Landmarks and terminology -See review by Heslop-Harrison and Schwarzacher, 2011



Metacentric Isobrachial	Submetacentric Acrocentric	Telocentric
	Heterobrachial	

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- **Heitz** (1928, 1933, 1934) discovered euchromatin and heterochromatin
- Euchromatin
- Heterochromatin:

Brown & Nelson-Rees (1961, Genetics 46:983-1007)

- <u>Constitutive</u>:
- <u>Facultative</u>:



Changes in heterochromatization of DNA of Dendrobium. Nagl, 1983



Location of heterochromatin in 1) Trillium erectum, 2) T. grandiflorum, and 3) T. undalatum

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https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.analchem.7b05007

Chromatin organization



https://www.ornl.gov/blog/ornl-review/beads-stringdiscovering-nucleosome

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- Core particle: 146 bp DNA + histone octamer
- Chromatosome: Core particle + H1 + 22 bp DNA tail
- Nucleosome: about 200 bp DNA + chromatosome



10ak.cats.ohiou.edu/~ballardh/pbio475/Heredity/Hierarchicalarrangement.JPG





Chromatin organization

Packaging DNA

ChromEMT reveals that DNA is packaged into "beads-on-astring" fibers, which are assembled at different densities according to function.



Beads on a string



Science 28 Jul 2017. 357:354-356



Bintu et al., 2018; DOI: 10.1126/science.aau1783



Sridhar et al, 2020. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1910044117

Landmarks & DNA arrangements

CHROMOSOME LANDMARKS

a. Interspersed: (Flavell 1980)



b. Tandem (Flavell 1980)



Cell debris

Main band of DNA





Emil Heitz, From Passarge 1979

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1934: McClintock

Question - what does the 2° constriction do?



1955: Lin

Question - what does the NOR do?





1971, 1978: Phillips

- Curcurbits have 27,000 rRNA genes
- Jerusalem artichoke has 1400 rRNA genes

- Corn:

- "Sticky mutant"
 - 3,300 copies 5,000 copies
- W23 5,000 copies - W127 17,000 copies
- "Reverse high protein" 23,100 copies





(The NOR is immediately to the right of a heterochromatic region, here depicted as a large knob. The duplication includes part of the heterochromatic region in addition to the NOR).





1990: Zhang et al (Allard):



Fultz et al, 2023:

TELOMERES

Reviews by Peska & Garcia, 2020 & Shakirov et al., 2022

Organism	Туре	Telomere sequence
Euplotes	protozoan	TTTTGGG
Tetrahymena thermophila	protozoan	TTGGGG
Vertebrates, slime molds, and trypanosomes		TTGGGA
Arabidopsis thaliana	angiosperm	TTTAGGG
Dictyostelium		AG ₁₋₈
Plasmodium		(C/T)TTGGGA
Baker's yeast		TG ₁₋₃

• The number of copies differs for between species and between chromosomes:

Maize		= 1
Rye & barley	1-6 kb/chromosome	= 1
Humans	3-20 kb/chromosome	= 5

- = 150-380 copies/chromosome
- = 140 850 copies/chromosome
- = 500 3000+ copies/chromosome

Peska & Garcia, 2020



Subtelomere repeats – Zhong et al, 1998







Function:



Youtube.com/watch?v=pz3vZ7HDnvQ





Function:

4. Meiosis pairing Lukaszewski, 1997



CENTROMERES

Based on Zhang et al., 2005; Topp et al., 2004 (Dawe Lab), and Birchler et al., 2011; Presting, 2018





CenH3 localization in mitosis. V Schubert, A Ruban & A Houben. 2016. Chromatin ring formation at plant centromeres. Frontiers in Plant Science. 7: 28

Based on Richards & Dawe, 1998; Jin et al., 2004

Nagaki et al., 2004; Wu et al., 2004







Nakano et al., 2003, Black et al., 2004; Birchler et al., 2011

Han et al., 2009



Han et al., 2009. B= cucumber chromosome 7. C, its melon corresponding chromosome, II. The red box in D is where the melon centromere used to be. Note that the flanking markers have not moved.

Additional evidence for epigenetic control





Synthetic centromeres - Dawe et al., 2022

ABS4: with ~2400 copies of LexO



Puchta & Houben, 2023

Pericentromeric heterochromatin



Anderson et al, 2007. Gen Res 16:115-122.

KNOBS After Ananieval et al, 1998



McClintock, 1929- 1st drawing of a knob. 1944- A terminal knob and two chromomeres.

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Chromomeres vs Knobs



Looking at knobs & chromomeres at the molecular level

Ananiev, EV, RL Phillips, and HW Rines, 1998

Caixeta and de Carvalho. 2000. Digested pachytene chromosomes with trypsin. Chromomeres (bright spots) and knobs (K) on chromosome 8 of maize



The identification of individual chromosomes

Landmarks are often not enough to distinguish chromosomes from each other



Yang F, L Lingjiao, E Rong, Y-b He, X Zhao & Y Wu. 2015. Karyotype analysis of obtained tetraploid in medicinal plant (Platycodon grandiflorus). Journal of Medicinal Plants Research. 9: 294-300

The acetocarmine stain Dapson, 2007

Mirzaghaderi G. 2010. A simple metaphase chromosome preparation from meristematic root tip cells of wheat for karyotyping or in situ hybridization. African J Biotechnol 93: 314-318



Carmine is made by cochineal insects feeding on Opuntia cactus. Originally used to dye clothes. Still used as a natural food coloring.



Cochineal harvest- Eadweard Muybridge photo, 1875



The carbol fuchsin stain

August Wilhelm von Hofmann



1818 - 1892 Wikipedia commons



Iqbal MZ, Cheng M, Zhao Y, Wen X, Zhang P, Zhang L, Ali A, Rong T, Tang QL (2018) Mysterious meiotic behavior of autopolyploid and allopolyploid maize. Comparative Cytogenetics 12(2): 247-265.







Trypsinization



Stain comparison



Chromosomes of 1. *Anemone blanda* 2. *Scilla sibirica* 3. *Fritillaria lanceolata*. Chromosomes in column a) show G-bands. Column b & c) Feulgen with long and short hydrolysis. Marks, 1983.

G bands

Schweizer, 1973

- Giemsa + alkali: = <u>G bands</u>
- Giemsa at high temperature: DNA rich in CG pairs = <u>R bands</u> (for reverse Giemsa)
- Works well in mammals
- Some plants with large chromosomes
- Stains AT-rich regions



G-banded chromosomes of Fritillaria recurva

• Resolution in plants was never good, as compared to animals. EG, G-banding in sunflower



Schrader O, R Ahne, J Fuchs & Schubert. 1997. Karyotype analysis of Helianthus annuus using Giemsa banding and fluorescence in situ hybridization. Chromosome Research 5:451-456

C bands (Hy bands/Feulgen bands) Developed by Greilhuber, 1973

- Acid hydrolysis for depurination
- ß-elimination of depurinated DNA by hot salt
- Renaturation in SSC or Ba(OH)₂ buffer
- Staining
 - Aceto carmine
 - Feulgen



C-banded chromosomes of Allium carinata

C+G bands Gill + Kimber, 1973

C+G banded chromosomes of rye



Other stains



Gill BS, Friebe B, Endo TR (1991) Standard karyotype and nomenclature system for description of chromosome bands and structural aberrations in wheat (Triticum aestivum). Genome 34:830–839

- N = acetocarmine → hot NaH2PO4 → Giemsa stain
- C/N = acetocarmine \rightarrow hot NaH2PO4 \rightarrow Barium hydroxide \rightarrow Giemsa stain
- C/G = acetic acid \rightarrow dehydration \rightarrow acid hydrolysis \rightarrow Giemsa stain
- Giemsa and other stains in general target AT-rich areas



Martin J & CU Heseman. 1988. Cytogenetic investigations in wheat, rye and triticale. I. Evaluation of improved Giemsa C- and fluorochrome banding techniques in rye chromosomes. Heredity. 61: 459-467.





Individual chromosomes in a genome can now be identified by:



Kato et al, 2004

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2	
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KARYOTYPES (whole genomes)

<u>Genome</u> (Winkler,):

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McClintock, 1929 -



Whole genomes can be identified by:

McClintock, B. 1929. Chromosome morphology in Zea mays. Science, 69, 629



www.slideshare.net/StevensonThabah/repetitivesequences-in-the-eukaryotic-genome

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Idiograms of root tip (left) and meiotic (right) chromosomes of Trifolium subterraneum (sub clover).

Idiotypes: Schematic representations of chromosome sets. NOR depicted as a gap.



Idiotypes of Trifolium subterraneum (left) and T. masaiense (right)

Hybrid presentations



Faba bean karyotype & idiotype. Osman, S.A., Ali, H.B., El-Ashry, Z.M. et al. 2020. Karyotype variation and biochemical analysis of five Vicia species. Bull Natl Res Cent 44, 91

Pea idiotype and karytoype. PisTR-B (red), 5S rDNA (green), and 45S rDNA (yellow)



Smýkal P; Aubert G; Burstin J; Coyne CJ; Ellis NTH; Flavell AJ; Ford R; Hýbl M; Macas J; Neumann P; McPhee KE; Redden RJ; Rubiales D; Weller JL; Warkentin TD. 2012. Pea (Pisum sativum L.) in the Genomic Era. Agronomy 2: 74-115.





Ohimodo et al., 2013. Chromosome Science 16: 17-21, 2013

Nuclear architecture Rabl 1985

- Bouquet stage
- Polfeld
- Rabl configuration

Cowan et al., 2000



Dong & Jiang, 1998. A&b = rye; e & f = sorghum. A& e = metaphase; b& f = interphase



Chromosomal arrangements

Long-time question: - Are chromosomes arranged in any particular order relative to each other, ie, does each chromosome occupy a specified "chromosome territory"?

Fransz et al., 2002

Berr & Schubert, 2007

