

# Natural variation and genetic bases of pod shatter resistance in Brassica species

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# Globally, pod shattering is a major issue for canola production



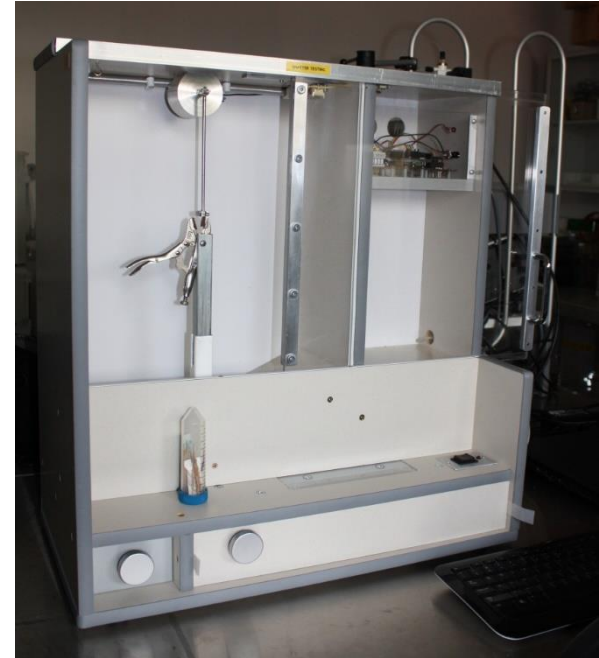
- Windrowing/Desiccants (Reglone/Roundup)
- Pod sealant
- Mechanical harvesting is preferred
- Shatter tolerant varieties
  - BASF

# Research outline

- Natural variation for pod shatter resistance
  - *B. napus*
  - *B. rapa*
  - *B. carinata*
- Genetic architecture of pod shatter resistance
  - QTL analysis
  - GWAS
- Introgress pod shatter resistance into *B. napus*
  - *B. rapa/B.carinata*
  - *B. napus/B.carinata*

# Phenotypic evaluation of germplasm

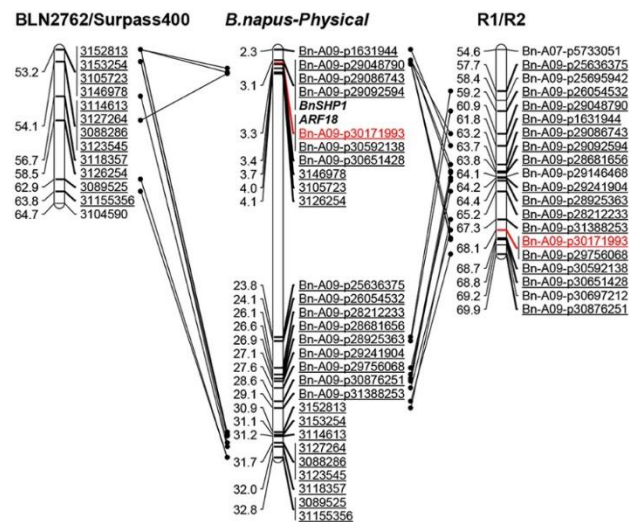
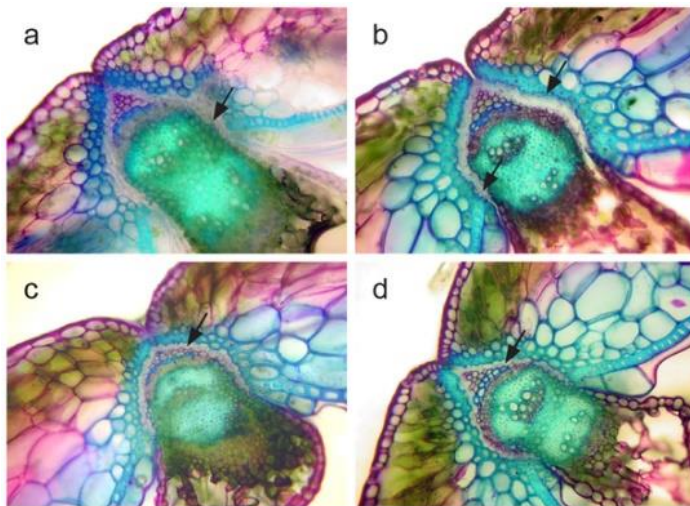
- Growing under natural field conditions
  - Birdcage
  - Field
- Rupture Energy with pendulum test
- Verifying pod shatter resistance with delayed harvest



# Pod shatter resistance in *B. napus*

- DH populations
  - BLN2762/Surpass400 (Raman et al 2014)
  - R1/R2 (Liu et al 2016, 2021)
- $F_{2:3}$  population
  - ZS11/R1 (2021, 2022, 2023, unpublished)
- GWAS panels
  - 188 Australian diverse panel (Raman et al 2014)
  - 143 Chinese diverse panel/ $IF_2$ s (Liu et al. 2016)
  - 300 AHGDS (Raman et al, unpublished)

# Consistent QTL and similar pod shatter resistance mechanisms



Raman et al (2014). PLOS ONE 9(7): e101673

Liu et al (2016). Front. Pl. Sci

Our research showed a limited variation for PSR in *B. napus* 2.1 to 4.3mJ

# Pod shatter resistance in *B. rapa* (unpubl.)

100 accessions  
(AGG)



Pendulum test

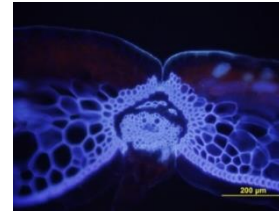


F<sub>2:3</sub> population



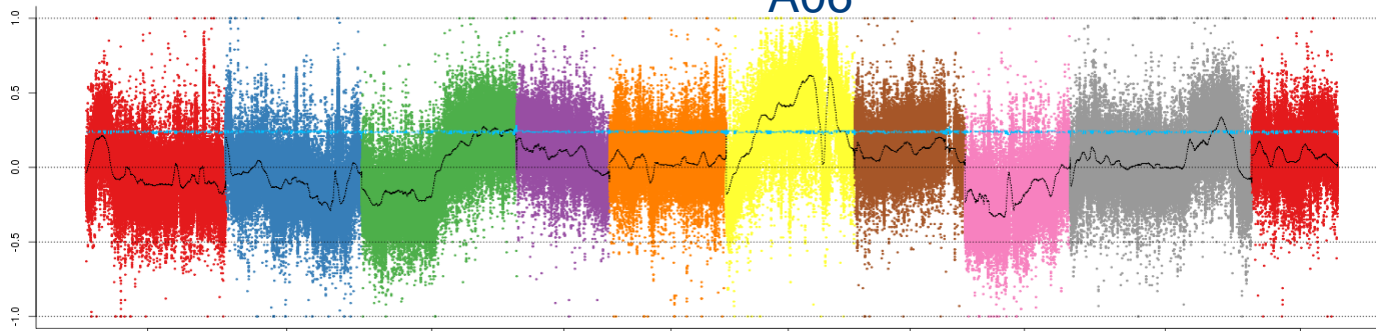
Shatter resistant  
parent (RE = 8 mJ)

X



Shatter prone parent  
(RE = 2mJ)

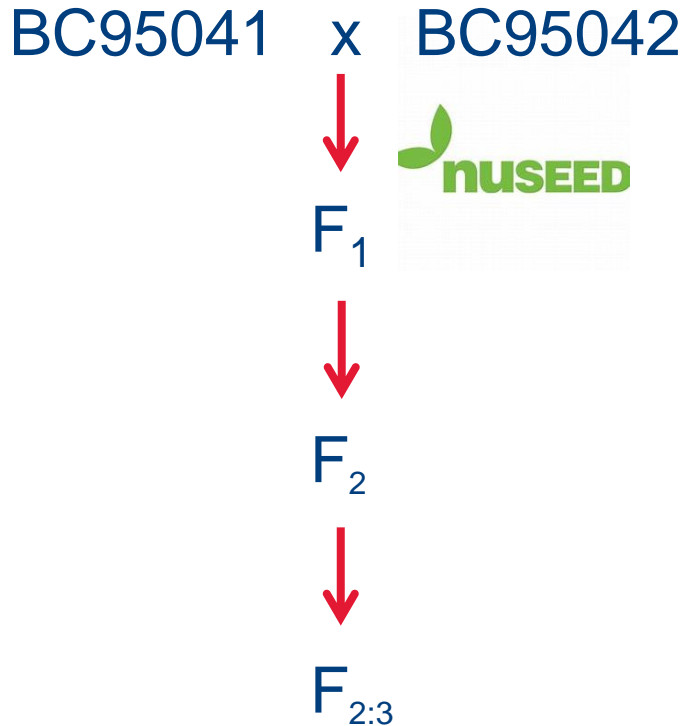
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QTLseq + QTL  
analyses

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# Pod shatter resistance in *B. rapa*/*B. napus*



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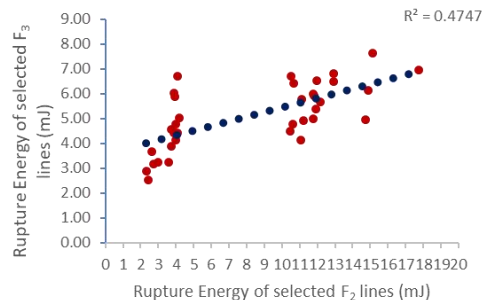
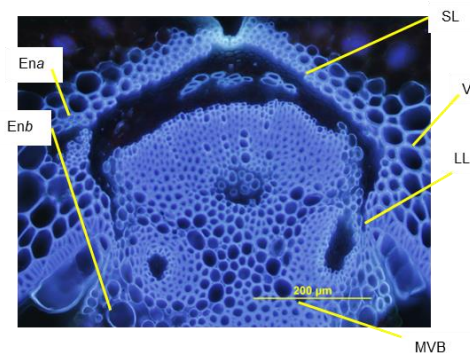
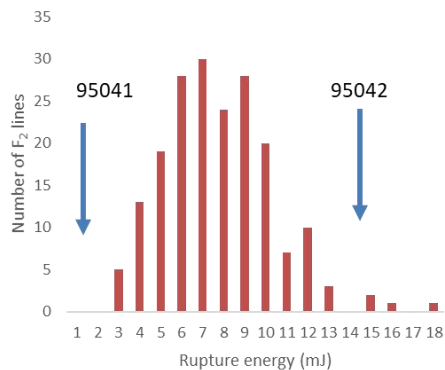
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# Genetic variation for pod shatter resistance



DArTSeq analysis

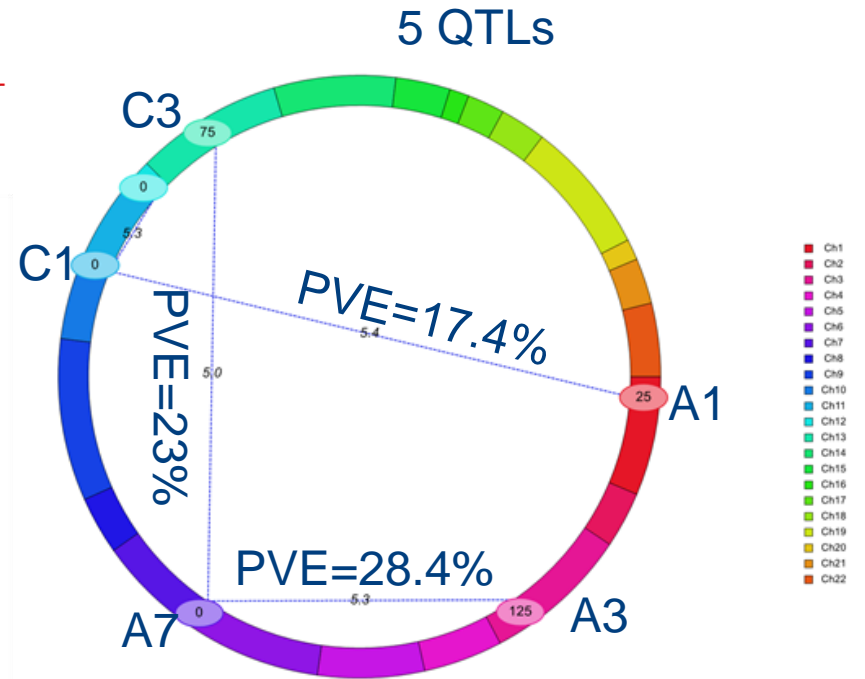
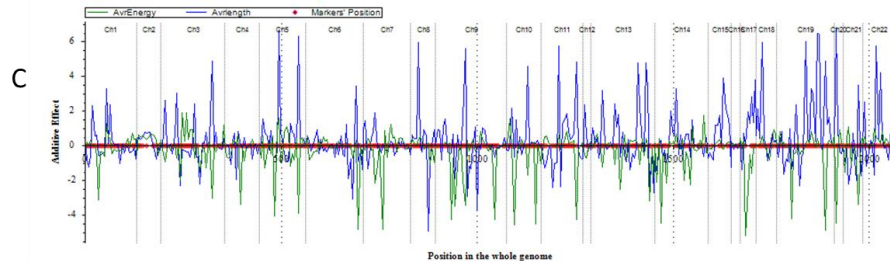
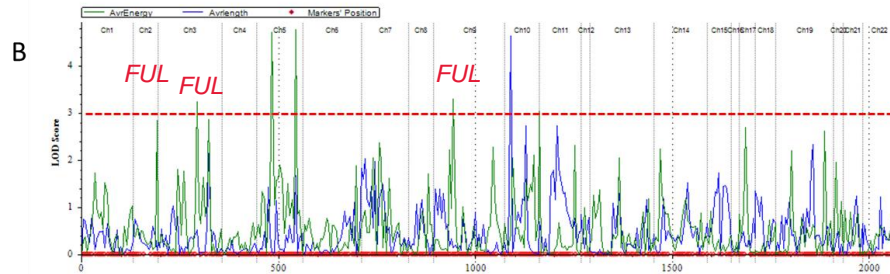
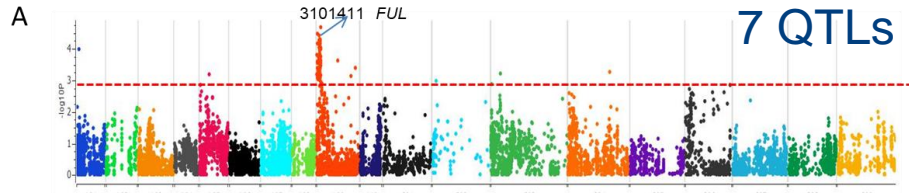


Linkage map  
(15,498 markers)



QTL analysis

# QTL for major and epistatic interactions for pod shatter resistance



# Structural and functional variants in *FUL* (A09)

## Raman et al (2023)

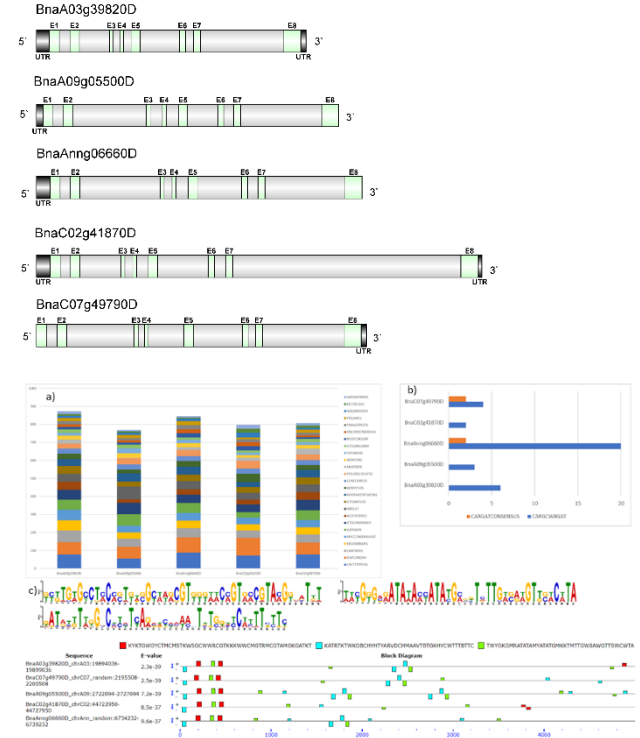
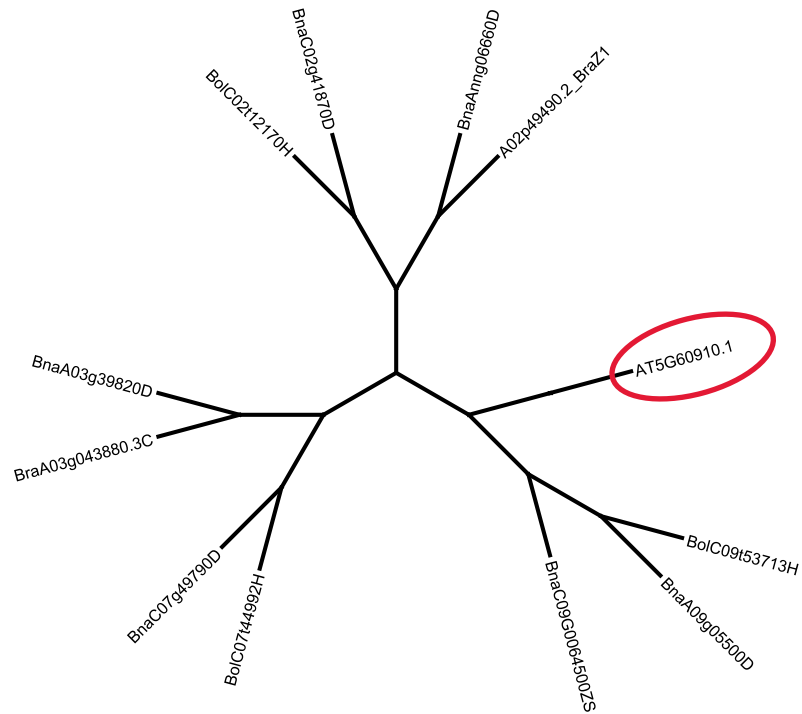


Figure 6

# Pod shatter resistance in *B. carinata*

- $F_{2:3}$  population (BC73526/BC73524)
  - Raman et al 2017, Front. Plant Sci.)
- GWAS panel
  - 83 accessions (AGG)
- DH populations
  - Yellowcross/Whiteban (YW)
  - 2013, 2014, 2023

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Molecular Diversity Analysis and Genetic  
Mapping of Pod Shatter Resistance Loci in  
*Brassica carinata* L.



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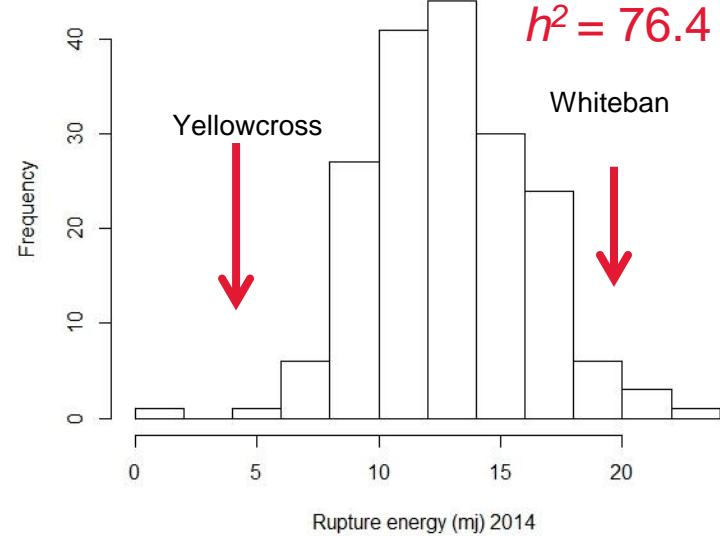
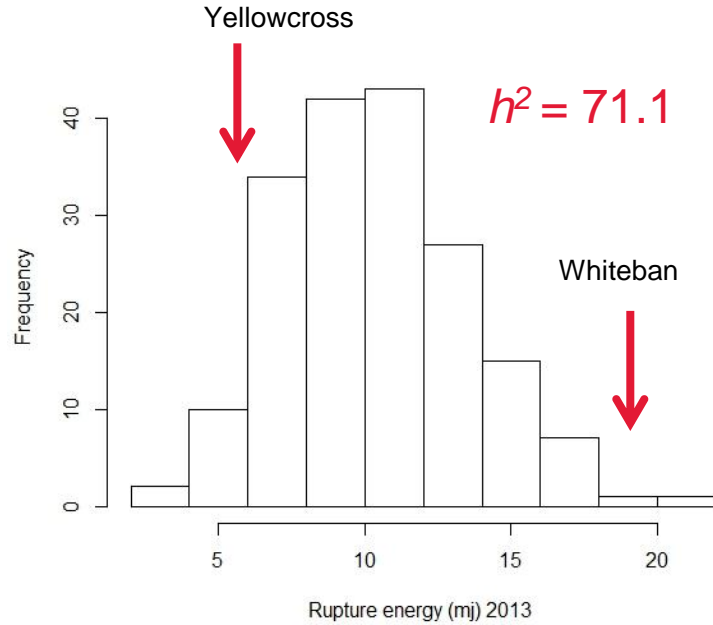


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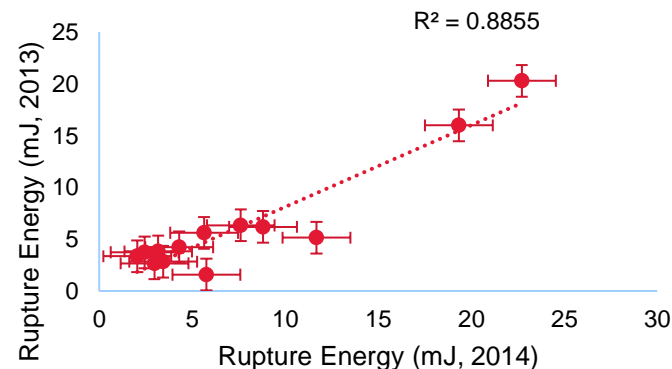
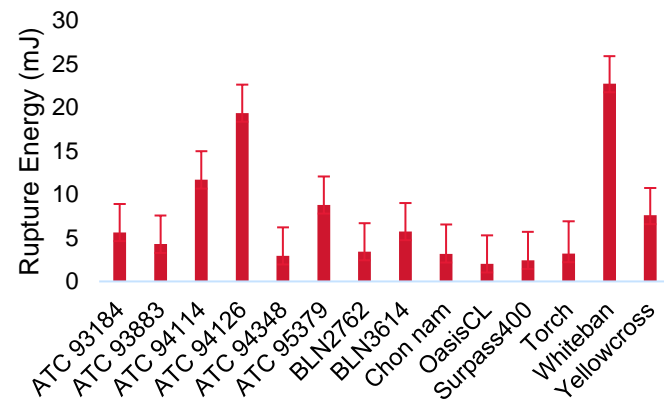
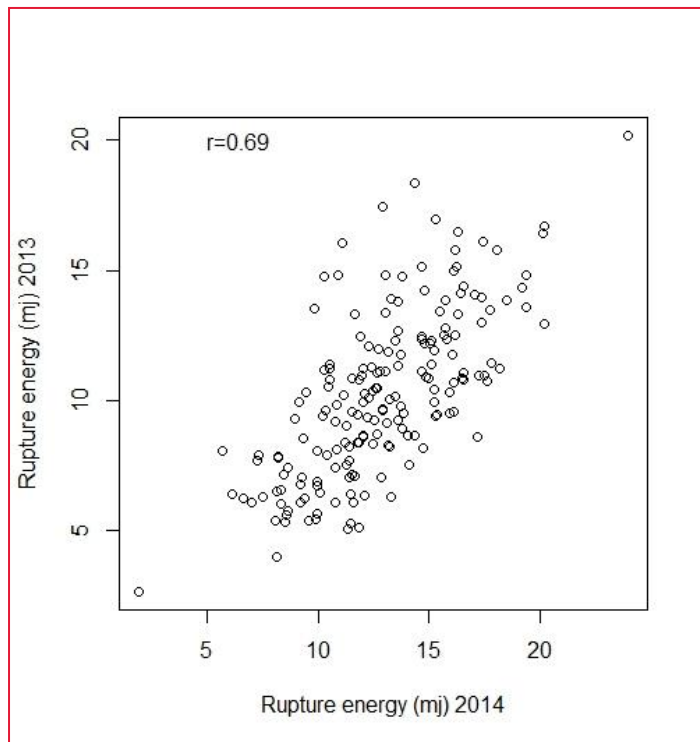


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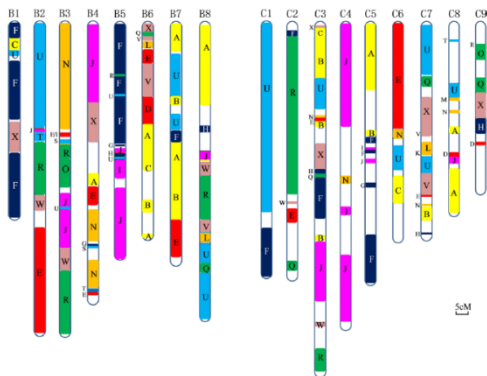
# Rupture energy of DH population of *B. carinata* derived from Yellowcross/Whiteban (YWDH)



# Genetic correlation for rupture energy in a YWDH lines



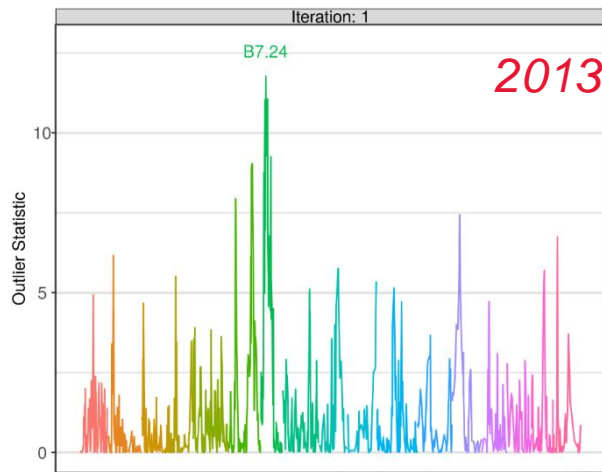
# Mapped QTL for pod shatter resistance in *B. carinata* YWDH population (Raman et al, unpubl.)



Zou et al (2014)

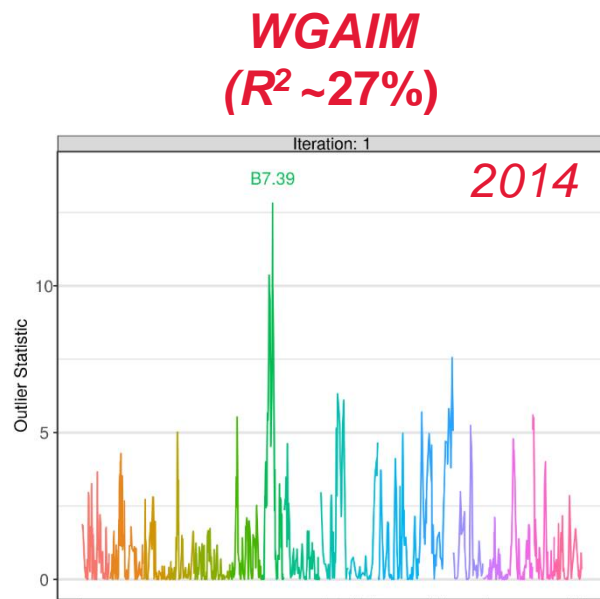
BC73526/BC73524  
(Raman et al, 2017)

BC95041/BC95042  
(Raman et al, 2023)



2013

IciMapping & WINQTL  
mapping



**WGAIM**  
( $R^2 \sim 27\%$ )

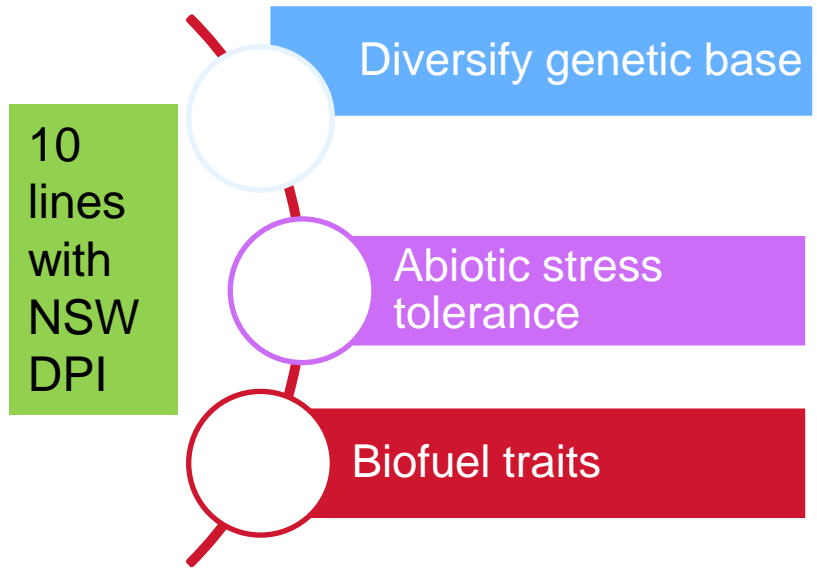
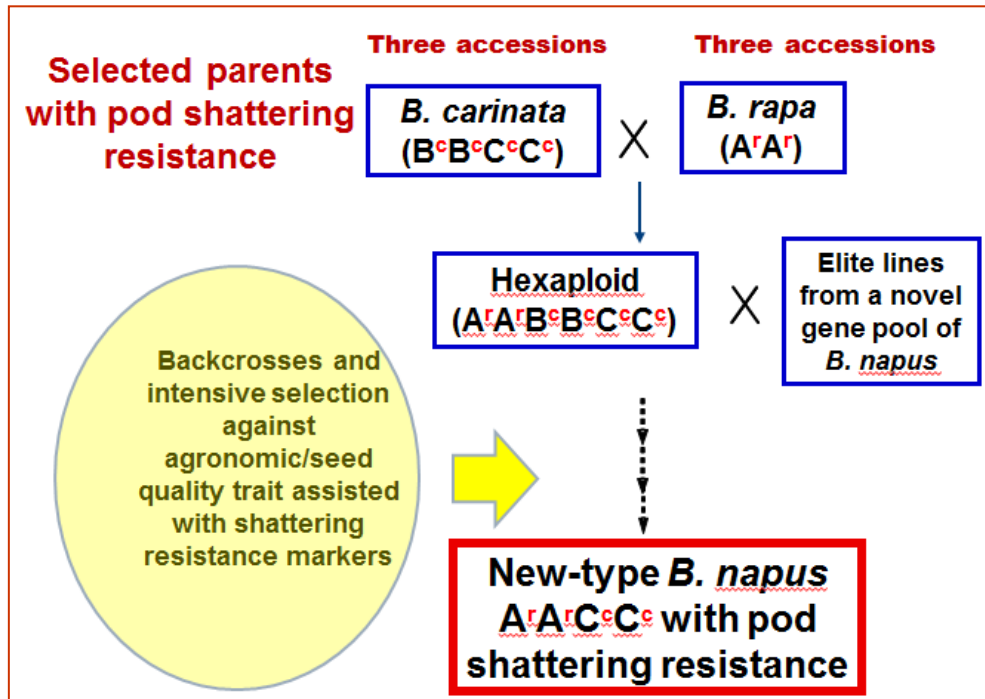
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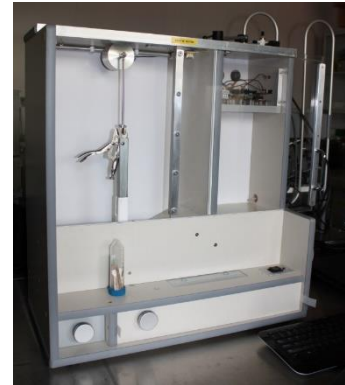
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# Resynthesis of *B. napus* from *B. rapa*/*B. carinata*



# Summary

- Determined the genetic bases underlying pod shatter resistance in *B. rapa*, *B. napus* and *B. carinata*
- Currently validating phenotyping methods for quantifying pod shatter resistance
- Further research is required to pyramid favourable alleles to enhance pod shatter resistance in *B. napus*

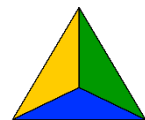




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