

Correlated evolutionary scenarios of metabolic functions

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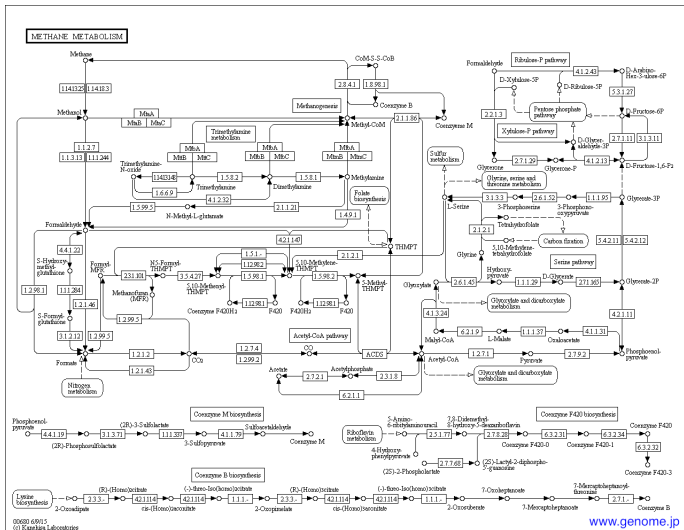
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The evolution of metabolic functions

We then want to explore evolutionary scenarios of these functions in order to understand the dependencies between them

- ▶ we do a study on **HOGENOM 6**² – a database of homologous gene families

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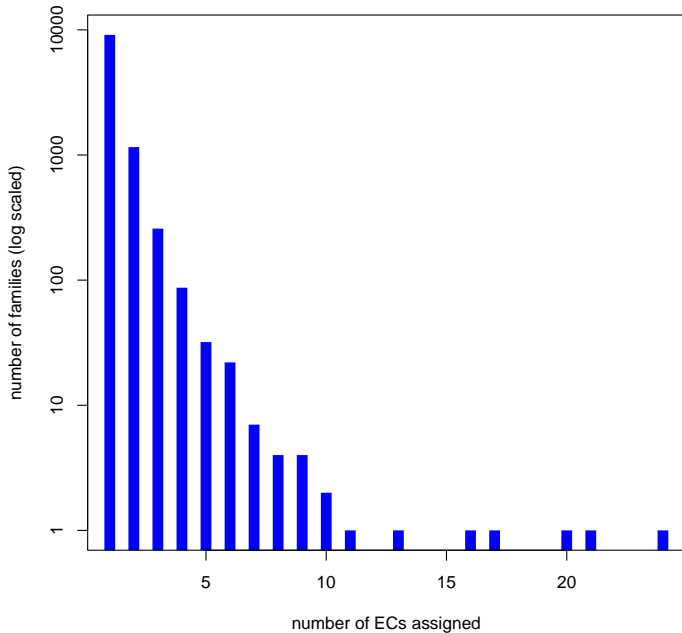
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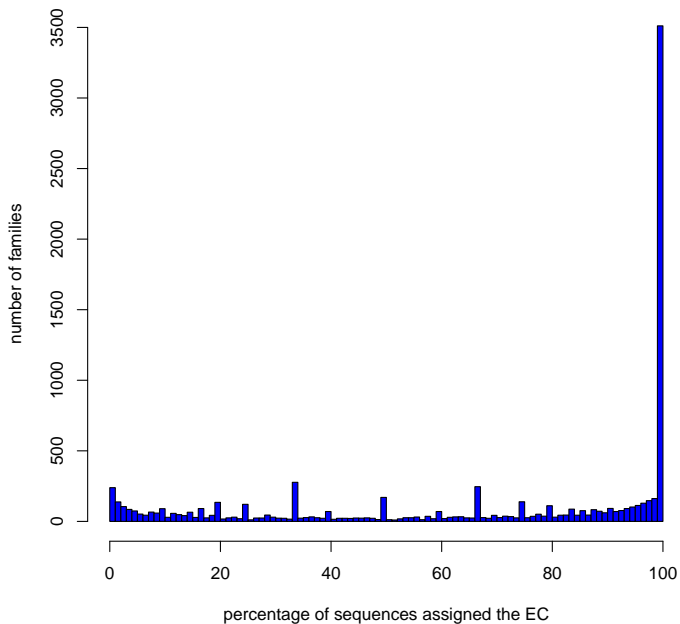
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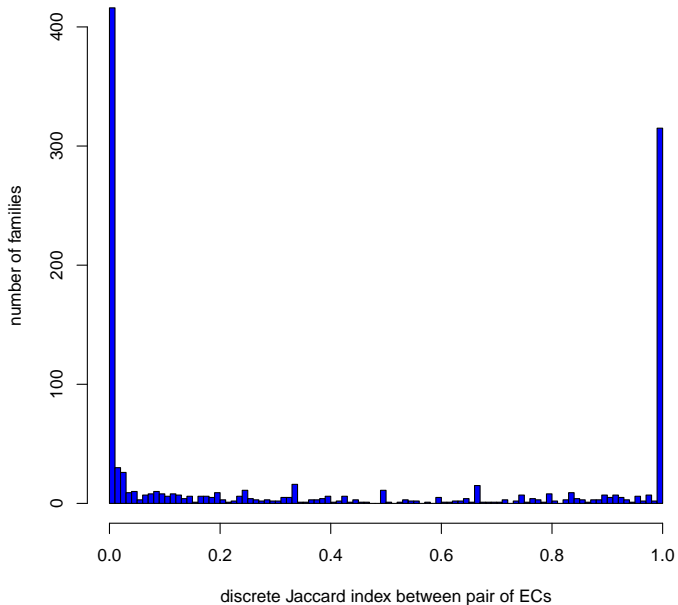
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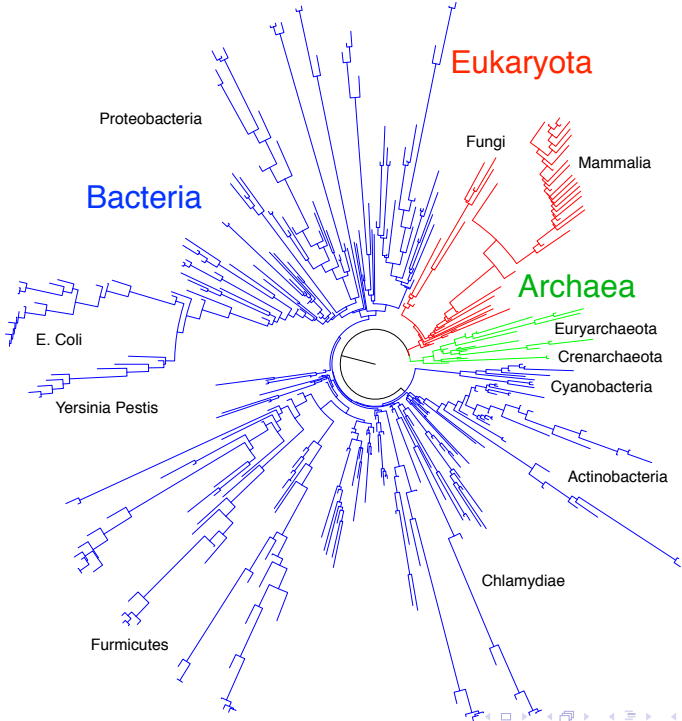
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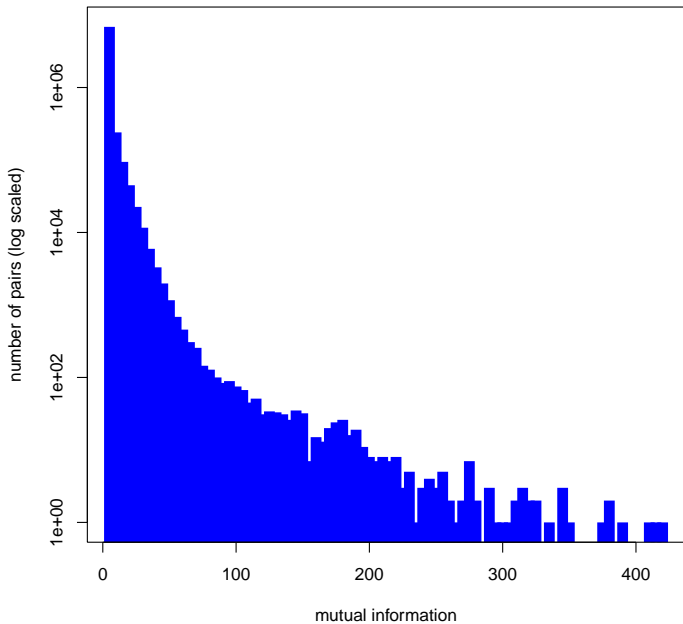
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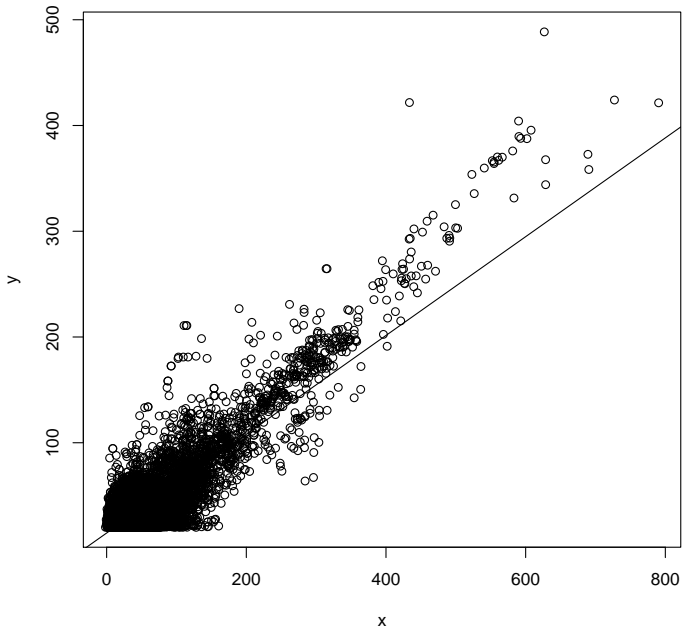
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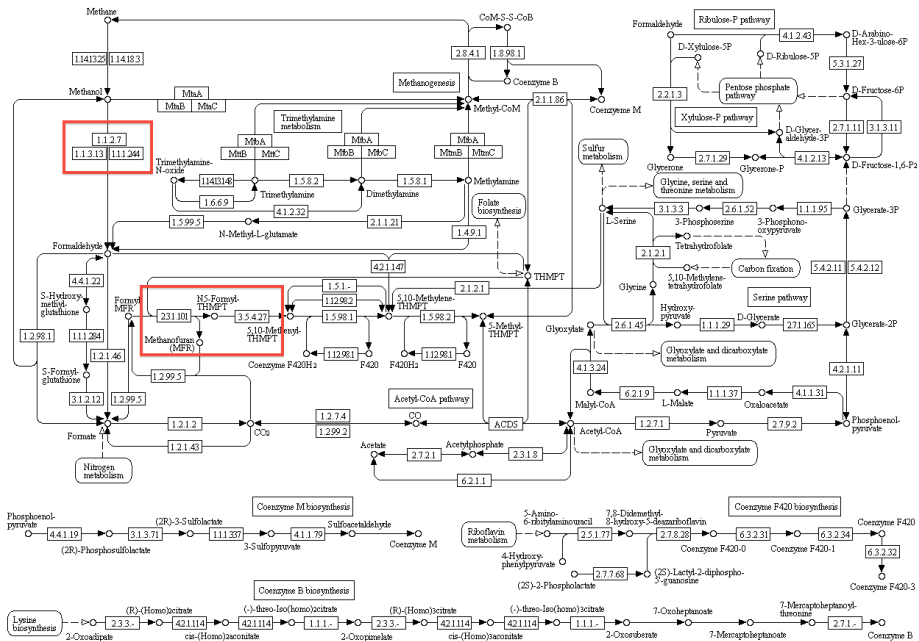
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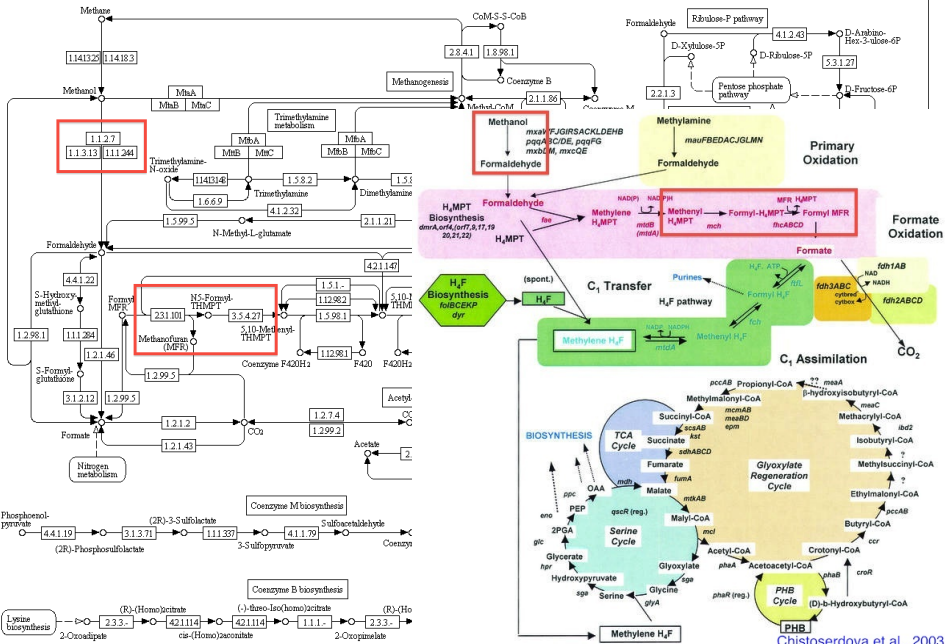
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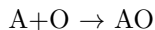
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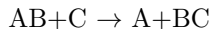
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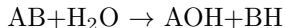
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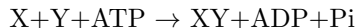
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