The Gramene Genome Browser; Visualisation of Annotation on Plant Genomes

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Browsable Species Sequenced genomes; - Oryza sativa

- Arabidopsis thaliana

Partially sequenced genomes;

- Zea Mays

Chromosome-anchored FPC maps;

-Zea Mays

- Oryza Rufipogon

Other species are in the pipeline...

Gene Model Structures

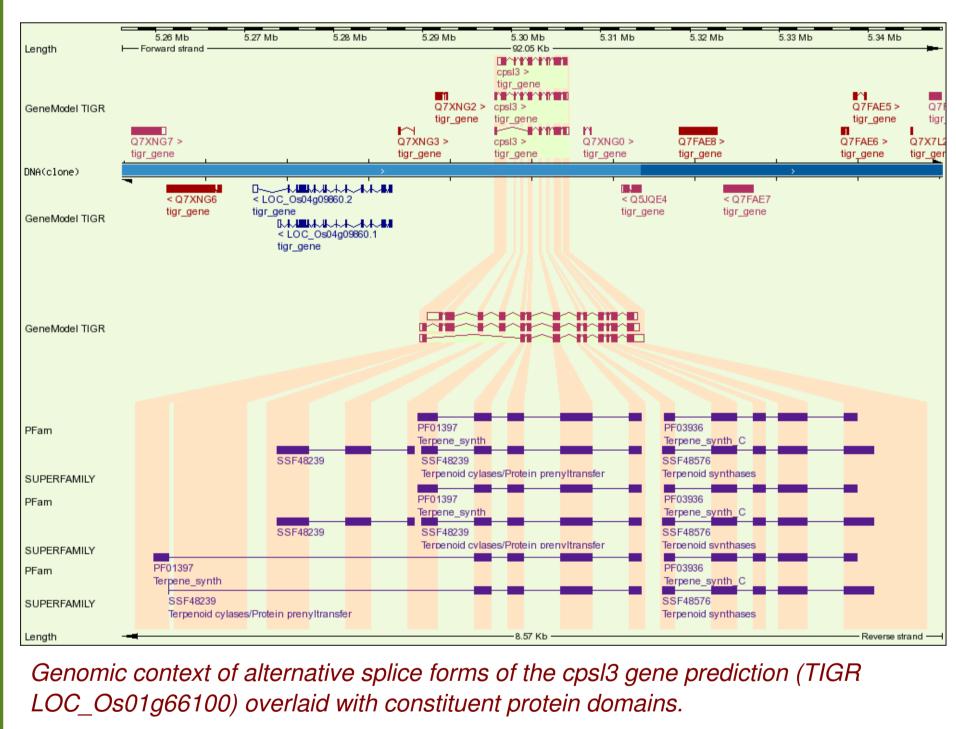
Various classes of gene model are used;

- Ab-initio predictions, e.g. FgenesH,
- Evidence-based, e.g. Ensembl,
- Imported data sets, e.g. TIGR rice locii.

Gene Model Annotations

Gene models are further annotated by;

- Protein domains from InterProScan,
- -GO terms from InterPro annotations,
- Cross-references via sequence homology;
 - · Gramene Genes, Proteins, Pathways,
 - NCBI RefSeq, Genes and UniGenes,
 - TIGR Gene Indices.



Aligned Features

All 10,000,000 GenBank DNA sequences from Poaceae species are aligned to the sequenced genomes using BLAT, and classified into 80 browser tracks.

Repeat Features

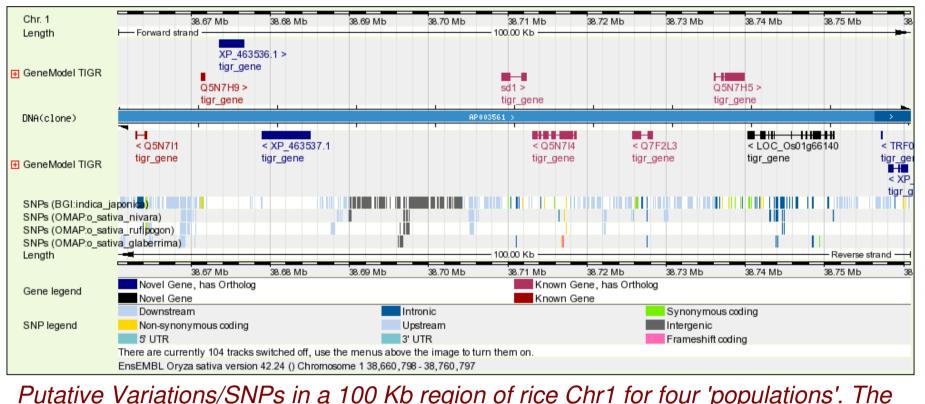
Repeat sequences from the MIPS REcat library are aligned using RepeatMasker.

Genetic Markers and QTLs

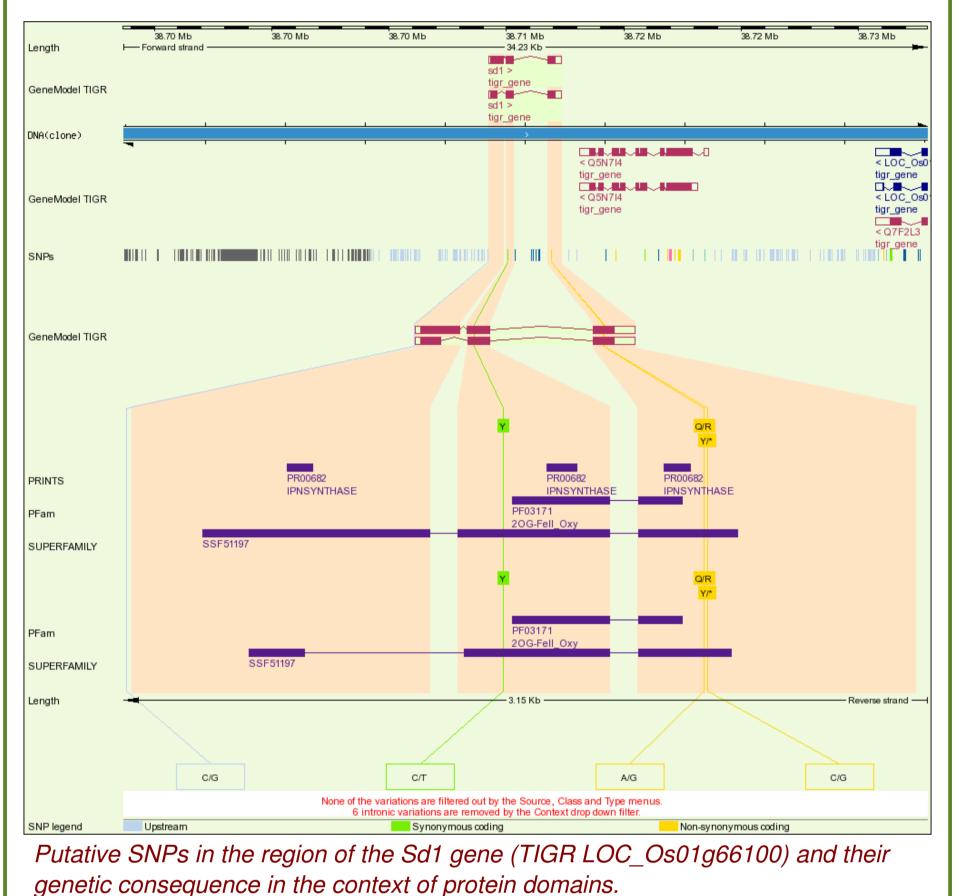
The alignment of DNA sequences are used to infer the locations of sequence-based genetic markers (RFLPs, SSRs etc). The locations of QTLs can also be estimated based on locations of associated markers.

Variations (SNPs)

Variations from NCBI dbSNP and OMAP are mapped to the genome via alignment of flanking sequences.

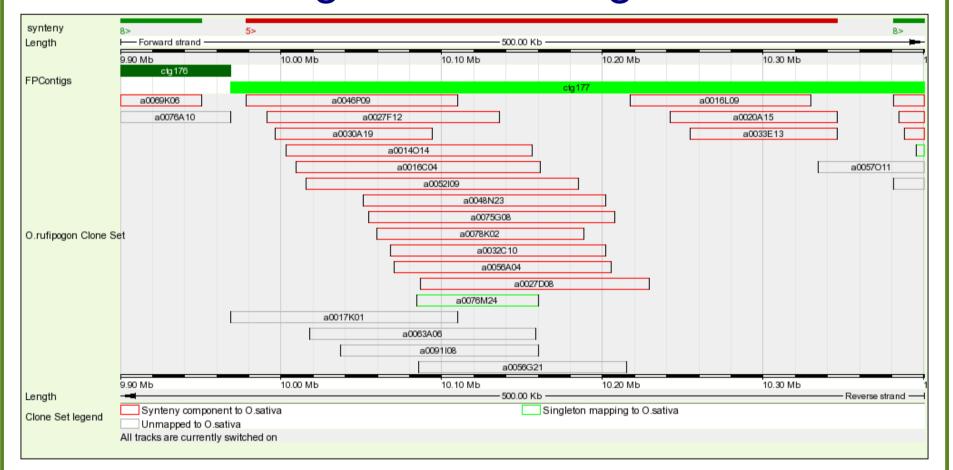


Putative Variations/SNPs in a 100 Kb region of rice Chr1 for four 'populations'. The genetic consequence of each SNP is indicated by colour coding.



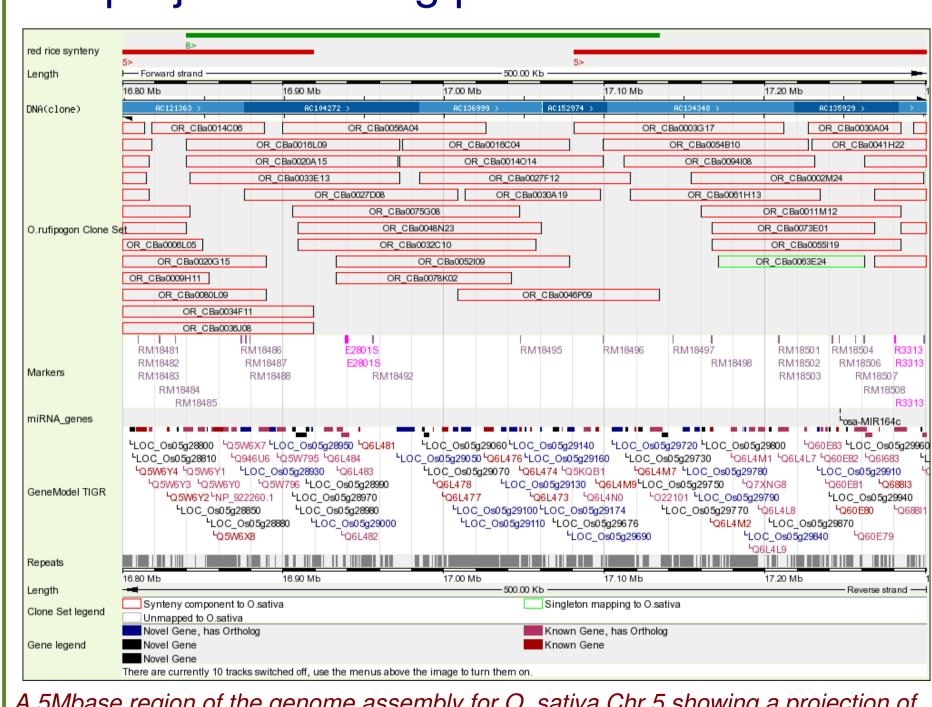
FPContig assemblies

The Genome browser can also used to visualise FingerPrint Contig assemblies.



A 5Mbase region of the FPC map for O. rufipogon Chr 8 showing the Contig and BAC clone tiling paths. Colour coding shows the syntenic relationship of the clones with the O.sativa genome, as summarised by the top track.

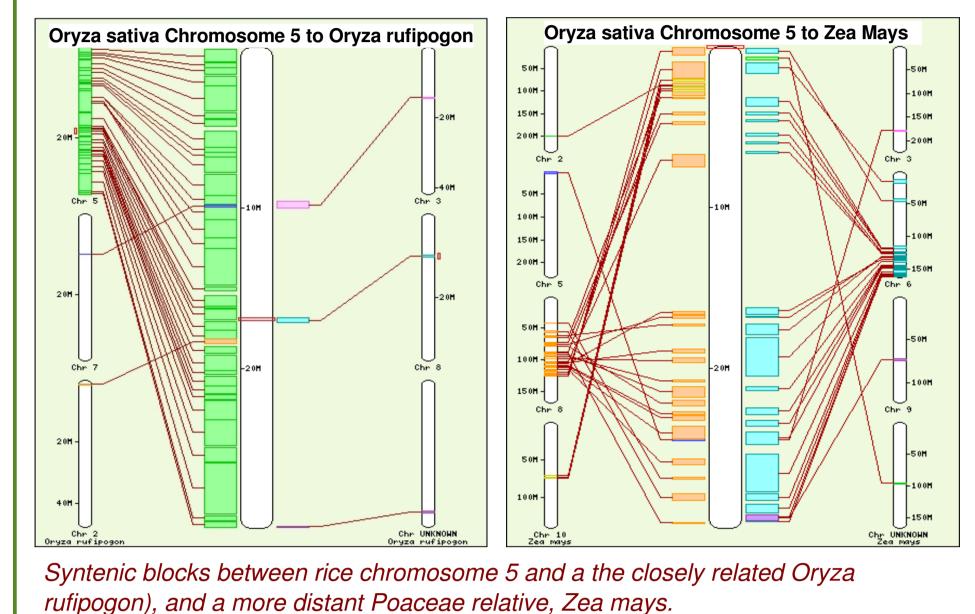
Alignments of clone end sequences from FPC map to sequenced genome are used to project the tiling path onto rice.



A 5Mbase region of the genome assembly for O. sativa Chr 5 showing a projection of the the BAC clone tiling paths from O. rufipogon. Colour coding shows the syntenic relationship of the clones with the O.rufipogon FPC map, as summarised by the top

Cross-genome Synteny

Syntenic blocks between sequenced genomes and FPContig maps are determined from conserved order/orientation of aligned sequences.

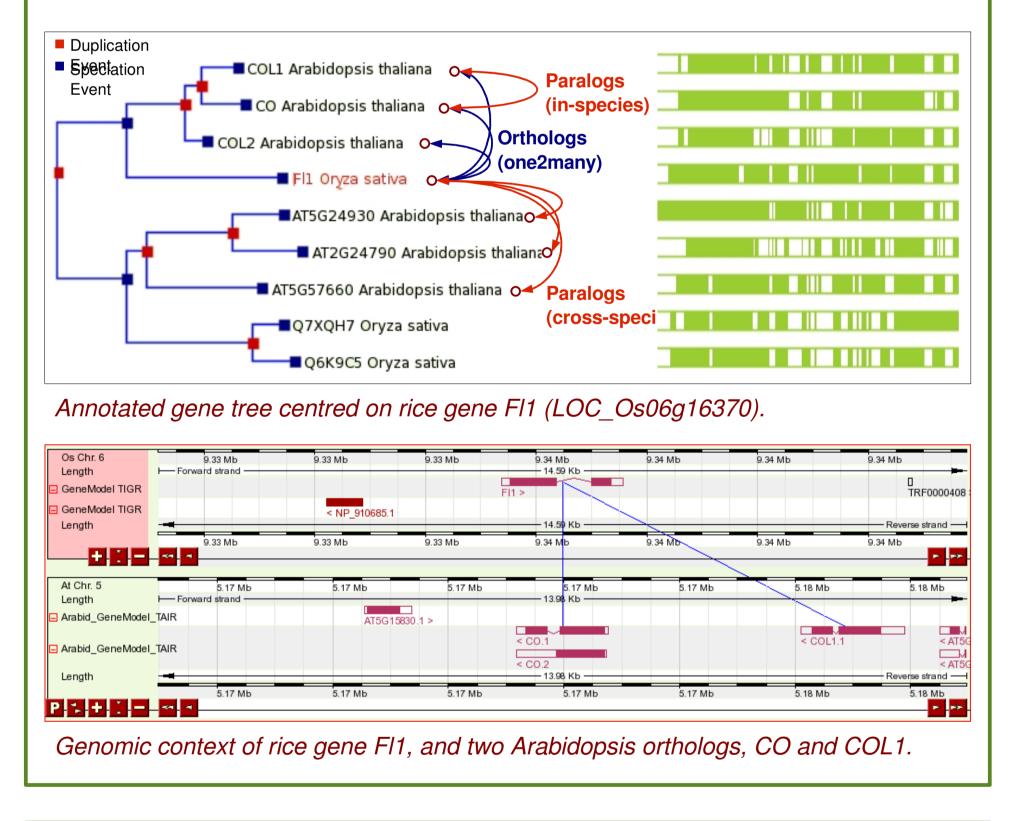


Syntenic blocks between the sequenced genomes of rice and Arabidopsis will be

released shortly.

Gene Trees

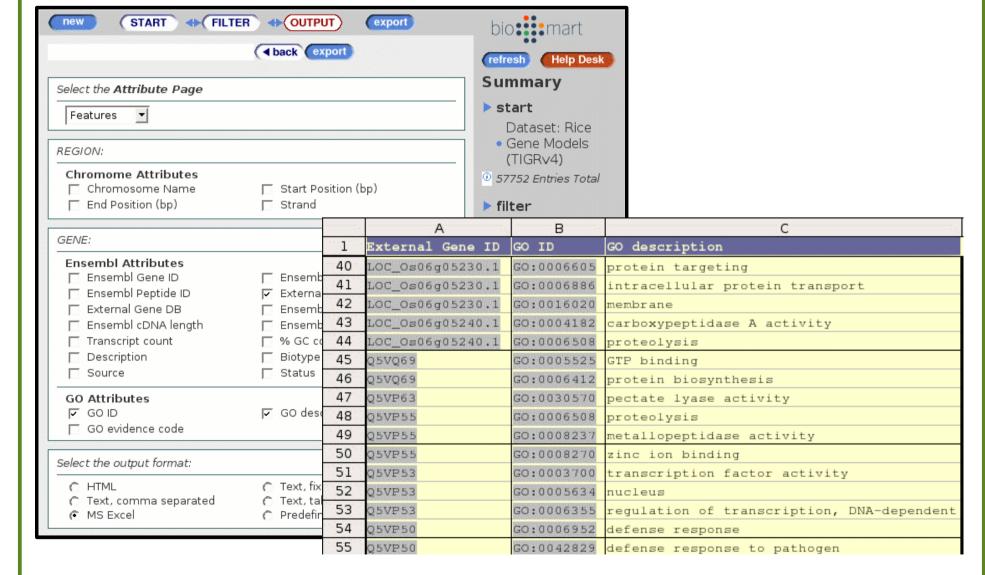
Gene orthologs and paralogs are determined from maximum likelihood phylogenetic trees based on multiple alignments of homologous gene clusters.



Data Download/upload

All databases are available via FTP.

The BioMart-based GrameneMart provides an interface for flexible downloading of user-specified datasets.



The genome browser can also be used as a DAS server or client

Gramene (http://www.gramene.org) is a curated, open-source, web-accessible data resource for comparative genome analysis in the grasses. Many techniques developed by Gramene for the annotation and visualisation of sequenced genomes have built on the established Ensembl software framework (http://www.ensembl.org). The Gramene project is supported by National Science Foundation grant No. 0321685 and USDA ARS.