Results

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To check for the effect of heterospecific pollen we assume that the optimal seed production is the hand cross pollination (pollinated with pollen from a different individual of the same species). Then, we substract to the mean value of hand cross pollination the mean value of heterospecific pollen effect across treatments (50% conspecific-50%heterospecific pollen). Previously we have scaled the seed set for each species with mean 0 and standard deviation of 1 to be able to compare among species. When a species had higher values of seed production with treatments than the cross, we set as maximum value for the treatments the same as the hand cross pollination. However, we should take into account that analysis in general improve if we keep these negative values. If we put these words into a formula being i the different focal species and j the different donors:

Eq.1

$$HpEffect_i = Mean(CrosPollinationSeeds_i) - Mean(TreatmentSeeds_{ij})$$

Therefore, the higher the values of HpEffect the higher the impact of it.

Part 1 Relation between effect of Hp and evolutive distance

I try Mantel test and procustes test, although both are similar procustes performs better in a wider range of circumstances Peres-Neto and Jackson (2001). Moreover, I consider the square root of the evolutive distances which improves the statistical power in comparison to the normal distances Letten and Cornwell (2015).

1) With the RBCL marker

Heterospecific pollen effect~evolutive distance

r	p	Analysis	Type
0.2011519	0.077	**Mantel**	**normal evolutive distance**
0.2446163	0.036	**Mantel**	**sqrt evolutive distance**
0.3358258	0.767	Procustes	normal evolutive distance
0.4522842	0.718	Procustes	sqrt evolutive distance

I wonder if the matrices are too small for procustes, is a general trend for all the analysis to have a non significant p value and correlation around these numbers.

2) With the ITS marker

Heterospecific pollen effect~evolutive distance

r	p	Analysis	Type
0.2743059	0.026	**Mantel**	**normal evolutive distance**
0.2891004	0.025	**Mantel**	**sqrt evolutive distance**
0.4217703	0.782	Procustes	normal evolutive distance
0.5317588	0.747	Procustes	sqrt evolutive distance

Overall, it seems that with phylogenetic distance, heterospecific pollen effect increases for the three families.

From Mantel analysis we can conclude that we have a significant correlation between phylogenetic distance and heterospecific pollen effect with r values between 0.25 and 0.3. However, for procustes test we were not able to find a significant correlation between these two despite procustes correlation gave higher values. This positive correlation should be further explored.

Part 2 Relation between effect of Hp and traits

Here I perform Mantel test and Procustes test between the traits and heterospecific pollen effect. For both Mantel and procustes we were not able to find evidence of correlation between matrices. At the moment we are using all the traits without filtering the correlated traits. With Bioenv we can know what are the traits that gives a best fit of correlation between matrices. The best model is with pollen ovule ratio, stigma width and style width.

r	p	Analysis
0.0943255	0.306	Mantel
0.5967955	0.887	Procustes
0.3711462	NA	Bioenv

Now I perform the analysis with both Mantel and Procustes trait by trait.

| r	p	Analysis	Trait
0.2882264	0.019	**Mantel**	**Stigma_type**
0.3012421	0.428	Procustes	Stigma_type
0.0021265	0.481	Mantel	Selfing_rate
0.3803871	0.504	Procustes	Selfing_rate
0.1682487	0.217	Mantel	Pollen size
0.3565042	0.518	Procustes	Pollen size
-0.1097398	0.618	Mantel	Pollen_anther
0.3173515	0.868	Procustes	Pollen_anther
-0.0879666	0.545	Mantel	Ovules
0.2984824	0.861	Procustes	Ovules
-0.1532818	0.764	Mantel	Pollen_ovule_ratio
0.2776174	0.970	Procustes	Pollen_ovule_ratio
0.0517651	0.402	Mantel	Anthers
0.2351580	0.774	Procustes	Anthers
0.4001535	0.016	**Mantel**	**Stigma_area**
0.4041432	0.700	Procustes	Stigma_area
0.0787202	0.202	Mantel	Stigma_length
0.4231060	0.103	Procustes	Stigma_length
0.4469492	0.005	**Mantel**	**Stigma_surface**
0.4335018	0.683	Procustes	Stigma_surface
-0.2459217	0.877	Mantel	Stigma_width
0.3504207	0.419	Procustes	Stigma_width
0.0787202	0.177	Mantel	Style_length
0.4231060	0.108	Procustes	Style_length
0.0787202	0.198	Mantel	Style_width
0.4231060	0.109	Procustes	Style_width
0.0787202	0.228	Mantel	Ovary_length
0.4231060	0.100	Procustes	Ovary_length
0.0787202	0.195	Mantel	Ovary_width
0.4231060	0.111	Procustes	Ovary_width

Now I show the correlations between the different morphological traits in order to clean the data. The correlation is performed between the mean values for each species, so N=10.

| r	p	corr
0.0609321	0.8672049	Stigma_area~Stigma_length
0.9718494	0.0000027	**Stigma_area~Stigma_surface**
-0.1763743	0.6259609	Stigma_area~Stigma_width
0.7735359	0.0086657	**Stigma_area~Style_length**
0.2560167	0.4752498	Stigma_area~Style_width
0.1689871	0.6407173	Stigma_area~Ovary_width
-0.2732751	0.4448884	Stigma_area~Ovary_length
0.0749633	0.8369363	Stigma_length~Stigma_surface
-0.1149373	0.7518698	Stigma_length~Stigma_width
-0.2346932	0.5139643	Stigma_length~Style_length
0.1262434	0.7282019	Stigma_length~Style_width
0.8511821	0.0017859	**Stigma_length~Ovary_width**
0.0194374	0.9574968	Stigma_length~Ovary_length
-0.1031539	0.7767366	stigma_surface~Stigma_width
0.7758603	0.0083407	**stigma_surface~Style_length**
0.2618799	0.4648350	stigma_surface~Style_width
0.2243280	0.5332401	stigma_surface~Ovary_width
-0.2286286	0.5252073	stigma_surface~Ovary_length
-0.2175687	0.5459646	Stigma_width~Style_length
-0.0512043	0.8882838	Stigma_width~Style_width
-0.1890338	0.6009508	Stigma_width~Ovary_width
-0.2681638	0.4537868	Stigma_width~Ovary_length
0.5736761	0.0829204	Style_length~Style_width
-0.0555521	0.8788541	Style_length~Ovary_width
-0.4982154	0.1427661	Style_length~Ovary_length
0.1970422	0.5853190	Style_width~Ovary_width
-0.3702487	0.2922741	Style_width~Ovary_length
0.0754198	0.8359543	Ovary_width~Ovary_length

As it was expected, stigma area (square micrometers) and and stigma surface are highly correlated. Basically, they are the same measure. They are two different ways to estimate stigma size.

Multivariate homogeinity of groups dispersions (variances). Non-euclidean distances are handle by reducing the original distances to principal coordinates. Here I present an analysis of the variances for the measurements of Gynoecium for the ten species. The measurements used are width and length of stigma, style and ovary.
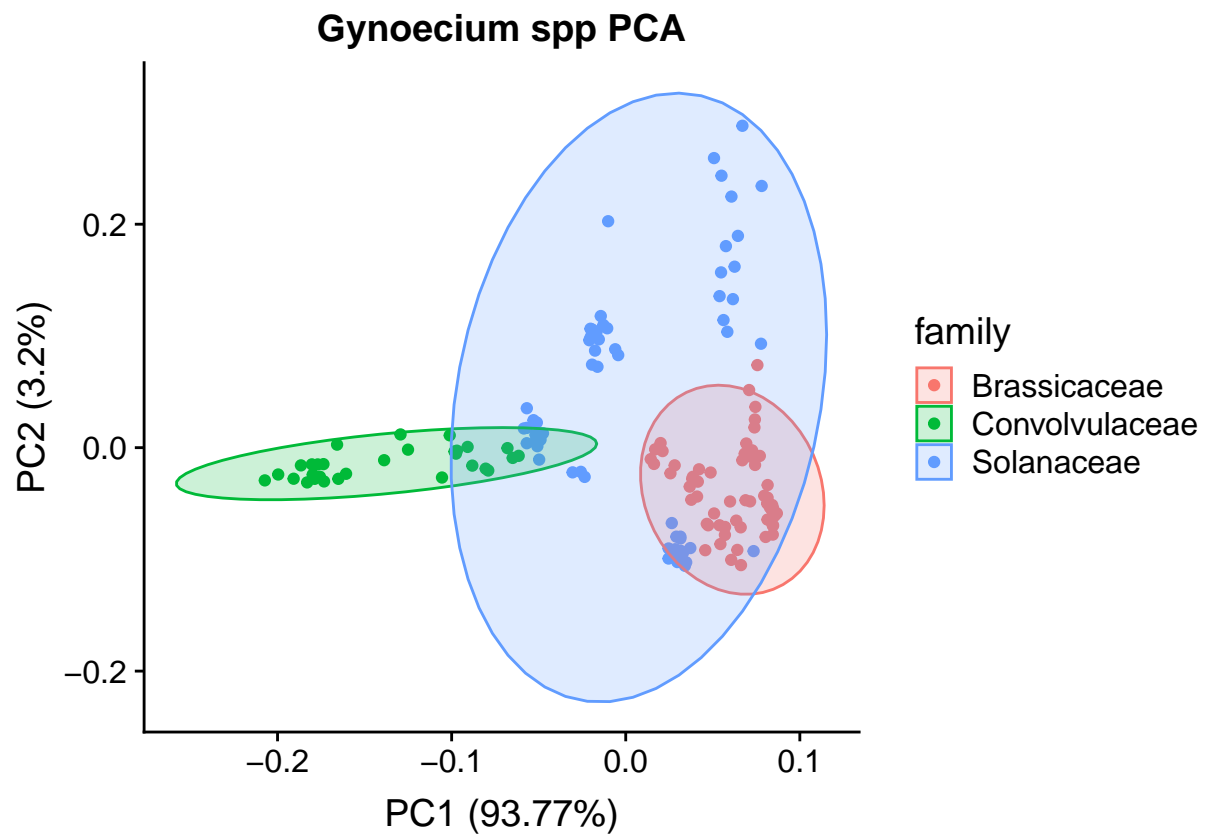
Gynoecium:MDS coordinates

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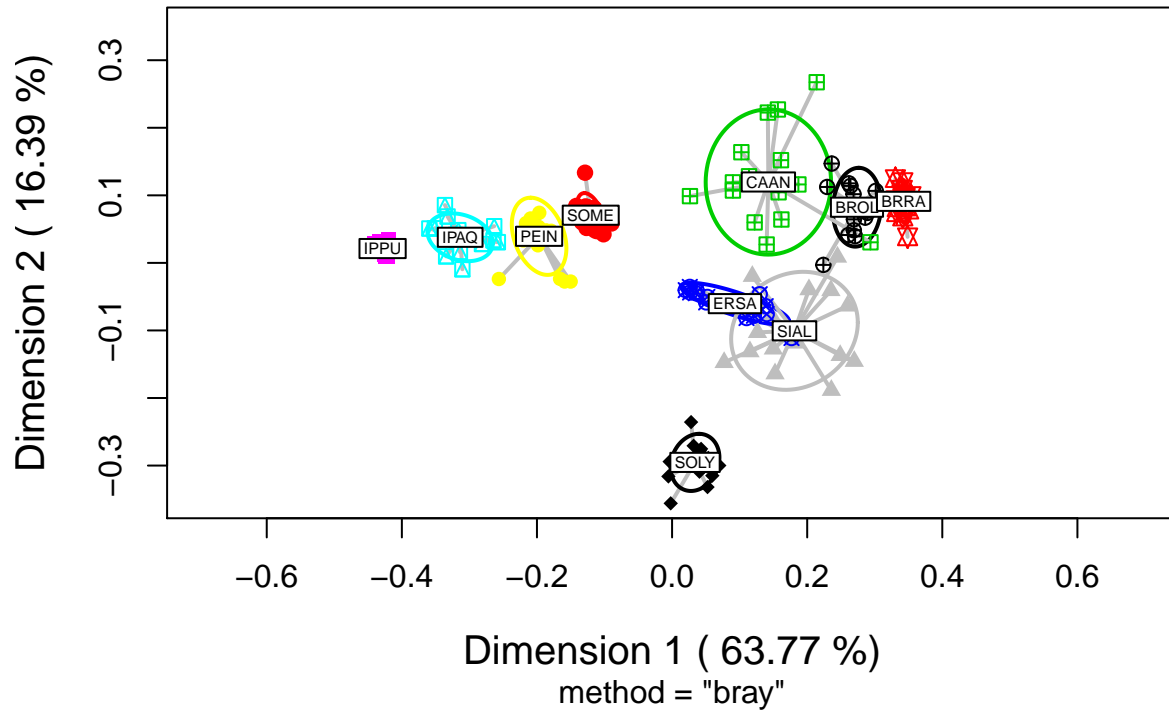
Other way of showing the same results but now with Principal Components Analysis. Maybe is more elegant? Grouped by species.

Gynoecium spp PCA
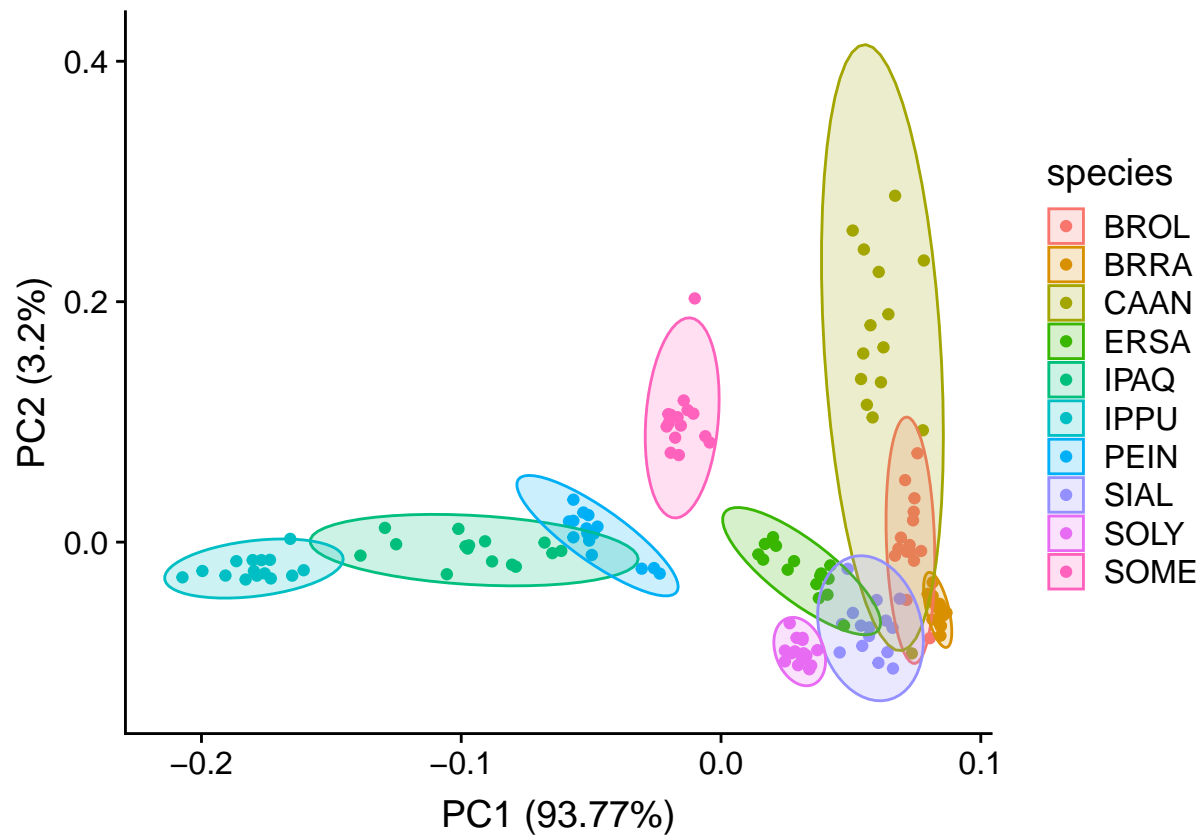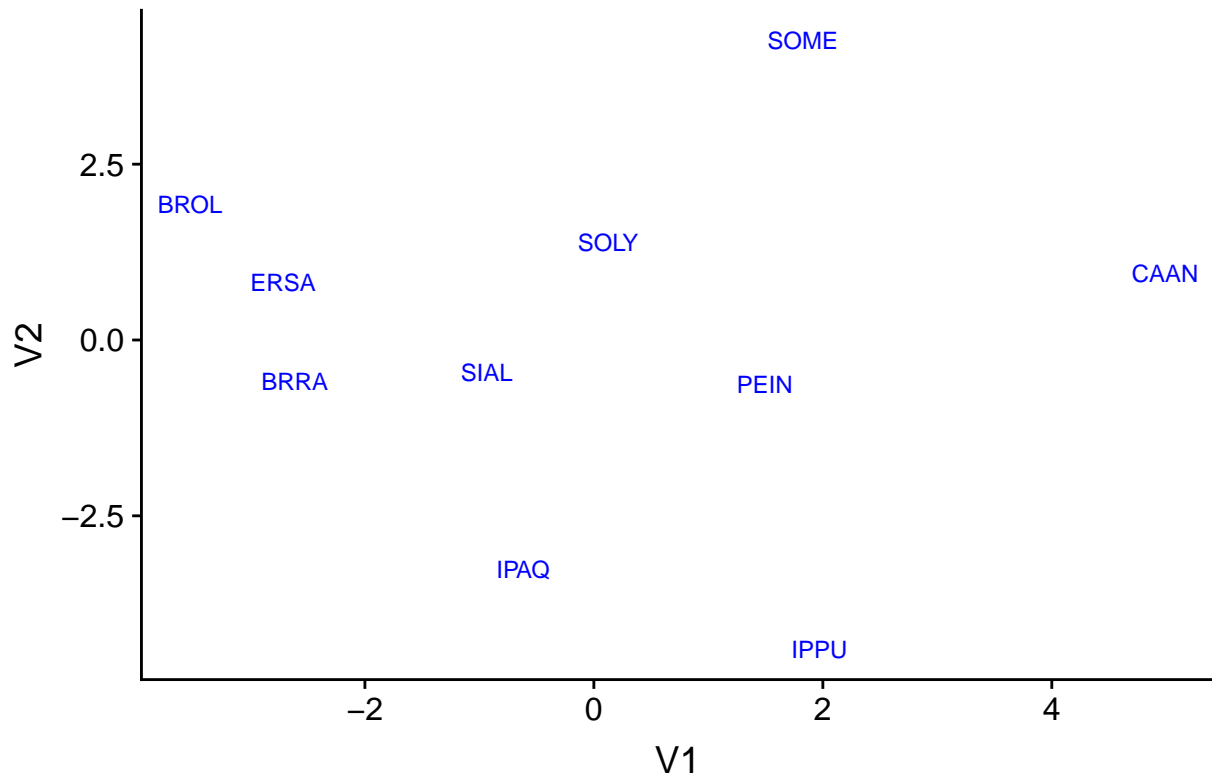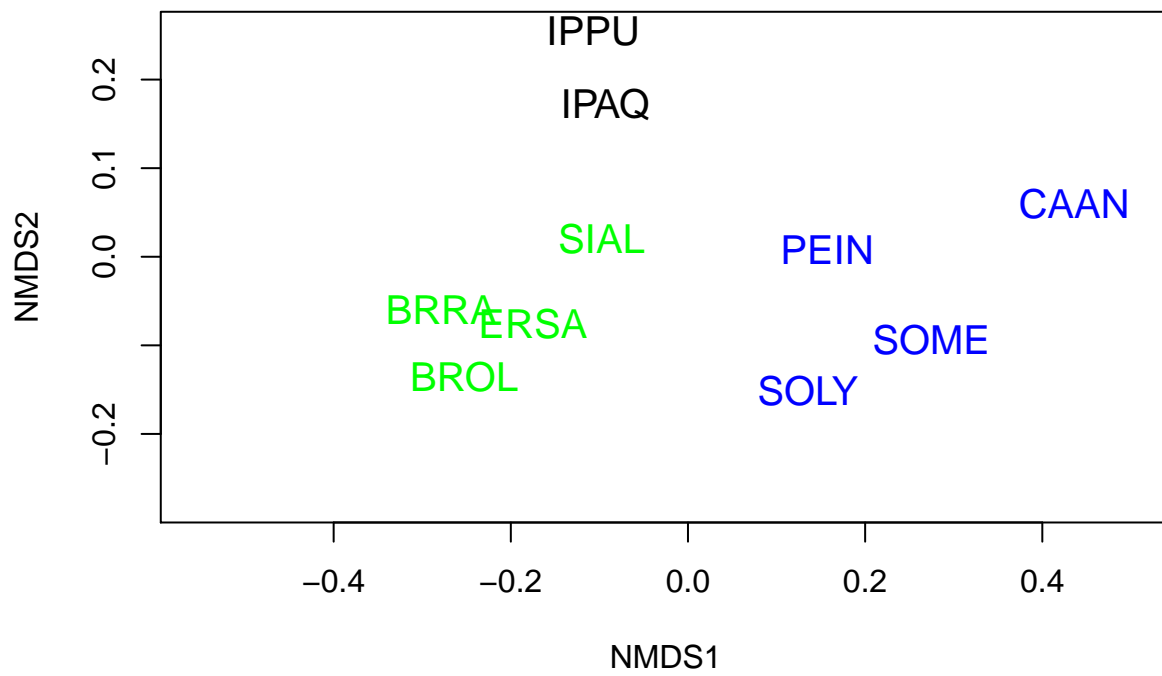
Now I use non metric multidimensional scaling for all the traits of our species. The traits used are: Stigma_type, Selfing_rate, Pollen_size, Mean_pollen_anther, Mean_ovules, Pollen_ovule_ratio, Anthers, Stigma_length, Stigma_surface (width), Style_length, Style_width, Ovary_width, Ovary_length
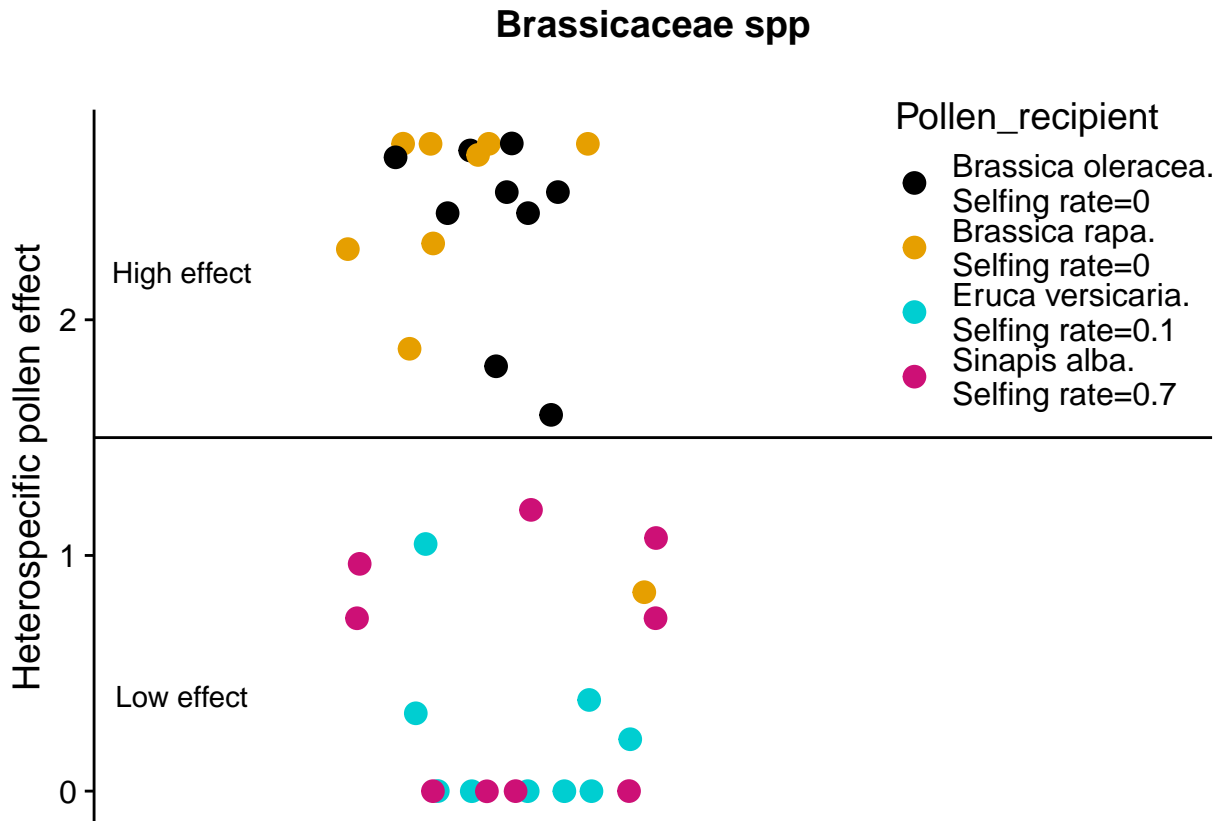
Non−metric multidimensional scaling

Interestignly for Brassicaceae species selfing rates matches pretty well the output of heterospecific pollen effect. Therefore, seems that selfing rates in Brassicaceae species could be a good predictor of foreign pollen effect.

Brassicaceae spp

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