

A tutorial introduction into the MIPS PlantsDB barley&wheat databases

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MIPS PlantsDB tutorial

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some exercises

Please go to:

<http://mips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/plant/genomes.jsp>

Tutorial objectives

- Search and navigate the MIPS PlantsDB instances
- Understand triticeae data concepts&contents and access
- Search and navigate the triticeae GenomeZippers
- Learn how to use the CrowsNest Synteny browser
- Use BLAST to identify candidate genes
- Download batch files to your local machine for further analysis

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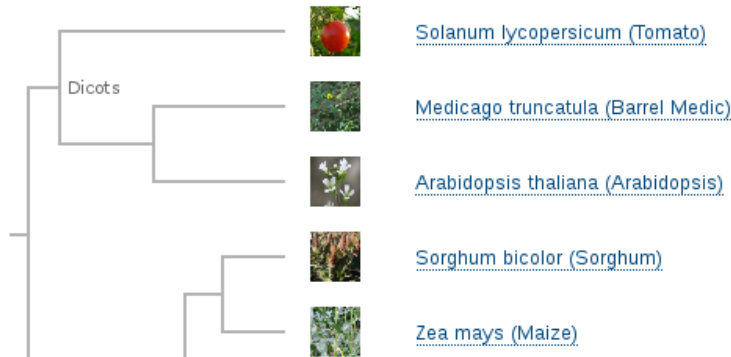
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Access to species
databases

MIPS plants databases

The MIPS plant genomics group focuses on the analysis of plant genomes, using bioinformatic techniques. To store and manage the data, we developed a database, PlantsDB, that aims to provide a data and information resource for individual plant species. In addition PlantsDB provides a platform for integrative and comparative plant genome research.

PlantsDB databases:



[Solanum lycopersicum \(Tomato\)](#)

[Medicago truncatula \(Barrel Medic\)](#)

[Arabidopsis thaliana \(Arabidopsis\)](#)

[Sorghum bicolor \(Sorghum\)](#)

[Zea mays \(Maize\)](#)



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News

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An article about the repeated polyploidization of Gossypium genomes and the evolution of spinnable cotton fibres has been published online in [nature](#) on Dec. 20, 2012.

nature.com

Major Breakthrough in Deciphering

Exercise 1

Go to the MIPS PlantsDB home page at

<http://mips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/plant/genomes.jsp>

- Find all information available in PlantsDB about the **Barley** gene „MLOC_67600.1“
 - On what contig is it located?
- How many **Barley** genes do you find searching for „WUSCHEL-related homeobox“?

Exercise 2

Find details about a gene in the MIPS
PlantsDB barley DB

- Find all **barley** genes carrying the annotation „Alpha-glucosidase“ and open the gene report of the fourth hit (MLOC_68876.3)
- Identify the **putative orthologs** in other plant species and **putative paralogs** in barley – how many are there and for what organisms do you find some? (hint: use *gene family information*)
- **Download** the genes **protein and CDS sequence**

Exercise 3 - background

- *Brachypodium distachyon* is a model organism for related, but much more complex *triticeae* species such as wheat and barley.



Exercise 3

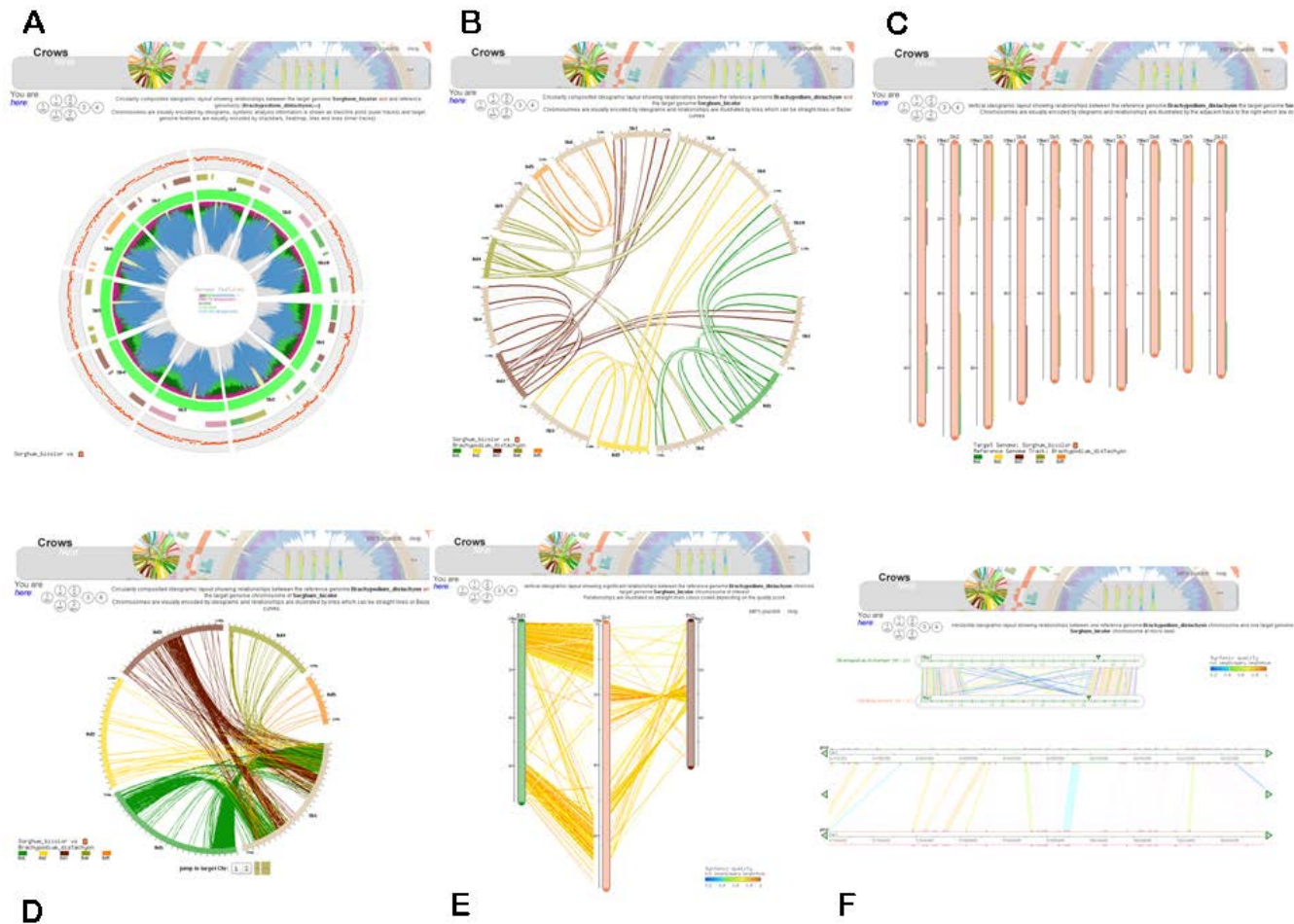
Query complex genomes using reference organisms – the barley „GenomeZipper“

- Can you identify the (approximate) location of the **barley** locus orthologous/syntenic to the **brachypodium gene „Bradi2g39900.1“** on the barley genome?
- What chromosome is it on, what is the appr. cM position? What marker is responsible for this anchoring?
- Are there any other genes in this syntenic position?

Exercise 4 - background

- Many related plant genomes share long stretches of conserved gene order: synteny
- This feature can be used to transfer knowledge from model to crop organisms
- Visualization of synteny is needed: CrowsNest tool
 - Displays pre-calculated syntenic regions
 - Browse from macro- to micro-synteny levels
 - Integration of add. features such as Ka/Ks, gene families, density and heatmap plots

Exercise 4 - background



<http://mips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/plant/crowsNest/index.jsp>

Exercise 4

Explore syntenic relationships between related plant genomes – the ***CrowsNest tool***

- Open the gene report of the Brachypodium gene from exercise 3: **Bradi2g39900.1**
- Start CrowsNest by clicking „*CrowsNest_SytenyToBarley*“ and explore the syntenic relationship of this gene region with barley
- What barley region is syntenic to the Bradi2g39900.1 gene region, what chromosome and what gene? Is there an inversion on that chr.?

Exercise 5

Search for homologous genes in **barley** for your own sequence – BLAST tool

- Download the DNA sequence from:

ftp://ftpmips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/plants/user_training/UnknownGrassSeq.fa

- Use BLAST to identify the best matching barley (HC) gene model for this sequence:

<http://webblast.ipk-gatersleben.de/barley/viroblast.php>

- Remember the found barley gene identifier and search for it in MIPS PlantsDB barley

Exercise 5 continued

Search for homologous genes in **barley** for your own sequence – BLAST tool

- What kind of function does the barley gene likely perform?
- What functional domains (PFAM, Interpro) are annotated for that gene?

Exercise 6

Query complex genomes using reference organisms – extract **wheat** genic sequence

- Download the DNA sequence from:

ftp://ftpmips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/plants/user_training/UnknownGrassSeq.fa

- Use BLAST to identify the best matching representative grass gene model for this sequence:

<http://mips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/plant/wheat/uk454survey/searchjsp/index.jsp>

- Extract&download the wheat sub-assembly sequences for the identified rep. Grass gene

Exercise 6 continued

Query complex genomes using reference organisms – extract **wheat** genic sequence

- Open the downloaded file
- What kind of information do you find encoded in the gene fragment identifiers?

Exercise 7

Download bulk genome data from MIPS PlantsDB

- Download all the protein sequences annotated for the barley genome
- Is there any categorization for these genes (such as confidence classes)?
- What kind of additional data is available as bulk download for barley?