

1           **Non-Mendelian inheritance of SNP markers reveals extensive**  
2           **chromosomal translocations in dioecious hops (*Humulus lupulus* L.)**

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32 **Abstract**

33 Genome-wide meiotic recombination structures, sex chromosomes, and candidate genes  
34 for sex determination were discovered among *Humulus* spp. by application of a novel,  
35 high-density molecular marker system: ~1.2M single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)  
36 were profiled with genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS) among 4512 worldwide accessions,  
37 including 4396 cultivars and landraces and 116 wild accessions of hops. Pre-qualified  
38 GBS markers were validated by inferences on families, population structures and  
39 phylogeny. Candidate genes discovered for several traits, including sex and drought  
40 stress-resistance, demonstrate the quality and utility of GBS SNPs for genome-wide  
41 association studies (GWAS) and Fst analysis in hops. Most importantly, pseudo-testcross  
42 mappings in F1 families delineated non-random linkage of Mendelian and non-Mendelian  
43 markers: structures that are indicative of unusual meiotic events which may have driven  
44 the evolution and cultivation of hops.

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46 **Introduction**

47 The Cannabaceae family of flowering plants has a rich history of contributions to  
48 humanity, with the promise of still greater contributions as result new commercial values  
49 and invigorated research in two members, *Humulus lupulus* (hop) ( $2n = 20$ ) and *Cannabis*  
50 *sativa* (hemp, marijuana) ( $2n = 20$ ) (van Bakel et al., 2011), which diverged around 27.8  
51 Myr (Laursen, 2015). Hop (*H. lupulus*) is a high-climbing, herbaceous perennial,  
52 dioecious vine, and has a long history of use as flavoring and stability agent in beer as  
53 well as nutraceutical medicine, bio-fuel fermentations and animal fodder (Siragusa et al.,  
54 2008). For example, studies of specific hop-derived prenylflavonoids in prevention of  
55 cancer, dyslipidemia, and postmenopausal systems spawn interest in metabolic  
56 engineering and marker-directed breeding in hop (Ososki and Kennelly, 2003; Stevens  
57 and Page, 2004; Nagel et al., 2008; Miranda et al., 2016). The properties of its  
58 reproductive system, such as dioecy and obligate outcrossing, high heterozygosity and a  
59 large genome size (~2.6Gb), and complex sex-determination system (Neve, 1958), render  
60 challenges of genetic dissection of complex traits in hops.

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62 Wild *H. lupulus* is represented by at least five extant species: (1) var. *lupulus* for

63 European wild hops; (2) var. *cordifolius* mainly distributed in Japan, and vars. (3)  
64 *neomexicanus* (in the Southwestern U.S.), (4) *pubescens* (in the Eastern/Midwestern U.S.)  
65 and (5) *lupuloides* (throughout the northern Great Plains); spreading throughout North  
66 America. Asian and North American wild hops resemble each other morphologically,  
67 suggesting a genetically closer relationship, while they differ more so from European  
68 hops (Murakami et al., 2006). Many contemporary cultivars are hybrids of North  
69 American and European genetic materials, in which North American hops have been  
70 characterized by their higher bitterness and aroma (Reeves and Richards, 2011) than  
71 European cultivars. In other crops, breeding programs have successfully exploited novel  
72 genetic variations from wild exotic germplasms into modern cultivars (Tanksley and  
73 McCouch, 1997; Bradshaw, 2016) to gain desirable traits such as favored flavors, drought  
74 tolerance, and disease resistance. Successes with wild resources and predictions of  
75 climate change have spurred resurgence in conservation biology of plant genetic  
76 resources (Castañeda-Álvarez et al., 2016; Gruber, 2016).

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78 Molecular marker systems have been developed for hops and applied in genetic mapping  
79 of families (reviewed in Henning et al., 2015), including non-referenced GBS markers  
80 (Matthews et al., 2013) and GWAS applied to disease resistance (Henning et al., 2015)  
81 and sex determination (Hill et al., 2016), using whole genome-referenced GBS markers.  
82 However, genetic phenomenon in hops still is under-explained. For example: (1)  
83 significant segregation distortion from Mendelian segregation expectations have been  
84 repeatedly reported in mapping populations, indicating that the segregation bias was due  
85 to genetic properties rather than genotyping errors (Seefelder et al., 2000; McAdam et al.,  
86 2013); (2) Unusual female-biased sex ratios have been observed in controlled crosses,  
87 where high pollen loads were applied (Jakse et al., 2008). In other genetic systems,  
88 segregation distortion is a result of various patterns of meiotic drive and chromosomal  
89 (re)arrangements (Taylor and Ingvarsson, 2003). Examples of meiotic drive include the B  
90 chromosomes observed in insects (Fontana and Vickery, 1973), the X-linked meiotic  
91 drive in *Drosophila* species (Lyttle, 1993) and the t-haplotype in mice (Silver, 1993).  
92 Some well-known examples of chromosomal (re)arrangements in plants include the  
93 neocentromeres (knobs) of maize (Buckler et al., 1999), the translocation heterozygosity

94 in some species of the genus *Clarkia* (Snow, 1960), *Oenothera* (Rauwolf et al., 2008;  
95 Golczyk et al., 2014) and *Viscum* (mistletoe) (Wiens and Barlow, 1975; Rauwolf et al.,  
96 2008).

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98 One classical cytogenetic analysis (Sinotô, 1929) suggested that at least 4 chromosomes  
99 in the male of var. *cordifolius* are involved in reciprocal translocation, detected by a  
100 chromosome chain in a shape of ‘zigzag’ during the first meiotic metaphase. Our  
101 characterization with an unprecedented system of high density genome-wide SNP  
102 markers allows detailed examination of translocation heterozygosity, which predisposes  
103 rediscovery of the mode of inheritance in this species. Cytogenetic investigations in  
104 *Clarkia* (Snow, 1960) and *Oenothera* (Rauwolf et al., 2008; Golczyk et al., 2014) may  
105 provide comparative insight on putative translocation heterozygosity in *Humulus*.

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107 However, except for Japanese wild hops (var. *cordifolius*), heterozygotes in males were  
108 reported neither in European wild types (var. *lupulus*) nor in North American wild types  
109 (var. *neomexicanus*) (Winge, 1932; Jacobsen, 1957; Shephard and Parker, 2000). To date,  
110 size ratio of sex chromosomes in wild hops is not fully explained: a description of  
111 sex-chromosome variability across subspecies in hops is widely accepted (Shephard and  
112 Parker, 2000). Moreover, lack of cytogenetic studies in modern hybrids confuses the  
113 mode of genetic inheritance in hops. New insight into genetic parameters in *Humulus* is  
114 herein offered by a next generation sequencing (NGS) platform applied to an  
115 unprecedented 4512 accessions, including 22 sibling and halfsibling families, genotyped  
116 with GBS SNP marker system, comprising 1,235,148 SNPs. Previously reported NGS  
117 GBS studies in hop (Matthews, 2013, Henning et al., 2015; Hill et al., 2016) have focused  
118 on smaller (511) association panels and reduced marker sets, have not addressed  
119 population structure. Furthermore, filtering against SNPs in segregation distortion (SD),  
120 thus, ignoring rather than characterizing chromosome regions in SD, resulted in a  
121 low-power genetic system that dubiously supported candidate gene discoveries. We  
122 present a qualified, high-density marker system applied across a structured association  
123 panel and 22 families, analysis of population structure among exotic vs. cultivated  
124 accessions within the panel, and a set of strongly supported candidates associated with

125 sex determination. Inclusion, rather than ignorance, of markers in strong SD, has led to  
126 testable hypotheses of chromosome structure and recombination constraints in hop, which  
127 requires re-assessment of breeding strategies. The need for new, classical cytogenetic  
128 studies is implicated by NGS exploration.

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## 130 **Results**

### 131 **Phylogenetic relationships of modern cultivars and North American indigenous** 132 **exotics**

133 European var. *lupulus* is the ancestor of most commercial hops used today, thereby  
134 commercial cultivars retain a large proportion of var. *lupulus* genome. In addition, the  
135 genetic diversity of hop crop has been contributed by mostly male donors from North  
136 America and Asia. To understand the phylogenetic relatedness in hop races, we focused  
137 on a subset of 251 accessions, consisting of 183 modern cultivars (CV) including all  
138 progenitors of F1 families in this study and 68 wild hops. The neighbor-joining tree  
139 (Figure 1a) shows three distinct clusters. The modern cultivars were clustered together,  
140 indicating a common derivation in domestication of hops. The other two clusters reflect  
141 geographical origins of North American wild hops (Figure 1b), in which one group  
142 (SW\_wild) includes 22 Southwestern U.S. wild hops (represented by var. *neomexicanus*),  
143 and the other group contains 20 wild hops (represented by var. *lupuloides*) from Northern  
144 U.S./Canada (N\_wild) and 3 (represented by var. *pubescens*) from Midwestern U.S.  
145 (MW\_wild). Seven wild individuals from Kazakhstan are intermediate among the modern  
146 cultivars, consistent with a previous inference (Murakami et al., 2006) of a close genetic  
147 relationship between wild hops from Europe and the Altai region (close to western China,  
148 located on boundaries of Russia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and China).

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150 The level of population differentiation, fixation index ( $F_{st}$ ), was measured across the  
151 three clusters. SW\_wild exhibits relatively close genetic relationship ( $F_{st} = 0.1663$ ) with  
152 N\_wild, apparently supporting relatively close ancestry and geographical origins of the  
153 two wild populations. Genetic distinction between the modern cultivars and the North  
154 American wild hops is evident: [ $F_{st}$  (CV vs. SW\_wild) = 0.31;  $F_{st}$  (CV vs. N\_wild) =  
155 0.295].

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157 To demonstrate the population structure of F1 families ( $N \geq 60$ ) (Figure 2a) in our dataset,  
158 we used a nonlinear algorithm (implemented in Python scikit-learn), t-Distributed  
159 Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE) (Maaten and Hinton, 2008), for dimension  
160 reduction of the IBS-based distance matrix. The F1 families derived from genetically  
161 divergent progenitors can be easily distinguished from one another, while the half-sibling  
162 families exhibit ambiguous clustering patterns. A network of pedigree (Figure 2b) reflects  
163 that the F1 families in the current dataset were mostly derived from genetically related  
164 varieties.

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### 166 **Segregation distortion in hybrids**

167 Ubiquitous presence of non-Mendelian factors results from inherent mechanisms in *H.*  
168 *lupulus* or from genotyping errors. While genotyping errors are random, the genuinely  
169 distorted markers can exhibit pronounced correlation with Mendelian segregation  
170 markers. On the basis of clustering of pairwise Spearman's correlation in  
171 pseudo-testcross (Pt) markers in three F1 families, we hypothesize that (1) severe SD  
172 tends to occur near breakpoints to favor translocation complexes; (2) patterns of linkage  
173 can differ across the three populations; (3) a large scale, perhaps genome-wide, meiotic  
174 chromosomal complex might occur in the progenitors of the three populations; and (4)  
175 translocation heterozygosity may be a ubiquitous phenomenon in hybrids of hops,  
176 implicating its genetics and biological significance throughout the cultivation history of  
177 hops.

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179 Pseudo-testcross in families "144" and "247" shows multiple 'super' linkage groups in  
180 terms of their size and inter-marker correlation (Figure 3a,S2a). In family "265", linkage  
181 groups tend to have equal size (Figure S2b), but exhibit relatively high correlation to one  
182 another. Alignments across the three sets of clusters (before phasing coupling groups)  
183 (Figure 3b,3c) show most of anchor (common) markers were distinctly clustered. Using a  
184 nonlinear algorithm (implemented in Python scikit-learn), locally linear embedding (LLE)  
185 (Roweis et al., 2000), the consistent clustering patterns (Figure 4) were implicated by  
186 projection of genetic maps into spatial coordinates. Moreover, we observed that the

187 Louvain method performs extremely well to phase groups in coupling. The effectiveness  
188 of the clustering methods indicates the correlation across linkage groups was caused by  
189 real meiotic events.

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191 The loci with  $5\% \leq \text{MAF} < 15\%$ , deviated significantly from the 1:3 expectation for Pt  
192 markers, account for 28.3%, 49% and 48.3% in families “144”, “247” and “265”  
193 respectively, in which proportions of the distorted loci correlated ( $\rho \geq 0.3$ ) to the  
194 Mendelian segregation markers ( $15\% \leq \text{MAF} \leq 35\%$ ) are 78.3%, 48.9% and 71.8%.

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196 Spatial coordinates of Pt markers, in accordance with correlation heatmaps, offer a  
197 complete picture (Figure 4) of genetic linkage with and without inclusion of SD markers,  
198 which appear to play a role in bridging Mendelian markers. Such linkage patterns were  
199 constantly observed in the three families (Figure 4, S3).

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201 We show the correlation across the 5 largest linkage groups (Figure 5a) in family “265”  
202 based on the spatial representation of the positions of the markers with  $15\% \leq \text{MAF} \leq$   
203  $35\%$ . The model (Figure 5b) clearly depicts distortion decreases, when the markers are  
204 more distal to the convergence areas, and indicates that the progenitors of family “265”  
205 experienced translocation to form a large chromosomal complex.

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207 One linkage group (LG) in one family corresponding to multiple groups in the other  
208 family, would suggest corresponding loci were involved in chromosomal rearrangement in  
209 progenitor of the former family. One striking case (Figure 6) can be found in LG2.1 in  
210 “144” corresponding to two coupling LGs (2.1 and 2.2) in “265”. Two control correspondences  
211 (LG1.1-LG1.2 and LG3.1-LG3.1) were used to illustrate the power of the clustering  
212 approaches. However, such one-to-multiple correspondence was seldom observed across  
213 the three families. That may reflect the conservation of chromosomes positioning in the  
214 heterozygotes complex and invariable occurrence of the translocation heterozygotes in  
215 the progenitors of the three families.

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217 **GWAS for sex determination**

218 Sexual phenotype regulation is a particularly important problem in dioecious plants,  
219 herein exemplified by hop (*H. lupulus*). Male and female hop flowers can be easily  
220 distinguished; the male flower closely resembles a typical perfect flower, while female  
221 inflorescence meristems produce flowers arranged in ‘cones’ (Shephard and Parker,  
222 2000).

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224 We used a mixed linear model to assess evidence of phenotype-genotype association. In  
225 families “247” (N = 364, N<sub>male</sub> = 30) and “265” (N = 95, N<sub>male</sub> = 13), linkage group (LG)  
226 4 (Figure 7a,S4) consistently shows the most striking association with sex, even though  
227 “265” has a small effective population size. This signal was additionally supported by Fst  
228 mapping in “247” (Figure 7b). However, pseudo-testcross accounts for part of association  
229 signals. To perform genome-wide scan, we assessed association between 356,527  
230 markers and 850 individuals (N<sub>male</sub> = 129, N<sub>female</sub> = 721), as described in Methods.

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232 A total of 588 SNPs with  $P \leq 10^{-7}$  were identified (Figure 7c,7d). We noted that LG4 and  
233 other LGs respectively account for 38.6% and 0.0% of the association markers,  
234 reinforcing the importance of LG4 in sex expression in hops. On the basis of pairwise  
235 Spearman’s rho, we observed high correlation among the 588 SNPs, implicating that the  
236 association markers mostly come from one linkage disequilibrium (LD) block. Adding up  
237 scaffolds showing association approximates ~9.75Mb of the mapping resolution  
238 accounting for ~0.38% of the hop genome.

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240 To identify gene candidates for hop’s sex, we aligned by BLAST the top 100 scaffolds  
241 against UniProt and NCBI protein databases to search for genes with known function  
242 involving in the mechanism of sex determination (Table S4). A total of 8 gene candidates  
243 (Ruegger et al., 1998; Ishiguro et al., 2002; Koizuka et al., 2003; Hála et al., 2008;  
244 Shimizu et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2008; Chen et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2011) were  
245 obtained (Figure 7d), in which 7 blast hits have 81%-99% length matching to the target  
246 proteins and 7 hits encompass  $\geq 1$  the significant association site ( $p \leq 10^{-25}$ ).

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248 In hop, a significant deformation of the apical meristem, the producer of flower primordia



249 cells, has been observed during the transition to the reproductive phase, resulting in the  
250 apparent morphological differences between male and female flowers (Shephard and  
251 Parker, 2000). Two notable examples, relating to the floral structures, are (1) a  
252 glucose-regulated protein 94 (GRP94)-like protein on scaffold LD152823 that is known  
253 in *Arabidopsis* affecting shoot apical meristems, floral meristems and pollen tube  
254 elongation (Ishiguro et al., 2002); and (2) a Squamosa-like protein, identified on scaffold  
255 LD147778, has essential roles in vegetative phase change and flower development in  
256 multiple plants (Chen et al., 2010).

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### 258 **Genetic differences and phenotypic variation across populations**

259 To assess genetic contributions to between-population phenotypic differences, we used  
260 Fst analysis to characterize genetic variations across var. *neomexicanus*, var. *lupuloides*  
261 and CV. Previously cloned genes in *Humulus* were highlighted to suggest that with  
262 respect to essential chemical composition and drought tolerance, hotspots with unusually  
263 high or low Fst values deserve a great deal of attention.

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265 A linkage map-based view of Fst highlights two notable patterns (Figure 8). First, the  
266 degree of genetic variation, as expected, is much greater in CV vs.  
267 *neomexicanus/lupuloides* than in *neomexicanus* vs. *lupuloides*. Regions that exhibit  
268 above-average population differentiation in CV vs. *neomexicanus* typically also exhibit  
269 above-average population differentiation in CV vs. *lupuloides*. Second, the 5 largest  
270 linkage groups account for a large proportion of genetic variation between populations.  
271 The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of Fst values (Figure 8d), referred to as 0.63 in CV vs. *neomexicanus*  
272 and 0.62 in CV vs. *lupuloides*, were used to define the significant genetic difference.

273 In beer brewing, the chemical composition, resins imparting bitterness and essential oils  
274 contributing to flavor and aroma, determine the quality and flavor of hops. The key  
275 brewing resins include alpha-acids and beta-acids, also referred to as humulones and  
276 lupulones respectively. It is generally accepted that North American hops have high  
277 content of alpha acids, rendering bitter beers, while European hops have lower content of  
278 resins and essential oil. Enhancement of alpha acids content in the contemporary cultivars  
279 was accomplished by crossing European hops (var. *lupulus*) to North American donors,

280 one of which resembles var. *lupuloides* from Canada (Neve, 1991; Reeves and Richards,  
281 2011). Genes affecting resins and essential oil can be found in the regions presenting  
282 genetic divergence between North American hops and adapted varieties.

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284 In hop, two homologues of chalcone synthase (*CHS*) in bitter acid biosynthesis have been  
285 cloned (Figure S5), referred to as *CHS\_VPS* (GenBank: AB015430.1) (Okada and Ito,  
286 2001) and *CHS\_HI* (GenBank: CAC19808.1) (Matoušek et al., 2002) respectively. Both  
287 genes are highly active in lupulin glands, to serve as catalysts of the synthesis reactions of  
288 alpha-acid and beta-acid. Significant genetic differences ( $F_{st} \geq 0.6$ ) between cultivars  
289 and North American wild types emerge in a region adjacent to (~40Kb away from)  
290 *CHS\_HI*. In contrast, a surrounding region (~15Kb away from) of *CHS\_VPS* harbors  
291 moderate  $F_{st}$  (= ~0.4) in CV vs. *neomexicanus*, and low  $F_{st}$  (= ~0.1) in CV vs. *lupuloides*.  
292 The differences of population differentiation in the surrounding regions of the two *CHS*  
293 homologues may reflect genetic introgression and differential allele selection resulting  
294 from domestication towards higher alpha acid yields.

295 Var. *neomexicanus* is traditionally grown in rain-fed or supplementary irrigated areas,  
296 and has capability to withstand periods of water deficit and to yield an economic return to  
297 farmers. In contrast, hops frequently occurring in the high latitude of the northern North  
298 America favor plenty of water and sunlight. Likewise, heavy irrigation is required in  
299 modern hop crops. Hence, genic regions exhibiting the significant population  
300 differentiation in CV vs. *neomexicanus*, but not in CV vs. *lupuloides* can be prioritized to  
301 identify gene candidates affecting drought tolerance.

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303 Two intriguing proteins were identified on scaffold “LD161390” (Figure 9a), which are a  
304 *H. lupulus* basic leucine zipper transcription factor Long Hypocotyl 5 (*bZIP HY5*)  
305 (GenBank: CBY88800.1) (Matousek et al., 2010) and a light-harvesting chlorophyll  
306 (*LHCII*) a/b binding protein (*LHCB*) (NCBI RefSeq: XP\_002307004.1).

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308 *HY5* has a notable relationship with the phytohormone abscisic acid (ABA), a plant  
309 hormone in response to environmental stress, such as high salinity, drought and low  
310 temperature (Nakagawa H, Ohmiya K, 1996). Via binding and promoting *ABI5*, encoding

311 a bZIP transcription factor, *HY5* can mediate *ABA* sensitivity (Chen et al., 2008) to induce  
312 stomatal closure, thus reducing transpiration and preventing water loss from leaves.

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314 The putative *LHCB*, physically close to the *HY5*-like gene, embeds a mutation with  
315 striking Fst in CV vs. *neomexicanus*, but not in CV vs. *lupuloides*. *LHCB* involves in the  
316 steps of photosynthesis by capturing sunlight and balancing excitation energy between  
317 photosystems I (PSI) and II (PSII). It is clear that over-expression of a *LHCB* is a key to  
318 enhance stomatal sensitivity to *ABA* in green alga (*Dunaliella salina*) (Liu and Shen,  
319 2004).

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321 A previously *C. sativa* (marijuana) *LHCII* protein, *CP47* (NCBI RefSeq:  
322 YP\_009143579.1), is present on scaffold “LD140230” (Figure 9b), near markers showing  
323 the pronounced population divergence between *neomexicanus* and CV/*lupuloides*. In  
324 sorghum, *CP47* serves as a connection between the main light harvesting complex LHCII  
325 and reaction center of PSII. The characteristic adaptation of sorghum to drought may be  
326 partly related to downregulation of *CP47* during drought stress and high irradiance  
327 (Masojídek et al., 1991).

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## 329 **Discussion**

330 Hop crop acreage and usage is rapidly expanding and diversifying because of a  
331 burgeoning craft brewing industry. Hop breeding programs have been long attempting to  
332 exploit genetic resources for bitter flavor, aroma and disease resistance. However, a  
333 worsening drought and unseasonably hot weather may decentralize the targets of  
334 breeding programs soon. For example, in Europe and the US, most hop farms  
335 experienced severe water shortage in 2015. Like many other crops, exploitation of novel  
336 genetic variation in response to drought stress is of paramount importance for a  
337 sustainable hop production system.

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339 Understanding genetic recombination is essential for speed and accuracy of plant  
340 breeding. Indeed, it is generally difficult to breed new commercial hop varieties through  
341 mass selection and crossing. Our findings show that a large scale, perhaps genome-wide,

342 chromosomal rearrangement may occur in the progenitors of F1 families. Translocation  
343 heterozygosity can extend linkage to nonhomologous chromosomes, and favor severe  
344 segregation distortion accumulated near the translocation breakpoints (Taylor and  
345 Ingvarsson, 2003; Farré et al., 2011). Such high degree recombination suppression  
346 genome-wide may hinder effectively selection of desired, novel allele combinations.  
347 Inasmuch, breeding strategies favoring introgression of diversity deserve re-emphasis in  
348 addition to extended attention to recombination and segregation phenomena in traits.  
349 Manipulation of genetic recombination in hops also deserves further focus.

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351 At least 57 species of flowering plants were characterized by permanent translocation  
352 heterozygotes (Holsinger and Ellstrand, 1984), in which *Clarkia* ( $2n = 18$ ) may provide  
353 an comparative system to hypothesize meiotic configurations in *Humulus*. Translocation  
354 polymorphism has been observed in at least 14 of the 34 known species in *Clarkia*  
355 (Snow, 1960). Judging from cytogenetic analyses in 9 natural populations of *Clarkia*  
356 *dudleyana*, none or few translocation heterozygotes occurred within individual colonies,  
357 while extensive translocation heterozygotes invariably arose from hybrids derived from  
358 cytologically distinct races (Snow, 1960). The largest heterozygotes complex consists of  
359 18 chromosomes. For *H. lupulus* wild types, until now, researchers have still been at odds  
360 about the size ratios of sex chromosomes. Except for a tetravalent in var. *cordifolius*, no  
361 meiotic chromosome associations were reported in other wild types, suggesting that the  
362 five wild *H. lupulus* species are cytologically differentiated. Segregation distortion  
363 presenting in cultivated mapping populations may stem from historical hybridization  
364 across isolated populations of hops.

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366 Based on the projection of SNPs into a 3D coordinate system using LLE, the  
367 nondisjunction of the 5 largest LGs in “265” provides an example of funnel-shaped  
368 representation of a heterozygotes complex. Specifically, chromosome segments distal to  
369 and close to translocation breakpoints can be represented by wider and narrower end of  
370 the funnel-shaped structure respectively. Apparently, two ends of the funnel also  
371 characterize clusters of SNPs with similar allele frequencies. There is a need for  
372 cytogenetic studies for drawing conclusions regarding the exact meiotic configuration in

373 *Humulus* hybrids for both males and females. Whether the translocation heterozygosity is  
374 sex-linked deserves further investigation.

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376 Translocation heterozygosity may have an important connection to the significantly  
377 distorted sex-ratio in favor of females in hops. Likewise, female-biased sex ratios have  
378 been found in Mistletoe, another notable dioecious case of translocation heterozygosity.  
379 Known that, to maintain heterozygosity, *Oenothera*, a notable monoecious case of  
380 translocation heterozygosity, utilizes a system of balanced lethal to purge the lethal  
381 homozygotes (Steiner, 1956; Harte, 1994), which is referred to as “recessive lethals”. In  
382 the context of XY system, heteromorphism of sex chromosomes dictates that males are  
383 more severely affected than females by “X-linked recessive lethals”, because males only  
384 have one copy of the X chromosome. Hence, *H. lupulus* may use a system of balanced  
385 lethals at the expense of male offspring to preserve genetic heterozygosity in hybrids.

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387 Our results are compelling for translocation heterozygosity studies in light of  
388 high-density molecular markers in many other biota. For example, such large scale  
389 recombination suppression is also presented in at least 10 species of termite, some types  
390 of centipede, and perhaps all of the monotremes (Holsinger and Ellstrand, 1984; Rowell,  
391 1987; Rens et al., 2004). Beyond homologous crossover, translocation heterozygosity has  
392 shown considerable evolutionary interest and selective advantage in its own right.

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## 394 **Materials and Methods**

### 395 **Plant materials**

396 Hops used in this study were grown under standard agronomic conditions at the Golden  
397 Gate Ranches, S.S. Steiner, Inc, Yakima, WA. The un-domesticated, exotic hops are from  
398 the National Clonal Germplasm Repository in Corvallis, Oregon (accession details in  
399 Table S1-S3). Fifty milligrams of young leaf tissues were extracted in a 96 well block  
400 using Qiagen Plant DNeasy Kits and was tested for quality, quantity, and purity, prior to  
401 library preparations, using a Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Applied Biosystems, Foster City,  
402 CA) and Life Technologies (Carlsbad, CA) Qubit 3.0 Fluorometer. The GBS libraries  
403 were prepared using the *ApeK1* enzyme according to Elshire, et al. (Elshire et al., 2011).

404 Pools of 96 accessions were sequenced on one lane of an Illumina HighSeq 2000  
405 (Illumina, San Diego, CA)

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#### 407 **SNP calling and quality control**

408 The reference sequence refers to a draft haploid genome sequence of Shinshu Wase (SW)  
409 (Natsume et al., 2015), which is a modern cultivar bred from a seeding selection cross  
410 between Saazer and White Vine-OP. The draft genome, with a total size of 2.05 Gb,  
411 consists of ~130,000 scaffolds covering approximately 80% of the estimated genome size  
412 of hop (2.57 Gb).

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414 Tassel 5 GBS v2 Pipeline (Glaubitz et al., 2014) was applied to identify tags with at least  
415 10x total coverage, and to call SNPs. Tag sequences were mapped to the reference  
416 genome using BWA aligner.

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418 One main source of erroneous SNP calling is misalignment caused by incomplete  
419 reference genome, gene duplication and low-complexity regions. To filter out erroneous  
420 SNPs due to misalignment, we used two criteria: (1) SNPs with an excessive coverage  
421 (e.g. read depth > 127) can be false positives. For GBS data, the maximum read depth for  
422 one genotype is unlikely to exceed 127 (Glaubitz et al., 2014). Indeed, we observed that  
423 heterozygosity rates and MAF are significantly increased when read coverage exceeds  
424 127 (Figure S1). (2) The orientation of paired reads of the cultivar Apollo (unpublished  
425 data), a highly used maternal line in our F1 families, was used to detect false positive  
426 SNPs caused by gene duplications. Paired-end alignment was generated by BWA Sampe.  
427 Identification of correctly aligned regions was based on SAM flags indicating reads  
428 mapped in proper pairs. Using criteria (2) was able to detect ~73% SNPs with the  
429 excessive coverage.

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#### 431 **Pseudo-testcross**

432 Three F1 families were used to conduct pseudo-testcross (Pt) recombination mappings,  
433 including (1) “144” (N = 179) derived from a cross between Nugget (maternal line) and  
434 Male50 (paternal line); (2) “247” (N = 364) derived from two parental lines, Super

435 Galena and Male15; (3) “265” (N = 95) derived from a cross between Chinook and  
436 Male57. Using markers heterozygous in the maternal line and null in the paternal line,  
437 three genetic map sets were constructed, consisting of 3551 SNPs for “144”, 2369 SNPs  
438 for “247” and 4506 SNPs for “265”.

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440 Our analyses followed the main steps in HetMappS pipelines (Hyma et al., 2015).  
441 Specifically, (1) to remove contaminants, identity by state (IBS) based distance matrices  
442 calculated by TASSEL (Bradbury et al., 2007) were used to identify outliers for each  
443 family; (2) SNPs having both parental genotypes (e.g. AA×Aa) with read depth  $\geq 4$  were  
444 retained for the next step; (3) in progeny, SNPs with average read depth  $\geq 4$  and with site  
445 coverage  $\geq 50\%$  were retained for the next step; (4) to eliminate the effect of  
446 under-calling heterozygotes and sequencing errors, we masked progeny genotypes with  
447 depth=1, and converted genotypes aa to Aa because genotype aa cannot exist for parental  
448 genotypes AA×Aa in Pt; (5) after correction, SNPs with  $15\% \leq \text{MAF} \leq 35\%$  were  
449 selected to create linkage groups, and SNPs with  $5\% \leq \text{MAF} < 15\%$  were deemed the  
450 pronounced SD markers; (6) to cluster and order markers, an adjacency matrix with  
451 Spearman’s correlation ( $\rho$ ) were derived from the remaining SNPs; (7) on the basis of  
452 absolute values of  $\rho$ , the Louvain method (Blondel et al., 2008) implemented in  
453 NetworkX (<http://networkx.github.io/>) was applied to detect communities (clusters). The  
454 Louvain method is an efficient algorithm for community detection in large networks. A  
455 similar method, modulated modularity clustering (MMC) (Stone and Ayroles, 2009), has  
456 been successfully applied to construct linkage groups; (8) to identify coupling phase from  
457 each “absolute  $\rho$ ” cluster, negative values of  $\rho$  were set to zero, and the Louvain  
458 method was applied to positive values of  $\rho$  (Hyma et al., 2015); (9) MSTmap (Wu et  
459 al., 2008) was used to provide a sub-optimal solution of genetic ordering within each  
460 linkage group.

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462 Putative 10×2 linkage groups in coupling were obtained in each F1 family. Linkage  
463 groups may not represent one chromosome due to pseudo-linkage resulting from  
464 chromosomal rearrangement, as discussed in Results.

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## 466 **Genome-wide association studies (GWAS)**

467 An association population includes 850 individuals, in which 837 (116 males and 721  
468 females) are progeny in 6 F1 families and 13 are paternal lines. Male and female were  
469 encoded as ‘1’ and ‘0’ individually. A total of 356,527 SNPs with coverage  $\geq 50\%$  and  
470 MAF  $\geq 5\%$  were retained. The Mixed Linear Model (MLM) (Bradbury et al., 2007;  
471 Lipka et al., 2012) was used to assess genotype-phenotype association. The Bonferroni  
472 method was used to adjust the significance cutoff for an overall probability of 0.05 for  
473 type I error.

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## 475 **Additional files**

476 **Supplementary Figures.** The file contains supplementary figure S1-S5.

477 **Supplementary Tables.** The file contains supplementary tables. (**Table S1** Pedigrees of  
478 genotyped F1 populations. **Table S2** Cultivar and landrace accessions. **Table S3** Wild  
479 exotic accessions. **Table S4** BLASTX hits for scaffolds encompassing sex association ( $P$   
480  $\leq 10^{-10}$ ) SNPs. Eight strongly supported gene candidates are highlighted.).

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663 **Figure Legends**

664 **Figure 1** Population structure of 251 hop accessions and geographic origins of the U.S.  
665 wild types. 183 modern cultivars are indicated by red color. 68 wild hops are color-coded  
666 by geographic origins. (a) Neighbor-joining tree of the 251 hop accessions. (b) The state  
667 names are followed by sample counts. Three state groups (“MT, ND, SD, NE, IA, KS,  
668 MO”, “CO, AZ, NM” and “MA”) are color-coded to distinguish from one another.

669 **Figure 2** Population structure and pedigree network of F1 families. (a) t-SNE plot for 20  
670 F1 families ( $N \geq 60$ ). (b) The overview of pedigree for genotyped F1 families.

671 **Figure 3** Linkage groups for the maternal line of family “144” and correspondence across  
672 3 genetic map sets. The degrees of Spearman’s correlation ( $\rho$ ) are color-coded. (a)  
673 Unphased and phased (linkage for grandparents) groups are bounded by white and black  
674 frames individually. (b) Alignment of unphased groups between “144” and “247”. (c)  
675 Alignment of unphased groups between “144” and “265”.

676 **Figure 4** Linkage of Mendelian ( $15\% \leq \text{MAF} \leq 30\%$ ) and non-Mendelian Pt markers  
677 ( $5\% \leq \text{MAF} < 15\%$ ), based on Spearman’s correlation ( $\rho$ ). In each sub-figure,  
678 clustering patterns without (left) and with (right) inclusion of segregation distortion are  
679 presented by LLE (top) and the Louvain Modularity (bottom). Mendelian markers in two  
680 linkage groups are indicated by blue and red colors individually. Segregation distortion  
681 (SD) markers are indicated by yellow color.

682 **Figure 5** Linkage patterns of the 5 largest linkage groups in family “265”, based on  
683 spatial coordinates defined by LLE. (a) Linkage groups are color-coded. (b) Markers with  
684  $0.15 \leq \text{MAF} < 0.2$  and  $0.2 \leq \text{MAF} \leq 0.3$  are distinguished by cyan and gray colors.

685 **Figure 6** One-to-two genetic correspondence between “144” and “265”. LG2.1 in “144”  
686 corresponds to LG2.1 and LG2.2 in “265” (top sub-figure). Two instances of one-to-one  
687 correspondence (LG1.1-LG1.2 and LG3.1-LG3.1) are added for control. Spatial  
688 representations of linkage groups (bottom sub-figure) in the two families were derived  
689 from LLE.

690 **Figure 7** Association studies and  $F_{st}$  mapping of sex determination in hop. (a) Linkage  
691 group-based Manhattan-plot of MLM for sex determination in family “247” ( $N = 364$ ,

692  $N_{\text{male}} = 30$ ). Light and deep colors are used to distinguish two phases (linkage for  
693 grandparents) in coupling. (b) Manhattan-plot of  $F_{\text{st}}$  in females vs. males in “247”. (c)  
694 Log Quantile-Quantile (QQ) plot of 356,526 association tests (SNPs) for sex  
695 determination in 850 individuals ( $N_{\text{male}} = 129$ ,  $N_{\text{female}} = 721$ ). (d) Correlation among 588  
696 association ( $P \leq 10^{-7}$ ) markers, the proportions of 588 markers in LG4, other LGs and  
697 unmapped data set, and 8 gene candidates for sex determination in hop.

698 **Figure 8** Linkage group (in family “247”)-based  $F_{\text{st}}$  heatmaps and the overall  $F_{\text{st}}$   
699 distribution. Population differentiation (a) between modern cultivars (CV) and var.  
700 *neomexicanus*; (b) between CV and var. *lupuloides*; (c) between var. *neomexicanus* and  
701 var. *lupuloides*. (d) Spectrum of the overall  $F_{\text{st}}$  distribution.

702 **Figure 9** Three gene candidates for drought tolerance in hops. Between-population  $F_{\text{st}}$   
703 values are indicated on the scaffolds where the three candidates are located. (a) The  
704 approximate positions of *bZIP HY5* (GenBank: CBY88800.1) (Matousek et al., 2010) and  
705 *LHCB* (NCBI RefSeq: XP\_002307004.1) on scaffold “LD161390”. (b) The approximate  
706 position of *CP47* (NCBI RefSeq: YP\_009143579.1) on scaffold “LD140230”

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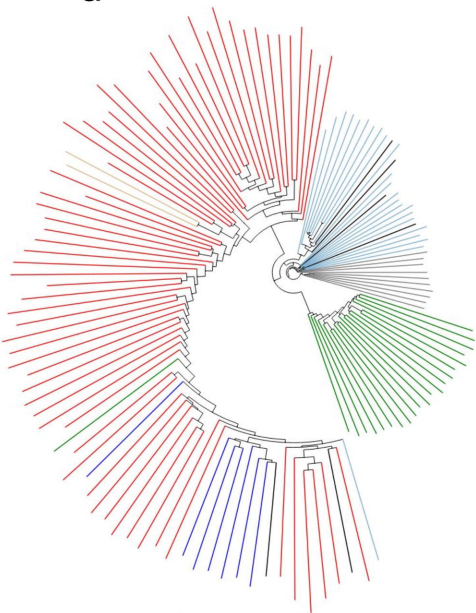
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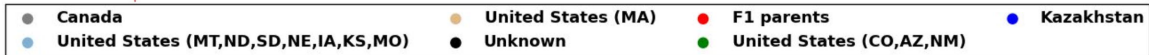
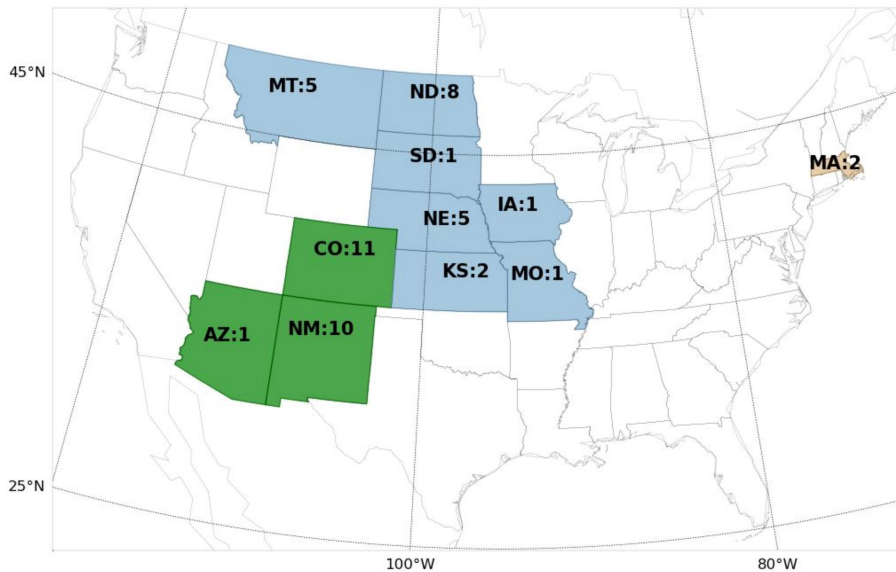
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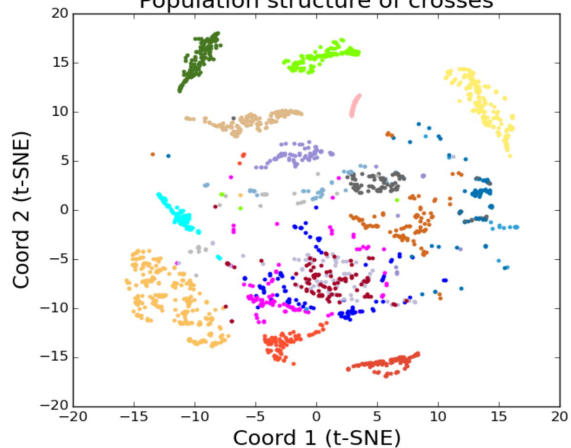
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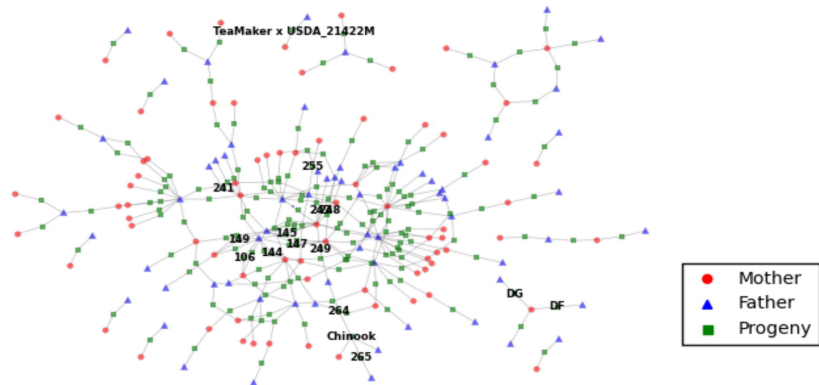


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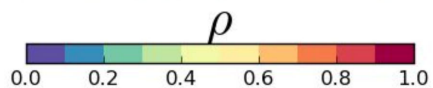
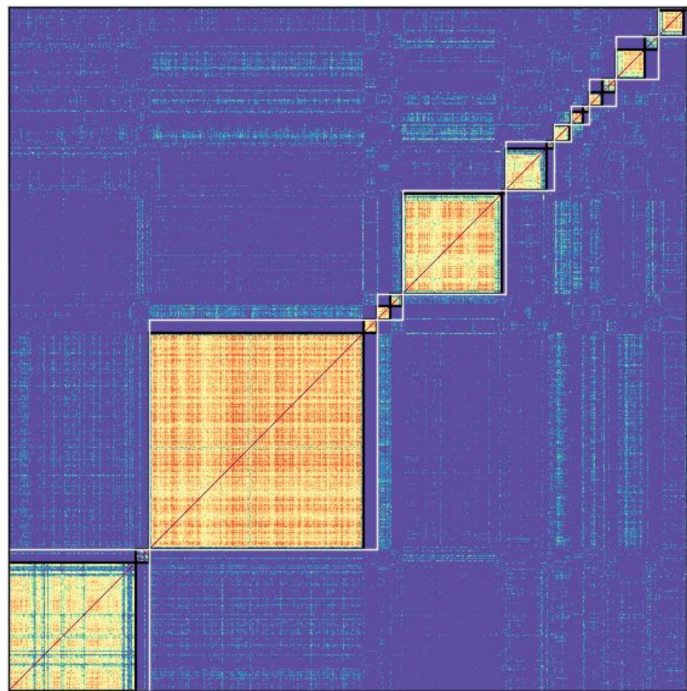
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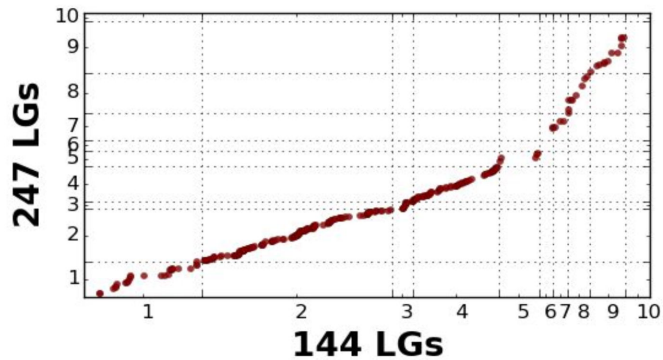
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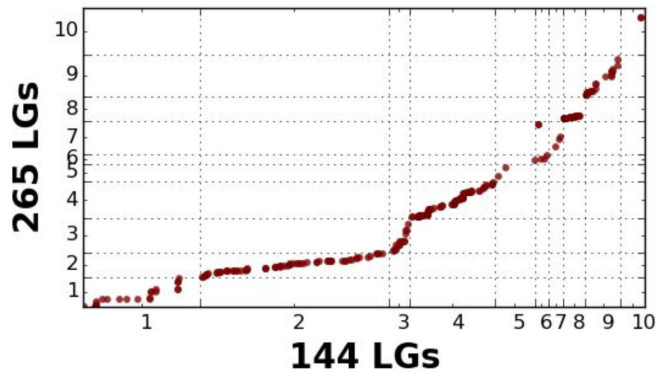
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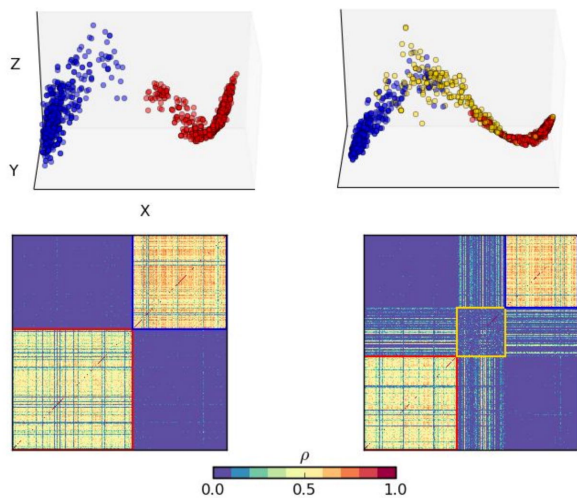


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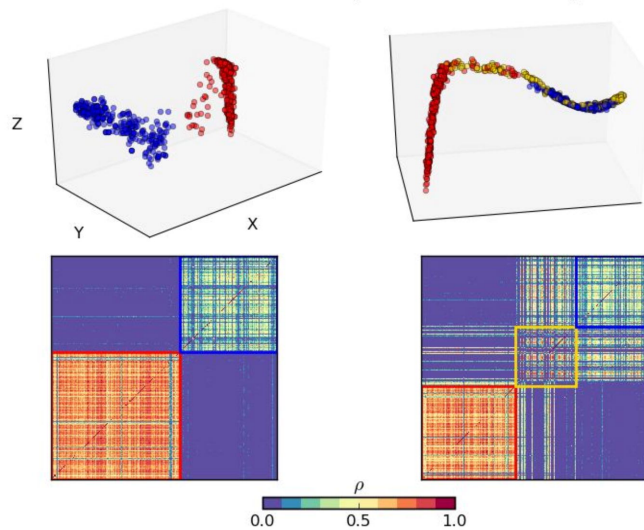


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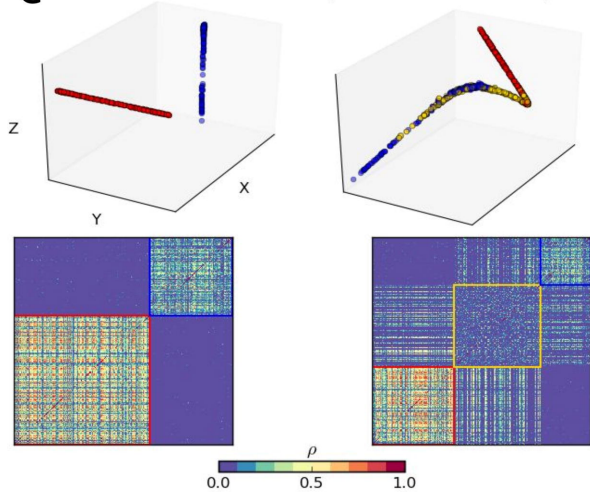
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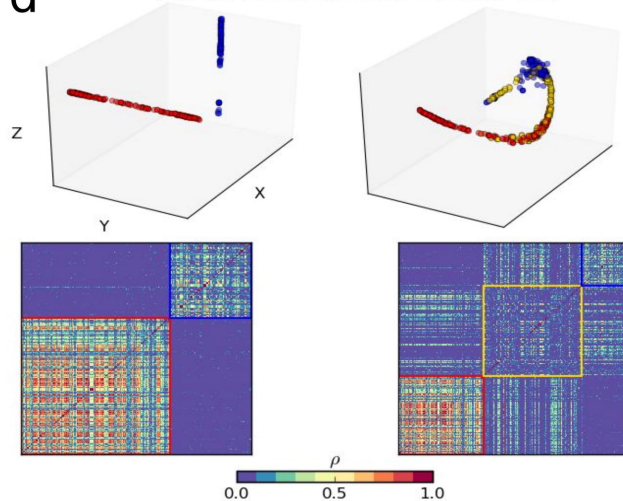
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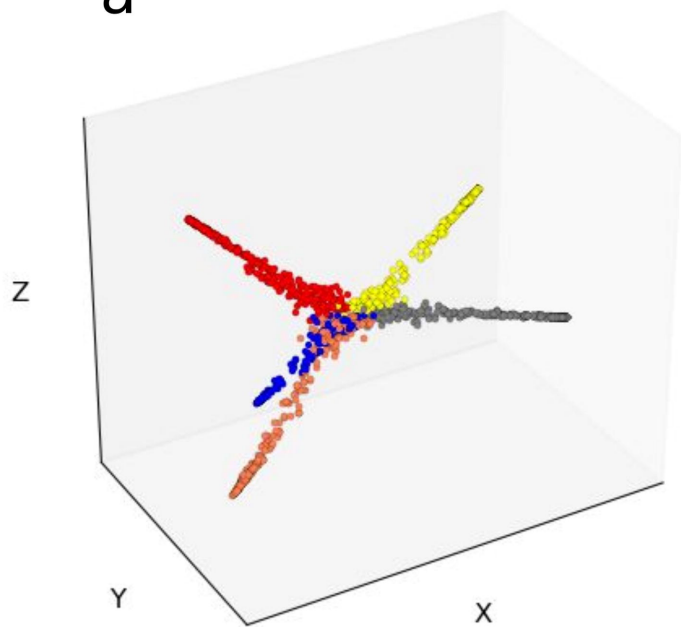
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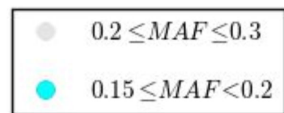
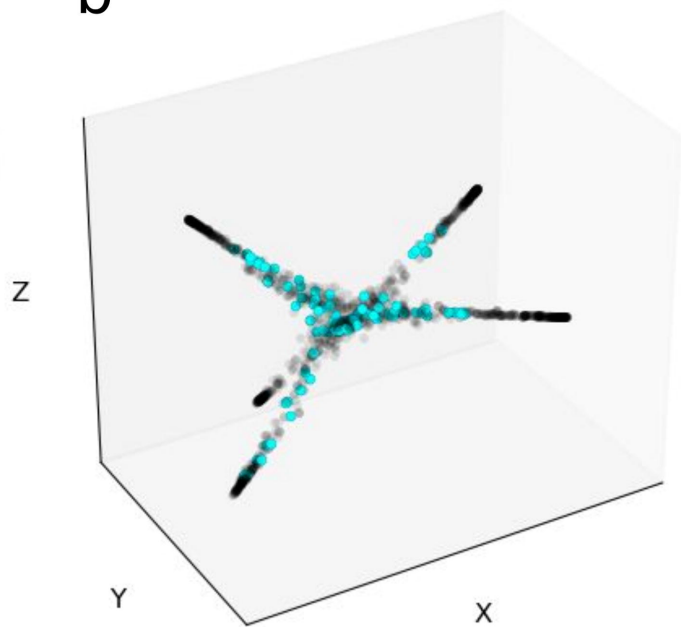
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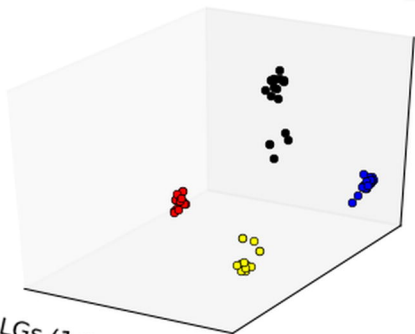
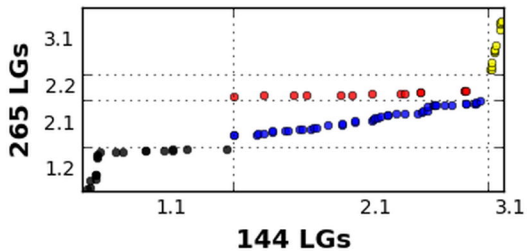


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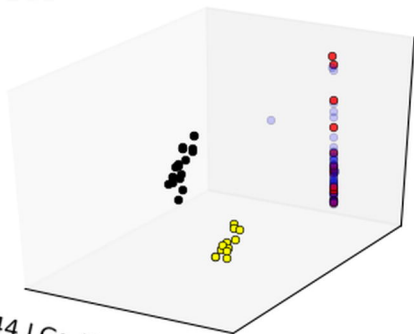


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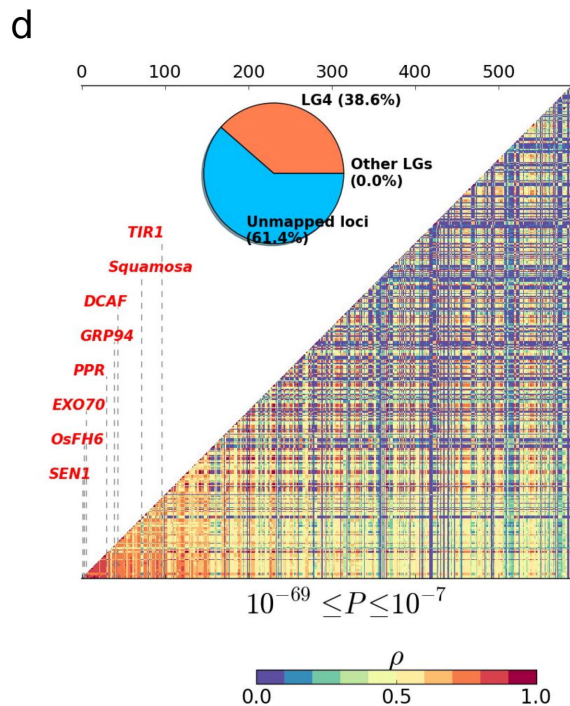
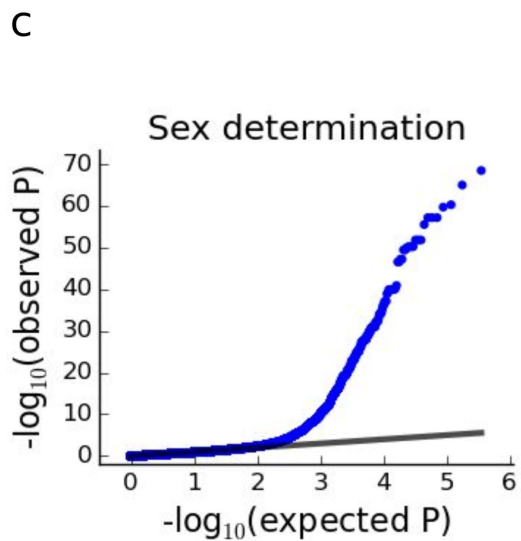
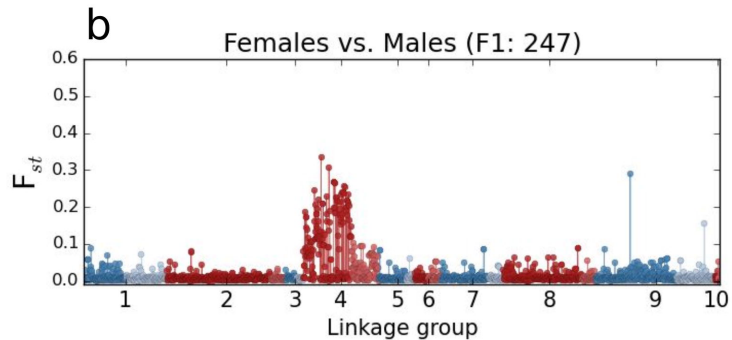
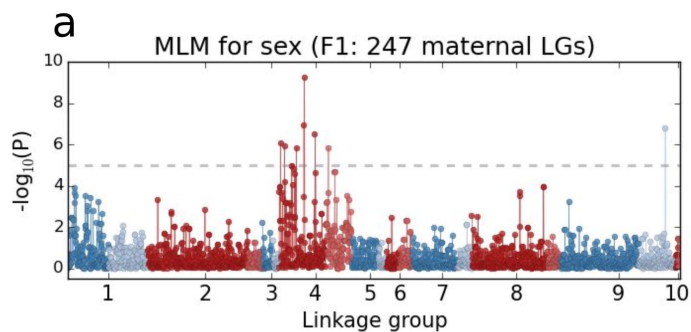


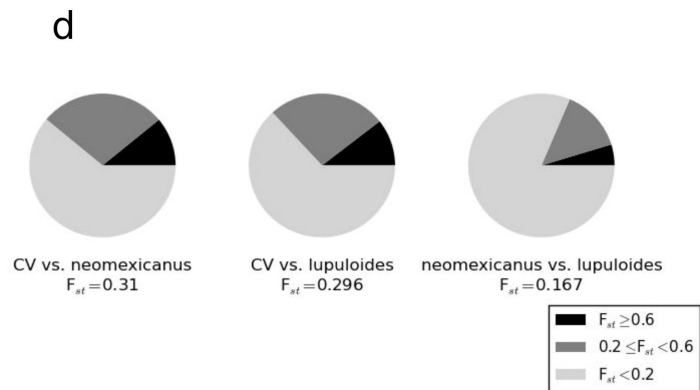
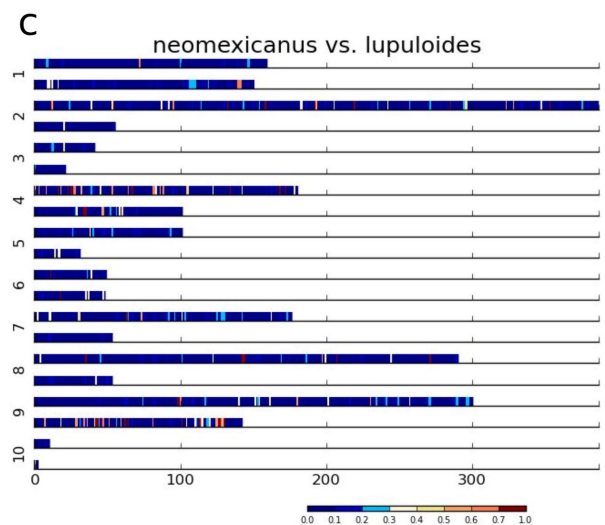
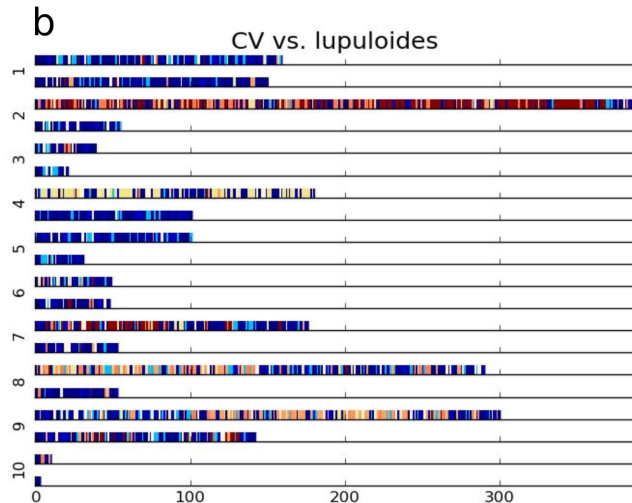
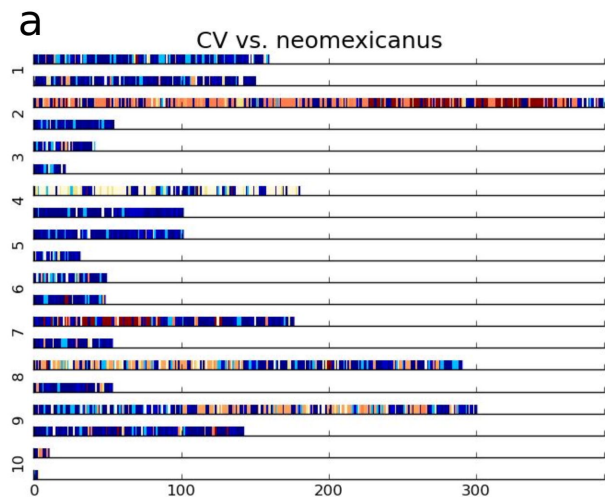


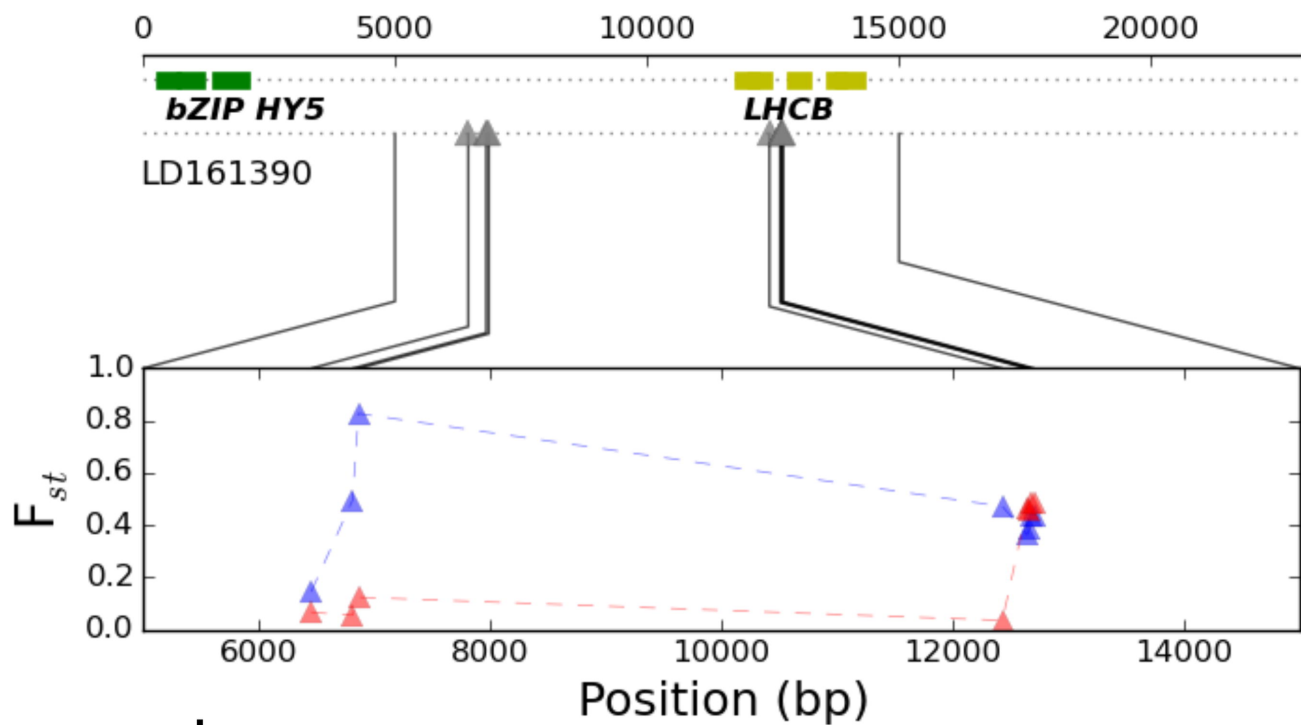
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