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# **INTEGRATED APPROACH TO UNDERSTAND THE FUNCTIONNING OF WHEAT QUALITY COMPONENTS AND THEIR INTERACTION WITH ENVIRONMENTS**

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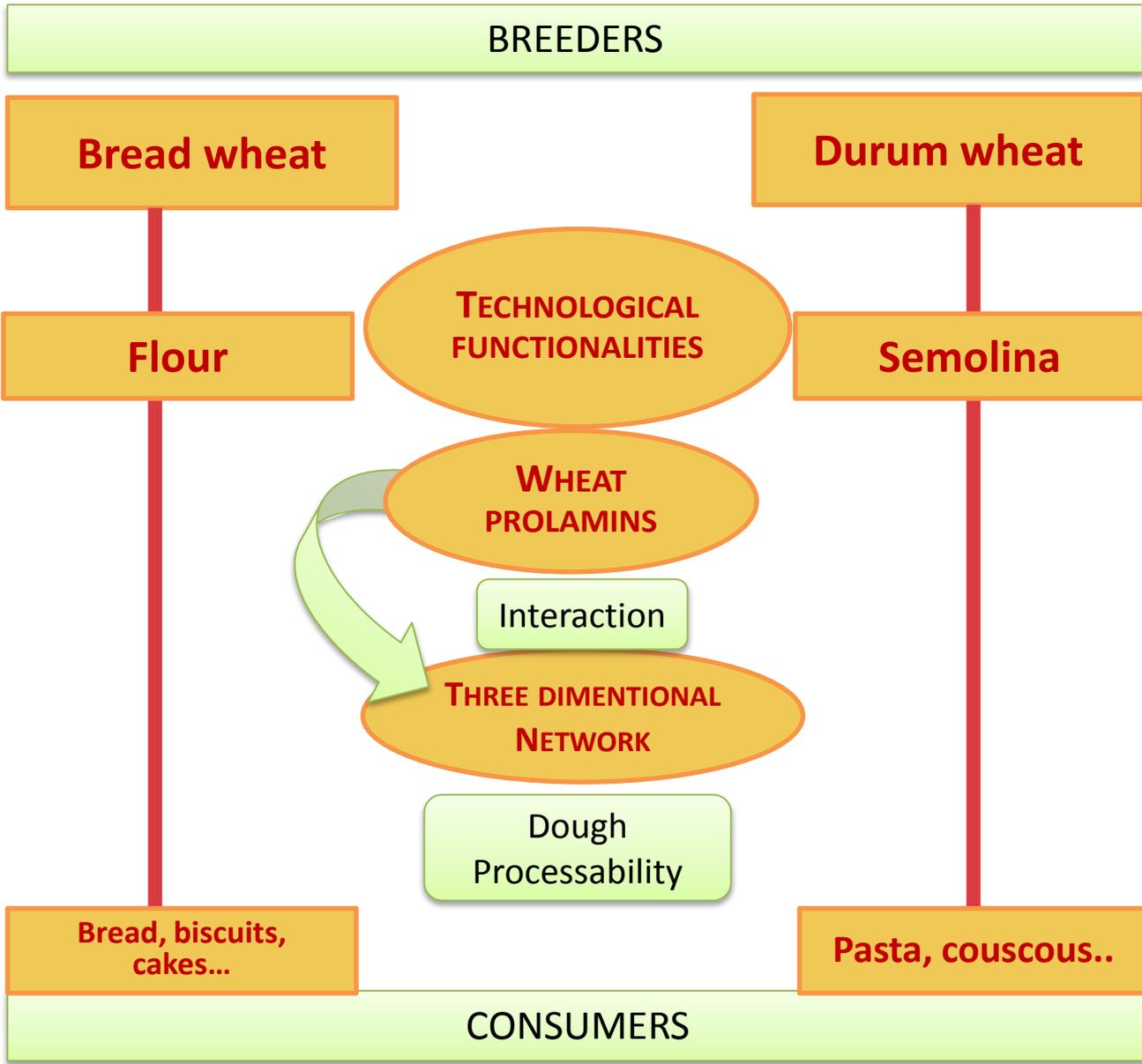
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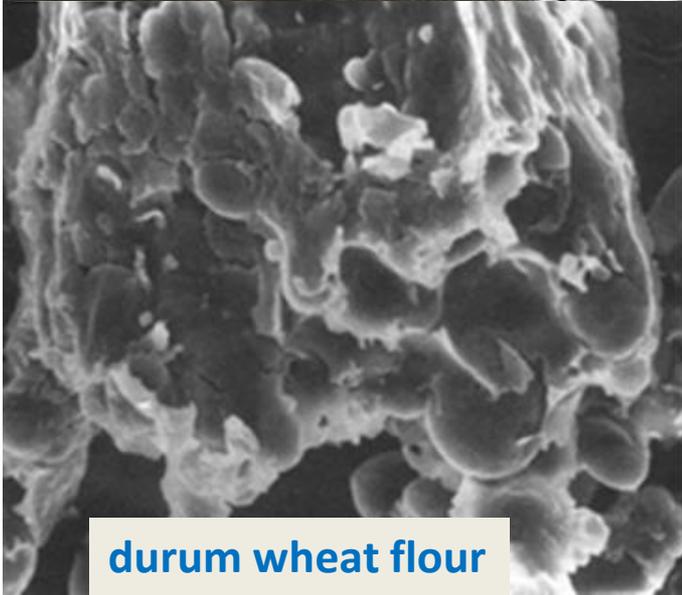
# INTRODUCTION



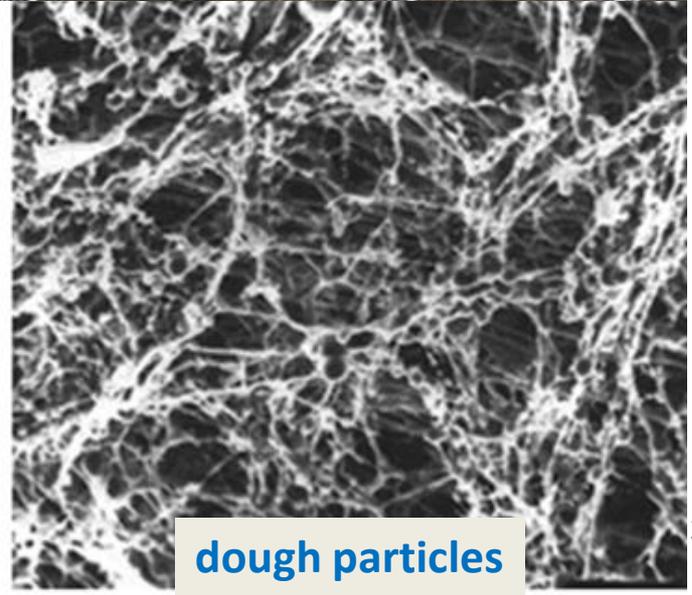
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# INTRODUCTION



durum wheat flour



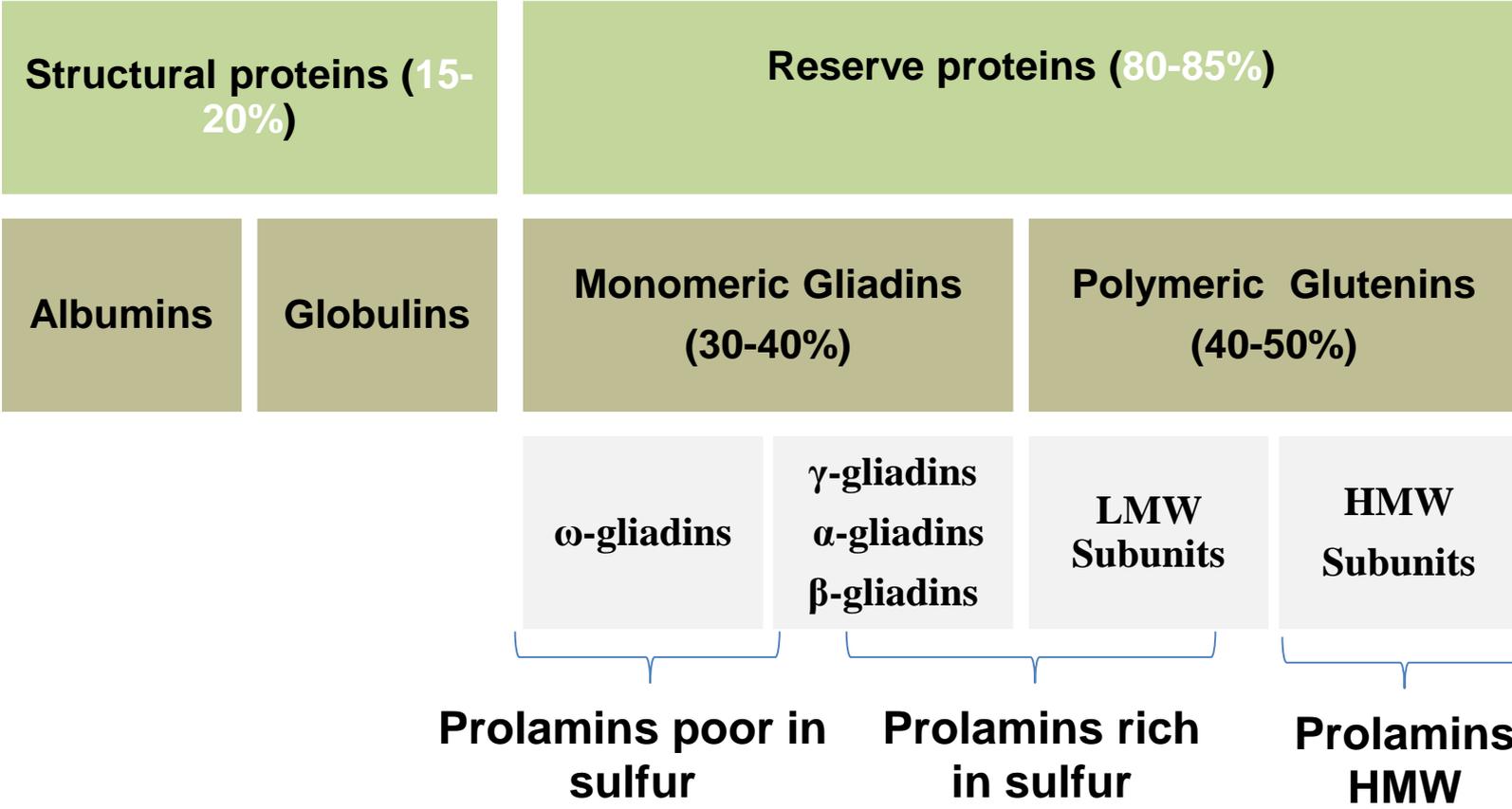
dough particles

Scanning  
electron  
micrographs

(Hoseney and Rogers  
1990)



Classification and Polymorphism of Wheat Grain Proteins

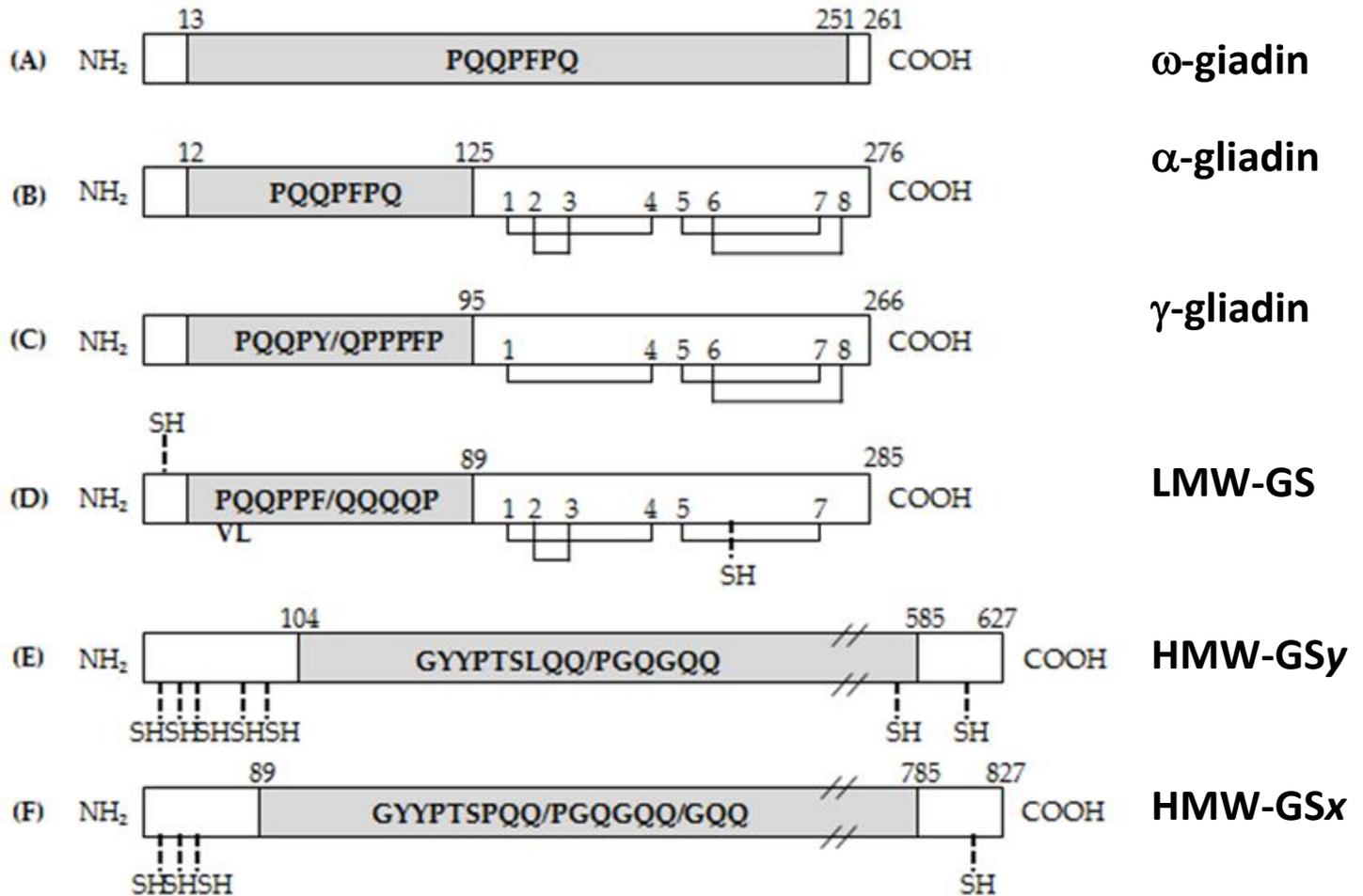


Wheat Proteins

# Molecular Weight Distribution (MWD) of Wheat Storage Proteins



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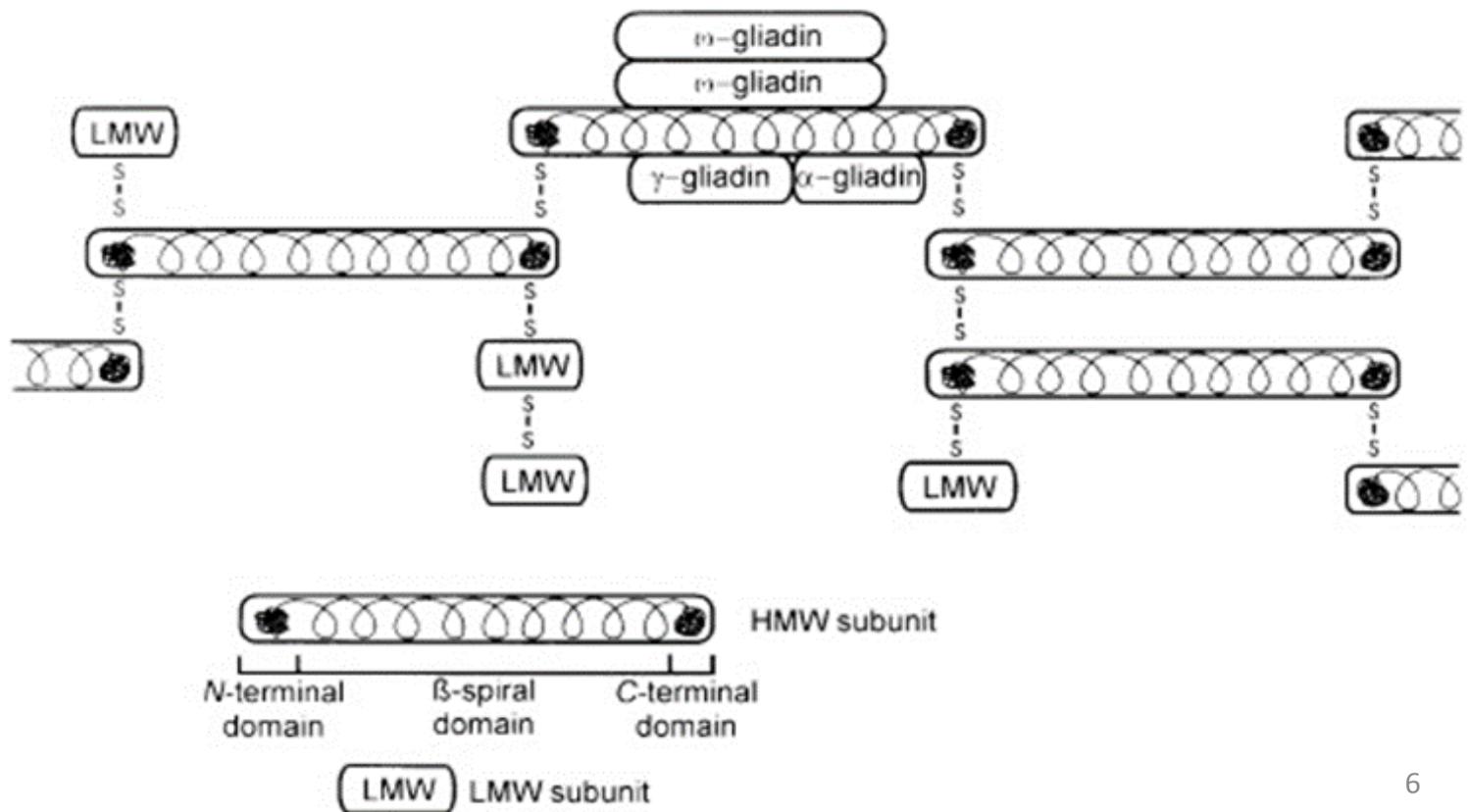


Schematic structures of typical primary structures of wheat proteins

# Molecular Weight Distribution (MWD) of Wheat Storage Proteins



## Gliadin to Glutenin Ratio



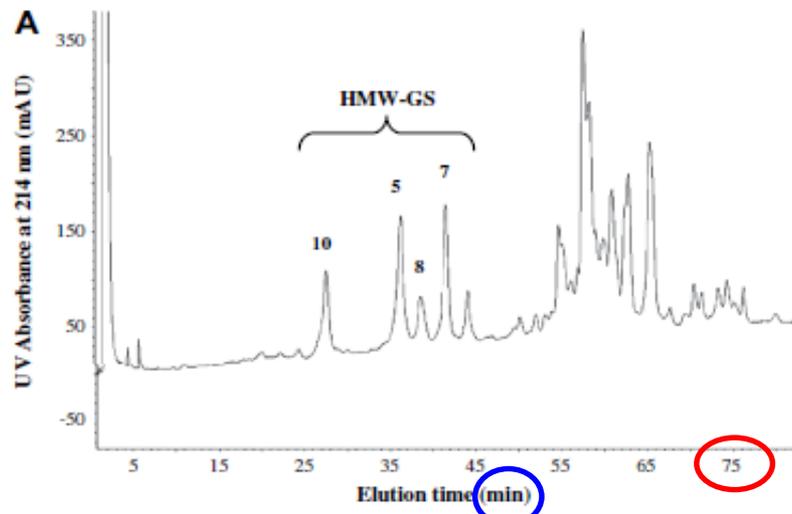
A structural model for wheat gluten

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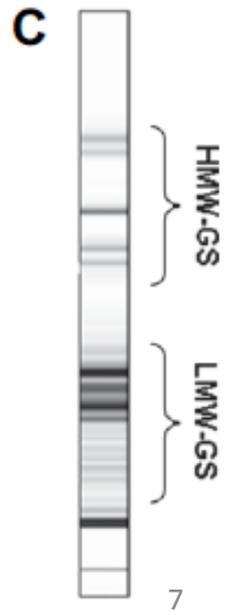
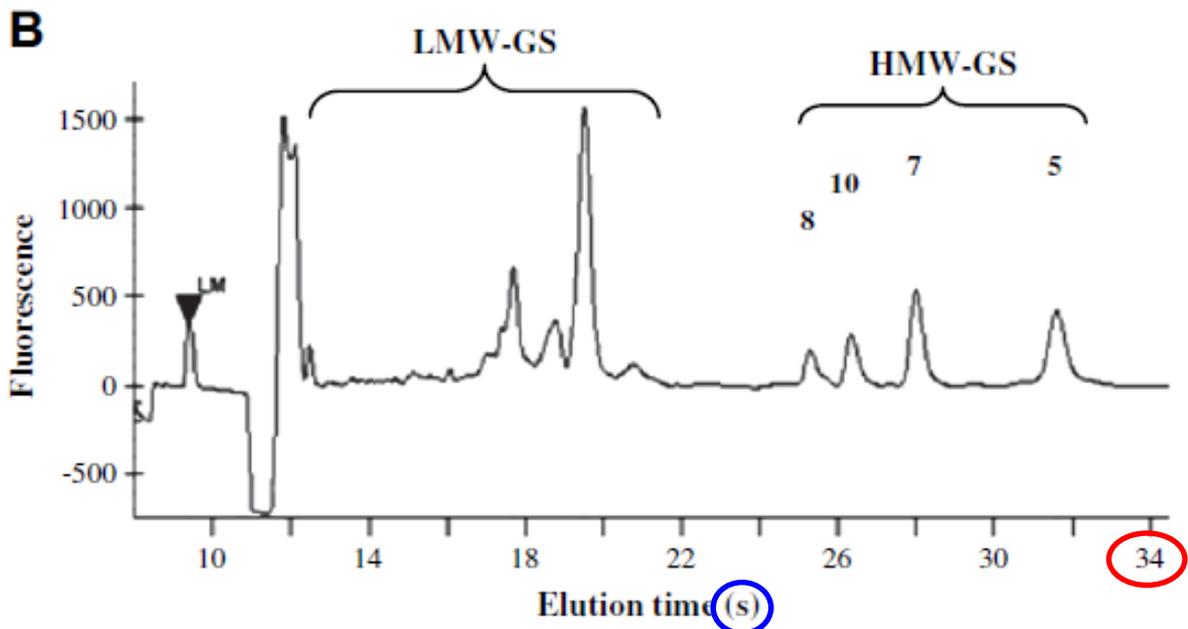
## Distribution of Glutenin subunits

RP-HPLC



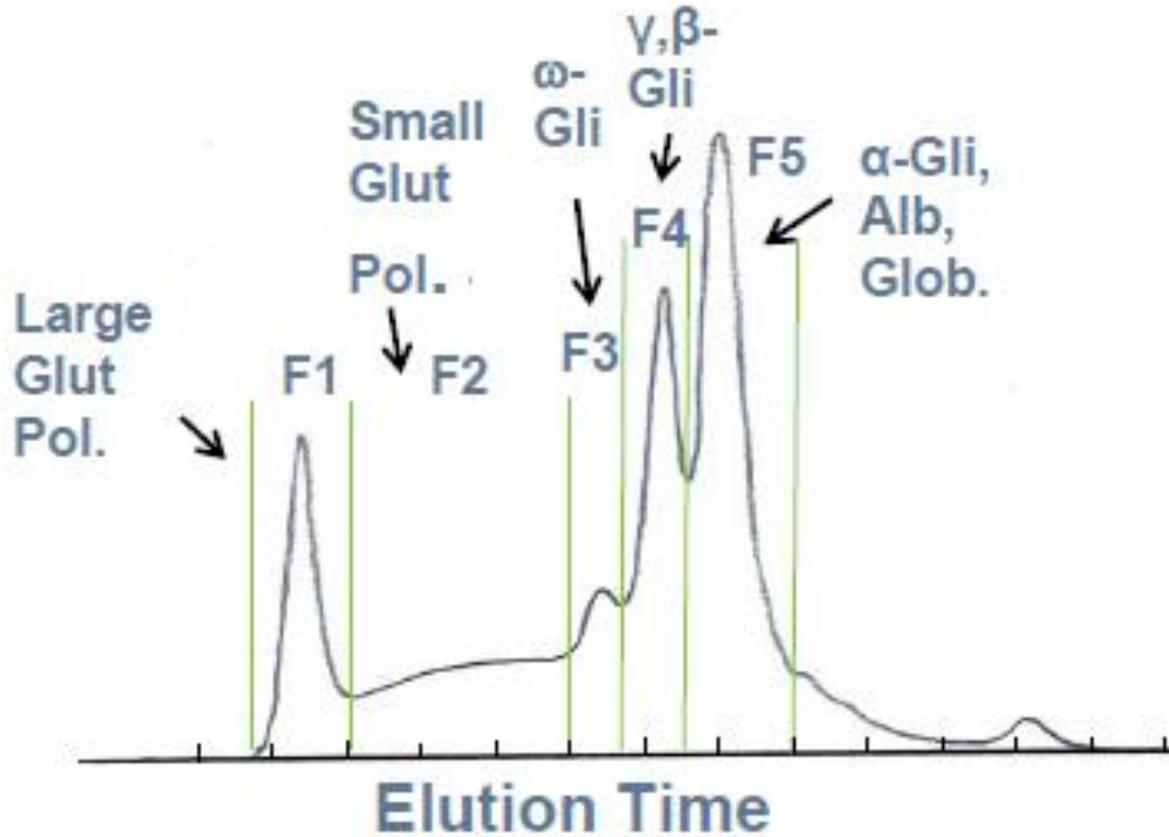
Lab-On-Chip

HMW-GS  
identification  
and  
quantification





Size Distribution of Polymeric Proteins



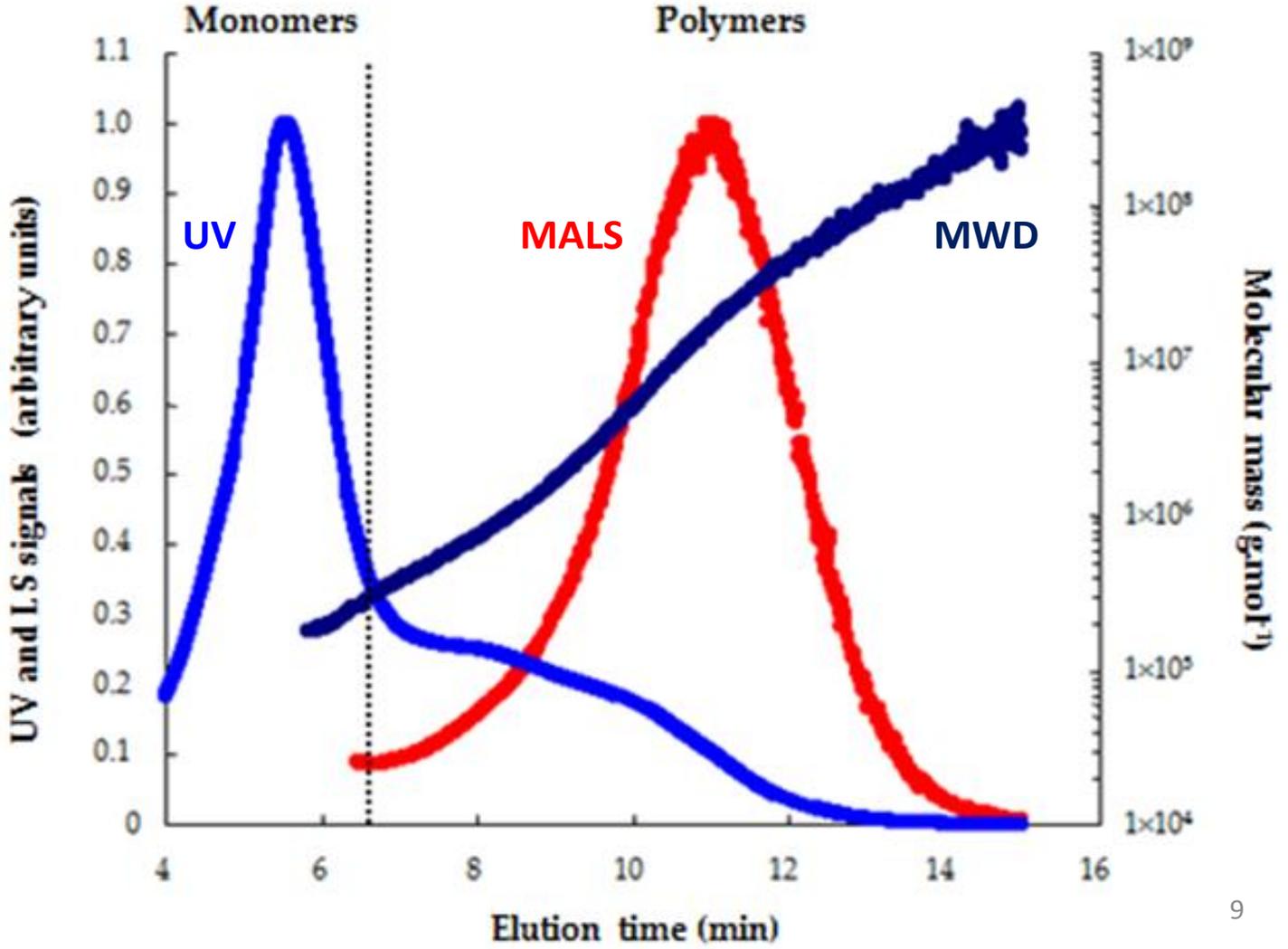
SEC-HPLC

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## Size Distribution of Polymeric Proteins

Asymmetrical  
flow field-  
flow  
fractionation  
(A4F)



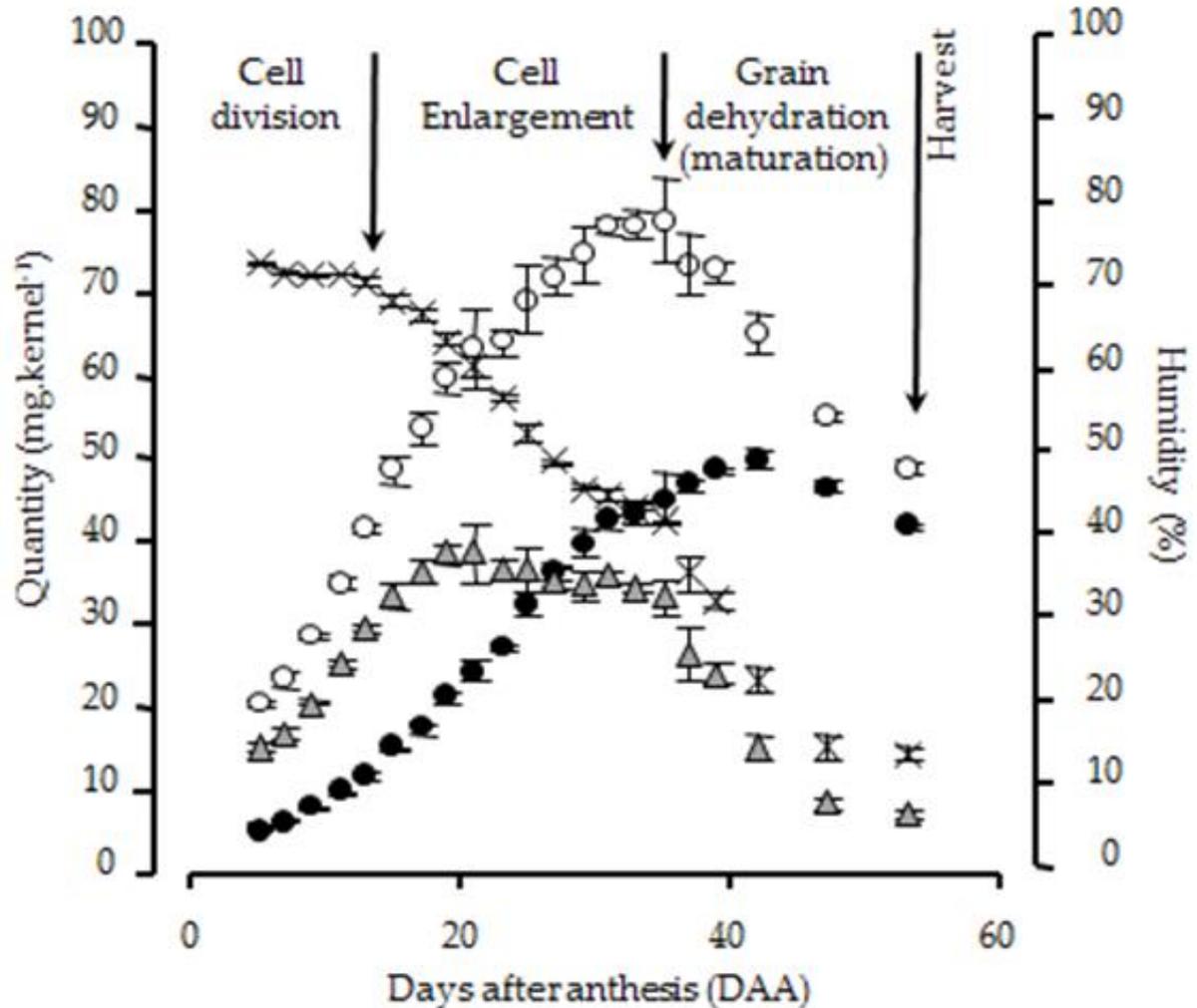
# Accumulation of Prolamins in Developing Wheat Grains



## Endosperm development

- Per kernel
- (●) dry matter
- (O) fresh matter
- (▲) water quantity
- (X) grain humidity

Grain filling period for a common wheat cultivar (Soissons).

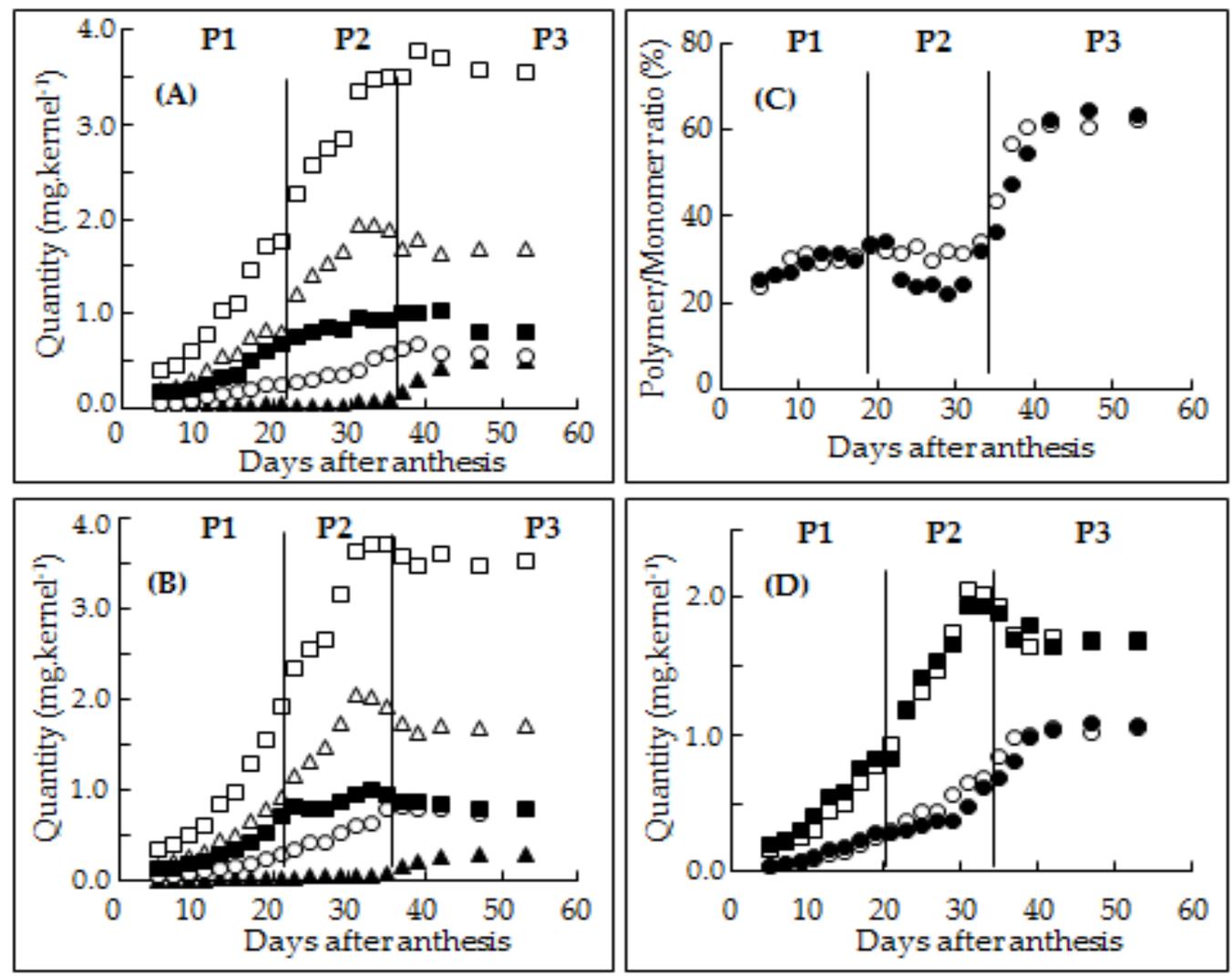


# Accumulation of Prolamins in Developing Wheat Grains



**Fig A & B**

(▲) SDS-insoluble polymers  
(○) SDS-soluble polymers;  
(■) albumins and globulins;  
(Δ) monomers and;  
(●) total proteins



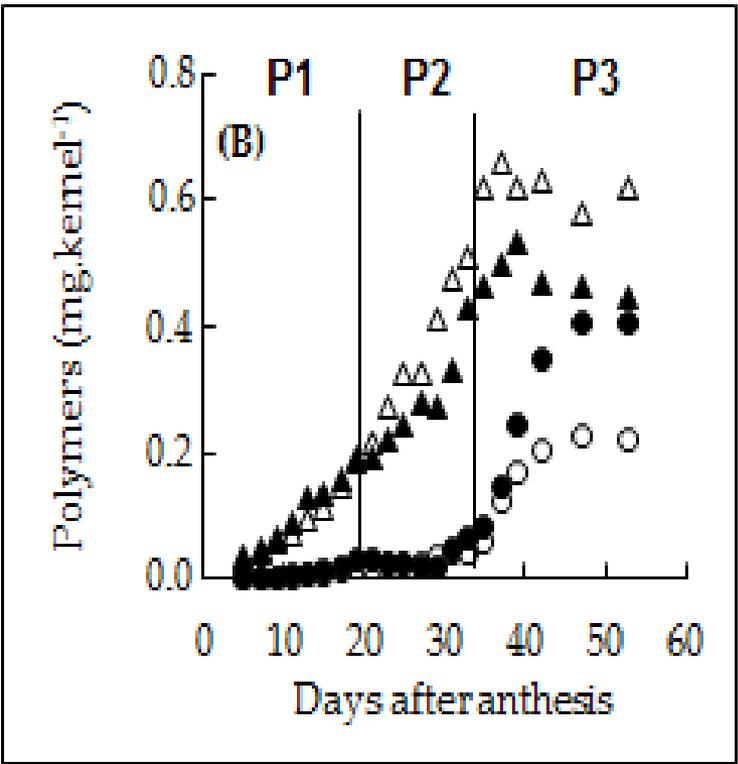
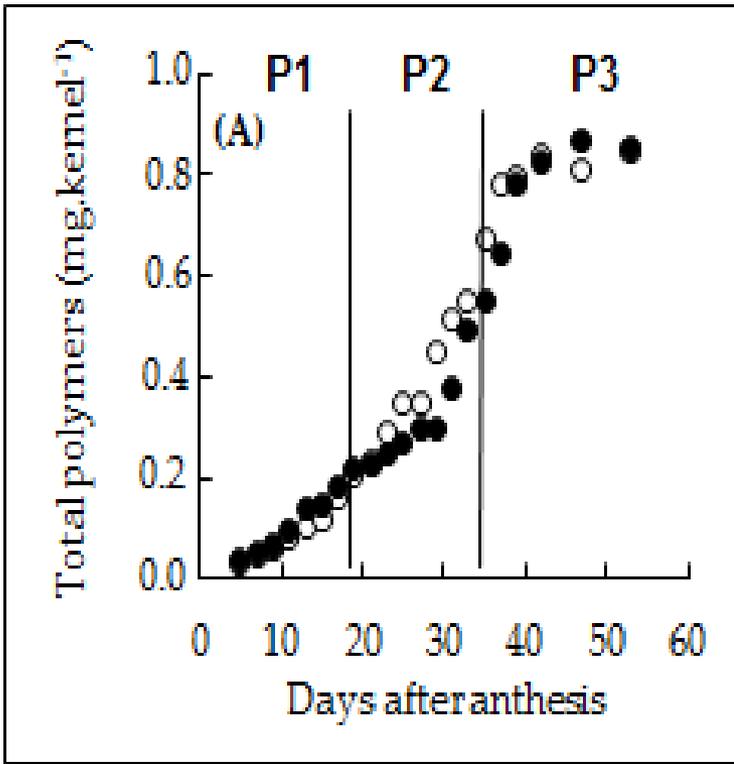
(A) Soissons and Thésée  
(B) Thésée  
(C): (○, ●) total polymers of Thésée and Soissons respectively  
(D): (■, □) Monomers of Thésée and Soissons respectively

# Accumulation of Prolamins in Developing Wheat Grains



**Unextractable  
Polymeric  
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accumulation**

## Accumulation of total polymers, SDS-soluble and SDS-insoluble polymers



(●) Soissons and, (○) Thésée.

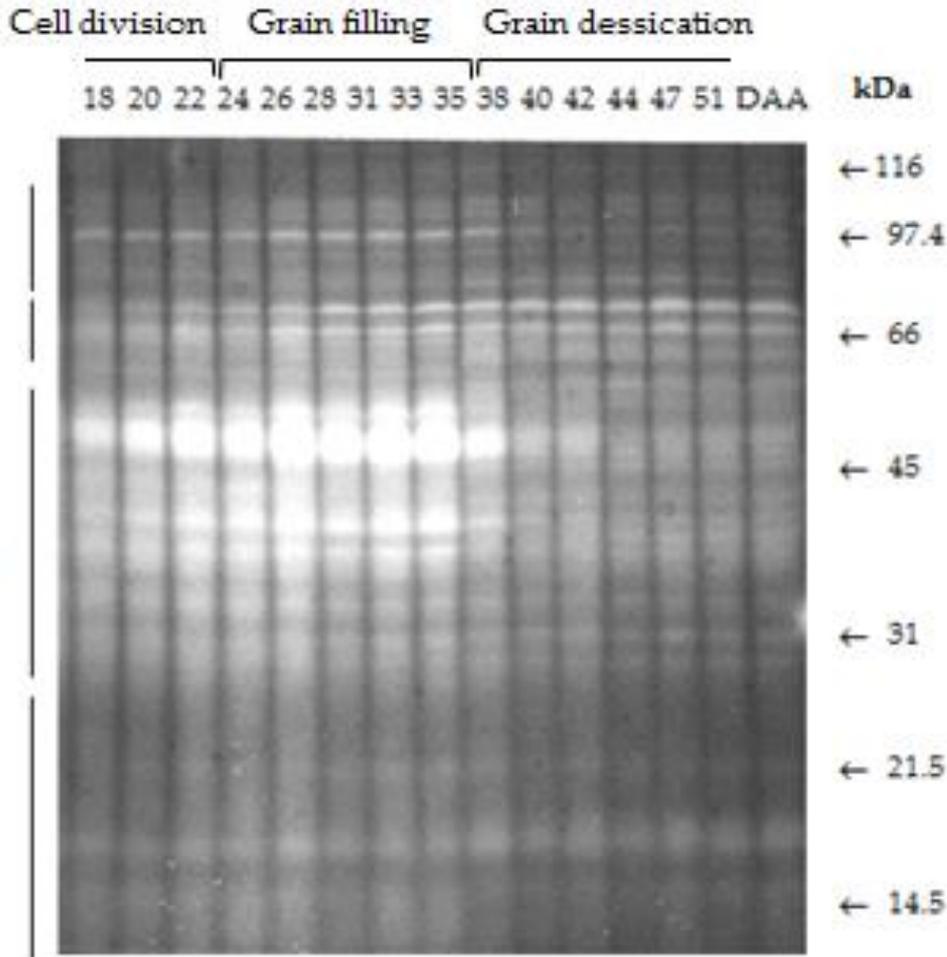
Open symbols = Thésée,  
closed symbols = Soissons.  
(▲, Δ) SDS-soluble polymers  
(●, ○) SDS-insoluble polymers.

P1 cell division; P2 cell enlargement and P3 grain desiccation and maturation

# Accumulation of Prolamins in Developing Wheat Grains



**Unextractable  
Polymeric  
Protein (UPP)  
accumulation**



Change in sulfhydryl status of wheat proteins during grain development and maturation. MBBBr-derivatized

# Impacts of Environmental Factors on Glutenin subunits



Variation of the HMW-GS relatives percentages,  
the HMW-GS/LMW-GS  
And  
HMW-Gsy/ HMW-Gsx ratios

Source	DF	HMW-GSy to HMW-GSx	HMW-GS to LMW-GS
E	3	0.0159**	312.7616**
r(E)	8	0.0041	11.6443
G	7	0.7660**	483.3586**
F	3	0.0184**	44.0489**
ExG	21	0.0020**	67.5617**
GxF	21	0.0013**	44.9707**
ExF	9	0.0025**	79.5278**
ExGxF	63	0.0012**	35.6428**
r (ExGxF)	248	0.0006	3.9836
CV(%)		8.4	9.7

Changes in  
HMW/LMW  
HMWy/HMWx

8 durum wheat genotypes  
grown in 4 different environments  
during 2 cropping seasons



**Coefficient of variation for:**  
 Total Proteins (TP %),  
 Unextractable Polymeric Proteins (UPP)/ TP ratio,  
 Extractable Proteins/TP ratio,  
 UPP/EP and  
 distribution of glutenin subunits

Variables	Genotype														Environment
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
TP	11	12	10	10	12	11	13	10	10	13	12	12	10	14	11
UPP/TP	34	25	33	37	22	36	40	91	50	51	37	36	35	31	40
EP/TP	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	7	5	6	4	4	3	4	4
UPP/EP	38	28	38	42	26	42	43	96	57	59	42	38	39	35	44
HMW	16	9	8	12	14	10	11	10	12	11	12	11	11	8	11
LMW	7	4	3	5	5	4	4	4	23	4	5	4	5	3	6
HMW/LMW	38	13	11	17	23	15	15	15	20	16	17	16	17	11	18

14 Bread wheat cultivars, 11 Locations (7 in France, 4 Europe)



## A4F-MALS

### Genetic (G) and Environmental (E) Influence on Molecular Weight Distribution of Storage Proteins

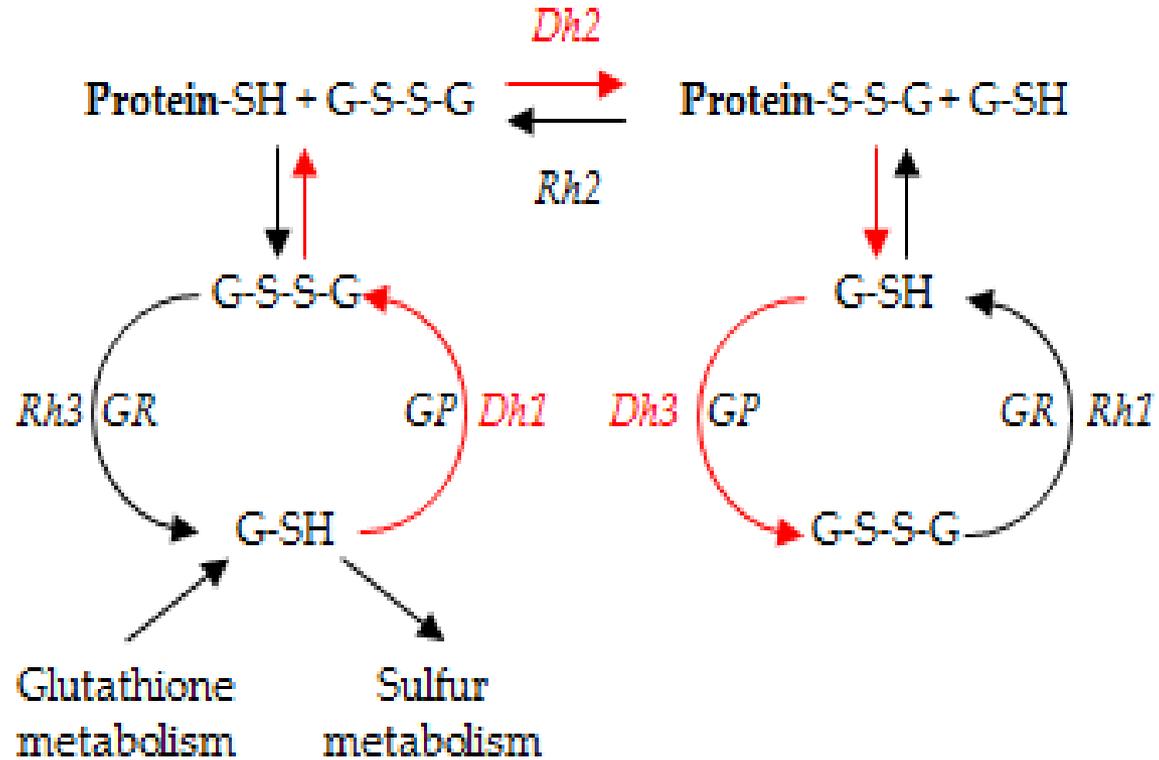
Parameters	Maximum value	Minimum value	Mean value	$\sigma^2_G/\sigma^2_R$	$\sigma^2_E/\sigma^2_R$
Total proteins	8.700	15.100	11.187	11.411***	271.577***
Total polymers	2.785	5.755	4.016	11.104***	187.462***
Polymer/monomer	0.321	0.700	0.561	14.845***	72.611***
Polymer $M_n$	0.730 x10 <sup>6</sup>	9.609 x10 <sup>6</sup>	0.972 x10 <sup>6</sup>	1.068 <sup>NS</sup>	4.383***
Polymer $M_w$	1.142 x10 <sup>6</sup>	22.970 x10 <sup>6</sup>	7.640 x10 <sup>6</sup>	3.370***	38.974***

130 Soft wheat genotypes  
grown in 3 different environments  
during 2 cropping seasons

# Impacts of Environmental Factors on MWD of Prolamins



Glutathione disulfide-dependent protection of protein thiol groups during desiccation.



Changes in PP and PP-S-S-G content during the grain development.

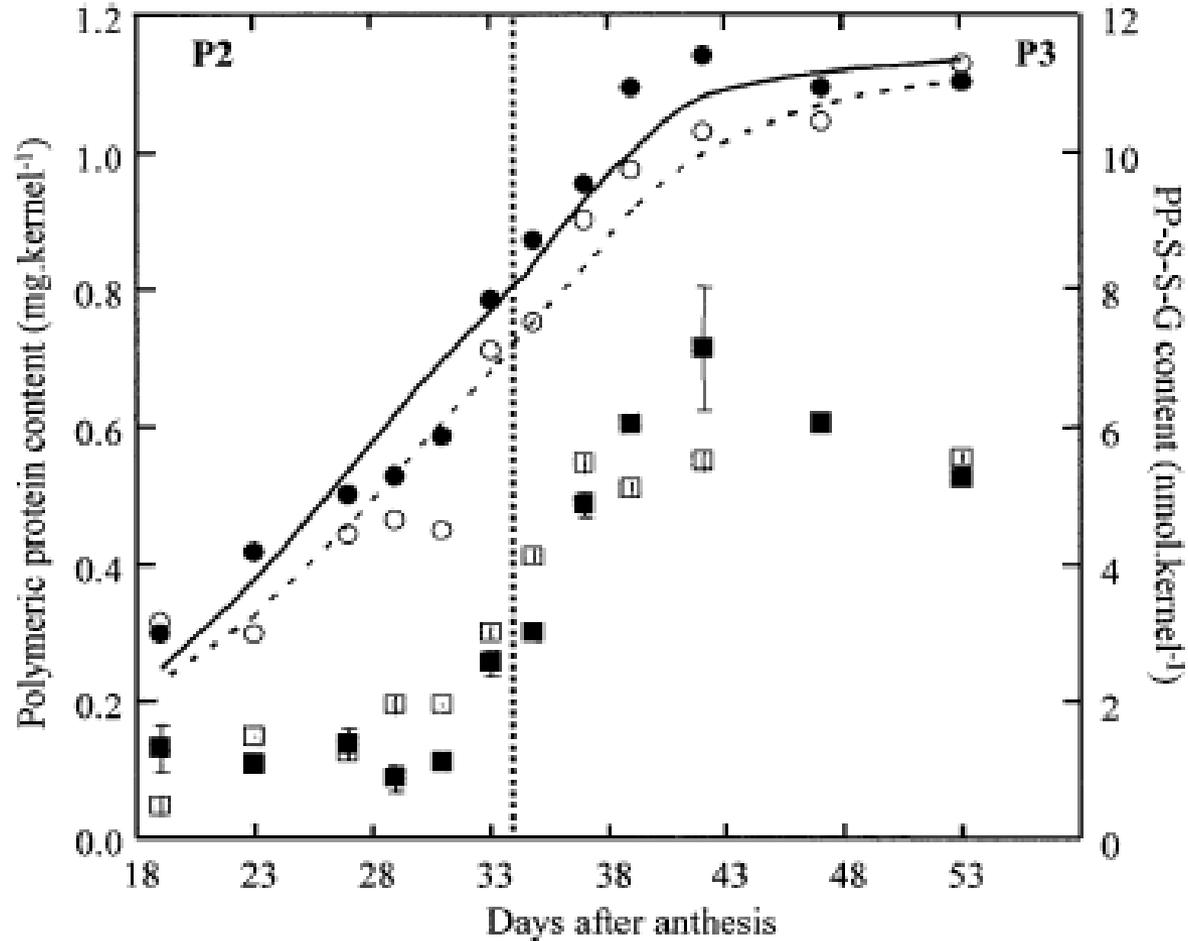
DH, Dehydration steps.  
GSH, reduced glutathione;  
GSSG, glutathione disulfide;  
GR, glutathione reductase.

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Changes in PP (●, ○) and PP-S-S-G (■, □)

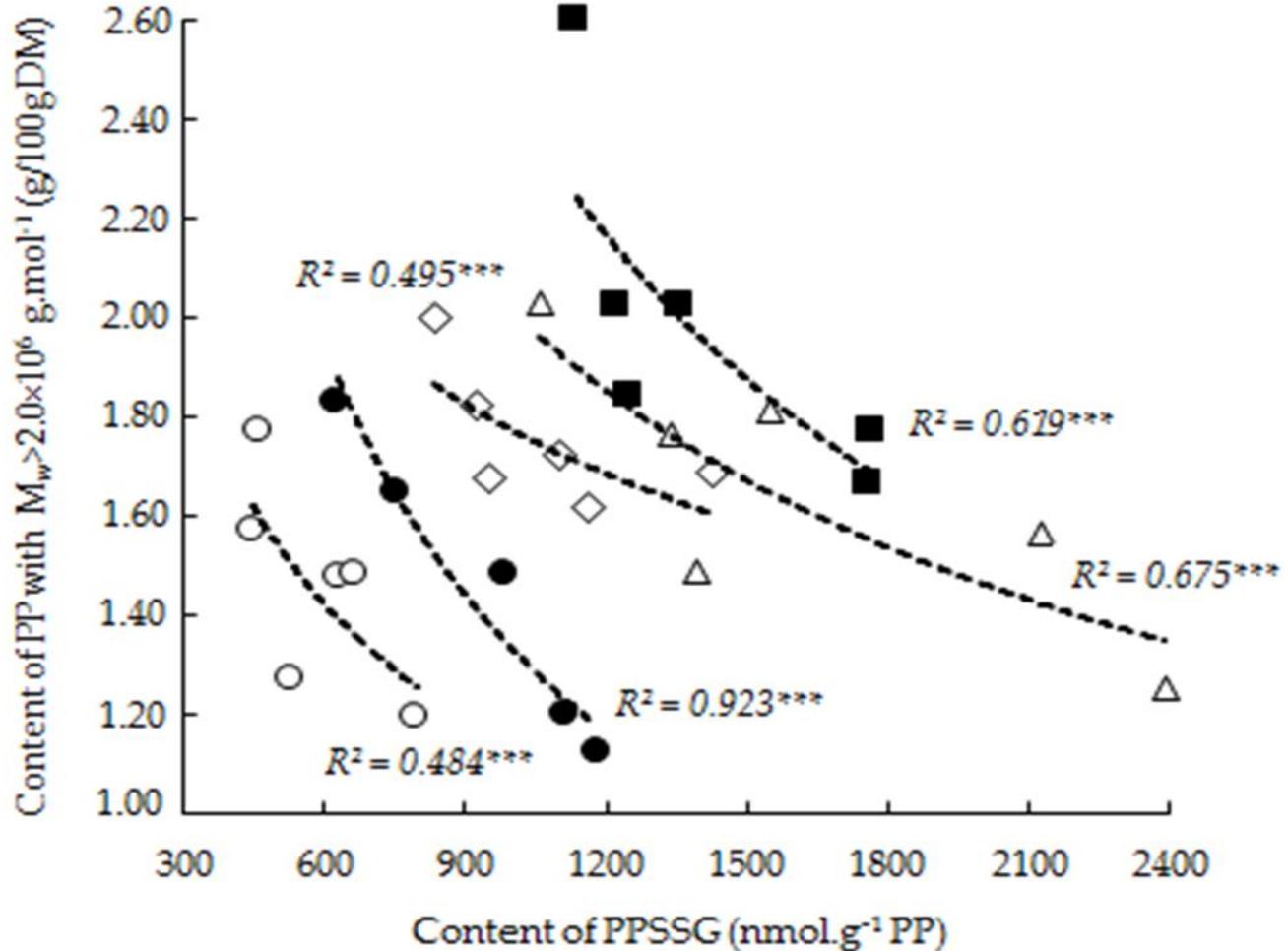


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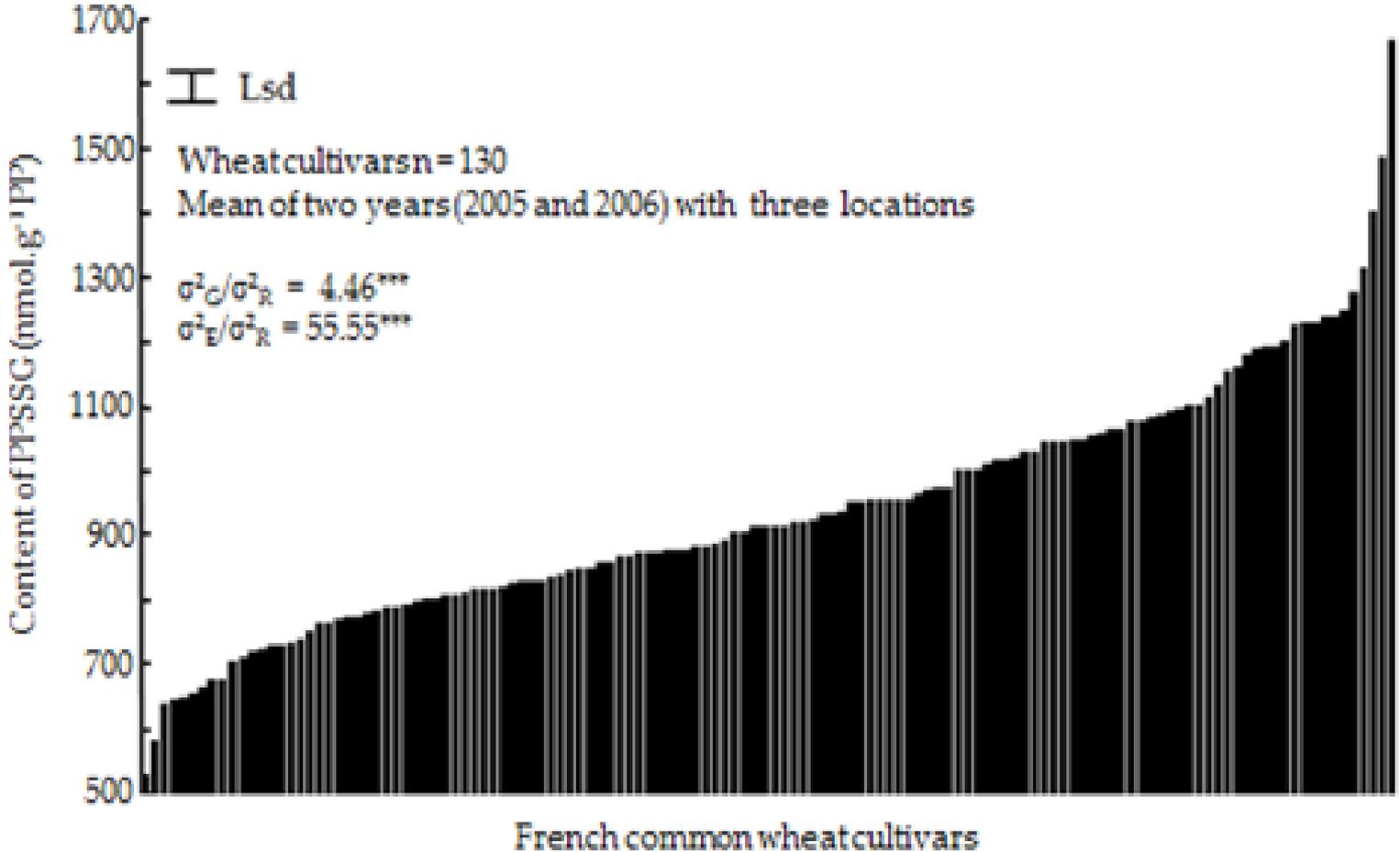


Accumulation  
of PP and PP-  
S-S-G:  
correlations



The relationship between the content of high aggregated polymeric proteins (PP with  $M_w > 2 \cdot 10^6$  g.mol<sup>-1</sup>)  
And  
the content of polymeric proteins conjugated to glutathione (PPSSG) <sup>19</sup>

# Impacts of Environmental Factors on MWD of Prolamins



Accumulation  
of PP-S-S-G:  
Genetic  
impact

Variation of the content of polymeric proteins conjugated to glutathione (PPSSG) for 130 cultivars

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