

Gramene is developed in collaboration with Ensembl Plants, and leverages the Ensembl & Reactome platforms

## Specific Aim 1: GENOMES

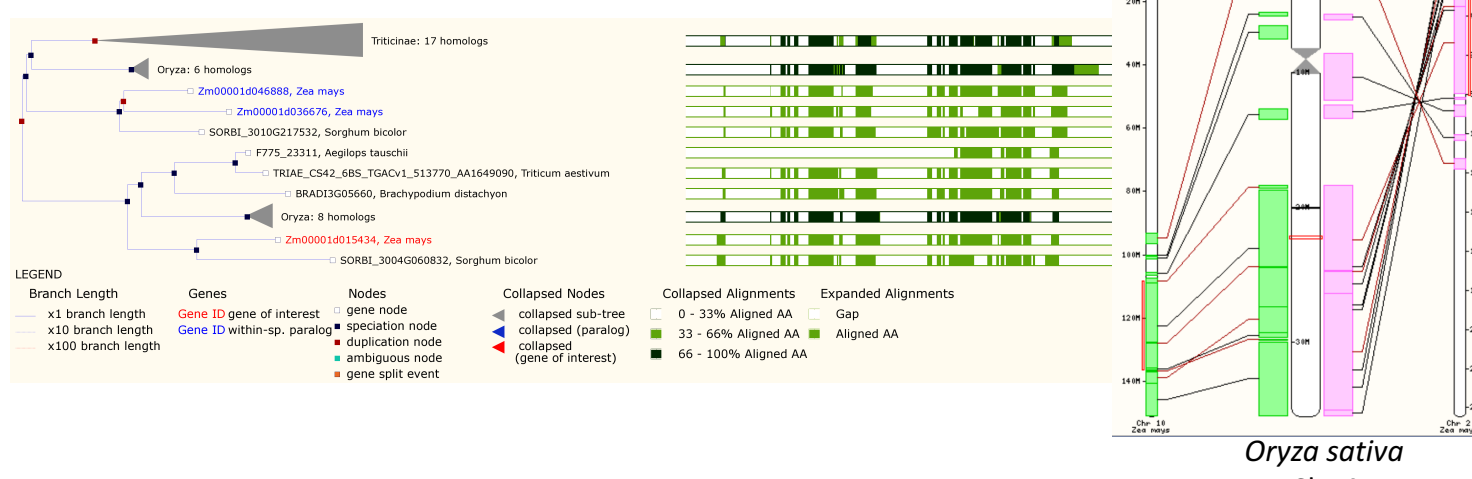
### Year Highlights

- 5 database releases: build 53 (May 2017); build 54 (July 2017); build 55 (Sept 2017); build 56 (Jan 2018); build 56b (Feb 2018)
- Ensembl software updates V88-91
- 53 plant reference assemblies including:
  - 9 new genomes:
    - Cucumis sativus* (cucumber)
    - Dioscorea rotundata* (white Guinea yam)
    - Gossypium raimondii* (cotton)
    - Helianthus annuus* (common sunflower)
    - Lupinus angustifolius* (blue lupin)
    - Manihot esculenta* (cassava)
    - Nicotiana attenuata* (coyote tobacco)
    - Phaseolus vulgaris* (common bean)
    - Corchorus capsularis* (Jute)
  - 4 updated genomes:
    - Sorghum bicolor* (sorghum [V3])
    - Glycine max* (soybean [V3])
    - Prunus persica* (peach [V2])
    - Hordeum vulgare* (barley [V2])
- New gene structural annotations: maize, barley & rice
- New functional annotations (e.g., InterPro domains)
- Updated protein gene trees
- New genetic variation: 13M SNPs *Arabidopsis thaliana* (1001 Genomes Project); 20,483 rice QTLs (Gramene archives & Q-TARO database) & 1,278 rice SSR/RFLPs (Gramene archives); 7.4 M EMS-induced wheat point mutations (Ksenia *et al*, 2017) to a total of 230.5 M variants
- Over 1,600 public RNA-Seq studies from Track Hub

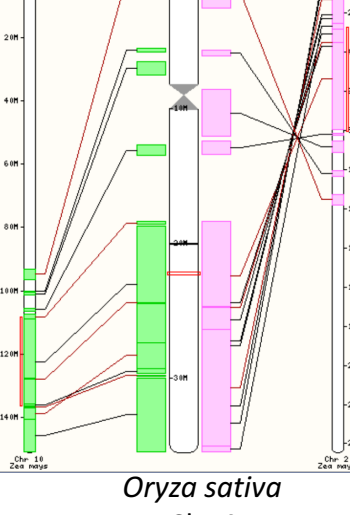
### RNA-Seq Data from Public Track Hub Registry



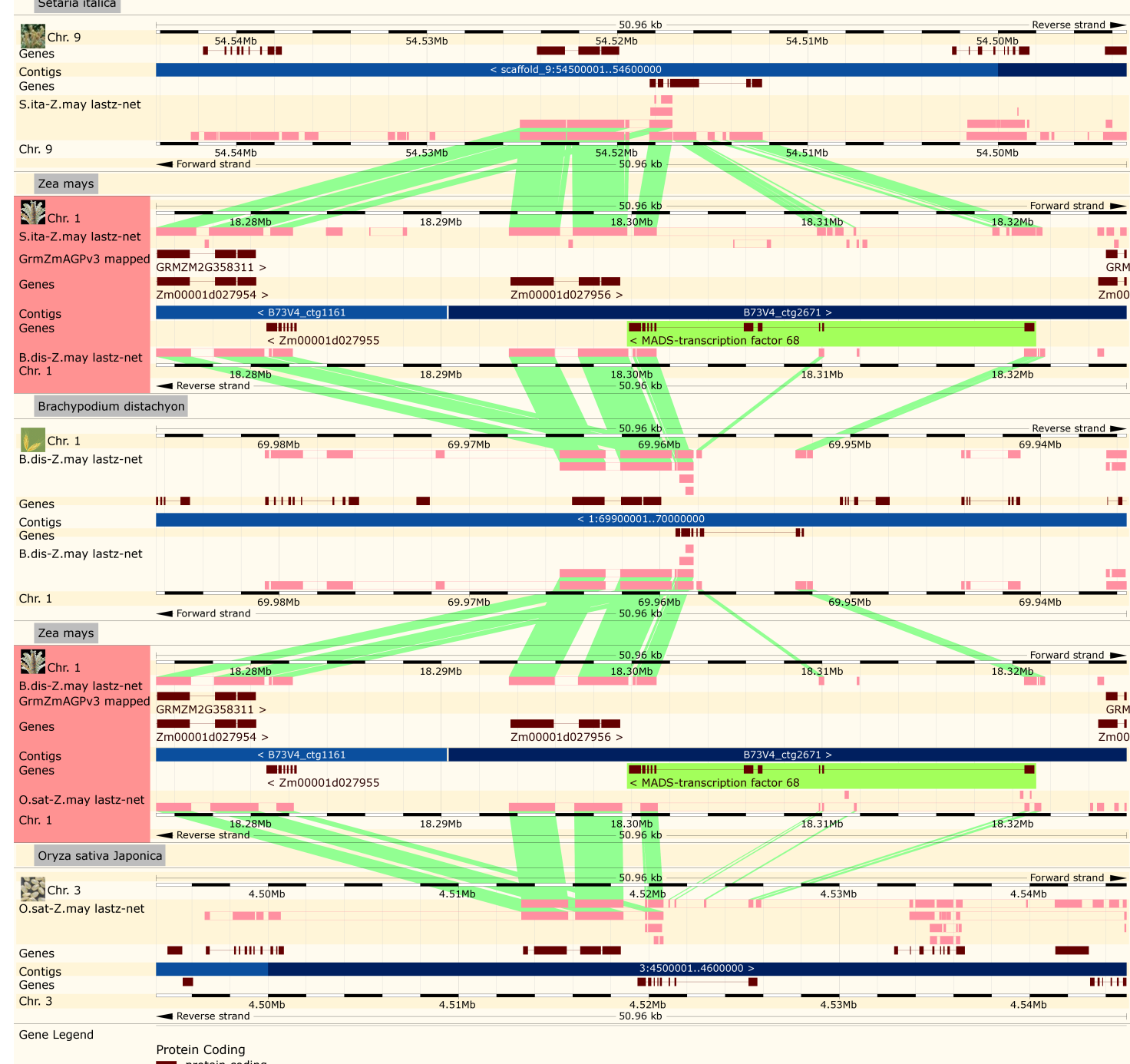
### Gene Family Trees



### Synteny



### Whole-Genome Alignments



### New Maize RefGenV4 Data

- Updated maize V4 gene models
- Updated protein domains from InterProScan
- Updated protein gene trees
- Gene neighborhood views for local synteny
- New whole-genome alignments (WGAs) between maize and sorghum support coding & non-coding sequence conservation
- New ncRNA feature alignments
- New transposon annotation (Jiao *et al*, 2017)
- Affy & Agilent probe arrays remapped
- New maize public RNA-Seq studies in Track Hub

## Specific Aim 2: PATHWAYS & EXPRESSION

### Year Highlights

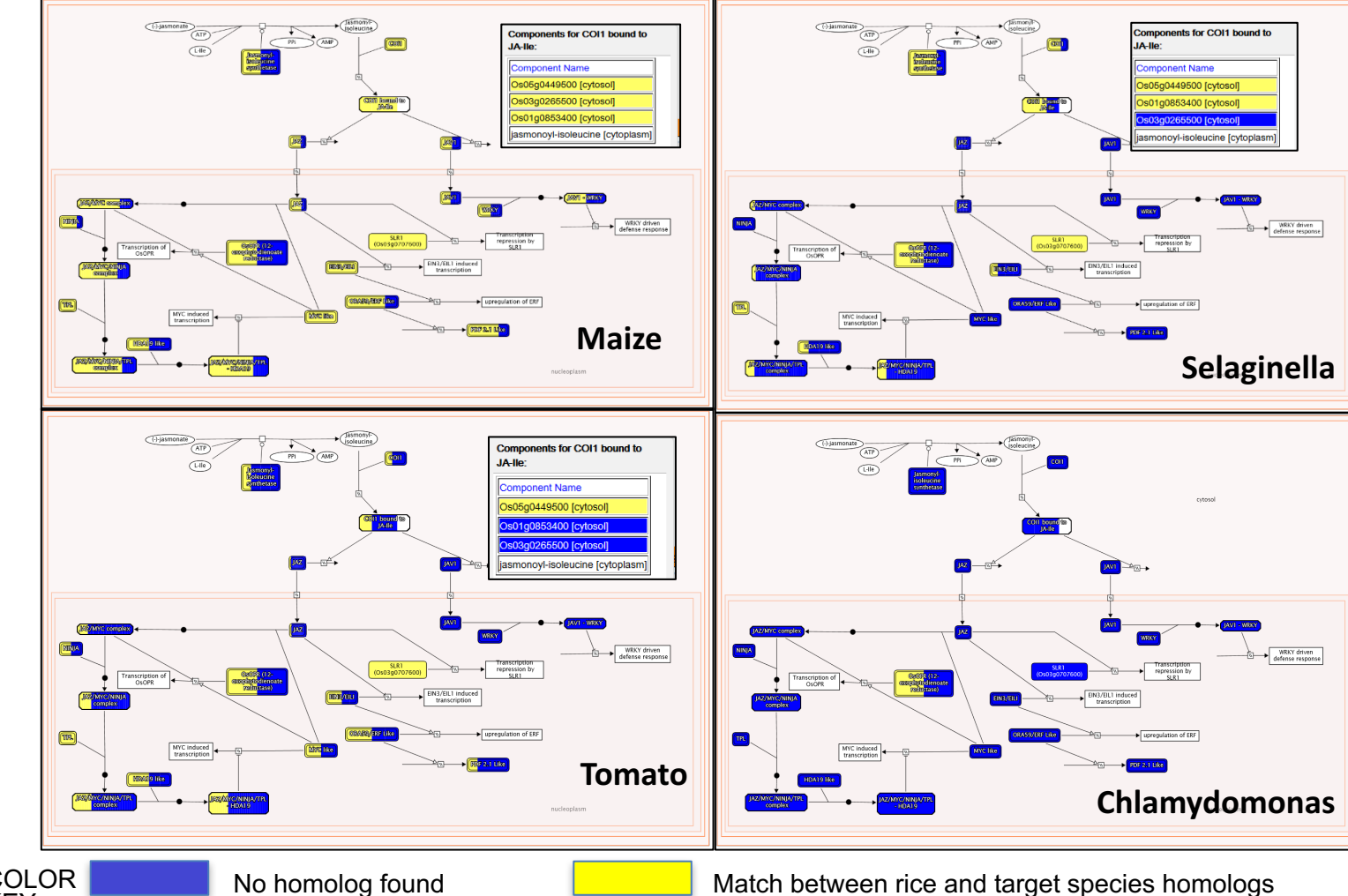
- 22 newly curated rice pathways to a total of 264 reference rice pathways
- Orthology-based projections to 74 plant species including maize allows pathway enrichment and inter-species comparison
- Baseline and differential expression data sets from 734 experiments and 18 reference plant species (Expression Atlas)

### Newly curated pathways

- Reproductive structure development
- Anther and pollen development
- Vegetative structure development
- Primary root development
- Response to submergence
- Underwater shoot and internode elongation
- Response to phosphate deficiency
- Photorespiration
- Ureide biosynthesis
- Beta-alanine betaine biosynthesis
- Proline biosynthesis V from arginine
- Phospholipid biosynthesis I
- Sphingolipid metabolism
- Response to iron deficiency
- Murgineic acid biosynthesis
- Iron uptake and transport in root vascular system
- Proline degradation
- Glutamate degradation
- Phenylalanine degradation III
- Lysine degradation II
- Threonine degradation

### Comparative pathway analysis

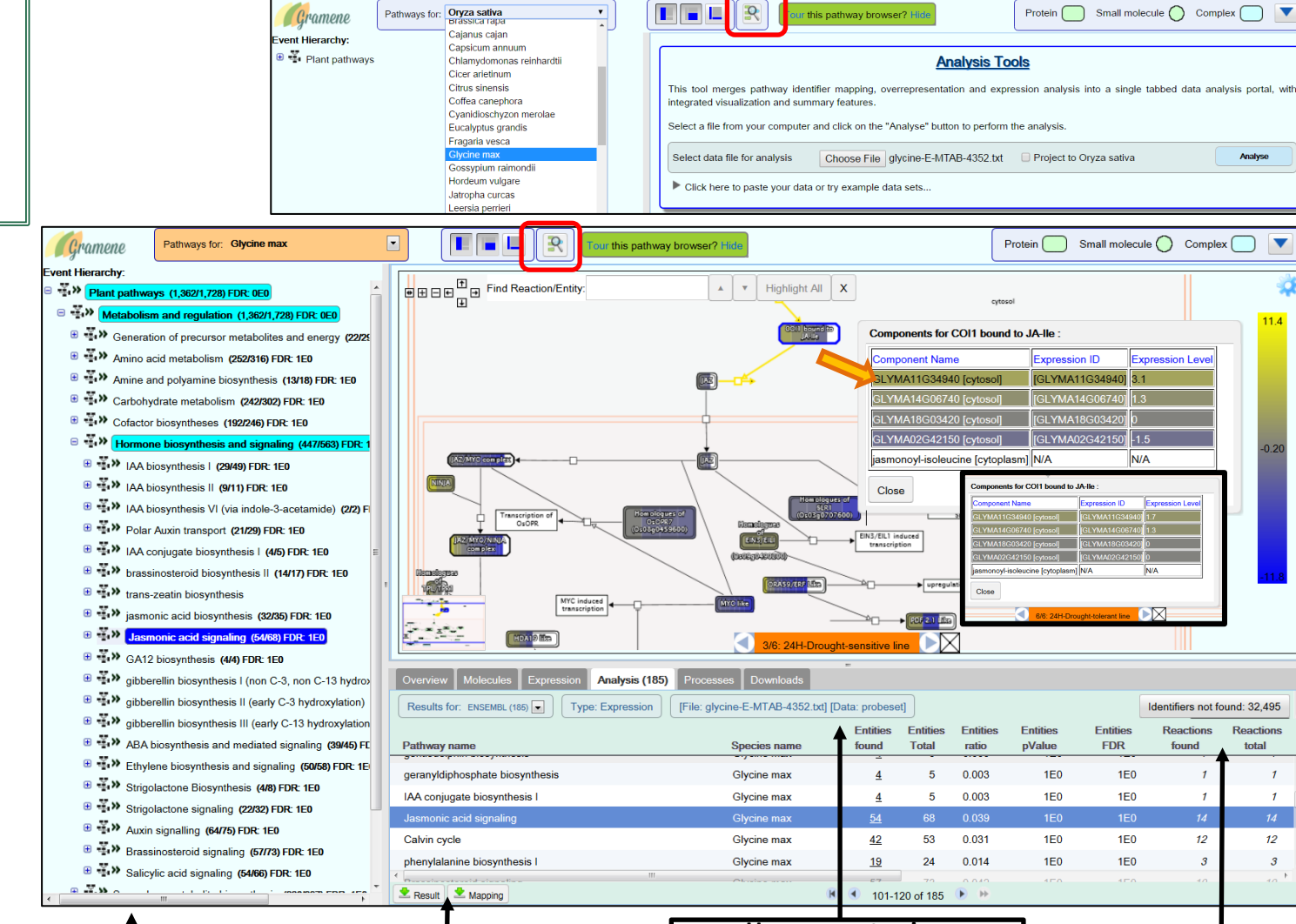
Example: JA signaling in rice vs 3 species



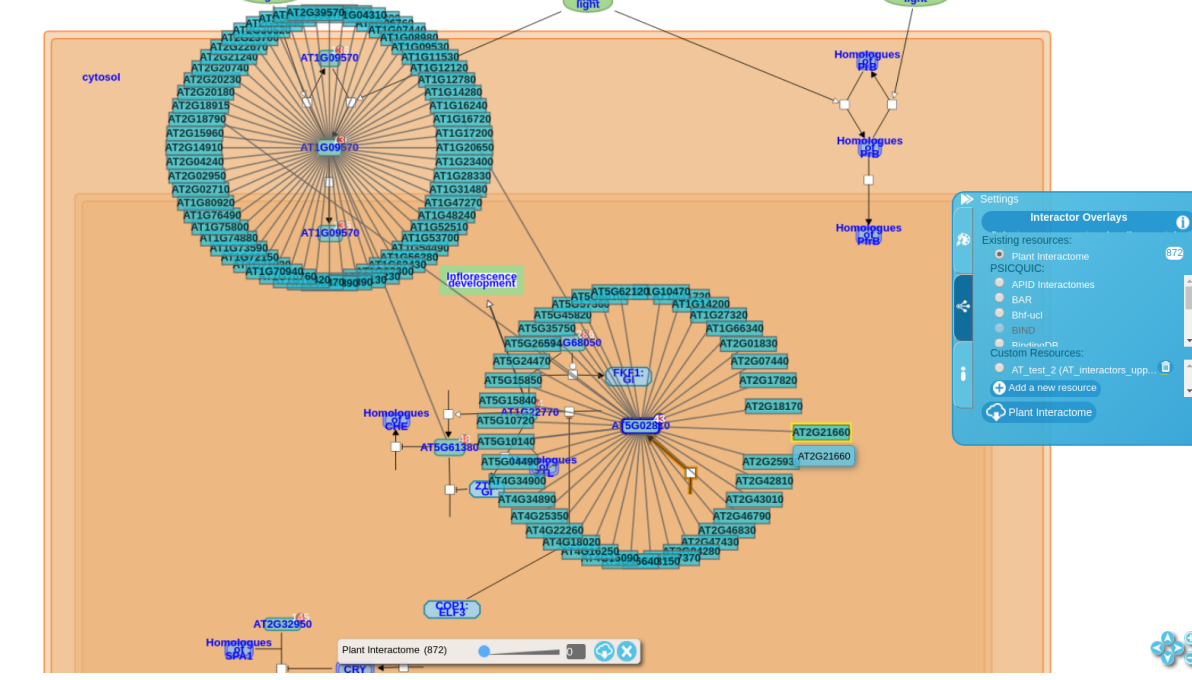
<http://plantreactome.gramene.org>



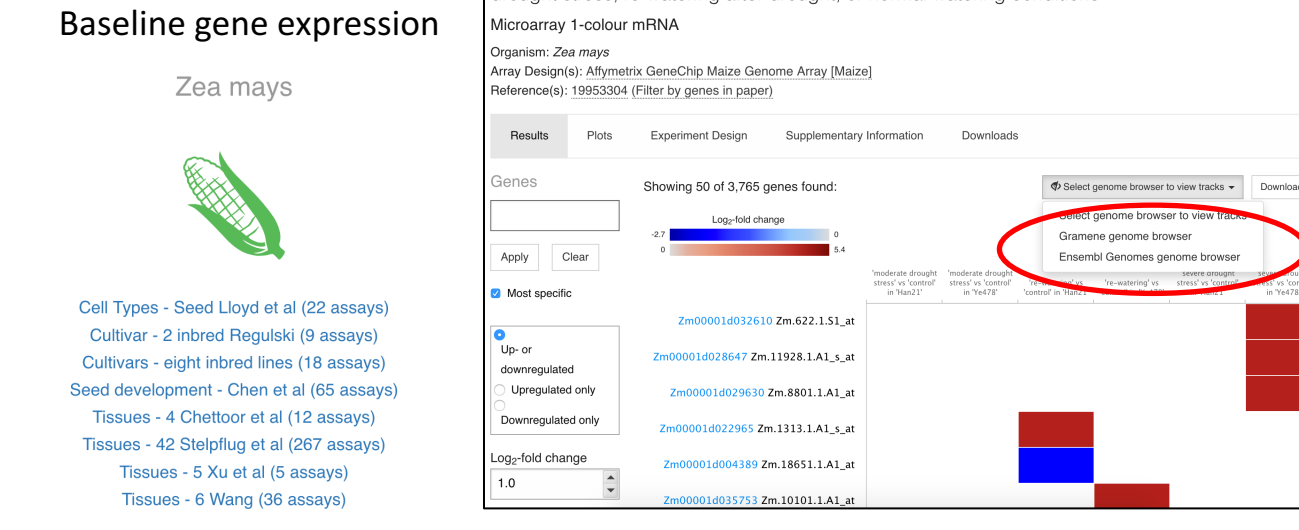
### OMICs data analysis tool



### Interactor Overlay



ATLAS data visualization tools are connected to Gramene, Ensembl Plants and Plant Reactome resources



## Specific Aim 3: INFRASTRUCTURE

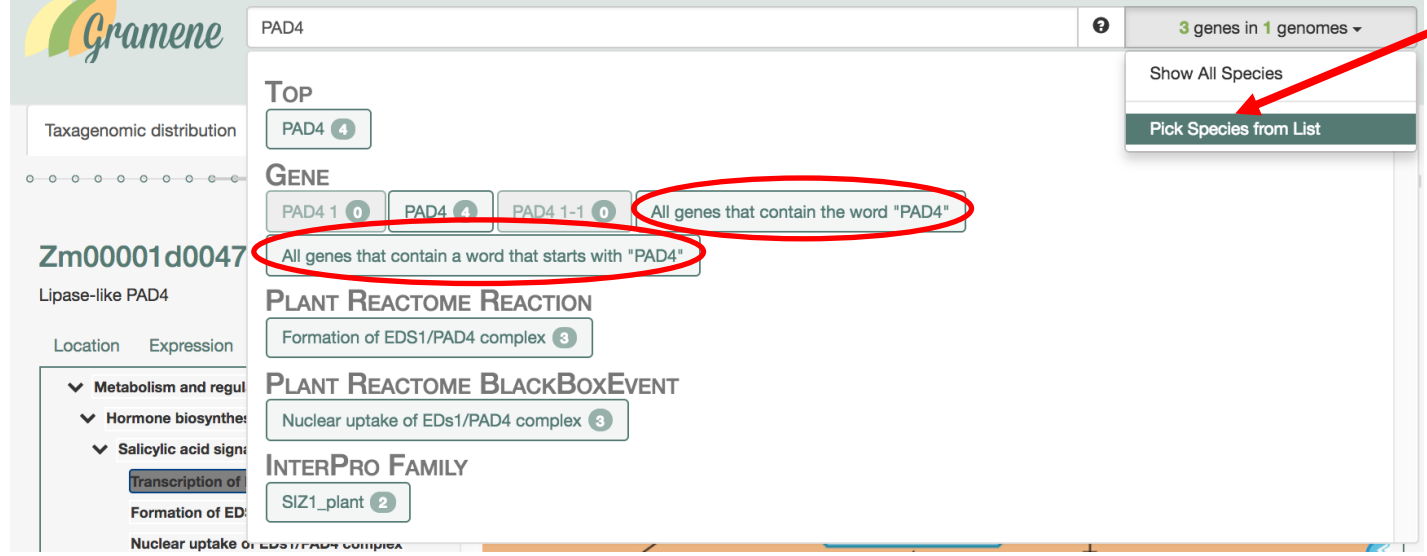
### Year Highlights

- The Gramene Search Interface became Gramene's new front page <http://www.gramene.org>
- New pathways view in Gramene Search
- New neighborhood conservation mode in the Homology tab of the results of a query

### Powerful search interface

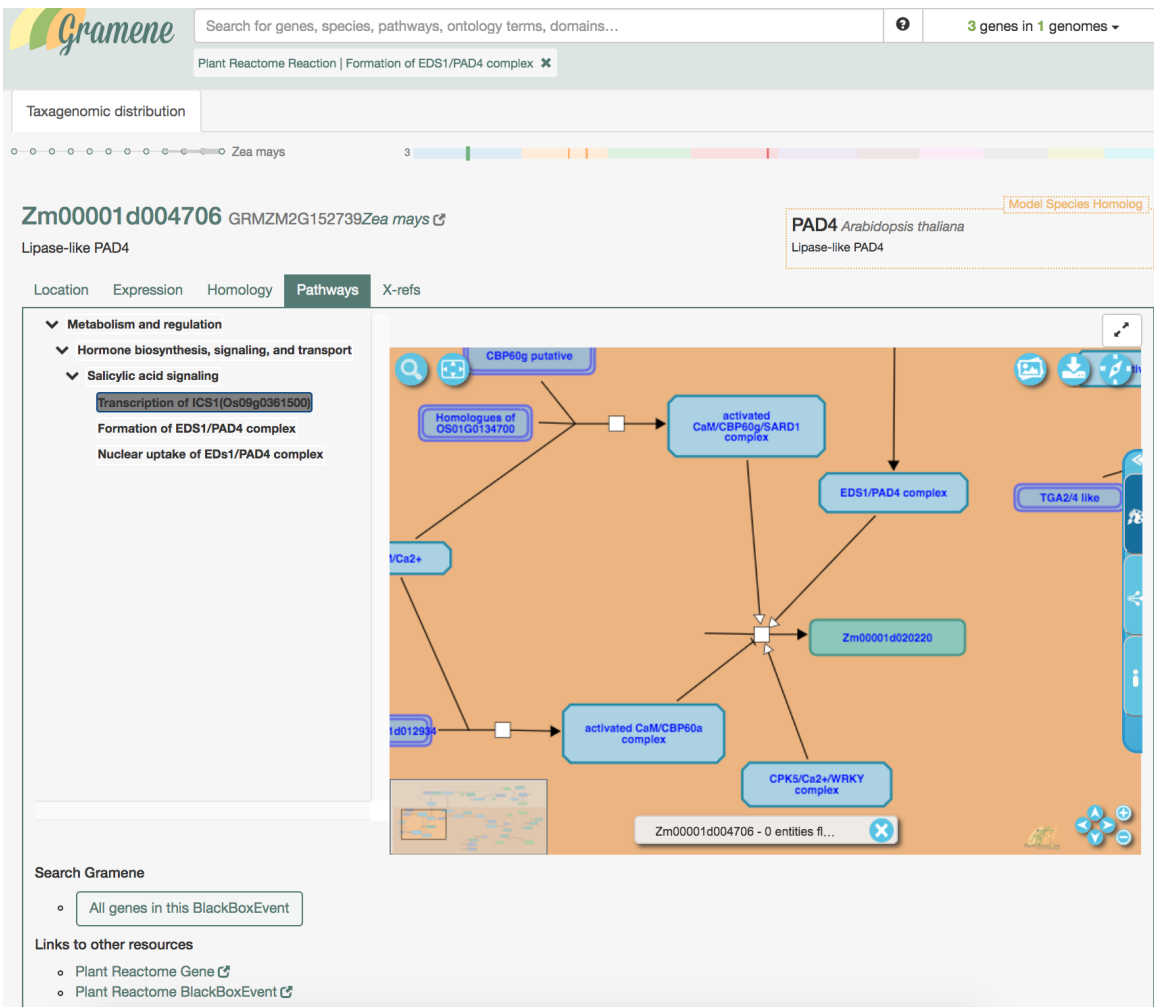
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Summarize results by category, suggest text-based queries, filter by species



### Pathways view

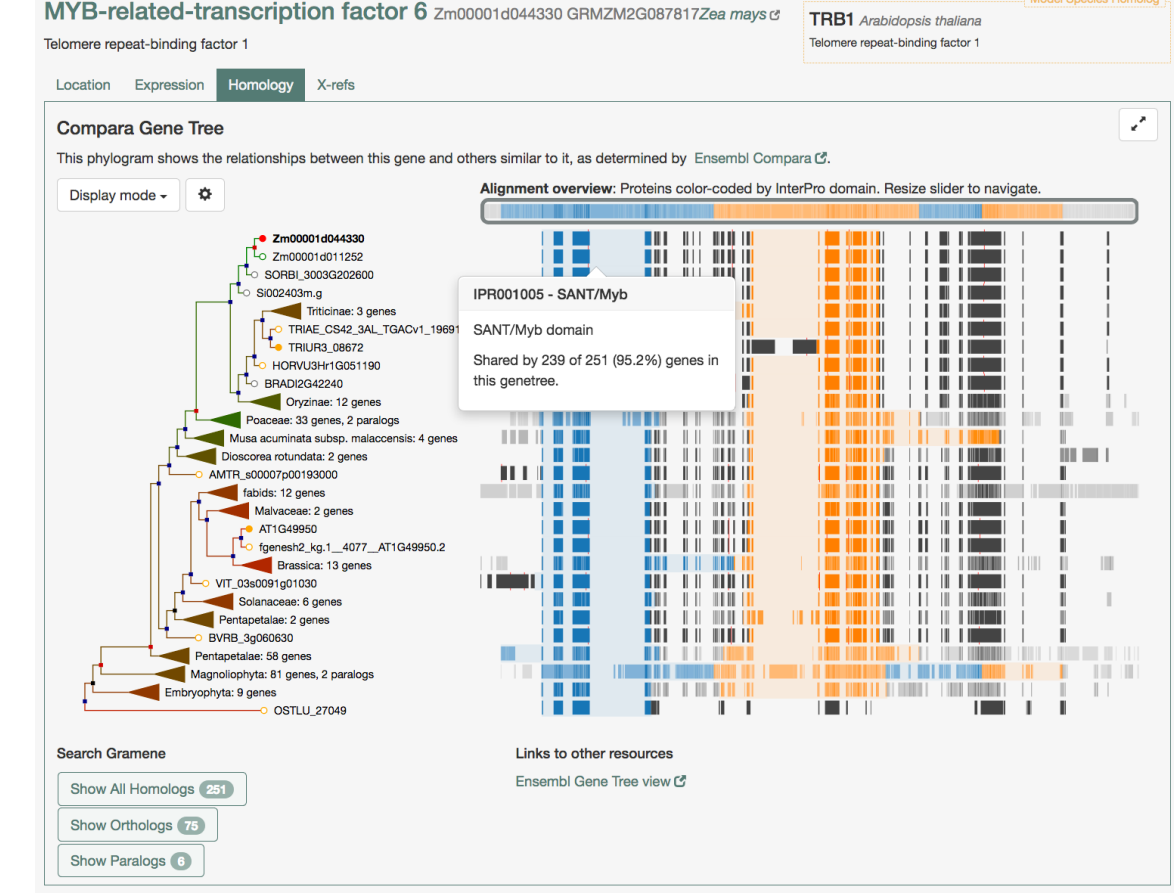
Shows the reactions and pathways that a gene takes part in with links to data downloads in Plant Reactome



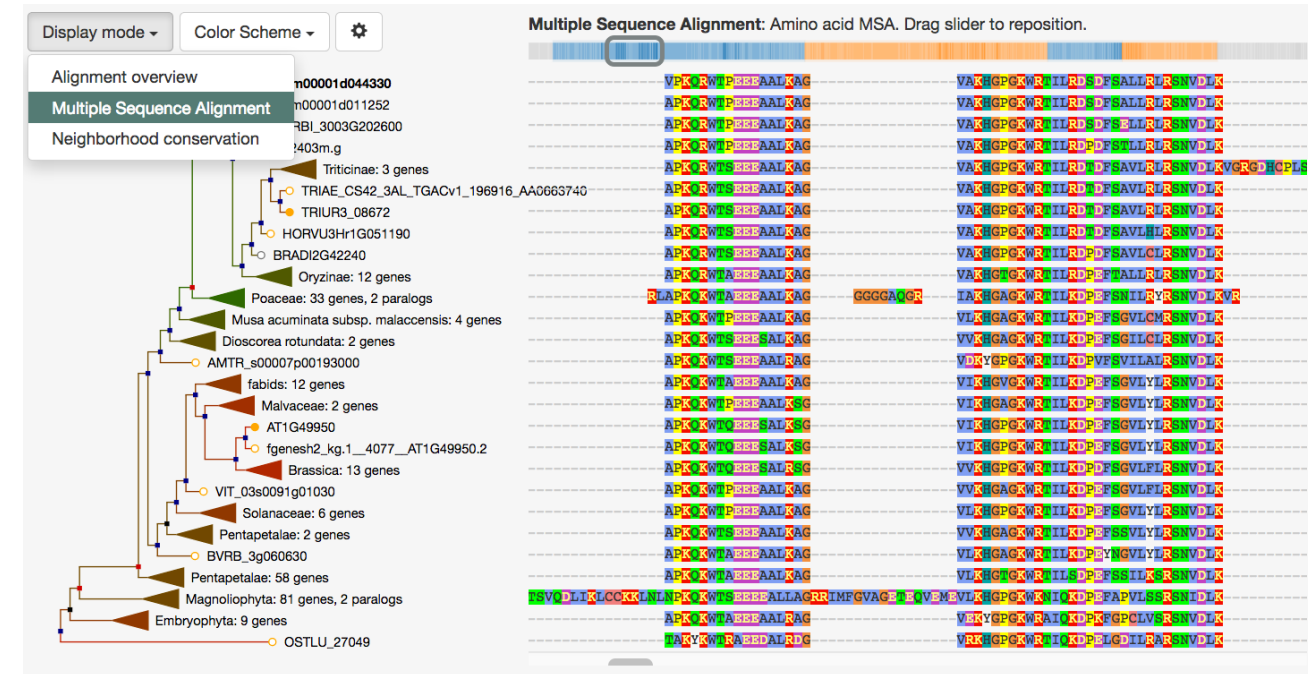
### Homology view

Shows inferred evolutionary histories from Compara, integrated with functional domain information from InterPro.

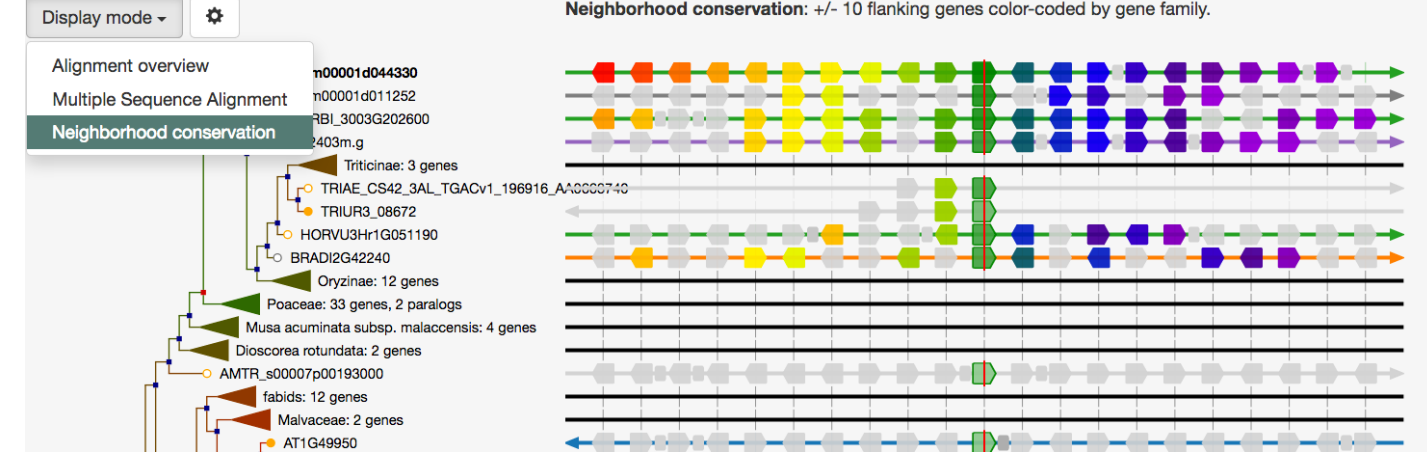
### Overview



### Multi-alignment view for viewing amino acid conservation



### Neighborhood conservation mode +/-10 genes





## Specific Aim 4: OUTREACH

### Outreach and Training

Educational resources and webinars

<http://www.gramene.org/outreach>

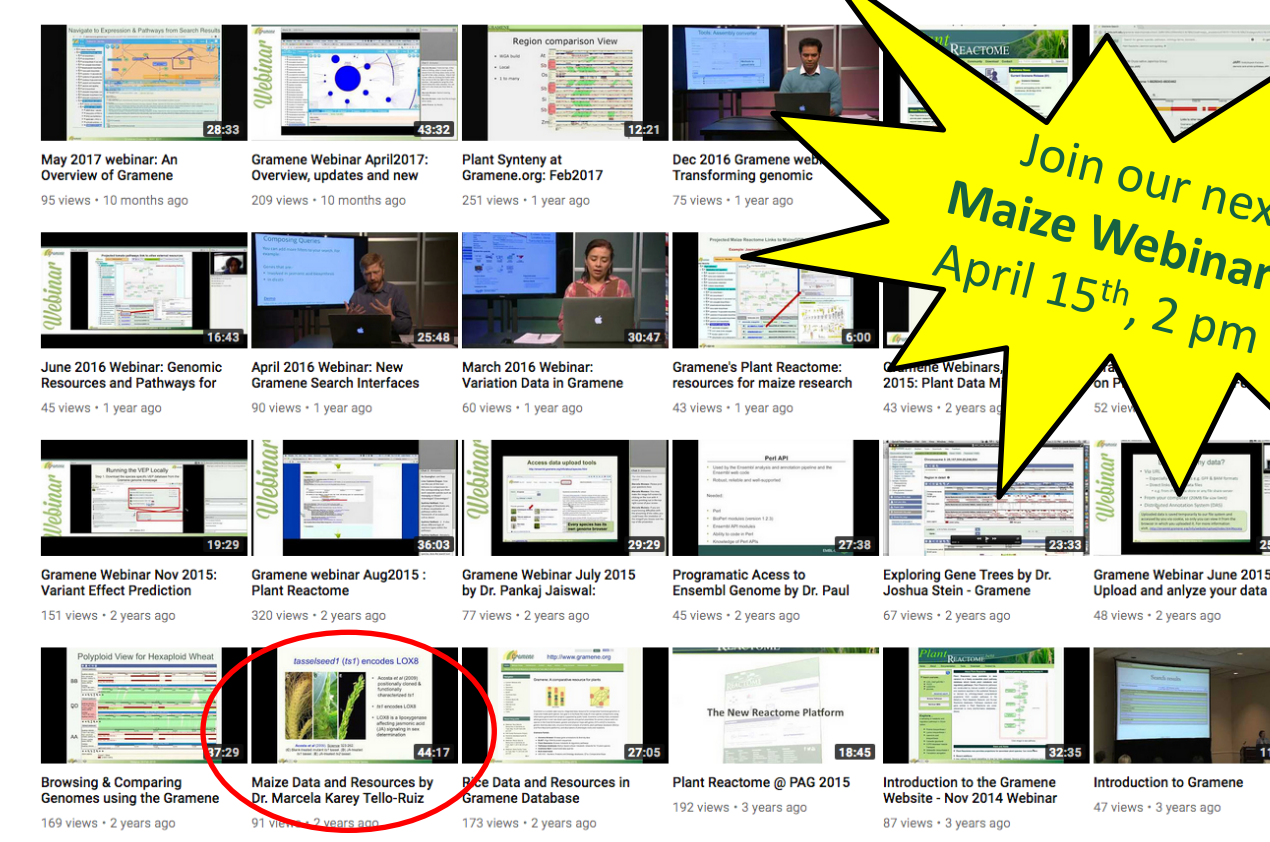
Find here links to:

- Download a quick start Gramene pamphlet and other e-learning materials: <ftp://ftp.gramene.org/pub/gramene/outreach>
- Subscribe to Gramene's mailing list
- Gramene's YouTube channel to
- Follow Gramene in Social Media:  



Collaborative meeting between Gramene & MaizeGDB at Cold Spring Harbor, NY

### Videotutorials in Gramene's YouTube channel



Join our next Maize Webinar on April 15th, 2 pm ET

### Maize-specific outreach activities:

- Coordination on standards & maize reference assembly releases with MaizeGDB
- Maize annotation jamboree in collaboration with the MaizeCODE project
- Coordination of Maize HapMap4 with NSF # & European Variation Archive
- Bioinformatics resources outreach booths

Are there targeted training needs for your project or university?  
Are you a scientist looking for short visit stays?

Contact us! [feedback@gramene.org](mailto:feedback@gramene.org)

### Recent publications

- Jiao *et al* (2017). Improved maize reference genome with single-molecule technologies. *Nature* 546(7659):524-527.
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