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QTL Identification and GWAS for Molecular Studies for Rice Improvement

Abstract

My group has been using quantitative trait locus (QTL) mapping to understand the molecular genetic mechanisms underlying various traits for crop improvement. Many QTLs controlling various traits have been mapped and several genes underlying the QTLs have been functionally validated. Recently we have also been using genome-wide association studies (GWAS) with different marker densities to identify marker-trait associations, including yield, agronomic traits, and several abiotic stresses. We aim to functionally validate the genes underlying these traits for further molecular investigation and trait manipulation.



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