



转录组学基础及研究

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理论课内容

- 转录组学介绍
- 基因表达数据分析
 - 测定技术
 - 差异基因
 - 功能分析
- 几个实例
- 非编码RNA分析



Protein-coding gene

DNA



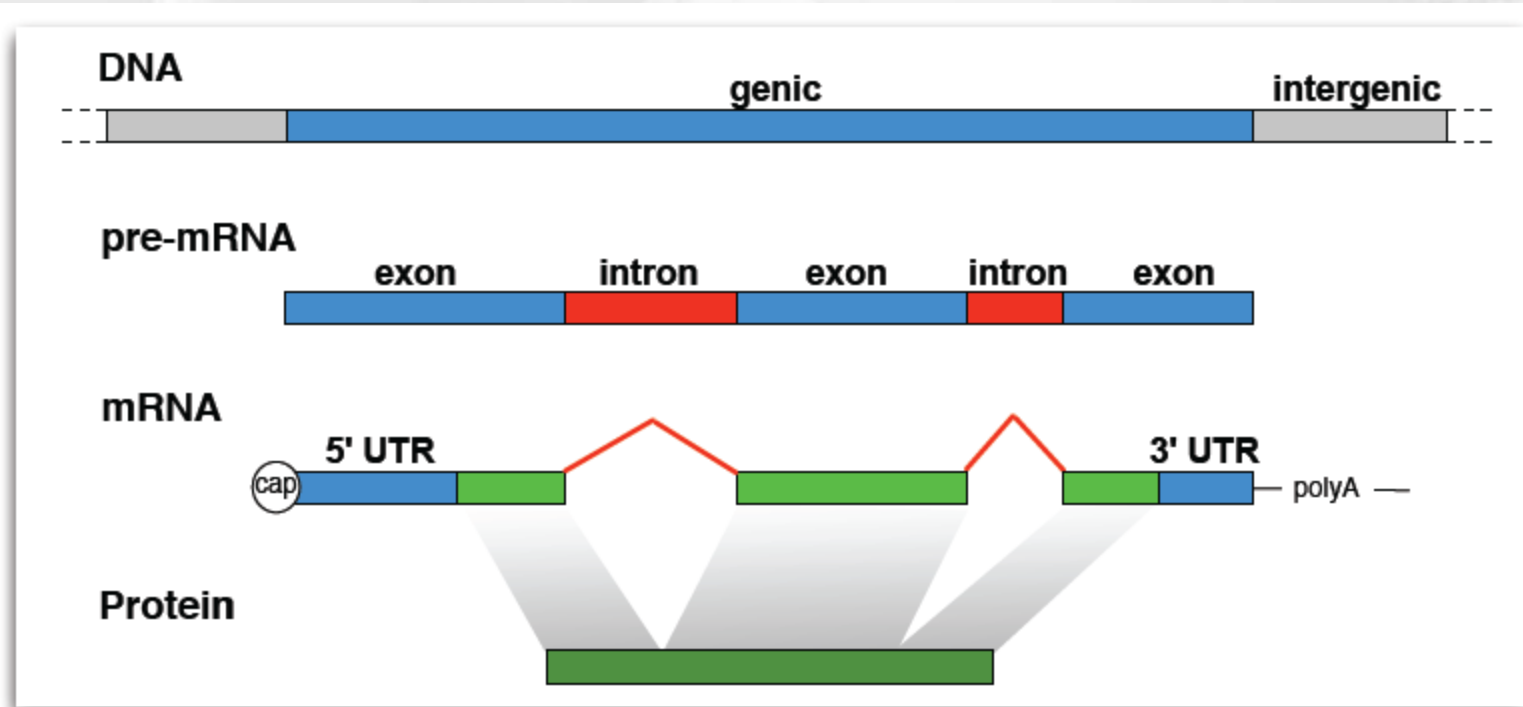
Protein



✓ Gene: a functional piece of DNA sequence

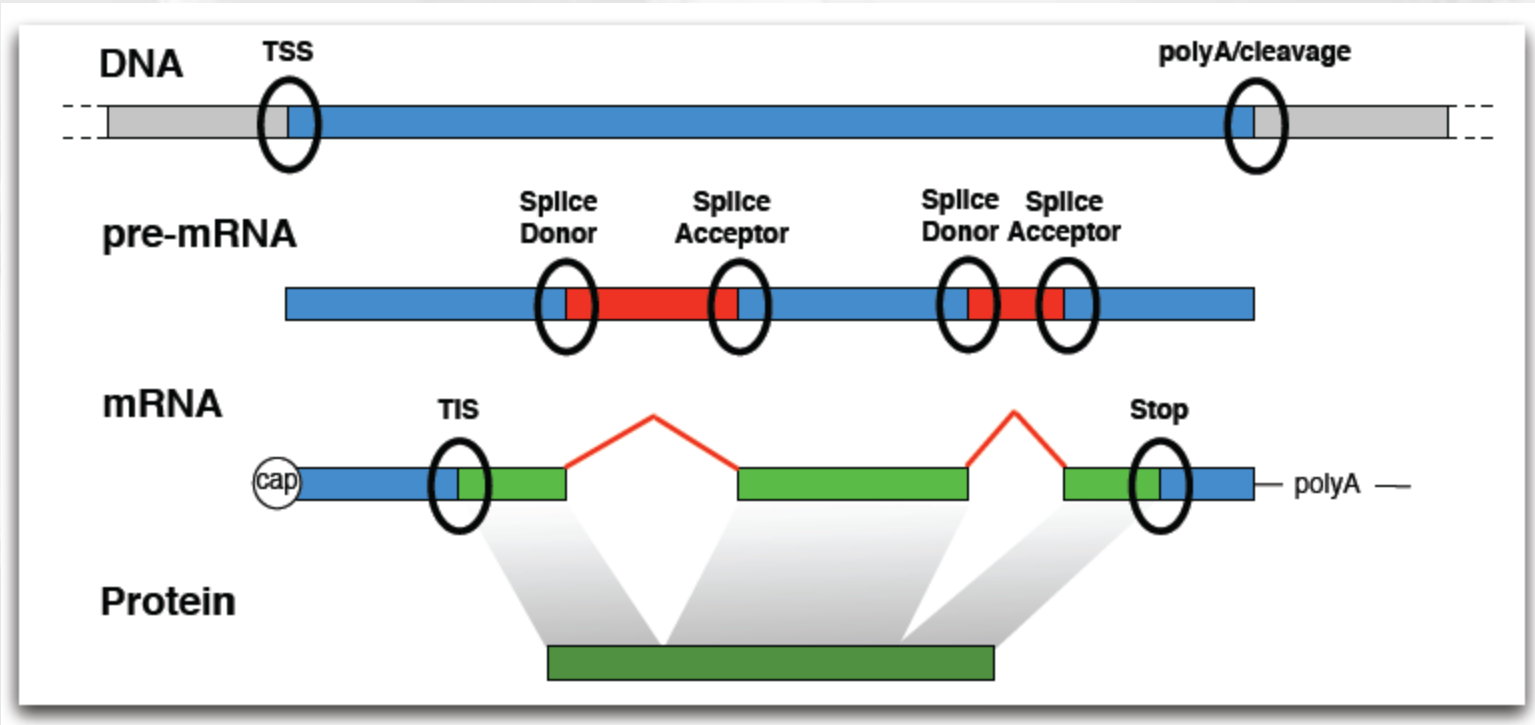


Computational Gene Finding



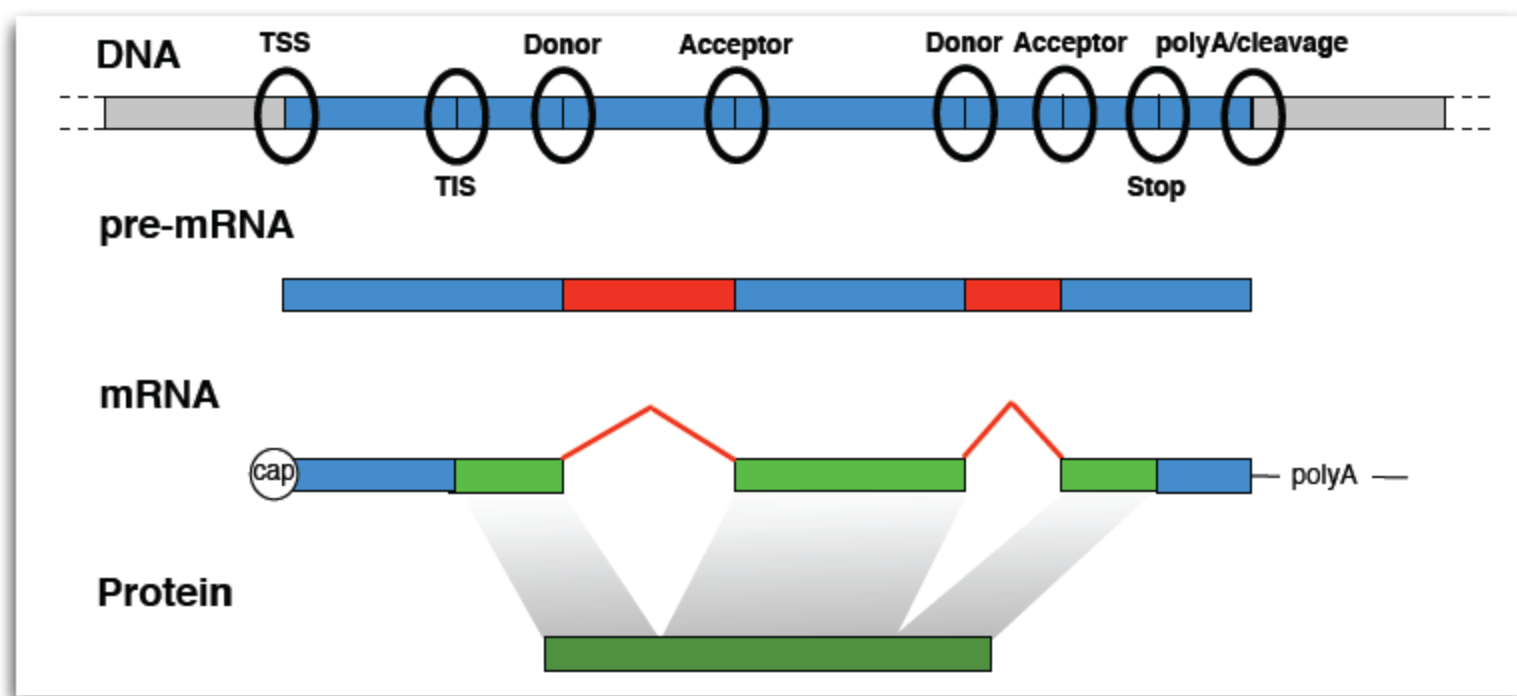


Predict signals used during processing



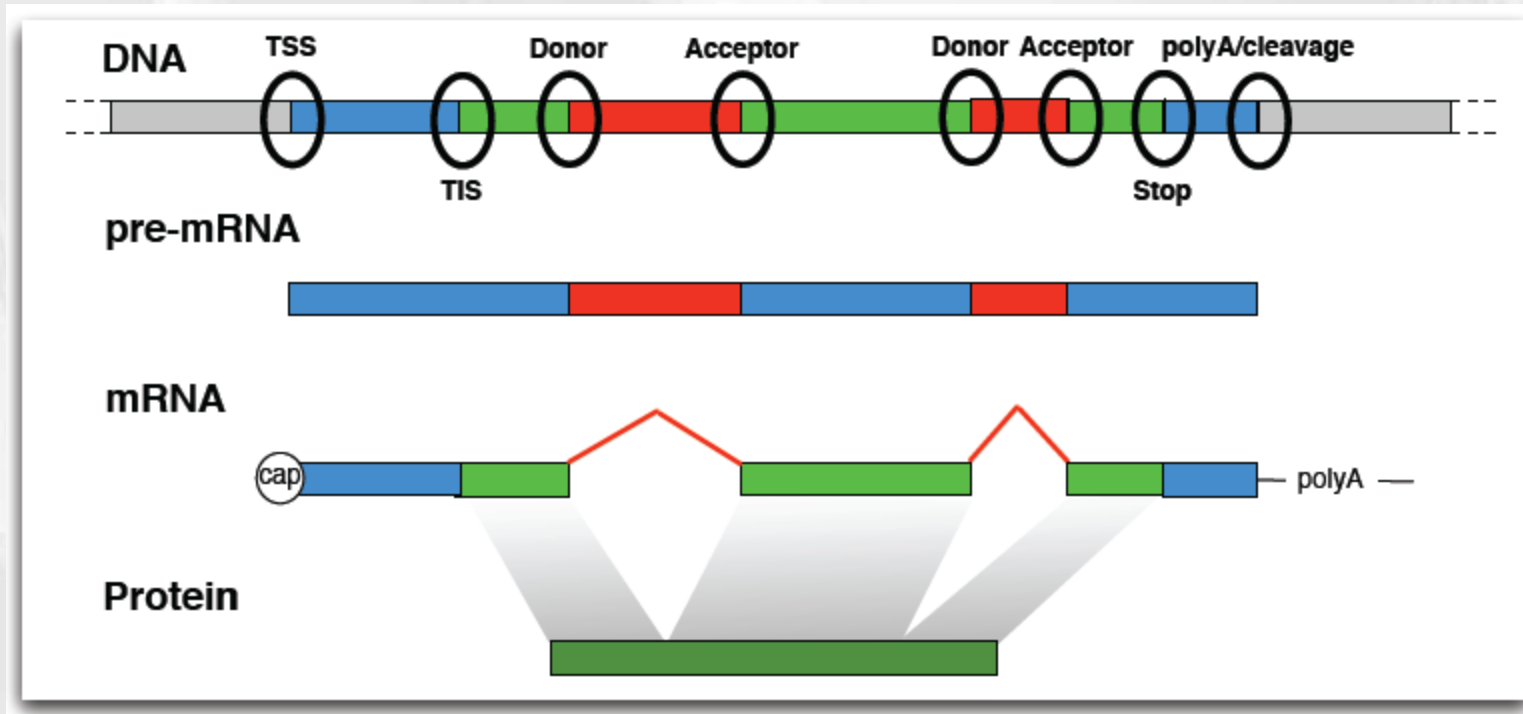


Predict signals used during processing





Computational Gene Finding



✓ Predict the correct corresponding label sequence with labels “intergenic”, “exon”, “intron”, “5’ UTR”, etc



Learning about the Transcriptome

→ What is encoded on the genome and how is it processed?

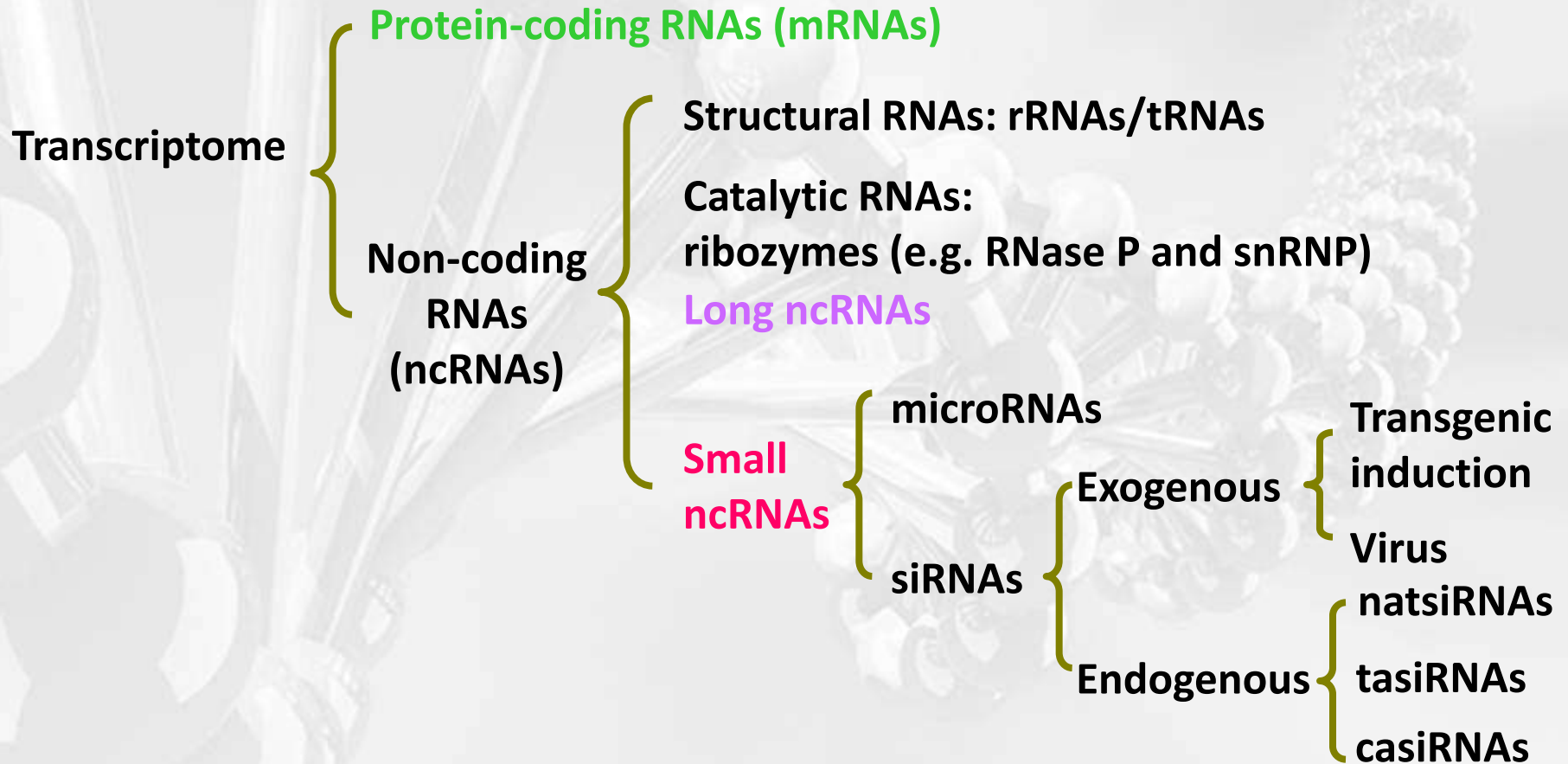
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The **transcriptome** is the set of all RNA molecules, including mRNA, rRNA, tRNA, and other non-coding RNA produced in one or a population of cells.

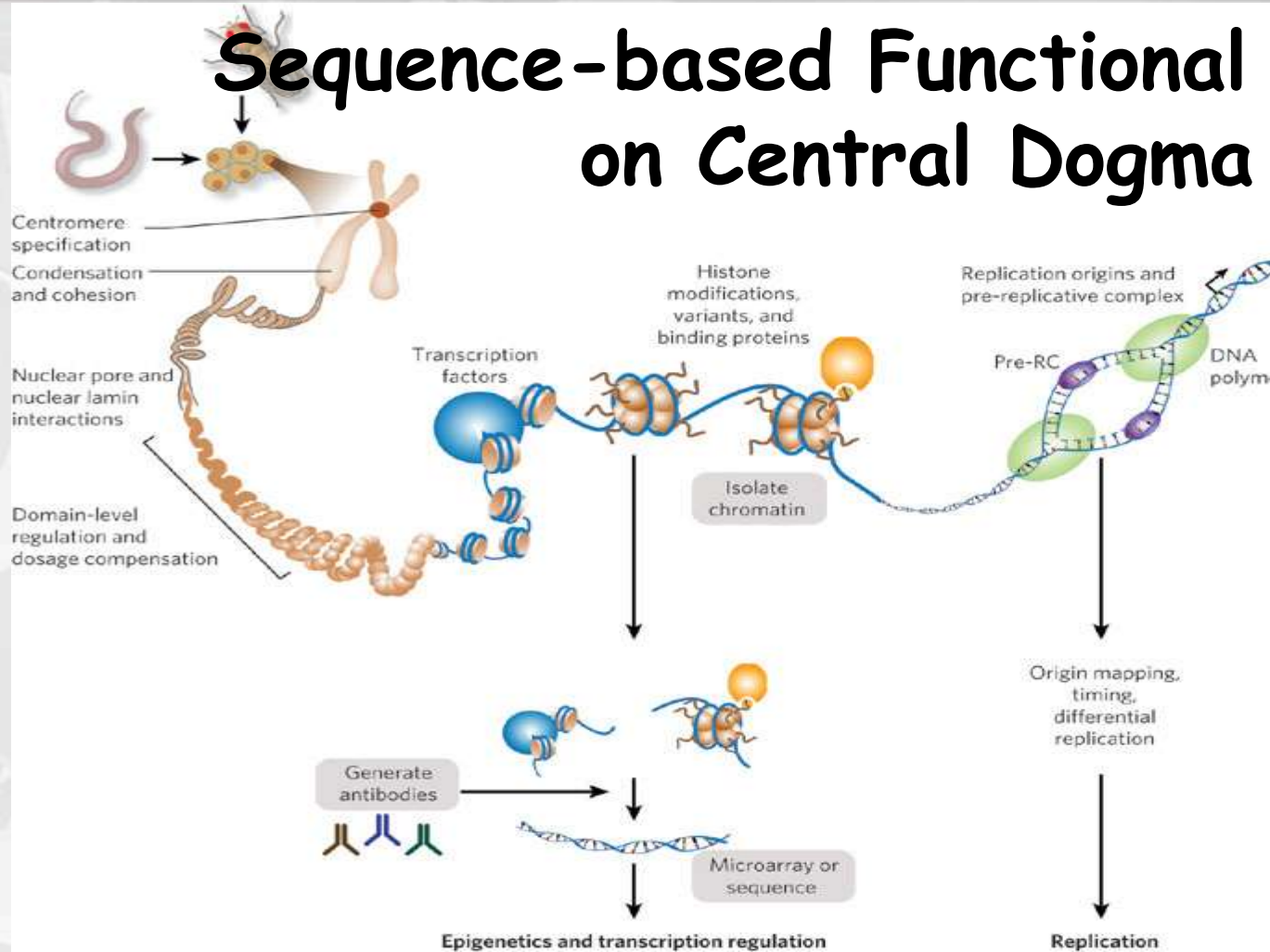


Transcriptome





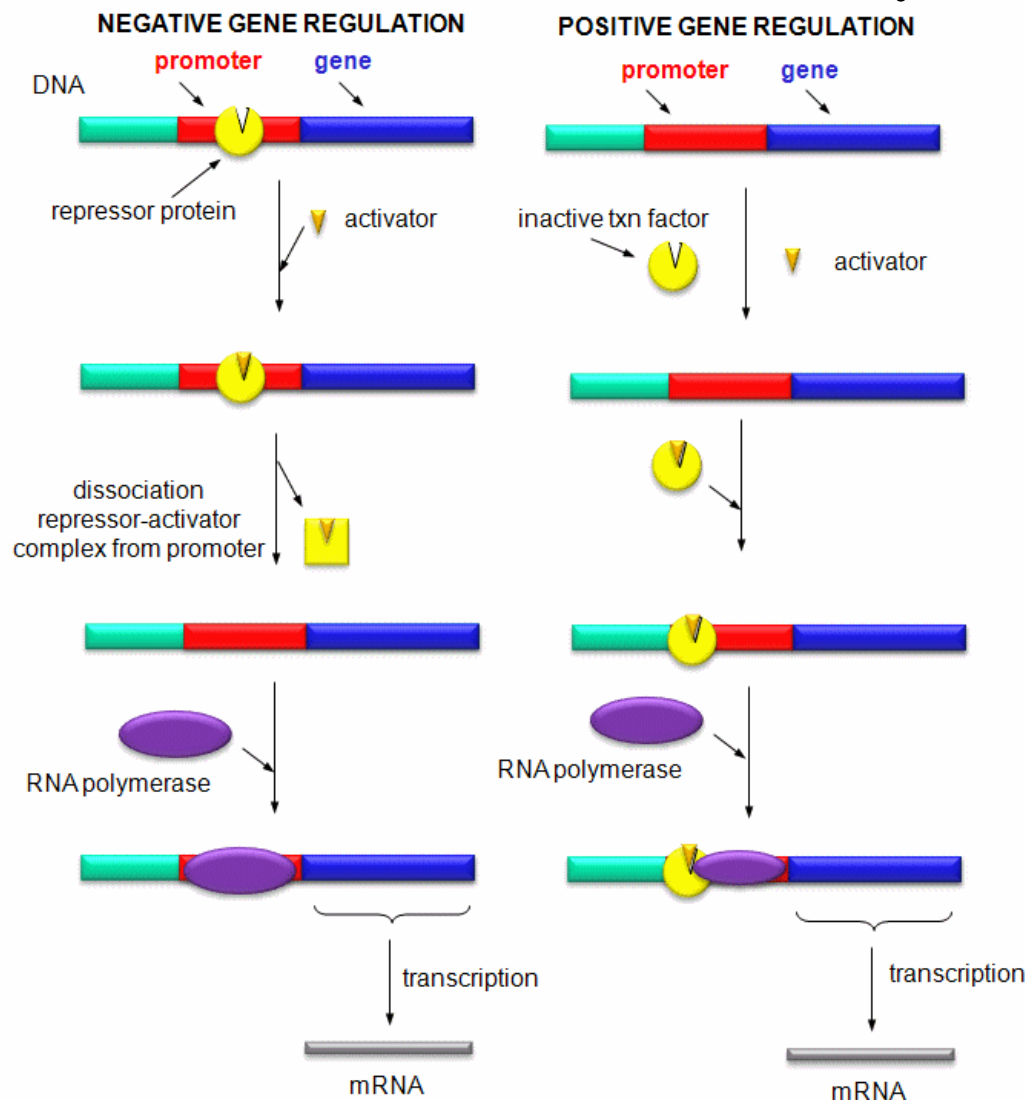
Sequence-based Functional Elements on Central Dogma



Gene expression is the process by which information from a gene is used in the synthesis of a functional gene product. These products are often proteins, but in non-protein coding genes such as rRNA, tRNA or snRNA, the product is a functional RNA.



How can gene expression be regulated at the transcriptional level?



- Chromatin domains
- **Transcription**
- Post-transcriptional modification
- RNA transport
- Translation
- mRNA degradation

- physiological status (nutrition, environment)
- sex and age
- various tissues and cell types
- response to stimuli (drugs, signals, toxins)
- health and disease



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Section 1: Measuring gene expression level



Quantitate gene expression level method

- Experiment-based approaches:
 - a) RT-PCR
 - b) Northern blot
- Hybridization-based approaches :
 - a) Microarrays/chip;
 - b) genomic tiling microarrays.
- Sequence-based approaches:
 - a) EST: Expression Sequence Tag (~400 bp, 20-7000 bp)
 - b) tag-based methods:
 - ✓ CAGE: cap analysis of gene expression (~14-20 bp, 5' ends)
 - ✓ SAGE: serial analysis of gene expression (~14-20 bp, 3' ends)
 - ✓ MPSS: massively parallel signature sequencing (17-20 bp)
- Next-generation Sequencing-based method:

RNA-Seq

Nat Methods. 2008 Jul;5(7):585-7.

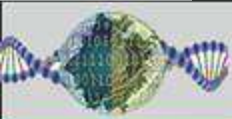
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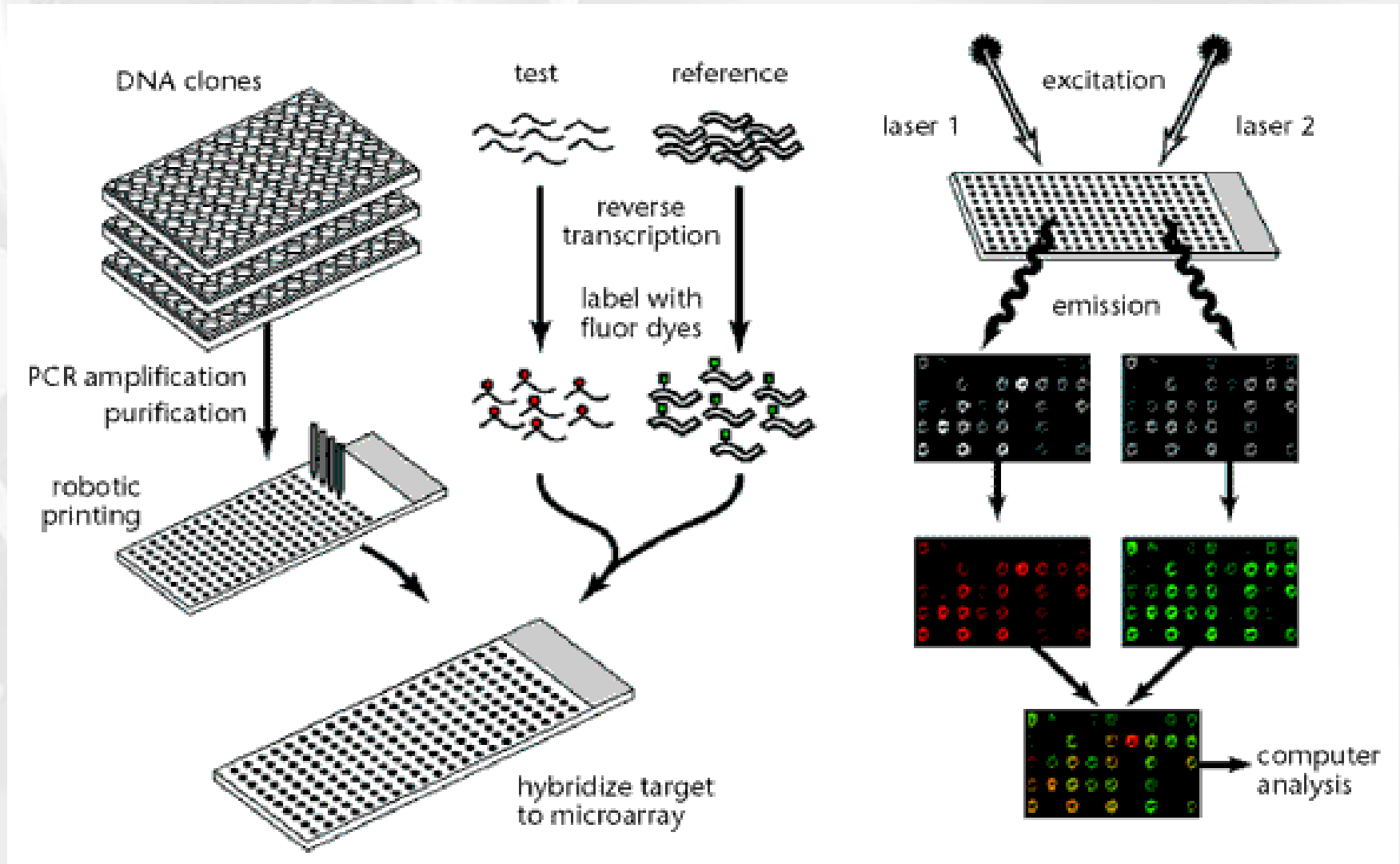


Advantages and disadvantages

- **Experiment-based approaches:**
 - Low throughput
 - expensive
- **Hybridization-based approaches :**
 - based on genome sequence;
 - cross-hybridization (high background levels);
 - limited dynamic range of detection (<1000-fold);
 - normalization problems(across different experiments).
- **Sequence-based approaches:**
 - a) EST: Expression Sequence Tag (~400 bp, 20-7000 bp)**
 - low throughput;
 - expensive;
 - not quantitative.
 - b) tag-based methods:**
 - based on expensive Sanger sequencing technology;
 - ✓ high throughput;
 - ✓ more precise;
 - a portion the short tags cannot be uniquely mapped
- **Next-generation Sequencing-based method: RNA-Seq**
 - ✓ Can be used to detect transcripts of any genome.
 - ✓ Low background, highly accurate
 - ✓ Large dynamic range of expression levels (~10000-fold)
 - ✓ High levels of reproducibility(both for technical and biological replicates)
 - ✓ Requires less RNA sample (cloning steps)
 - ✓ Lower cost



Microarray schema





RNA-seq technologies

➤ Commercially available sequencing technologies used for transcriptome sequencing applications (Sep 15, 2008).

Sequencing platform	ABI3730xl Genome Analyzer	Roche (454) FLX	Illumina Genome Analyzer	ABI SOLiD	HeliScope
Sequencing chemistry	Automated Sanger sequencing	Pyrosequencing on solid support	Sequencing-by-synthesis with reversible terminators	Sequencing by ligation	Sequencing-by-synthesis with virtual terminators
Template amplification method	In vivo amplification via cloning	Emulsion PCR	Bridge PCR	Emulsion PCR	None (single molecule)
Read length	700–900 bp	200–300 bp	32–40 bp	35 bp	25–35 bp
Sequencing throughput	0.03–0.07 Mb/h	13 Mb/h	25 Mb/h	21–28 Mb/h	83 Mb/h
Company Web site	http://www.appliedbiosystems.com	http://www.roche-applied-science.com	http://www.illumina.com	http://www.appliedbiosystems.com	http://www.helicosbio.com



RNA-Seq: Advantages

- ◆ Sequencing length: 30 - 400bp.
- ◆ Advantages:
 - can be used to detect transcripts of any genome.
 - **low background, highly accurate**
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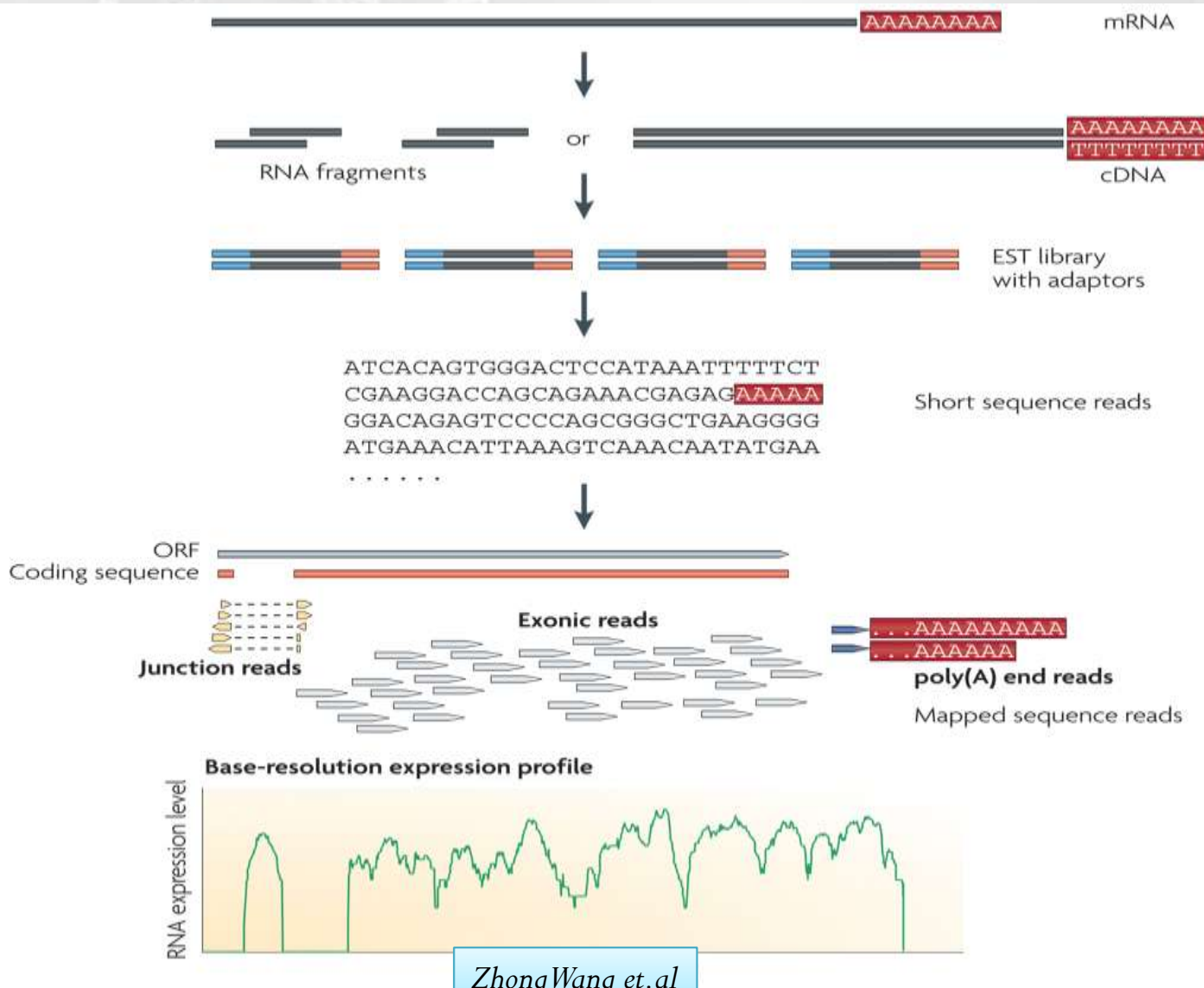
RNA-Seq: Advantages

➤ RNA-Seq v.s. other transcriptomics methods

Technology	Tiling microarray	cDNA or EST sequencing	RNA-Seq
<i>Technology specifications</i>			
Principle	Hybridization	Sanger sequencing	High-throughput sequencing
Resolution	From several to 100 bp	Single base	Single base
Throughput	High	Low	High
Reliance on genomic sequence	Yes	No	In some cases
Background noise	High	Low	Low
<i>Application</i>			
Simultaneously map transcribed regions and gene expression	Yes	Limited for gene expression	Yes
Dynamic range to quantify gene expression level	Up to a few-hundredfold	Not practical	>8,000-fold
Ability to distinguish different isoforms	Limited	Yes	Yes
Ability to distinguish allelic expression	Limited	Yes	Yes
<i>Practical issues</i>			
Required amount of RNA	High	High	Low
Cost for mapping transcriptomes of large genomes	High	High	Relatively low

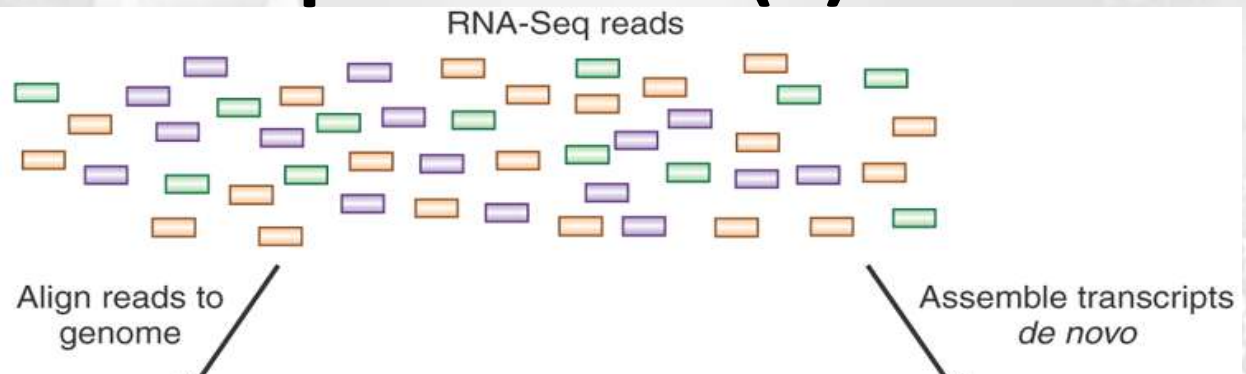


RNA-seq workflow (1)





RNA-seq workflow (2)



Mapping-first approaches:

**Cufflinks,
Scripture**

Assembly-first

(*de novo*)

approaches:

**ABYSS,
Trinity**



Gene expression level measurement for RNA-seq

✓ RPKM : Reads per kilobase per million mapped reads.

$$RPKM = \frac{\text{Total exon reads}}{\text{mapped reads(millions)} \times \text{exon length(KB)}}$$

1kb transcript with 1000 alignments in a sample of 10 million reads (out of which 8 million reads can be mapped) will have
 $RPKM = 1000 / (1 * 8) = 125$

✓ FPKM : Fragments Per Kilobase of exon per Million fragments mapped (for paired-end sequencing).



$$\text{RPKM} = \frac{\text{total exon reads}}{\text{mapped reads (millions)} * \text{exon length (KB)}}$$

假设一基因体只有两个基因，一个9 KB，一个1 KB，如今有一sample，其map到9 KB的read有18 million个，map到1 KB的有2 million个，

- 对于9 KB的基因而言，

Total exon reads=18 million

Mapped reads=18+2=20 million

Exon length=9 KB

RPKM =18million/(20*9)=0.1*10⁶=10⁵

- 对于1 KB的基因而言，

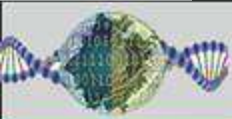
Total exon reads=2 million

Mapped reads=18+2=20 million

Exon length=1 KB

RPKM =2million/(20*1)=0.1*10⁶=10⁵

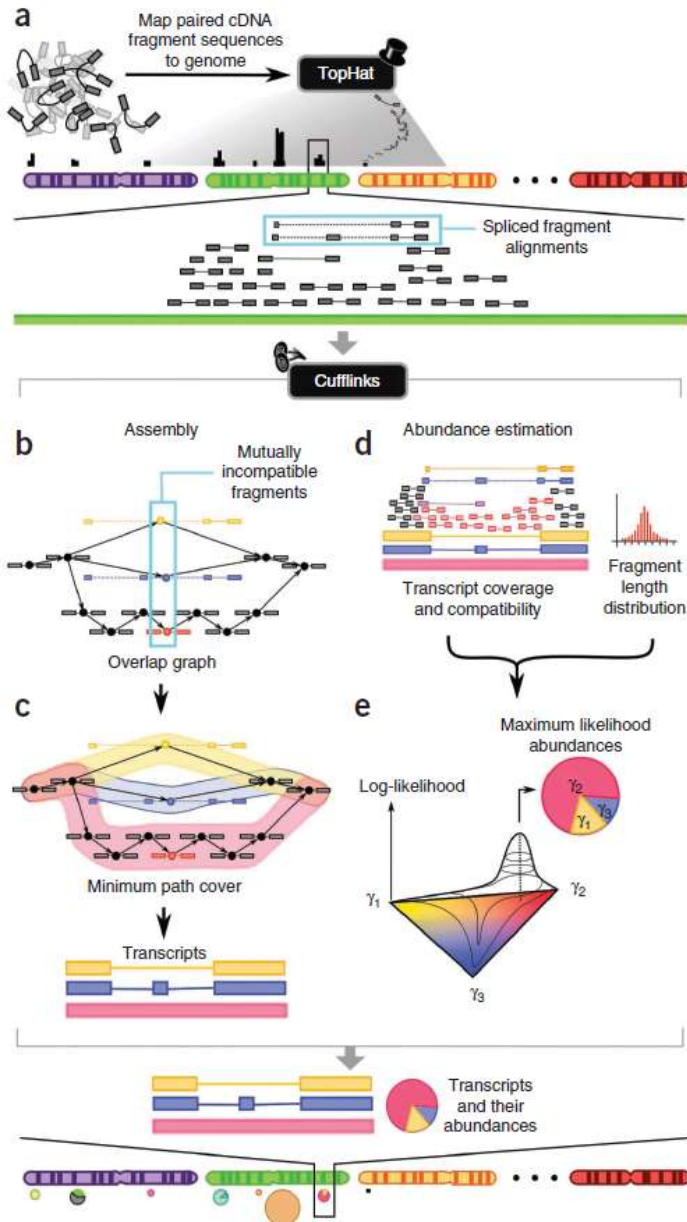
由此我们可以知道这两个基因表现量没有差别。



Cufflinks

Cufflinks uses a **rigorous mathematical model** to identify the complete set of alternatively regulated transcripts at each locus and to assign coverage to each transcript.

Cufflinks 利用Tophat比对的结果 (alignments) 来组装转录本, 估计这些转录本的丰度, 并且检测样本间的差异表达及可变剪接。

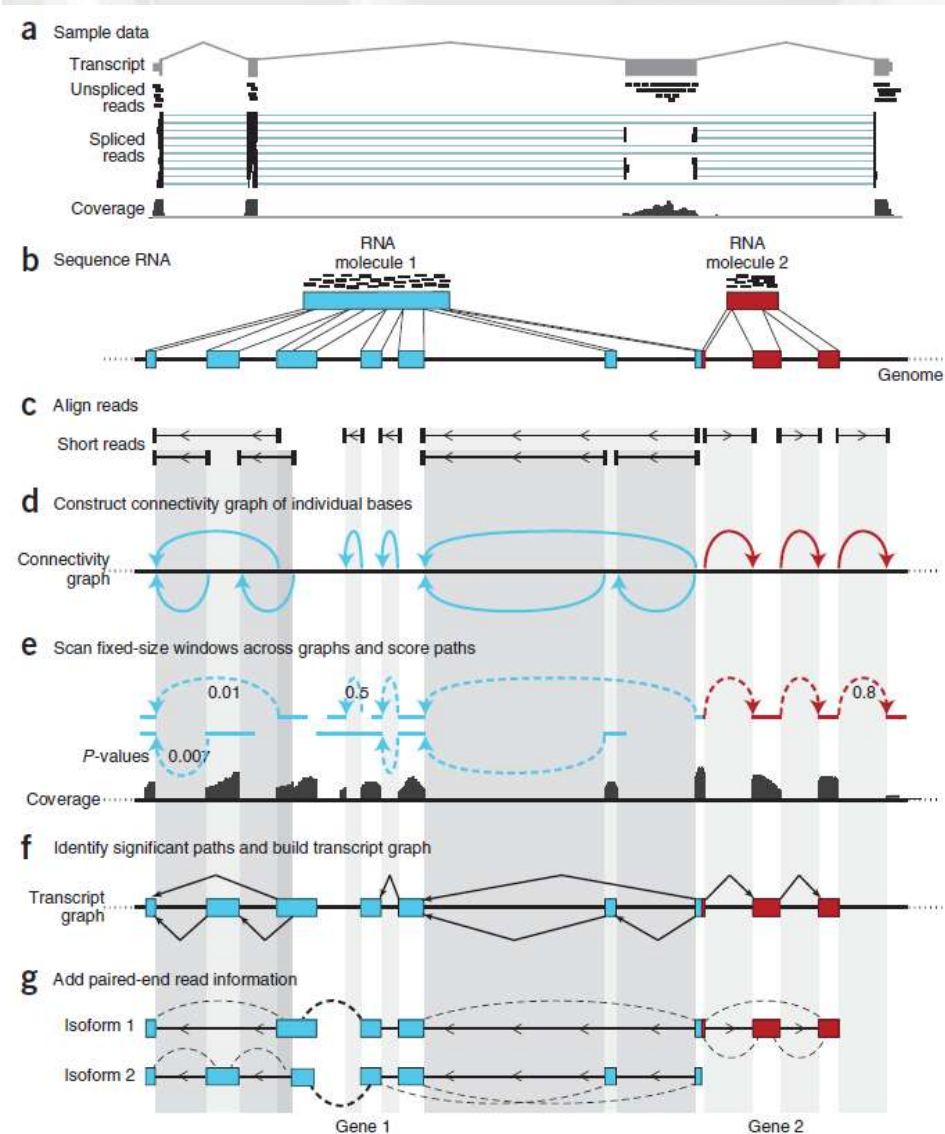




Scripture

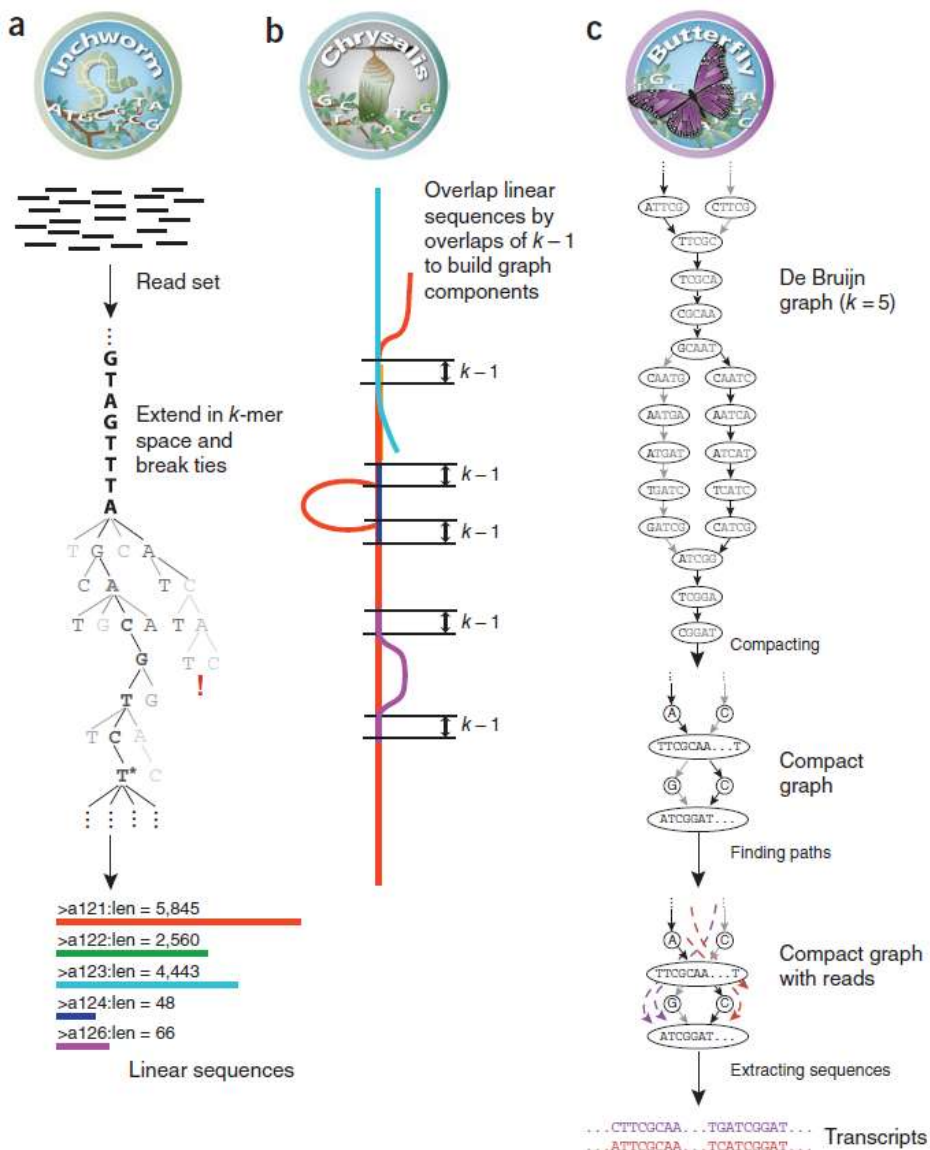
Scripture employs a **statistical segmentation model** to distinguish expressed loci and filter out experimental noise.

Cufflinks可根据reads映射到参考基因组的结果来预测新基因和亚型。Scripture采用统计学分段模型来区分表达位点和实验噪声。





Trinity



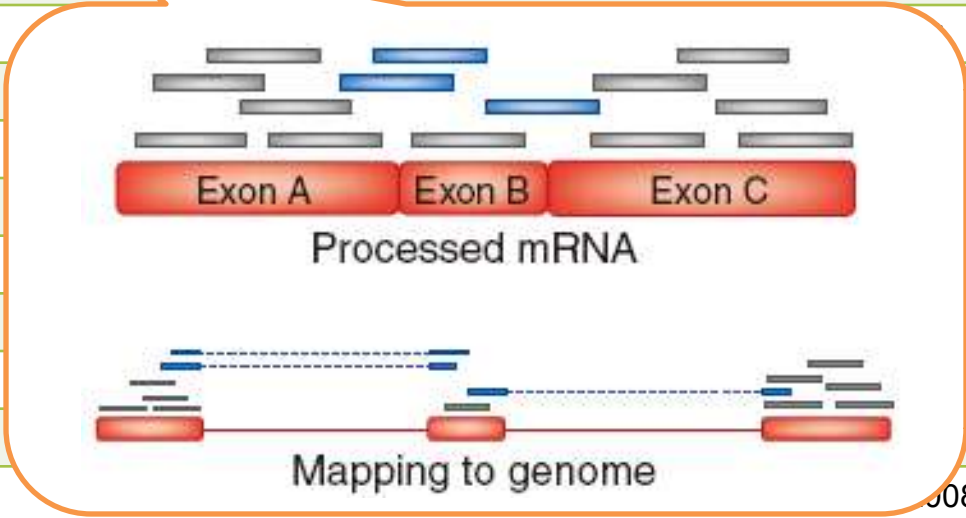
Trinity: *de novo* assembly of full-length transcripts without a reference genome, consisting of three software modules: **Inchworm**, **Chrysalis** and **Butterfly**

Inchworm: 将RNA-seq的原始reads数据组装成Unique序列;

Chrysalis: 将上一步生成的contigs聚类, 然后对每个类构建Bruijn图;

Butterfly: 处理这些Bruijn图, 依据图中reads和成对的reads来寻找路径, 从而得到具有可变剪接的全长转录子, 同时将旁系同源基因的转录子分开。

Program	Website	Publications
BLAST	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/	1990, J. Mol. Biol.
BLAT	http://www.soe.ucsc.edu/~kent/src/	2002, Genome Research
Cross_match	http://www.phrap.org/phredphrapconsed.html	***
ELAND	http://www.illumina.com/	***
TopHat	http://tophat.cbcb.umd.edu/	2009, Bioinformatics
Novoalign		
Mosaik		
Bowtie		2009, Genome Biology
BWA		2009, Bioinformatics
MAQ		2008, Genome Research
SOAP/SOAP2		2008/2009, Bioinformatics
ZOOM		2008, Bioinformatics
PerM		2009, Bioinformatics
BWT-SW		2008, Bioinformatics
RMAP	http://rulai.cshl.edu/rmap/	2008, BMC Bioinformatics
SHRiMP	http://compbio.cs.toronto.edu/shrimp/	2009, PLoS Computational Biology
SeqMap	http://biogibbs.stanford.edu/~jiangh/SeqMap/	2008, Bioinformatics
MOM	http://mom.csbc.vcu.edu/	2009, Bioinformatics
ProbMatch	http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~jignesh/probmatch/	2009, Bioinformatics
Exonerate	http://www.ebi.ac.uk/~guy/exonerate/	2005, BMC Bioinformatics
SSAHA2	http://www.sanger.ac.uk/Software/analysis/SSAHA2/	2001, Genome Research
Edena	http://www.genomic.ch/edena	2008, Genome Research
VCAKE	http://sourceforge.net/projects/vcake/	2007, Bioinformatics
Euler-SR	***	2007, Genome Research





Section 2: Identifying differentially expressed genes



Statistical methods for finding differentially expressed genes

- **Comparing two independent groups**
 - a) T-test
 - b) Linear regression model
 - c) Wilcoxon rank sum test
 - d) SAM

} **Normal distribution**

} **Any distribution**
- **Comparing more than two groups**
 - a) F-test
 - b) Linear regression model
 - c) Wilcoxon rank sum test
 - d) SAM

} **Normal distribution**

} **Any distribution**
- **Software: R language (Bio-conductor)**





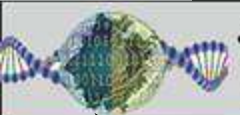
T-test

✓ Suppose we want to find genes that are differentially expressed between different conditions/phenotypes, e.g. two different tumor types.

Tumor sample	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
gene1	X1	X2	X3	X4	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
gene2	$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$ \bar{X}_1				$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$ \bar{X}_2			
gene3								

- Need check normal assumption
- More arrays in each group more confidence in results

✓ After a test statistic is computed, it is convenient to convert it to a p-value. $P \text{ value} = P(t > T(X, Y))$



Linear regression model

- ✓ Expression of gene x is made of a baseline expression level (from control group), plus the group effect.

$$Y = Y_0 + \beta Z$$

Y_0 : baseline exp. Level; β : group effect; Z : group variable (0 for control obs., 1 for group obs.)

- ✓ P-value can be used to test group effect.

ANOVA Table

	d.f.	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F statistic	p-value
Group	1	29.4115	29.4115	31.323	0.000512
Residuals	8	7.5119	0.939		

- ✓ Results – one p-value per gene



➤ Linear regression model

- ✓ **Expression of gene x : baseline expression level, group effect and patient age group**

$$Y = Y_0 + \beta Z + \gamma W$$

Y_0 : baseline exp. Level;

β : group effect;

Z : group variable (0 for control obs., 1 for group obs.)

γ : age effect

W : age variable (0 for 0-15, 1 for 16-29, 2 for 30+)

- ✓ **ANOVA table:**

	d.f.	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F statistic	p-value
Treatment	1	20.6848	20.6848	25.9737	0.000263
Age	2	27.2838	13.6419	17.13	0.000305
Treatment:Age	2	0.5526	0.2763	0.3469	0.713707
Residuals	12	9.5565	0.7964		

- ✓ **Results: a list of p-values**



➤ Wilcoxon rank sum test

- ✓ Non-parametric test for equality of two distributions.
- ✓ Compute the ranks of observations in the pooled sample.

Observations: 0:3 0:5 0:8 0:9 1:3 2:4

Ranks: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Groups: 1 1 1 2 2 2

- ✓ The test statistic is a function of the sum of ranks in group 1;
here, $R_1 = 6$.
- ✓ For small sample sizes, the null distribution of the test statistic can be computed exactly. For large sample size, a normal approximation is used.
- ✓ Advantage: Non-parametric, robust against outliers



➤ SAM

✓ **Does not assume normal distribution.**

--Instead, p-values computed via permutation

✓ **The SAM ('significance analysis of microarrays') test statistic is**

$$S = \frac{R_g}{c + SE_g}$$

R_g be the mean log ratio of the expression levels of one gene;

SE_g be its standard error;

constant c can be taken to be the 90th percentile SE_g value.

✓ **One p-value per gene**



➤ Multiple testing: the problems

- ✓ Type I: or false-positive error occurs when we declare a gene to be differentially expressed when in fact it is not.
- ✓ Type II: or false-negative error occurs when we fail to detect a differentially expressed gene.
- ✓ The available methods to address the problems:
 - a) **Family-wise error-rate control**: One approach to multiple testing is to control the family-wise error rate (FWER), which is the probability of accumulating one or more false-positive errors over a number of statistical tests.
 - b) **False-discovery-rate control**: An alternative approach to multiple testing considers the false-discovery rate (FDR), which is the proportion of false positives among all of the genes initially identified as being differentially expressed - that is, among all the rejected null hypotheses.



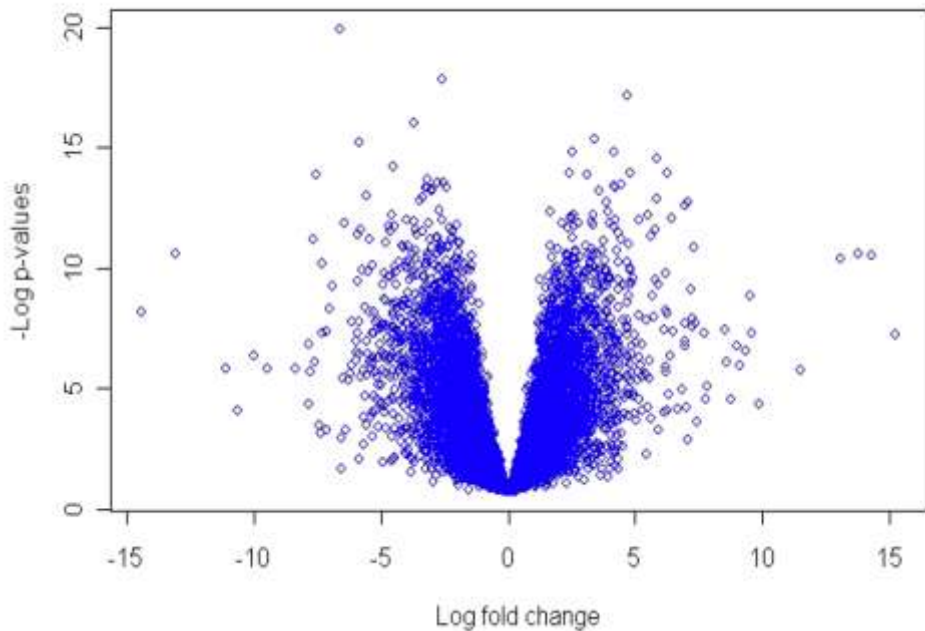
➤ P-value vs. Fold change

- ✓ **P-values** measure distance in terms of probability.
 - Statistical significance
- ✓ **Fold changes:** measure distance in arbitrary scale.

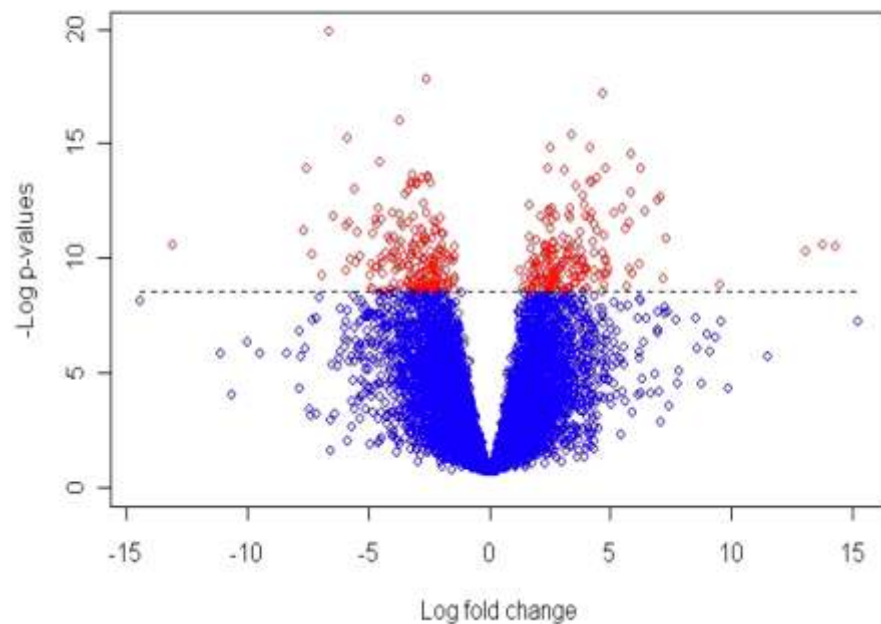
The simplest method for identifying differentially expressed genes is to evaluate the log ratio between two conditions (or the average of ratios when there are replicates) and consider all genes that differ by more than an arbitrary cut-off value to be differentially expressed.

- Biological meaning
- ✓ **Differentially expressed gene selection:** Need combination of these two.

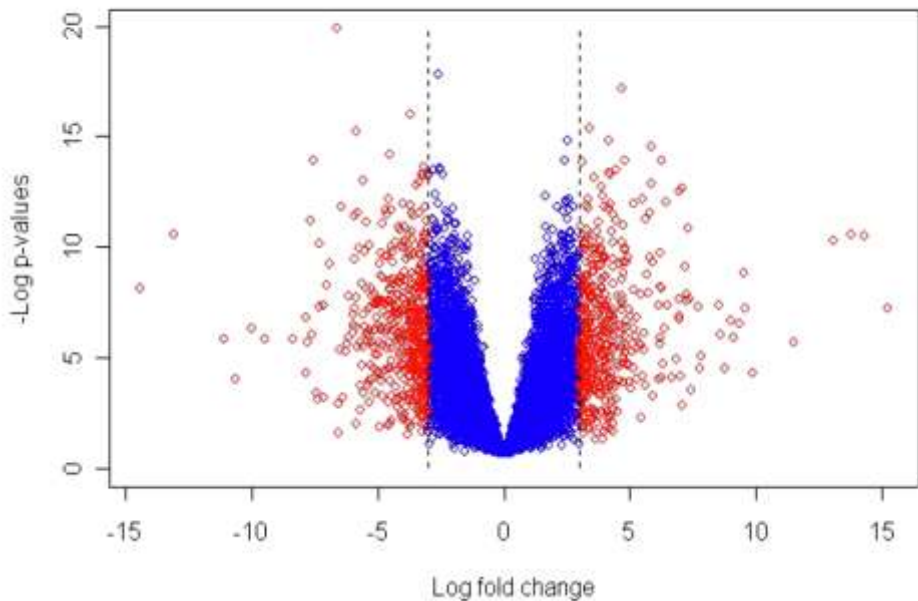
Volcano plot



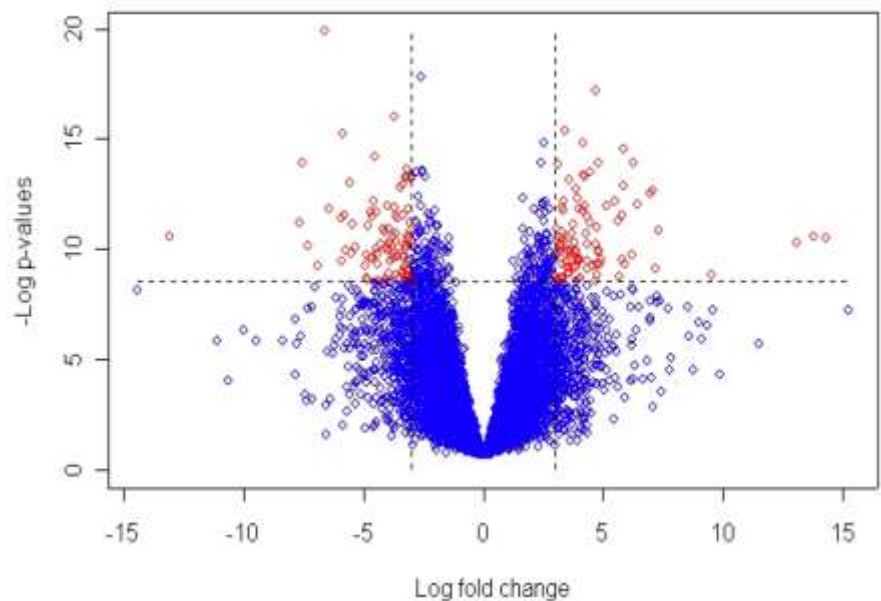
Selection statistically significant (FDR)



Selection biologically meaningful



Combining the two criteria



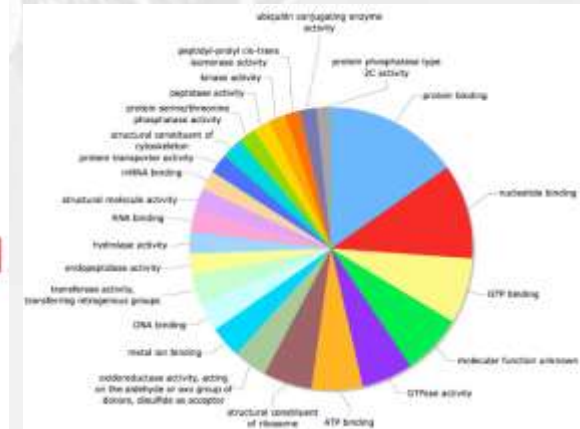
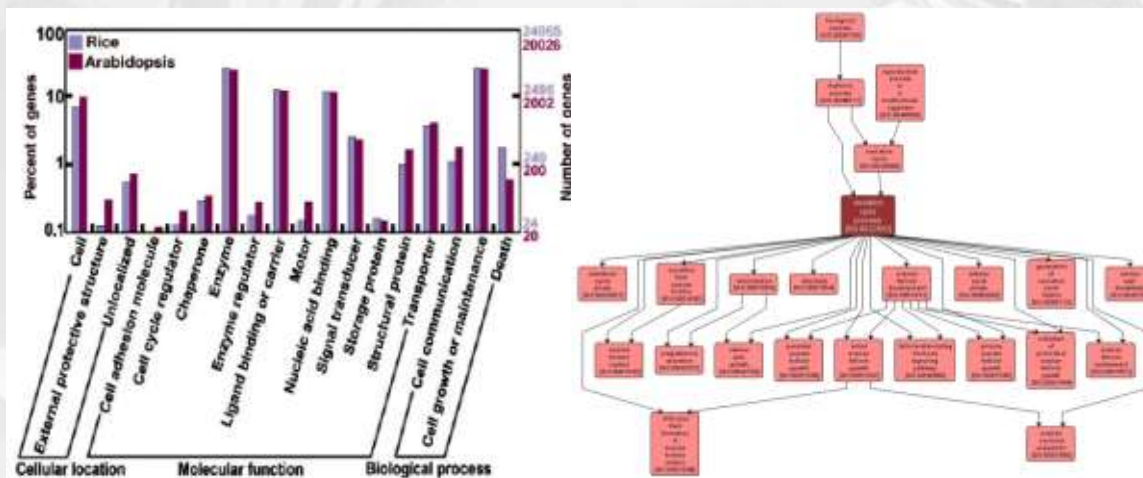


Section 3: Advanced analysis



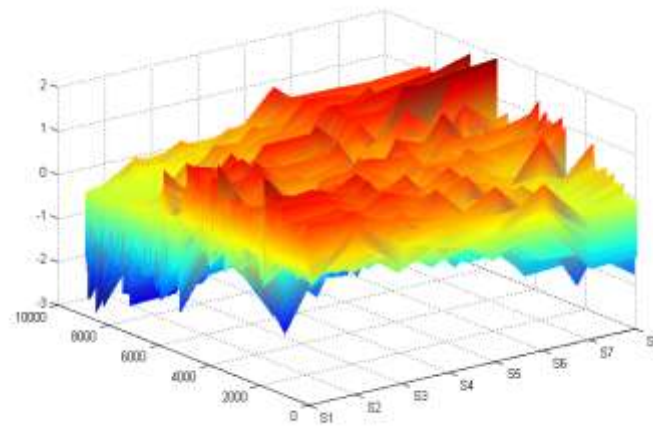
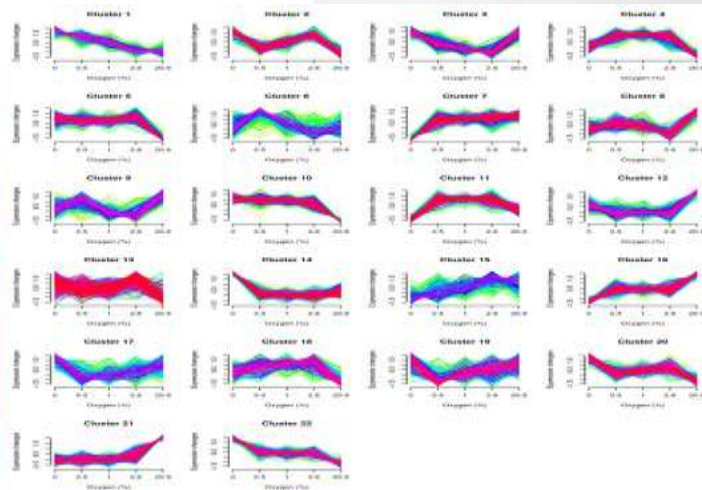
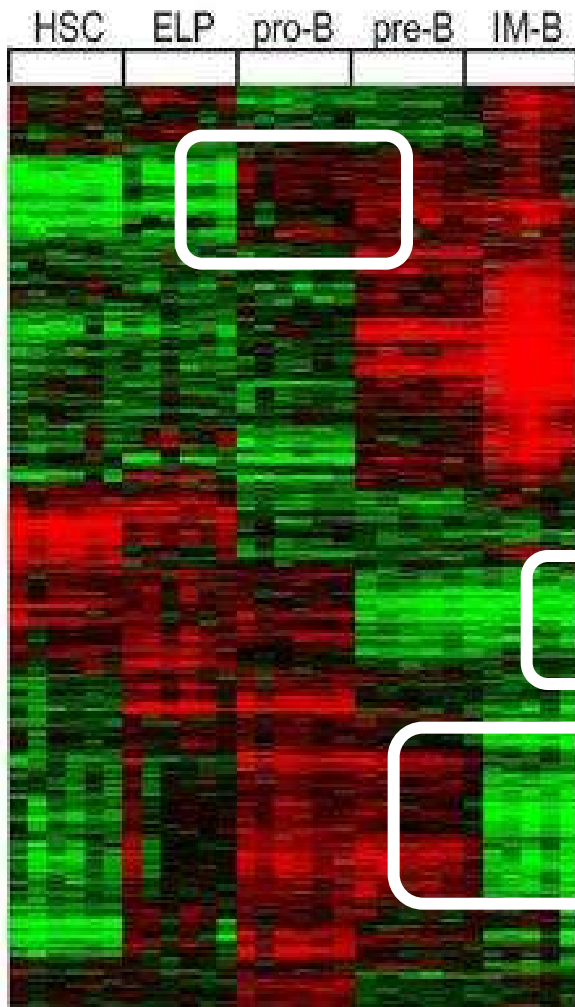
GO analysis

- ✓ **The Gene Ontology**, or GO, is a major bioinformatics initiative to unify the representation of gene and gene product attributes across all species.
- ✓ **Tools:** AmiGO (http://amigo.geneontology.org/cgi-bin/amigo/blast.cgi?session_id=6985amigo1343799107)
OBO-Edit (<http://oboedit.org/>)
WEGO (<http://wego.genomics.org.cn/cgi-bin/wego/index.pl>).
- ✓ **Inputs:** FASTA file, GO number list... ..
- ✓ **Outputs:** Histogram, Interactive GO graph, Pie Charts... ..





Clustering gene expression data



- Algorithms:**
- a) K-means
 - b) Hierarchical clustering
 - c) K-median
 - d) Bi-clustering
- Tools and software:**
- a) R language,
 - b) Clustal,
 - c) Mev.

If two genes are related (have similar functions or are co-regulated), their expression profiles should be similar (e.g. low Euclidean distance or high correlation).



Pathway mapping and analysis

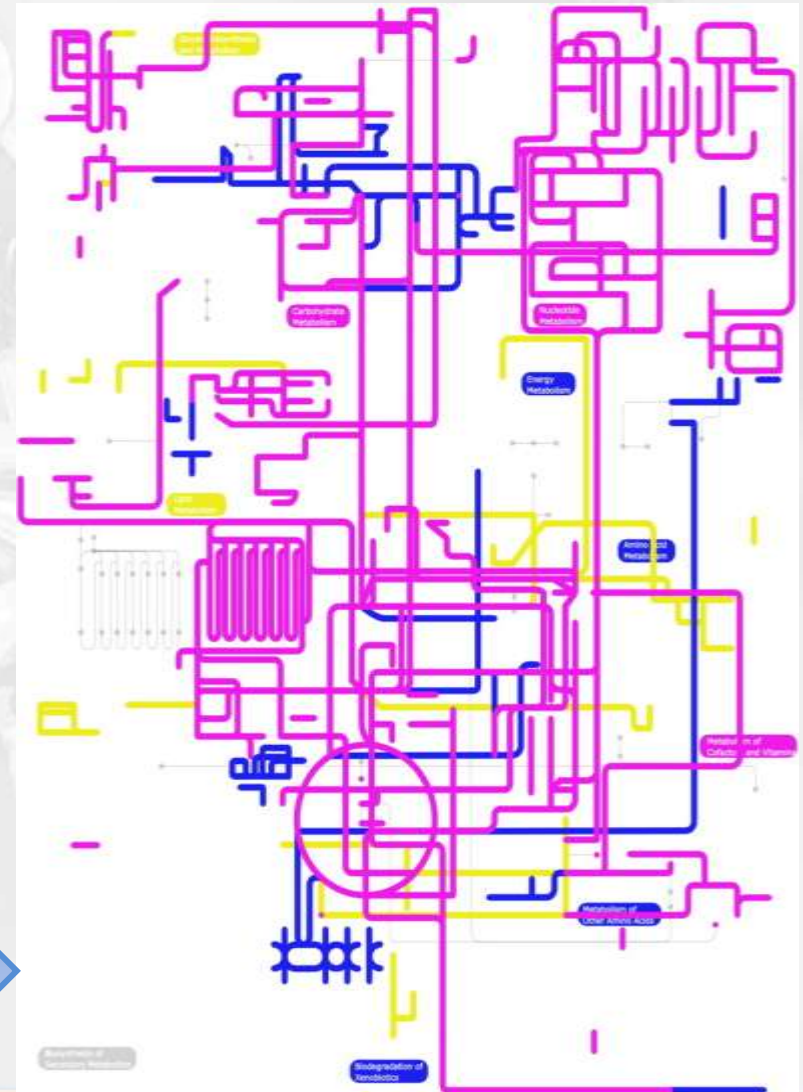
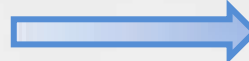
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s1_contig16968	1.314995	3.032279	1.279927	2.118202	3.838857	4.561094	3.127101	3.689177
s1_contig16981	5.053353	3.831191	4.043196	4.014023	3.828976	4.320826	5.079683	4.799046
s1_contig16987	4.456226	4.521689	4.483062	4.107209	2.756424	3.218653	3.958525	3.337341
s1_contig17023	3.366103	3.796538	3.262048	3.025738	2.963656	3.473839	3.028422	2.726439
s1_contig17072	3.723846	4.412139	3.443664	3.222046	4.148712	3.689451	4.271491	4.029439
s1_contig17101	5.907816	4.143168	2.181931	5.057381	1.870689	2.715251	3.468567	3.427814
s1_contig17173	4.319571	1.100264	3.316736	3.57334	2.137898	3.62096	2.712161	2.89311
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s1_contig17273	4.517204	2.492271	3.220278	3.392975	3.790786	4.194001	3.405734	4.840509
s1_contig17285	3.983549	4.82406	4.378887	4.456414	3.308111	1.922581	1.981118	2.048111
s1_contig17371	3.317409	2.511857	3.858325	3.484647	2.873372	3.508207	2.02129	3.846771
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Identify up-/down-regulated genes



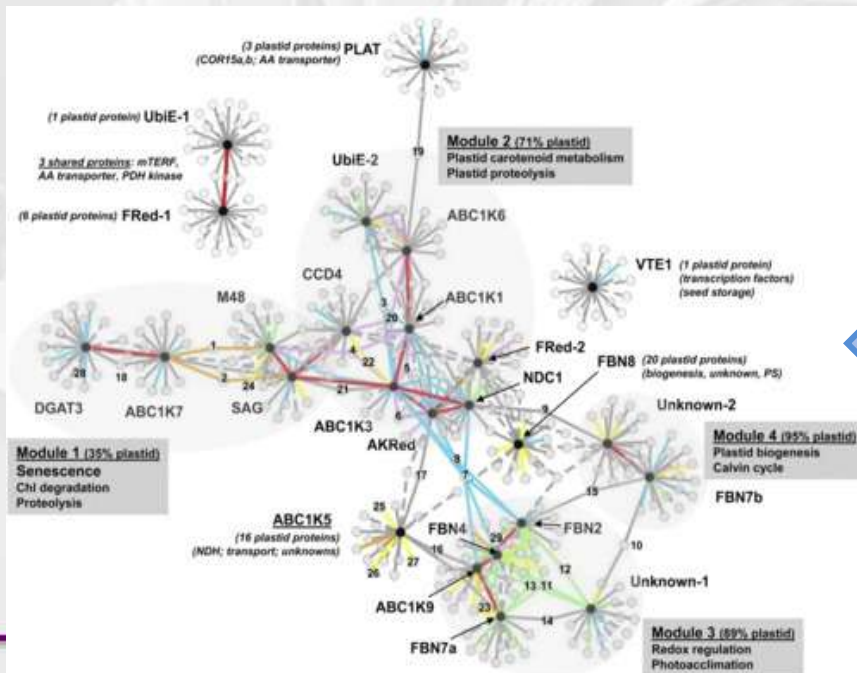
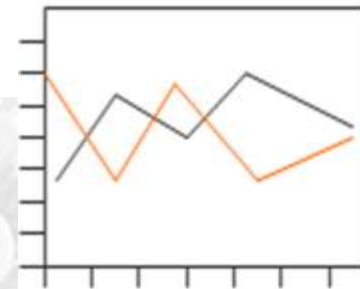
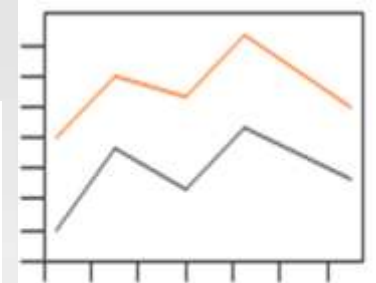
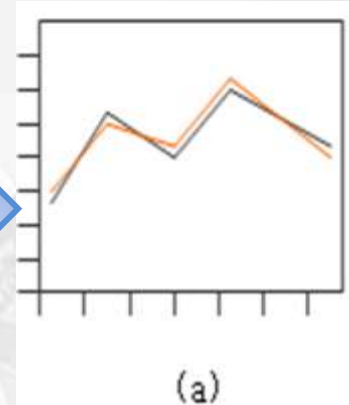
KO ID mapping
KEGG





Co-expression network reconstruction

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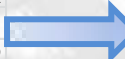
- ✓ **Algorithms:**
 - a) PCC
 - b) Weighted PCC
 - c) Multiple rank (MR)
- ✓ **Visualization software:**
Cytoscape

- ✓ **GO enrichment analysis**
- ✓ **Function model analysis**



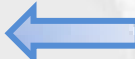
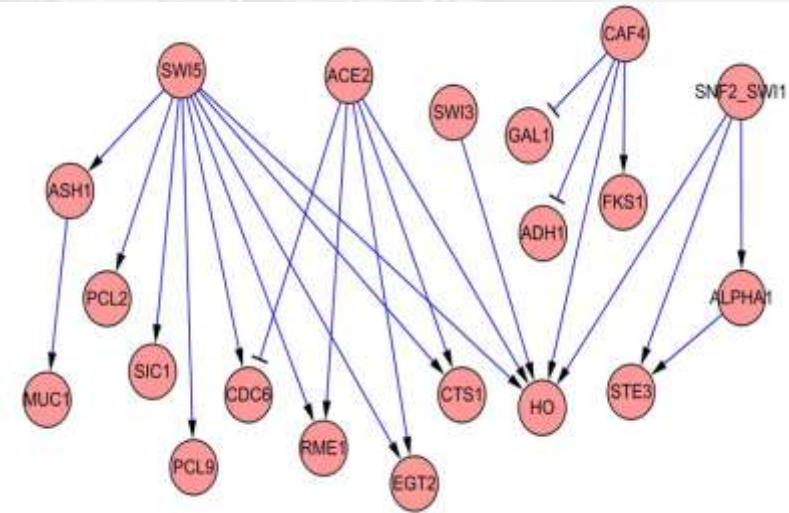
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**Gene expression data
Discretization**

- ✓ Equal Width Discretization
- ✓ Equal Frequency Discretization
- ✓ Kmeans Discretization
- ✓ Column Kmeans Discretization
- ✓ **Bikeans Discretization**



**Gene regulatory network
reconstruction**

- ✓ Greedy search
- ✓ K2
- ✓ Aracne
- ✓ Matlab
- ✓



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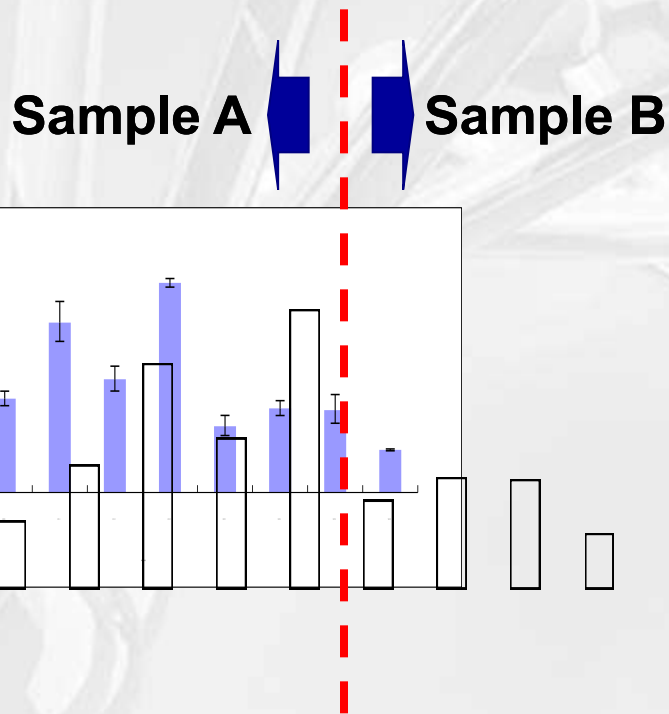
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Hickory gene expression data analysis

Materials and Methods

➤ 454 sequencing



454 Sequencing

	Sample A	Sample B
Read number	431,759	444,905
Avg. read length	332	332
contig	25339	26935
Specific gene	4951	5887
ORF number	15085	16387



➤ Gene chips



Sample A



Sample B

090301

090305

090311

090314

090318

090322

090330

090407

Probe

454contigs: 25307 from Sample A, 7318 from Sample B

Clone genes: 255

Flowering Key genes: 109

Positive signal hybridize with Ara: 324



➤ **Methods**

1) Flowering network construction of Arabidopsis based on literatures.

- **Key word:** flowering floral ect.
- **The total number of literatures:** About 1500.
- **Flowering genes:** 436 (Common name, Locus ID).
- **Flowering construction and visualization based on Cytoscape software.**

2) 454 sequencing analysis.

- **Contig assemble:** CAP3 software (Sample A, Sample B and All)
- **Blast analysis against Arabidopsis:** Blast software (Contigs->Ara. genes).
Result filter: Identity percent: 80%, E-value: 1e-5, Coverage: 70%.



➤ **Methods**

3) Differentially expressed gene analysis.

Constraint conditions:

Fold change:4, Num(fc): 1. Signal value: except all A's

4) Gene expression pattern analysis.

Software: MeV software.

Algorithm: K-means.

5) GO Enrichment analysis

6) Co-expression network reconstruction for flowering genes.

Algorithm: Mutual Rank (MR) (2008, NAR)

7) Real time quantitative PCR

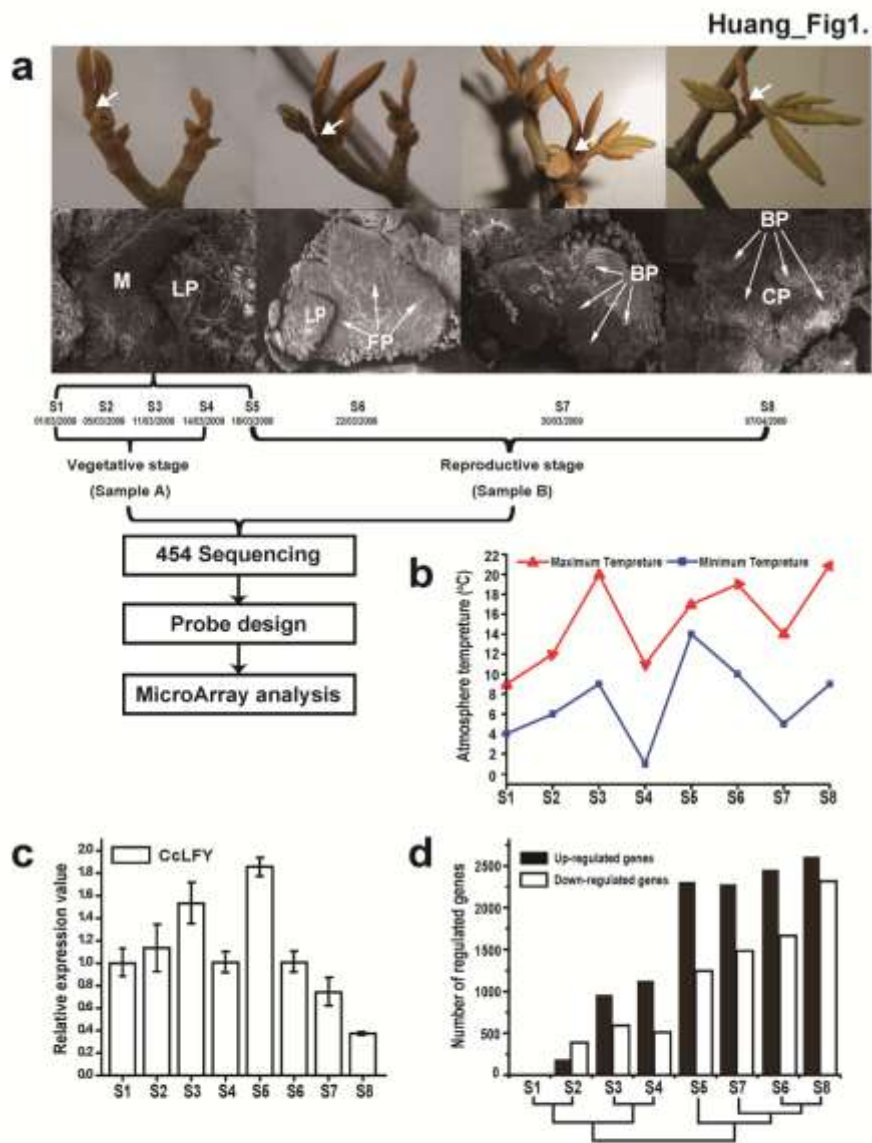


Fig.1 Experimental design.

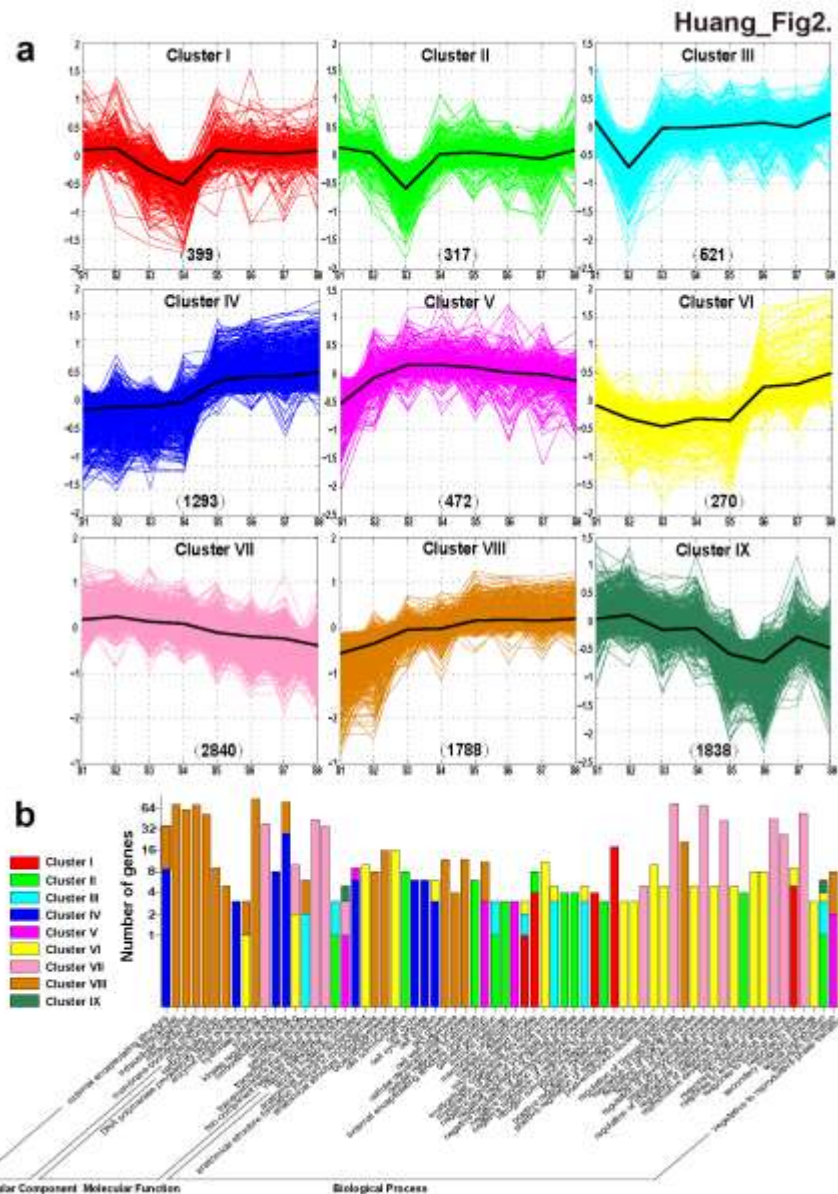
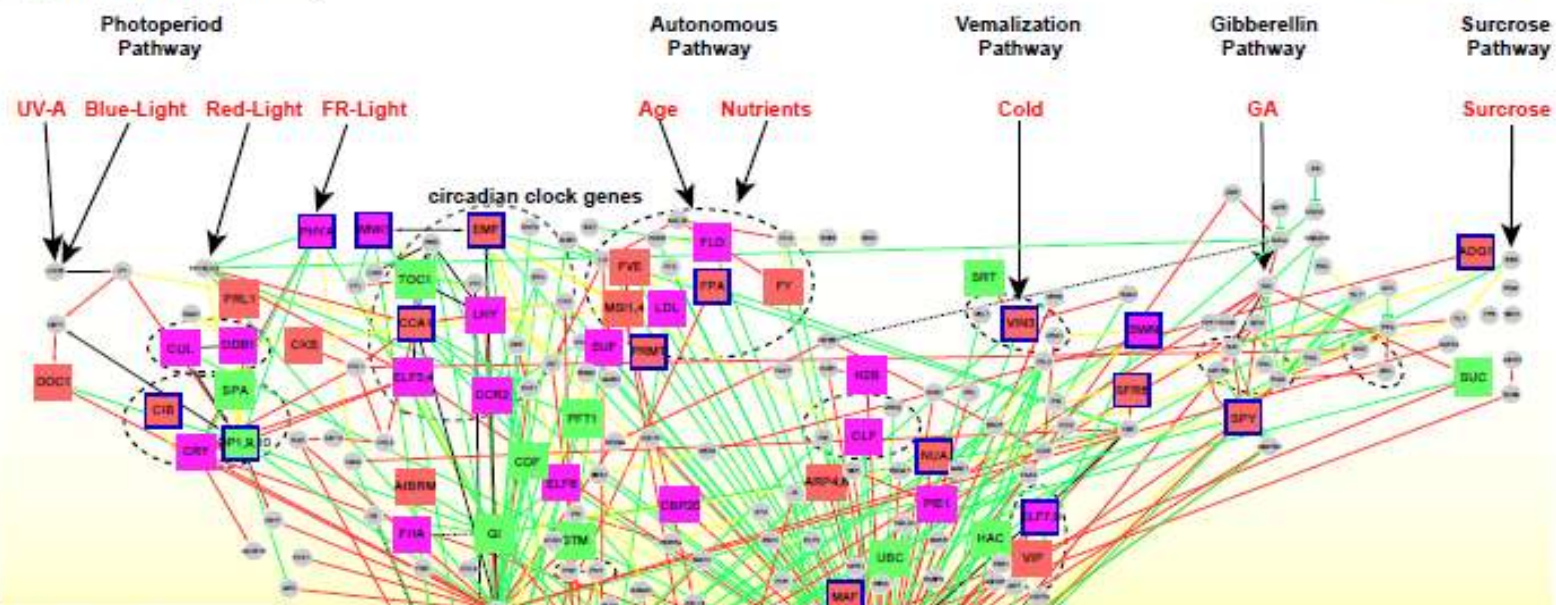


Fig. 2 Dynamic expression pattern of different clusters during flower development and GO function enrichment analysis.

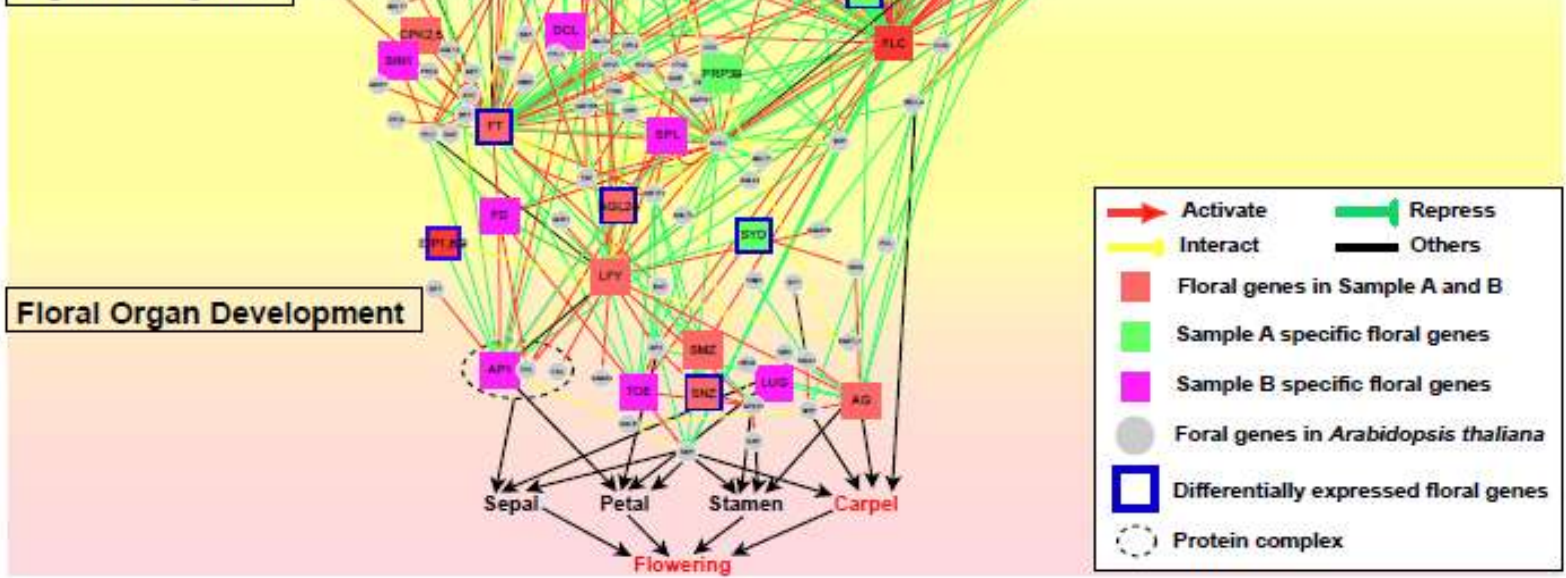
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Signal Transduction



Signal Intergration

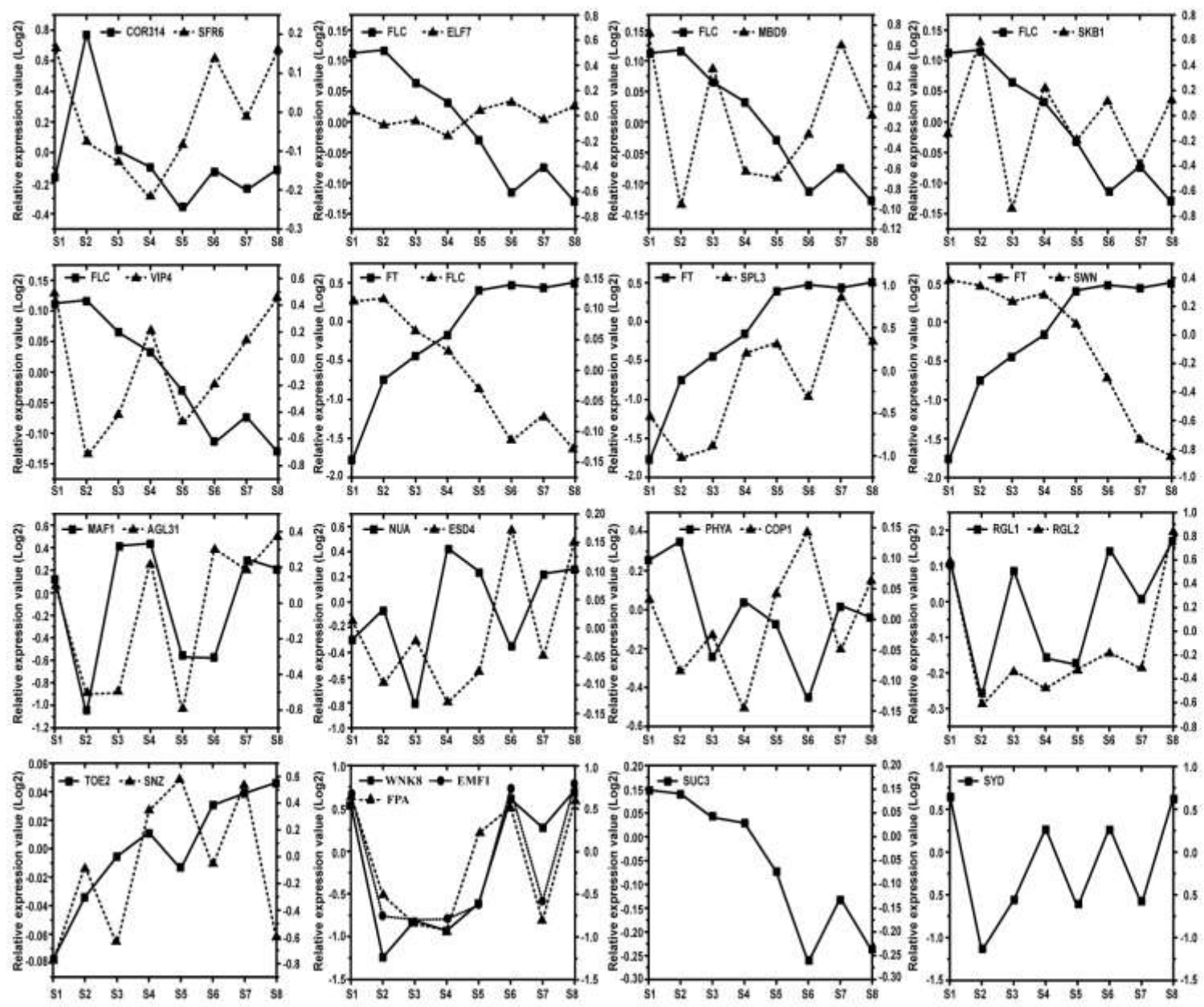
Floral Organ Development



Activate	Repress
Interact	Others
Floral genes in Sample A and B	Sample A specific floral genes
Sample B specific floral genes	Floral genes in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>
Differentially expressed floral genes	Protein complex

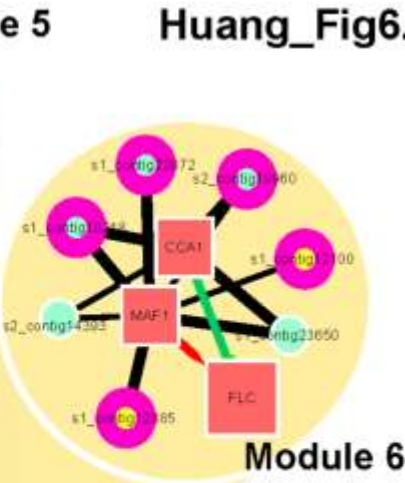
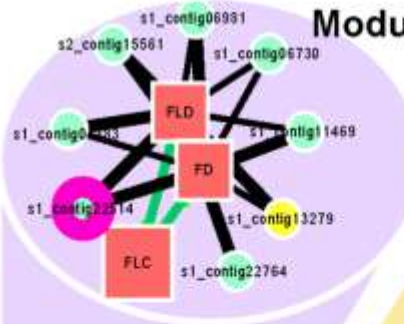
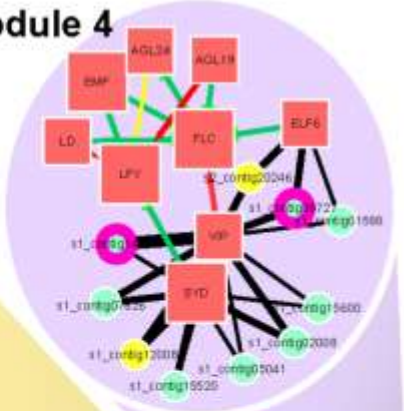
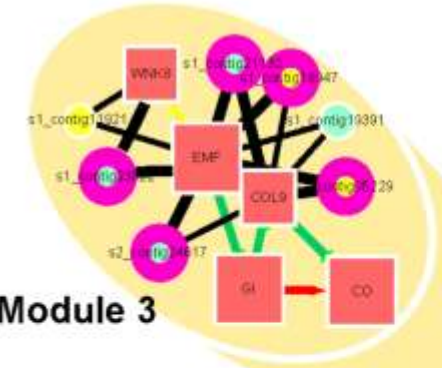
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Fig. 5
Transcriptional regulation of differentially expressed genes in floral development in hickory.



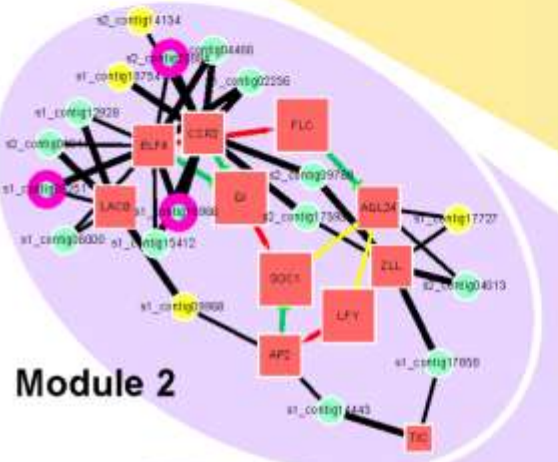
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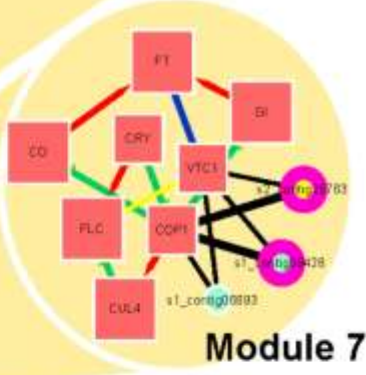
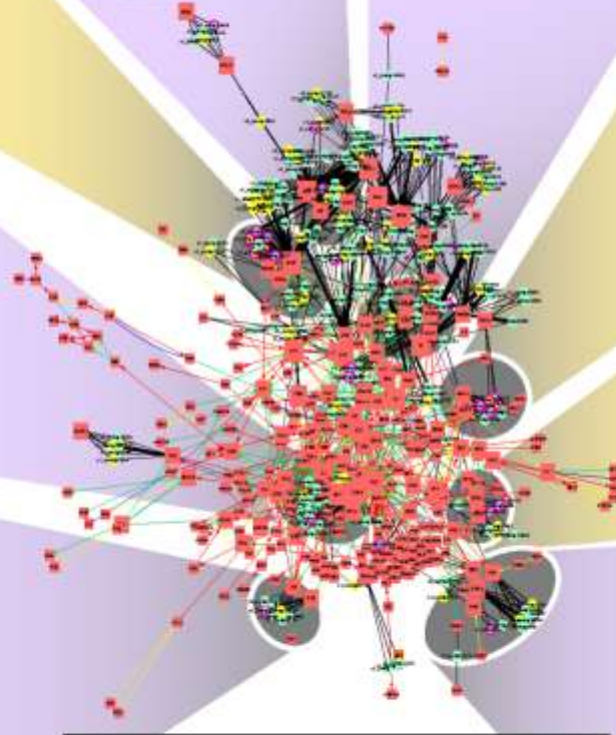


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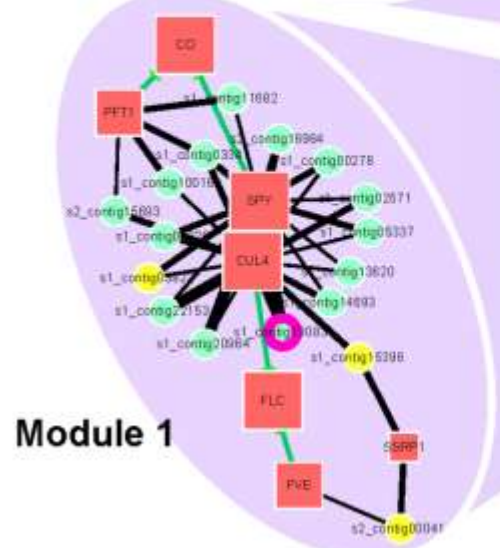
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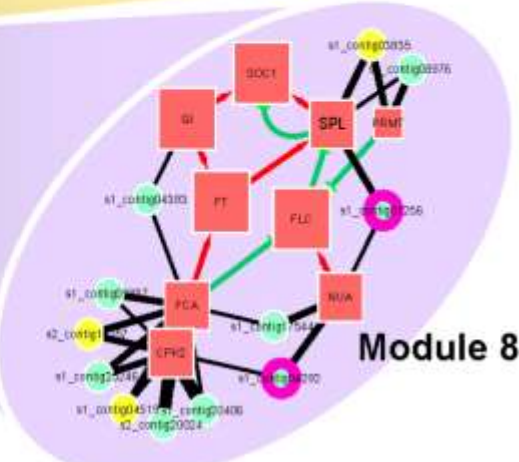
Module 2



Module 7



Module 1



Module 8

	Co-expression (0<MR<5)		Activate
	Co-expression (5<MR<30)		Repressive
	Co-expression (30<MR<50)		Interaction
	Others		Floral core genes
	Annotated contigs		Unannotated contigs
	Potential contig involved in flowering		

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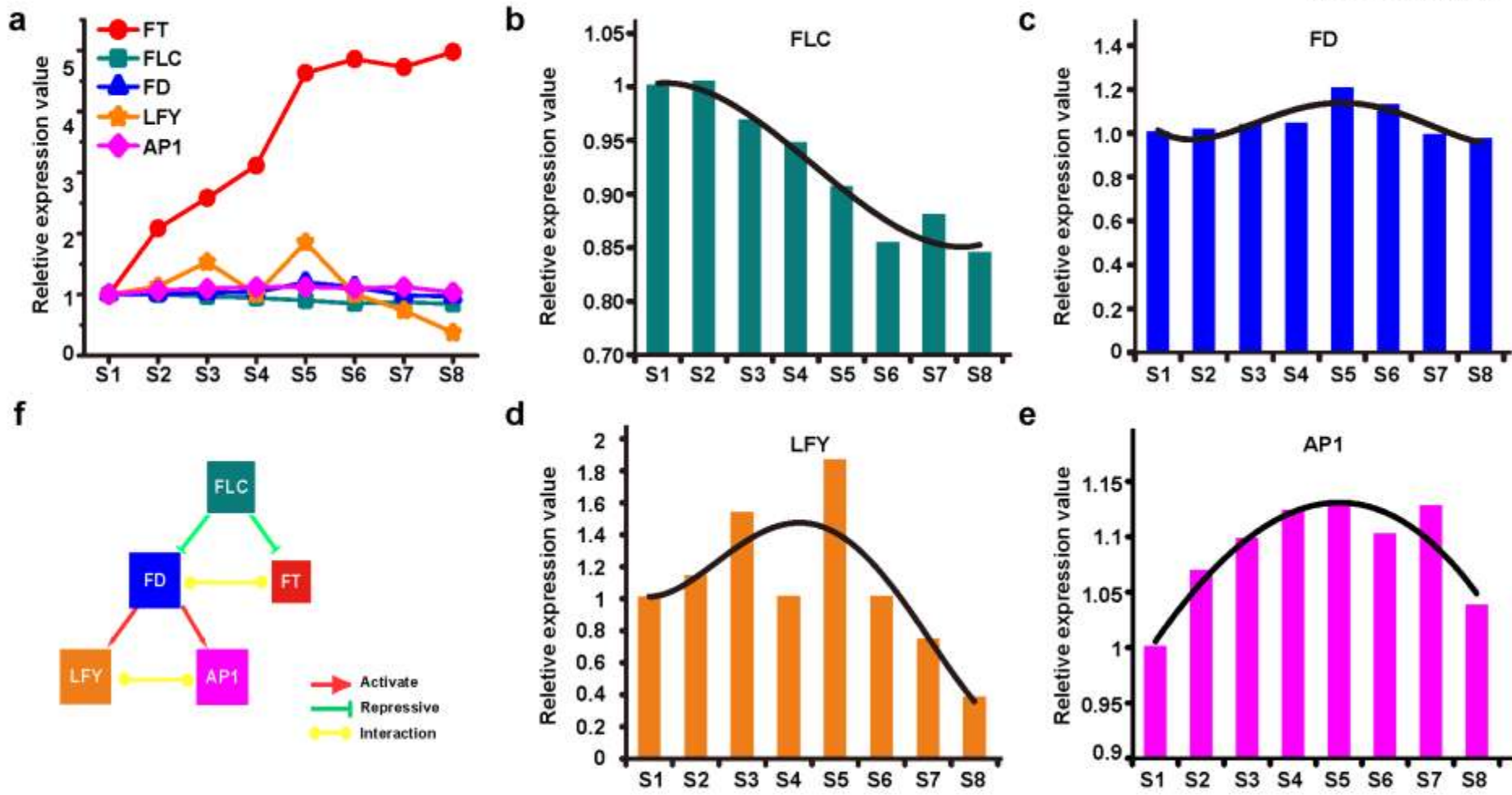
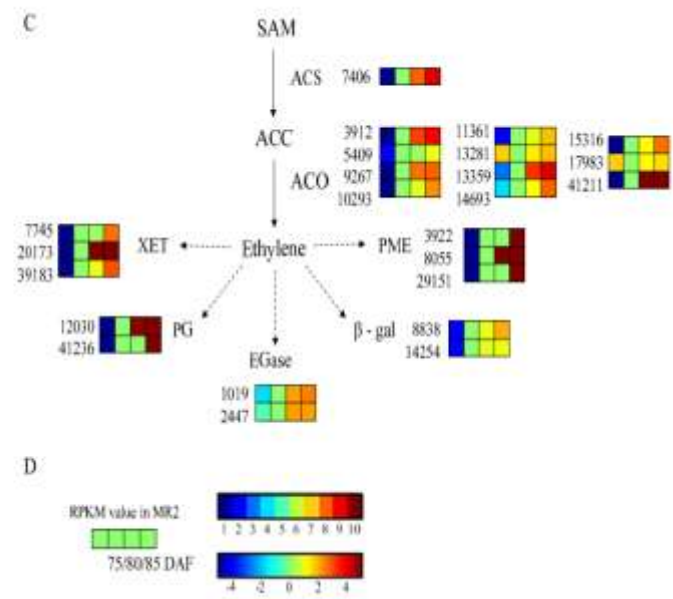
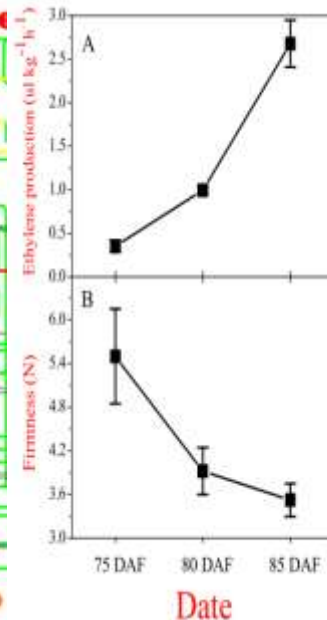
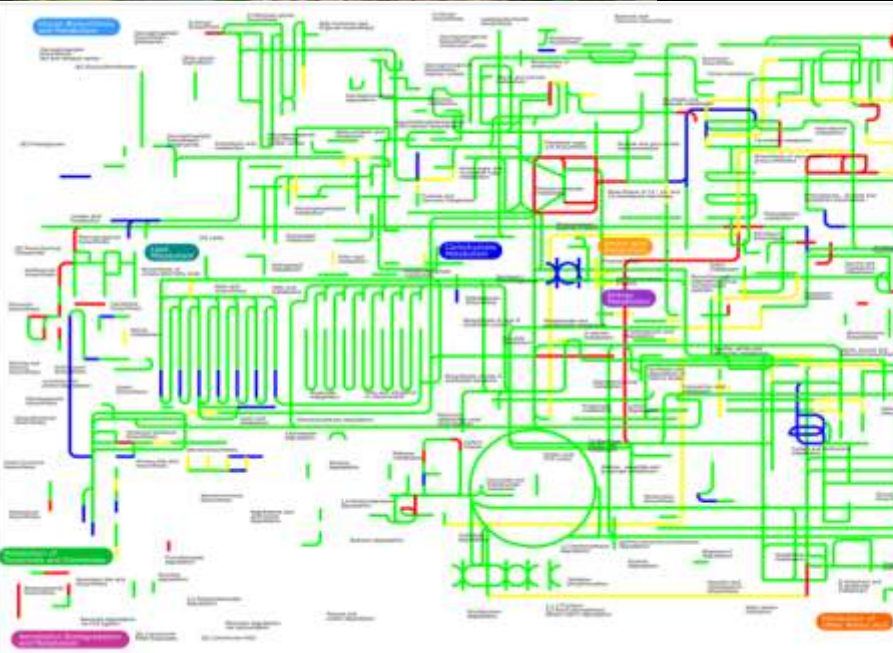
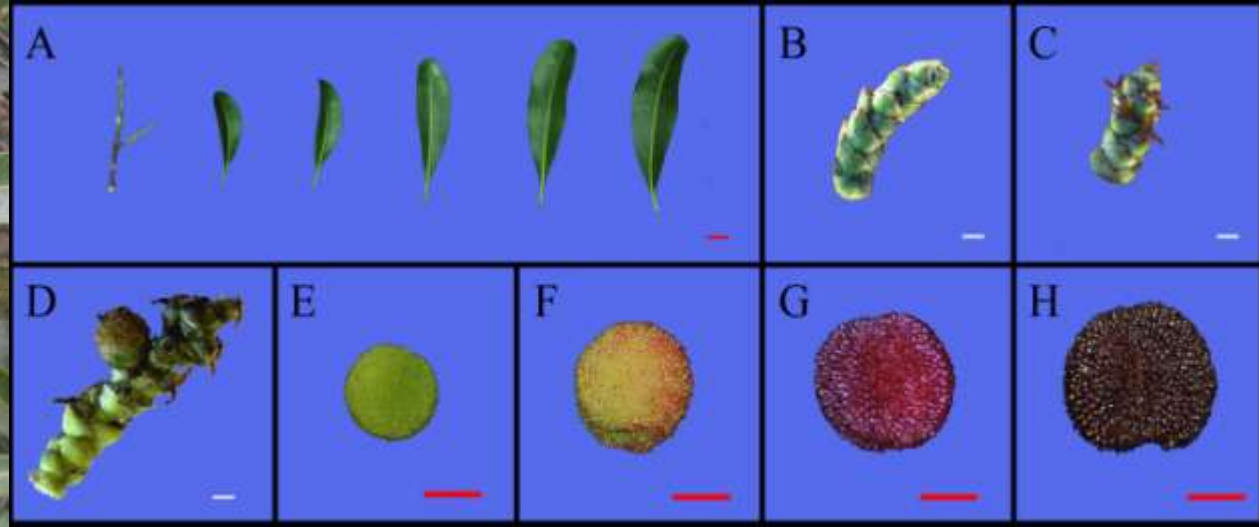


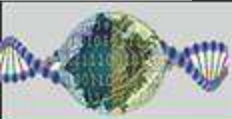
Fig. 7 Expression and regulation relationship of floral integrators in hickory.



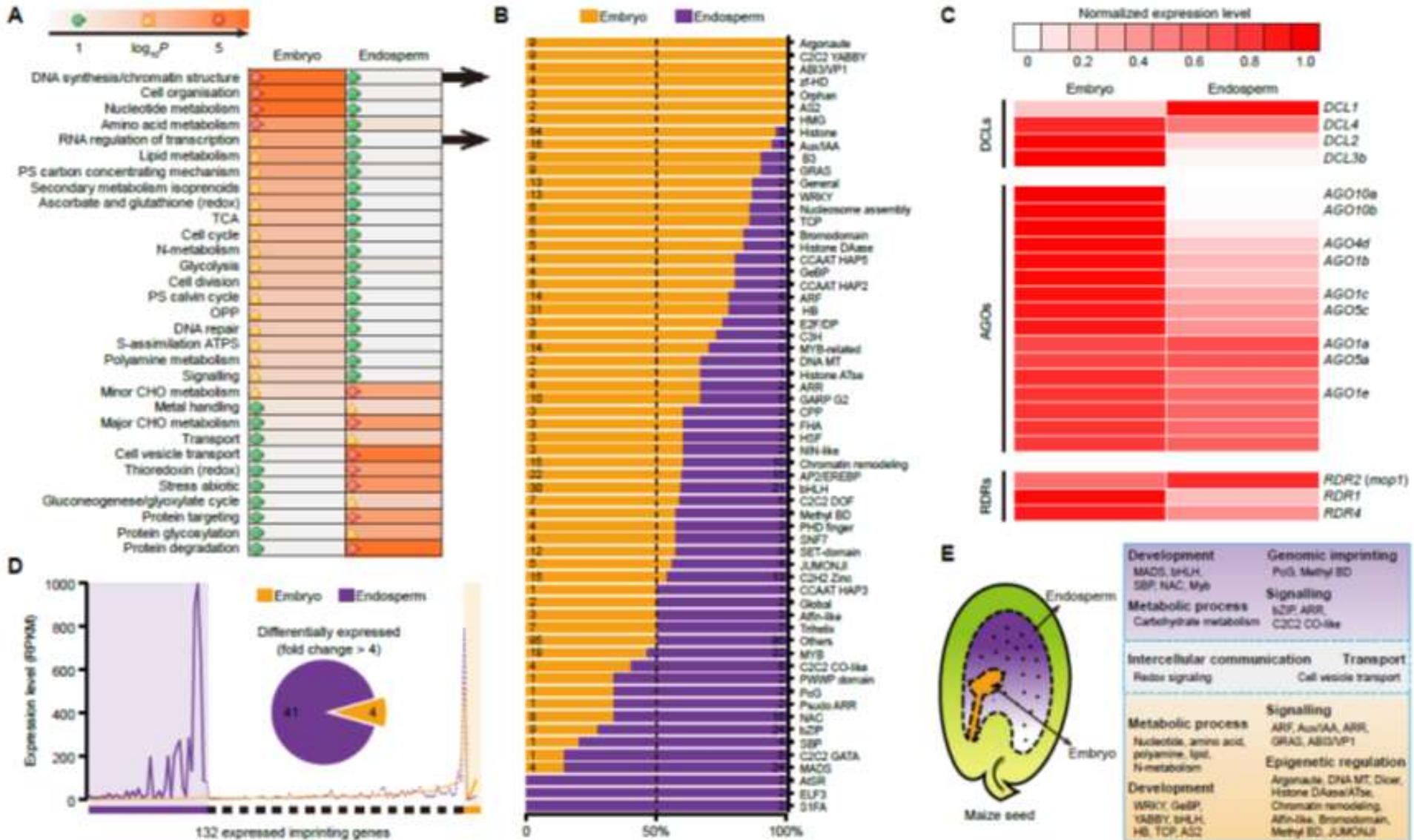
Chinese bayberry

Highly accessed





Dynamic progression map of seed transcriptome





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Small RNA transcriptome analysis

Fine-scale methods:

QRT-PCR, *in situ* hybridization/RT-PCR, Northern blot...

Low-throughput, tedious, not sensitive enough (Northern)...

High-throughput methods:

microarray, next-generation sequencing (NGS)

High-throughput, expensive
cross-hybridization & limited sensitivity (microarray)

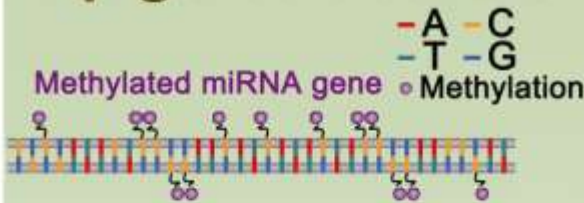
Given the in-depth (sensitive) and quantitative feature,
many plant transcriptome analyses were promoted by NGS.

small RNAs: Move from microarray to Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS)

Upstream analysis

Chromatin level

Epigenetic control



Methods for DNA methylation

Bisulphite conversion based methods:
Bisulphite sequencing, Bisulphite pyrosequencing, MSP, COBRA...

Restriction enzyme based methods:
DMH, HELP

Capture of methylated DNA fragments:
MIRA, MeDIP-on-chip, MeDIP-seq

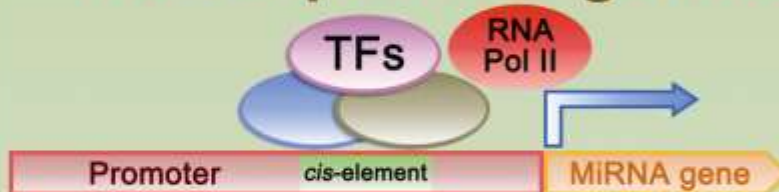
Methods for epigenetic studies at protein level (e.g. histone modifications)

ChIP,
ChIP-on-Chip,
ChIP-seq

J Exp Bot, 2010

RNA level

Transcriptional regulation



Protein-promoter (DNA) interaction:
EMSA, Y1H, ChIP, Transient expression

TF-TF interaction:
BiFC, Y2H, co-IP

Cis-element discovery

TF activity modulation

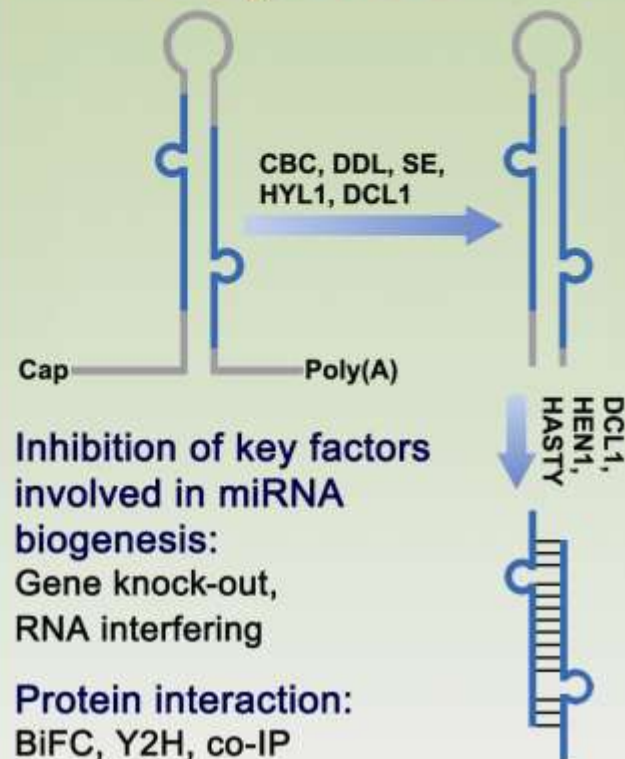
Identify the regulator upstream of a specific TF



Posttranscriptional regulation

Study on RNA editing

Biogenesis

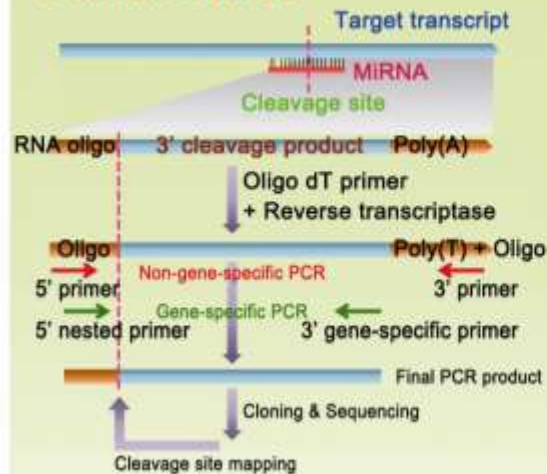


Inhibition of key factors involved in miRNA biogenesis:
Gene knock-out,
RNA interfering

Protein interaction:
BiFC, Y2H, co-IP

Target validation

5' modified RACE



High-throughput analysis of 3' cleavage products of mRNAs: PARE

Expression pattern analysis

High-throughput methods:

Next-generation sequencing,
Microarray analysis

Fine-scale methods:

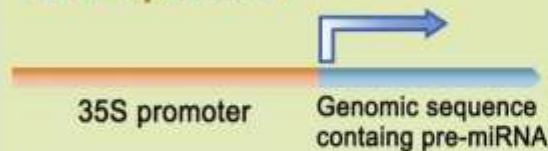
qRT-PCR,
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GUS/GFP report gene driven
by MiRNA promoter

MiRNA activity regulation

Expression control

Over expression

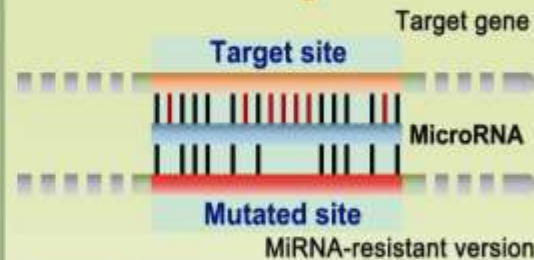


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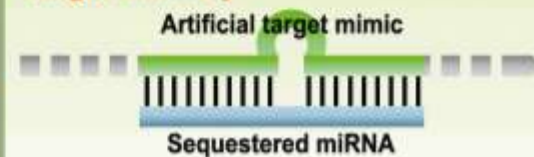


Activity inhibition

MiRNA-resistant target construction



Target mimicry





Topics

- Plant ncRNAs
- biogenesis,
- characteristics,
- expressions,
- interactions,
- regulations,
- even dynamic functions, 3D...



Small RNAs in angiosperms: sequence characteristics, distribution and generation

Eudicots (16)

Arabidopsis 拟南芥
Tomato 西红柿
Medicago 苜蓿
Pepper 胡椒
Pumpkin 南瓜
Sweet orange 甜橙
Tree cotton 木棉
Cultivated lettuce 莴苣
Common monkey-flower 猴面花
Tobacco 烟草
Petunia 矮牵牛花
Poplar 白杨
White campion 白花蝇子草
Potato 土豆
Grapevine 葡萄
Papaya 木瓜

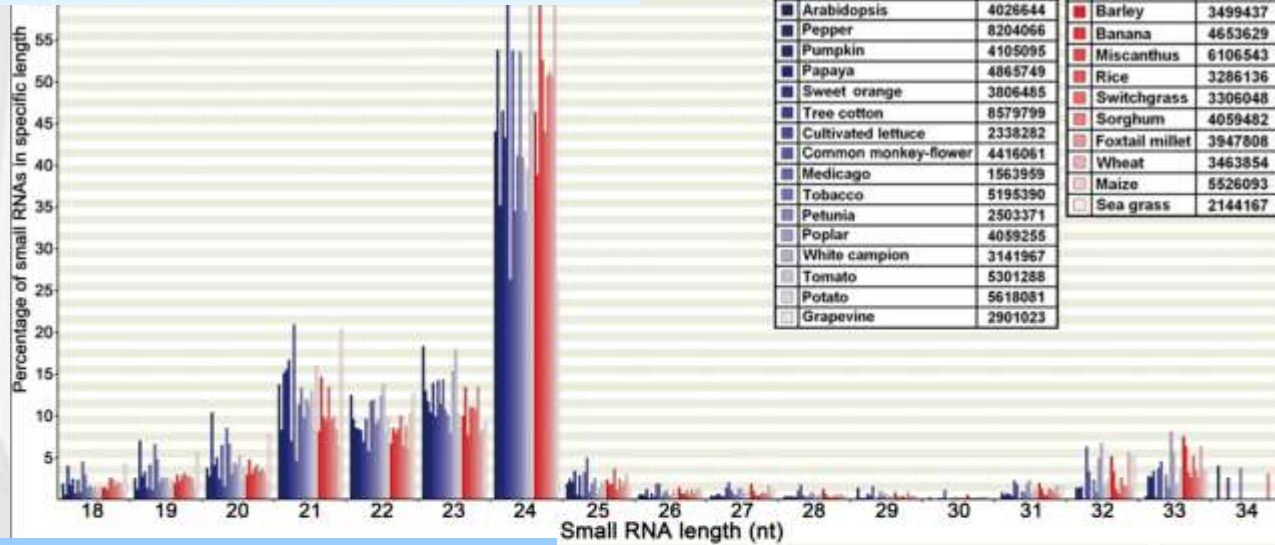
Monocots (10)

水稻Rice
玉米Maize
大麦Barley
香蕉Banana
柳枝稷Switchgrass
高粱Sorghum
小麦Wheat
海草Sea grass
芒草Miscanthus
谷子Foxtail millet

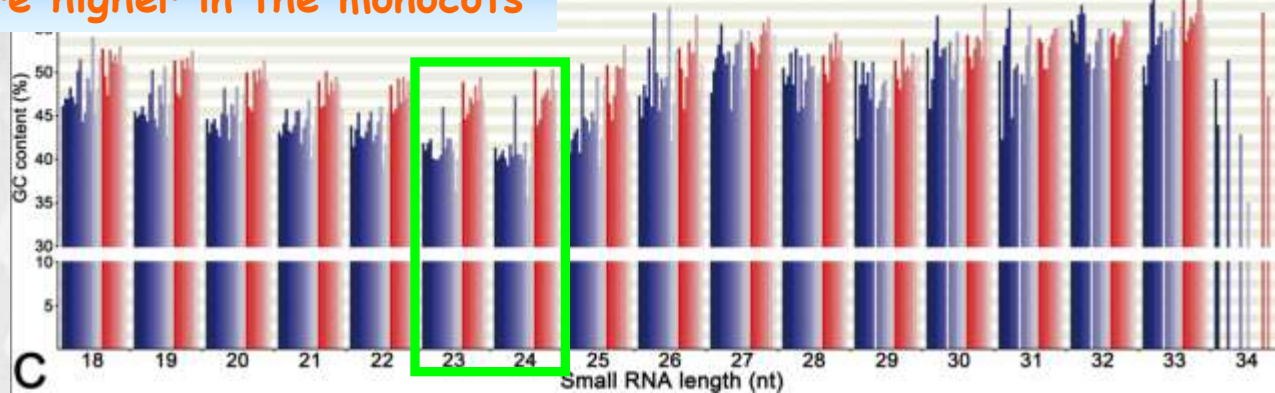


Small RNA序列特征分析 (1)

The 21-24-nt sRNAs dominant contribution

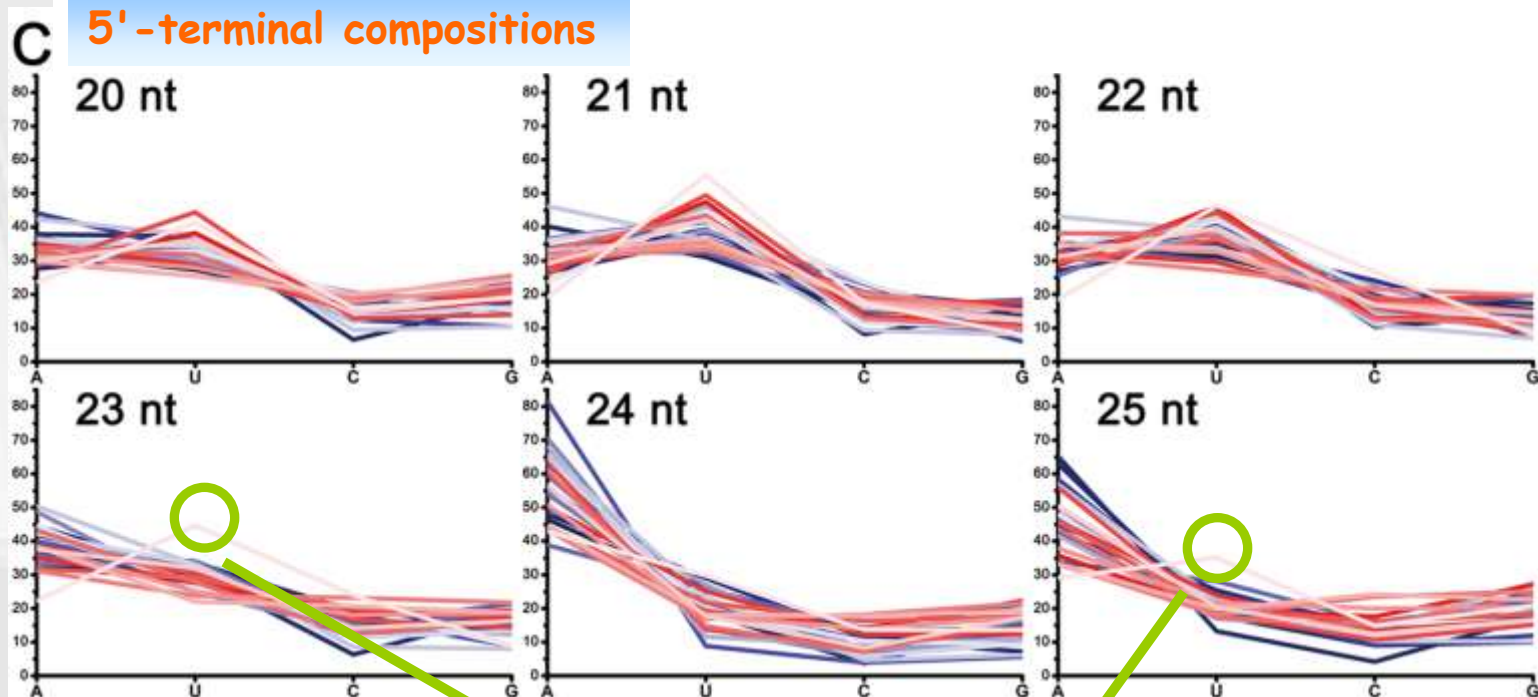


GC contents are higher in the monocots





Small RNA序列特征分析 (2)



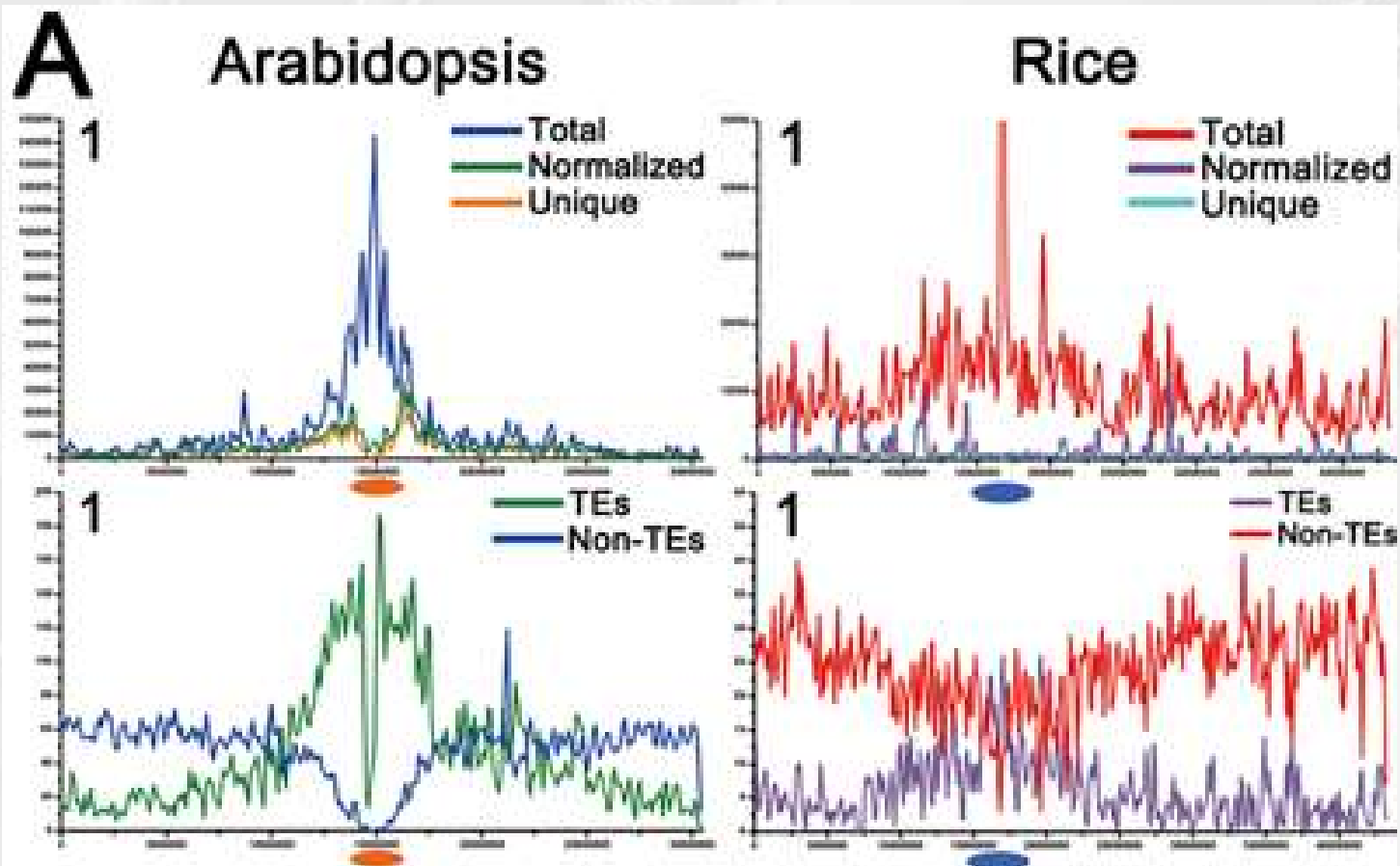
The 5'-terminal composition patterns are similar between the eudicots and the monocots.

单子叶植物中的海草 (sea grass), 其sRNAs 5' 端碱基组成比较特别, 是否与其水生环境有关?



Small RNAs及基因在染色体上分布模式比较: sRNAs大量重复分布于着丝粒及附近区域, pattern和转座子十分相似; 而转座子序列本身又包含了大量的重复序列; 为控制其转座活性、维持染色体结构序列上的稳定性, 大量内源siRNAs用于控制转座子转座。

Chromosome-wide distribution patterns

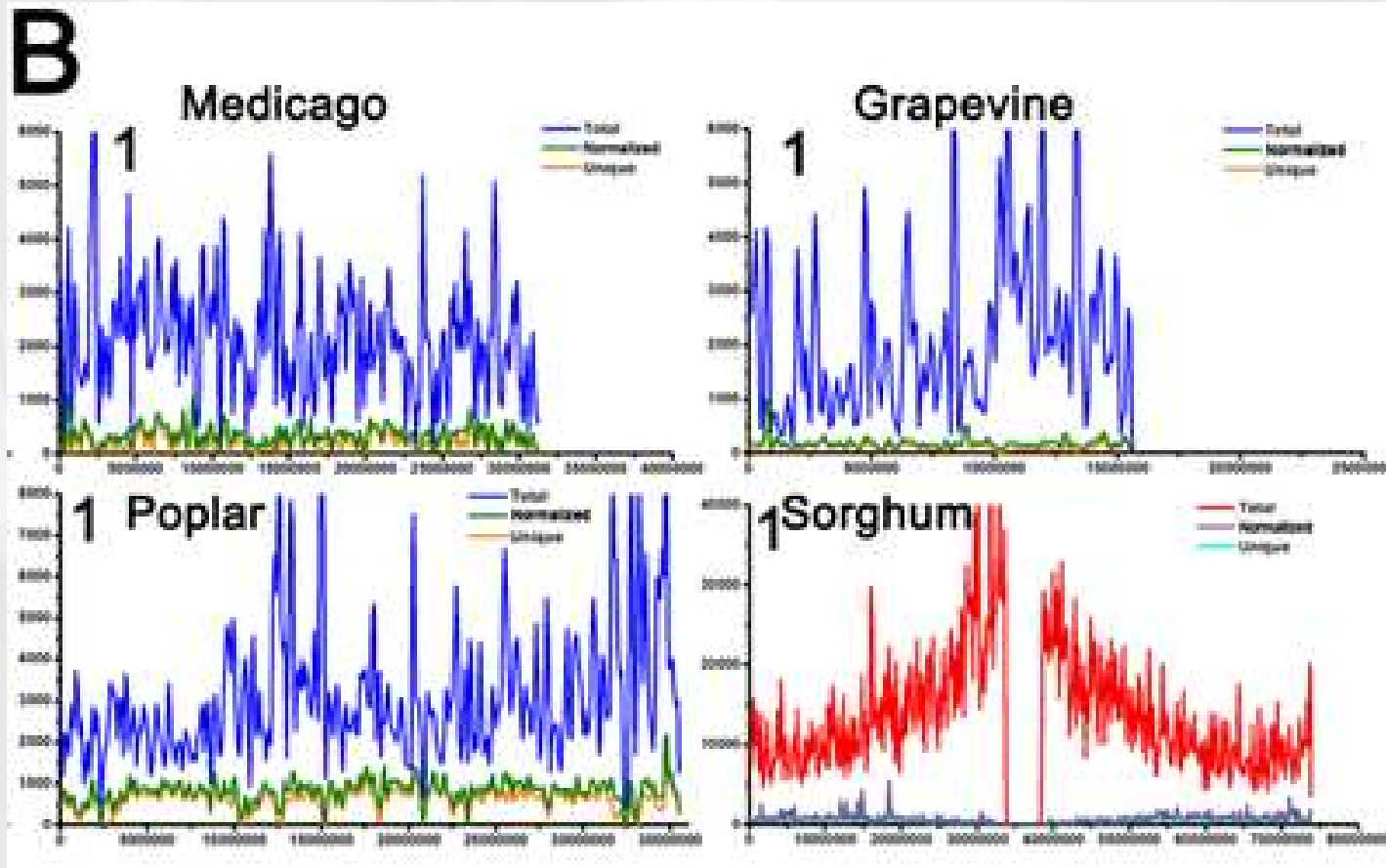


The "total" locus distribution was similar to that of the Transposed Elements (TEs), but complementary to the non-TEs'.

Potential role in TE transposition control?



Extensive sRNA enrichment was detected on all the sorghum chromosomes.



高粱 (sorghum) 的sRNAs染色体分布在全10条染色体上十分一致，起峰位置十分明显。根据拟南芥、水稻的分析经验，可以作为未拼接完成的高粱染色体组着丝粒位置的大致界定参考依据。



Small RNAs derived from gene models

Bioinformatics, 2010

Species	Major division (percentage ^a)	Subdivision (percentage ^b)	No. of sRNA loci analyzed (total/unique)
Arabidopsis	Intergenic loci (Total ^c : 80.48%; Unique ^d : 79.30%)	-	9,008,884/2,641,530
	Intragenic ^e loci (Total ^c : 19.04%; Unique ^d : 20.14%)	5' UTRs ^g (Total ^c : 0.79%; Unique ^d : 1.65%)	
		3' UTRs ^h (Total ^c : 1.58%; Unique ^d : 3.63%)	
		Exons ⁱ (Total ^c : 83.21%; Unique ^d : 79.85%)	
		Introns ^j (Total ^c : 7.37%; Unique ^d : 9.19%)	
Others ^k (Total ^c : 7.05%; Unique ^d : 5.68%)			
Other loci ^l (Total ^c : 0.49%; Unique ^d : 0.56%)	-		
Rice	Intergenic loci (Total ^c : 80.30%; Unique ^d : 85.24%)	-	22,147,409/1,529,832
	Intragenic ^e loci (Total ^c : 19.31%; Unique ^d : 14.42%)	5' UTRs ^g (Total ^c : 0.72%; Unique ^d : 1.77%)	
		3' UTRs ^h (Total ^c : 1.76%; Unique ^d : 7.12%)	
		Exons ⁱ (Total ^c : 56.30%; Unique ^d : 39.74%)	
		Introns ^j (Total ^c : 37.75%; Unique ^d : 46.08%)	
Others ^k (Total ^c : 3.47%; Unique ^d : 5.29%)			
Other loci ^l (Total ^c : 0.38%; Unique ^d : 0.35%)	-		



Plant microRNA knowledge base

Nucleic Acids Res, 2011

Ming Chen's Lab
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Welcome to our Plant microRNA Knowledge Base (PmiRKB)! MicroRNAs (miRNAs), one kind of well-defined plant small RNAs, exert essential roles in numerous biological pathways through repressive effects on their targets. PmiRKB includes the miRNAs of two model plants, Arabidopsis (*Arabidopsis thaliana*) and rice (*Oryza sativa*). Four major functional modules, "SNPs", "Pri-miRNAs", "MiR-Tar", and "Self-reg", are provided.

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Oryza sativa [MSU6.0] (447)

2010-04-23
Addition of rice SNP data of 20 rice subspecies released by OryzaSNP Project
(ftp://ftp.plantbiology.msu.edu/pub/data/Oryza_SNP/)

PmiRKB
Provides four major functional modules

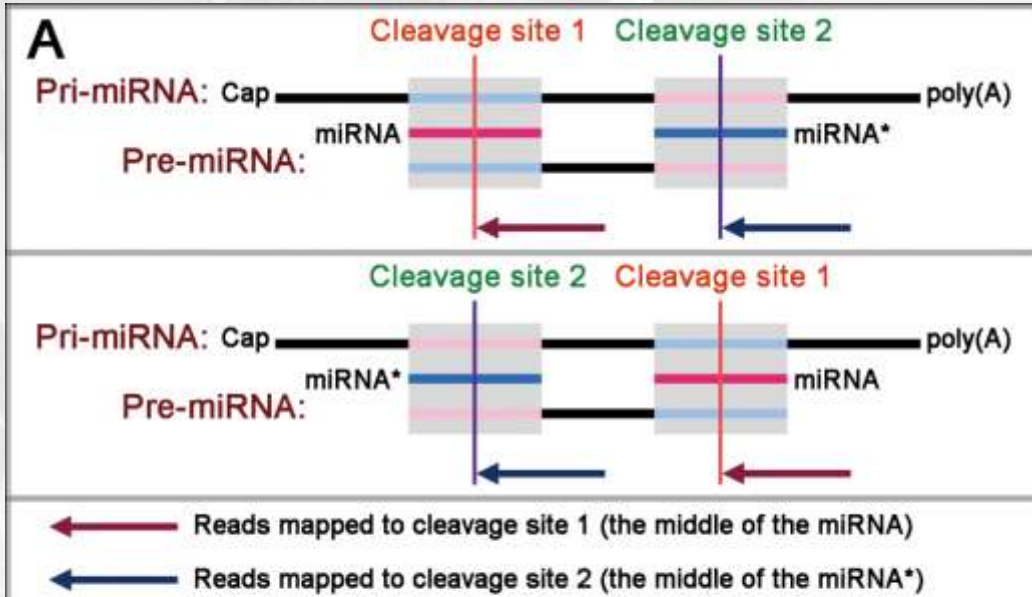
- "SNP"**
Detecting SNPs in pre-miRNAs, miRNAs, and target sites.
↑
SNPs of Arabidopsis (7 accessions) and rice (2 subspecies)
- "Pri-miR"**
Detecting transcription signals of pri-miRNAs.
↑
MPSS data derived from poly(A)-tailed transcripts
- "MiR-Tar"**
Large-scale miRNA-target pair validation.
↑
PARE data derived from degradomes
- "Self-reg"**
miRNA precursor processing and miRNA-mediated self-regulation.
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PARE data derived from degradomes

包含4个主要功能模块



miRNA/miRNA*

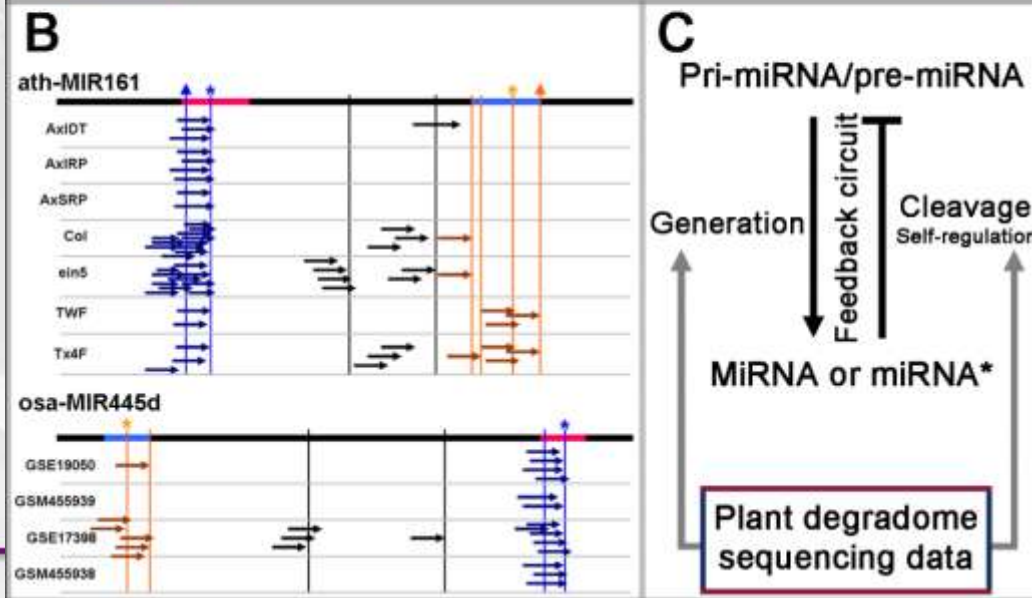
J Exp Bot, 2010



基于 degradome 测序
数据分析可阐释:

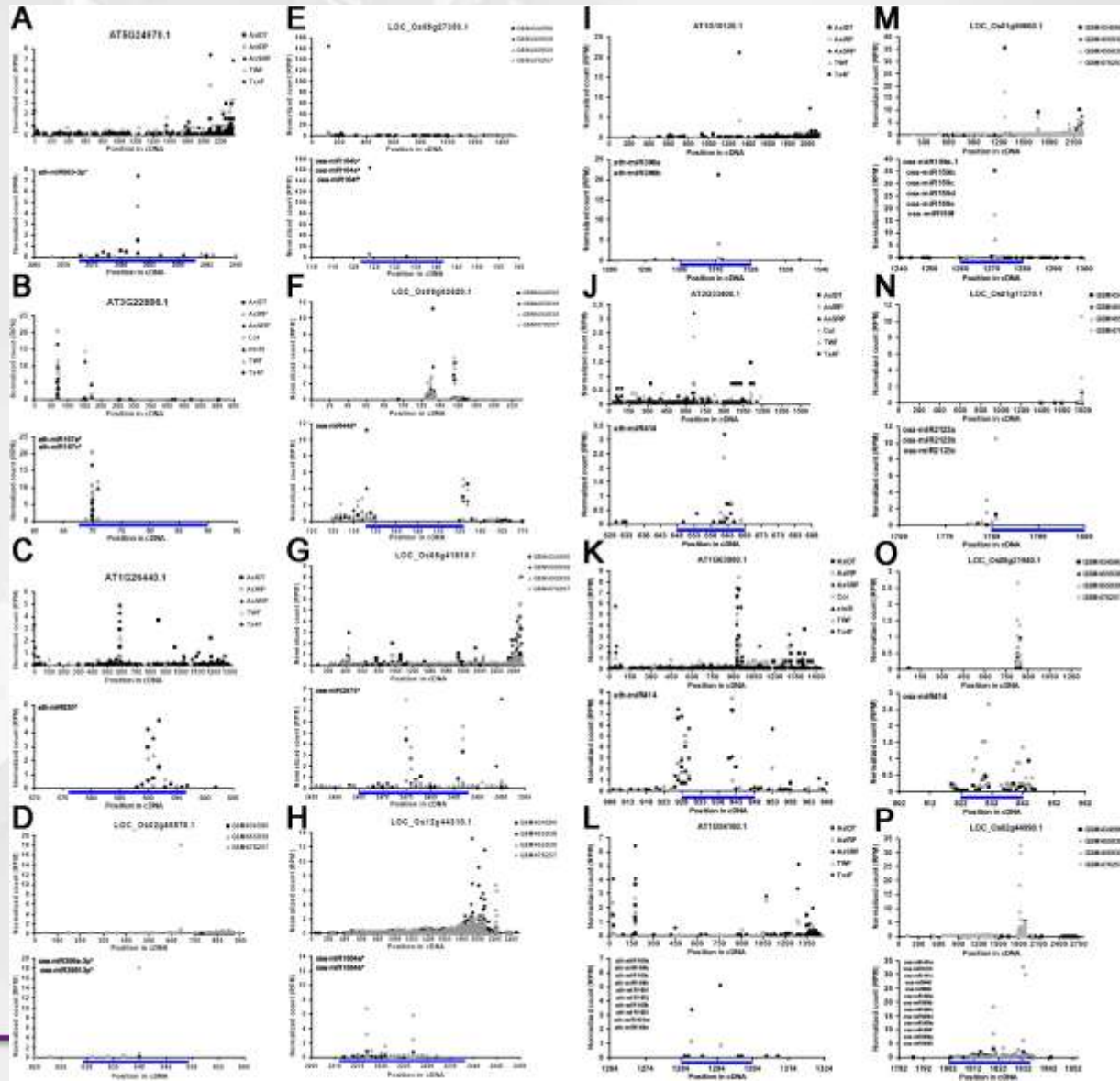
• 从 miRNA 前体到
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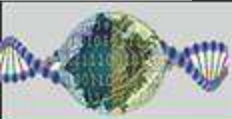
• miRNAs/miRNA*s
介导的自调控过程。



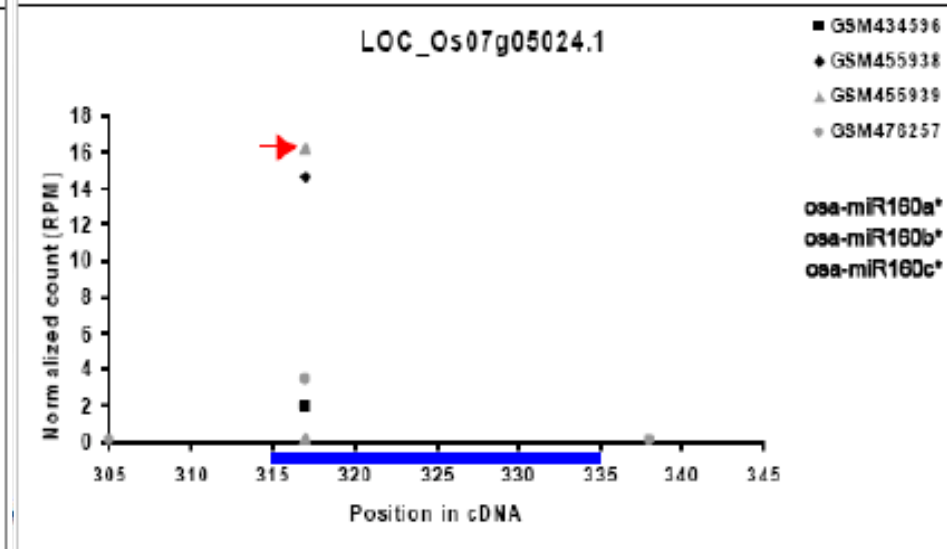
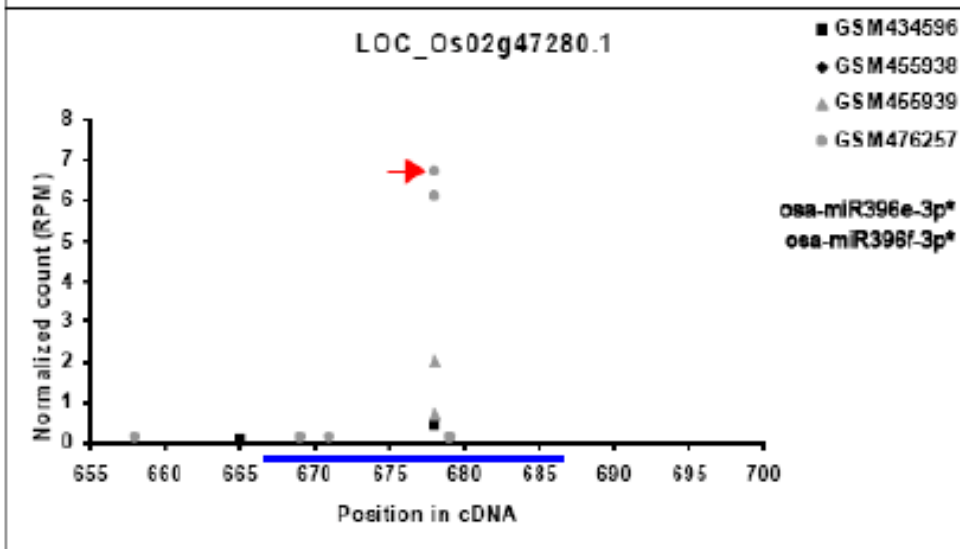
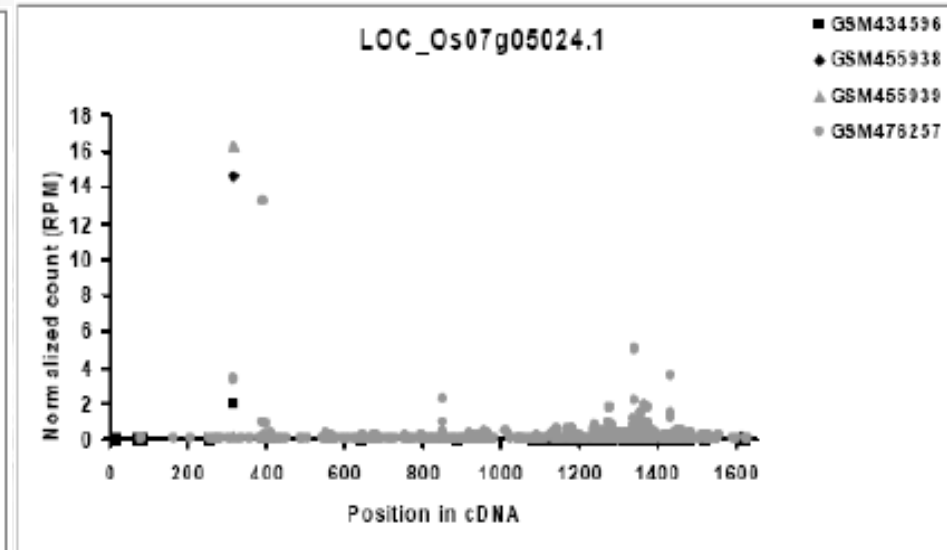
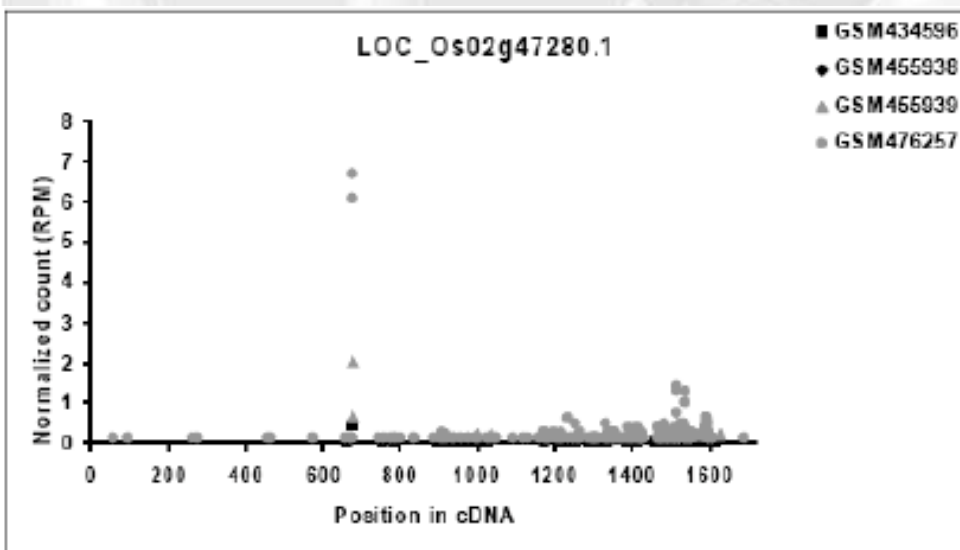


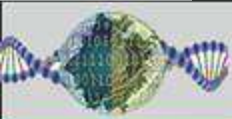
miRNAs/miRNA*s targets





Target determination





miRNA regulatory network

miRNA介导的基因调控网络构建思路

对已有 *PHR1*—*miR399*—*PHO2* 调控通路进行验证性重建

- Promoter collection
- *Cis*-element prediction
- *Cis*-regulatory SNP identification
- Elucidating TF—miRNA relationships

A

Upstream

- Expression pattern analysis
- Study on self-regulation based on degradome sequencing data
- Survey on feedback circuits between miRNAs and their targets

B

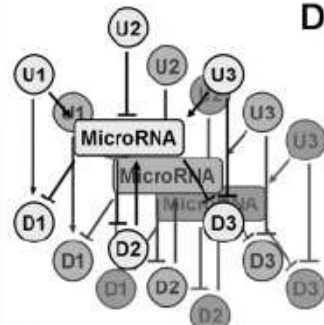
MiRNA itself

Network construction

Downstream

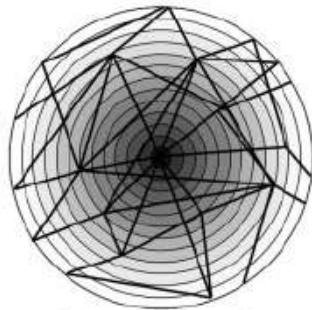
- MiRNA target prediction and validation
- Searching for SNPs with potential to affect miRNA—target interactions
- Functional characterization of miRNA targets

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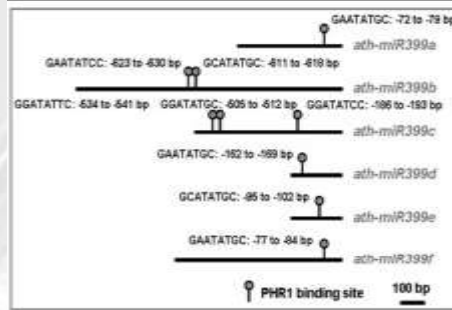
U Upstream regulator
D Downstream target

Subnetworks
Merge



Comprehensive network

D



Arabidopsis

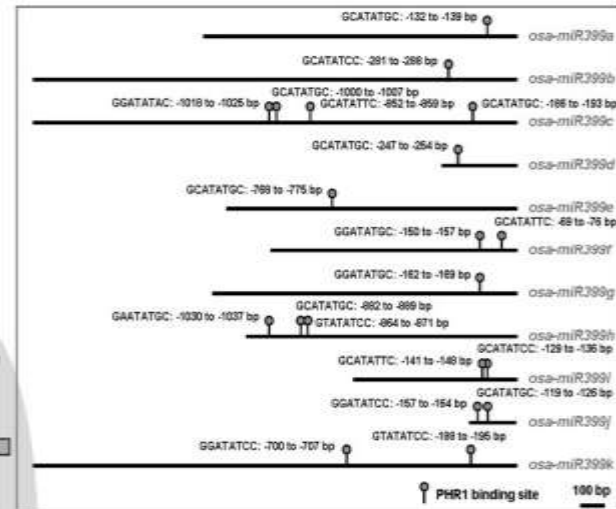
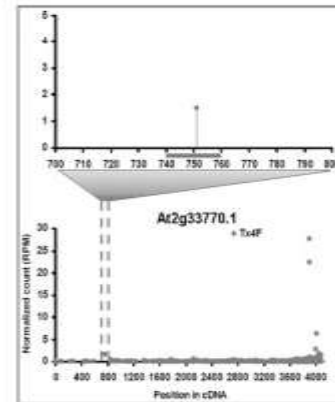
Upstream

PHR1

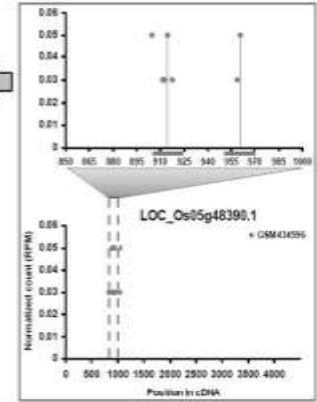
miR399

Downstream

PHO2



Rice

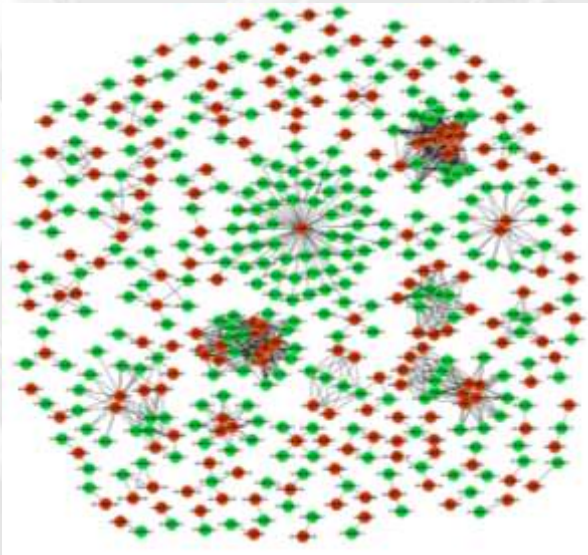




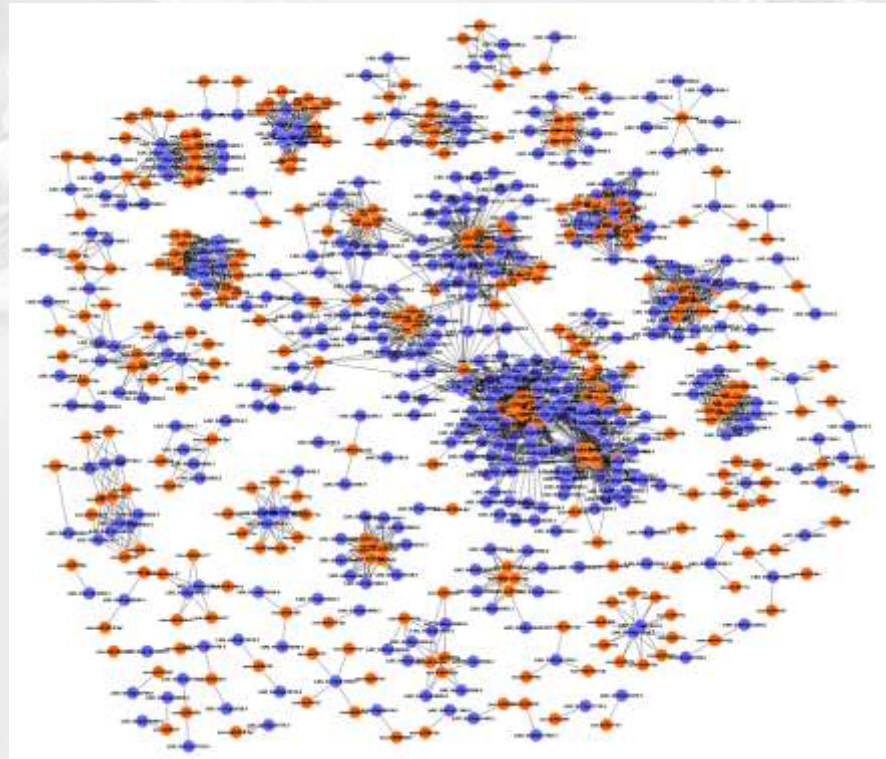
miRNA/miRNA* regulatory network

基于miRNA target lists、miRNA* target lists和co-regulated target lists构建network

Arabidopsis (all targets)



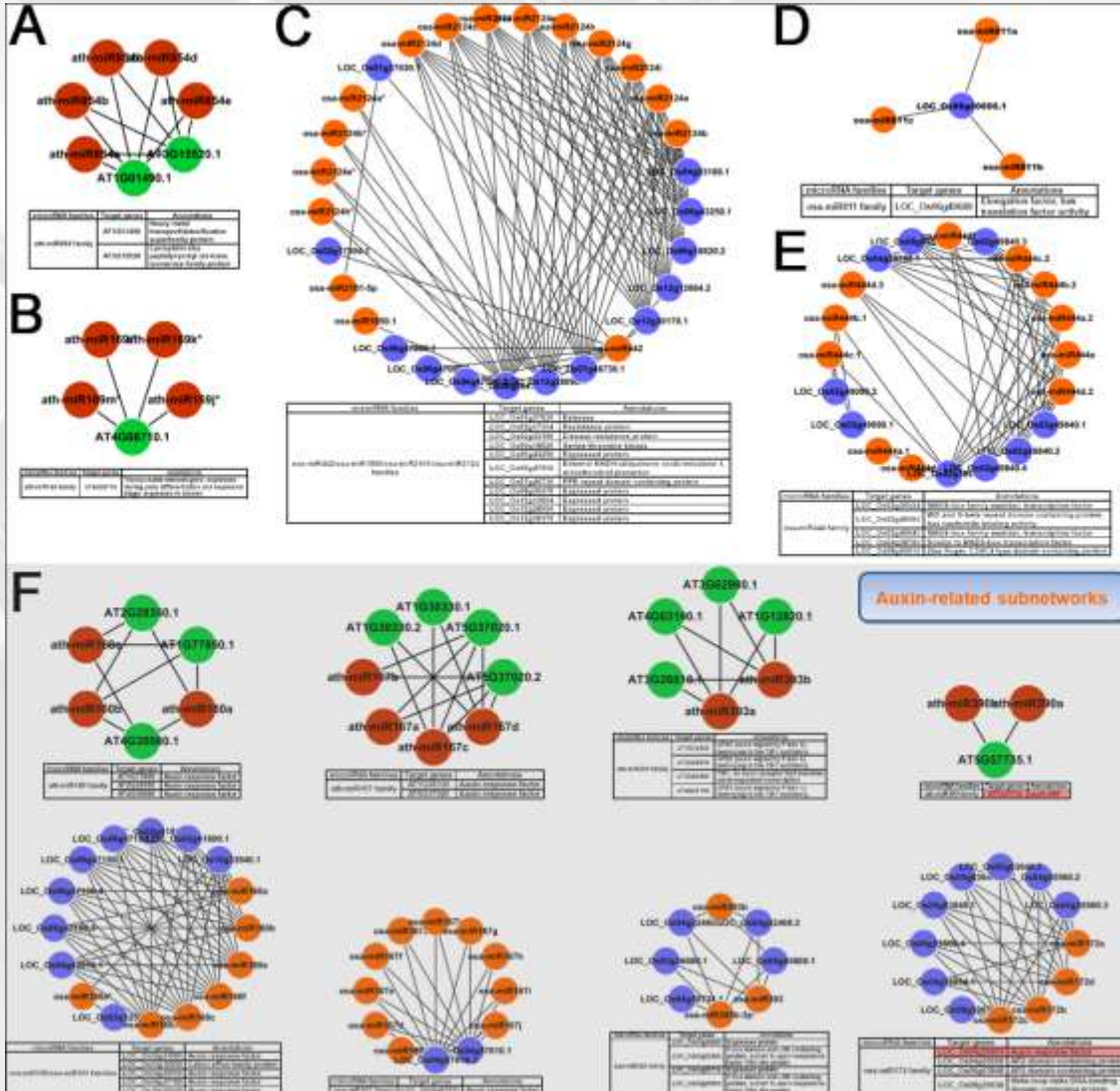
Rice (all targets)



基于降解组测序数据，对拟南芥、水稻中已注释miRNAs的靶基因预测和大规模鉴定；利用sRNA高通量测序数据，基于表达量鉴定了所有miRNAs对应的miRNA*s，并对miRNA*s的潜在的靶基因进行了预测鉴定；最终构建了由miRNAs/miRNA*s介导的基因调控网络



Subnet analysis



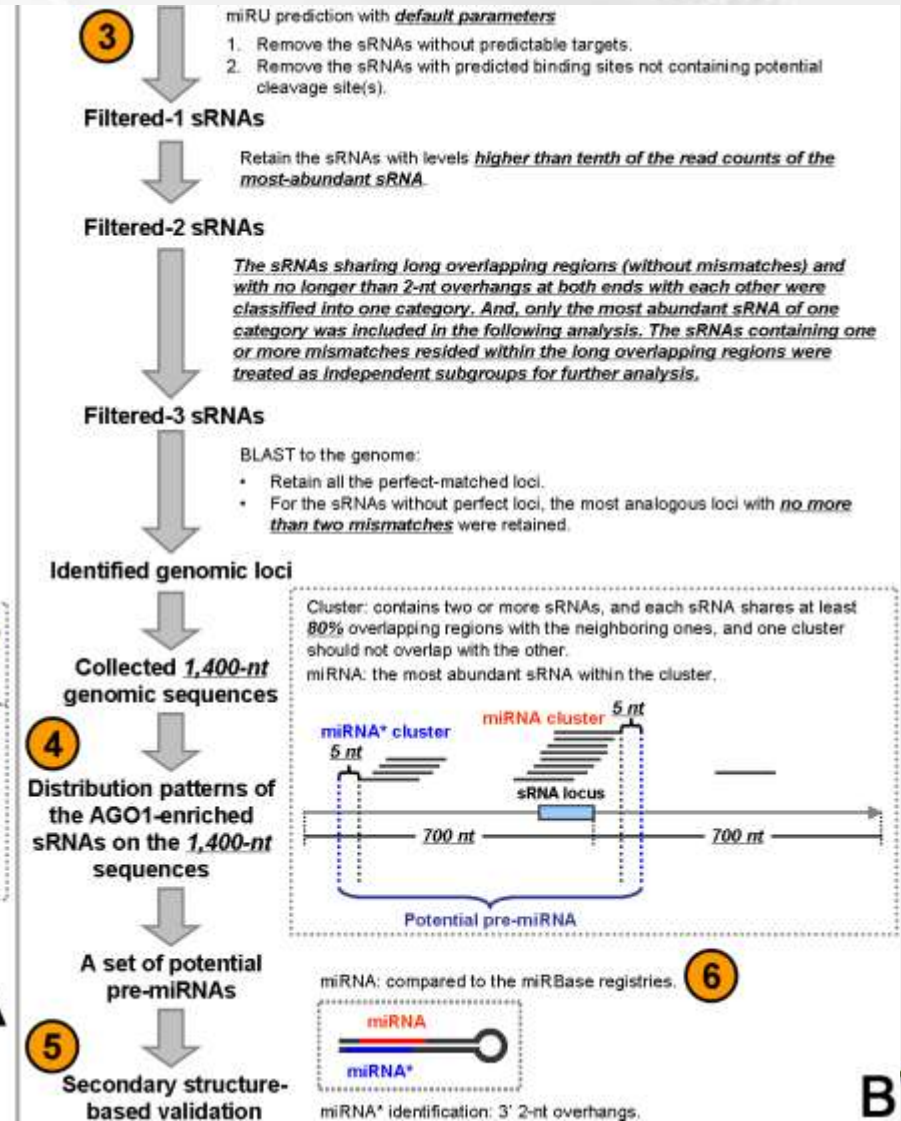
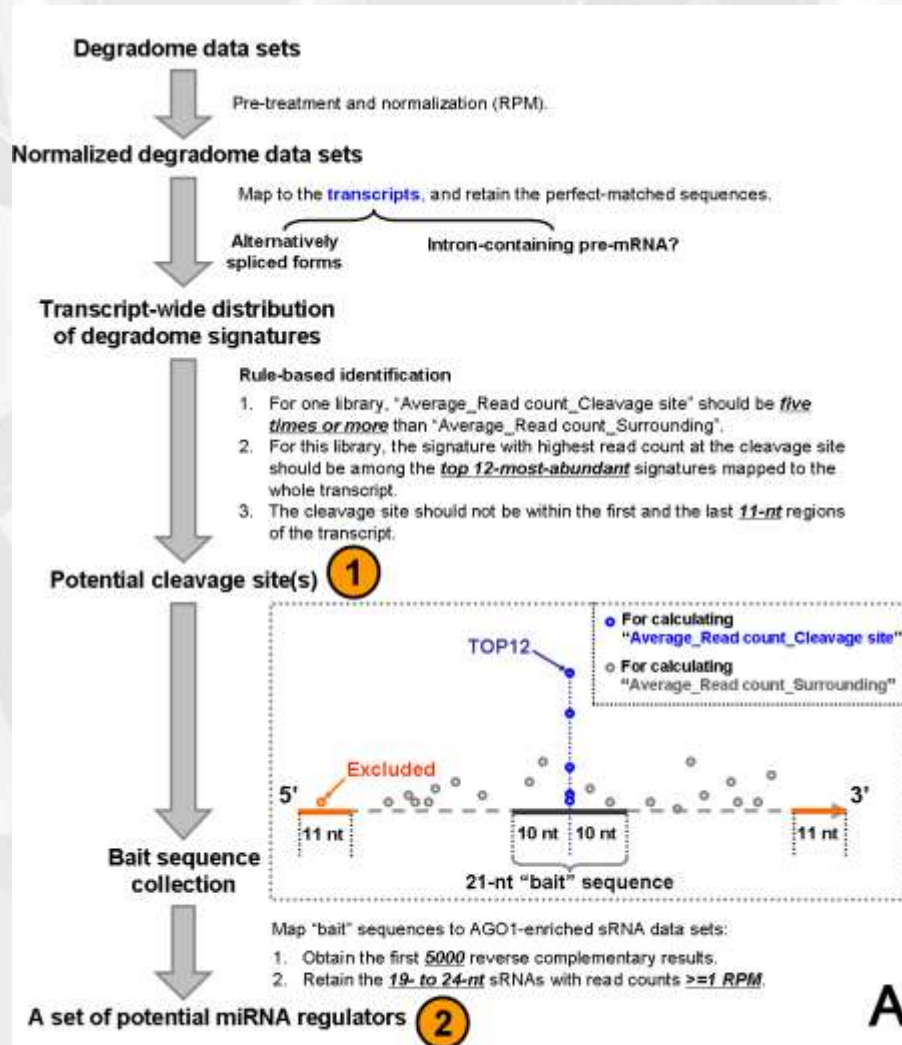
发现一些可能具有重要生物学功能（参与重金属胁迫应答、植物抗病相关）的子网络

生长素信号相关子网络在拟南芥、水稻中具有高度保守性，但也发现了一些物种特异的调控关系（红色背景）



A reverse framework

BiB 2012



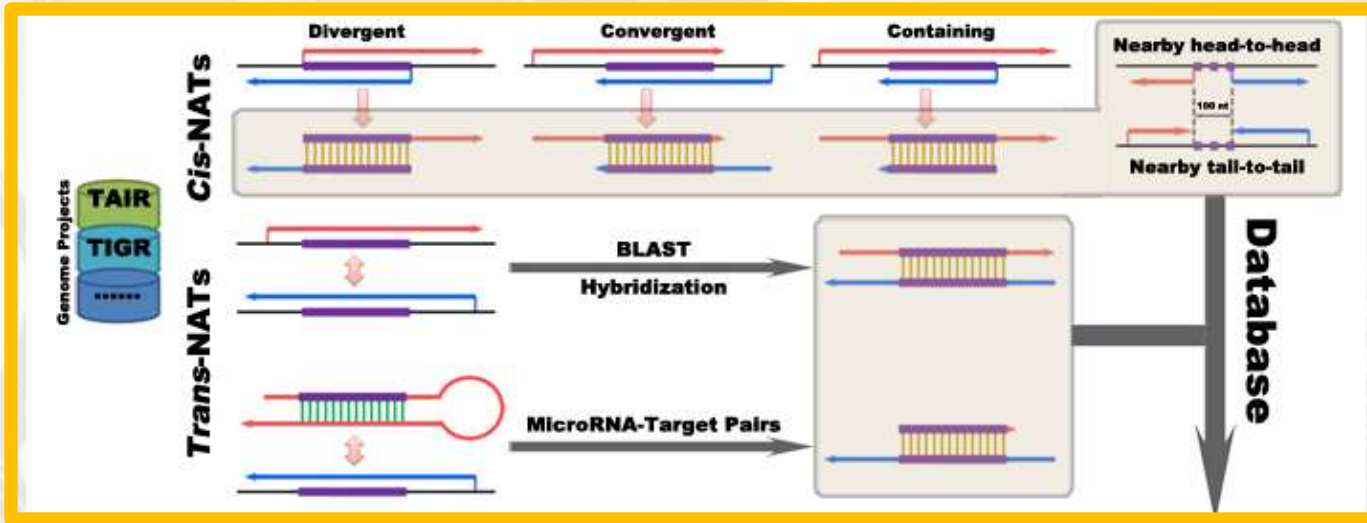
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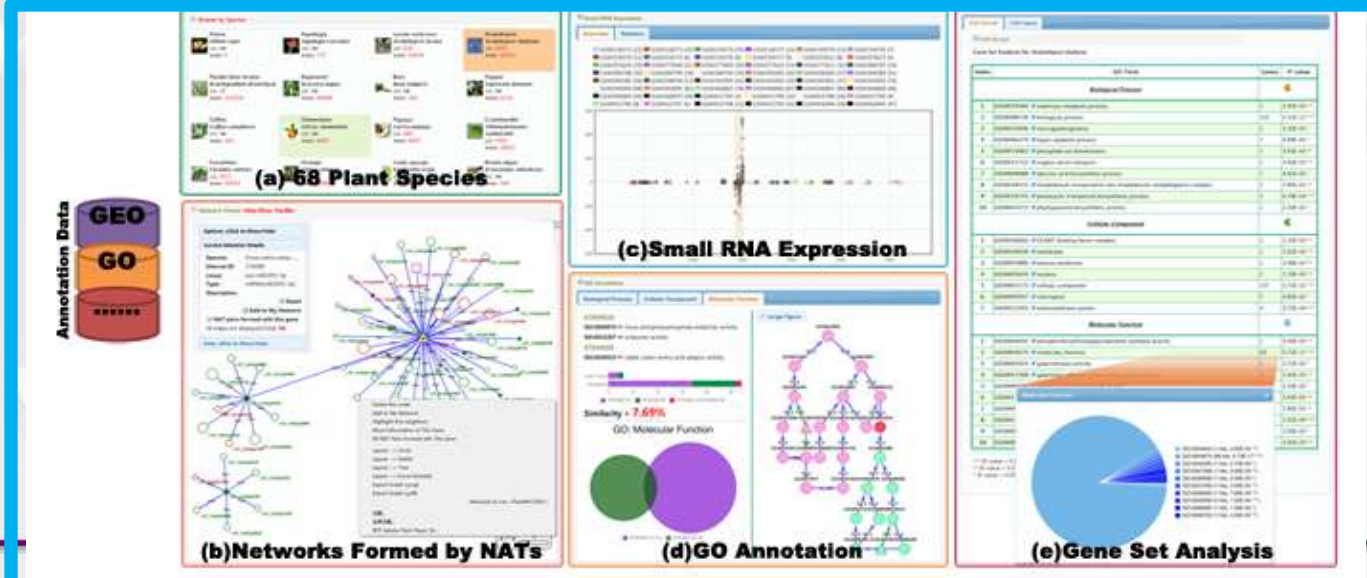


NATs

Natural antisense transcripts (NATs): *cis*-NATs and *trans*-NATs (Wang *et al.*, 2006; Zhou *et al.*, 2009)



Prediction of NATs



Database Implementation



NATs Generated Small RNAs

sRNA loci are enriched in the overlapping regions of trans-NATs, but not for cis-NATs.

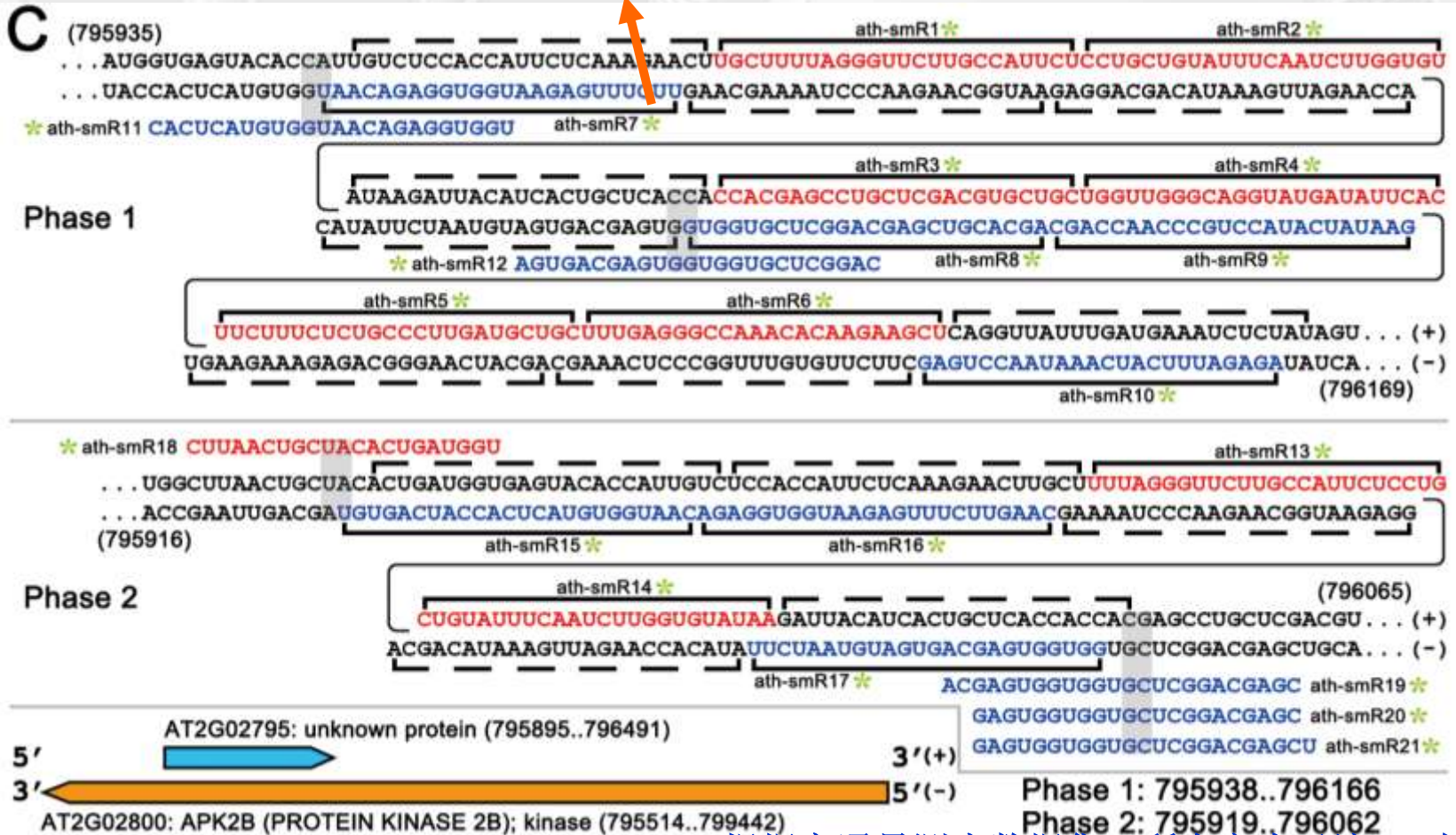
Species	Cis-NATs			
	Overlap ^d [total/unique] ^c	All ^e [total/unique] ^c	Average score ^f [total/unique] ^c	P-value ^g [total/unique] ^c
Arabidopsis	38.89/7.11	10.62/5.63	3.10/1.95	<0.0001/0.0448
Poplar	8.42/11.19	5.42/2.68	2.61/5.26	0.4525/0.1548
Papaya	7.05/3.85	4.66/2.33	1.99/1.97	0.0094/0.0011
Rice	3.28/1.13	4.62/0.58	1.62/2.31	0.0011/<0.0001
Maize	13.33/1.73	11.68/1.19	1.32/2.24	0.0458/<0.0001
Sorghum	8.13/3.64	8.11/2.54	1.69/2.17	0.9836/0.0727
Species	Trans-NATs			
	Overlap ^d [total/unique] ^c	All ^e [total/unique] ^c	Average score ^f [total/unique] ^c	P-value ^g [total/unique] ^c
Arabidopsis	169.65/60.06	48.62/19.00	3.74/3.51	<0.0001/<0.0001
Poplar	159.94/9.19	23.80/2.63	8.63/5.48	<0.0001/<0.0001
Grapevine	35.25/0.74	17.87/0.47	2.39/1.95	<0.0001/<0.0001
Papaya	26.84/7.52	20.14/7.13	1.56/1.42	<0.0001/0.2838
Medicago	61.37/5.00	28.49/1.74	3.17/4.53	<0.0001/<0.0001
Rice	210.30/6.23	17.33/2.65	14.06/7.03	<0.0001/<0.0001
Maize	116.44/6.97	18.97/1.61	7.13/6.15	<0.0001/<0.0001
Sorghum	344.77/5.17	64.09/2.39	10.22/3.37	<0.0001/<0.0001



Organ specific - Arabidopsis

Phase-distributed sRNA in the overlapping region of a cis-NAT in Arabidopsis

标记星号的是在基因组上仅有一个完全匹配位点的sRNAs



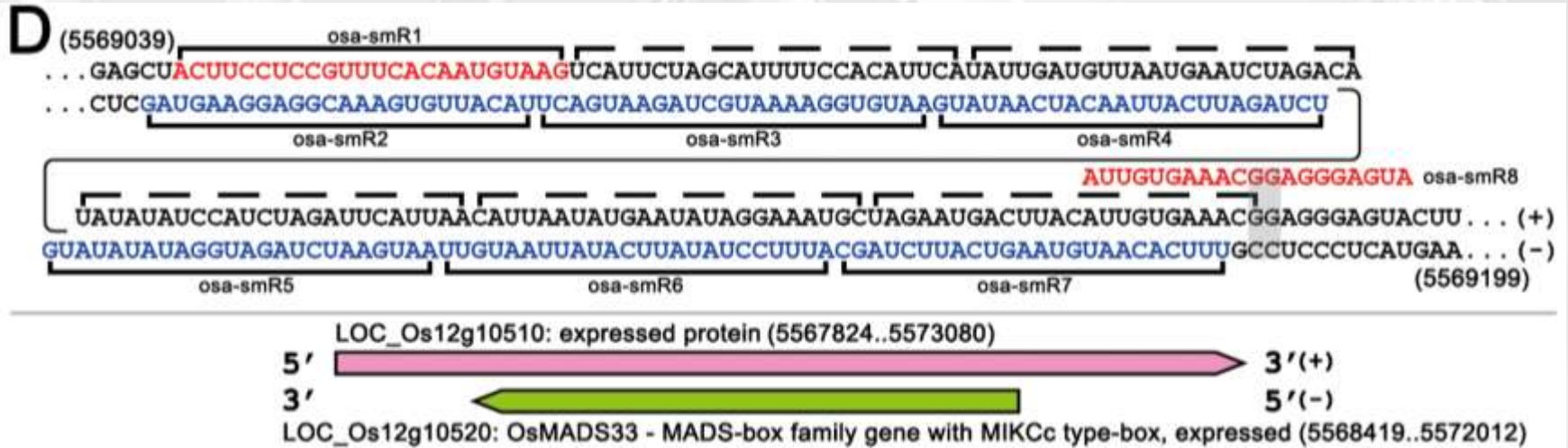
根据高通量测序数据集，所有产生于该NAT的相位分布sRNAs均只在拟南芥花器官中被克隆到。

Exclusively cloned from floral organs



Organ specific - rice

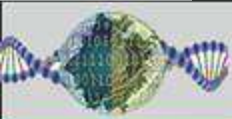
Phased sRNA in the overlapping region of a cis-NAT in rice



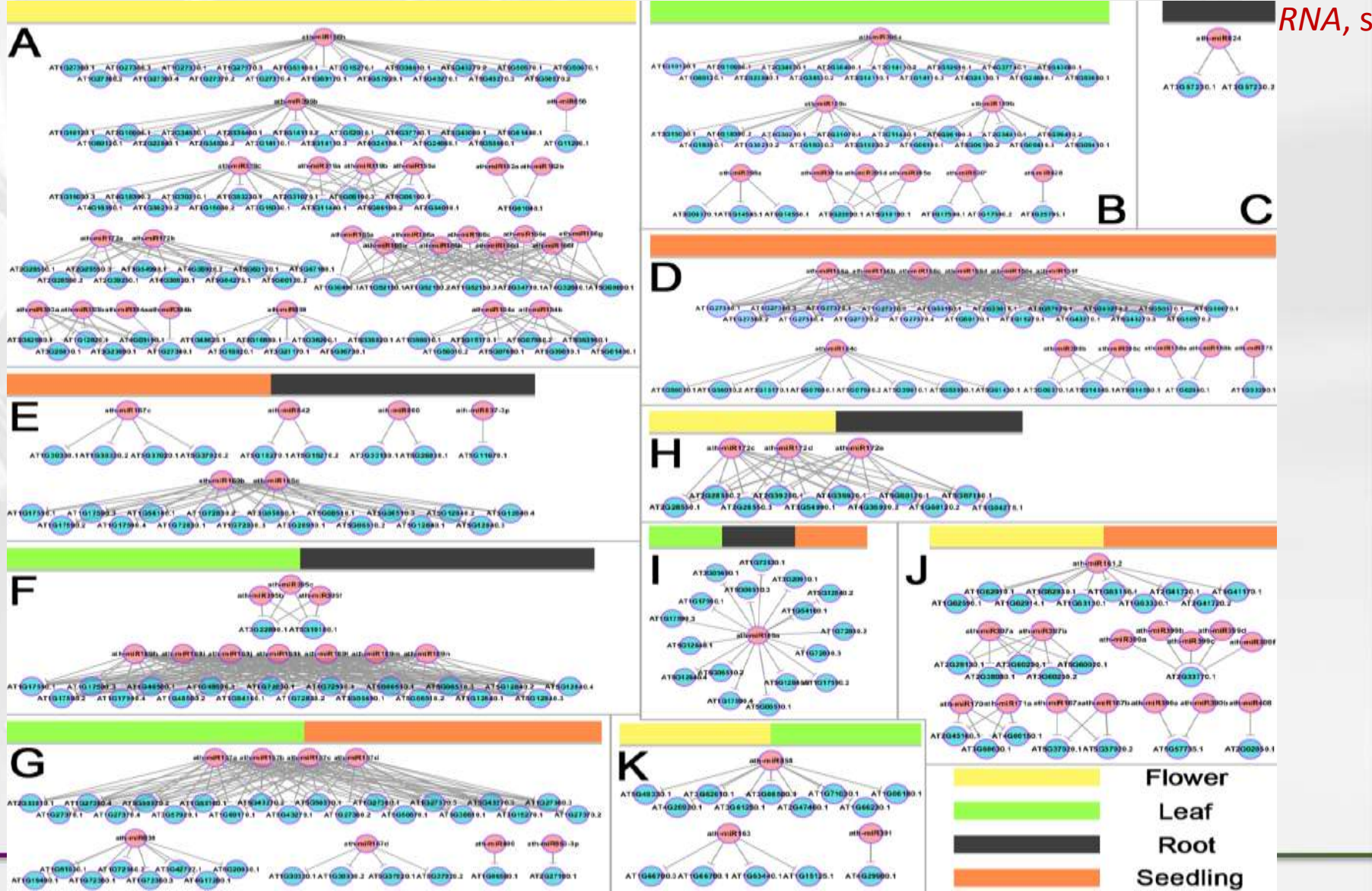
Exclusively cloned from grains

根据高通量测序数据集，所有产生于该 NAT 的相位分布 sRNAs 均只在水稻谷粒中被克隆到。

Organ-specific regulatory role?



Organ-specific miRNAs in *Arabidopsis*





PlantNATsDB

Plant Natural Antisense Transcripts DataBase

Home | Browser | Searcher | Viewer | Statistics | Download | Documentation

A.thaliana (Arabidopsis thaliana) | All NATs | cis-NATs | trans-NATs | GO »

Example

User Manual: Online Document
Current Version: 1.2 (2011-05-28)

NAR, 2012

Natural Antisense Transcripts (NATs), a kind of regulatory RNAs, occur prevalently in plant genomes and play significant roles in physiological and/or pathological processes. PlantNATsDB (Plant Natural Antisense Transcripts DataBase) is a platform for annotating and discovering NATs by integrating various data sources. PlantNATsDB also provides an integrative, interactive and information-rich web graphical interface to display multidimensional data, and facilitate plant research community and the discovery of functional NATs.

Tutorial

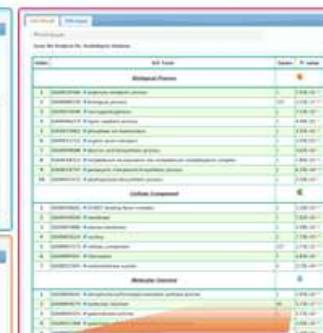
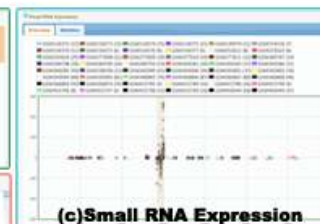
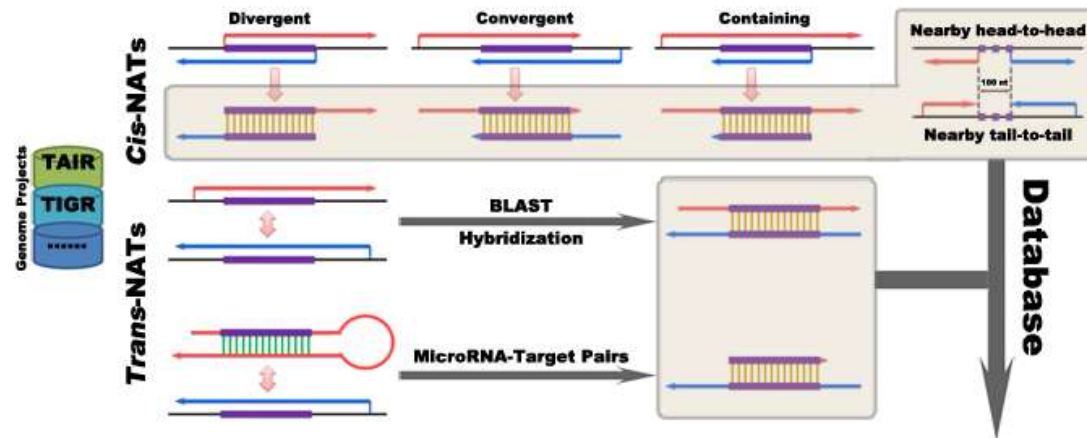
Prediction of NATs

- cis-NATs
 - Divergent
 - Convergent
 - Containing
 - Nearby
- trans-NATs
 - Gene Pairs (HC/100nt)
 - MircoRNA-target Pairs

Highlighted Features

- 68 plant species
- Network formed by NATs
- Small RNA Expression
- GO Annotation
- Gene Set Analysis

What's new





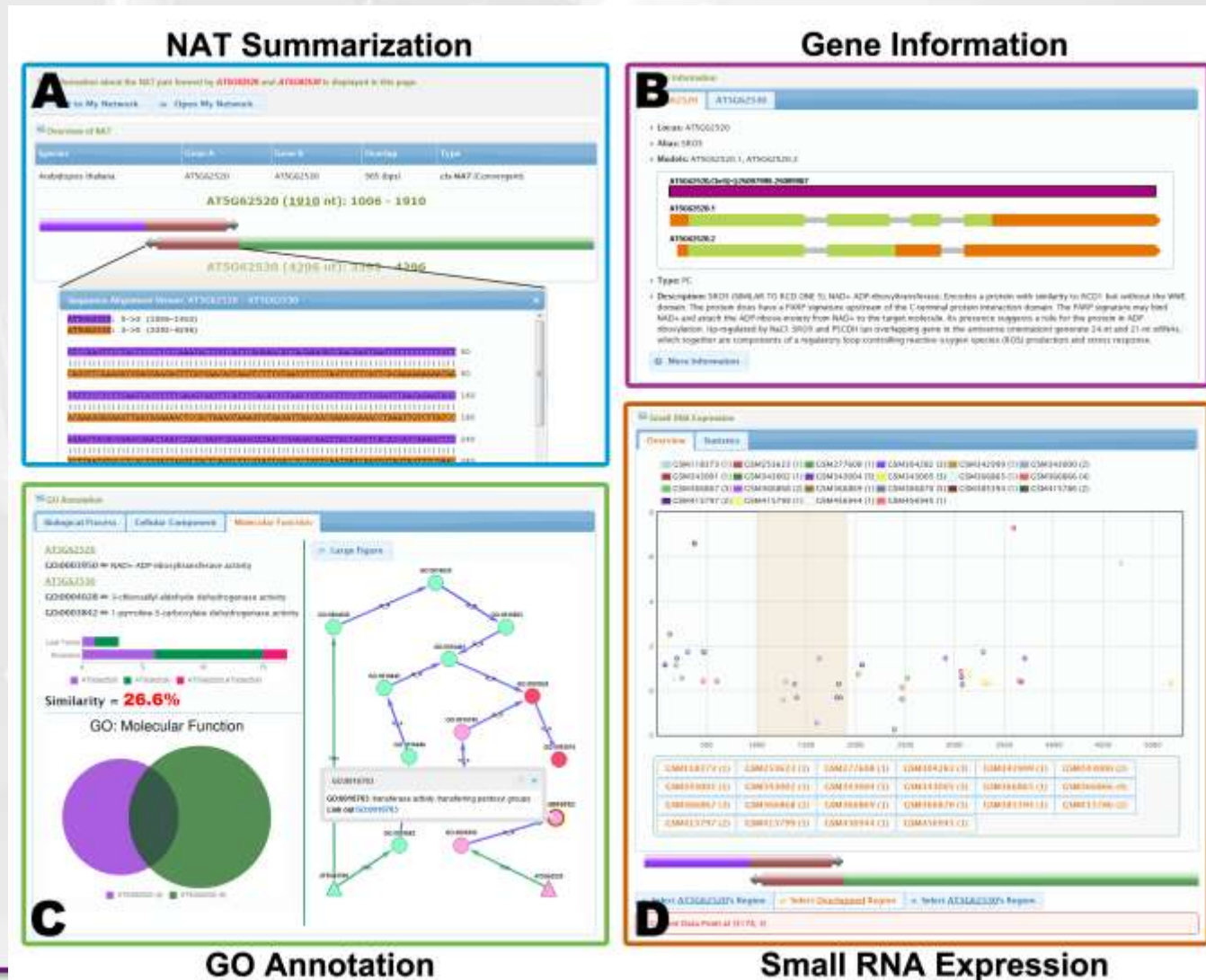
Statistics

PlantNATsDB predicted 2,066,720 NATs from 69 plant species

No.	ID	Scientific name	MicroRNAs ^{a, b}	Genes	<i>Cis</i> -NATs ^b	<i>Trans</i> -NATs (MicroRNA-Target Pairs)	All-NATs
1	ace	<i>Allium cepa</i>	NA	4063 (10)	NA	5 (NA)	5
2	aco	<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i>	45 (45)	13556 (610)	NA	772 (631)	772
3	aly	<i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>	375 (373)	32670 (12527)	918	19636 (15686)	20554
4	ath	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	243 (243)	33239 (13875)	3005	16915 (12648)	19920
5	bdi	<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	19 (19)	25532 (6007)	36	110526 (3747)	110562
6	bna	<i>Brassica napus</i>	48 (48)	50542 (20723)	NA	46668 (738)	46668
7	bvu	<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	NA	4785 (249)	NA	192 (NA)	192
8	can	<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	NA	14727 (2138)	NA	6119 (NA)	6119
9	cca	<i>Coffea canephora</i>	NA	7511 (202)	NA	163 (NA)	163
10	cc1	<i>Citrus clementina</i>	5 (5)	32287 (2238)	NA	3665 (111)	3665
11	cpa	<i>Carica papaya</i>	1 (1)	25536 (4001)	180	4047 (14)	4227
12	cre	<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	85 (84)	15935 (8761)	1450	28051 (4919)	29501
13	csa	<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	NA	32775 (6104)	1471	16014 (NA)	17485
14	csi	<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	64 (59)	26081 (3392)	NA	8385 (893)	8385
15	ees	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	NA	10727 (103)	NA	96 (NA)	96
16	esi	<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	NA	9122 (387)	NA	340 (NA)	340
17	far	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	15 (14)	10617 (295)	NA	229 (78)	229
18	fca	<i>Festuca pastinacis</i>	NA	12248 (150)	NA	95 (NA)	95



An example





Small RNAs derived from gene models

Species	Major division (percentage ^a)	Subdivision (percentage ^b)	No. of sRNA loci analyzed (total/unique)
Arabidopsis	Intergenic loci (Total ^c : 80.48%; Unique ^d : 79.30%)	-	~1.8%
		5' UTRs ^g (Total ^c : 0.79%; Unique ^d : 1.65%)	
	3' UTRs ^h (Total ^c : 1.58%; Unique ^d : 3.63%)		
	Exons ⁱ (Total ^c : 83.21%; Unique ^d : 79.85%)		
	Introns^j (Total^c: 7.37%; Unique^d: 9.19%)		
Intragenic ^e loci (Total ^c : 19.04%; Unique ^d : 20.14%)	Others ^k (Total ^c : 7.05%; Unique ^d : 5.68%)		
	-		
Rice	Intragenic ^e loci (Total ^c : 19.31%; Unique ^d : 14.42%)	-	~6.6%
		5' UTRs ^g (Total ^c : 0.72%; Unique ^d : 1.77%)	
	3' UTRs ^h (Total ^c : 1.76%; Unique ^d : 7.12%)		
	Exons ⁱ (Total ^c : 56.30%; Unique ^d : 39.74%)		
	Introns^j (Total^c: 37.75%; Unique^d: 46.08%)		
Other loci ^l (Total ^c : 0.38%; Unique ^d : 0.35%)	Others ^k (Total ^c : 3.47%; Unique ^d : 5.29%)		

Intronic small RNAs



Identification of intronic long hairpins

RNA, 2011

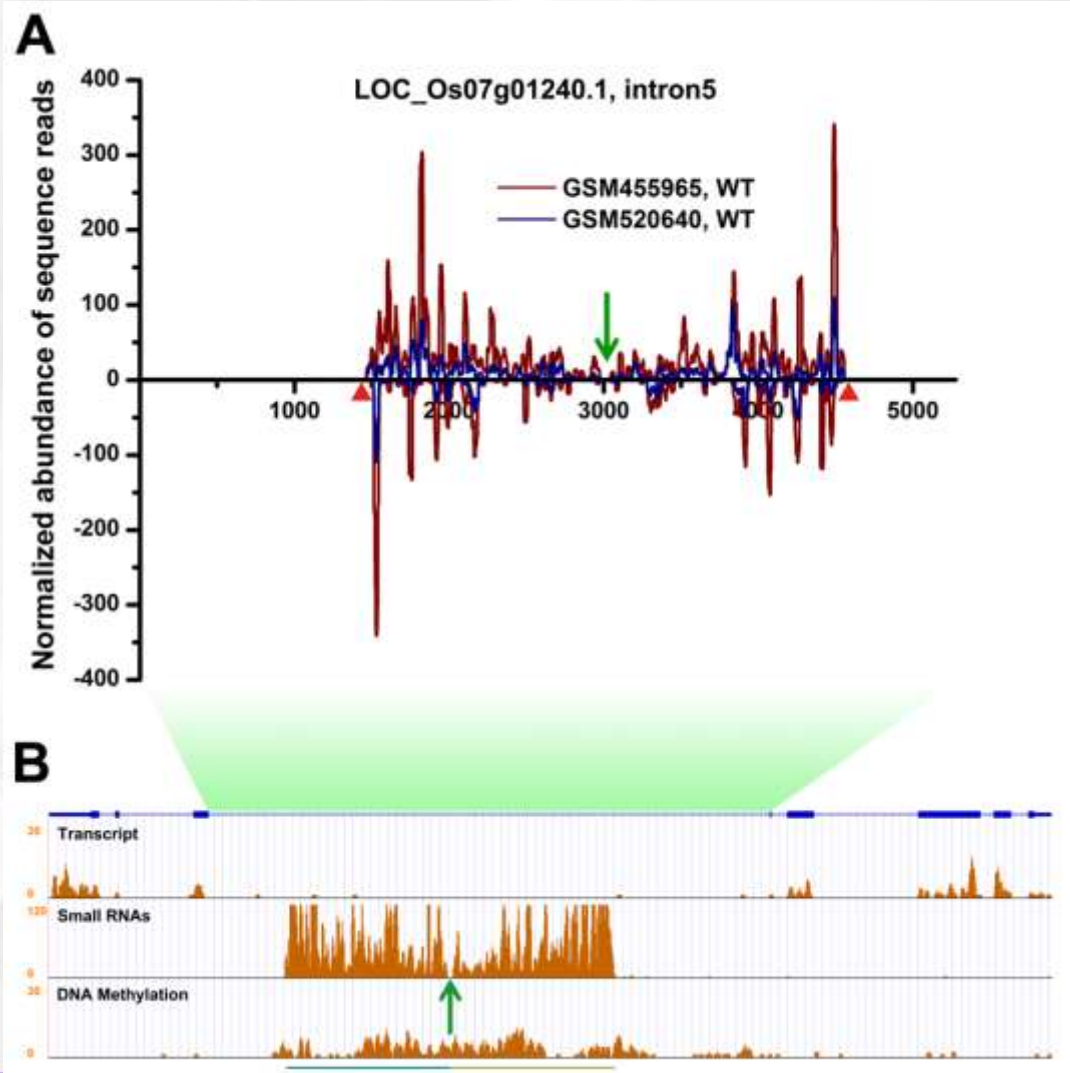
Table I. A list of 21 *IR*-introns with significant numbers of siRNAs^a from the sense strand.

Introns	Length (nt)	No. of sRNAs ^b	% sRNAs from ss ^c	Paired stem regions ^d				
				Length (bp)	5' arm	3' arm	Identity (%)	siRNA density ^e
LOC_Os07g01240.1 intron_5	5275	39969	67.7	978	2012 - 2991	3027 - 4009	95	16.98
LOC_Os01g66379.1 intron_2	10049	5824	64.3	906	4091 - 5001	5163 - 6084	93	3.241
LOC_Os07g23169.1 intron_6	6540	8108	78.2	865	2403 - 3276	3536 - 4401	94	3.221
LOC_Os12g13440.1 intron_1	4436	2553	64.2	811	1428 - 2253	2589 - 3426	93	1.443
LOC_Os12g41760.1 intron_1	675	778	67.1	184	1 - 184	445 - 628	90	1.285
LOC_Os07g35600.1 intron_2	8625	3107				62 - 4873	87	1.188
LOC_Os03g24339.1 intron_2	9177	1432				13 - 8272	96	1.161
LOC_Os03g13614.1 intron_1	5284	1943				45 - 3627	92	1.086
LOC_Os09g17730.1 intron_1	4168	727				13 - 2373	91	0.759
LOC_Os02g35039.1 intron_8	5898	2107				21 - 4096	97	0.536
LOC_Os05g15370.1 intron_1	3641	911				92 - 3006	81	0.328
LOC_Os03g51270.1 intron_3	1224	341				33 - 986	93	0.274
LOC_Os08g37700.1 intron_2	601	134	79.9	181	65 - 245	373 - 553	95	0.185
LOC_Os04g35260.1 intron_27	2231	137	85.4	635	711 - 1362	1438 - 2080	82	0.089
LOC_Os05g06910.1 intron_7	576	72	69.4	208	33 - 242	312 - 519	93	0.072
LOC_Os02g12570.1 intron_4	429	32	71.9	160	13 - 172	185 - 344	86	0.072
LOC_Os01g67100.1 intron_3	678	36	63.9	191	18 - 208	364 - 554	85	0.068
LOC_Os04g28420.1 intron_9	581	62	80.6	213	68 - 284	349 - 562	92	0.063
LOC_Os10g33275.1 intron_7	678	56	76.8	195	192 - 386	412 - 607	90	0.062
LOC_Os05g18604.2 intron_8	18327	122	59.0	766	8995 - 9769	10222 - 10988	86	0.044
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siRNAs



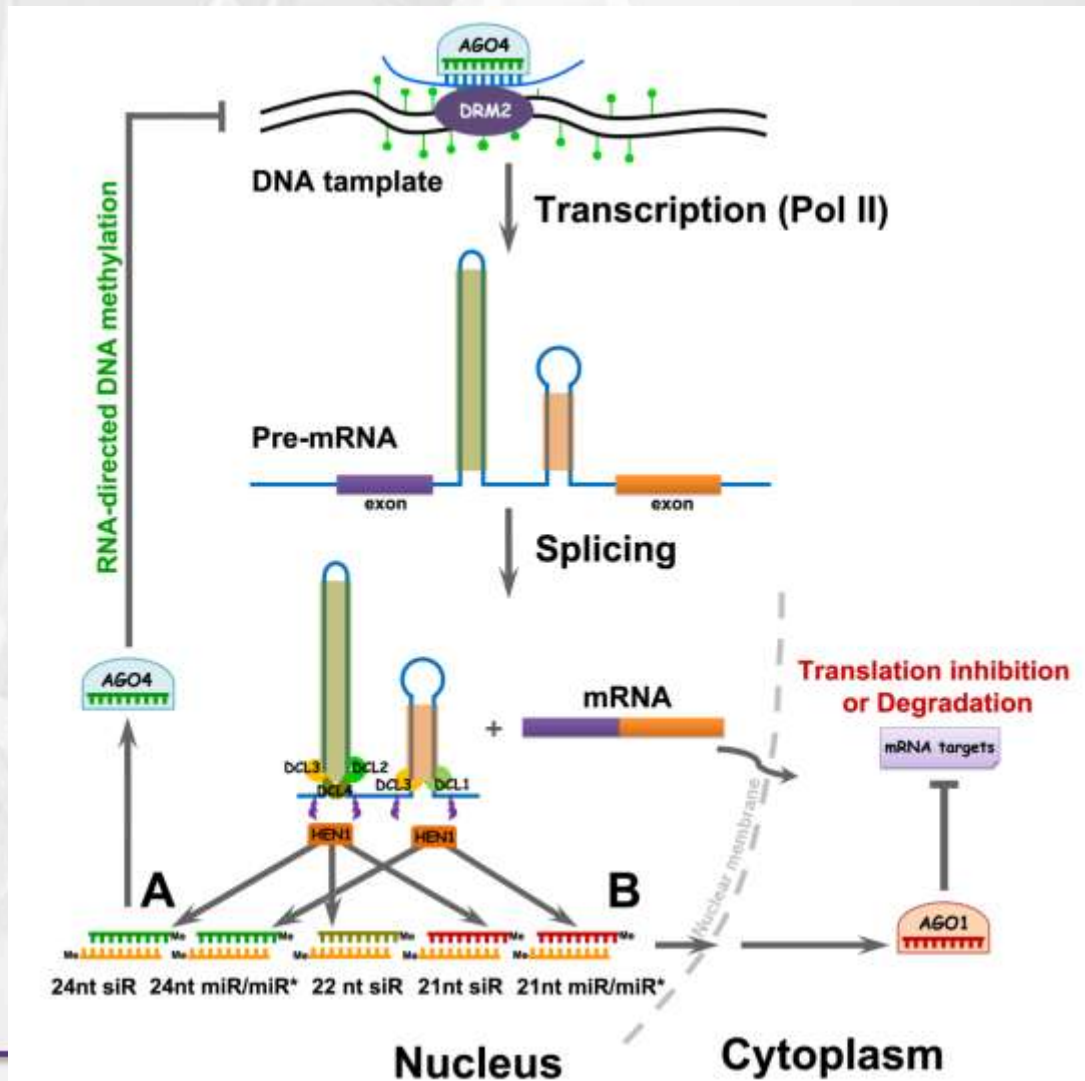
An example of sirtrons

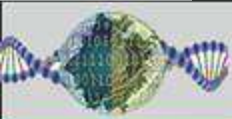




A proposed self-regulation model

RNA, 2012





Prospective

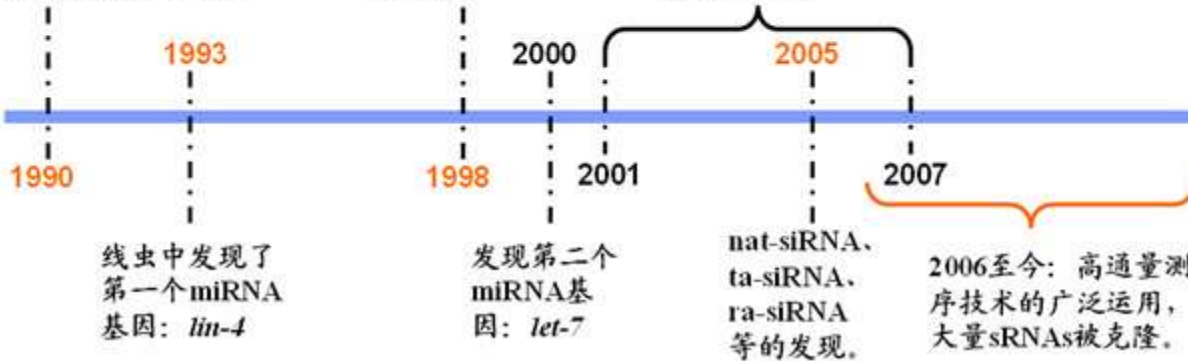
植物转基因, 有时引起与转入片段同源的内源基因的沉默。

小干扰RNA (siRNA) 及转录后水平的基因沉默 (PTGS) 的定义。

导入病毒部分基因组序列, 可使转基因植物获得对该病毒及同源病毒的抗性。

RNA干扰 (RNAi) 的发现。

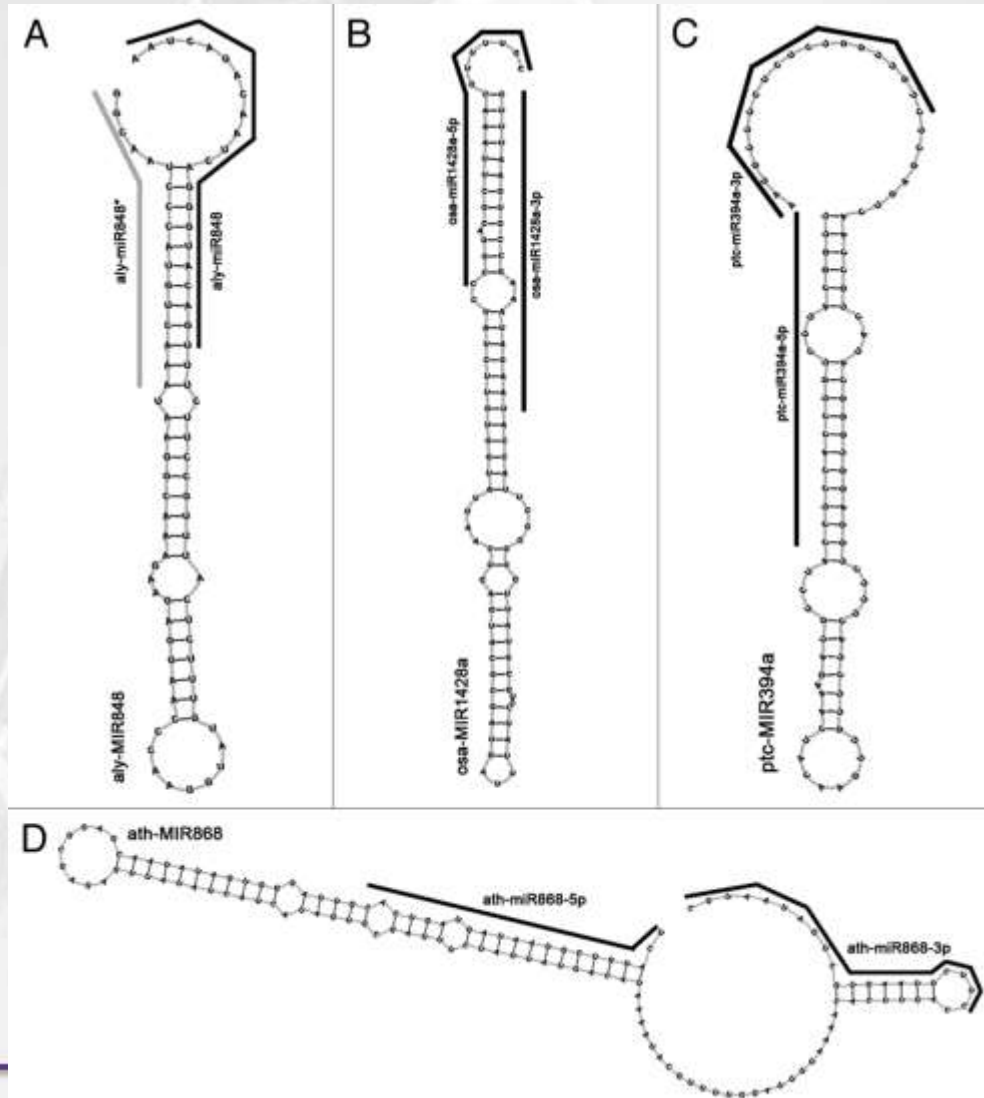
大量miRNAs的克隆及功能研究。





Are all the miRBase-registered microRNAs true?

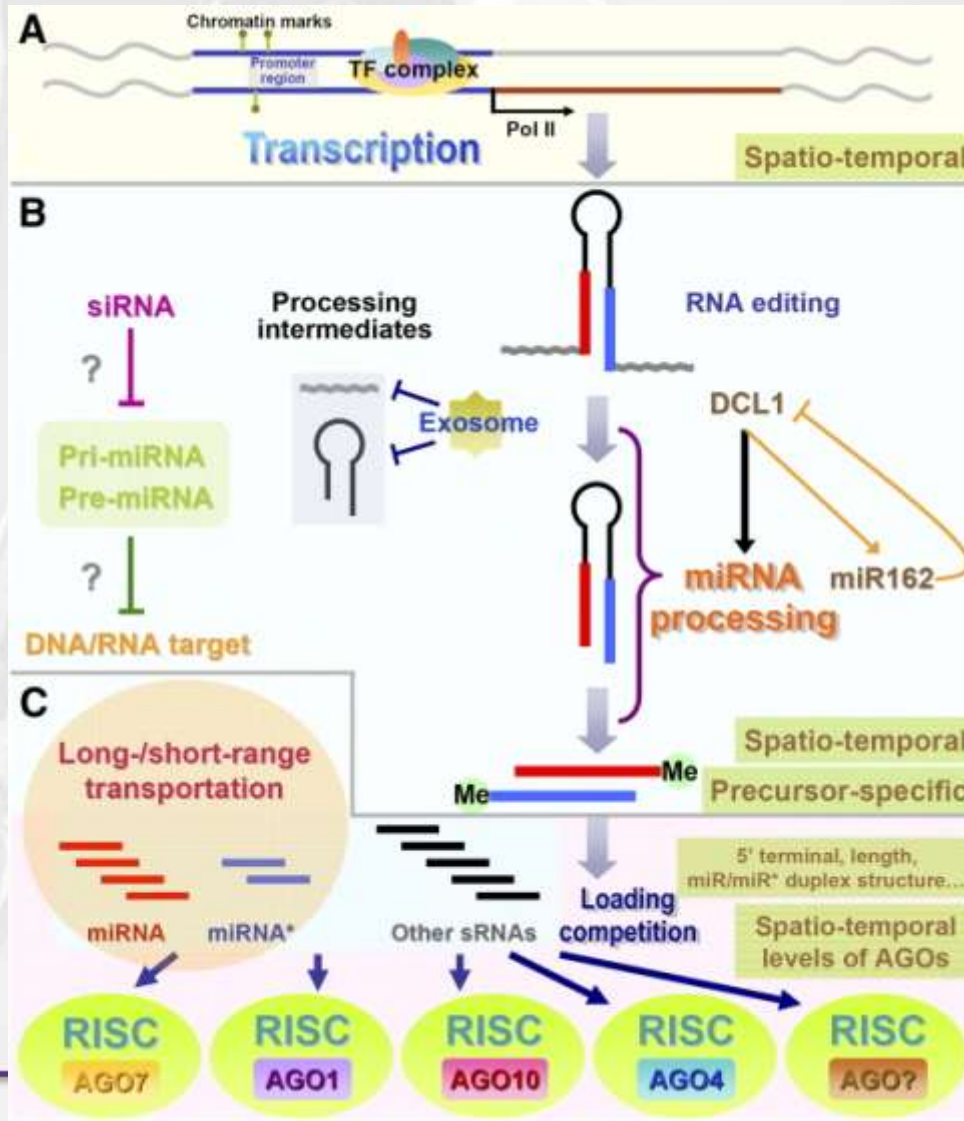
RNA Biology, 2012



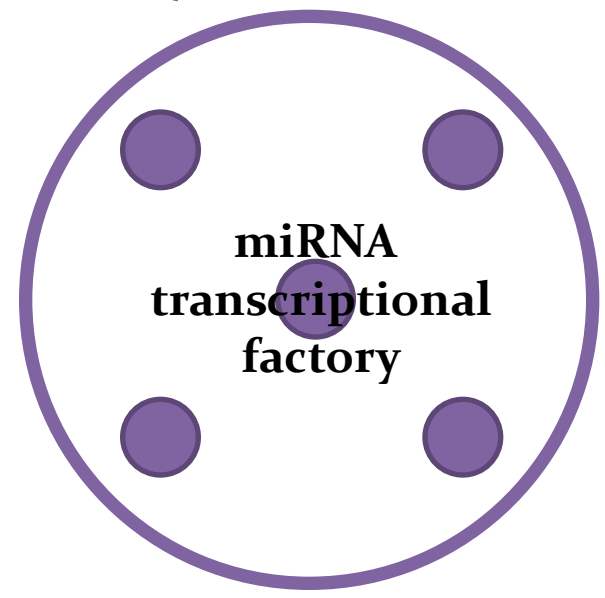
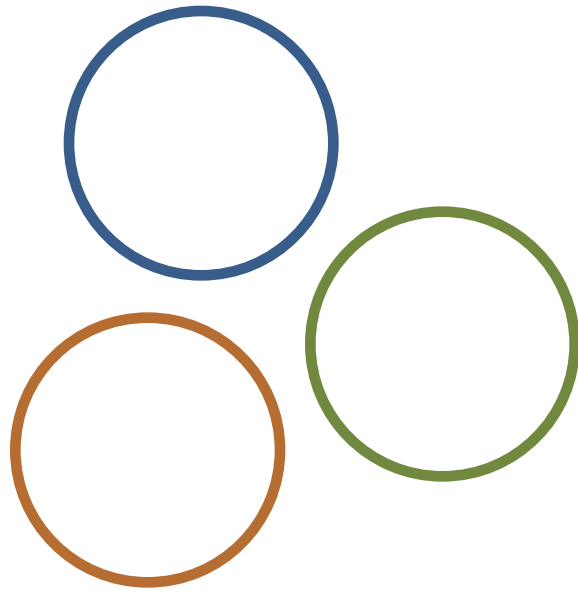
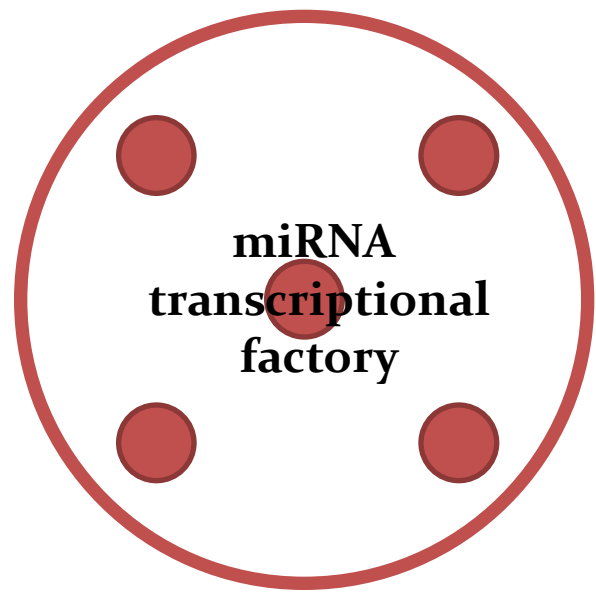
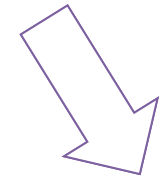
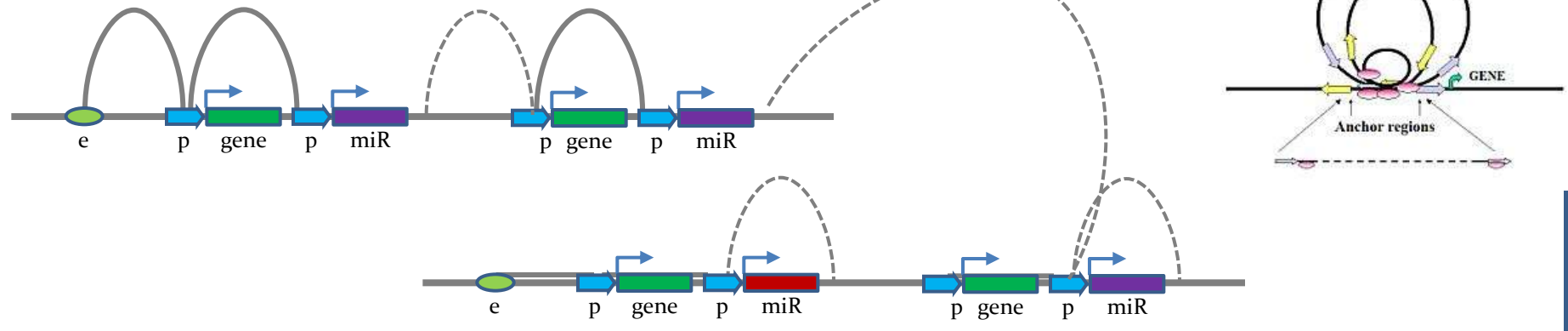


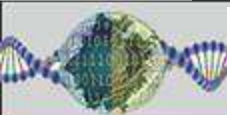
Dynamic nature of miRNA biogenesis

Plant Physiology, 2011

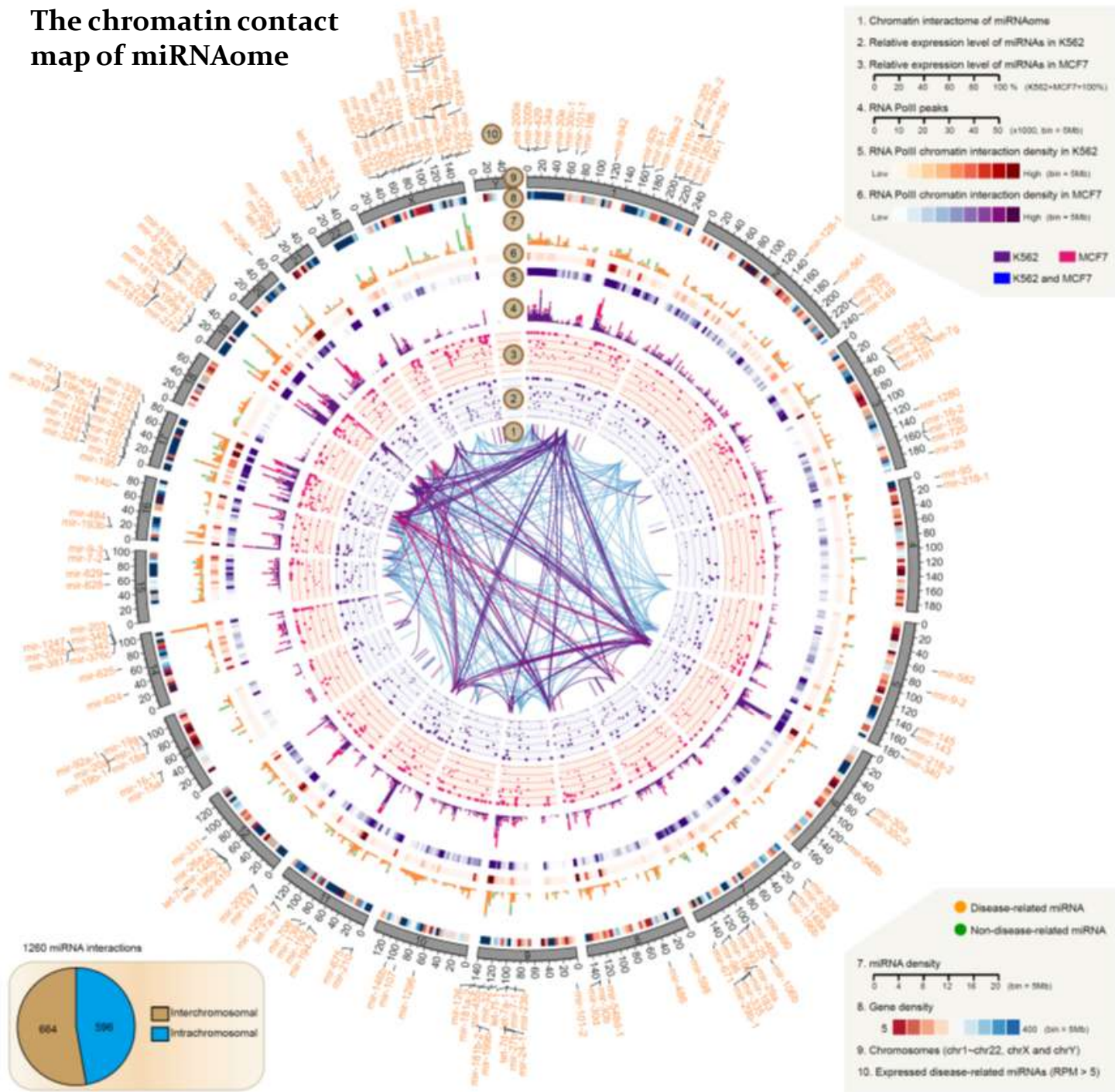


Interaction genes from transcriptional factory





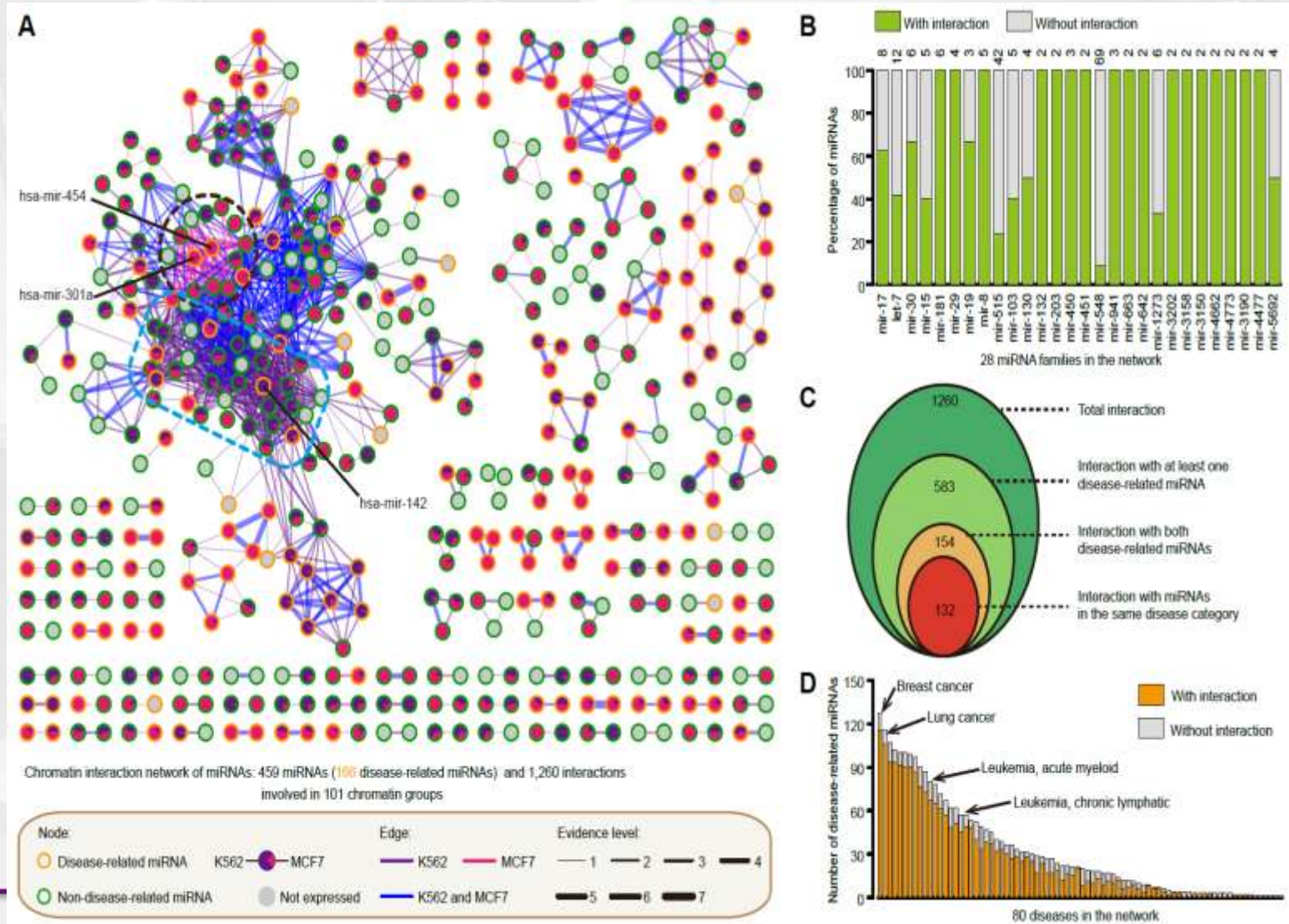
The chromatin contact map of miRNAome



RNA, 2014



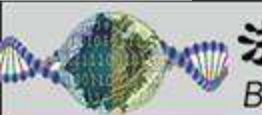
chromatin interactome networks





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