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# Genetic mechanisms associated with floral initiation and the repressive effect of fruit on flowering in apple (*Malus x domestica* Borkh.)

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## ABSTRACT

Many apple cultivars are subject to biennial fluctuations in flowering and fruiting. It is believed that this phenomenon is caused by a repressive effect of developing fruit on the initiation of flowers in the apex of proximal bourse shoots. However, the genetic pathways of floral initiation are incompletely described in apple, and the biological nature of floral repression by fruit is currently unknown. In this study, we characterized the transcriptional landscape of bourse shoot apices in the biennial cultivar, 'Honeycrisp', during the period of floral initiation, in trees bearing a high fruit load and in trees without fruit. Trees with high fruit load produced almost exclusively vegetative growth in the subsequent year, whereas the trees without fruit produced flowers on the majority of the potential flowering nodes. Using RNA-based sequence data, we documented gene expression at high resolution, identifying >11,000 transcripts that had not been previously annotated, and characterized expression profiles associated with vegetative growth and flowering. We also conducted a census of genes related to known flowering genes, organized the phylogenetic and syntenic relationships of these genes, and compared expression among homeologs. Several genes closely related to *AP1*, *FT*, *FUL*, *LFY*, and *SPLs* were more strongly expressed in apices from non-bearing, floral-determined trees, consistent with their presumed floral-promotive roles. In contrast, a homolog of *TFL 1* exhibited strong and persistent up-regulation only in apices from bearing, vegetative-determined trees, suggesting a role in floral repression. Additionally, we identified four *Gibberellic Acid (GA) 2 oxidase* genes that were expressed to relatively high levels in apices from bearing trees. These results define the flowering-related transcriptional landscape in apple, and strongly support previous studies implicating both gibberellins and *TFL 1* as key components in repression of flowering by fruit.

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#### GUIDELINES

The scripts provided in this protocol provide the framework for the work conducted. Subsets of data were regularly generated and executed in these scripts to decrease computation time. If you have questions concerning the methods please contact Chris Gottschalk.

#### MATERIALS TEXT

This work was conducted using the RNAseq libraries that can be retrieved from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/?term=SAMN04239699>.

#### Index reference genome

##### 1 Download reference genome Source:

High-quality apple reference genome

##### 2 Index the reference genome fasta using HISAT2

hisat2-build

**hisat2-build GDDH13\_1-1\_formatted.fasta GDDH13**

index reference genome

## HISAT 2.1.0 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Kim et al.

### Read Alignment

#### 3 Retrieve RNAseq libraries

Files are locally maintained but can be retrieved from NCBI SRA database

SRA Files

#### 4 Filter RNAseq reads for quality and removal of the adapter sequences

## Fastq-mcf 1.04.636 [↗](#)

[source](#) by <http://www.q2labsolutions.com>

fastq-mcf

**fastq-mcf -t 0.10 -p 15 -l 20 -q 25 <adapters.fa> <reads.fq>**

Filtering RNAseq reads for quality and removal of the adapter sequences

#### 5 Align RNAseq reads to reference genome assembly

Read Alignment

**hisat2 -q --dta-cufflinks --un-conc-gz /unmapped/<RNAseq\_library>.fq -x <path to reference genome index> -1 <forward\_read\_file>.mcf -2 <reverse\_read\_file>.mcf -S <output alignment file>.sam**

## HISAT 2.1.0 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Kim et al.

## 6 Convert SAM alignment files into binary format and sort

**SAMtools 1.3.1** [↗](#)[source](#) by Li et al.

SAM to BAM conversion and alignment sorting

```
samtools sort -o <sorted and converted alignment file name>_sort.bam  
<alignment file>.sam
```

Converting SAM to BAM format and sort

## 7 Assembly of transcripts and annotation of individual transcriptomes

**StringTie 1.3.3** [↗](#)[source](#) by Pertea et al.

Assembly of transcriptome

```
stringtie <sorted alignment file>.bam -G  
M_domestica_genomes/GDDH13_v1.1/gene_models_20170606.gff3 -o <output  
transcriptome for individual library>.gtf
```

Assembling transcripts using the reference transcriptome as a guide

## 8 Assembling merged transcriptome

stringtie -merge

```
stringtie --merge -G  
M_domestica_genomes/GDDH13_v1.1/gene_models_20170606.gff3 -o <output  
merged transcriptome>.gtf <text file of individual transcriptome annotation  
files>.txt
```

Merging individual transcriptomes using reference annotation as a guide

## StringTie 1.3.3 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Pertea et al.

### Transcriptome Statistics and Characterization

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gffcompare

**gffcompare -r M\_domestica\_genomes/GDDH13\_v1.1/gene\_models\_20170606.gff3 -o <merged honeycrisp trasncriptome>.gtf**

Comparing Honeycrisp transcriptome to the reference transcriptome

## gffcompare 0.9.12 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Pertea and Pertea

### 10 Quality assessment of the transcriptome assembly

RNA seq QC

**rnaseqc <merged Honeycrisp annotation>.gtf <individual sorted alignment files>.bam <output folder name>**

Assessing the quality of transcriptome assembly

## RNA-SeQC 1.1.8 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Getz et al.

### 11 Predicting coding potential of assembled transcripts

Filtering for novel features

**#first we want to extract all class codes associated with novel features that do not represent mapping or assembly errors**

**#This includes the following list:**

**#u= unknown/intergenic**

**#o= same strand with overlap on reference exon**

**#i= contained within reference intron**

**#x= exonic overlap but on opposite strand**

**#e= singleton, overlapping intron, possible pre-mRNA**

**#y= contains a reference within intron(s)**

```
awk '/"u"|"o"|"i"|"x"|"e"|"y"/ { print }' gffcompare_out.annotated.gtf >
novel_annotations.gtf
```

```
awk '/"c"|"s"|"k"|"m"|"n"|"j"/ { print }' gffcompare_out.annotated.gtf >
isoform_annotations.gtf
```

**#11,264 transcripts were collected**

**#second we will filter list into two files, one contains only transcripts of >200 nt and the other contains transcripts of <200 nt**

```
awk '{ if ($5-$4>200) print $0 }' novel_annotations.gtf >
novel_annotations_200.gtf
```

**#11,205 transcripts were collected**

```
awk '{ if ($5-$4<201) print $0 }' novel_annotations.gtf >
novel_annotations_smallRNA.gtf
```

**#59 transcripts were collected**

**#extract the sequences for these novel annotations >200nt for use in classification**

```
gffread -w novel_annotations_200.fa -g ~/Genomes/GDDH13_v1.1/GDDH13.fa
novel_annotations_200.gtf
```

**#reference CDS, coding, and noncoding gene models sequences**

```
awk '!/ncRNA/ { print }' gene_models_20170606.gff3 > ref_coding.gff3
```

```
awk '/ncRNA/ { print }' gene_models_20170606.gff3 > ref_nc.gff3
```

```
gffread ref_nc.gff3 -T -o ref_nc.gtf
```

```
gffread ref_coding.gff3 -T -o ref_coding.gtf
```

```
awk '/CDS/ {print}' ref_coding.gtf > CDS.gtf
```

```
gffread -w ref_CDS.fa -g GDDH13.fa CDS.gtf
```

```
gffread -w ref_nc_seqs.fa -g GDDH13.fa ref_nc.gtf
```

```
gffread -w ref_coding.fa -g GDDH13.fa ref_coding.gtf
```

Filtering transcriptome for novel features based on the gffcompare annotations

## gffread 0.11.7 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Pertea and Pertea

### 11.1 Predicting coding potential using CPC2

CPC2

```
cd $CPC_HOME && python ./bin/CPC2.py -r -i /novel_annotations_200.fa -o  
CPC2_output.txt
```

Predicting coding potential using CPC2

## CPC2 beta [↗](#)

by Kang et al.

### 11.2 Predicting coding potential using PLEK

PLEK

```
python PLEK.py -range maize_ens_linli.range -model maize_ens_linli.model -  
fasta novel_annotations_200.fa -out PLEK_output.txt
```

Predicting coding potential using PLEK

## PLEK 1.2 [↗](#)

by Li and Zhang

### 11.3 Predicting coding potential using CPAT

CPAT

```
make_hexamer_tab.py -c ref_CDS.fa -n ref_nc_seqs.fa > GDDH13_hexamer.tsv
make_logitModel.py -x GDDH13_hexamer.tsv -c ref_coding.fa -n
ref_nc_seqs.fa -o GDDH13_logitmodel
cpat.py -g novel_annotations_200.fa -d
~/Genomes/GDDH13_v1.1/GDDH13_logitmodel.logit.RData -x
~/Genomes/GDDH13_v1.1/GDDH13_hexamer.tsv -o CPAT_output
Predicting coding potential using CPAT
```

**CPAT 1.2.4** [↗](#)

[source](#) by Wang et al.

## Calculate Transcript Abundance and Differential Expression

### 12 Calculate transcript abundance

cuffquant

```
cuffquant -o <output folder> <merged honeycrisp transcriptome>.gtf <sorted
alignment file>.bam
```

Quantify transcriptome abundance

**cufflinks 2.2.1** [↗](#)

[source](#) by Trapnell et al.

### 13 Perform DEG analysis

cuffdiff

```
cuffdiff -o <output folder name> -b < reference sequence GDDH13.fa> -L NTFB,TF
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C30_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb HC_GDDH
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C4_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb HC_GDDH1
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C15_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb,HC_GDDH
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C22_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb,HC_GDDH
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C14_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb,HC_GDDH
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C27_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb,HC_GDDH
```

Differential expression analysis



## cufflinks 2.2.1 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Trapnell et al.

### 14 Normalize the quantified expression

Normalize the quantified expression

```
cuffnorm -o <output folder name> -b < reference sequence GDDH13.fa> -L NTFB,1  
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C30_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb HC_GDDH  
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C4_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb HC_GDDH1  
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C15_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb,HC_GDDH  
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C22_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb,HC_GDDH  
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C14_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb,HC_GDDH  
HC_GDDH13_Transcriptome/cuffquant/HC_C27_cuffq_out/abundances.cxb,HC_GDDH
```

## cufflinks 2.2.1 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Trapnell et al.

#### General transcript annotation

### 15 Retrieve transcript FASTA sequences

Transcript sequence retrieval

```
gffread -w transcripts_HC.fa -g M_domestica  
_genomes/GDDH13_v1.1/GDDH13.fa <merged Honeycrisp transcriptome>.gtf
```

Retrieve transcript FASTA sequence from transcriptome

## gffread 0.11.7 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Pertea and Pertea

### 16 Identify homologous peptide sequences between Honeycrisp/Apple and Arabidopsis

TAIR10\_pep\_20101214\_updated 2012-04-16

blastx

```
blastx -query transcripts_HC.fa -db ~/blast/db/TAIR10_pep/TAIR10_pep -out  
hc_blast_out -evalue 10 -outfmt "6 qseqid sseqid eval evalue bitscore" -  
max_target_seqs 1
```

Identification of homology between Honeycrisp and Arabidopsis

**BLAST+ 2.7.1** [↗](#)

[source](#) by Camacho et al.

## 17 Reciprocal blast to identify high confidence homologs of flowering genes

This was done using in-house scripts. If interested please contact Steve van Nocker @ vannocke@msu.edu

## 18 Predicting coding sequences of target transcripts identified by blast homology

Model Longest ORFs and predict representative peptides

```
TransDecoder.LongOrfs -t HC_GDDH13/transcript_models/merged_transcripts.fa
```

```
TransDecoder.Predict -t HC_GDDH13/transcript_models/merged_transcripts.fa
```

```
cdna_alignment_orf_to_genome_orf.pl
```

```
HC_GDDH13/transcript_models/merged_transcripts.fa.transdecoder.gff3
```

```
Transcriptome/HC_GDDH13/transcript_models/ merged.gff3
```

```
HC_GDDH13/transcript_models/merged_transcripts.fa >
```

```
HC_GDDH13/transcript_models/ transcript.fasta.transdecoder.mfusca.gff3
```

## Transdecoder 5.5 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Haas

## 19 Phylogenetics of target genes

Phylogenetic tree construction

**xvfb-run ete3 build -w standard\_fasttree -a AGL24\_compiled.pep.fa -o AGL24\_tree**

Construction of a phylogenetic tree for a specific gene family (example script)

## ETE3 3.1.1 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Huerta-Cepas et al.

## 20 Syntenic Analysis

## BLAST+ 2.7.1 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Camacho et al.

## MCScanX [↗](#)

by Wang et al.

## 20.1

Homology file creation

### **MCSanX\_h\_HC\_GDDH13/annotation/collinearity/ATxGDDH13**

Concatenate a homology file that is a two column text file the has homologs from both species documented ATxGDDH13.homology this contains my blastp tophits and blast results generated earlier  
ex. AT1G00000 MD00G0000000  
need to have a concatenated gff file of Arabidopsis and GDDH13

## 20.2

Interspecific syntenic analysis

### **blastall -i HC\_GDDH13.pep -d**

**~/blast/Malus\_domestica/HC\_GDDH13\_pep/HC\_GDDH13\_pep -p blastp -e 1e-10**

**-b 5 -v 5 -m 8 -o MdxMd.blast**

**MCSanX/HC\_GDDH13/annotation/collinearity/MdxMd**

Intraspecific analysis

Step 1

perform a within species syntenic analysis

blast p all honeycrisp apple longest ORFs vs apple longest ORFs

reformat a gff so that it only contains chr gene id start stop = MdxMd.gff

## 20.3

Duplicate gene cluster classification

### **duplicate\_gene\_classifier HC\_GDDH13/annotation/collinearity/ATxGDDH13**

Classifying duplicate gene clusters

## 20.4

Detect collinearity within gene families

### **perl detect\_collinearity\_within\_gene\_families.pl -i**

**HC\_GDDH13/annotation/collinearity/gene\_family.txt -d**

**HC\_GDDH13/annotation/collinearity/MdxMd.collinearity -o**

**HC\_GDDH13/annotation/collinearity/col\_families.txt**

Detect collinearity within gene families

*de novo* unmapped transcript assembly

## 21 Assembly of transcripts from reads that failed to map to the reference genome

de novo transcript assembly

**Trinity --seqType fq --max\_memory 20G --samples\_file <list of unmapped fastq files>.txt --output /HC\_denovo/Trinity**

Reads that failed to align to the reference genome (unmapped) were de novo assembled using Trinity.

**Trinity Assembler 2.4.0** [↗](#)

[source](#) by Haas et al.

## 22 Construct gene and isoform models

Model genes and isoforms

**Trinity\_gene\_splice\_modeler.py --trinity\_fasta Trinity.fasta**

**Trinity\_gene\_splice\_modeler.py**

[↗](#)

[source](#) by Haas et al.

### Index de novo transcripts

## 23 Create index using de novo transcripts

HISAT2-build de novo

**hisat2-build**

**/Users/vannockerlab/ChrisG/HC\_GDDH13/unmapped\_reads\_assembly/gene\_transcrip  
HC\_denovo**

Creating index of de novo transcripts for RNAseq read alignment

## HISAT 2.1.0 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Kim et al.

### Align unmapped reads to de novo transcripts

#### 24 Alignment of unmapped reads

Align unmapped reads

```
hisat2 -q --dta-cufflinks -x
HC_GDDH13/unmapped_reads_assembly/trinity_fasta_index/HC_denovo -1
HC_GDDH13/unmapped_reads_assembly/mapping/unmapped_reads/<unmapped
reads forward>.fq.gz -2
HC_GDDH13/unmapped_reads_assembly/mapping/unmapped_reads/<unmapped
reads reverse>.fq.gz -S <alignment output>.bam
```

## HISAT 2.1.0 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Kim et al.

#### 25 Sort the alignments

SAM to BAM conversion and alignment sorting

```
samtools sort -o <sorted and converted alignment file name>_sort.bam
<alignment file>.sam
```

Converting SAM to BAM format and sort

## samtools 1.9 [↗](#)

[source](#) by <http://htslib.org/>

### Quantify expression de transcripts

#### 26 Quantify expression per unmapped read library using cuffquant

cuffquant

**cuffquant -p 4 -o cuffquantout**

**unmapped\_reads\_assembly/gene\_transcript\_models/trinity\_genes.gtf**

**unmapped\_reads\_assembly/mapping/alignment\_to\_trinity/<library>unmapped\_out.b**

Quantification of de novo transcripts

**cufflinks 2.2.1** [↗](#)

[source](#) by Trapnell et al.

## 27 Retrieve normalized expression data

cuffnorm

**cuffnorm -o norm\_out -L NTFB,TFB,NT15,T15,NT35,T35,NT50,T50,NT70,T70**

**unmapped\_reads\_assembly/gene\_transcript\_models/trinity\_genes.gtf**

**./cuffquant/C30/abundances.cxb ./cuffquant/C31/abundances.cxb ./cuffquant/C21/a**

**./cuffquant/C4/abundances.cxb ./cuffquant/C28/abundances.cxb,./cuffquant/C2/abu**

**./cuffquant/C15/abundances.cxb,./cuffquant/C16/abundances.cxb ./cuffquant/C23/a**

**./cuffquant/C22/abundances.cxb,./cuffquant/C3/abundances.cxb**

**./cuffquant/C14/abundances.cxb,./cuffquant/C24/abundances.cxb**

**./cuffquant/C27/abundances.cxb,./cuffquant/C13/abundances.cxb,./cuffquant/C25/a**

Normalize quantified expression

**cufflinks 2.2.1** [↗](#)

[source](#) by Trapnell et al.

## Transcript annotation of de novo transcripts

## 28 Assigning annotation using BLAST from various databases

**BLAST+ 2.7.1** [↗](#)

[source](#) by Camacho et al.

## 28.1 TAIR10 Arabidopsis annotation

BLASTx

**blastx -query**

**unmapped\_reads\_assembly/gene\_transcript\_models/trinity\_genes.fasta -db  
TAIR10\_pep/TAIR10\_pep -out hc\_denovo\_blast\_out -evalue 10 -outfmt "6  
qseqid sseqid evalue bitscore" -max\_target\_seqs 1 -num\_threads 2**

BLASTx de novo transcripts vs TAIR10 peptides

## 28.2

BLASTn

**blastn -query trinity\_genes.fasta -db ~/blast/db/nt/nt -out blastn\_out -outfmt  
"6 qseqid sseqid evalue bitscore score pident nident length staxids " -  
max\_target\_seqs 1**

BLASTn de novo transcripts vs NCBI nt database

## 28.3

Retrieve nt annotation descriptions

**blastdbcmd -db ../blast/db/nt/nt -dbtype nucl -entry\_batch  
./HC\_denovo\_blastn\_out\_id.txt -out hc\_de\_novo\_nt\_descript\_out -outfmt "%a  
%t"**

## 28.4

BLASTx

**blastx -query trinity\_genes.fasta -db ~/blast/db/nr/nr -out blastx\_out -outfmt  
"6 qseqid sseqid evalue bitscore score pident nident length staxids " -  
max\_target\_seqs 1**

BLASTx de novo transcripts vs NCBI nr database

## 29 Model longest ORFs and predict representative transcripts from de novo transcript dataset



Transdecoder de novo transcripts

**TransDecoder.LongOrfs -t unmapped\_reads\_assembly/trinity\_genes.fasta**

**TransDecoder.Predict -t unmapped\_reads\_assembly/trinity\_genes.fasta**

**cdna\_alignment\_orf\_to\_genome\_orf.pl**

**unmapped\_reads\_assembly/trinity\_genes.fasta.transdecoder.gff3**

**unmapped\_reads\_assembly/trinity\_genes.gff3**

**unmapped\_reads\_assembly/trinity\_genes.fasta >**

**../transcripts.fasta.transdecoder.denovofusca.gff3**

## Transdecoder 5.5 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Haas

R commands for transcriptome analysis

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## R Studio Desktop 1.1.463 [↗](#)

by The R Studio, Inc.

## R programming language 3.3.3 of later [↗](#)

[source](#) by The R Foundation

## CummeRbund 2.24.0 [↗](#)

[source](#) by Goff et al.

CummeRbund

```
library(cummeRbund)
setwd("HC_GDDH13/cuffdiff/processed_cuffdiff_files/cuffdiff_edited") #setworking
#creation of a cufflinks db for cummeRbund
#cuff<-readCufflinks(dir =
"HC_GDDH13/cuffdiff/processed_cuffdiff_files/cuffdiff_edited", gtffile =
"HC_GDDH13/transcript_models/merged.gtf", genome =
"M_domestica/GDDH13_v1.1/GDDH13")
#reload already created cuff database
#cuff <- readCufflinks(File = "cuffData.db", gtffile =
"HC_GDDH13/transcript_models/merged.gtf", genome =
"M_domestica/GDDH13_v1.1/GDDH13")
#check cuffset instances; should contain genes and isoforms other features
could be missing
#cuff
#check cuffset is functioning by building dendrogram of genes in treatments
#dend<-csDendro(genes(cuff))
#dend
```

This is the primary scripts used to set up the CummeRbund and R based analyses.

## 30.1

Clustering of DEGs in the thinned apices

```
#targets with foldchange >1 <-1
fctargets1 <- subset(subsample_initiation_get_genes, log2_fold_change >=
1.5 | log2_fold_change <= -1.5)
fctargets2 <- unique(fctargets1$gene_id)
subsamplefinal_initiation_get_genes <- getGenes(cuff,fctargets2,
sampleIdList = samplelist)
initiation_sig_genes_cluster5 <-
csCluster(subsamplefinal_initiation_get_genes, k=5)
initiation_sig_genes_cluster5
thinned_sig_genes_clusterplot5 <-
csClusterPlot(initiation_sig_genes_cluster5)
thinned_sig_genes_clusterplot5
cluster_assignment_initiation5 <- initiation_sig_genes_cluster5$clustering
write.csv(cluster_assignment_initiation5, file =
"initiating_gene_cluster_assignment5_fc1.5", sep = ",", eol = "\n")
```

Clustering of DEGs in the thinned apices

## 30.2

Heatmap for thinned apices

```
#heatmap for sig genes ordered by cluster assignment using this to sort by
cluster for the heatmap (reorganized the steve annotation/heatmap.txt file)
#import csv to data to heatmap.txt
row.names <- (heatmap_updated$Homolog)
heat_map_data <- data.matrix(heatmap_updated)
gene_exp <- heat_map_data[,2:6]
row.names <- heatmap_updated$Homolog
row.names(gene_exp) <- row.names
my_palette <- colorRampPalette(c("White", "Red"))(n = 299)
hm_heatmap <- heatmap.2(gene_exp, Rowv = NULL, Colv = NULL, col =
my_palette, trace = "none", density.info = "none", margins = c(16,12))
hm_heatmap
```

### 30.3

MdTFL1 expression plots

```
tfl1 <- data.frame(tfl1.2_plot)
tfl1_2_plot <- ggplot(tfl1, aes(x=Timepoint, y=Exp, color=Source,
group=Source)) + geom_line(stat = "Identity") + scale_colour_brewer(type =
"div") + geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=Exp-StdE, ymax=Exp+StdE, width=.2))
tfl1_2_plot

cor.test(~ PCR + RNAseq, data = cor, method = "pearson", conf.level = 0.95)

tfl1_rna <- data.frame(tfl1.2_plot_rna)
tfl1_qpcr <- data.frame(tfl1.2_plot_qpcr)

#tfl1_qpcr_pval <- compare_means(Relative.Expression ~ Source, group.by =
"Timepoint", data = tfl1_qpcr_all, p.adjust.method = "bon")
#tfl1_qpcr_pval

tfl1_2_plot1 <- ggplot(tfl1_rna, aes(x=Timepoint, y=FPKM, group=Source,
fill=Source)) + geom_bar(stat = "Identity", position = position_dodge()) +
geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=FPKM-StdE, ymax=FPKM+StdE, width=.2), position
= position_dodge(width=0.9)) + theme_gray()# + geom_text()
tfl1_2_plot2 <- ggplot(tfl1_qpcr, aes(x=Timepoint, y=Relative.Expression,
color=Source, group=Source)) + geom_line(stat = "Identity") +
geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=Relative.Expression-StdE,
ymax=Relative.Expression+StdE, width=.2)) + theme_gray() #+
stat_compare_means(method = "t.test")

tfl1_2_plot1
tfl1_2_plot2

tfl1_plots <- arrange(tfl1_2_plot2, tfl1_2_plot1, ncol = 1, nrow = 2, labels =
```

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tfl1_1_plot1 <- ggplot(tfl1_1_rna, aes(x=Timepoint, y=Exp, group=Source,
c("A","B"))
tfl1_1_plots

##### TFL1-1 plots
tfl1_1 <- data.frame(tfl1.1_plot)
tfl1_1_plot <- ggplot(tfl1_1, aes(x=Timepoint, y=Exp, color=Source,
group=Source)) + geom_line(stat = "Identity") + scale_colour_brewer(type =
"div") + geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=Exp-StdE, ymax=Exp+StdE, width=.2))
tfl1_1_plot

cor.test(~ PCR + RNAseq, data = cor2, method = "pearson", conf.level =
0.95)

tfl1_1_rna <- data.frame(tfl1.1_plot_rna)
tfl1_1_qpcr <- data.frame(tfl1.1_plot_qpcr)

#tfl1_1_qpcr_pval <- compare_means(Exp ~ Source, group.by = "Timepoint",
data = tfl1.1_plot_qpcr_all, p.adjust.method = "bon")
#tfl1_1_qpcr_pval

tfl1_1_plot1 <- ggplot(tfl1_1_rna, aes(x=Timepoint, y=Exp, group=Source,
fill=Source)) + geom_bar(stat = "Identity", position = position_dodge()) +
geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=Exp-StdE, ymax=Exp+StdE, width=.2), position =
position_dodge(width=0.9)) + theme_gray() #+ geom_text()
tfl1_1_plot2 <- ggplot(tfl1_1_qpcr, aes(x=Timepoint, y=Exp, color=Source,
group=Source)) + geom_line(stat = "Identity") +
geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=Exp-StdE, ymax=Exp+StdE, width=.2)) +
theme_gray() #+ stat_compare_means(method = "t.test")

tfl1_1_plot1
tfl1_1_plot2

tfl1_1_plots <- ggarrange(tfl1_1_plot2, tfl1_1_plot1, ncol = 1, nrow = 2, labels
= c("A","B"))
tfl1_1_plots

#### TFL1 plots all

Figure_6 <- ggarrange(tfl1_2_plot2,tfl1_1_plot2,tfl1_2_plot1,tfl1_1_plot1, ncol
= 2, nrow = 2, labels = c("A", "B", "C", "D"))
Figure_6

```

Clustering for DEG in response to crop load

```
ic <- csCluster(targets, k=5)
head(ic$cluster)
icp <- csClusterPlot(ic)
icp
```

Used the same scripts as the clustering for the initiating apices (csCluster). However, the dataset here was manually curated to cluster by fold change of only the DEGs. Simplified R commands found below.

## 30.5

Heatmap for crop load fold change

```
row.names <- (heatmap_croplload_final$Ref_gene)
cl_fc <- data.matrix(heatmap_croplload_final)
gene_exp_cl_fc <- cl_fc[,2:6]
row.names <- cl_fc$Ref_gene
row.names(gene_exp_cl_fc) <- row.names
my_palette <- colorRampPalette(c("Blue", "White", "Red"))(n = 299)
cl_fc_heatmap <- heatmap.2(gene_exp_cl_fc, Rowv = TRUE, Colv = NULL, col
= my_palette, trace = "none", density.info = "none", key = "True", margins =
c(8,6))
```

Heatmap for GA20X genes

```
row.namesGAox2 <- (GAox2$gid)
heat_map_dataGAox2 <- data.matrix(GAox2)
gene_expGAox2 <- heat_map_dataGAox2[,2:6]
row.namesGAox2 <- GAox2$gid
row.names(gene_expGAox2) <- row.namesGAox2
my_palette <- colorRampPalette(c("Blue", "White", "Red"))(n = 299)
hm_heatmapGAox2 <- heatmap.2(gene_expGAox2, Rowv = NULL, Colv =
NULL, col = my_palette, trace = "none", density.info = "none", margins =
c(16,12))
hm_heatmapGAox2
```

WGCNA

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Co-expression analysis script

```
catwd"/~/B/WGCNA/"
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```

setwd("~/WGCNA/")

library("WGCNA")
library("flashClust")

options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
enableWGCNAThreads()
wgcna_cropload <- read.delim("./rep_data.txt", row.names=1)
traitsData <- read.delim("./datTraits.txt", row.names=1)
datExpr = as.data.frame(t(wgcna_cropload))

gsg = goodSamplesGenes(datExpr, verbose = 3)
gsg$allOK
#if last statement is False using following to remove offending genes
if (!gsg$allOK)
  { if (sum(!gsg$goodGenes)>0)
      printFlush(paste("Removing genes:", paste(names(datExpr)
[!gsg$goodGenes], collapse= ", ")));
    if (sum(!gsg$goodSamples)>0)
      printFlush(paste("Removing samples:", paste(rownames(datExpr)
[!gsg$goodSamples], collapse=", ")))
    datExpr= datExpr[gsg$goodSamples, gsg$goodGenes]
  }

Samples = rownames(datExpr);
allTraits = traitsData[, c(1:3) ];

traitRows = match(Samples, allTraits$sample);
datTraits = allTraits[traitRows,];
rownames(datTraits) = datTraits[, 1]

sampleTree = hclust(dist(datExpr), method = "average")
traitColors = numbers2colors(traitRows, signed = FALSE);
pdf(file = "SampleClustering.pdf");
plotDendroAndColors(sampleTree, traitColors,
groupLabels = names(traitRows),
main = "Sample dendrogram and trait heatmap")
dev.off()

save(datExpr, datTraits, file = "Single_Block_data_entry_check.RData")

# Choose a set of soft-thresholding powers
powers = c(c(1:10), seq(from = 12, to=30, by=2))
# Call the network topology analysis function
sft = pickSoftThreshold(datExpr, powerVector = powers, verbose = 5)
# Plot the results:
sizeGrWindow(9, 5)
par(mfrow = c(1,2));
cex1 = 0.9;
# Scale-free topology fit index as a function of the soft-thresholding power

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```

par(mfrow = c("Soft_power_calc.pdf"));
plot(sft$fitIndices[,1], -sign(sft$fitIndices[,3])*sft$fitIndices[,2],
xlab="Soft Threshold (power)",ylab="Scale Free Topology Model Fit,signed
R^2",type="n",
main = paste("Scale independence"));
text(sft$fitIndices[,1], -sign(sft$fitIndices[,3])*sft$fitIndices[,2],
labels=powers,cex=cex1,col="red");
# this line corresponds to using an R^2 cut-off of h
abline(h=0.90,col="red")
# Mean connectivity as a function of the soft-thresholding power
plot(sft$fitIndices[,1], sft$fitIndices[,5],
xlab="Soft Threshold (power)",ylab="Mean Connectivity", type="n",
main = paste("Mean connectivity"))
text(sft$fitIndices[,1], sft$fitIndices[,5], labels=powers, cex=cex1,col="red")
dev.off()

#We select a soft power of 4 as is the lowest power for which the scale-free
topology fit index reaches 0.90

softPower = 4;
adjacency = adjacency(datExpr, power = softPower);
TOM = TOMsimilarity(adjacency);
dissTOM = 1-TOM

# Call the hierarchical clustering function
geneTree = hclust(as.dist(dissTOM), method = "average");
# Plot the resulting clustering tree (dendrogram)
pdf(file = "Clustering_dendro.pdf");
sizeGrWindow(12,9)
plot(geneTree, xlab="", sub="", main = "Gene clustering on TOM-based
dissimilarity",
labels = FALSE, hang = 0.04);
dev.off()

# We like large modules, so we set the minimum module size relatively high:
minModuleSize = 30;
# Module identification using dynamic tree cut:
dynamicMods = cutreeDynamic(dendro = geneTree, distM = dissTOM,
deepSplit = 2, pamRespectsDendro = FALSE,
minClusterSize = minModuleSize);
table(dynamicMods)

# Convert numeric labels into colors
dynamicColors = labels2colors(dynamicMods)
table(dynamicColors)
# Plot the dendrogram and colors underneath
sizeGrWindow(8,6)
pdf(file = "Clustering_dendro_with_colors.pdf");
plotDendroAndColors(geneTree, dynamicColors, "Dynamic Tree Cut",
dendroLabels = FALSE, hang = 0.03,
addGuide = TRUE, guideHang = 0.05,
main = "Gene dendrogram and module colors")
dev.off()

```

```

genesMatchcolors <- cbind(dynamicColors, names(datExpr))
write.csv(genesMatchcolors, file="gene_names_dynamicColors_match.csv")

# Calculate eigengenes
MEList = moduleEigengenes(datExpr, colors = dynamicColors, softPower = 4)
MEs = MEList$eigengenes
# Calculate dissimilarity of module eigengenes
MEDiss = 1-cor(MEs);
# Cluster module eigengenes
METree = hclust(as.dist(MEDiss), method = "average");
# Plot the result
sizeGrWindow(7, 6)
plot(METree, main = "Clustering of module eigengenes",
xlab = "", sub = "")

MEDissThres = 0.25
# Plot the cut line into the dendrogram
abline(h=MEDissThres, col = "red")
# Call an automatic merging function
merge = mergeCloseModules(datExpr, dynamicColors, cutHeight = MEDissThres,
verbose = 3)
# The merged module colors
mergedColors = merge$colors;
# Eigengenes of the new merged modules:
mergedMEs = merge$newMEs;

sizeGrWindow(12, 9)
pdf(file = "Clustering eigengenes.pdf", wi = 9, he = 6)
plotDendroAndColors(geneTree, cbind(dynamicColors, mergedColors),
c("Dynamic Tree Cut", "Merged dynamic"),
dendroLabels = FALSE, hang = 0.03,
addGuide = TRUE, guideHang = 0.05)
dev.off()

# Rename to moduleColors
moduleColors = mergedColors
# Construct numerical labels corresponding to the colors
colorOrder = c("grey", standardColors(50));
moduleLabels = match(moduleColors, colorOrder)-1;
MEs = mergedMEs;
# Save module colors and labels for use in subsequent parts
save(MEs, moduleLabels, moduleColors, geneTree, file = "Single_Block-
networkConstruction-stepByStep.RData")

write.csv(cbind(MEList, names(datExpr)), file="gene_names_module_match.csv")
write.csv(MEs, file="Module_Eigengenes_dataframe.csv")

```

These scripts were executed on the HPCC at the MSU.



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