

# SVs Shape Population Structure in Wild Sunflowers

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# Massive haplotypes underlie ecotypic differentiation in sunflowers

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# SVs Suppress Recombination







- More obvious with large SVs such as large inversions.

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# Ecotypic Adaptive Stability

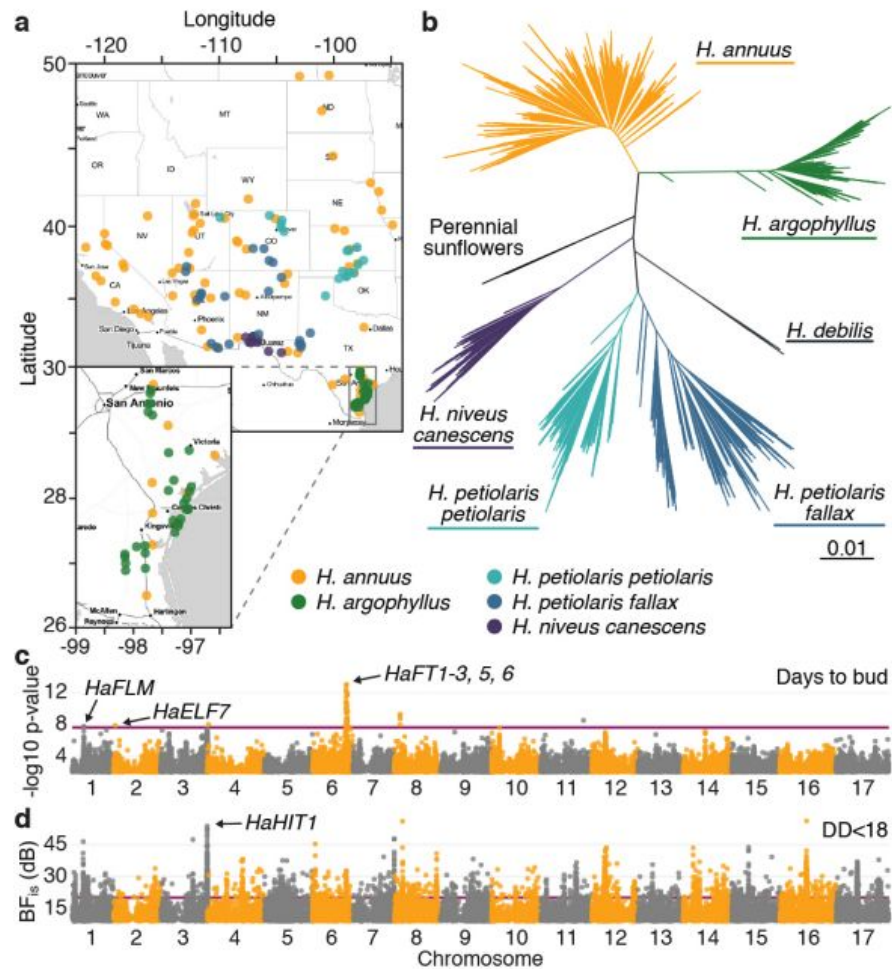
- Different wild species/ecotypes are adapted to specific environments.
- These adaptations are often maintained, even though there is often admixture that occurs (like introgression).
- How????

# 3 Sunflower Species Were Considered

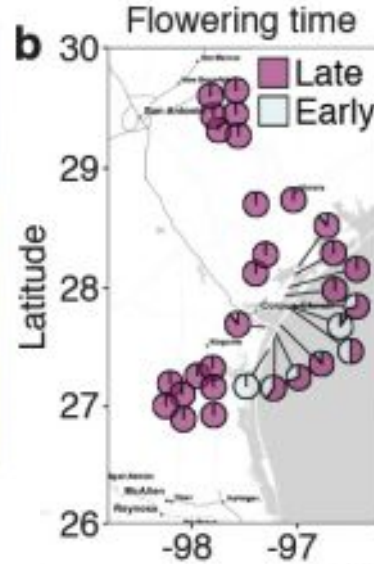
1. *Helianthus annuus*
  - a. Wild Progenitor of Modern Sunflower
2. *Helianthus petiolaris*
3. *Helianthus argophyllus*

# Setup

- Collected 10 plants from each of 151 populations amongst the three species.
- Crossed a random pair within the same population
- Phenotyped plants and ultimately sequenced 1401 of them.
- Enriched for genic space - still pretty low coverage
- Called SNPs w.r.t the sunflower reference
- GWAS on a bunch of different traits



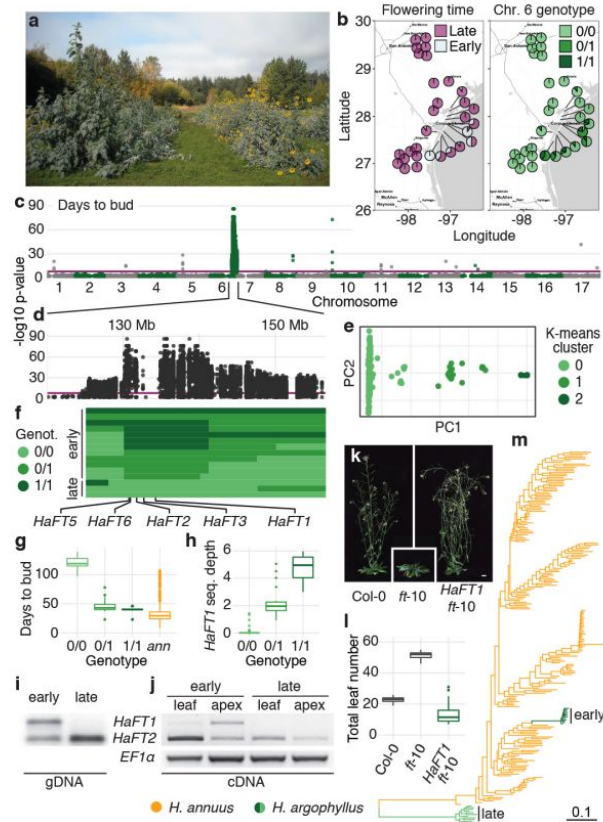
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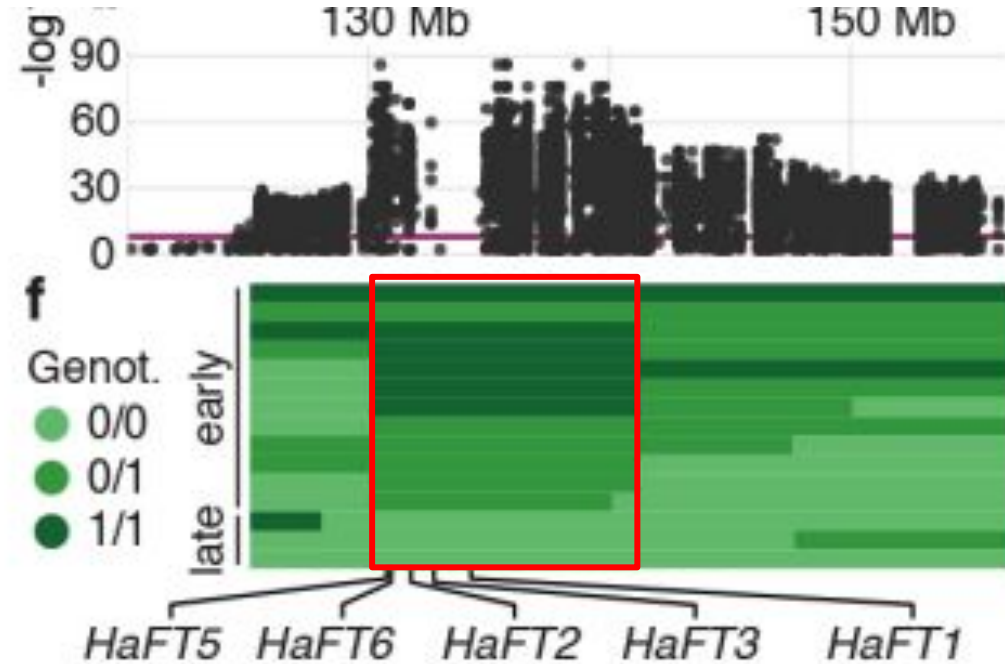
\*Late flowering in inland populations has been naturally selected for - avoid flowering in hotter time of year



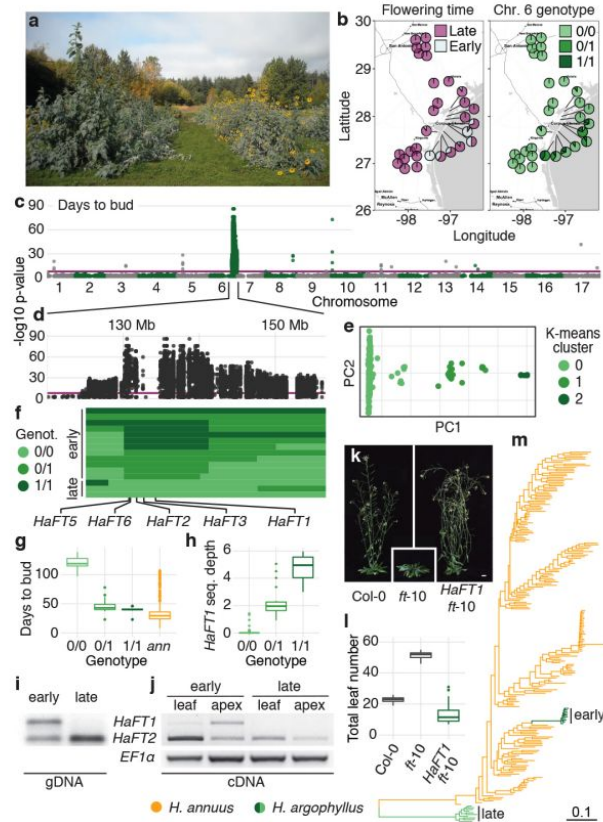
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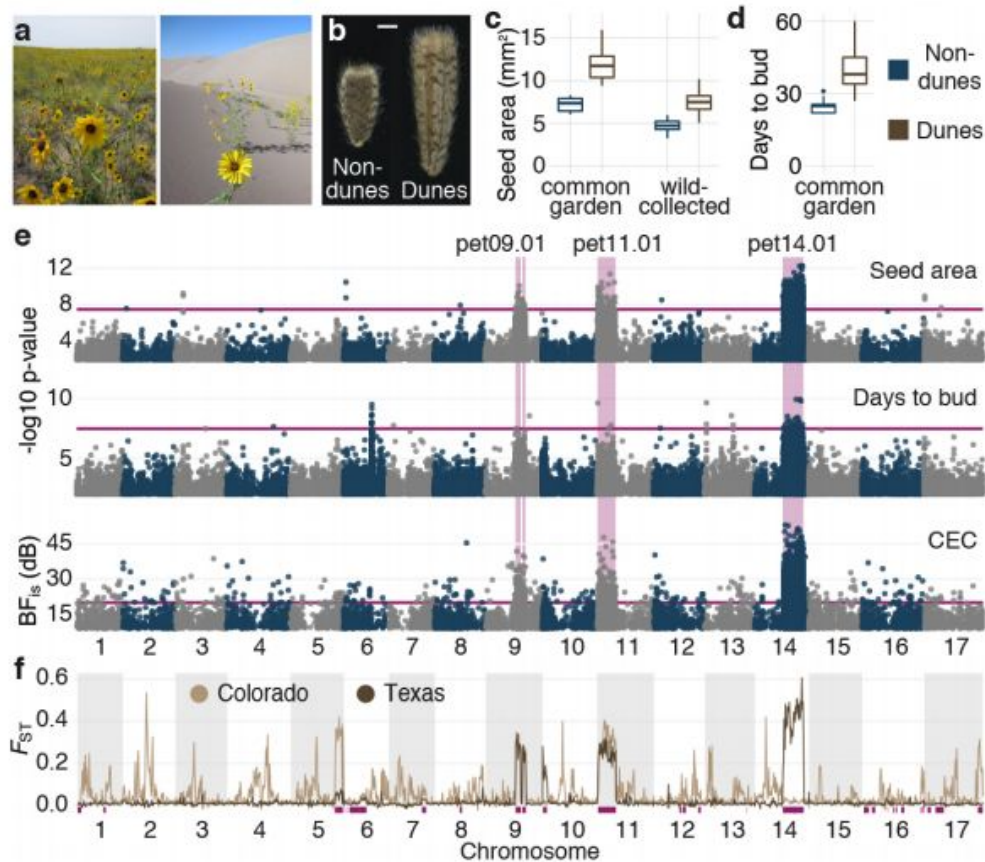
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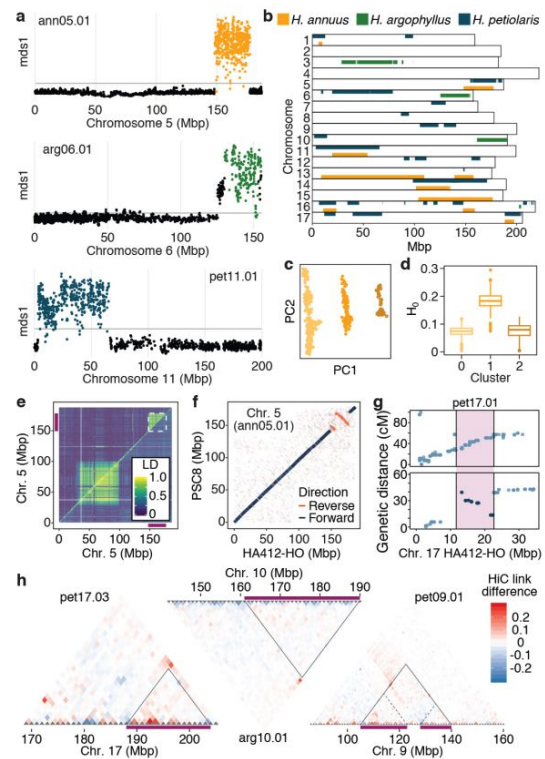


# Takeaways

1. Large GWAS signal on chr6 associated with later flowering
2. A 10 Mbp haplotype explains most of the flowering time variation
3. Late flowering genotypes have a deletion of a known regulator.
4. Take an Arabidopsis plant with a AtFT mutation that flowers late
  - a. Ectopically express this regulator and it flowers early again.
5. Phylogeny shows when this haplotype arose.

# Seed Size





# Large Haploblocks Associated with More Traits

