



# The IWGSC Reference Genome Sequence

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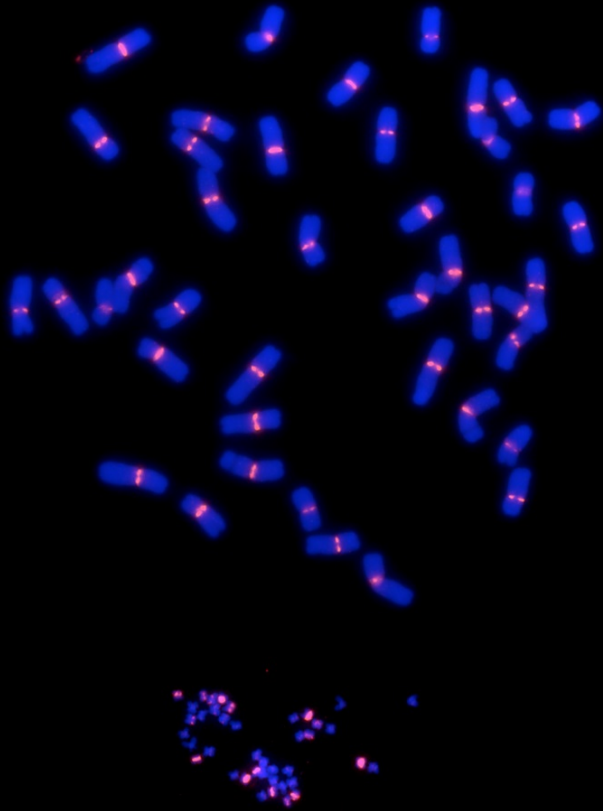


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# Genome sequencing – the ‘wheat’ challenge

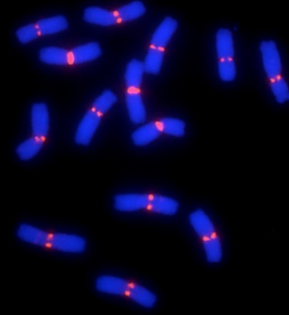
## Wheat

*Triticum aestivum*  
(16 Gb)



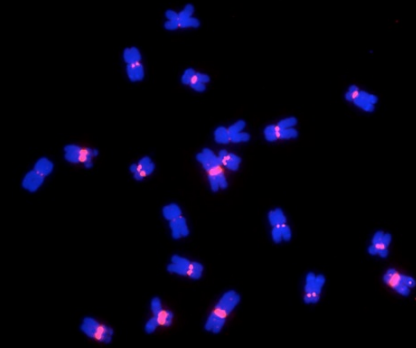
## Barley

*Hordeum vulgare*  
(5 Gb)



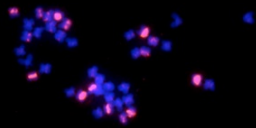
## Corn

*Zea mays*  
(2.5 Gb)



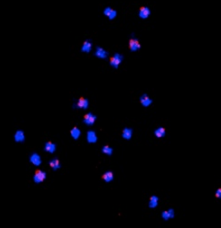
## Soybean

*Glycine max*  
(1.1 Gb)



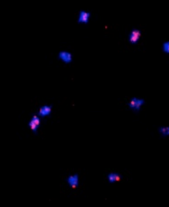
## Rice

*Oryza sativa*  
(0.45 Gb)



## Arabidopsis

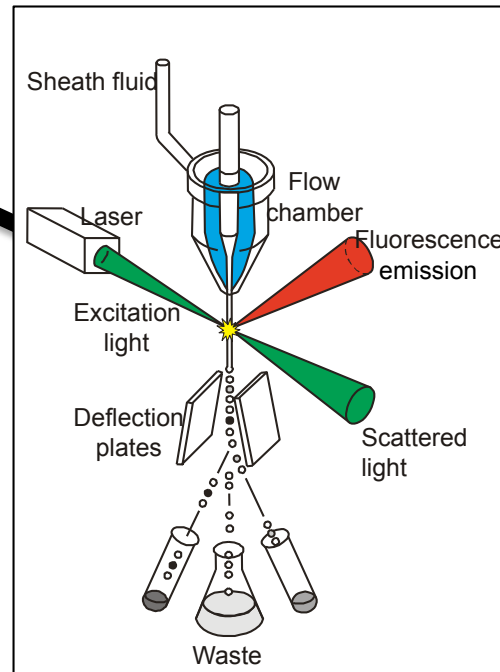
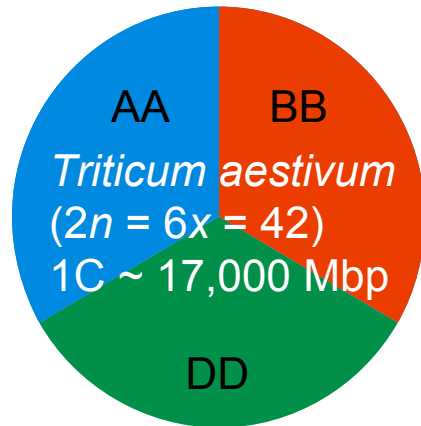
*Arabidopsis thaliana*  
(0.15 Gb)



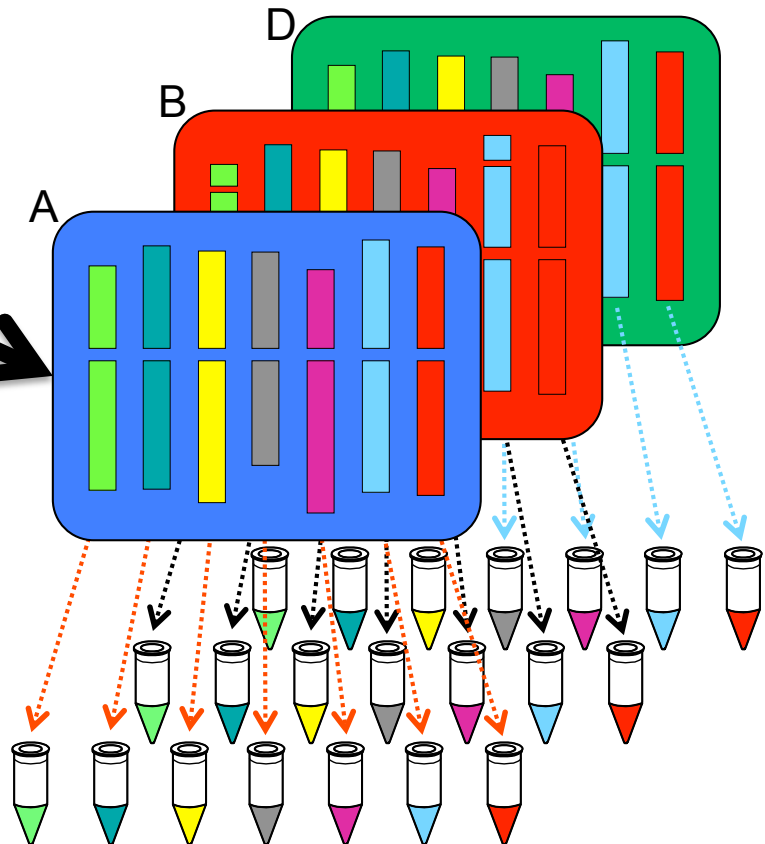
# Wheat genome sequencing in 2005

- 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



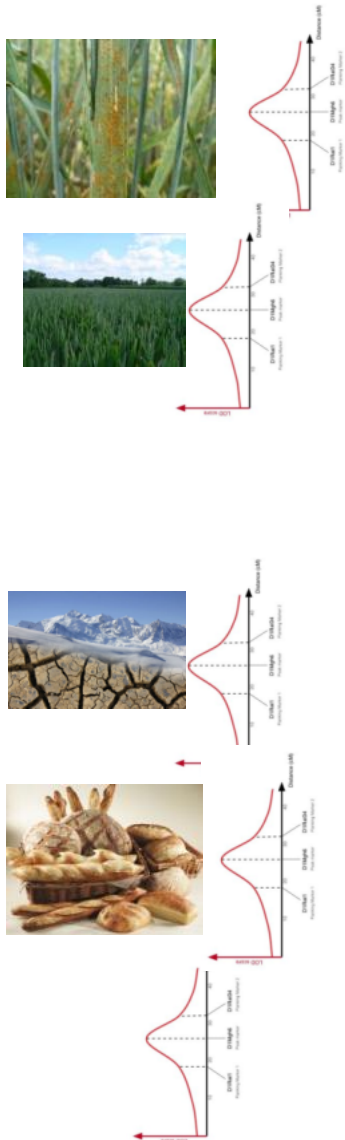
Doležel et al., *Chromosome Res.* 15: 51, 2007

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

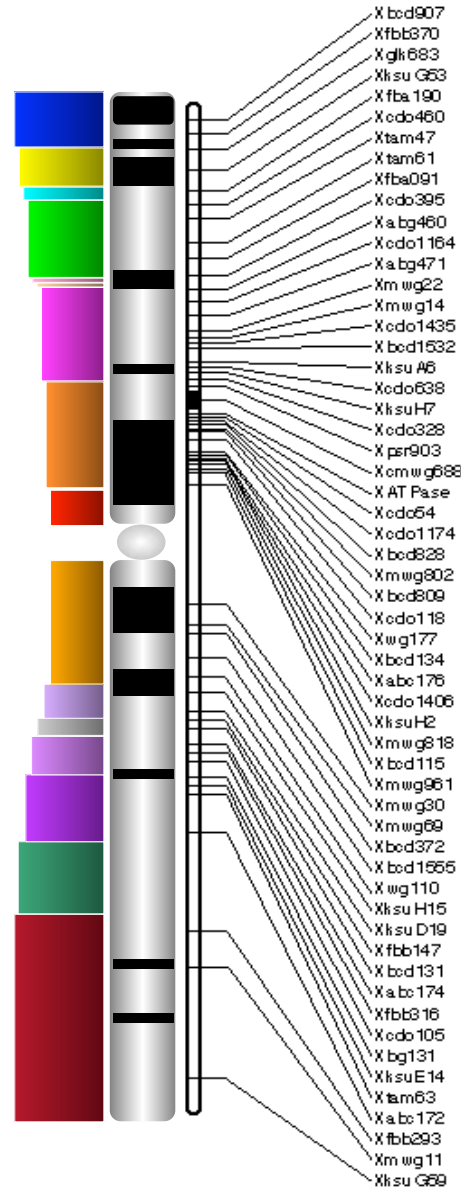
- Chromosome specific BAC libraries (2006 - 2012)
- Amplified DNA for chromosome survey (2010 - 2011)

# An integrated and ordered 3B reference sequence

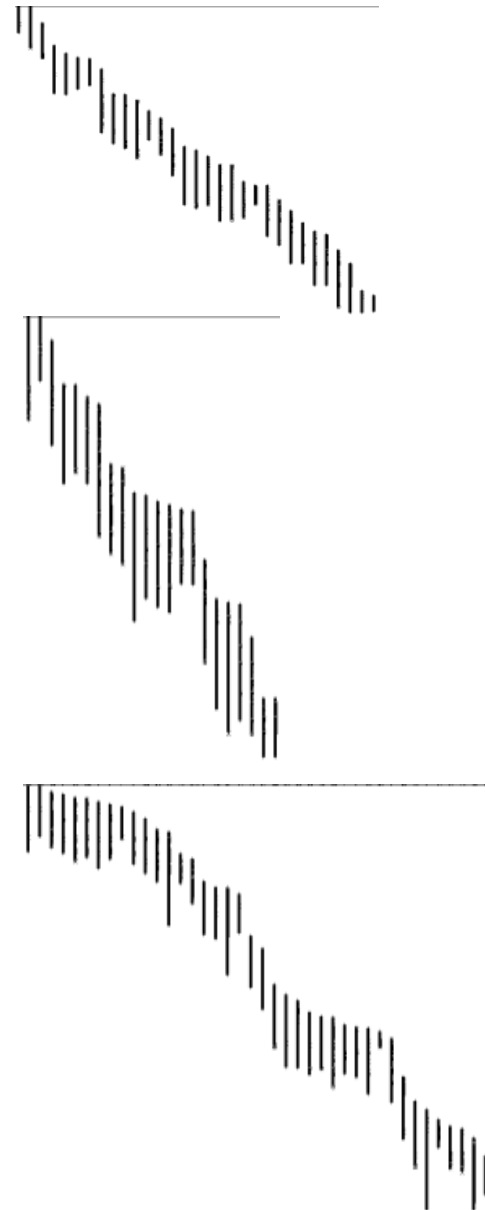
## MetaQTL analysis



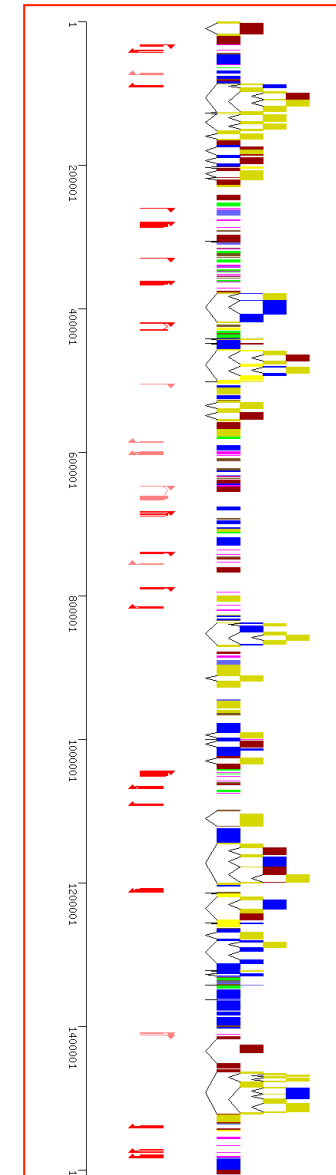
## 3B consensus map (5000 markers)



## 3B Physical map



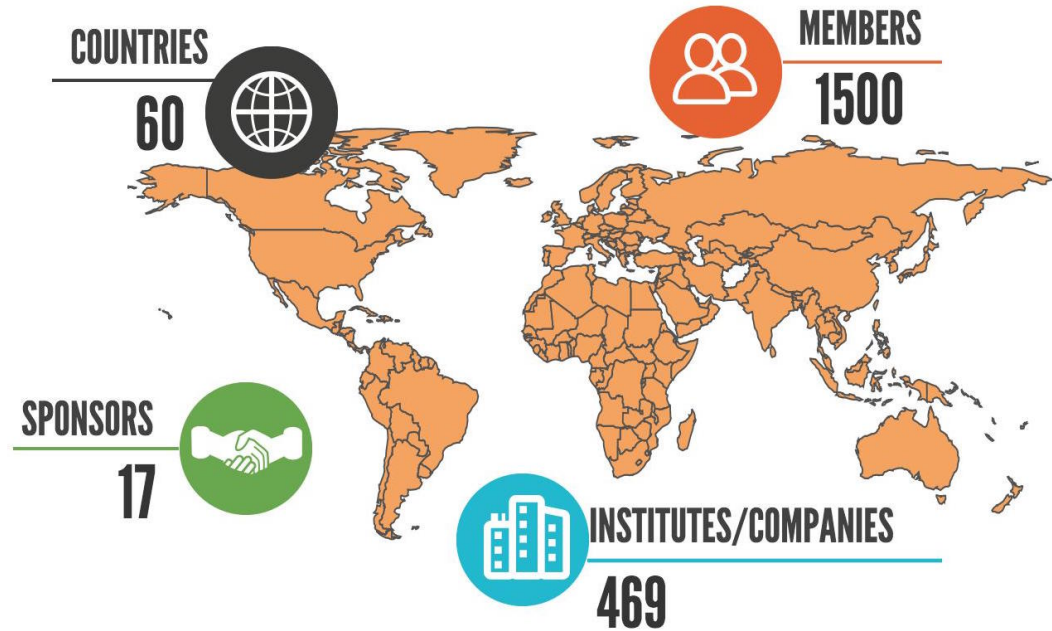
## 3B pseudomolecule



Courtesy: Catherine Feuillet

# The International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium

# 2017



[www.wheatgenome.org](http://www.wheatgenome.org)

# IWGSC 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

**Chromosome-based  
Physical Maps**

**Minimal Tile Path (MTP)  
Sequencing**

**Chromosome  
Survey Sequence (CSS)**

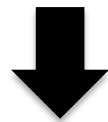
**Whole Genome  
Shotgun Assembly (WGA)**

**A REFERENCE SEQUENCE LINKED TO GENETIC AND  
PHENOTYPIC MAPS**



# Roadmap to the Wheat Genome Sequence

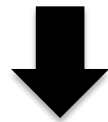
ILLUMINA SEQUENCING OF INDIVIDUAL CHROMOSOMES



IWGSC CSS v2 (2014)

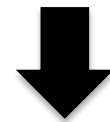


Whole genome mate pairs



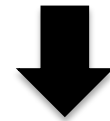
IWGSC CSS v3 (2016)

PHYSICAL MAPS OF INDIVIDUAL CHROMOSOMES



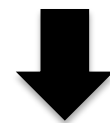
100%

MTP sequencing



62%

Pseudomolecule assembly



100%

Chromosome 3B (2014)  
20 chromosomes (2016)



NRGene-Illumina WGS



IWGSC Whole Genome Assembly (2016)

RADIATION HYBRID, HI-C, GENETIC, LD MAPS  
BioNanoGenomics optical maps  
MTP sequence tags.....



Reference Genome Sequence (2017)

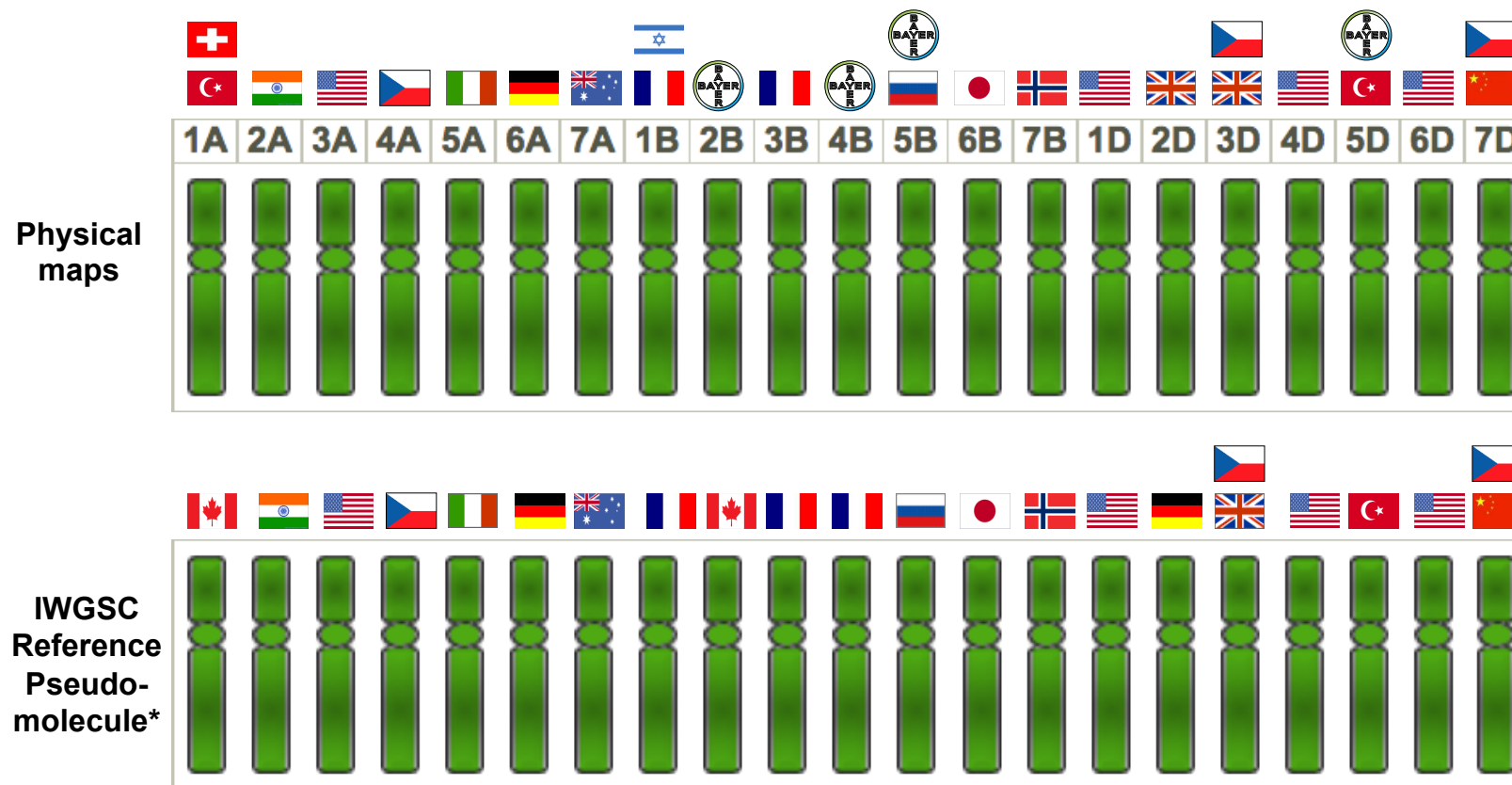


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# Progress towards completion of Bread Wheat Reference Genome Sequence



All physical maps and pseudo-molecule sequences available at IWGSC repository: <https://wheat-urgi.versailles.inra.fr>

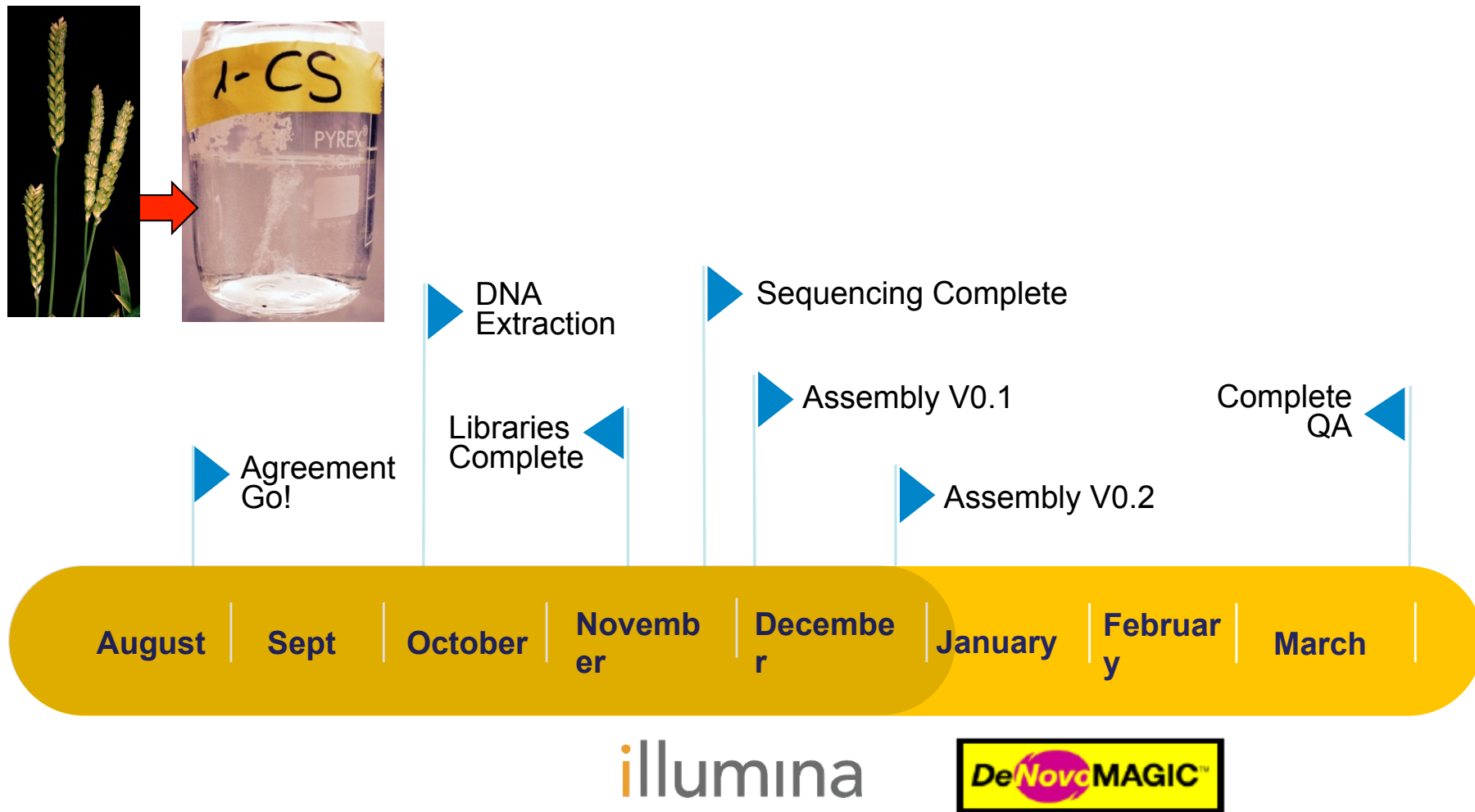




# Wheat News from Hogwarts

Re: <https://thescienceweb.wordpress.com/2016/01/10/assembly-problem-solved-by-wizardry/>

# 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-read sequencing data only (200 x coverage)

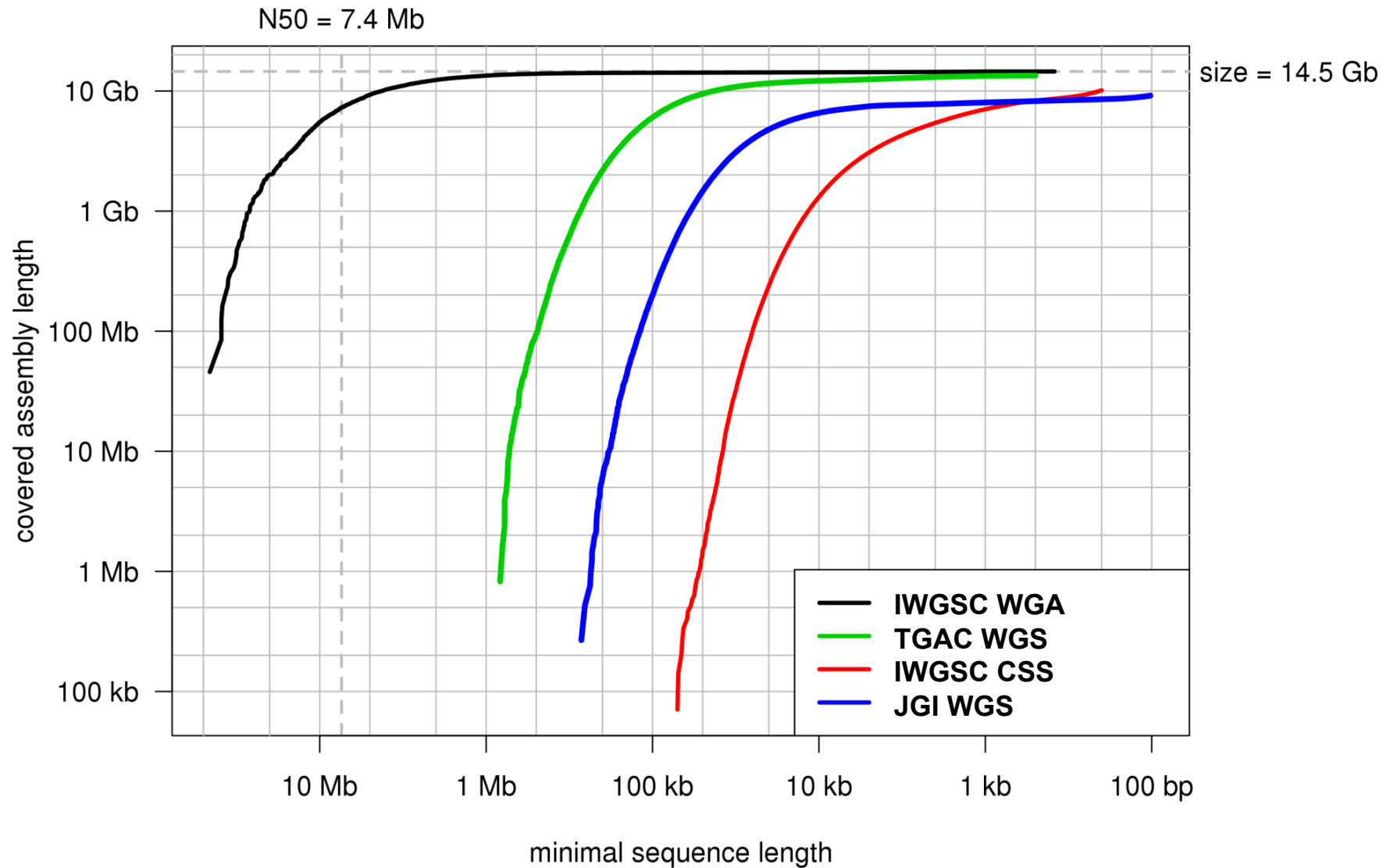
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Assembly size:	14.5 Gbp
Est. gaps size:	262 Mbp
Gaps %:	1.80
Total # scaffolds:	138,484
N50:	7.1Mbp
L50 (#sequences):	566
N90:	1.3 Mbp
L90 (#sequences):	2,363
MAX Scaffold:	45.8 Mbp

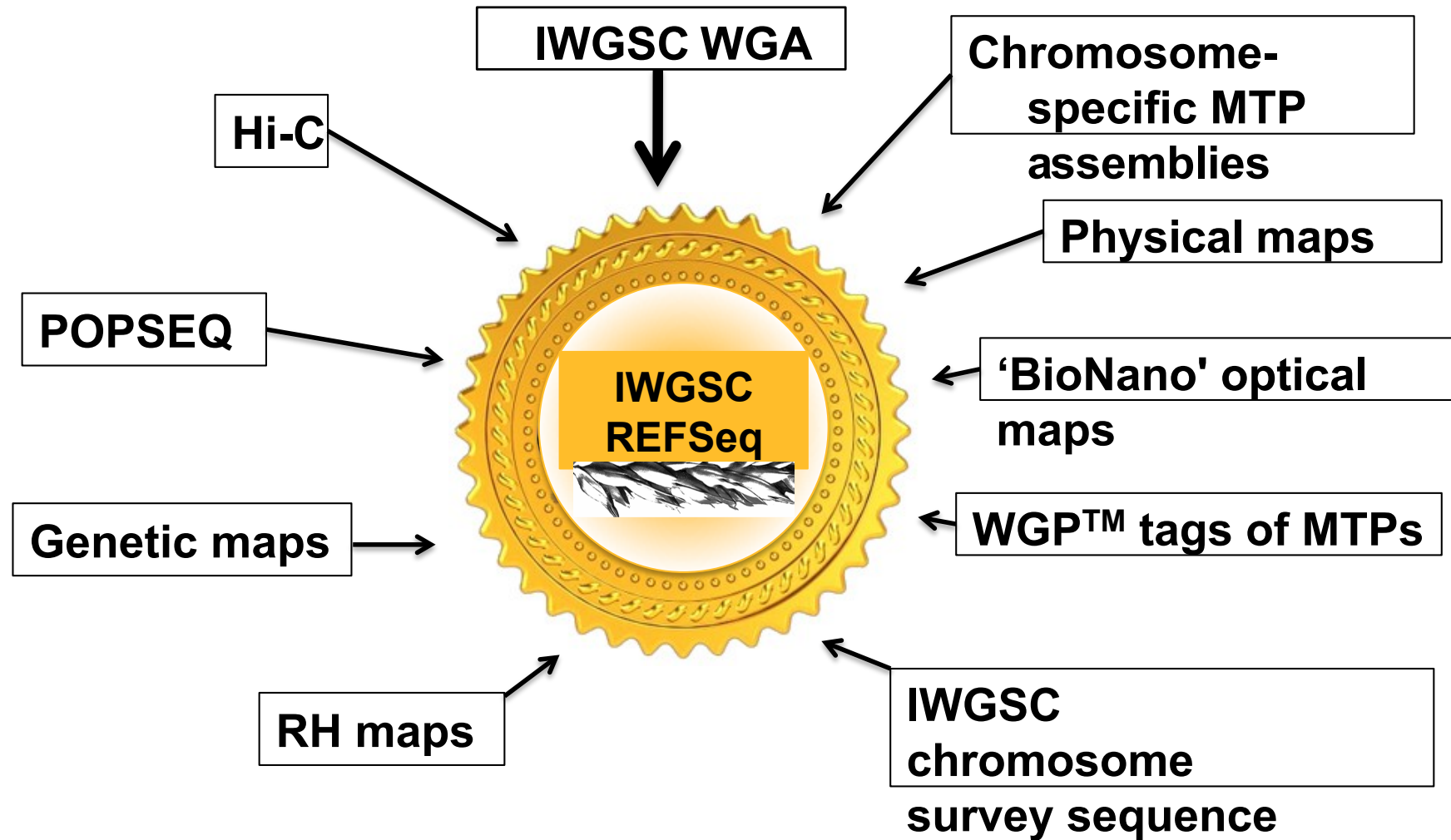
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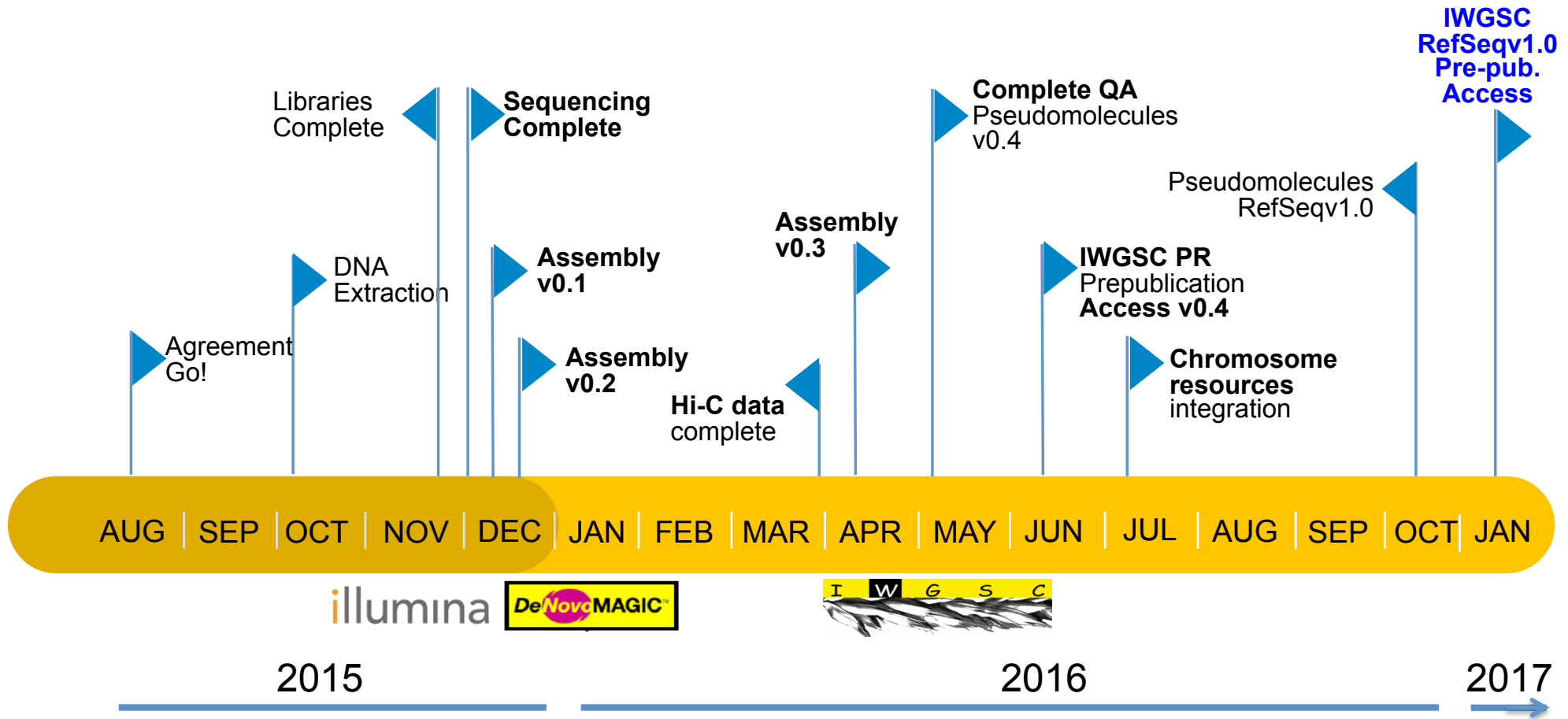
# WGA Assembly Statistics



# Concerted integration of resources: RefSeq v1.0



# IWGSC RefSeq v1.0 Project Timeline



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

illumina DeNovoMAGIC™



2015

2016

2017



# IWGSC RefSeq Project

- Physical maps for all chromosomes
  - ▶ 1,839,128 BACs, 47,810 contigs, 380,675 singletons
- WGP tags (mostly from MTP BACs) for all chromosomes except 3B
  - ▶ 4,305,249 unique tags, 693,697 BACs
- 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
- Optical maps for 7A, 7B and 7DS
  - ▶ 1,335 BioNanoGenomics contigs aligned to the WGA assembly
- GBS map of the SynOp RIL population
  - ▶ 179 RILs, 4074 markers





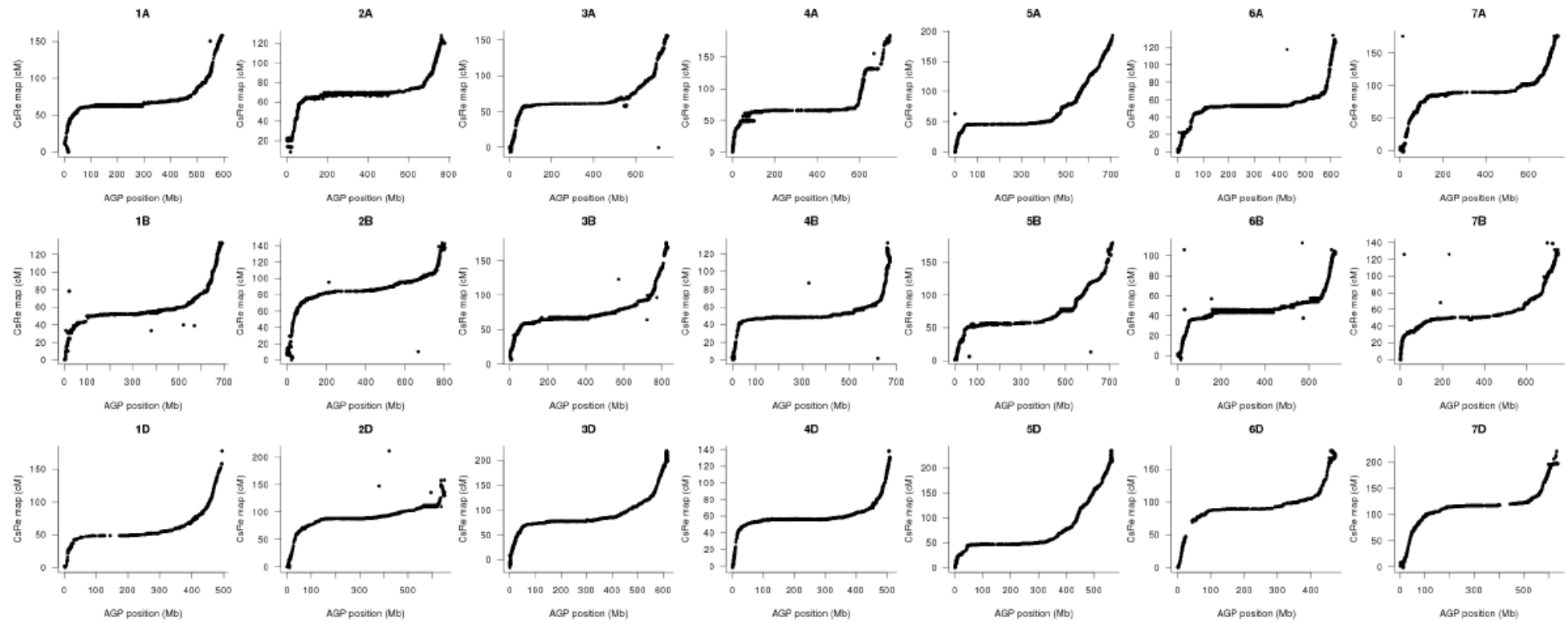
# Comparison of IWGSC Assembly Releases

	WGA v0.4	RefSeq 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



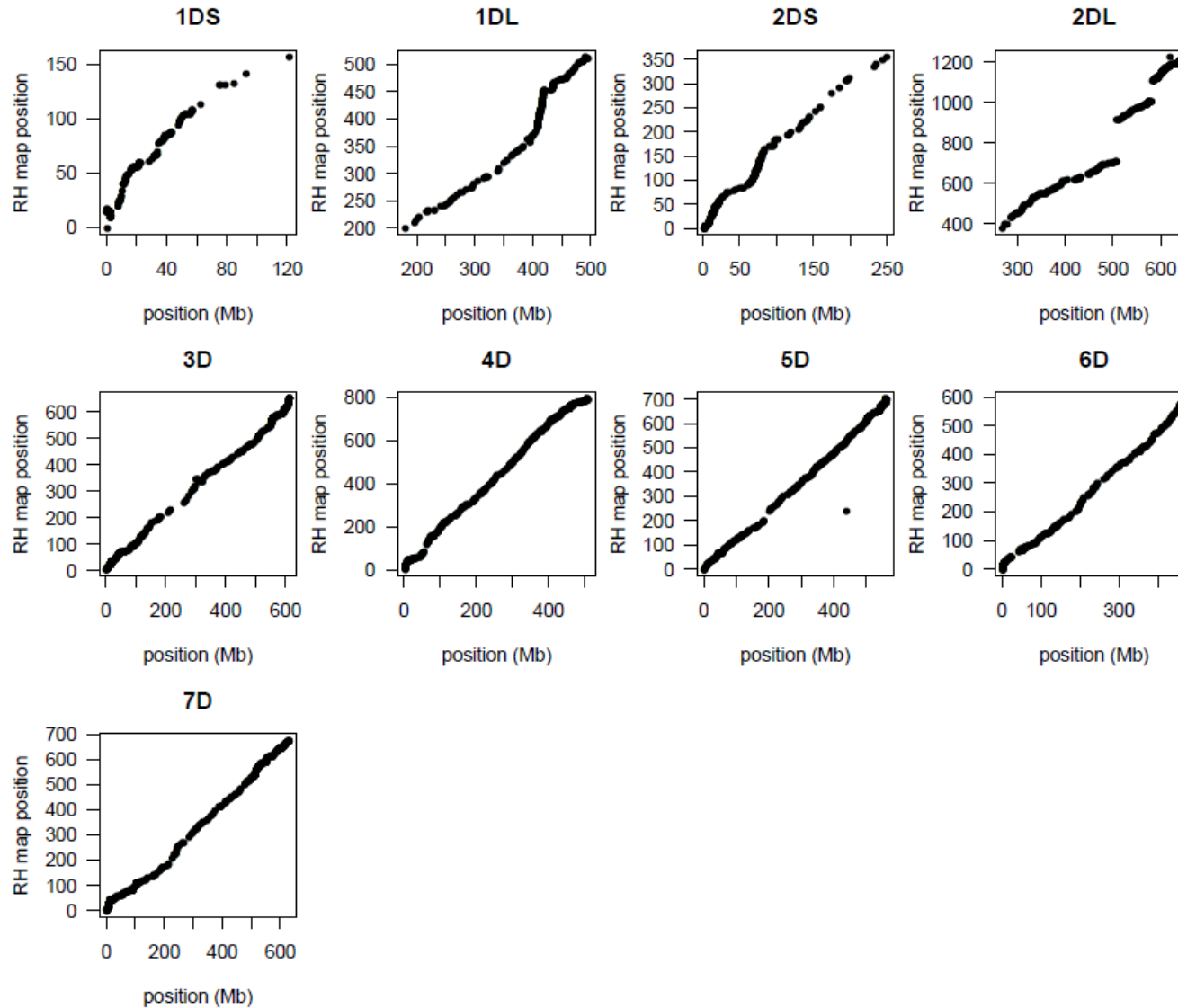
# IWGSC RefSeq v1.0 / CS-Renan Genetic Map



Data provided by Etienne Paux



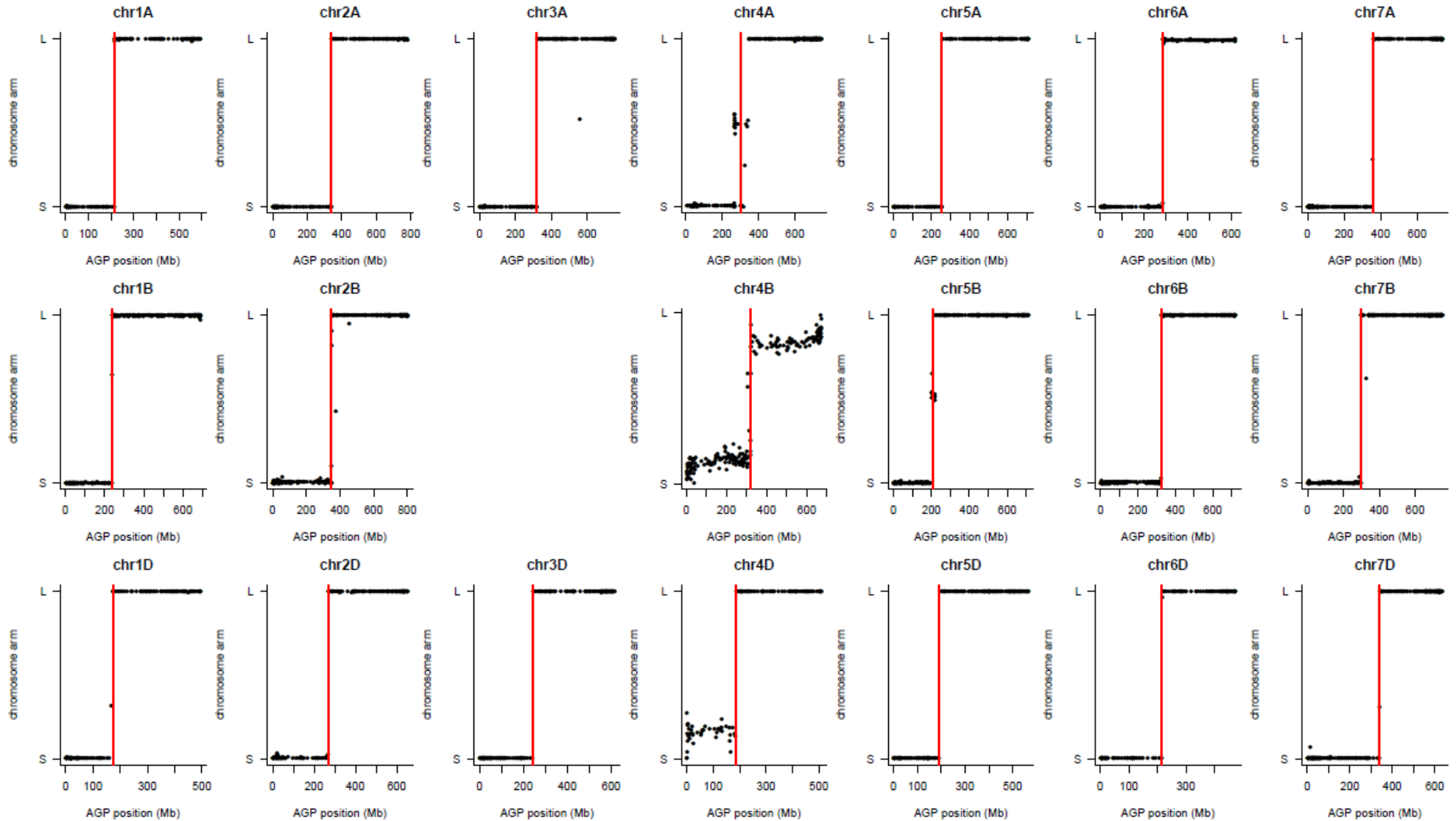
# IWGSC RefSeq v1.0 / RH Maps



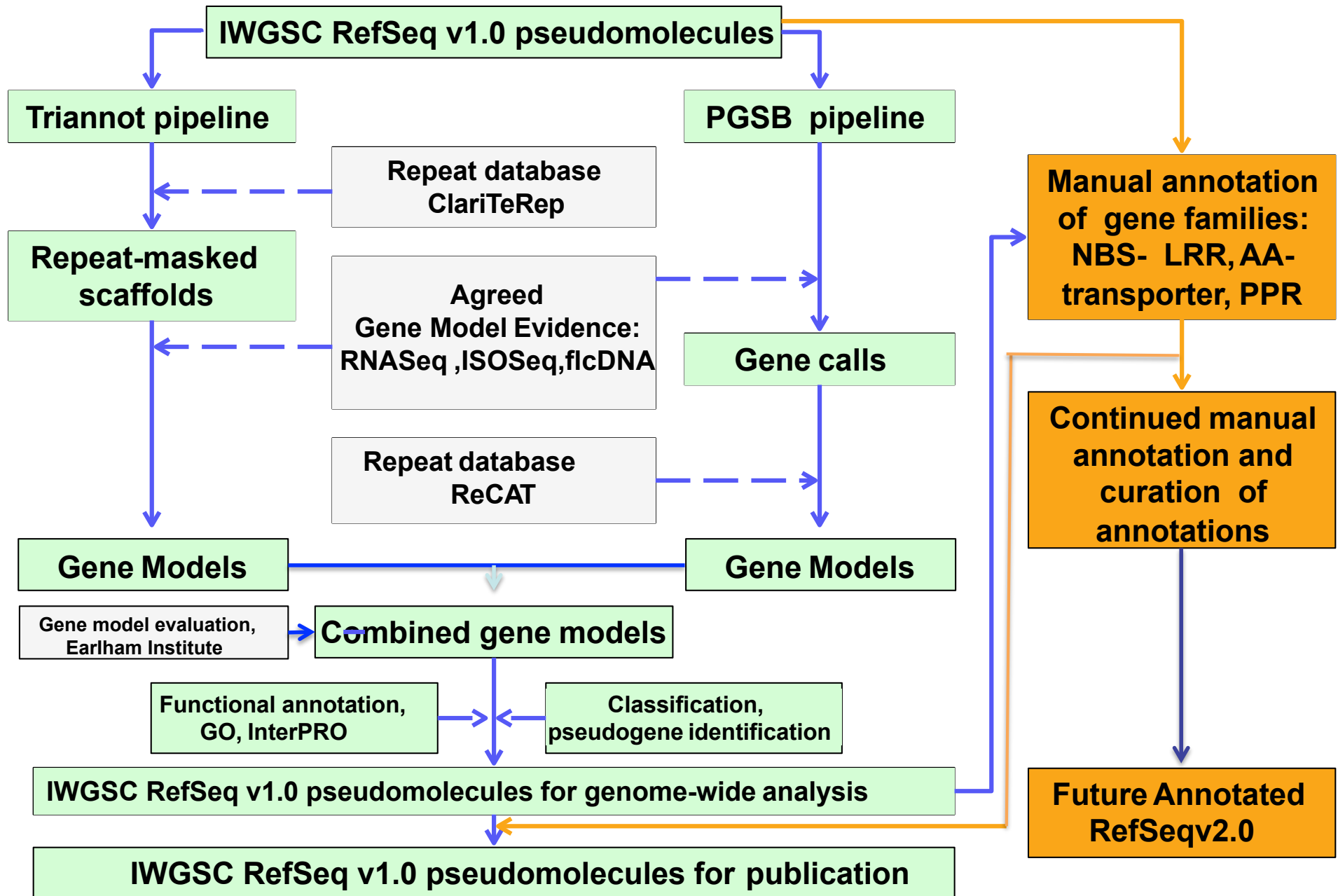
Data provided by Vijay Tiwari



# IWGSC RefSeq v1.0 / Centromere Positions



# IWGSC RefSeq v1.0 Gene / Genome annotation



# IWGSC RefSeq Data Access & Availability

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**Pre-publication data access**

**IWGSC WGA v0.4: June 13, 2016**

**IWGSC RefSeq v1.0: January 14, 2017**

**Planned manuscript submission:**

**late spring / early summer 2017**

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



# IWGSC RefSeq Summary

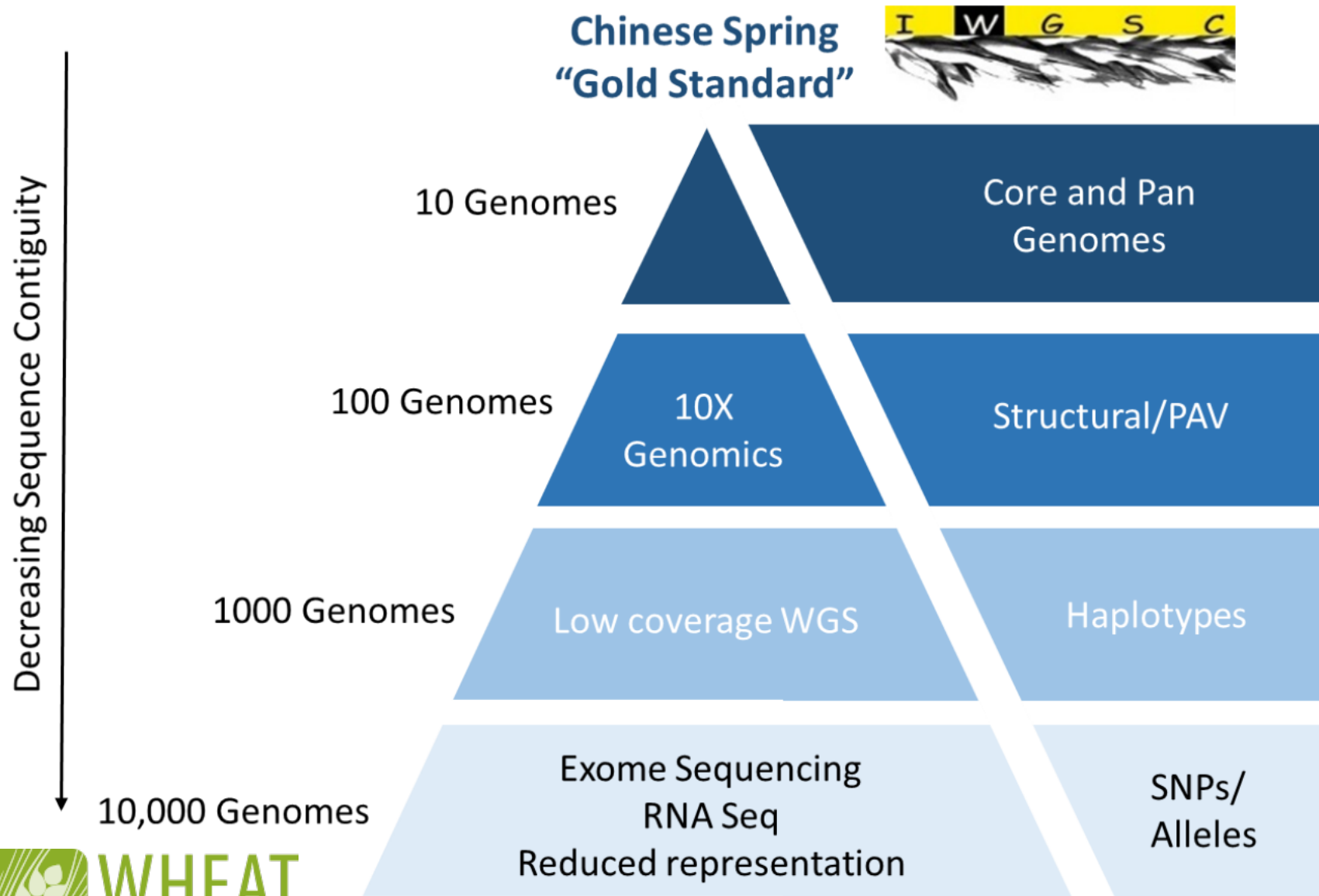
- ▶ IWGSC has accomplished its goal of generating a reference sequence for hexaploid bread wheat in a little over 10 years after its initiation.
- ▶ This reference sequence incorporates highly diverse community resources that include physical maps of chromosomes, CSS assemblies, BAC-based MTP chromosome sequences, a high quality whole genome shotgun assembly, Hi-C scaffolding and millions of genetic markers.
- ▶ Draft pseudomolecule sequences were made accessible pre-publication in summer 2016.
- ▶ The reference sequence will be submitted for publication in 2017.
- ▶ Future improvements to the 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
- provide unlimited access to high quality DNA markers for MAS and GS
- facilitate exploration of diversity in genetic resources for pre-breeding



# Wheat genome sequencing – the future





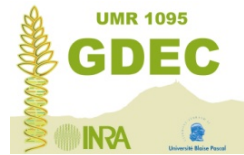
# Summary and Conclusions

- ▶ IWGSC RefSeqv1.0 is publicly available for BLAST and download today
- ▶ Similar resources are in progress for wheat species at all ploidy levels
- ▶ Additional high 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 IWGSC will stay committed to communicating progress in wheat research to the community and providing information 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 multi-genome information for breeding and research



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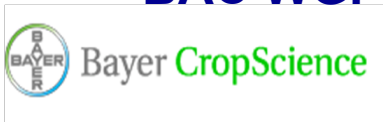
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