Examination of the effects of genotype clusters and endosymbionts on the ability of the pea aphid (Acyrthosiphon pisum) to transmit the PEMV virus and resist heat shock.







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# System: Legumes, Aphids, Viruses

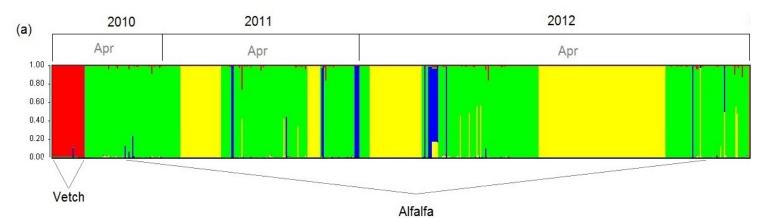
- Peas and lentils significant rotational crops in wheat here since the 1930's
- Pea aphids have been problematic pests in the system throughout this history...
- As direct pests and as vectors of viruses, *Pea enation mosaic* (PEMV)



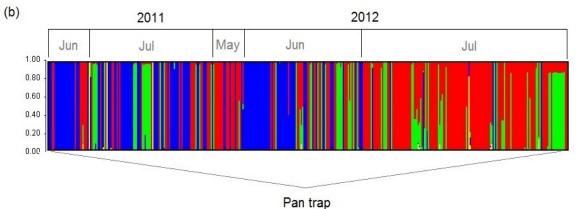


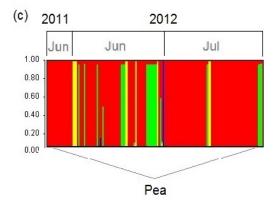
## **Colonies and Genotyping**

#### Columbia River Basin



#### Palouse







#### Table of Experimental Colonies

Colony	Origin	Host Affinity	Endosymbionts
Pea UI	Idaho Palouse	Реа	Serratia symbiotica
ALGR UI	Idaho Palouse	Alfalfa	Hamiltonella defensa
ALPK UI	Idaho Palouse	Alfalfa	H. defensa , Rickettsia
Pea O	Oregon	Реа	-
ALGR O	Oregon	Alfalfa	-
Red Clover	Oregon	Red Clover	-
Austin	Texas	Fava Bean	Serratia symbiotica
Austin Cure	Texas	Fava Bean	Cured of S. symbiotica
5A	Wisconsin	Alfalfa	Naturally without endosymbionts
5AT	Wisconsin	Alfalfa	Hamiltonella defensa

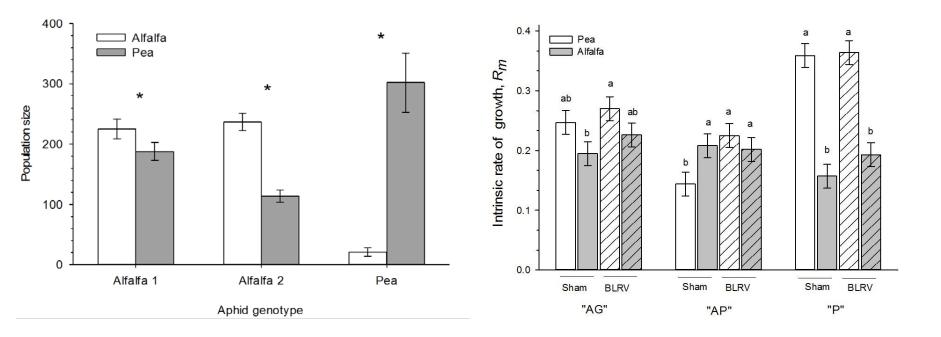


## **Core Questions**

Virus transmission : Do all pea aphid genotypes transmit PEMV equally well?

Heat Shock: Do all pea aphid respond similarly to heat stress?

### **Aphids and Virus**



- How does geographic location of aphid origin effect disease transmission across biotypes?
- How do aphid bacterial endosymbionts effect transmission of PEMV ?
- How does genetic variation in aphids affect the transmission and acquisition of PEMV?

Other Virus Transmission Questions

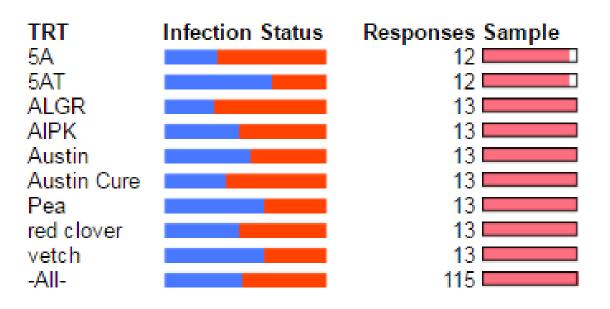
# Virus Transmission Methods



- Aphid reared in clip cages for on 72 hours on 2 PEMV infect source plants (PEMV infection was confirmed with Elisa (Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay)
- A single aphid placed on a clean plant in a clip cage for 48 hours.
- 13 reps per biotype
- Infection confirmed with Elisa after 3 weeks.

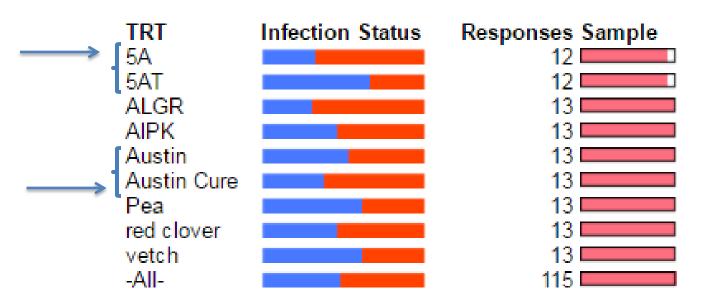


### Results





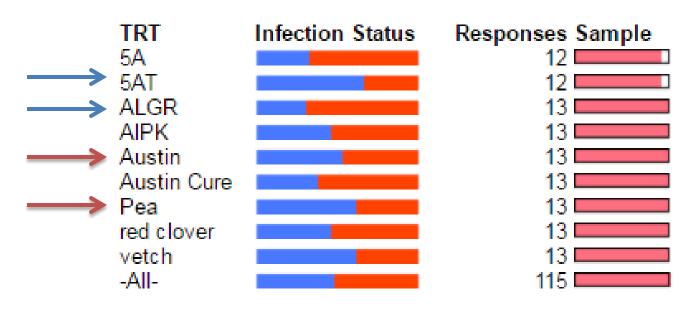
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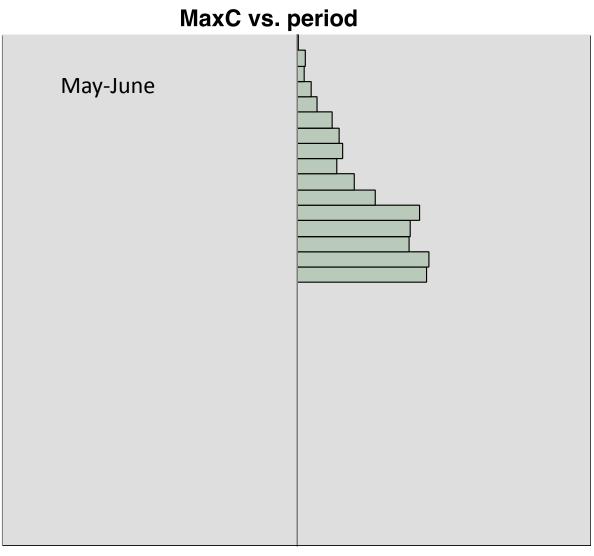
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## Heat Shock Experiment Background



## **Other Heat Shock Questions**

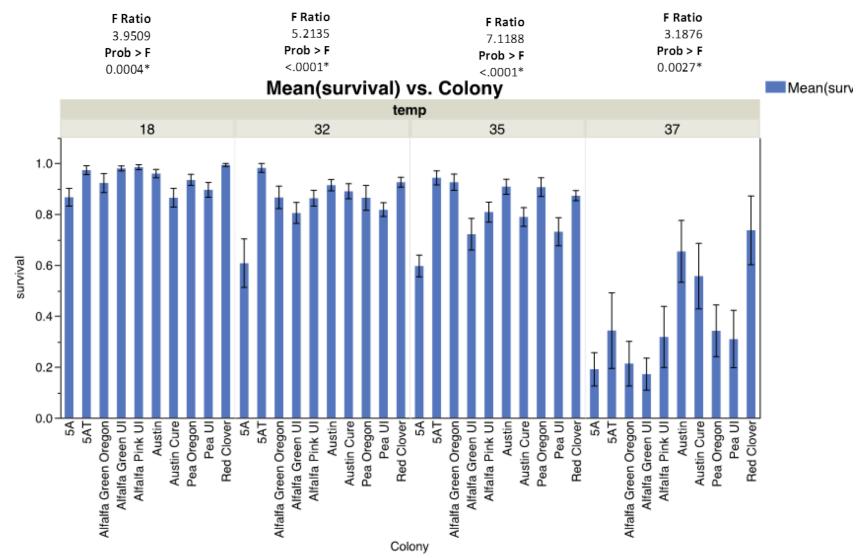
- How does geographic location of aphid origin effect survival during heat stress?
- How do bacterial endosymbionts effect response to heat stress?

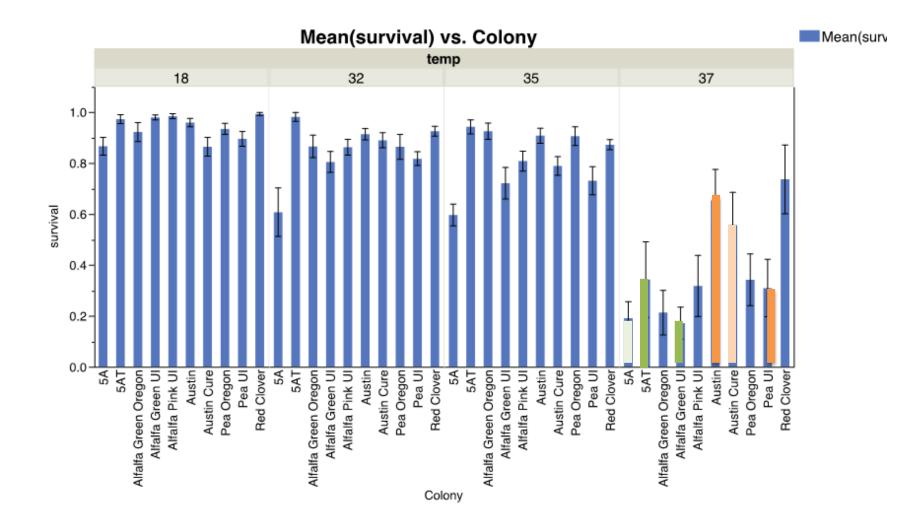
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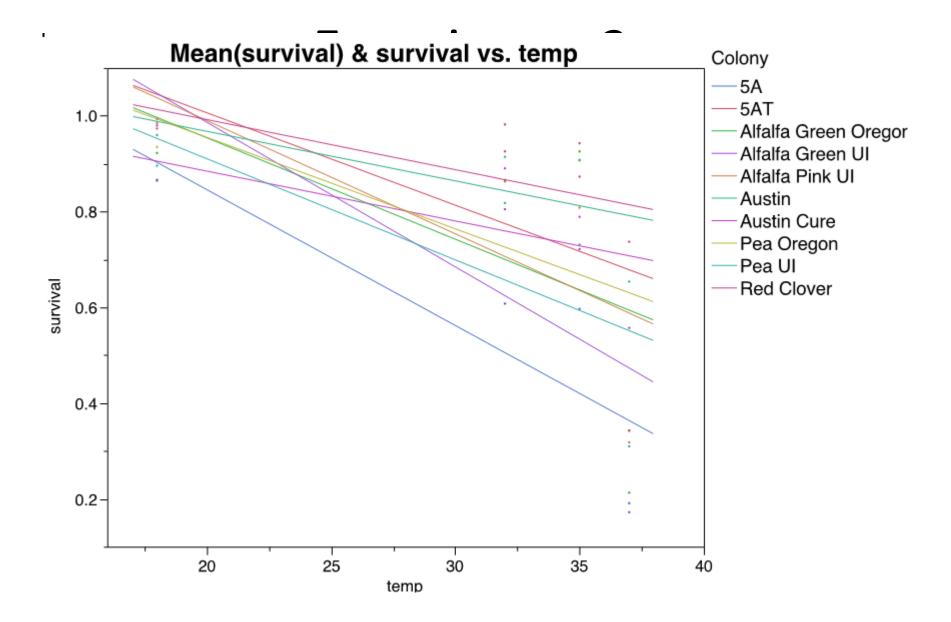


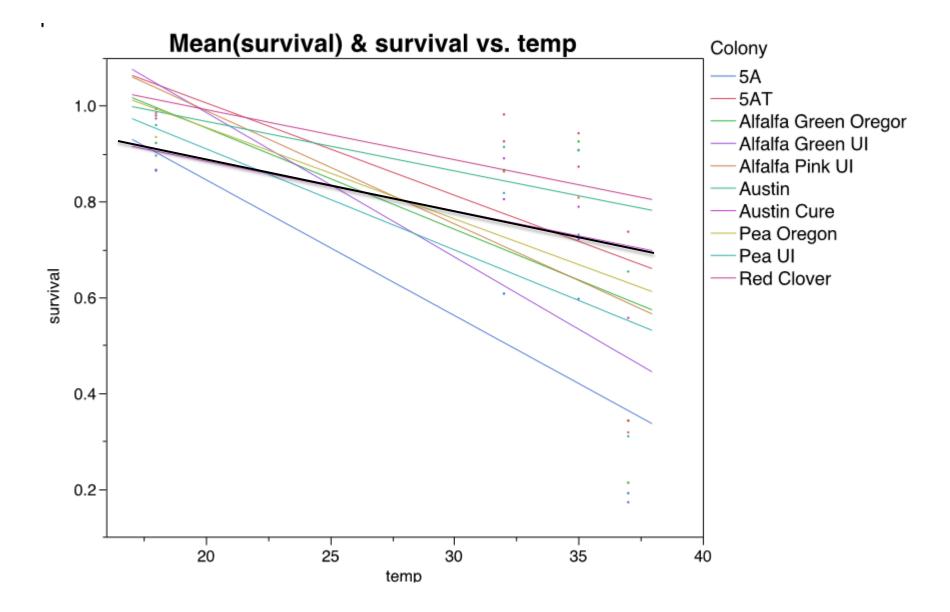
- 20 aphids in their first several instars placed per clip cage
- 4 temperature treatments for 6 hours of 18°C (control) 32 ° C , 35 °C, and 37 °C
- 6 hours heat shock
- Survivorship measured

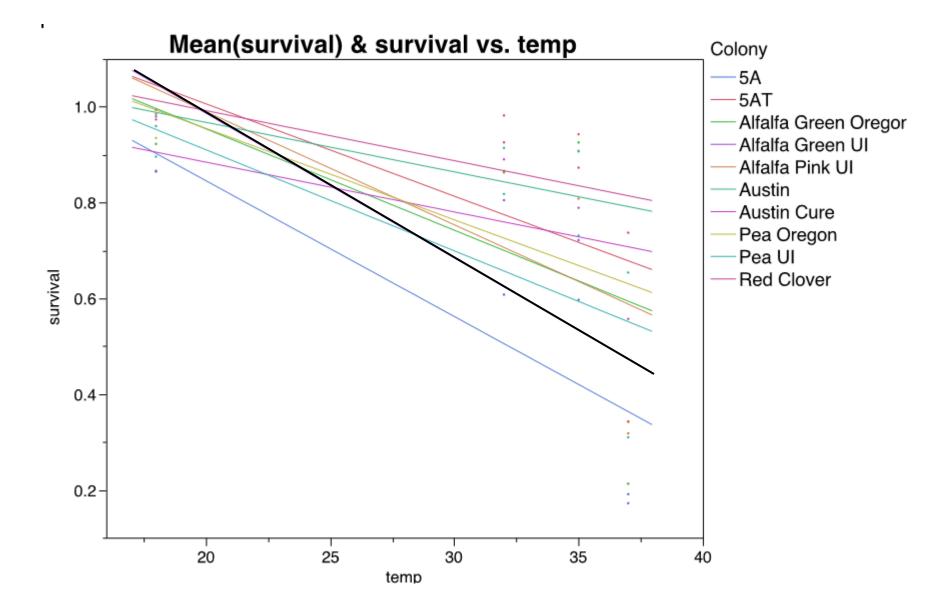
#### Results











# Conclusions

#### Virus Transmission

- No similarities found between same endosymbionts from different genotypes
- The relationship between viruses and bacterial endosymbionts should be investigated further

Heat shock

- Certain biotypes are more or less sensitive to heat shock treatments
- Geography between Idaho and Oregon had no statistical effect on survivorship
- No similarities found between same endosymbionts from different genotypes
- Aphids without endosymbionts were more affected by heat shock

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