

Characterizing the significance of *Pratylenchus penetrans* on soybean

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Soybean

Soybean is the leading U.S. agricultural export, valued at more than \$23 billion

In Wisconsin:

There are 11,000 soybean growers.
2.2 million acres planted with soybean
produced 106 million bushels/acre
in 2018

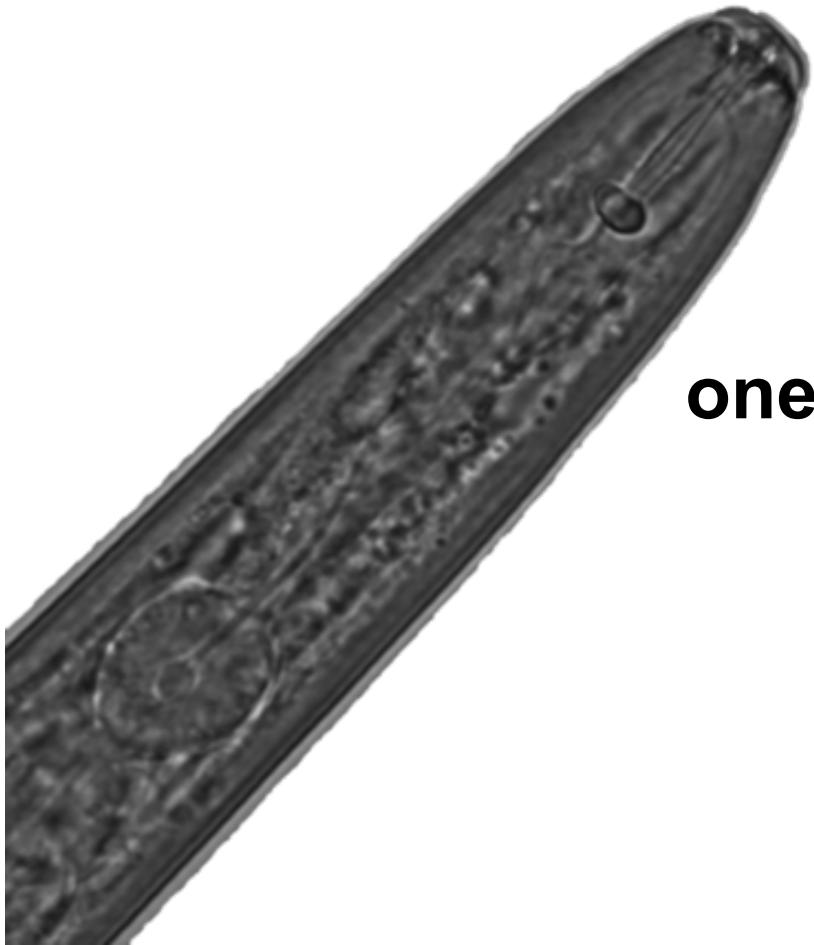
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Pratylenchus penetrans (RLN)

Pratylenchus is the **third most economically important genus** with very wide host range and worldwide distribution.

P. penetrans has been recognized as **one of the most damaging species of *Pratylenchus*** and it is frequently detected on soybean fields in Wisconsin.



Life cycle and symptoms of *P. penetrans*



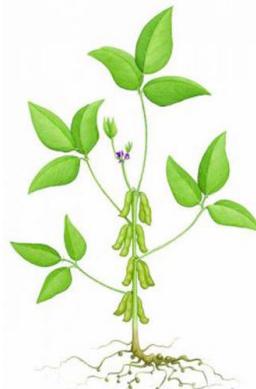
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P. penetrans on soybean

Ecology and Epidemiology
Role of *Pratylenchus penetrans* in the Potato Early Dying Disease of Russet Burbank Potato
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The initial symptom of Russet Burbank potato was leaf blight. Leaf blight had no effect on yield. Dry matter was the earliest symptom observed.
Additional
MacGuidwin
The lesion necrosis of Russet Burbank potato was first observed in the north-central United States. The symptoms are recognizable. We used a damage function model to predict the different yield responses between potato cultivars. Seven models were developed based on different densities of nematodes.
Abstract: Damage and reproductive potential of *P. penetrans* on soybean, *Glycine max*, cvs. Essex, Forrest, and Lee 68. Cultivar Essex was generally tolerant to *P. brachyurus*, while increasing *P. penetrans* in the sandy soil ($r = -0.92$) and erate *P. penetrans* in the sandy clay loam gave an increase in yield. Yield was not affected by this nematode in most plots. Yield vs. *P. penetrans* was fitted by a curve that decreased sharply as *P. penetrans* were increased. The reproductive potential of *P. penetrans* on Essex and Forrest was similar, but Lee 68 was a good host for *P. penetrans*. Key words: *Glycine max*, *P. penetrans*, *P. brachyurus*, yield losses, threshold, ecologic factors.

Several *Pratylenchus* species, including, *P. brachyurus* (Godfrey) Filipjev and Schuurmans-Stekhoven (10), *P. scribneri* Steiner (17,18), *P. agilis* Thorne and Malek (19), *P. thomasi* (20), and *P. heterotropius*

suppress N₂ fixation (8). Soybean yield losses resulting from these nematodes vary with nematode species, cultivar, and season. For example, *P. brachyurus* had no effect on yield of 'Lee' soybean in an experiment con-



= Yield
Loss

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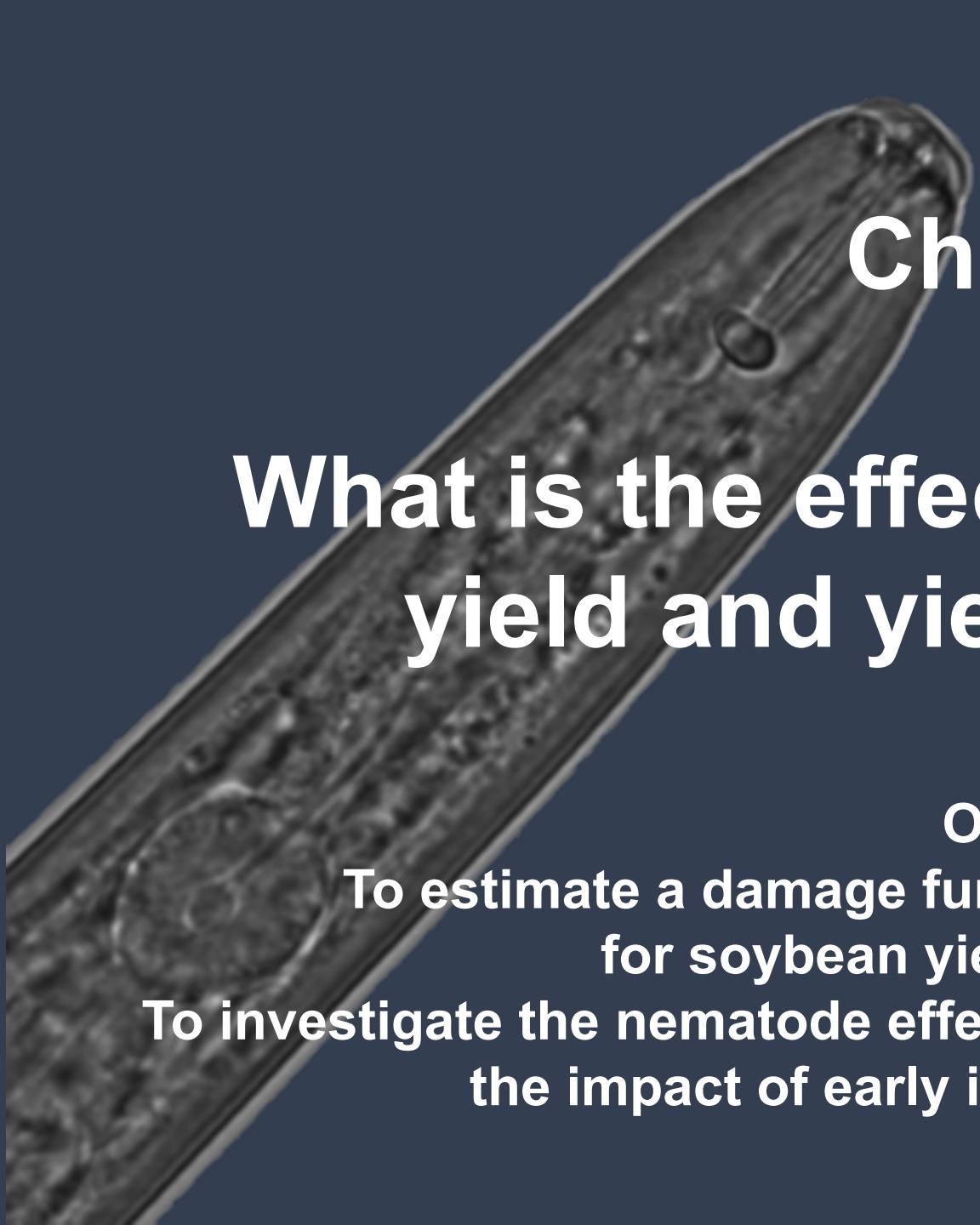
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Chapter 1.

What is the effect of *P. penetrans* on yield and yield components?

Objectives:

To estimate a damage function of *Pratylenchus penetrans* for soybean yield and its components

To investigate the nematode effect on soybean plants at the V2 stage and the impact of early infection on final seed yield.

Field study

Conducted at Hancock Agricultural Research Station in 2017 & 2018.

Emergence stage

- Two-meter plots were established.
- Soil samples (Pi)



Second Trifoliolate Stage (V2)

- 2 plant samples
- Root biomass
- Shoot biomass
- Shoot : total biomass



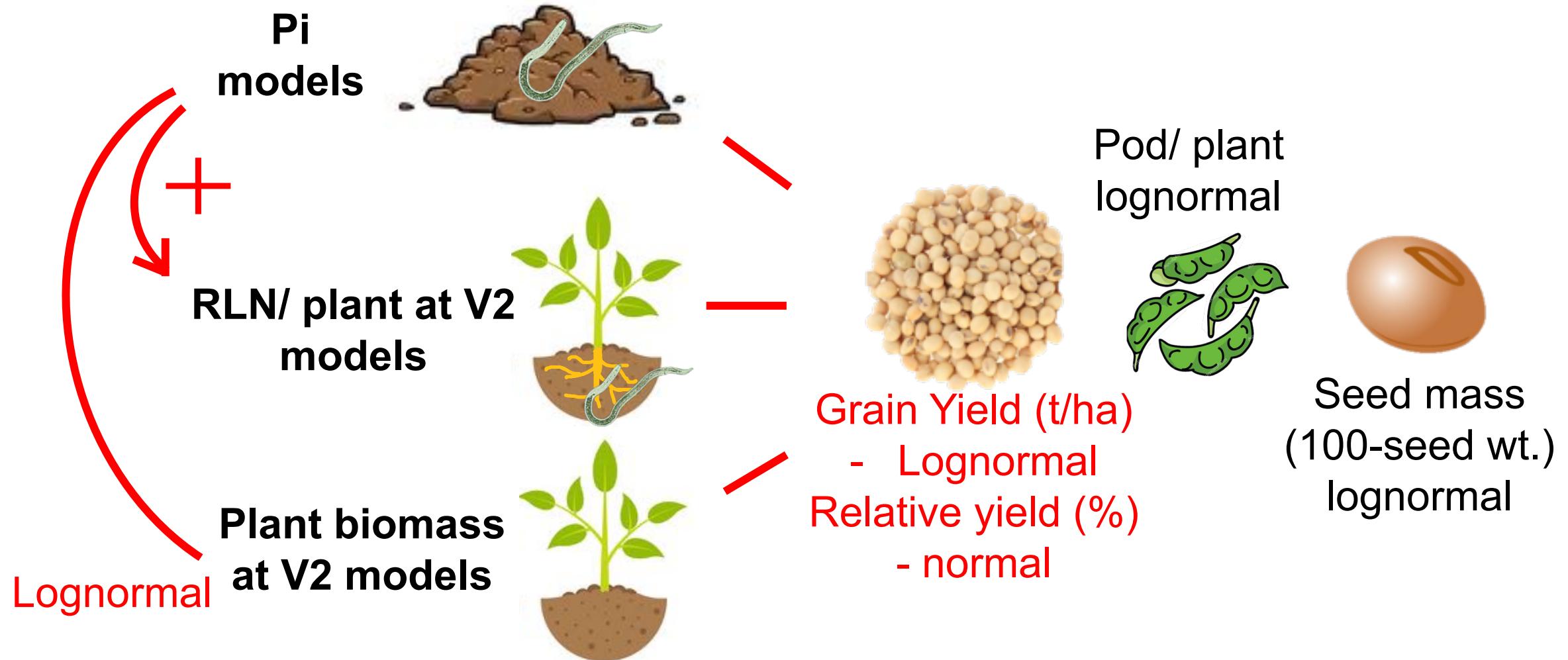
Final maturity

- Harvest plots
- Grain yield
- Pod number/ plant
- Seed mass
- (100 seed wt.)

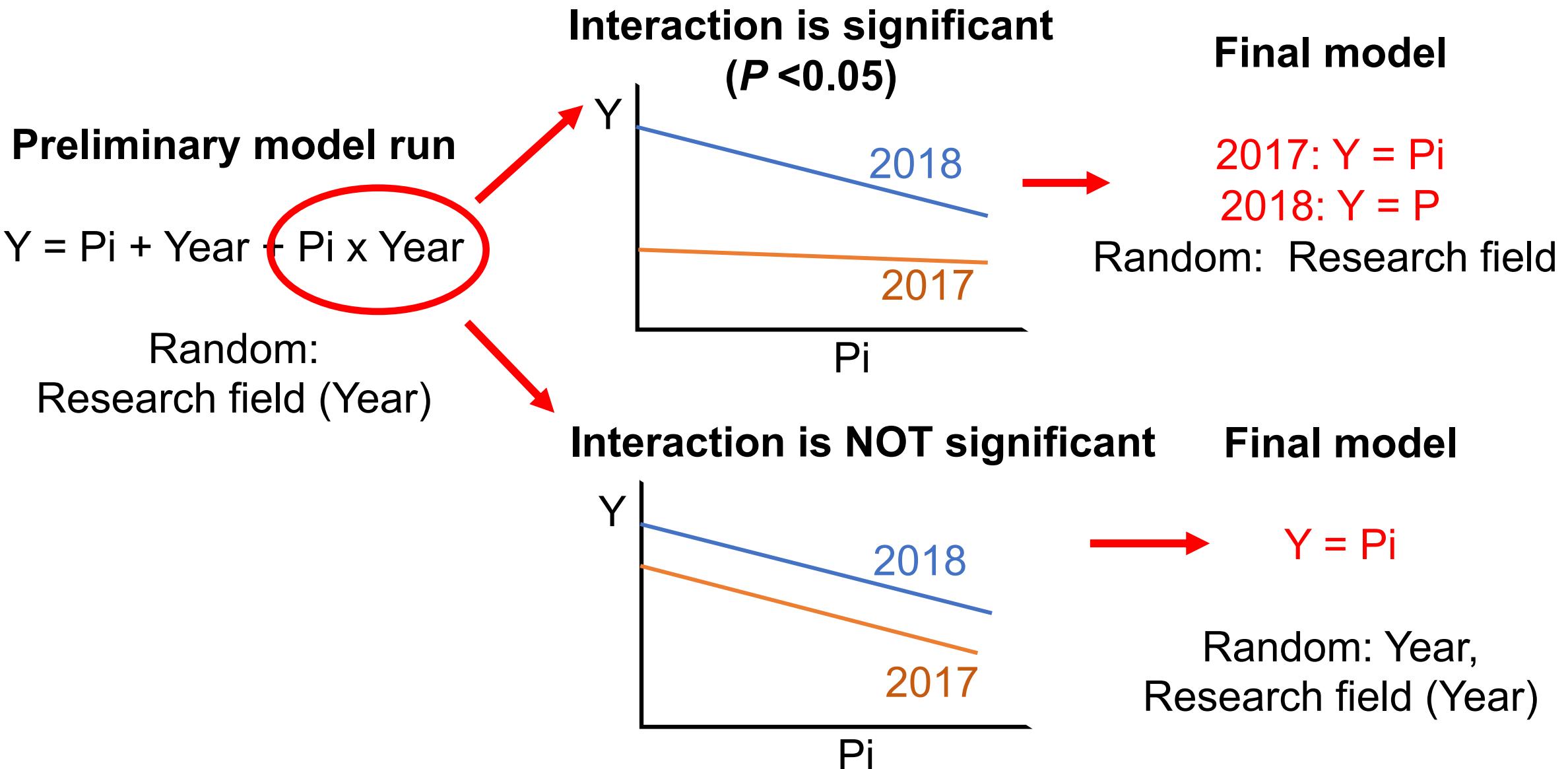


Field study models

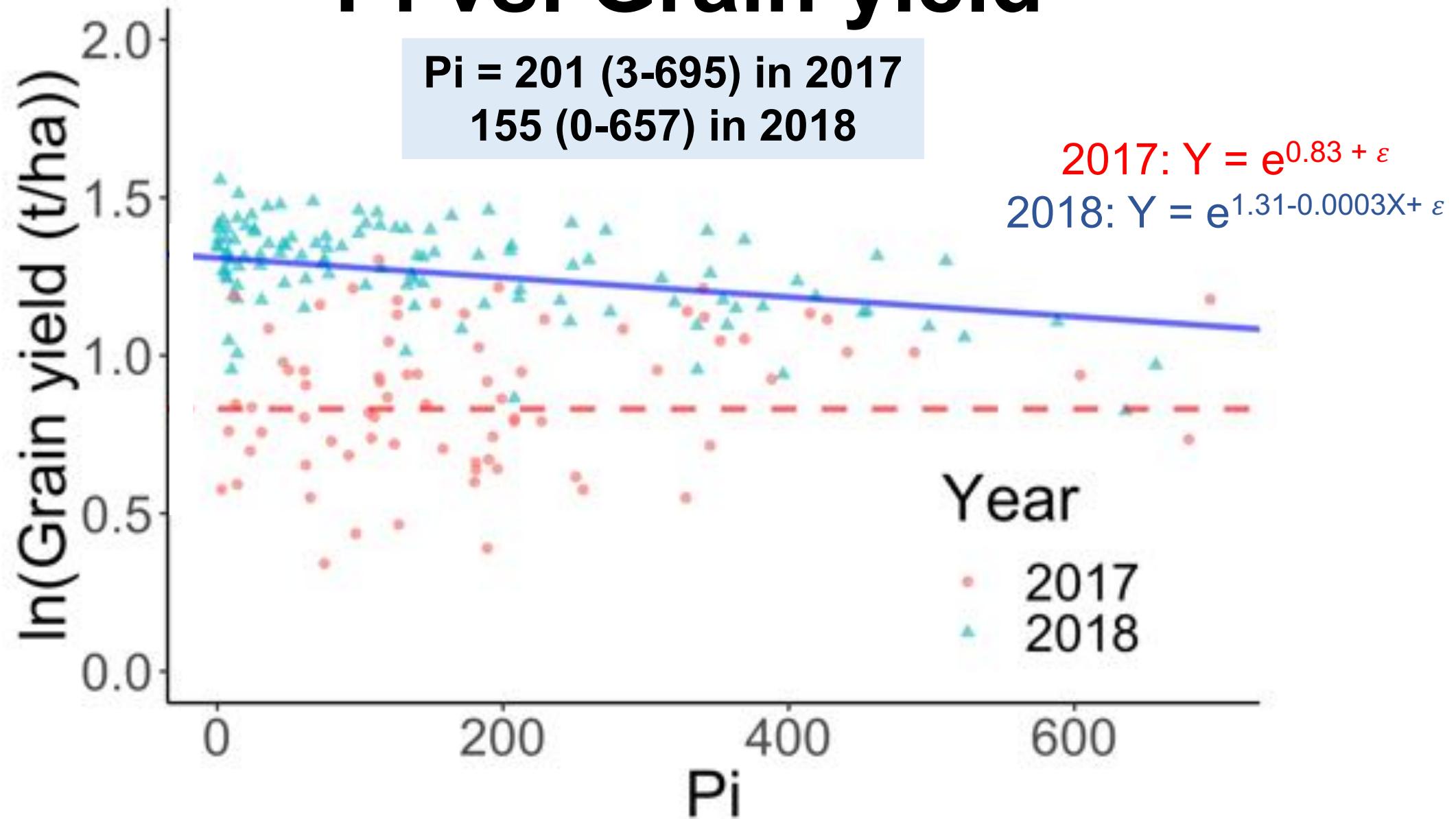
Generalized Linear Mixed Model (GLMM) using PROC GLIMMIX in SAS.



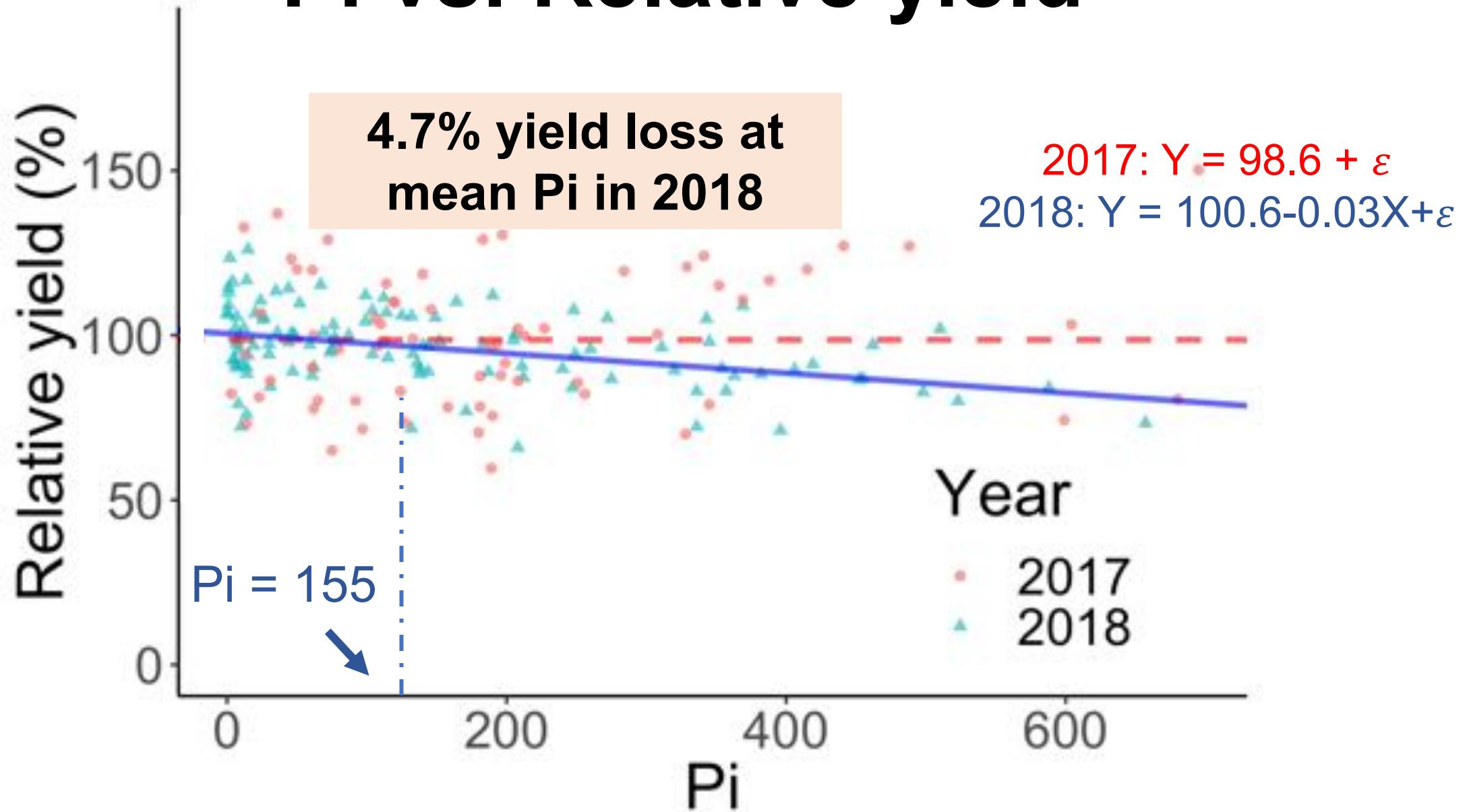
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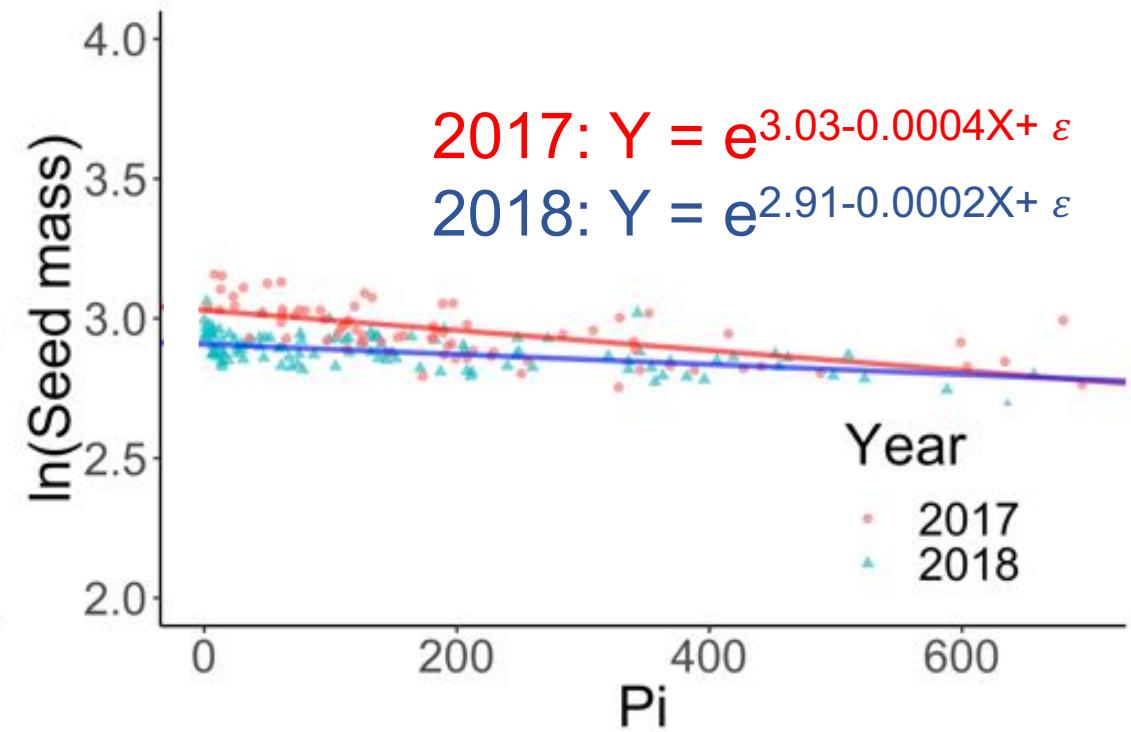
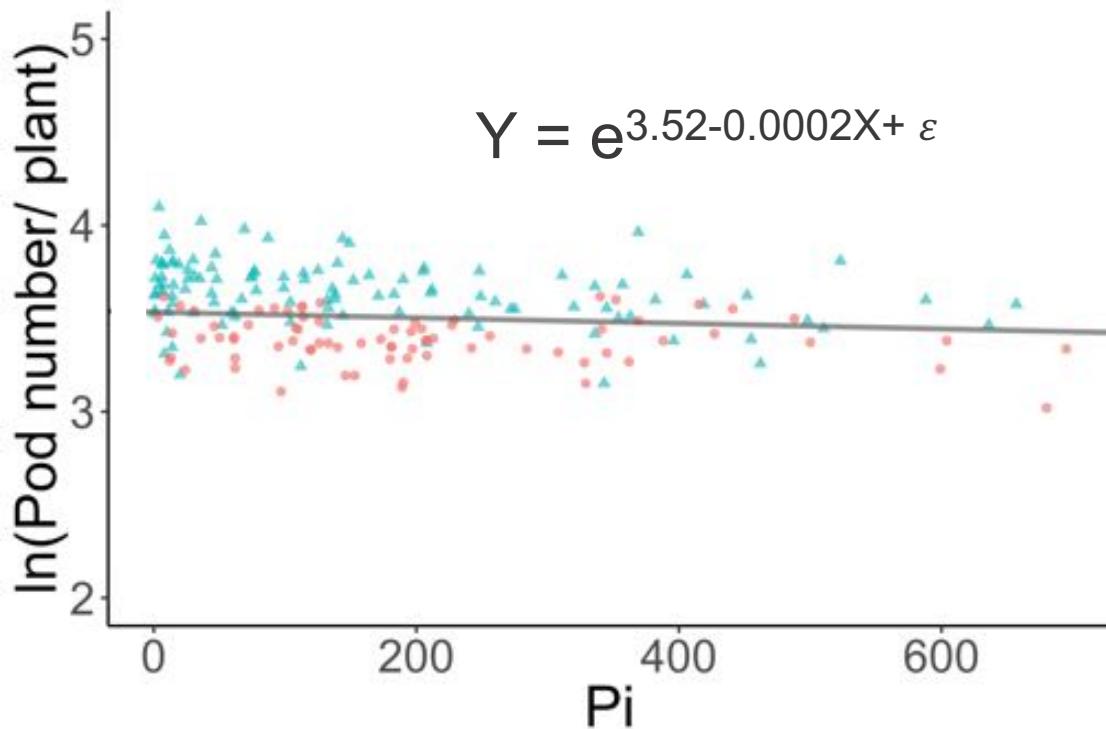
Pi vs. Grain yield



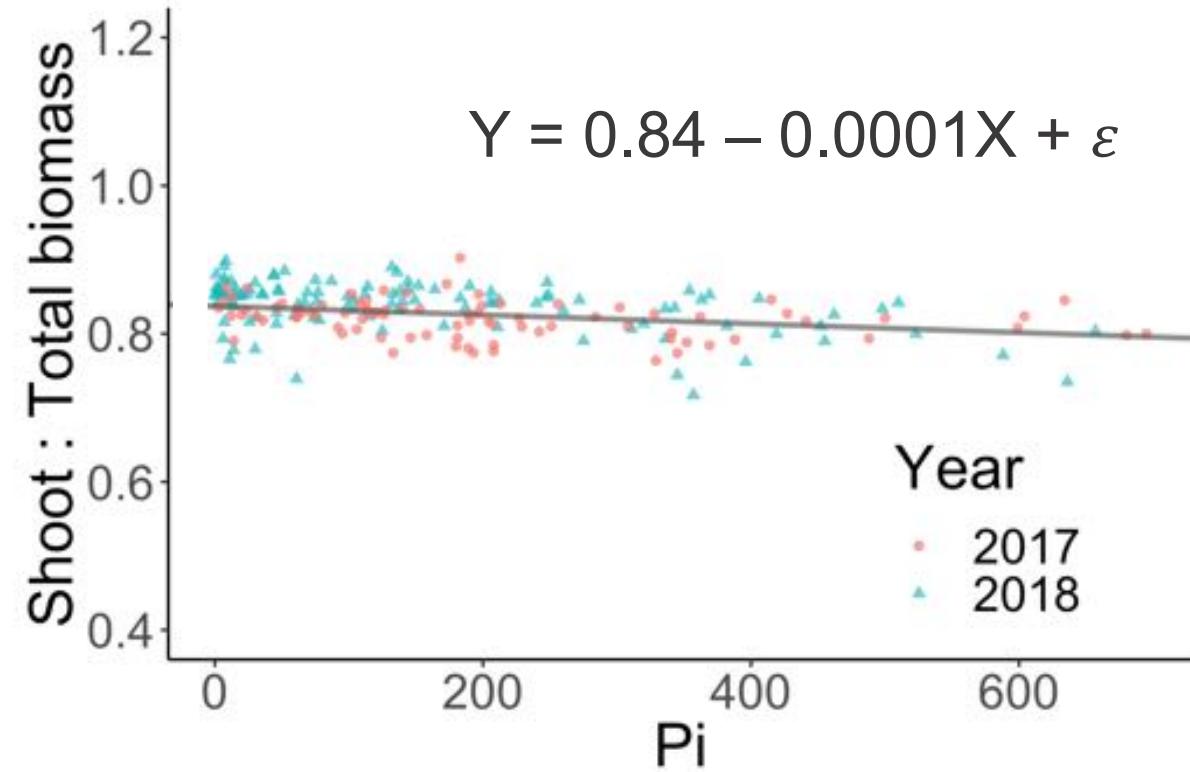
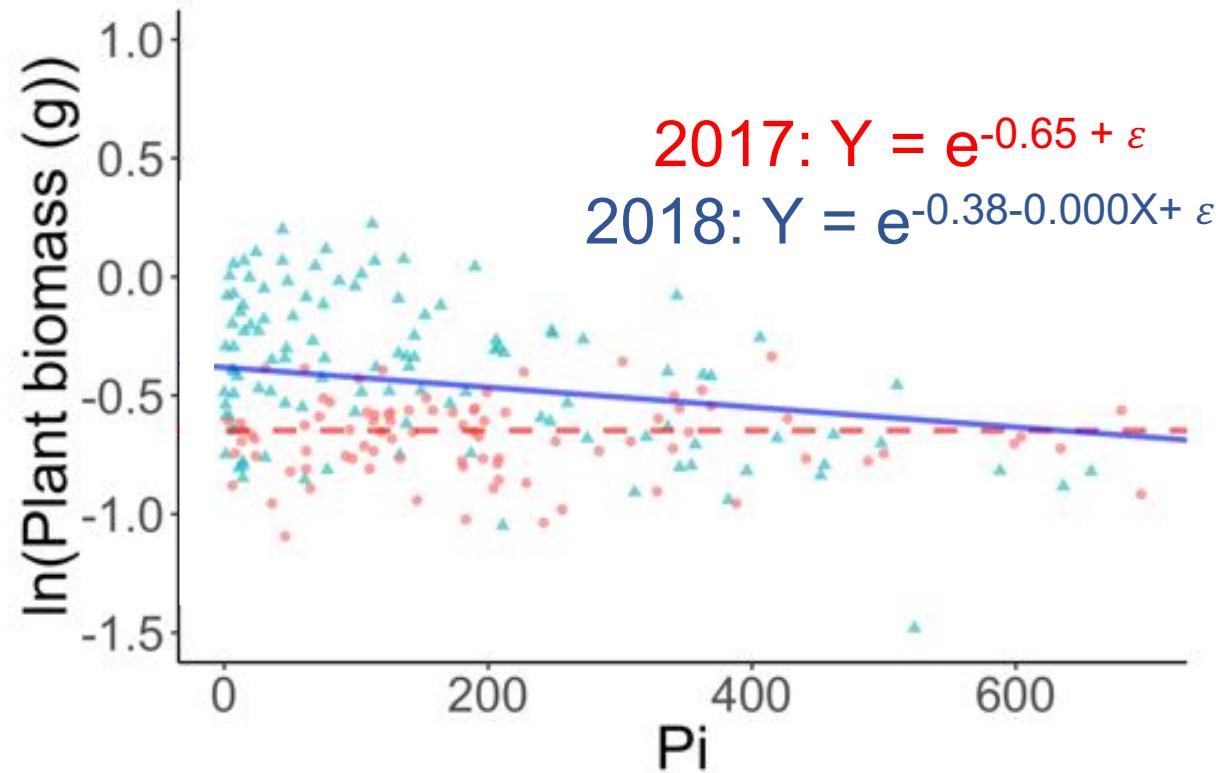
Pi vs. Relative yield



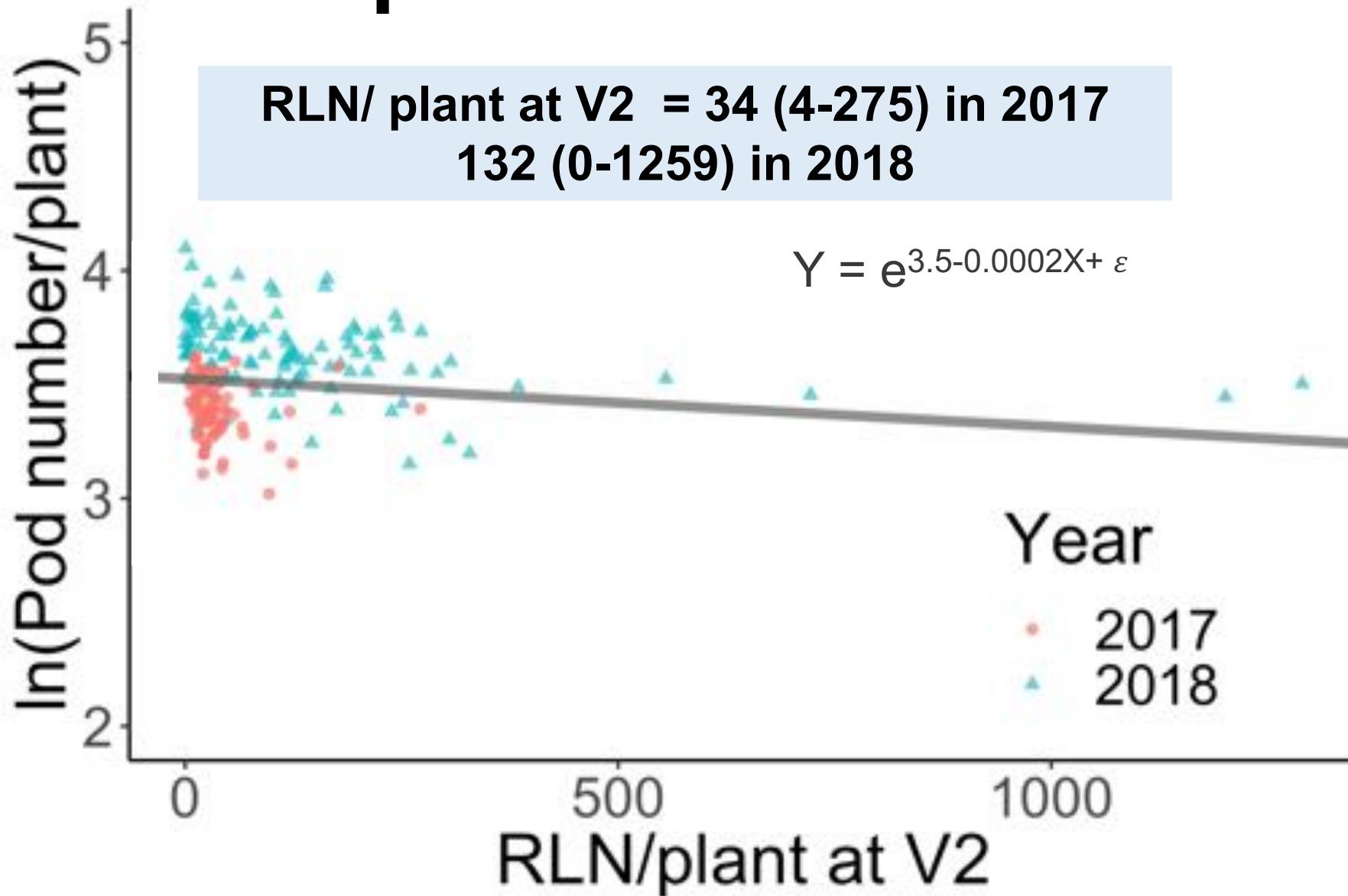
Pi vs. yield components



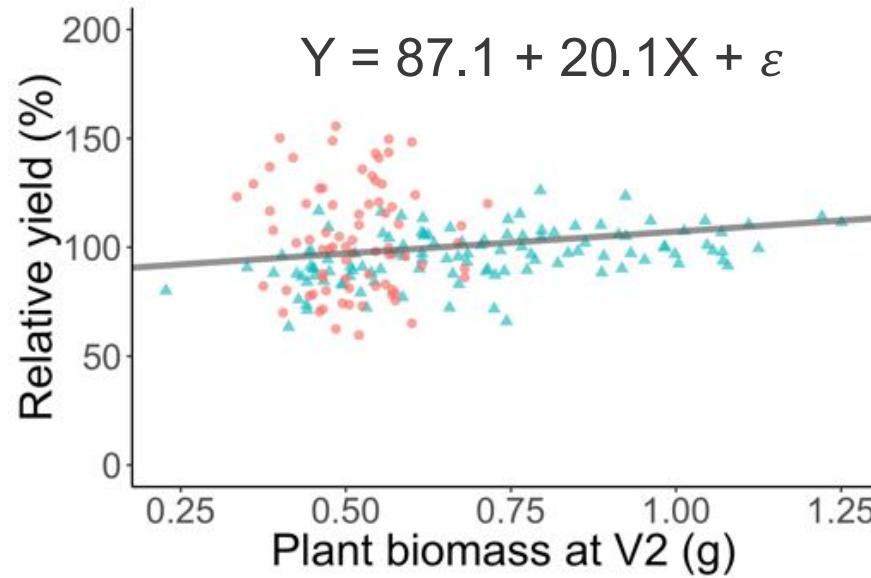
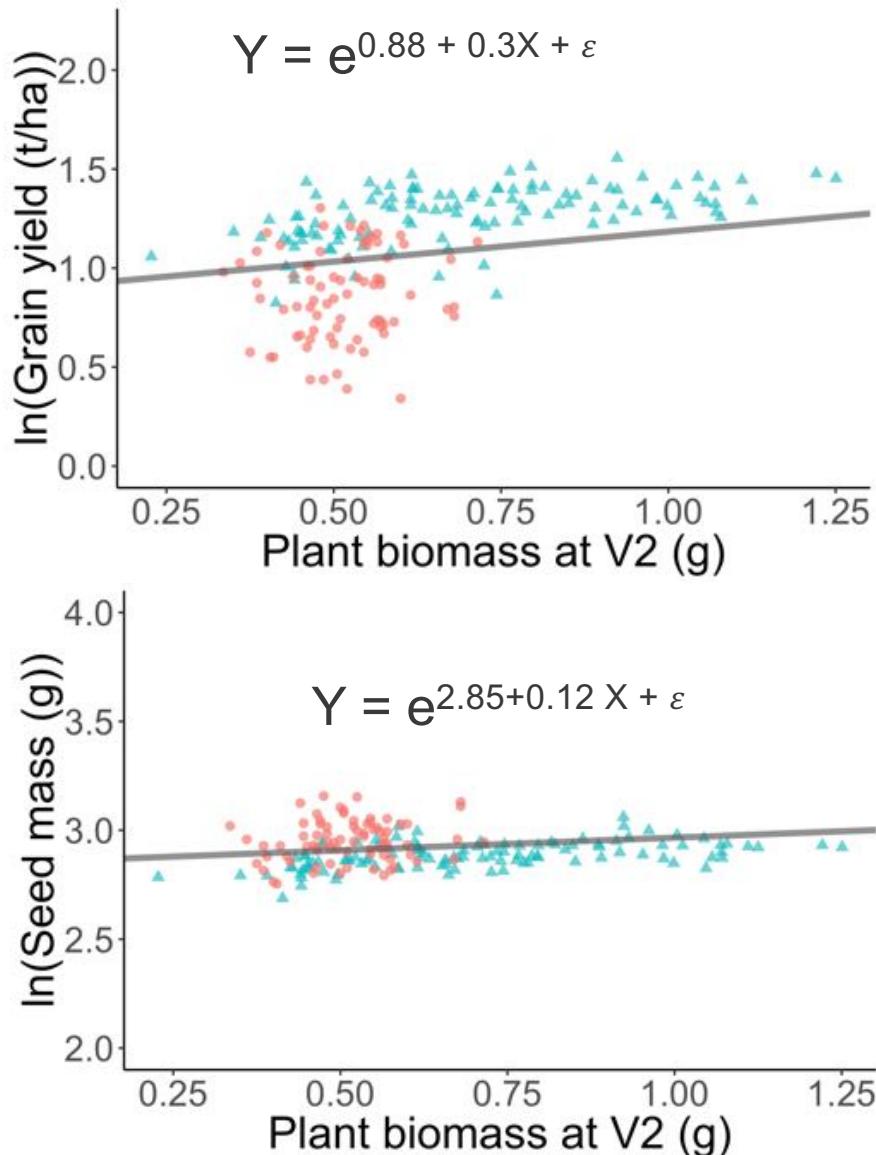
Pi vs. Plant biomass at V2



RLN/plant at V2 vs. Yield



Plant biomass at V2 vs. Yield



Year

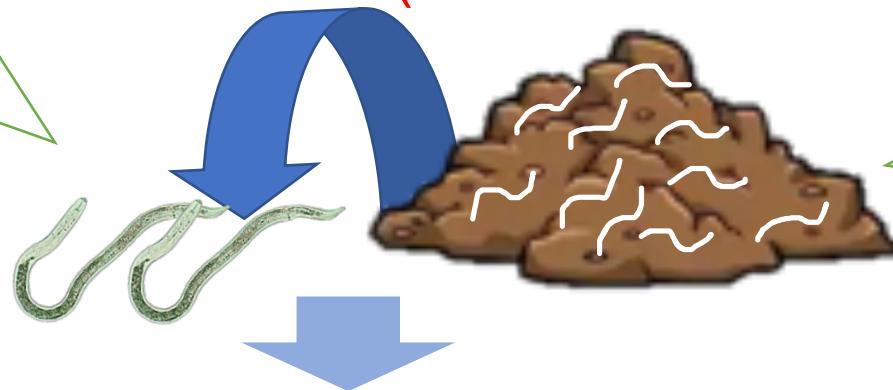
- 2017
- 2018

Greenhouse study

20% extraction efficiency
(MacGuidwin 1989)

Field Pi =
201 (3-695) in 2017
155 (0-657) in 2018

Planted in
pasteurized 500 cm³ soil



Total nematodes
in 100cm³ soil:
0 – 3475

Dose Level	Trial 1 - Pi	Trial 2 - Pi
Control	0	0
1	1927±168	2066±191
2	3853±534	3995± 225
3	8330±510	7233±285
4	11889±208	11764±300
5	16161±367	18403±297
6	20819±1017	20323±313

Greenhouse study

1. Nematode inoculation



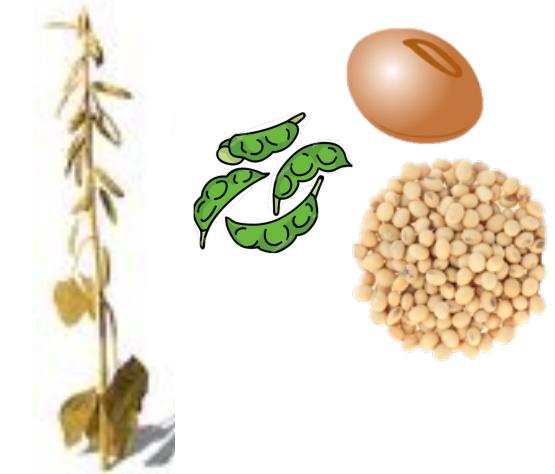
2 soybean genotypes
8 replications/ dose level

2. First harvest at V2 (Rep. 1-3)



Data collection on
plant biomass

3. Second harvest at R8 (Rep. 4-8)



Data collection on
accumulative plant biomass
Yield and yield components

Pi vs. Plant biomass

At V2

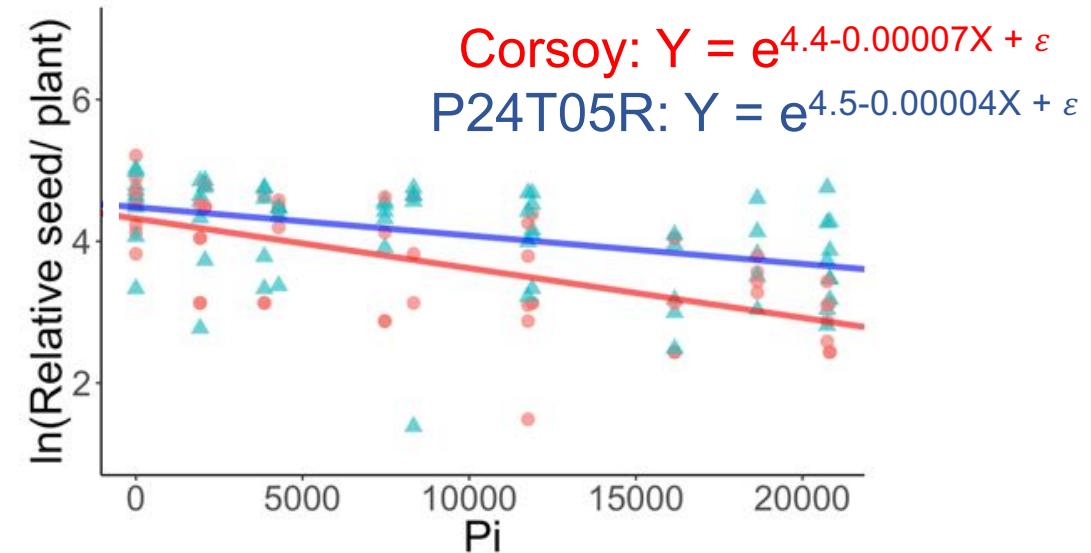
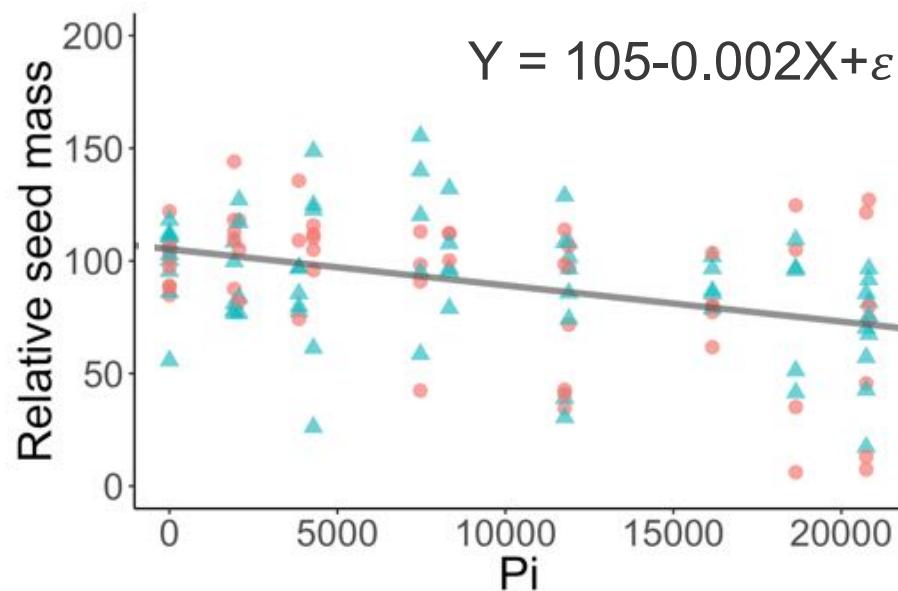
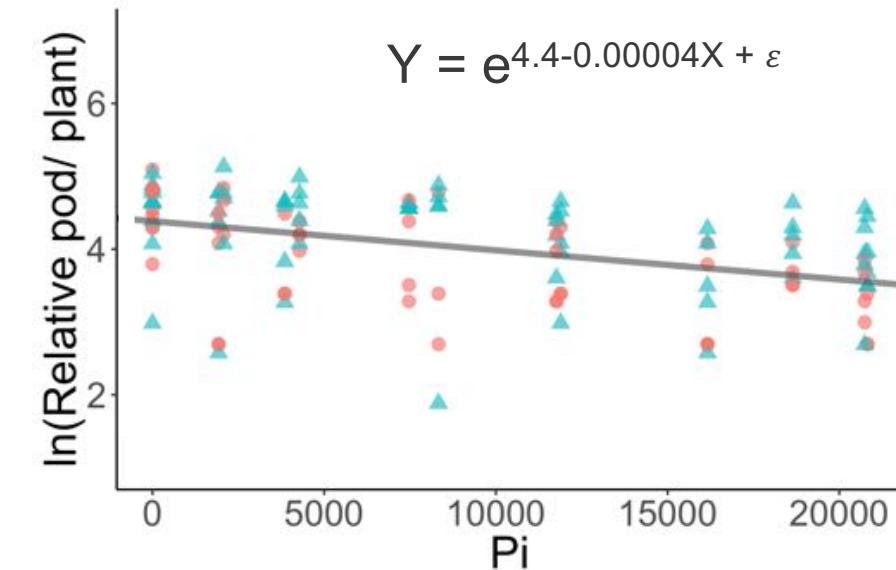
Response variable	Distribution	MS estimate	p
Relative total biomass	lognormal	-0.00001	0.007
Relative shoot biomass	lognormal	-0.00001	0.002
Relative root biomass	normal	-0.00030	NS

P. penetrans reduce shoot biomass
but has no effect on root biomass.

At R8

Response variable	Distribution	Genotype	MS estimate	p
Relative total biomass	lognormal	Random	-0.00003	< 0.0001
Relative shoot biomass	lognormal	Random	-0.00001	< 0.0001
Relative root biomass	normal	Corsoy	-0.00200	0.0003
		P24T05R	-0.00080	NS

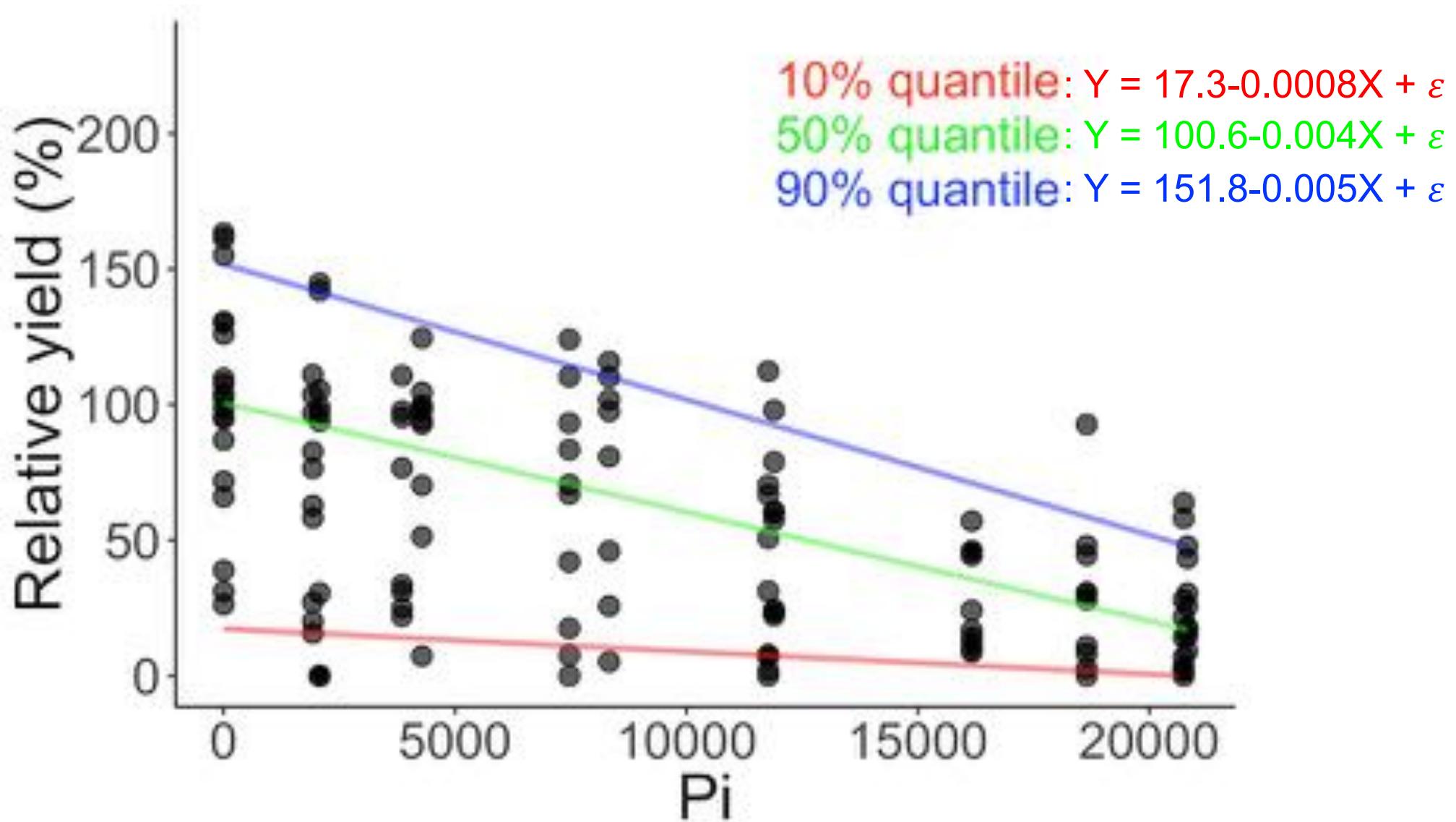
Pi vs. Yield components



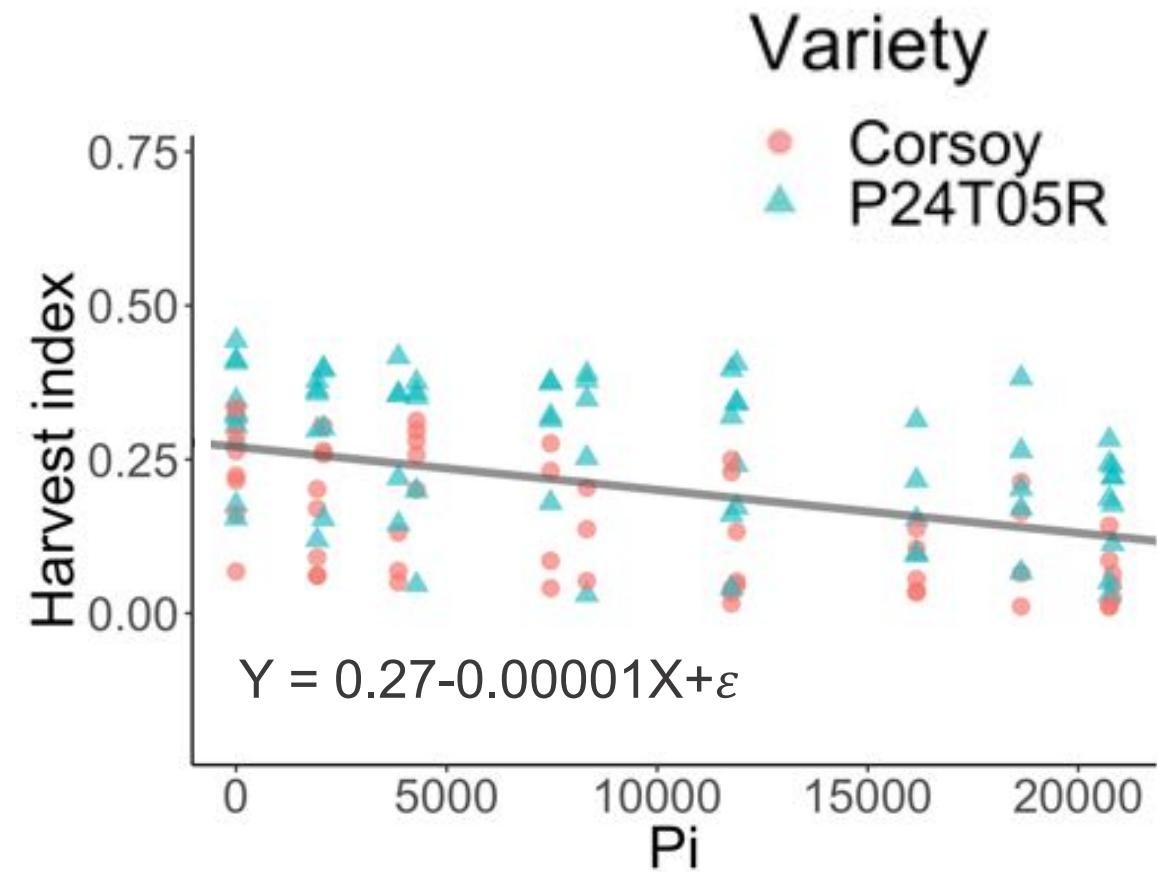
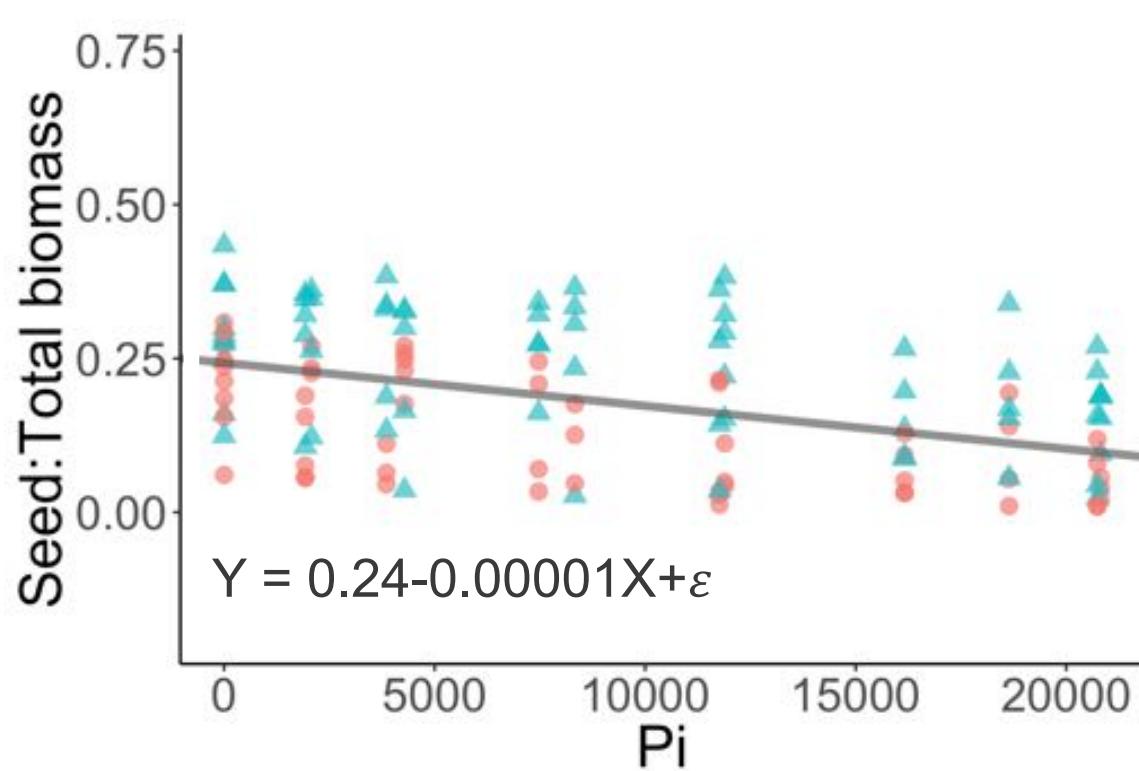
Variety

- Corsoy
- P24T05R

Pi vs. Relative yield



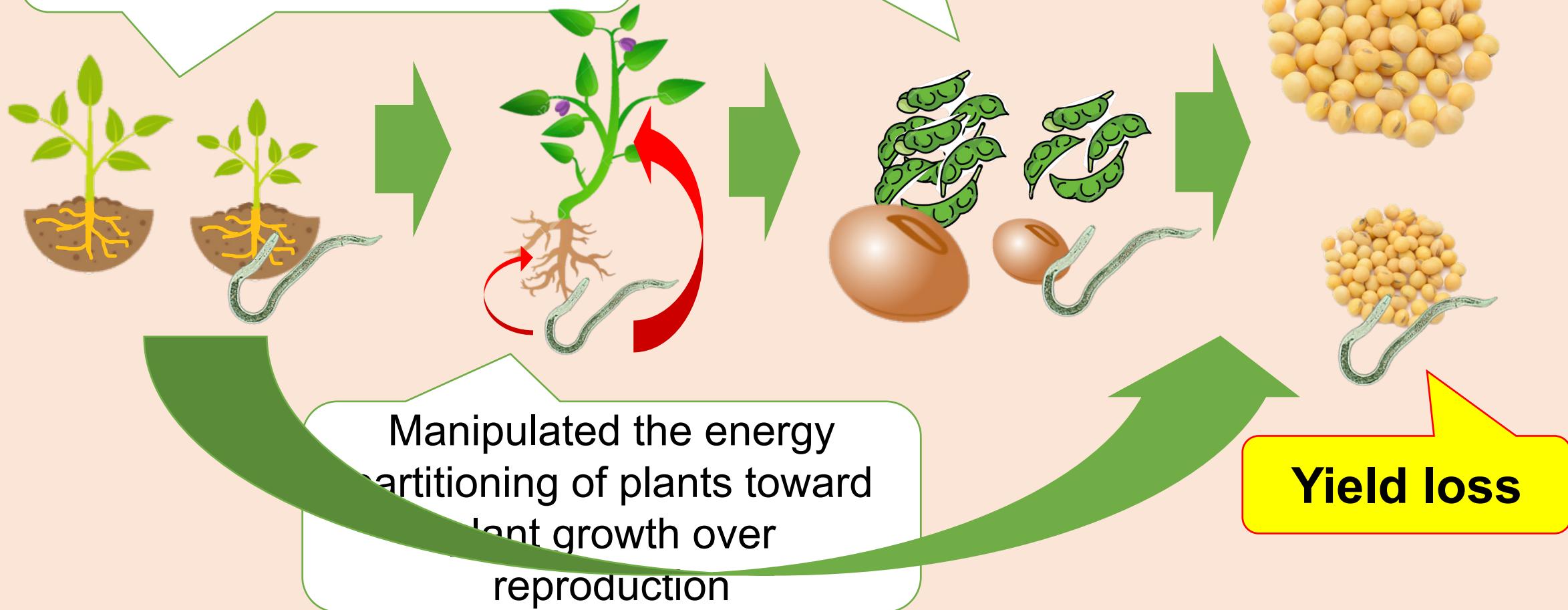
Effect of Pi on resource partitioning



Chapter 1 - Summary

Reduced shoot biomass but maintained root biomass.

Reduced pod number and seed mass

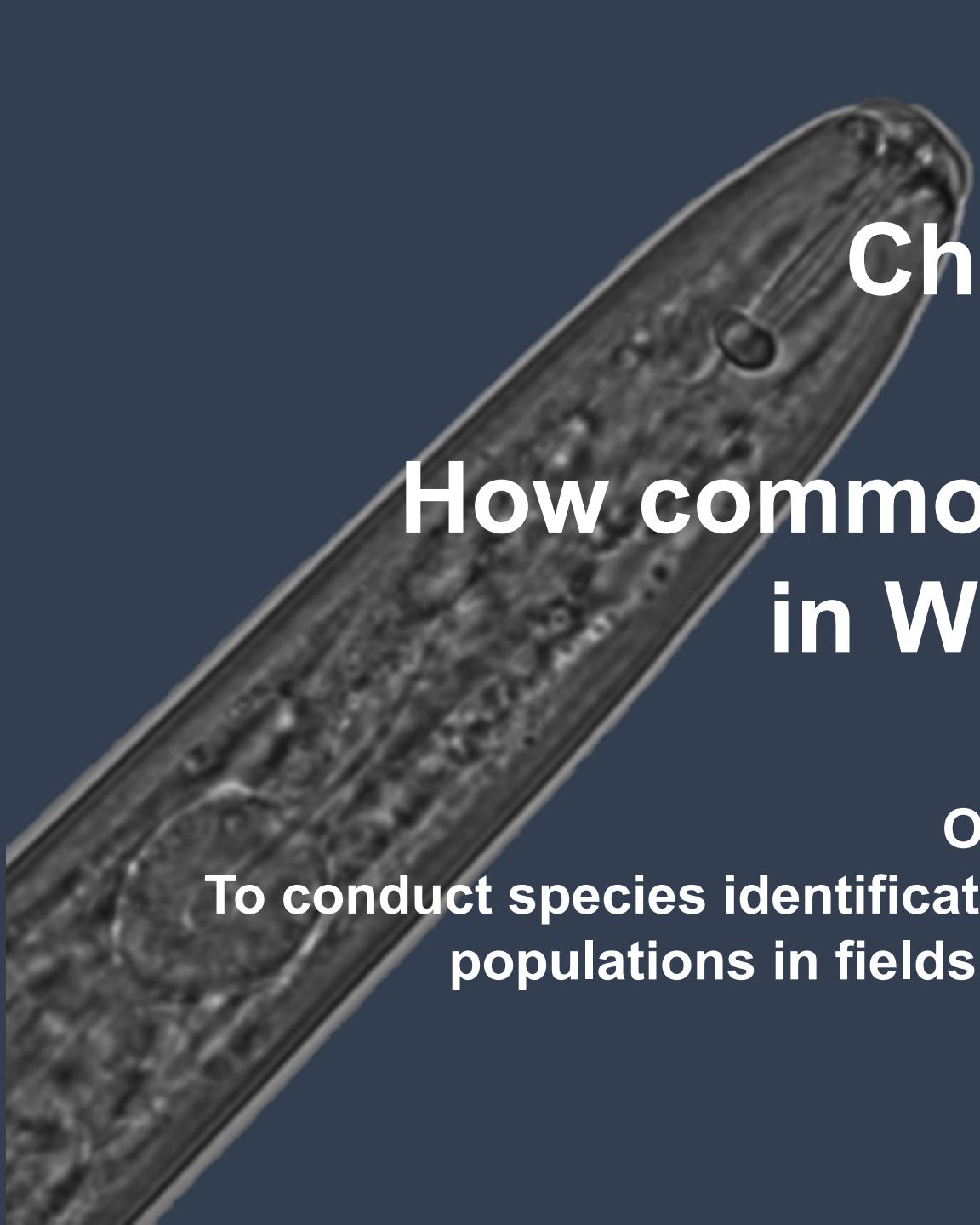


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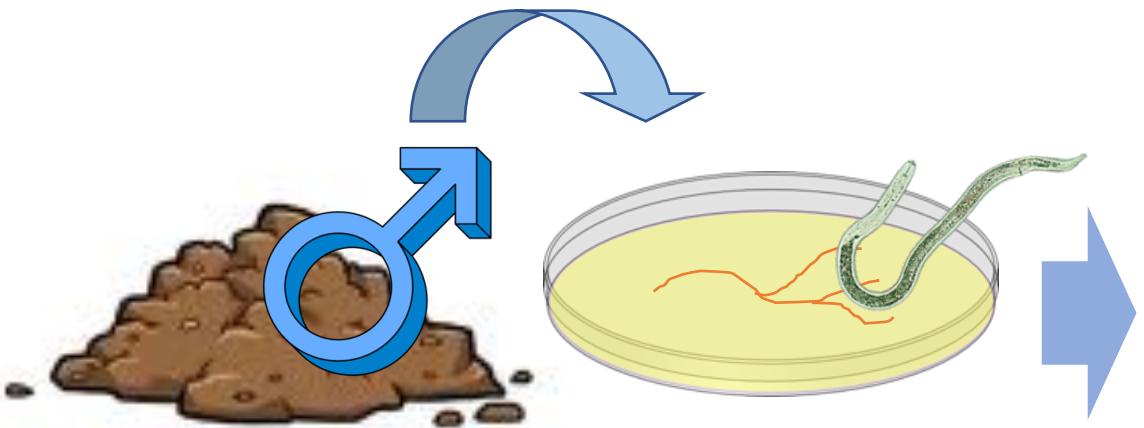
How common is *P. penetrans* in Wisconsin.

Objectives:

To conduct species identification of individual male nematodes from populations in fields with soybean in the rotation.

RLN isolation and characterizations

1. RLN isolation

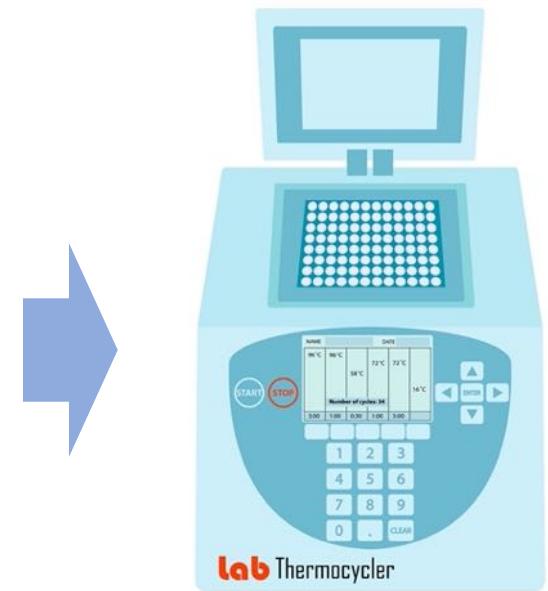


15 isolates (11 counties) +
2 Wisconsin isolates
of *P. penetrans*

2. Morphological characterization

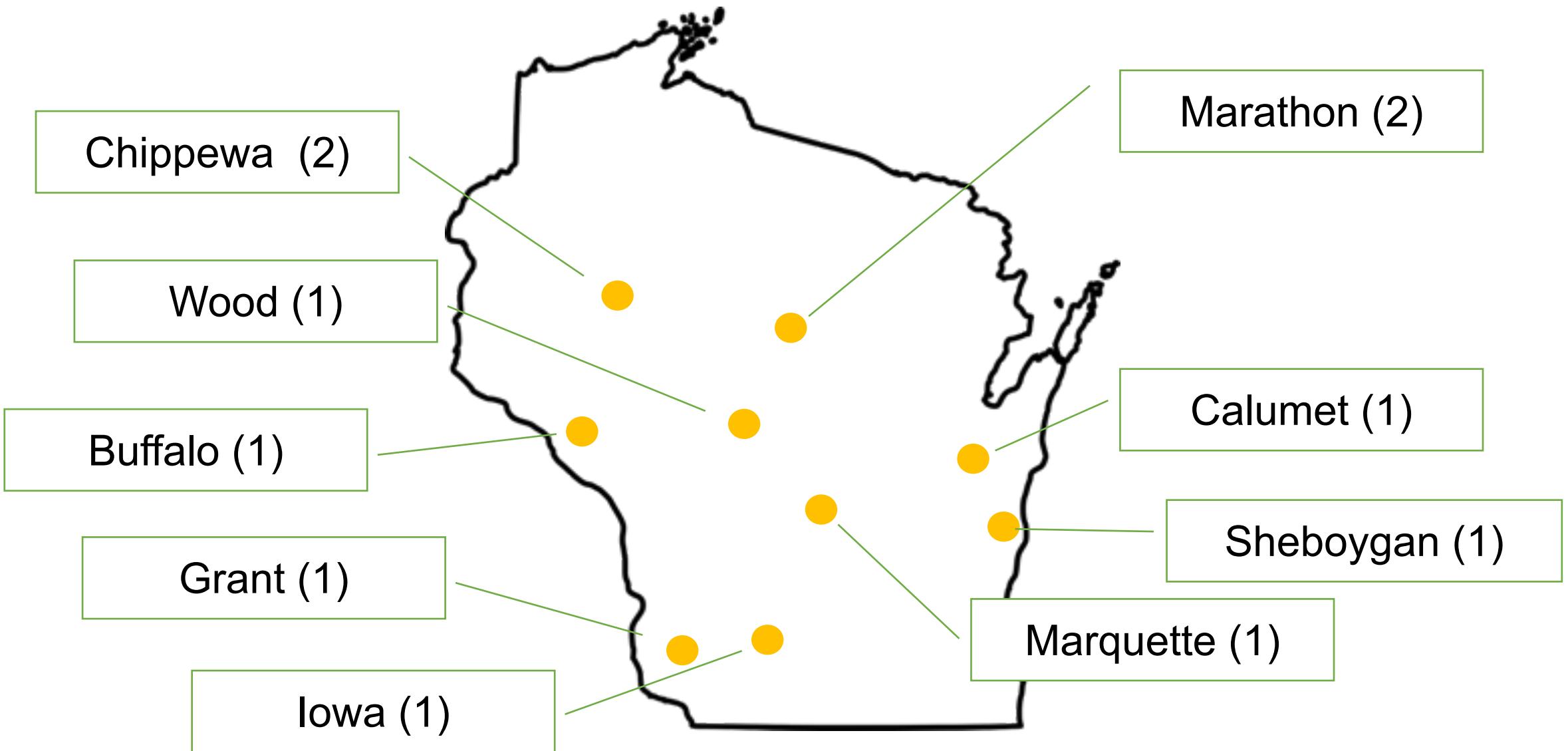


3. Molecular characterization

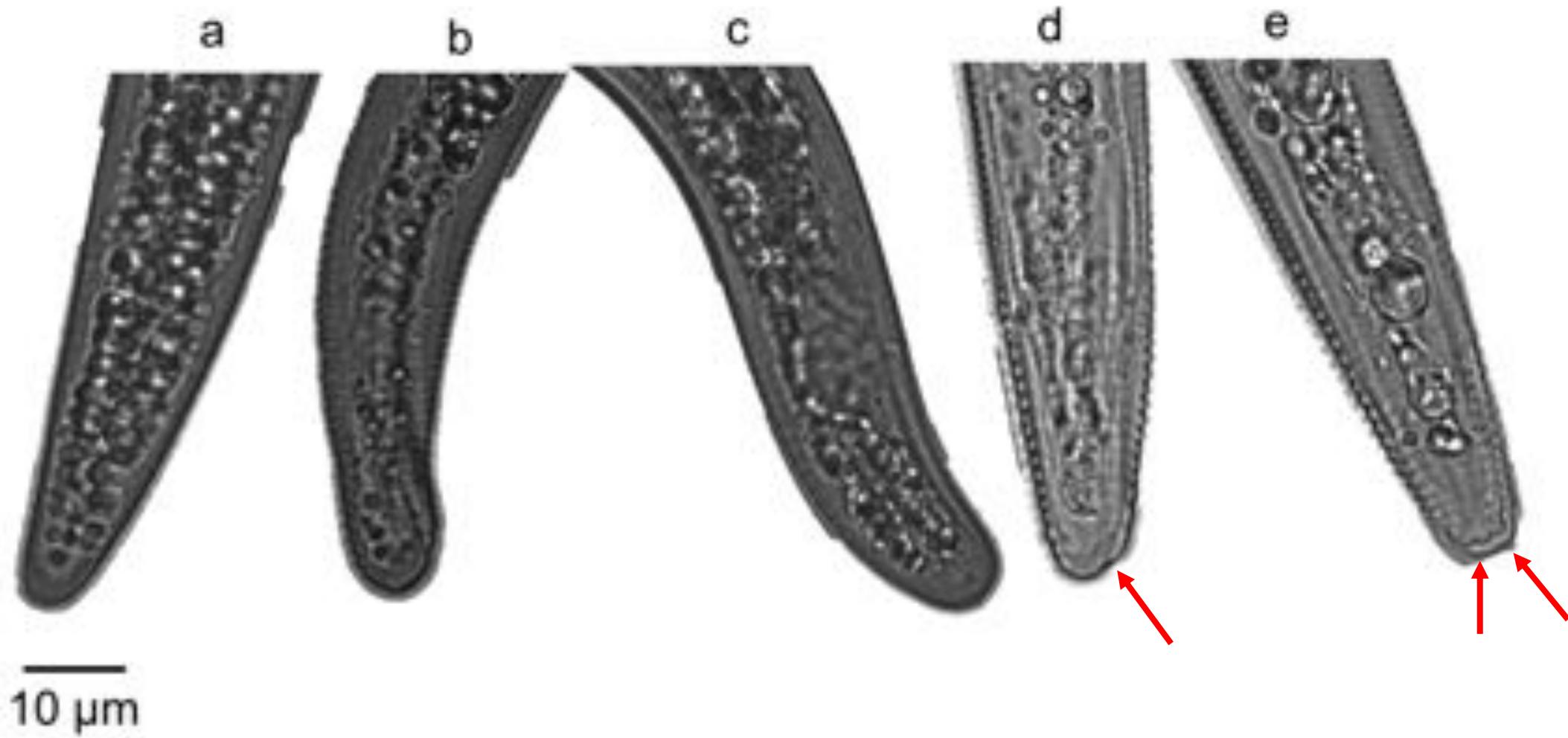


18S, 28S rDNA
COI mtDNA

Cultured isolates – *P. penetrans*



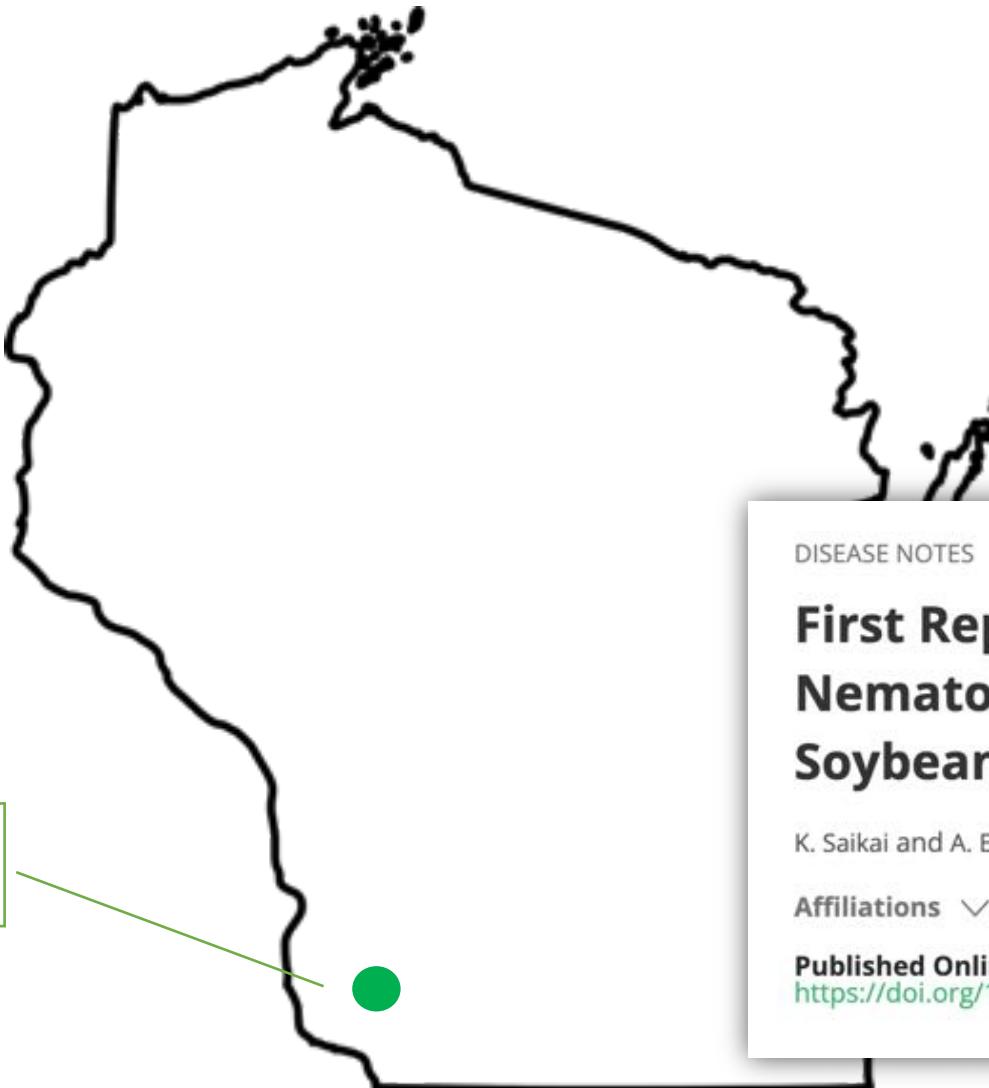
Variations in tail shapes of *P. penetrans*



Cultured isolates – *P. alleni*



Grant



DISEASE NOTES



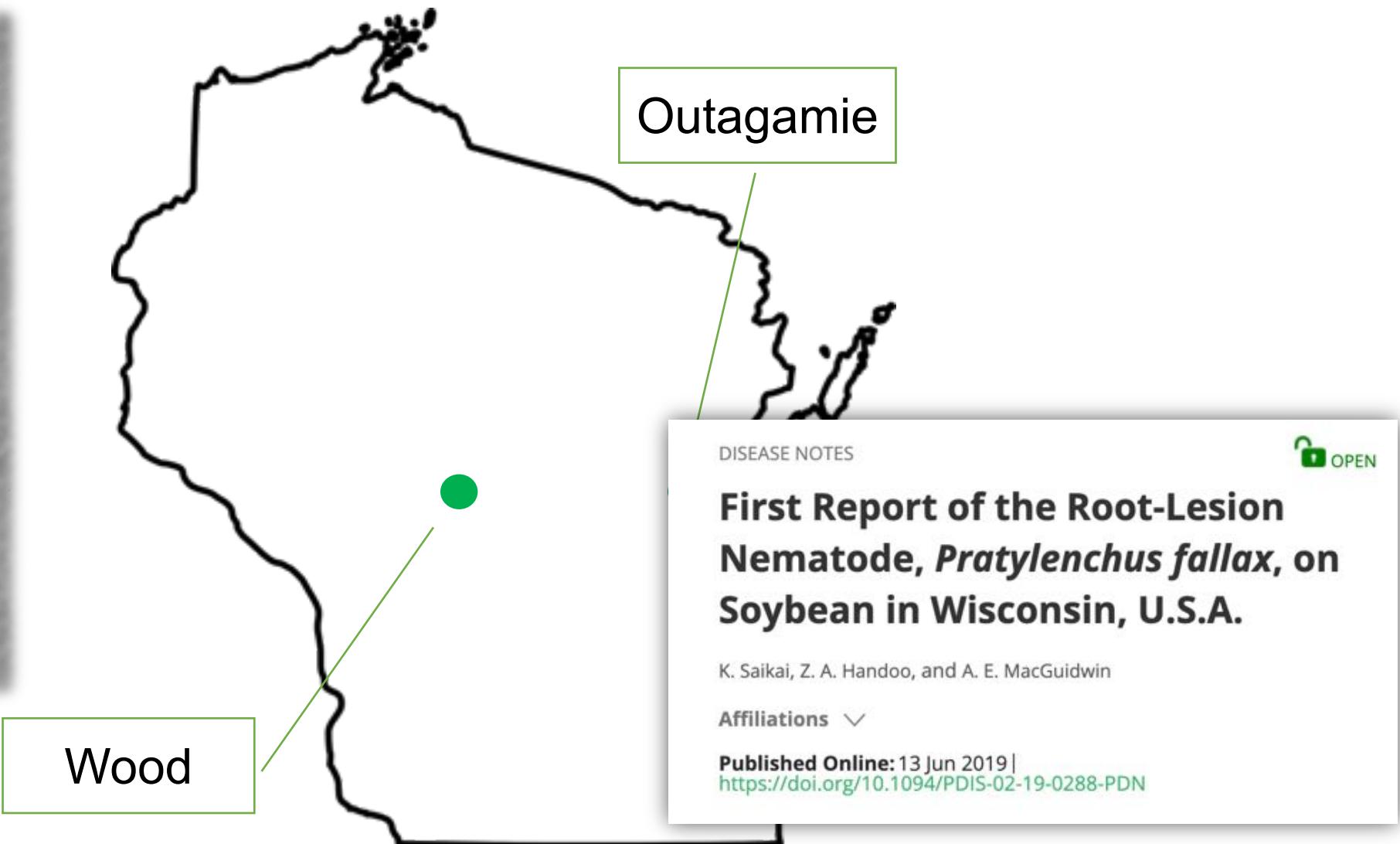
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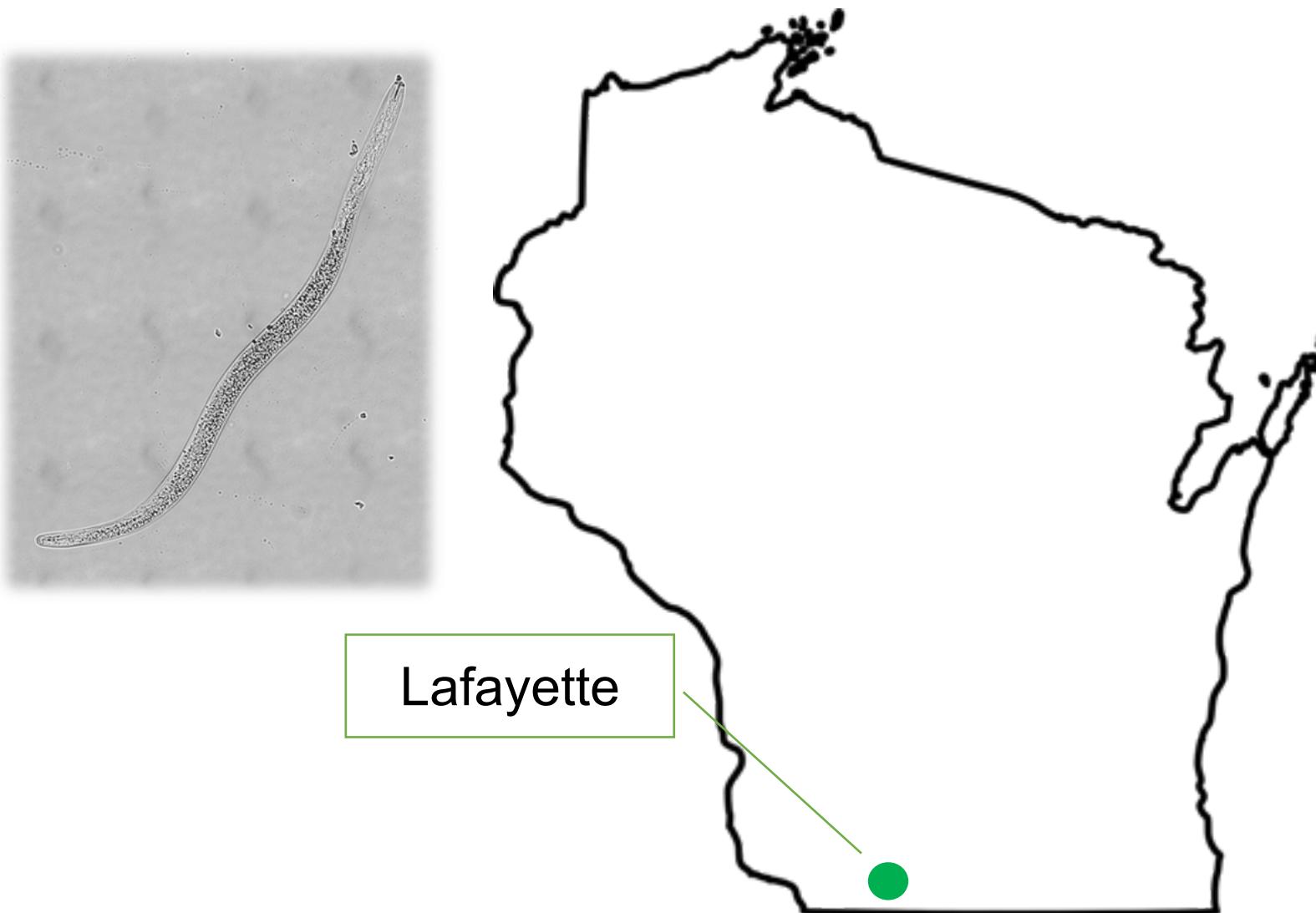
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Cultured isolates – *P. fallax*

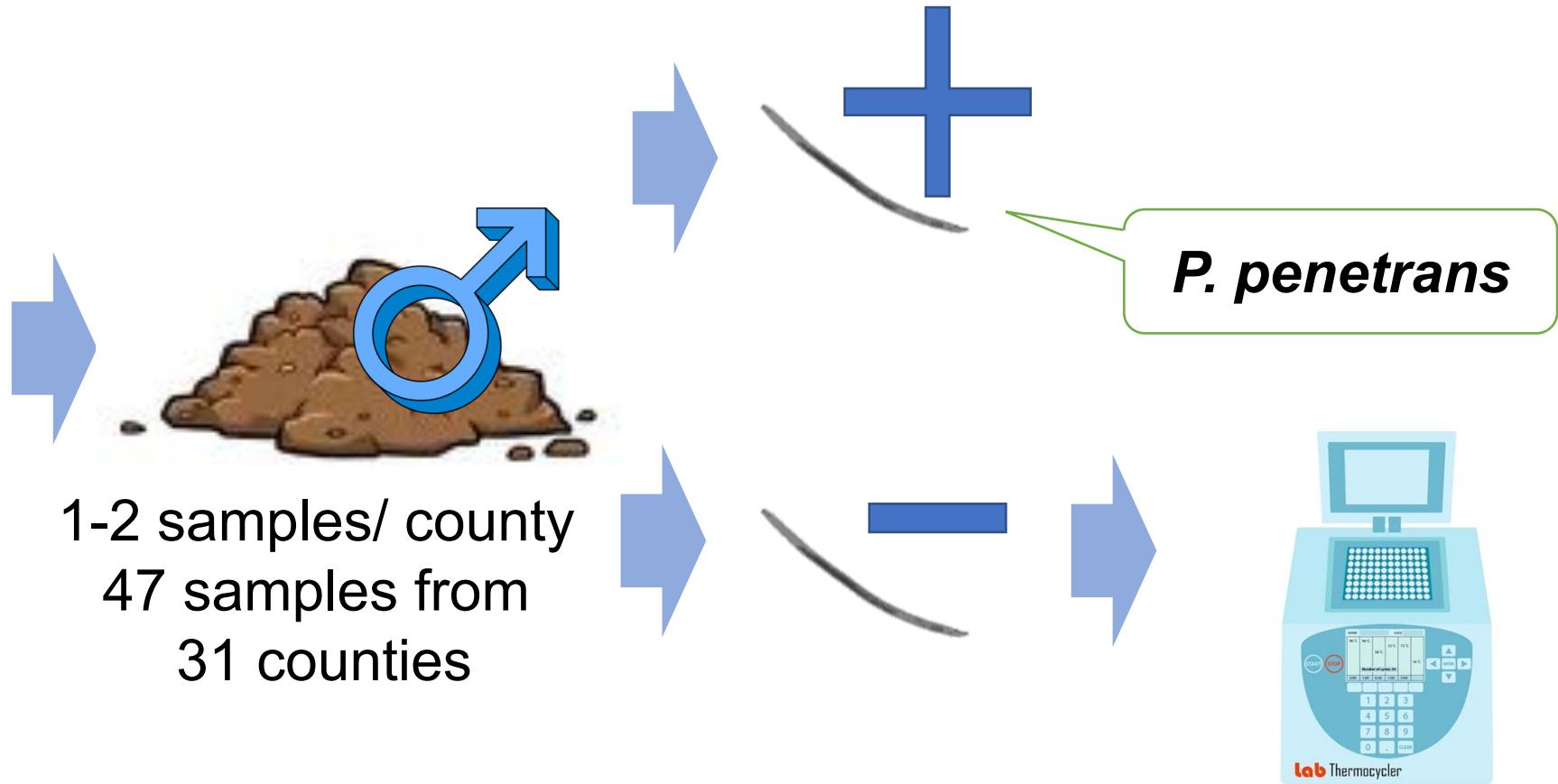
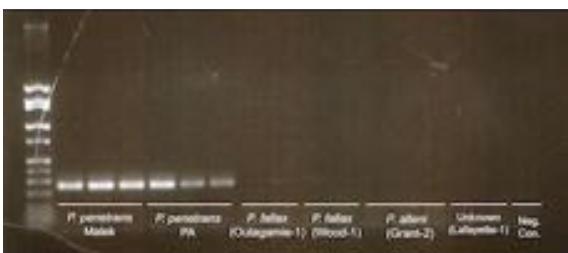


Cultured isolates – unknown



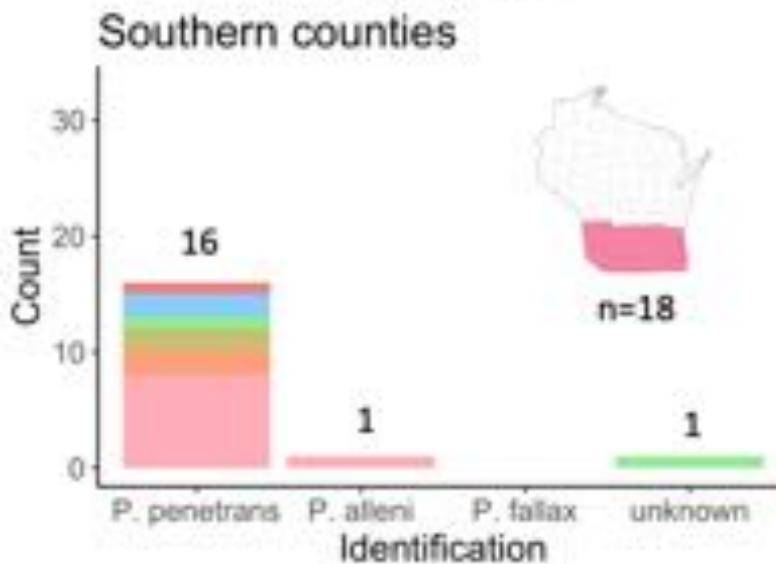
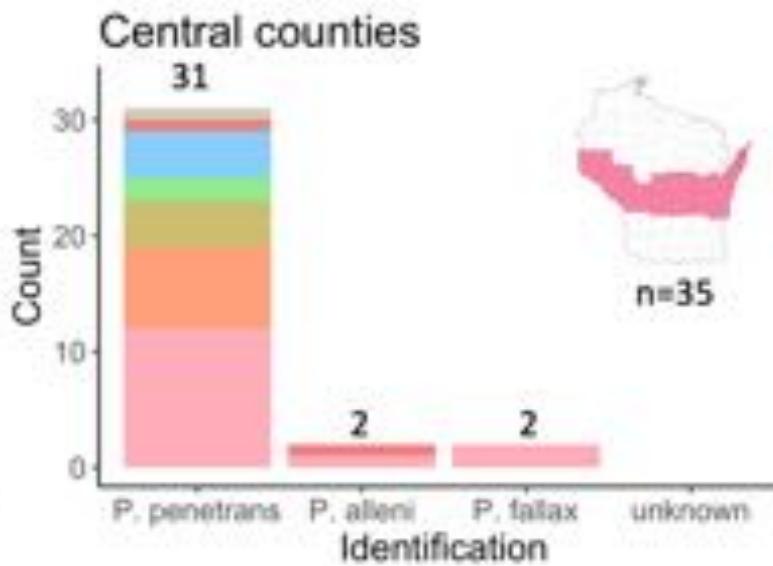
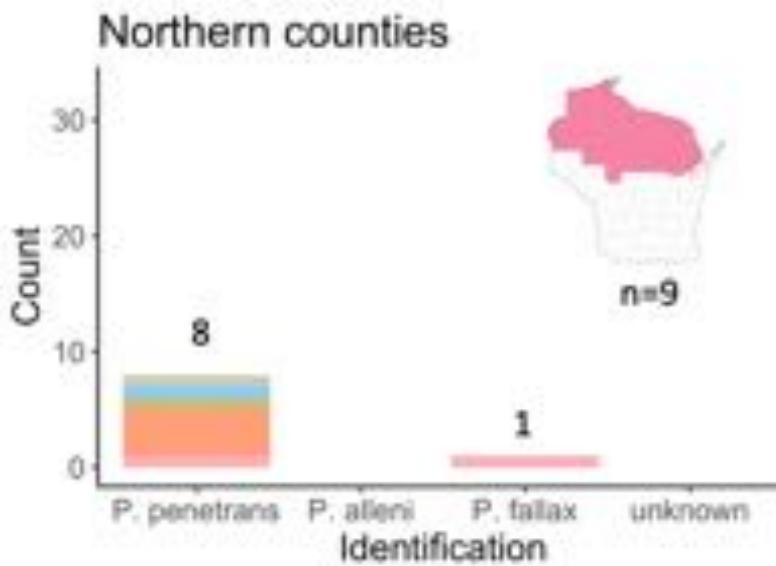
Survey Process

Test species-specific primer



28S rDNA
COI mtDNA

Survey Results

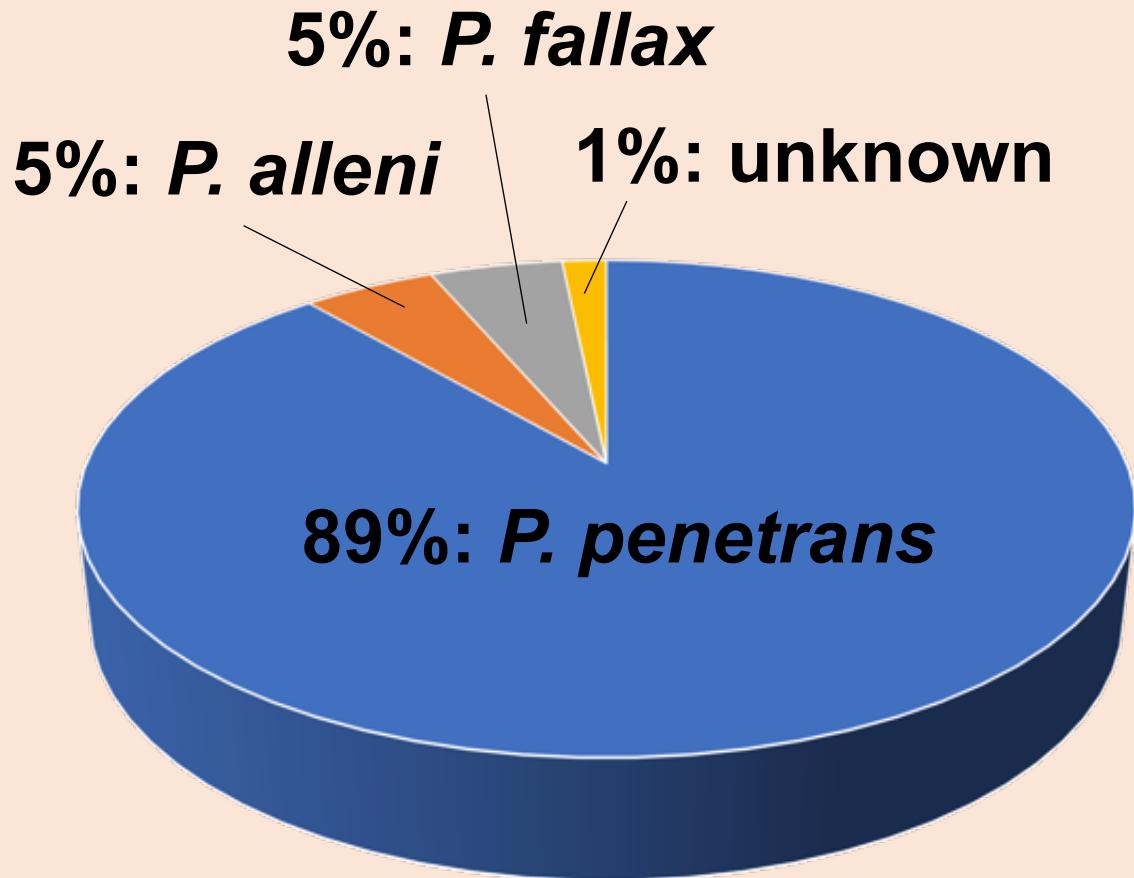


Soil type

- clay
- loam
- loamy sand
- no report
- sand
- sandy loam
- silt loam

62 samples,
61 farms in
41 counties in WI.

Chapter 2 Summary



A good rule of thumb for diagnostic labs to assume that a **sample with males is likely to be *P. penetrans*.**

P. penetrans was found from 42 counties on all soil textures.

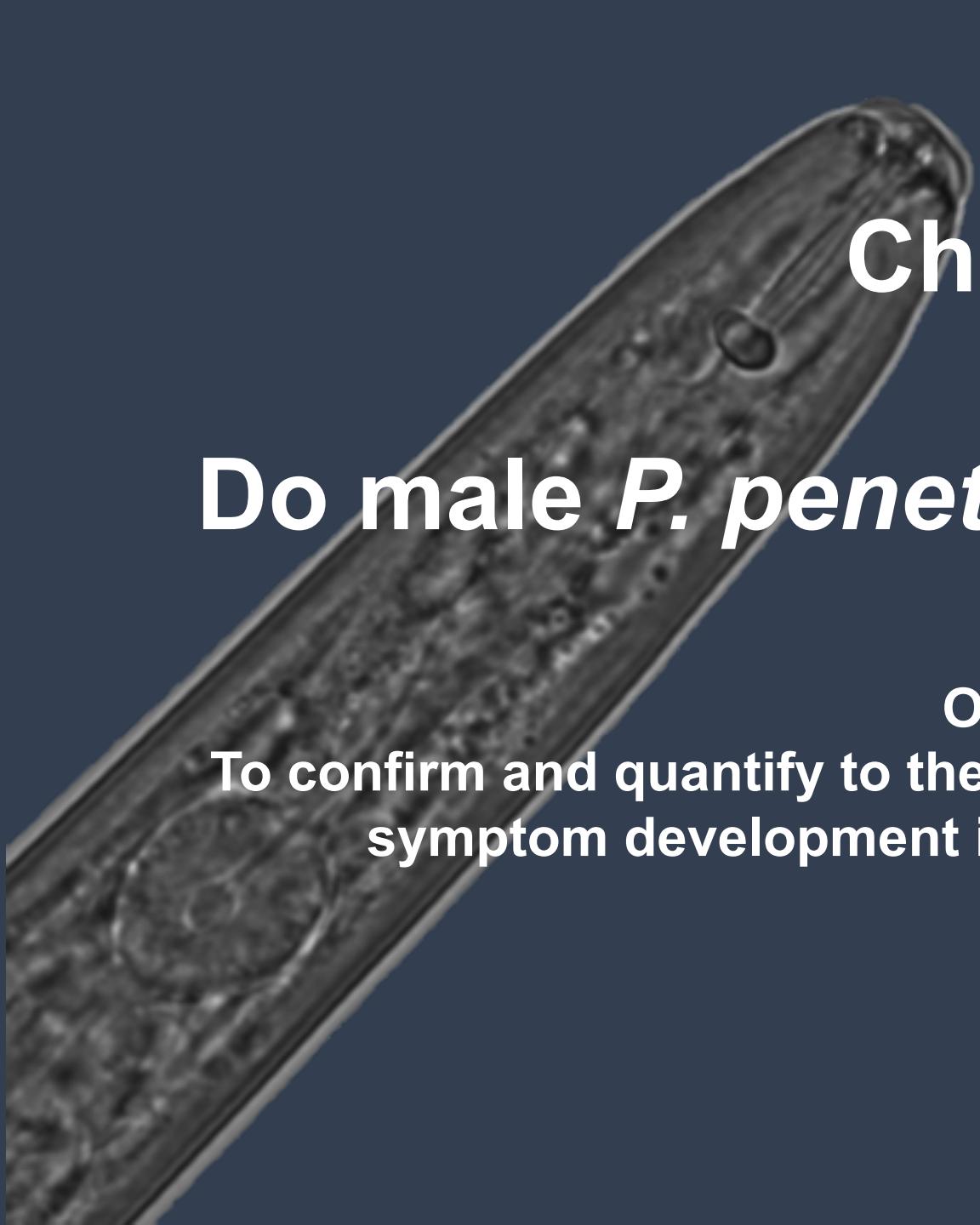
Need further studies on the damage potential of *P. alleni* and *P. fallax*.

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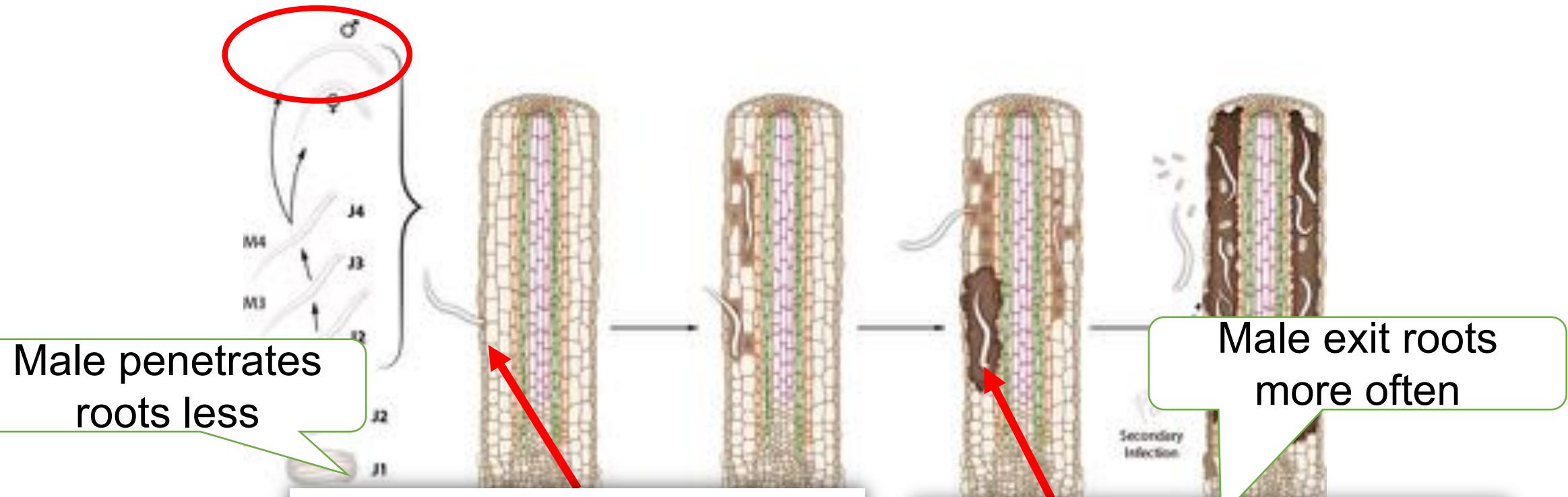
Chapter 3.

Do male *P. penetrans* induce lesions?

Objectives:

To confirm and quantify to the observation of gender differences for symptom development in roots infected by *P. penetrans*

Background



Male penetrates roots less

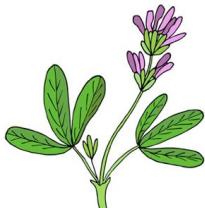
Male exit roots more often

Infectivity of *Pratylenchus penetrans* on Alfalfa¹

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¹: The infectivity of *Pratylenchus penetrans* on alfalfa seedlings cv. Du Puis was studied. The root-hair zone was the preferred zone of penetration by females, males, and third-stage larvae. A lesion initially appeared as a water-soaked area at the root surface, becoming yellowish as the nematode entered the cortex, with dark-brown cells later appearing in the tissue. At 20 °C, females penetrated roots earlier, faster, and in greater numbers than either males or third-stage larvae. Females penetrated roots at temperatures from 5 °C, with maximum penetration between 10 and 30 °C, while males and third-stage larvae penetrated roots only between 10 and 30 °C with maximum penetration at 20 °C. Penetration by females, males, and third-stage larvae increased after storage of 5 °C for 35 days, but did not increase after storage of 140 days or more. Combinations of the three life stages in pairs neither inhibited nor inhibited penetration of roots by individual life stages; males were not attracted to females. Increasing inoculum density up to 20 nematodes/seedling did not affect penetration.

²: Key Words: root-knot nematode, penetration, lesion, *Medicago sativa*.



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Differences in Egress of Male and Female *Pratylenchus penetrans* from Pea Roots¹

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Keywords: attraction, behavior, egress, infection, migration, *Pratylenchus penetrans*.

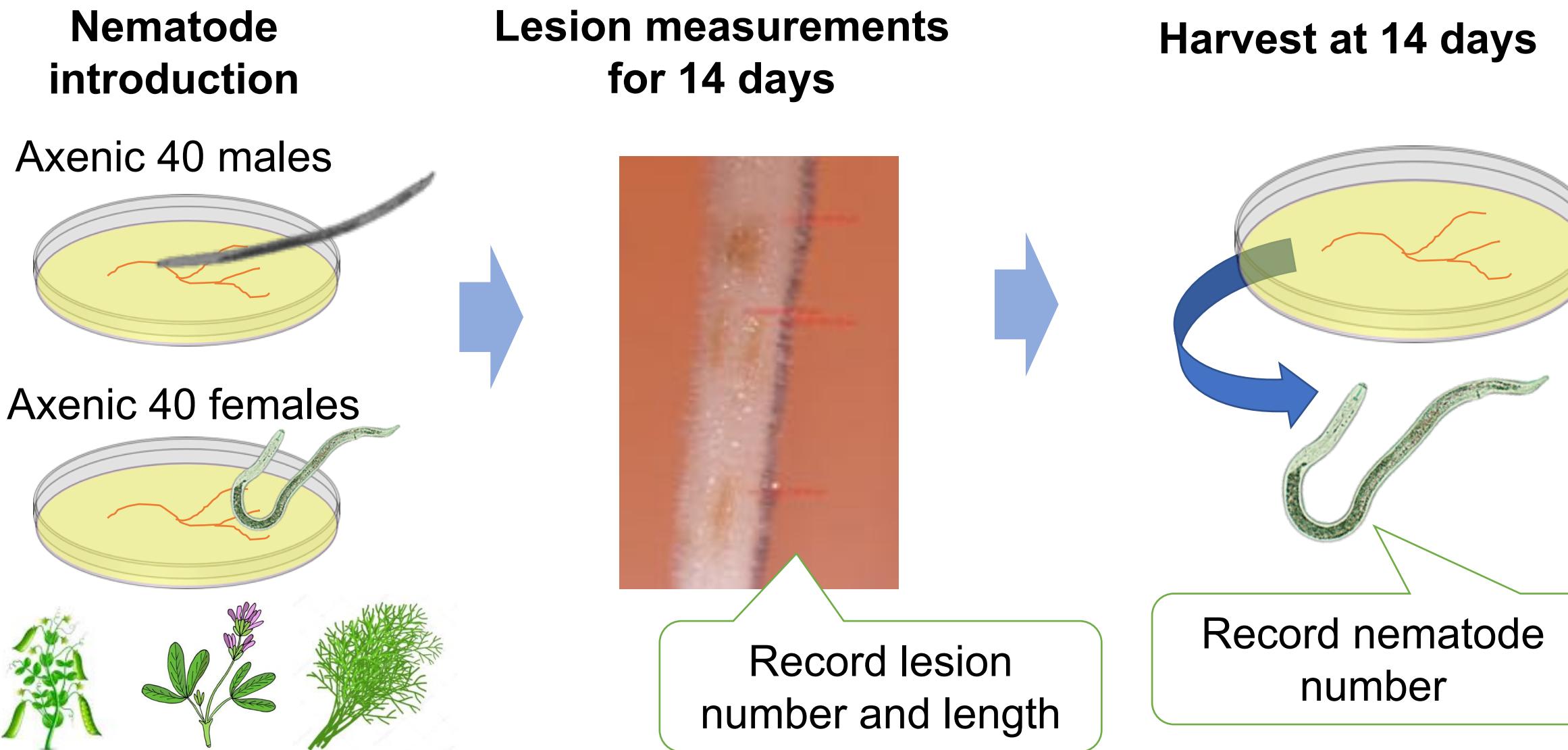
Pratylenchus spp. are migratory endoparasites of plants. Despite being obligate par-

asites of plants, they can move between host plants and between different plant species. They can also move within a single plant, often moving from the root system to the stem or leaves. This movement is driven by various factors, including temperature, humidity, and light. For example, *P. penetrans* has been shown to move towards higher temperatures and away from lower temperatures. It has also been shown to move towards higher humidity levels and away from lower humidity levels. Light can also influence the movement of *P. penetrans*, with some studies showing that it moves towards light and others showing that it moves away from light.

Pea seeds (*Pisum sativum* L. cv. Early Per-



In vitro study design

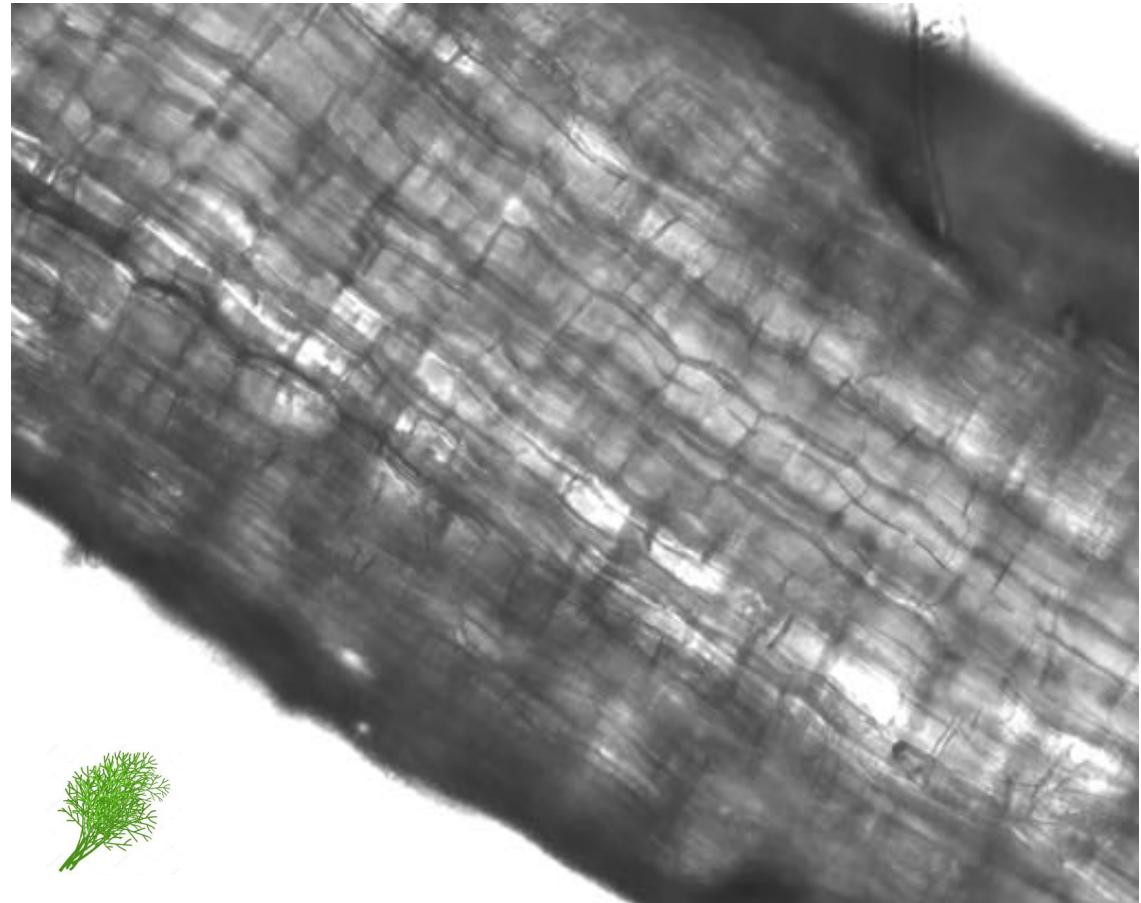
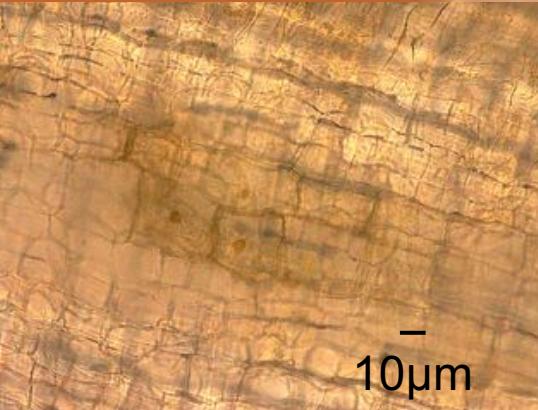
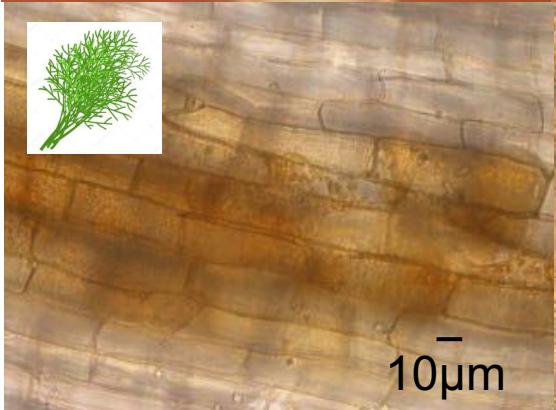


Lesions by female and male

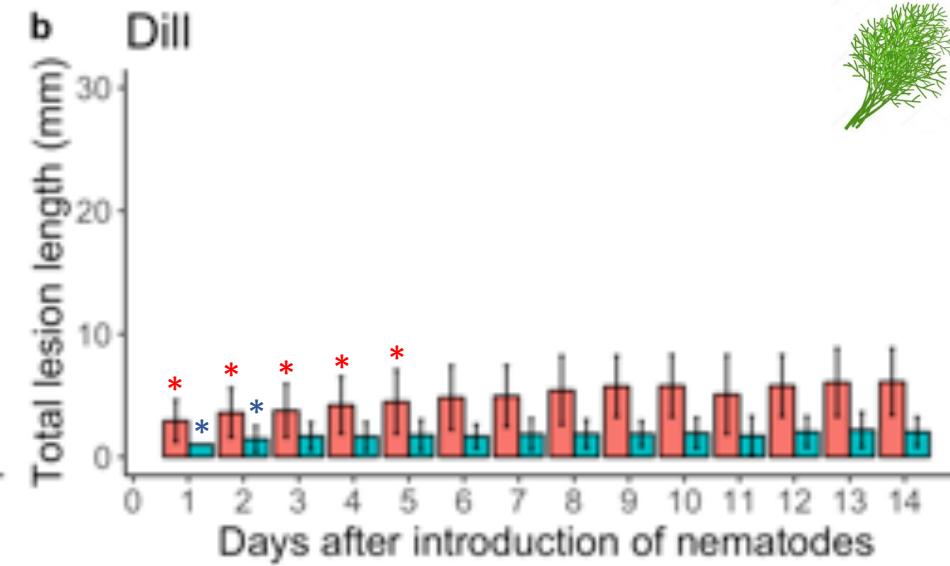
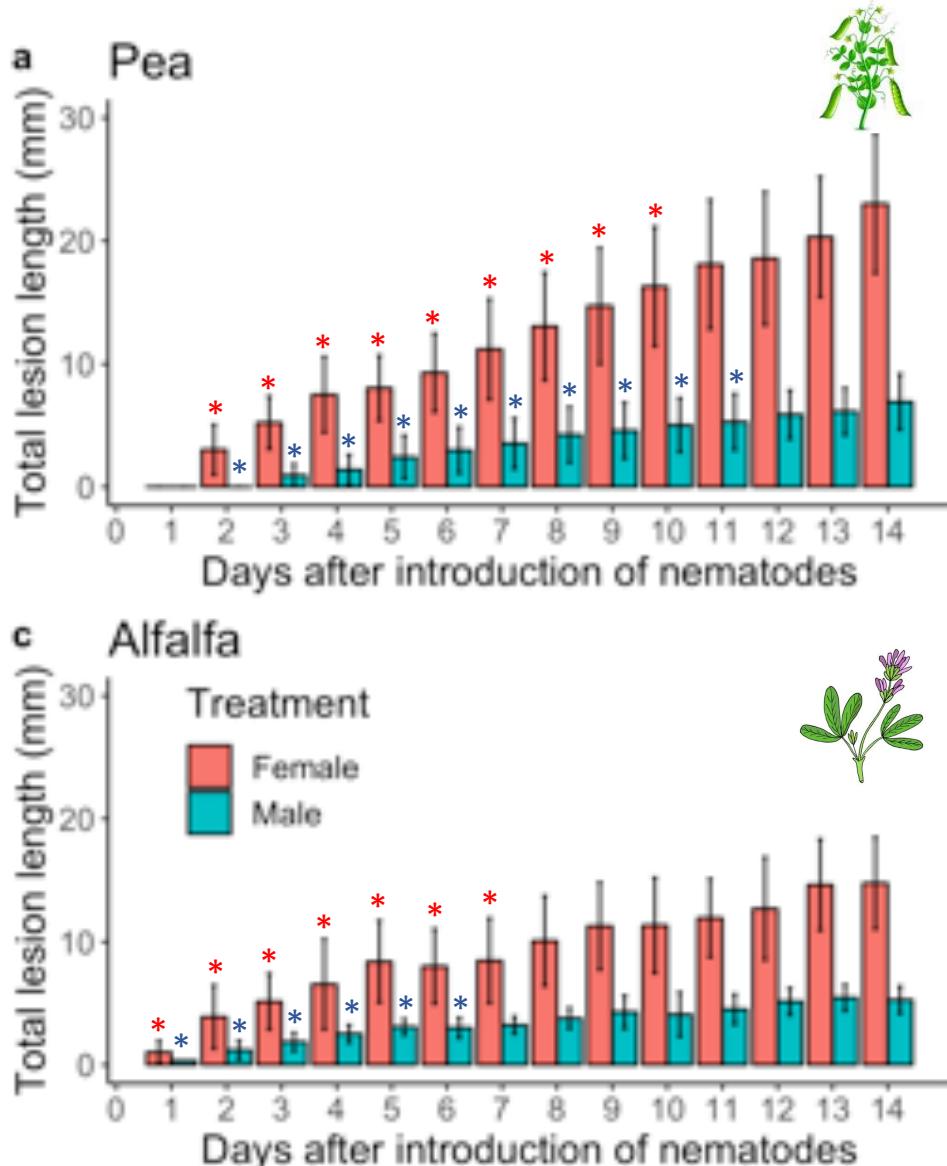
female



male



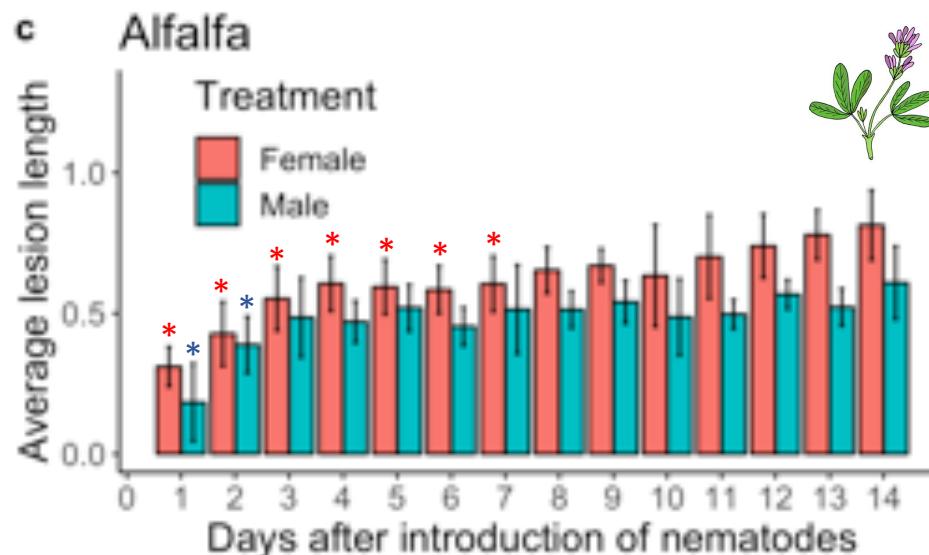
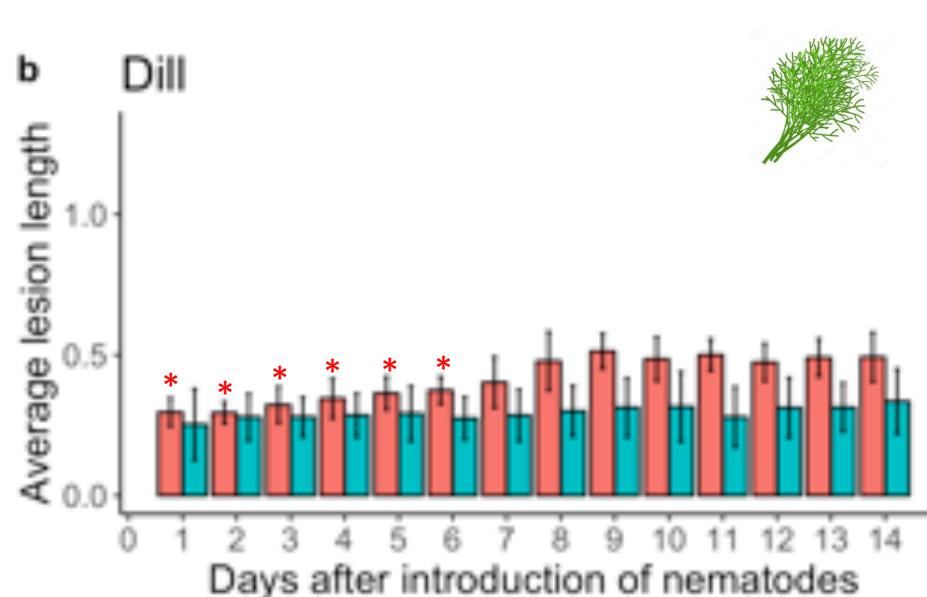
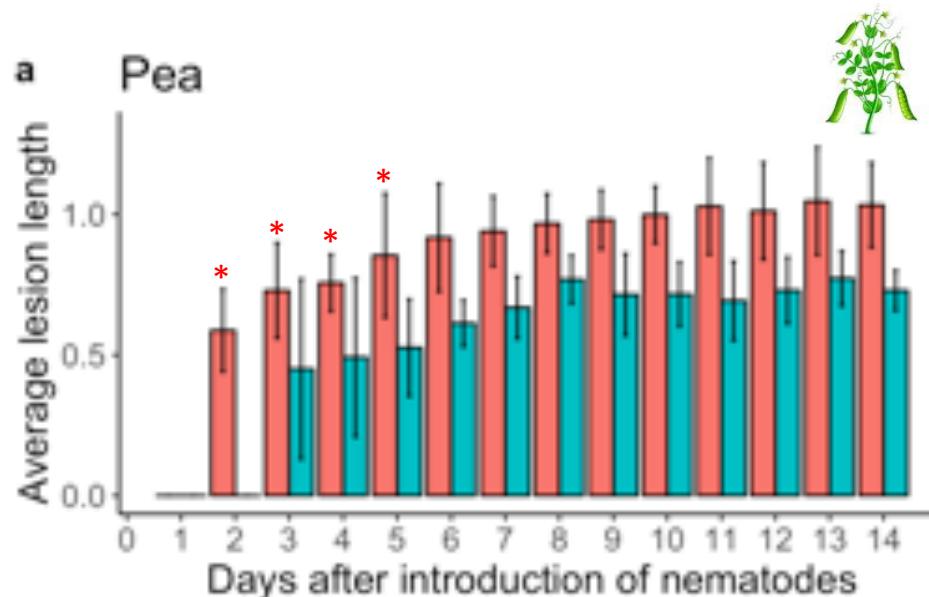
Gender effect on total lesion length



Total lesion length was greater ($P < 0.01$) for females than males at **every time point**.

* = difference ($P < 0.05$) between each time point and day 14

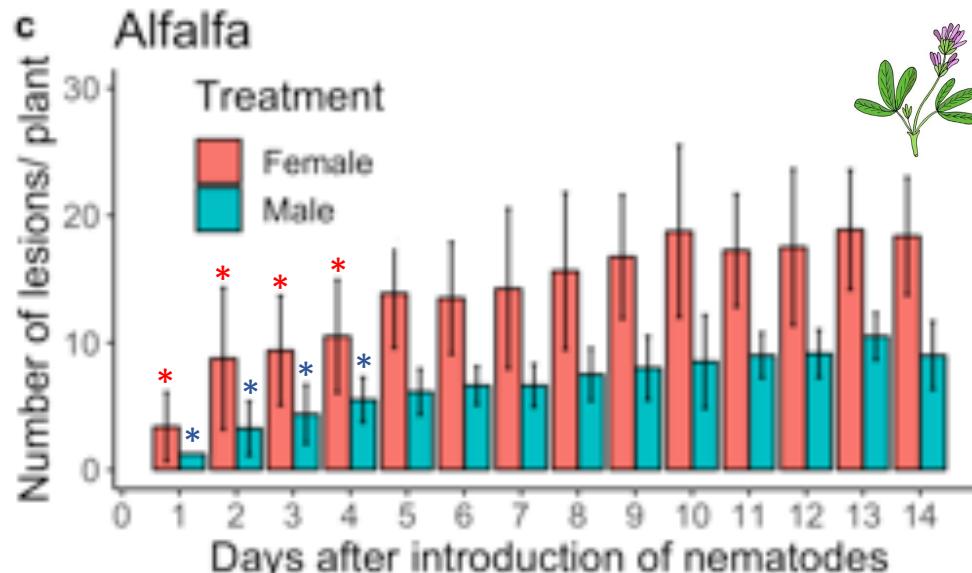
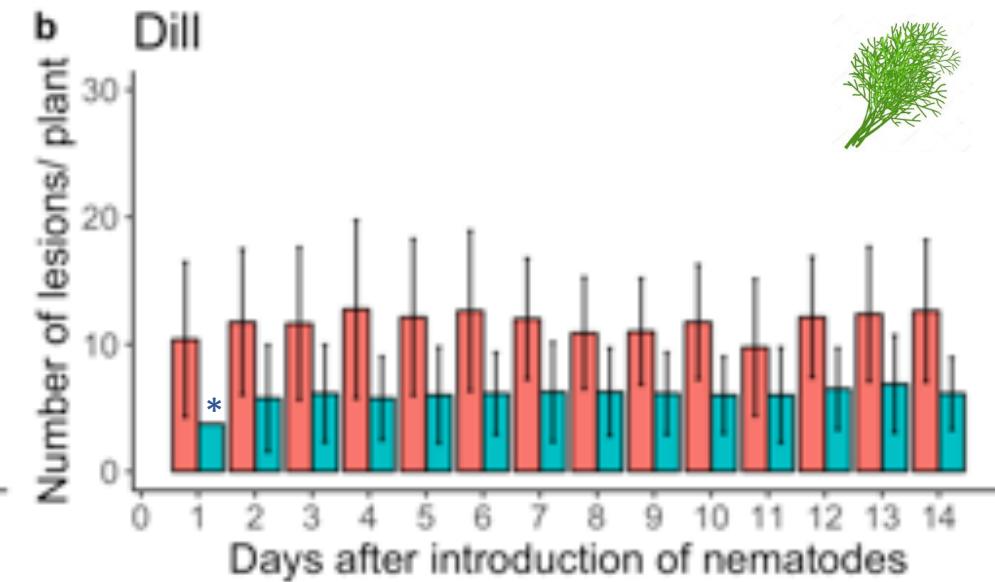
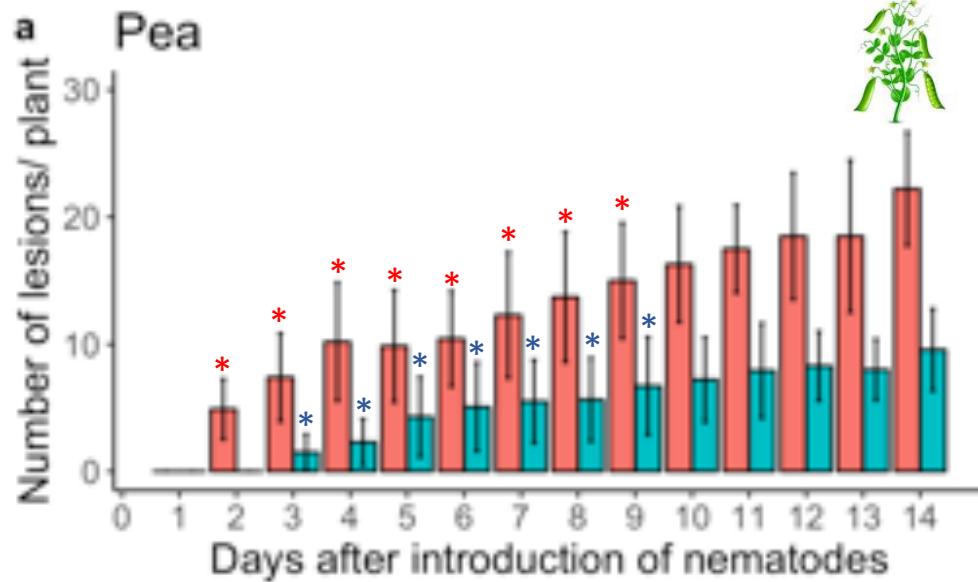
Gender effect on average lesion length



Average lesion length was greater ($P <0.01$) for female after **day 3 on pea and day 6 on dill and alfalfa**

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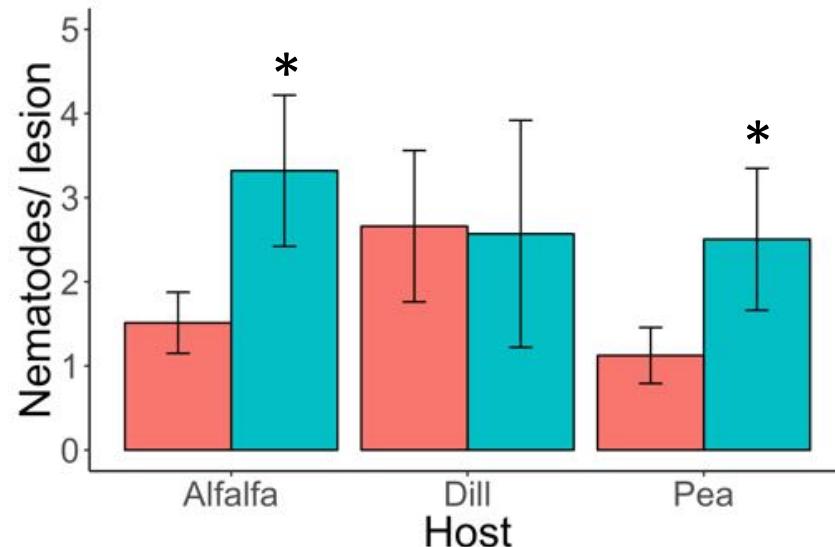
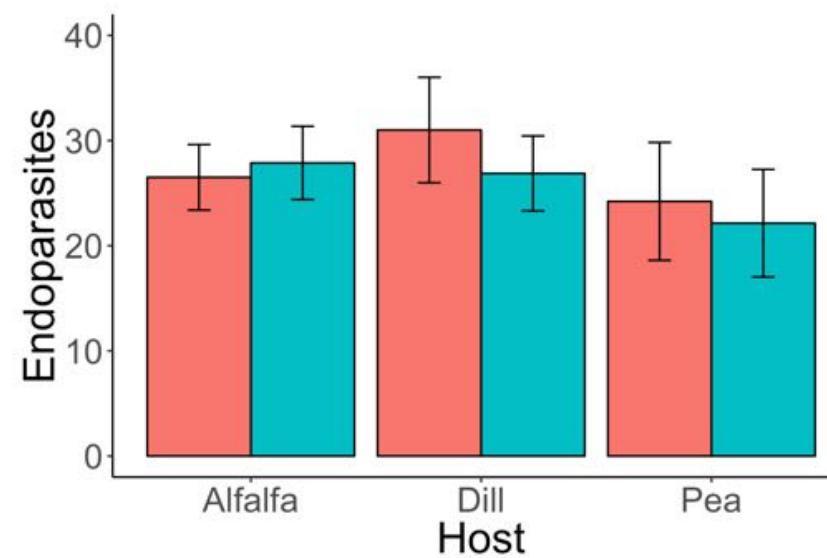
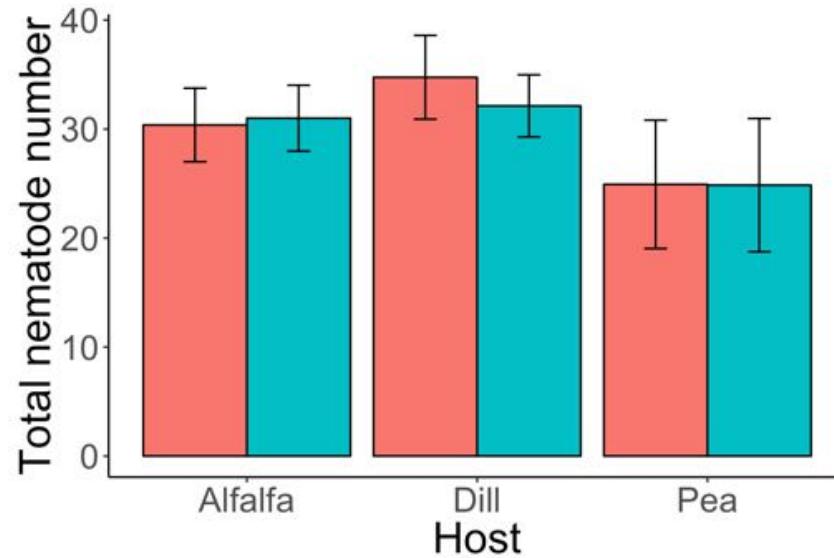
Gender effect on lesion number



Lesion number was greater ($P < 0.01$) for females than males at **every time point**.

* = difference ($P < 0.05$) between each time point and day 14

Number of nematodes at day 14



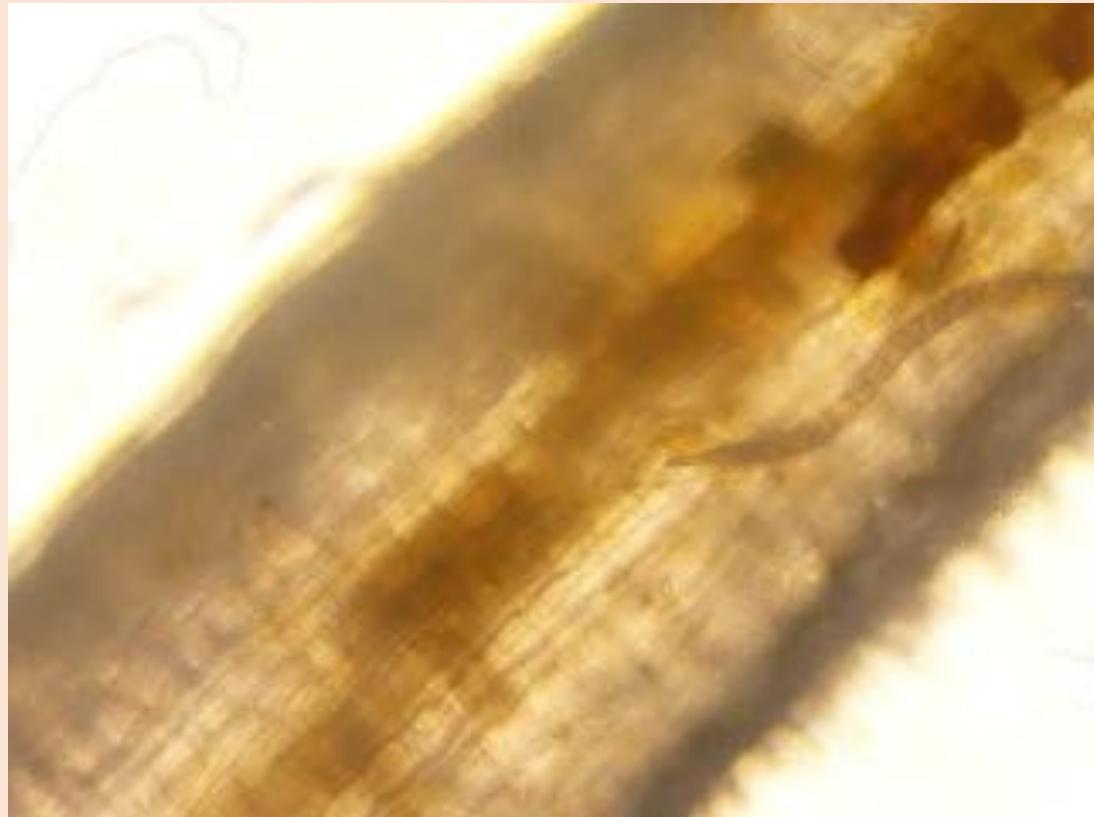
Treatment

Female
Male

Number of total RLN and endoparasites did not differ by gender.

* = gender difference ($P < 0.01$)

Chapter 3 - Summary



Male *P. penetrans* induced fewer lesions on the three hosts.

Root infection and occupancy was the same for both genders, diminishing the possibility that our findings were biased by gender difference in infection competency.

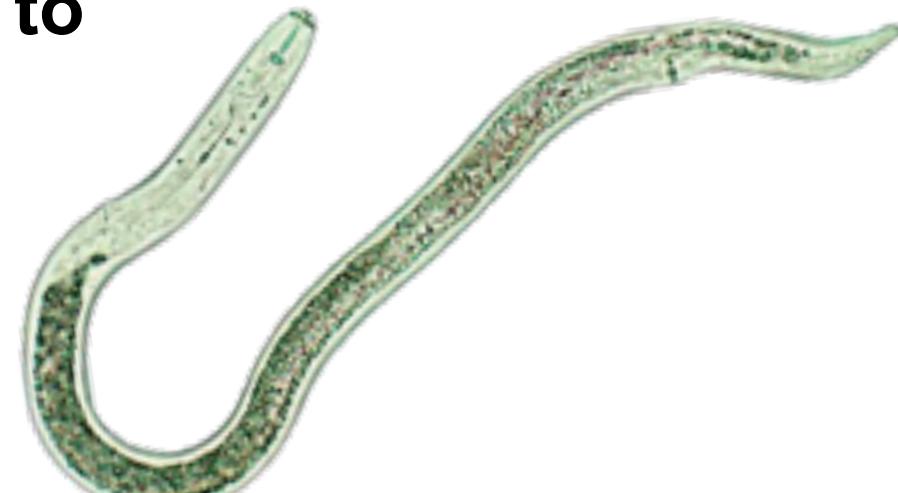
Greater lesion number and size were constantly associated with female at all time points.

Synthesis

Pratylenchus penetrans is an important pathogen on soybean.

The nematode induces yield loss by reducing pod number and seed mass.

The high incidence of *P. penetrans* demonstrated in chapter 2 in combination with its damage potential based on chapter 1 suggest *P. penetrans* is a major constraint to the soybean industry.



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