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# Barcoding pour étudier les forces sélection/dérive génétique dans des populations de puceron

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## *Aphis gossypii* :

- able to colonize more than 600 host plants, major pest on cucurbits
- a sap feeder and efficient plant viruses vector
- mainly asexual reproduction insect
- overlapping generations
- Restrictions of insecticide use promote aphid resistant cultivars deployment.
- The cluster **Vat** in melon confers resistance to infestations and also inhibits plant infections by non-persistent viruses transmitted by *A. gossypii*.
- The cluster **Vat** has been introduced into commercial lines that have strong success in southern France.

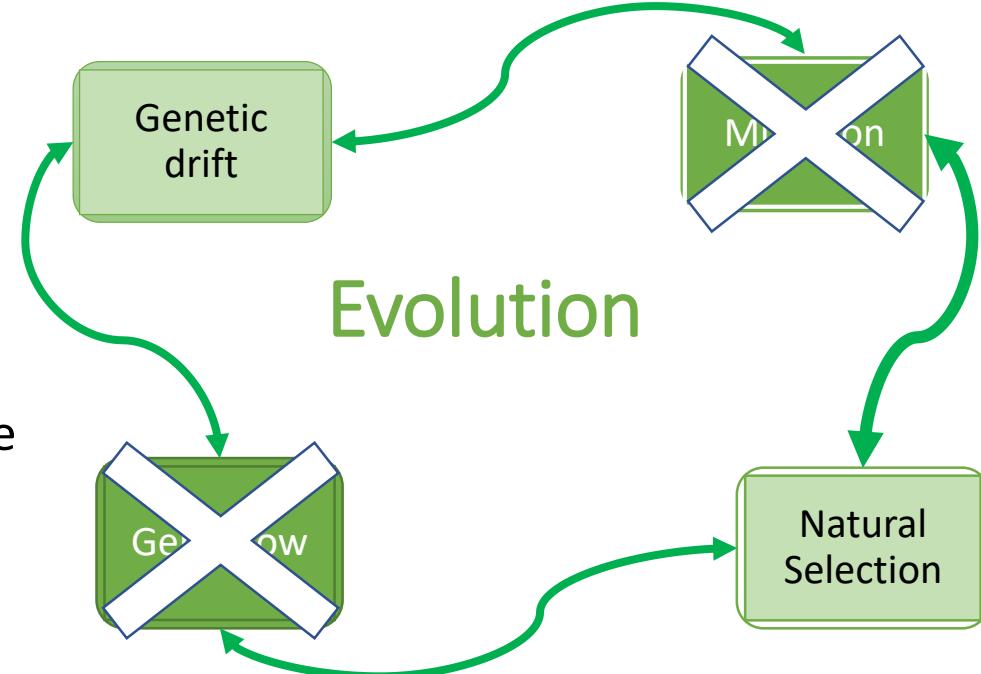


## Evolution Forces

- *A. gossypii* populations has evolved to overcome **Vat** resistance.  
C6 and CUC1 clones overcome **Vat** resistance in different manners.

Resistance (ETI) not triggered, ETI triggered but overcome

- In populations, four forces occur => which clones extinct or continue in nature.
- Laboratory conditions allow to study only the effects of **drift** and **selection** within the populations.



Which overcoming system is the most efficient ?

May drift occur in populations of clones overcoming resistance ?



Develop a technique to determine aphid clone frequencies in a population.

- Low cost
- Accurate



Investigate selection and (drift) occurrence in aphid populations.

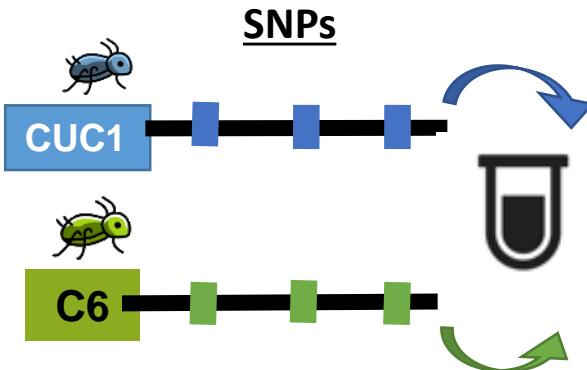
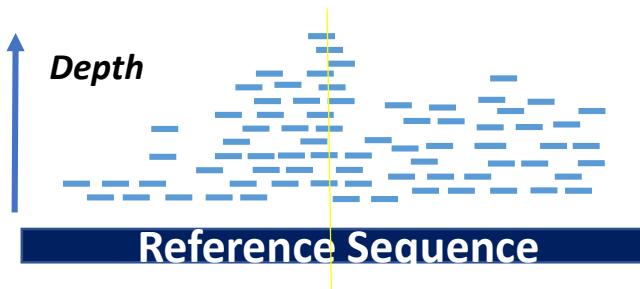
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### 1) Strategy

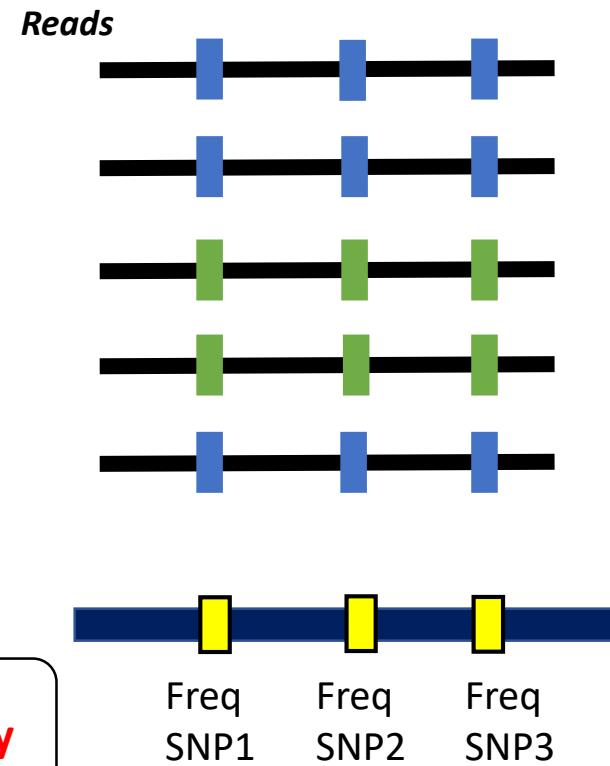


#### Barcoding tools

1. Design DNA amplicons with multiples SNPs to distinguish CUC1 and C6 clones from a reference transcriptome.
2. Sequence amplicons by Illumina from samples that contain known frequencies of CUC1/C6 aphids
3. Verify coverage, amplicons and SNPs positions. Determine C6 read frequencies.
4. Verify reliability of observed C6 frequencies (Abacus).



### 2) Amplicon design



### 3) Sequencing

**Mean = Observed clone frequency**

### 4) Abacus

1) Strategy

### Amplicon characteristics

- At least 3 SNPs homozygous for clones CUC1 and C6.
- Highly conserved regions for primer design.
- Amplicon length limited to Illumina read length (150 bp).
- Minimum expected coverage per aphid 10 X
- Not in melon

2) Amplicon  
design



3) Sequencing

### Limitations

- No reference genome (350 Mb)
- Not possible to verify amplicons obtained by Illumina before biological tests

4) Abacus

Search for homozygous SNPs in a reference transcriptome from *A. gossypii* heads (33813 contigs)  
*Samtools, VarScan, IGV*

36 amplicon candidates

Search for highly conserved regions bordering SNPs  
*Primer3, Blast*

18 amplicon candidates

Sanger sequencing from genomic DNA  
*ChromasBlast on melon*

7 amplicon candidates

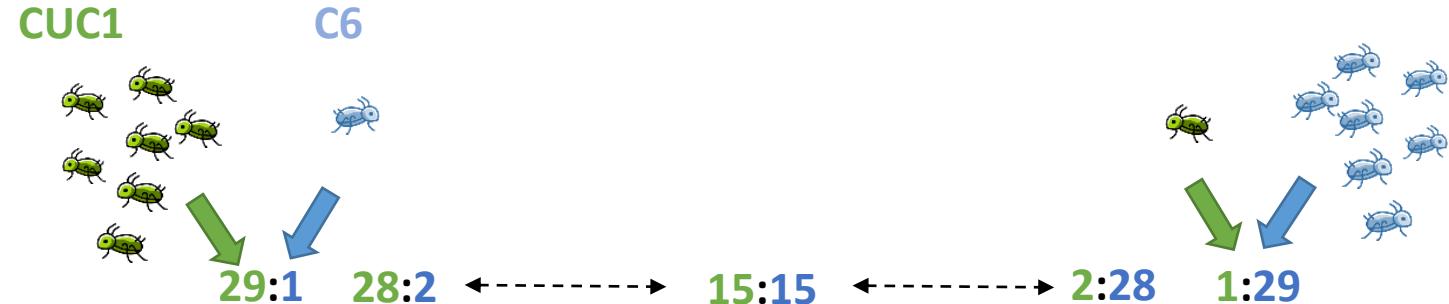
Primer design for Illumina sequencing  
*Primer3, Blast*

10 amplicon candidates

2 amplicons

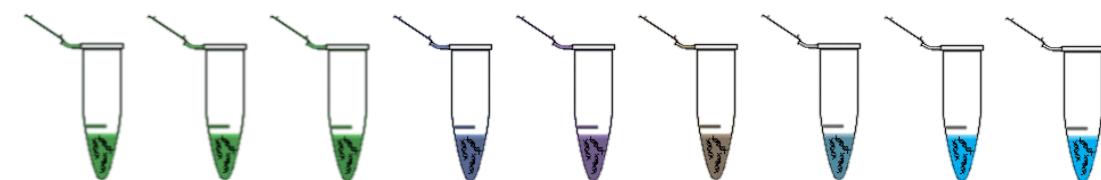
## Technical development

Strategy



Amplicon design

Abacus construction  
Two replicates



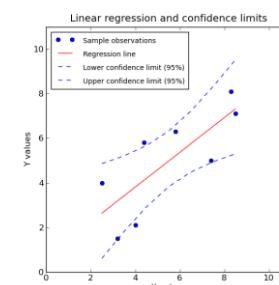
Sequencing

DNA extraction, Aphids + Plants  
Illumina sequencing



Abacus

Linear regression : observed vs estimated frequencies

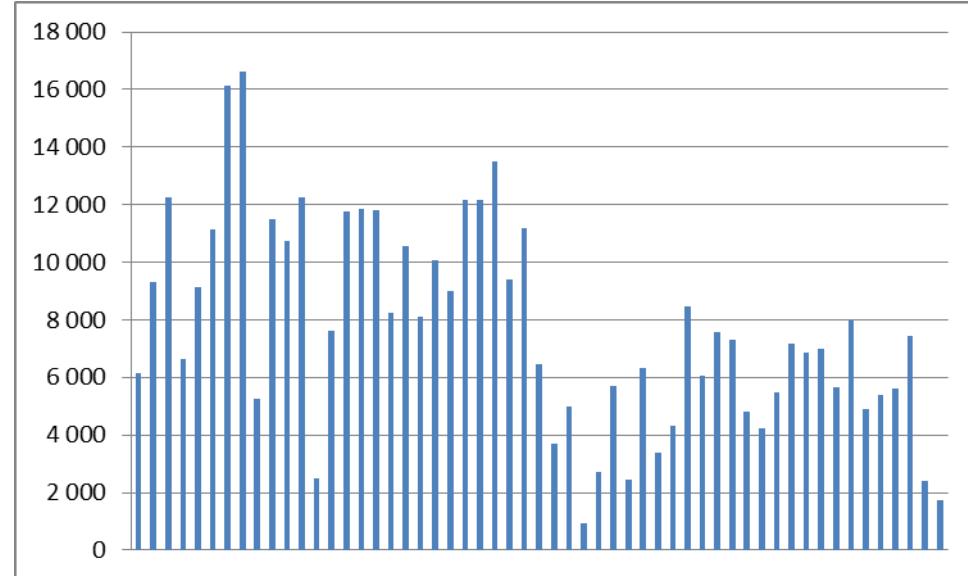


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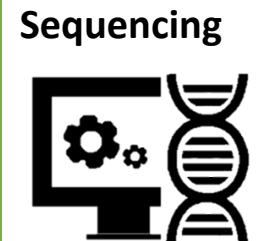
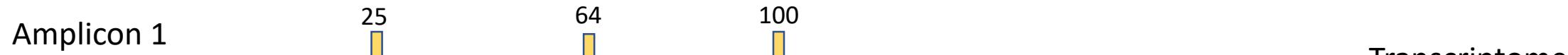
Illumina Miseq micro 2\*150,

Raw data filter (Q>30)

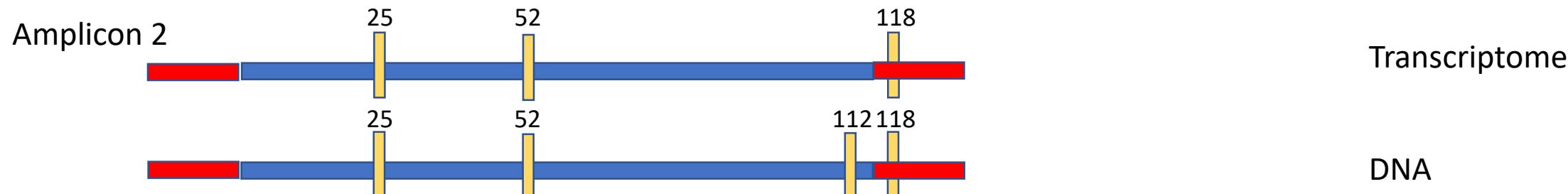
Number of reads for 30 aphids:  
 Median 7287  
 Min 924,  
 Max 16629  
**Amplicon 2 more efficient**



Amplicon  
design



Abacus



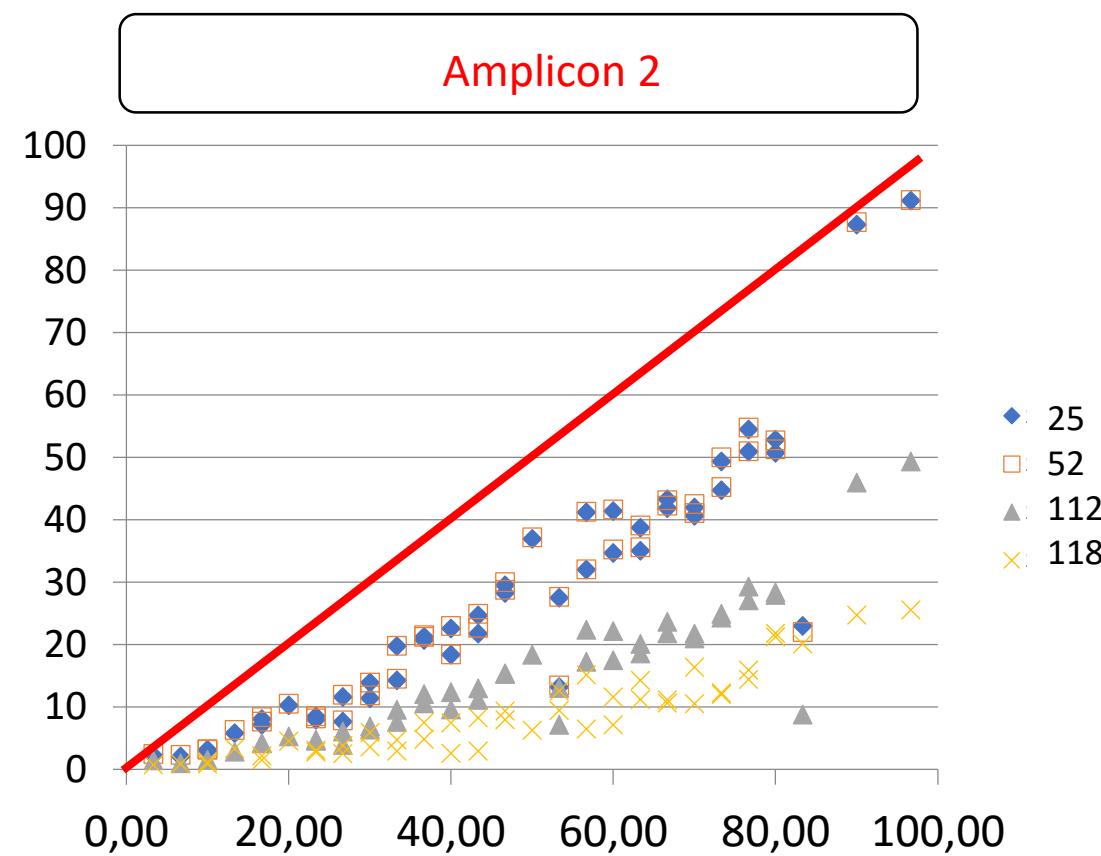
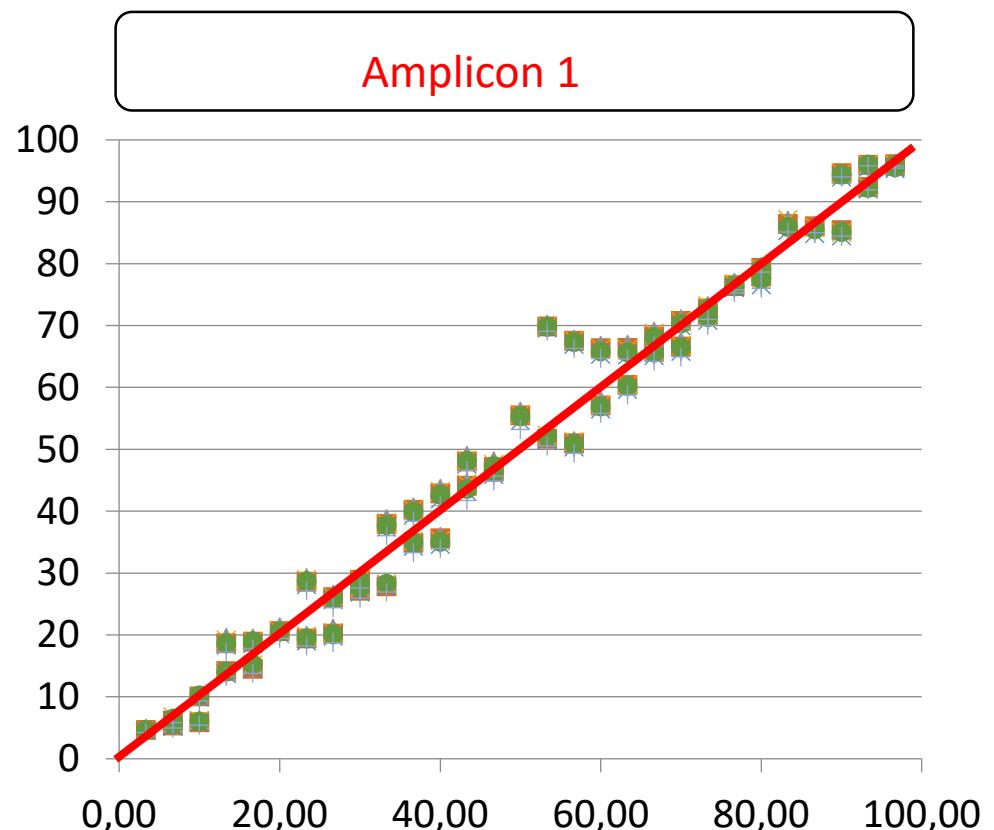
## Technical development

Strategy

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Heterospecificity => Unexpected results

Strategy

## Accuracy of Amplicon 1

Confidence band at 95% shows accuracy  $\pm 5\%$

Only two values were outside of the confidence interval of predicted point.

Error test in tubes manipulation does not explain values outside interval.

A vérifier

Avec des cohortes de pucerons d'âges différents

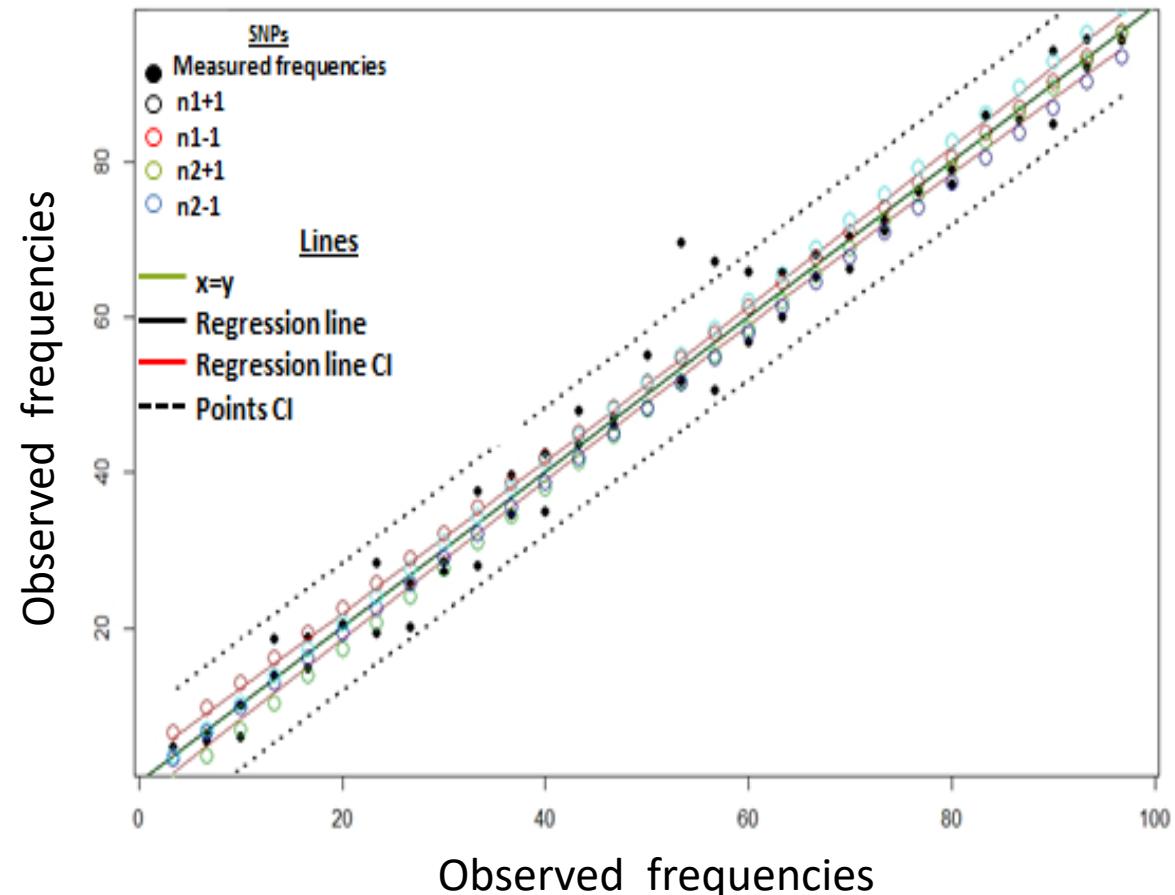
Avec des mélanges de 100-500 pucerons

Amplicon 1 used to analyze the biological tests

Amplicon design

Sequencing

Abacus





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Investigate selection and drift occurrence in aphid populations.

**Biological  
essays****Infestations**

*Vat and non Vat plants*

CUC1 and C6 clones at different departure conditions

N=12 - 24

**Sequencing**

**Estimating aphid populations**

after 4 and 8 days on independent essays

N=4

**Frequency  
analyses**

**Collecting aphid populations (with plants)**

after 4 and 8 days for proportions

after 4 days for density

**Proportion**

1/3



3/1



2/2

**Density**

1:1



2:2



3:3

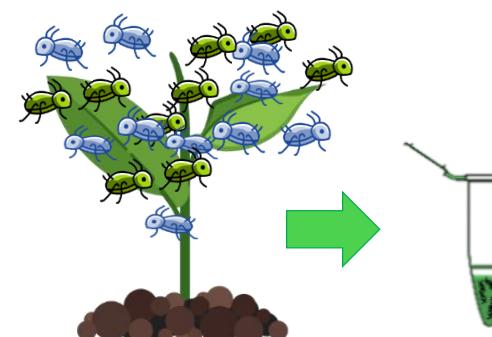


4:4



5:5

6:6



Amplicons 1 & 2

### Biological essays



#### Number of aphids per plant

Estimated on independant essays

N=4

Little bit less aphids on Vat plants

### Sequencing

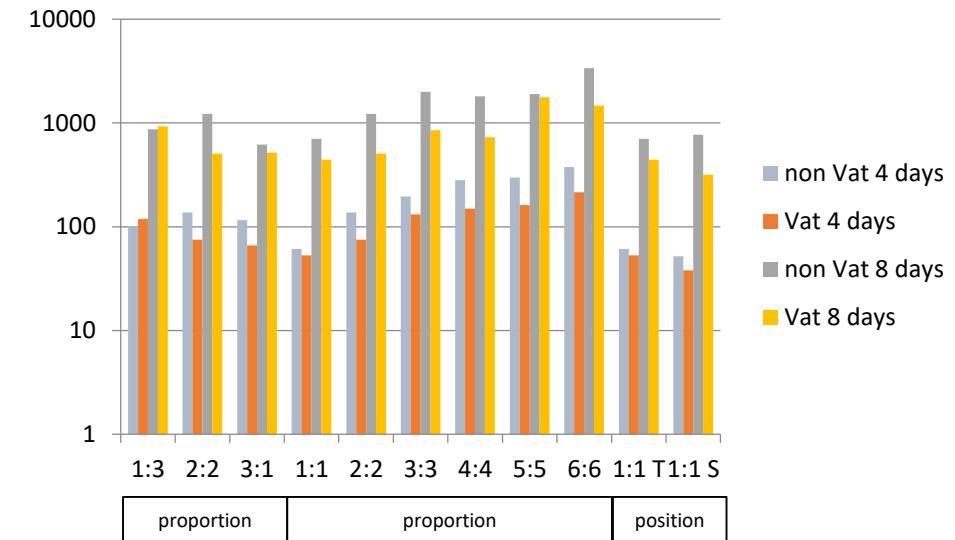


**323/324 samples with amplicons**

#### Amplicon 1 :

Median 1565 reads  
Min 49 reads  
Max 24262 reads

IC SNP<sub>C6</sub> frequency [0,08-1,33]



### Coverage

#### Amplicon 1

**146** samples with an estimated coverage >10  
No samples collected after 8 days had a coverage > 10

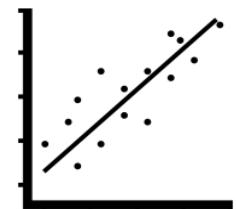
## Biological essays



## Sequencing



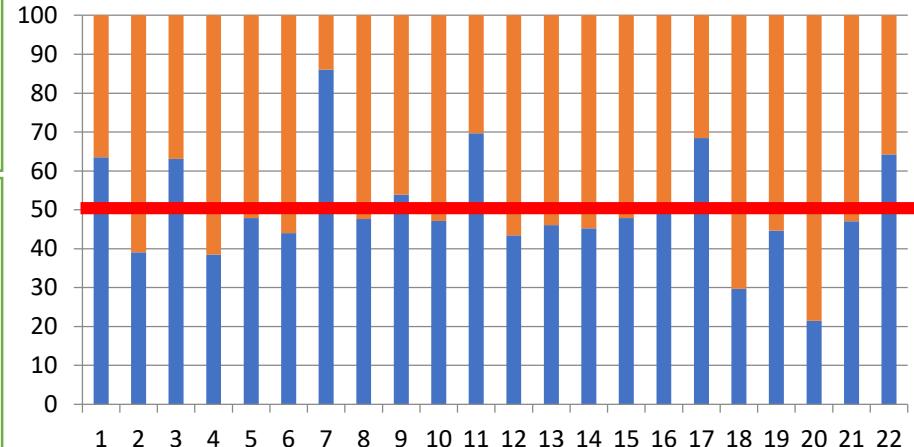
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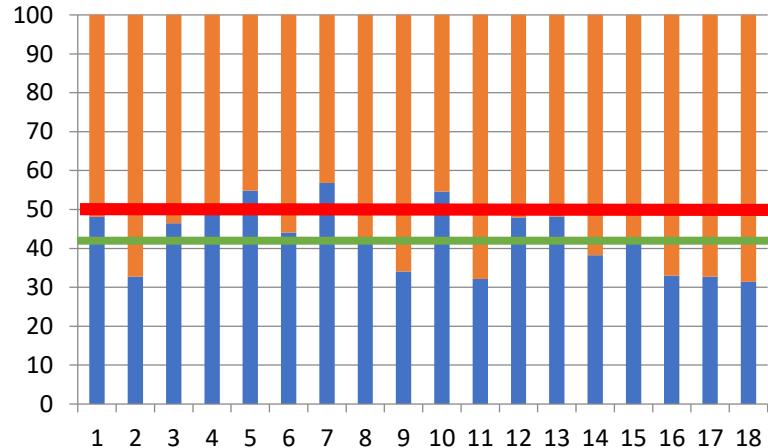
C6

CUC1

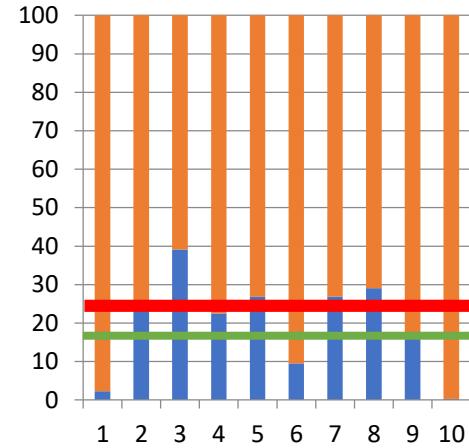
1-1 non-Vat plants



2-2 non-Vat plants



3-1 non-Vat plants



No significant selection

Drift ?

Drift ?

## Biological essays



## Sequencing

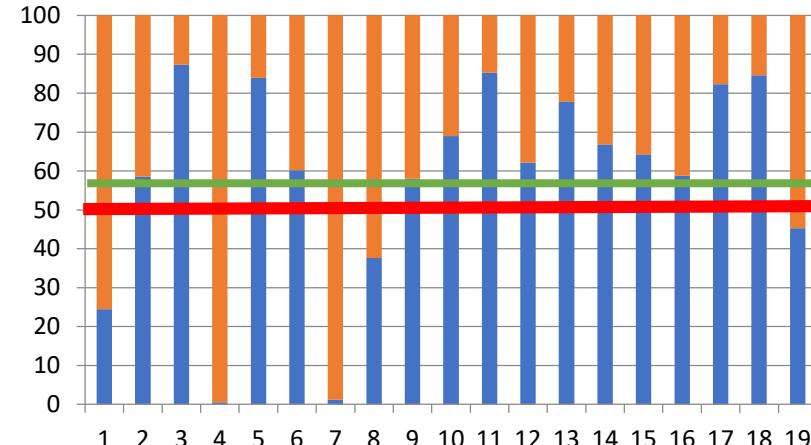


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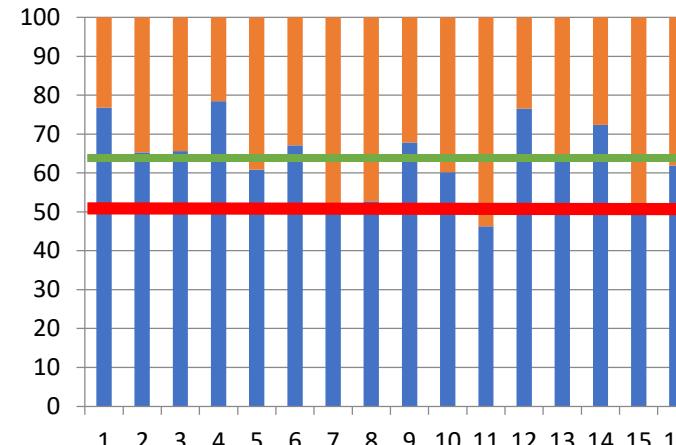


CUC1 C6

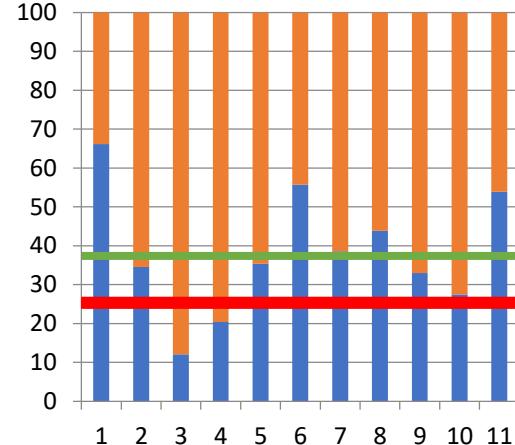
1-1 Vat plants



2-2 Vat plants



3-1 Vat plants



No significant selection

Drift ?

Selection in favor of C6 ( $p < 0.05$ )

Drift ?

- Built an abacus with large cohorts reared on non-Vat and Vat plants
- Amplicon 1 will be sufficient to infer C6 frequency
  - if amplified alone
  - in 7 days population
- Amplicon 1 can be used to study 3 other clones

- Selection was favorable to C6 on resistant plants (ETI not triggered).
- Drift may occur at low departure conditions on non-Vat and Vat plants
- More analysis is required to assess the effects of drift