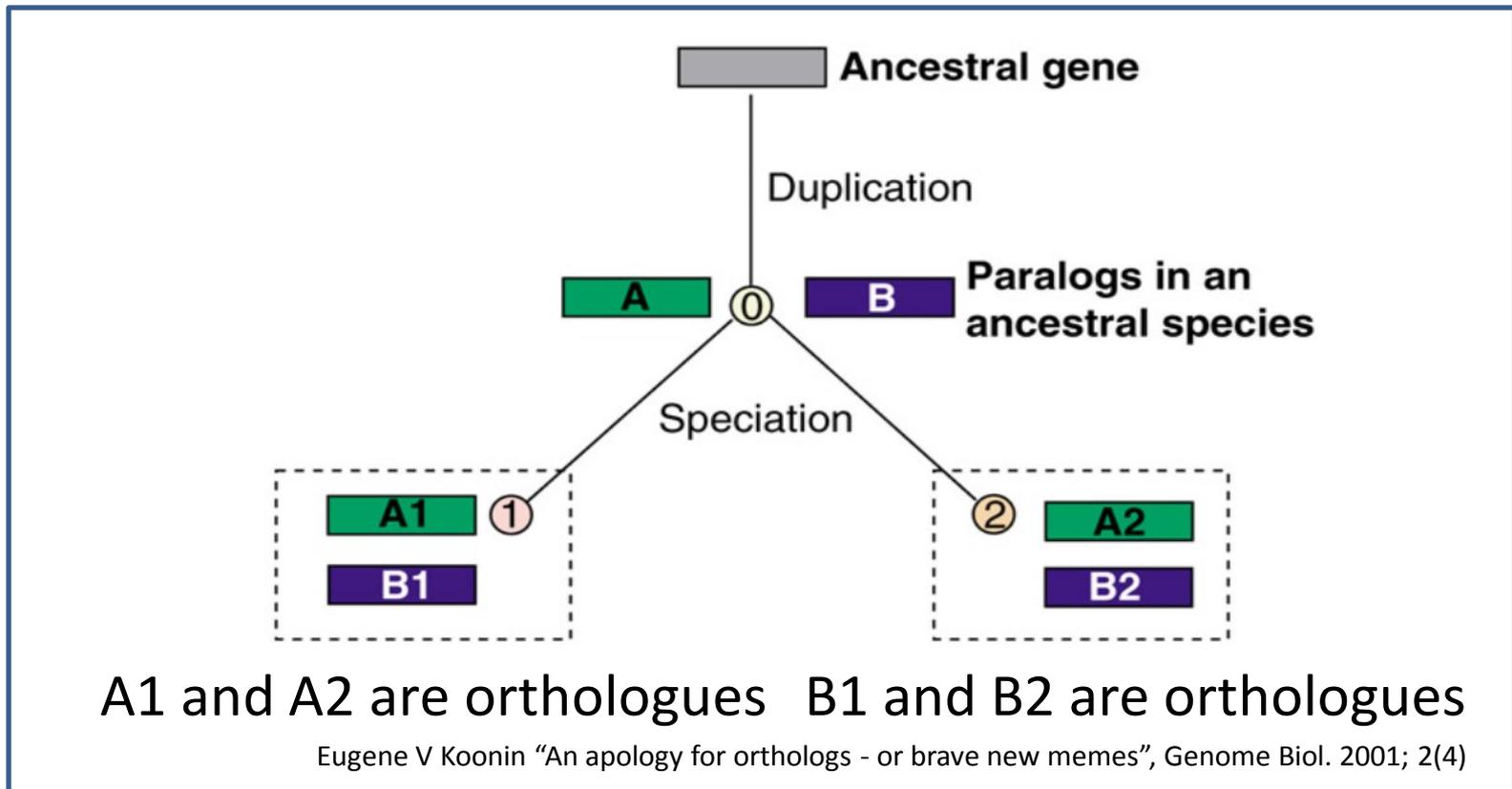


# OrthoDB

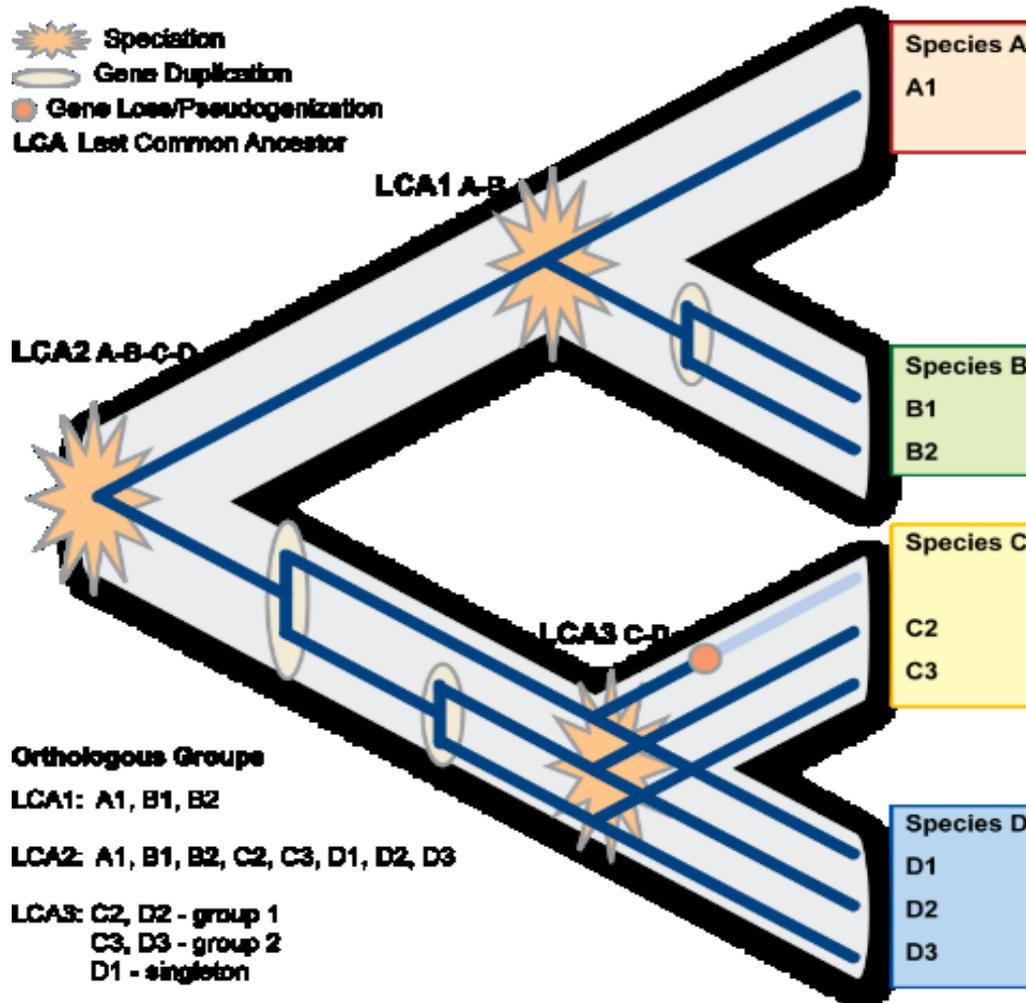
## Querying SIB resources with SPARQL

# Orthologues are

Two **homologous genes** in two different species that derive from a **single gene in the last common ancestor** of the species



# Orthologues genes and Last Common Ancestors



# Orthology is a proxy for gene function

“a crucial property of orthologs, which is both theoretically plausible and empirically supported, is that **they typically perform equivalent functions** in respective organisms”

Orthologs, Paralogs, and  
Evolutionary Genomics<sup>1</sup>

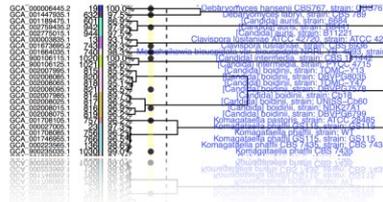
Eugene V. Koonin

# OrthoDB analysis flow

## 1. collect genomes



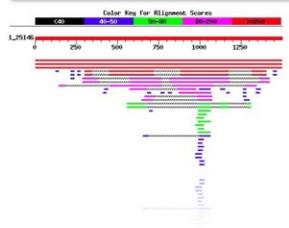
## 2. select representatives



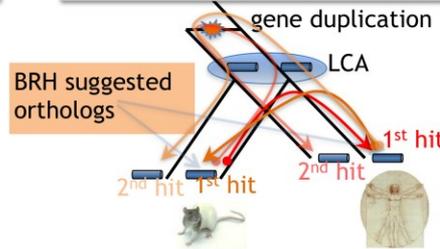
## 3. collate gene annotations



## 4. find all-to-all homologs



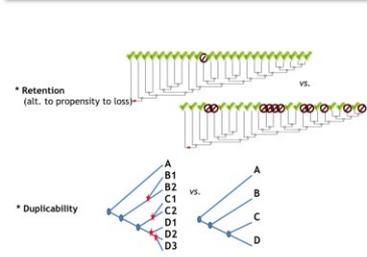
## 5. filter Best Reciprocal Hits



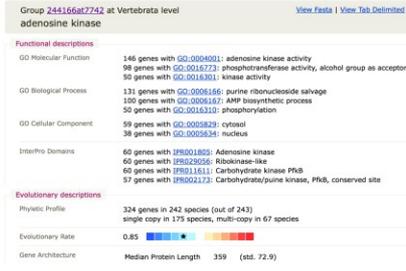
## 6. cluster BRHs and homologs



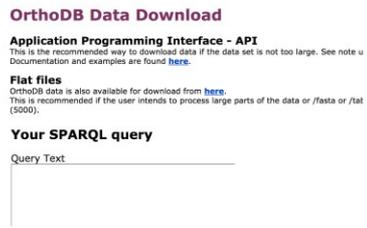
## 7. score evolutionary traits



## 8. summarise OG annotation



## 9. make the data available



# OrthoDB – a catalog of hierarchical orthologous groups

OrthoDB release 10 SwissOrthology UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE FACULTÉ DE MÉDECINE SIB Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics

Text pyruvate kinase Advanced Submit

Found 61 groups at Alphaproteobacteria level Bookmark OrthoDB@Alphaproteobacteria | Get All Fasta | Get All as Tab delimited ?  
Group 43778at28211 at Alphaproteobacteria level View Fasta | View Tab Delimited

**Pyruvate kinase**

Group hierarchy

Functional descriptions

Functional Category: G: Carbohydrate transport and metabolism; T: Signal transduction mechanisms; K: Transcription

KEGG pathway: 16 genes with ko00010: Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis; 16 genes with ko00230: Purine metabolism; 16 genes with ko00620: Pyruvate metabolism; 16 genes with ko01200: Carbon metabolism; 16 genes with ko01230: Biosynthesis of amino acids

EC number: 470 genes with 2.7.1.40: pyruvate kinase; ATP + pyruvate = ADP + phosphoenolpyruvate

InterPro Domains: 482 genes with IPR001697: Pyruvate kinase; 728 genes with IPR015795: Pyruvate kinase, C-terminal; 482 genes with IPR011037: Pyruvate kinase-like, insert domain superfamily; 482 genes with IPR015813: Pyruvate/Phosphoenolpyruvate kinase-like domain superfamily; 482 genes with IPR036918: Pyruvate kinase, C-terminal domain superfamily; 742 genes with IPR015793: Pyruvate kinase, barrel; 482 genes with IPR015806: Pyruvate kinase, insert domain superfamily

Evolutionary descriptions

Phyletic Profile: 742 genes in 677 species (out of 746); single copy in 626 species, multi-copy in 51 species

Evolutionary Rate: 0.91

Gene Architecture: Median Protein Length 479 (std. 9.1)

Text pyruvate kinase

Phyloprofile: [No filtering]

[No filtering]

Select species: Search species by name:

- Eukaryota 1271 (eukaryotes) e.g. A.californica, A.gambiae, ...
- Bacteria 5609 e.g. B.subtilis, Clostridium sp., C.tepidum, E.c...
- Proteobacteria 2337 (purple photosynthetic bacteria) e.g.
  - Gammaproteobacteria 976 e.g. E.coli, P.fluorescens, S...
  - Alphaproteobacteria 746 e.g. R.typhi
  - Betaproteobacteria 364
  - Deltaproteobacteria 124
  - Epsilonproteobacteria 109

Acidithiobacillus caldus SM-1, genome GCF\_000221025.1

<http://orthodb.org>

# OrthoDB – a catalog of hierarchical orthologous groups

- 15K organisms
  - 1271 Eukaryota
  - 5609 Bacteria
  - 404 Archaea
  - 7963 Viruses
- 40M genes
- 1005 taxonomic levels
- 9M orthologous groups

# OrthoDB – two APIs

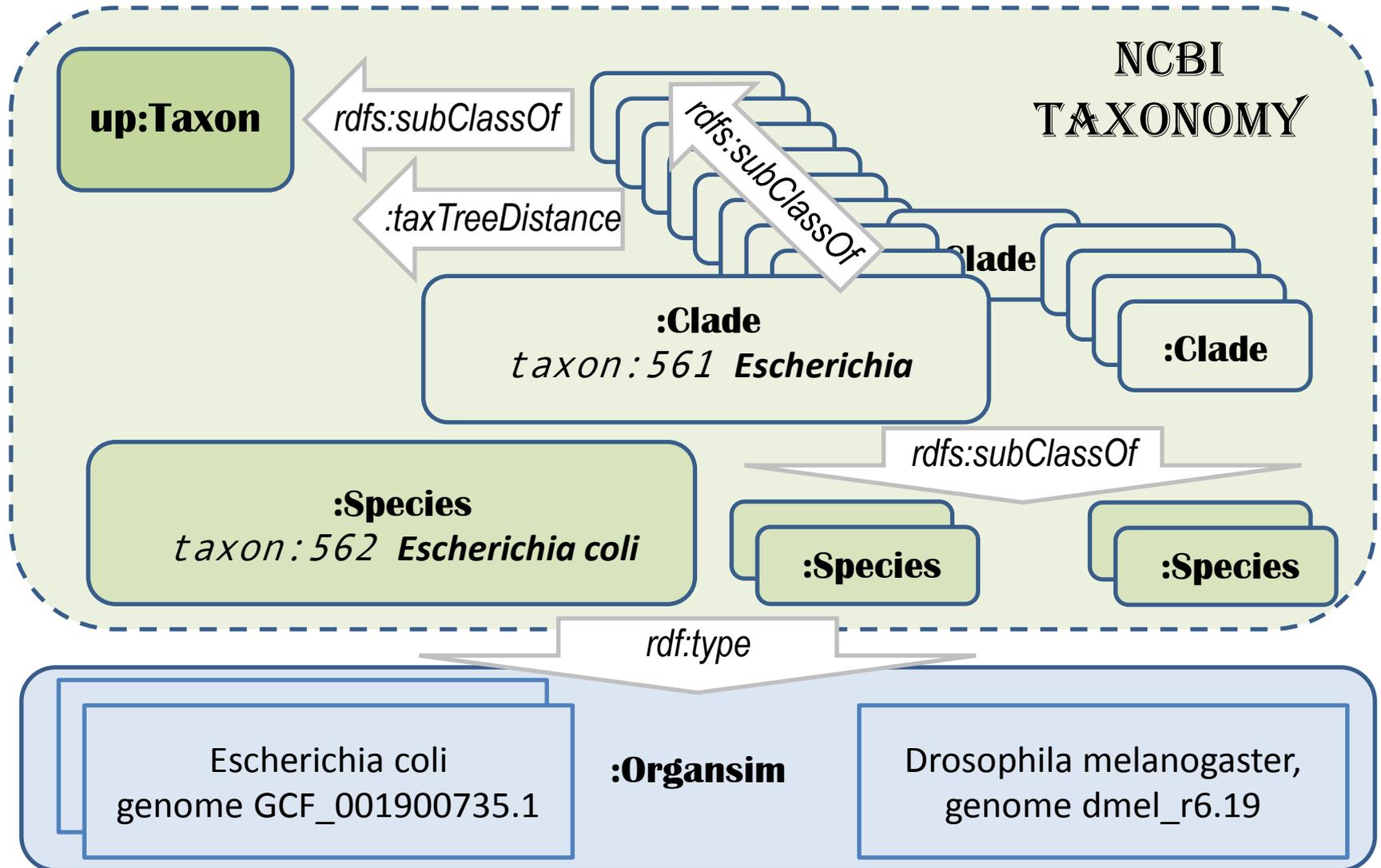
- Queries via programmable URLs
- SPARQL endpoint, <http://sparql.orthodb.org>

## About

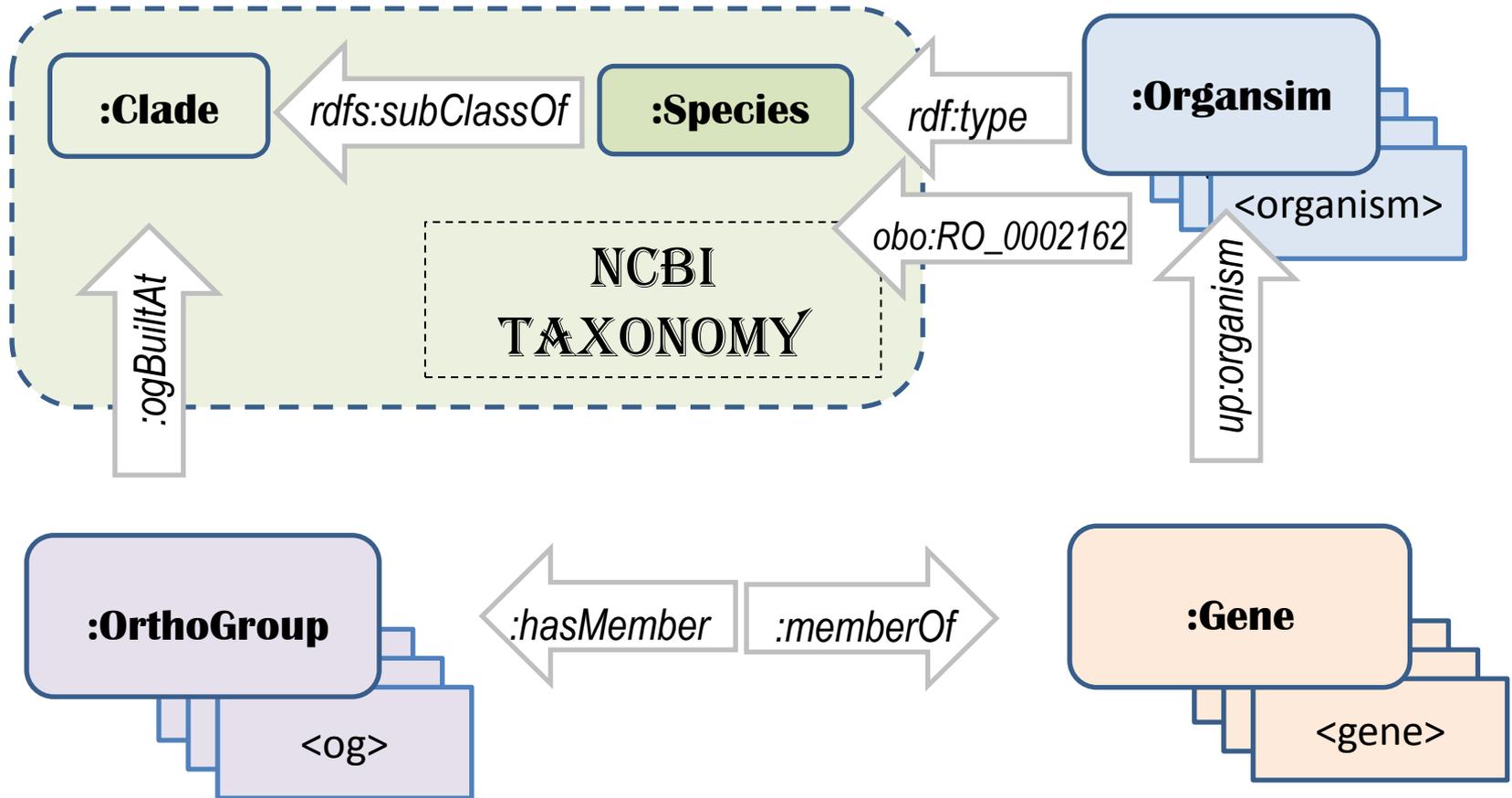
This [SPARQL 1.1](#) endpoint serves OrthoDB data. The OrthoDB release 10.1 consists of 2'246'378'105 RDF triples describing evolutionary and functional properties of 40'614'194 genes from 15247 organisms clustered in 8'952'780 orthologous groups on 1004 taxonomic levels.

This endpoint cooperates with [UniProt](#), [NextProt](#) and [Ensembl](#) endpoints due to adopting URIs of UniProt proteins (23'096'350), NextProt proteins (18'746) and Ensembl genes (684'451). The dataset also provides a number of clickable links to NCBI genes (13'587'519) and proteins (36'283'239), Ensembl Genomes (6'056'193), Interpro (35'285) and GO (21'975) resources.

# OrthoDB taxonomic tree



# Genes and orthologous groups



# Clades, Species and Organisms

## Clades

?clade a :Clade; rdfs:subClassOf+ taxon:2; up:scientificName ?name.

## Species, Organsims

?clade a :Clade; up:scientificName "Escherichia".

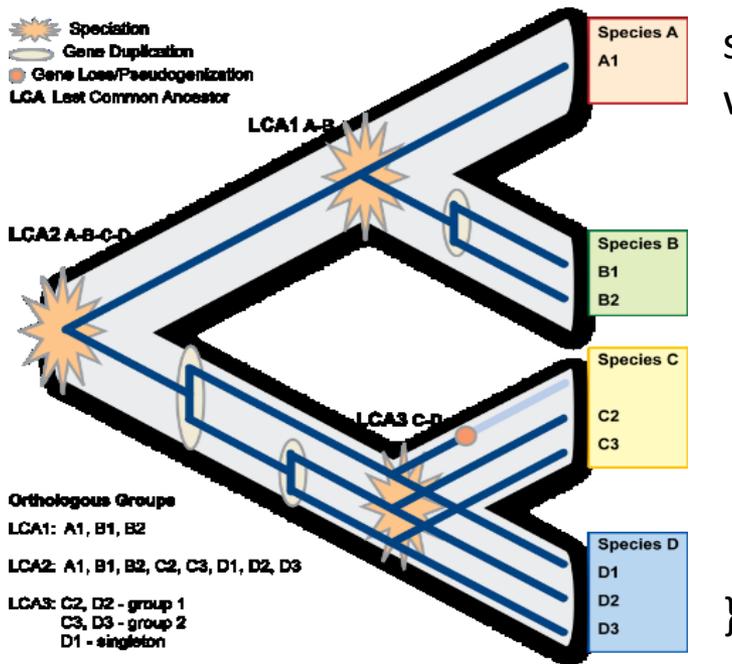
?taxon a :Species; up:scientificName ?**tx\_name**; rdfs:subClassOf+ ?clade.

?org a :Organism,?taxon; up:scientificName ?**org\_name**.

<b>tx_name</b>	<b>org_name</b>
"Escherichia albertii"	"Escherichia albertii, genome GCF_001549955.1"
"Escherichia coli Nissle 1917"	"Escherichia coli Nissle 1917, genome GCF_000714595.1"
"Escherichia coli"	"Escherichia coli, genome GCF_001617565.1"
"Escherichia coli"	"Escherichia coli, genome GCF_001900655.1"
"Escherichia coli"	"Escherichia coli, genome GCF_001900735.1"
"Escherichia coli"	"Escherichia coli, genome GCF_001900945.1"
"Escherichia fergusonii ATCC 35469"	"Escherichia fergusonii ATCC 35469, genome GCF_000026225.1"
"Escherichia coli O157:H16"	"Escherichia coli O157:H16, genome GCF_000827105.1"

Result IRIs for clade, taxon, org are functional URLs pointing to OrthoDB pages

# Find Last Common Ancestor (LCA) for fruit fly and honey bee



```
select *
where {
```

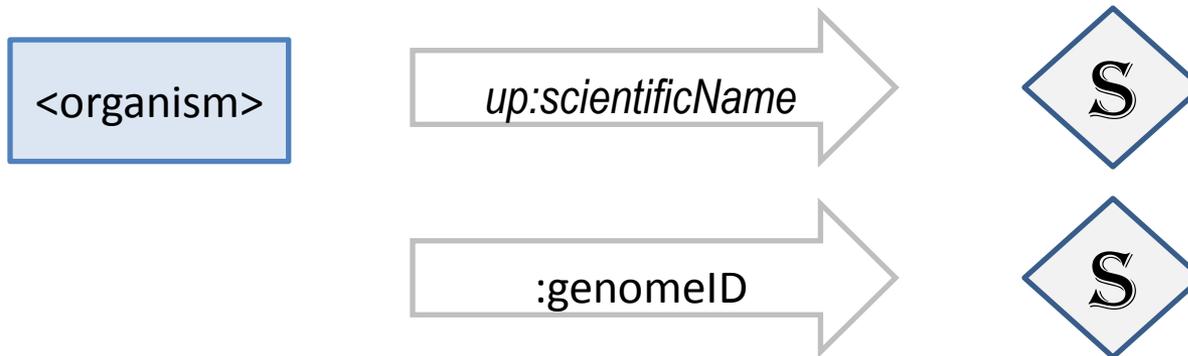
```
  ?lca a :Clade ; up:scientificName ?lcaname .
  taxon:7227 rdfs:subClassOf* ?lca .
  taxon:7460 rdfs:subClassOf* ?lca .
  filter (not exists {
    ?xca a :Clade ; rdfs:subClassOf ?lca .
    taxon:7227 rdfs:subClassOf* ?xca .
    taxon:7460 rdfs:subClassOf* ?xca .
```

```
  })
```

```
}
```

<b>lca</b>	<b>lcaname</b>
<a href="http://purl.uniprot.org/taxonomy/33392">http://purl.uniprot.org/taxonomy/33392</a>	"Holometabola"

# Organism predicates



# Genes

## Genes

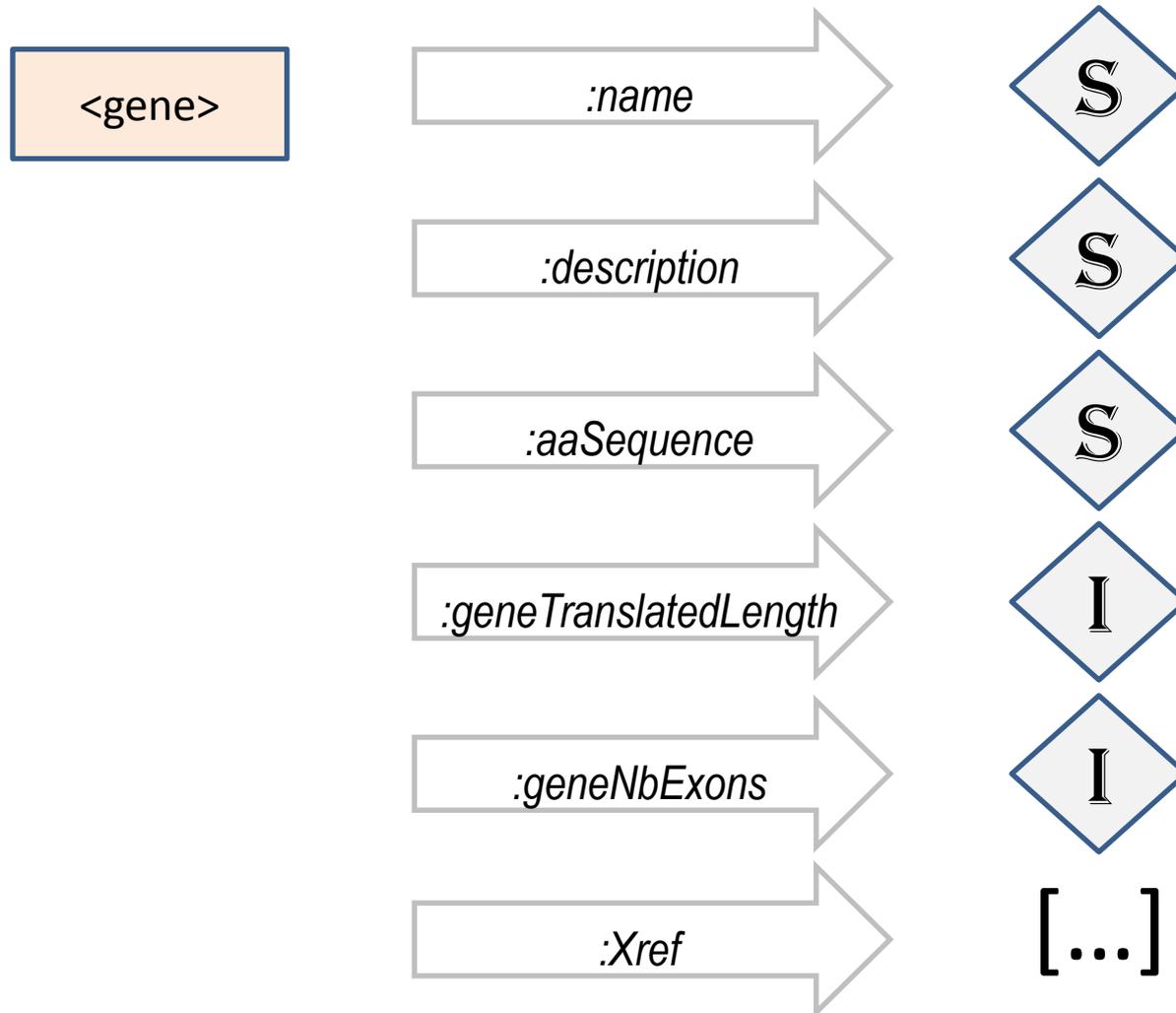
?org a :Organism; up:scientificName "Escherichia coli, genome GCF\_001617565.1".

?gene a :Gene; **up:organism** ?org; :name ?**gene\_name**; :description ?**description**.

gene_name	description
"fucA"	"L-fuculose phosphate aldolase"
"alaS"	"Alanine--tRNA ligase"
"hemG"	"Molybdopterin-guanine dinucleotide biosynthesis protein B"
"SY51_RS02910"	"Lipoprotein"
"rbsA"	"Ribose import ATP-binding protein RbsA"
"WM90_RS12030"	"HCP oxidoreductase"
"gltB"	"Glutamate synthase"
"smpA"	"Outer membrane protein assembly factor BamE"
"WM90_RS24495"	"Addiction module toxin RelE"

Result IRIs for org, gene are functional URLs pointing to OrthoDB pages

# Gene predicates



# Orthologous groups (OGs)

## Orthogroups

```
select ?og ?og_name ?distance ?clade_name (count(1) as ?cnt)
where {
  ?org a :Organism; up:scientificName "Escherichia coli, genome GCF_001617565.1".
  ?gene a :Gene; up:organism ?org; :name "alaS"; :memberOf ?og.
  ?og :ogBuiltAt [up:scientificName ?clade_name; :taxTreeDistance ?distance];
  :name ?og_name; :hasMember ?gene2
} group by ?clade_name ?og ?og_name ?distance order by ?distance
```

og	og_name	distance	clade_name	cnt
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/91428at2">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/91428at2</a>	"Alanine--tRNA ligase"	0	"Bacteria"	5604
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/13856at1224">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/13856at1224</a>	"Alanine--tRNA ligase"	1	"Proteobacteria"	2294
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/26372at1236">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/26372at1236</a>	"Alanine--tRNA ligase"	2	"Gammaproteobacteria"	956
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/7453at91347">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/7453at91347</a>	"Alanine--tRNA ligase"	3	"Enterobacteriales"	211
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/1091at543">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/1091at543</a>	"Alanine--tRNA ligase"	4	"Enterobacteriaceae"	98
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/132at561">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgroup/132at561</a>	"Alanine--tRNA ligase"	5	"Escherichia"	7

Result IRIs for org, gene are functional URLs pointing to OrthoDB pages

# Hierarchy of OGs is a paraphrase of the gene in evolutionary retrospective

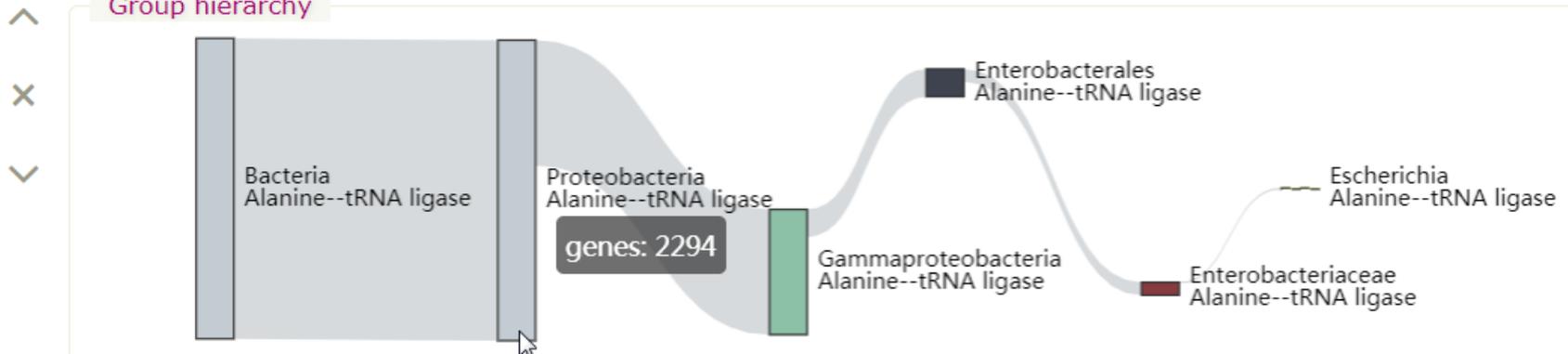
Group [132at561](#) at Escherichia level

[View Fasta](#) | [View Tab Delimited](#)

Alanine--tRNA ligase



## Group hierarchy



## Functional descriptions

Functional Category

J: Translation, ribosomal structure and biogenesis  
L: Replication, recombination and repair  
F: Nucleotide transport and metabolism  
T: Signal transduction mechanisms



EC number

5 genes with [6.1.1.7](#): alanine--tRNA ligase; ATP + L-alanine + tRNAAla = AMP + diphosph

InterPro Domains

6 genes with [IPR002318](#): Alanine-tRNA ligase, class IIc  
7 genes with [IPR003156](#): DHHA1 domain  
7 genes with [IPR012947](#): Threonyl/alanyl tRNA synthetase, SAD

# Evolutionary stable genes persist through hierarchy of clades

Group [13856at1224](#) at Proteobacteria level [View Fasta](#) | [View Tab Delimited](#)

Alanine--tRNA ligase

**Group hierarchy**

**Functional descriptions**

Functional Category      J: Translation, ribosomal structure and biogenesis  
 T: Signal transduction mechanisms  
 L: Replication, recombination and repair  
 F: Nucleotide transport and metabolism

KEGG pathway              61 genes with [ko00970](#): Aminoacyl-tRNA biosynthesis

EC number                  1466 genes with [6.1.1.7](#): alanine---tRNA ligase; ATP + L-alanine + tRNAAla = AMP

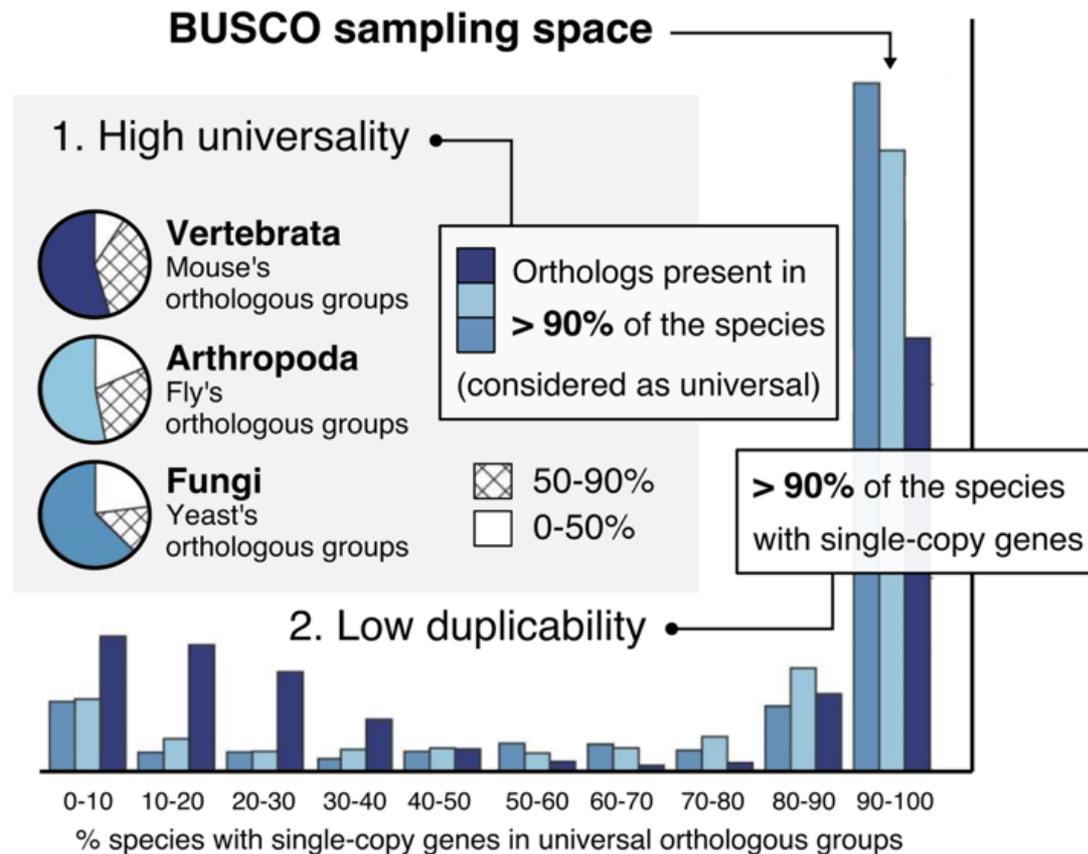
InterPro Domains          1514 genes with [IPR018163](#): Threonyl/alanyl tRNA synthetase, class II-like, putative  
 1517 genes with [IPR023033](#): Alanine-tRNA ligase, eukaryota/bacteria  
 1516 genes with [IPR018162](#): Alanine-tRNA ligase, class IIc, anti-codon-binding don  
 1514 genes with [IPR009000](#): Translation protein, beta-barrel domain superfamily  
 1520 genes with [IPR018165](#): Alanyl-tRNA synthetase, class IIc, core domain  
 2290 genes with [IPR018164](#): Alanyl-tRNA synthetase, class IIc, N-terminal  
 2288 genes with [IPR012947](#): Threonyl/alanyl tRNA synthetase, SAD  
 2252 genes with [IPR003156](#): DHHA1 domain  
 1520 genes with [IPR002318](#): Alanine-tRNA ligase, class IIc

**Evolutionary descriptions**

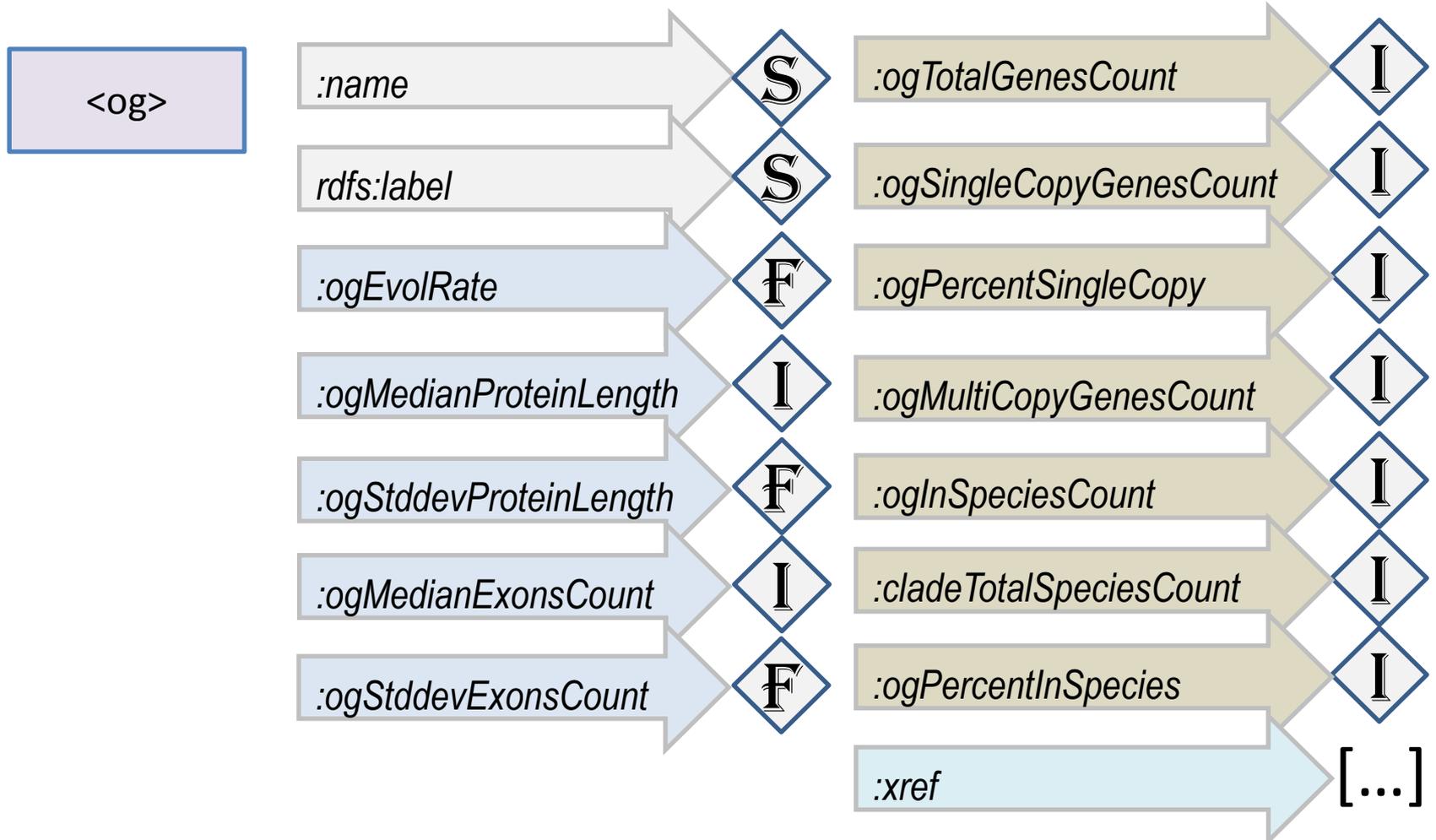
Phyletic Profile            2294 genes in 2292 species (out of 2337)  
 single copy in 2290 species, multi-copy in 2 species

Evolutionary Rate          0.88 ■■■■■■■■■■★■■■■■

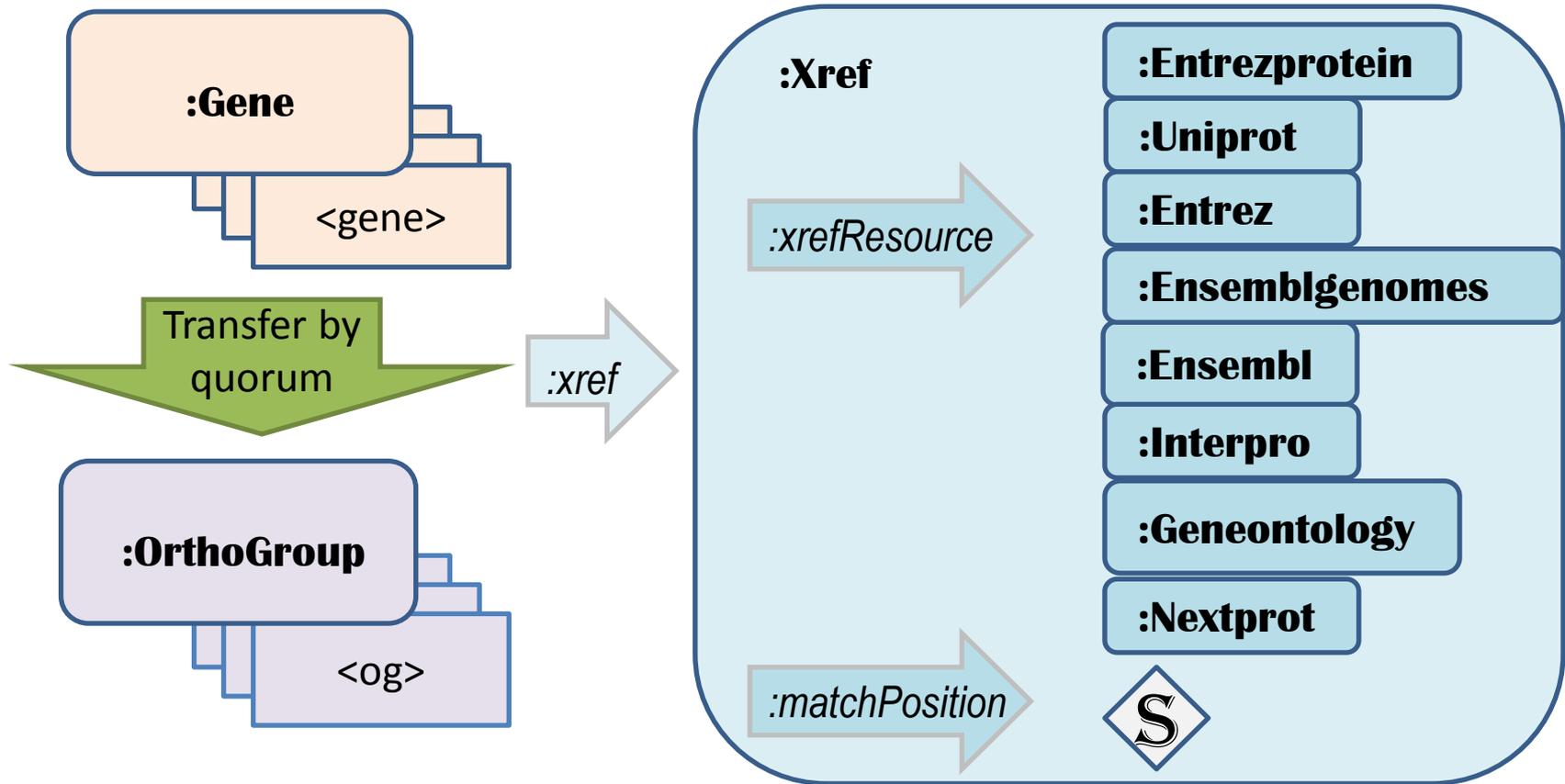
# BUSCO- Benchmarking Sets of Universal Single-Copy Orthologs



# Orthologous group predicates



# External references, aka xrefs



# Human and zebra-fish immune system orthologous genes: use of GO-terms

```
select ?gene_h_name ?gene_zf_name ?og_description ?go_id ?go_name
where {
  ?gene_h a :Gene; :name ?gene_h_name; :memberOf ?og. # both genes in same OG
  ?gene_h up:organism/a [up:scientificName "Homo sapiens"]
  ?gene_zf a :Gene; :name ?gene_zf_name; :memberOf ?og. # both genes in same OG
  ?gene_zf up:organism/a [up:scientificName "Danio rerio"].
  .
  ?og a :OrthoGroup; :ogBuiltAt [up:scientificName "Vertebrata"];
  :name ?og_description; :ogEvolRate ?evolrate; :xref [a :Xref; :xrefResource ?xref]
  .
  ?xref a :Geneontology; rdfs:label ?go_id; :name ?go_name.
  filter (contains(?go_name,'immune response'))
} order by desc(?evolrate) limit 6
```

# Genes from fastest-evolving OGs

<b>gene_h_name</b>	<b>gene_zf_name</b>	<b>og_description</b>
"CD4"	"cd4-1"	"Immunoglobulin"
"CD4"	"cd4-1"	"Immunoglobulin"
"IL12RB1"	"si:dkey-13m1.2"	"Fibronectin type III"
"CD226"	"cd226"	"Immunoglobulin-like domain"
"IRF7"	"irf7"	"Interferon regulatory factor-3"
"IRF7"	"irf7"	"Interferon regulatory factor-3"

<b>go_id</b>	<b>go_name</b>
"GO:0035397"	"helper T cell enhancement of adaptive immune response"
"GO:0006955"	"immune response"
"GO:0002827"	"positive regulation of T-helper 1 type immune response"
"GO:0002891"	"positive regulation of immunoglobulin mediated immune response"
"GO:0002819"	"regulation of adaptive immune response"
"GO:0016064"	"immunoglobulin mediated immune response"

# Genes from slowest-evolving OGs

gene_h_name	gene_zf_name	og_description
"RBPJ"	"rbpjb"	"RBP-J/Cbf11/Cbf12, DNA binding"
"RBPJ"	"rbpja"	"RBP-J/Cbf11/Cbf12, DNA binding"
"RBPJ"	"rbpja"	"RBP-J/Cbf11/Cbf12, DNA binding"
"RBPJ"	"rbpjb"	"RBP-J/Cbf11/Cbf12, DNA binding"
"DKFZp686D10173;POLR3B"	"polr3b"	"RNA polymerase Rpb2, domain 2"
"DKFZp686D10173;POLR3B"	"polr3b"	"RNA polymerase Rpb2, domain 2"
"ILF2"	"ilf2"	"interleukin enhancer-binding factor 2"
"RPS6"	"rps6"	"Ribosomal protein S6e"

go_id	go_name
"GO:0006959"	"humoral immune response"
"GO:0045089"	"positive regulation of innate immune response"
"GO:0045089"	"positive regulation of innate immune response"
"GO:0006955"	"immune response"
"GO:0002309"	"T cell proliferation involved in immune response"

# Federation OrthoDB - NextProt

prefix : <http://purl.orthodb.org/>

PREFIX np: <http://nextprot.org/rdf#>

```
select distinct ?gene_h_name ?gene_zf_name ?disease
```

```
where {
```

```
    service <https://sparql.nextprot.org/> {
```

```
        select ?entry ?disease WHERE {
```

```
            ?entry np:isoform / np:disease / rdfs:comment ?disease
```

```
        } limit 99
```

```
    }
```

```
    ?gene rdfs:seeAlso ?entry; :name ?gene_h_name; :memberOf /:hasMember ?gene2.
```

```
    ?gene2 :name ?gene_zf_name; up:organism/a [up:scientificName "Danio rerio"].
```

```
    } limit 20
```

# ZF orthologues of human genes implicated in a disease

gene_h_name	gene_zf_name	
"ERG"	"fev"	"Ewing sarcoma (ES) [MIM:612219]: A highly malignant, metastatic,
"MYLK"	"mylk5"	"Megacystis-microcolon-intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome"^^<htt
"MYLK"	"mylk5"	"Aortic aneurysm, familial thoracic 7 (AAT7) [MIM:613780]: A dise
"MYLK"	"mylk5"	"Familial thoracic aortic aneurysm and aortic dissection"^^<http:
"MYLK"	"mylkb"	"Megacystis-microcolon-intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome"^^<htt
"MYLK"	"mylkb"	"Aortic aneurysm, familial thoracic 7 (AAT7) [MIM:613780]: A dise
"MYLK"	"mylkb"	"Familial thoracic aortic aneurysm and aortic dissection"^^<http:
"MYLK"	"mylka"	"Megacystis-microcolon-intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome"^^<htt
"MYLK"	"mylka"	"Aortic aneurysm, familial thoracic 7 (AAT7) [MIM:613780]: A dise
"MYLK"	"mylka"	"Familial thoracic aortic aneurysm and aortic dissection"^^<http:
"ERG"	"erg"	"Ewing sarcoma (ES) [MIM:612219]: A highly malignant, metastatic,
"ERG"	"fli1a"	"Ewing sarcoma (ES) [MIM:612219]: A highly malignant, metastatic,
"ERG"	"fli1b"	"Ewing sarcoma (ES) [MIM:612219]: A highly malignant, metastatic,
"AIRE"	"phf12a"	"Familial isolated hypoparathyroidism due to impaired PTH secreti
"AIRE"	"phf12a"	"Autoimmune polyendocrinopathy type 1"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/x
"AIRE"	"phf12a"	"Autoimmune polyendocrine syndrome 1, with or without reversible
"PATL2"	"si:ch211-103b1.2"	"Female infertility due to oocyte meiotic arrest"^^<http://www.w3
"PATL2"	"si:ch211-103b1.2"	"Oocyte maturation defect 4 (OOMD4) [MIM:617743]: An infertility

# Federation OrthoDB - OMA

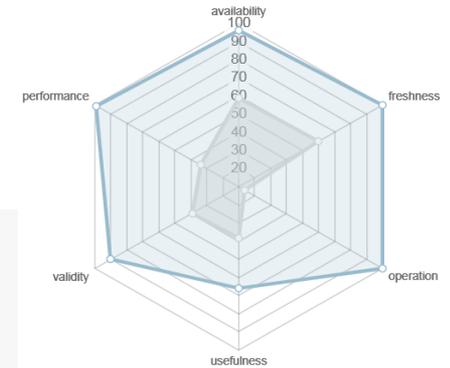
```
select * where {
  ?gene_odb a :Gene; :name ?gene_name_odb; rdfs:seeAlso ?up;
  :memberOf/:name ?og_name.
  filter (?up = uniprot:P12345)
```

```
service <https://sparql.omabrowser.org/> {
  ?gene_oma a orth:Protein; rdfs:label ?gene_name_oma; lscr:xrefUniprot ?up.
  ?node orth:hasHomologousMember* ?gene_oma .
  }} limit 3
```

gene_odb	gene_name_odb	up	og_name
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgene/9986_0_0010c7">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgene/9986_0_0010c7</a>	"GOT2"	<a href="http://purl.uniprot.org/uniprot/P12345">http://purl.uniprot.org/uniprot/P12345</a>	"Pyridoxal phosphate-dependent transferase"
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgene/9986_0_0010c7">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgene/9986_0_0010c7</a>	"GOT2"	<a href="http://purl.uniprot.org/uniprot/P12345">http://purl.uniprot.org/uniprot/P12345</a>	"Pyridoxal phosphate-dependent transferase"
<a href="http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgene/9986_0_0010c7">http://purl.orthodb.org/odbgene/9986_0_0010c7</a>	"GOT2"	<a href="http://purl.uniprot.org/uniprot/P12345">http://purl.uniprot.org/uniprot/P12345</a>	"Pyridoxal phosphate-dependent transferase"

gene_oma	gene_name_oma	node
<a href="https://omabrowser.org/oma/info/RABIT10926">https://omabrowser.org/oma/info/RABIT10926</a>	"GOT2"	<a href="http://omabrowser.org/ontology/oma#PARALOG_GROUP_685335_462">http://omabrowser.org/ontology/oma#PARALOG_GROUP_685335_462</a>
<a href="https://omabrowser.org/oma/info/RABIT10926">https://omabrowser.org/oma/info/RABIT10926</a>	"GOT2"	<a href="http://omabrowser.org/ontology/oma#GROUP_685335_Theria_483">http://omabrowser.org/ontology/oma#GROUP_685335_Theria_483</a>
<a href="https://omabrowser.org/oma/info/RABIT10926">https://omabrowser.org/oma/info/RABIT10926</a>	"GOT2"	<a href="http://omabrowser.org/ontology/oma#GROUP_685335_Metazoa_408">http://omabrowser.org/ontology/oma#GROUP_685335_Metazoa_408</a>

# OrthoDB rank @ YummyData



## Score Ranking

Name	URL	Score
<a href="#">Life Science Dictionary</a>	<a href="http://lsd.dbcls.jp/sparql">http://lsd.dbcls.jp/sparql</a>	95
<a href="#">Colil</a>	<a href="http://colil.dbcls.jp/sparql">http://colil.dbcls.jp/sparql</a>	93
<a href="#">OrthoDB @ sib.swiss</a>	<a href="http://sparql.orthodb.org/sparql">http://sparql.orthodb.org/sparql</a>	91
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