

Current situation of sunflower broomrape over the world

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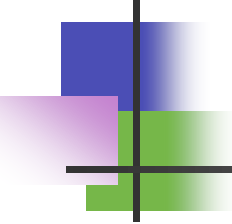




Aim of the presentation

- To have a view of broomrape (*Orobanche cumana*) parasite in sunflower crop, mostly in the main cultivated area with sunflower, over the world



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- Sunflower → important crop in the modern agriculture
 - In more than 150 years → 4 important steps
 - ✓ Local populations resistant to broomrape (25-28%)
 - ✓ Varieties (30-35%)
 - ✓ Varieties (45-50%)
 - ✓ Hybrids (more than 50%) – 80% of cultivated area





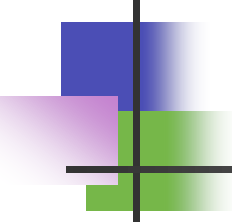
over all steps of sunflower crop developing:

broomrape parasite - very important negative factor for the seed yield

Seed yield losses: up to 90%

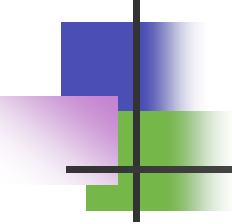






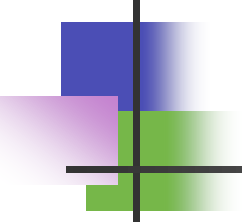
Europe: 70 % of cultivated area
60% of the seed production





emergence of new **broomrape populations**
(races) has been observed in the past 20
years in several countries (Romania, Moldova,
Ukraine, Russia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Spain,
Serbia, and China)



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- **France** – 2007 (South – West)
In 2013 (CETIOM data): 156 plots with **sunflower broomrape**





■ Management

- ✓ Prophylaxis: eradicating broomrape, harvesting healthy plots before the infested, cleaning the equipments after use, do not introduce sunflower in infested plots, for long time)
- ✓ Resistant genotypes
- ✓ Chemical methods



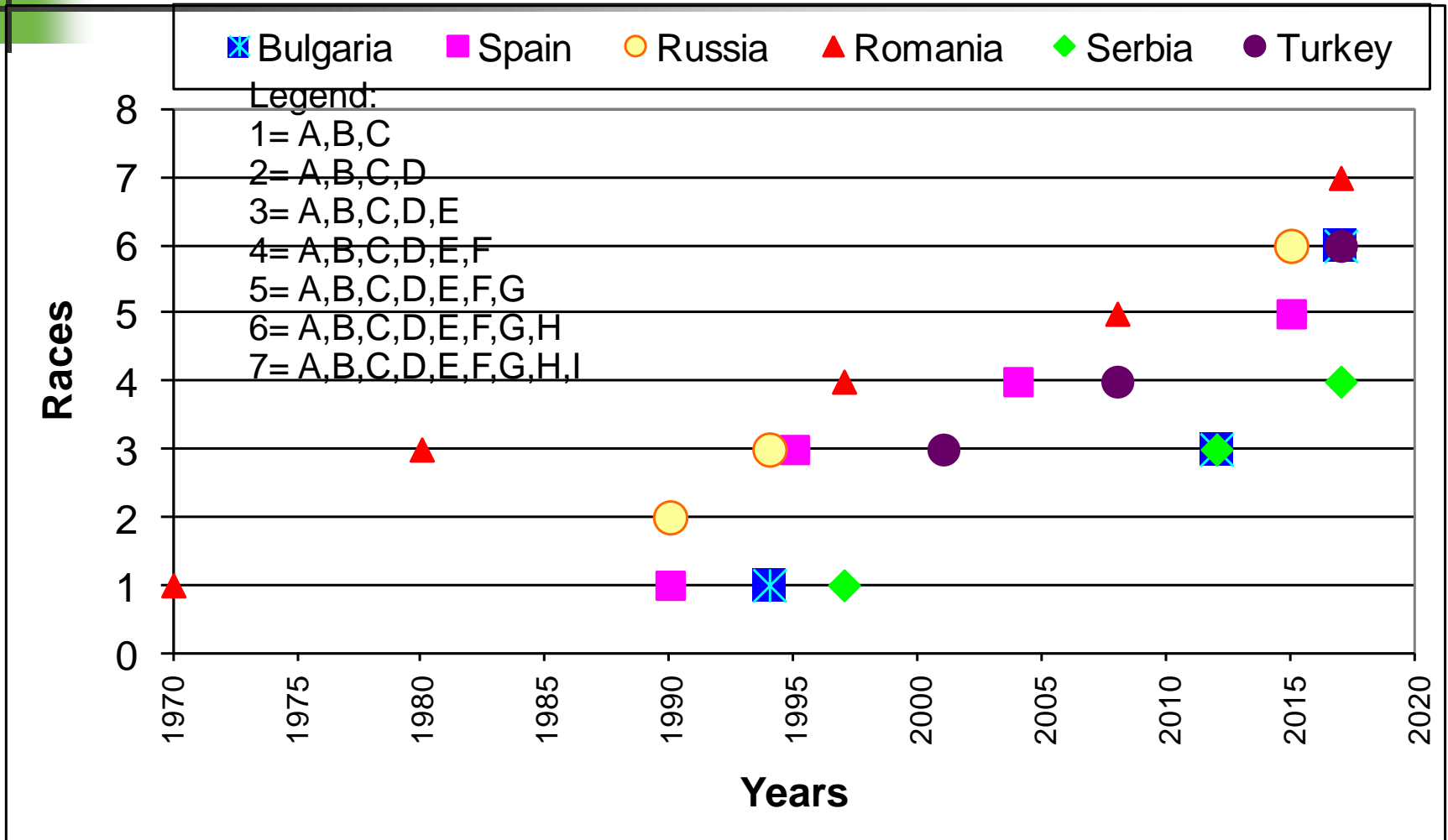
Sunflower differentials	Broomrape races						Resistance type	Resistance genes
	A	B	C	D	E	F		
AD-66	S	S	S	S	S	S	R ₀	-
Kruglik A-41	R	S	S	S	S	S	R ₁	Or ₁
Jdanov 8281	R	R	S	S	S	S	R ₂	Or ₂
H-8280; Record	R	R	R	S	S	S	R ₃	Or ₃
S-1358	R	R	R	R	S	S	R ₄	Or ₄
P-1380-2	R	R	R	R	R	S	R ₅	Or ₅
LC-1093	R	R	R	R	R	R	R ₆	Or ₆

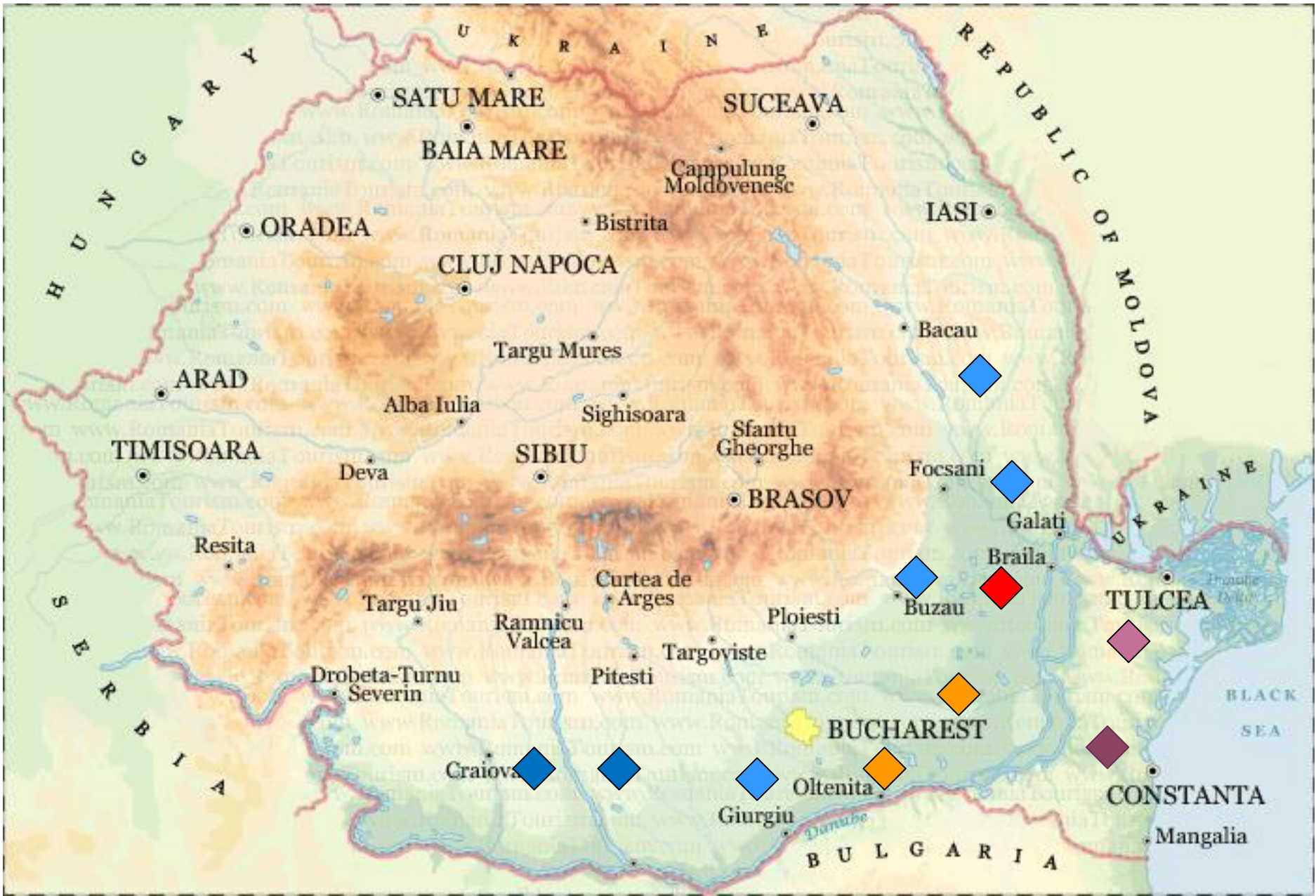


Races of *Orobanche cumana* identified -in the past and at present- in several countries where sunflowers are grown and parasite infections are known to occur

Country	Races of <i>O. cumana</i> identified		References
	Past	Present	
Bulgaria	A, B, C, D, E	E, F, G, H	Shindrova, 2006; Batchvarova, 2014, Entcheva, 2018
China	A	A, B, C, D, E, F, G	Ma & Jan, 2014; Shi <i>et al.</i> , 2015, Zhao, 2018
France	Not present	? ^a	Jestin, 2012; Jestin <i>et al.</i> , 2014
Hungary	A, B, C, D	E, F	Zoltán, 2001; Hargitay, 2014; Molinero-Ruiz <i>et al.</i> , 2014
Kazakhstan	?	C, G	Antonova, 2014
Moldova	B, C	E, F, G, H	Gisca <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Duca, 2014, Duca, 2018
Romania	A, B, C, D, E	F, G,H,I	Vrânceanu <i>et al.</i> , 1980; Pacureanu-Joita <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Pacureanu, 2014, Pacureanu-Joita, 2017
Russia	A, B	E, F, G, H	Antonova <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Antonova, 2014, Skoric, 2018
Serbia	B, E	E, F	Mihaljčević, 1996; Miladinovic <i>et al.</i> , 2014, Dedic, 2018
Spain	B, C, D, E	E, F, G	Alonso <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Fernández-Escobar <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Molinero-Ruiz & Dominguez, 2014; Molinero-Ruiz <i>et al.</i> , 2006; 2009
Turkey	?	F, G, H	Kaya <i>et al.</i> , 2004; 2012; Molinero-Ruiz <i>et al.</i> , 2014, Pers. comm., 2018
Ukraine	B	E, F, G, H	Pototskyi, 2014, Makliak, 2018

The evolution of the broomrape (*Orobanche cumana*) races in sunflower crop in Europe





SATU MARE

BAIA MARE

SUCEAVA

ORADEA

CLUJ NAPOCA

Bistrita

IASI

ARAD

Alba Iulia

Targu Mures

Bacau

TIMISOARA

Deva

Sighisoara

SIBIU

Sfantu Gheorghe

Focsani

Resita

Targu Jiu

Curtea de Arges

BRASOV

Galati

Braila

TULCEA

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Buzau

Targoviste

BUCHAREST

Craiova

Giurgiu

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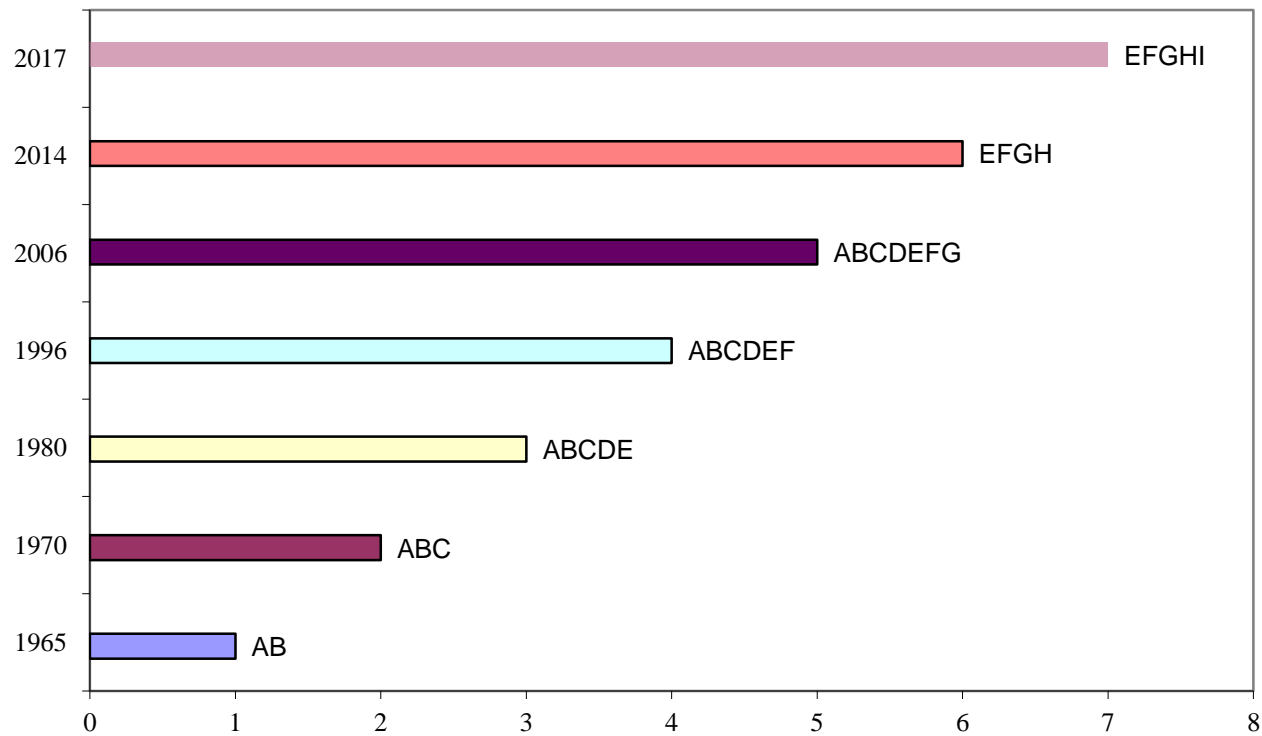
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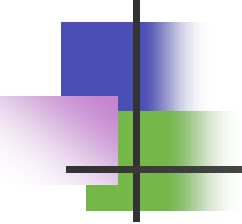
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BULGARIA

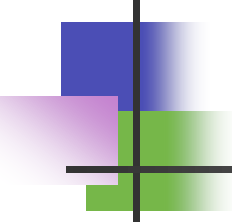
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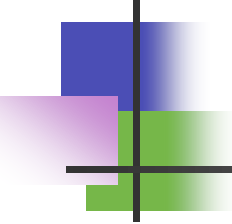
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- ✓ no comparative studies have been conducted to test the correspondence of races among countries
 - ✓ races A to G were or have recently been identified in many countries





very few works → the similarity of those
populations from different geographic origin
and characterized as belonging to the
same race





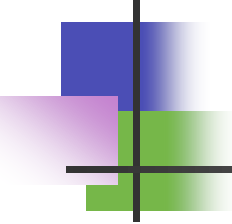
an universal adoption of the coded triplets system
is frequent for many plant pathogens → to ease
communication and comparisons of results about
characterization of races



Proposal for characterization of populations of *Orobanche cumana* using the coded triplets system, and its correspondence with the traditional method based on the use of consecutive capital letters

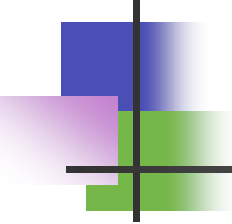
Ruiz-Moliner, 2015

Line of sunflower	Coded races of <i>O. cumana</i>							
	100	300	700	710	730	770	771	773
AD66	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
K A-41	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
J8281	R	R	S	S	S	S	S	S
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Historical race	A	B	C	D	E	F	F or G?	F or G?



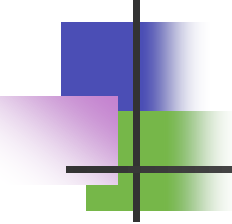
genetic studies of the parasite → to bring the knowledge on the parasite genetics to the same level as what is known for genetics of sunflower





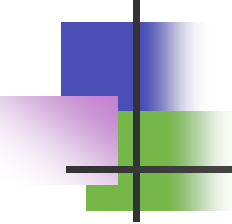
studies on the inheritance of avirulence genes in *O. cumana* have confirmed the **gene-for-gene** interaction in the ***O. cumana*-sunflower**, parasitic system for races E/F and the dominant sunflower gene *Or₅* (Rodríguez-Ojeda *et al.*,2013)





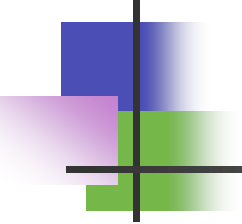
the appearance of **new races** → considerably reduced the available sources of resistance in the germplasm of cultivated sunflower





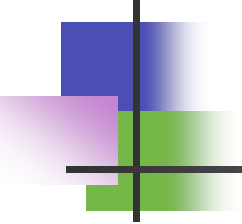
a continuous search for sources of resistance for these new races has been carried out → for the populations overcoming race F resistance, named as races G and H





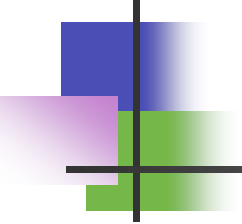
a high level of resistance was
found in **wild** *Helianthus* spp.





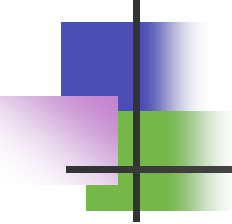
defining broomrape races on the global
level → more difficult → non-existence of
differential lines for new broomrape
races





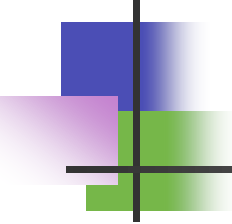
most of the molecular research for characterizing resistance to *O. cumana* → mapping the Or_5 or Or_6 genes conferring resistance to races A to F (Pérez-Vich *et al.*, 2004; Imerovski *et al.*, 2013)





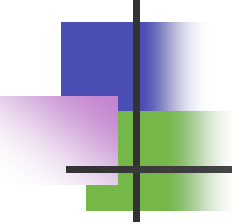
sunflower resistance to *O. cumana* is controlled by a combination of **qualitative** race-specific resistance controlling the presence or absence of broomrape and **quantitative** non-race-specific resistance affecting the number of broomrape stalks per plant





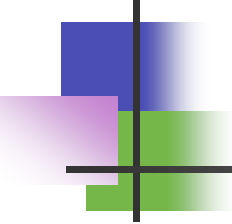
breeding programs focused on the development of hybrids of sunflower carrying resistance to *O. cumana* are mainly based on single dominant *Or* genes





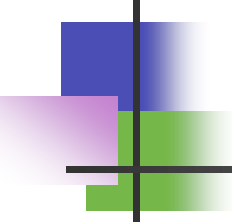
alternative breeding strategies are required to increase the durability of genetic resistance to *O. cumana*





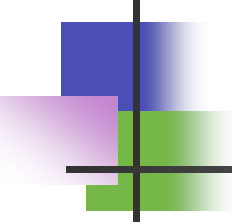
the most significant results are achieved by interspecific hybridization in which wild species of genus *Helianthus* are used as donor of the gene of resistance





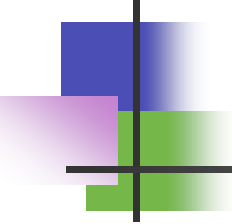
alternative breeding strategies involving vertical
resistance should incorporate **gene pyramiding**
(Molinero-Ruiz et al., 2015)





in addition to the development of broomrape
resistance genes → developing new mechanisms of
resistance, genetics of virulence → to understand
the dynamics of broomrape populations and race
evolution



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- ✓ Clearfield system is an alternative and efficient control method with the use of imidazolinone (IMI) herbicide plus resistant hybrids
 - ✓ combining resistance to herbicides with genetic resistance could provide a more horizontal and durable resistance and successful improvement of broomrape control in the future





other chemical options → **inducers of seeds germination** leading to suicidal germination of the parasite in the absence of sunflower (Lachia *et al.*, 2014)



CONCLUSIONS



The parasitic weed *O. cumana* poses a risk to sunflower oil production in countries of Southern and Eastern Europe, also in China and causes as an average, 50% sunflower seed losses when susceptible hybrids are grown

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Understanding the biology of the interaction between the parasite and its host is a necessary step toward the development of selective control methods

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Breeding for resistance is a recurrent, feasible and effective alternative for controlling *O. cumana*.

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Different races of the parasite have been identified in all the countries where sunflower oil production is affected and important breeding works have been devoted to the search for effective genetic resistance against the increasingly virulent local parasite population

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On the other hand, breeding sunflowers for resistance to the AHAS-inhibiting herbicides has appeared as another alternative for the control of *O. cumana* together with other weeds of the crop, and irrespective of parasite races



**Thank you
for your attention!**