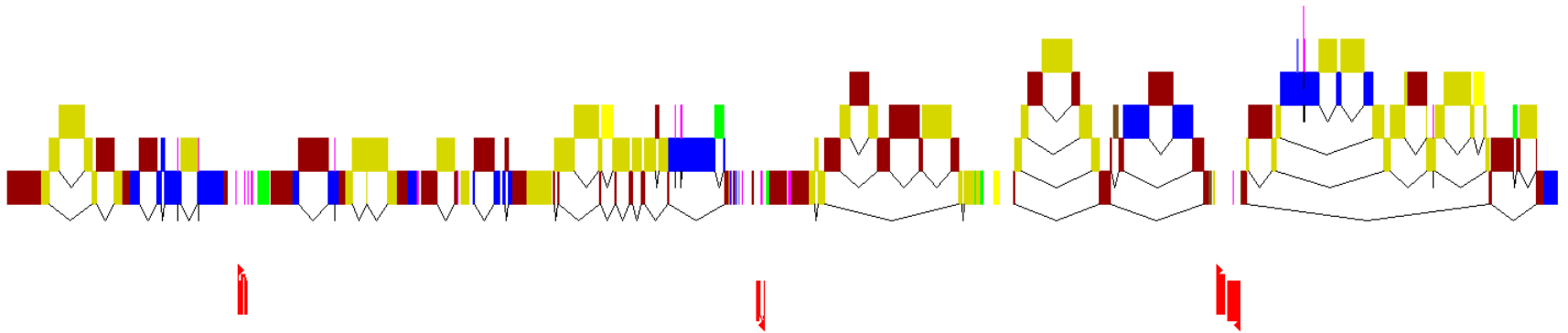


# Transposable elements in invasive species



Invalidate the invader...

Introduction on TEs

Untangling evolutionary forces shaping TE content

TEs amplification

TEs accumulation

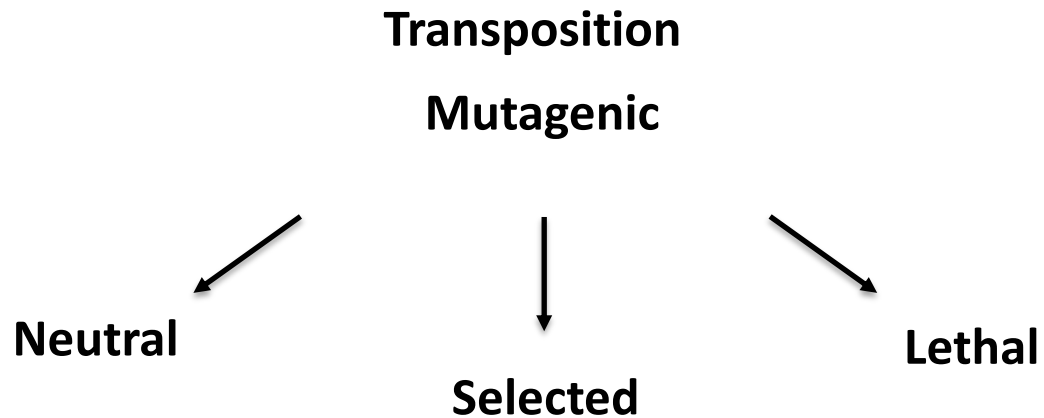
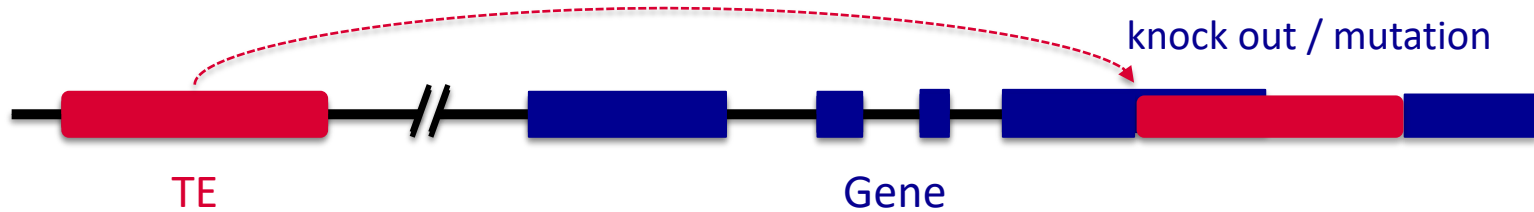
Balance TEs insertion/loss

TE content: the prism of invasive species

Role of TEs throughout the invasion

# Transposable elements

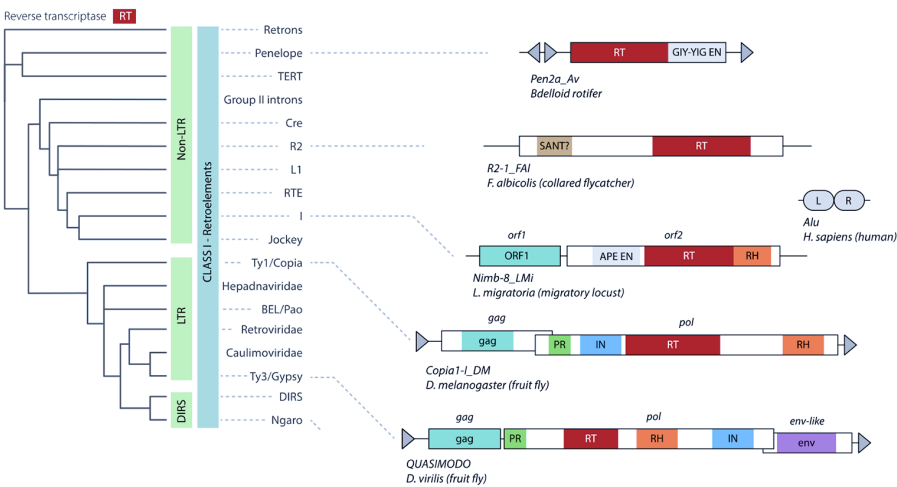
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# Transposable elements

= mobile genetic DNA

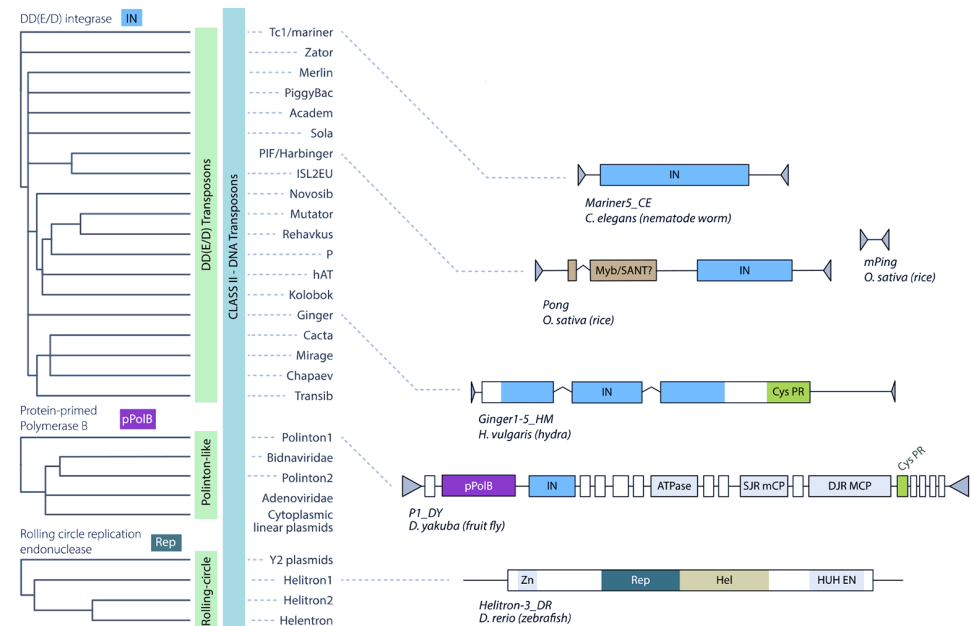
## Class I : Retrotransposons



'RNA intermediate'

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## Class II : DNA transposons



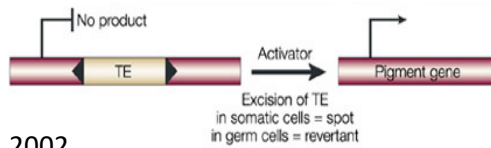
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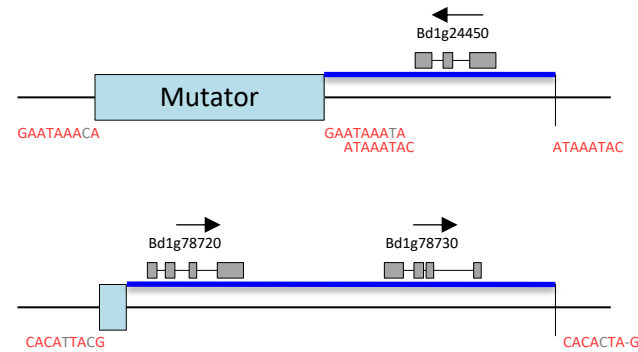
# TEs effect on genes

## Genes mutations



Feschotte et al., 2002

## Genes movement and duplication



Wicker et al., 2010

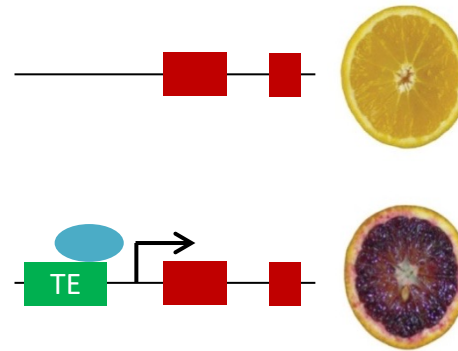
## Genes creation

### Hélitron

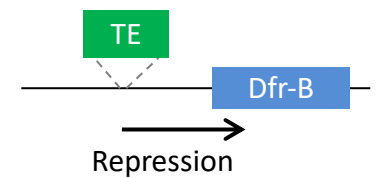


Yang et al., 2009

## Reprogramming of genes expression

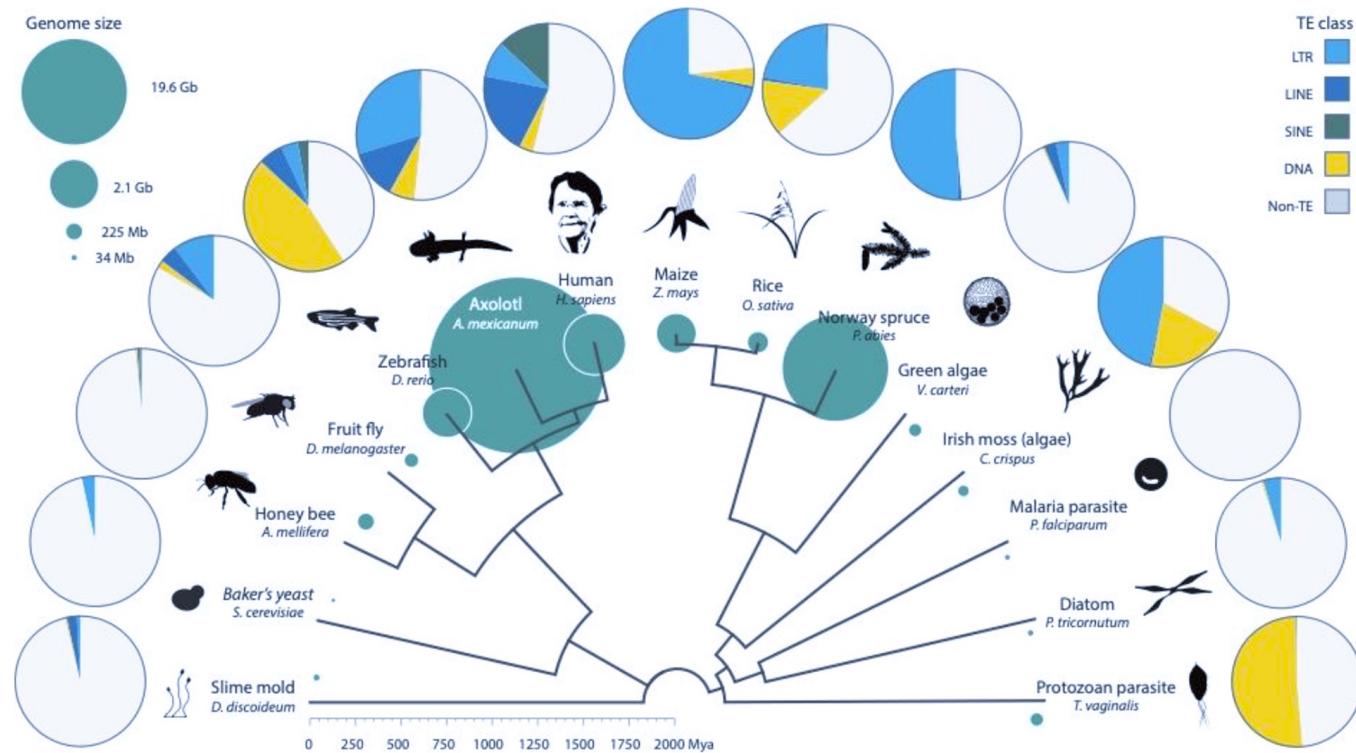


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# Variable success of TEs across species



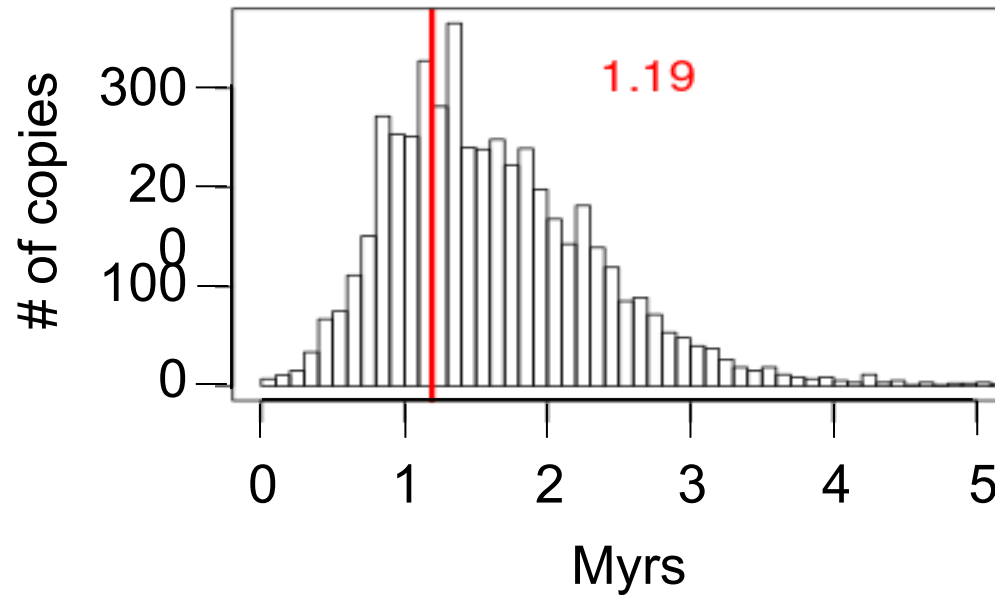
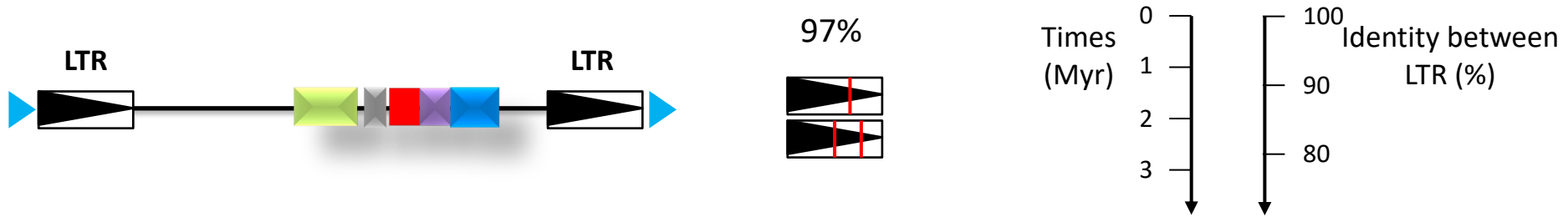
1. Why the TEs content is so variable between species?
2. Why certain TE types seem to be particularly successful in certain taxonomic groups.

TEs amplification model: “burst” and “latent”

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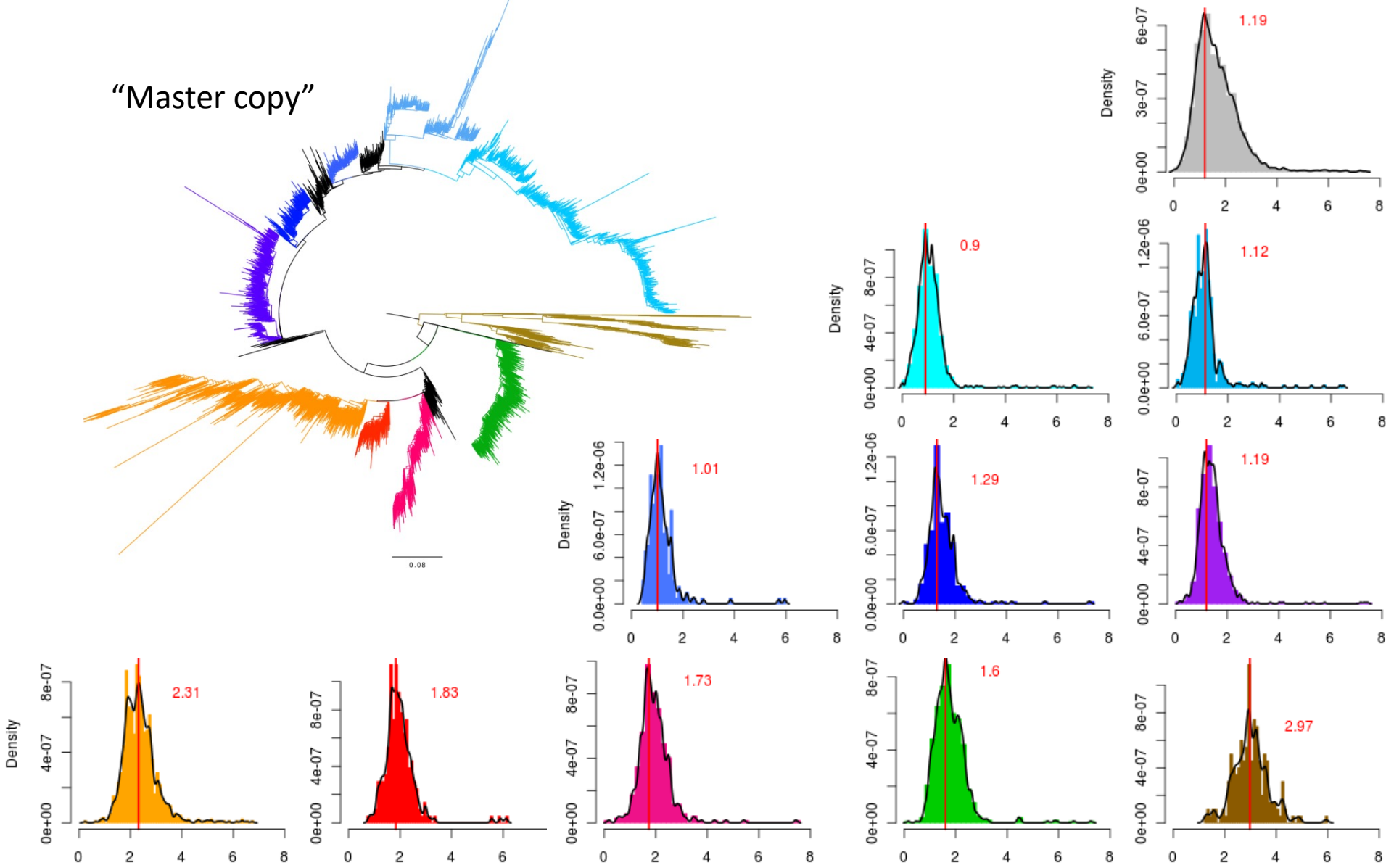
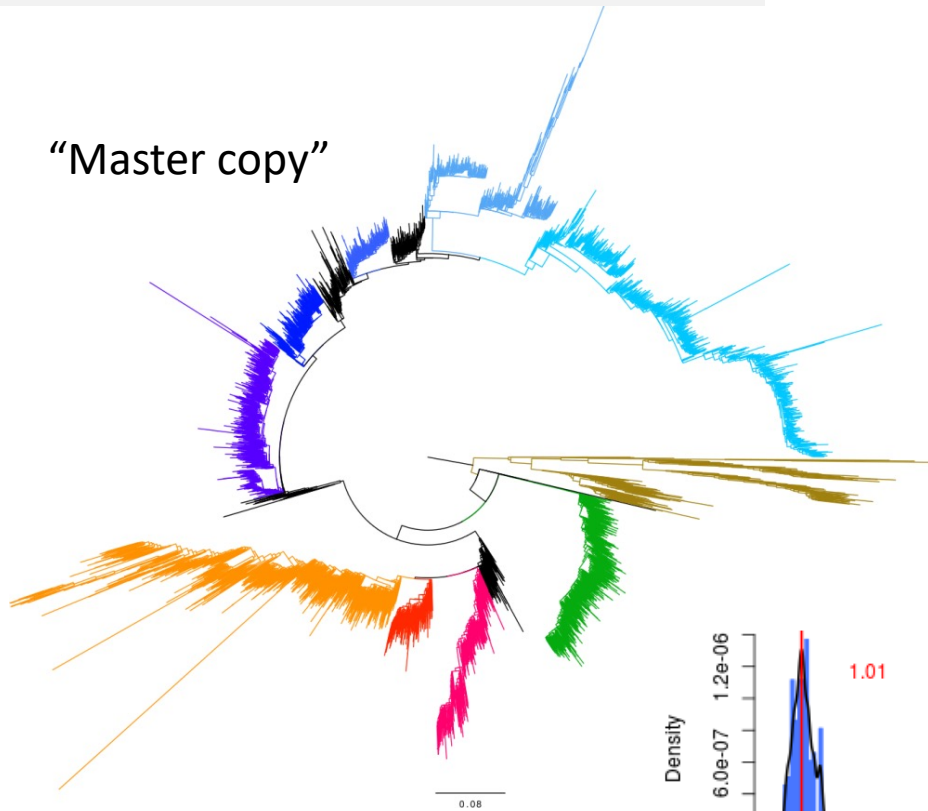
# Burst of transposition

= TEs are periodically active

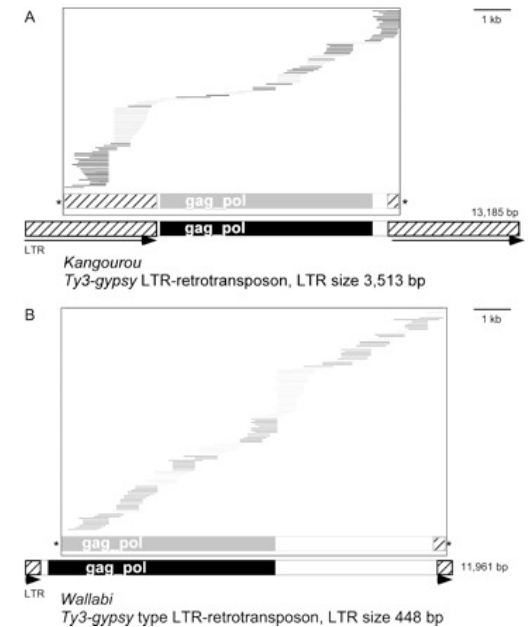
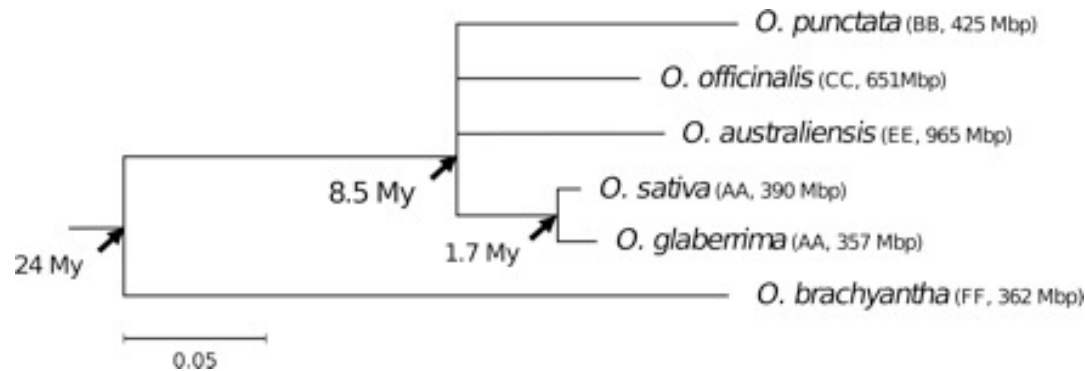


# Burst of transposition

“Master copy”



# Burst of transposition

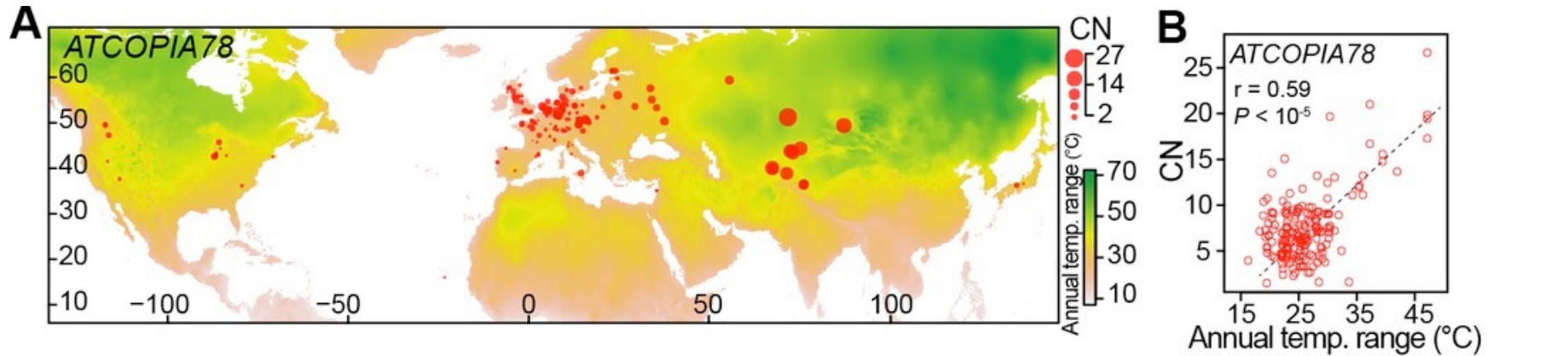


**Table 1.** Description of the three retrotransposons, *RIRE1*, *Kangourou*, and *Wallabi*, in the genome of *O. australiensis*

		Size in bp	Number of copies	Size in the genome	Total
<i>RIRE1</i>	Full element	8300	30,000 ± 3000	250 ± 25 Mbp	265 ± 26.5 Mbp
	Apparent single LTR	1500	10,000 ± 1000	15 ± 1.5 Mbp	
<i>Kangourou</i>	Full element	9200	9500 ± 1000	87 ± 9 Mbp	90 ± 9 Mbp
	Apparent single LTR	3500	1000 ± 100	3.5 ± 0.5 Mbp	
<i>Wallabi</i>	Full element	9000	27,000 ± 3000	240 ± 24 Mbp	250 ± 25 Mbp
	Apparent single LTR	500	12,000 ± 1000	6 ± 0.5 Mbp	605 ± 60 Mbp

The number of copies is estimated based on dot-blot hybridizations. Mean and standard deviation (based on eight repetitions, see Supplemental data #1) are given for each element (either for the full element or for the apparent single LTR).

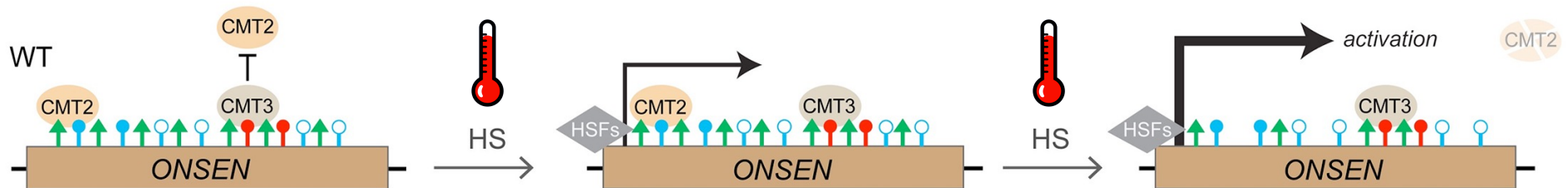
# Geo-climatic variation



Non Stress (NS)

Heat Stress (HS)

time →



HSF: heat-induced transcription factor

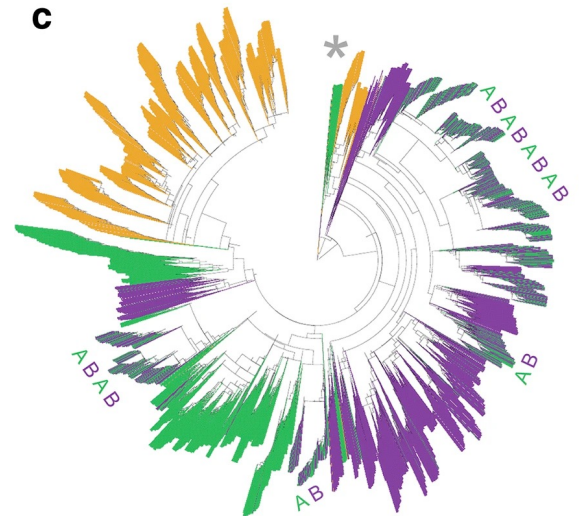
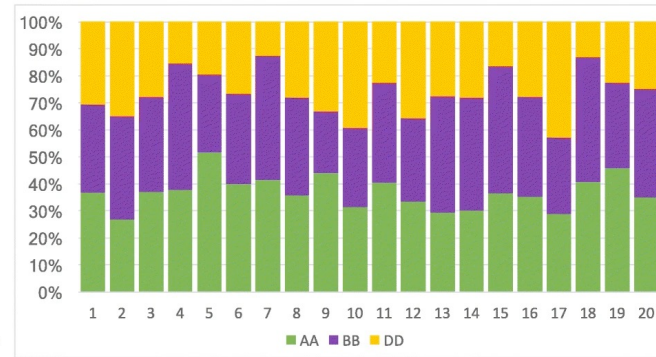
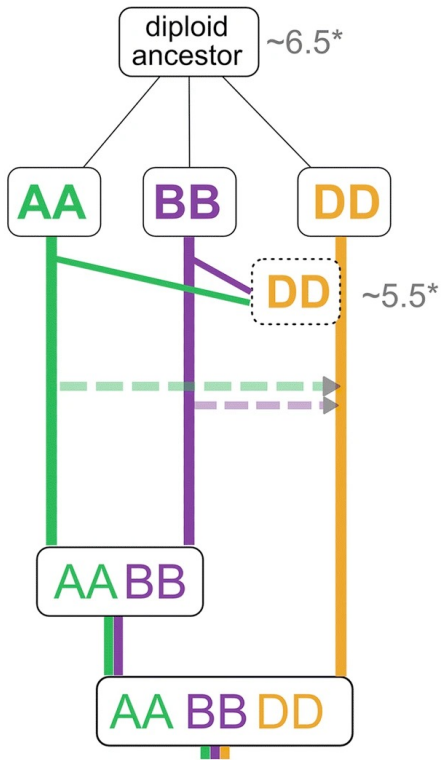
● mCHH ● mCHG ● CHH ● CHG ↑ H3K9me2

Quadrana et al., 2016

Nozawa et al.,<sup>11</sup> 2021



# Latent level of transposition

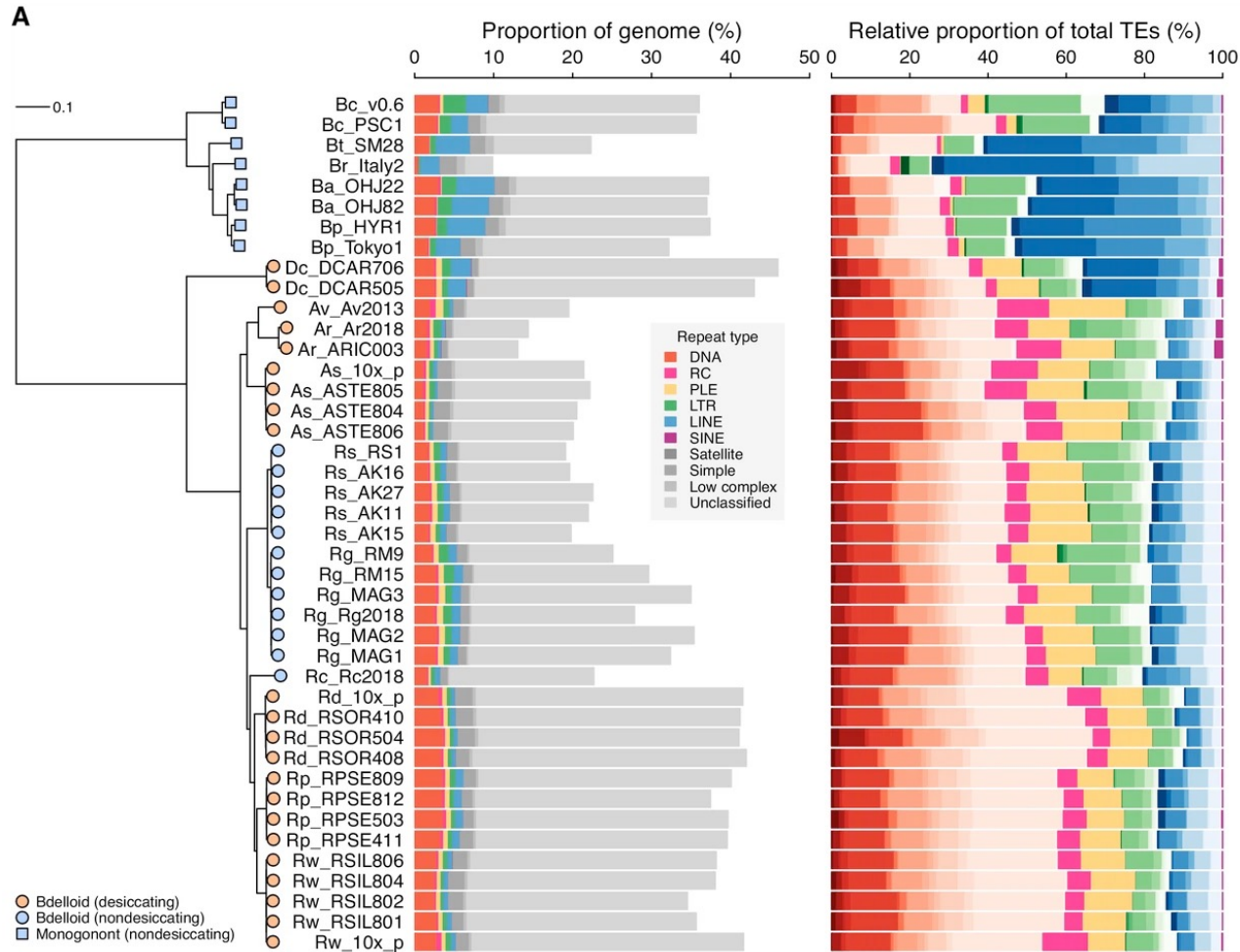




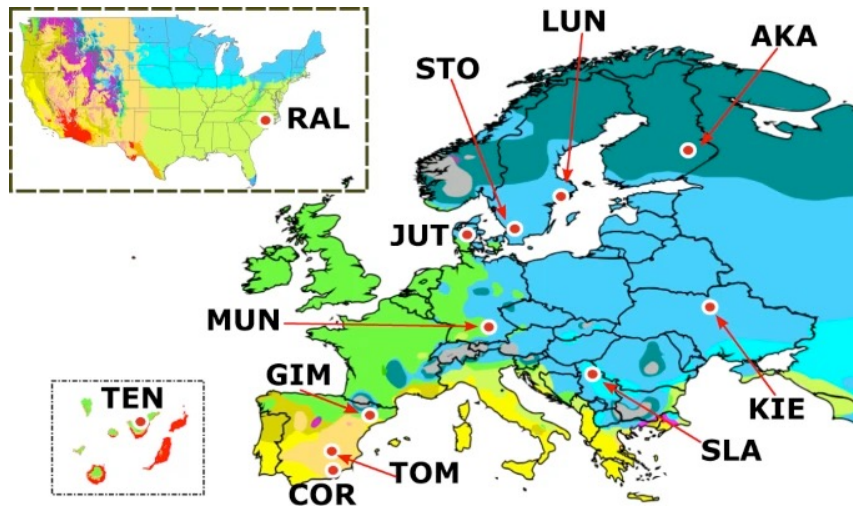
# Latent level of transposition



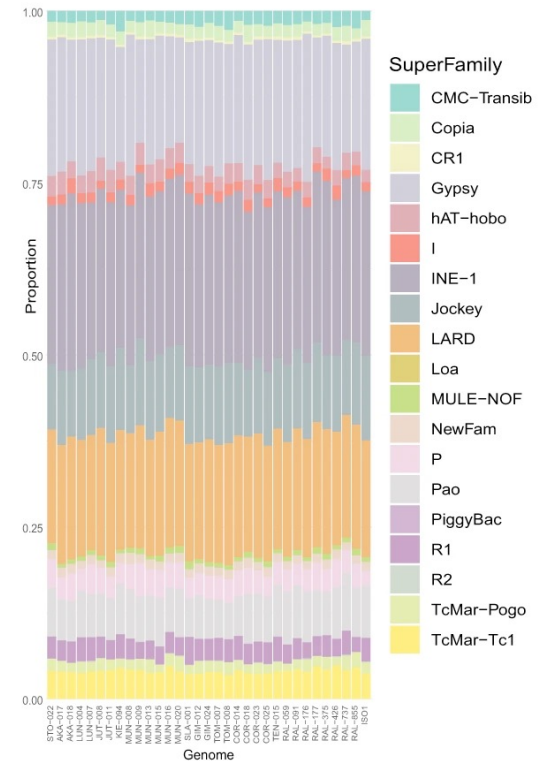
bdelloid rotifers



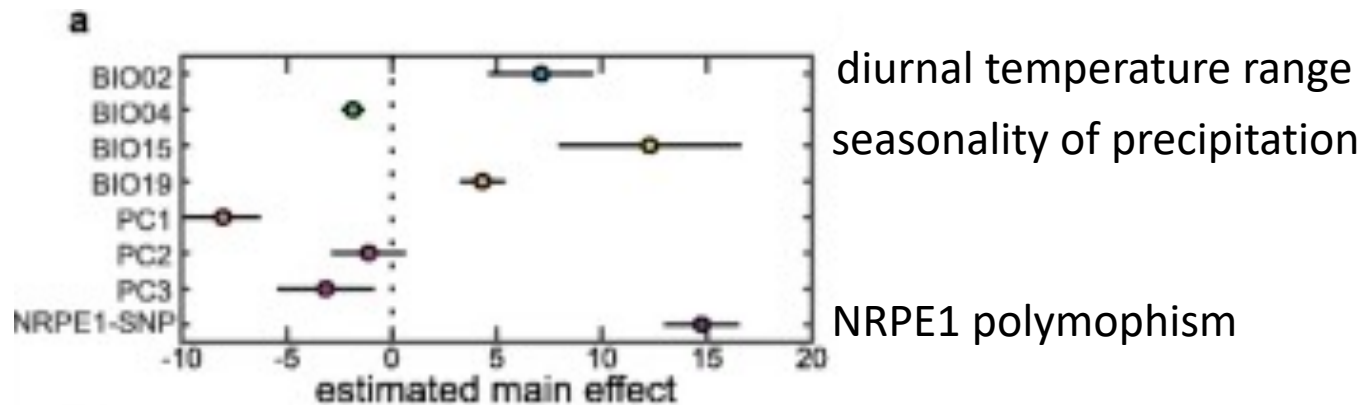
# Latent level of transposition



Average number of TE copies = 2016 (+/-69.6)



# Latent level of transposition



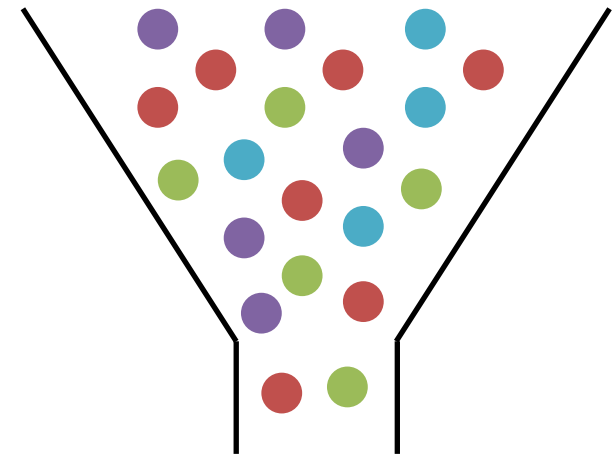
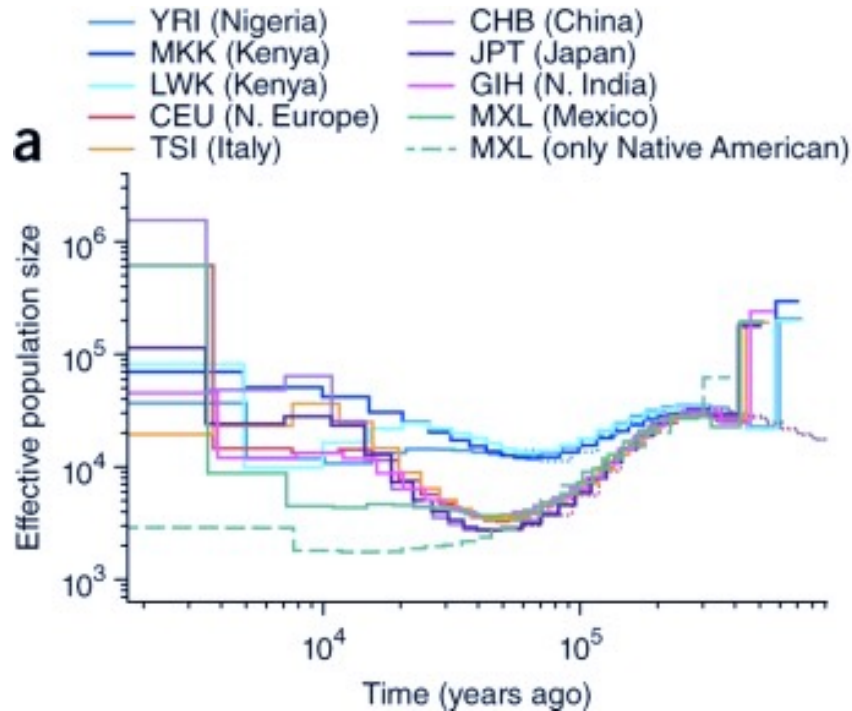
- ONSEN is one out of thousand TE families present in the genome, what's the rules what's the exception?

## Role of demography in TEs accumulation

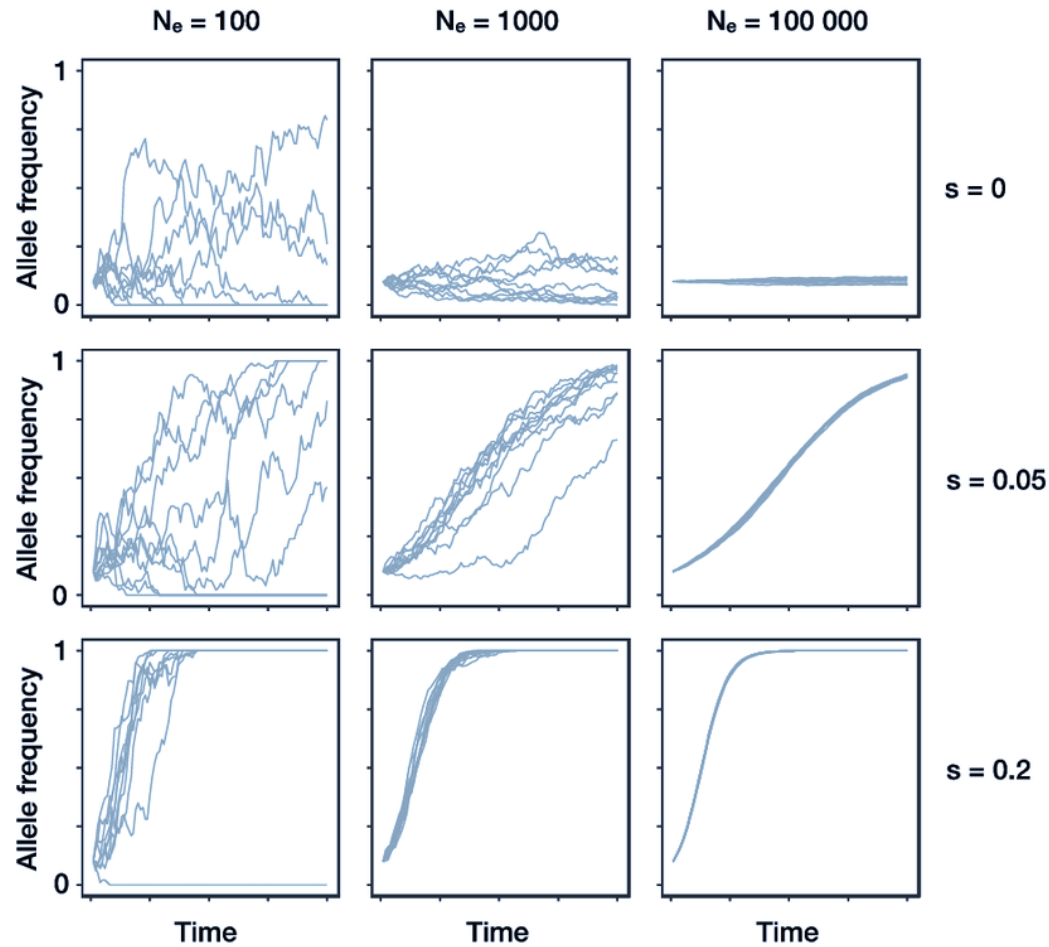
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# Demographic history

effective population size ( $N_e$ ) = number of breeding individuals in a (idealised) population



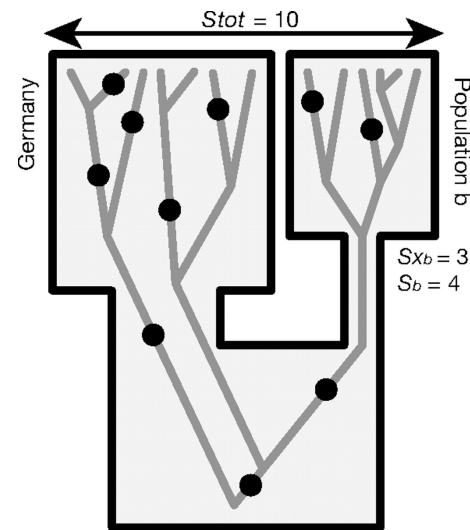
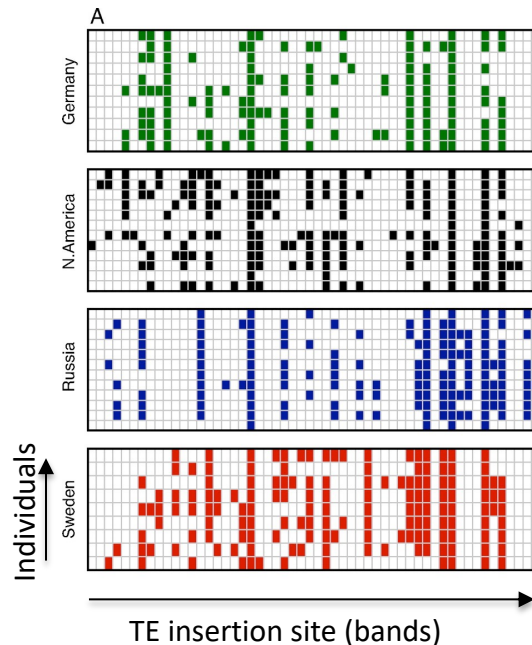
# Demographic history (genetic drift)



# Demographic history

$Stot$  = the total number of bands in the two populations  
 $Sxb$  = the number of unique bands in the bottlenecked population  
 $Sb$  = the total number of bands in the bottlenecked population

*To assess the relative contributions of demography on patterns of TE diversity ?*



- Significantly higher pairwise  $Sxb$  than expected (North America: *Ac*, *CACTA*, *LINE*; Russia: *LINE*; Sweden: *Ac*;  $P < 0.05$ )
- Most likely explanation: an excess of  $Sxb$  could be explained by purifying selection removing TEs in the German population, thus increasing the number of TEs appearing as unique to other populations.

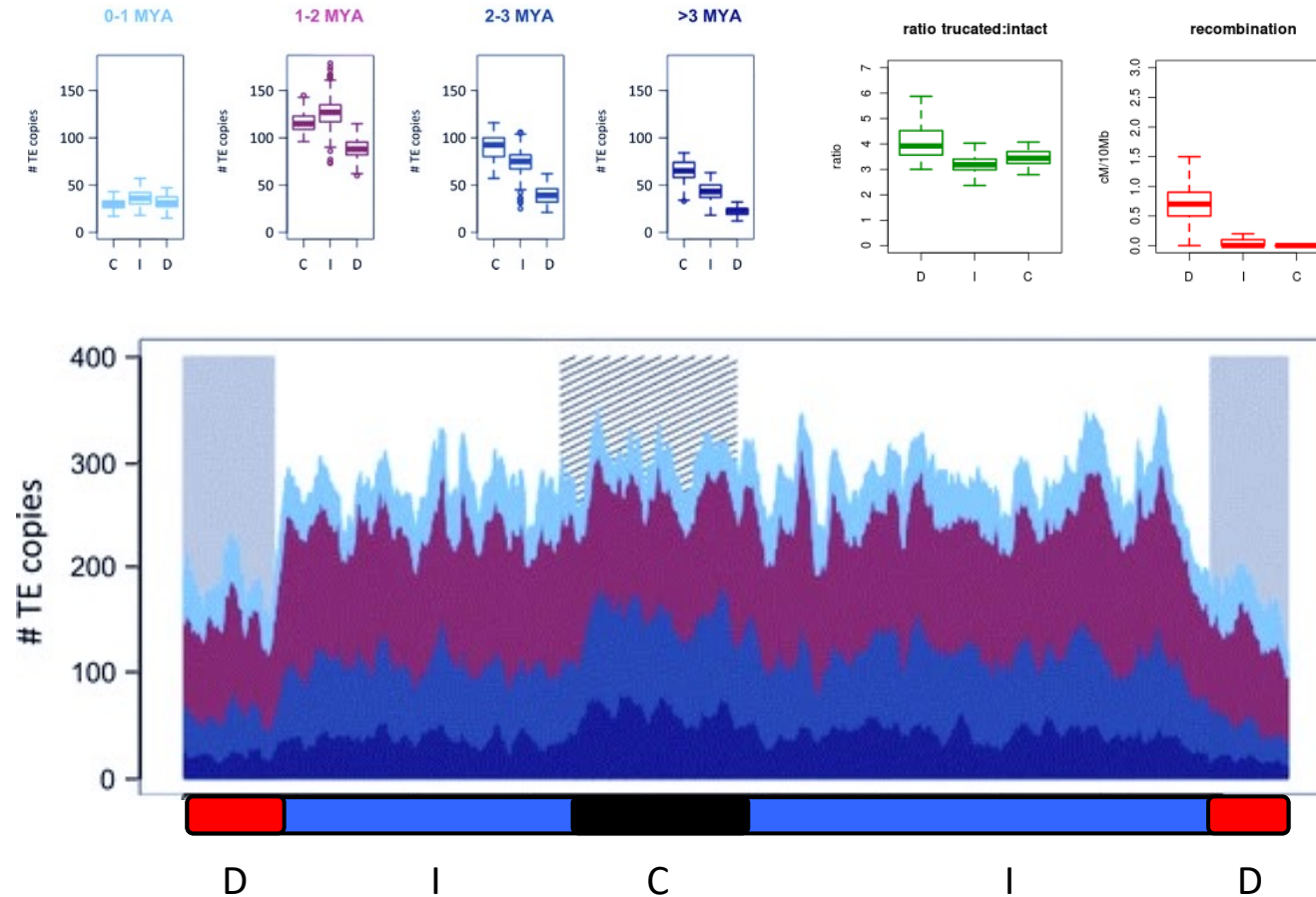
## Evolutionary forces driving TE distribution

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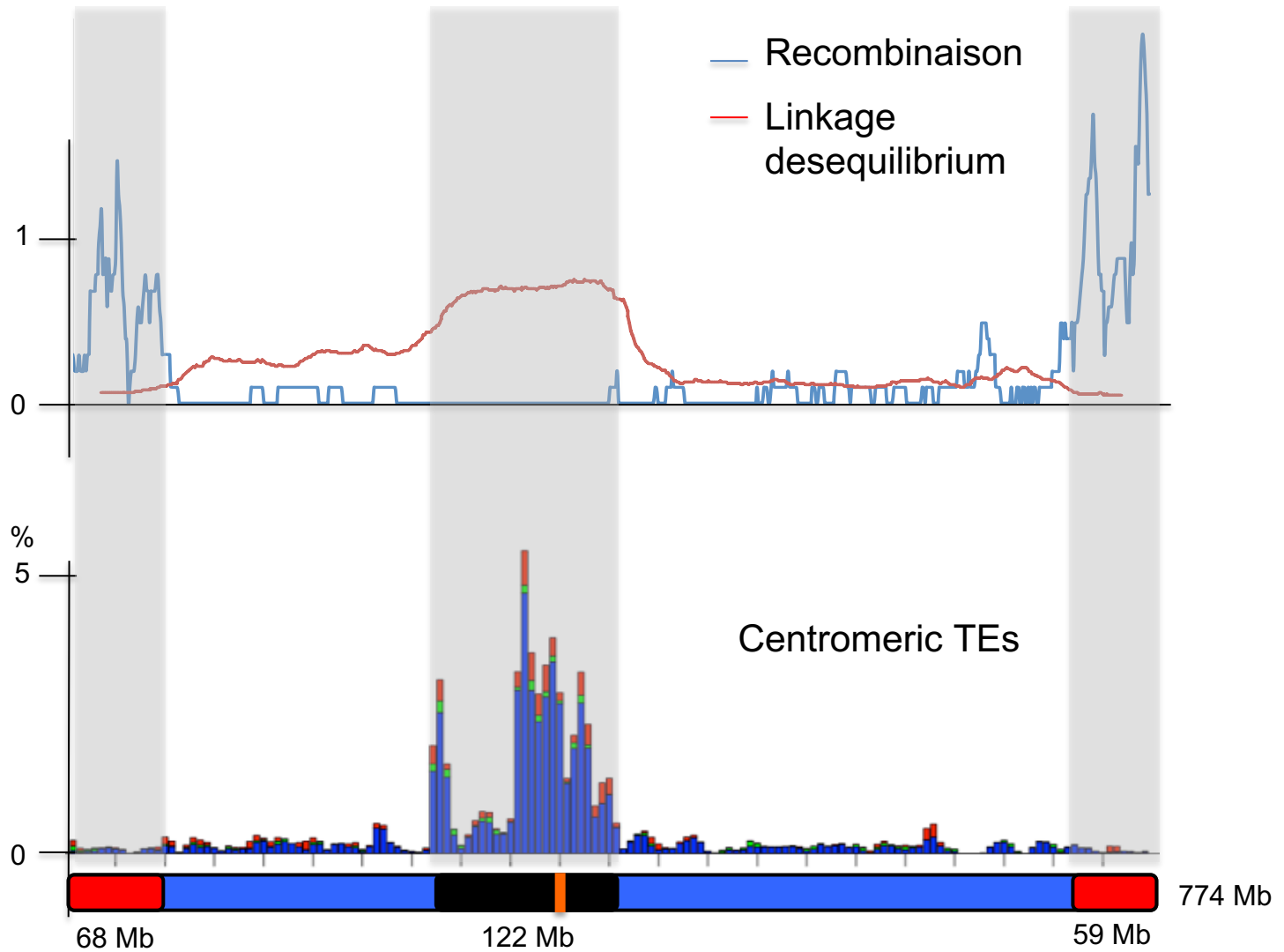
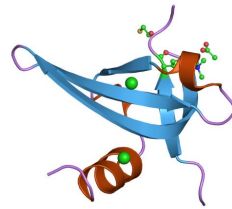


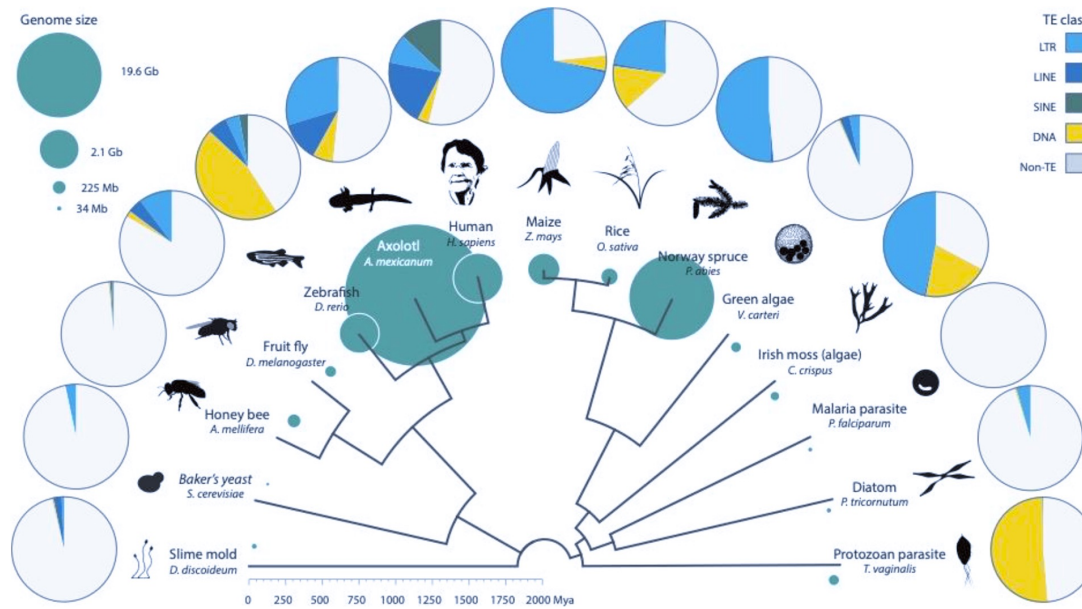
# Preferential loss

## Ectopic recombination



# Preferential insertion





Transposition rate

Demography

Insertion/loss

What is the relative contribution of each of those factor in TEs content/diversity ?

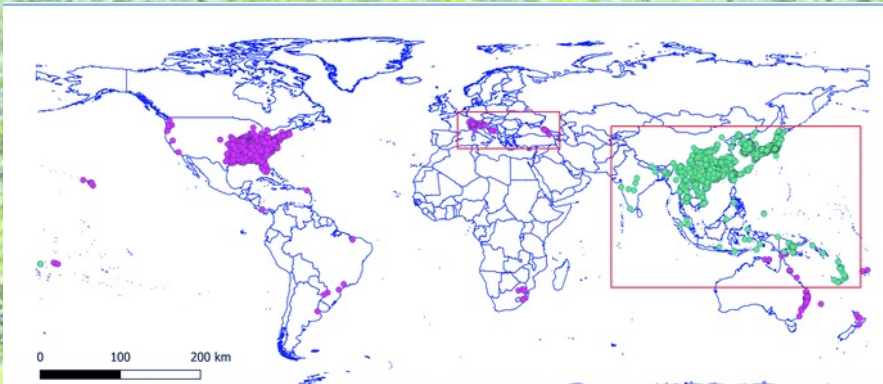
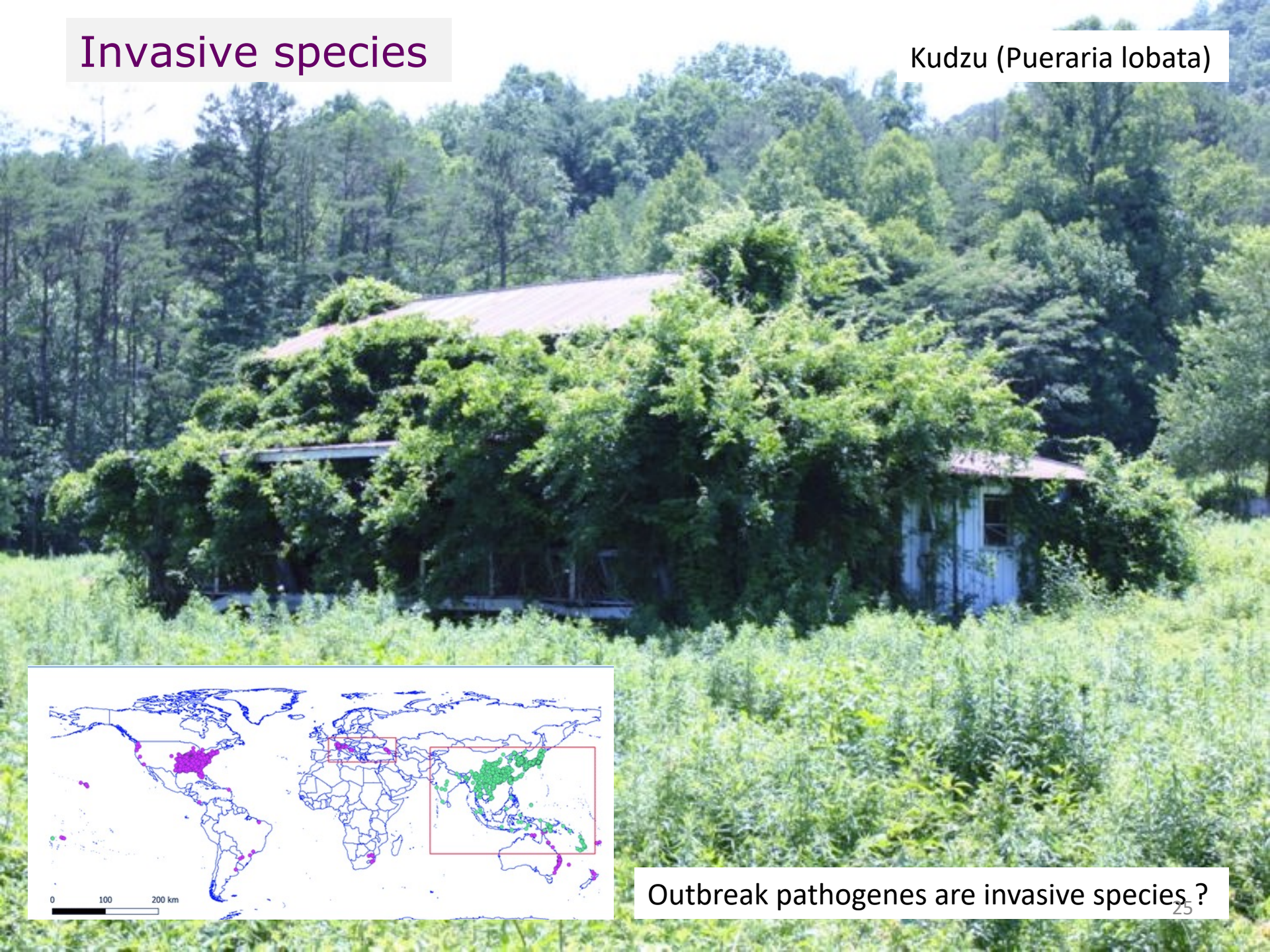
## TEs activity through the prism of invasive species

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# Invasive species

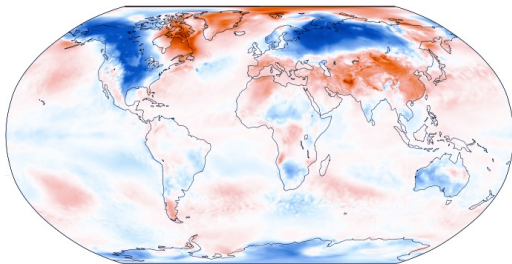
Kudzu (*Pueraria lobata*)



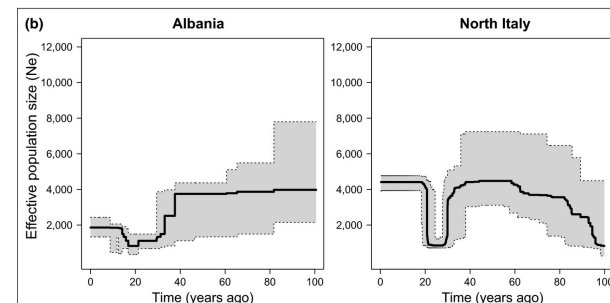
Outbreak pathogens are invasive species?

# Why invasive species are a good 'model' to look for TEs activity ?

- Invasive species have critical ability to **rapidly adapt** to new environments
- Classic evolutionary theory states that **constantly and randomly emerging genetic mutations** generate mild phenotypic differences in a population, thus providing the substrate for **gradual evolutionary progress** through selection and adaptation.
- The narrative of “evolution through gradual change” **fails to explain episodes of rapid adaptation** and organismal diversification (Gould, 1980).



Climatic niche changes



Demographic variation

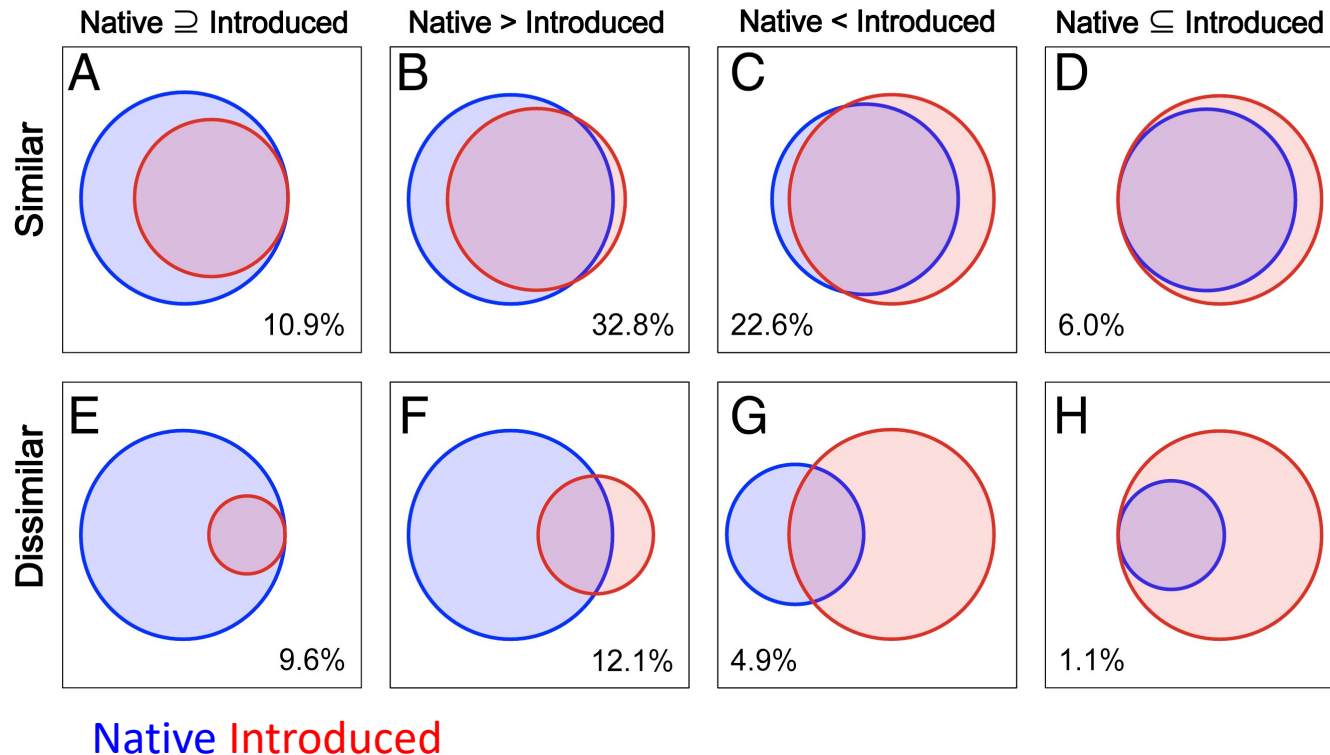


## Most invasive species largely conserve their climatic niche

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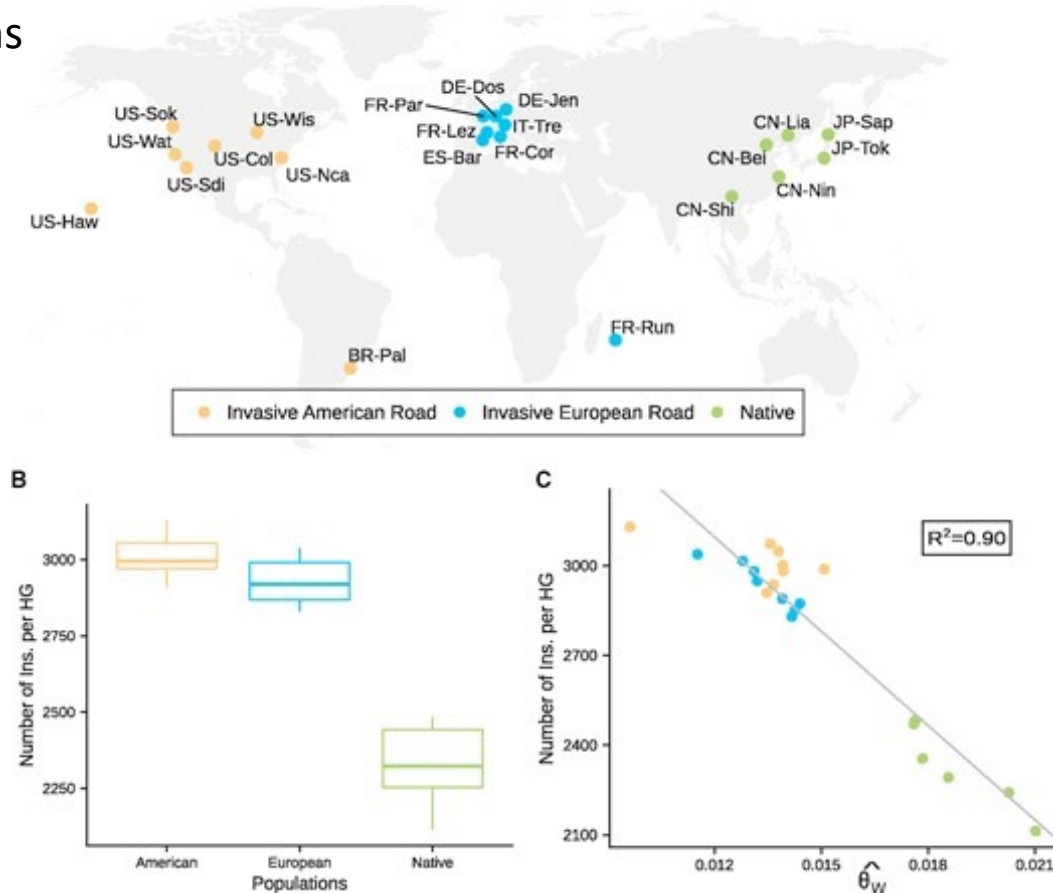
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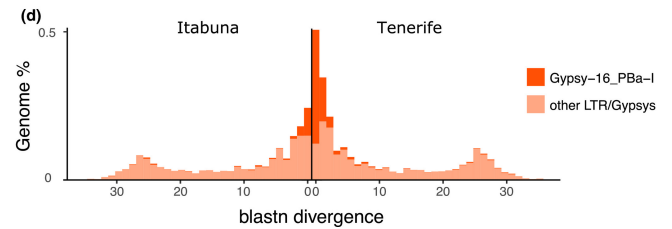
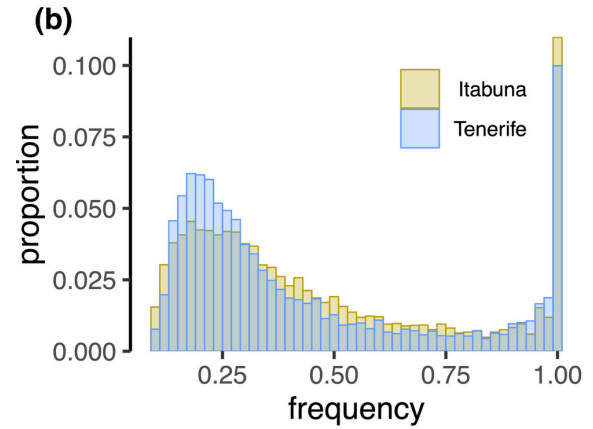
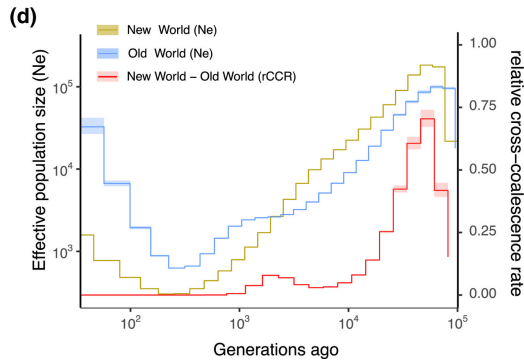
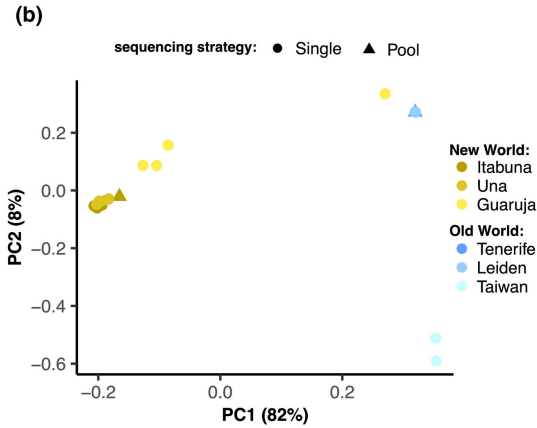
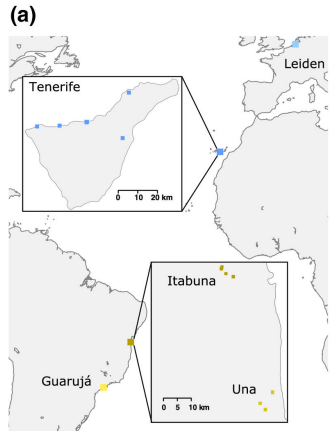
# Demography as Driver of TE Contents in *D. suzukii* Populations

11,751 insertions



No significant correlation between 19 bioclimatic variables and TE family abundance



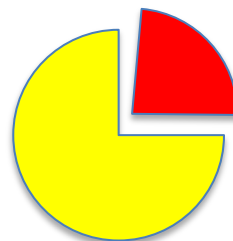
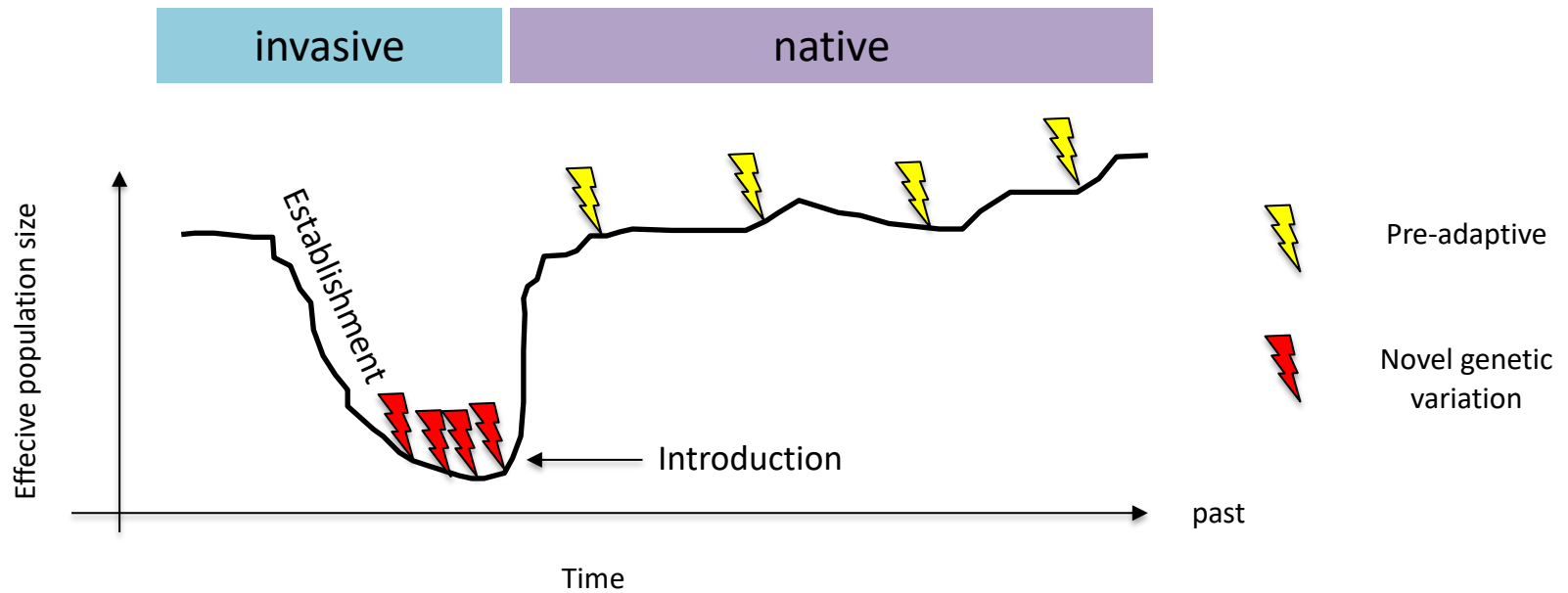


New World lineage: 30 workers  
 Old World lineage: 16 workers

## Role of TEs throughout the invasion

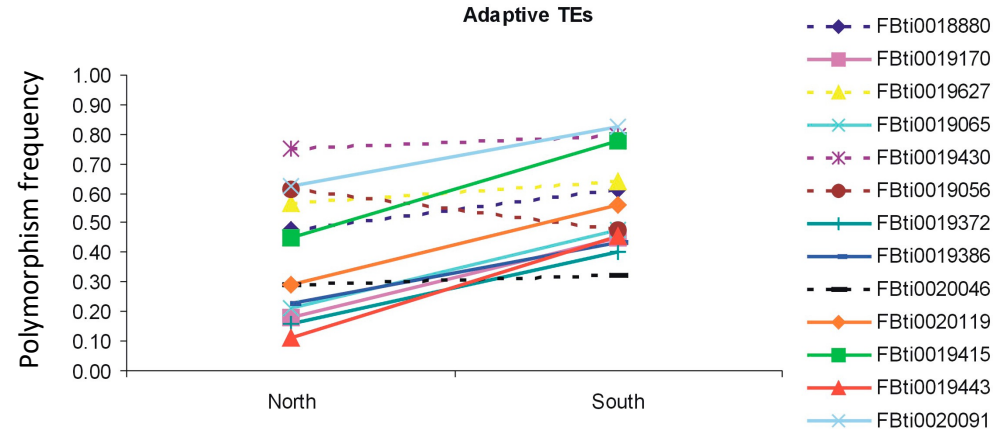
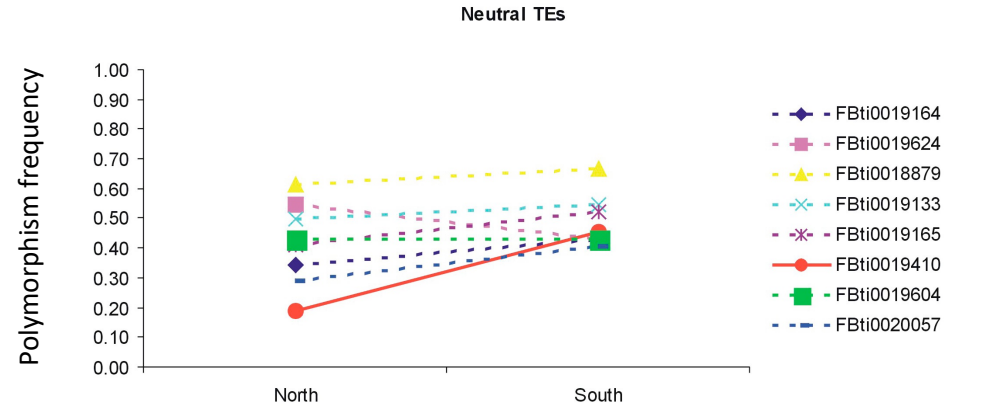
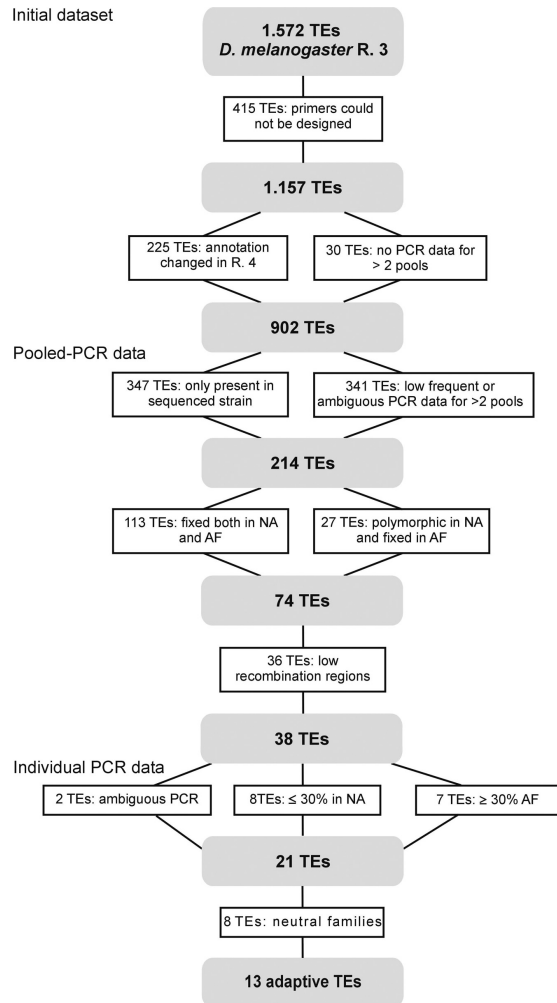
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# Standing genetic variation or de novo adaptation ?

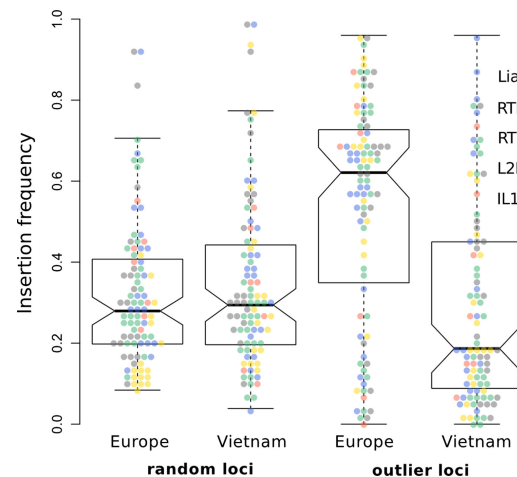
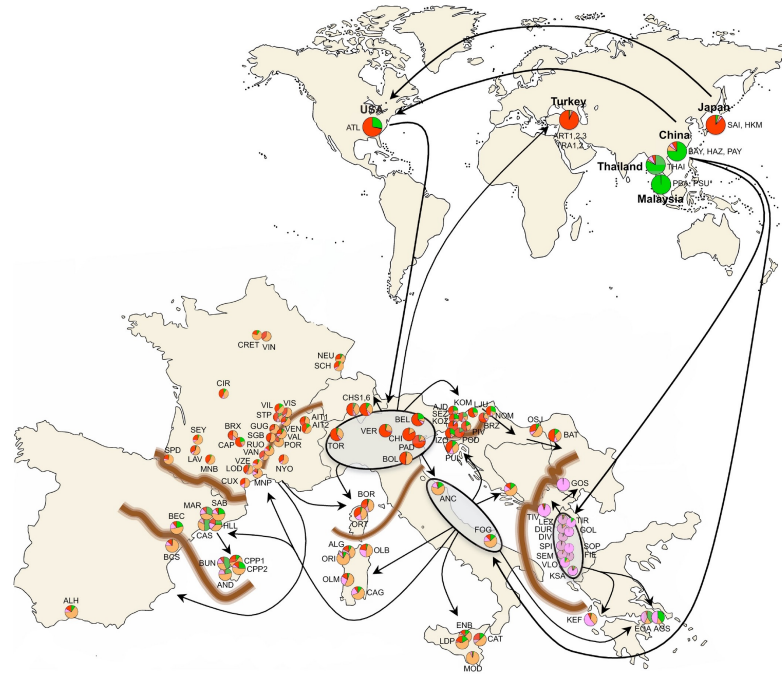
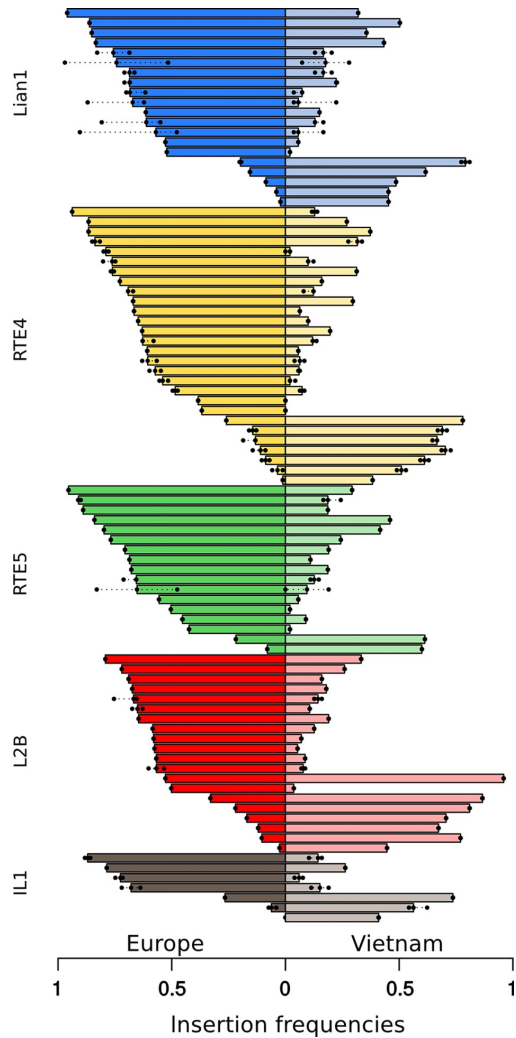


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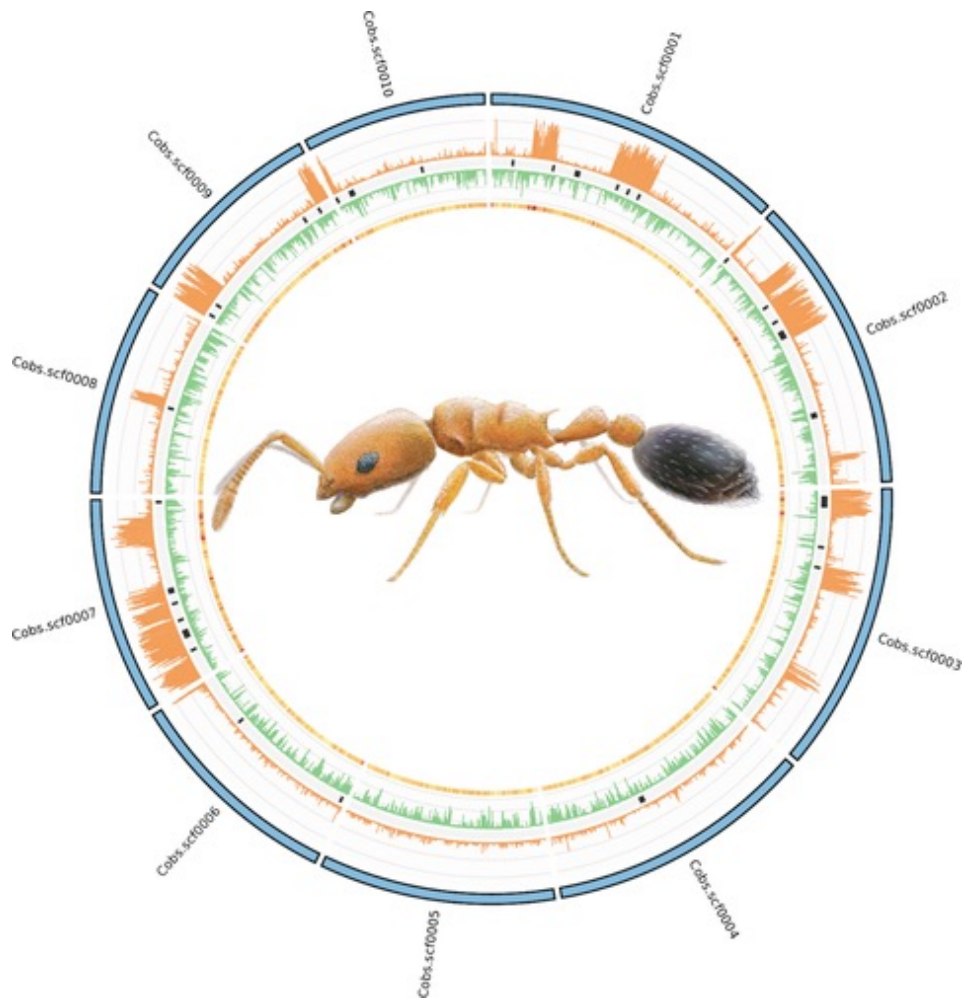


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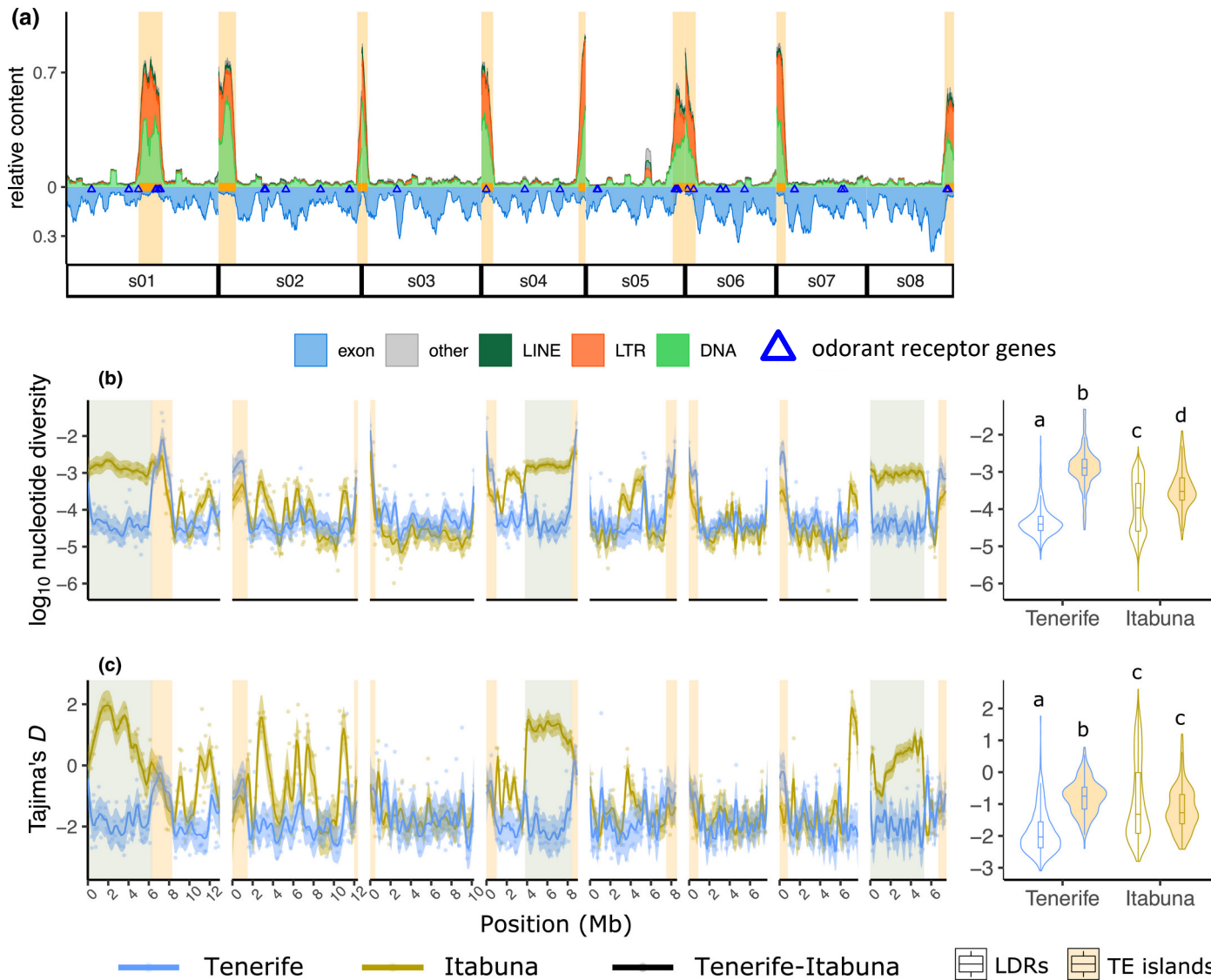


Goubert et al., 2017

Sherpa et al.,<sup>33</sup> 2019



# TE islands evolve more dynamically than the remainder of the genome



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# Adaptation

FLC, which encodes a key transcription regulator that repress expression of flowering factors

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21541264.2020.1803031>

From one to a 1000 genomes

1. understand what kind of standard in term of annotation, structure and evolutionary dynamics of TEs have been set up by other model organism

introduced populations usually face novel environmental conditions that require an adaptive response despite the reduced adaptive capability of small, genetically homogeneous populations.

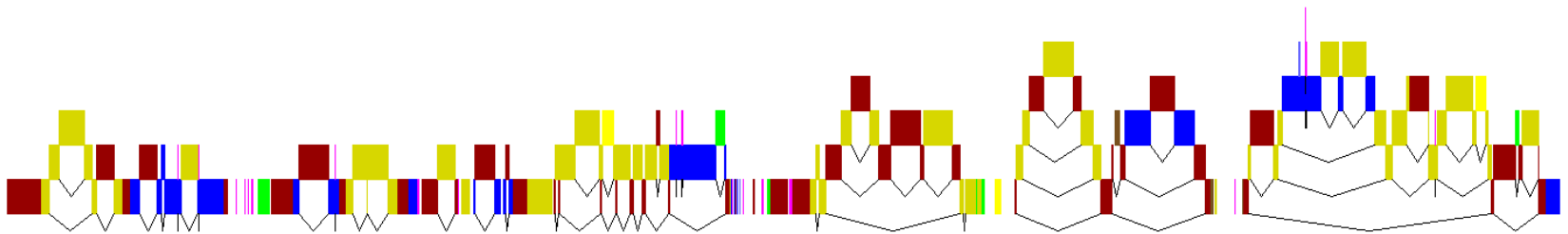
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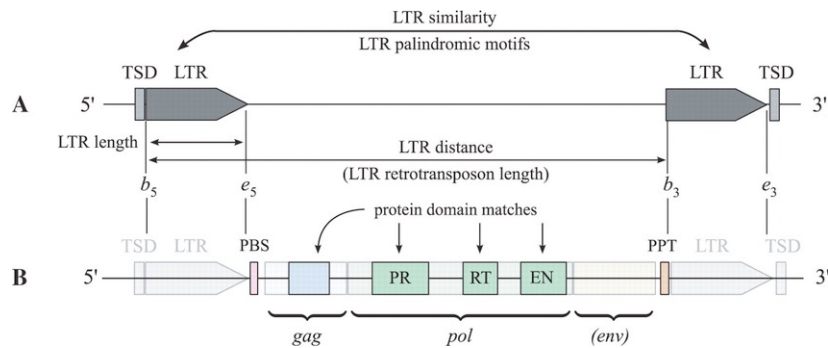
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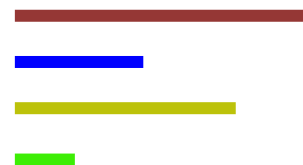
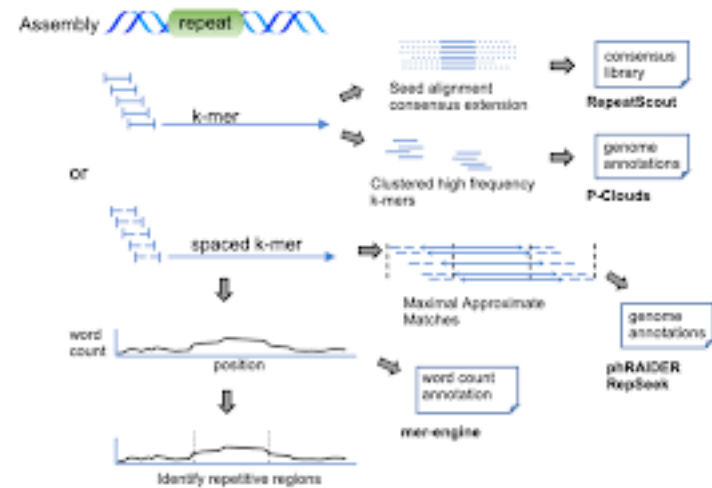
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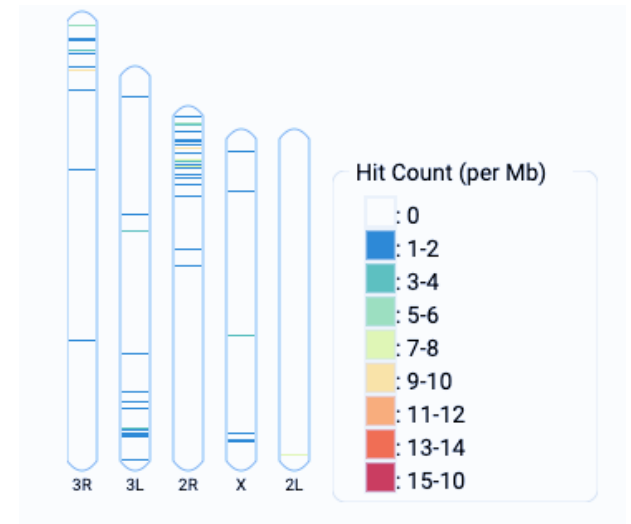
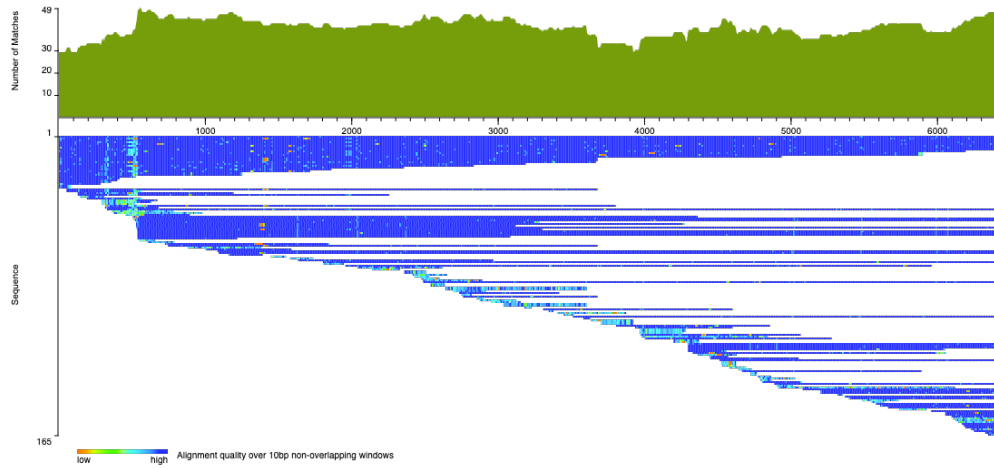
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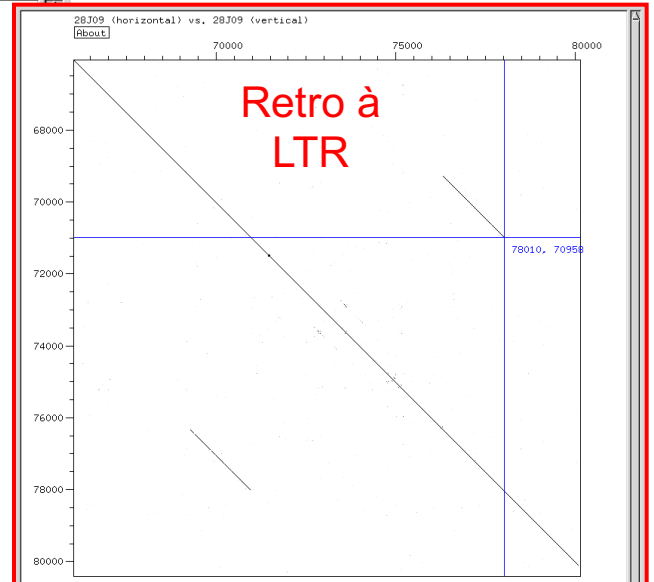
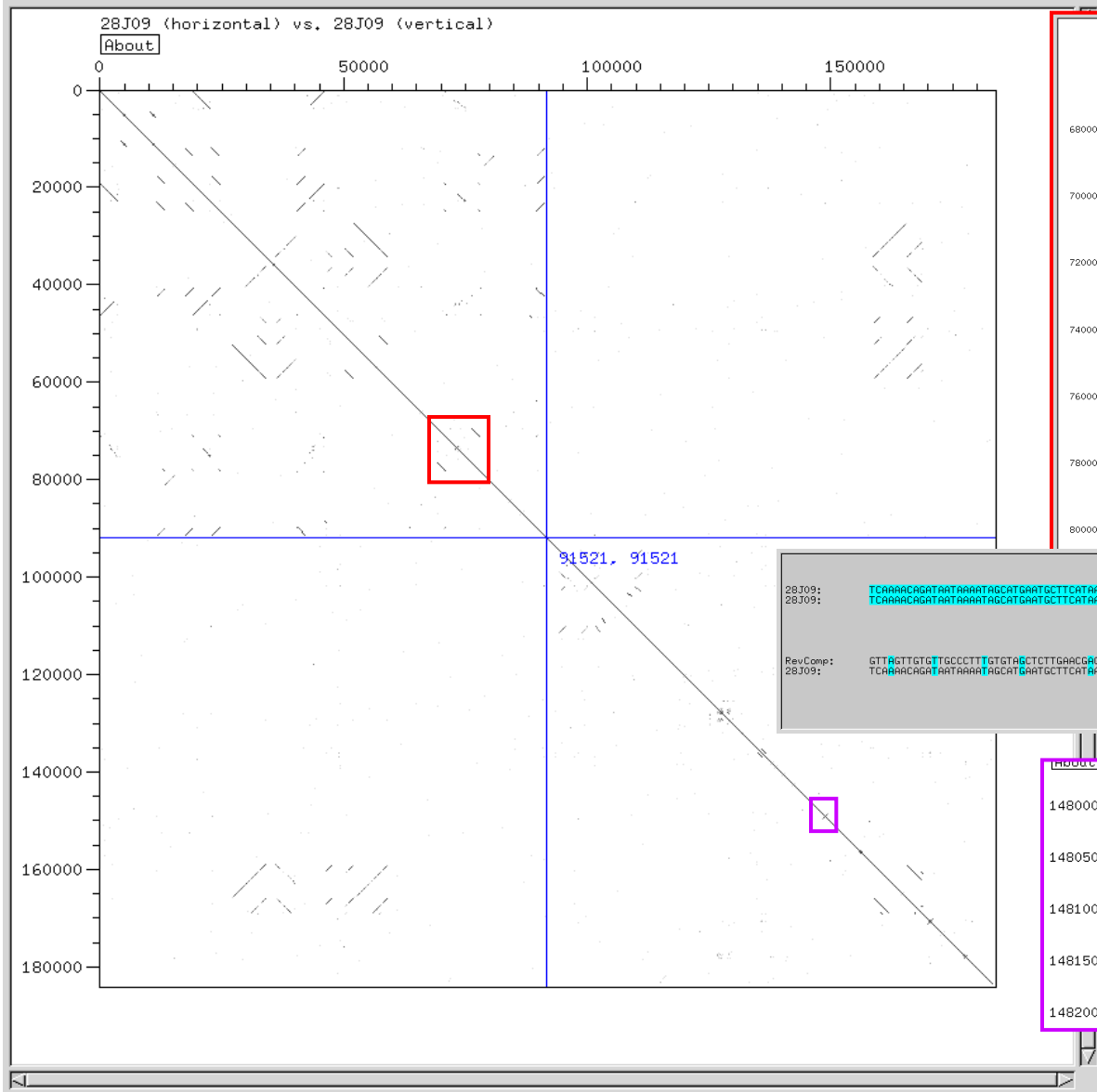
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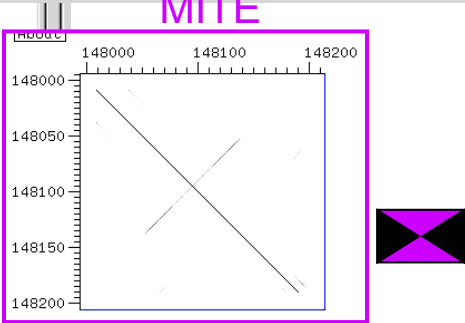
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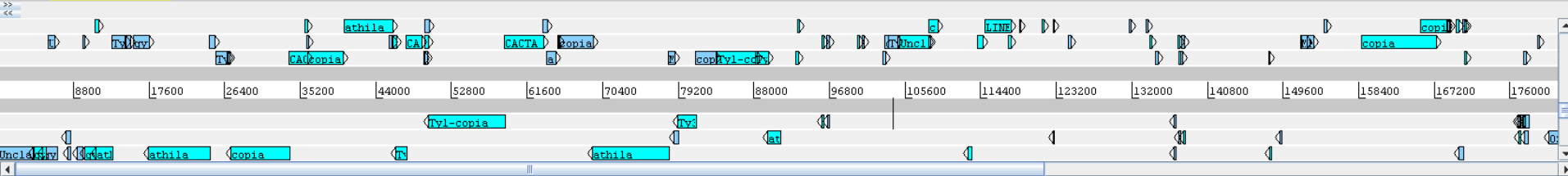
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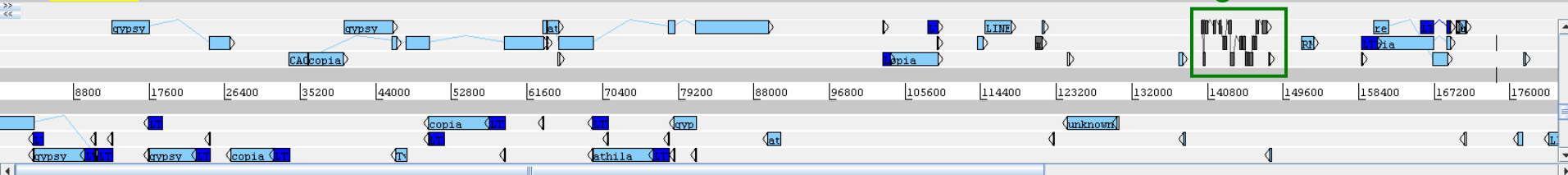


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- 4 pairs TIR identified



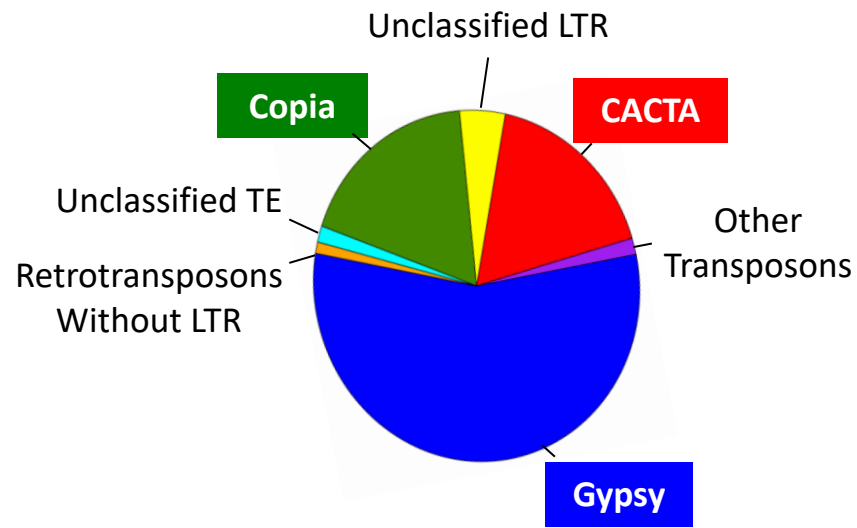
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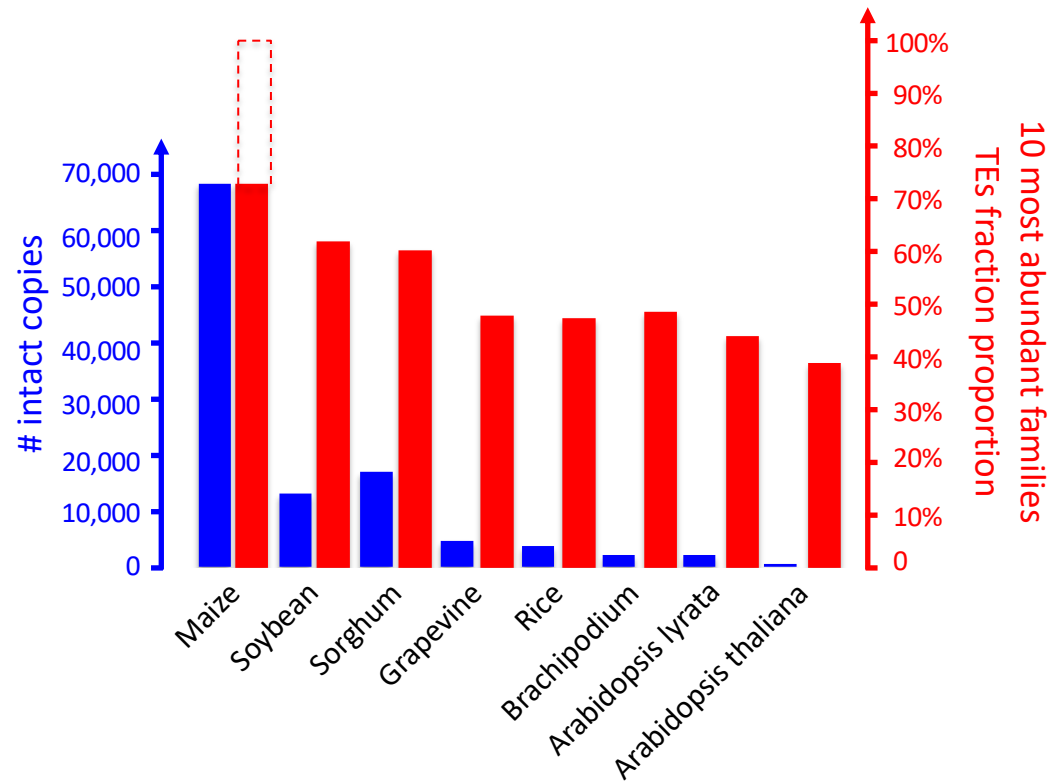
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TE organization

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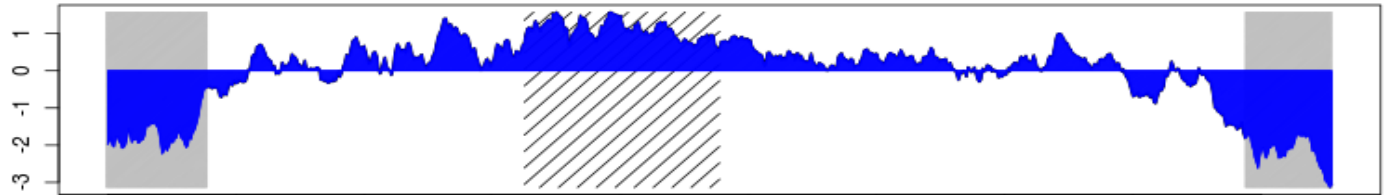


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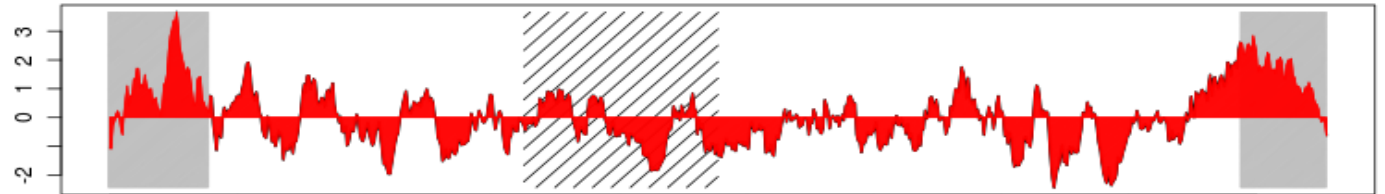


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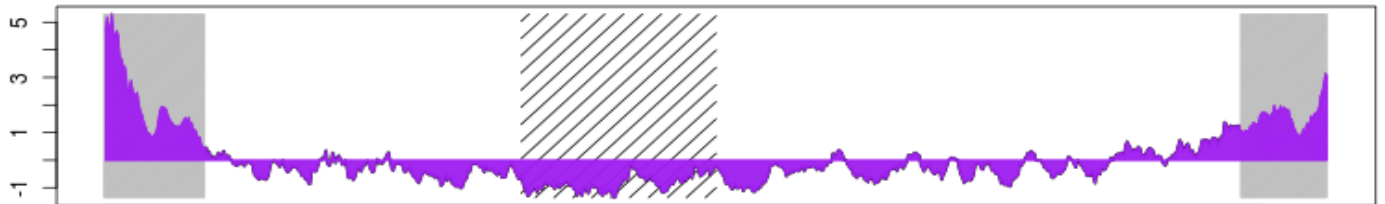
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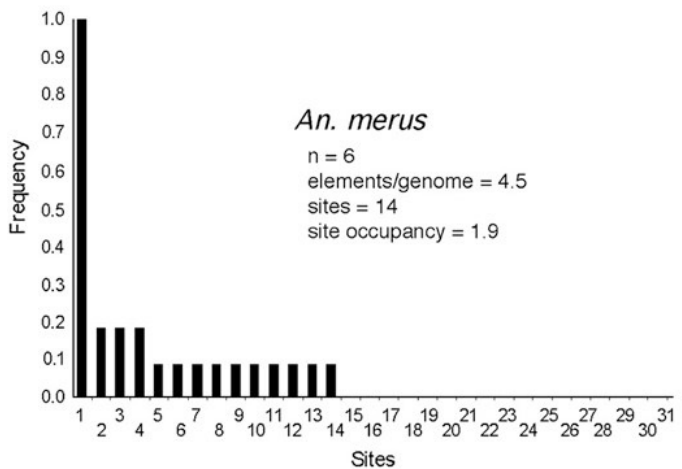
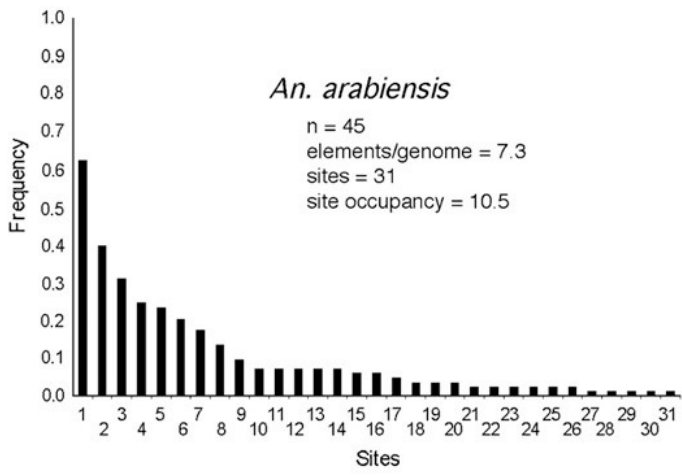
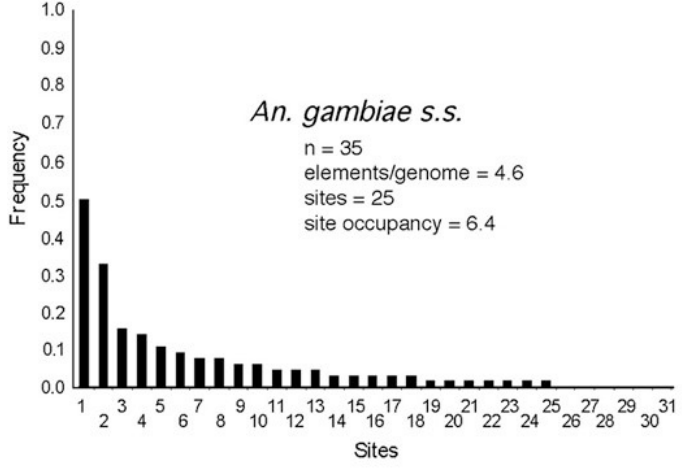
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**Other Class II**



class II element of the hAT  
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# TEs have been successful in plant genomes



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