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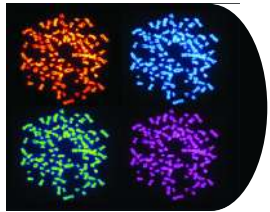


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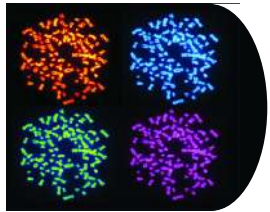
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IL DESTINO SCRITTO NEI GENI



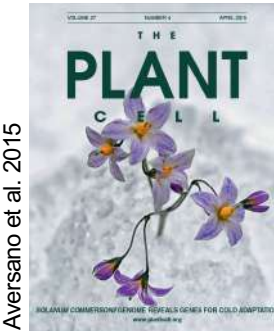
Oggi stiamo imparando il linguaggio con cui Dio ha creato la vita - Bill Clinton, Presidente USA

La mappatura del genoma umano è stata paragonata alla conquista della Luna da parte dell'uomo, ma io credo che sia più di questo. È un risultato straordinario per la storia dell'umanità - Michael Dexter, Presidente della Wellcome Trust)

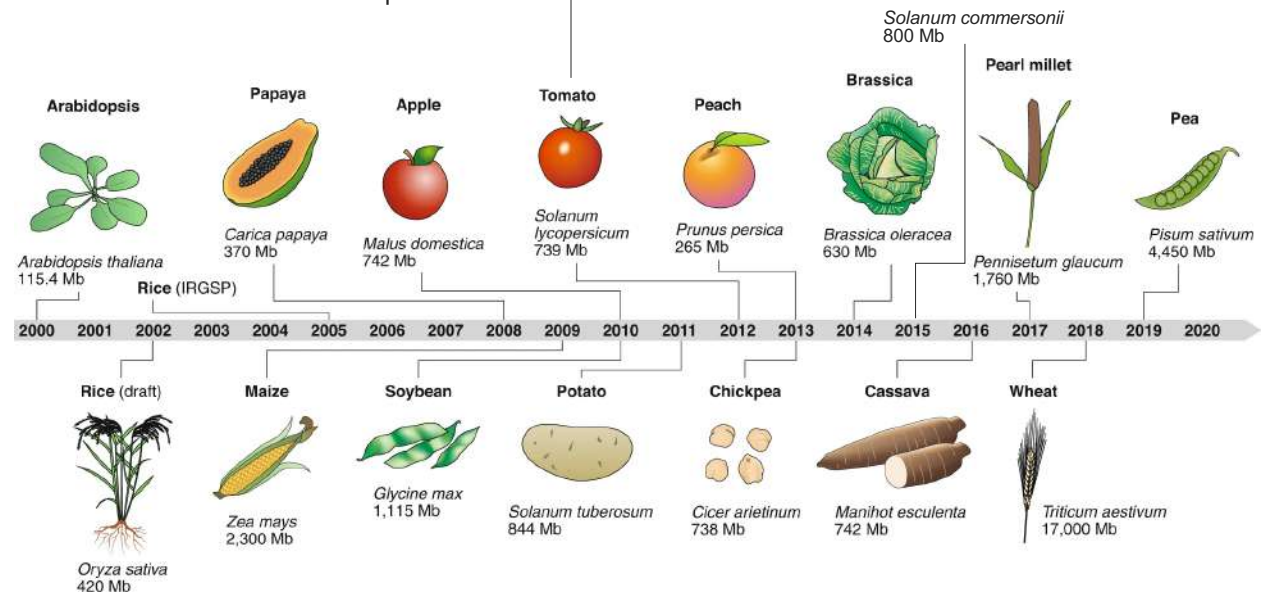
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Tomato Genome Consortium, 2012



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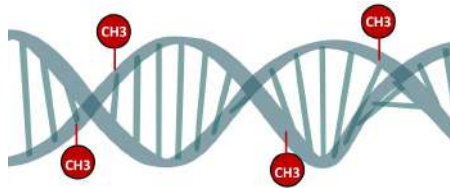
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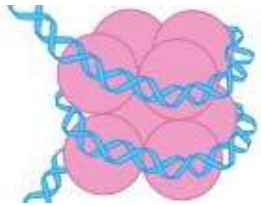
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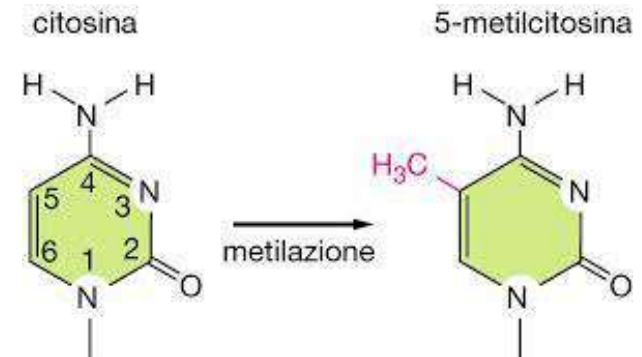
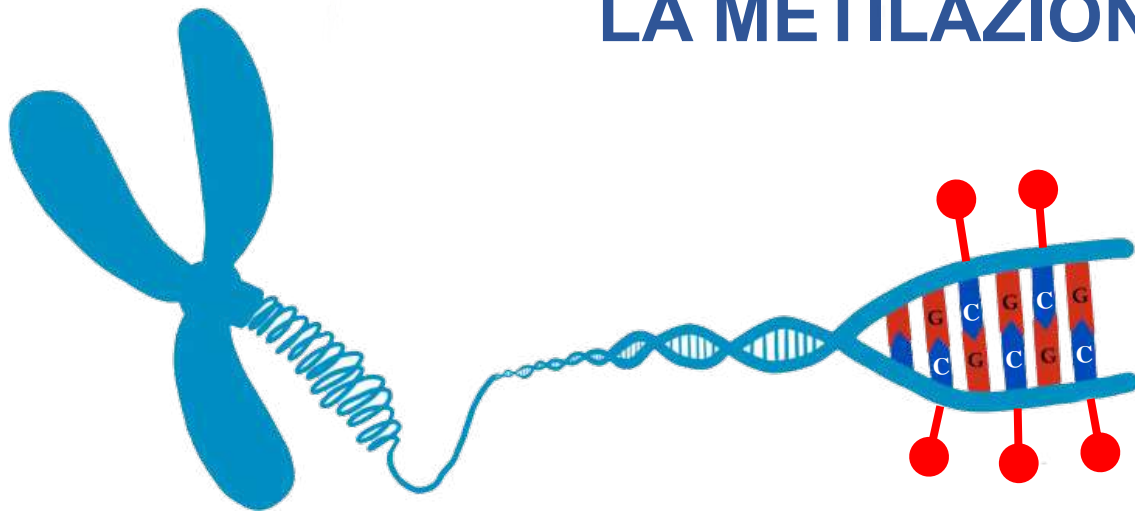


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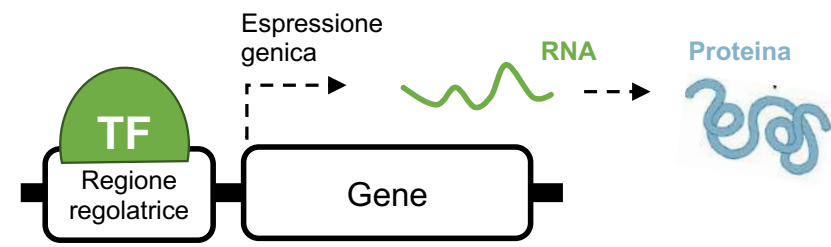


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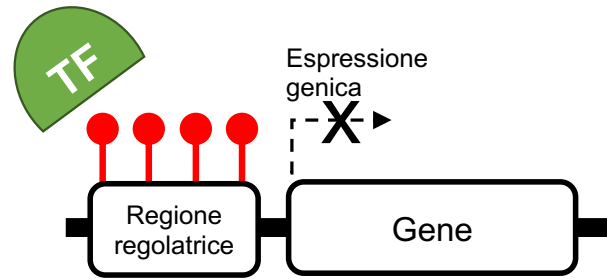
LA METILAZIONE DEL DNA



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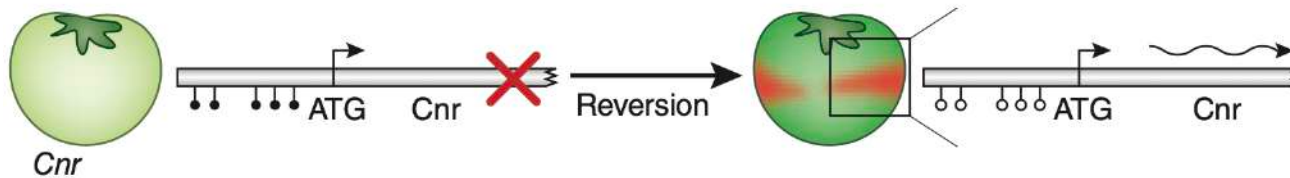
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LA METILAZIONE DEL DNA

A naturally occurring epigenetic mutation in a gene encoding an SBP-box transcription factor inhibits tomato fruit ripening

Kenneth Manning¹, Mahmut Tör¹, Mervin Poole², Yiguo Hong¹, Andrew J Thompson¹, Graham J King³, James J Giovannoni⁴ & Graham B Seymour²



REGINA O OPERAIA: DIPENDE DA COSA MANGI

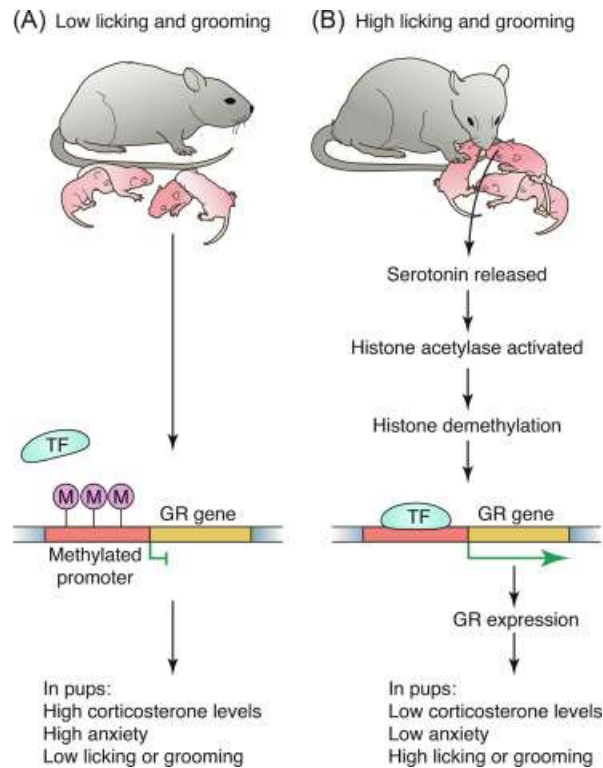


LA MEMORIA EPIGENETICA

Epigenetic programming by maternal behavior

Ian C G Weaver^{1,2}, Nadia Cervoni³, Frances A Champagne^{1,2}, Ana C D'Alessio³, Shakti Sharma¹, Jonathan R Seckl⁴, Sergiy Dymov³, Moshe Szyf^{2,3} & Michael J Meaney^{1,2}

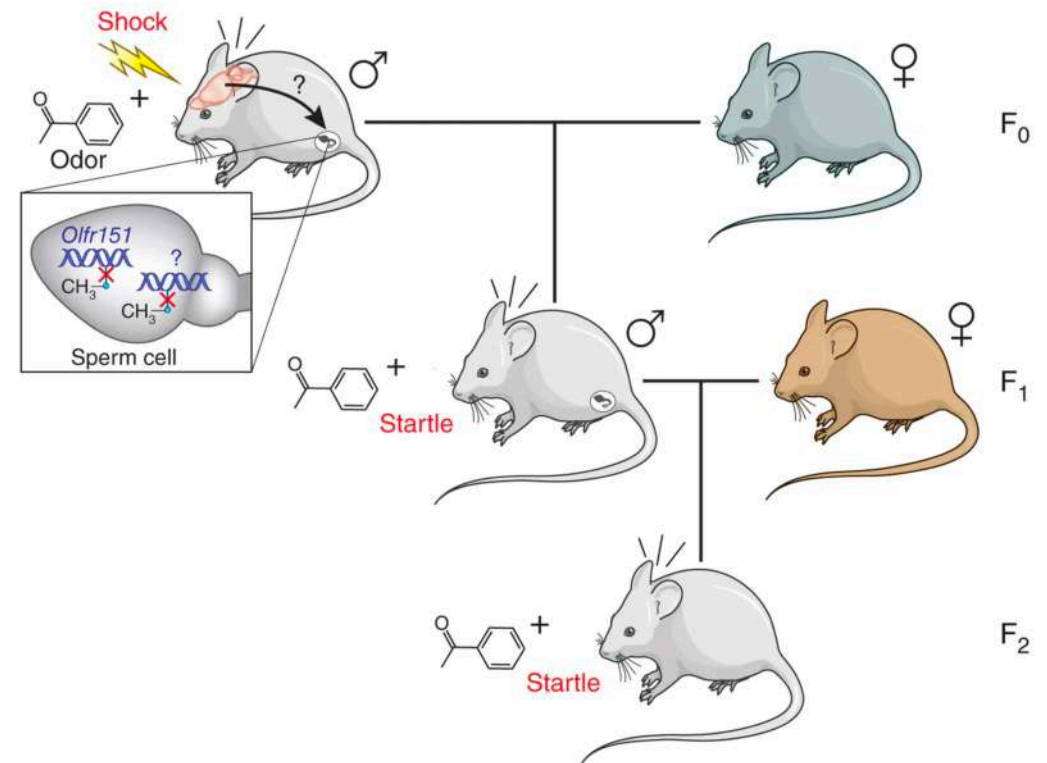
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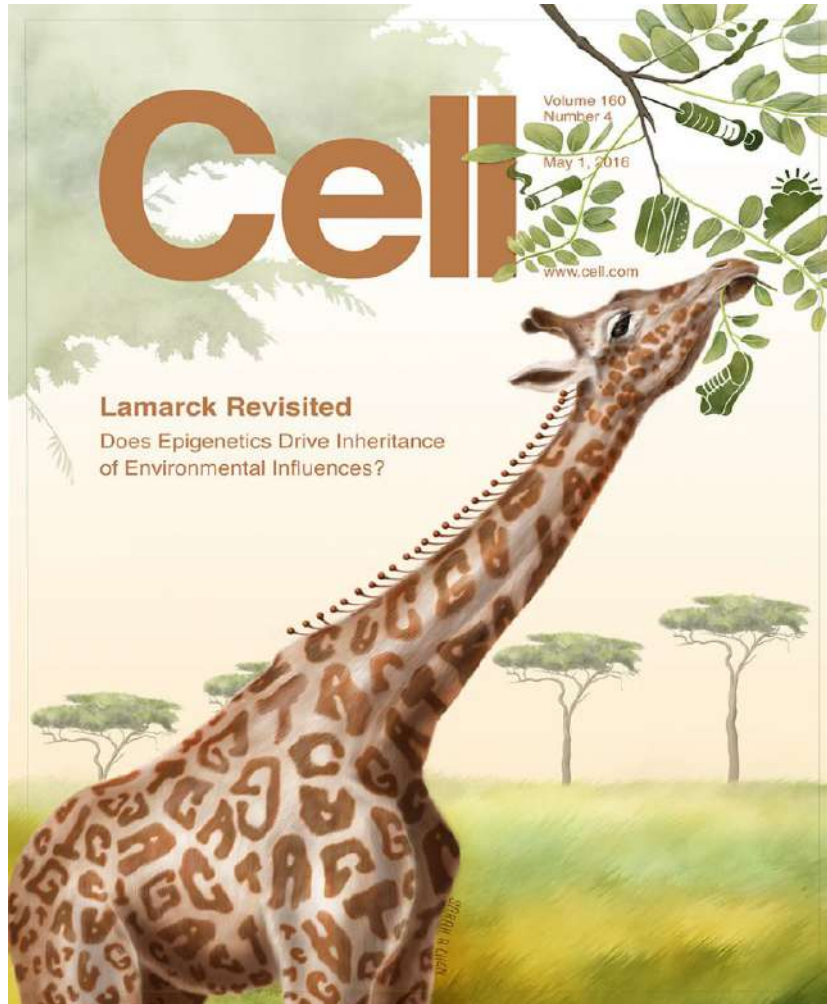
Parental olfactory experience influences behavior and neural structure in subsequent generations

Brian G Dias^{1,2} & Kerry J Ressler¹⁻³

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EPIGENETICA TRANSGENERAZIONALE



THE SINS OF THE FATHER

The roots of inheritance may extend beyond the genome, but the mechanisms remain a puzzle.

When Brian Dias became a father last October, he was, like any new parent, mindful of the enormous responsibility that lay before him. From that moment on, every choice he made could affect his newborn son's physical and psychological development. But, unlike most new parents, Dias was also aware of the influence of his past experiences — not to mention those of his parents, his grandparents and beyond.

Where one's ancestors lived, or how much they valued education, can clearly have effects that pass down through the generations. But what about the legacy of their health: whether they smoked, endured famine or fought in a war?

As a postdoc in Kerry Ressler's laboratory

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at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, Dias had spent much of the two years before his son's birth studying these kinds of questions in mice. Specifically, he looked at how fear associated with a particular smell affects the animals and leaves an imprint on the brains of their descendants.

Dias had been exposing male mice to acetophenone — a chemical with a sweet, almond-like smell — and then giving them a mild foot shock. After being exposed to this treatment five times a day for three days, the mice became reliably fearful, freezing in the presence of acetophenone even when they received no shock.

Ten days later, Dias allowed the mice to mate with unexposed females. When their young grew up, many of the animals were more

sensitive to acetophenone than to other odours, and more likely to be startled by an unexpected noise during exposure to the smell. Their offspring — the 'grandchildren' of the mice trained to fear the smell — were also jittery in the presence of acetophenone. What's more, all three generations had larger-than-normal 'M71 glomeruli', structures where acetophenone-sensitive neurons in the nose connect with neurons in the olfactory bulb. In the January issue of *Nature Neuroscience*, Dias and Ressler suggested that this hereditary transmission of environmental information was the result of epigenetics — chemical changes to the genome that affect how DNA is packaged and expressed without altering its sequence.

Biologists first observed this 'transgenerational epigenetic inheritance' in plants. Tomatoes, for example, pass along chemical markings that control an important ripening

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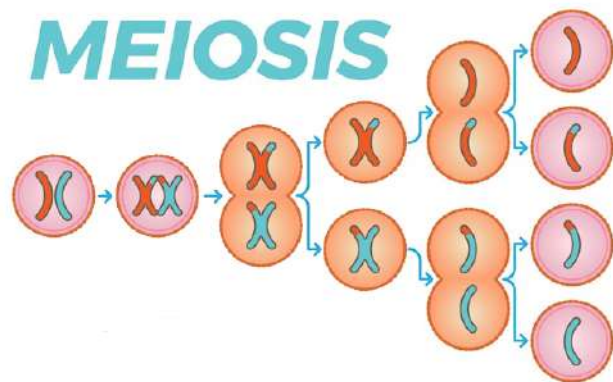
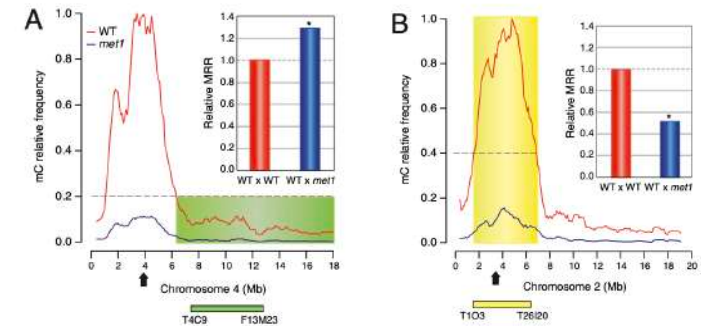
Loss of DNA methylation affects the recombination landscape in *Arabidopsis*

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During sexual reproduction, one-half of the genetic material is deposited in gametes, and a complete set of chromosomes is restored upon condensed, transcriptionally inert heterochromatin than in actively transcribed and structurally relaxed euchromatin (5, 6), and



- **Epigenetic diversity**, as well as genetic diversity, contributes to plant phenotypic variation
- Important for refining breeding strategies

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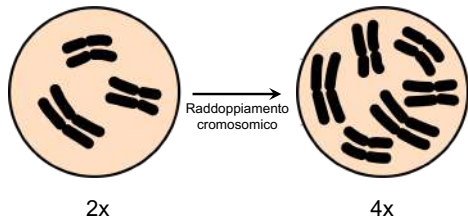
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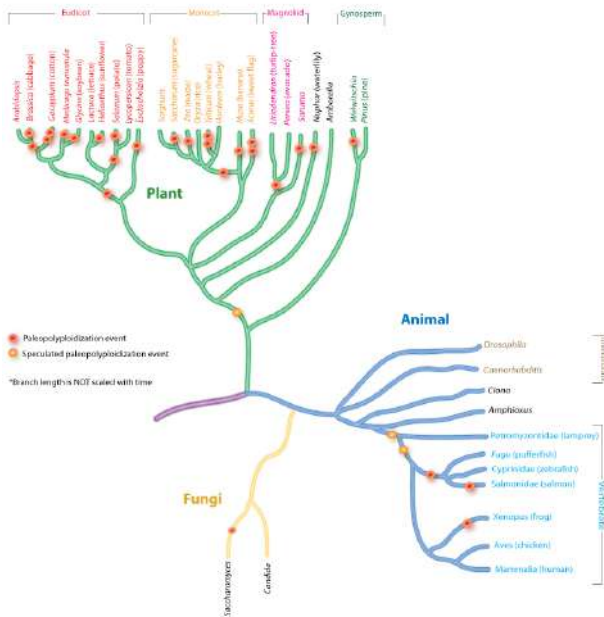
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Stochastic changes affect *Solanum* wild species following autopolyploidization

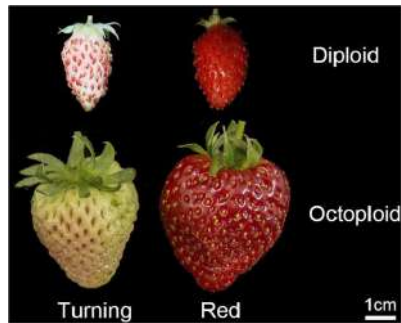
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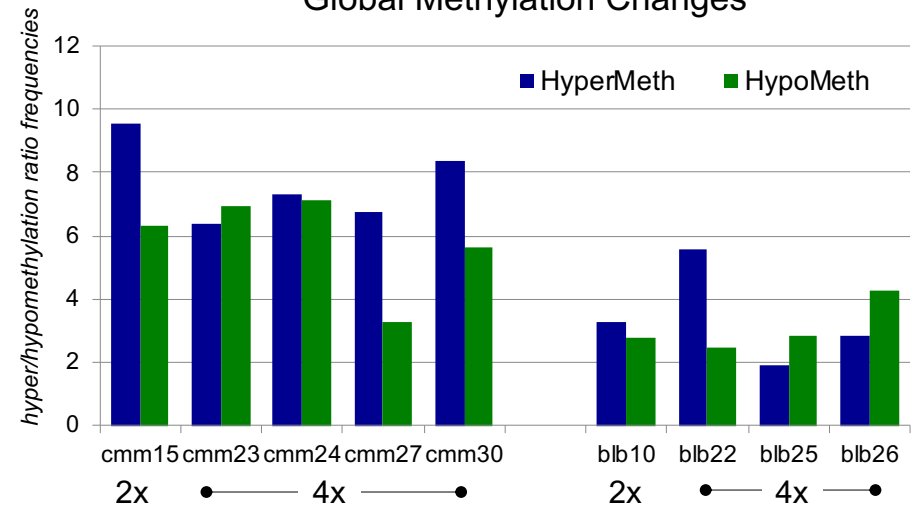
Known Paleopolyploidy in Eukaryotes



Poliploidia:
 condizione del nucleo cellulare caratterizzata dalla presenza di più di due copie per ciascun cromosoma



Global Methylation Changes



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Transcriptome reprogramming, epigenetic modifications and alternative splicing orchestrate the tomato root response to the beneficial fungus *Trichoderma harzianum*

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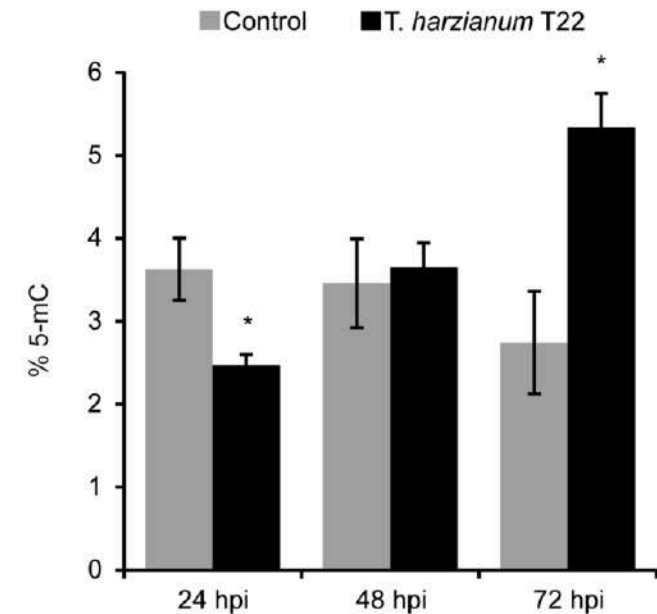
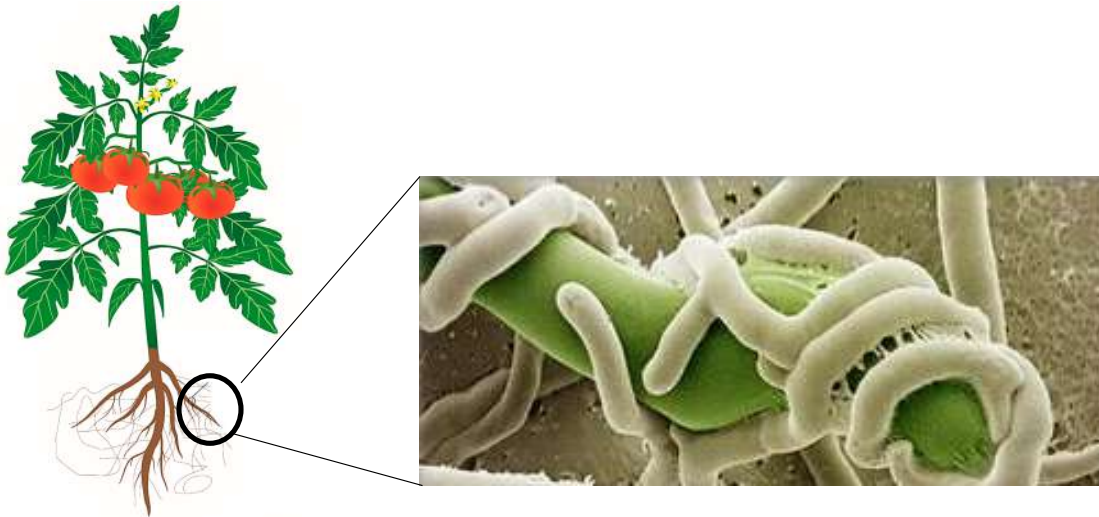


Fig. 4 Absolute levels of global DNA methylation in control and *Trichoderma*-treated tomato roots. DNA methylation was assessed across the interaction period (24, 48 and 72 hpi) and reported as percent content of 5-methylCytosine (% 5-mC) using an antibody-based colorimetric detection kit. Methylation levels significantly different from the corresponding control are indicated by * $p < 0.05$



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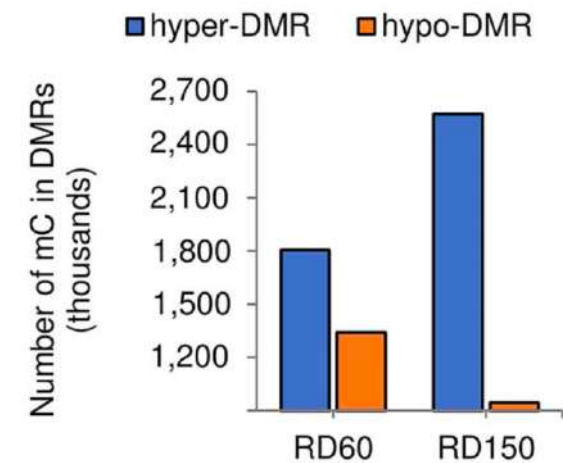
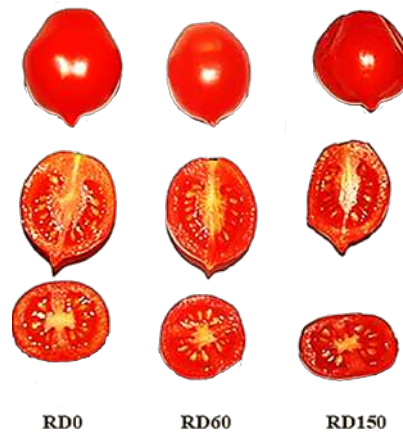
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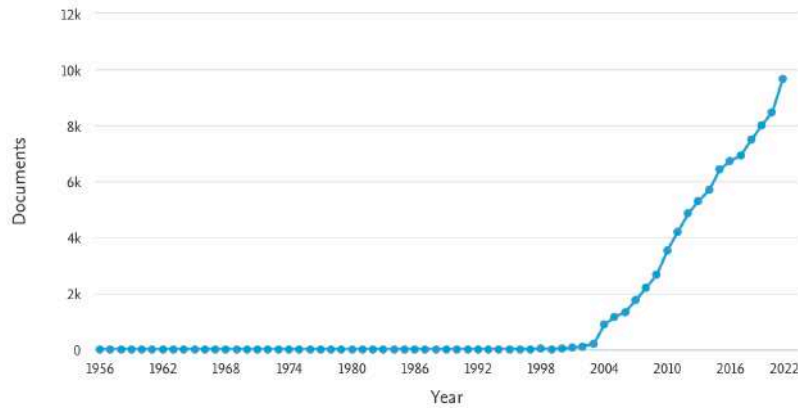
Multi-omics data integration provides insights into the post-harvest biology of a long shelf-life tomato landrace

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