

Ensembl Gene Trees & Annotation propagation

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GeneTree pipeline overview

Load Genes and Longest
Translation from all species
in Ensembl

Build a graph of gene relations (150M links - v53)

For each cluster, build a multiple alignment (MCoffee) based on the protein sequences

Interence of ortholog and paralogs (OrthoTree)

WU Blastp + SmithWaterman longest translation of every Gene against every other in a genome-wise manner

Hcluster_sg
Hierarchical clustering
(max_count 1500)

From each CDS-backtranslated aligment, build a reconciled gene tree with internal duplication nodes with respect to a species tree (TreeBeST)

Vilella et al., Genome Res. 2009







TreeBeST - treemerge

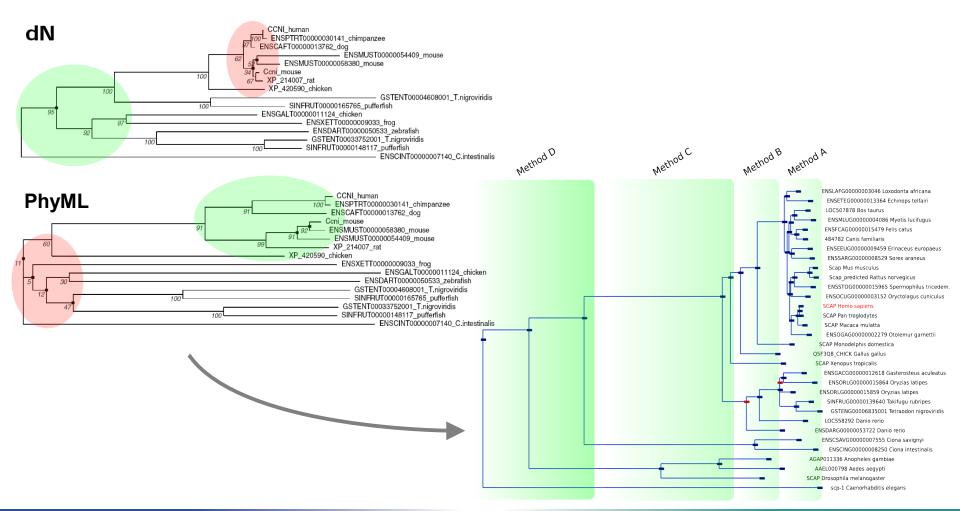
- ML-AA-WAG4 WAG matrix aminoacidic model Maximum Likelihood (PHYML)
- ML-NT-HKY85 Hasegawa-Kishino-Yano nucleotidic model – Maximum Likelihood (PHYML)
- NJ-NT-p-distance any substitutions neighborjoining with bootstrap
- NJ-NT-dN non-syn substitutions neighborjoining with bootstrap
- NJ-NT-dS synonymous substitutions neighborjoining with bootstrap
- Curated tree topology (if provided)







Each method performs best at a given level

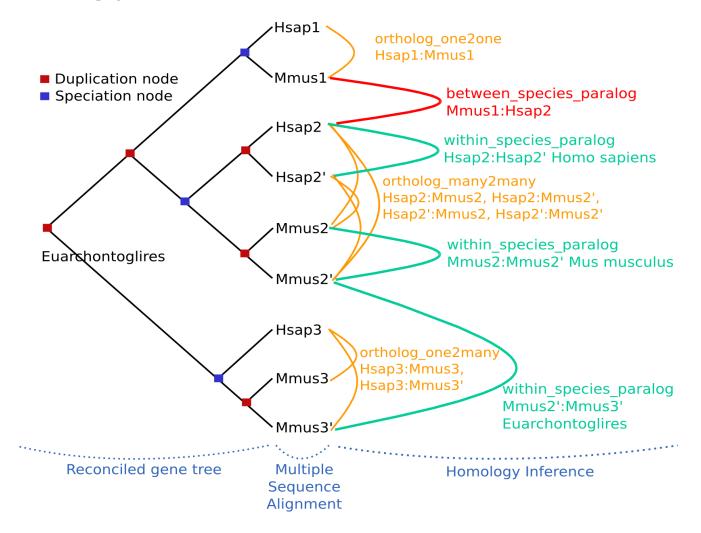








Homology inference

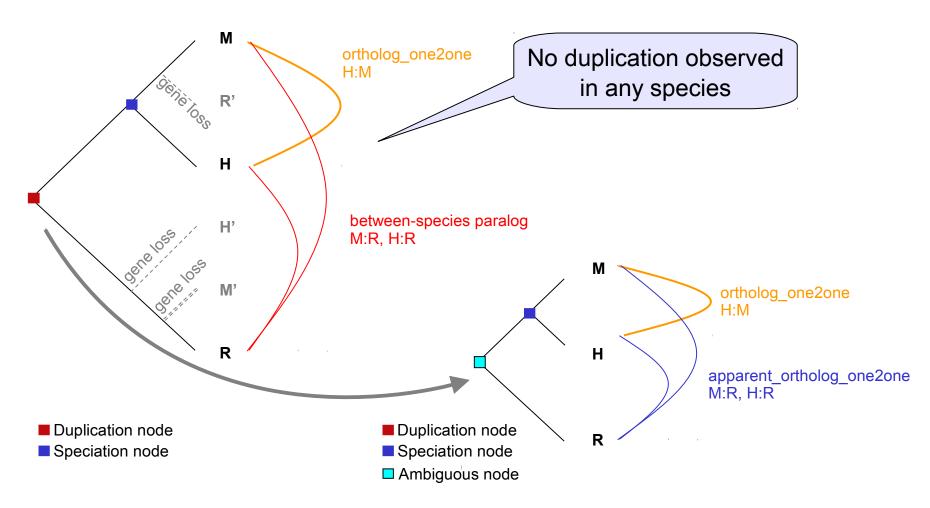








A special case of homology



Orthologues: any gene pairwise relation where the ancestor node is a SPECIATION event. **Paralogues**: any gene pairwise relation where the ancestor node is a DUPLICATION event.

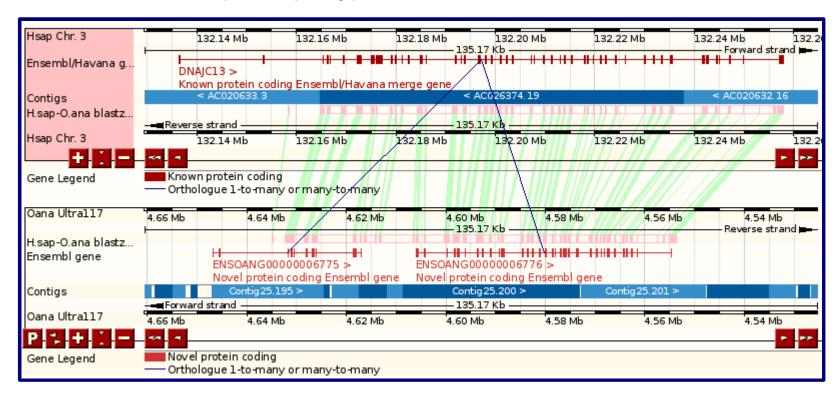






Gene splits

DNAJC13 is split in platypus:



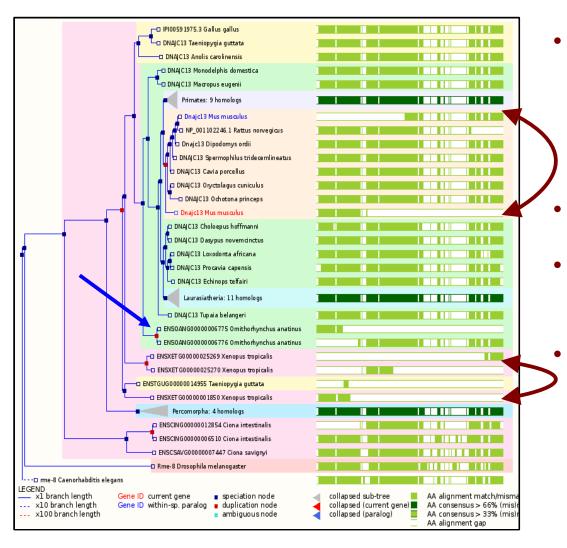
We annotate them as gene split instead of within-species paralogues







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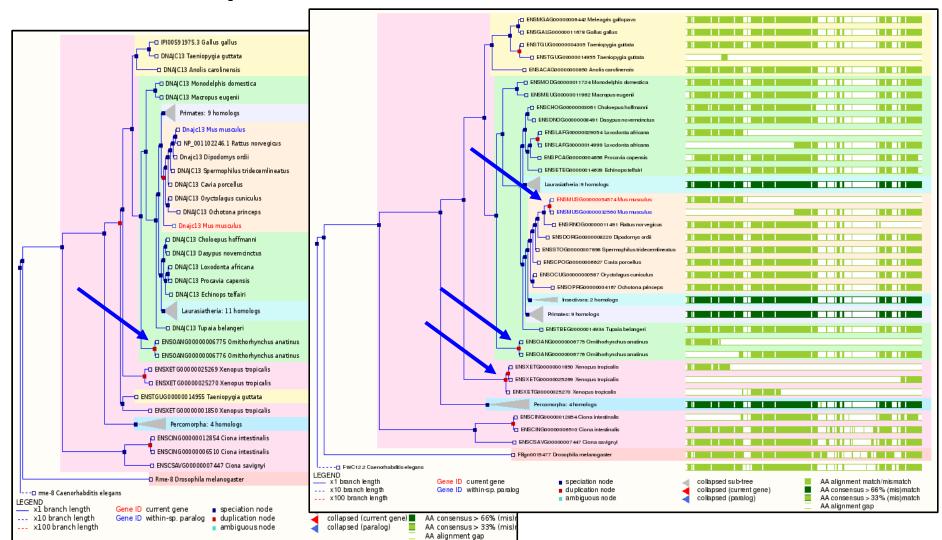
- Most of the splits are in:
- anole lizard, platypus,
 zebrafish, macaque, frog, dog,
 zebra finch
 - Feedback to genebuilders
 - Ideally, we want to see them together in the tree
 - Copy & paste the missing sequence to the other part of the gene







Gene splits









Orthologues in forthcoming e! 58

Human-dog

Orthology type	Pairwise events
1:1 orthologues	14932
Apparent 1:1 orthologues	445
1:many orthologues	2193 (1520 human genes)
many:many orthologues	2095 (358 human genes)

Human-zebrafish

Orthology type	Pairwise events
1:1 orthologues	8779
Apparent 1:1 orthologues	187
1:many orthologues	8633 (4582 human genes)
many:many orthologues	5034 (933 human genes)

NB: These values include ncRNA genes as well







Gene name projections

- From human and mouse to all vertebrates
 - Use the 1:1 orthologs
- From human to fish
 - Use the 1:many orthologs
 - Names become NAME (1 of 3), NAME (2 of 3), etc.
- Rules:
 - if source gene has an HGNC name, and target gene has no name or only a RefSeq predicted name, add name to target gene.
 - Change status to "KNOWN BY PROJECTION"







GO term projections

- Use the 1:1 orthologs only
- From human and mouse to all vertebrates
- From rat to human and mouse
- From zebrafish to other fish
- From human to zebrafish
- Rules:
 - add GO terms from source gene to target gene,
 avoiding duplicates. Only project source GO terms
 with evidence codes IDA, IEP, IGI, IMP, IPI.
 - Projected GO terms on target gene are given evidence code IEA.





