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## Optimal selection and mating accounting for non-additive genetic effects, genome diversity and Mendelian sampling terms

### Context:

- Genome-wide evaluation (GWE) is a disruptive methodology with potential of attaining high accuracies at short generation intervals.
- Last decade has seen a mainstream GWE research focused on factors affecting prediction accuracy, like estimation methods, data integration and design of training populations.
- Comparatively little has been done on the impacts that this extra accuracy might have on the genetic diversity at whole genome scale, on ways to use the wealth of genomic information to reduce these impacts, or how to use efficiently MS variation over the long term.
- There are solutions from the pedigree-based era to optimize breeding for maximum gain over the long-term (optimum contributions), but these rely on average information, and thus variation across markers is neglected when fitting these solutions.

### Objectives and approaches:

- The general objective here is to devise a breeding tool to improve coherently long-term gain and diversity management with GWE, by accounting explicitly for the available marker information across genomes in the candidate population.
- We will use quantitative genetics theory, computer simulations and demonstrations via proof-of-concept in poplar, maize and oil palm, for which mating is a key element in their breeding (see species table).
- Three developments will be integrated: (a) GWE models with explicit non-additive components for predicting crosses; (b) gain prospections (simulations) through mate selection while observing diversity and MS terms across genomes; (c) imputation, expected to act synergistically with the other two previous developments.

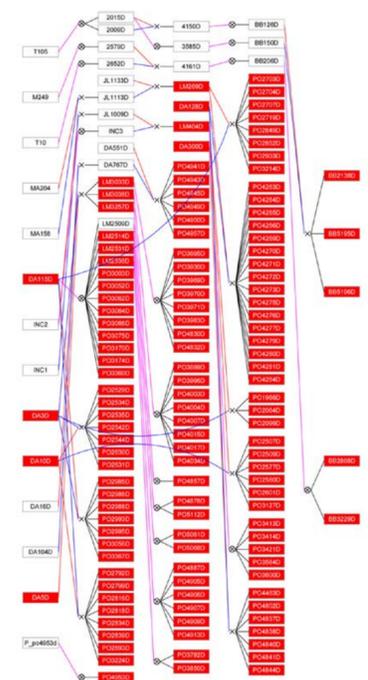
Differences and complementarities of the case studies:  
Summary of major characteristics of the studied species and scientific questions

	Maize	Oil palm	Poplar
Major characteristics			
Biology	Allogamous monoecious annual flowering	Allogamous monoecious Flowering after 3-4 years	Allogamous Dioecious Flowering after 6-10 years
Genome size	2.5Gb	1.8 Gb	500Mb
LD	+++	+	-
Diversity	+++ (b/ lines), - (w/ lines)	--	+++
Product of selection	Hybrids between lines	Hybrids	Cloned hybrids
Scientific questions			
Imputation		X	X
GWE with additive/dominant effects	X	X	X
Diversity & MS management	X	X	X



hybrid versus parental maize ears

oil palm fruits and breeding pedigree with small Ne



poplar plantations and peeled veneer for packaging



### Impacts:

Bredtolast is expected to impact some ongoing large projects (FP7 ProCoGen, ANR SyBioPop, FruitBreedomics, ATP SEPANG, PalmElit GS2, IA Amazing, SAMMCR), by providing tools for more efficient long-term breeding and by demonstrating novel aspects of GWE.

### Budget:

88K€, 130 ETP / 3 years

1 PhD thesis associated to the poplar case study (funds not comprised in forecited budget)

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### Partners:

The group of partners involves a very comprehensive set of expertise and competences: quantitative genetics, modelling, programming, statistics, genomics and breeding for the three case study species.

**P1, P2 & P4:** breeding and genomic experience in the species, bring the needed expertise and data for the proof-of-concept phases, developed simulation tools focused on the optimization of breeding. **P1** authored and **P5** perfected tool METAGENE for forest tree species. **P2** authored tool OPTIMAS to optimize mating and selection in Marker-assisted breeding schemes. **P3** brings expertise in quantitative genetics theory and optimization of breeding schemes, and authored tool quantiNEMO. **P6** brings expertise in genome research for poplar case study. **P7** expertise in phasing and imputation approaches (Alphaphase), experience in GWE in animal breeding.

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