AVVERSITÀ FITOSANITARIE: LE SFIDE DI UNA GESTIONE ECOSOSTENIBILE

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Caratterizzazione delle risorse genetiche del patogeno e dell'ospite (frumento) per l'identificazione di fonti di resistenza e di fattori di avirulenza

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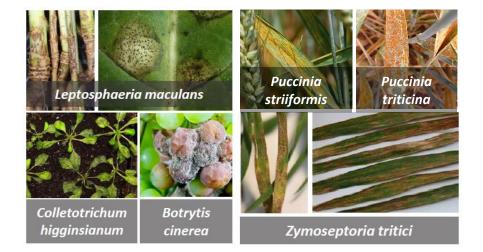
Our overarching goal is to address societal expectations for sustainable and environmentally friendly strategies in the fight against fungal diseases in major crop plants, and to manage risks associated with the dissemination and adaptive potential of phytopathogenic fungi.



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Reference research unit on fungal diseases of major European crops:



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Zymoseptoria tritici

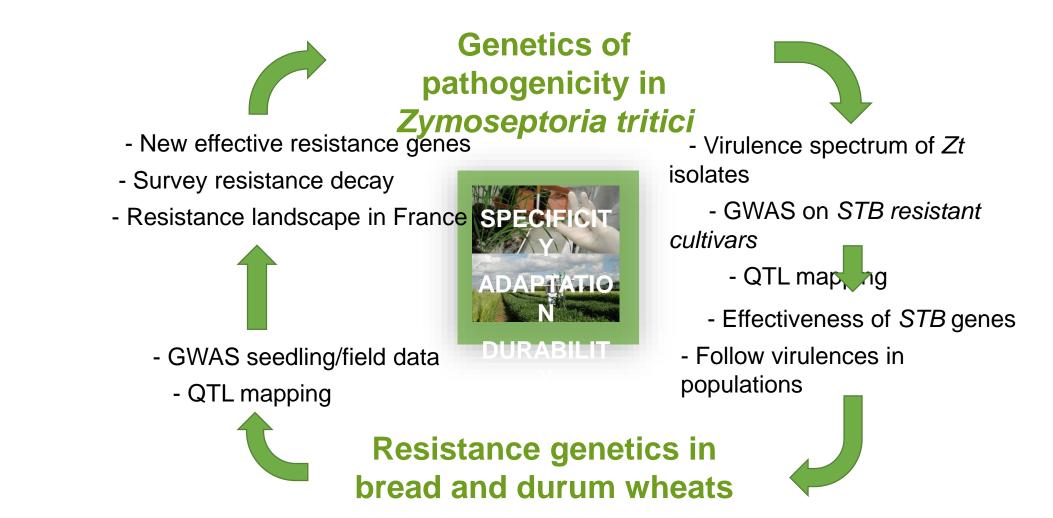
- Ascomycete (Dothideales)
- Heterothallic
- Latent necrotroph
- Dimorphic (yeast, mycelium)

Puccinia striiformis f.sp. *tritici P. triticina P. graminis*

- Basidiomycetes (Uredinales)
- Heteroecious
- Obligate biotrophes

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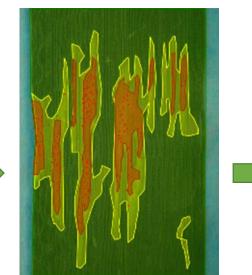


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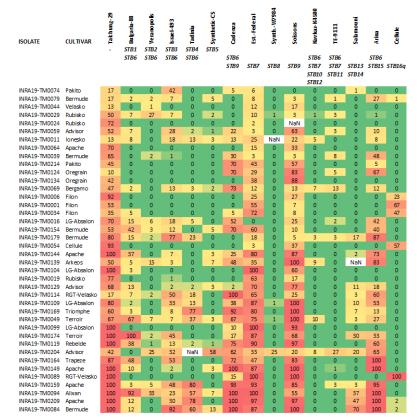


PATHOASSAYS under controlled conditions



surface sporulante (SPO) necrose (NEC) chlorose (CHL) surface verte (GRE)

Evaluation of VIRULENCE SPECTRA



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Database with 193 BW isolates and 162 DW isolates characterized

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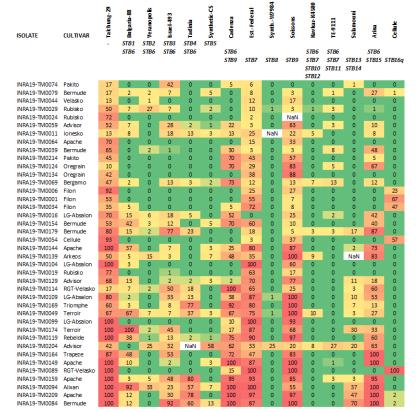
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Evaluation of VIRULENCE SPECTRA

- Determine the effectiveness of Stb resistance genes against Z. tritici
- Selection of isolates to :
 - Evaluate breeding material and varieties
 - Screen for new sources of resistance
 - Postulate the presence of known *Stb* genes
 - Perform genetic studies of host resistance and/or fungal pathogenicity

LIMITATION: Important ressource but not representative of the highly genetically diverse *Z. tritici* populations >> need for high-throughput tools to work at the population level

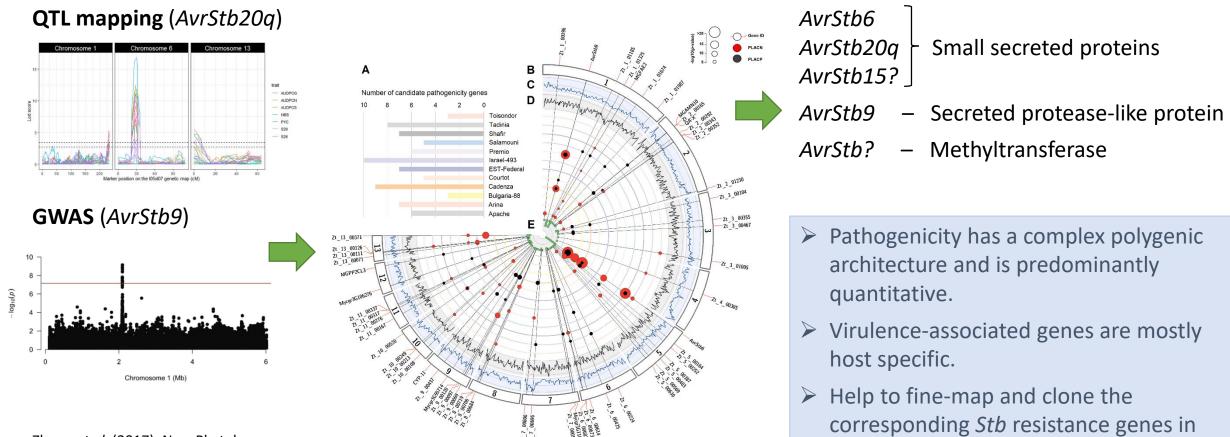


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Identification of avirulence genes in the fungus

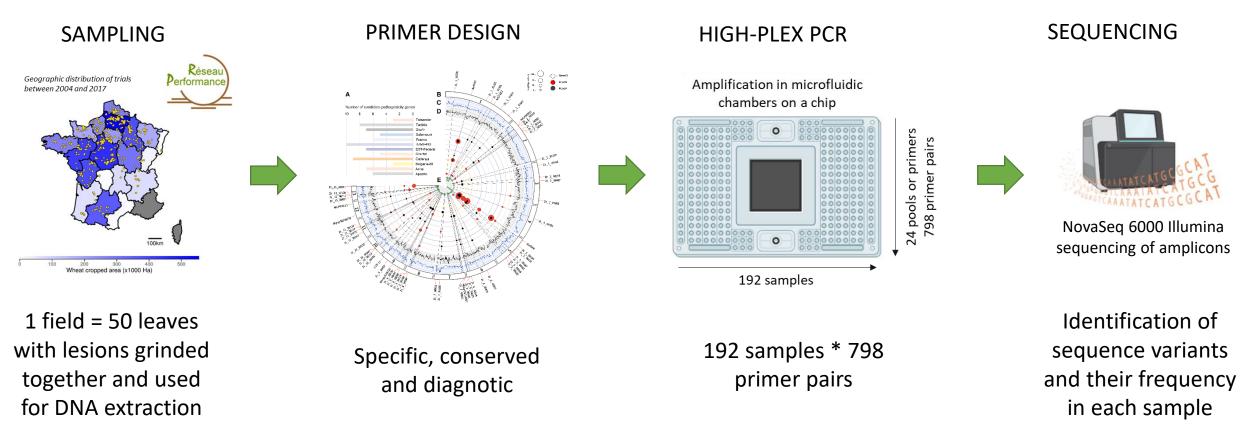


wheat.

Zhong *et al.* (2017), New Phytol Amezrou *et al.* (2022) bioRxiv Amezrou *et al.* (2023), PLOS Pathog Langlands-Perry *et al.* (2023), Front Plant Sci

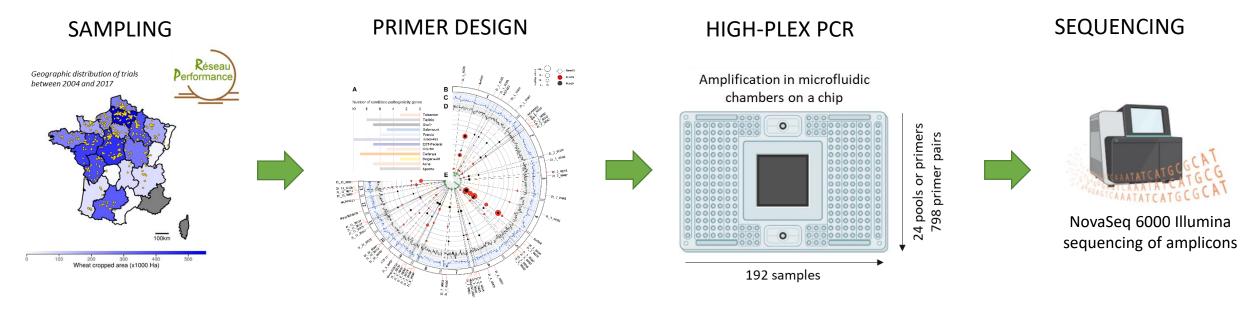
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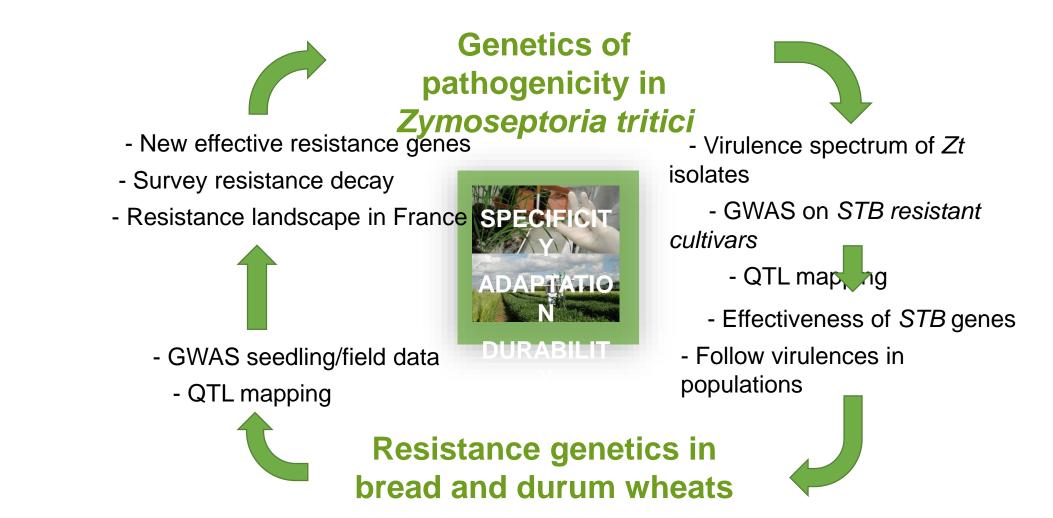
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- Overcome the limits and complementary to the characterization of single isolates :
 - > Geographic distribution of variants: knowledge on the effectiveness of *Stb* resistance genes
 - > Frequency of virulence on sampled cultivars: following the overcoming of *Stb* resistance genes

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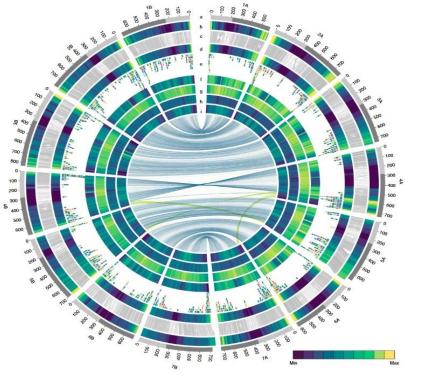


The Need for the Durum reference Genome

 «Svevo» Gold-standard Reference genome assembly of *Triticum spp durum* (Maccaferri et al., 2019)



Durum wheat genome highlights past domestication signatures and future improvement targets



	Assembly size	10.5 Gb
Golden	Gaps size	149.1 Mb
quality	Gaps	1.42%
quanty	L50 (length)	5.97 Mb
	L90 (length)	1.09 Mb
	High confidence genes	66,559
	Low confidence genes	303,404



The genomic sequence is instrumental for:

- Investigating the useful genetic diversity in worldwide germplasm collections
- retrieving novel loci and alleles for agronomic traits of interest, previously lost due to genetic erosion





The Global Durum Genomic Resource

Four collaborative panels for germplasm characterization have been developed

1) GLOBAL TETRAPLOID wheat COLLECTION (GTC):

Developed by Svevo genome consortium

GERMPLASM BANKS To sample the diversity in tetraploids

- 806 durum wheat landraces (DWL)
- 144 durum-related subspecies (DWL)
- 364 domesticated emmer wheat (**DEW**)
- 115 wild emmer wheat (WEW)

- Genotyping 1. (Illumina 90K SNP array)
- 2. **Genome-Wide Association Mapping**
- Allele mining 3.

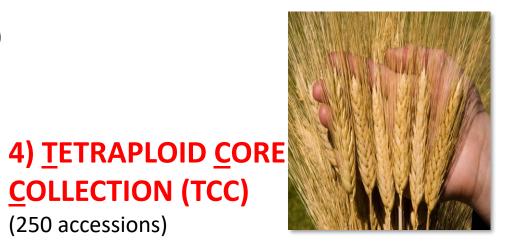
2) GLOBAL DURUM PANEL (GDP):

COLLECTION (TCC)

(250 accessions)

A breeding dedicated tool, (modern varieties and landraces) **EWG-DWGB, ICARDA-CIMMYT BREEDERS**

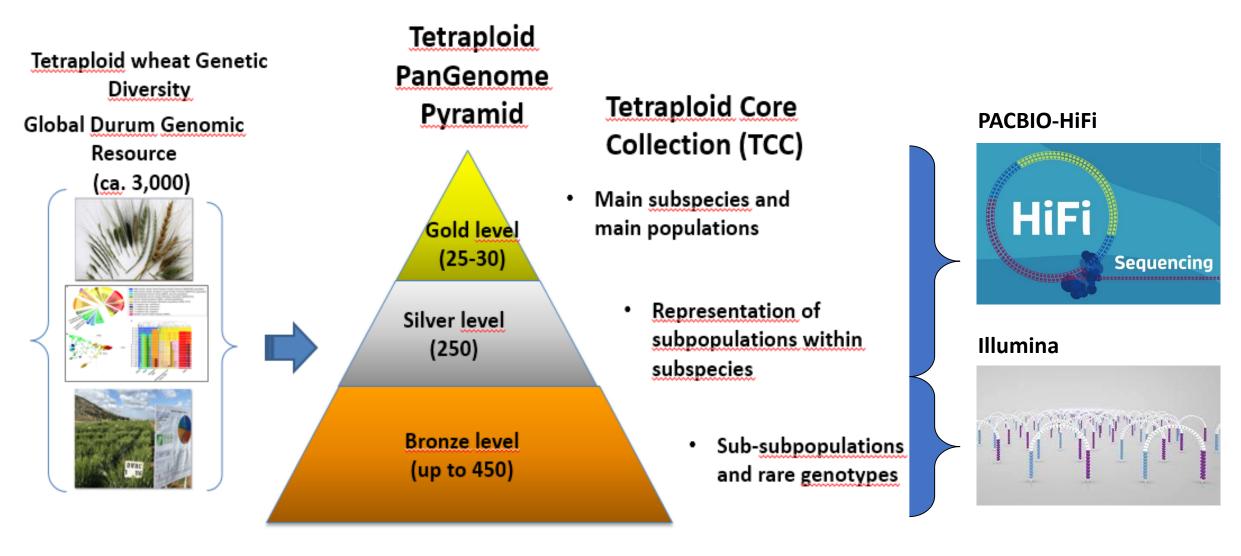
- 500 modern durum wheat (DWC)
- 200 durum wheat landraces (DWL)



3) INNOVAR DURUM PANEL

(250 European varieties)

Finally, The Tetraploid Core Collection (TCC) has been sourced from GDP + TGC (haplotype-based population analysis).



Identification of novel materials and loci to increase the varietal resistant response to Septoria Tritici Blotch and Yellow Rust

- The identification of materials provided with resistance (possibly 'durable' and 'broad spectrum') in the wheat germplasm, and especially in durum Mediterranean germplasm, is critical to breed for sustainability and to reduce the use of chemicals
 - ✓ Yellow Rust (YR), is a pathogen of worldwide impact.
 - In Italy and the whole Mediterranean region new YR races with novel mutations and increased aggressiveness spread and cause recurrent yeld loss and high pesticide use.
 - This is exacerbated by the climate change effects.
 - ✓ Septoria Tritici Blotch, is the pathogen that causes the majority of the pesticides use in Europe
 - The cultivatedMediterranean durum materials are mostly depleted of resistance genes.
 - STB is becoming a major disease for mediterranean durums.







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GDP, TGC and INNOVAR panels

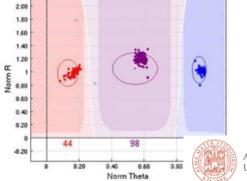
Field and growth Chamber phenotyping

Illumina infinium 90K SNP chip array + Haploview analysis





Haplotype GWAS



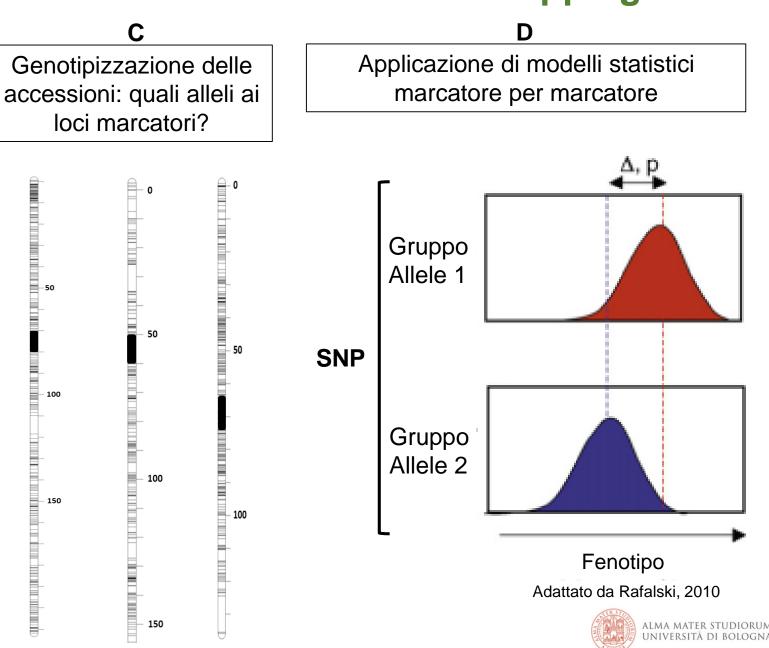
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Steps in the Genome-Wide Association Mapping



Costituzione di un panel di genotipi e valutazione fenotipica delle accessioni





Wheat Phenotyping at UNIBO

PHENOTYPING DURUM WHEAT FOR FUSARIUM HEAD BLIGHT AND SEPTORIA TRITICI BLOTCH AT UNIBO





Mist irrigation-assisted nursery for reliable FHB and STB phenotyping under artificial inoculation in Cadriano experimental station



Fusarium head blight (FHB)



Septoria tritici blotch (STB)

Durum wheat landraces Diversity panel evaluated for STB in Cadriano field in 2022 (background data)

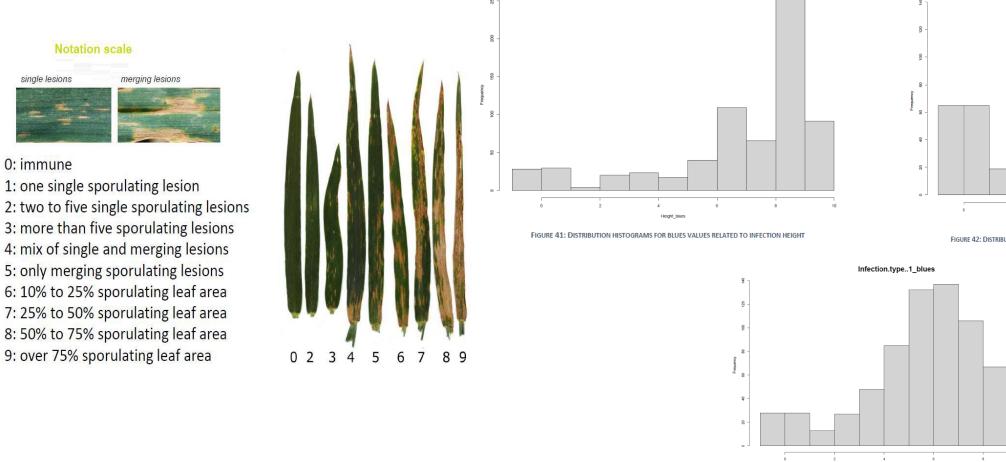
Height blues

G600 durum and other *Triticum turgidum* landraces

sinale lesions

0: immune

Partially replicated and Modified augmented design with repeated checks and blocks



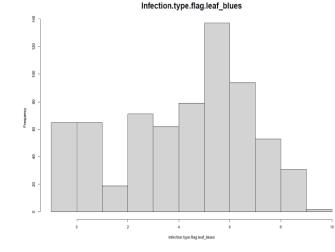
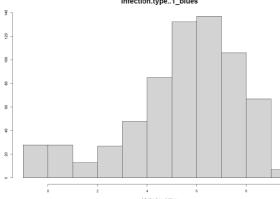
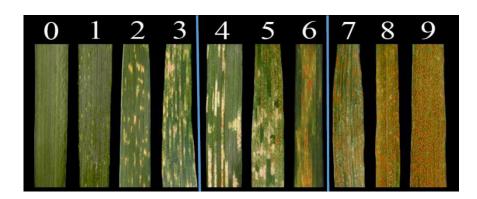


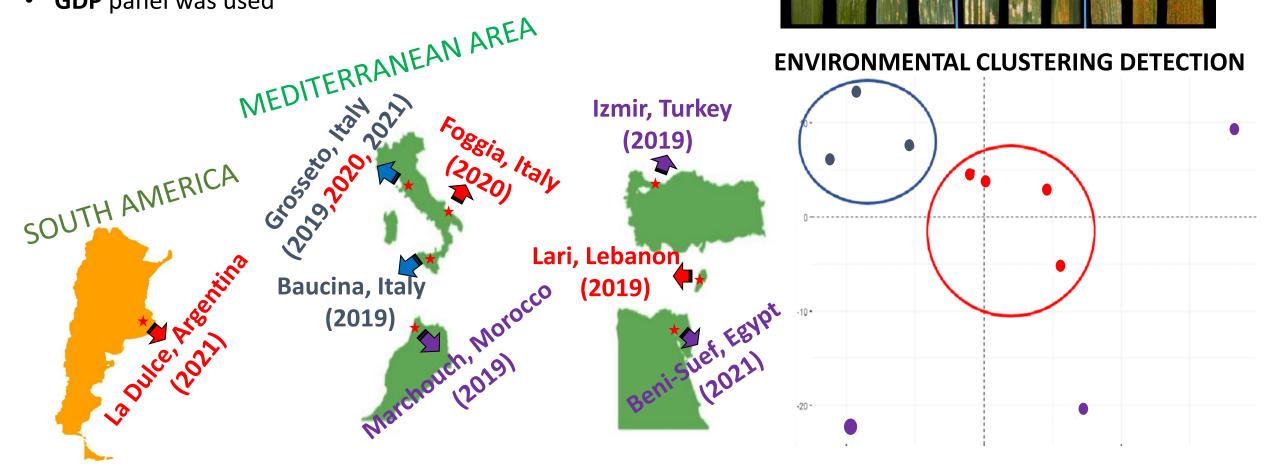
FIGURE 42: DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAMS FOR BLUES VALUES RELATED TO FLAG LEAF INFECTION



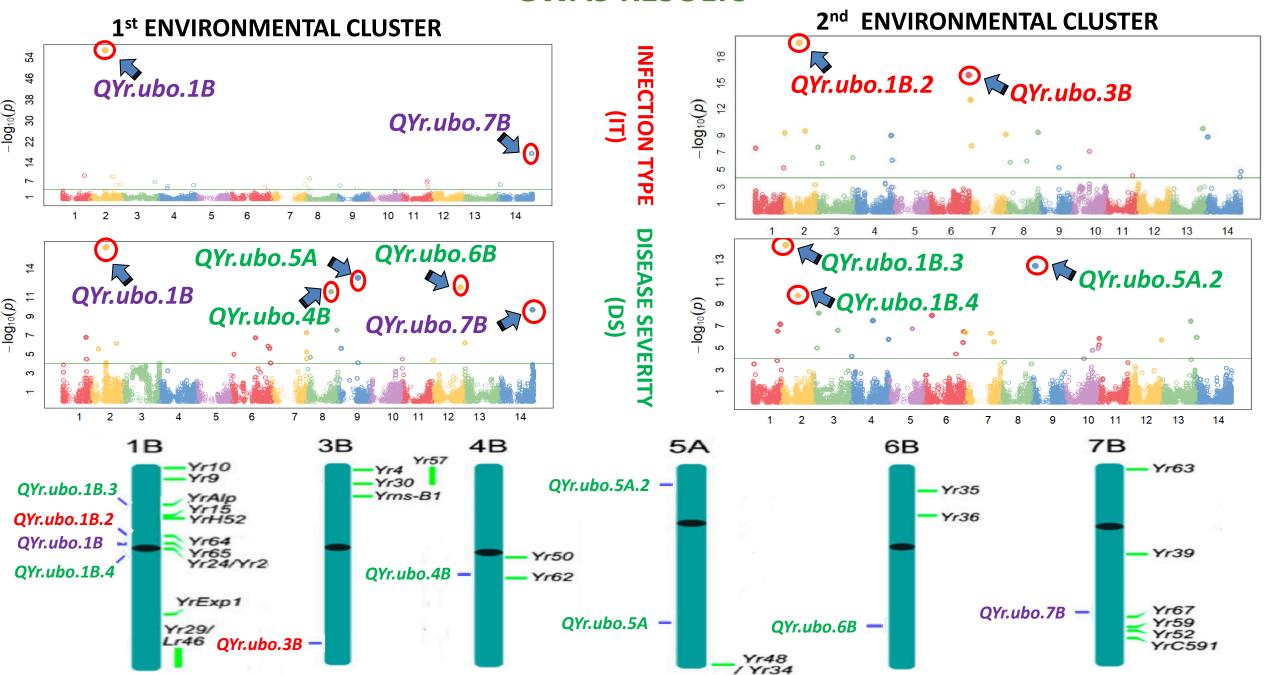
GWAS for Yellow Rust Resistances

- A Multi-environmental / Multi-year survey and Association study was conducted
- Infection Type (IT) and Disease Severity (DS) were recorded
- GDP panel was used





GWAS RESULTS





Objective: Rapid integration of novel valuable loci/alleles into cultivated germplasm.

P involved: UNIBO, CREA, UCD, INRAE-G, KWS, SEC.

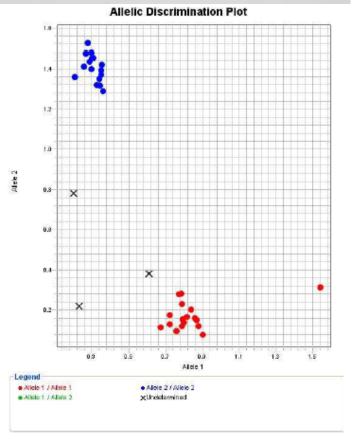
Donors from WP1/WP2 known to carry novel valuable loci/alleles for **adaptation**, **root architecture**, **STB and FHB response** will enter a marker-assisted backcross scheme (UNIBO, CREA, KWS)

Previous mapping and marker-trait association results (WP1) will be deployed to develop Diagnostic molecular markers based on KASP[®] fluorescent technology.

UNIBO has developed a **primer design pipeline** for difficult polyploid wheat.

Novel markers/genetic stocks **will be deposited to public germplasm bank institutions,** protocols will be reported in MASWHEAT (//maswheat.ucdavis.edu/).





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