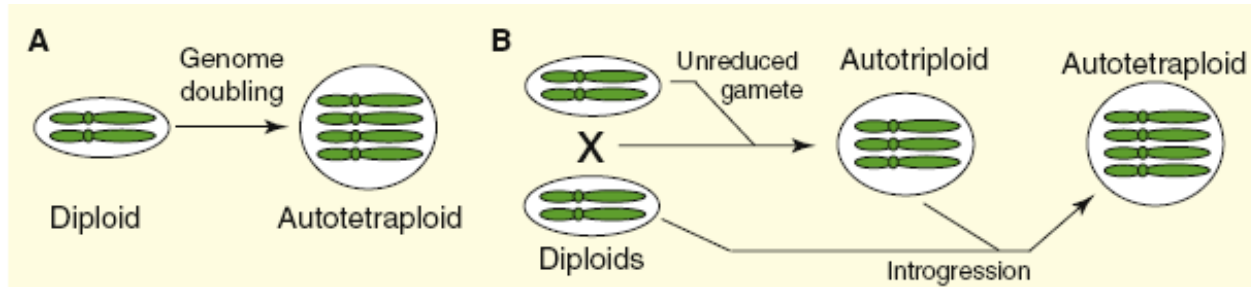


(Paleo)Polyploidy – When Things Get Bigger

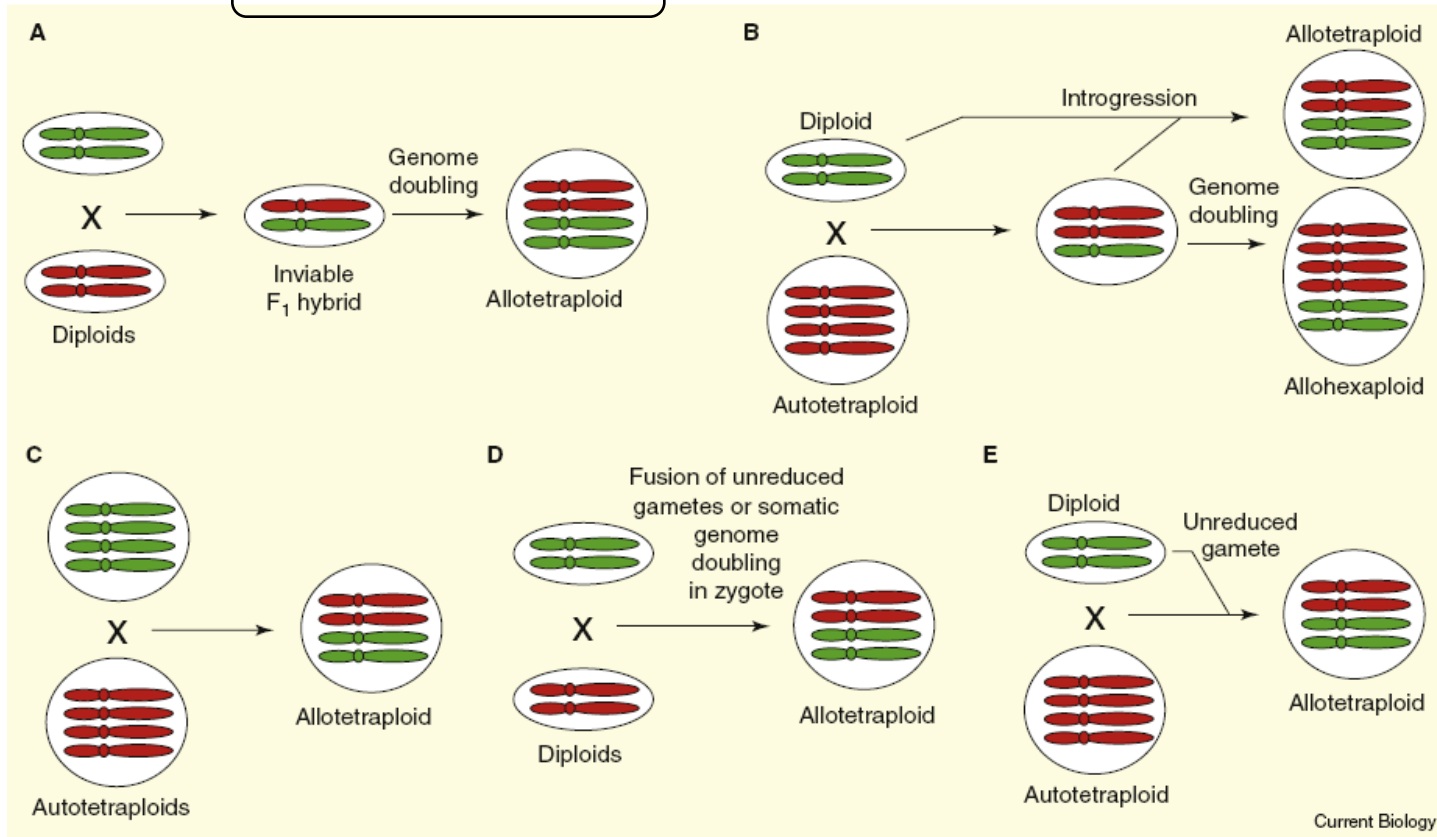


Whole-genome duplications



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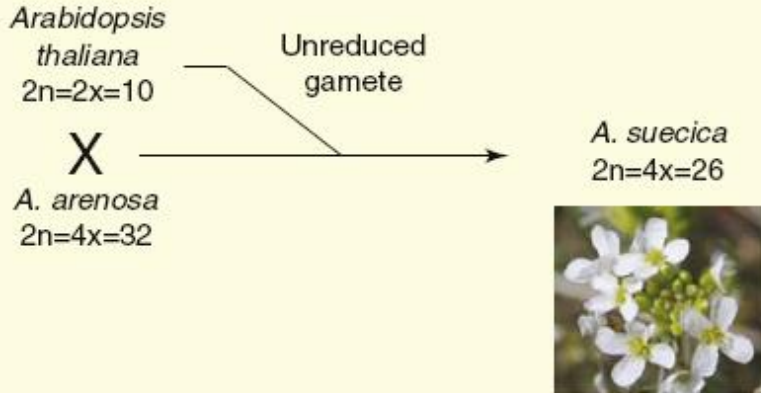
ALLOPOLYPLOIDY



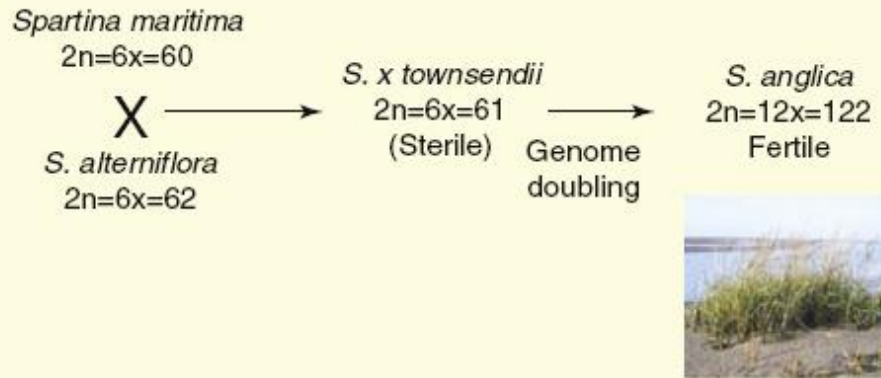
Current Biology

Examples of allopolyploid speciation

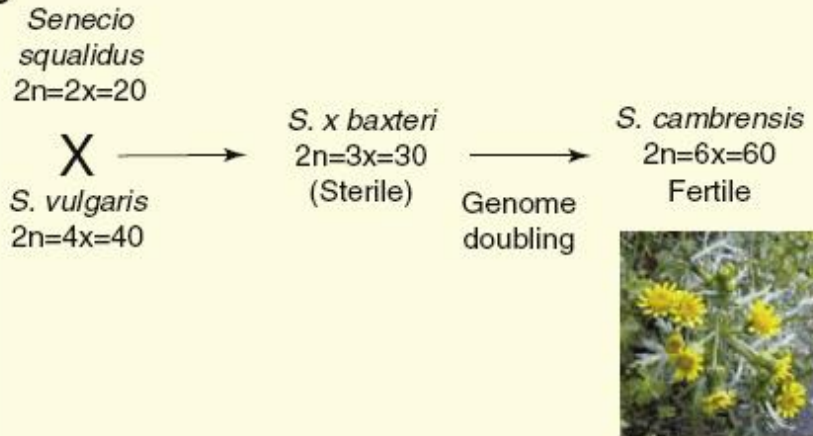
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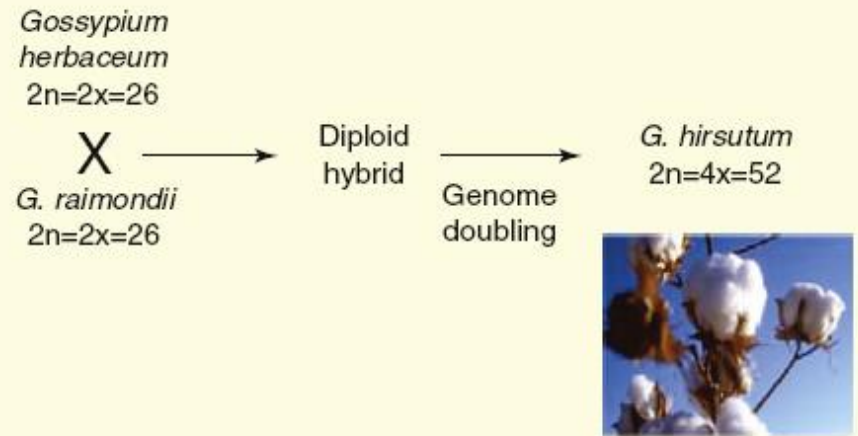
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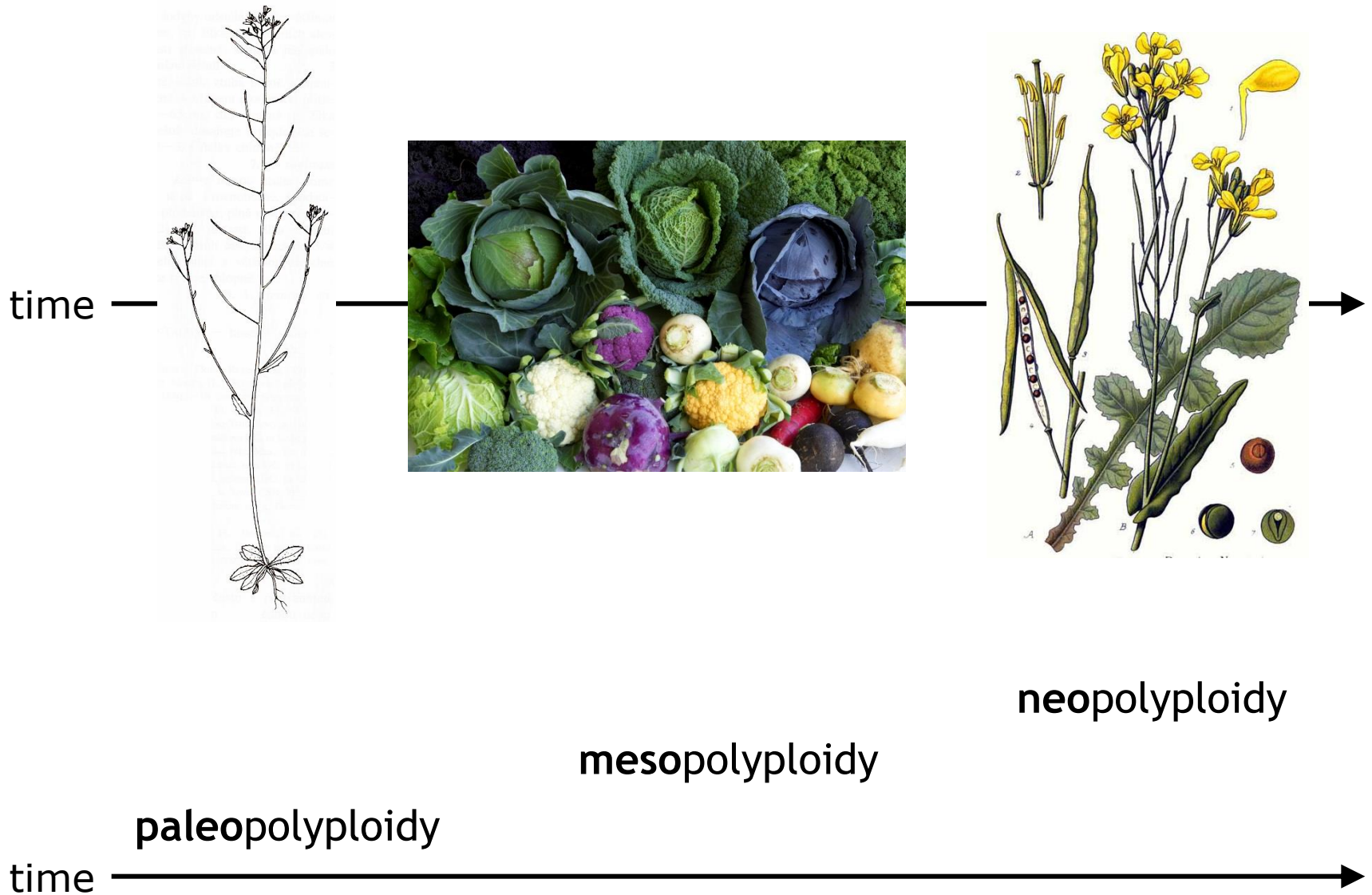
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Evolutionary significance of polyploidy

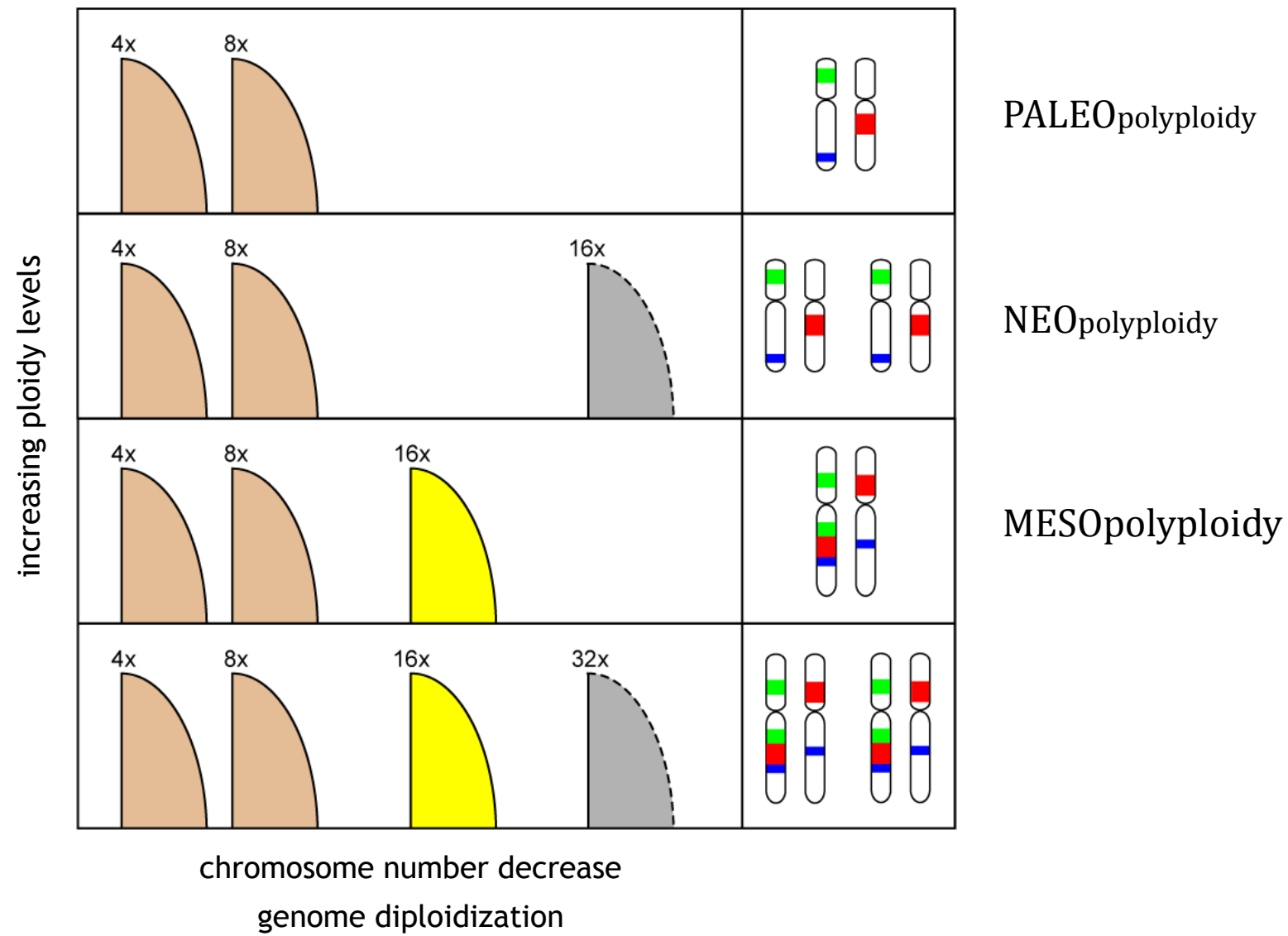


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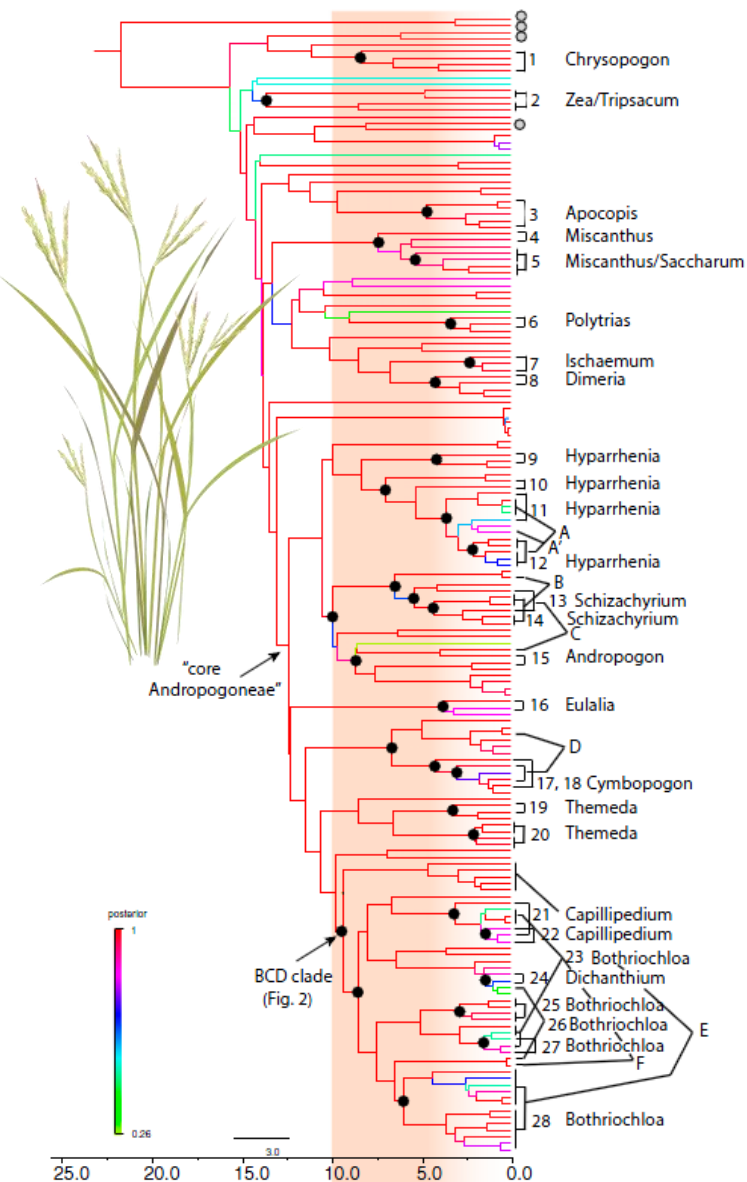
Whole-genome duplications of different age



Multiple Whole-Genome Duplication Events, Diploidization and Extant Karyotype Structure

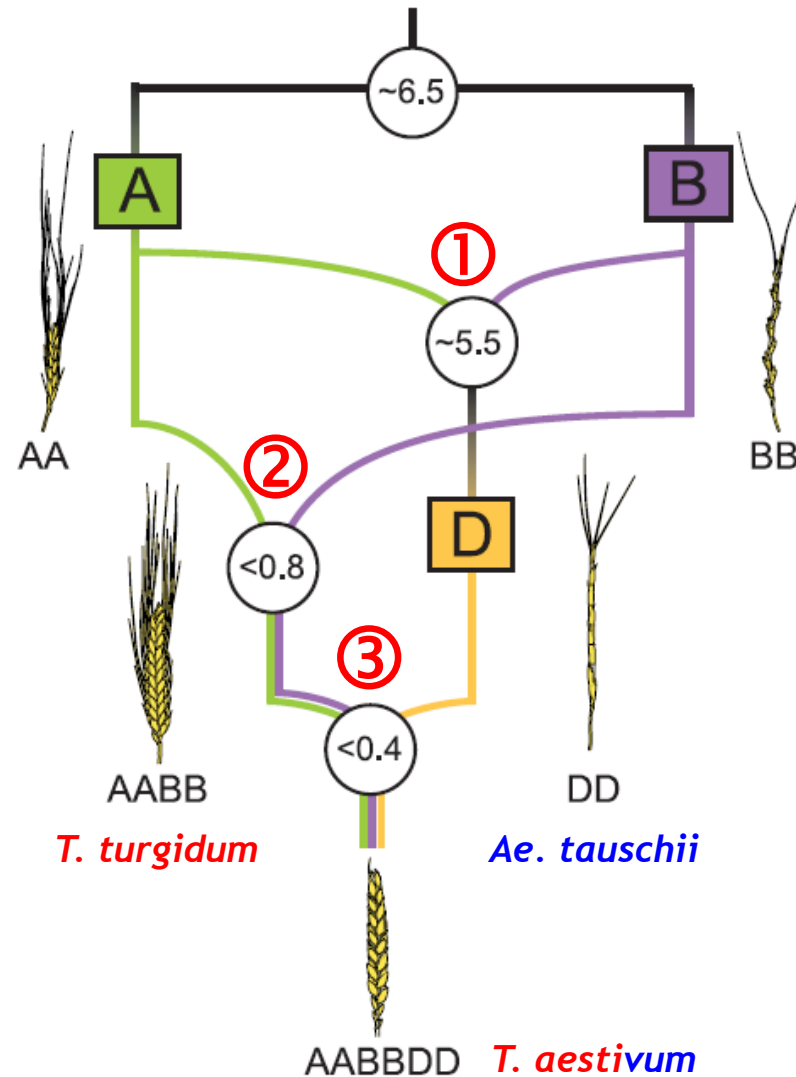


Allopolyploidy, diversification, and the Miocene grassland expansion



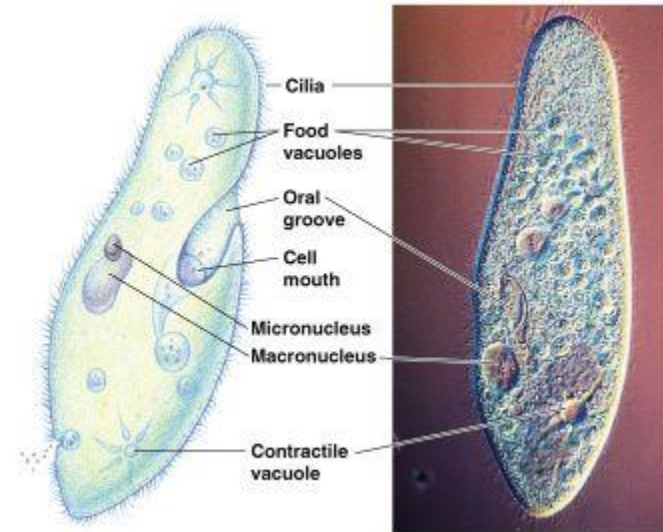
- Most of the allopolyploidization events identified here occurred in the Late Miocene, simultaneous with or following the well documented expansion of the C4 grasslands.
- The dominant species of modern C4 grasslands are members of Andropogoneae, and most are allopolyploid. Many of these ecological dominants whose origin is dated to about 10.5 million years ago (mya) correlates closely with the date when C4 species came to dominate grasslands in Africa and Southern Asia (Pakistan), also estimated about 10-11 mya; the expansion in North America is dated about 7 mya.
- Allopolyploidy is thus correlated with ecological success.

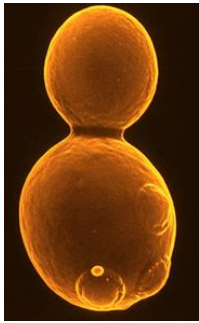
Model of the phylogenetic history of bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum*; AABBDD). Three rounds of hybridization/ployploidization.



Whole-genome duplications in protozoa

- Aury *et al.* (2006) analyzed the unicellular eukaryote *Paramecium tetraurelia*
- most of 40,000 genes arose through at least 3 successive whole-genome duplications (WGDs)
- most recent duplication most likely caused an explosion of speciation events that gave rise to the *P. aurelia* complex (15 sibling species)
- some genes have been lost, some retained
- many retained (duplicated) genes do not generate functional innovations but are important because of the gene dosage effect

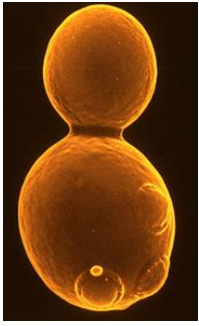




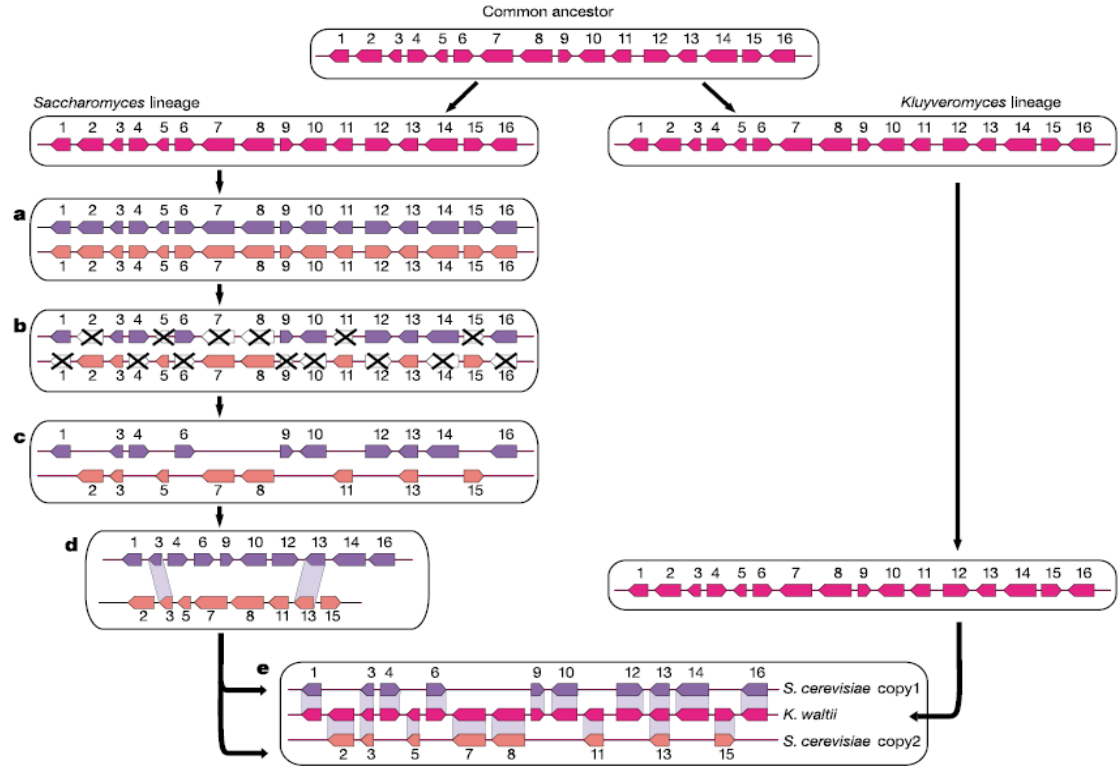
Whole-genome duplications in yeast

- genome comparison between two yeast species, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (n=16) and *Kluyveromyces waltii* (n=8)
- each region of *K. waltii* corresponding to two regions of *S. cerevisiae*
- the *S. cerevisiae* genome underwent a WGD after the two yeast species diverged
- in nearly every case (95%), accelerated evolution was confined to only one of the two paralogues (= one of the paralogues retained an ancestral function, the other was free to evolve more rapidly and acquired a derived function)

Whole-genome duplications in yeast

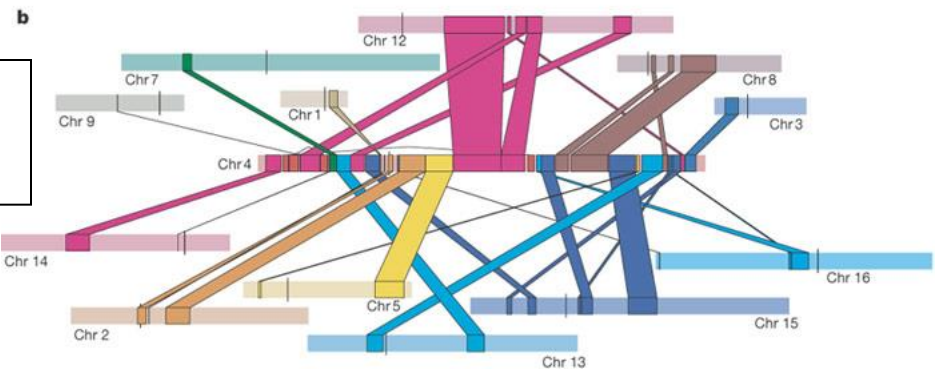
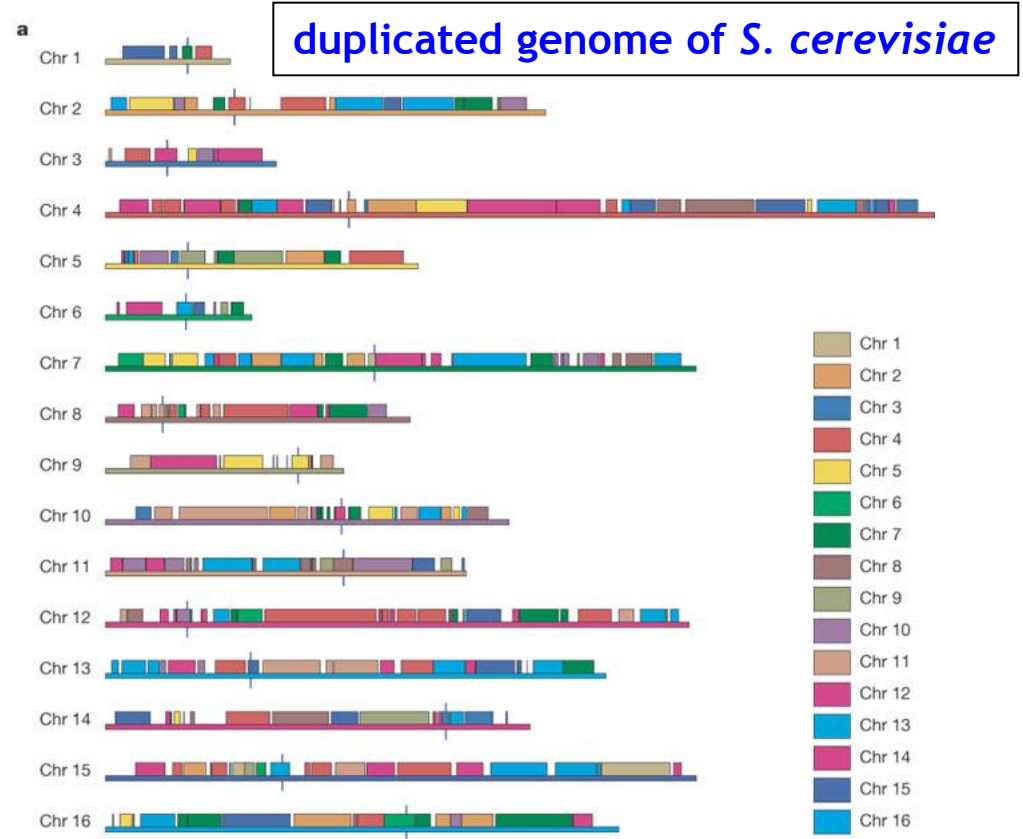
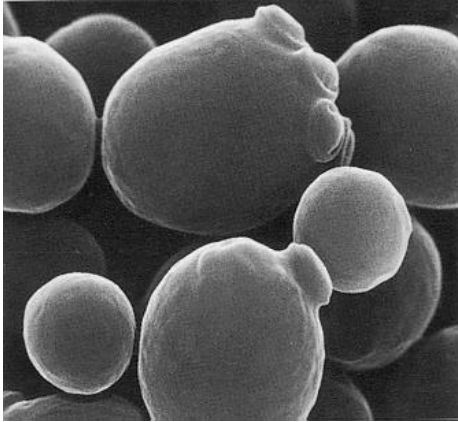


Kellis *et al.* 2004,
Nature 428



- after divergence from *K. waltii*, the *Saccharomyces* lineage underwent a genome duplication event (2 copies of every gene and chromosome)
- duplicated genes were mutated and some lost
- two copies kept for only a small minority of duplicated genes
- the conserved order of duplicated genes (nos. 3-13) across different chromosomal segments
- comparison between genomes of *S. cerevisiae* and *K. waltii* reveals the duplicated nature of the *S. cerevisiae* genome

Duplicated nature of the *S. cerevisiae* genome



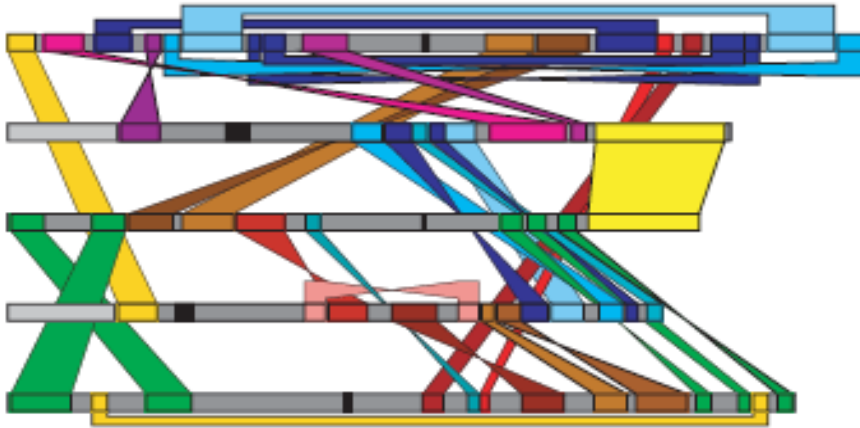
S. cerevisiae chromosome 4 with sister regions in other chromosomes

First evidence of a WGD in plants



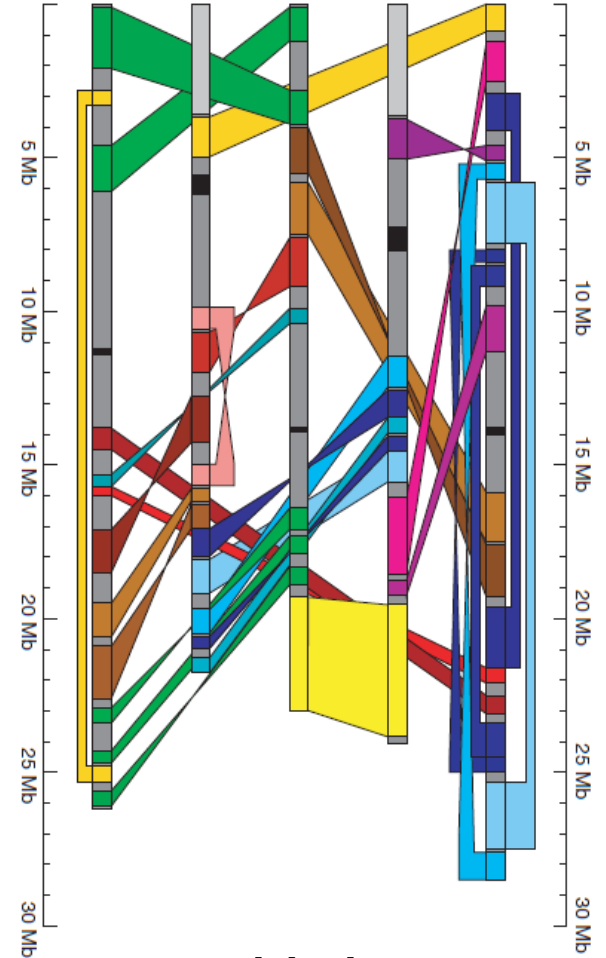
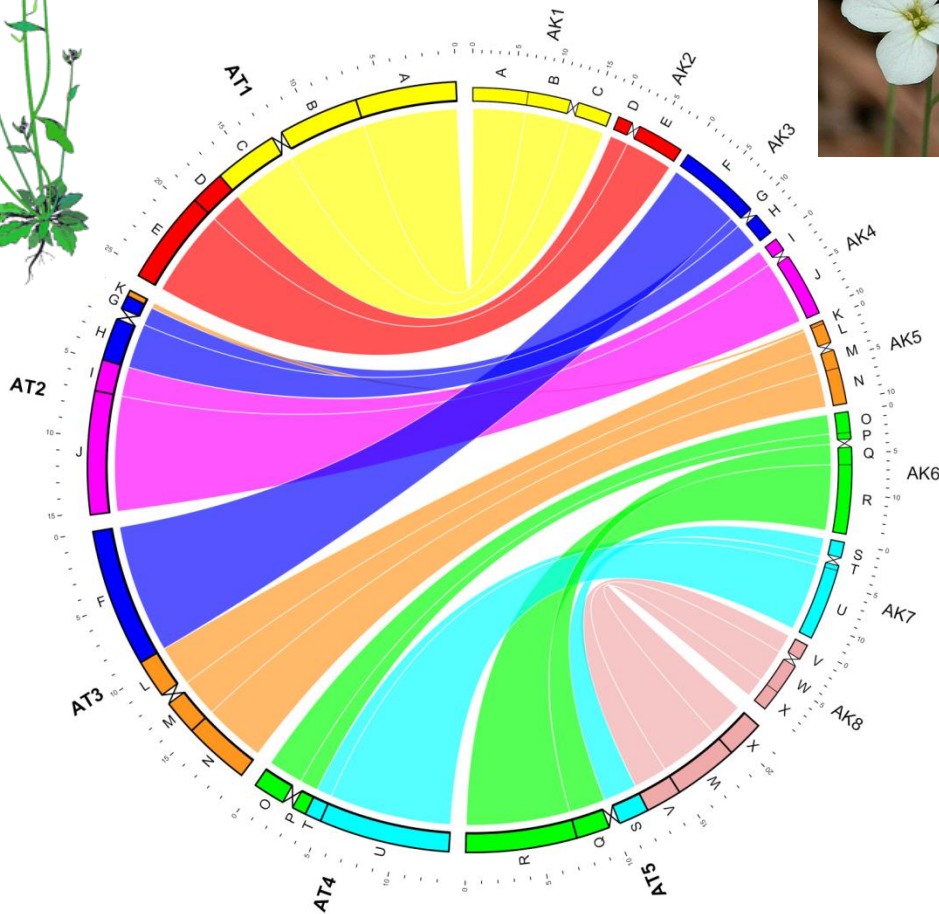
Analysis of the genome sequence of the flowering plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*

The Arabidopsis Genome Initiative* AGI (2000)



What does the duplication in the Arabidopsis genome tell us about the ancestry of the species? As the majority of the Arabidopsis genome is represented in duplicated (but not triplicated) segments, it appears most likely that Arabidopsis, like maize, had a tetraploid ancestor. ...The diploid genetics of Arabidopsis and the extensive divergence of the duplicated segments have masked its evolutionary history.

Arabidopsis Species Are „Paleotetraploids“ with 8 or 5 Chromosomes

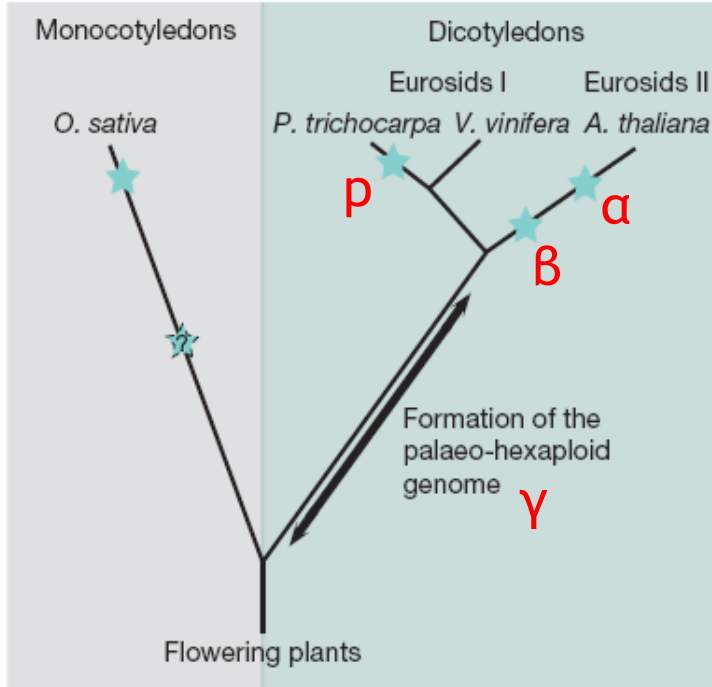


segmental duplications in the *A. thaliana* genome

The grapevine genome sequence suggests ancestral hexaploidization in major angiosperm phyla

The French-Italian Public Consortium for Grapevine Genome Characterization*

Nature 449, 2007



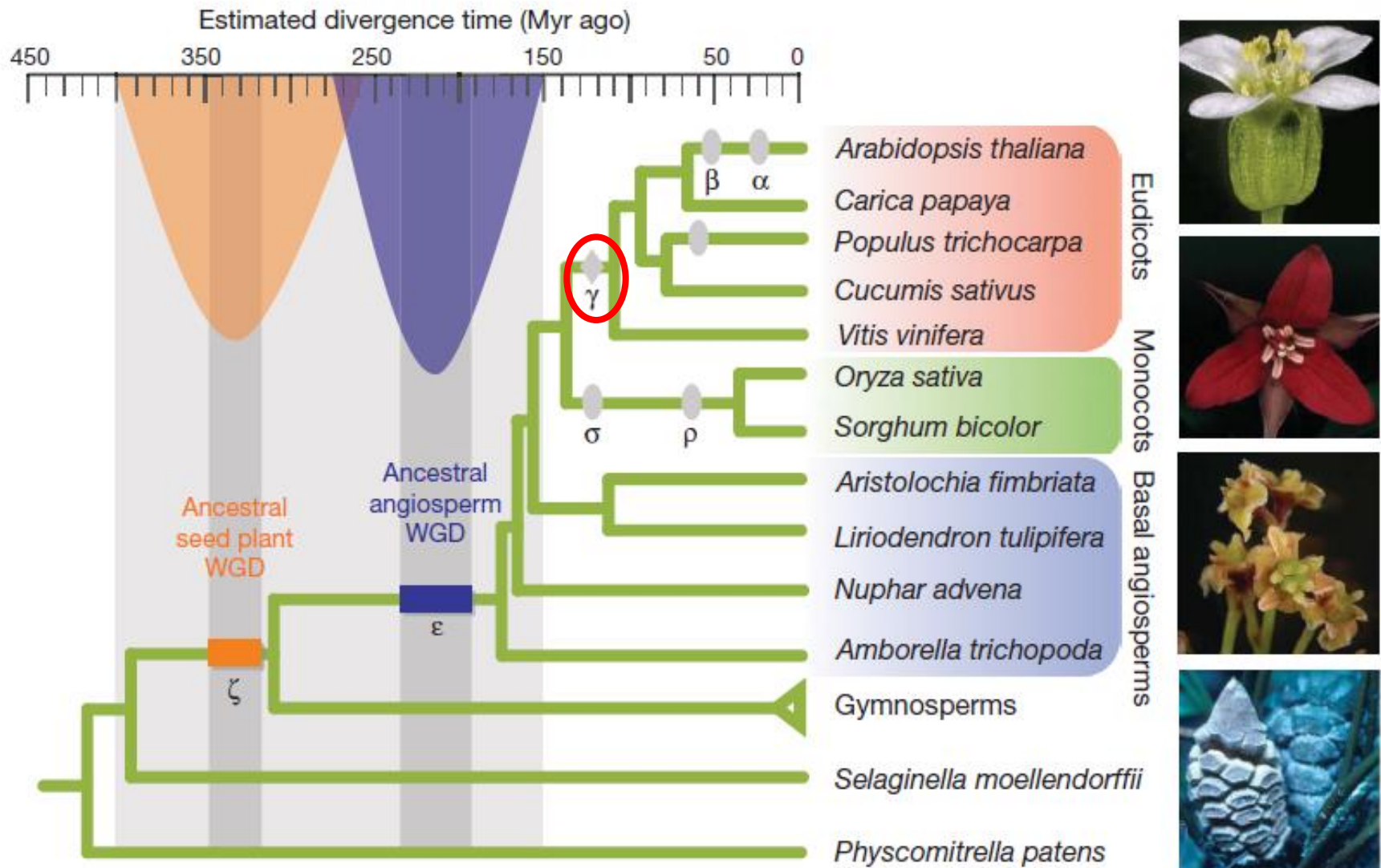
The **γ triplication** may have been an ancient **auto-hexaploidy** formed from fusions of three identical genomes, or **allo-hexaploidy** formed from fusions of three somewhat diverged genomes.

Tang *et al.* 2008, *Genome Research*

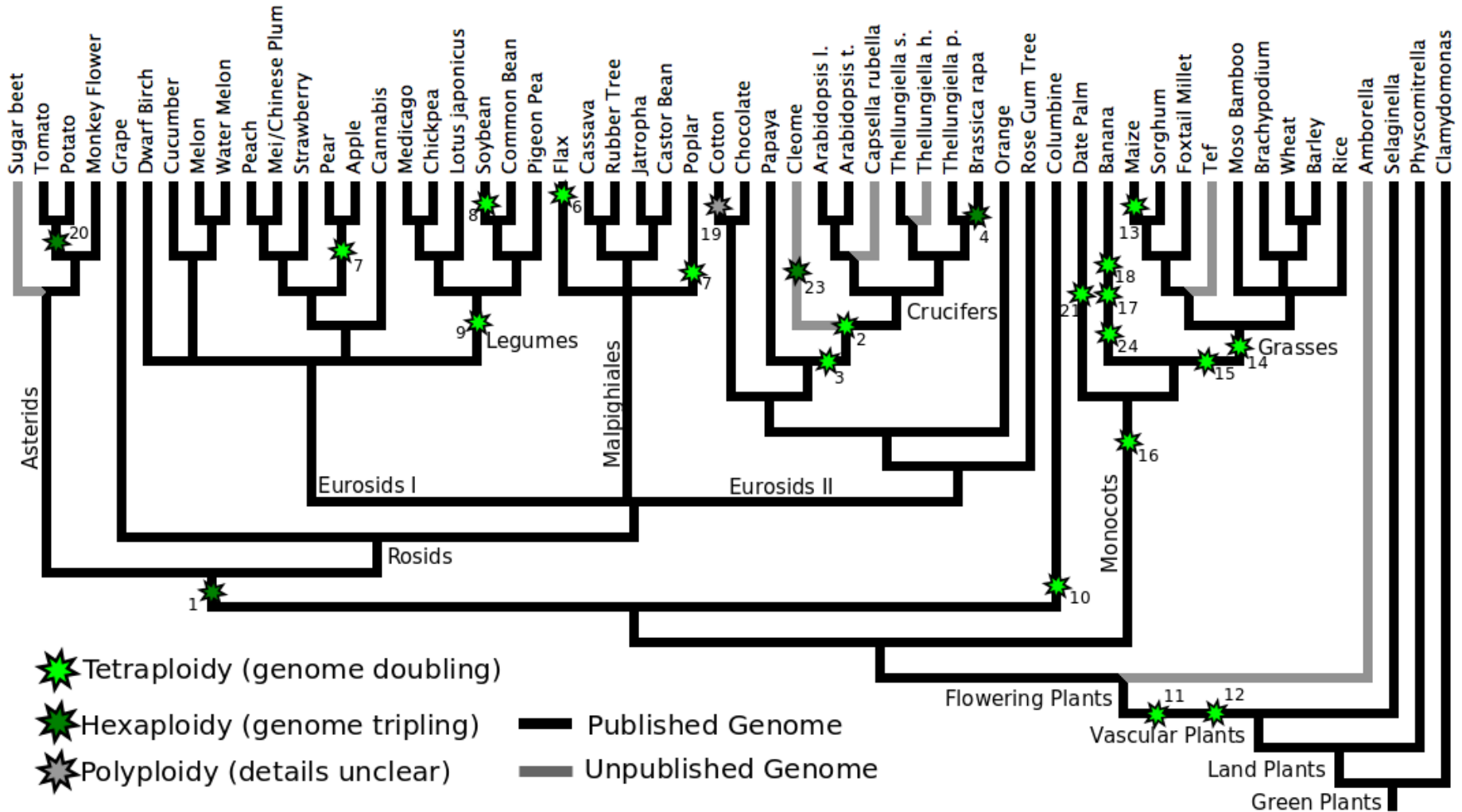
The formation of the palaeo-hexaploid ancestral genome occurred after divergence from monocots and before the radiation of the Eurosids. Star = a WGD (tetraploidization) event.



WGD events in seed plants and angiosperms



Phylogenetic Tree of Sequenced Genomes with Whole Genome Duplications Marked



Charles Darwin's abominable mystery solved?

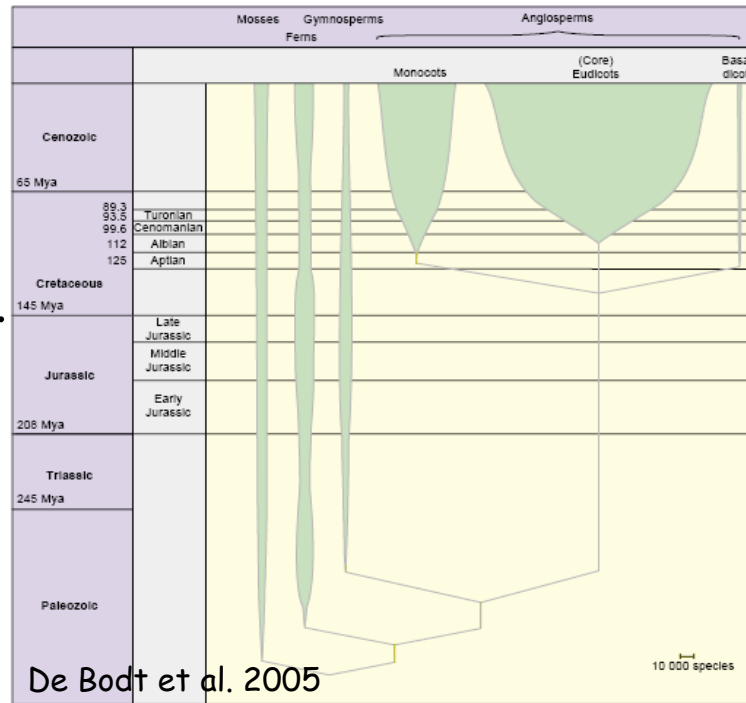


"The rapid development as far as we can judge of all the higher plants within recent geological times is an abominable mystery."
 (Charles Darwin in a letter to Sir Joseph Hooker, 1879)



Archaeoartus liaoningensis
 (140 million year old fossil)

The leaf-like structures on the stem are pods containing the seeds, a characteristic unique to flowering plants.



assumed ancient whole-genome duplication events

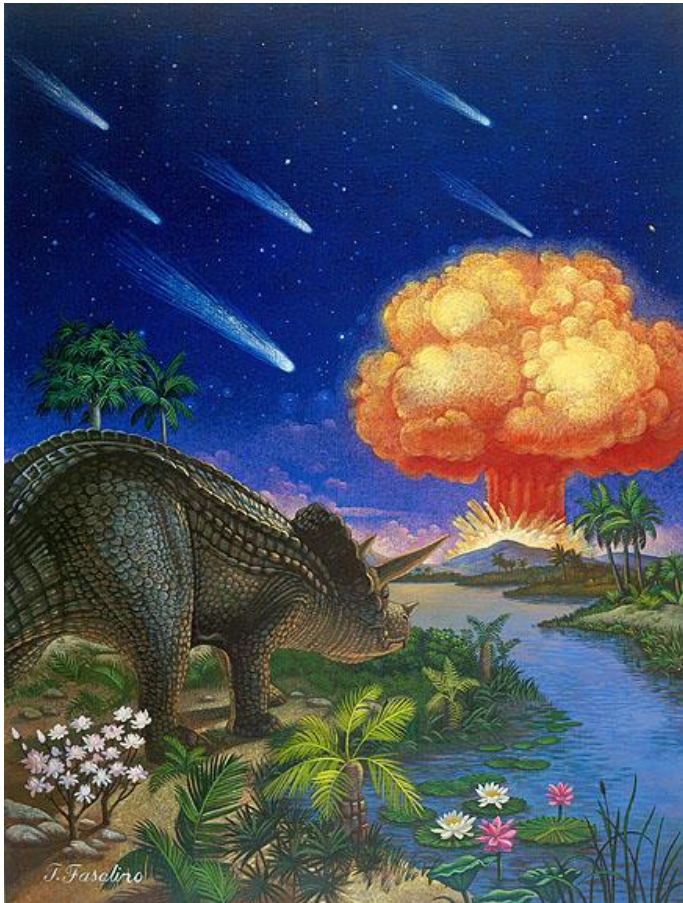
There is evidence of ancient polyploidy throughout the major angiosperm lineages. It means that a genome-scale duplication event probably occurred PRIOR to the rapid diversification of flowering plants

Plants with double genomes might have had a better chance to survive the Cretaceous–Tertiary extinction event

Jeffrey A. Fawcett^{a,b,1}, Steven Maere^{a,b,1}, and Yves Van de Peer^{a,b,2}

PNAS 106 (2009)

^aDepartment of Plant Systems Biology, Flanders Institute for Biotechnology, 9052 Gent, Belgium; and ^bDepartment of Plant Biotechnology and Genetics, Ghent University, 9052 Gent, Belgium



Could WGD event(s) help plants to survive the mass extinction (one or more catastrophic events such as a massive asteroid impact) at the Cretaceous–Tertiary boundary ?

Analysis of 41 plant genomes supports a wave of successful genome duplications in association with the Cretaceous–Paleogene boundary

Kevin Vanneste,^{1,2} Guy Baele,³ Steven Maere,^{1,2} and Yves Van de Peer^{1,2,4}

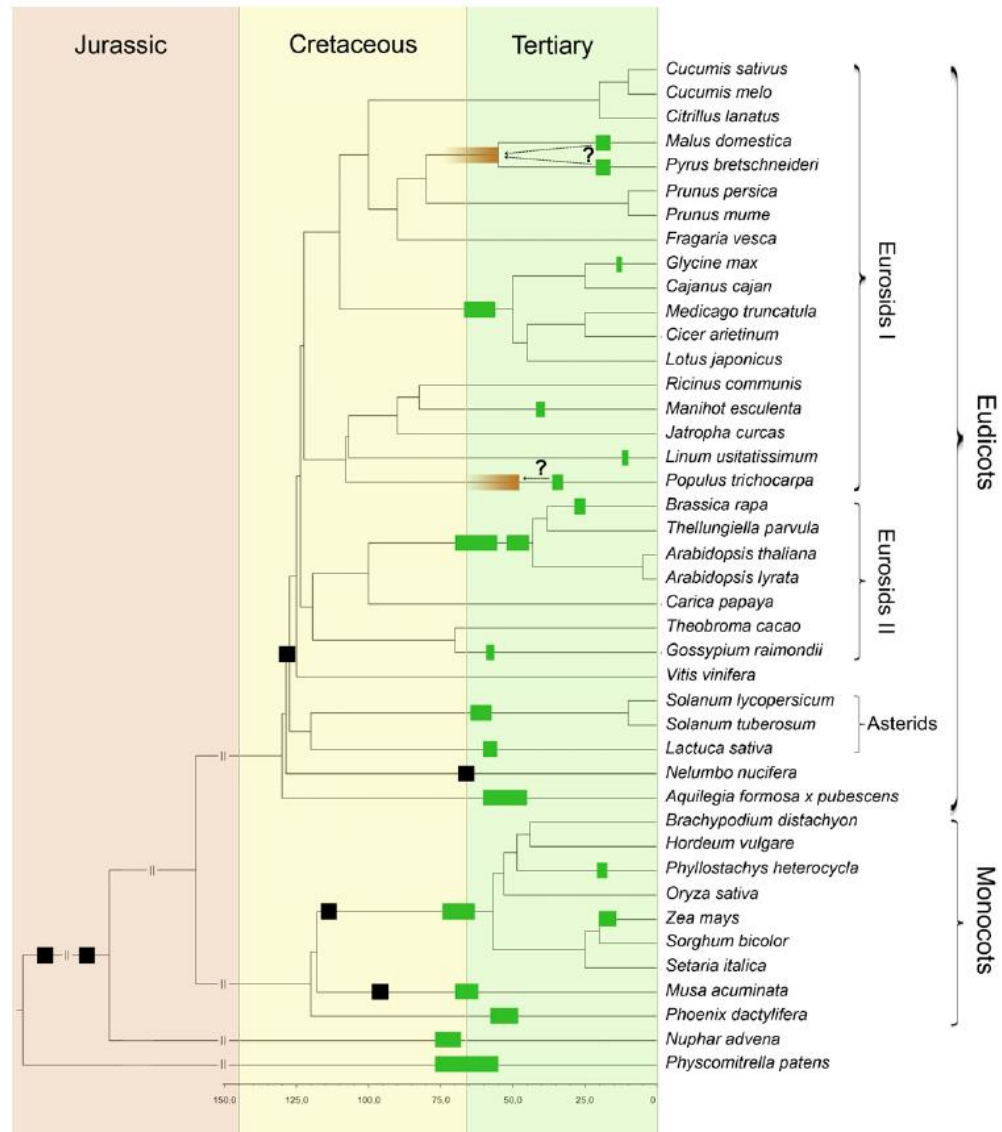
Genome Res (2014)

Phylogenetic tree of flowering plants with assumed WGD events

➤ WGDs clustered around the Cretaceous-Tertiary (KT) boundary

➤ the KT extinction event - the most recent mass extinction (one or more catastrophic events such as a massive asteroid impact and/or increased volcanic activity)

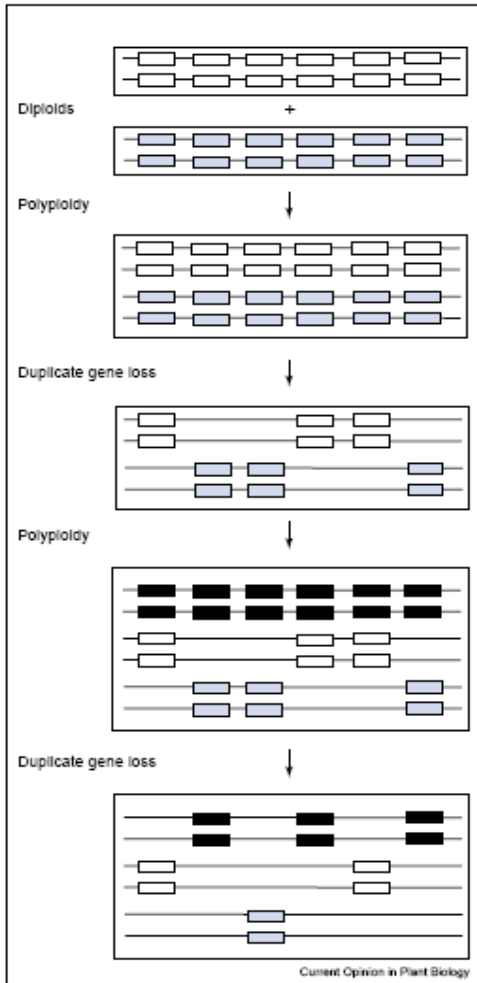
➤ the KT extinction event - extinction of 60% of plant species, as well as a majority of animals, including dinosaurs



Fawcett et al., PNAS (2009), Vanneste et al., Genome Res (2014)

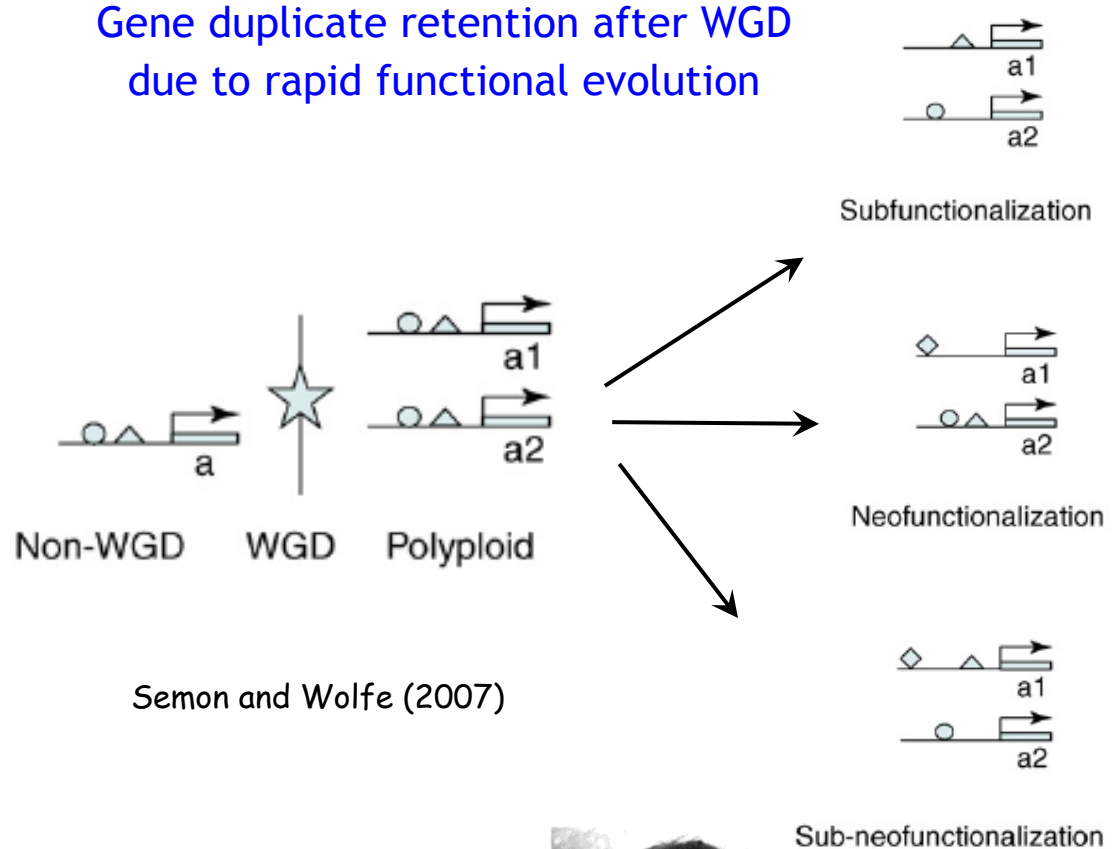
Whole-genome duplication, diploidization, and the consequences

Genome evolution through cyclic polyploidy

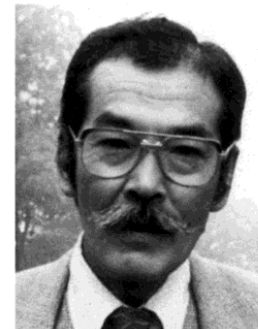


Adams and Wendel (2005)

Gene duplicate retention after WGD due to rapid functional evolution

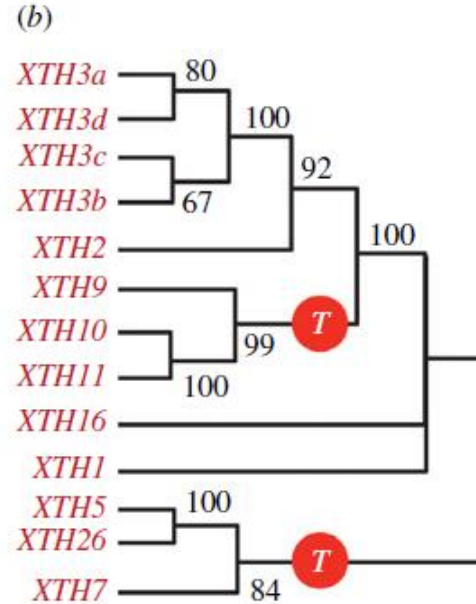
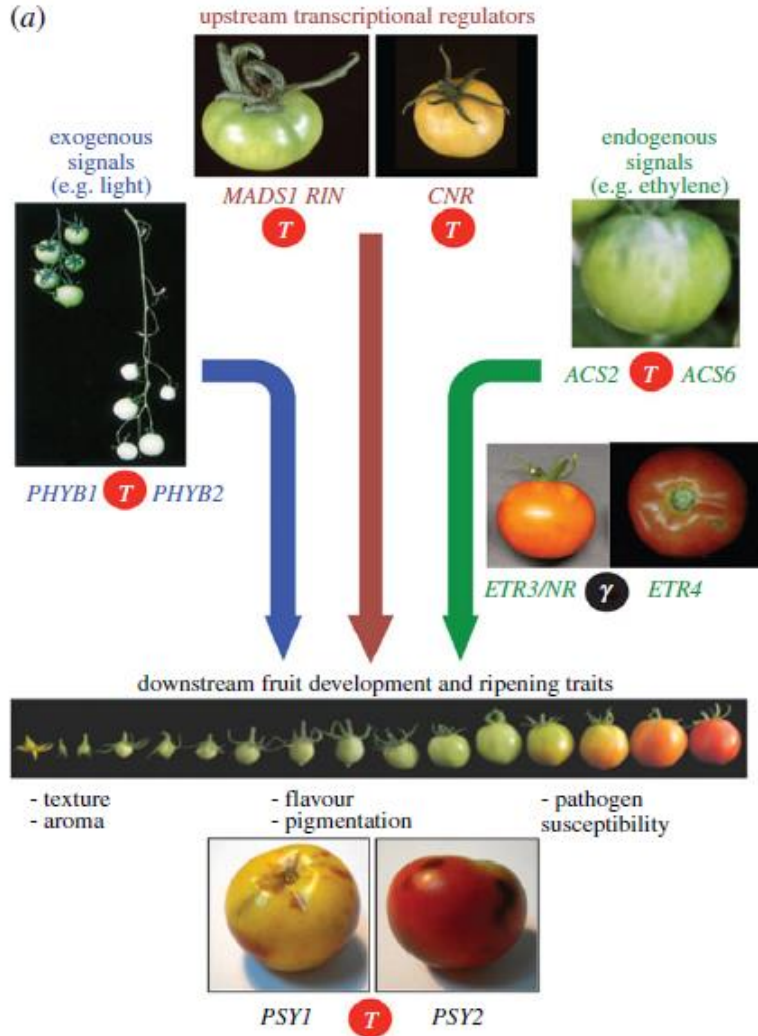


Semon and Wolfe (2007)



Sun and Ohno

Consequences of WGD events: the Solanaceae-specific genome triplication contributed to the evolution of the tomato fruit

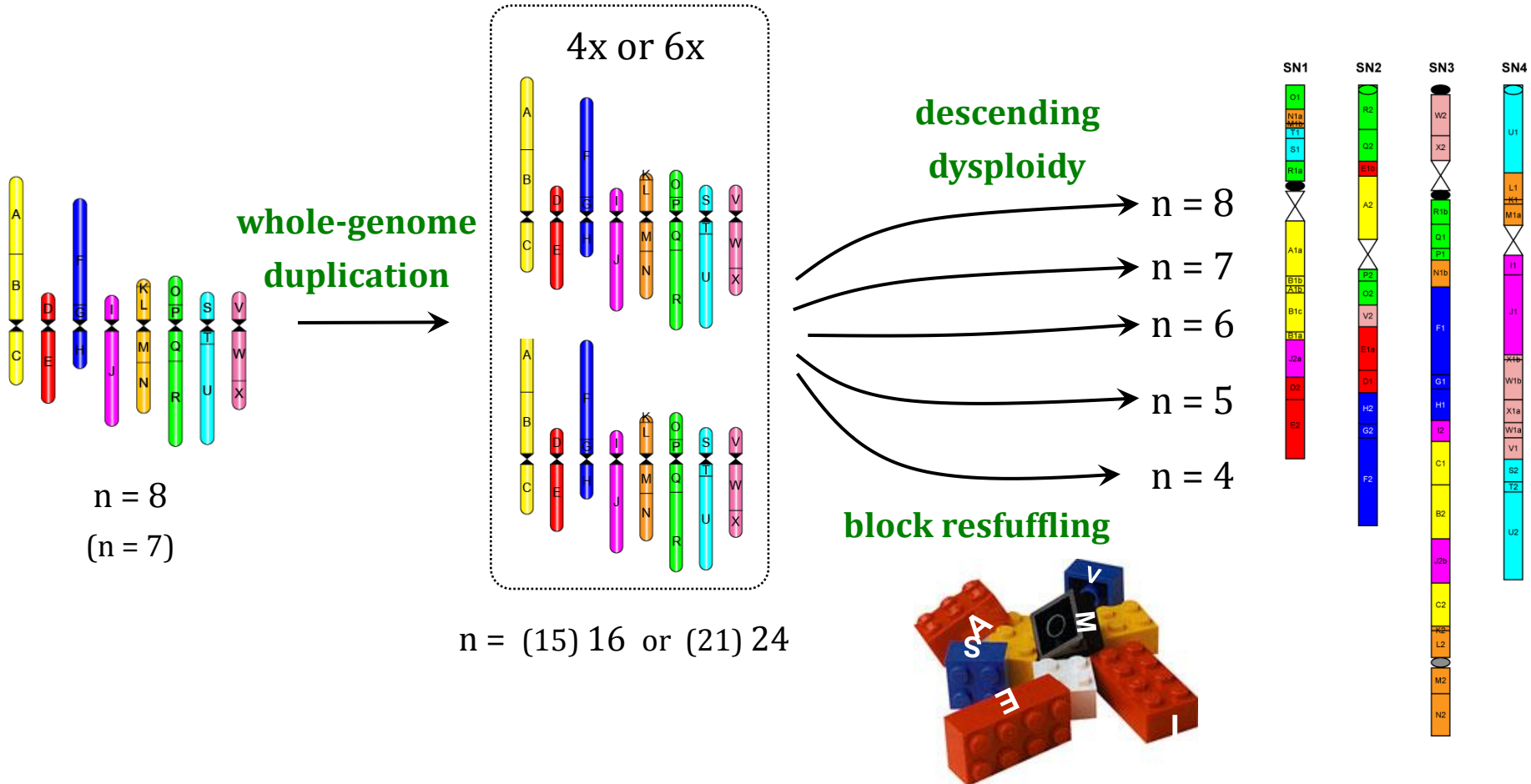


phylogeny of xyloglucan endotransglucosylase/hydrolases (XTHs)

T Solanaceae-specific genome triplication

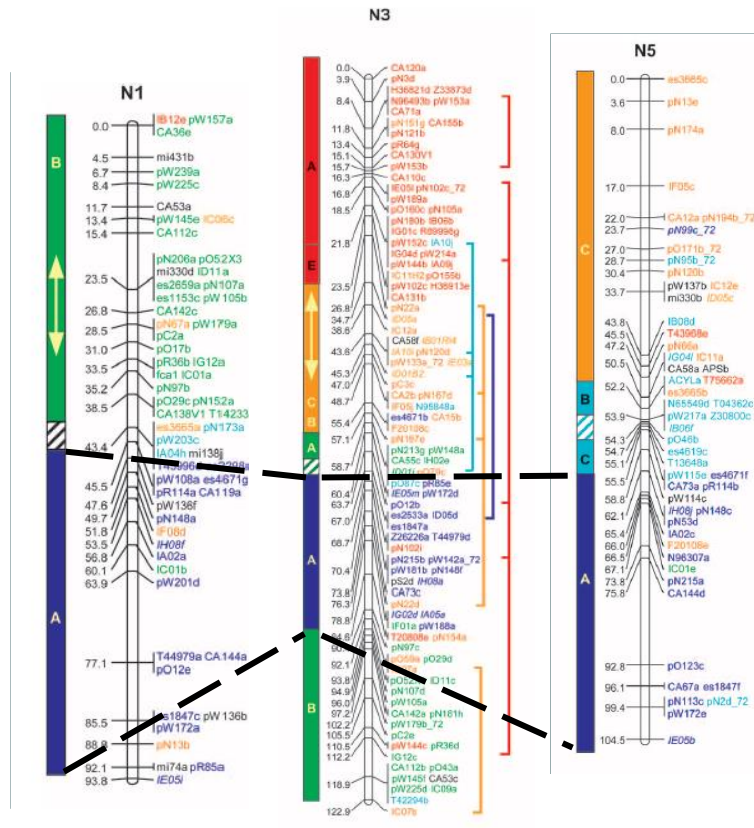
γ core eudicot shared hexaploidy

Evolution of the Ancestral Crucifer Genome – ANCIENT POLYPLOIDS



Brassicas Are Ancient Hexaploids (Mesopolyploids)

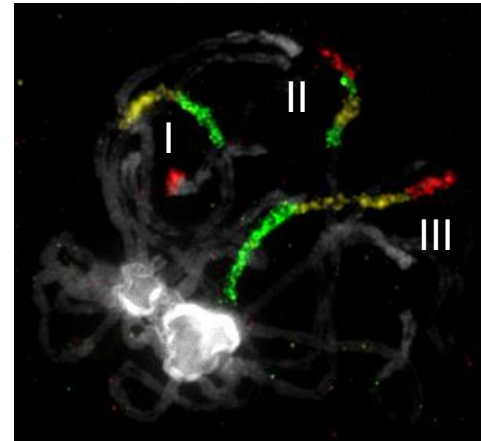
Brassica napus (AACC, n = 19), A genome (N1-N10)



Parkin et al. (2005) Genetics

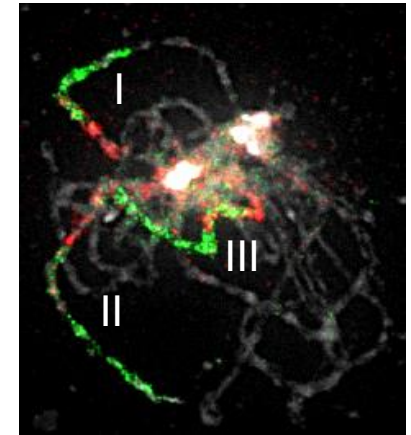
Diplotaxis eruroides

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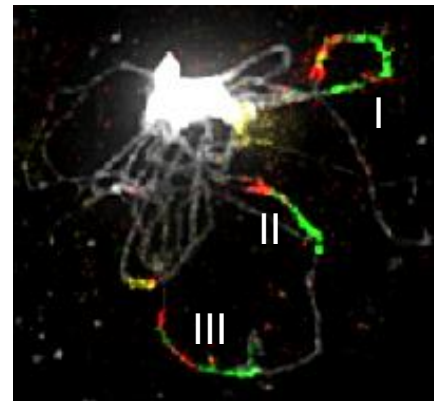
Brassica oleracea

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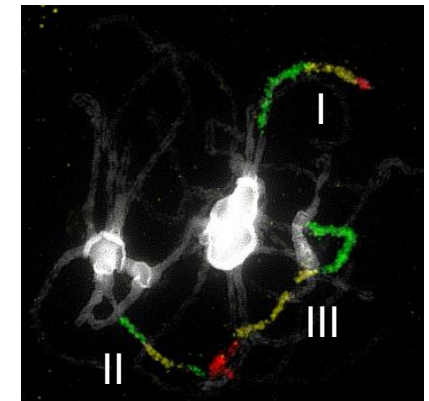
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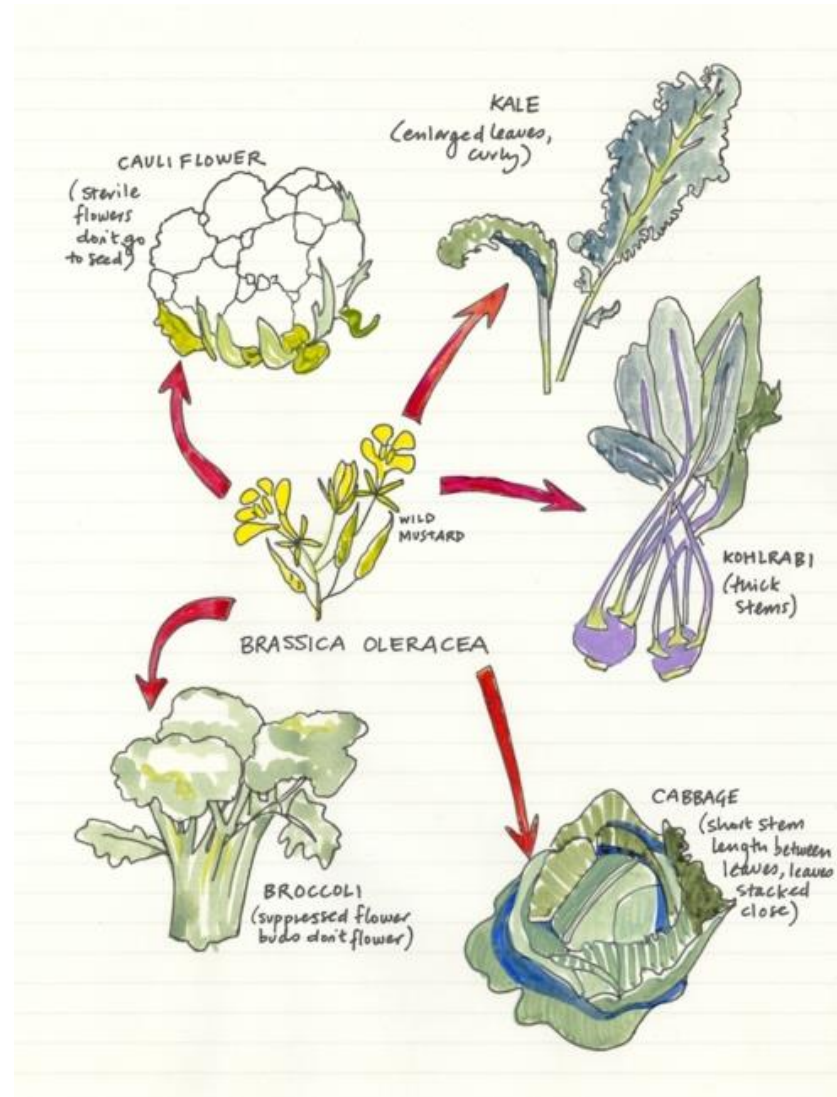
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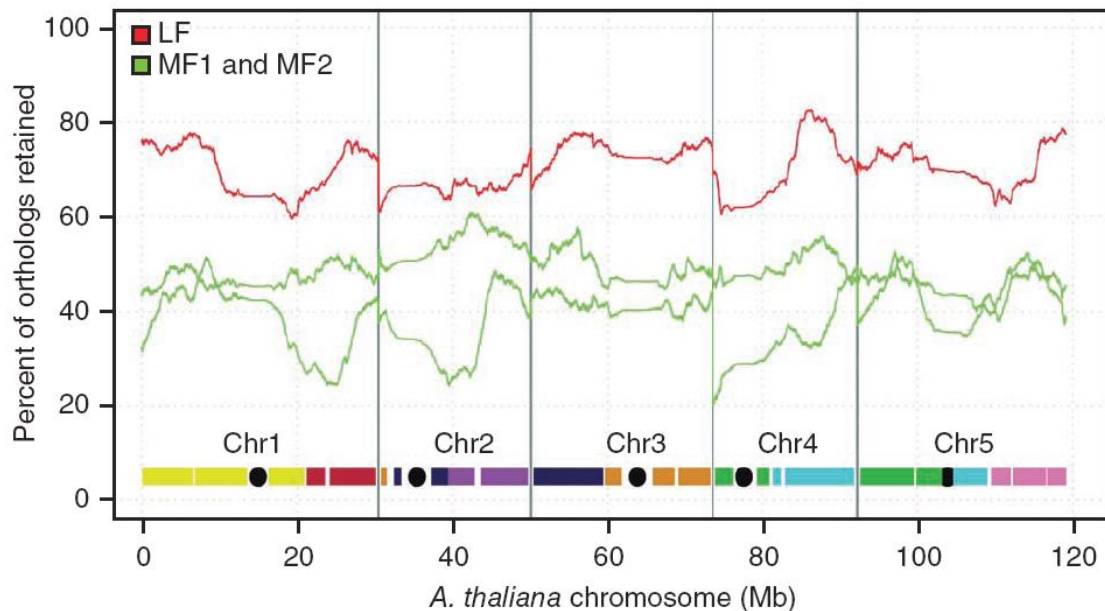
Lysak et al. (2005) Genome Res, (2007) Plant Physiol

Diploidization in *Brassica* is marked by the asymmetrical evolution of polyploid genomes



The genome of the mesopolyploid crop species *Brassica rapa*

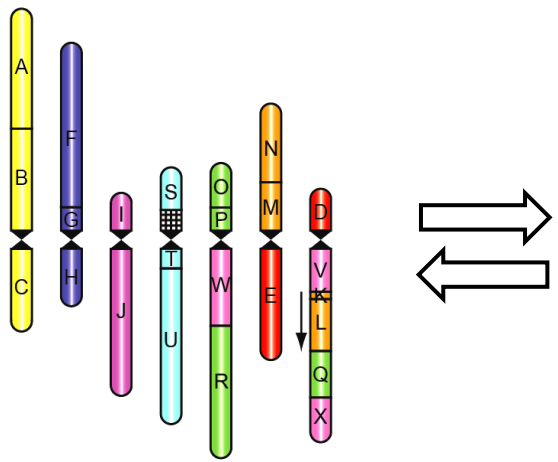
The *Brassica rapa* Genome Sequencing Project Consortium



The density of orthologous genes in **three subgenomes** (LF, MF1 and MF2) of *B. rapa* compared to *A. thaliana*.

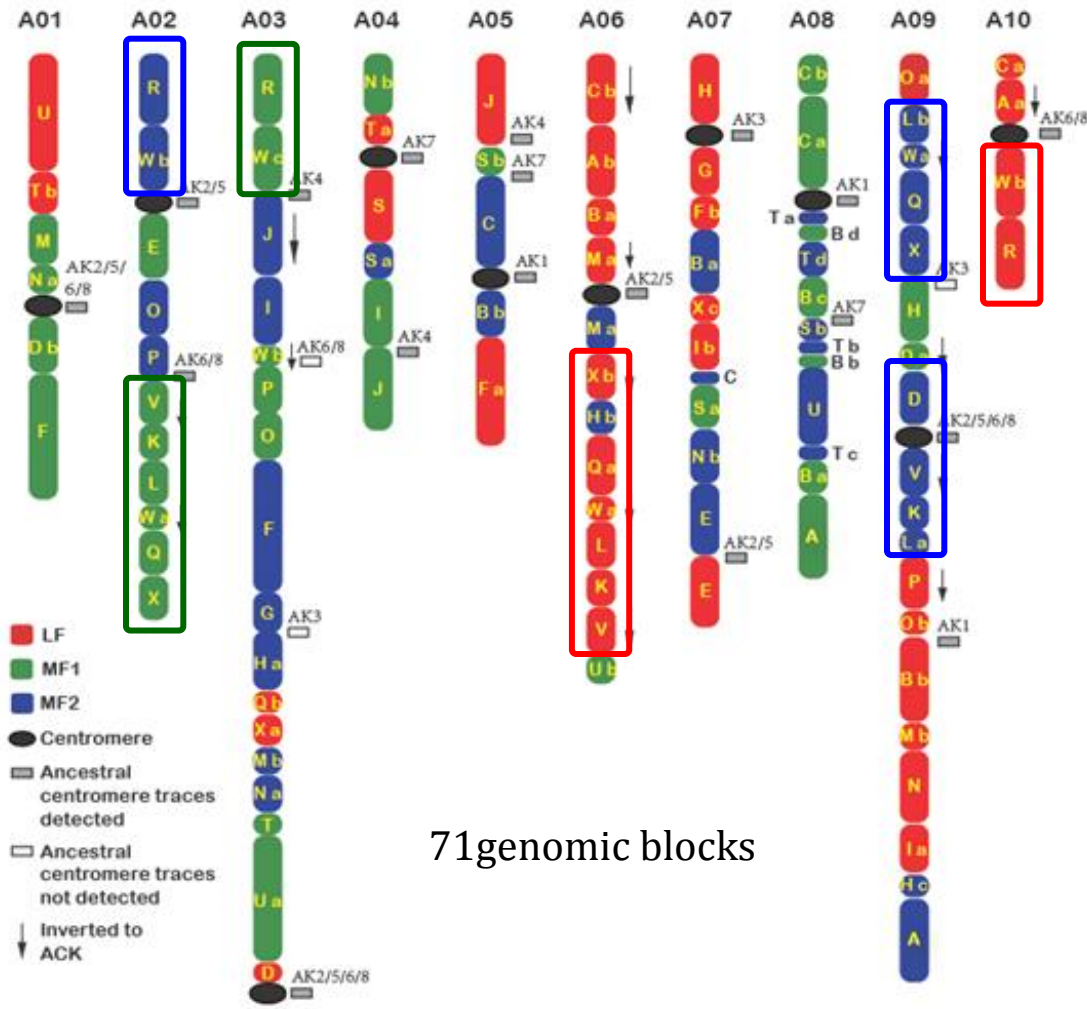
Three *B. rapa* Subgenomes Contain Genome Block Associations Unique to the tPCK Ancestral Genome

n = 7

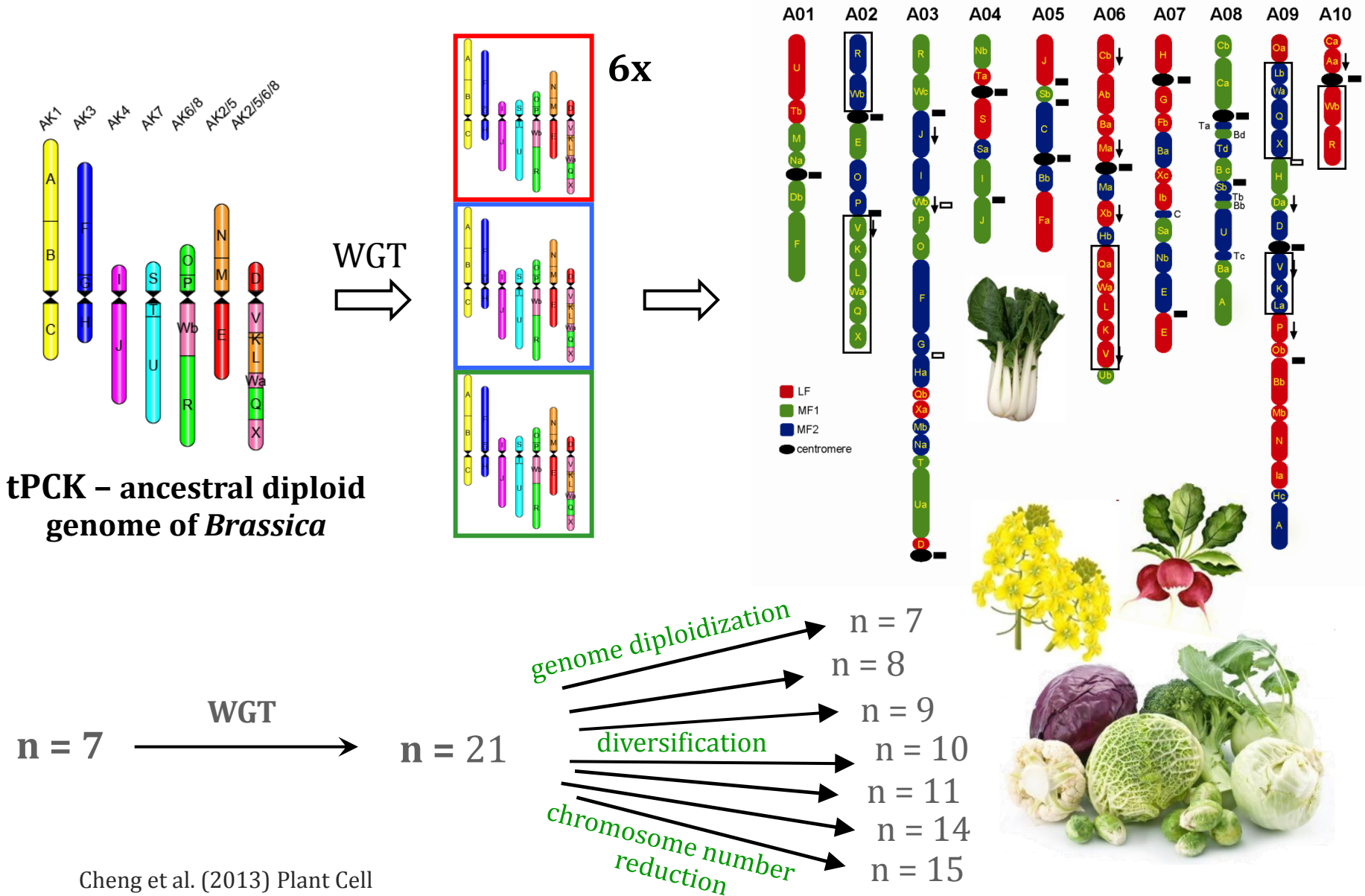


Proto-Calepineae Karyotype

tPCK



Whole-Genome Triplication Spurred Genome and Taxonomic Diversity in *Brassica* and Tribe Brassiceae



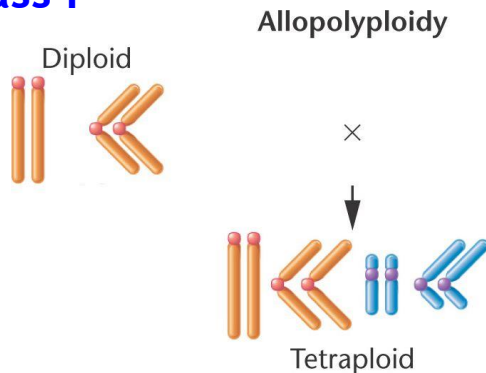
Two Evolutionarily Distinct Classes of Paleopolyploidy

Olivier Garsmeur,^{†,1} James C. Schnable,^{†,2} Ana Almeida,² Cyril Jourda,¹ Angélique D'Hont,^{*,†,1} and Michael Freeling^{*,†,2}

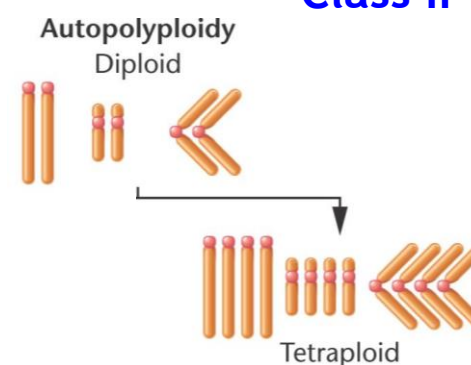
Table 2. Fractionation Pattern and Genome Dominance in Eight Species.

Species	WGD Class	Substitution Rate (Ks)	Bias Ratio between Duplicate Regions	Fractionation Pattern	Genome Dominance	Expression Data from
Medicago	I	0.87	1.23	Biased	No data	
Sorghum	I	0.95	1.24	Biased (Schnable et al. 2012)	Yes	Dugas et al. (2011)
Arabidopsis	I	0.76	1.17	Biased (Thomas et al. 2006)	Yes	Gan et al. (2011)
Brassica	I	0.34	1.47	Biased (Wang et al. 2011)	Yes (Cheng et al. 2012)	
Maize	I	0.17	1.46	Biased (Woodhouse et al. 2010)	Yes (Schnable et al. 2011)	
Poplar	II	0.23	1.05	Unbiased	No data	
Soybean	II	0.15	1.03	Unbiased	No	Schmidt et al. (2011)
Banana	II	0.39	1.06	Unbiased	No	D'Hont et al. (2012) and supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online

Class I



Class II



Polyploid Evolution in Australian and New Zealand Crucifer Genera

Ballantinia
Stenopetalum

$2n = 8-12$



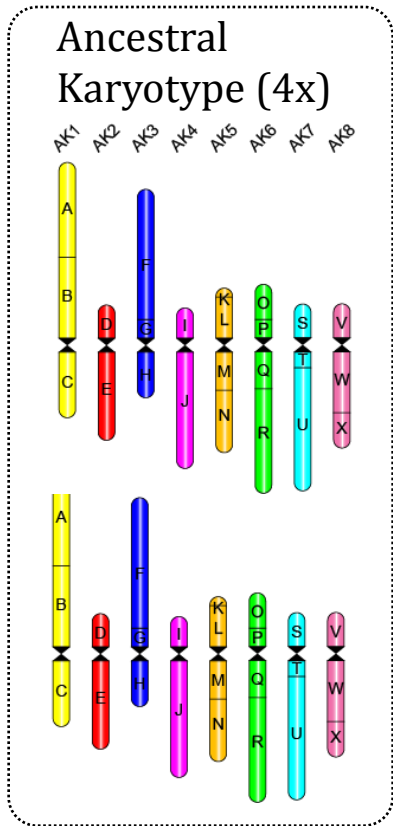
Pachycladon

$2n = 20$

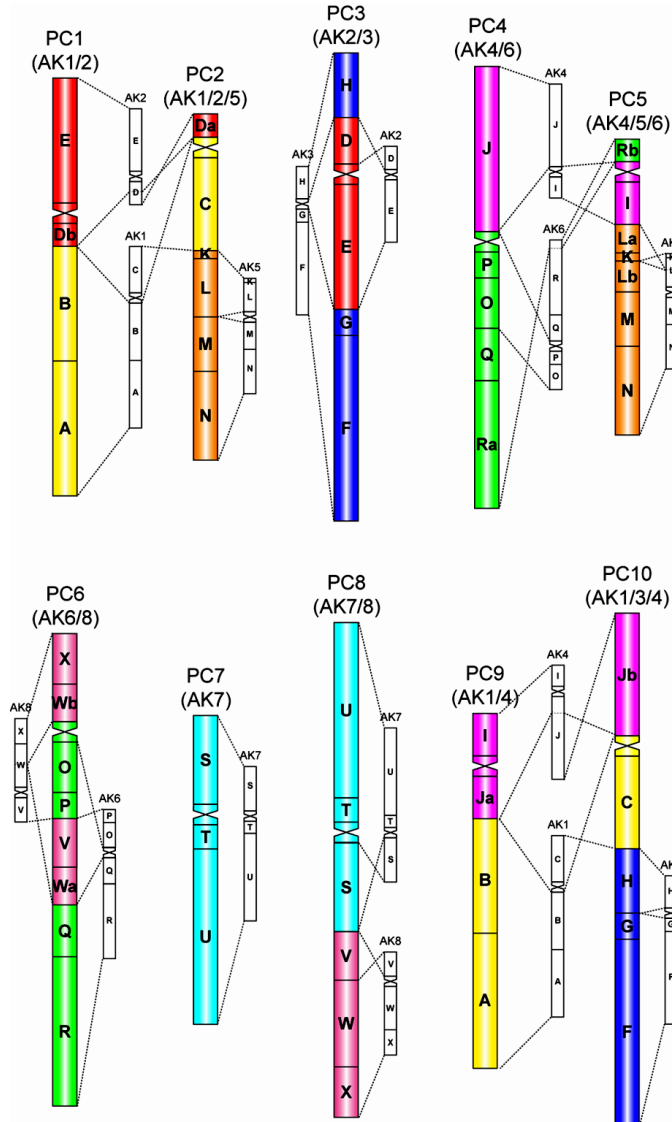
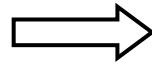


Polyploid Origin of *Pachycladon* (n=10)

~ 1 - 2 mya



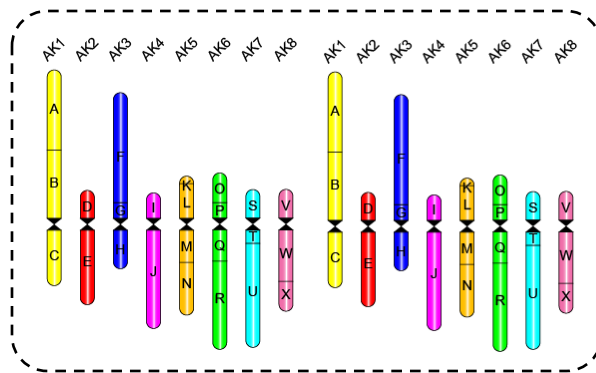
16 chromosomes
48 blocks



10 chromosomes
48 blocks

P. ensyii
P. novae-zelandiae
P. cheesemani
P. exile

**16 chromosomes
48 blocks**

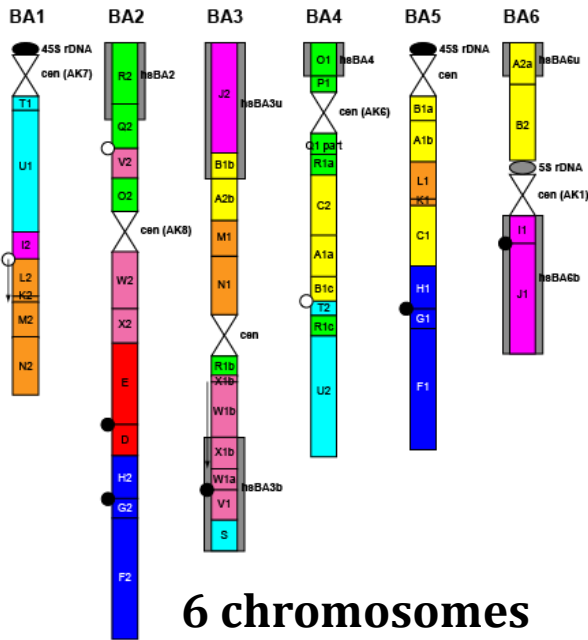


ACK, 4x

~ 6 - 9 mya

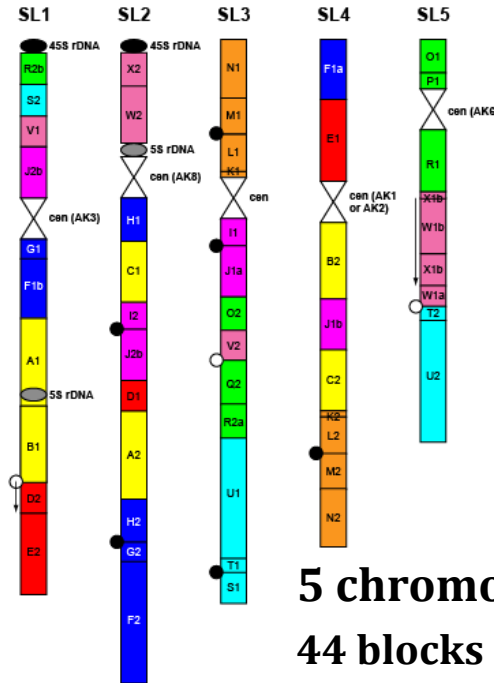
Ballantinia antipoda

Stenopetalum nutans

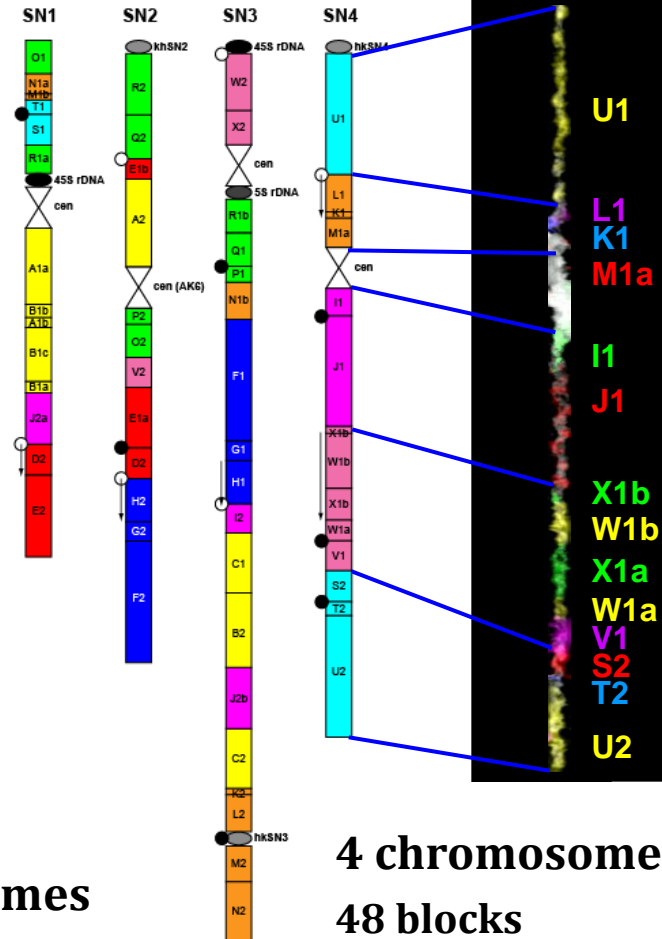


**6 chromosomes
40 blocks**

Stenopetalum lineare



**5 chromosomes
44 blocks**



**4 chromosomes
48 blocks**

Allopolyploid origin of the Microlepidieae

Crucihimalayae × Smelowskieae

(n = 8)

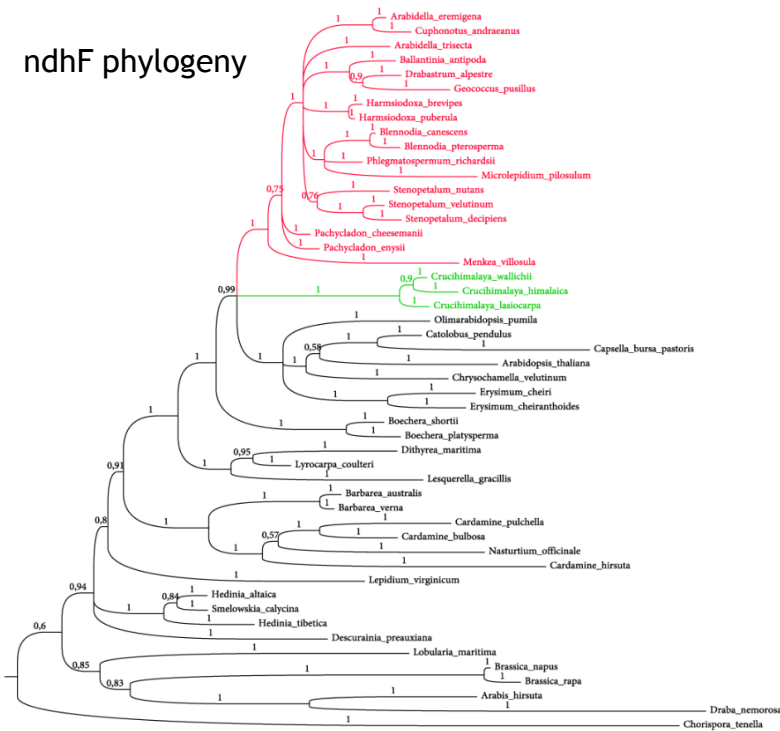
(n = 6)



ancestral
allopolyploid
genome
(n = 14 ?)



ndhF phylogeny



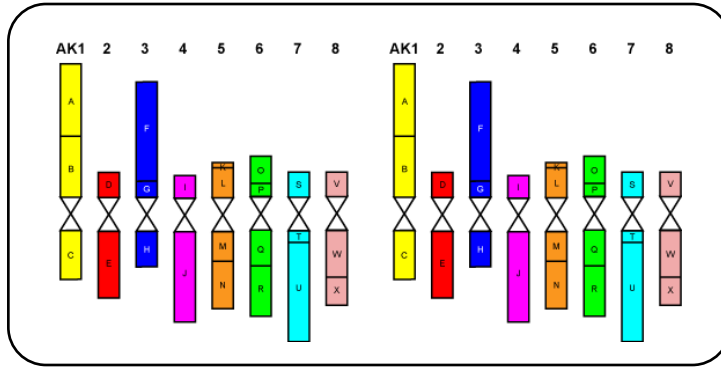
Menkea
(n = 6)

Arabidella, Ballantinia,
Blennodia, Cuphonotus,
Geococcus, Harmsiodoxa,
Microlepidium,
Phlegmatospermum
(n = 5, 6, 7)

Stenopetalum
(n = 4, 5)

Reshuffling of 2 x 24 Genomic Blocks in Polyploids of Different Age

ACK-like allotetraploid ($n \sim 16$)



Stenopetalum ($n = 4$)

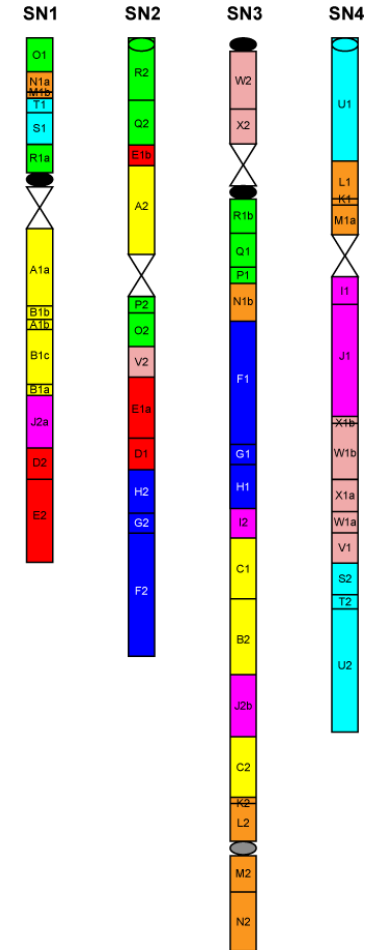
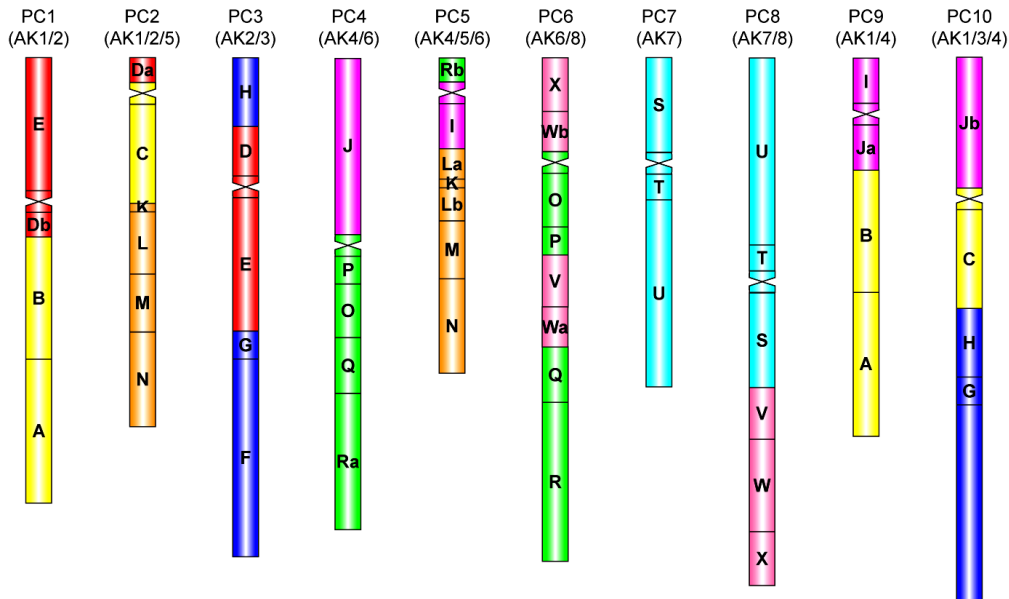
~ 6 - 9 mya



~ 1 - 2 mya



Pachycladon ($n = 10$)

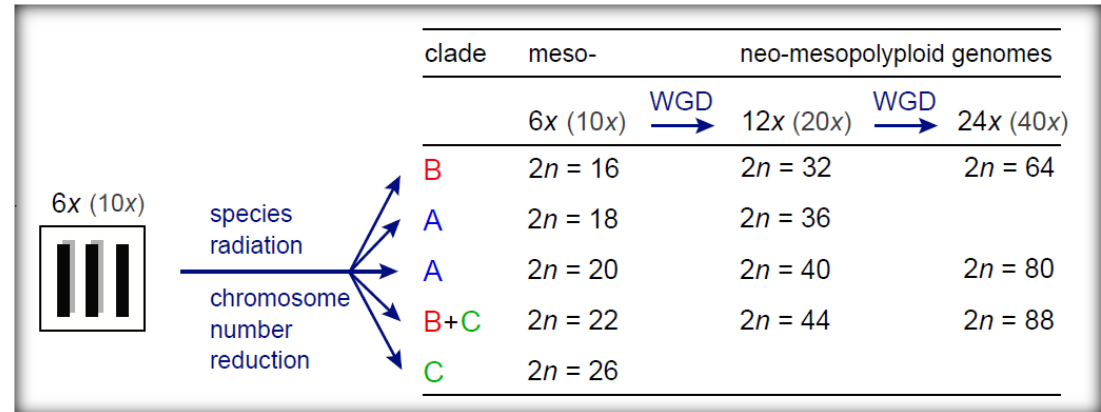
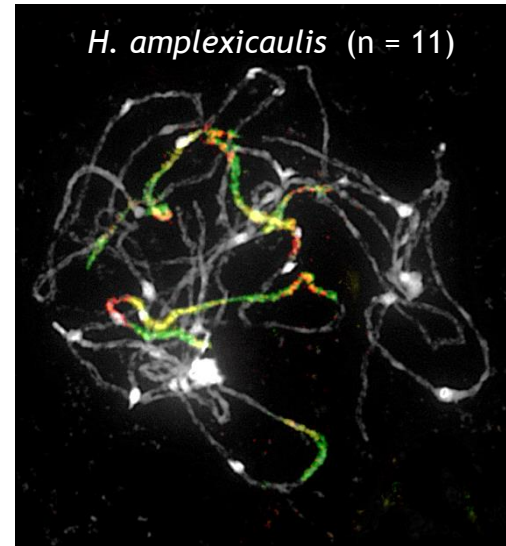
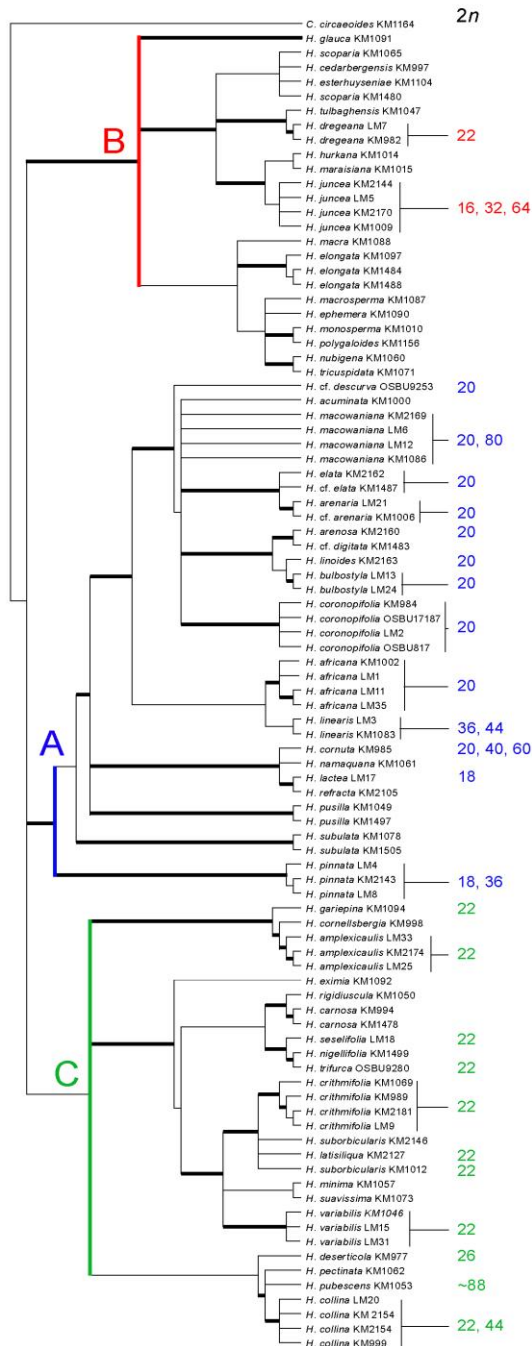


Does Ancient Polyploidy Explain the Rapid Species Radiation in *Heliophila* ?

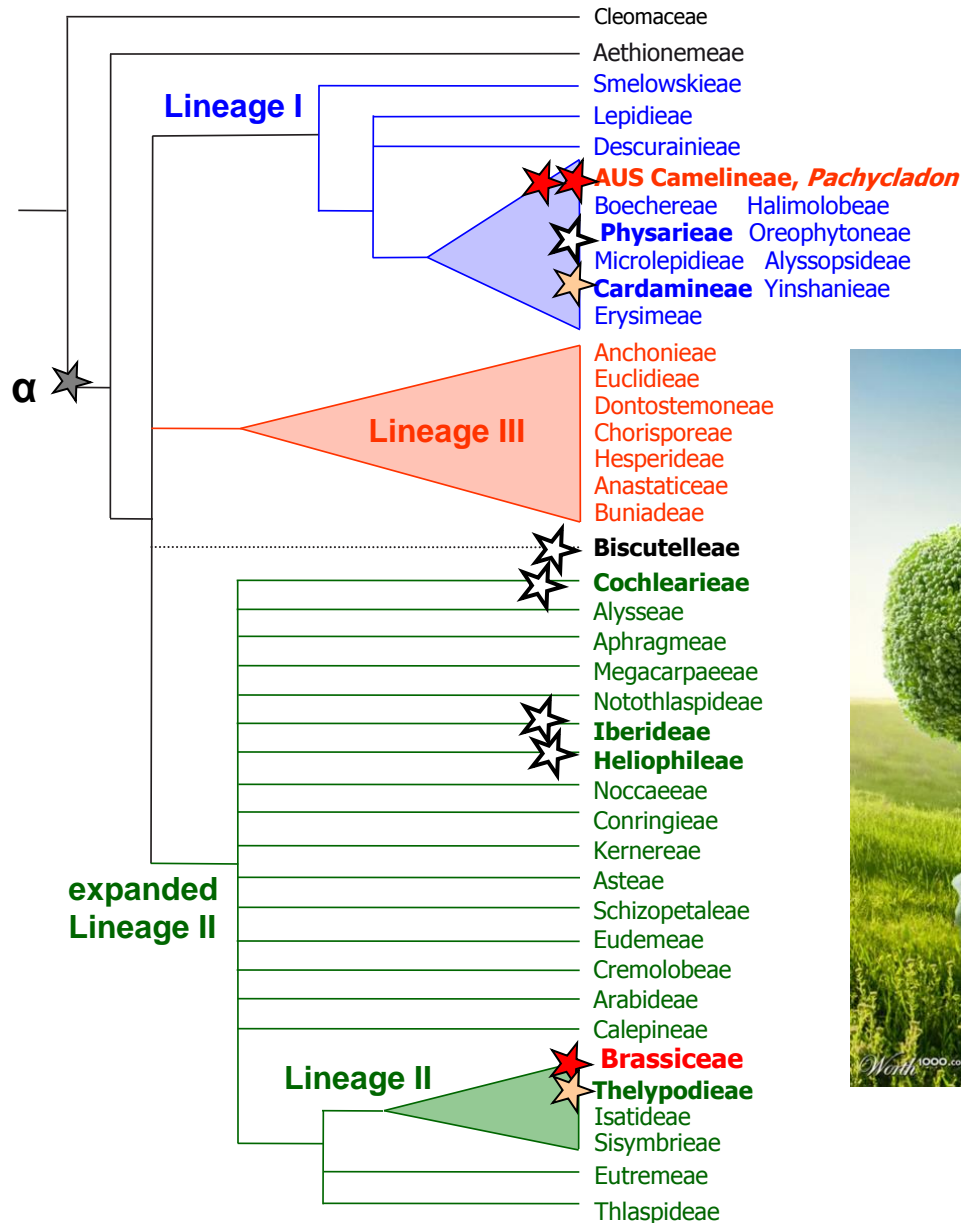
c. 90 (-100) endemic spp.

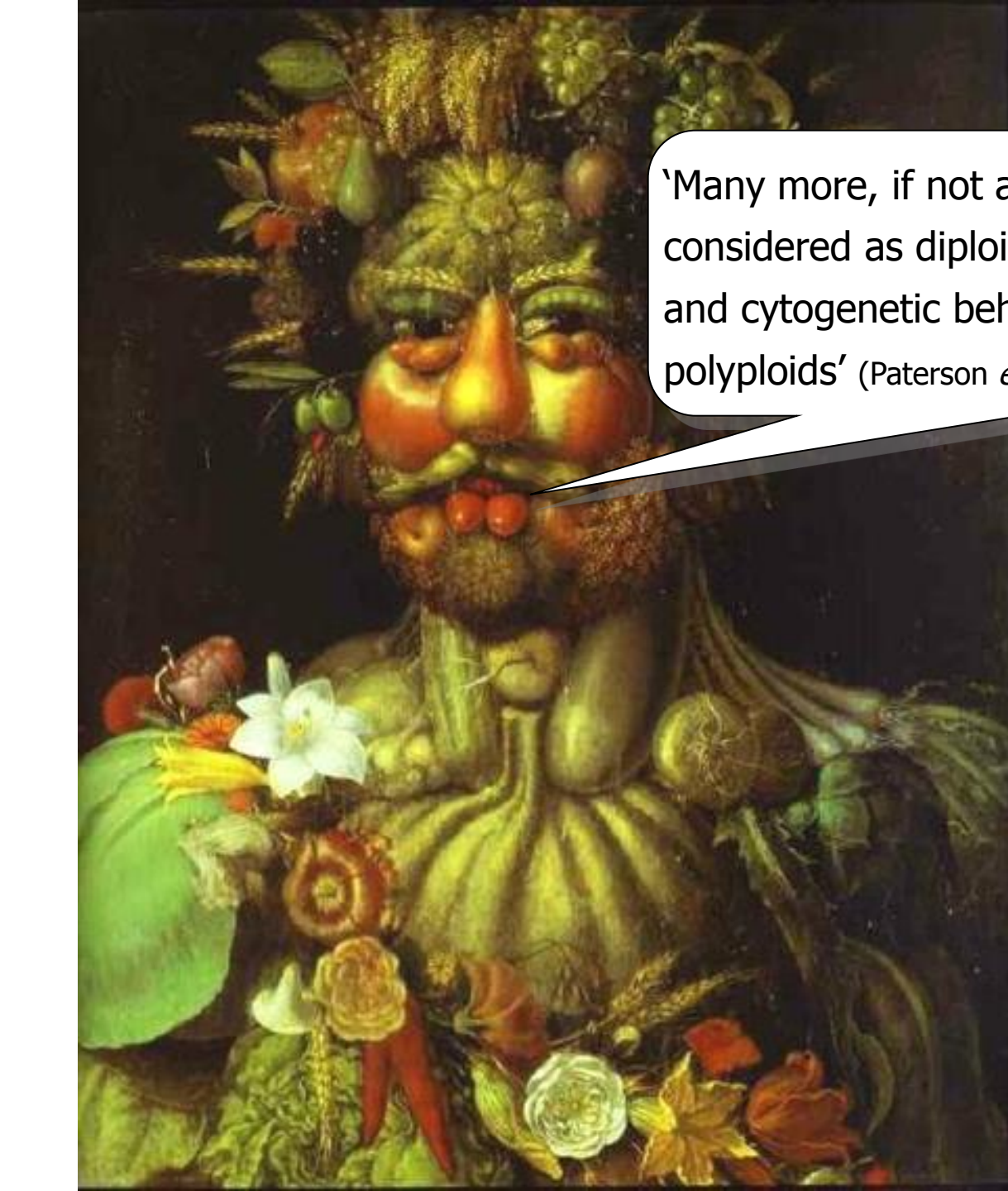


Whole-Genome Triplication in the Southern African Tribe Heliophileae



Whole-Genome Duplications Drive Genome Diversification



A detailed still life painting of a man's face and upper torso, where the man's features are intricately composed of various fruits and vegetables. The face is formed by items like a pear for the nose, a tomato for the cheek, and a cucumber for the chin. The torso is made of a large, ribbed vegetable, possibly a pumpkin or squash. The background is dark, making the vibrant colors of the produce stand out. A speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image.

'Many more, if not all, higher plant species, considered as diploids because of their genetic and cytogenetic behaviour, are actually ancient polyploids' (Paterson *et al.* 2005).