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Sequencing the genome of the French wheat variety Renan

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G. Doussinault, J. Jahier, M. Bernard et al. (1980's 90's 00's)

□ Genome assembly: steps and techno



□ *Triticeae* refseq current status (09/2022)



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Abstract

Background: The sequencing of the wheat (Triticum aestivum) genome has been a methodological challenge for many years owing to its large size (15.5 Gb), repeat content, and hexaploidy. Many initiatives aiming at obtaining a reference genome of cultivar Chinese Spring have been launched in the past years and it was achieved in 2018 as the result of a huge effort to combine short-read sequencing with many other resources. Reference-quality genome assemblies were then produced for other accessions, but the rapid evolution of sequencing technologies offers opportunities to reach high-quality standards at lower cost.

Results: Here, we report on an optimized procedure based on long reads produced on the Oxford Nanopore Technology PromethION device to assemble the genome of the French bread wheat cultivar Renan.

Conclusions: We provide the most contiguous chromosome-scale assembly of a bread wheat genome to date. Coupled with an annotation based on RNA-sequencing data, this resource will be valuable for the crop community and will facilitate the rapid selection of agronomically important traits. We also provide a framework to generate high-quality assemblies of complex genomes using ONT.

Keywords: wheat, hexaploid genome, long-reads, nanopore sequencing, genome assembly, haplotype characterization, introgressions

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□ Step#1: sequencing



□ Step#2: read assembly



□ Step#3: scaffolding



□ Assembly metrics

* Metrics

- Genome size=14.3 Gb
- 2904 scaffolds (=138/chr)



* Quality Assessment

Genes: 98% CS genes found TEs: 92% CS ISBPs found QV: lower (99.95% accuracy) than NRGene-based assemblies (99.99%)

□ Step#4: pseudomolecule construction



2904 scaff

- 1. CS-guided
- 2. HiC



21 chromosomes

X not efficient enough to build a chromosome-scale assembly



□ Step#4-1: CS-guided pseudomol construction



□ Step#4-1: CS-guided pseudomol construction □ Step#4-2: HiC corrections Renan

HiC

□ Step#4-2: HiC corrections



- 18 chimeric scaff
- 198 scaff with correction of location and/or orientation

 21 chr + chrUn 61 Mb (<1%)



Renan Refseq_v2 versus 10 wheat genomes







\circ $\,$ Predicting genes is still NOT routine

GDEC Clermont, France – *Rimbert Leroy Choulet et al.* **PGSB** Munich, Germany – *Spannagl Twardziok et al.* **EI** Norwich, UK – *Swarbreck Venturini et al.*

IWGSC RefSeq (Chinese Spring)

• 107,891 genes







⊗ HighConfidenceGenesv1.1 (GOMAP annotation available)	
Sorghum bicolor	•
Hordeum vulgare var. distichum	
🔇 Aegilops tauschii	
S Triticum urartu	
⊗ Brachypodium distachyon	
S Oryza barthii	
S Zea mays +	
⊗ Triticum aestivum RNA-Seq (Pingault et al. 2014)	
S EMBL EST of Triticeae	+
S FgeneSH predictions	



denovo gene annotation not adapted to pangenomics

$_{\odot}\,$ Gene projections / Annotation transfer



denovo gene annotation not adapted to pangenomics

Gmap vs whole genome introduces mis-alignment errors

Develop MAGATT pipeline

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Pipeline used to tranfert gene annotation (GFF3) between different versions of assemblies.

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MAGATT pipeline

Marker Assisted Gene Annotation Transfert for Triticeae. Snakemake pipeline used to transfert GFF annotation on a new assembly with a fine target mapping approach.

Install the pipeline

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□ MAGATT (Marker-Assisted Gene Annotation Transfer for Triticeae)





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□ Introgressions





TE dynamics

 PhD Nathan Papon (2019-2022)

Daron et al. 2015

Daron et al. Genome Biology 2014, 15:546 http://genomebiology.com/2014/15/12/546



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Organization and evolution of transposable elements along the bread wheat chromosome 3B

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Wicker et al. 2018

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Impact of transposable elements on genome structure and evolution in bread wheat		
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Structural Variations Affecting Genes and Transposable Elements of Chromosome 3B in Wheats

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TE modeling with CLARITE and ClariTeRep

https://github.com/jdaron/CLARI-TE





Near-complete **TE turnover** since A-B-D divergence

Wicker et al. Genom Biol 2018





Families

- A-B-D balanced proportions
- > 0 family specific to 1 subgenome



Independent TE evolution in the diploids AA, BB, DD

> Some rare cases of TE amplif in the tetraploid AABB



Most families were active since A-B-D divergence

> Equilibrium

Hypothesis of a structural role of TEs likely under selection pressure?

Genomic variability affecting TEs in wheat using assembled genomes

PhD Nathan Papon (2019-2022)



• Material = multiple RefSeq now available



IWGSC 2018 Walkowiak et al. 2020 Guo et al. 2020 Aury et al. 2022

Avni et al. 2017 Maccaferri et al., 2019

Ling et al. 2018

Luo et al. 2017

o Method



Extent of variability affecting TEs



- 5%..15%
- B > A > D
- No genome expansion/contraction •-----





Recent TE insertions

~4,000-13,000 transposition events / subgenome (<1% of the genome)</p>



Impact of polyploidy?

➢ none

How many families were active recently?

346 active families (=99.7% of all TEs)



20 most abundant

families

#specific TE insertions





Conclusions

- No genome expansion/contraction due to TE transposition
- No impact of polyploidy
- No TE burst
- All families were active recently
- Transposition rate is stable
- > Equilibrium
- > Role of TEs in genome architecture under evolutionary constraints

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