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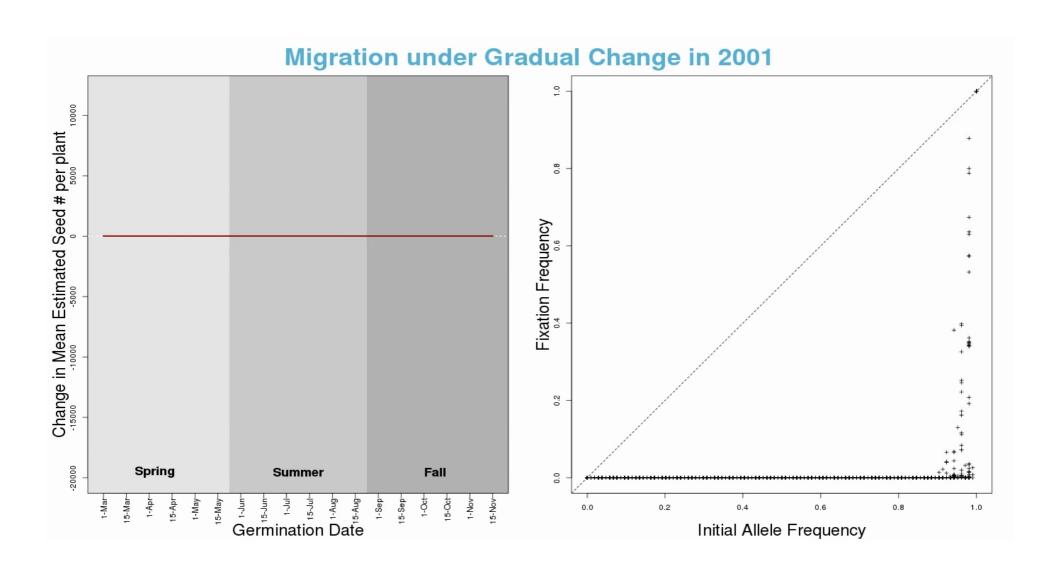
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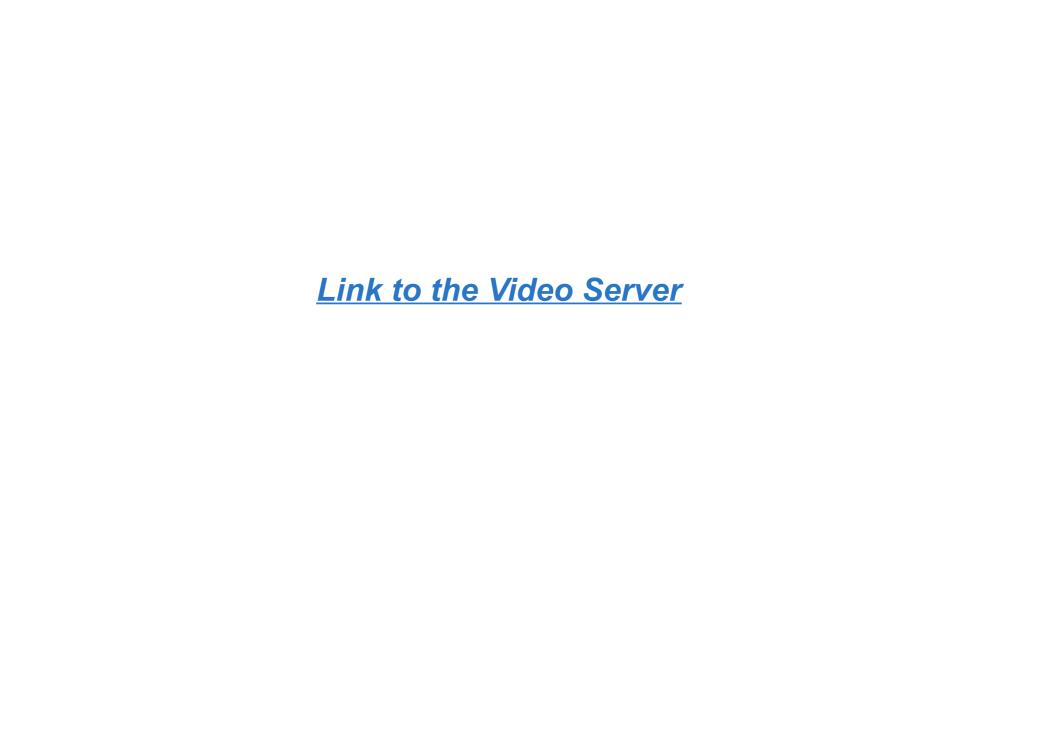
# Genetic Adaptation in the face of Environmental Change

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- How much of the variation is genetic?
- How many genes?
- How big are the genes effects?

#### Using the good old quantitative genetics framework

- Use of a forward simulation framework
   (>Selection.Simulator())
- Relying on a "usual" linear/additive decomposition of the variance

$$Y = Genetics(G) + Environment(E)$$

- With  $G \sim N$  (0;  $\sigma_G^2$ ) and  $E \sim N$  (0;  $\sigma_E^2$ )
- G is the sum of LociNum individual gene effects, either binomial ("Equal Loci") or gamma distributed ("continuous")

### Working in the R environment

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- First, simulate data following a defined set of parameters using functions of the native R environment (Base package)
   Random draws (sample(), rnorm(), rgamma())
- Estimate parameters of interest using linear models linear mixed-modeling (lme4 package)

mean and variance for the trait variance components of the model and heritability

#### How to install a package

From CRAN:

```
>install.packages("lme4")
```

From source:

```
>install.packages("lme4-
XXXX.tar.bz2",repos=NULL,type="source")
```

• You may also want to install "compiler", which is native but sometimes goes missing...

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- Now run >Selection.Simulator()
   with different environmental variance values

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>sdEnvironmentalFX=0.01
```

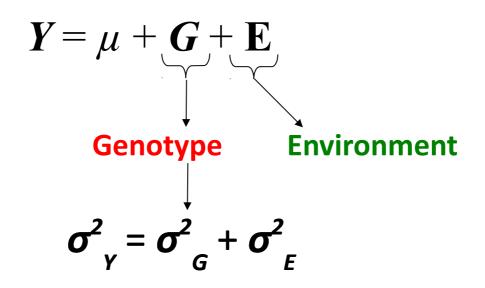
>sdEnvironmentalFX=0.1

>sdEnvironmentalFX=1

What do you reckon?

#### First key result:

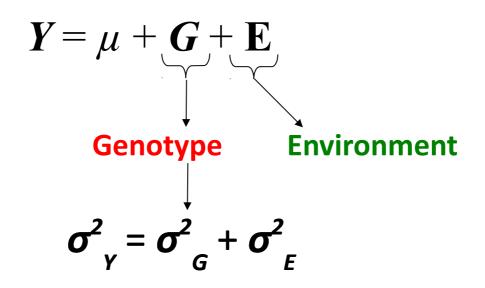
It doesn't take much environmental variance to make a genetically binomial trait look continuous!



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>Graph=FALSE
>heri.serie=vector()
>for (i in 1:100)
heri.serie=c(heri.serie, Selection.Simulator()
[[1]][1,1])
>hist(heri.serie)
>mean(heri.serie)

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Of course not!

The mean () estimate of a variable that is not symetrically distributed is biased (here inflated).

Let's use maximum likelihood instead!

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```
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```

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#### try norm and gamma distributions

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>dnorm(y, mean, sd, log=T)
>dgamma(y, rate, shape, log=T)
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And get the parameter estimate with

```
>optim()$par
```

#### Here is the solution

```
for a normal
>loglik.norm <- function(par, y) {sum(dnorm(y,
mean=par[1], sd=sqrt(par[2]), log = TRUE))}
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1, reltol = 1e-16))$par
and for a gamma distribution
>loglik.gamma <- function(par, y)</pre>
{sum(dgamma(y, shape=par[1], rate=par[2], log=TRUE))}
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and print the actual likelihood of the model with
>loglik.norm(MLest.norm, heri.serie)
```

>loglik.gamma(MLest.gamma, heri.serie)

#### However, the best is the lognormal distribution

```
>loglik.lognorm <- function(par, y)
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Alright, true if only one gene is involved (LociNum=1), but is it always true?

Can you plot the distribution histogram of the heritability estimates >for (LociNum in c(1,5,10,50,100)) {}

#### First create

>heri.esti=list()

where you going to store the results as

>heri.esti[[paste(LociNum)]][[norm]]=MLest.norm

and for gamma: mean=shape/rate
 var=shape/rate^2

And print the likelihood of each fitted distribution with

>print(loglik.norm(MLest.norm, heri.serie))

The solution is given in the Analysis.r script file

**Second Key Result**: Raw outputs are misleading, always use a test statistic!

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with different demographic parameters

>GenoNum=10

>GenoNum=3

>GenoNum=50

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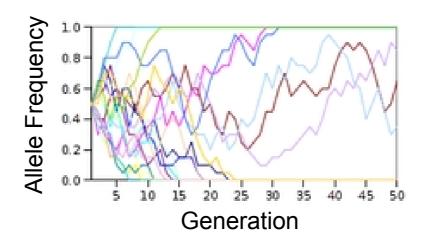
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Mutants have raised in frequency/invaded

**Key result:** Mutation/Drift are the two stochastic processes triggering the fate of genetic diversity in natural population.



Reset >Mu.Rate=0

Now, we are going to explore the consequence of a parametric process affecting genetic diversity: **Selection!!!** 

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The population goes extinct, it's hopeless!!!

How can we restore the hope?

```
Under > GenoNum = 10
     >GenoRep=10
     >LociNum=10
     >LociFX="Equal Loci"
     >sdGeneticFX=1
     >sdEnvironmentalFX=1
     >GenerationNum=12
     >Fraction=TRUE
     >Sel.max=.5
     >Sel.min=-Inf
     >EnvChangeRate=-0.2
```

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Or alternatively you can just get the number of runs that reached 12 generations

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>length(serie[serie==12])
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```
For the solution, I ended up with something like that:
>GeneNum.list=list()
>for (Mu.Rate in c(.02,.03,.04)) {
>print(" _____")
>print(paste("Mutation Rate =",Mu.Rate))
>GeneNum.serie=vector()
>for (i in 1:1000)
GeneNum.serie=c(GeneNum.serie,ncol(Selection.Simulator(MuRate=
Mu.Rate)[[1]]))
>GeneNum.list[[paste(Mu.Rate)]]=length(GeneNum.serie[GeneNum.s
erie==12])/length(GeneNum.serie)
>}
```

#### **Activities to follow up**

 What is the probability of having an ancestral genotype in the population after 12 generations?

Tip: to test for the presence of a character string in an element, use the following regular expression:

```
>grep("Geno", names(Selection.Simulator()[[2]]))
```

- For a precise estimate of heritability, is it better to have many genotypes with low replication or many replication of a few genotypes?
- Finally can you draw the evolution of the frequency of each genotype over time?

Tip:line 165 > GenoFrequency=table (Gname) could be moved to before the closing bracket in line 161 and GenoFrequency should be changed from a simple vector to a list that takes the generation (g) as name/handle