

# DIVERSITY OF OAT GENETIC RESOURCES



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# Introduction

Oat (*Avena sativa*) is cereal grown for grain for food and feed. It is autogamous allohexaploid characterized by large genome ( $1.4 \times 10^{10}$  bp/1C). Haploid genome has 7 chromosomes  $n = 3x = 21$ .

## Aim of the study

- To evaluate genetic variability of oat genetic resources selected by project partners
- To compare genetic structure based on genetic data and on some agronomical traits



# Material and Methods

Country of origin	Number of genotypes
Argentina	1
Austria	11
Belarus	1
Canada	9
Czech Republic	23
Estonia	3
Finland	7
France	12
Germany	24
Ireland	2
Netherlands	4
Poland	2
Russia	4
Sweden	3
United Kingdom	1
United States	5
<b>Total 16 countries</b>	<b>112</b>

## Genotype

analysis of microsatellites  
40 primer combinations

## Phenotype

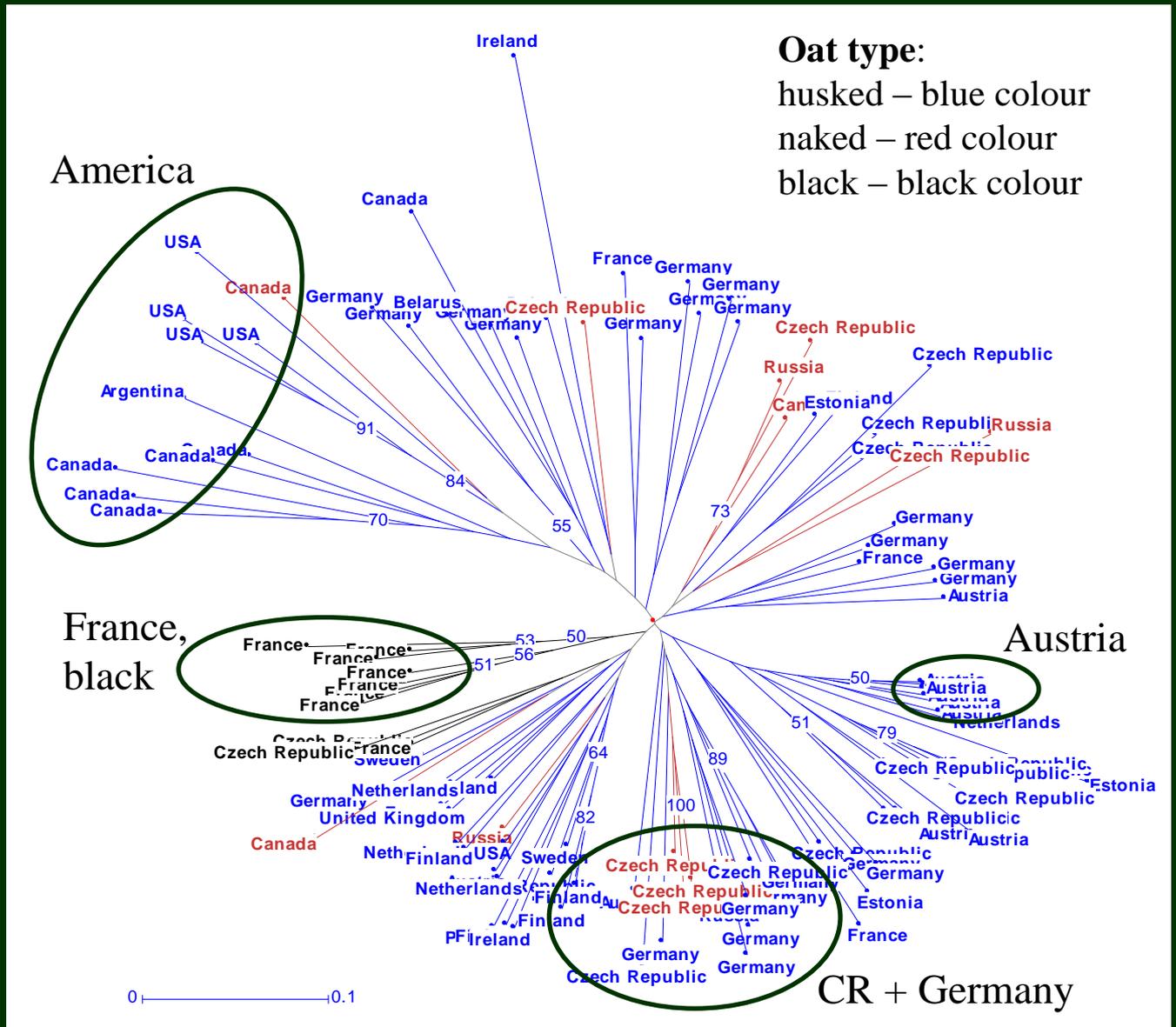
agronomic traits:  
 HEAD - heading  
 HGHT - plant height (cm)  
 LO01 - lodging (9-1)  
 DMAT - date of maturity  
 (days after 20 June)  
 TGWT - 1000 grain weight  
 (g)  
 HLWT - hectolitre weight  
 (kg/hl)

Type - husked, naked, black

# Results

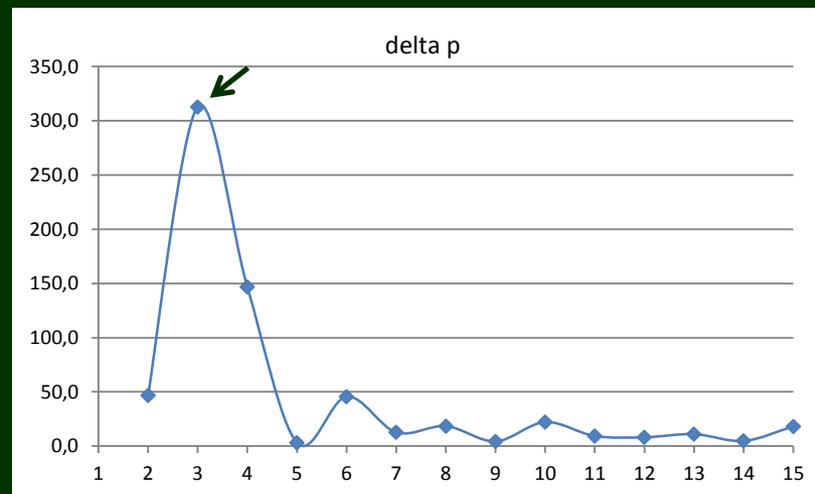
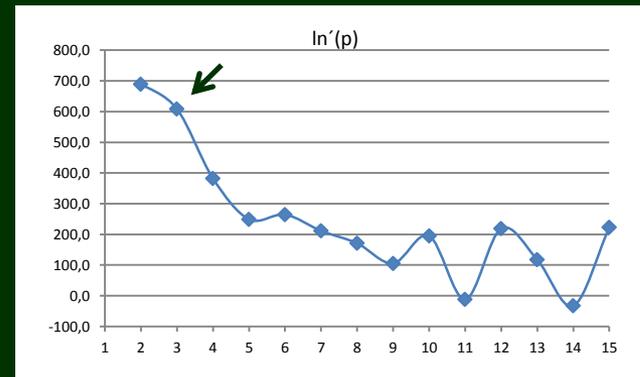
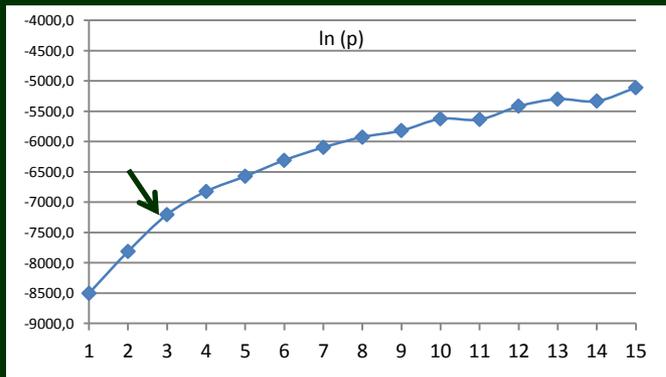
112 genotypes  
56 loci  
253 alleles  
4.5 alleles per locus

Cluster analysis  
SM  
UNJ  
bootstraps 2000



## Structure analysis

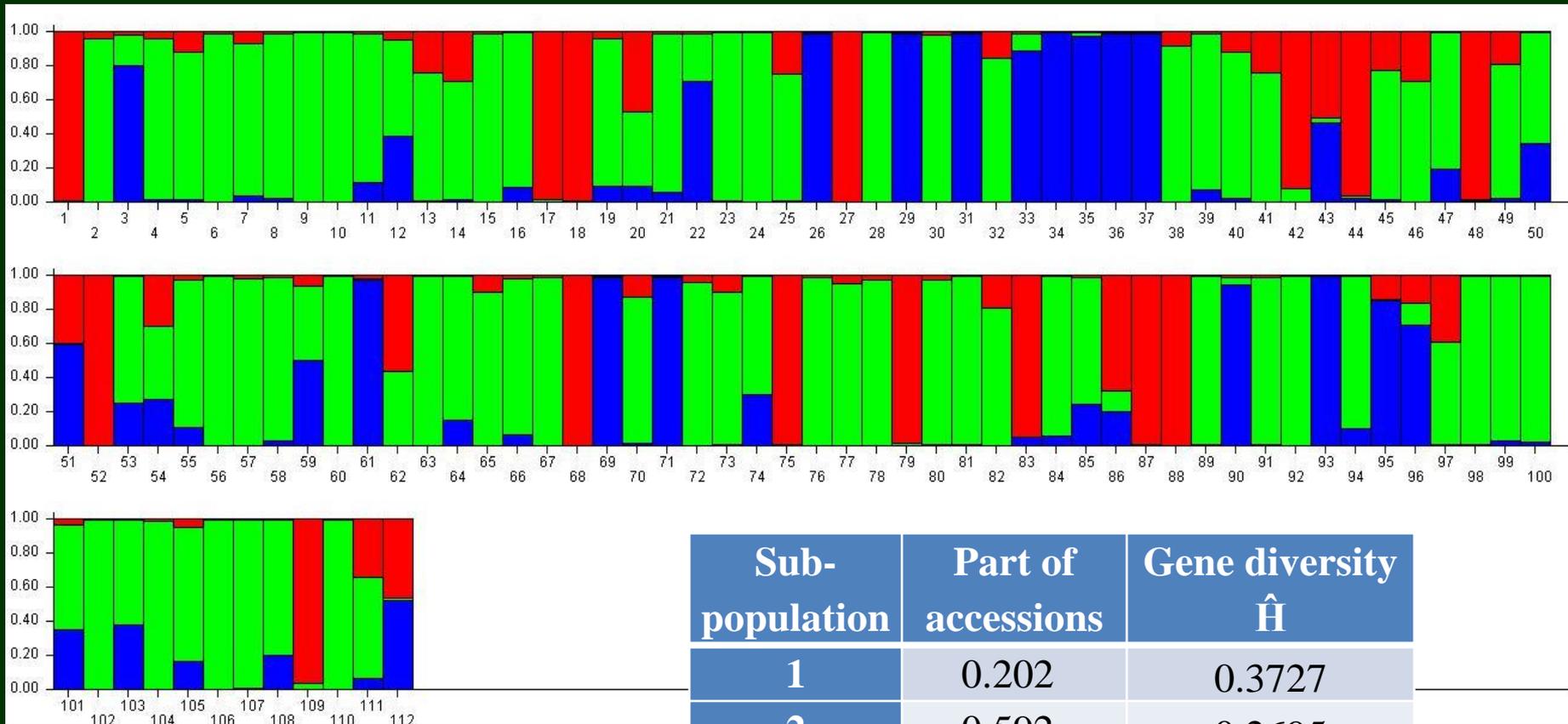
$K = 1 - 15$ , 10 repetitions, MCMC 20000



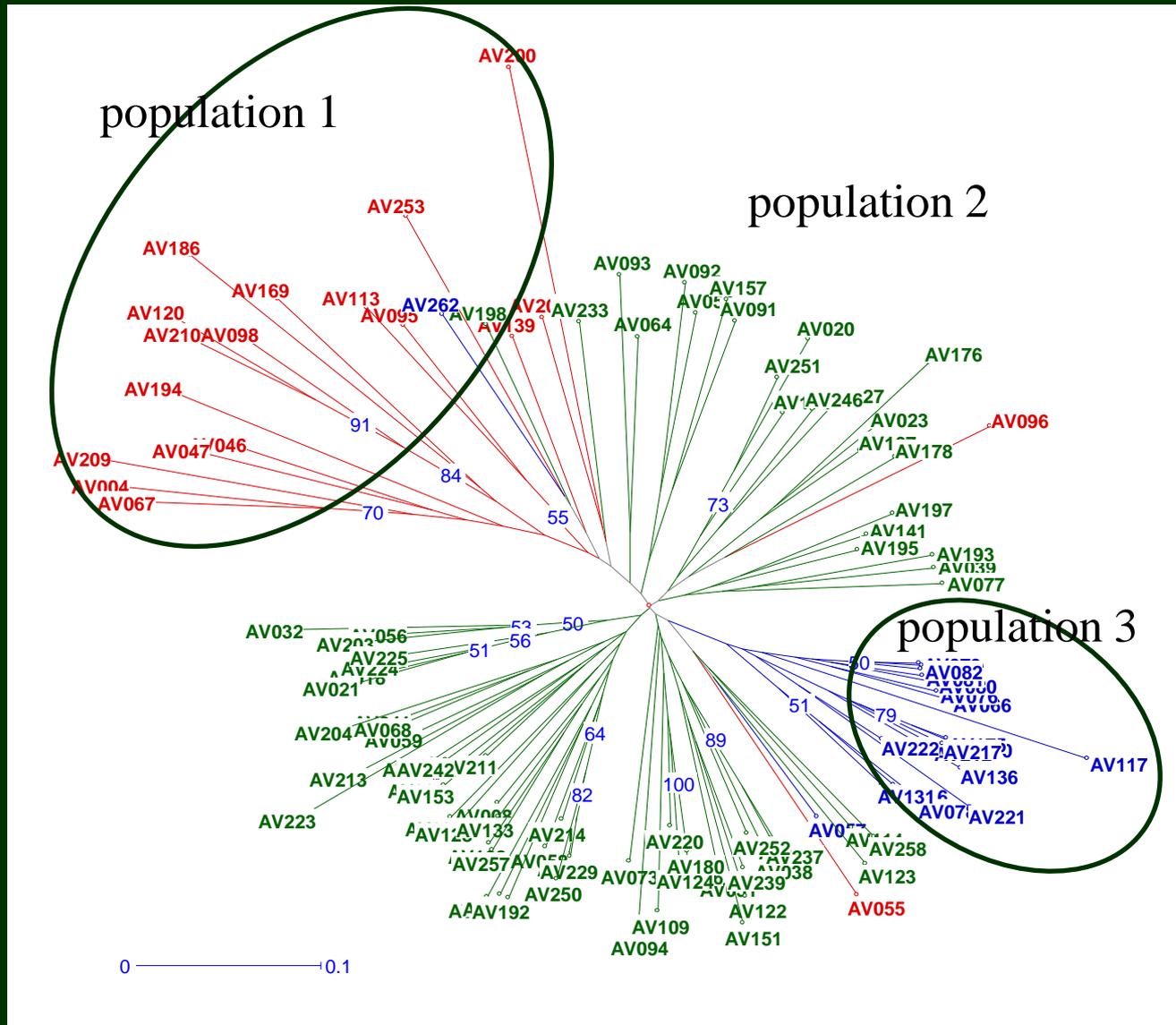
$K = 3$   
three genetic  
populations  
in 112 oat  
accessions  
analysed

## Structure analysis

K = 3, MCM 100.000



Sub-population	Part of accessions	Gene diversity $\hat{H}$
1	0.202	0.3727
2	0.592	0.2695
3	0.205	0.1772



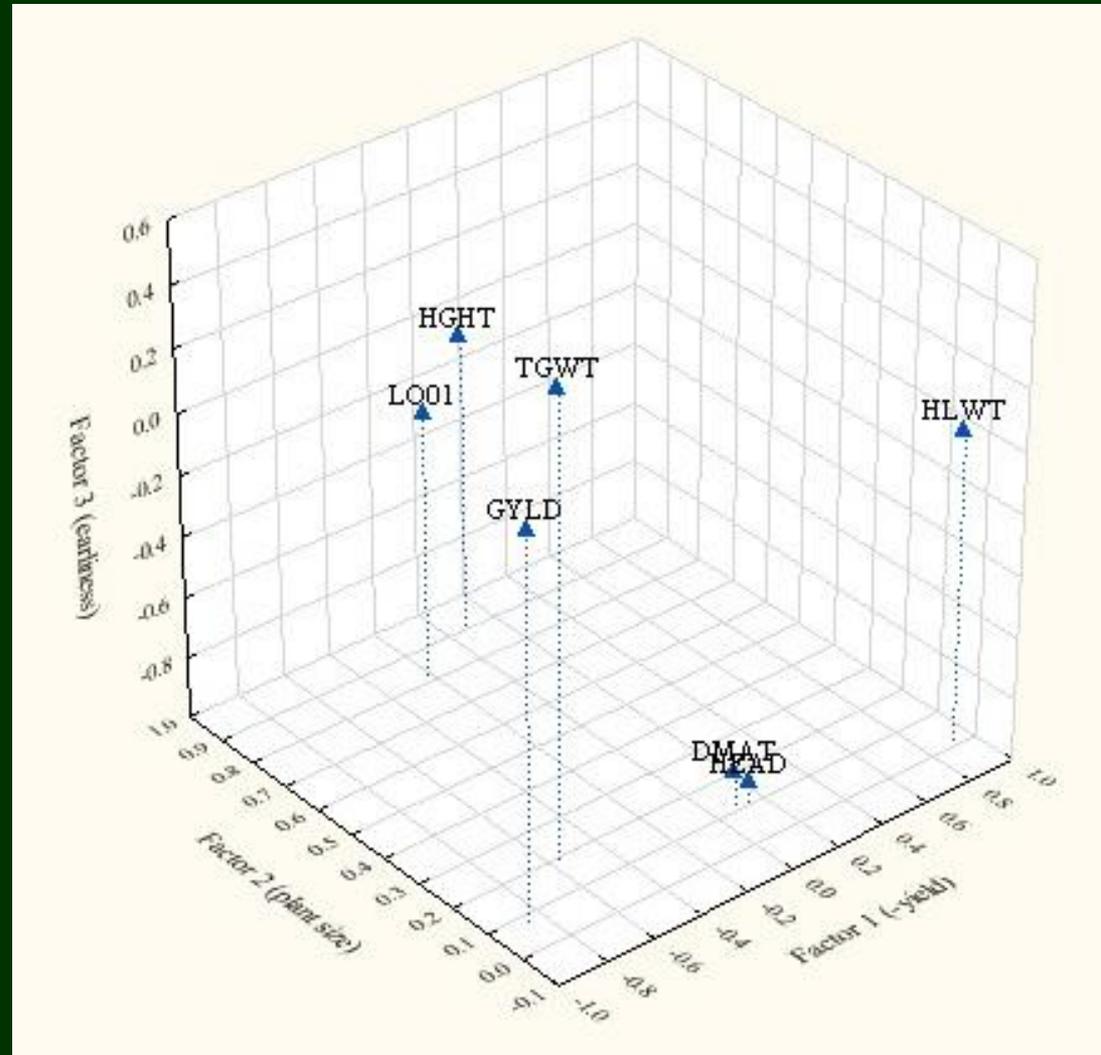
# Phenotype

Factor analysis  
Statistica

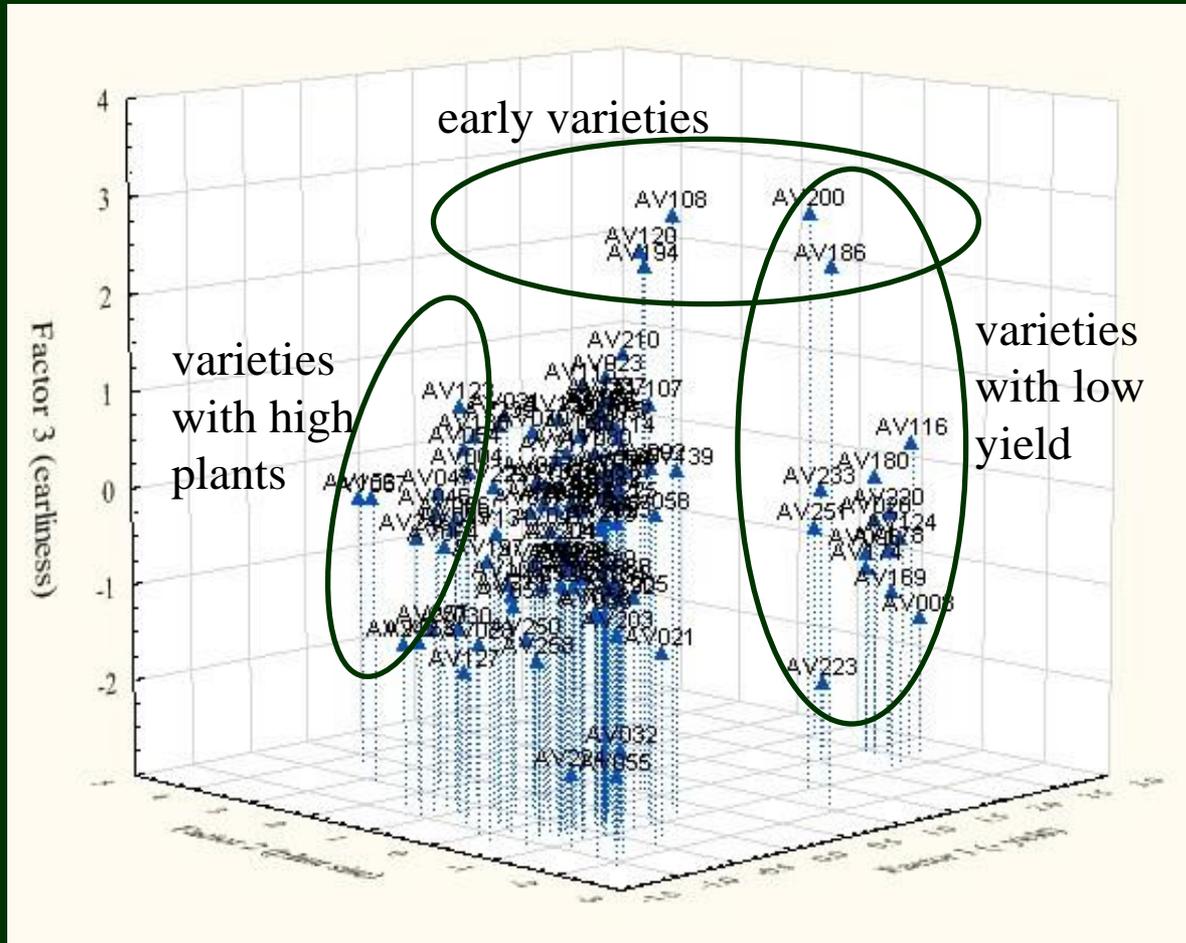
Factor 1 - -yield

Factor 2 - plant height

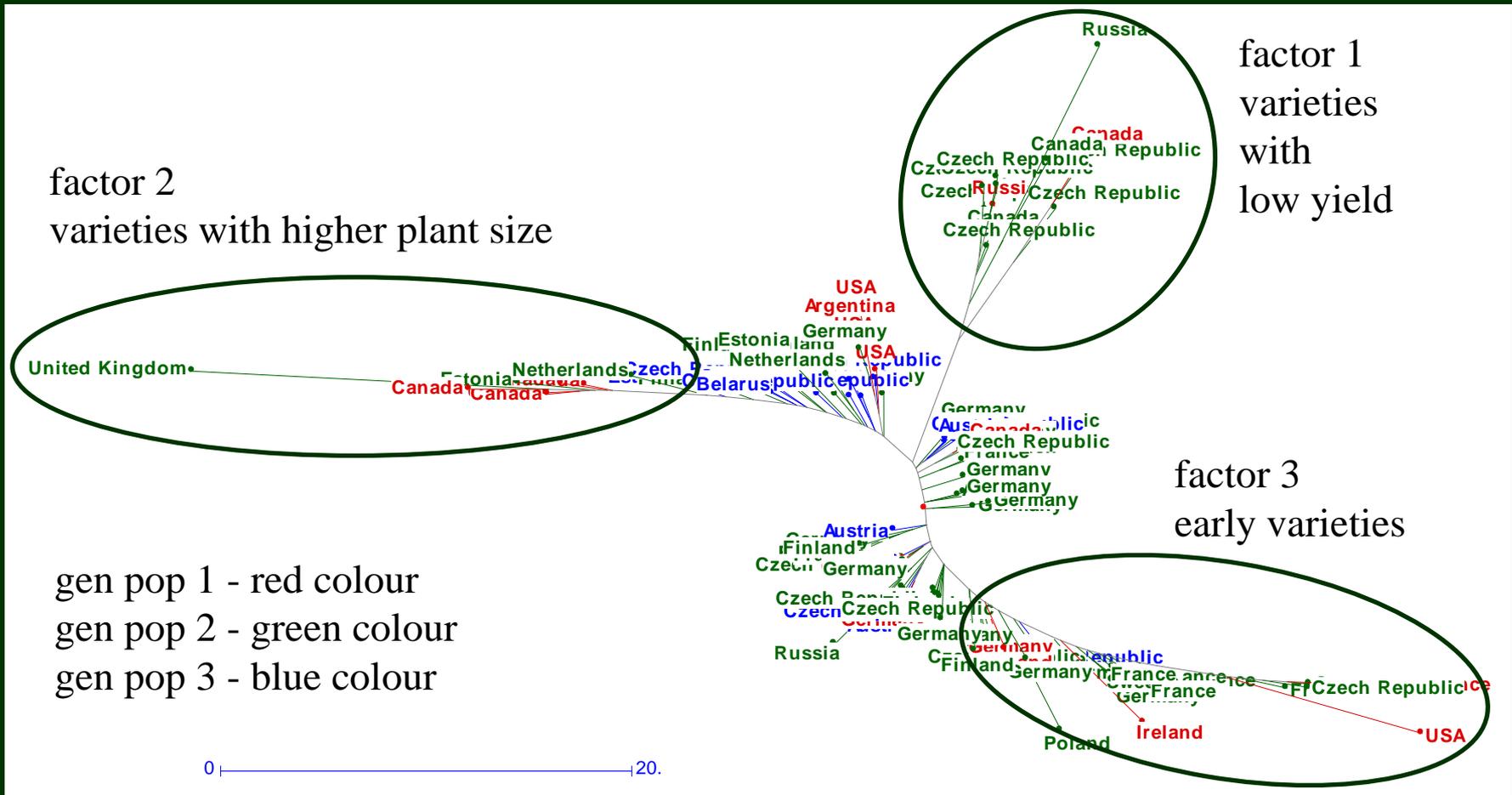
Factor 3 - earliness



## Factor analysis - graph of component scores



# Cluster analysis based on Euclidean distances computed from agronomical traits



## Conclusions

- there is low level of genetic variability within the file of selected oat accessions
- oat genotypes analysed do not show a very pronounced genetic structure
- three different genetic populations can be identified
- crosses had occurred between the populations
- accessions classified to the genetic populations 1 and 2 are of higher genetic diversity and their agronomic traits are more influenced by environment conditions
- accessions involved in genetic population 3 are genetically more uniform and their agronomical traits are on intermediate level not much influenced by environment conditions



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