

Danke sehr für die Einladung nach Gatersleben 😊



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**“Breeding faba bean, a task like taming of a recalcitrant Diva”**; Wolfgang Link.  
Includes findings of W. Ederer, L. Ghaouti, L. Brünjes, A. Windhorst, H. Laugel.





# Grain legumes. Pulses. *Körner-Leguminosen*

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- Pea (*Erbse*; *Pisum sativum*)
- Soy (*Sojabohne*; *Glycine max*)
- Lupin (*Lupine*; *L. angustifolius*, *L. albus*, *L. luteus*)
- Kidney bean (*Gartenbohne*; *Phaseolus vulgaris*)
- Chickpea (*Kichererbse*; *Cicer arietinum*)
- Lentil (*Linse*; *Lens culinaris*)
- Mungbean (*Mungbohne*; *Vigna radiata*, *V. mungo*)
- Black-eyed bean (*Augenbohne*, *V. unguiculata*)
- ...
- Runner bean (*Feuerbohne*; *Phaseolus coccineus*)
- Pigeon pea (*Strauchererbse*; *Cajanus cajan*)
- ...
- Faba bean (*Ackerbohne*; *Vicia faba*)
- ..





Ackerbohne  
Pferdebohne  
Saubohne  
Puffbohne  
Feldbohne  
Faba bean  
Tick bean  
Field bean  
Broad bean  
Fève  
Féverole

*Vicia faba*:  
-paucijuga  
-minor  
-equina  
-major







*Vicia faba minor*

~~300g < TSW < ~~600





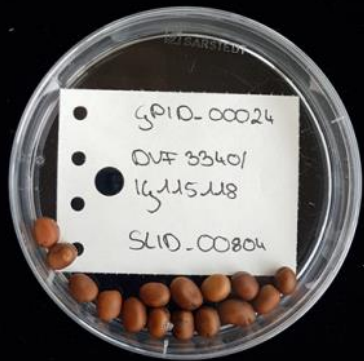


*Vicia faba* *major*

~~800g < TSW < ~~2500g









# *Vicia faba minor* vs. *Vicia faba major*.

A strange coincidence of extremes in the yield components 'seed size' and 'number of seeds per pod'.

Before 1980:  
Breeding Germplasm  
North of Alpes and  
Pyrenees:

## *Minor*

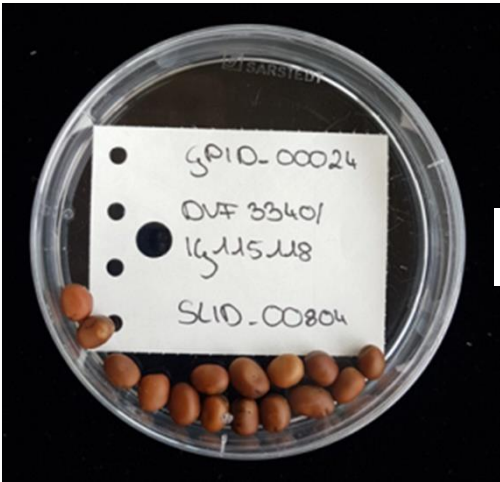
(e.g. cvs. Herz Freya,  
Maris Bead)

1 tiller per plant  
Late (flowering, maturing)  
Tall; asynchronous ripening;  
low harvest index.

## *Major*

(e.g. cvs. Con Amore,  
Minica)

2-4 tillers per plant  
Early (flowering, maturity)  
short; synchronous ripening;  
high harvest index.



Small-seeded types since >10.000 years



Large-seeded types since ~1.200 years



Origin of *Vicia faba*: Mesopotamia (Iraq) and/or Levante (Near East; Arabia, Palestine)  
*Vicia faba minor* in NW Europe 2-3 thousand of years before *major* evolved;  
*Vicia faba major* from ~800 A.D.; probably from Mesopotamia.

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

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From archaeological excavations

# SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

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

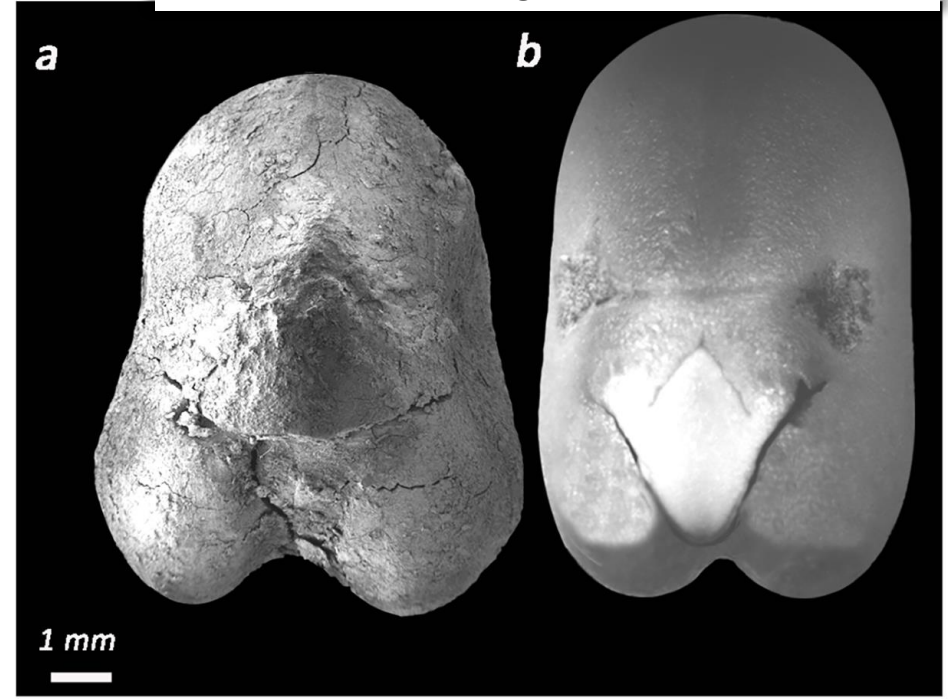


Fig 5. *Vicia faba*. (a) specimen from L 450; (b) modern faba bean.

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Faba bean. An Old-World Bean.

Beans in our fairy tales are – of course – neither *Phaseolus* nor *Vigna*, but *Vicia*.

‘Our’ beans are *vetches* ;-)

Göttinger Tageblatt

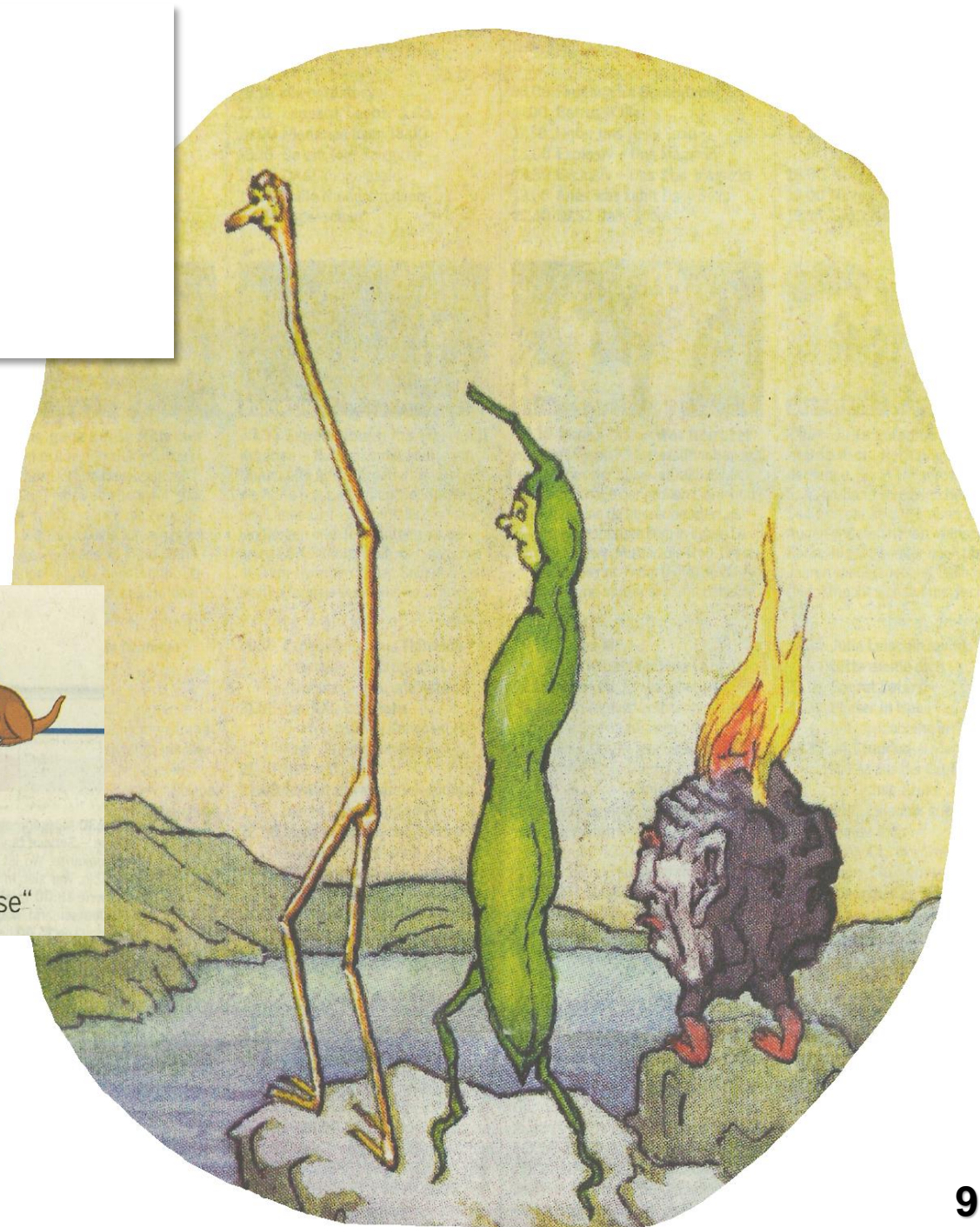
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# Die Bohne platzt vor Lachen

Serie 200 Jahre Märchen der Brüder Grimm / Teil 7: „Strohalm, Kohle und Bohne auf der Reise“



Fairy tale: Straw, bean and coal on a journey





Faba bean around the globe. **Not in the humid tropics.**



 indigenous  
 non-indigenous





Faba bean realizes heterosis, suppresses weed, assimilates much Ndfa; There are spring beans and winter beans (Link, 2009. ISSN 0027-7479).

‘My’ comparison between combine-harvested pulses in Germany

Species	Maturity fits	Soil demands	Weed suppr.	Symbiotic perform.	Autochth. Rhizobia	Protein		Option for			Σ
						Content	Quality	Food	Autmn sowing	Hete-rosis	
Soy	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>NO</b>	-	-	<b>&gt;40%</b>	+	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	4
Pea	<b>YES</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>NO</b>	+	+	<b>25%</b>	-	<b>+ / -</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	5
Sweet Lupine (l/a/a)	<b>YES</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>NO</b>	+	+	<b>&gt;35%</b>	+	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	6
Faba bean	<b>YES</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>++</b>	+	<b>30%</b>	-	<b>+ / -</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	7





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Faba bean

Traditional object of research in Gatersleben

Die Stellung von *Vicia faba* L. in der Gattung *Vicia* L. und  
Betrachtungen zur Entstehung dieser Kulturart

**Peter Hanelt**

von Peter Hanelt, Helga Schäfer und Jürgen Schultze-Motel

(Eingegangen am 3. Februar 1972)

Die folgenden Ausführungen sind eine abschließende Auswertung der vorangegangenen Beiträge von Schultze-Motel (1972) und Hanelt (1972, 1972a) sowie von Abschnitten einer Dissertation von Schäfer (1972), soweit sie sich auf die systematische Stellung der Ackerbohne in ihrer Gattung und auf Abstammungsfragen dieser Art beziehen.

DIE STELLUNG VON *VICIA FABA* IN DER GATTUNG *VICIA*





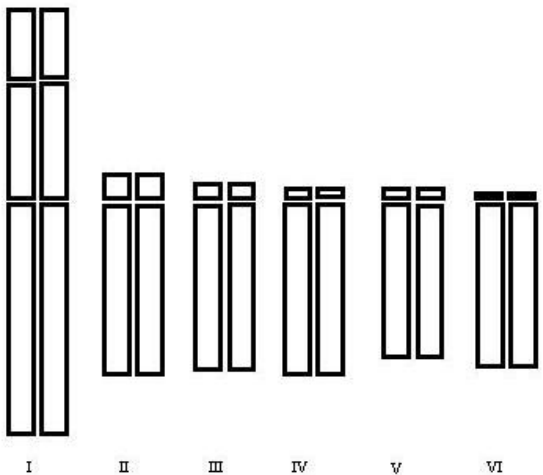
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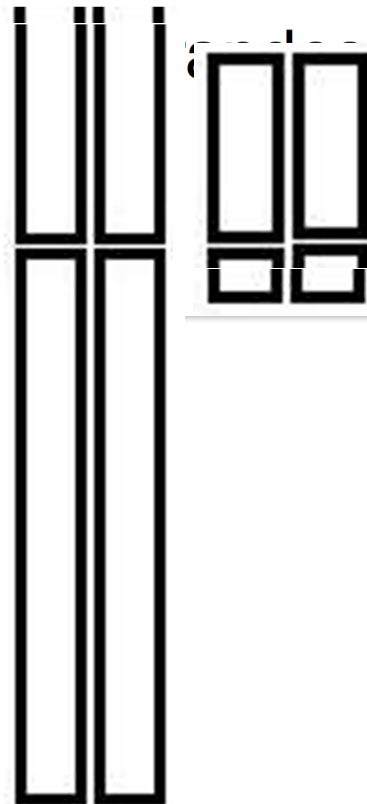
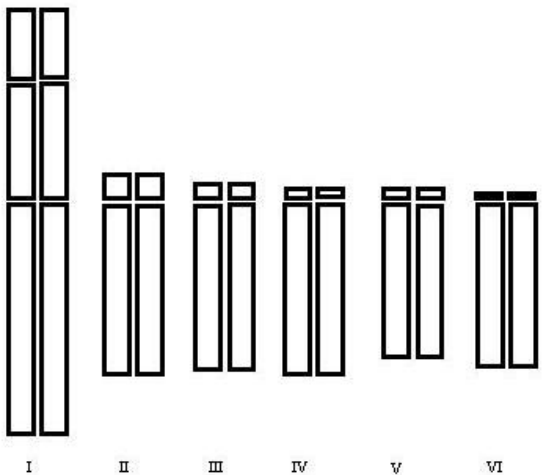
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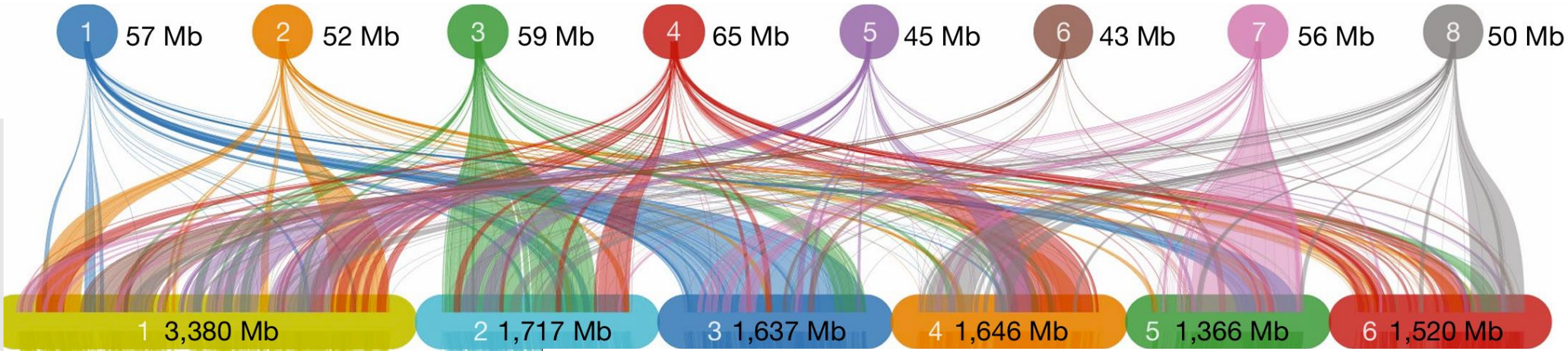


# Faba bean, a traditional and current object of research in Gatersleben

Evolution and Synteny analysis in faba bean.

Syntenic relationship of faba bean (middle) with *Medicago* (top) and pea (bottom).

*Medicago truncatula*



*Pisum sativum*

1 372 Mb 2 427 Mb 3

## The giant diploid faba genome unlocks variation in a global protein crop

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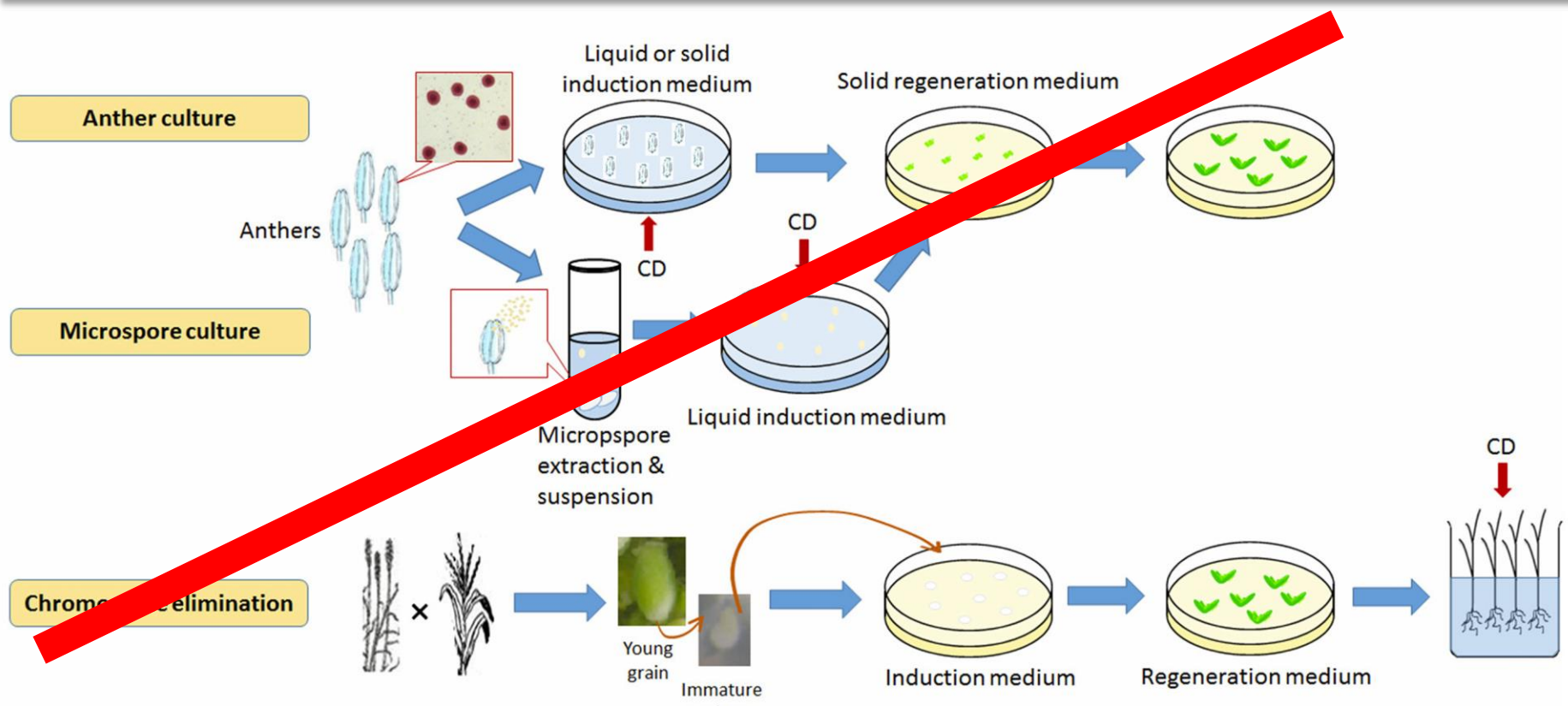
Reluctant to tissue culture methods, including micro-propagation, agrobacterium-mediated transformation, protoplast regeneration, CMS.

**No** procedure for obtaining haploid/**DH** regenerants has been developed.

[https://doi.org/ 10.3390/agriculture14071031](https://doi.org/10.3390/agriculture14071031) Skrypkowski & Kiełkowska, 2024.

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More than 2 generations per year?  
Why should I behave in a particularly cooperative manner?

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



# Shortening the generation cycle in faba bean (*Vicia faba*) by application of cytokinin and cold stress to assist speed breeding

Saeid Mobini | Hamid Khazaei  | Thomas D. Warkentin | Albert Vandenberg



Many generations to go from few-plants to farmers' field scale.  
Using a non-perfect CMS-system ? ... maybe in *B. napus*, not in *V. faba*.



Canola: ~3kg seed per hectar

Faba bean: 150kg per hectar





# Two PhD thesis at Göttingen; cooperation with Christian Möllers and team.

Wijaya, 2003. **Interspecific** cross (proto-plast fusion & regeneration; or embryo-rescue). **Zero success.**



*V. michauxii*

Kramer, 2002. Genetic transformation *via* *Agro-bacterium* *t.* **Very demanding.**



Rod Snowdon's group in [Giessen](#), via their recent, international project 'Accelerating Crop Genetic Gain', conduct research on *Vicia faba* including [in vitro](#) regeneration from meristem, *A. bacterium* mediated transformation ... and the like.



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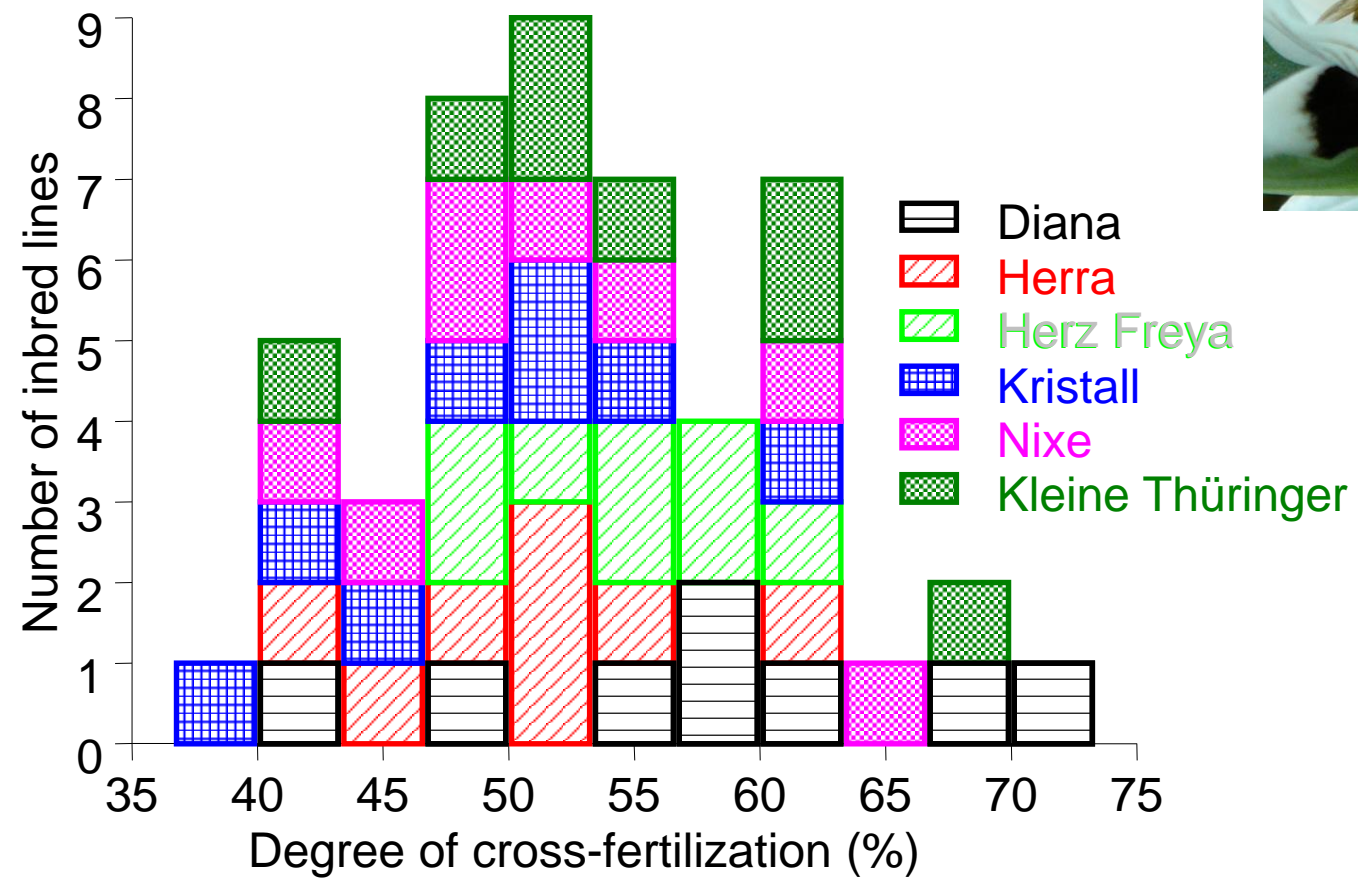
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Faba bean is **partially cross- and partially self-fertilizing**, with a very marked genetic (and environmental) variation for this feature.

Degree of cross-fertilization of 48 faba bean inbred lines

Mean = 53.7%;  $h^2 = 0.75$  (1site, 3 yrs); Link et al., 1994



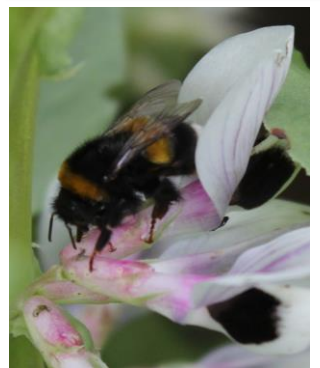
*Apis mellifera*



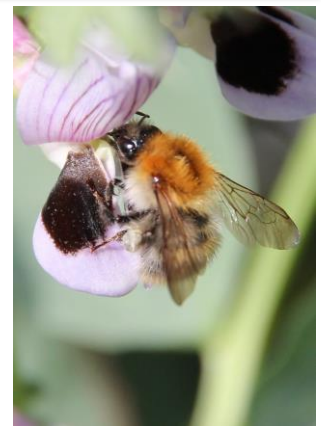
*Bombus hortorum*



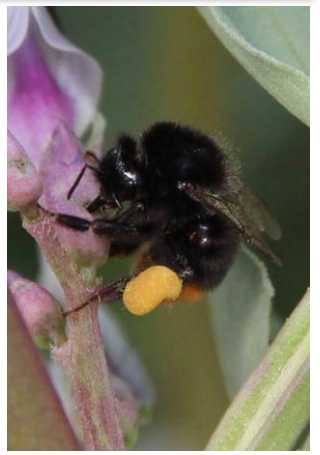
*Bombus terrestris*



*Bombus pascuorum*



*Bombus lapidarius*



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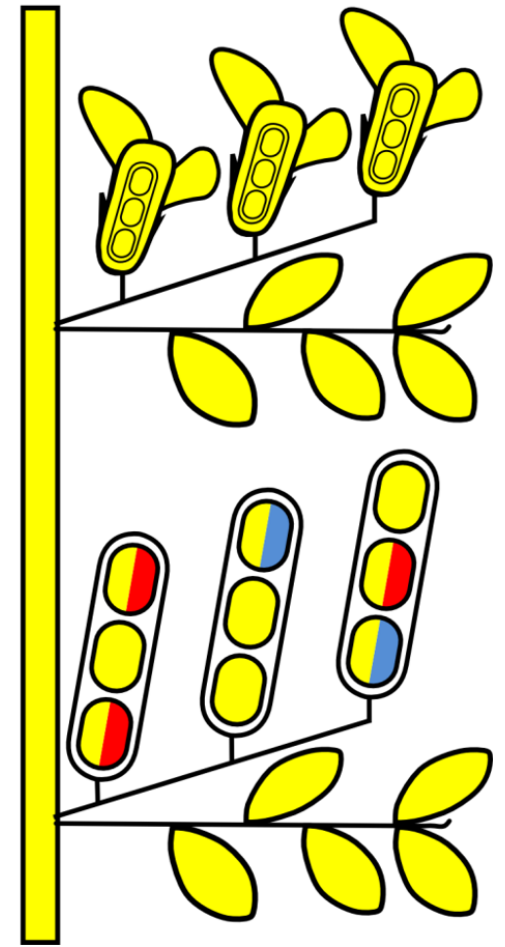


**Partial allogamy** aka mixed mating (partial selfing and partial **random** mating):

Mating system (reproductive mode) of hermaphrodite plants which are neither strictly self-fertilizers nor strictly cross-fertilizers.

With partial allogamy, across generations the population strives towards an equilibrium value  $F_{\infty}$ , i.e. towards a population **average of inbreeding**  $F_{\infty}$ .

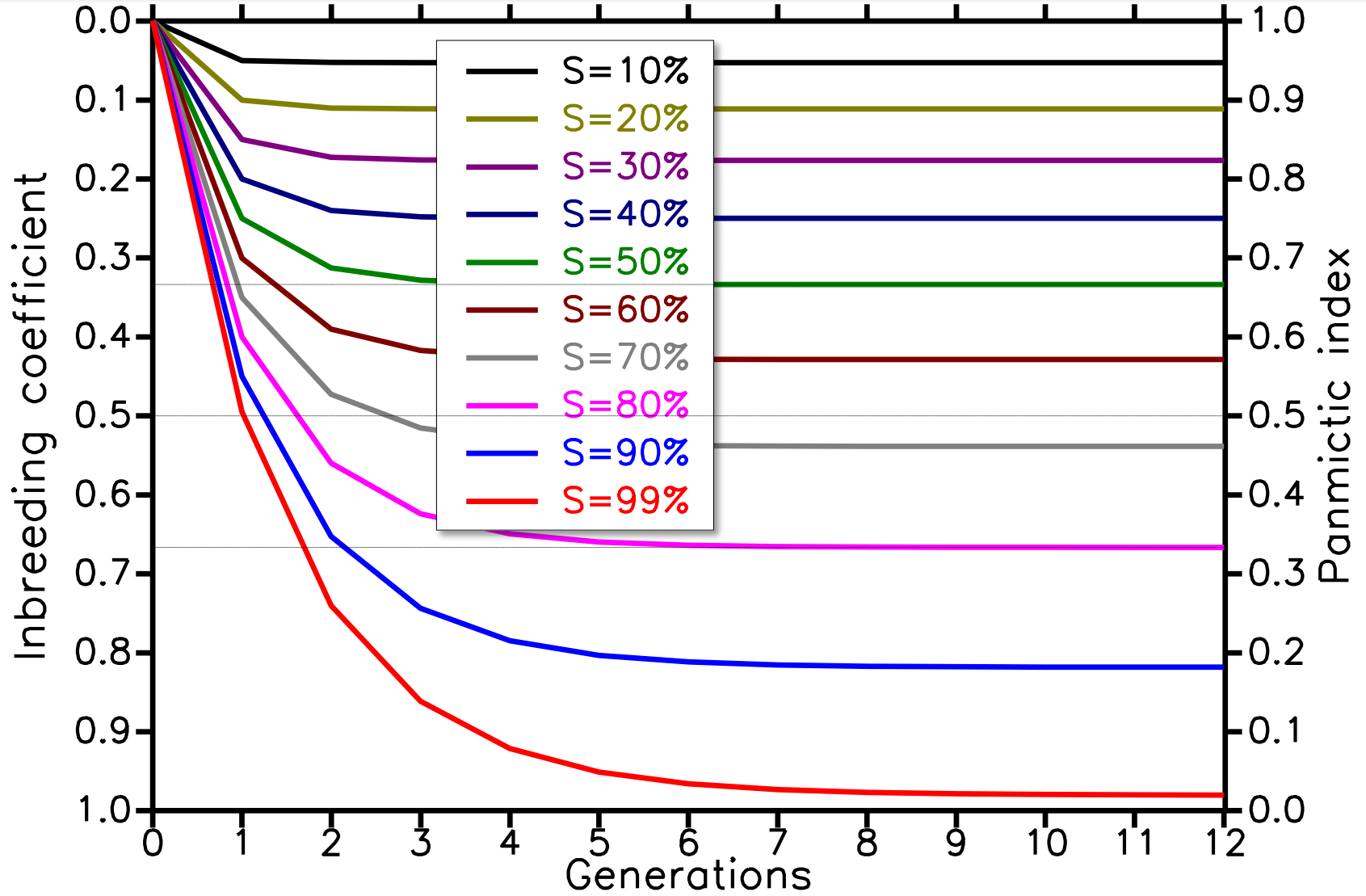
$$F_{\infty} = S / (2 - S)$$



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Mix many **zero-inbred** genotypes and let them go through many generations of their natural mixed-mating behaviour.

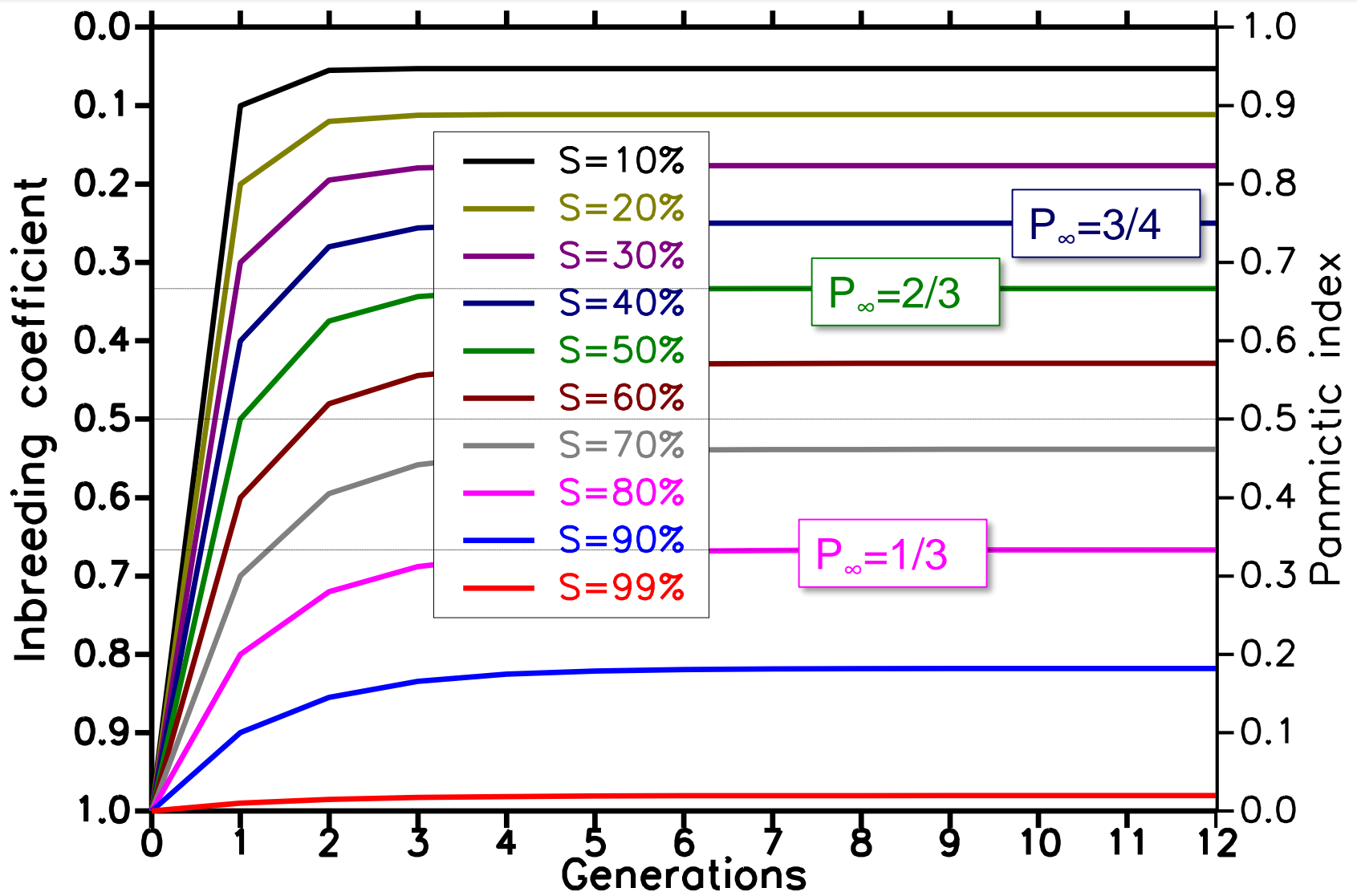
Finally they reach their population mean equilibrium inbreeding level  $F_{\infty}$ .



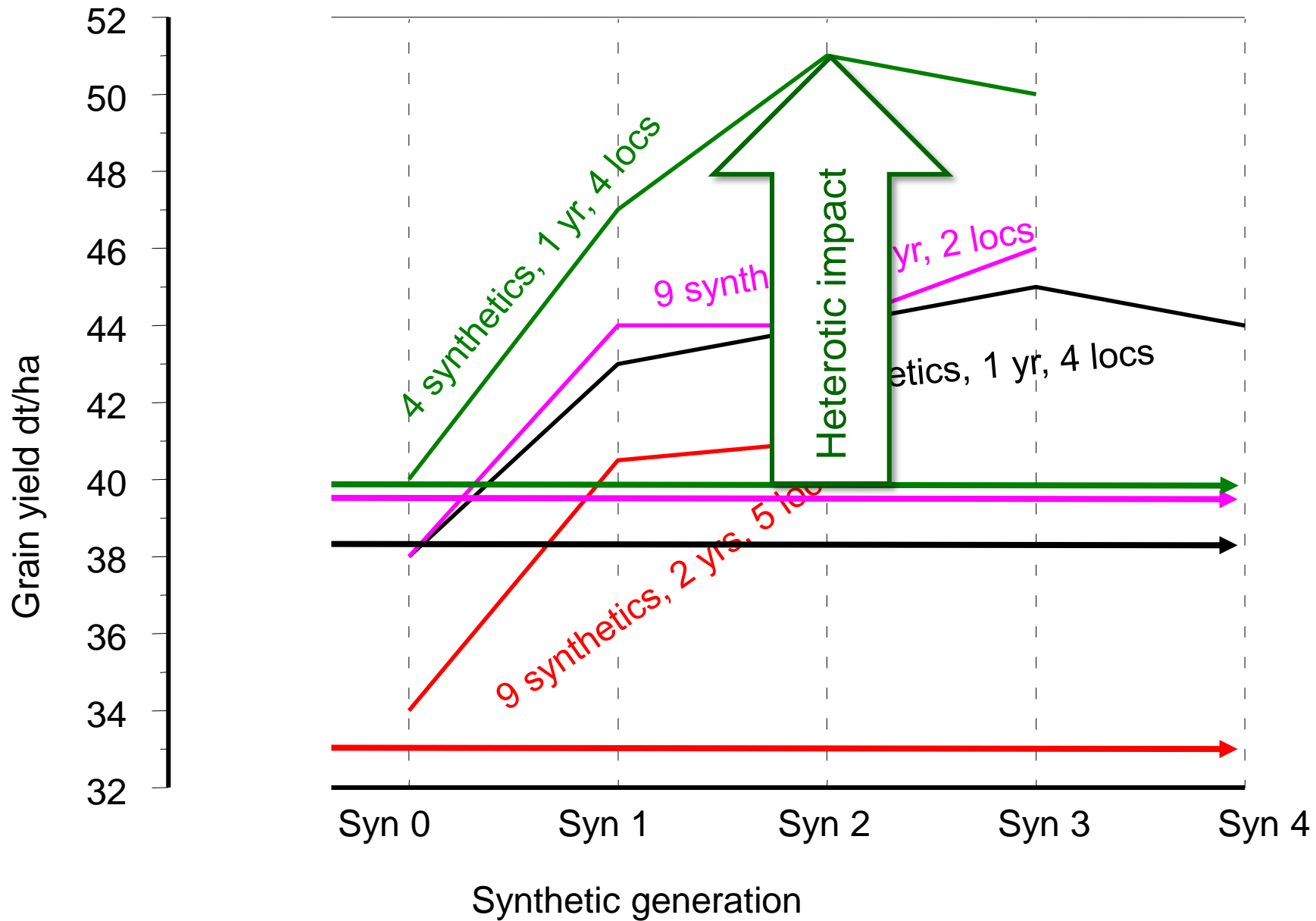


Mix many **fully-inbred** genotypes and let them go through many generations of their natural mixed-mating behaviour.

Finally they reach their population mean equilibrium inbreeding level  $F_{\infty}$ .



# Superiority of Syn generations > homozygous components (Stelling *et al.*, 1994)

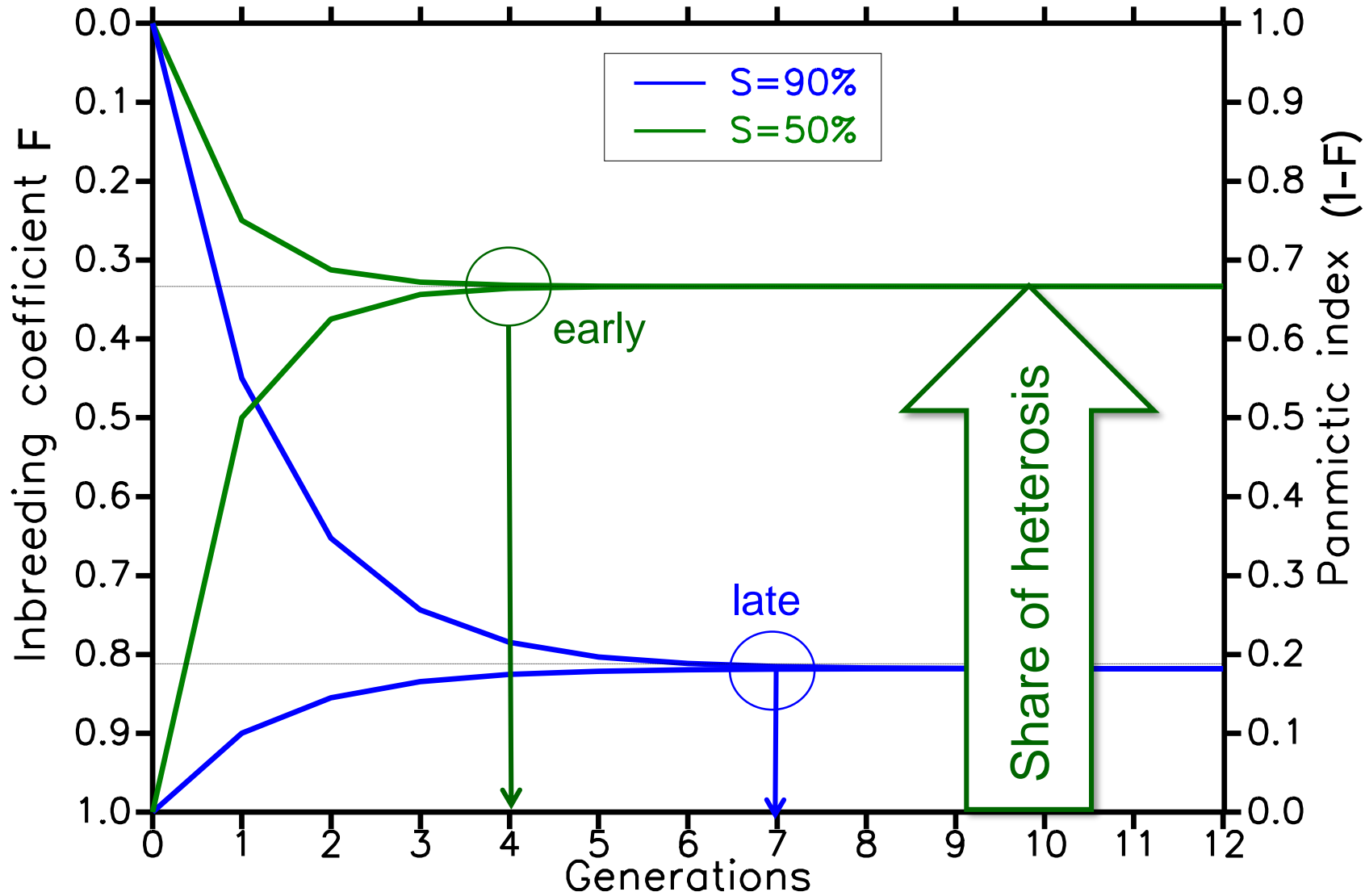


Synthetic cvs reliably outyield the mixture of their homozygous components.

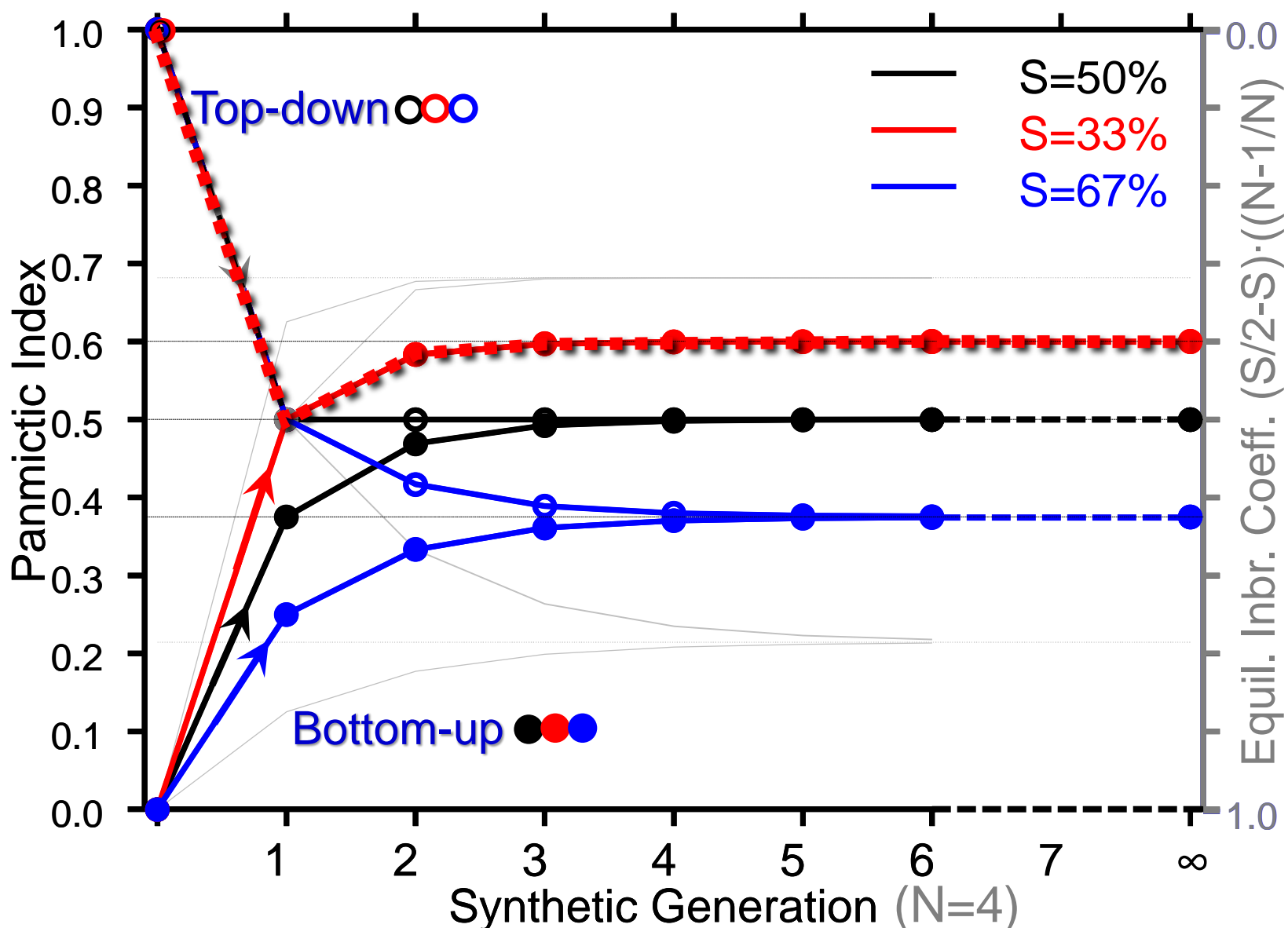
Whether a synthetic reliably outyields the best of its components is a different question.



The **lower** the degree of self-fertilization (the higher the degree of cross-fertilization), the **faster (earlier)** the approach to equilibrium level  $F^\infty$ .

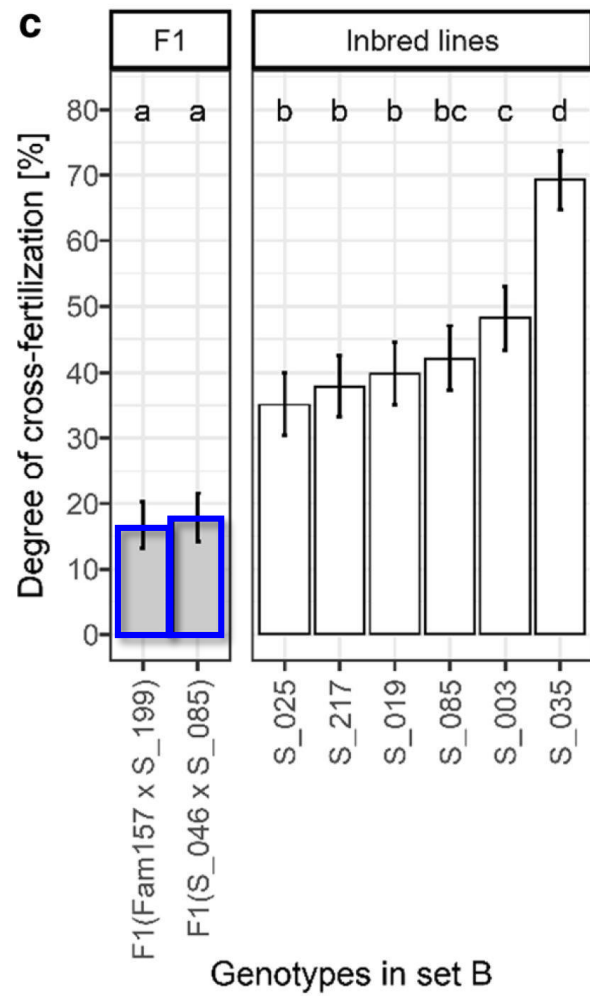
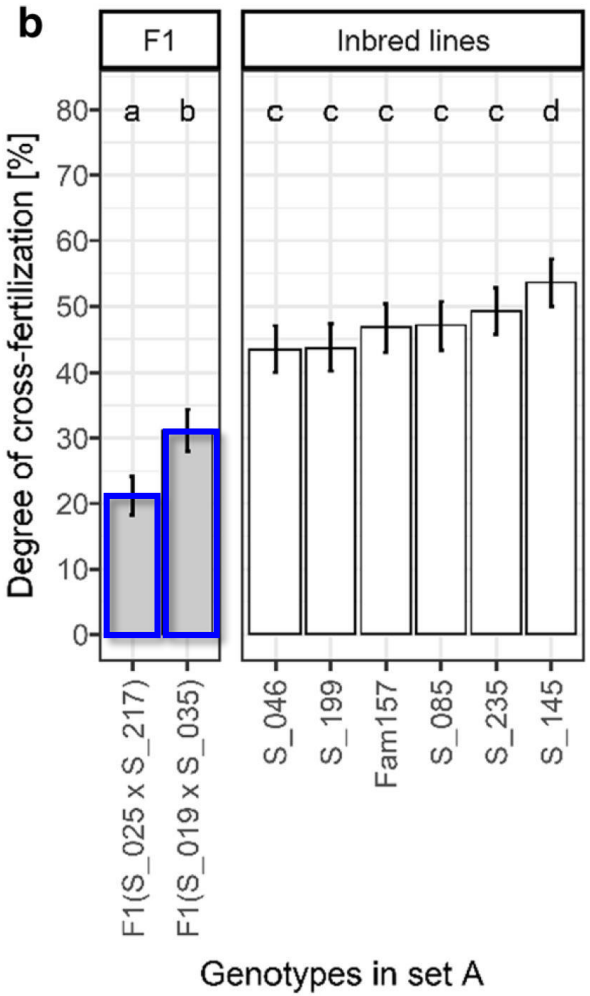
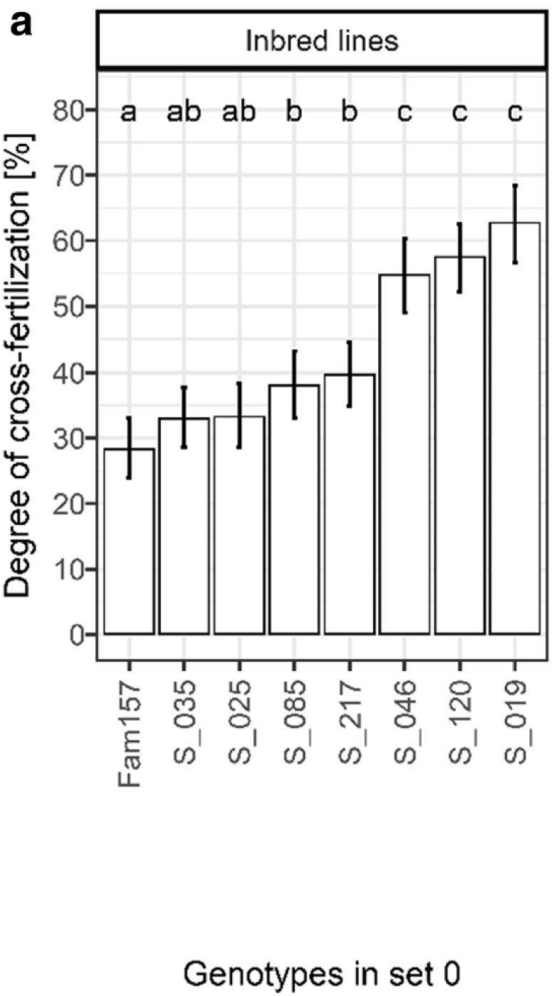


So-called synthetics are initiated by mixing several pure lines (**bottom-up**). Alternatively we could instead create their F1's and mix their F2's (**top-down**); cons and pros.





Degrees of self-fertilization of *Vicia faba*; hybrids outcross markedly less than inbred genotypes (Brünjes and Link, 2021).



Brünjes and Link, 2021

Positive heterosis for % self-fertilization

Change of Panmictic Index across several generations of multiplication starting with very many genetically unrelated inbreds.

Cross-fertilization either  $C=70\%$  or  $C=30\%$ .

Heterosis for  $C$  either zero or strong (i.e. 90% reduction of  $C$  in F1).

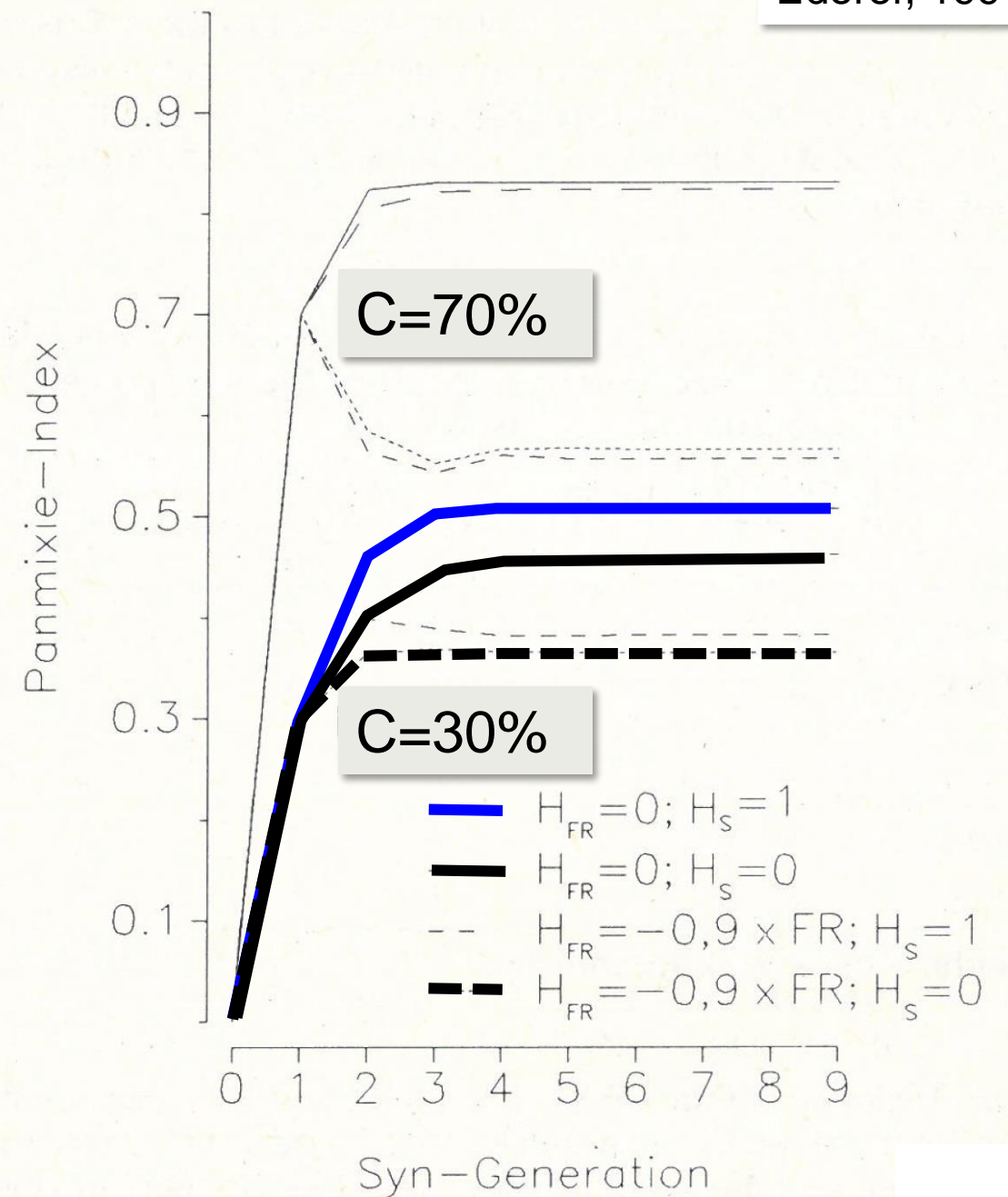
Heterosis for number of seeds per plant either zero or double-number in F1.

Ederer, 1991: Zuchtmethodische Modellrechnungen zur Leistungsentwicklung und Leistungsvorhersage synthetische Sorten bei partieller Allogamie am Beispiel der Fababohne (*Vicia faba* L.).

Diploma thesis, University of Hohenheim.

Positive  
heterosis for %  
self-fertilization

Negative  
heterosis for %  
cross-fertilization

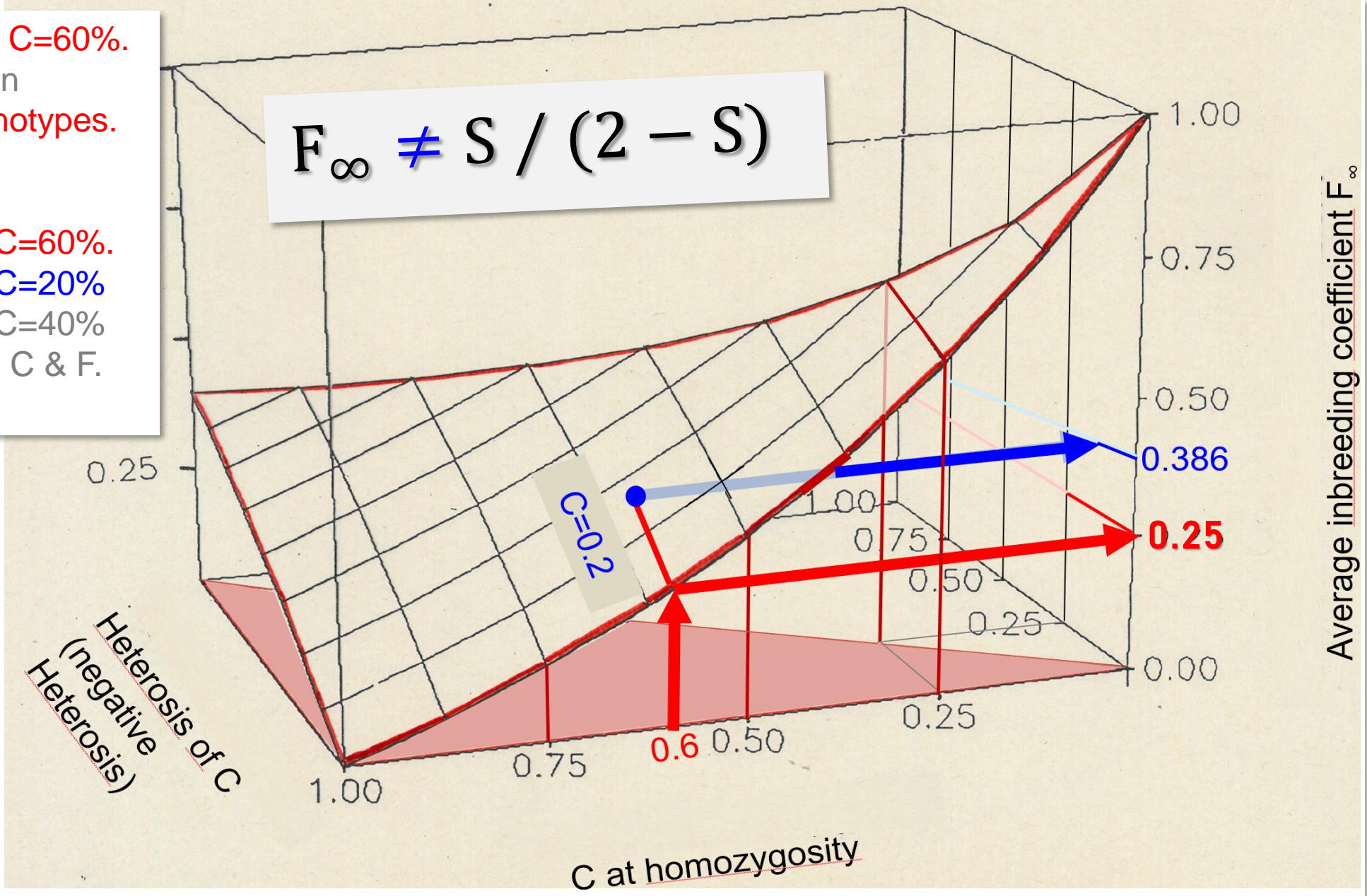




Degree of cross-fertilization  $C=60\%$ .  
 i.e. degree of self-fertilization  $S=40\%$ . Constant for all genotypes.  
 $F_{\infty} = S/(2-S) = 0.25$

Homozygous genotypes:  $C=60\%$ .  
 Non-inbred genotypes:  $C=20\%$   
 Half-inbred genotypes:  $C=40\%$   
 Linear relationship between  $C$  &  $F$ .  
 $F_{\infty} = 0.386$

$$F_{\infty} \neq S / (2 - S)$$



Link 1994; Brünjes 2020

# More deviations from simple-minded model.

Degree of cross-fertilization:

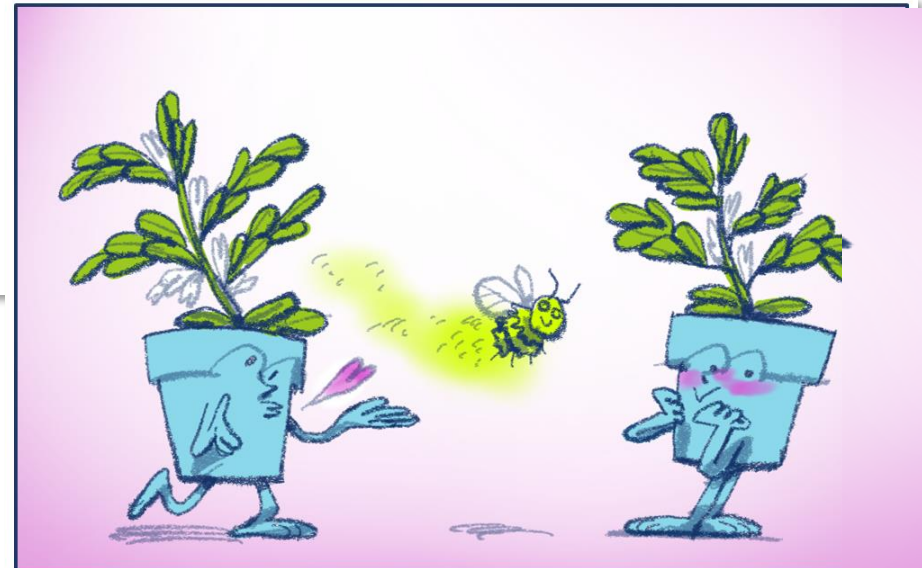
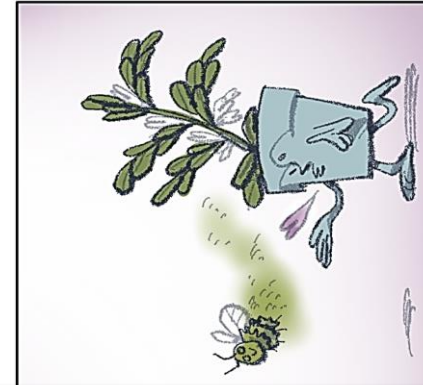
A character of the genotype which **accepts** cross-pollen.

Yet.

Will all pollen-donors be equally efficient in **distributing** own pollen to other plants?

Is the cross-fertilized part of offspring of a genotype a random sample of the pollen that is offered from the surrounding pollinators ... ?

Do genotypes differ in their **Paternal Outcrossing Success P?**



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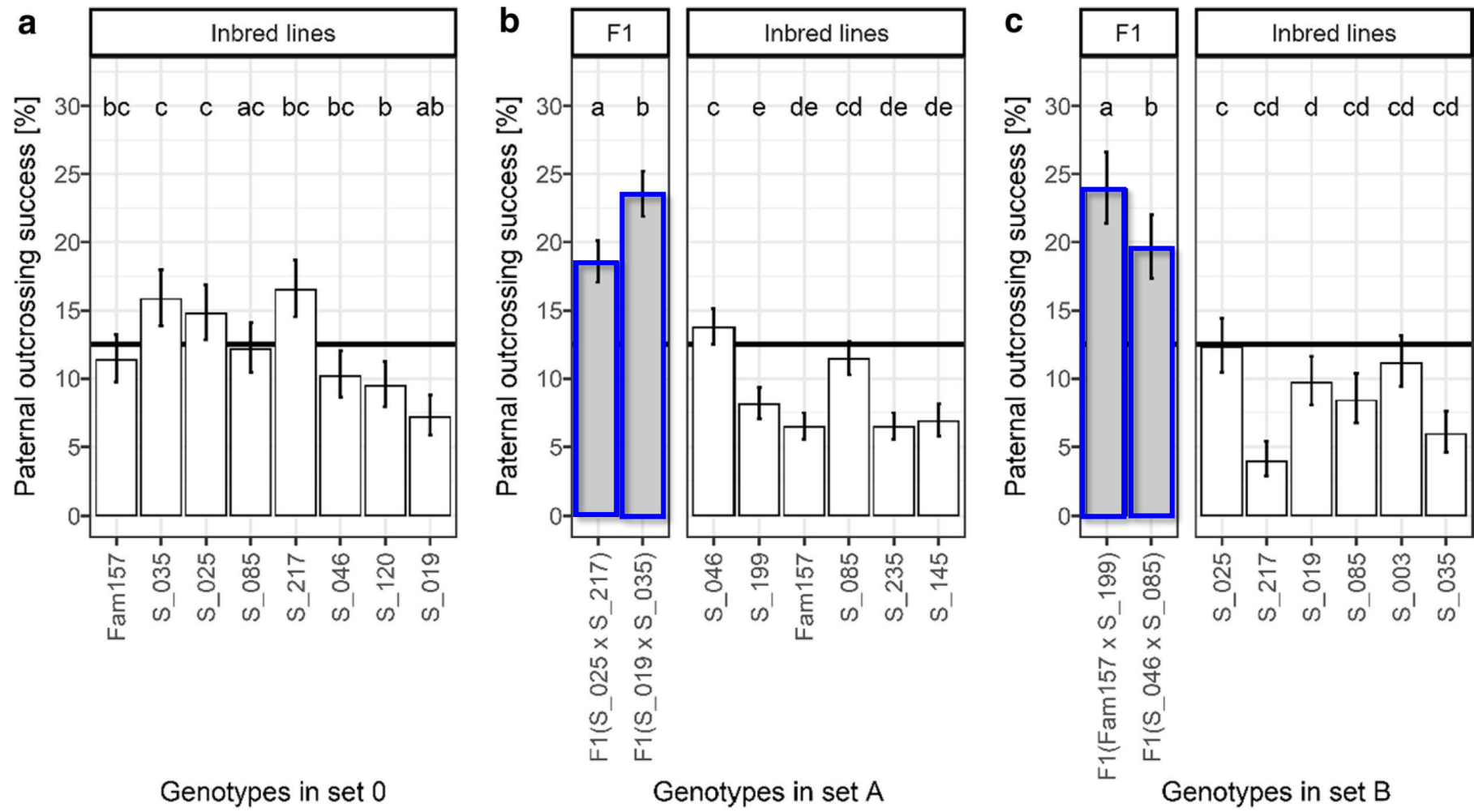


# More deviations from simple-minded model.

Are all available pollen donors represented in equal share when a plant accepts cross-pollen for cross-fertilization?

Mean: *Is the outcrossing truly 'random'?*

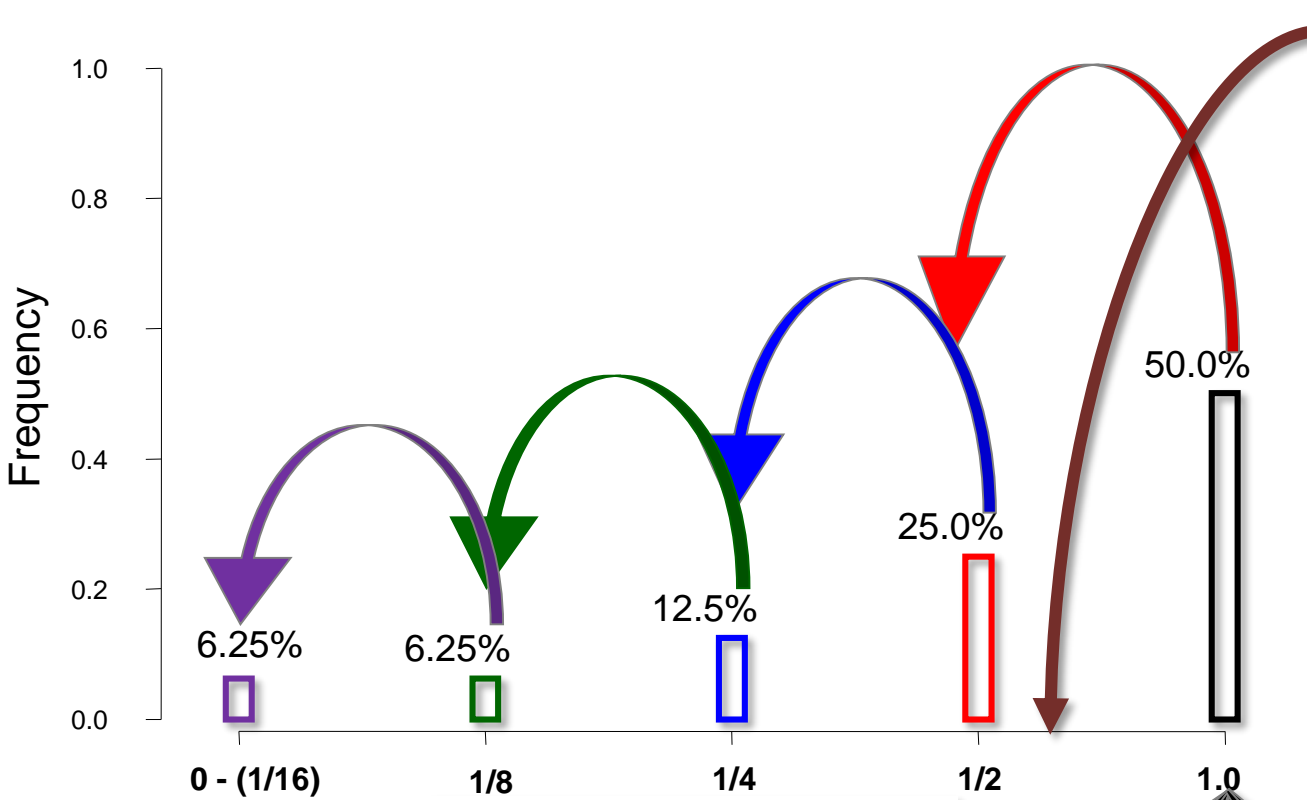
Paternal outcrossing success P. **Bold horizontal line** indicates  $P = 1/8 = 12.5\%$  ... as should be if truly 'random'.  
Brünjes and Link, TAG, 2021.



Brünjes and Link, 2021



Even more deviations from simplicity. Partially allogamy creates (even if gametes show LD=0) **identity disequilibrium** ( $\eta \neq 0$ ) among the genotypes.



$S=1/2; F_{\infty} = [S/(2-S)] = 1/3; P_{\infty} = 2/3$

$F_{\infty}$  says:  
 The average inbreeding coefficient – if the population propagates with  $S$ , undisturbed for many generations - this average is at  $F_{\infty} = S/(2-S)$   
 But: Nobody is at  $F_{\infty} = S/(2-S)$

In equilibrium, population is well-recombined, each outcrossing creates non-inbred offspring

$\eta = [4S(1-S)] / [(4-S)(2-S)^2]$

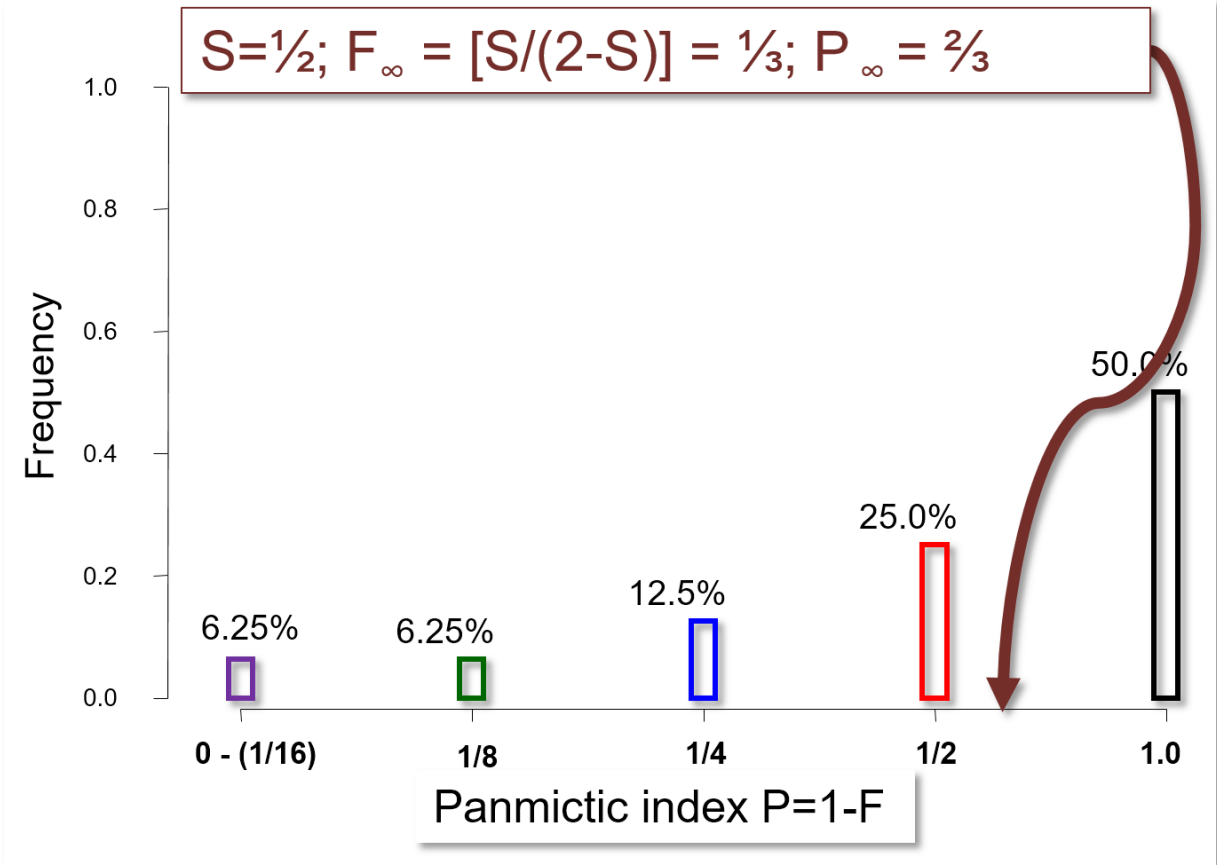
Tom Hanks in "Cast Away". „Is anybody here?“ “Nobody is **here**".  $F_{\infty} = S / (2 - S)$

$0 < S < 1$ : No mating creates offspring with  $F_{\infty} = S / (2 - S)$ .

A mating creates either ...  $F = \frac{1}{2} (1 + F_p)$  ... which is  $F=1$  if  $F_p=1$  (from selfing)

or ...  $F=0$  (from outcrossing) ...

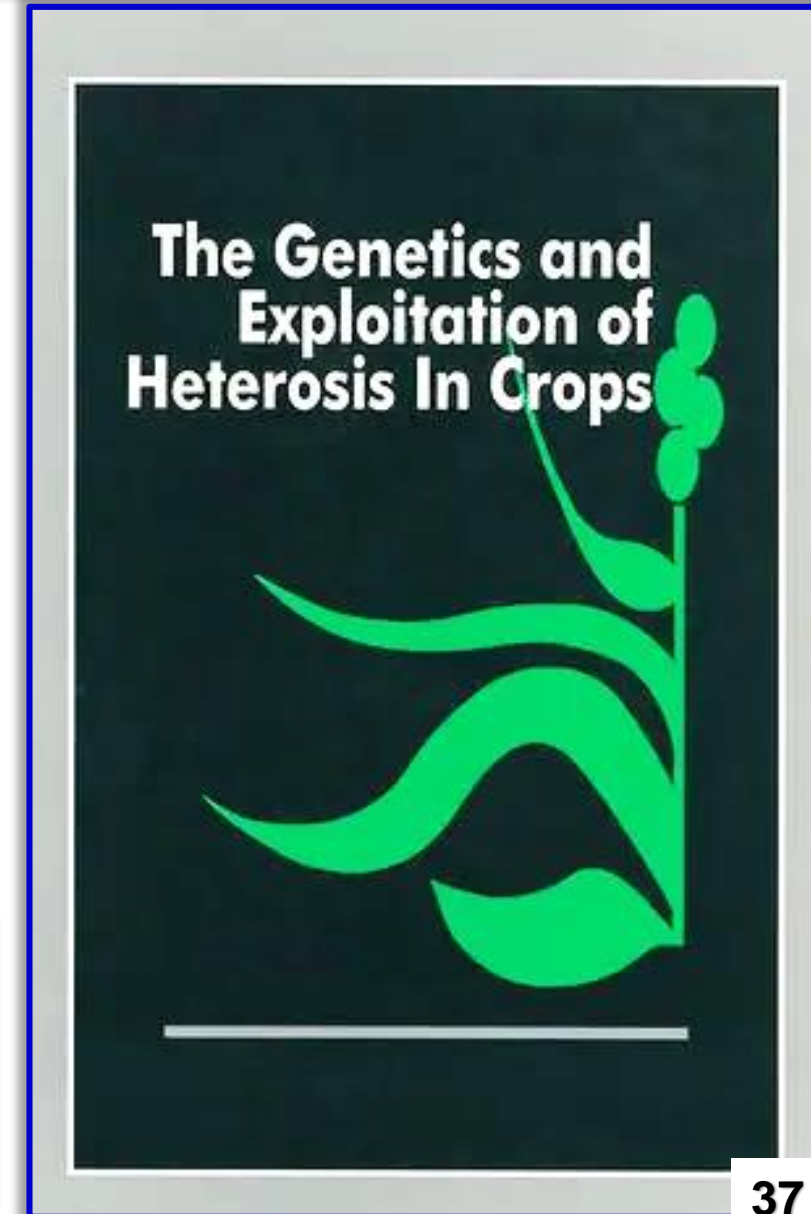
$F_{\infty} = S / (2 - S)$  is the average inbreeding coefficient, none of them has it. "Nobody is **here**".



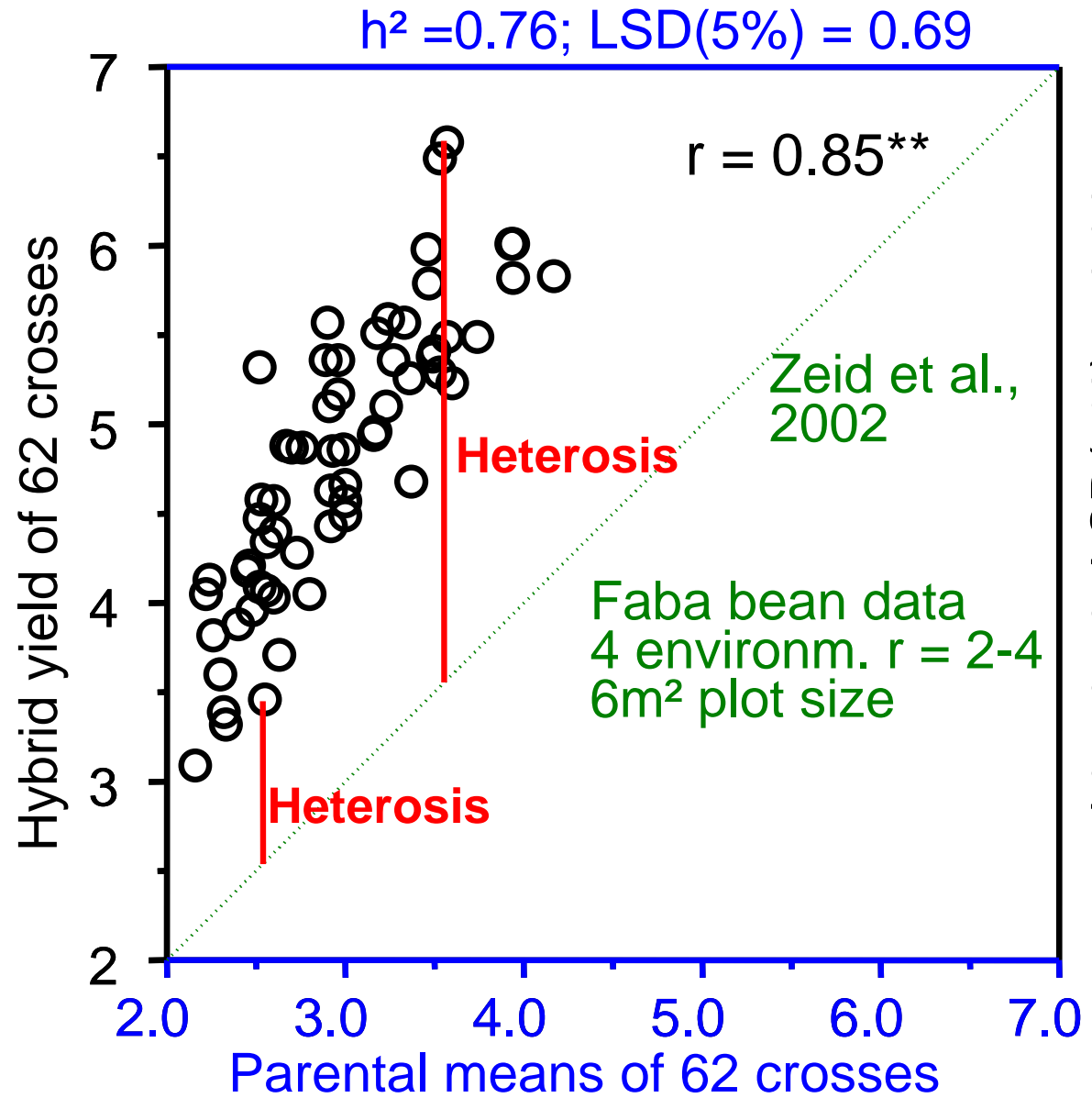


Heterosis. The excitement about all this outcrossing and inbreeding is because of ... **HETEROSIS** – because of the opportunity to get **higher yield with all else same**.

0-89118-549-6  
1999. American Society of Agronomy Inc.  
Crop Science Society of America, Inc.  
Madison, Wisconsin, USA  
JG Coors, S Panday



Marked **heterosis** for grain yield in faba bean, from ~ 20% to ~ 70%.



Zeid, M., C.-C. Schön and W. Link, 2004: Hybrid performance and AFLP-based genetic similarity in faba bean. *Euphytica* 139, 207 - 216.

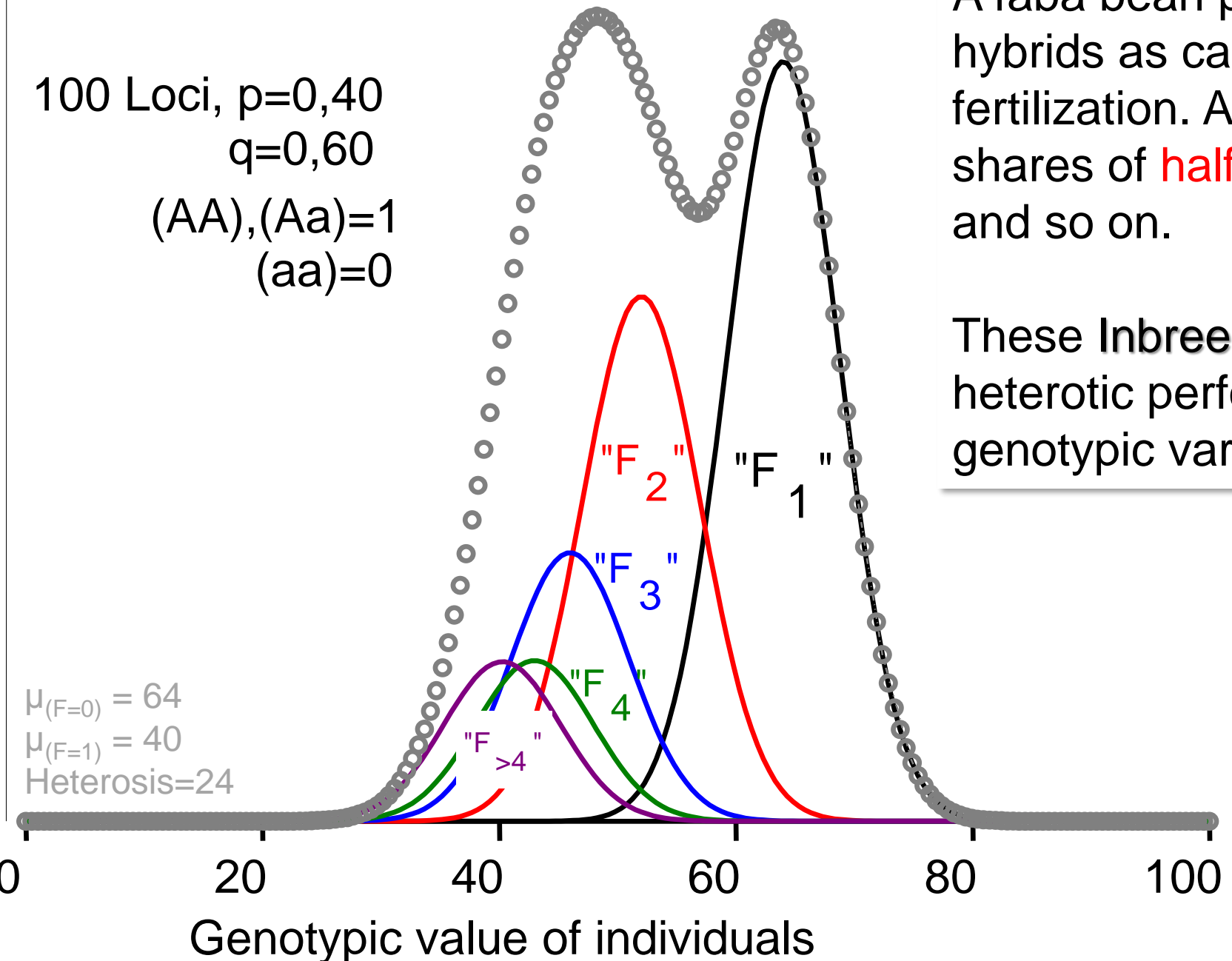
Link, W. and H. Stützel, 1995: Faba bean. Genetics. In: Diepenbrock, W. and H.C. Becker, (ed). *Physiological Potentials for Yield Improvement of Annual Oil and Protein Crops. Advances in Plant Breeding*, Vol. 17, Blackwell, Berlin, p. 239 - 278.

100 Loci,  $p=0,40$   
 $q=0,60$   
 $(AA),(Aa)=1$   
 $(aa)=0$

A faba bean population has C% F1-  
 hybrids as caused by C% of cross-  
 fertilization. And then correspondingly  
 shares of **half-inbreds** and  **$\frac{3}{4}$ -inbreds**  
 and so on.

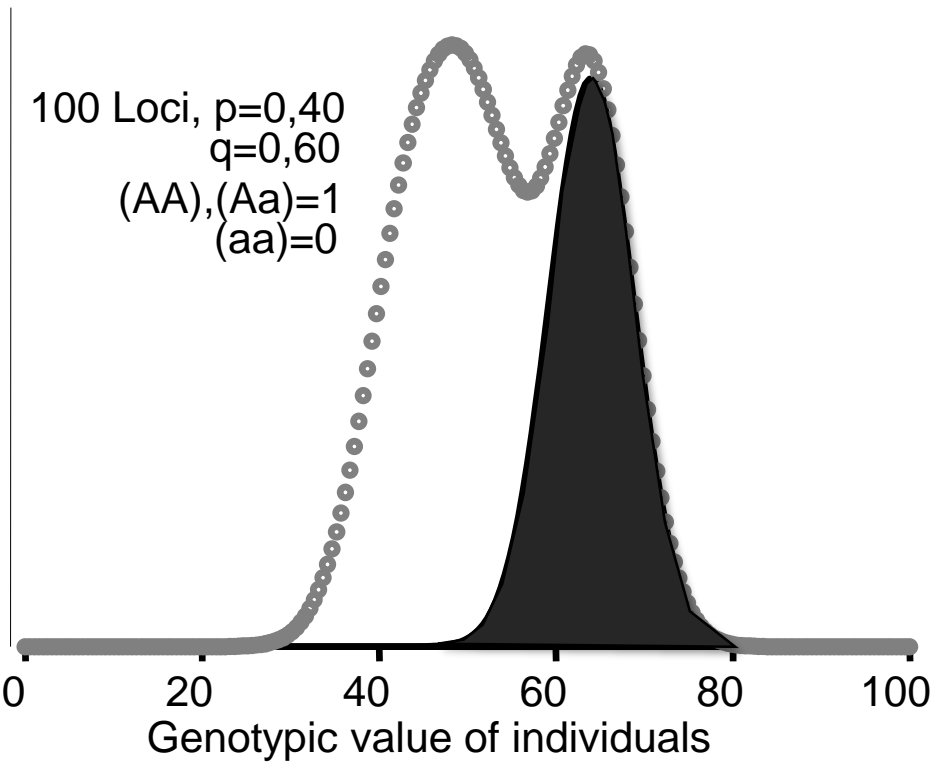
These Inbreeding Cohorts differ in  
 heterotic performance and thus inflate the  
 genotypic variance in such population.

$\mu_{(F=0)} = 64$   
 $\mu_{(F=1)} = 40$   
 Heterosis=24



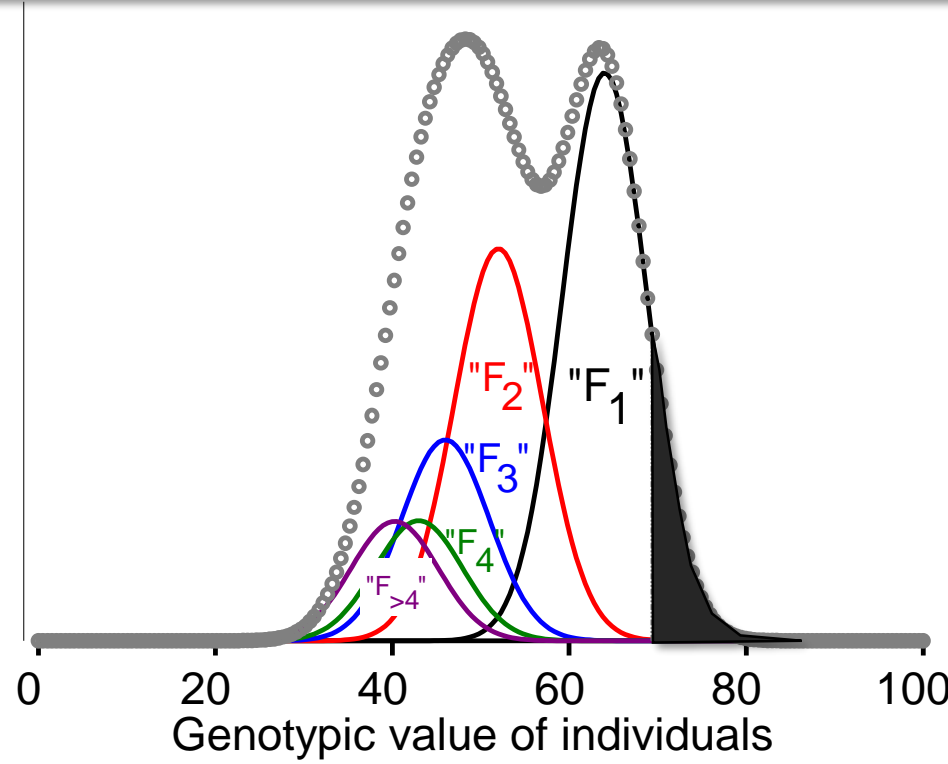


# Immediate vs. permanent gain from phenotypic mass selection



The worst idea for mass selection would be to select all those plants that come from outcrossing. Their offspring would, immediately, show superiority above the population and by and by strive to exactly the same level and composition as before, i.e., zero permanent gain from selection.

We must select much harder than what the % cross-fertilization tells!



# Quantitative Genetics for diploid, partially allogamous populations

Modelling genotypic variance in partially allogamous populations  
(Weir and Cockerham, 1977; Wright, 1987; Kelly and Williamson, 2000).

Example:  $S=50\%$ ;  $p(A)=0.40$ ;  $a=d=1/2$  across  $N=100$  loci,  $LD=0$ .

Assumption: 2 alleles per locus ... “ $\Sigma$ ” is across loci

**Additive** variance  $\sigma^2_A = \Sigma 2pq [a - (p - q) d]^2$  **17.28**

**Dominance** variance  $\sigma^2_D = \Sigma [2 p q d]^2$  **5.76**

**Covariance** of the  $\alpha$  with the  $\delta_{11}$  and  $\delta_{22}$  -effects  
 $D_1 = \Sigma 2pq [a - (p-q) d] [(p-q)d]$  **-2.88**

**Variance** of the inbreeding depression  
(i.e., variance of the  $\delta_{11}$  and the  $\delta_{22}$  effects)  
 $D^*_2 = \Sigma 4pq [(p - q) d]^2$  **0.96**

Square of the **total inbreeding depression**  
 $H^2 = [\Sigma 2 p q d]^2$  **576**

$\sigma^2_G = 4/3 \sigma^2_A + 8/9 \sigma^2_D + 4/3 D_1 + 1/3 D^*_2 + \eta (H^2 - \sigma^2_D) = \mathbf{97.05}$

$\eta = [4S(1-S)] / [(4-S)(2-S)^2]$ ;  $S=50\%$ ,  $\eta = 8/63 = 0.127$  [e:ta]

$c=0.5$   
 $AA=Aa=1;aa=0$   
 $\mu_{(F=0)} = 64$   
 $\mu_{(F=1)} = 40$   
Heterosis=24  
Heterosis<sup>2</sup>=576







# Breeding partially cross-fertilizing crops: The adequate breeding category and method is not self-evident

## ➤ Line breeding

Cultivars created by [controlled/natural selfing](#) as pure, homozygous inbred lines. Take the 'best' genotype, yet, do **not exploit heterosis**

## ➤ Hybrid breeding

Cultivars created by [controlled crossing](#) between two distinct, genetically different genotypes (typically inbred lines)

## ➤ Population breeding

Cultivars are non-inbred populations with a high level of heterozygosity and heterogeneity. A specific type is the so-called [synthetic cultivar](#) (synthetic variety). Seed of such cultivars is produced via “[open](#)” [pollination](#), i.e., natural random mating

# Phenotype of CMS199



Fertile stigma

Sterile anthers

Link, Ederer, Gumber, and Melchinger, 1997: Detection and characterization of two new CMS systems in faba bean (*Vicia faba*). *Plant Breeding* 116: 158 - 162.

Gegenwärtiger Stand der Hybridzüchtung in Europa

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## Neues über CMS bei Ackerbohnen

W. LINK

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Bericht über die 48. Arbeitstagung 1997 der Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Saatzüchtleiter im Rahmen der „Vereinigung österreichischer Pflanzenzüchter“, BAL Gumpenstein, 25.-27. November 1997





## Mitochondrial genome sequence of the legume *Vicia faba*

**Valentine Negruk\***

*Biotechnology Research Lab, Miami Dade College, Miami, FL, USA*

CMS447. D.A. Bond, PBI UK.	>1957
CMS350. P. Berthelem. INRA F.	>1960
CMS297. W. Link, Hoh'heim D.	>1992
CMS199. W. Link, Hoh'heim D.	>1992



Eur. J. Biochem. 127, 129–135 (1982)  
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### Mitochondrial Modifications Associated with the Cytoplasmic Male Sterility in Faba Beans

Marc BOUTRY and Michel BRIQUET

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(Received May 21/June 29, 1982)

Isolated mitochondria of faba beans carrying two different determinisms of the cytoplasmic male sterility (cytoplasms 447 and 350) have been compared to fertile lines.

*Journal of General Virology* (1998), 79, 2349–2358. Printed in Great Britain

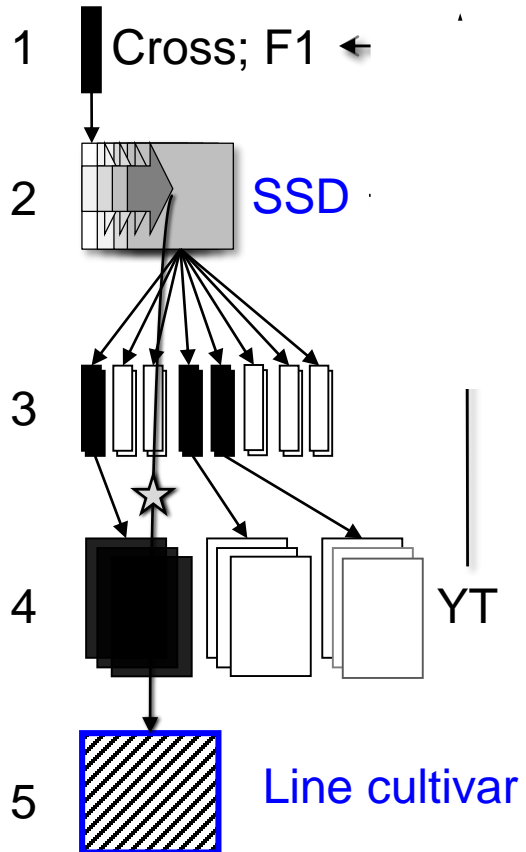
### Nucleotide sequence, genetic organization and expression strategy of the double-stranded RNA associated with the '447' cytoplasmic male sterility trait in *Vicia faba*

Pierre Pfeiffer



# Breeding Scheme for faba bean.

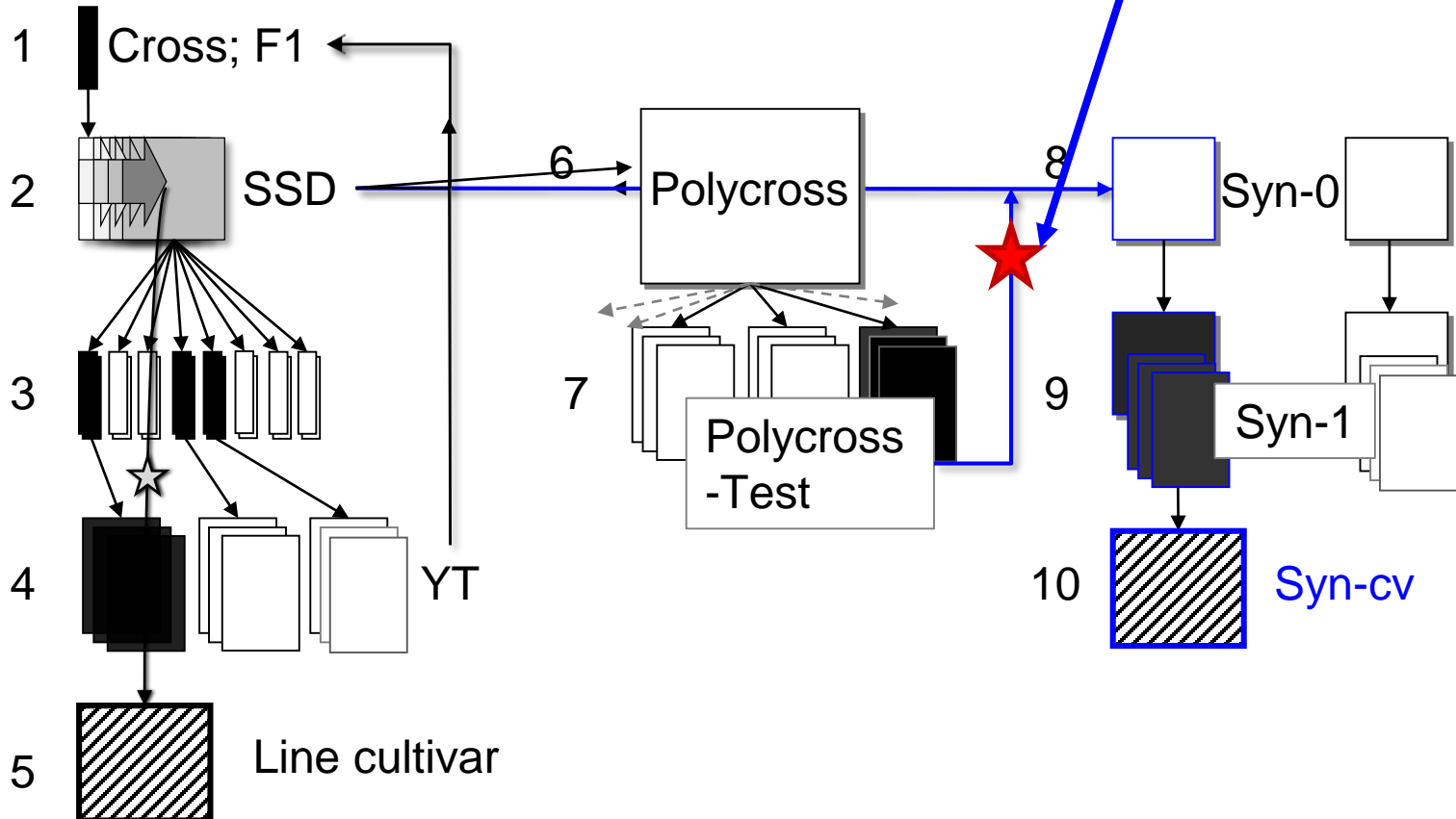
(1) Crosses. (2) SSD until about F6. (3) Multiply F6 individuals in open field & phenotypic selection. (4) Test open pollinated offspring for yield (YT), identify best SSD lines as new parents. (5) Release line cultivar



Adhikari, K.N., H. Khazaei, L. Ghaouti, F. Maalour, A. Vandenberg, W. Link, D.M. O'Sullivan, 2021: Conventional and molecular breeding tools for accelerating genetic gain in faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.). *Frontiers in Plant Science* 12: 744259. DOI: 10.3389/fpls.2021.744259.

# Breeding Scheme for inbred-line based synthetics in faba bean.

Select. Yet ... **how** to account for inbred line • per se performance L, inbred line • GCA effect, size of • heterosis ( $\mu_C - \mu_L$ ) in connection to • number k of components, degree X of • cross-fertilization of individual components, ... further performance and heterosis-related factors?



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Parameter Random mating  
(Wright, 1973;  
Becker, 1988)

L per se performance of candidate lines  
C performance of hybrids  
X degree of cross-fertilization  
GCA General Combining Ability (~1/2 BV)  
SCA Specific combining ability (~dominance deviation)  
k = number of components per cultivar  
P = paternal outcrossing success

$\mu_{Syn}(k)$   $\mu_L + (1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot (\mu_C - \mu_L)$

GVA (k)<sub>i</sub>  
General Varietal Ability

$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot L_i +$   
 $\frac{1}{k} \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot 2 GCA_i$

SVA (k)<sub>ij</sub>  
Sp. varietal  
ability

$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot 2SCA_{ij}$

Theoretical and Applied Genetics 43, 79–82 (1973)  
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## The Selection of Parents for Synthetic Varieties of Outbreeding Diploid Crops

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**Summary.** As a criterion for the selection from a population of individuals with a high potential as parents of synthetic varieties, the general varietal ability of an individual is defined as the mean expression of all possible synthetics of a given size(s) having this plant as a common parent. Using known expressions for the prediction of the performance of advanced generations of diploid synthetic varieties, general varietal ability is expressed in terms of the  $F_1$  and  $I_1$  progenies of the plants under test, and is found to be a simple function of the polycross (g.c.a.) and inbred progeny means, where the contribution of the inbred progeny varies according to  $n$  and  $s$ . The implications and use of such a progeny test in the breeding of out-pollinating crops is discussed.



Parameter

Random mating  
(Busbice  
(1969,1970;  
Becker, 1988)

Partial Allogamy  
(Link & Ederer, 1993)

Partial Allogamy  
& Variation of Paternal Success **P**  
(Brünjes & Link, 2017)

$\mu_{\text{Syn}}(k)$

$$\mu_L + \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot (\mu_C - \mu_L)$$

$$\mu_L + \mu_X \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot (\mu_C - \mu_L)$$

GVA ( $k$ )<sub>i</sub>  
General Varietal Ability

$$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot L_i +$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot 2 \text{GCA}_i$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \cdot \left[1 - \mu_X \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)\right] \cdot L_i +$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \cdot \mu_X \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot 2\text{GCA}_i +$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \cdot X_i \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot [(\mu_C + \text{GCA}_i) - (\mu_L + L_i)]$$

SVA ( $k$ )<sub>ij</sub>  
Sp. varietal  
ability

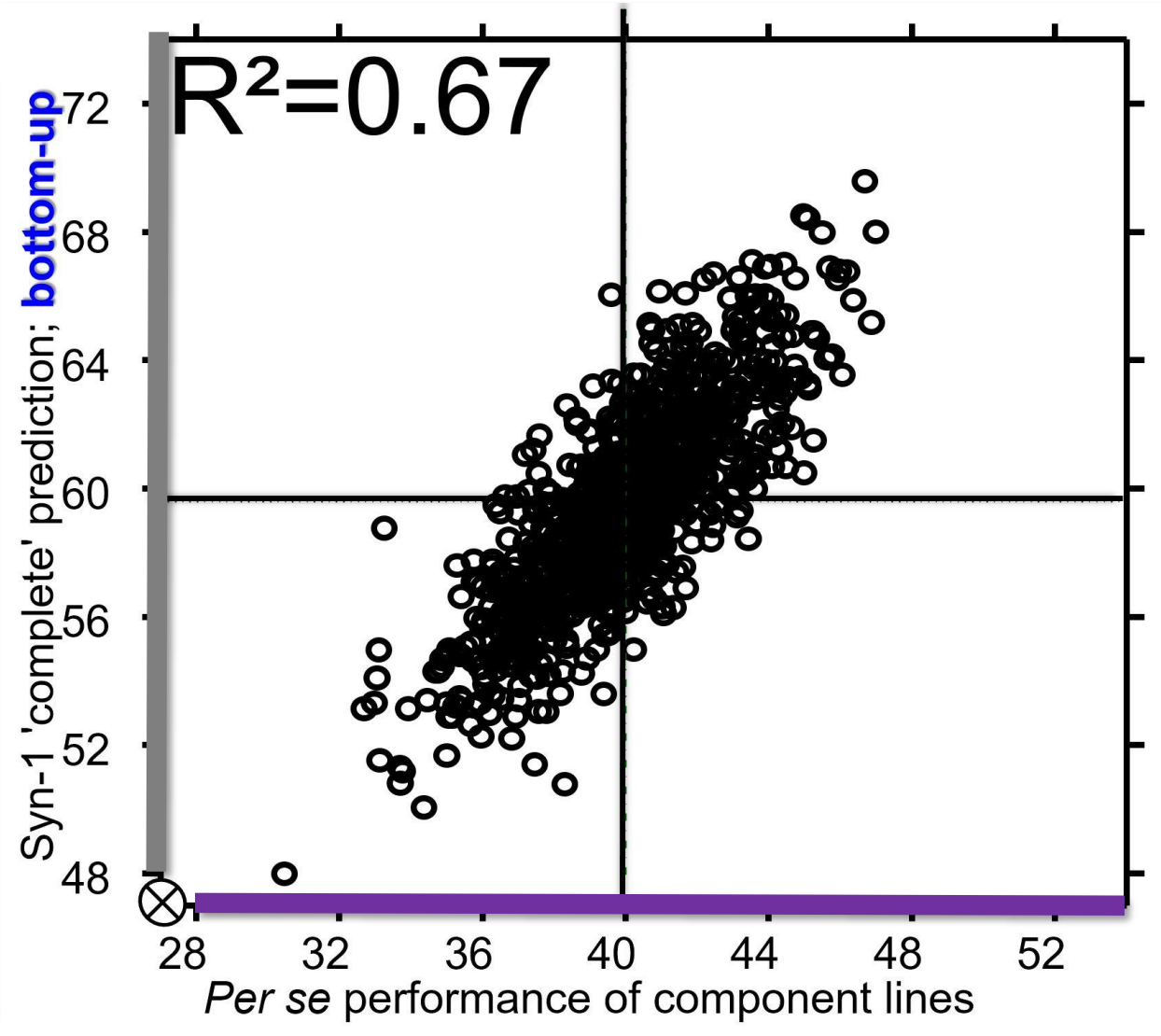
$$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot 2\text{SCA}_{ij}$$

$$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot (X_i \cdot \text{GCA}_j + X_j \cdot \text{GCA}_i) +$$

$$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot (2\mu_X + X_i + X_j) \cdot \text{SCA}_{ij}$$

Parameter	Random mating (Busbice (1969,1970; Becker, 1988)	Partial Allogamy (Link & Ederer, 1993)	Partial Allogamy & Variation of Paternal Success <b>P</b> (Brünjes & Link, 2017)
$\mu_{\text{Syn}}(k)$	$\mu_L + (1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot (\mu_C - \mu_L)$	$\mu_L + \mu_X \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot (\mu_C - \mu_L)$	$\mu_L + \mu_X \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot (\mu_C - \mu_L)$
<b>GVA</b> ( $k_i$ ) General Varietal Ability	$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot L_i +$ $\frac{1}{k} \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot 2 \text{GCA}_i$	$\frac{1}{k} \cdot [1 - \mu_X (1 - \frac{1}{k})] \cdot L_i +$ $\frac{1}{k} \cdot \mu_X (1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot 2\text{GCA}_i +$ $\frac{1}{k} \cdot X_i \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{k}) [(\mu_C + \text{GCA}_i) - (\mu_L + L_i)]$	$\frac{1}{k} \cdot [(\mu_X + X_i) \cdot \mathbf{P}_{ii}] \cdot \mu_L +$ $\frac{1}{k} \cdot [1 - \mu_X \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{k})] \cdot L_i +$ $\frac{1}{k} \cdot [(\mu_X + X_i) \cdot \mathbf{P}_{ii}] \cdot L_i +$ $\frac{1}{k} \cdot \mu_X \cdot [(1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot 2\text{GCA}_i] +$ $\frac{1}{k} \cdot [X_i \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{k}) \cdot (\mu_C + \text{GCA}_i - \mu_L - L_i)] +$
<b>SVA</b> ( $k_{ij}$ ) Sp. varietal ability	$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot 2\text{SCA}_{ij}$	$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot (X_i \cdot \text{GCA}_j + X_j \cdot \text{GCA}_i) +$ $\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot (2\mu_X + X_i + X_j) \cdot \text{SCA}_{ij}$	$\frac{1}{k^2} \cdot (X_i \cdot \text{GCA}_j) +$ $\frac{1}{k} \cdot [(\mu_X + X_i) \cdot \mathbf{P}_{ij} \cdot (\mu_C + \text{GCA}_i + \text{GCA}_j)]$

# Prediction of synthetic cultivars (k=4; Syn-1) based on per se performance alone



Parameter from own data and literature

X-axis: Predict performance in Syn-1 from inbred line *per se* performance alone

Y-axis: 'True' performance (i.e. predict including variation of all parameters).

Judith Reese, MSc thesis, 2022:

Breeding method simulations to predict partially allogamous, synthetic faba bean cultivars from their parental components (number of components, *per se* performance, GCA, degree of cross-pollination X, paternal success P)

How much does paternal outcrossing success P explain when prediction Syn-1 (k=4)?

.... added to <i>per se</i> , GCA, X	11.10%
... used as only parameter	14.69%

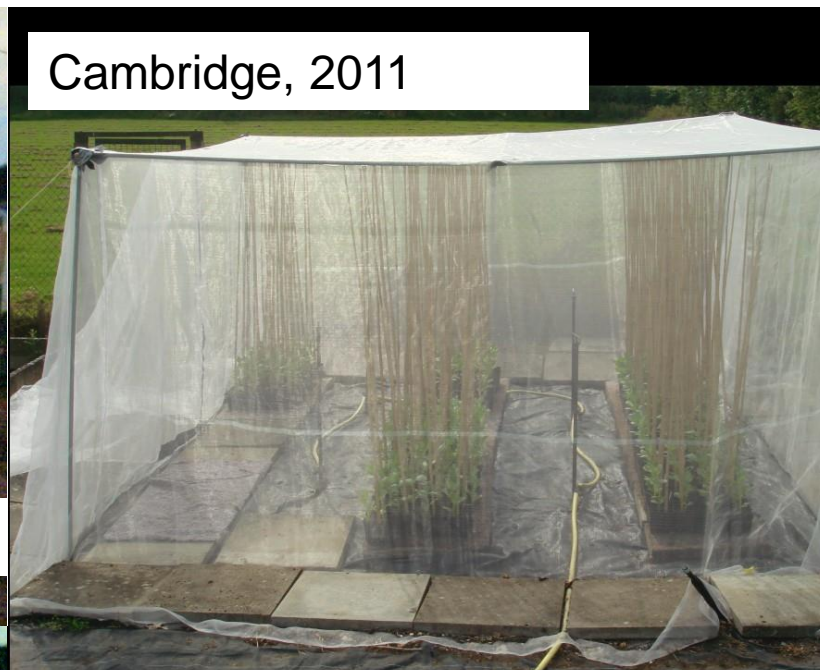




Rennes, 1989



Hohenlieth, 1988



Cambridge, 2011



Dijon, 1987

To assess *per se* performance of inbred lines, you need purely selfed seed ... from controlled self-fertilization.

Employing cages is the first step to become a serious faba bean researcher. Separate the beans from the bees!



Isolation cages. Needed to control pedigree (on paternal side).  
One reason why breeding of lentils, pea, soy ... is easier than breeding of faba beans





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



David Bond







Faba bean breeding nursery near Khartoum, Sudan.









„No pollinators here? What a disappointment, I'll stay barren! “

Tripped zone, shows pod and seed set

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Suchen

Untripped zone, with little or zero pod and seed set.

**Autosterile** genotype

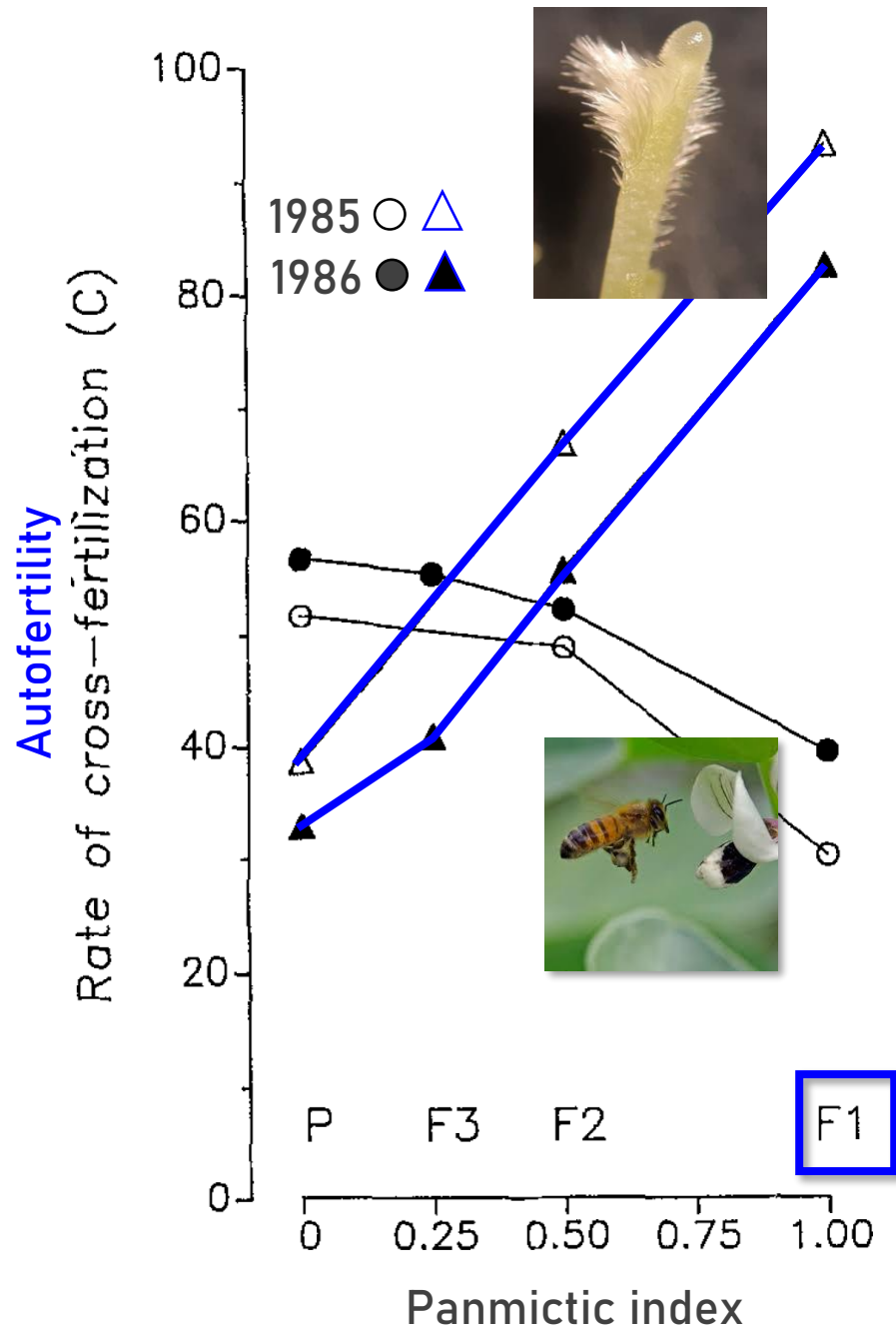
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Tripping of faba beans

Hybrids tend to be autofertile; they self-fertilize and thus set seed spontaneously (un-tripped), whereas inbreds tend towards the opposite; 'stubborn' ;-)



### Autofertility and rate of cross-fertilization: crucial characters for breeding synthetic varieties in faba beans (*Vicia faba* L.)

W. Link

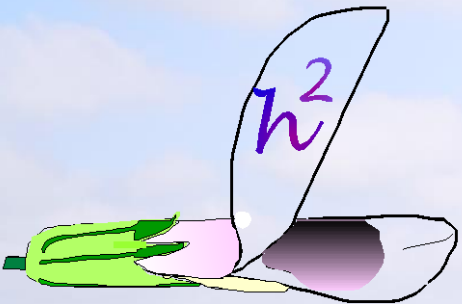
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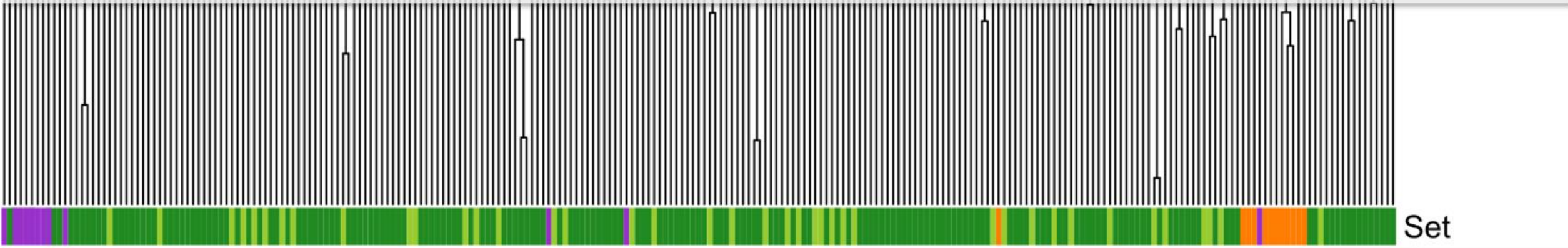


We combine application of Quantitative Genetics to Phenotypic and Pedigree data with (sending leaves to a service provider at Gatersleben and) analysing data from DOS' SNP array (Vfaba\_v2 Axiom SNP array) and from KASP analyses 😊.



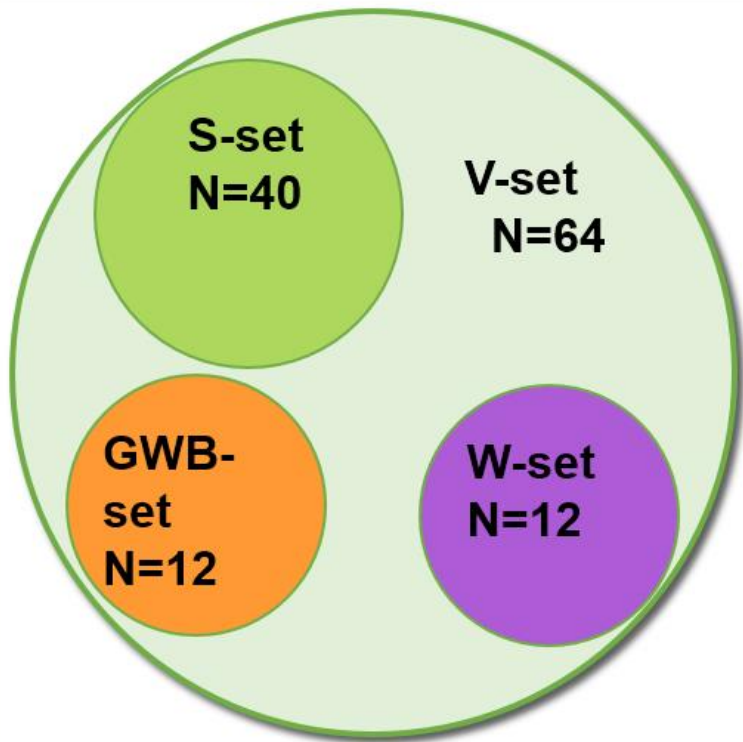


# Dissertation project of Alex Windhorst on **GWAS** and **Genomic Prediction** of frost tolerance and winter hardiness in faba bean



Rogers Distance; UPGMA; Color bar according to Set and subset definition

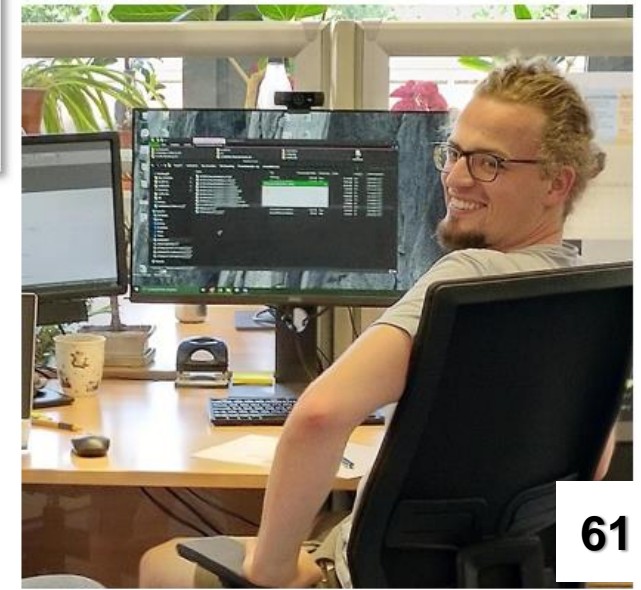
Vfaba\_v2 Axiom SNP array 60k



**Association-Set = A-set**  
**N=188**  
From Famous Göttingen Winter Bean Population (GWB)  
"Training Pop."

**Set**

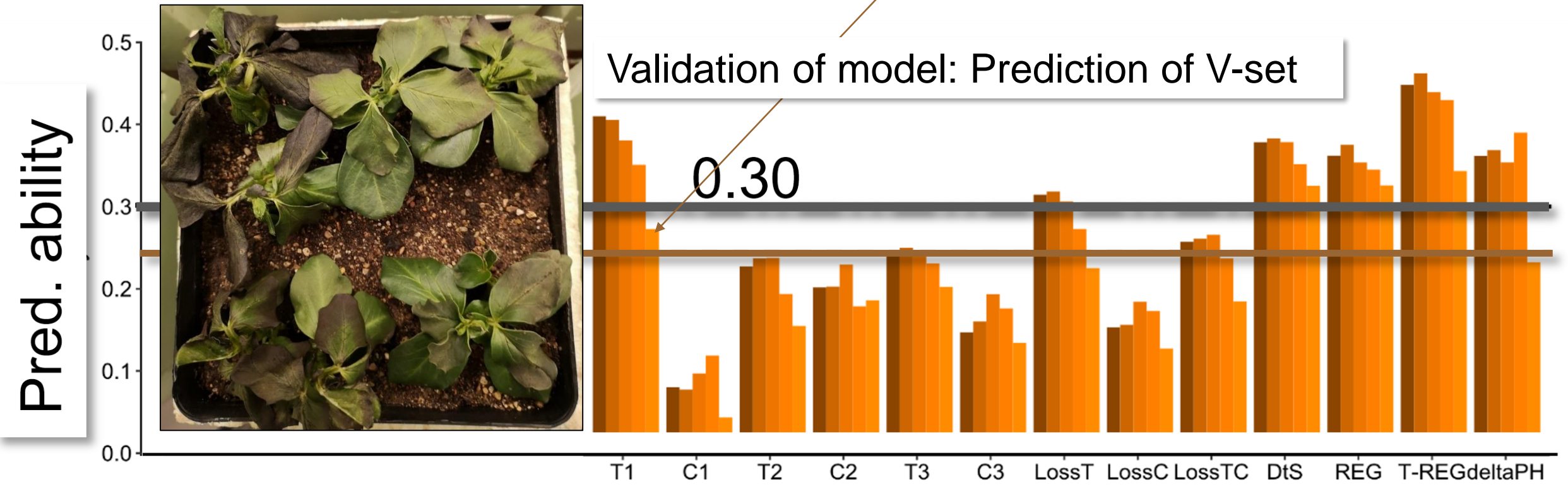
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- S-set
- GWB-set
- W-set



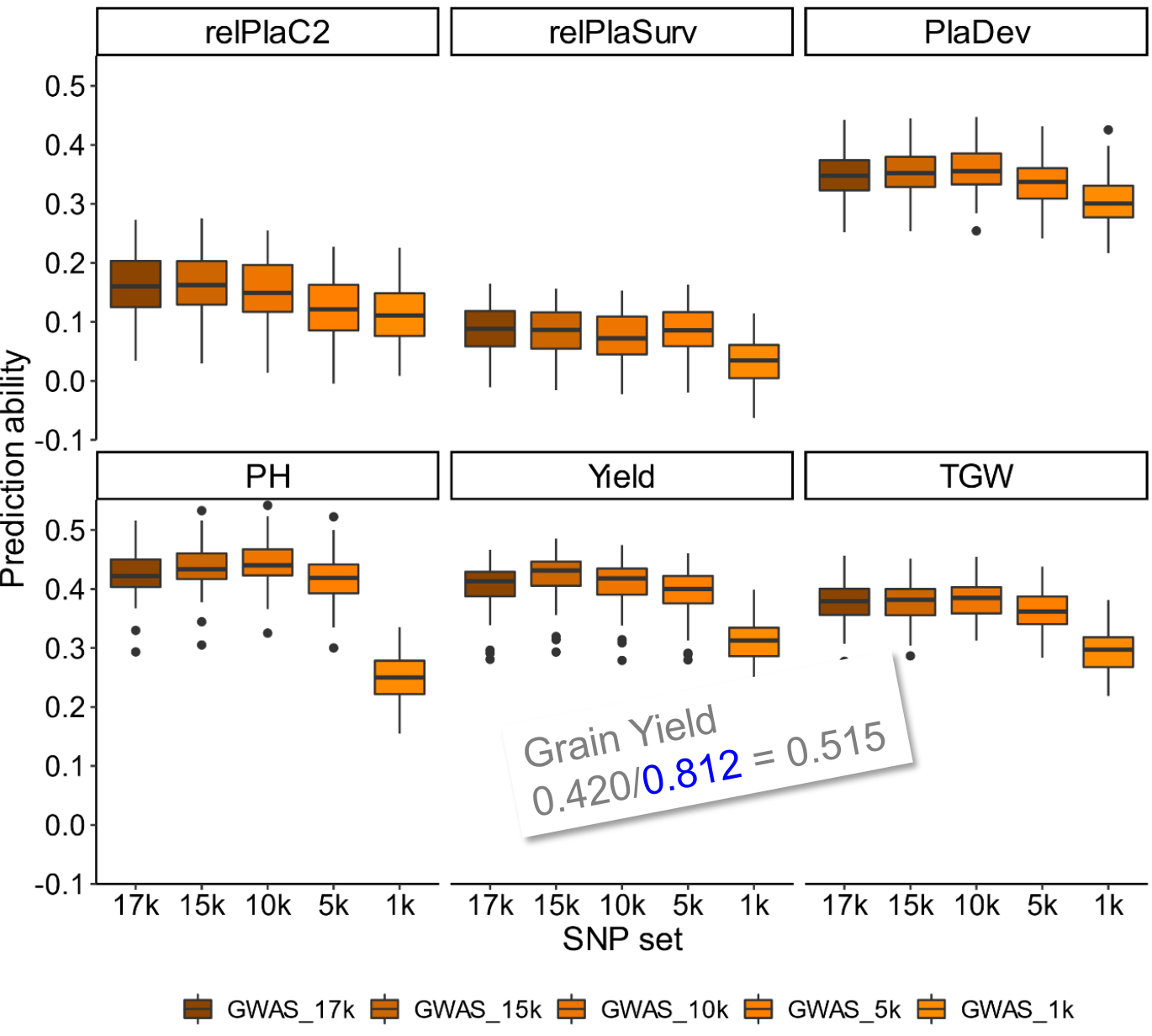


**Genomic Prediction** of (late-frost) symptoms in **frost chamber** (GBLUP in R; rrBLUP package, G matrix VanRaden 2008). Training set 185 inbred lines: 5 experiments à 2 reps. Validation set 64 inbred lines; 7 experiments à 3 reps.  $0.63 < h^2 < 0.95$

Brownish line: Sign. threshold of Prediction ability  
5 SNP set sizes: 17k – 15k ~ same predict. ability; at 1k, however, it drops off !  
Reasonable high pred. ability in this **hard validation setting**.



Genomic Prediction of field-based traits. Training set 185 inbred lines. Historical field data (2005-2022; E=17);  $0.55 < h^2 < 0.92$ . 5-fold cross-validation.



Winter Hardiness-related field-assessed traits and Yield-related traits.

rePlaC2  $h^2=0.740$   
Relative plant number count (after winter/sowing)

relPlaSurv  $h^2=0.555$   
Relative plant survival (after winter/before winter)

PlaDev  $h^2=0.547$   
Plant(plot) development score after winter

Plant height PH  $h^2=0.912$

Yield  $h^2=0.812$

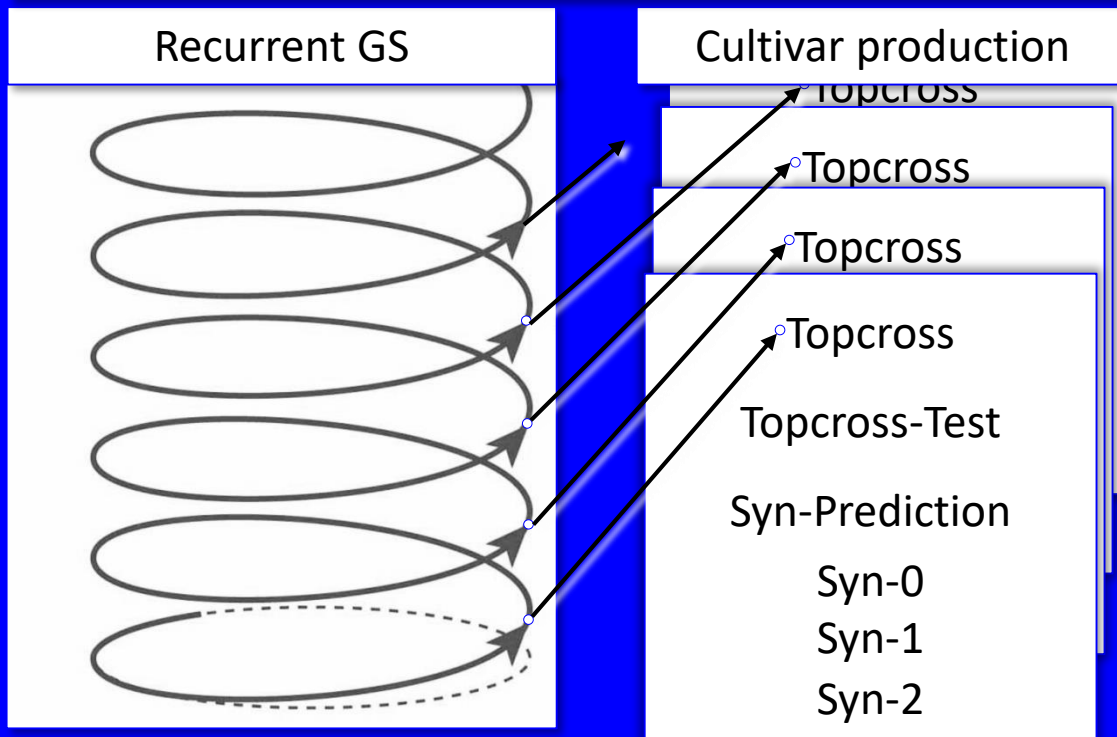
TGW  $h^2=0.936$







Abo-Direkt. Combine [Gaynor et al., 2017](#) & [Link et al., 1994](#); [Link, 2013](#).  
 New Breeding paradigm and GS to substitute missing DH technology.

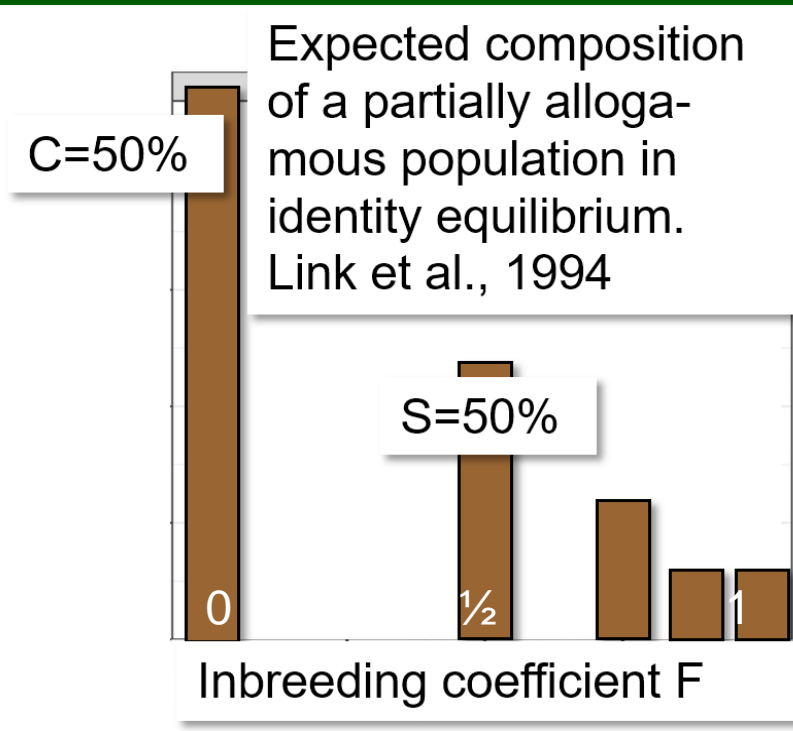


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RESEARCH

## A Two-Part Strategy for Using Genomic Selection to Develop Inbred Lines

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Votr. Pflanzenzüchtg. 30, 201-230 (1994)

### Zuchtmethodische Entwicklungen - Nutzung von Heterosis bei Fababohnen

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# Dissertation project of Henri Laugel ,[Abo-Direkt](#)'. Make use of *à priori* available inbred individuals in faba bean population instead of DH technology

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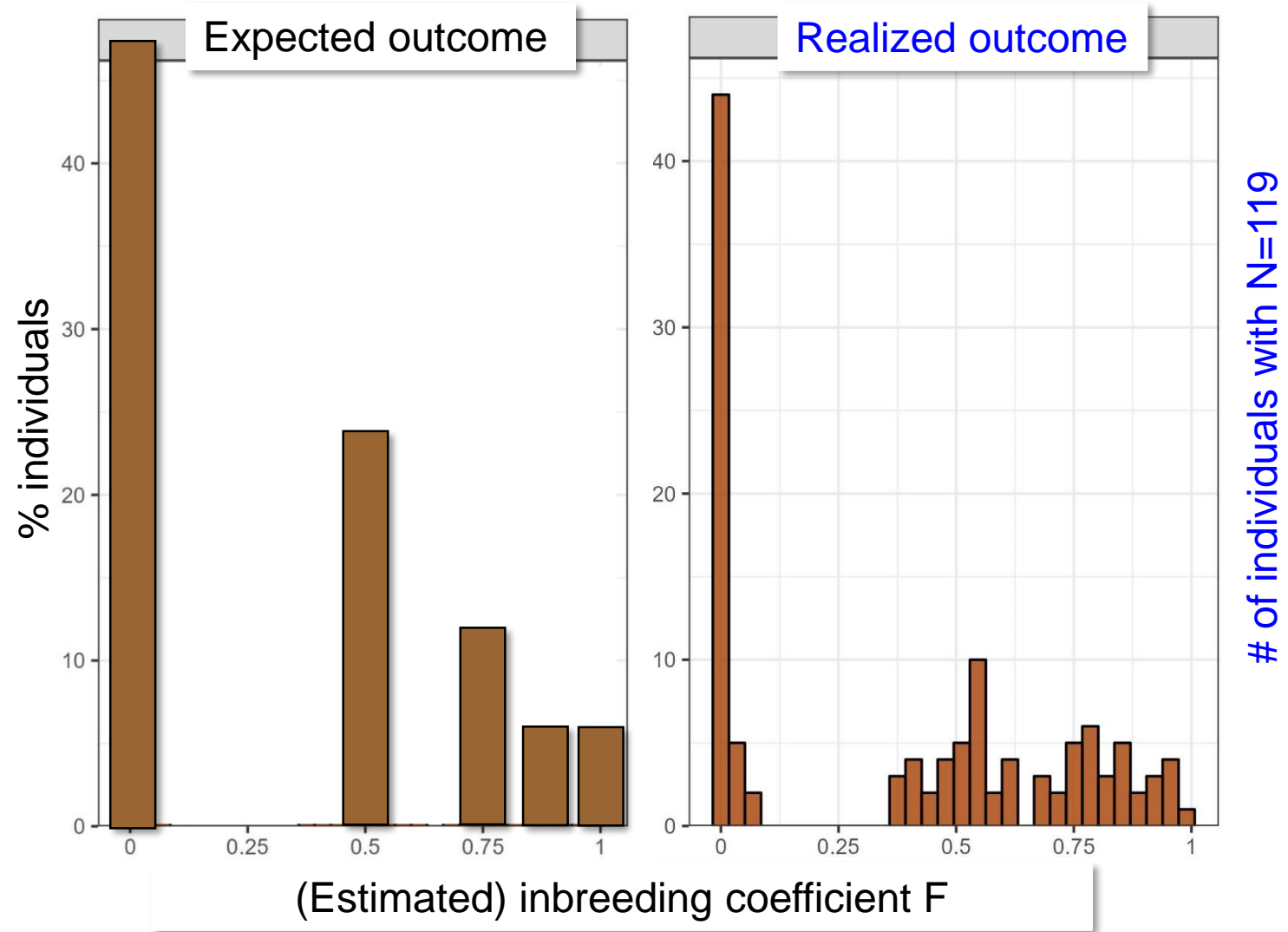
- (1) [Identify highly homozygous individuals](#) in population *via* markers
- (2) Estimate their GEBV for agronomic traits (model trained from historical data); select accordingly
- (3) Propagate ([cage](#)) most promising inbred individuals to have seed for upcoming plot-based field test
- (4) Field-test inbred lines as Poly/Topcross progenies (~GVA)
- (5) Predict synthetics, field test most promising ones from joining ex-trial seed ...



Famous Göttingen Winter Bean Population under natural selection; in isolation by distance (open pollinator access)

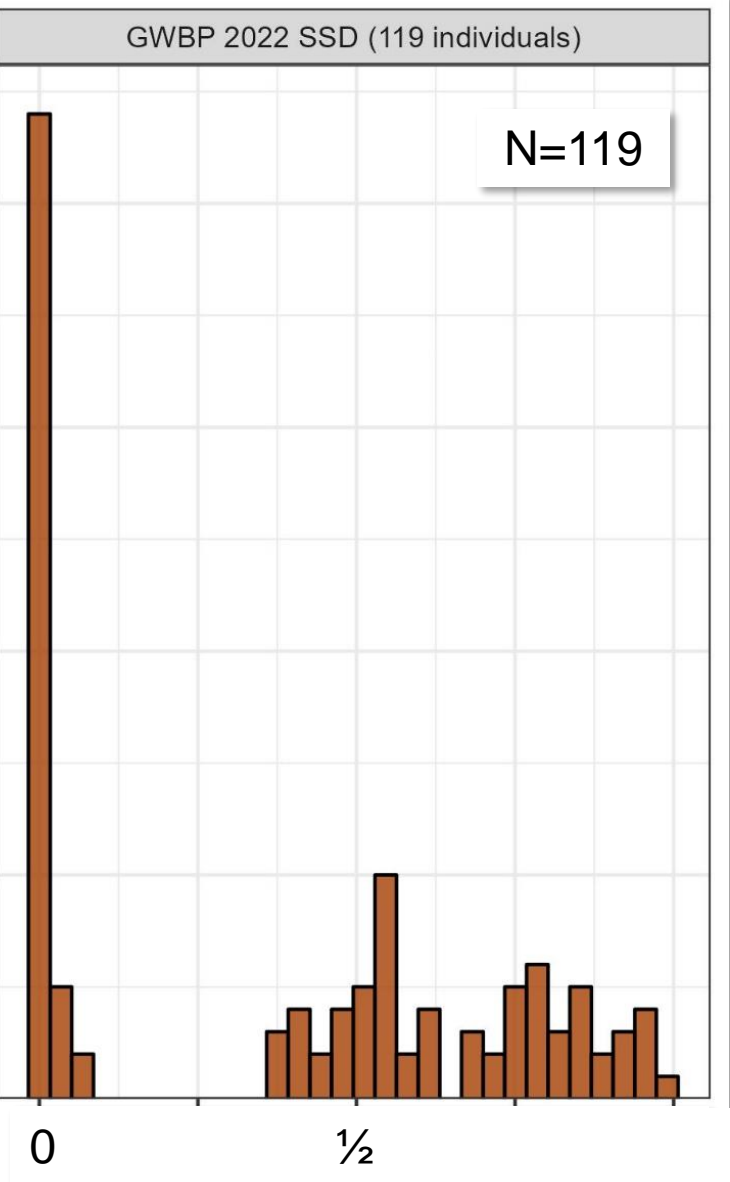
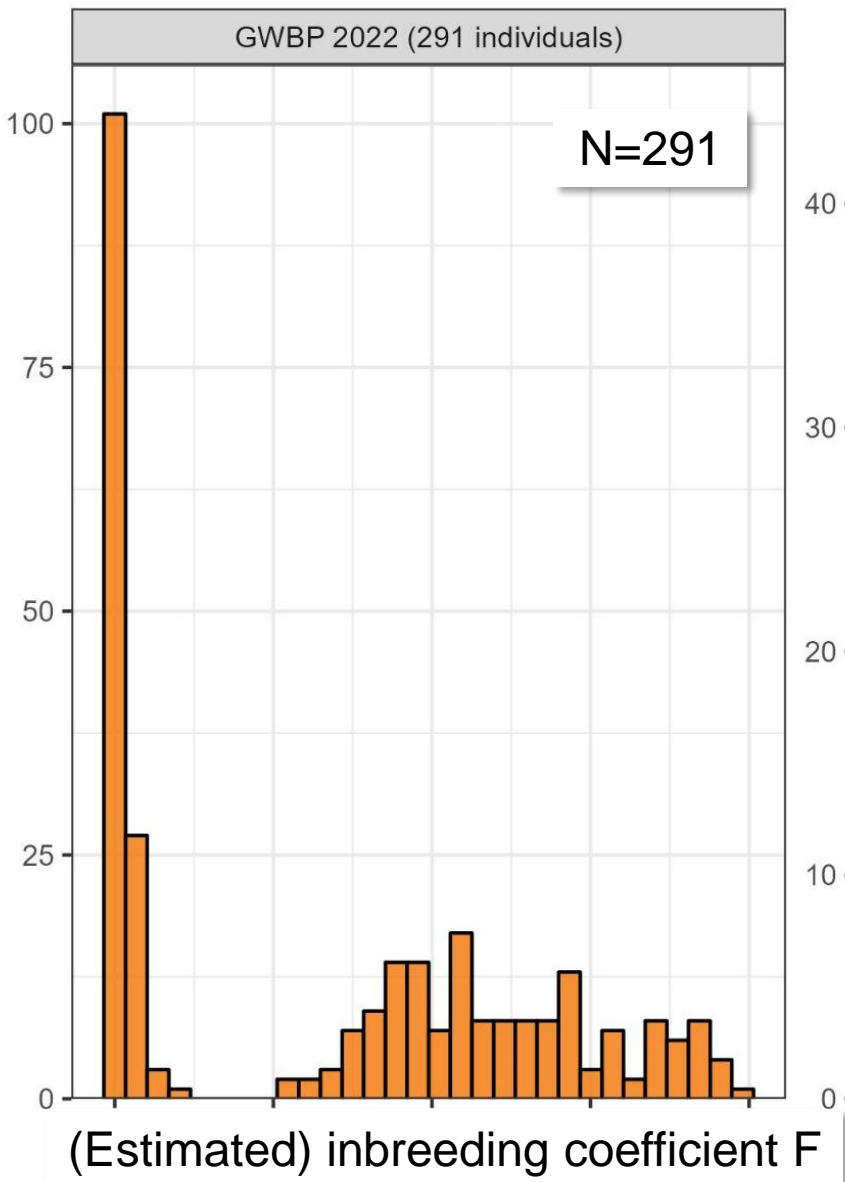
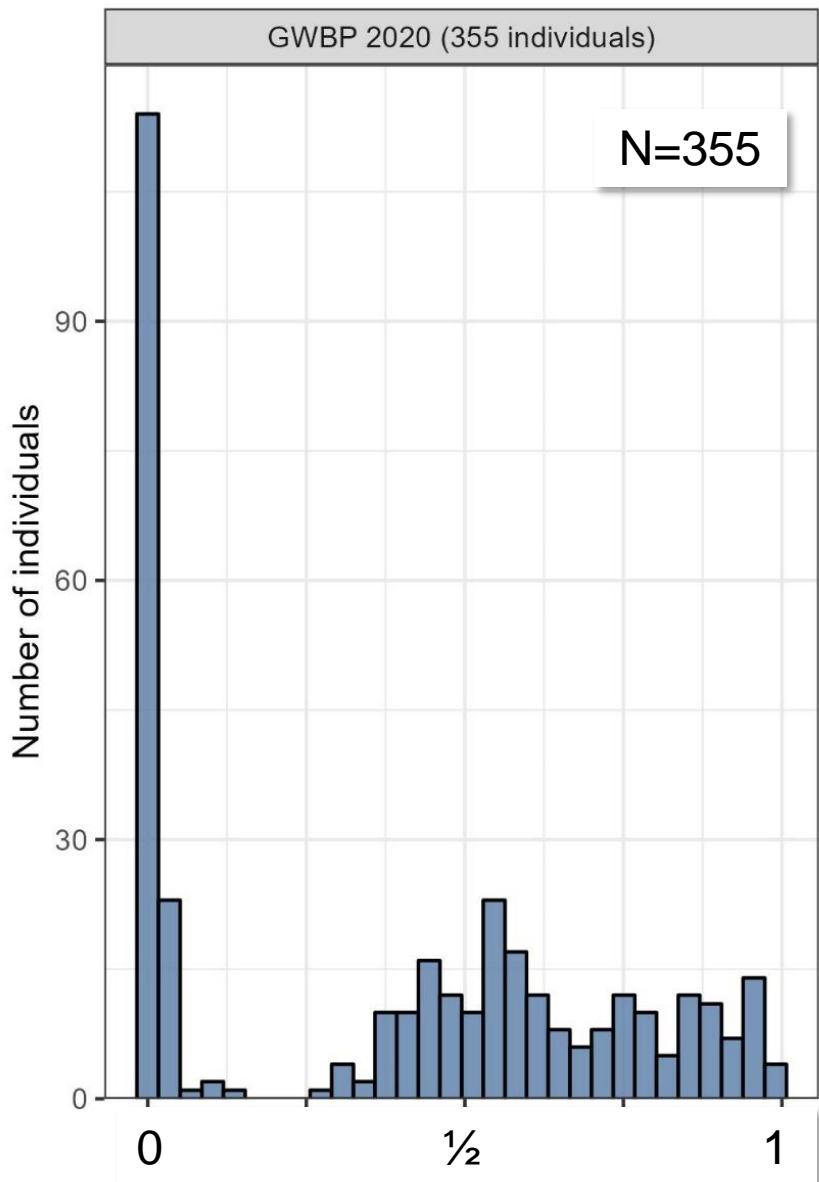


Test hypotheses about existence and share of **inbreeding cohorts** in partial allogamous faba bean GWB population. Estimate **F of individuals** from ~17.000 SNP (Vfaba\_v2 Axiom SNP array; 60k).

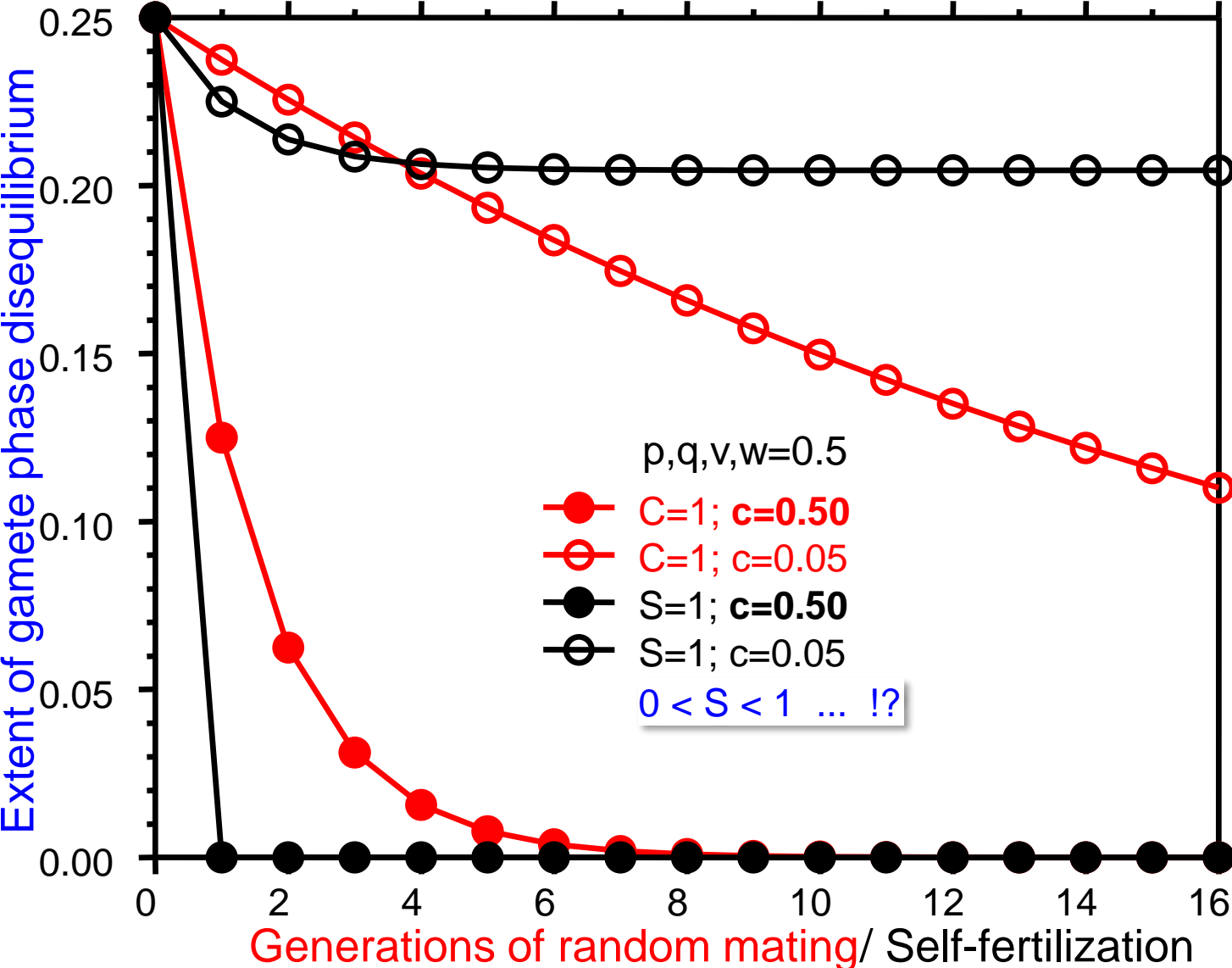




Henri Laugel; ‚Abo-Direkt‘. Experimental finding on the distribution of estimated inbreeding coefficients F in three versions of the Famous Göttingen WB population.



A further task in Abo-Direkt. LD between SNP and focal locus and allele is crucial for marker-assisted work. The literature is divided on LD decay in partial allogamy



Golding and Strobeck, 1980. Genetics 94: 777  
 Weir and Cockerham 1973. Gen. Res., Camb. 21, 247  
 Karlin 1969. Gordon and Breach, New York  
 Vargas and Castillo 2001. IMA J Math Apl Med Biol 18, 327

Begin not 'Diallel' ?!  
 Begin not  $F = [S/(2-S)]$  ?!  
 Frequency of double heterozygotes not  $(1-F)^2$  because of 'Identity Disequilibrium' ?!





Two awards for the Göttingen team at GPZ conference 2024







Assumptions\* to simulate 3200 inbred lines and their hybrids; to predict bottom-up synthetics in generation Syn-1 and Syn- $\infty$

Parameter		Mean	Standard Deviation
Degree of cross-fertilization		50.0%	8.0%
Paternal outcrossing success*	N=4	25.0%	8.6%
<i>Per se</i> yield of inbred lines		40 dt ha <sup>-1</sup>	5.0 dt ha <sup>-1</sup>
GCA (yield) of inbred lines		2.5 dt ha <sup>-1</sup>	2.5 dt ha <sup>-1</sup>
SCA for pairs of inbred lines		0.0 dt ha <sup>-1</sup>	0.0 dt ha <sup>-1</sup>
Yield of F1-hybrids		90 dt ha <sup>-1</sup>	7.1 dt ha <sup>-1</sup>

# Basic scheme of breeding a synthetic cultivar (for outcrossers, needless to say)

