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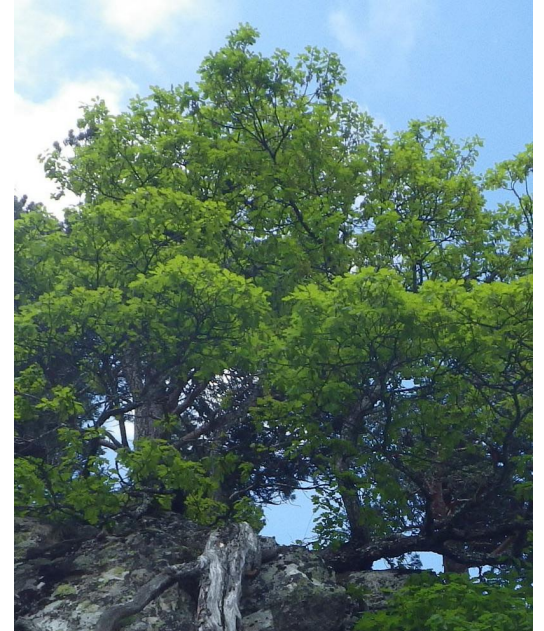


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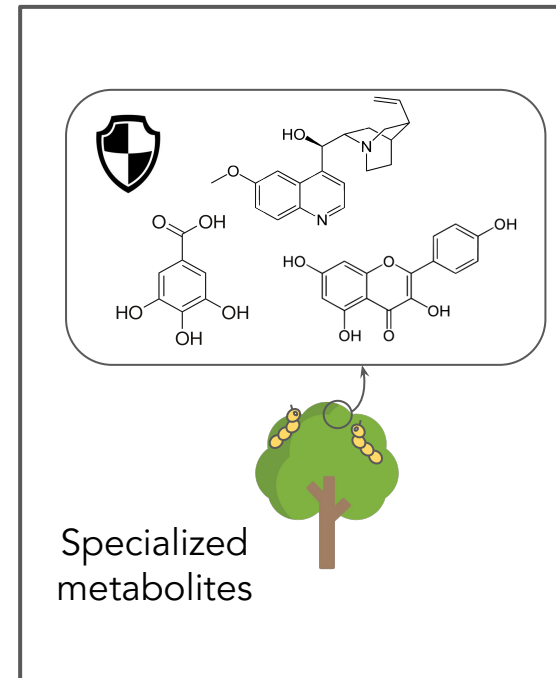
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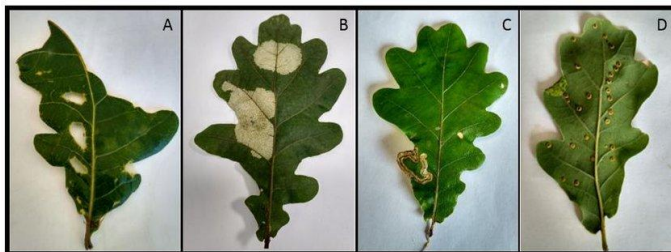
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- Leaf metabolites in oaks:
 - Impact leaf herbivory (ex: Bertić *et al.* 2021)
 - Resistance to abiotic stresses (ex: Aranda *et al.* 2020)



Source: Valdés Correcher, E. (2020). Drivers of insect herbivory in Pedunculate oak (*Quercus robur*) from tree to biogeographical scale, 201.

Genetic basis of leaf specialized metabolites within sessile oaks

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Is there variation for specialized metabolites among and/or within oak populations?

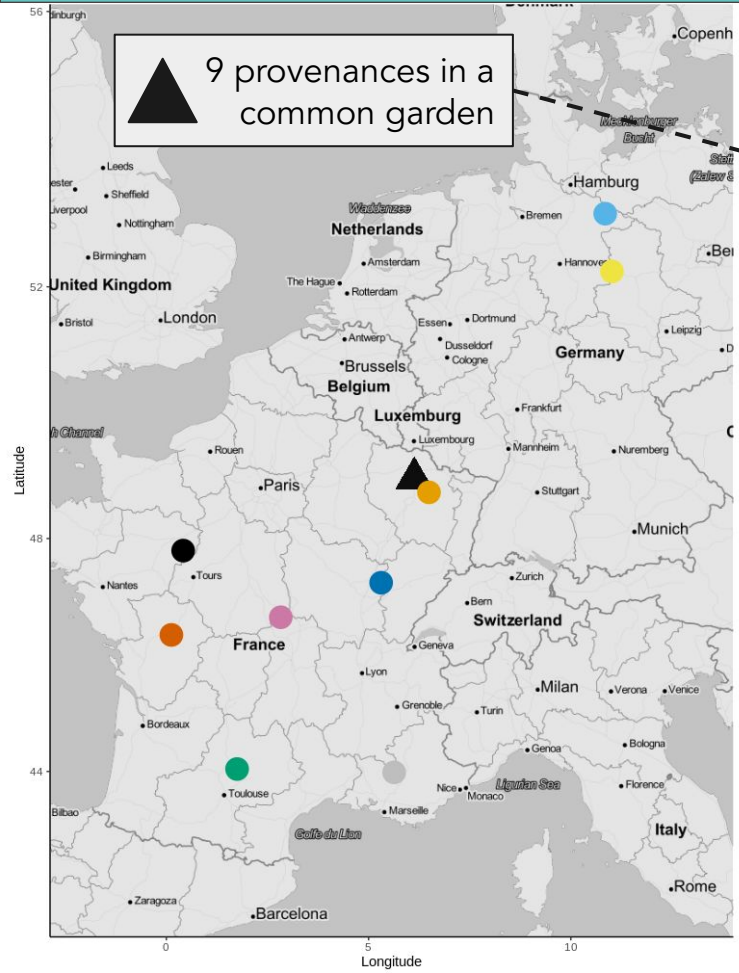
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What proportion of the variation in leaf specialized metabolites is explained by genetic variation?

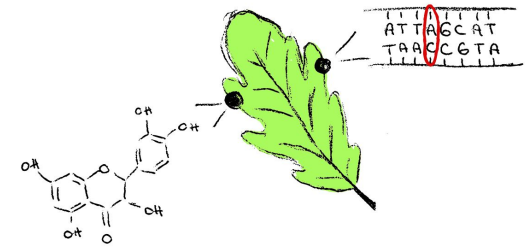
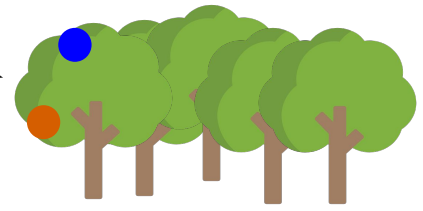
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Is the variation of specialized metabolites locally adaptive? In what proportion?

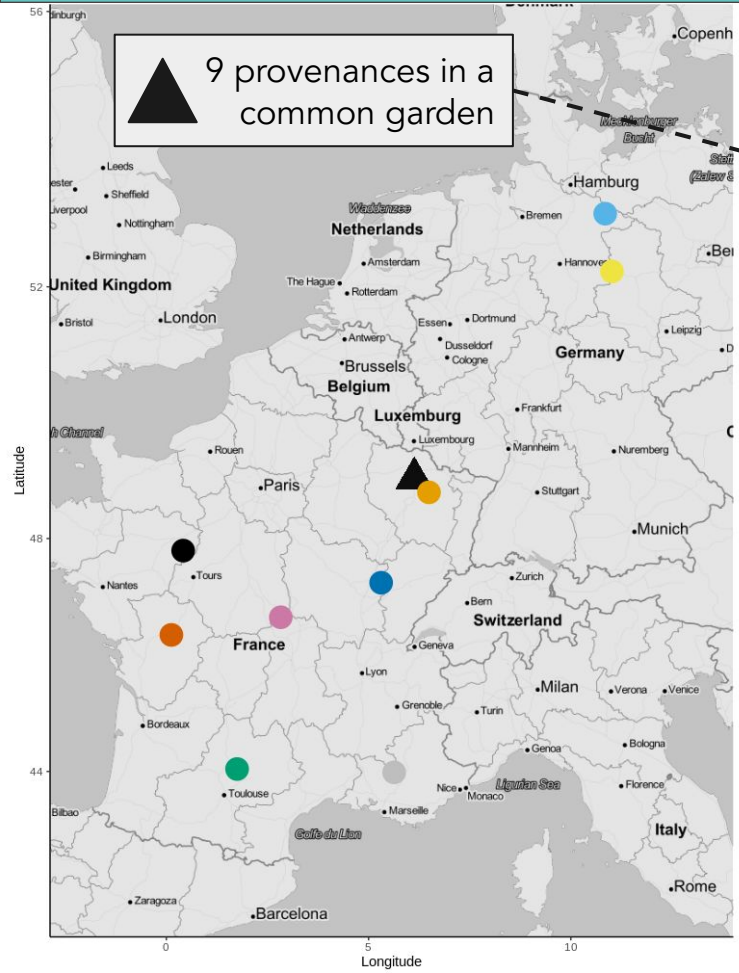
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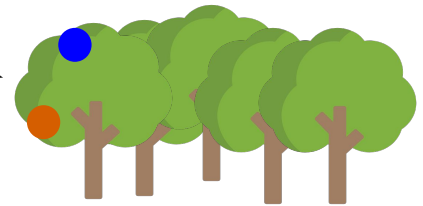
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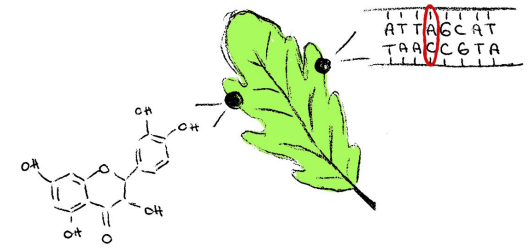
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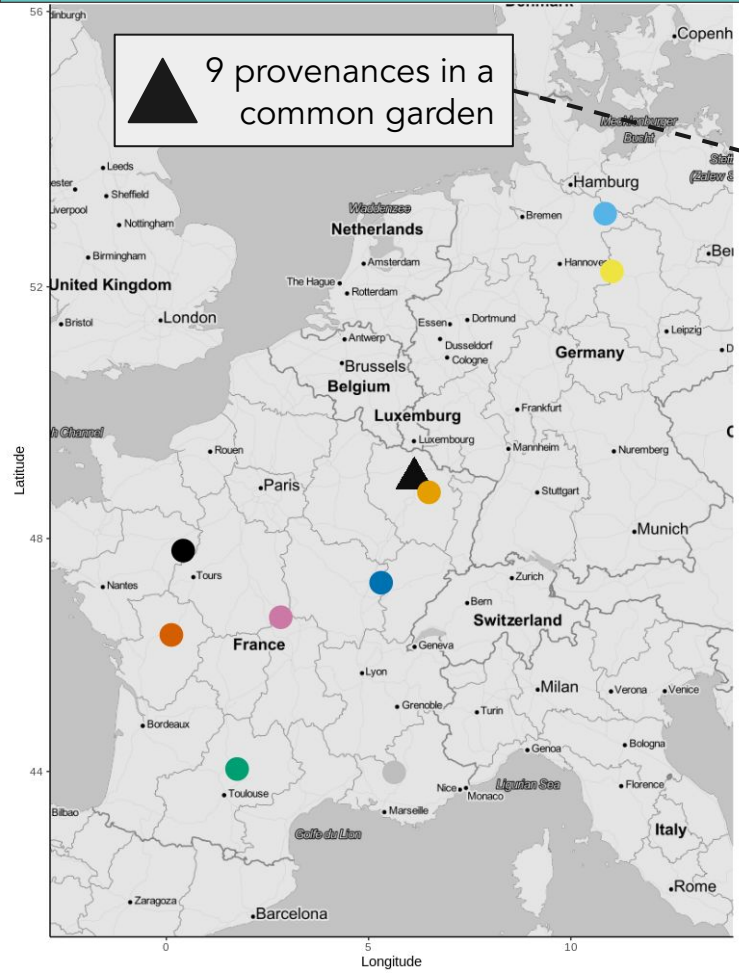
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Whole genome low depth sequencing (~10X)
~1,400,000 SNPs

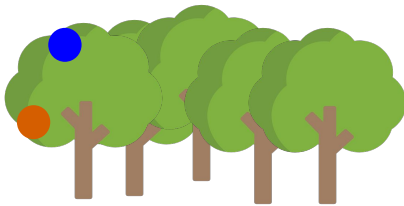
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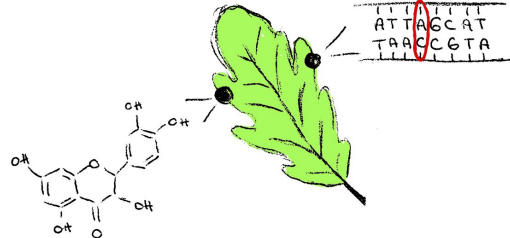
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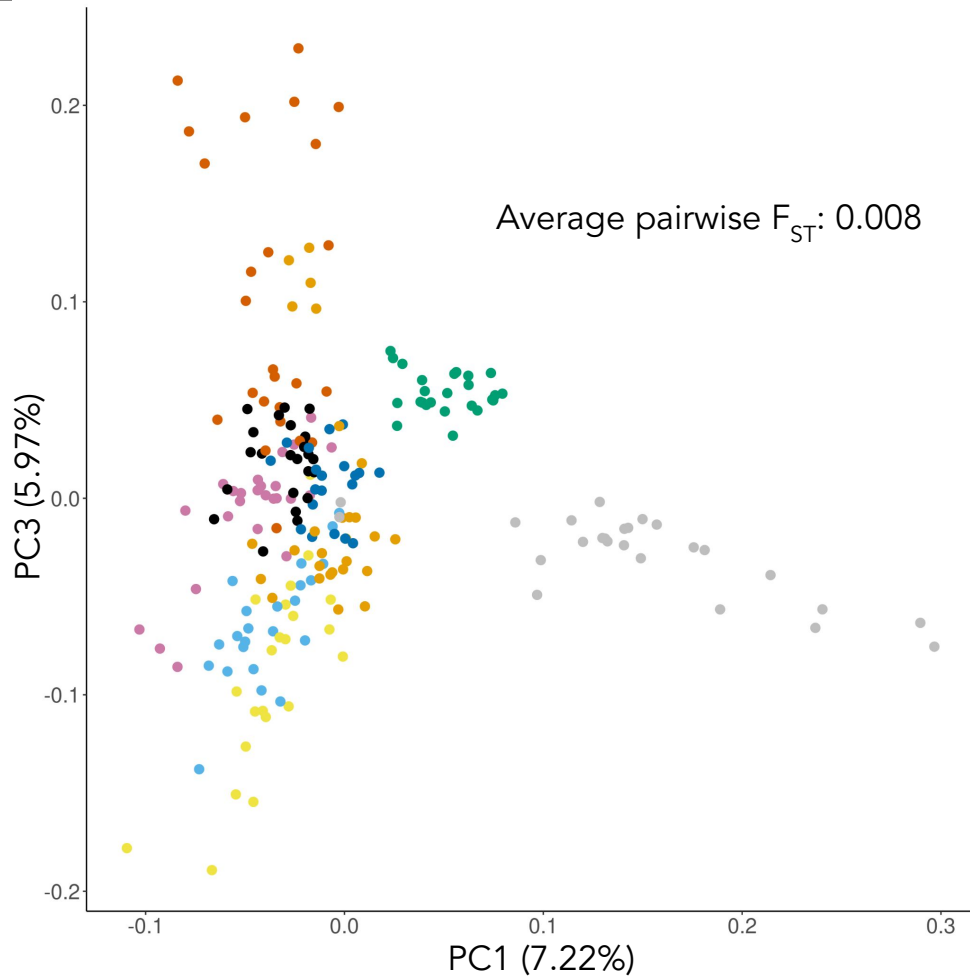
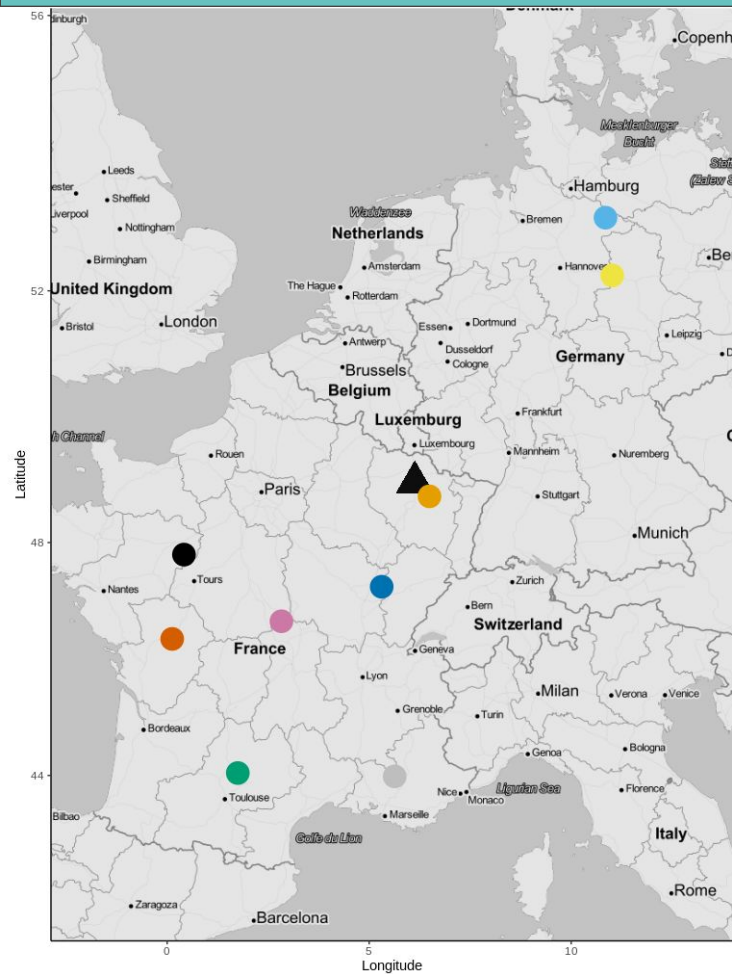
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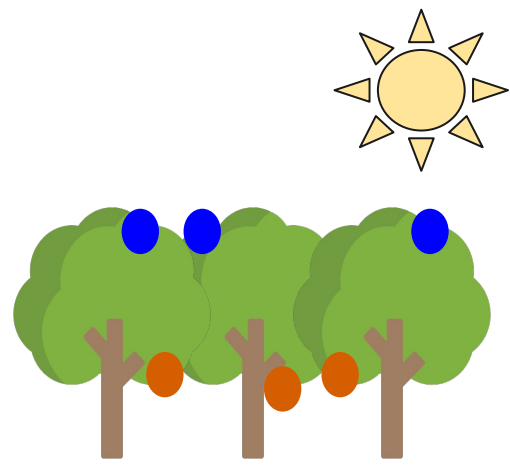
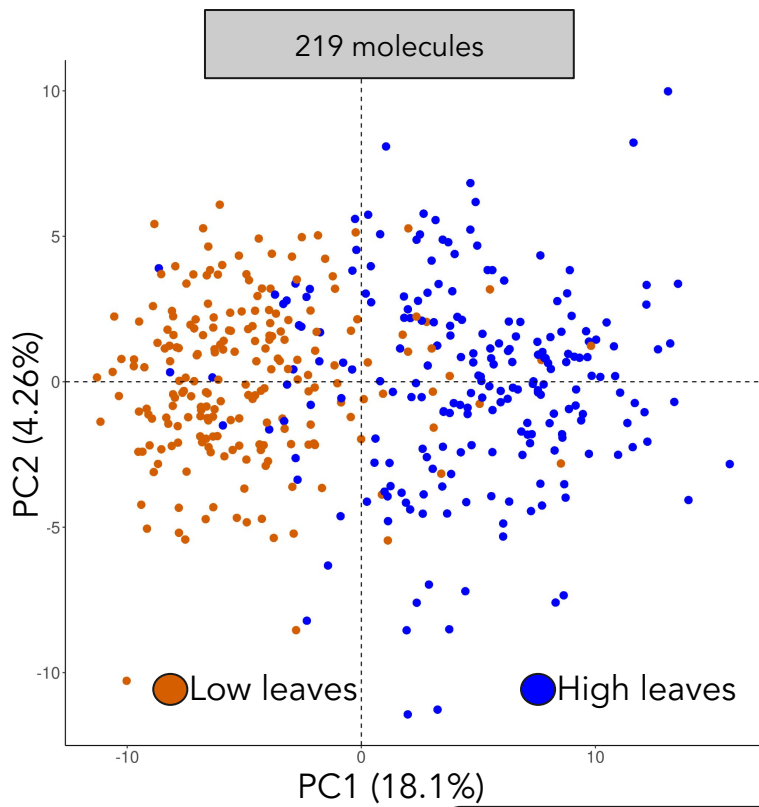
High throughput untargeted LC-MS
219 molecules

10 min gradient
(QTOF)

350K SNPs capture weak population structure

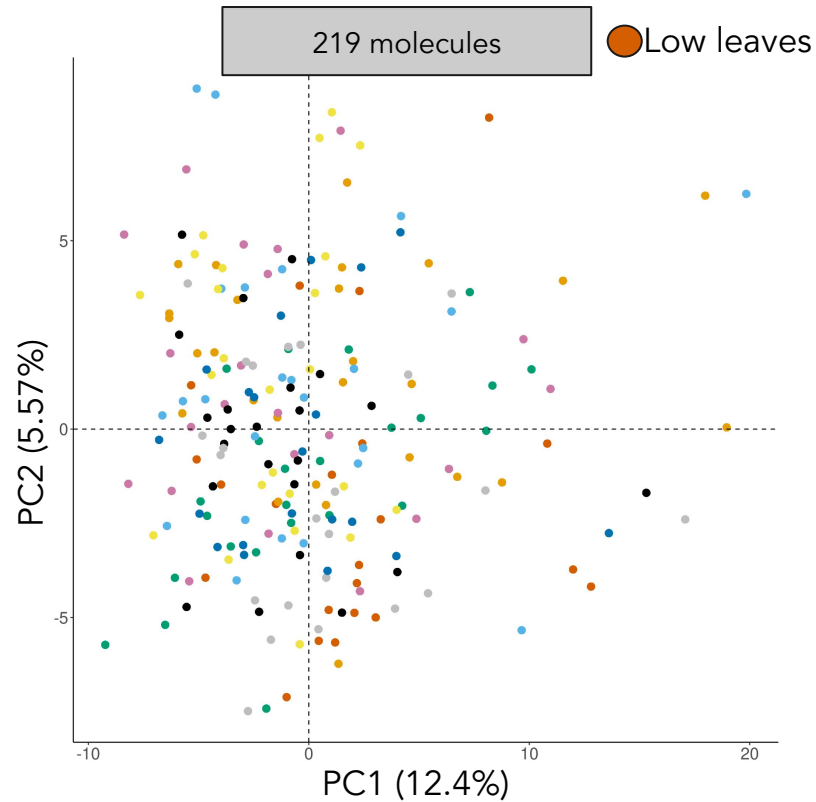


Leaf specialized metabolites profile depends on branch height



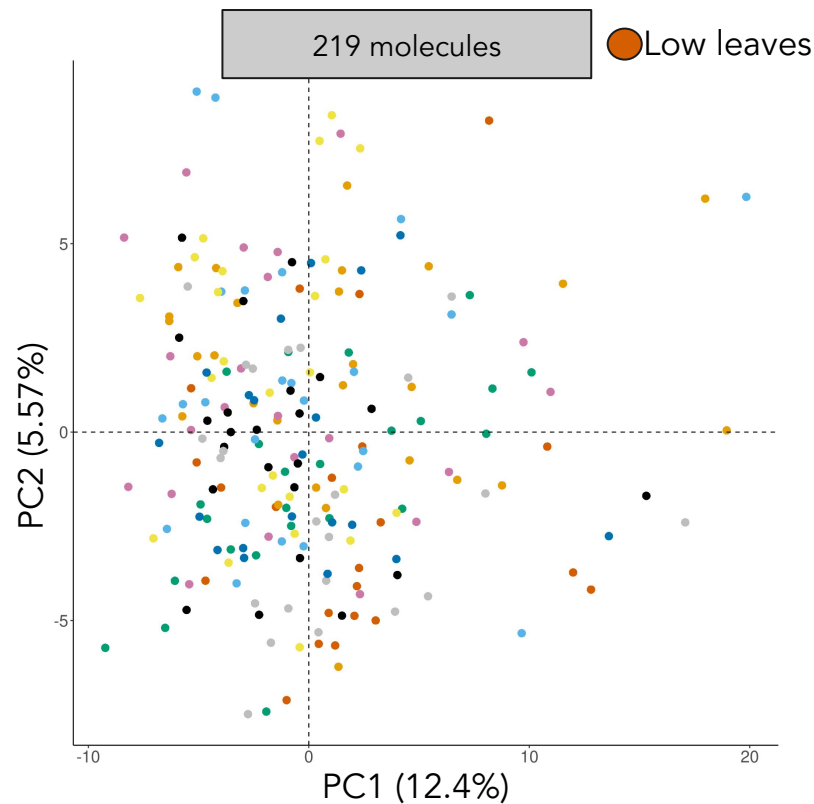
Variation within individuals, likely influenced by exposition to sunlight.

Nearly no phenotypic differentiation between provenances

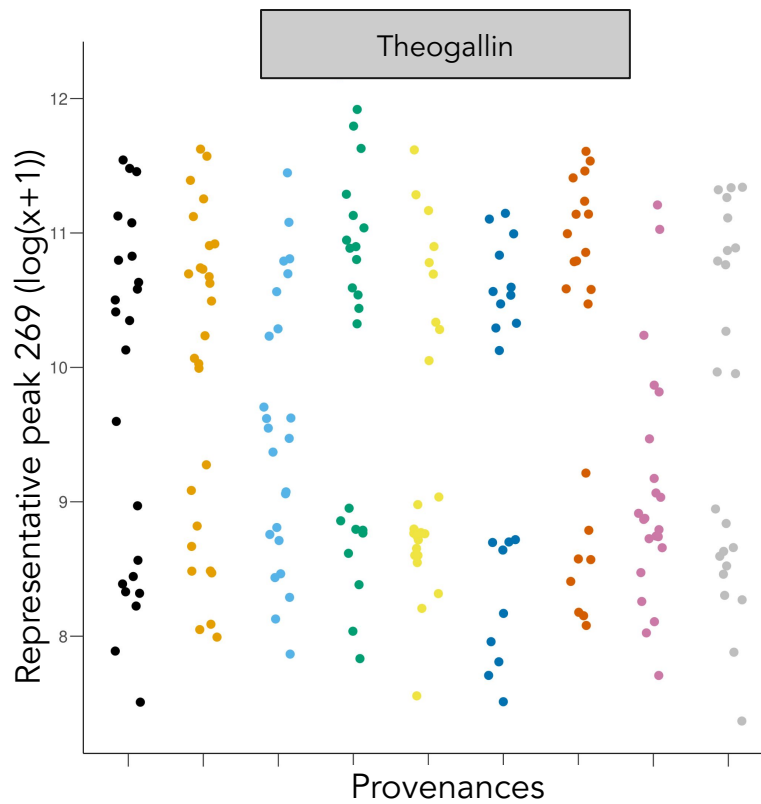


No differentiation between provenances at the leaf metabolome scale

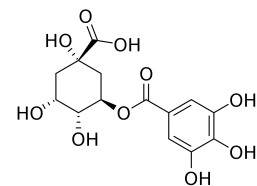
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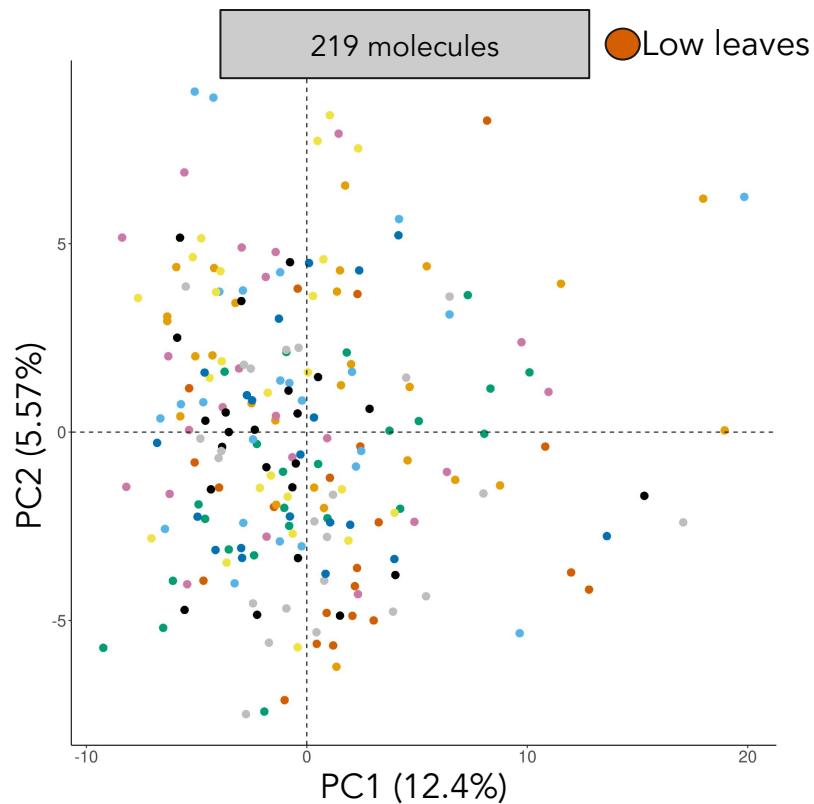
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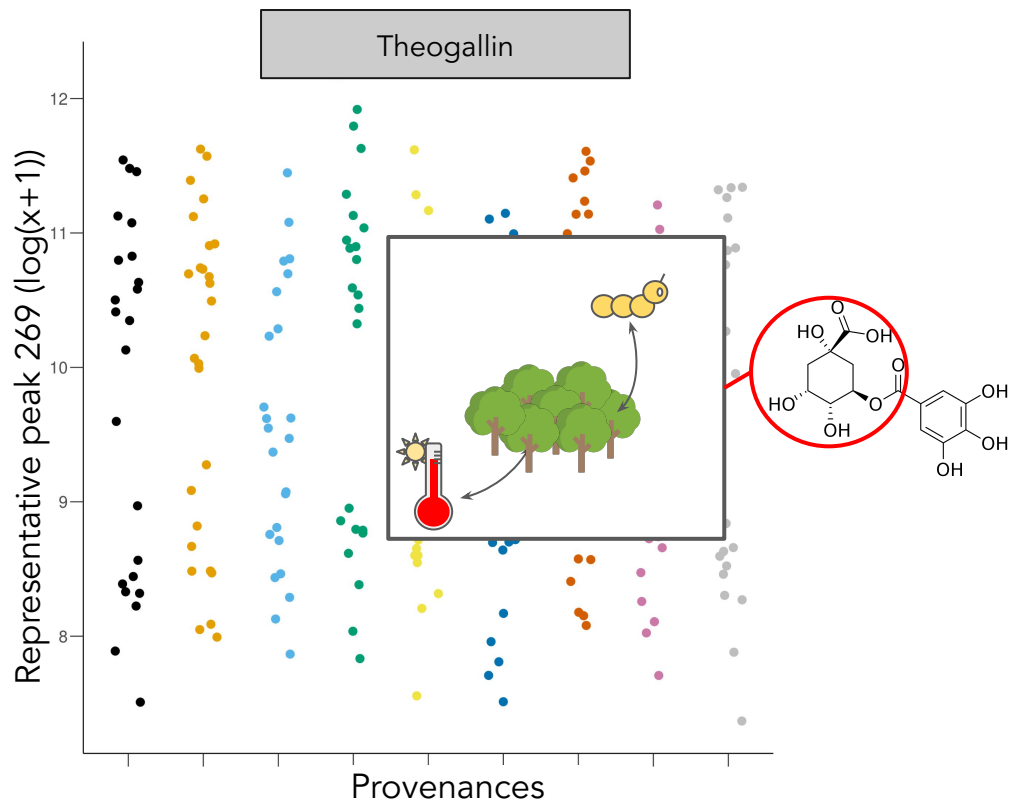
Variation within provenances at the molecule scale for the majority of molecules



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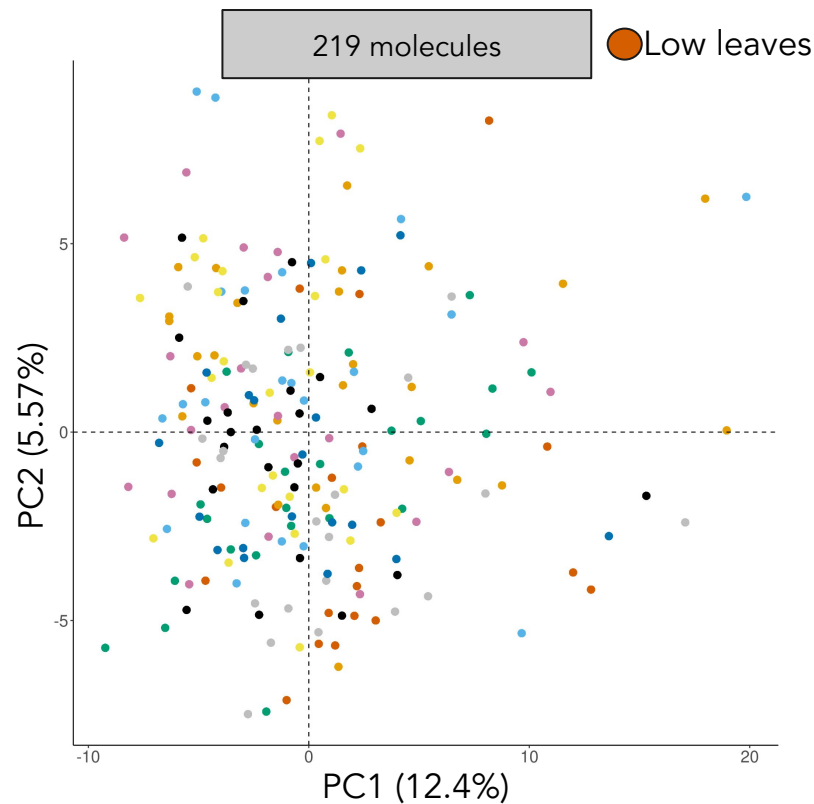


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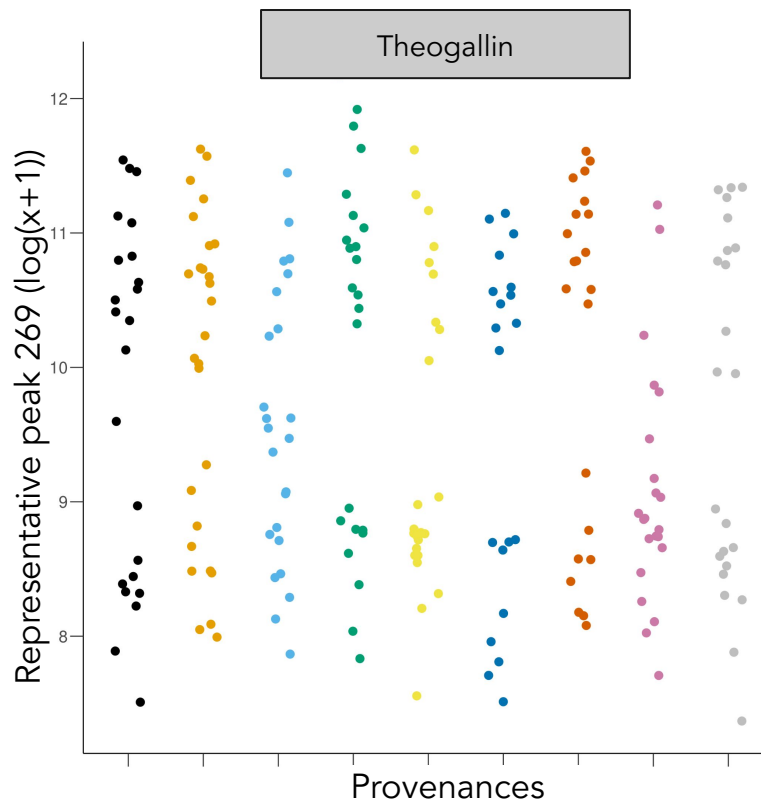


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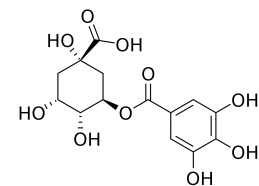
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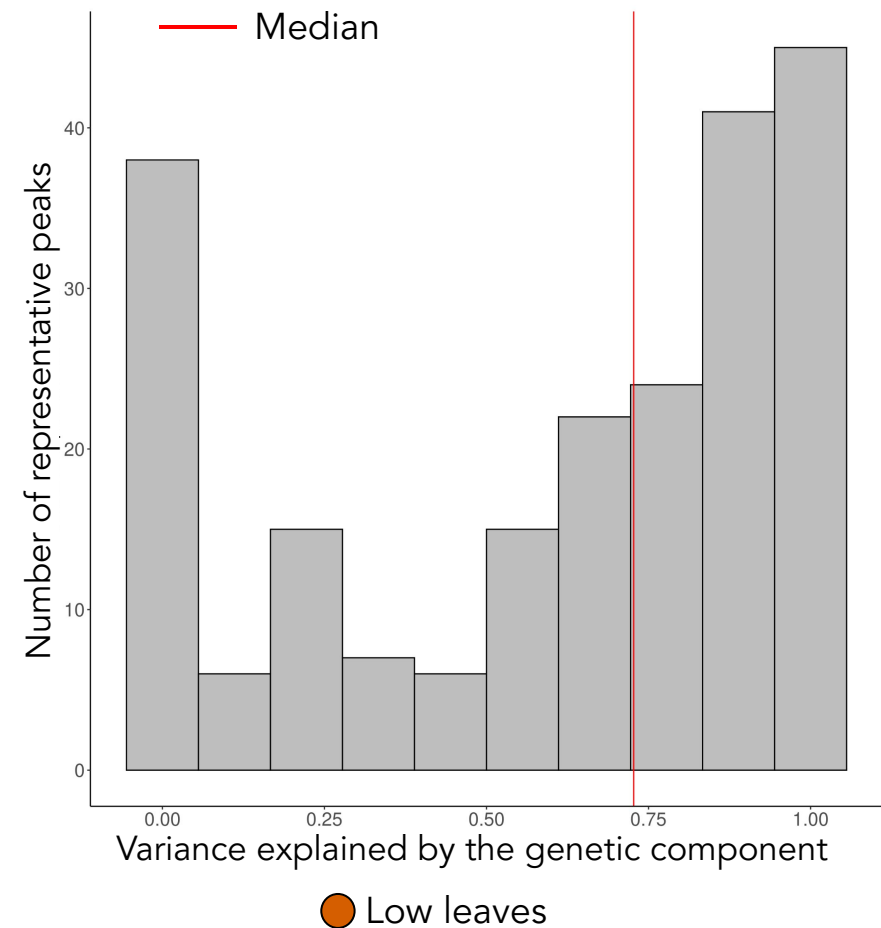
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Specialized metabolites variation is largely genetically determined

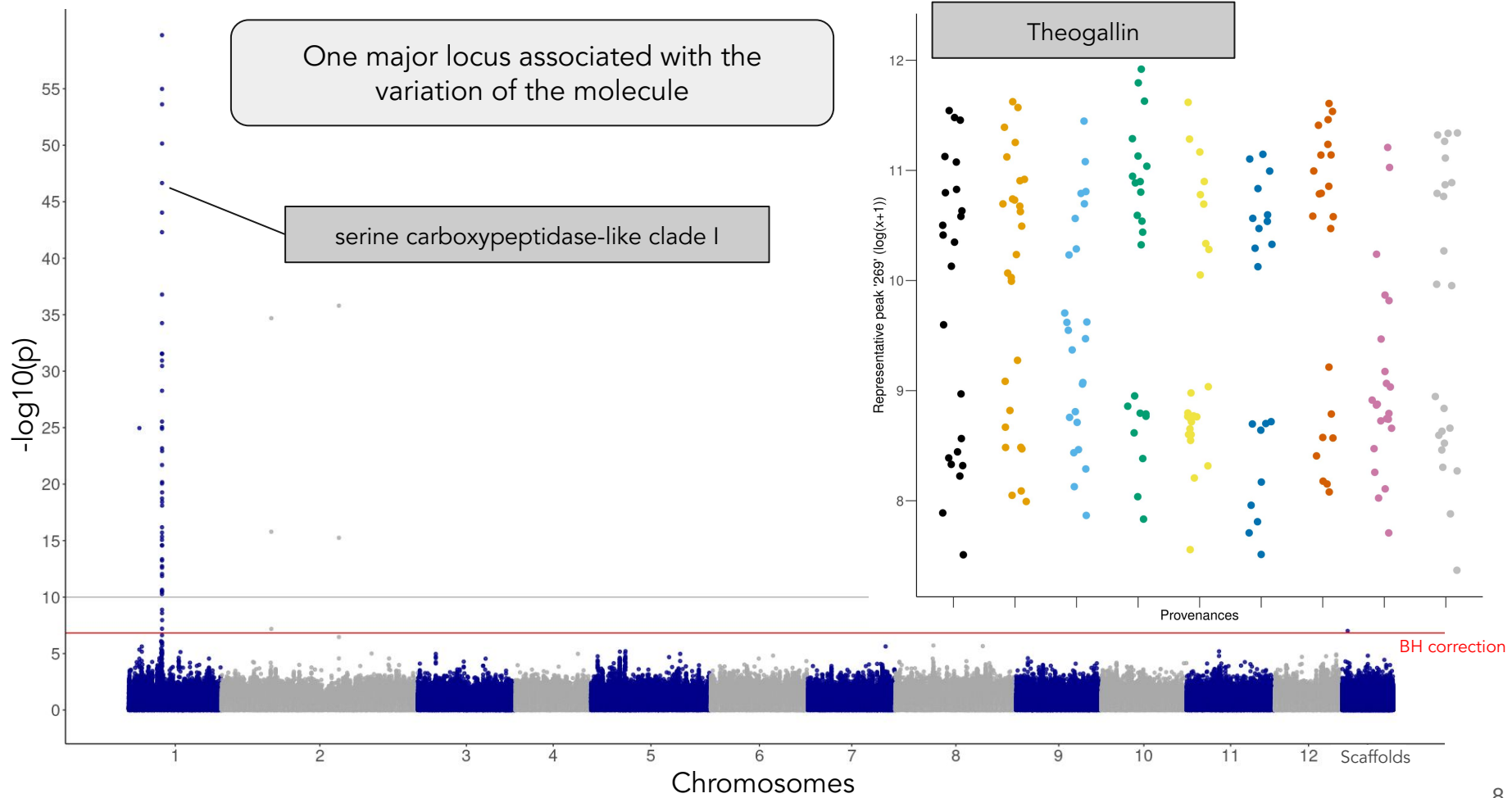


Genome-wide efficient mixed-model association
Univariate Linear Mixed Model
(GEMMA)

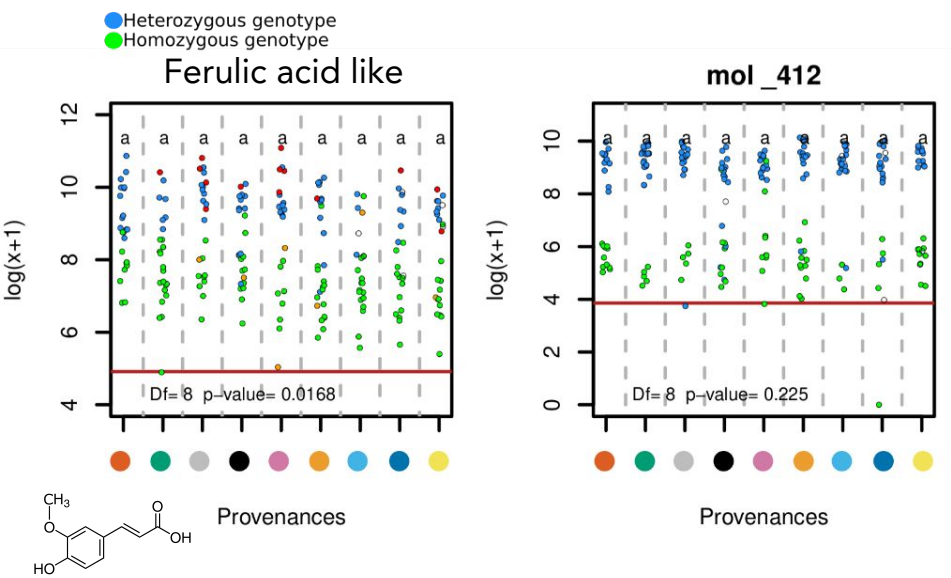
Proportion of specialized metabolites variance explained by the genetic similarity among trees (kinship matrix)

50% of molecules have more than 70% of their variation explained by the genetic variation

Genome wide association of specialized metabolites

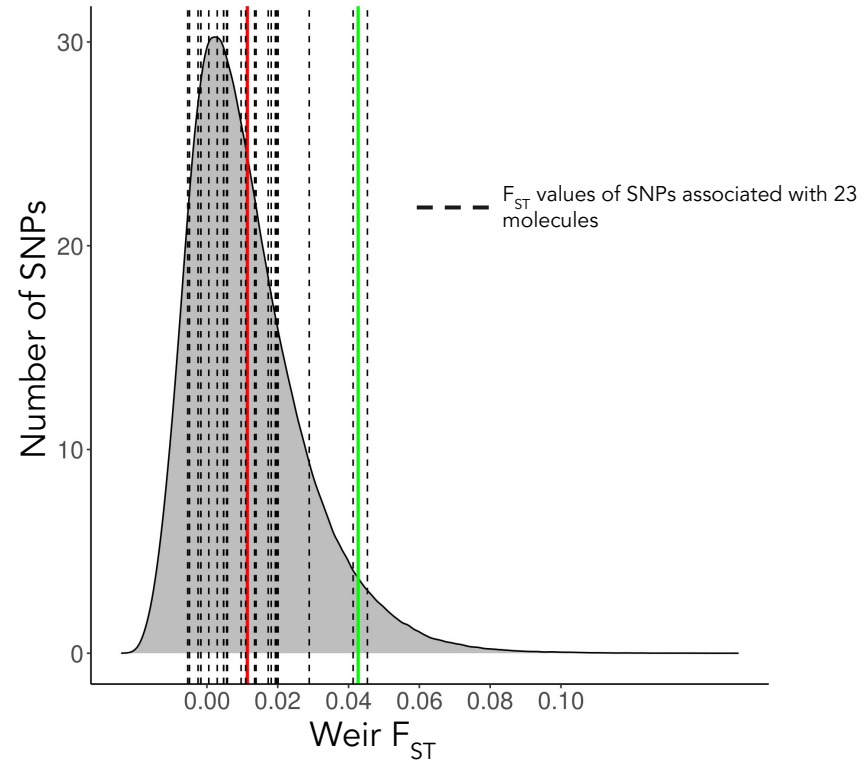
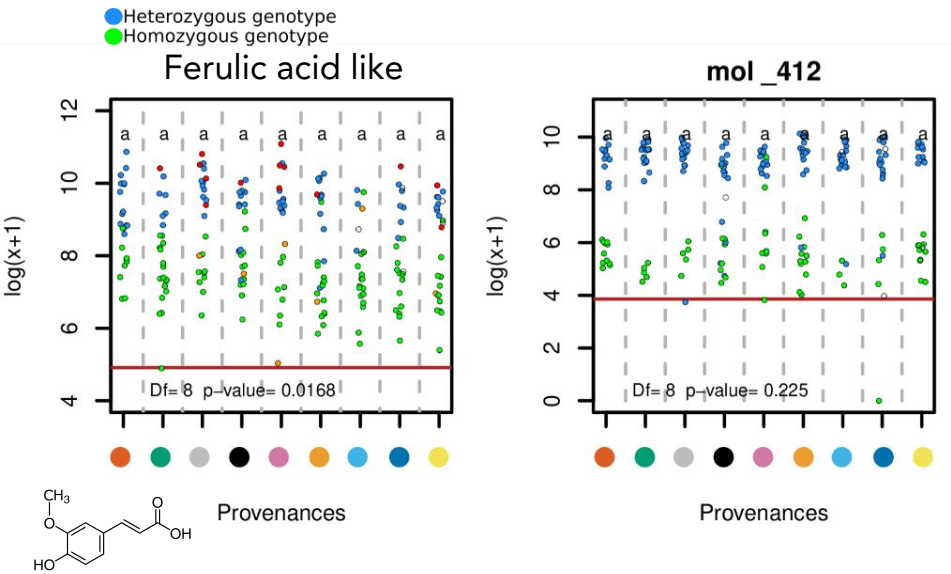


Many specialized metabolites have oligogenic architectures



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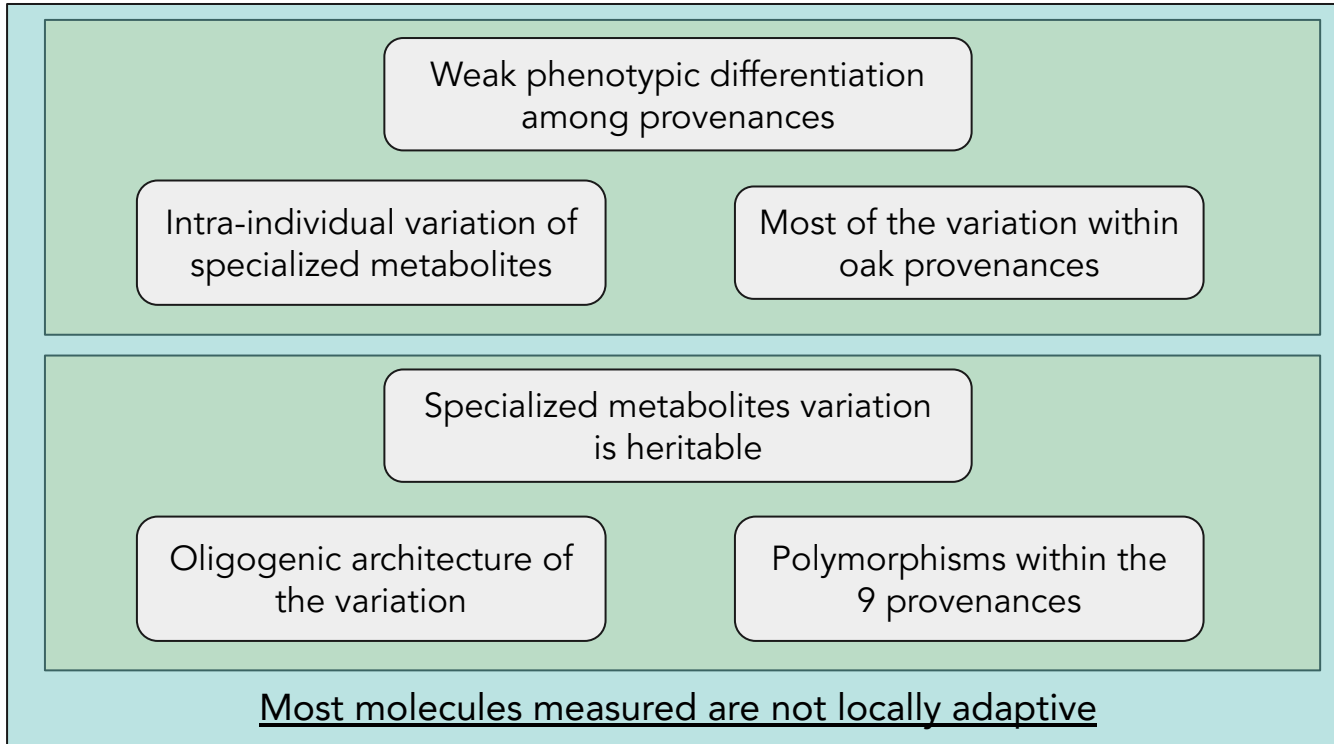
Associated markers are not differentiated among provenances



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Molecules with heritable variation have low F_{ST} values

Conclusion-No evidence of local adaptation for measured molecules

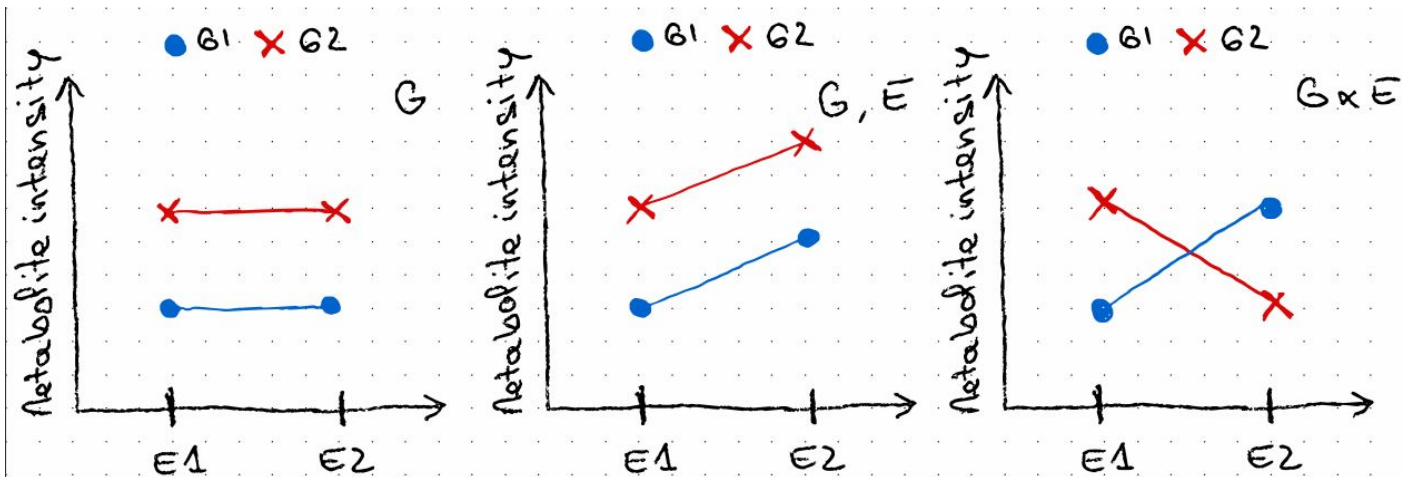


Hypothesis: Maintenance of variation within oak provenances (balanced selection)

What's next?

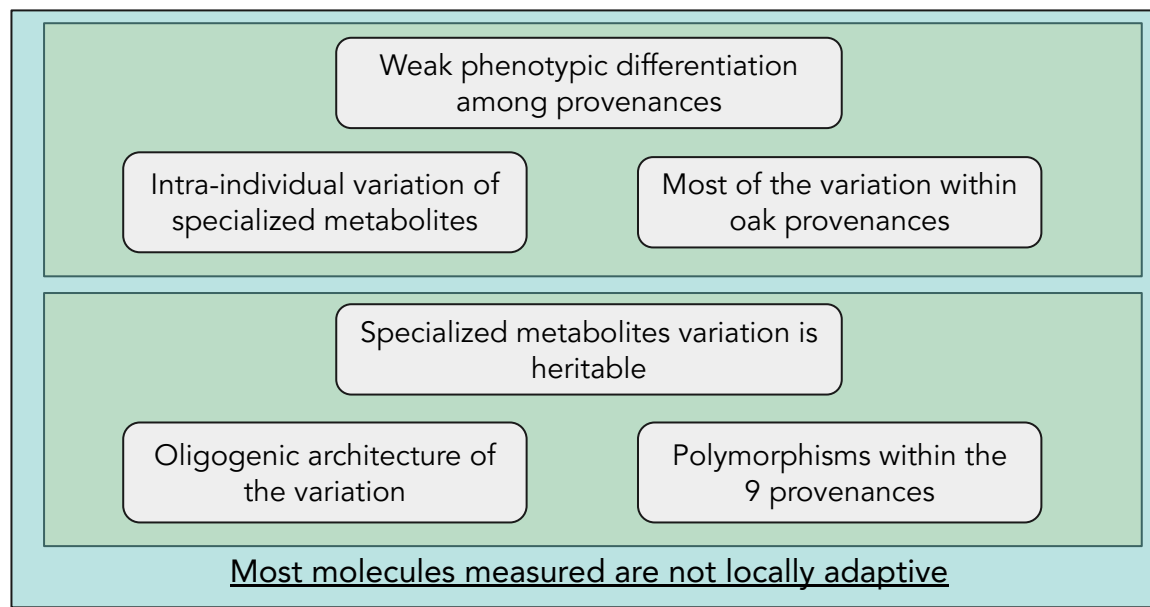
Genetic marker development at loci associated with specialized metabolites
~screening natural oak populations

Is the variation of specialized metabolites correlated with tree growth ?
(fitness)



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