

GENOMICS- BASED CROP IMPROVEMENT

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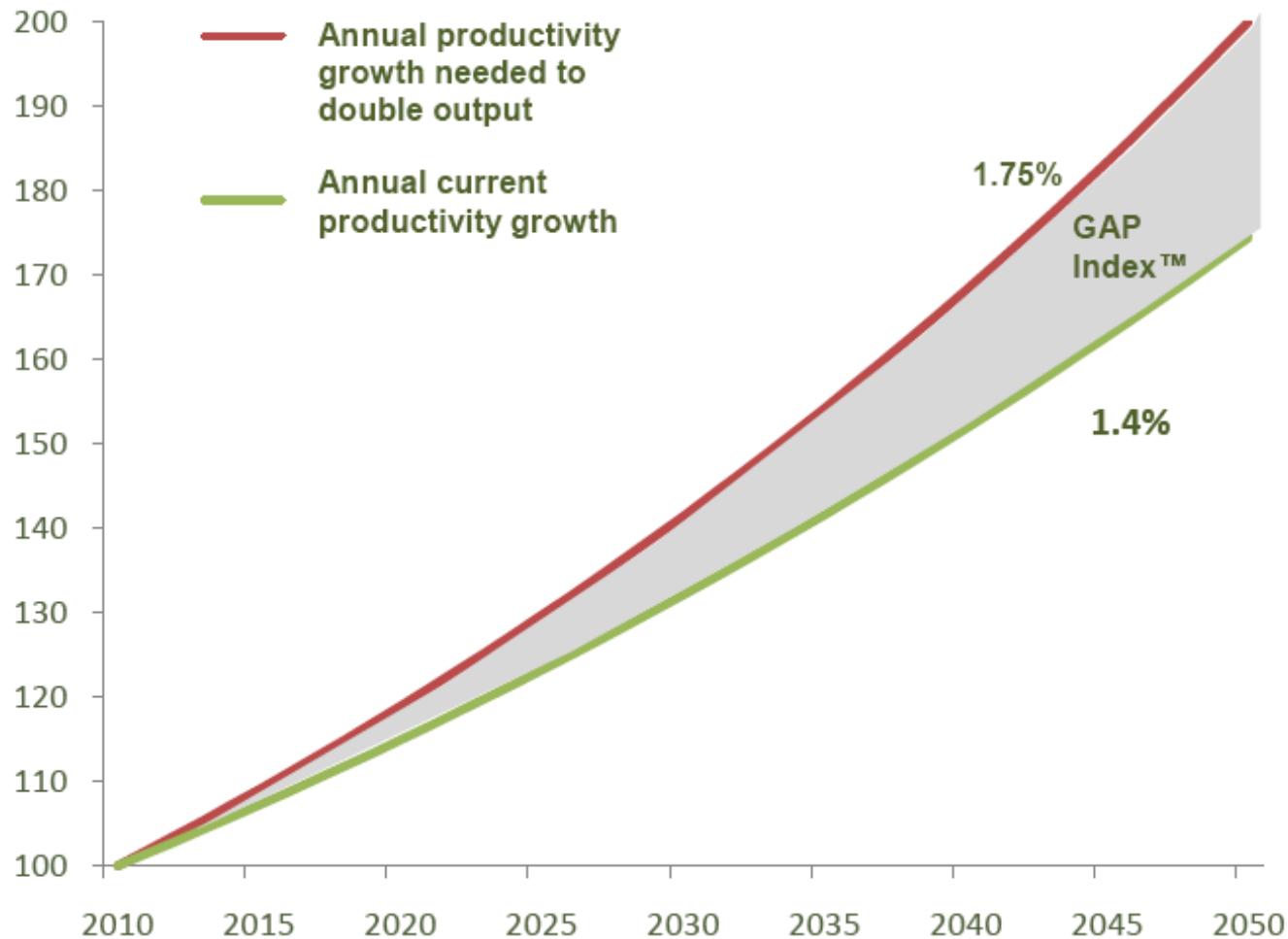
Food and Energy Security- a common Research Agenda

- The challenge of increasing crop production in a sustainable framework
- The need to domesticate new crops, eg for industrial applications
- Understanding complex traits: eg yield, yield stability and quality traits
- Working in a tight framework of time and resources: economic, population and environmental drivers.

The Global Harvest Initiative

2010 GAP Report™

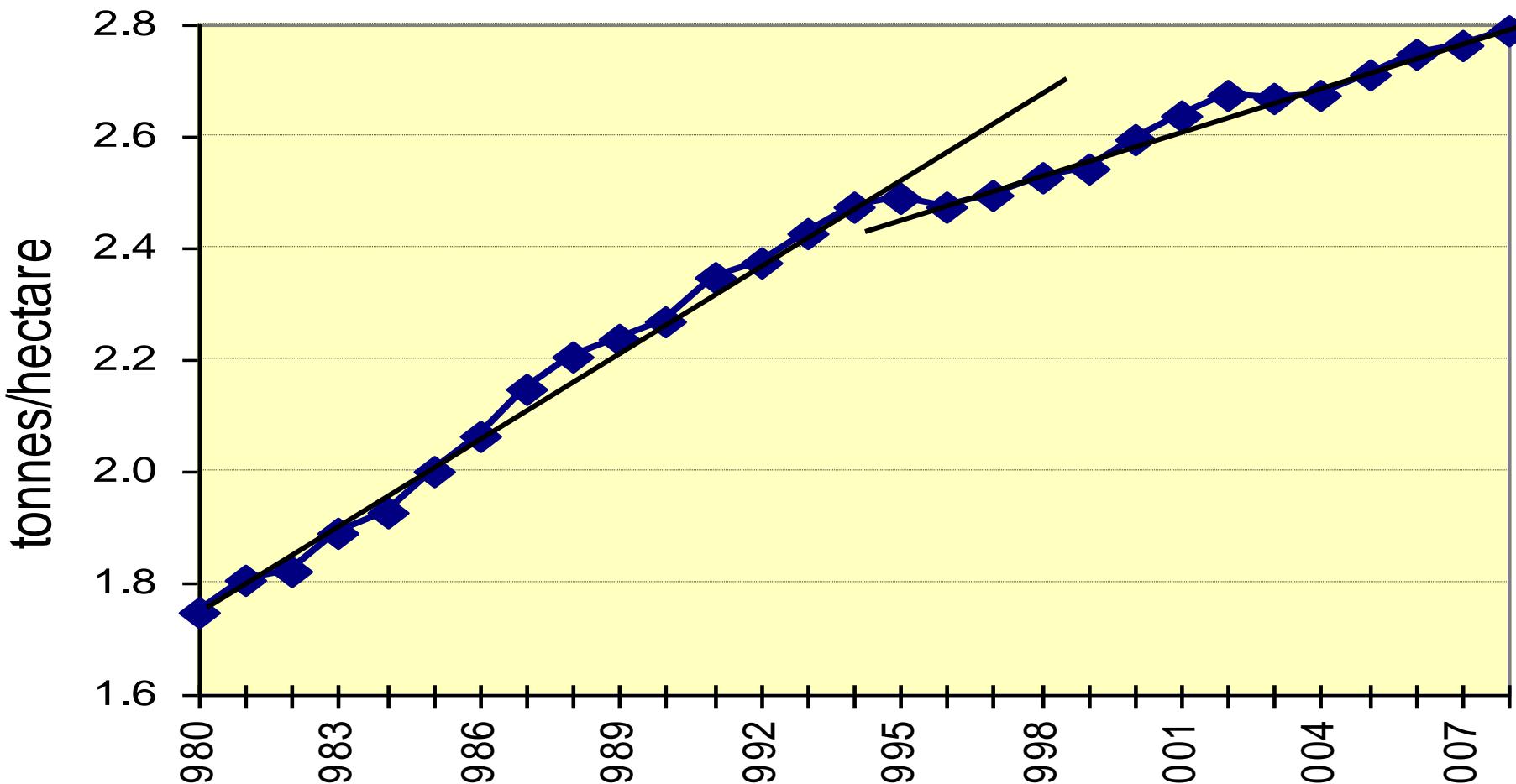
Measuring Global Agricultural Productivity



Source: Farm Foundation, NFP calculations (2010) based on USDA ERS data.

WORLD WHEAT YIELD TRENDS

(5 Year Moving Average - tonnes/ha)



Source: Chudleigh, 2008

Crop Genomics Research Challenges

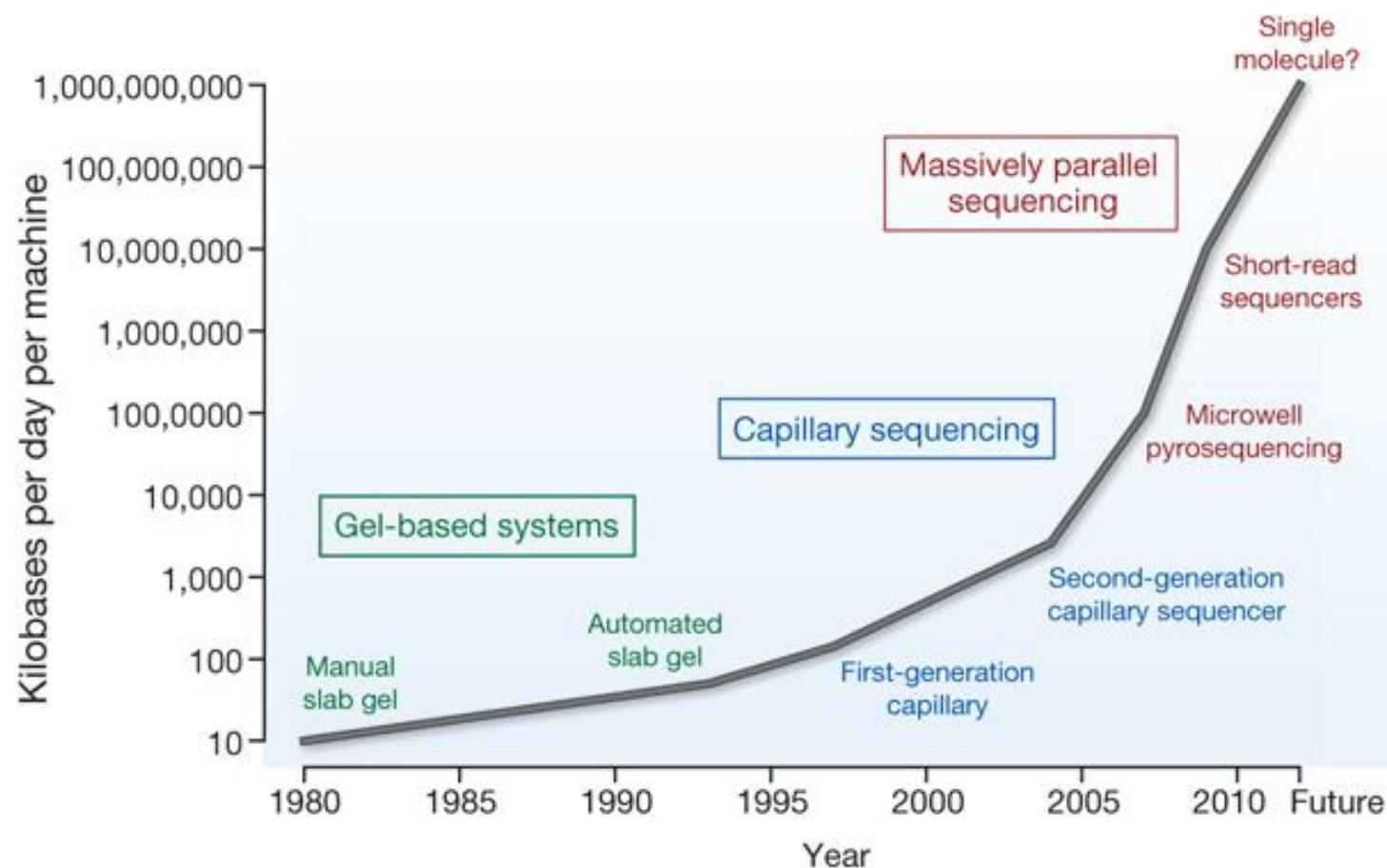
Germplasm Improvement

- Domestication of new species
- Introduction of wild germplasm into elite lines
- Creating new polyploids

Trait analysis

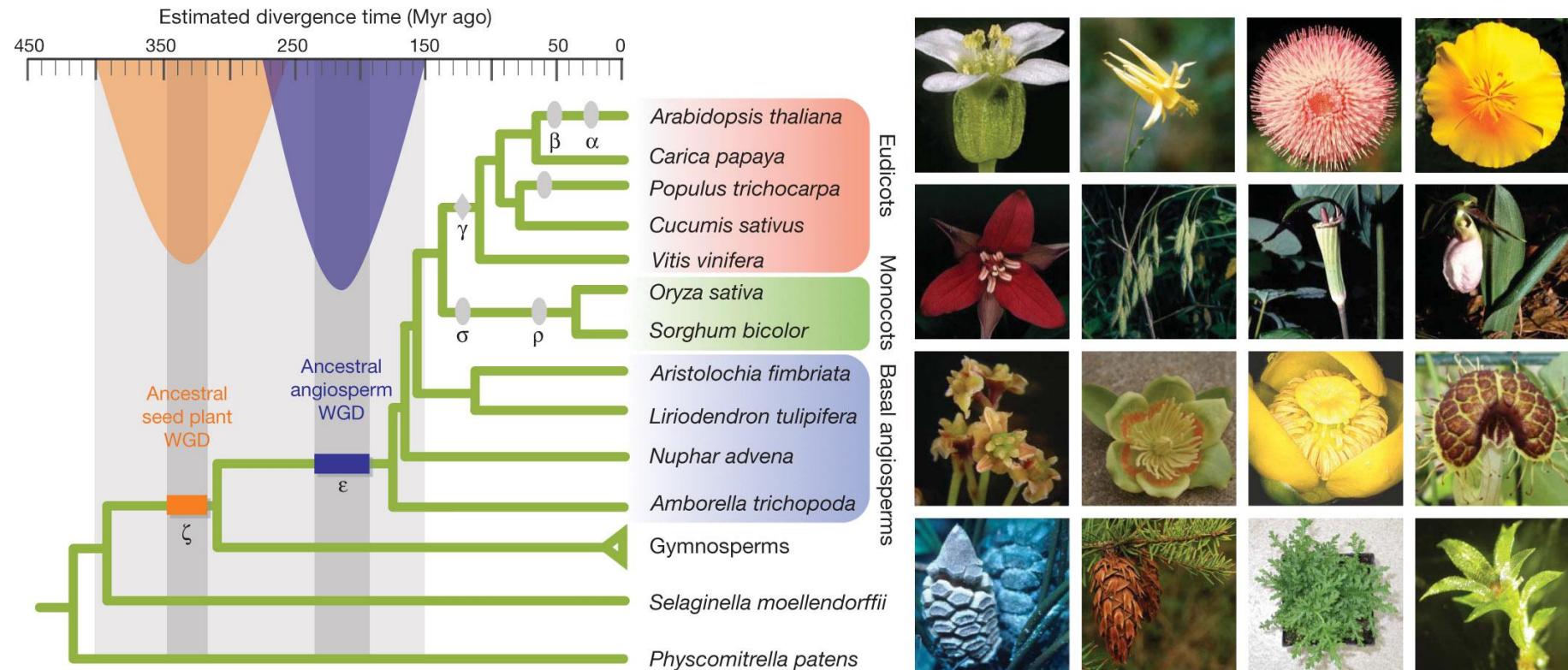
- Understanding and improving complex traits- such as yield
- Controlling fertility and new breeding systems- apomixis, wide crossing
- Achieving improved sustainable production- nutrient and water use.

Increases in the rate of DNA sequencing underpin crop improvement



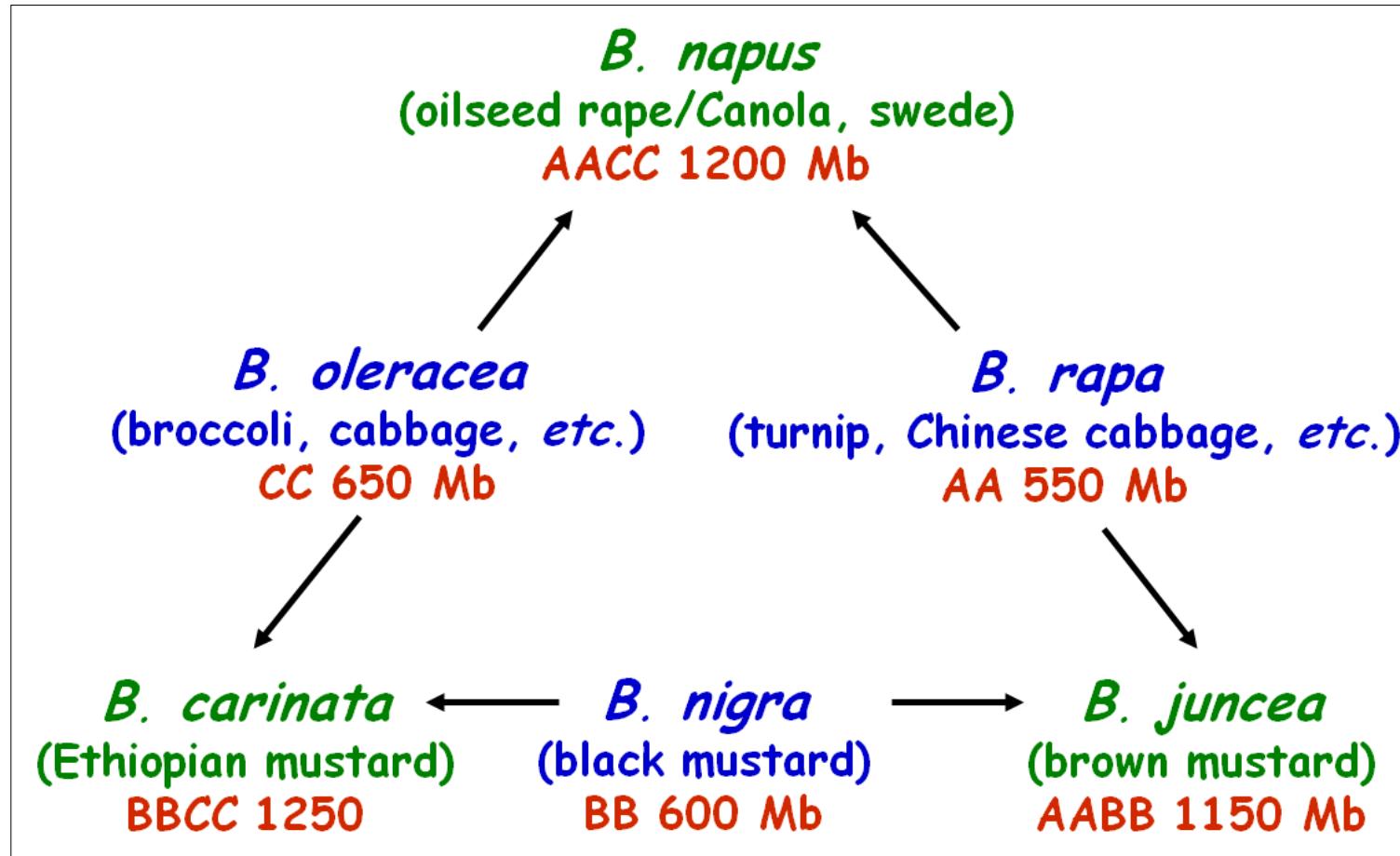
Ancestral genome duplications during land plant evolution

The evolution of grass genomes has involved 4 whole genome duplications

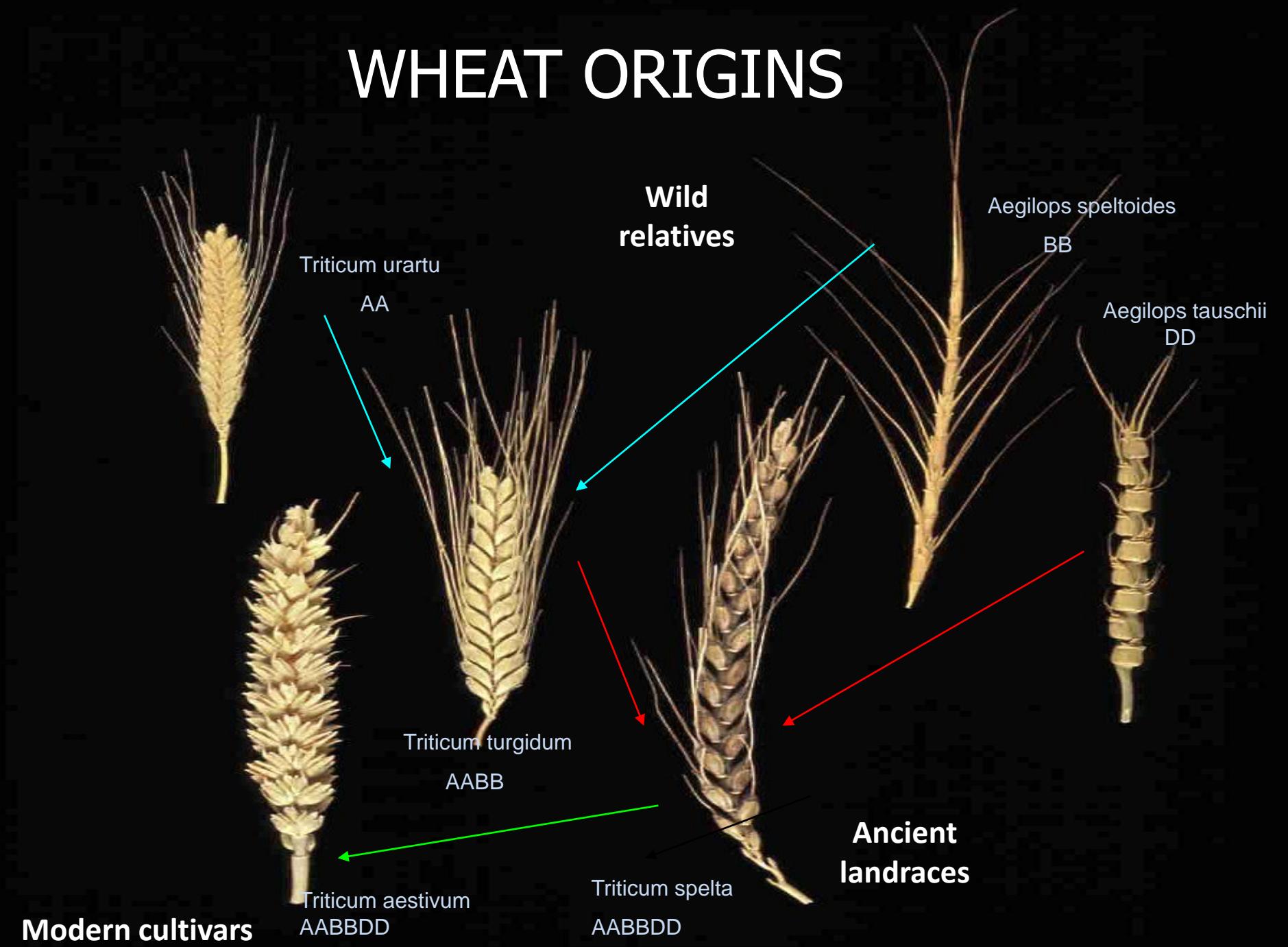


GENOME RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BRASSICA SPECIES

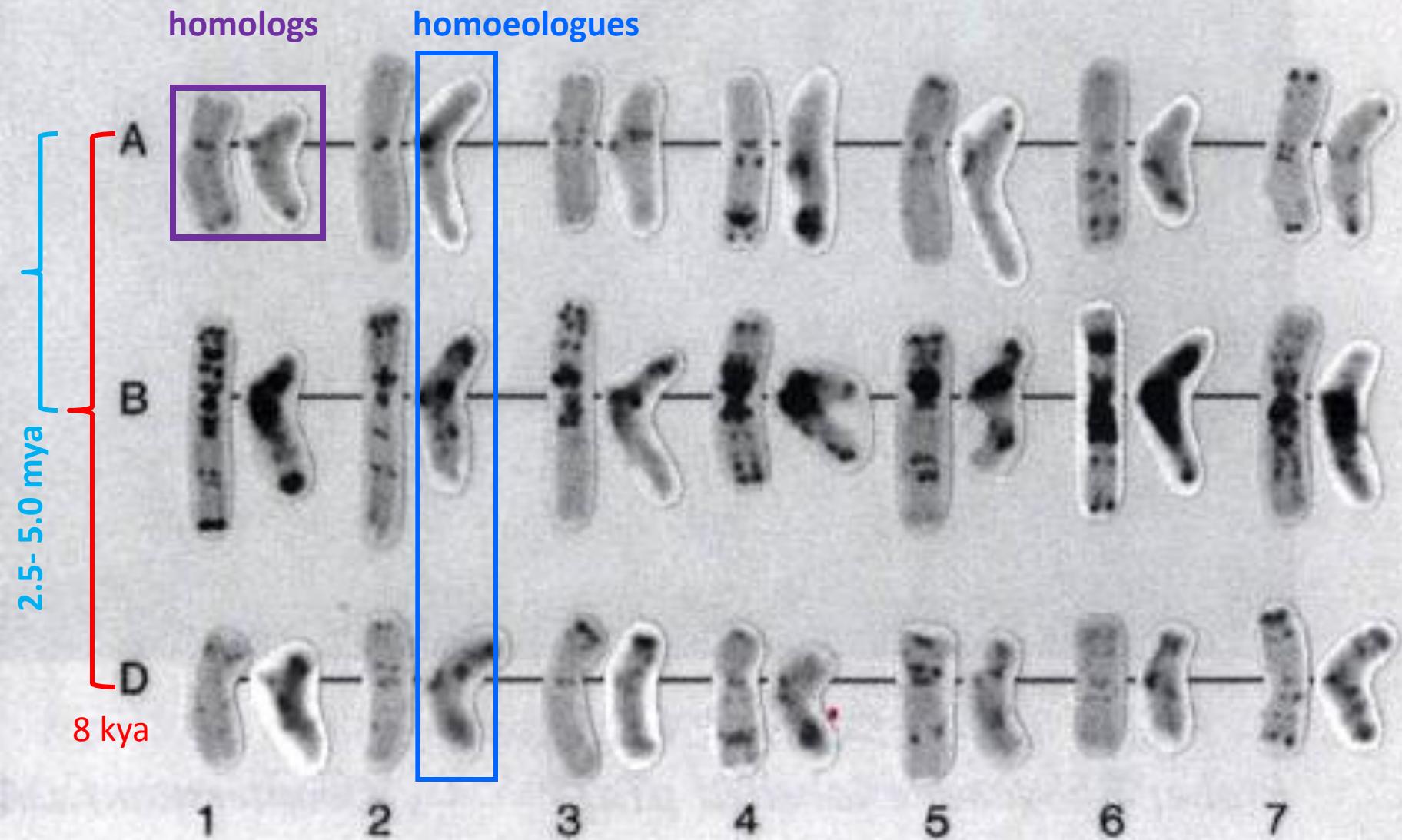
"U's TRIANGLE"



WHEAT ORIGINS



HEXAPLOID WHEAT GENOME. $2N-6X=42$



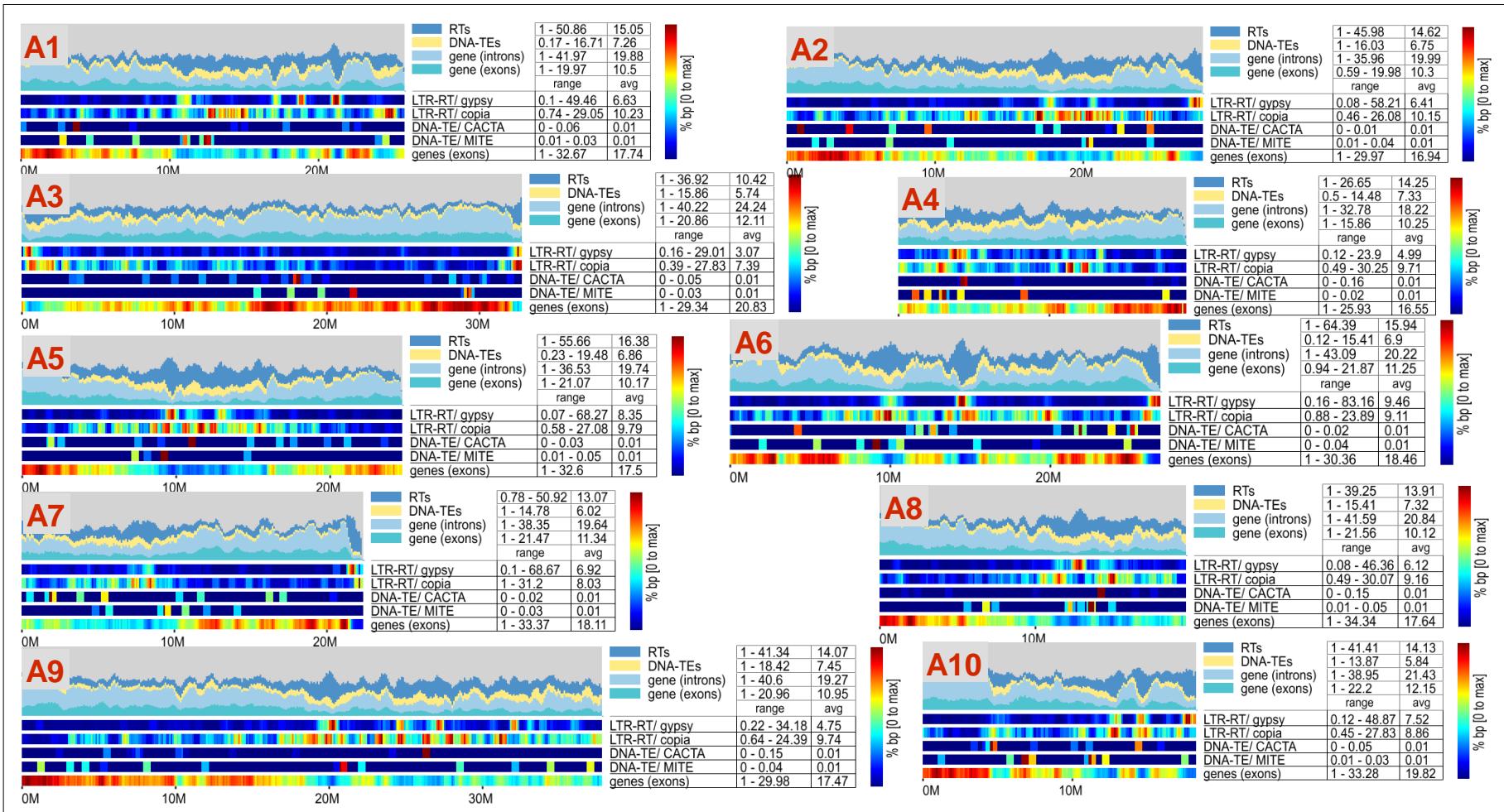
THREE INDEPENDENTLY MAINTAINED GENOMES ~18 Gb.

Sequence-based approaches to genome analysis in *Brassica*

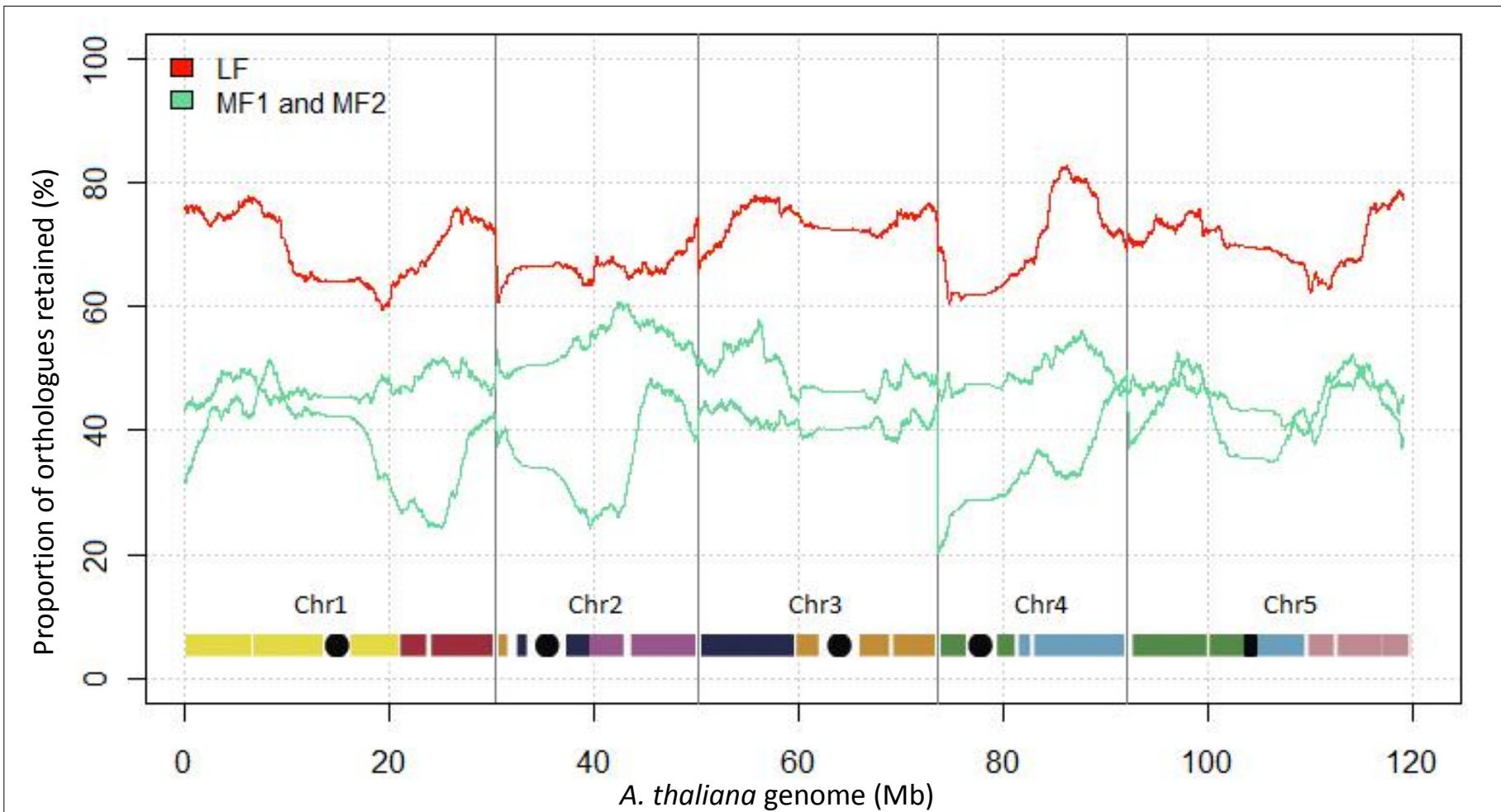
Brassica rapa:

284 Mb gene space sequenced

41,174 gene models

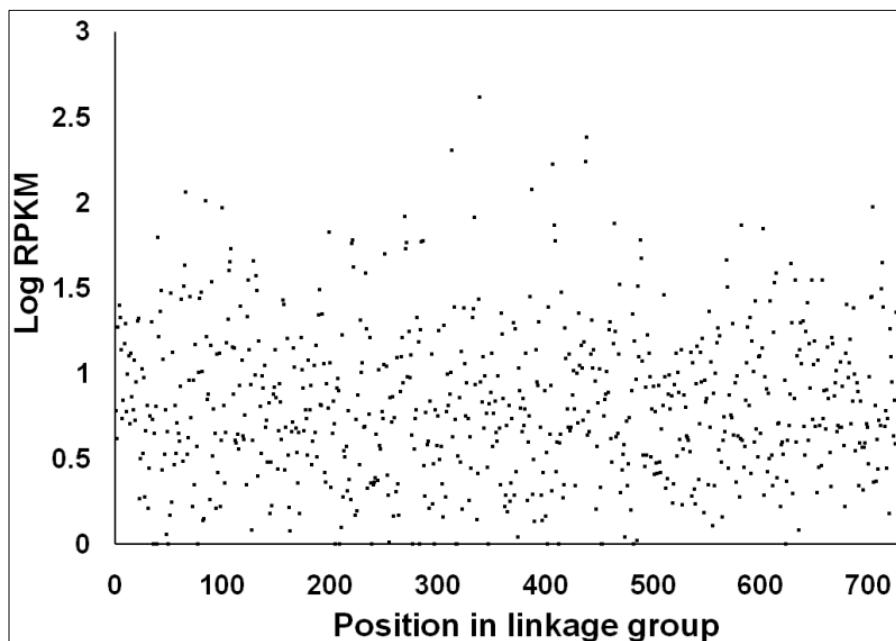


Differential gene loss from *Brassica rapa* paralogous genome segments

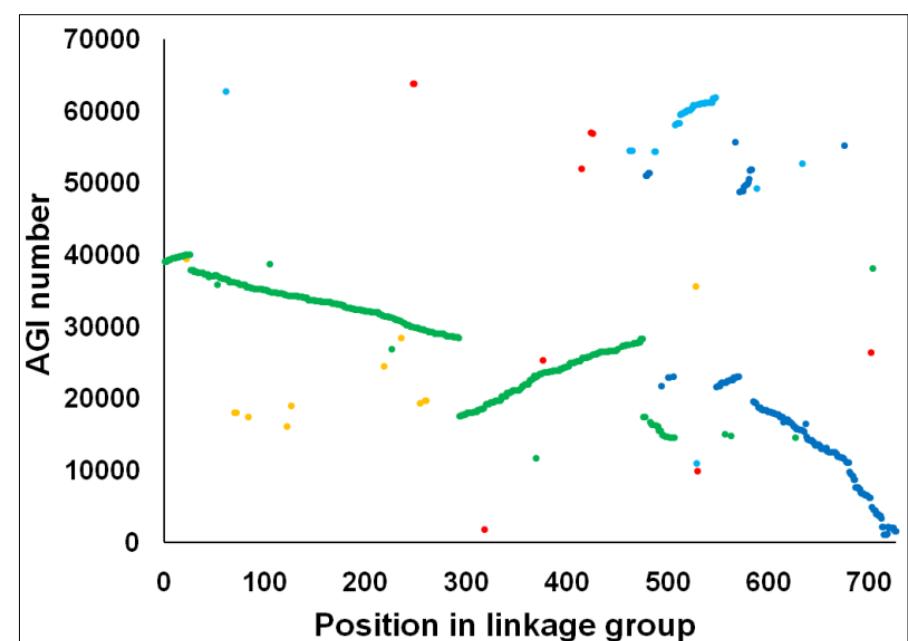


B. NAPUS GENOME ANALYSIS USING mRNA-seq

Analyse transcript abundance relative to position in genome

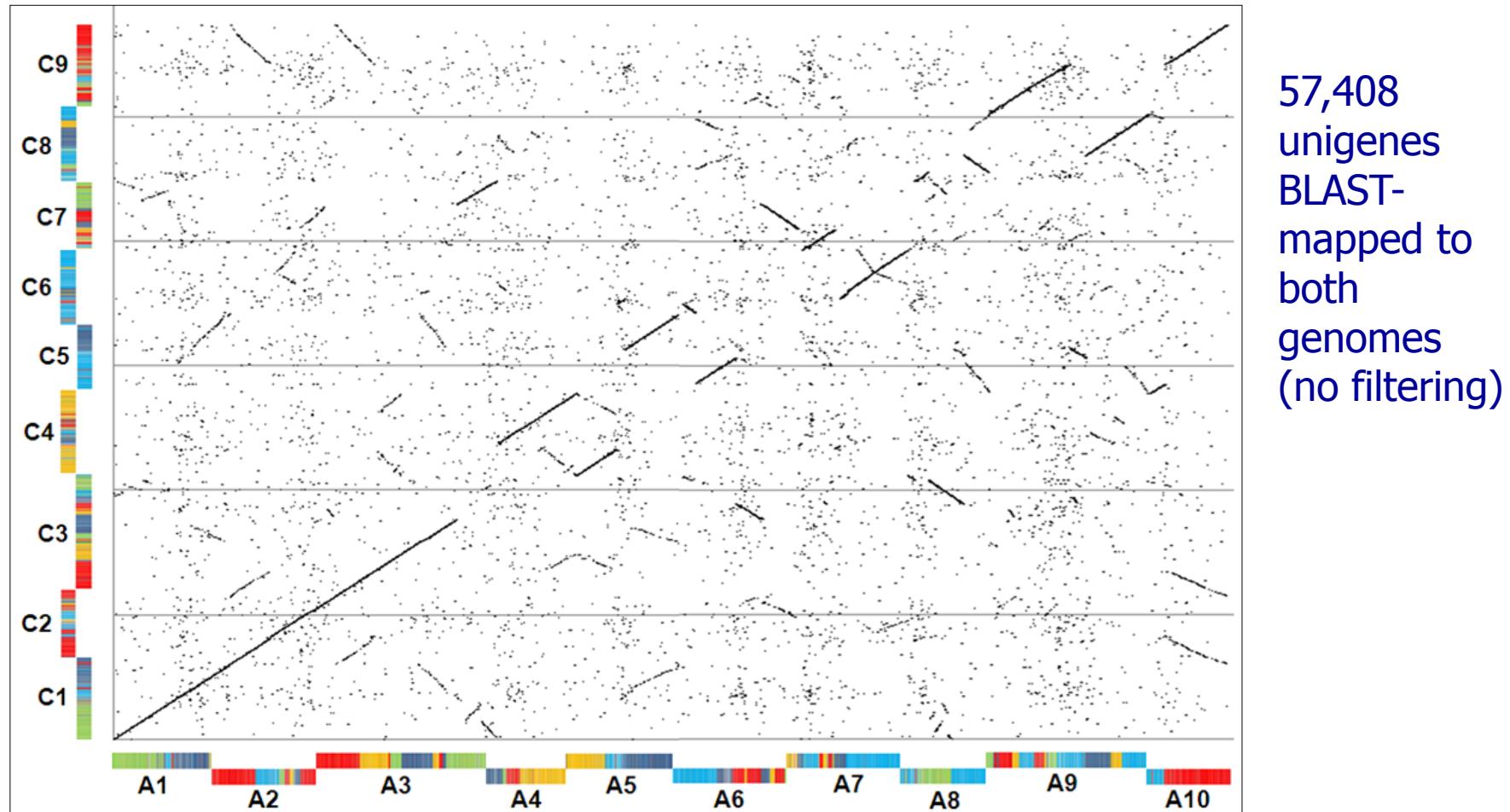


Analyse collinearity with the genome of *Arabidopsis thaliana*



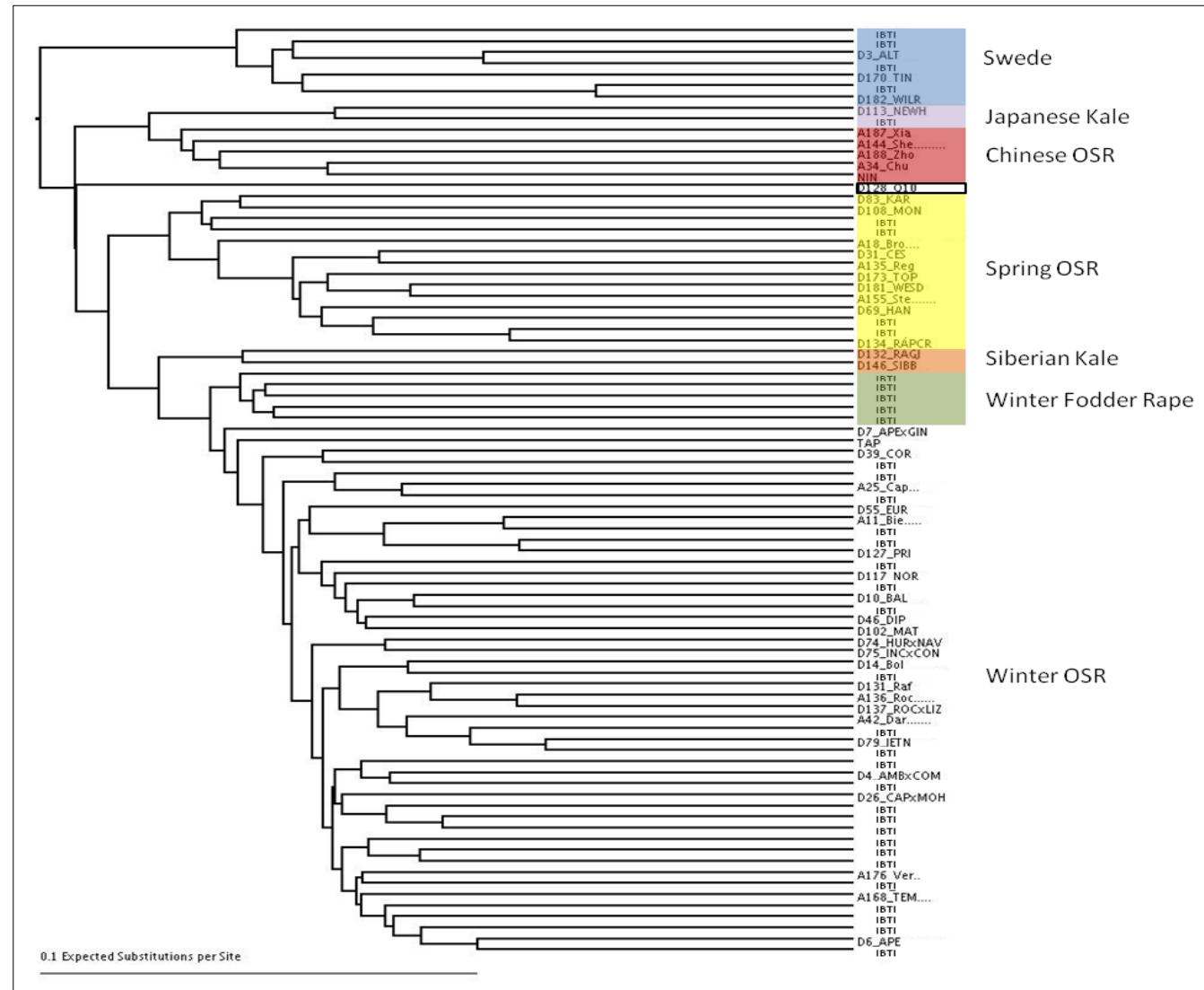
BEST UNIGENE SEQUENCE MATCHES TO A AND C GENOMES

Random and parologue matches across genomes (as represented in *B. napus*)



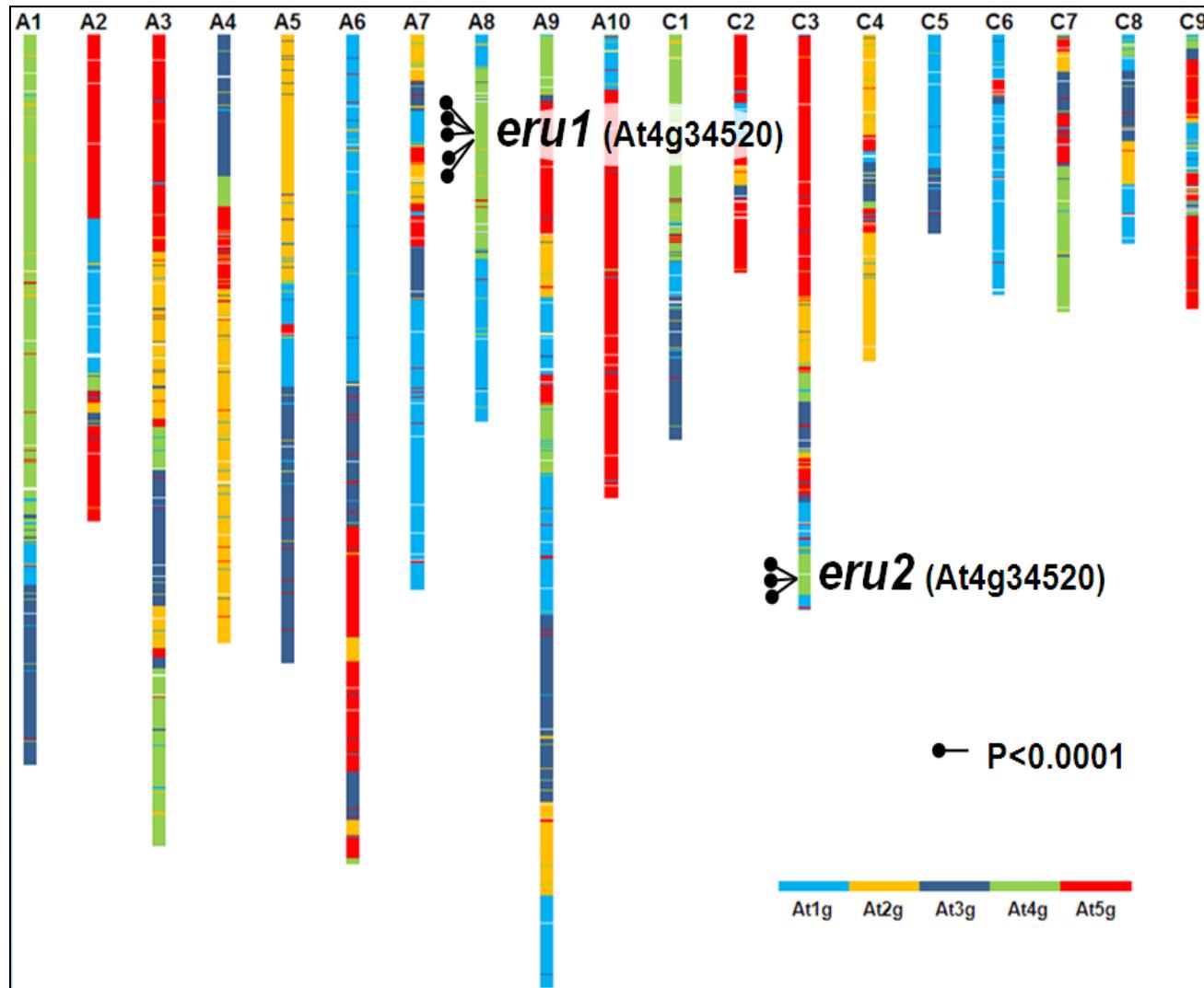
PHYLOGENETIC ANALYSIS

Phylogenetic analysis across 83 *B. napus* accessions with 101,644 transcriptome SNPs.



ASSOCIATION GENETICs

Linkage disequilibrium analysis for erucic acid content of seed oil across 53 *B. napus* accessions, using mixed linear models with 43,744 transcriptome SNPs.



GRASS CHROMOSOME CHANGES AID GENOMIC ANALYSIS

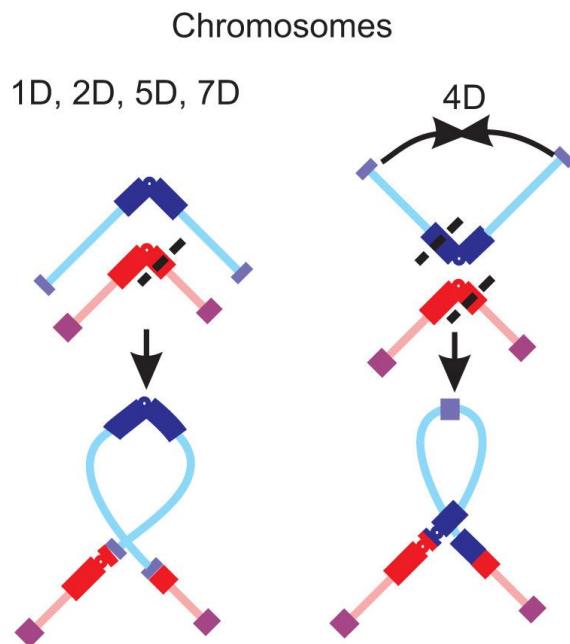
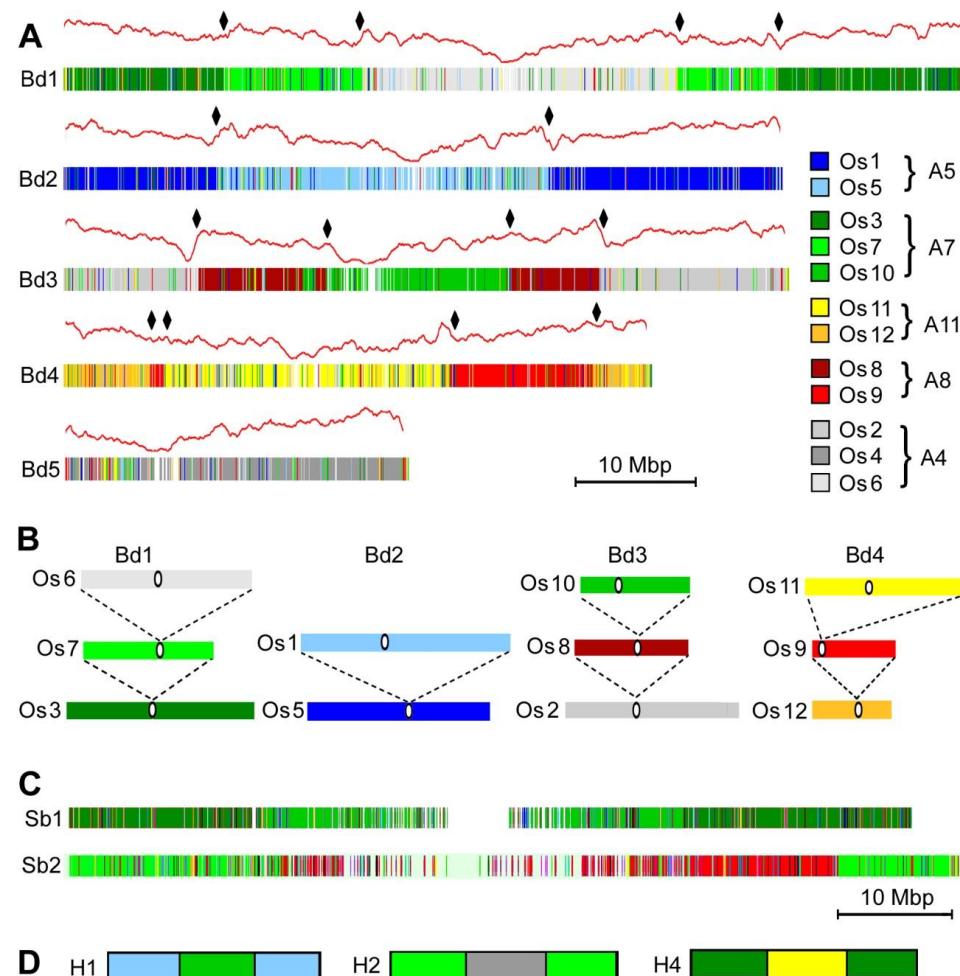


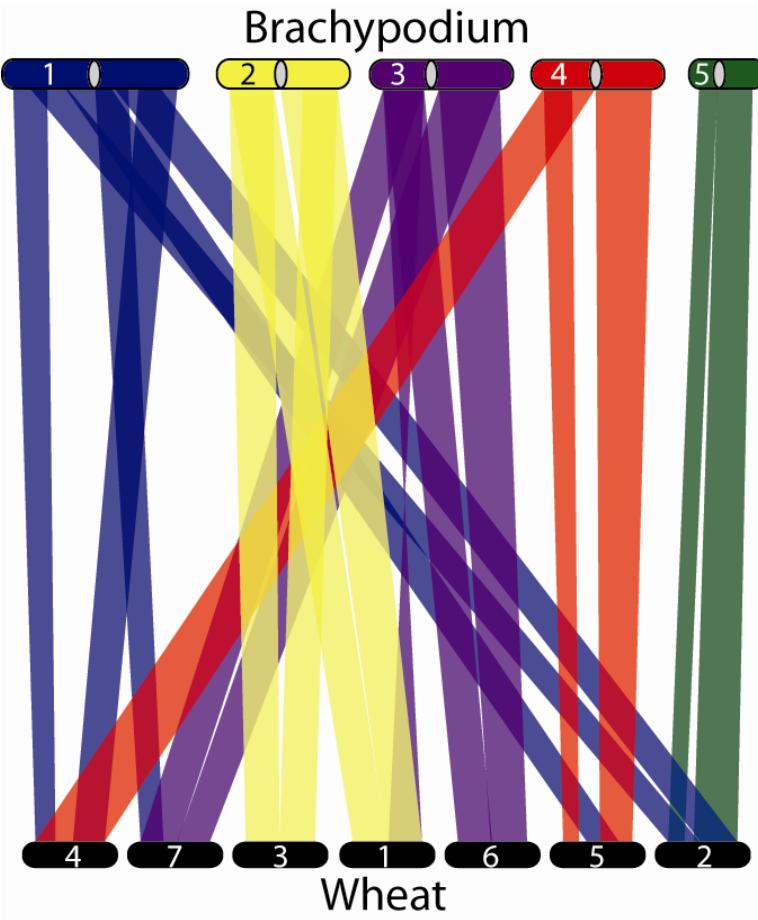
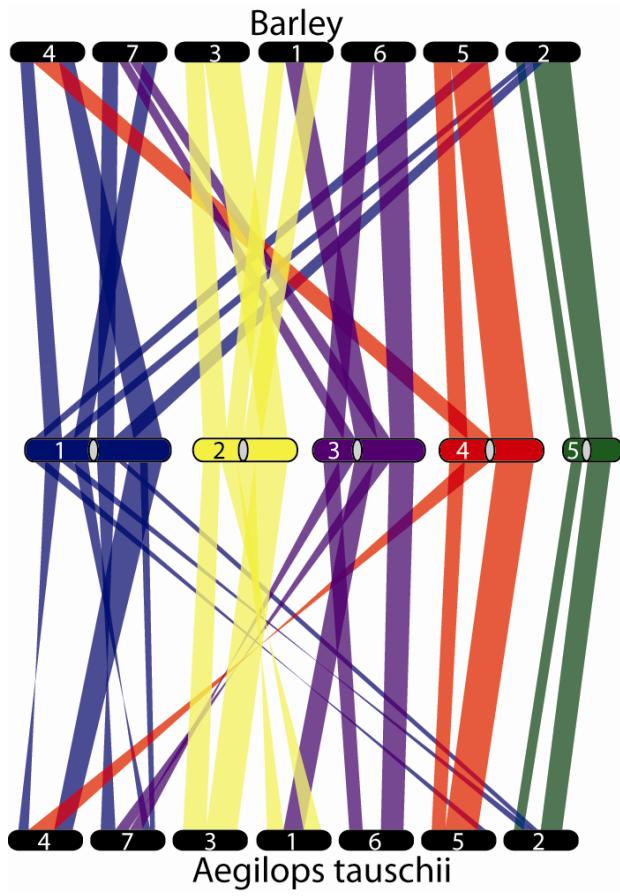
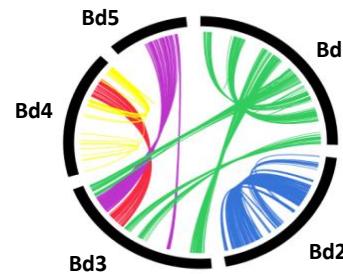
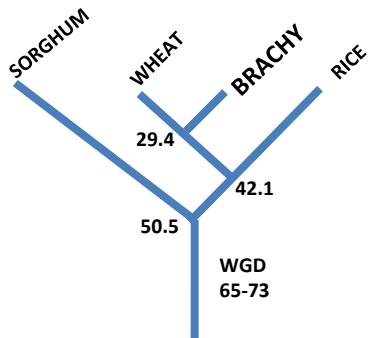
Fig. 2. Insertional model of dysploid reduction of basic chromosome number. Centromeres are indicated by opened circles, and heterochromatin is indicated by boxes. A break is indicated by a dashed line.

Luo et al PNAS 2009

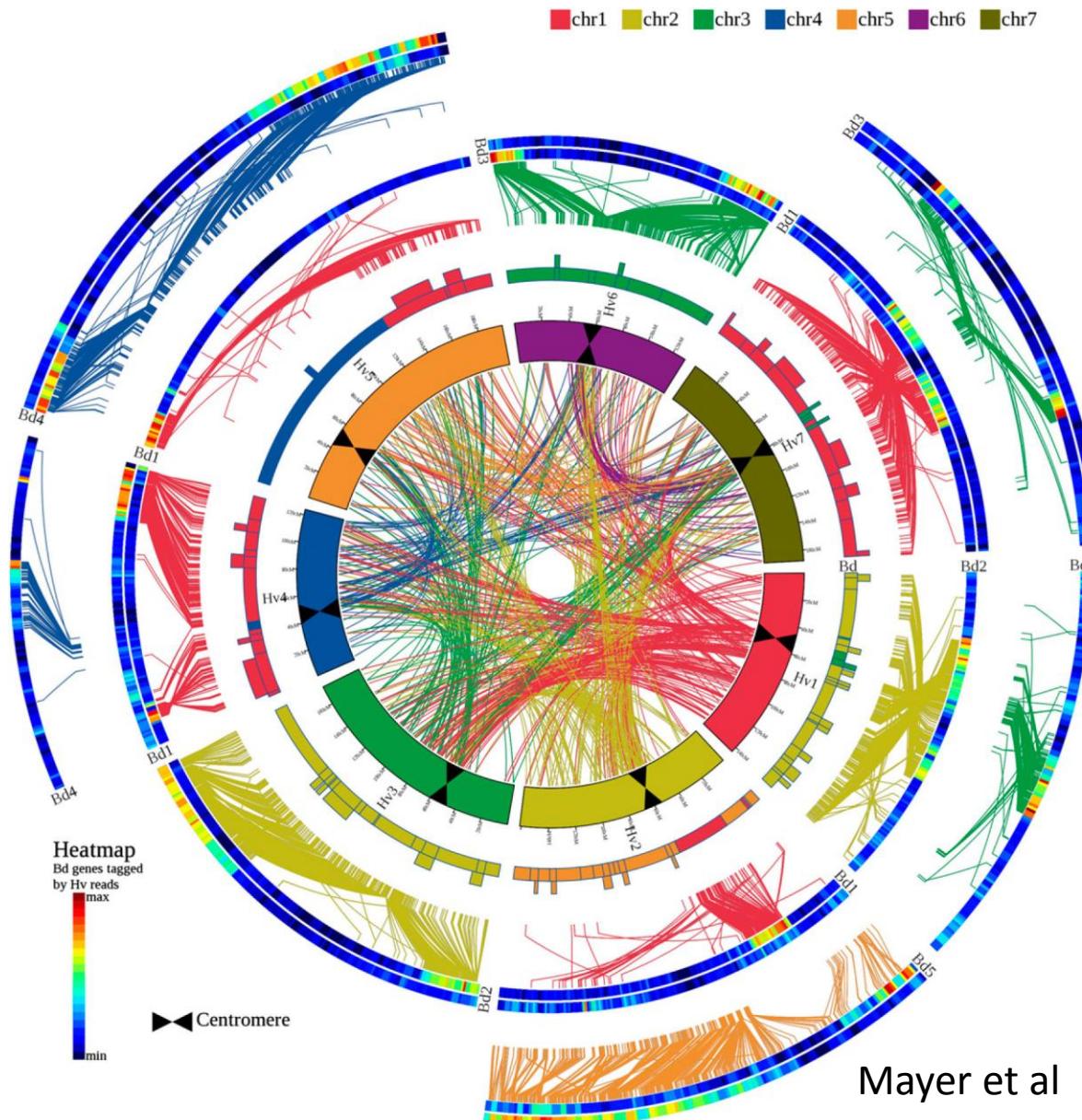


Thomas Wicker

Whole genome synteny analysis

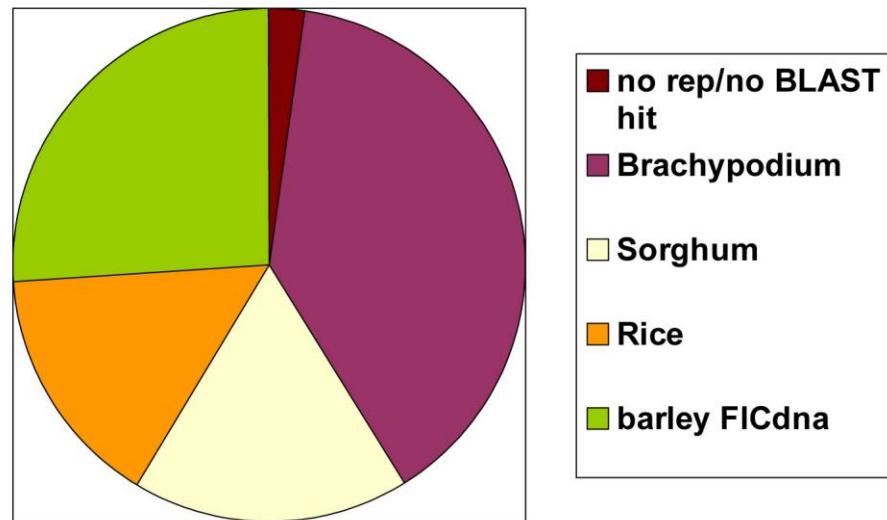


The genome zipper concept exploits conserved gene order to build An initial gene order – for example in barley.

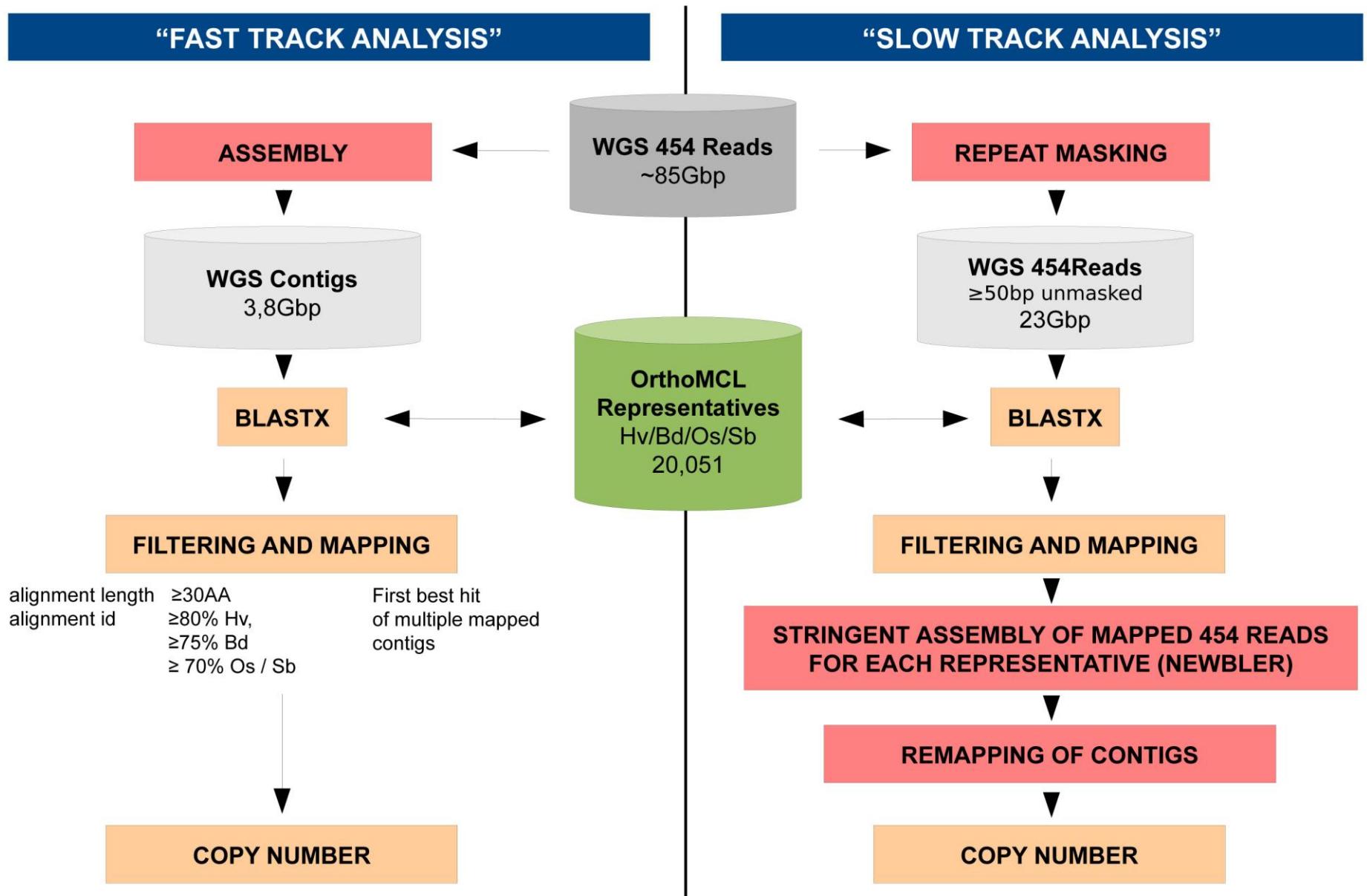


DEFINING A SET OF CONSERVED OTHOLOGOUS GENES FOR THE TRITICEAE

- 7996 Brachypodium reps
- 3582 Sorghum reps
- 3136 Rice reps
- 5337 barley flcDNA rep
- 445 with no rep due to NO BLAST hits from wheat
- Total 20,496 clusters

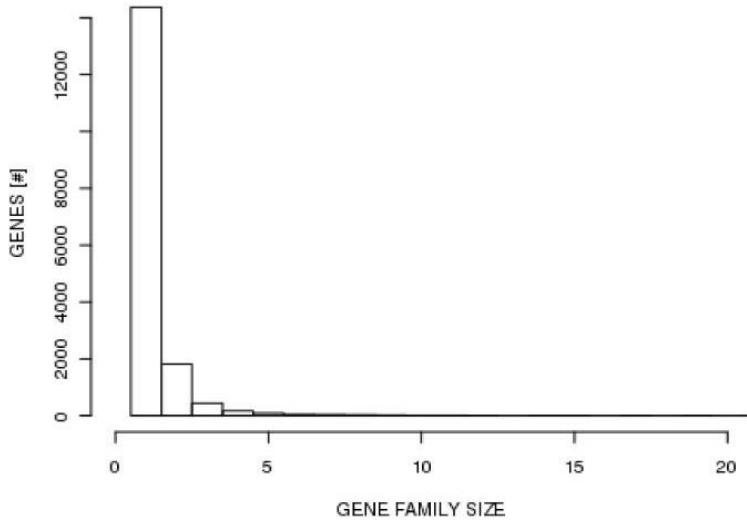


Workflow for determining the copy numbers

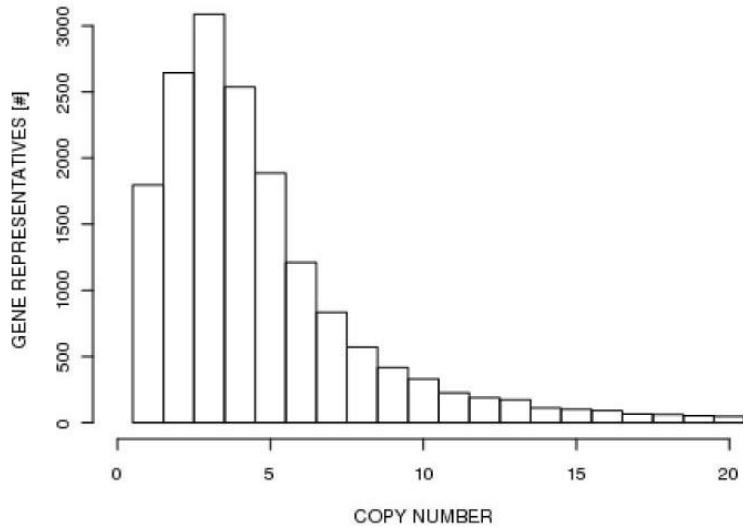


COPY NUMBER OF WHEAT ASSEMBLIES

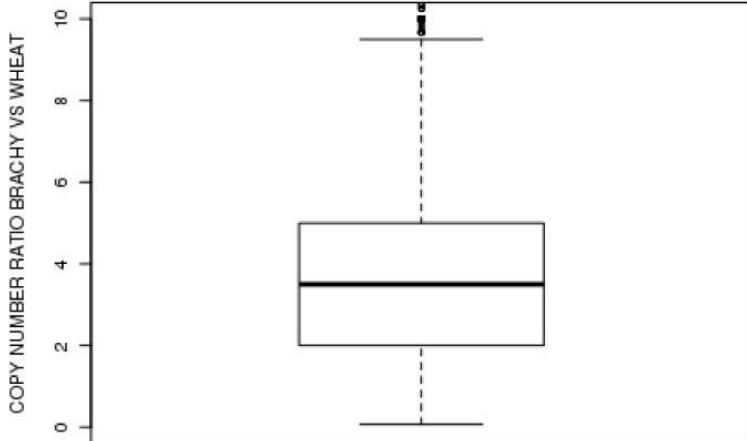
GENE FAMILY SIZE DISTRIBUTION IN BRACHY



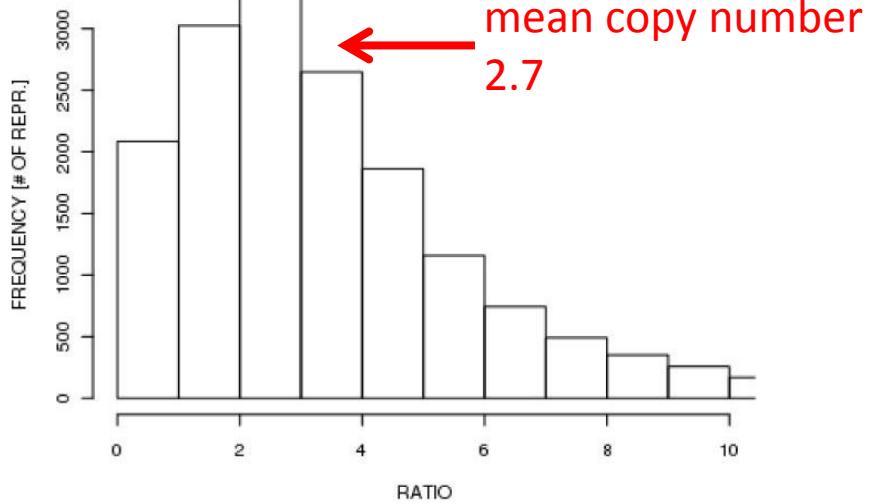
COPY NUMBER DISTRIBUTION WHEAT



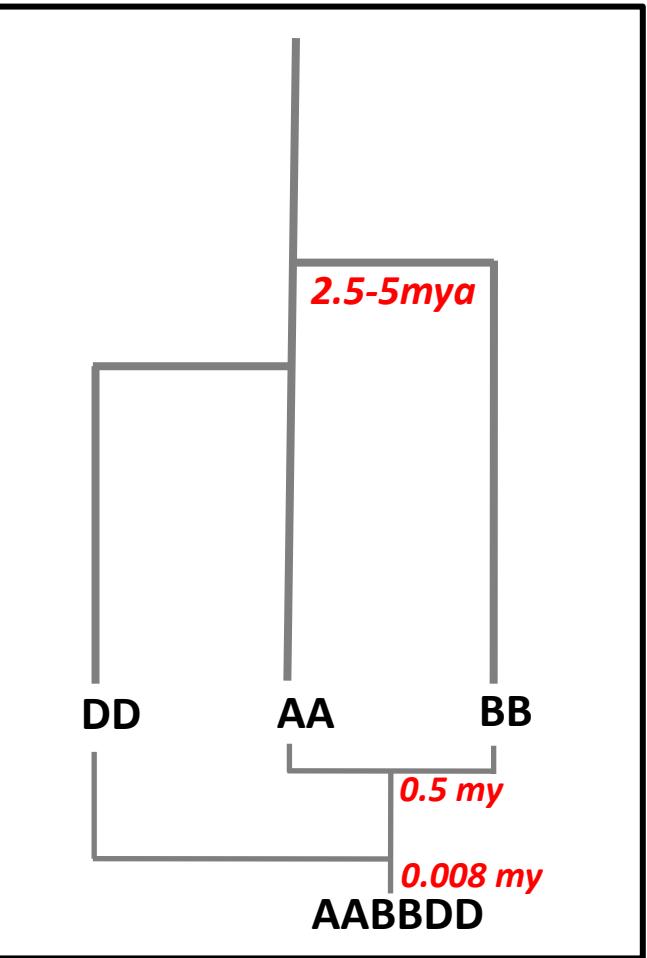
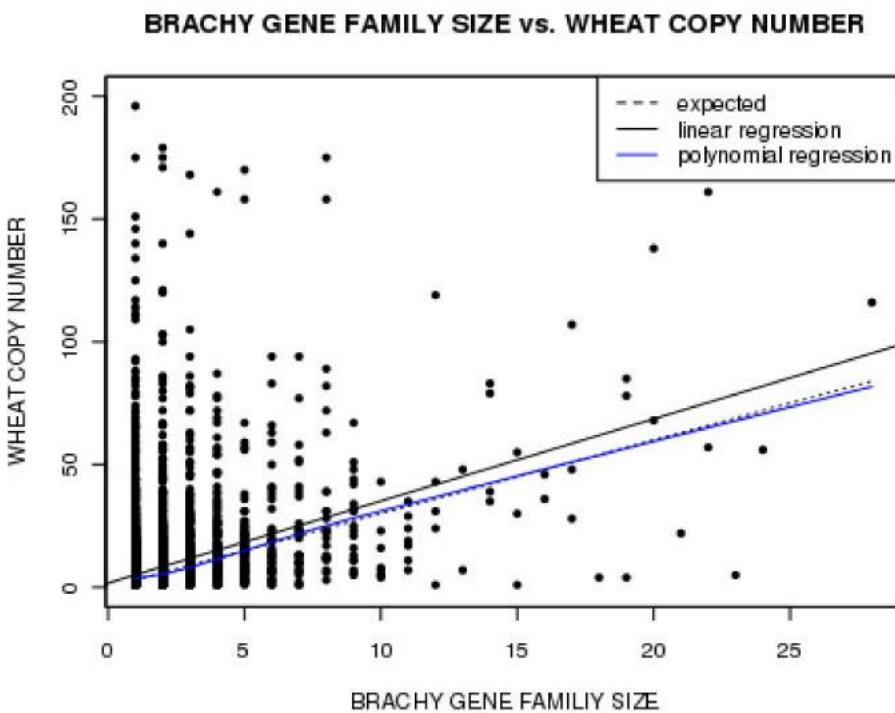
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Final Analyses



Gene loss and amplification
in polyploid

Assigning sub assemblies to
genome by reference to AA and DD
genome sequences and phylogenomics

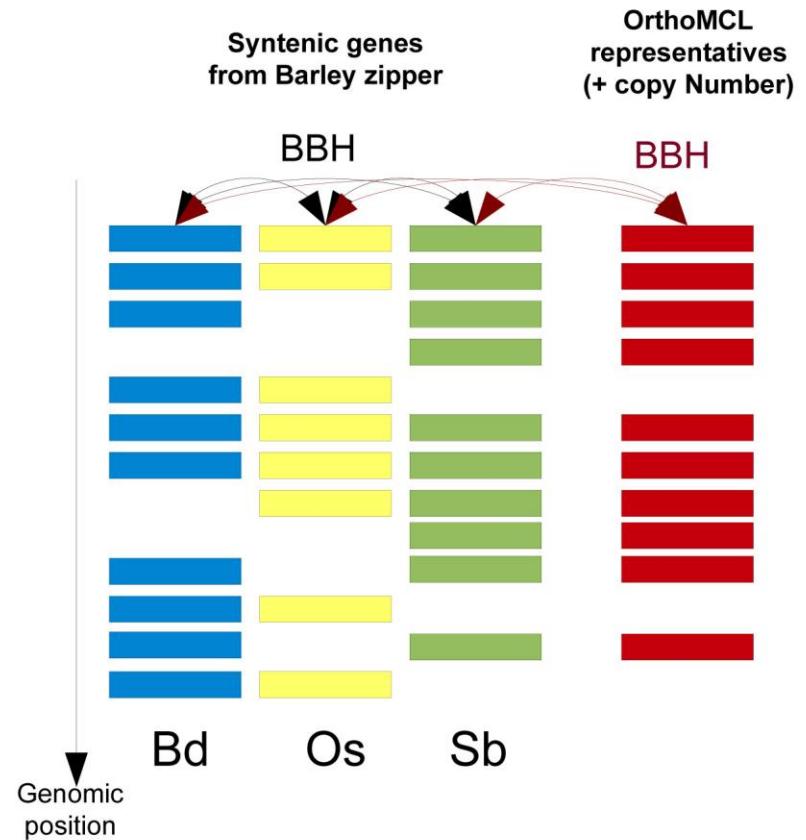
ALIGNMENT OF WHEAT ASSEMBLIES ACCORDING TO CONSERVED GENE ORDER

Aim:

The alignment to orthologs generates an ancestral Triticeae chromosomal order, and the alignment should use available wheat genetic maps

Method:

- 1 Define syntenic blocks of Bd/Os/Sb from Barley genome zipper results
- 2 Extract genes out of the syntenic blocks
- 3 Order these genes according to Bd genome position
- 4 Anchor Os/Sb genes to arranged bd genes
- 5 Anchor Representatives to the arranged bd/os/sb genes



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