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# Genomic tools to accelerate potato breeding

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# Screening for biotic stress resistance

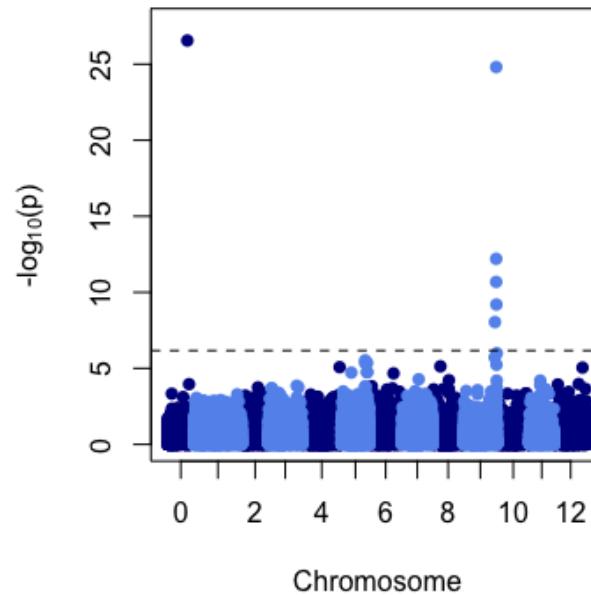
	PLRV - potato	PVY - potato	Late Blight - potato
Resistance evaluation	Field or Green house	Field or Green house	Field, replicated trials
Assay duration	>2 seasons	1 season (?)	> 2 seasons
Inoculation method	Aphid, infector plants	mechanical and graft inoculation	Infector plants
Phenotypic evaluation	ELISA test	ELISA test	Visual estimate
Number of pathogen strains	few	few	several
Type of resistance	monogenic & polygenic	Monogenic & polygenic	monogenic & polygenic
Resistance sources	Rare, RI adg	Ry adg, Ry sto + few others	Various major genes and QTL

PLRV inoculation:  
aphids and grafting



How about using  
molecular markers?

## Late blight resistance QTL in chromosome 9 in CIP potato breeding lines



GBS Marker	Ref	Alt	Trial	$-\log_{10}p$	Effect
ST4.03ch09 60067335	A	G	China 2015	22.38	-0.28
			China 2016	23.23	-0.25
			Peru 2014	15.46	-0.22
Solcap_c2_56 418	A	C	Peru 2001-2006		

**Li et al., 2012. Theor. Appl. Genet.** Conditional QTL underlying resistance to late blight in a diploid potato population.

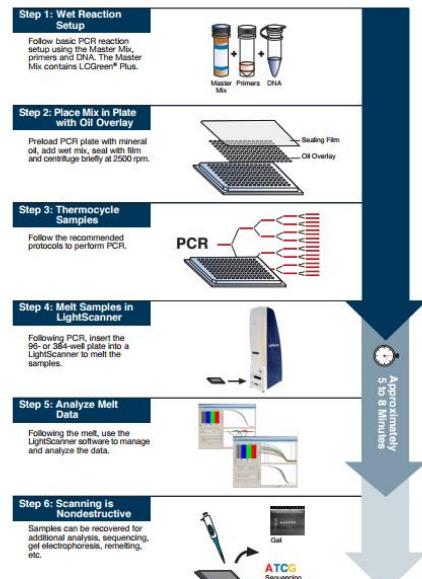
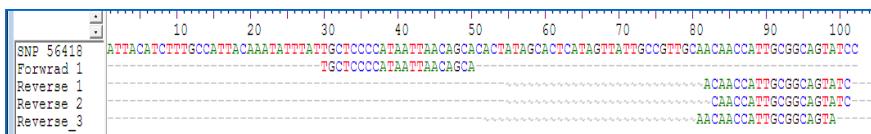
**Lindqvist-Kreuze et al., 2014. Phytopathology.** Phenotypic stability and genome-wide association study of late blight resistance in potato genotypes adapted to the highland tropics.

**Lindqvist-Kreuze et al., 2021. Global multi-environment resistance QTL for foliar late blight resistance in tetraploid potato with tropical adaptation. G3, 11(11), p.jkab251.**

# HRM marker for late blight resistance based on Solcap.snp\_c2\_56418

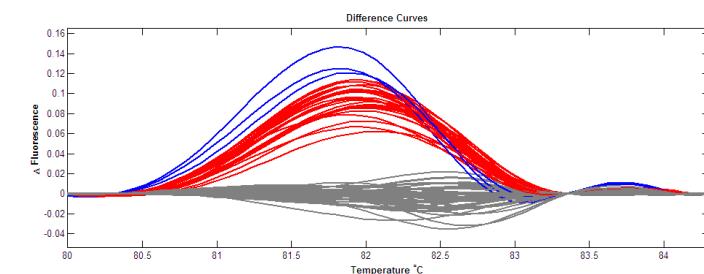
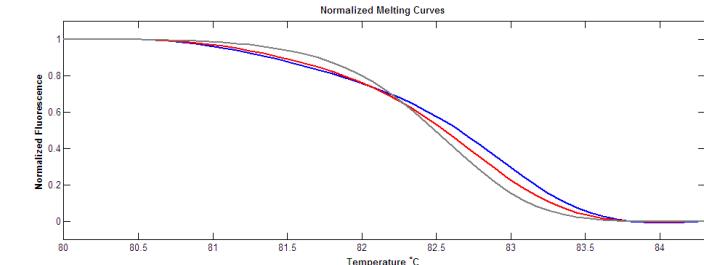
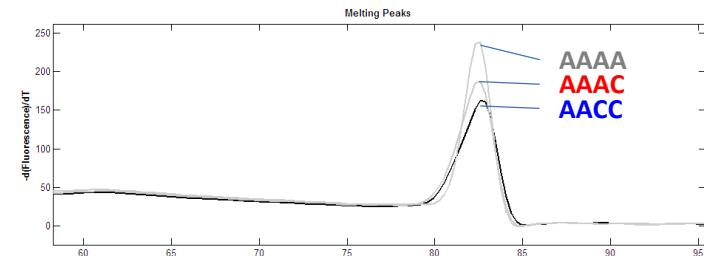
cost: \$4 / sample

solcap.snp\_c2\_56418 PGSC0003DMB000000280 354041  
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PCR

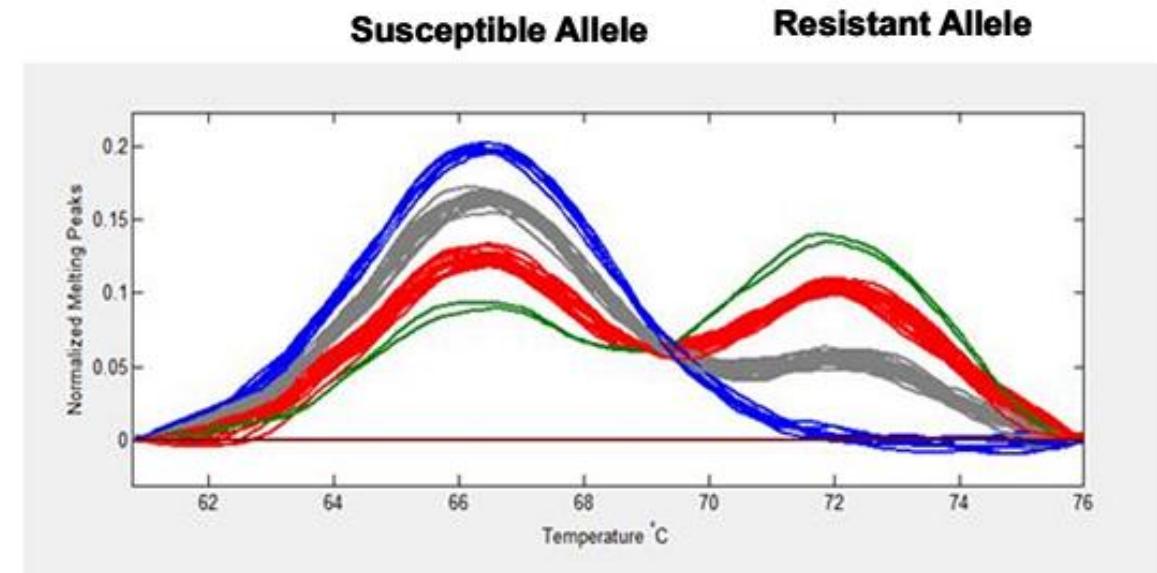
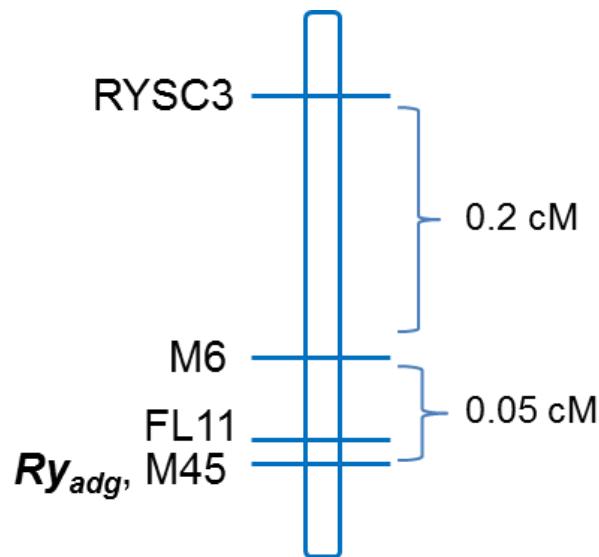
HRM



# PVY resistance in CIP breeding populations mainly in chromosome 11 based on $Ry_{adg}$

cost: \$4 / sample

- RYSC3 marker tightly linked to  $Ry_{adg}$  locus on chromosome 11 (Kasai et al., 2000)
- HRM marker based on M6 developed at CIP (Herrera et al., 2018. TAG)



HRM analysis on the F1 population CxT:

aaaa (LBR-43) = 30

Aaaa (Costanera) = 101

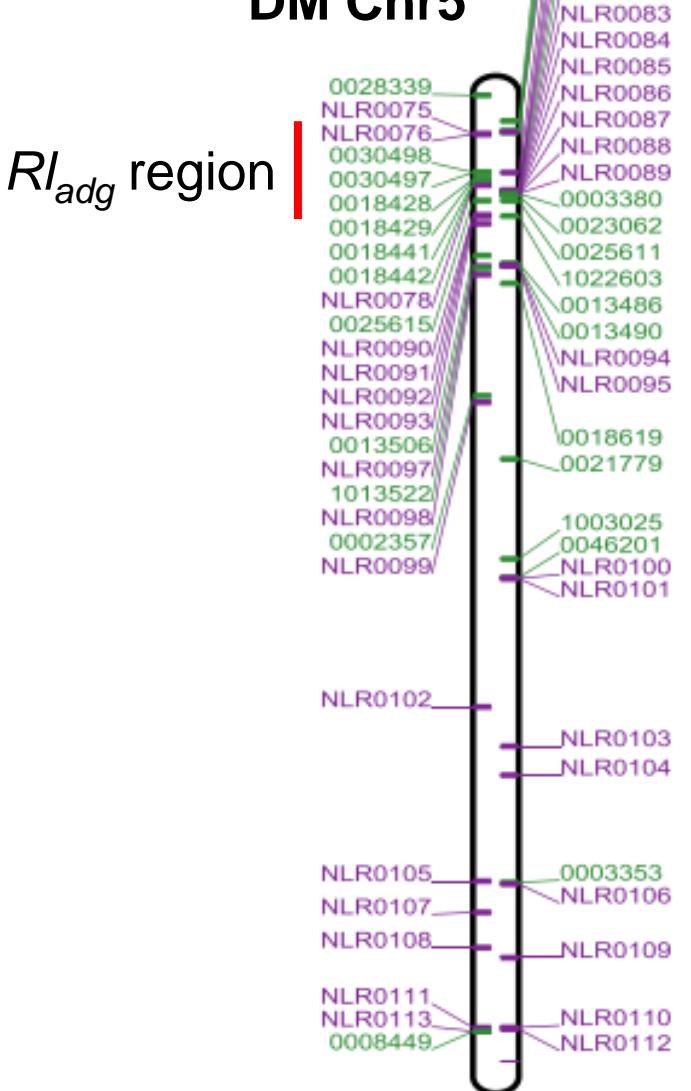
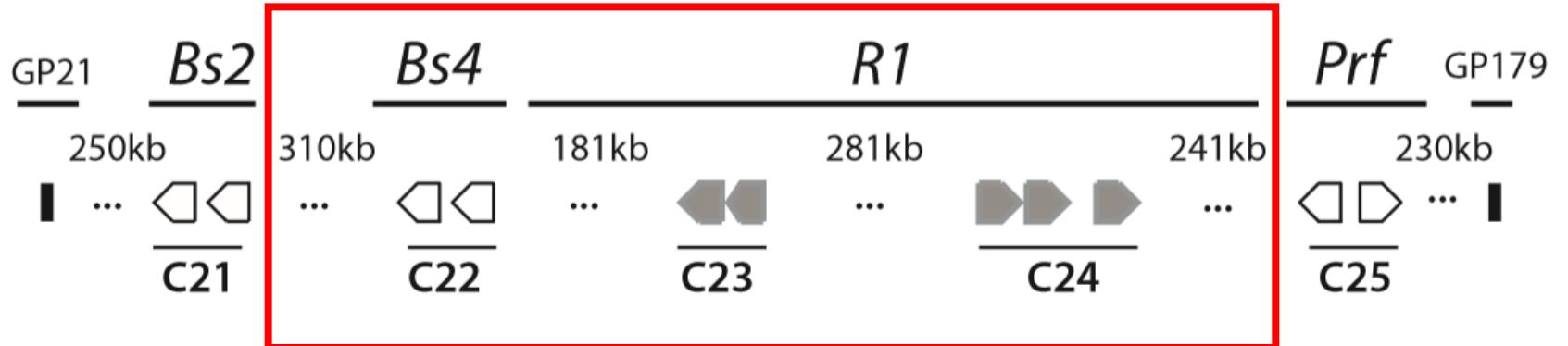
AAaa (Txy2) = 84

AAAa = 2

# $Rl_{adg}$ confers PLRV resistance and maps to Chr5

- PLRV resistance gene  $Rl_{adg}$  in *S. tuberosum ssp. andigena* accession LOP-868 mapped in Chr5 at CIP (Velazquez et al. 2009)
- $Rl_{adg}$  is a Bs4 homologue maps to 5 Mb interval of Chr5 with many NLR encoding genes (R. Heal & J. Jones, Sainsbury labs, 2022)

Telomere chromosome 5 in potato



# Multiplex assay combining PLRV and PVY resistance assays

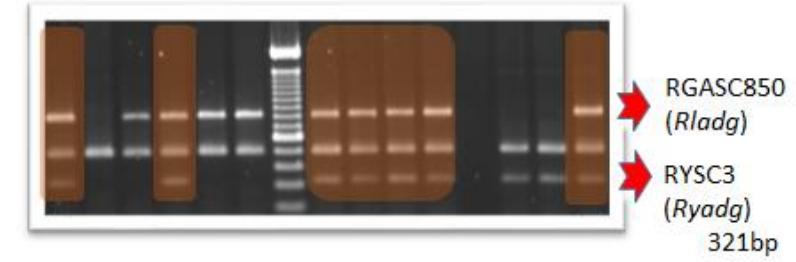
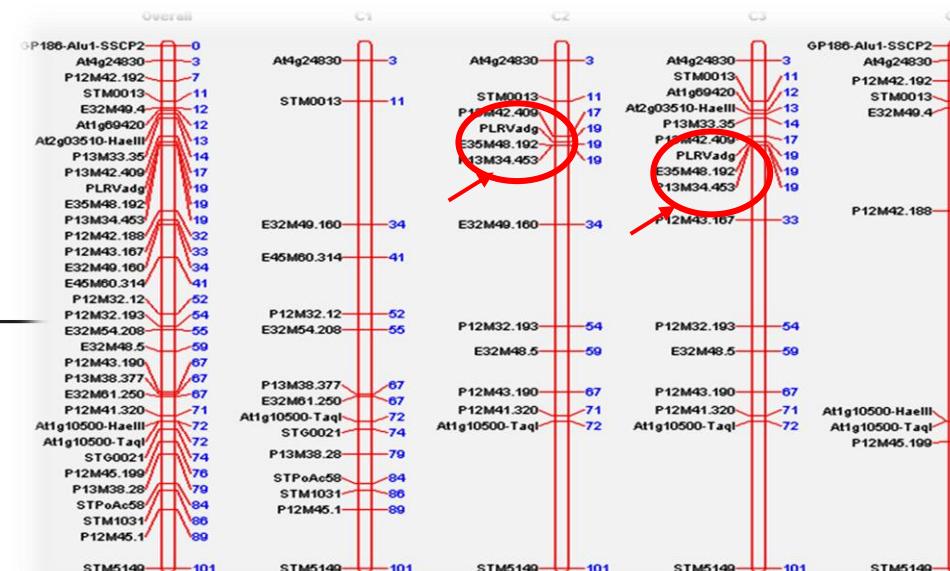
- PLRV SCAR: tightly linked to  $Rl_{adg}$  locus on chromosome 5 (Mihovilovich et al., 2014)
- PVY SCAR: tightly linked to  $Ry_{adg}$  locus on chromosome 11 (Kasai et al., 2000)

Plant Mol Biol Rep (2014) 32:117–128  
DOI 10.1007/s11105-013-0629-5

ORIGINAL PAPER

## An RGA-Derived SCAR Marker Linked to PLRV Resistance from *Solanum tuberosum* ssp. *andigena*

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Hannele Lindqvist-Kreuze · Merideth Bonierbale



cost: \$5 / sample



Why are the breeders not using the markers?

Disconnection between breeders and molecular breeders?

Long turnaround time?

Too high cost?

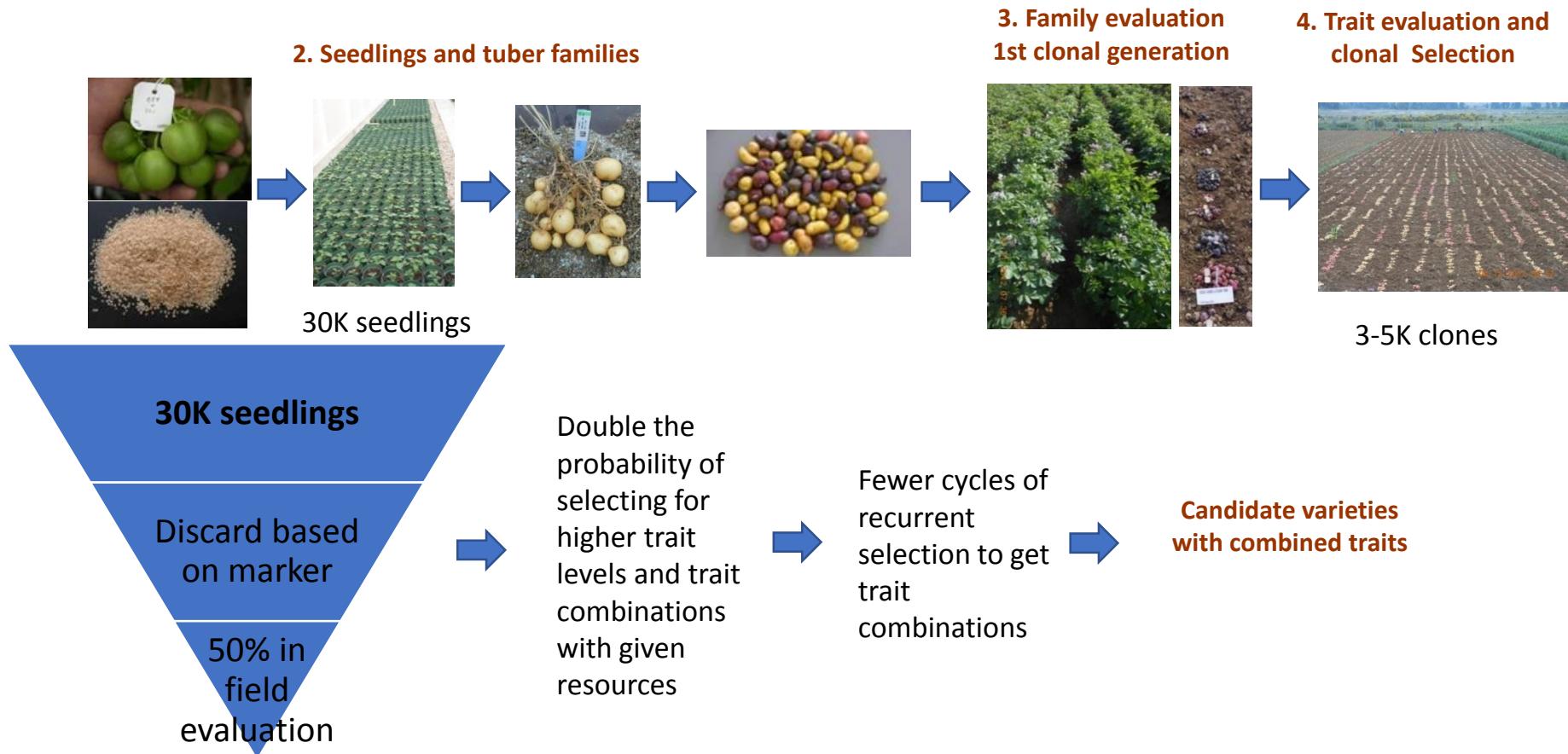
How to interpret results?

Do these markers work?

## Cost comparison 96 samples (in house 2016)

component	HRM	SCAR
DNA extraction	\$192	\$192
Service fee		
PCR reagents + plastics	\$25	\$21
LCGreen dye	\$8.6	-
HotStart Taq	-	\$74
Staff time	\$300	\$300
Bench fee	\$168	\$168
Total cost USD	\$694	\$755
Turnaround time	4 days	4 days

# CIP-potato-HQ forward selection initial plan 2017



**Challenge:** to optimize and scale up existing genotyping technologies for accelerated breeding while maintaining low cost

**Tasks:**

- Convert existing diagnostic SNP markers to KASP
- Set up a protocol for sampling and processing
- Set up a data management system and process to return the results to breeders

**Solution: How does it work?**

- Shared service agreement for CGIAR centers and their partners to use KASP genotyping platform at Intertek
- Large sample volume = attractive prize/ datapoint
- Service includes DNA extraction and genotyping
- Quick turnaround time of 10-15 days to receive results

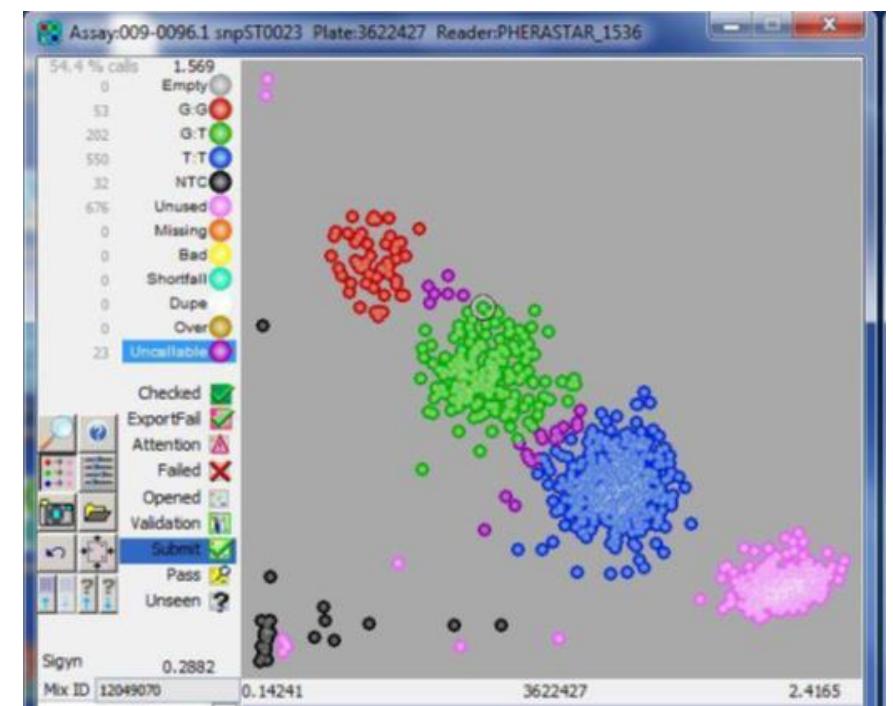


## Trait markers

**Table. CIP trait markers available at Intertek**

Trait	SNP id	Intertek id	Gene/ QTL	SNP	Chr
Late blight resistance	S9_6121167	snpST00020	R8- QTL	a/c	9
	Solcap.snp.c2 _56418	snpST00023	R8- QTL	t/g	9
PVY resistance	M6F1R4_711	snpST00052	Ryadg	g/a	11
	M6F1_R4_817	snpST00073	Ryadg	a/g	11

**Figure. Illustration of the results for snpST00023 in tetraploid CIP breeding lines**



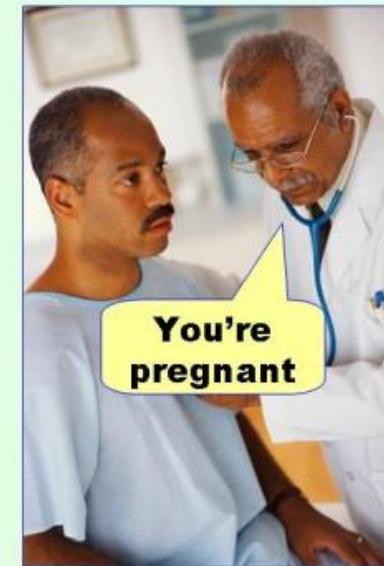
Kante et al. 2021, Kompetitive Allele Specific PCR (KASP) Markers for Potato: An Effective Tool for Increased Genetic Gains. *Agronomy*, 11(11), p.2315.

# Trait marker assay verification

Table. Assay verification of the PVY *Ryadg* (snpST00052, snpST00073) and late blight (snpST00020, snpST00023) KASP markers

Marker ID	Number of Clones	$\alpha$	$\beta$	s
snpST00052	78	0.0	0.16	0.83
snpST00073	78	0.0	0.16	0.83
snpST00020	73	0.02	0.13	0.88
snpST00023	77	0.22	0.35	0.65

$\alpha$  Type I error  
(false positive)



$\beta$  Type II error  
(false negative)



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# KASP low density genotyping Platform



## Genotyping / sequencing tools and services

**Important:** Notice on Intertek service availability from December 2021 to January 2022

A DNA-based molecular marker is a genomic DNA (gDNA) fragment located on a genome at a specific position that may or may not be linked to a specific agricultural interest. Trait linked DNA based markers allow us to easily identify breeding materials for favorable alleles associated with traits of interest.

The EiB low-density genotyping service is based on KASP markers. Kombo Allele Specific PCR (KASP) is a simplified fluorescence-based method to genotype specific polymorphisms or INDELs. This approach is cost effective and can be used for many different applications.



Banana



Cassava



Chickpea



Cowpea



Fish



Groundnut



Maize



Pearl Millet



Pigeonpea



Potato



Rice



Sorghum



Soybean



Sweetpotato



Wheat

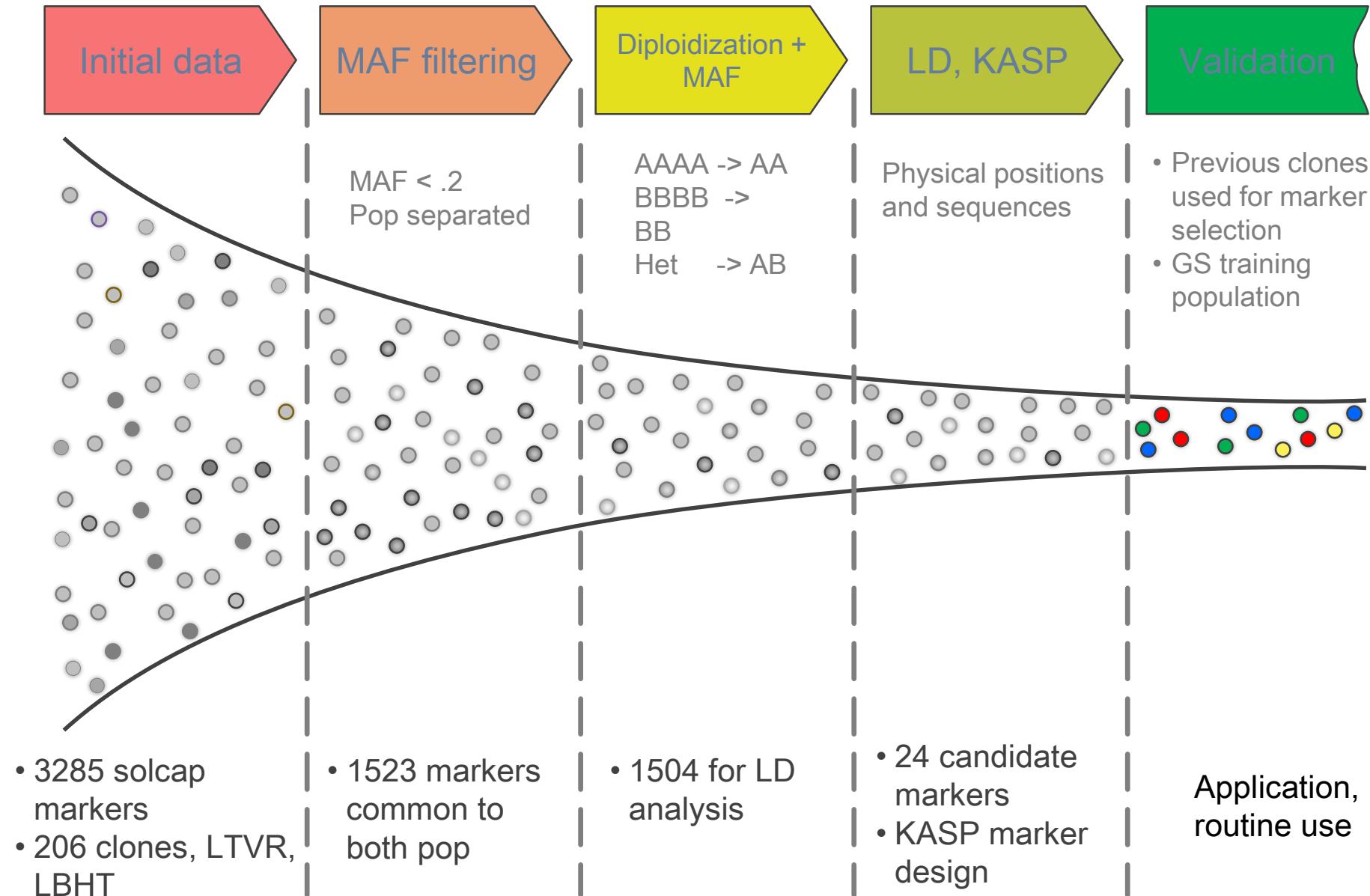
# Potato KASP trait markers

S/N	Intertek ID	SNP_ID	Trait	Description	Crop	Species	Position (ref.		Favourable allele	Unfavorable allele	SNP	Gene / QTL
							Chr	Stv4.03)				
1	snpST00052	M6F1R4_711	PVY	Potato Virus Y, Ryadg	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	11	2499608	A	G	A/G	Ryadg
2	snpST00073	M6F1R4_817	PVY	Potato Virus Y, Ryadg	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	11	2499502	G	A	G/A	Ryadg
3	snpST00082	YES3_a	PVY	Potato Virus Y, Rysto	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	2352742	T	G	T/G	Rysto
4	snpST00083	YES3_b (backup)	PVY	Potato Virus Y, Rysto	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	2352616	DEL	INS	DEL/INS	Rysto
5	snpST00020	S9_61261167	Late Blight	late blight resistance	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	9	67379976	C	A	C/A	R8-QTL
6	snpST00023	solcap_snp_c2_56418	Late Blight	late blight resistance R2 gene	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	9	66379167	G	T	G/T	R8-QTL
7	snpST00106	CPRISNP13	LRB	late blight resistance R2 gene	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	4	5522862	CGAAA	TGATT	CGAAA/TGA TT	R2
8	snpST00107	CPRISNP14	PVY	Potato Virus Y, Rysto	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	11	284162	CAATTCC	TAATTCT	CAATTCC/TA ATTCT	Ny(o,n)sto
9	snpST00297	ST4_03ch12_58961580	SC	Self-compatibility	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	58961580	A	G	A/G	Sli
10	snpST00298	ST4_03ch12_58962561	SC	Self-compatibility	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	58962561	A	G	A/G	Sli
11	snpST00299	ST4_03ch12_58974932	SC	Self-compatibility	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	58974932	A	T	A/T	Sli
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13	snpST00301	ST4_03ch12_59019319	SC	Self-compatibility	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	59019319	A	T	A/T	Sli
14	snpST00302	ST4_03ch12_59023684	SC	Self-compatibility	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	59023684	T	C	T/C	Sli
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16	snpST00304	ST4_03ch12_59184424	SC	Self-compatibility	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	59184424	C	T	C/T	Sli
17	snpST00305	ST4_03ch12_59211572	SC	Self-compatibility	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	59211572	A	G	A/G	Sli
18	snpST00306	ST4_03ch12_59271443	SC	Self-compatibility	Potato	<i>S. tuberosum</i>	12	59271443	T	C	T/C	Sli

# Potato QC KASP markers

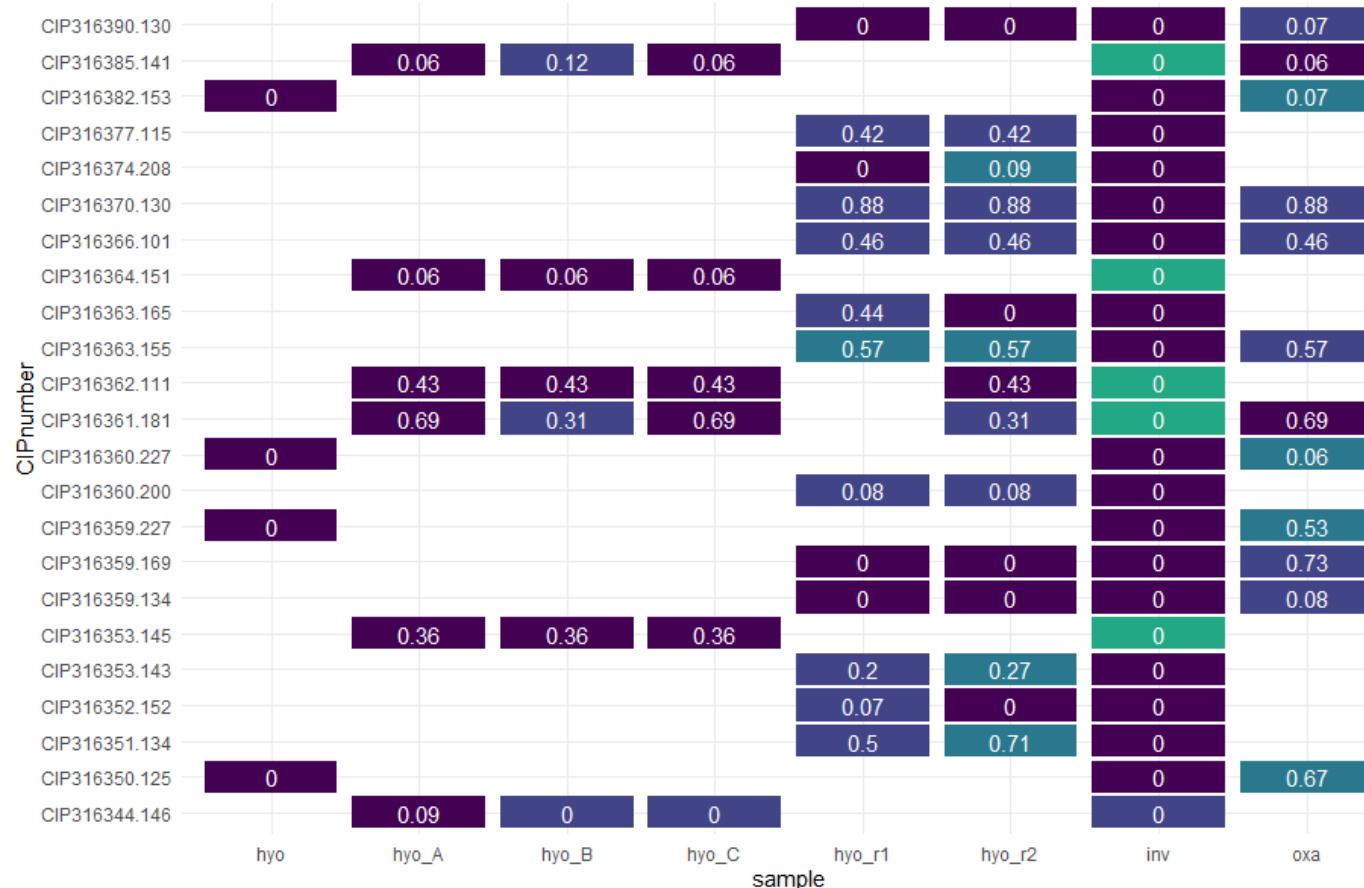
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1	snpST001184		Control	QC	1	112323	_v3	T	C	T/C QC	Peru	CIP
		solcap_snp_c1_480	Quality				potato_69011_map_context_DM					
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		solcap_snp_c2_763	Quality				potato_69011_map_context_DM					
3	snpST001211		Control	QC	2	623110	_v3	G	A	G/A QC	Peru	CIP
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8	snpST0013517		Control	QC	9	63530	_v3	A	G	A/G QC	Peru	CIP
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# Selection of quality control markers



# Application of QC markers

	Greenhouse (LM)	Huancayo (hyo)	Oxapampa (oxa)	Total samples
Number of samples	114	224	38	376
Within plot, 3 samples		17		
Across replications		77		



Genotype	Diploid			Tetraploid		
	M1	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3
CIP316344_106	T:T			T:T	T:T:T:T	
CIP316344_154	T:T	C:T	C:T	T:T:T:T	C:C:C:T	C:C:T:T
CIP316345_168	T:T	C:T	C:T	T:T:T:T	C:C:C:T	C:C:T:T
CIP316345_237	C:T	C:C	T:T	C:T:T:T	C:C:C:C	T:T:T:T
CIP316345_245	C:T	C:T	C:T	C:T:T:T	C:C:C:T	
CIP316348_165	T:T	C:T	T:T	T:T:T:T	C:C:C:T	T:T:T:T
CIP316348_172	T:T	C:T	T:T	T:T:T:T	C:C:T:T	T:T:T:T

# Low-density genotyping service (LDSG)

Platform – KASP genotyping method

Primary Application – QC/QA at F1 stage & trait specific genotyping

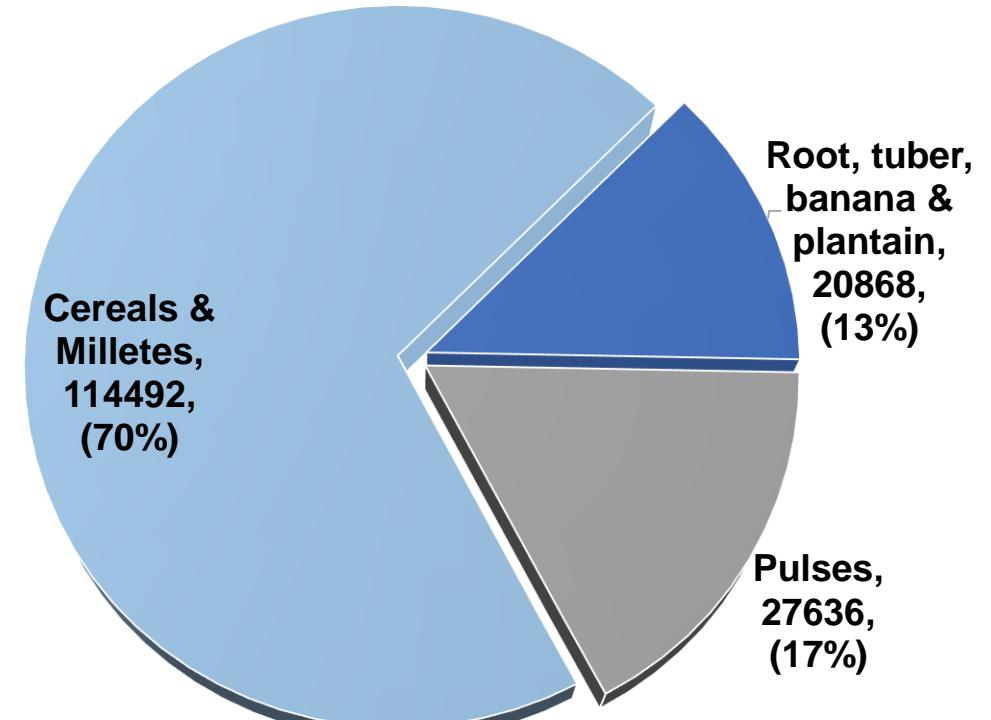
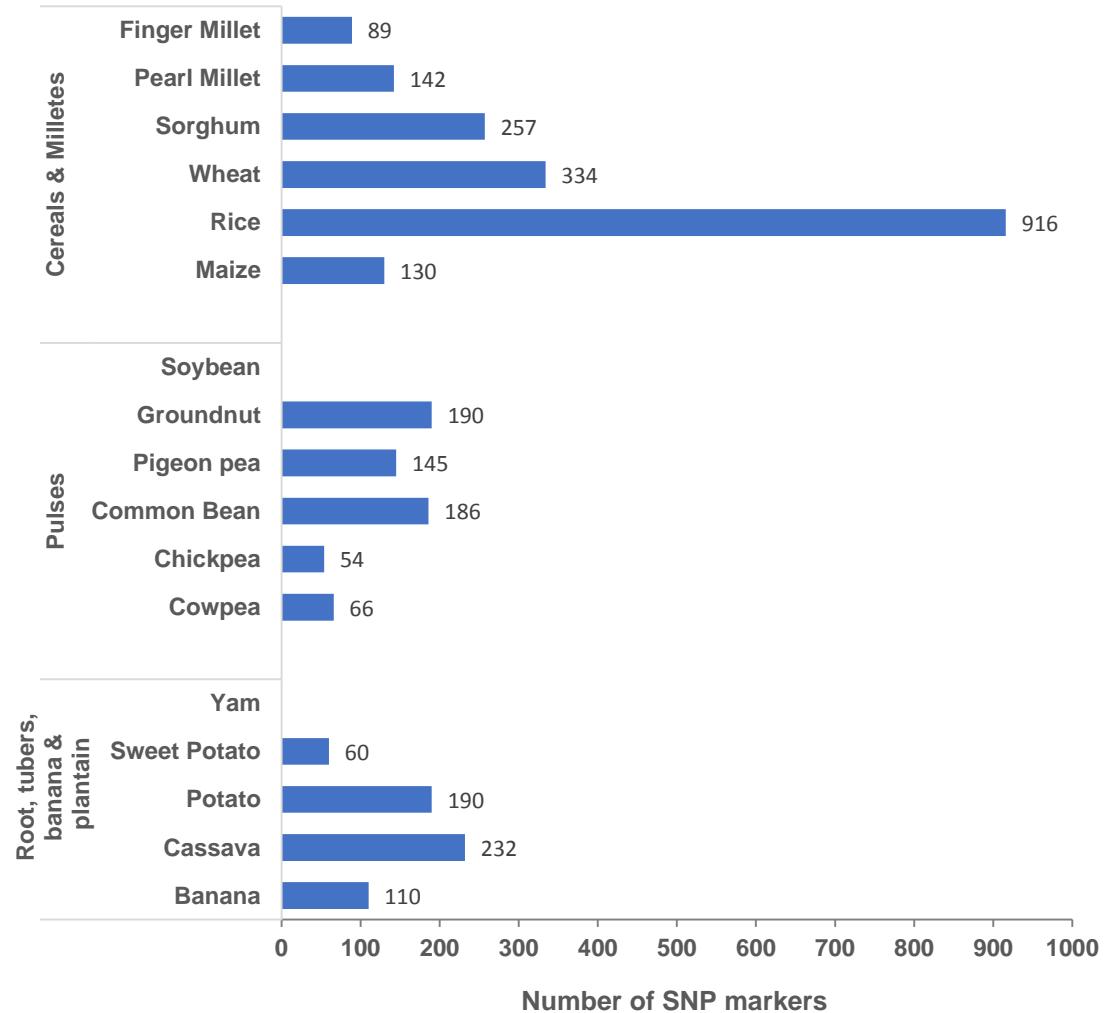
Data available for usage- **KASP markers available for 18 crops & fish**

Target users – CGIAR, NARS & NARIs breeding institutions

Cost – Depends on number of markers to use

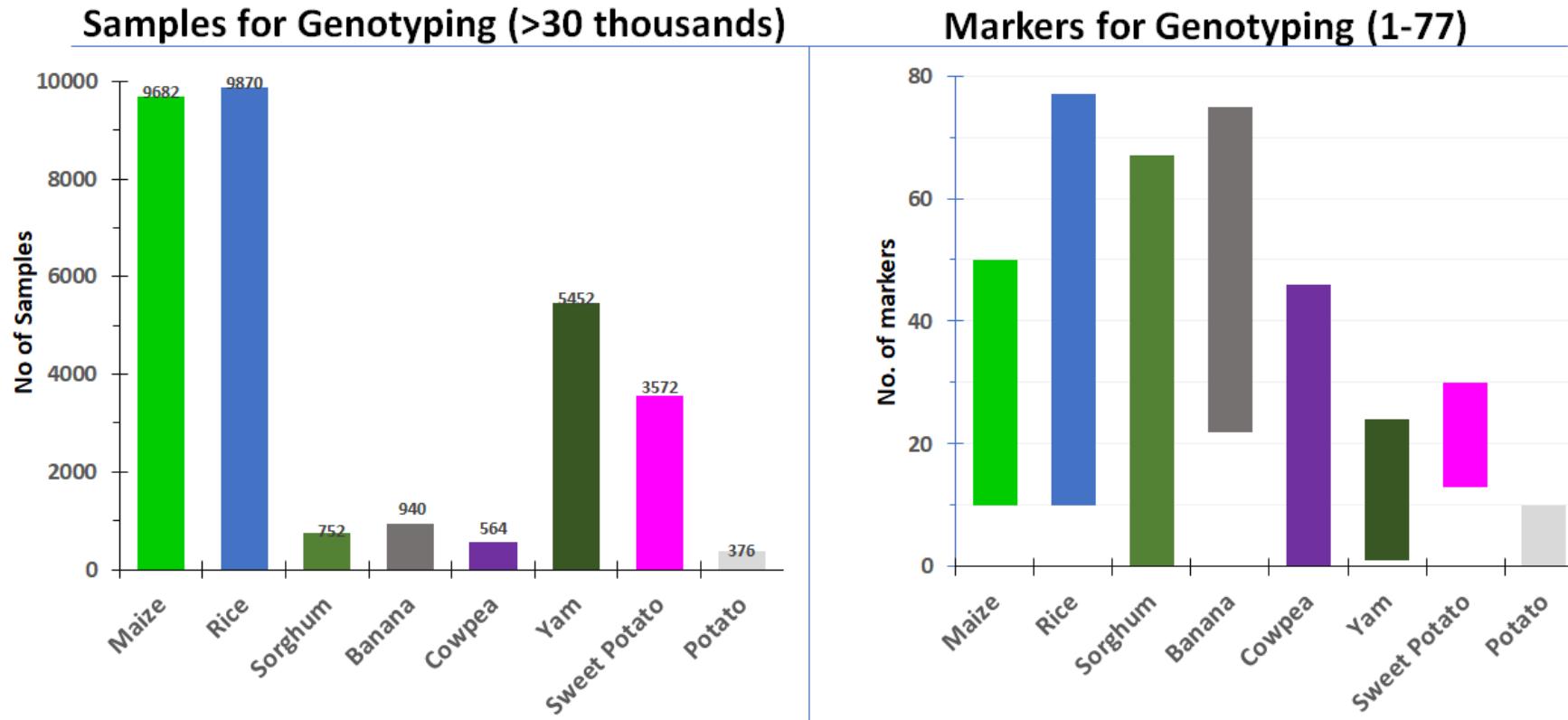
Turnaround time – 10-15 days

# Integration of SNP markers in CGIAR & NARS BPs in Africa- 2020



Genotyping of different field crops  
(sample size approx. 163,000)

# Integration of SNP markers in CGIAR & NARS BPs in Africa - 2021

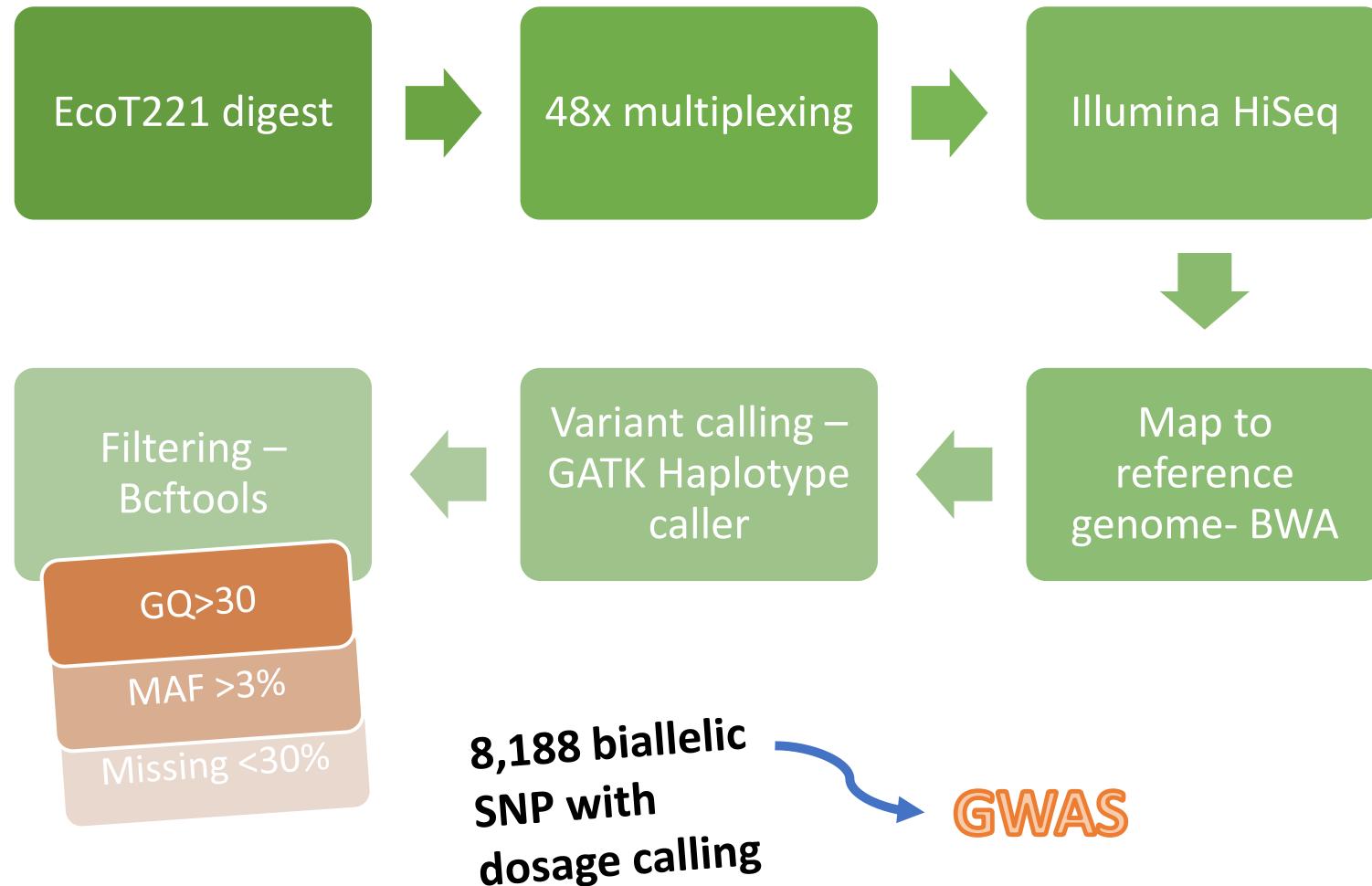


## Past molecular markers at CIP potato Breeding program

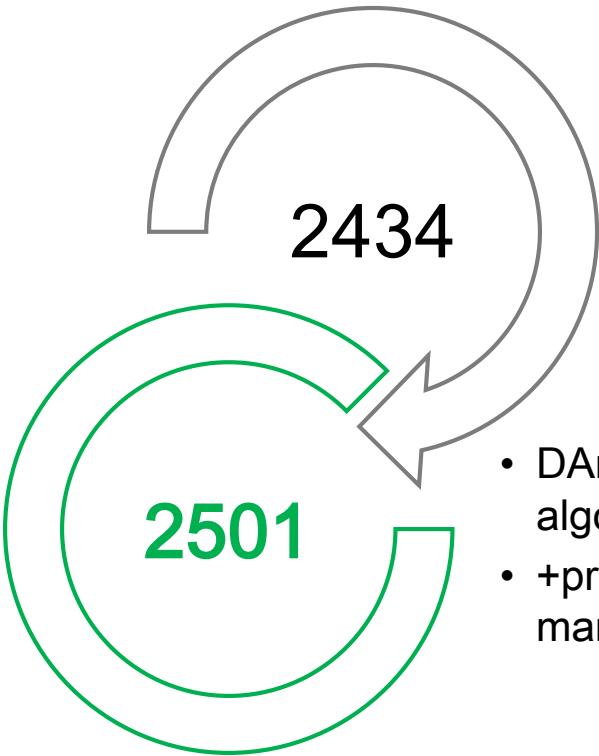
method	purpose	Where?	Technic al effort	Data processing effort	TAT	Cost/sample /datapoint
SSR, COS	Fingerprint, genetic mapping	CIP	+++	+++	++	
Illumina SolCAP SNP	Genetic mapping, GWAS	Service provider	+	++	+++	
GBS		Service provider + CIP	+	++++	++++	

Sample size 4 plates (4\*96=384)

# Genotyping of the tetraploid diversity panel using GBS (Genotyping By Sequencing)



# Mid-density platform

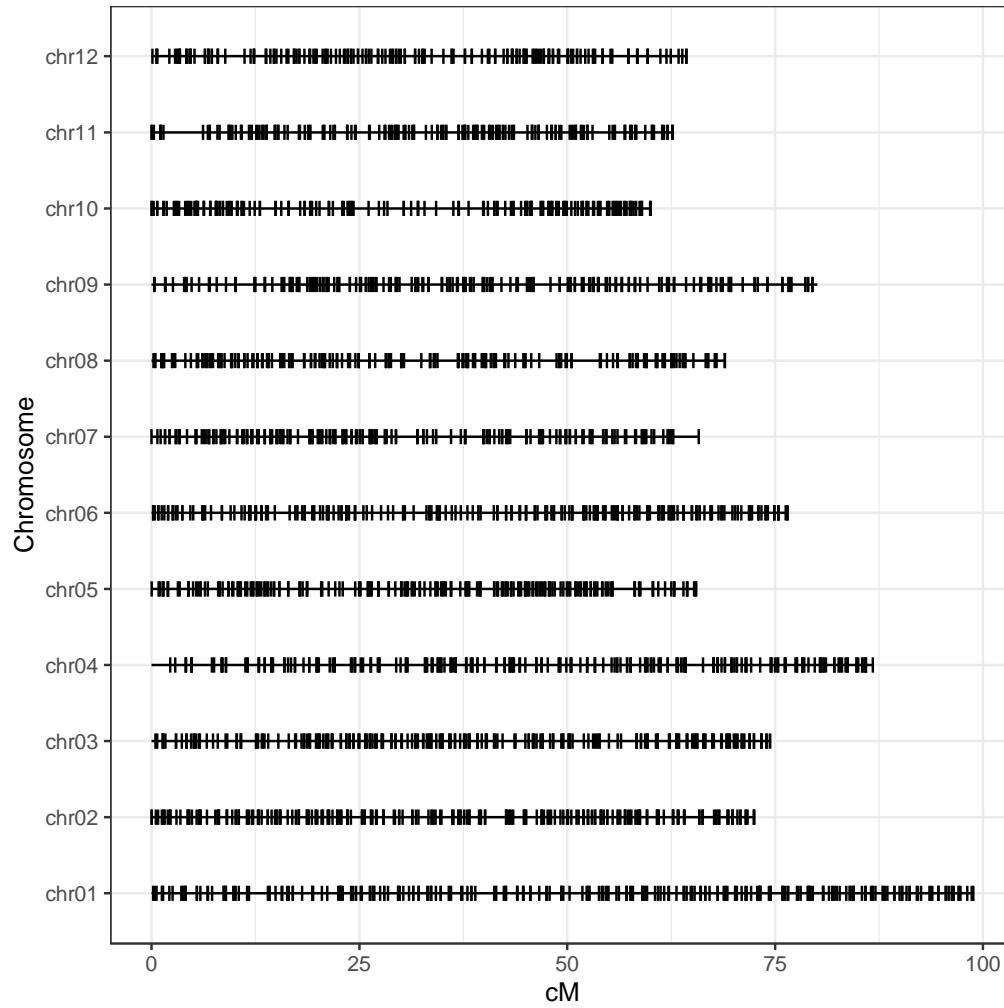


Simple bioinformatics

Relatively low cost

Possible inclusion of any mapped marker

- 1cM bins / chr
- 3 SNP with the highest MAF and 1kb apart
- DArT primer design algorithm
- +previously selected markers



Distribution of 2501 genomic markers



Diversity Arrays Technology Pty Ltd



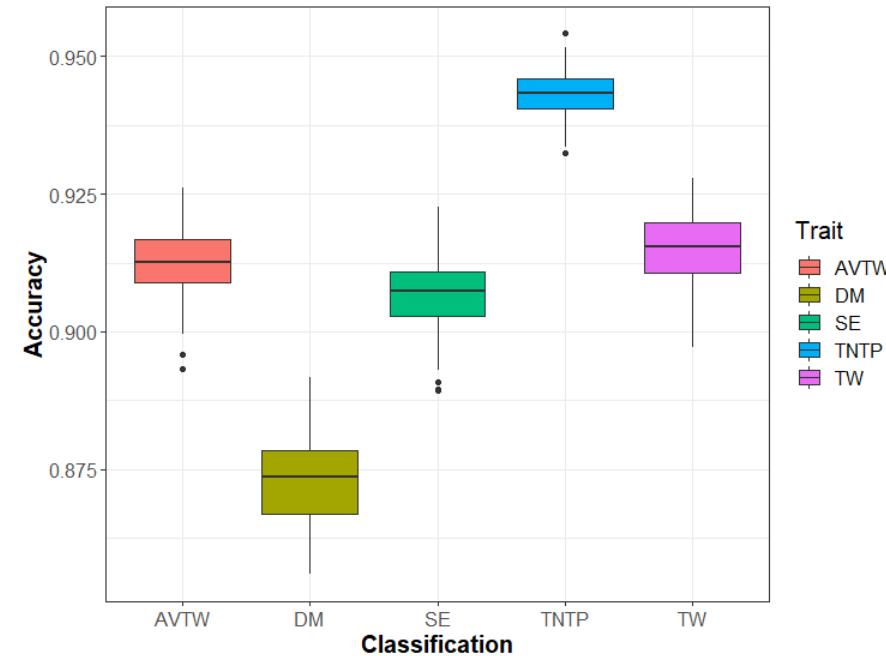
# High cross validation prediction accuracy using DArTag marker panel designed for potato

- 3 full-sib families genotyped with DArTag markers
- Phenotypic data from 3 environments
  - DM= dry matter (tubers)
  - SE= senescence (foliage maturity)
  - AVTW= tuber weight
  - TNTP=tuber number

PhD thesis: Joao Nomura



Field trial in Majes, Peru, 2018.



# Comparison of DArTag and DArTSeq marker systems

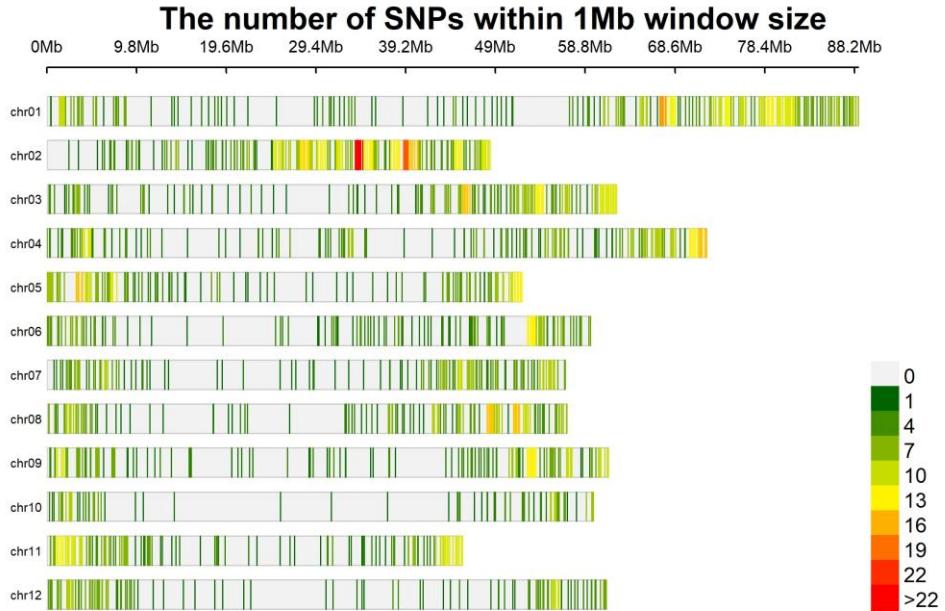
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Number of markers

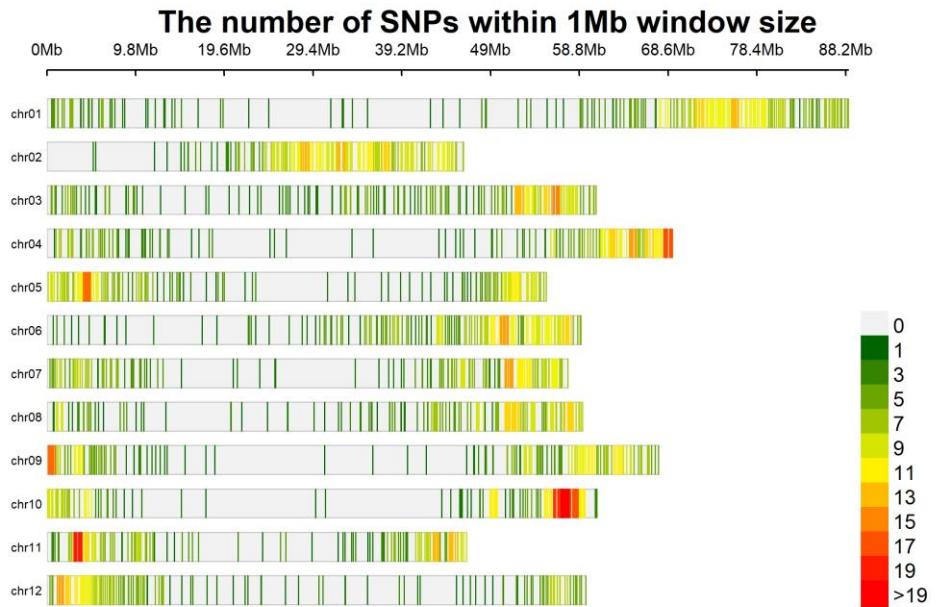
	DArTag				LD	HD
	DArTag 10	DArTag 25	DArTag 61	DArTag Dipl		
Initial number			2503		3328	23905
Mean mis. prop.	0.037	0.032	0.022	0.011	0.011	0.008
Computational Time			~ 1h 30 min		~ 12h	~ 2 days
Final number of markers MAF 0.1	1474	1472	1318	1819	2187	5579
Final number of markers MAF 0.05	1599	1584	1406	1852	2293	5754

# Markers position

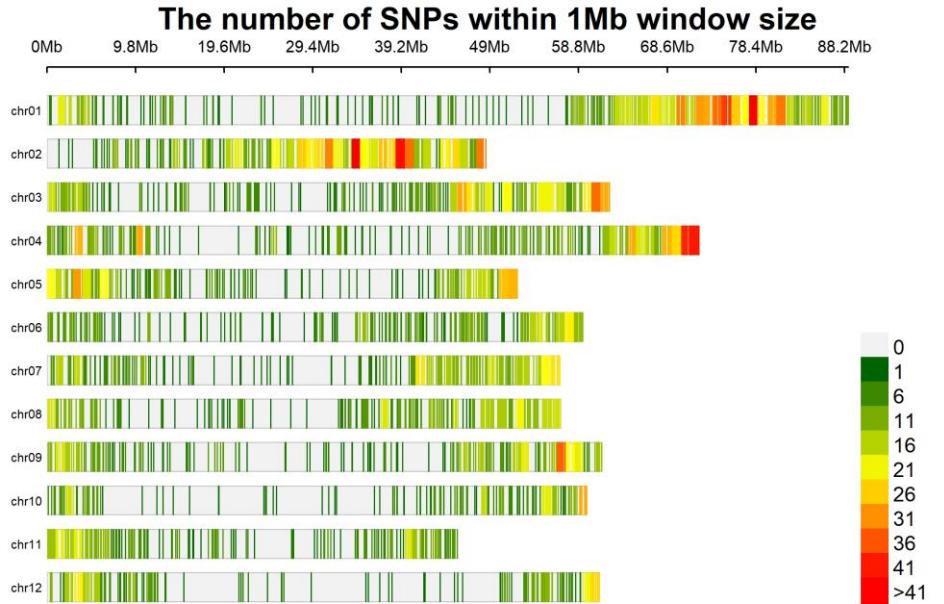
DArTag



LD



HD



# Genomic prediction: Trait = tuber weight

PhD thesis: Joao Nomura

	DArTag 10	DArTag 25	DArTag 61	DArTag dipI	LD	HD
	TW					
H <sup>2</sup>	0.111	0.110	0.111	0.110	0.113	0.110
Pheno rgg				0.231		
Pedigree rgg				0.414		
GV rgg	0.550	0.549	0.549	0.441	0.454	0.454
r 8-2	0.912 Bb	0.912 ABb	0.915 Aa	0.865 Ca	0.862 CDab	0.859 Db

# Genomic prediction: Trait= dry matter content

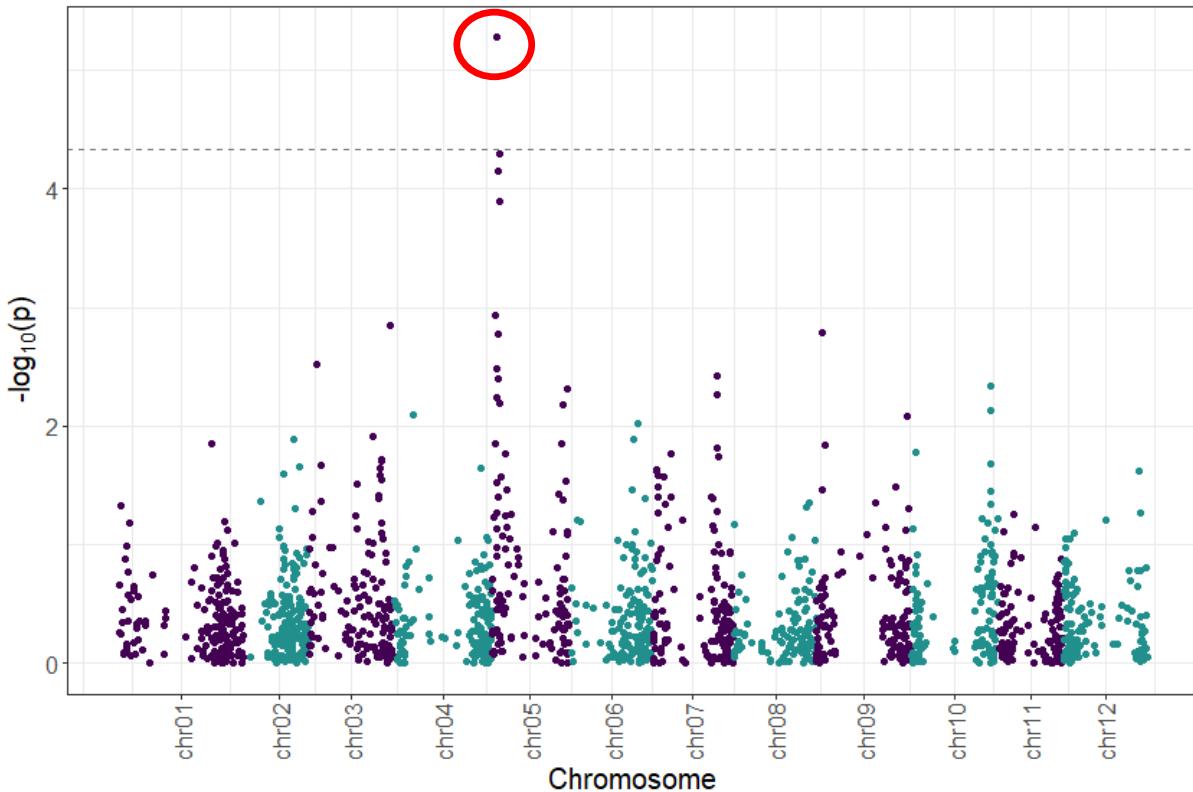
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	DArTag 10	DArTag 25	DArTag 61	DArTag dipI	LD	HD
	<b>DM</b>					
<b>H<sup>2</sup></b>	0.486	0.488	0.488	0.449	0.462	0.456
<b>Pheno rgg</b>	0.617					
<b>Pedigree rgg</b>	0.667					
<b>GV rgg</b>	0.760	0.762	0.763	0.665	0.712	0.719
<b>r 8-2</b>	0.871 Aa	0.872 Aa	0.873 Aa	0.817 Ba	0.803 Cb	0.799 Cc

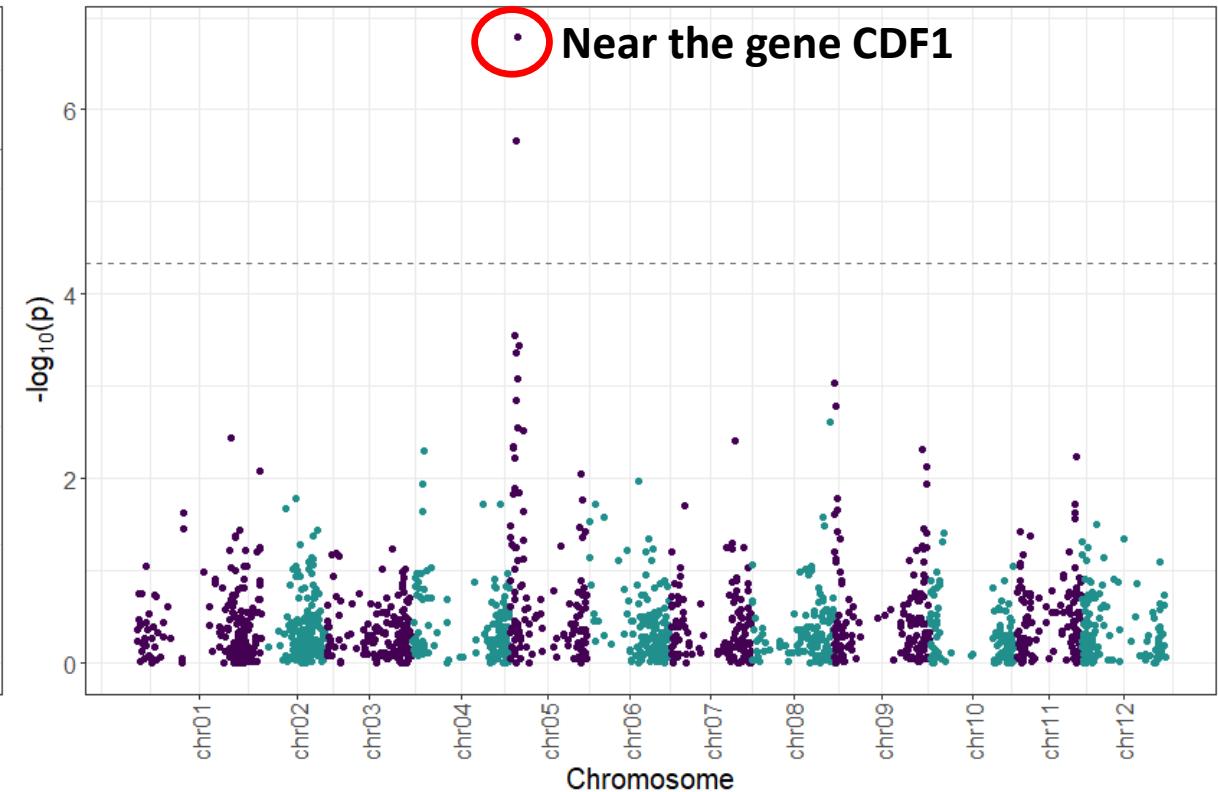
# GWAS

PhD thesis: Joao Nomura

- Senescence



- Yield Drought Treatment



# Mid-density genotyping service (MDSG)

Platform – DArT<sup>®</sup> genotyping method

Primary Application – GS,

Secondary Application – Diversity studies, DNA–Fingerprinting,

Panels available: **9 panels validated and in continuous use**

Target users – CGIAR, NARS & NARIs breeding institutions

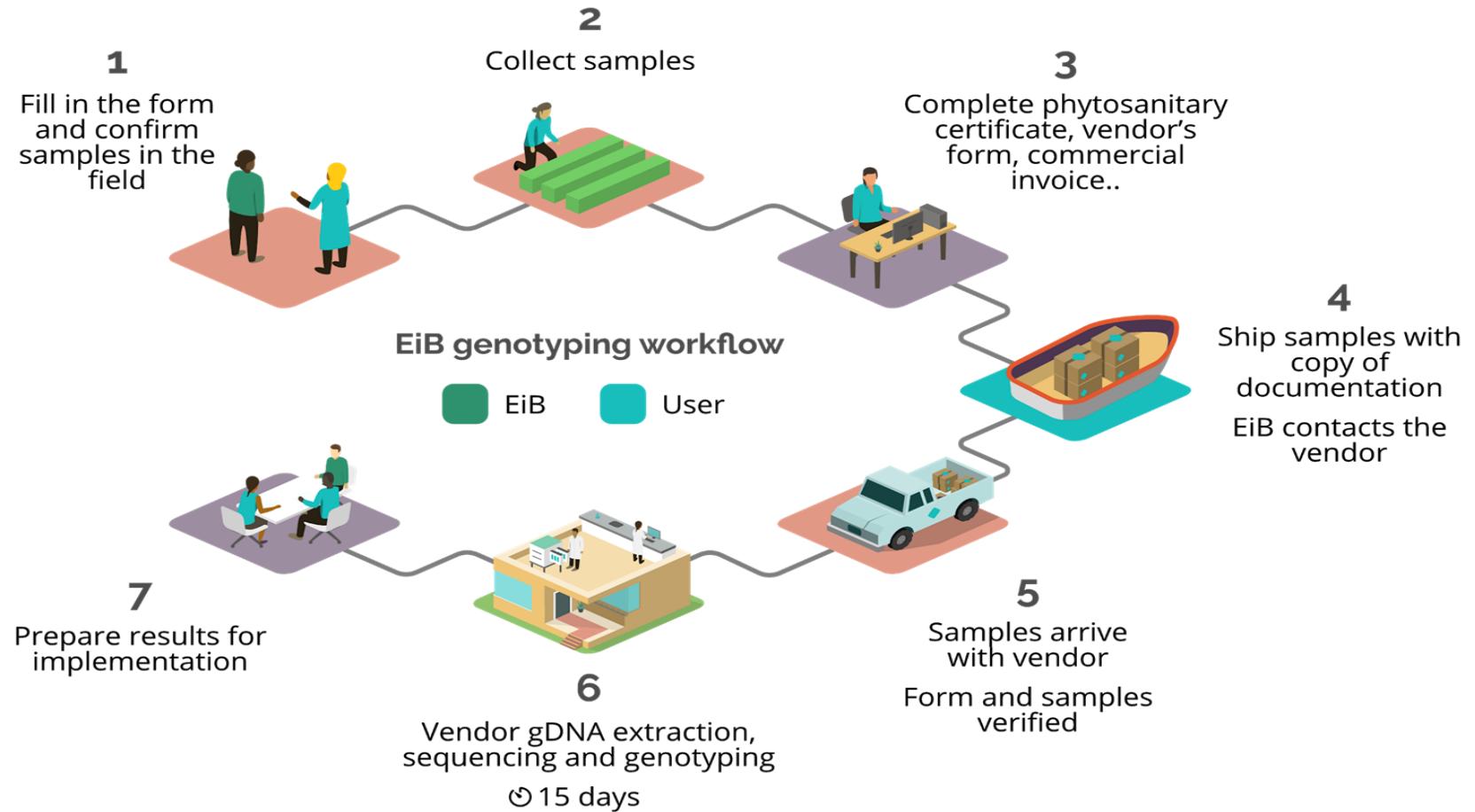
Cost – US \$11 per sample

Turnaround time – 10–15 days.

# Mid-density DArTtag panels

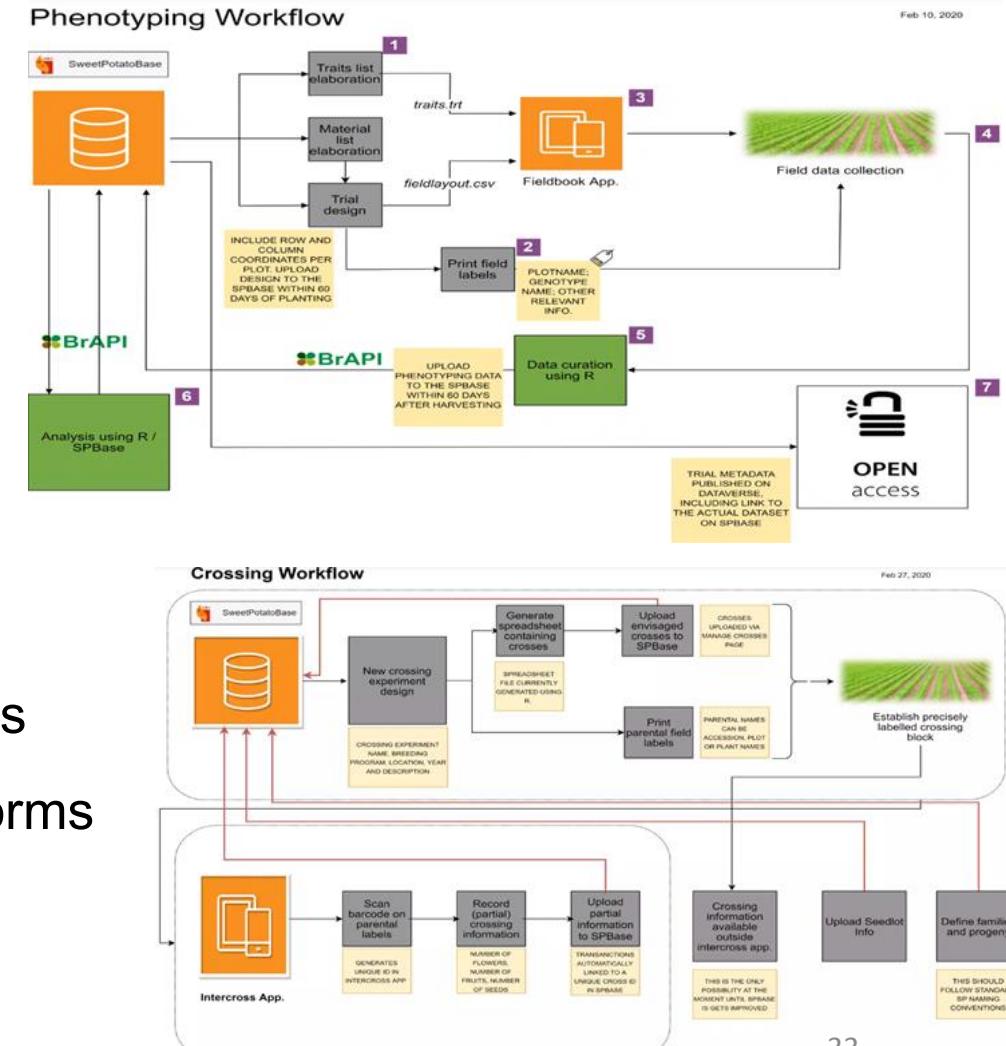
Crop/Status	Panel name	Vendor	Marker Density	Planning	Design	Validation	Implementation
Rice	<b>1K RiCA (V4)</b>	Agriplex/DArT	1K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Potato	<b>Potato DArTag EiB (1.0)</b>	INT/DArT	2.1K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wheat	<b>Wheat DArTag EiB 3.9K (2.0)</b>	INT/DArT	3.9K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maize	<b>Maize DArTag EiB (2.0)</b>	INT/DArT	3.5K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sorghum	<b>Sorghum DArTag EiB (1.0)</b>	INT/DArT	3.5K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Bean	<b>Common bean DArTag EiB (1.0)</b>	INT/DArT	1.9K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cowpea	<b>Cowpea DArTag EiB (1.0)</b>	INT/DArT	2.6K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Groundnut	<b>Groundnut DArTag EiB (1.0)</b>	INT/DArT	2.5K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pigeon Pea	<b>Pigeonpea DArTag EiB (1.0)</b>	INT/DArT	2K	✓	✓	✓	✓
Finger Millet		INT/DArT	2K	✓	✓		
Cassava		INT/DArT	3-4K	✓	✓	✓	

# Genotyping Workflow



# *It all starts with high quality data...*

- Standardization of the central integrated database system (**BreedBase**)
  - Sweetpotatobase: <https://sweetpotatobase.org/>
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- SOPs for breeding data management established for sweetpotato; ongoing for potato:
  - clear data workflows built around BreedBase
  - digital data collection with the use of barcode labels
  - naming convention across different breeding platforms
  - data recording and curation rules (e.g. NA/0)
  - recording row and column coordinates in the field



## Lessons for others



### Teamwork

- Molecular team in isolation is worth very little; need buy-in from the field breeders and management
- Consider offering “free” genotyping so field breeders can confirm tentative results in their program
- Clear roles and responsibilities within and among the teams for accountability



### Operations

- Sampling strategy in place (protocols available in multiple languages)
- SOP developed
- Scripts for data analysis in R to support result interpretation

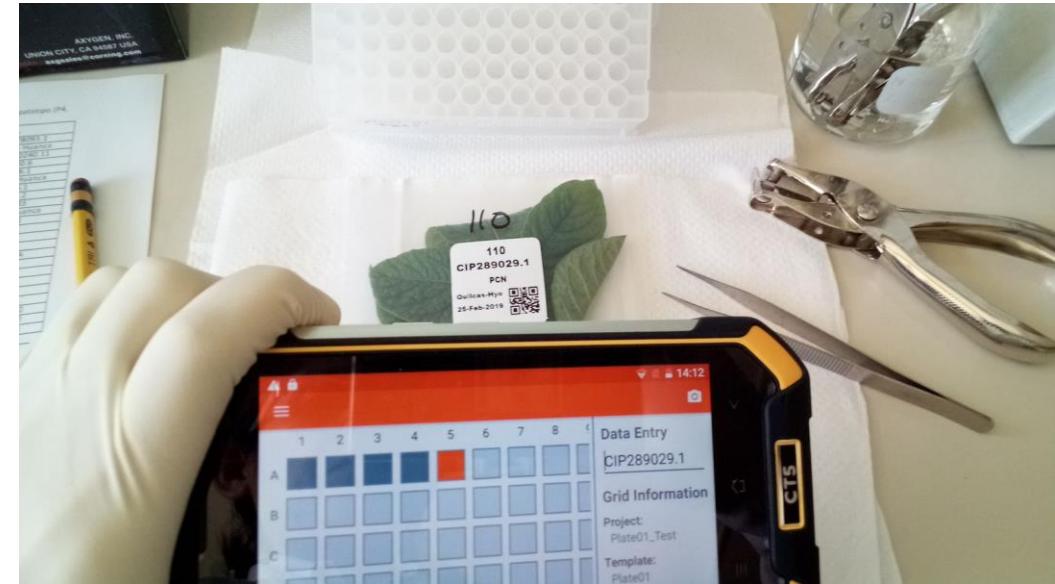


### Data management

- In the absence of a database, organize all files: genotyping order forms, original results files from vendor, processed files
- Consistent sample names, trial names, etc.
- Database is required for the next steps

## What's next?

- PotatoBase fully operational and with genotypic data
- Data from vendor directly to PotatoBase
- Generating order forms from PotatoBase
- Hybrid verification timing in the breeding process?
- Genome assembly for better marker development (currently available potato markers were developed using North American genepool)
- Add all markers in the mid-density marker set (Trait, QC)



## Resources

- Kante et al, 2021. Agronomy 2021, 11(11), 2315;  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy11112315>
- <https://excellenceinbreeding.org/toolbox/services/potato-mid-density-genotyping-services>
- <https://excellenceinbreeding.org/toolbox/tools/kasp-low-density-genotyping-platform>

# Genomic tools to accelerate potato breeding

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