

Supplementary Material - syntenet: an R/Bioconductor package for the inference and analysis of syteny networks

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Introduction

Here, we will use *syntenet* to reproduce the findings from two of our previous papers on synteny networks:

1. Zhao, T., & Schranz, M. E. (2019). Network-based microsynteny analysis identifies major differences and genomic outliers in mammalian and angiosperm genomes. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences**, 116(6), 2165-2174. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1801757116
2. Zhao, T., Zwaenepoel, A., Xue, J. Y., Kao, S. M., Li, Z., Schranz, M. E., & Van de Peer, Y. (2021). Whole-genome microsynteny-based phylogeny of angiosperms. **Nature Communications**, 12(1), 1-14. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-021-23665-0

Besides, we will run the whole pipeline on a new data set of algae genomes from the Chlorophyta clade. Data were obtained from Pico-PLAZA 3.0 (Van Bel et al. 2018).

```
library(syntenet)
library(tidyverse)
set.seed(123)
```

Section 1: Recreating phylogenomic profiles from Zhao and Schranz (2019)

In this section, we will identify phylogenomic profiles from synteny clusters of BUSCO genes in angiosperms. Then, we will represent the phylogenomic profiles as in Figure 1B of the manuscript. The data for this section were obtained from the original publication (Zhao and Schranz 2019), in its Dataverse repository (DOI: 10.7910/DVN/BDMA7A).

We will start by reading the network as an edge list.

```
#---Download file-----
net_file <- file.path(tempdir(), "busco_network.txt.gz")
if(!file.exists(net_file)) {
  download.file(
    file.path(
      "https://dataverse.harvard.edu/api/access/datafile/",
      ":persistentId?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/BDMA7A/7JWAFI"
    ),
    destfile = net_file
  )
}

#---Read file-----
busco_network <- readr::read_delim(
  net_file, show_col_types = FALSE, col_names = FALSE, delim = " "
)

head(busco_network)
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
##   X1      X2
```

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```
## <chr> <chr>
## 1 aar_AA1G00152 bvu_Bv7_172870_irmg
## 2 aar_AA1G00152 csi_1g021926
## 3 aar_AA1G00152 csi_1g021868
## 4 aar_AA1G00152 dca_018939
## 5 aar_AA1G00152 pbr_028008.1
## 6 aar_AA1G00152 pbr_042334.1
```

In this network, node names already contain acronyms (abbreviations) representing each species. To make visualizations more meaningful, we will create a data frame of species metadata containing species names, their corresponding abbreviations, and taxonomic information.

```
## Create a data frame of taxonomic information for each species
### Family and abbreviations
species_metadata <- data.frame(
  Species = c(
    "Vigna radiata", "Vigna angularis", "Phaseolus vulgaris",
    "Glycine max", "Cajanus cajan", "Trifolium pratense",
    "Medicago truncatula", "Arachis duranensis", "Lotus japonicus",
    "Lupinus angustifolius", "Cicer arietinum",
    "Prunus mume", "Prunus persica", "Pyrus x bretschneideri",
    "Malus domestica", "Rubus occidentalis", "Fragaria vesca",
    "Morus notabilis", "Ziziphus jujuba", "Humulus lupulus",
    "Jatropha curcas", "Manihot esculenta", "Ricinus communis",
    "Linum usitatissimum", "Populus trichocarpa", "Cucumis sativus",
    "Cucumis melo", "Citrullus lanatus",
    "Castanea mollissima", "Juglans regia", "Betula pendula",
    "Capsella grandiflora", "Capsella rubella", "Arabidopsis lyrata",
    "Arabidopsis thaliana", "Camelina sativa", "Brassica oleraceae",
    "Brassica rapa", "Brassica napus", "Raphanus raphanistrum",
    "Thellungiella halophila", "Thellungiella salsuginea",
    "Leavenworthia alabamica", "Aethionema arabicum",
    "Schrenkiella parvula", "Boechera stricta", "Arabis alpina",
    "Sisymbrium irio", "Cleome gynandra", "Tarenaya hassleriana",
    "Carica papaya", "Gossypium raimondii", "Theobroma cacao",
    "Eucalyptus grandis", "Citrus sinensis", "Vitis vinifera",
    "Solanum pennellii", "Solanum lycopersicum", "Solanum tuberosum",
    "Solanum melongena", "Capsicum annuum", "Nicotiana benthamiana",
    "Nicotiana tomentosiformis", "Nicotiana attenuata",
    "Nicotiana glauca", "Petunia axillaris",
    "Ipomoea nil", "Utricularia gibba", "Sesamum indicum",
    "Mimulus guttatus", "Coffea canephora", "Lactuca sativa",
    "Helianthus annuus", "Daucus carota",
    "Actinidia chinensis", "Chenopodium quinoa", "Spinacia oleraceae",
    "Beta vulgaris", "Amaranthus hypochondriacus",
    "Nelumbo nucifera", "Triticum urartu", "Triticum aestivum",
    "Aegilops tauschii", "Hordeum vulgare", "Brachypodium distachyon",
    "Oryza glaberrima", "Oryza sativa", "Oryza rufipogon",
    "Leersia perrieri", "Phylostachys heterocycla", "Zea mays",
    "Zea mays V4", "Sorghum bicolor", "Setaria italica",
```

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```

"Oropetium thomaeum", "Ananas comosus", "Elaeis guineensis",
"Phoenix dactylifera", "Musa acuminata", "Dendrobium catenatum",
"Phalaenopsis equestris", "Asparagus officinalis", "Xerophyta viscosa",
"Spirodela polyrhiza", "Lemna minor", "Zostera marina",
"Amborella trichopoda"
),
Abbrev = c(
"vra", "van", "pvu", "gma", "cca", "tpr", "mtr", "adu", "lja", "Lang",
"car", "pmu", "ppe", "pbr", "mdo", "roc", "fve", "Mnot", "Zjuj",
"hlu", "jcu", "mes", "rco", "lus", "ptr", "csa", "cme", "cla",
"cmo", "jre", "Bpen", "cgr", "cru", "Alyr", "ath", "Csat", "bol",
"bra", "bnp", "rra", "thh", "tsa", "lal", "aar", "spa", "Bostr", "Alp",
"sir", "cgy", "tha", "cpa", "gra", "tca", "egr", "csi", "vvi",
"spe", "sly", "stu", "sme", "can", "nbe", "Ntom", "Natt",
"Nsyl", "pax", "Inil", "ugi", "sin", "mgu", "coc", "Lsat", "hel",
"dca", "ach", "Cqui", "sol", "bvu", "Ahyp", "nnu", "tur", "tae", "ata",
"HORVU", "bdi", "ogl", "osa", "oru", "lpe", "phe", "zma", "Zmay",
"sbi", "sit", "oth", "aco", "egu", "Pdac", "mac", "Dcat", "peq",
"Aoff", "Xvis", "spo", "lmi", "zom", "atr"
),
Family = c(
rep("Fabaceae", 11), rep("Rosaceae", 6),
"Moraceae", "Rhamnaceae", "Cannabaceae",
rep("Euphorbiaceae", 3), "Linaceae", "Salicaceae",
rep("Cucurbitaceae", 3), "Fagaceae", "Juglandaceae", "Betulaceae",
rep("Brassicaceae", 17), rep("Cleomaceae", 2), "Caricaceae",
rep("Malvaceae", 2), "Myrtaceae", "Rutaceae", "Vitaceae",
rep("Solanaceae", 10), "Convolvulaceae", "Lentibulariaceae",
"Pedaliaceae", "Phrymaceae", "Rubiaceae", rep("Asteraceae", 2),
"Apiaceae", "Actinidiaceae", rep("Amaranthaceae", 4), "Nelumbonaceae",
rep("Poaceae", 15), "Bromeliaceae", rep("Arecaceae", 2), "Musaceae",
rep("Orchidaceae", 2), "Asparagaceae", "Velloziaceae",
rep("Araceae", 2), "Zosteraceae", "Amborellaceae"
),
Clade = c(
rep("Rosids", 55), "Outgroup",
rep("Superasterids", 23), "Outgroup",
rep("Monocots", 26), "Outgroup"
)
)

slice_sample(species_metadata, n = 10) # inspect 10 randomly sampled rows
##           Species Abbrev      Family      Clade
## 1      Betula pendula  Bpen  Betulaceae  Rosids
## 2  Amaranthus hypochondriacus Ahyp  Amaranthaceae Superasterids
## 3      Carica papaya   cpa   Caricaceae  Rosids
## 4  Pyrus x bretschneideri  pbr   Rosaceae  Rosids
## 5      Ipomoea nil    Inil  Convolvulaceae Superasterids
## 6  Thellungiella salsauginea  tsa  Brassicaceae  Rosids
## 7      Tarenaya hassleriana  tha  Cleomaceae  Rosids
## 8  Leavenworthia alabamica  lal  Brassicaceae  Rosids

```

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```
## 9      Spirodela polyrhiza  spo      Araceae      Monocots
## 10     Populus trichocarpa ptr      Salicaceae   Rosids
```

As some species do not have an underscore (i.e., “_”) after their abbreviations, we will add them.

```
#####Add underscore (i.e., "_") in front of species abbreviations in genes#####
new_abbrev <- paste0(species_metadata$Abbrev, "_")
names(new_abbrev) <- paste0("^", species_metadata$Abbrev)

busco_network <- busco_network %>%
  dplyr::mutate(X1 = str_replace_all(X1, new_abbrev)) %>%
  dplyr::mutate(X1 = str_replace_all(X1, "__", "_")) %>%
  dplyr::mutate(X2 = str_replace_all(X2, new_abbrev)) %>%
  dplyr::mutate(X2 = str_replace_all(X2, "__", "_"))

head(busco_network)
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
##   X1          X2
##   <chr>      <chr>
## 1 aar_AA1G00152 bvu_Bv7_172870_irmg
## 2 aar_AA1G00152 csi_1g021926
## 3 aar_AA1G00152 csi_1g021868
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## 5 aar_AA1G00152 pbr_028008.1
## 6 aar_AA1G00152 pbr_042334.1
```

Now, we will cluster the network using the Infomap algorithm and obtain phylogenomic profiles.

```
#####Cluster network and get phylogenomic profiles#####
clusters <- cluster_network(busco_network)
profiles <- phylogenomic_profile(clusters)
```

Finally, let’s visualize phylogenomic profiles as a heatmap, as in Zhao and Schranz (2019). We will also create a named vector with species abbreviations and their full names, so that the full names are displayed in the rows of the heatmap.

```
# Add a column to the metadata data frame containing species names with:
# First letter of genus, whole specific epithet (e.g., Athaliana, Gmax, etc.)
species_metadata <- species_metadata %>%
  mutate(Genus = word(Species)) %>%
  mutate(Genus = str_sub(Genus, 1, 1)) %>%
  mutate(se = word(Species, 2)) %>%
  mutate(names = str_c(Genus, se)) %>%
  mutate(names = str_replace_all(names, "Px", "Pbre")) %>%
  dplyr::select(Abbrev, Name = names, Clade)

species_metadata$Name[92] <- "Zmays_v4"

slice_sample(species_metadata, n = 5) # see 5 randomly sampled rows of the data frame
##   Abbrev      Name      Clade
```

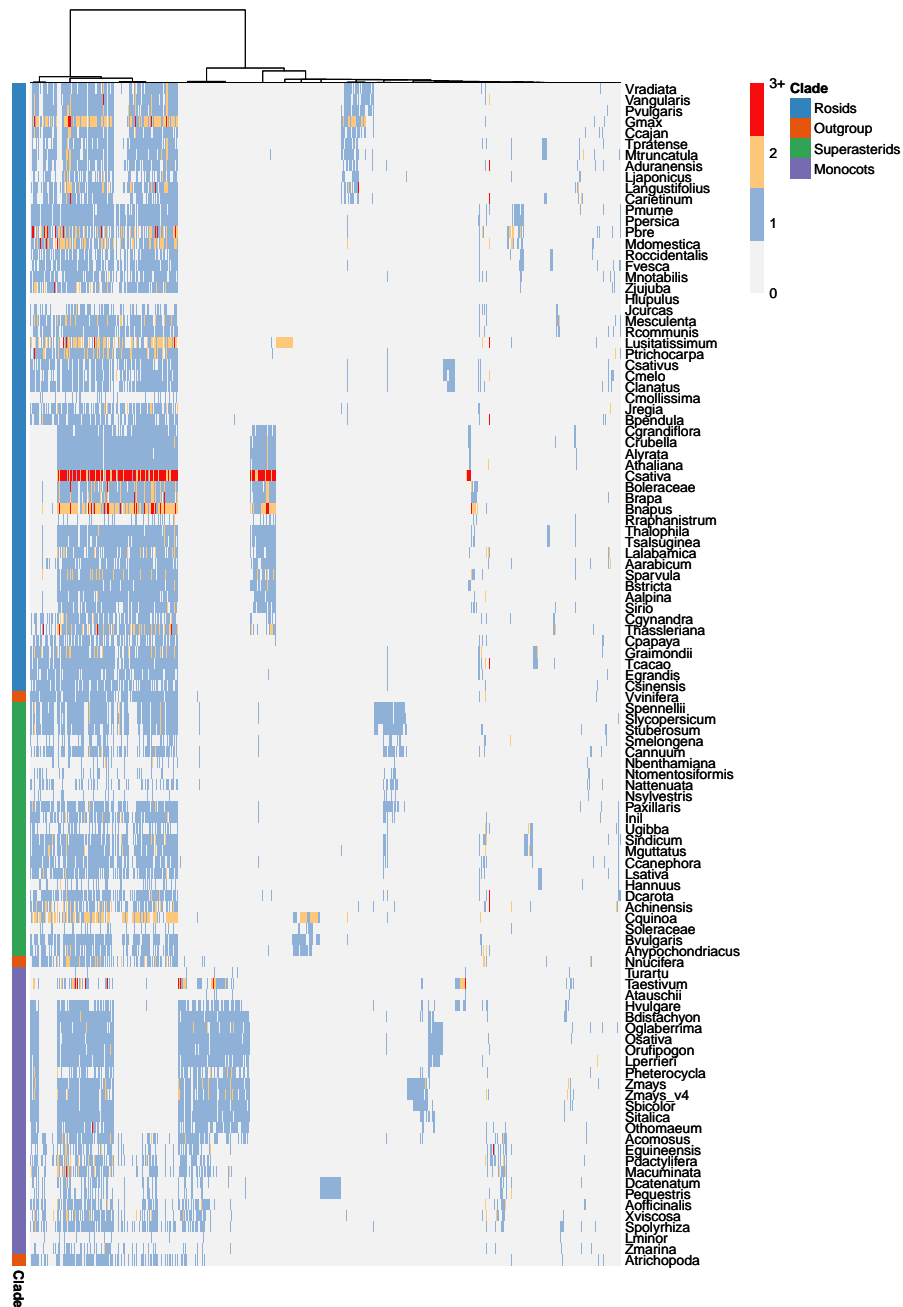
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```
## 1 phe Pheterocycla Monocots
## 2 zma Zmays Monocots
## 3 sin Sindicum Superasterids
## 4 zom Zmarina Monocots
## 5 spe Spennellii Superasterids

# Get species order for the heatmap
species_order <- setNames(species_metadata$Abbrev, species_metadata$Name)
head(species_order)
## Vratiata Vangularis Pvulgaris Gmax Ccajan Tpratense
## "vra" "van" "pvu" "gma" "cca" "tpr"

#----Plot profiles-----
plot_profiles(
  profiles,
  species_annotation = species_metadata[, c("Abbrev", "Clade")],
  cluster_species = species_order
)
```

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As in Figure 1B, we can see deeply conserved syteny clusters and clade-specific clusters.

Section 2: Rebuilding the angiosperm phylogeny from Zhao et al. (2021)

Here, we will infer a microsynteny-based phylogeny of angiosperms, as we did in Zhao et al. (2021). Data were obtained from the Dataverse repository associated with the original publication (DOI: 10.7910/DVN/7ZZWIH). To save time, we will not infer the network and build phylogenomic profiles again. Instead, we will use the pre-built profiles to infer the phylogeny. Our goal here is to reproduce the angiosperm phylogeny in Fig. 1D.

First, let's obtain the pre-built profiles and create a binarized and transposed profile matrix.

```
#---Get data-----
profiles_file <- file.path(tempdir(), "profiles.tar.gz")
if(!file.exists(profiles_file)) {
  download.file(
    url = file.path(
      "https://dataverse.harvard.edu/api/access/datafile/",
      ":persistentId?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/7ZZWIH/HFZBGE"
    ),
    destfile = profiles_file
  )
}
system2("tar", args = c("-zxvf", profiles_file))

#---Load file-----
prof <- read.table(
  "123genome_profiled_allsize", header = TRUE, sep = " ",
  row.names = 1
)
prof <- as.matrix(prof)

prof[1:10, 1:10] # inspect file
##      pmu ppe pbr MaId Rchi fve roc Dryd Tori Pand
## 1    55  62  83 144  97  52  9  31 101 123
## 2     6   6   8  12   6   6   6   6   6   5
## 3     6   6  10  13   6   7   4   6  12  10
## 4    14  13  19  13   9   8   7   9   9  10
## 5     4   4   4   7  12   8   3   3   3   3
## 6     3   3   5   6   3   3   3   2   3   3
## 7     9  10  20  15  17  17   6   5   7   7
## 8     3   3   4   7   3   2   3   4   2   3
## 9     7   7  16  14   6   6   4   6   7   4
## 10   10  10  18   8   8   4   3   5   5   3

#---Binarize and transpose profiles-----
transposed_profiles <- binarize_and_transpose(prof)
transposed_profiles[1:10, 1:10]
##      1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
## pmu  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## ppe  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## pbr  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```


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```
## Mald 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## Rchi 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## fve 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## roc 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## Dryd 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## Tori 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## Pand 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

Now, we will use this transposed binary matrix to infer a phylogenetic tree. As an outgroup, we will use *Amborella trichopoda*, which is represented by the acronym `atr`.

```
#---Infer microsynteny-based phylogeny-----
## Using Amborella trichopoda as an outgroup
phylo <- infer_microsynteny_phylogeny(transposed_profiles, outgroup = "atr")

## Read tree file
treefile <- list.files(tempdir(), pattern = ".treefile", full.names = TRUE)
angiosperm_phylogeny <- treeio::read.tree(treefile)
```

Finally, we can plot the phylogeny using the Bioconductor package `ggtree`. To make the plot look nicer, we will replace species acronyms with their full names.

```
# Replace abbreviations with full names
angiosperm_phylogeny$tip.label
## [1] "pmu" "ppe" "pbr" "Mald" "Rchi" "fve" "roc" "Dryd" "Tori" "Pand"
## [11] "Mnot" "Zjuj" "csa" "cme" "cla" "Cuma" "Datg" "Begf" "vra" "van"
## [21] "pvu" "gma" "cca" "tpr" "mtr" "car" "lja" "Anan" "Lang" "adu"
## [31] "Bpen" "Cgla" "Cill" "Qrob" "cru" "Csat" "Alyr" "ath" "Bost" "Lmey"
## [41] "bol" "bnp" "bra" "spa" "thh" "tsa" "Alp" "aar" "cgy" "tha"
## [51] "cpa" "Goba" "Ghir" "gra" "Dzib" "tca" "Cmax" "csi" "Xsor" "mes"
## [61] "rco" "ptr" "lus" "egr" "Pgra" "spe" "sly" "stu" "Caba" "Cach"
## [71] "can" "pax" "Inil" "Cuca" "coc" "sin" "mgu" "Oeur" "Lsat" "HanX"
## [81] "dca" "ach" "Aeri" "Cqui" "bvu" "Ahyp" "Mole" "Kalf" "vvi" "nnu"
## [91] "Psom" "Mcor" "Aqco" "sbi" "Sacc" "Zmay" "sit" "Sevi" "Ecru" "oth"
## [101] "ogl" "osa" "oru" "Opun" "lpe" "Trdc" "HORV" "bdi" "aco" "mac"
## [111] "egu" "Pdac" "peq" "Ashe" "Aoff" "Xvis" "spo" "zom" "Peam" "CKAN"
## [121] "Lchi" "atr" "Nymp"
angiosperm_phylogeny$tip.label <- stringr::str_replace_all(
  angiosperm_phylogeny$tip.label,
  c("^pmu" = "Prunus mume",
    "^ppe" = "Prunus persica",
    "^pbr" = "Pyrus x bretschneideri",
    "^Mald" = "Malus domestica",
    "^Rchi" = "Rosa chinensis",
    "^fve" = "Fragaria vesca",
    "^roc" = "Rubus occidentalis",
    "^Dryd" = "Dryas drummondii",
    "^Pand" = "Parasponia andersonii",
    "^Tori" = "Trema orientale",
    "^Mnot" = "Morus notabilis",
    "^Zjuj" = "Ziziphus jujuba",
    "^cme" = "Cucumis melo",
```

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```
"^csa" = "Cucumis sativus",
"^cla" = "Citrullus lanatus",
"^Cuma" = "Cucurbita maxima",
"^Begf" = "Begonia fuchsioides",
"^Datg" = "Datisca glomerata",
"^van" = "Vigna angularis",
"^vra" = "Vigna radiata",
"^pvu" = "Phaseolus vulgaris",
"^gma" = "Glycine max",
"^cca" = "Cajanus cajan",
"^mtr" = "Medicago truncatula",
"^tpr" = "Trifolium pratense",
"^car" = "Cicer arietinum",
"^lja" = "Lotus japonicus",
"^Lang" = "Lupinus angustifolius",
"^Anan" = "Ammopiptanthus nanus",
"^adu" = "Arachis duranensis",
"^Cgla" = "Casuarina glauca",
"^Bpen" = "Betula pendula",
"^Cill" = "Carya illinoensis",
"^Qrob" = "Quercus robur",
"^bnp" = "Brassica napus",
"^bol" = "Brassica oleracea",
"^bra" = "Brassica rapa",
"^spa" = "Schrenkiella parvula",
"^tsa" = "Thellungiella salsuginea",
"^thh" = "Thellungiella halophila",
"^ath" = "Arabidopsis thaliana",
"^Alyr" = "Arabidopsis lyrata",
"^Csat" = "Camelina sativa",
"^cru" = "Capsella rubella",
"^Bost" = "Boechera stricta",
"^Lmey" = "Lepidium meyenii",
"^Alp" = "Arabis alpina",
"^aar" = "Aethionema arabicum",
"^tha" = "Tarenaya hassleriana",
"^cgy" = "Cleome gynandra",
"^cpa" = "Carica papaya",
"^Ghir" = "Gossypium hirsutum",
"^Goba" = "Gossypium barbadense",
"^gra" = "Gossypium raimondii",
"^Dzib" = "Durio zibethinus",
"^tca" = "Theobroma cacao",
"^csi" = "Citrus sinensis",
"^Cmax" = "Citrus maxima",
"^Xsor" = "Xanthoceras sorbifolium",
"^rco" = "Ricinus communis",
"^mes" = "Manihot esculenta",
"^ptr" = "Populus trichocarpa",
"^lus" = "Linum usitatissimum",
"^Pgra" = "Punica granatum",
```

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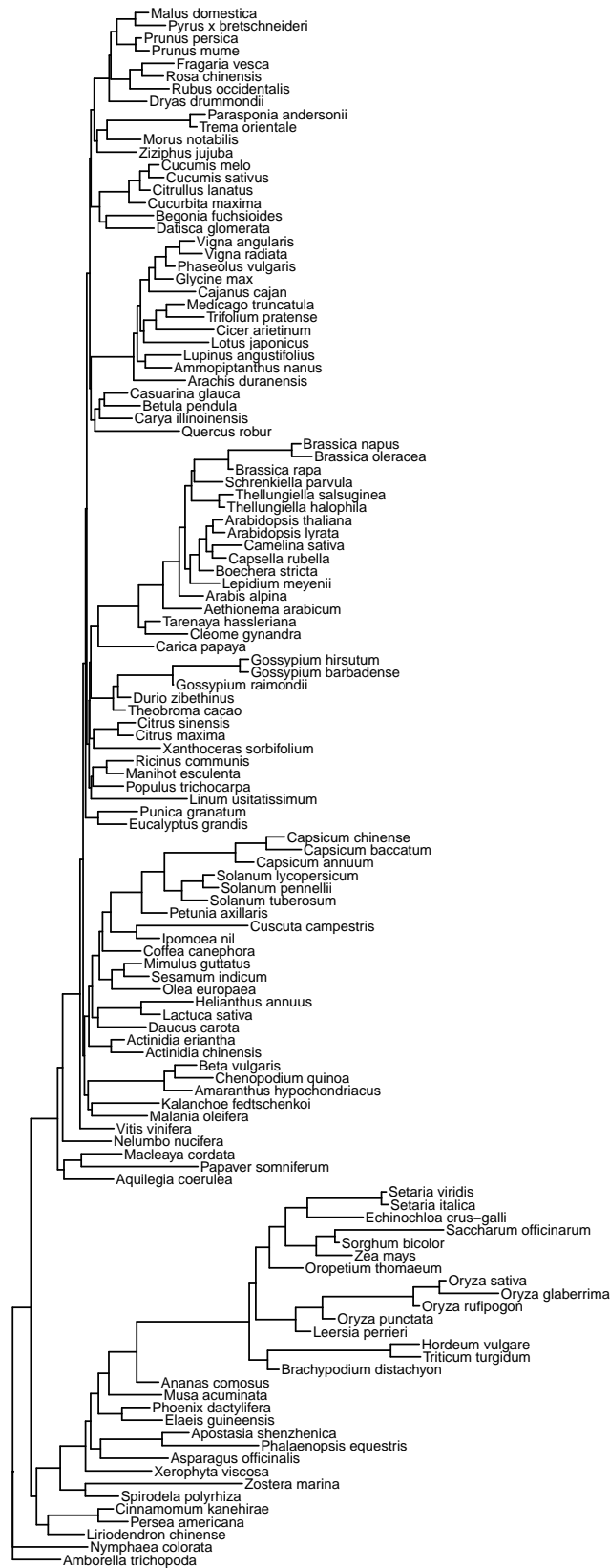
```
"^egr" = "Eucalyptus grandis",
"^Cach" = "Capsicum chinense",
"^Caba" = "Capsicum baccatum",
"^can" = "Capsicum annuum",
"^sly" = "Solanum lycopersicum",
"^spe" = "Solanum pennellii",
"^stu" = "Solanum tuberosum",
"^pax" = "Petunia axillaris",
"^Cuca" = "Cuscuta campestris",
"^Inil" = "Ipomoea nil",
"^coc" = "Coffea canephora",
"^mgu" = "Mimulus guttatus",
"^sin" = "Sesamum indicum",
"^Oeur" = "Olea europaea",
"^HanX" = "Helianthus annuus",
"^Lsat" = "Lactuca sativa",
"^dca" = "Daucus carota",
"^Aeri" = "Actinidia eriantha",
"^ach" = "Actinidia chinensis",
"^bvu" = "Beta vulgaris",
"^Cqui" = "Chenopodium quinoa",
"^Ahyp" = "Amaranthus hypochondriacus",
"^Kalf" = "Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi",
"^Mole" = "Malania oleifera",
"^vvi" = "Vitis vinifera",
"^nnu" = "Nelumbo nucifera",
"^Mcor" = "Macleaya cordata",
"^Psom" = "Papaver somniferum",
"^Aqco" = "Aquilegia coerulea",
"^Sevi" = "Setaria viridis",
"^sit" = "Setaria italica",
"^Ecru" = "Echinochloa crus-galli",
"^Sacc" = "Saccharum officinarum",
"^sbi" = "Sorghum bicolor",
"^Zmay" = "Zea mays",
"^oth" = "Oropetium thomaeum",
"^osa" = "Oryza sativa",
"^ogl" = "Oryza glaberrima",
"^oru" = "Oryza rufipogon",
"^Opun" = "Oryza punctata",
"^lpe" = "Leersia perrieri",
"^HORV" = "Hordeum vulgare",
"^Trdc" = "Triticum turgidum",
"^bdi" = "Brachypodium distachyon",
"^aco" = "Ananas comosus",
"^mac" = "Musa acuminata",
"^Pdac" = "Phoenix dactylifera",
"^egu" = "Elaeis guineensis",
"^Ashe" = "Apostasia shenzhenica",
"^peq" = "Phalaenopsis equestris",
"^Aoff" = "Asparagus officinalis",
```

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```
    "^Xvis" = "Xerophyta viscosa",
    "^zom" = "Zostera marina",
    "^spo" = "Spirodela polyrhiza",
    "^CKAN" = "Cinnamomum kanehirae",
    "^Peam" = "Persea americana",
    "^Lchi" = "Liriodendron chinense",
    "^Nymp" = "Nymphaea colorata",
    "^atr" = "Amborella trichopoda"
  )
)

#---Plot tree-----
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(ggtree))
ggtree(angiosperm_phylogeny) +
  geom_tiplab(size = 3) +
  xlim(0, 0.3)
```

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Section 3: Exploring syteny networks for Chlorophyta genomes

In this final section, we will demonstrate the whole pipeline using the genomes of algae from the Chlorophyta clade.

First, let load the data on-the-fly from Pico-Plaza 3.0 (Van Bel et al. 2018).

```
species <- c(
  Aprothecoides = "apr",
  Helicosporidiumsp = "hsp",
  Chlorellasp = "cnc64a",
  PicRCC4223 = "prcc4223",
  PicSE3 = "pse3",
  Asterochlorissp = "acg",
  Csubellipsoidea = "cvu",
  Creinhardtii = "cre",
  Vcarteri = "vca",
  Bprasinos = "bprcc1105",
  Otauri = "ota",
  Osp = "orcc809",
  Olucimarinus = "olu",
  Omediterraneus = "ome",
  Msp = "mrcc299",
  Mpusilla = "mpu",
  Ppatens = "ppa"
)

#---Get proteomes-----
proteome_urls <- file.path(
  "ftp://ftp.psb.ugent.be/pub/plaza/plaza_pico_03/Fasta",
  paste0("proteome.selected_transcript.", species, ".fasta.gz")
)
names(proteome_urls) <- names(species)

## Headers in .fa files have protein IDs. Read proteomes and keep only gene IDs
proteomes <- lapply(proteome_urls, function(x) {
  seq <- Biostrings::readAAStringSet(x)
  names(seq) <- gsub(".* \\| ", "", names(seq))
  return(seq)
})

#---Get gene ranges-----
granges_urls <- file.path(
  "ftp://ftp.psb.ugent.be/pub/plaza/plaza_pico_03/GFF", species,
  paste0("annotation.selected_transcript.exon_features.", species, ".gff3.gz")
)
names(granges_urls) <- names(species)

## Read files and keep only required features and columns
annotation <- lapply(granges_urls, function(x) {
```

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```
  dfile <- file.path(tempdir(), basename(x))
  utils::download.file(x, dfile)
  ranges <- rtracklayer::import(dfile)
  unlink(dfile)

  ranges <- ranges[ranges$type == "gene", ]
  ranges$Parent <- NULL
  ranges$phase <- NULL
  ranges$score <- NULL
  ranges$source <- NULL
  ranges$pid <- NULL
  return(ranges)
})
```

Now, let's infer the synteny network.

```
#---Data processing-----
## Check if input objects satisfy required conditions to enter the pipeline
check_input(proteomes, annotation)

## Process the data
pdata <- process_input(proteomes, annotation)

#---Infer synteny network-----
## Run DIAMOND
diamond <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq)

## Network inference per se
algae_network <- infer_syntenet(
  blast_list = diamond,
  annotation = pdata$annotation
)
```

Now, we have the synteny network for Chlorophyta algae. Let's see what it looks like.

```
slice_sample(algae_network, n = 10) # inspect 10 randomly selected rows
##           Anchor1           Anchor2
## 1   Osp_ORCC809_14G01330   Otau_OT_15G01000
## 2   Bpra_BPRRCC1105_07G04710   Omed_OM_15G02500
## 3           Oluc_0L02G05400   Omed_OM_04G02960
## 4           Oluc_0L16G02530   Osp_ORCC809_16G00160
## 5           Oluc_0L16G01300   Otau_OT_17G01220
## 6           Crei_CR06G00520   Vcar_VC00G40860
## 7           Omed_OM_10G02570   Osp_ORCC809_09G03500
## 8           Mpus_MP16G00270   Oluc_0L16G00220
## 9   Chlo_CNC64A_003G03260   PicR_RCC4223.03g02610
## 10          Aste_AC00G40930   Csub_CV00G35230
```

Next, we will cluster the network and explore phylogenomic profiles.

```
#---Network clustering and phylogenomic profiling-----
## Get synteny clusters
```

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```
clusters <- cluster_network(algae_network)
head(clusters) # inspect clusters
##           Gene Cluster
## 1 Chlo_CNC64A_028G00030      1
## 2 Chlo_CNC64A_028G00040      2
## 3 Chlo_CNC64A_028G00070      3
## 4 Chlo_CNC64A_028G00080      4
## 5 Chlo_CNC64A_028G00110      5
## 6 Chlo_CNC64A_028G00140      6

## Get phylogenomic profiles
profiles <- phylogenomic_profile(clusters)
head(profiles) # inspect the profile matrix
##
##   Apro Aste Bpra Chlo Crei Csub Mpus Msp Oluc Omed Osp Otau PicR PicS Ppat
## 1   1   1   1   0   5  21   5   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
## 2   1   1   1   0   4  22   5   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
## 3   0   1   1   0   4  21   6   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
## 4   0   0   0   0   2   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
## 5   0   0   0   0   6   2   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
## 6   0   0   0   0   2   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
##
##   Vcar
## 1   4
## 2   5
## 3   4
## 4   0
## 5   0
## 6   0
```

We can then plot these phylogenomic profiles as a heatmap.

```
#---Plot phylogenomic profiles-----
## Create a data frame of species metadata
species_meta <- data.frame(
  Species = c(
    "Aprotothecoides", "Chlorellasp", "PicRCC4223",
    "PicSE3", "Asterochlorispp", "Csubellipsoidea", "Creinhardtii",
    "Vcarteri", "Bprasinus", "Otauri", "Osp", "Olucimarinus",
    "Omediterraneus", "Msp", "Mpusilla", "Ppatens"
  ),
  Abbrev = c(
    "Apro", "Chlo", "PicR", "PicS", "Aste", "Csub", "Crei",
    "Vcar", "Bpra", "Otau", "Osp", "Oluc", "Omed", "Msp",
    "Mpus", "Ppat"
  ),
  Clade = c(
    rep("Trebouxiophyceae", 6),
    rep("Chlamydomonadales", 2),
    rep("Marmiellales", 7),
    "Outgroup"
  )
)
```


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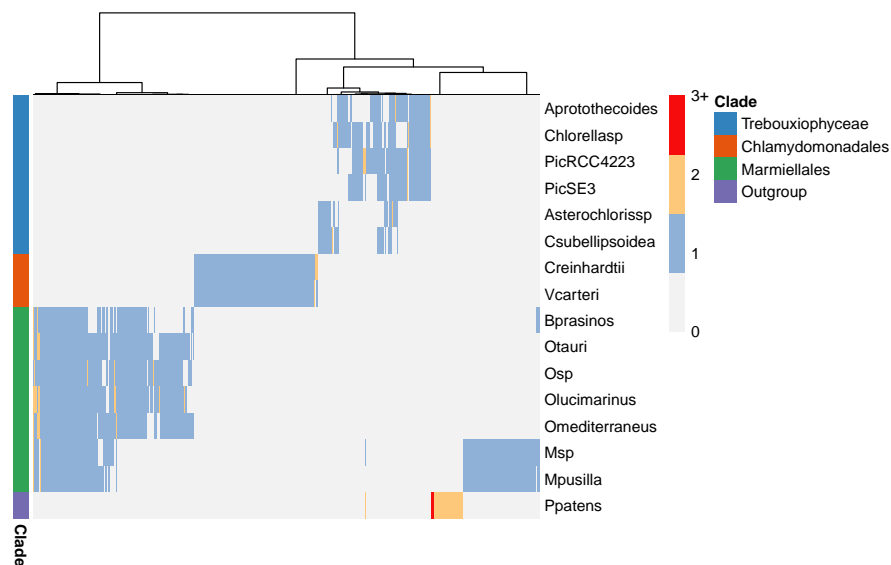
```

)
)

## Create a vector of species order
species_order <- setNames(species_meta$Abbrev, species_meta$Species)

## Plotting heatmap
p_prof <- plot_profiles(
  profiles,
  species_annotation = species_meta[, c("Abbrev", "Clade")],
  cluster_species = species_order
)

```



We can see that the phylogenomic profiles of synteny clusters match the species' phylogeny. For instance, there are Chlamydomonadales-specific clusters, Marmiellales-specific clusters, and Trebouxiophyceae-specific clusters. Besides, the phylogenomic profiles of algae is very different from that of *Physcomitrium patens*.

Finally, let's use these profiles to infer a microsynteny-based phylogeny. We will use *Physcomitrium patens* as outgroup for the tree. Here, as the phylogenomic profiles do not contain constant sites, we will add +ASC to the model to perform an ascertainment bias correction.

```

#---Infer microsynteny-based phylogeny-----
## Binarize and tranpose profiles matrix
bt_mat <- binarize_and_transpose(profiles)
bt_mat[1:5, 1:5] # inspect data
##
##      1 2 3 4 5
## Apro 1 1 0 0 0
## Aste 1 1 1 0 0
## Bpra 0 0 0 0 0
## Chlo 1 1 1 1 1

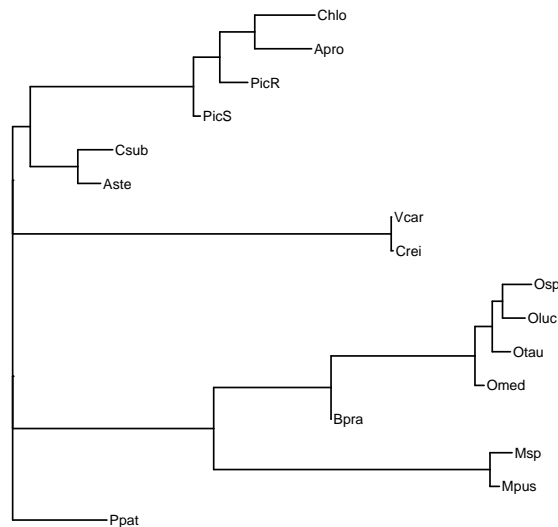
```

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```
## Crei 1 1 1 0 1

## Infer phylogeny using P. patens as outgroup
phylo <- infer_microsynteny_phylogeny(
  bt_mat,
  outgroup = "Ppat",
  model = "MK+ASC+R",
  threads = 1
)

## Plot tree
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(ggtree))
algae_tree <- treeio::read.tree(phylo[10])
ggtree(algae_tree) +
  geom_tiplab(size = 3) +
  xlim(0, 0.2)
```



Overall, the microsynteny-based tree is in line with the alignment-based tree (see https://bioinformatics.psb.ugent.be/plaza/versions/plaza_pico_03/). However, the tree topology shows *Picochlorum_RCC4223* closer to the *Chlorella sp-Auxenochlorella protothecoides* clade than to *Picochlorum sp. SENEW3 (SE3)*. The phylogenetic relationships could be better resolved if more genomes are included.

Benchmarking runtime for increasingly large data sets

To infer synteny networks, *syntenet* relies on pairwise similarity searches with DIAMOND, whose output is used as input to synteny detection with a native version of the MCSanX algorithm. For N species, N^2 DIAMOND searches will be performed, and $N(N + 1)/2$ synteny detection runs.

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To provide readers with a more detailed summary of how synteny network inference scales with bigger data sets, we will infer synteny networks using increasingly larger subsets of the Chlorophyta data set. We will start with 2 species, and then we will add 2 species in every run, until we reach the complete data set ($N = 16$ species).

```
# Run pairwise DIAMOND searches for increasingly larger subsets of the data
outd <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("d", 1:8))

time_diamond <- microbenchmark::microbenchmark(
  d1 <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq[seq(1, 2)], outdir = outd[1]),
  d2 <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq[seq(1, 4)], outdir = outd[2]),
  d3 <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq[seq(1, 6)], outdir = outd[3]),
  d4 <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq[seq(1, 8)], outdir = outd[4]),
  d5 <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq[seq(1, 10)], outdir = outd[5]),
  d6 <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq[seq(1, 12)], outdir = outd[6]),
  d7 <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq[seq(1, 14)], outdir = outd[7]),
  d8 <- run_diamond(seq = pdata$seq[seq(1, 16)], outdir = outd[8]),
  times = 1
)

# Infer a synteny network for each subset
outn <- file.path(tempdir(), paste0("net", 1:8))

time_syntenet <- microbenchmark::microbenchmark(
  n1 <- infer_syntenet(d1, pdata$annotation[seq(1, 2)], outdir = outn[1]),
  n2 <- infer_syntenet(d2, pdata$annotation[seq(1, 4)], outdir = outn[2]),
  n3 <- infer_syntenet(d3, pdata$annotation[seq(1, 6)], outdir = outn[3]),
  n4 <- infer_syntenet(d4, pdata$annotation[seq(1, 8)], outdir = outn[4]),
  n5 <- infer_syntenet(d5, pdata$annotation[seq(1, 10)], outdir = outn[5]),
  n6 <- infer_syntenet(d6, pdata$annotation[seq(1, 12)], outdir = outn[6]),
  n7 <- infer_syntenet(d7, pdata$annotation[seq(1, 14)], outdir = outn[7]),
  n8 <- infer_syntenet(d8, pdata$annotation[seq(1, 16)], outdir = outn[8]),
  times = 1
)
```

Now, let's visually explore runtime for the DIAMOND searches, synteny network inferences, and a combination of both.

```
# Now, combining runtime results in a single, tidy data frame
runtime_functions <- bind_rows(
  # run_diamond() runtime
  as.data.frame(time_diamond) %>%
    arrange(time) %>%
    mutate(
      Data = paste("Subset", 1:8),
      Seconds = time / 10^9,
      Function = "run_diamond()"
    ) %>%
  dplyr::select(Data, Seconds, Function),
  # infer_syntenet() runtime
  as.data.frame(time_syntenet) %>%
  arrange(time) %>%
```

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```
mutate(
  Data = paste("Subset", 1:8),
  Seconds = time / 10^9,
  Function = "infer_syntenet()"
) %>%
dplyr::select(Data, Seconds, Function)
)

runtime_all <- runtime_functions %>%
  group_by(Data) %>%
  summarise(Seconds = sum(Seconds)) %>%
  mutate(Function = "run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()") %>%
  bind_rows(runtime_functions) %>%
  mutate(Data = factor(Data, levels = paste("Subset", 8:1))) %>%
  as.data.frame()

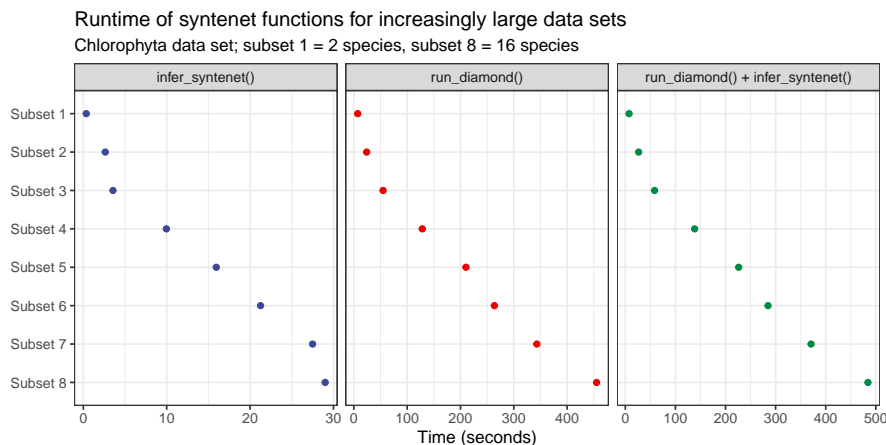
runtime_all
##      Data      Seconds      Function
## 1 Subset 1  7.5593162 run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()
## 2 Subset 2 26.6445645 run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()
## 3 Subset 3 58.3822717 run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()
## 4 Subset 4 138.3175053 run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()
## 5 Subset 5 226.2897421 run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()
## 6 Subset 6 284.8873378 run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()
## 7 Subset 7 370.7832199 run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()
## 8 Subset 8 484.3175754 run_diamond() + infer_syntenet()
## 9 Subset 1  7.2006111      run_diamond()
## 10 Subset 2 24.0096182      run_diamond()
## 11 Subset 3 54.8228134      run_diamond()
## 12 Subset 4 128.3520661      run_diamond()
## 13 Subset 5 210.3434089      run_diamond()
## 14 Subset 6 263.6309493      run_diamond()
## 15 Subset 7 343.2867030      run_diamond()
## 16 Subset 8 455.3109649      run_diamond()
## 17 Subset 1  0.3587051      infer_syntenet()
## 18 Subset 2  2.6349463      infer_syntenet()
## 19 Subset 3  3.5594583      infer_syntenet()
## 20 Subset 4  9.9654392      infer_syntenet()
## 21 Subset 5 15.9463332      infer_syntenet()
## 22 Subset 6 21.2563886      infer_syntenet()
## 23 Subset 7 27.4965169      infer_syntenet()
## 24 Subset 8 29.0066105      infer_syntenet()

# Plot runtime results
runtime_plot <- ggplot(runtime_all, aes(x = Seconds, y = Data)) +
  geom_point(aes(color = Function), show.legend = FALSE) +
  ggsci::scale_color_aaas() +
  facet_wrap(~Function, scales = "free_x") +
  labs(
    x = "Time (seconds)", y = "",
    title = "Runtime of syntenet functions for increasingly large data sets",

```

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```
    subtitle = "Chlorophyta data set; subset 1 = 2 species, subset 8 = 16 species"  
  ) +  
  theme_bw()  
  
runtime_plot
```



The benchmark demonstrates that the entire process of inferring a synteny network can take up to 484 seconds (~8 minutes) for the full Chlorophyta data set (N = 16 species), but most of the time spent is due to DIAMOND similarity searches (455 seconds, 94% of the total runtime). Our ported version of the MCSanX algorithm is very fast, and the `infer_syntenet()` function (responsible for synteny detection + edge list representation of the resulting anchor pairs) takes less than 30 seconds for the full Chlorophyta data set. In the future, if a faster sequence similarity search tool is developed, it could be used to reduce the total runtime of the synteny network inference.

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