

# *de novo* sequencing of the sunflower genome



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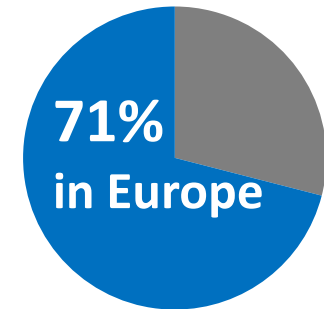
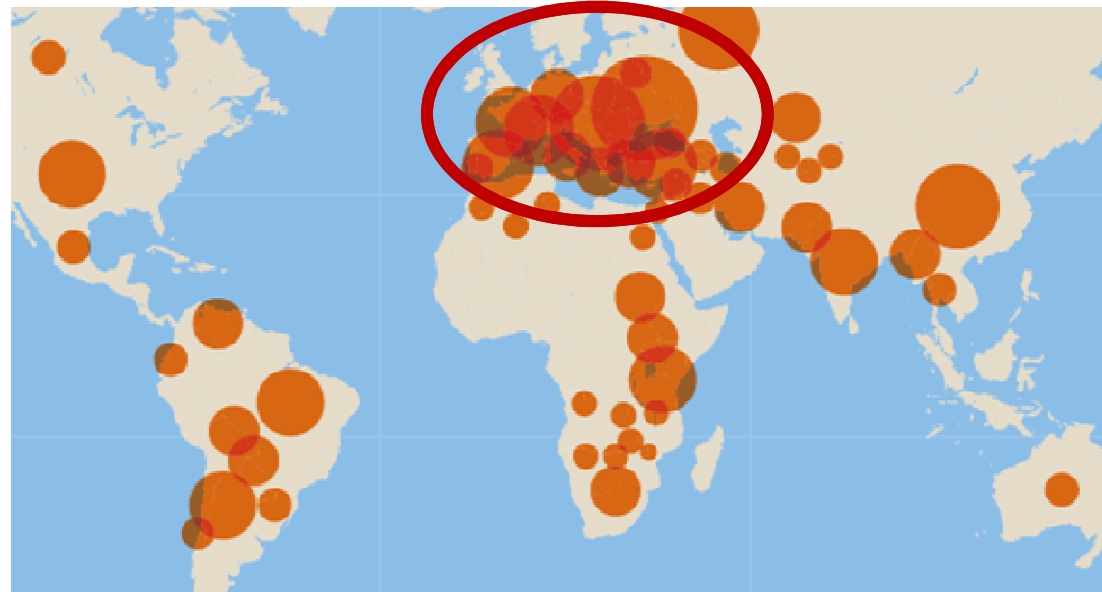
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# Sunflower, an important crop for Europe

**39** Million tons of seed produced worldwide

**30** Million hectares worldwide



**Societal challenge**

The global production of **sunflower seeds** has to increase to meet growing demand (*human food, animal feed, green chemistry...*)





# The french region Midi-pyrénées, a key player in global sunflower production

700 000 ha  
in France

Home to the world's  
leader sunflower  
breeding companies

The foremost  
sunflower-  
producing  
region in France

223 500 ha



An unique multi-  
disciplinary research  
cluster

Agronomists  
Geneticists and plant breeders  
Bio informaticians  
Mathematicians  
Pathologists



# Sequencing of the sunflower genome

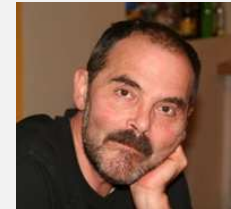
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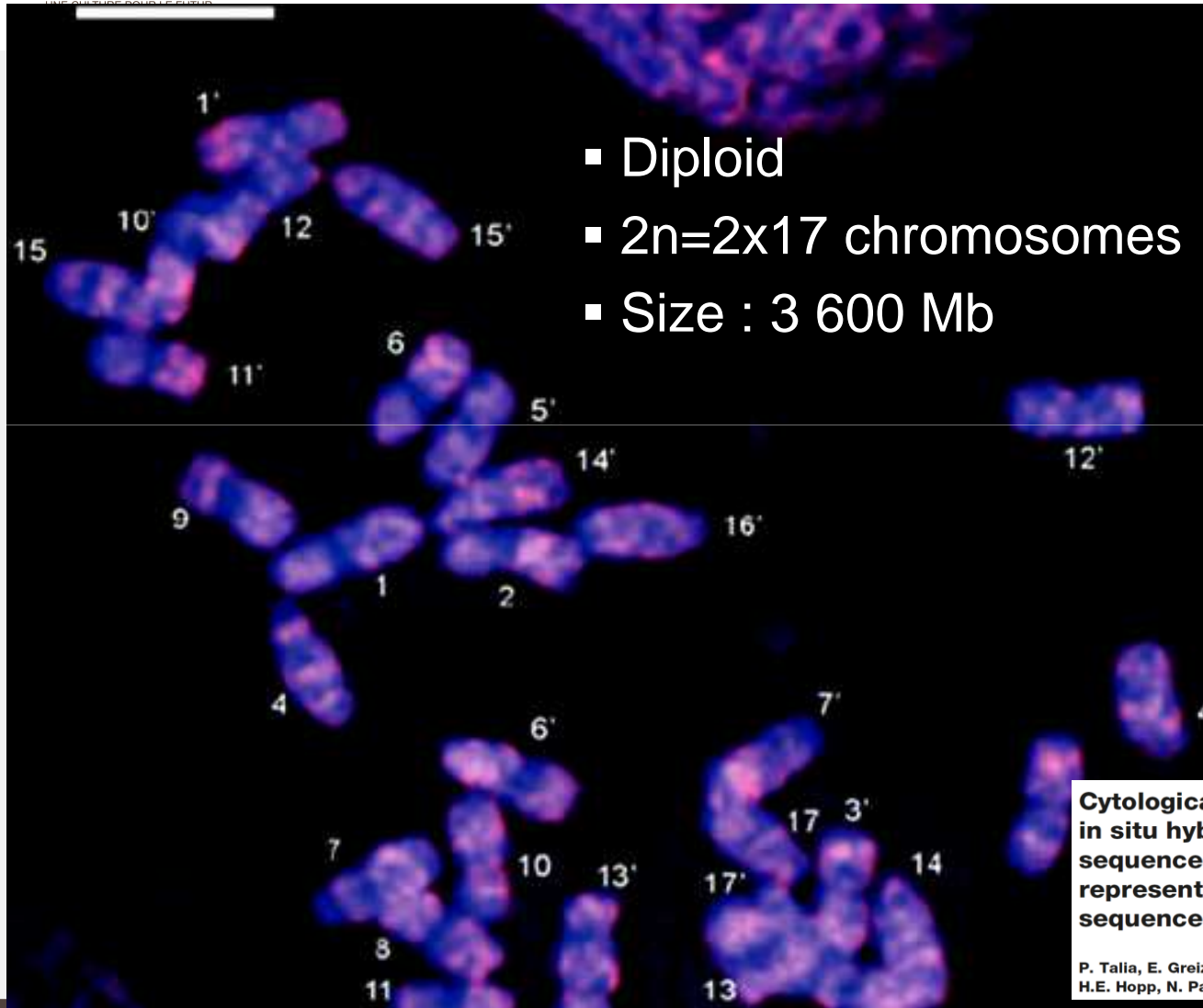
**UGA Athens**



J. Burke



# Sunflower genome background



- Diploid
- $2n=2 \times 17$  chromosomes
- Size : 3 600 Mb

| Species           | Size            |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Rice              | 430 Mb          |
| Rapeseed          | 1 100 Mb        |
| Maize             | 2 300 Mb        |
| <i>H. sapiens</i> | 3 200 Mb        |
| <b>Sunflower</b>  | <b>3 600 Mb</b> |
| Wheat             | 17 000 Mb       |

**Cytological characterization of sunflower by in situ hybridization using homologous rDNA sequences and a BAC clone containing highly represented repetitive retrotransposon-like sequences**

P. Talia, E. Greizerstein, C. Díaz Quijano, L. Peluffo, L. Fernández, P. Fernández, H.E. Hopp, N. Paniago, R.A. Heinz, and L. Poggio

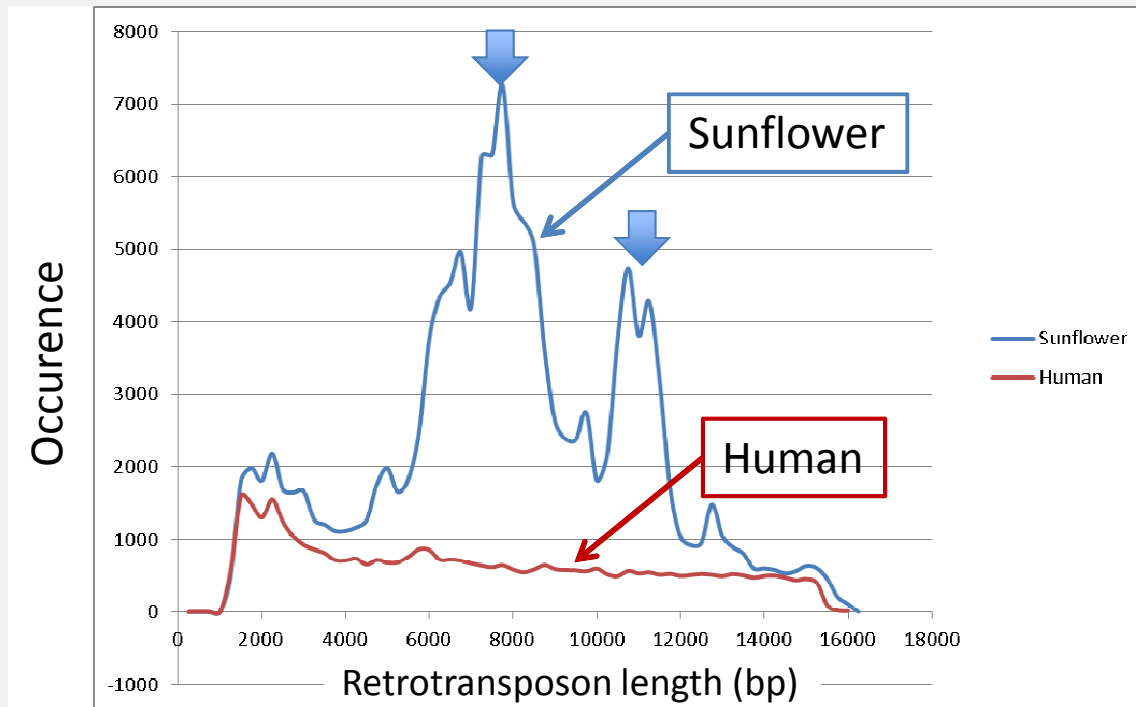


# Sunflower genome contains long repeated sequences



J. Gouzy

Length distribution of LTR retrotransposons



LTRharvest (Ellinghaus *et al.* 2008, default parameters)

Repeats = 33% of the sunflower genome

Repeats = 8% of the Human genome


**Two major repeats in the sunflower genome:  
8kb and 11.5kb**

**The repeats make the assembling very difficult**

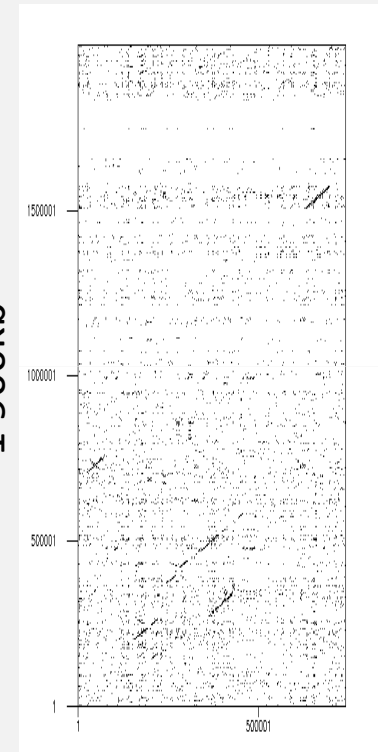




# 2014: Sunflower genome Ha412.v1.1

- Sunflower line : HA412
- International Consortium   
UBC Vancouver, INRA Toulouse, UGA Athens
- Produced from 454 and Illumina sequencing
- 1 989 Mb (55% of 3.6Gb)
- Genome browser and annotation on [www.heliagene.org](http://www.heliagene.org)
- Good at macro scale but local assembly problems

Ha412v1.1  
(80% N)  
1 900kb



HA412 BAC sequences  
(No N)  
700kb



## 2014: Sunflower genome Ha412.v1.1

- Sunflower line : HA412
- International Consortium



UBC Vancouver, INRA Toulouse, UGA Athens

A lot of genetic and genomic resources produced: BAC libraries, physical map, high-density genetic maps, SNPs from re-sequenced genomes...

**Difficulties were due to the short length of the sequences used for assembly that cannot span the long repeats**





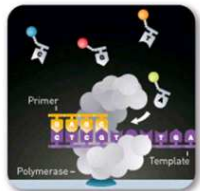
# At the end of 2014 : a technological breakthrough

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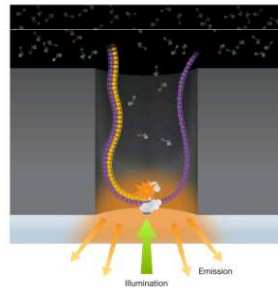
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SMRT® Cells



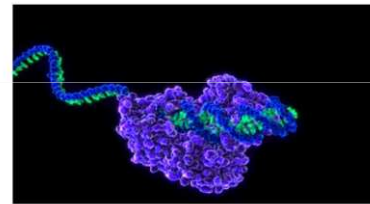
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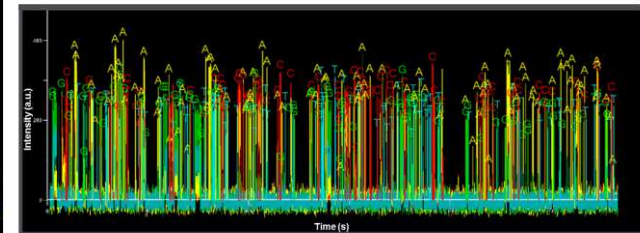
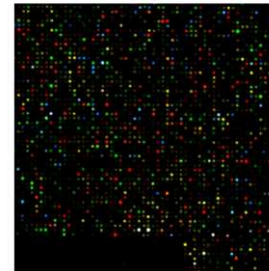
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PacBio RS II

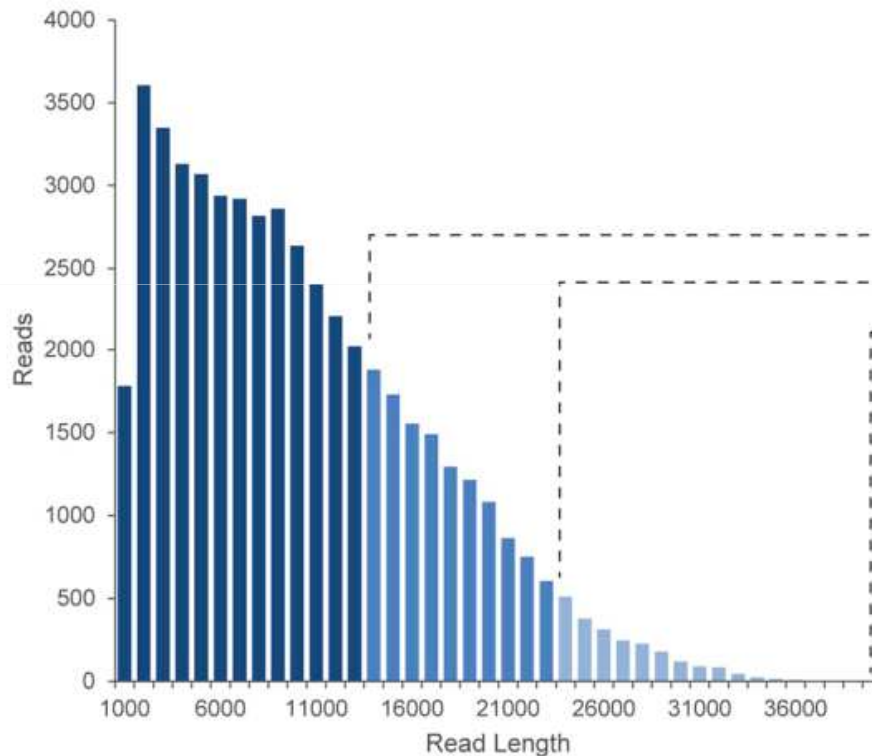


**A movie (fluorescence incorporation during the synthesis) is recorded and then converted to DNA sequence**



# At the end of 2014 : a technological breakthrough

## P6-C4: Read Length Performance



Half of data in reads: > 14 kb

Top 5% of reads: > 24 kb

Maximum read length: > 40 kb

Data per SMRT<sup>®</sup> Cell: 500 Mb – 1 Gb (in 4 hours)

**PacBio produces  
sequences longer than  
the known repeats**

P6-C4, 4-hr movie, 20-kb BluePippin<sup>™</sup> size-selected *E. coli* library (1 SMRT Cell)



## 2015: Acquisition of the PacBio RSII at INRA Toulouse in march 2015

**SUNRISE Project (2012-2019)**

**INRA Toulouse (LIPM, CNRGV, Genomic Platform)**

**First PacBio in France (GeT-PlaGe)**

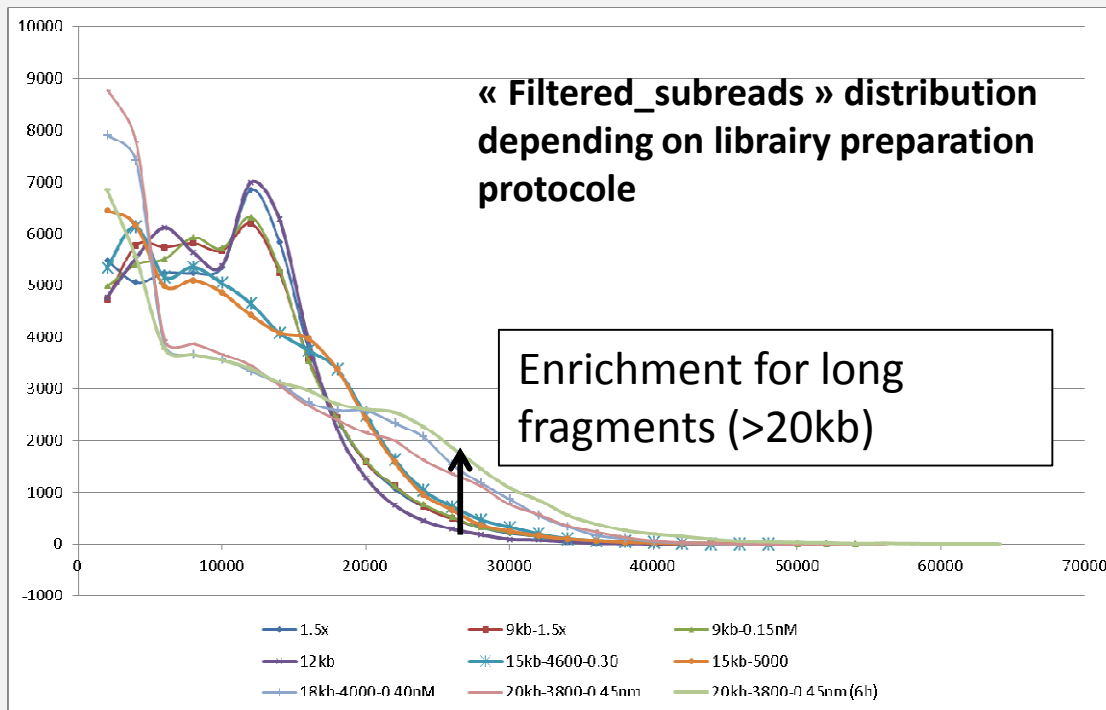
**Sunflower line: XRQ**

**100% PacBio data used for the assembling.**

# Development of long-fragment libraries

**The longer the PacBio sequences are, the better it is to span LTR :**

- New DNA extraction protocole (submitted to BioTechniques)
- Optimisation of fragmentation, purification, loading
- Increase run time to 4 → 6h (movie-length)



## Extraction of high-molecular-weight genomic DNA for long-read sequencing of single molecules

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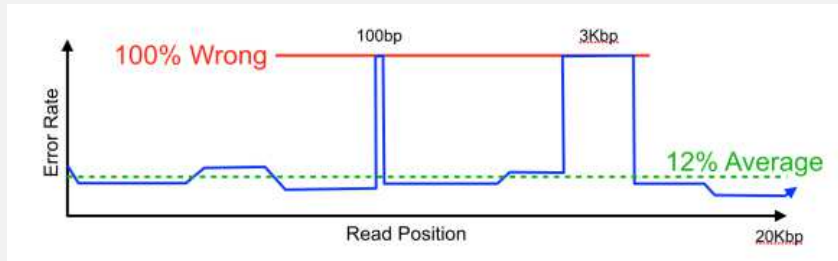


# Production of contigs



J. Gouzy

## 1) Correction of the raw sequences



<https://dazzlerblog.wordpress.com/2015/11/06/intrinsic-quality-values/>

1.1: Pairwise comparison of raw sequences (**PBcR/MHAP**, **minimap**, **falcon**)

1.2: The sequences are corrected

## 2) Assembling of the corrected sequences

2.1: Pairwise comparison of the corrected sequences (**wgs/Falcon**)

2.2: Sequences are aligned (based on the overlap between sequences), the contig is broken on the point where the repeat is not spanned.

2.3: consensus sequences of the contigs

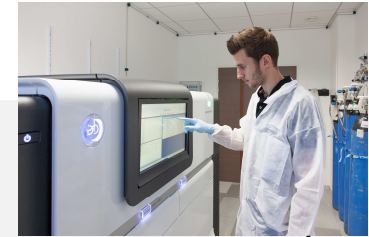
## 3) « Polishing » of the consensus contigs sequences

3.1: mapping of the raw data on the consensus sequences (**Blasr**)

3.2: correction of the consensus sequence based on the error rate model of the polymerase (**quiver**)



## PacBio raw data produced (April – July 2015)



B. Mayjonade

Raw data (407 SMRT cells)

| #     | MAX    | N50 BP | MEAN   | Gb         |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| 37,5M | 80,9kb | 13,7kb | 10,3kb | 367 (102x) |

Corrected reads (PBcR)

|     | #     | MAX  | N50 BP | MEAN   | Gb           |
|-----|-------|------|--------|--------|--------------|
| CR1 | 11,2M | 59kb | 13,6kb | 11,2kb | 125 Gb (34x) |

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Third of the raw data are conserved after correction and used for assembling





**WORLD WINNER**

**80 974 nucleotides**

UEFA  
PACBIO  
LEAGUE





New challenge



VS





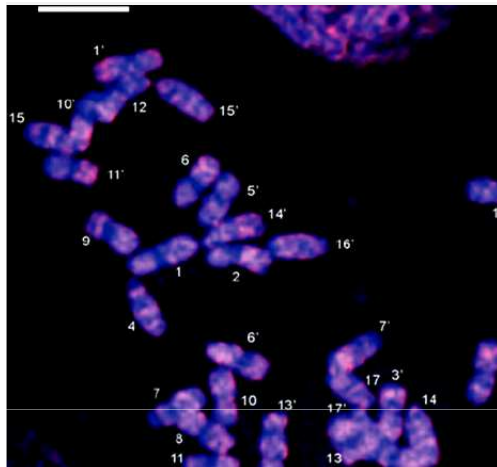
## Assembly result of the contigs

| #ctg   | MAX  | N50 BP | # > N50 | MEDIAN | Gb   |
|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|------|
| 13 124 | 4.4M | 498 kb | 1700    | 118 kb | 3.03 |

**→ 80% of genome in the contigs (No Ns)**

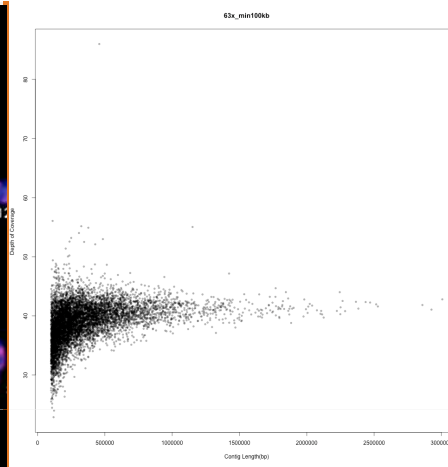
→ 20% not assembled (likely concatemers of rDNA, TE, telomeres, centromeres)

# From contigs to chromosome sequences



## Sunflower Genome

- 17 chromosomes
- 3.6G base pairs



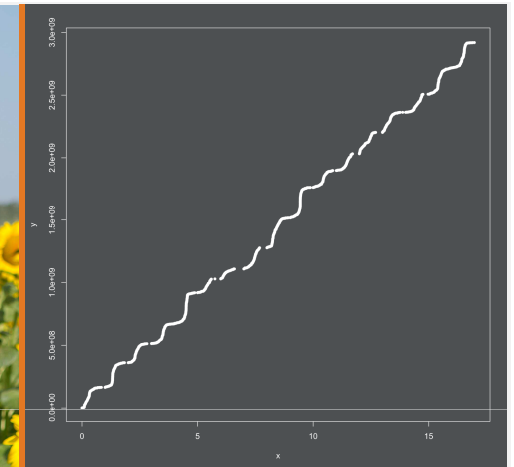
## Genome assembly

- 12,318 Contigs (putative chimeric contigs discarded)
- 2.93 Gb



## Chris Grassa

**FROM  
CONTIGS TO  
PSEUDO-MOLECULES**

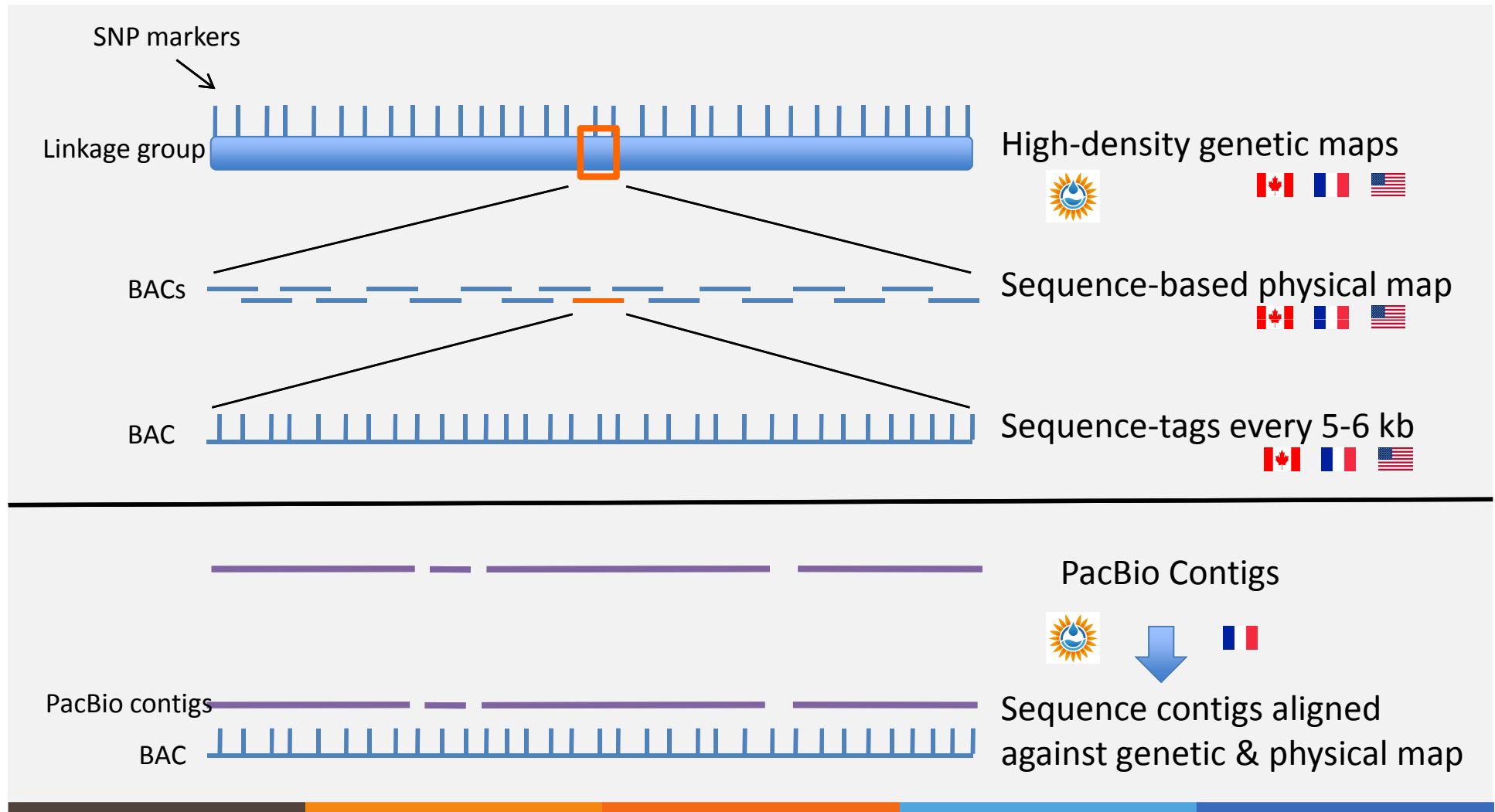


## Reference Genome

- 17 pseudomolecules
- +chloroplast and mitochondrion



# Chromosome production strategy





# Integration of High-Density Genetic Maps

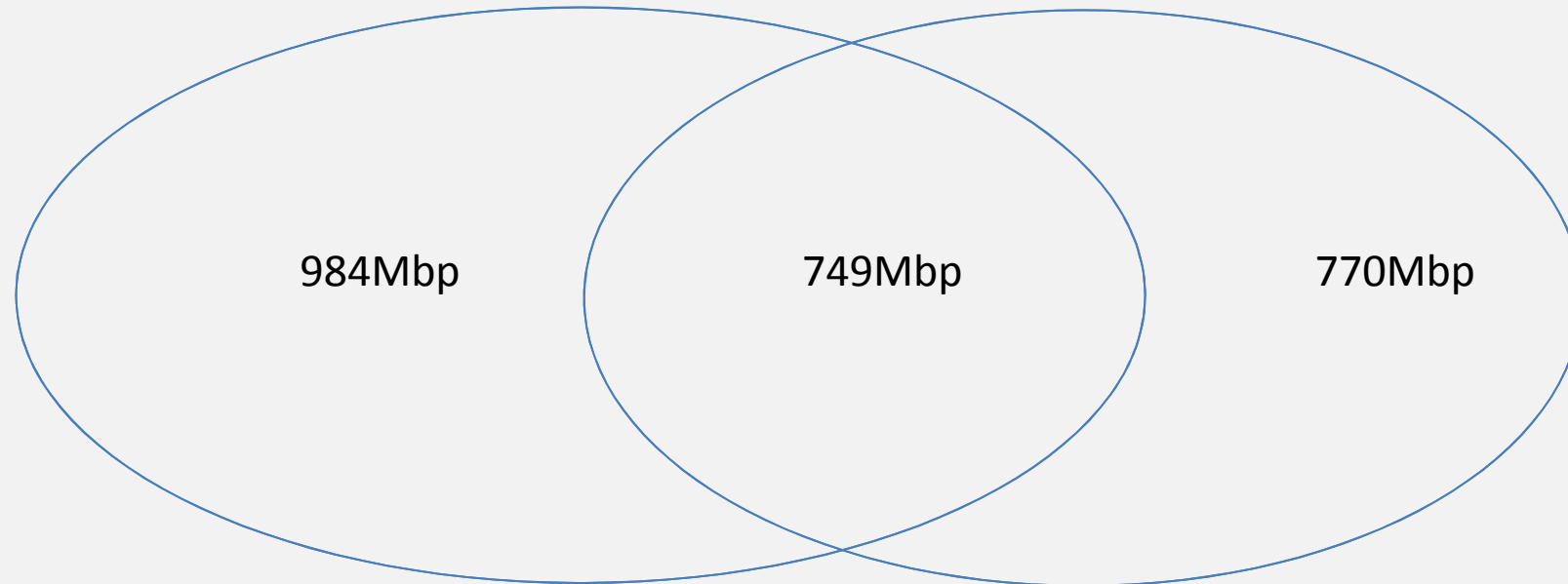
| <b>INRA</b><br>(Muños)  | <b>UGA</b><br>(Bowers)  | <b>USDA</b><br>(Talduker)  | <b>UBC</b><br>(Grassa)  |
|---|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 86,223 markers</li><li>• 3 Populations:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HA89 x LR1</li><li>- XRQ x PSC8 - 2014</li><li>- XRQ x PSC8 - 2015</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10,080 markers</li><li>• 4 Populations:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HA412 x RHA415</li><li>- HA412 x ANN1238</li><li>- NMS373 x Hopi</li><li>- RHA280 x RHA801</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5,019 RAD-tag markers</li><li>• 3 F2 Populations:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HA89 x RHA464</li><li>- B-line x RHA464</li><li>- CR29 x RHA468</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sequenced-based (~2.5M SNPs)</li><li>• 1 Population:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- RHA280 x RHA801</li></ul></li></ul> |



## Complementarity of genetic maps

UBC map  
#contigs: 12 209  
bp placed: 1 733 Mb

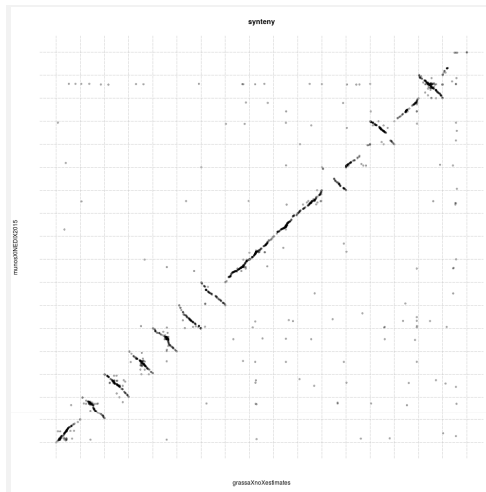
INRA 2015 map  
# contigs: 3 703  
bp placed: 1 518 Mb



Other maps (INRA 2014, UGA, USDA): 415Mb

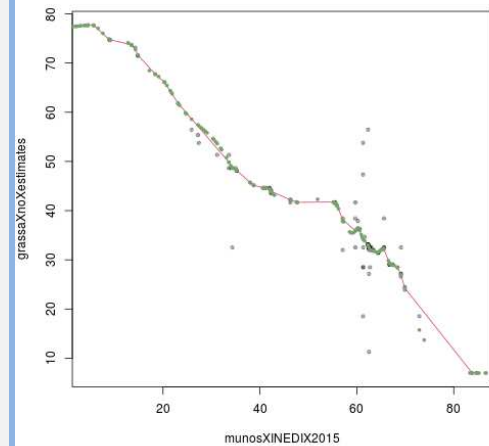
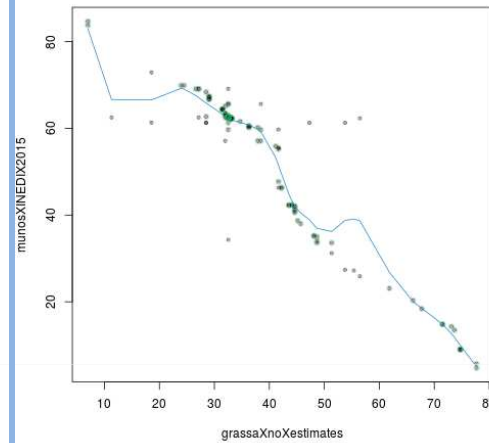
# Build Consensus Map Units

C. Grassa



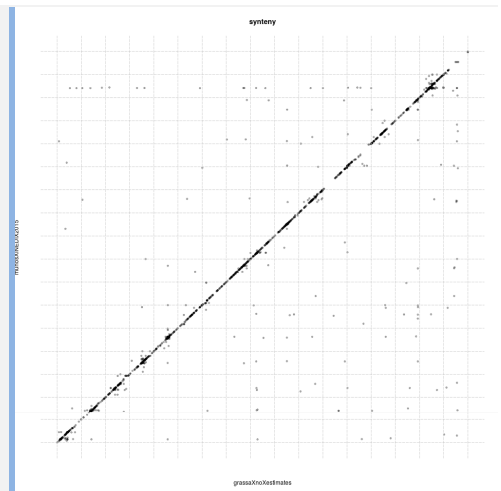
## Raw Maps

- Mostly agree
- Minor ordering differences
- Some LGs inverted
- Recombination rate varies



## Machine-learn consensus units:

- 1) Loose fit curve using contigs with markers in both maps
- 2) Drop outliers
- 3) Train model
- 4) Predict positions in consensus units



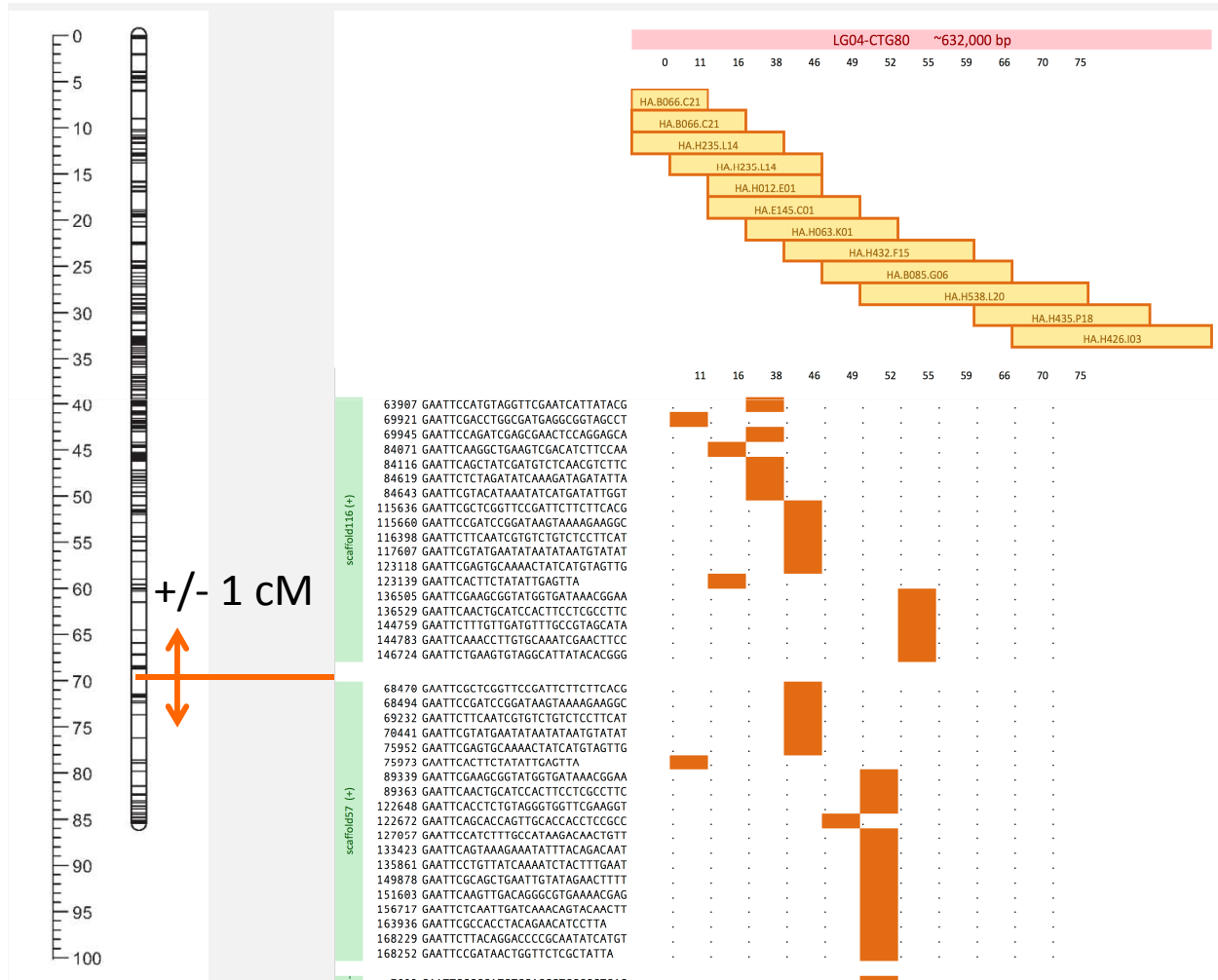
## Consensus Map

- Near colinearity
- **Common map units**





# Physical Map Scaffolding

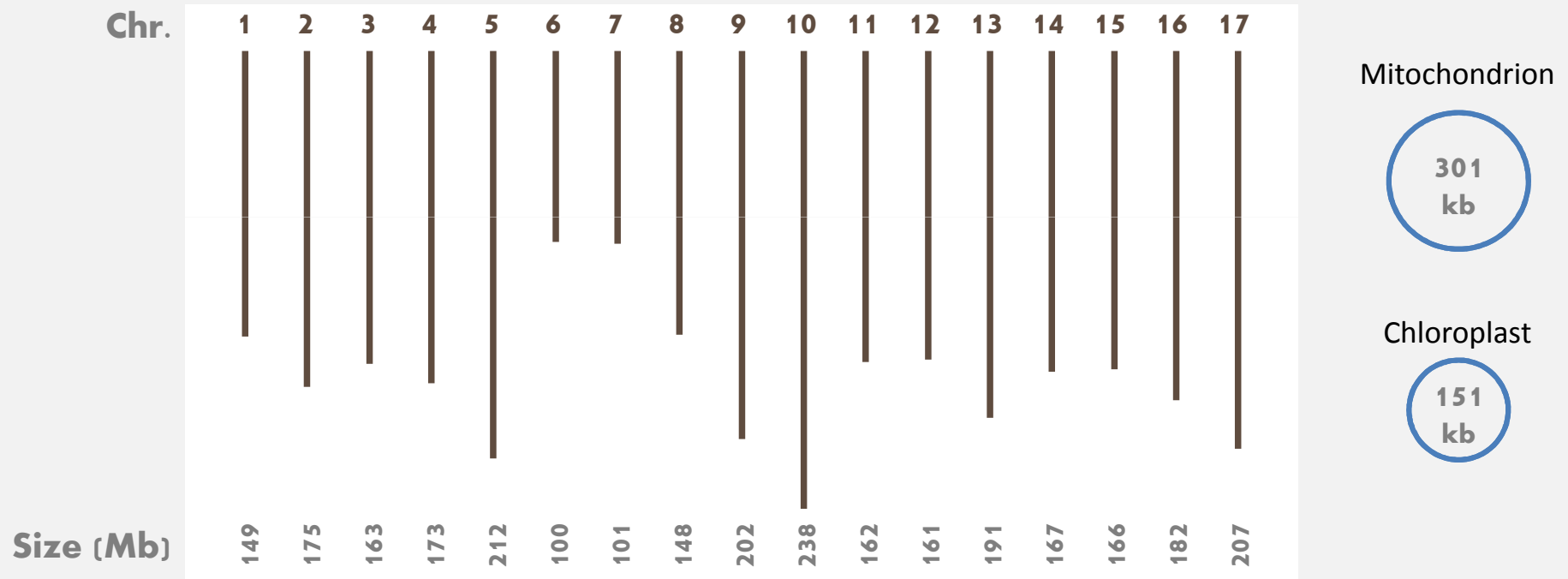


- Tags aligned to physical map with simple scoring scheme
- Reciprocal best hits seed the scaffold position
- Successive matches searched  $\pm 1$  cM from seed



# Sunflower reference genome (XRQ line)

3 027 Mb (3.38 % de N)



98.5% of contigs in the pseudomolecules



# Gene content and genome annotation

**61 RNA-Seq libraries** on the sequenced genotype (XRQ)

**Organ-specific** expression (12 organs)

**Abiotic stress** response: drought, osmotic stress, salt stress (in roots and leaves)

**Hormone regulation:** (9 hormones in roots and leaves)

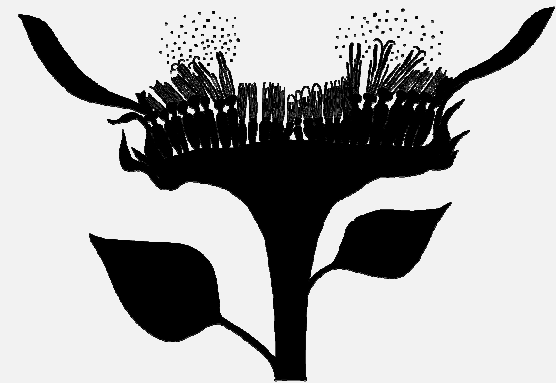
## Gene annotation

**52 243** protein coding genes (mRNA)

**4 945** lncRNA genes

**88** pre-miRNA genes (351 mature miRNA)

**862** tRNA and rRNA genes



**98% of transcripts mapped on pseudo-molecules**

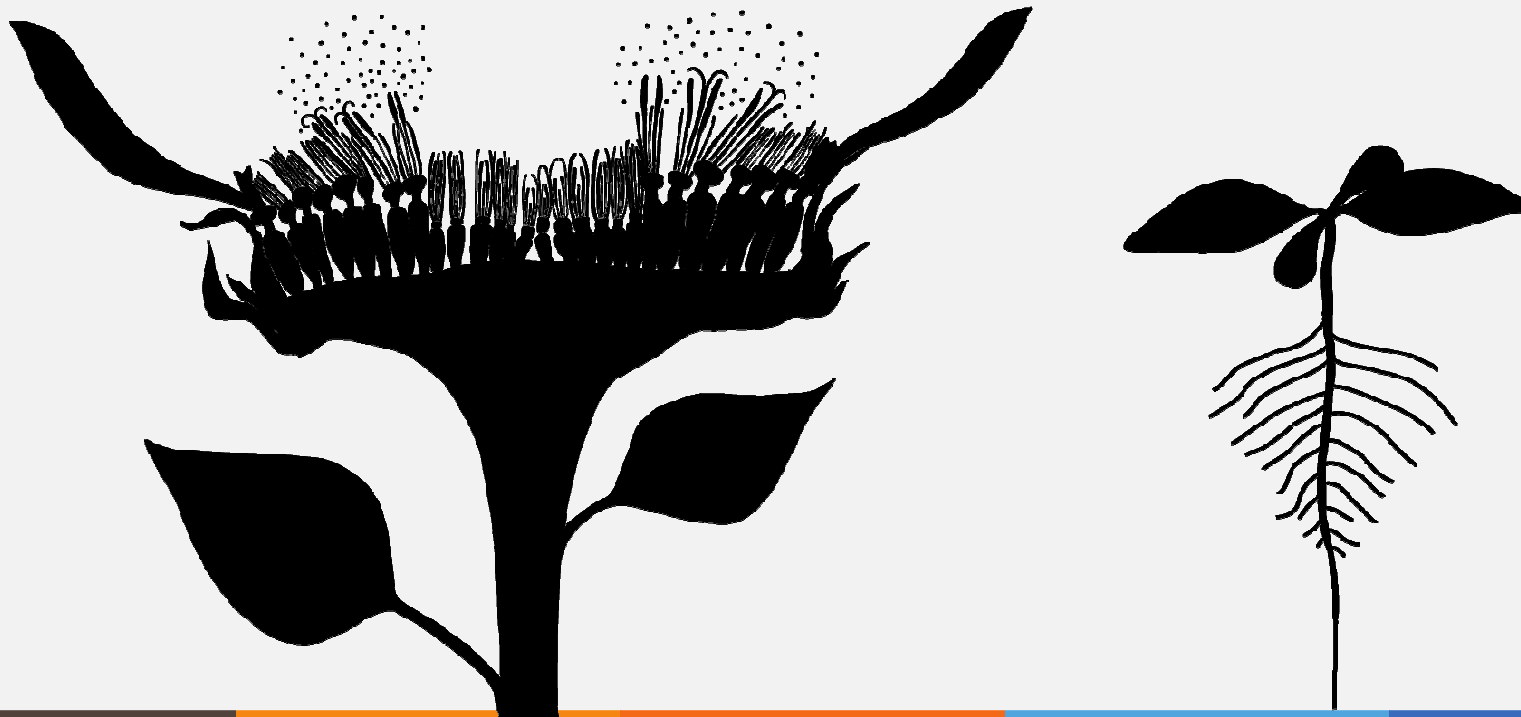


# User interface and data visualization

Expression data

Maintain access to raw count data

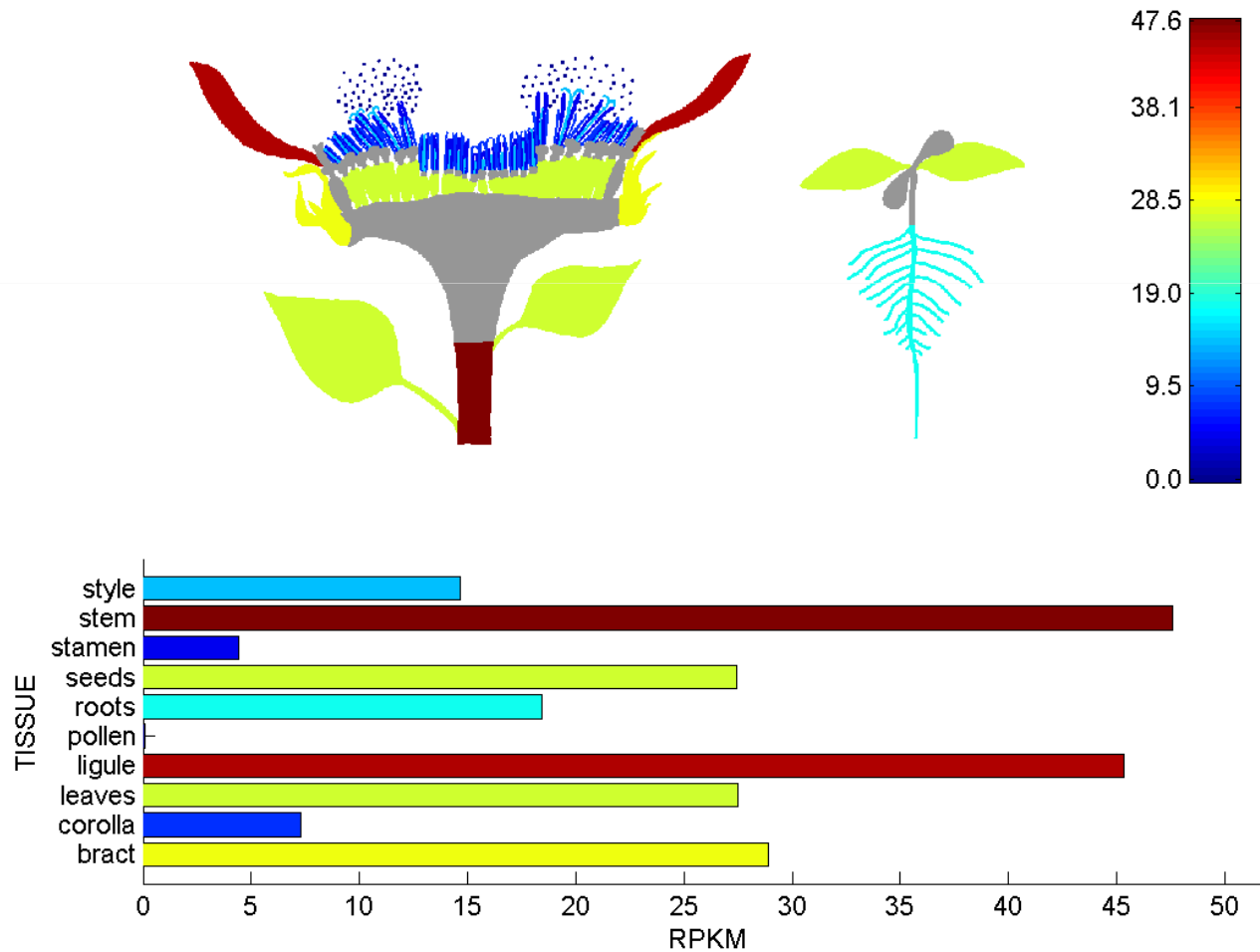
Integrate visualization on [www.heliagene.org](http://www.heliagene.org)



# User interface and data visualization

## Gene expression map

HaT13I000178 expression



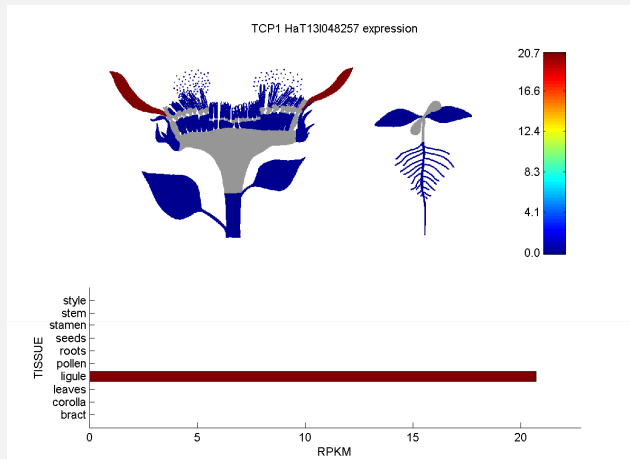
N. Langlade



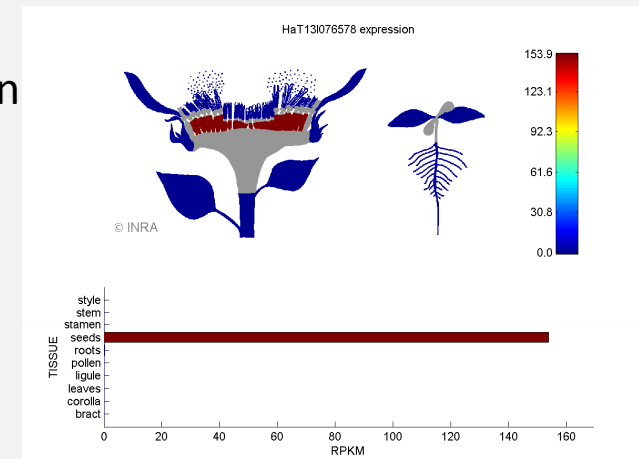
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## Examples of organ-specific genes

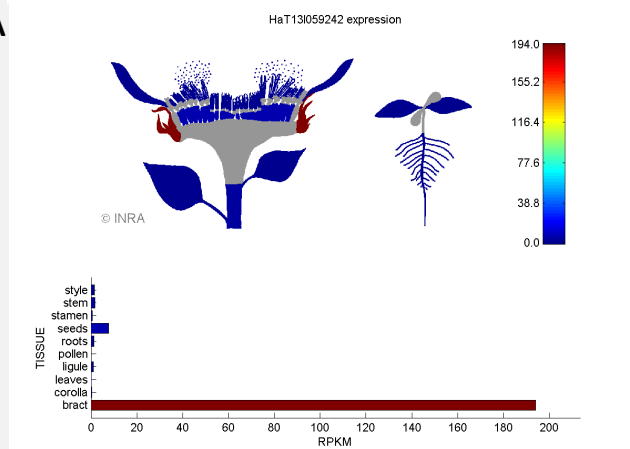
CYC1



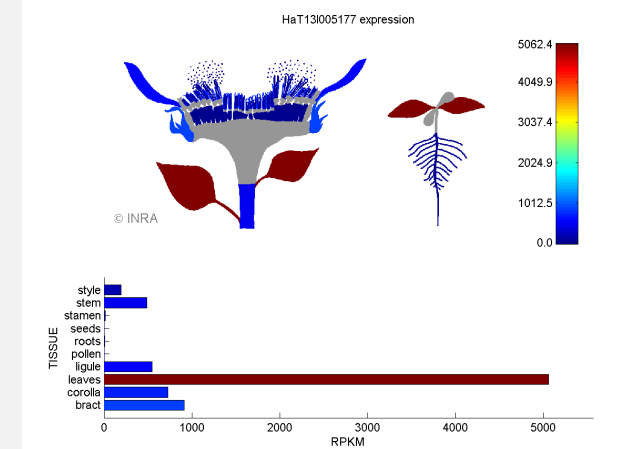
Glutenin



pre-miRNA



GAPDH





# What next for sunflower?

## Improving the sunflower assembly.

### **Optical mapping**

CNRGV-INRA Toulouse (N. Rodde, C. Chantry, H. Bergès)  
Irys system (Bionano) acquired in March 2016

**NRGene on HA412 line**





## What Next for sunflower?

**Several reference genomes are needed because, nor XRQ nor HA412 represent the overall genetic variations in sunflower**

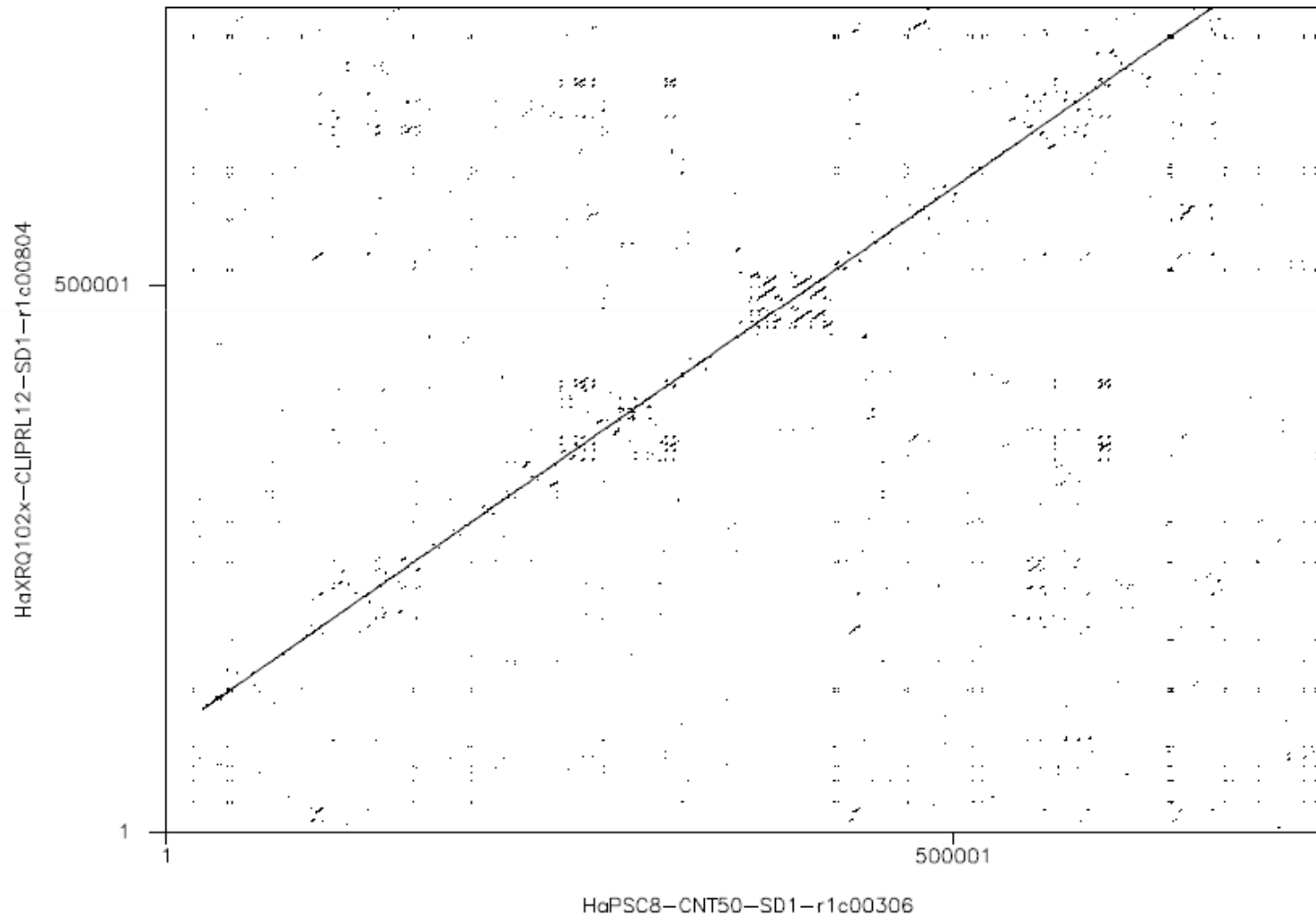
A first step : PSC8 sunflower line *de novo* sequenced (50X PacBio data, HeliOr project)

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| 26 273 | 2.5M | 223kb  | 3799    | 66 kb  | 3.15 |



# XRQ vs PSC8: some conserved regions

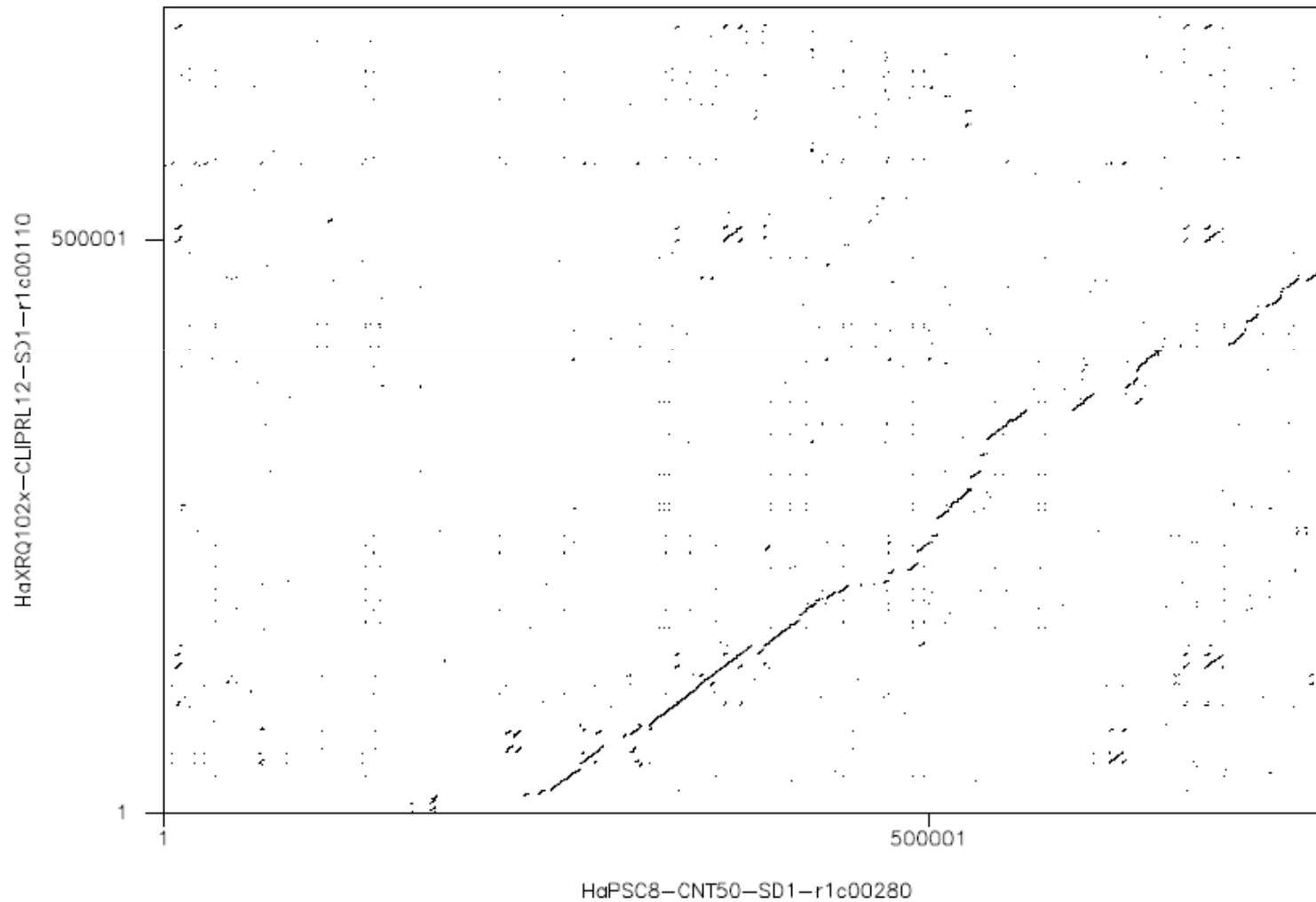
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# XRQ vs PSC8: regions with structural variations

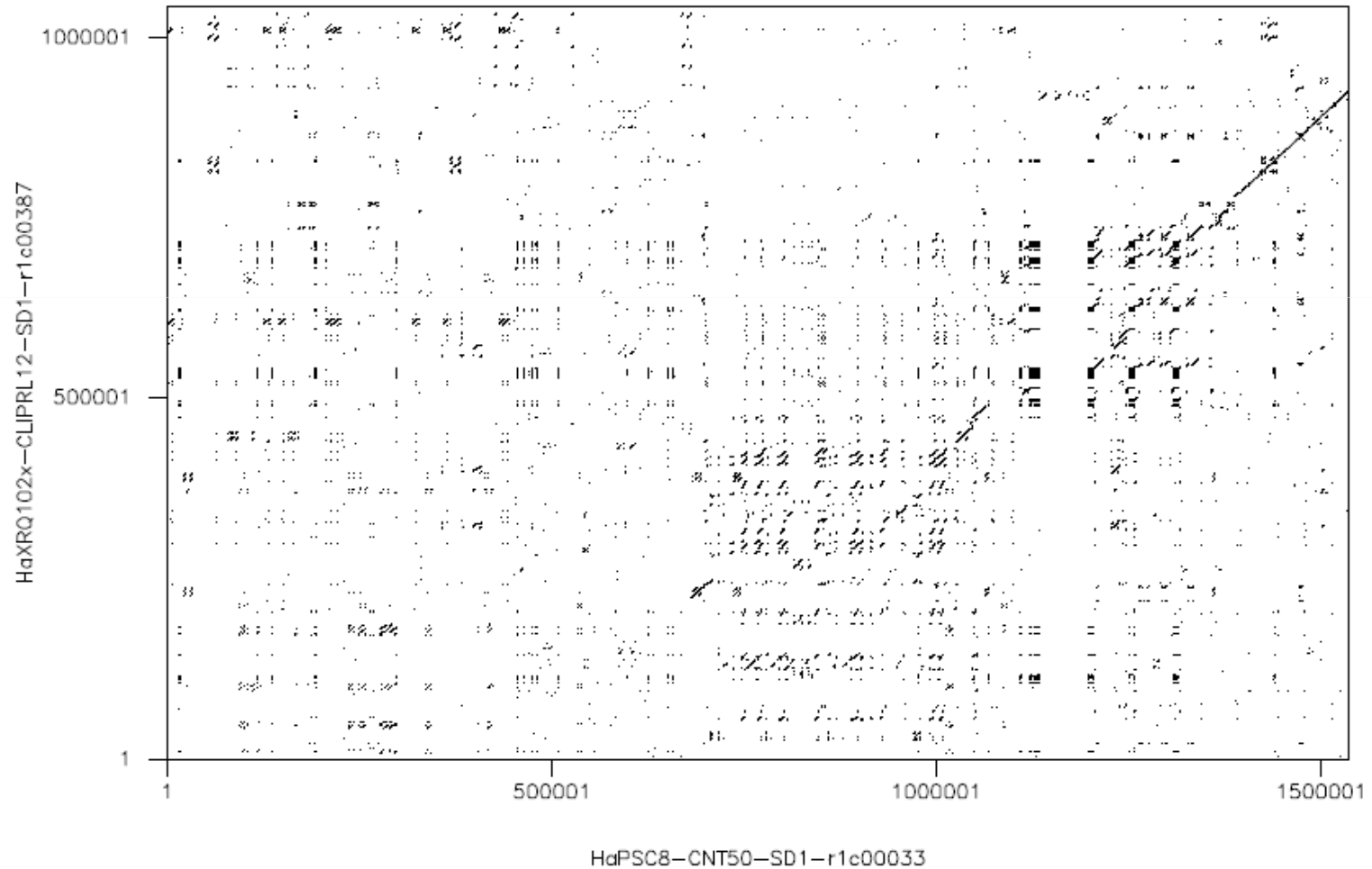
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# XRQ vs PSC8: highly divergent regions

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# Summary

A high quality genome sequence produced (XRQ line)

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Sunflower could be a model plant like tomato became for  
fleshy fruits!

But breeding and genetic research need more genomes to be  
sequenced and more tools and data.

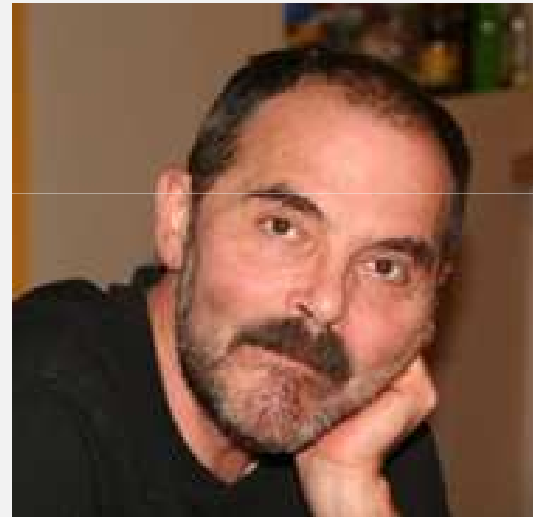


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# Thank you for your attention

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