

IDENTIFYING A CORE SET OF MARKERS AND HAPLOTYPE STRUCTURES TO TRACK SEGREGATION IN DOMESTICATED SUNFLOWER



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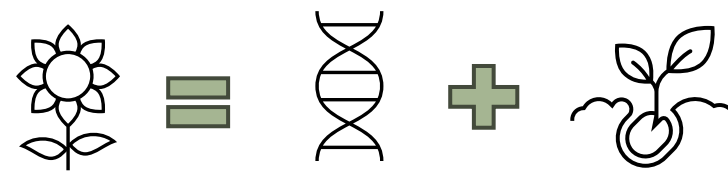
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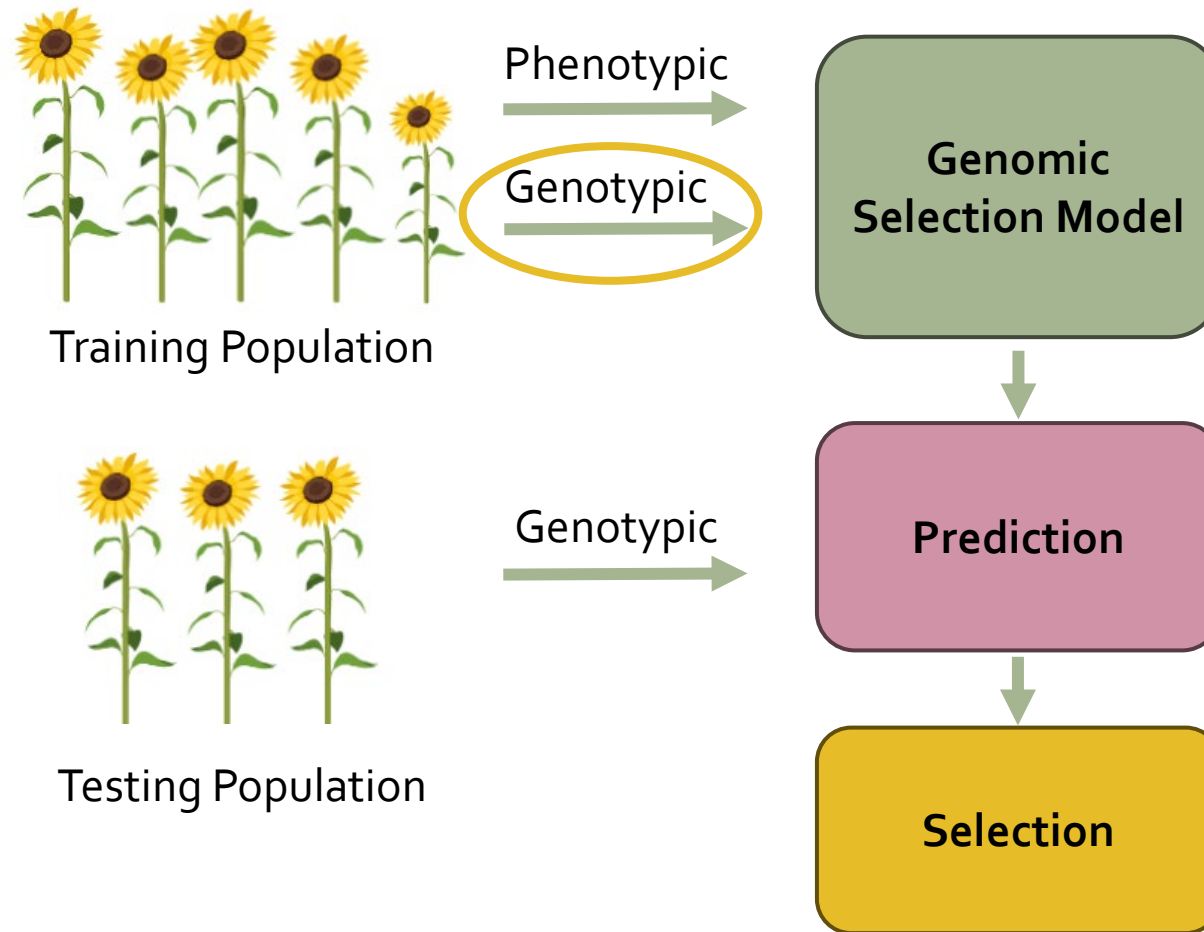
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Phenotype = Genotype + Environment

A FASTER STRATEGY FOR PLANT BREEDING: GENOMIC SELECTION



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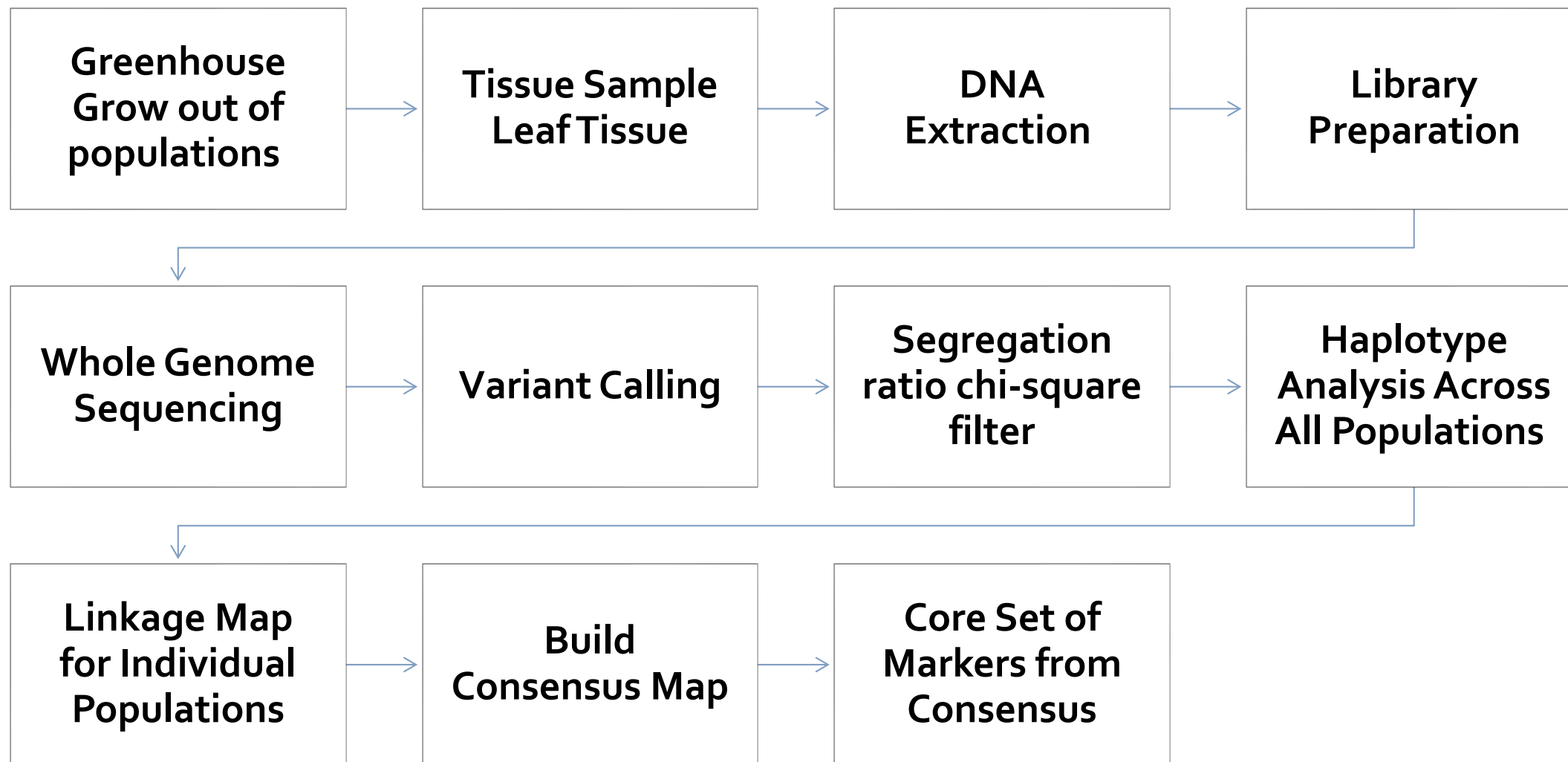
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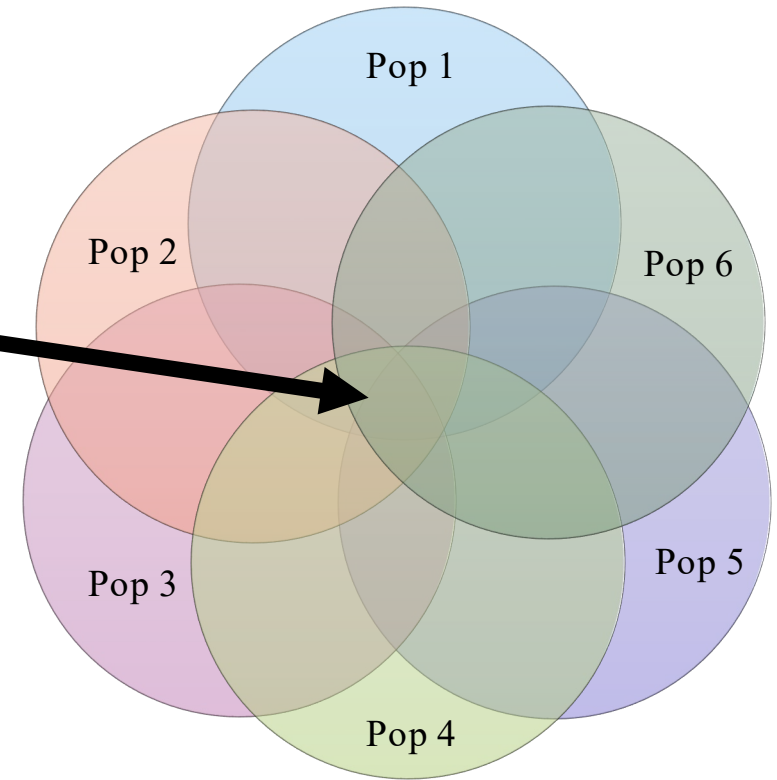
Agronomically important traits and utility for future genomic studies

Pedigree	Population Type	B-line/ R-line	Oil	Disease Resistance	Other	Entries
16_1852/16_1410	F ₄	B-line	HO	Sclerotinia, Phomopsis	Drought, Herbicide Resistance (IMI)	76
HA 482/HA 487	F ₄	B-line	HO	Sclerotinia, Phomopsis	Herbicide Resistance (IMI)	33
RHA 474/R101dmr/6/RHA 344/NID HO// NS-H-924/4/RHA 418/RHA 419/3/RO12- 13//RHA 274/PRS5/5/RHA 475/RHA 464	F ₄	R-line	HO	Sclerotinia, Downy Mildew, Rust	Herbicide Resistance (IMI)	45
RHA 476/IS 3401	F ₄	R-line	HO		Early Maturity	61
RHA 478/16_1570	F ₄	R-line	HO	Sclerotinia, Phomopsis	Herbicide Resistance (IMI)	70
RHA 483/RHA 479	F ₄	R-line	HO	Sclerotinia, Phomopsis	Herbicide Resistance (IMI)	28
RHA 483/RHA 480	F ₄	R-line	HO	Sclerotinia, Phomopsis	Herbicide Resistance (IMI)	47
RHA 485/4/RHA 473/3/RHA 462//PET- 1gamarays/6116	F ₄	R-line	HO	Sclerotinia		33
RHA 484//RHA 472/R101dmr	F ₄	R-line	HO	Sclerotinia, Downy Mildew, Rust	Herbicide Resistance (IMI)	56
RHA 485/RHA 476	F ₄	R-line	HO	Phomopsis	High Oil, Early Maturity	101
RHA 486/RHA 476	F ₄	R-line	HO	Sclerotinia, Phomopsis, Downy Mildew	Early Maturity	50
RHA 476/687	F ₄	R-line	HO		Early Maturity	72
HA 456/HA 434	F6 Nectar Mapping	B-line				191
HA 467/PI170415	F7-9 pericarp Mapping	B-line				159
Total						1022

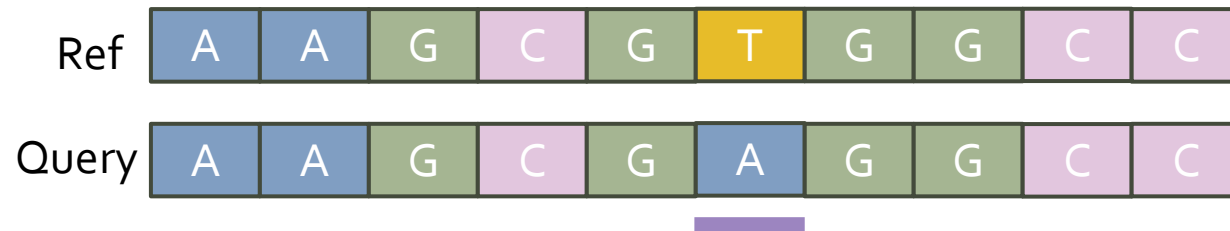
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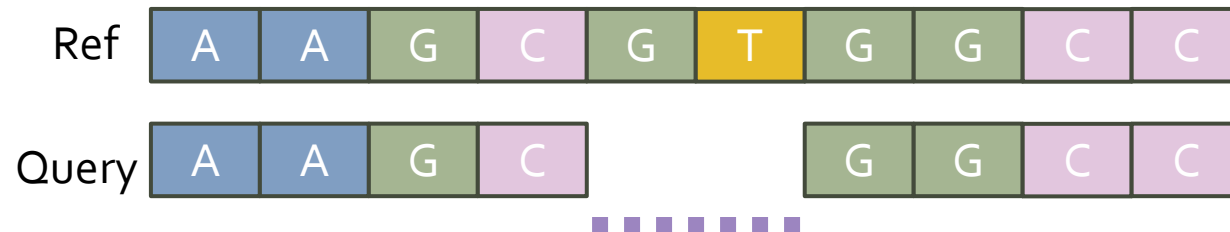
Variants need to be conserved over all breeding/mapping populations



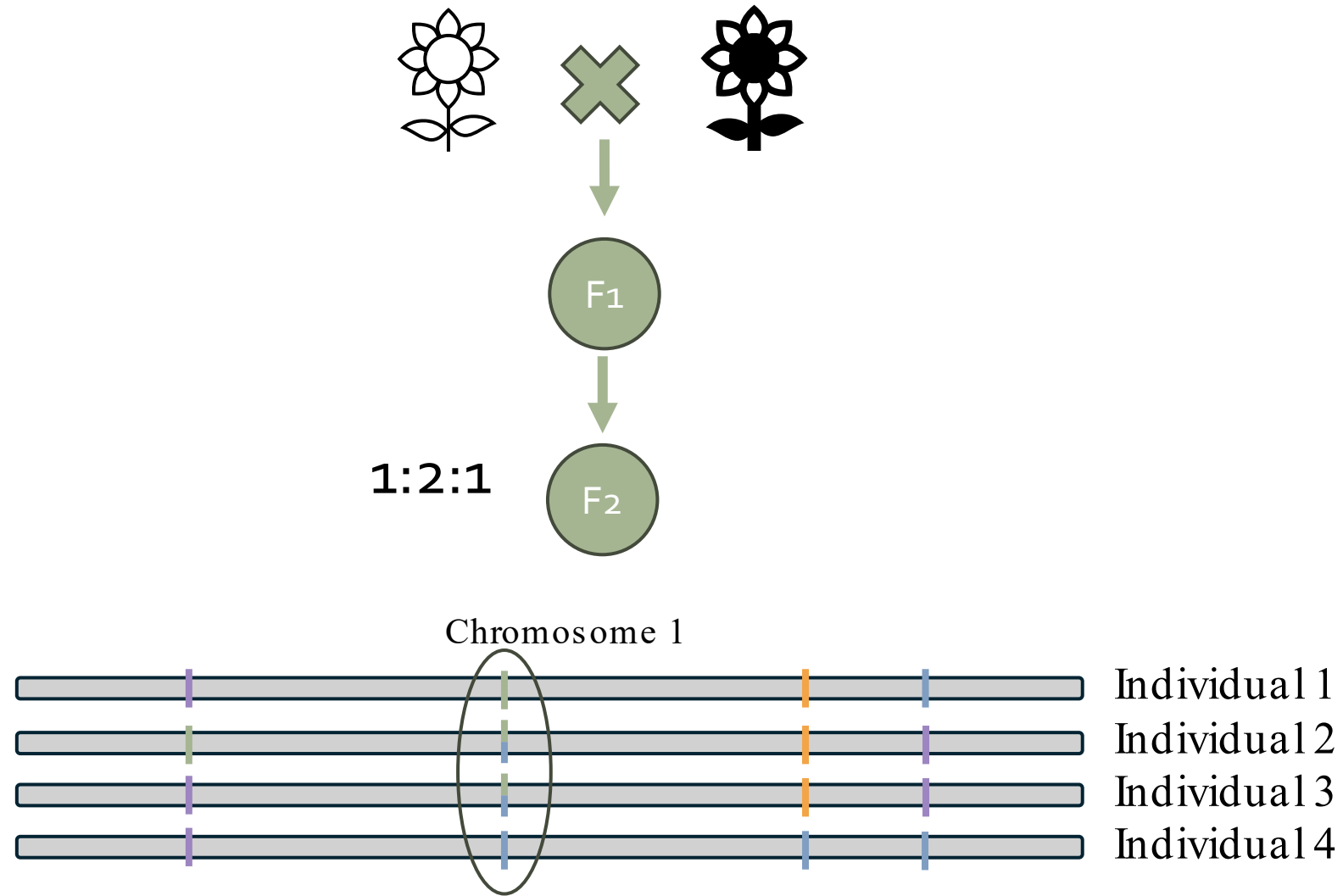
Sequence variants



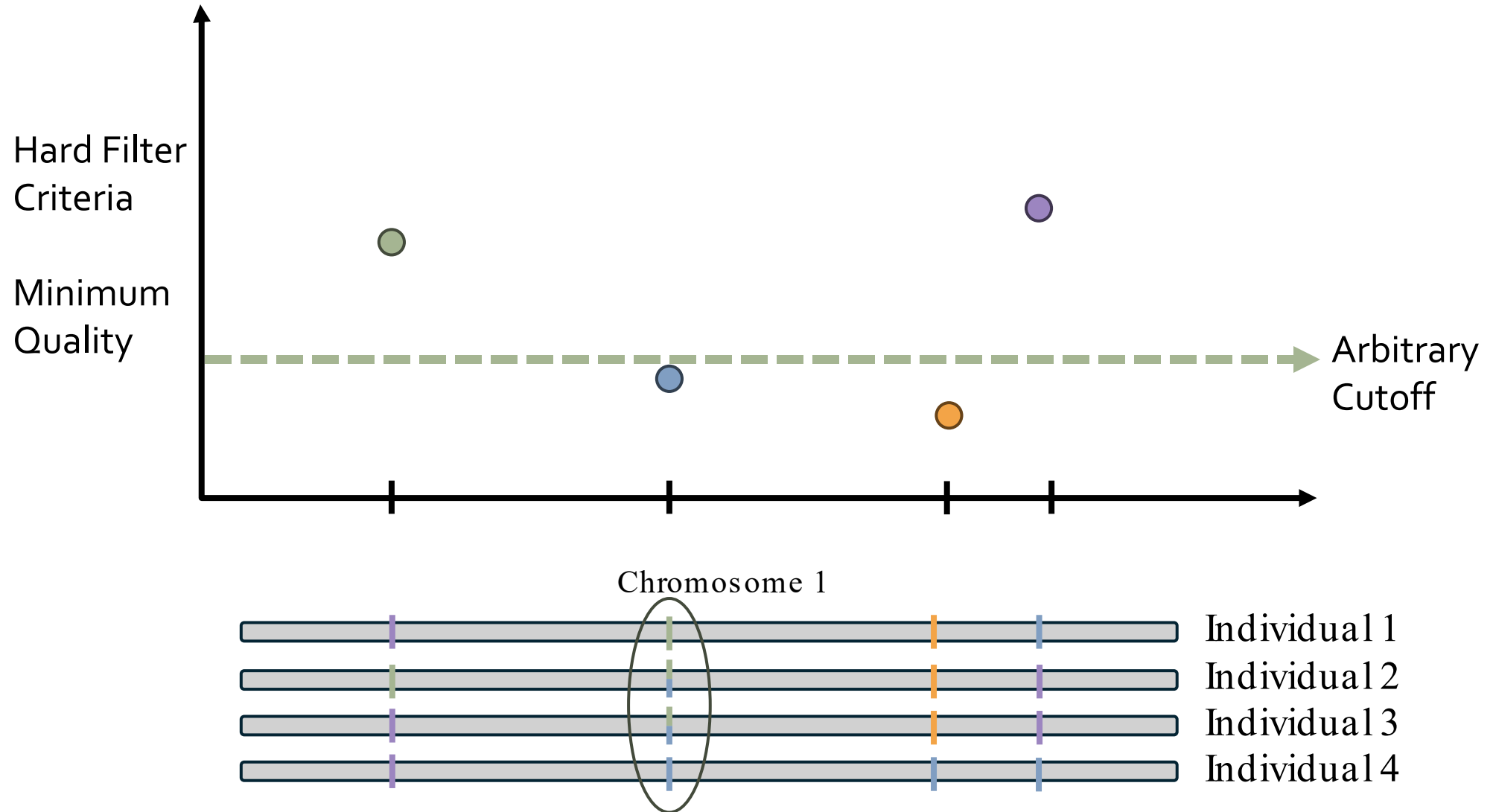
INDEL (Insertion or Deletion)



Fundamental Mendelian Ratios can be used to find Reproducible and Reliable Markers



Hard Filters for Variant Calling could remove valuable markers



Case Study: Redo mapping without hard filters

Genetic mapping of a pollinator preference trait: Nectar volume in sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L.)



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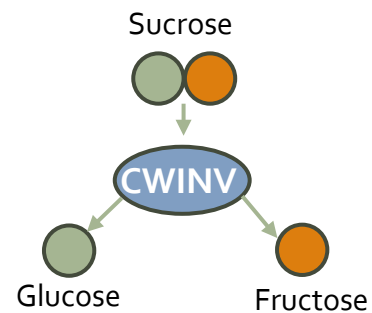


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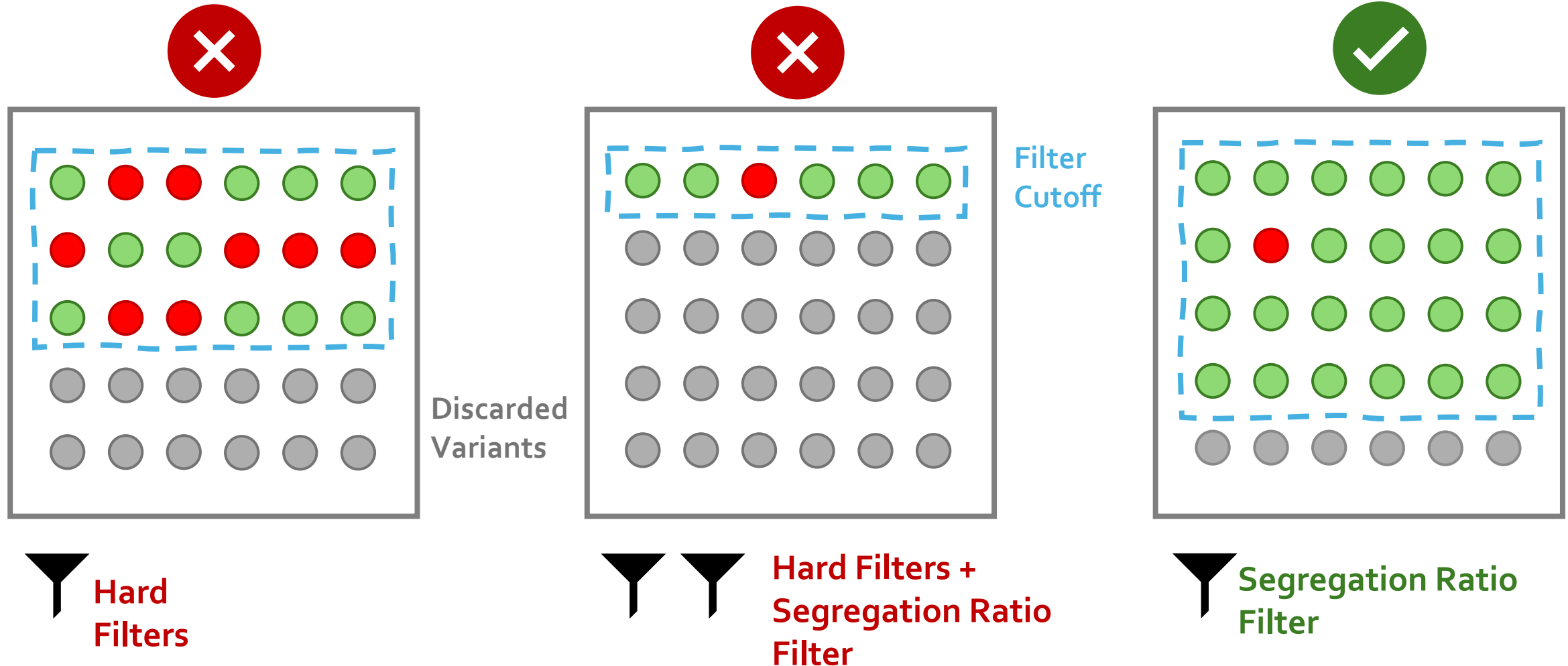
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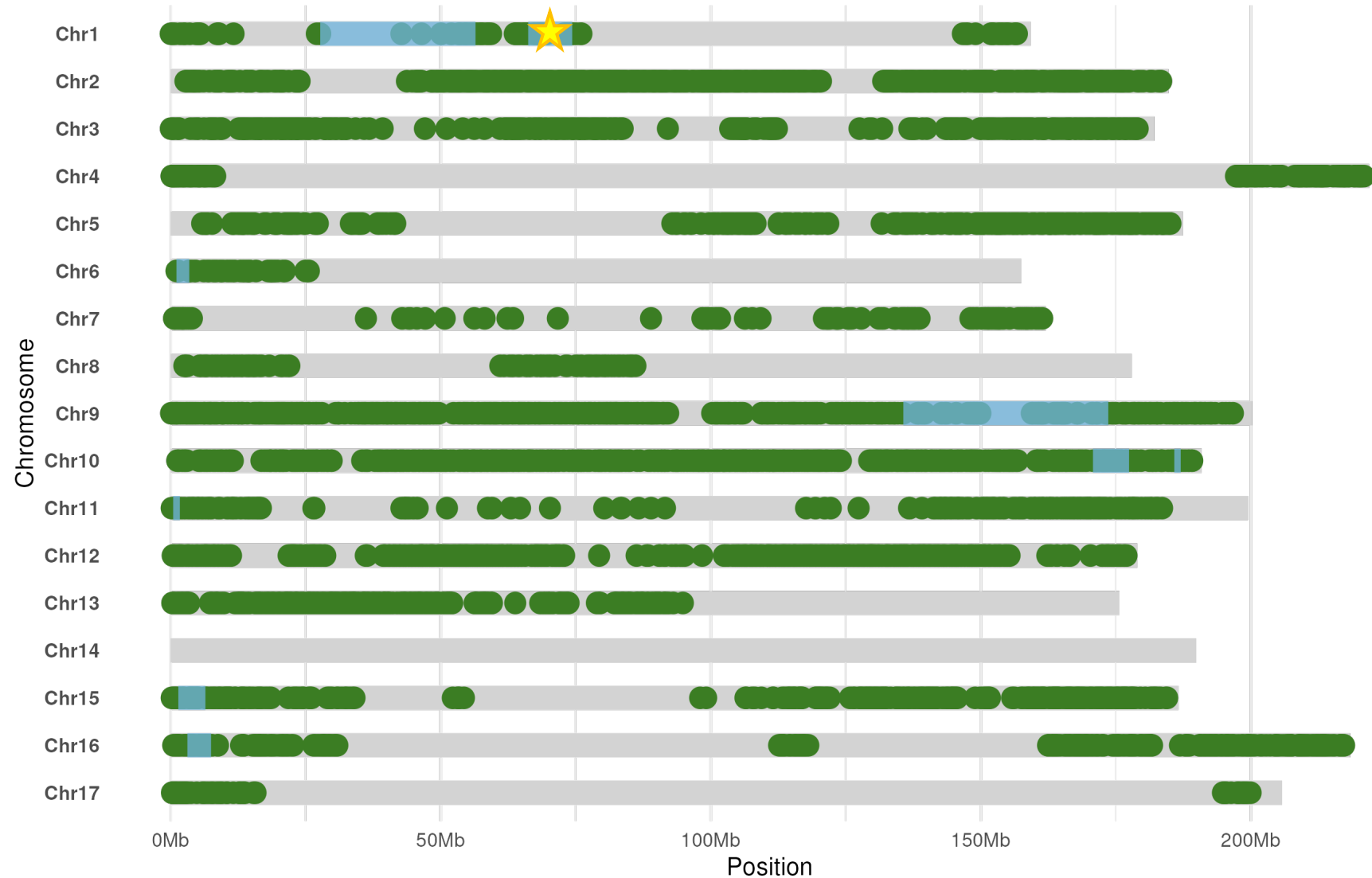
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A chi-square filtering strategy based on segregation ratio retained a **larger** number of valid markers with better genome coverage.



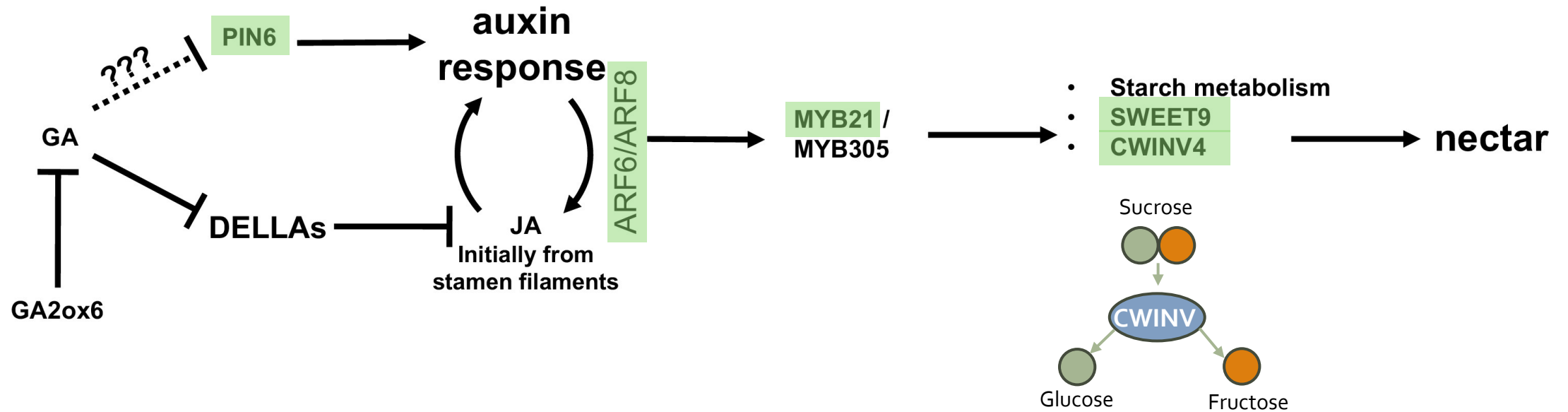
More candidate regions with nectar-related genes were discovered because of genetic map **improvements**.



Model of Floral Nectary Regulation



Arabidopsis thaliana



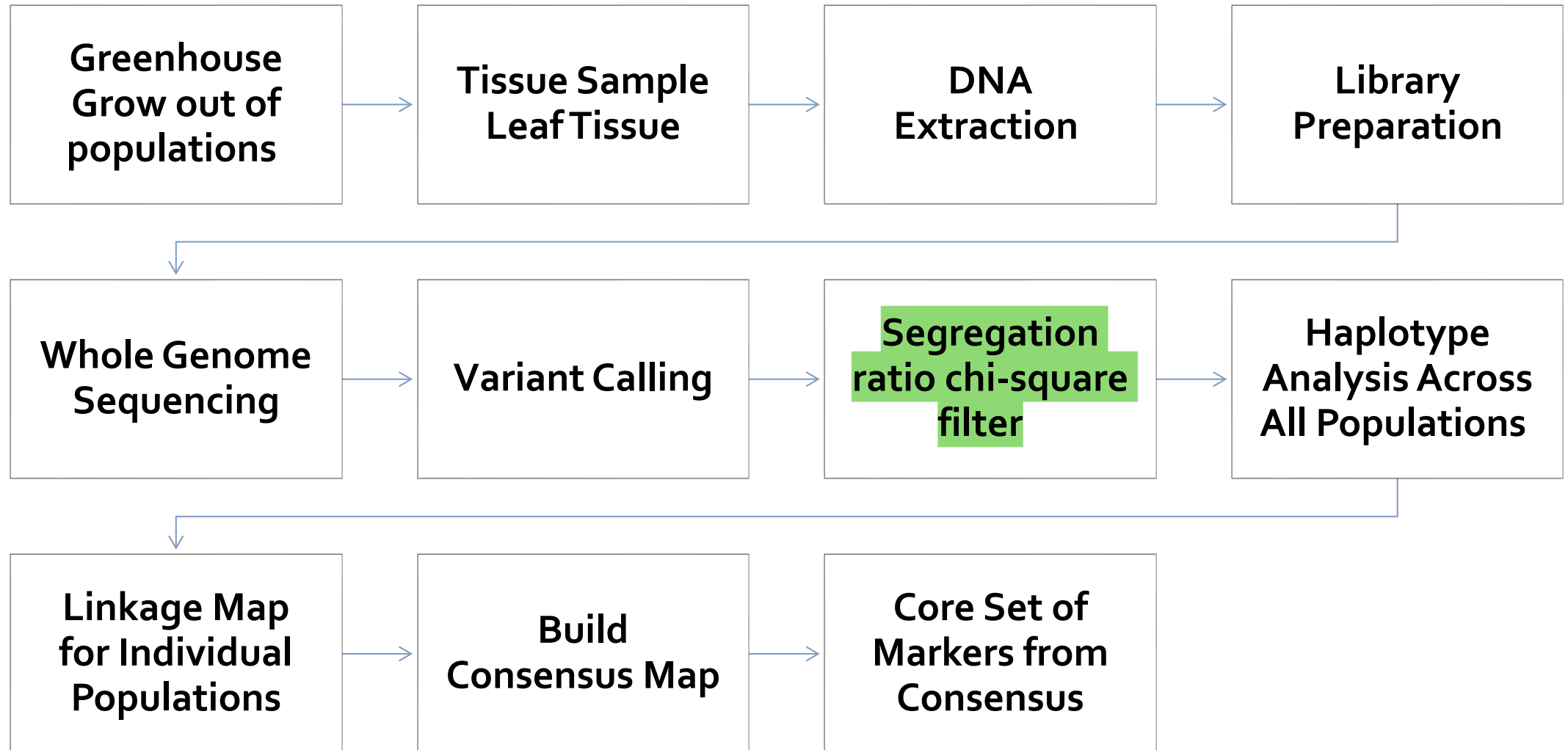
CRABS CLAW

TIR1

Transcription factor needed for nectary development (Bowman & Smyth, 1999)

Auxin receptor that mediates auxin-regulated transcription (Schmitt et al., 2018)

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New Results

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Variant filters using segregation information improve mapping of nectar-production genes in sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L.)

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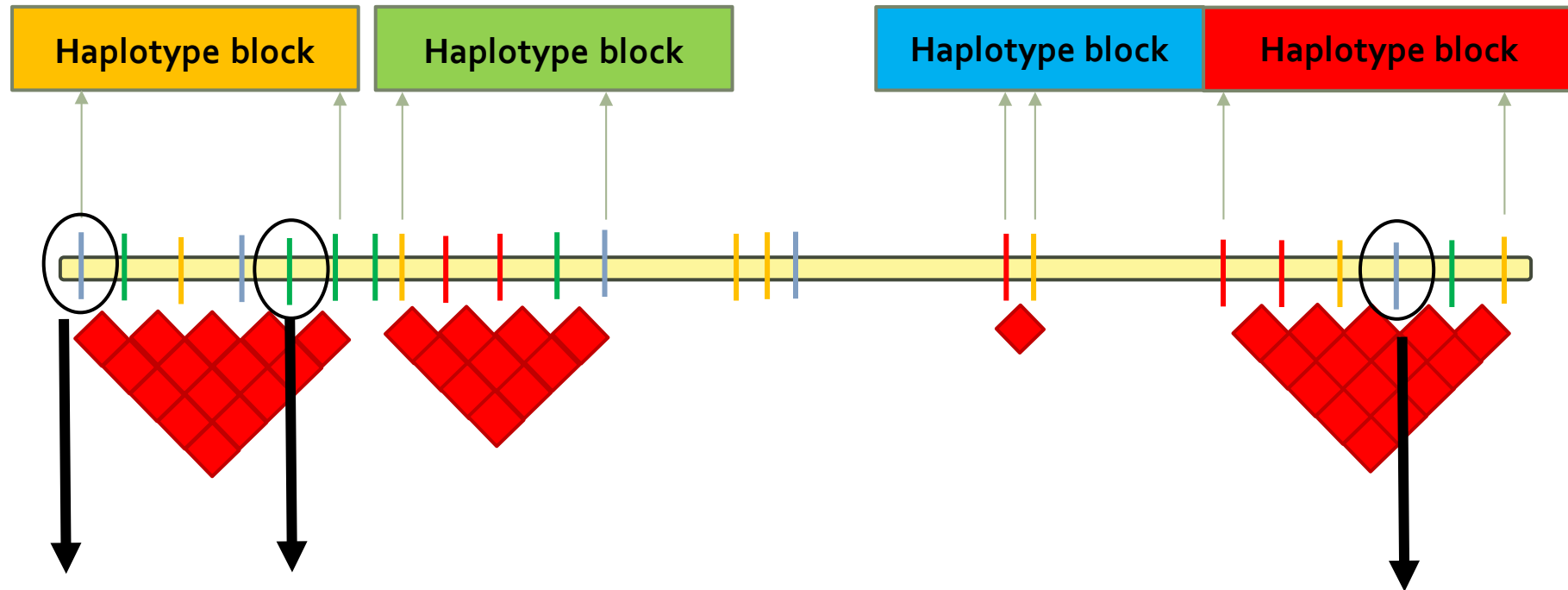
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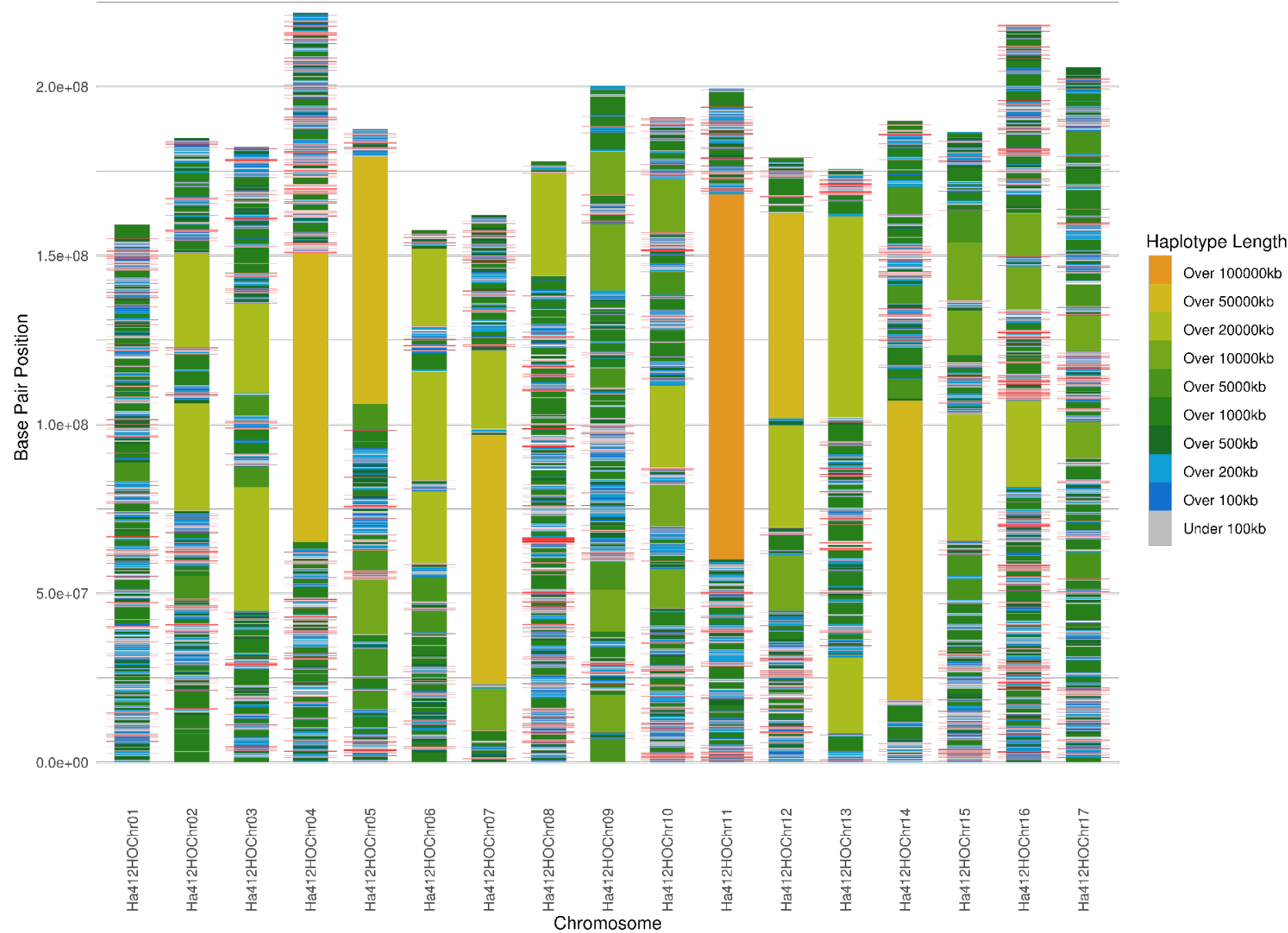
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Haplotype Block discovery to reduce marker numbers and improve genomic selection accuracy



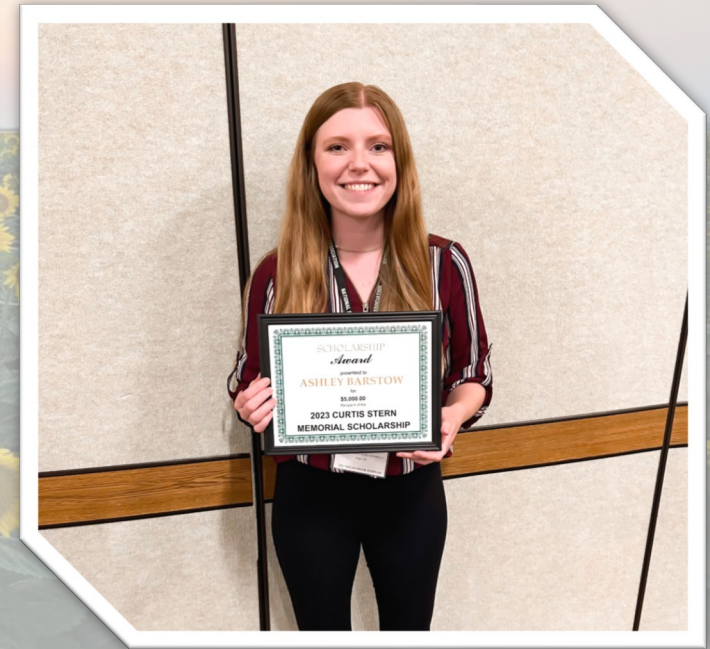
These variants are in strong LD with the rest of the markers in the block and can be used to characterize the genetic diversity of the entire block to reduce the marker set needed for future genomic work.

Haplotype Blocks across all Chromosomes and Populations



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