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Timing the growth and defense: a strategy to promote heterosis in plant hybrids and polyploids

The Chen lab studies genetic and epigenetic mechanisms for gene expression changes in polypoids. Polyploidy, or whole-genome duplication (WGD), is an evolutionary innovation for all eukaryotes including some animals and many plants. [...] Elucidating mechanisms for polyploidy may ultimately reveal new approaches to reactivate or silence endogenous genes and lead the way to improve future applications of biotechnology in agriculture and medicine.

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