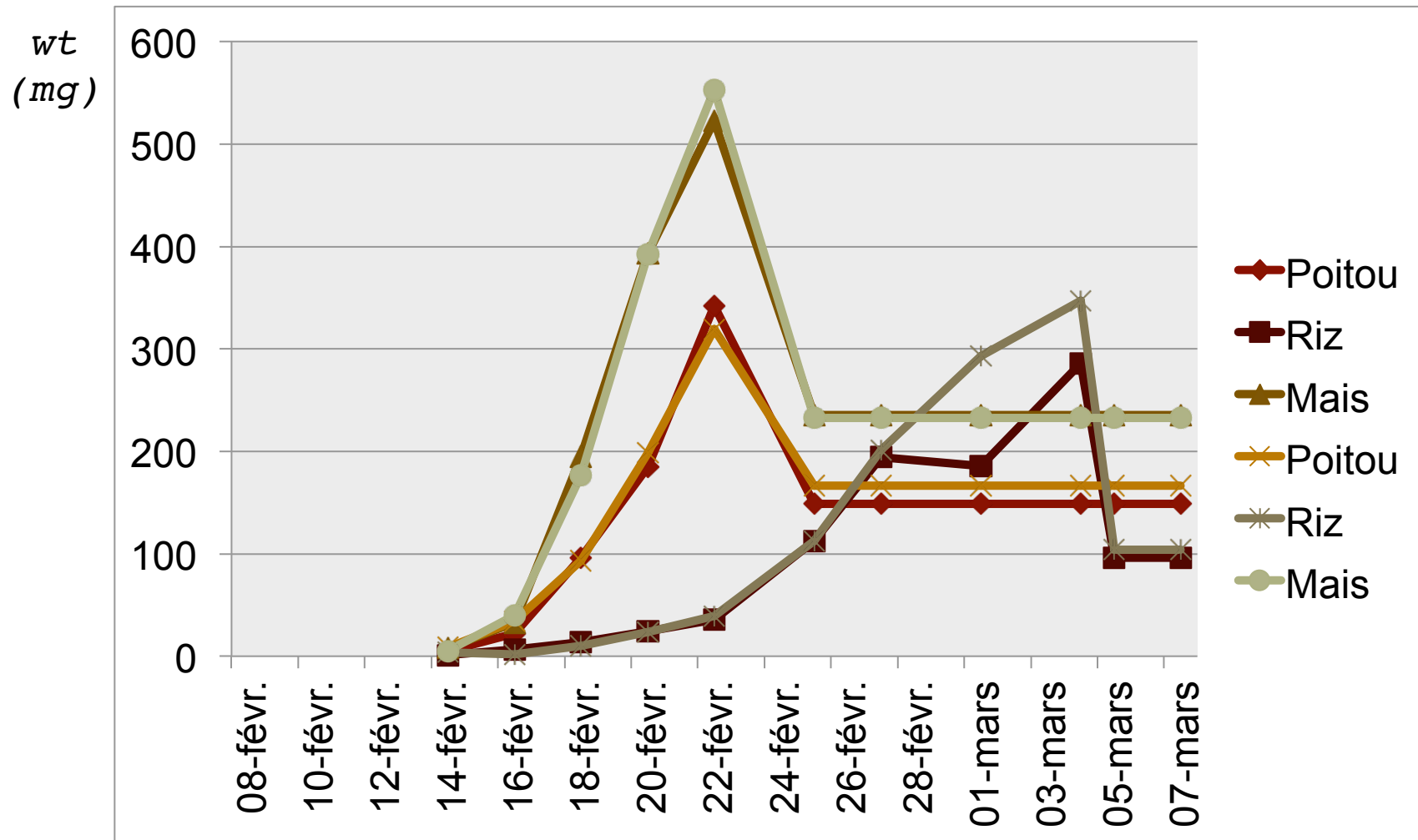
Reciprocal Transplant experiment of two laboratory strains on their principal or alternative host

Experimental conditions



2 : developmental fitness in RT experiments

- 2 replicates of an RT experiment on corn, rice and Poitou
- parameters measured : weight (wt), developmental time (dt), survival (sv)

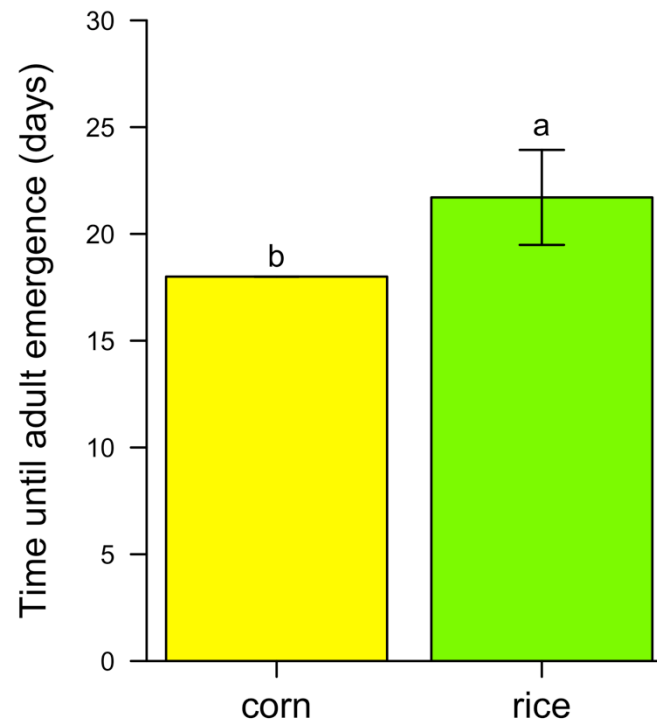
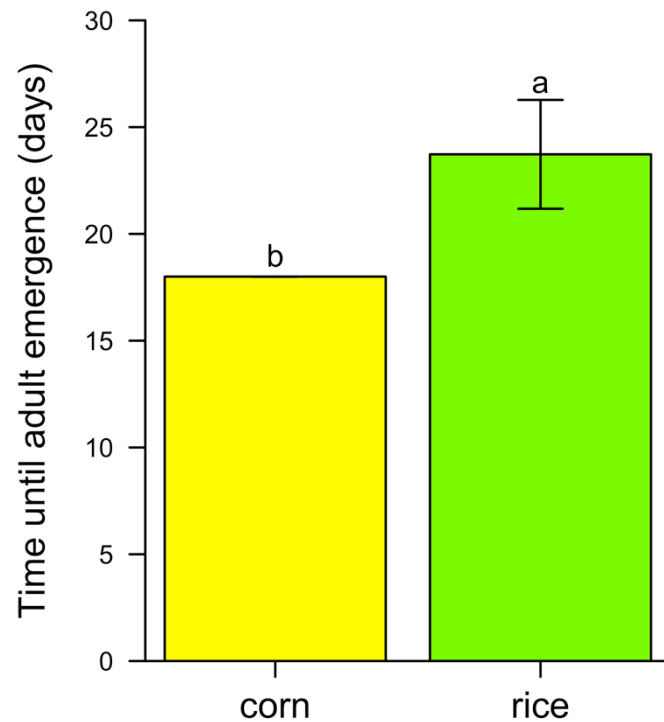


2 : developmental fitness in RT experiments

dt

sf-C

sf-R



- Major diet effect on wt and dt
- Larvae of both strains gain more weight and develop faster on corn and Poitout than on rice. Is rice really a preferred host for *S. frugiperda* ?

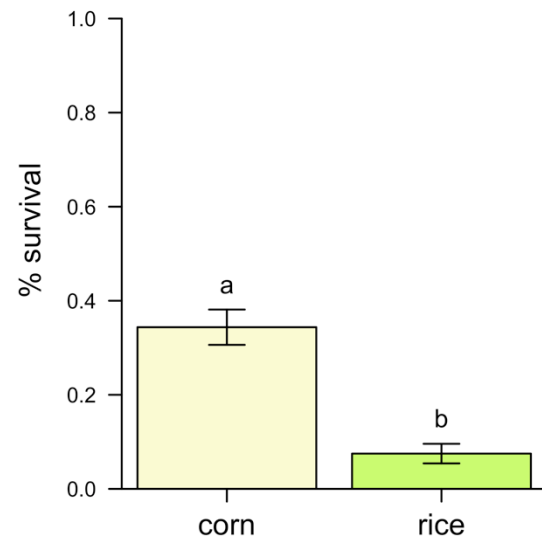
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sv

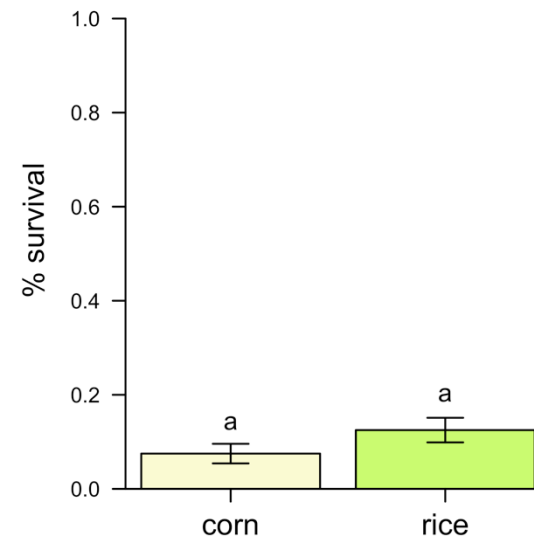
sf-C

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C



D



Better survival of sf-C on corn, maybe indicative of specialization

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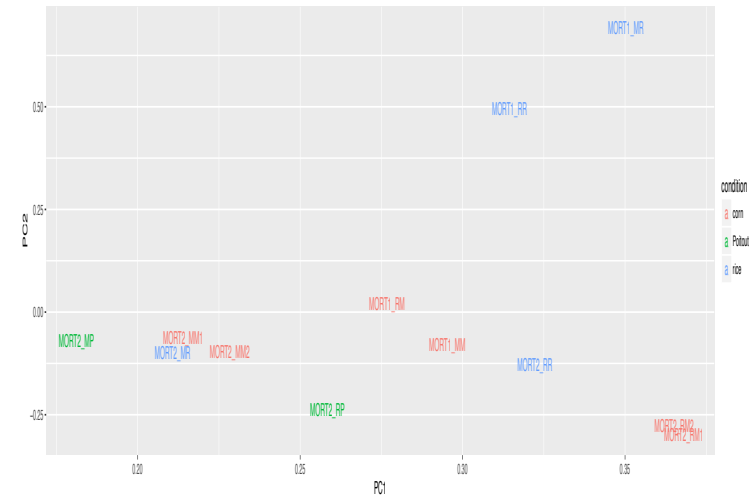
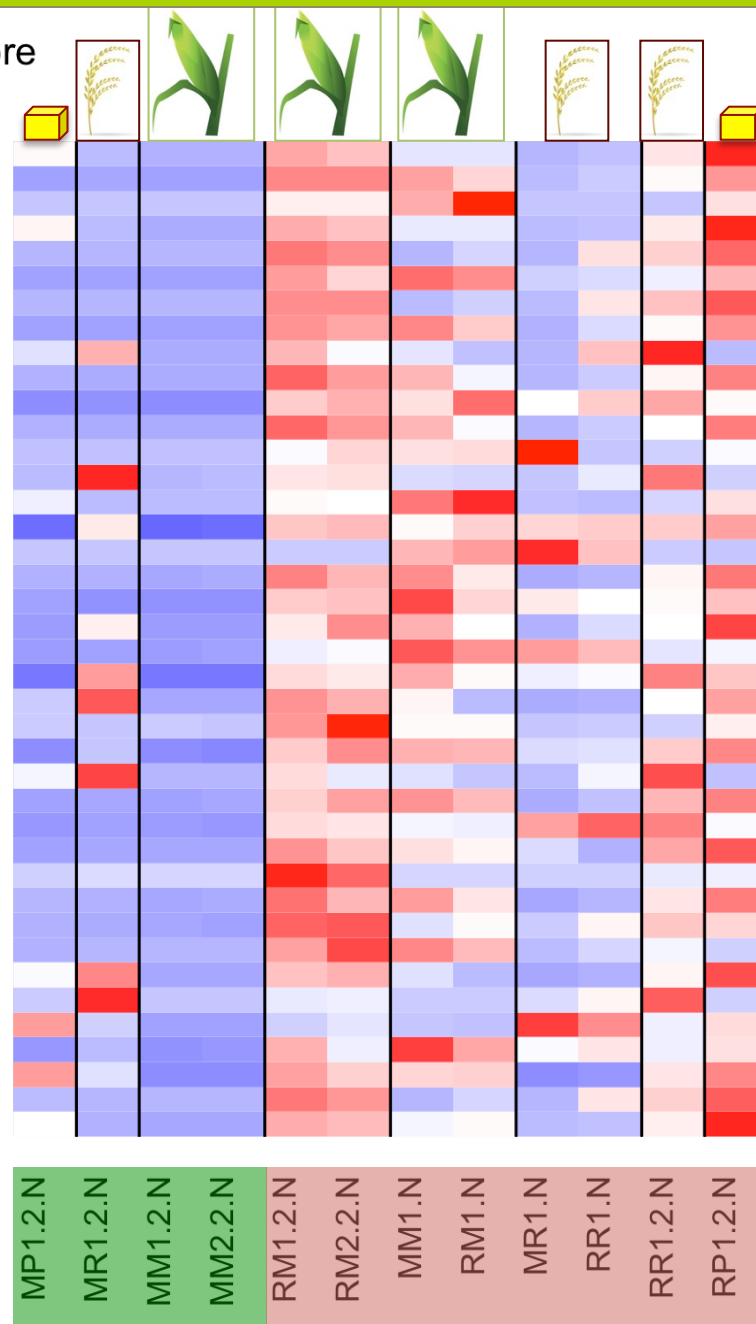
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Reciprocal transplant : RNAseq results

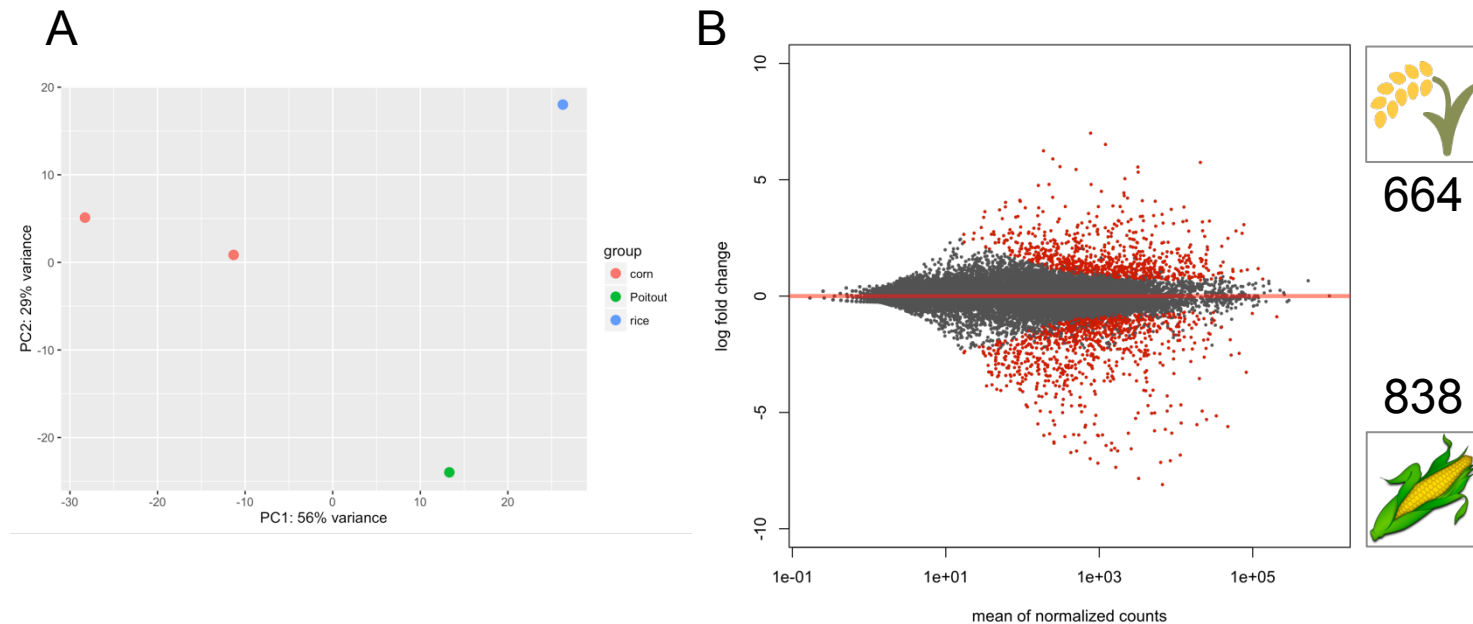
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Row Z-Score



3 : sf-C adaptation to diet

RNAseq performed on pooled L4 larvae from the same RT experiment from LHT measurements.

DESeq2 analysis of rice vs corn at FDR 0.05



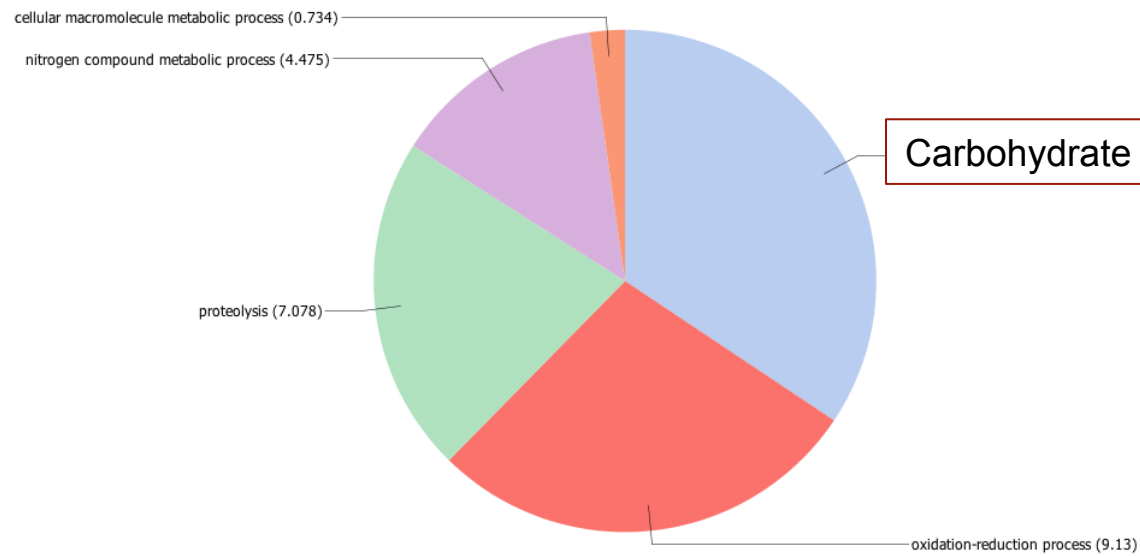
- Corn plant attracts most of the variation
- Poitout segregates with rice diet
- Manual annotation of 50UP and 50DOWN genes
- B2GO analysis on 100UP and 100DOWN genes

	baseMean	log2FoldChange	padj	TopHit (LepidoDB)	InterproScan
GSSPFG00007595001-RA	771,7308559	7,002580391	1,90E-43	peroxidase [Papilio polytes]	Haem peroxidase
GSSPFG00035209001.5-RA	1205,999892	6,517279966	8,37E-80	odorant degrading enzyme CXE3 [Sesamia inferens]	CCE
GSSPFG00034121001-RA	187,4611647	6,243434891	3,81E-26	363_100_1 protein [Mamestra configurata]	Mucin?
GSSPFG00024968001-RA	248,1256531	5,895962208	1,00E-29	insulin-like peptide 2 [Spodoptera exigua]	Insulin-like growth factor ?
GSSPFG00032729001.1-RA	20804,66838	5,744978051	2,90E-12	insect intestinal lipase 6 [Mamestra configurata]	Lipase
GSSPFG00018006001-RA	307,9337488	5,563220507	8,09E-33	glycogen synthase	glycogen synthase
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GSSPFG00035987001.2-RA	498,5874084	5,441953732	4,29E-25	Polycalin1	Polycalin 1
GSSPFG00016399001.2-RA	3217,700512	5,326524828	6,34E-83	zinc-containing alcohol dehydrogenase [Danaus plexippus]	D-arabinitol dehydrogenase 1
					Insects, such as the sumac flea beetle, are reported to use phytol and its metabolites (e.g. phytanic acid) as chemical deterrents against predation. ^[11] These compounds originate from host plants.
GSSPFG00019144001.1-RA	2159,161138	5,046075665	2,02E-65	phytanoyl-CoA dioxygenase, peroxisomal-like	GST - detox
GSSPFG00026714001.5-RA	221,636688	4,800933492	1,64E-21	glutathione S-transferase epsilon 2 [Spodoptera litura]	
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GSSPFG00032711001-RA	160,7988425	4,756047218	1,66E-10	Polycalin 1	Polycalin 1
GSSPFG00030891001-RA	1065,90604	4,501626838	3,57E-45	muscle M-line assembly protein unc-89-like	Ig like globin domains
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GSSPFG00018788001-RA	2335,127868	4,212089333	2,74E-45	trans-1,2-dihydrobenzene-1,2-diol dehydrogenase-like	
					Gcn5-related N-acetyltransferase (GNAT) dom
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GSSPFG00034818001-RA	974,2955837	3,844736745	3,55E-20	scarface, partial [Papilio xuthus]	
GSSPFG00002897001-RA	59,71326036	3,833745183	8,94E-07	putative inorganic phosphate cotransporter [Bombyx mori]	?
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					Prokaryotic membrane lipoprotein lipid attachment site profile.
GSSPFG00029358001-RA	162,6476021	3,796427064	1,88E-11	?	part of above ?
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GSSPFG00028708001.1-RA	5117,218721	3,460847581	3,24E-34	chitin binding domain 3 protein [Mamestra configurata]	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 ?
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sf-C_RT2_100UP

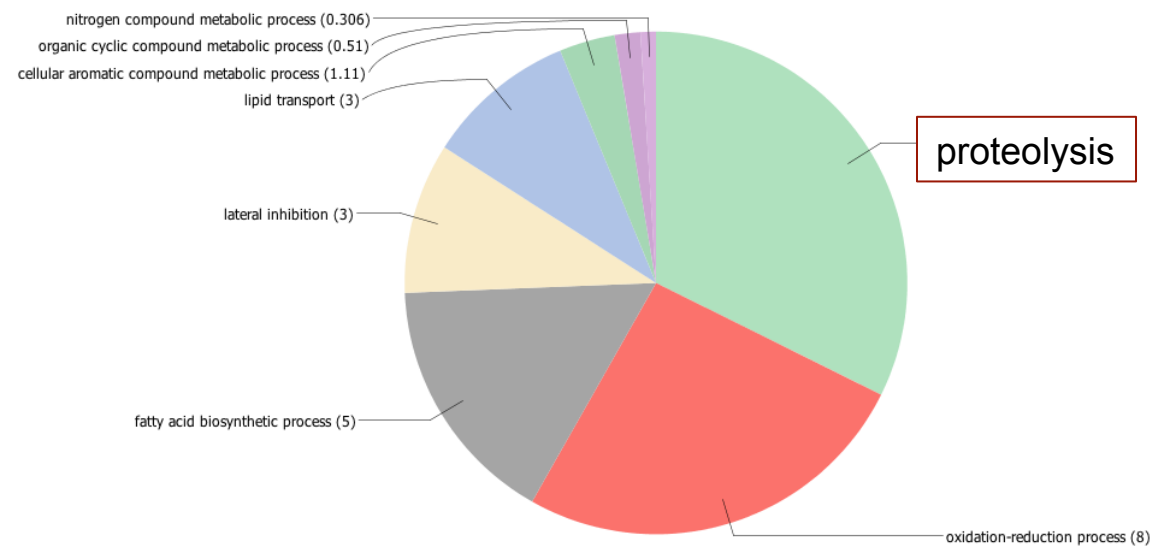
= genes that are overexpressed on
rice vs corn
OR
downregulated on corn vs rice

Score Distribution [Biological Process]



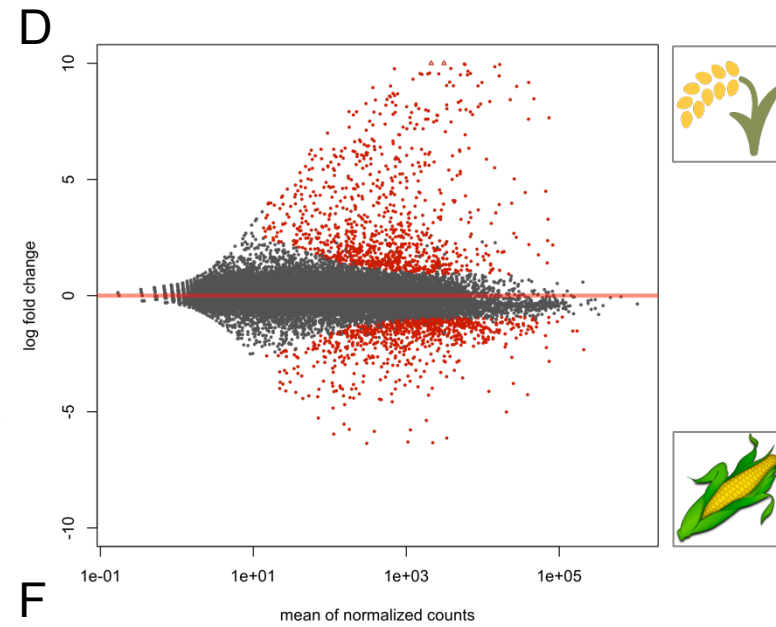
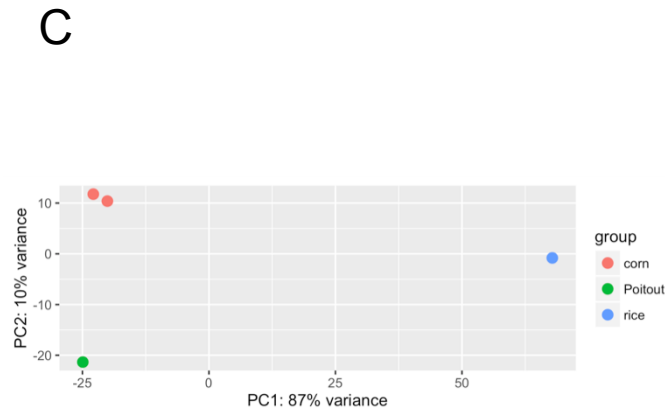
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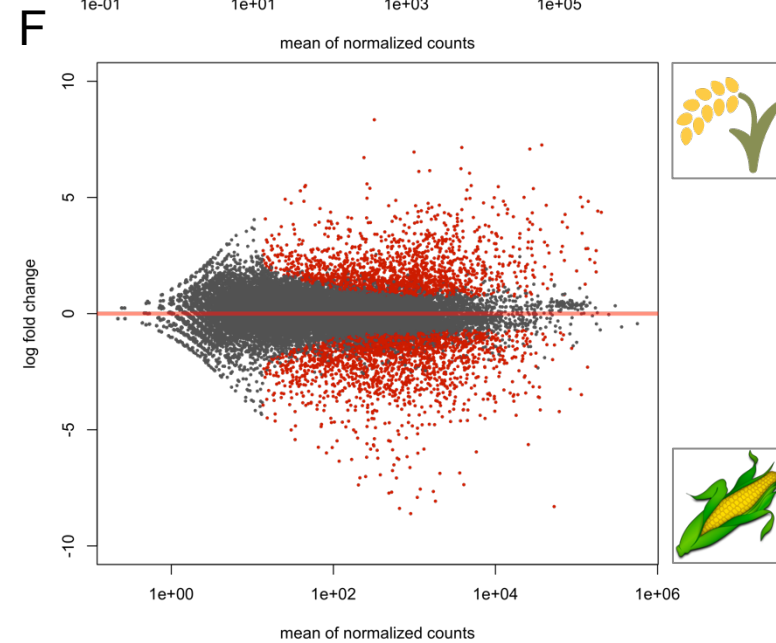
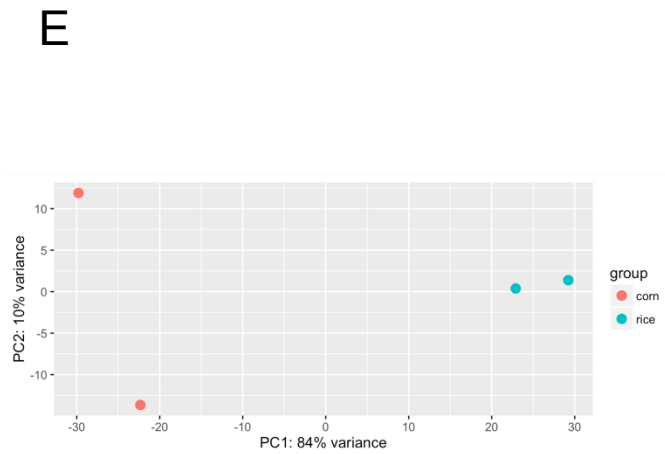


4 : sf-R adaptation to diet

RT2

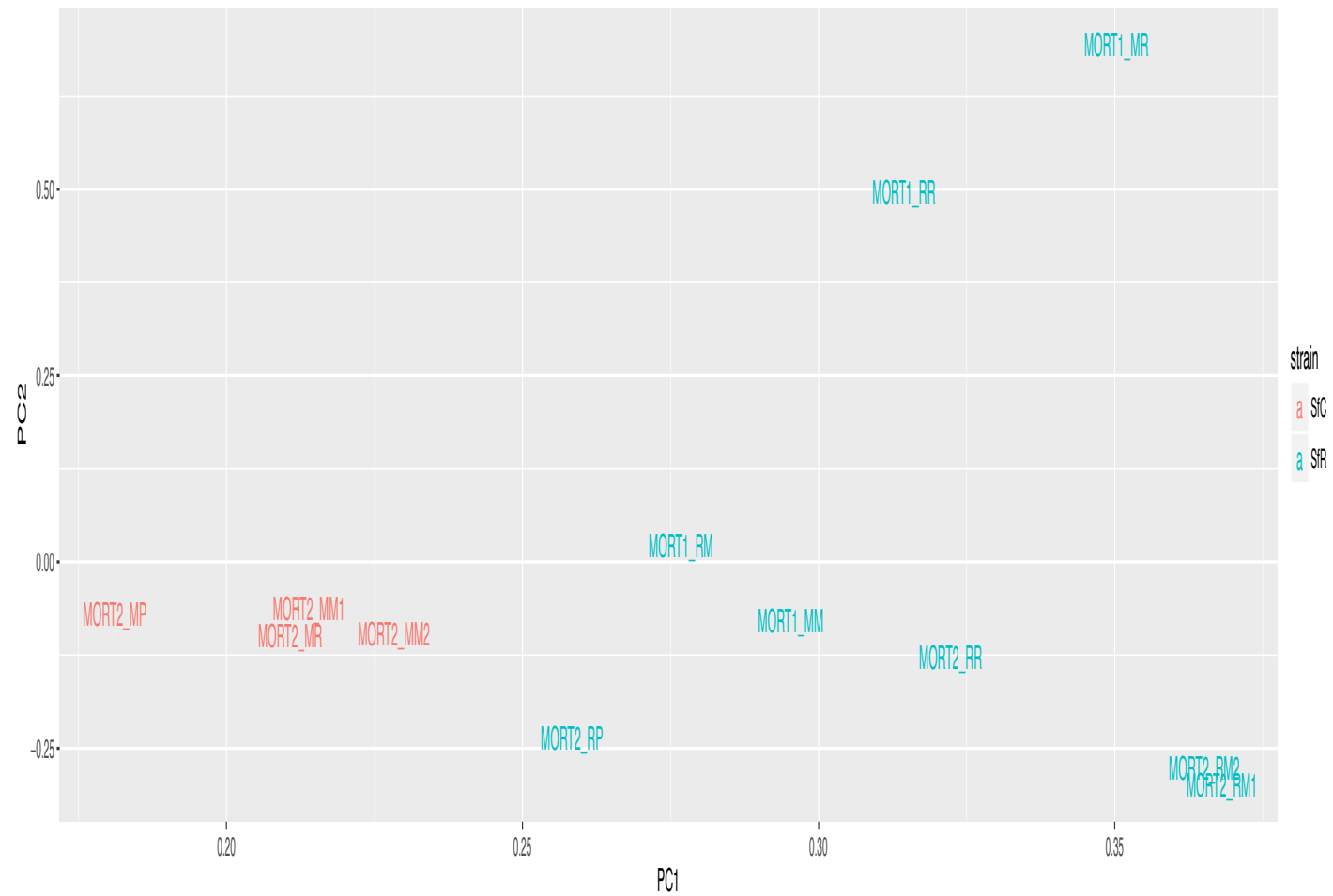


RT1
=2nd generation
adaptation



=>In progress

5: sf-C and sf-R transcriptional differences

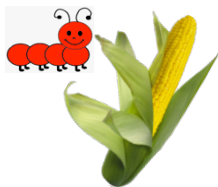


=> Manual annotation of sf-R vs sf-C

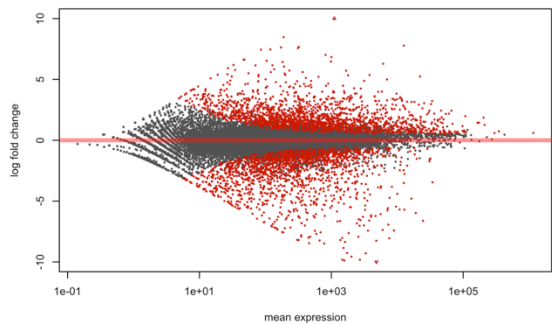
Reciprocal transplant : differential expression



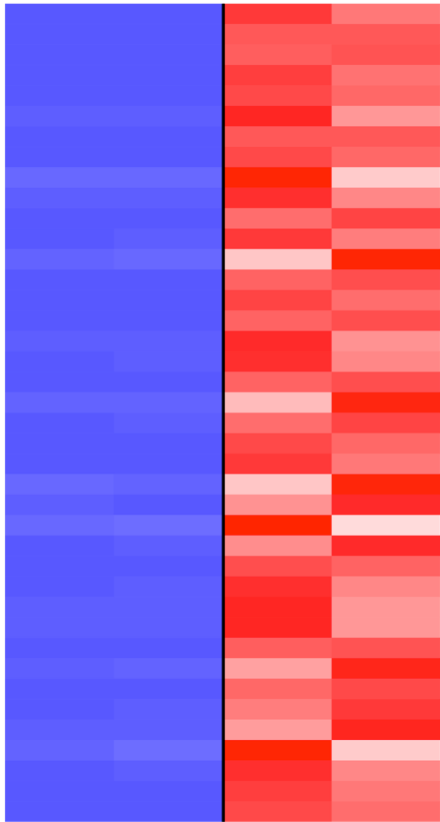
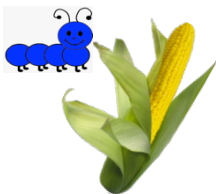
Spodoptera frugiperda



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2319



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- GSSPFT00025956001-endonuclease-reverse transcriptase
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- GSSPFT00004817001-chlorophyllide a binding protein precursor
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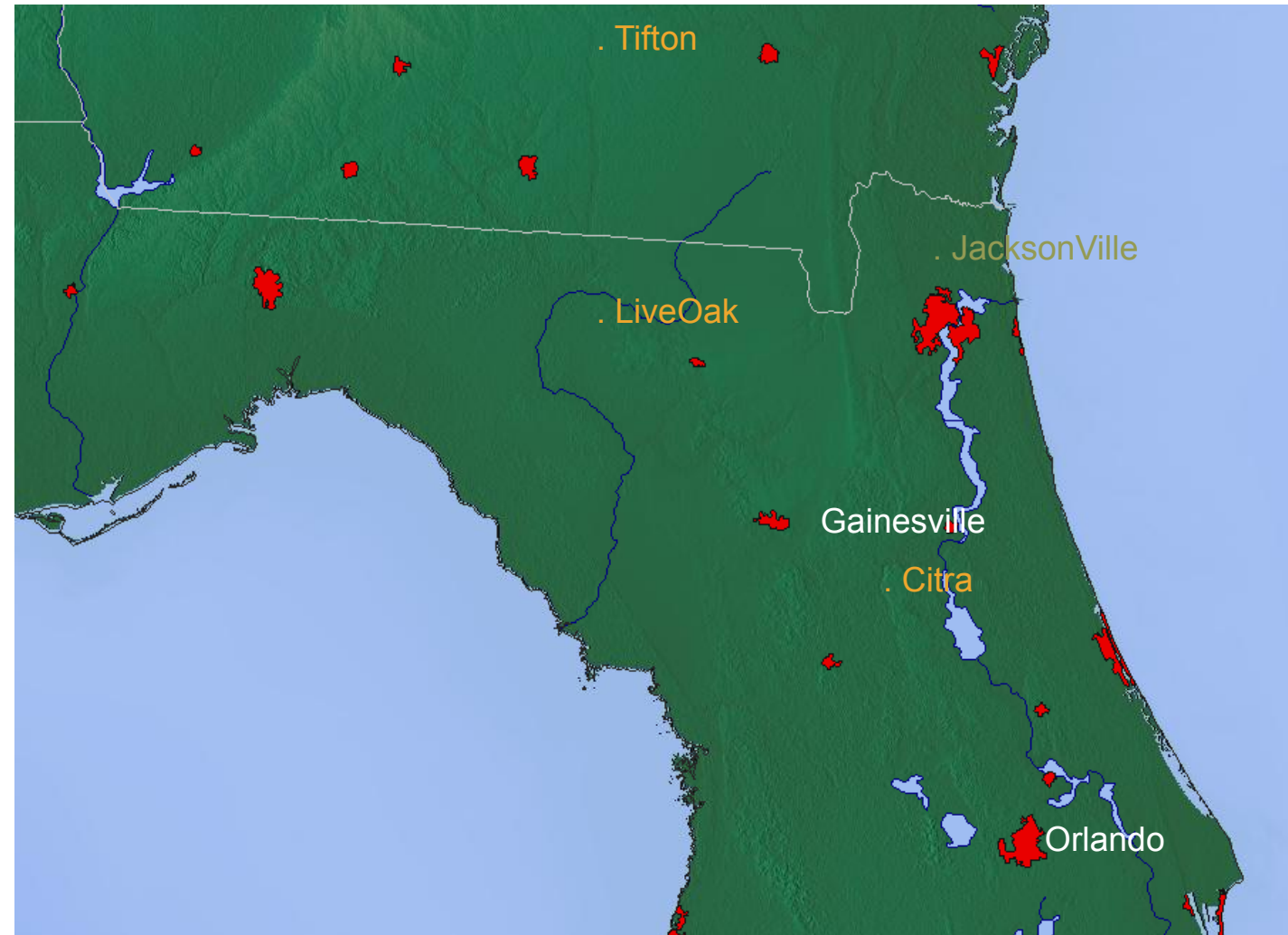
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GSSPFG00010065001-RA	unknown unsecreted protein
GSSPFG00029715001-RA	fatty acid-binding protein 2
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GSSPFG00026559001-RA	Glucose/ribitol dehydrogenase family
GSSPFG00007853001-RA	muscle protein 20
GSSPFG00024881001-RA	proton-coupled folate transporter-like / adenylate cyclase
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GSSPFG00010063001-RA	Xaa-Pro aminopeptidase
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GSSPFG00029999001-RA	differentially expressed in FDCP 8 homolog [Bombyx mori]
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GSSPFG00019591001-RA	PREDICTED: rRNA methyltransferase 3A, mitochondrial [Plutella xylostella]
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RNAseq validation in natural populations of *Spodoptera frugiperda*

- . Citra
sweet corn
57 L4
- . LiveOak
sorghum
3 L4
- . Jacksonville
Pasture Grass
21 L4
- . Tifton
Volunteer corn
34 L4



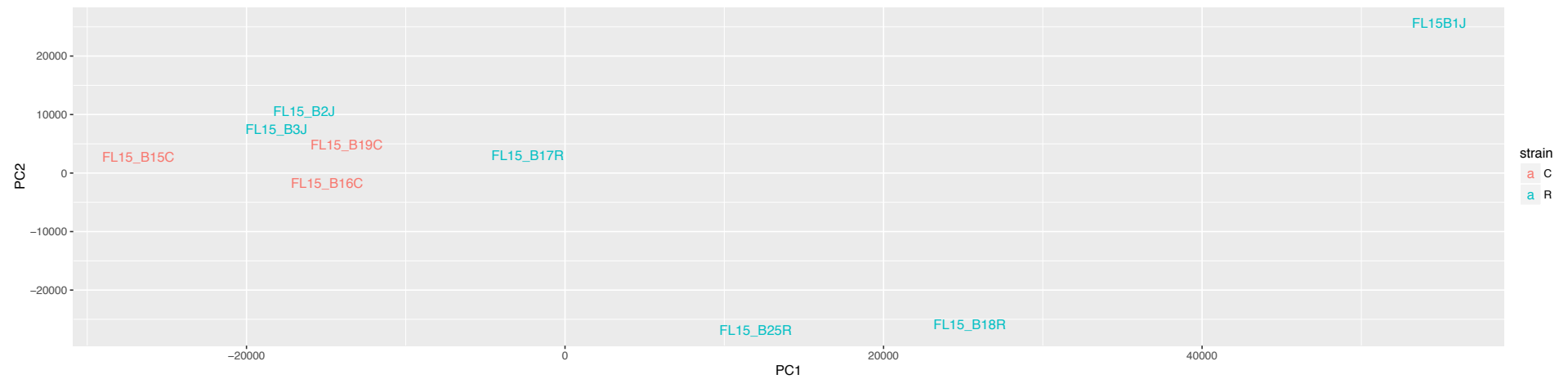
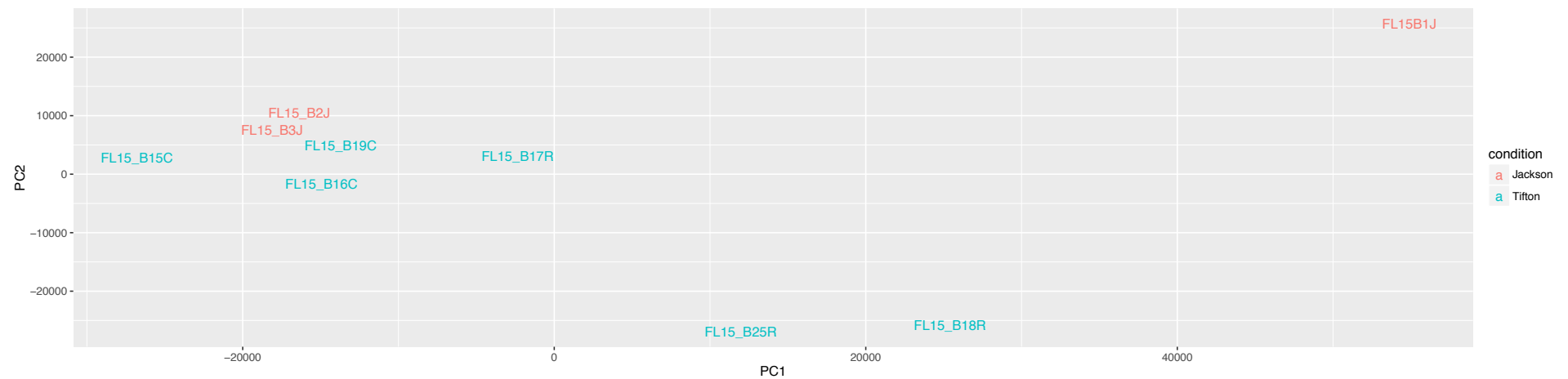
Field Collections : Sept 2015



- Collect Sf larvae in dedicated experimental corn fields
- Check their stage based on the head capsule => L4
- Bring back frozen material in RNAlater
- Extract both DNA and RNA for ~50 individuals
- Genotype based on Col and Tpi
- Investigate ~12 candidates by qPCR

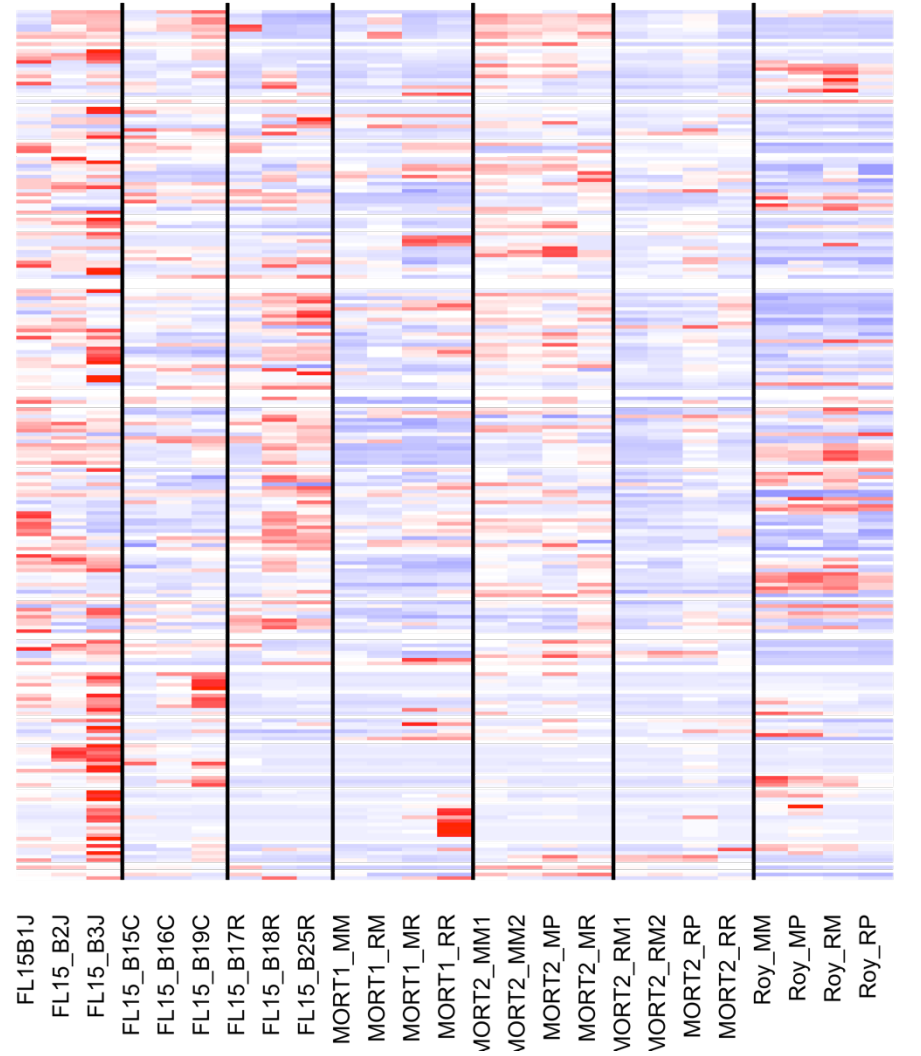
RNAseq on 6 individuals from Tifton (corn field) and 3 from Jacksonville (pasture grass)

	B15	B16	B19	B17	B18	B25	B1	B2	B3
Col									
tpi									
FR									
Sex	F	M	F	F	F	M	M	M	M

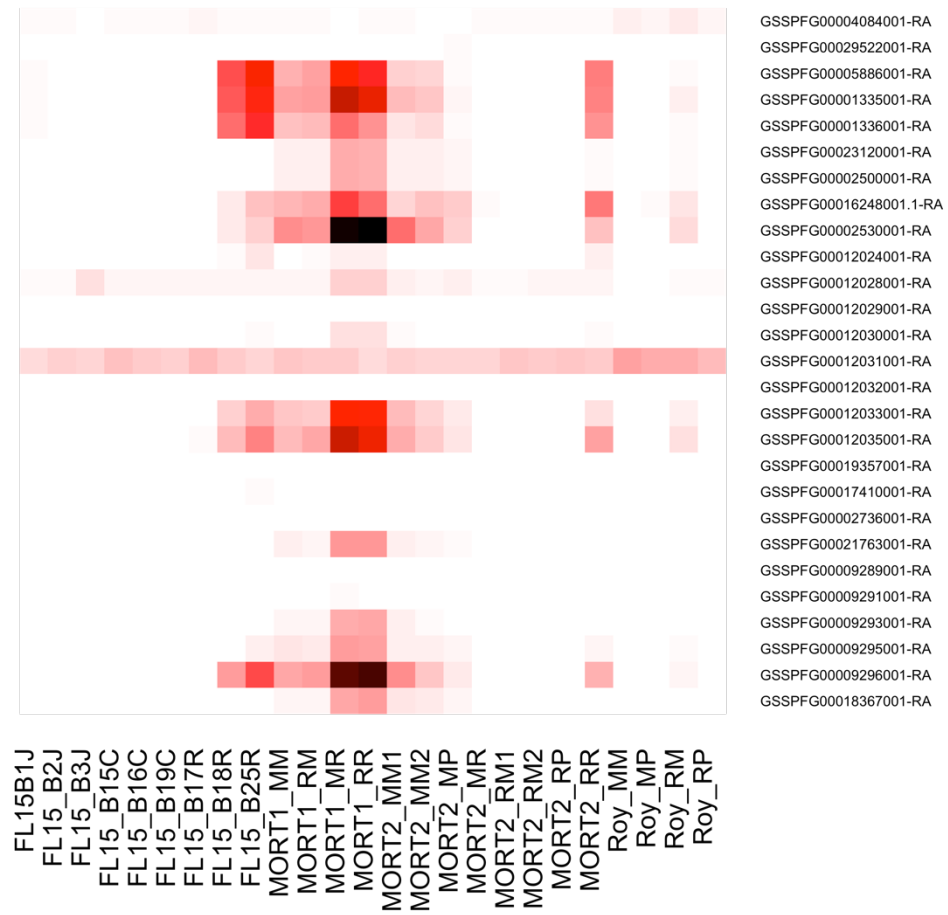


immunity genes

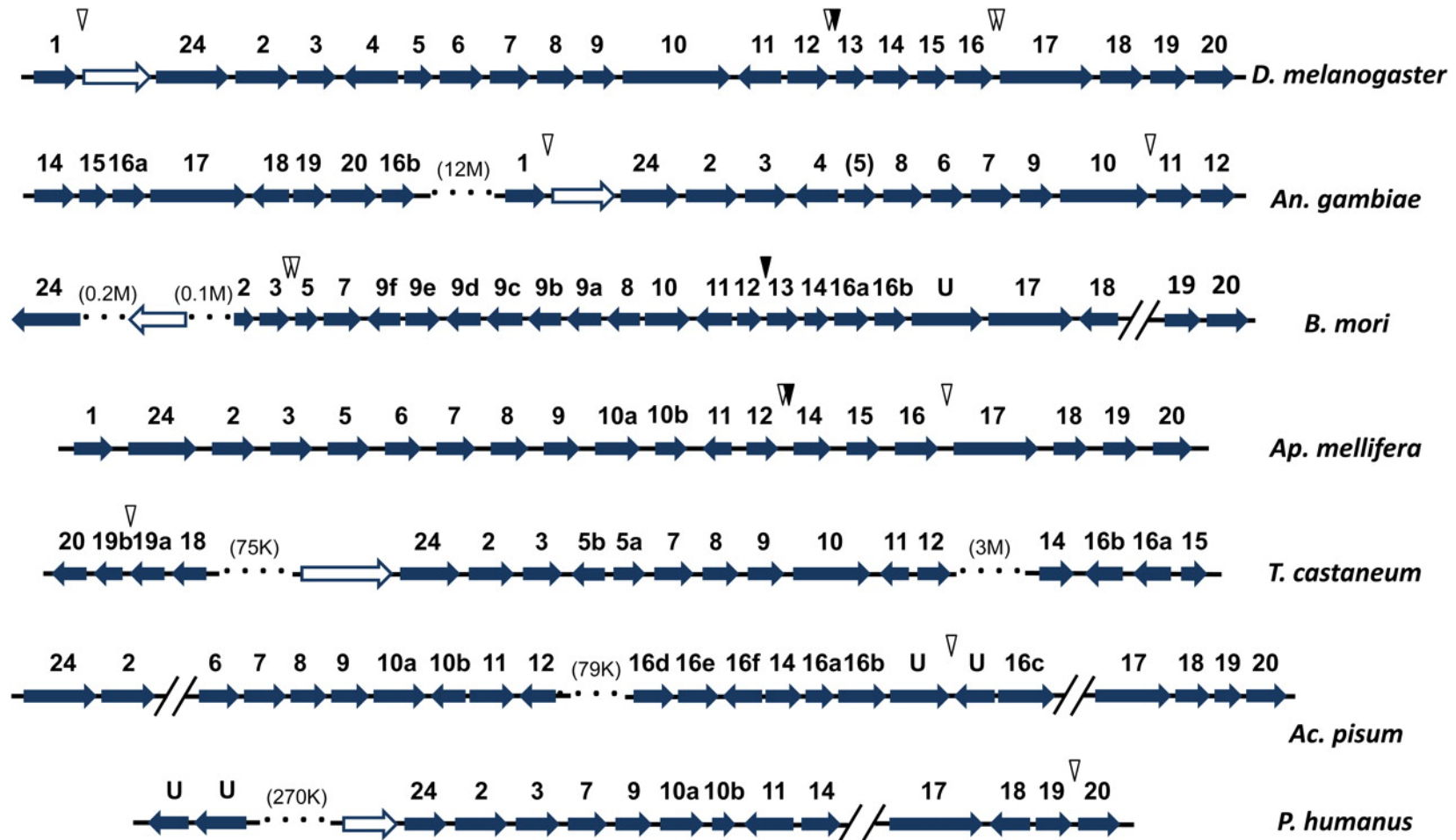
8: gene families



Osiris

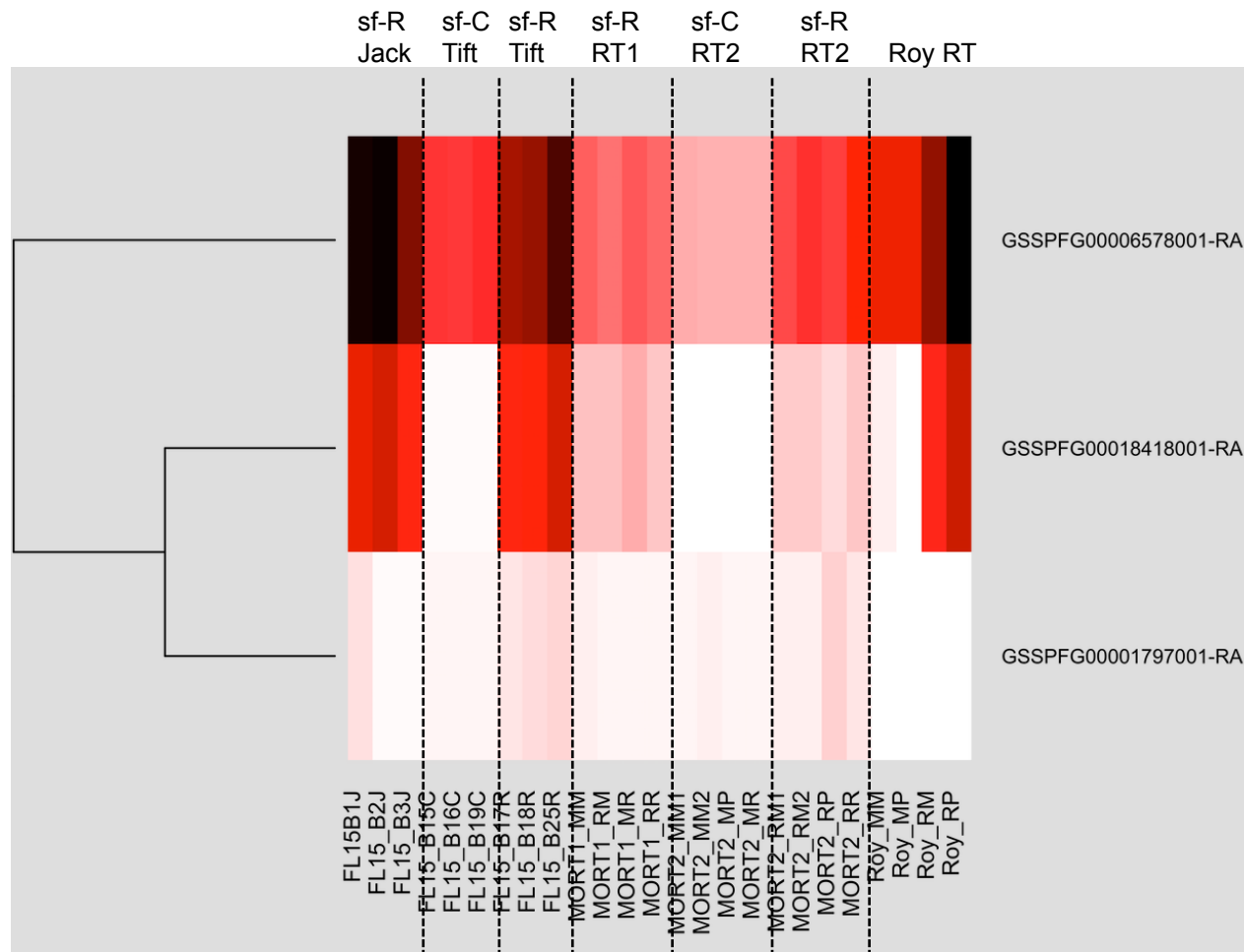


Synteny of the Osiris gene cluster.



Neethu Shah et al. G3 2012;2:313-319

3 genes overexpressed in sfR vs sfC



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× BUSCO Danaus plexippus

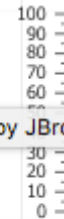
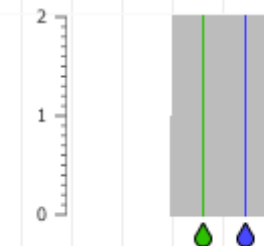
× OGS2.2 (2015.12.04)

× TR2012b transcriptome

× Corn variant fed on corn 1

× Eggs

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Epigenetics, Holocentrism and Adaptation (EHA)



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A multi-level integrative analysis in order to understand the mechanisms of speciation in relation to the host-plant adaptation

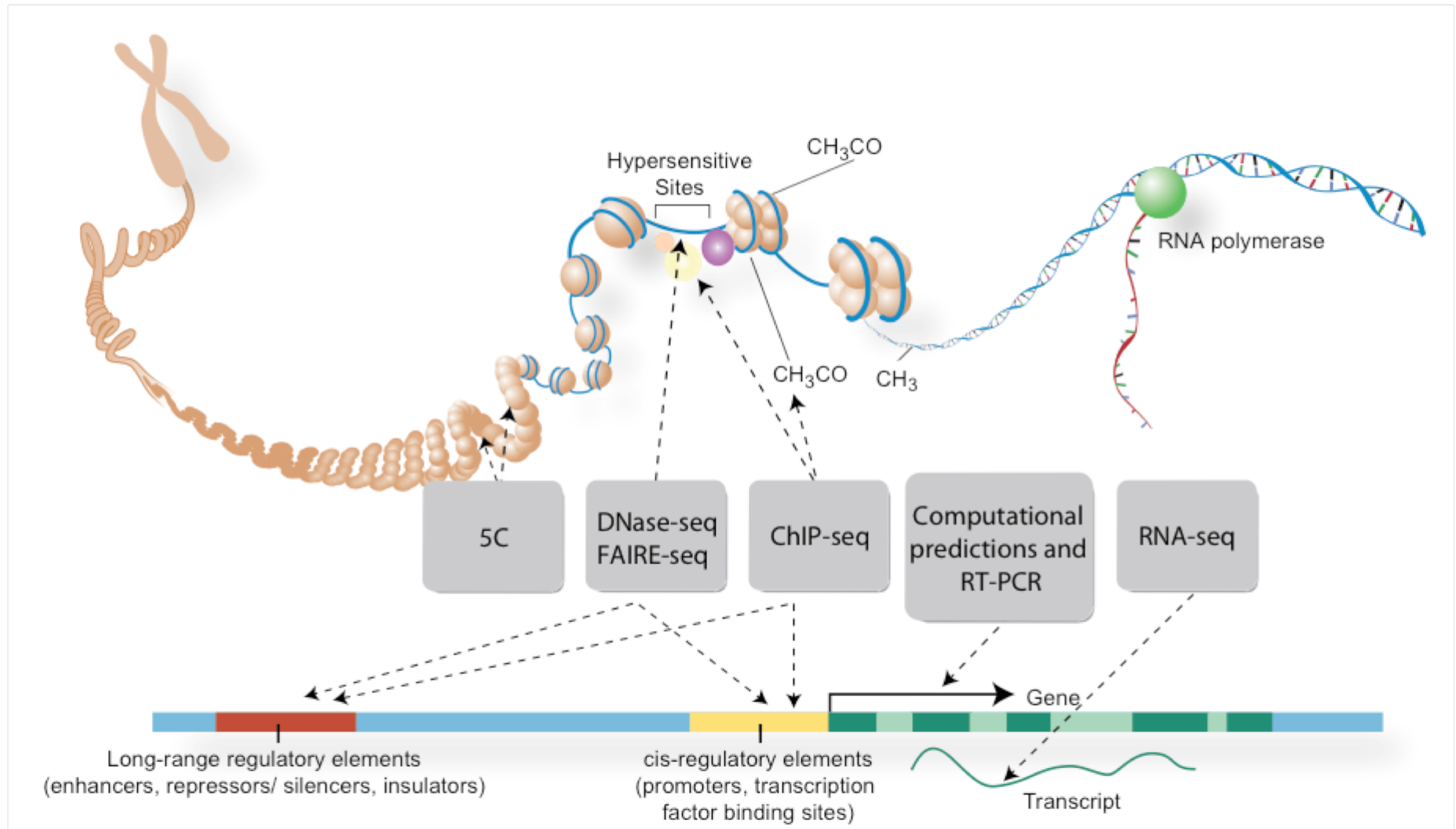
A. **Genetic differences** between the two strains. What is the estimated divergence and is it linked to agriculture ?

B. **Phenotypic differences** between the two strains. Is the host plant a trigger mechanism of speciation or reinforcement mechanism ?

C. **Gene expression differences** in response to environment. Build a comprehensive transcriptome and test the adaptation of *S. frugiperda* to its host plant.

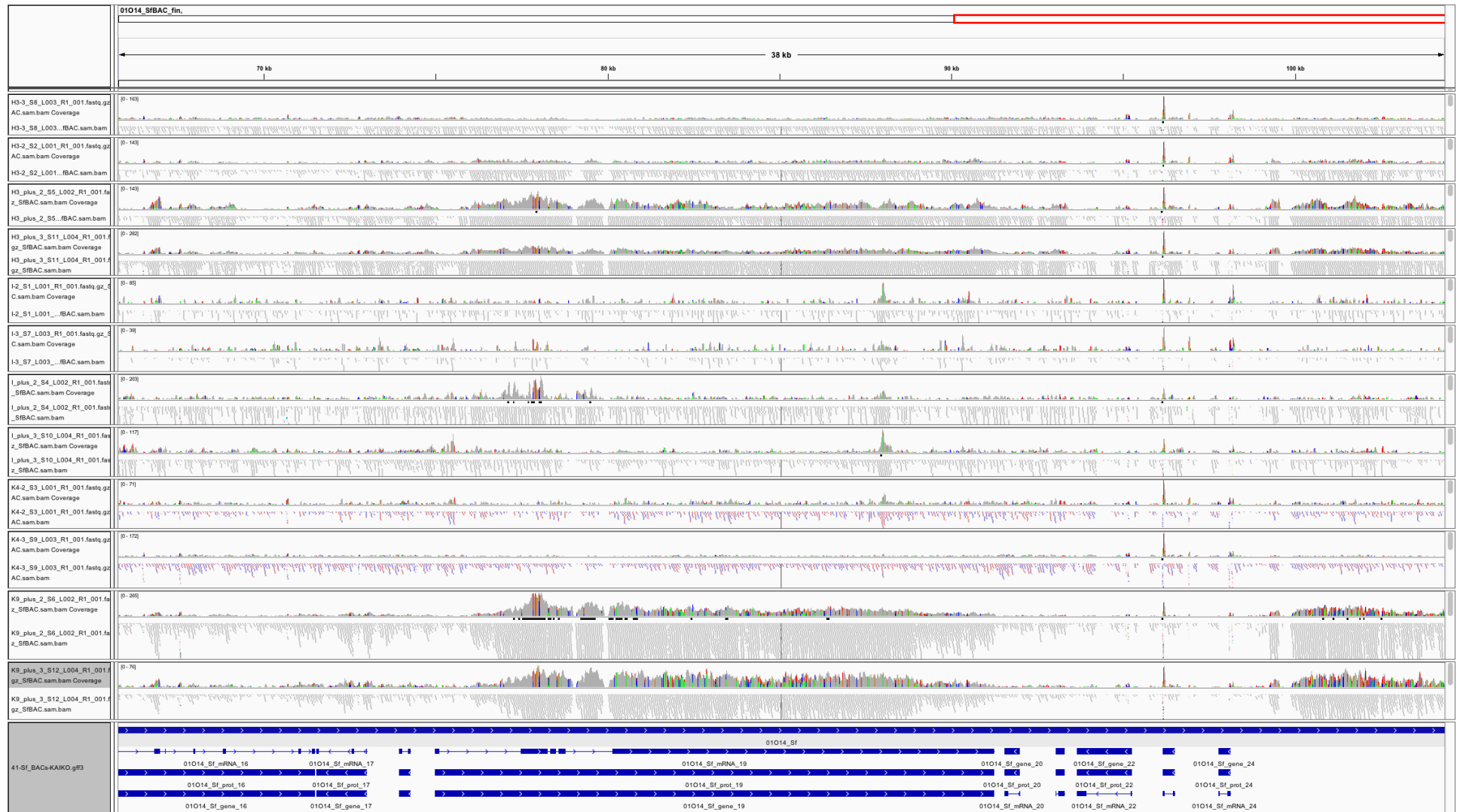
D. **Epigenetic differences** : is the genetic plasticity linked to different chromatinian landscapes of *S. fru* ? Can holocentrism help to find the balance between deleterious deregulation and adaptability ?

FAIREseq identifies cis-regulatory element as well as long-range regulatory elements



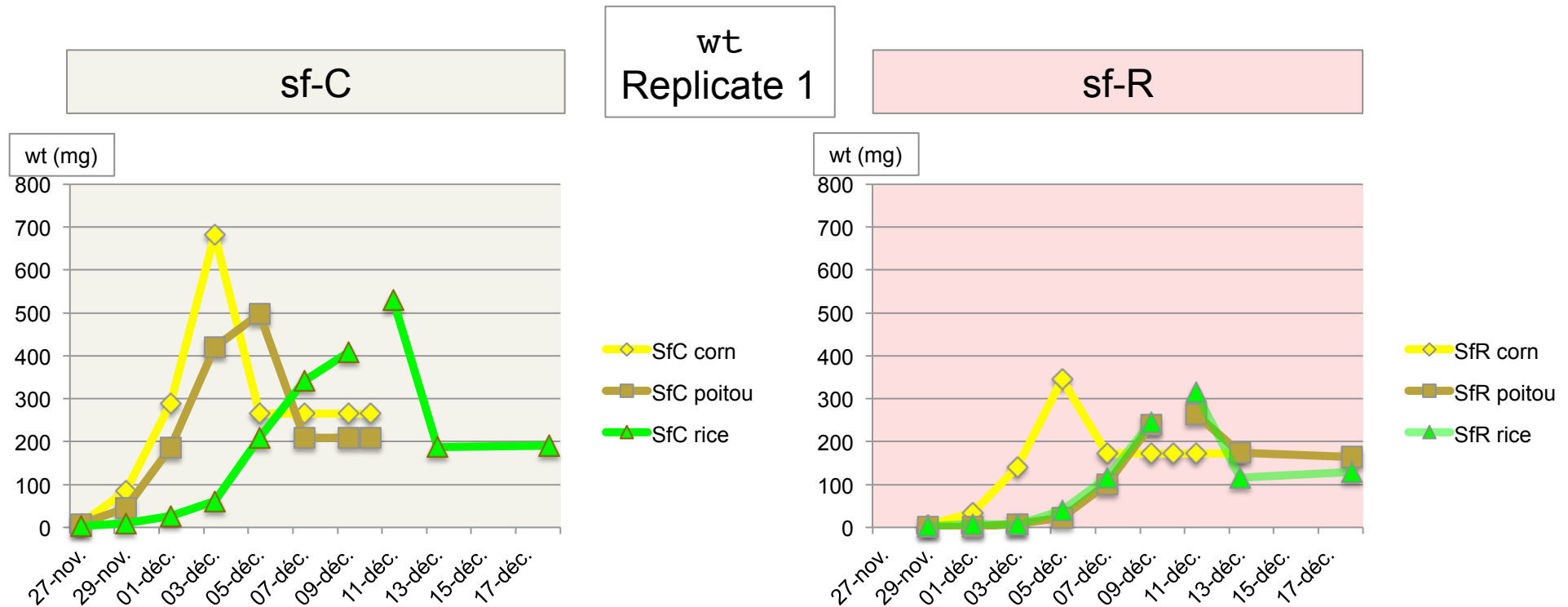
Use Histone marks to annotate regulatory elements of *Sf* genomes

H3K9me2 on Sf9 cell line : associated to genes transcription unit.



2 : developmental fitness in RT experiments

- 2 replicates of an RT experiment on corn, rice and Poitou
- parameters measured : weight (wt), developmental time (dt), survival (sv)



- Major diet effect on wt and dt
- Larvae of both strains gain more weight and develop faster on corn and Poitou than on rice. Is rice really a preferred host for *S. frugiperda* ?