Network of orthologs and evolutionary context search unveil the landscape of gene

transposition-duplication within the Brassicaceae family.

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Abstract

Gene duplication, deletion, and transposition erode co-linearity between genomes over time,

providing a substantial source of genomic structural variations. We developed CLfinder-OrthNet

pipeline to systematically trace gene duplication and transposition events by building networks based on

co-linearity among orthologs (OrthNets) from multiple closely related genomes. Using this pipeline, we

explored evolutionary events that result in erosion of co-linearity among six genomes in Brassicaceae,

including the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* and two extremophyte wild-relatives of Brassica crops

adapted to highly saline habitats. Out of 17,432 OrthNets derived from the six Brassicaceae genomes,

7,034 consisted of six co-linear orthologs, one from each genome, while the remaining included various

degrees and combinations of gene duplication, deletion, and transposition. We focused on

transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events that lead to variations in both gene copy number and co-linearity.

OrthNets identified a landscape of *tr-d* events including those with signatures of selective retention and

putative sub-functionalization in all six genomes. These included lineage-specific *tr-d* of genes that may

be critical for the local adaptation of extremophytes, such as orthologs of *SALT TOLERANCE 32* and *ZINC*

TRANSPORTER 3. Among *tr-d* events uniquely shared by the two extremophytes, those resulted in

duplication of putatively functional full-length ORFs were mostly derived from their common ancestor

rather than from parallel independent events. Our approach enabled systematic detection and

representation of a complex mosaic of evolutionary events among multiple genomes, as well as

identification of candidate genes that may have played roles in the adaptation uniquely found in specific

lineages.

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Glossary

Best-hit : the gene locus in the target genome that is most likely orthologous to a given gene in the

query genome. This can be the gene showing the highest sequence similarity score among all gene

models in the target genome, for a query gene. CLfinder can also choose a best-hit based on co-linearity

among multiple best-hit candidates showing sequence similarity.

Brassicaceae genomes: the six genomes used in this study are *Arabidopsis lyrata* (**Aly**), *A. thaliana* (**Ath**),

Capsella rubella (**Cru**), *Eutrema salsugineum* (**Esa**), *Sisymbrium irio* (**Sir**), and *Schrenkiella parvula* (**Spa**),

in the Brassicaceae (crucifer) family.

Co-linear (*cl*): the gene orders show a similarity that appears only explainable by a presence of a

common ancestor, between genomes being compared.

CL copy in a *tr-d* event: among paralogs involved in a transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) event, the one

showing co-linearity to the highest number of orthologs from other genomes being compared. This

copy most likely represent the donor locus in the *tr-d* event. Multiple CL copies may exist in a *tr-d* event,

if the donor locus underwent a tandem duplication.

Evolutionary context: patterns of evolutionary events either unique to a certain lineage or shared by

multiple lineages. In this study, we aim to develop a method to search all orthologs from multiple

closely-related genomes that shared a given evolutionary context.

Gene-only (go) duplication: a gene-only duplication includes sequence similarity only in the gene region

but not in the adjacent intergenic regions, between the genomic loci being compared. A duplication

that encompasses both gene and intergenic regions is indicated as a **"gene + intergenic (g+i)"**

duplication.

Homologous Genome Segment (HGS): a stretch of genomic regions where sequence similarity can be

detected between multiple paralogous or orthologous loci.

Lineage-specific (LS): a gene or evolutionary event found uniquely in a lineage. When used in the

CLfinder module, lineage-specific (*ls*) indicates no best-hit found for the query gene among all genes in

the target genome.

OrthNet: a network of orthologs, with gene loci as nodes, connected to their best-hits in other genomes

with edges. Edge property includes co-linearity information between the two nodes being connected.

Independent parallel (Ind-parallel or Ind-par): a *tr-d* or other evolutionary event that occurred

independently in multiple genomes in parallel. In an independent parallel *tr-d* event shared by multiple

genomes, the Tr copies from different genomes do not show any co-linearity among each other.

Tr copies co-linear (Tr-*cl*): a *tr-d* event shared by multiple genomes, where Tr copies from different

genomes show co-linearity among them. Such an event most likely originated from a common ancestor

of the genomes sharing the event.

Tandem duplication (*td*): a gene duplication occurred locally, often resulting in a tandem array of

duplicated genes.

Transposition (*tr*): an event where a gene moved to a different, unrelated locus in the genome, losing

any trace of common ancestry except for the sequence similarity within the gene.

Transposition-duplication (*tr-d*): an event where a gene (donor) duplicates and gets inserted to a

different, unrelated locus (acceptor) in the genome. A transposition event is most likely a result of

transposition-duplication followed by the deletion at the donor locus.

Tr copy in a *tr-d* event: among paralogs involved in a transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) event, the one that

is not a CL copy is a transposed (Tr) copy. Representing the acceptor locus of a *tr-d* event, it appears as

transposed to orthologs from other genomes being compared. One CL copy can be associated with

multiple Tr copies. A Tr copy may show co-linearity to Tr copies in other genomes (see "Tr-*cl*") and be

subjected to tandem duplication.

Introduction

Co-linearity among closely related genomes erodes over time due to the accumulation of

mutations including gene duplication, deletion, and transposition [1]. Such erosion is generally more

rapid among land plants than in animals [2,3]. In addition to whole genome duplication (WGD) followed

by fractionation found in most plant genomes during land plant evolution [4,5], smaller-scale lineage-

specific gene duplications occur locally or between seemingly unrelated loci, often in different

chromosomes, leading to tandem or transposition-duplications [6] in a continuum of structurally diverse

genome space. Transposition-duplication followed by the deletion of the original donor copy results in

transposition or "movement" of the gene locus, which is observed extensively in plant genomes not only

for transposable elements (TEs) but also for protein-coding genes [2,7]. Gene duplication and

transposition events provide a source of variation in copy numbers of genes and transcripts [8–10], as

well as localization [11] and functions [12,13] of encoded proteins among orthologous genes.

Genomic structural variation that may contribute to the overall fitness of the organism can be

naturally selected and fixed in the population. Although less frequently observed than single nucleotide

polymorphsims and small indels, gene level duplications and transpositions are more significant in their

contribution to overall fitness and speciation [14–19]. A large number of studies have reported

examples of gene level duplications and transpositions as key underlying sources for adaptations to

specific environments or speciation (reviewed in [20]) [21–26]. Therefore, as we gain access to more

recently sequenced genomes, it will be imperative to characterize gene structural organization unique

and shared in related lineages before attributing their relevance to adaptations specific to a subset of

lineages.

While the advent of next-generation and long read sequencing provides increasing numbers of

de novo assembled genomes [27–30], it also calls for novel methods for systematic comparative analysis

between multiple closely related genomes. There are two types of well-established computational tools

to identify and visualize orthologous groups among related genomes in comparative genomics. One set

of tools uses a gene or a gene family as the query to retrieve its orthologs in other genomes and

visualize synteny and other evolutionary events involving them, such as gene duplication and

transposition [31–35]. The other type of tools identify gene blocks or large genomic regions co-linear

among a pair or multiple genomes [36–38].   However, there is almost a void for methods that can

retrieve all orthologs within multiple genomes that have likely undergone the same evolutionary events

unique in a given lineage or shared by multiple lineages. Such methods will be especially useful to

explore signatures and mechanisms of shared, convergent, or parallel adaptive evolution. For example,

orthologs sharing the same structural variation independently in distantly related lineages that are

similar in a set of phenotypic adaptations may constitute mechanisms of convergent evolution. To

address this gap in computational tools, we introduce the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline, which identifies co-

linearity (CL) in the arrangement of orthologous loci among multiple genomes and builds networks of

orthologs (OrthNets) to encode and visualize all evolutionary events, such as gene duplication, deletion,

and transposition, in each orthologs group. This pipeline essentially enables detection of all orthologs

that share a given evolutionary context, i.e. a pattern of evolutionary events uniquely found in a lineage

or multiple lineages, in a set of genomes.

In this study We applied the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline to Brassicaceae genomes that share the

same whole genome duplication history [39]. Brassicaceae (crucifers) is one of the most highly

represented families for published genomes among land plants [28,39]. This includes the model species

Arabidopsis thaliana [40], extremophytes such as *Schrenkiella parvula* [41] and *Eutrema salsugineum*

[42,43], as well as a large number of food and biofuel crop species [44–50]. *S. parvula* and *E.*

salsugineum, the two most salt-tolerant crucifer species so far tested [51], are biogeographicaly

seperated and naturally adapted to multi-ion salts strsses in soils near a hypersaline lake in central

Anatolia [9] and combined salt and freezing stresses in salt pans of high latitude regions in the northern

hemisphere [52,53], respectively. These two extremophytes represent a framework for comparative

analysis to study mechanisms of plant adaptations to various environmental challenges [54,55],

facilitated by the presence of genome-wide synteny conserved among the Brassicaceae species [56]

including the model plant *A. thaliana.* Hence, a systematic identification of evolutionary events

modifying co-linearity and copy number of genes uniquely in these extremophytes, and not in their

stress-sensitive relatives, can provide insight to candidate genes and mechanisms that allow plant

adaptations to environmental challenges [54,55].

The CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline detects multiple forms of gene-level structural variation,

including tandem duplications, deletions, transpositions, and also combinations of them. For the

present application in this study, we focused on the relatively under-studied transposition-duplication

(*tr-d*) events [57] within a selected set of six Brassicaceae genomes. The pipeline enabled systematic

identification of *tr-d* events unique to a genome or shared by any possible combination of genomes, as

well as the original donor and duplicate loci in each *tr-d* event including loci with truncated coding

regions. Using this pipeline, we aim to identify the landscape of lineage-specific and shared *tr-d* events

among the target genomes; test whether there is a signature of selective retention among lineage-

specific *tr-d* events; and characterize *tr-d* events uniquely found in either or both extremophyte

genomes, which may have contributed to their adaptive evolution.

Results

Patterns of co-linearity erosion within Brassicaceae genomes.

We selected a set of six genomes with the same whole genome duplication history sampled

from the Brassicaceae Lineages I and II for the current study (Figure 1). This set includes the model plant

A. thaliana (Ath) and its relatives in Lineage I, *A. lyrata* (Aly) and *Capsella rubella* (Cru), as well as

Sisymbrium irio (Sir) and the two extremophytes, *E. salsugineum* (Esa) and *S. parvula* (Spa) in Lineage II.

Fig. 1 shows the phylogenetic relationships of the target species with other published genomes in

Brassicaceae based on amino acid sequence alignments of 14,614 homolog clusters (See Methods). In

the tree based on maximum likelihood, *A. lyrata* and *A. thaliana* were grouped together and sister to *C.*

rubella within the Lineage I. Similarly, *S. iro* and *S. parvula*, as well as various Brassica crop species were

placed in the same clade, while *E. salsugineum* was placed in a sister clade within the Lineage II.

We compared the gene orders in each of the Brassicaceae genomes except for *A. thaliana*

(query) with that of the *A. thaliana* genome (target) to analyze the degree of co-linearity erosion (Figure

2). We chose *A. thaliana* as the reference target because it has the best assembly among all plant

genomes. First, we assigned a numerical "Locus ID" to each non-transposable element (non-TE) protein-

coding gene locus according to its position in the chromosome or genome scaffold. Then, using the

Basic Local Alignment Search Tool for Nucleotides (BLASTN) [58], we aligned all loci in the query genome

with their best BLASTN (e<10^{-5}) hits ("best-hit") among *A. thaliana* protein-coding genes. We designated

the difference between Locus IDs of best-hits for query locus at position *n* and *n+1* as $d_{n,n+1}$ (Fig. 2A). The

$d_{n,n+1}$ for the query locus *n* is expected to be one if the gene order is perfectly co-linear, zero if the query

loci *n* and *n+1* had undergone tandem duplication (Fig. 2A, panel (1)), and larger than one in case of a

local insertion/deletion of gene loci or an inversion of genomic segments (Fig. 2A, panel (2)). A gene

transposition (*tr*) or transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) will result in the best-hit to move to a position

separated by X number of loci, which may be on a different chromosome (Fig. 2A, panel (3)). The

acceptor locus of a transposition or *tr-d* event (Fig. 2A, panel (3); Locus ID 3+x) may serve as the source

of insertion as in Fig. 2A, panel (2). We excluded query loci without a BLASTN hit in the *A. thaliana*

genome from the current analysis.

If the co-linearity eroded over time, we would expect that the proportion of query loci with $d_{n,n+1}$

≠ 1 will be larger in species diverged earlier from the target species. Indeed, $d_{n,n+1}$ distribution from the

A. lyrata-vs-*A. thaliana* comparison (Fig. 2B, "Aly vs Ath") showed a greater percentage of loci with $d_{n,n+1}$

= 1 than the *E. salsugineum*-vs-*A. thaliana* comparison (Fig. 2B, "Esa vs Ath"), reflecting the more recent

divergence of *A. thaliana* from *A. lyrata* than from *E. salsugineum*. However, as shown in column "Aly-

Ath" and "Esa-Ath" in Fig. 2C, while the proportion of query loci with lower $d_{n,n+1}$ (Fig. 2C, $d_{n,n+1}$ = 2~20)

was smaller in *A. lyrata* (10.58%) than in *E. salsugineum* (15.24%), those with higher $d_{n,n+1}$ (Fig. 2C, $d_{n,n+1}$ >

20 and "Diff Chr") were either comparable or more frequent in *A. lyrata* (7.98% + 19.34%) than *E.*

salsugineum (6.91% + 19.02%).

When we consider all five query species (Fig. 2D), the proportion of query loci with $d_{n,n+1}$ = 2~20

showed a positive correlation (R^2 = 0.85; Fig. 2D, upper left panel) with the median four degenerate site

(4d) substitution rate between all reciprocal best-hit pairs of the query and the target genomes. The

median 4d substituation rate reflects the divergence time between the two genomes. In contrast, the

proportion of query loci with $d_{n,n+1}$ > 20 or whose best-hits found in a target chromosome different from

their neighbors (Fig. 2C, $d_{n,n+1}$ > 20 and "Diff Chr") did not show any positive correlation with the median

4d substitution rate (see the negative linear fit slope in Fig. 2D, lower left panel). We found a moderate

positive correlation (R^2 = 0.59) between the proportion of query loci with $d_{n,n+1}$ > 20 and the overall

content of TE sequences (Fig. 2D, lower right panel), while the proportion of loci with $d_{n,n+1}$ = 2~20 was

not correlated with the TE content (R^2 = 0.028; Fig. 2D, upper right panel) in the respective genomes.

This result suggests that the gene order rearrangements have resulted from two different mechanisms:

proximal gene order rearrangements depend on mutations accumulated over time after the divergence

of species, while distal gene order rearrangements may have been initiated by the presence of repetitive

sequences and TE activities.

Development of the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline and application on crucifer genomes

We aimed to identify co-linearity, and the erosion of it, among gene orders of multiple closely

related genomes systematically. We also wanted to retrieve groups of orthologs showing a specific

pattern of gene organization and evolutionary context, for example: all orthologous loci with a signature

of gene duplication and transposition found uniquely in a genome, within a lineage, or between groups

of genomes and lineages, in a high-throughput manner. To achieve these aims, we developed the

CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline (Figures 3, S1, and S2).

CLfinder compares all possible pairs of query and target genomes and identifies homologous

gene loci pairs either co-linear (*cl*), lineage-specific (*ls*), transposed (*tr*), or representing an end of a

segmental rearrangement of gene orders such as insertion, deletion, or inversion (*cl_end*) (Figures S1

and S2 and Supplementary Dataset S1). CLfinder accepts three inputs: representative gene models for

all loci in each genome, clusters of paralogs within each genome, and lists of best-hits between all

possible query-target genome pairs (Fig. 3). Users can select the methods and criteria for defining

paralog clusters and the list of best-hit pairs, as well as the sensitivity and stringency for the co-linearity

detection by controlling three parameters: window_size (*W*), num_CL_trshld (*N*), and gap_CL_trshld (*G*)

(Fig. S1). Based on these parameters, the CLfinder module searches both up- and down-stream of each

locus in the query genome for "loci-in-chain" in the target genome, to determine whether a query-

target best-hit pair is either co-linear (*cl*), transposed (*tr*), or not able to determine (*nd*) due to the query

genome assembly scaffold too fragmented (See Methods for detail). A query locus without a best-hit in

the target genome is marked as lineage-specific (*ls*). Figure S2 shows an example representing the

CLfinder process. The CLfinder program generates a summary of CLfinder analyses on all possible

reciprocal query-target pairs. As an example, we present the result for the CLfinder analyses on the six

Brassicaceae genomes in Table 1. CLfinder is the first module executed in the pipeline.

The second module of the pipeline, OrthNet, combines all pairwise comparisons generated by

CLfinder and encodes relationships among orthologs into a network with gene loci as nodes connected

by an edge to their best-hits in other genomes (Figures 3 and 4). Each edge has a property of either co-

linear (*cl*), transposed (*tr*), or tandem duplicated (*td*), or not determined (*nd*) if the query node is in a

genome scaffold containing less than *W* loci. The *cl* and *tr* edges can be either reciprocal or

unidirectional (Fig. 4A, "rc" and "uni", respectively). The OrthNet program also compare the ORF length

of a protein-coding node with the median length of ORFs for all other neighboring nodes and identify

nodes with truncated ORFs (Fig. 4). The module uses Markov clustering (MCL), based on edge weights

assigned according to edge properties (see Methods), aiming to divide large networks that are often a

result of expanded gene families with a large number of paralogs into smaller clusters derived from the

smallest distinguishable sets of co-linear loci. Each cluster of orthologs, separated by MCL, is given an

OrthNet ID and represented as an ortholog network or an OrthNet. Finally, the module can search with

user-defined patterns of ortholog copy numbers and co-linearity characteristics, to retrieve all OrthNets

sharing a given evolutionary context (see Methods, Fig. S1, and Table S1). A few selected examples of

OrthNets representing different evolutionary contexts are shown in Figure 4A.

We tested the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline on the six Brassicaceae genomes using parameters and

input files as described in Methods and summarized the result in Table 1. For simplicity, we considered

cl_end loci pairs that could be a result of inversions, indels, and segmental duplications involving

multiple gene loci, as *cl* in this summary. All query-target genome pairs showed a comparable number

of *cl* loci pairs, ranging from 19,015 (Table 1, Sir as the query and Aly as the target) to 24,296 (Table 1,

Aly as the query and Ath as the target). The number of *cl* pairs follows the division of the Lineage I

(Table 1, Aly, Ath, and Cru) and II (Table 1, Esa, Sir, and Spa), with higher numbers observed between

query-target pairs within each Lineage. The number of *tr* pairs was proportional to the repeat contents

of the query genomes. For example, *A. lyrata* and *E. salsugineum* are the query genomes with the

highest content of *tr* pairs (Table 1, Aly and Esa), which correlated with the higher content of repeats in

these two genomes than in *A. thaliana*, *C. rubella*, or *S. parvula* genomes (Fig. 2D and Table S2, "TE(%)").

When *S. irio* was the query, the proportion of *nd* pairs was higher than all other genomes (Table 1, Sir),

because it had the most fragmented genome assembly among the six genomes. The entire output of

the CLfinder run for each query genome compared to the five other target genomes is in Supplementary

Dataset S1.

Combining all pairwise comparisons generated by the CLfinder, the OrthNet module developed

networks of orthologs we refer to as OrthNets, of various topologies, representing the evolutionary

history and context of each set of orthologous loci (Fig. 4). For an analysis of N genomes, a perfect

polygon (e.g. hexagon in the current study) with N nodes and N-1 bidirectional solid gray edges

represents a single-copy co-linear orthologous gene in all genomes. We identified a total of 7,034

OrthNets consisted of single-copy loci co-linear to each other in all genomes (Fig. 4A, panel (1)). Panel

(2) of Fig. 4A is an example from 50 OrthNets with co-linearity found within each of the Lineage I and II

while loci between the two Lineages, representing a transposition event right after the lineage

divergence. Panel (3) shows one of the nine OrthNets with only the locus in *S. parvula* transposed

compared to all other species. We found 44 OrthNets with the same evolutionary contexts depicted in

panel (4), i.e. *E. salsugineum*-specific tandem duplication, and 86 OrthNets for *S. parvula*-specific

transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events shown in panel (5) of Fig. 4A. The OrthNet module also compares

the ORF size of a node with the median ORF size of all other orthologous nodes to which the node is

connected, to identify truncated ORFs. Examples of nodes with truncated ORFs are included in Fig. 4A,

panels (3), (4), and (5). We list all OrthNets identified by the OrthNet module as Supplementary Dataset

S1, together with the CLfinder results.

An OrthNet may include a disproportionately large number of duplicated gene loci in specific

genomes. For example, an OrthNet showing Aly-specific *tr-d* events included 82 nodes representing

additional transposed-duplicated copies only in Aly, while additionally preserving a complete hexagon of

single-copy loci that were reciprocally co-linear among all six genomes (Figure S3). Such duplication

events may result in an OrthNet with a large number of nodes. However, the majority of OrthNets

contain the same or less than 18 nodes per OrthNet (16,235 out of total 17,432 OrthNets), with a peak

at six nodes (8,119 OrthNets) and 7~12 nodes (5,641 OrthNets) (Fig. 4B). Larger OrthNets may represent

lineage-specific expansions of a certain gene as exemplified by Fig. S3 or a large gene family where exact

reciprocal orthologous loci pairs were hard to identify based on best-hit pairs (see Discussion).

Characterization of lineage-specific (LS) transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events

While OrthNet and CLfinder can operate independently, when used in a pipeline, the OrthNet

module adds the results of its analysis to the output of the CLfinder module (Supplementary Dataset S1).

This includes a unique OrthNet ID, the number of nodes derived from each genome (i.e. gene copy

numbers), and the edge types connecting the locus to its best-hit nodes in other genomes. Users can

use a python script that searches a regular expression (Fig. S2, "search_OrthNet.py") to identify

OrthNets specific to putative lineage-specific or shared gene transposition and duplication events. We

used regular expressions in Table S1 to identify *tr* and *tr-d* events specific to each genome, shared by

any two pairs of genomes, and between Brassicaceae Lineage 1 and 2.   In all genomes, the number of

OrthNets that showed lineage-specific *tr* events was smaller than those with lineage-specific *tr-d* events

(Table S2), in alignment with the model where a *tr* event is a result of a deletion of the original/donor

copy after a *tr-d* event.

For lineage-specific *tr-d* events, the OrthNet module enables effective identification of the

original donor or co-linear (CL) copy, or copies if the donor site included tandem duplications, and the

acceptor or transposed (Tr) copies (Figure 5A, "CL copy" and "Tr copies", respectively). For example, Fig.

5A represent OrthNets with *S. parvula* and *C. rubella* lineage-specific *tr-d* events for orthologs of the

WRKY72 and *AGL87*, respectively. In each of these OrthNets, we could detect the CL copy (Fig. 5A, "CL

copy") as a part of the hexagon that were mostly reciprocally co-linear to the its ortholog nodes (Fig. 5A,

"Orthologs") from other genomes. In the same OrthNet, a Tr copy was connected to ortholog nodes

from other genomes in the hexagon through uni-directional *tr* edges (Fig. 5A, "Tr copies"). An OrthNet

may contain a single lineage-specific *tr-d* event as in the OrthNet for *WRKY72* (Fig. 5A, left) or multiple

lineage-specific *tr-d* events featuring one CL copy associated with multiple Tr copies. Also, Tr copies may

further undergo tandem duplications as shown in the OrthNet for *AGL87* (Fig. 5A, right). We compared

the ORF sizes between CL and Tr copies with the median ORF size of the orthologs from other genomes

in the hexagon for all OrthNets including lineage-specific tr-d events. In all genomes, we observed a

strong conservation of ORF sizes between most CL copies and their co-linear orthologs (Fig. 5B, blue

dots), while the majority of Tr copies had ORF sizes smaller than the median ORF sizes of orthologs from

other genomes (Fig. 5B, gray dots). Interestingly, we also found subsets of Tr copies which had ORFs

that were of similar size to their respective CL copy in all genomes (Fig. 5C, pink rectangles). Distribution

of the ORF size ratio between Tr and the CL copy showed peaks at 80~120% (Fig. 5D, pink rectangles).

These Tr copies that showed conservation in maintaining the original size of the ORFs were more

abundant in *A. thaliana*, *C. rubella*, *E. salsugineum*, and *S. parvula*, comprising more than 24% of all Tr

copies found in LS *tr-d* events in these genomes (Fig. 5D). We summarized OrthNets including lineage-

specific *tr-d* events for each of the six genomes in Supplementary Dataset S2.

Characterization of shared transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events

For *tr-d* events shared between any pair within the six genomes, the OrthNet module identified

two categories with different evolutionary contexts: (1) parallel *tr-d* events independently occuring in

two genomes (Figure 6, "Ind-parallel") and (2) *tr-d* events where Tr copies from two genomes showing

co-linearity between them (Fig. 6, "Tr-*cl*"). Fig. 6A depicts examples of OrthNets including *tr-d* events in

the two categories. We found a total of seven and six OrthNets with *tr-d* events in "Ind-parallel" and

"Tr-*cl*" categories, respectively, shared between *E. salsugineum* and *S. parvula*. Genomes with higher TE

and repetitive sequence contents, such as *A. lyrata*, *S. irio*, and, to a lesser extent, *E. salsugineum*,

included more "ind-parallel" *tr-d* events shared with other genomes (Fig. 6B, left panel). Among Tr

copies in "ind-parallel" *tr-d* events, the proportion of complete ORFs (i.e. ORF size within ±20% of the

ORF of the corresponding CL copy) were comparable to Tr copies in LS *tr-d* events (Fig. 6C, left panel and

Fig. 5D).

The "Tr-*cl*" type *tr-d* events were mostly found between pairs of more recently diverged

genomes, e.g. *A. lyrata-A. thaliana* and *S. irio-S. parvula*. Contrastingly, the "Tr-*cl*" *tr-d* events were

detected at a very low frequency between Lineage I and II genomes (Fig. 6B, right panel). This

observation was consistent with the notion that such a rare event must involve a *tr-d* event before the

divergence of Lineages followed by deletions in all species and retention of the duplicated and original

copies selectively in the two genomes compared. The proportion of Tr copies that retained complete

ORFs compared to the CL copy in "Tr-*cl*" type *tr-d* events was higher (≥50%) than that found for "ind-

parallel" type *tr-d* events (Fig. 6C). We present the entire list of *tr-d* OrthNets shared by all genome

pairs, including information on CL and Tr copies, in Supplementary Dataset S2.

We hypothesized that selection has favored conservation of beneficial Tr copies to preserve the

ORF in additional gene copies (Fig. 5C and D, pink rectangles; Fig 6C), while majority of the Tr copies

were either duplicated incompletely or have undergone a high level of mutations over time that had led

to truncated ORFs. An alternative hypothesis is that these Tr copies may have been easier to duplicate

in their complete form by random chance due to their smaller gene size. Indeed, the gene lengths were

shorter for CL copies associated with Tr copies that had conserved complete ORF sizes, than in Tr copies

that had truncated ORFs (Figure S4).

To test our hypotheses, we shuffled all duplicated genomic regions and duplicated genes. Then,

we compared the occurrences of *tr-d* events showing complete duplication to the frequencies observed

in actual *tr-d* events (Figure 7). First, to detect duplicated genomic regions in a *tr-d* event, we compared

adjacent genomic regions, i.e. 5Kb up- and downstream regions, including the gene, of the CL copy and

each of Tr copies and searched for Homologous Genome Segments (HGSs) between the CL and Tr copy

loci. As depicted in Fig. 7A, an incomplete *tr-d* event results in the HGS including only a part of the CL

copy gene (HGS $\not\supseteq$ CL copy), while in a complete *tr-d*, the HGS encompasses the entire CL copy gene

(HGS $\supseteq$ CL copy). Interestingly, we found a subset of complete *tr-d* events where the start and end

positions of the HGS were similar to the start and end of the CL copy gene (i.e. HGS ≈ CL copy). We

named this subset "gene-only" *tr-d* (Fig. 7A) since the sequence homology was not detectable in the

intergenic region further from the CL copy coding regions by more than 20% of the CL copy gene size.

The length distribution of HGSs and CL copy genes in Fig. 7B matched the expected size of the CL copy

and the corresponding type of the tr ORF type shown in Fig. S4 for all six genomes. A total of 224

complete *tr-d* events showed a shift towards retaining longer HGS lengths corresponding to a shorter CL

copy gene length, compared to the 1,166 incomplete *tr-d* events (Fig. 7B).

Following random shuffling of all HSGs and CL copy genes as described in Methods, we counted

the occurrences of incomplete, complete, and gene-only *tr-d* events for each iteration. Fig. 7C shows

the comparison between the observed and expected occurrences of complete and gene-only *tr-d*

events, where expected values are the mean values from 10,000 iterations. Assuming a normal

distribution for the expected values, we estimated the P-value for the observed numbers of complete

and gene-only LS *tr-d* events for each genome. Both complete and gene-only *tr-d* events were much

more frequent than random chance. The gene-only *tr-d* events had smaller p-values than complete *tr-d*

events in all categories tested except in *A. thaliana* lineage-specific *tr-d* events (Fig. 6C, table in the

lower panel). We observe a smaller number of lineage-specific *tr-d* events in *A. thaliana* than in any

target genome. This may be a result of *A. thaliana* and *A. lyrata* sharing the same genus. Hence, we

included *Arabidopsis* genus-specific *tr-d* events into consideration, which led to comparable numbers

and enrichment of complete and gene-only *tr-d* events to other genomes (Fig. 6C, "Aly-Ath"). Hence,

random occurrence of duplications cannot explain the observed proportion of complete *tr-d* events,

which in >90% of the case resulted in Tr copies with their ORF sizes similar to that of the CL copy (e.g.

genes represented in pink shaded areas in Figs. 5C and 5D). Most likely, the observed proportion of

complete and gene-only duplications, which was higher than expected due to random chance, was the

sequential result of random duplications, purifying selection on desirable coding sequences, and the

intergenic spaces drifted in the absence of lack of selection pressure, leading to the loss of any

detectable sequence similarity beyond coding sequences. This explanation is consistent with 4d

substitution rates between complete ORFs of Tr copies and CL copies in all LS and shared complete *tr-d*

events. Higher 4d substitution rates were detected between ORFs of Tr and CL copy pairs in gene-only

tr-d events (Fig. 7D, "go"), compared to those in *tr-d* events where HGSs comprised both gene and

intergenic regions (Fig. 7D, "g+i"), for both lineage-specific (Fig. 7D, "LS") and indepedent parallel (Fig.

7D, "Ind-par") shared *tr-d* events. The 4d substitution rates associated with shared *tr-d* events with Tr

copies co-linear to each other (Fig. 7D, "Tr-*cl*") showed median values comparable or higher than the

median 4d substitution rates between all best-hit pairs of *A. thaliana* and Lineage II genomes (Fig. 2D).

This further agreed with the assumption that these *tr-d* events were derived from duplications dated

prior to the divergence between Lineage I and II followed by deletion in the genomes in which Tr copies

were not found. However, the 4d substitution rates between duplicates were not different between

gene-only *tr-d* events and those with sequence similarities detected in both gene and intergenic regions

among "Tr-*cl*" type shared *tr-d* events (Fig. 7D).

Complete *tr-d* events included a higher number of Tr copy genes that showed evidence of

expression compared to incomplete *tr-d* events (Fig. 7E). Expression evidence was obtained using RNA-

seq data for root and leaf/shoot tissues as described in Methods. Among complete *tr-d* events, there

was no noticeable difference in the proportion of expressed Tr copies between gene-only *tr-d* and *tr-d*

with sequence similarities extended to the adjacent intergenic regions (data not shown). Incomplete *tr-*

d was associated with most of the Tr copies with truncated ORFs, which comprised the majority of Tr

copies in both lineage-specific *tr-d* (Fig. 5C and 5D) and independent parallel *tr-d* events shared by a pair

of genomes (Fig. 6C). Out of total 1,706 Tr copies with truncated ORFs, only 135 were derived from

complete *tr-d* events, in which the ORFs were most likely truncated by null mutations after the

duplication (Fig. 7E). Finally, we compared the proportion of single exon genes among CL and Tr copy

genes to check if there was an enrichment of retrotransposon-derived *tr-d* events. In both lineage-

specific and shared *tr-d* events, proportions of single-exon genes were higher among Tr copies

compared to CL copies, consistent with the fact that the majority of Tr copies had shorter ORFs than CL

copies. However, even the higher proportion of single-exon genes in Tr copies was either less or

comparable to the proportion of single-exon genes among all protein-coding gene models in the six

target genomes, hence we didn't observe a noticeable enrichment of retrotransposon-derived

duplications among *tr-d* events (Figure S5).

Genes associated with lineage-specific and shared *tr-d* events

Table 2 presents a partial list of OrthNets associated with lineage-specific *tr-d* events for each of

the six Brassicaceae genomes, selected based on the most number of Tr copies with complete ORFs and

expression evidences, except for *S. irio*, for which RNAseq data was not available. The "Node count

pattern" column, generated by the OrthNet program, indicate the copy numbers in each genome, in the

alphabetic order of the species names, i.e. *A. lyrata* (Aly), *A. thaliana* (Ath), *C. rubella* (Cru), *E.*

salsugineum (Esa), *S. irio* (Sir), and *S. parvula* (Spa). For each OrthNet, we listed the number of Tr copies

with complete ORFs, with expression evidence, and both (Table 2, "exp", "cORF", and "cORF & exp",

respectively). OrthNets with a large number of Tr copies may contain Tr copies as tandem duplicates.

Therefore, we included the tandem duplicated numbers in parenthesis followed by the total number of

Tr copies. We also showed the number of gene-only and "g+i" types (as defined in Fig. 7D) among Tr

copies in complete *tr-d* events. The complete list of OrthNets including lineage-specific *tr-d* events is

available in Dataset S2, as in the same format given in Table 2. Among several notable high copy *tr-d*

events specific to *A. lyrata*, *C. rubella*, *E. salsugineum*, and *S. irio* were OrthNets that included Tr copy

paralogs encoding an unknown protein (ON_1227), a homeobox transcription factor AGAMOUS-like 87

(AGL87, ON_2442), an RNA-binding protein (ON_3071), a stress-signaling SALT-TOLERANCE32 (SAT32,

ON_2516), a cytochrome P450 (ON_3061), and an amino acid permease 3 (ON_3400) (Table 2). We did

not find lineage-specifc *tr-d* OrthNets with more than two Tr copies for either *A. thaliana* or *S. parvula*.

This may be due to their compact genomes with less repetitive elements and also large numbers of *tr-d*

events shared by *A. thaliana-A. lyrata* and *S. parvula-S. irio* pairs, based on their phylogenetic proximity

than other pairs in the target genomes (Fig. 6B and Dataset S2). The OrthNet "ON_1227", encoding an

unknown protein, included a mixture of tandem and transposition-duplications of eleven *A. lyrata* gene

loci, of which six were CL copies found as tandem duplicates, while five were Tr copies with three of

them in a tandem gene array (Table 2). The *E. salsugimeum* genome showed an expansion of loci

related to stress responses such as *SAT32* (ON_2516) and *NAC6* (ON_5701) through *tr-d*, resulting in

increased copy numbers with complete ORFs which were also expressed. In addition, *E. salsugimeum*

also had *tr-d* events leading to higher copy number of reproduction and development-related loci,

including *KOKOPELLI* (*KPL*) and *TERMINAL FLOWER 1* (*TFL1*). The *S. parvula* genome had increased copy

numbers with complete ORFs and expression for loci encoding a zinc transporter (ZIP3; Table 2,

ON_4815) and a WRKY transcription factor (WRKY72; Table 2, ON_6085).

We did not find a significantly over-represented gene ontology (GO) term among genes

associated with lineage-specific *tr-d* in each genome tested, most likely due to the too small number of

genes to be able to detect statistical enrichment. However, genes in lineage-specific *tr-d* events for all

genomes combined showed enrichment of several GO terms (Supplementary Dataset S3).   GO branches

under "nitrogen compound metabolic process (adjusted P-value or P_{adj}=2.4 x10^{-4})" accounted for 172

out of total 812 lineage-specific *tr-d* genes with a GO annotation. Among them 121 were annotated

with the child GO term "nucleic acid metabolic process (P_{adj}=0.020)" including 18 "DNA repair

(P_{adj}=0.022)" genes. "Response to abiotic stimulus (P_{adj}=2.4x10^{-4})" included 93 genes, of which 37

belonged to "response to osmotic stress (P_{adj}=3.0x10^{-3})" while another 39 were "response to radiation

(P_{adj}=0.020)". Other notable GO branches included "reproduction" (P_{adj}=0.012) and "post-embryonic

development" (P_{adj}=0.014), which collectively included 88 genes. "Organelle organization (P_{adj}=2.9x10^{-}

^{7})" accounted for 77 gene loci, of which 31 and 13 were in child GO terms "chromosome organization

(P_{adj}=1.1x10^{-4})" and "cytoskeleton organization (P_{adj}=0.031)", respectively. "Cell cycle (P_{adj}=1.1x10^{-4})"

included 32 genes. The entire list of enriched GO terms is available as Supplementary Dataset S3.

We selected the two largest OrthNets with *E. salsugineum-* and *C. rubella*-specific *tr-d* events

(Table 2. bold-faced) and independently visualized the extent of gene duplications using the GEvo tool in

the CoGE database [32] (Figure 8) to provide detailed representations of evolutionary events that lead

to copy number expansion. The *E. salsuginuem* genome included six copies of *SALT TOLERANCE 32*

(*SAT32*), which exists as single copies in all other Brassicaceae genomes so far sequenced (data not

shown). While one copy was reciprocally co-linear to its orthologous nodes in other genomes (Fig. 8A,

"CL copy"), five copies were transposed (Fig. 8A, "Tr copies") with three of them found as tandem

duplicates. Four of the Tr copies had ORF sizes similar to the CL copy and three of them showed

expression in either root or shoot tissues (Fig. 8A and Table 2). The GEvo plot illustrates extensive

sequence similarity among all loci and adjacent genomic regions that are reciprocally co-linear among

them (Fig. 8B, *AtSAT32*, *SpSAT32*, and *EsSAT32;1*). On one hand, the Tr copies (Fig. 8B, *EsSAT32;2/3/4/5*)

represented examples of gene-only *tr-d* events (Fig. 7A), where sequence similarities between the

genomic regions including the CL and Tr copies were restricted to the expected border regions of the

gene models (i.e. ±20% of the gene size). On the other hand, the CL copy (*EsSAT32;1*) showed sequence

similarity over both adjacent intergenic and neighboring genes, compared to its orthologs in other

genomes (Fig. 8B, *AtSAT32* and *SpSAT32*; similar patterns observed with the *S. iro*, *C. rubella*, and *A.*

lyrata co-linear orthologs). Interestingly, the Tr copies *EsSAT32;3/4/5* exhibited intron loss, resulting in

9, 4, and 1 exons, respectively, compared to the 13 exons in the CL copy *EsSAT32;1* (Fig. 7B) while

maintaining high deduced amino acid similarities over most of the coding regions (Figure S6). Among all

EsSAT paralogs, the highest average expression was observed for one of the Tr copies, *EsSAT32;2*

(Supplementary Dataset S1, OrthNet ID ON_2516 and gene ID 20186362).

The *AGL87* OrthNet (Fig. 5A, right panel) exhibited a *C. rubella*-specific increase in copy number

through multiple *tr-d* events. Similar to *SAT32*, the genomic landscape of the CL copy (Fig. 8C,

CrAGL87;1) showed extensive co-linear HGSs with other member nodes of the reciprocally co-linear

hexagon (Fig. 5A and 8C, *AtAGL87* and *SpAGL87*; similar patterns observed with the *A. lyrata*, *E.*

salsugineum, and *S. irio* co-linear orthologs). HGSs included the Tr copy genes (Fig. 8C,

CrAGL87;2/3/4/5/6) and additional ± ~2Kbp adjacent intergenic regions, exemplifying complete *tr-d*

events with sequence similarities found in both gene and adjacent intergenic regions (Fig. 5D, "g+i").

The two tandem duplication events, i.e. *CrAGL87;3/4* and *CrAGL87;5/6* were located closely in a genome

scaffold, about 133Kbp apart from each other. They were separated by eight loci, which was larger than

the maximum loci difference cutoff parameter used in this study, four, for detecting tandem duplicated

loci (i.e. max_TD_loci_dist (T) = 4; see Methods), hence identified as two separated tandem duplication

events.

For *tr-d* events shared by multiple genomes, we present the entire list of such OrthNets for all

pairs of genomes, as well as those associated with Lineage I and II-specific *tr-d* events, in Supplementary

Dataset S2. The *tr-d* events shared by *E. salsugineum* and *S. parvula* were of particular interest, because

they may indicate signatures of convergent evolution between these two species independently

adapted to high salinity [54,55]. Table 3 lists all OrthNets with "Ind-parallel" and "Tr-*cl*" type *tr-d* events

(as defined in Fig. 6A) shared between these two halophytes. In Table 3, we also included all Lineage II

(i.e. *E. salsugineum*, *S. iro*, and *S. parvula*)-specific *tr-d* events that had truncated Tr copy ORFs only for *S.*

iro (Table 2, marked by subscript "e"). Among "Ind-parallel" tr-d events, three out of seven events

detected were associated with stress signaling or response-related functions (Table 3, *CDPK1*, *5PTASE11*,

and *ABI1*). However, none of them included complete Tr copy ORFs in both *E. salsugineum* and *S.*

parvula. Interestingly, the "Tr-*cl*" category included more loci with Lineage II-specific *tr-d* followed by

truncation of the Tr copy ORF in *S. iro*, leaving complete ORFs in the Tr copy loci only for *E. salsugineum*

and *S. parvula*. Here, we found loci encoding orthologs of a putative basic helix-loop-helix (bHLH) type

transcription factor, a NAC transcription factor (NAC058), and a calcineurin B-like protein 10 (CBL10). All

Tr copies encoding these regulatory proteins showed expression evidence in both halophyte species.

Also, the *CRUMPLED LEAF/CRL* locus and a locus encoding a phosphorylcholine cytidylyltransferase

(*CCT1*) were associated with *tr-d* events that resulted in additional Tr copies with complete ORFs that

were also expressed (Table 3).

Copy number variations between *S. parvula* and *A. thaliana* revisited using OrthNets

In a previous study, we identified a number of genes known to function in stress responses that

showed increased copy numbers by gene duplication in *S. parvula*, compared to *A. thaliana* [9]. Using

the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline, we revisited these genes to identify their evolutionary contexts in the six

crucifer genomes (Figure 9). The hexagons of reciprocally co-linear nodes often appeared disrupted in

OrthNets that included tandem duplication events, because each of the duplicated nodes found their

best-hit differently among duplicates in other genomes (Fig. 9A-D). The OrthNet for *HIGH-AFFINITY K*$^+$

TRANSPORTER 1 (*HKT1*) locus, known for increased copy numbers due to tandem duplication in both *S.*

parvula and *E. salsugineum* compared to *A. thaliana* [9,42], showed tandem duplication events not only

in the two extremophytes but also in *C. rubella* and *S. irio* (Fig. 9A). In *E. salsugineum* and *S. iro*, one of

the three duplicates contained truncated ORF, while *C. rubella* and *S. parvula* contained two and four

tandem duplicates with complete ORFs, respectively. The *Na⁺ H⁺ EXCHANGER 8* (*NHX8*) locus, encoding

a Li⁺ transporter in *A. thaliana* [59], showed tandem duplication in *S. parvula* [9] as well as *S. iro*.

However, the copy number was higher in *S. parvula* than *S. iro* (Fig. 9B). The OrthNet for *CALCINEURIN*

B-LIKE PROTEIN 10 (*CBL10*) identified a Lineage II-specific *tr-d* event, where Tr copies in *S. parvula* were

further tandem duplicated (Fig. 9C). The *CBL10* Tr copy in *S. iro* was split into two gene models with

truncated ORFs and one of them was inverted and placed in the opposite strand (Supplementary

Dataset S1, scf890_22 and scf890_23). For simplicity, we collapsed the two truncated gene models as a

single node (Fig. 9C, Sir|scf890_22/23). The OrthNet containing the *K⁺ EFFLUX ANTIPORTER 1* (*KEA 1*)

locus revealed an interesting difference between Lineage I and II species. A Lineage I-specific *tr-d* event

created an additional Tr copy locus (named *KEA2* in *A. thaliana*) that was co-linear among all three

Lineage I genomes. On the other hand, all three Lineage II genomes showed tandem duplications of the

KEA1 locus, while the *KEA2* locus was absent in Lineage II genomes (Fig. 9D). Hence, both Lineage I and

II achieved the same copy number through different types of gene duplication events. Finally, previous

studies have reported the *ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA V-PPASE 1* (*AVP1*) locus underwent a *tr-d* in *S.*

parvula but not in *A. thaliana* [9,55]. Using OrthNet, we identified a more complex network that

included at least three loci (Figure S7). Fig. 9E presents a partial OrthNet, including a perfect hexagon of

reciprocally co-linear *AVP1* nodes and a *tr-d* event with the Tr copies in five genomes, except for *A.*

thaliana, all reciprocally co-linear. Hence, what appeared to be a *S. parvula*-specific *tr-d* event in *S.*

parvula-A. thaliana pairwise comparison was in fact an *A. thaliana*-specific deletion of the additional

AVP1 copy. While all other nodes in Fig. 9E had complete ORFs with minimum 2,307bp, the *A. lyrata* Tr

copy (Aly|16052878) contained a truncated ORF of only 432bp, due to a deletion of a ~2.8Kbp genomic

region in the middle of the gene (data not shown). Notably, *A. thaliana* had a TE insertion (RC/Helitron)

at the same position [55], replacing the second *AVP1* locus.

Discussion

A systematic identification of orthologs in a shared evolutionary context

Conservation of gene order and positional context, or co-linearity, is only explainable by

investigating the shared ancestry of the genome loci involved. The study of genomic co-linearity has

advanced to incorporate recently sequenced genomes to understand evolutionary history of gene

families beyond the scope of model organism genomics. Comparative analysis of conservation and

variation of co-linearity enable identifying modes of gene duplications [6,60]; inferring genome

duplication and fractionation events especially among plant genomes [61,62]; and tracing the origin of

genes or gene families [63,64]. Among closely-related genomes, co-linearity or micro-synteny of

orthologous genes often coincide with conservation of intergenic non-coding regulatory regions [39,65].

Gene duplication and transposition events disrupt such conservation. Duplication further affects gene

dosage, which may eventually lead to divergence of expression and functions among duplicates [8,66].

Transposition also modifies strength and tissue-specificity of gene expression through changes in

promoter sequences and *cis*-elements [9,67], local epigenetic environment [68], and proximity to

enhancers and chromatin structural contexts [69–71]. In Arabidopsis populations, for example,

transposition or transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events are associated with variations in growth

phenotypes [72], genetic incompatibilities [68], and various quantitative traits [73].

551   Inter-species comparative analysis can encompass a wider range of phenotypic variation than

population-level studies within a species. Lineage-specific (LS) duplication and transposition of genes

with putative functions derived from studies in a closely related model species, present candidate

targets to develop hypotheses explaining novel phenotypic variations. In plants, such hypotheses are

verifiable through studies using transgenic and genetic manipulations [63,74,75]. Multi-genome

comparison improves the resolution in identifying candidate genes for shared derived traits and also if

tested with appropriate genomes, enables detecting signatures of convergent evolution within distant

relatives that share analogous traits.

559   We developed the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline that enables systematic detection and visualization

of clusters of orthologs that share an "evolutionary context." Here we describe an evolutionary context

as a distinct pattern of varying gene copy numbers due to co-linearity or loss of that in a lineage or a

certain set of lineages. In the current study, we used the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline to a set of six

Brassicaceae genomes, including the leading model plant genome and two extremophyte species

[54,55]. We specifically focused on the gene transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events that caused

variation in copy number and divergence in co-linearity of single gene loci in multiple combinations

within the target genomes. We characterized both lineage-specific *tr-d* events and those shared by

different lineages through either convergent, parallel evolution, or selective retention of duplicates

originated from common ancestors, among the six Brassicaceae genomes.

Transposition-duplication as a major mechanism for erosion of co-linearity

571   Before the application of the pipeline, we analyzed the extent of co-linearity erosion among the

six crucifer genomes, by comparing the *A. thaliana* genome to each of the remaining genomes. We used

the displacement of best-hit loci in the target *A. thaliana* genome for loci at position *n* and *n+1* in the

query genomes (Fig. 2A, $d_{n,n+1}$) as a proxy for co-linearity (Fig. 2A, $d_{n,n+1}$ = 1) or its erosion (Fig. 2A, $d_{n,n+1} \neq$

1) at the locus n of the each query genome. On average, 58.3% (±3.2%) of all genes with detectable

similarity to an *A. thaliana* gene showed undisturbed co-linearity (Fig. 2B and 2C, $d_{n,n+1}$ = 1). While the

distribution of query gene frequency with $d_{n,n+1}$ in the range from 2 to 20 showed a rapid decay from the

peak at $d_{n,n+1}$ = 1, the frequency of query genes stayed nearly constant as $d_{n,n+1}$ increased beyond 20 (Fig.

2B) and to very large $d_{n,n+1}$ values up to thousands (data not shown). Moreover, substantial proportion

of query genes found their best-hit in a target *A. thaliana* chromosome different from their neighbors

for all query genomes (Fig. 2C, "Diff Chr"). This pattern suggested that two distinct mechanisms were

responsible for eroding co-linearity. Proximal gene displacements (Fig. 2C, $d_{n,n+1}$ = 2~20) were likely

results of mutations and local indels and inversions accumulated over time, while distal gene

displacements (Fig. 2C, $d_{n,n+1}$>20 or "Diff Chr") coincide with TE expansion, which may happen

sporadically in each lineage regardless of the divergence time (Fig. 2D).

The distal displacements were mostly due to single-gene transposition and transposition-

duplication (*tr-d*) events, as illustrated in the proportion of best-hit pairs showing *tr* type in Table 1.

Translocations of large chromosome-level segments also contributed, however, the effect was small.

The six crucifer genomes consist of 24 large ancestral karyotype blocks reshuffled to five (*A. thaliana*),

seven (*E. salsugineum*, *S. irio*, and *S. parvula*), and eight (*A. lyrata* and *C. rubella*) chromosomes [76].

The CLfinder module identifies borders of such blocks, and other smaller scale genomic segments that

were either duplicated, deleted, inverted, or transposed, as *cl_end* types (see Methods), which account

for less than a few hundred loci in all pairwise comparisons combined (Supplementary DataSet S1). We

excluded all loci annotated as TE as well as lineage-specific gene models without detectable homology

to a gene in the target genome (*A. thaliana*), which may contain unannotated TE loci, from the analysis

of co-linearity erosion. As a result, the distal displacement counts did not include transposition of TE

genes.

For the transposition and transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) of non-TE gene loci, two types of

models, retrotransposon-associated and DNA repair or replication-associated models have been

suggested as the main mechanisms [77,78]. A *tr-d* event derived from retrotransposons often leads to

duplication of single exon genes (i.e. intronless compared to the parent copy) [8,79–82]. Transposition-

duplication may also arise during the non-homologous end-joining (NHEJ) repair process of DNA double-

strand breaks (DSB), where a short sequence motif may act as an anchor to a foreign sequence to fill-in a

gap [1]. In agreement with this model, a previous comparison of *A. lyrata* and *A. thaliana* found a

significant enrichment of flanking repeats, as short as 15bps, among transposed genes [83]. The

correlation between the proportion of query gene loci showing distal displacement (Fig. 2C, $d_{n,n+1}$>20 or

"Diff Chr") and overall TE contents of the query genome, rather than divergence time (Fig. 2D), supports

the DSB-repair model. Higher TE contents likely provide a higher frequency of short repeat anchors

required for the NHEJ DSB-repair, and TE activities themselves may also cause the DSB that lead to such

repairs [1]. The DSB-repair model can explain *tr-d* of multi-exon genes, which constitute the majority of

tr-d events we detected in the current study (Fig. S5). A transposition event likely starts with a *tr-d* and

requires an additional deletion of the donor copy locus over time, which corroborates the fewer

observed number of such events compared to *tr-d* events (Table S2)

Markov clustering to resolve large OrthNets into representations of individual loci

For all query-target pairs among six Brassicaceae genomes, the CLfinder module determined co-

linearity relationships for all gene loci in the query with their respective best-hits in the target genomes.

The OrthNet module combined the CLfinder results into networks where a gene locus node was

connected to their best-hits in all other genomes, with the co-linearity relationships between nodes as

the edge property. The basic network was then enhanced by adding tandem duplicated (*td*) paralogs

connected by undirected edges when present. To minimize getting distant multigene families into one

complex network, we further attempted to divide the network into the smallest possible units, using

MCL with higher edge weights given to tandem duplicated and reciprocally co-linear edges (See

Methods). Therefore, the resulting OrthNets represented groups of orthologs likely derived from a

single ancestral gene locus, with the addition of duplicated, transposed, and *tr-d* loci in varying

combinations among the six selected Brassicaceae genomes. If duplicates were found equally in all six

genomes, i.e. duplication dated before the divergence of the six genomes, they were likely represented

in two or more separate OrthNets, unless there was an incongruence between sequence homology and

co-linearity (see the "concluding remark" section below for further discussion).

Signatures of selective retention among lineage-specific transposed-duplicated gene loci.

In lineage-specific *tr-d* events retrieved by OrthNet, we found a subset of transposed-duplicated

gene loci (Fig. 5A, Tr copies) retaining similar ORF sizes compared to their respective donor locus (Fig.

5A, CL copy), as well as to orthologs in other species (Fig. 5B-D). The DSB repair model of *tr-d* suggests

that the duplicated region may start and end virtually at any random position in a genome, given that

the short sequence motif needed for the repair is likely ubiquitously available and can be as short as

several nucleotides [1,83]. However, our simulation reveled that both "complete" and "gene-only" *tr-d*

events were far more frequent than what expected from a random duplication model alone (Fig. 7C).

We are not aware of a gene duplication mechanism that preferably duplicates non-TE, protein-coding

gene sequences as entire units. Rather, our observation common to all six tested crucifer genomes is

likely a result of random *tr-d* events (e.g. through DSB repair), followed by accumulation of mutations

throughout the duplicated regions, except where the complete coding sequences were selectively

retained. These Tr copy genes with complete ORFs were also more likely to be expressed, and hence

less likely to be pseudogenes, compared to those with truncated ORFs, based on RNA-seq evidence (Fig.

7E).

Among such Tr copy loci that retained complete ORFs, a significant fraction had the duplication

start and end positions coincided with the boundaries of the coding region, resulting in sequence

similarity found exclusively for the entire gene model but not in adjacent intergenic regions between the

donor and duplicated loci. We described these as "gene-only" *tr-d* events (Fig. 7). Gene-only *tr-d* events

may have had more time to lose sequence similarity outside of the coding sequence than the ones that

retain similarity extended to intergenic regions. Indeed, we found gene-only *tr-d* events (Fig. 7D, "go")

older than *tr-d* events where sequence similarities could be detected in both gene and intergenic

regions (Fig. 7D, "g+i"), in all *tr-d* events either lineage-specific or independently occurred in parallel in

two genomes (Fig. 7D, "LS" and "Ind-par"). For shared "Tr-*cl*" type *tr-d* events , the 4d substitution

rates between duplicates (Fig. 7D, both "Tr-*cl*:g+i" and "Tr-*cl*:go") suggested that the majority of them

were older than the divergence of the Brassicaceae genomes (Fig. 2D), consistent with the notion that

these *tr-d* events were originated from the common ancestors of the genomes sharing them.

Considering that intergenic regions are generally more prone to mutations than genes, intergenic

sequence similarity among duplicated paralog loci in these old shared *tr-d* events (Fig. 7D, "Tr-*cl*;g+i")

may indicate purifying selection in intergenic regions suggestive of the presence of conserved non-

coding regulatory elements.

Overall, our analyses depicted the landscape of lineage-specific *tr-d* events among Brassicaceae

genomes, where the majority of *tr-d* events were incomplete, while *tr-d* events including Tr copies with

complete ORFs and gene-only *tr-d* were likely results of selective retention over time.

Distribution of *tr-d* events among Brassicaceae lineages and TE contents.

An intriguing pattern emerged when we considered the distribution of shared *tr-d* events in

relation to overall TE contents (Table S2). TE may facilitate *tr-d* of non-TE genes by providing short

sequence repeats that can act as anchors in DSB repair or TE activity may lead to initiation of DSB repair-

mediated *tr-d* events [1]. Hence, we expect genomes with higher TE contents to contain more recent *tr-*

d events. These recent *tr-d* will also have higher proportion of incomplete duplication and truncated

ORF in Tr copy loci, since the duplications will be more likely random before the functional duplicates

get selectively retained over time (Fig. 2C).

Indeed, the three more TE-rich (>30% TE contents) genomes, *A. lyrata*, *E. salsugineum*, and *S.*

irio, contained more lineage-specific *tr* and *tr-d* events, compared to the remaining three TE-depleted

(<20% TE contents) genomes (Table S2). Interestingly, the highest number of lineage-specific *tr-d*

events, majority of which occured recently after the species' divergence from the closest relative (Fig.

7C-D), was observed in *A. lyrata* rather than in *E. salsugineum*, although the latter contained the highest

proportion of the genome annotated as TE (Table. S2). *A. lyrata* and *S. irio* also included the smallest

proportions of complete ORFs in Tr copy loci of lineage-specific *tr-d* events at 12.4% and 14.4%,

respectively. Contrastingly, *E. salsugineum* showed a proportion of complete ORFs in Tr copy loci at

28%, comparable to other TE-depleted genomes (Fig. 2D).

One possible explanation is that *A. lyrata* and *S. irio* genomes may contain TEs that had

expanded more recently than in the *E. salsugineum* genome. Both *A. lyrata* and *S. irio* have close

relatives with low TE contents, *A. thaliana* and *S. parvula*, respectively. Between *A. lyrata* and *A.*

thaliana genomes, TEs seem to have expanded in *A. lyrata* rather than being lost in *A. thaliana*. The TE

expansion in *A. lyrata*, as inferred by the expansion of recent long terminal repeat (LTR)

retrotransposons starting at 1 million years ago (MYA) [84], is indeed more recent than the estimated *A.*

lyrata-A. thaliana divergence at 3~5MYA [85]. While beyond the scope of this study, it will be

interesting to test whether the same is true for *S. irio* and *S. parvula* genomes, as well as comparing the

age of LTRs in *E. salsugineum* with those in *A. lyrata* and *S. irio*. The percentage of loci showing distal

best-hit displacement (Fig. 2C, $d_{n,n+1}$ >20 or "Diff Chr"), which reflect *tr-d* events, may show a better

correlation with the content of more recently expanded TEs, than with total contents of sequences

annotated as TE/repeats (Fig. 2D).

Search for extremophyte lineage-specific *tr-d* events using OrthNets

One possible application of the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline is to retrieve orthologs sharing

evolutionary events uniquely found in a lineage or multiple lineages exhibiting a convergent trait. For

example, the two extremophytes included in the current study, *S. parvula* and *E. salsugineum*, share the

capacity to survive and reproduce under highly saline environments [51]. The habitats of these two

extremophytes also provide additional challanges dintinct to each species, multi-ion salt stresses for *S.*

parvula [9] and combined salt and freezing stresses for *E. salsugineum* [52,53]. Genomes of these two

Lineage II extremophytes may contain signatures of adaptation both shared and unique to each species.

Comparisons of the genomes and transcriptomes of *E. salsugineum* and *S. parvula* with those of

the model plant *A. thaliana* have identified a number of stress response-related orthologs showing

differences in copy number, promoter sequences, and basal level expression strengths, as well as

signatures of sub- and neo-functionalization among duplicates [9,10,42,86,87]. Functions of some of

these genes in stress adaptation have been tested and confirmed by transgenic studies in the

extremophyte species [87–89]. However, pairwise comparison to a model species often has limited

resolution in identifying candidate variations of interest. For example, comparison of *S. parvula* with the

model *A. thaliana* genomes detected thousands of orthologous genes that show different duplication or

gene transposition events (Table 1) and hundreds even after filtering for those showing variation in

expression strengths [9]. Given the high number of these candidates, often the hypothesis generation

step has to focus on a subset of candidates with stronger prior functional evidence related to plant

stress responses. The majority of these variations may reflect the more ancient divergence between the

Brassicaceae Lineage I and II, rather than more recent local adaptations specific to an extremophyte.

The CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline enables identifying lineage (monophyletic) or multiple lineages

(polyphyletic or paraphyletic)-specific variations in a multi-genome comparative framework. Our

pipeline identified 63, 26, and 14 ortholog groups showing gene copy number increases through *tr-d*

events specific to *E. salsugineum*, *S. parvula*, and both, respectively (Fig. 5D and Table 3). These

numbers are orders of magnitude fewer than previous searches from a pairwise comparison only to *A.*

thaliana [9], signifying the vastly improved resolutions in finding lineage-specific events.

E. salsugineum contained more lineage-specific *tr-d* events than *S. parvula*, in alignment with

the higher TE content of the genome (Fig. 5D and Table S2). The largest OrthNet with *E. salsugineum*-

specific *tr-d* events included orthologs of the *SALT-TOLERANCE 32* (*SAT32*) locus (Figure 8A and Table 2,

ON_2516), that encoded a transcription regulator, of which the expression level positively correlated

with the survival rate of the model plant *A. thaliana* under a salt stress condition [90]. Among the *SAT32*

orthologs in *E. salsugineum* (*EsSAT32s*), three of the four Tr copy loci with complete ORFs exhibited

intron losses, without any loss of deduced amino acid sequence homology for entire coding regions

(Figs. 8B and S6). Intron losses and smaller transcript sizes are thought to enable rapid responses and

regulation of expression timing in Drosophila and mouse [91,92] as well as in yeast [93]. It may also

indicate variations in DNA methylation landscapes among duplicated paralogs, which facilitate intron

losses [94]. It is not clear whether the lack of sequence homology in the adjacent intergenic regions

among *EsSAT32* paralogs (i.e. "gene-only" *tr-d*; Fig. 8B) is indicative of reverse transcriptase-mediated

duplication and intron losses [95] or different rate of mutation between gene and intergenic regions.

Either way, such variations in intergenic regions including promoters may lead to sub-functionalization

[8] of *EsSAT32* paralogs, at least three of which exhibited tissue-specific expressions with different basal

expression strengths in root and shoot tissues (data not shown).

Except for *SAT32*, OrthNets showing *E. salsugineum-* or *S. parvula*-specific *tr-d* did not include

genes with known functions directly related to salt stress responses in *A. thaliana*. This is rather

unsurprising considering that *A. thaliana* is naturally a salt-sensitive species and its response to salinity is

mostly a symptom than a selective and strategic response aiming for tolerance or avoidance and,

eventually, survival in extremely saline environments [96]. OrthNets with *E. salsugineum-* or *S. parvula*-

specific *tr-d* included loci encoding proteins annotated based on functional evidences in the model *A.*

thaliana, involved in defense (Table 2, ON_4608, ON_6085, and ON_1764-1, encoding MAPKKK5,

WRKY72, and DGK5, respectively; see the table legend for full names of proteins), regulation of growth

and development (Table 2, ON_4071, ON_4867, and ON_5499, encoding CYCA2;4, TFL1, and XCP1,

respectively), regulation of organelle functions and senescence (Table 2, ON_5701 and ON_4729 for

encoding and a UQCRX-like family protein), and embryogenesis (Table 2, ON_4633/KPL) [97]. A notable

example of *S. parvula*-specific increases in gene copy numbers through *tr-d* events includes the *ZRT/IRT-*

LIKE PROTEIN 3 (*ZIP3*) locus encoding a zinc transporter protein precursor (Table 2). This may be a

possible adaptation strategy of the species in soils that are highly saline and also depleted in

micronutrients such as zinc and iron in central Anatolia [98,99]. We suggest that these genes, based on

their lineage-specific *tr-d* events leading to additional gene copies that are expressed and also encode

complete ORFs, may have functions in salt adaptation yet unknown in the salt-sensitive model *A.*

thaliana, or their functions, either conserved or modified, may regulate a strategic decision-making

process in growth and development in avoiding or alleviating salt stresses [100] in these two

extremophyte species. Additional tissue- and stress response-specific expression data and functional

studies using genetic and transgenic methods will be able to refine and confirm these hypotheses.

Shared *tr-d* events and signatures of a convergent evolution

Gene copy number variations through *tr-d* events shared exclusively by the two extremophytes

may represent a signature of convergent evolution in two separate lineages that show salt-adaptive

traits [51]. The OrthNet pipeline identified two subsets of *tr-d* events shared by the two extremophytes,

of which the complete list is presented in Table 3. Three parallel *tr-d* events independently occurred in

both *E. salsugineum* and *S. parvula* (Table 3, "Ind-parallel") involved loci encoding well-known salt stress

signal transducers in the model plant *A. thaliana* (Table 3, ABI1, CDPK1, and 5PTASE11, see the table

legend for full names) [97]. However, none of these events resulted in additional gene copies with

complete ORFs and expression evidence in both genomes (Table 3). The other subset of shared *tr-d*

events most likely took place in a Lineage II ancestor before the divergence of *E. salsugineum* and *S.*

parvula, based on the fact that the Tr copies in both genomes showed co-linearity as depicted in Fig. 6A.

Subsequent deletion or truncation of all duplicated Tr copies in *S. irio* made these tr-d events unique to

the two extremophytes (Table 3, "Tr-*cl*"). This subset included two OrthNets with *tr-d*, encoding

transcription factors of unknown functions (Table 3, ON_170-3 and ON_3847) [97]. In both cases, Tr

copy loci included complete ORFs with expression evidence in both extremophyte species. Additionally,

a well-known salt stress signaling gene locus encoding the Calcineurin B-Like protein 10 [101,102]

showed *tr-d* in both *E. salsugineum* and *S. parvula* with complete ORFs in Tr copy loci. However,

expression was detected only for the two *S. parvula* Tr copies (Table 3, ON_2430/CBL10).

The paucity of copy number enhancement with complete ORFs through shared parallel *tr-d*

events suggests that the adaptation path was distinct and unique to each extremophyte species. While

being the two most salt-tolerant among tested Brassicaceae species [51], the natural habitats of these

extremophytes do present distinct combinations of challenges for each species [9,52,103]. The

increased copy numbers of the two transcription factors found among the "*Tr-cl*" subset however,

present a good set of candidates for further genetic and transgenic studies, to determine their possible

contribution to the extremophytes' responses to high salinity, the common stress component of their

habitats.

OrthNets reveal complex evolutionary histories of stress-related gene loci

In a previous study using *A. thaliana-S. parvula* pairwise comparison, we found several genes

with stress responsive functions in the model *A. thaliana* that showed increased copy numbers through

gene duplication in *S. parvula* [9]. These included loci for ion transporters (*HKT1*, *NHX8*, *KEA 1*, and

AVP1), and a stress signal mediator (*CBL10*), with functions associated with ion homeostasis in the

model plant *A. thaliana* in response to salt stresses [97]. OrthNet visualization on the comparative

framework expanded to six species (Fig. 9) found that their evolutionary histories were more complex

than previously thought.

For example, the increased copy numbers of *HKT1* loci were not unique to extremophytes as

previously thought [9,42]. They were also found in *C. rubella* and *S. irio* genomes (Fig. 9A). Recent

studies have demonstrated that *E. salsugineum* and *S. parvula* share a copy of HKT1 that included two

amino acid substitutions unique to the two extremophytes, that were responsible for differentially

transporting Na$^+$ and K$^+$ [87,89]. None of the HKT1 orthologs from *C. rubella*, or any other crucifers

tested in this study, included this amino acid substitution (data not shown). Interestingly, OrthNet

showed that the HKT1 copy containing the amino acid substitutions was truncated in *E. salsugineum*

(Fig. 9A, Esa|20197527). This may be an error in the gene model annotation in the *E. salsugineum* draft

genome [43] used in this study. Previous studies mentioned above have successfully cloned a full length

cDNA from this particular locus using an alternative *E. salsugineum* genome annotation [42], which

contained a complete ORF in the same locus. In addition to the amino acid substitutions, the Tr copy of

HKT1 in *S. parvula* (Fig. 9A, Spa|Sp6g07110) showed a tissue-specific expression pattern distinct from its

orthologs in both *A. thaliana* and *E. salsugineum* [9,42]. This may explain the unique adaptation of *S.*

parvula to its habitat, where soils contain toxic levels of both Na$^+$ and K$^+$ ions [103]. Overall, this

exemplifies the complexity of candidate gene mining and hypothesis development for functional studies

in non-model species, where the validity of gene model annotations and possibilities of neo- and sub-

functionalization need to be considered.

For *NHX8* and *CBL10* loci, OrthNets confirmed *S. parvula*-specific copy number increases

compared to the other five crucifers, previously speculated through *A. thalina-S. parvula* pairwise

comparison [9], although duplications were found in species other than *S. parvula* (Fig. 9B and 9C). The

increased *NHX8* copies in *S. parvula* may account for the the extreme Li$^+$ toxicity tolerance of the species

[9], based on an ectopic over-expression of the gene conferring tolerance to Li$^+$ toxicity in the model *A.*

thaliana [59], as well as expression patterns of the three *S. parvula* paralogs that indicate both increased

basal-level expression strengths and tissue-specific sub-functionalization [9]. The *NHX8* OrthNet

revealed copy number increases also in *A. lyrata* and *S. iro* through segmental duplication and tandem

duplication, respectively, although *S. parvula* maintained the highest copy numbers among them (Fig.

9B). We confirmed that *S. iro* was extremely sensitive to Li$^+$ levels *S. parvula* is tolerant of (Figure S8)

and it will be interesting to test the Li$^+$ toxicity of *A. lyrata*, similarly. The contribution of increased *NHX8*

copy numbers in *S. parvula* adaptation to high soil [Li$^+$], a characteristic of its natural habitat [103], is

currently under investigation through transgenic approaches. The OrthNet for *CBL10*, which encodes a

stress signal transducer interacting with a number of Na$^+$ and K$^+$ transporters [101,102], includes a *tr-d*

event of the locus shared by all three Lineage II genomes tested in this study and likely originated from a

Lineage II ancestor, followed by a further copy number increase via tandem duplication unique to *S.*

parvula (Fig. 9C). Due to the disruption of the transposed copy in *S. iro*, the copy number increase was

in effect specific to the extremophytes, with the highest copy number found in *S. parvula*.

For *KEA1* and *AVP1*, OrthNet revealed that the copy number increases were not unique to *S.*

parvula (Fig. 9D and 9E), unknown at the time of the previous study [9]. Both Lineage I and Lineage II

species acquired the second *KEA1* copy through *tr-d* (Fig. 9D, annotated as *KEA2* in the model *A. thaliana*

[97]) and tandem duplication, respectively. The *tr-d* of *AVP1* likely dates to an ancestor before the

division of Lineage I and II, while one of the duplicates got deleted in *A. thaliana* and truncated in *A.*

lyrata (Fig. 9E). Overall, these examples illustrates the improved resolution of the OrthNet approach

over the previous approach relied on a pairwise comparison to the model plant *A. thaliana* [9], in

identifying lineage-specific gene duplication events.

Concluding remarks: potential and challenges of evolutionary context-based searches using the

CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline

The CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline provides a flexible tool to identify co-linearity among orthologs in

multiple closely related genomes and organize them into networks enabling a search based on

evolutionary contexts for lineage- or lineages-specific gene duplication and transposition events. The

input for paralog clusters, used for identification of tandem duplication events in each genome (Fig. S1,

"Input 2"), can be derived from any gene clustering method, with a user-defined max_TD_loci_dist

parameter. Likewise, users can choose the method and criteria for inter-species comparisons to

determine best-hit pairs (Fig. S1, "Input 3"). In this study, we aimed to trace the *tr-d* events including

truncated ORFs. Hence we determined best-hits using BLASTN [58] with an e-value cutoff (e<10^{-5})

among coding sequences. Users interested more on identifying conserved protein functions can apply

additional filters, such as conserved ORF lengths, deduced amino acid similarities, and conserved

peptide domain structures, to ensure best-hit pairs guided by functional ORFs. Finally, the genome

annotation input (Fig. S1, "Input 1") can include non-protein-coding features such as putative enhancers

identified as intergenic DNase Hypersensitive regions [70], miRNA genes, or any other conserved

regulatory feature that can be traced among multiple closely related genomes which often share

substantial sequence similarity over intergenic regions [39].

A challenge to the CLfinder-OrthNet approaches, especially for plant genomes, is that often the

co-linear loci do not necessarily include the most similar sequences, especially when each genome being

compared include multiple paralogs. Such incongruence between co-linearity and sequence similarity

results in a best-hit of a query locus found in a transposed location in the target genome, even when the

co-linear location in the target genome also contained a gene showing homology with the query locus.

To solve this problem, we designed the CLfinder module to accept multiple best-hit candidates for each

query locus and scan for an alternative best-hit that give a reciprocal best-hit pair (see Methods). In

addition, the OrthNet module employed MCL to separate large OrthNets into smallest possible units, so

that majority of OrthNets included a single locus in each genome plus additional duplicates in subsets of

genomes. Using this approach, we identified 86% of the total OrthNets including the same or less than

12 nodes in the current study (Fig. 4B). MCL has been used to identify orthologous groups based on a

network graph with edges weighted for the sequence similarity (e.g. OrthoMCL) [31]. Using different

edge weights based on co-linearity relationships, the OrthNet module essentially attempts identification

of orthologous gene groups based on genomic locations, instead of sequence similarities.

871   Even after clustering with MCL, some OrthNets appeared to carry multiple loci, likely derived

from the same origin. For example, the complete OrthNet for *AVP1* (Fig. S7 and Supplementary Dataset

S1, ON_0-0398) appeared to include orthologs derived from three loci. The first two included the

reciprocally co-linear hexagon including *AVP1* (Fig. S7, *AVP1*) and a transposed group of five loci

indicating an ancient *tr-d* event with the *A. thaliana* locus deleted, which agreed with previous studies

[9,55]. The third group showed the *S. iro* locus (Fig. S7, Sir|scf2049_71) connected to the *AVP2* locus in

A. thaliana as a reciprocal best-hit pair with a *tr* edge, rather than with the *AVP1* locus. While lacking

the additional duplicated copy of the *AVP1* locus, *A. thaliana* included an additional locus *VHP2;2*,

through a segmental duplication of the *AVP2* locus, which was unique to *A. thaliana* (Fig. S7). Overall,

the OrthNet revealed a complex evolutionary history involving three loci showing high sequence identity

(minimum 84% among ORF nucleotide sequences) for this vacuolar membrane proton pump, essential

for maintaining a proton gradient across the membrane required for ion transport to plant vacuoles and

other organelles [104,105].

884   Such complex patterns are expected to be more commonplace when the analysis include

species with different WGD histories, common among plant genomes. Crop wild relatives (CWRs) often

possess traits desirable for developing crops more resilient to environmental challenges, either lost

during the domestication of the crop species or acquired uniquely in CWRs through adaptive evolution

[106]. The two extremophytes included in this study are CWRs of a large number of food and biofuel

crops, Brassica species [44,107] (Fig. 1). Many crop species, including Brassica crops, have undergone

recent polyploidization events. Our next goal includes application of the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline for

comparison of crop and CWRs with different WGD histories, which may require additional layers of

analyses on duplication depth and fractionations among sub-genomes [108,109].

Materials and Methods

Genome and gene models

We obtained genome annotations of *A. lyrata* (Aly, version 1.0), *A. thaliana* (Ath, v. "TAIR10"), *C. rubella* (Cru, v. 1.0), and *E. salsugineum* (Esa, v. 1.0) from Phytozome v. 11 (http://genome.jgi.doe.gov/), while genomes of *S. irio* (Sir, v. 0.2; CoGE genome id 19579) and *S. parvula* (v. 2.0) were downloaded from CoGE (https://genomevolution.org/coge/) and thellungiella.org (http://thellungiella.org/data/), respectively. For *S. irio* annotation, we used a combination of RepeatMasker, a BLASTN search versus Repbase v. 20170127 (http://www.girinst.org/repbase/) and OrthoMCL [110] to further filter out lineage-specific clusters of genes encoding components of transposons.   To generate a species tree of crucifer genomes including the six target species, we used Agalma [111] which built a maximum likelihood tree based on 14,614 alignments of homologous protein-coding gene clusters. Each cluster contained sequences from more than four crucifer genomes.

For the analysis of co-linearity erosion, we compared all protein-coding gene loci in five crucifer genomes to those in *A. thaliana* using BLASTN. Four degenerate site (4d) substitution rate distributions were analyzed for all reciprocal BLASTN pairs of protein-coding genes between the five crucifer genomes and *A. thaliana*, using codeml [112] and custom scripts. Transposable element (TE) contents were determined using RepeatMasker v. 4.0.7 and RepeatModeler v. 1.0.8 (http://www.repeatmasker.org/), for all six target species.

Identification of co-linearity among crucifer genomes using CLfinder

We developed the CLfinder process to scan the order of homologous gene loci between a pair of genomes. The CLfinder module perform this process automatically for all pairs among multiple closely-related genomes. The CLfinder process uses three inputs (Fig. 3 and S1). We used only primary transcript models for protein-coding gene loci for all three inputs. **Input 1**: A custom script ("parse_gtf.py") parsed genome annotation in .gtf format. **Input 2:** Intra-species sequence comparison detected paralogous loci by clustering primary protein-coding gene model sequences within each single species using OrthoMCL [110], as described previously [9]. **Input 3:** For inter-species sequence comparison, we performed pairwise reciprocal BLASTN (e<10^{-5}) between all primary protein-coding gene model ORFs to obtain ten most similar BLASTN hits ("best-hits") in the target species, for each gene model in the query species.

The sensitivity and stringency of the CLfinder process are adjustable based on three user-
defined parameters, window_size (W), num_CL_trshld (N), and gap_CL_trshld (G) (Fig. S2). For each
query locus (from Input 1), CLfinder scans and counts number of 'loci-in-chain', whose best-hits (from
Input 3) are separated by the same or less than G from the best-hit of their immediate neighbors. The
scan starts from the query loci and moves towards both up- and downstream of the query genome. If
more than N loci-in-chain, including the query locus, are found within the window of size 2 x W (i.e. W to
the up- and downstream), the query locus is declared co-linear (*cl*) with its best-hit locus in the target
species. We excluded lineage-specific (*ls*) loci that do not have a best-hit in the target species from the
scan and counting process for loci-in-chain. Tandem duplicated (*td*) loci, defined as adjacent loci
separated by the same or less than max_TD_loci_dist (T) that are in the same paralog cluster defined in
Input 2, are counted as one locus during the scan and counting. Query locus neither co-linear (*cl*) nor
lineage-specific (*ls*) is transposed (*tr*). If query locus is in a genome assembly scaffold that contains less
than W loci, the pipeline mark the query locus as not-determined (*nd*) instead of transposed (*tr*).
Segmental rearrangements such as local inversion are identified based on loci-in-chain detected
exclusively in either up- or down-stream. In such cases, CLfinder declares the query and its best-hit as
cl_end.
For the analysis of six crucifer genomes, CLfinder parameters W and G were decided based on
the distribution of protein-coding gene locus content in the scaffolds of the most fragmented genome
(*S. irio*) and the results from the analysis of co-linearity erosion. We used 20, 3, 20, and 4 for W, N, G,
and T, respectively. The CLfinder process (Fig. S2) was performed for all possible query-target pairs for
the six crucifer species using a wrapper script in the CLfinder module (Fig. S1, "CLfinder_multi.py").
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Construction and visualization of OrthNets
The OrthNet module combines the output of the CLfinder module and produces networks of
orthologous loci (OrthNet). The network contains primary protein-coding gene loci from all species
(nodes) connected with their best-hits with directional edges, and the co-linearity relationship (i.e.
either *cl*, *tr*, or *nd*) between them as the edge property. Additionally, the OrthNet module connects
tandem duplicated paralogs with undirected edges (*td*), and compares the ORF size of a node to the
median ORF size of all neighboring nodes to detect truncated ORFs (i.e. of sizes less than 40 and 80% of
the median ORF size).
The OrthNet module first clusters all nodes from all species connected with an edge (Fig. S1,
"create_OrthNet.py"). This process often results in an aggregation of multiple loci connected with

unidirectional edges in a single large OrthNet, due to duplicated paralogs, lineage-specific deletions, and

partial gene models that lead to non-reciprocal best-hit pairs. We employed two methods to alleviate

this issue.

First, for all unidirectional edges from node A to node B, the OrthNet module searches for an

alternative best-hit for B, among the list of the ten best-hit candidates, that makes A and B a reciprocal

best-hit pairs (Fig. S1, "update_BestHitPairs.py"). The best-hit candidates were obtained by running the

BLASTN with the "-max_target_seqs 10" option when creating the Input 2 for the CLfinder module. The

OrthNet module records how many best-hit candidates it tested before identifying a reciprocal best-hit

pair (Supplmentary Dataset S1, legend). Only when a reciprocal best-hit does not exist among all ten

alternatives, the OrthNet will have an unidirectional edge. Second, each OrthNet is subjected to further

clustering to finer OrthNets using Markov Chain Clustering (MCL) [113], with a higher edge weight given

to the order of *td*, reciprocal *cl*, reciprocal *tr*, unidirectional *cl*, and unidirectional *tr* edges. This process

effectively removed spurious unidirectional edges that connect nodes from different loci (Fig S1.

"update_OrthNet_afterMCL.py"). The resulted OrthNets are converted to .sif file format for

visualization using Cytoscape (http://cytoscape.org/).

Analysis of lineage-specific transposition-duplication events using OrthNet

The OrthNet module codifies each OrthNet based on the number of nodes from each genome as

well as edge properties connecting them, enabling effective search for patterns of interest (Fig. S1,

"search_OrthNet.py"). The module assigned all nodes in an OrthNet with an "OrthNet_code", which

included copy numbers in all six genomes used in this study, plus edge properties to their best-hit

ortholog nodes and sorted by the alphabetical order of genome names (Supplementary DataSet S1,

column "OrthNet_code"). We used the python regular expression patterns shown in Table S1, to search

for all *tr-d* events unique to one or multiple lineages among the six Brassicaceae genomes.

We used this functionality to search for OrthNets including lineage-specific (LS) transposition-

duplication (*tr-d*) events. Within a *tr-d* event, the *tr-d* donor or "CL copy" was the node connected to

nodes from other species with the most *cl* edges, while the remaining were *tr-d* acceptors or "Tr copies."

When multiple CL copies existed due to tandem duplication, we used the one with the longest ORF as

the representing CL copy. We compared ORF sizes between nodes from all other species and both CL

and Tr copies, as well as between the CL copy and Tr copies. Homologous Genome Segments (HGSs)

were detected between the gene and ±5Kb intergenic regions of the CL copy and each of Tr copies, using

LASTZ with chaining as previously described [9]. A *tr-d* event was "complete" if the HGS included the

entire CL copy gene. A "gene-only" *tr-d* was defined as a complete *tr-d* event with the size of HGS less

than 120% of the CL copy gene. We used a custom script to determine the expected occurrences of

complete and gene-only *tr-d* by random shuffling and overlapping of HGSs and CL copy genes. The

distribution of such occurrences from 10,000 iterations was fitted to a normal distribution to calculate

the P-value of the observed occurrence, using the fitdistr function in R MASS package (https://cran.r-

project.org/web/packages/MASS).

The 4d substation rates were calculated for all CL and Tr copy pairs where the Tr copy ORF size

was comparable (with ±20% in proportion) to that of the representative CL copy (i.e. Tr copy with a

complete ORF), using codeml and a custom script (Fig. S2, "pairwiseKs_by_codeml.py").   To determine

Tr copies with expression evidence, we used RNA-seq data for leaf and root tissues obtained from

studies by Wang et al. (2016)[13] for *A. lyrata*, *A. thaliana*, and *C. rubella*, and Oh et al. (2014) for *A.*

thaliana and *S. parvula* [9] as well as samples prepared for the current study (for *E. salsugineum*,

BioProject ID PRJNA63667) essentially as previously described [9]. FPKM values of representative

transcript models were estimated using Stringtie (v. 1.3.1c) with the '-e' option [114], after RNAseq

reads were aligned to the genome using HISAT2 (v. 2.0.5) [114].

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1004   **Availability of software**

1005   All custom scripts and the CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline are available on GitHub

1006   (https://github.com/ohdongha/CL_finder), together with a tutorial with a sample dataset and

1007   parameters used for the current study.

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1009   **Figure legends**

1010   **Figure 1.** A comparative genomics framework including the two extremophyte/halophyte crucifers, *S.*

1011   *parvula* and *E. salsugineum*. Boxes and stars indicate the six Brassicaceae species selected for this work

1012   and halophytes, respectively. The tree was based on an alignment of 14,614 homologous gene clusters,

1013   as described in Methods.

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Figure 2. Erosion of co-linearity between Brassicaceae (crucifer family) genomes

(A) Each locus in the query genome (orange) is paired with an arrow to its most homologous

counterpart locus ("best-hit") in the target genome (blue), after loci in both genomes numbered based

on their positions. The difference in best-hit loci positions between the query locus at position *n* and its

neighbor at position *n+1* ($d_{n,n+1}$) is 1 when the query locus and its best-hit in the target are co-linear,

while a tandem duplication unique to the query genome results in $d_{n,n+1} = 0$ (1). Co-linearity is disrupted

by mutations and indels (2), as well as a gene transposition event (3).

(B, C) The distribution of $d_{n,n+1}$ with either *A. lyrata* (Aly), *C. rubella* (Cru), *E. salsugineum* (Esa), *S. irio*

(Sir), and *S. parvula* (Spa) as the query and the *A. thaliana* (Ath) genome as the target. Aly-Ath and Esa-

Ath pairs were shown as exemplary histograms in B. Results for all pairs were summarized in C.

(D) The proportion of gene loci with $d_{n,n+1}$ ranging from 2 to 20 showed a higher correlation with the

median four-degenerated (4d) substitution rate (upper panels). Contrastingly, the proportion of those

with $d_{n,n+1}$ larger than 20 or their best-hits found in a different target chromosome was better correlated

with the overall transposable element (TE) contents (lower panels).

[a] The query locus involved in a tandem duplication event unique to the query genome.

[b] The query locus co-linear with its best-hit without any modification in gene order.

[c] The best-hit of the query locus *n* is located in a different chromosome ("Diff Chr") in Ath, compared to

the best-hit of its immediate neighbor locus *n+1*.

[d] Includes loci with $d_{n,n+1} > 20$ as well as the "Diff Chr" indicated in (*C*)

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Figure 3. The CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline

[a] For the detailed method to determine co-linearity (CL) relationship between the query loci and their

most homologous counterpart ("best-hits") in the target genome, see Figures S2 and S3. An example

CLfinder output for the six crucifer species highlighted in Fig. 1 are summarized in Table 1, with the full

results given as Supplementary Dataset S1.

[b] See Figures 4-6, for examples of OrthNets with different evolutionary contexts, e.g. transposition (*tr*)

and transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) unique to each species or a group of species.

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Figure 4. The OrthNet module encodes the evolutionary context of an orthologous gene group into a

network.

(A) OrthNet examples representing five different evolutionary contexts. Nodes are color-coded

according to the species. Transparent nodes with dashed borders indicate loci with truncated ORFs, i.e.

ORF sizes smaller than either 80% or 50% compared to the median ORF size of nodes they are connected

to. Edges show properties either co-linear (*cl*) or transposed (*tr*), reciprocally (*rc*) or uni-directionally

(uni). Tandem duplicated (*td*) paralogs are also connected by an edge. The lower panel includes a table

with the ID and annotation for representative OrthNets, as well as the number of OrthNets with the

same evolutionary context among total 17,432 identified for the six genomes.

(B) A histogram showing the size distribution of OrthNets.

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Figure 5. Characterization of lineage-specific transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events among the six

Brassicaceae genomes

(A) Examples of OrthNets with *tr-d* events specific for *S. parvula* (*WRKY DNA-BINDING PROTEIN*

72/*WRKY72*) and *C. rubella* (*AGAMOUS-LIKE 87*/*AGL87*). Within a *tr-d* event, OrthNet identifies the

original donor copy (CL copy), which is co-linear to orthologs in other genomes (Orthologs), and the

transposed and duplicated copies (Tr copies). Node and edges are as described in Fig. 4A.

(B) ORF size comparison between all loci involved in a *tr-d* event (i.e. both CL and Tr copies) with the

median of Orthologs. Blue dots indicate CL copies.

(C and D) ORF size comparison between Tr copies and their corresponding CL copy within each of the *tr-*

d events, as a scatterplot (C) and a histogram of ORF size ratio (D). Pink shades indicate Tr copies with

complete ORFs whose sizes are comparable (±20% in proportion) to that of the CL copy. Panel D also

shows numbers and percentages (in parentheses) of Tr copies with complete ORFs below the species

labels. The entire list of OrthNets showing lineage-specific *tr-d*, including CL and Tr copies, is in

Supplementary Dataset S2.

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Figure 6. Transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events shared by a pair of Brassicaceae genomes

(A) Example OrthNets with *tr-d* events shared by *E. salsugineum* and *S. parvula*, representing two

categories: (1) independent-parallel ("Ind-parallel") *tr-d* events and (2) *tr-d* events with Tr copies co-

linear to each other ("Tr-*cl*"). Node and edges are as described in Fig. 4A.

(B) Number of OrthNets shared by pairs of genomes in "Ind-parallel" and "Tr-*cl*" categories, with the

cladogram of the six crucifer genomes on the top. Heatmap colors visualize the rank of each cell based

on OrthNet numbers in each category.

(C) Proportion of Tr copies with complete ORFs (i.e. ORF size ±20% of the CL copy in proportion) within

OrthNets presented in (B). The genome 1 (row)-genome 2 (column) position shows the number of Tr

copies with complete ORF / total Tr copies in genome 1, for all OrthNets with *tr-d* shared by genome 1

and 2. For example, the Aly-Ath and Ath-Aly positions in "Ind-parallel" category indicate 6 out of 29 *A.*

lyrata (Aly) Tr copies and 6 out of 22 *A. thaliana* (Ath) Tr copies, respectively, have complete ORFs in the

17 "Ind-parallel" *tr-d* events shared by *A. lyrata* and *A. thaliana*. Heatmap colors indicate the

percentage of Tr copies with complete ORFs, for cells with >5 total Tr copies.

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Figure 7. Characterization of duplicated genomic regions in transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events.

(A) We Identified Homologous Genome Segments (HGSs) between the CL and Tr copy genes and

adjacent genomic regions (±5Kbp) in a *tr-d* event as described in Methods. A *tr-d* event is either

complete or incomplete, based on whether the HGS included the full CL copy gene or not. A subset of

complete *tr-d* events had HGS coinciding with the start and end of the CL copy gene without extending

to the intergenic regions ("gene-only" *tr-d*).

(B) Histograms and box-and-whisker plots (inlets) showing size distributions of HGSs and CL copy genes

for complete and incomplete *tr-d* events.

(C) Comparison of observed occurrences (Obs.) and expected occurrences (Exp.) of complete and gene-

only *tr-d* events. Upper panel shows the distribution of expected occurrences from 10,000 random

shuffling of HGSs and CL copy genes for *A. lyrata* (Aly)-specific complete and gene-only *tr-d* events.

Fitting the random shuffling results to normal distributions (upper panel, blue curves) generated P-

values of observed occurrences for *tr-d* events unique to each genome and the genus Arabidopsis (lower

panel).

(D) Four degenerate site (4d) substitution rates between ORFs of CL and Tr copy genes in different types

of complete *tr-d* events. Complete *tr-d* events were either gene-only ("go") or with HGSs detected in

both gene and intergenic regions ("g+I").   We compared lineage-specific (LS) and shared *tr-d* events that

are either independent-parallel ("Ind-par") or with Tr copies co-linear to each other ("Tr-*cl*"). Lines and

"x" marks in the box indicate medians and means, respectively.

(*E*) Proportion of Tr copy genes with expression evidences (RNA-seq FPKM>0) in all *tr-d* events either

lineage-specific or shared by a pair of genomes. The *tr-d* type is as described in (A) and Tr copy ORF type

is as in Fig. 5C and D (pink shade) and Fig. 7C. *S. irio* genes were excluded due to the lack of RNA-seq

data.

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Figure 8. Examples of lineage-specific *tr-d* events.

(A) OrthNet for the *SALT-TOLERANCEE 32* (*SAT32*). Nodes and edges are as described in Fig. 4A. The

OrthNet showed *E. salsugineum*-specific *tr-d*, with three of the five Tr copies tandem duplicated.

(B) Comparison of *SAT32* loci and adjacent ±30Kbp genomic regions between *A. thaliana*, *S. parvula*, and

E. salsugineum as a GEvo plot (https://genomevolution.org/r/maxx). Pink shades connect Homologous

Genomic Segments (HGSs) between genomes, while gene models, mRNAs, and coding sequences are

depicted in gray, blue, and green, respectively (see https://genomevolution.org/wiki/index.php/GEvo

for detailed GEvo legends). *EsSAT32;1* is the CL copy (Esa|20186362), while *EsSAT32;2/3/4/5* indicate

the four Tr copies with complete ORFs. The yellow arrow marks the position of Esa|20181274, which

contains a truncated ORF. *EsSAT32;3/4/5* showed intron losses without compromising gene products

(see text and Figure S6 for details).

(C) GEvo plot visualizing *AGAMOUS-LIKE 87* (*AGL87*) loci of *S. parvula*, *E. salsugineum*, *A. thaliana*, and *C.*

rubella (https://genomevolution.org/r/olzb). The OrthNet for *AGL87* in the six crucifer species is in Fig.

5A. *CrAGL87;1* is the CL copy (Cru|20890904) and *CrAGL87;2/3/4/5/6* represent Tr copies. The genomic

regions including tandem duplicates *CrAGL87;3/4* and *CrAGL87;5/6* are located only 133Kbp apart from

each other in the same genome scaffold and contained a large number of short HGSs between them.

Only HGSs including the *CrAGL87* loci are connected with pink shades in these genome regions.

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Figure 9. OrthNets associated with stress-related gene loci known for copy number variations between

S. parvula and *A. thaliana*.

OrthNets for **(A)** *HIGH AFFINITY K⁺ TRANSPORTER 1* (*HKT1*; ON_1313), **(B)** *Na⁺ H⁺ EXCHANGER 8* (*NHX8*;

ON_1214-1), **(C)** *CALCINEURIN B-LIKE PROTEIN 10* (*CBL10*; ON_2430), **(D)** *K⁺ EFFLUX ANTIPORTER 1* (*KEA*

1; ON_0-0500), and **(E)** *ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA V-PPASE 1* (*AVP1*; ON_0-0398, part) are presented, with

nodes and edges as described in Fig. 4A. (E) shows a part of the OrthNet including orthologs derived

from the *AVP1* loci, while the complete OrthNet is in Figure S7 (see the Discussion section for detail).

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List of Supplementary Information

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Dataset S3. List of Gene Ontology (GO) terms enriched in genes associated with lineage-specific

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Table 1. Summary of CLfinder results showing pairwise comparisons among 6 crucifer species

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

[a] Co-linear (cl), transposed (tr), lineage-specific (ls), or not determined due to too small genome scaffold (nd)

[a] Using CLfinder parameters {window_size, num_CL_trshld, gap_CL_trshld} = { 20, 3, 20 }

[b] Tandem duplication (td) detected using the parameter max_TD_loci_dist = 4

Table 2. A partial list of OrthNets associated with lineage-specific (LS) transposition-duplication (tr-d) events [a]

LS tr-d	OrthNet ID (ON_)	Node count pattern [b]	Annotation	CL copy [c] ORF length (nt) / # exons	Number of Tr copies Total (td), cORF, exp, cORF & exp [d]	Duplication mode: g+i, go [e]
Aly	1227	11.1.1.1.1.1	unknown protein	630 / 5	5 (3), 4, 2, 2	5, 0
	3580	4.1.1.1.1.1	cytochrome c oxidase 15 (COX15)	1374 / 7	2, 2, 2, 2	2, 0
	4486	3.1.1.1.1.1	carbamoyl phosphate synthetase A (CARA)	1293 / 10	2, 2, 2, 2	0, 2
	3527	4.1.1.1.1.1	RNA-dependent RNA polymerase 1 (RDR1)	3324 / 3	3, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
	3557	4.1.1.1.1.1	beta-amylase 3 (BMY3)	1605 / 3	3, 1, 2, 1	1, 0
	4003	3.1.1.1.1.1	peroxin4 (PEX4)	474 / 5	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1
	200-3	3.1.1.1.1.1	homeobox protein 5 (HB5)	942 / 3	2, 1, 2, 1	1, 0
Ath	4411	1.3.1.1.1.1	PAI3*	828 / 5	2, 2, 2, 2	1, 1
	4622	1.2.1.1.1.1	HPA1*	1254 / 7	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
	5135	1.2.1.1.1.1	Ribosomal protein S5 family	2964 / 10	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
	5699	1.2.1.1.1.1	UGT72E3*	1446 / 1	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
	5831	1.2.1.1.1.1	PM* choline transporter family	1449 / 3	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
	0-1050	1.2.1.1.1.1	zinc finger protein-related	5328 / 4	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
Cru	**2442**	**1.1.6.1.1.1**	**AGAMOUS-like 87 (AGL87)**	**492 / 1**	**5 (4), 5, 1, 1**	**5, 0**
	3071	1.1.5.1.1.1	RNA-binding (RRM/RBD/RNP motifs) family	546 / 4	4 (2), 3, 4, 3	3, 0
	4286	1.1.3.1.1.1	NMNAT*	639 / 8	2, 2, 2, 2	0, 2
	4551	1.1.3.1.1.1	LOB domain-containing protein 41 (LBD41)	795 / 2	2, 2, 2, 2	0, 2
	4140	1.1.3.1.1.1	myb domain protein 95 (MYB95)	852 / 3	2, 2, 1, 1	0, 2
	4421	1.1.3.1.1.1	hydroxycinnamoyl transferase (HCT)	1296 / 2	2 (2), 2, 1, 1	0, 2
	5691	1.1.2.1.1.1	SRP-related	1821 / 13	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1
	5251	1.1.2.1.1.1	Calcium-binding EF-hand family	639 / 1	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
Esa	**2516**	**1.1.1.6.1.1**	**SALT-TOLERANCE 32 (SAT32)**	**1317 / 13**	**5 (3), 4, 3, 3**	**0, 4**
	4071	1.1.1.3.1.1	Cyclin A2;4 (CYCA2;4)	1401 / 10	2, 2, 2, 2	0, 2
	3945	1.1.1.3.1.1	prenylated RAB acceptor 1.E (PRA1.E)	621 / 1	2, 2, 1, 1	2, 0
	4237	1.1.1.3.1.1	RNA-DIRECTED DNA METHYLATION 1 (RDM1)	480 / 2	2, 2, 1, 1	2, 0
	4314	1.1.1.3.1.1	SPFH/Band 7/PHB domain-containing	1077 / 9	2 (2), 2, 1, 1	0, 2
	4608	1.1.1.2.1.1	MAPKKK5*	2154 / 11	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1
	4633	1.1.1.2.1.1	KOKOPELLI (KPL)	1473 / 3	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1
	4867	1.1.1.2.1.1	TERMINAL FLOWER 1 (TFL1)	534 / 4	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
	5499	1.1.1.2.1.1	xylem cysteine peptidase 1 (XCP1)	1068 / 4	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
	5701	1.1.1.2.1.1	NAC domain containing protein 6 (NAC6)	870 / 3	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
Sir	3061	1.1.1.1.5.1	cytochrome P450 (CYP78A10)	1620 / 2	4, 3, - , -	3, 0
	3400	1.1.1.1.4.1	amino acid permease 3 (AAP3)	1431 / 7	3, 2, - , -	0, 2
	3964	1.1.1.1.3.1	PALE CRESS (PAC)	603 / 5	2, 1, - , -	1, 1
	5051	1.1.1.1.2.1	GLOBULAR ARREST1 (GLA1)	1707 / 8	1, 1, - , -	0, 1
	5943	1.1.1.1.2.1	DROUGHT SENSITIVE 1 (DRS1)	1662 / 4	1, 1, - , -	0, 1
	6060	1.1.1.1.2.1	YUCCA5 (YUC5);	1281 / 3	1, 1, - , -	1, 0
Spa	3944	1.1.1.1.1.3	Endomembrane protein 70 ;	1779 / 7	2, 2, 2, 2	1, 1
	4729	1.1.1.1.1.2	UQCRX* -like family	204 / 3	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1
	4815	1.1.1.1.1.2	zinc transporter 3 precursor (ZIP3)	1029 / 3	1, 1, 1, 1	1, 0
	5521	1.1.1.1.1.2	20S proteasome alpha subunit G1 (PAG1)	750 / 10	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1
	6085	1.1.1.1.1.2	WRKY DNA-binding protein 72 (WRKY72)	1659 / 4	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1
	1764-1	1.1.1.1.1.2	diacylglycerol kinase 5 (DGK5)	1482 / 13	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1
	403-2	1.1.1.1.1.2	Alba DNA/RNA-binding protein	396 / 5	1, 1, 1, 1	0, 1

Table 3. List of OrthNets including *tr-d* events shared by *E. salsugineum* (Esa) and *S. parvula* (Spa)[a]

Category	OrthNet ID (ON_)	Node count pattern[b]	Annotation	Genomes	CL copy[c] ORF length (nt) / # exons	Total, cORF, exp, cORF & exp[d]
Ind-parallel	3530	1.1.1.3.1.2	Nucleotidylyl transferase superfamily	Esa	1200 / 12	2, 2, 2, 2
				Spa	1209 / 12	1, 1, 0, 0
	0-0850	1.1.1.2.1.3	Zinc-finger domain, monoamine-oxidase A repressor R1	Esa	1410 / 10	1, 1, 0, 0
				Spa	1656 / 13	1, 1, 0, 0
	3452	1.1.1.3.1.2	novel cap-binding protein (NCBP)	Esa	678 / 6	2, 0, 2, 0
				Spa	678 / 6	1, 1, 1, 1
	3602	1.1.1.2.1.3	calcium-dependent protein kinase 1 (CDPK1)	Esa	1638 / 7	1, 0, 1, 0
				Spa	1464 / 8	2, 1, 0, 0
	4248	1.1.1.2.1.2	general regulatory factor 2 (GRF2)	Esa	783 / 4	1, 0, 1, 0
				Spa	783 / 4	1, 1, 1, 1
	4216	1.1.1.2.1.2	ABA INSENSITIVE 1 (ABI1)	Esa	1320 / 4	1, 0, 1, 0
				Spa	975 / 4	1, 0, 0, 0
	4253	1.1.1.2.1.2	inositol polyphosphate 5-phosphatase 11 (5PTASE11)	Esa	933 / 6	1, 0, 1, 0
				Spa	1008 / 7	1, 0, 0, 0
	3427[e]	1.1.1.2.2.2	embryo defective 2191 (emb2191)	Esa	654 / 5	1, 1, 1, 1
				Spa	561 / 7	1, 1, 1, 1
Tr-*cl*	170-3	1.1.1.2.1.2	basic helix-loop-helix (bHLH) DNA-binding superfamily	Esa	1092 / 7	1, 1, 1, 1
				Spa	1077 / 7	1, 1, 1, 1
	8-07	1.1.1.2.1.2	polygalacturonase 4 (PGA4)	Esa	1266 / 4	1, 2, 1, 1
				Spa	1266 / 4	1, 1, 0, 0
	3919	1.1.1.2.1.2	unknown protein	Esa	360 / 1	1, 1, 0, 0
				Spa	357 / 1	1, 1, 1, 1
	3913	1.1.1.2.1.2	SNARE-like superfamily	Esa	456 / 6	1, 1, 1, 1
				Spa	408 / 5	1, 1, 0, 0
	4390	1.1.1.2.1.2	RING/U-box superfamily	Esa	426 / 1	1, 0, 1, 0
				Spa	375 / 2	1, 1, 0, 0
	4526	1.1.1.2.1.2	RING/FYVE/PHD zinc finger superfamily	Esa	1209 / 4	1, 0, 0, 0
				Spa	1188 / 5	1, 1, 1, 1
	2430[e]	1.1.1.2.3.3	calcineurin B-like protein 10 (CBL10)	Esa	780 / 9	1, 1, 0, 0
				Spa	747 / 9	2, 2, 2, 2
	3847[e]	1.1.1.2.2.2	NAC domain containing protein 58 (NAC058)	Esa	921 / 3	1, 1, 1, 1
				Spa	927 / 3	1, 1, 1, 1
	3474[e]	1.1.1.2.2.2	P-loop nucleoside triphosphate hydrolases superfamily	Esa	3465 / 17	1, 1, 1, 1
				Spa	3492 / 17	1, 1, 0, 0
	240-2[e]	1.1.1.2.2.2	Ribosomal protein L22p/L17e family	Esa	528 / 7	1, 1, 0, 0
				Spa	528 / 7	1, 1, 0, 0
	3310[e]	1.1.1.2.3.2	CRUMPLED LEAF (CRL)	Esa	783 / 10	1, 1, 1, 1
				Spa	810 / 9	1, 1, 1, 1
	0-0834[e]	1.1.1.2.2.2	photosystem II reaction center W (PSBW)	Esa	402 / 2	1, 1, 1, 1
				Spa	402 / 2	1, 1, 0, 0
	1066-1[e]	1.1.1.2.3.3	phosphorylcholine cytidylyltransferase (CCT1)	Esa	996 / 8	1, 1, 1, 1
				Spa	996 / 8	2, 1, 1, 1

[a] The complete list for all pairs of genomes is in Dataset S2.

[b] Number of nodes for each genome, sorted alphabetically, i.e. Number of nodes for Aly.Ath.Cru.Esa.Sir.Spa

[c] If multiple CL copies exist, mostly due to tandem duplication (TD), we chose the one with the longest ORF

[d] Number of Total Tr copies with Tr copies tandem duplicated in parentheses, Tr copies with complete ORF (cORF), Tr copies with RNAseq expression evidence (exp), and Tr copies with bot cORF and exp (cORF & exp)

[e] These OrthNets showed Lineage II-specific *tr-d* events, with all additional Tr copies in Sir having incomplete ORFs, essentially resulting in copy number increments specific to Esa and Spa only.

Figure 1. A comparative genomics framework including the two extremophyte/halophyte crucifers, *S. parvula* and *E. salsugineum*.

Boxes and stars indicate the six Brassicaceae species selected for this work and halophytes, respectively. The tree was based on an alignment of 14,614 homologous gene clusters, as described in Methods.

Figure 2. Erosion of co-linearity between Brassicaceae (crucifer family) genomes

(A) Each locus in the query genome (orange) is paired with an arrow to its most homologous counterpart locus ("best-hit") in the target genome (blue), after loci in both genomes numbered based on their positions. The difference in best-hit loci positions between the query locus at position n and its neighbor at position $n+1$ ($d_{n,n+1}$) is 1 when the query locus and its best-hit in the target are co-linear, while a tandem duplication unique to the query genome results in $d_{n,n+1} = 0$ (1). Co-linearity is disrupted by mutations and indels (2), as well as a gene transposition event (3).

(B, C) The distribution of $d_{n,n+1}$ with either *A. lyrata* (Aly), *C. rubella* (Cru), *E. salsugineum* (Esa), *S. irio* (Sir), and *S. parvula* (Spa) as the query and the *A. thaliana* (Ath) genome as the target. Aly-Ath and Esa-Ath pairs were shown as exemplary histograms in B. Results for all pairs were summarized in C.

(D) The proportion of gene loci with $d_{n,n+1}$ ranging from 2 to 20 showed a higher correlation with the median four-degenerated (4d) substitution rate (upper panels). Contrastingly, the proportion of those with $d_{n,n+1}$ larger than 20 or their best-hits found in a different target chromosome was better correlated with the overall transposable element (TE) contents (lower panels).

[a] The query locus involved in a tandem duplication event unique to the query genome.

[b] The query locus co-linear with its best-hit without any modification in gene order.

[c] The best-hit of the query locus n is located in a different chromosome ("Diff Chr") in Ath, compared to the best-hit of its immediate neighbor locus $n+1$.

[d] Includes loci with $d_{n,n+1} > 20$ as well as the "Diff Chr" indicated in (C)

Input

1. Gene models for multiple closely related genomes (.gtf)

2. Paralog clusters within each genome (e.g. OrthoMCL)

3. Homolog pairs ("best-hits") between genomes (e.g. BLASTN)

CLfinder

For all query-target genome pairs, the CLfinder module:

- assigns co-linearity relationship between each locus in the query genome and its best-hit in the target genome;

- searches an window adjacent to the query locus for co-linear "loci-in-chains" [a], to determine whether the query and its best-hit are co-linear (*cl*) or transposed (*tr*); identifies also tandem duplicated (*td*) and lineage-specific (*ls*) loci.

OrthNet

- combines CLfinder results into Ortholog Networks (OrthNets) connecting gene loci based on their co-linearity relationships;

- clusters the OrthNets using Markov Clustering (MCL);

- codifies OrthNets based on gene copy numbers in each genome and edge attributes, enabling retrieval of all OrthNets matching user-inquired evolutionary context patterns [b].

Figure 3. The CLfinder-OrthNet pipeline

[a] For the detailed method to determine co-linearity (CL) relationship between the query loci and their most homologous counterpart ("best-hits") in the target genome, see Figures S2 and S3. An example CLfinder output for the six crucifer species highlighted in Fig. 1 are summarized in Table 1, with the full results given as Supplementary Dataset S1.

[b] See Figures 4-6, for examples of OrthNets with different evolutionary contexts, e.g. transposition (*tr*) and transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) unique to each species or a group of species.

A

Evolutionary context	Number of OrthNets	Example OrthNet ID (Annotation)
(1) All co-linear, single copy	7,034	On_6361 (*BRANCHED 1*)
(2) Transposition (*tr*) between Lineage I and II	50	On_8867 (unknown function)
(3) Spa-specific transposition	9	On_12904 (unknown function)
(4) Esa-specific tandem duplication (*td*)	44	On_4974 (*IMBITION-INDUCIBLE 1*)
(5) Spa-specific transposition-duplication (*tr-d*)	86	On_4629 (LRR kinase family)

B

Figure 4. The OrthNet module encodes the evolutionary context of an orthologous gene group into a network.

(A) OrthNet examples representing five different evolutionary contexts. Nodes are color-coded according to the species. Transparent nodes with dashed borders indicate loci with truncated ORFs, i.e. ORF sizes smaller than either 80% or 50% compared to the median ORF size of nodes they are connected to. Edges show properties either co-linear (*cl*) or transposed (*tr*), reciprocally (*rc*) or uni-directionally (*uni*). Tandem duplicated (*td*) paralogs are also connected by an edge. The lower panel includes a table with the ID and annotation for representative OrthNets, as well as the number of OrthNets with the same evolutionary context among total 17,432 identified for the six genomes.
(B) A histogram showing the size distribution of OrthNets.

Figure 5. Characterization of lineage-specific transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events among the six Brassicaceae genomes

(A) Examples of OrthNets with *tr-d* events specific for *S. parvula* (*WRKY DNA-BINDING PROTEIN 72/WRKY72*) and *C. rubella* (*AGAMOUS-LIKE 87/AGL87*). Within a *tr-d* event, OrthNet identifies the original donor copy (CL copy), which is co-linear to orthologs in other genomes (Orthologs), and the transposed and duplicated copies (Tr copies). Node and edges are as described in Fig. 4A.

(B) ORF size comparison between all loci involved in a *tr-d* event (i.e. both CL and Tr copies) with the median of Orthologs. Blue dots indicate CL copies.

(C and D) ORF size comparison between Tr copies and their corresponding CL copy within each of the *tr-d* events, as a scatterplot (C) and a histogram of ORF size ratio (D). Pink shades indicate Tr copies with complete ORFs whose sizes are comparable (±20% in proportion) to that of the CL copy. Panel D also shows numbers and percentages (in parentheses) of Tr copies with complete ORFs below the species labels. The entire list of OrthNets showing lineage-specific *tr-d*, including CL and Tr copies, is in Supplementary Dataset S2.

Figure 6. Transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events shared by a pair of Brassicaceae genomes

(A) Example OrthNets with *tr-d* events shared by *E. salsugineum* and *S. parvula*, representing two categories: (1) independent-parallel ("Ind-parallel") *tr-d* events and (2) *tr-d* events with Tr copies co-linear to each other ("Tr-*cl*"). Node and edges are as described in Fig. 4A.

(B) Number of OrthNets shared by pairs of genomes in "Ind-parallel" and "Tr-*cl*" categories, with the cladogram of the six crucifer genomes on the top. Heatmap colors visualize the rank of each cell based on OrthNet numbers in each category.

(C) Proportion of Tr copies with complete ORFs (i.e. ORF size ±20% of the CL copy in proportion) within OrthNets presented in (B). The genome 1 (row)-genome 2 (column) position shows the number of Tr copies with complete ORF / total Tr copies in genome 1, for all OrthNets with *tr-d* shared by genome 1 and 2. For example, the Aly-Ath and Ath-Aly positions in "Ind-parallel" category indicate 6 out of 29 *A. lyrata* (Aly) Tr copies and 6 out of 22 *A. thaliana* (Ath) Tr copies, respectively, have complete ORFs in the 17 "Ind-parallel" *tr-d* events shared by *A. lyrata* and *A. thaliana*. Heatmap colors indicate the percentage of Tr copies with complete ORFs, for cells with >5 total Tr copies.

Figure 7. Characterization of duplicated genomic regions in transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events.

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Figure 7. Characterization of duplicated genomic regions in transposition-duplication (*tr-d*) events.

(A) We Identified Homologous Genome Segments (HGSs) between the CL and Tr copy genes and adjacent genomic regions (±5Kbp) in a *tr-d* event as described in Methods. A *tr-d* event is either complete or incomplete, based on whether the HGS included the full CL copy gene or not. A subset of complete *tr-d* events had HGS coinciding with the start and end of the CL copy gene without extending to the intergenic regions ("gene-only" *tr-d*).
(B) Histograms and box-and-whisker plots (inlets) showing size distributions of HGSs and CL copy genes for complete and incomplete *tr-d* events.
(C) Comparison of observed occurrences (Obs.) and expected occurrences (Exp.) of complete and gene-only *tr-d* events. Upper panel shows the distribution of expected occurrences from 10,000 random shuffling of HGSs and CL copy genes for *A. lyrata* (Aly)-specific complete and gene-only *tr-d* events. Fitting the random shuffling results to normal distributions (upper panel, blue curves) generated P-values of observed occurrences for *tr-d* events unique to each genome and the genus Arabidopsis (lower panel).
(D) Four degenerate site (4d) substitution rates between ORFs of CL and Tr copy genes in different types of complete *tr-d* events. Complete *tr-d* events were either gene-only ("go") or with HGSs detected in both gene and intergenic regions ("g+I"). We compared lineage-specific (LS) and shared *tr-d* events that are either independent-parallel ("Ind-par") or with Tr copies co-linear to each other ("Tr-*cl*"). Lines and "x" marks in the box indicate medians and means, respectively.
(*E*) Proportion of Tr copy genes with expression evidences (RNA-seq FPKM>0) in all *tr-d* events either lineage-specific or shared by a pair of genomes. The *tr-d* type is as described in (A) and Tr copy ORF type is as in Fig. 5C and D (pink shade) and Fig. 7C. *S. irio* genes were excluded due to the lack of RNA-seq data.

A

B

C

Figure 8. Examples of lineage-specific *tr-d* events.

(A) OrthNet for the *SALT-TOLERANCEE 32* (*SAT32*). Nodes and edges are as described in Fig. 4A. The OrthNet showed *E. salsugineum*-specific *tr-d*, with three of the five Tr copies tandem duplicated.

(B) Comparison of *SAT32* loci and adjacent ±30Kbp genomic regions between *A. thaliana*, *S. parvula*, and *E. salsugineum* as a GEvo plot (https://genomevolution.org/r/maxx). Pink shades connect Homologous Genomic Segments (HGSs) between genomes, while gene models, mRNAs, and coding sequences are depicted in gray, blue, and green, respectively (see https://genomevolution.org/wiki/index.php/GEvo for detailed GEvo legends). *EsSAT32;1* is the CL copy (Esa|20186362), while *EsSAT32;2/3/4/5* indicate the four Tr copies with complete ORFs. The yellow arrow marks the position of Esa|20181274, which contains a truncated ORF. *EsSAT32;3/4/5* showed intron losses without compromising gene products (see text and Figure S6 for details).

(C) GEvo plot visualizing *AGAMOUS-LIKE 87* (*AGL87*) loci of *S. parvula*, *E. salsugineum*, *A. thaliana*, and *C. rubella* (https://genomevolution.org/r/olzb). The OrthNet for *AGL87* in the six crucifer species is in Fig. 5A. *CrAGL87;1* is the CL copy (Cru|20890904) and *CrAGL87;2/3/4/5/6* represent Tr copies. The genomic regions including tandem duplicates *CrAGL87;3/4* and *CrAGL87;5/6* are located only 133Kbp apart from each other in the same genome scaffold and contained a large number of short HGSs between them. Only HGSs including the *CrAGL87* loci are connected with pink shades in these genome regions.

Figure 9. OrthNets associated with stress-related gene loci known for copy number variations between *S. parvula* and *A. thaliana*.

OrthNets for **(A)** *HIGH AFFINITY K⁺ TRANSPORTER 1* (*HKT1*; ON_1313), **(B)** *Na⁺ H⁺ EXCHANGER 8* (*NHX8*; ON_1214-1), **(C)** *CALCINEURIN B-LIKE PROTEIN 10* (*CBL10*; ON_2430), **(D)** *K⁺ EFFLUX ANTIPORTER 1* (*KEA 1*; ON_0-0500), and **(E)** *ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA V-PPASE 1* (*AVP1*; ON_0-0398, part) are presented, with nodes and edges as described in Fig. 4A. (E) shows a part of the OrthNet including orthologs derived from the *AVP1* loci, while the complete OrthNet is in Fig. S7 (see the Discussion section for detail).