## Unveiling The Hidden Life Of A Very Visible Phytoplankton:

Use of normalized Sanger sequenced libraries and non-normalized 454 libraries to compare the transcriptomes of haploid and diploid *Emiliania huxleyi*.

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## Emiliania huxleyi life cycle



Frada et al., 2008

Killed by EhVs

Resistant to EhVs

#### 1N (motile) and 2N (calcified) strains with same parent





## Generate Sanger and 454 EST libraries from both. Compare to JGI's genome assembly of a different *E. huxleyi* strain, CCMP 1516

## Two types of library combine sequence coverage and depth

Sanger-sequenced libraries

- 1. Oligo-dT primed cDNA
- 2. Normalized
- 3. ≈19000 longer reads

454-sequenced libraries

- 1. random primed cDNA
- 2. NOT normalized

3. ≈255000 shorter reads





## Sanger ESTs reveal a large amount of new transcriptomic information for *Emiliania huxleyi*



## Sanger read mapping/clustering statistics



# Comparing alternate phases of the life cycle greatly increases transcripts detected

39000 Sanger ESTs: 13057 clusters total

# clusters

ML estimate of

transcriptome richness



| Chao r estimate or     | 1204U±214     | 109317209     |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| transcriptome richness | (12438,13278) | (15385,16522) |
| Coverage               | 61.4-78.6%    | 54.5-72.5%    |

Chao Jaccard-type similarity: ≤50% of expressed genes shared!

## Ehux 454 read data

- 1N (file: FGFGJ1101)
  - 256484 reads
  - Average size: 216.30 (S.D.: 59.09)
  - G+C: 62.76%
- 2N (file: FG5FMAE01)
  - 255380 reads
  - Average size: 209.84 (S.D.: 62.23)
  - G+C: 62.55%



#### Mapping of reads on Genoscope ESTs

- (Simple criteria) BLAT, AL>=90nt, Identity>=95%, Coverage of read by alignment>=70%
- Of 511864 reads, 262023 (51%) were mapped on the Ehux mini-clusters derived from Genoscope EST data sets
- Corresponding ESTs
  - 10611 mini-clusters out of 16471 total mini-clusters (64%)
  - 8844 clusters out of 13057 total clusters (68%)



Ehux 454 reads mapping statistics BLAT + alignment length≥90nt by minimum %-coverage of read

## 1N 2N

#### Against JGI genomic sequences





## Calcifying 2N cells pump ions more



## RT-PCR tests of potential calcification genes



## Motile 1N cells: Flagella and sensor systems

154 flagellar-related clusters

Expressed only in 1N cells:

86 flagellar or basal body structural elements with no known cytoplasmic role

13 flagellar dynein heavy chains

1 cytoplasmic dynein heavy chains



Sensors: Two 1N-specific phototropin-like LOV2 proteins 1N-specific cGMP protein kinase homolog

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# RCC1216/1217 has a lot of genes not found in the JGI whole genome sequence of CCMP 1516!

|                                  | Combined<br>(1N+2N) | Highly<br>1N-specific<br>(>10x difference<br>p < 10 <sup>-5</sup> ) | Highly<br>2N-specific<br>(>10x difference<br>p < 10 <sup>-5</sup> ) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Sanger clusters                  | 22.6%               | 33.3%   | 23.9%   |
| 454 reads                        | 14.9%               | 39.0%   | 20.6%   |
| Flagellar<br>genes lost!         | RCC1216/1217        | 7 CCM   | P1516   |
| Calcification                    | Well calcified      | I calcified Poorly/non-calcified                                    |   |
| Life cycle Forms motile 1N cells |                     | Does NOT form motile<br>1N cells                                    |   |
| G1 DNA content                   | ≈4x Isochrysis      | ≈2.9x I   | sochrysis   |

## Genomic variation between Ehux strains

22.6% of Sanger-sequenced clusters do not map to JGI genome assembly!

47% of flagellar-associated genes do not map

5 out of 13 distinct dynein heavy chain genes do not map

Only three loci in JGI/CCMP 1516 assembly have sufficient space to encode the ≈4000 aa dynein heavy chain genes

Several regions of fragmented homology

CCMP 1516 never observed to form flagellated cells

PCR suggests other strains may lose flagellar dyneins too!

#### The CCMP1516 genome assembly does not have room to encode 4000 amino acid dynein heavy chains?



Can we use 454 reads to extend transcript models when part of the gene is missing from the assembly??

### 454 read distribution across dynein heavy chain genes



#### Summary of results so far:

- 1. Combination of 454 and Sanger technology <u>and</u> proper biology allows deep comparison of transcriptomes
- 2. We discovered the JGI genome assembly is selectively missing haploid genes!
- 3. We have to rely much less than planned on existing genome assembly
- 4. Hybrid 454-Sanger transcript models might help to retrieve missing information

#### What we still need to do and to figure out:

- 1. Microarray verification (new arrays ready)
- 2. Finish mapping 454 reads to JGI genome
- 3. Create hybrid 454-Sanger clusters with and without using JGI's genome assembly
- 4. Global statistical description of transcriptomes and their differences based on 454:
  - i. Chao1, ML, and Shannon-diversity estimates of transcriptome complexity
  - ii. Chao Jaccard-type estimates of transcriptome differences
  - iii. Account for gene or cluster length in statistical analyses of 454 data

### Next use of 454 sequencing by Roscoff team: Completely sample protist diversity in the ocean!

~200 285 rDNA clones per sample: far from saturation





#### A 454-SEQUENCING 49 discrete samples, 45 454-runs





