Optical mapping to understand plant's genomes structure



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- In a context of climate change, population growth and limited energy resources, increasing **plant genomes knowledge** is essential for a better understanding of mechanisms driving plant adaptation and evolution
- Exploration of plant genomes remains challenging : high level of genome complexity
- Single reference genome is not enough : high intra-species variability
- Reliable sequence information linked to a trait of interest in specific genotypes is essential to understand the role of a genomic region in a phenotype



Plant genome sequencing success: Use complementary technologies

To obtain a high quality genome sequence, it is necessary to **combine** several **sequencing technologies**



- Long read sequencing: Pacific Bioscience or Oxford Nanopore technology
 Sequence information and skeleton assembly
- Illumina sequencing
 - ➔ Sequence accuracy



- Optical maps, Hi-C sequencing and 10X Genomics
 - ➔ Scaffolding





Collaboration projects at the CNRGV

Whole genome sequencing project **BAC library / HMW DNA / Optical maps**





International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium





Characterization of specific genomic region of interest

QTL cloning/ Sequence capture/ Optical maps



Optical mapping



The BioNano Irys / Saphyr system

Direct visualization of long DNA molecules (> 100 kb)

Real physical distance information

Applications:

Whole Genome scaffolding

Visualization of Structural Variations



genome map



The Optical Mapping Service at CNRGV

Since 2016 : 29 optical maps for 14 species



- 2017 :
 - ✓ 8 species
 - ✓ 15 optical maps
- S. Arribat 🗸 6
- ✓ 6569 Gb of molecules

2018-2019 : Installation of the Saphyr

- ✓ new species
- ✓ More comparative projects
- $\checkmark\,$ Structural variation to tackle the biodiversity
- $\checkmark\,$ Optical maps to help narrow down a QTL?

Tomato genome: PacBio with optical map

BspQI Raw data: 120X, N50 = 250 kb >150kb: 85X, N50= 350kb Nb label /100kb= 7,3 BssS1 Raw data: 180X, N50 = 205 kb >150kb: 115X, N50= 260 kb Nb label /100kb= 9,9

With PacBio data (RS2 system)

	PacBio Assembly	Optical map BspQ1	Hybrid scaffold BspQ1	Optical map BssS1	Hybrid scaffold 2 Step
Count	743	301	74	444	40
N50 length (Mb)	3,4	3,7	17,7	2.7	34
Total length (Mb)	0.79	0,77	0,79	0,88	0,82
			x 10		

Tomato: Mohamed ZOUINE; Sequencing at Get- PlaGe Genotoul

PacBio compared with 10x genomics: the Tomato genome

10X data (Illumina HighSeq)

	PacBio Assembly	Optical map BspQ1	Hybrid scaffold BspQ1	Optical map BssS1	Hybrid scaffold 2 Step
Count	24500	301	116	444	80
N50 length (Mb)	1,8	3,7	9,8	2.7	17
Total length (Mb)	0.79	0,77	0,77	0,88	0,84
			x 10		

→ 10x genomic N50 (1.8 Mb) is smaller than PacBio (3.4 Mb) but the result is still very good for 10 times less money
 Same improvement than with PacBio data (X10)
 Several advantages: few DNA (10-20ng) and same DNA for optical maps and 10X genomic

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The optical map to improve the Genome sequence assembly



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Bionano Technology Revolution: DLE





The optical map to improve the Genome sequence assembly



- Species: Helianthus annuus Sunflower
- 3.6 Gb



N. Langlade

- 2n=34 chromosomes
- Genome sequence >100X PacBio (XRQ genotype)

# contigs	LEN Max	N50 BP	#>N50	MEDIAN	BP
12 318	3,35 Mb	524 kb	1 684	120 kb	2,93

=> 80% of the genome inside contigs

Gouzy et al., 2016

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

The 2-steps hybrid scaffolding strategy improves significantly the resulting N50

	PacBio Assembly	BioNano BspQ1 Assembly	Hybrid scaffold BspQ1	BioNano BssS1 Assembly	Hybrid scaffold 2 Step
Count	12318	2228	1430	4287	1069
Median length (Mb)	0.120	0.999	1.442	0.551	1.914
N50 length (Mb)	0.524	1.979	2.87	0.968	4.166
Max length (Mb)	3.35	More t	han 7 fold in	crease	24.670
Total length (Mb)	2930	3191	2922	3112	2960
% genome	81%	88%	81%	86%	82%

A new revolution: optical map with Direct Labelling Enzyme (DLE)

	Statistic	Original BNG	Original sequence	Sequence used in hybrid scaffold	Hybrid scaffold	Hybrid A + leftover unscaffolded sequence
	Number of maps	69	11676	8738	25	5317
DLE-1	N50 (Mb)	175.21	0.52	0.46	176.33	175.95
	Total length (Mb)	3057.67	2926.51	2792.45 (95.42%)	3000.44	3134.36

2359 cuts were made on 1167 sequences during chimera detection.

Cuts can be due to chimera or allelic difference.



Genome assembly improvment: sunflower XRQ



→ Validation of the optical map assembly versus the NGS assembly

→ XRQ genome: 17 scaffolds representing the 17 chromosomes

Optical map with the Saphyr and the DLE

Essential tool to scaffold and validate the plant genome sequences assembly

→ Genotype comparison at the genome level is feasible

Optical maps to study structural variations between genotypes: from the megabases (chromosomes) to the kilobases level (genes and repeated sequences)

Optical maps to study structural variations: Sunflower genotypes comparison

Optical map assembly with DLE1

Sample	XRQ	LSS	LSR	Arikara	wild sunflower
Data collected (Gb)	310	360	360	380	313
Assembly size (Gb)	3,06	3,05	3,07	4,92	5 <i>,</i> 43
Genome map N50 (Mb)	175	175	9,9	77,9	55,3
Coverage*	101	118	117	77	58

*estimation based on the assembly size

5 sunflower genomes with optical maps assembly at the chromosome level

Definition of variable and conserved region amongst the chromosomes
 Suceptible (LSS) vs resistant genotype (LSR) structural variation analysis to understand resistance mechanism

Optical map alignment of 2 sunflower genotypes

Preliminary analysis: alignment of XRQ genome (upside) and LSS optical map (downside) using Refaligner software



All the chromosomes can be aligned and conserved region (bleue) vs less conserved (black) can be observed



To evaluate the genetic difference between genotypes

Understanding the resistance of Sunflower to a parasitic plant



- Orobanche cumana : root-parasitic plant
- Important yield loss for sunflower crops in Europe
- Identification of QTL controlling the parasitic plant

Where is the region of interest ?



The region of interest is in a variable region that do not align with the LSR genotype
→ Several structural variations (inversion, translocation) more than insertion or deletion
→ This software do not analyse structural variation



Identification of true variants between LSR and LSS

Pipeline developped by bionano to identify true variants

Structural Variation Results between LSR (anchor) and LSS (query)

SVs	LSS to LSR (ref)
Insertion	2457
Deletion	2472
Inversion breakpoints	20
Inter-chr translocation	3 (further interpreted)
Intra-chr translocation	0

Indel with confidence > -1, Inversions with confidence >0, translocations with confidence >=0.1



Detection and Visualization of large genomic rearrangement



An example of insertion



Cross Strain Molecule Check:



Structural variations examples



The way we use the optical maps



patterns:

reveal insertion, deletion, inversion,

translocation of genome segments

- Specific labeling such as epigenetic, telomere, gene cluster ...
- Evaluate the possibility to construct optical map starting from a population of individuals and compare with another pop. : "core optical map" to highlight dedicated structural variations explaining a specific phenotype?





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Comparison of NRLS and DLS technologies on the building of LSR and LSS optical maps

	LSR007 Assembly NRLS labelling ¹	LSS007 Assembly NRLS labelling ¹
Réalisation	CNRGV	CNRGV
Median length (Mb)	0,76	0,59
Mean length (Mb)	1,0	0,79
N50 length (Mb)	1,4	1,1
Total length (Gb)	3,2	3,1
Effective coverage of assembly (x)	88,9	94,3

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 \rightarrow Better metrics and contiguity with the new chemistry DLS

Optical maps to study structural variations at the genome level

De novo genome map assemblies

Sample	LSR (120X)	LSS (70X)	LSS (120X)
Labelled with	DLE-1	DLE-1	DLE-1
Data collected (molecules >150 kb)	362 Gbp	214 Gbp	345 Gbp
Molecules N50 (molecules > 150 kb)	299 kbp	314 kbp	317 kbp
Assembly size	3.07 Gbp	3.05 Gbp	3.05 Gbp
Genome map N50	9.88 Mbp	21.27 Mbp	174.93 Mbp

Structural variations analysis

SVs	LSS to LSR (ref)
Insertion	1946
Deletion	1955
Inversion breakpoints	6



Structural variations examples



=> How to be more efficient in focusing on genomic regions?

Focusing on a genomic region of interest in Sunflower



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- QRM1 controls quantitative resistance to downy mildew Susceptible (HA412) /Resistant (XRQ)
- Establishment of a genetic map (0.4 cM window on LG10)
- Markers definition on the QMR1 locus
- XRQ : *in silico* analysis of the 2Mb sequence on chromosome 10 (based on 20 markers alignment) composed of 14 scaffolded Pacbio contigs separating by N gaps (10k missing nucleotides)



Comparison of the XRQ genome vs HA412 BAC clones



Optical maps to solve conflicts in the assembly

Alignment of the contig against the BioNano assembly of XRQ genome



On this targeted region, Optical Bionano map allowed:

- to orientate some contigs
- to correct scaffolding of the PacBio contigs

Comparison of the XRQ genome vs HA412 BAC clones



- Validation of the collinearity between XRQ and Ha412 sequences on QRM1 locus
- High variability observed: 2 major insertions of several hundreds kb in XRQ
- Annotation of the 2 sequences and comparative analysis are under progress (9 candidates genes have been identified)

Genomics to help agriculture facing challenges

Toward a better understanding of plant genome's structure by combining complementary approaches



Dedicated tools to better understand the role of regions of interest



- Genetic map
- Specific markers available in the region of interest
- Physical map established on other genotypes

 Optical maps
 BAC library from various genotypes
 Sequence Capture





- Physical caracterisation of regions of interest
- Isolation of the region of interest
- Identification of the region
- Comparison with reference map



Alignment comparison

Sunflower DLE1 optical maps

DNA extraction : key step

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LSR007





How to check the best Q of the HMW gDNA?

LSS007

DNA extraction : key step

Sample	XRQ	Arikara	NB1	Broomrape
Data collected (molecules >150 kb)	310 Gbp	319 Gbp	300 Gbp	229 Gbp
Assembly size (non-haplotype-aware)	3.06 Gbp	4.64 Gbp	6.89 Gbp	3.31 Gbp
Genome map N50	175 Mbp	2.24 Mbp	4.33 Mbp	9.96 Mbp



Criteria to check the best Q of the HMW gDNA? Size? Range of sizes? Purity? There is no standard protocole but we need standard procedure to check Q

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Plant's genome exhibits high levels of complexity

6x

 \rightarrow Large genome size

 \rightarrow High level of transposable elements

\rightarrow Polyploïdy



Various targets for crop improvement



Yield potential and yield stability
 Reduce inputs...

Adaptation to climate change
✓ abiotic tolerance...





> Durable resistance to biotic stress

✓ Virus, fungi, new desases...



➢ Quality

✓ Grain protein content, nutritional needs ...

Various targets for crop improvement



Most research projects aim at linking genotype to specific phenotype :

- Exhaustive sequence information on whole genome not required
 - Reliable and quality information of the specific region necessary
 - Structural variations related to a phenotype are essential to understand biological process (important genetic diversity)

Genome assembly improvement to help linking genotype / phenotype

- Sunflower proves again to be a highly complex genome, showing very high diversity between genotypes

One reference genome is not enough!

- Despite long reads sequencing, assembly (scaffolding) has to be checked when working on reference genomes

- Optical map allowed to validate major rearrangements between the 2 genotypes

 Proven interest of complementary approaches (NGS – optical map – BAC)