

# Lab chat on my PhD

“Novel algorithms for population-scale analysis of complex plant genomes”

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- ▶ Our wish-list:
  - ▶ Reference & alignment free
  - ▶ Tolerates any sequencing platform
  - ▶ Works with Borevitz-style “wide and shallow” expts: e.g. 1000 samples at 1x



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- ▶ Using Titus Brown's `khmer` (contributed a lot of code myself)

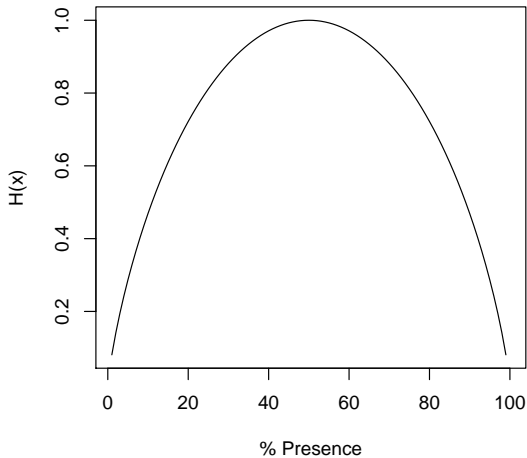
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- ▶ The paper:
  - ▶ Coming soon, planning to have it done by August
  - ▶ Involves many in-silico experiments



# Rice Experiment

- ▶ 3000 rice lines, 25k sequence runs, 20TB data
- ▶ Analysing in sets of 96, from two major groups
- ▶ Looks very accurate, detect Basmatia as Jap, strange samples.



# Drosophila

- ▶ Several read technologies
- ▶ Several species, population, reps
- ▶ Detect failed samples, reproduced known tree

# Simulation??

- ▶ Need to think about simulation
- ▶ Time consuming to do well, but can make lots of data
- ▶ Can we do it somewhat dodgy?