

# Research and Development of Hemp Genetics in Colorado



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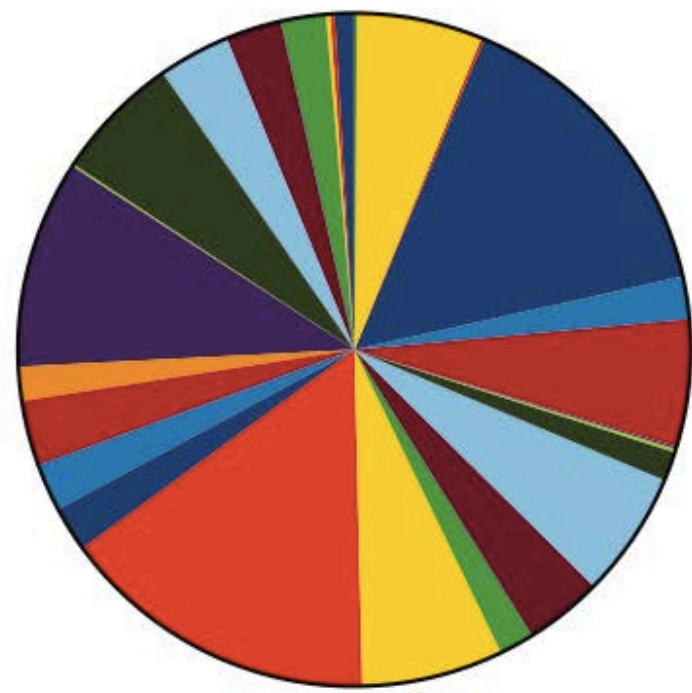
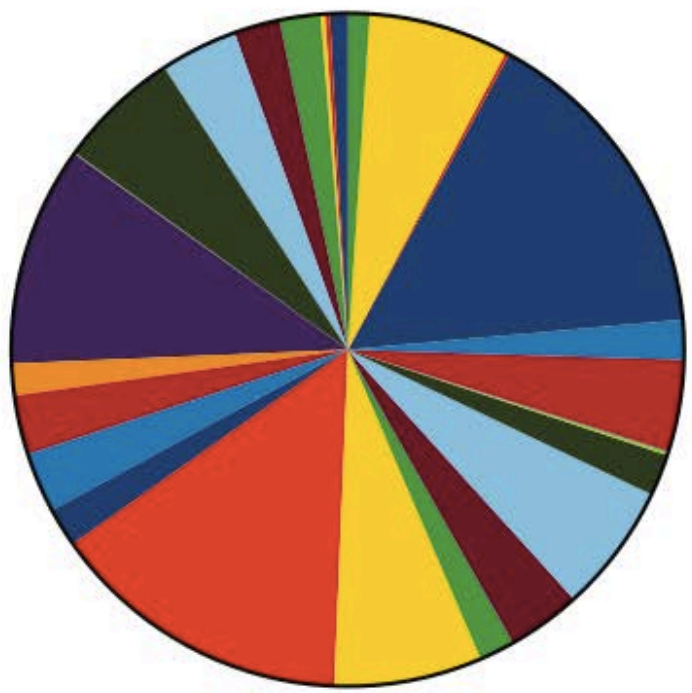
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- Understanding the Genome
- Evolutionary history of Cannabis
- Genetics of key traits
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**(a)** *Cannabis sativa*

**(b)** *Arabidopsis thaliana*



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|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ■ Calcium-binding protein  | ■ Oxidoreductase     | ■ Extracellular matrix protein | ■ Surfactant               |
| ■ Cell adhesion molecule   | ■ Phosphatase        | ■ Hydrolase                    | ■ Transcription factor     |
| ■ Cell junction protein    | ■ Protease           | ■ Isomerase                    | ■ Transfer/carrier protein |
| ■ Chaperone                | ■ Receptor           | ■ Ligase                       | ■ Transferase              |
| ■ Cytoskeletal protein     | ■ Signaling molecule | ■ Lyase                        | ■ Transmembrane protein    |
| ■ Defense/immunity protein | ■ Storage protein    | ■ Membrane traffic protein     | ■ Transporter              |
| ■ Enzyme modulator         | ■ Structural protein | ■ Nucleic acid binding         | ■ Viral protein            |



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# Collaborators

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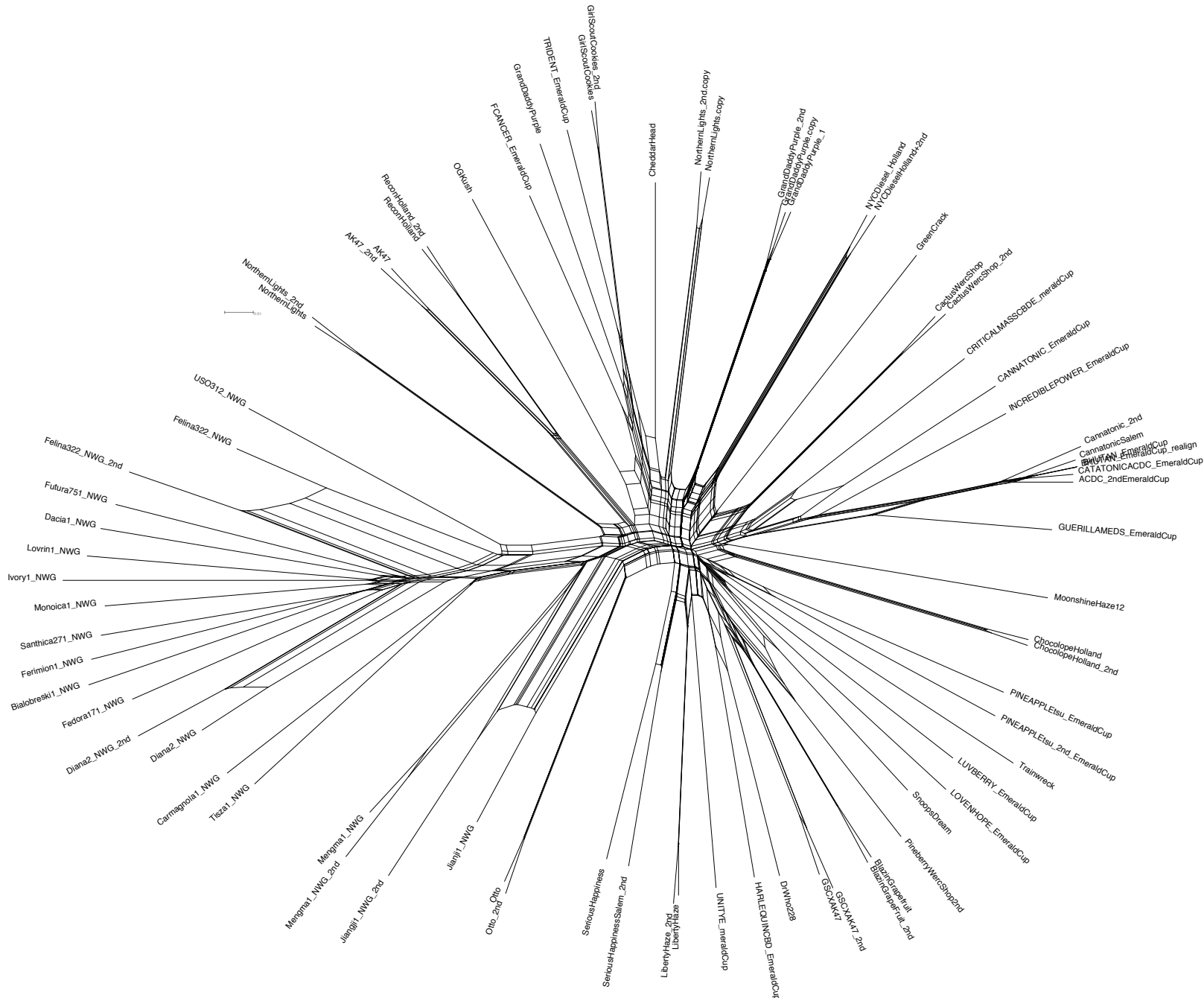
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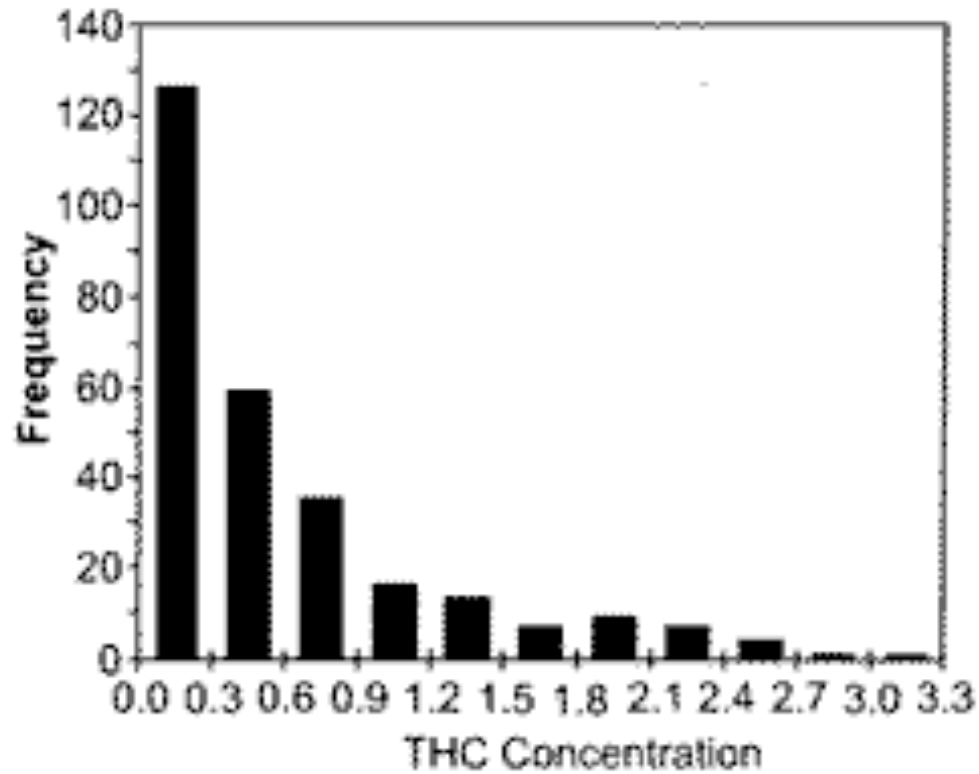
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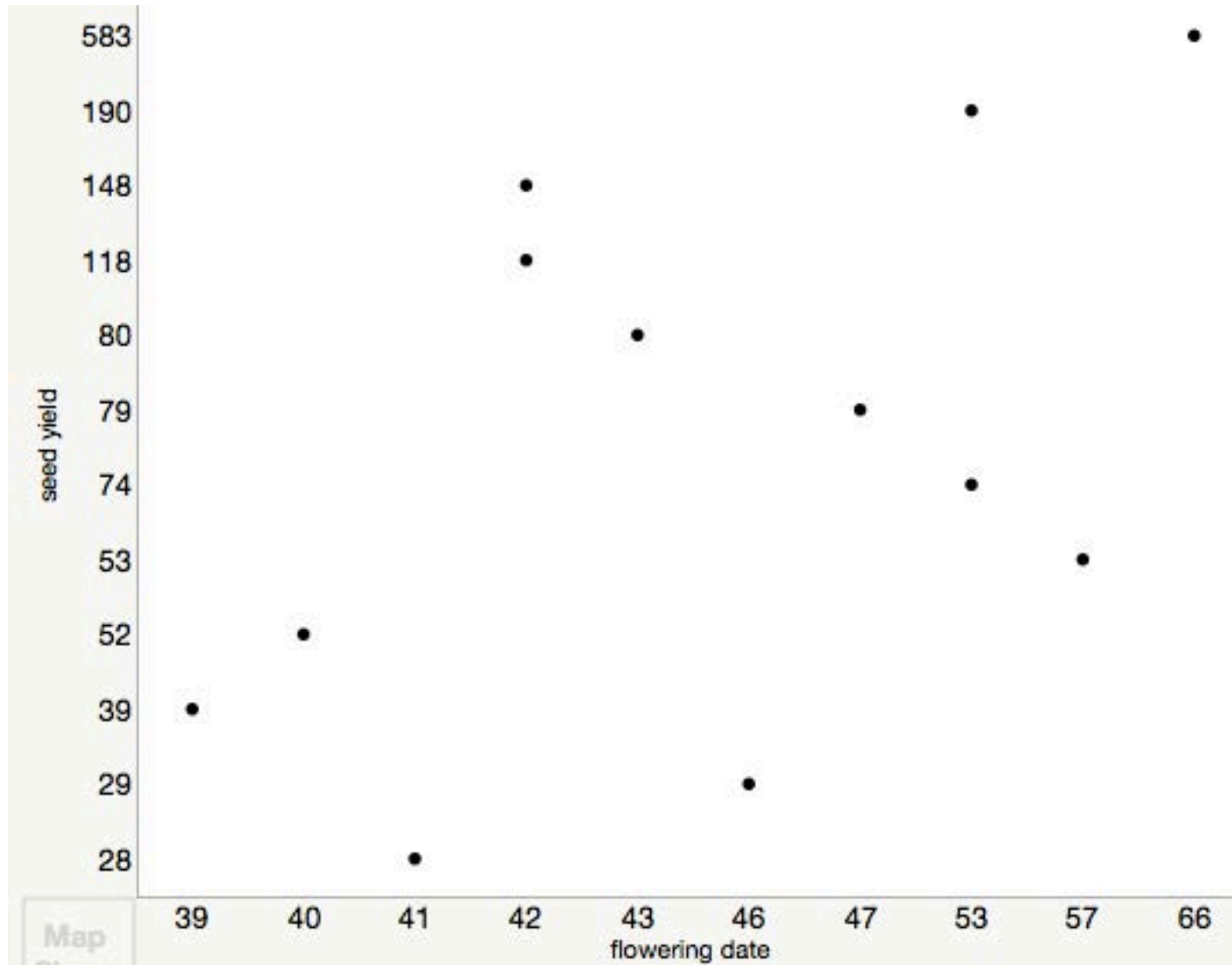
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Variety	Latitude	Origin	Type
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Carmagnola	45	Italy	Dioecious
Dacia	45	Romania	Monoecious
Diana	45	Romania	Monoecious
Lovrin	46	Romania	Monoecious
Tisza	46	Hungary	Monoecious
Monoica	46	Hungary	Monoecious
Fédora 17	48	France	Monoecious
Félina 32	48	France	Monoecious
Férimon	48	France	Monoecious
Futura 75	48	France	Monoecious
Santhica 27	48	France	Monoecious
Bialobreskie	52	Poland	Monoecious
Tygra	52	Poland	Monoecious
Usó 31	53	Ukraine	Monoecious

# Birds like to eat Hemp Grain





# Genetics of key traits

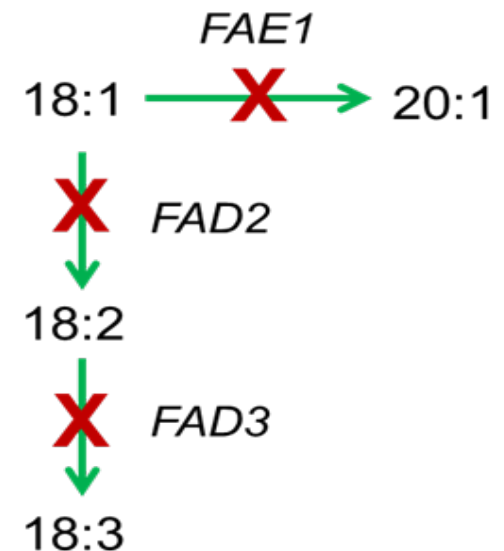
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Seed fatty acid composition of ten industrial hemp cultivars.

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Anka	6.74	2.82	12.74	55.79	15.58
CanMa	6.98	2.34	11.11	56.18	16.04
CFX1	6.87	2.30	11.17	56.58	16.35
CFX2	6.71	2.20	10.76	56.14	16.37
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Finola	6.94	2.08	9.38	56.16	17.27
Jutta	6.75	2.73	13.00	55.56	15.02
Yvonne	6.66	2.70	12.43	55.70	16.00
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Max.	6.98	2.82	13.00	56.58	17.27
Min.	6.66	2.08	9.38	55.56	14.69
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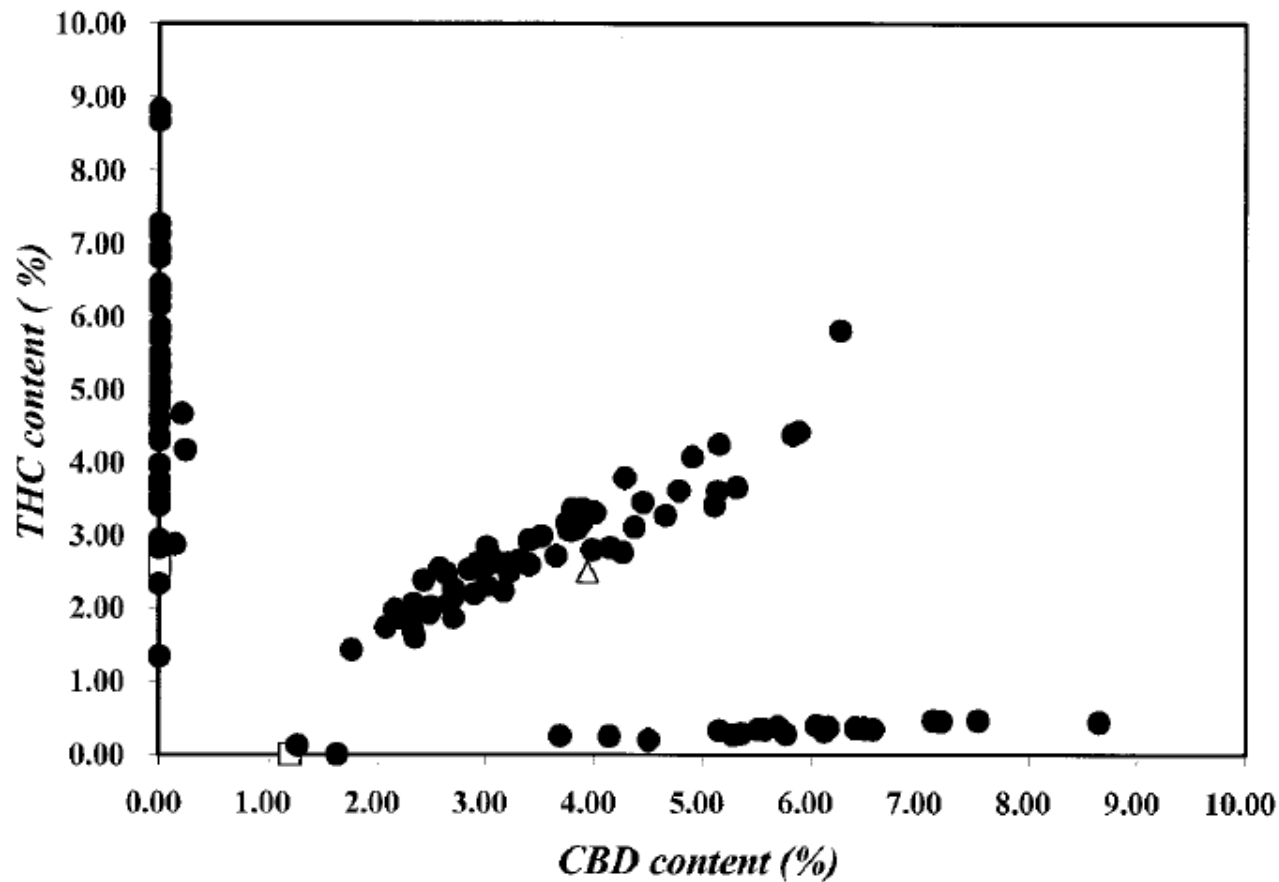
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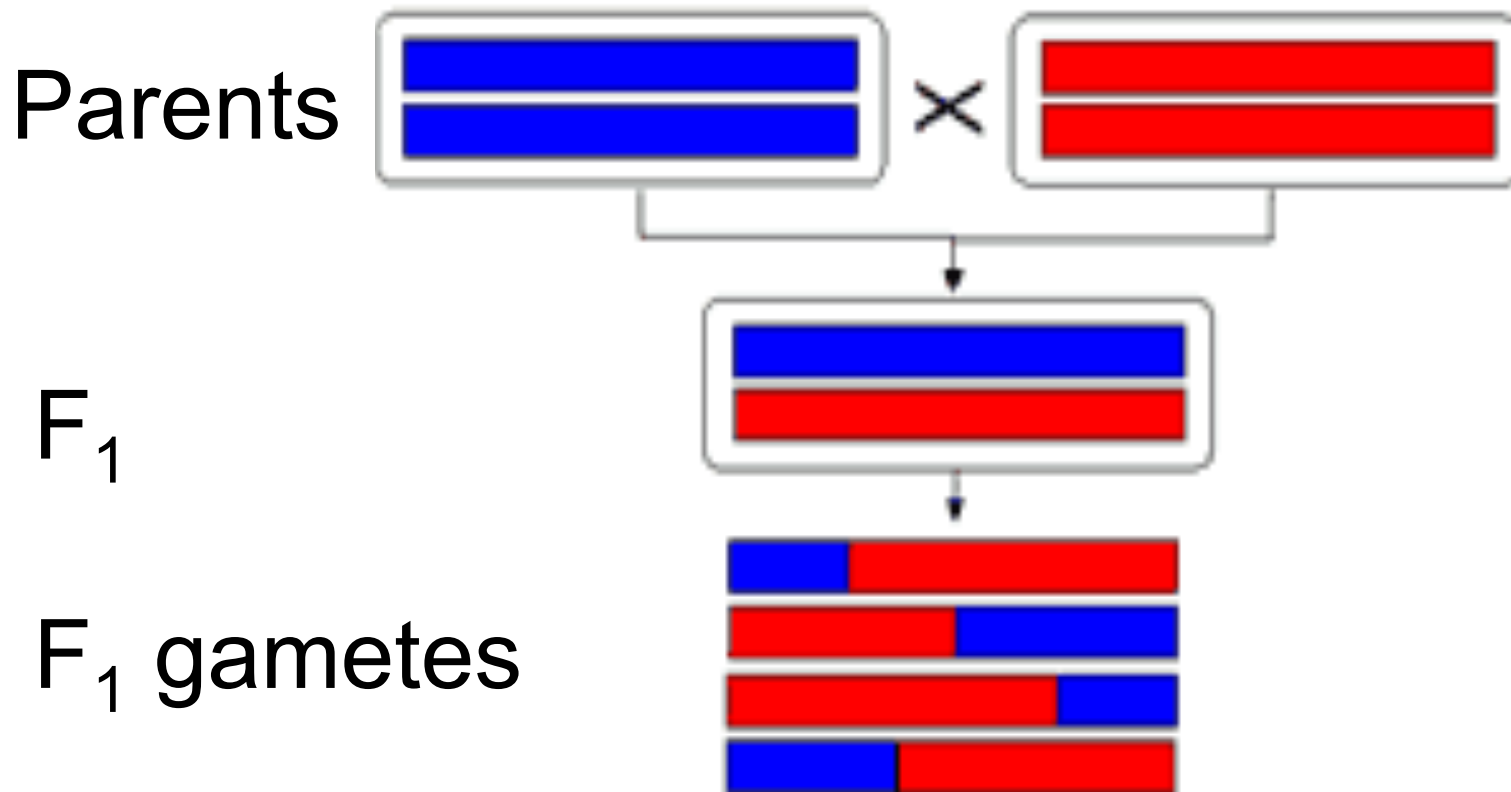


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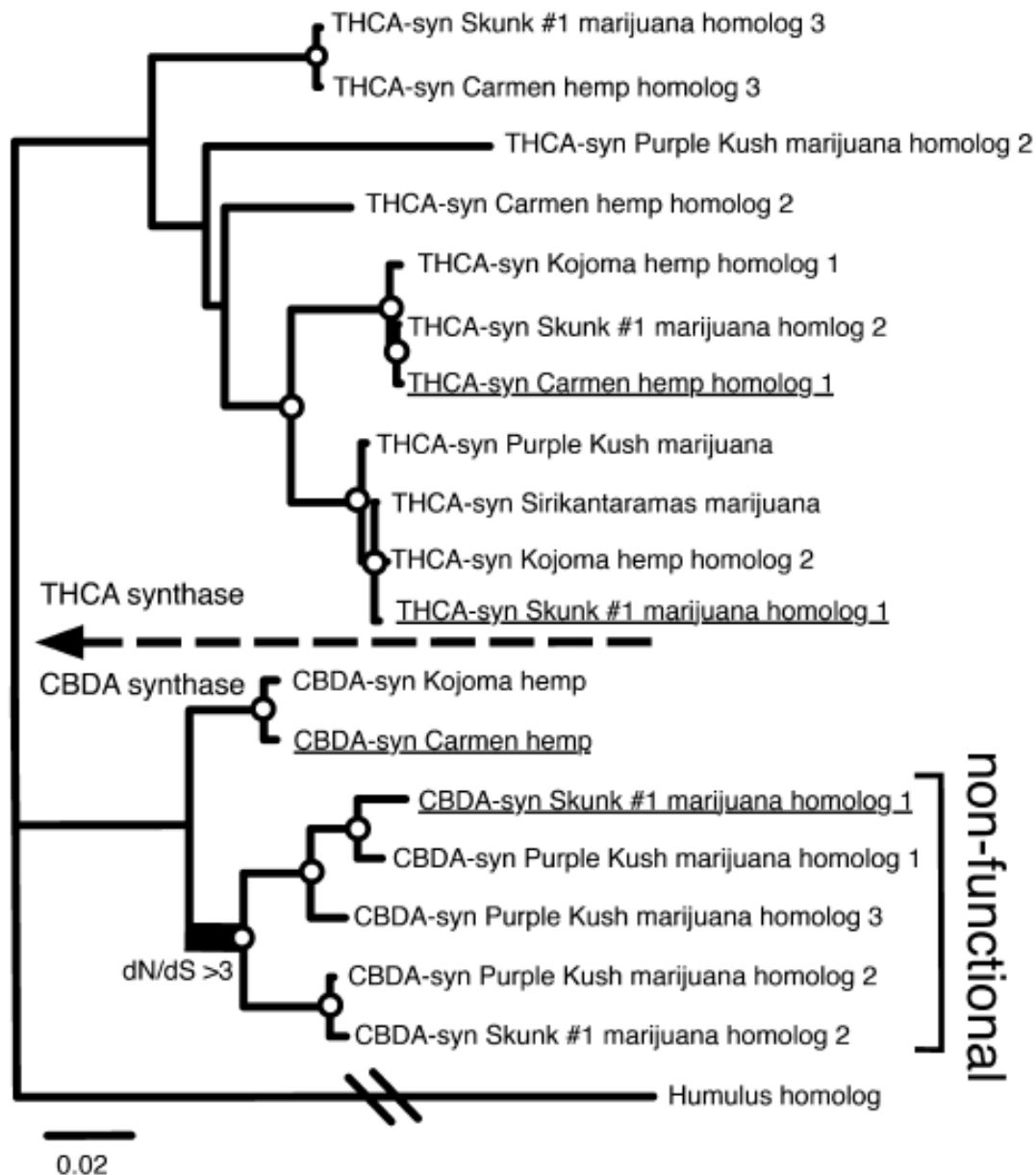
## The Inheritance of Chemical Phenotype in *Cannabis sativa* L.

Etienne P. M. de Meijer,<sup>\*,1</sup> Manuela Bagatta,<sup>†</sup> Andrea Carboni,<sup>†</sup> Paola Crucitti,<sup>†</sup>  
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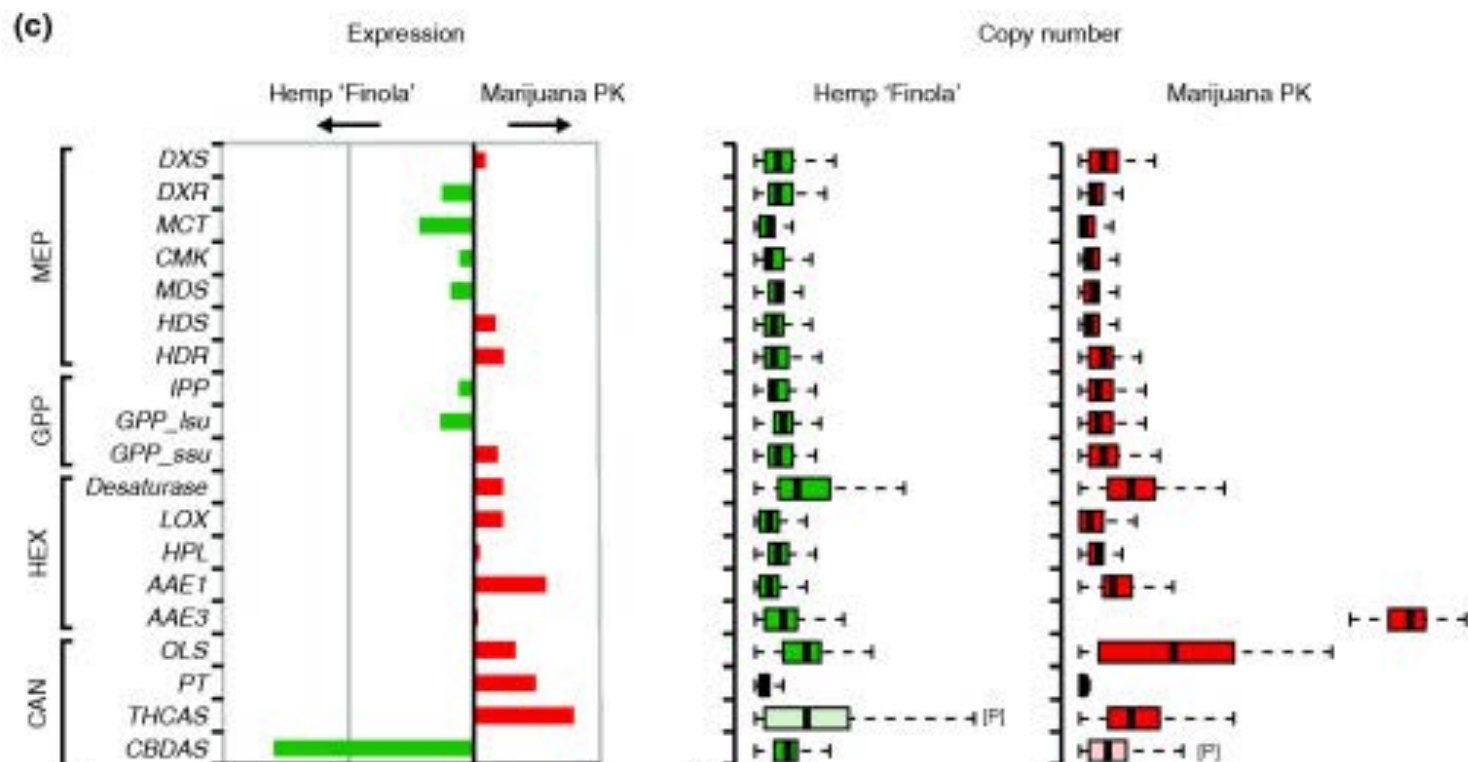
# Recombination







Gene duplication and divergence affecting drug content in *Cannabis sativa*



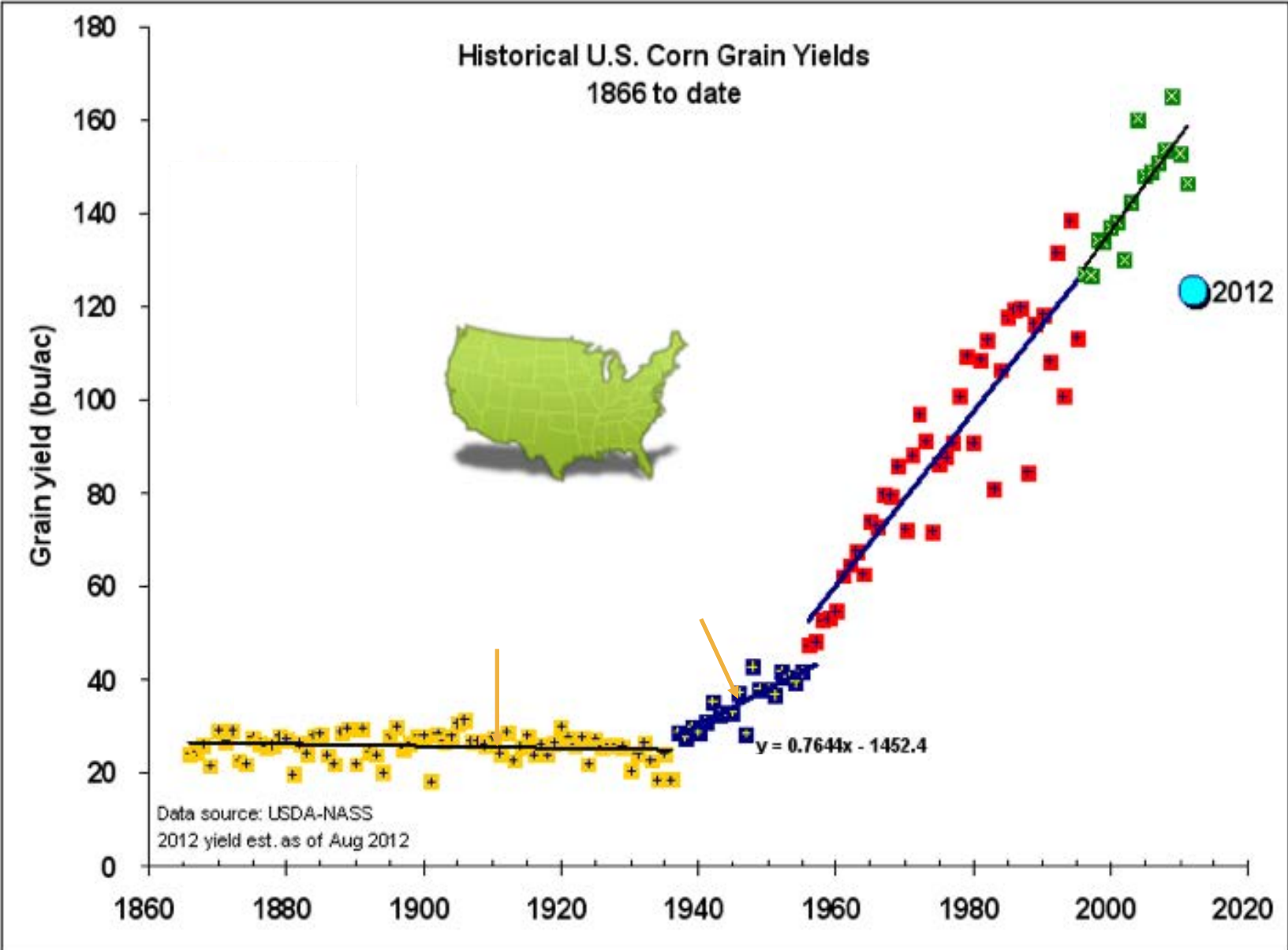
# The draft genome and transcriptome of *Cannabis sativa*

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traditional breeding + modern genomics =  
hemp varieties optimized for  
US Markets  
and large scale production





NEW WEST GENETICS



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Director of Breeding  
Inventor on 5 Plant Patents

# Team

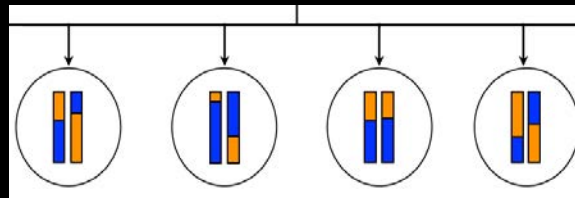
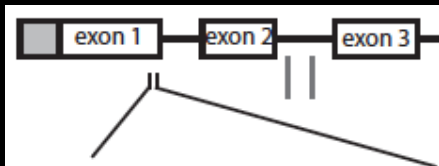


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# The Breeding Cycle



Genetic Discoveries

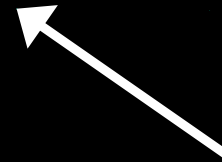
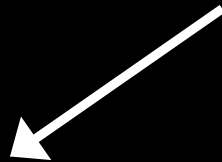


Phenotyping

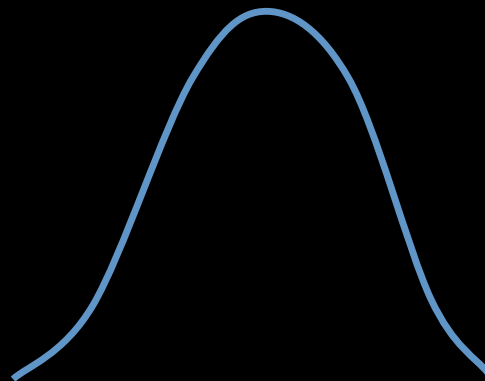
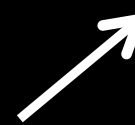


Selection

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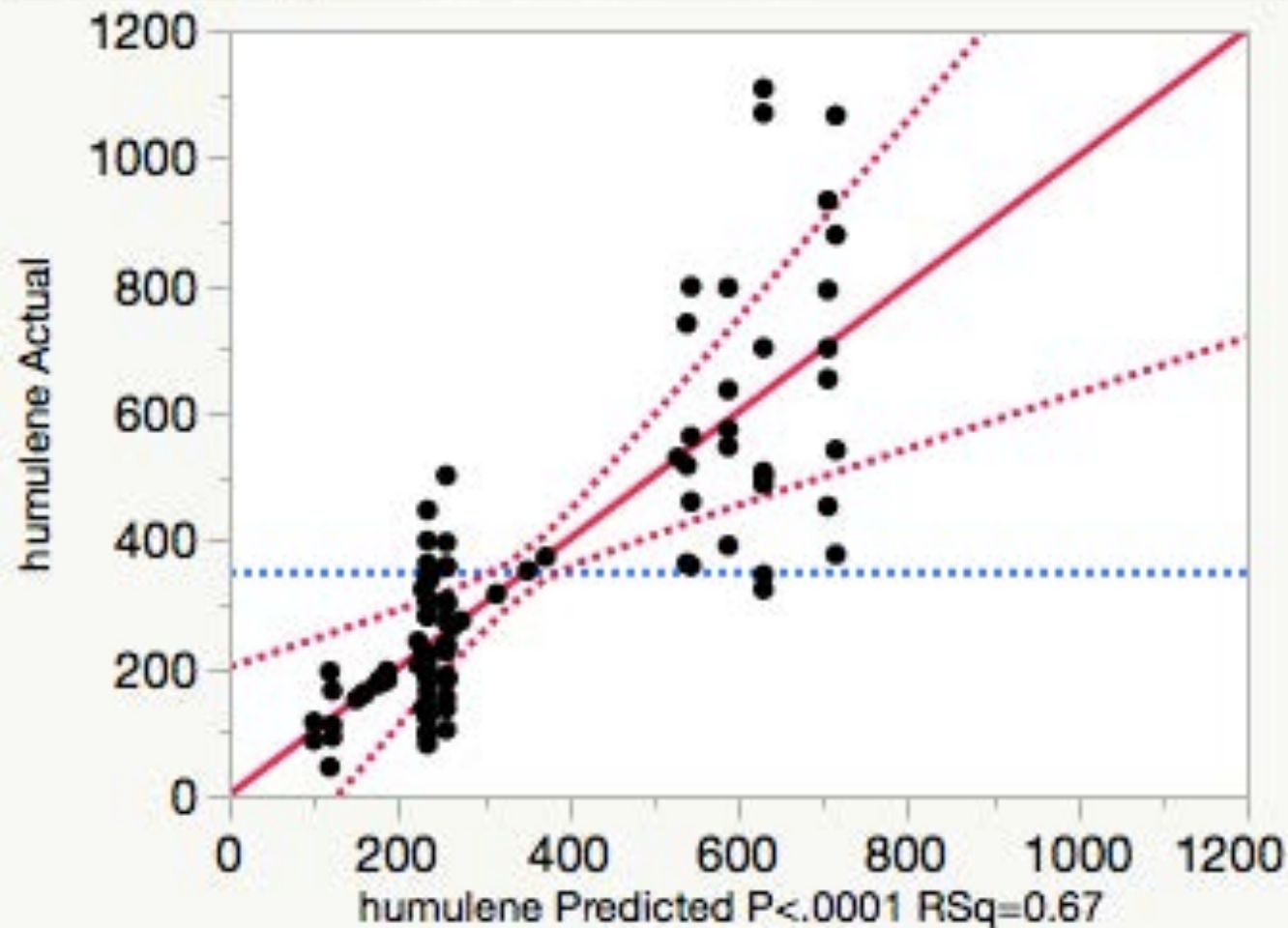


Increased Yield



# Breeding for Terpenoids

## ▼ Actual by Predicted Plot

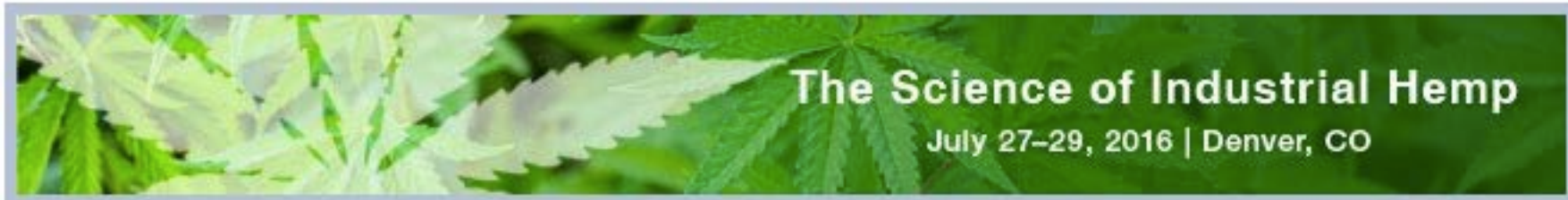




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- Genetics and Evolution
- Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Agronomy and Production
- Market and Value Chain



<https://www.crops.org/meetings/hemp-meeting/program>



# Questions?

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# Seed Yield Estimates

