

# The INRA 372 wheat core collection: a usefull tool for association studies on various targets

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# Worldwide wheat core collection 372CC

A worldwide bread wheat core collection arrayed in a 384-well plate. F Balfourier, V Roussel, P Strelchenko, F Exbrayat-Vinson, P Sourdille, G Boutet J Koenig, C Ravel, O Mitrofanova, M Beckert, G Charmet (TAG 2007)

The diagram consists of four overlapping circles. The top circle is yellow and contains the text "Sampling of 372 accessions by maximization of diversity Core-collection". The bottom-left circle is light blue and contains the text "Genotyping". The bottom-right circle is light blue and contains the text "Phenotyping". The middle circle is green and overlaps all three others.

*Sampling of  
372 accessions  
by  
maximization of diversity  
Core-collection*

Genotyping

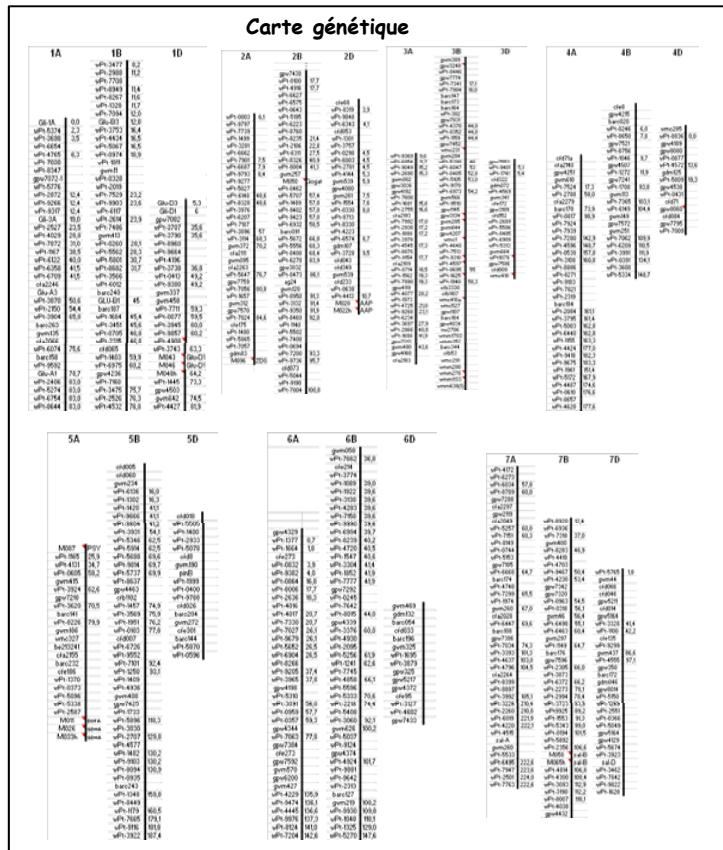
Phenotyping

# 372 CC Genotyping

Analysis of diversity and linkage disequilibrium along chromosome 3B of bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum L.*). Horvath A, A Didier, J Koenig, F Exbrayat, G Charmet, F Balfourier (TAG 2009)

## Genotyping:

- 570 DARTs
- 271 SSRs
- 400 SNPs



# 372 CC Phenotyping

Agronomic characteristics, grain quality and flour rheology of 372 bread wheats in a worldwide core collection. Bordes J, Branlard G, Oury F-X, Charmet G, Balfourier F. (JCS 2008)

372 CC deeply phenotyped for:  
 - agronomical and morphological traits  
 - biochemical and rheological characteristics



Plant height



Ear characteristics



Pre-harvest Sprouting



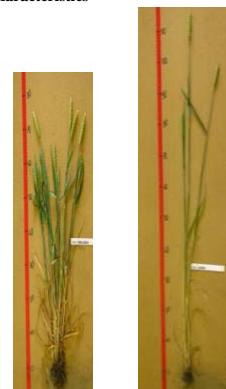
Pouille jaune

Septoriose

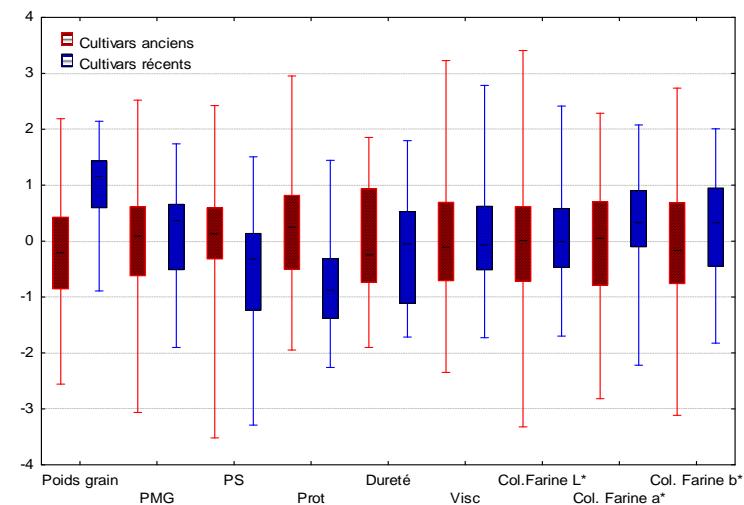
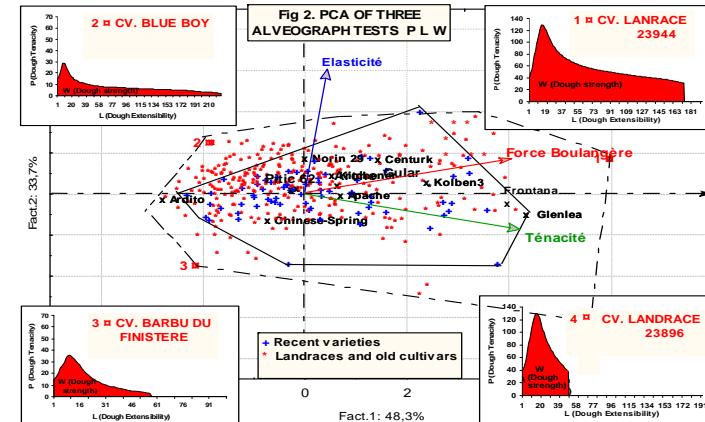


Grain color

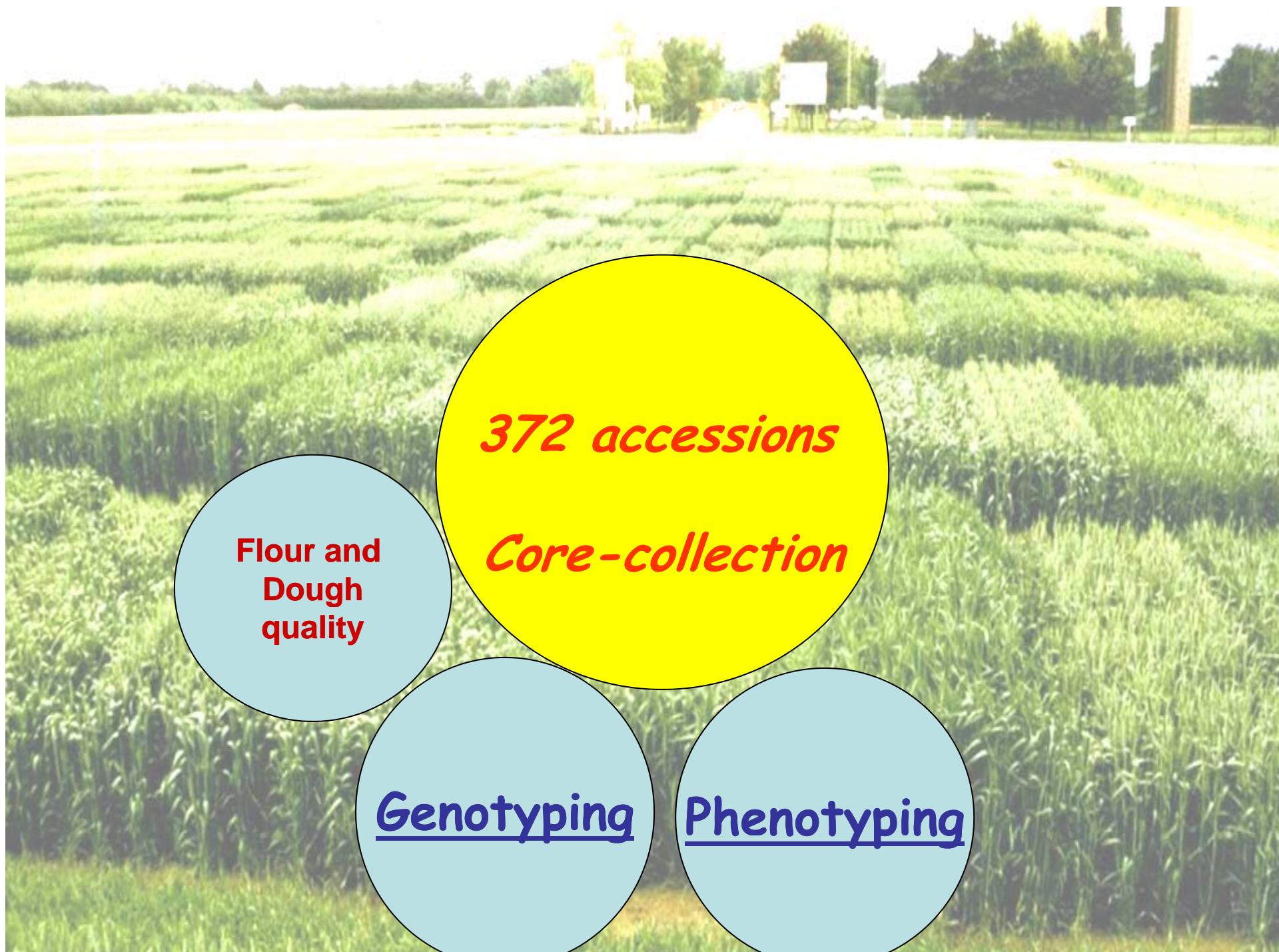
Grain hardness



ALVEOGRAPH TEST



**Large phenotypic variability observed for the whole measured traits**



*372 accessions*  
*Core-collection*

Flour and  
Dough  
quality

Genotyping

Phenotyping

# Flour and dough quality: association study

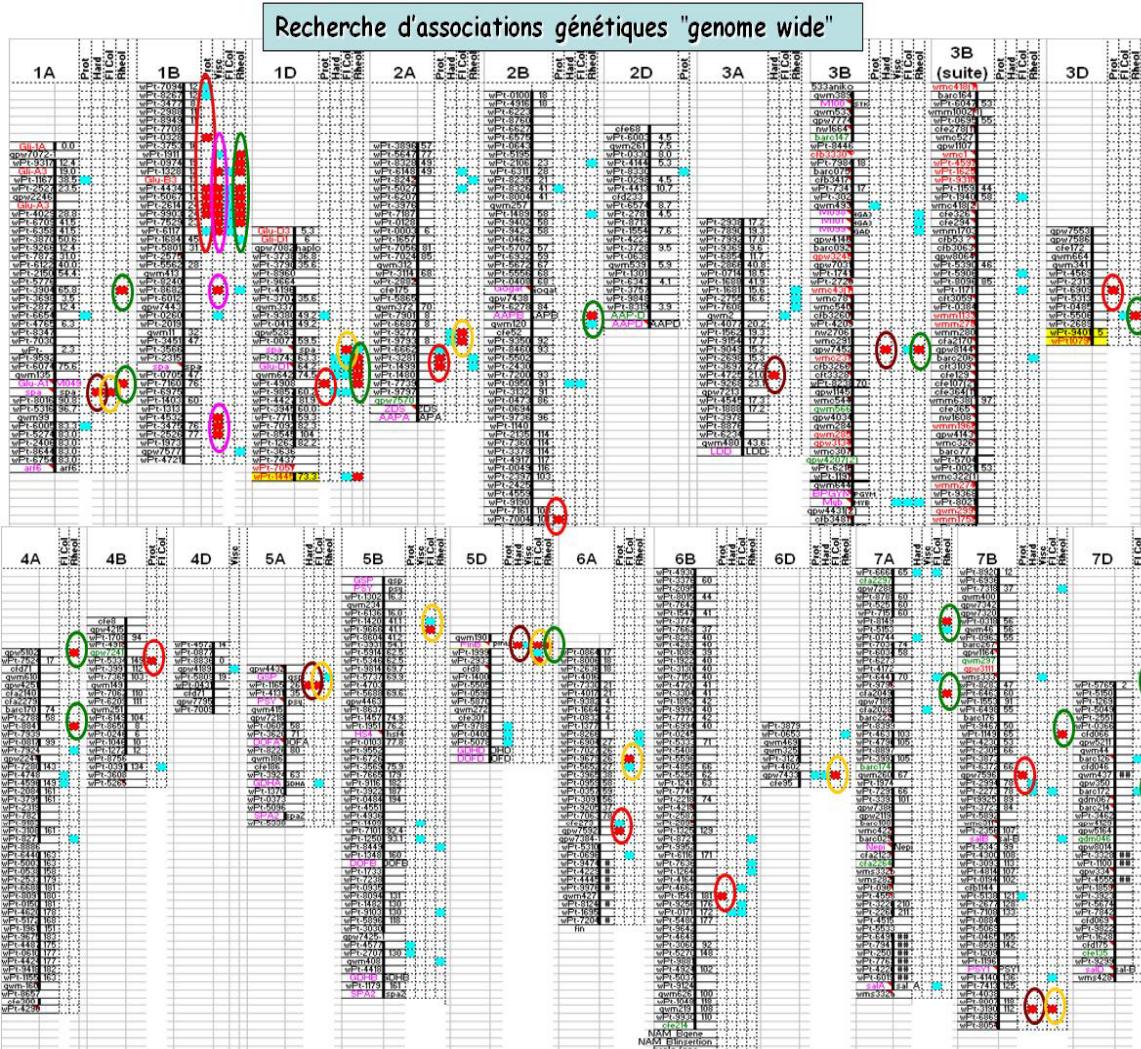
Use of a worldwide wheat core collection for association analysis of flour and dough quality traits. J Bordes, C Ravel, J Le Gouis, G Charmet and F Balfourier . ( JCS 2011, in press)

## Observed traits in 372CC

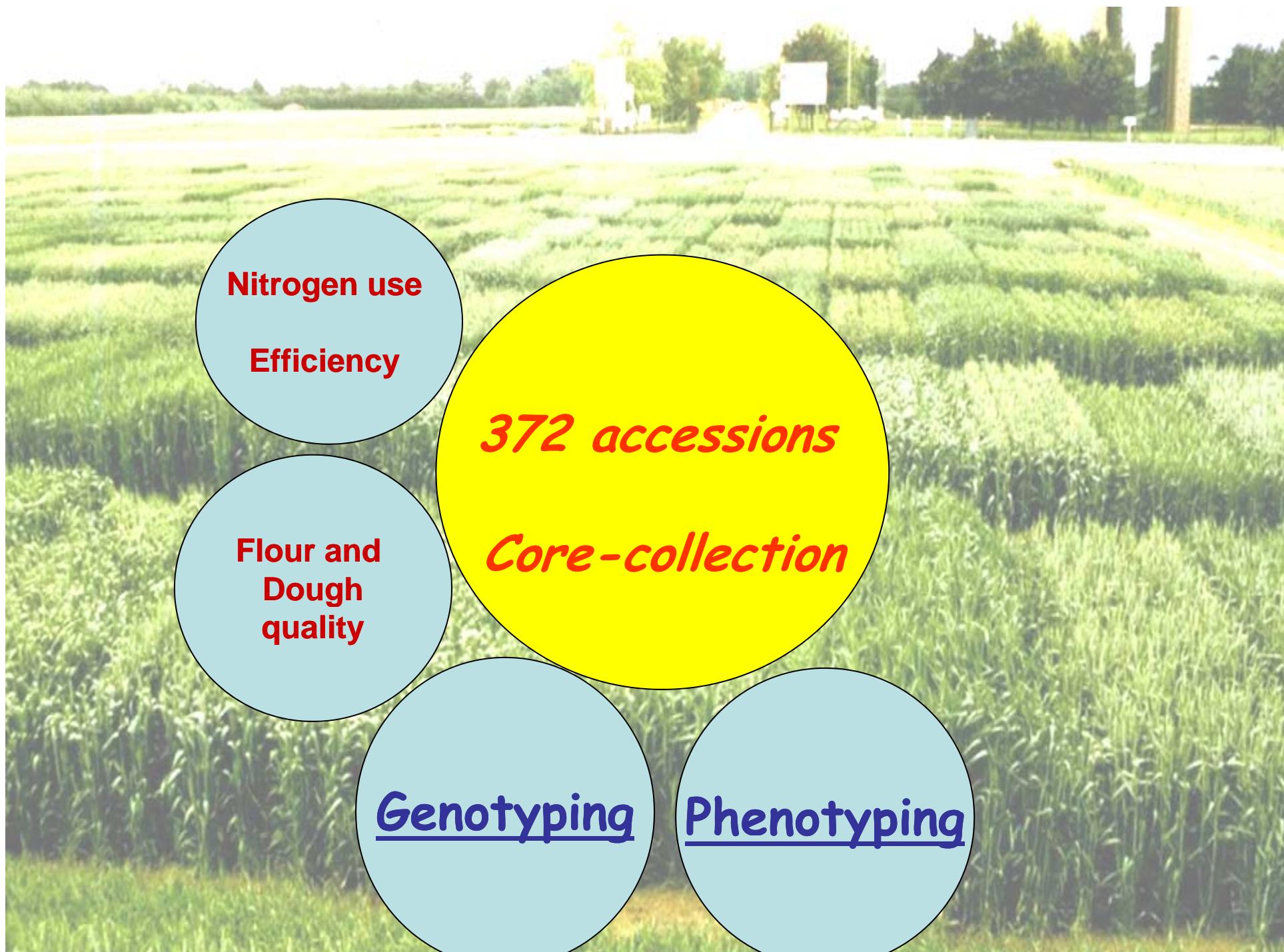
- proteins content ○
  - viscosity ○
  - hardness ○
  - florr color ○
  - L\*, a\* et b\* ○
  - Rehological values ○
- Mixograph and Alveograph



ALVEOGRAPH TEST



Great number of significant associations at the whole genome scale



*372 accessions*

*Core-collection*

Nitrogen use

Efficiency

Flour and  
Dough  
quality

Genotyping

Phenotyping

## Research of new specific alleles for low-inputs tolerance



(Support: FUI SDD)

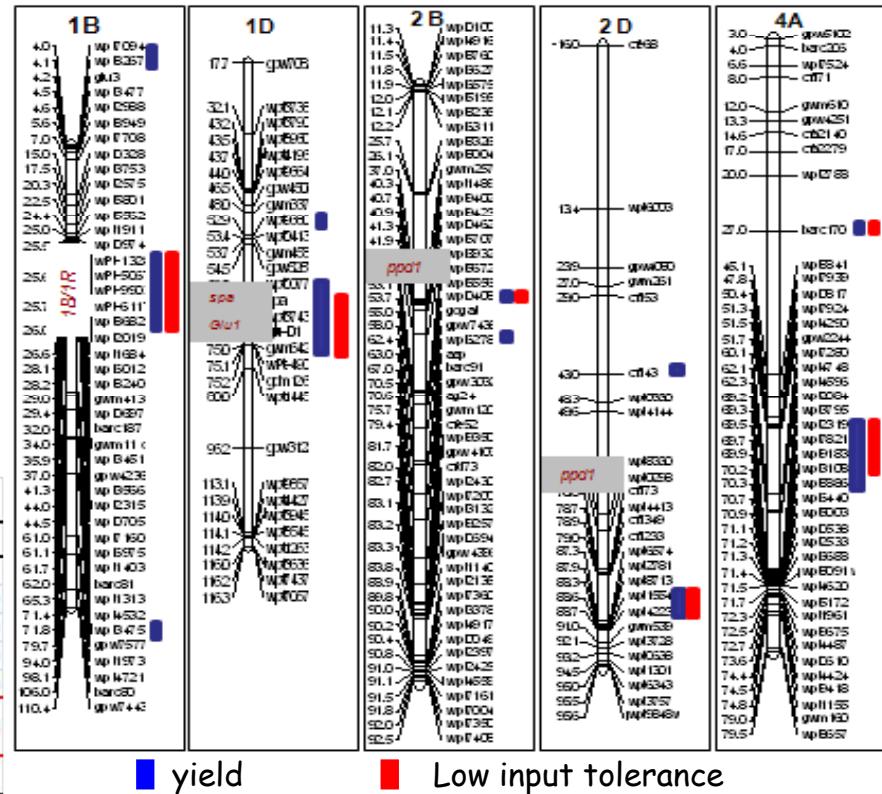
Use of a worldwide wheat core collection for association analysis of tolerance to less nitrogen fertilizer. (In prep).

372 CC Yield and its components observed in 3 locations x 2 level of Nitrogen :

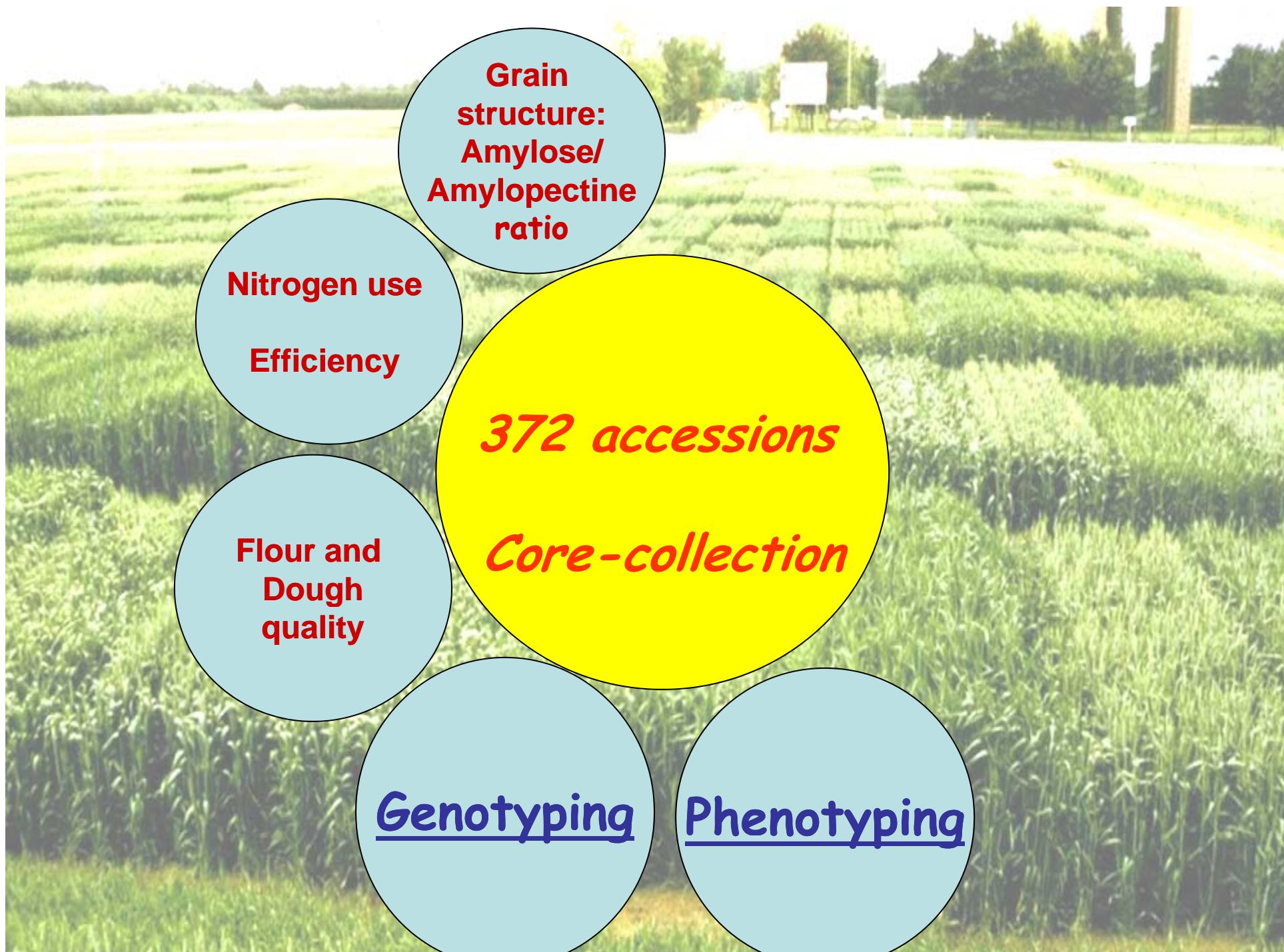
- high level (N<sup>+</sup>)
- Low level (N<sup>-</sup>)



Rendement : analyse de variance RDT					
Effet	DDL	S C	M C	F	P
Total		2351	873519		
Génotypes		195	400602	2054	34.7 0.000000
Traitement (N+ / N-)		1	79377	79377	1341.2 0.000000
Milieu		5	189286	37857	639.7 0.000000
Génot*Milieu		975	129329	133	2.2 0.000000
Interaction Génotype*Traitement (Variabilité pour la tolérance N)	195	16925		87	1.5 0.000148
Erreur		980	58000	59	



*Clear variability for tolerance to less nitrogen fertilizer  
Several significant genetic associations observed for this trait*



# Grain structure : amylose/amyopectine ratio ( B, Jallaïs)

(Support: ANR NOMAC - coll. BIA Nantes)



Sub-sample of 372CC maximized for amylose/amyopectine ratio  
- NIRS approach  
- molecular approach

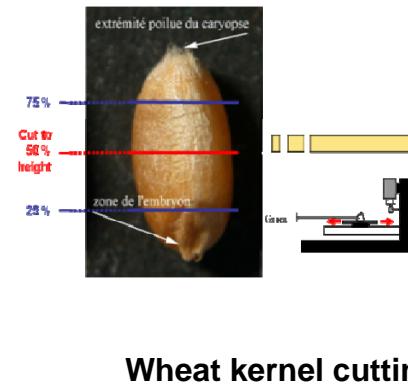
Diversity  
Maximisation at  
63 SSR locus

Wx: Waxy  
SS: Starch Synthase  
BE: Branching Enzyme  
AGPase : ADP Glucose Pyrophosphorylase  
 $\alpha$  et  $\beta$ -amy:  $\alpha$  et  $\beta$ -amylases

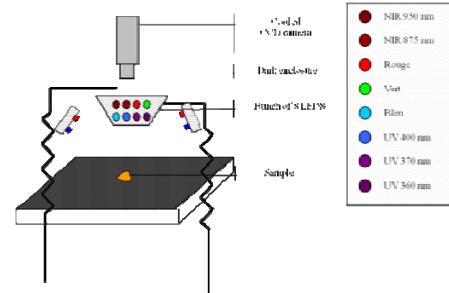


## Multispectral imagery to predict grain amylose content

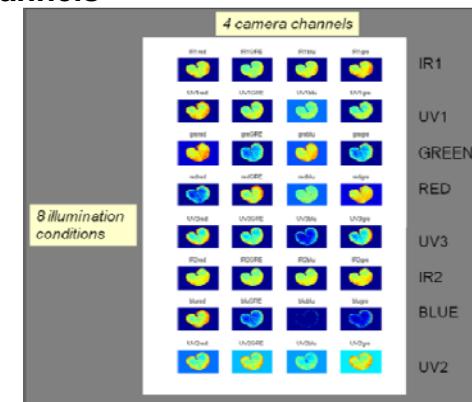
8 illumination conditions x 4 channels RGB = 32 channels



Wheat kernel cutting



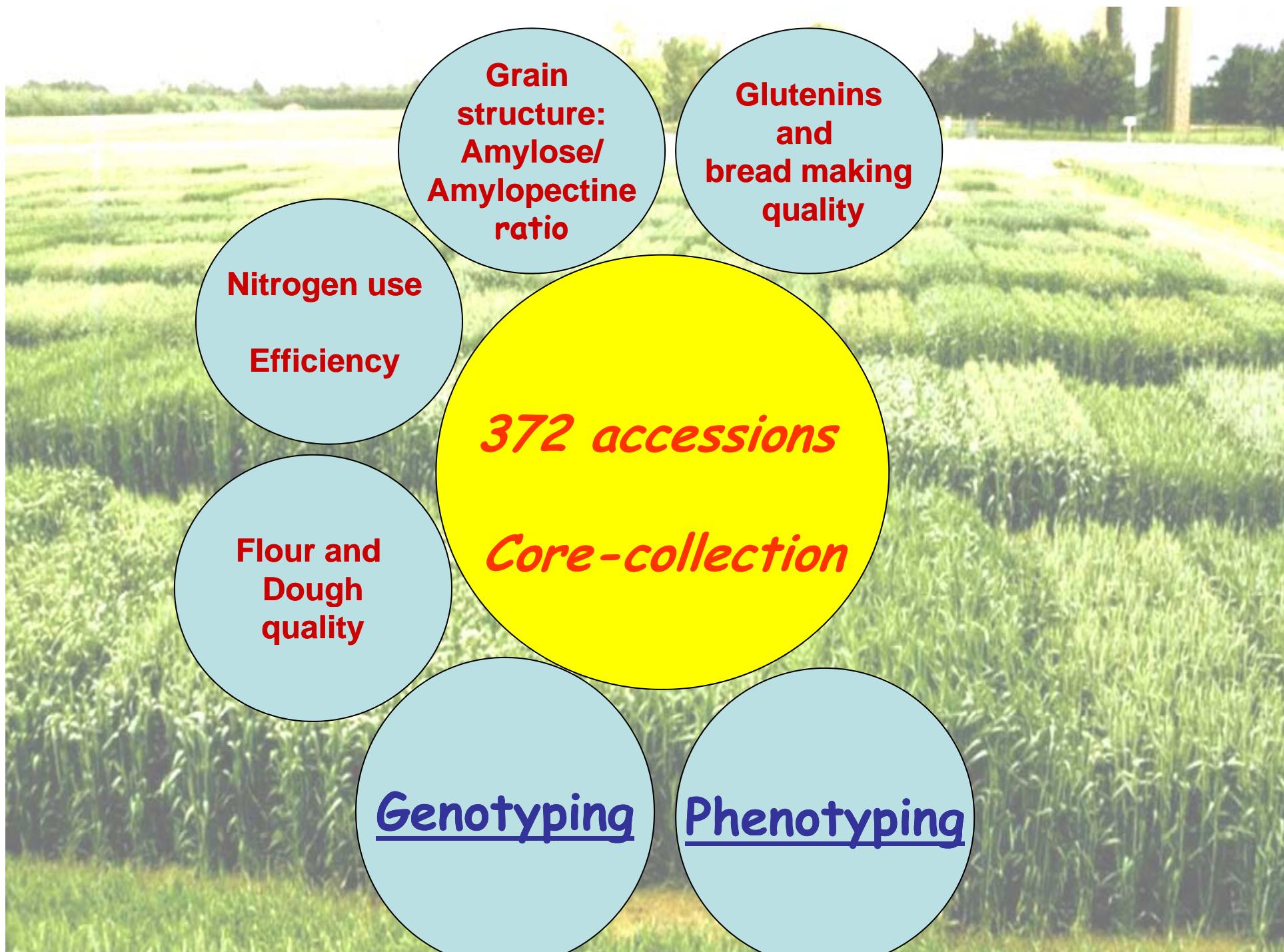
Multiway imaging



Multivariate image analysis

Outcome: new phenotyping technology - bread with low glycemic index





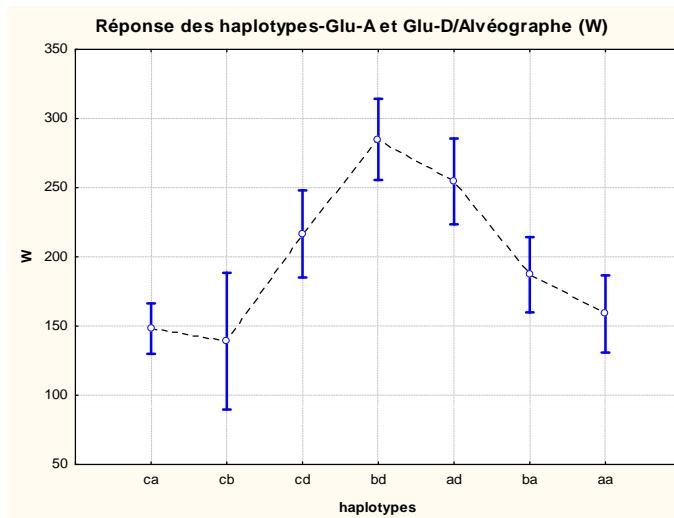
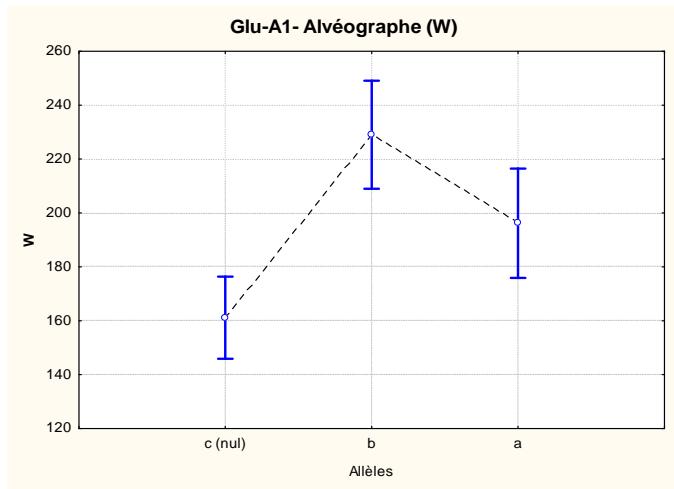
# Genetic components of bread wheat quality (C Ravel, S Lafarge)

(Support: FUI QualitNblé)



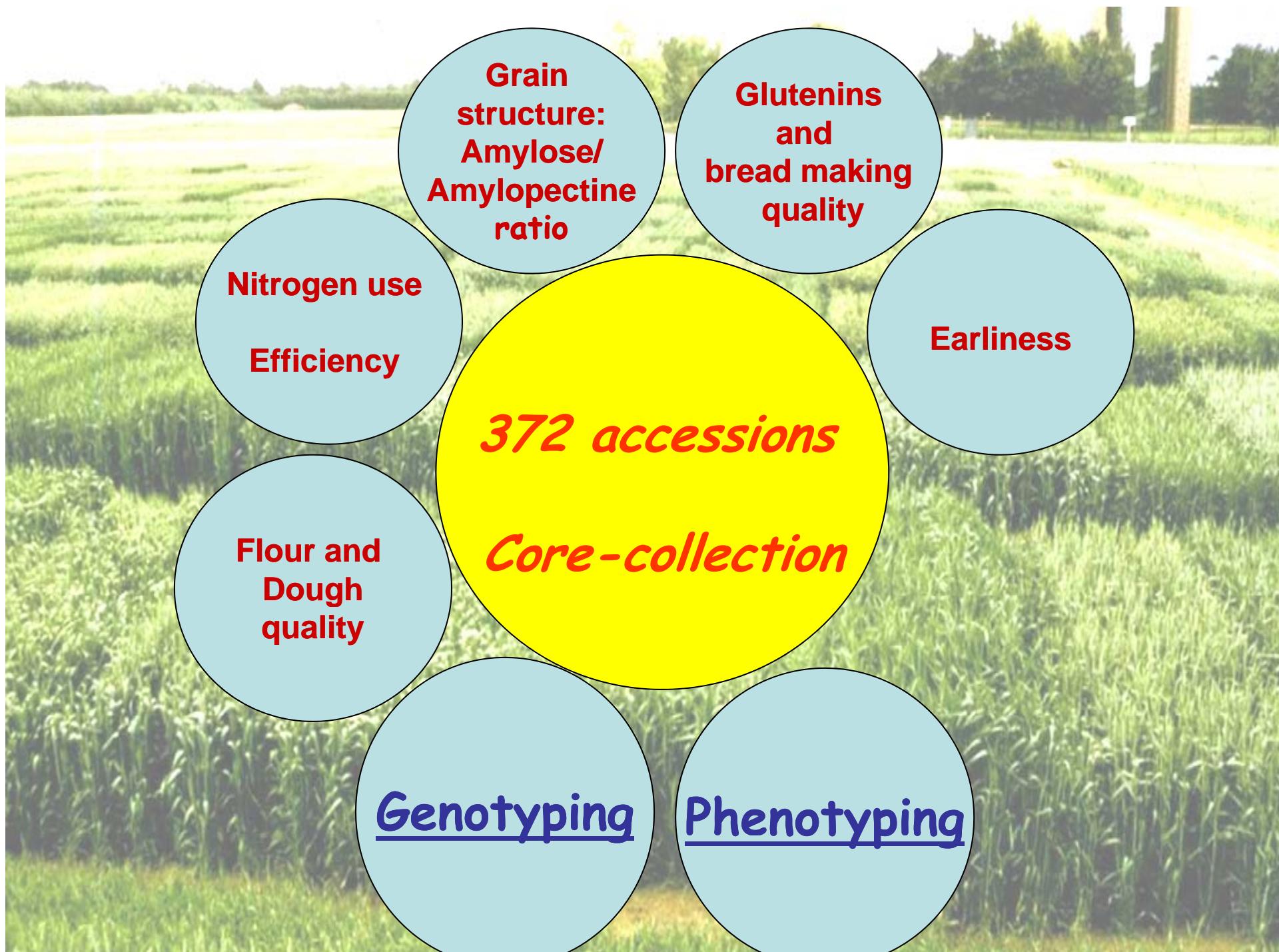
372 CC description for les High molecular weight glutenins

Allèles des genes des HMWG de la Core-collection								
Locus Glu-A1			Locus Glu-B1			Locus Glu-D1		
Allèles	Nb	%	Allèles	Nb	%	Allèles	Nb	%
c (0)	154	46,7	b (7+8)	128	39,9	a (2+12)	179	54,7
b (2*)	89	27,0	c (7+9)	63	19,6	d (5+10)	102	31,2
a (1)	87	26,4	d (6+8)	42	13,1	b (3+12)	20	6,1
			a (7)	30	9,3	c (4+12)	18	5,5
			e (20)	17	5,3	f (2.2+12)	4	1,2
			i (17+18)	17	5,3	x (2)	1	0,3
			f (13+16)	11	3,4	y (12)	1	0,3
			h (14+15)	4	1,2	z (12)	1	0,3
			p (6.1-22)	4	1,2	g (2+10)	1	0,3
			8	1	0,3			
			18	1	0,3			
			g (13+19)	1	0,3			
			k (22)	1	0,3			
			iv (23+18)	1	0,3			



Important allelic diversity related to dough quality





# Earliness components (J Legouis, M Rousset)

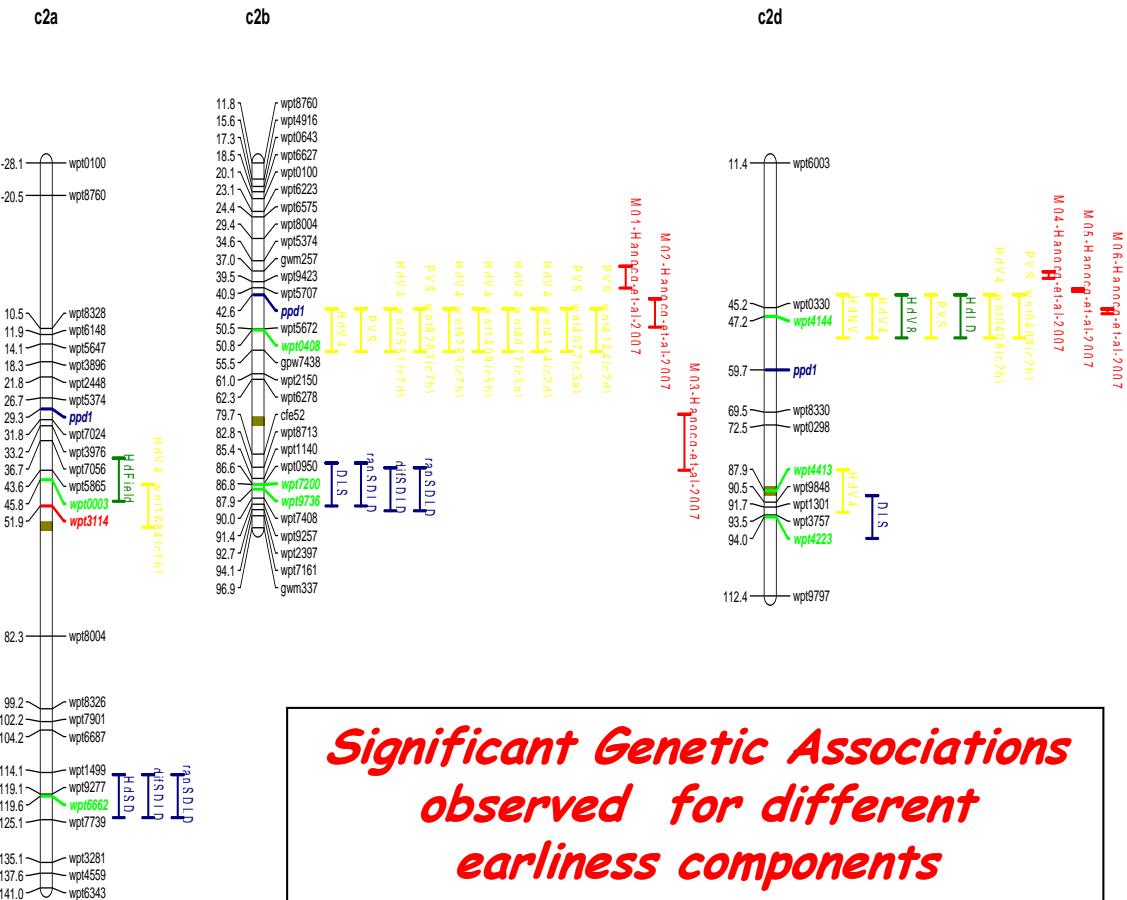


A genome wide association analysis enabled to identify the main chromosomal regions determining components of earliness in wheat. J Le Gouis, Bordes J, Ravel C, Heumez E, Faure S, Praud S, Balfourier F, Allard V, Rousset M (TAG, submitted)

(Support: ANR Wheatperformance)

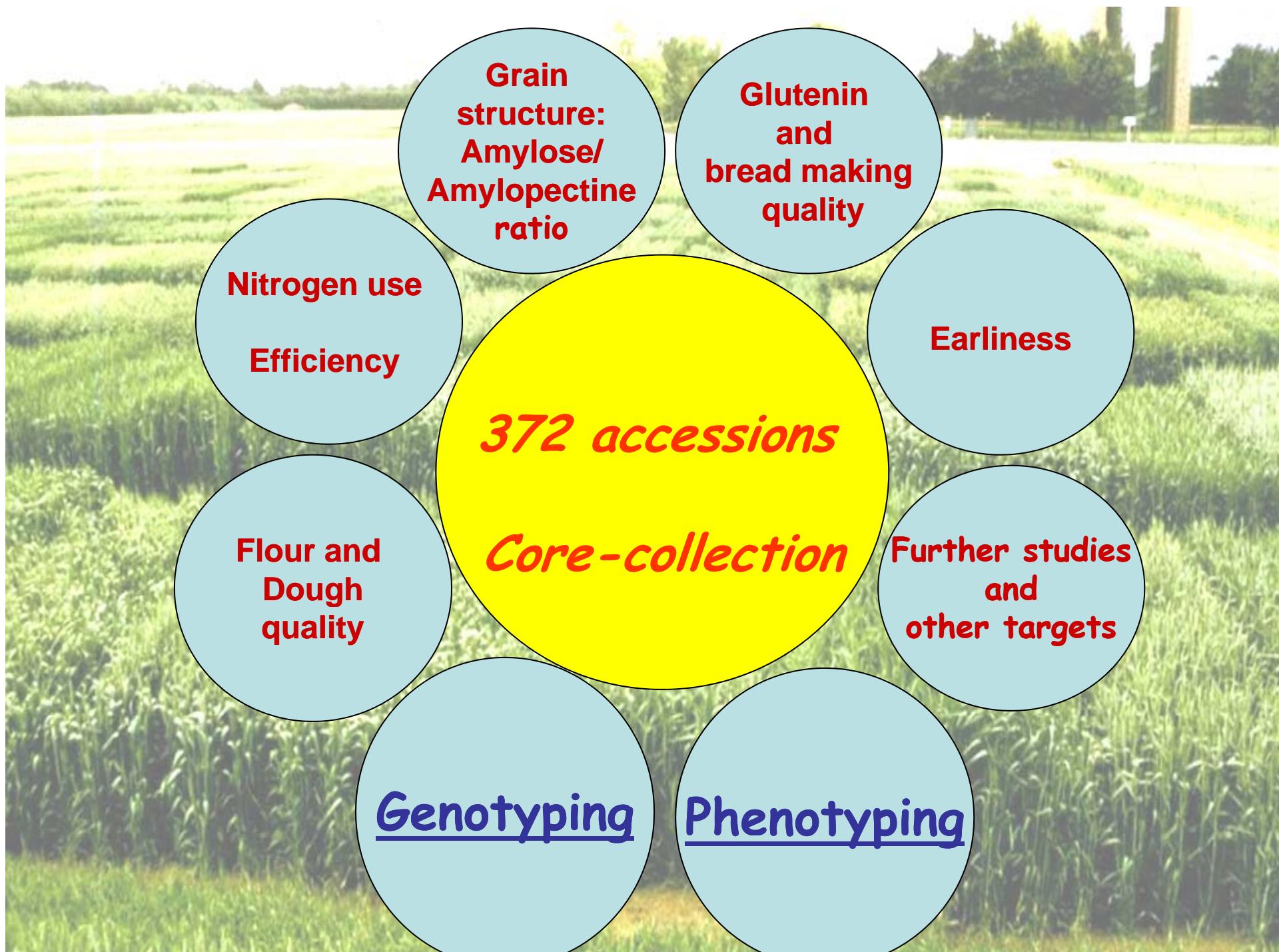
Field and glasshouse characterisation of a part of 372CC for earliness components :

- vernalisation requirement
- photoperiod sensitivity
- narrow sense earliness



**Significant Genetic Associations observed for different earliness components**

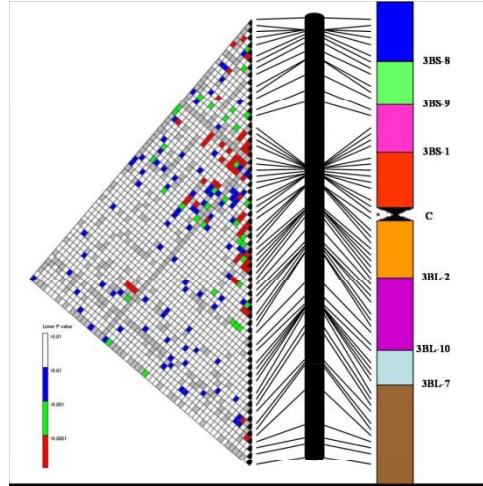




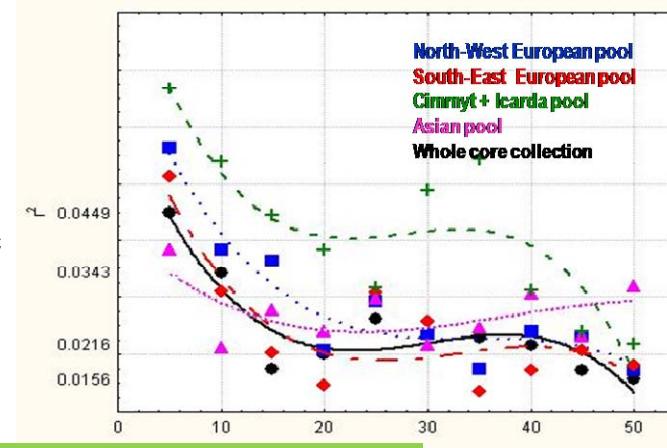
# Linkage disequilibrium studies (*C. Feuillet*, *C. Ravel*)

(Supports: ANR Exegese Blé, FUI SDD, PRA )

## LD at the 3B chromosome level in 372 CC



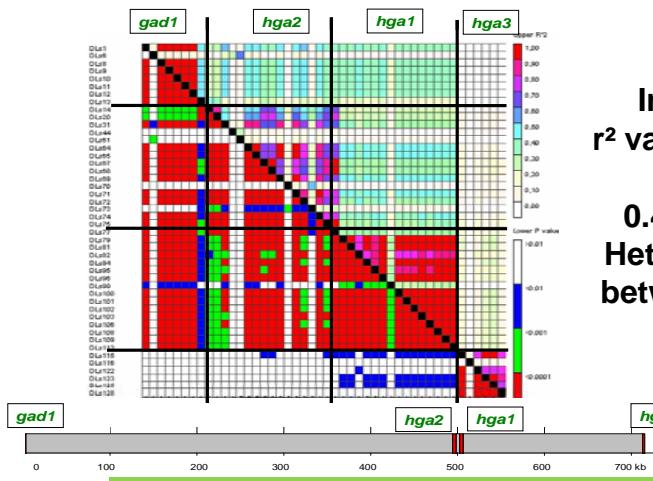
Low but significant LD in centromeric and telomeric (3BS) regions



(TAG, 2009, 119:1523-1537)

Decrease of  $r^2$  ~20cM, with differences between geographical gene pools

## LD at the gene level along *Rph7*

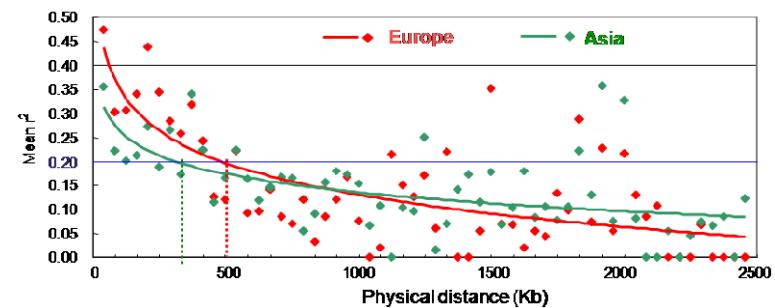


Intra-gene  $r^2$  values ranges from 0.49 to 0.81; Heterogeneity between genes

(Chromosoma, 2010, in press)

## LD at the R locus (*Rph7-Fhb1*) level

(3.2 Mb on 3BS8 deletion bin)



LD within 600 Kb, differences between geographic origins: Europe (600 Kb) vs Asia (400 Kb)

(TAG, 2010, 121:1209-1225)

## Further studies and targets

- Dwarf genes Coll INRA-JIC/NIAB ( E Wilhem) Rht genes diversity
- NAM B1/ GPC - Grain proteins content Coll Uppsala University - Suède (J. Hagenblad, M. Leino, C. Ravel, J. Le gouis)
- SKR - wheat x rye crossability (C. Feuillet, S. Hofmann, T. Gerjets, P. Sourdille, A. Bouguennec)
- SNPs diversity (C Ravel, P Martre -QualitNblé)  
Influence of Transcriptional Activator Spa on Grain Protein Composition, dough viscoelasticity and grain hardness. Ravel C, P Martre, I Romeuf, M Dardevet, R El-Malki1, JBordes, N Duchateau, D Brunel, F Balfourier, G Charmet (Plant Physiology 2009)
- Extend of LD at different genome scales (E. Paux - 3BSeq, Digital)
- Starch granules size - (G. Branlard) Analysis and identification of starch granules size related to grain composition
- Metabolites and nutrition value- (G. Branlard) Genetic and environmental factors associated to human nutrition value

# Conclusions

**Core collection = Population of manageable size.....**

1) Widely genotyped on the whole genome size  
and showing a great genotypic variability

2) phenotyped for a large number of traits  
and exhibiting an important phenotypic diversity for  
these traits

**...usefull for association genetic studies...**

**...offering avantages compared to biparental populations**

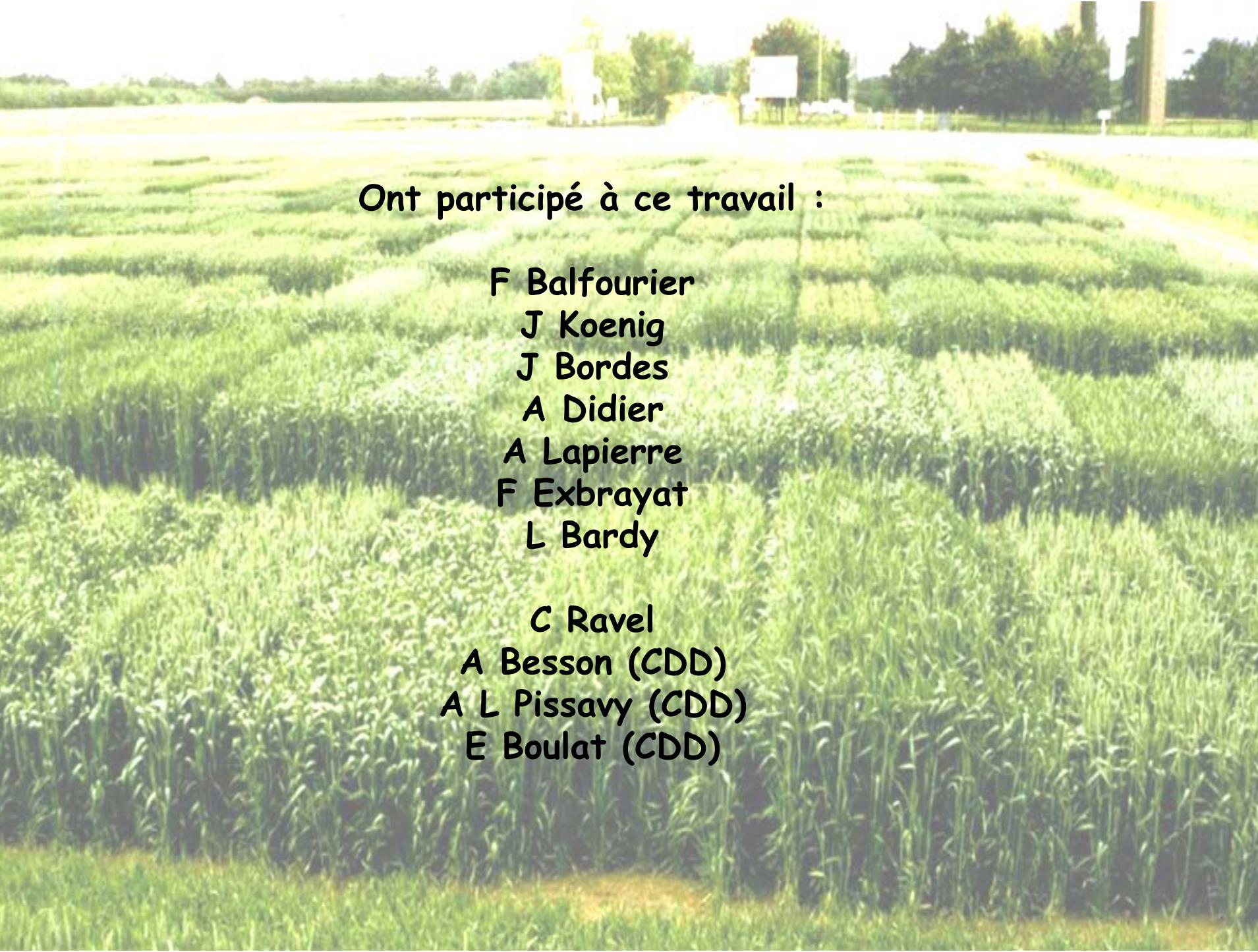
...polymorphic on a wider part of the genome

....for a larger numbre of traits

**....well adapted to the study of numerous targeted traits**

**.....and implied in diverse scientific projects**





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