# Genome and chromosome synteny and collinearity



## High level of genome collinearity between *Helianthus* species (*Asteraceae*)

*Helianthus annuus* (ANN), *H. petiolaris* (PET): *parental species H. anomalus* (ANO), *H. deserticola* (DES), and *H. paradoxus* (PAR): diploid hybrid derivatives



Segments containing inversions are indicated by hatched lines.

## Limited synteny between Arabidopsis and *Asteraceae* species



• what is the level of synteny between the model species *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Asteraceae* species (*Compositae*)?

• macrosyntenic patterns covering large segments of the chromosomes were not evident

 significant levels of local synteny (microsynteny) were detected at a fine scale; the syntenic patches are often not colinear



Physical positions of conserved orthologous sequences in a 5.5-Mb region of Arabidopsis chromosome 5 and their corresponding mapped positions on the nine linkage groups of *Lactuca sativa* (LG 1–9) Genome synteny between pepper (n=12; *Capsicum*) and tomato (n=12; *Solanum lycopersicum*)



 18 homeologous linkage blocks cover 98.1% of the tomato genome and 95.0% of the pepper genome

• 30 breaks as part of 5 translocations, 10 paracentric inversions, 2 pericentric inversions, and 4 disassociations or associations of genomic regions that differentiate tomato, potato, and pepper



Livingstone et al. 1999

## Genome synteny between *Solanaceae* species in the molecular phylogenetic context



• comparative mapping studies showed that tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) are differentiated by a series of whole-arm paracentric inversions of chromosomes 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12

• the chromosome 10 inversion arose within the tomato lineage after the split from the common ancestor with potato

## Crop Circle: collinearity between grass genomes

Crop Circle diagram showing the currently known relationships between the genomes of eight species belonging to three different subfamilies

Right-hand side: microcolinearity of Adh-orthologous regions of rice, sorghum and the two maize homoeologs (genes are indicated by red and blue arrows).



- the most comprehensive comparative dataset obtained to date
- What is the extent of colinearity at the DNA-sequence level?
- Many small rearrangements that disturb collinearity in orthologous chromosome regions.



## Level of genome conservation between legume species (*Fabaceae*)

#### Macrosyntenic relationship of *Medicago truncatula* and *Lotus japonicus*

Line color indicates the number of conserved genes between two clones: black, two; blue, three to four; red, five or more.



Medicago truncatula (n=6) M. sativa (n=16) Pisum sativum (n=7) Glycine max (n=20) Vigna radiata (n=11) Phaseolus vulgaris (n=11) Lotus japonicus (n=6)

• broad conservation of genome macrostructure

chromosomal rearrangements
that may underlie the variation
in chromosome number
between the species



Consensus comparative map data for 6 legume species

• comparison between *M. truncatula*, *L. japonicus* and *G. max* 

 $\rightarrow$  high conservation between the genomes of *M. truncatula* and *L. japonicus*, whereas lower levels of conservation were evident between *M. truncatula* and *G. max* 

Choi *et al.* 2004

## Synteny conservation between the Prunus genome and both the present and ancestral Arabidopsis genomes

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- syntenic regions were short and contained only a couple of conserved gene pairs
- all the *Prunus* linkage groups containing syntenic regions matched to more than two different *Arabidopsis* chromosomes
- conserved syntenic regions in the pseudoancestral *Arabidopsis* genome: in many cases, the gene order and content of peach regions was more conserved in the ancestral genome than in the present *Arabidopsis* region

## Genome collinearity in crucifers (Brassicaceae)



- eight linkage groups of *Arabidopsis lyrata* and *Capsella rubella* (n=8) show a high level of collinearity to the five chromosomes of *A. thaliana* (n=5)
- A. Iyrata and C. rubella genomes exhibit almost identical structure



## Genome collinearity in crucifers: Arabidopsis - Brassica

## Eight linkage groups (G1-8) of *B. rapa* compared to five *A. thaliana* chromosomes



A. thaliana chromosomes

- *B. rapa* and all modern diploid *Brassica* species have triplicated genomes and probably descended from a hexaploid ancestor
- the duplications were accompanied by an exceptionally high rate of chromosomal rearrangements
- the *B. nigra* linkage groups show a typical pattern of relatively large blocks of markers from particular *A. thaliana* chromosomes interrupted by a few markers from one or more other from *A. thaliana* chromosomes



Lagercrantz 1998



#### Painting the A. thaliana genome





Lysak *et al.* 2001 Pecinka *et al.* 2004 Studying genome and chromosome collinearity across the *Brassicaceae* by comparative chromosome painting (CCP)

Fluorescently labelled Arabidopsis BAC contigs are hybridized *in situ* to pachytene chromosomes of other cruciferous species

CCP





CCP in *Brassicaceae*: Arabidopsis BAC contigs designed according to the Arabidopsis-*C. rubella* comparative map



Chromosome collinearity between *A. thaliana* and closely related *Brassicaceae* species



Chromosome homeology and chromosome number reduction in *Neslia paniculata* (n=7)

AK5









Chromosome homeology between the Ancestral Karyotype and two n=6 species

Turritis glabra (n=6)









*Hornungia alpina* (n=6)









There is high level of chromosome homeology and collinearity shared by *A. thaliana* and its close relatives



## The ABC's of comparative genomics in the *Brassicaceae*: Ancestral Karyotype



- unified comparative genomic framework across *Brassicaceae*
- system of 24 conserved chromosomal blocks (A-X)

 order, orientation and color-coding of the blocks are based on their positions in the Ancestral Karyotype (n = 8)

• the building blocks can be rearranged to model the genome structures of *A. thaliana*, *A. lyrata*, *Capsella rubella*, *Brassica rapa* and other crucifers



Schranz, Lysak & Mitchell-Olds 2006

24 ancestral building blocks were identified to model karyotypes of *A. thaliana*, *B. rapa* and other crucifer species

Ancestral Karyotype (n=8)

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