



# The IWGSC Bread Wheat Chromosome Survey Sequencing Initiative

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# Roadmap to the Wheat Genome Sequence



Survey sequencing of individual chromosomes

Physical mapping of individual chromosomes

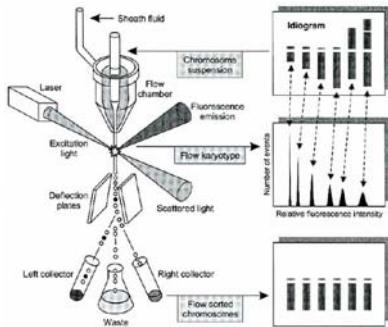
*Short term*  
↓  
Gene catalog  
Virtual order  
Markers

MTP sequencing

*Long term*

A reference sequence anchored to the genetic and phenotypic maps

# Chromosome Survey Sequence Data



Flow sorted chromosomes

Amplified DNA

Illumina Paired End Sequencing  
30-200x

Sequence Assembly (ABySS)  
1 per chromosome arm + 3B



# Chromosome Survey Sequence Data

- Quality checked sequence reads (100-150bp)
- Sequence assemblies for 40 chromosome arms + chromosome 3B
  - Total length 10.2 Gb
  - 128Mb (1DS) – 639Mb (3B) assembled sequence per chromosome
  - contigs / chromosome arm range from 88k (6DS) – 508k (2DL)
  - N50 contig length = 2.4 kb (1.5kb - 4.3kb) after filtering contigs < 200bp
  - N50 contig length after repeat masking = 6.1kb (1.7kb-8.9kb)

# Gene Calling

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## Chromosome arm assemblies

- Chromosome arm sorted (excepting 3B): **41 sequence “bins”**
- 128Mb (1DS) – 639Mb (3B) assembled sequence per “bin”
- repeat masked
- Total sequence: **10.2Gb**

## RNA-seq (E. Paux, INRA)

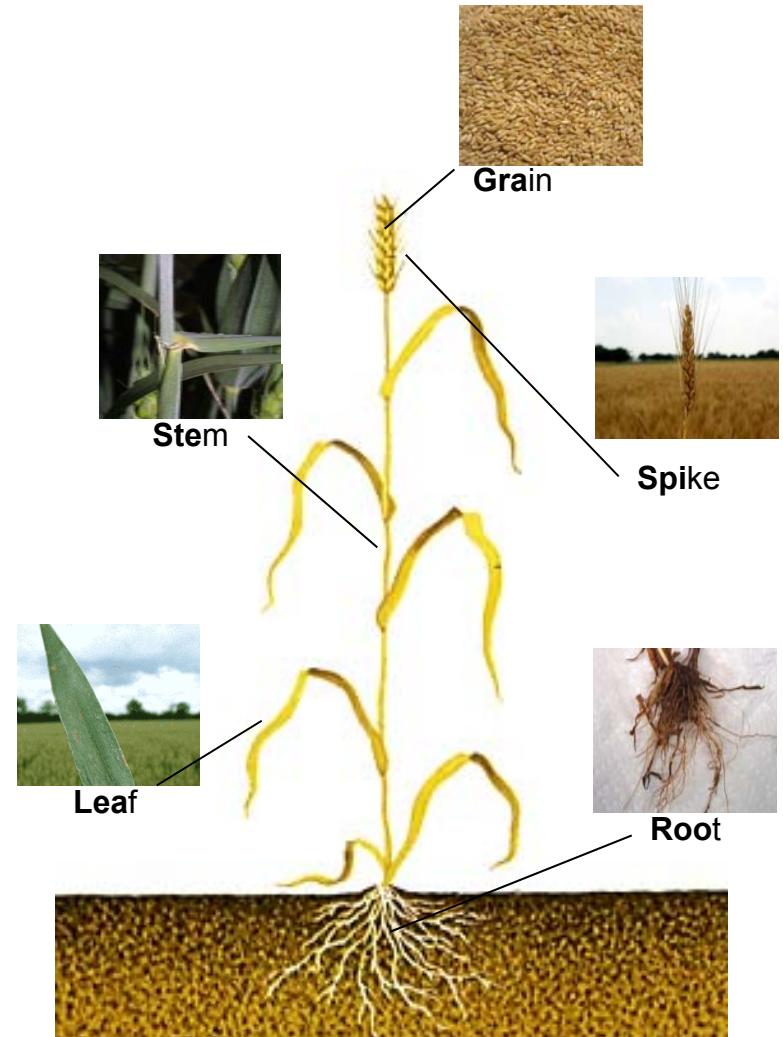
- 5 tissues
- 112 – 140mio reads per samples
- Single end, 101bp length
- 12- 14Gb sequence
- $\Sigma 615.3\text{mio reads; } 62\text{Gb sequence}$

## Public wheat fl-cDNAs (TriFLDB)

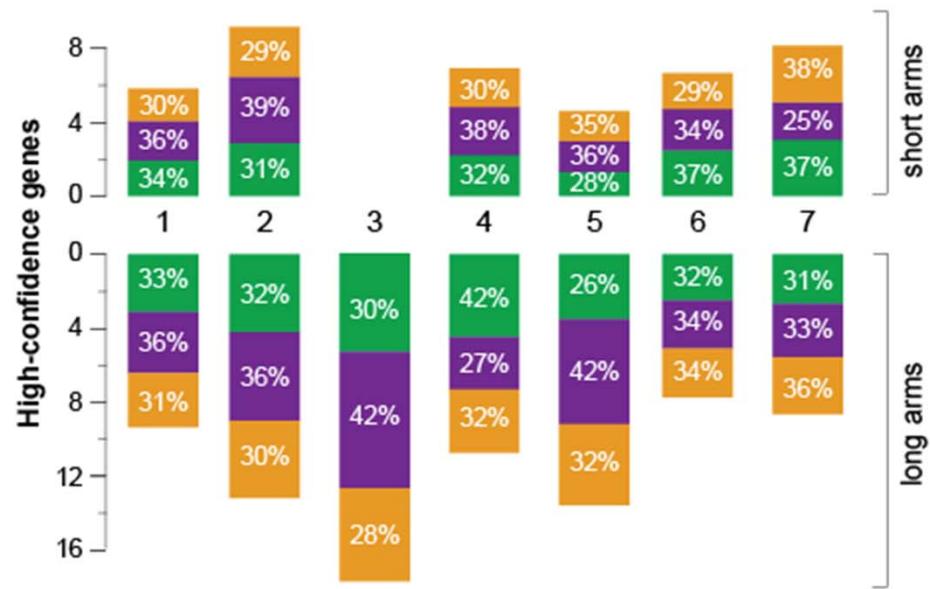
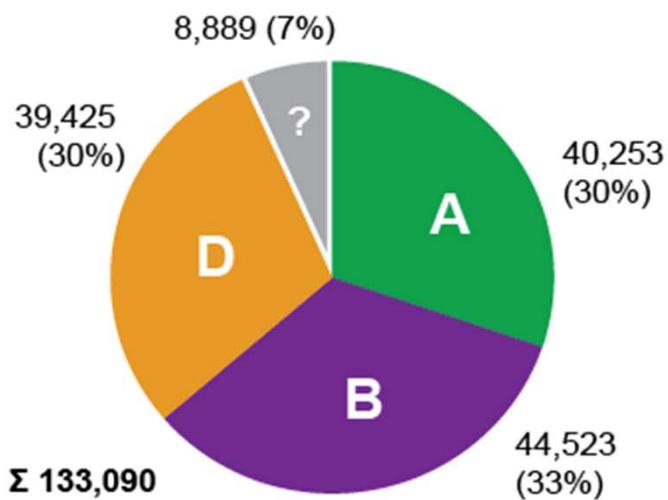
- 16,807 fl-cDNAs (16,607 with ORF)
- 15,245 fl-cDNAs - assigned to chromosome arms via CARMA ( $\rightarrow 1:1$  relationship)

## Reference annotations

- Barley (IBSC 2012), Brachypodium, Rice, Sorghum



# Gene distribution across sub-genomes and chromosomes

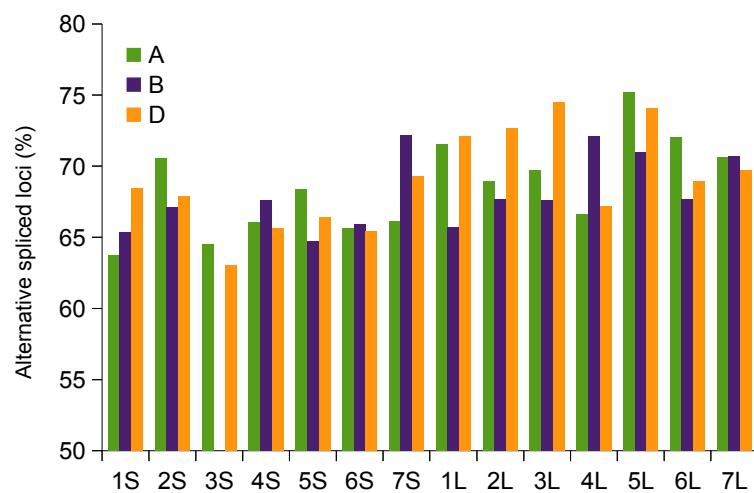
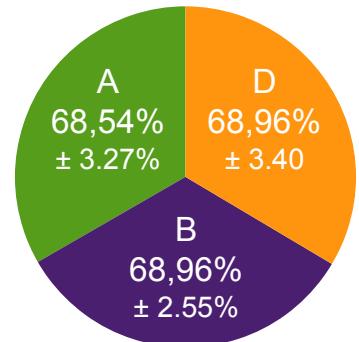


- 133,090 HC gene calls – 124,201 allocated to chromosomes
- Higher proportion of genes on the B genome
- Gene content but no order

# Alternative splicing per chromosome and genome

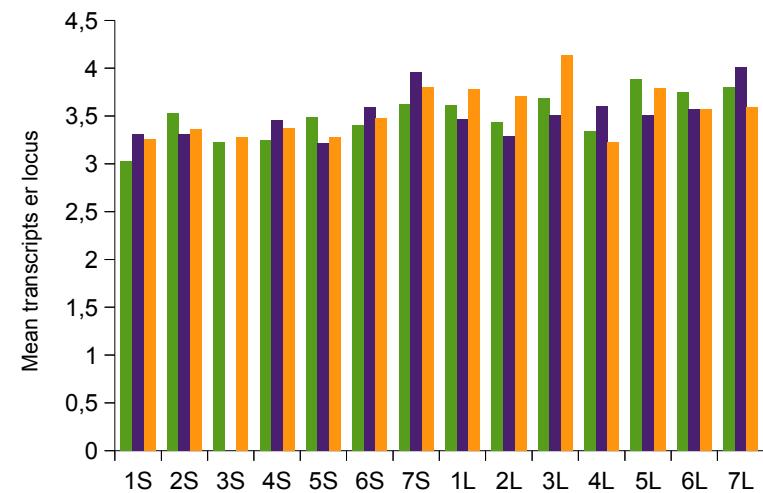
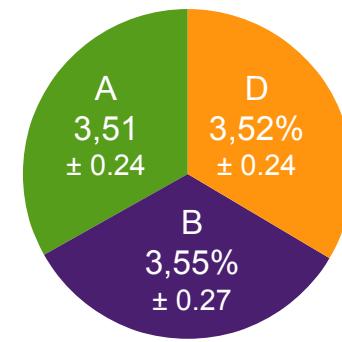
Alternative spliced loci

Mean over all chromosomes

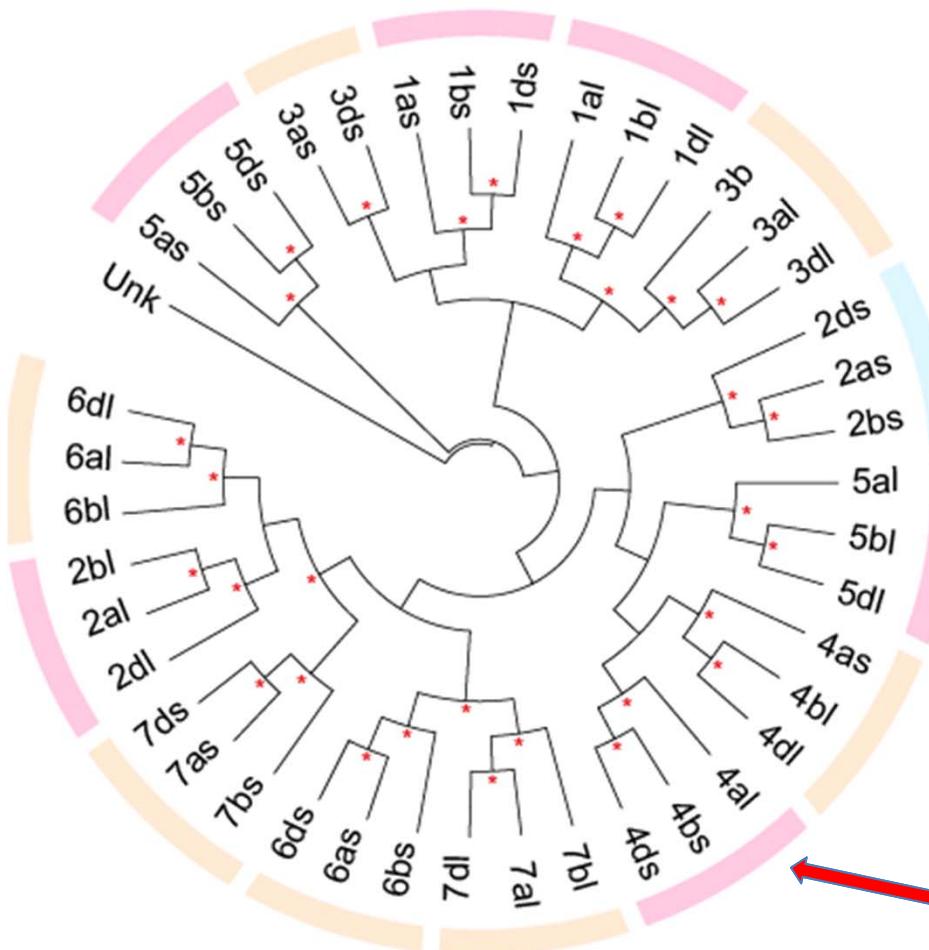


Predicted transcripts per locus

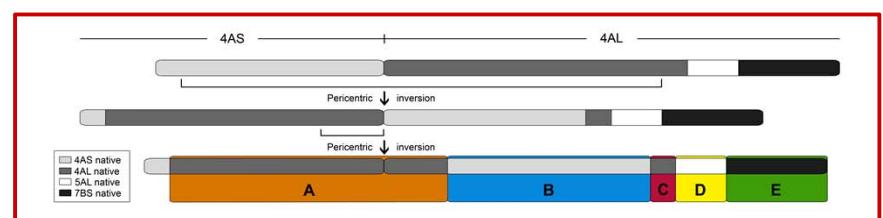
Mean over all chromosomes



# Hierarchical clustering of genes among homoeologous chromosomes

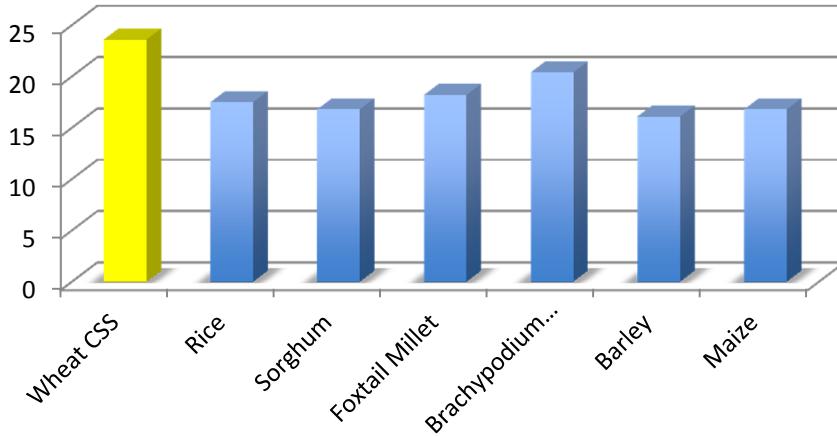


Genes represented in each of the sub-genomes cluster with genes on homoeologous chromosomes: every topology is found

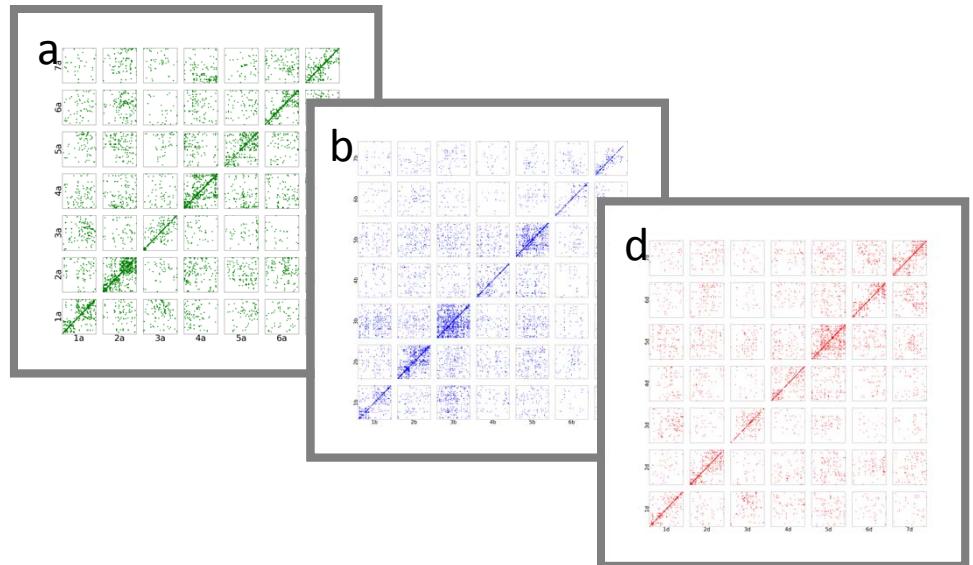


# Gene duplications are abundant in wheat

## Gene duplication in grass genomes

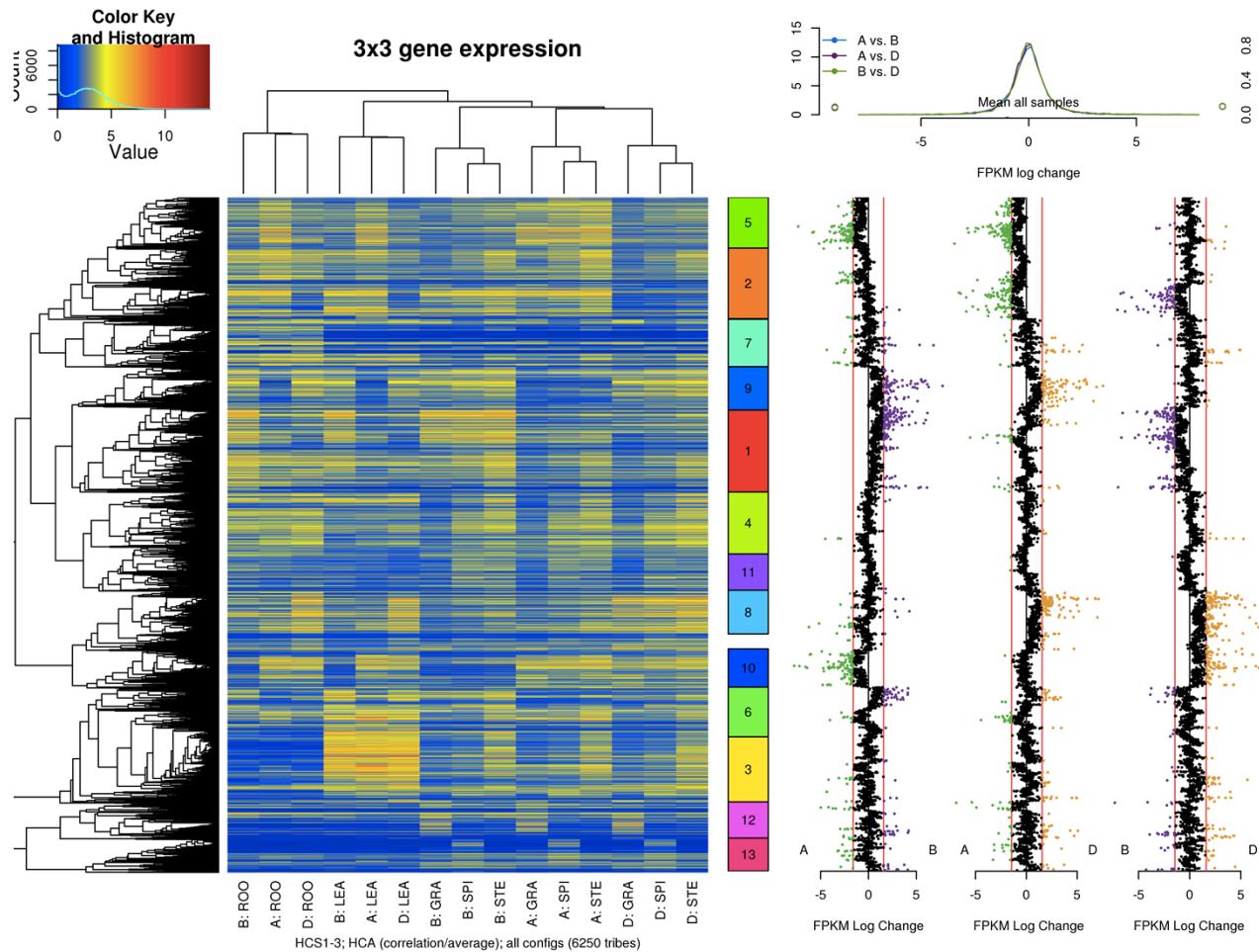


Duplications in wheat underestimated due to sequence fragmentation



73% of duplicates are located on the same chromosome arm

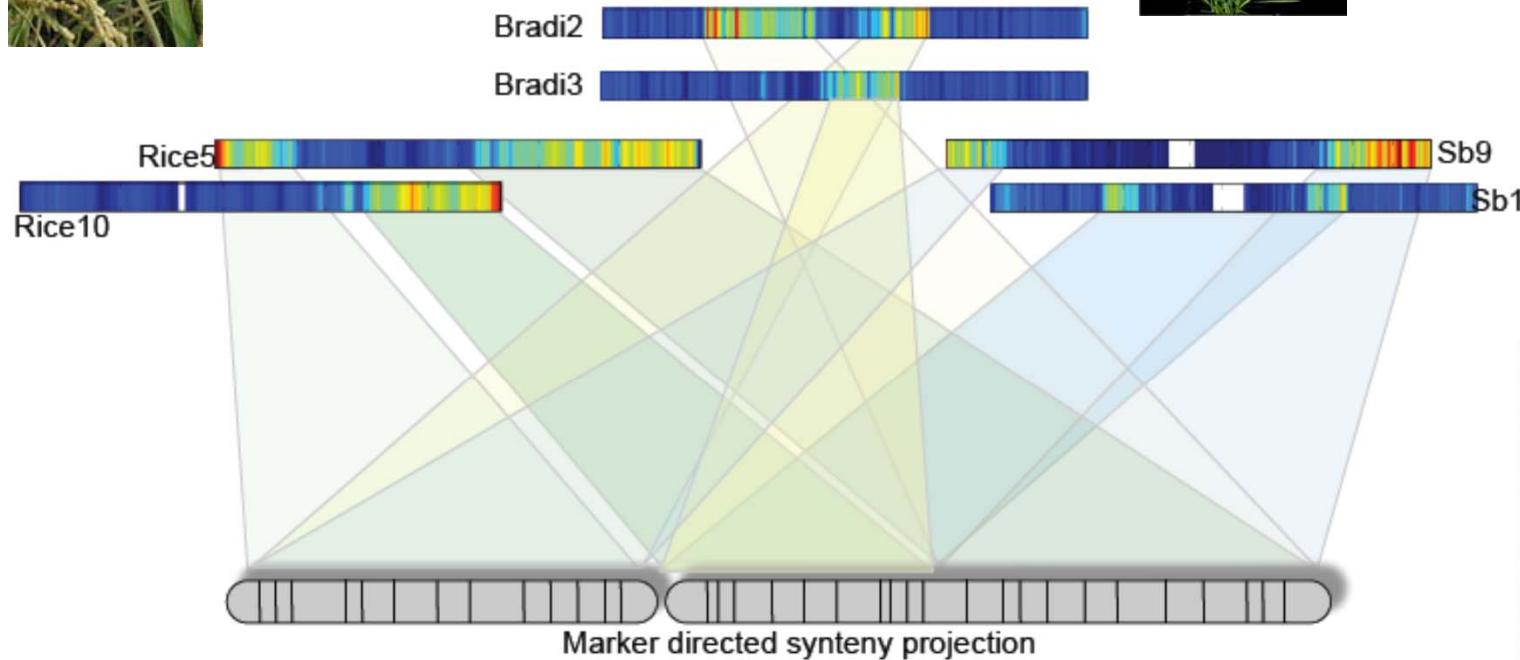
# Differential gene expression in individual selected tissues



See Matthias Pfeiffer – Sunday workshop

# Syntenic alignment and integration generates a 'GenomeZipper'

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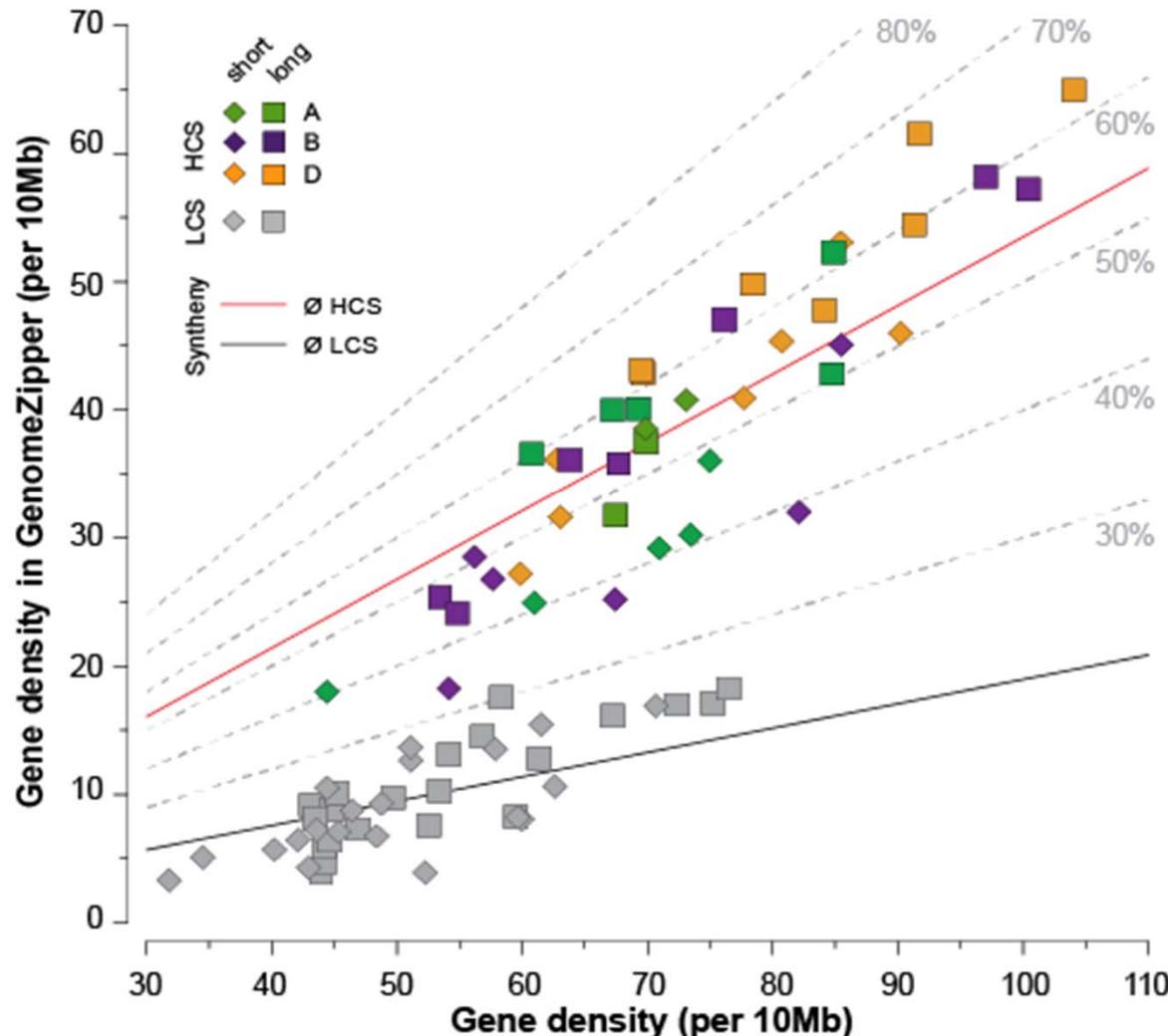
# Genome zipper generates a virtual gene order for the wheat genome

Data Sets		1AS	1AL	2AS	2AL	3AS	3AL	4AS	4AL	5AS	5AL	6AS	6AL	7AS	7AL	$\Sigma$
No. of markers		1123	947	1780	1075	786	1033	544	2669	2205	1079	1257	804	1534	1373	18209
No. of Bd genes	Data Sets	1BS	1BL	2BS	2BL	3B	4BS	4BL	5BS	5BL	6BS	6BL	7BS	7BL	$\Sigma$	
No. of Os genes	No. of markers	1668	1136	1459	2606	5064	1321	673	813	2858	1355	1030	869	2323	23175	
No. of Sb genes	No. of Bd genes	200	1170	210	1511	2170	600	1000	100	1000	157	205	501	700	12001	
No. of non-redundant anchored gene loci in genomeZipper	Data Sets	1DS	1DL	2DS	2DL	3DS	3DL	4DS	4DL	5DS	5DL	6DS	6DL	7DS	7DL	$\Sigma$
No. of anchored genes	No. of markers	914	669	806	1516	515	1186	194	450	638	1146	1040	630	1492	955	12151
No. of anchored genes	No. of Bd genes	423	1147	895	1567	634	1246	571	1123	392	1724	462	949	855	907	12895
No. of anchored genes	No. of Os genes	295	1000	808	1451	514	1201	475	1031	307	1256	354	878	836	747	11153
No. of anchored genes	No. of Sb genes	329	1083	774	1318	489	1164	483	1102	280	1467	380	916	856	815	11456
No. of non-redundant anchored gene loci in genomeZipper	No. of non-redundant anchored gene loci in genomeZipper	611	1762	1380	2385	880	1845	869	1583	561	2544	676	1349	1435	1356	19236

64,000 markers used (GBS; J. Poland and Eduard Akhunov)

19,000 -20,000 genes per sub-genome zipped

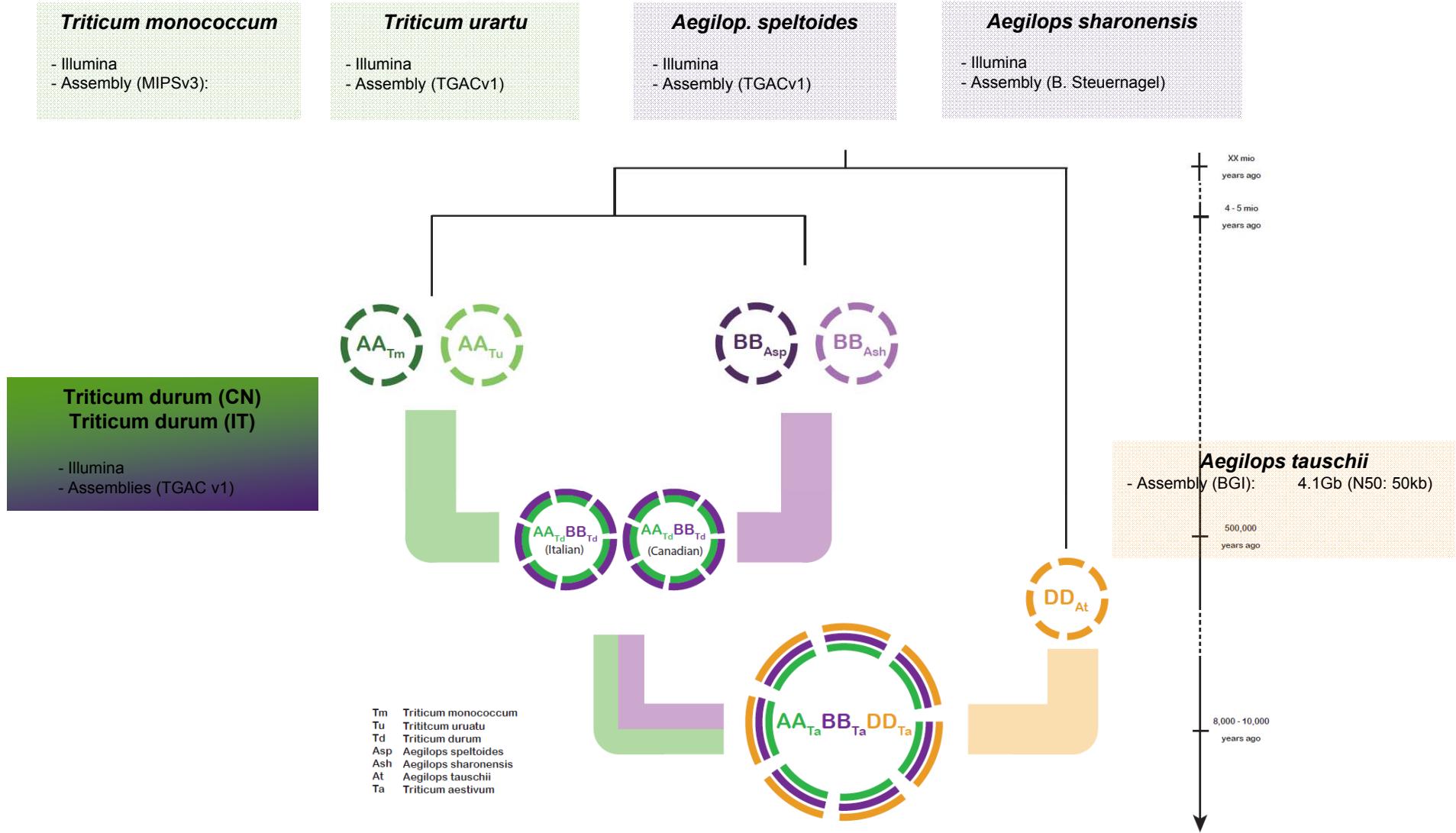
# Synteny-based chromosomal ordering of genes



On average 53%  
of HC genes are  
virtually ordered

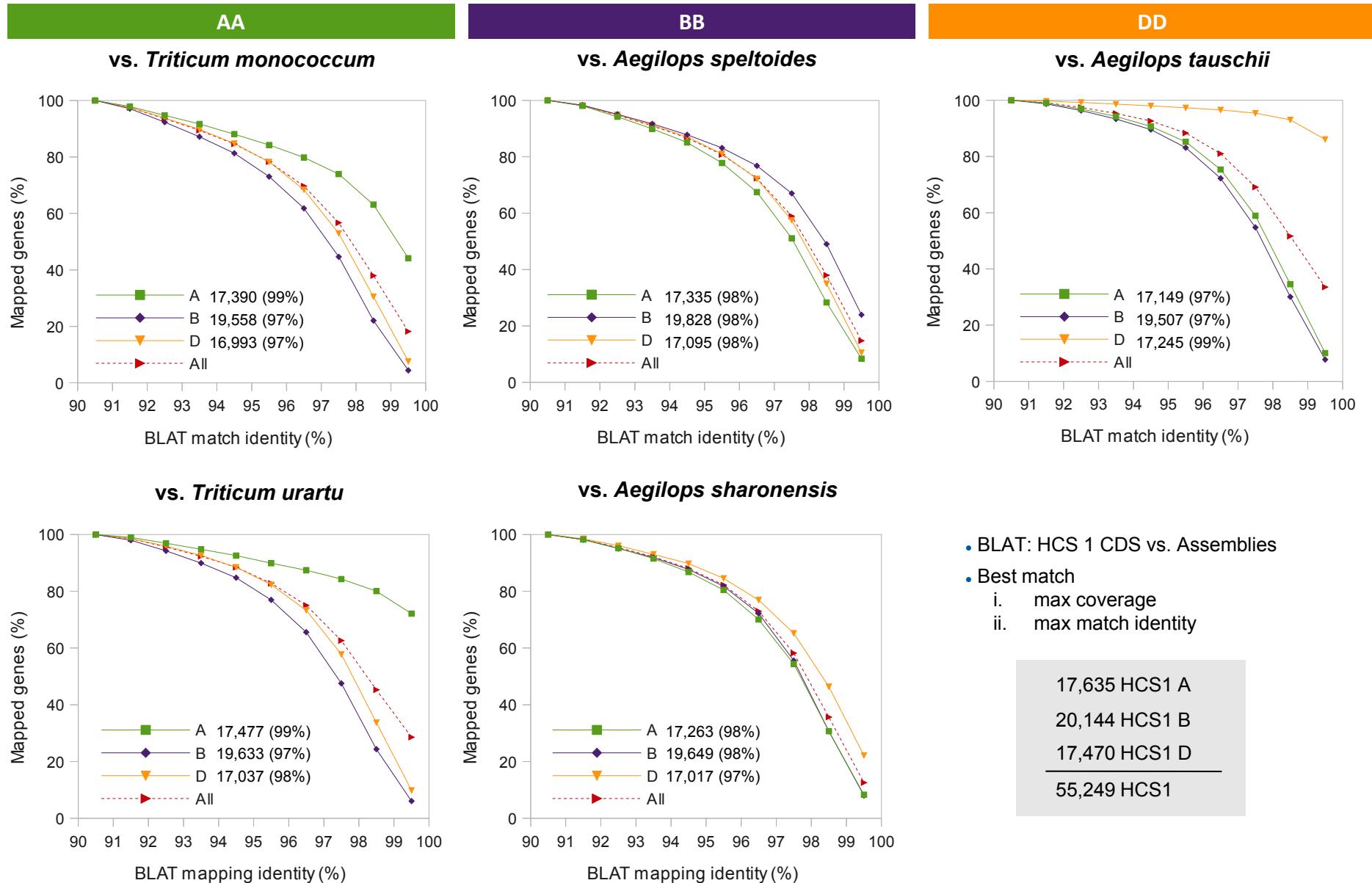
Genome zipper  
available at MIPS and  
at URGI

# Bread Wheat vs. di-and tetraploid ancestors



# Bread Wheat vs. Diploid ancestors

-alignment identity of wheat genes vs. genome assemblies of A,B and D donors-



# Summary

- Almost full wheat gene complement identified and allocated to chromosome arms
- On average, 53% of genes virtually ordered along chromosomes
- High level of inter- and intrachromosomal duplication
- Over 3.5 M markers mapped to contigs (1.3M wheat markers + 2.3M SNPs) - SSR, EST, DArT, SNP (90k) markers...

These resources are facilitating:

- New phylogenetic analyses of wheat genome evolution
- Definition of core and pan gene sets for *Triticeae* by comparing di-tetra- and hexaploid genomes
- Homoeologue-specific gene expression analyses
- Wheat haplotype map – E. Akhunov
- TILLING projects in *T. durum* and bread wheat – UC Davis, JIC, RRes
- Gene identification and cloning

# Chromosome Survey Sequence Access

- Resources accessible at URGI, Versailles  
<http://wheat-urgi.versailles.inra.fr/Seq-Repository/>
- Raw sequence reads in the SRA
- Assemblies available at EBI since September



272 institutions  
 40 countries

52,000 BLAST searches  
 2,500 downloads



[http://plants.ensembl.org/Triticum aestivum](http://plants.ensembl.org/Triticum_aestivum)

The screenshot displays the EnsemblPlants interface for Triticum aestivum (Wheat). The top navigation bar includes links for EnsemblPlants, BLAST, Response Search, Builder, Tools, Downloads, Help & Documentation, and a search bar for 'Triticum aestivum'. A sidebar on the left provides links for 'About Triticum aestivum', 'Genome assembly: IWGSP1', 'Comparative genomics', and 'Gene-based displays'. The main content area shows a chromosome survey sequence for IWGSP1 version 2.0, featuring a yellow bar chart with black dots representing genes. Below this is a detailed view of the gene Traces\_SAL\_737D69RD, showing its location on chromosome 7R, its length (2137 bp), protein ID (TAAE8392), and protein coding (Protein coding). The page also includes sections for Gene annotation, Variation, and a detailed tree diagram for the gene's evolution.



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