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Abstract

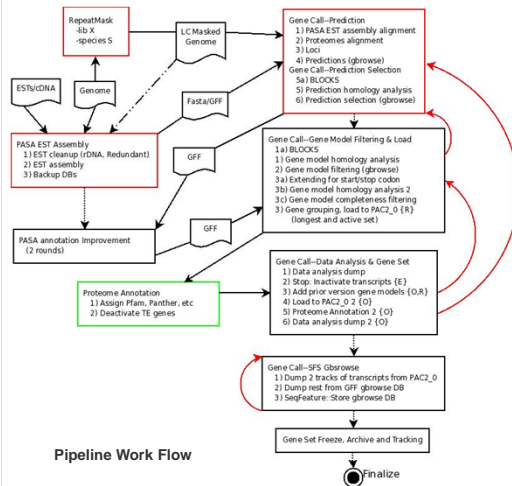
JGI plant genomics gene annotation pipeline is a streamlined pipeline integrating multiple components. It provides one or more optional redo operations in each component to allow parameter tweaking to suit each genome characteristics so a naive or experienced user can make high quality gene annotation in a timely manner. It has been used for gene annotation/re-annotation of many JGI flagship plant genomes and other genomes, producing stable and high quality gene models.

Methods

Prerequisites: genome fasta, transcriptome fasta, related species proteomes, repeat library

Steps (detailed work flow shown below):

- 1) Run RepeatModeler to get repeat library if not available
- 2) RepeatMask genome with repeat library
- 3) Run PASA to assembly transcripts
- 4) Run BLASTX and EXONERATE on homolog proteomes
- 5) Define locus based on EXONERATE hits and transcript assembly alignments
- 6) Make initial gene predictions for each locus by GenomeScan, FGENESH+ and FGENESH-EST
- 7) Select one best prediction for each locus
- 8) Run PASA on the selected predictions for annotation improvement like adding UTRs and alternative transcripts
- 9) Filter gene models
- 10) Run protein domain analysis on the filtered gene models and deactivate TE genes
- 11) Build browser database/dataset for visualization



Introduction

Plant genomes vary in size and are highly complex with a high amount of repeats, genome duplication and tandem duplication. Gene encodes a wealth of information useful in studying organism and it is critical to have high quality and stable gene annotation. Thanks to advancement of sequencing technology, many plant species genomes have been sequenced and transcriptomes are also sequenced. To use these vastly large amounts of sequence data to make gene annotation or re-annotation in a timely fashion, an automatic pipeline is needed. JGI plant genomics gene annotation pipeline, called integrated gene call (IGC), is our effort toward this aim with aid of a RNA-seq transcriptome assembly pipeline. It utilizes several gene predictors based on homolog peptides and transcript ORFs. See Methods for detail.

Here we present genome annotation of JGI flagship green plants produced by this pipeline plus Arabidopsis and rice except for chlamy which is done by a third party. The genome annotations of these species and others are used in our gene family build pipeline and accessible via JGI Phytozome portal whose URL and front page snapshot are shown below.

<http://phytozome.jgi.doe.gov/pz/portal.html>

Results

Land plant protein coding gene structure is shown to be remarkably stable in term of exon number and exon length, and to some extent intron length as well (shown in far right tables).

Using percentage of gene models with PFAM domain as a yardstick, our automatic pipeline produced results approaching human curated Arabidopsis and many genomes are better than rice, also a well-known annotated genome. Except for chlamy (a non land plant), genome annotation with lower assigned PFAM domain reflects largely on quality of inputs.

	Gene	Trans	%PFAM	G. Size	%Exonic
<i>G. max</i>	56,044	88,647	75.1	979M	9.66
<i>P. trichocarpa</i>	41,335	73,013	74.9	434M	15.33
<i>B. distachyon</i>	31,694	42,868	70.7	272M	19.38
<i>S. italica</i>	35,471	40,599	66.4	406M	12.01
<i>S. bicolor</i>	33,032	39,441	67.3	727M	8.48
<i>P. virgatum</i>	98,007	125,439	55.6	1,698M	7.69
<i>P. patens</i>	26,610	42,392	68.4	473M	10.44
<i>C. reinhardtii</i>	17,741	19,526	51.8	111M	52.03
<i>A. thaliana</i>	27,416	35,386	77.4	120M	34.19
<i>O. sativa</i>	39,049	49,061	62.0	375M	15.21

Results

	Number of Exons				
	25%	Median	Mean	75%	Max
<i>G. max</i>	3	5	6.5	9	78
<i>P. trichocarpa</i>	2	5	6.3	9	76
<i>B. distachyon</i>	2	4	5.8	8	72
<i>S. italica</i>	2	3	5.0	7	60
<i>S. bicolor</i>	2	4	5.3	7	65
<i>P. virgatum</i>	2	3	4.5	6	60
<i>P. patens</i>	2	5	6.3	8	70
<i>C. reinhardtii</i>	4	7	8.9	11	173
<i>A. thaliana</i>	2	4	5.9	8	79
<i>O. sativa</i>	2	3	4.9	7	78

	Exon Length				
	25%	Median	Mean	75%	Max
<i>G. max</i>	90	151	284	330	9,509
<i>P. trichocarpa</i>	89	149	277	322	7,911
<i>B. distachyon</i>	92	158	306	366	9,439
<i>S. italica</i>	91	157	288	345	7,851
<i>S. bicolor</i>	94	173	361	451	14,531
<i>P. virgatum</i>	94	171	316	385	18,512
<i>P. patens</i>	93	162	313	378	10,268
<i>C. reinhardtii</i>	95	156	369	351	12,274
<i>A. thaliana</i>	89	147	262	300	7,761
<i>O. sativa</i>	90	159	318	369	15,363

	Intron Length				
	25%	Median	Mean	75%	Max
<i>G. max</i>	105	225	519	599	18,215
<i>P. trichocarpa</i>	101	180	380	483	10,053
<i>B. distachyon</i>	94	149	419	500	16,886
<i>S. italica</i>	92	136	334	418	6,930
<i>S. bicolor</i>	96	150	480	491	18,859
<i>P. virgatum</i>	92	137	391	422	18,637
<i>P. patens</i>	153	215	274	312	7,589
<i>C. reinhardtii</i>	164	227	173	314	82,837
<i>A. thaliana</i>	86	100	165	168	11,602
<i>O. sativa</i>	96	168	416	501	18,327

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