



The Wheat Genome Sequence

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Genome size / Genome sequencing

Hordeum vulgare

5 Gb (12 x rice)

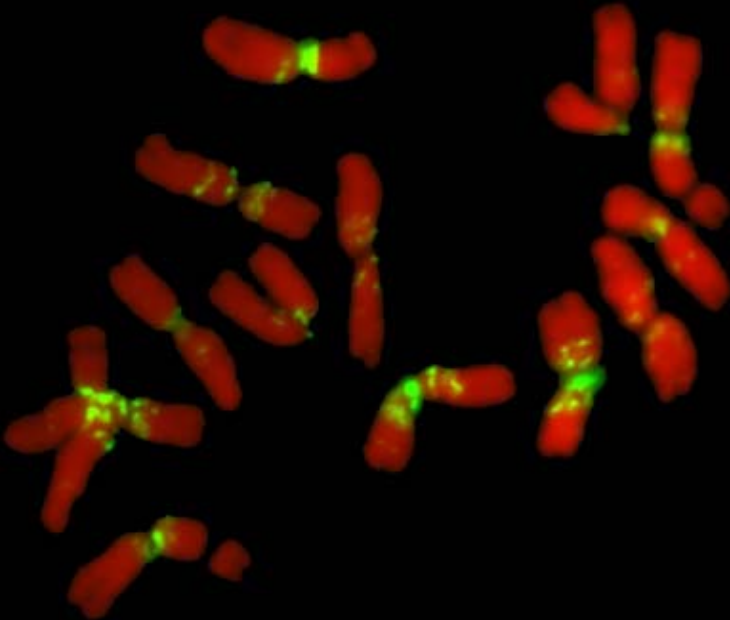


image: A Houben

Triticum aestivum

17 Gb (40 x rice)

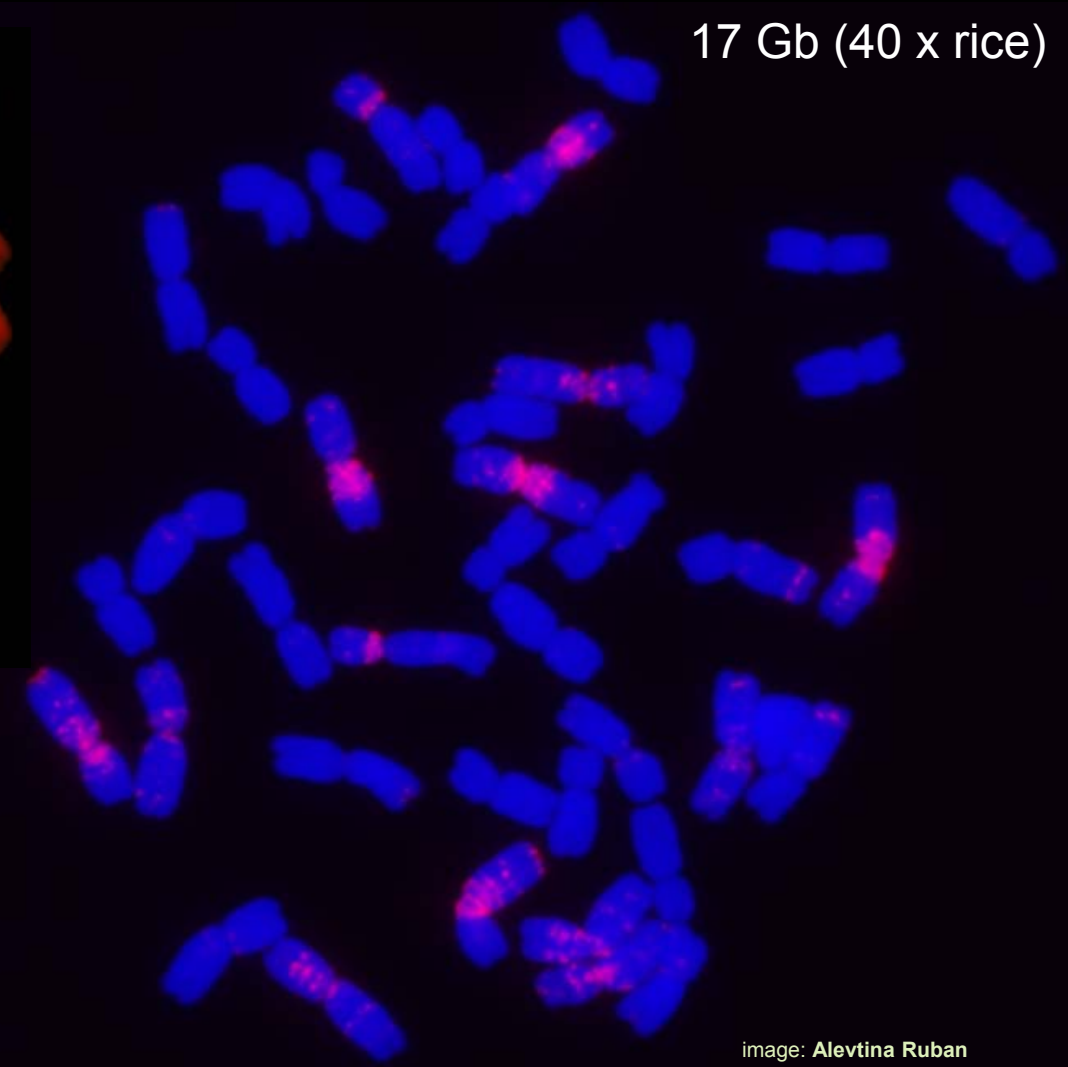


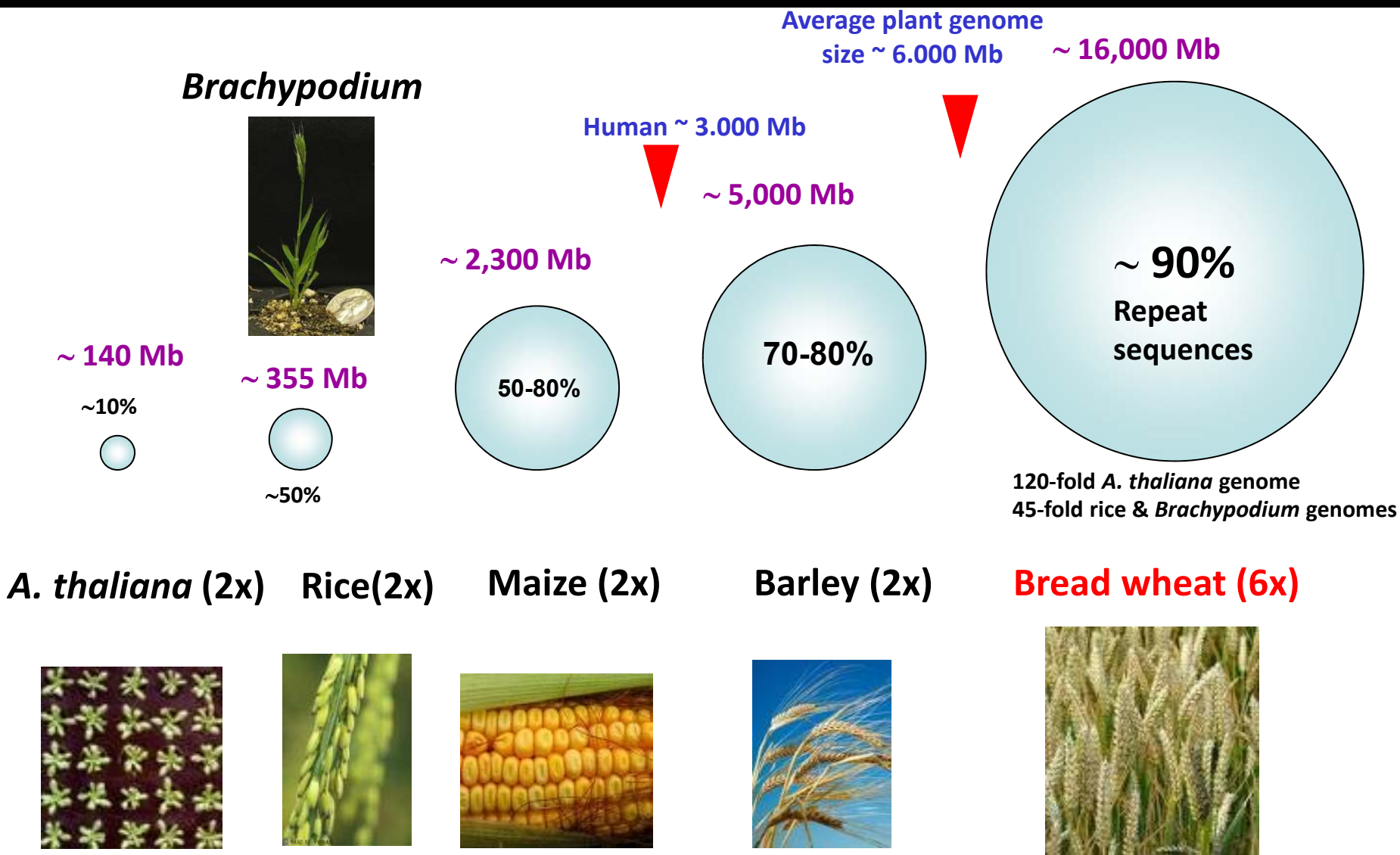
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A.thaliana

0.15 Gb



Challenging Bread Wheat Genome



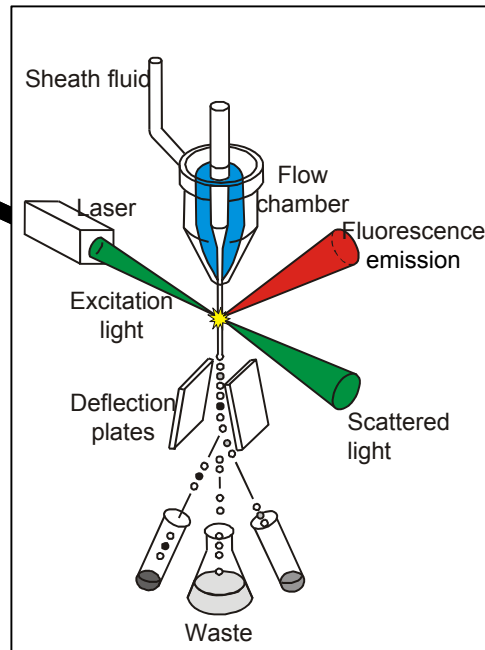
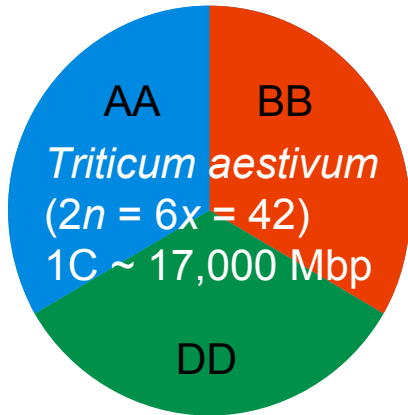
Wheat is a challenge for genomic studies & sequencing

Courtesy: Catherine Feuillat

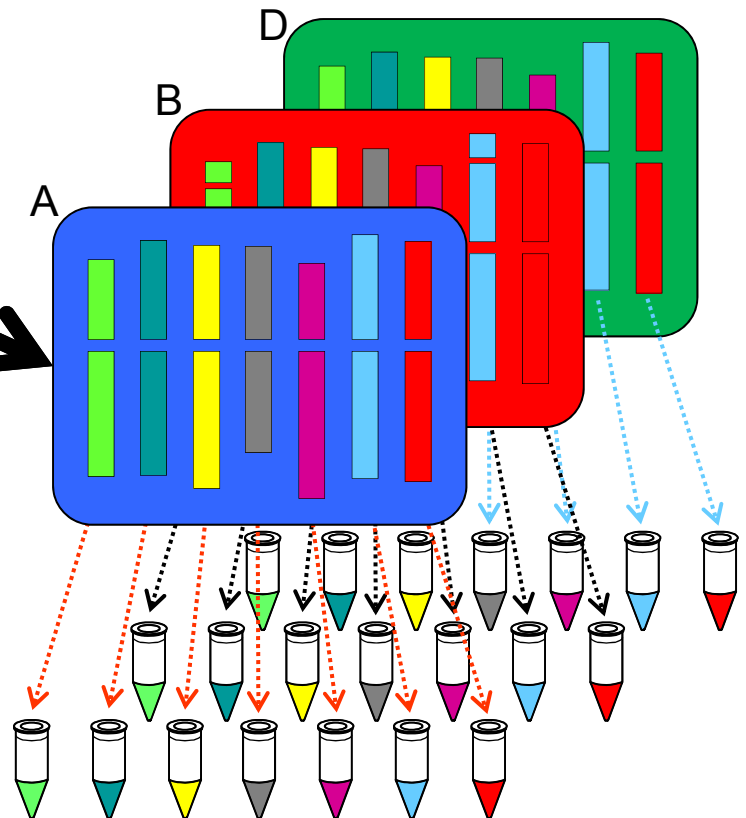
Wheat genome sequencing in 2005

- Too big genome for Sanger Sequencing
- Too big task for single group/lab
- Too costly

A chromosome-based approach



Dissection of the genome to single chromosomes (arms) representing individual (sub)genomes



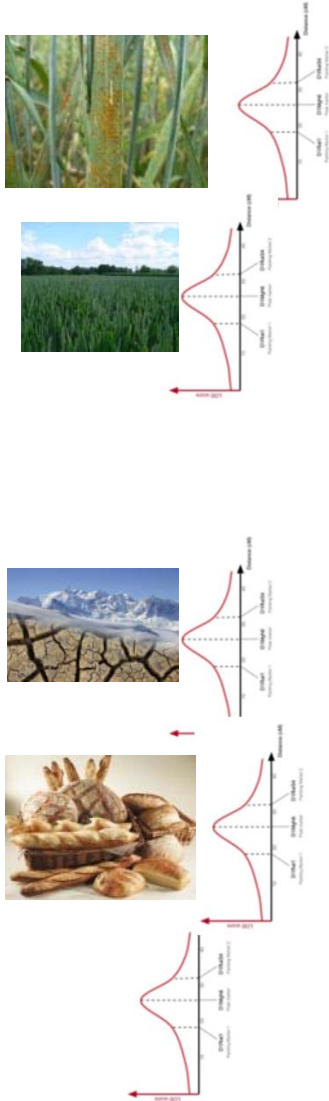
Doležel et al., *Chromosome Res.* 15: 51, 2007

- Chromosomes: 605 - 995 Mbp (3.6 – 5.9% of the genome)
- Chromosome arms: 225 - 585 Mbp (1.3 – 3.4% of the genome)

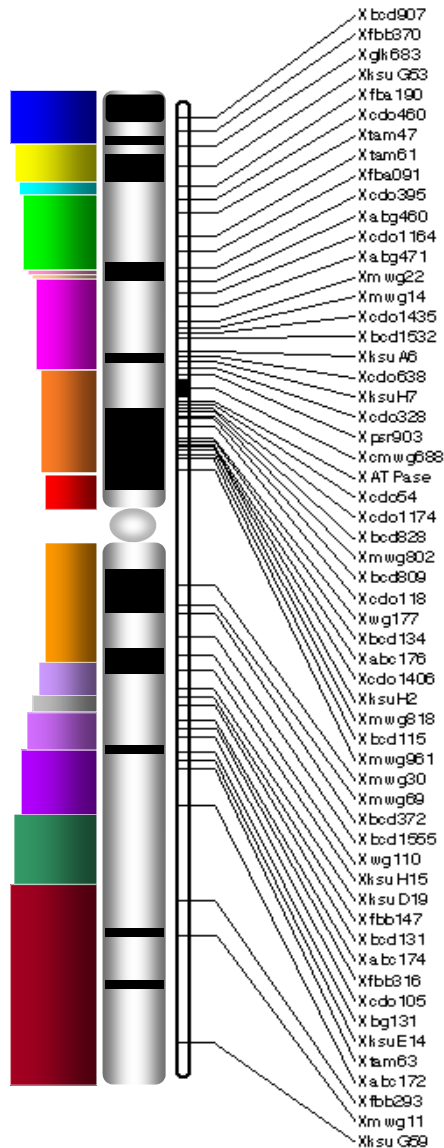
- Chromosome specific BAC libraries (June 2012)
- Amplified DNA for chromosome survey (Nov 2011)

An integrated and ordered 3B reference sequence

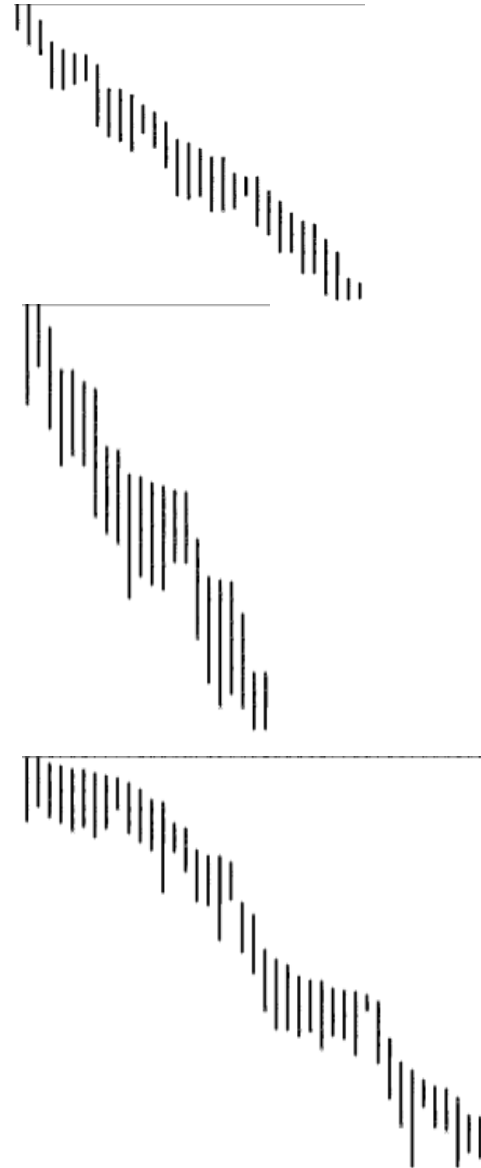
MetaQTL analysis



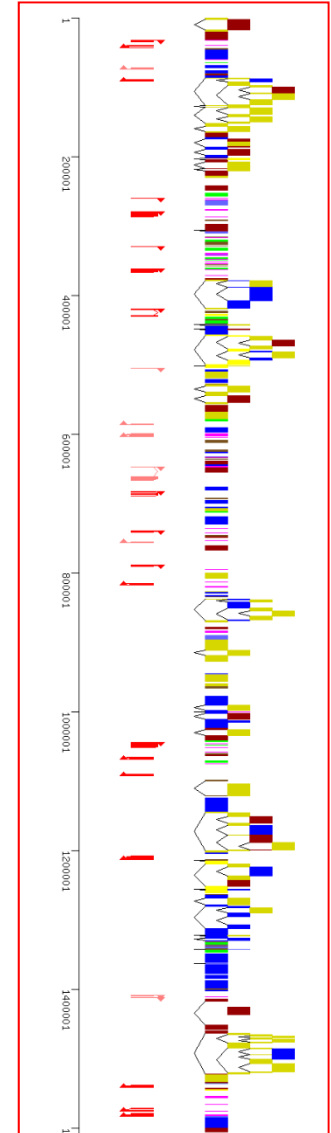
3B consensus map (5000 markers)



3B Physical map



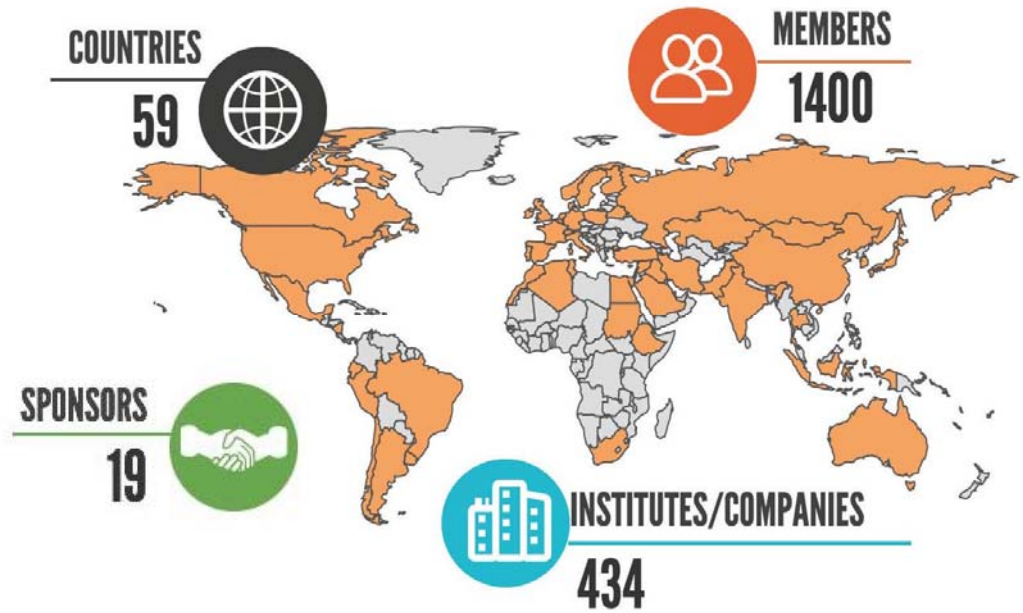
3B pseudomolecule



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The International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium

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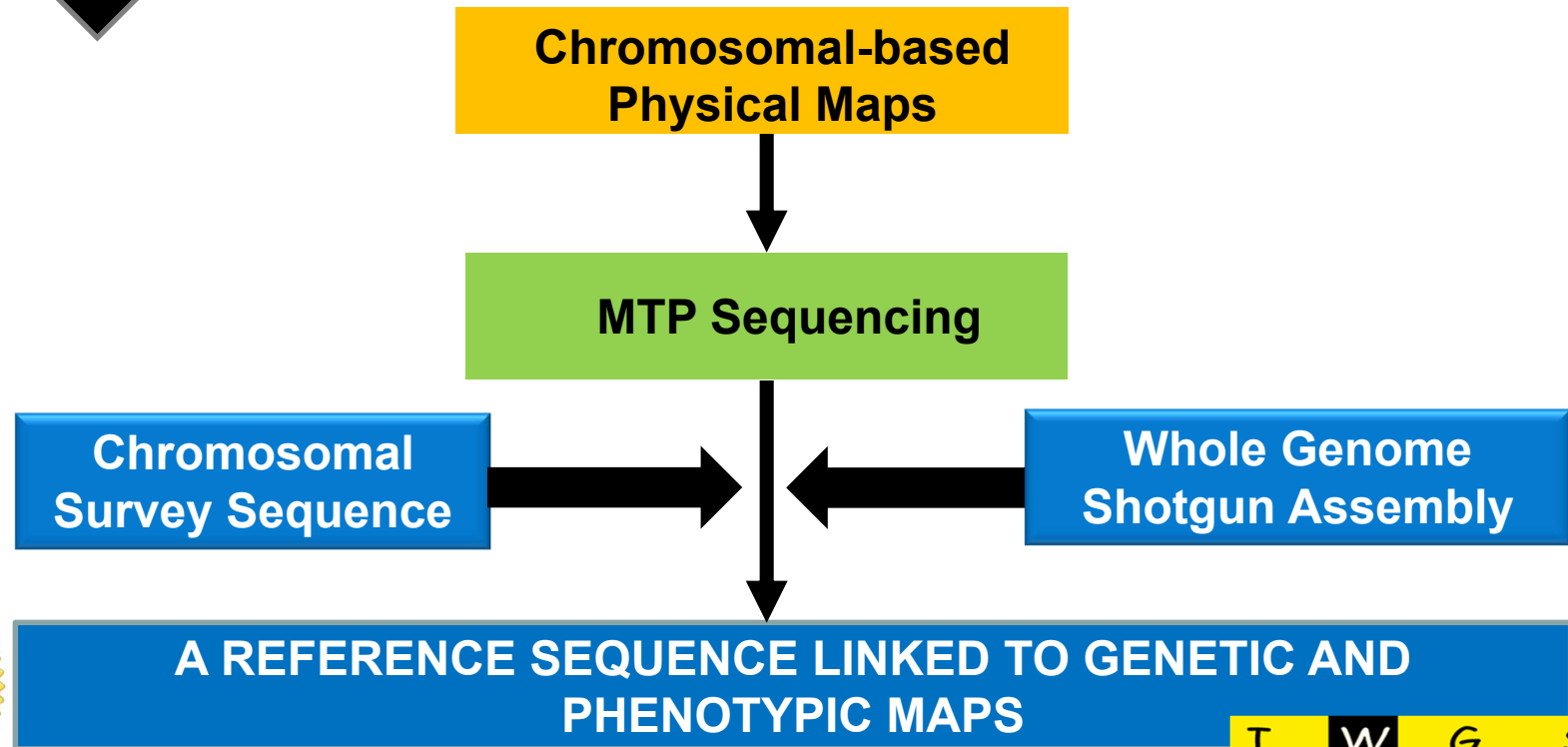
Vision and roadmap

Goal

- Lay a foundation to accelerate wheat improvement
- Increase profitability throughout the industry

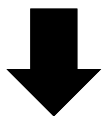
Vision

- High quality annotated genome sequence, comparable to rice
- Physical map-based, integrated and ordered sequence



Roadmap to the Wheat Genome Sequence

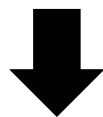
ILLUMINA SEQUENCING OF
INDIVIDUAL CHROMOSOMES



Chromosome Survey
Sequence v2 (2014)

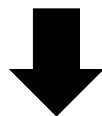


Whole genome mate
pairs



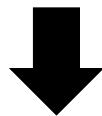
IWGSC CSS v3 (2016)

PHYSICAL MAPS OF
INDIVIDUAL CHROMOSOMES



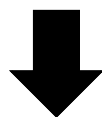
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MTP sequencing



62%

Pseudomolecule
assembly

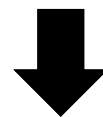


100%

Chromosome 3B (2014)
20 chromosomes (2016)



NRGene-Illumina
WGS



IWGSC Whole Genome
Assembly (2016)

BioNanoGenomics, optical, RH, HiC maps



Genetic, LD maps

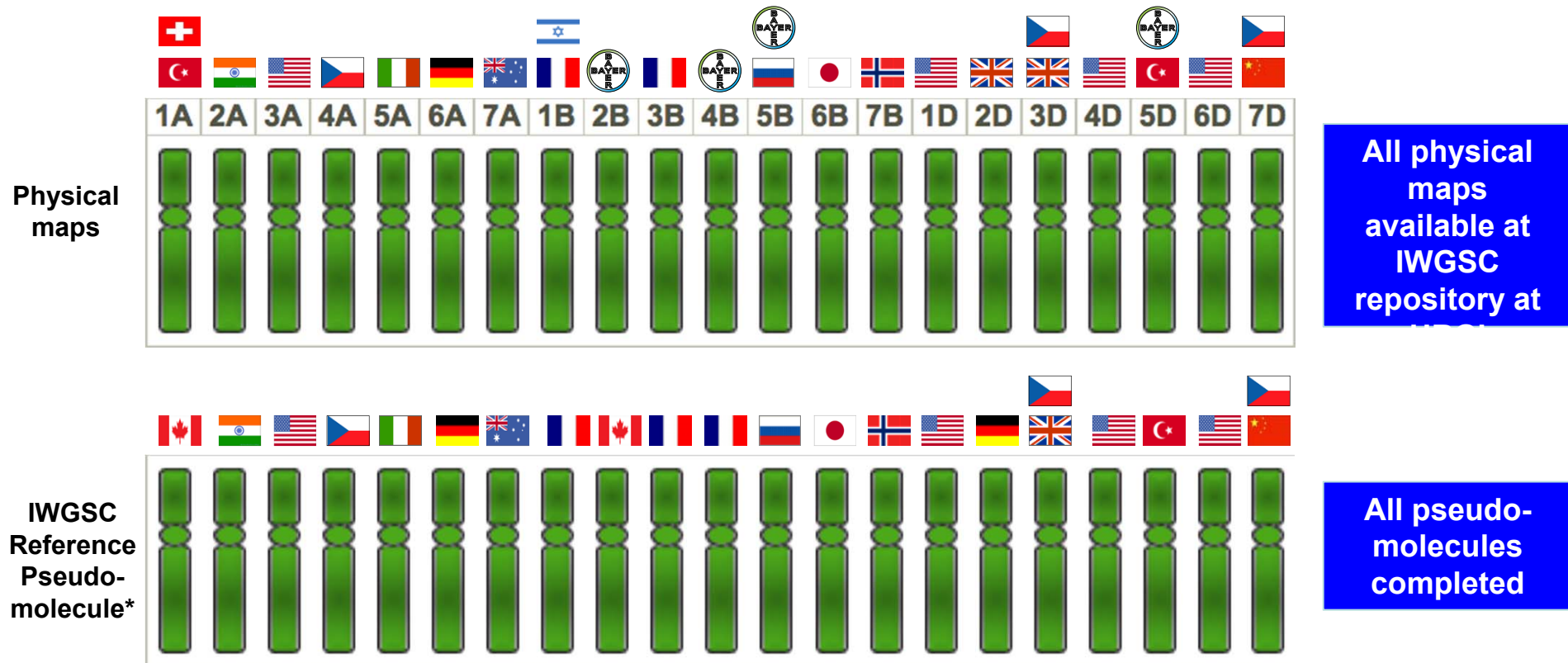
MTP sequence tags.....



Reference Genome Sequence (2017)



Progress towards completion of Bread Wheat Reference Genome Sequence



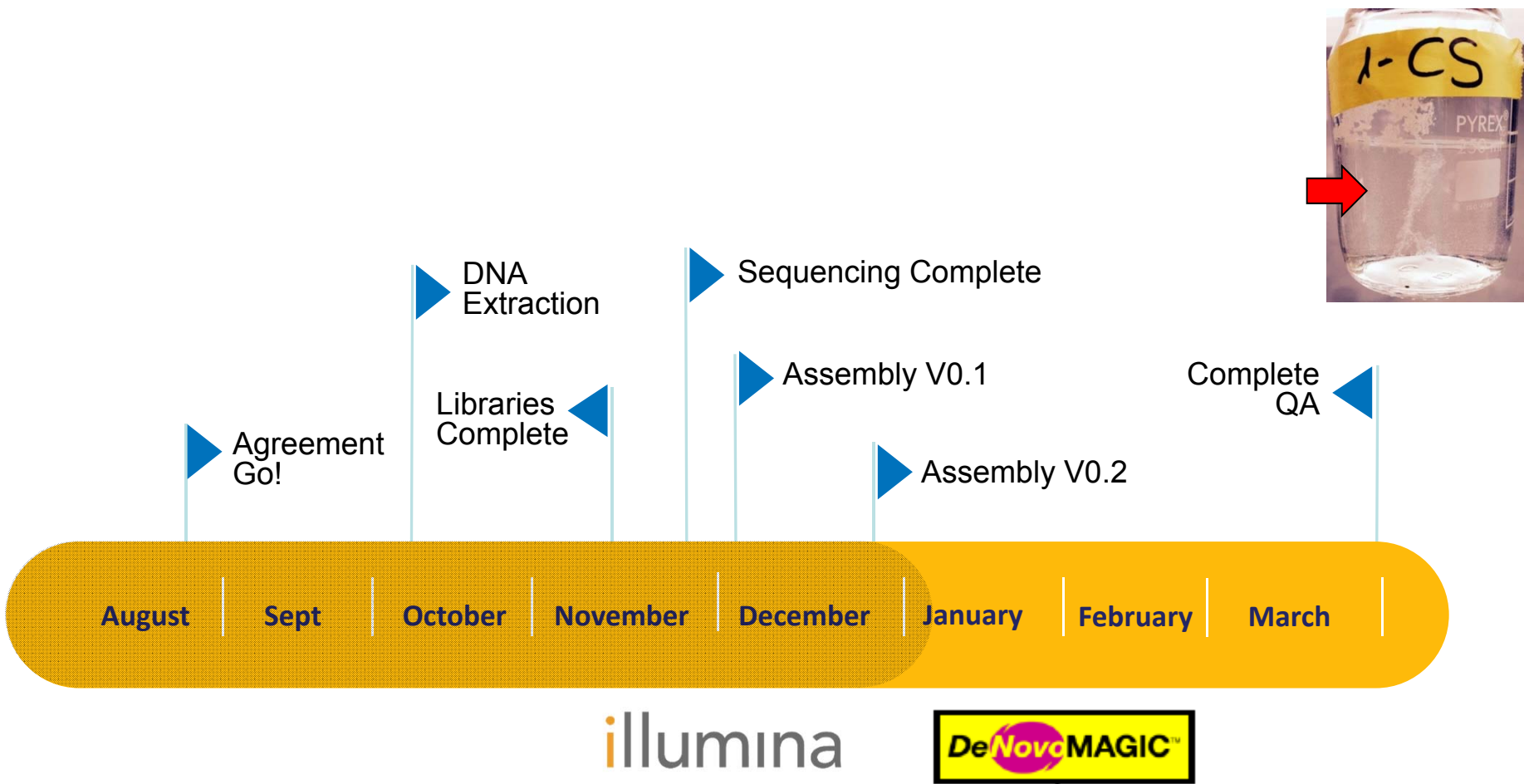
*Flags represent countries where work is underway, as of December 2016





Wheat News from Hogwarts

The IWGSC CS WGA Project – timeline 2015



~2 months from data accumulation to completion of first assembly

IWGSC Whole Genome Assembly Project

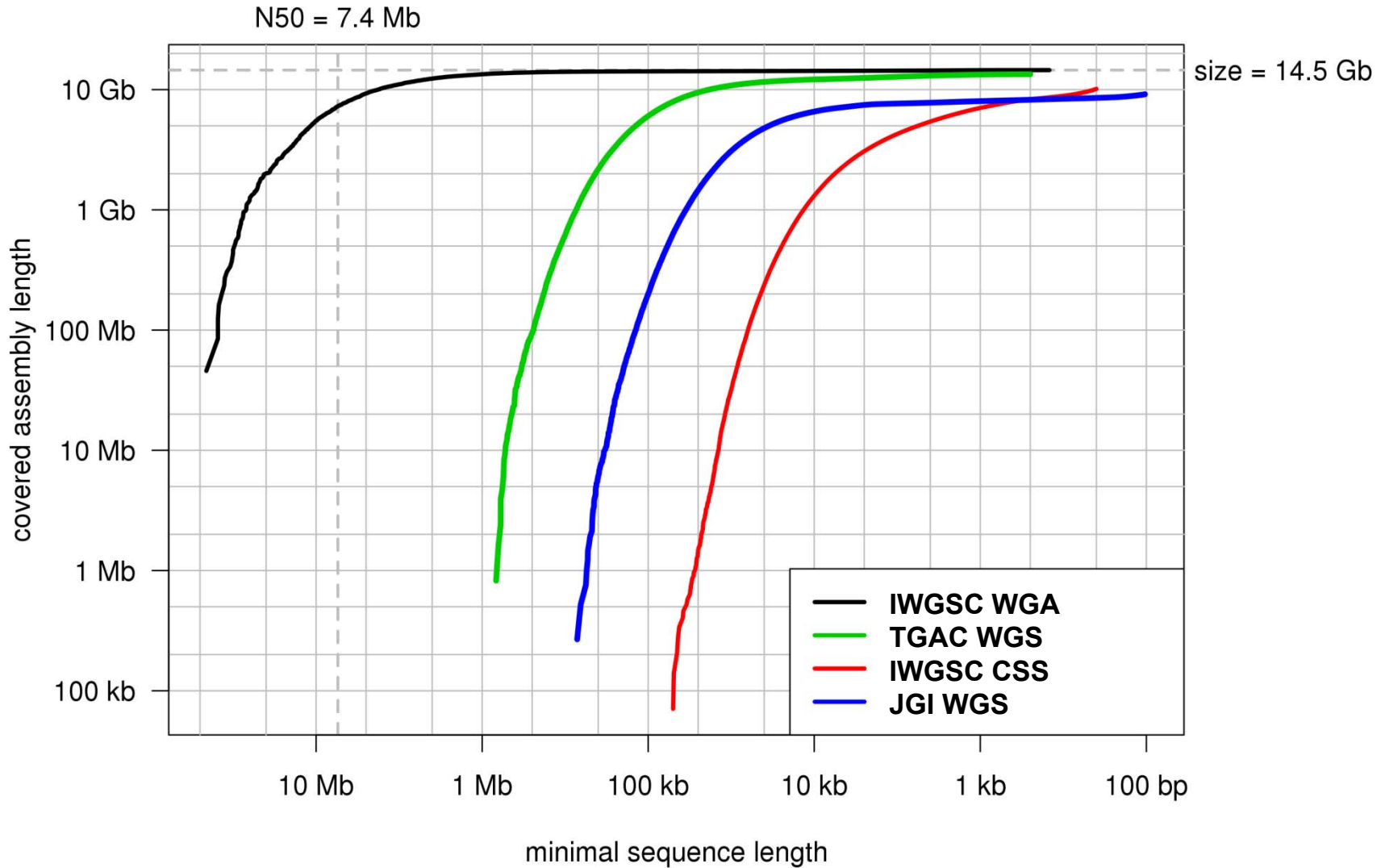
De novo assembly:

- NRGene's DeNovoMagic-2 platform, total run time < 3 weeks, 1Tb RAM computer
- illumina short-reads sequencing data only (x200 coverage)

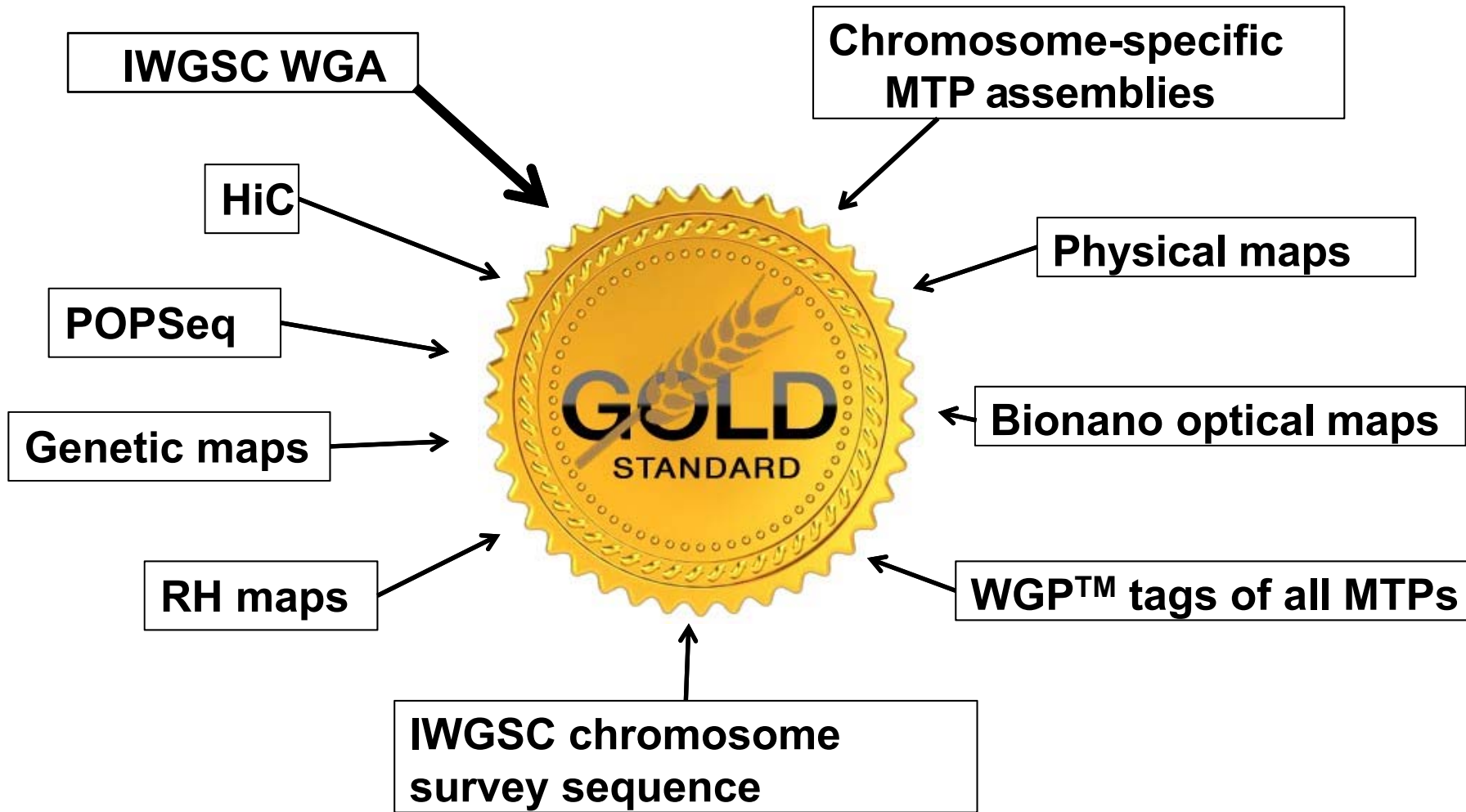
Assembly size:	14.5 Gbp
Gaps size:	262 Mbp
Gaps %:	1.80
Total # scaffolds:	138,484
L50:	7.1Mbp
N50 (#sequences):	566
L90:	1.3 Mbp
N90 (#sequences):	2,363
MAX Scaffold:	45.8 Mbp



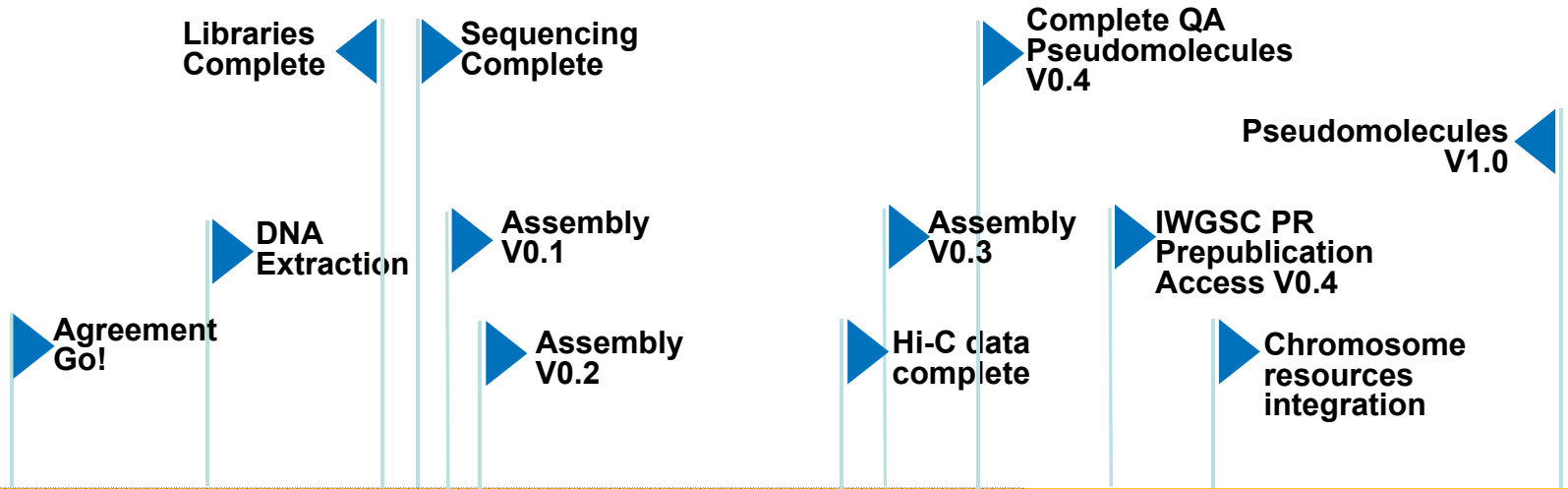
WGA Assembly Statistics



Concerted integration of resources: RefSeq



IWGSC RefSeq v1.0 Project - Timeline



AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT

illumina

DeNovoMAGIC



IWGSC RefSeq Project

- WGP tags (mostly from MTP BACs) for all chromosome except 3B
 - ▶ 693,697 BACs, 4,305,249 unique tags
- BAC sequence assemblies for 8 chromosomes (1A, 1B, 3B, 3D, 6B, 7A, 7B, 7D) and partial MTP data for two arms (4AL, 5BS)
 - ▶ 52,890 BACs (9.7 Gb), N50: 68 kb
- Physical maps for all chromosomes
 - ▶ 1,839,128 BACs, 47,810 contigs, 380,675 singletons
- Optical maps for 7BS, 7BL and 7DS
 - ▶ 1,335 Bionano contigs aligned to the WGA assembly
- GBS map of the SynOp RIL population
 - ▶ 179 RILs, 4074 markers



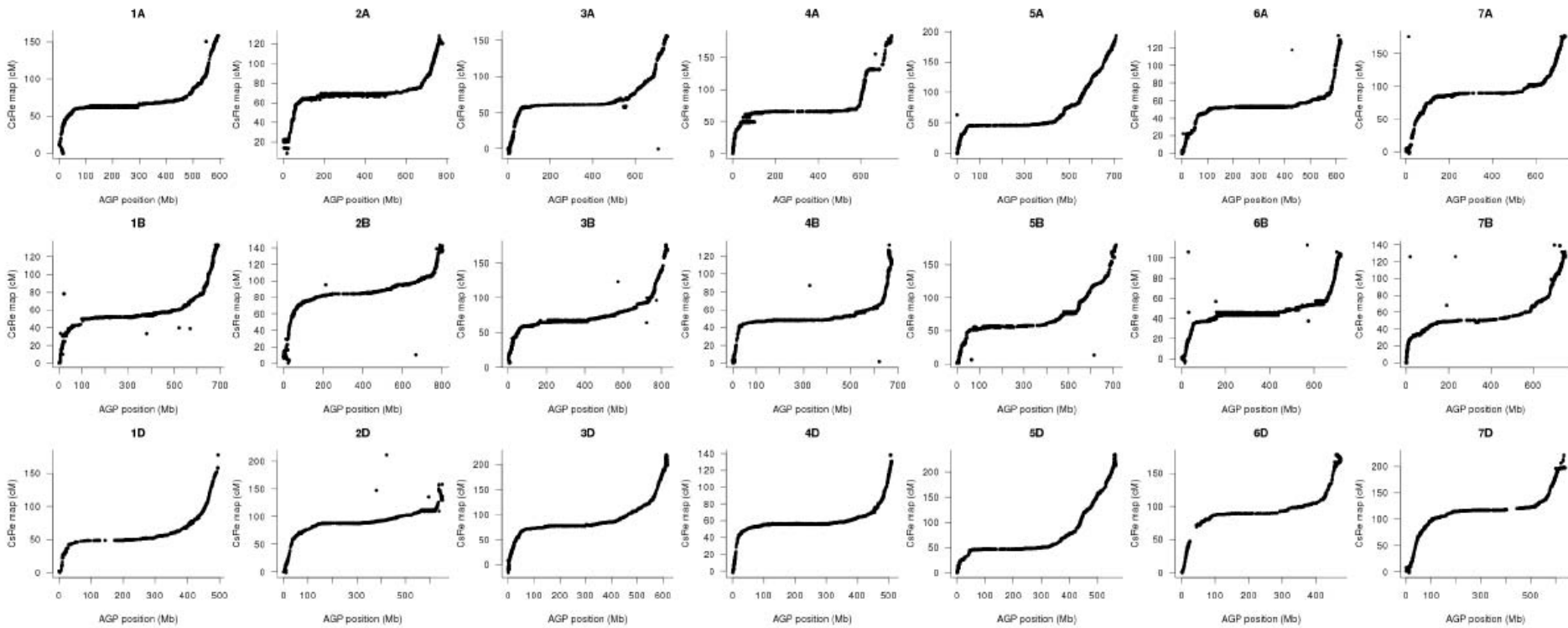
IWGSC RefSeq Comparison

	v0.4	v1.0
number/size of scaffolds/contigs	138,607/14.5 Gb	138,665/14.5 Gb
number/size of scaffolds/contigs \geq 100 kb	4,442/14.2 Gb	4,443/14.2 Gb
N50 of scaffolds / chromosomal superscaffolds	7.0 Mb	22.8 Mb
gaps filled with BAC sequences		183 (1.7 Mb)
average size of inserted BAC sequences		9.5 kb
sequence assigned to chromosomes	14.1 Gb (96.8 %)	14.1 Gb (96.8 %)
sequence assigned to chr. \geq 100 kb	14.1 Gb (99.1 %)	14.1 Gb (99.1 %)
# scaffolds/superscaffolds on chromosomes	3,975	1,601
# oriented scaffolds/superscaffolds	2,464	1,243
oriented sequence	13.1 Gb (90.2 %)	13.8 Gb (95.0 %)
oriented sequence \geq 100 kb	13.1 Gb (92.4 %)	13.8 Gb (97.3 %)

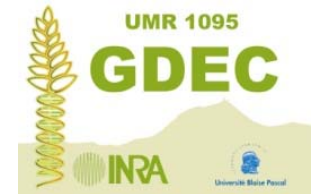
~75 scaffolds / chromosome



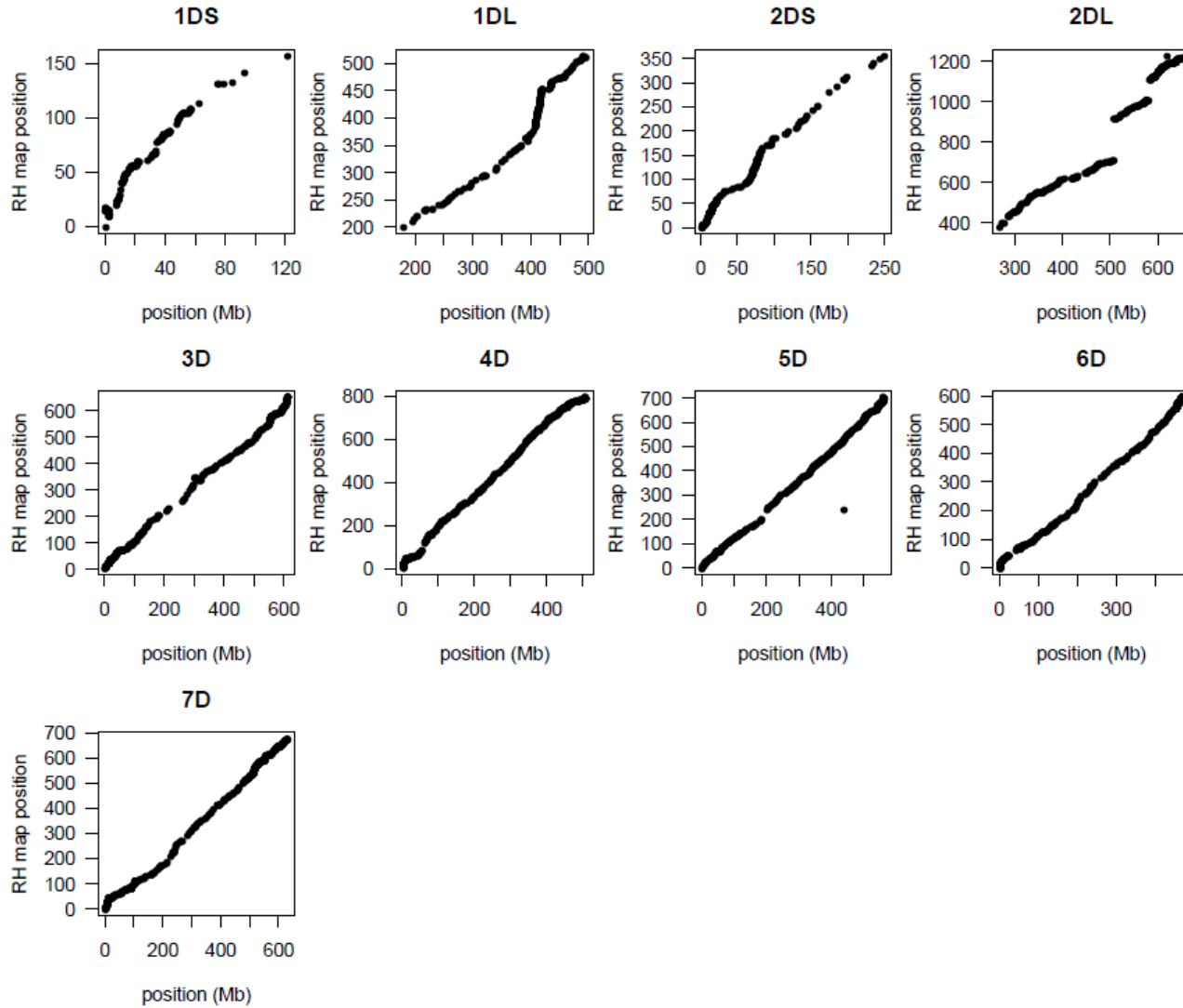
IWGSC RefSeq / Renan Map



Data provided by Etienne Paux

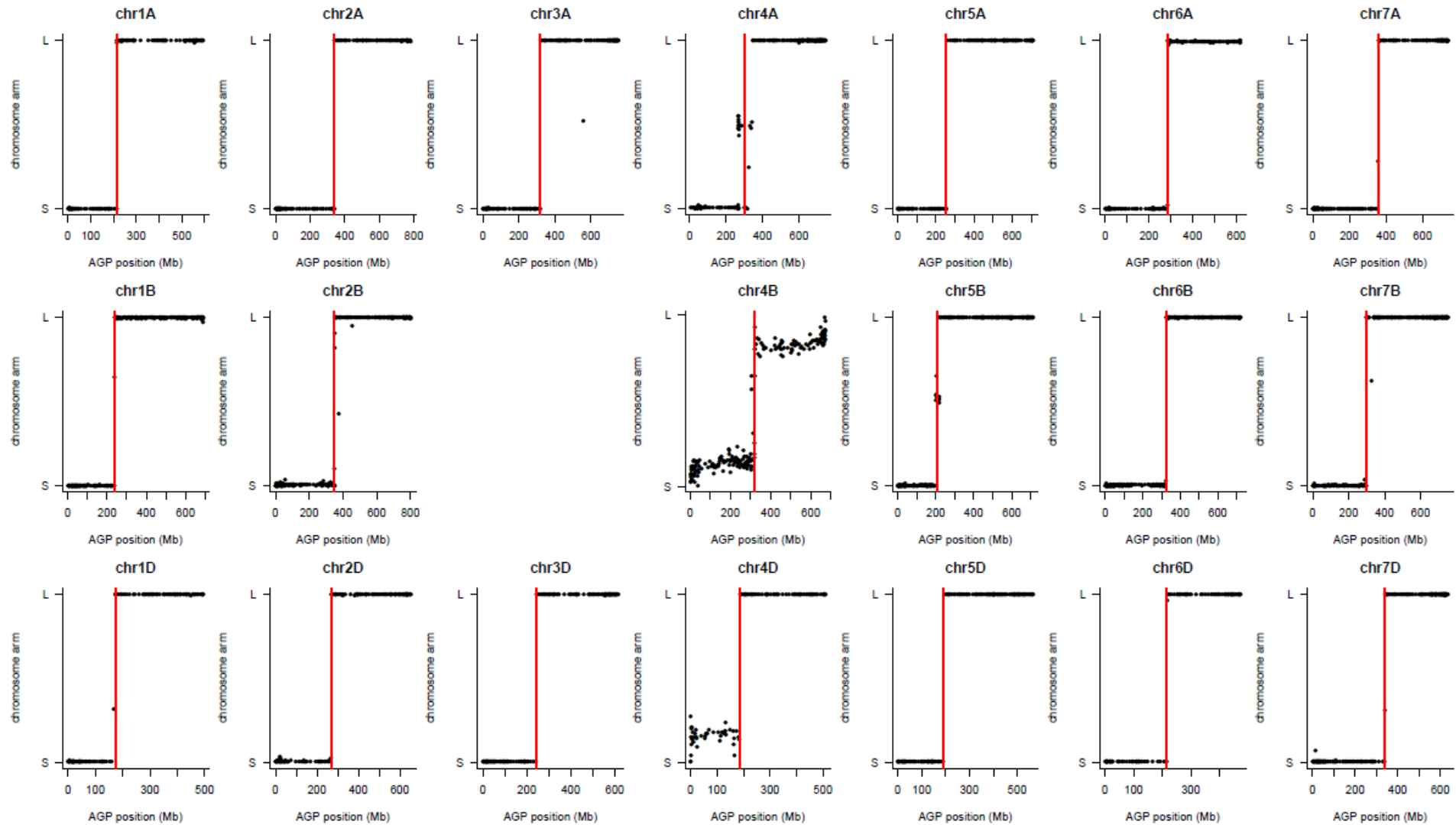


IWGSC RefSeq / RH Maps

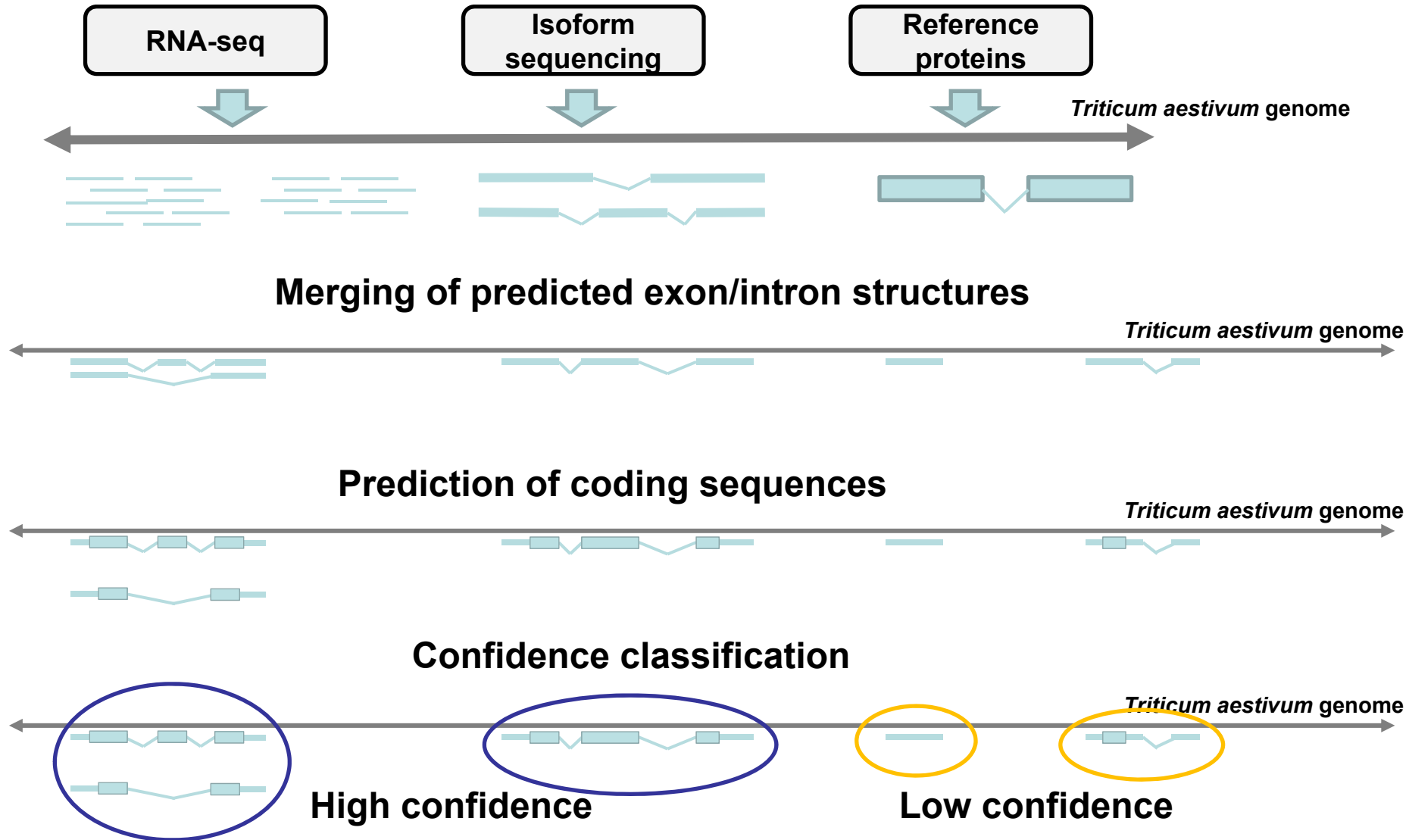


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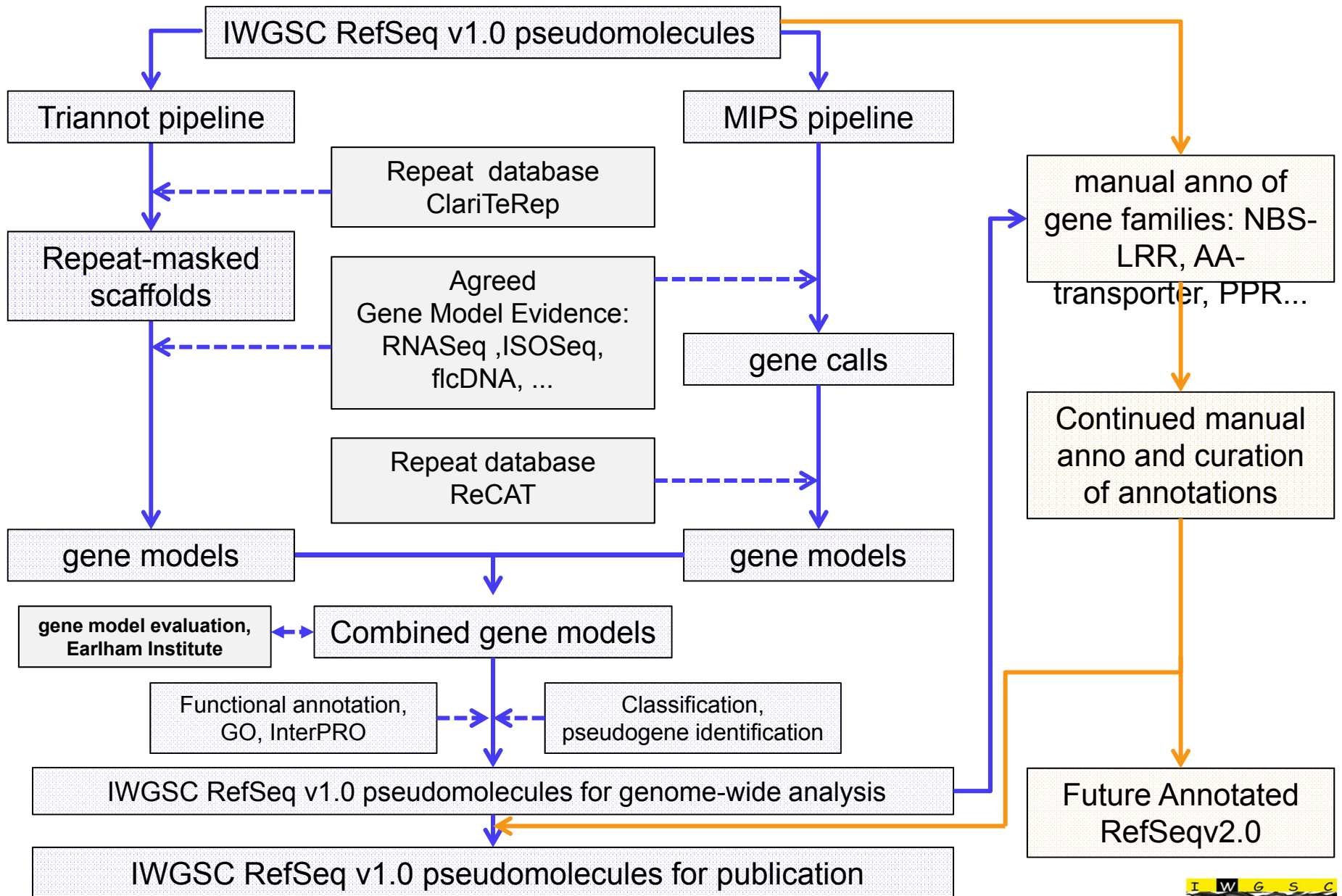
IWGSC RefSeq / Centromere Positions



IWGSC RefSeq Annotation – General



IWGSC RefSeq 1.0 Gene / Genome



IWGSC RefSeq Data Access & Availability



The screenshot displays the URGi website interface. At the top left is the URGi logo, and at the top right are links for 'FEEDBACK' and 'CONTACT'. A navigation bar contains 'Projects', 'Data', 'Tools', 'Seq Repository', and 'About us'. The main content area features a 'Sequences' section with a list of resources: Physical maps, Genetic maps, Markers, QTLs, MetaQTLs, Germplasms, Phenotypes, SNPs, and Synteny. On the left, there is a 'QUICK SEARCH' box with an input field containing 'Xwmc430' and a 'SUBMIT' button, with examples 'Xwmc430', 'QTL', and 'TaeCsp3B' listed below. Below that is an 'ADVANCED TOOLS' section with a 'WHEAT3BMINE' button. A large wheat stalk graphic is positioned in the center. At the bottom, there is an 'EVENTS & PUBLICATIONS' section and an 'RSS' feed icon.



<https://wheat-urgi.versailles.inra.fr/>

IWGSC RefSeq Summary

- ▶ IWGSC accomplished its goal of generating a reference sequence for bread wheat almost within 10 years after its initiation
- ▶ This reference sequence is built of highly diverse community resources, a.o. physical maps of chromosomes, CSS assemblies, BAC-based MTP chromosome sequences, high quality whole genome shotgun assembly, millions genetic markers, Hi-C scaffolding
- ▶ draft pseudomolecules were made pre-publication accessible in summer 2016
- ▶ the reference sequence will be published in 2017
- ▶ Future improvements on sequence and annotation of the CS RefSeq will be coordinated by IWGSC

The reference sequence is expected to:

- reduce time and improve success of cloning genes and QTL
- unlimited access to DNA markers for MAS and GS, perfect markers
- facilitate exploration of diversity in genetic resources for pre-breeding



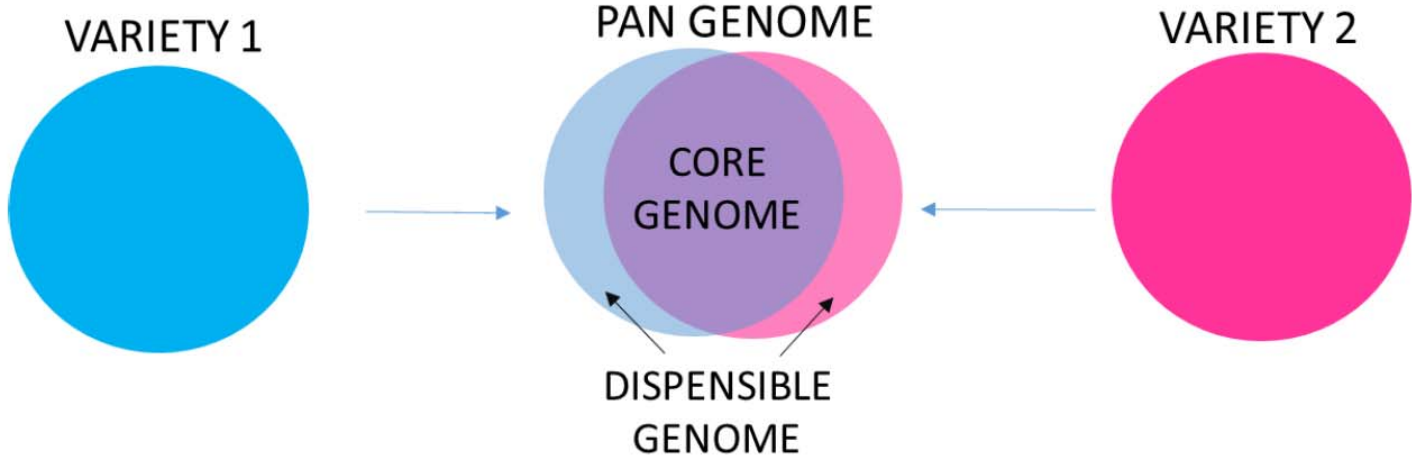
Wheat genome sequencing – work in progress

Reference quality assemblies in progress:

- *Triticum monococcum* (2n)
- *Aegilops tauschii* (2n)
- Wild emmer (4n)
- Durum wheat (4n)
- CS (6n)

	Wild emmer	Durum	CS v0.4	CS v1.0	CDC Landmark	CDC Stanley
Assembly size:	10.5 Gbp	10.45 Gbp	14.5 Gbp	14.1 Gbp	14.5 Gb	14.5 Gb
Total # scaffolds:	151,912	129,464	138,484	1,601 [4,161]	146,603	166,832
L50:	6.9 Mbp	6.0 Mbp	7.1Mbp	22.8 Mbp	6.1 Mbp	5.9 Mbp
N50 (#sequences):	414	493	566	166	727	684
L90:	1.1 Mbp	1.1 Mbp	1.3 Mbp	4.1 Mbp	1.1 Mbp	1.2 Mb
N90 (#sequences):	1,827	2,019	2,363	718	2,687	2,676

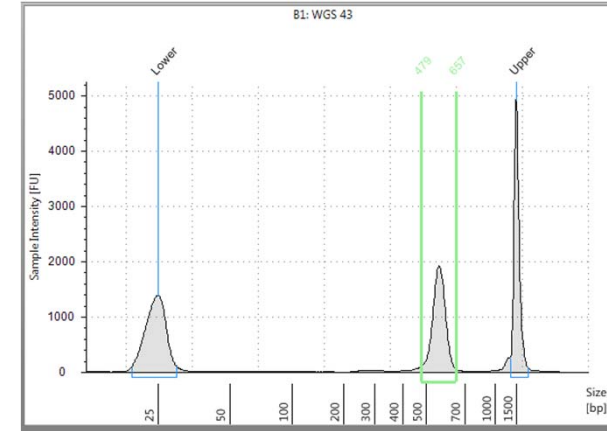
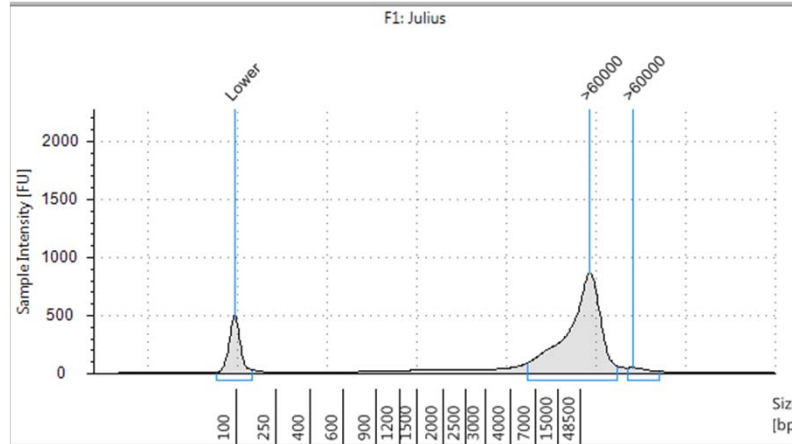
More wheat genome sequences – towards wheat pan-genome analysis



10 wheat genomes (and more) project:

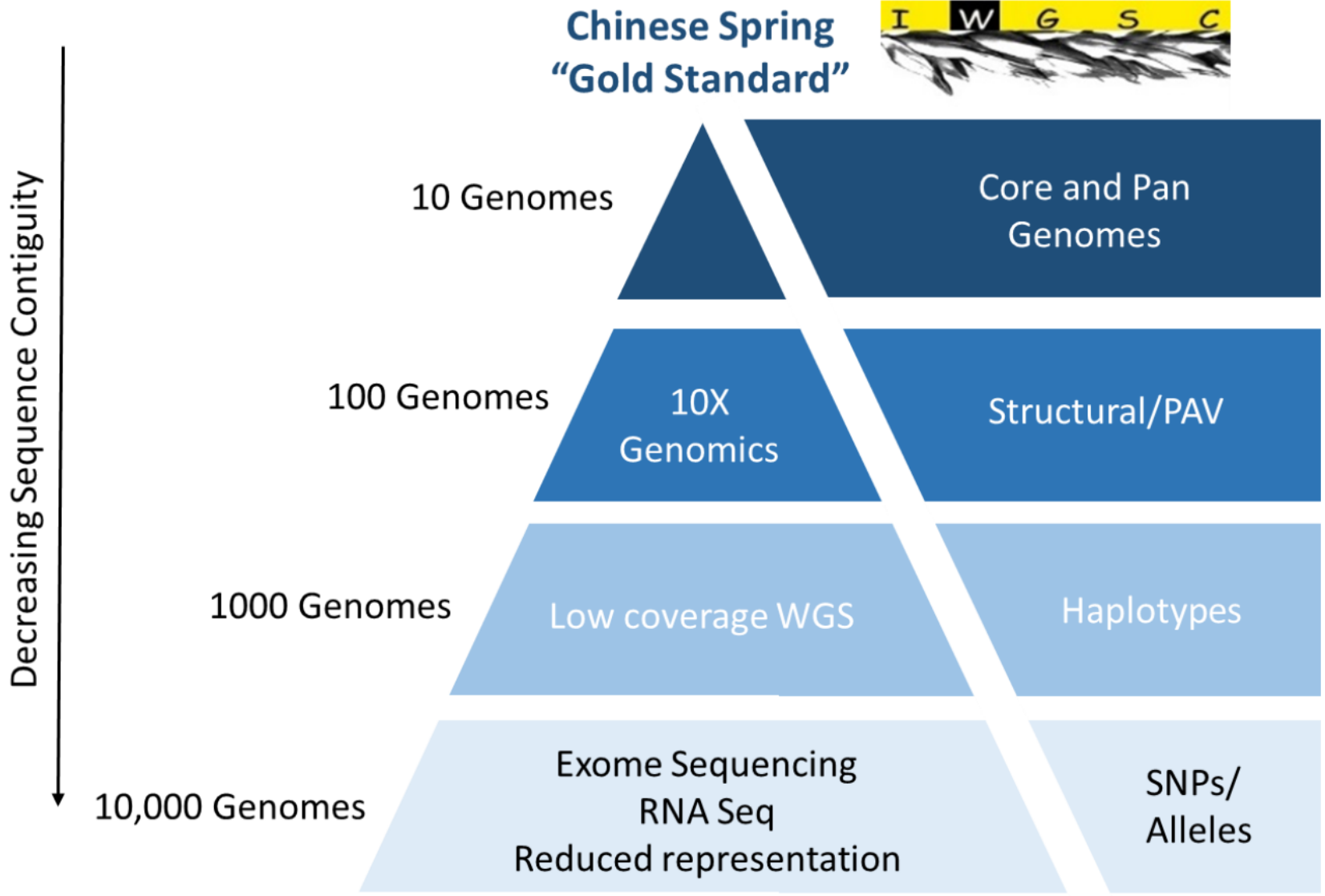
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| NRGene refseq
quality
assemblies | } | ▶ 2 Canadian varieties (CDC Landmark, CDC Stanley) |
| | | ▶ 1(+2) US varieties (Jagger) |
| | | ▶ 1 German winter wheat variety (Julius) |
| | | ▶ 1 Swiss winter wheat variety (Arina) |
| | | ▶ (2) Australian varieties (tbd) |
| | | ▶ 1(+1) Chinese variety (Zhongmai175) |
| Earlham Institute
assemblies | ▶ | CS, Cadenza, Paragon, Kronos, Robigus, Claire, Alchemy, Brompton, Hereward, Rialto, Soissons, Xi19 |

Sequencing of a german winter wheat: „Julius“



- Sequencing of 800 nt PE and MP libraries done
- Sequencing of 450 nt PE libraries ongoing
- Assembly, End of January 2017
- Hi-C/10x genomics based scaffolding, March 2017

Wheat genome sequencing – the future



Summary and Conclusion

- ▶ Wheat CS RefSeqv1.0 will be publicly available in 2017
- ▶ similar resources are in progress for wheat species at all ploidy levels
- ▶ Additional reference quality sequence resources will become available for a minimum of 10 more haplotypes within the next 12-18 months initiating the era of wheat pan-genomics
- ▶ The Wheat Initiative and IWGSC will stay committed to communicate progress in wheat research to the community and inform about work in progress and data accessibility
- ▶ Academia and Industry must be aware of the developments and get their Bioinformatics data storage and analysis infrastructure in place to efficiently accommodate multigenome information for breeding and research

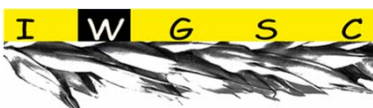
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