

# Rapid evolution of repetitive DNA: Chromosome evolution and speciation

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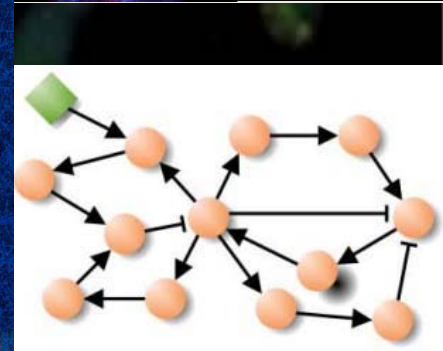
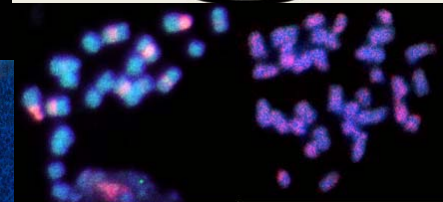
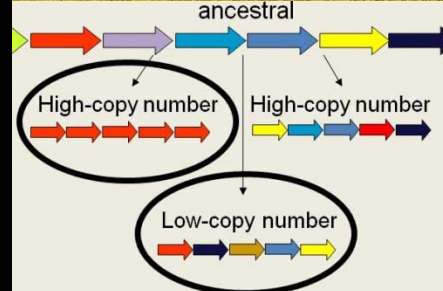
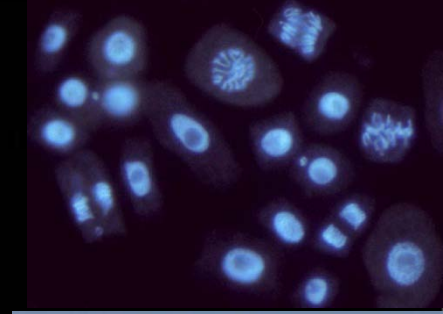
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Pathh1 on Twitter

Reports: AoBBlog.com and

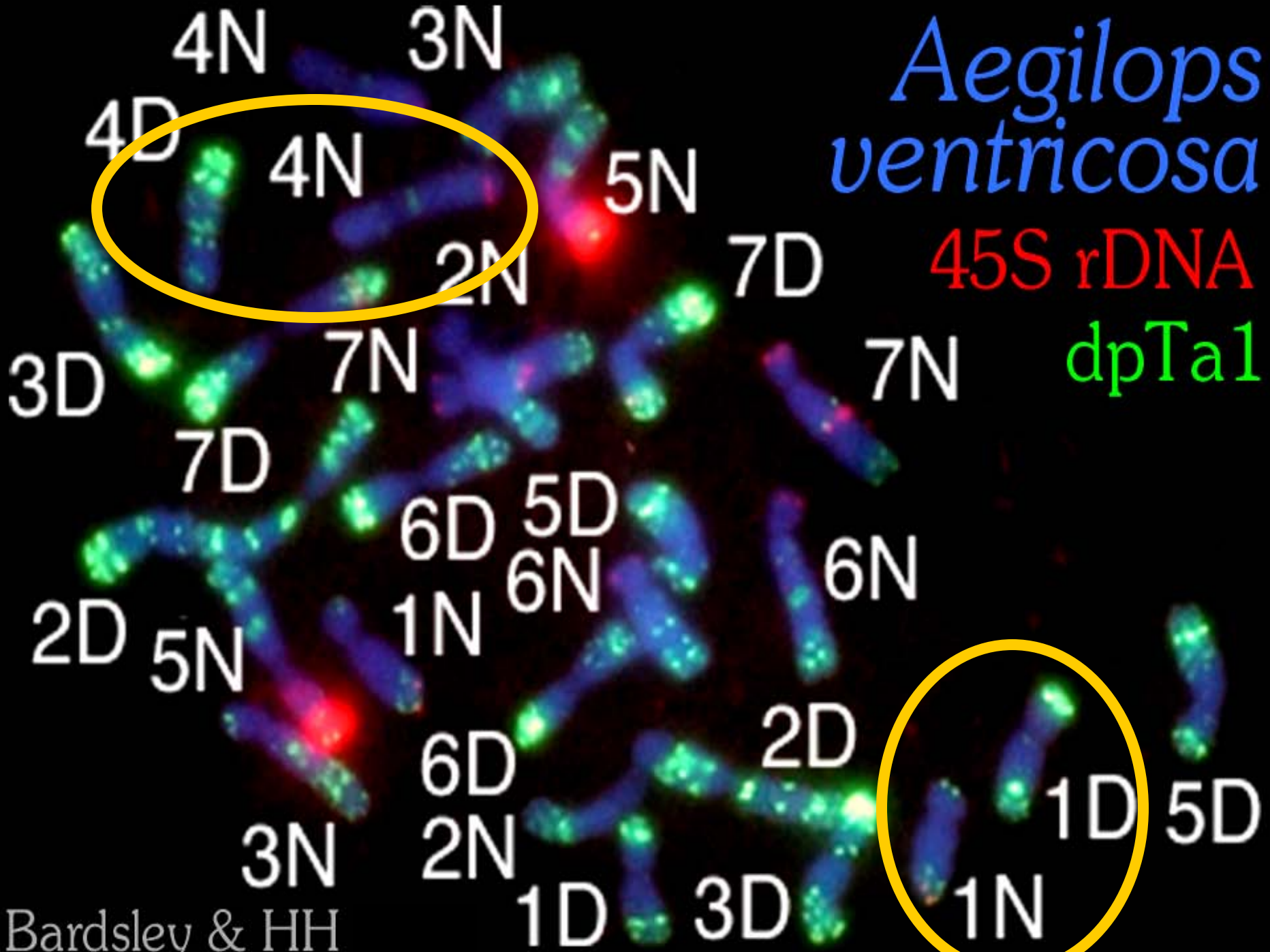
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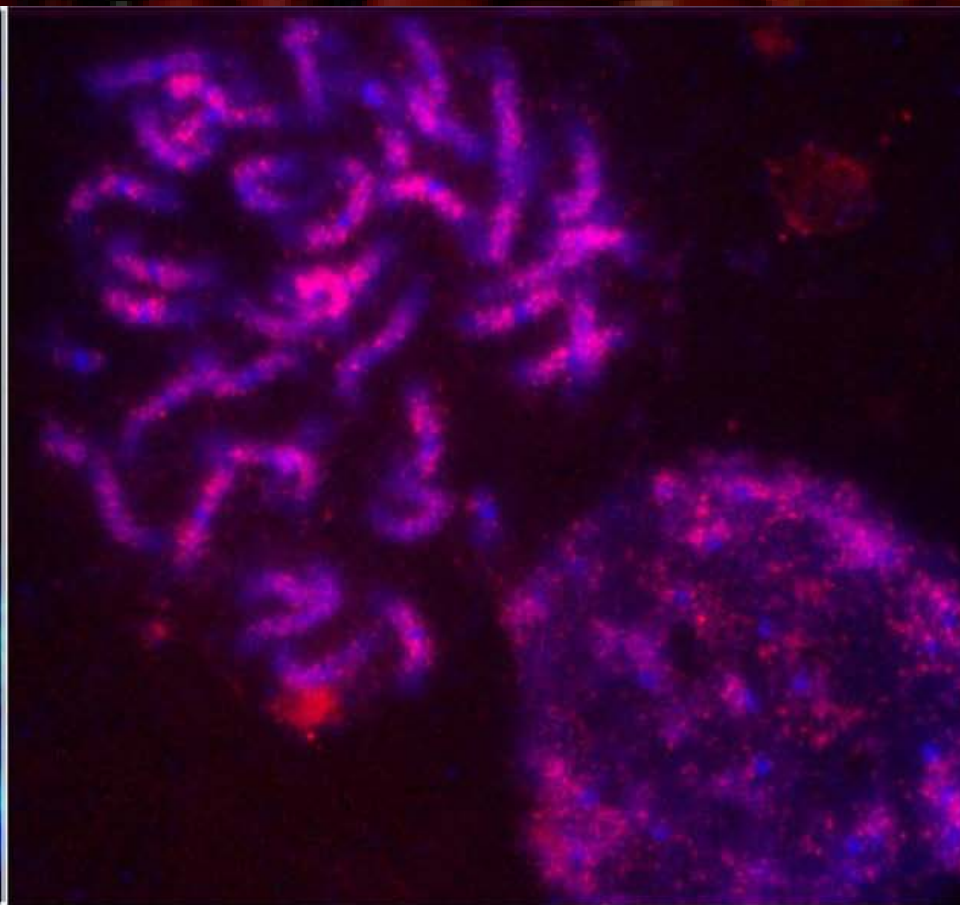
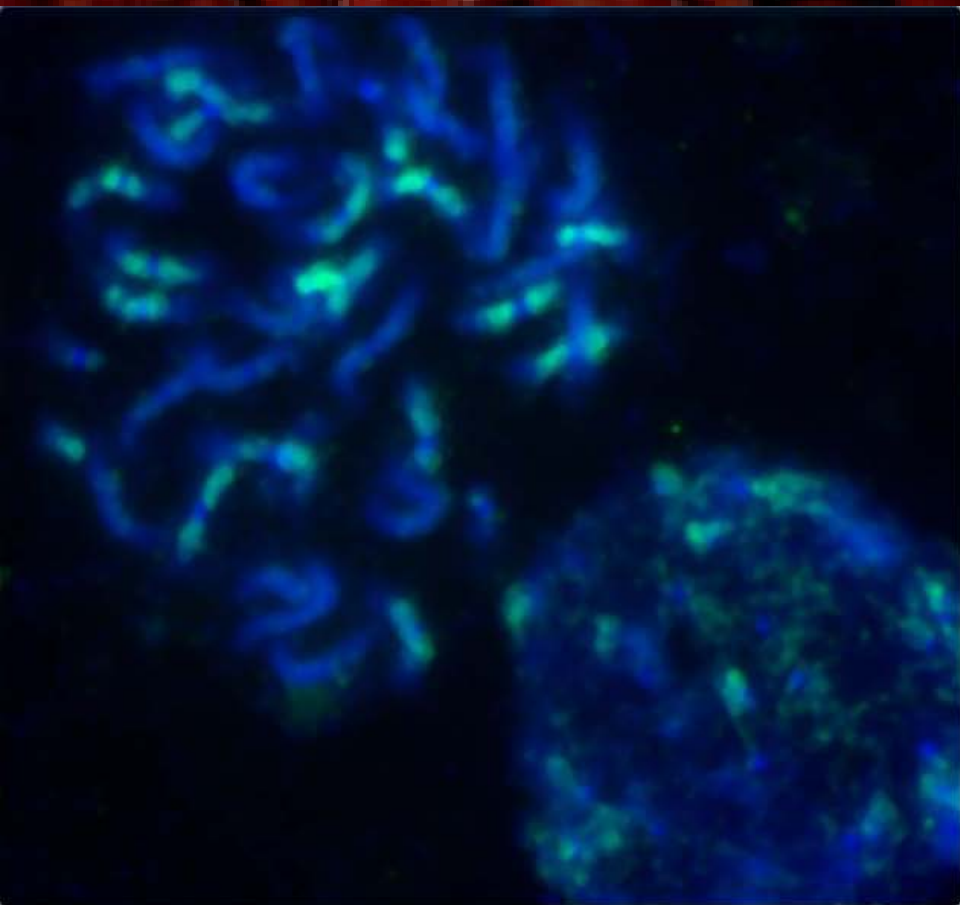
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# Genome evolution

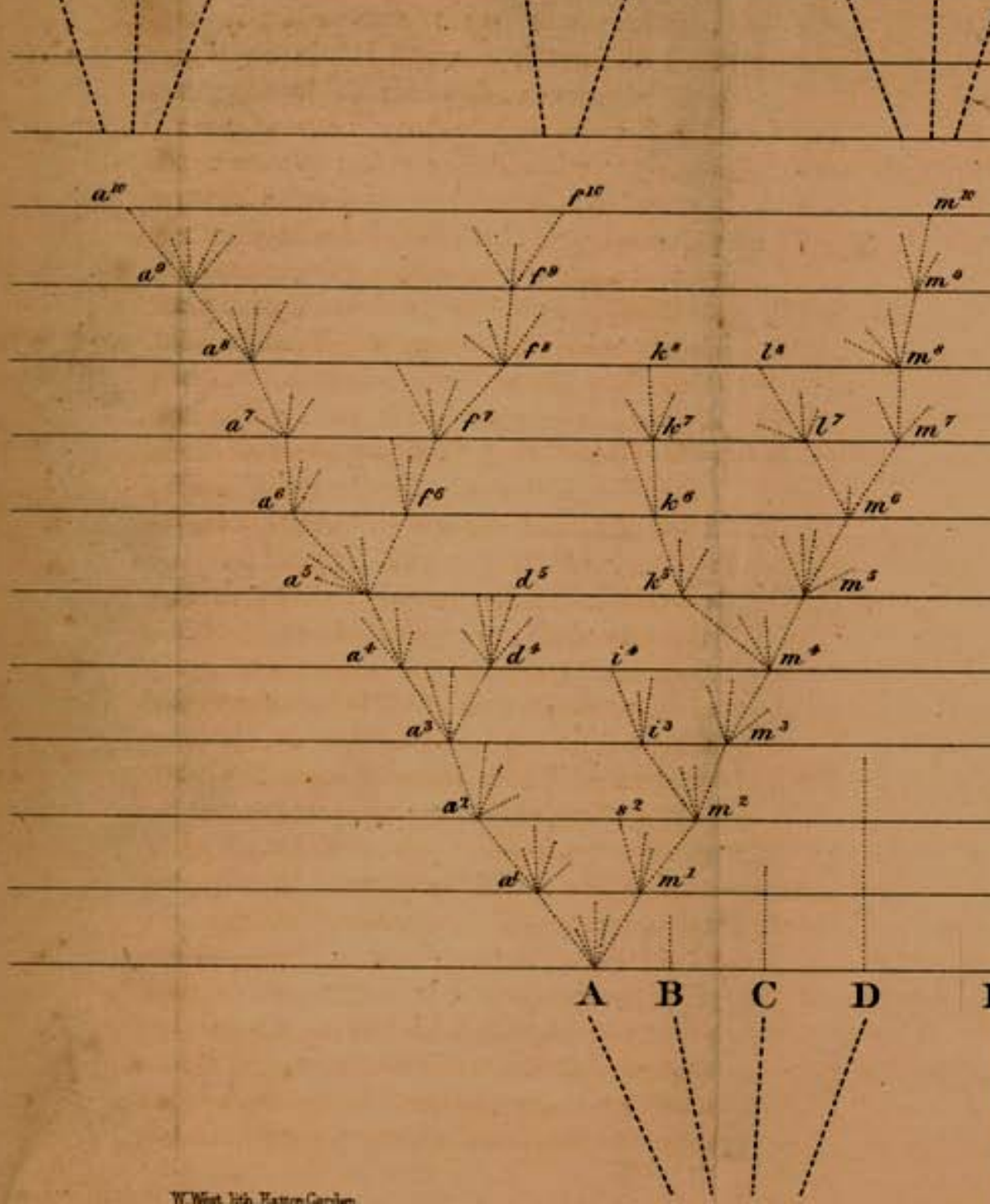


*Arachis hypogaea* –  $2n=4x=40$

*In situ* hybridization of two BACs including repeats

Contrasting distribution of their major repeat families

Darwin 1859  
The only figure in  
"The origin of species"

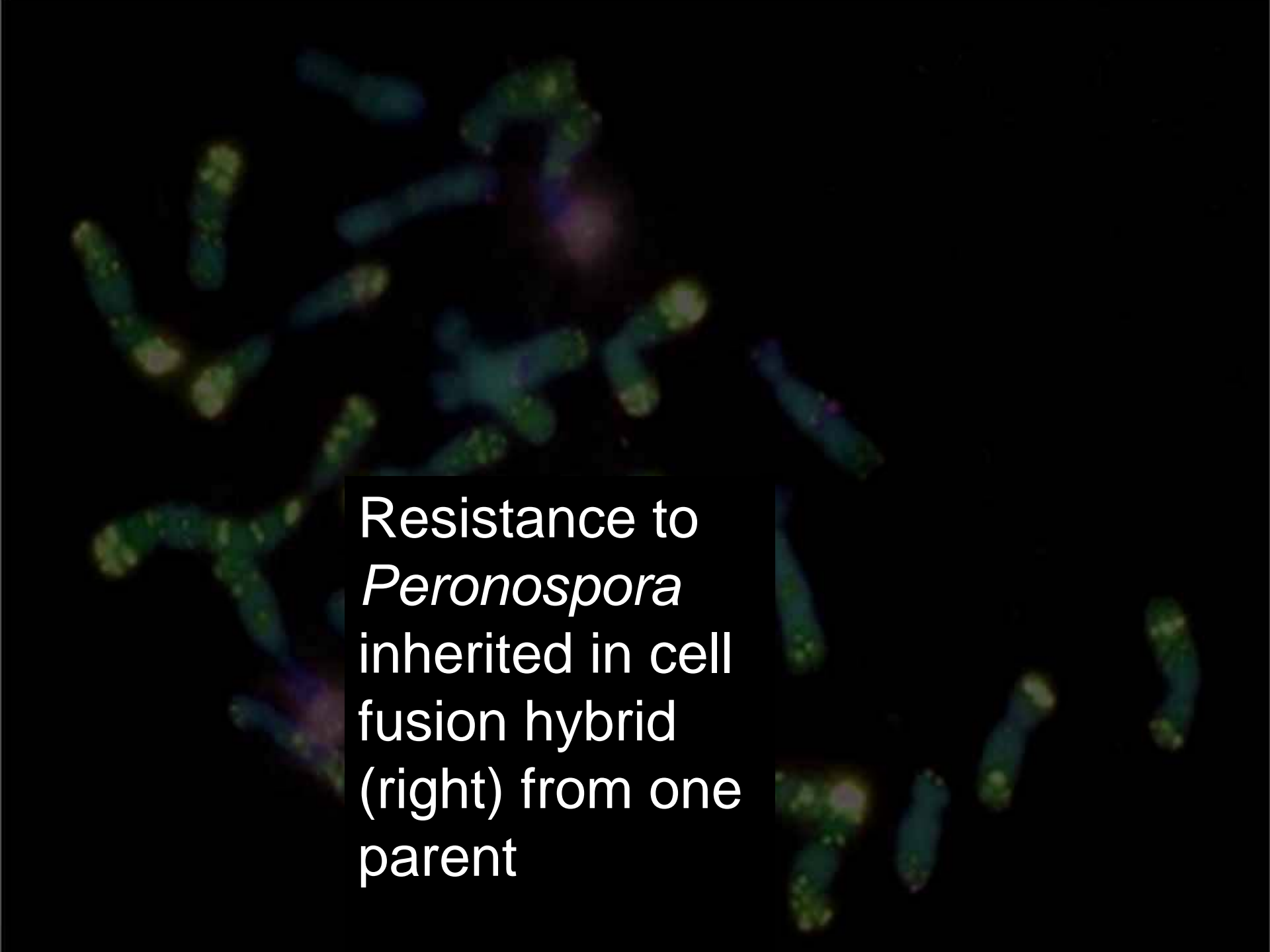


# Chromosome and genome engineering



Cell fusion hybrid of two tetraploid tobacco species



The image shows a fluorescence micrograph of plant cells. The cells are stained with a blue dye, likely DAPI, to highlight their nuclei. Some cells exhibit bright green fluorescence, indicating the presence of a specific marker or protein. The text overlay explains that this resistance to the pathogen *Peronospora* is inherited in the cell fusion hybrid (shown on the right) from one parent.

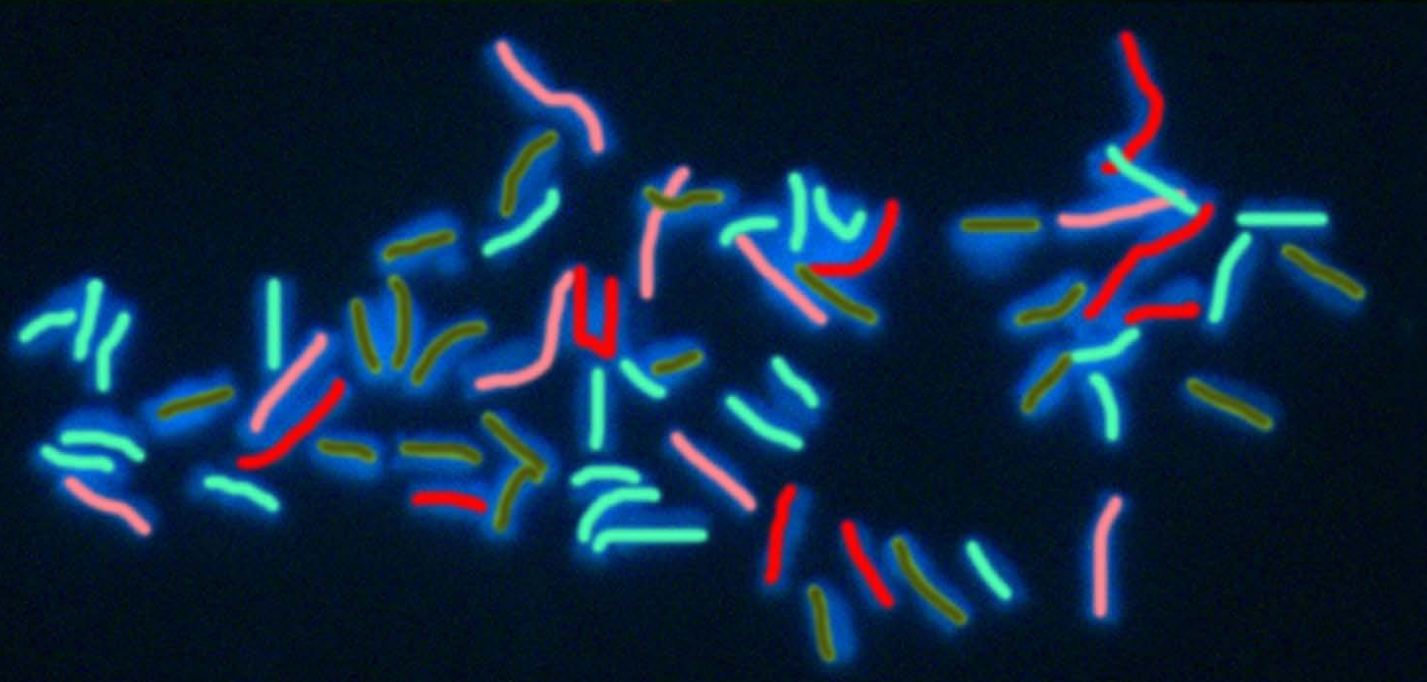
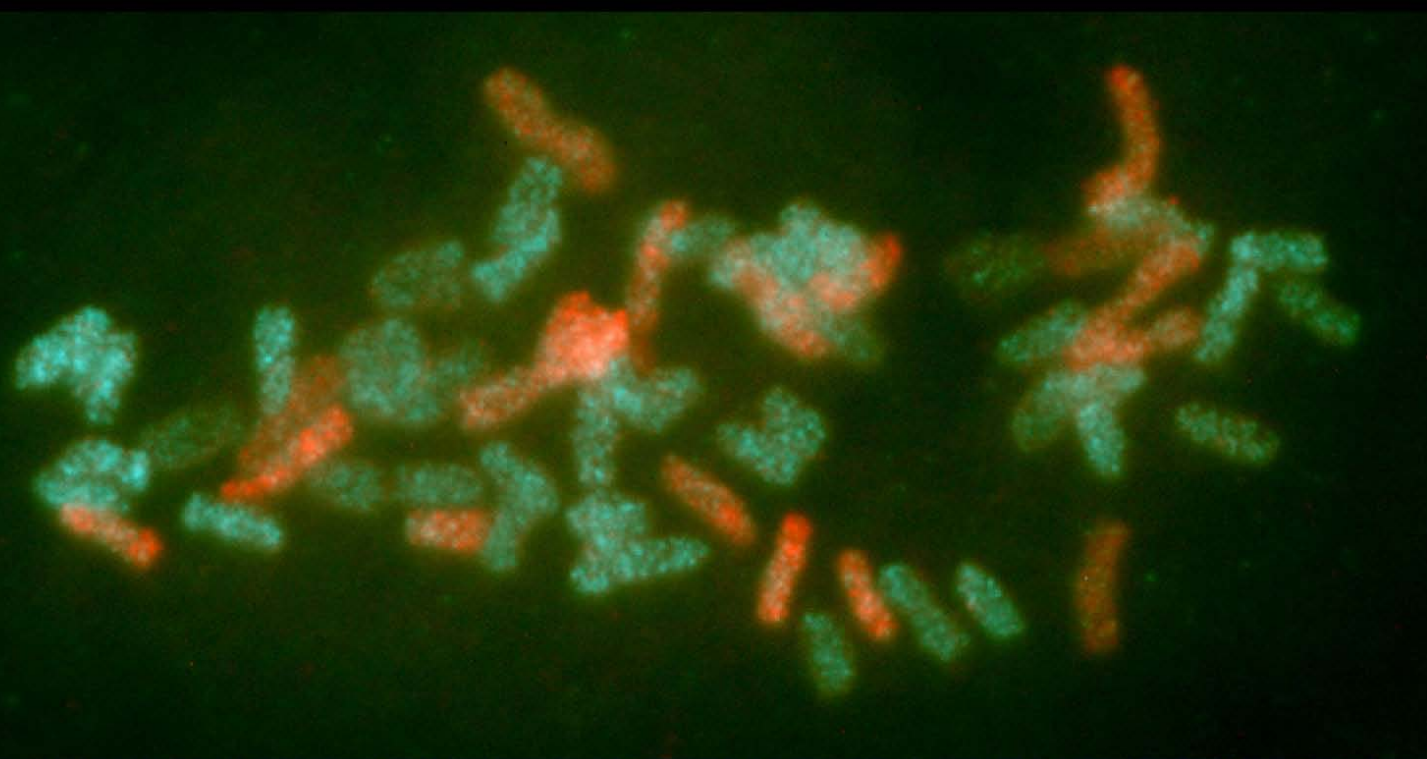
Resistance to  
*Peronospora*  
inherited in cell  
fusion hybrid  
(right) from one  
parent

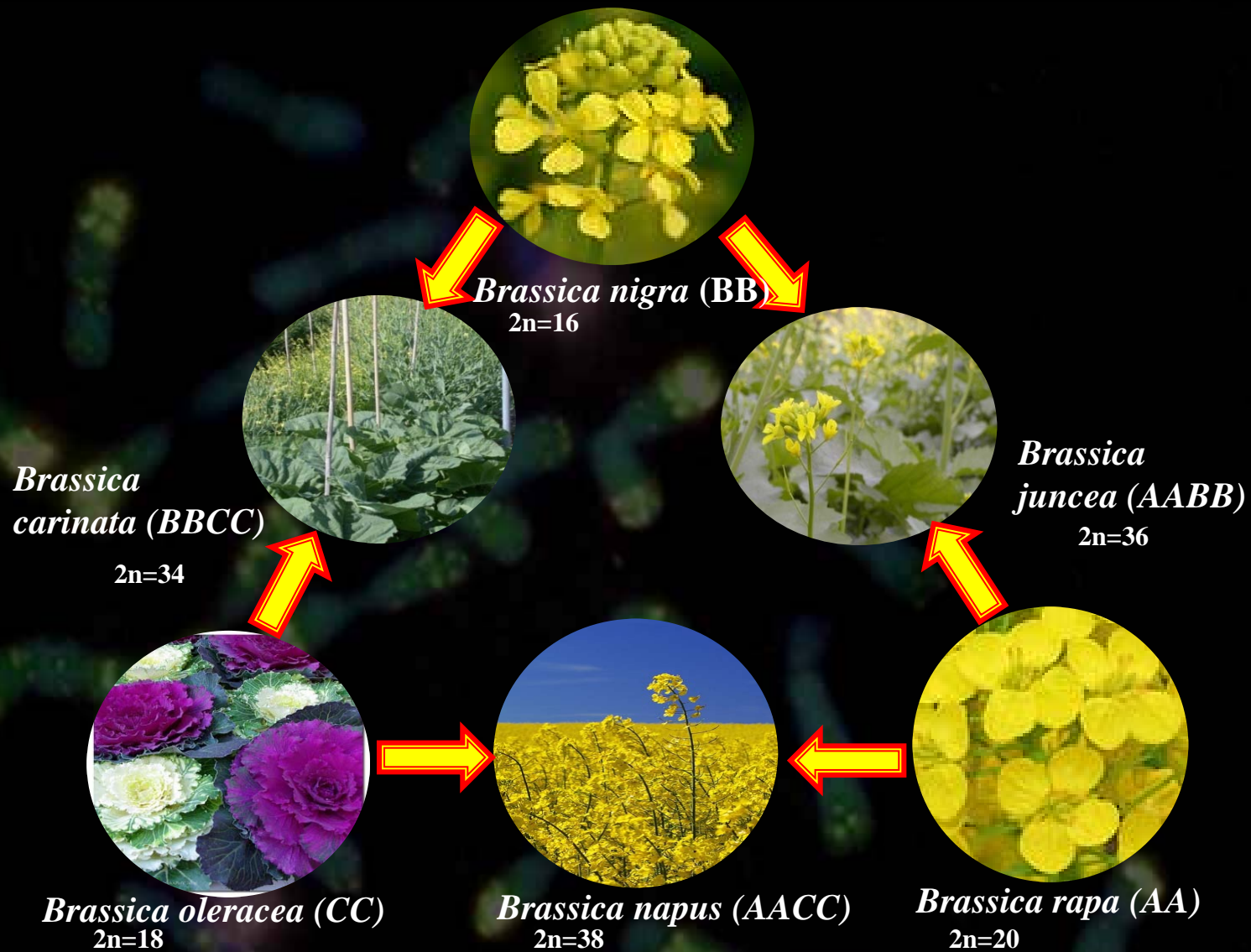
*Nicotiana*  
hybrid

4X + 4X  
cell fusions

Each of 4  
chromosome  
sets has  
distinctive  
repetitive  
DNA when  
probed with  
genomic DNA

Patel et al  
Ann Bot 2011





The *Brassica* genus is monophyletic, from single common ancestor. What has changed in the DNA sequences?

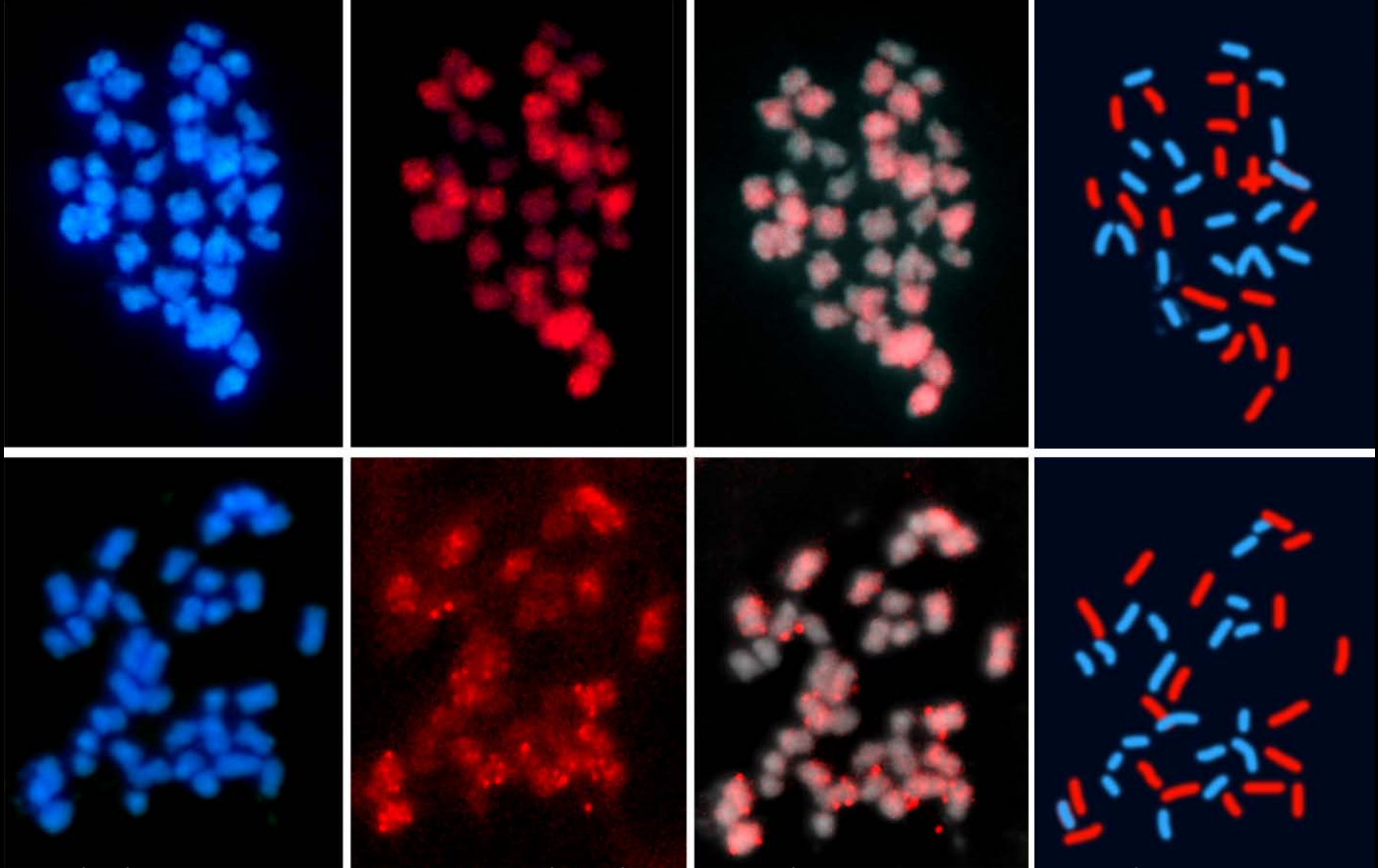


# Genome Specificity of a CACTA Transposon

*B. napus* (AACC,  $2n=4x=38$ ) – hybridized with C-genome CACTA element red

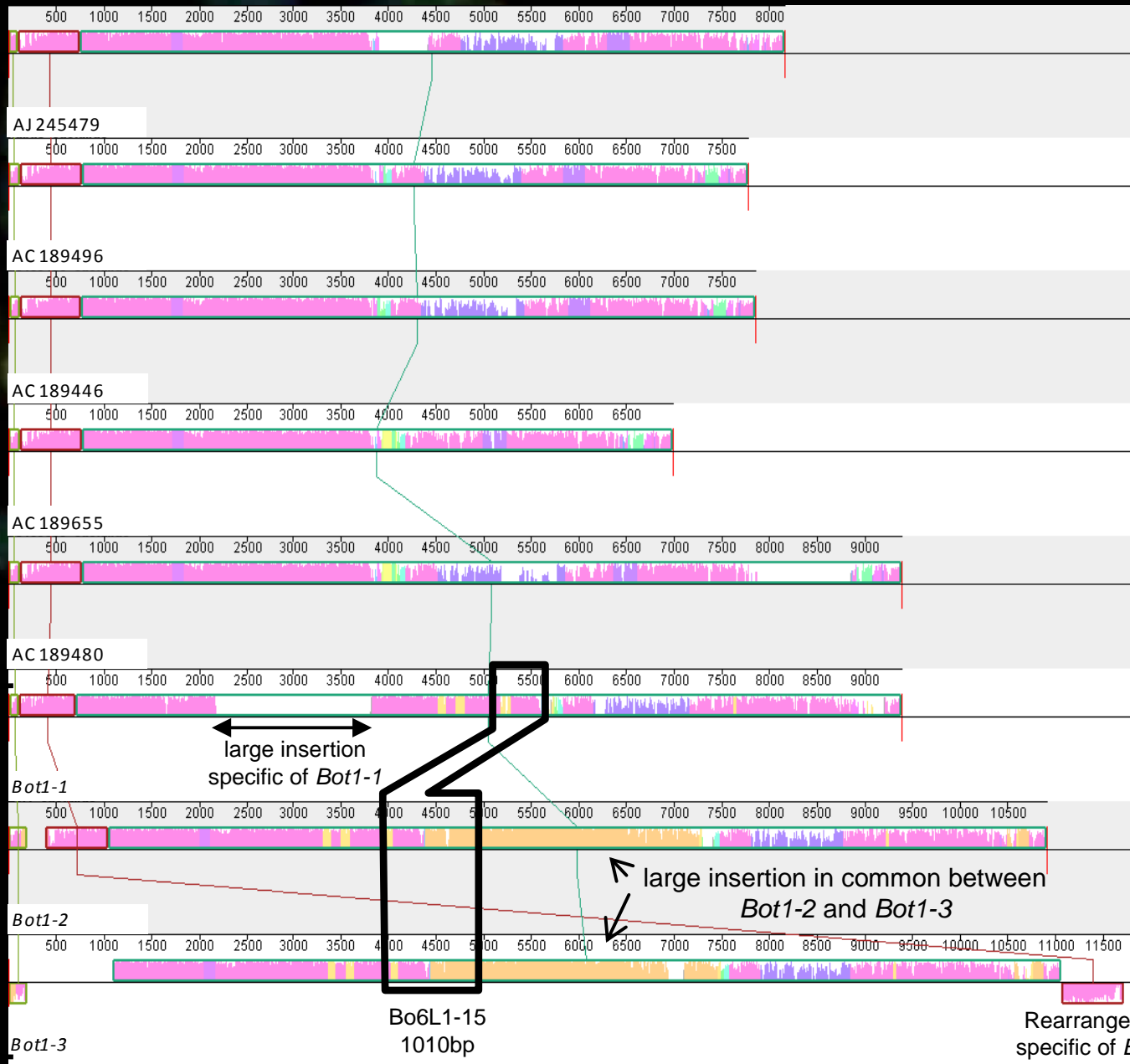
*B. oleracea* (CC,  $2n=2x=18$ )

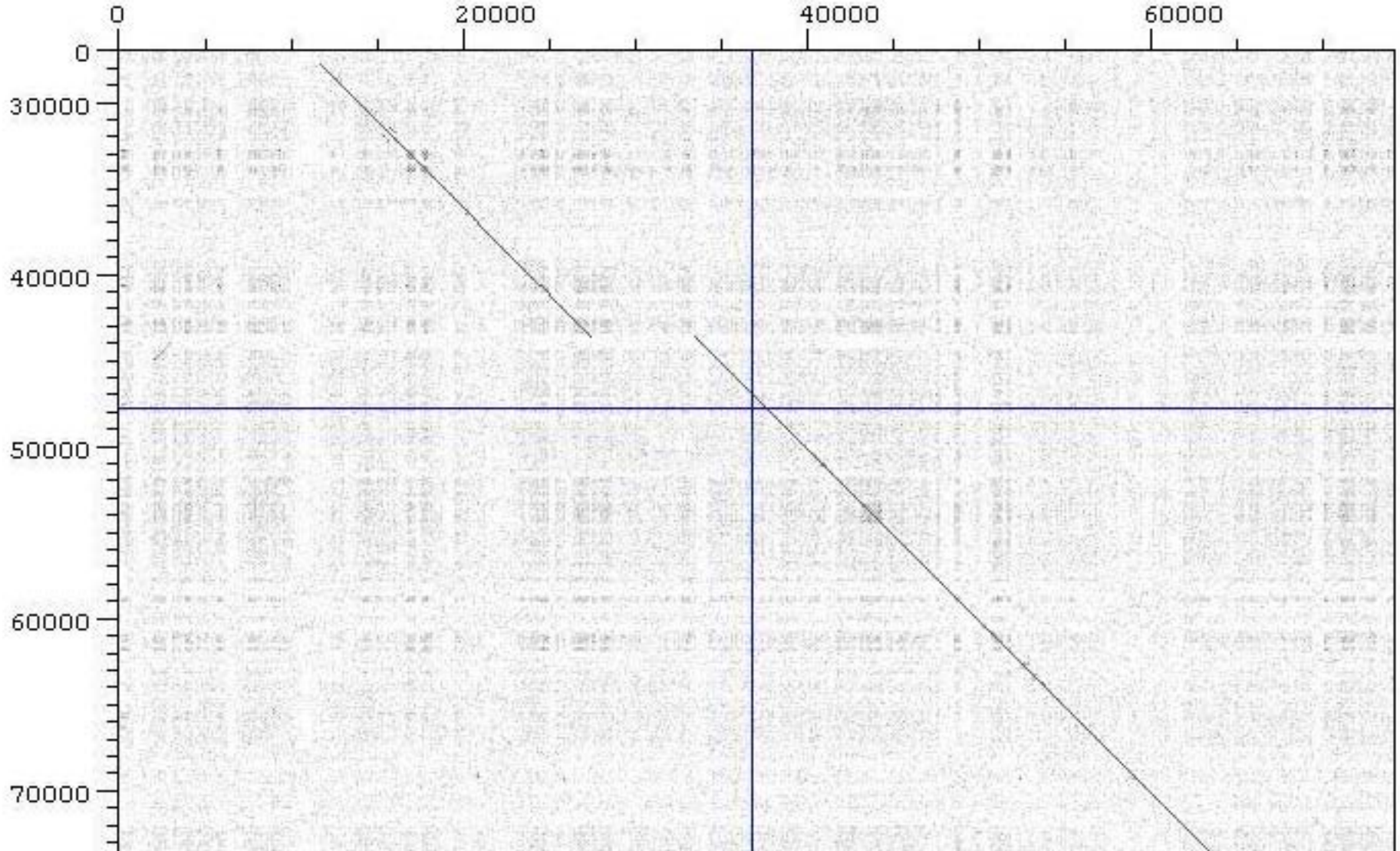
*B. rapa* (AA,  $2n=2x=20$ )



Alix et al. The CACTA transposon Bot1 played a major role in *Brassica* genome divergence and gene proliferation. Plant Journal

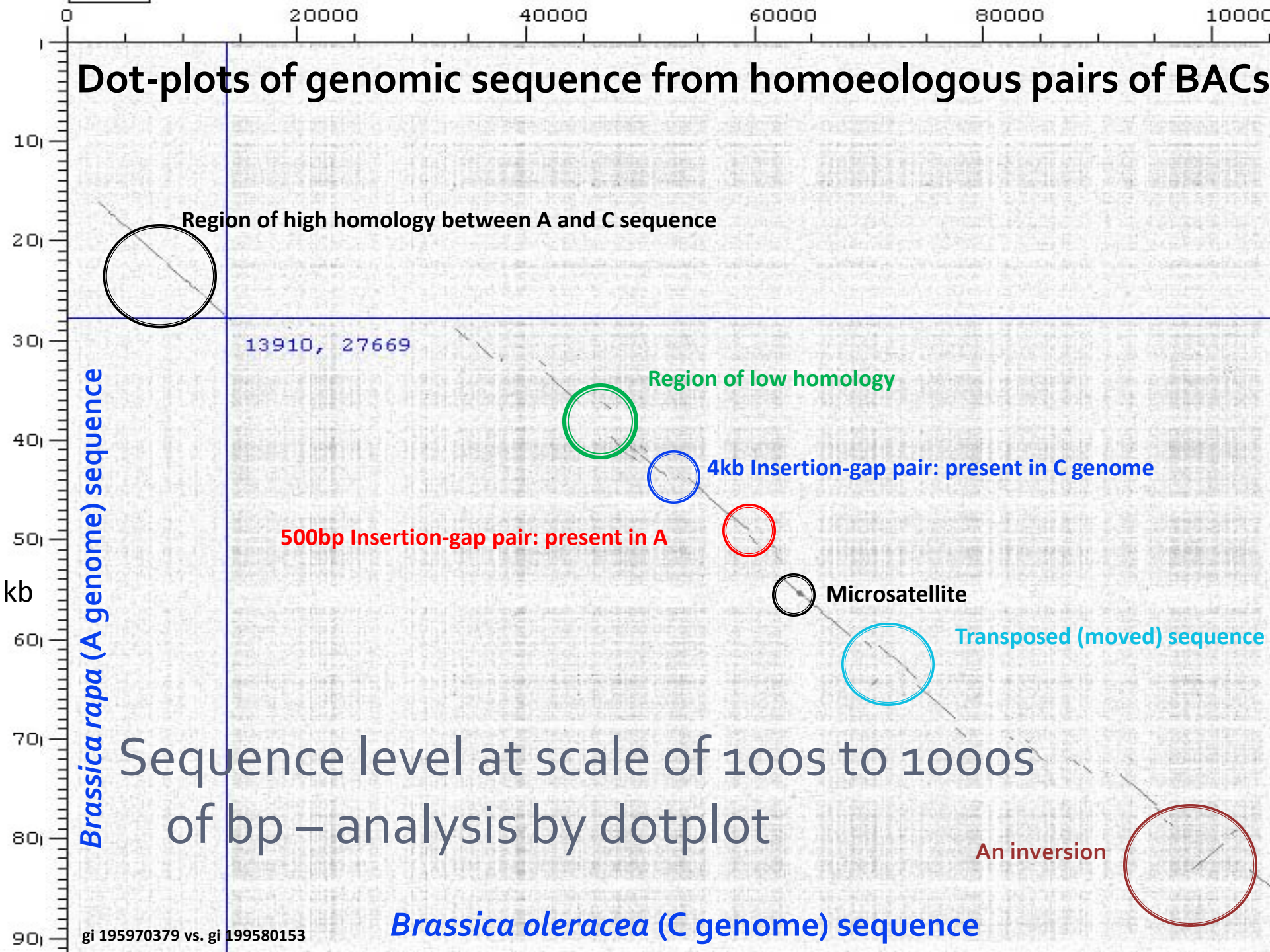
# Genome Specificity of a CACTA (En/Spm) Transposon

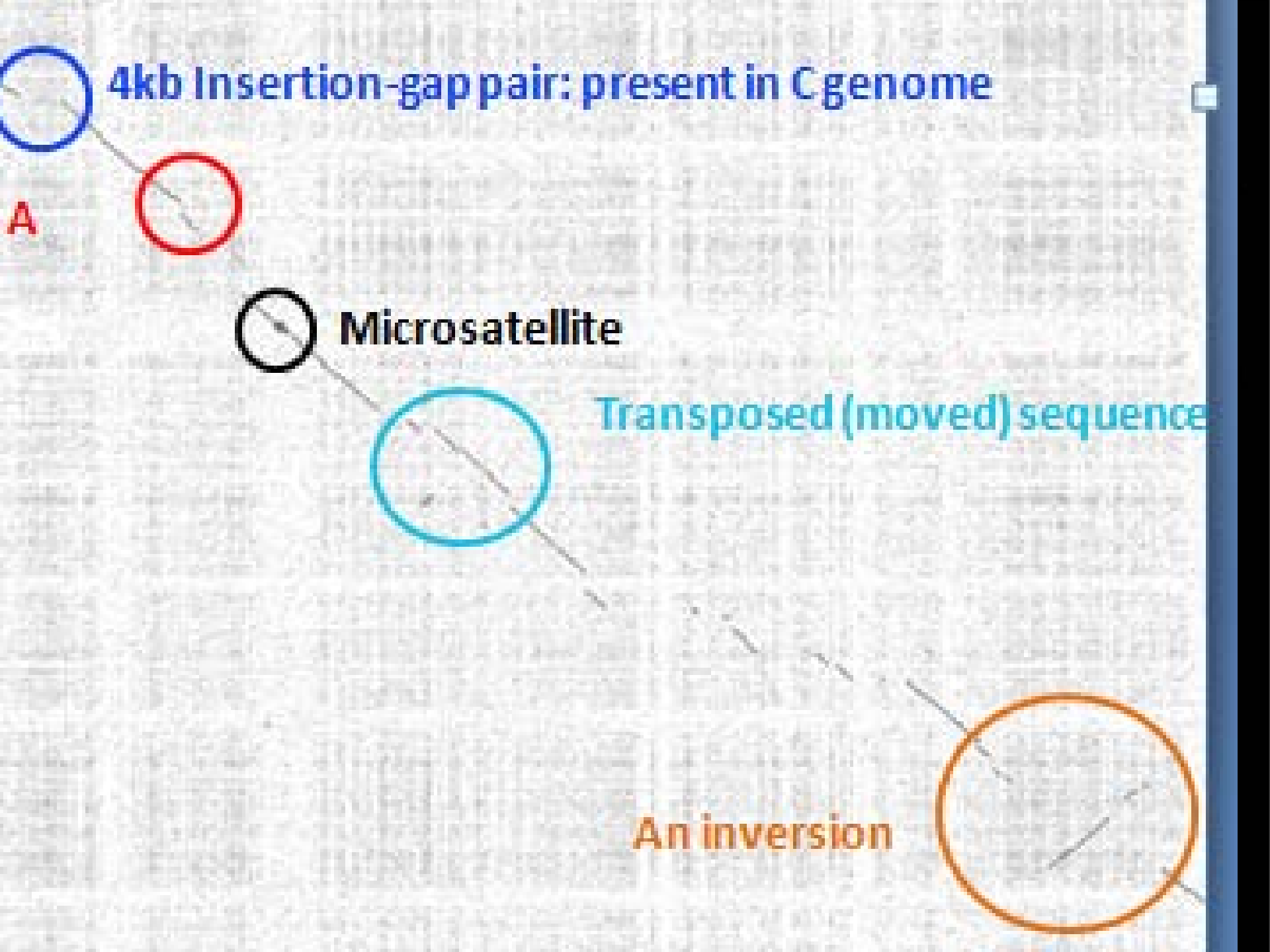




Dotplot comparisons at scale of 10,000s bp  
Two *Musa* chromosomes are >95% homologous with gaps  
Faisal Nouroz 2012

# Dot-plots of genomic sequence from homoeologous pairs of BACs



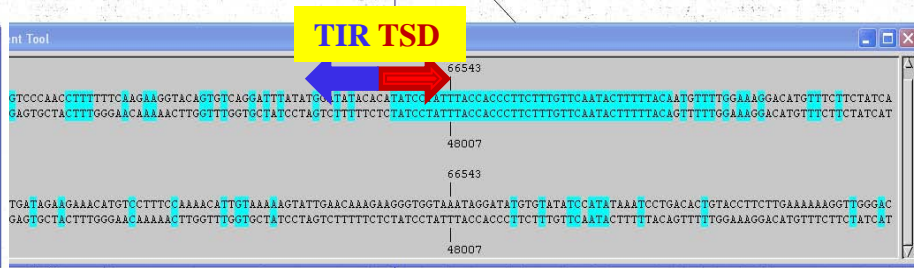
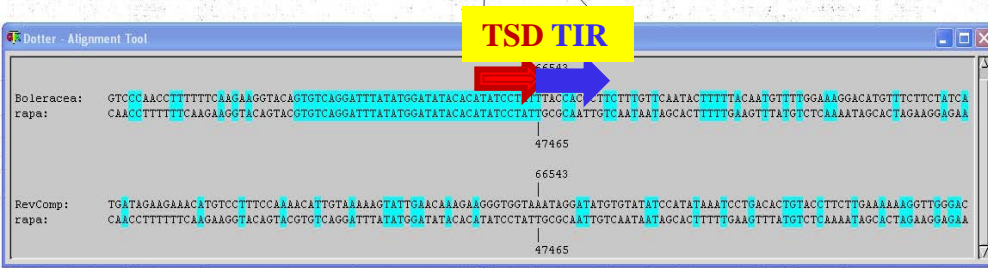


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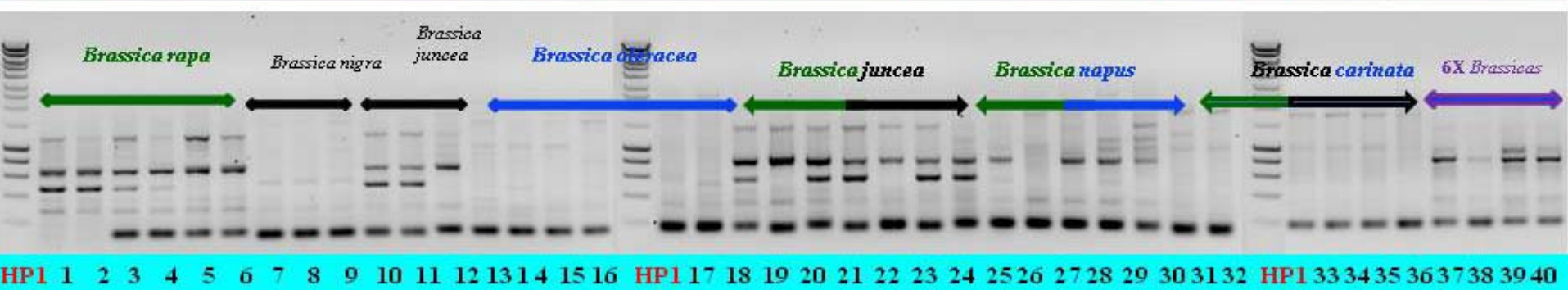
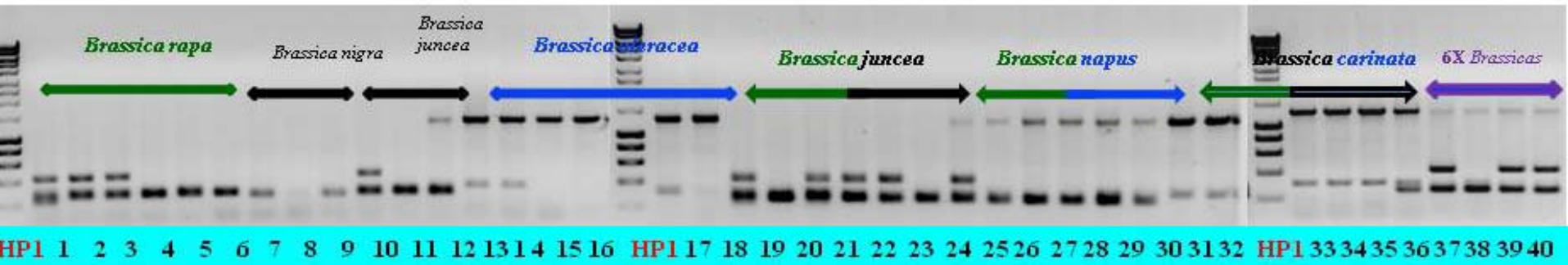
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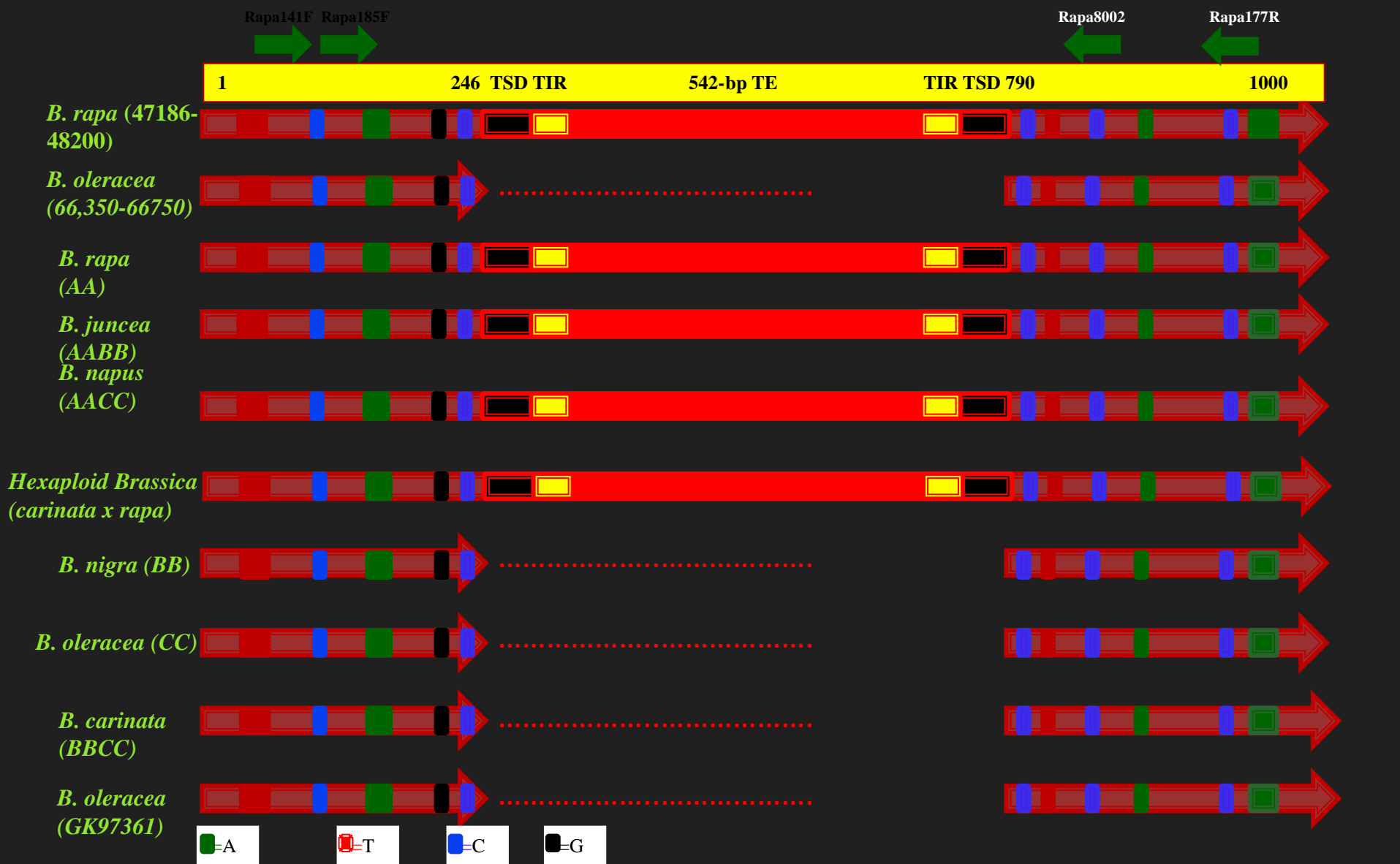
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**551-bp BART1 TE**  
**9-bp TSD (TATCCTATT)**  
**6-bp TIR and 66-bp imperfect sub-TIR**



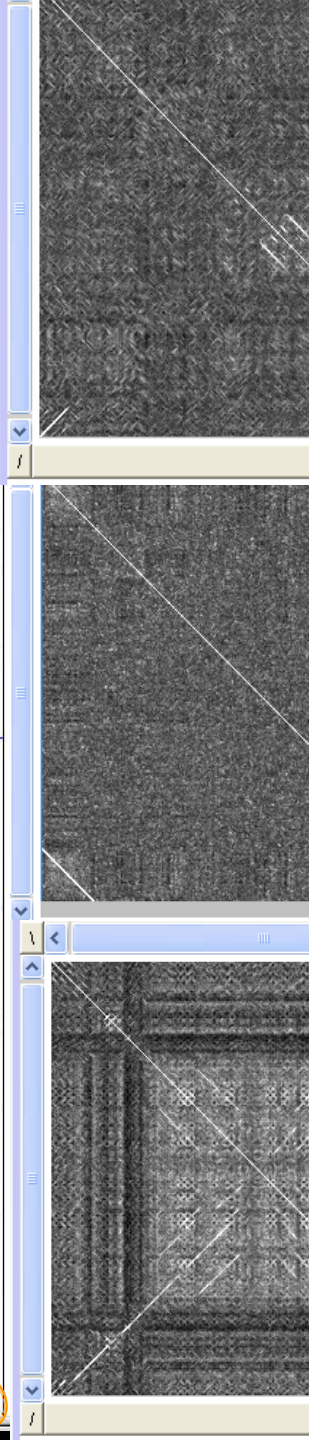
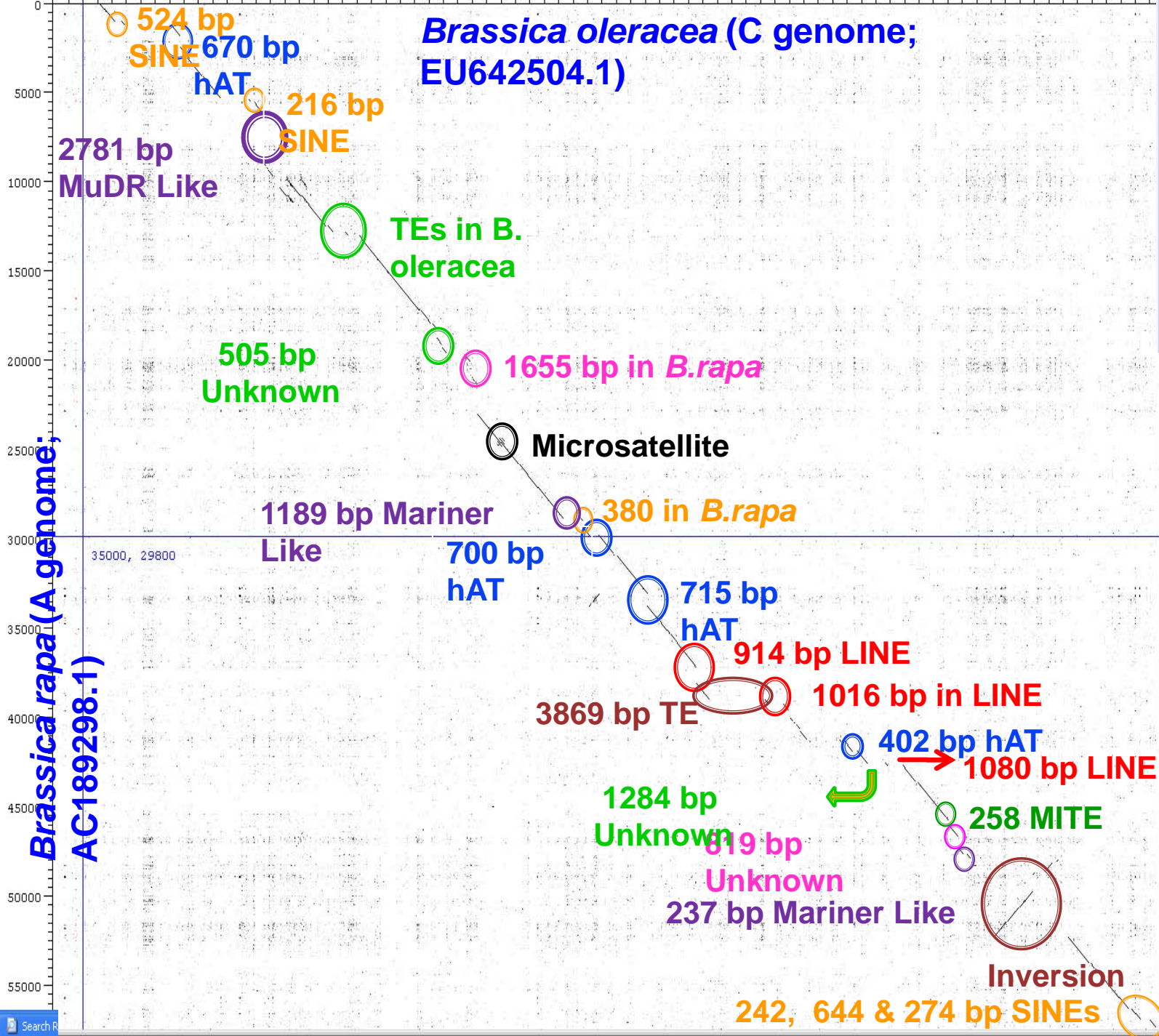
**Brassica rapa with inserted 542bp sequence not present in B. oleracea. 9bp TSD (red letters and arrow) and TIR (blue). Flanking primers used in PCR (next slide) as blue arrows on sequence**  
**Faisal Nouroz 2011**





*Schematic representation of insertion in Brassica rapa and other Brassica genomes. Green, red, blue and black boxes showing DNA motifs.*

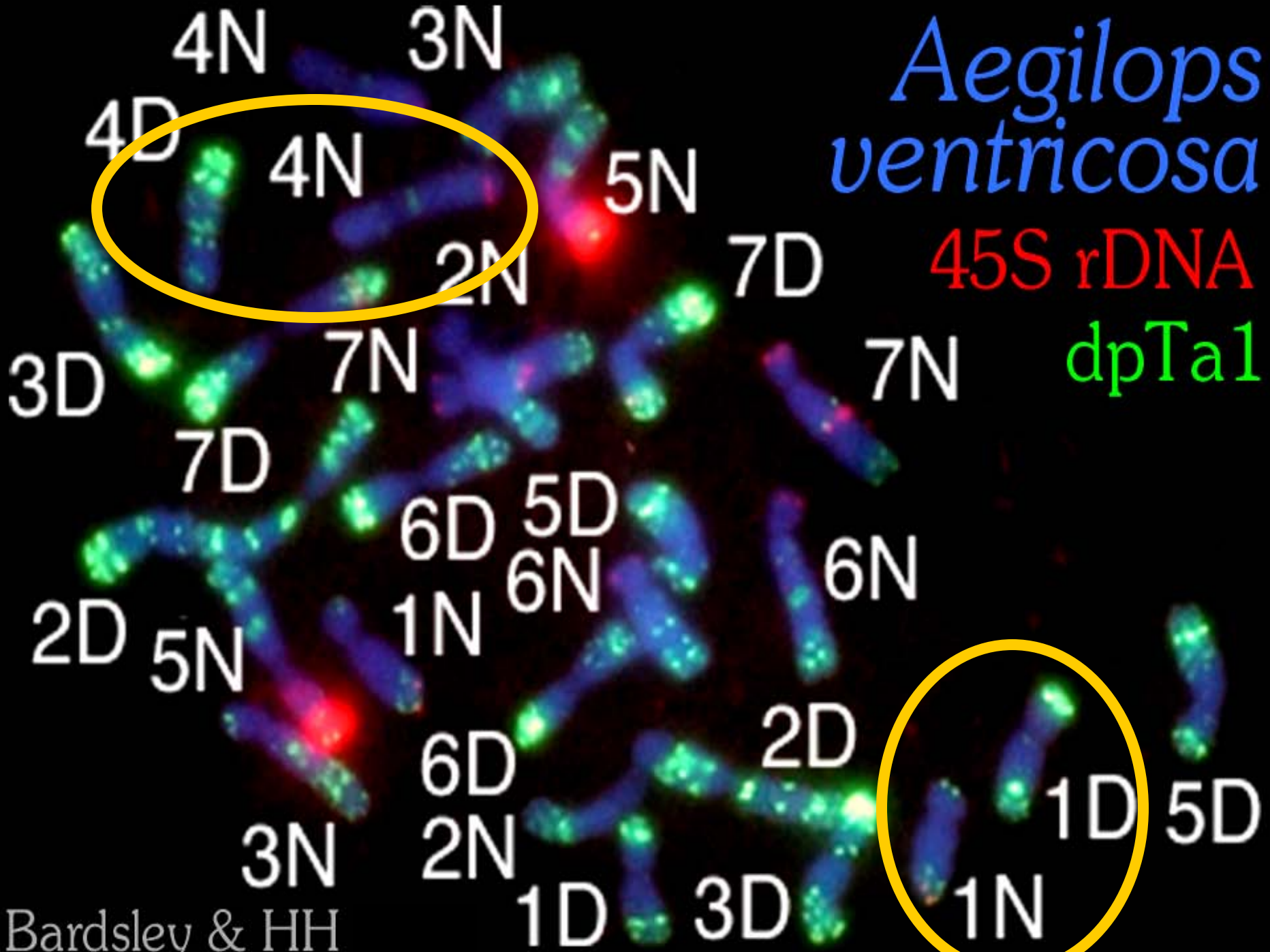


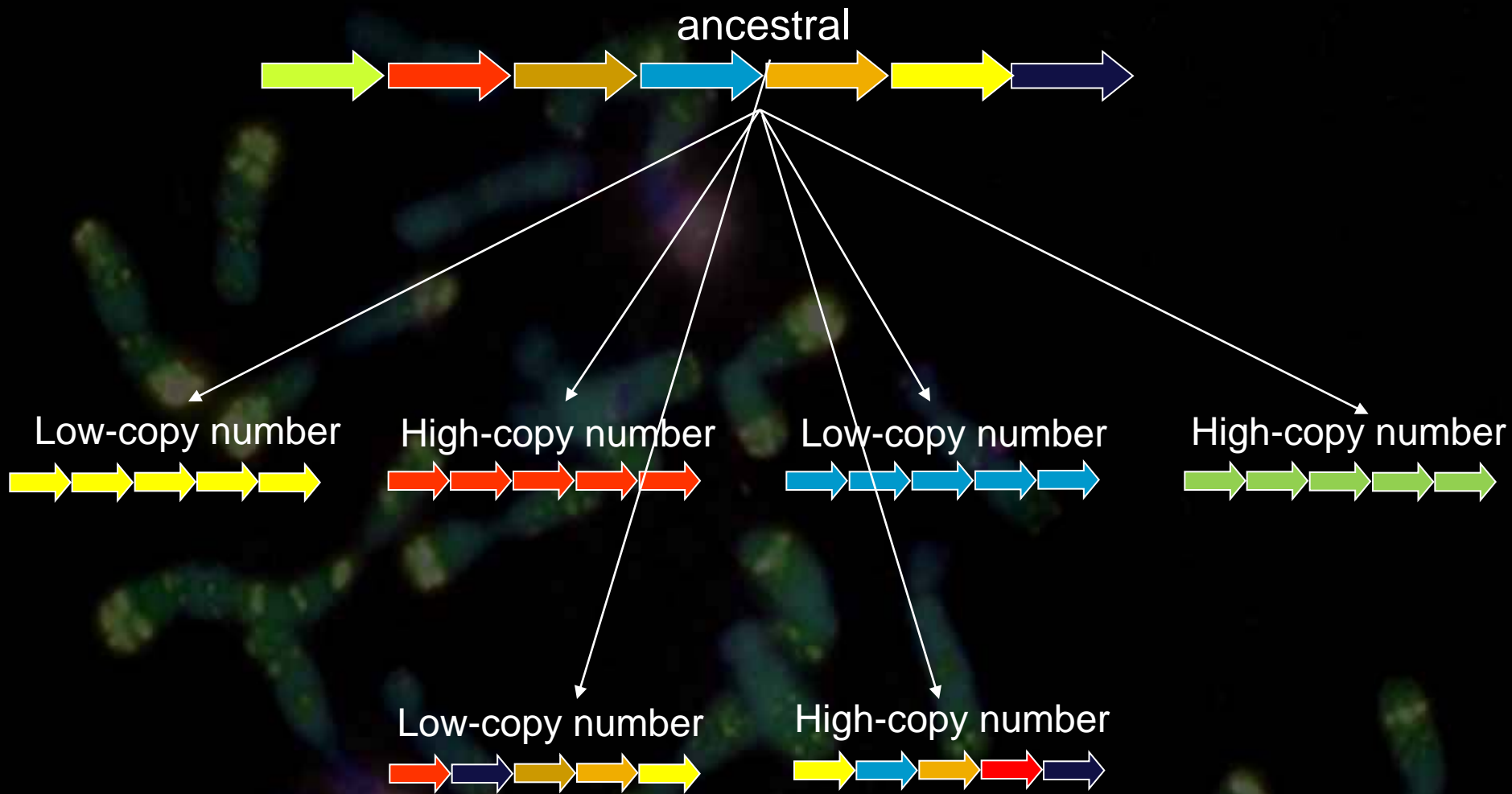


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High copy spp: homogenized, amplification from a limited number of master copies

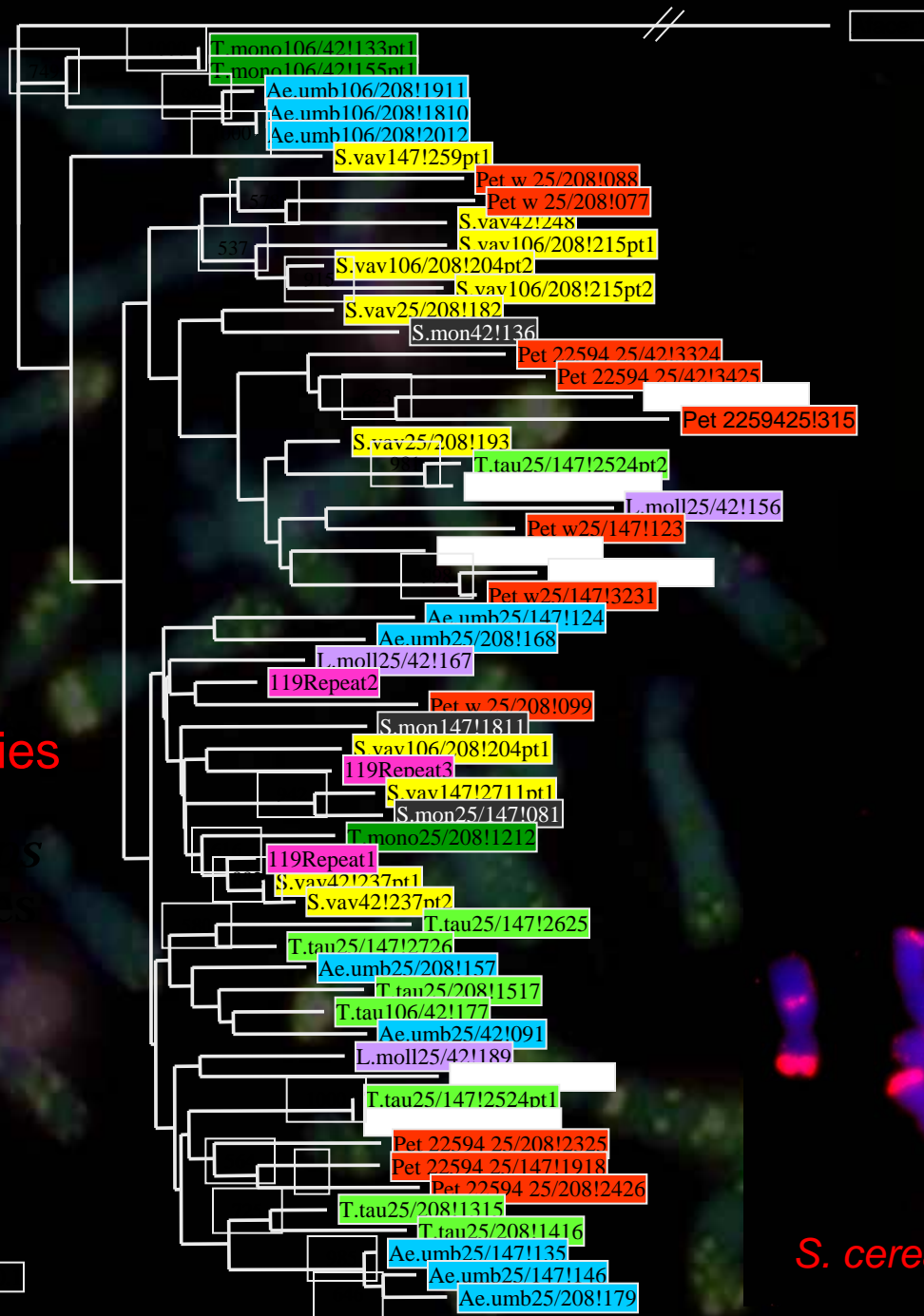
Low copy spp: much variation

120bp repeat unit family

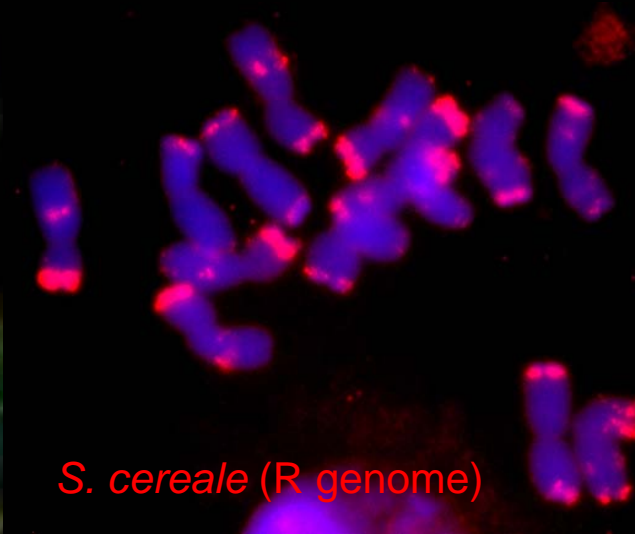
in *Triticum*,  
*Aegilops* and  
*Secale* species

Colour block  
represents species

High copy,  
High diversity

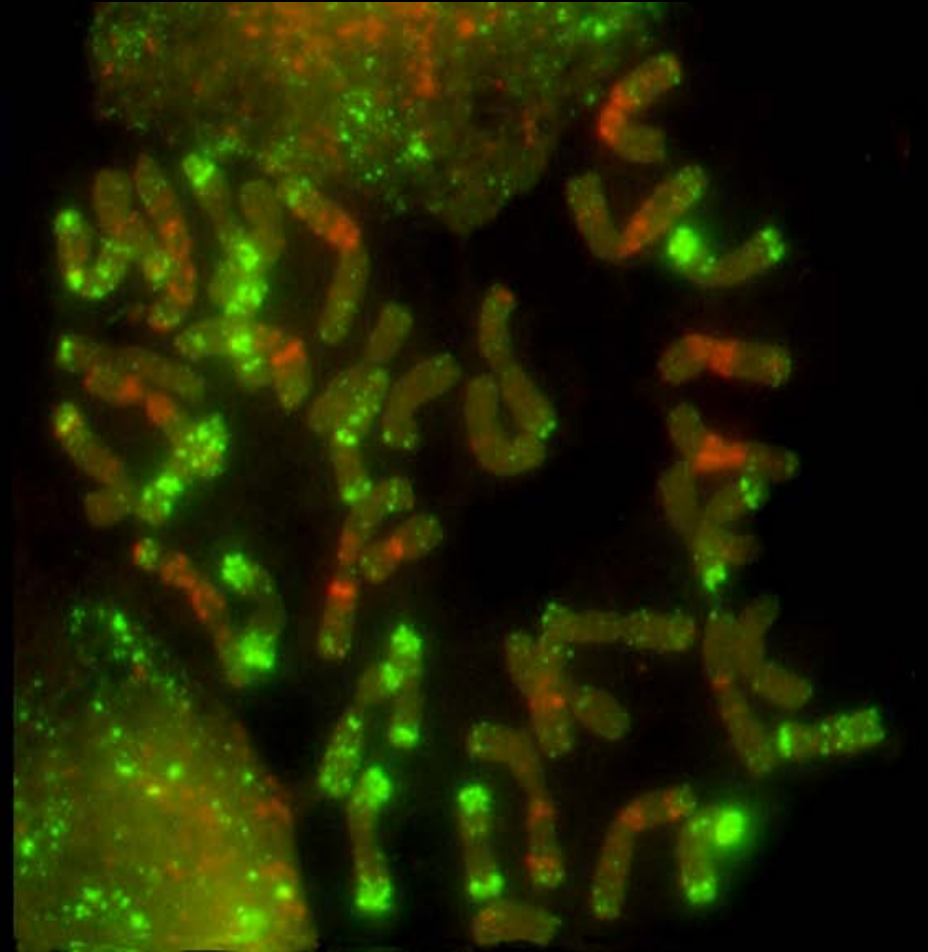


*T. tauschii* (D genome)



*S. cereale* (R genome)

*Triticum aestivum*  $2n=6x=42$



DAPI

pSc119.2 dpTa1

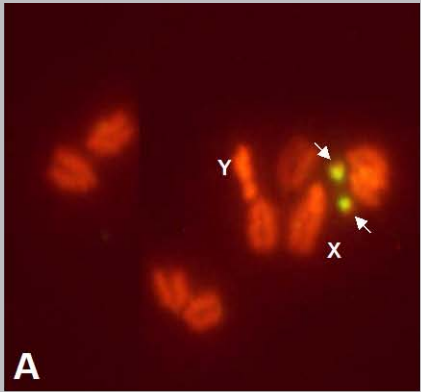
High copy number – low diversity in each of 3 genomes

# Correlation between genetic relationships and similarity of dpTa1 hybridization



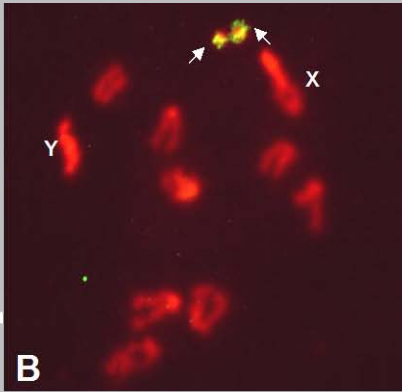


*D. serido*



A

*D. antonietae*

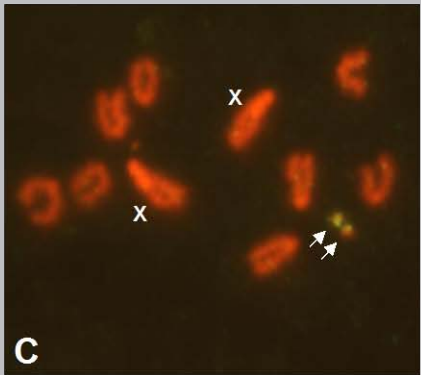


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Chromosomal  
location of  
DBC-150  
repeats

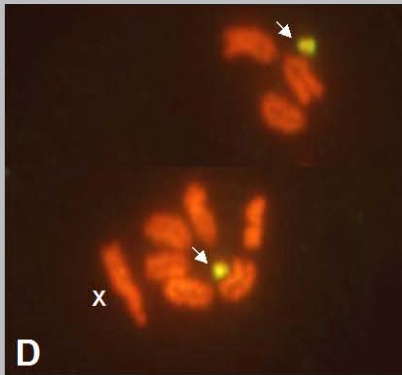
Micro- or dot  
chromosomes

*D. gouveai*



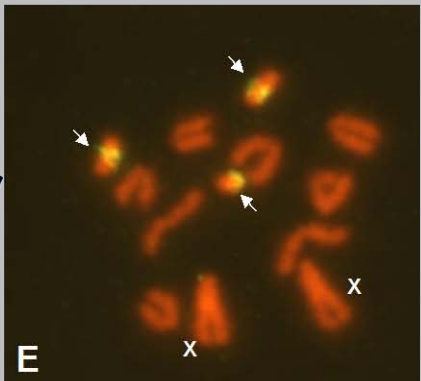
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*D. koepferae*



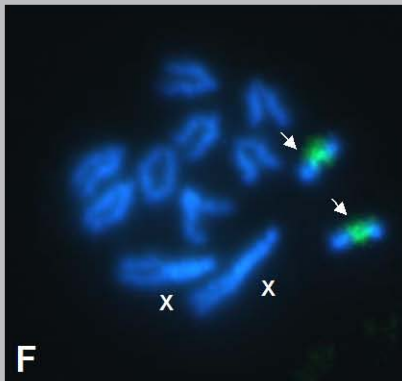
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*D. seriema*



E

*D. seriema*



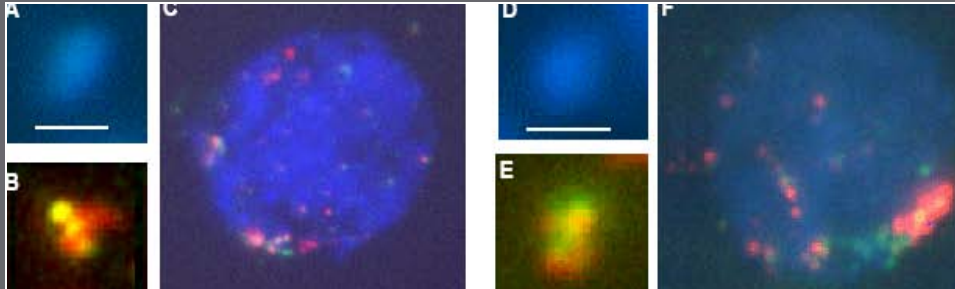
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# Interspersion of pBuM and DBC-150

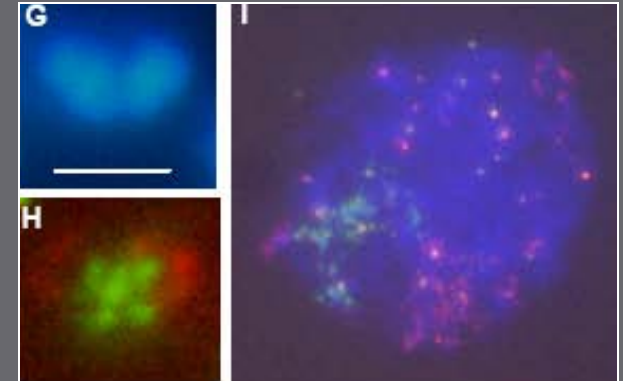
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*D. antoneita*

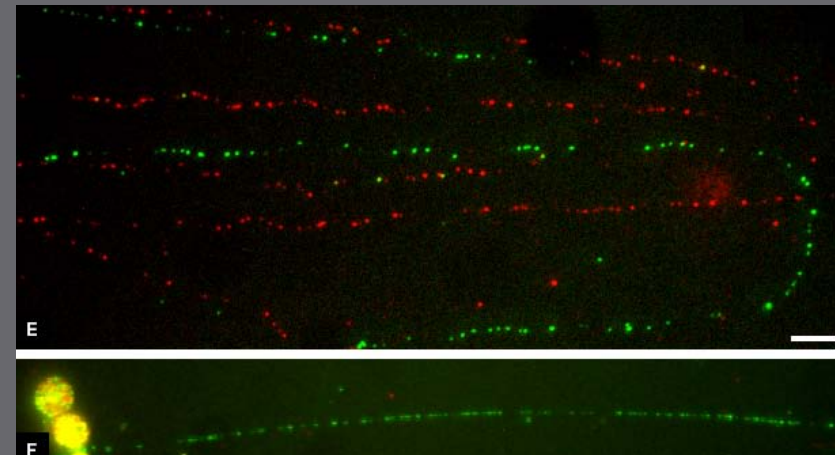
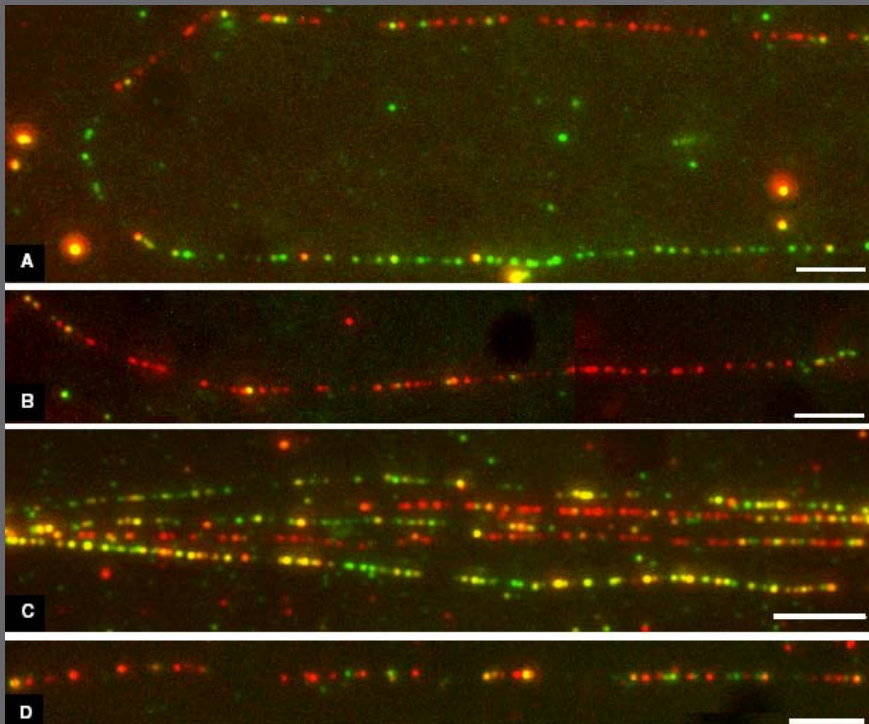
*D. seriema*



High interspersions



Low interspersions

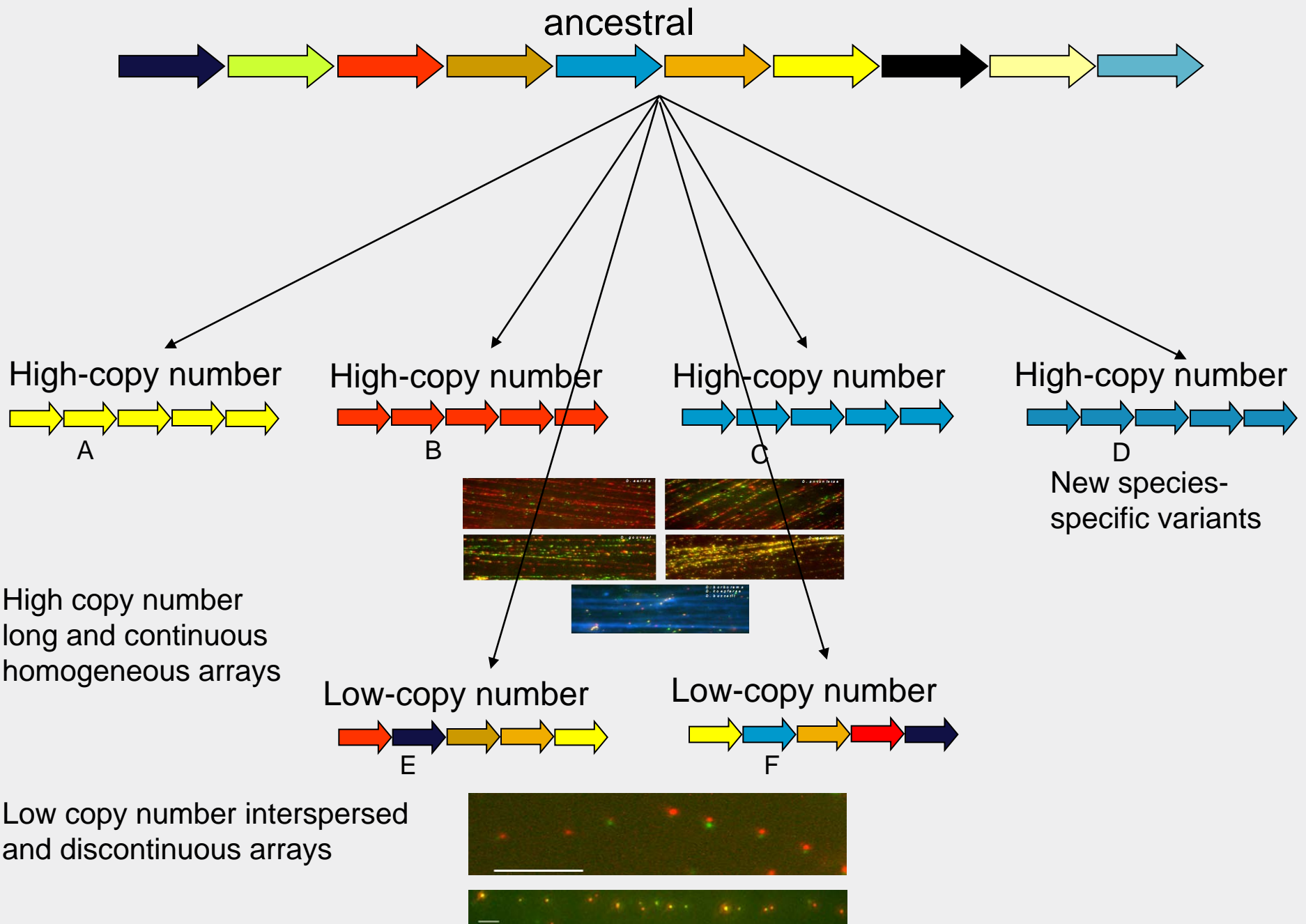


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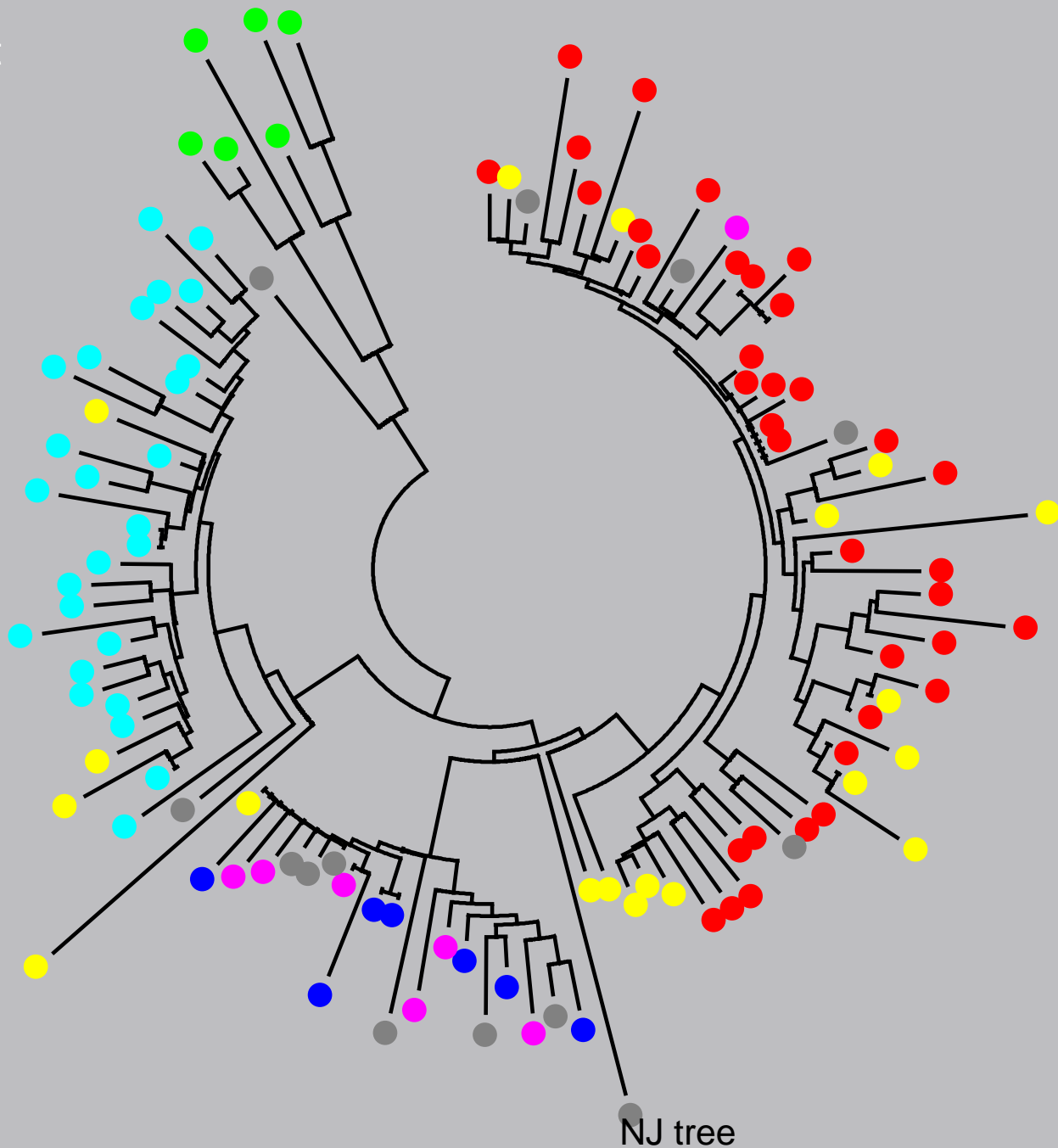
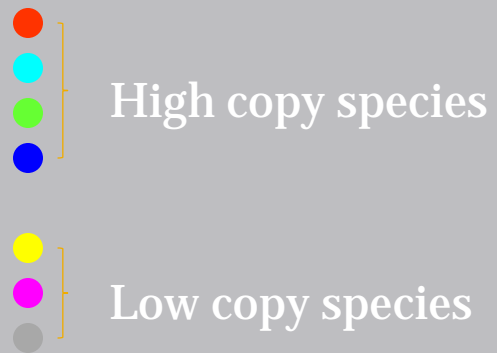
pBuM

DBC-150

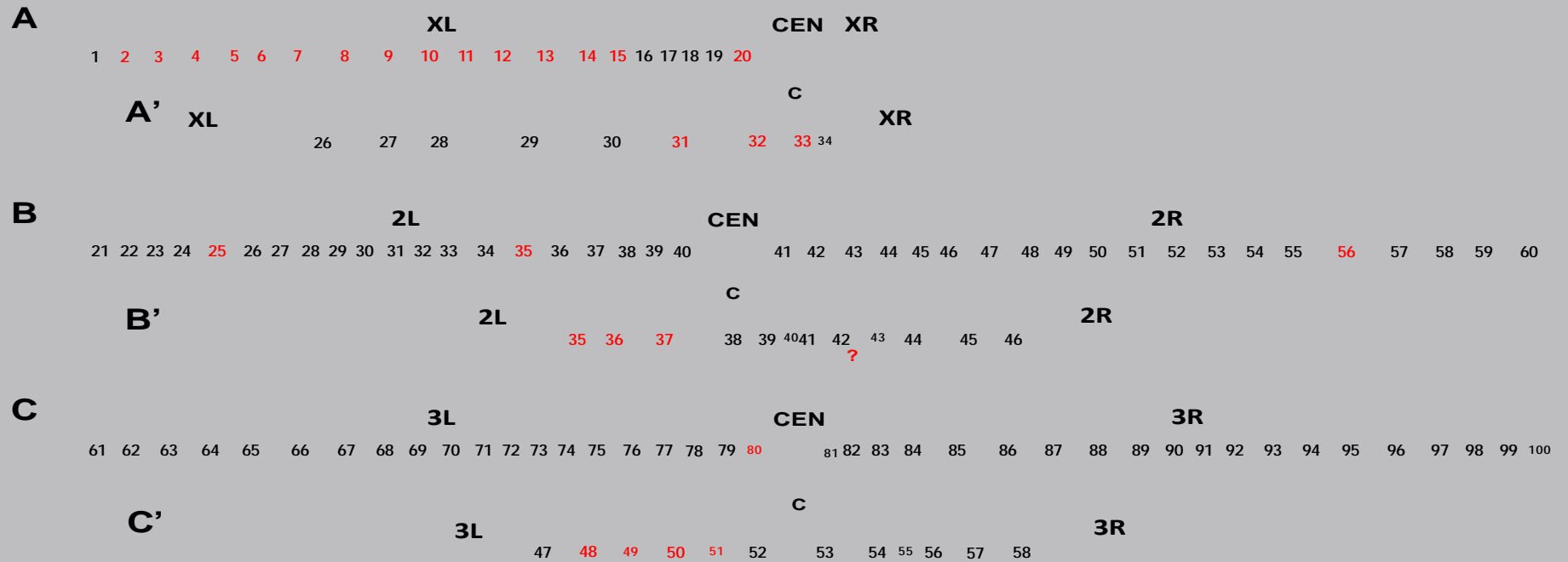




Alpha/beta repeat  
variation



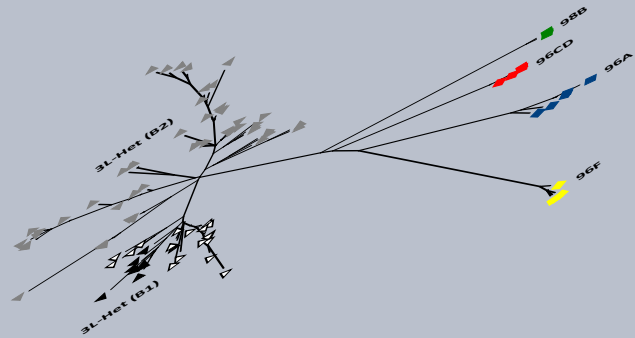
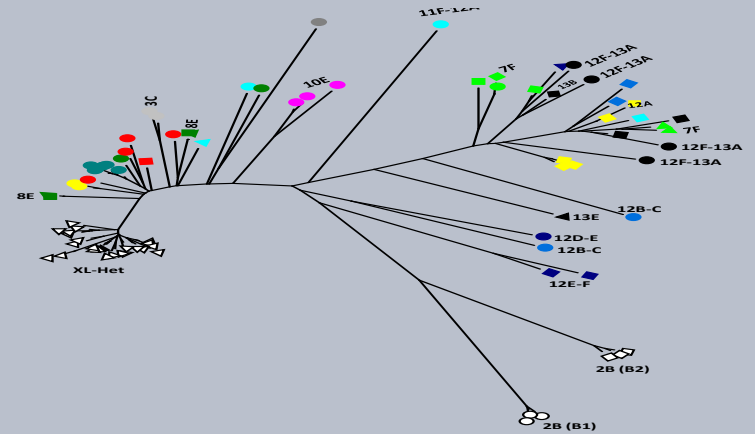
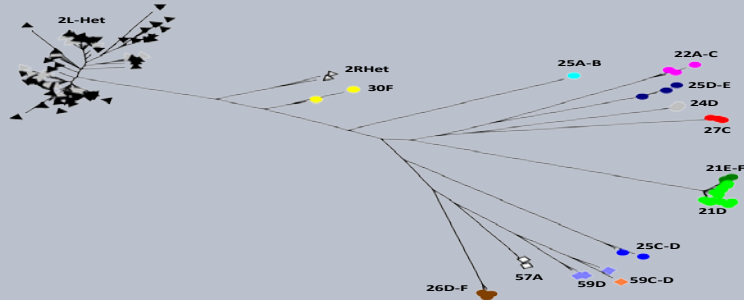
Total = 119  
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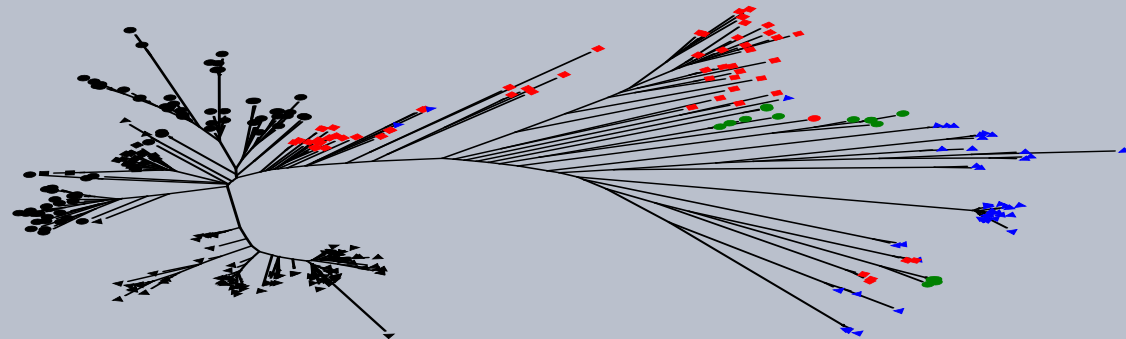
1.688 tandem repeats in *Drosophila melanogaster*

*Large arrays in heterochromatin of chromosomes 2, 3 and X*  
 Short arrays are found in the euchromatin

# Homogenization of arrays: differential for hetero- and eu-chromatin



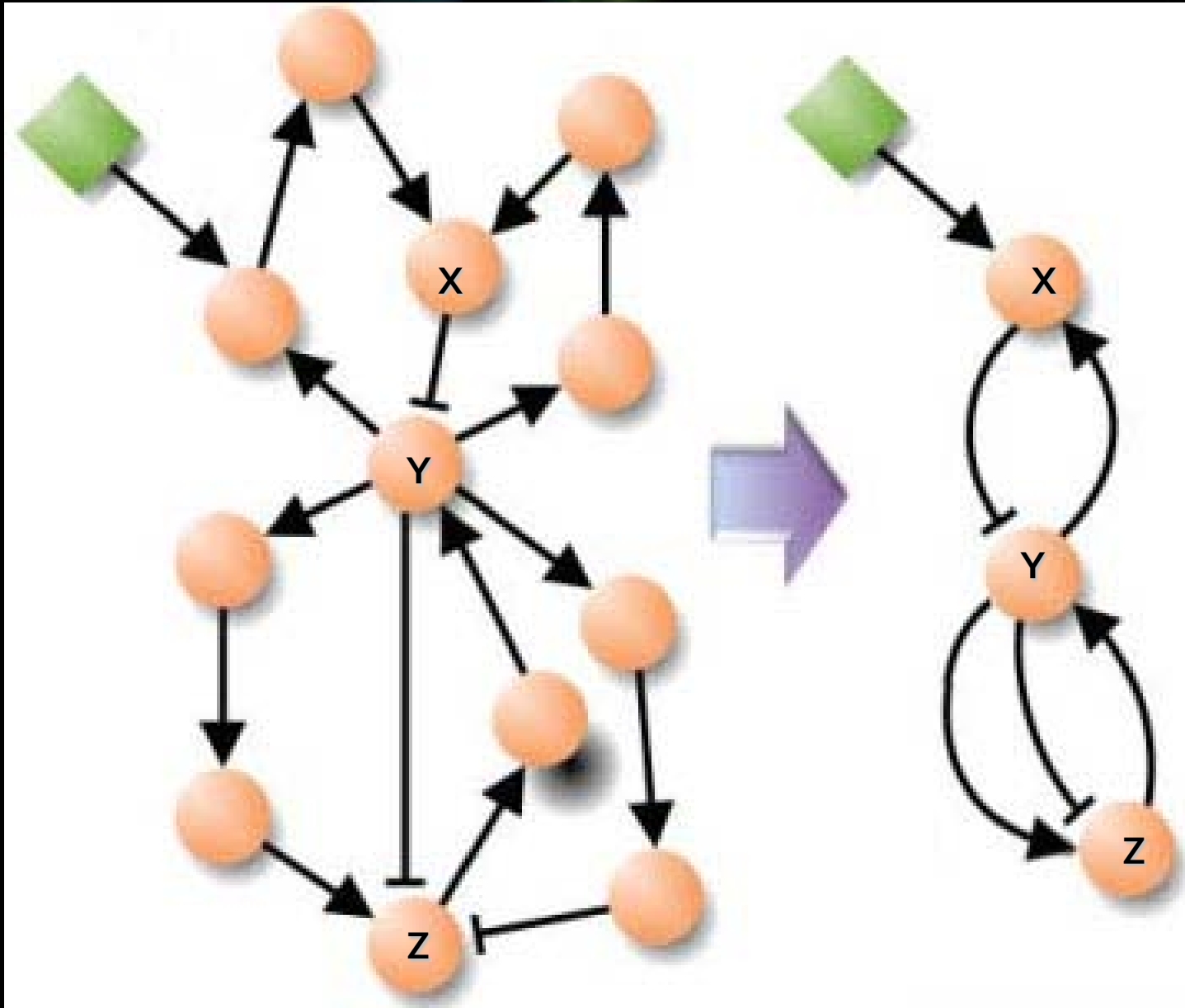
- ▲ Het (2)
- Het (3)
- ◻ Het (X)
- ▲ Eu (2)
- Eu (3)
- Eu (X)



Proportion of 1.688 arrays in three genomic landscape classes  
euchromatic arrays are close to, genes or within introns  
Array size could be selectively constrained by a role as gene  
regulators  
Kuhn et al. 2011 in press Mol Biol Evol

# Network reduction

Circadian Clock regulation  
after Leloup & Goldbeter  
cf Andrew Millar  
in Arabidopsis



rapid evolution in copy number, location and sequence, with diverse turnover mechanisms

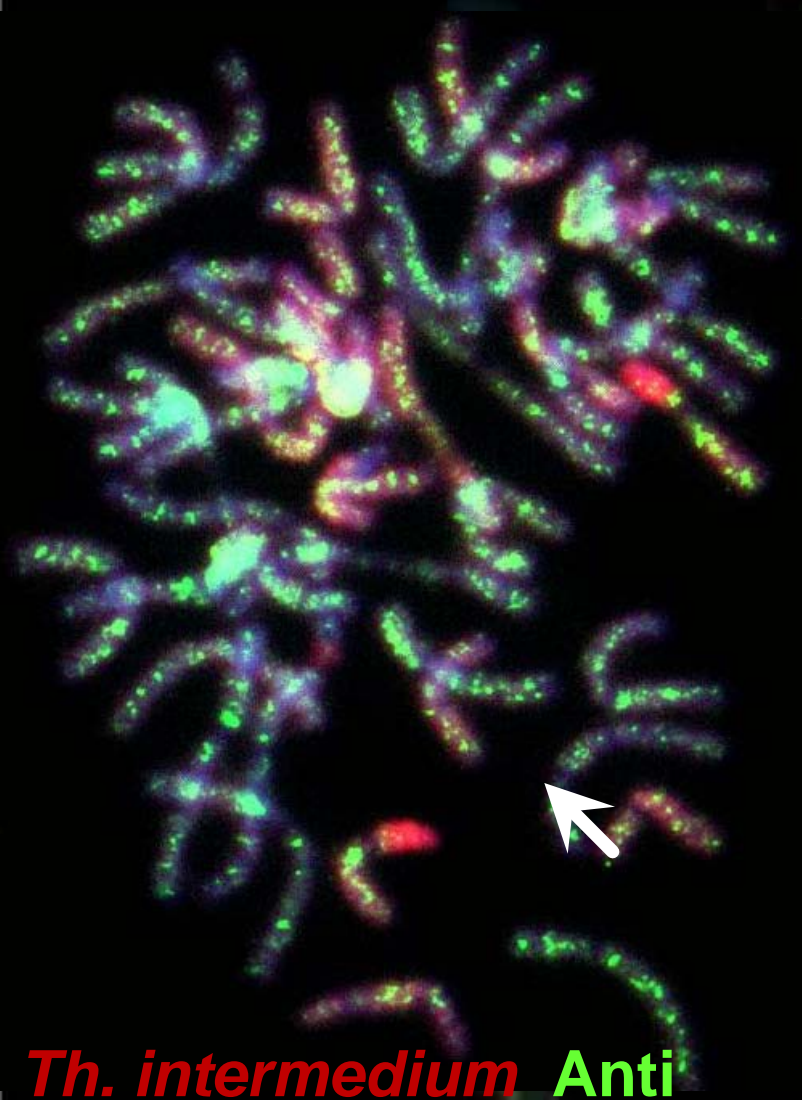
often mark the major differences between closely related species

it is hard to analyse by next generation or whole-genome sequencing methods

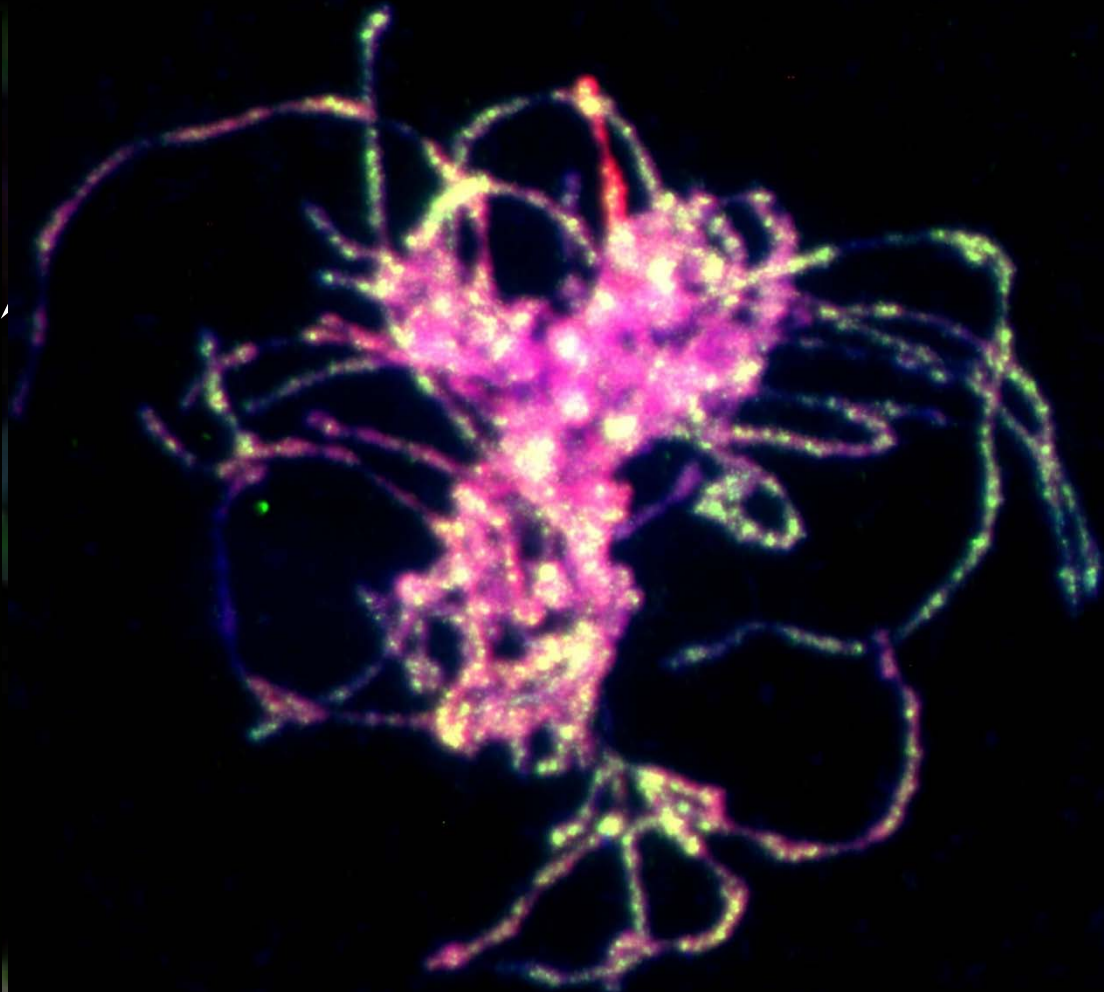
Many of the repetitive sequences are retrotransposons and DNA transposons

Some are microsatellite motifs

Some are satellites – including the most rapidly evolving sequences



*Th. intermedium* Anti  
5meC



*Th. intermedium* DNA Anti  
5meC

Niaz Ali, Trude Schwarzacher – Poster 59



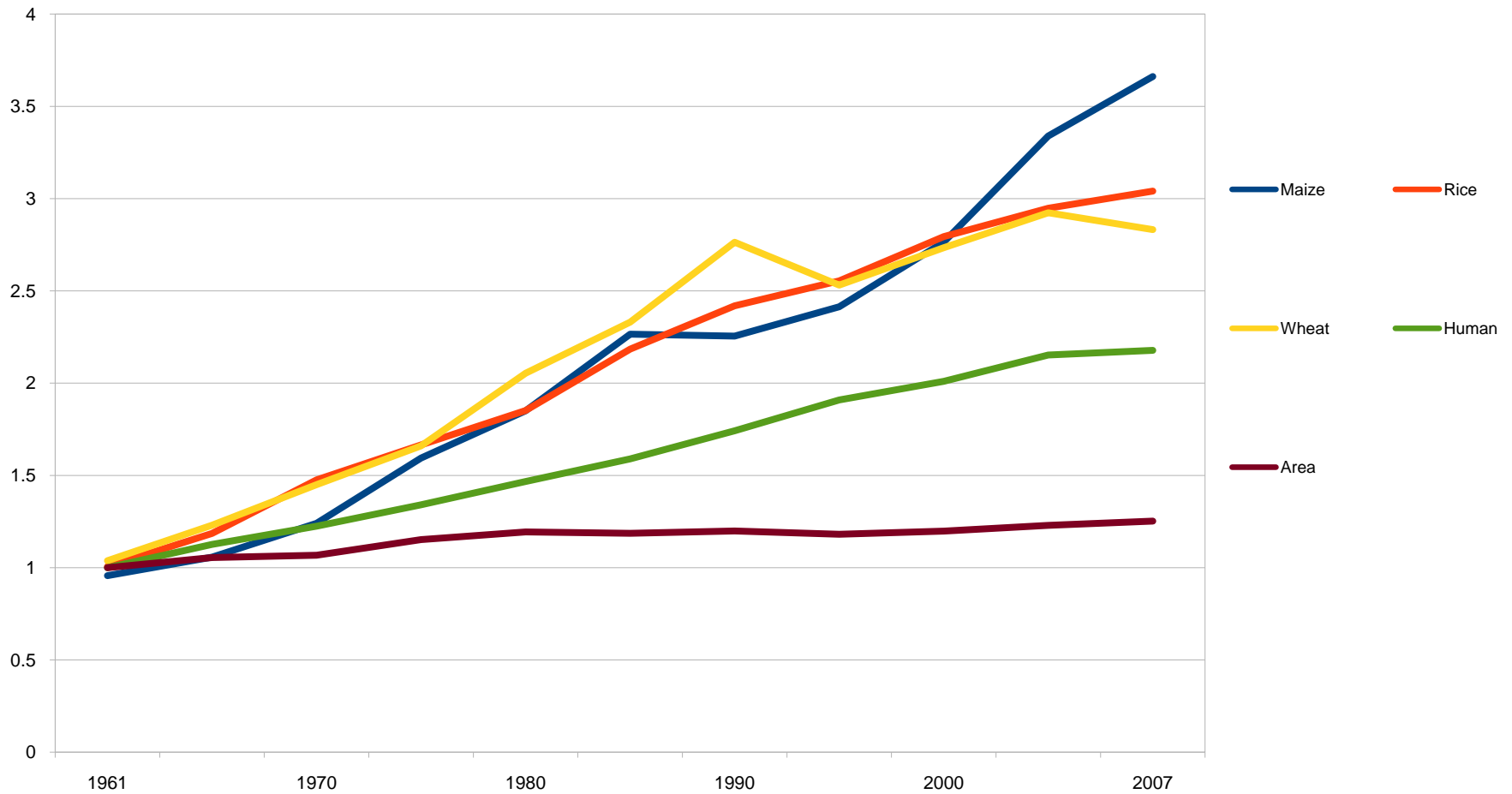


**Wsm-1: only highly effective source of resistance to WSMV**

**Greybosch et al. 2009**



# 50 years of plant breeding progress



# United Nations

## Millennium Development Goals- MDGs

Goal 1 - Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Goal 2 - Achieve universal primary education

Goal 3 - Promote gender equity and empower women

Goal 4 - Reduce child mortality

Goal 5 - Improve maternal health

Goal 6 - Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Goal 7 - Ensure environmental sustainability

Goal 8 - Develop a global partnership for development



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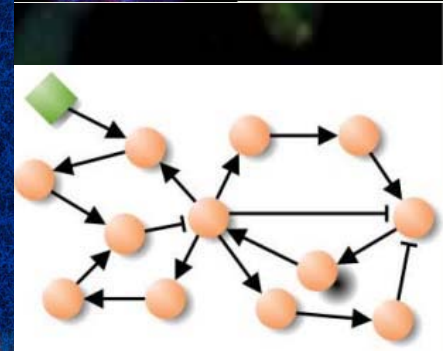
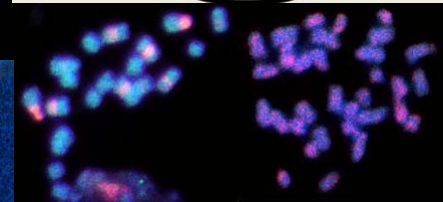
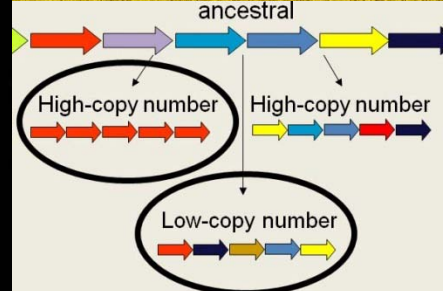
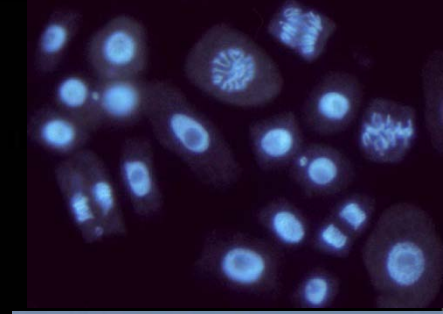
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Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution

Theodosius Dobzhansky 1973

