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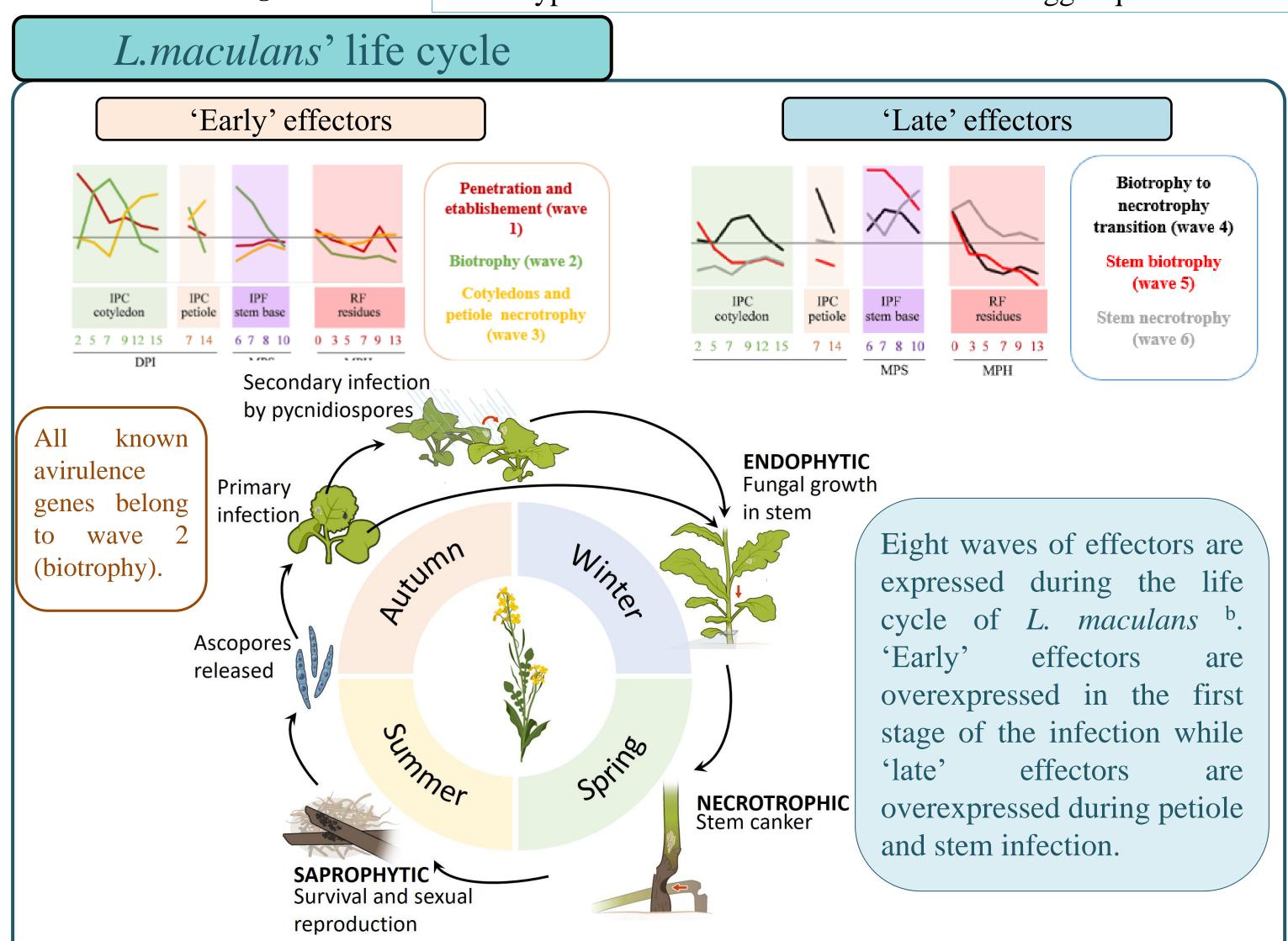
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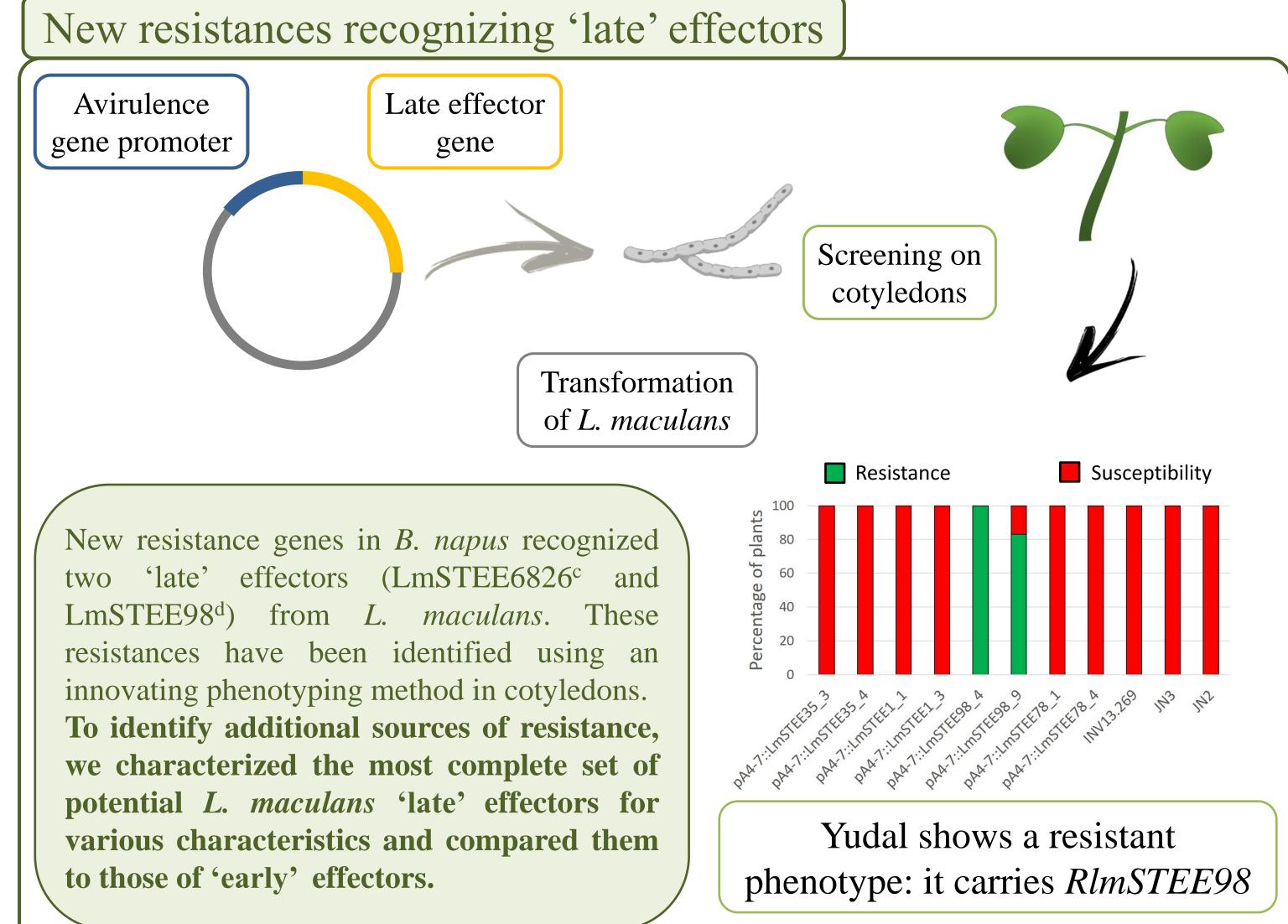
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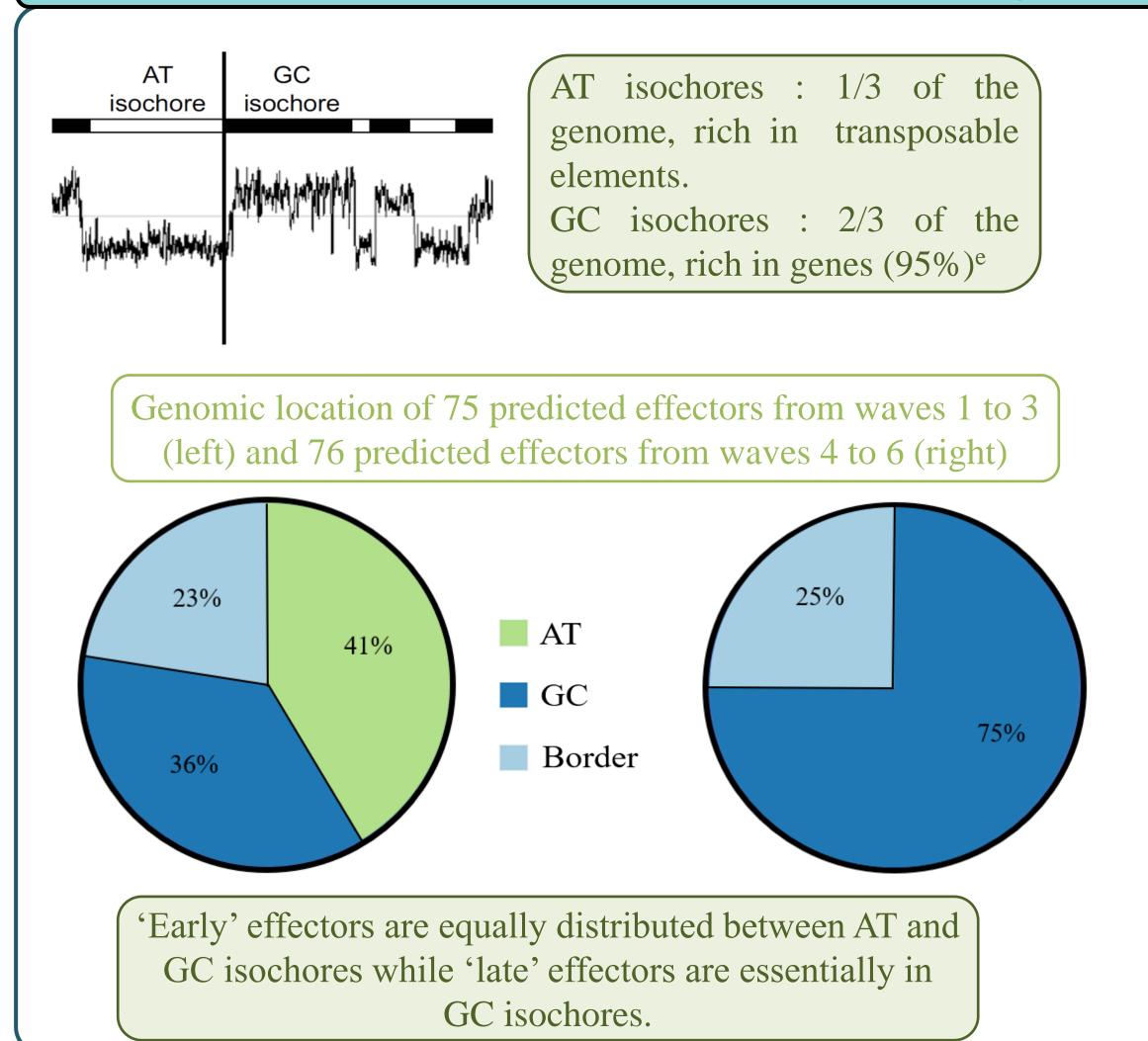
... maculans is a phytopathogenic fungus responsible for stem canker on rapeseed (Brassica napus). Its infectious cycle is going through an 'early' phase of leaf infection and 'late' phase of asymptomatic colonization of the stem, finally leading to stem canker. Genetic resistance is the main way to control this disease, with several qualitative resistance genes recognizing avirulence genes mainly expressed during the 'early' stage of infection. We opted to focus on 'late' effectors expressed during stem colonization as we hypothesized that those effectors could trigger quantitative resistance in the stem, which would exert less selection pressure on the pathogen and be more durable.

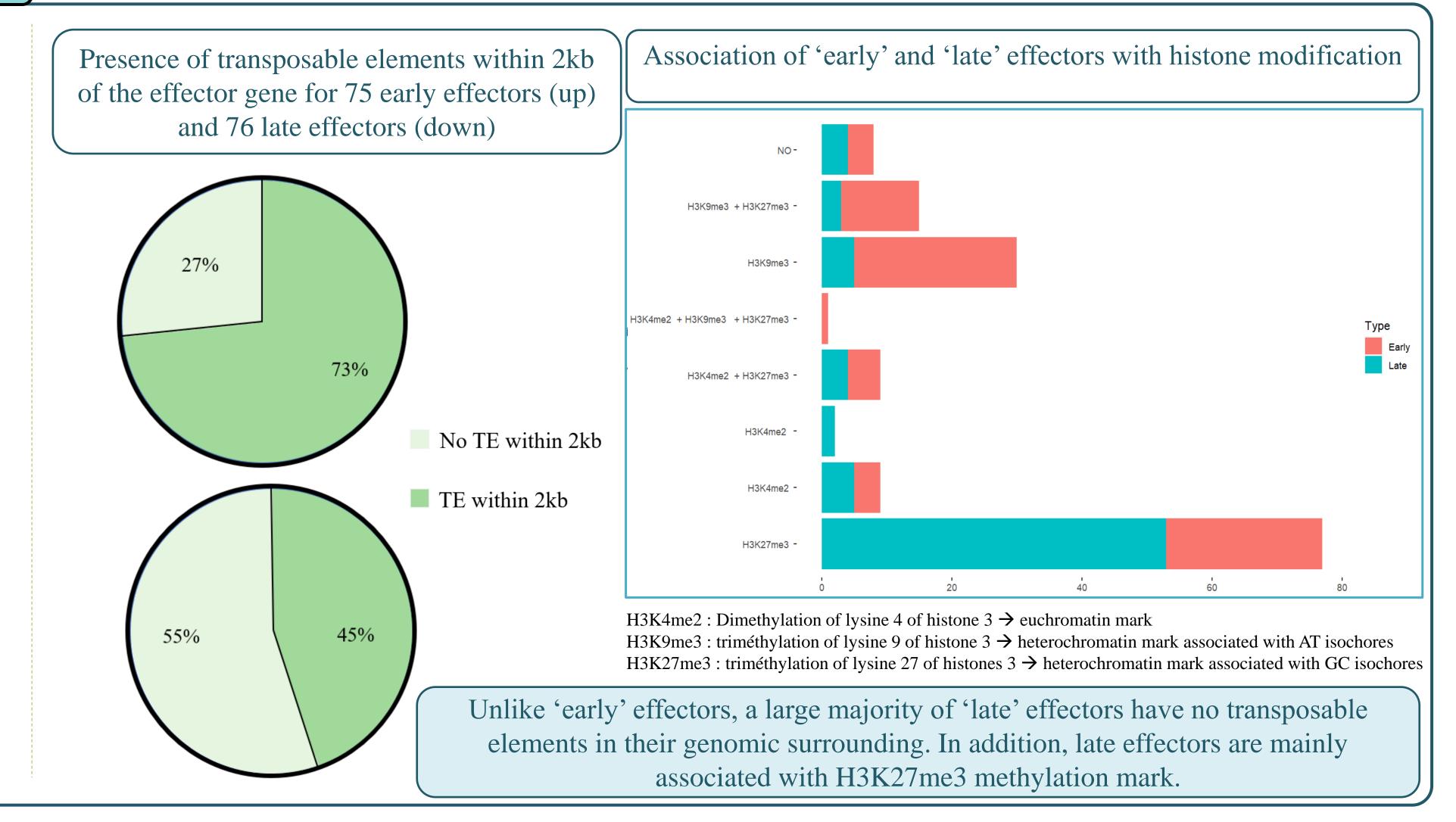




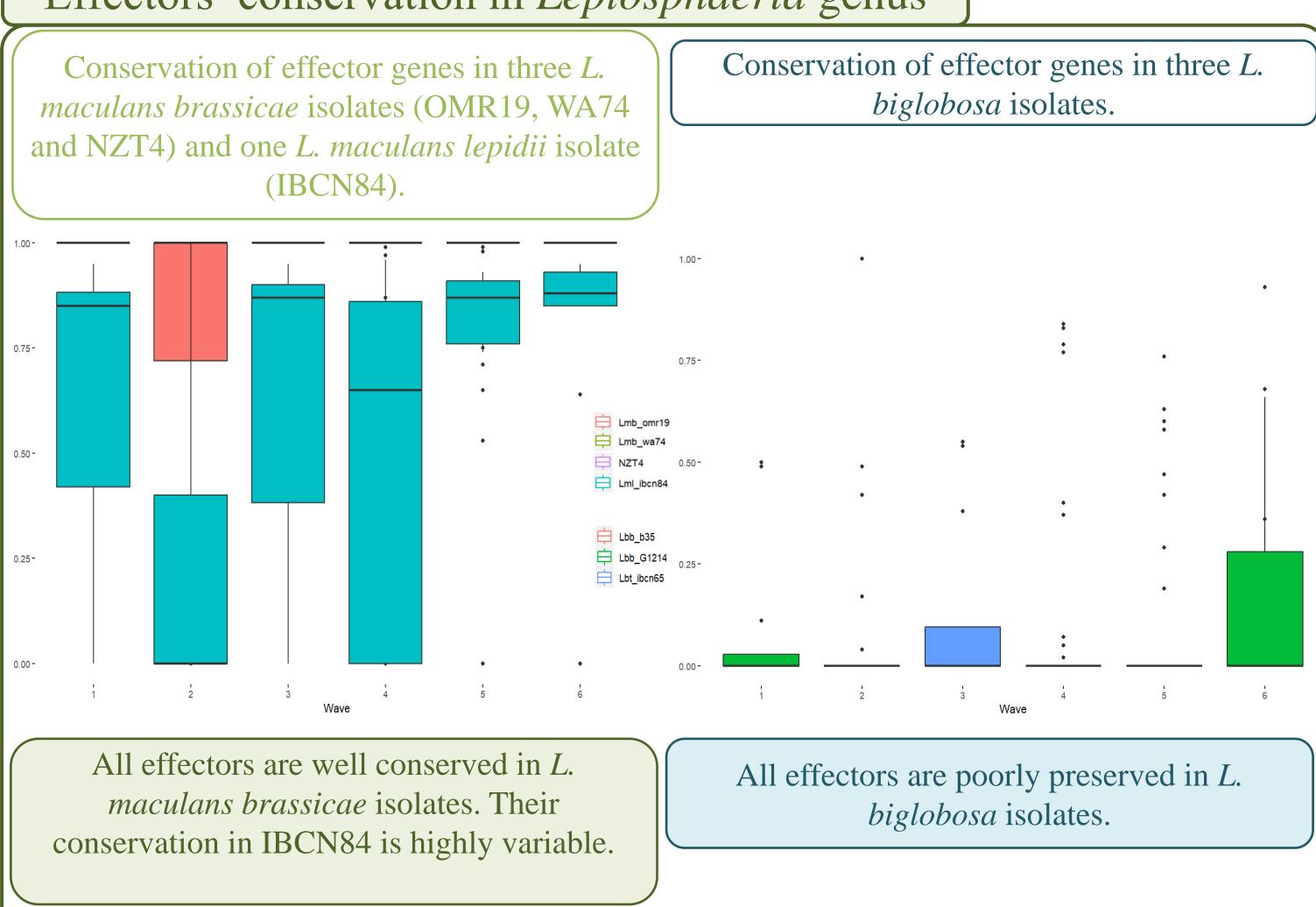
Genomic context of L. maculans' effectors genes

Adapted from Rouxel & Balesdent 2005 a, and Canola Council of Canada (BioRender)





Effectors' conservation in Leptosphaeria genus



There is no main differences between 'early' and 'late' effector for their conservation in

Leptosphaeria genus.

Conclusions and perspectives

To identify additional sources of quantitative resistance, we characterized the most complete set of potential L. maculans 'late' effectors for their expression kinetics during rapeseed infection, their conservation within the Leptosphaeria genus and among fungi, their location in the L. maculans genome and their enrichment in epigenetic marks

We then selected six new effectors:

- specifically expressed during petiole or stem infection,
- conserved in Leptosphaeria maculans,
- located in gene-rich regions, enriched in heterochromatin marks associated with genes,

The selected 'late' effectors will be used to identify new resistances in B. napus genotypes that could be introduced into modern cultivars adapted to the agronomic context in France.

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