

December 2025, Quedlinburg. Faba bean Workshop at JKI. Wolfgang Link:
Faba bean's dialogue across generations. The Old; the Untold; the New. And you: Breed for good - feed and food.



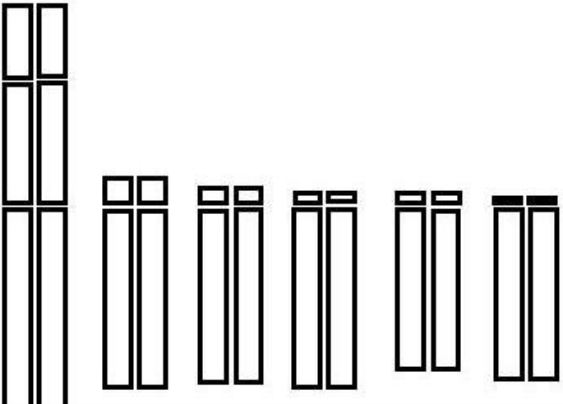
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After Fuchs et al., 1998. Chromosome Research 6, 219-230

Dormer, 1954. Symmetry. Zig-Zag. Vascular connection. Annals of Botany 18(69).

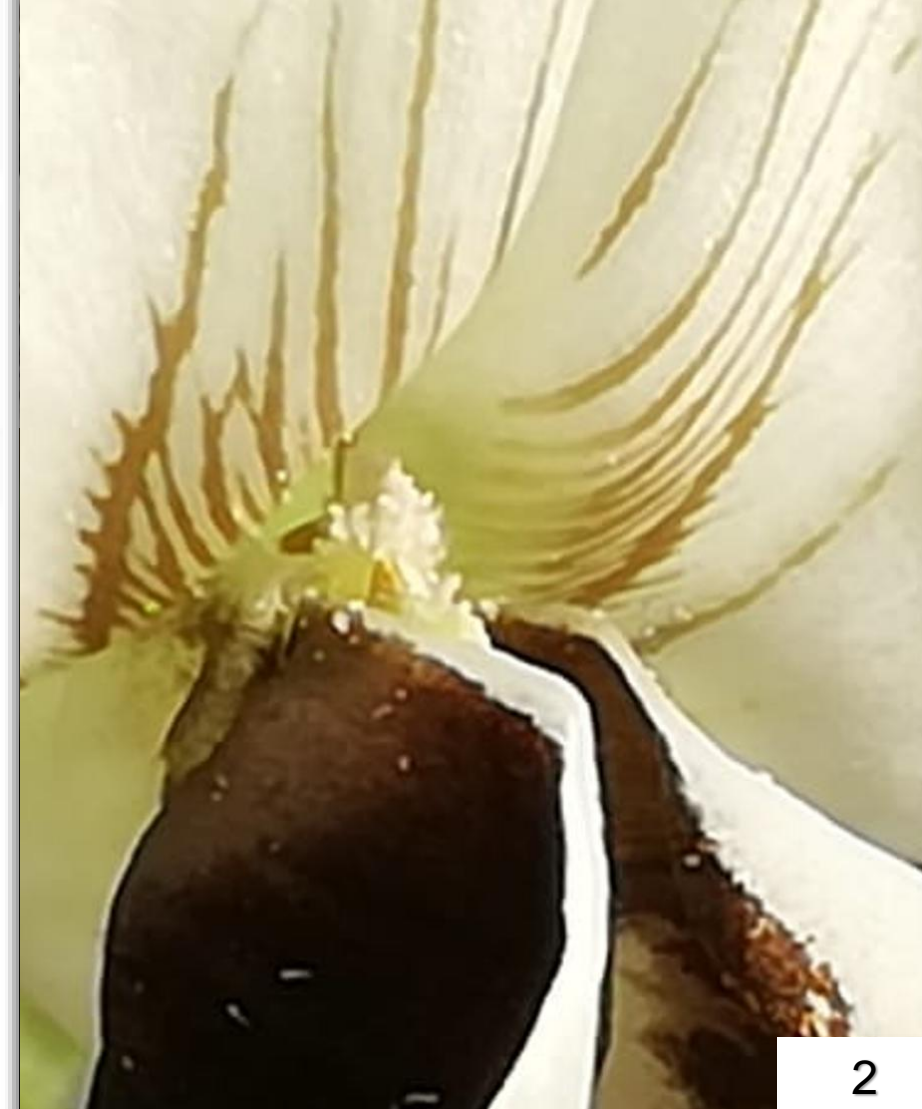


The plant.

Leaflets. Leave. Flower. Inflorescence. Raceme. Indeterminate vs. Determinate Growth. Juvenile and adult leaves. Stipule spot. Extrafloral nectaries.

ILB 938, a valuable faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) accession

H. Khazaei^{1*}, W. Link², K. Street³ and F. L. Stoddard⁴
DOI 10.1017/S1479262118000205

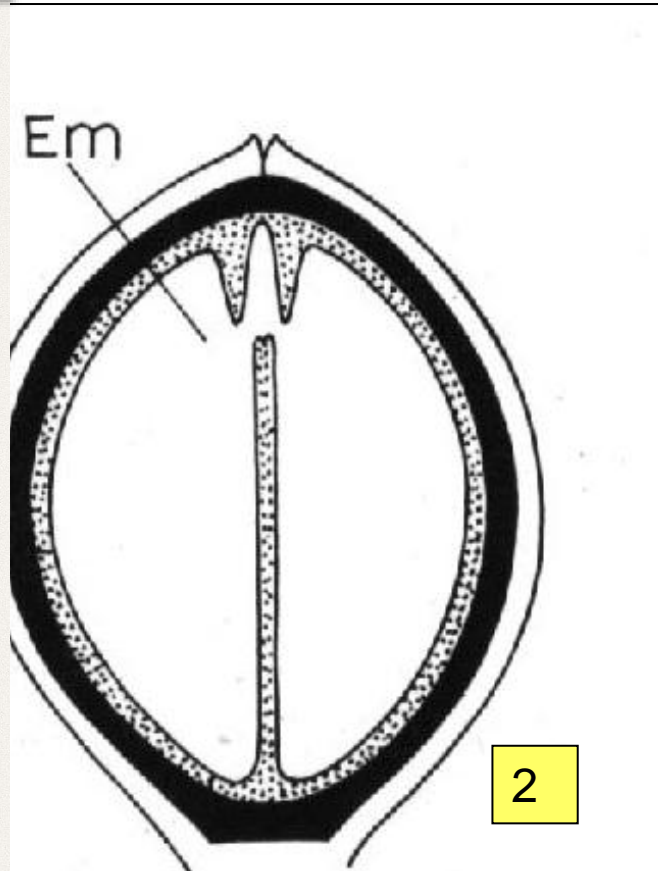
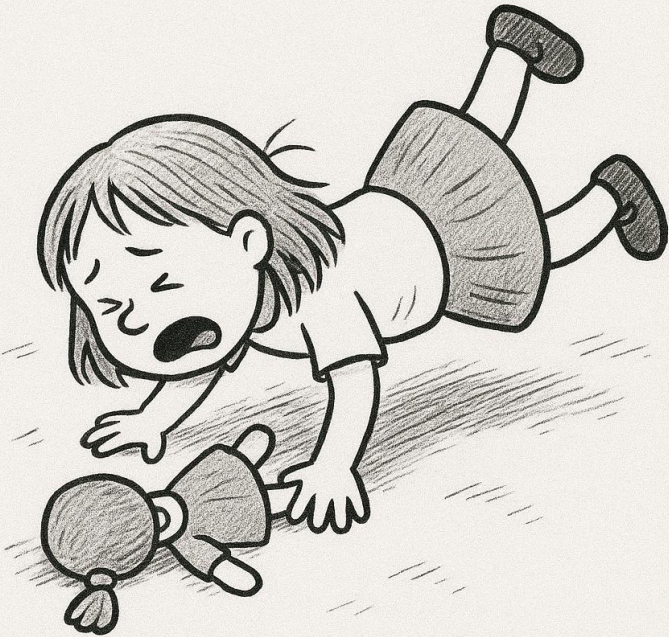


Legumes and other seeds with little or no endosperm are delicate and should be handled with care, not simply

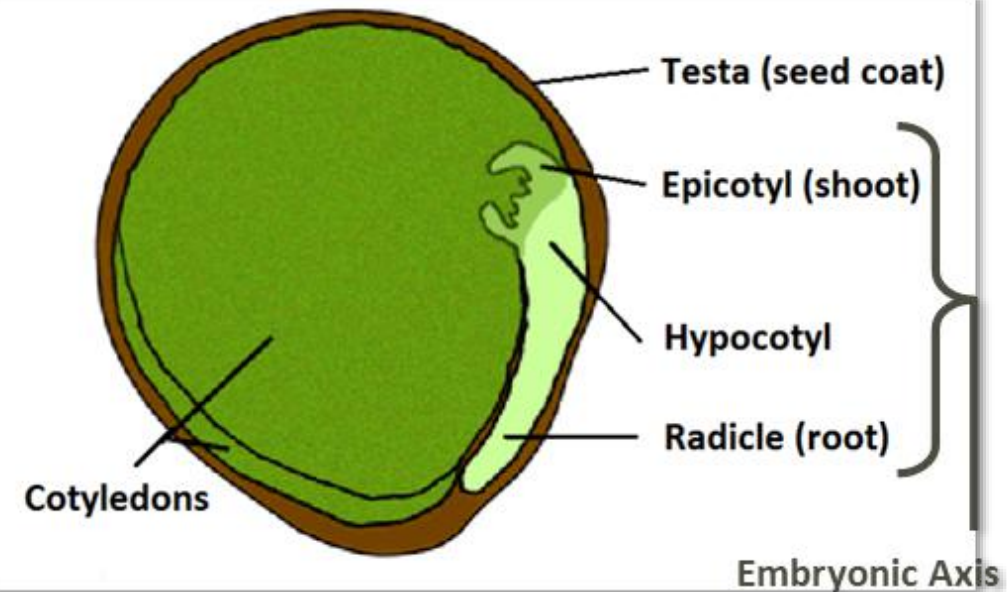
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transport and move, always use rubber pads to ensure smooth curves!

**EVERY TIME SHE
FALLS, SHE FALLS
ON HER FACE**



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cotyledons (Grain



<https://saskpulse.com/growing-pulses>



Vicia faba paucijuga



Vicia faba major



Vicia faba equina



Vicia faba minor





(c) Windhorst A.

An obviously man-made, strange combination of two extreme yield components: very many seeds per pod combined with very large seed.



(c) W. Link 1991

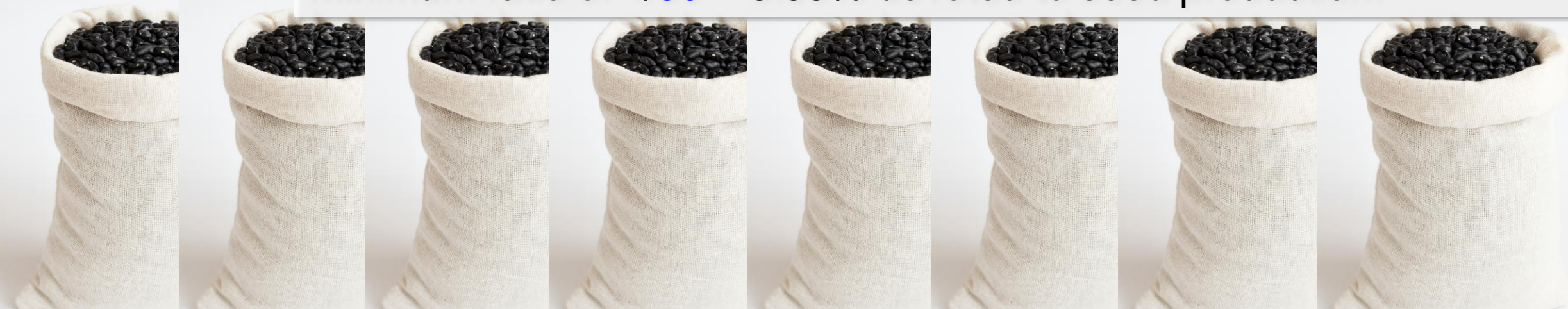




Canola: sow ~3 kg seed per ha. Harvest **1500** seeds per plant => minimum ratio of $1/1500 = 0.066\%$ devoted to seed production.

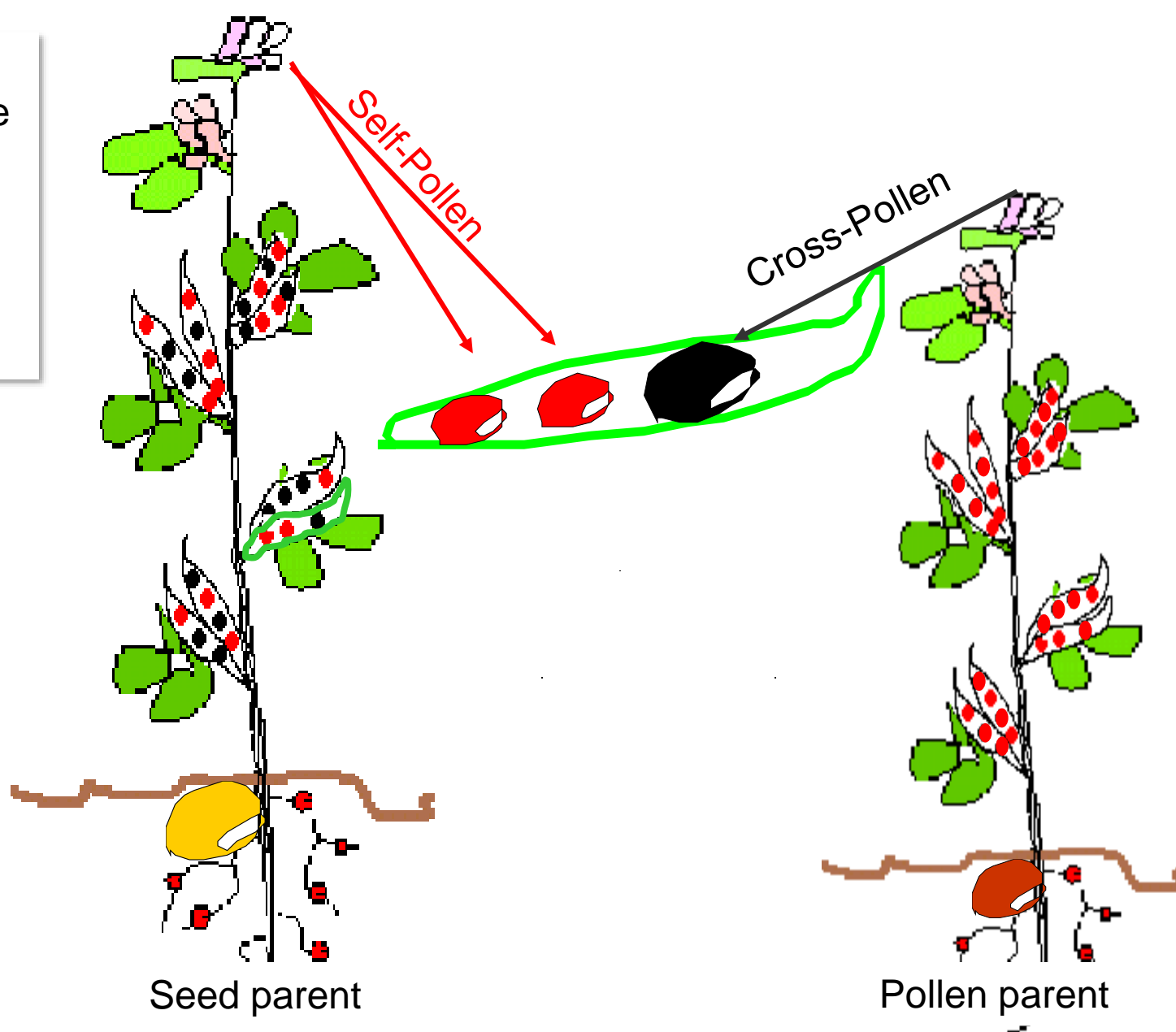


Faba bean: sow ~150 kg seed per ha. Harvest **30** seeds per plant => minimum ratio of $1/30 = 3.33\%$ devoted to seed production.



Seed production area of **Tiffany**: About 1300ha. Faba bean acreage 2025 ~75.000. About 30% of total seed production (BSL 2005) is for **Tiffany**. If its acreage is 30% of 75.000ha, then **5-6%** of its acreage is for its seed production.

Vicia faba:
Reproductive mode
is partial allogamy
(aka mixed mating;
seed partly from
selfing and partly
from outcrossing)



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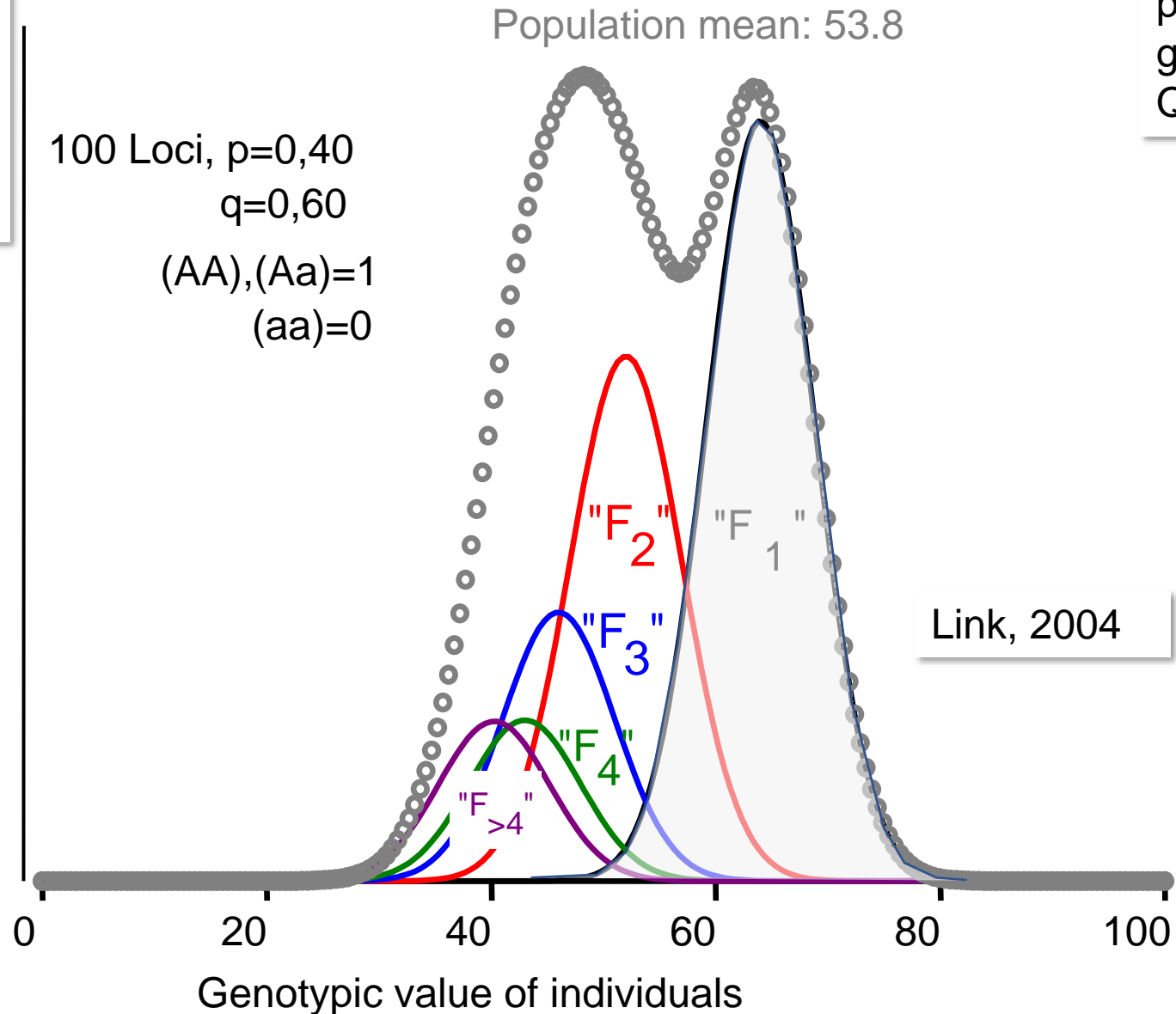
B. hortorum is most efficient in causing crossing



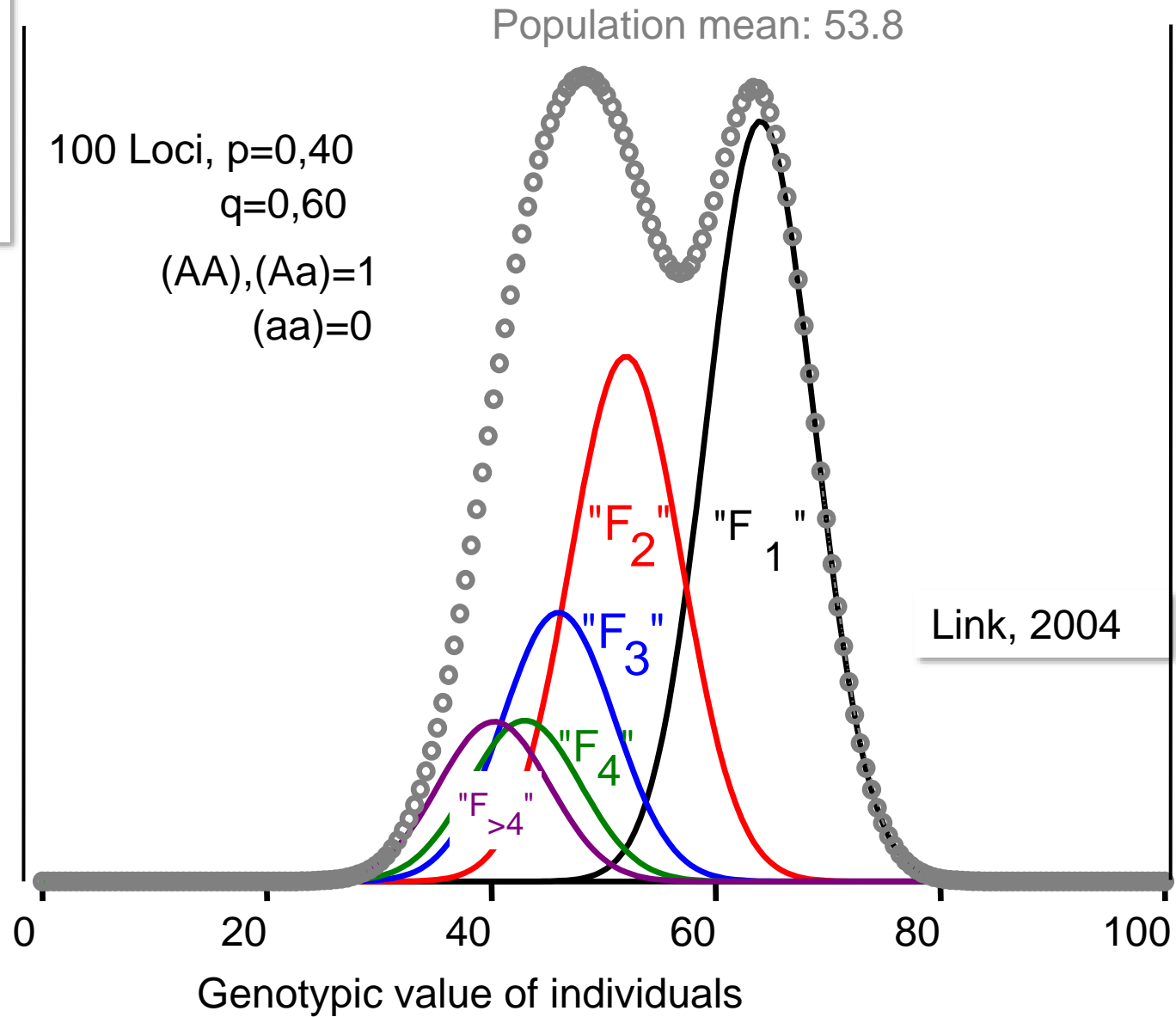
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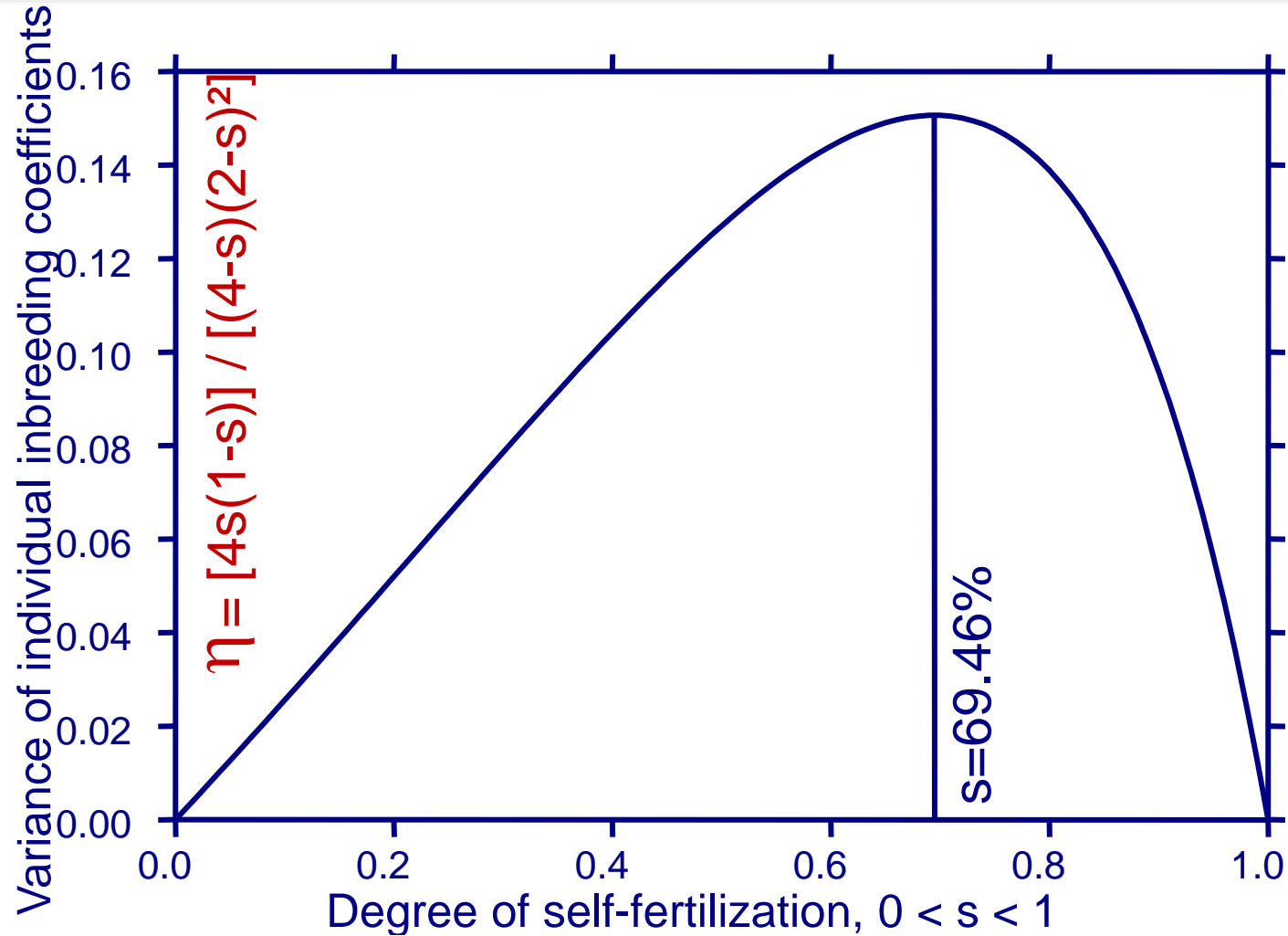
Select the F1-fraction of the
population and genetically
gain ... nothing.
Quelle surprise ;-)



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Cross-fertilization of faba beans are such as 40 – 50%. With 69.4%, we have the maximum variance between the individuals of a population for their individual inbreeding coefficients F.



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Variance η n of the inbreeding coefficients of individuals of the population.

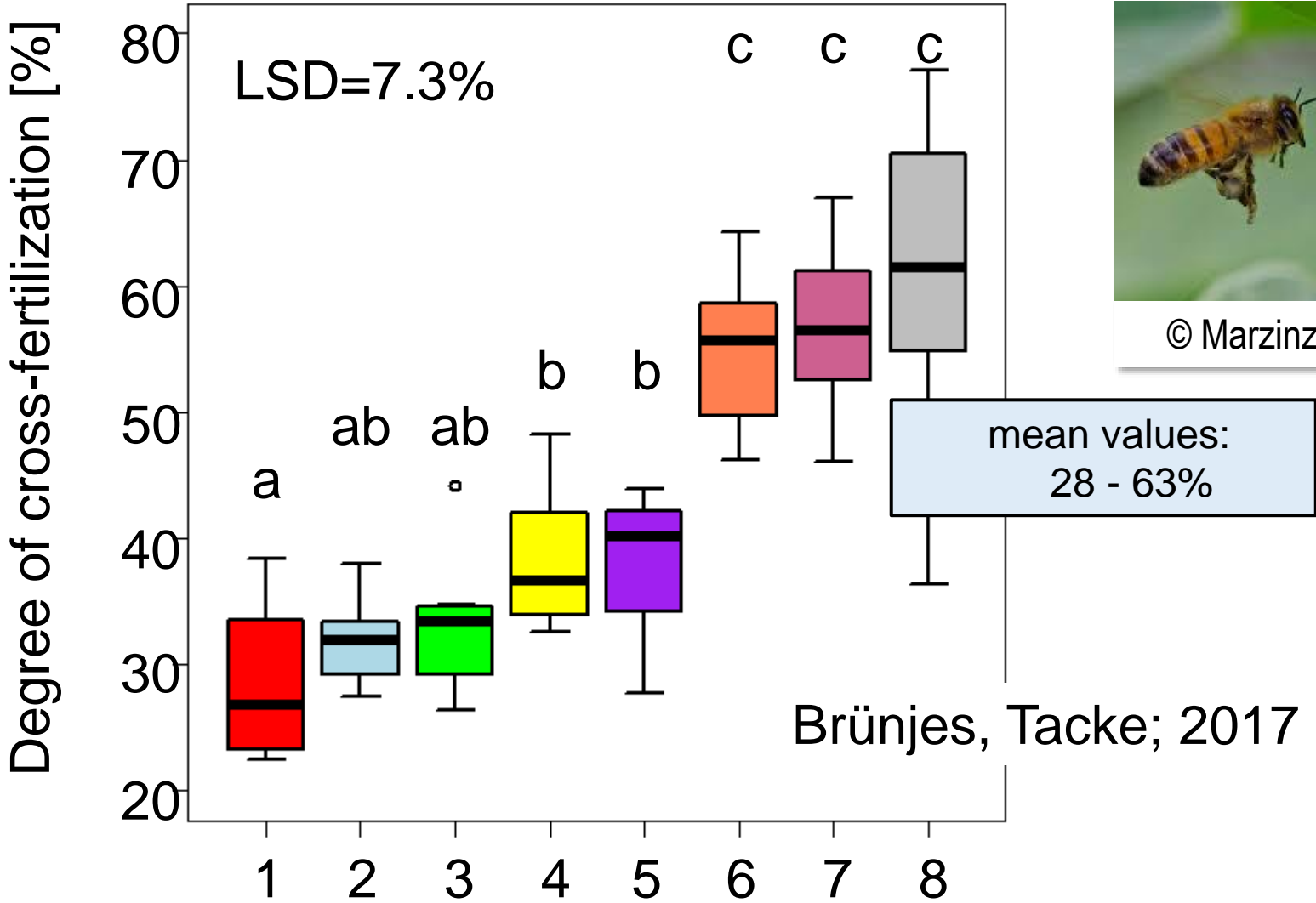
Genotypes differ for the extent of cross-fertilization: Differences are to some extent inherited.



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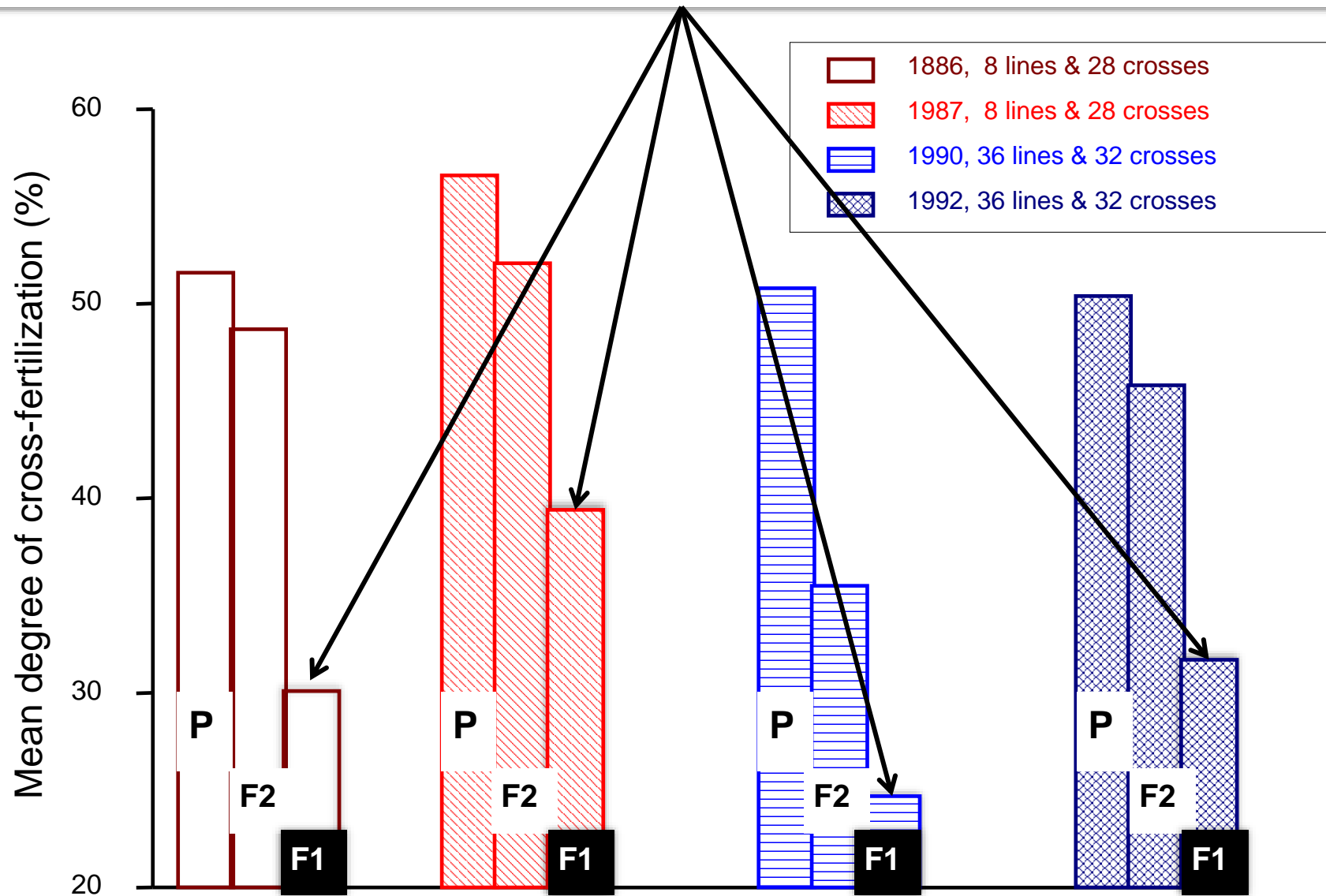


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Degree of cross-fertilization of eight winter bean inbred lines

F1 hybrids show lower degree of cross-fertilization than pure lines



Link et al., 1994

Isolation cage: to keep honey bees and bumble bees out, to avoid natural cross-pollination



The faba bean breeders, too, sing the high praise of inbred lines. Inbred lines show, for most traits, the maximum amount of genetic variance, and they are immortal — that is, **immortal through seed**; they can be reproduced and used again whenever needed.



Rennes, 1989



The bean cage, the first step to become a serious faba bean breeder



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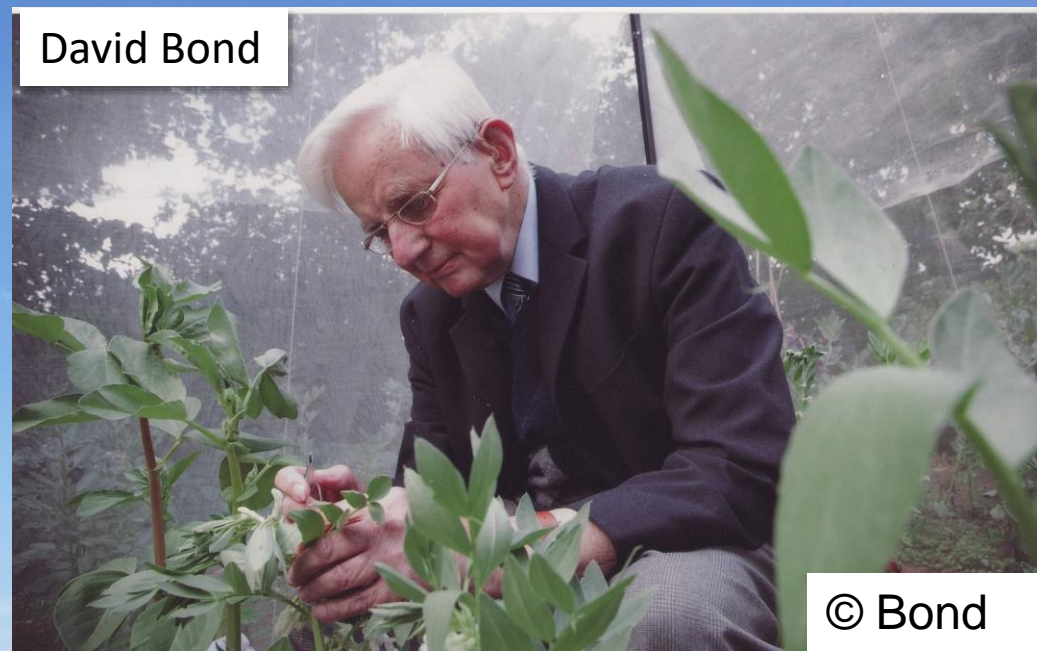
Hohenlieth, 1988



Dijon, 1987



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Reinshof, faba bean nursery, 2016 (still the 'good old times'; well ...)



Beans **locked in**,
bees locked out

Bohnen eingesperrt, Bienen ausgesperrt.



Personification of *V. f.* via ChatGPT



WHAT!?
I'm **locked in** here, my pollinators are locked out, and no one visits me? And I'm supposed to produce seeds? You'll see what happens.
Ha!

Drayner, 1959: Self-and cross-fertility in field beans (*Vicia faba* Linn.). The Journal of Agric. Science 53.3:387-403.

Henri shows to visitors how to do this ,Tripping‘ of faba bean flowers.

Tripped Region shows seed and pod set

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Un-tripped region without seed and pod set. Reason: High level of Autosterility



THE POLLINATING EFFICIENCY OF HONEYBEE AND
BUMBLEBEE VISITS TO FIELD BEAN FLOWERS
(*VICIA FABA* L.)

BY D. A. KENDALL AND B. D. SMITH

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Pollinator's **direct** and indirect positive impacts

- **Direct positive impact of pollinators. They trip, this stabilizes fertilization and yield.**
- **Indirect positive impact of pollinators: Cross-fertilization allows heterotic increment for offspring.**



In our latitudes, faba bean – after successful fertilization - is dawdling instead of getting started.

It is idly ‘twiddling its thumbs’ and seems to ask: ‘Should I start setting this pod or should I wait a little longer?’



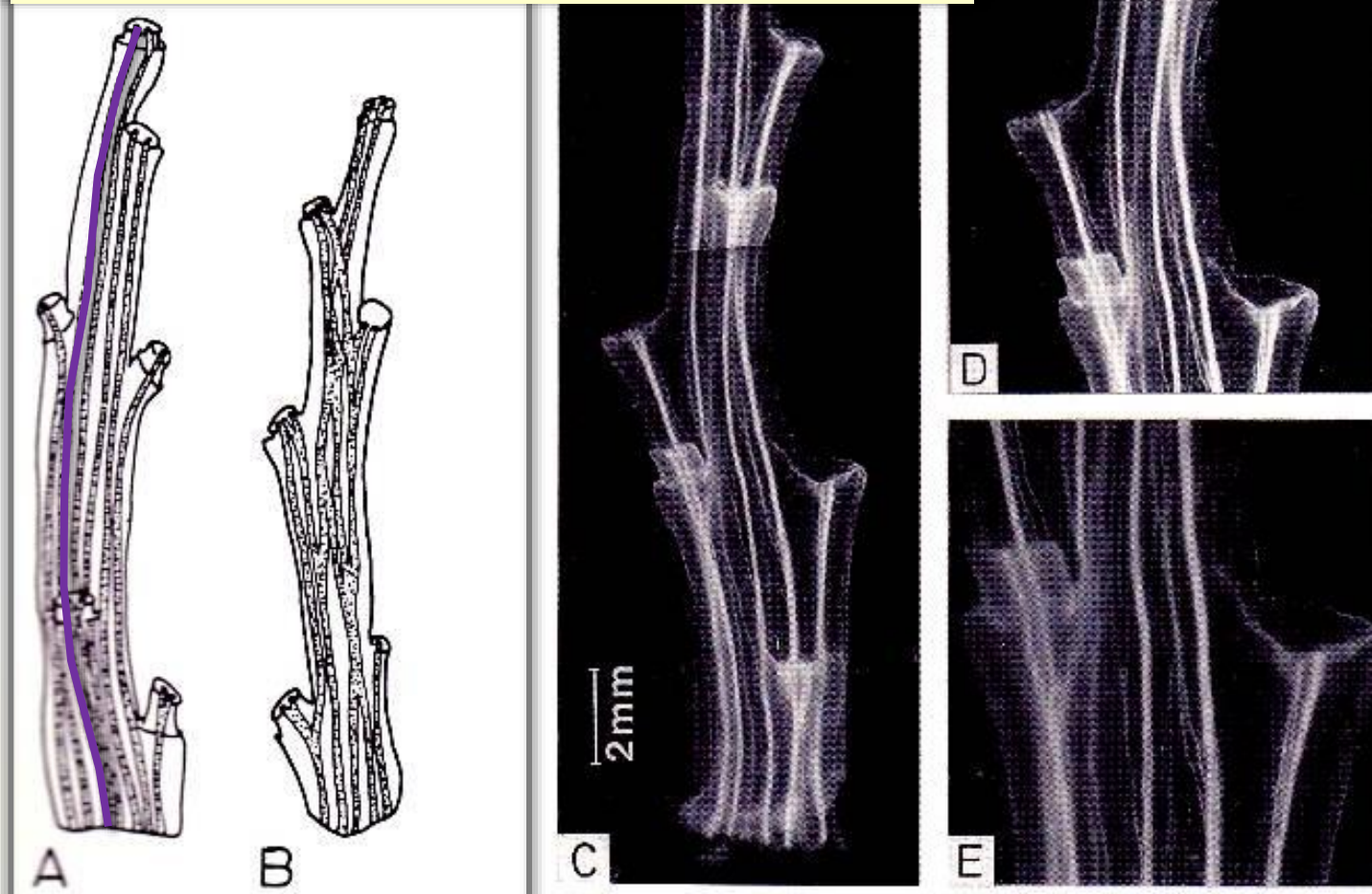
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Nico Seifert with Sonja Yaman, 2020. Master-Thesis.
Genetic differences for time lag before starting pod growth.

Pea is better-behaved,
quickly starting pod growth.

An other Fata Morgana: Independent Vascular Supply, IVS

Bakheit et al., 2011. J. Plant Production 2:
1259 – 1270. They still talk about IVS as if



Vascular system in the peduncle of *Vicia faba*. A-B: Two types of vascular supply of the peduncle after Gates et al. (1983). Diagram shows independent vascular supply to each flower. C-E. True pattern of the vascular system of faba bean.

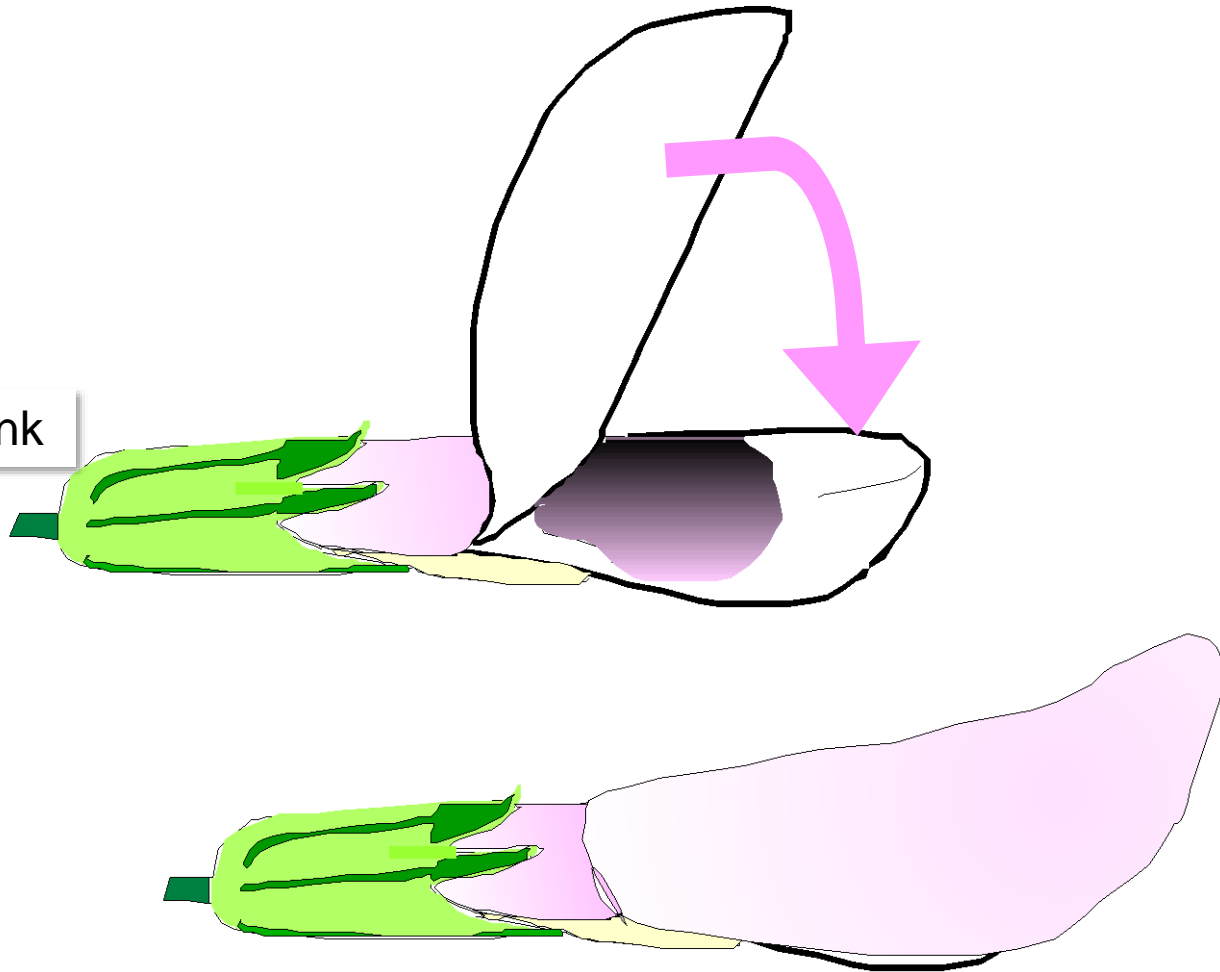
Ruckenbauer und Mollenkopf, 1986:
Reinvestigation of the architecture of the
vascular system within racemes in faba
beans. Plant Breeding 97, 164 – 167.

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Turn to pure self-fertilization? Inbred lines offer up to twice genetic variance to the breeder's equation. Line Breeding is ,easier' and more direct than Population Breeding or Hybrid Breeding (*per se* instead of GCA). ... the high praise of inbred lines

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'Wild' type



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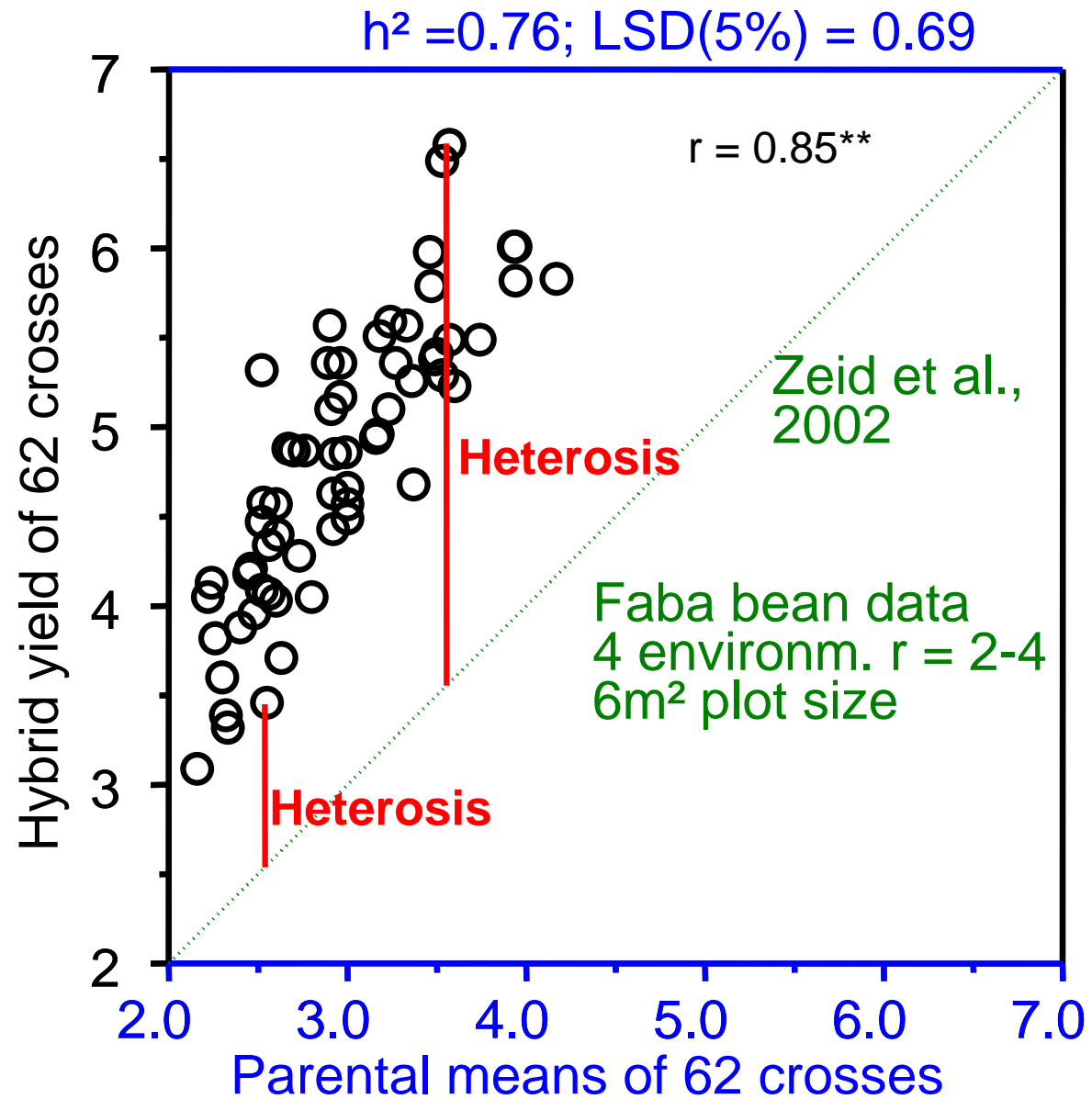


'Closed flower'-type. Monogenic recessive.

Ironically, it seems that the closed flower type, which is hardly ever 'legally' visited by pollinators, tends to be highly autosterile; meaning that it **actually needs pollinators** to do tripping.

Martsch und Link 2005-2012, unpublished;

Stoddard, 1986, DOI 10.1111/j.1439-0523.1986.tb01048.x.



$h^2 = 0.79$; $LSD(5\%) = 1.01$

Heterosis; Hybrid vigour



Heterosis.

In vollem Karacho; als gäb's kein Morgen.

Hm ...

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CMS199



Substoichiometric shifting in the plant mitochondrial genome is influenced by a gene homologous to MutS

Ricardo V. Abdelnoor^{*†}, Ryan Yule^{*}, Annakaisa Elo^{*}, Alan C. Christensen[‡], Gilbert Meyer-Gauen^{*}, and Sally A. Mackenzie^{*§}

2003

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All four systems are unstable, not fit for use

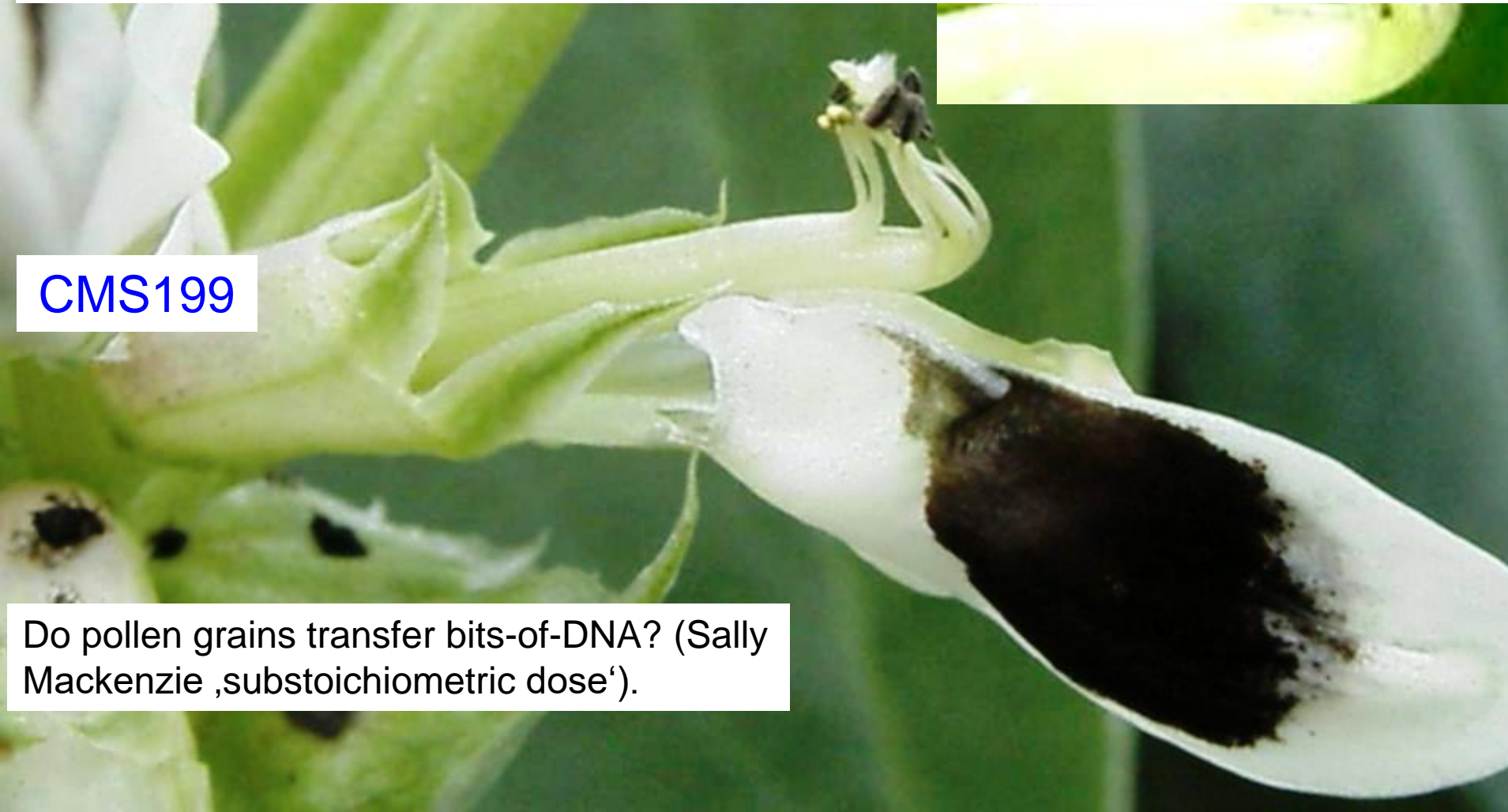
CMS 447 (UK winter bean)
(Maintainer Ad23)

CMS350 (UK bean)
(Maintainer G58)

CMS297 (Egypt)
(Maintainer Afg370)

CMS199 (Afghanistan)
(Maintainer Afg187)

Do pollen grains transfer bits-of-DNA? (Sally Mackenzie ,substoichiometric dose').

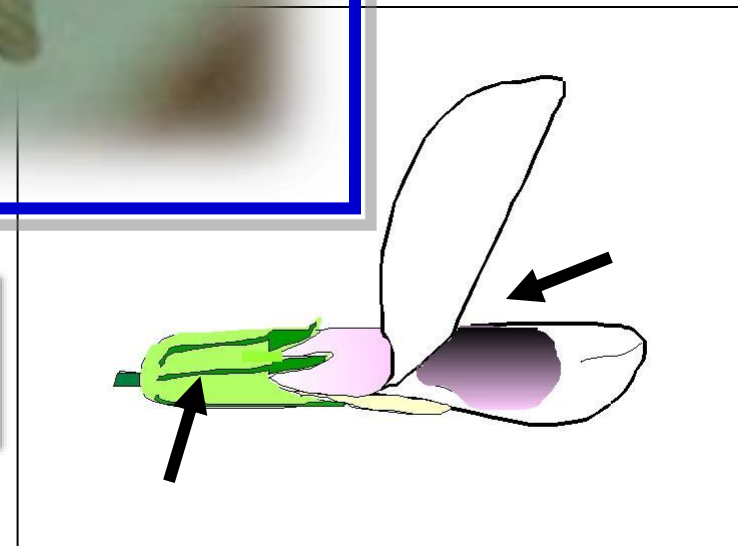




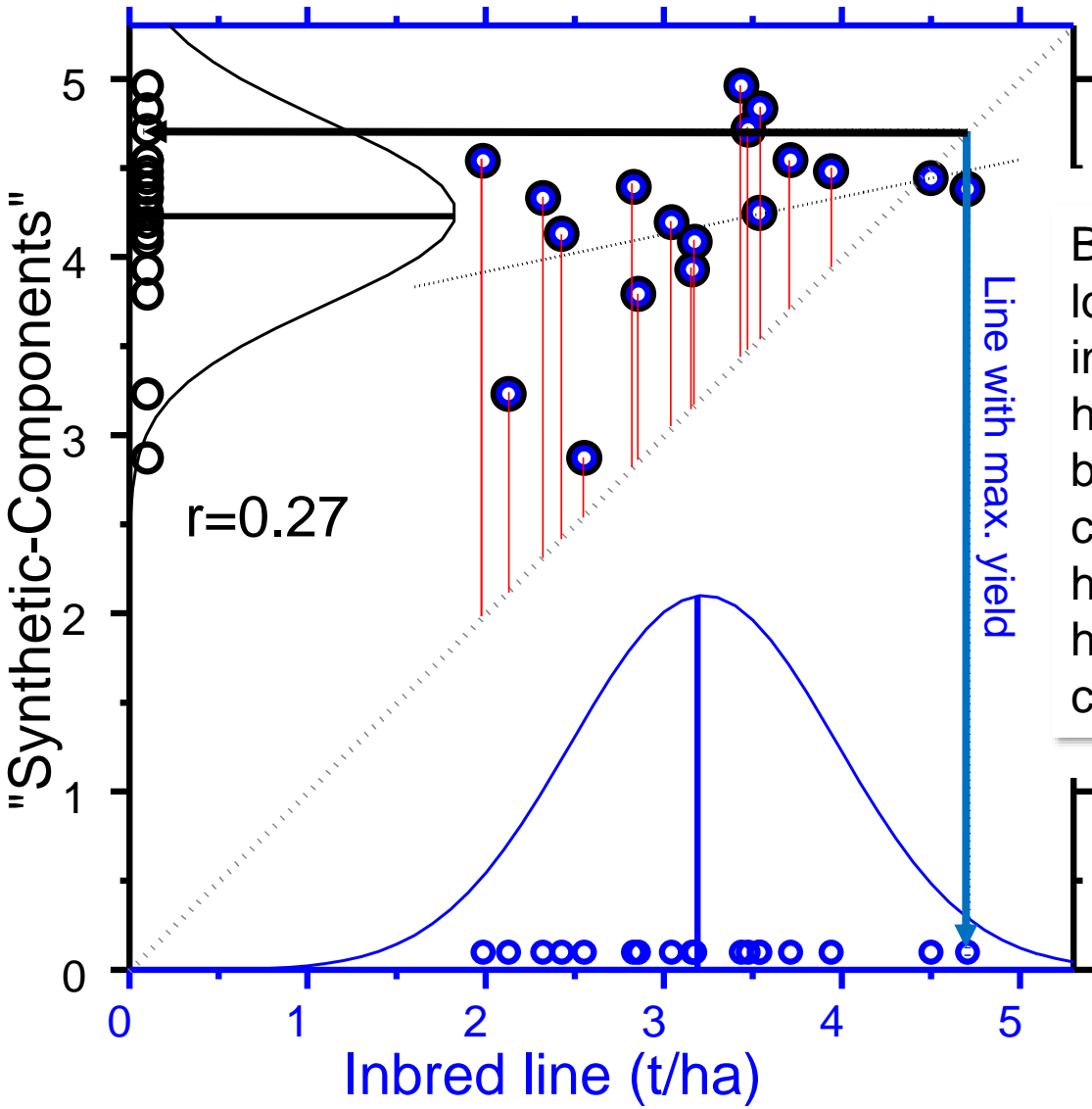
Bombus-bitten holes
to ,steal' nectar



Pollination of pollen-
devoid CMS-lines?



Exploit a share of Heterosis *via* Population Breeding.
 Experimental data from Link and Ghaouti, 2007.



Balance between lower average yield of inbred lines and higher variation between inbred lines compared to non-homogeneous non-homozygous types of cultivars

GCA: General combining ability. Focussing on non-inbred type of cultivars (F1-hybrid, population cv.).

GVA, general varietal ability. Focussing on partly inbred cultivar (synthetic; $F = 1/N$; $S > 0 \Rightarrow F > 1/N$).

- Breeding Value: $F = 0$
- Breeding Value: $0 < F < 1$
- Breeding Value; $F = 1$

With Judith Reese and Lisa Brünjes:

Have fun with algebra and refine GCA and GVA [down to the penultimate branch](#).

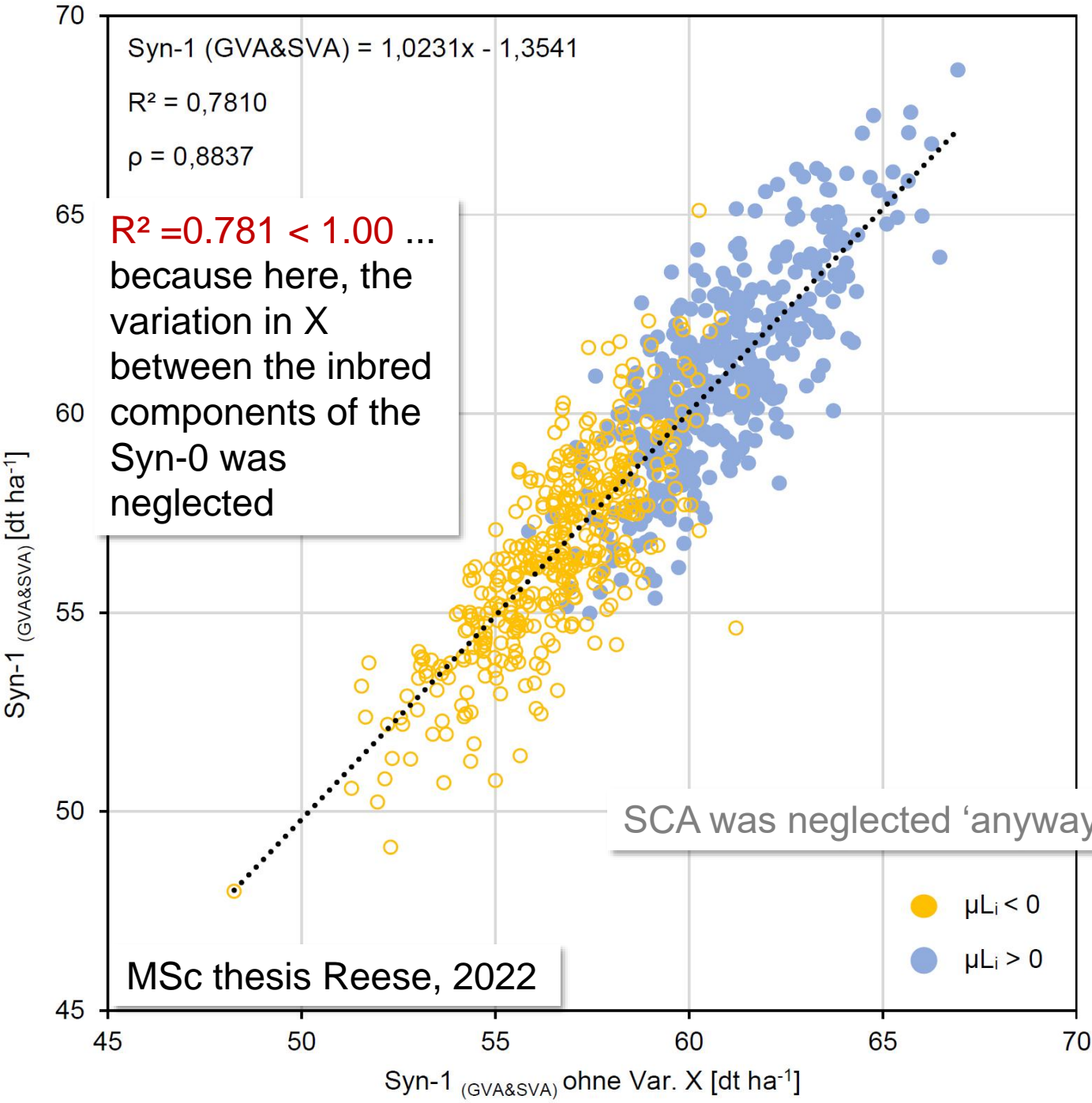
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Syn-1 } (k) = & \mu_L + \mu_X \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot (\mu_C - \mu_L) + \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k [(\mu_X + X_i) \cdot P_{ii}] \cdot \mu_L \\
 & + \frac{1}{k} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^k [1 - \mu_X \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)] \cdot L_i + \frac{1}{k} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^k [(\mu_X + X_i) \cdot P_{ii}] \cdot L_i + \\
 & \frac{1}{k} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_X \cdot \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot 2GCA_i\right] + \frac{1}{k} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^k [X_i \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot [(\mu_C + GCA_i - \mu_L - L_i)]] \\
 & + \frac{1}{k^2} \cdot \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^k (X_i \cdot GCA_j) + \frac{1}{k} \cdot \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^k [(\mu_X + X_i) \cdot P_{ij}] \cdot (\mu_C + GCA_i + GCA_j)
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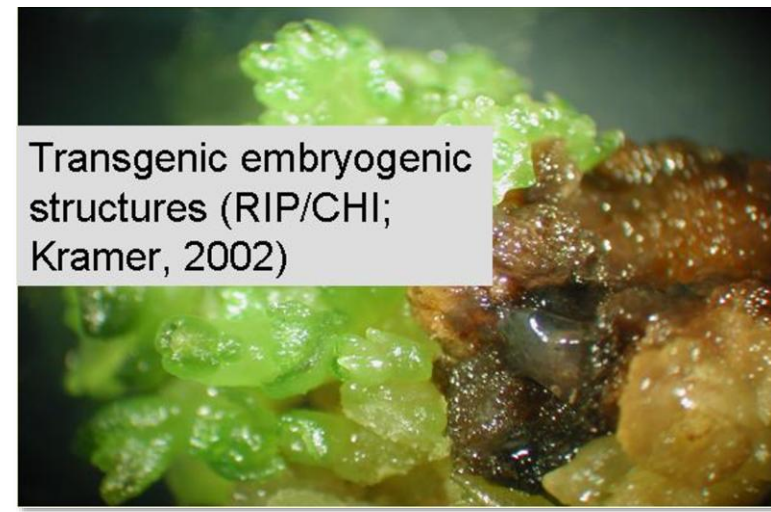
SCA was neglected 'anyway'

With Judith Reese
and Lisa Brünjes, 2022



Faba bean polycross or, if you like, Syn-0.
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Faba bean is stubborn.

Make it homozygous, it will outcross more than before

Make F1, it will outcross less than before

It will not allow interspecific crossing

It will not (?) regenerate from protoplasts

It will not produce embryoids & haploid plant & DH from microspores

It will not (?) produce roots after *Agrob. t.* - mediated gene transfer

It will not (?) produce shoots after *Agrob. rhiz.*-mediated transfer

It will not give us (?) a stable CMS system

What else?

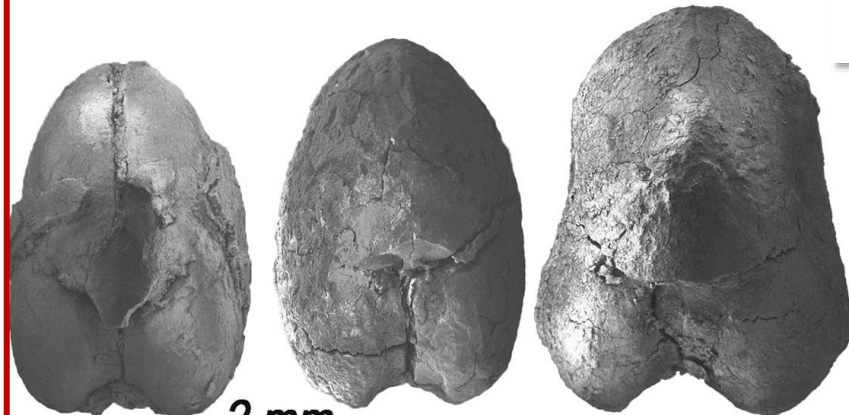
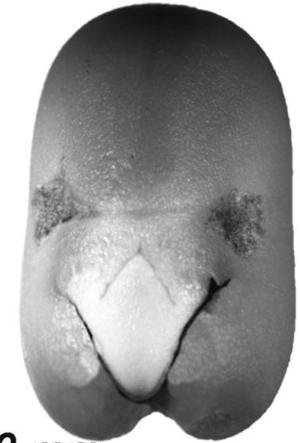
It does not (?) offer resistances against insects (*Aphis fabae*, *Bruchus rufimanus*, *Sitona lineatus*)

It does not steer pollinators to pollinate if it has not pollen but, instead, let them steal nectar without doing the proper job....



Kramer & Möllers 2002

Caracuta et al., 2015.
DOI 10.1038/srep14370



Modern vs excavated seed of *Vicia faba*



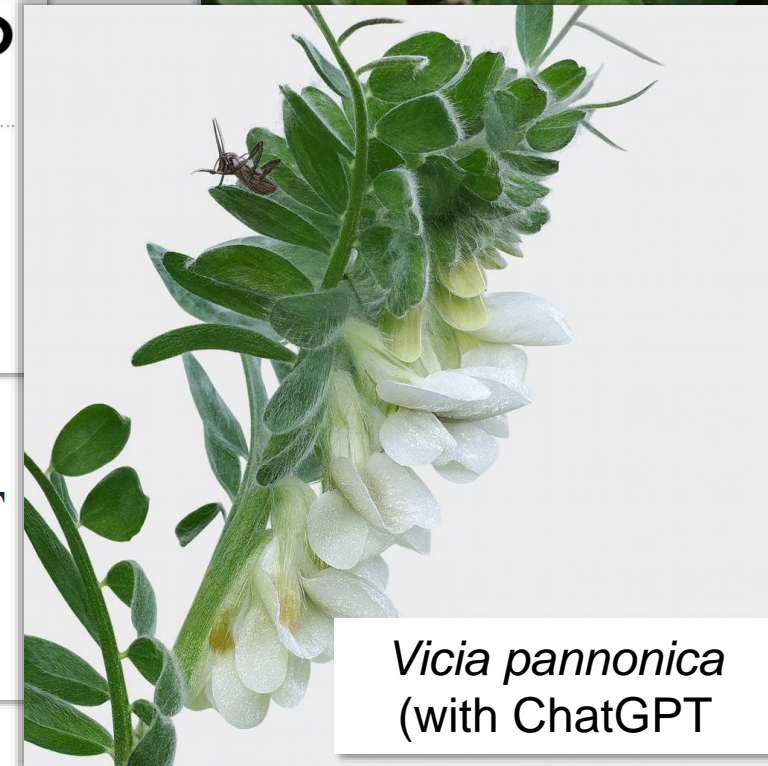
SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

OPEN 14,000-year-old seeds indicate the Levantine origin of the **lost progenitor** of faba bean

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THE **LOST ANCESTOR** OF THE BROAD BEAN (*VICIA FABA* L.) AND THE ORIGIN OF PLANT CULTIVATION IN THE NEAR EAST



Vicia pannonica
(with ChatGPT)

Doubled-haploid production in chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.): role of stress treatments

Journal of Plant Physiology



Original Paper | Published: 19 June 2009

Volume 28, pages 1289–1299, (2009)

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Pea, grass pea, chickpea, *Medicago truncatula*

Abiotic stress enhances **androgenesis** from isolated microspores of some legume species (*Fabaceae*)



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Microsporogenesis in faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) grown in Mersin, Turkey

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Toward Doubled Haploid Production in the Fabaceae: Progress, Constraints, and Opportunities

Abo-Direkt. Straight to resistance,
quality and yield **with faba bean
lines**

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Direkt zu Resistenz, Qualität und Ertrag mit Ackerbohnen-Linien (Abo-Direkt)

{Projekt} Abo-Direkt: *Direkt zu Resistenz, Qualität und Ertrag mit Ackerbohnen-Linien (Abo-Direkt)*. [Straight to resistance, quality and yield with faba bean lines.] Laufzeit: 2022 - 2025.

Leiter/in: Link, apl. Prof. Wolfgang, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, D-Göttingen .

Until “recently”, Moemen S. Hanafy was (has been) the only person who successfully **transformed** *Vicia faba*



PR10a transgene and wild type *Vicia faba* (Tattoo) in a drought stress setting

Photo 3 weeks after begin of drought stress.
(Jacobsen and Hanafy, 2011, Hannover).

PR10a: Pathogenesis-related protein from rice, abscisic acid-activated signaling pathway



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BMBF. 01.07.2018 – 30.06.2020

<https://www.pflanzenforschung.de/de/forschung-plant-2030/projekte/26/detail>

ViciaMut

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DNA-freie Induzierung von
sequenzspezifischen Mutationen mit Hilfe
des CRISPR/Cas-Systems bei der
Körnerleguminose *Vicia faba*

Herr Dr. Michael **Wallbraun**



Gene editing strategies for creation of novel genetic diversity for faba bean breeding

Mamunur Rashid

ACGG Cohort 1, JLU

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Thomas Pickardt



The first objective is to optimize the genetic transformation protocol in faba bean.
JLU Giessen-Website, 2025.

Thomas Pickardt, Martin Meixner, Verena Schade & Otto Schieder

Transformation of *Vicia narbonensis* via *Agrobacterium*-mediated gene transfer

Published: February 1991

Volume 9, pages 535–538, (1991) [Cite this article](#)



Mamunur Rashid

... and further issues that remain unresolved or very difficult to tackle



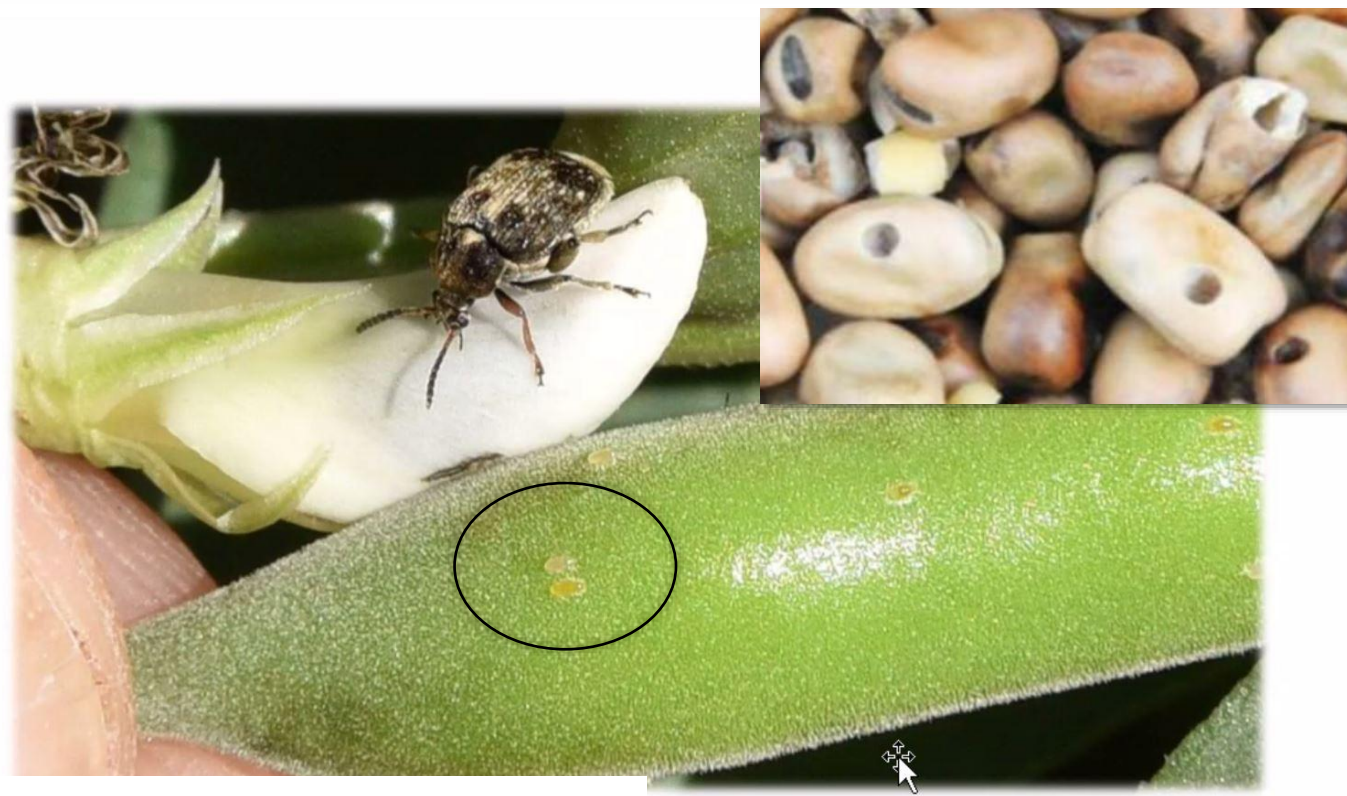
Responsiveness of the broad bean weevil, *Bruchus rufimanus*, to *Vicia faba* genotypes

Denise Dalbosco Dell'Aglio ✉, Nadim Tayeh

First published: 20 January 2023 | <https://doi.org/10.1111/eea.13277> | Citations: 12



Bruchus rufimanus. Minera, North Wales, May 2017 (Janet Graham)



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From ProFaba-Project. The accessions “DVF1977|221516/INRA” (15.56%), “ILB 793” (18.78%), “4172” (20.11%) and “BOBICK ROD115” (21%) showed the best and most stable performance in the different environments
DOI 10.3389/fpls.2018.01914

Sitona lineatus; pea leaf weevil; Blattrandkäfer (“leaf-edge beetle”)



<https://www.inaturalist.org/photos/294670411>.

Поляков Александр

The beetle feeds from leaves, see symptoms. Beetle and larve transfer viruses from plant to plant. The larvae live in the soil at the plant roots. They feed from roots and nodules, the injuries are entrances for soil-borne fungi.



Balkis Béji et al., 2015.
Resistance against *Aphis fabae*.
DOI 10.48311/jcp.2015.1206

Resistance against *Aphis fabae*?
Hard to find useful genetic differences,
complicated traits to work with.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE | [Open Access](#) |

Reproductive potential of the black bean aphid (*Aphis fabae* Scop.) on a range of faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) accessions

Henrik Skovgård , Frederick L. Stoddard

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ILB938 not only with Botrytis resistance and aberrant stipula spot feature, but as well with promising reaction towards aphids?

“... strong performance of ILB938/2 against the black bean aphid... factors rendering it **unconducive to aphid landing, feeding, and/or reproduction** ...

Orobanche crenata and *Orobanche foetida* are devastating parasitic plants in the Mediterranean area and climates. Farmers are often forced to abandon crops such as [faba bean](#), [chickpea](#), [pea](#), [carrots](#), [tomato](#), [sunflower](#) and others.

Drought exacerbates the effect of *Orobanche*. *Orobanche* seed is extremely small, like dust, keeps germination ability in soil decades-long.

Default control is herbicide. Low-dose to be not-really-harmful for the crop but kill the *Orobanche*. A delicate, difficult approach and motivation for [herbicide-resistance](#) work in faba bean.

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Orobanche, *Bohnenwürger*.
With ChatGPT.

Metribuzin (Sencor)
Glyphosate (Round Up)

Article | [Open access](#) | Published: 07 January 2022

Genomic regions associated with herbicide tolerance in a worldwide faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) collection

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**SCREENING OF *VICIA FABA* FOR RESISTANCE TO THE “GIANT RACE”
OF *DITYLENCHUS DIPSACI* IN MOROCCO**

by

F. ABBAD ANDALOUSSI

Nematodes? Under-researched, neglected?

Traditional faba bean viruses.

Bean yellow **mosaic** virus.

Transmitted by aphids.

Bean **leaf roll** virus.

Transmitted by aphids.

Faba bean necrotic **yellow** virus.

Transmitted by aphids.

Broad bean **true mosaic** virus

Transmitted by *Sitona* and via seed

Broad bean **stain** virus

Transmitted by *Sitona* and via seed

Die Virusepidemie an Leguminosen 2016 – eine Folge des Klimawandels?

The virus epidemic on legumes 2016 – an effect of climate change?

Heiko Ziebell

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FBNYV/FBNSV
Nanovirus

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Epidemic in 2016



Proben-Nummer	Datum	Herkunft	Sorte/Akzession	FBNYV/FBNSV Nanovirus Mix1	FBNYV/FBNSV Nanovirus Mix2	TuYV 2-5G4)	(BWYV	BLRV (4 GG4)	PEMV ,AS 180	QLB									
HZ 16-117	07.07.2016	Universität Göttingen,	Ackerbohne Vicia faba	-	+	-		-	+										
HZ 16-118	07.07.2016	Universität Göttingen,	Ackerbohne Vicia faba	-	+	+		+	+										
HZ 16-119	07.07.2016	Universität Göttingen,	Ackerbohne Vicia faba	-	+	-		-	+										
HZ 16-120	07.07.2016	Universität Göttingen,	Ackerbohne Vicia faba	-	+	-		+	+										
HZ 16-121	07.07.2016	Universität Göttingen,	Ackerbohne Vicia faba	-	+	-		-	+										
HZ 16-122	07.07.2016	Universität Göttingen,	Ackerbohne Vicia faba	-	+	-													

Extreme nanovirus calamity in 2016



Heiko Ziebell ✓

PhD, Dipl.-Ing. agr. · Scientific Director at Julius Kühn-Institut

Sortenübersicht

Sorten- bezeichnung	Tanningehalt	Hauptfruchtanbau										
		Blühbeginn	Reife	Pflanzenlänge	Neigung zu Lager	Anfälligkeit für			Ertrags- und Qualitätseigenschaften			
						Ascochyta	Botrytis	Rost	Tausendkornmasse	Kornertrag	Rohproteinertrag	Rohproteingehalt

¹low in vicine

Ackerbohne (*Vicia faba* L. (partim))

In Frühlirsaussaat geprüft

Mit Voraussetzung des landeskulturellen Wertes in Deutschland zugelassen

Allison ¹⁾	9	4	5	5	2	5	4	4	6	6	7	4
Bianca ¹⁾	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birgit	9	4	5	6	3	-	-	5	6	7	8	5
Bolivia ¹⁾	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fanfare	9	4	5	6	2	5	4	5	6	6	7	4
Fuego	9	4	5	5	-	-	-	-	6	5	6	4
Futura ¹⁾	9	4	5	6	3	5	4	5	6	7	8	4
Genius	9	5	5	6	2	5	4	6	6	7	7	3
Hammer ¹⁾	9	4	5	6	2	5	4	5	6	8	8	4
Iron ¹⁾	9	4	5	6	2	5	4	4	7	7	8	4
Isabell	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
neu Ketu ¹⁾	9	5	5	6	2	-	-	-	6	7	8	5
LG Eagle	9	5	5	6	1	-	4	5	7	7	7	4
LG Viper	9	5	5	5	1	-	-	4	6	5	7	5
neu Loki	9	5	5	6	1	-	-	-	6	8	6	1
Macho	9	5	5	6	2	5	4	4	8	7	7	3
Tiffany ¹⁾	9	4	5	6	2	5	4	5	6	6	7	5
Trumpet	9	5	5	6	1	5	4	6	4	6	7	3

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Mit Voraussetzung des landeskulturellen Wertes in Deutschland zugelassen

Augusta	9	5	4	5	4	-	-	5	+	-	5
GL Arabella	9	4	5	4	4	-	-	4	+	-	5

Beschreibende Sortenliste, BSA Hannover 2025

Descriptive List of cultivars, BSA Hannover 2025

The list of desired progress is long. Nevertheless: Breeders did a great job, especially after 1983; after modernisation of growth type (... **Minica**, **Alfred** and successors; cf. 'EC Joint Faba Bean Trials', Dantuma et al., 1983).



“With my partial allogamy, the breeding methods appropriate for me, the faba bean, are general solutions of which the methods for self-fertilizing and cross-fertilizing crops are just marginal cases.”



So: Several topics are kind of **solved** or at least not so hard to **gradually improve and gradually solve**.

- Alternative morphology-anatomy
- Synchronous maturity straw-leaves-pod-seed
- Seed protein content
- Zero tannin
- Low vicine-convicine
- Only for **few** fungi and other pathogens and pest we have good support for resistance breeding by genetic data and useful genetic variation.



'Stabile Type'

Extremely
non-lodging
type.

Has been
represented
via cultivars
'Boss' and
'Mythos'.

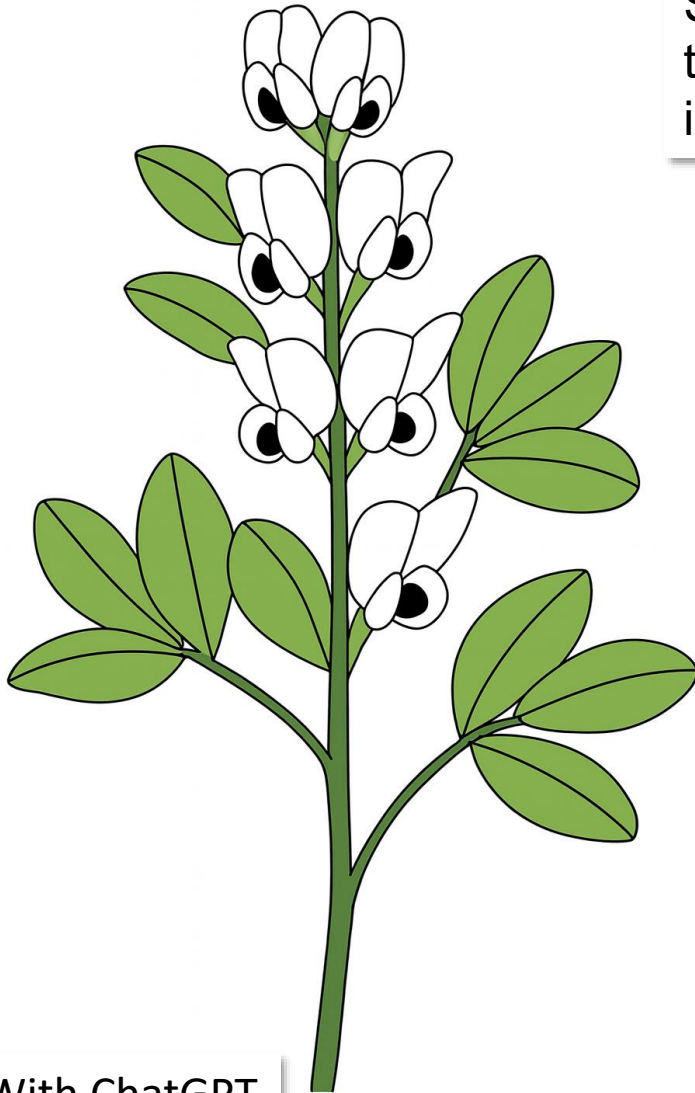


Sjödin, 1971. Induced morphological variation in *Vicia faba* L. *Hereditas*. 1971;67:155–79.

Khazaei et al., 2024. The Jan Sjödin faba bean mutant collection: morphological and molecular characterization. DOI /10.1186/s41065-024-00339-7.

Sketch of so-called
topless, aka 'terminal
inflorescence; ti'.

Represented *via* cvs. Tifaba, Tinova, Tina ...



So-called topless cultivars were more often used in the former GDR than in the BRD. They follow, obviously, the cereal philosophy: End vertical growth with the reproductive organs, flowers, fruits, seed. Yet, these 'ti' type faba beans showed late tiller production (no vegetative apex hence no apical dominance) and their better resistance to lodging was less convincing than expected.

Stem and pods and seed must be mature and dry and ready for **combine-harvest in the same time: Synchronous Maturity**. Breeders solved this without much adamic input.

Such **synchronous maturity** was no big topic before the use of combine harvest. The cut bean crop was put into windrows („*auf Schwad gelegt*“) and only threshed (in-door) after this brut-force ripening.

Today we **cut-and-thresh** in one go: „**Combine harvest**“. The cultivar **Herz Freya** was the first one to combine a reasonable synchronous maturity.



Photo shows asynchronous maturing faba bean plants.

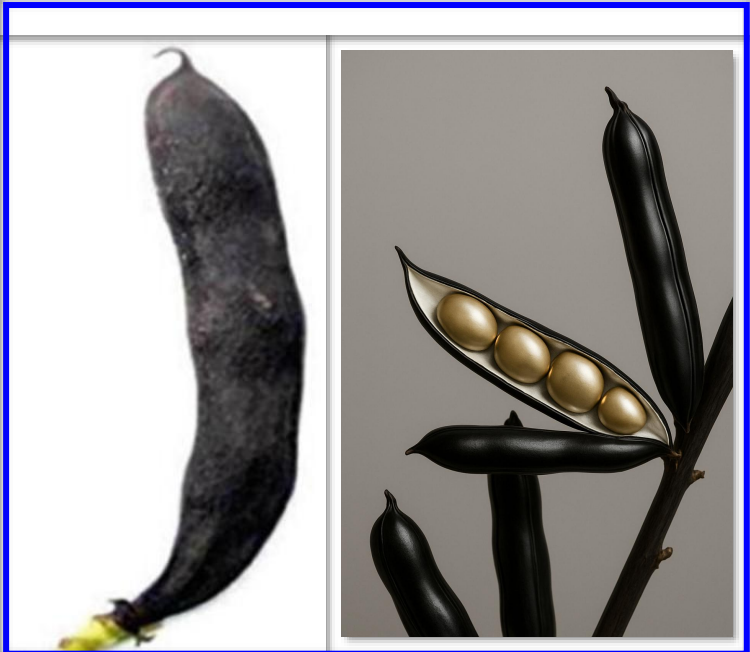
<https://lh.hessen.de/pflanze/marktfruchtbau/versuchswesen-marktfruchtbau/lsv-koernererbbsen-und-ackerbohnen-2020-empfehlungen-2021/>

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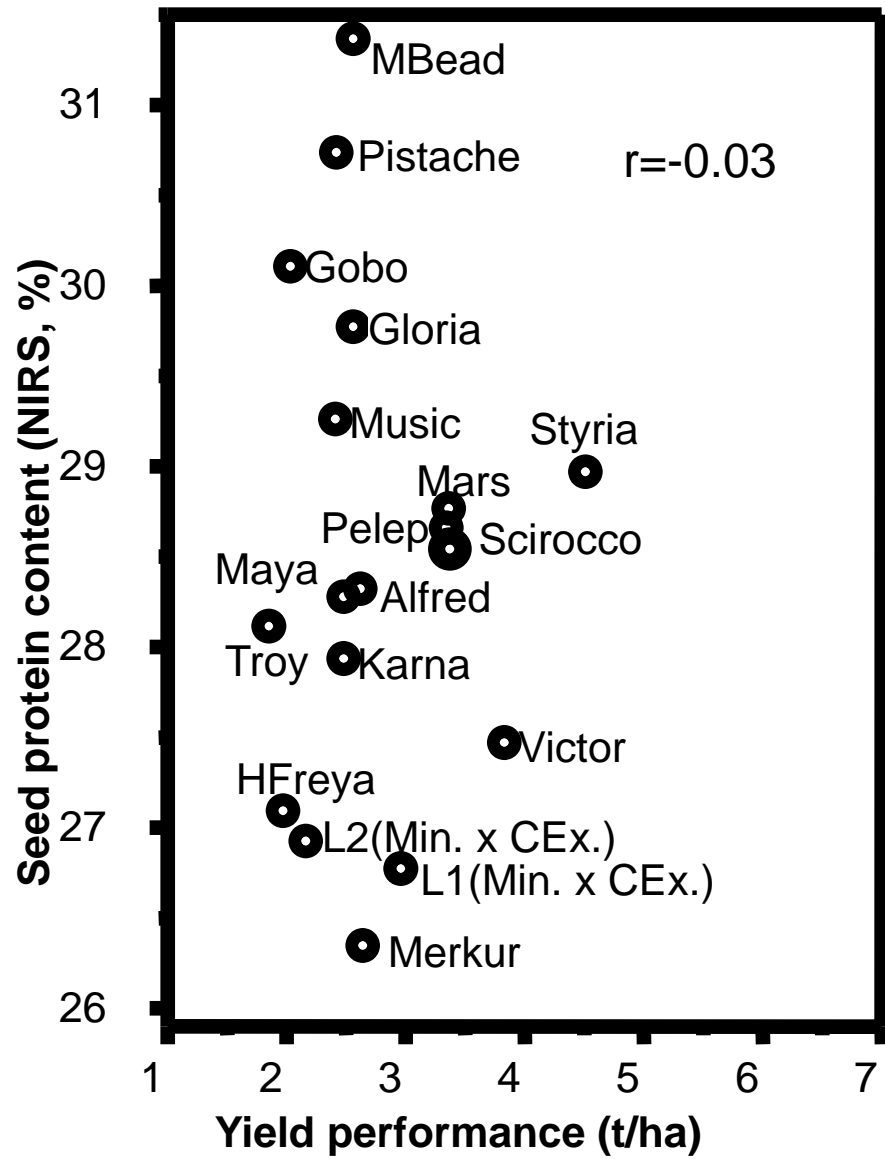
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Non-shattering is another issue. The monogenic **wrinkled** pod type is **non-shattering** but not useful for our climate.



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<https://lh.hessen.de/pflanze/marktfruchtbau/versuchswesen-marktfruchtbau/lsv-koernererbsen-und-ackerbohnen-2020-empfehlungen-2021/>



Zeid et al., 2004

Faba bean protein

Fractionation in air flow

<https://d-nb.info/1030359032/34>



Molecular heterogeneity and genetics of *Vicia faba* seed storage proteins

Univ. of Naples, Portici, Italy.

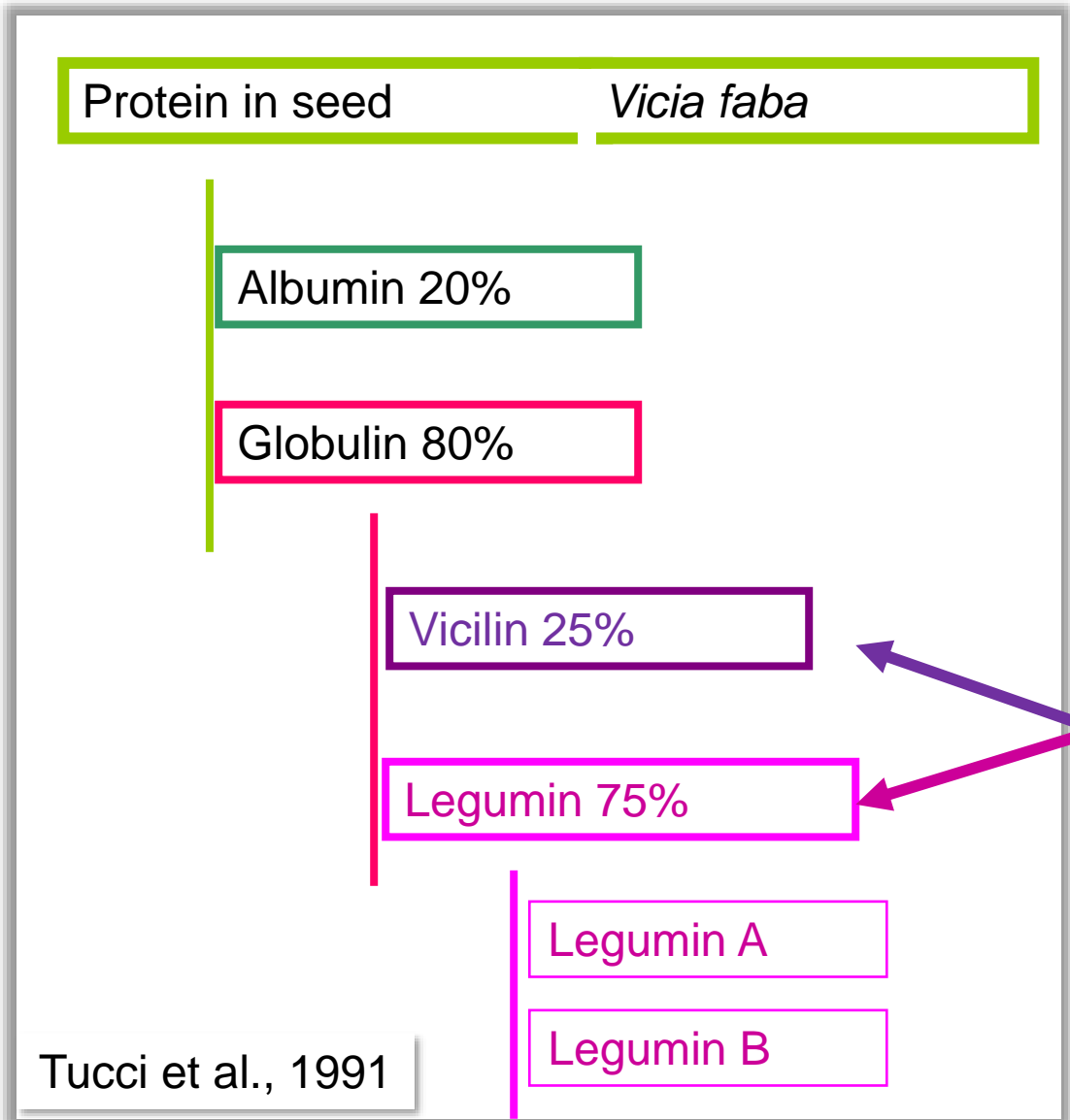
M. Tucci¹, R. Capparelli², A. Costa³ and R. Rao^{1,*}

Theor Appl Genet (1991) 81:50–58

Low content of S-containing AA Methionine and Cystein limit *V. faba* protein quality.



ChatGPT ,hallucinates' a protein product from faba bean seed for human consumption

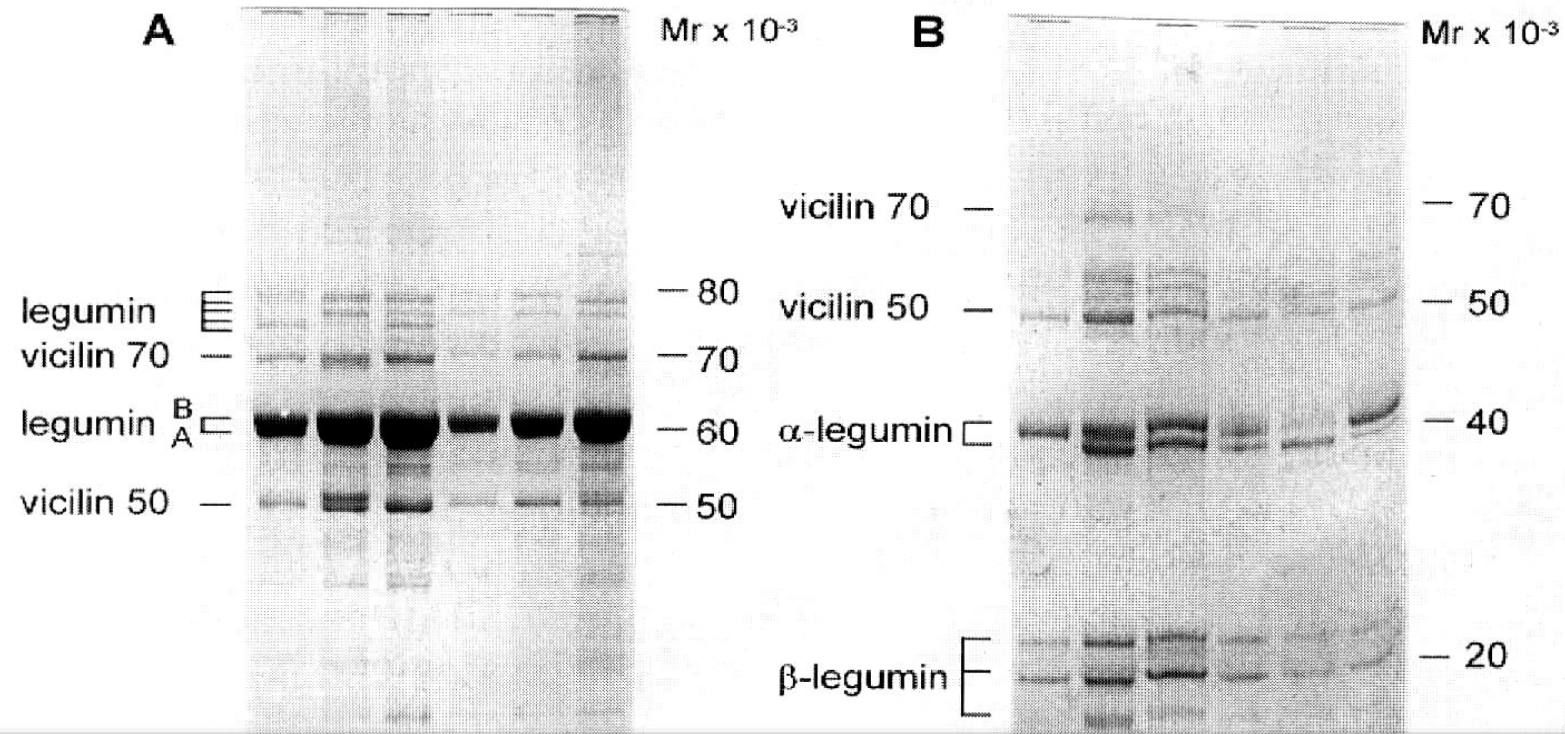


The ratio of **legumin** to **vicilin** in field beans varies between genotypes, e.g. from 1 : 1.7 to 1 : 2.3 (Mårtenson, 1980)

The **S** content of **legumin** is at least twice as high as that of **vicilin**

SDS-Page Variability of Globulin (Shewry und Casey 1999)

Interestingly, protein sub-fractions may be breeding objectives and genetic markers.



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Seed Development and Protein Accumulation Patterns in Faba Bean (*Vicia faba*, L.)

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Zero tannin. No big deal to breed for it. Nevertheless, current cultivars are wild-type.

Tannins are like 'natural seed treatment', protect against fungal attack during germination (*Fusarium* sp.)

Tannins have positive and negative impact, depending on animal species and age. They lower protein digestibility and chelate particularly with iron, which may decrease mineral absorption in the gastrointestinal tract and can increase risk of mineral deficiencies. Cormack et al., 2025. DOI 10.1080/10408398.2025.2568600



Tannin-free seed.
Light and greyish
testa colour

Tannin-containing testa.
,Beige', buff-colour.
Mostly darkening in store.



Picard, J. (1976) Aperçu sur l'hérédité du caractère absence de tanins dans les grains de féverole (*Vicia faba* L.). *Annales de l'Amélioration des Plantes* **26**, 101–106. [A translation, from French to English, of Picard, J. (1976) is available from the corresponding author (No 1).]

Potential seed multiplication problems arising from the existence of two genes for the absence of tannin in *Vicia faba* L. *Plant Varieties and Seeds* (2000) **13**, 131–139

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zt1,zt1:zt2,zt2

“The double recessive genotype, zt1,zt1:zt2,zt2 is thought to be lethal.”

Hard to validate via χ^2 tests.

With markers for these two loci, this statement should be easy to validate ...

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Characterization and diagnostic marker for *TTG1* regulating tannin and anthocyanin biosynthesis in faba bean *zt1*

[Natalia Gutierrez](#)  & [Ana M. Torres](#)

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The bHLH transcription factor *VfTT8* underlies *zt2*, the locus determining zero tannin content in faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.)

[Natalia Gutierrez](#) , [Carmen M. Avila](#) & [Ana M. Torres](#)

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Low vicine–convicine and zero tannin 'FEVITA' faba beans

Fevita, des féveroles sans tannins et à basse teneur en vicine–convicine

by Paolo ARESE*, Gérard DUC**, Michel LESSIRE***, Pascal MARGET**



GRAIN LEGUMES No. 48 – January 2007



Natural selection of hemi- and heterozygotes for G6PD deficiency in Africa by resistance to severe **malaria**

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P. Warn†‡, **C. E. M. Allsopp†**, **S. C. Gilbert***,
N. Peschu‡, **C. I. Newbold†**, **B. M. Greenwood§**,
K. Marsh‡ & **A. V. S. Hill*†¶**

NATURE · VOL 376 · 20 JULY 1995

No red blood cell damage and no hemolysis in G6PD-deficient subjects after ingestion of low vicine/convicine *Vicia faba* seeds

Paolo Arese

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Mosquito and red blood cells visualize the topic of this page (with ChatGPT)

Das, A.K. and N.K. Majumder, 2008: Heterogeneity of the **glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase** enzyme in **Indian buffaloes**. Buffalo Bulletin 27, 2008, 181-183.

No connection of G6PD variation with hemic parasites mentioned in this manuscript

Seemingly, *Homo sapiens* shares some aspects of G6PD and *Malaria falciparum* with 'other' animals.

Noteworthy: Glutathione: is a Tripeptide composed of the AA Glutamic acid, **Cysteine** and Glycine. Cysteine is in low content in faba bean protein ... ;-)

Paglia, D.E., 2006: Acute episodic hemolysis in the **African black rhinoceros** as an analogue of human **glucose-6-phosphate** dehydrogenase deficiency. American Journal of Hematology 42, 36 – 45.

Sudden episodes of **massive haemolysis** have become the most common cause of death among captive black **rhinoceroses**, and there is evidence that they occur in the wild as well. We have observed ... marked deficiencies of intracellular ... **glutathione** cycling. It is proposed that erythrocyte ... deficiency in rhinoceroses may be an evolutionary adaptation conferring selective advantage against **common hemic parasites**, comparable to the rôle of **human glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G-6-PD)** deficiency in **falciparum malaria**.



Fernando Geu-Flores, Copenhagen

VC1 catalyses a key step in the biosynthesis of vicine in faba bean

2021

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE | Open Access |

Developmental Stage-Dependent Gene Expression Modulates Maternal Control of Seed Vicine Biosynthesis in Faba Bean

Samson Ugwuanyi ✉, Gerke-Fabian Thomas, Hanna Tietgen, Felix Dreyer, Amine Abbadi, Rod J. Snowdon

First published: 05 November 2025 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/leg3.70057>

2022



Experimental plot in isolation-in-space (Reinshof, Göttingen); 23 June 2020.

Generation Syn-0. Genetically **Vicine-convicine**-poor **winter** field bean lines ('Abo-Vici'. Tacke 2020)

Genetic study of the resistance of faba bean (*Vicia faba*) against the fungus *Ascochyta fabae* through a genome-wide association analysis

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Stefanie Apel⁴ | Wolfgang Link¹ 

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Knowledge and resistance breeding against *Ascochyta* and *Rust* is rather advanced and doable. Resistance breeding against *Botrytis*, *Aphids*, *Bruchus*, *Sitona* is rather difficult. Relatively little work is done for *Peronospora* and some further fungal pathogens.

Theoretical and Applied Genetics (2022) 135:3735–3756

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00122-021-04022-7>

REVIEW

ChatGPT hallucinating fungal disease and black aphid



Advances in disease and pest resistance in faba bean

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AUGUSTA - Neue Winterackerbohne

Am 1. März 2018 wurde für die NPZ die Winterackerbohne AUGUSTA in die deutsche Sortenliste eingetragen.

cv. Augusta for autumn sowing was listed in 2018. Hiverna, the only winter bean until then was listed in 1986 (breeder was Harald Littmann, he bred in addition Wibó and Webó).



I still think it's great that DNPW at Georg-August University Göttingen was involved in the making of Augusta.

Photo shows a propagation of Syn-0 to Syn-1; my dad and my wife are harvesting.

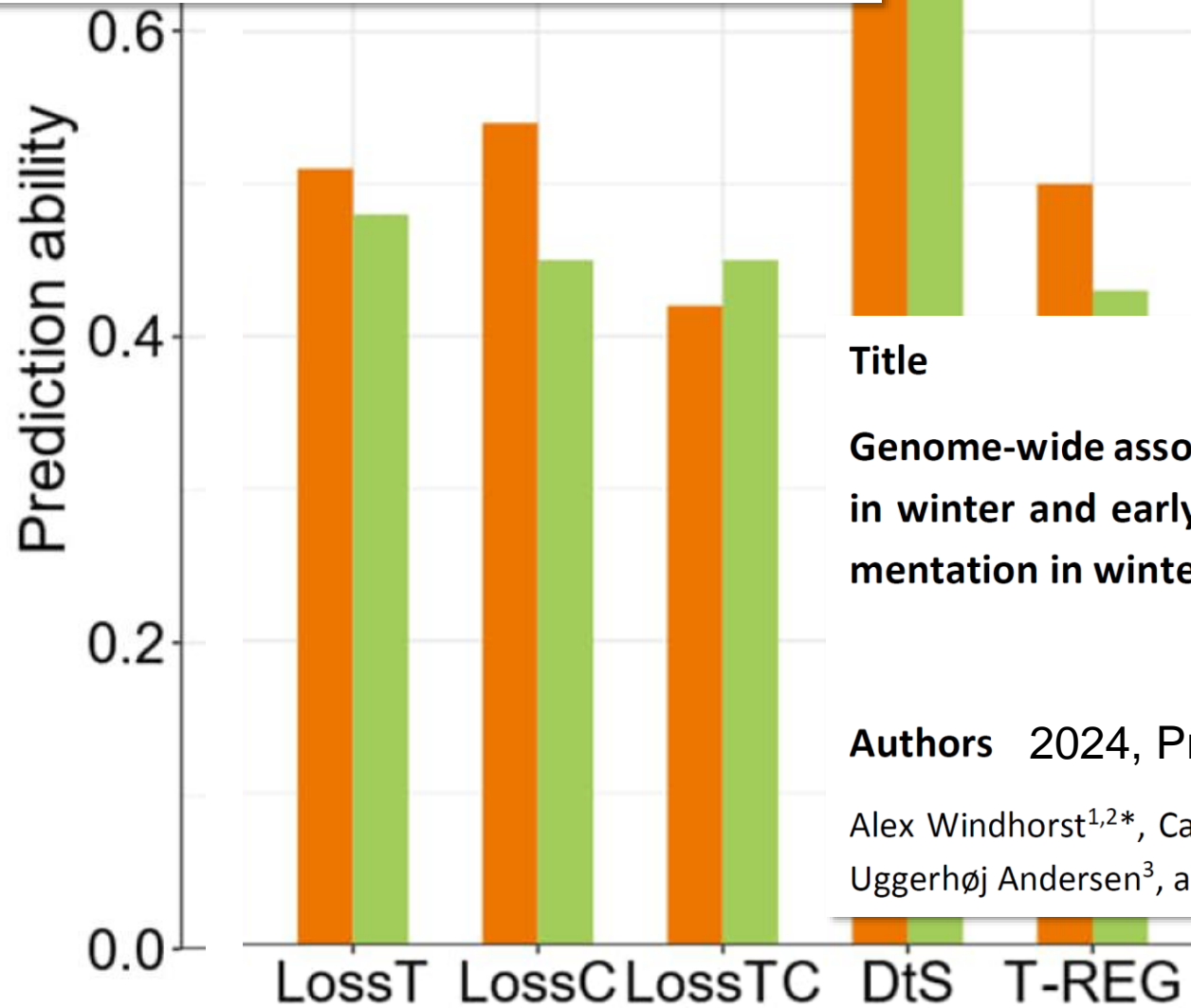
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Reinshof. Autumn-sown ProFaba
200 panel, 1 row r=1 per entry.
Windhorst, 2024



Windhorst, 2024

GWAS on frost-tolerance traits: Symptoms of freezing, such as Loss-of-Turgor and of Colour, Disposition to Survive freezing and Regrowth after freezing stress



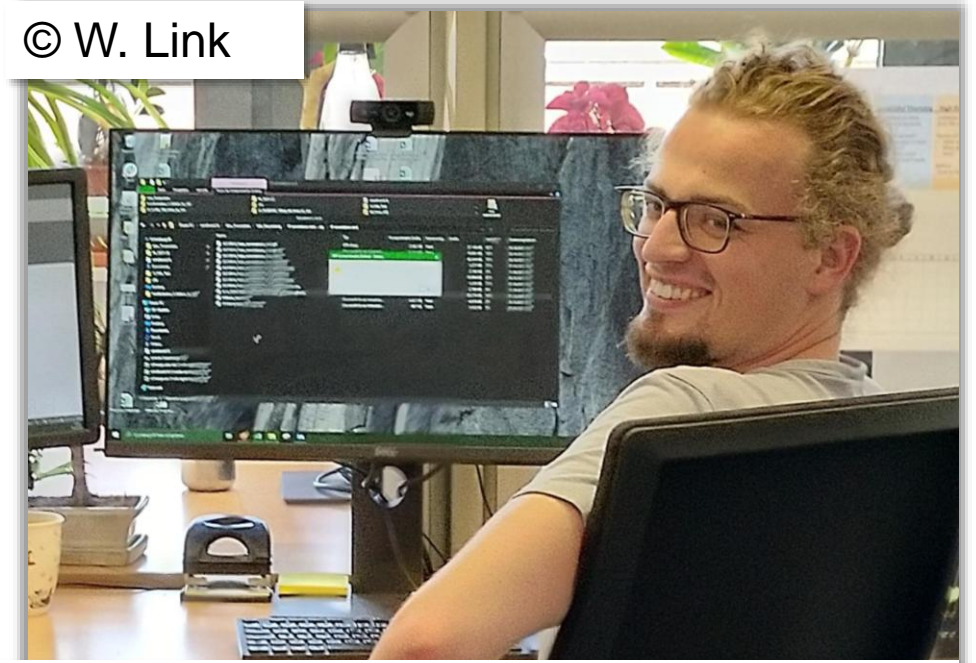
Title

Genome-wide association studies identify promising QTL for freezing tolerance in winter and early spring as a basis for in-depth genetic analysis and implementation in winter faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) breeding

Authors 2024, Preprint in BioRxiv

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Drought-stress 'platform' at Göttingen from 1990 – 2014.

West ←



Göttingen, 2013



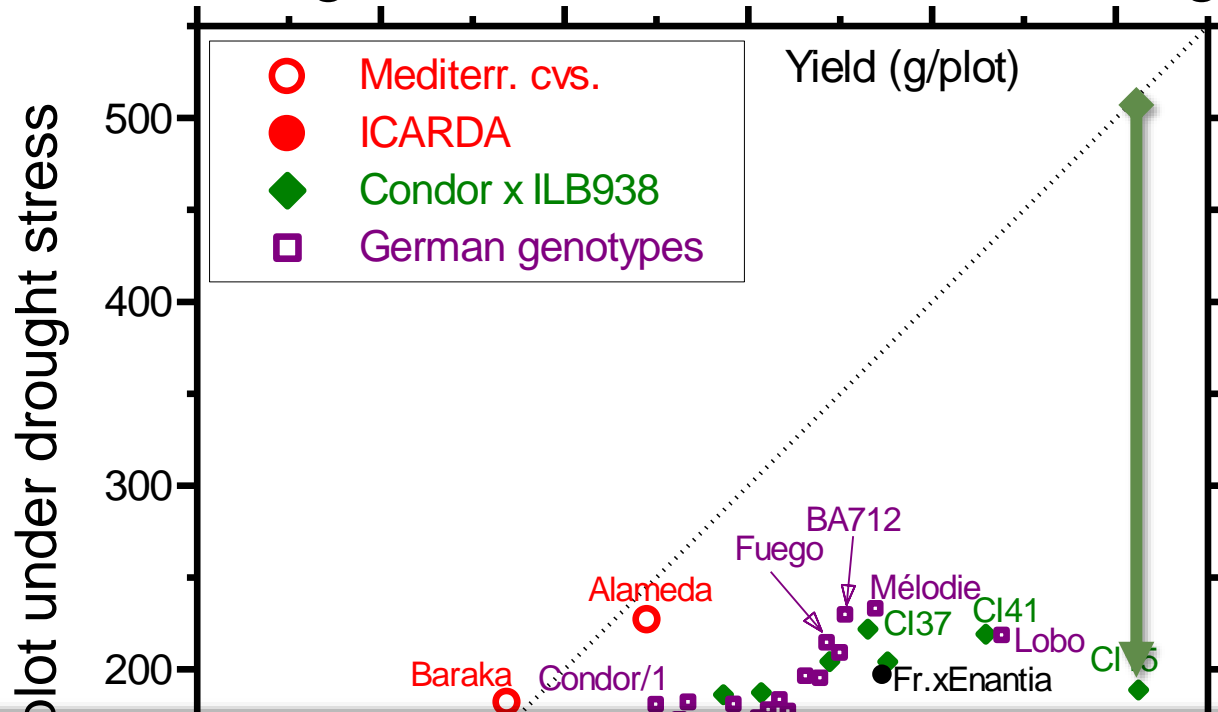
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Groß-Lüsewitz, 2013

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Drought Stress Trial 2005 at Göttingen



Correlated Responses in Two Traits when Selection is Practised on their Ratio

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Grain yield 'well-irrigated'
Grain yield 'drought'

Association Analyses to Genetically Improve Drought and Freezing Tolerance of Faba Bean (*Vicia faba* L.) 2016

Mohamed B.M. Ali, Gregor C. Welna, Ahmed Sallam, Regina Martsch, Christiane Balko, Björn Gebser, Olaf Sass, Wolfgang Link ✉



Rain-out-Shelter (Trockenstress-
Haus) in Göttingen 2025

Project **Fabalous**

(Coordination: Sarah Schießl-
Weidenweber, JLU Giessen)

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How do we now arrive at an overall assessment of the situation of *Vicia faba* in D ?



'My' comparison between combine-harvested pulses in Germany

Species	Soil demands	Maturity fits	Weed suppr.	Symbiotic perform.	Autochth. Rhizobia	Protein		Option for			Σ
						Content (%)	Quality	Food	Autmn sowing	Hete-rosis	
Soya	OK	NO	NO	-	-	>40	+	YES	NO	NO	4
Pea	OK	YES	NO	+	+	25	-	+ / -	YES	NO	5
Sweet Lupine (l/a/a)	pH	YES	NO	+	+	>35	+	YES	NO	NO	6

And now, where to from here?



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Monogenic-oligogenic features that may be improved in near future.

Genome Editing

▶ Zero Vicine-Convicine; Resistance against *Bruchus*, *Aphis*, Viruses, *Orobanche*, Herbicides; Autofertile pure lines; No delay in onset of pod growth; No off-flavour in protein fraction. >35% protein content in seed and balanced AA composition ('protein-plus beans'); Zero pod shattering; Zero lodging.

Other topics that are likely to be addressed intensively soon

Hybrid breeding

▶ CMS and transparent seed coat via **Genome Editing**. Then: Sowing of TGW ~ 300g and harvesting of TGW ~ 600g (Link et al., 1994. Crop Sci 34, 960-964).

Else

- ▶ Winterhardness sufficient for Central Europe all winters.
- ▶ Micronutrient (Mo, Fe, Co) supply *via* certified seed and *Rhizobia* supply *via* seed coating.
- ▶ *Bombus hortorum* colonies available for purchase.
- ▶ ?

Andy Bounds in Brussels,
Published Dec 4 2025.

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Brussels backs softer regime for gene-edited plants

Agreement over lighter-touch regulation marks first big loosening of rules since 'Frankenfoods' outcry 20 years ago

The future is open and today we do not know what will be 'just normal' in one year from now (today is Dec 8 2025)...

By the way: Typically, about half of all faba bean acreage in D is **organic** ;-)