Implementing Association Mapping and Genomic Selection in Soybean Breeding Program

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Genome-wide Association Mapping

- Allele mining for quantitative traits in diverse germplasm collection including advanced breeding lines, cultivars, landraces, etc.
- Potentially high mapping resolution with high-density markers
- Constraint: the existence of subpopulations may cause false positives

Genomic Selection:

An improved marker-base selection without QTL mapping



Heffner, Sorrells & Jannink. Crop Science 49:1-12



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Sources of resistance of 1,500 commercial SCN-resistant soybean cultivars



Shier, M. 2009. http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/livingston/reports/i281/index.html

Select 282 Germplasm Based on Footprints



Phenotyping and Genotyping



SCN race 3 (HG type 0) Two replications of five plants for each genotype (*Guo et al., 2005, U of Missouri*)

 $FI = \frac{Number of femalenematodes on a given individual}{Mean number of femalenematodes on Hutches on} \times 100$



1,536 genome-wide SNPs Goldengate Assay (*Hyten et al.,* 2010)

Minor allele frequency > 5% Missing rate < 50%

Three Groups Exist in Panel



Three Loci Identified in AM



LD Plot for rgh1 and FGAM1 Regions



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Six-fold Cross-validation

- Each subset: 282/6 = 47 lines
- Training set: 47*5 = 235 lines
- Test set: 47 lines
- Prediction accuracy = correlation of GEBV and phenotypic value in test set

| | Subset1 | Subset2 | Subset3 | Subset4 | Subset5 | Subset6 |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Fold 1 | Test | Training | Training | Training | Training | Training |
| Fold 2 | Training | Test | Training | Training | Training | Training |
| Fold 3 | Training | Training | Test | Training | Training | Training |
| Fold 4 | Training | Training | Training | Test | Training | Training |
| Fold 5 | Training | Training | Training | Training | Test | Training |
| Fold 6 | Training | Training | Training | Training | Training | Test |

GS is significantly more accurate than MAS & All GS prediction algorithms are equivalent



Account for Major QTL in GS



Chromosome

RRF-BLUP Model

Compare GS w/o Major QTL Fixed



Number of SNP markers

Conclusion and Perspective

- AM detected significant signals at *rhg1* and *FGAM1*, plus the third locus located on chromosome 18.
- GS was more accurate than marker-assisted selection (MAS) strategies using two significant markers alone.
- AM was extended to SDS, and GS was extended to yield, protein, and oil for MN germplasm.



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