



# **Development of the Alfalfa Breeder's Toolbox (ABT)**

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# **Objectives of the Alfalfa Breeder's Toolbox (ABT)**

- ❑ Generate a resource of breeder-friendly tools that integrates genomic, genetic and phenotypic information**
- ❑ Provide breeders with web-accessible data resource for molecular breeding to enhance efficiencies and result in shorter timelines to develop new cultivars**

**Genomes**



**Tools**



**Databases**



**Retrieve**



**Selections**



**Products**



## Welcome to the Alfalfa Breeder's Toolbox

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The alfalfa genomics sequencing efforts and the toolbox are a collaboration between multiple organizations and made possible through support from the Noble Foundation and Industry partners.

### Search options

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# Questions for Practical Molecular Breeding

## Test Case 1:

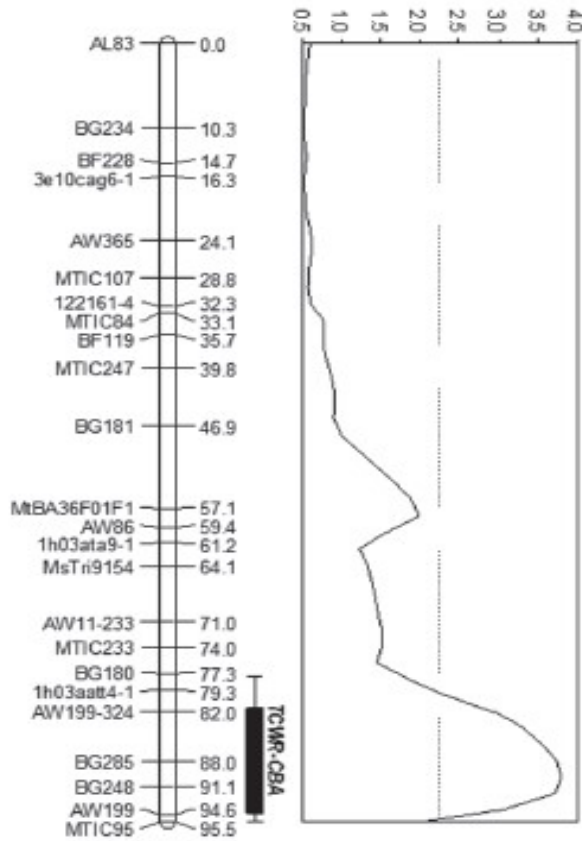
**I have identified QTLs for aluminum tolerance in alfalfa.**

### **Questions**

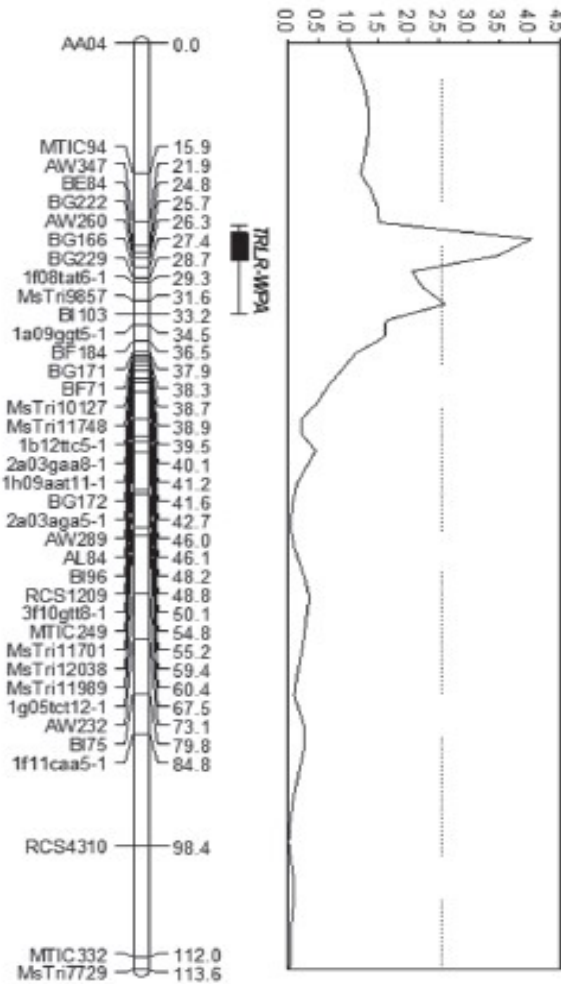
- 1. What are some relevant candidate genes in the area?**
- 2. Are SNPs in the region(s) available for use or do I need to develop additional SNPs?**
- 3. What markers can I use for marker-assisted selection?**

# QTL for Aluminum Tolerance

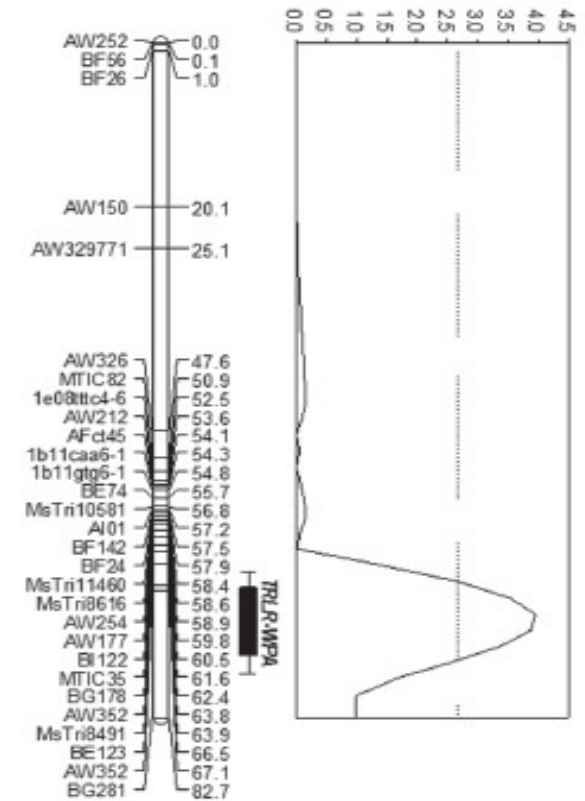
**A** LG 1: Altet-4



**B** LG 4: Altet-4



**C** LG 7: NECS-141



Khu et al. 2013. Crop Sci. 53:148–163.

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Reference sequence

#### Genes & Transcripts

- mRNA
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#### SNPs

- DM3 X DM5 (Combined)
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#### SSRs

Altet-4 x NECS-141

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Alfalfa (CADL) File View Help Share FullScreen

Alfalfa (CADL) 1,000,000 1,500,000 2,000,000 2,500,000 3,000

Medicago truncatula v4 scaffold1 scaffold1:518770..1258928 (740.16 Kb) Go

750,000 1,000,000 1,250,000

Reference sequence Zoom in to see sequence Zoom in to see sequence

mRNA

Genic Region

mRNA (2/23/2016)

Genic Region (2/23/2016)

DM3 X DM5 (Combined) TP18332\_T TP107614\_G TP29834\_A

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- Repetitive Sequences (RepeatMasker)
- Repetitive Sequences (dust)

▼ Others 1

- Pseudogenic tRNA

▼ SNPs 2

- MSaluminum
- MSdrought

▼ RNA-Seq 4

- S29 Shoot sample
- S29 Shoot sample (coverage)
- S29 Root sample
- S29 Root sample (coverage)

**Medicago truncatula v4** File View Help Share FullScreen

Alfalfa (CADL) 20,000,000 30,000,000 40,000,000 50,000,000

**Medicago truncatula v4**

reference sequence 4,450,000 4,450,050 4,450,100

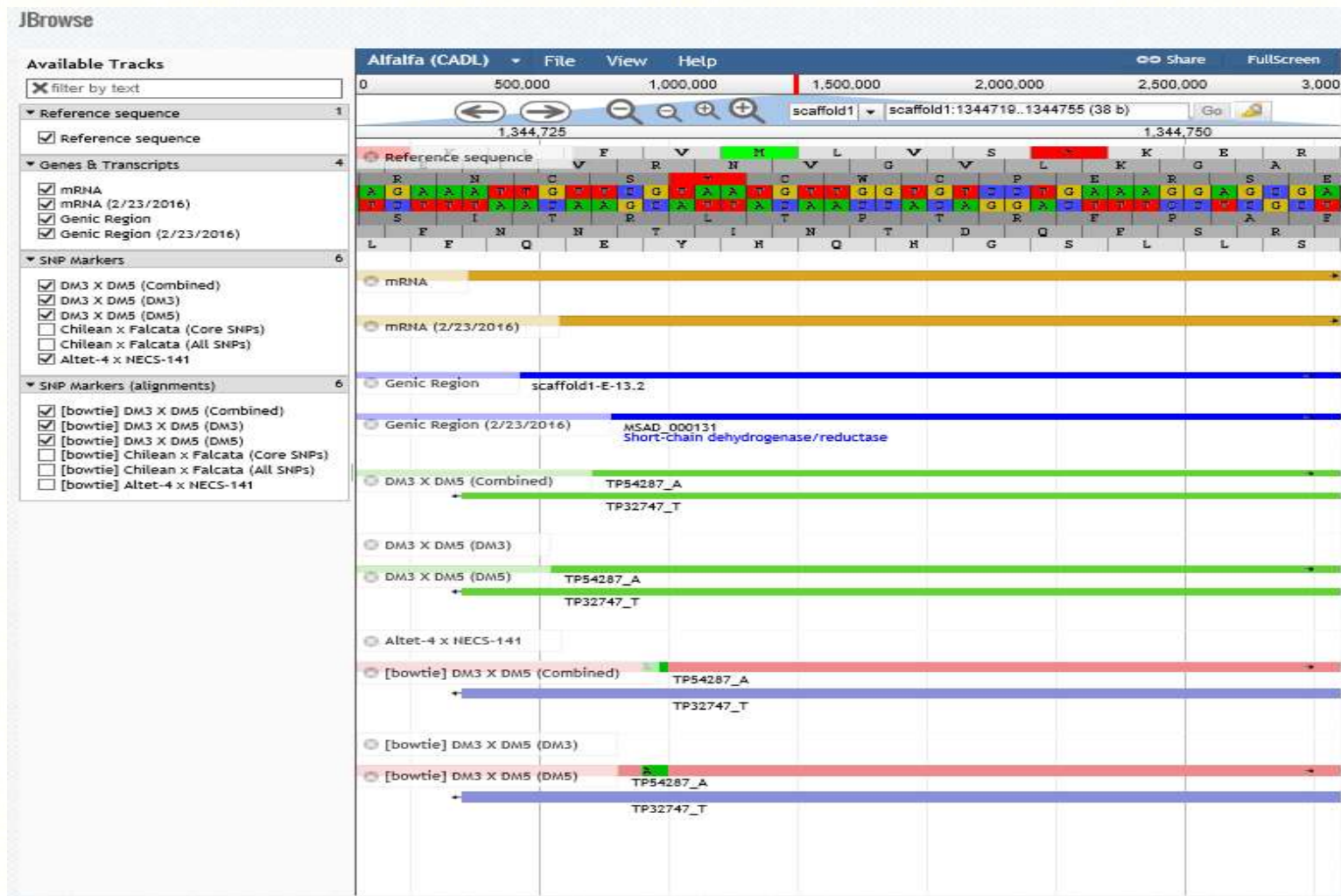
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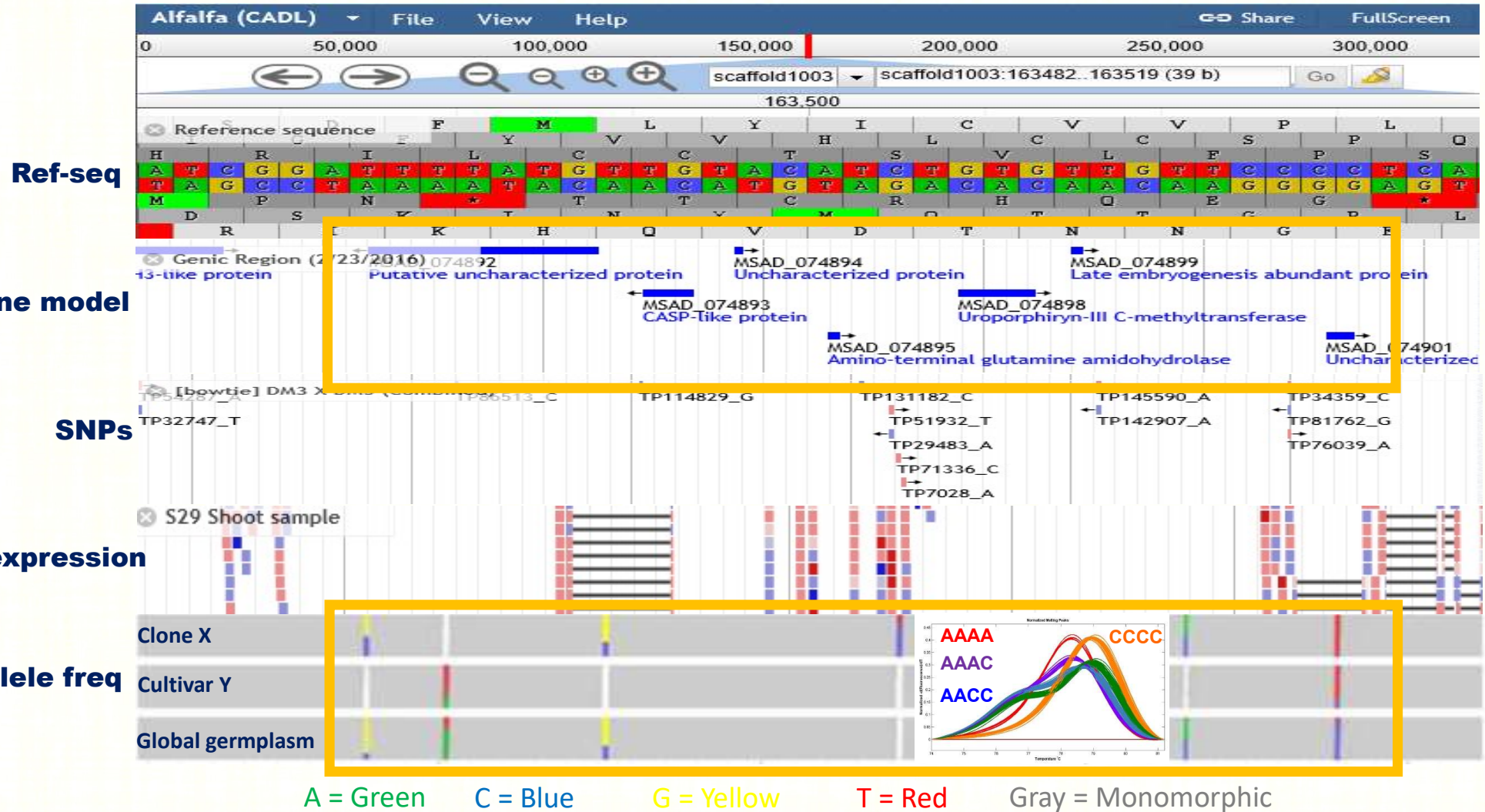
Genic Region gene571  
26S proteasome regulatory particle non-ATPase subunit 12

S29 Shoot sample

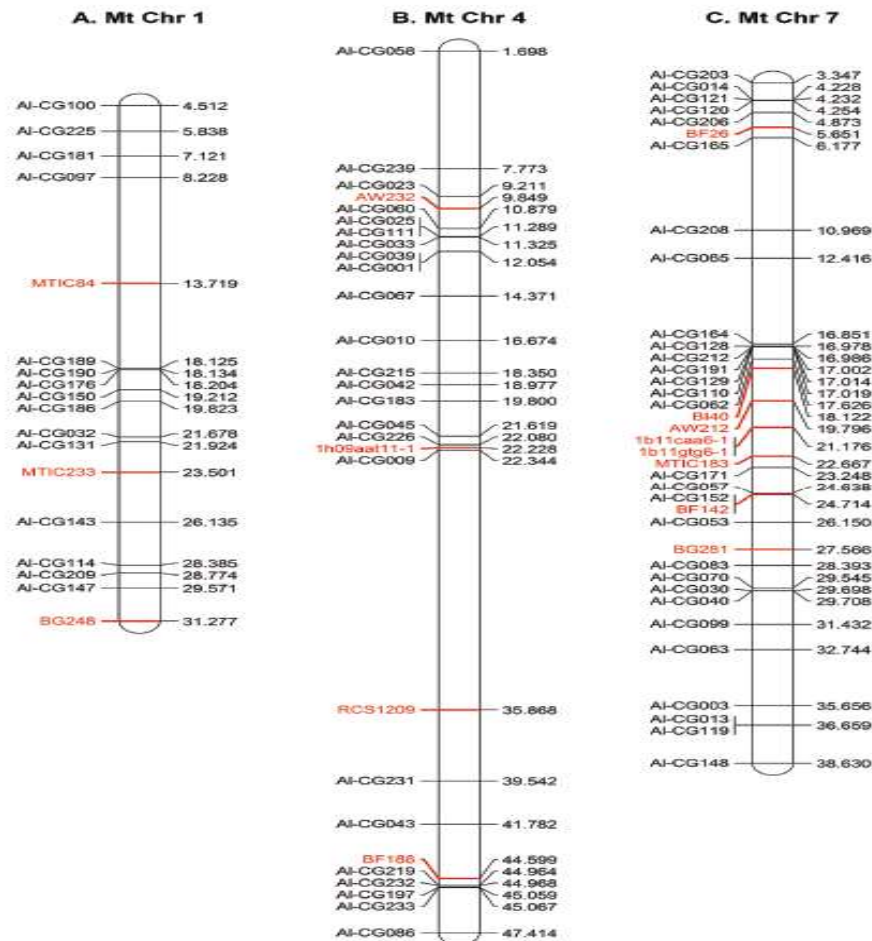
# Alignment of SNP markers to the CADL Genome



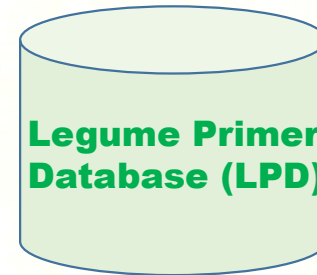
# Display Genotypic Data as Allele Frequencies



# Physical Location of Markers Associated with Aluminum Tolerance QTLs



Search



Legume Primer Database (LPD)

# Searching the Legume Primer Database (LPD)

## Legume Primer Advanced Search

PrimerID:  e.g., AW379

Source:  e.g., Mt EST

Ampliconsize:  e.g., 174

Fprimer:  e.g., GCATAGTATACGACCCCAAATCA

Ftm:  e.g., 60.15

Rprimer:  e.g., TGGTTGCTGCCAACTTCAT

Rtm:  e.g., 60.8

Chr:   e.g., chr03

Tstart:  e.g., 42954144

Tend:  e.g., 42954953

OtherID:  e.g., TC1823\_178

TCName:  e.g., AW776398

Core:  e.g., Yes

Lab Location(s):  e.g., B74G03

Batch(es):  e.g., 74

Ptype:

Ctype:  e.g., T    Wtype:  e.g., C    Code:  e.g., 2B

Linkage Groups: BCLG:  AINECSLG:  ABIVISLG:  Ms13LG:  TrLG:   
 BCLGPos:  AINECSLGPos:  ABIVISPos:  Ms13Pos:  TrLGPos:



## Legume Primer Advanced Search Result

PrimerID	Location	Batch(es)
MSB-0006	B110A6	110
MSB-0018	B110B6	110
MSB-0024	B110B12	110
MSB-0025	B110C1	110
MSB-0036	B110C12	110
MSB-0048	B110D12	110
MSB-0054	B110E6	110
MSB-0073	B110G1	110
MSB-0075	B110G3	110
MSB-0077	B110G5	110
MSB-0081	B110G9	110
MSB-0082	B110G10	110
MSB-0103	B111A7	111
MSB-0104	B111A8	111
MSB-0105	B111A9	111
MSB-0108	B111A12	111
MSB-0119	B111B11	111
MSB-0128	B111C8	111
MSB-0196	B112A4	112
MSB-0199	B112A7	112

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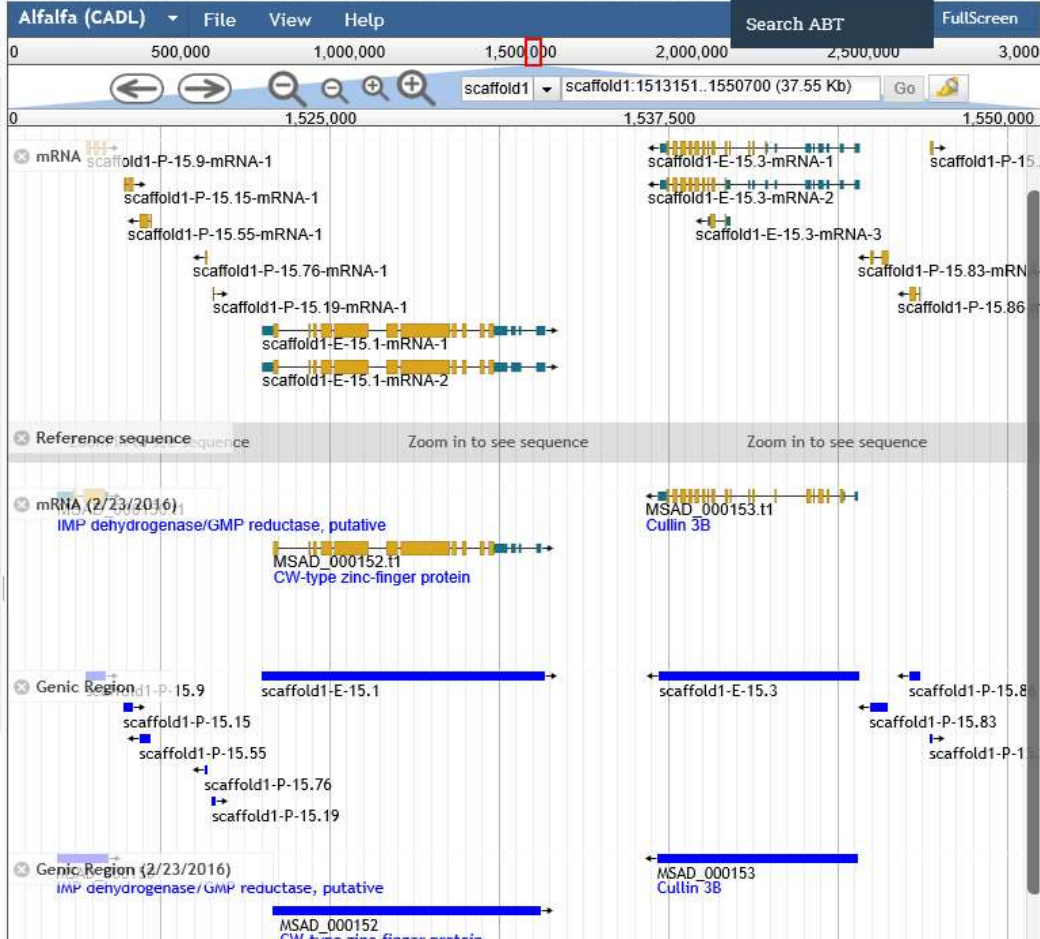
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## BLAST

In bioinformatics, BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) is an algorithm for comparing primary biological sequence information, such as the amino-acid sequences of different proteins or the nucleotides of DNA sequences. A BLAST search enables a researcher to compare a query sequence with a library or database of sequences, and identify library sequences that resemble the query sequence above a certain threshold. Different types of BLASTs are available according to the query sequences. For example, following the discovery of a previously unknown gene in the mouse, a scientist will typically perform a BLAST search of the human genome to see if humans carry a similar gene; BLAST will identify sequences in the human genome that resemble the mouse gene based on similarity of sequence.

Altschul, S.F., Gish, W., Miller, W., Myers, E.W. and Lipman, D.J. (1990) Basic local alignment search tool. *J. Mol. Biol.*, 215, 403-410.

Query Type	Database Type	BLAST Program
Nucleotide	Nucleotide	<b>blastn</b> : Search a nucleotide database using a nucleotide query.
	Protein	<b>blastx</b> : Search protein database using a translated nucleotide query.
Protein	Nucleotide	<b>tblastn</b> : Search translated nucleotide database using a protein query.
	Protein	<b>blastp</b> : Search protein database using a protein query.

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## Nucleotide to Nucleotide BLAST (blastn)

### Enter Nucleotide Query Sequence

Enter one or more queries in the top text box or use the browse button to upload a file from your local disk. The file may contain a single sequence or a list of sequences. In both cases, the data must be in **FASTA format**.

Enter FASTA sequence(s)

Show an Example Sequence

TTAAGAAATTATAATAAACTTACTTGGCTATTAAAATTAFTGGGTCACCCCTGTATAGCCCTTTAGAAATCTAGAAATAAAAGTATAGACA

Enter query sequence(s) in the text area.

Or upload your own query FASTA:

The file should be a plain-text FASTA (.fasta, .fna, .fa) file. In other words, it cannot have formatting as is the case with MS Word (.doc, .docx) or Rich Text Format (.rtf). It cannot be greater than 2MB in size. **Don't forget to press the Upload button before attempting to submit your BLAST.**

### Choose Search Set

Choose from one of the nucleotide BLAST databases listed below. You can also use the browse button to upload a file from your local disk. The file may contain a single sequence or a list of sequences.

NCBI NT Database (as of Nov 12, 2015)  
 [NUCLEOTIDE] Medicago sativa CADL genome  
 [NUCLEOTIDE] Medicago truncatula v4 genome

Or upload your own dataset:

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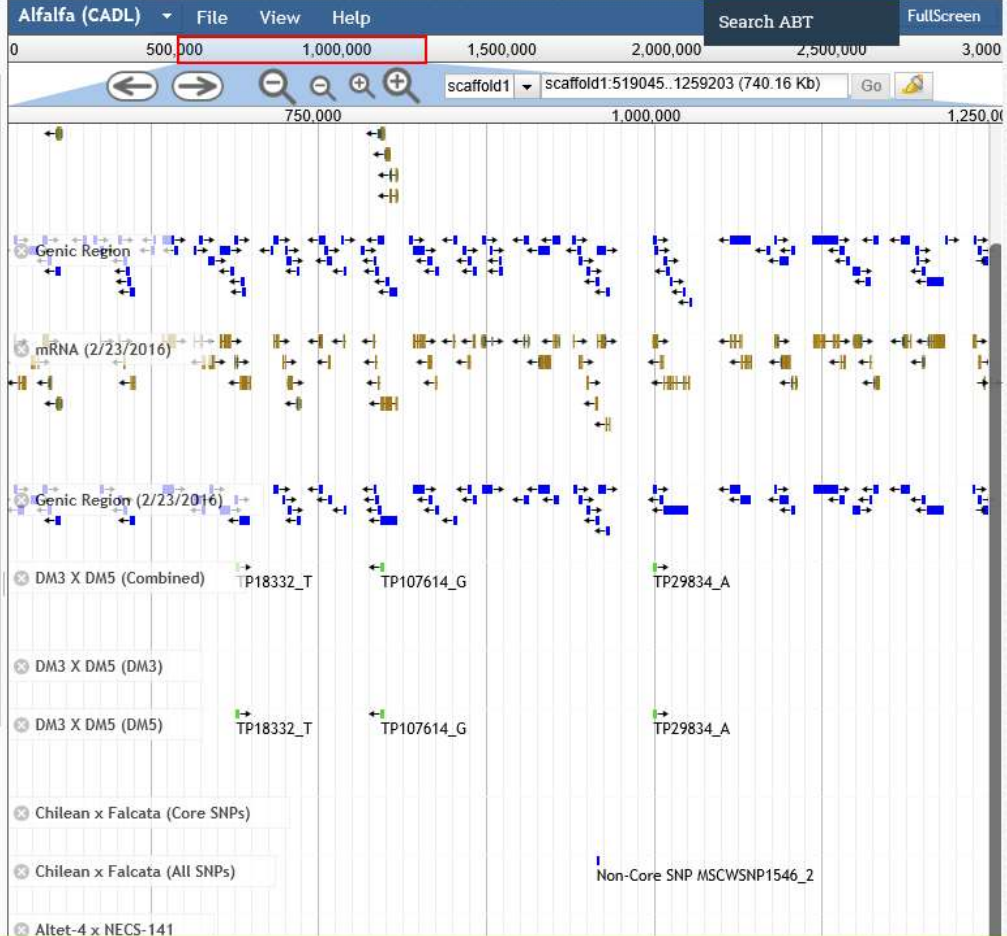
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In silico PCR Amplification

**In silico PCR Amplification** Modified from [Source code](#)

**Genome**  
 Medicago sativa L. (CADL)   
 Medicago truncatula v4  
 Medicago truncatula v3.5.5  
 Medicago truncatula v3.0

**Primer 1'** 5'-  -3'   
**Primer 2'** 5'-  -3' 

**Maximum length of bands**  nucleotides

**Allow one mismatch**  Check if you want to allow one mismatch in any position of primers.

! A,T,G,C and N are allowed; A+T+G+C must be 10 or more.



In silico PCR Amplification Result

Primer 1: TTGGATGGGAAAGA  
 Primer 2: ATCCAAACCAACCA

Target Genome: Medicago sativa L

**List of Amplicons found in scaffold231** Modified from [Source code](#)

Position in Sequence	Size (bp)	Sequences
198797	73	ATCCAAACCAACCAAGCAACAGTGTACCACAAGGCACATCCTCAACAGTCTCTGTCTCTTTCCCATCCAA

**List of Amplicons found in scaffold550** Modified from [Source code](#)


Position in Sequence	Size (bp)	Sequences
55691	73	ATCCAAACCAACCATAGCGACTGTGTACCACAAGGCACGCTTCAACAGTTCCTGTCTCTTTCCCATCCAA
144160	73	ATCCAAACCAACCATAGCGCCGTGTACCACAAGGCACATCCTCAACAGTTCCTGTCTCTTTCCCATCCAA



**List of Amplicons found in scaffold48** Modified from [Source code](#)

Position in Sequence	Size (bp)	Sequences
731955	73	TTGGATGGGAAAGAGACAAGAACTGTTGAGGATGTGCCTTGTGGTAACACGGTCGCTATGTTGGTTGGAT
769882	73	TTGGATGGGAAAGAGACAAGAACTGTTGAGGATGTGCCTTGTGGTAACACGGTCGCTATGTTGGTTGGAT
879371	73	TTGGATGGGAAAGAGACAAGAACTGTTGAGGACGTGCCTTGTGGTAACACAGTCGCTATGTTGGTTGGAT

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 Medicago truncatula v4  
 Medicago truncatula v3.5.5  
 Medicago truncatula v3.0

**Primer 1'** 5'-  -3'   
**Primer 2'** 5'-  -3' 

**Maximum length of bands**  x nucleotides

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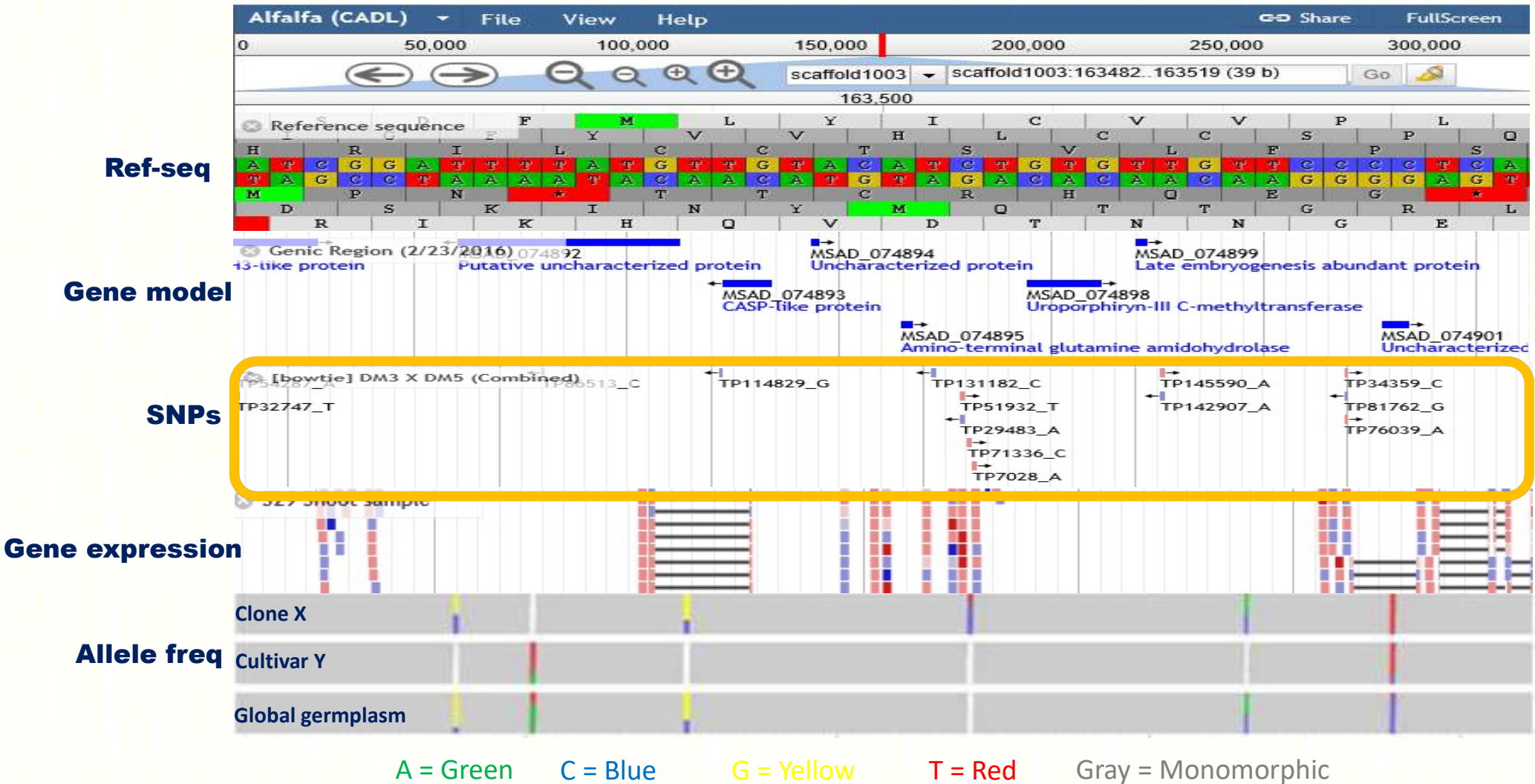
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# Display Markers across the Genome



# Additional Approach: Retrieve Genomic Information from the Homepage

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Query

Aluminum tolerance

Results

Results for "Aluminum tolerance" search

Select	Query	Key words /Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aluminum tolerance	<a href="#">Germplasm name 1, QTLs</a>
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Germplasm

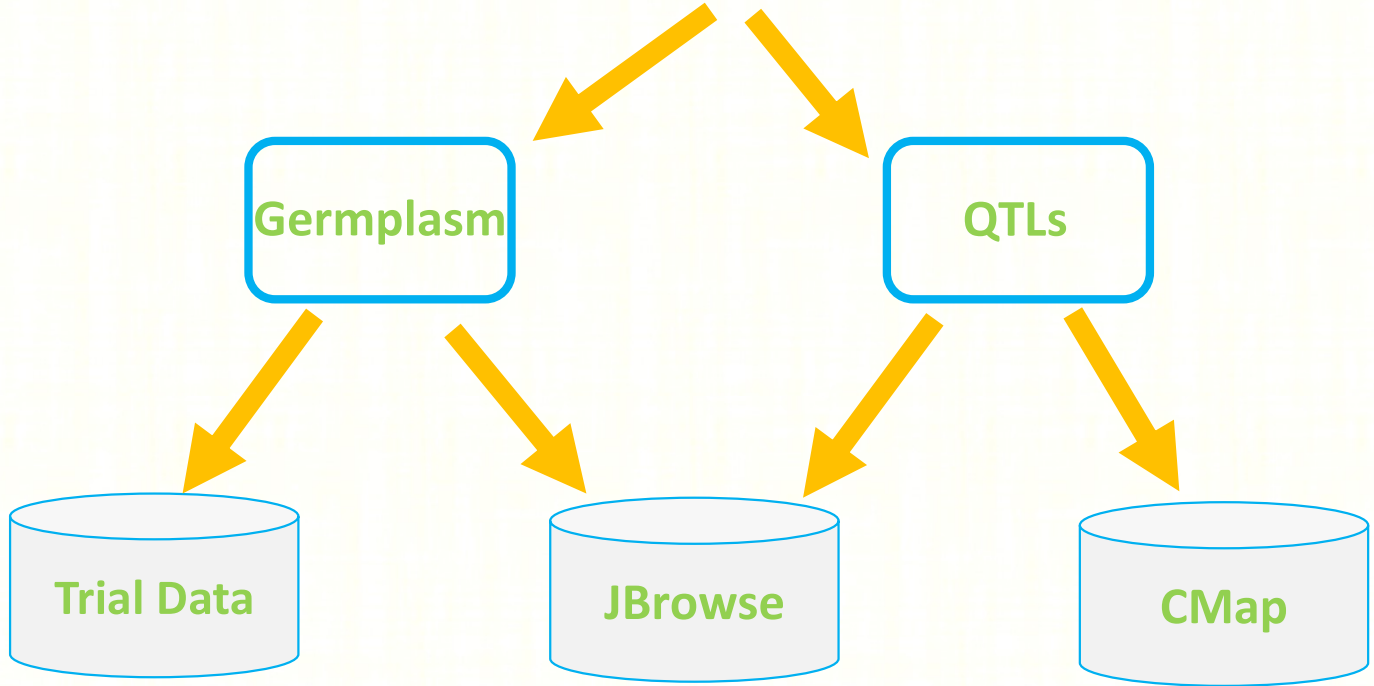
QTLs

Databases

Trial Data

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# Integrate Phenotypic Data from Field Trials

PI	Source	Plant ID	Taxonomy	Origin	Fall Dormancy Rating	Persistence (survival pls/plot)	Fall Growth (cm)	Fresh Biomass (g/plant)	Dry Biomass (g/plant)	Visual Rating (Diseases)	Lodge
PI_467942	core	PGR 12451	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	U.S.	2.7	4.6	13.6	560.4	190.4	5.3	3.0
PI_467977	core	PGR 12486	Medicago sativa subsp. falcata	U.S.	2.4	4.8	11.8	493.3	183.4	4.5	3.5
Bulldog505	Control	Bulldog505	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	U.S.	3.1	4.9	15.7	527.5	180.0	3.3	2.8
W6_22287	Dormancy Check	Archer	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	U.S.	3.3	5.3	16.7	543.1	178.8	4.0	2.5
PI_502532	core	Sibiriacka 232	Medicago sativa nothosubsp. varia	Former Soviet Union	2.8	3.1	14.1	527.2	178.3	5.0	3.3
PI_468053	core	PGR 12562	Medicago sativa nothosubsp. varia	Canada	2.7	2.8	13.4	482.2	169.7	3.5	2.8
PI_536538	Hist. Pop	Flemish Pop	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	U.S.	3.1	4.4	15.6	530.3	166.8	4.0	3.0
PI_449306	core	Alta Sierra	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	Chile	3.6	5.4	17.8	420.1	163.8	6.0	2.8
PI_172985	core	No. 8387	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	Turkey	2.4	4.1	12.0	453.2	159.0	3.8	3.3
PI_442810	core	Trek	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	Canada	2.8	4.1	14.0	446.2	158.0	4.3	2.3

# Integrate Forage Quality Data

PDB = Percent dry biomass

PI	Source	Plant ID	Taxonomy	Origin	Ca (PDB)	P (PDB)	K (PDB)	Mg (PDB)	CP (PDB)	ADF (PDB)	NDF (PDB)	RFV	TDN (PDB)	Lignin (PDB)	IVTDMD (PDB)	dNDF48 (PDB)
PI_467942	core	PGR 12451	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	U.S.	1.43	0.26	1.87	0.39	21.22	30.67	37.94	164.02	65.01	6.94	76.17	16.03
PI_467977	core	PGR 12486	Medicago sativa subsp. falcata	U.S.	1.34	0.26	1.74	0.39	21.51	30.45	37.62	163.37	65.18	6.99	75.76	15.65
Bulldog505	Control	Bulldog505	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	U.S.	1.56	0.26	1.76	0.42	21.96	29.51	36.32	173.37	65.91	6.57	76.98	15.37
W6_22287	Dormancy Check	Archer	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	U.S.	1.45	0.26	1.96	0.39	21.78	28.74	35.48	175.95	66.51	6.29	78.06	15.76
PI_502532	core	Sibriacka 232	Medicago sativa nothosubsp. varia	Former Soviet Union	1.30	0.26	1.95	0.38	21.17	31.21	38.50	159.02	64.59	6.98	75.89	16.34
PI_468053	core	PGR 12562	Medicago sativa nothosubsp. varia	Canada	1.58	0.26	1.88	0.41	21.87	28.12	34.74	185.46	66.99	6.14	78.68	15.50
PI_536538	Hist. Pop	Flemish Pop	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	U.S.	1.57	0.25	1.85	0.41	21.08	29.23	36.03	173.19	66.13	6.60	77.32	15.56
PI_449306	core	Alta Sierra	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	Chile	1.43	0.27	1.78	0.39	21.31	29.94	36.89	168.22	65.58	6.69	76.39	15.43
PI_172985	core	No. 8387	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	Turkey	1.36	0.26	1.68	0.43	22.21	30.88	38.02	164.41	64.84	7.11	75.86	15.69
PI_442810	core	Trek	Medicago sativa subsp. sativa	Canada	1.40	0.25	1.71	0.40	20.69	28.33	35.09	178.43	66.83	6.16	78.31	15.38

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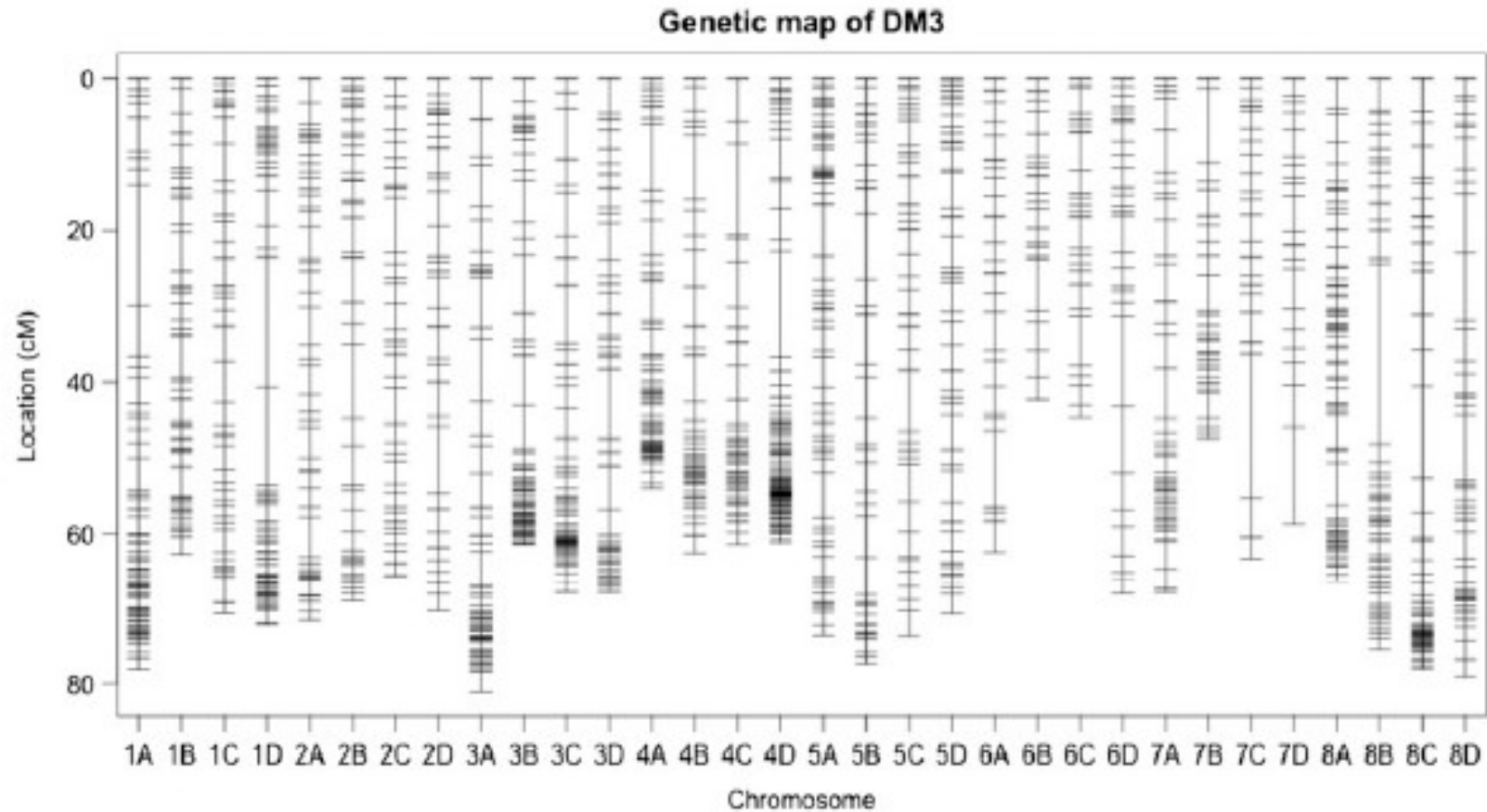
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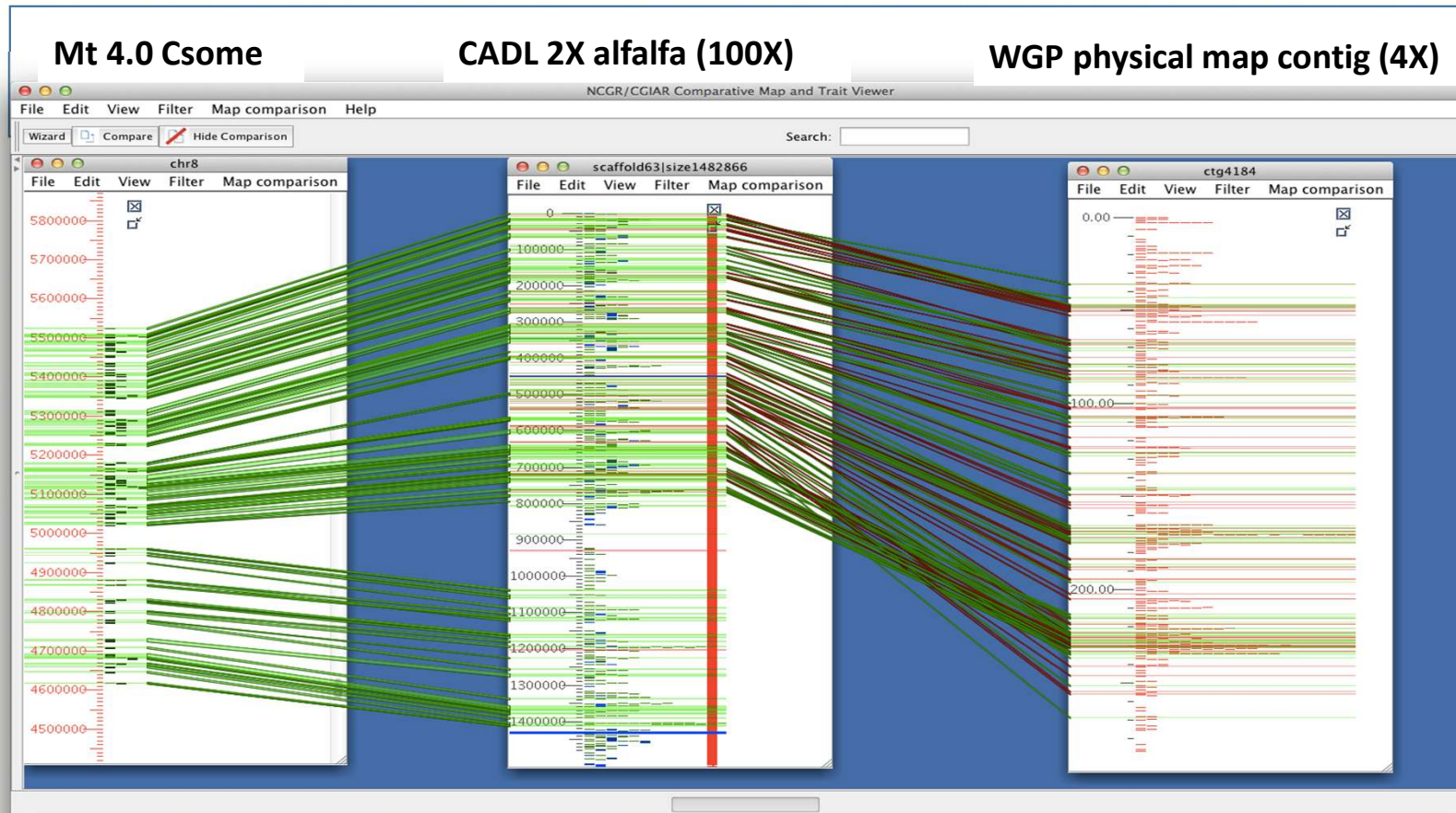
# Alfalfa Linkage Map Using GBS

- Population: DM3 x DM5
- A total of 3,591 SNPs
- *ApeKI*

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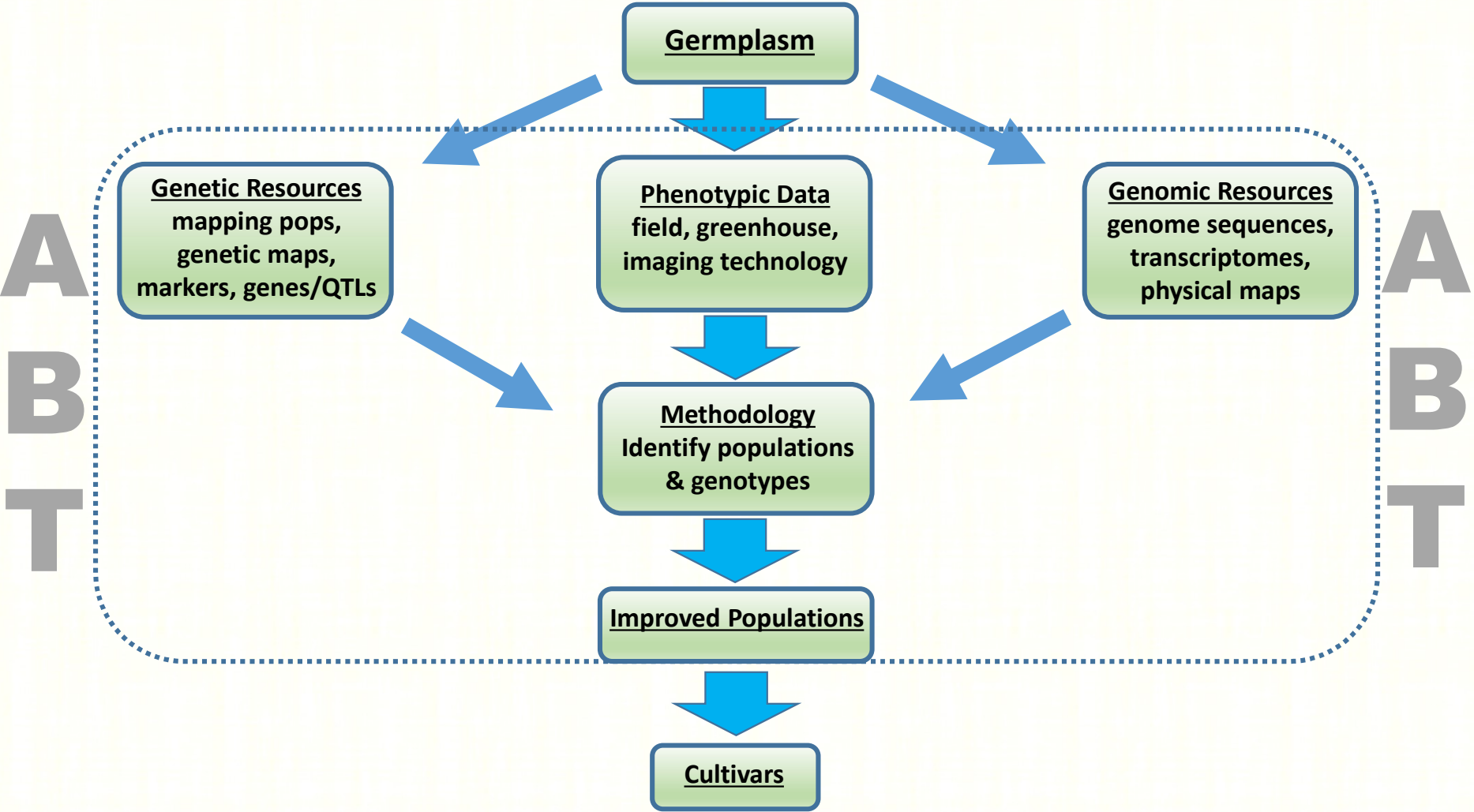


# Synteny Between Alfalfa and Other Legumes



Source: Andrew Farmer at NCGR

# Strategy for Alfalfa Improvement



# Summary of Progress and Ongoing Activities

## Achievements

- Developed a beta version of the ABT website
- Integrated Mt 4.0 and CADL genomes and the gene models into the JBrowse
- Anchored SNP and SSR markers to the genomes
- Established pipeline for data acquisition, processing, curation and integration

## Ongoing

- Integrating the RNA-seq datasets for AI and drought tolerance gene expression atlas (resistant vs. susceptible)
- Continue to develop functionalities for test case scenarios for breeding applications
- Search capability for germplasm and phenotypic data obtained from the field
- Integrate CMap functionalities and syntenic data from other legumes

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