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Physiological adaptation to environmental stress in insects

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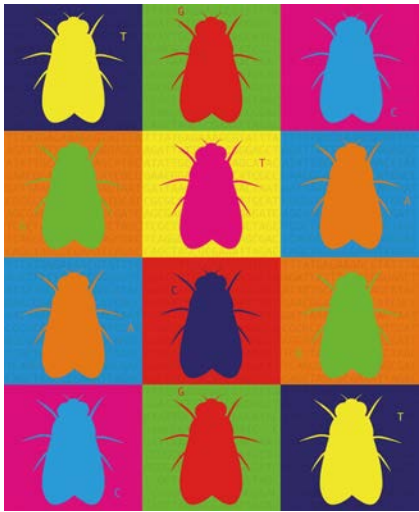
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Response to environmental stress

Adapt or become extinct

Adaptation

Evolutionary change

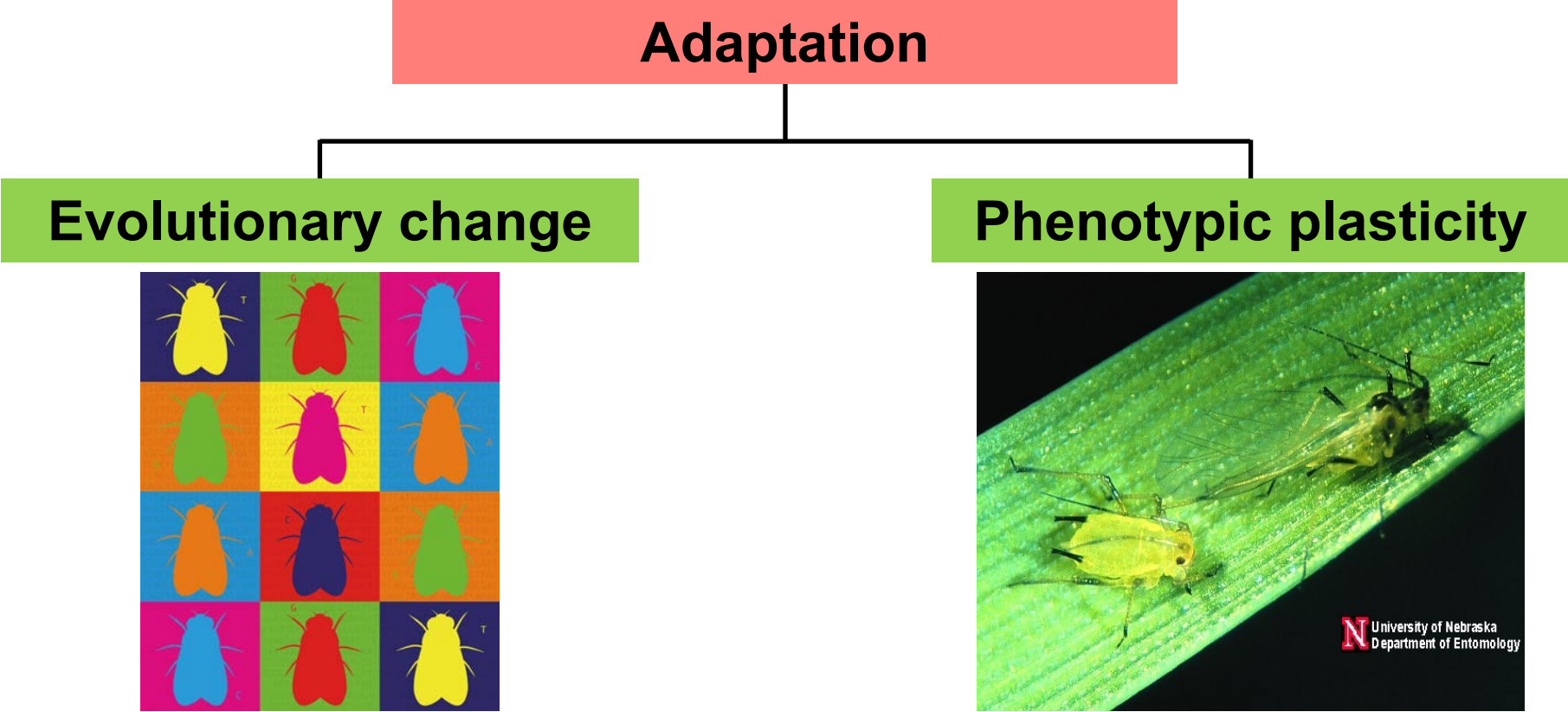


Phenotypic plasticity



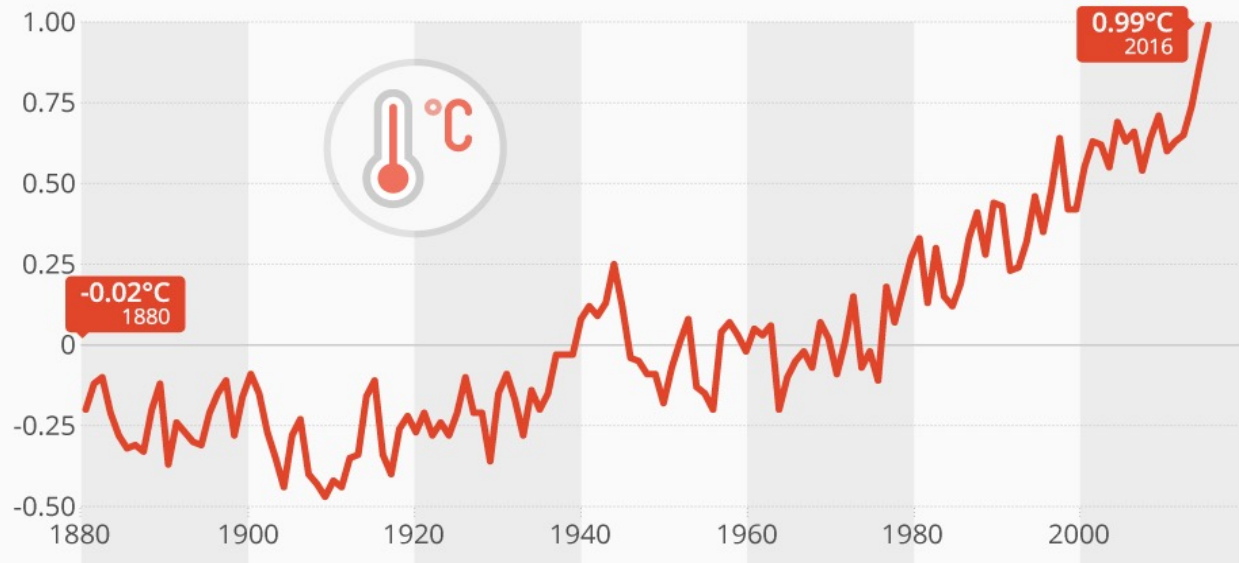
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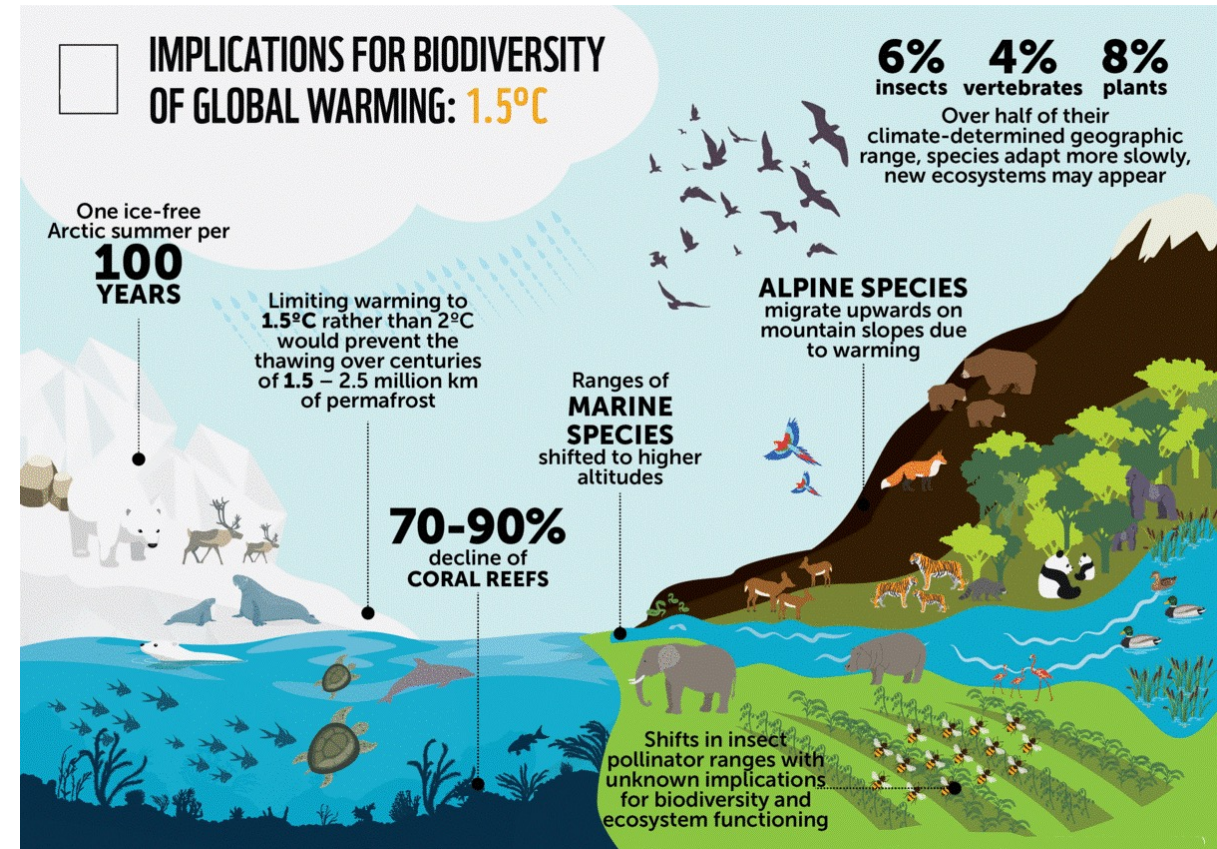


The threat of global warming

Annual mean surface temperature of the earth from 1880 to 2016 (in °C)

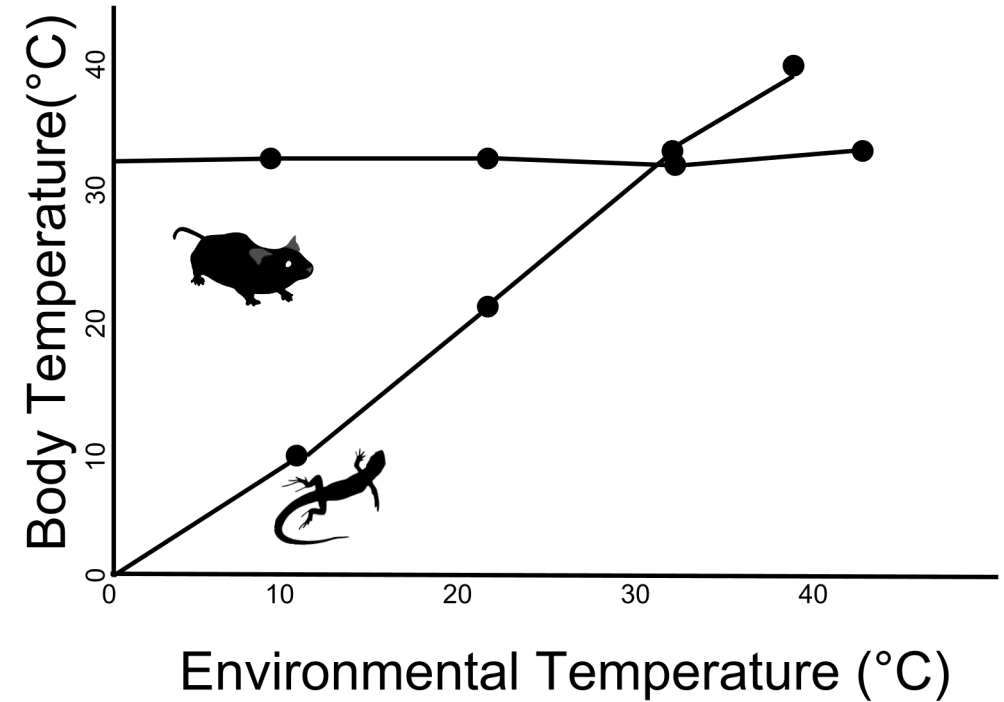
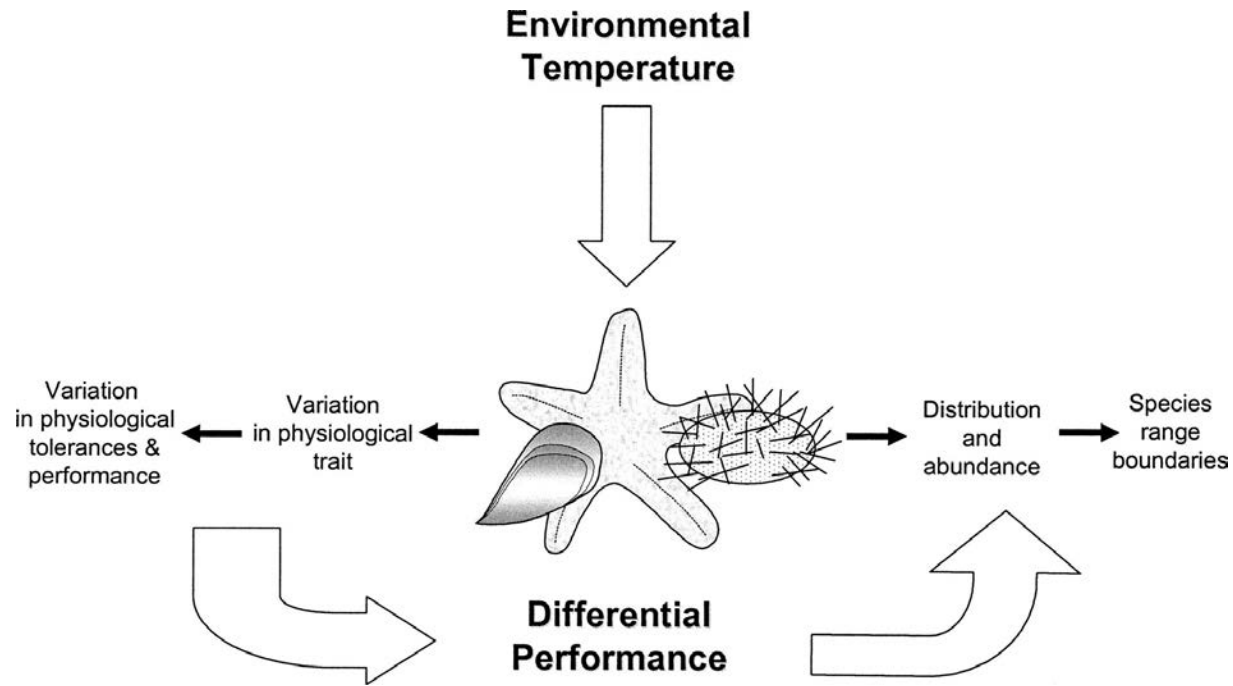


Rapid increase of environmental temperatures affects biodiversity

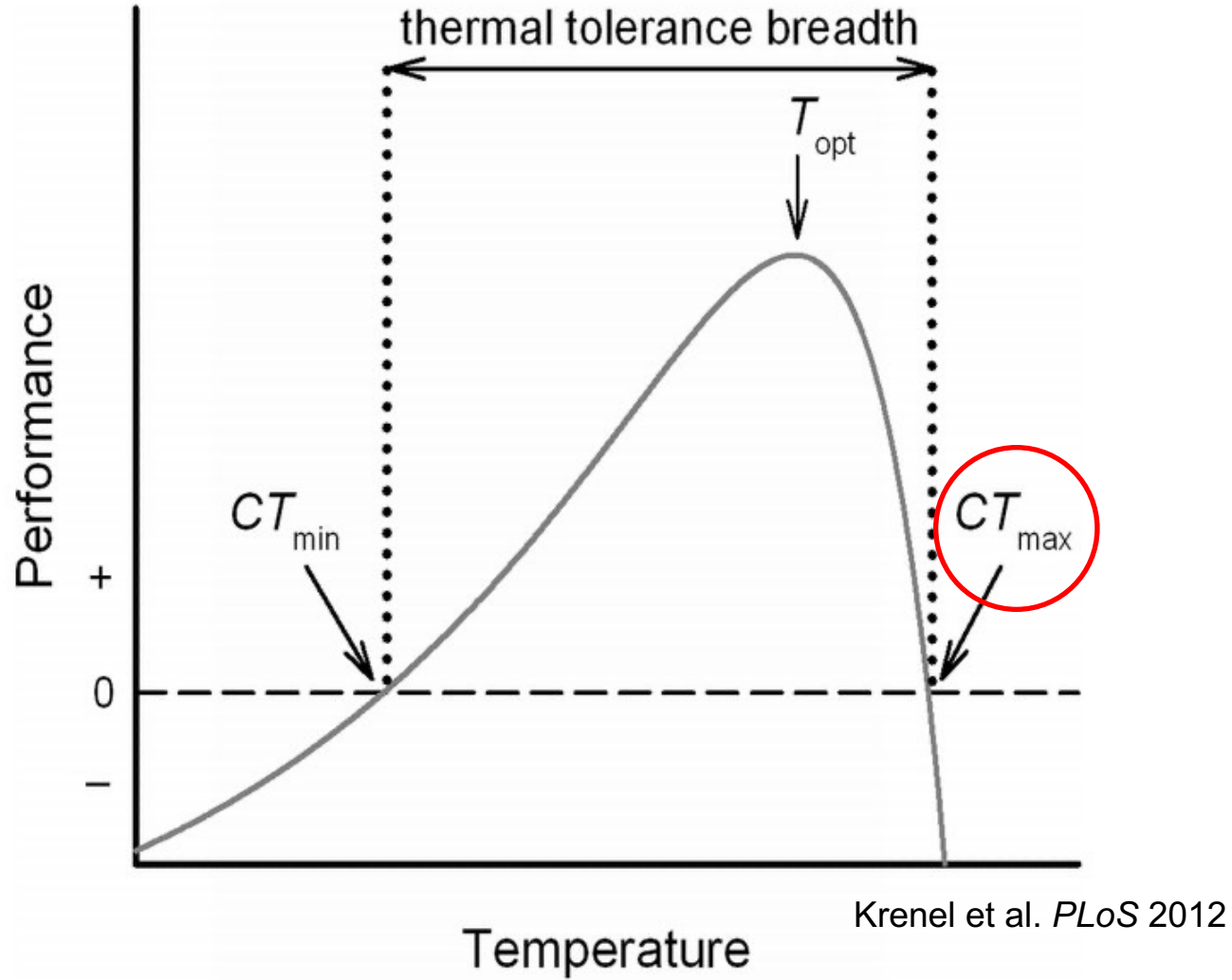


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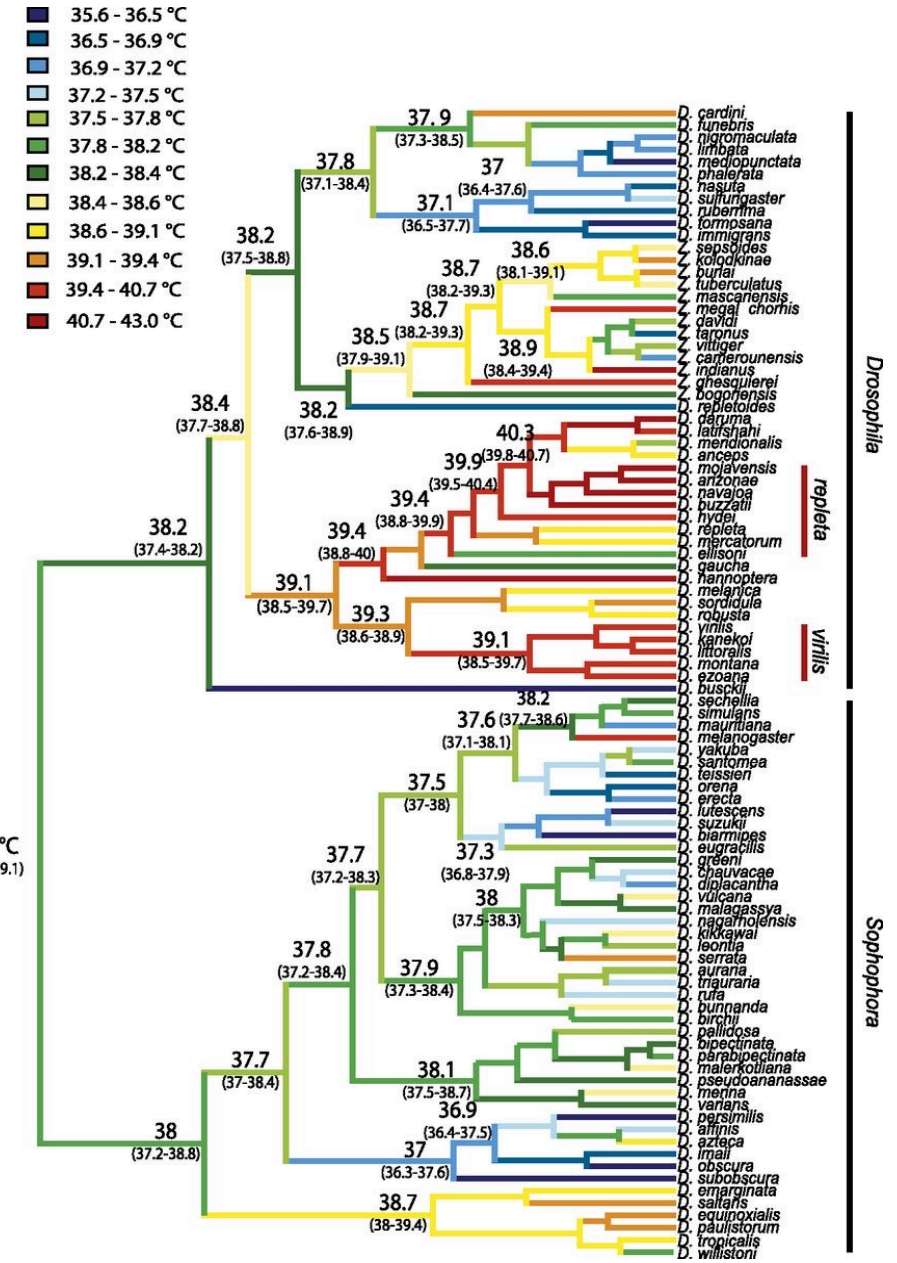
Extreme warming can be more important for ectotherms because their body temperature is directly influenced by the environmental temperature



Thermal performance of ectotherms

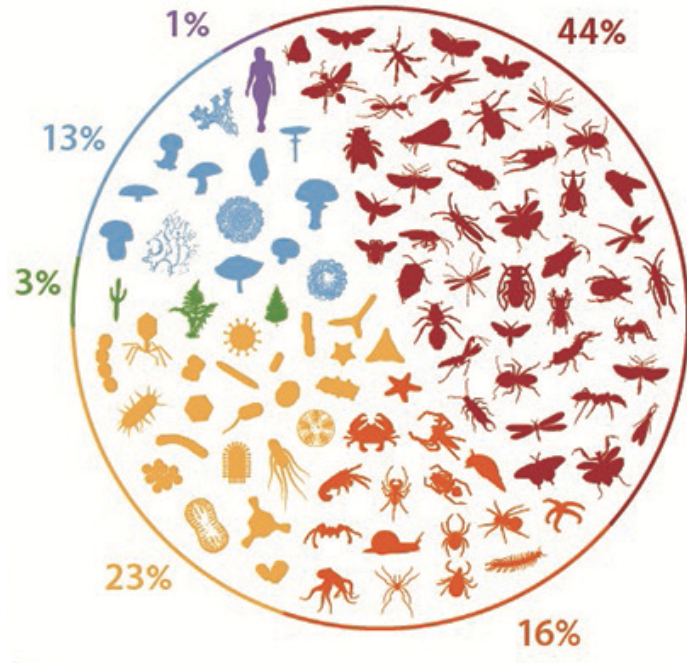


Thermal performance curve (TPC)



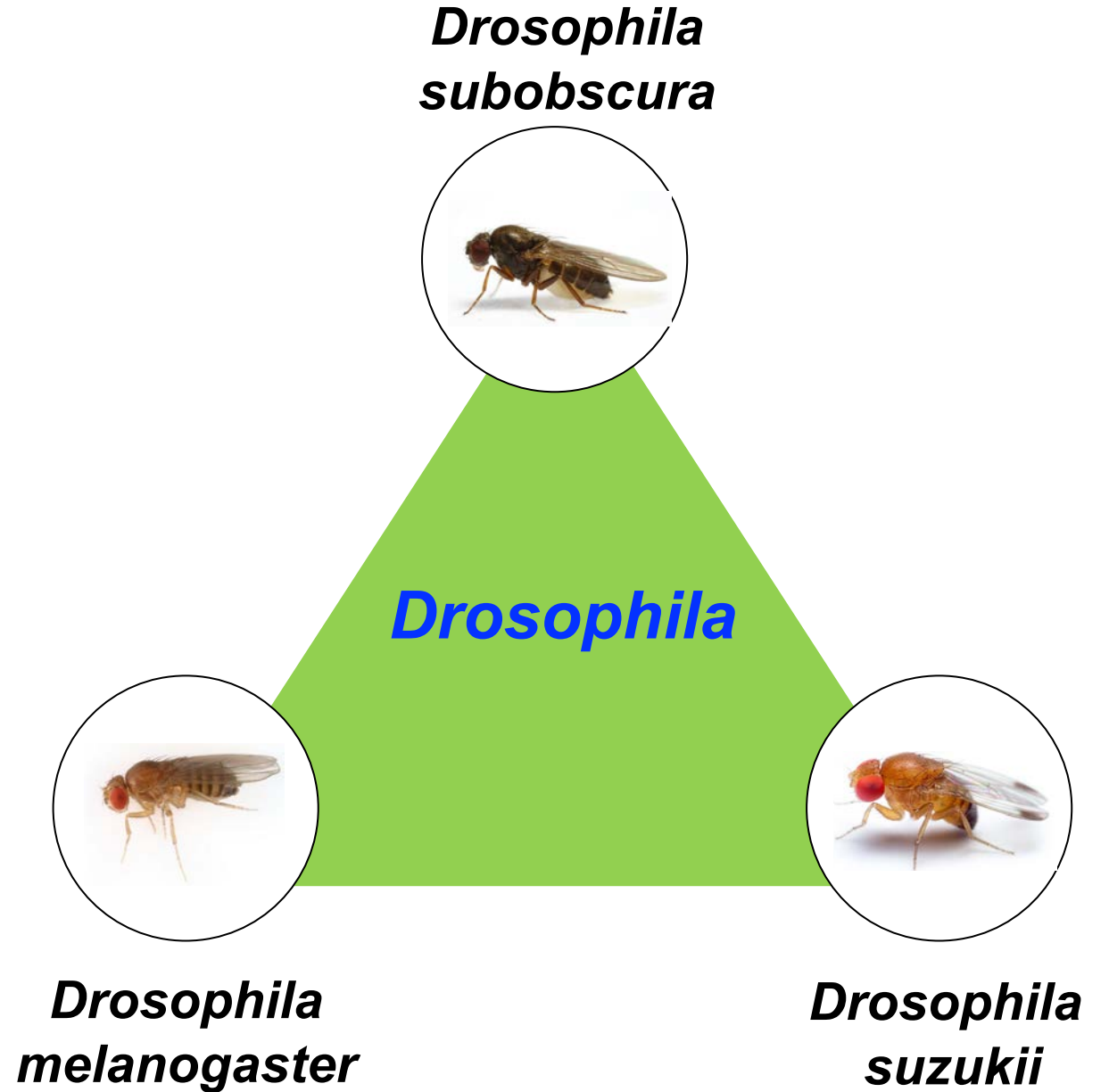
Drosophila: a very diverse taxon

Insects represent one of the most taxonomic group on Earth



Drosophilidae > 4390 species

Drosophila > 1600 species



How we studied thermal adaptation in flies?

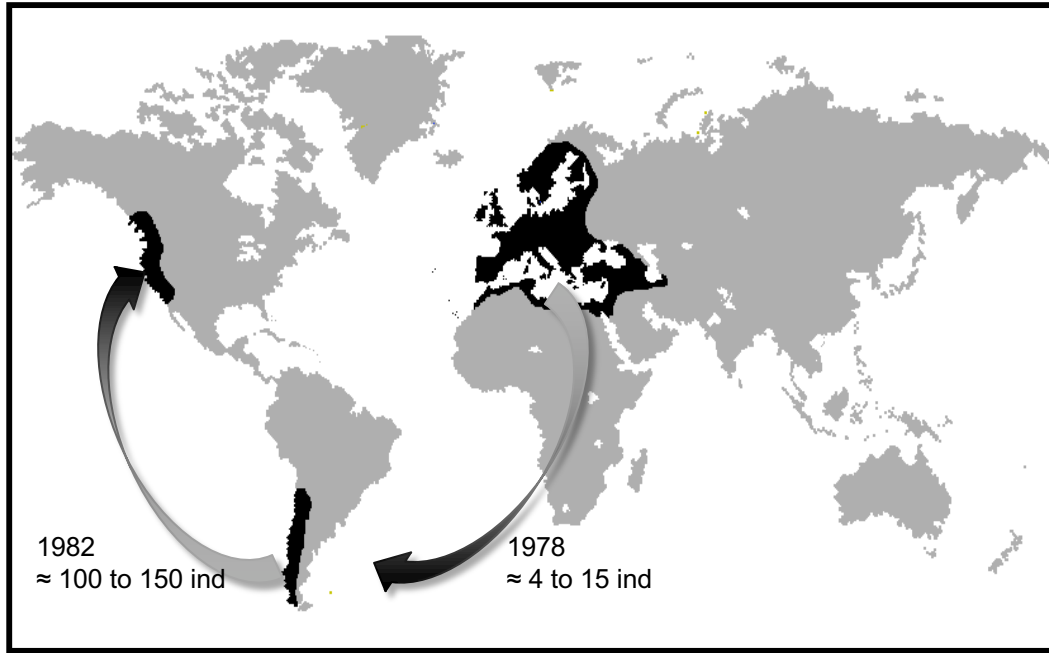
- Quantitative genetic studies
- Experimental selection
- Common-garden experiments





***Drosophila
subobscura***

Thermal evolution in *Drosophila subobscura*



Pascual et al. *Mol Evol* 2007

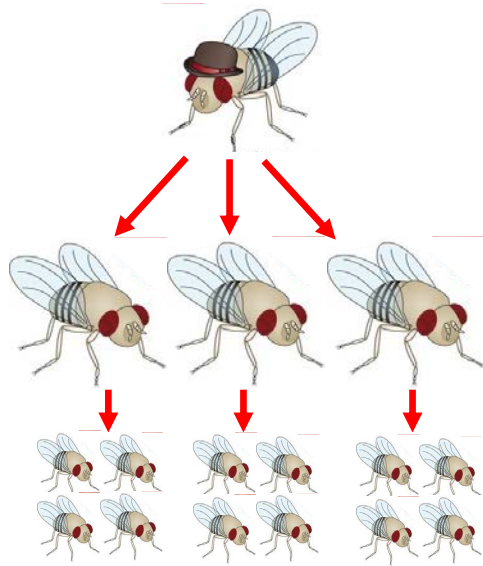
Despite strong bottleneck and founder effect on introduced populations (Pascual et al. *Mol Ecol* 2007), several phenotypic traits show latitudinal variation

- Polymorphism of chromosomal inversions (Huey et al. *Science* 2000; Balanyà et al. *Evolution* 2003)
- Body size (Balanyà et al. *Evolution* 2003)
- Thermal preference (Pascual & Huey *Ecology* 2009; Castañeda et al. *Am Nat* 2013)
- Thermal tolerance (Castañeda et al. *Evolution* 2015)
- Starvation resistance (Gilchrist et al. *Evol Appl* 2008)

Thermal evolution in *Drosophila subobscura*

60 full/half sibs

families



Journal of Evolutionary Biology 2019

Evolutionary potential of thermal preference and heat tolerance in *Drosophila subobscura*

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Trait	$h^2 \pm SE$	<i>P</i> value
Thermal preference	0.066 ± 0.060	0.22
Acute-stress resistance	0.134 ± 0.065	0.05*
Chronic-stress resistance	0.084 ± 0.061	0.16

Heat tolerance of *D. subobscura* has the potential to evolve

Experimental evolution in the lab!!

Thermal evolution in *Drosophila subobscura*

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Proc. R. Soc. B (2007) 274, 2935–2942
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Critical thermal limits depend on methodological context

John S. Terblanche*, Jacques A. Deere, Susana Clusella-Trullas, Charlene Janion and Steven L. Chown

Functional Ecology 2009, 23, 133–140

doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2435.2008.01481.x

Phenotypic variance, plasticity and heritability estimates of critical thermal limits depend on methodological context

Steven L. Chown^{1*}, Keafon R. Jumbam¹, Jesper G. Sørensen² and John S. Terblanche³

Functional Ecology 2010

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PERSPECTIVE

Estimating the adaptive potential of critical thermal limits: methodological problems and evolutionary implications

Enrico L. Rezende¹, Miguel Tejedo² and Mauro Santos^{3*}



Assessing population and environmental effects on thermal resistance in *Drosophila melanogaster* using ecologically relevant assays

Johannes Overgaard^{a,b*}, Ary A. Hoffmann^b, Torsten N. Kristensen^{b,c,d}

Functional Ecology 2010, 24, 694–700

doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2435.2009.01666.x

Thermal ramping rate influences evolutionary potential and species differences for upper thermal limits in *Drosophila*

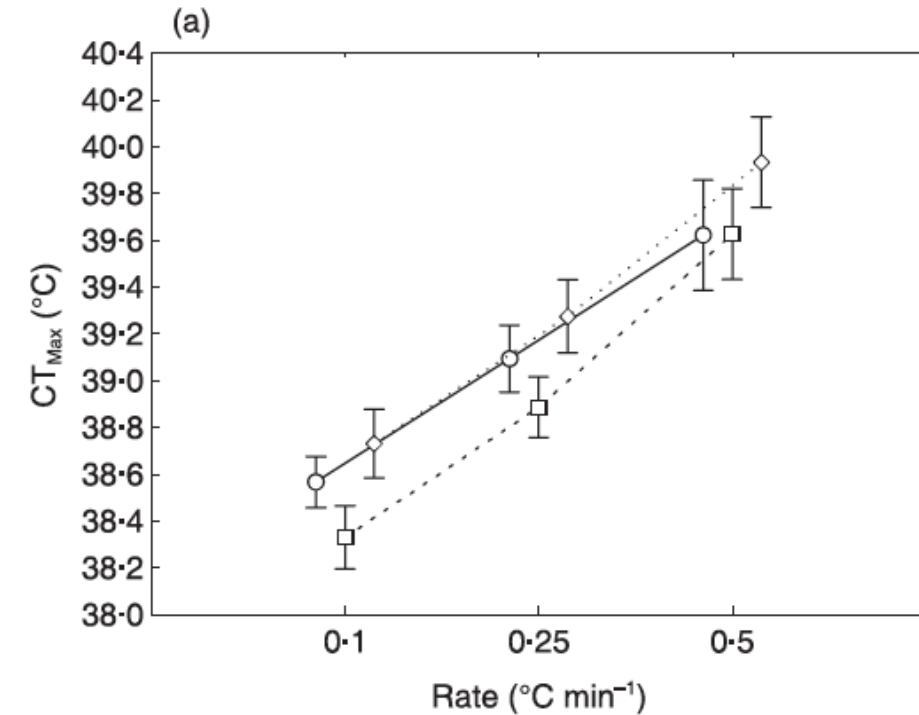
Katherine A. Mitchell^{1*} and Ary A. Hoffmann^{1,2}

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Proc. R. Soc. B (2012) 279, 349–356
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Limited potential for adaptation to climate change in a broadly distributed marine crustacean

Morgan W. Kelly^{1,2,*}, Eric Sanford^{1,2} and Richard K. Grosberg¹



Slower the ramping rate, longer the assay length.

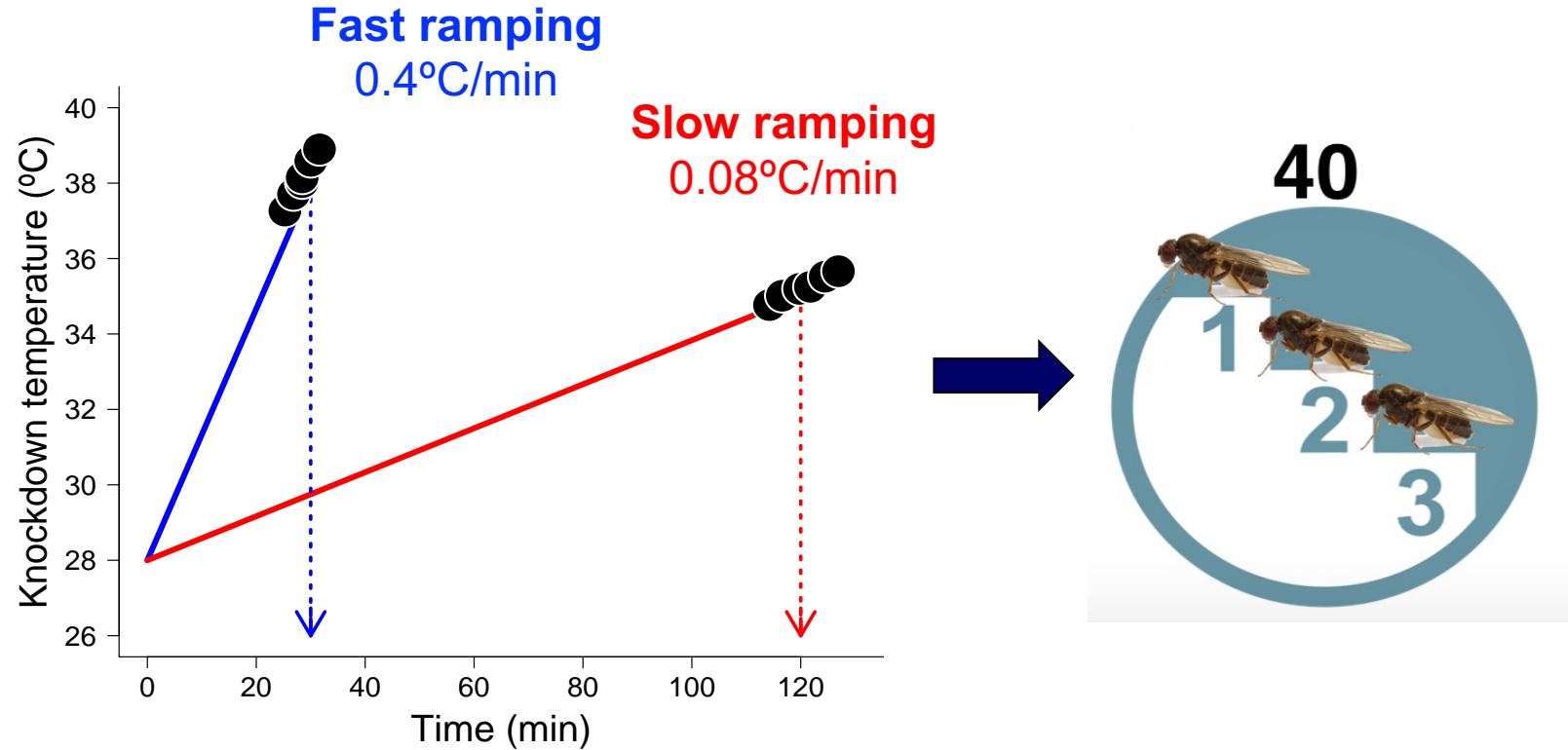
Therefore, higher is the contribution of uncontrolled effects.

- Stochasticity.
- Resource depletion (fatigue, dehydration)
- Short-term acclimation (hardening).

Thermal evolution in *Drosophila subobscura*



Artificial selection for 16 generations



Hypothesis

Fast-ramping selected lines will evolve higher heat tolerance than slow-ramping selected lines because differences in their heritabilities

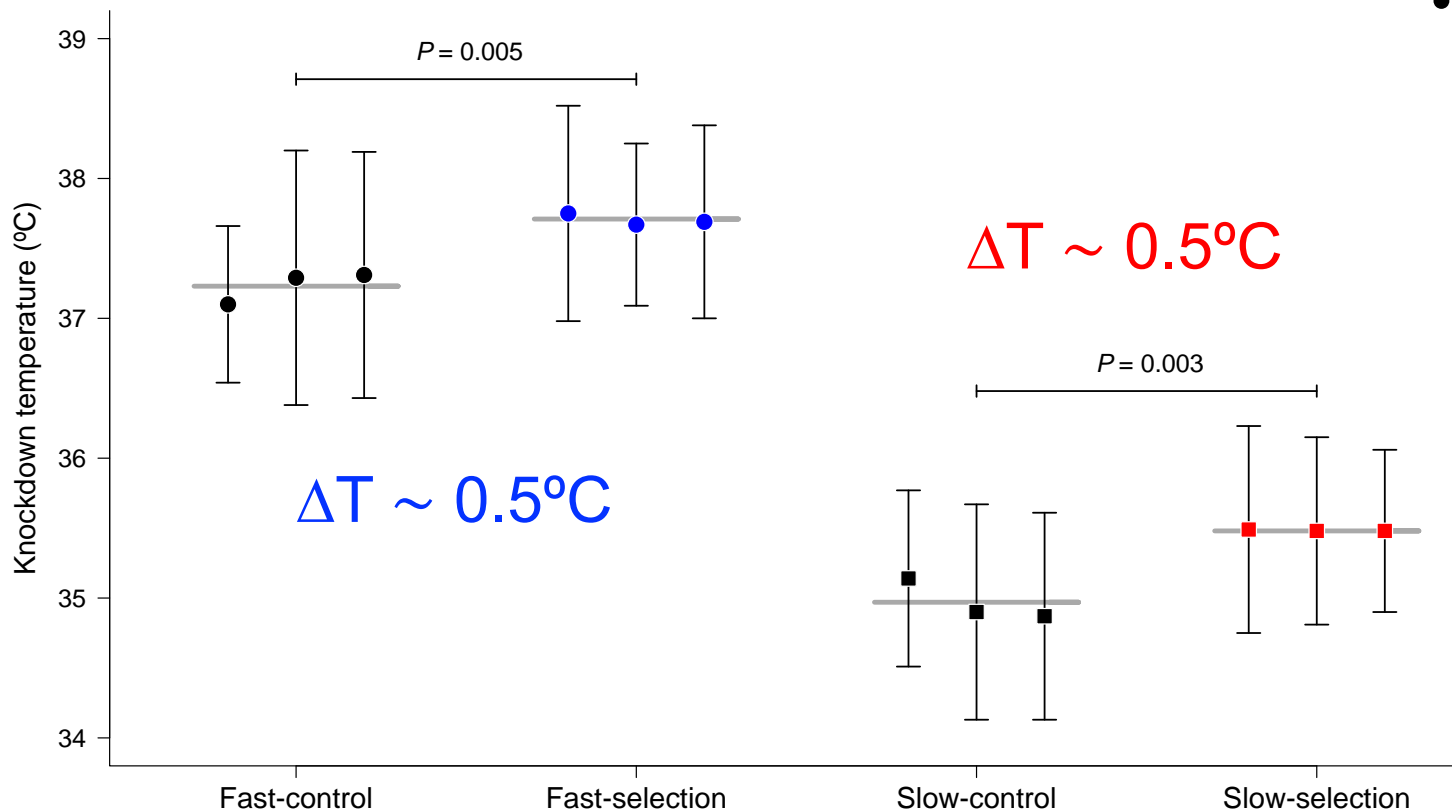
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Experimental evolution on heat tolerance and thermal performance curves under contrasting thermal selection in *Drosophila subobscura*

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- Evolution of heat tolerance but regardless ramping selection
- Significant realized heritability in both selection protocols

$$h^2_r = 0.191 \pm 0.013^{***}$$

$$h^2_r = 0.242 \pm 0.021^{***}$$

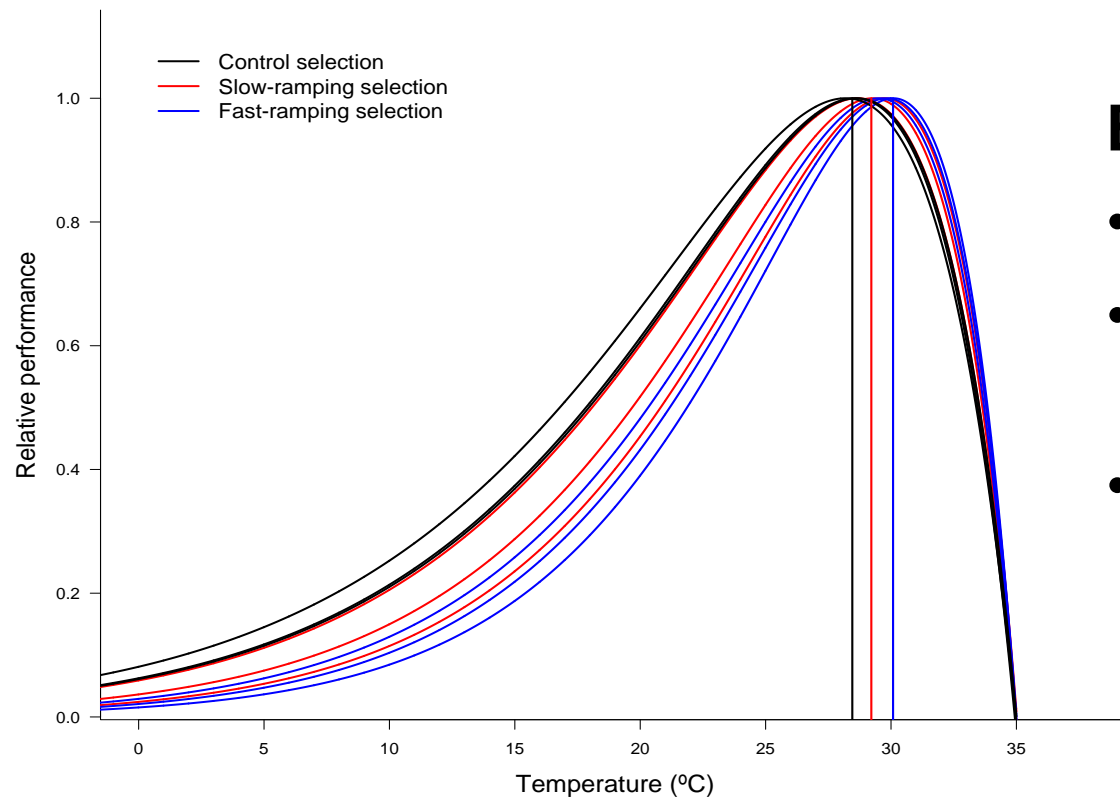
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Evolution of TPC

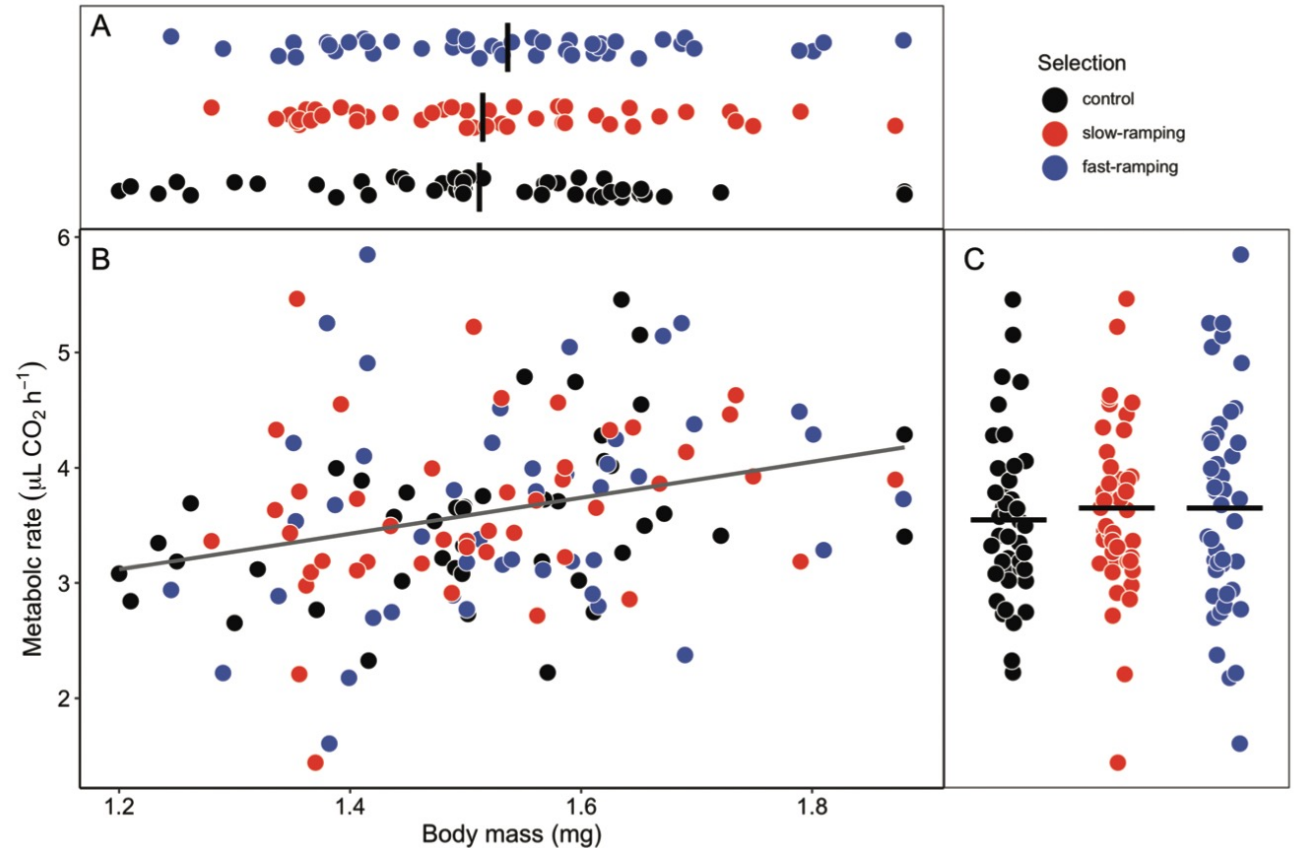
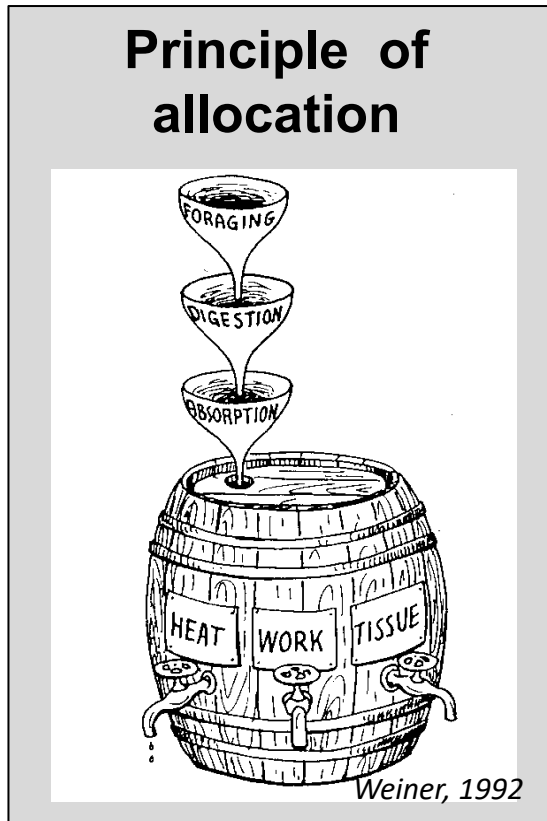
- No changes of CTmax estimated from TPC
- Evolution of thermal optimum
Fast > Slow = Control ($P = 0.03$)
- Evolution of thermal breadth
Fast < Slow = Control ($P = 0.04$)

Thermal evolution in *Drosophila subobscura*

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Evolutionary responses of energy metabolism, development, and reproduction to artificial selection for increasing heat tolerance in *Drosophila subobscura*

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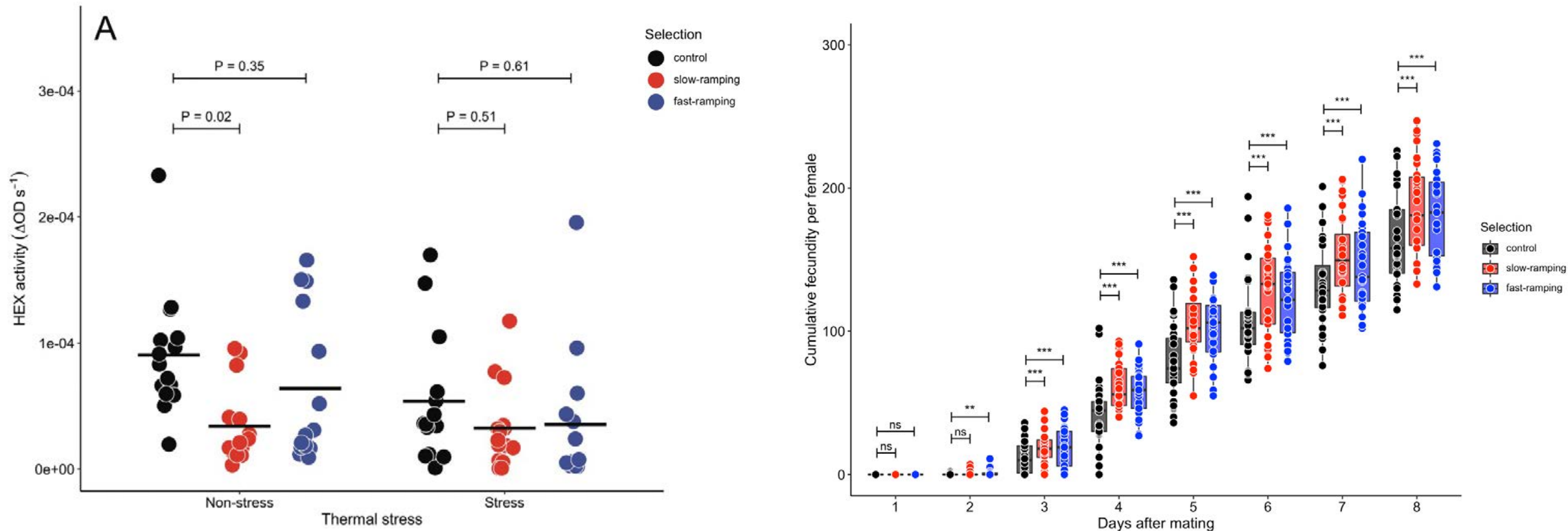


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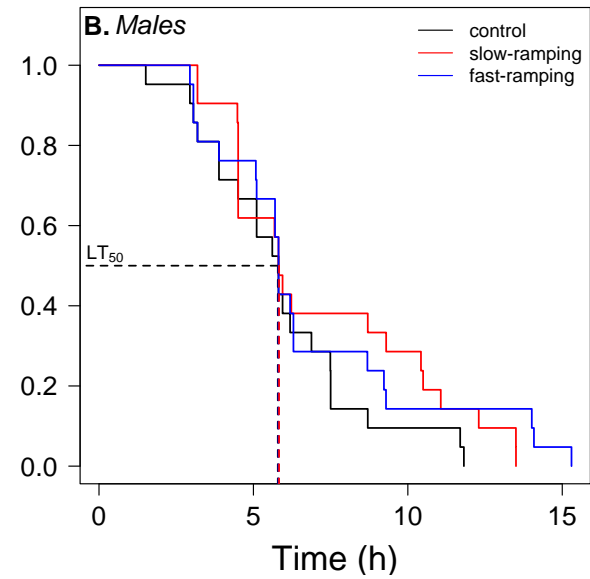
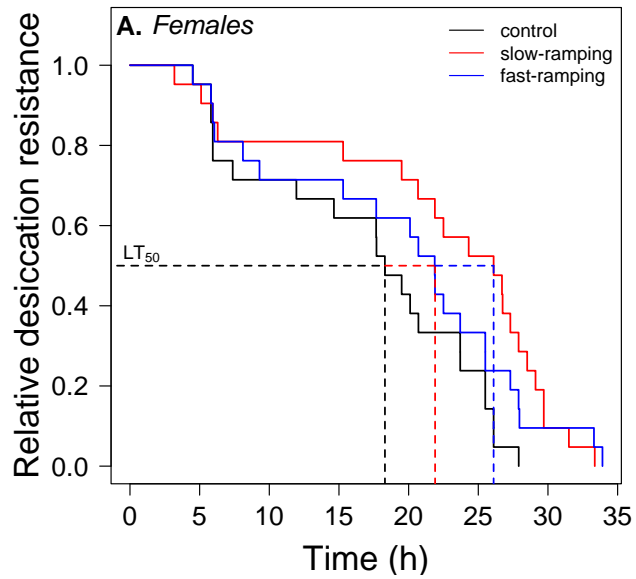
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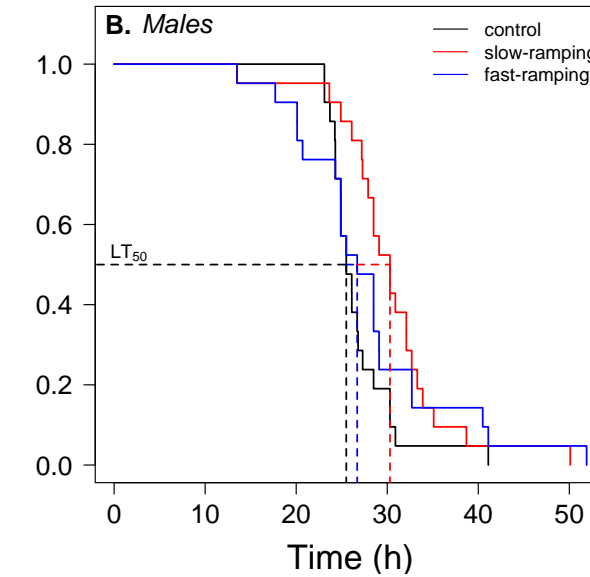
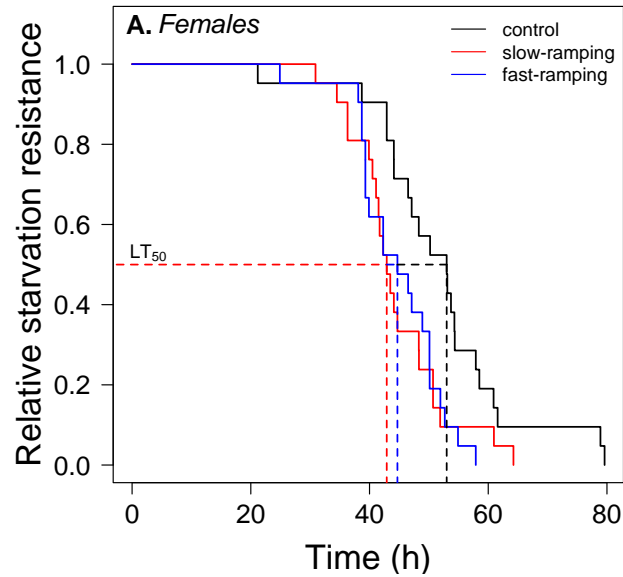


Thermal evolution in *Drosophila subobscura*



Evolutionary response of females and males was different:

- Sexual antagonistic selection
- Different rate of resource use



Thermal evolution in *Drosophila subobscura*

Thermal tolerance has the capacity to evolve under temperature-related selection

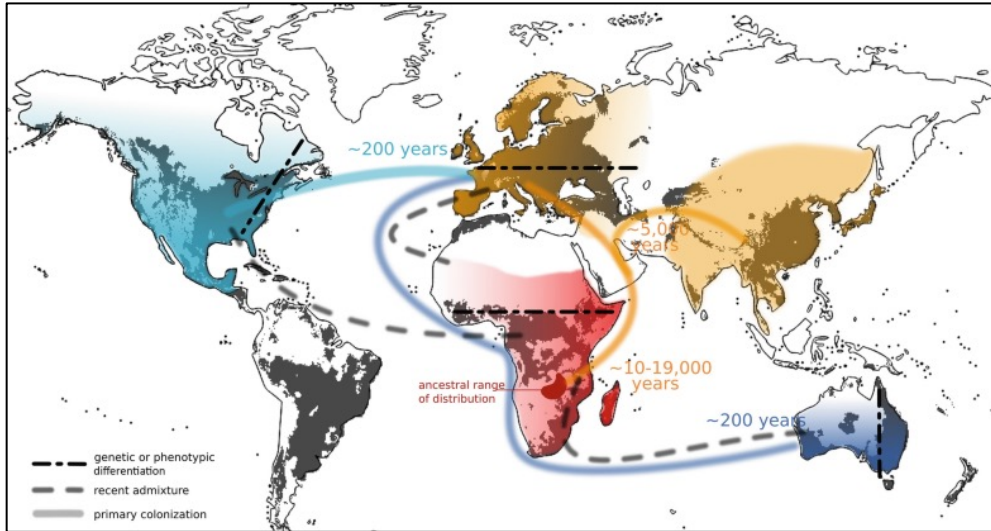
Thermal tolerance evolution impacts on other traits because (1) they share the same genetic architecture (e.g., locomotion) and/or (2) they have a functional relationship to energetic level (e.g., fecundity, viability)

Increased thermal tolerance is positively associated to fitness-related traits, which could facilitate the adaptive process in a warming world



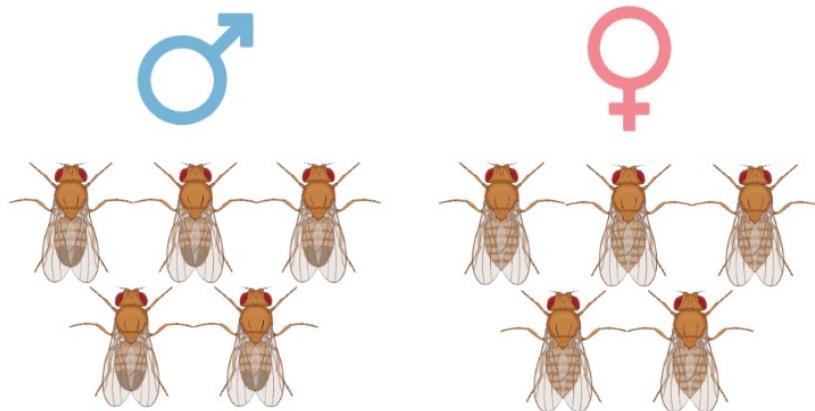
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Genetics of thermal tolerance in *Drosophila melanogaster*

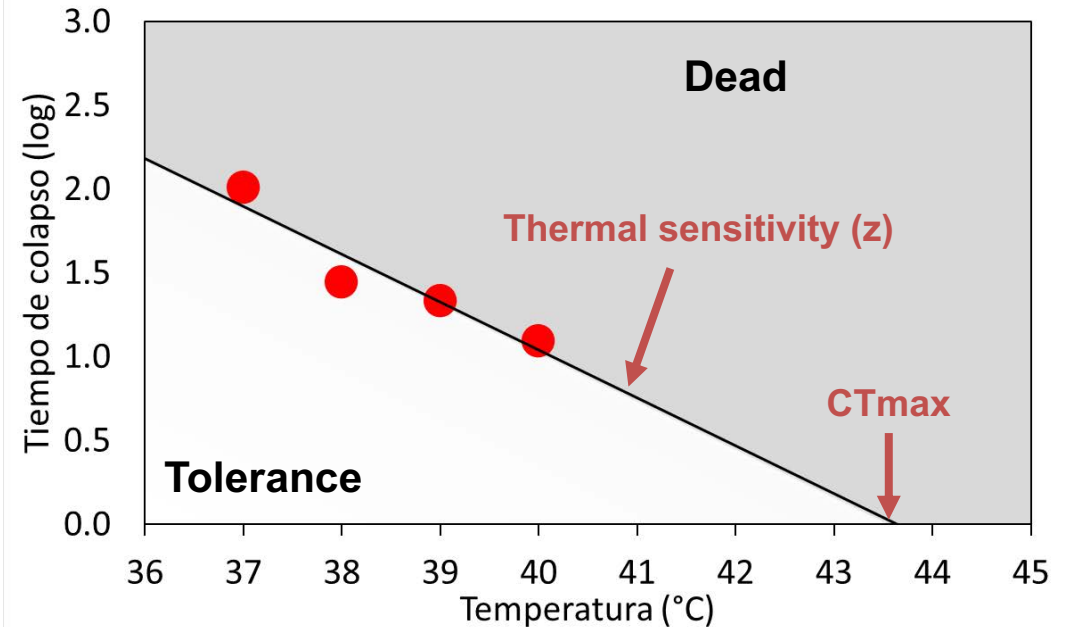


Haudry et al. *Evolution* 2020

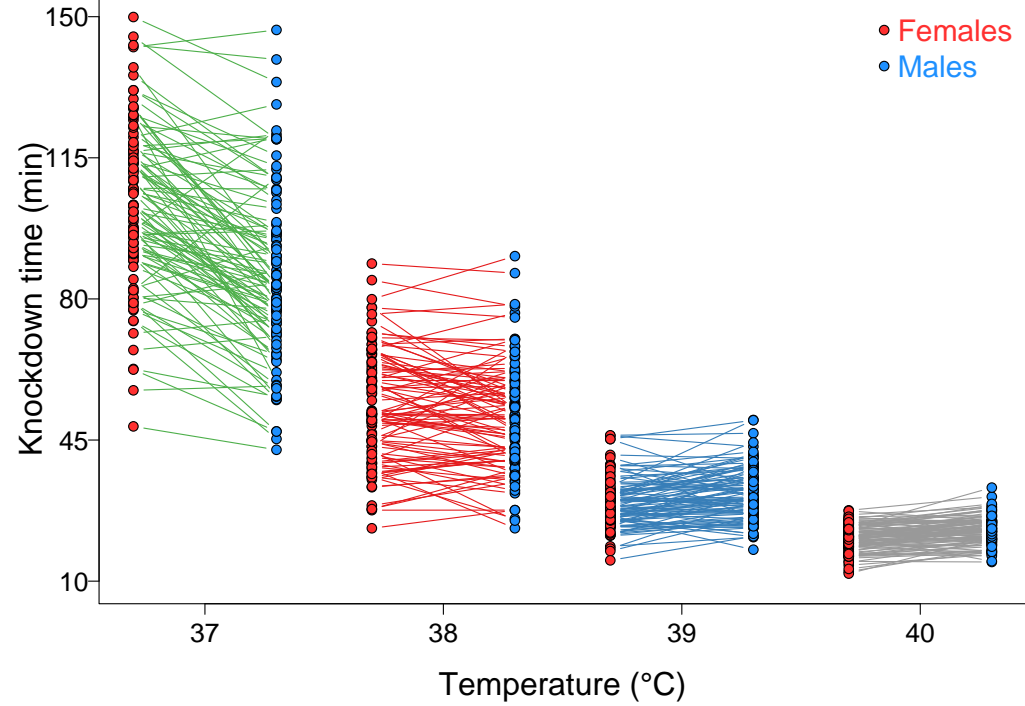
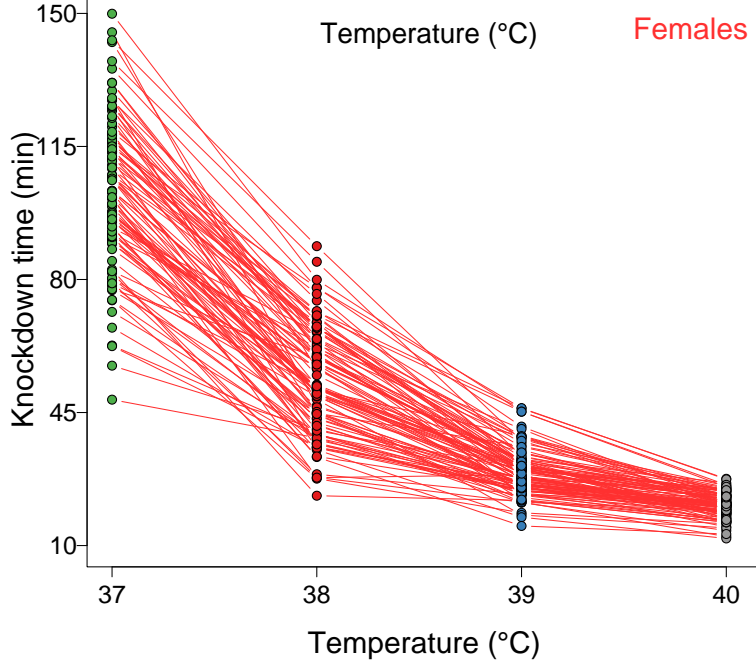
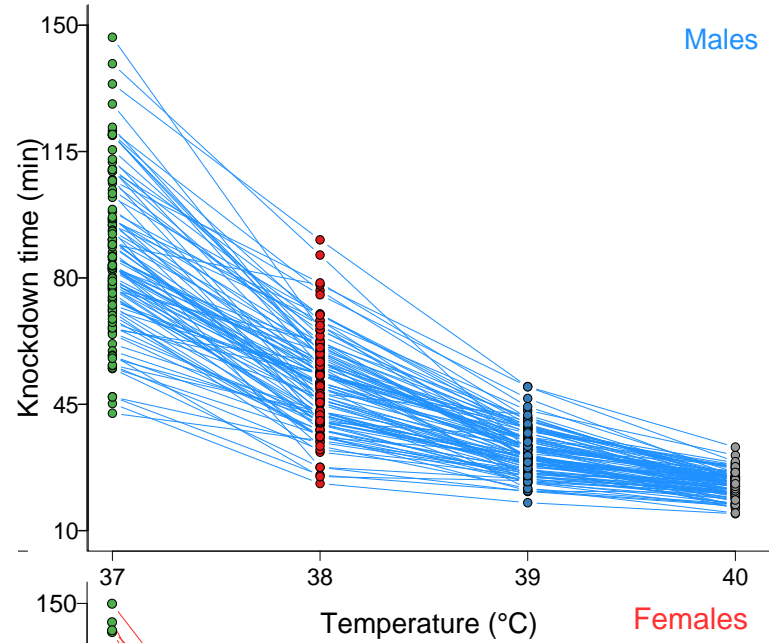
Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP)



100 genotipos DGRP x 2 sexos x 4 temperaturas x 5 replicas = 4000 moscas!!



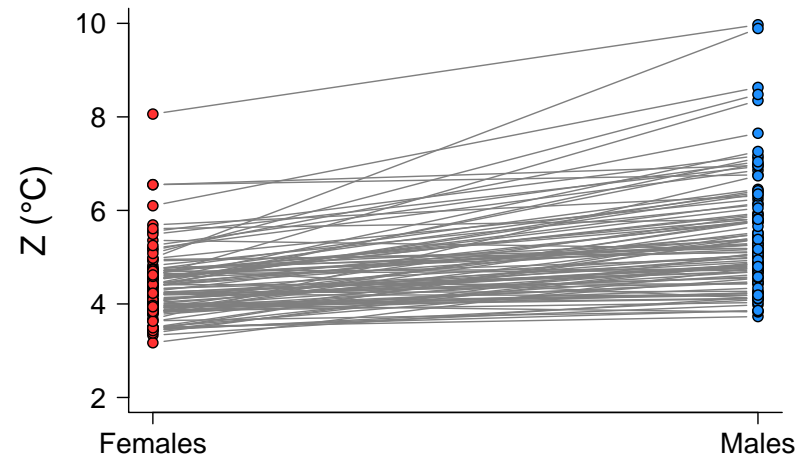
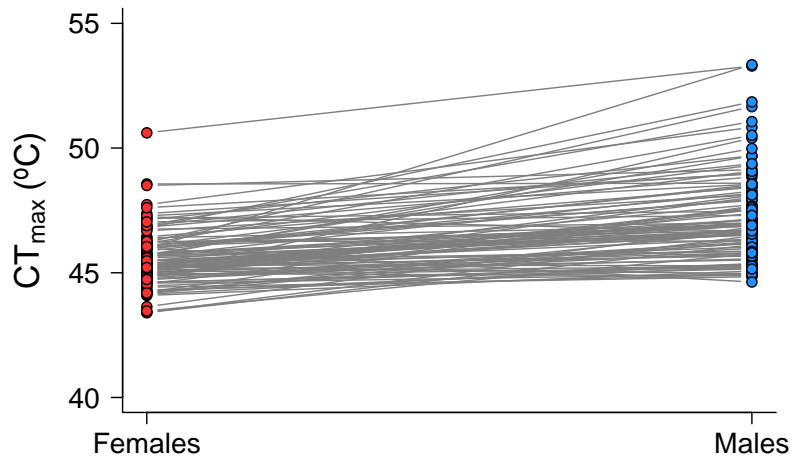
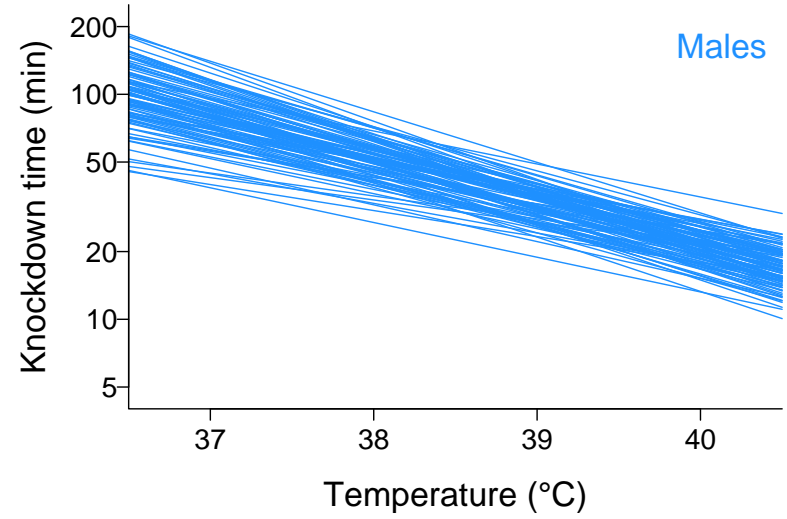
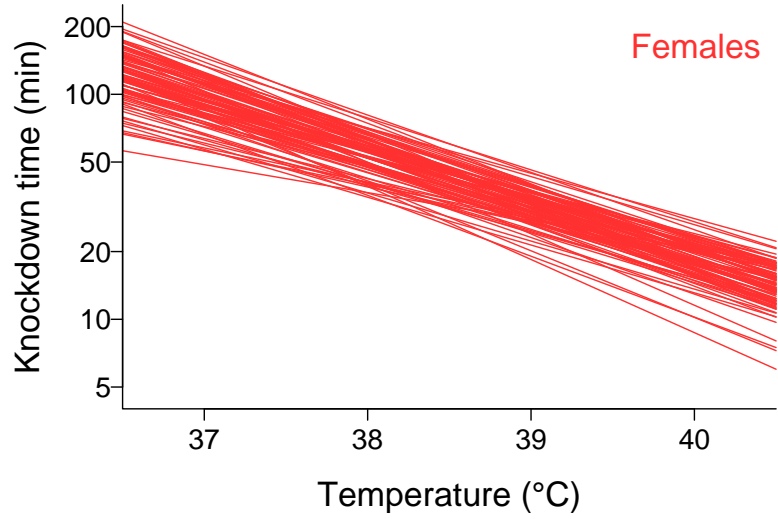
Genetics of thermal tolerance in *Drosophila melanogaster*



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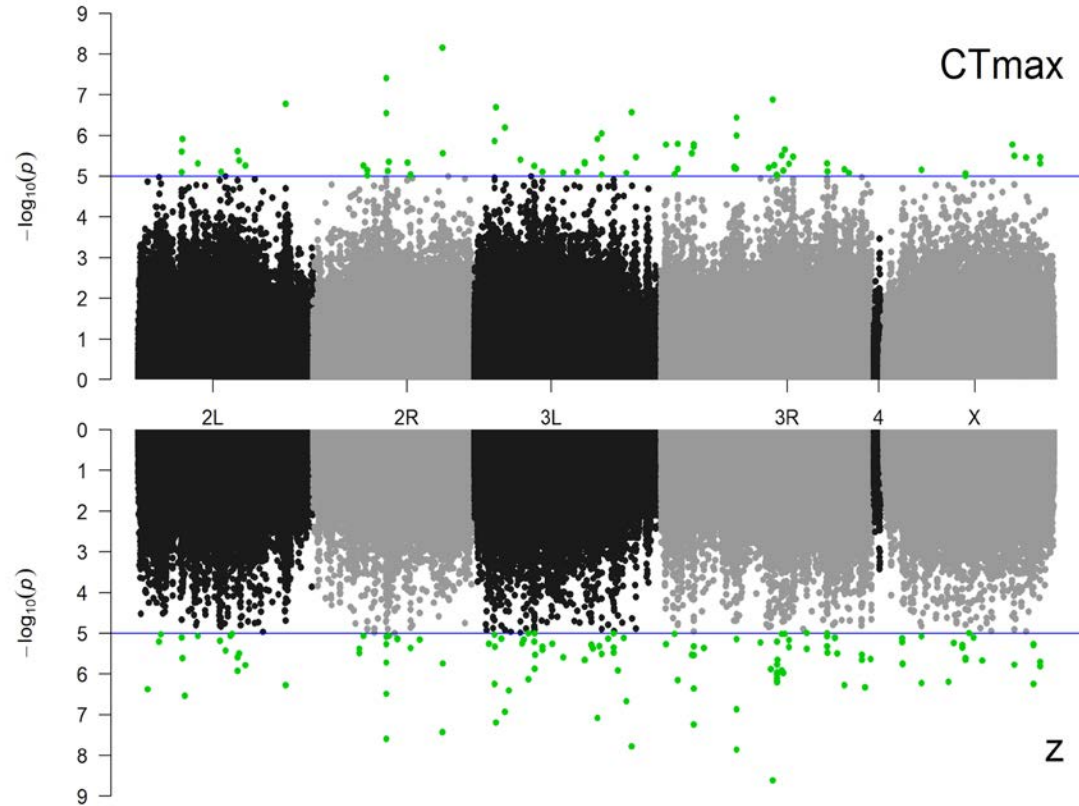
	37°C	38°C	39°C	40°C
37°C	0.47			
38°C	0.82	0.61		
39°C	0.63	0.83	0.49	
40°C	0.38	0.62	0.81	0.45

Genetics of thermal tolerance landscape in *Drosophila melanogaster*



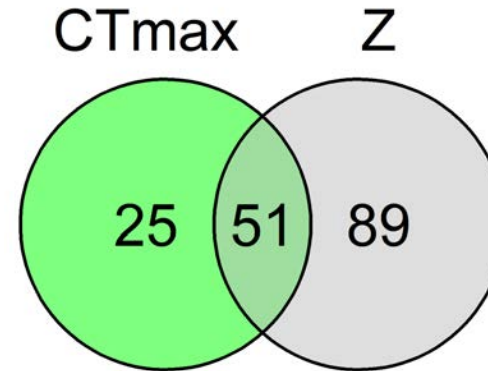
- Genetic variation on CT_{max} ($H^2 = 0.57$) and thermal sensitivity ($H^2 = 0.60$)
- Significant GxS on CT_{max} and thermal sensitivity (z)

Genetics of thermal tolerance in *Drosophila melanogaster*

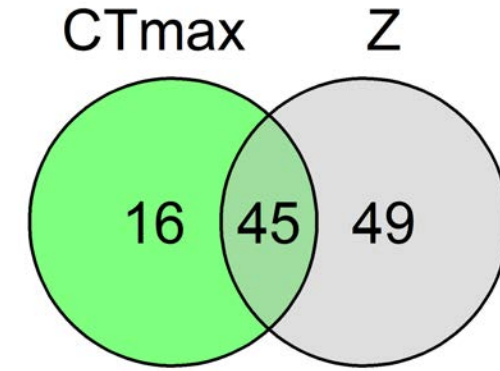


- Many candidate genes related to synapsis processing:
 - nAChRalpha5*: receptor subunits nicotinic acetylcholine
 - fife*: neurotransmitter release
 - syx6*: synaptic vesicles
 - cac*: presynaptic voltage-gated calcium channels

Allelic variants

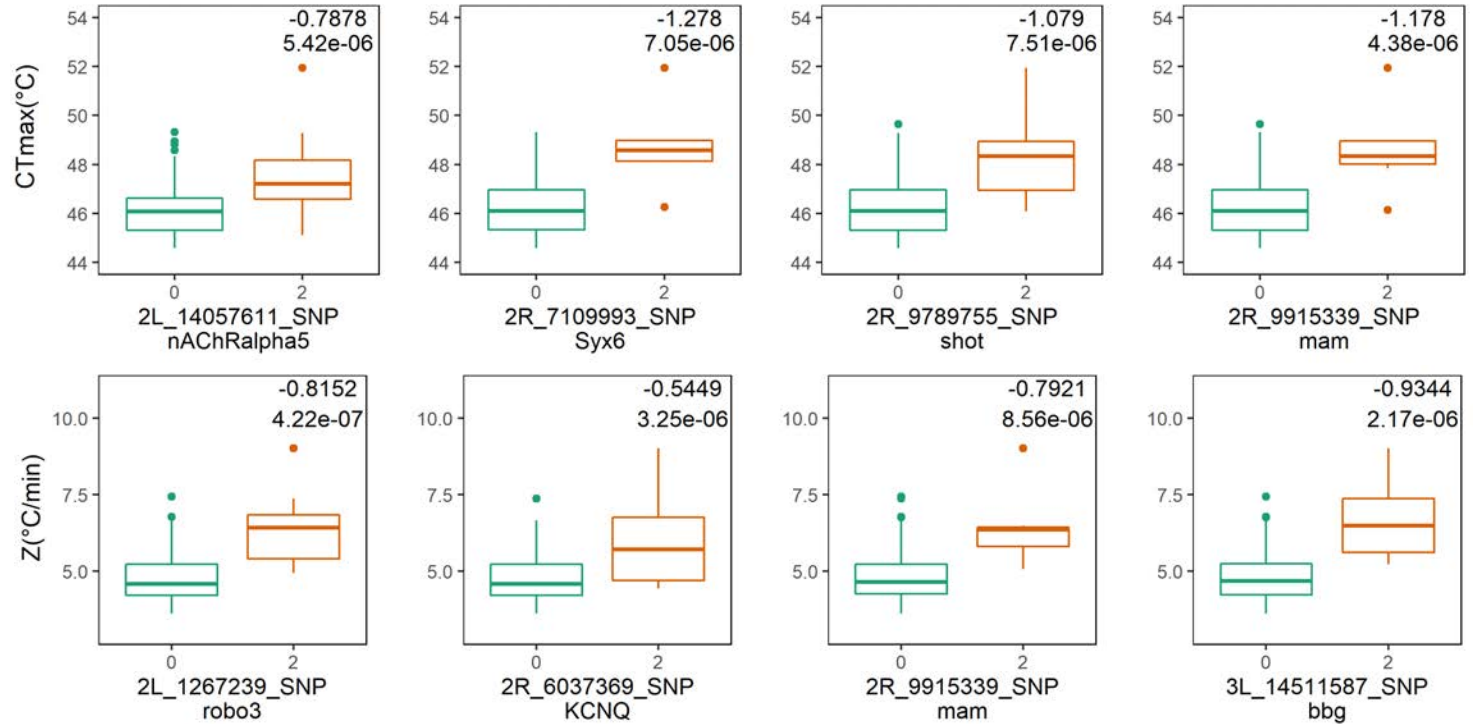
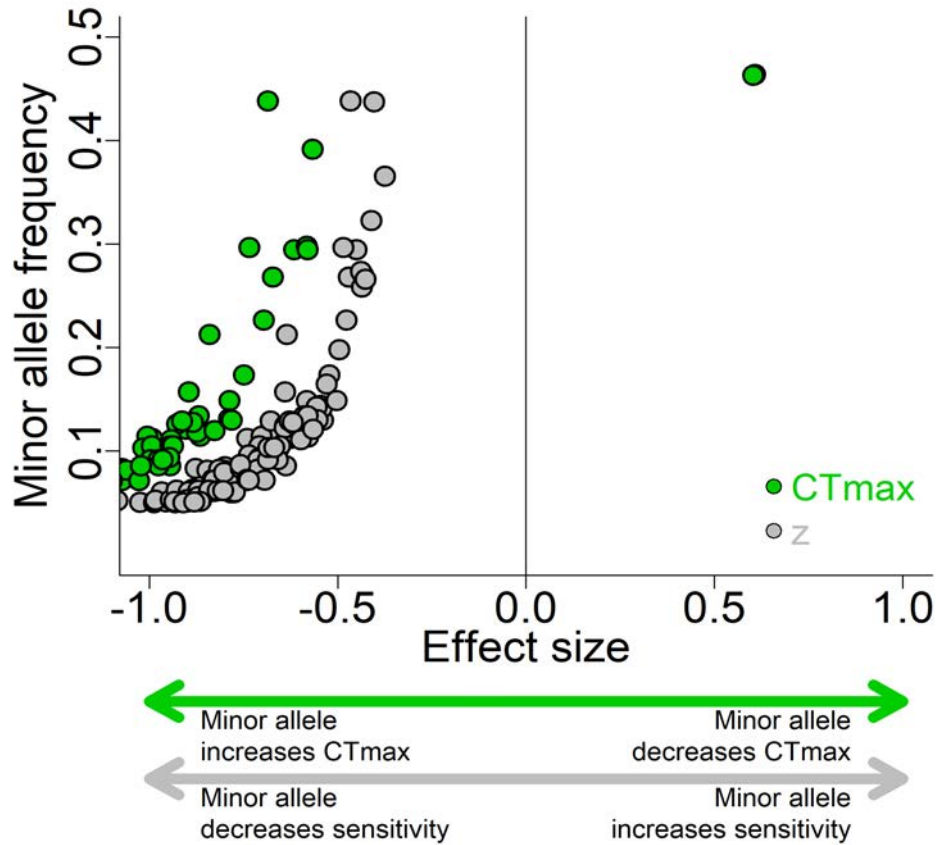


Candidate genes



ID	Gene ontology	Genes	Expected	FDR
Biological processes				
GO:0008587	imaginal disc-derived wing margin morphogenesis	5	0.32	6.79×10^{-2}
GO:0007267	cell-cell signaling	10	1.83	6.62×10^{-2}
Cellular component				
GO:0030054	cell junction	12	2.7	7.88×10^{-3}
GO:0005886	plasma membrane	25	8.64	5.08×10^{-4}

Genetics of thermal tolerance in *Drosophila melanogaster*

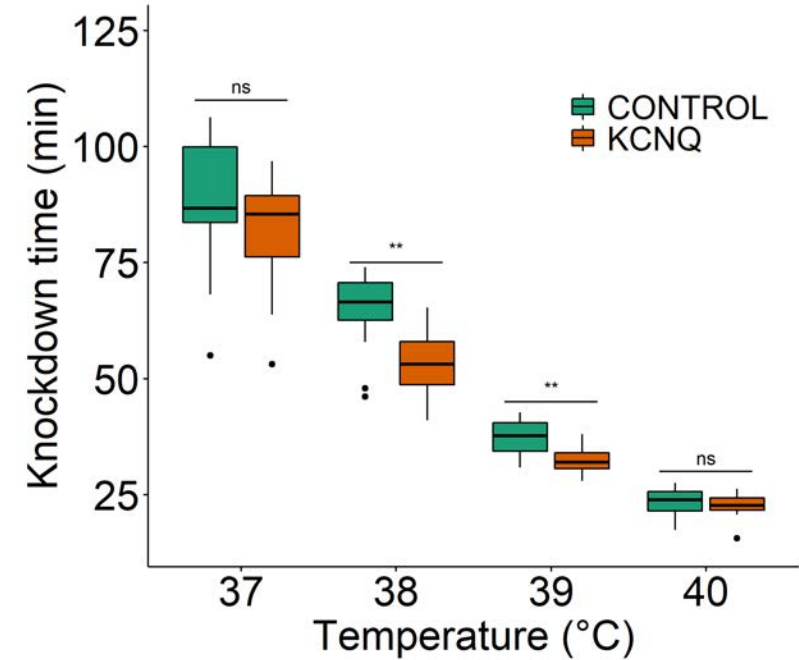
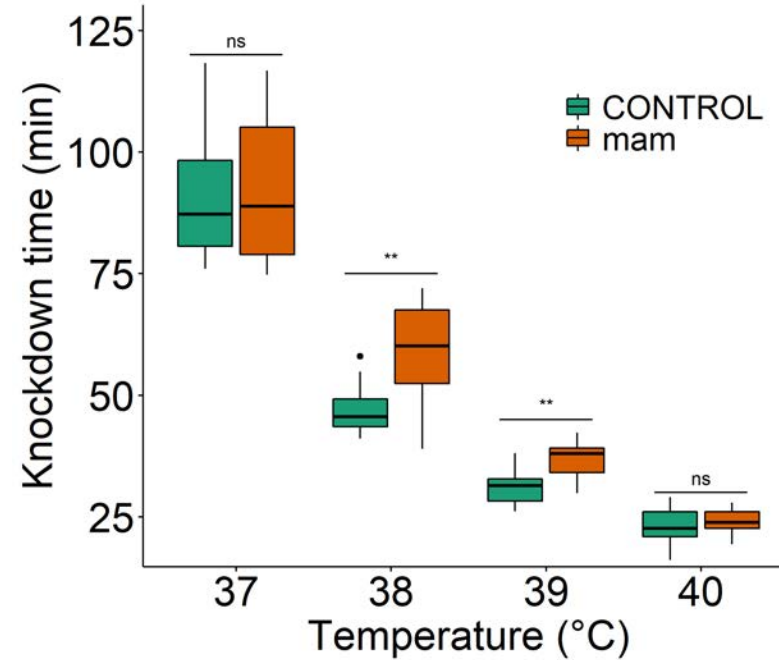
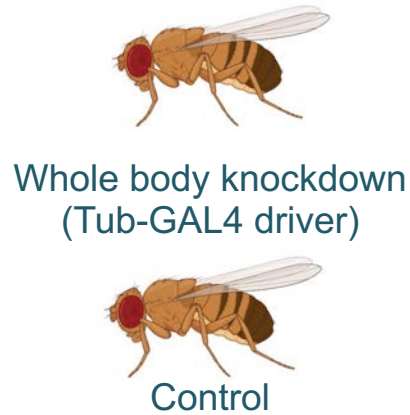


- Alleles with a high effect increasing CTmax are in low frequency in the DGRP.

Genetics of thermal tolerance in *Drosophila melanogaster*



Functional assays



Soto et al. *In preparation*

- 25% of candidate genes show latitudinal variation reported in previous studies:
 - East US: *ip63E*, *Ino80* and *MCO3*, *egg*
 - Europe: *mam*, *MCO3*, *corn* and *sug*
- Temporal variation between summer and autumn: *sug*, *Eip74EF*, *tei*, *cac*, *CG7737* and *CG34354*

Genetics of thermal tolerance in *Drosophila melanogaster*

Thermal tolerance has the capacity to evolve under temperature-related selection

The thermal tolerance landscape exhibits phenotypic plasticity, which should contribute to the adaptation to global warming

Genotype-by-environment and genotype-by-sex interactions could contribute to the maintenance of genetic populations under thermal selection

Candidate genes associated with the thermal tolerance landscape could be under selection in natural populations

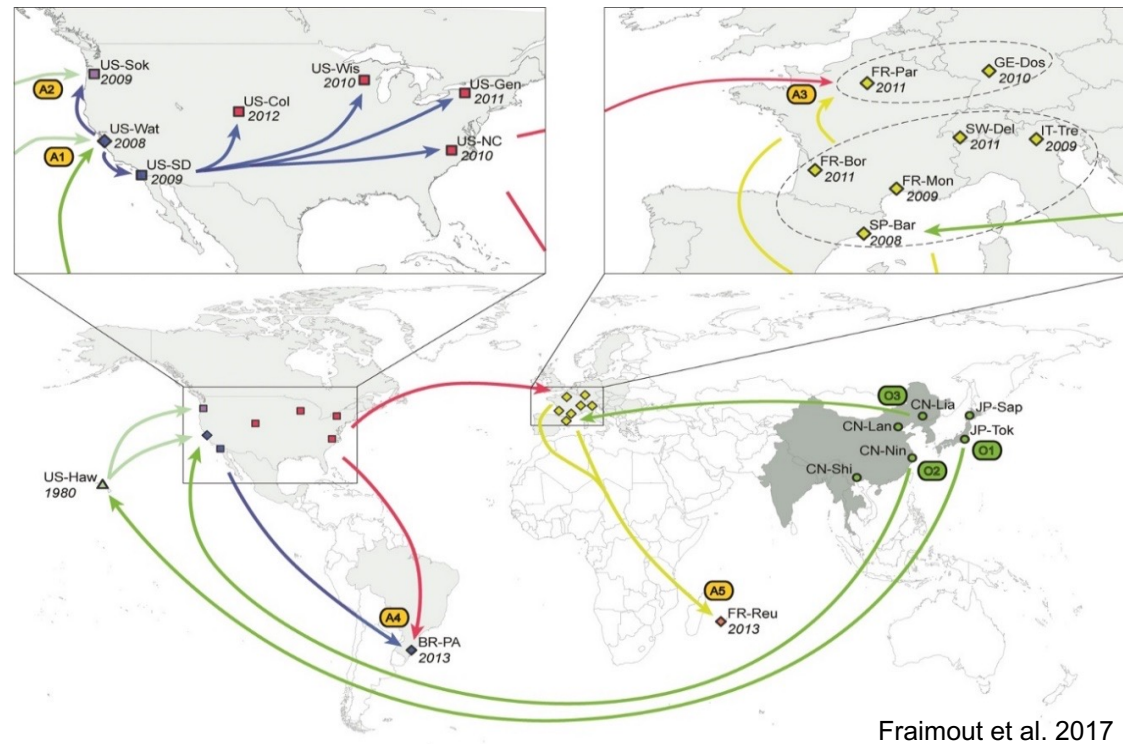


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suzukii***

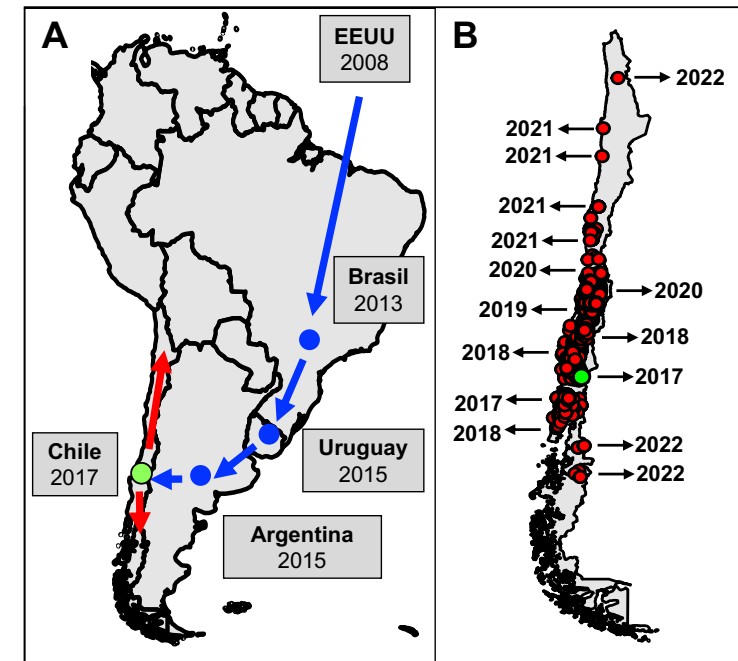
Invasion of *Drosophila suzukii* in Chile



The spotted wing *Drosophila* has an important impact on berries production in the world.



Invasion in North America and Europe has been well studied, but information in South America is missing.



Invasion of *Drosophila suzukii* in Chile



Genetic variation at mitochondrial level (COI)

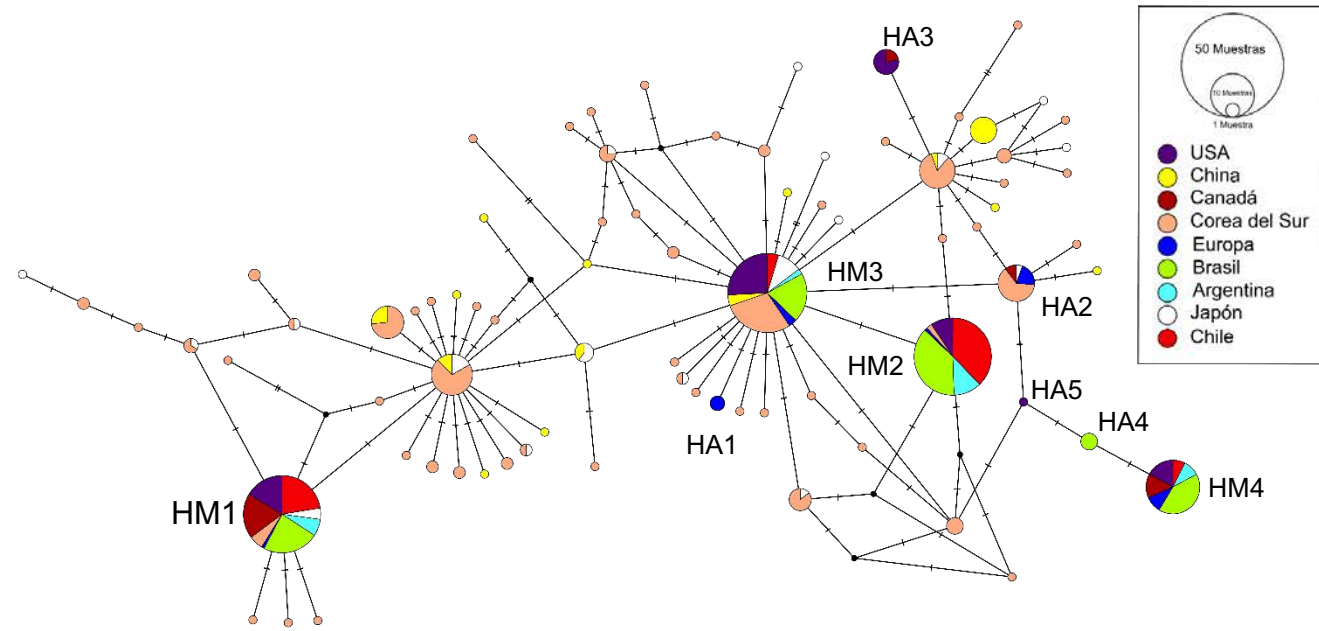
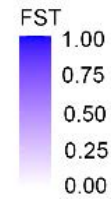
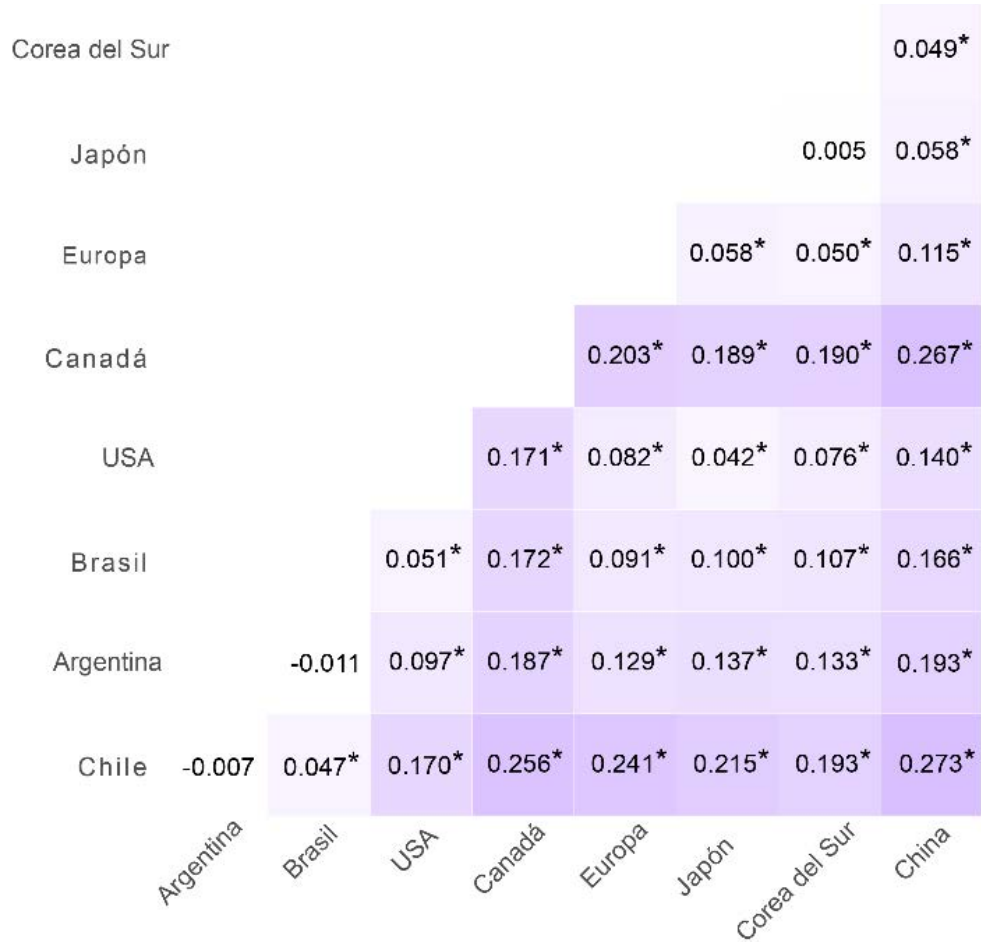
Population	samples size	Haplotypes	Diversity	Polymorphic sites	Range
Chile	58	4	0,591	7	Invasive
Argentina	22	4	0,710	7	Invasive
Brasil	91	5	0,760	7	Invasive
USA	60	6	0,766	9	Invasive
Canadá	26	4	0,578	8	Invasive
Europa	16	6	0,850	8	Invasive
China	32	14	0,877	13	Native
Japón	35	18	0,913	18	Native
Corea del Sur	159	58	0,942	39	Native

Invasive populations show a low number of haplotypes, low genetic diversity and reduced genetic polymorphism

Invasion of *Drosophila suzukii* in Chile

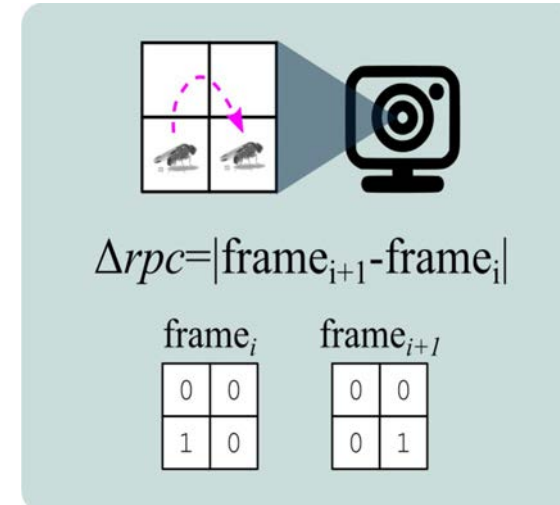
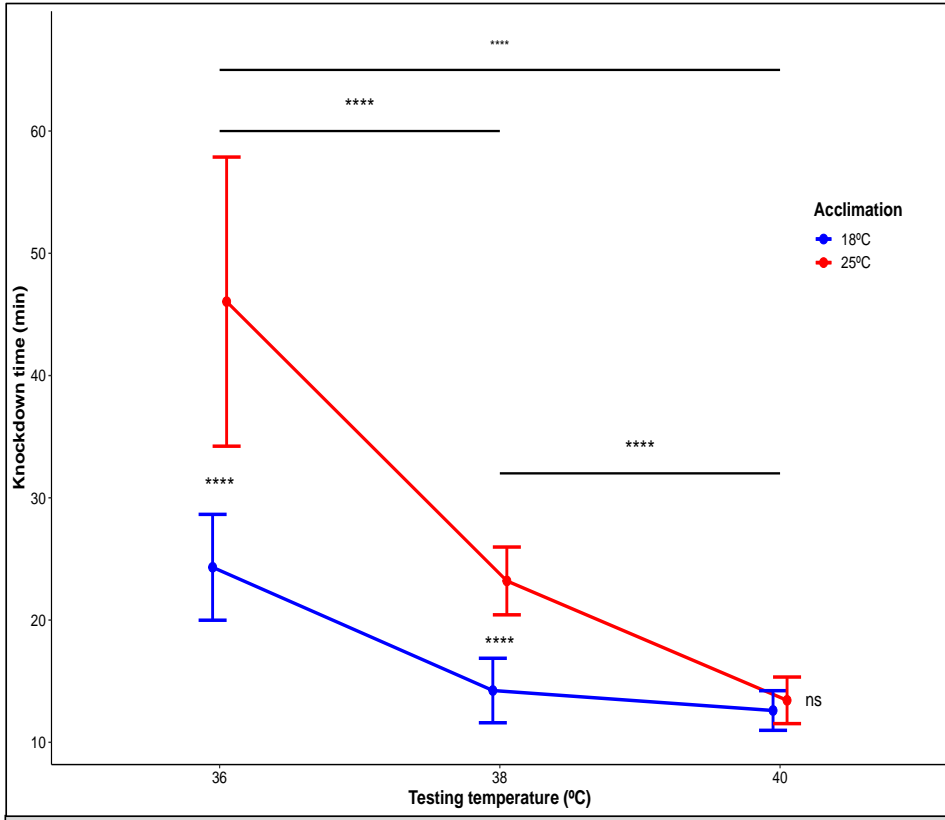
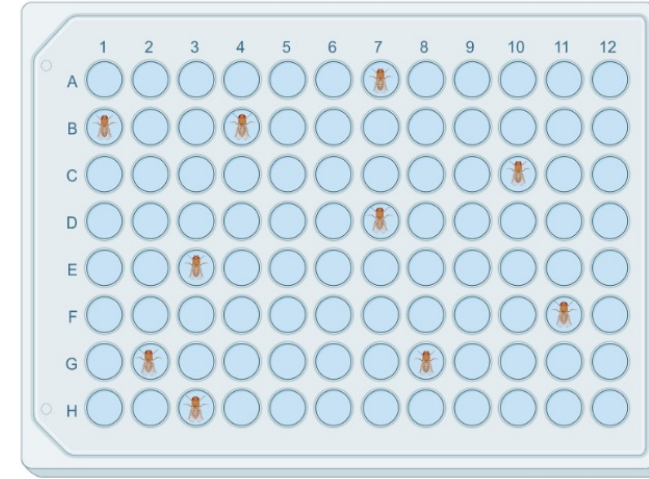
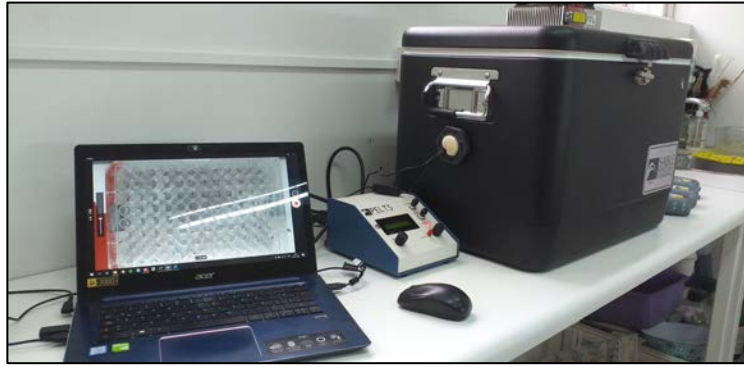


Genetic differentiation at mitochondrial level (COI)



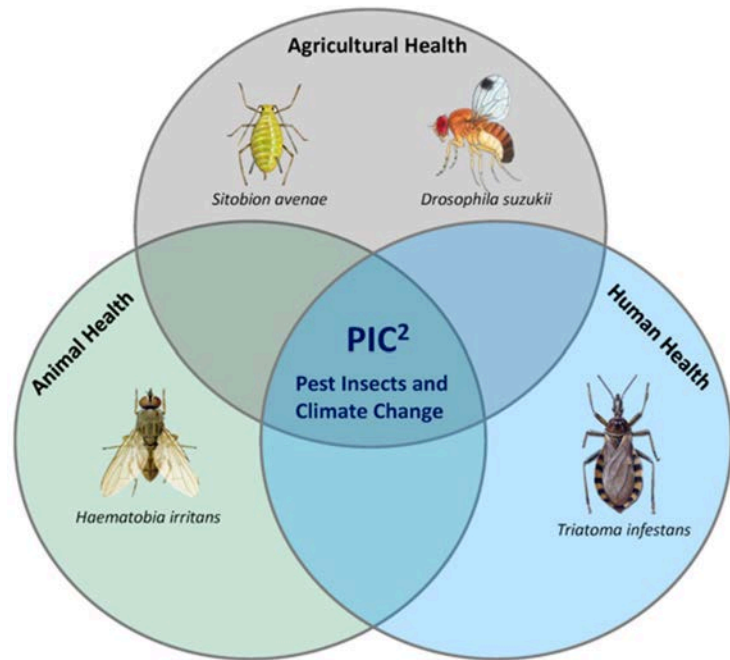
Chilean populations has the most common haplotypes and is show a low differentiation with Argentinean populations.

Thermal tolerance of *Drosophila suzukii*



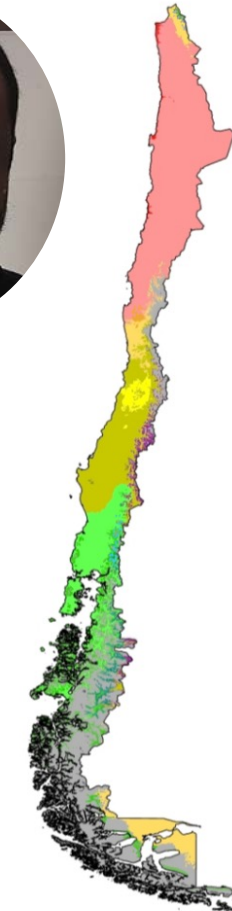
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Research Ring in Pest Insects and Climate Change (PIC²)



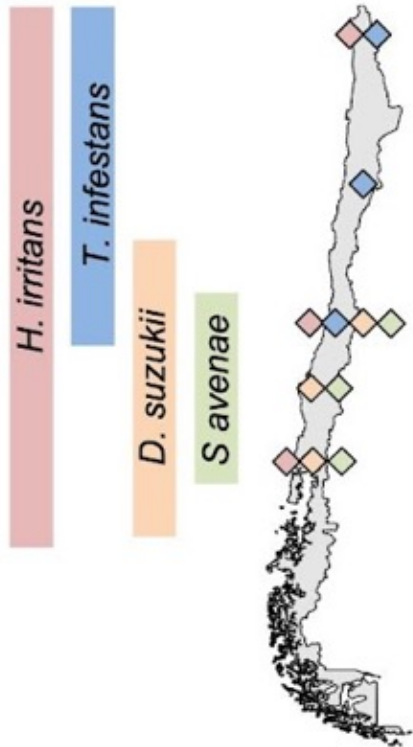
MAIN GOAL

to investigate the genetic, phenotypic, and ecological bases explaining the redistribution and adaptations in response to temperature and management practices in pest insects relevant to food security and public health.



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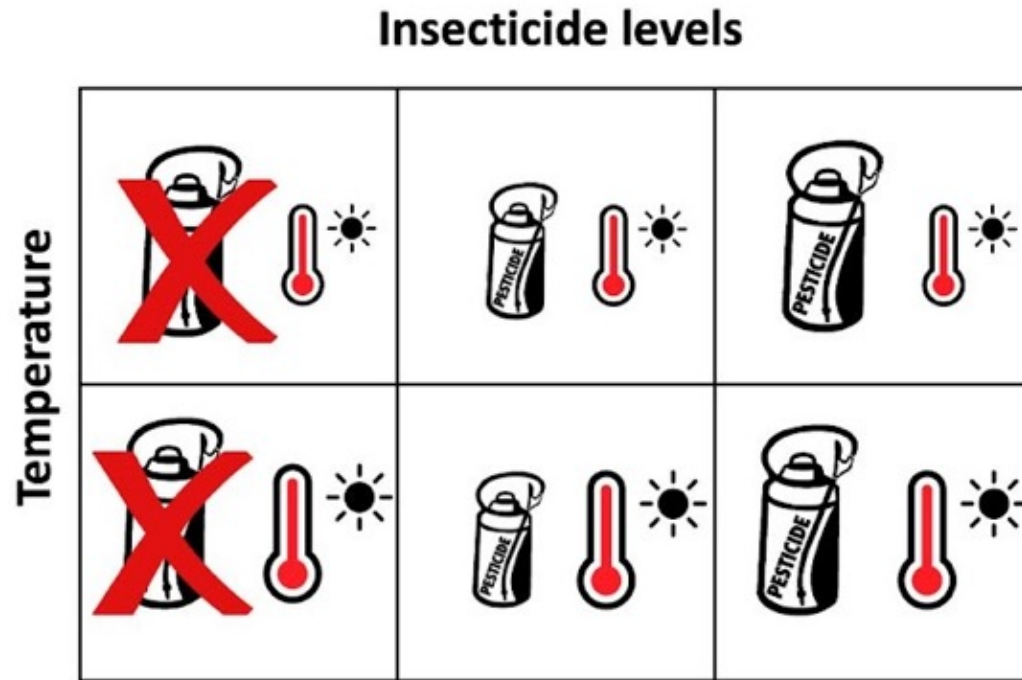
Sampling



Whole-genome sequencing

Metabarcoding

Common-garden experiment



Phenotyping

Size and shape variation
Fluctuating asymmetry

Metabolic rate
Energy expenditure

Cold tolerance
Heat tolerance

Gene expression
candidate genes

Invasion of *Drosophila suzukii* in Chile

Recent introduction and rapid geographic expansion

Reduced genetic diversity

Phenotypic plasticity in physiological traits as thermal tolerance

Next steps include to investigate the contribution of local adaptation and phenotypic level to the rapid spreading and establishment of this invasive range in a extensive geographic/climatic range in Chile

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