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# The *Ashbya gossypii* Genome as a Tool for Mapping the Ancient *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Genome

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We have sequenced and annotated the genome of the filamentous ascomycete *Ashbya gossypii*. With a size of only 9.2 megabases, encoding 4718 protein-coding genes, it is the smallest genome of a free-living eukaryote yet characterized. More than 90% of *A. gossypii* genes show both homology and a particular pattern of synteny with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Analysis of this pattern revealed 300 inversions and translocations that have occurred since divergence of these two species. It also provided compelling evidence that the evolution of *S. cerevisiae* included a whole genome duplication or fusion of two related species and showed, through inferred ancient gene orders, which of the duplicated genes lost one copy and which retained both copies.

The filamentous fungus *Ashbya gossypii* is currently used in industry for the production of vitamin B<sub>2</sub> (1). It is also an attractive model to study filamentous growth, because of its small genome, haploid nuclei, efficient gene targeting, propagation of plasmids, and growth on defined media (2–8). The *A. gossypii* genome project was initiated when conservation of gene order and orientation (synteny) to *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was noted (9). We wanted to determine the complete gene repertoire for future work with this fungus, and we aimed at using the gene order information to fully explain the origin of gene

cluster duplications in the *S. cerevisiae* genome that were proposed to represent relics of a whole genome doubling followed by extensive genome rearrangements (10, 11).

Details on the sequencing of the *A. gossypii* genome (GenBank accession numbers AE016814 through AE016821) and annotation are available in the supporting online material. The seven chromosomes encode 4718 proteins, 199 tRNA genes, and at least 49 small nuclear RNA (snRNA) genes. The ribosomal DNA carries 40 copies of ribosomal RNA genes sequenced previously (12). The genome lacks transposons and subtelomeric gene repeats, and gene duplications are rare (table S6). The number of protein-coding genes is similar to the 4824 genes found in *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* (13), suggesting that this may be close to the minimum number of genes needed by a free-living fungus. The genome is extremely compact with an average distance between open reading frames (ORFs) of only 341 base pairs, contributing to an average protein-coding gene

size of only 1.9 kb, clearly less than the 2.1-kb average gene size found in *S. cerevisiae* (14), the 2.5 kb found in *S. pombe* (13), and the 3.7 kb found in *Neurospora crassa* (15). The presence of only 221 introns in the entire *A. gossypii* genome, many at identical positions in *S. cerevisiae* homologs, contributes to the compact nature of this genome.

*A. gossypii* and *S. cerevisiae* diverged more than 100 million years ago, and their genomes differ substantially in GC content (52% for *A. gossypii* and 38% for *S. cerevisiae*). Still, for 95% of the protein-coding sequences of *A. gossypii*, we found homologs in the *S. cerevisiae* genome, the majority (4281 ORFs) at syntenic locations. Only 175 *A. gossypii* protein-coding genes showed homology but not synteny with *S. cerevisiae* genes, and 262 lack homology (table S3). Several genes with no homologs in *S. cerevisiae* have homologs in *S. pombe* (table S4), supporting the idea that they are real genes not or no longer present in *S. cerevisiae*. The annotation of the *A. gossypii* genome also identified gene functions present in *S. pombe* and *S. cerevisiae* but not in *A. gossypii* (table S5). Protein sequence conservation between syntenic homologs of *A. gossypii* and *S. cer-*

**Table 1.** Centromere assignments based on synteny of the genes flanking the seven *A. gossypii* and 16 *S. cerevisiae* centromeres. Roman numerals indicate the chromosome number in the respective organism. The two remaining centromeres (X and XII) have synteny with regions on chromosomes I and III, with the double break in synteny coming at the expected position of the centromere.

<i>A. gossypii</i> chromosomes	<i>S. cerevisiae</i> chromosomes
I	III, XIV
II	VIII, XI
III	XIII, XV
IV	V, IX
V	II, IV
VI	I, VII
VII	VI, XVI
Noncentromeric Region (I and III)	X, XII

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*evisiae* varies considerably, ranging from less than 20% amino acid identity to nearly 100%. In cases where the sequence identity was less than 30%, synteny was particularly useful in the identification of highly diverged orthologs. The marked fluctuation of sequence conservation of syntenic homologs across the entire genome shows that no one region of the genome is more conserved between these species and that the plasticity of the primary protein sequence varies significantly between genes.

More than 90% of the *A. gossypii* genome could be divided into several hundred synteny groups. In each of these groups, the homology relation of single genes or subgroups of genes alternated between two *S. cerevisiae* regions and *A. gossypii*. We refer to this pattern as double synteny. A relatively simple example of double synteny is shown in Fig. 1A. In this group, thirty-three consecutive protein-coding genes of *A. gossypii* chromosome I, flanked by two tRNA genes, align with regions of consecutive genes from *S. cerevisiae* chromosomes XV and XVI. Homologous ORFs typically are of conserved length (table S3).

When both *S. cerevisiae* regions are combined (with the inversion in chromosome XVI reverted), the resulting gene order matches that of *A. gossypii*, including gene orientations, which justifies annotation of these ORFs as

syntenic homologs. This principle has been applied to all ORFs annotated as syntenic homologs in table S3. Three ORFs did not participate in this synteny relation. The *A. gossypii* gene *AAL119W* is a nonsyntenic homolog of *S. cerevisiae* *YFR021W*, a gene involved in vacuolar protein processing. The *S. cerevisiae* gene *YOR264W* plays a role in daughter cell-specific gene expression, a dispensable function in a filamentous fungus, and this may explain the absence of a homolog in *A. gossypii*. *YPL171C* is a nonsyntenic homolog of *AGR329C* and encodes one member of the dehydrogenase family. Nonsyntenic homologs may represent former syntenic homologs, adjacent sequences of which were involved in genome rearrangements so that insufficient evidence of synteny remained.

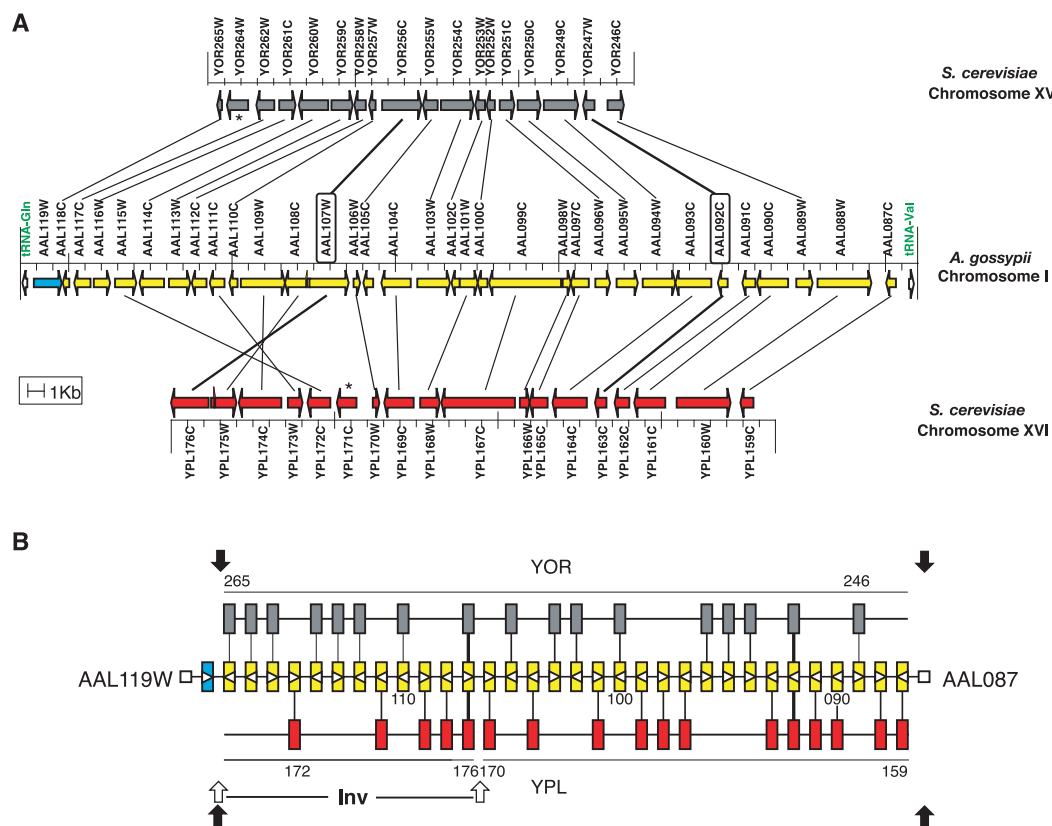
The pattern of double synteny reflects the gene order of the most recent common ancestor and changes in this order due to genome rearrangements in both lineages, in particular the loss of many genes in the *S. cerevisiae* lineage after the genome duplication. This makes reconstructions of ancient *S. cerevisiae* gene orders relatively easy (Fig. 1B). In this ancient synteny map, protein-coding genes are presented as rectangles and syntenic homologs are connected by vertical bars. All gaps emerging between *S. cerevisiae* genes in this type of presentation indicate positions at the time of the genome

duplication of former homologs that were subsequently lost.

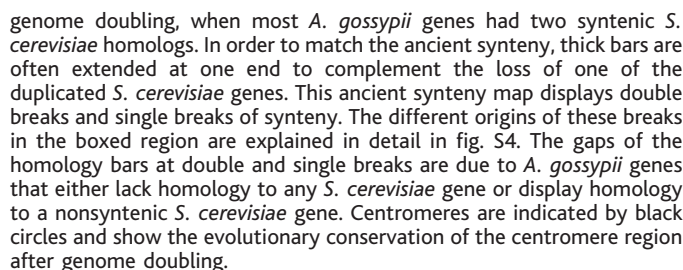
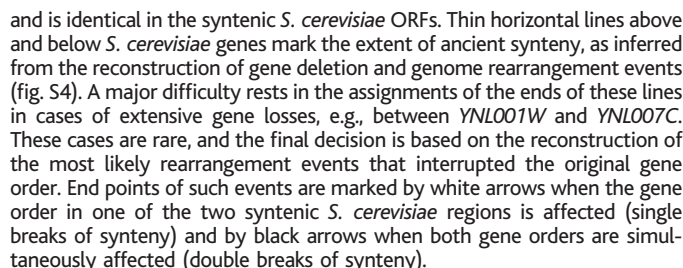
The *A. gossypii* gene order also allowed us to find inversions that occurred in the *S. cerevisiae* lineage, such as the one on chromosome XVI (Fig. 1B), because the alignment of homologs reveals their order before inversion. This ancient gene order shows a single break of synteny, between *YPL176C* and *YPL170W*. The other breakpoint of this inversion coincides with a double break of synteny (black arrows): Two other *S. cerevisiae* gene regions share homology and synteny with the eight *A. gossypii* ORFs proximal to *AAL119W*. The majority of such double breaks of synteny do not coincide with single breaks, and most of them mark end points of inversions or translocations in the evolutionary past of *A. gossypii* or of *S. cerevisiae* before the genome duplication. The *A. gossypii* genome often carries tRNA genes (open squares) or nonsyntenic homologs (blue rectangles) at such end points of rearrangements, as seen in Fig. 1. The presence of tRNA genes at such sites may be explained by the absence of other interspersed repeated DNA elements in *A. gossypii*, and therefore the tRNA genes served as sites for homolog-induced rearrangements.

An example of ancient gene order reconstructed from a complex double synteny pattern is shown in Fig. 2 for the centromere region of

**Fig. 1.** A simple pattern of double synteny and its conversion to an ancient synteny map. **(A)** Double synteny between *A. gossypii* ORFs AAL119W to AAL087C and two *S. cerevisiae* regions, ORFs YOR265W to YOR246C and YPL176C to YPL159C, respectively. Arrows represent ORF sizes and orientation and are drawn to scale. ORFs classified as Watson can appear after rearrangement events as Crick ORFs and vice versa. Lines connect pairs of homologs, with thick lines marking *S. cerevisiae* twin ORFs that originate from the genome duplication. Crossing lines point to an inversion of five genes. **(B)** An ancient synteny map. ORFs are represented as rectangles and tRNA genes as squares. Syntenic homologs are connected by vertical bars and, in the case of twin ORFs, by thick vertical bars. Transcription orientation is indicated by white arrows only for the *A. gossypii* ORFs, because syntenic *S. cerevisiae* homologs are transcribed in the same direction. Thin lines above and below *S. cerevisiae* genes mark the most likely extent of syntenic genes at the time when the precursor genome of *S. cerevisiae* duplicated. These lines are interrupted when the ancient gene order is no longer colinear with the present gene order, as with *YPL176C* and *YPL170W*. Such breakpoints of ancient synteny (arrows) mark end points of inversions or translocations.



We aligned the *A. gossypii* and *S. cerevisiae* genomes according to these principles and highlighted syntenic breaks. An example of a map of syntenic breaks using *A. gossypii* chromosome I as template is given in Fig. 3, and the entire map is given as fig. S5. Close to 96% of the *A. gossypii* genome aligns with two regions from the *S. cerevisiae* genome, including seven duplicated centromere regions and relics of a centromere region down-





stream of *AAL174C* and *ACR029C* (Table 1 and table S3). These genome alignments are interrupted by 328 double breaks of synteny and 168 single breaks of synteny.

The essentially complete coverage of the seven *A. gossypii* chromosomes by clusters of ancient synteny, each containing two *S. cerevisiae* gene regions, demonstrates that both organisms originate from the same ancestor with seven or eight chromosomes. A speciation event, probably involving translocations (17) and an accompanying change in chromosome number, generated the precursors of *A. gossypii* and *S. cerevisiae*. At some later time, a genome duplication in the *S. cerevisiae* precursor opened new possibilities for functional divergence not available for the evolution of *A. gossypii*. The duplication event created ~5000 twin ORFs in the duplicated *S. cerevisiae* genome, and 496 of these ancient twin ORFs can still be seen in the double synteny patterns (table S7). Several of these twin ORFs diverged and now encode proteins of different functions like *ORC1*, which is essential for DNA replication, and *SIR3*, which is important for gene silencing (18). Other examples can be extracted from the functional descriptions in table S7. For 59 pairs of the twin ORFs, functions are not known.

What does the frequency of different types of synteny breaks tell us about the time span since *A. gossypii* and *S. cerevisiae* diverged? On the basis of adjusted numbers of synteny breaks (fig. S5), we estimate 120 viable genome rearrangements in the *A. gossypii* lineage and 180 viable rearrangements in the *S. cerevisiae* lineage (~60 before genome duplication). If one assumes similar rates of genome rearrangements in both species and takes into account a recent increase in *S. cerevisiae* rearrangement due to spreading of transposable elements (19), the time span since divergence of both species is about twice as long as the time span since the genome duplication in *S. cerevisiae*. This method for estimating relative evolutionary time scales from genome rearrangement frequencies has the potential to be used more often in the future, when additional whole genome synteny patterns become available.

**Note added in proof:** An *A. gossypii* genome browser is available at <http://agd.unibas.ch>. A recent publication by Kellis, Birren, and Lander (20) also demonstrates an ancient genome duplication of the *S. cerevisiae* genome.

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In several areas of the macaque brain, neurons fire during delayed-response tasks at a rate determined by the value of the reward expected at the end of the trial. The activity of these neurons might be related to the value of the expected reward or to the degree of motivation induced by expectation of the reward. We describe results indicating that the nature of reward-dependent activity varies across areas. Neuronal activity in orbitofrontal cortex represents the value of the expected reward, whereas neuronal activity in premotor cortex reflects the degree of motivation.

In numerous areas of the brain extending from the limbic system to the motor system, neuronal activity varies according to the size of the reward for which a monkey is working (1–15). Reward-dependent activity commonly has been viewed as representing the value of the goal for which the monkey is working; however, it might alternatively be related to the monkey's degree of motivation. Anticipation of a more valued reward leads to stronger motivation, as evidenced by measures of arousal, attention, and intensity of motor output (16–18).

On the assumption that motivated behavior depends on influences arising in the limbic system and acting on the motor system (19), we hypothesized that neuronal signals representing reward value predominate in the limbic system, whereas signals

reflecting the degree of motivation predominate in the motor system. To test this hypothesis, we recorded from two areas in which neurons exhibit robust reward-related activity: the orbitofrontal division of limbic cortex (OF) (Fig. 1) and the postarcuate premotor cortex (PM) (Fig. 1). OF plays an important role in motivated behavior (20–22). Its neurons respond to cues predicting the availability of foodstuffs at a rate determined by their appetitive or aversive value (13–14). PM is a region of high-order motor cortex (23–25). Its neurons fire during the delay period of an ocular delayed-response task at a rate determined by the direction of the impending saccade and by the size of the expected reward (9).

To achieve a dissociation between activities dependent on reward value and on motivation, we recorded from single neurons while two monkeys performed a task in which the degree of motivation was controlled independently by the magnitude of the reward promised in the event of success and the magnitude of the penalty threatened in the event of failure (26). On each trial, two cues

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