



Clfinder-Orthnet: creating comparative genomics frameworks for  
closely-related genomes using co-linearity networks

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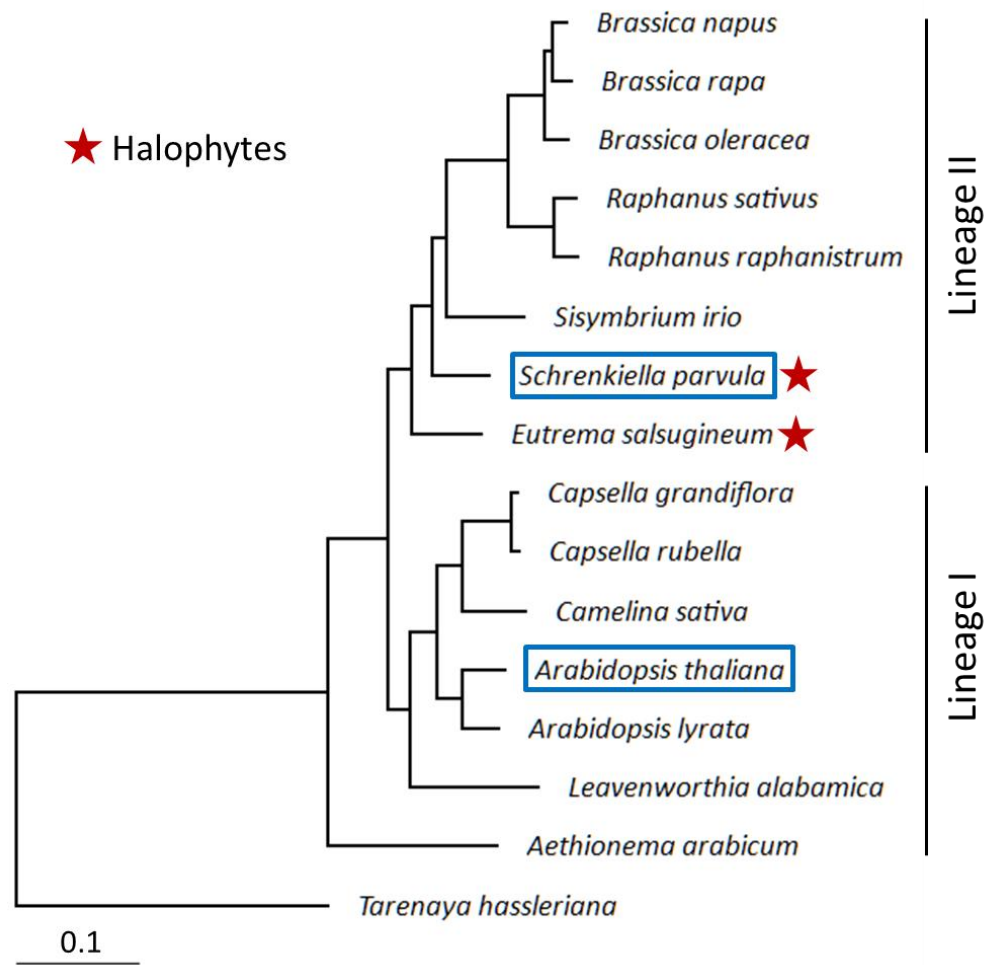
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# Brassicaceae: one of the most sequenced and annotated plant family

Publicly available Brassicaceae genomes, 2017 Spring



A comparative genomics framework including the two extremophyte/halophyte crucifers, *S. parvula* and *E. salsugineum*. The tree was based on 14,614 alignment of homologous gene clusters.

# *Schrenkiella parvula* from Lake Tuz, Turkey



*S. parvula* in situ (Ozfidan-Konakci et al., Funct Plant Biol 2016)

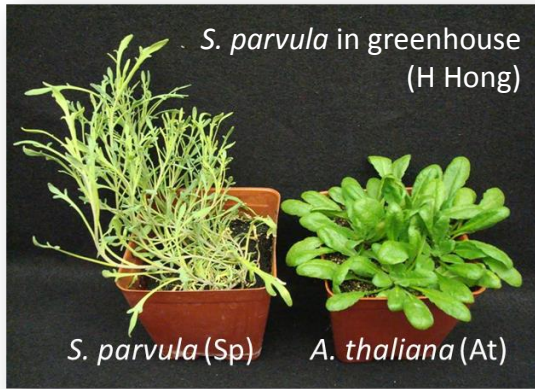


(Helvaci *et al.*, Int Geol Rev 2004)

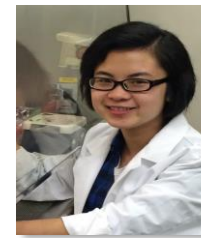
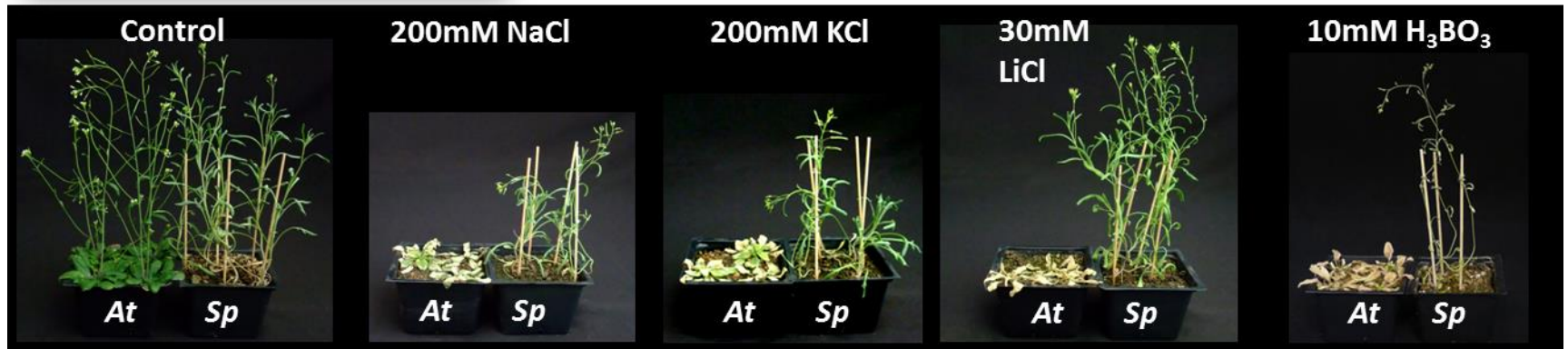
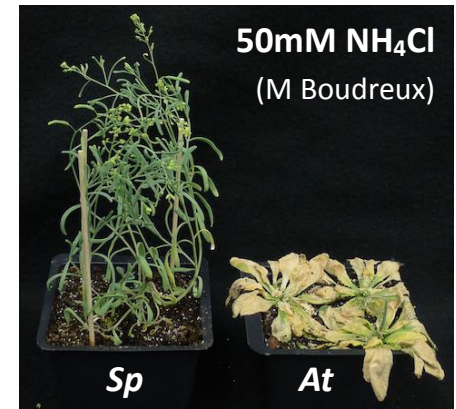
	pH	Li <sup>+</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	K <sup>+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	(mg/L)
Burdur Lake	8.8	3	5,500	45	960	
<b>Tuz Lake</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>37,500</b>	
Seawater	7.2-8.4	0	10,800	392	1,290	

# Schrenkiella parvula from Lake Tuz, Turkey

Adaptation to multi-ion salt stresses

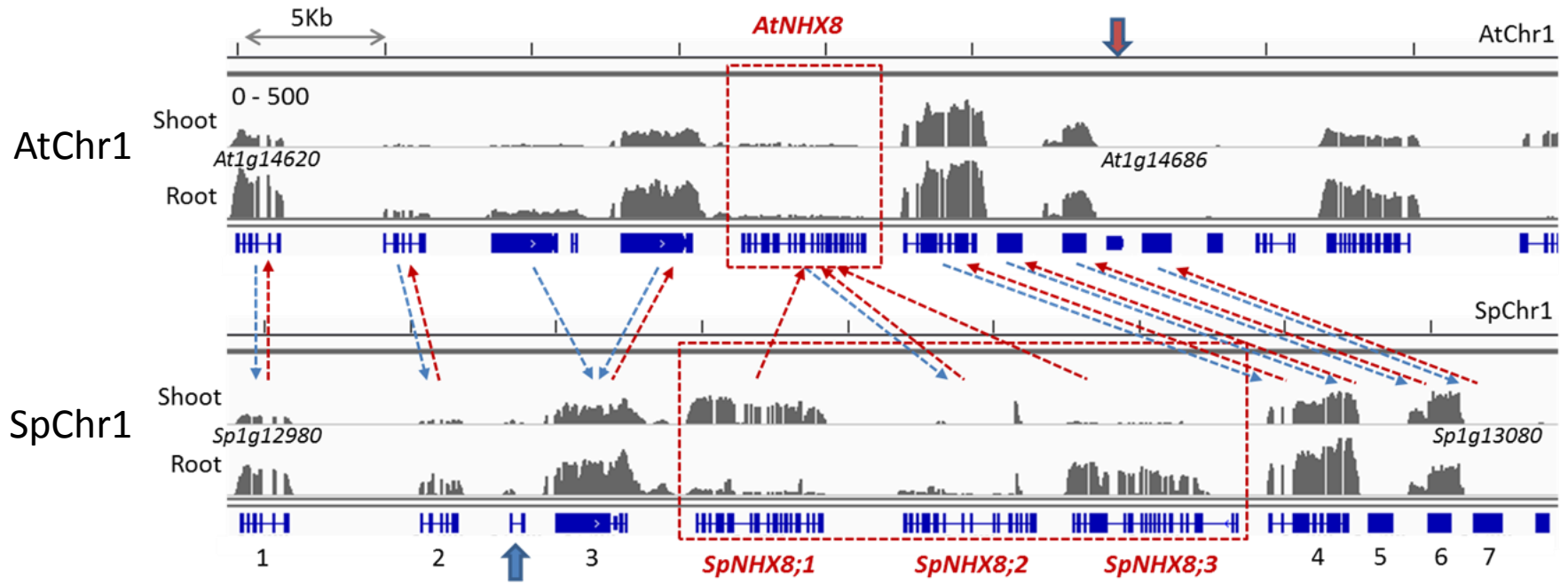


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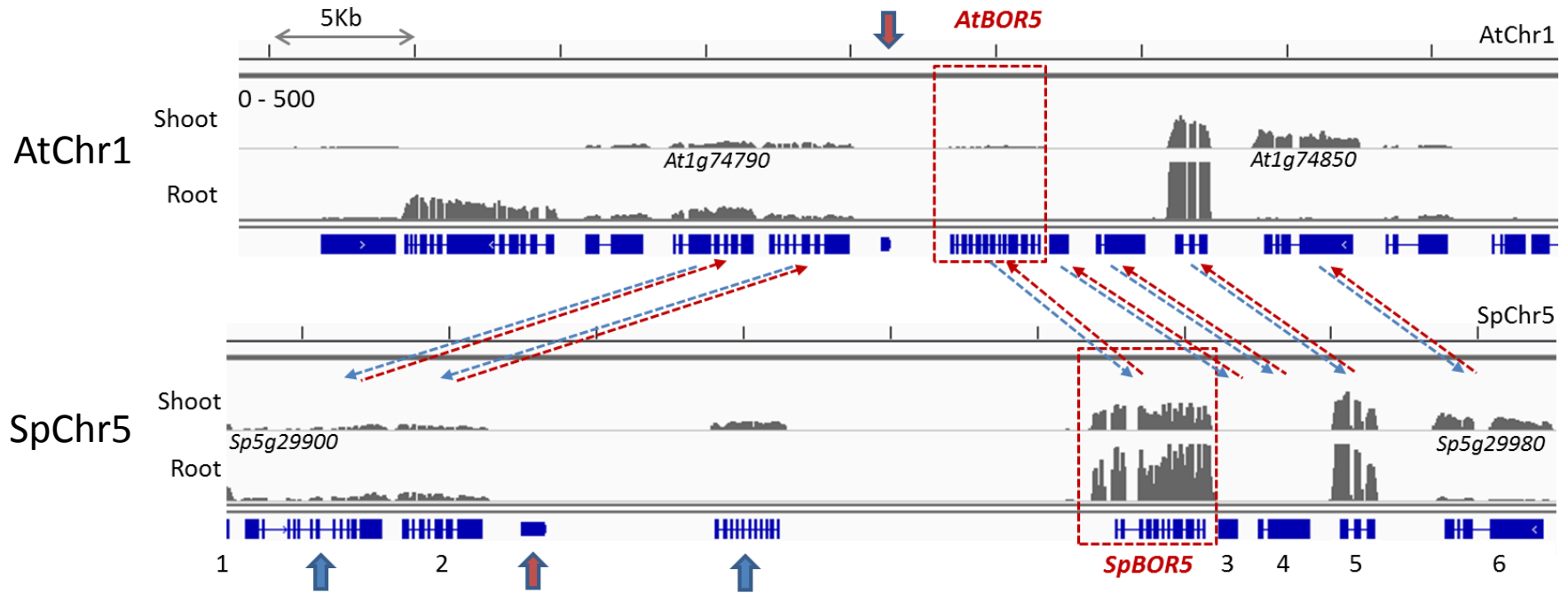
*S. parvula*-specific tandem duplication of  $\text{Na}^+/\text{H}^+$  EXCHANGER 8 (NHX8)?



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*S. parvula*-specific transposition near *BORON TRANSPORTER 5* (*BOR5*)?



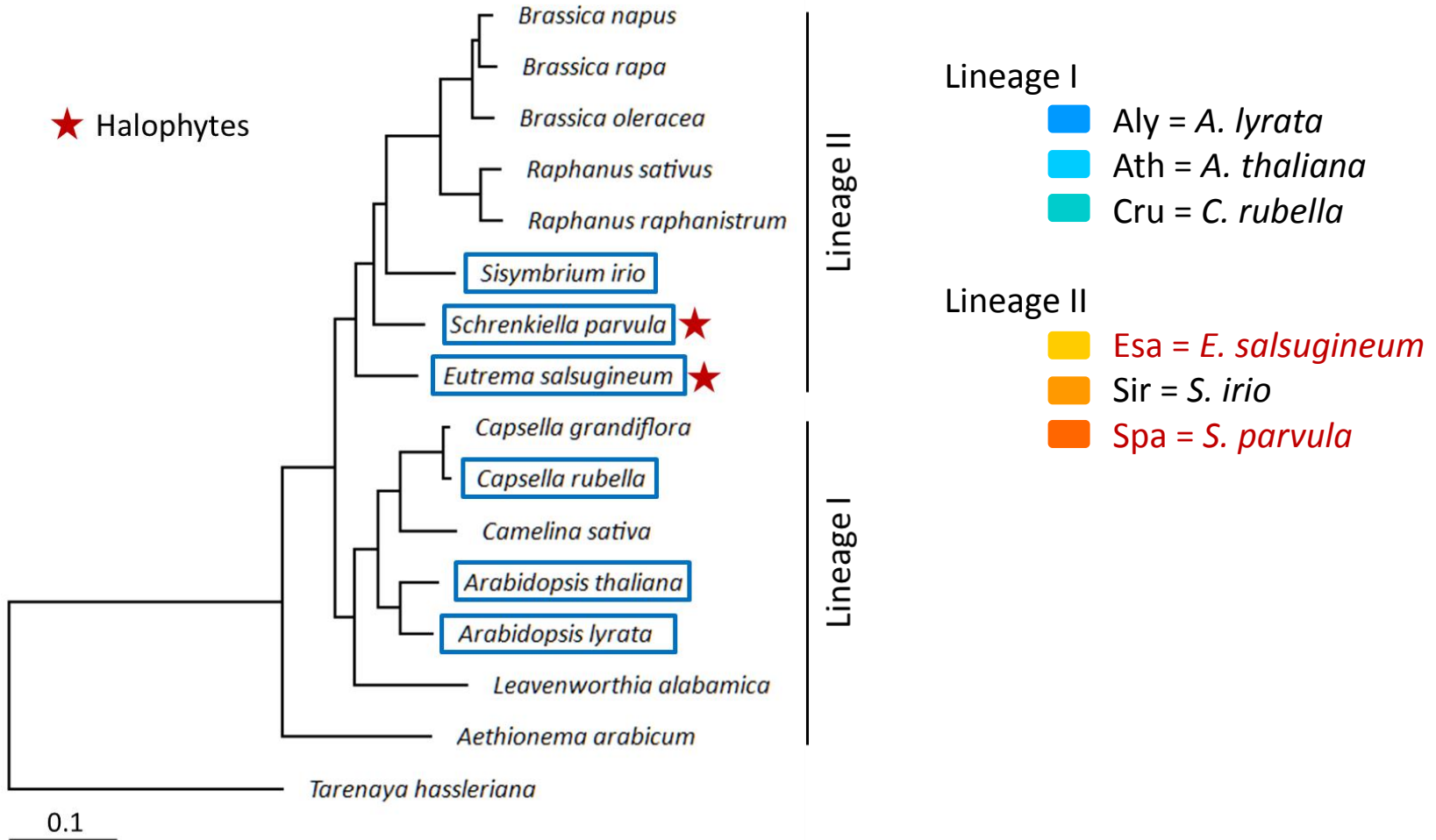
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Criticisms for two-species comparison with a model plant:

Are these events really **unique to *S. parvula***?

# Expanding genome samples for comparative analyses

Publicly available Brassicaceae genomes, 2017 Spring



# CLfinder-OrthNet

a pipeline to systematically compare multiple closely-related genomes

## 1. CLfinder (Co-Linearity finder)

- summarizes annotation and detects tandem duplication (*td*) for each genome
- detects **co-linearity** in gene orders in all **pairs of genomes**



# Pair-wise comparisons by CLfinder – but **this was not enough...**

Summary of CLfinder results showing pairwise comparisons among 6 crucifer species

Query species	# protein-coding genes	CL type <sup>a</sup>	Target species						# TD <sup>b</sup> events (# TD genes)
			Aly	Ath	Cru	Esa	Sir	Spa	
Aly	32,657	<i>cl</i>		24,296	23,055	21,416	19,988	21,032	
		<i>tr</i>		4,881	5,375	6,668	8,104	6,478	2,163
		<i>ls</i>		2,876	3,611	3,954	3,902	4,530	(5,733)
		<i>nd</i>		604	616	619	663	617	
Ath	27,206	<i>cl</i>	23,436		22,683	21,187	19,821	20,851	
		<i>tr</i>	2,431		2,804	4,032	5,355	4,064	1,747
		<i>ls</i>	1,339		1,719	1,987	2,030	2,291	(4,770)
		<i>nd</i>	0		0	0	0	0	
Cru	26,521	<i>cl</i>	22,371	22,836		20,906	19,350	20,436	
		<i>tr</i>	3,036	2,836		4,338	5,817	4,267	1,752
		<i>ls</i>	950	666		1,112	1,154	1,646	(4,996)
		<i>nd</i>	164	183		165	200	172	
Esa	26,351	<i>cl</i>	20,384	20,884	20,460		19,699	20,612	
		<i>tr</i>	4,465	4,137	4,460		5,431	4,046	1,646
		<i>ls</i>	1,452	1,274	1,377		1,146	1,631	(4,461)
		<i>nd</i>	50	56	54		75	62	
Sir	32,524	<i>cl</i>	19,015	19,538	19,068	19,728		19,766	
		<i>tr</i>	3,062	2,860	2,998	2,722		2,697	1,795
		<i>ls</i>	5,520	5,148	5,496	5,054		4,225	(4,586)
		<i>nd</i>	4,927	4,978	4,962	5,020		5,836	
Spa	26,847	<i>cl</i>	19,849	20,358	19,934	20,380	19,546		
		<i>tr</i>	2,830	2,452	2,718	2,534	4,097		1,242
		<i>ls</i>	3,649	3,541	3,688	3,432	2,526		(3,049)
		<i>nd</i>	519	496	507	501	678		

<sup>a</sup> Co-linear (*cl*), transposed (*tr*), lineage-specific (*ls*), or not determined due to too small genome scaffold (*nd*)

<sup>a</sup> Using CLfinder parameters {window\_size, num\_CL\_trshld, gap\_CL\_trshld} = { 20, 3, 20 }

<sup>b</sup> Using TDfinder parameter max\_TD\_loci\_dist = 4

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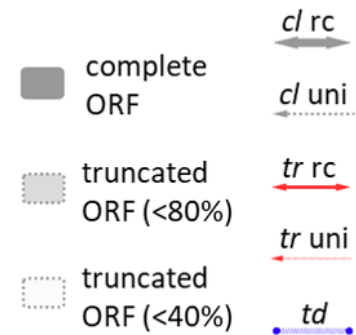
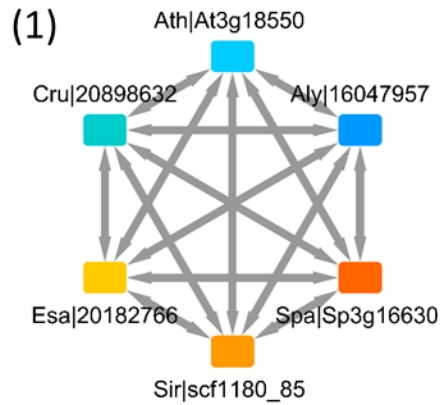
1. CLfinder (Co-Linearity finder)

2. ONfinder (OrthNet finder)

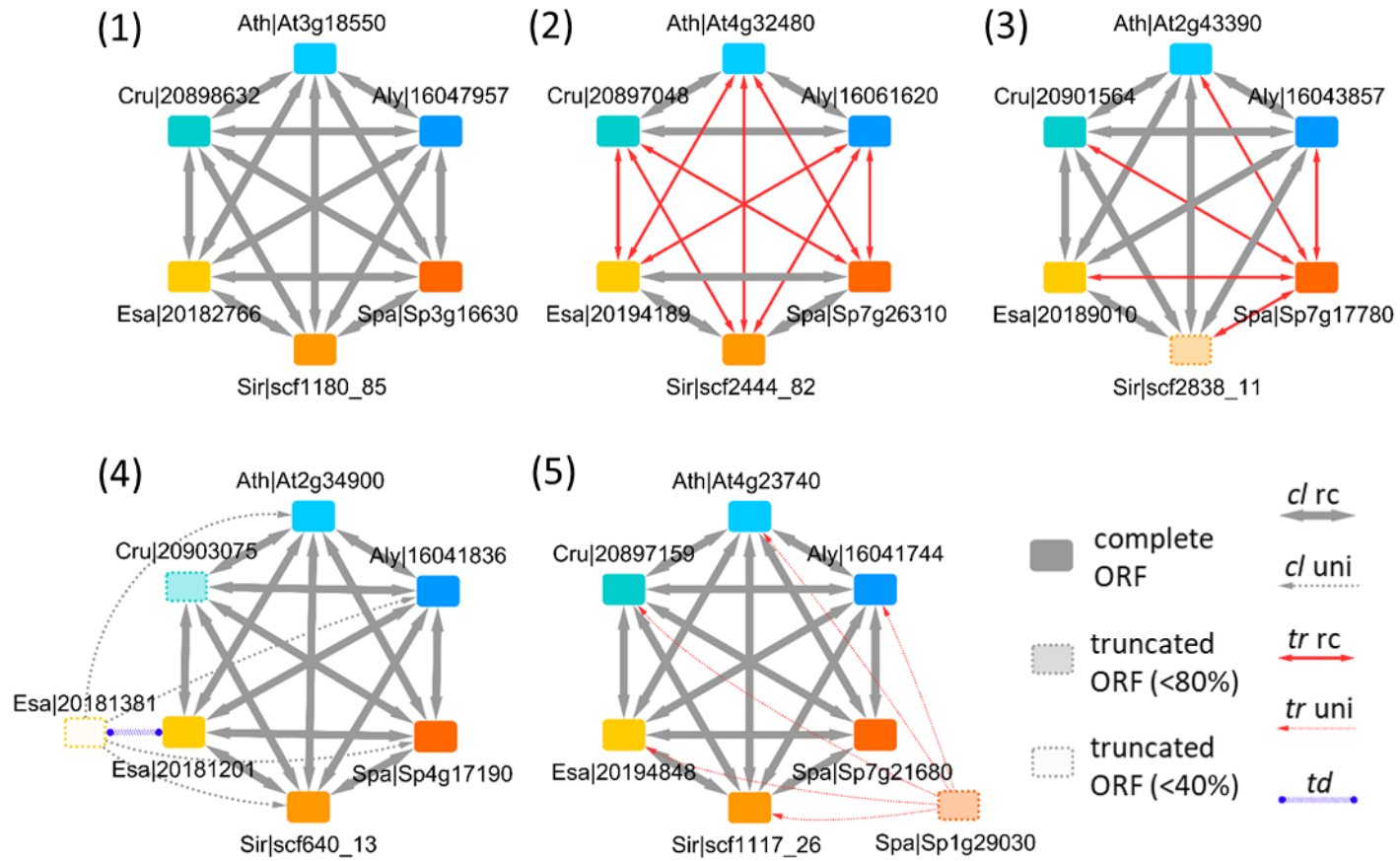
- combines CLfinder results into networks of orthologs (**OrthNet**),
- connects “best ortholog” and tandem duplicated (*td*) paralog nodes with the **presence (*cl*) or absence (*tr*) of co-linearity** as **edge property**,
- **\*iterative Markov clustering** (MCL) to “prune” and finalize OrthNets,
- **\*searches and clusters OrthNets based on topology**

\* More on these: W1069 (Systems Genomics)

# Encoding the evolutionary history of a locus as a network (OrthNet)

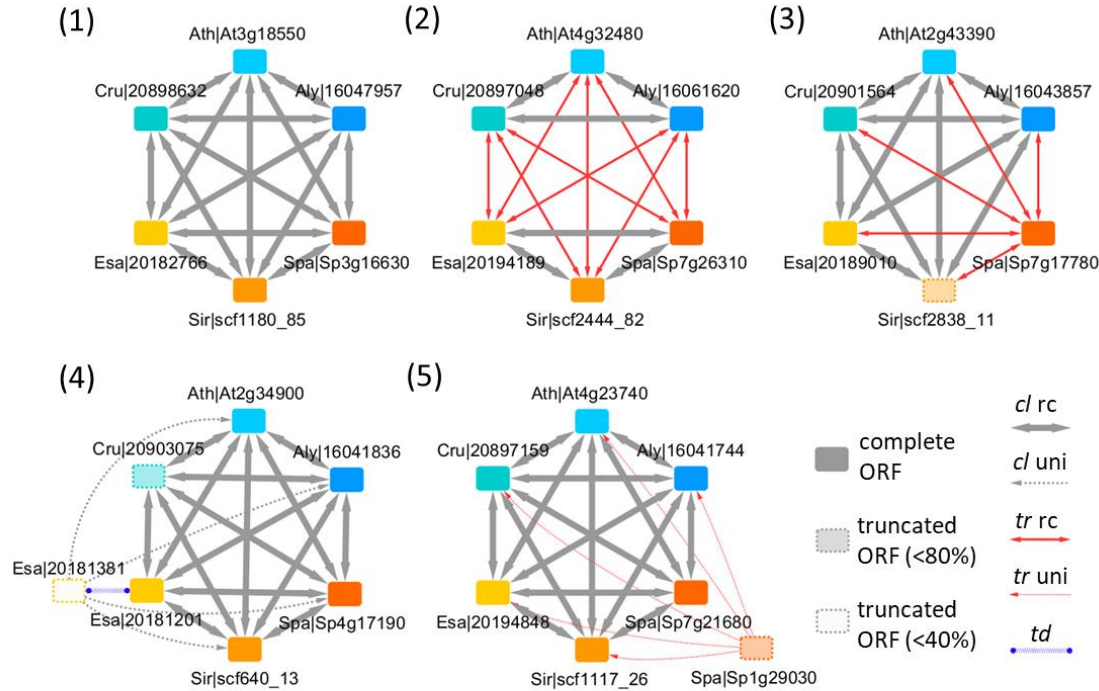


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enables detection of all orthologs showing a shared “evolutionary context/history”



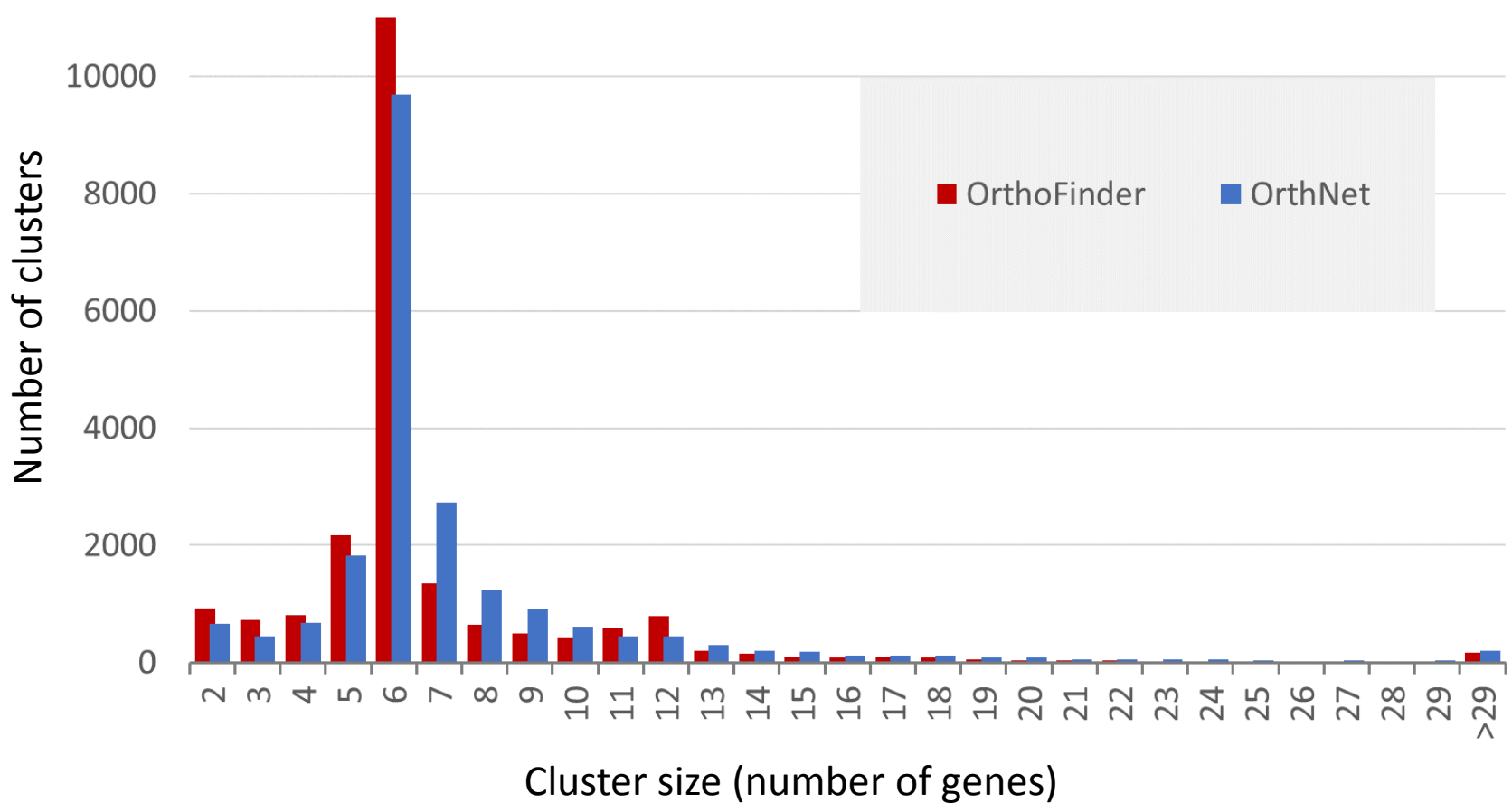
Evolutionary history	Number of OrthNets	Example OrthNet ID (Annotation)
(1) All co-linear, single copy	7,034	On_6361 (BRANCHED 1)
(2) Transposition ( <i>tr</i> ) between Lineage I and II	50	On_8867 (unknown function)
(3) Spa-specific transposition	12	On_12904 (unknown function)
(4) Esa-specific tandem duplication ( <i>td</i> )	44	On_4974 (IMBIBITION-INDUCIBLE 1)
(5) Spa-specific transposition-duplication ( <i>tr-d</i> )	70	On_4629 (LRR kinase family)

(Oh and Dassanayake, DNA Res, 2018)

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## Comparison of OrthNet and OrthoFinder

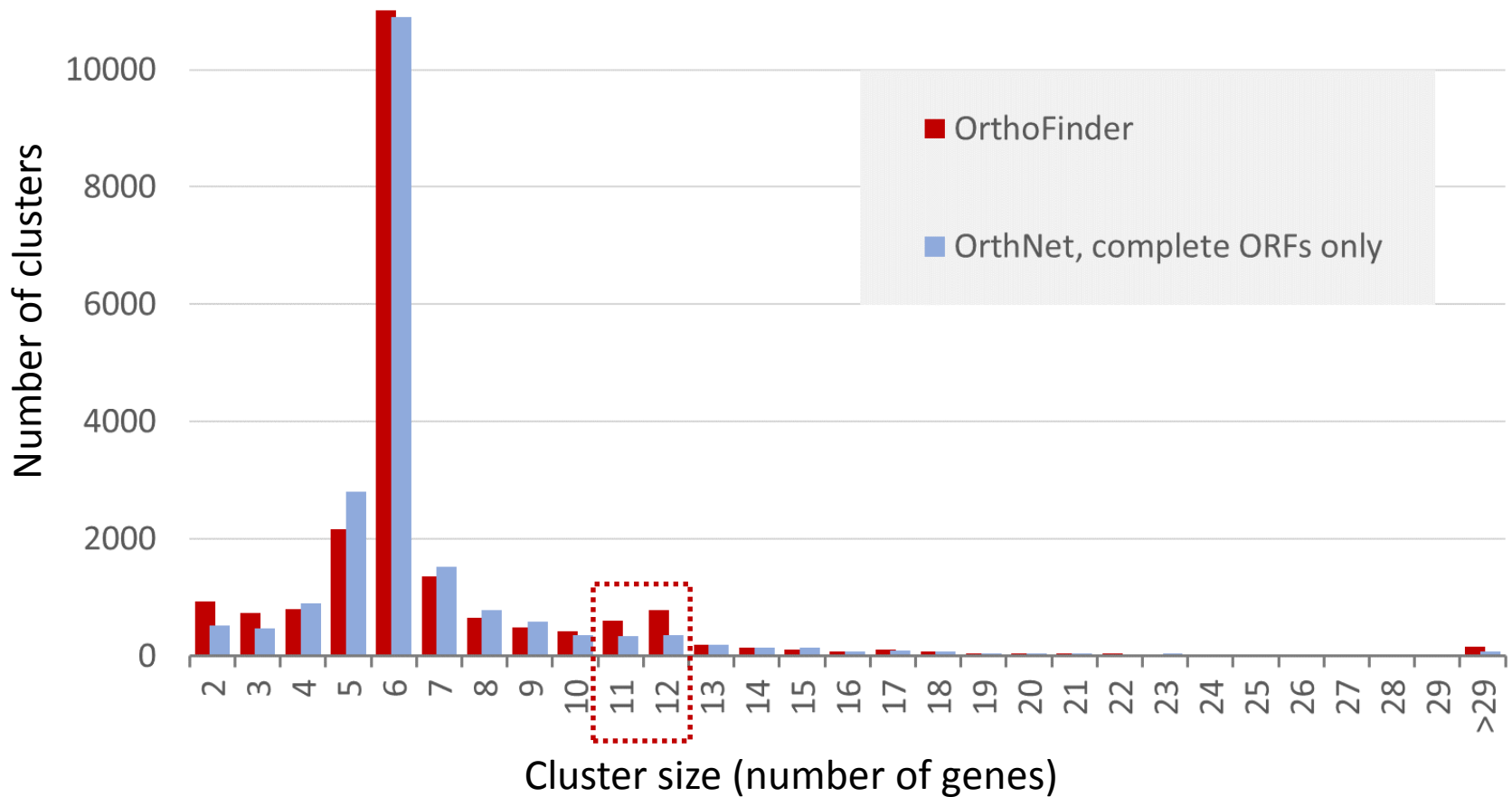
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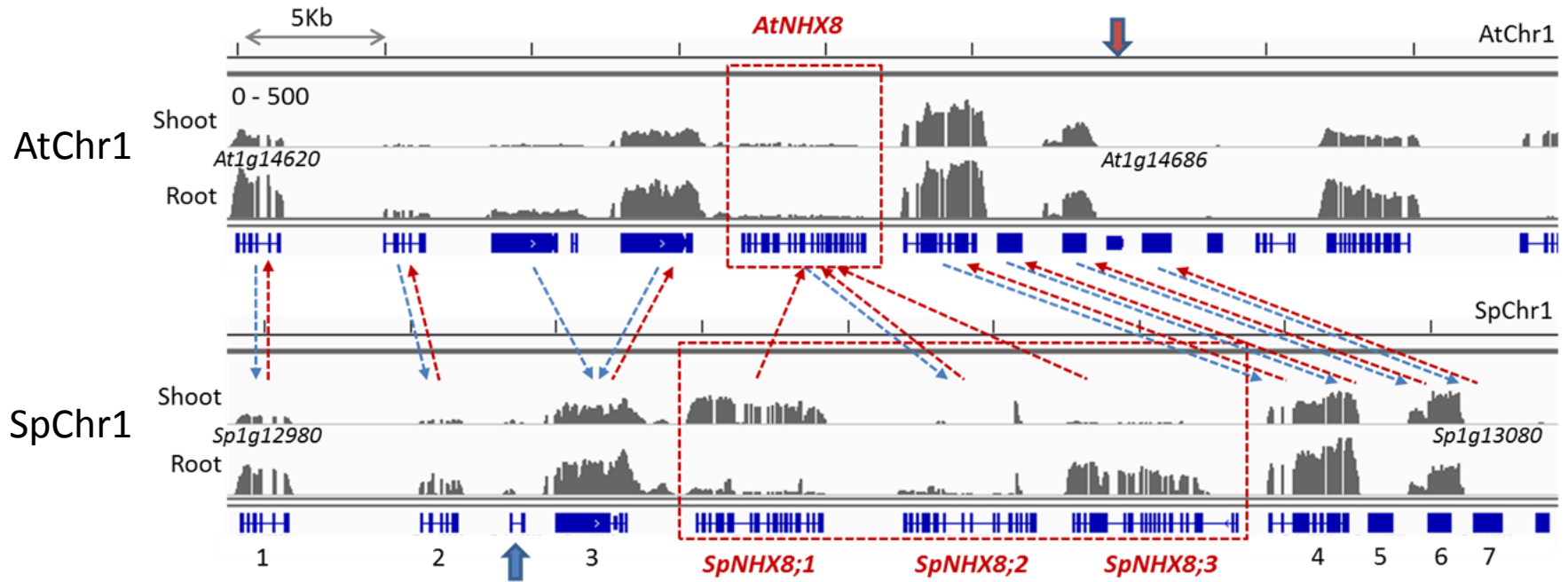
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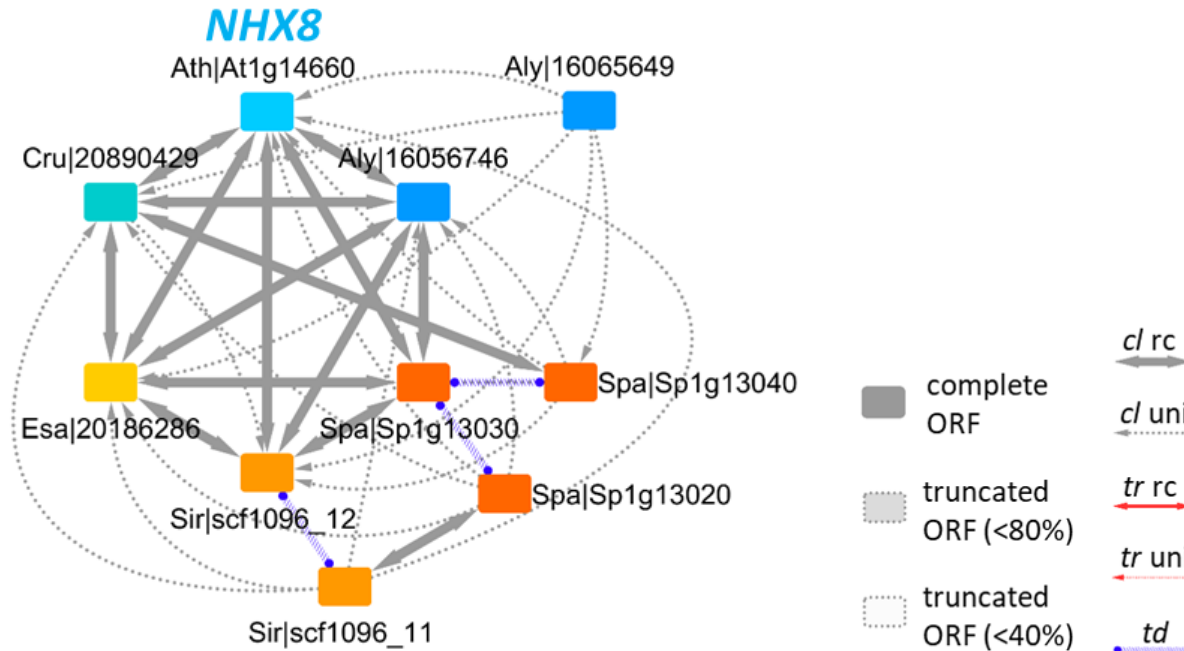
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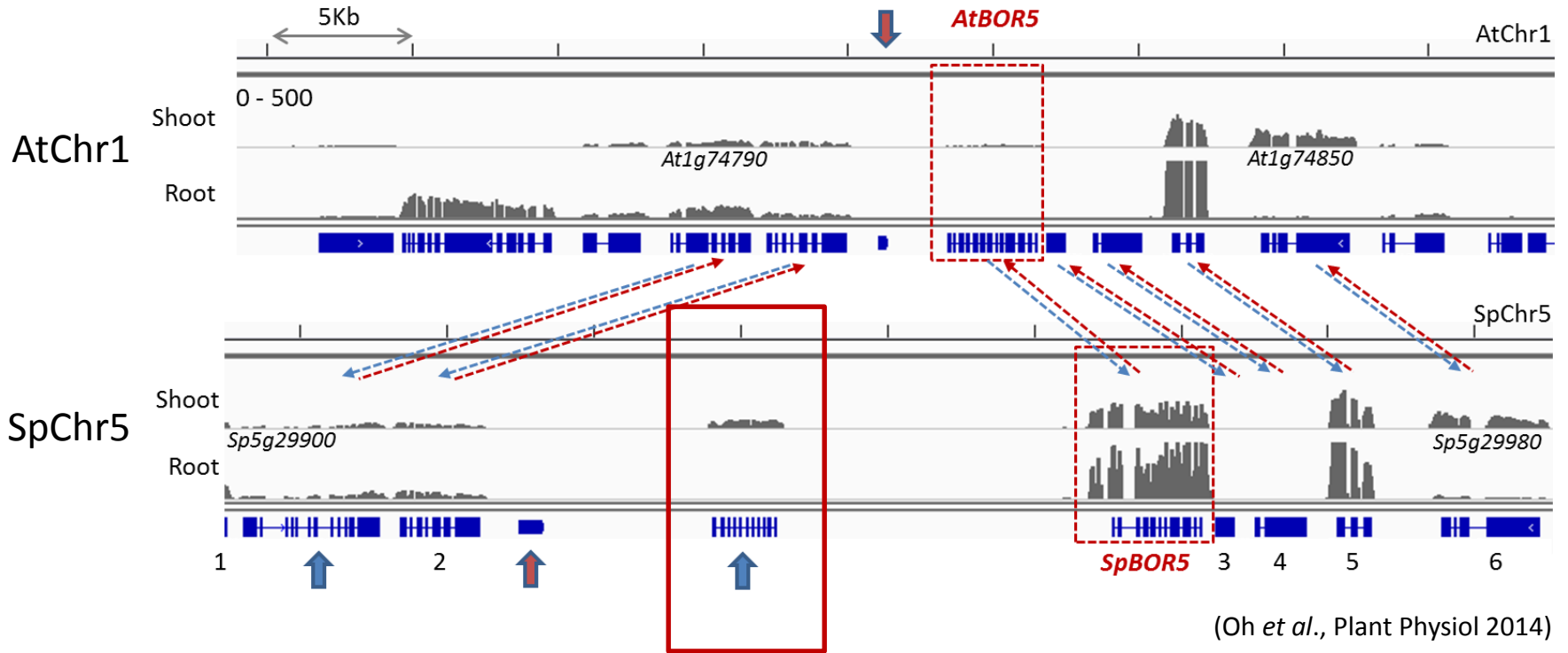
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- *NHX8* tandem duplication was found in *S. irio* (Sir), too.
- However, only *S. parvula* contained three copies.

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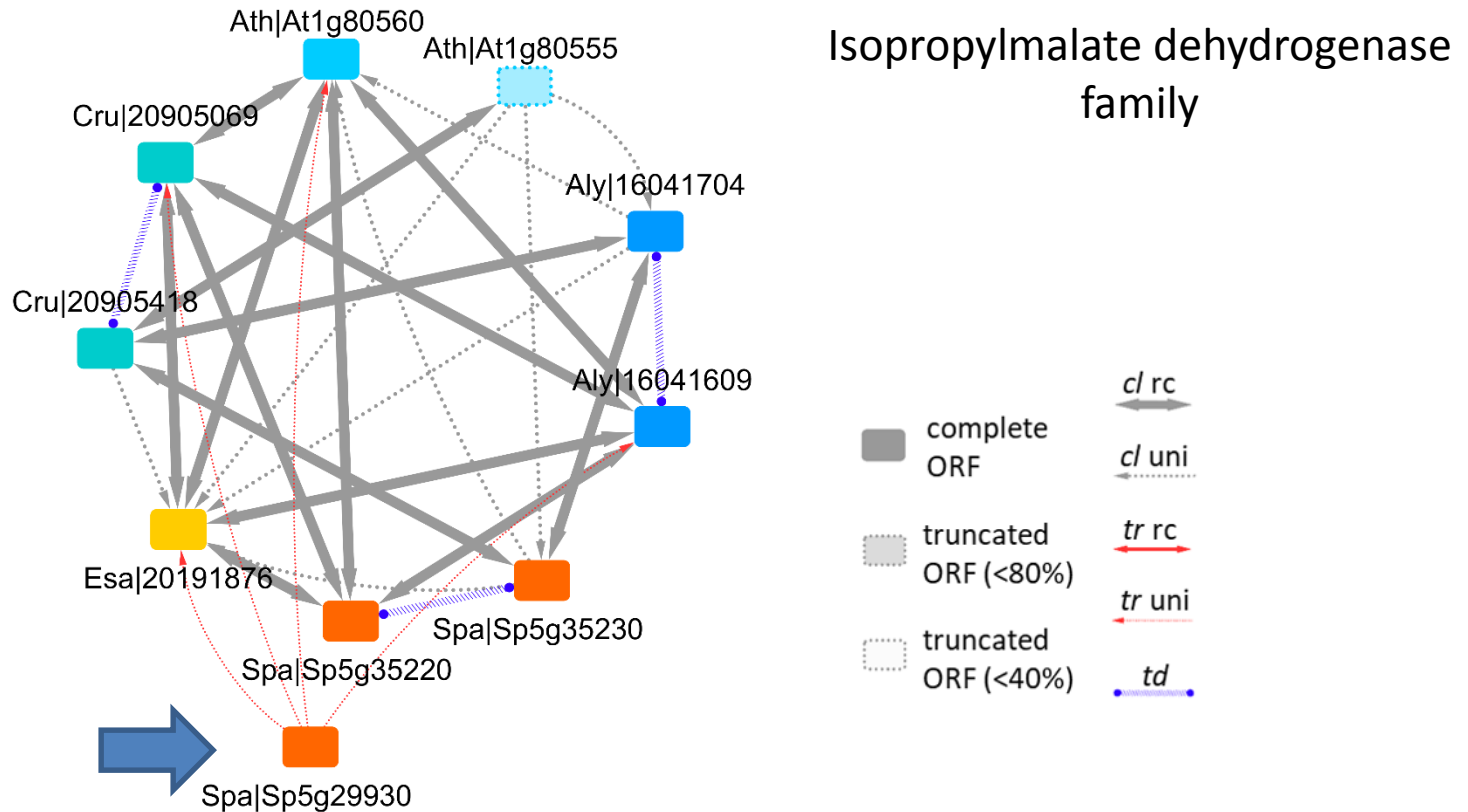
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Is this transposition unique to *S. parvula*?

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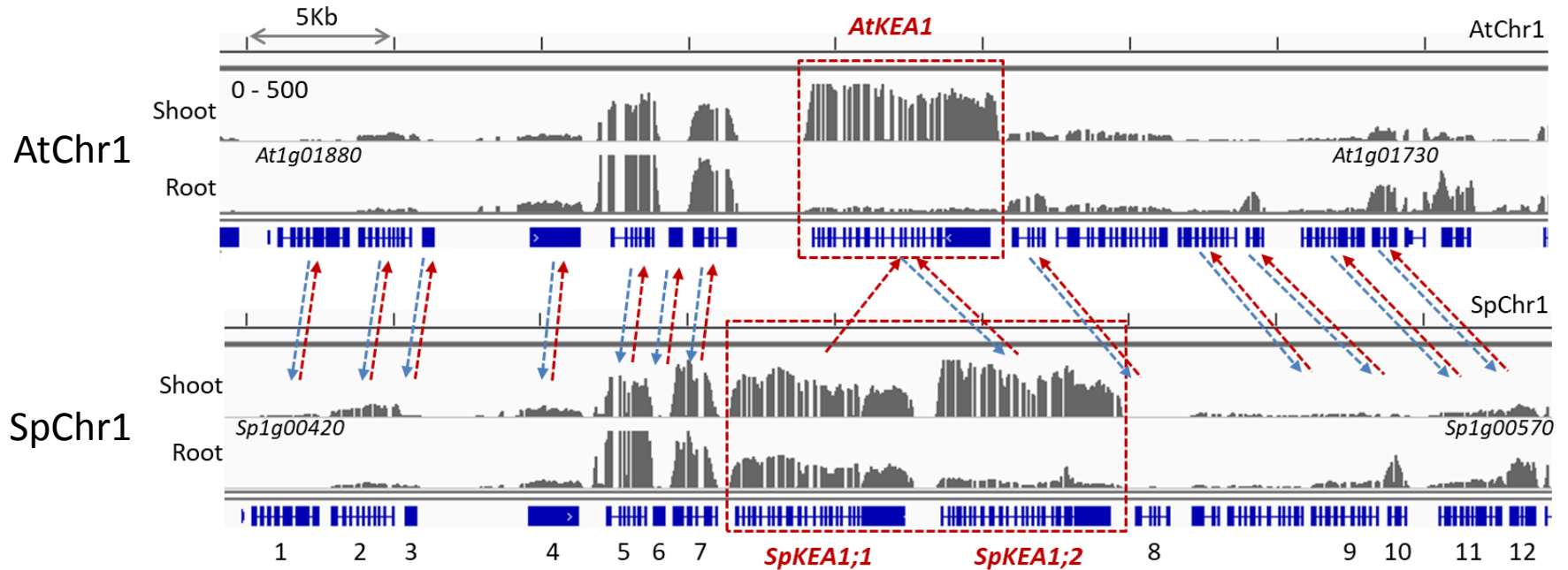
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Yes, the transposition-duplication ( $tr-d$ ) of Sp5g29930 (the gene inserted at the 5' of SpBOR5) was **unique to *S. parvula***.

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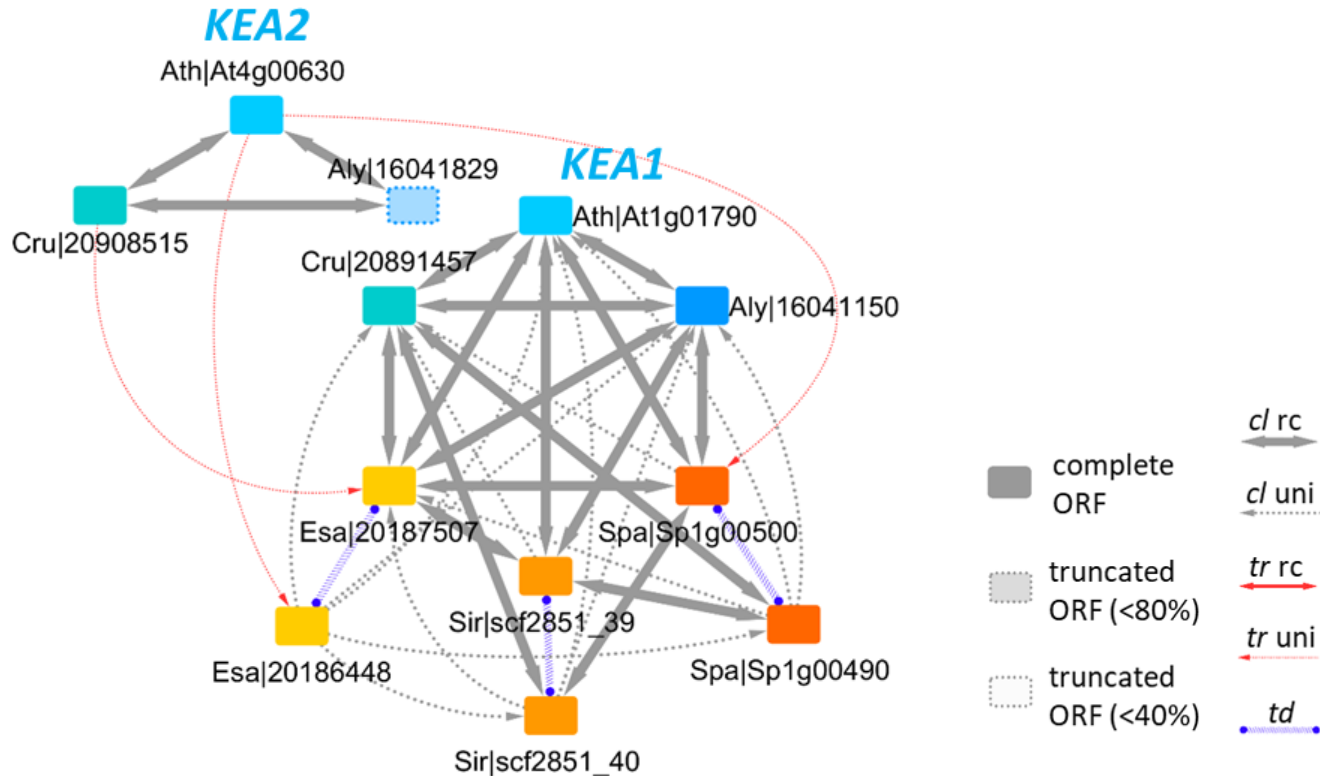


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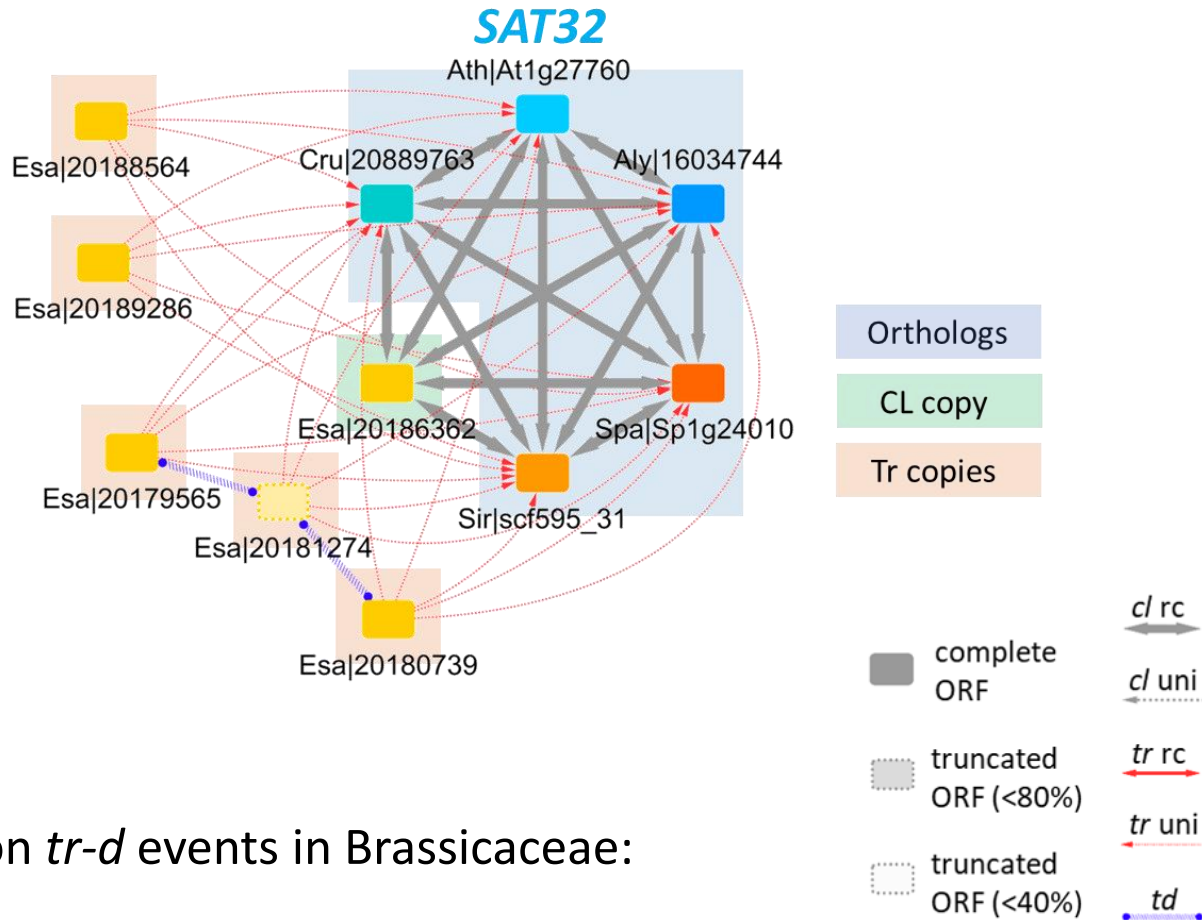
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- *SpKEA1* tandem duplication was found in all Lineage II species.
- Lineage I species shared a transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) of *KEA1* (annotated as *KEA2*).

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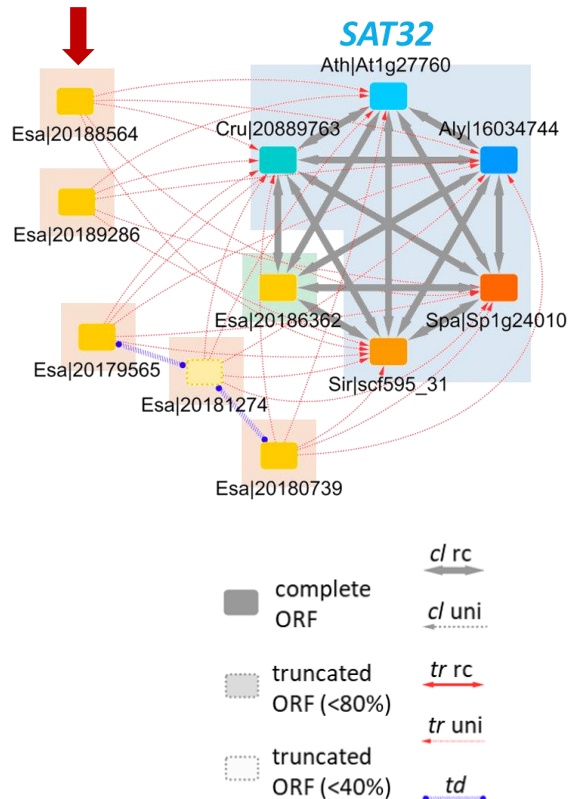
*SALT TOLERANCE 32 (SAT32)*: the largest *E. salsgineum*-specific *tr-d* event



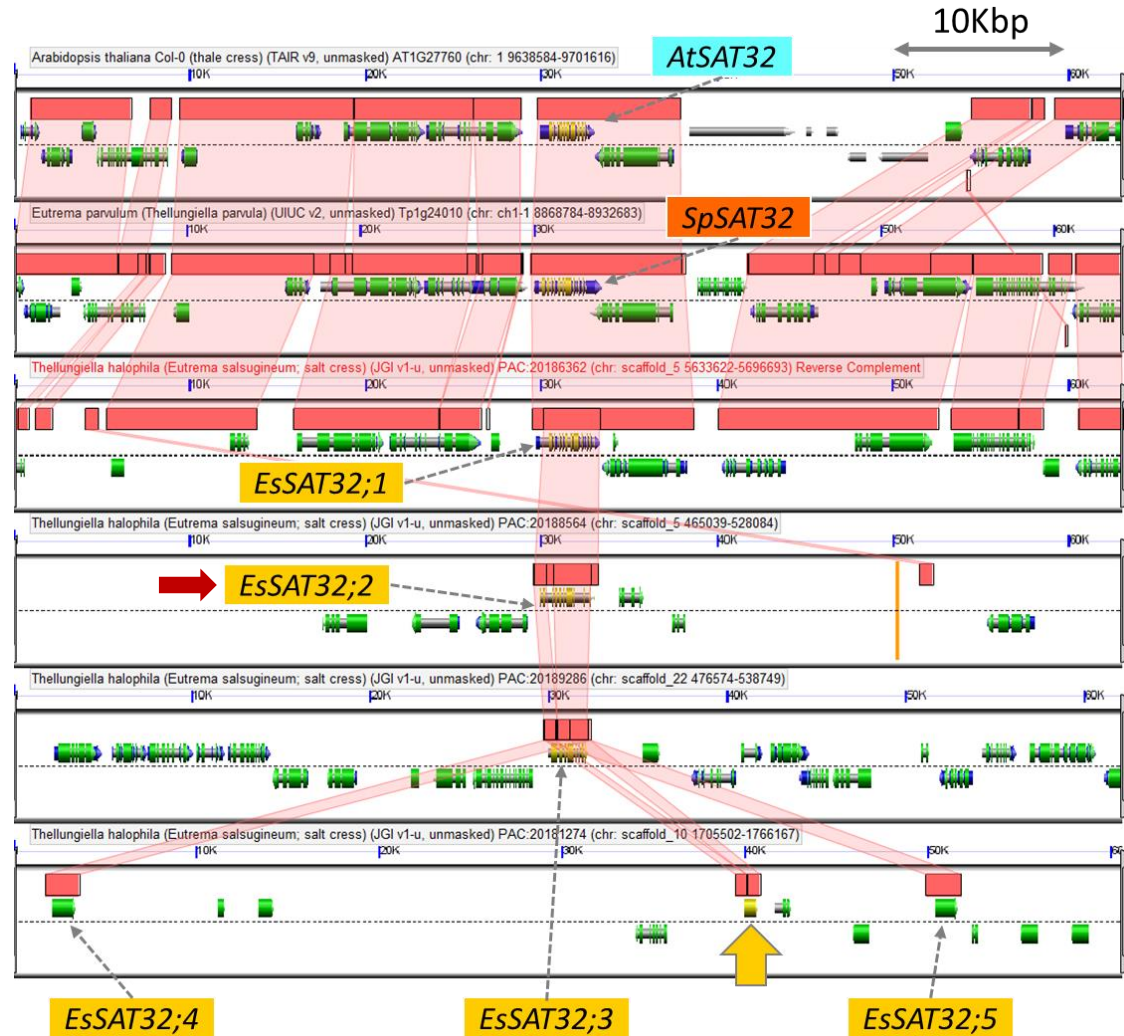
More detail on *tr-d* events in Brassicaceae:  
W1069 (Systems Genomics)

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Orthologs  
CL copy  
Tr copies

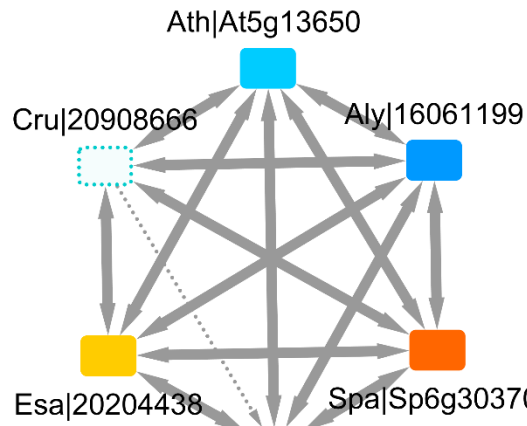


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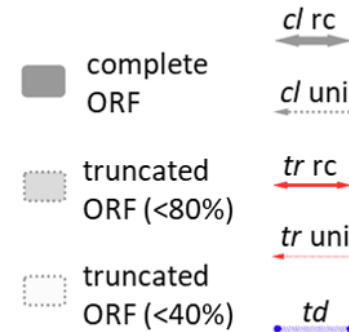
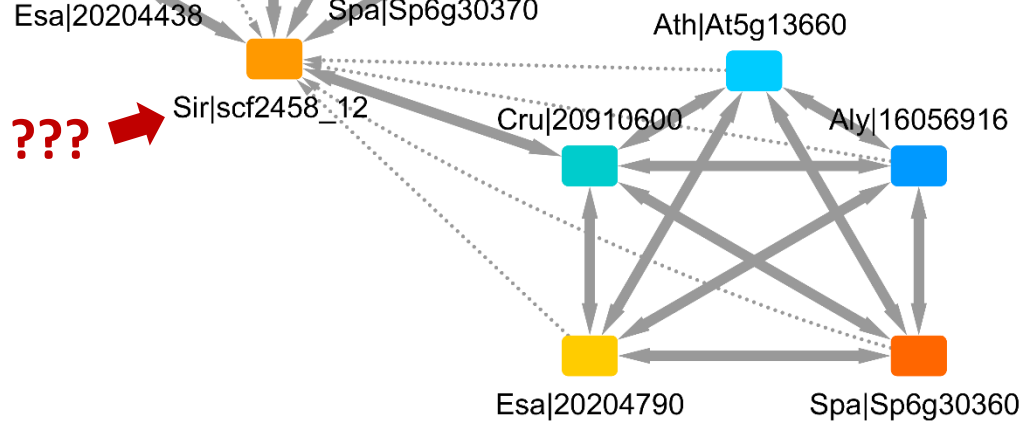
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## *At5g13650* | elongation factor family



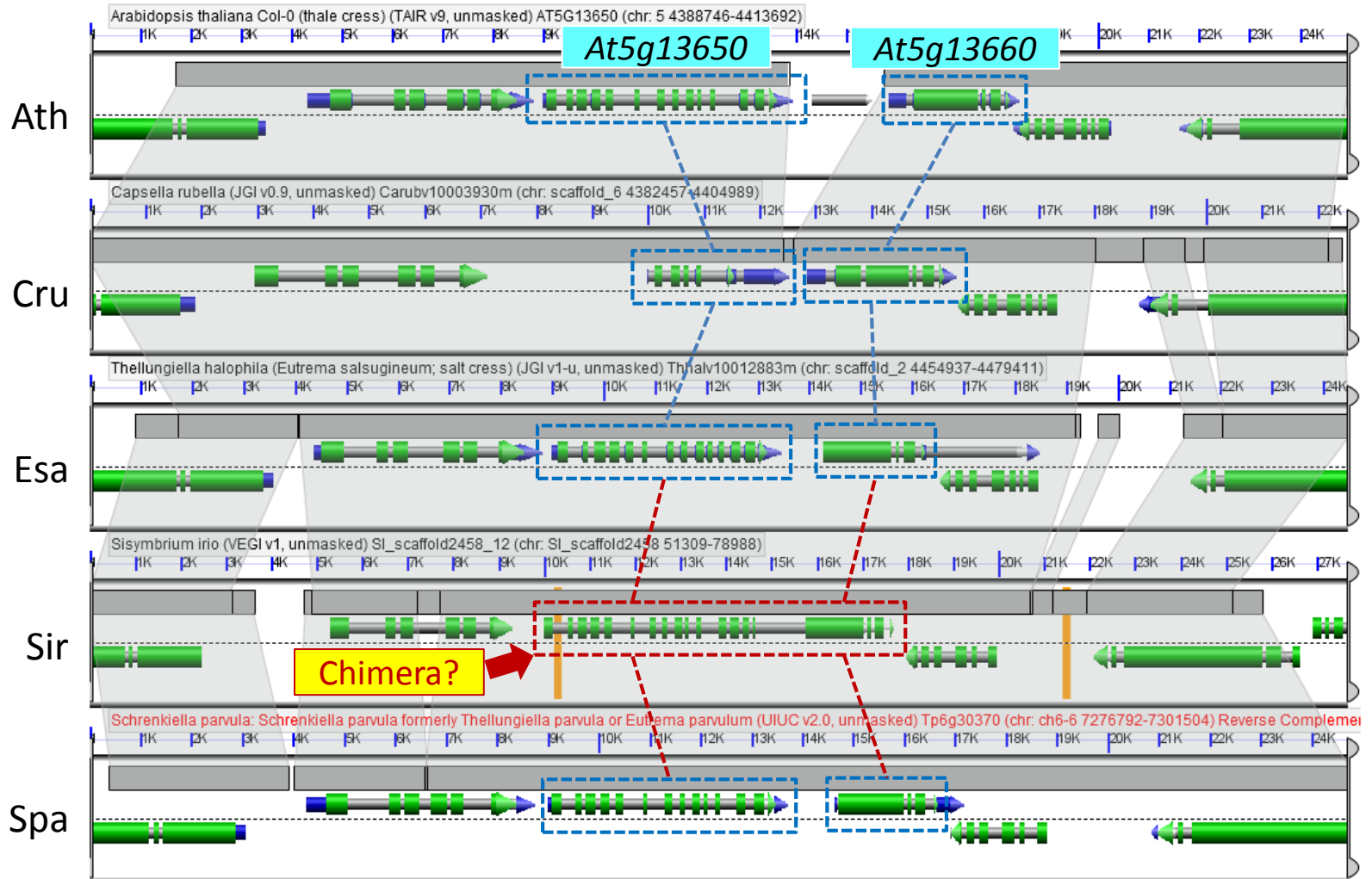
## *At5g13660* | N-lysine methyltransferase





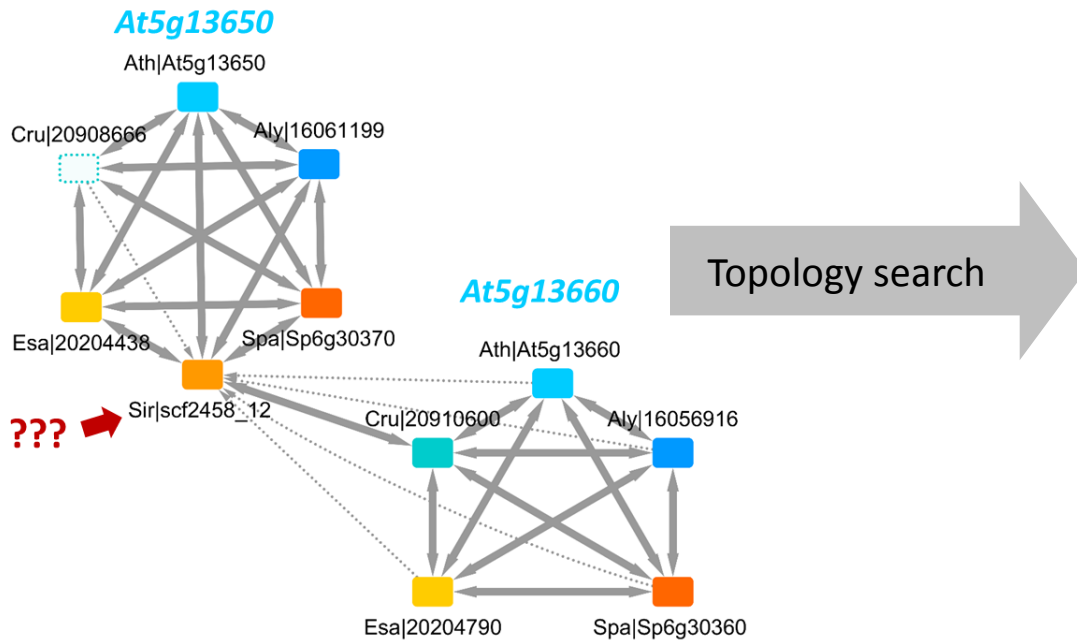
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Species	Genome annotation	# of chimeric gene models
Aly	Phytozome 107	47
Ath	Araport11	0
Cru	Phytozome 183	11
Esa	Phytozome 173	8
Sir	ver. 0.2	<b>285</b>
Spa	ver. 2.1	10

RNA-Seq or Iso-Seq

Improved gene models

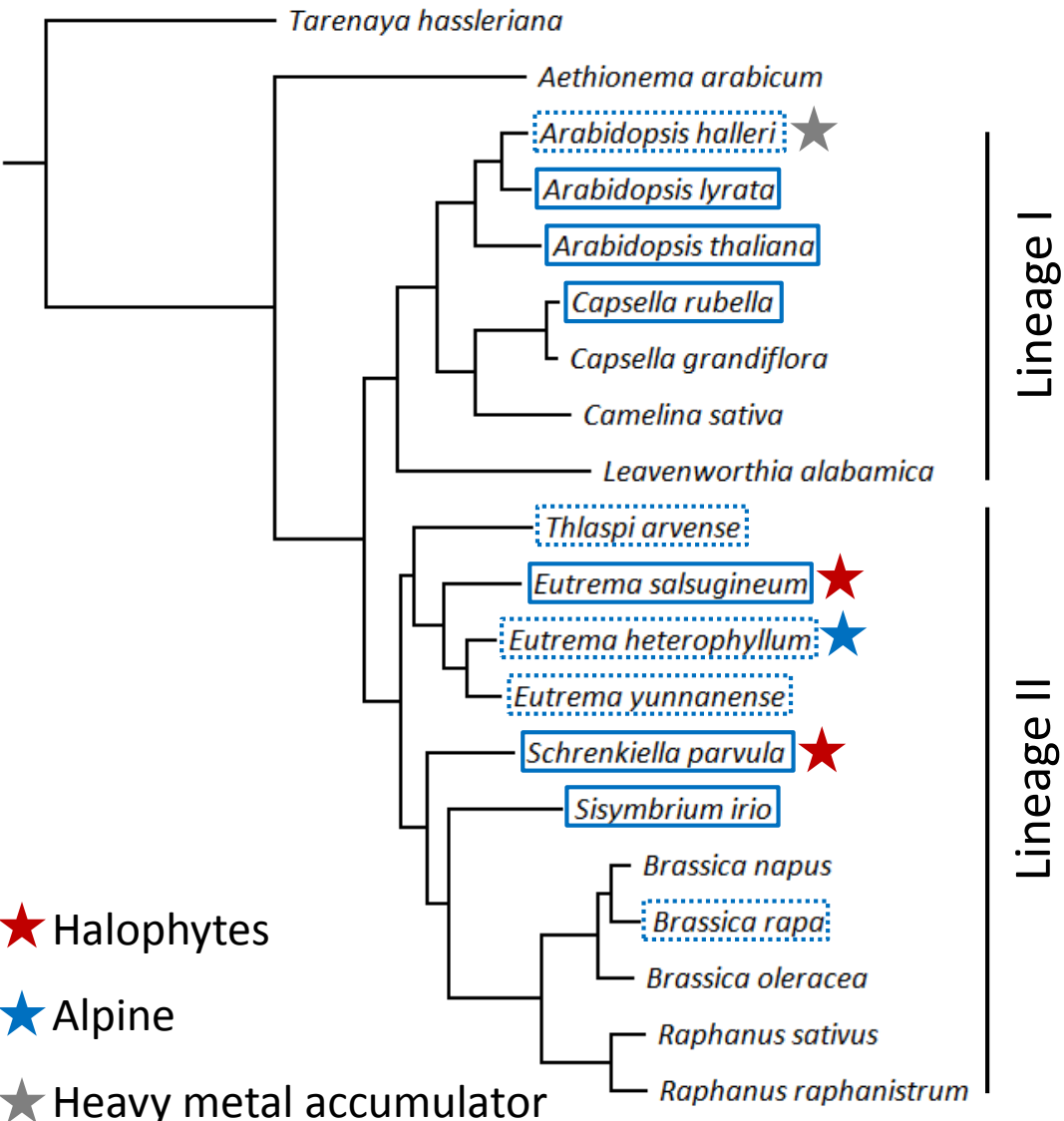
(or confirming a gene fusion event)

“Chimera” OrthNet topology =

Multiple functionally unrelated, often adjacent, genes captured in the same OrthNet, due to a node in a single (or a subset of) species.

# Brassicaceae genomes 2018 Fall (part)

(Guo et al., *DNA Res*, 2018)



- ★ Halophytes
- ★ Alpine
- ★ Heavy metal accumulator

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Ehe = *E. heterophyllum*

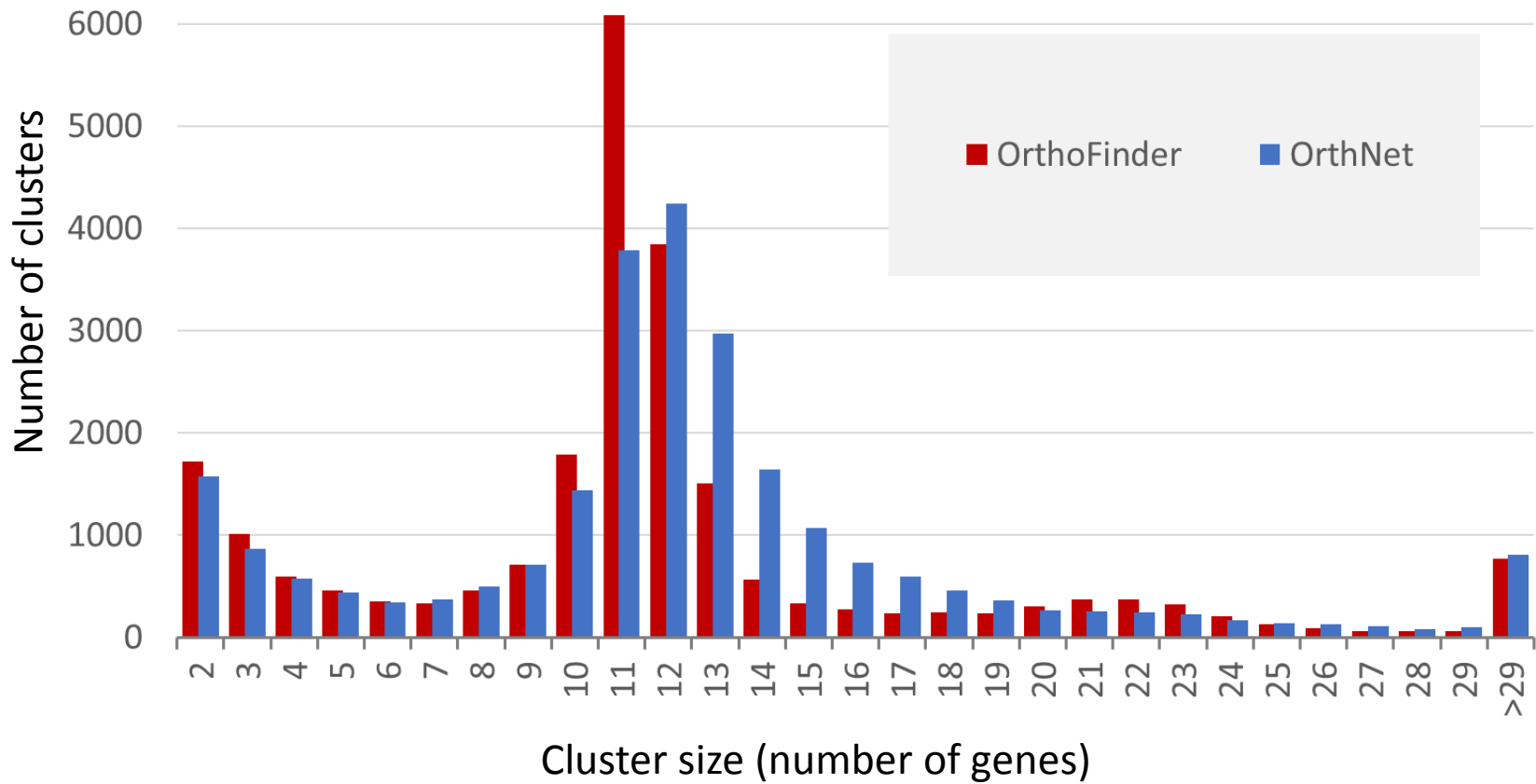


Ehe = *E. yunnanense*

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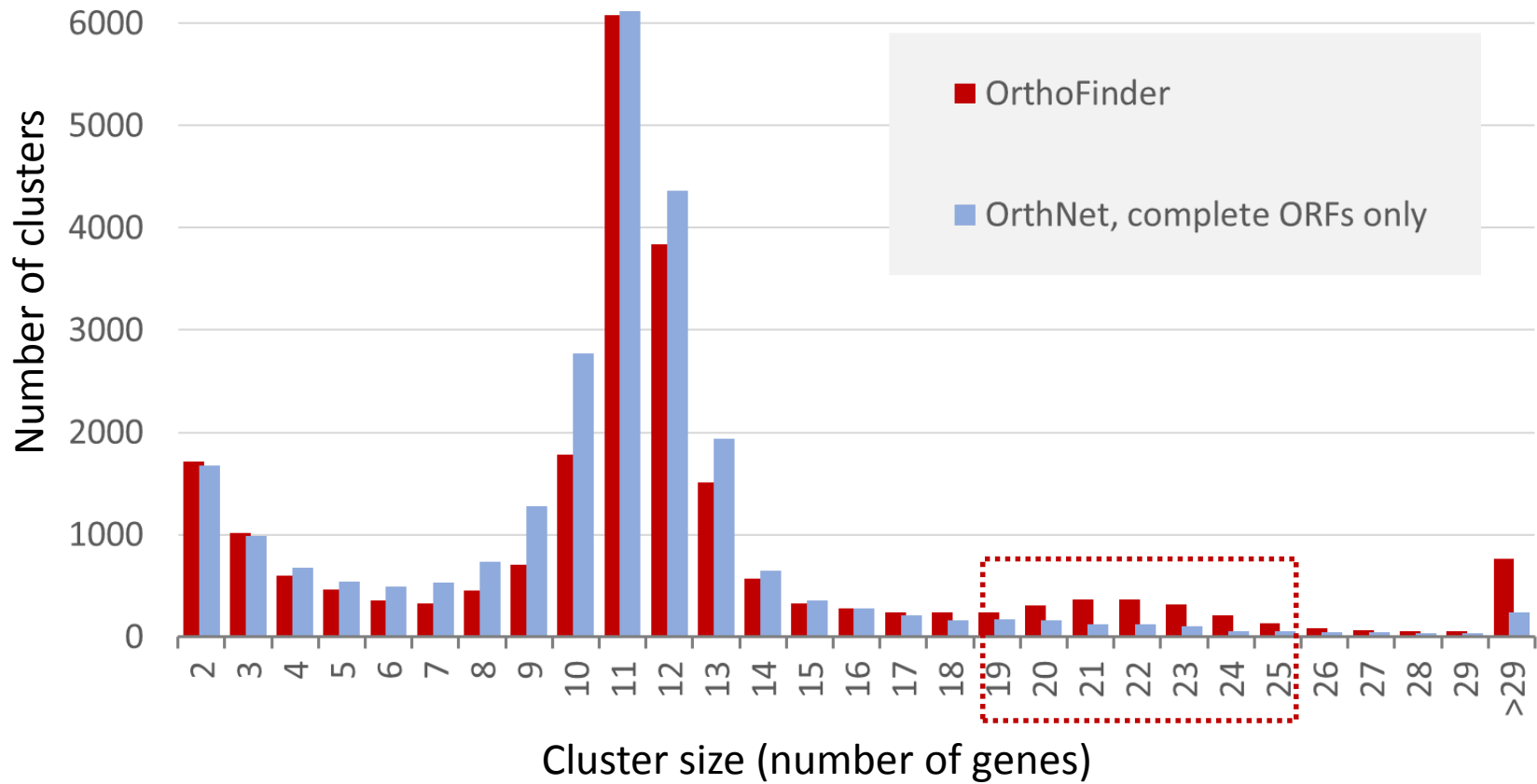
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# Conclusions

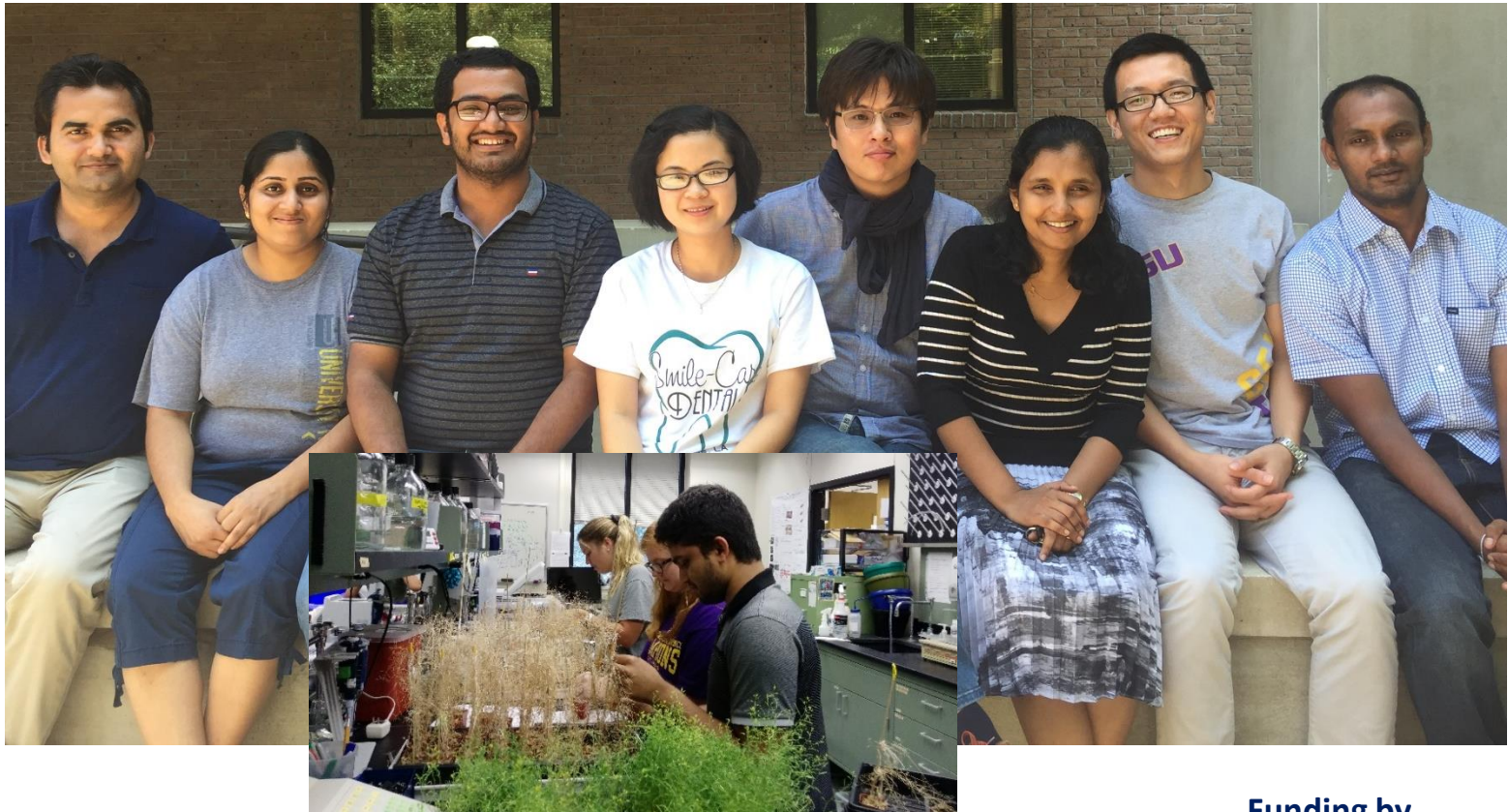
- OrthNet **encodes evolutionary histories** of each gene locus
- OrthNet complements existing tools (e.g. OrthoFinder) in **inferring orthology**.\*
- OrthNet detects truncated and **chimeric** gene models.
- CLfinder-OrthNet prepares a newly annotated genome (or a set of genomes) into a **comparative genomics framework**.

\*More in W1069 (Systems Genomics)

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# Thank you!



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