

Axiom Arrays and AgriSeq NGS Genotyping Offerings for Wheat

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Agenda

1 Introduction to Thermo Fisher Scientific

2 Solutions for Genotyping

3 Our offerings for Plant Genotyping

4 Customer Use Applications / Publications



Agribusiness at Thermo Fisher Scientific protecting our food supply



Genotyping for plants and animals

Participate in the improvement of plant and animal production through genetic selection



Solutions for diseases

Rapidly find diseases that affect farm animals, plants, and the environment to secure global food sources



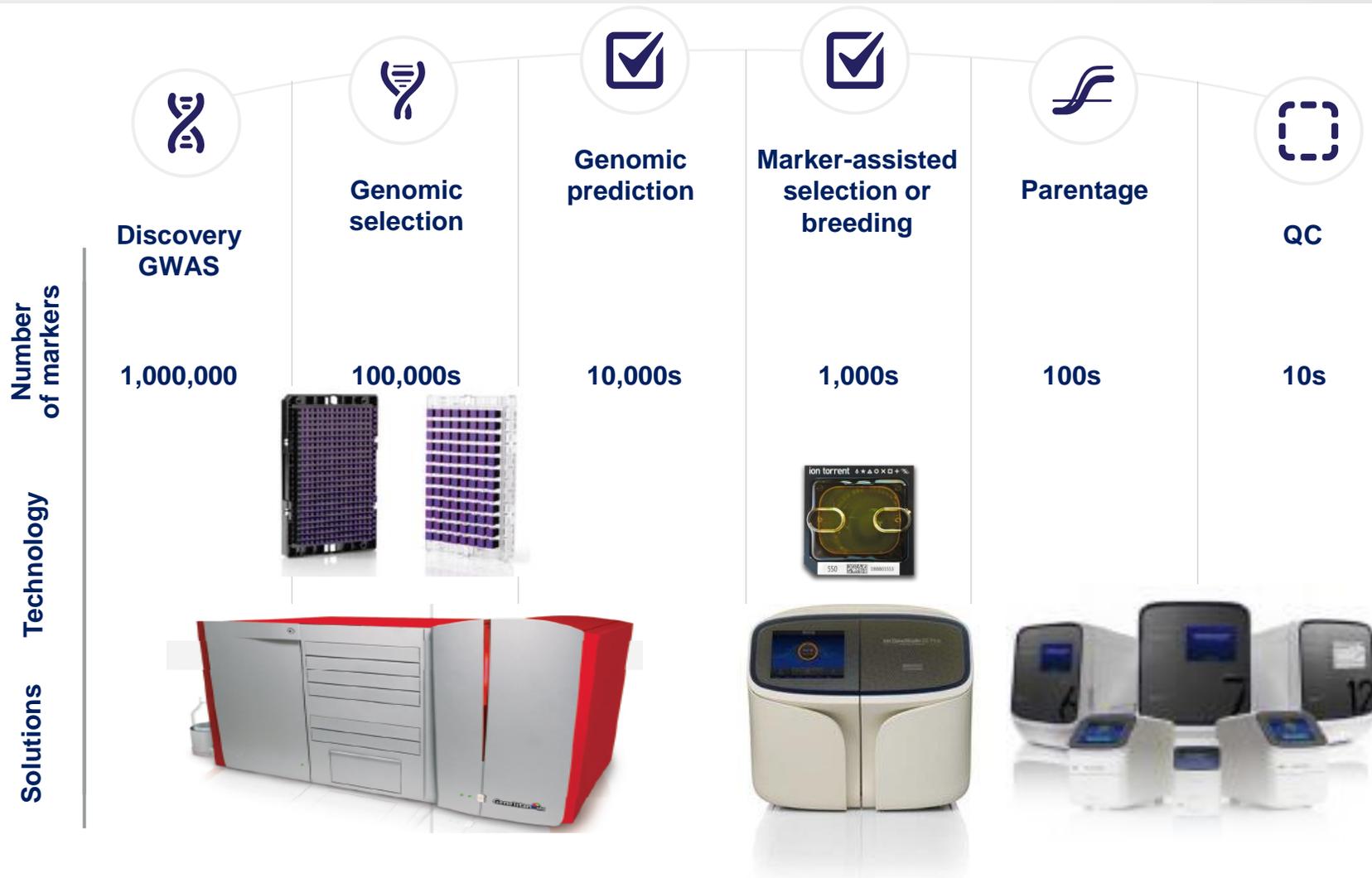
Helping to prevent disease spread

Detect zoonotic diseases to help prevent spread

Providing solutions for customers serving agriculture



Solutions Across the Agrigenomics Continuum



✓ Known targets

✓ Mid to High density

✓ Multiplex

Dedicated to scientific partnership with customers

Genotyping balance

Breeding considerations

Genotyping solutions

- Fast
- Affordable
- Robust
- User-friendly
- **Targeted genomics**

Cost

End-to-end
customized
solutions

Sample number

High throughput → low cost

Marker number

Reliability → Resolution HD → Application



Applied Biosystems™ Axiom™ Genotyping Solution



SNPs, indels, CNVs



SNP discovery initiatives



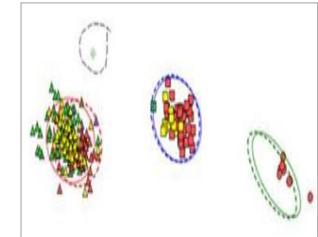
Applied Biosystems™
Axiom™ Reagent Kit
Robust and reliable assay



Target prep
Automated and manual
protocols



Applied Biosystems™
GeneTitan™ MC Instrument
Automated, hands-free array processing



Applied Biosystems™ Axiom™
Analysis Suite Software
Automated genotyping



>10,000 high-density markers for GWAS, genomic selection and prediction, CNV, and polyploidy

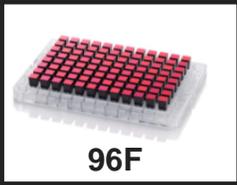
Applied Biosystems™ Axiom™ arrays for Wheat

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DATA SHEET Axiom Wheat HD Genotyping Arrays

Axiom Wheat HD Genotyping Arrays

Whole-genome high-density (HD) genotyping for global hexaploid wheat lines



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Applied Biosystems™

Axiom™ Wheat HD Genotyping Arrays

Catalog number: 550492

Related applications: [Microarray Analysis](#)

[Technical Support](#) | [Customer Service](#)

Catalog Number	Unit Size	Price (USD)
✓ 550492	1 plate	Contact Us



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Applied Biosystems™

Axiom™ Wheat Breeder's Genotyping Array

Catalog number: 550524

Related applications: [Microarray Analysis](#)

[Technical Support](#) | [Customer Service](#)

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Partnership with a leading university

- Development of 2 wheat arrays
- Searchable SNP database at CerealsDB

Axiom™ Wheat HD Genotyping Array (819k SNPs)

- 100,000 SNPs from 10 elite cultivars
- 290k SNPs from elite cultivars and landraces
- 650k from hexaploid bread wheat, *T. urartu*, *Thinopyrum* spp., and *Aegilops* spp.

Axiom™ Wheat Breeder's Genotyping Array (35k SNPs)

- Most-utilized subset of SNP markers
- Based on international CIMMYT material

Axiom™ BreedWheat 35K Array (35k SNPs)

- Developed by E. Paux in France
- Diverse elite material from French and worldwide sources



Axiom Wheat Breeders 35k Array Cited in Literature



Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com)

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In silico quality assessment of SNPs—A case study on the Axiom® Wheat genotyping arrays

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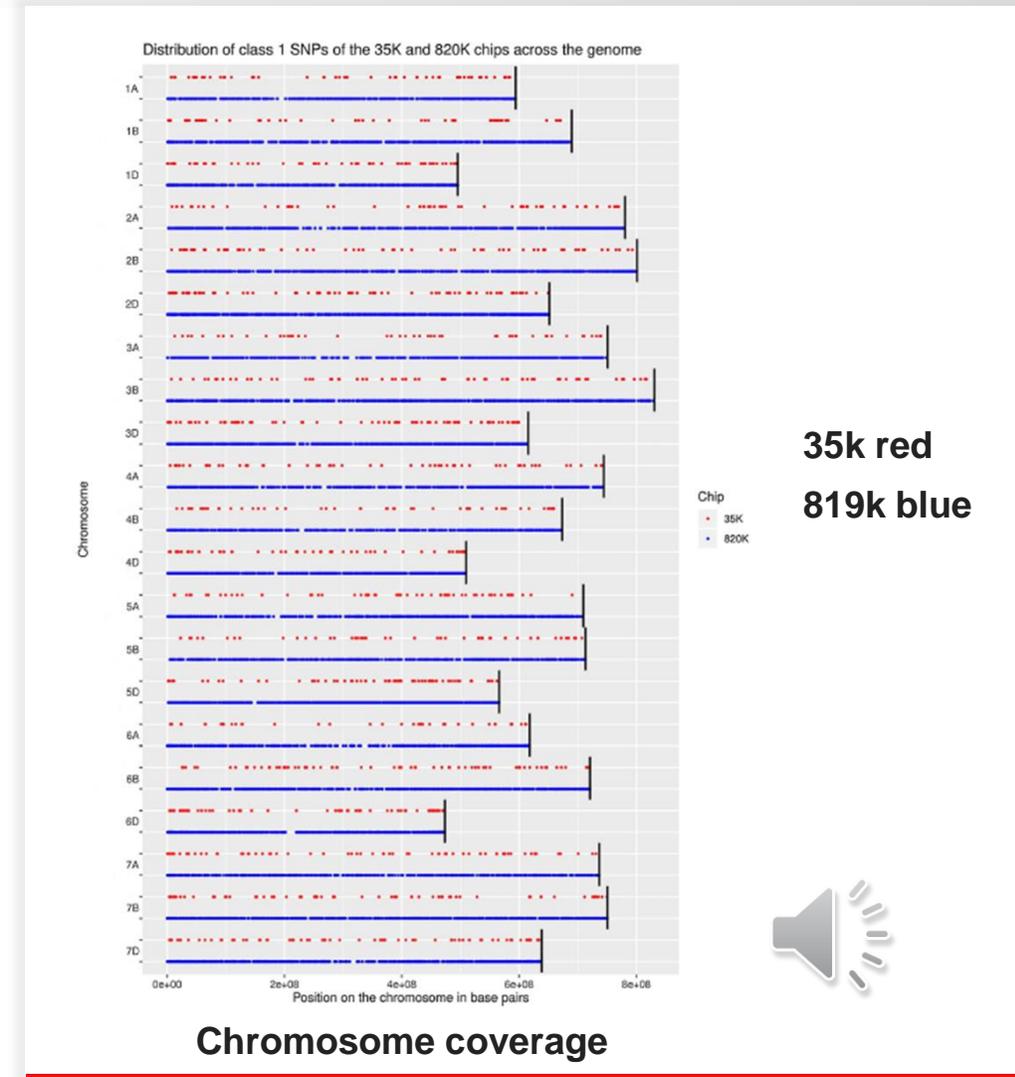
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Check for updates

Genomic variant identification

- Axiom Wheat HD Genotyping Array (819k)
- Axiom Wheat Breeder's Genotyping Array (35k)
- Wheat polyploid (hexaploid $2x = 6n = 42$)
- **Good equidistant genome coverage**
- **Future utility of Axiom Wheat Breeder's Genotyping Array for use in genotyping hexaploid wheat**

Lange T, et al. (2020) *In silico* quality assessment of SNPs—A case study on the Axiom® Wheat genotyping arrays. *Current Plant Biology*. doi.org/10.1016/j.cpb.2020.100140. This article is distributed under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License \(CC BY 4.0\)](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/).

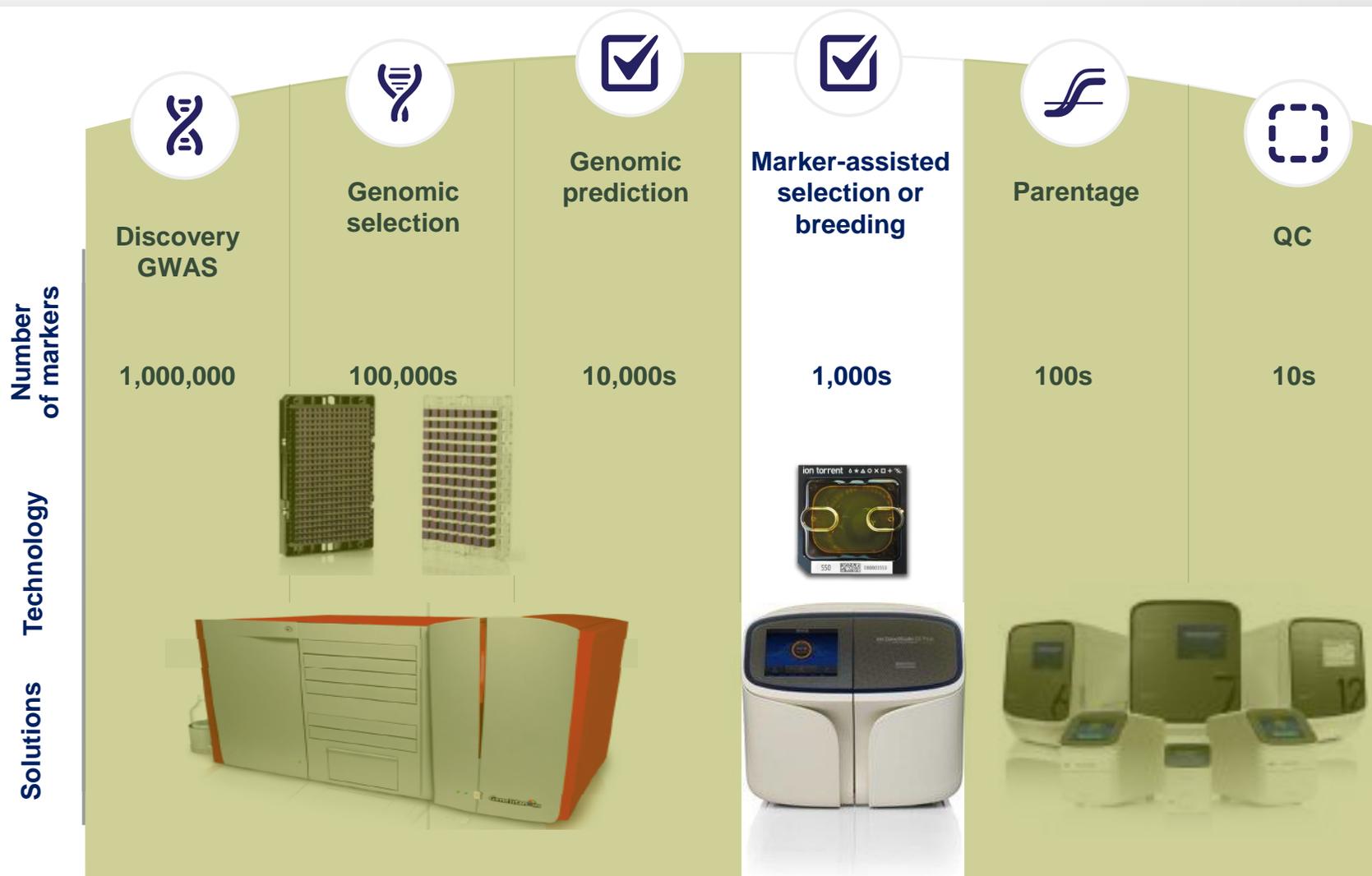


AgriSeq NGS and Axiom array workflow

	Technology	Number of markers	Workflow	Applications
 <p>Applied Biosystems™ AgriSeq™ NGS</p>	<p>Targeted genotyping with next-generation sequencing (NGS)</p>	<p>50–5,000; targeted genomic regions</p> <p>Pilot program provides support</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Custom panel design 2. Library prep—manual or automated 3. Template on Ion Chef™ system 4. Sequencing to data in 2.5 hours 5. Data collection 	<p>Targeted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Biosystems™ TaqMan™ single-marker assay • QTL mapping and discovery • Genomic association • Genomic selection • Routine screening • Lower cost per data point
 <p>Applied Biosystems™ Axiom™ arrays</p>	<p>Microarrays</p>	<p>Up to 660,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted probe • Custom design • Catalog design • 600k in 96-well format • 70k in 384-well format 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design custom array or choose from catalog 2. Run in-house or in a service lab 3. Data turnaround from service lab 	<p>Comprehensive discovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery > SNP selection • Catalog designs available • Over 400 custom designs • QTL mapping • GWAS • Single-marker TaqMan Assay • Genomic selection • Genomic prediction



Solutions across the agrigenomics continuum



-  **Known targets**
-  **Mid-density**
-  **Multiplex**

Dedicated to scientific partnership with customers

AgriSeq GBS is custom-designed for your targets



Multiplex 50–5,000 markers in a single tube



Compatible with:

- Single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)
- Multi-nucleotide polymorphisms (MNPs)
- Indels



Design maximizes:

- Analytical specificity
- Efficiency
- Multiplex compatibility



Dedicated bioinformatics team experienced with agricultural genomes

Success with a wide variety of species

Significant species with successful panel designs

Plants

- Barley
- Cacao
- Canola
- Chilies
- Chickpea
- Corn
- Cucumber
- Eucalyptus
- Oats
- Oil palm
- Onion
- Pearl millet

- Pine
- Rice
- Sorghum
- Soybean
- Spinach
- Spruce
- Sunflower
- Tomato
- Watermelon
- Wheat
- Groundnut
- Coconut

Animals

- Bovine
- Canine
- Feline
- Equine
- Ovine
- Chicken
- Porcine
- Salmon
- Trout
- Black fly
- Turbot

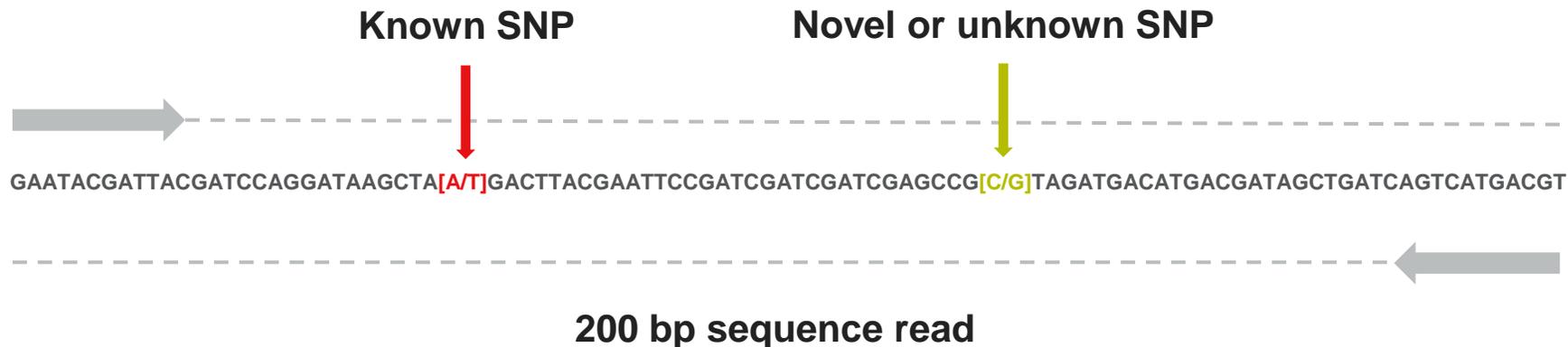
Flexibility to update panels—add or delete markers

>300 custom panel designs for over 70 species in plants, animals, and aquaculture



Identification of novel SNPs by AgriSeq GBS

AgriSeq GBS
generates ~200 bp
of flanking
sequence



If desired, additional variants can be utilized for additional analysis



Confirmation of novel variants



Utility for additional linkage analysis



Generation of microhaplotypes for improved marker specificity or enhanced discrimination in parentage testing and/or traceability analysis

Applied Biosystems™ AgriSeq™ targeted GBS

Sample prep



Custom panels



Standardized manufacturing—
scalable from 6k to 200k
reactions/lot

Library prep



Increased throughput of 3,072
samples/day/sequencer

Sequencing



Ion 550™ Chip enables
120M reads, at
2 runs/day/sequencer

Data analysis



Applied Biosystems™
AgriSum™ Toolkit plugin:
data summarization and
visualization; polyploid
and structural variants

Interpretation made easy with the AgriSum Toolkit

Panel summary

Number of markers	535
SNP	476
DEL	40
INS	14
MNP	3
COMPLEX	2
Number of amplicons	513
Mean coverage	533x
Mean call rate (Mean CR)	94%

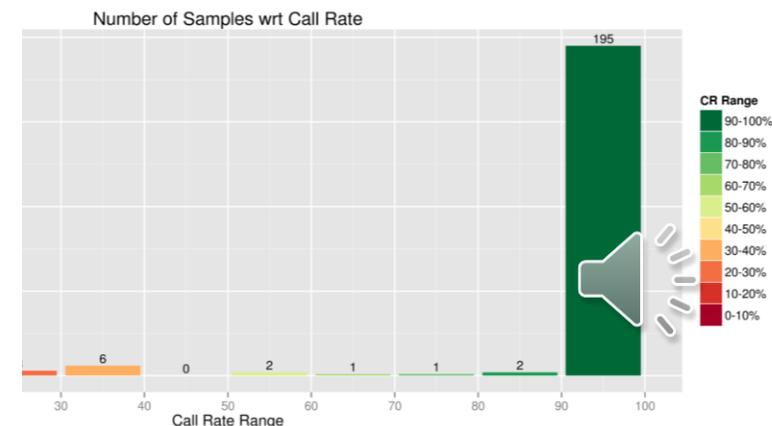
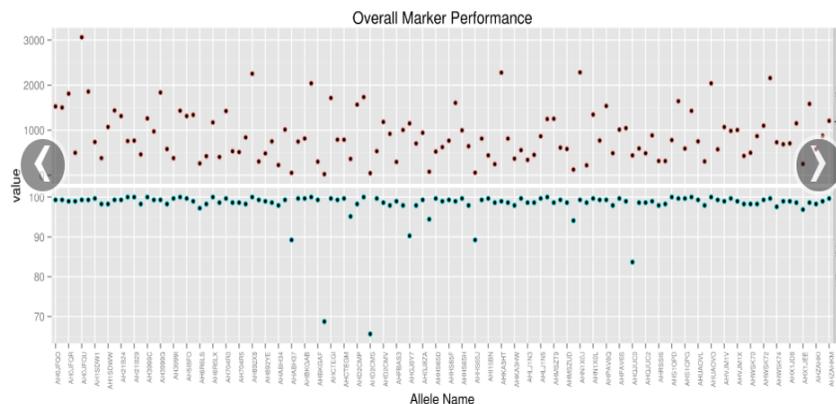
Marker summary

Number of markers	535
# markers = 100% CR	0
# markers = 98–100% CR	0
# markers = 95–98% CR	154
# markers = 90–95% CR	369
# markers = 80–90% CR	7
# markers = 50–80% CR	5
# markers = 10–50% CR	0
# markers = 0–10% CR	0
# markers = 0% CR	0

Sample summary

Samples run	288
# markers = 100% CR	0
# markers = 98–100% CR	46
# markers = 95–98% CR	103
# markers = 90–95% CR	64
# markers = 80–90% CR	39
# markers = 50–80% CR	19
# markers = 10–50% CR	5
# markers = 0–10% CR	11
# markers = 0% CR	1

- ✓ Genotype matrix
- ✓ Top/bottom format
- ✓ Parentage format



Supporting genotyping continuum at ICRISAT

International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)

Dr. Rajeev Varshney

Needs from ICRISAT

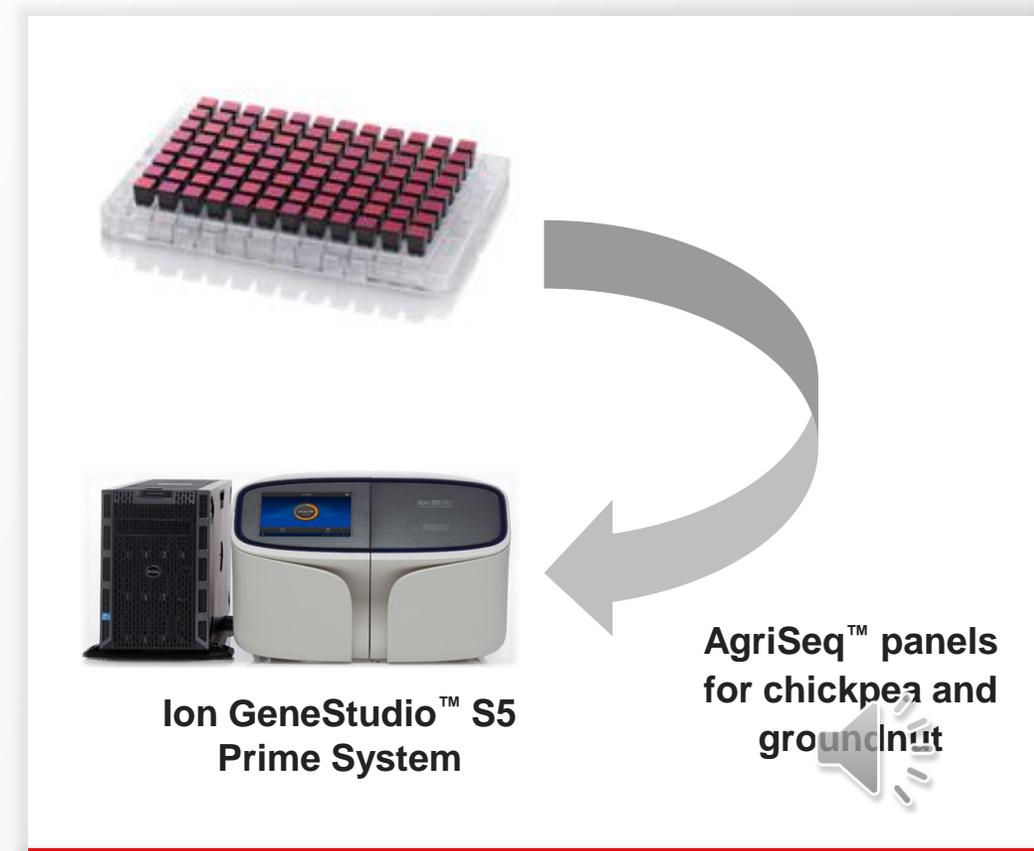
- Studying crops from semi-arid regions: chickpea, groundnut, and pigeon pea
- Exploring highly customizable and affordable SNP genotyping solutions
- Developing panels for marker-assisted selection for their breeding teams

Development path

- **Whole-genome sequencing**—build native-variety reference genomes
- **Axiom microarrays**—GWAS and genomic selection
- **AgriSeq™ targeted genotyping by sequencing (GBS)**—low-density 5K panels for diversity and selection

What resonated with ICRISAT and why?

- **Flexible content**—helps provide low- to medium-density genotype data
- **Affordable cost and turnaround time**—support their breeding needs
- **Collaborative partnership**—developing panels and analysis tools



USDA Wheat 5k AgriSeq Panel

5.1k Markers with 212 Trait Markers

- **Developed by 4 USDA Genotyping Labs NA**
- Winter and Spring Wheat
- **Several Market Classes**
 - Soft White, Hard Red, Soft Red
- **5,174 SNPs and INDELS**
 - Coverage 2.9 Mbp
 - 294 SNPs per Chromosome
- **212 Trait Markers**
 - Disease, Agronomic, Quality Traits



Chromosome	SNPs	Average Distance
Chr1A	286	2,089,406
Chr1B	300	2,326,800
Chr1D	201	2,488,088
Chr2A	245	3,214,442
Chr2B	332	2,450,638
Chr2D	214	3,063,823
Chr3A	491	2,722,065
Chr3B	332	2,565,597
Chr3D	475	4,350,685
Chr4A	704	3,279,589
Chr4B	202	3,346,202
Chr4D	96	5,378,628
Chr5A	309	2,305,916
Chr5B	376	1,905,327
Chr5D	163	3,506,626
Chr6A	227	2,747,197
Chr6B	289	2,516,512
Chr6D	154	3,229,386
Chr7A	330	2,260,558
Chr7B	248	3,091,370
Chr7D	210	3,068,650
Totals	294	2,947,976

Trait Category	# SNP Markers	Trait Description
Agronomic	11	Rht genes, maturity, earliness, plant height
Pathology	38	Resistance genes for Leaf rust, Stripe rust (Yr5/15), Stem rust, FHB, Cre8CCN Nematode R
Physiology	73	Vernalization, Photoperiod sensitivity, AI tolerance, Alpha amylase
Quality	16	Gluten content/strength, PPO, PPD
Other	74	CAD, Cfn, GLG, Jsc, KASP, mAsSNP, QYr, TSn
Total	212	

Power of experience—AgriSeq GBS pilot program

Run a proof-of-concept pilot project to see for yourself



Statement of work



In silico design review

1

Project scoping
1–2 weeks



2

Custom panel design
4–6 weeks



3

Panel manufacturing
2–3 weeks



4

Wet-lab verification
2–3 weeks



Data review

End-to-end project management



Catalog AgriSeq panel development

Consortia-based catalog crop panels

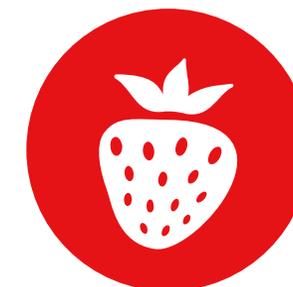
→ We are Working with Several Government Agencies

→ Wheat, Canola, and Soy Consortia Groups

→ Developing AgriSeq targeted sequencing panels

→ Publicly available for major crops

- Wheat
- Maize
- Soybean
- Barley
- Canola
- Rice
- Strawberry
- Tomato
- Pepper
- Melon
- Coffee
- Peanut



Watch our videos for customer testimonials

The screenshot shows the ThermoFisher Scientific website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ThermoFisher Scientific logo, a search bar, and links for Contact Us, Sign In, Quick Order, and a shopping cart icon. Below the navigation bar, there are links for Popular, Applications & Techniques, Shop All Products, Services & Support, About Us, and Cloud. The main content area is titled "Agrigenomics Videos" and features a breadcrumb trail: Home > Life Sciences > Agricultural Biotechnology > Agrigenomics > Agrigenomics Videos. A large banner image displays "Agrigenomics videos" with three smaller images: a black cow, cotton bolls, and corn cobs. Below the banner, there is a search bar with the text "Find a video of interest:" and a dropdown menu for "Select presentation". A list of video thumbnails is shown, with the first one titled "Yield testing in the lab" by Tom Osborn, Director of Molecular Breeding Technology at Monsanto. The video description states: "Genotyping at Monsanto has been transformed through a series of technology innovations to the current state of automated workflows that deliver high-volume genetic data for key decisions in product advancement. Some recent innovations utilizing genome-wide selection and data from genotyping by sequencing have led to our ability to conduct yield testing in the lab. The success of this new workflow is dependent on collaborations with internal and external technology partners to deliver scalable, low-cost, and rapid lab processes." A "See video" link is provided below the description.

Empowering Global Agriculture

Advancing vegetable breeding with AgriSeq targeted genotyping by sequencing

- Hans Peter Koelewijn, Scientist, Genetics, Bayer Vegetable Seeds

Use of the Axiom and Eureka genotyping platforms to fill a gap in low to medium density genotyping

- Jason Nichols, PhD, Principal Scientist, Molecular Analytics, Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC

Advancement in sunflower breeding using an optimal genotyping-by-sequencing AgriSeq panel designed for QTL mapping and genomic selection

- Farhad Ghavami, PhD, Vice President, Agrigenomics, Eurofins BioDiagnostics Inc.

AgriSeq technology: T-GBS as a potential tool for molecular breeding approaches—a practical overview by GDM Seeds

- Gaspar Malone, PhD, Biotechnology Research Manager, GDM Seeds

50K Axiom SNP microarray allows high-quality genotyping of coffee, cashew, cassava, Brazilian pine, and eucalyptus

- Dario Grattapaglia, PhD, Senior Research Scientist and Project Leader, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA)

Determination of purity and quantification of varietal components through AgriSeq targeted GBS

- Dr. Carlos Azambuja, Director, GENIA

Questions?



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