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Whole-genome resequencing reveals *Brassica napus* origin and genetic loci involved in its improvement

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Backgrounds



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Traditional usage of *B. napus*

Backgrounds

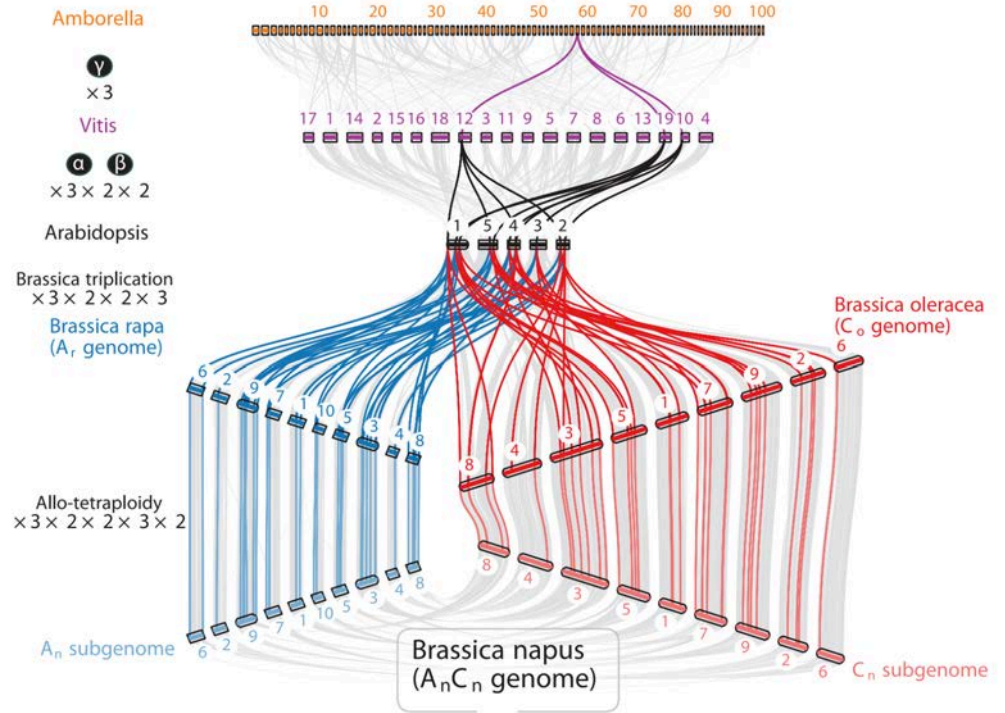
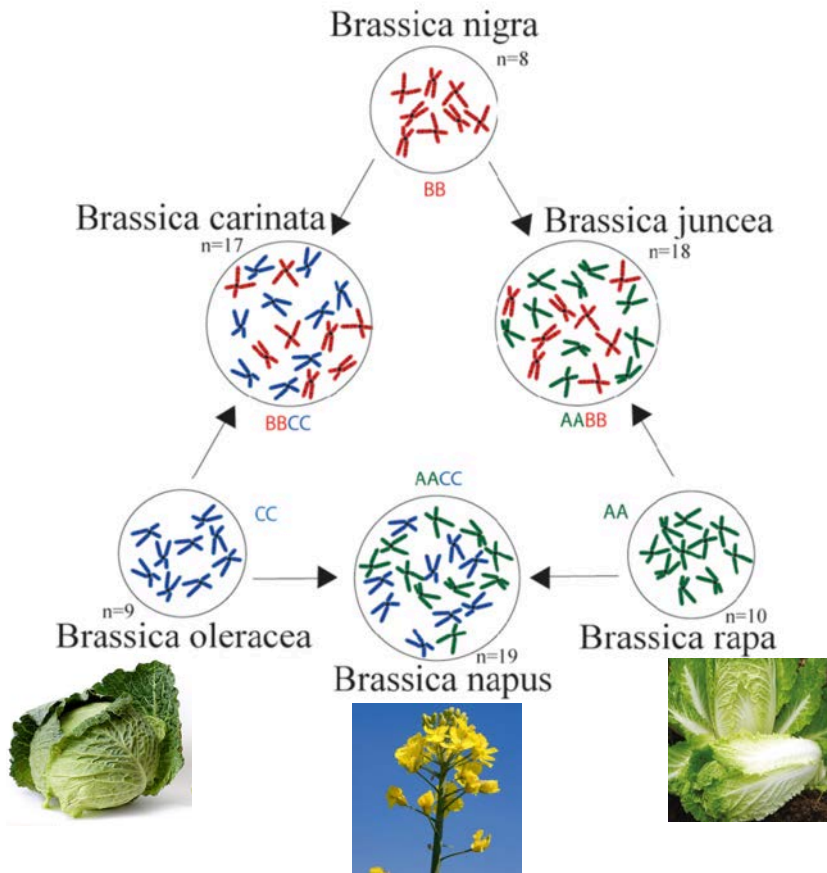


Usage extension of *B. napus*



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Chalhoub et al (2014) Science



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Brassica rapa



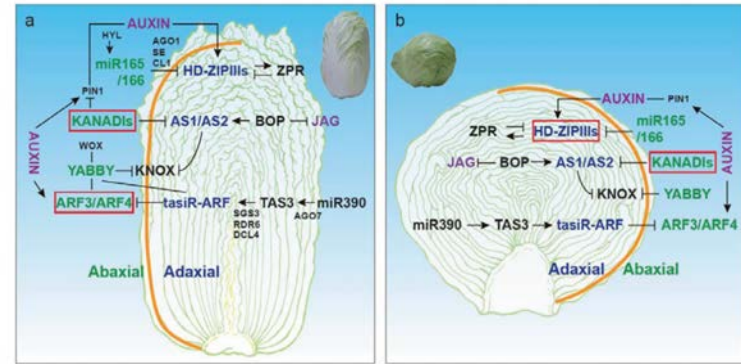
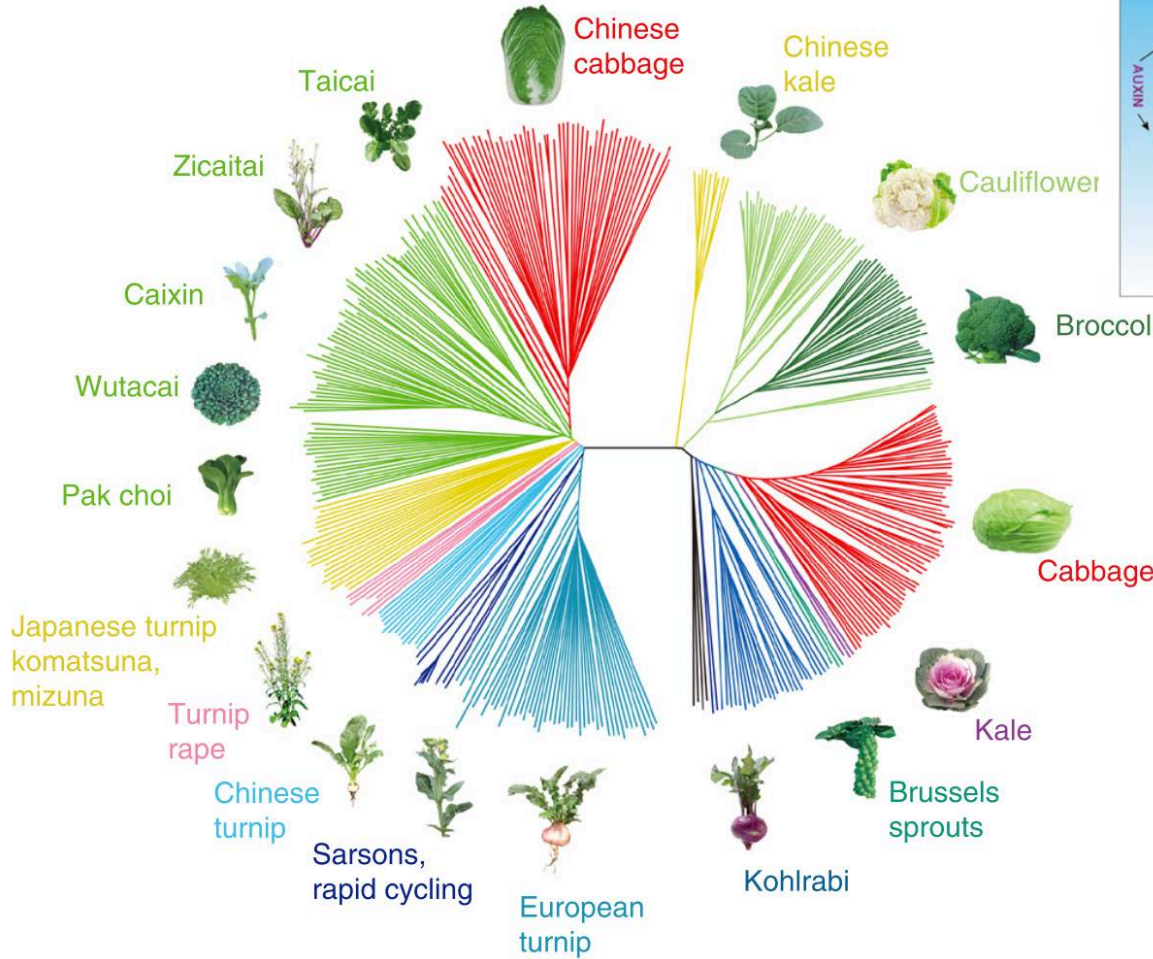
Brassica oleracea



Brassica napus



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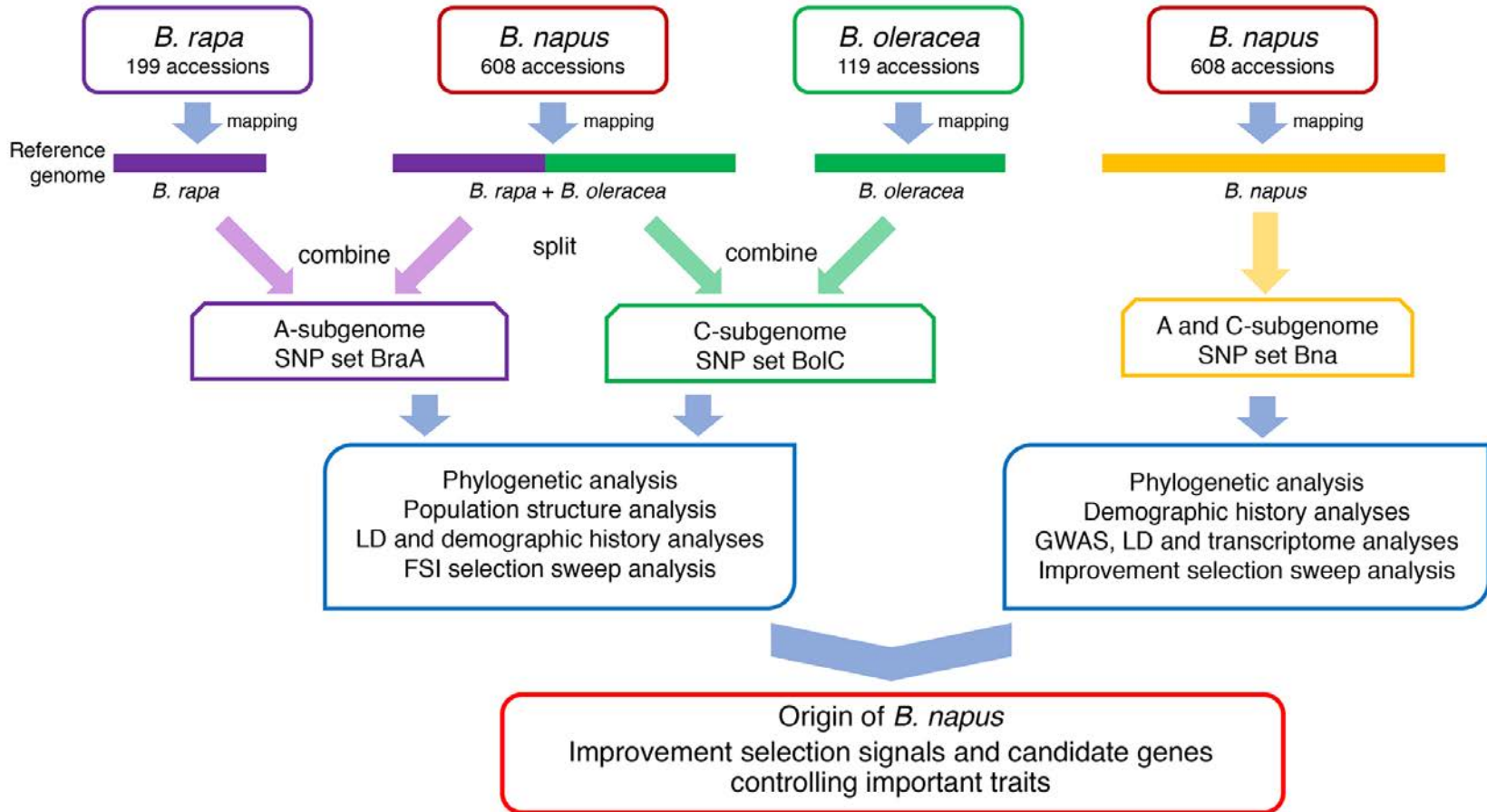


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Workflow for population genetic analysis

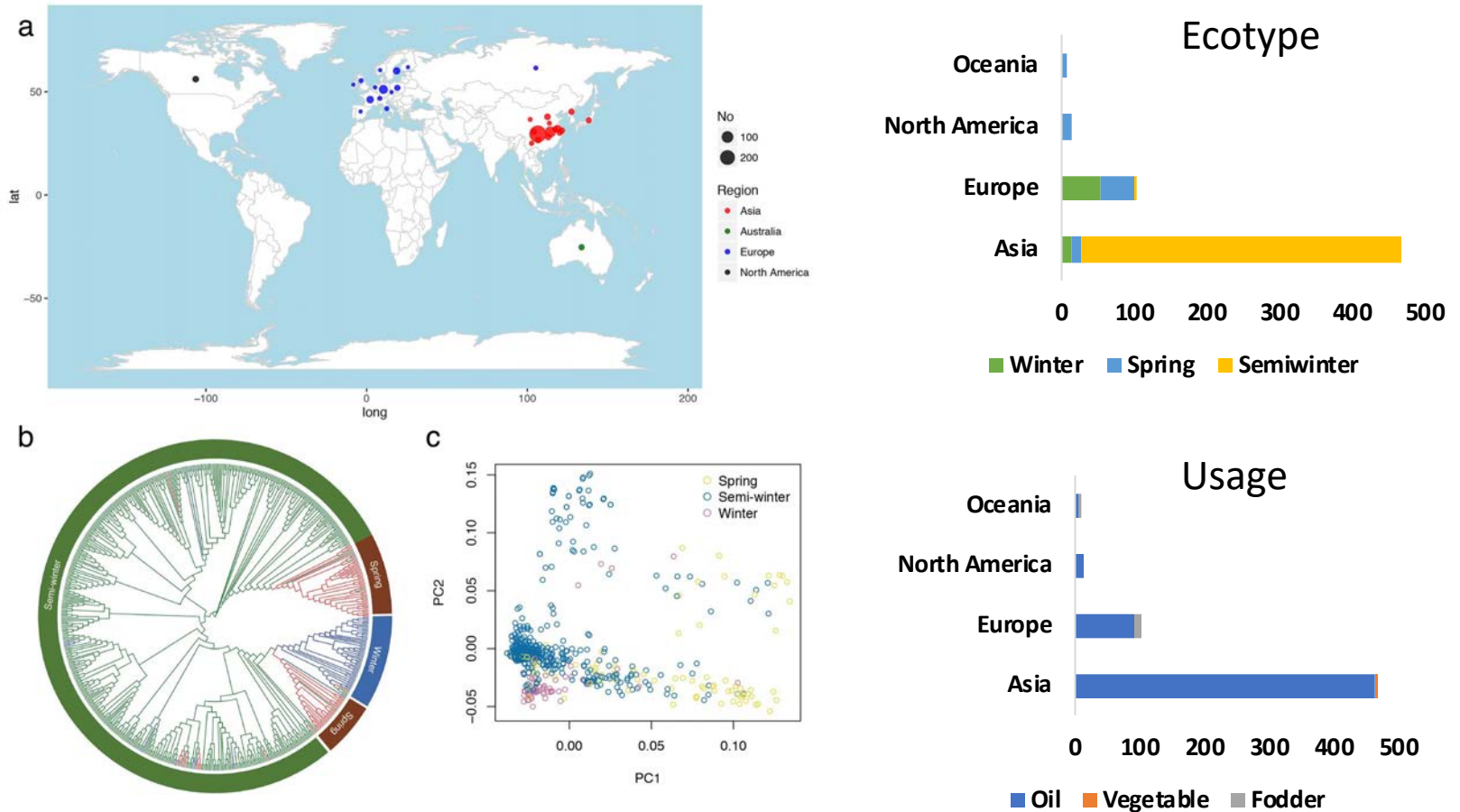


Identities of diploid progenitors of *B. napus*

- Resequencing: 13.43 billion reads (**4.03 Tb**)
- RNA-seq 0.85 billion reads (**212.19 Gb**).
- **5.29M SNPs** in *B. napus*.
- **0.73M** and **1.09M** SNPs in A and C subgenomes.
- Majority of SNPs (**95.1%**) represent authentic SNPs.
- Biological replicated SNPs ranged from 93.5% to 96.4%.



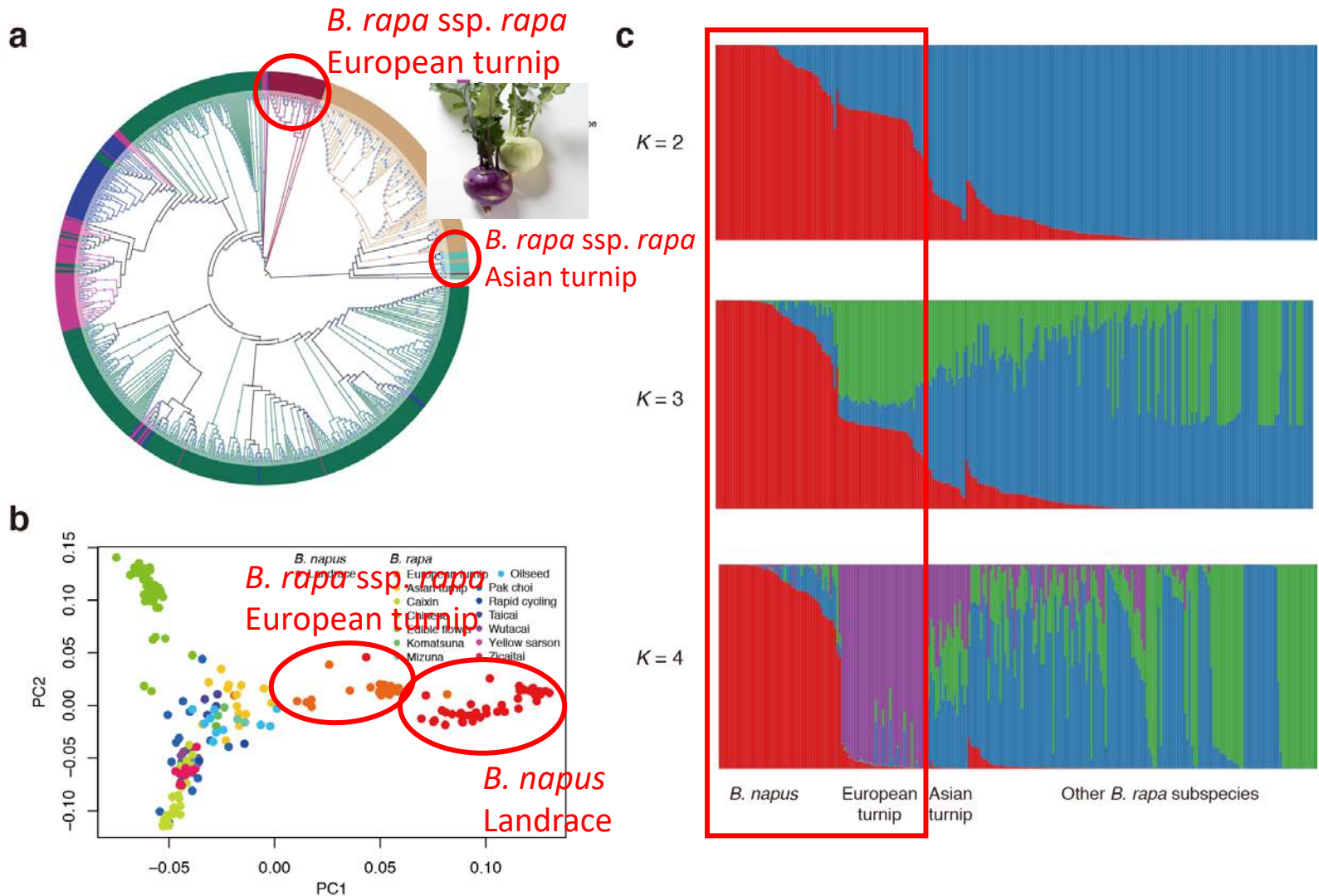
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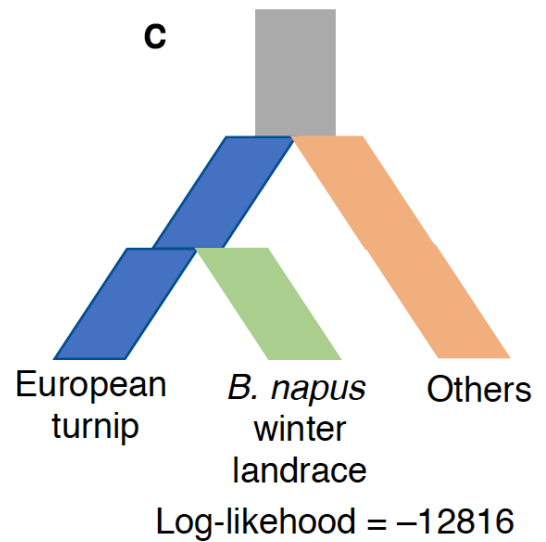
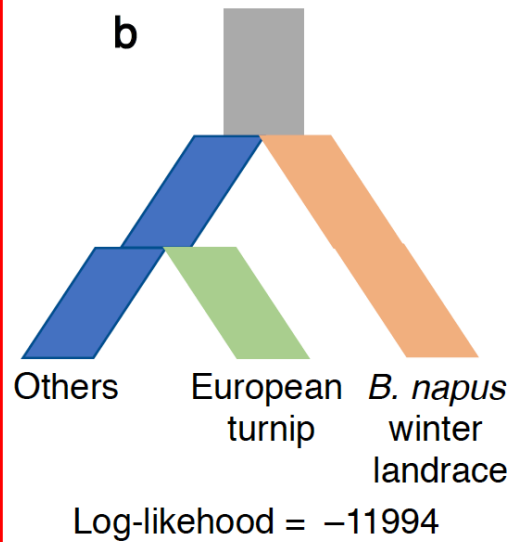
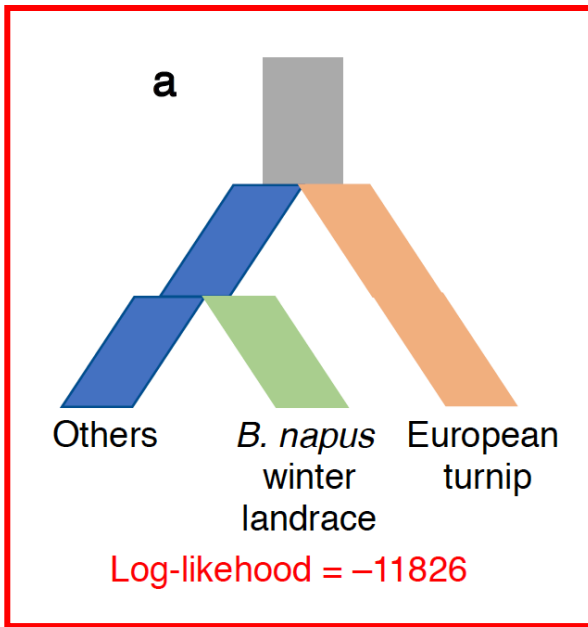
Geographic distribution and population structure of 588 *B. napus* accessions



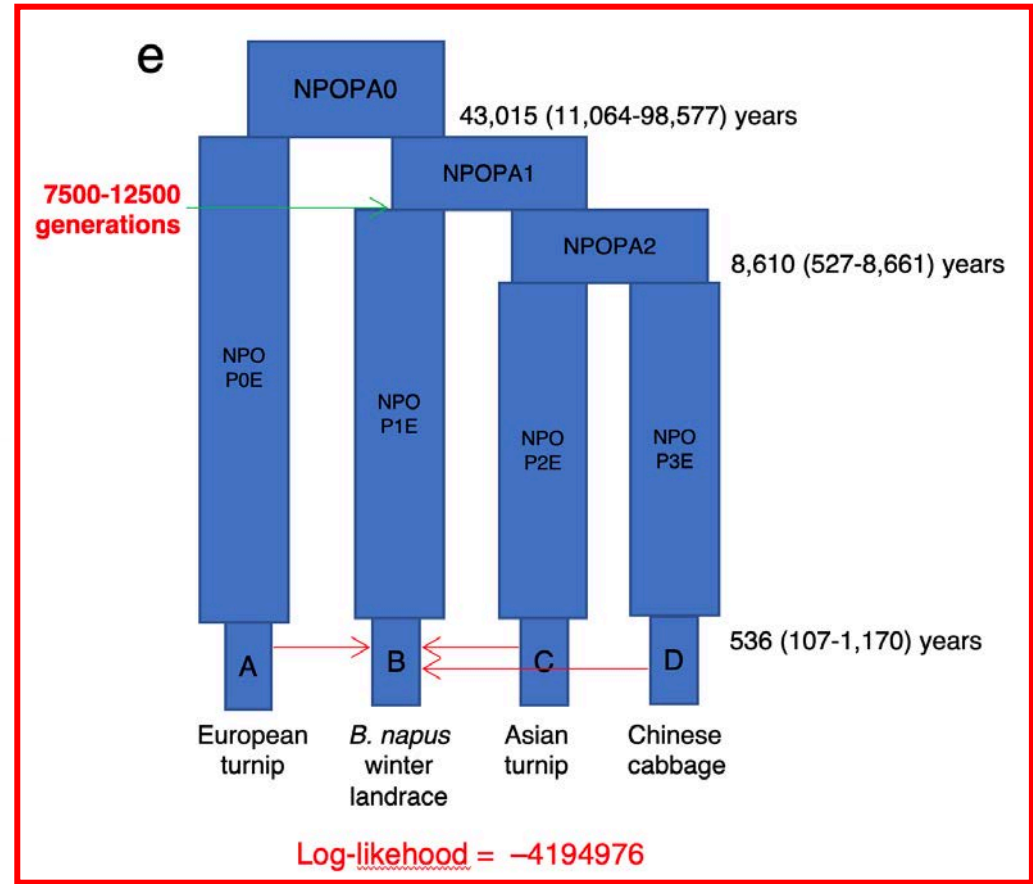
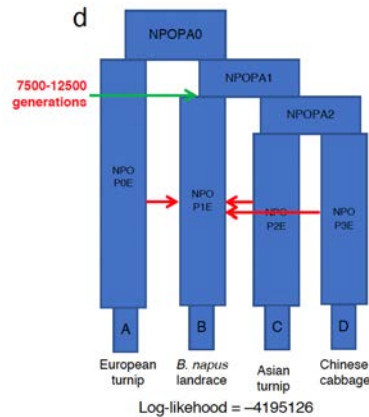
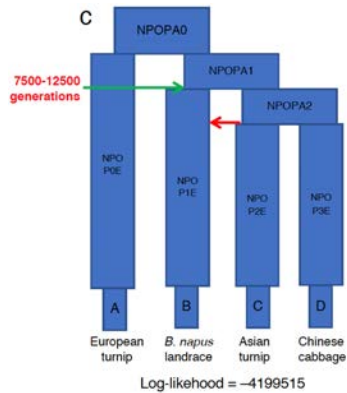
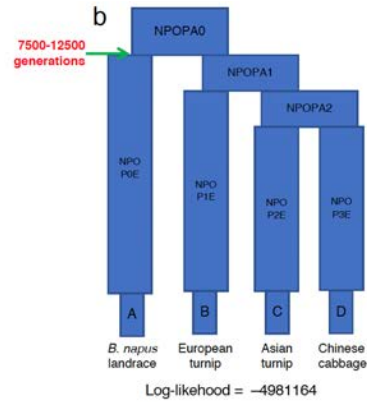
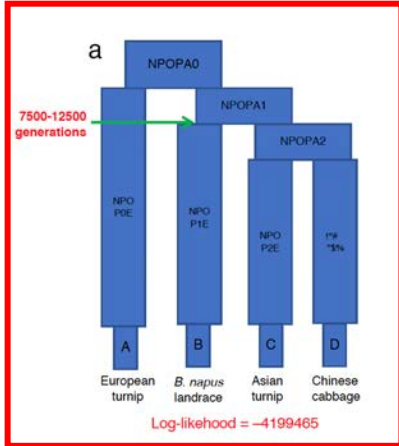
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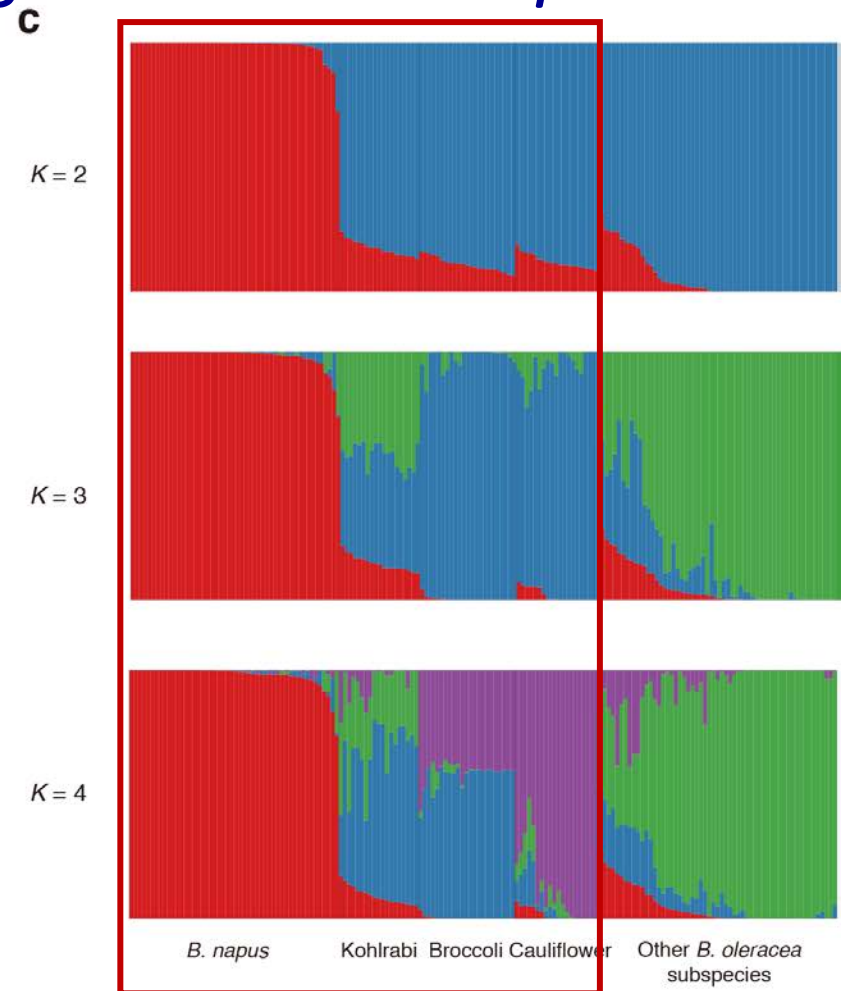
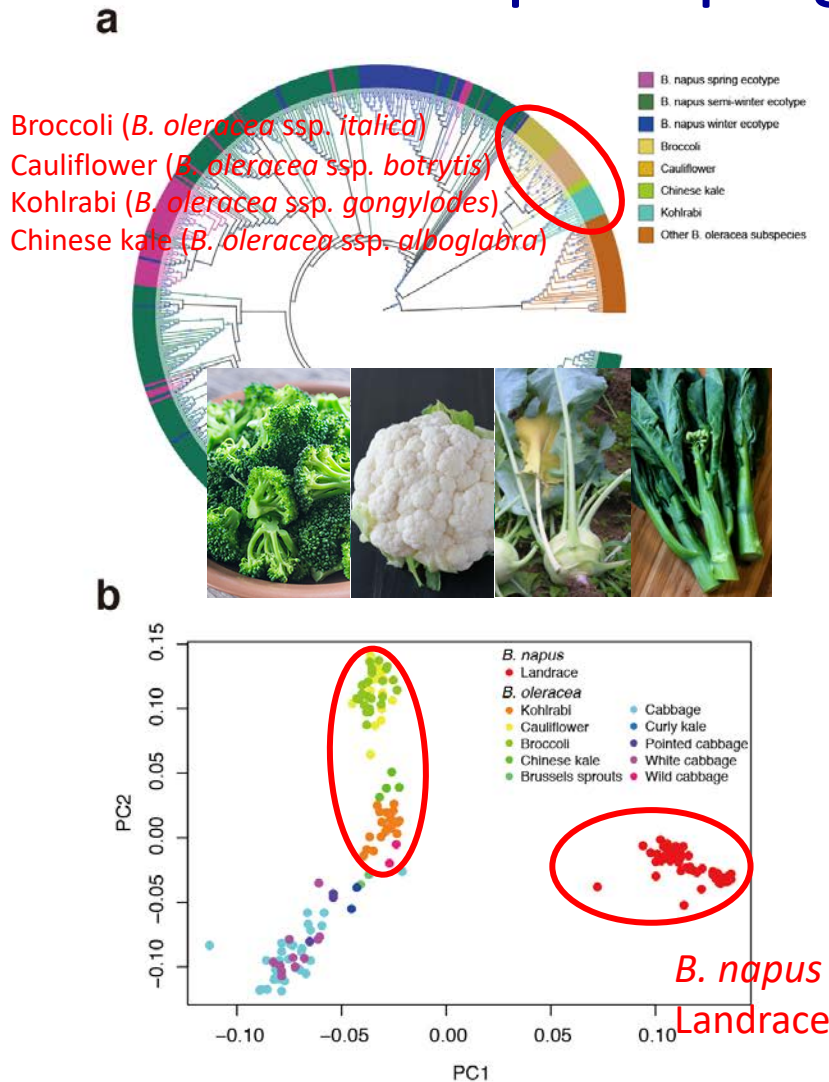
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A gene flow event occurred ~107-1,170 years ago.



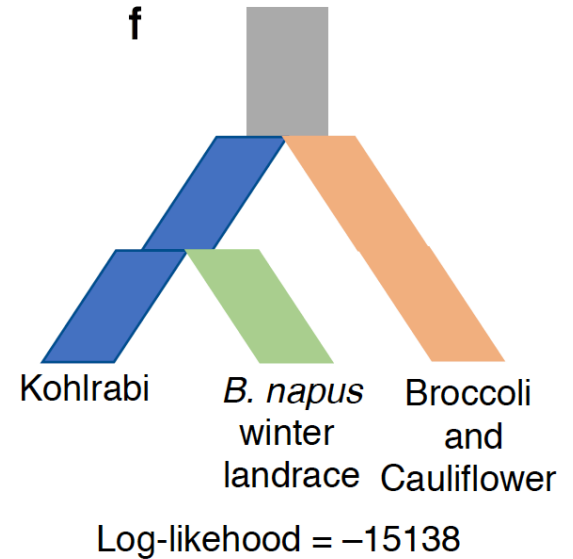
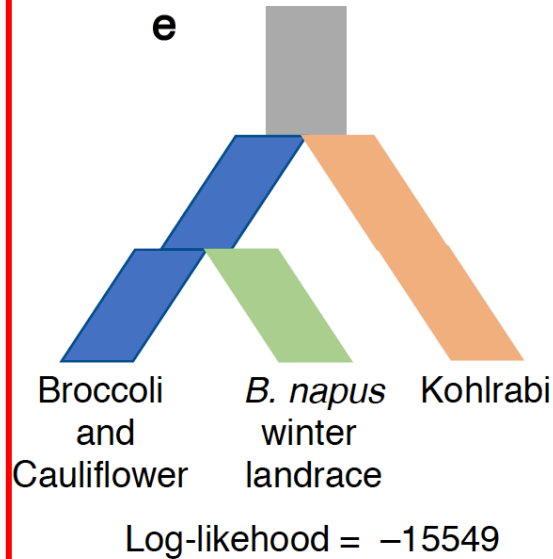
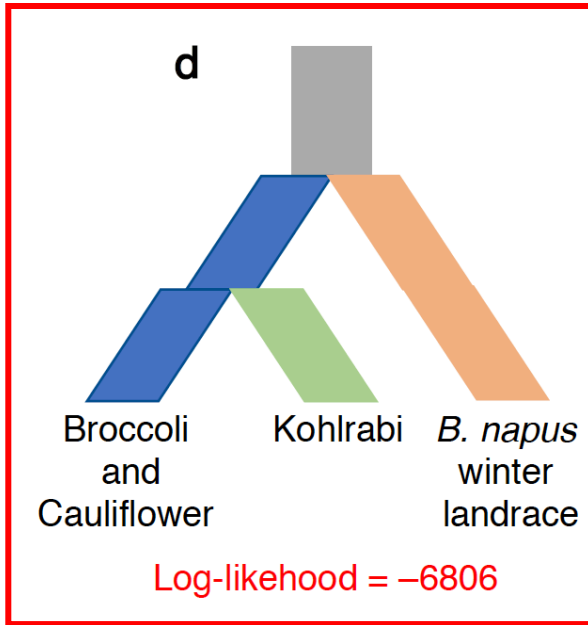
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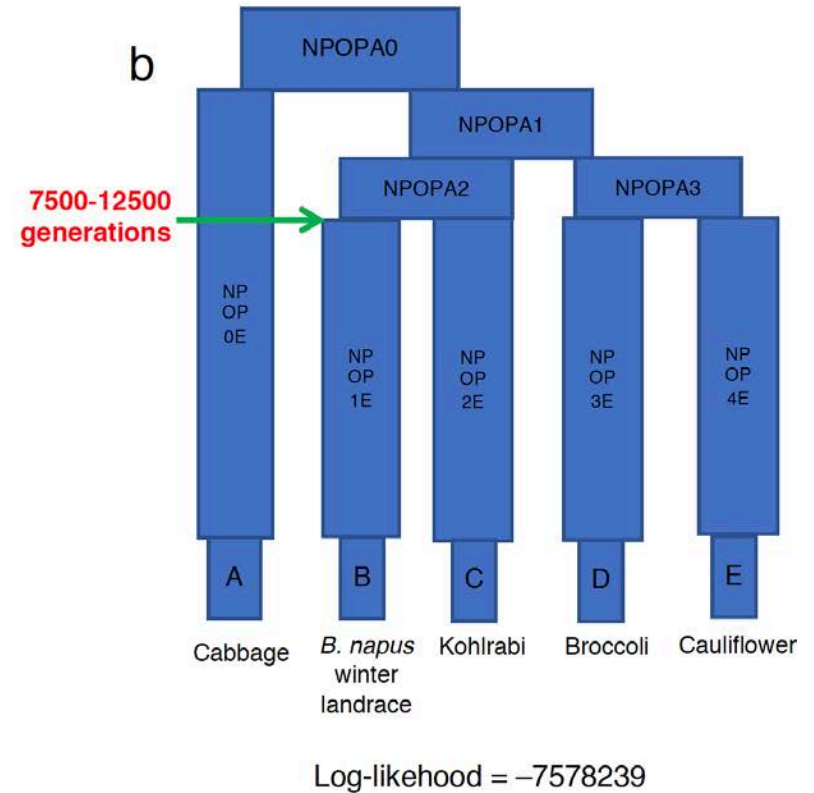
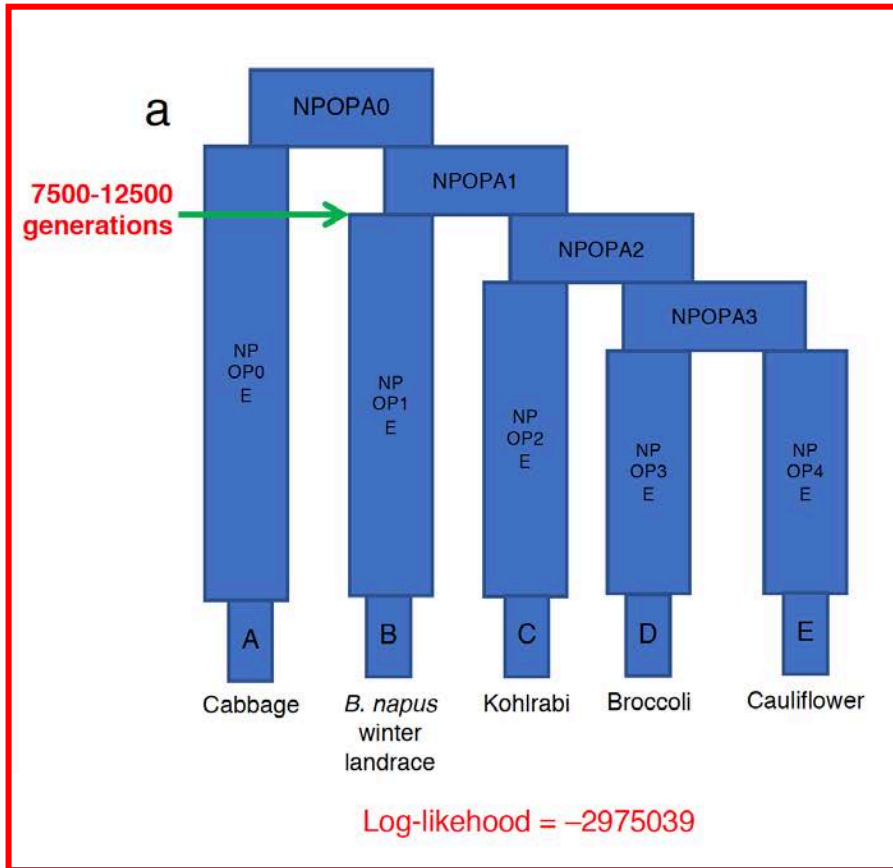
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The C subgenome may evolve from the common ancestor of kohlrabi, cauliflower, broccoli, and Chinese kale.

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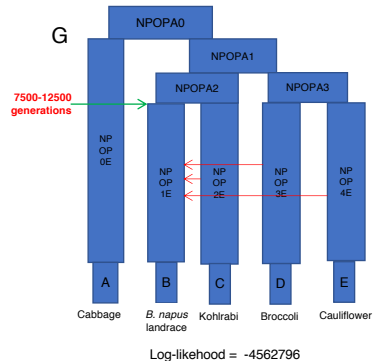
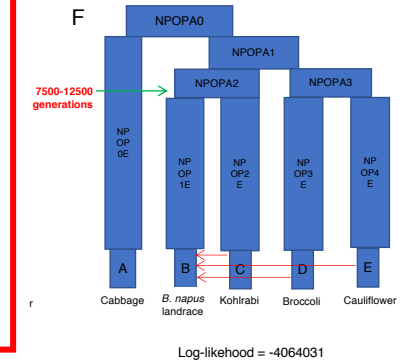
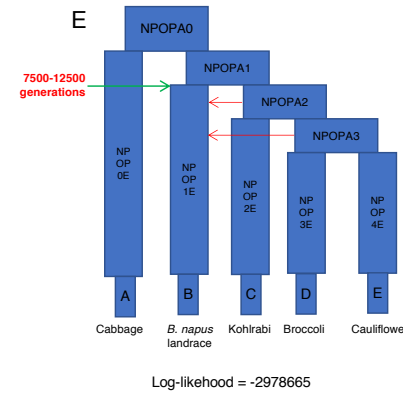
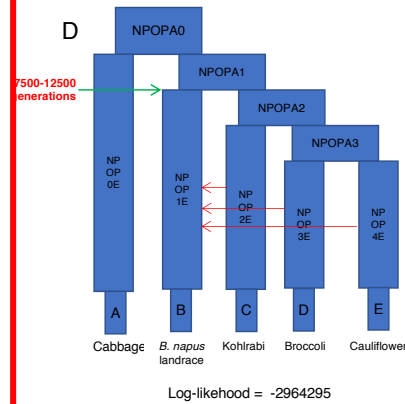
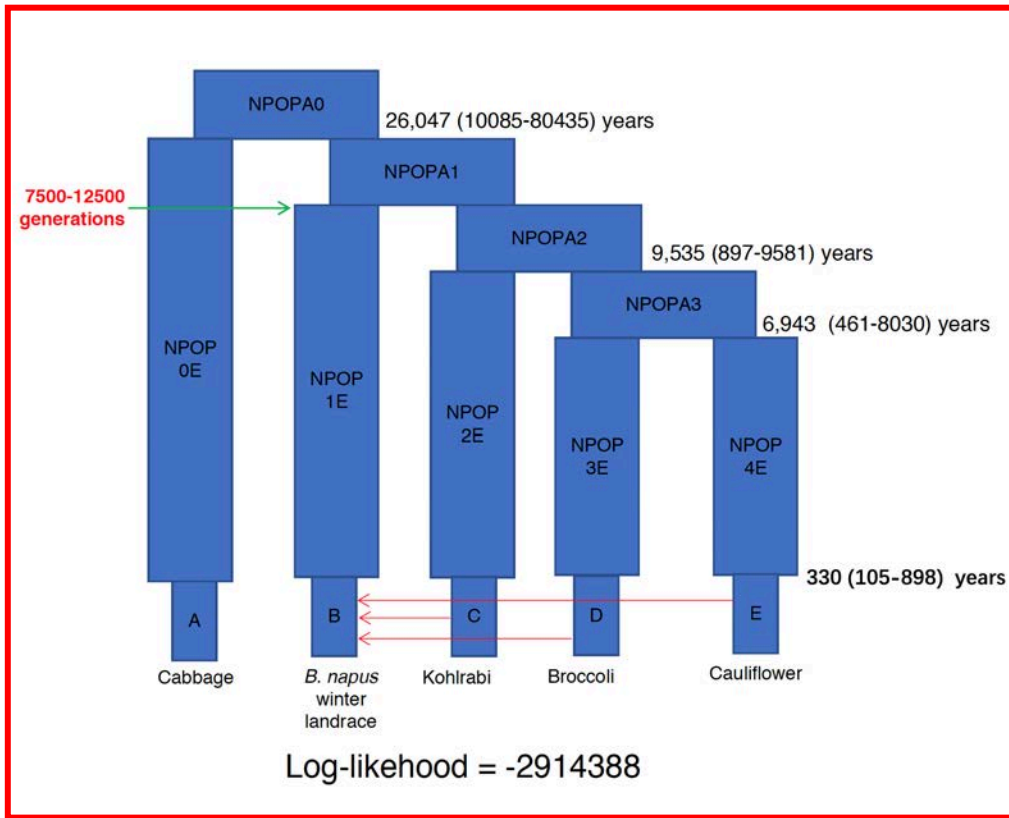
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Model A suggests that the C subgenome of *B. napus* originated from the common ancestor of kohlrabi, cauliflower, and broccoli.



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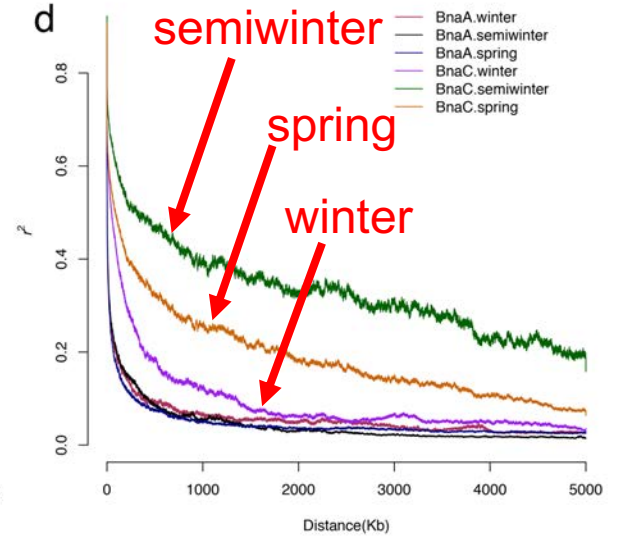
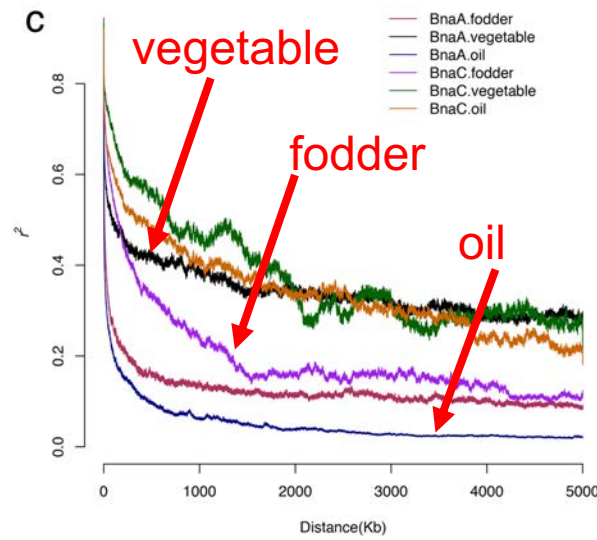
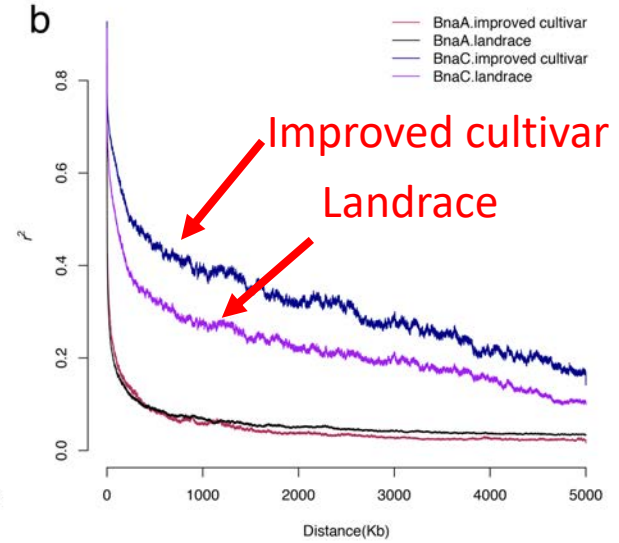
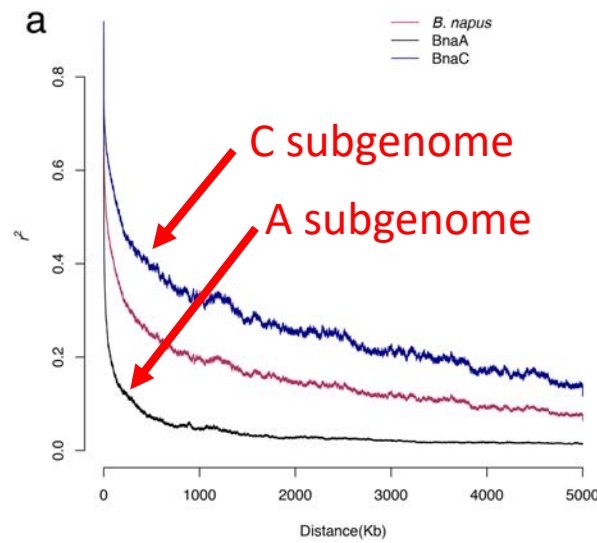


The ancestor of *B. napus* split from the common ancestor of four *B. oleracea* subspecies, with recent gene flow into *B. napus* approximately 105–898 years ago.

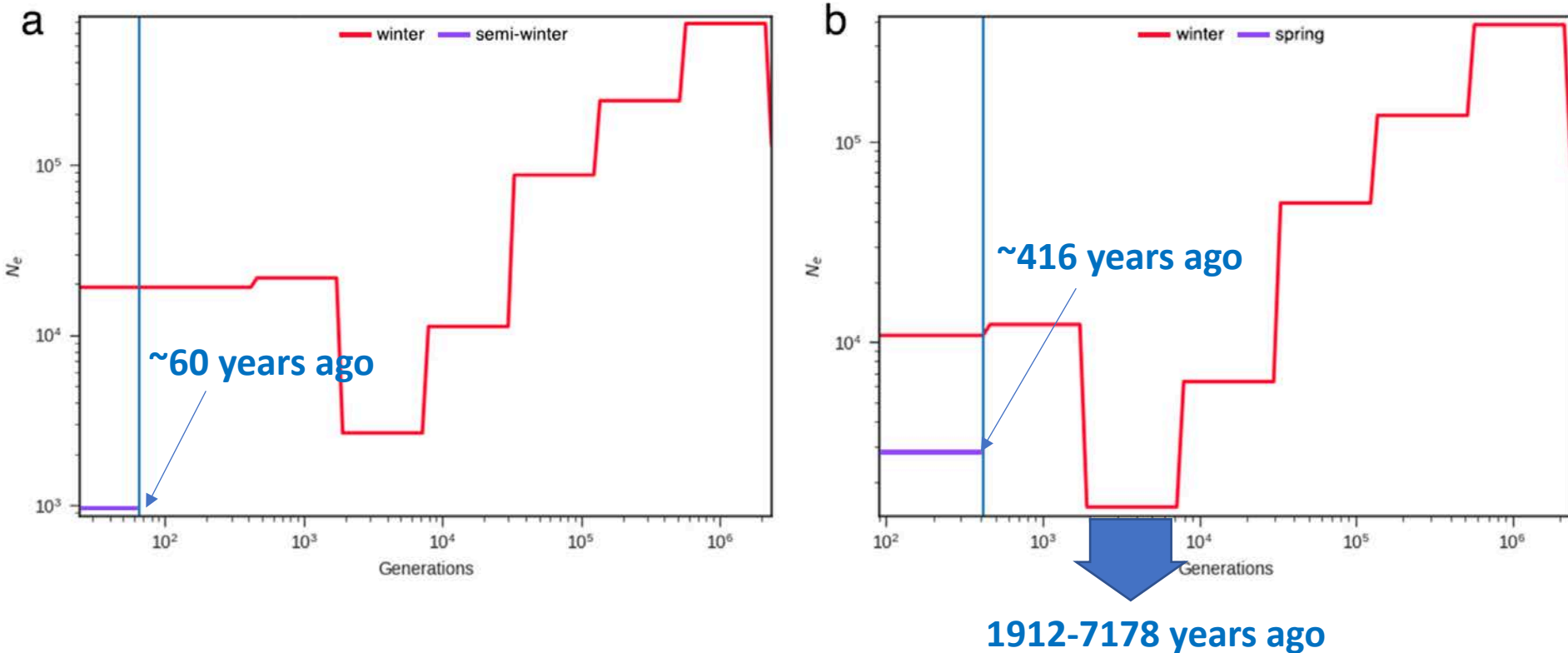


Improvement history of *B. napus*

Original type:
winter oilseed



Improvement history of *B. napus*



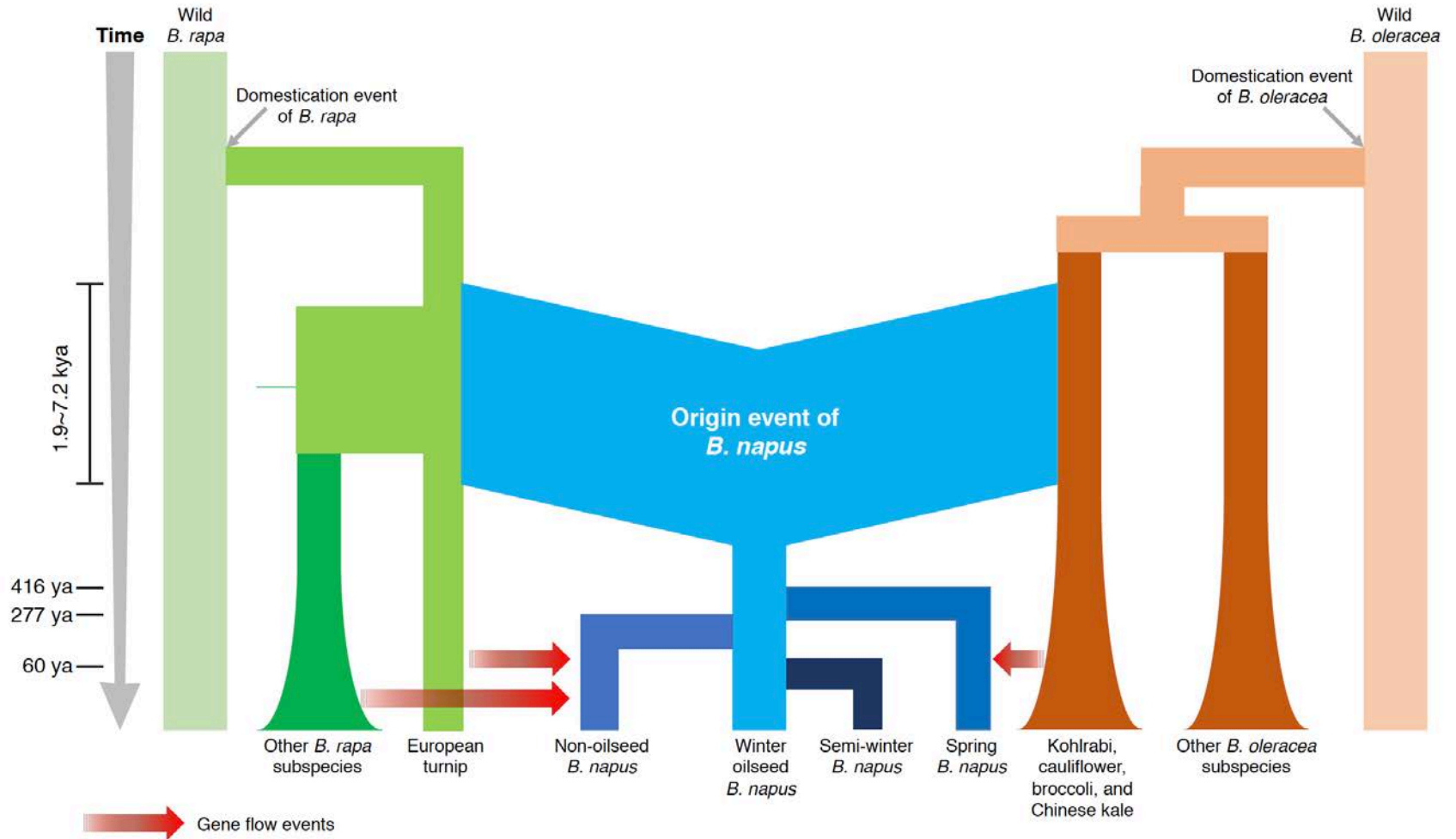
The winter and semi-winter ecotypes diverged ~60 years ago

The winter and spring *B. napus* diverged ~416 years ago

The oilseed and non-oilseed *B. napus* diverged ~277 years ago.



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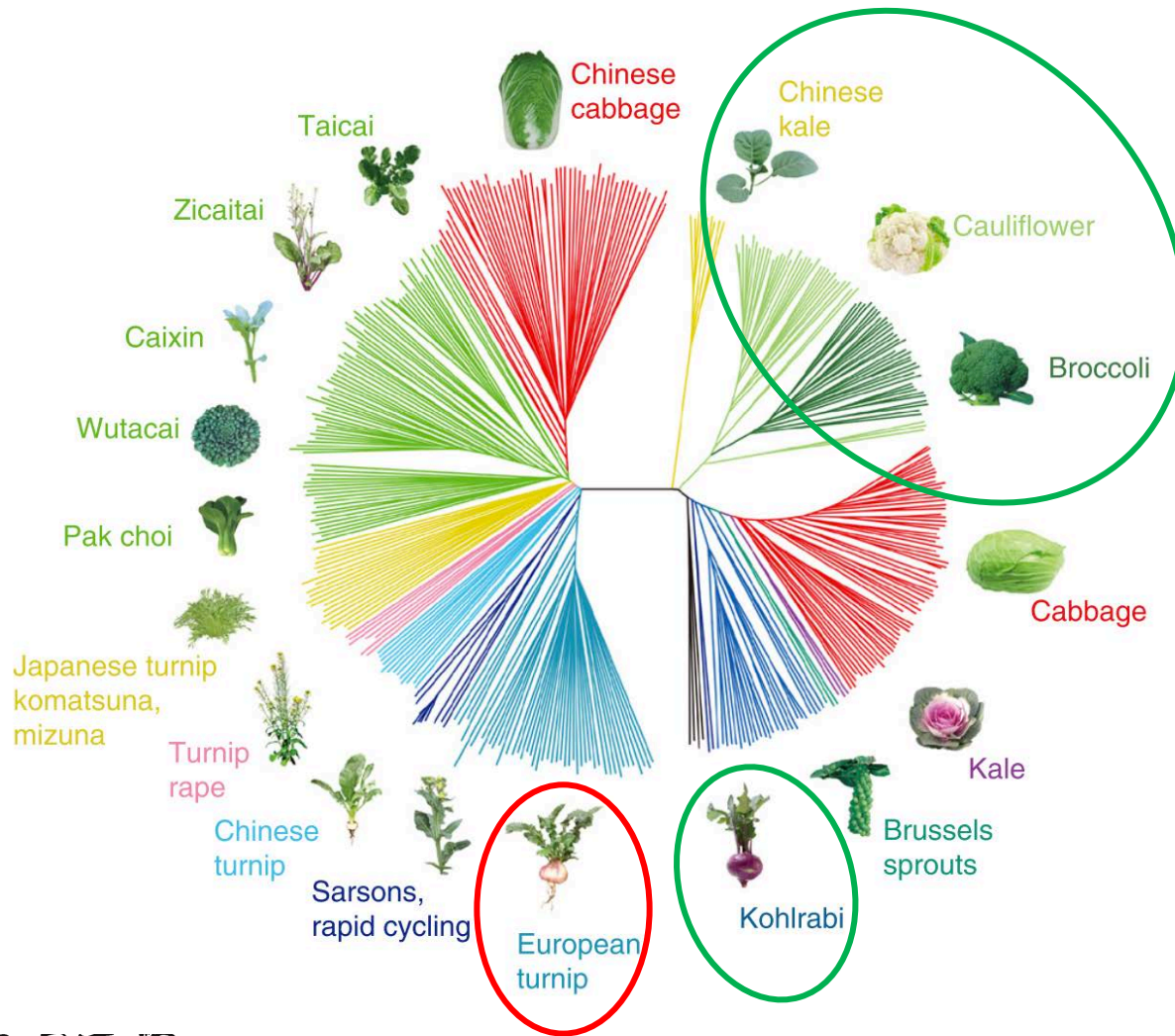


Proposed model for origin and evolutionary history of *B. napus*



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Key genes involved in improvement of *B. napus*



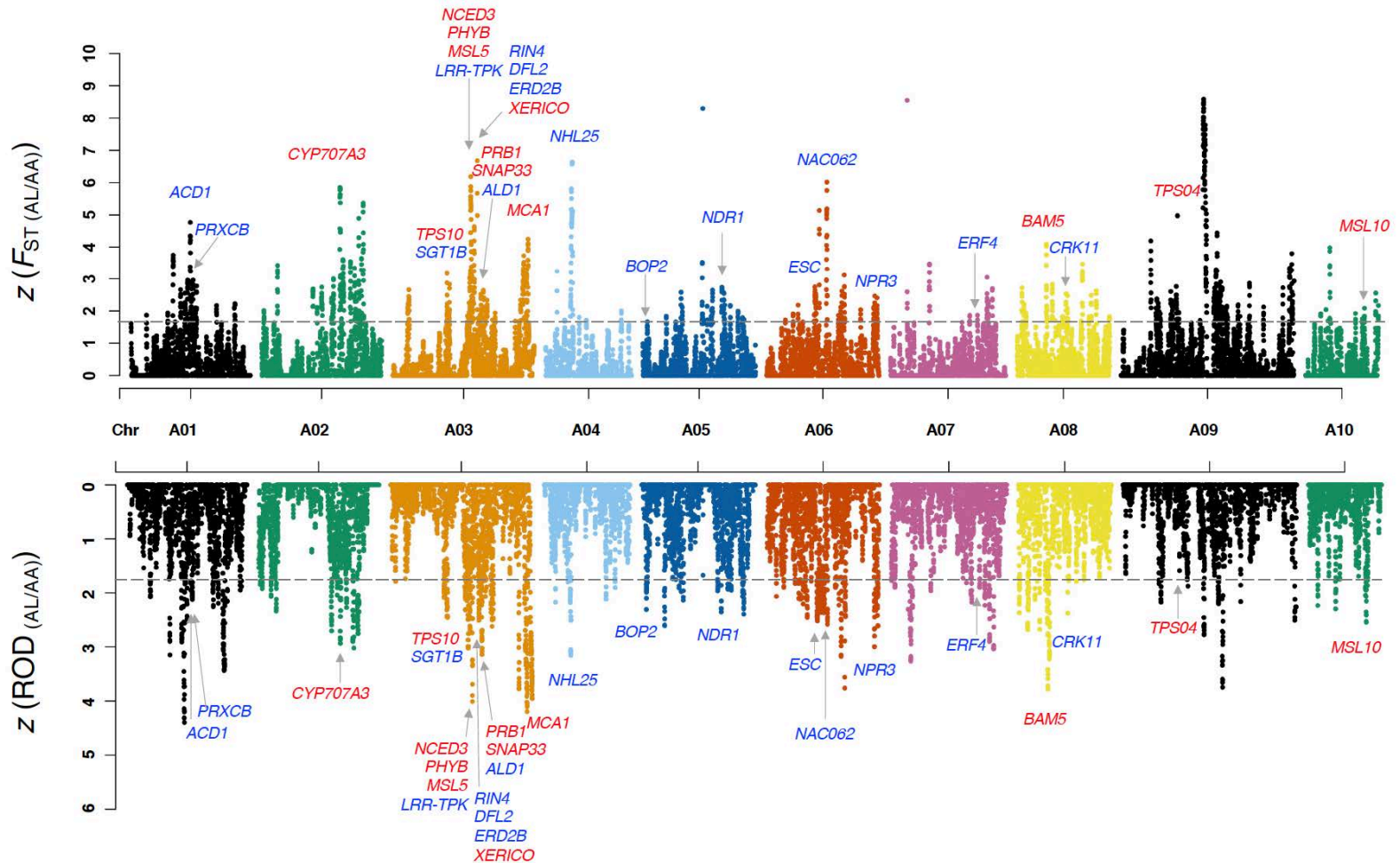
Pseudo-ancestral populations of wild *B. napus*

B. rapa
 $n = 33$

B. oleracea
 $n = 66$



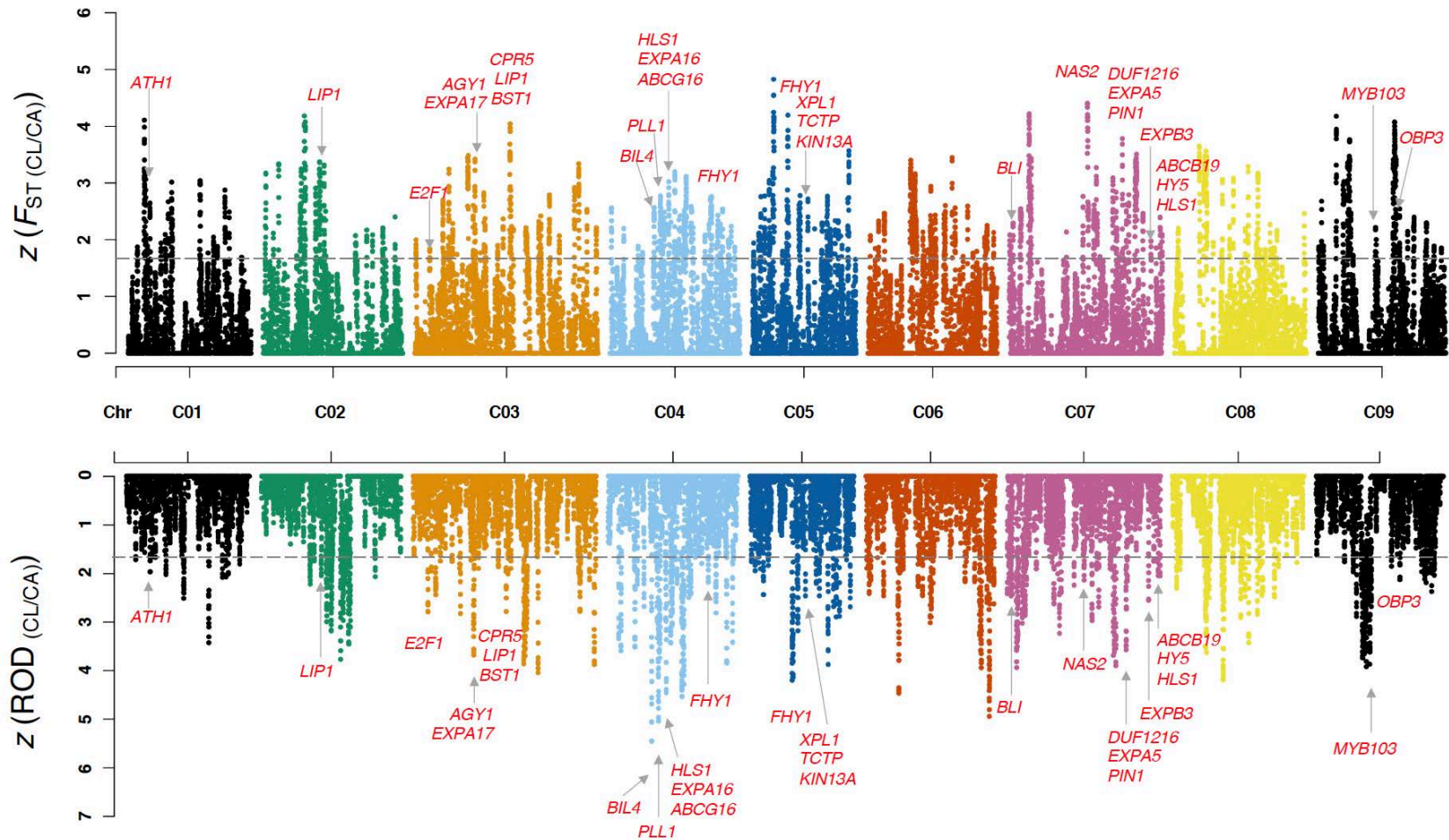
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Selection signatures in A subgenome of *B. napus* during first-stage of improvement

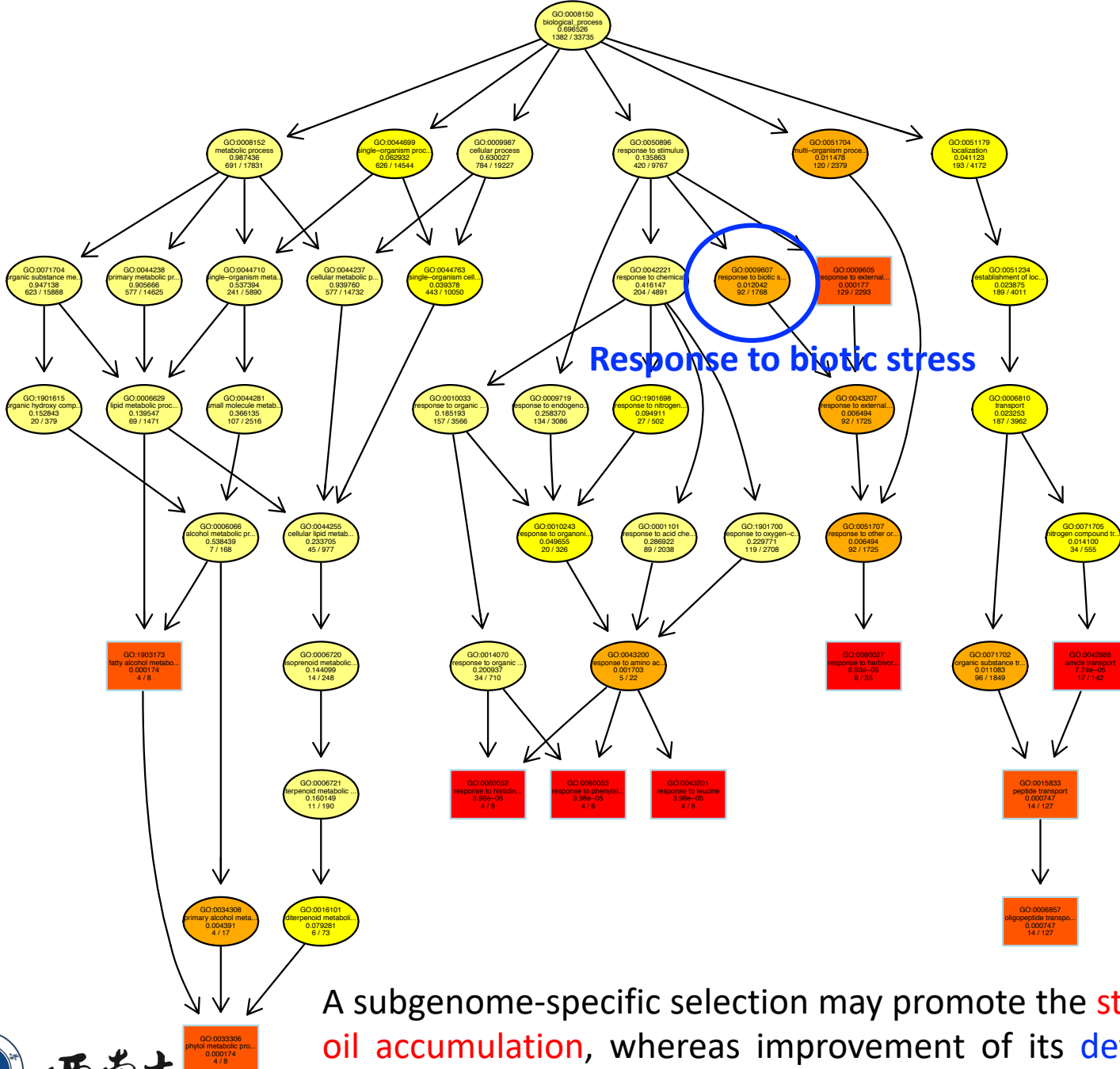


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Selection signatures in C subgenome of *B. napus* during first-stage of improvement

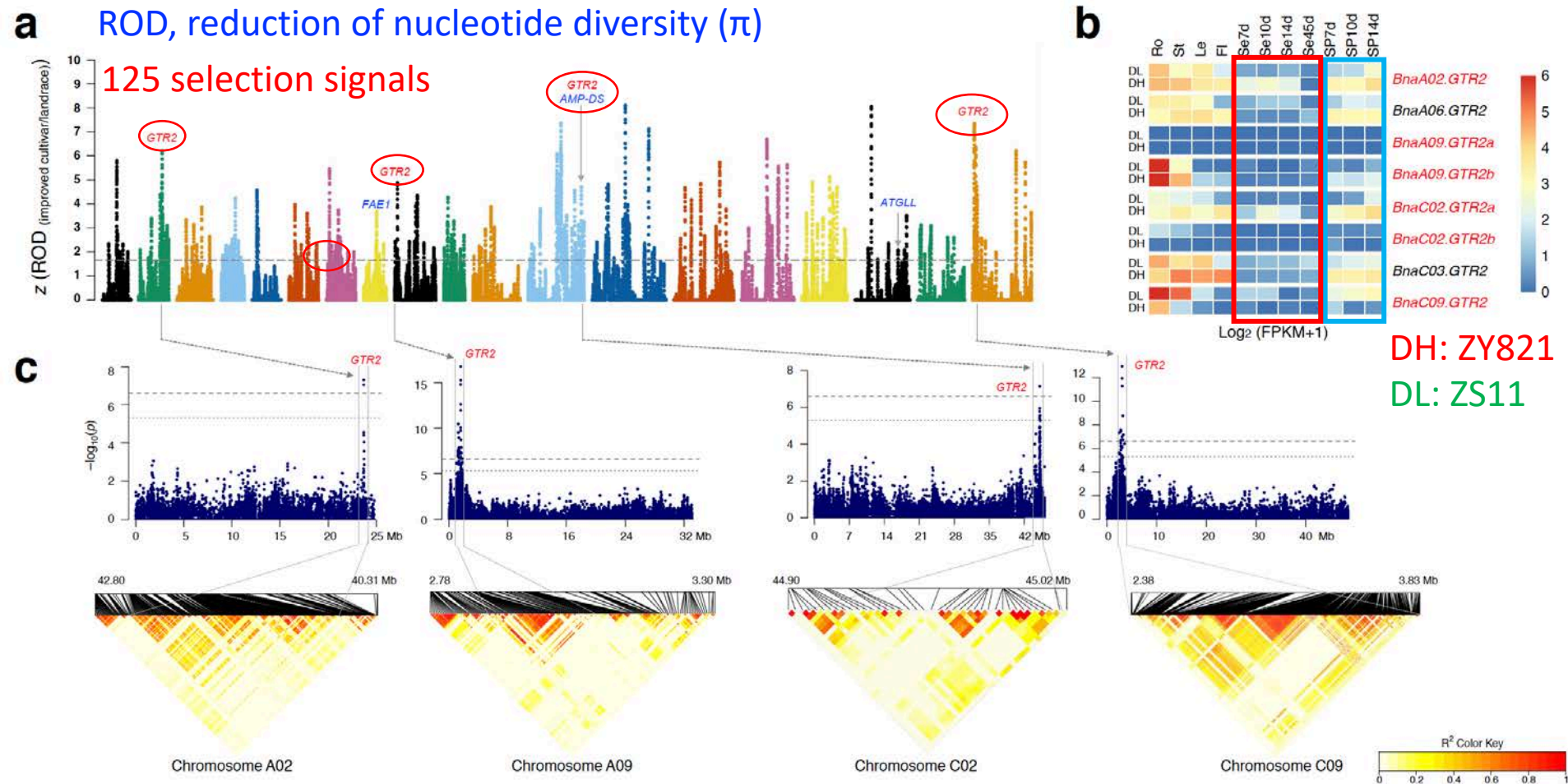




A subgenome-specific selection may promote the **stress tolerance** and **oil accumulation**, whereas improvement of its **developmental traits** may have been due to asymmetrical selection in the C subgenomes.



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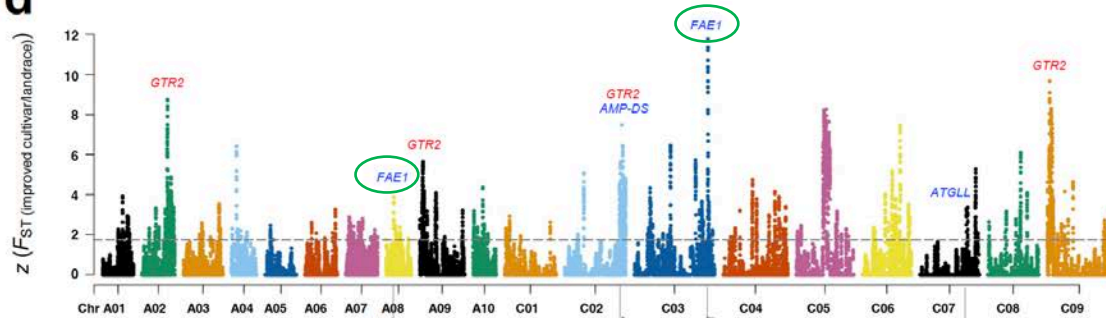


Three *GTR2* genes in the outlier and QTL overlapped regions are improvement targets for further elimination of seed glucosinolate.

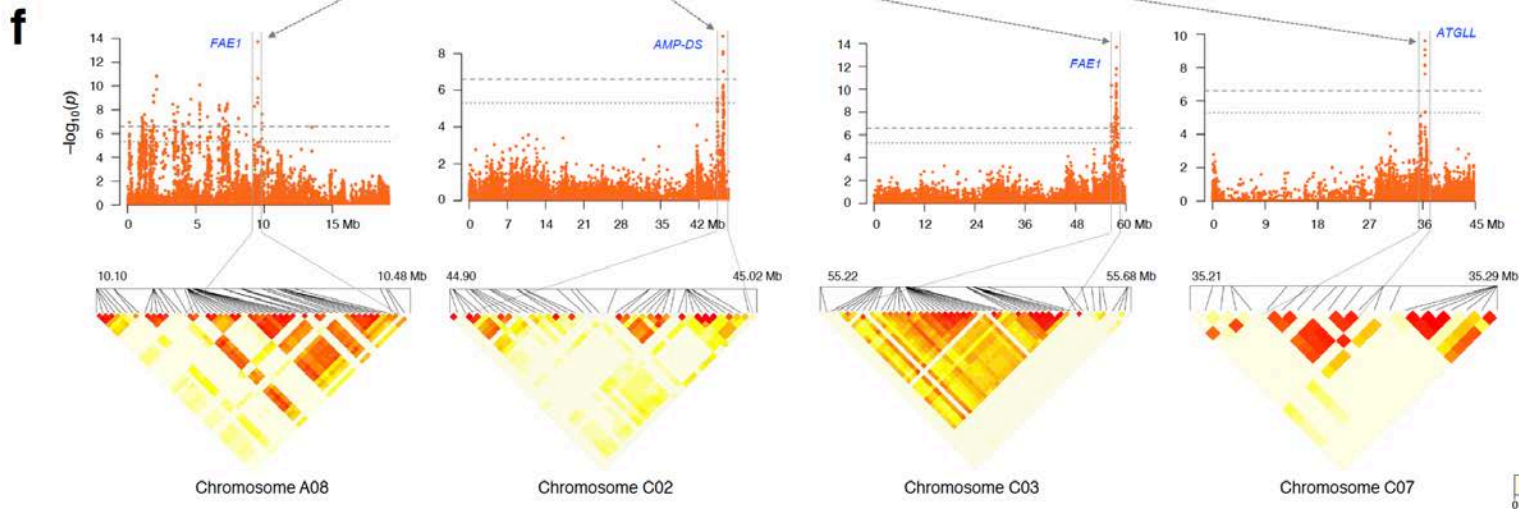
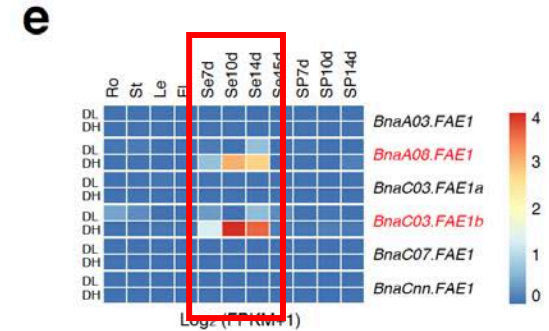


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Reduction of erucic acid content



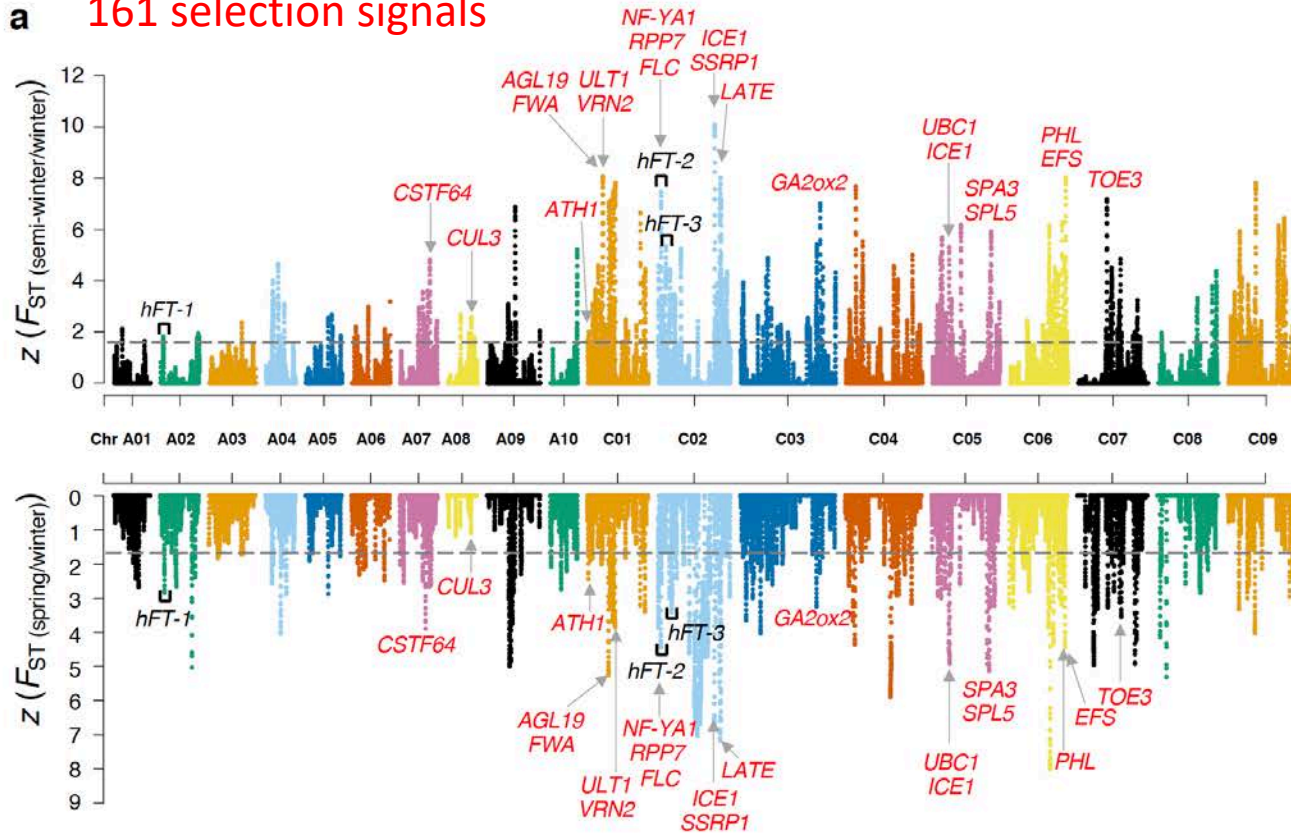
Two *FAE1* genes undergone strong selection in modern *B. napus* breeding. Parallel subgenomic selection may have contributed to improved seed quality.



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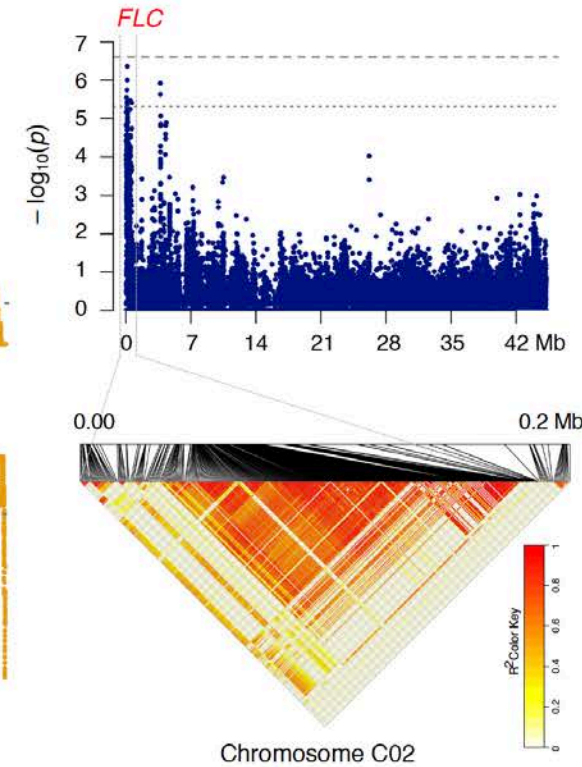
Ecotype improvement

a 161 selection signals



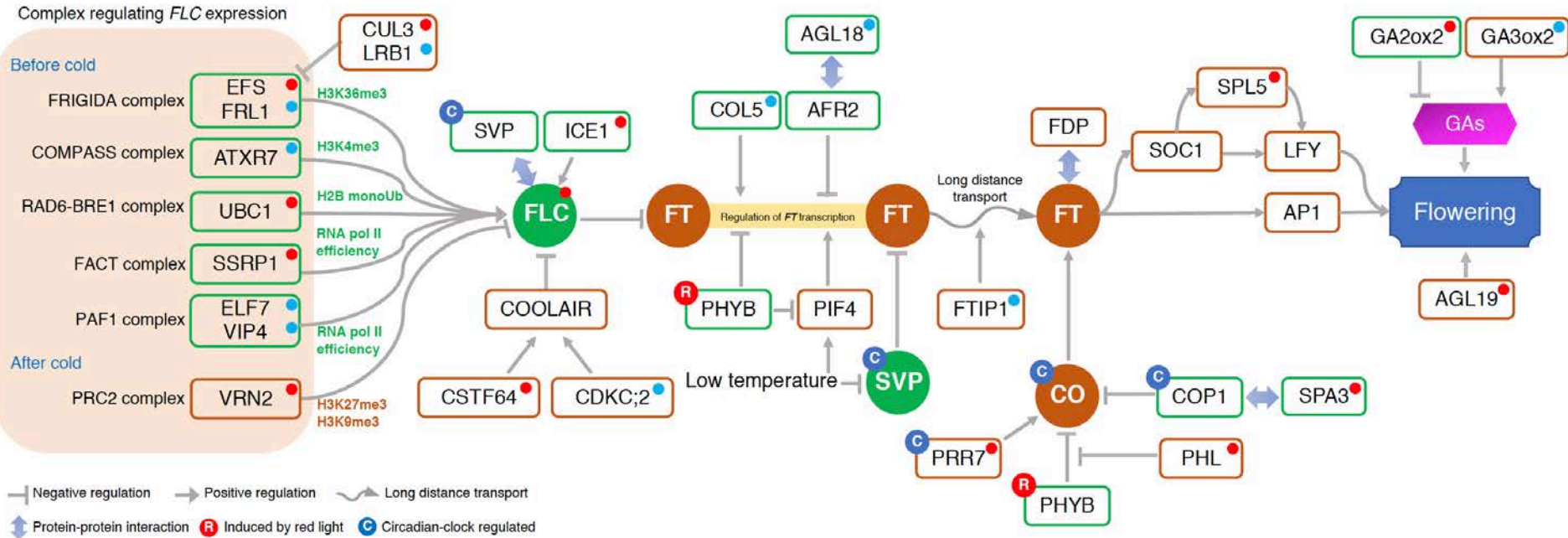
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Key genes involved in improvement of *B. napus*

C



Histone modifications involved in regulating *FLC* expression, are closely associated with flowering time in *B. napus*. These genes therefore represent promising regulatory targets in future *B. napus* breeding programs.



Summary

- Wild *B. napus* is evolved from hybridization between the ancestors of European turnip and four *B. oleracea* subspecies.
- Original wild *B. napus* is most likely winter oilseed.
- Parallel subgenomic pseudo-domestication benefited *B. napus* for adaptation to environmental variation. Parallel subgenomic improvement increase the seed quality.
- Asymmetrical selection involved in chromatin modification is associated with ecotype improvement.



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