



Kernza Genomics

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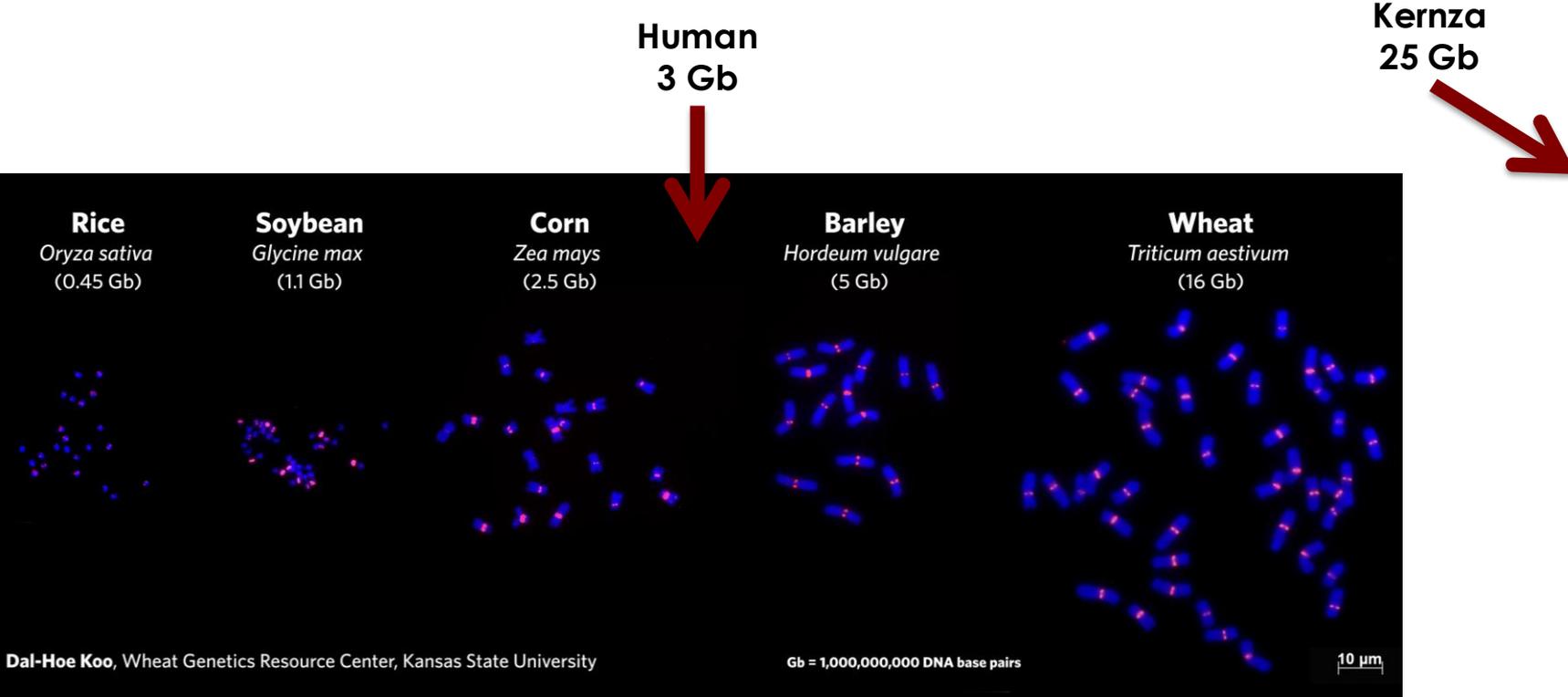
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The problem: Plant genomes are huge and complex



New DNA sequencing tools have made utilizing genomics in species like Kernza possible

The (genomic) challenge with intermediate wheatgrass...



- Segmental Allohexaploid (unclear progenitors)
- $2n=6x=42$
- $1C=12.6$ Gb
- Obligate outcrosser

“...but that genome will be impossible!”

- Enable functional studies of key traits
- Increase marker quality/quantity for breeding

The genome of *Thinopyrum intermedium*

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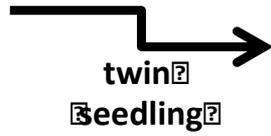


Genome sequencing

C4-5353
(Parent)



C4-5353T1
(haploid)



31 Billion Illumina reads

whole-genome
sequencing

Genome Assembly

Haploid plant derived from twin seedling by The Land Institute



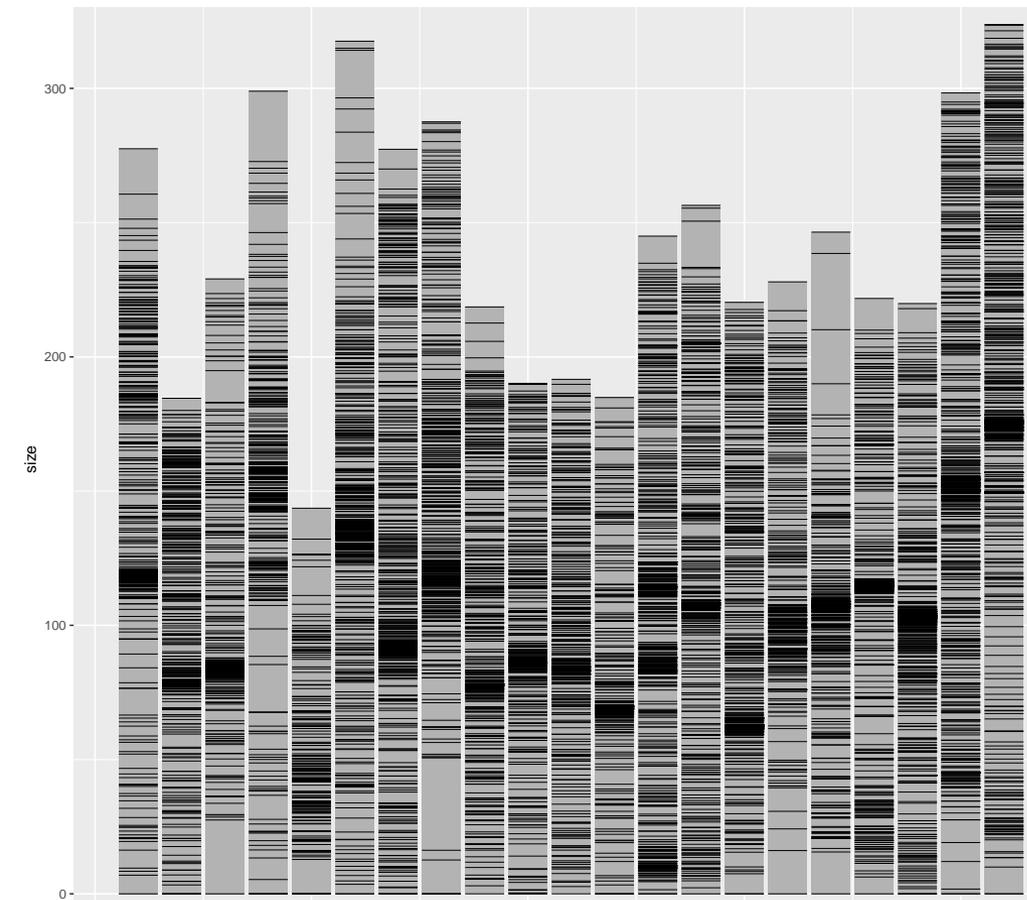
Genome assembly

NRGene

DeNovoMAGIC™ 2.0

	Scaffold	Contig
Number	237,622	1,059,461
Total Assembly Length (bp)	11,605,214,228 (92%)	11,193,042,853
N50 (bp)	2,794,550 bp	26,238 bp
L50	1,072 scaffolds	118,697 contigs

Anchoring/Ordering to Linkage Map

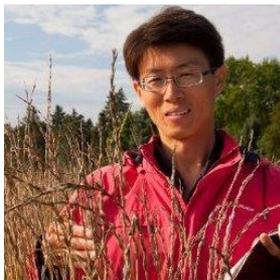


21 linkage groups
10,029 total markers
5,061 cM

3 breaks made in NRgene assembly
based on consensus map



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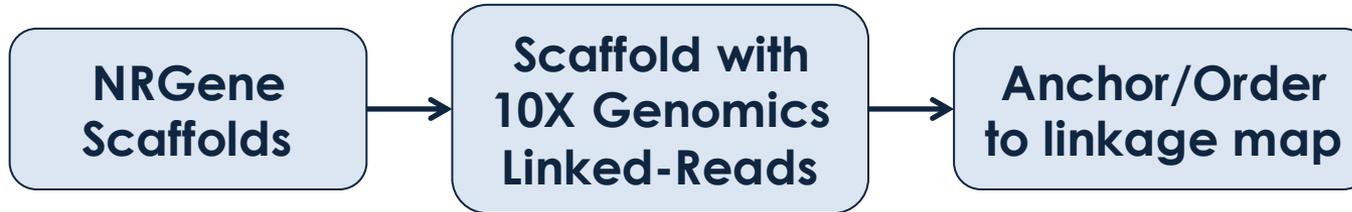
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Development of the first consensus genetic map of intermediate wheatgrass (*Thinopyrum intermedium*) using genotyping-by-sequencing

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Scaffolding with 10X Genomics Linked-Reads

10X coverage with 2x150 bp linked-reads



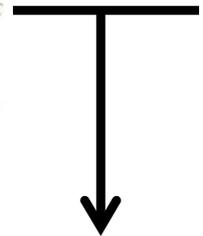
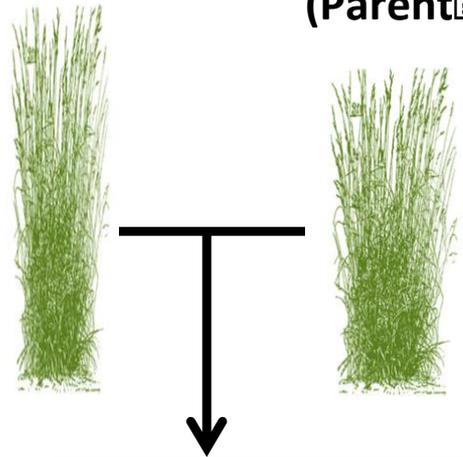
	Pre-10X Scaffolding	Post-10X Scaffolding
Total Bases (Gb)	11.194	11.177
Scaffold N50 (Mb)	2.8	4.2
Contig N50 (Kb)	26.3	26.2
Anchored Bases (Gb)	6.623	7.539

8 breaks made after scaffolding & anchoring to map
All breaks made to correct mis-scaffolding



Population Sequencing (POPSEQ)

Parent 2
C4-5353
(Parent 1)



F₁ population



Population Sequence

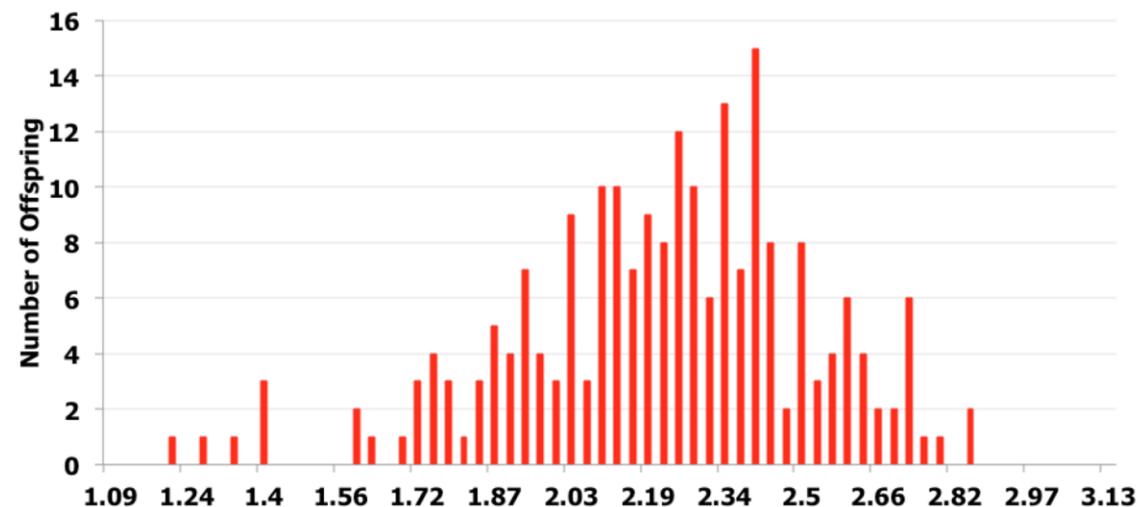
A total of 350,885 75mer markers were generated

793 breaks made in assembly, or a break every 16Mb

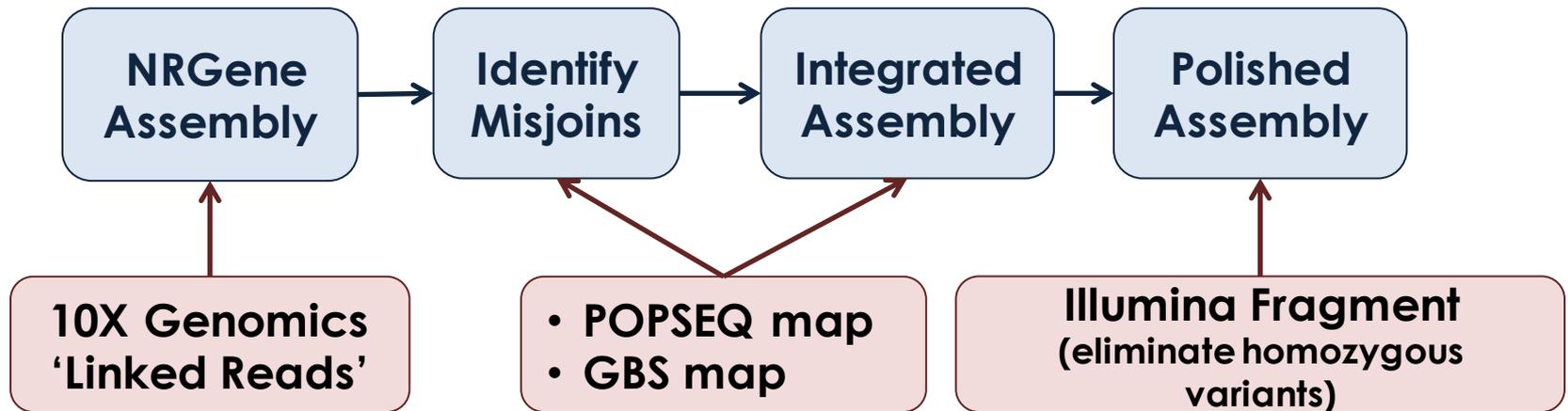
Two F1 populations

- C4-5353 x C4-8134 (92 F1 individuals)
- C4-5353 x C4-2856 (92 F1 individuals)

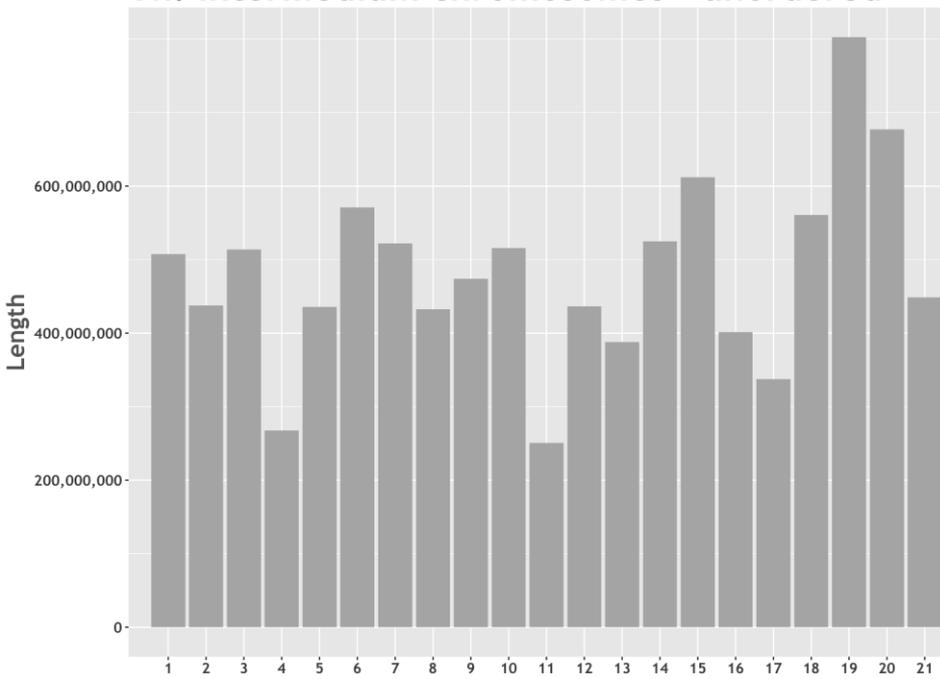
Depth Distribution of 184 Offspring



v1 *Thinopyrum intermedium* chromosomes

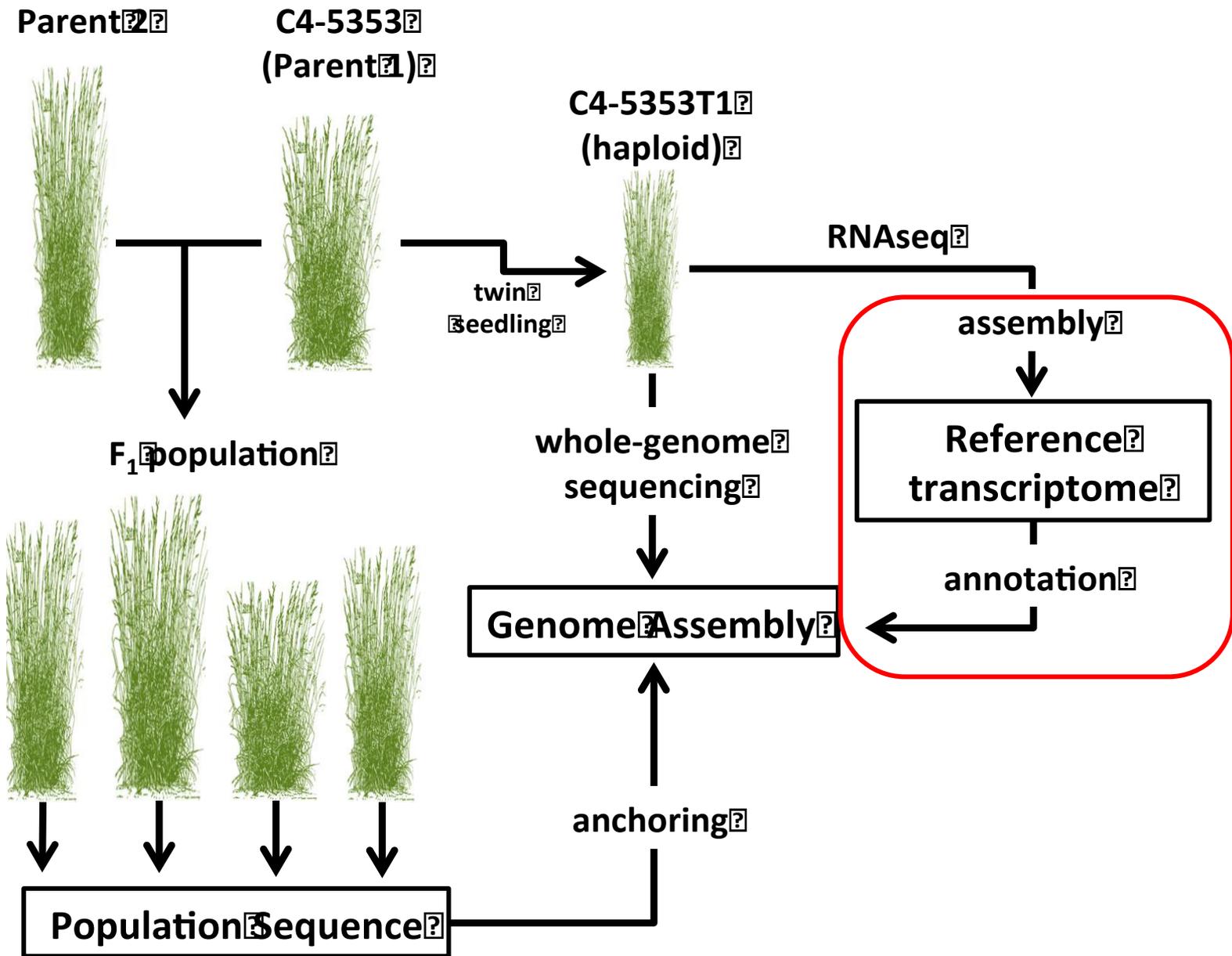


Th. intermedium chromosomes - unordered



	Anchored Scaffolds
Number	59,064
Assembly Length	11,347,191,088
Gap Size	3.8%

+ 76,548 unanchored >1kb scaffolds (53 Mb)
+ 94,839 unanchored 'repeat' scaffolds (260 Mb)

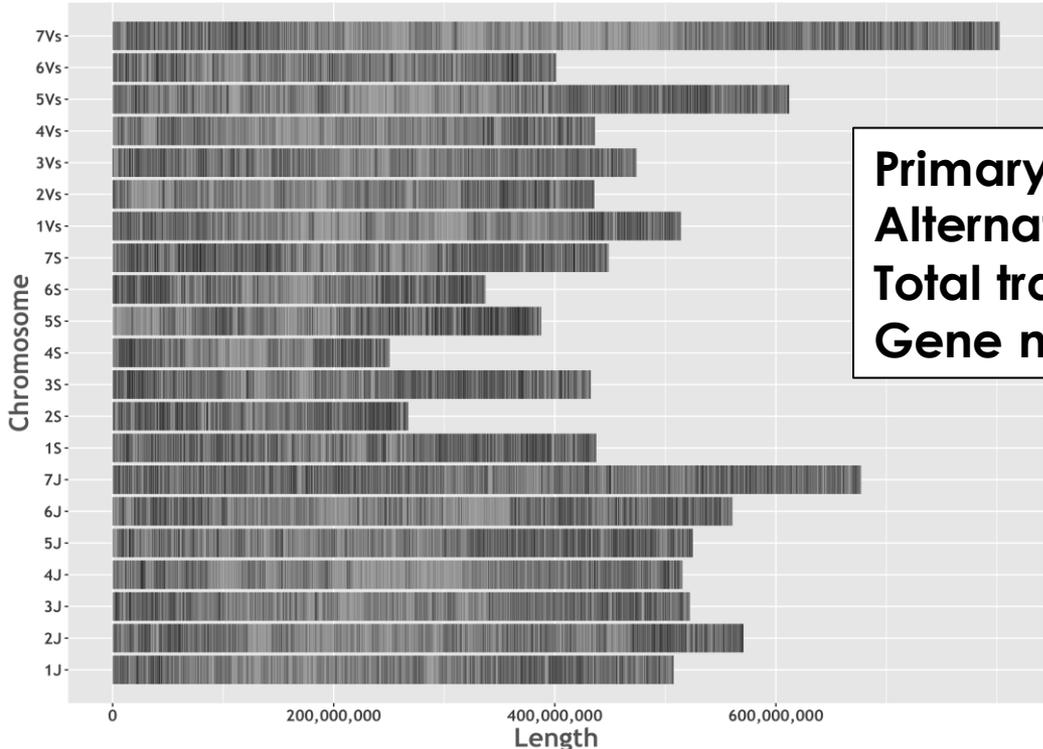


Reference Transcriptome and Preliminary Annotation (JGI v2.1)

16 tissue types from the C4-5353T1 haploid plant
HiSeq2500 2x150bp @ JGI - 2 Billion Illumina reads

Trinity assembly	Contig
Number	1,263,377
Total Assembly Length (bp)	782,859,424

Th. intermedium mRNA locations



Primary transcripts (loci) = 159,905
Alternative transcripts = 54,238
Total transcripts = 214,143
Gene models w/ RNAseq support = 122,028

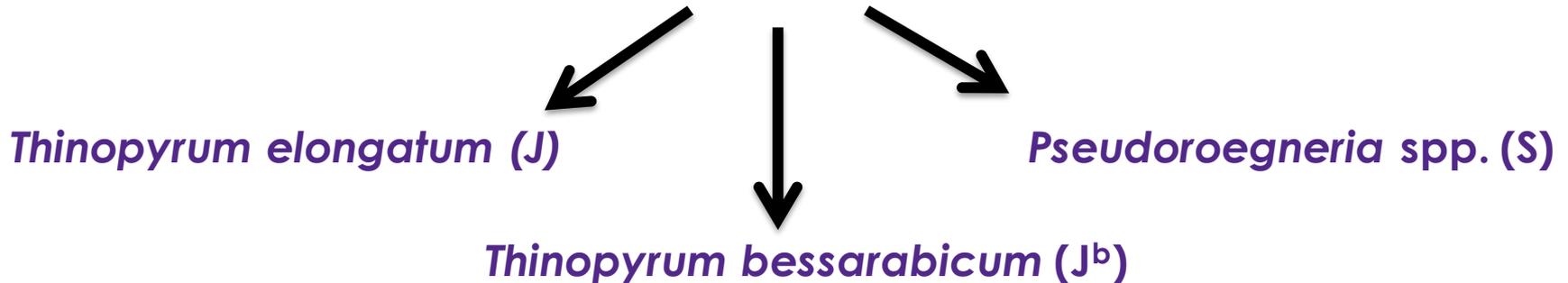
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Deciphering the diploid progenitors of *Th. intermedium*

- Many conflicting studies on evolution of IWG genome and progenitors
Most based on minimal markers / GISH studies
Best current thought: J J^b S



Other diploid species suggested as progenitors:

Dasypyrum villosum (V)

Taeniatherum spp. (Ta)

Aegilops tauschii (D)

Deciphering the diploid progenitors of *Th. intermedium*

Genotype-By-Sequencing of 47 potential progenitor species*

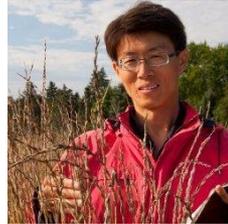
Dataset courtesy of Xiaofei Zhang



Extract 64-mers shared within each potential diploid progenitors
(TASSEL & custom scripts)



Align non-polymorphic, full length tags to IWG v1 chromosomes

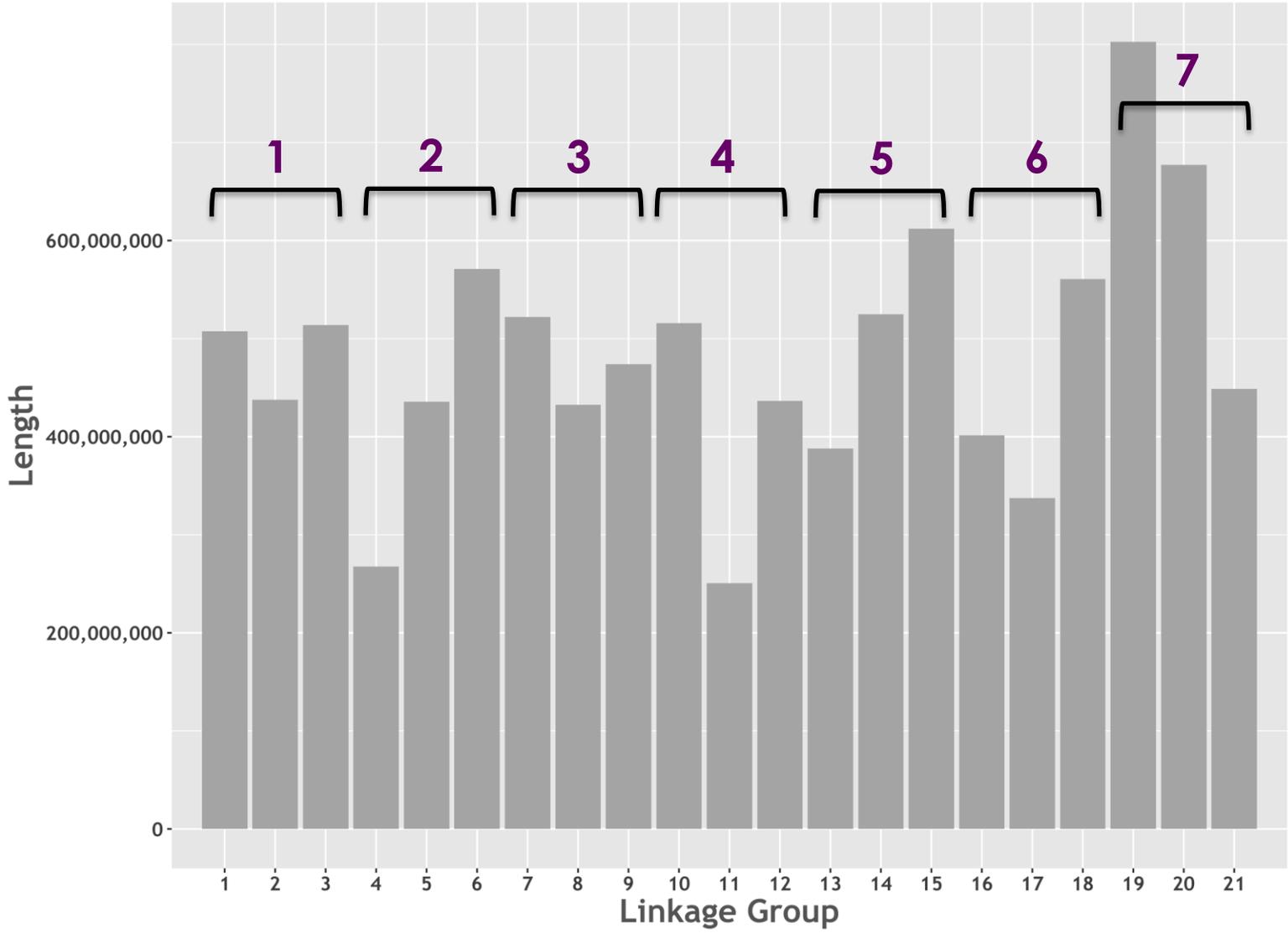


*Including...

<i>P. gracillima</i>	<i>A. bicornis</i>
<i>P. libanotica</i>	<i>A. tauschii</i>
<i>P. spicata</i>	<i>A. umbellulata</i>
<i>P. strigosa</i>	<i>T. urartu</i>
<i>P. tauri</i>	<i>T. monococcum</i>
<i>T. bessarabicum</i>	<i>Ag. cristatum</i>
<i>T. curvifolium</i>	<i>Ag. glaucum</i>
<i>T. elongatum</i>	
<i>T. caepitosum</i>	
<i>T. curvifolium</i>	
<i>T. junceiforme</i>	

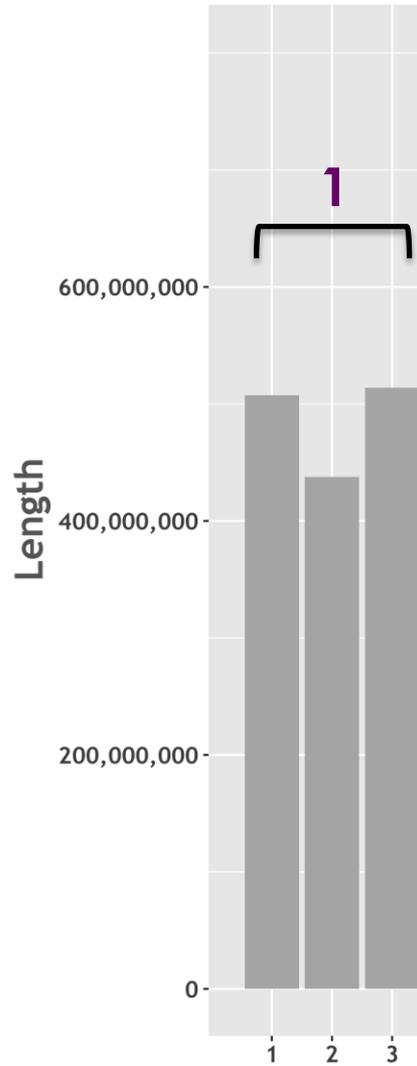
Parsing homoeologous groups into subgenomes

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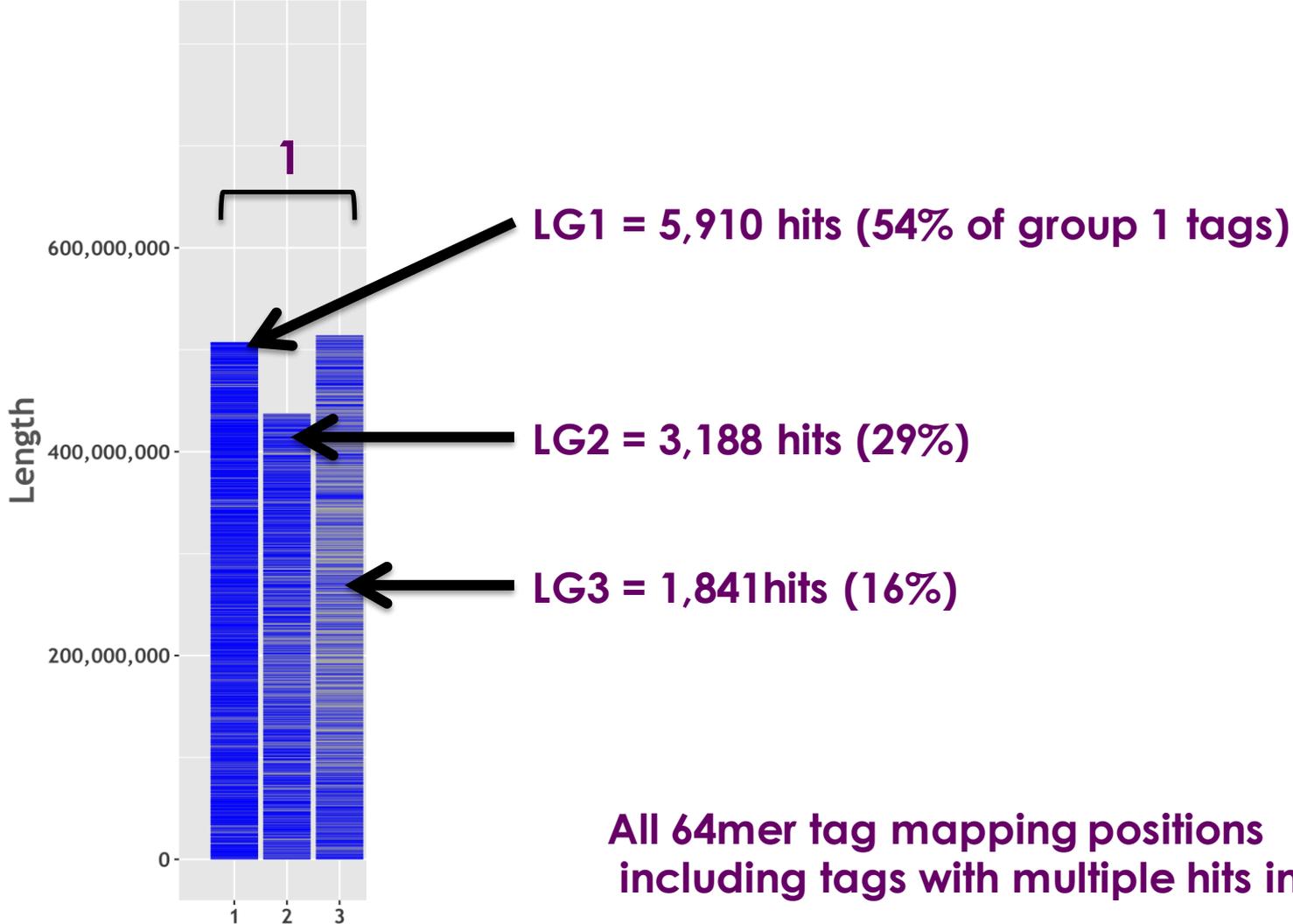
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Th. elongatum 64mers - Group 1 Linkage Groups



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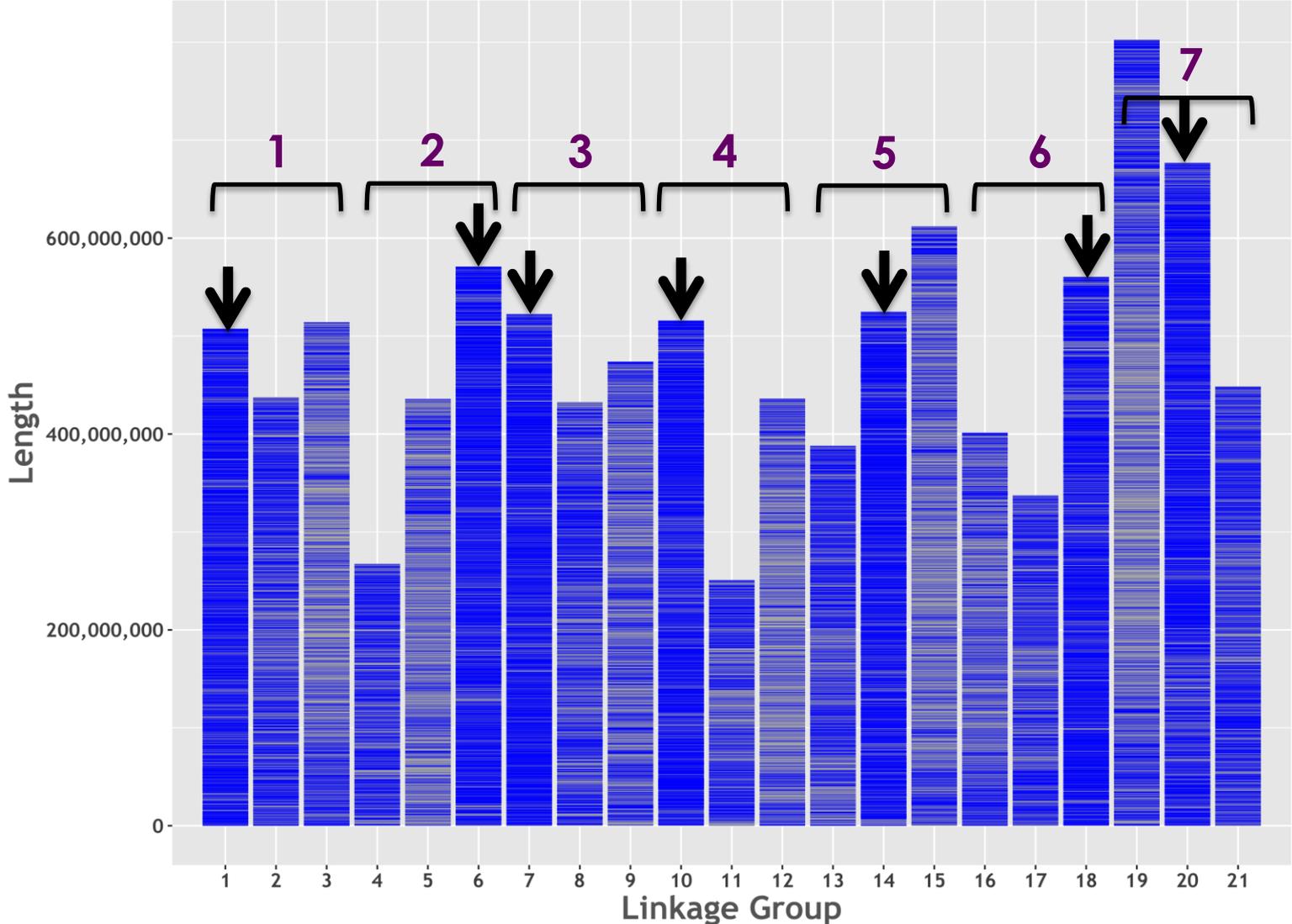
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All 64mer tag mapping positions including tags with multiple hits in genome

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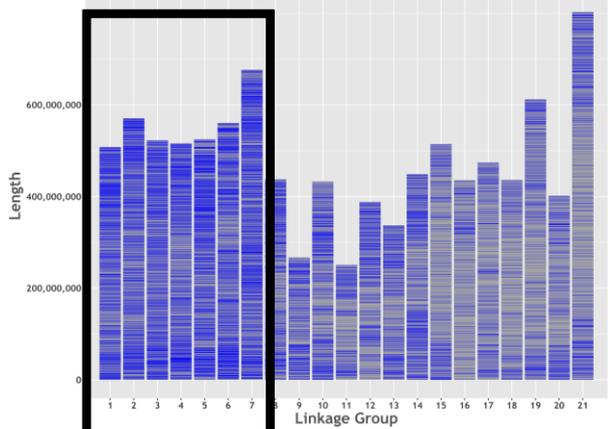
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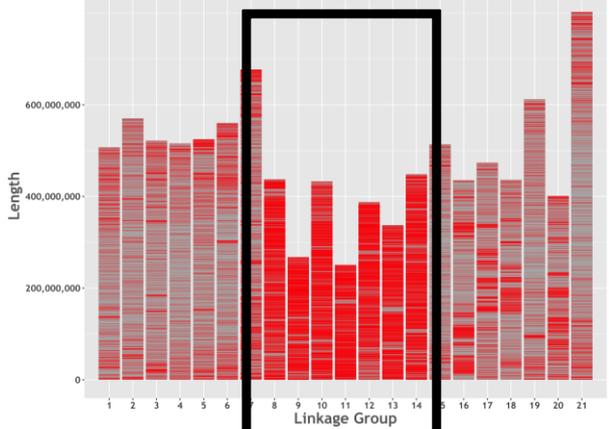
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Re-ordered linkage groups into subgenomes

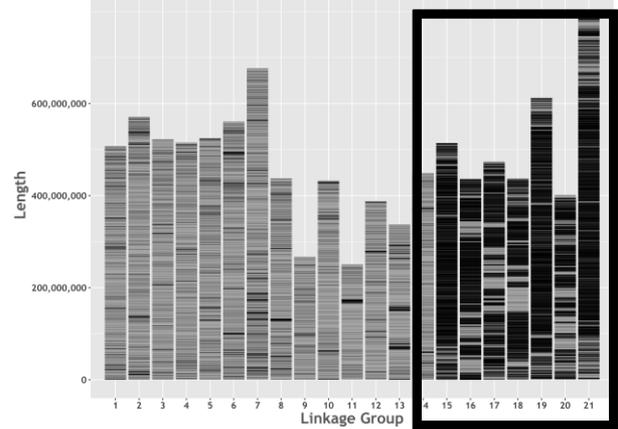
Th. elongatum (J)



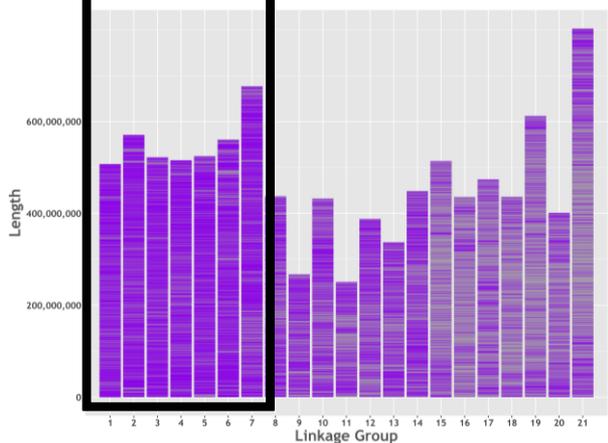
Ps. spicata (S)



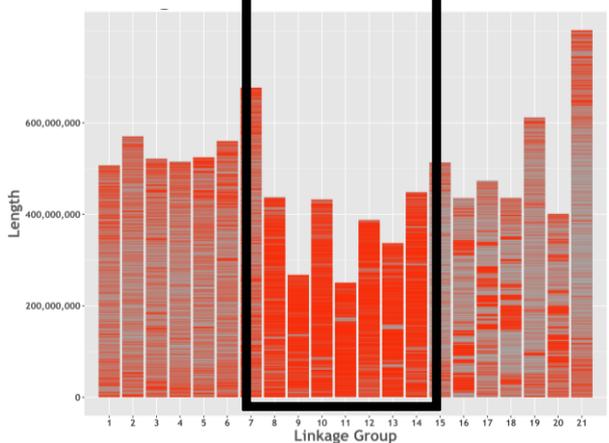
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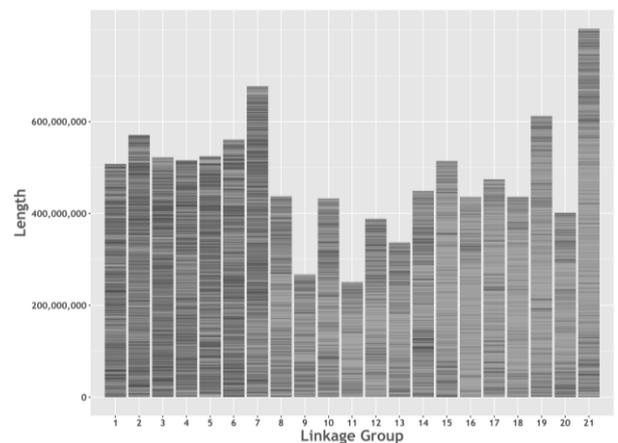
Th. bessarabicum (J^b)



Ps. strigosa (S)

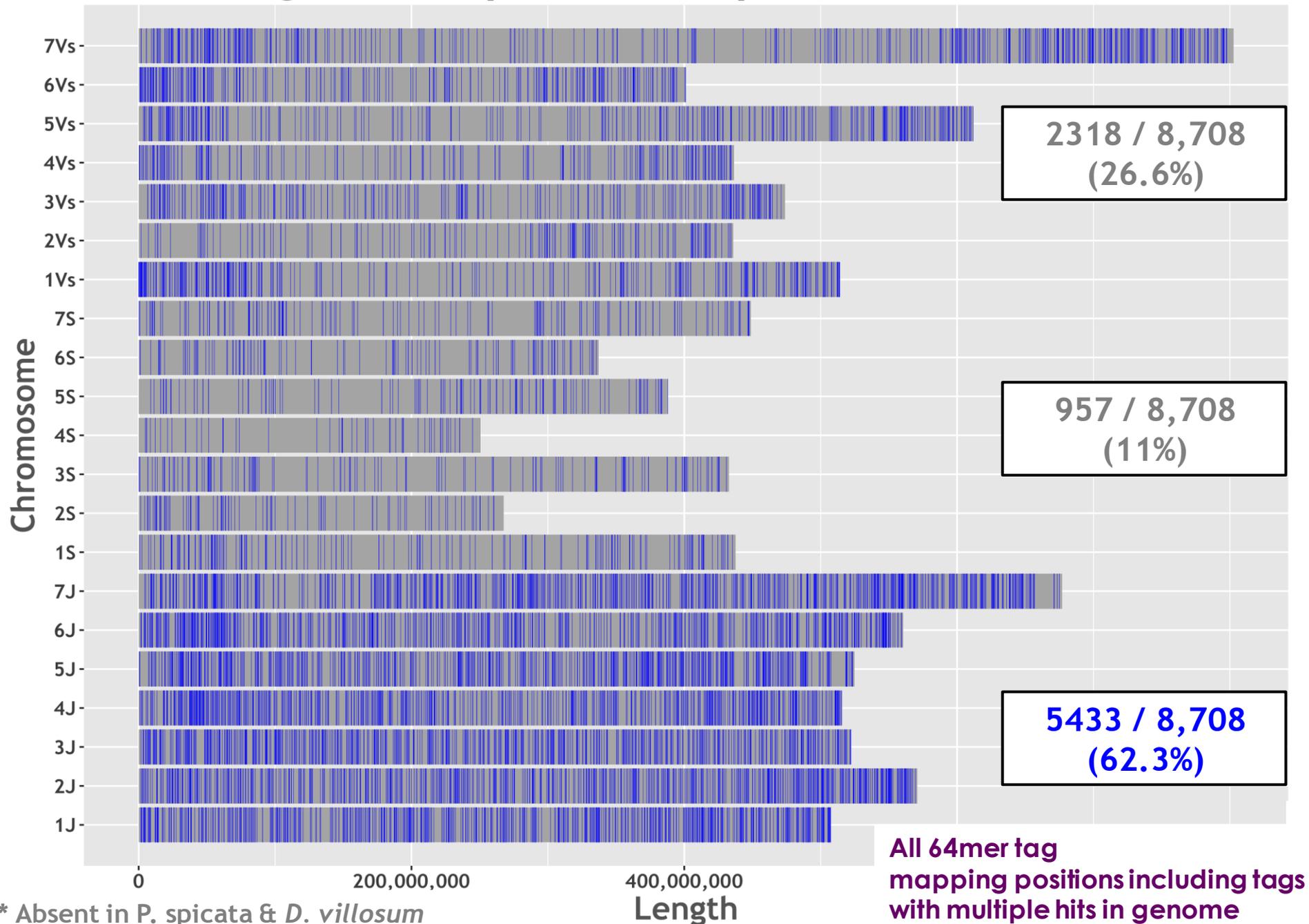


D. breviaristatum (V^b)

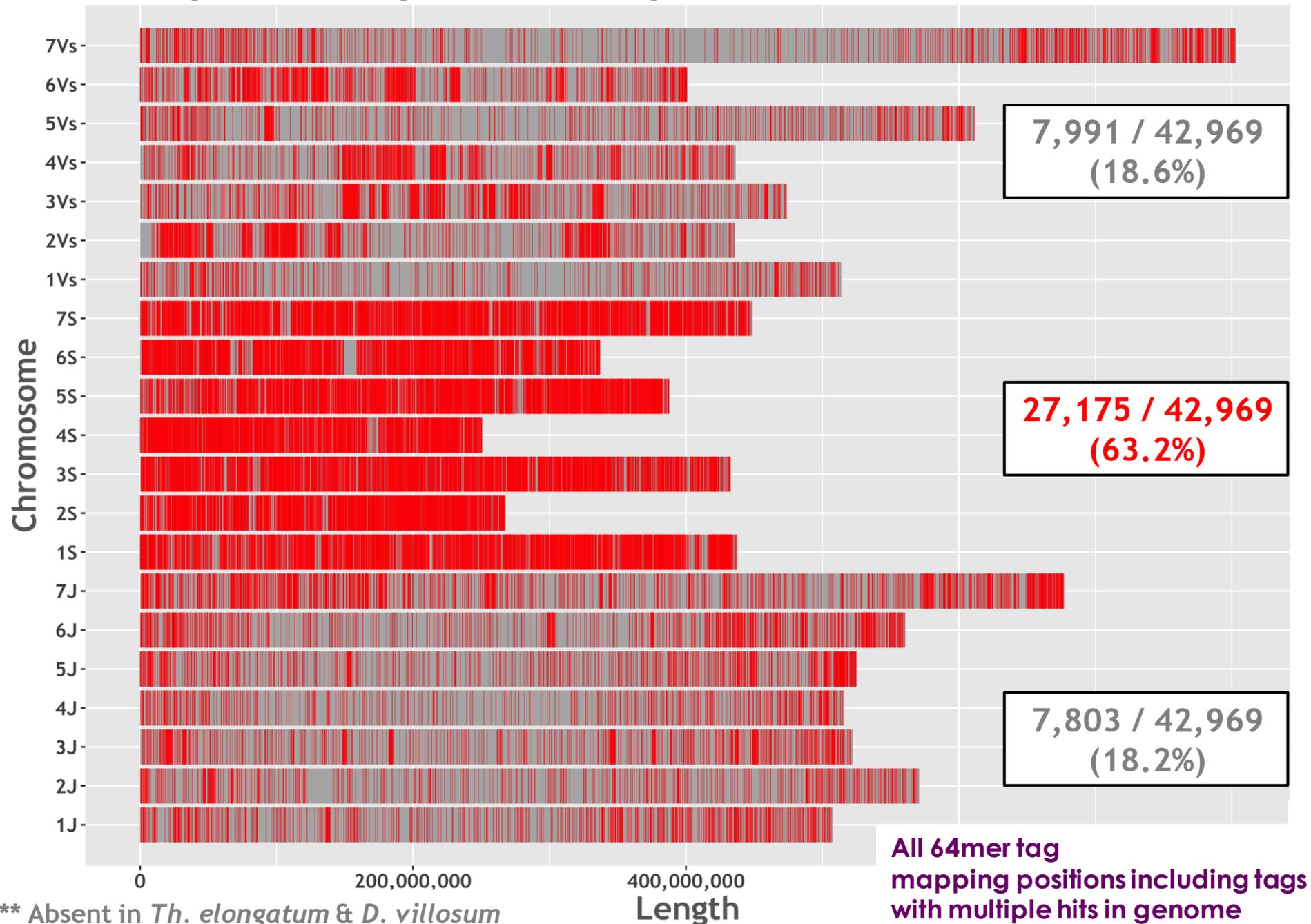


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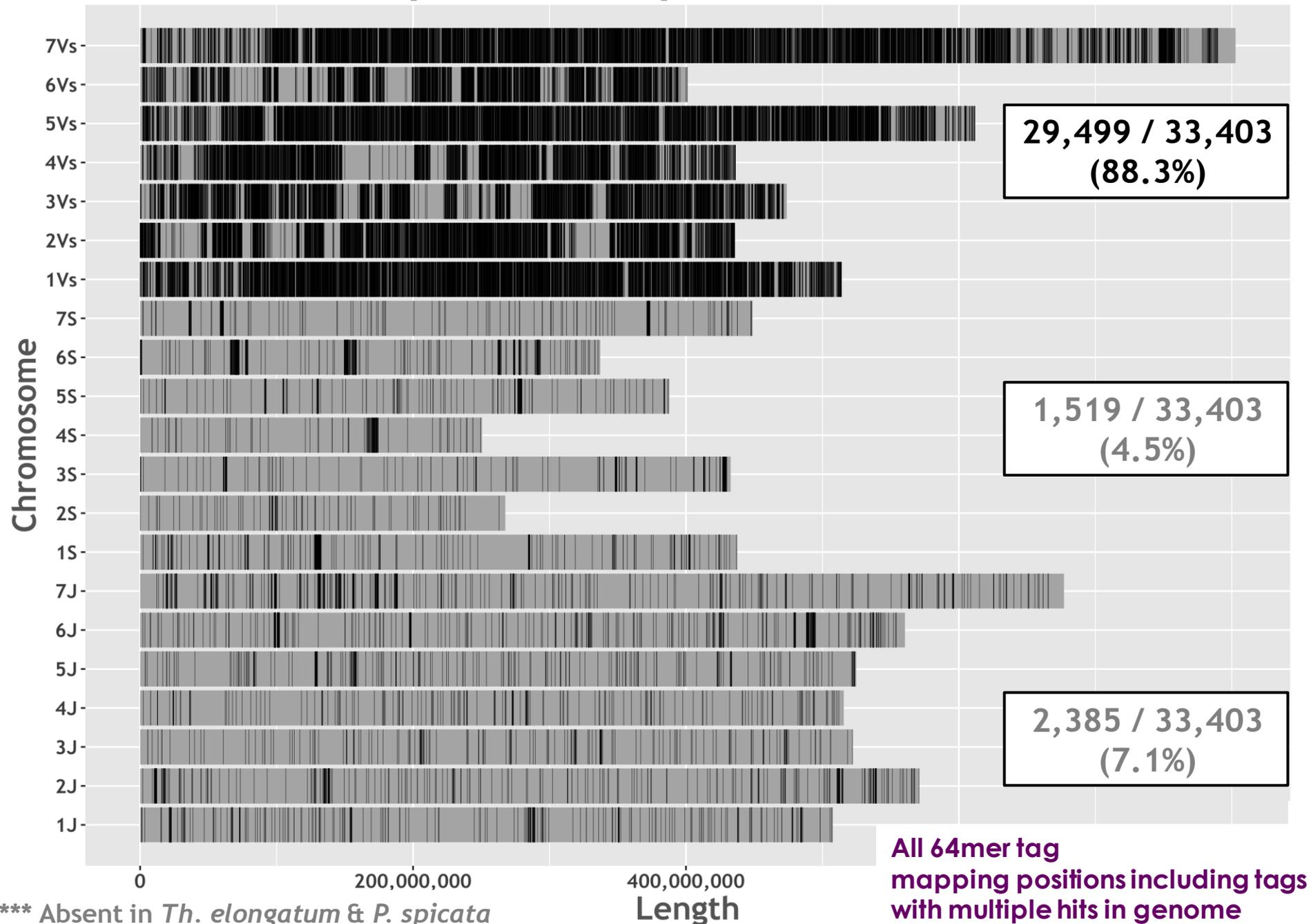
Th. elongatum - species unique 64mers *



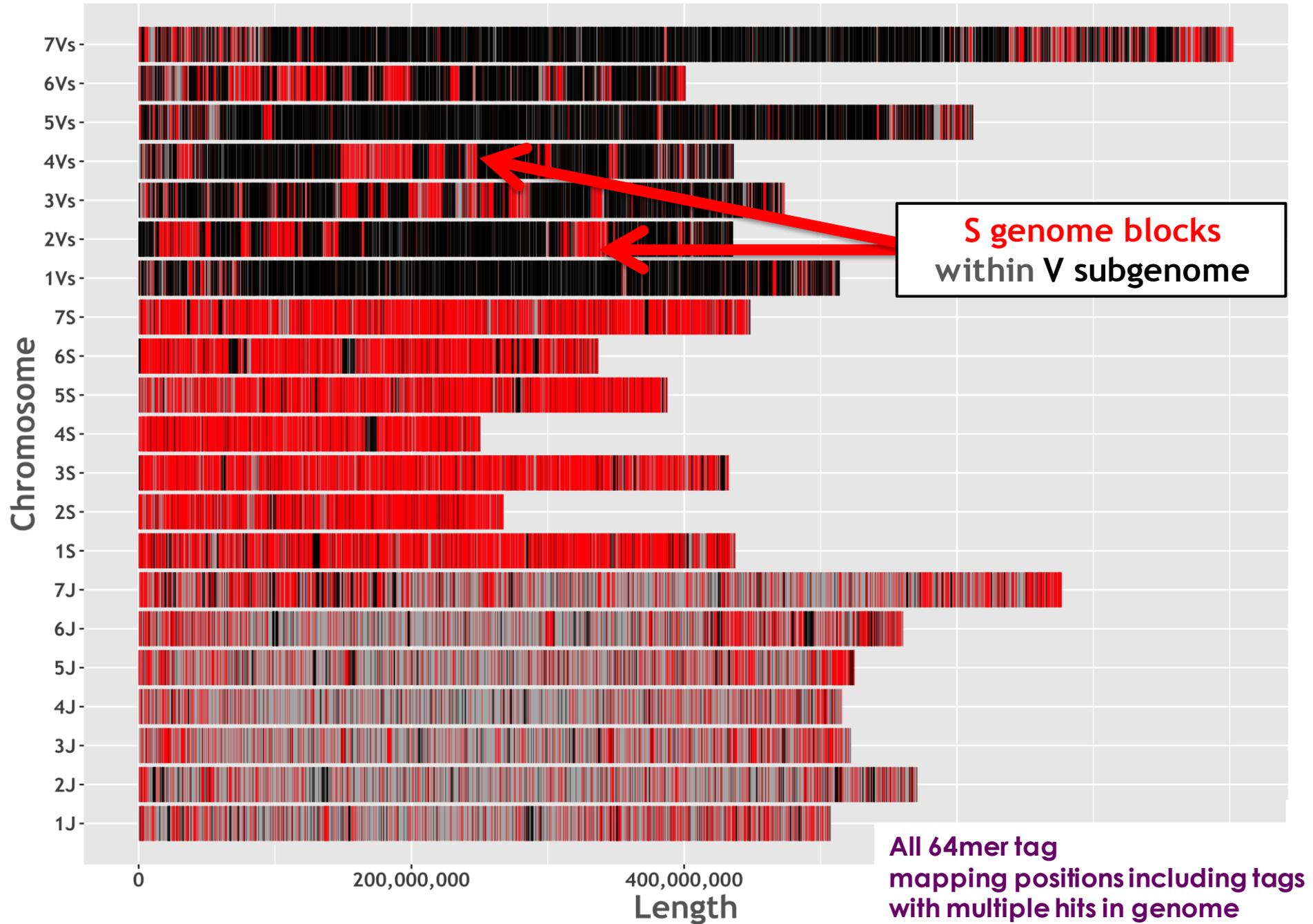
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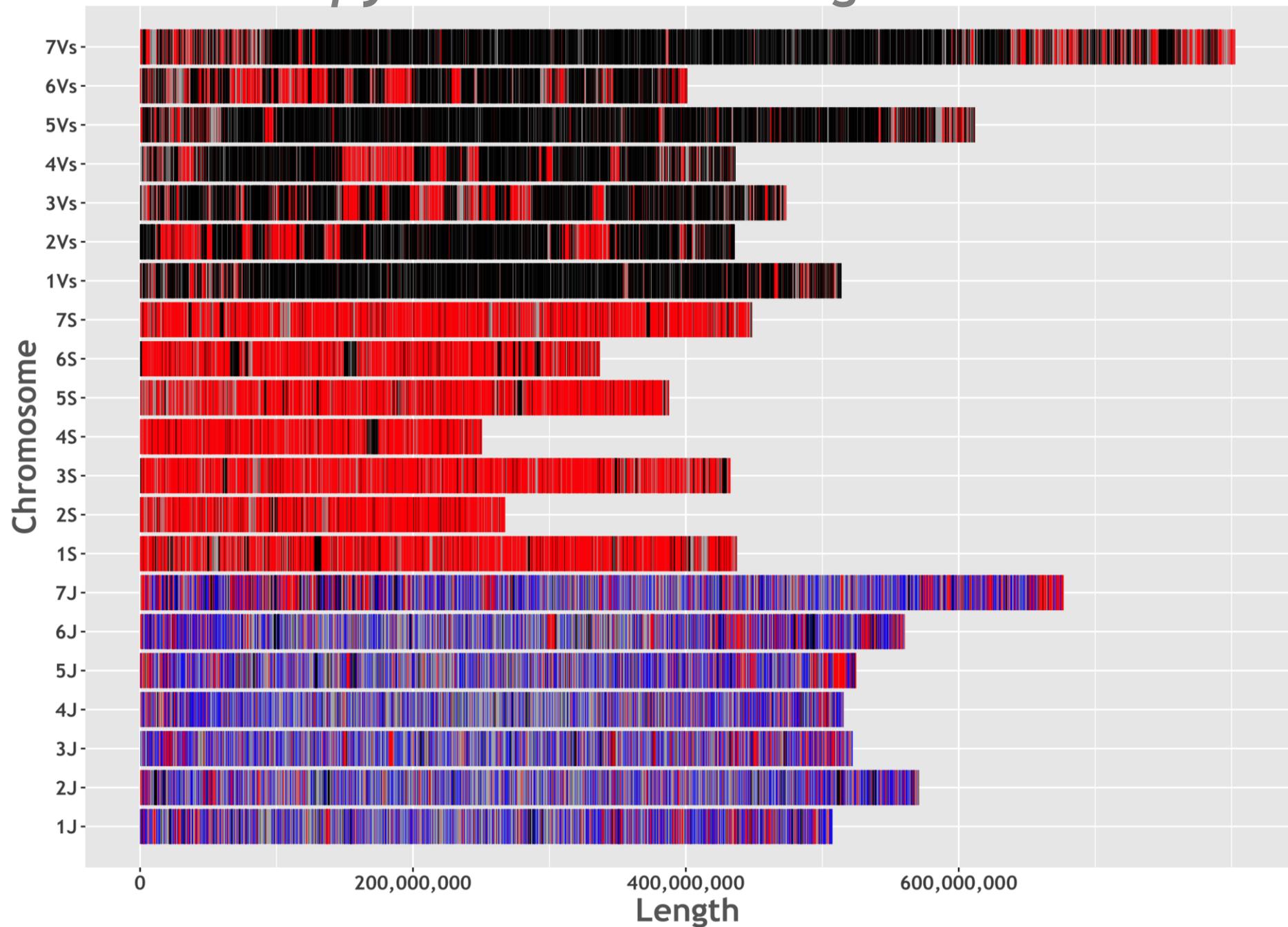
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Ps. spicata + D. villosum species specific tags



The *Thinopyrum intermedium* genome: JS Vs

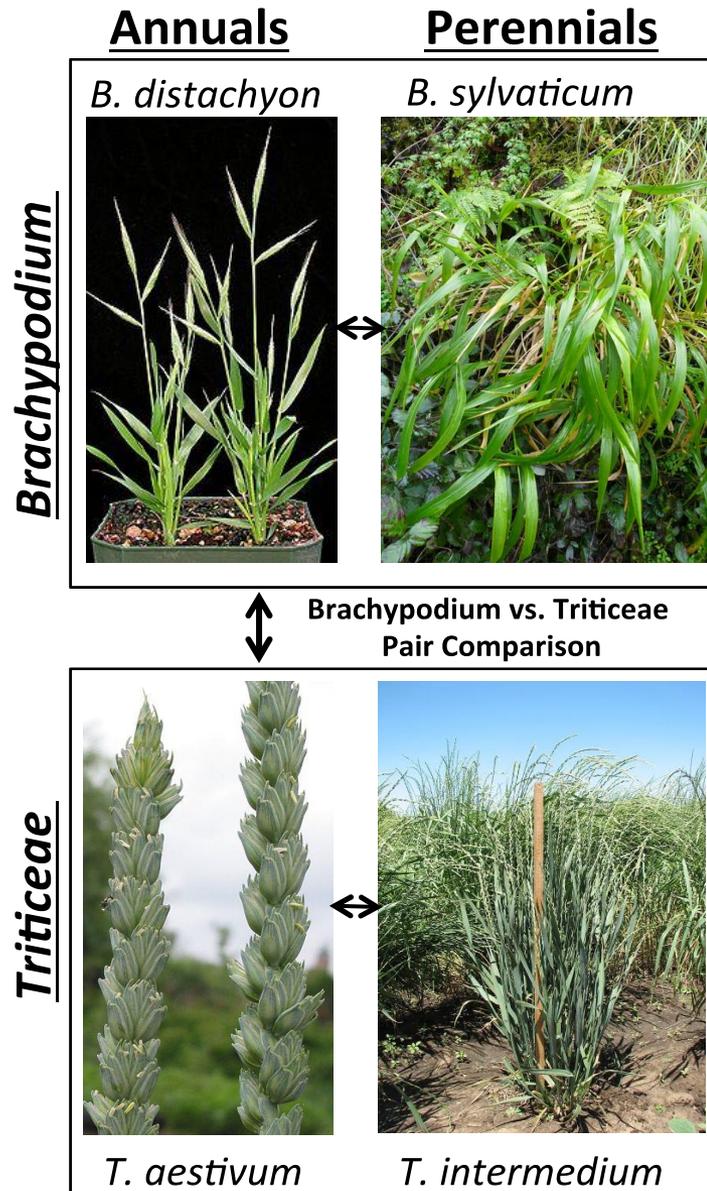


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Examining mechanisms of perenniality across the Pooideae



Annual vs. Perennial Pair Comparison

RNAseq comparison of gene expression in perenniality relevant tissues, including:

- roots
- rhizomes
- leaves and meristems
 - pre/post vernalization
- crown buds throughout two sexual cycles (of perennials)
- developing seeds

Comparative genomics/Systems approach to identify novel genes and expression patterns in each perennial vs. annual pair

Sequencing *Thinopyrum elongatum* (J/E subgenome progenitor)

1C = 5.6 Gb

at least 5 generations of selfing completed

Why work on *Th. elongatum*?

1 of the 2 perennial progenitors of Kernza

Great system for functional genomics

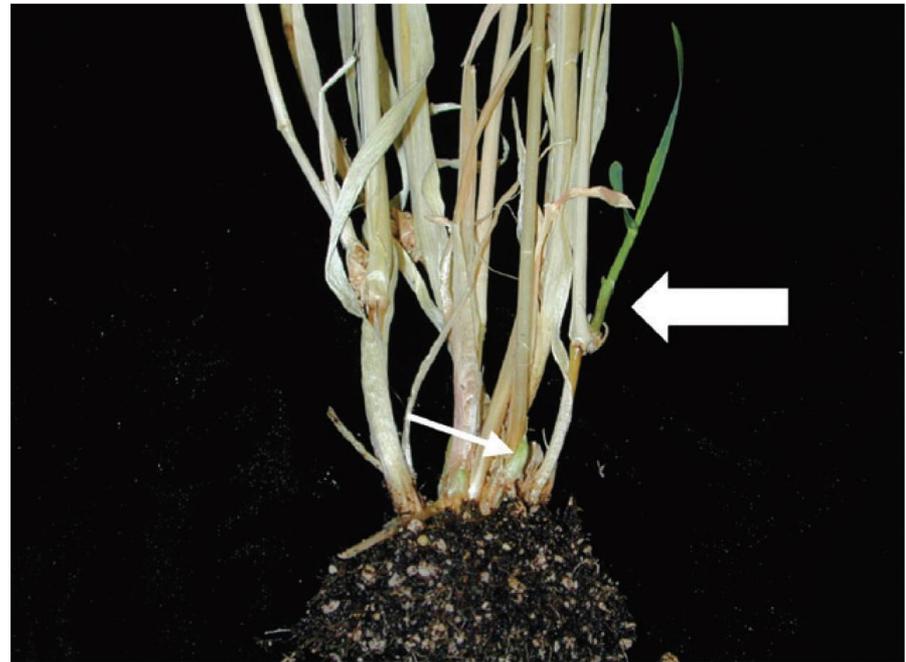
Hybrids w/ annual wheat -> perennial wheat



wheat

wheat
+ all 7 chr from
Th. elongatum

wheat
+ chr 4E from
Th. elongatum



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Genome Sequencing Approach for *Th. elongatum*

PacBio + 10X Genomics + HiC + GBS map



wheat

wheat
+ all 7 chr from
Th. elongatum

wheat
+ chr 4E from
Th. elongatum

Sequencing the 4E chromosome
via flow sorting

(Jaroslav Dolezel – Czech Republic)

Genetic systems for unraveling the
perennial regrowth trait

- Radiation Hybrids to knock out perenniality
(Shuwen Wang – TLI)
- Recombination System to add perenniality
(Dal-Hoe Koo & Bernd Friebe – Kansas State)

Summary

1.) Refining & improving the IWG genome

- NRgene assembly
scaffolded with 10X Linked-Reads
anchored with GBS consensus map + PopSeq markers
annotation in progress
- version 2
 - incorporate additional 10X reads and HiC scaffolding

2.) Parsing subgenomes & deciphering diploid progenitors

- Genotype-by-Sequencing enabled k-mer approach in candidate diploid species
- Transcriptome sequencing of diploids
 - on-going genome-independent reconstruction using transcriptome assemblies

3.) Biology of perenniality

- Cross-tribe RNAseq
- Genomic characterization of addition lines

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