

Genetic regulation of salt stress tolerance revealed by RNA-Seq in cotton diploid wild species, *Gossypium davidsonii*

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Table S1. Mapping result of RNA-Seq reads

Sample	Raw reads (M)	Clean reads (M)	Mapped reads (M)	Mapping rate
RC12-1	24.0	23.2	17.1	73.76%
RC12-2	27.1	26.2	19.1	72.89%
RS12-1	64.3	61.5	44.6	72.63%
RS12-2	14.6	13.7	10.2	74.74%
RC24-1	21.2	20.7	15.2	73.18%
RC24-2	32.1	30.5	23.9	78.36%
RS24-1	32.6	31.2	22.5	72.26%
RS24-2	21.8	20.6	14.7	71.14%
RC48-1	36.9	35.7	26.1	72.93%
RC48-2	22.0	21.2	15.3	72.18%
RS48-1	72.8	71.5	52.8	73.92%
RS48-2	19.9	19.5	14.1	72.30%
RC96-1	86.7	84.1	61.2	72.77%
RC96-2	21.1	20.4	14.6	71.61%
RS96-1	137.6	134.9	97.2	72.07%
RS96-2	21.4	20.5	12.5	60.88%
RC144-1	29.5	28.2	20.0	70.94%
RC144-2	33.7	32.1	23.7	73.99%
RS144-1	47.8	46.1	32.9	71.53%
RS144-2	33.5	32.1	23.5	73.18%
LC12-1	37.9	35.7	30.2	84.47%
LC12-2	42.3	40.1	32.9	82.11%
LS12-1	39.3	37.9	29.8	78.55%
LS12-2	23.3	21.4	16.0	75.00%
LC24-1	15.7	14.1	10.7	75.78%
LC24-2	22.2	20.0	15.1	75.58%
LS24-1	32.4	30.6	25.6	83.70%
LS24-2	27.8	26.4	21.9	82.88%
LC48-1	14.1	12.7	9.3	73.41%
LC48-2	35.2	32.9	24.3	74.04%
LS48-1	77.2	73.0	58.6	80.32%
LS48-2	41.5	39.5	32.4	82.00%
LC96-1	21.7	20.1	13.4	66.67%
LC96-2	180.8	176.6	126.6	71.67%
LS96-1	39.1	36.5	21.8	59.74%
LS96-2	43.3	40.4	30.4	75.40%
LC144-1	32.9	29.1	21.2	72.78%
LC144-2	53.3	47.0	34.3	72.86%
LS144-1	42.4	40.7	30.8	75.87%
LS144-2	64.4	61.9	47.6	76.92%

RC and RS: root well-watered and salt treatment, respectively; LC and LS: leaf well-watered and salt treatment, respectively.

Table S2. GO terms related to stimulus or stress.

Term	R12	R24	R48	R96	R144	L12	L24	L48	L96	L144
response to osmotic stress	75	81	31	21	18	11	15	45	60	70
response to oxidative stress	65	63	19	19	15	8	11	38	31	54
response to starvation	31	30	9	13	9	0	0	13	14	19
response to water deprivation	51	51	23	15	16	9	9	32	41	35
cation transport	56	69	34	29	14	6	10	37	53	84
inorganic anion transport	32	28	16	25	21	0	0	10	23	21
monovalent inorganic cation transport	10	16	7	0	0	0	0	11	14	26
di-, tri-valent inorganic cation transport	28	32	16	16	8	6	8	24	30	38
metal ion transport	47	53	24	22	12	6	9	29	41	58
nitrate transport	27	30	14	18	16	0	0	7	14	15
response to abscisic acid stimulus	65	75	29	16	23	9	12	40	51	48
response to ethylene stimulus	36	37	18	14	18	0	5	23	26	30
response to hormone stimulus	125	126	53	41	46	13	16	80	103	101
response to jasmonic acid stimulus	49	58	22	21	24	7	9	29	37	51
response to salicylic acid stimulus	40	49	17	17	20	5	5	26	29	47
response to chitin	55	53	15	24	34	0	0	19	31	36
response to sucrose stimulus	14	27	9	9	11	0	5	18	29	36

The numbers in table indicate the differential expression genes in root (R) and leaf (L) at five time points.

Table S3. Mapman bins of photosynthetic pathway

Bin	Name	Elements	P-value
1	PS	155	4.36E-25
1.1	PS.lightreaction	120	2.52E-24
1.1.1	PS.lightreaction.photosystem II	51	6.97E-14
1.1.1.1	PS.lightreaction.photosystem II.LHC-II	18	1.09E-04
1.1.1.2	PS.lightreaction.photosystem II.PSII polypeptide subunits	33	1.26E-10
1.1.2	PS.lightreaction.photosystem I	26	1.56E-05
1.1.2.1	PS.lightreaction.photosystem I.LHC-I	2	1.62E-01
1.1.2.2	PS.lightreaction.photosystem I.PSI polypeptide subunits	24	4.28E-05
1.1.3	PS.lightreaction.cytochrome b6/f	6	1.90E-03
1.1.3.1	PS.lightreaction.cytochrome b6/f.iron sulfur subunit	1	9.80E-01
1.1.3.2	PS.lightreaction.cytochrome b6/f.subunit 4 (PETD)	1	1.91E-01
1.1.3.3	PS.lightreaction.cytochrome b6/f.cytochrome b6 (CYB6)	2	2.54E-02
1.1.4	PS.lightreaction.ATP synthase	9	1.17E-03
1.1.4.1	PS.lightreaction.ATP synthase.alpha subunit	1	7.97E-02
1.1.4.3	PS.lightreaction.ATP synthase.epsilon chain	1	1.67E-01
1.1.4.4	PS.lightreaction.ATP synthase.gamma chain	1	1.74E-01
1.1.4.5	PS.lightreaction.ATP synthase.subunit C	1	9.45E-02
1.1.4.6	PS.lightreaction.ATP synthase.chloroplastic subunit a	2	1.87E-02
1.1.4.7	PS.lightreaction.ATP synthase.delta chain	1	2.34E-01
1.1.4.8	PS.lightreaction.ATP synthase.subunit B (ATPF)	1	8.13E-02
1.1.40	PS.lightreaction.cyclic electron flow-chlororespiration	10	9.60E-02
1.1.5	PS.lightreaction.other electron carrier (ox/red)	11	8.20E-02
1.1.5.2	PS.lightreaction.other electron carrier (ox/red).ferredoxin	7	3.26E-01
1.1.5.3	PS.lightreaction.other electron carrier (ox/red).ferredoxin reductase	3	6.99E-02
1.1.5.4	PS.lightreaction.other electron carrier (ox/red).ferredoxin oxireductase	1	9.80E-01
1.1.6	PS.lightreaction.NADH DH	7	1.16E-02
1.2	PS.photorespiration	9	2.19E-01
1.2.2	PS.photorespiration.glycolate oxydase	3	7.51E-01
1.2.3	PS.photorespiration.aminotransferases peroxisomal	1	9.80E-01
1.2.4	PS.photorespiration.glycine cleavage	2	1.20E-01
1.2.4.4	PS.photorespiration.glycine cleavage.H protein	2	1.20E-01
1.2.6	PS.photorespiration.hydroxypyruvate reductase	1	3.07E-01
1.2.7	PS.photorespiration.glycerate kinase	1	9.80E-01
1.3	PS.calvin cycle	26	1.05E-02
1.3.1	PS.calvin cycle.rubisco large subunit	5	1.27E-04
1.3.11	PS.calvin cycle.RPE	1	9.80E-01
1.3.12	PS.calvin cycle.PRK	1	2.68E-01
1.3.13	PS.calvin cycle.rubisco interacting	2	8.03E-01
1.3.2	PS.calvin cycle.rubisco small subunit	3	9.65E-01
1.3.4	PS.calvin cycle.GAP	5	6.31E-01
1.3.5	PS.calvin cycle.TPI	1	9.80E-01
1.3.6	PS.calvin cycle.aldolase	1	1.33E-01
1.3.7	PS.calvin cycle.FBPase	5	1.66E-01
1.3.8	PS.calvin cycle.transketolase	1	9.80E-01

Table S4. Mapman bins of redox pathway

Bin	Name	Elements	P-value
21	redox	56	1.02E-02
21.1	redox.thioredoxin	16	3.32E-01
21.1.1	redox.thioredoxin.PDIL	1	2.28E-01
21.2	redox.ascorbate and glutathione	13	1.49E-01
21.2.1	redox.ascorbate and glutathione.ascorbate	6	1.23E-01
21.2.1.2	redox.ascorbate and glutathione.ascorbate. GDP-L-galactose-hexose-1-phosphate guanyltransferase	1	2.38E-01
21.2.2	redox.ascorbate and glutathione.glutathione	2	2.99E-01
21.3	redox.heme	1	9.80E-01
21.4	redox.glutaredoxins	19	1.41E-01
21.5	redox.peroxiredoxin	3	8.29E-01
21.5.1	redox.peroxiredoxin.BAS1	1	3.49E-01
21.6	redox.dismutases and catalases	4	1.06E-01

Table S5. Statistics of alternative splicing categories from RNA-Seq data

Category	Event No.	Event ratio (%)	Gene No.	Gene ratio (%) ^a	Events per gene
AA	4146	29.25	3065	45.09	1.35
AD	1809	12.76	1526	22.45	1.19
ES	1093	7.71	888	13.06	1.23
IR	5063	35.73	3492	51.37	1.45
others	2061	14.54	1171	17.23	1.76
total	14172	100	6798	149.19	2.08

^a Many genes utilize multiple splicing categories, causing percentages to sum to greater than 100.

Table S6. Primers used for qRT-PCR to validate the correlation with RNA-Seq

Gene ID	Transcripts level under salt stress vs. CK	Primers for qRT-PCR(5'-3')
<i>Gorai.005G088800</i>	root up-regulated	F:CCCAAATGGAAGGAAGAA R:GCATCTGTGAAGCAAATC
<i>Gorai.010G219200</i>	root up-regulated	F:TTATCTCTTCTGCTCCTT R:AGTATCCATAGTTCTTATCAC
<i>Gorai.012G098700</i>	root up-regulated	F:TTCAGGCATCAACATCTA R:AGAATCCATAGTCAGCAAT
<i>Gorai.013G186800</i>	root up-regulated	F:ACTTGCACTTGAATCAC R:CTCACTTCATCGTCTCTA
<i>Gorai.011G106000</i>	root up-regulated	F:TAATAACTCGGCTTCTCT R:CCACAATTCTCAACAGTA
<i>Gorai.013G002500</i>	root up-regulated	F:CACCGAAGATGAATGAAT R:GGATTACACATATTACCAAGA
<i>Gorai.009G240400</i>	root up-regulated	F:GAGTACATCTCCGACTTG R:CACAACCTTACAATCCA
<i>Gorai.009G425300</i>	root up-regulated	F:GGTGTATGATGTTGTTAGG R:TCACTATATCCTCCCAAC
<i>Gorai.009G055400</i>	root up-regulated	F:CTTCCATATCATTTCCTTATC R:CTTGTTGTAGCGAATCTT
<i>Gorai.010G249700</i>	root up-regulated	F:CAACAATCGTGCTTCAA R:CACTATGCCTGTATGCTA
<i>Gorai.010G144000</i>	root up-regulated	F:GTCAACCTTACTCTCACT R:CATCATTATCATCACCAAGT
<i>Gorai.013G264800</i>	root no difference	F:AGTGTGATATGCTGTAT R:AATCATCTTGCTTCTCAC
<i>Gorai.013G260200</i>	root no difference	F:AGAAATTGGCTCCTGAAA R:CGGCGTAAGTTTATGTA
<i>Gorai.013G229600</i>	root no difference	F:CTTGAATGTGCTATTGGA R:AGAGAATTGATCTGATGGA
<i>Gorai.005G259200</i>	root no difference	F:TTACAGAAGCACCCTAA R:GCCTGAATAGCAACATAC
<i>Gorai.004G144900</i>	root no difference	F:CTGTCAATGATGAACCTATT R:GCTCTGTCTCTTCTGATT
<i>Gorai.007G228300</i>	root no difference	F:TTATGAAACGGCGAAATGG R:TATGGAGGAGGCTCTTCA
<i>Gorai.011G281100</i>	root no difference	F:ACTATGTTGATCTATTGGTGTT R:CACTCCTTCACTTGTAAACC
<i>Gorai.001G088900</i>	root no difference	F:CCAGAGGTATTGAAGAAG R:GGAAGTAGAAGAGGAATTG
<i>Gorai.001G177100</i>	root no difference	F:TACGCTGGACTAACTATT R:TAGCCGACCATCTATTAC

<i>Gorai.001G199400</i>	root no difference	F:AATTAGAACAAGGAGACAATAAG R:CAACGCTCATTAACAGATT
<i>Gorai.001G068900</i>	root no difference	F:TTGCTATGGATGCTTGAT R:GGTGGGAGAACATATAACT
<i>Gorai.003G119400</i>	root down-regulated	F:TGAAGGATATGAACATTGC R:CTGAGCCGATAATTGAAG
<i>Gorai.010G022800</i>	root down-regulated	F:AGGTTACAGTCGTTGGAT R:GTCCATACTTAGCACTTC
<i>Gorai.004G233300</i>	root down-regulated	F:ATCCATTGAACTTATATGATGAA R:TTGCCTTCTTCTCACATT
<i>Gorai.007G007800</i>	root down-regulated	F:GAAGGAAGAGGAGGAGAT R:TATCGTAATAGATCACACCTG
<i>Gorai.005G102700</i>	root down-regulated	F:TGACCAAGGAAGAGATAA R:CGCATCCATCTTTATTG
<i>Gorai.008G237900</i>	root down-regulated	F:TCAGCAATCCTACTTCTC R:GCAAACATTCACGTTATTC
<i>Gorai.005G088000</i>	root down-regulated	F:TTCATCAGAGTTCTATAAGGT R:ATCCACATTCTCCAATT
<i>Gorai.005G074600</i>	root down-regulated	F:TTTCATGGAAGCCAAAGA R:ATCTGTGAGTAGCAATGG
<i>Gorai.005G185500</i>	root down-regulated	F:GAGGTTATGGAGTTCTAA R:GATTGGTAGGACTCTGAA
<i>Gorai.007G027400</i>	root down-regulated	F:ATGCTCTTAAATTAGGTGTATG R:AACGAGACCATTGAGAAG
<i>Gorai.011G137300</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:TTGATTCCTTCCCGATT R:TCCTGTTCTTCTGTATGG
<i>Gorai.012G003400</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:GAGACGATGATGAATATAACC R:ATGATGGAGAGGACAATG
<i>Gorai.007G318400</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:TTAGTTTGTGTTCTCTTAGC R:CACATTCATTCCTTTGC
<i>Gorai.013G271900</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:GGATTGATGATGCTGTTG R:ATGGAATAAGGAGGTATGTG
<i>Gorai.002G250500</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:TGCTTTCAGGCTATAAATC R:TTCCATCTCTCCACTAC
<i>Gorai.001G031100</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:CCTATCATCCTGTTACTG R:TTGTAGATTCTTCATCCATA
<i>Gorai.004G235900</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:TTCTTGTTGTGAGGTTGT R:TTAAGGCTAGTCTCCATC
<i>Gorai.006G245900</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:CCAGAGTTGTTACAGGTT R:TTGTCTTCATAAGTAGGTTCA
<i>Gorai.010G215600</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:ACCTCCATTGATGTATTGT R:ACCCATTCAGTGCTAAT

<i>Gorai.004G068200</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:TTACGAGGCTCATTATCT R:TCCATCTGTTCTTGTCTA
<i>Gorai.002G248000</i>	leaf up-regulated	F:CTGCTATAATGGAACATATACTTG R:AATGCGTAACGATCTTGT
<i>Gorai.001G002700</i>	leaf no difference	F:AAGACAAGAACTTCAACTAC R:GCAGCAATACGGTAATAG
<i>Gorai.001G084000</i>	leaf no difference	F:GATTGGCTTATTCTTGTATTG R:AACAGGAACCGTATTACT
<i>Gorai.013G090200</i>	leaf no difference	F:ACGAAGTTGGGTAGATG R:TAACAGTCCGATGTGAAG
<i>Gorai.003G009500</i>	leaf no difference	F:CAAGCGAGAAGTCAAGATA R:CCTCACATAACTCCATAACA
<i>Gorai.009G295900</i>	leaf no difference	F:TCAGGAATTGGAGTGGAT R:TCAATGAACAACCTGGAAC
<i>Gorai.009G288900</i>	leaf no difference	F:AAGCAGAATCCATTGAAG R:AATCTAACTCTTGACTATTACC
<i>Gorai.003G056300</i>	leaf no difference	F:TCATGTTGCCTGTGTAT R:TTCTATTCCCTGCCTTC
<i>Gorai.001G089400</i>	leaf no difference	F:CTGTTGTGTTGATTGACT R:TGTGATGAAGCAAGTAAC
<i>Gorai.001G118900</i>	leaf no difference	F:ACGATGATAGTGACAAGAG R:AGTGTAGATTCAAGCAAGT
<i>Gorai.006G025300</i>	leaf no difference	F:TTGGAAGTGAACCTACTC R:AACCTGGTCAATATCTTC
<i>Gorai.006G212100</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:GATACATCGAGAATCCATAG R:TCCATCACCTTAGTAGAC
<i>Gorai.013G186800</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:AATGGAGAAAGTTTATCAGT R:CTTCACCTTCTTCACTATC
<i>Gorai.011G245400</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:GTTGTTGCTTGTTCATAG R:CAATACACTTATCACC AATG
<i>Gorai.012G037600</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:ATGACGAATTGGTGAATC R:CATACAACGCCATATCTG
<i>Gorai.013G186800</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:AATGGAGAAAGTTTATCAGT R:CTTCACCTTCTTCACTATC
<i>Gorai.001G091300</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:TACTCCAGATGATAAATGTG R:TTCCCTTACAATGTTTAC
<i>Gorai.013G092300</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:TATGACCAAGAGTGAAGT R:CAGCGATAGTAACTCCTA
<i>Gorai.004G140800</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:TCATGTTGCCTGTGTAT R:TTCTATTCCCTGCCTTC
<i>Gorai.001G180600</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:GGAACAGAATGAGGATAATG R:GCACATAAAGTCCCAAAG

<i>Gorai.007G202300</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:CATTCTCTCAGTTCTTCAC R:TATTAATCCAGCGGTCAG
<i>Gorai.009G300600</i>	leaf down-regulated	F:CAAGGCTCTCATTATACG R:TACACAAGACCAACAATT

Table S7. Primers used for validation of alternative splicing

Gene ID	AS pattern	Primers for RT-PCR(5'-3')	Primers for qRT-PCR(5'-3')
<i>Gorai.007G304100</i>	AA	F:TTCTAGCCGCATTGCCTTT R:CGACGAGAGCAAGCGATCA	F:AAGGAGAGGAGATATAGAGAA R:TCGTAATTCAAACAGAAATCC
<i>Gorai.008G004200</i>	ES	F:ATGAGTCGCCTGCCAGAG R:TATCTGGTATCTGTTATTACCGCTT	F:GTGAGCTATGTTTCGATCTTCT R:GGTGTGTCGTCGGAATA
<i>Gorai.008G047400</i>	MEE	F:CTGAAAGCTCTTCTCCCATGC R:TATGAACCACTTTCTGGAGGAGAG	F:GTGAGCTATGTTTCGATCTTCT R:GGTGTGTCGTCGGAATA
<i>Gorai.008G263000</i>	AD	F:TTTGGTAAGCAGTATCTGATTCTCA R:TCACTGTCCCCTCGCCAG	F:TCTTCCAATACCGTTTCAG R:CAGATGCTAATCAAGTGTT
<i>Gorai.002G147600</i>	IR	F:AACACTTCGAATCGTTTTCCA R:AATCTTGGCTTTCACATTATCAA	F:AAGCAGTATCTGATTCTC R:TCAACGGTAATAGACATT

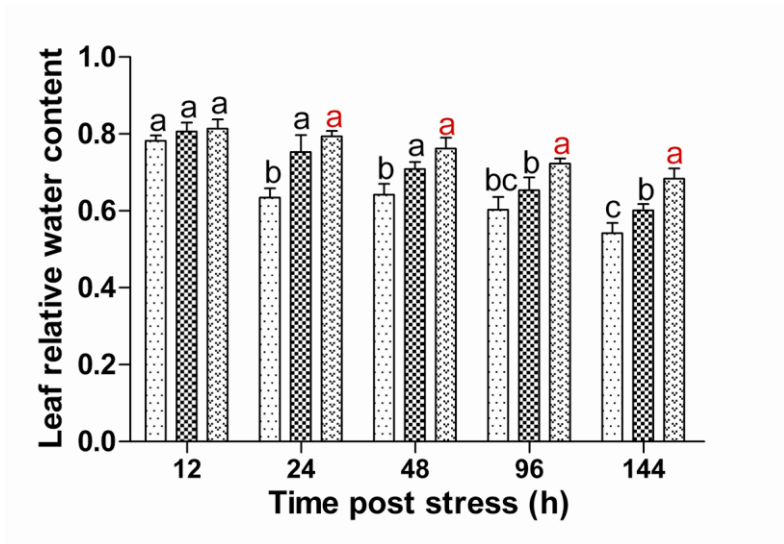


Figure S1. Leaf relative water content in *G. davidsonii* and *G. hirsutum*

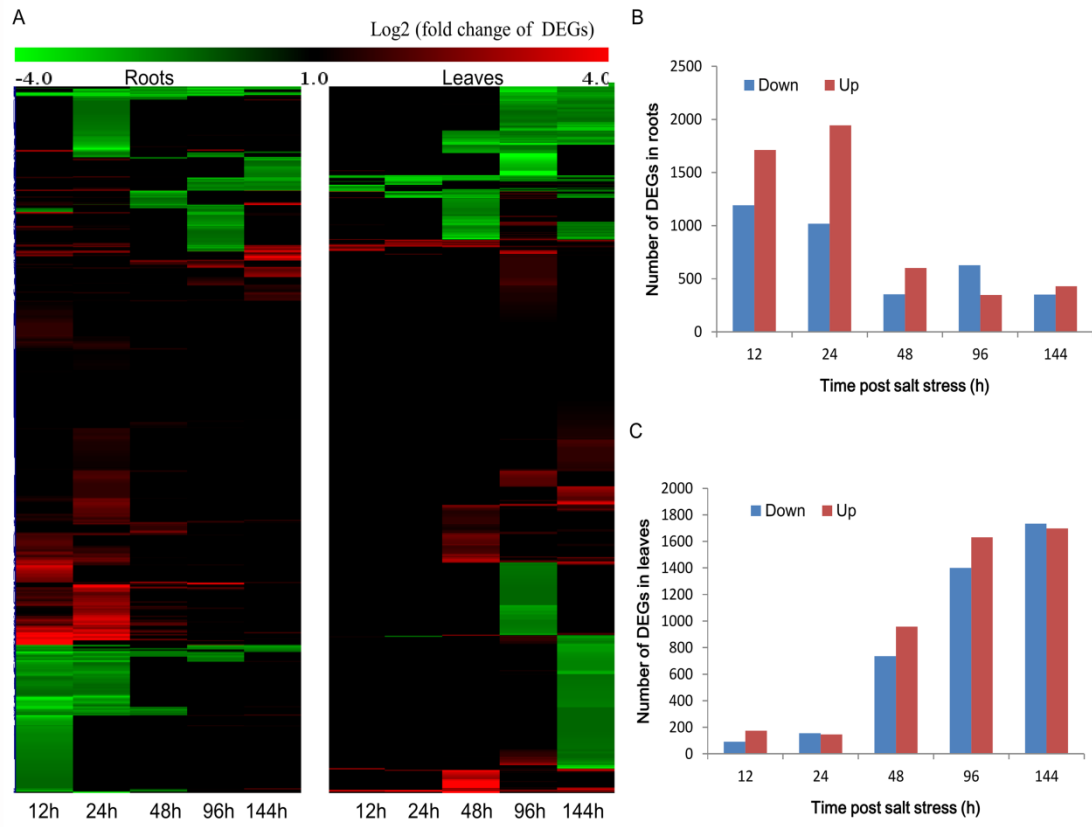


Figure S2. Number of DEGs in roots and leaves.

A, Heat map of total DEGs in response to salt stress in roots and leaves. B, Number of DEGs in roots. C, Number of DEGs in leaves.

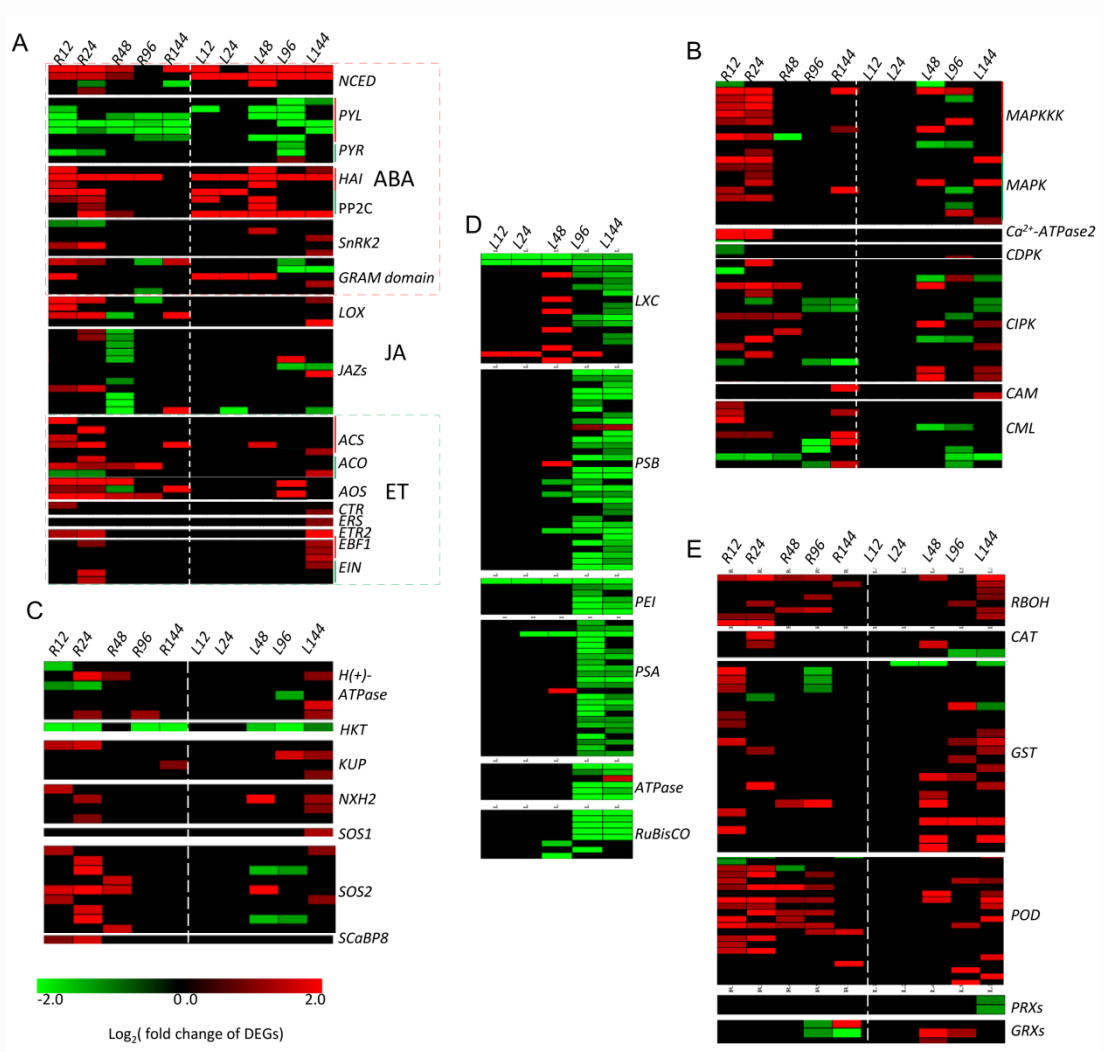


Figure S3. Expression profiling of hormone (A), MAPK cascade and Ca²⁺-related kinase (B), ion homeostasis (C), Photosynthesis (D) and ROS (E) related genes.

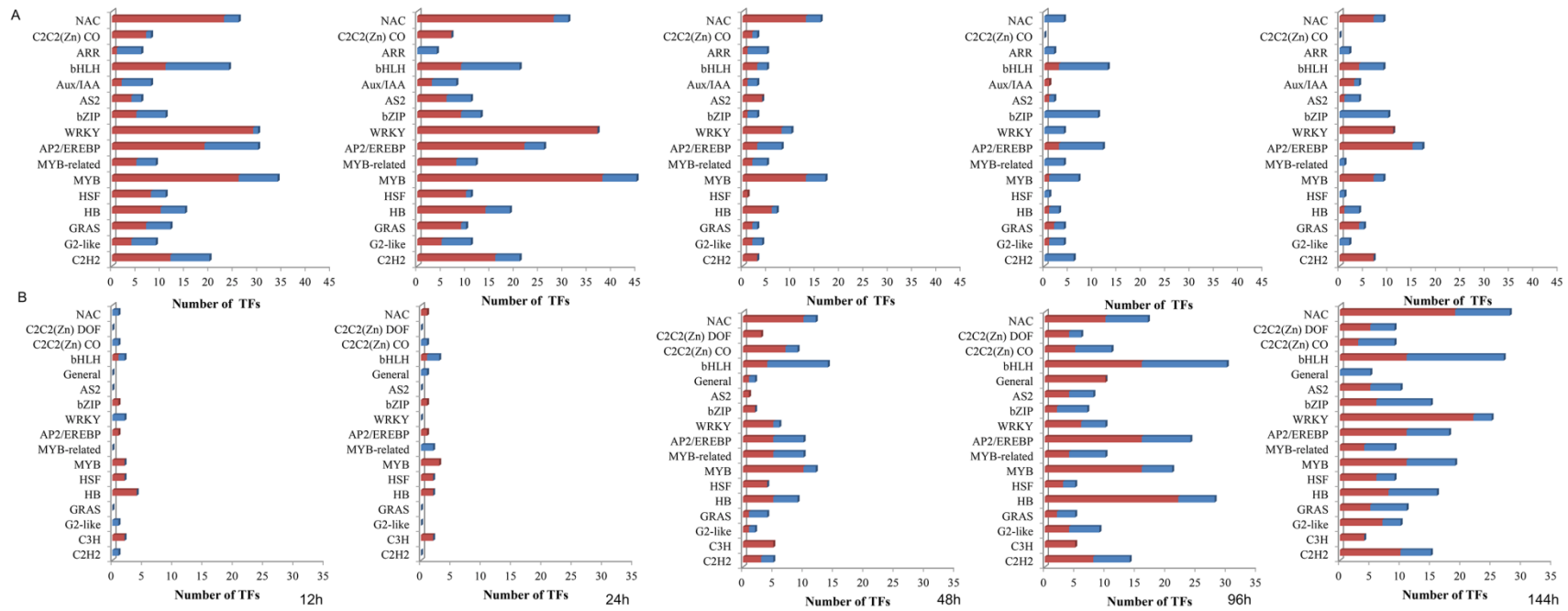


Figure S4. DEGs of transcription factors in response to salt stress. A, TFs of roots; B, TFs of leaves.

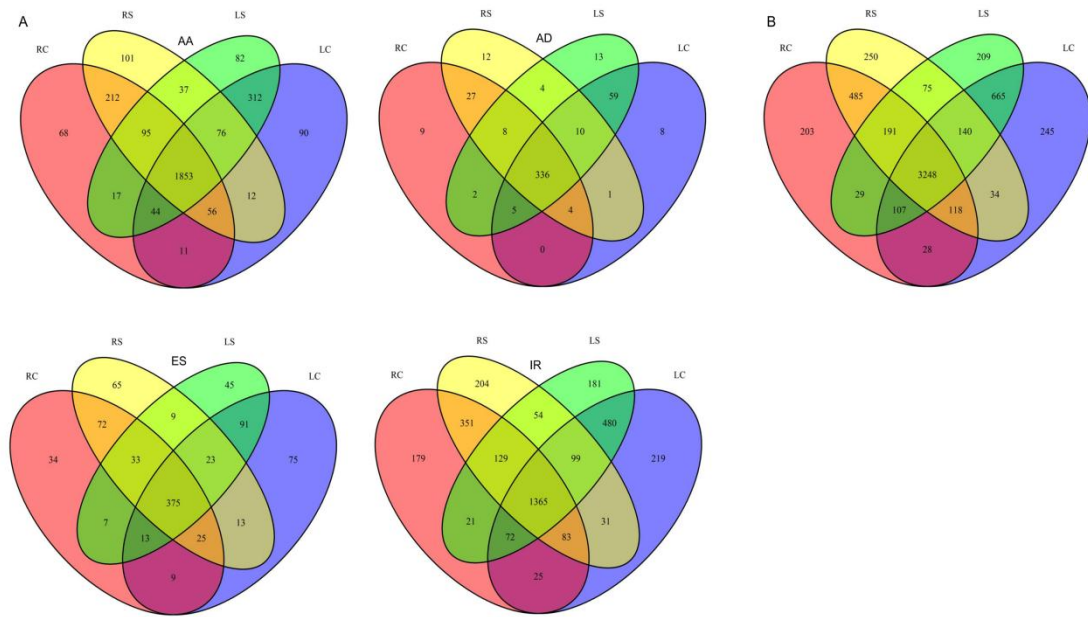


Figure S5. Novel alternative splicing in roots and leaves under salt stress conditions, detected by RNA-Seq.

A, Four main alternative splicing patterns and number of various events in roots and leaves under salt stress and normal conditions. B, Total alternative splicing events in roots and leaves, respectively.