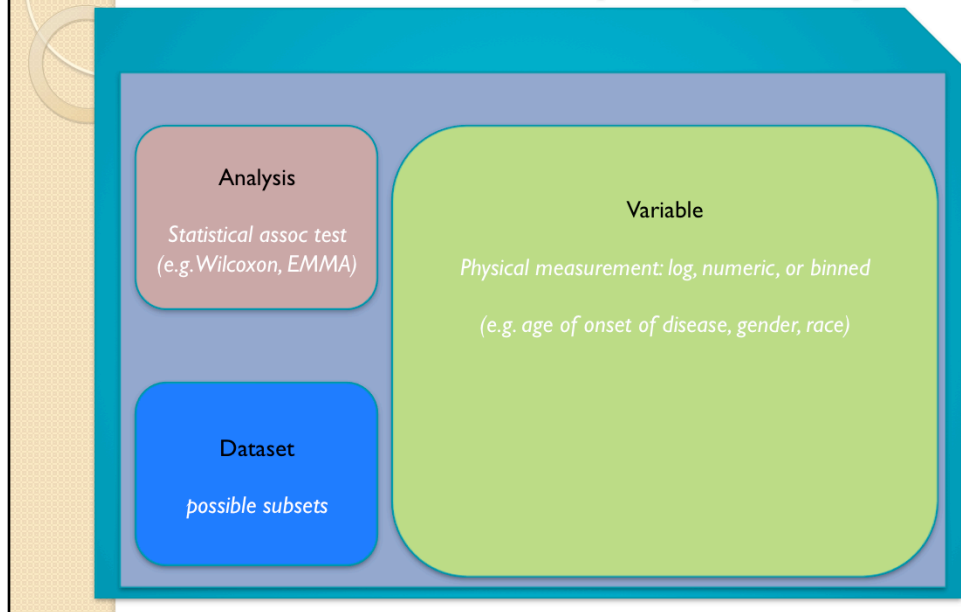


## Gramene Retreat: A.t. Flowering Time GWAS



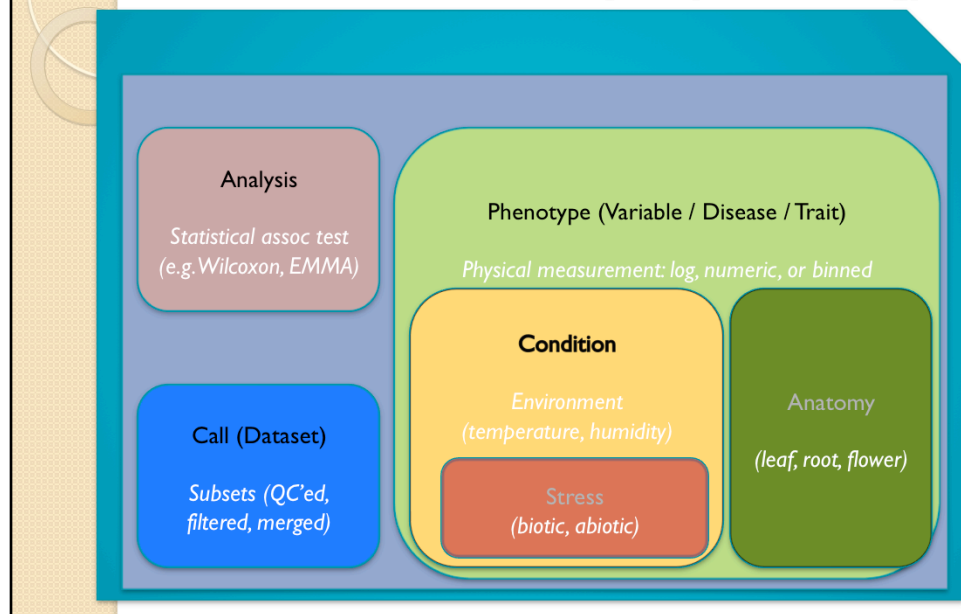
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17 June 2010

## Basic GWAS concepts (dbGaP)



Gap#1: dbGaP is NCBI's pheno/genotypic equivalent of dbSNP – it stores Variations, Documents and Analyses (Associations), which may not be enough

## A.t.2010 GWAS concepts (Nordborg)



Genome-wide association study of 107 phenotypes in *Arabidopsis thaliana* inbred lines

[Susanna Atwell, Yu S. Huang, Bjarni J. Vilhjálmsson, Glenda Willems, Matthew Horton, Yan Li, Dazhe Meng, Alexander Platt, Aaron M. Tarone, Tina T. Hu, Rong Jiang, N. Wayan Muliyati, Xu Zhang, Muhammad Ali Amer, Ivan Baxter, Benjamin Brachi, Joanne Chory, Caroline Dean, Marilyne Debieu, Juliette de Meaux, Joseph R. Ecker, Nathalie Faure, Joel M. Kniskern, Jonathan D. G. Jones, Todd Michael et al.](#)  
[AffiliationsContributionsCorresponding authorNature 465, 627–631 \(03 June 2010\)](#)

# Current Ensembl Phenotype tab

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Location: 9:22,125,003-22,126,003 Variation: rs1333049

Variation: rs1333049

Variation class: SNP (source dbSNP:130 Variants (including SNPs and indels) imported from dbSNP [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/] [remapped from build NCB36])

Synonyms: ENSEMBL:Watson ENSNP13617910  
Affy GeneChip 500K Array SNP\_A-2191519  
dbSNP rs17761501, rs58344516, rs59077428  
Affy GenomeWideSNP\_6.0 SNP\_A-2191519  
ENSEMBL:Venter ENSNP2966091

Summary  
Gene/Transcript (2)  
Population genetics (8)  
Individual genotypes (336)  
Context  
Phenotype Data (6)  
Phylogenetic Context (4)  
External Data

http://www.ensembl.org/Homo\_sapiens/Location/Genome?ftype=Phenotype;id=413;phenotype\_name=Multiple%20complex%20diseases-Coronary%20Artery%20Disease;r=9:22125003-22126003;v=rs1333049;vdb=variation;vf=8859855

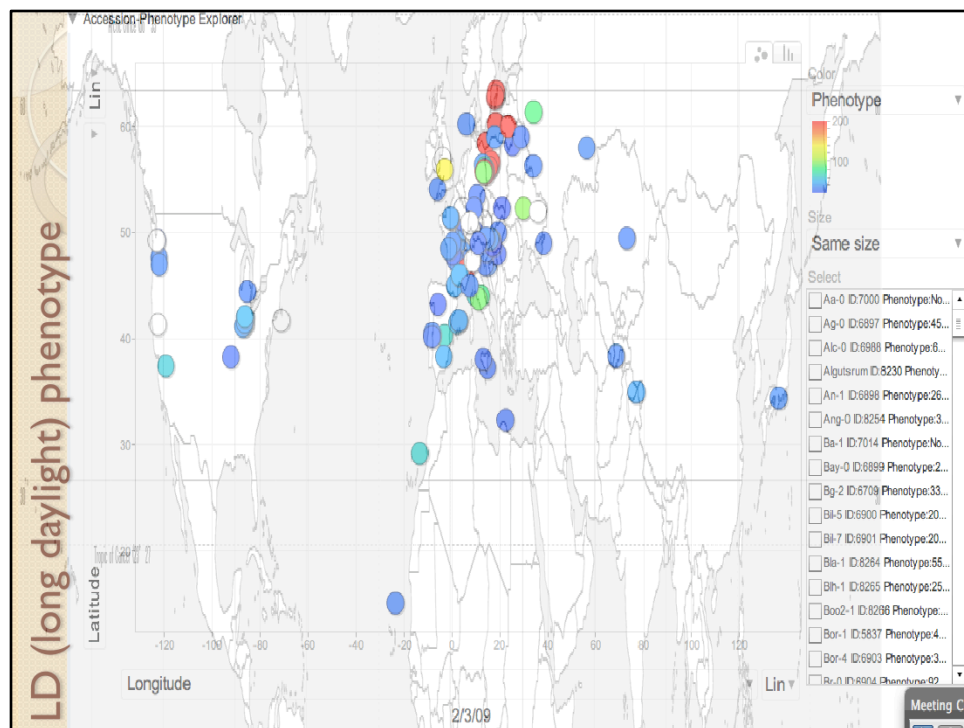
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9:22125503 (forward strand) Jump to region in detail

Phenotype / Association data is displayed only in tabular form

Disease/Trait	Source	Study	Associated Gene(s)	Strongest risk allele	Associated P value variant
Multiple complex diseases-Coronary Artery Disease [View on Karyotype]	[Open Access GWAS Database]	pubmed/17554300		rs1333049	1.79E-14
Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) [View on Karyotype]	[EGA]			rs1333049	
Coronary disease [View on Karyotype]	[Open Access GWAS Database]	pubmed/17634448	CDKN2A,CDKN2B,MTAP	rs1333049	2.90E-19
Coronary disease [View on Karyotype]	[NHGRI GWAS catalog]	pubmed/17554300	CDKN2A,CDKN2B	rs1333049-C rs1333049	1.00E-13

Gap #2: You've seen the verbosity of the Disease/Trait (Phenotype) naming yesterday  
[http://uswest.ensembl.org/Homo\\_sapiens/Variation/Phenotype?](http://uswest.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/Variation/Phenotype?source=dbSNP;v=rs420259)  
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Gap #3: Nordborg's data contains much information, but without an appropriate visualization, it's hard to interpret

# DAS tracks

## Implemented DAS Tracks:

### ❖ Histogram

- ❖ p-value ( $-\log_{10}$  transformed)
- ❖ (phenotype) risk-allele frequency (0 to 0.5)
- ❖ rank (#1 to #1000), plotted in reverse (highest bar=highest rank)

### Grouping & Coloring:

- ❖ Phenotypes of the same class (Flowering time, Bolt length 5cm, etc)
  - ❖ Different Ions/Stresses (Arsenic, Cu, Co, Zi, etc)
  - ❖ Temperature conditions (10°C, 16°C, 22°C)
  - ❖ Analysis method (EMMA, KW, etc)

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## Phenotype Categories:

- ❖ **Flowering Time** (between germination & emergence of first flowers)
- ❖ **Flowering Gene** (FRI & FLC RNA gene expression levels)
- ❖ **Leaf** number, curl, roll & serration
- ❖ **Development** (time for bolt to reach height of 5cm)
- ❖ **Germination** (time to emergence of cotyledons)
- ❖ **Seed Storage** (primary & secondary dormancy)
- ❖ **Width** (average diameter of 4 plants 8 weeks after germ)
- ❖ **Collapse** (of leaves after inoculation with 0.1 ml of bacteria)
- ❖ **Other** (other inoculations / ICP-MS ion concentrations)
  - ❖ Arsenic, Boron, Calcium, Cadmium, Cobalt, Copper, Iron, Potassium, Lithium, Magnesium, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, Phosphorus, Sodium, Sulfur, Selenium, Zinc

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Gene: Frigida



**FRI**

Location: 4 : 256689 - 281688 Go>

Gene (TAIR) default

ENSVATH00804640

Type: 8W GH FT

Method: EmmaTrans\_JIC8W\_GH\_Day\_32

Start: 269188

End: 269188

Strand: -

Score: 2.68749

T/A 0.0679012

NON\_SYNONYMOUS\_CODING #787

ENSVATH00804642

Type: FRI

Method: KW\_FRI\_32

Start: 269260

End: 269260

Strand: -

Score: 11.734

C/A 0.195122 NON\_SYNONYMOUS\_CODING #4

AL\_GWAS

All variations

Perlegen

%GC

Gene Legend

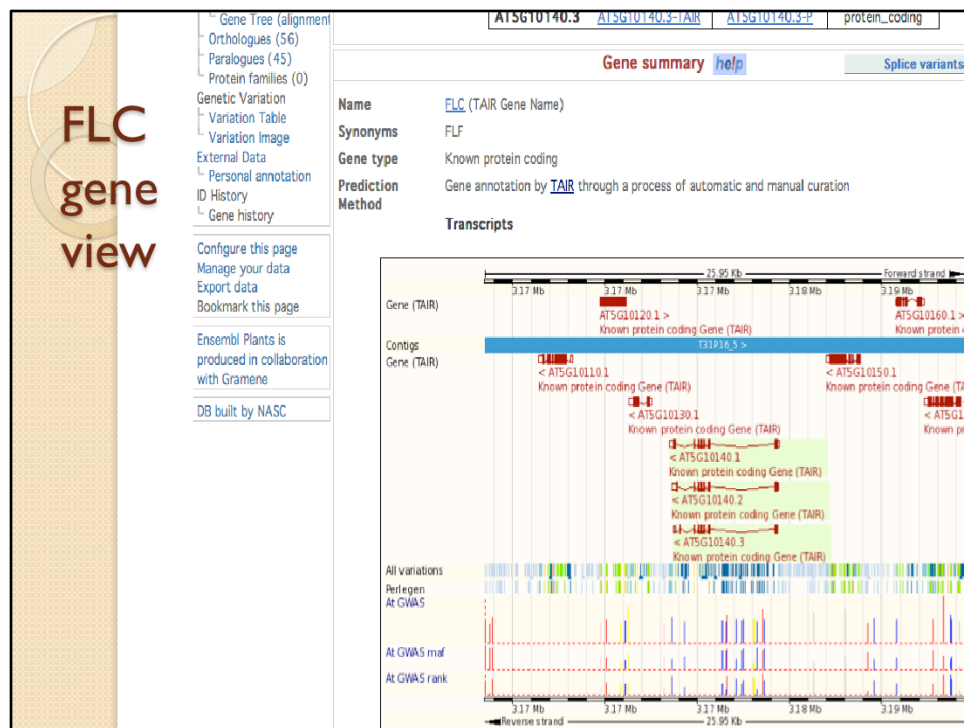
Variation Legend

Downstream

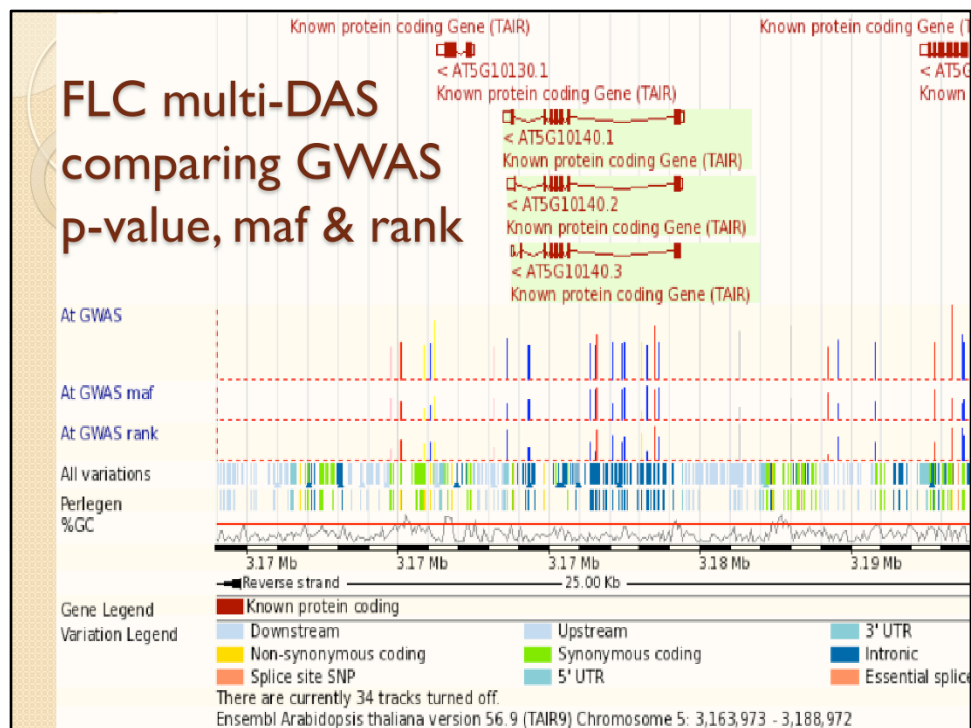
Splice site SNP

There are currently 32 tracks turned off

Ensembl Arabidopsis thaliana version 56.9 (TAIR9) Chromosome 4: 256,689 - 281,688



Flowering Locus C



Note low rank of red line near 3.19M despite p-value close to the rest (and higher maf than most)

Primarily Red (FT), Pink (FT-gxp) & Blue (Development)

## Phenotype description

255 chars isn't enough to capture Nordborg's  
“growth\_condition” & “phenotype\_scoring” fields

- ❖ e.g. phenotype “avrPphB”

- ❖ 20degC, 12 hrs daylight

- ❖ Following inoculation of two leaves per plant with 0.1 ml of  $10^{-8}$  cfu/ml bacteria in 10 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub> buffer using a blunt-tipped syringe, leaf collapse was scored at 20 hrs and again at 24 hrs after inoculation. A positive score at either time point was deemed a hypersensitive response

- ❖ Proposed shortening

- ❖ “hypersensitivity: 12h-day 20C, P.syringae AvrPphB”

## Other examples

### ❖ “SDV”

- ❖ 18 degC, 8 hrs daylight, vernalized (5 wks, 4 degC)
- ❖ Number of days following stratification to opening of first flower. The experiment was stopped at 200 d, and accessions that had not flowered at that point were assigned a value of 200
- ❖ Proposed shortening
  - ❖ “flowering time: 8h-day 18C, vernalized 5w 4C”

### ❖ “AtI CFU2 ”

- ❖ 20 degC, 12 hrs daylight
- ❖ In planta bacterial growth (number of CFU / leaf area) of the *P. viridiflava* strain was individually measured as described in Goss and Bergelson 2006
- ❖ Proposed shortening
  - ❖ “leaf CFU: 12h-day 20C, *P.viridiflava* AtI”

## EO:Environment Ontology mapping

### Environmental condition

- ❖ Duration of conditioning:
  - ❖ 8w, 5w, unspecified
- ❖ Day length:
  - ❖ 8h (short), 16h (long), 10h, unspecified, 0h (dark)
- ❖ Temperature:
  - ❖ 10C, 16C, 22C, 20-22C, 23C
- ❖ Humidity:
  - ❖ 50% hu, 70% hu
- ❖ Location:
  - ❖ Field, Greenhouse
  - ❖ Dry Storage

### [+ Stress condition]

- ❖ Vernalization (cold regimen):
  - ❖ duration, day length, temperature, humidity
- ❖ Biotic
  - ❖ viral, bacterial strains

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# TO: Trait Ontology mapping

## Growth trait

- ❖ Flowering Time
  - ❖ Flowering Duration (last-first flower)
  - ❖ Bolt time (to 5cm)
- ❖ Senescence (life cycle)
  - ❖ Reproduction Time (senes-first flower)
  - ❖ Maturation Time (senes-flower senes)
- ❖ Germination Time

## Stress trait

- ❖ Biotic
  - ❖ (Symptom)
  - ❖ colony forming units (CFU)
  - ❖ Aphid number
- ❖ Abiotic
  - ❖ vernalization

## Anatomy/Morphology trait

- ❖ Leaf
  - ❖ Number
  - ❖ Shape
    - ❖ Serration, rolled, rosette erect
  - ❖ (Symptom)
    - ❖ Chlorosis, anthocyanin, lesioning (necrosis)
- ❖ Stem
  - ❖ Diameter
- ❖ Root
  - ❖ Trichome density
- ❖ Seed
  - ❖ Hypocotyl length

## Biochemical trait

- ❖ Ion Concentration
  - ❖ Li, B, Na, Mg, P, S, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Se, Mo, Cd

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## Controlled Vocabulary Phenotypes

### avrPphB

- ❖ leaf collapse: 12h-day 20C, *P.syringae* AvrPphB
  - ❖ Hypersensitivity response <GO:0002524>
  - ❖ Bacterial disease resistance <TO:0000315 *P.syringae* AvrPphB>
  - ❖ warm/hot temperature regimen <EO:0007173 20C>
  - ❖ intermittent light regimen <EO:0007128 12h>

### SDV

- ❖ flowering time: 8h-day 18C, vernalized 5w 4C

### AtI CFU2

- ❖ leaf CFU: 12h-day 20C, *P.viridiflava* AtI

To send to Josh to work out the first pass...

*AvrPphB* is an avirulence (Avr) protein from the plant pathogen *Pseudomonas syringae* that can trigger a disease-resistance response



## Data Query Entry Points / Use cases

- ❖ SNP quality/confidence
  - ❖ Subsets of SNPs (variation set functionality in Ensembl r58)
    - ❖ 470k (submitted), 71k (genotyped), 9k (high-confidence) for grape
- ❖ Entry points for variation Mart / new form to get sets of SNPs
  - ❖ by position (genomic range)
  - ❖ by confidence (SNP set)
  - ❖ by sample accession (ecotype)
    - ❖ Difference between ref strand and specific accession
    - ❖ Difference between 2 accessions
      - ❖ sites within a specified region where Mo17 and CML vary
  - ❖ by function (consequence)
  - ❖ by annotation
    - ❖ Within 10kb upstream of a given gene list
    - ❖ Associated with flowering time phenotypes
      - ❖ With a p-value of  $<1E-4$
  - ❖ by Linkage Disequilibrium (LD) threshold
  - ❖ by allele Frequency

Gap #4: more entry points needed

## Arabidopsis 2010 Viz roadmap

- ❖ Google Web Toolkit (GWT) 2.1 based view (end-June)
  - ❖ Plugs in into any populated Gramene/Ensembl Var DB
  - ❖ to benchmark alongside GWT Data Presentation Widgets
  - ❖ Variation\_annotation selection/subclassing/grouping
    - ❖ By study
    - ❖ By phenotype (i.e. flowering time)
    - ❖ By condition (i.e. long day = 16h-day, vernalization)
    - ❖ By sample (ecotype)
      - ❖ i.e. the variations of that sample that differ from the reference
  - ❖ Ability to store whether the association value is a
    - ❖ P-value, Score, Rank
    - ❖ Log-transformation used (if any)
    - ❖ And should the actual sample-phenotype measurement be stored

Pulling from GDPDM?