

# Genetic diversity in *Brassica rapa*.

Domestication and morphological traits

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# Brassica species: vegetable and oil crops; enormous variation

*B. nigra*  
(BB) 2N=16

*B. carinata*  
(BBCC)  
2N=34

*B. oleracea*  
(CC) 2N=18

*B. juncea*  
(AABB)  
2N=36

*B. napus*  
(AACC)  
2N=38

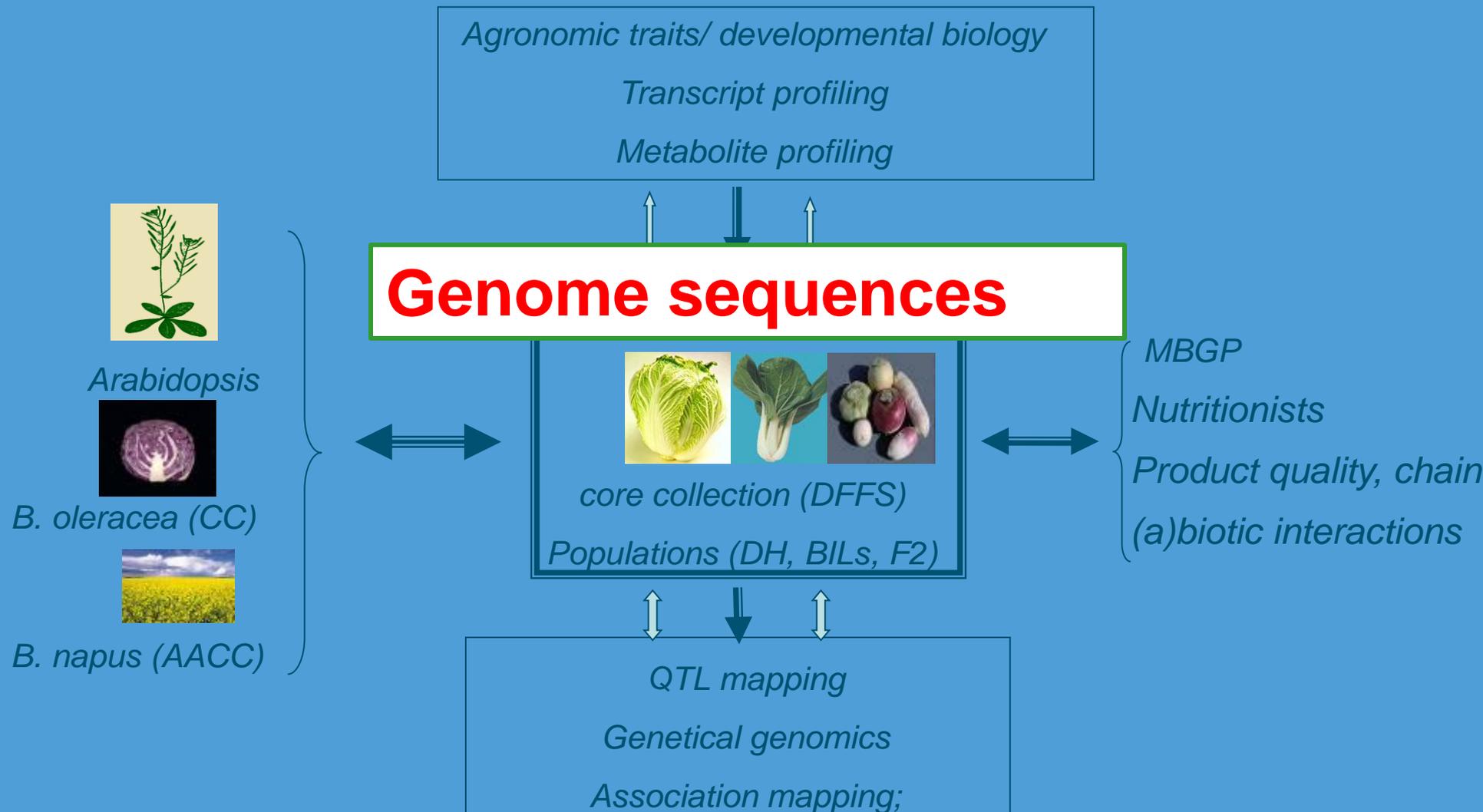
*B. rapa*  
(AA) 2N=20



CC      PC      WTC      CX      MIZ      BRO      T      WO      SO      YS



# Strategy: exploitation of genetic variation



# PSA program

*Material  
and Markers  
Genetic populations*



*Developmental  
Traits*

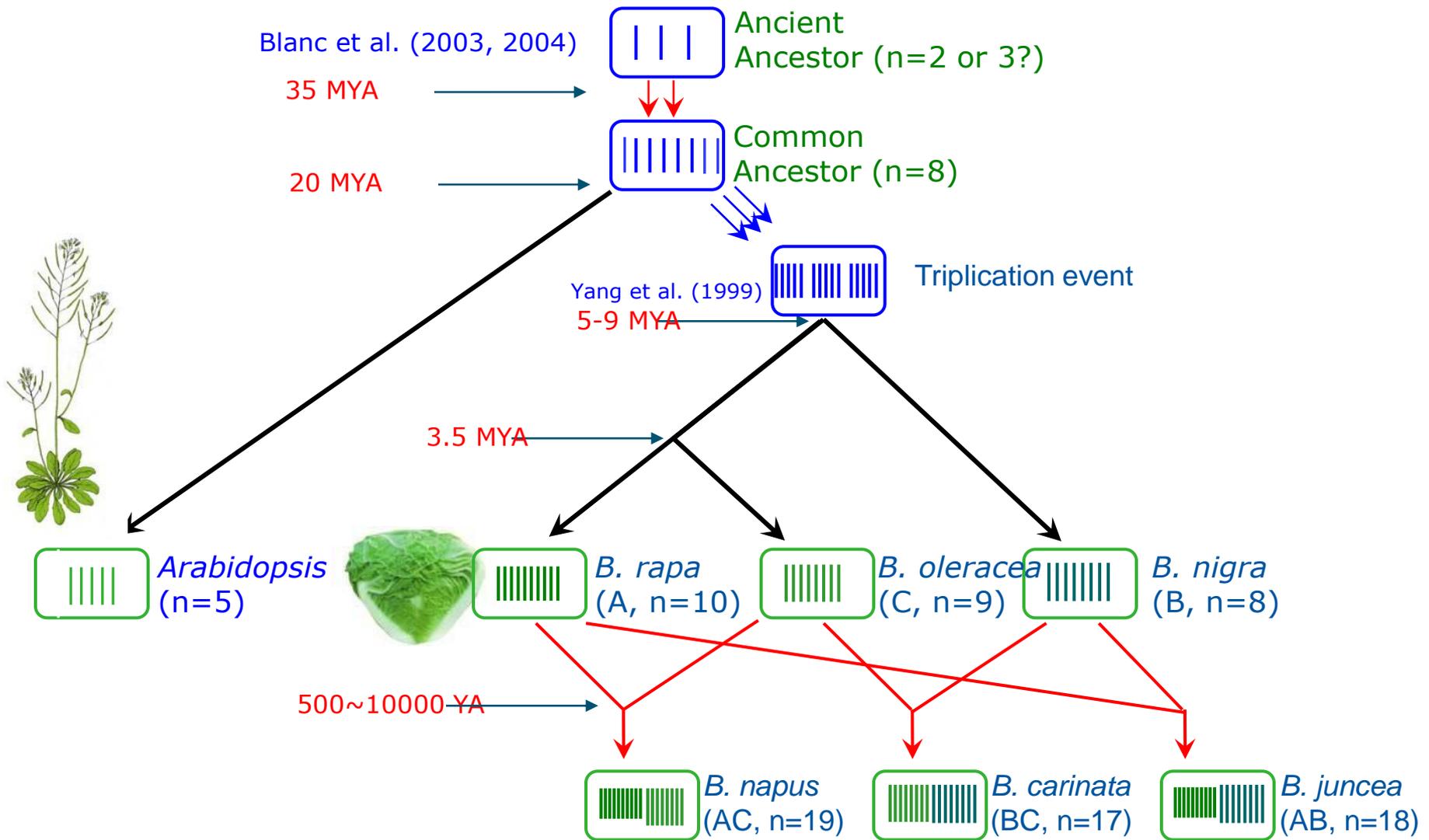


*Health/metabolites  
Food / Soil*

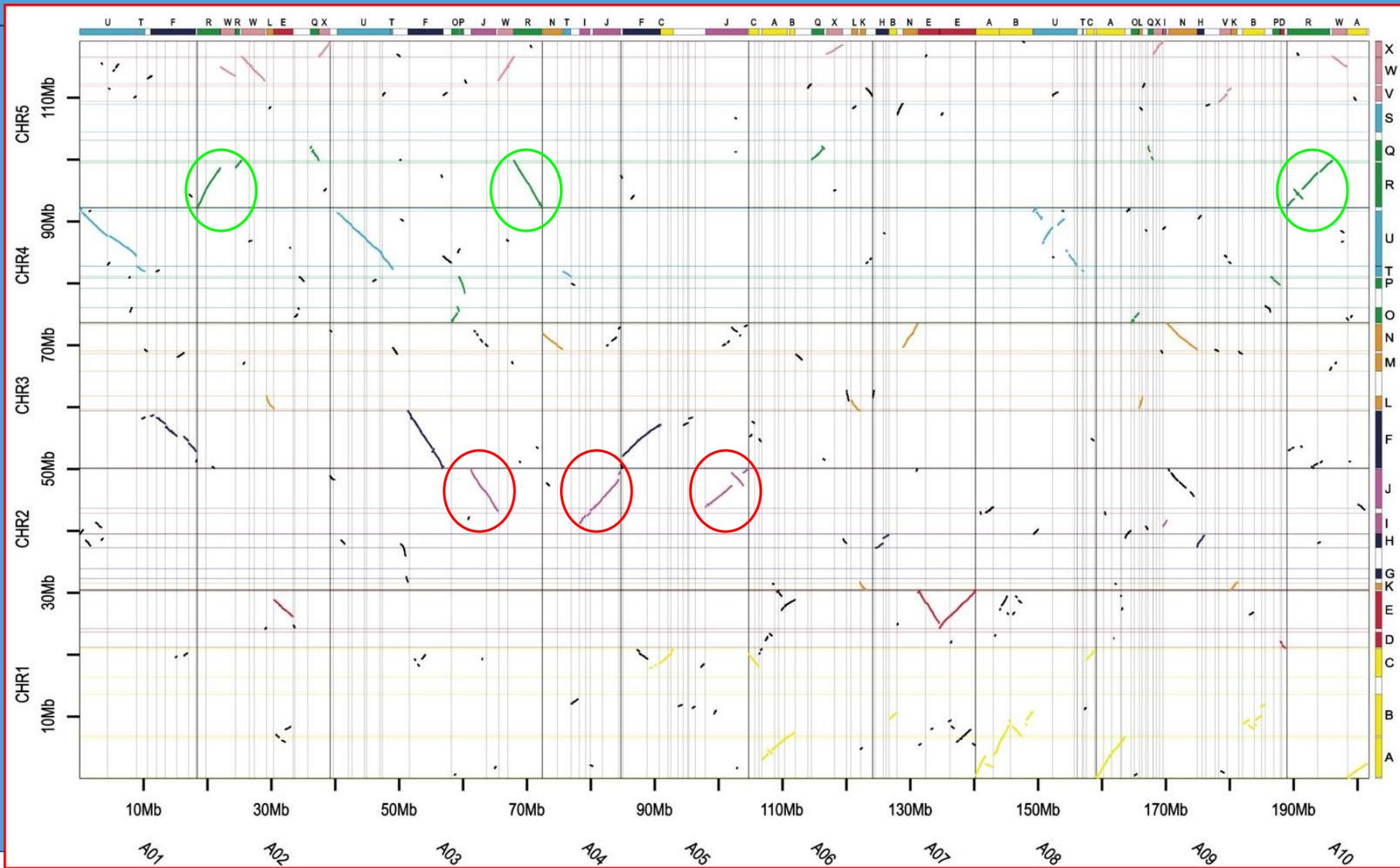


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## *B. rapa* genome sequence: Triplicate blocks are identified



Arabidopsis

# Retention patterns of genes duplicated by polyploidy

- *A. thaliana* 30.000
  - *B. rapa* not 3 x 30000 genes, however genome fractionation by gene loss:
- *B. rapa*: 42000
  - 64 (0.4%) *A. thaliana* genes have more than 3 orthologs in *B. rapa*,
  - 578 (9.8%) have three syntenic orthologs.
  - 5,258 (33.1%) have two syntenic orthologs
  - 9,175 (56.7%) *A. thaliana* genes 1 syntenic ortholog in *B. rapa*,
- genome triplication may have expanded gene families that underlie environmental adaptability as observed in other polyploidy species.
- 214 flowering time genes in Arabidopsis
  - 422 paralogous in *B. rapa*
    - 56 (26%)  $\geq 3$ ; 67 (31%) 2; 66 (31%) 1; 25 (12%) 0



# Wide variation in morphological traits

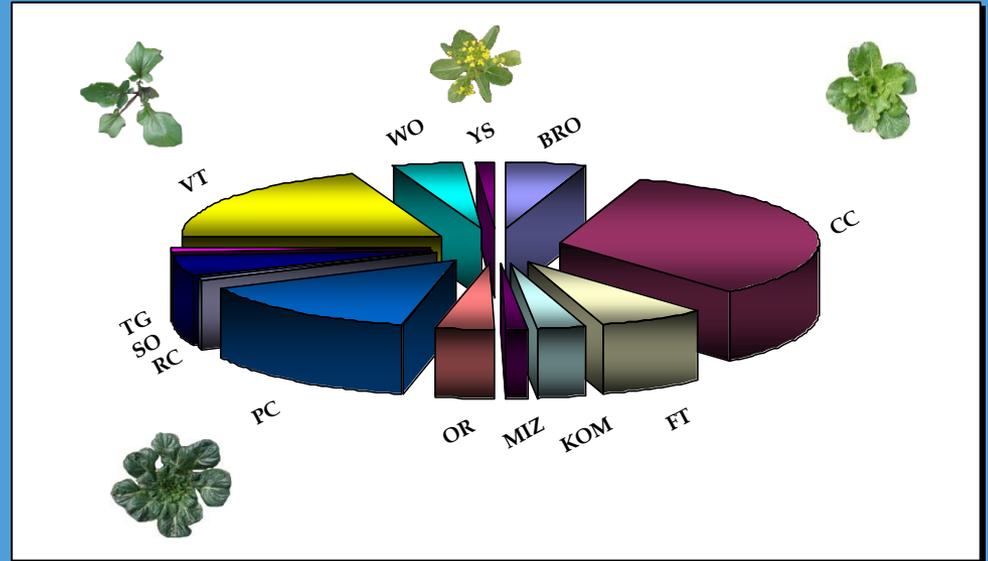


# *B. rapa* core collection

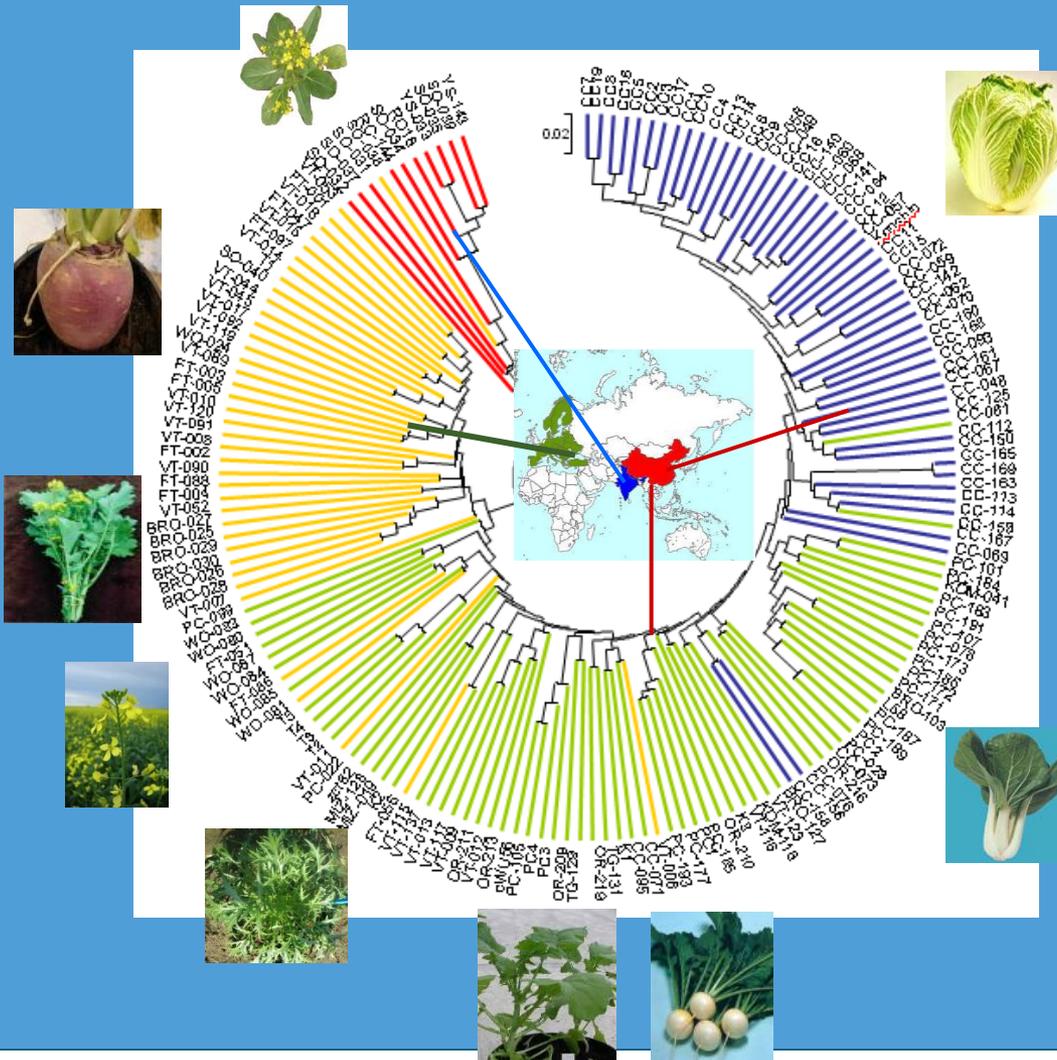
168 *Brassica rapa* accessions

137 public seed bank

31 lines from companies



# Genetic diversity in *Brassica rapa*



- Genetic distance more related to geographical origin (East Asia vs. Europe) than to morphotypes
- Suggesting that different morphotypes evolved or domesticated independently in Asia and Europe

# Why are there so many diverse morphotypes in Brassica species?

## *B. rapa* turnip (equivalents in *B. oleracea* kohlrabi and *B. napus* swede)

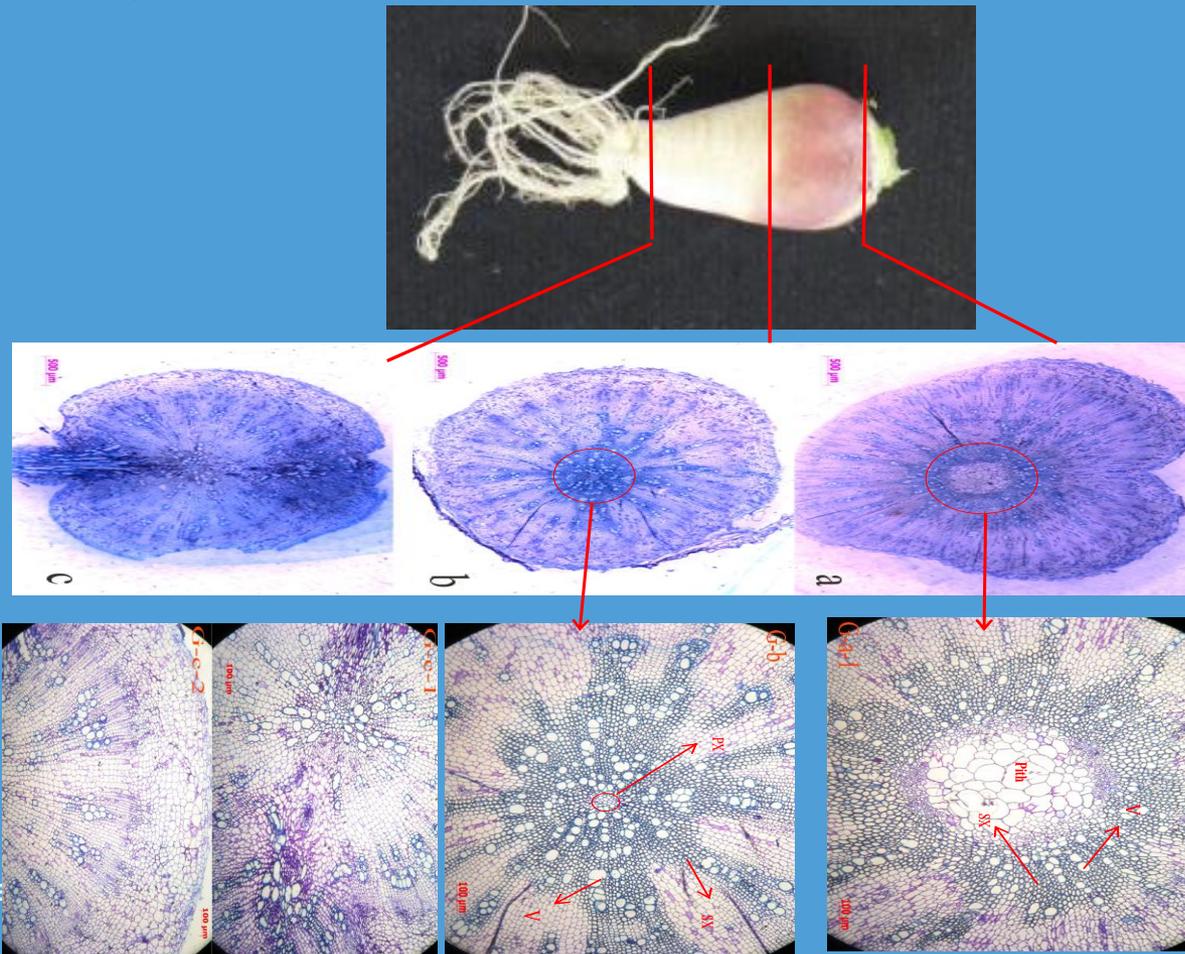
- Morphology: what is a turnip?
- Physiology (induction turnip formation in tissue culture)
- Quantitative genetics
- Resequencing strategy

## Chinese cabbage (equivalent in *B. oleracea* the cabbages)

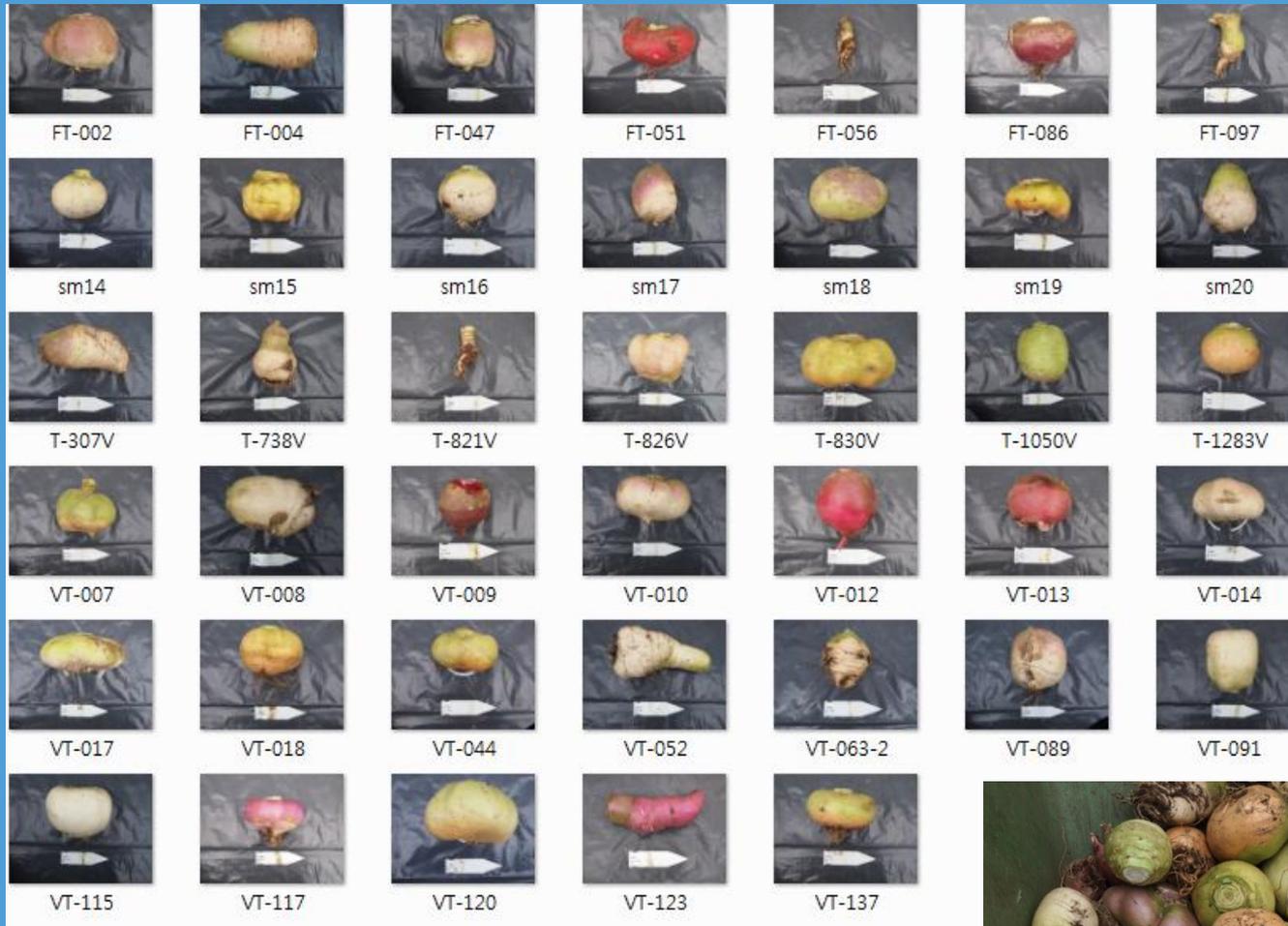
- Leaf folding
- Quantitative genetic strategy
- Resequencing strategy (many accessions to low depth)

# Turnip: genetic regulation??

- Turnip is a combination of thickened stem and root, which differs from well studied potato tubers (stem) and sugar beet (root), but may share quite some similarities



# Diversity in turnip collection



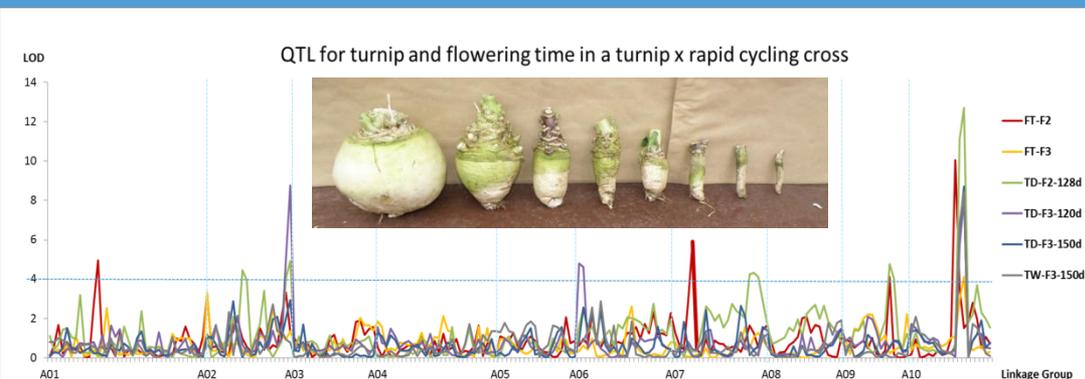
Different morphology

Different metabolic composition

Different sugar/starch content



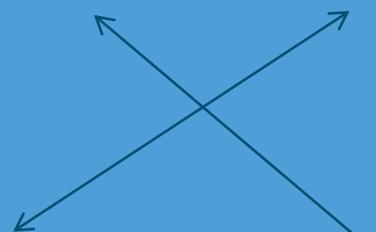
# Genome re-sequencing, transcriptome and gene targeting



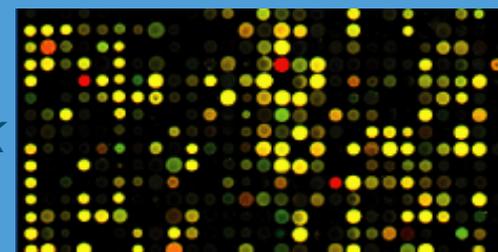
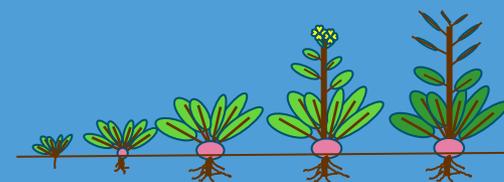
*Validate gene annotation via RNA-seq*



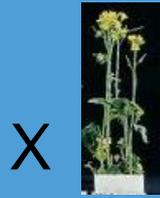
*Genome comparison for turnip specific genes*



*Expression profiling via customized 60K microarray*



# RIL (recombinant inbred lines) development



F1  $\otimes$  ...  $\otimes$  F7 or F8

F8 plants (148 lines) + F7 (57 lines)



Homozygous lines &  
Replicated phenotyping

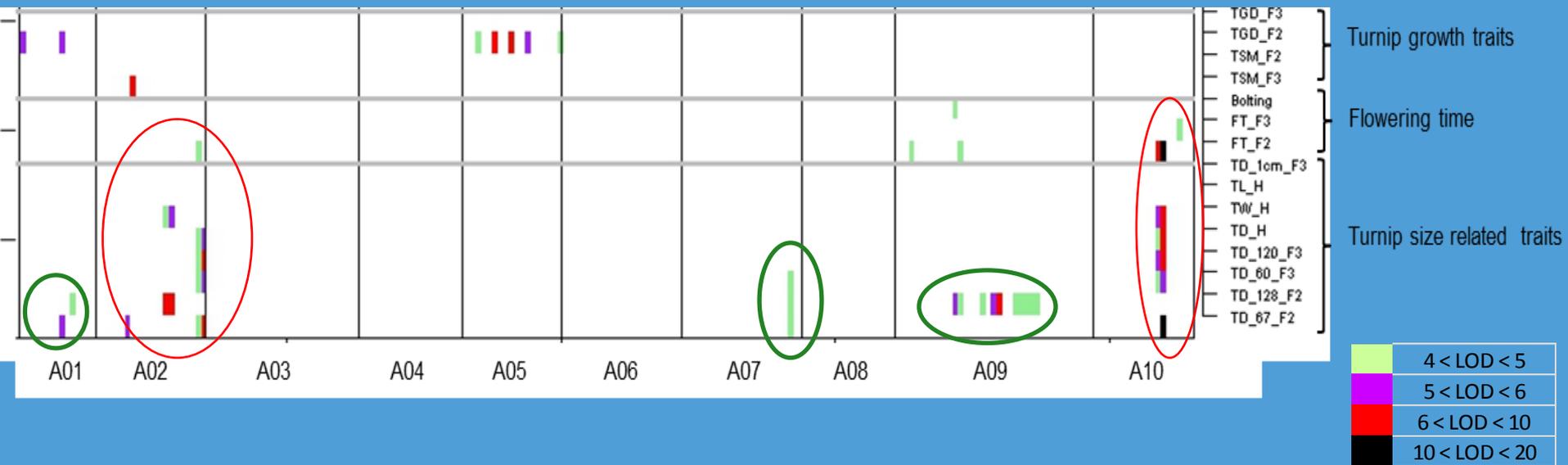


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F5 seeds (110 lines)



# QTL mapping using VT-115 x RC-144



# Whole genome comparison and functional annotation

- One Japanese Turnip and one Rapid Cycling was resequenced (27x)
- differences CC-RC > CC-T (1,137,859 and 1,309,157)
- Reconstructed reference genomes were reannotated
  - 1118, 1464 and 1090 unique genes in T, CC and RC
  - 38,186 genes present in all three genomes
- The divergence date among the *B. rapa* morphotypes estimated as 0.259 MYA
- much earlier than domestication (5-10.000 YA).



# Sequence variation RC-CC; T-CC

A01

A02

A03

A04

A05

A06

A07

A08

A09

A10

- Insertion
- Deletion
- SNP
- Unique
- Common

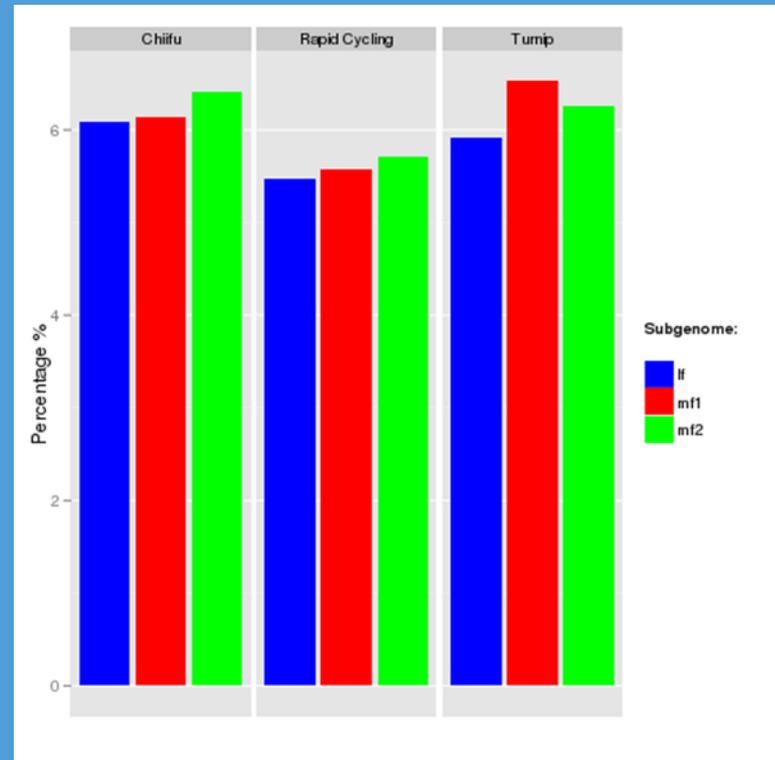
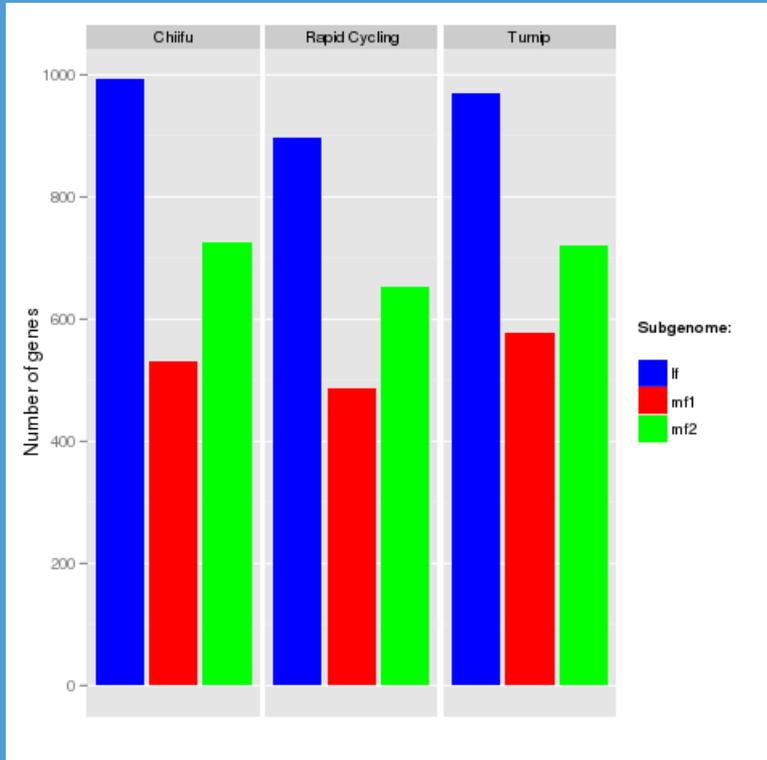


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# Gene loss



Dispensable and unique genes' counted per Subgenome in CC, RC and T.

(a) Number of genes

(b) Frequency of gene counts

lf: least fractioned subgenome. mf1: medium fractioned subgenome1. mf2: most fractioned subgenome 2



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# Can we pinpoint causal genes for turnip?

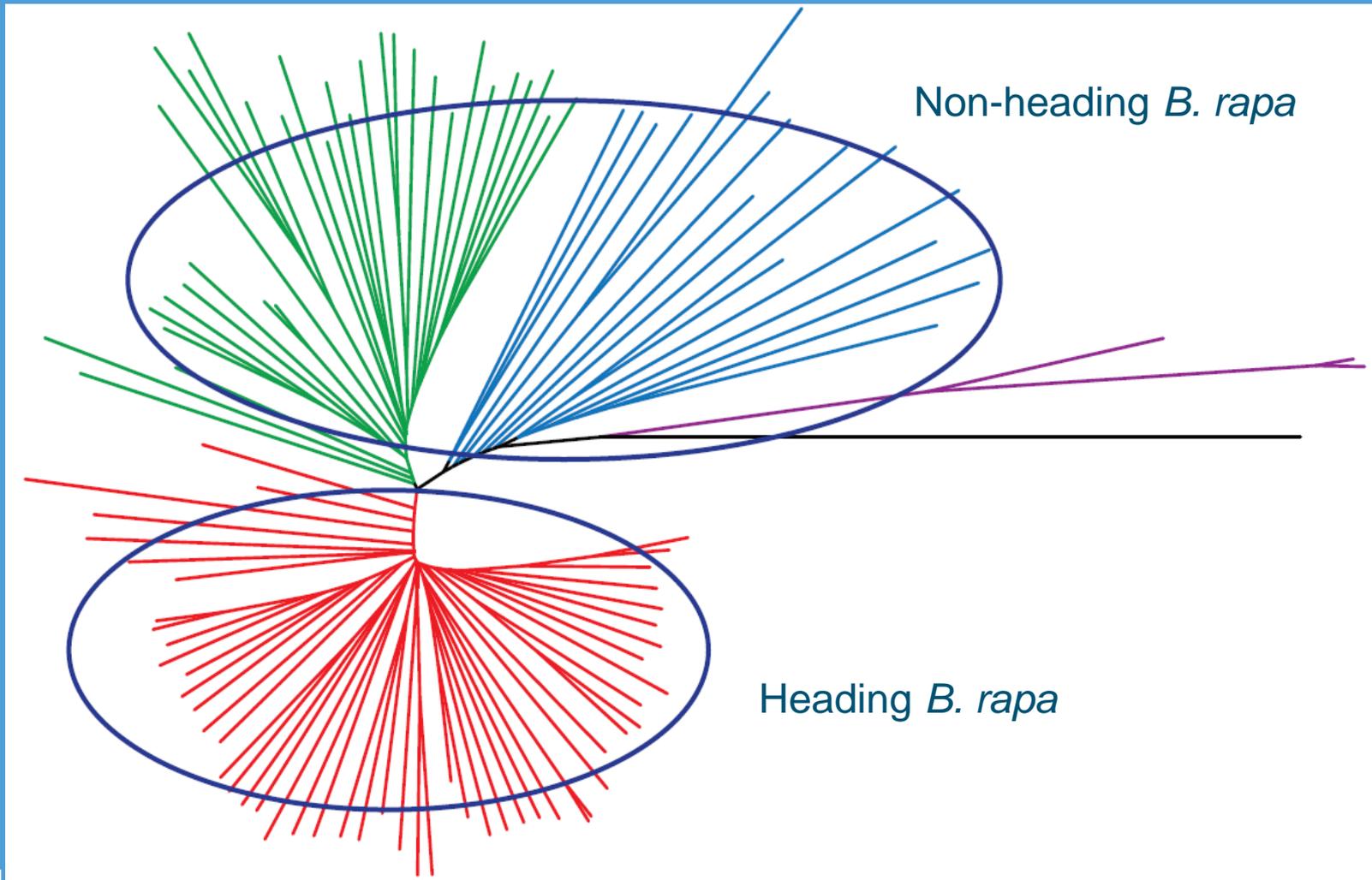
- GO term enrichment analysis can visualise which GO terms are specific to each genotype
- In turnip, the cellular component term “peroxisome” was over enriched compared to CC and RC (peroxidases)
- We will combine reseq data with RNA seq data of diverse organs
- We will check whether turnip specific changes are common to other turnips (Asia and Europe)
- We will also look at peroxidases in potato and tomato.

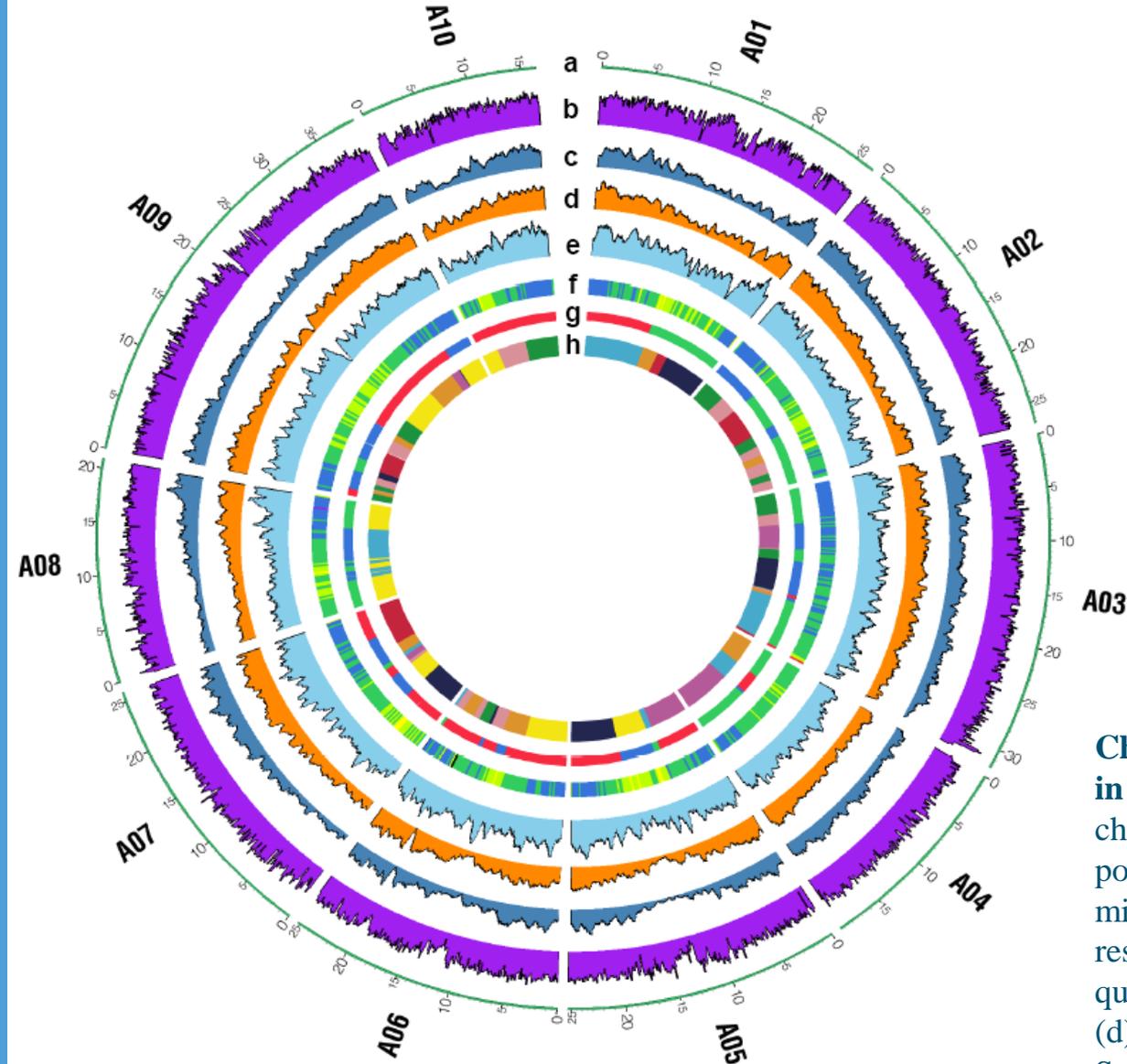


# Genetics of heading; Dr Wang and Dr Cheng, IVF-CAAS



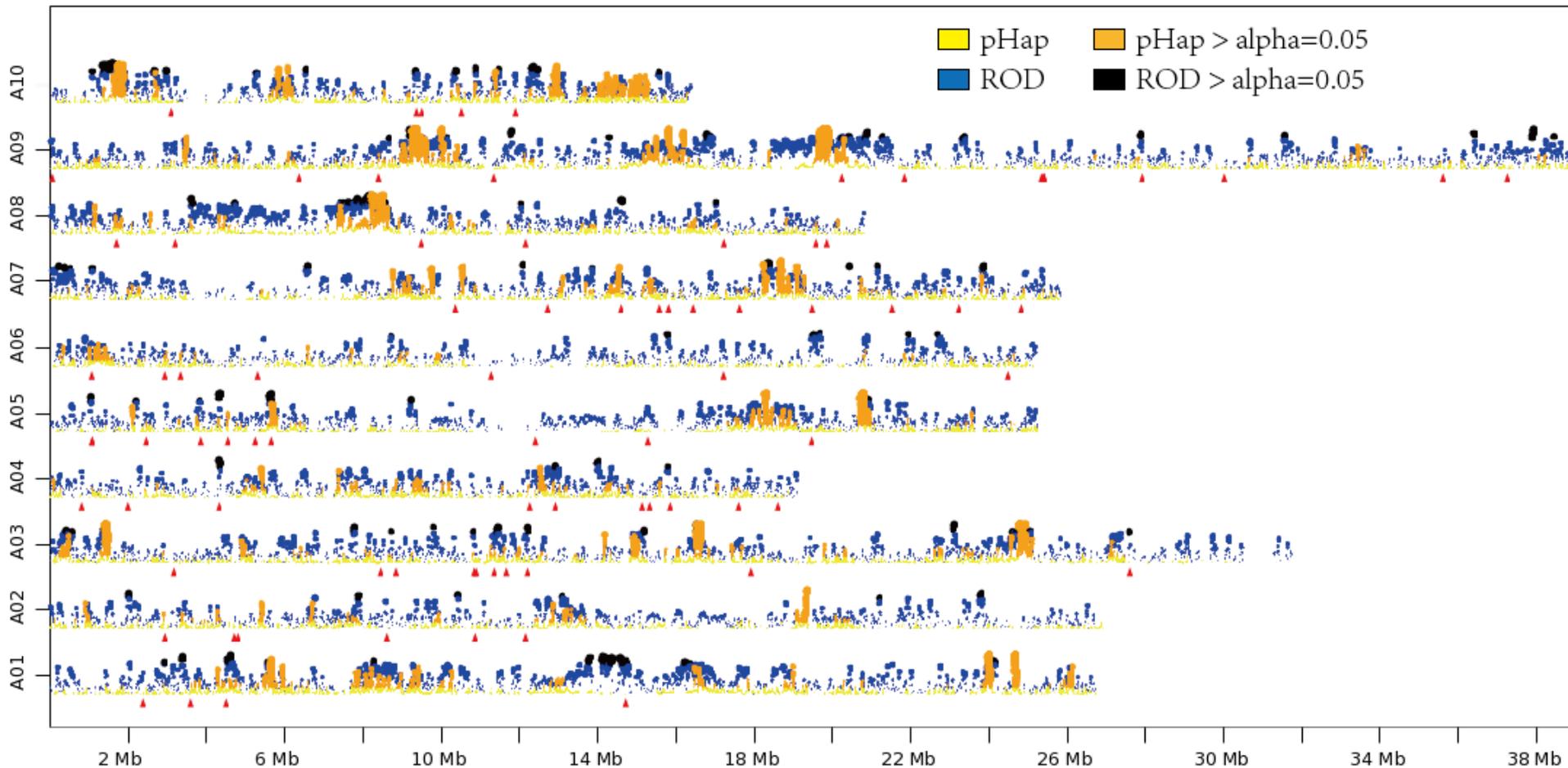
# Phylogeny tree





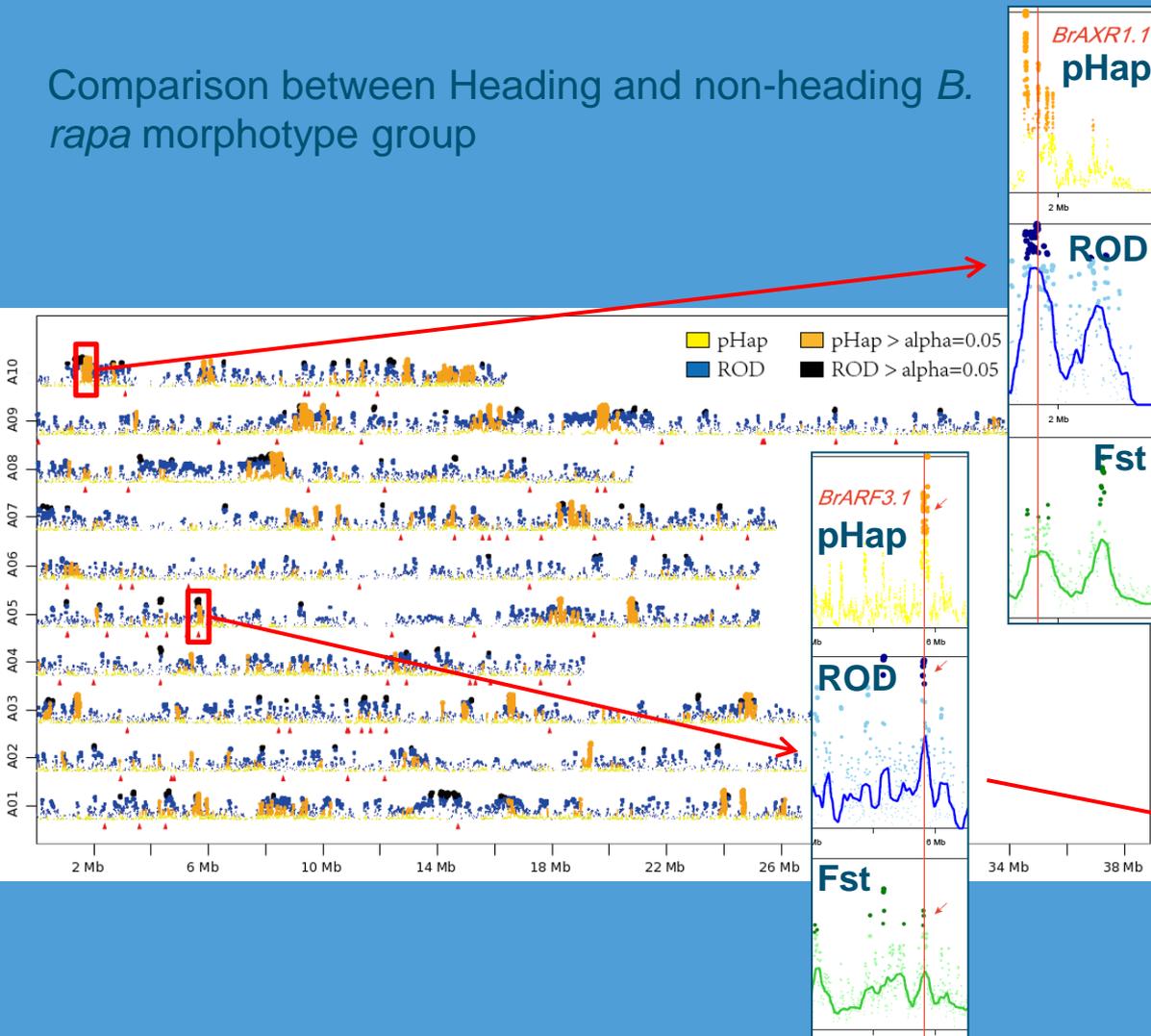
**Chromosomal distribution of the variations in *B. rapa* populations.** (a) The 10 chromosomes of *B. rapa*, and the physical position along each chromosome in units of million bases; (b) The heterozygosity of the resequenced *B. rapa* population. Area charts quantify the functional SNPs/InDels (c), InDels (d), SNPs (e). (f) Heat map for gene density. (g) Subgenome partition in *B. rapa* genome, red, green, and blue corresponding to subgenomes LF, MF1, and MF2, respectively. (h) The triplicated 24 genomic blocks in *B. rapa*, colors of blocks were defined elsewhere



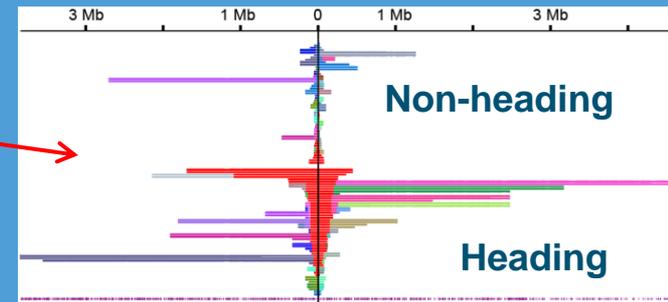


**Selection signals detected by pHap, ROD across 10 chromosomes of *B. rapa*.** Values of pHap, ROD were plotted in colors of yellow and skyblue, respectively. Outliers (empirical alpha=0.05) of pHap and ROD were plotted with colors of orange and darkblue. p-iHS was calculated for each core SNP across the chromosome, while ROD were calculated with a 30kb window and 10kb step sliding the whole chromosome.

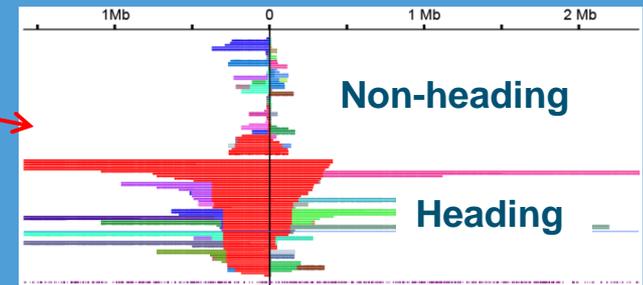
# Comparison between Heading and non-heading *B. rapa* morphotype group



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# Conclusions

- Genetic distance more related to geographical origin (East Asia vs. Europe) than to morphotypes
- Genetic variation within morphotypes larger (90%) compared to variation between types (19%)
- Resequencing led to identification of unique and dispensable genes in Turnip: additional experiments needed to select genes for further studies (QTL, transcriptomics)
- Shallow re-sequencing strategy of many Chinese cabbages and many non-Chinese cabbages led to identification of selective sweeps harboring genes involved in heading
- Divergence morphotypes (.25MYA) precedes domestication



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# Questions?

## Population diversity of the Brassica team

