

# Reference Assembly of Chromosome 7A as a Platform to Study Regions of Agronomic Importance

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# Summary of achievements

1. We have produced a high quality, genetically anchored, assembly of chromosome 7A
2. The assembly has been validated using independent genome-level information for specific regions of the chromosome
3. The assembly now forms the basis for the analysis of agronomically significant chromosome regions

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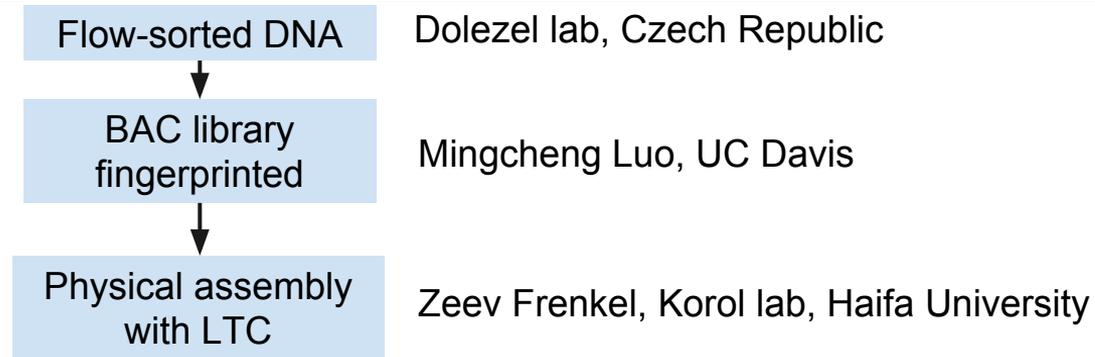
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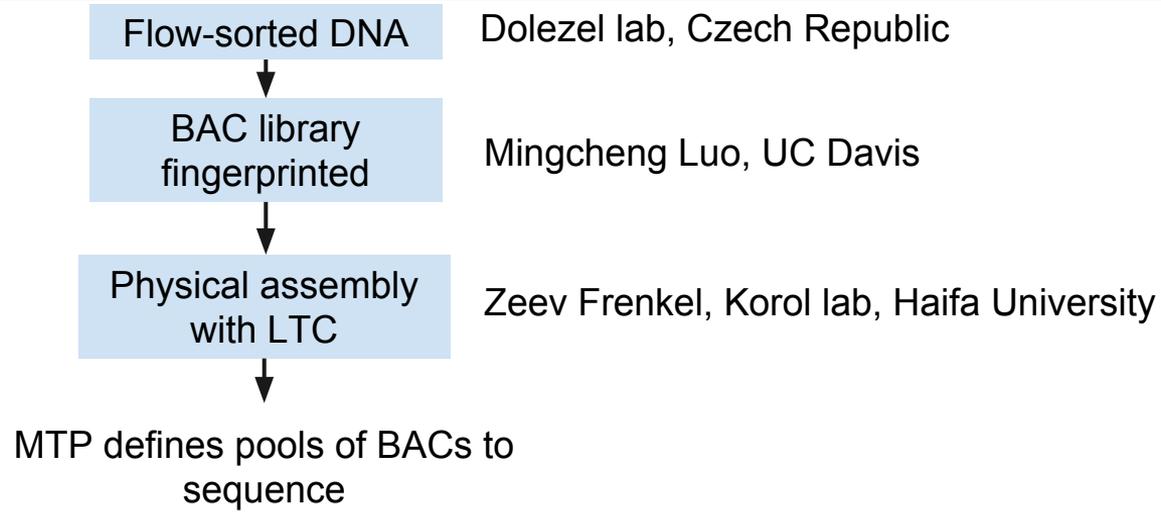
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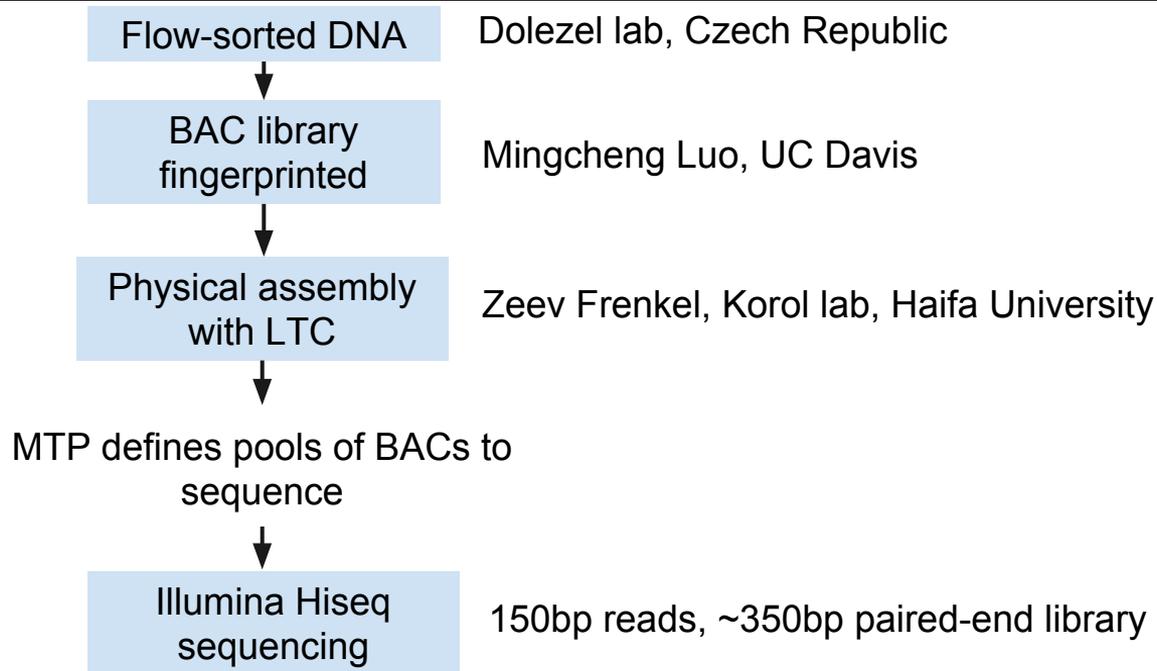
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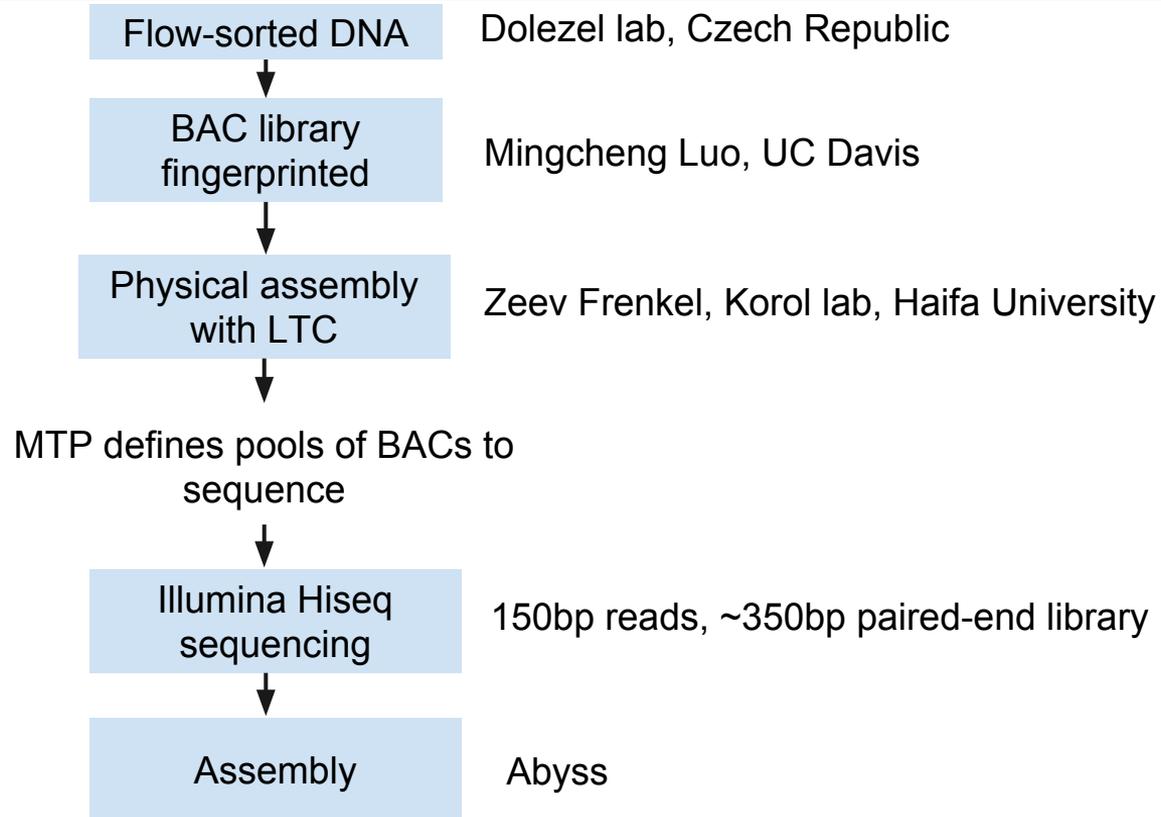
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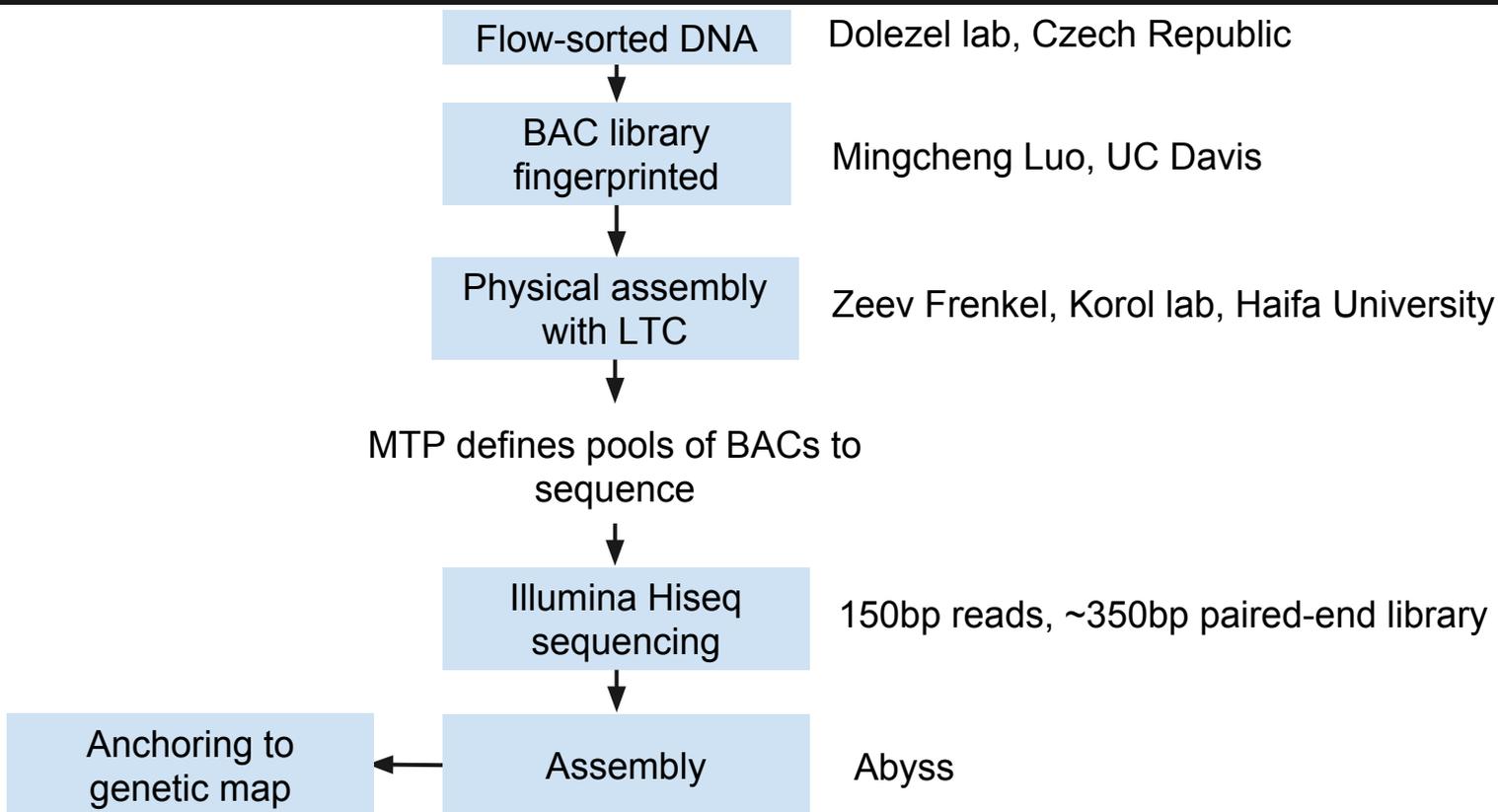
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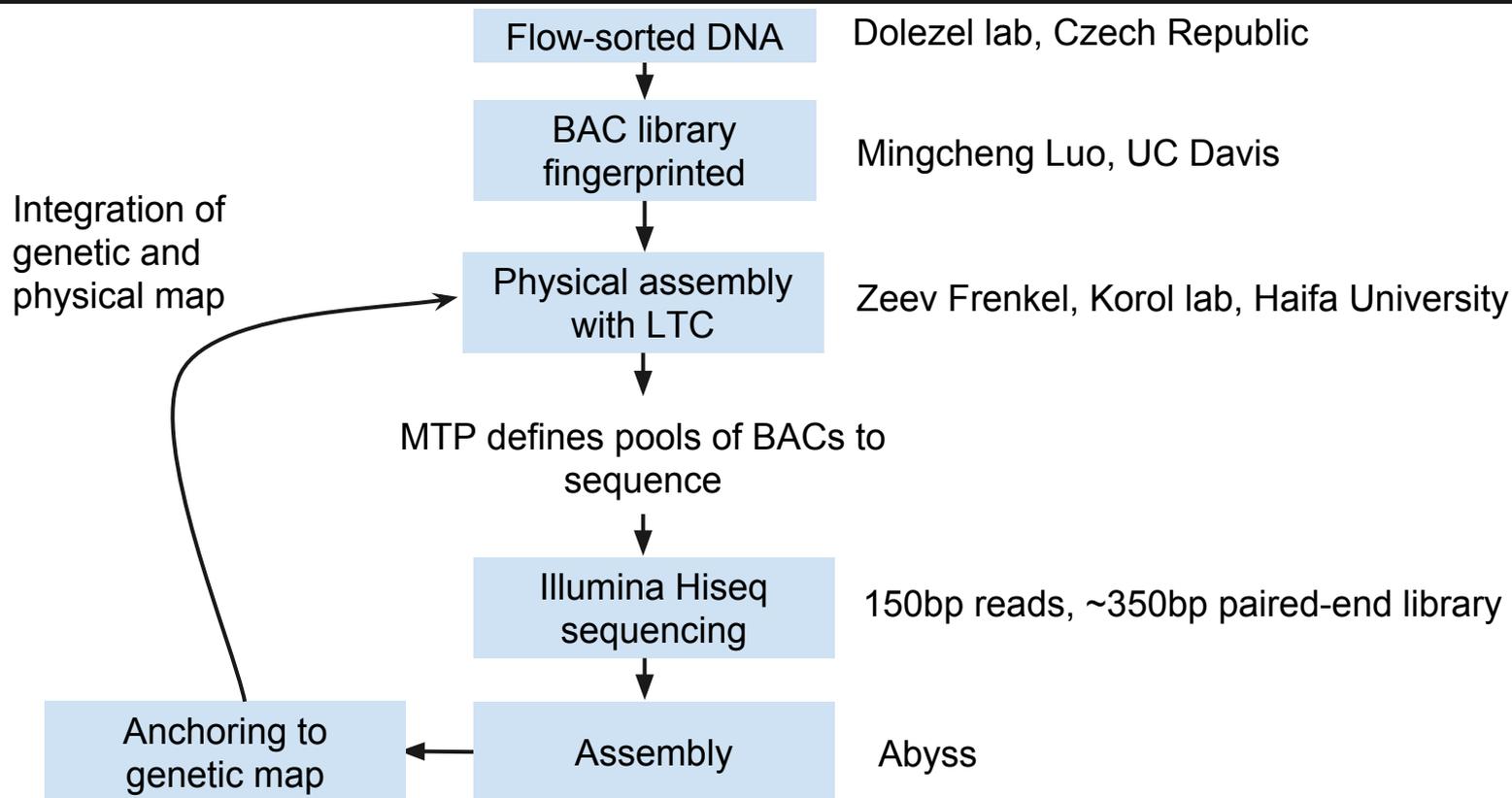
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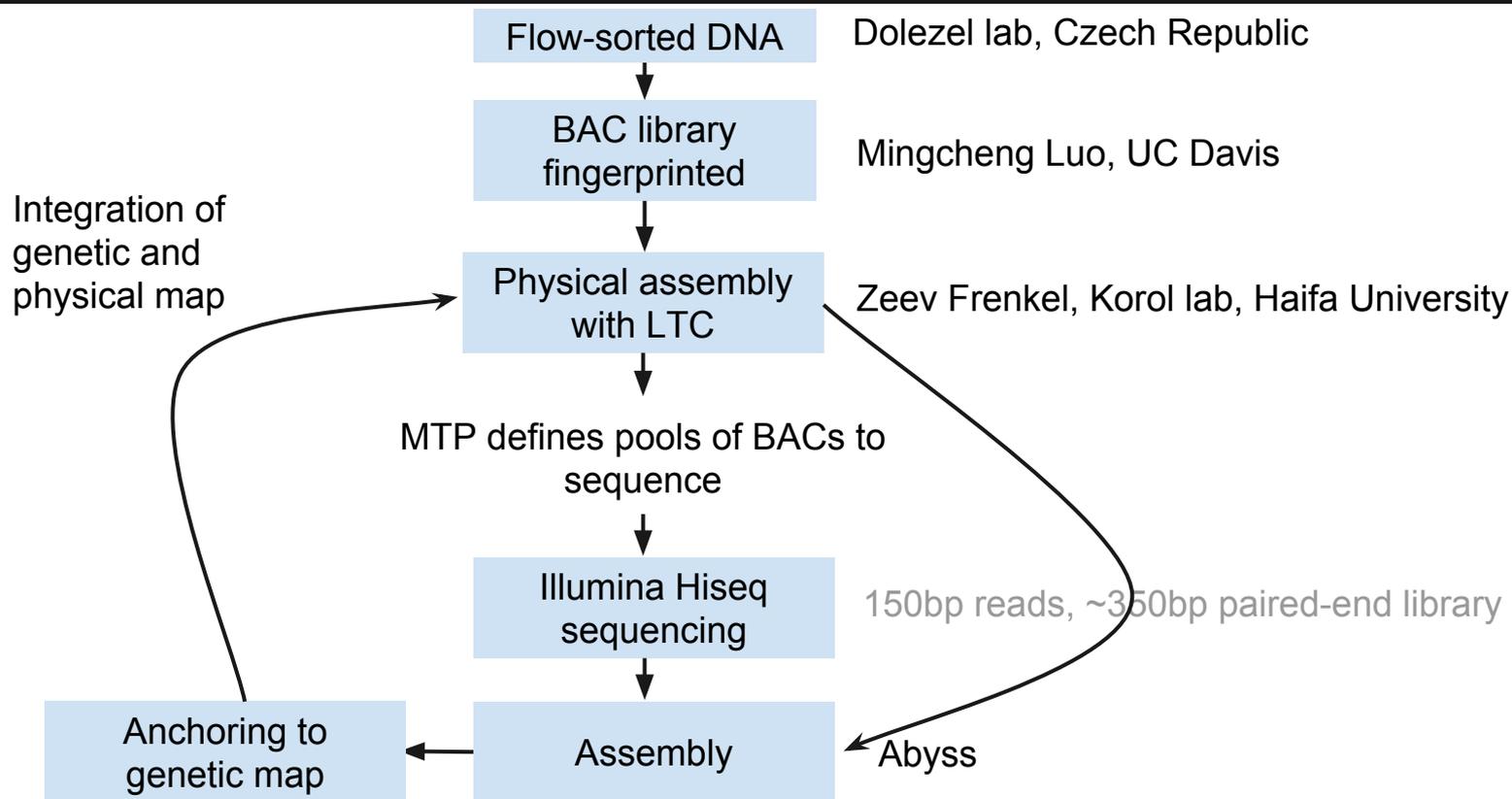
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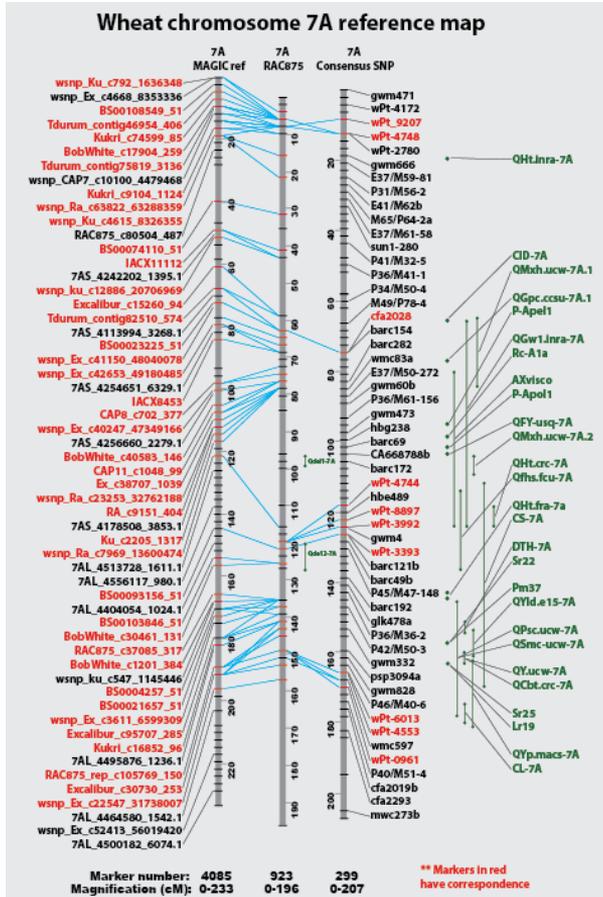
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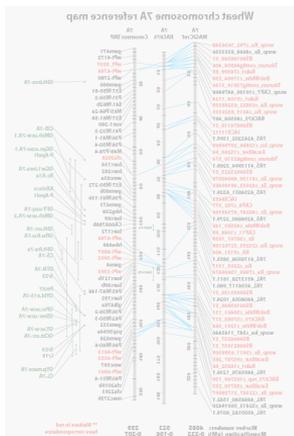
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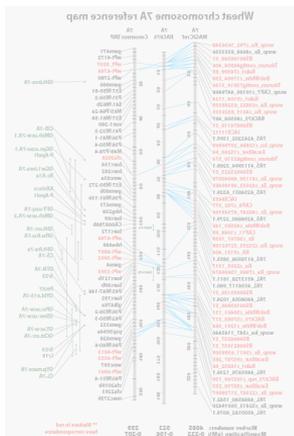
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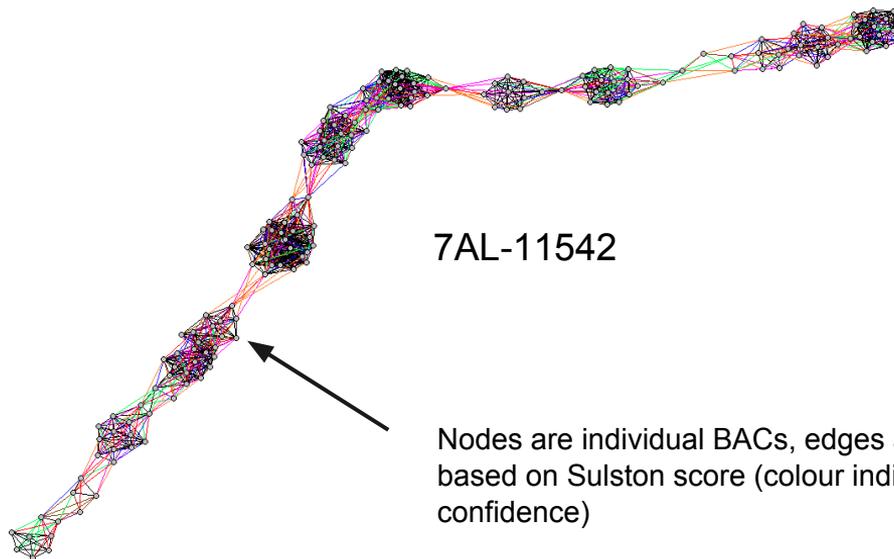
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7AL-11542

Nodes are individual BACs, edges are overlaps based on Sulston score (colour indicates confidence)



# Super-scaffolding

Final stats for paired-end-only (pre-mate-pair) assembly:

- 42,441 sequence scaffolds
  - Total length 940Mb
  - N50 137kb
  - Mean 22kb

A large mate-pair dataset was generated by National Research Council, Canada (Andy Sharpe) from a Chinese Spring+7EL line, including 12 insert library sizes from 1.4kb to 20kb.

The read pairs aligning perfectly (no mismatches) to our paired-end-only draft assembly were provided by David Konkin and used for super-scaffolding with SSPACE.

The minimum number of mate-pair joins required to connect two contigs ( $k$ ) was explored, using  $k = 2$  to 5.

For example, for  $k = 2$ , two scaffolds can be joined based on only two connections.

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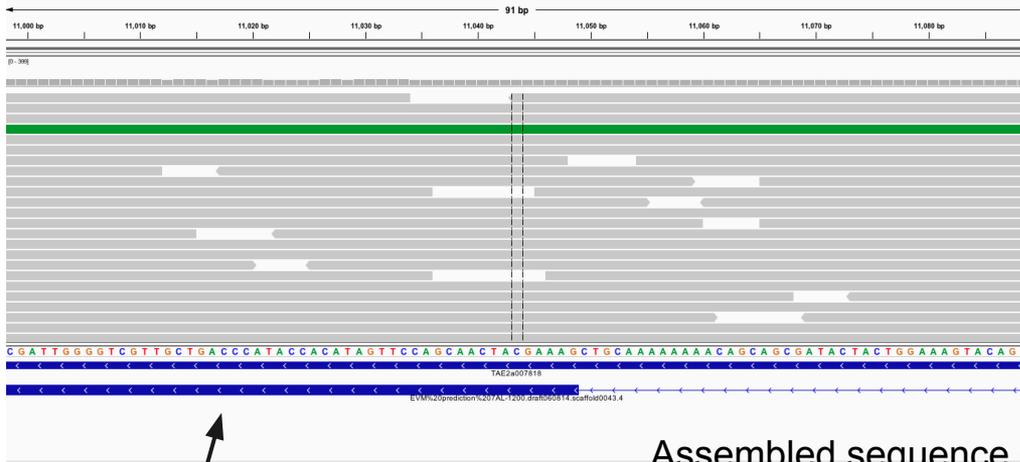
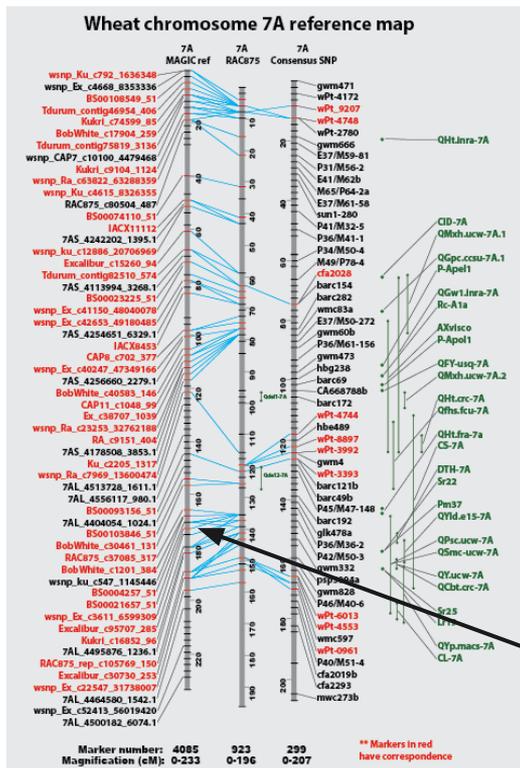
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# From long- to short-range information



Assembled sequence +  
annotation

Genetic map

Physical map

# Pseudomolecule

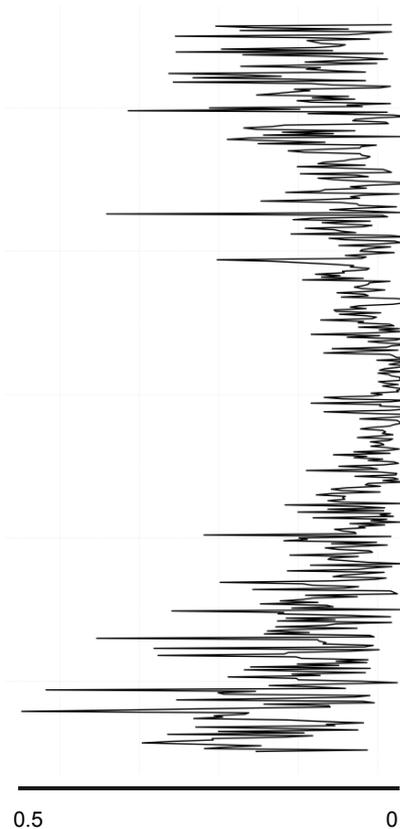
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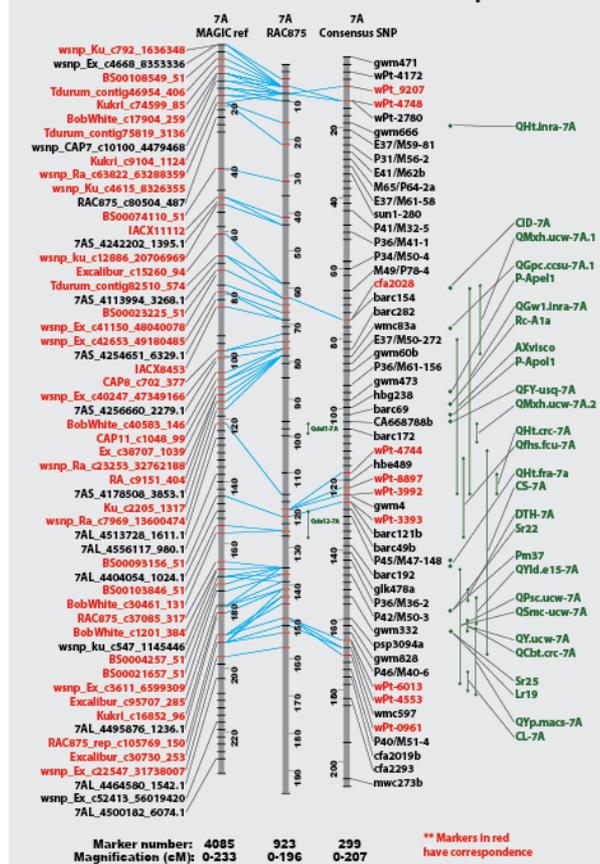
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Wheat chromosome 7A reference map





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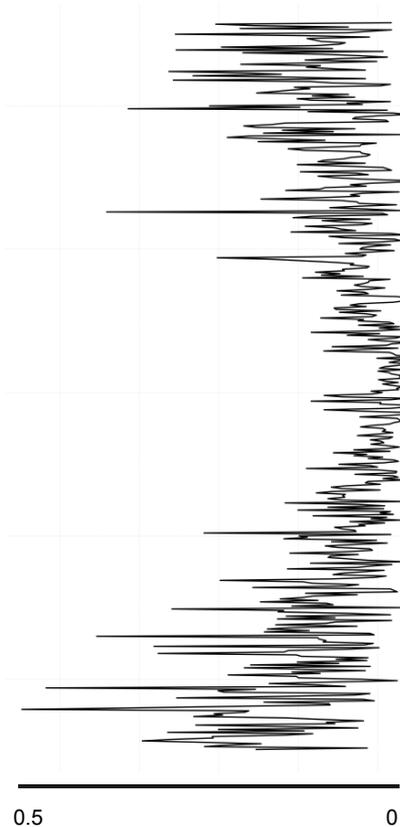
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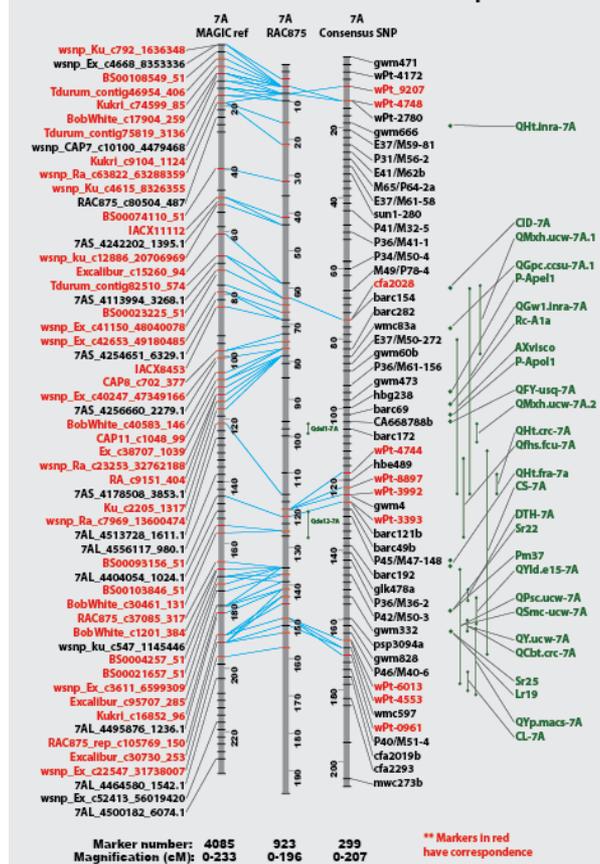
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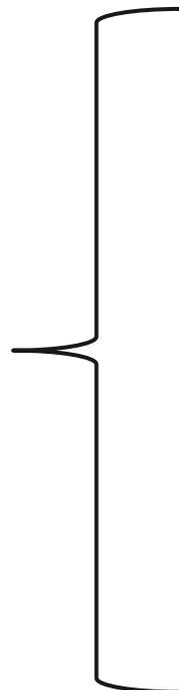
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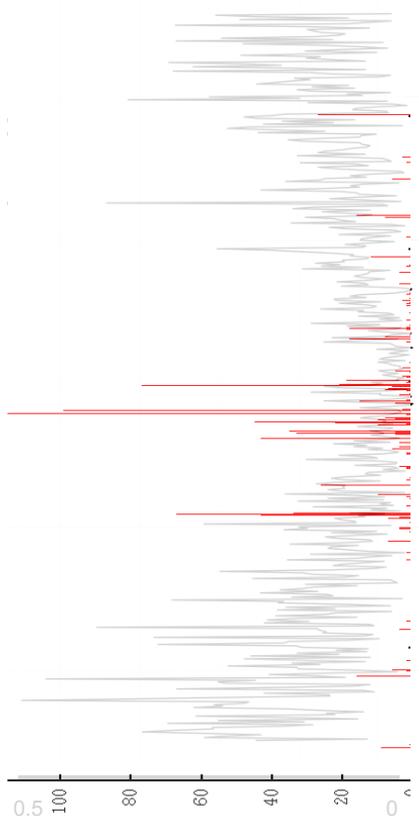
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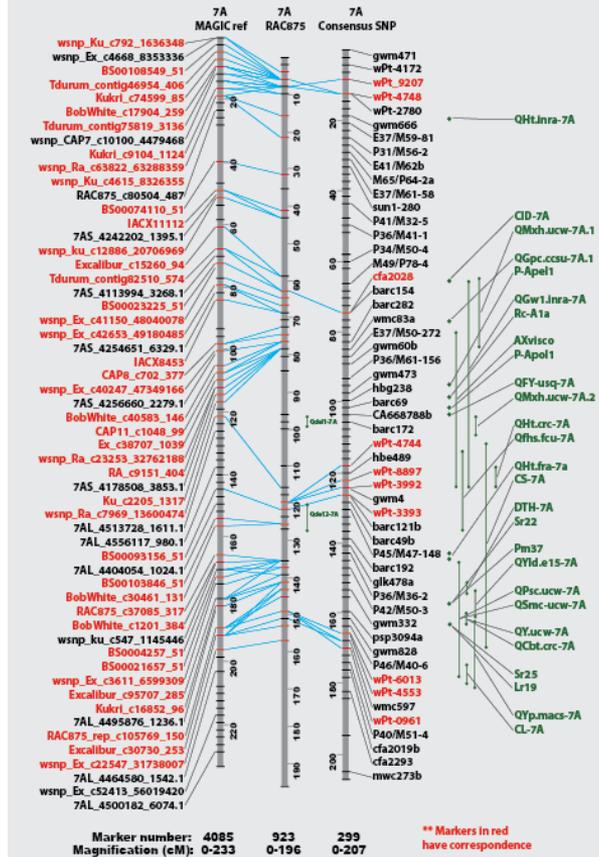
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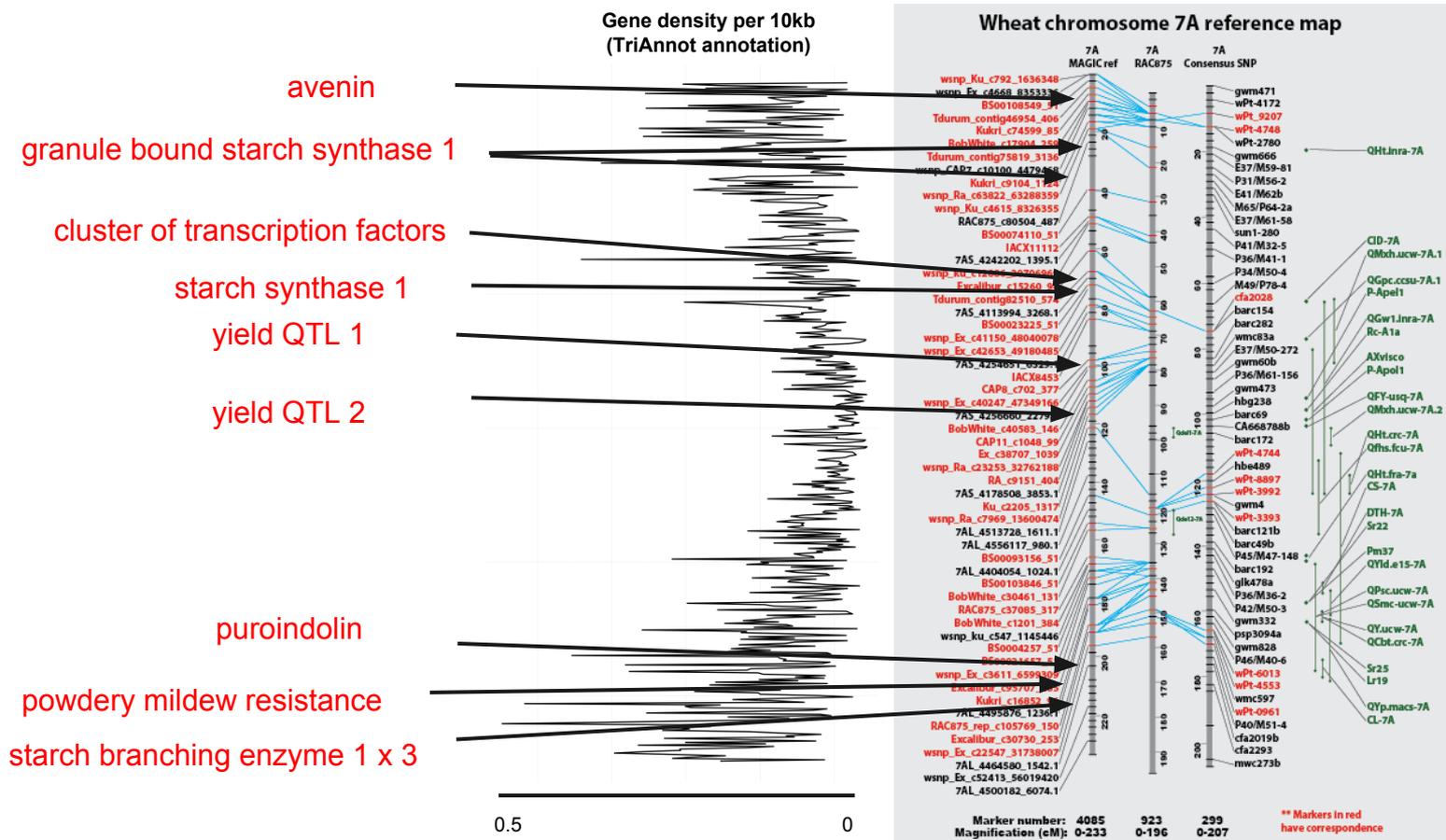
Centromere repeat frequency



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# Pseudomolecule genes of interest



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  1. We choose to “trust” the physical map - hence (ideally) we want all markers in a given physical contig to co-locate in the map

\* Based on work done at CSIRO with Jen Taylor, Emma Huang, Penghao Wang, Stuart Stephen

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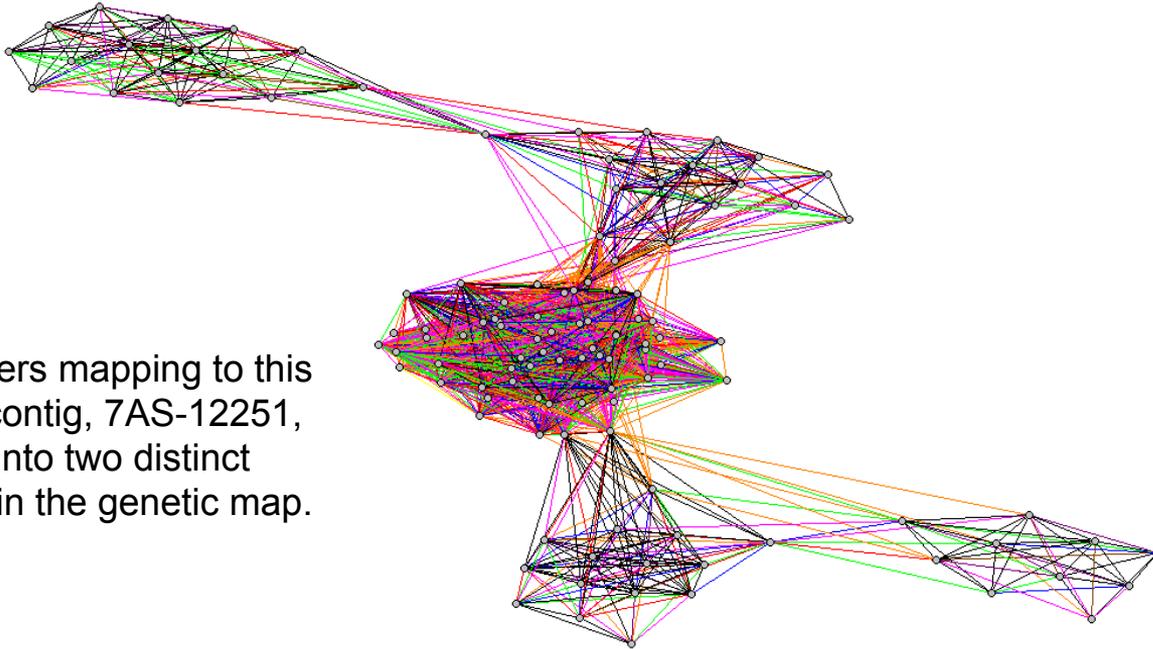
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  2. For each physical contig three situations to deal with
    - A) all markers are already tightly linked (which is what we want)
    - B) one marker is an outlier -> remove to end up in case A
    - C) multiple groups of tightly linked markers -> separate into “A” and “B” contigs to end up in case A

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  3. Take representative from each group, essentially collapsing contigs
  4. Using this data, build clusters around framework markers in CS x Renan
  5. Order markers within clusters
  6. Estimate positions from full marker order
  7. Expand out contigs - forces all markers within a contig to be at same position

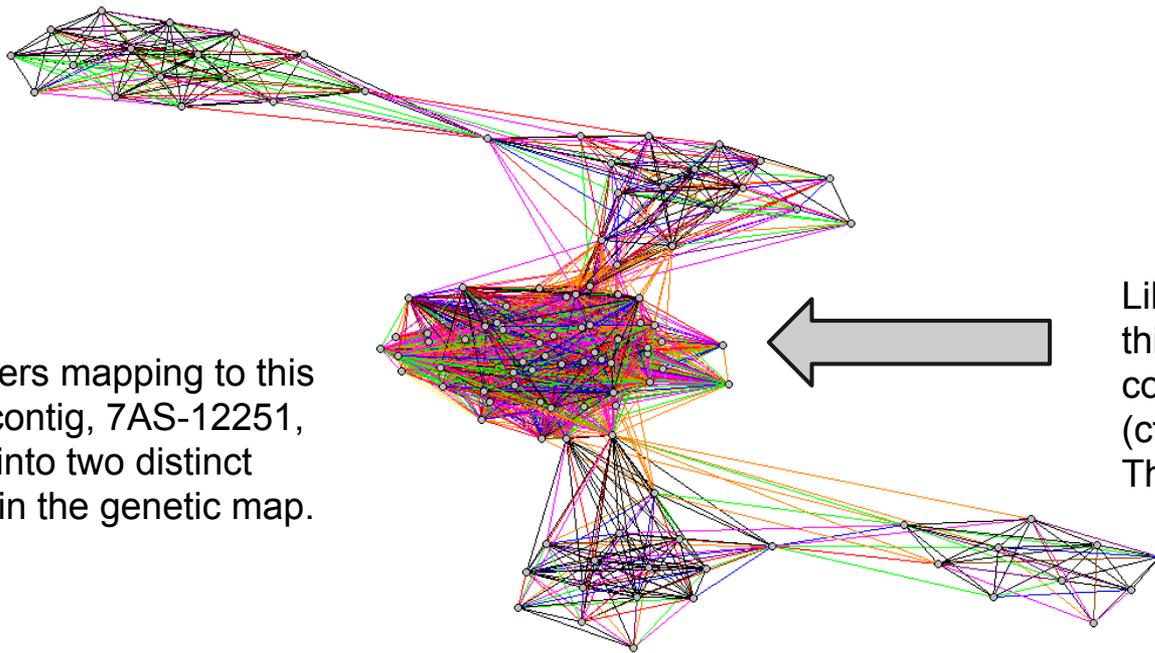
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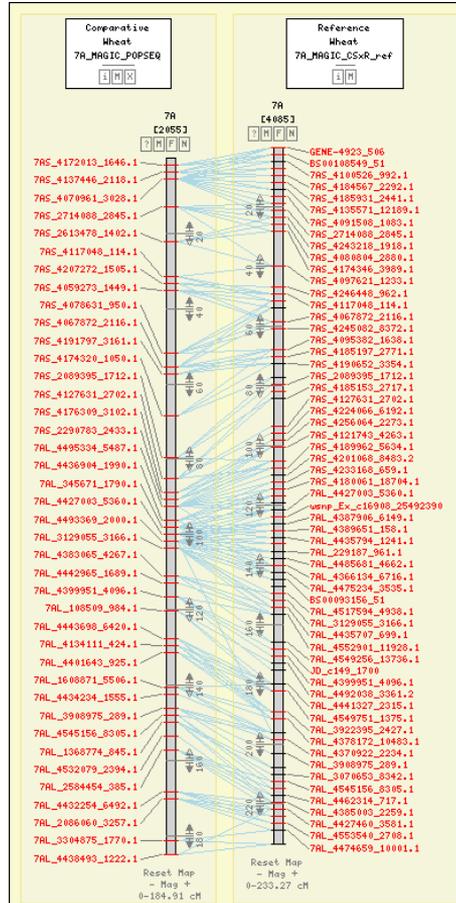
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Likely caused by this repeat complex ("blob") (cf. talk by Thomas Wicker)

# Validating genetic map

7A POPSEQ v1 map  
(Mascher et al. 2013)  
shows good alignment



MAGIC/CSxR reference  
map shows high  
resolution, with increased  
detail around centromere

# Powdery mildew locus on 7AL

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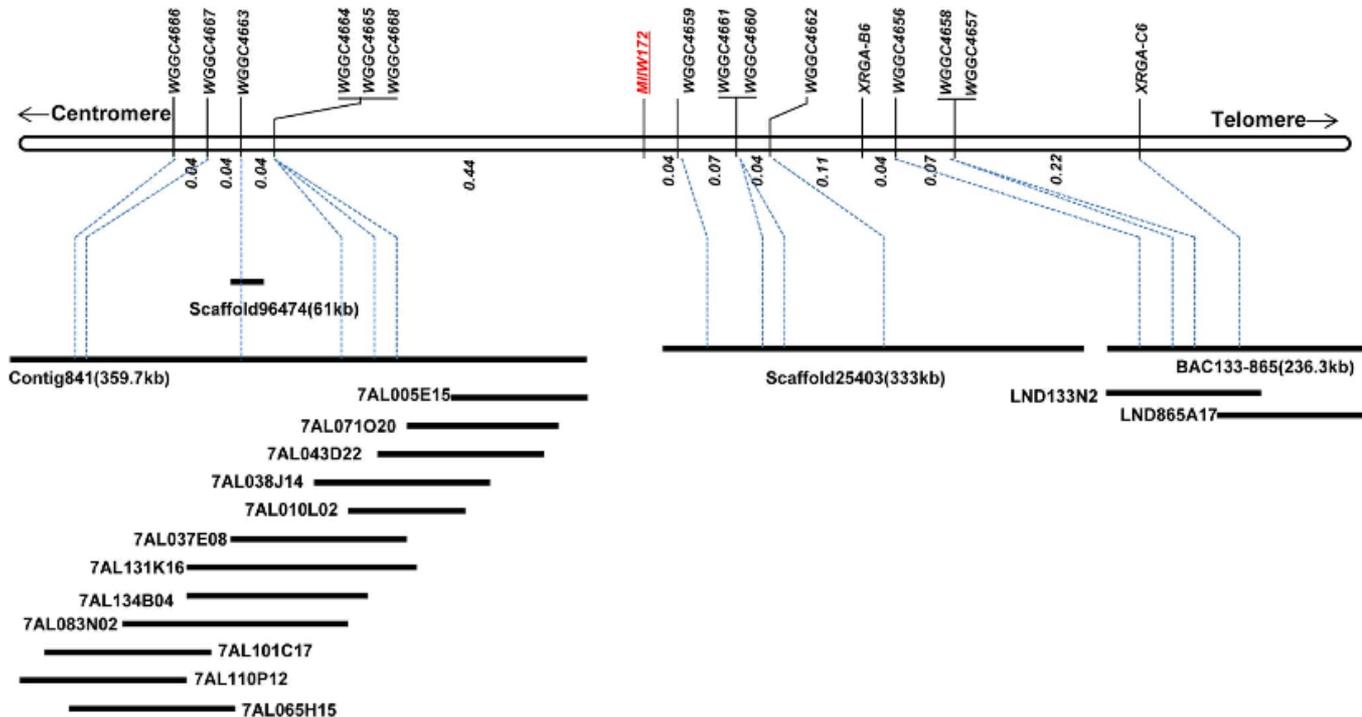
## Fine Physical and Genetic Mapping of Powdery Mildew Resistance Gene *MIW172* Originating from Wild Emmer (*Triticum dicoccoides*)



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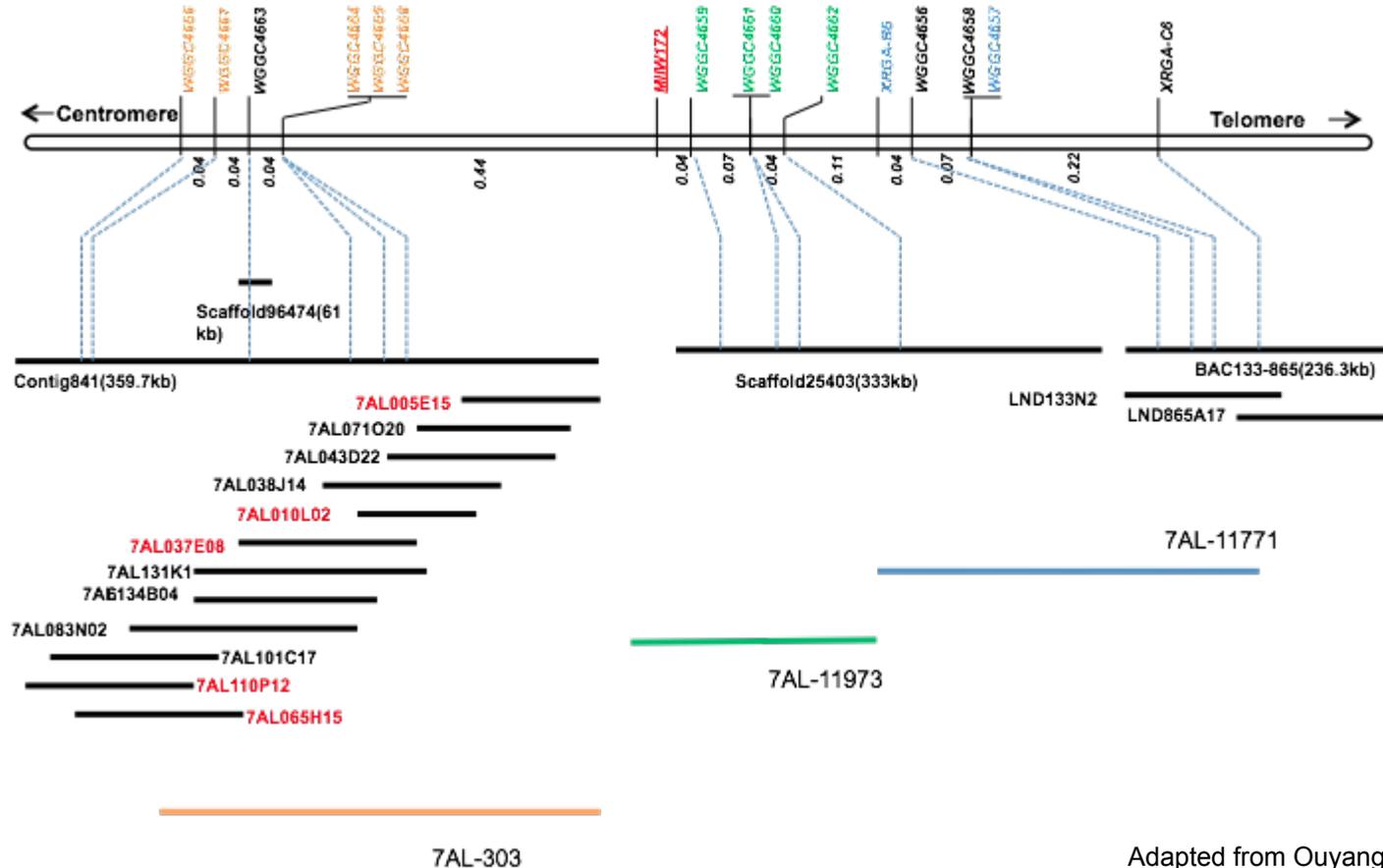
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**Figure 2. Physical map of the BAC contigs and scaffolds flanking the *MIIW172* locus anchored to the high-resolution genetic map.** The approximate physical locations of all the newly designed markers are given on the BAC contigs or scaffolds.  
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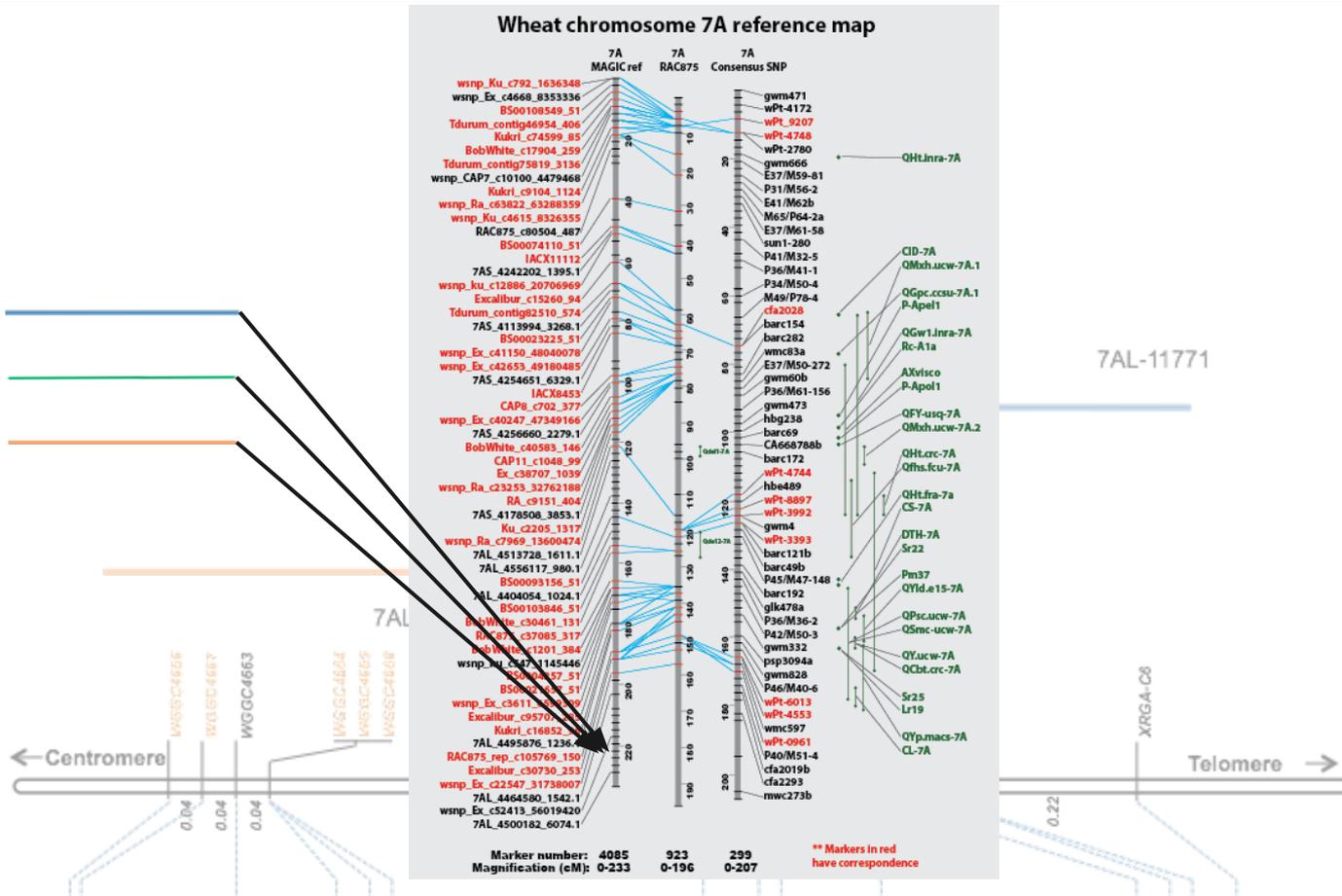


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7AL-11973  
227.5 cM

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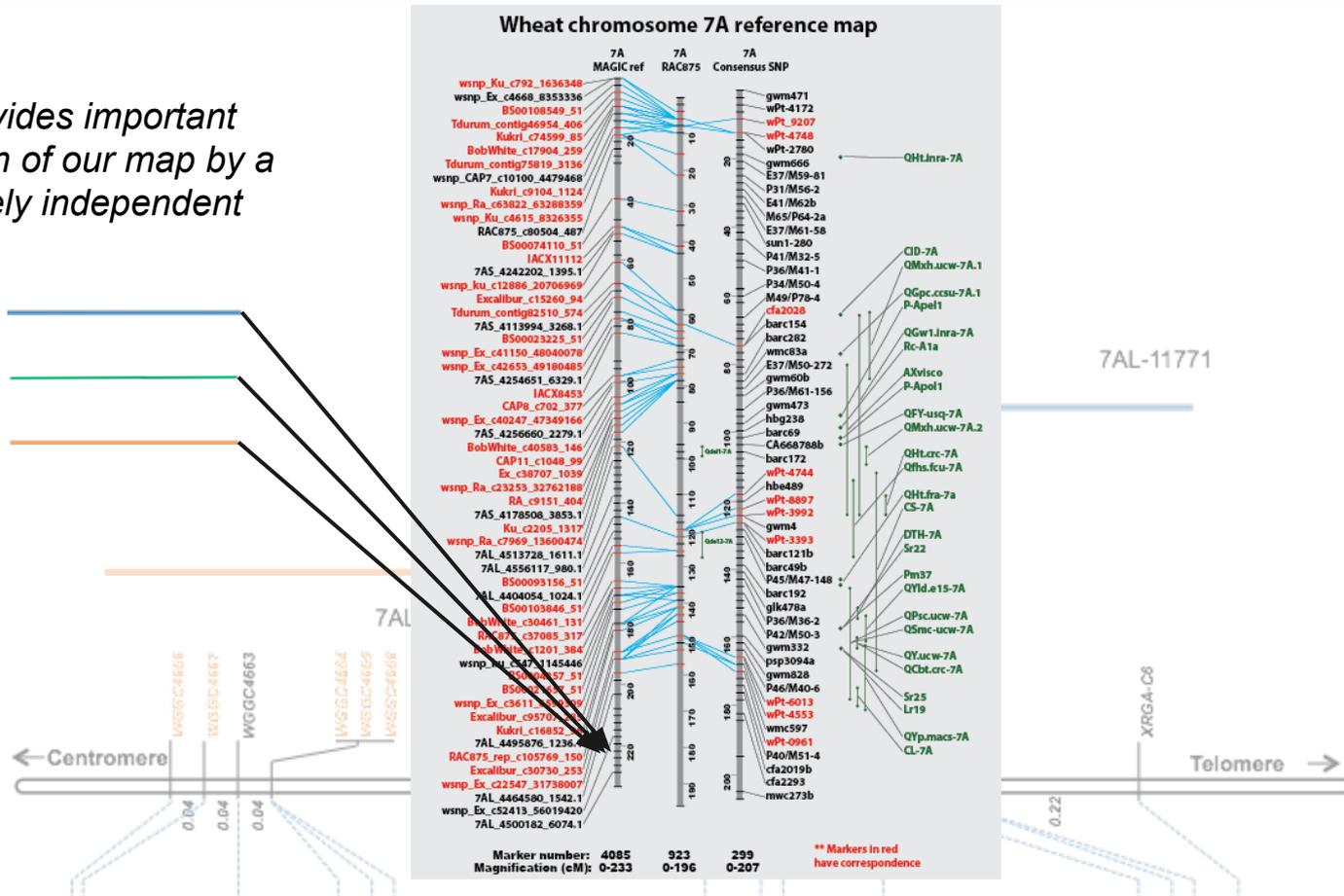
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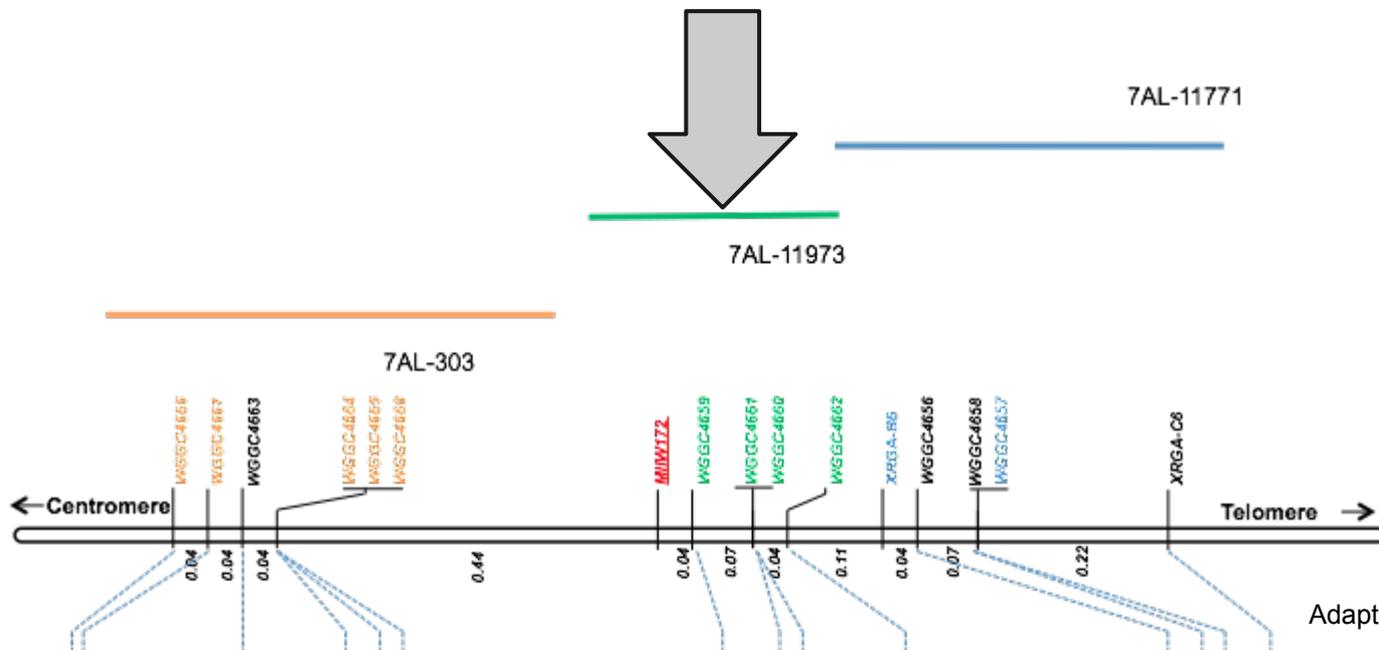
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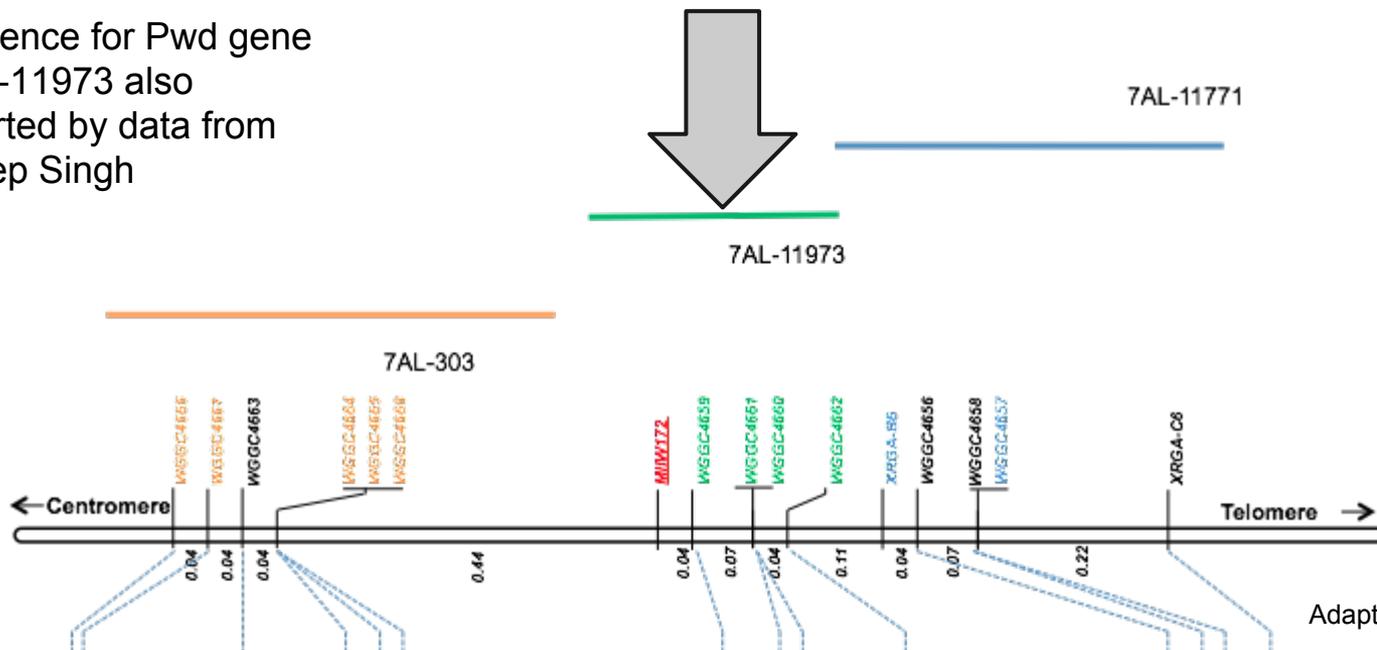
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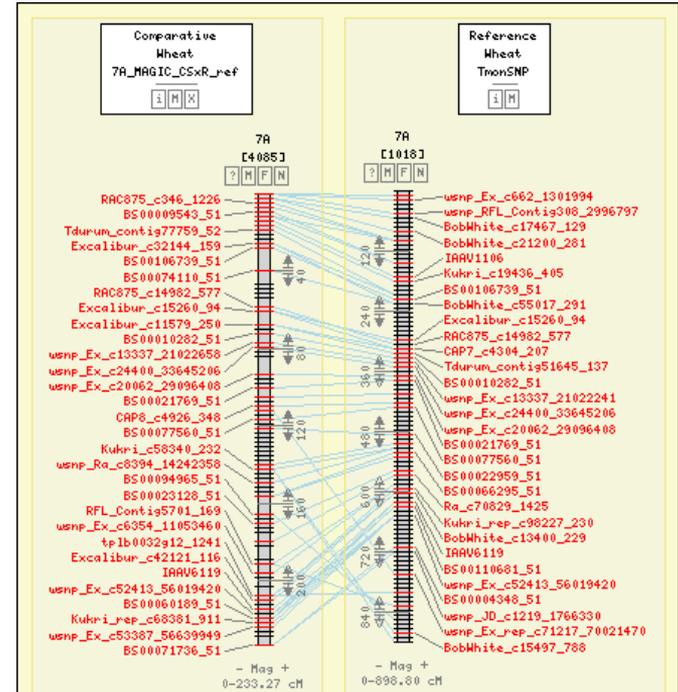
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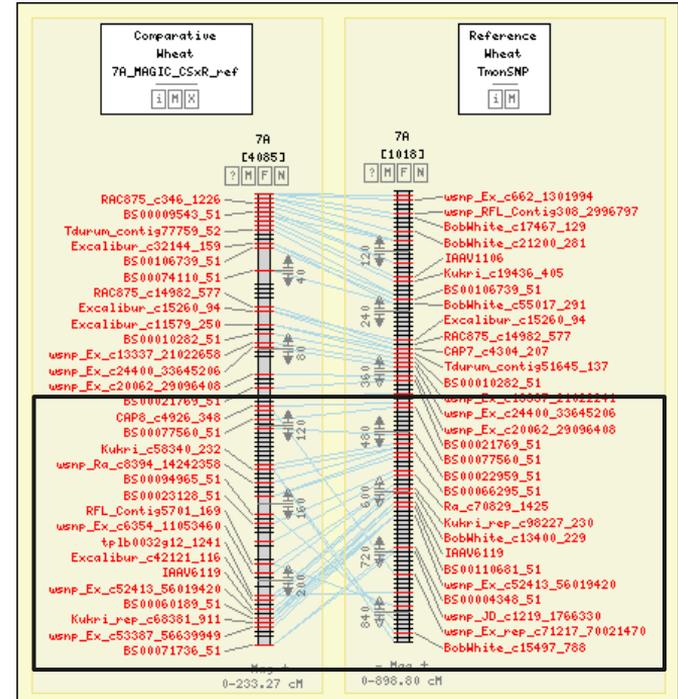


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