

Phenotypic Characterization of EMS Induced Mutants in Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.)

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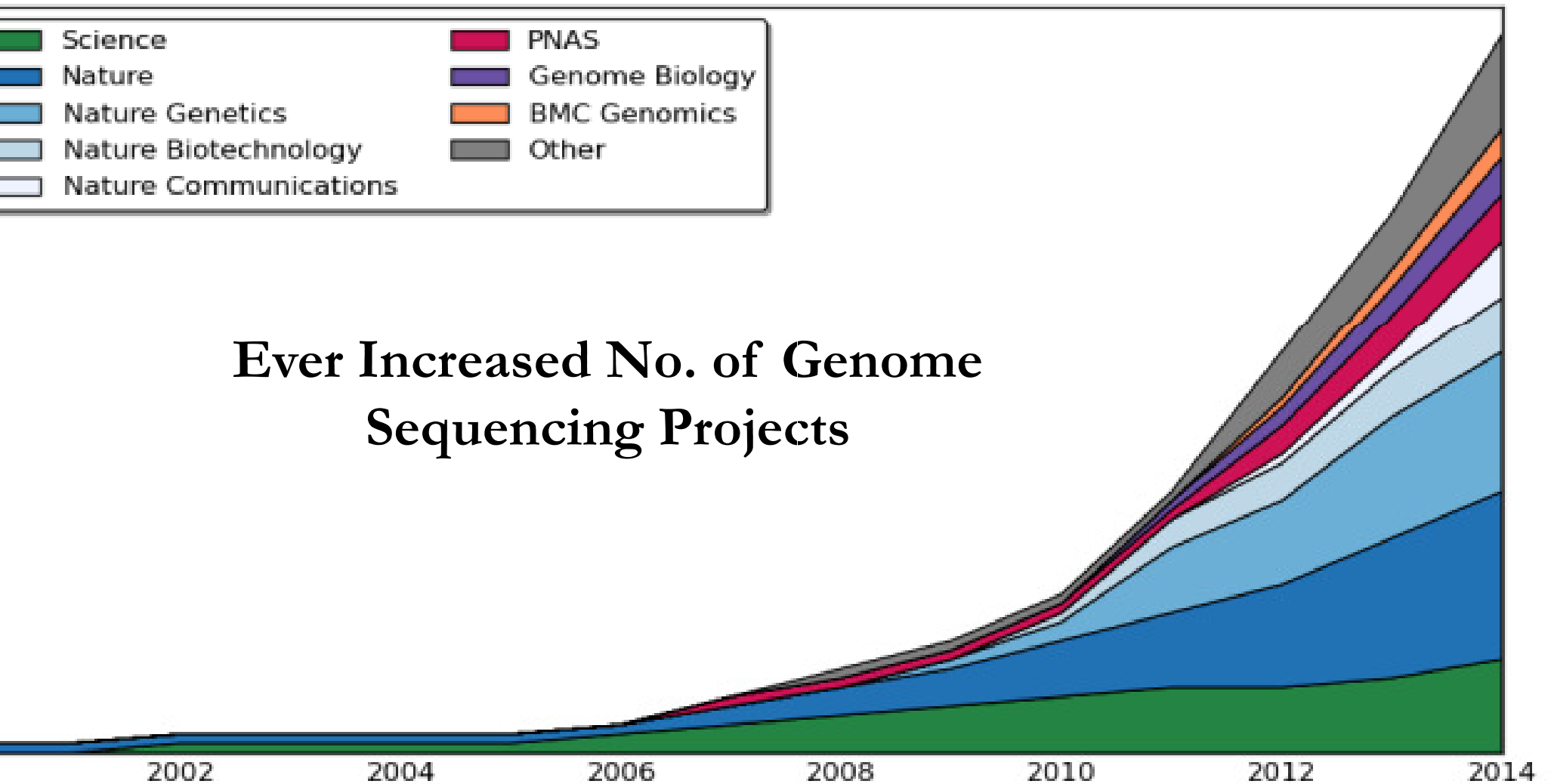
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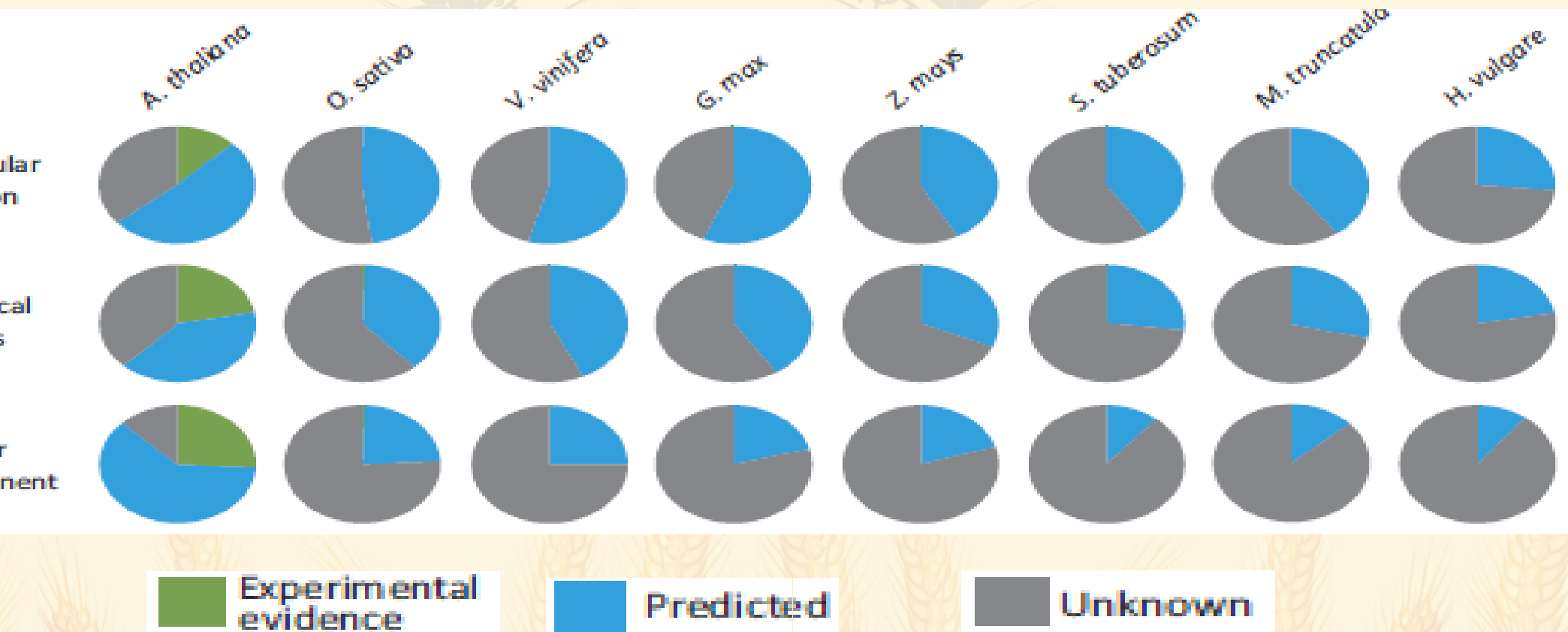


Relevance of Mutant Phenotypes



Ever Increased No. of Genome Sequencing Projects

Large No. of genes are Unknown



Only 9% of genes in Arabidopsis are experimentally proven

Most of the genes in all other sequenced genomes are only predictions

E. Coli (43%) and in *S. cerevisiae* (30%)

Material and Methods

DPW-621-50 : Released for IR-TS conditions of NWPZ

Treated with 0.7 % ethyl methanesulfonate (EMS) at DWR,
Karnal.

4000 mutants generated

600 M₂ plants studied for altered phenotypes: IPGRI wheat
phenotype descriptors.

Traits Studied

Phenology

Days to heading

Days to Maturity

Colour/pigmentation

Height



Floral mutants

Spike length

Symmetry

Threshability

Floral parts



Yield Traits

Color

Size

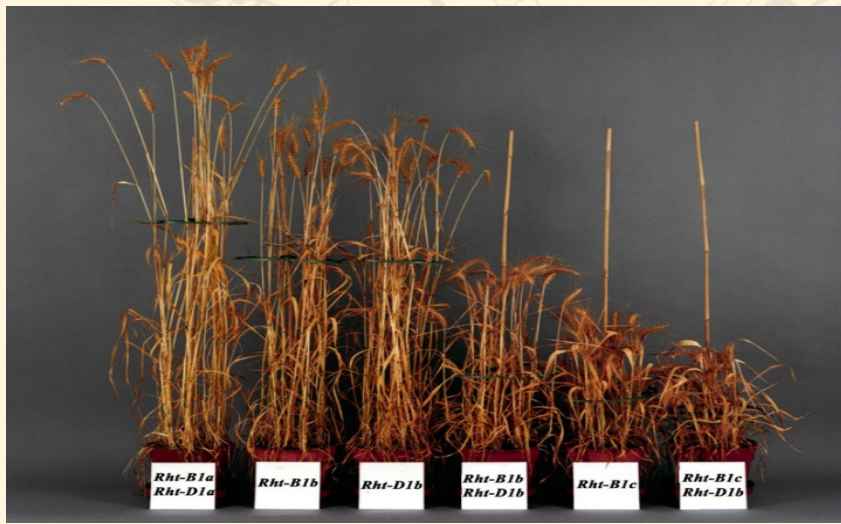
Shape



Results: Altered Phenotypes

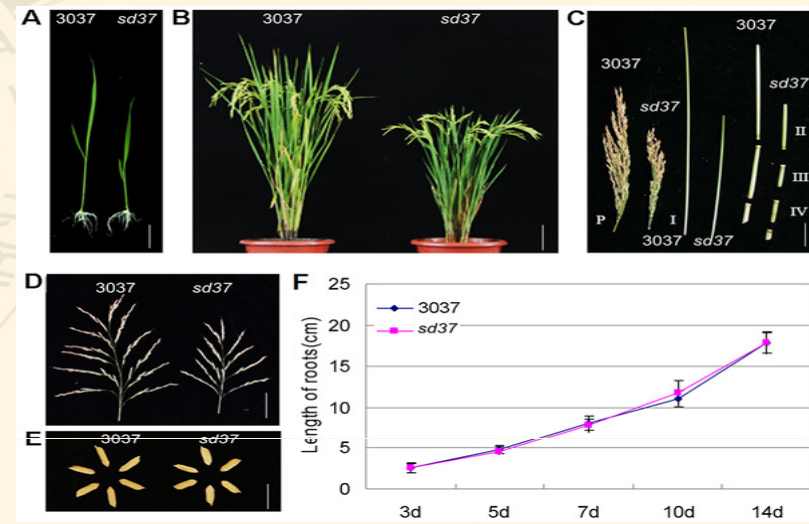


mutant



Wheat: Plant Height

Range: 15 -150 cm



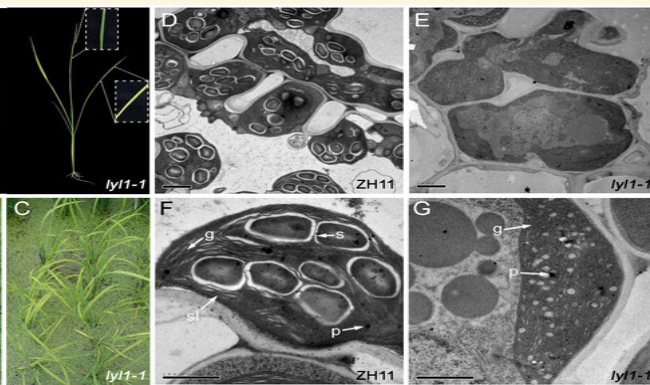
Rice: Plant Height

Zhang J, Liu X, Li S, Cheng Z, et al. (2014) The Rice Semi-Dwarf Mutant sd37, Caused by a Mutation in CYP96B4, Plays an Important Role in the Fine-Tuning of Plant Growth. PLoS ONE 9(2)

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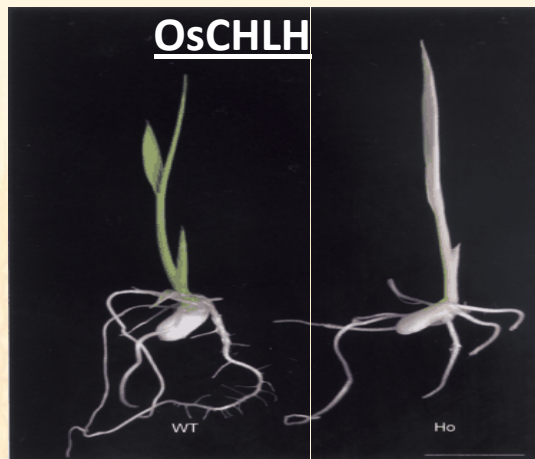


Chlorophyll mutants

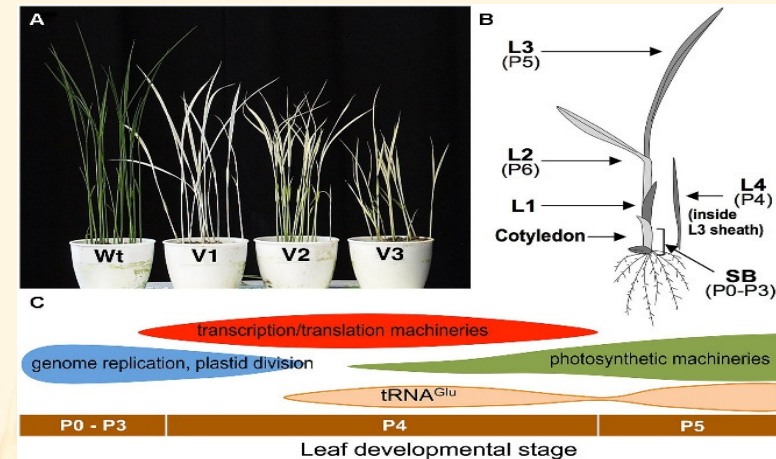


Light-Induced Yellow Leaf 1 Gene

www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pon



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Spike Variations



Open floret, deformed glume, twisted awns etc..



Spikelet symmetry variations

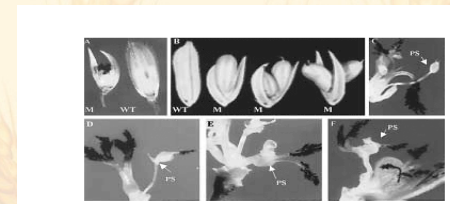
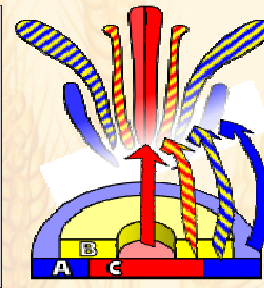
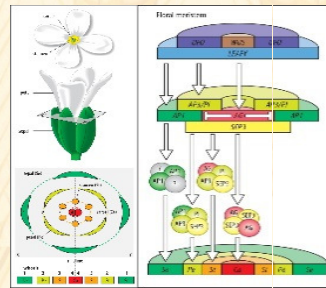
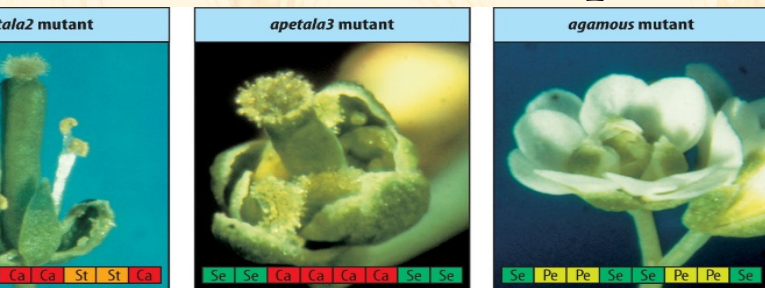


Fig. 1. Phenotypic comparisons between wild type and *sl1* mutant. A: The appearances of a wild-type rice flower (right) and a mutant flower (left). B: A wild-type Caryopsis (the most left) and three kinds of mutant seeds. C: A pistilloid stamen, indicated by the white arrow, with filament tipped by malformed tissue and two uncompleted stigmas. D: A pistilloid stamen with one stigma. E: A pistilloid stamen with two stigmas. F: A pistilloid stamen with three stigmas. M.: mutant. WT: wild type. PS: pistilloid stamen.

ABCDE model of flower development

Stamen less mutant of Rice

S. and E.M. Meyerowitz, 1991. The war of the whorls: genetic interactions controlling flower development. Nature **353**: 31-37.

Spike Variations



Threshability: Easy and Hard



Q gene copy no variations

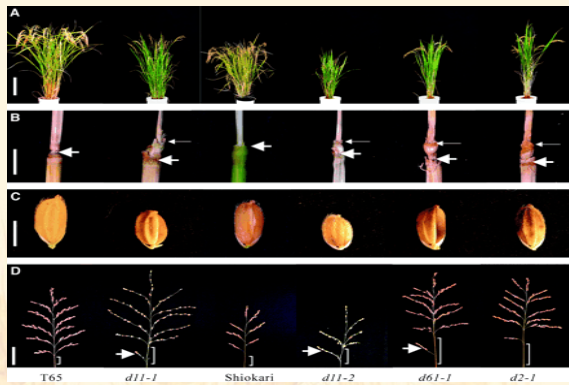
Free threshing Q gene mutants in wheat

Spike Variations

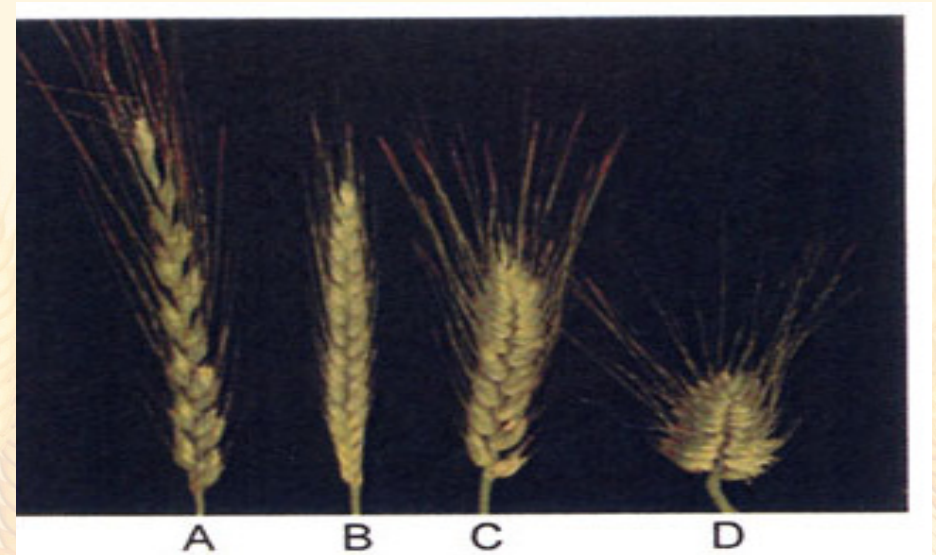


Range: 2 -18 cm

Spike length variations



Rice: dwarf11 loci mutants
Brassinosteroid biosynthesis pathway

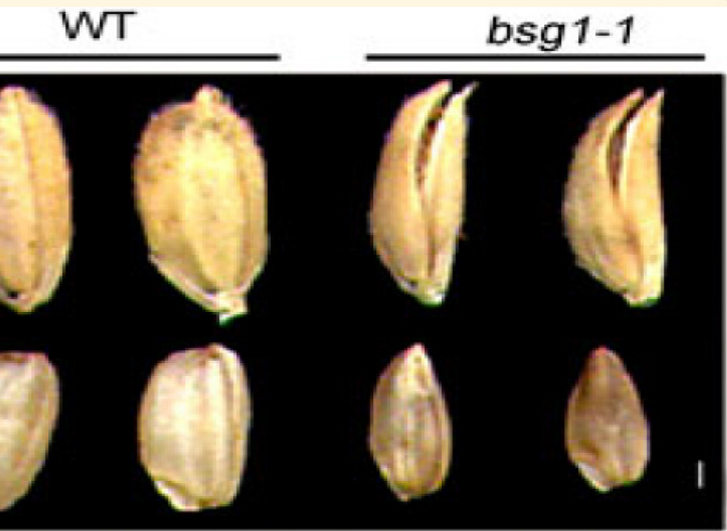


Q gene mutants in wheat

Source-Sink Variations

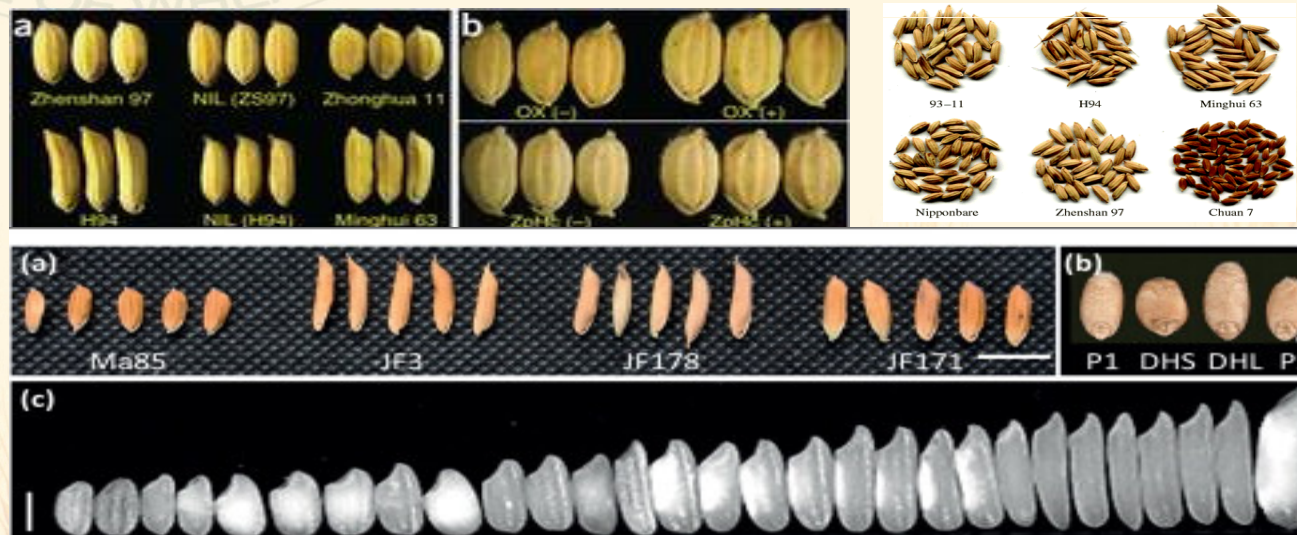


Shrivelled and unfilled grains



Beak Shaped Grain mutant

ki.big.ac.cn/index.php?title=Os02g0811000&oldid=1000000000
 Last update: May 27, 2014)



GS5 encodes a putative serine carboxypeptidase and functions as a positive regulator of grain size

Conclusions

Identified altered phenotypes for a large number of traits

Role in breeding for wheat improvement (High Tiller and Bold grain mutants)

Understanding the functional basis of genes

Openness of spikelet's and male sterility could possibly find role in hybrid wheat development

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