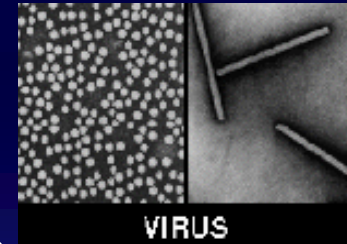
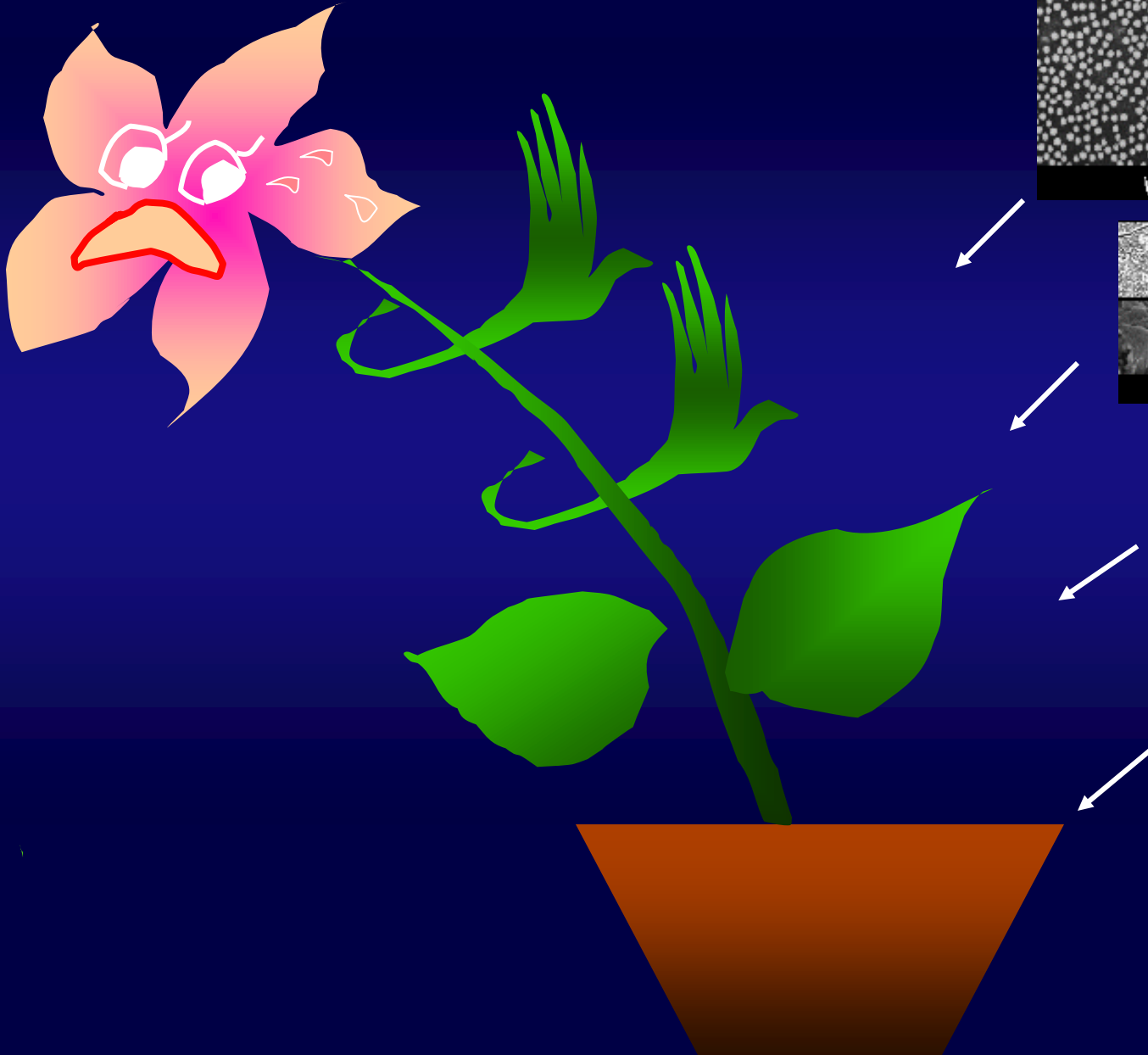




**Apollo and Daphne**

# Plants Are Attacked By Diverse Pathogens



# **Multiple Layers of Plant Disease Resistance**

**Non-host resistance**

**PAMP-Triggered Immunity**

**Effector-Triggered Immunity**

# **Non-host resistance**

**Non-host resistance is the most common form of plant disease resistance-----but largely unexplored.**

- Can not get into the non-host plants**

The microorganism lacks essential genes that are required for it to penetrate the non-host.

- Can penetrate the non-host plants, but can not establish a feeding relationship to ensure reproduction**

The microorganism lacks an ability to induce accessibility and/or suppress host defense responses.

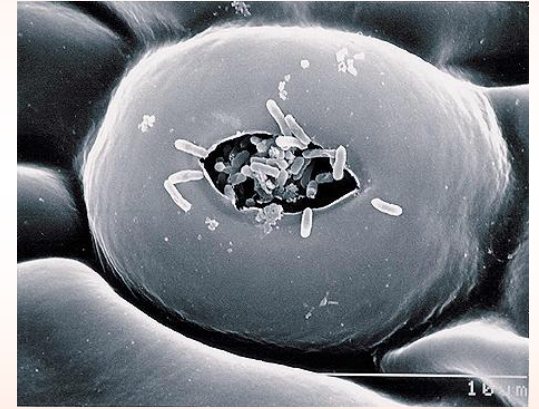
# Plant-microbial interaction

Plants have natural external barriers: cuticle and epidermal cell walls.

Microbes have their ways to overcome these barriers:

- Virus, bacteria and some fungi:

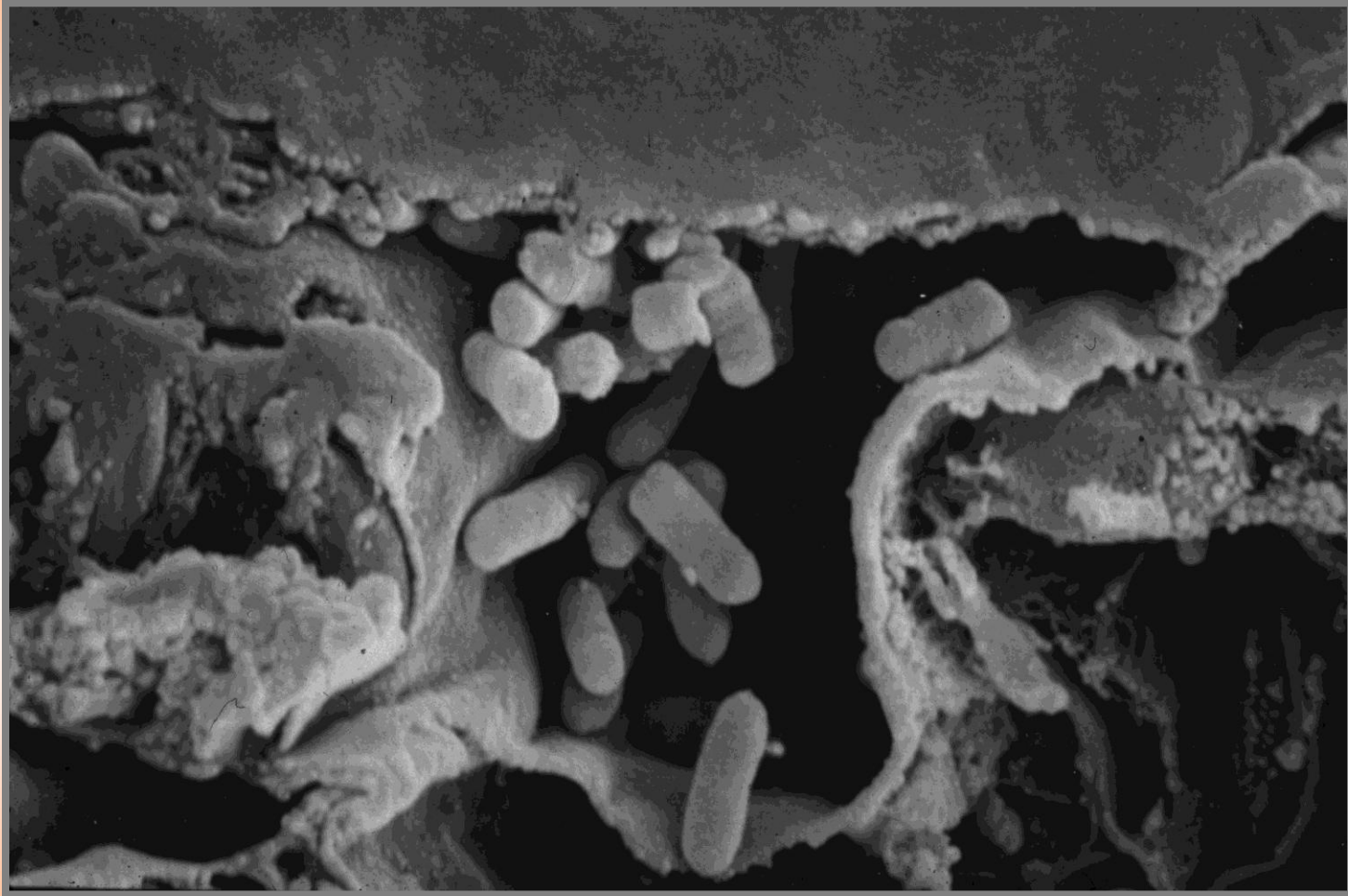
Depend on natural openings (stomata)  
or wounds for invasion.



- Most fungi, oomycetes, nematodes and insects:

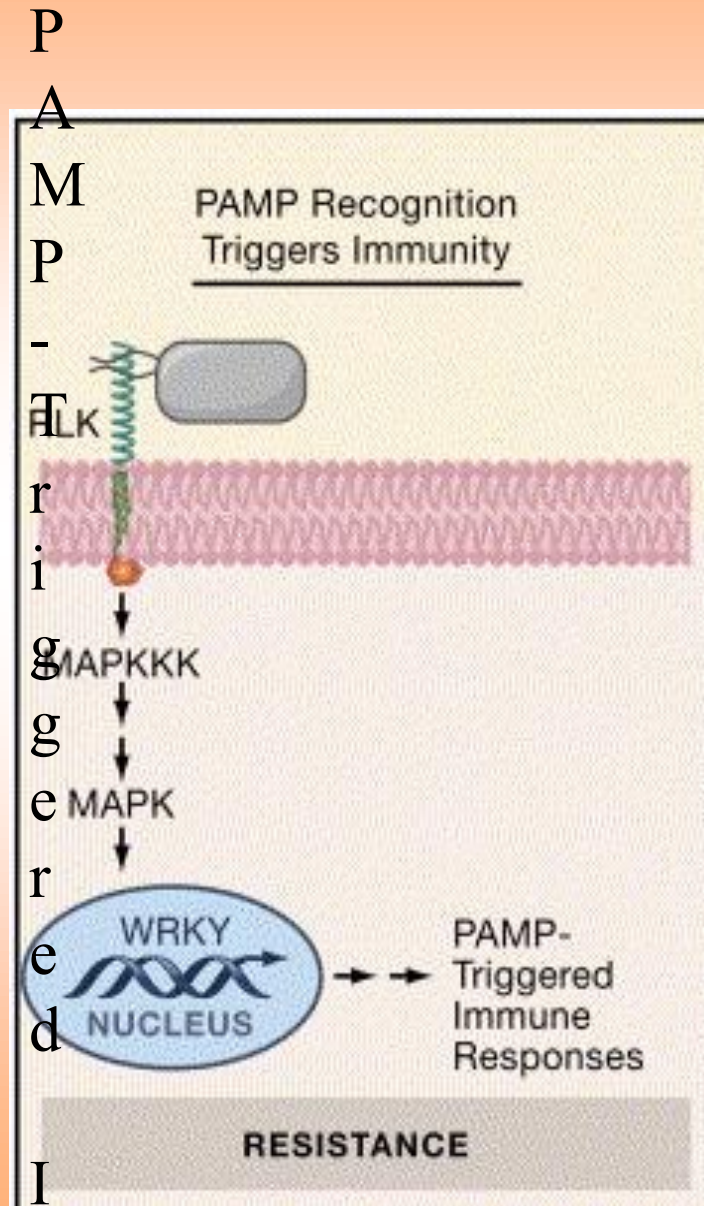
Secrete hydrolytic enzymes and/or penetrate mechanically for invasion.

# Plant-bacterial pathogen interaction



*Arabidopsis thaliana* - *Pseudomonas syringae*  
Accumulated in the apoplast

# The Evolution Of Bacterial Resistance In Plants



# Pathogen-associated molecular pattern----PAMPs

Bacteria: Flagellin and LPS (Gram-negative)

Peptidoglycans (Cell wall of Gram-positive)

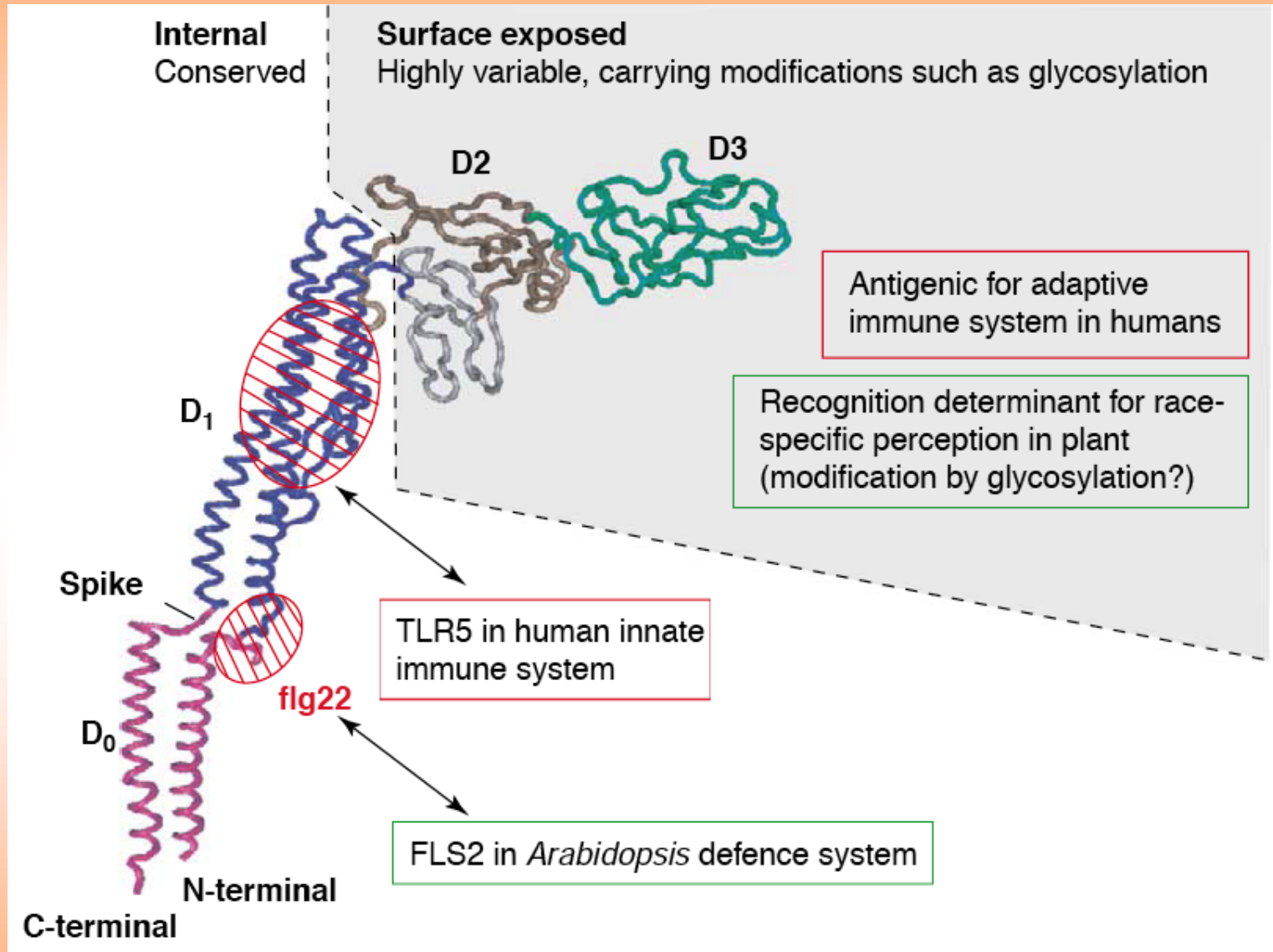
Fungi and Oomycetes: Ergosterol

Fungal-specific glycosylated protein

Chitin and beta-glucan (Cell wall components)

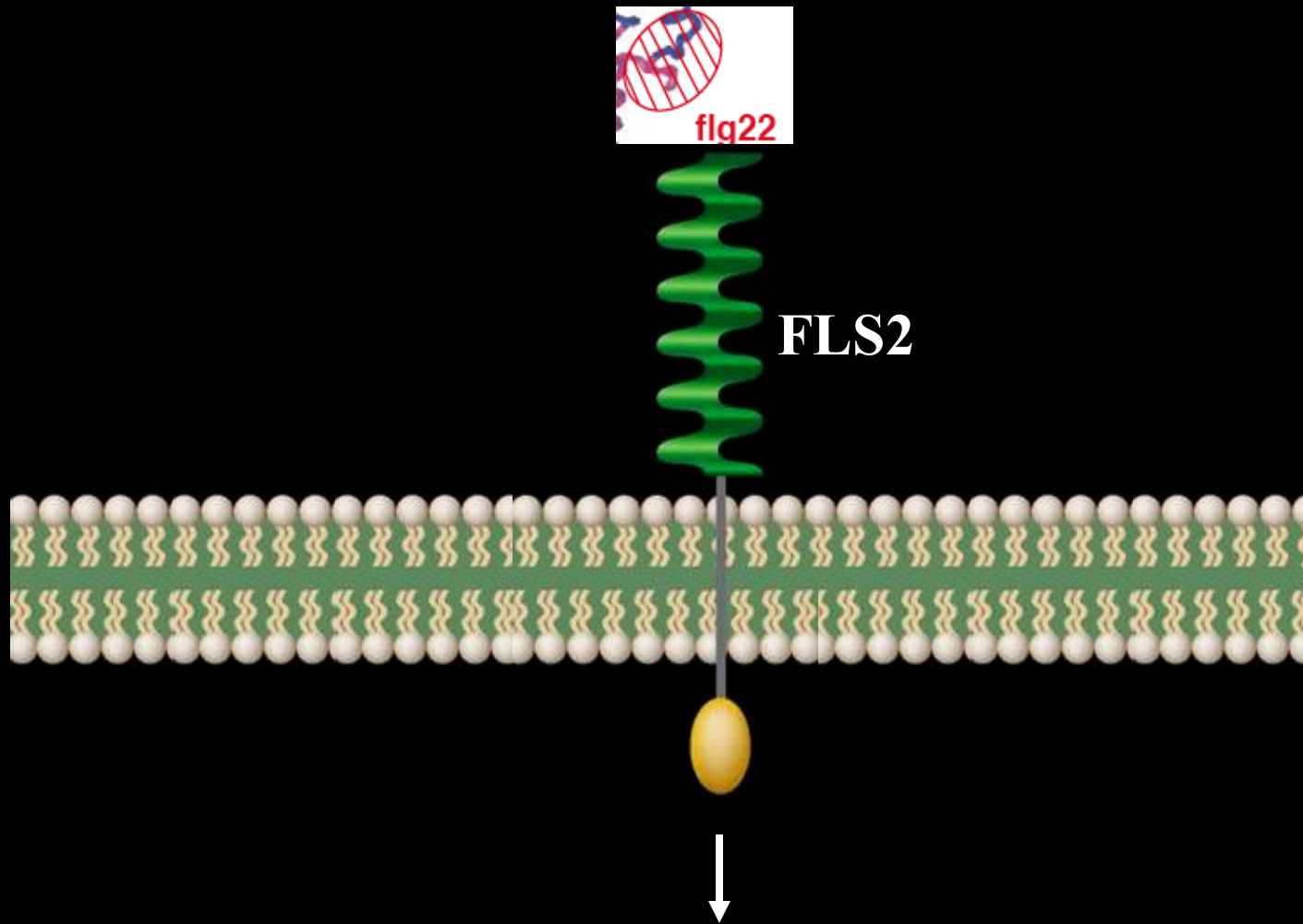


# Structure of Flagellin monomer



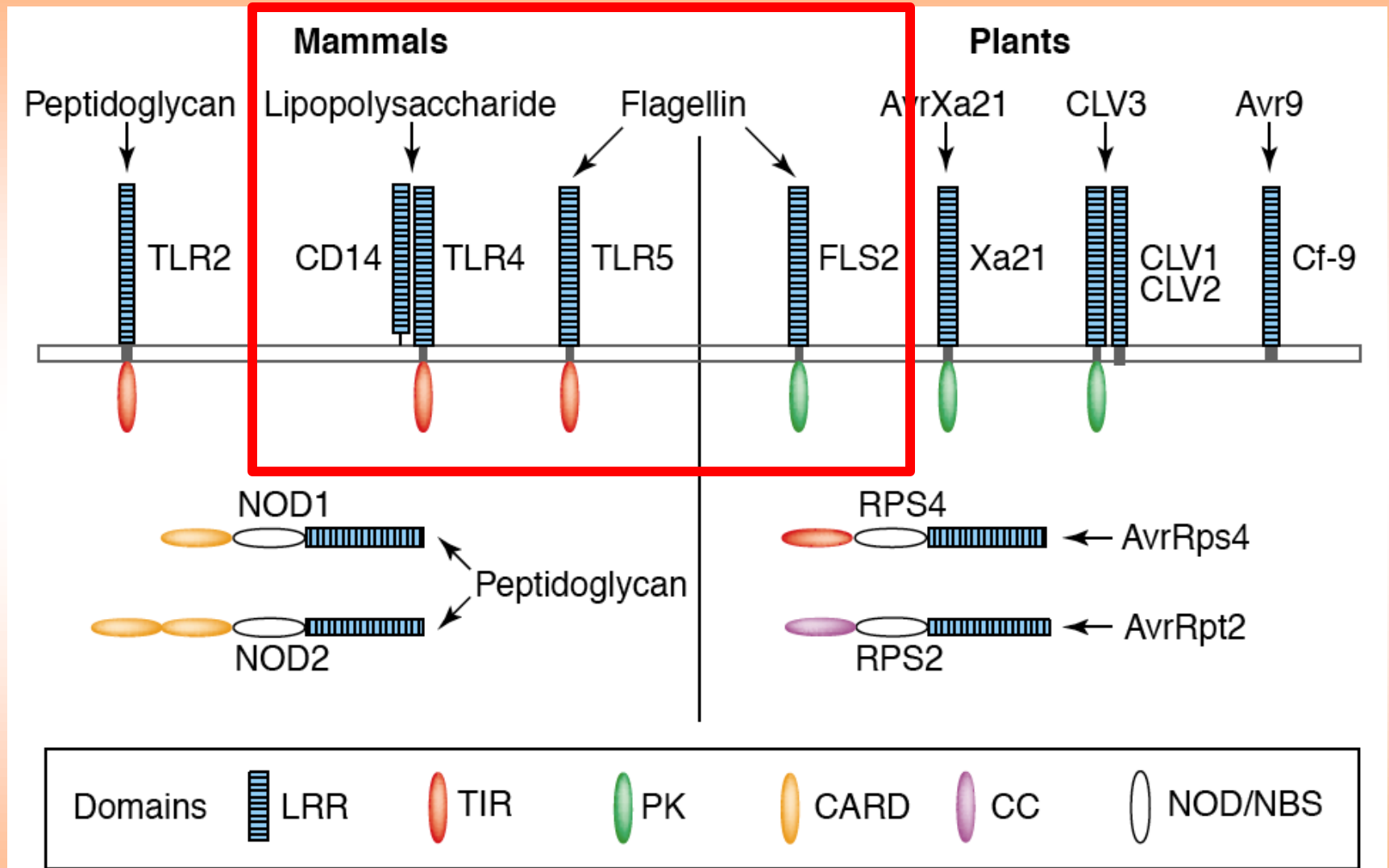
(from *Salmonella typhimurium*)

# Plant Innate Immunity



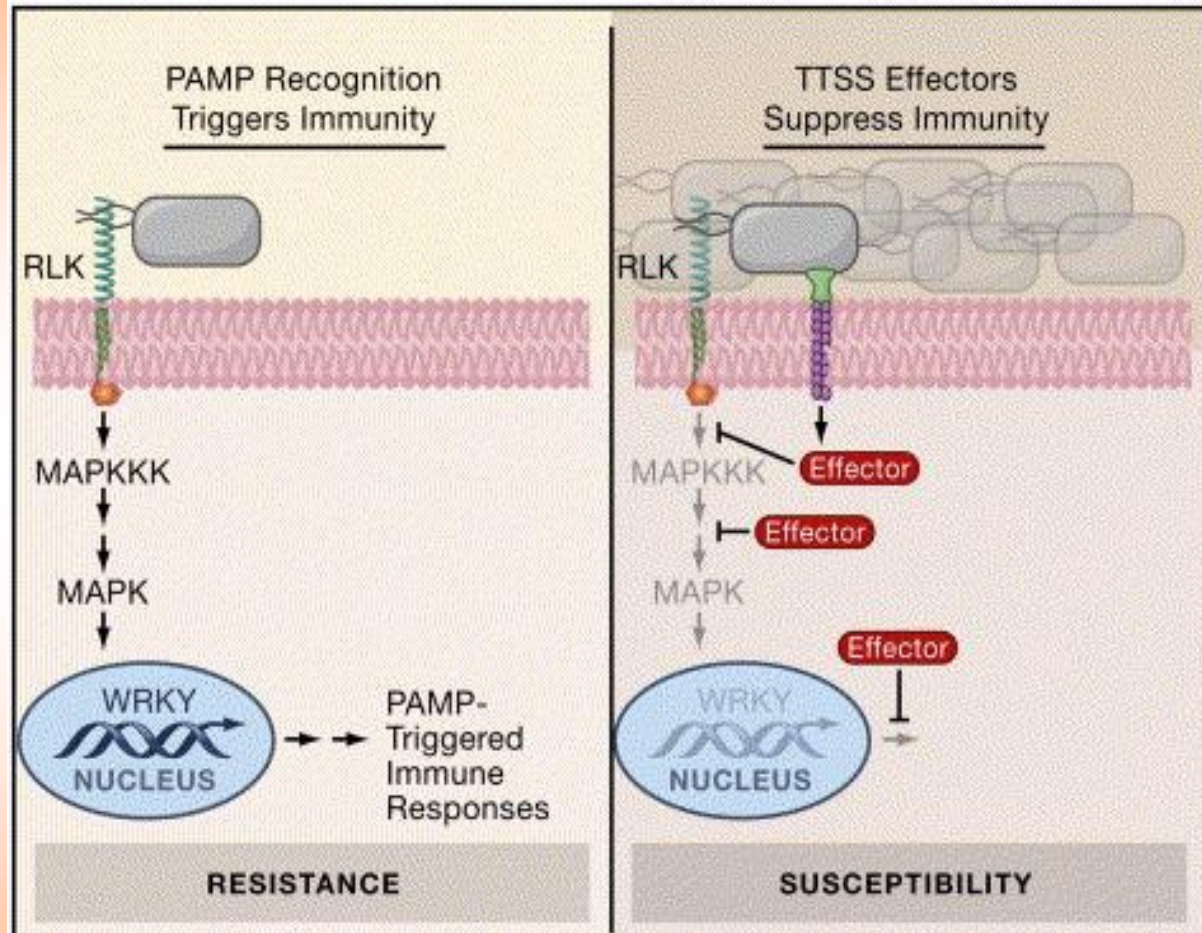
**MAPK signaling and resistance responses**

# Similarity between animal and plant innate immunity and disease resistance



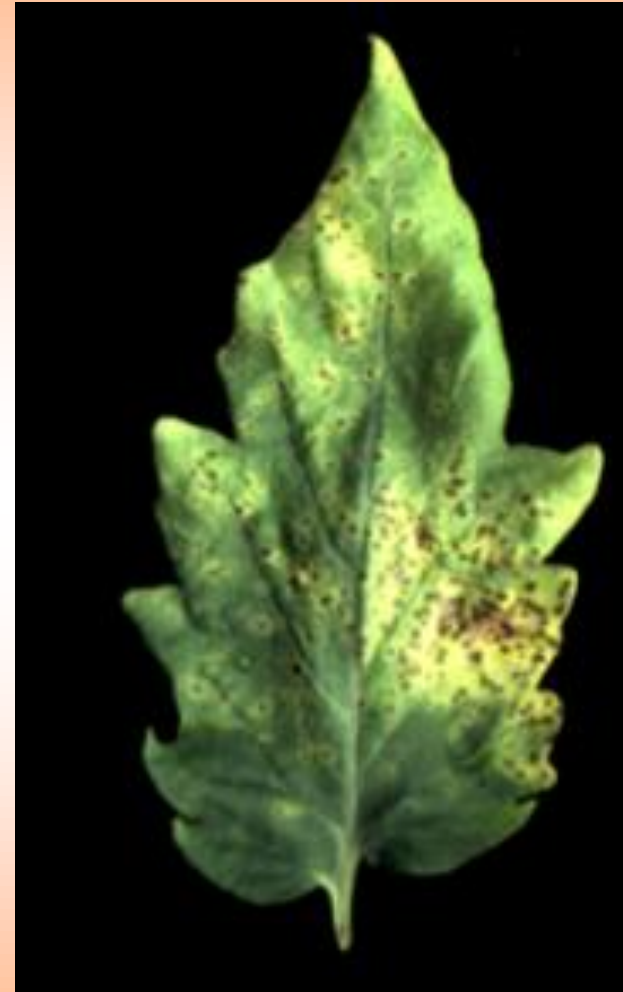
Current Opinion in Immunology

# The Evolution Of Bacterial Resistance In Plants



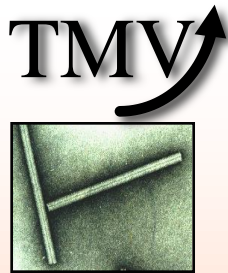
# Cloned Effectors from Bacteria

Effector	Organism
AvrRpt2	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
AvrB	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
AvrRpm1	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
HopPtoD2	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
AvrPphB	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
AvrPtoB	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>
XopD	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i>
AvrXv4	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i>
AvrBsT	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i>
Avr2	<i>Cladosporium fulvum</i>
Avr4	<i>Cladosporium fulvum</i>
Avr-Pita	<i>Magnaporthe grisea</i>
Pep-13	<i>Phytophthora sojae</i>
EPI10	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>
EPI1	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>



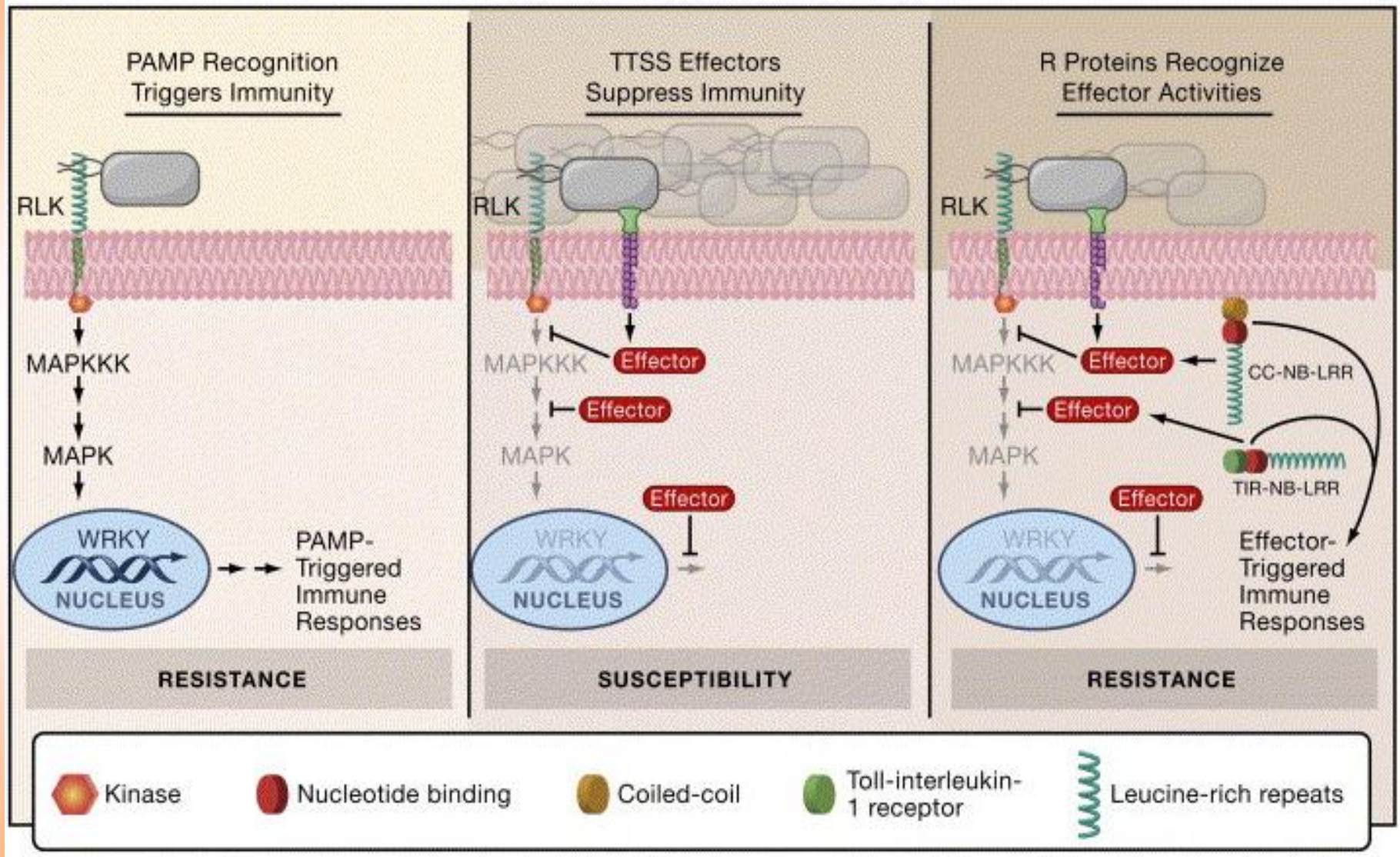
# Tobacco Responses to TMV

**Susceptible (*nn*)**

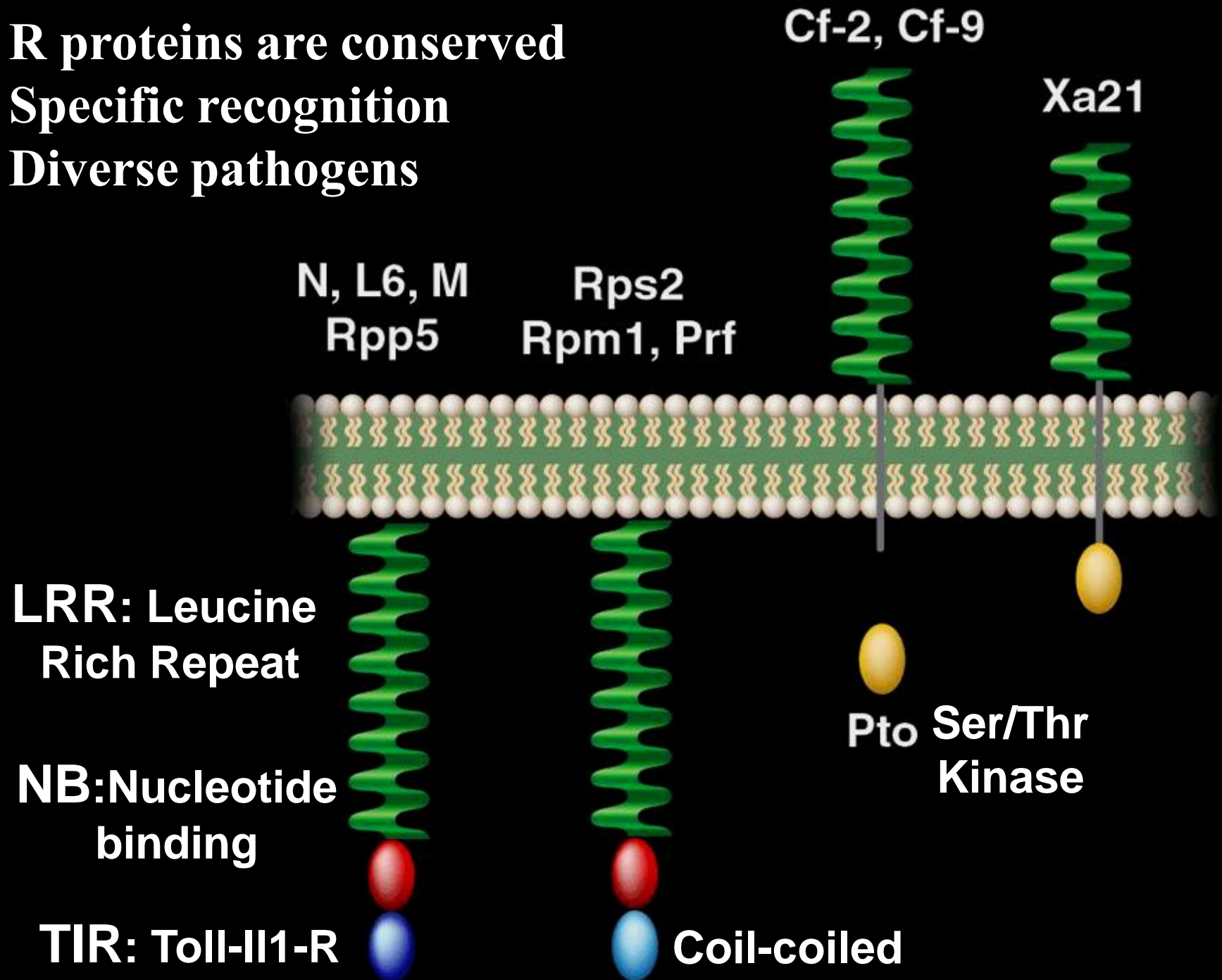


**Mosaic disease**

# The Evolution Of Bacterial Resistance In Plants



**R proteins are conserved**  
**Specific recognition**  
**Diverse pathogens**

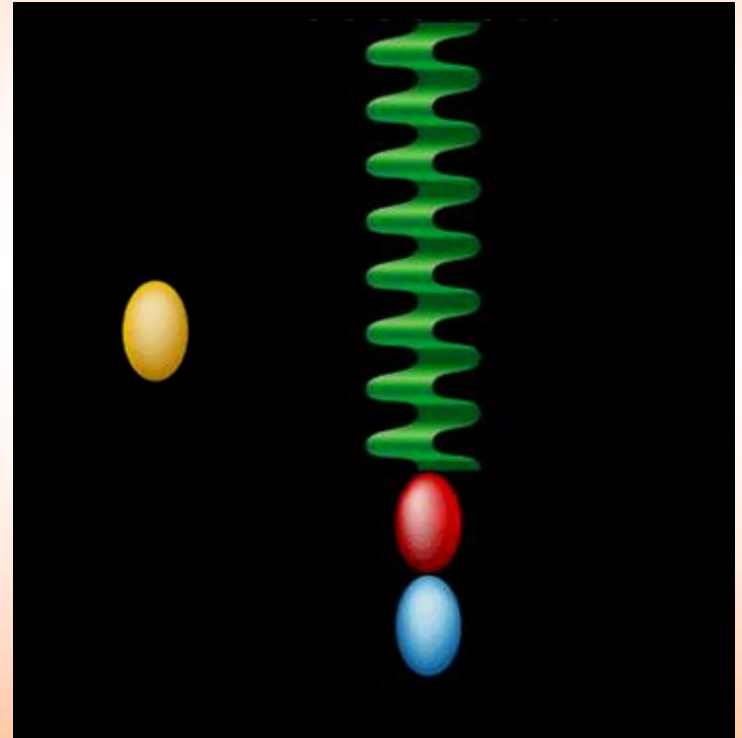




# Pto and Prf genes encode resistance to bacterial speck

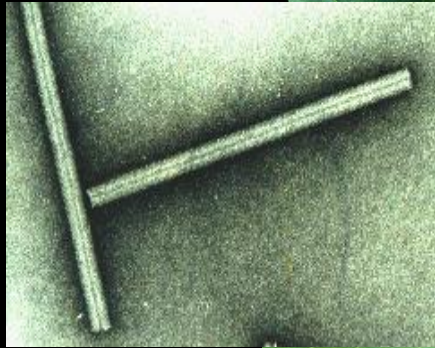
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# Tobacco Responses To TMV

TMV



Susceptible (nn)



Mosaic disease

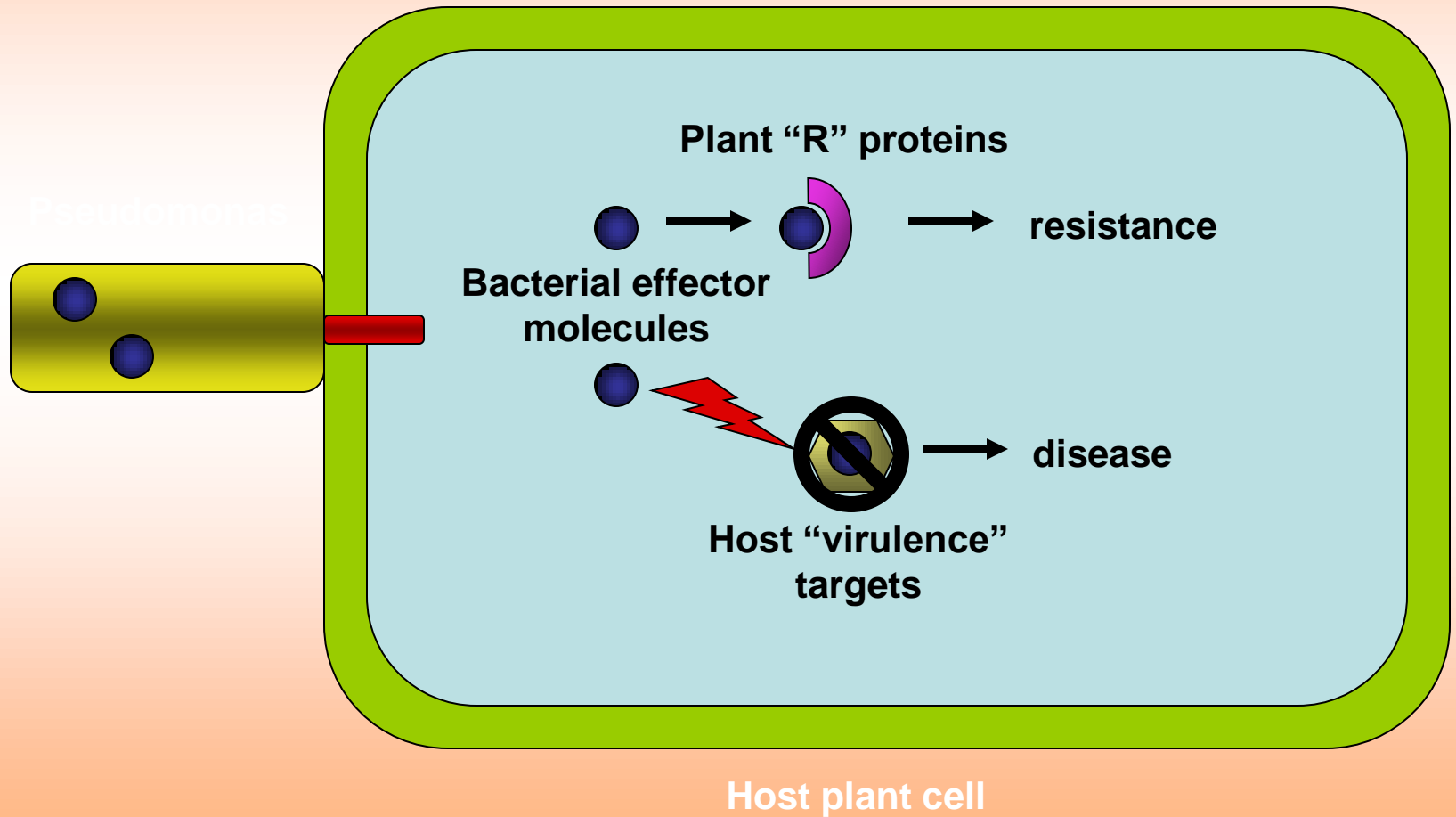
# Gene-for-gene resistance (Flor, 1971)

	Pathogen	
	-Avr	+Avr
Plants -R	Disease	Disease
Plants +R	Disease	Resistance

# Dual Role for Microbial Pathogen-Derived Effector Proteins

- Promote virulence and cause disease on the host species that lack a corresponding resistance genes
- Function as avirulence determinants by eliciting defense reactions in host expressing the appropriate resistance genes

# Effector targets and Guard Hypothesis



# Resistance Gene Classes

RACE-specific  
R proteins

RACE non-specific  
R proteins

Cf-2,4,5,9

LRR

CC

Ve1

Ve2

Xa21

FLS2

Cell wall

Plasma membrane

Cytoplasm

TIR

NB

LRR

NLS

WRKY

RRS1

N,L6

RPP5

RPS2

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BS2

PEST

ECS

Kinase

Pto

PBS1

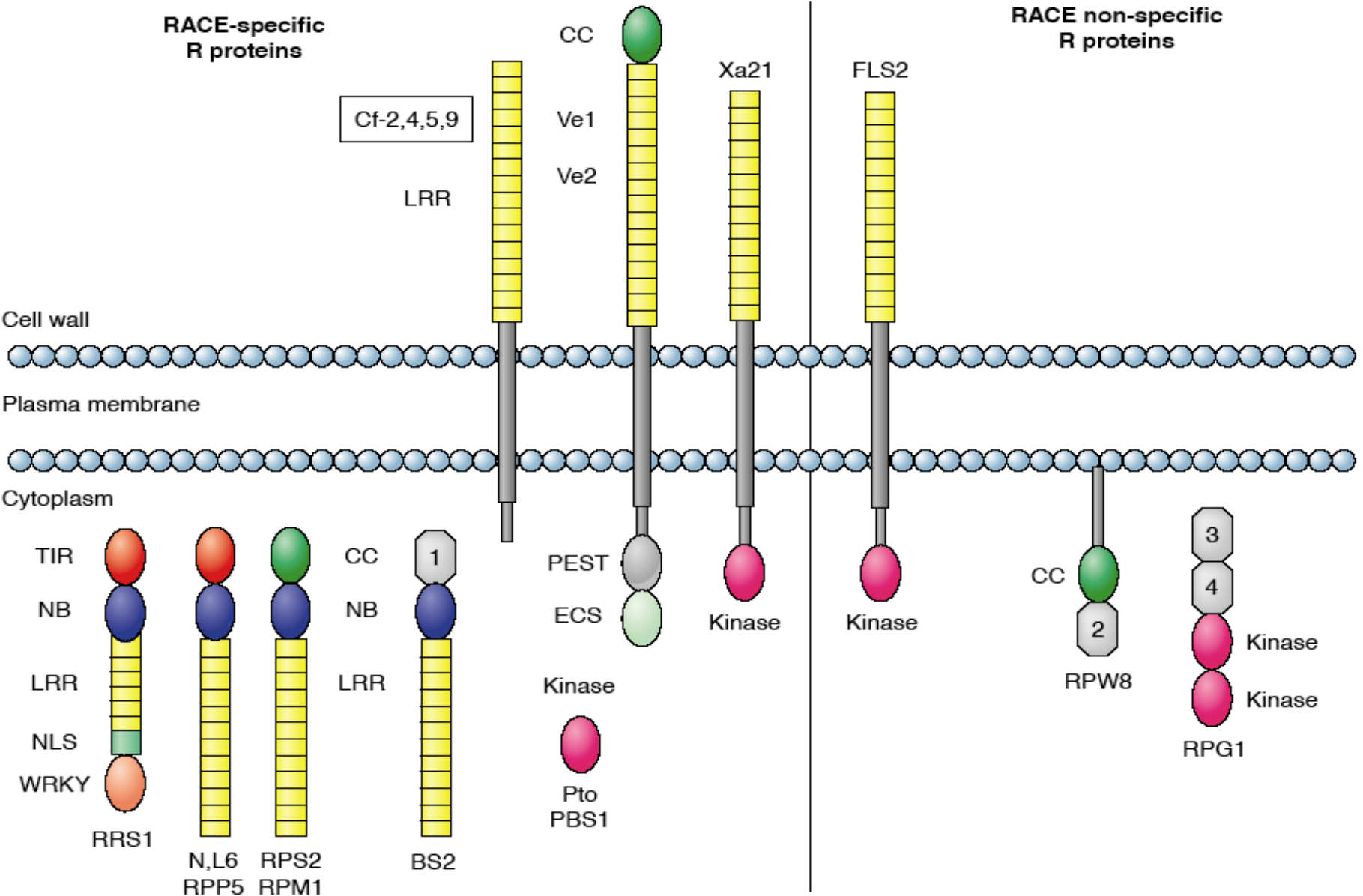
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RPW8

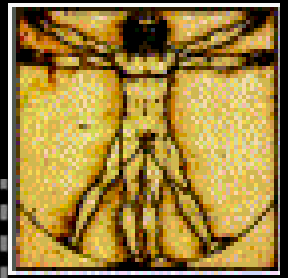
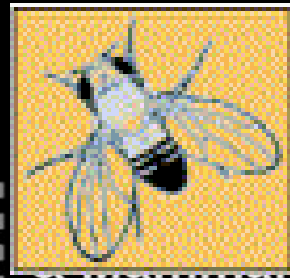
Kinase

Kinase

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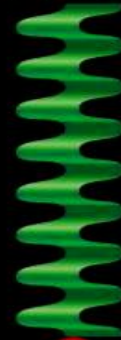
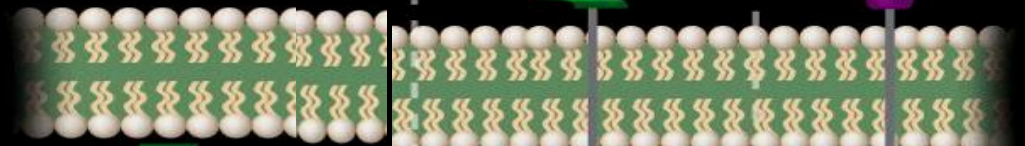
**Receptor and receptor-like molecules of innate immunity in plants and animals are structurally similar**



N, L6, M  
Rpp5

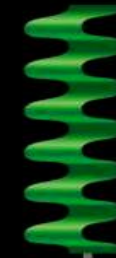
Toll

IL-1R



Pto

Resistance



Pelle

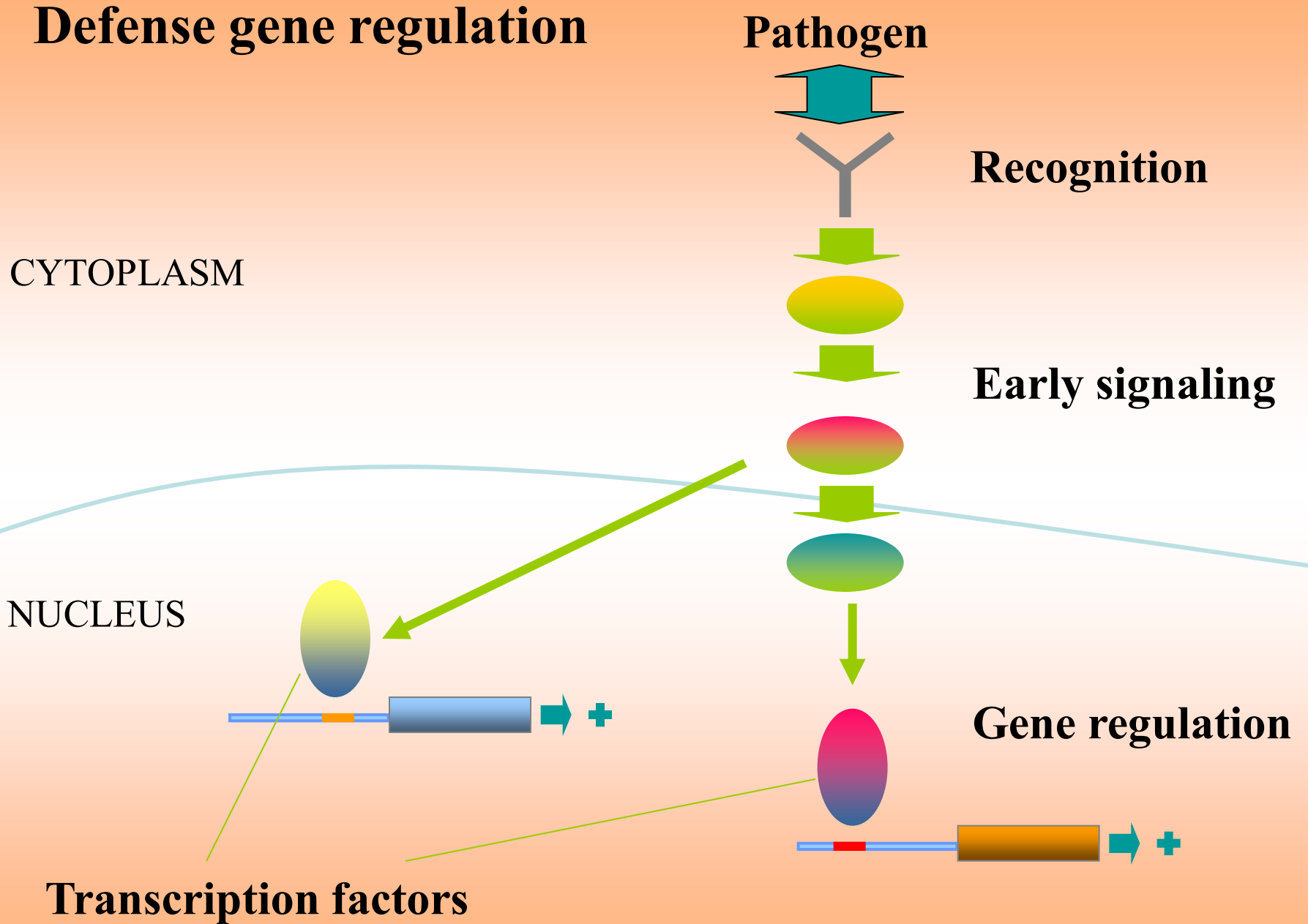
Dorsiventral  
polarity &  
defense



IRAK

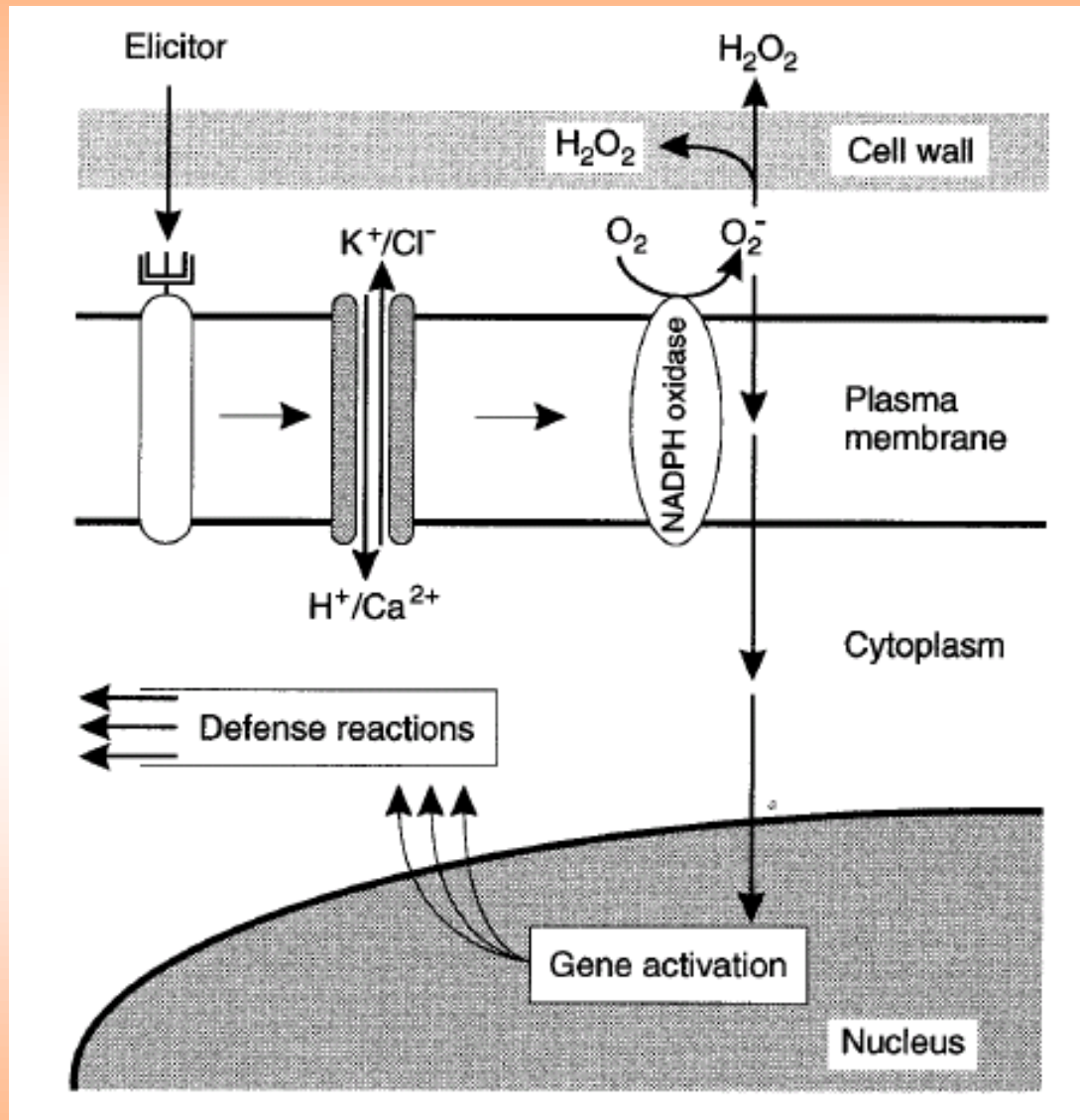
Immunity  
&  
defense

# Defense gene regulation

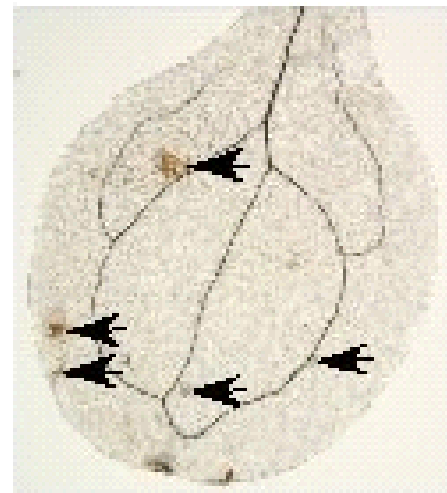
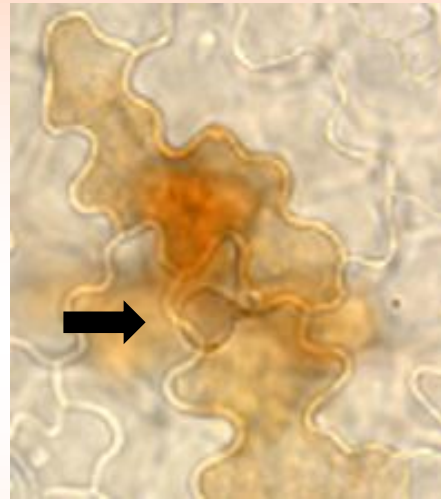




# Ion fluxes



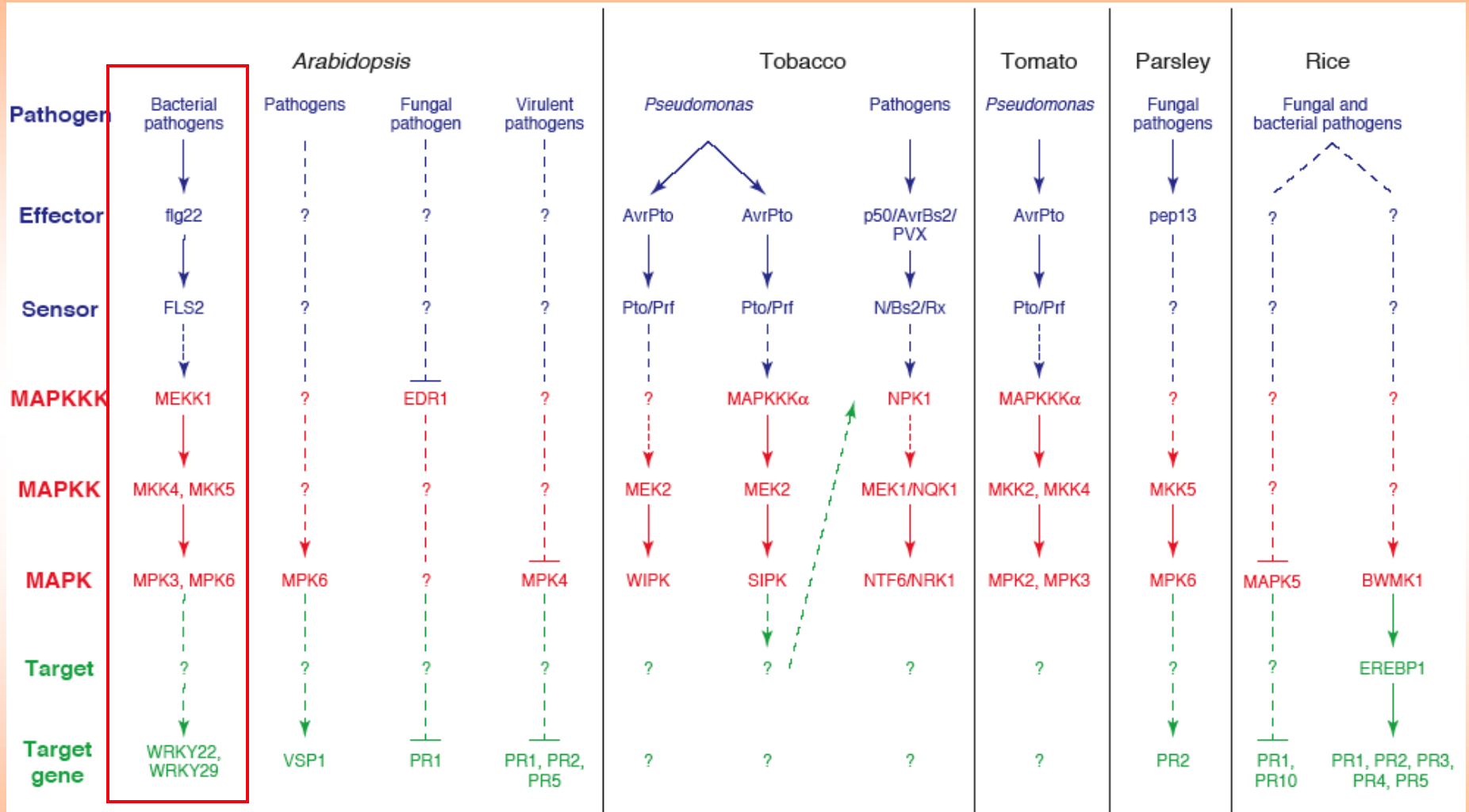
# The oxidative burst



**w.t.**

*Arabidopsis* seedling stained with 2,4-Di-aminobenzidine (DAB) 24 hpi with *Peronospora parasitica* Hiks1; arrow points to germinated spore; Development of HR cell death begins ~ 24 hpi.

# Plant MAPK Signaling



TRENDS in Plant Science

# Salicylic Acid

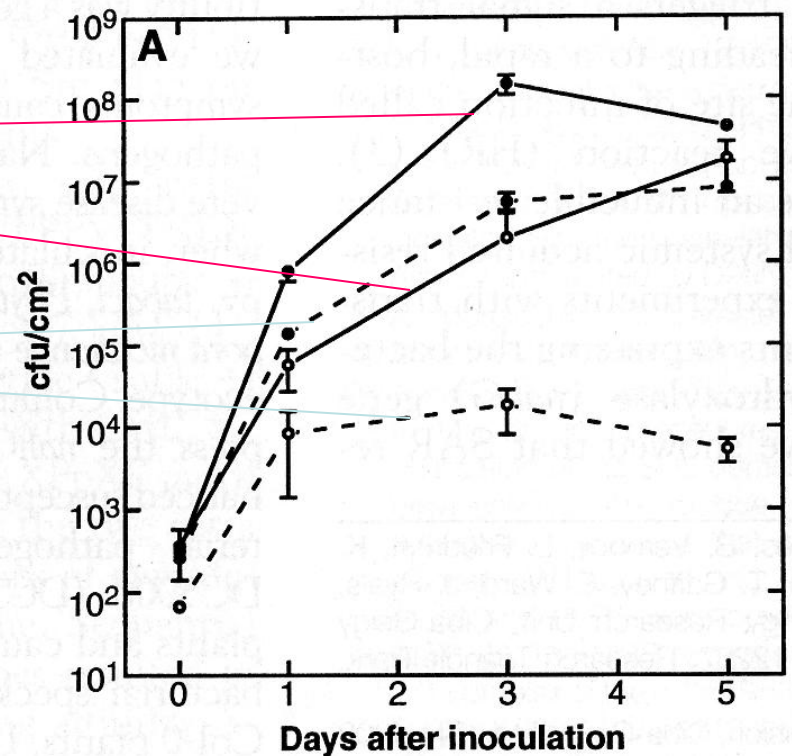
SA is required for basal defense and gene for gene resistance

virulent *P. syringae* / nahG

virulent *P. syringae* / Col-0

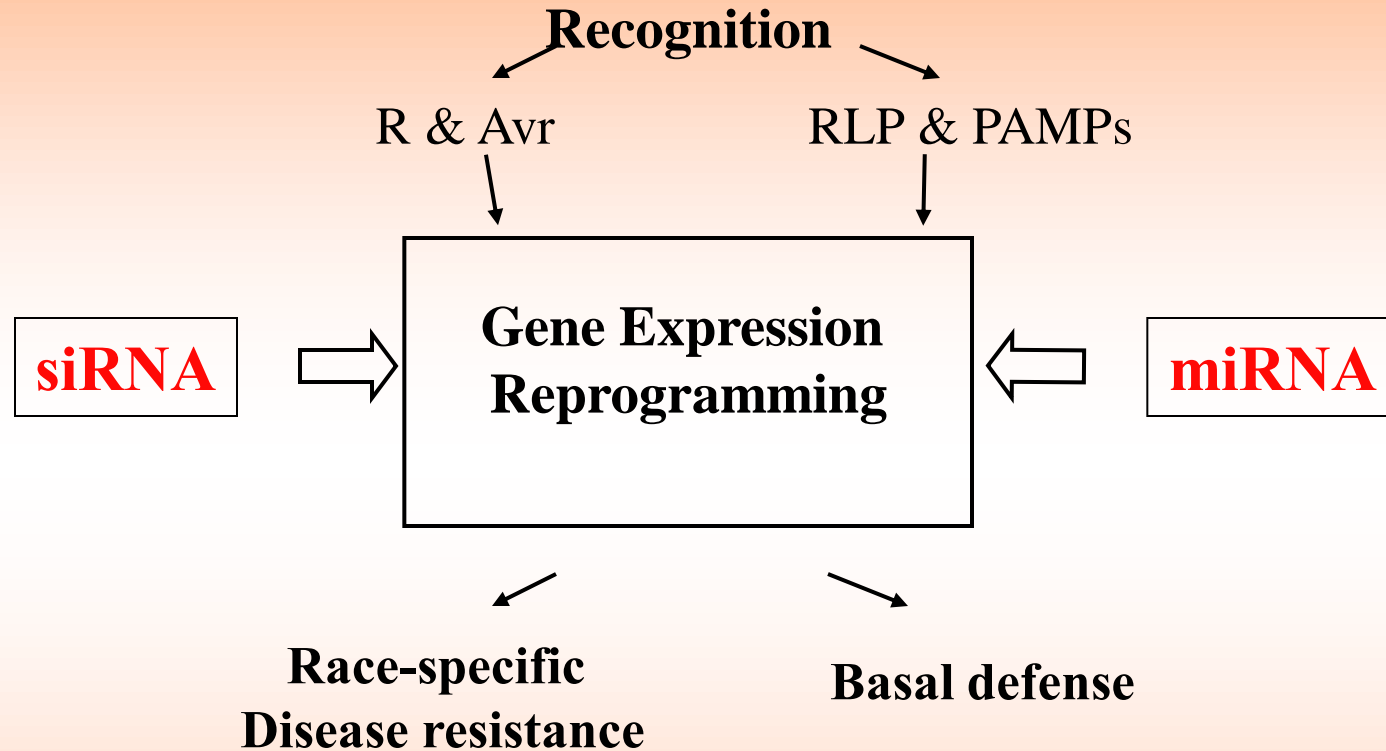
avirulent *P. syringae* (avrRpt2) / nahG

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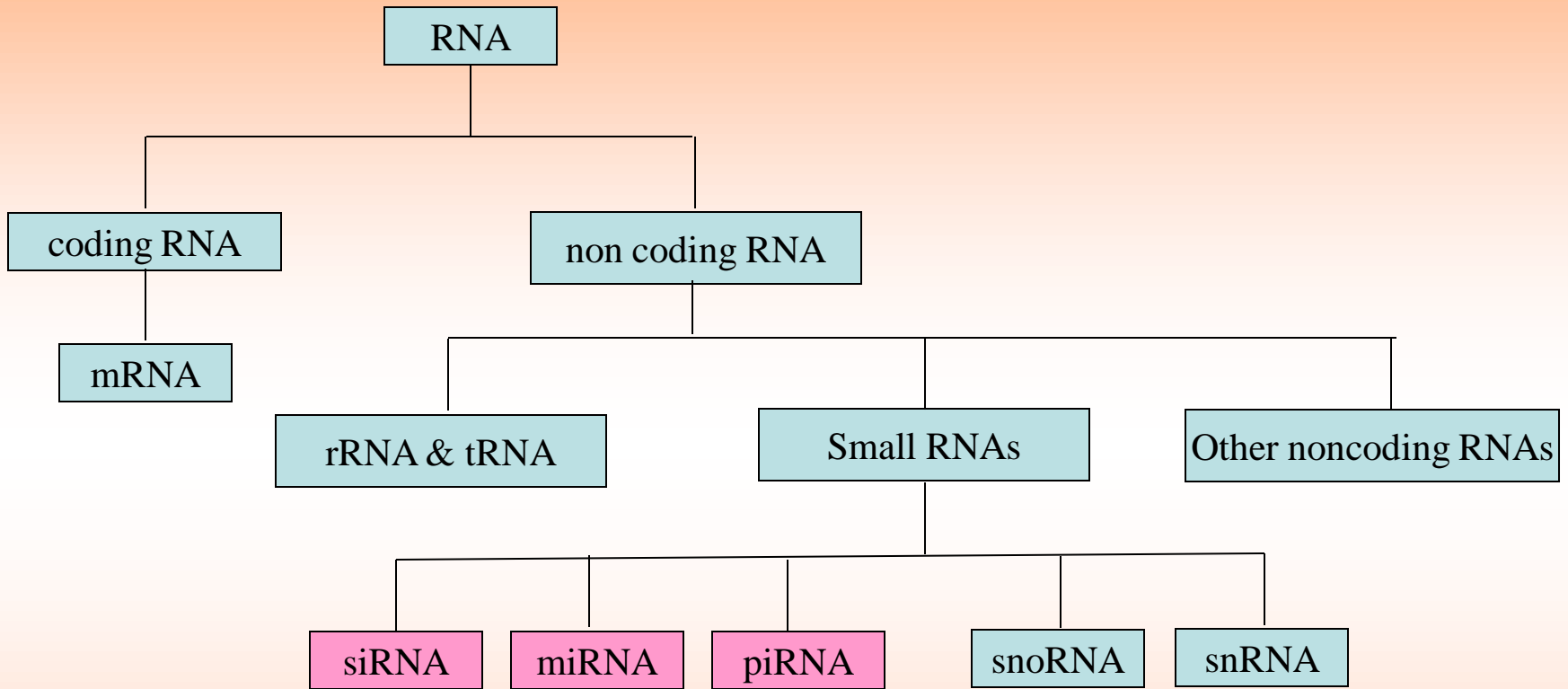


# Gene Regulation and Plant Immunity

## Plants response to pathogen attacks



# The RNA family



## small non-coding RNAs

- snoRNAs (small nucleolar RNAs): constituents of spliceosome
- snRNAs (small nuclear RNAs): rRNA processing
- siRNAs, miRNAs and piRNAs: gene regulation

# Overview

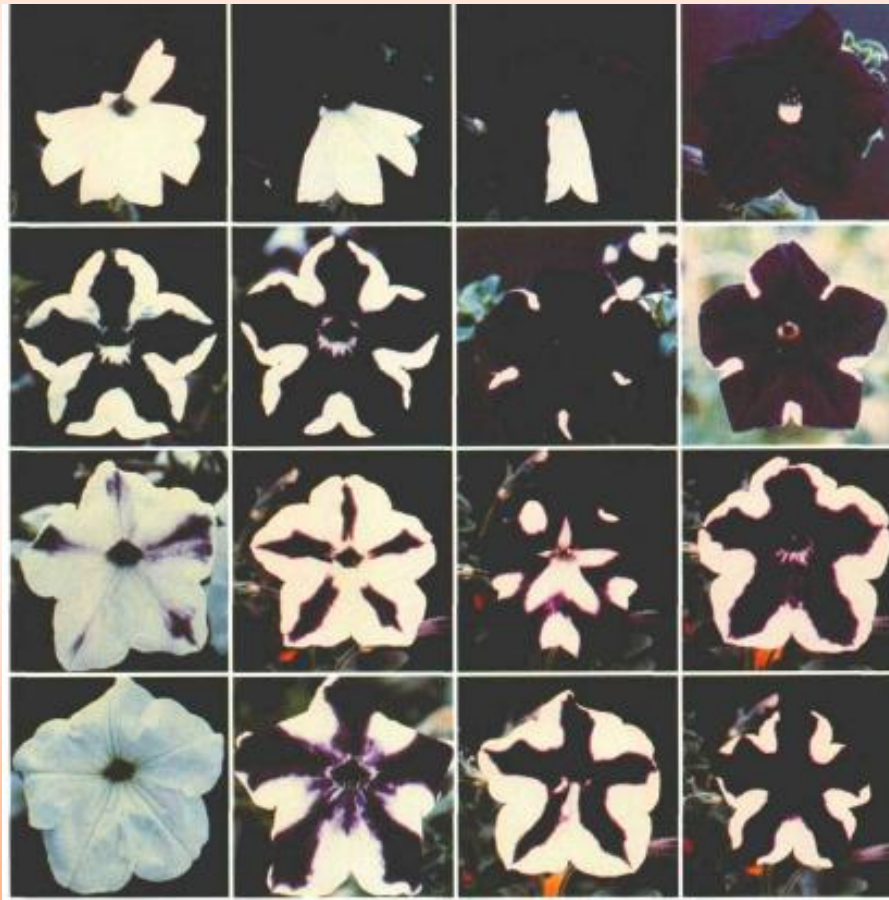
- **Introduction of endogenous small RNAs**
- **Small RNA pathways and pathway components**
- **siRNA classes (Biogenesis and function)**
  - Endogenous siRNAs
    - Heterochromatin-associated siRNAs (hc-siRNAs)
    - Transacting siRNAs (ta-siRNAs)
    - Natural antisense transcripts associated siRNAs (nat-siRNAs)
  - Exogenous siRNAs
    - Viral and transgene derived-siRNAs
- **piRNAs**
- **Small RNA detection and cloning**

# Silencing Discovery



1990-Co-suppression

Overexpression of  
chalcone synthase and  
dihydroflavonol reductase



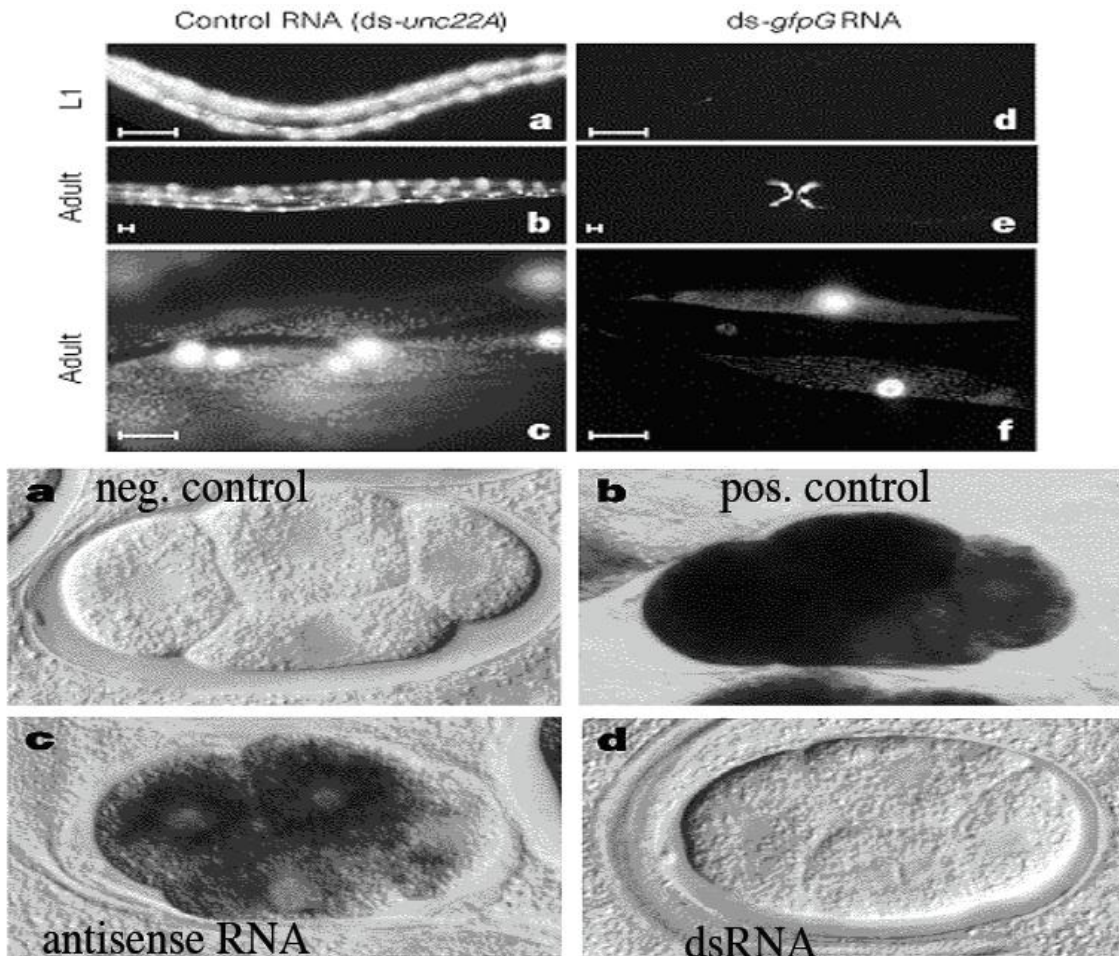
Napoli et al (1990) *Plant cell* 2, 279-289

Van der Krol et al., (1990) *Plant cell* 2, 291-299



# Potent and specific genetic interference by double-stranded RNA in *Caenorhabditis elegans*

Andrew Fire\*, SiQun Xu\*, Mary K. Montgomery\*, Steven A. Kostas\*†, Samuel E. Driver‡ & Craig C. Mello‡

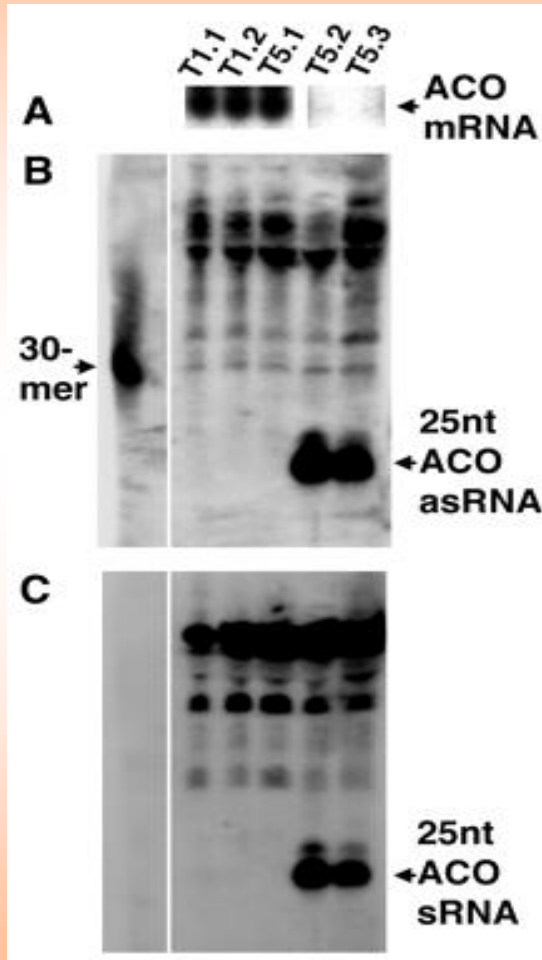


# **Nobel Winning Discovery-----Double-Stranded RNA Is The Trigger For Gene Silencing**

<b>Co-suppression in plants</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>Quelling in Neurospora Crassa</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>RNAi in C. elegans</b>	<b>1995, 1998</b>

**Andy Fire and Craig Mello (1998, Nature 391:806-811)**

# Small RNA Discovery



- Small RNAs are associated with co-suppression
- Complementary to both the sense and antisense strands
- Derived from dsRNA
- The initiators of RNAi

Hamilton & Baulcombe, Science 286, 950 (1999).

# Small RNAs That Induce Silencing

noncoding and small in size

**siRNA**

- Derived from long dsRNAs
- Enormous and not conserved
- Direct transcriptional and post-transcriptional gene silencing
- Dicer-dependent
- Present in various tissues

**miRNA**

- Derived from ssRNA hairpin structure
- Limited in number and usually conserved
- Direct post-transcriptional gene silencing
- Dicer-dependent
- Present in various tissues

**piRNA**

- Derived mainly from transposons and repeats
- Enormous and often not conserved
- Direct post-transcriptional gene silencing
- Dicer-independent
- Only present in germline cells

# Types of RNA-silencing mechanisms

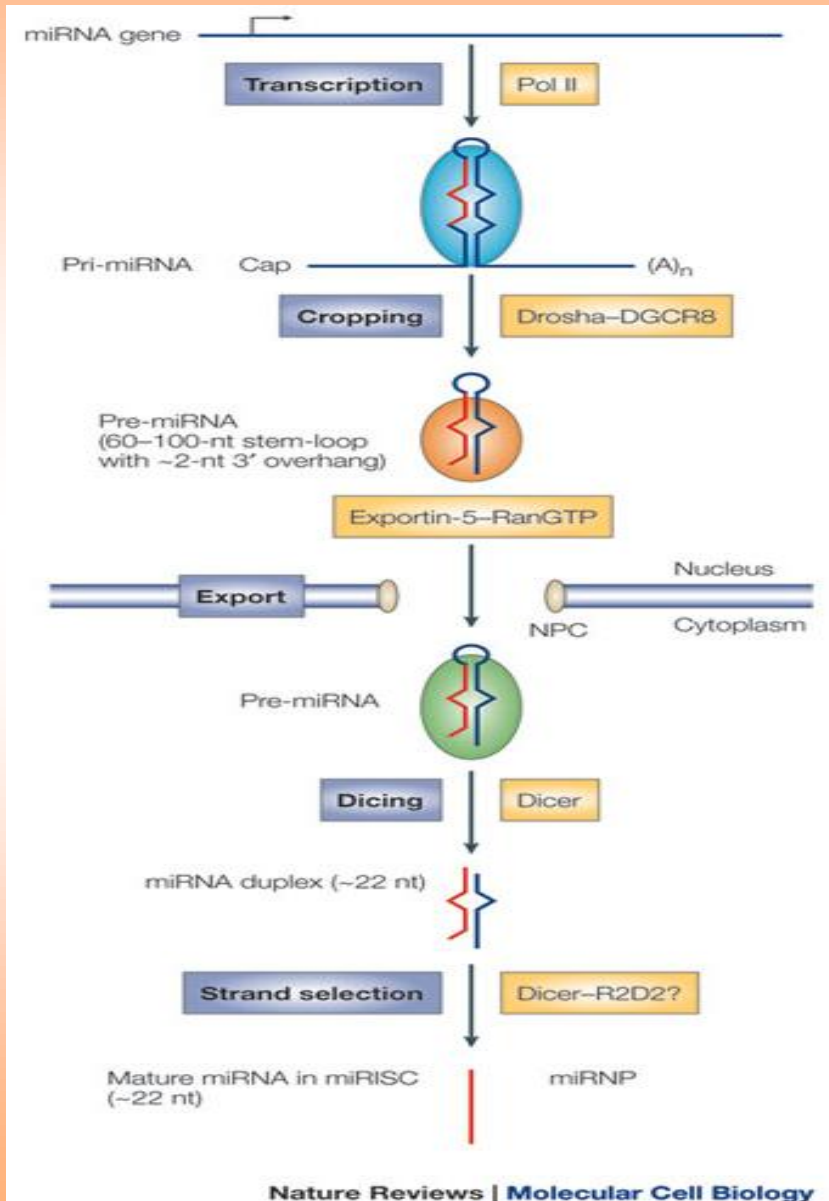
1) miRNA pathway ——— *trans* targets

2) siRNA pathways ——— **PTGS**  
*cis* and *trans* targets  
**TGS**

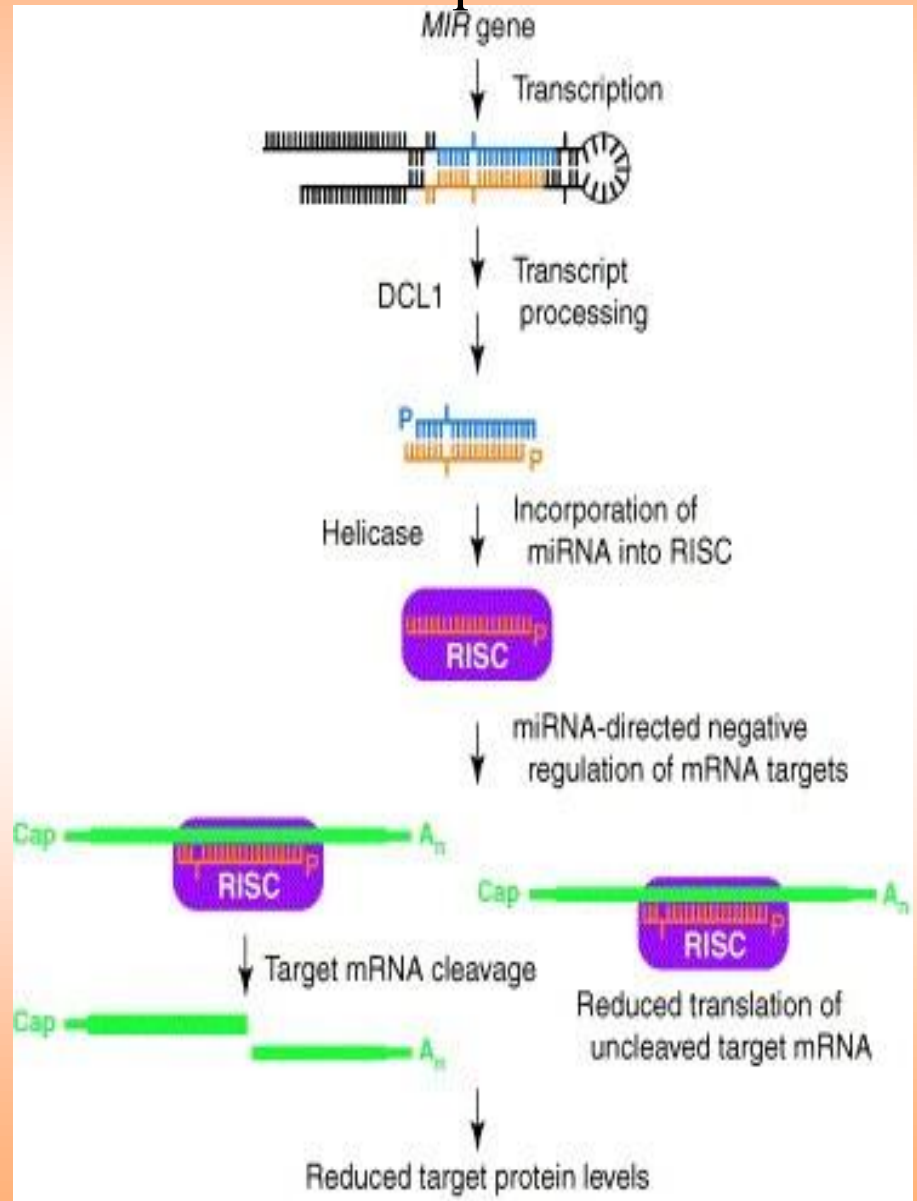
3) piRNA pathway ——— *cis* and *trans* targets

# miRNA pathways

## In animals



## In plants



# **siRNA classes**

## **Endogenous small RNAs**

Chromatin-associated siRNAs

Transacting-siRNAs

Natural antisense transcripts-derived siRNAs

## **Exogenous small RNAs**

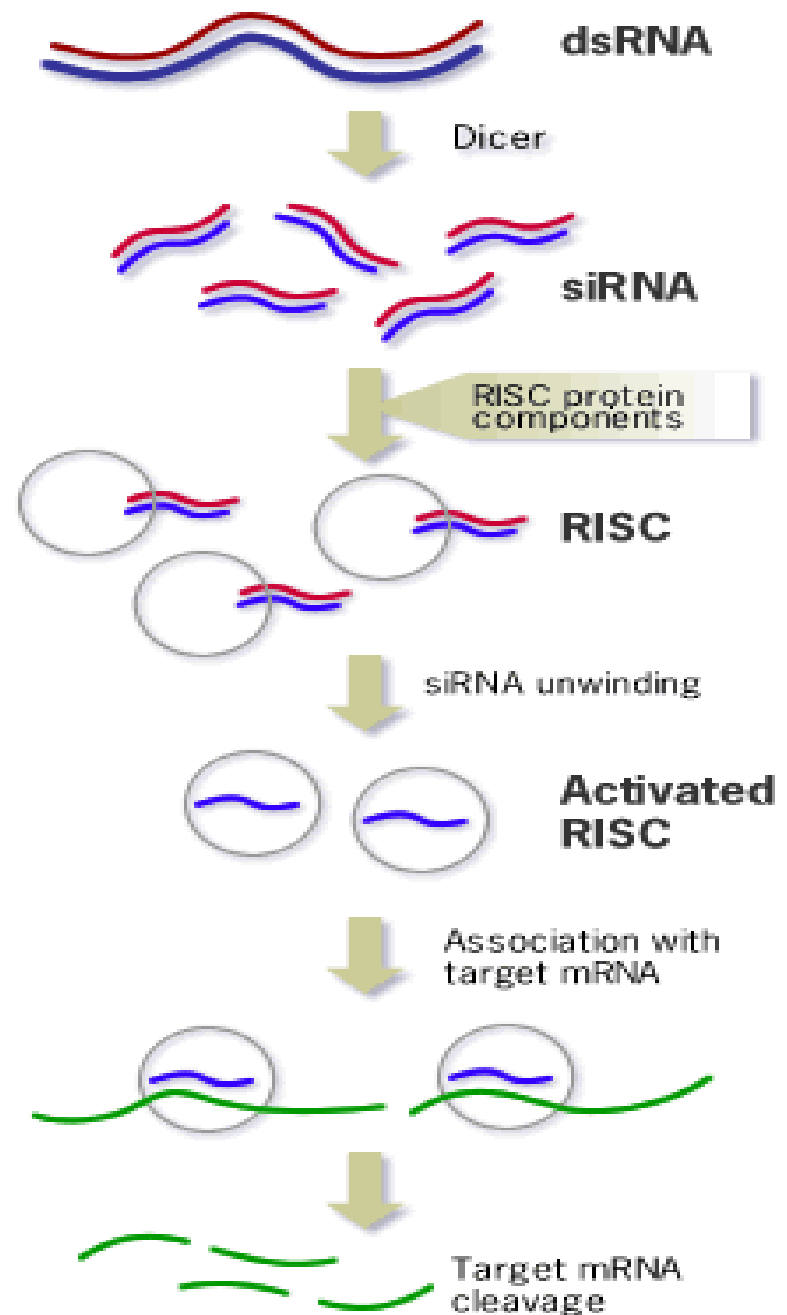
Viral and transgene-derived siRNAs

# Functions of siRNAs

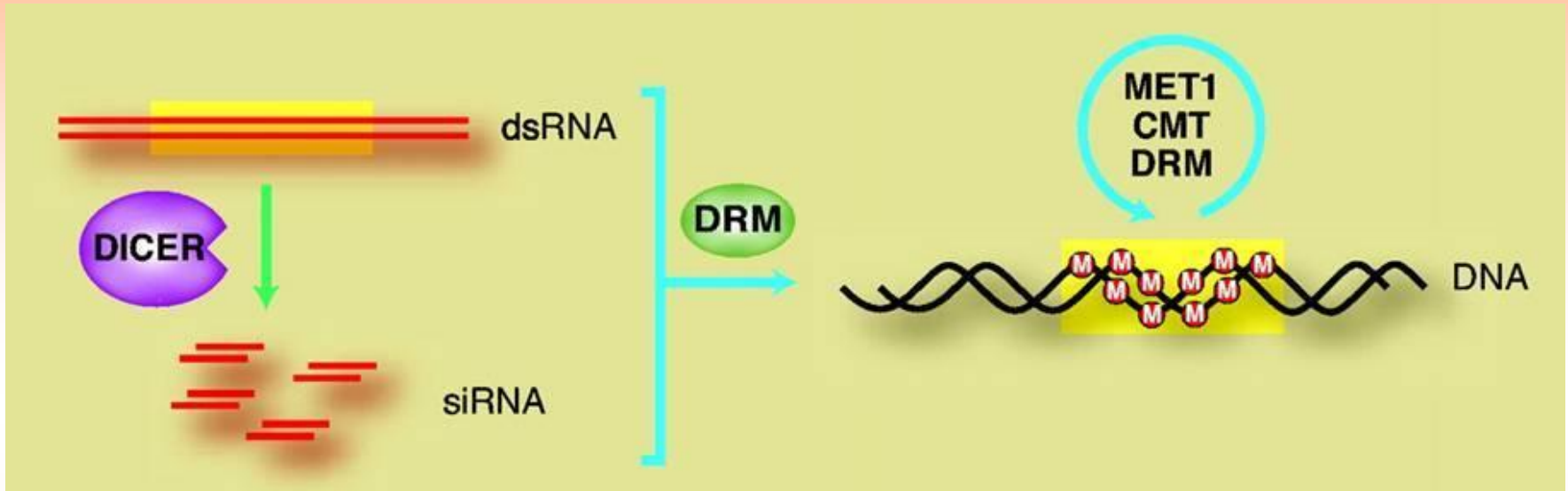
- 1) Defense---Antiviral and antibacterial defenses  
abiotic stress responses**
- 2) Genome stability---Silencing transposons,  
retroelements and repeats**
- 3) Development and cellular processes---Gene regulation**
- 4) DNA elimination  
(27–30-nt small RNAs in *Tetrahymena*)**



# siRNA pathway- PTGS



# siRNA pathway -TGS



-RNA-directed DNA methylation (RdDM) is triggered by dsRNA.

-dsRNAs are cleaved by enzymes of the Dicer family to generate small, 21-26 nt siRNAs.

-siRNAs are involved in RdDM, mediated by three classes of methyltransferases:  
DRMs, CMT and MET1.

# Key Components for Small RNA Silencing Pathways

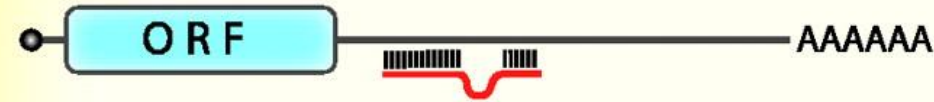
*Dicers*

*Argonautes*

*RNA Dependent RNA Polymerases*

# Dicers & Argonautes

imperfect complementarity = translational repression



**Ago-1** ↑

mature microRNA

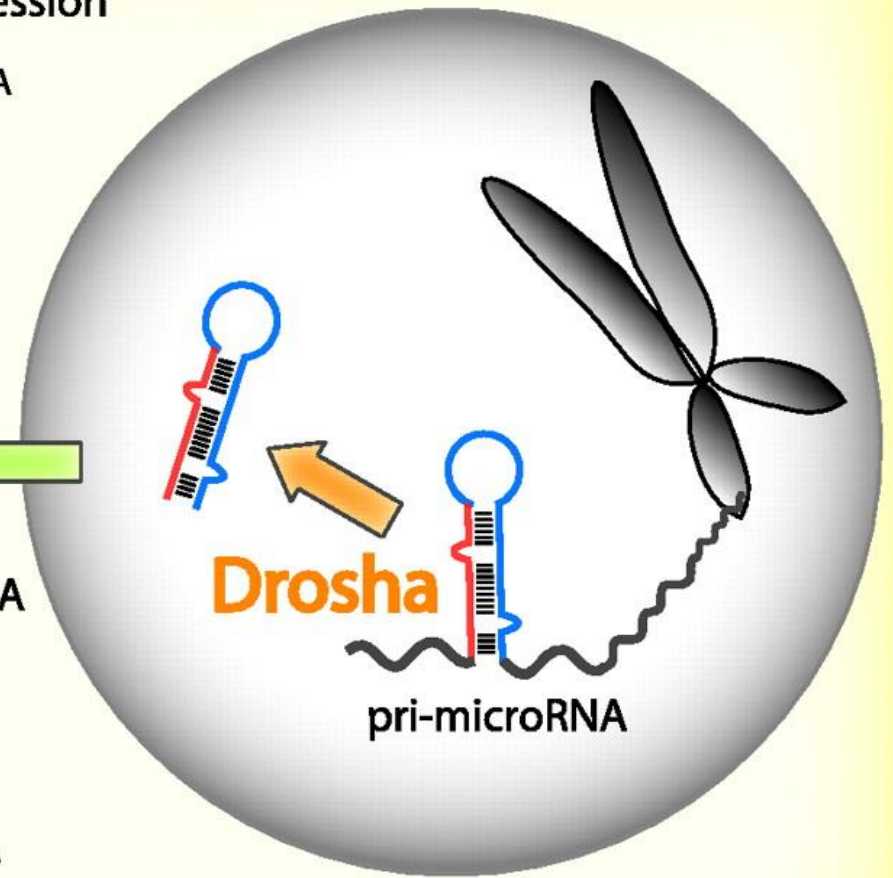
**Dicer** ←

pre-microRNA

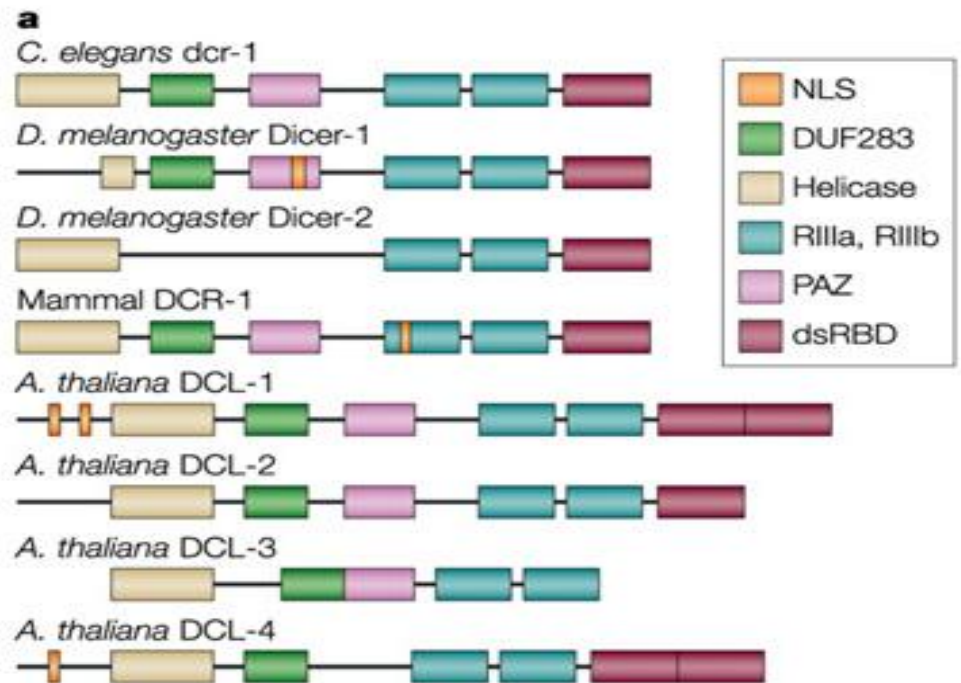
**Ago-2 (Slicer)** ↓



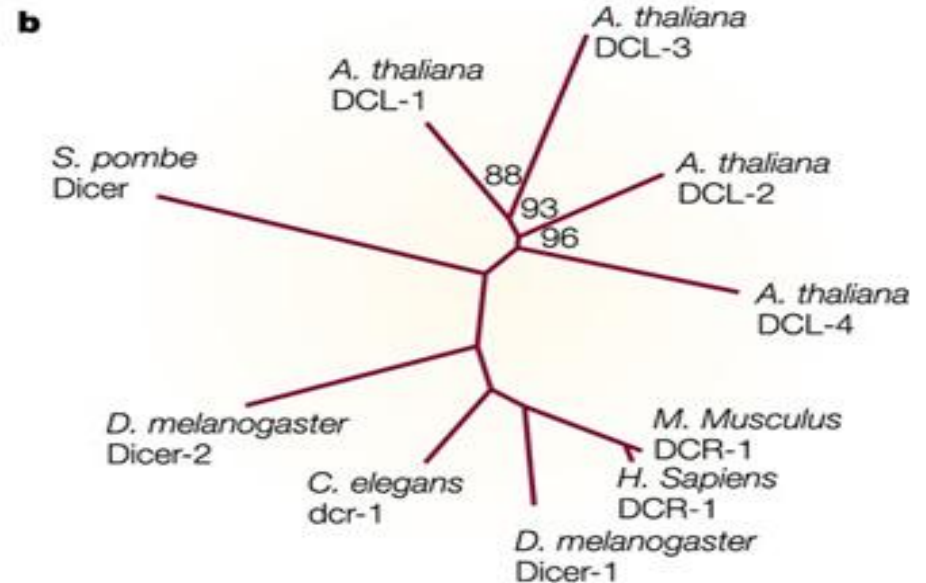
perfect complementarity = RNA interference



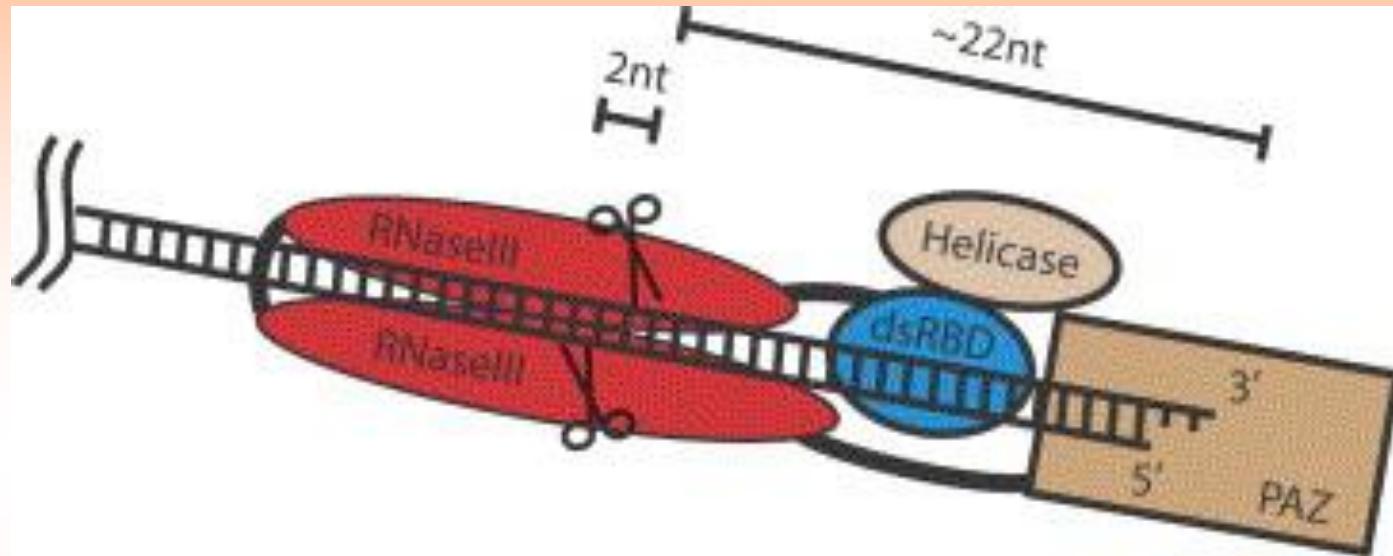
**a. The domain structure of Dicer homologues in worms, flies, mammals and plants.**



**b. The phylogenetic tree of the Dicer protein family.**



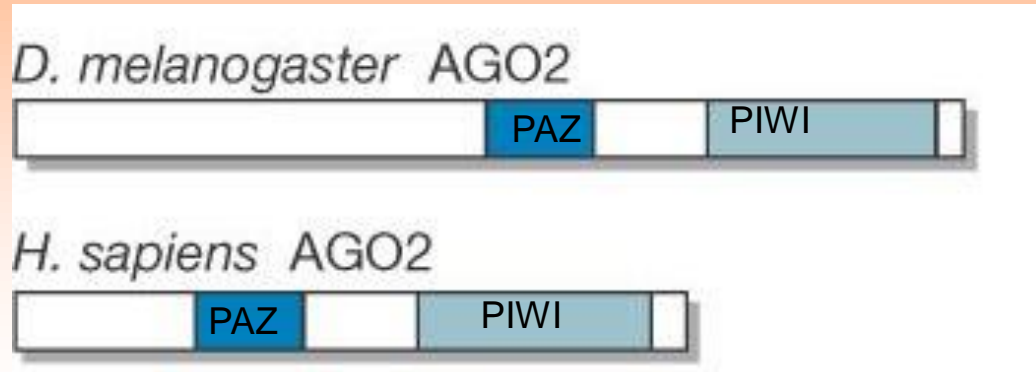
# Model for Dicer catalysis



The PAZ domain binds the 2 nt 3' overhang of a dsRNA terminus. The RNaseIII domains form a pseudo-dimer. Each domain hydrolyzes one strand of the substrate. The binding site of the dsRBD is not defined.

Hammond (2005) FEBS Lett.,579-5822-5829

# Structure of Argonautes



-All RISCs contain a member of the Argonaute (Ago) family of proteins, as defined by the presence of PAZ and PIWI domains.

-The PIWI domain has homology to ribonuclease-H enzymes, which implicates it as the endonuclease that cleaves the target mRNA.

*Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology* **6**, 127-138 (2005) E Sontheimer

## In *Arabidopsis*

-10 members

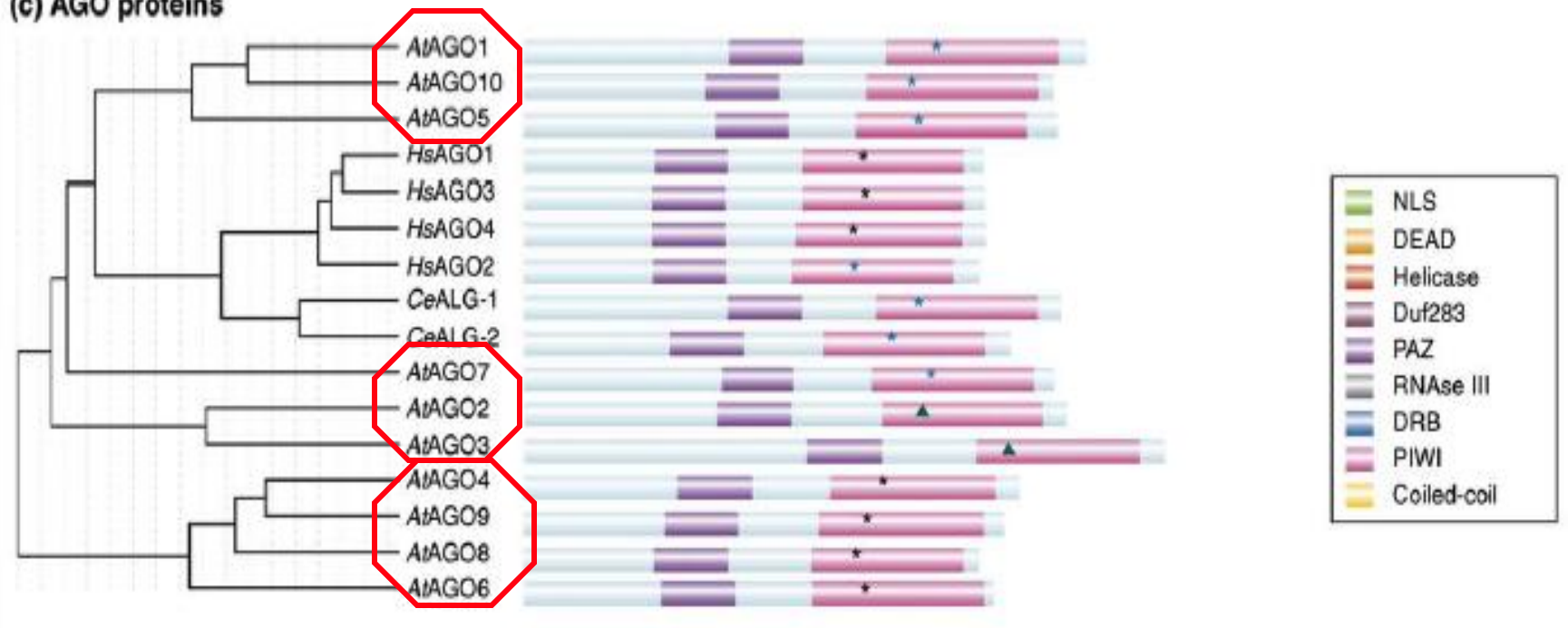
-*AGO1* mutants are defective in miRNA-directed silencing.

-*AGO4* and *AGO6* are implicated in chromatin silencing.

***AGO1*, *AGO4* proteins shown to be a Slicer.**

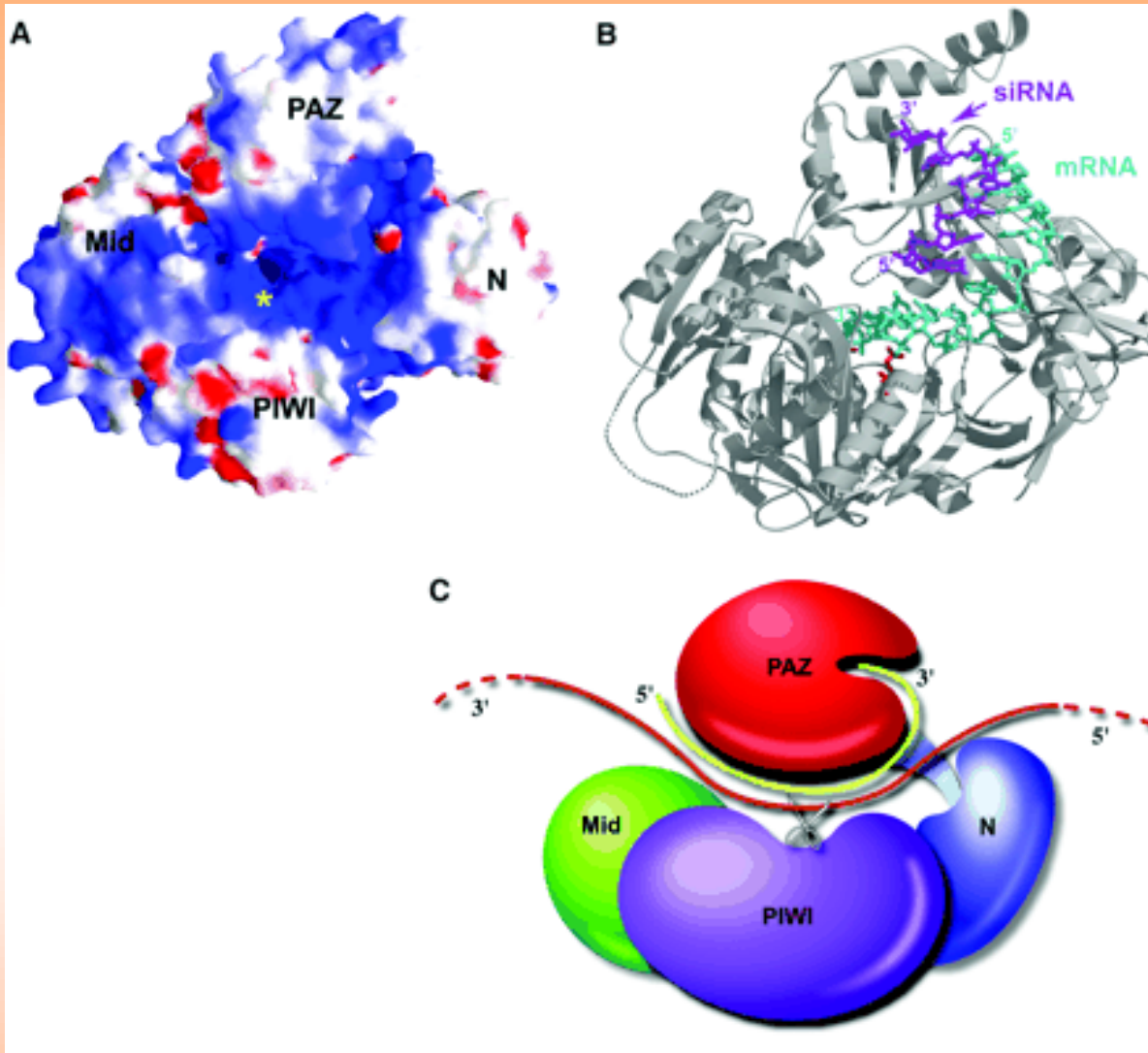
(Baumberger, and Baulcombe, D. 2005 Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA; Qi et al., 2006)

(c) AGO proteins



**Phylogenetic tree of AGOs from human, *C. elegans* and *Arabidopsis***





**The phosphate between nucleotides 10 and 11 from the 5' end of the small RNA falls near the active site residues.**

model for siRNA-guided mRNA cleavage

# RITS and RISC

**RITS: RNA-induced transcriptional silencing complex**

**Nuclear** localized

Functions in heterochromatic siRNA pathways

**RISC: RNA-induced silencing complex**

**Cytoplasmic**

Functions in miRNA, endogenous siRNA, tasiRNA, nat-siRNA pathways

# Small RNA pathways

1) miRNA pathway

2) siRNA pathways

1) tasiRNAs

2) nat-siRNAs

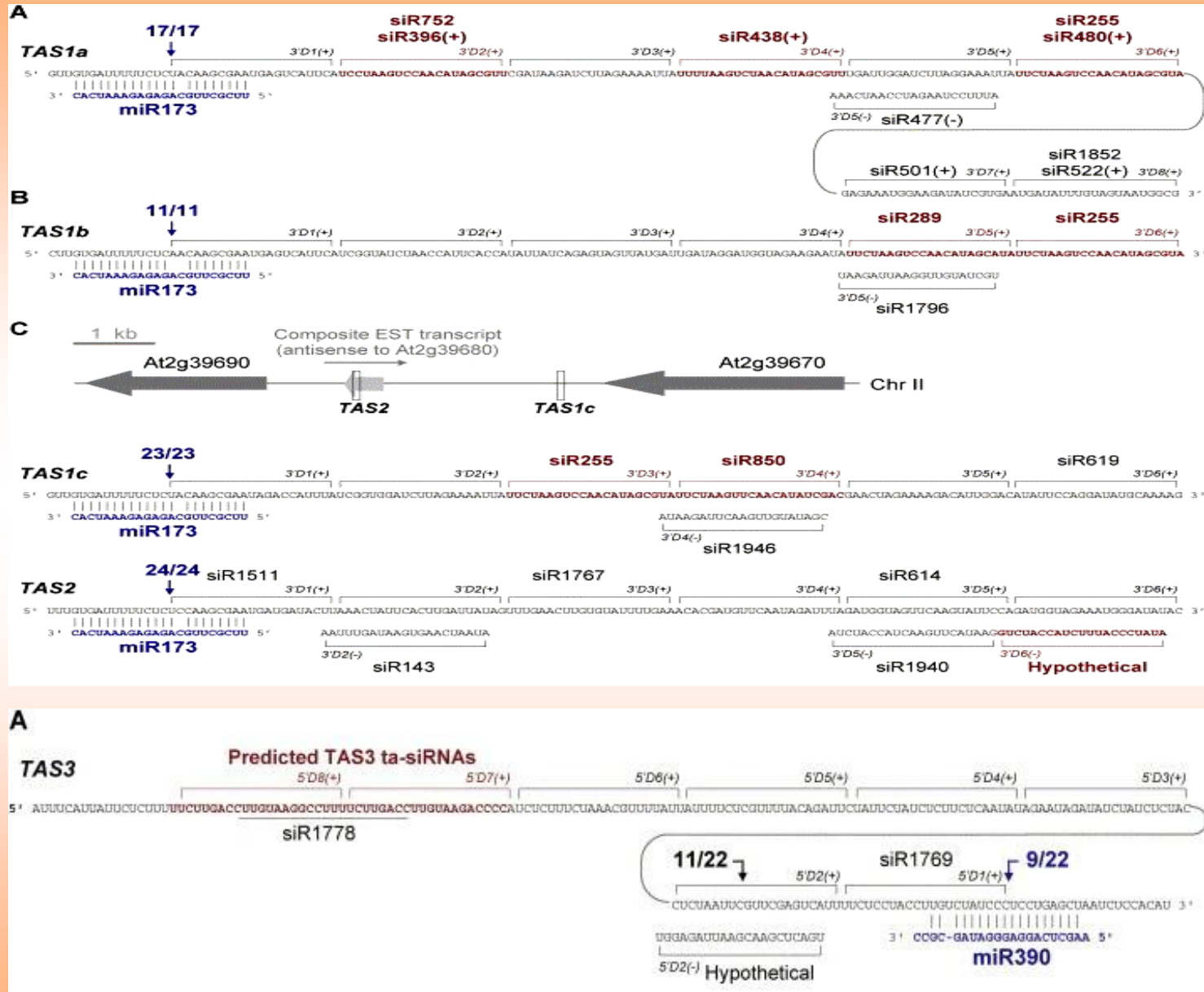
3) transgene/viral siRNAs

heterochromatic siRNAs  
(rasiRNAs and others)

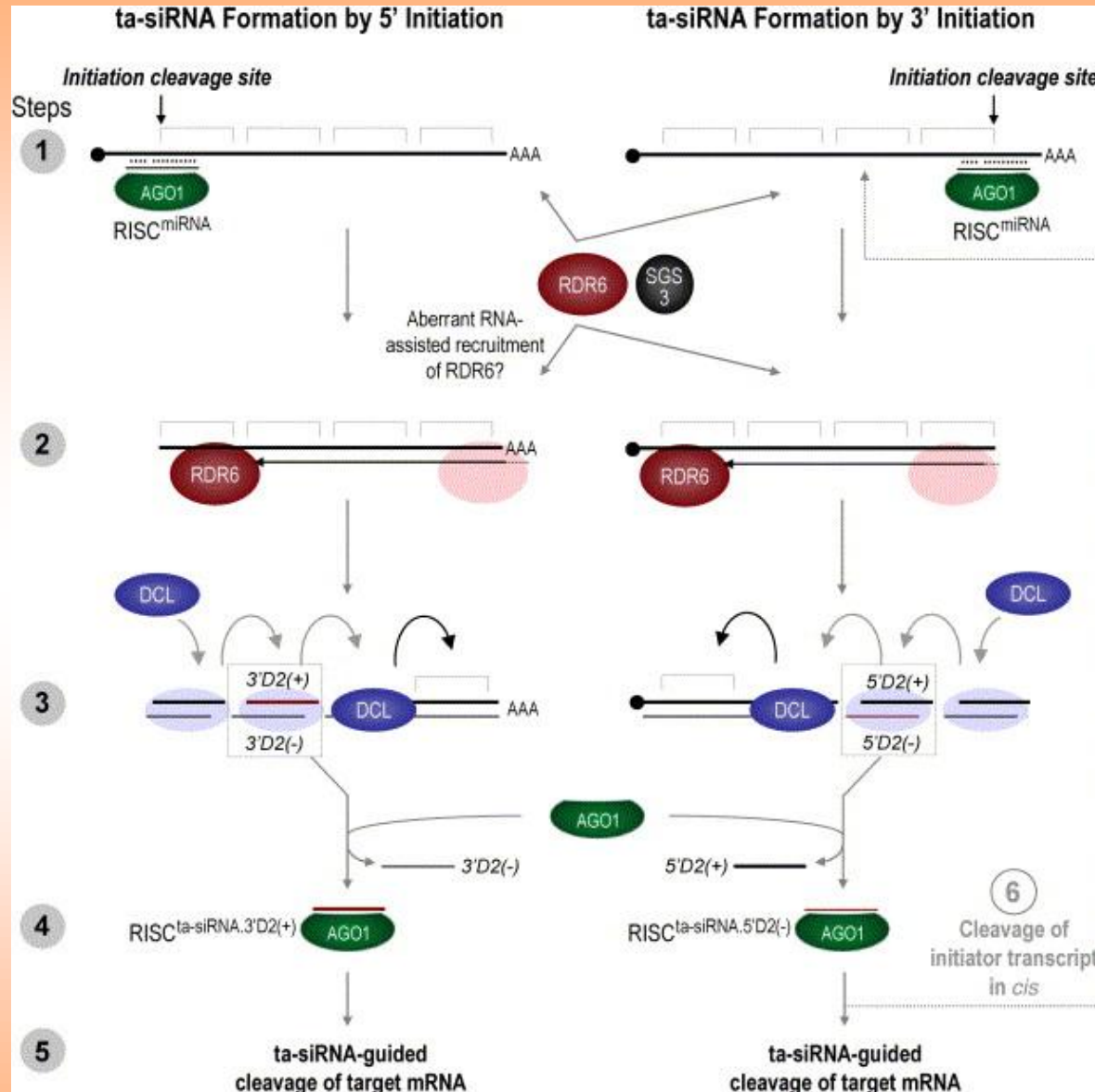
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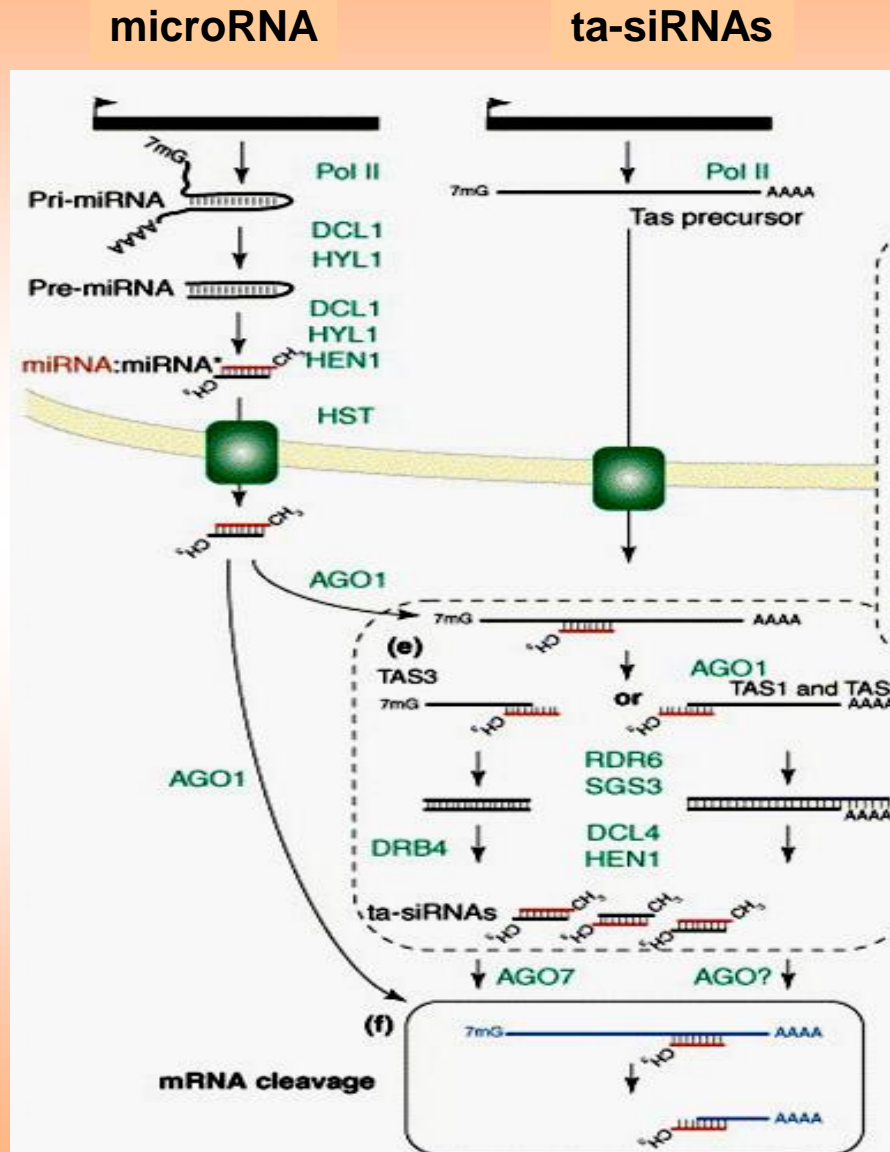
# TAS1, TAS2 and TAS3 tasiRNAs



# Model for miRNA-guided tasiRNA biogenesis

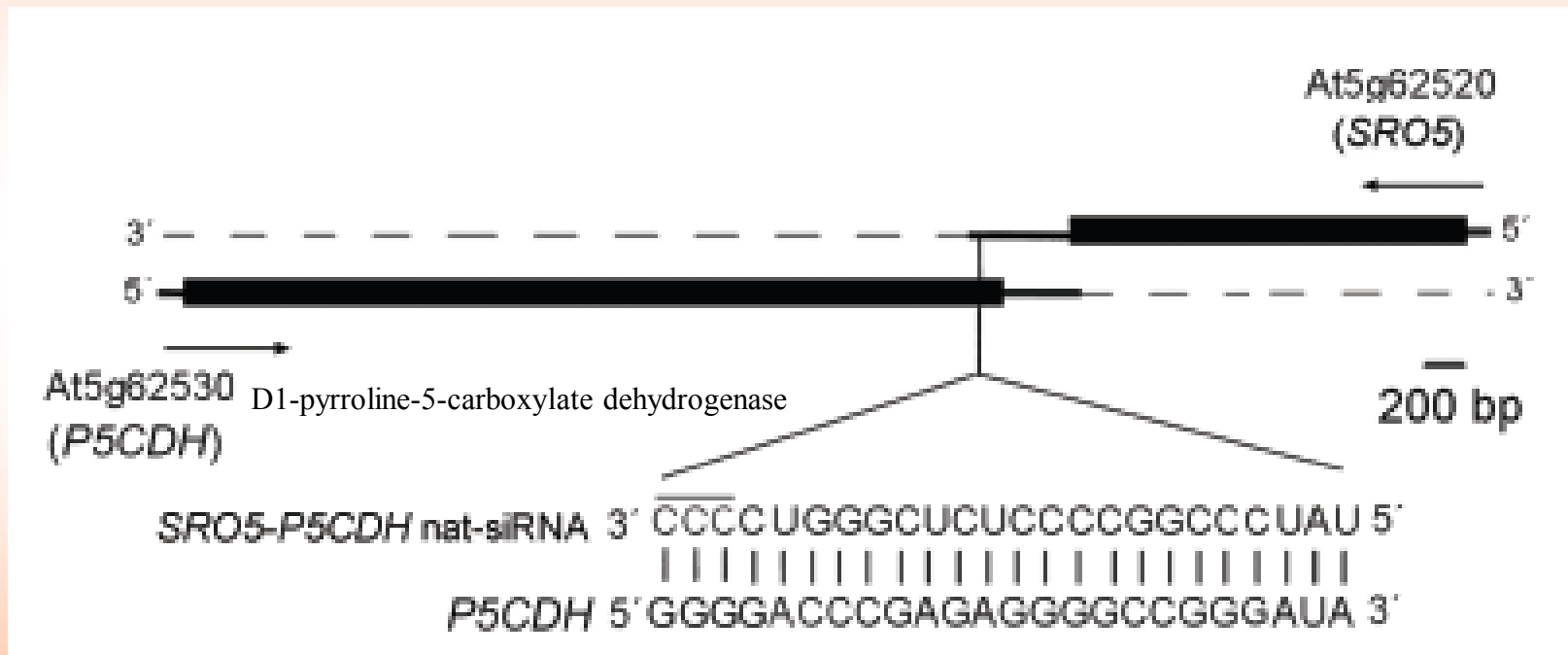


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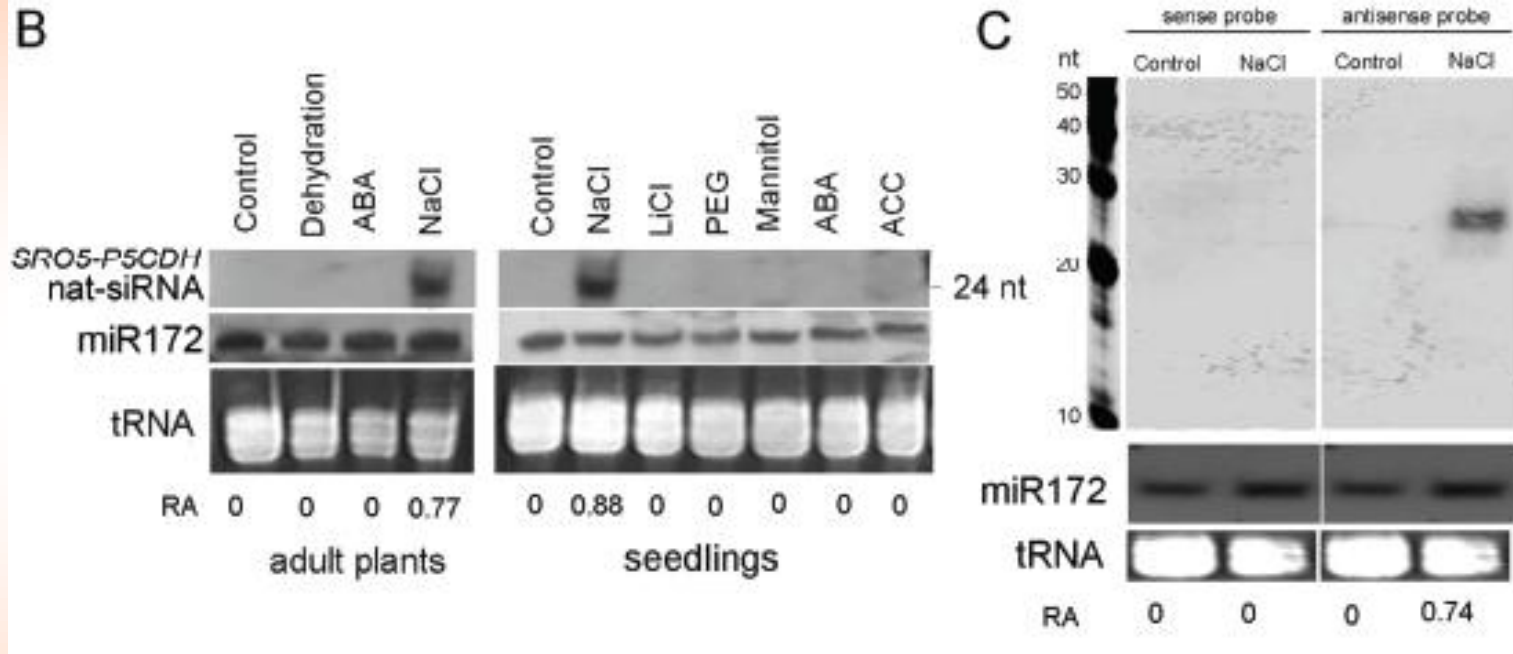


# nat-siRNAs

**nat-siRNAs:** siRNAs derived from natural *cis*-antisense transcripts produced by convergent overlapping genes



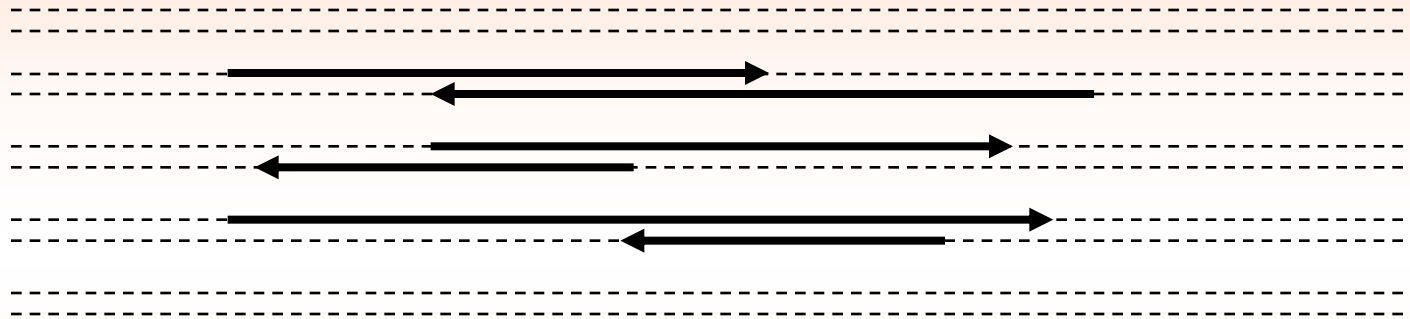
# Salt Stress induces a 24-nt nat-siRNA from the *SRO5-P5CDH cis*-antisense transcripts



Requires  
 DCL2, DCL1, HYL1,  
 RDR6, SGS3, NRPD1a

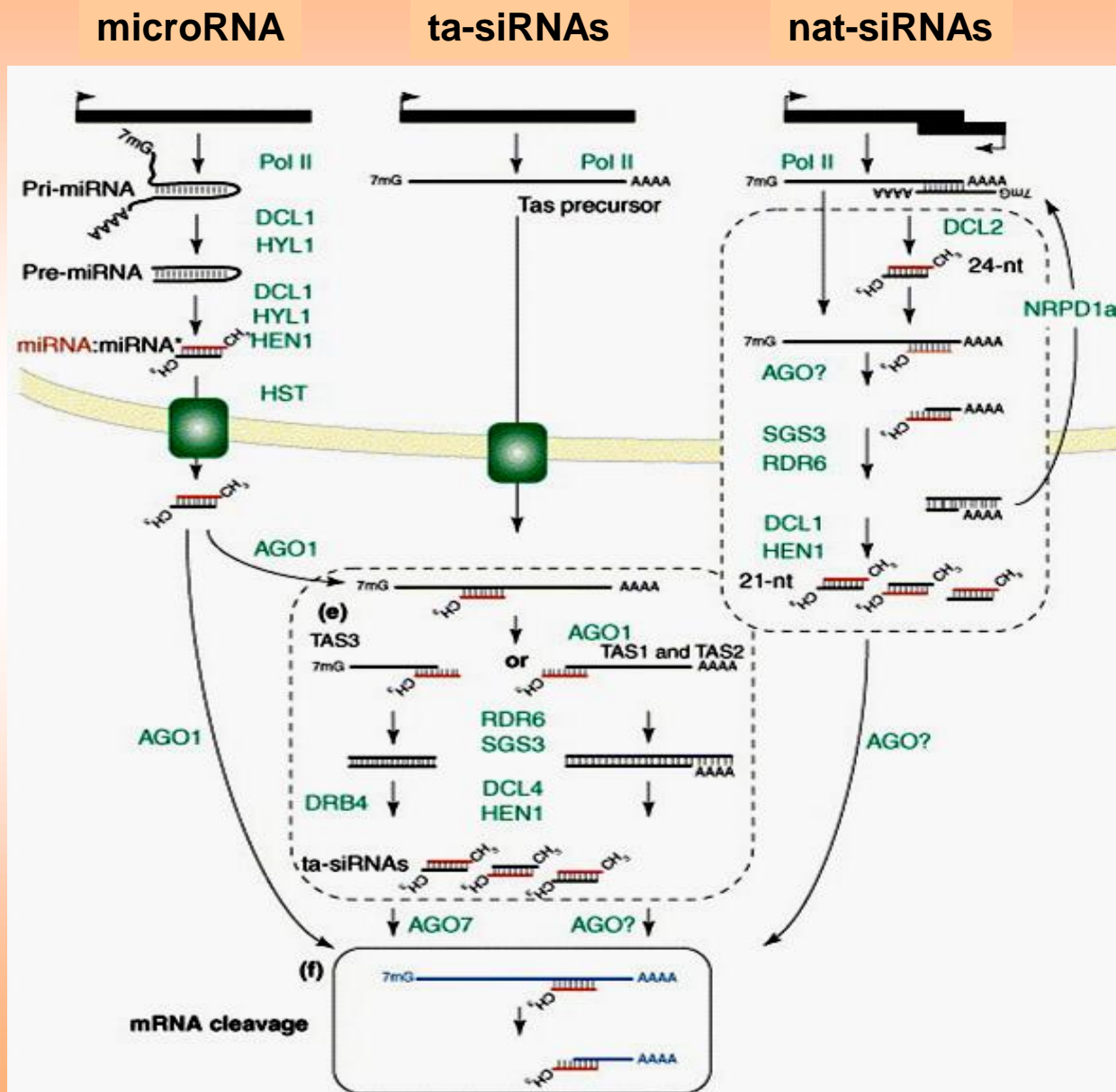


# Natural Antisense Transcripts (NATs) May Serve As a Major Sources For Gene Targeting siRNAs

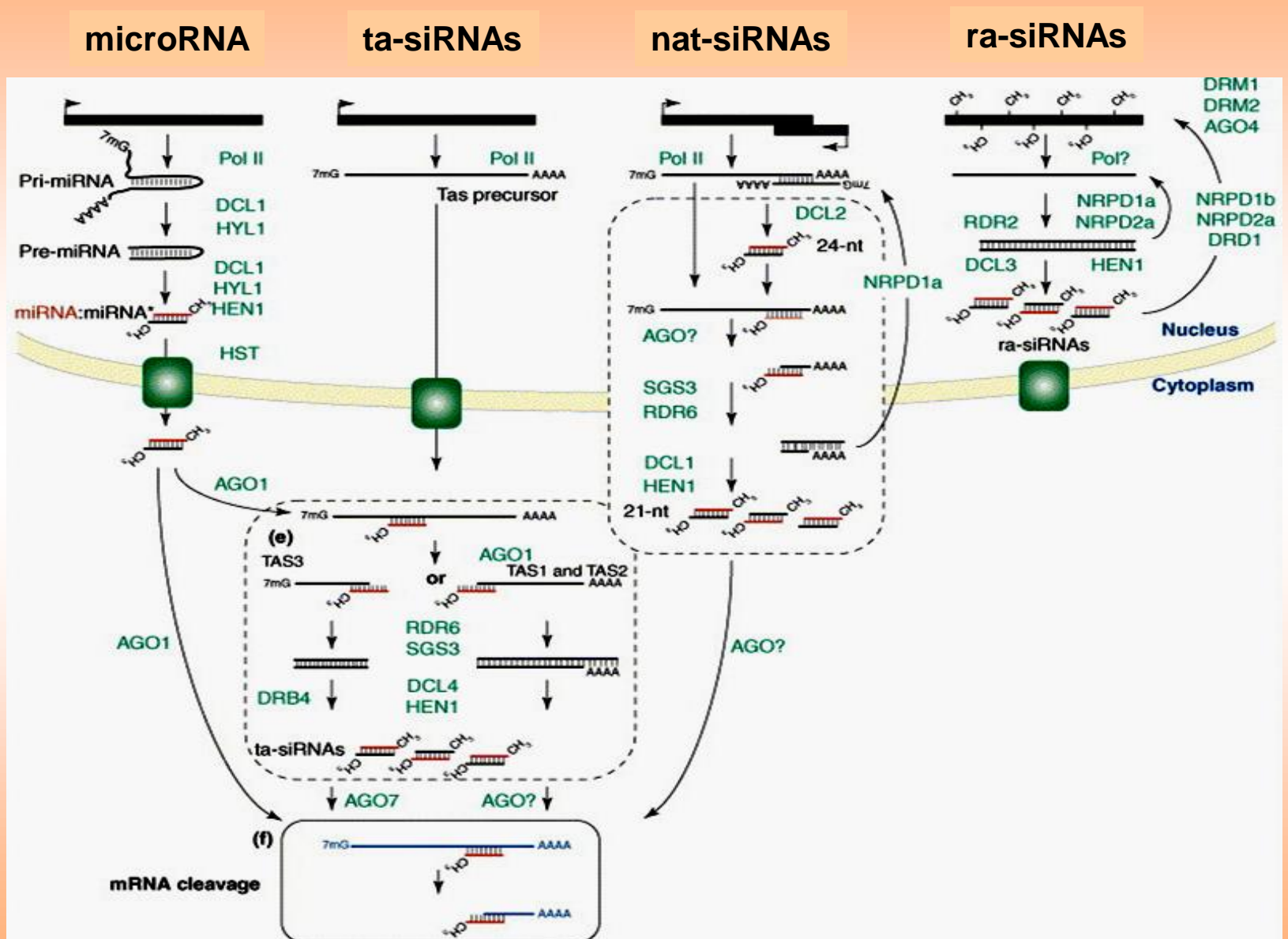


	NAT	Total	Percentage	Reference(s)
Human	2,940	26,741	22%	(16, 72)
Mouse	2,481	33,409	14.9%	(49)
<i>Drosophila</i>	1,027	13,379	15.4%	(44)
Rice	601	20,447	5.9%	(50)
<i>Arabidopsis</i>	1,340	29,993	8.9%	(68)

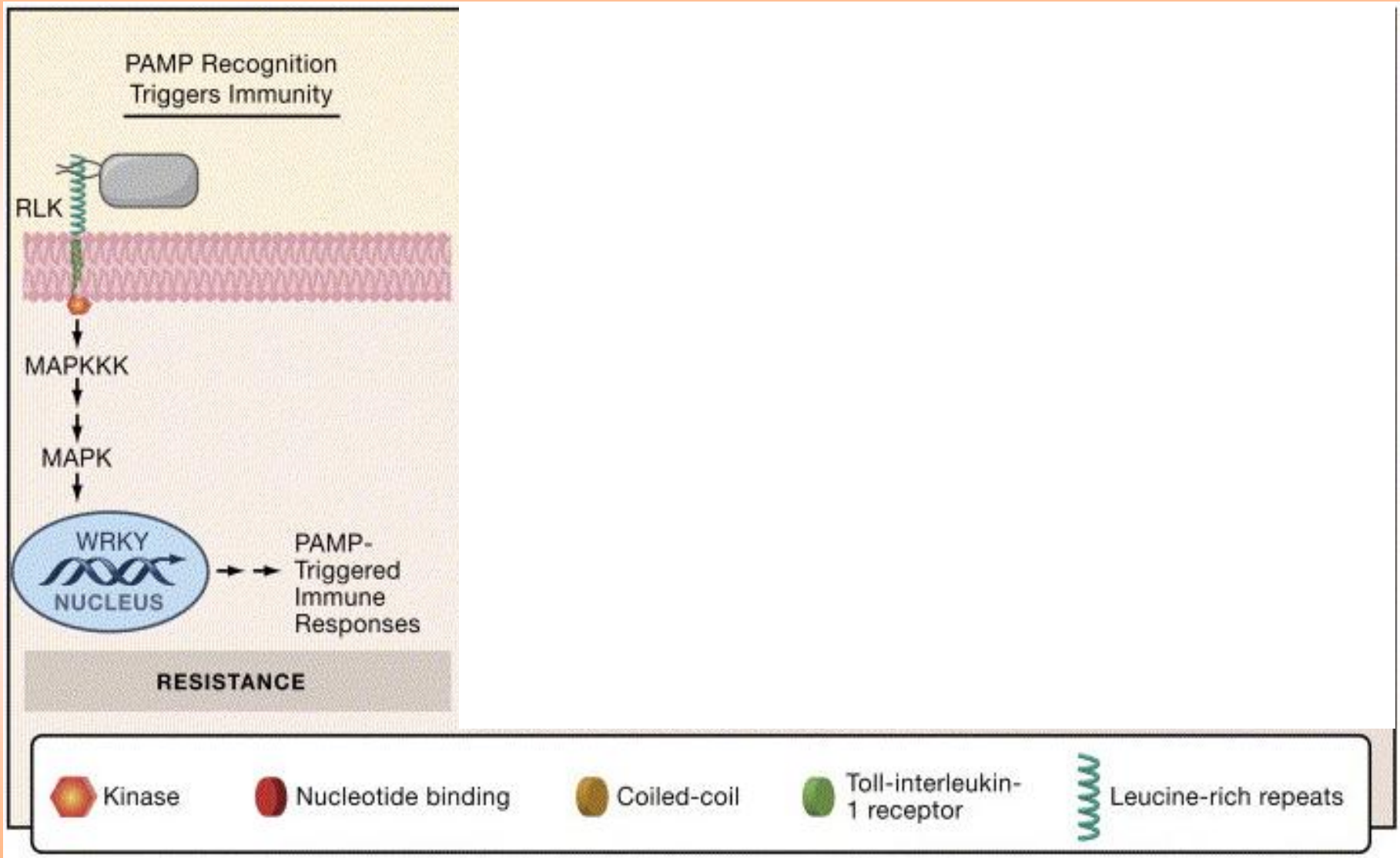
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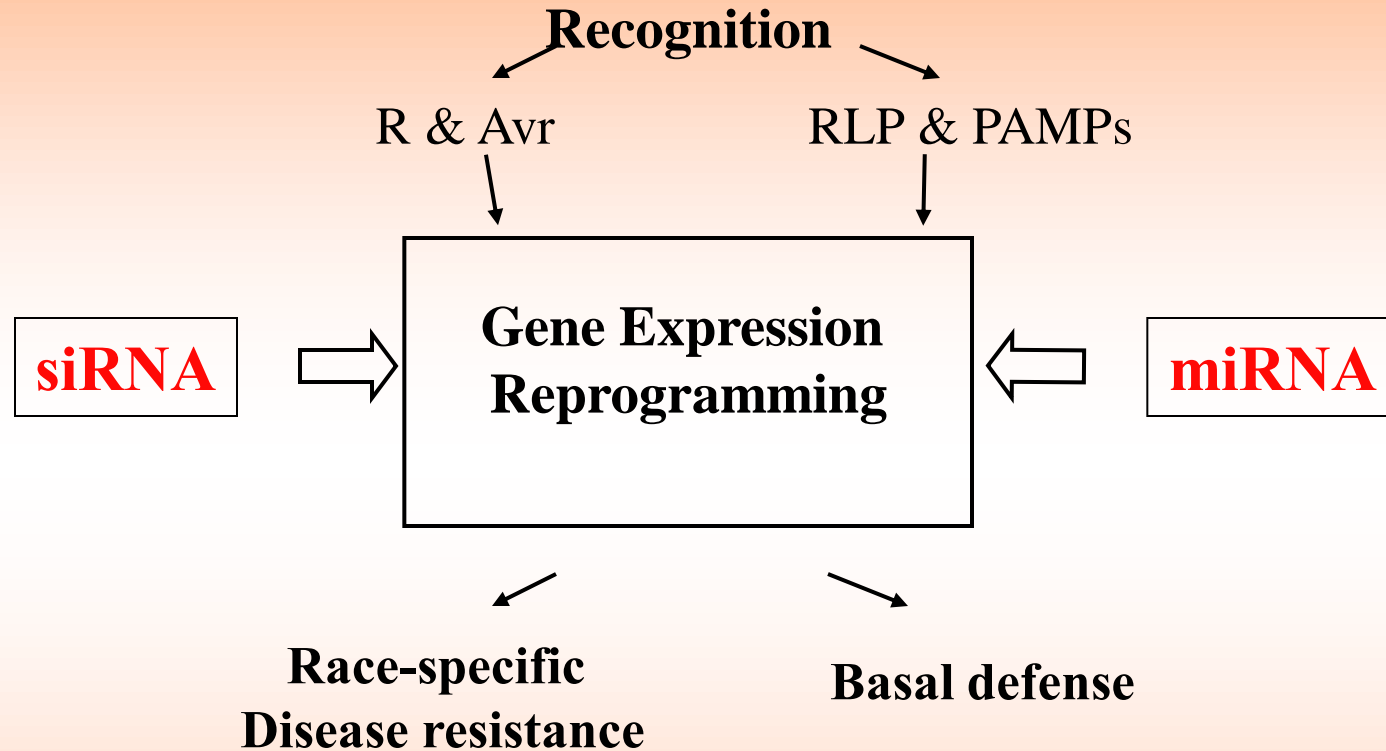


# The Evolution Of Bacterial Resistance In Plants



# Gene Regulation and Plant Immunity

## Plants response to pathogen attacks

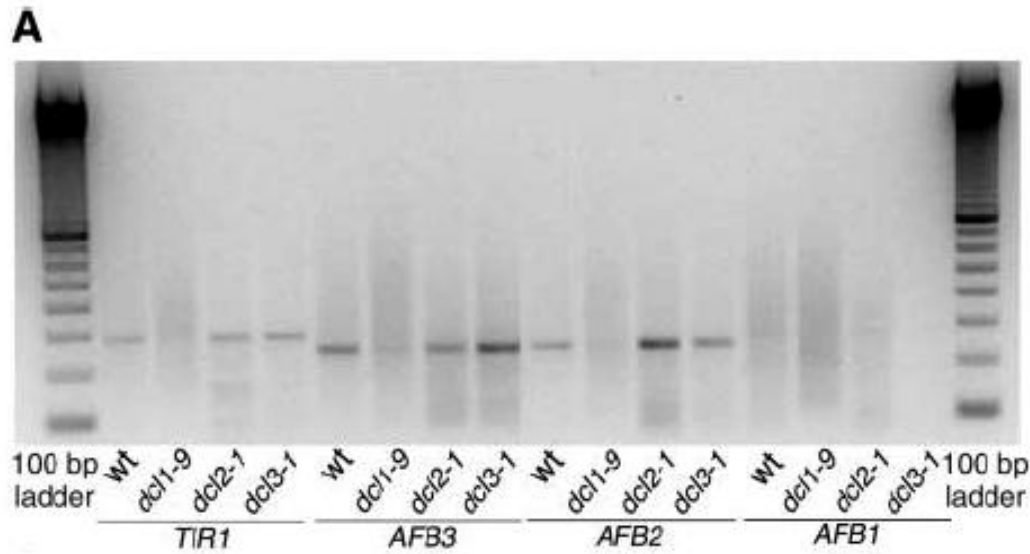


# **A Plant miRNA Contributes to Antibacterial Resistance by Repressing Auxin Signaling**

Lionel Navarro,<sup>1,2</sup> Patrice Dunoyer,<sup>2</sup> Florence Jay,<sup>2</sup> Benedict Arnold,<sup>3</sup> Nihal Dharmasiri,<sup>4</sup> Mark Estelle,<sup>4</sup> Olivier Voinnet,<sup>2\*†</sup> Jonathan D. G. Jones<sup>1\*†</sup>

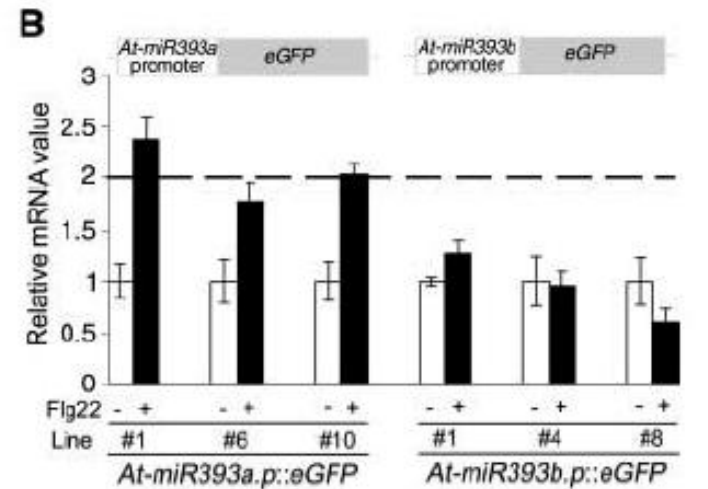
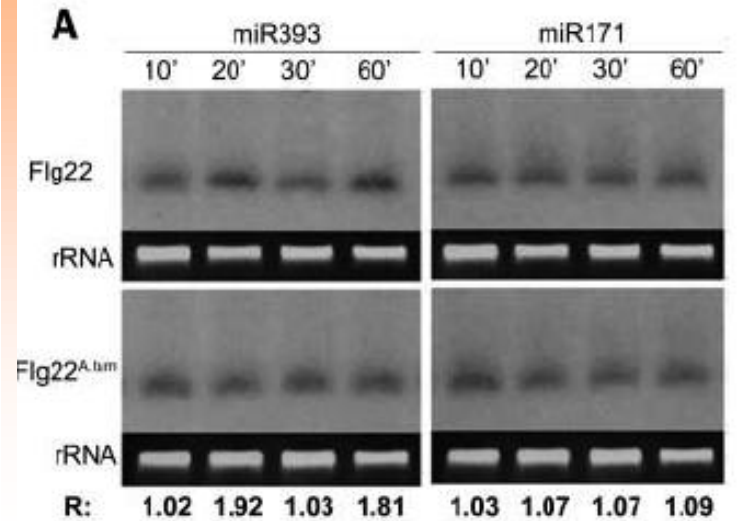
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# miR393a Is Induced By Flg22 Treatment



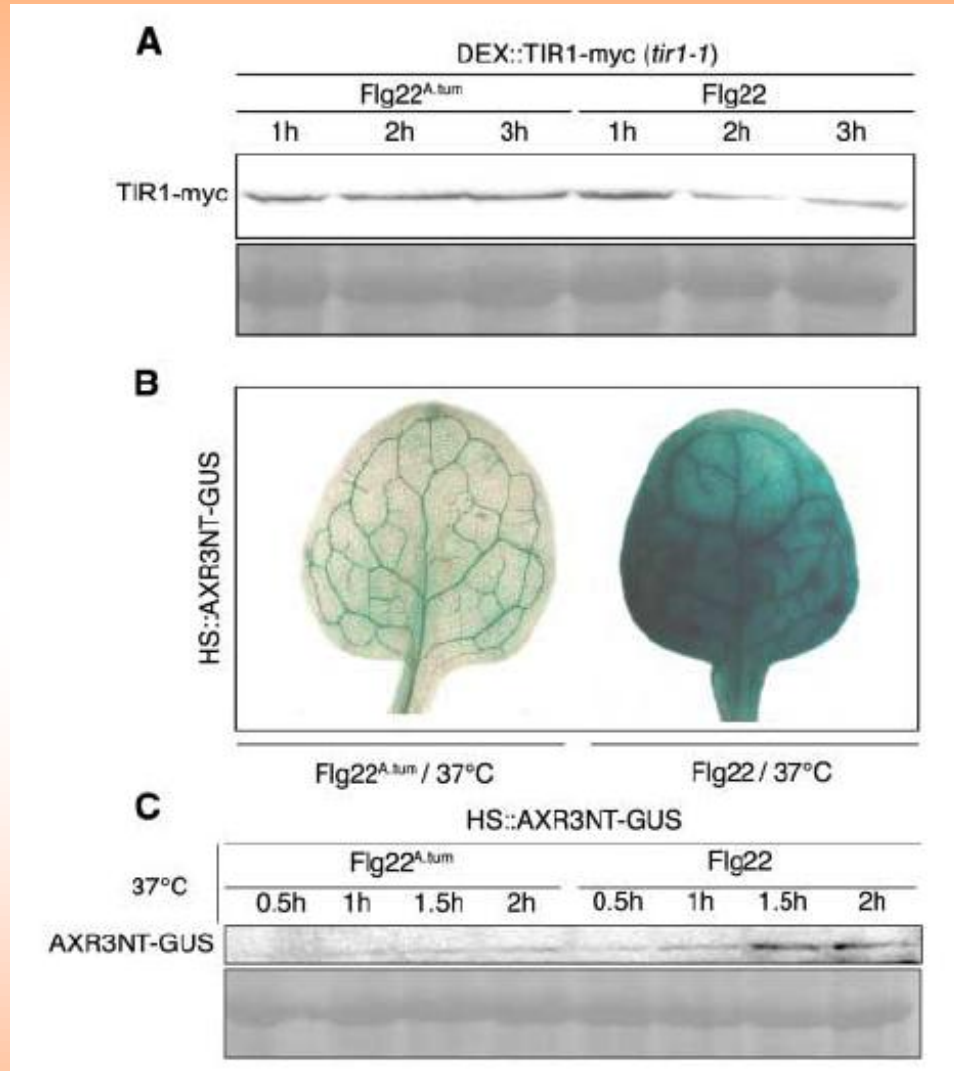
The F-box proteins TIR1, AFB1, AFB2, and AFB3 are receptors for the plant hormone auxin and the targets of miR393.

“AFB1 is partially resistant to miR393-directed cleavage.”



Flg22 → miR393 —| TIR1, AFB2 and AFB3 but no AFB1

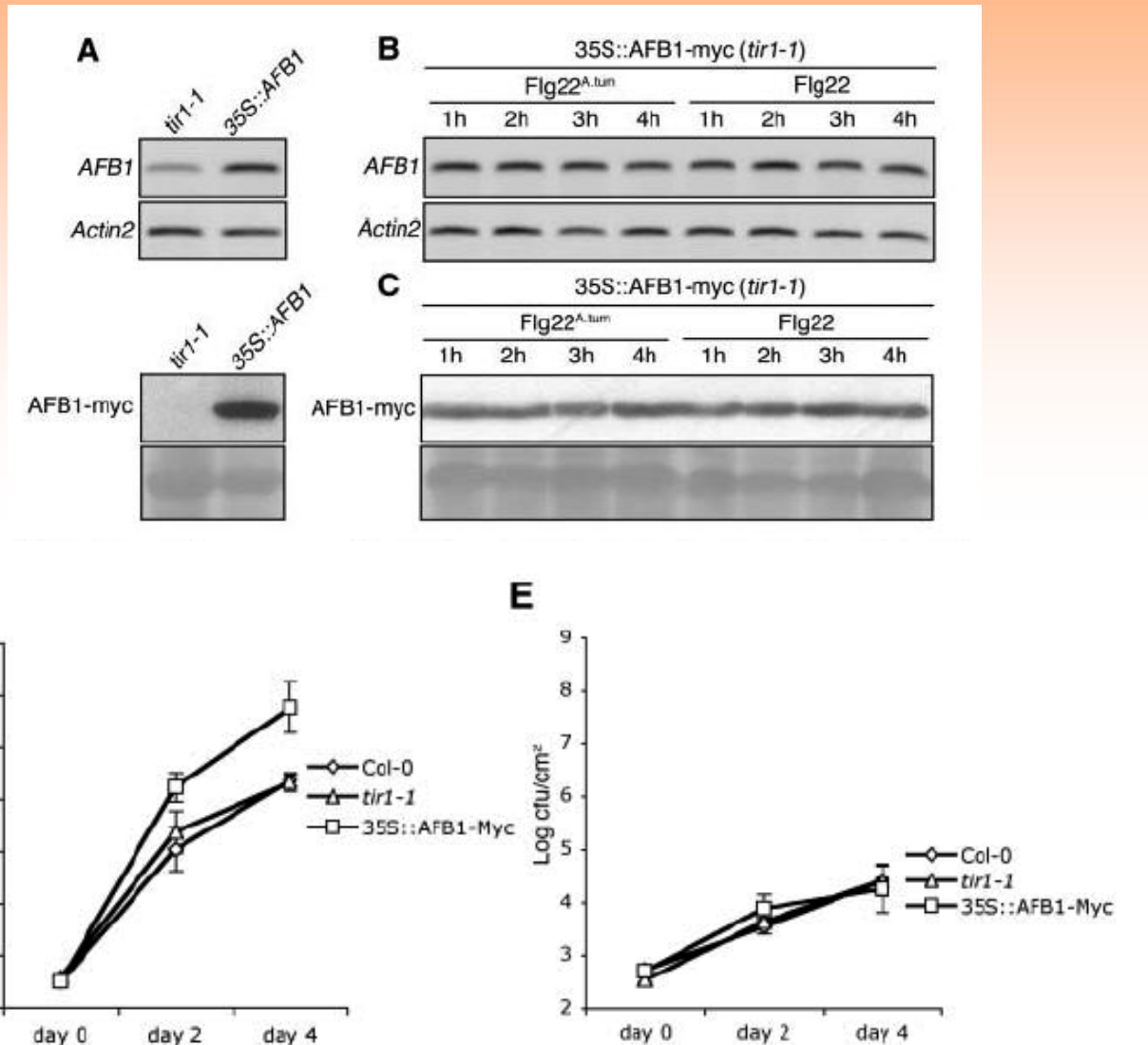
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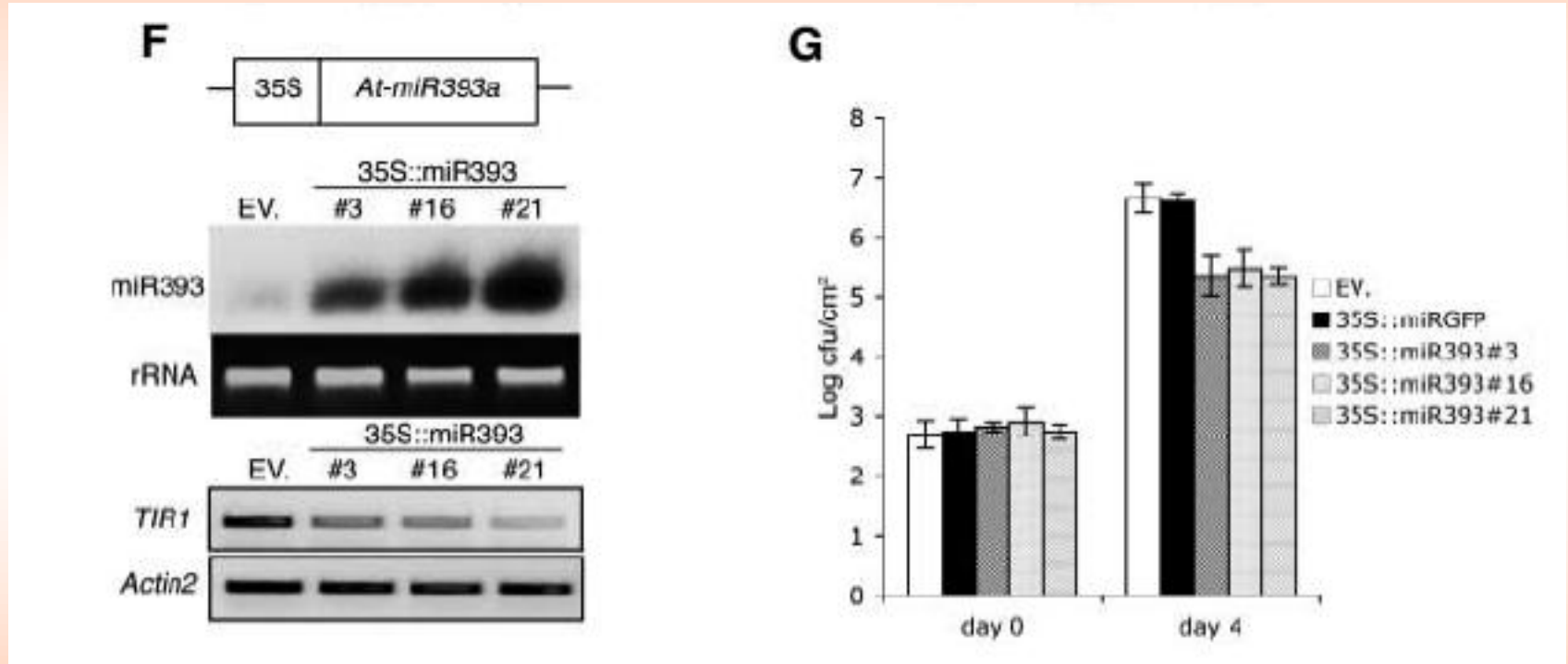


# Overexpression of AFB1 Enhances Bacterial Susceptibility



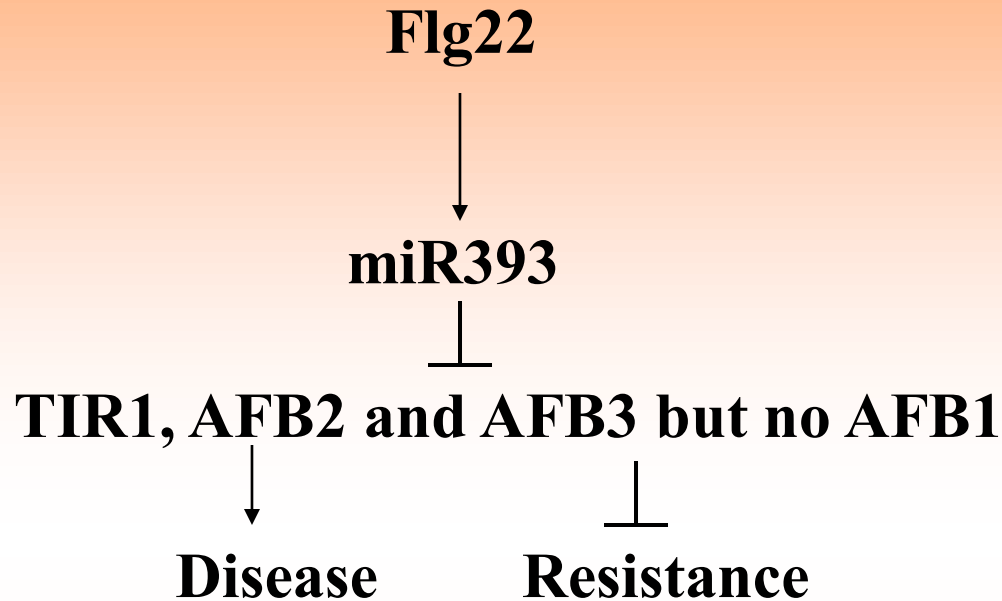
Auxin promotes disease

# Overexpression of miR393 Increases Resistance



Flg22 → miR393 —| TIR1, AFB2 and AFB3 but no AFB1 —| **Resistance**

# Regulation Model



**Increase Auxin Signaling ----- Disease**

**Repress Auxin Signaling -----Resistance**

**Most *P.syringae* strains can produce IAA**

***Pto* DC3000 infection triggers increased IAA**

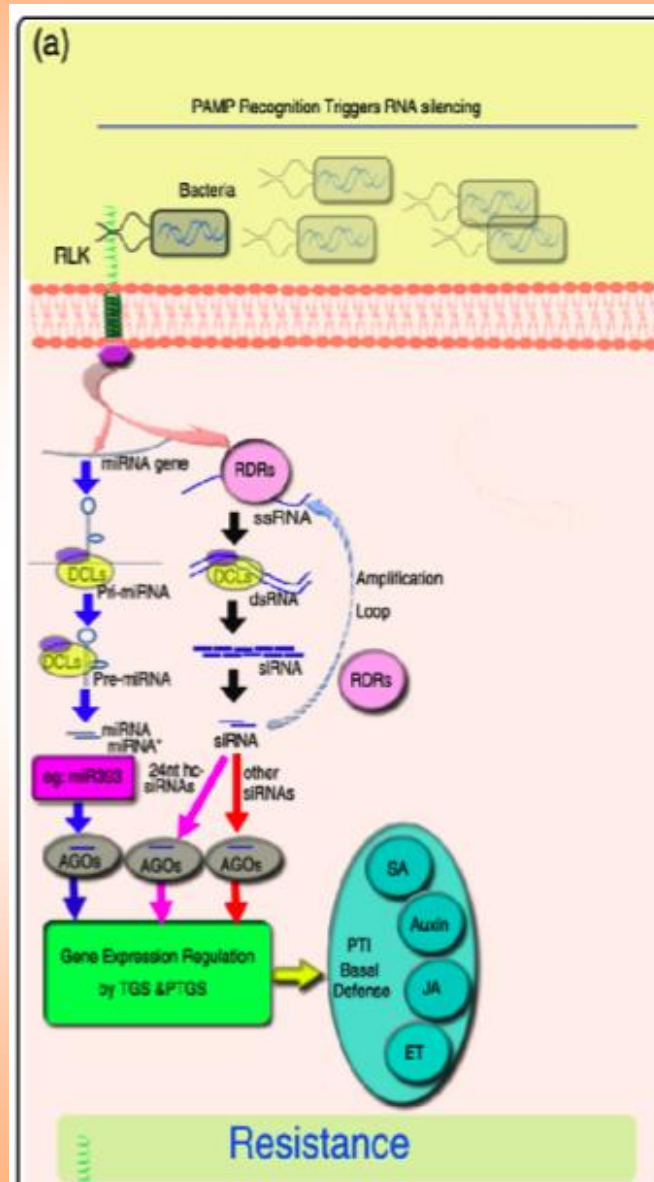
**levels in *Arabidopsis* ----Enhances disease**

# High-Throughput Sequencing of *Arabidopsis* microRNAs: Evidence for Frequent Birth and Death of *MIRNA* Genes

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# Plant miRNAs contribute to PTI

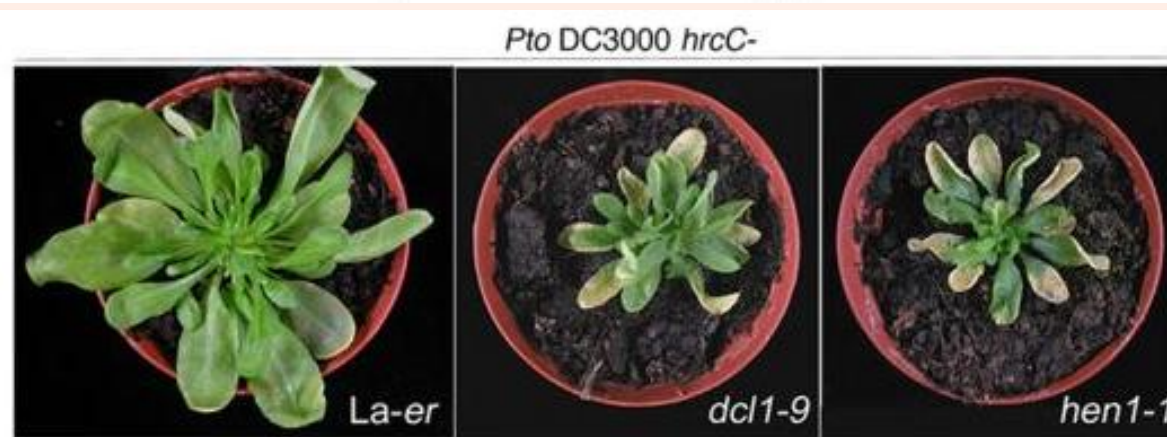
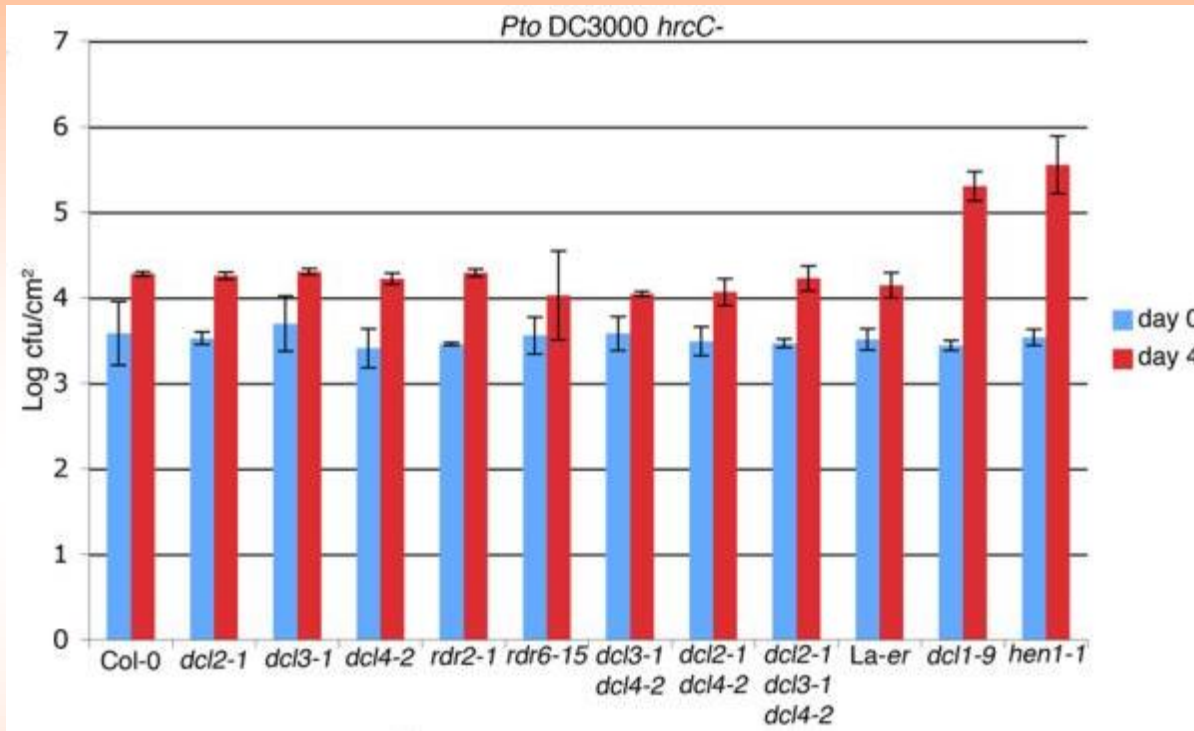


# Suppression of the MicroRNA Pathway by Bacterial Effector Proteins

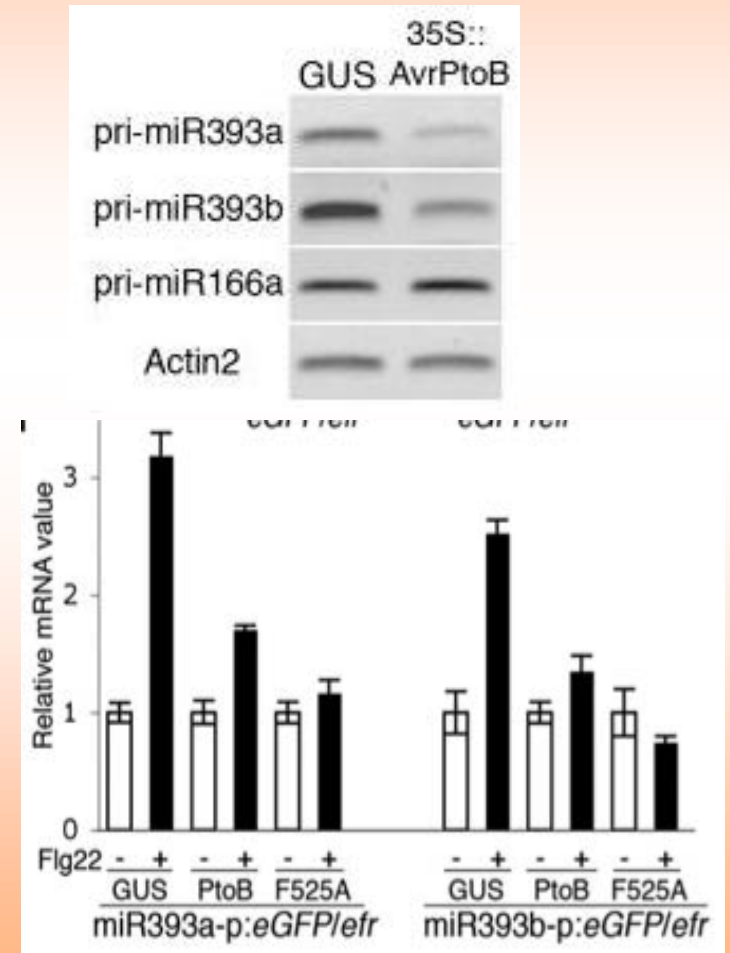
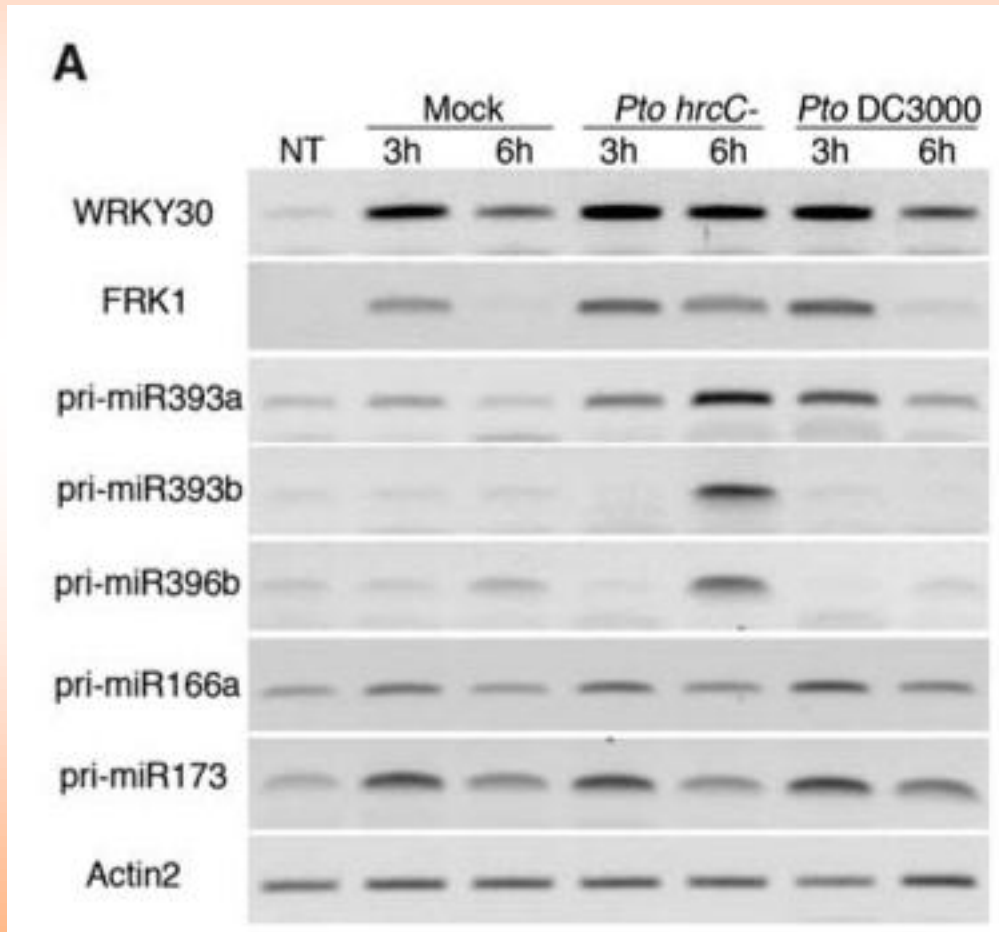
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# The Arabidopsis miRNA pathway promotes basal resistance to bacteria

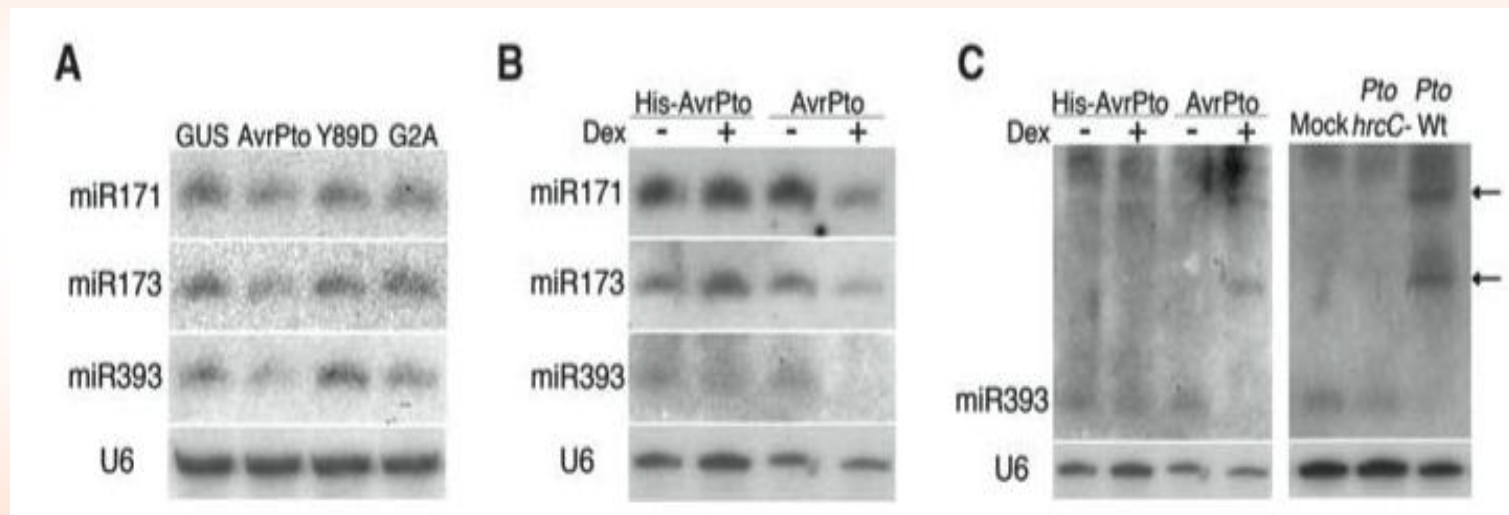


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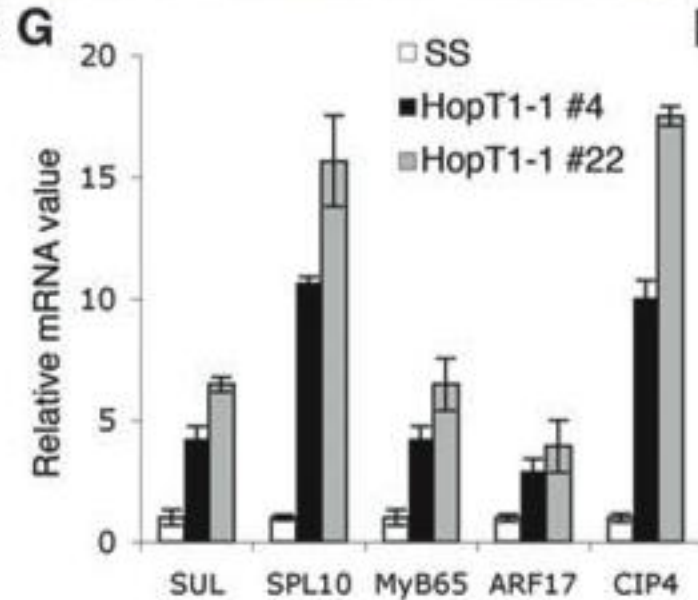
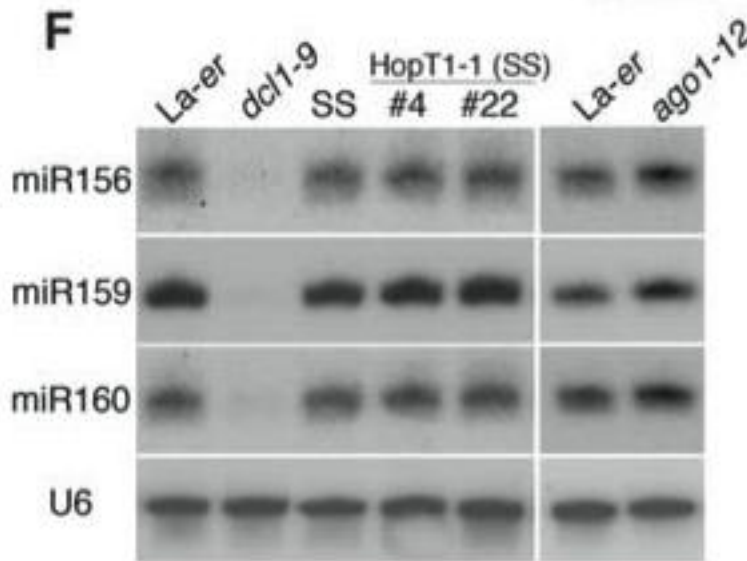
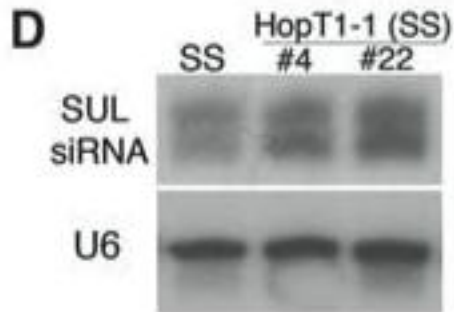




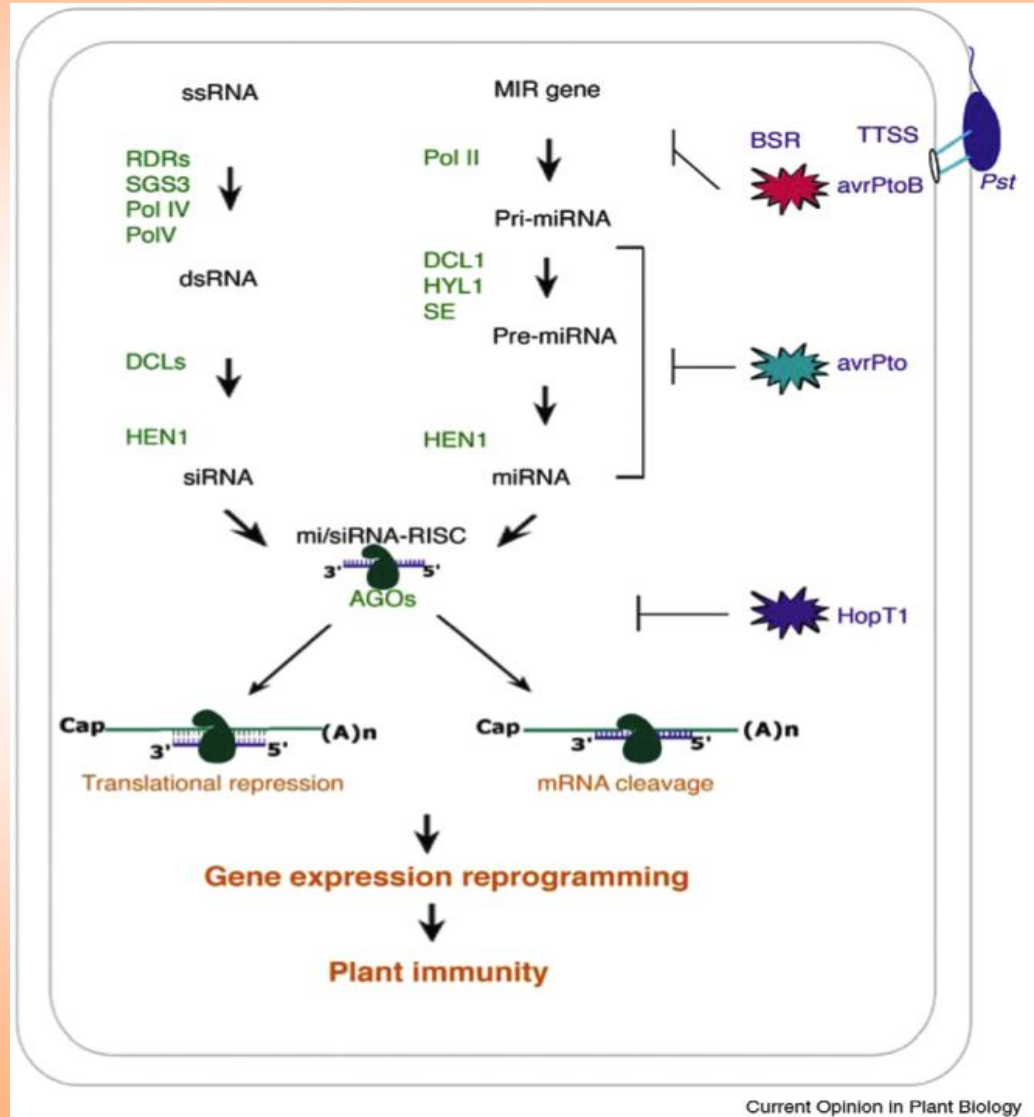
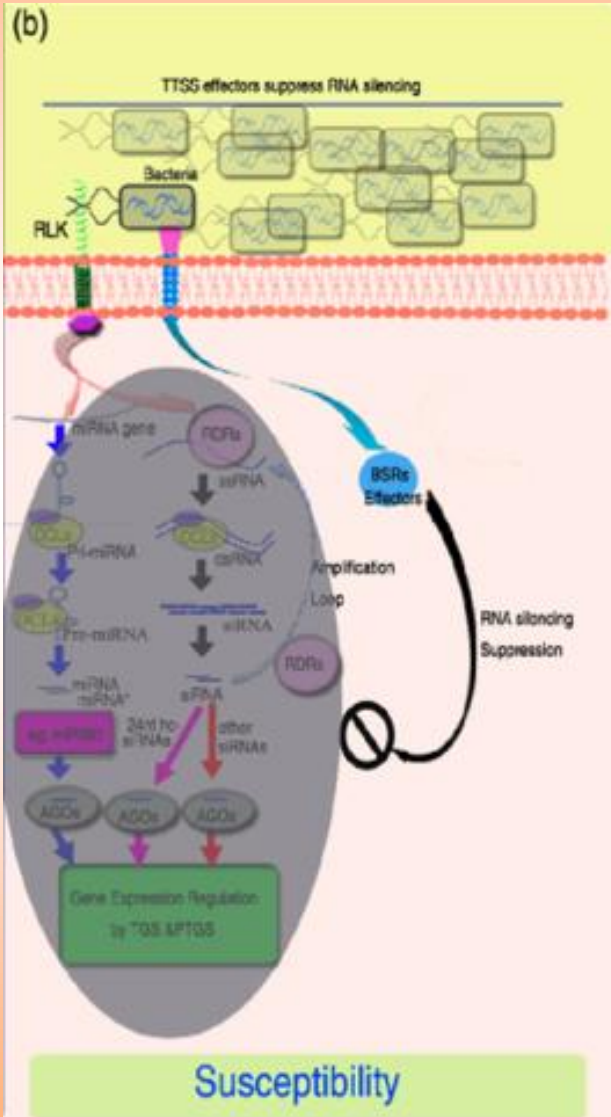
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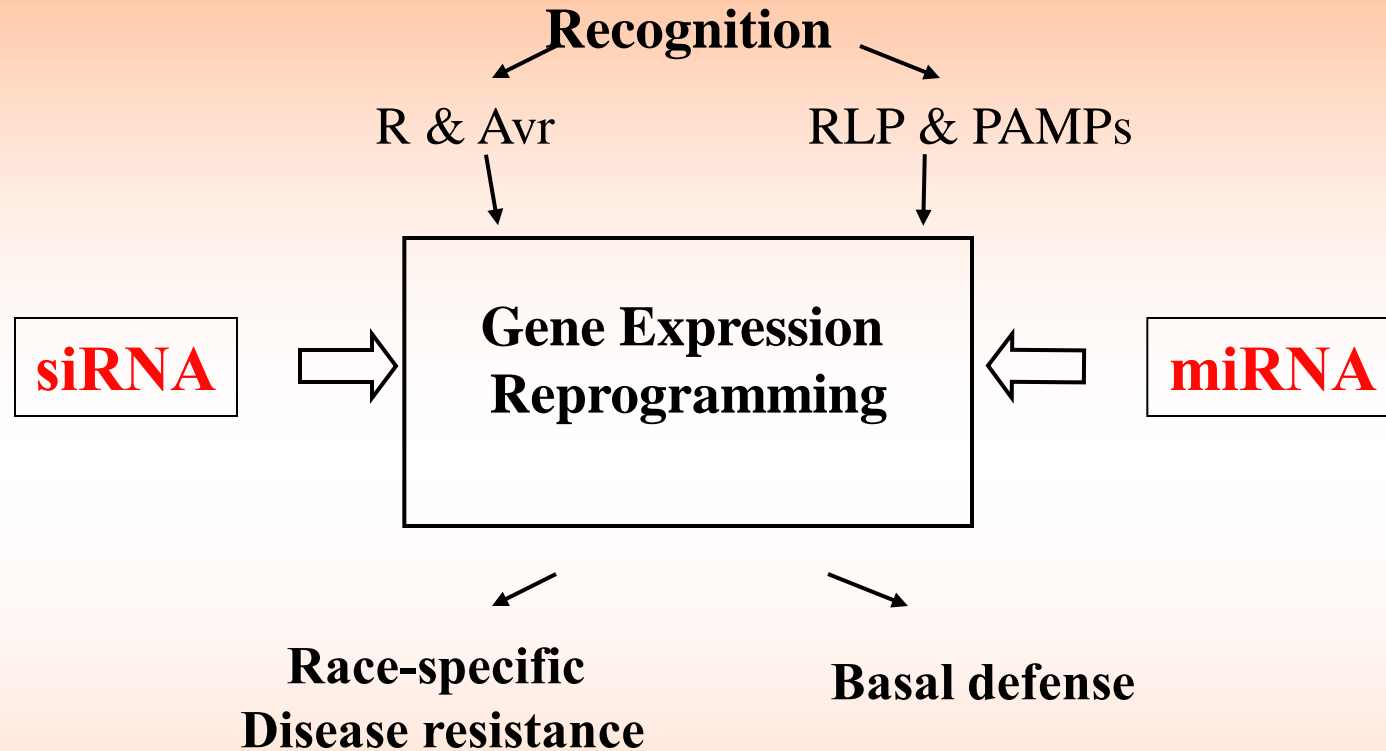


# Effector Proteins Act As Silencing Suppressors

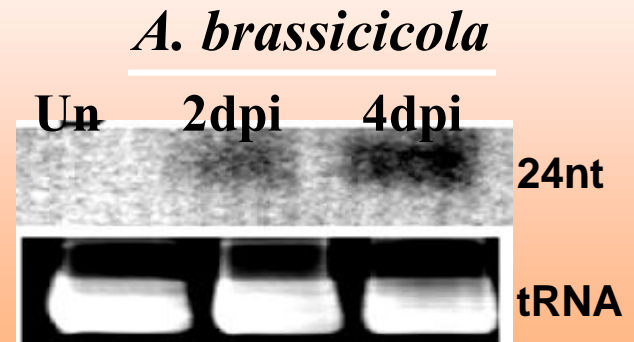
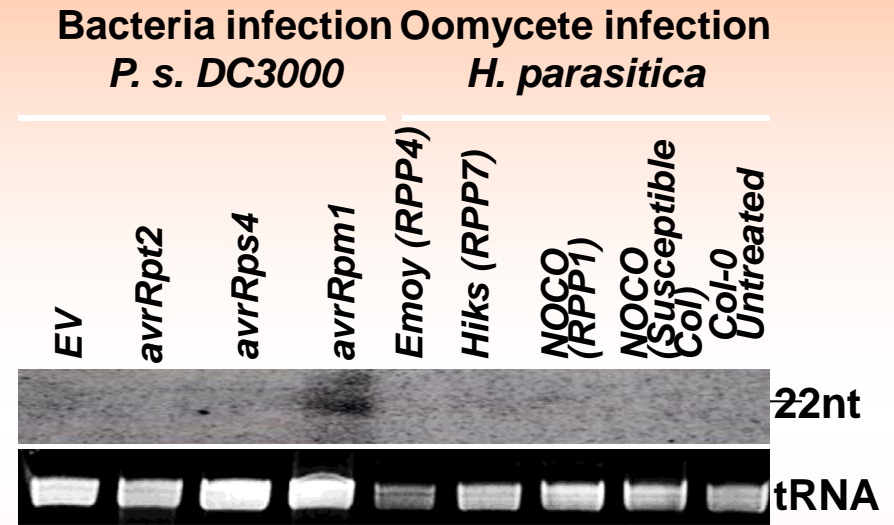
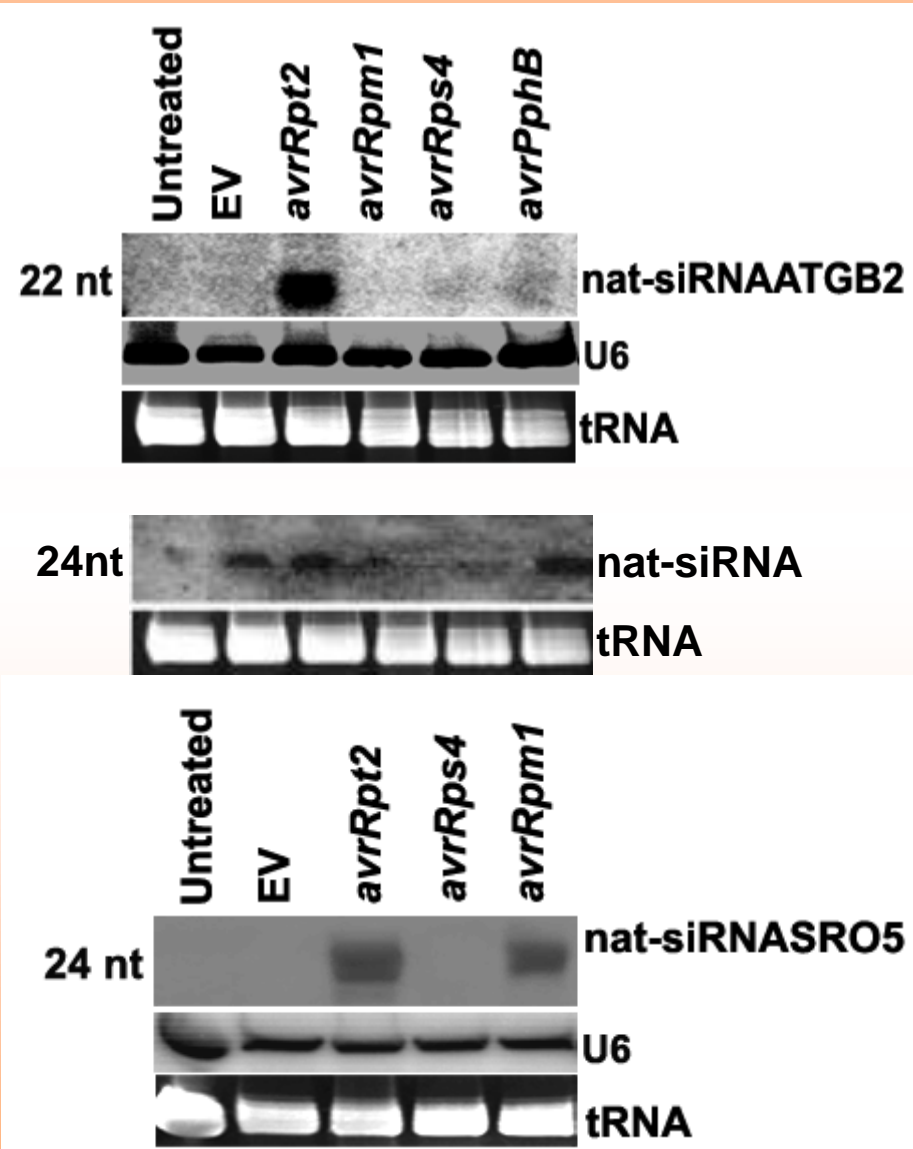


# Gene Regulation and Plant Immunity

## Plants response to pathogen attacks



# Pathogen-induced endogenous siRNAs in Arabidopsis



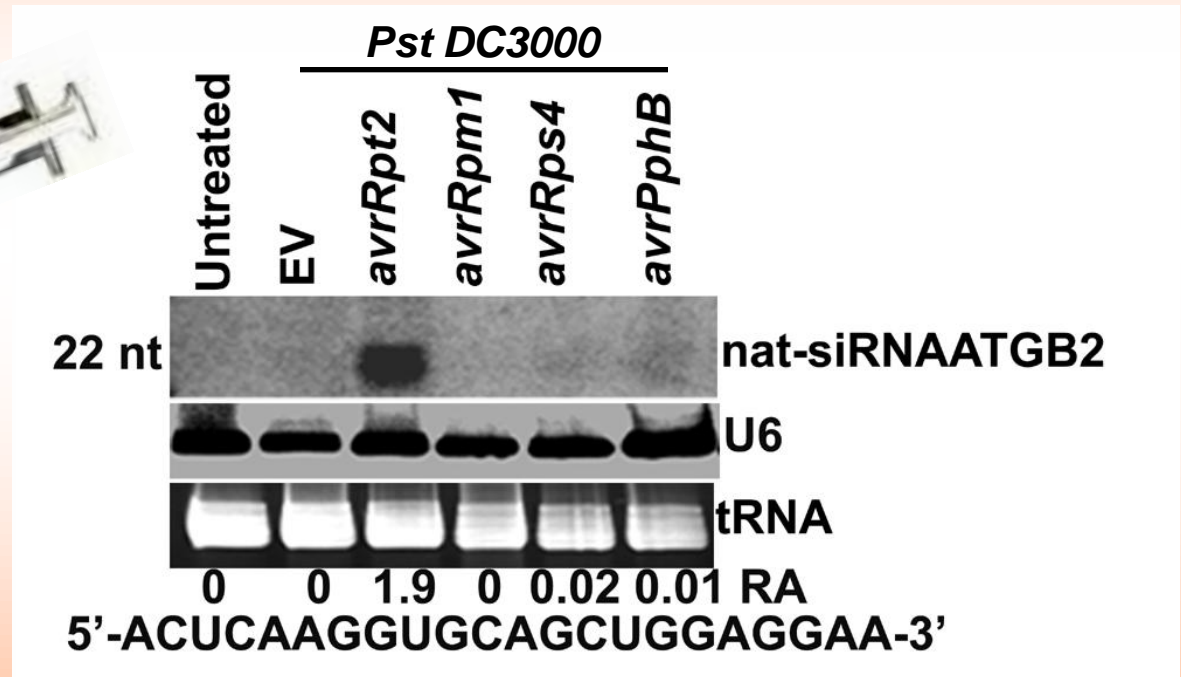
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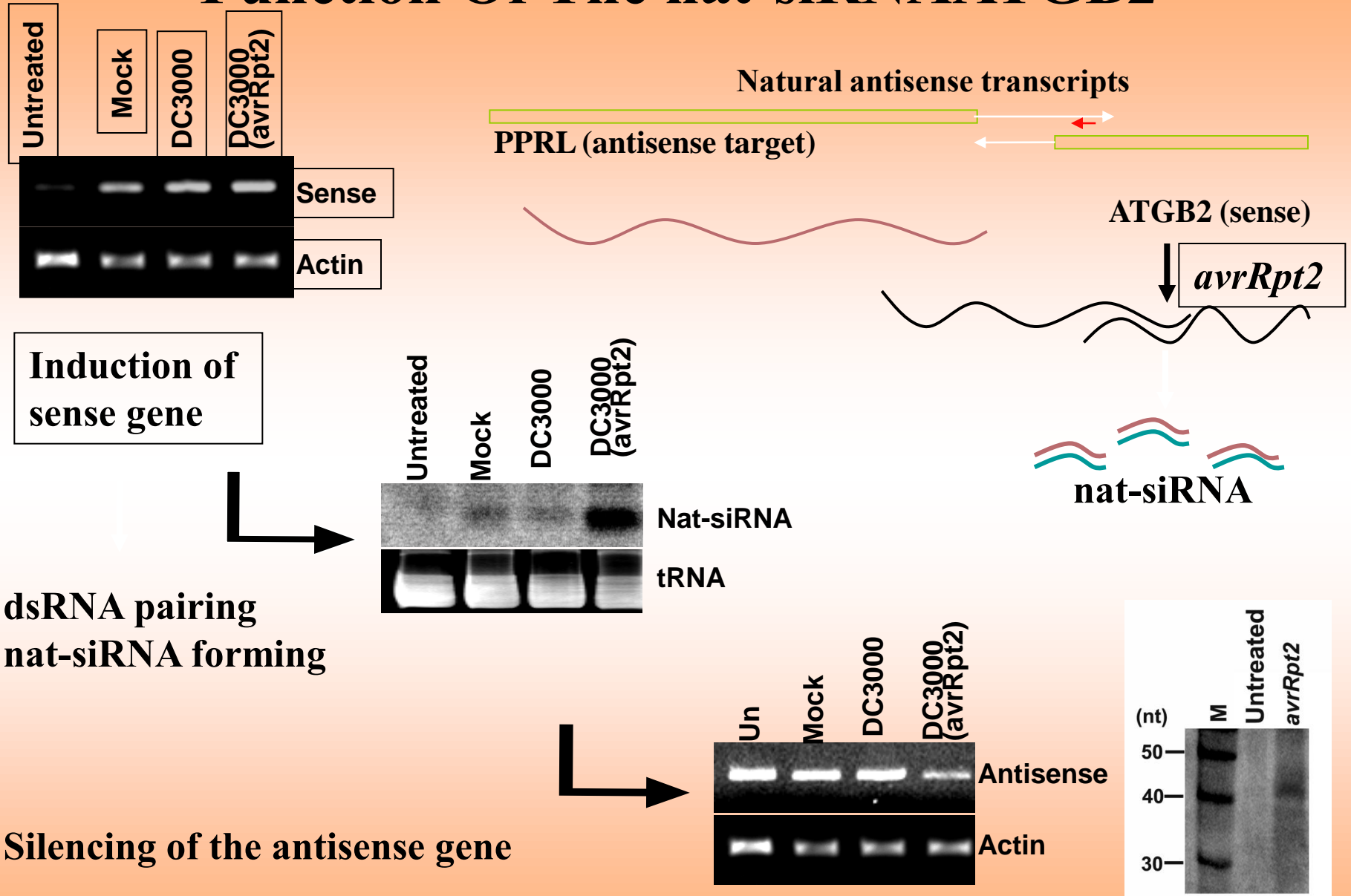


3-4 week old *A. thaliana*



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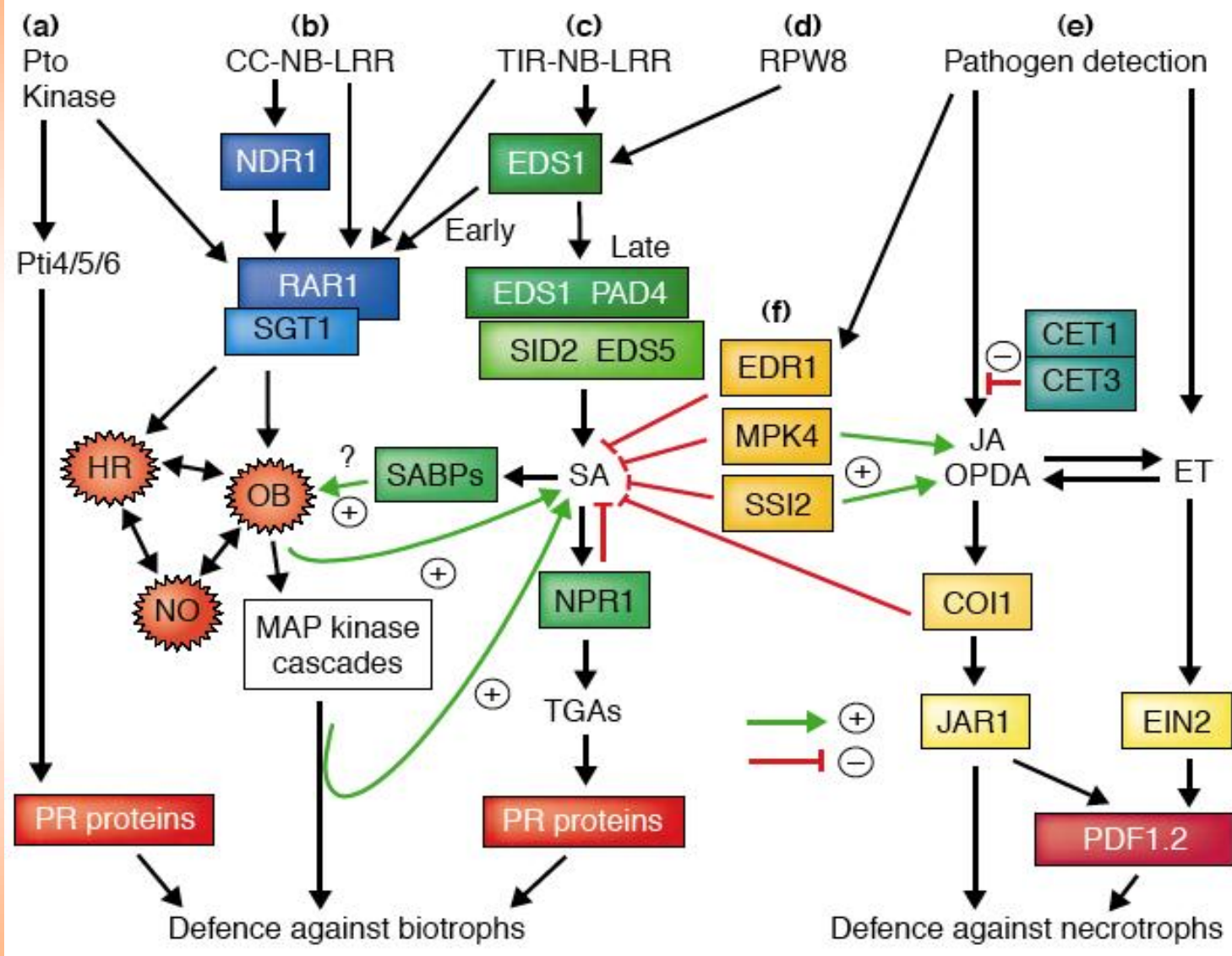
# Function Of The nat-siRNAATGB2



	<b>Pathogen</b>	
	<b>-Avr</b>	<b>+AvrRpt2</b>
<b>Plants -R</b>	Disease	Disease
<b>Plants +Rps2</b>	Disease	Resistance

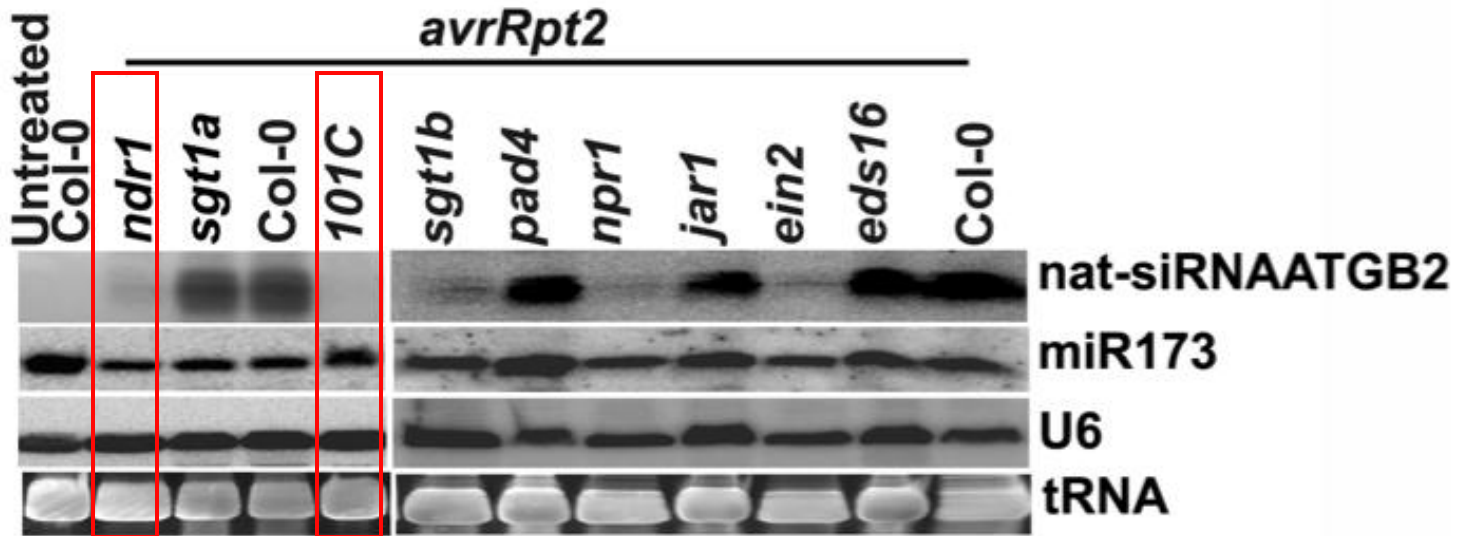


# Disease Resistance Signaling Network

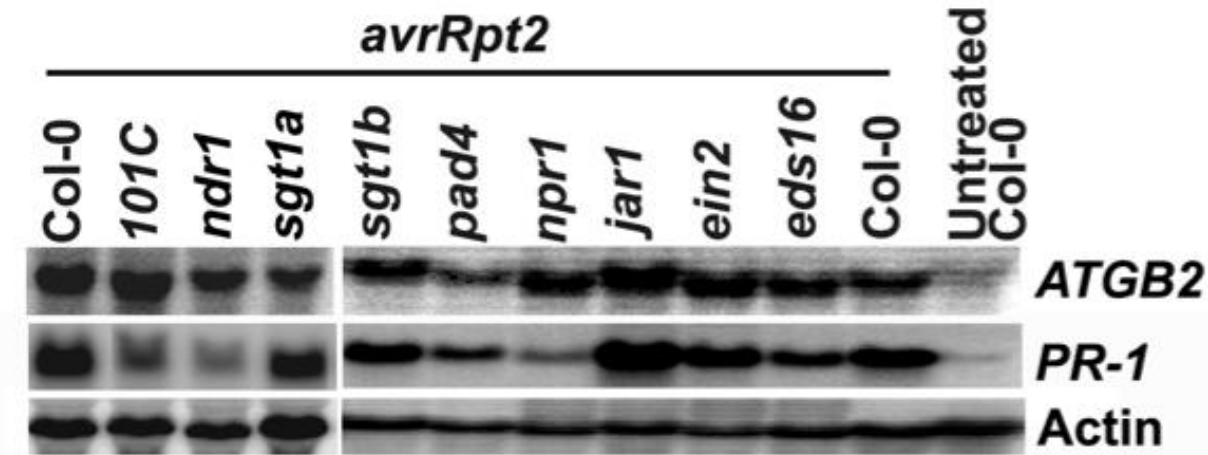


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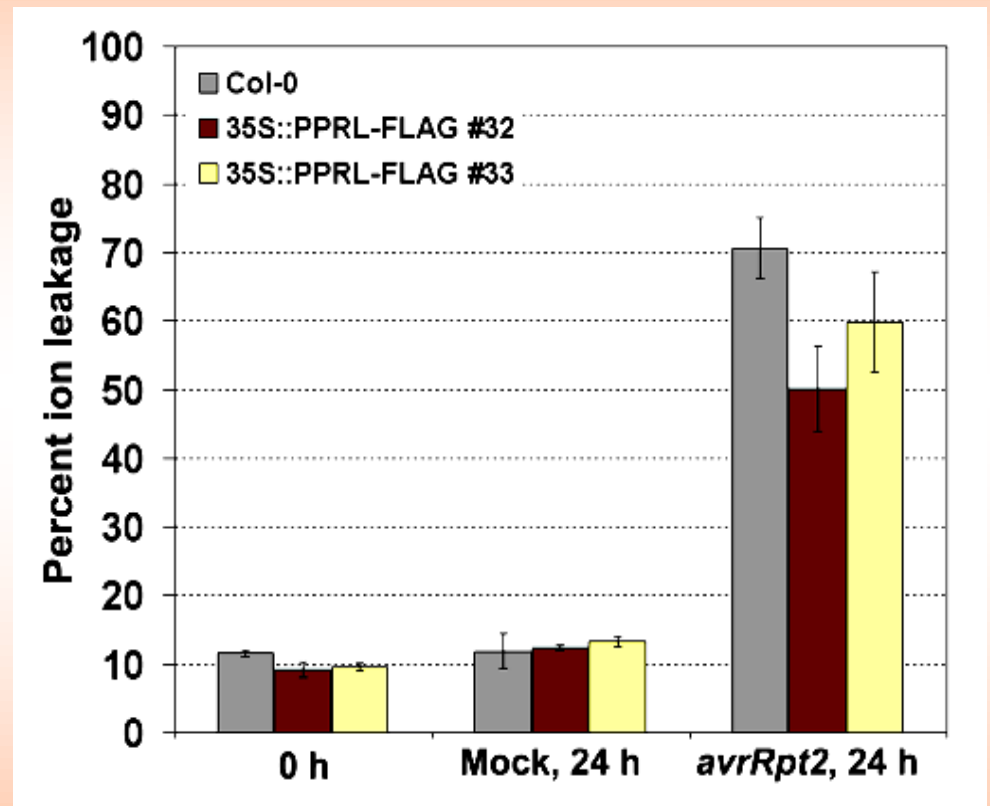
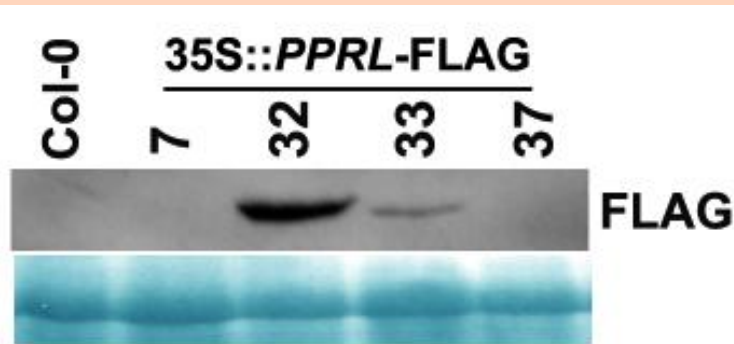
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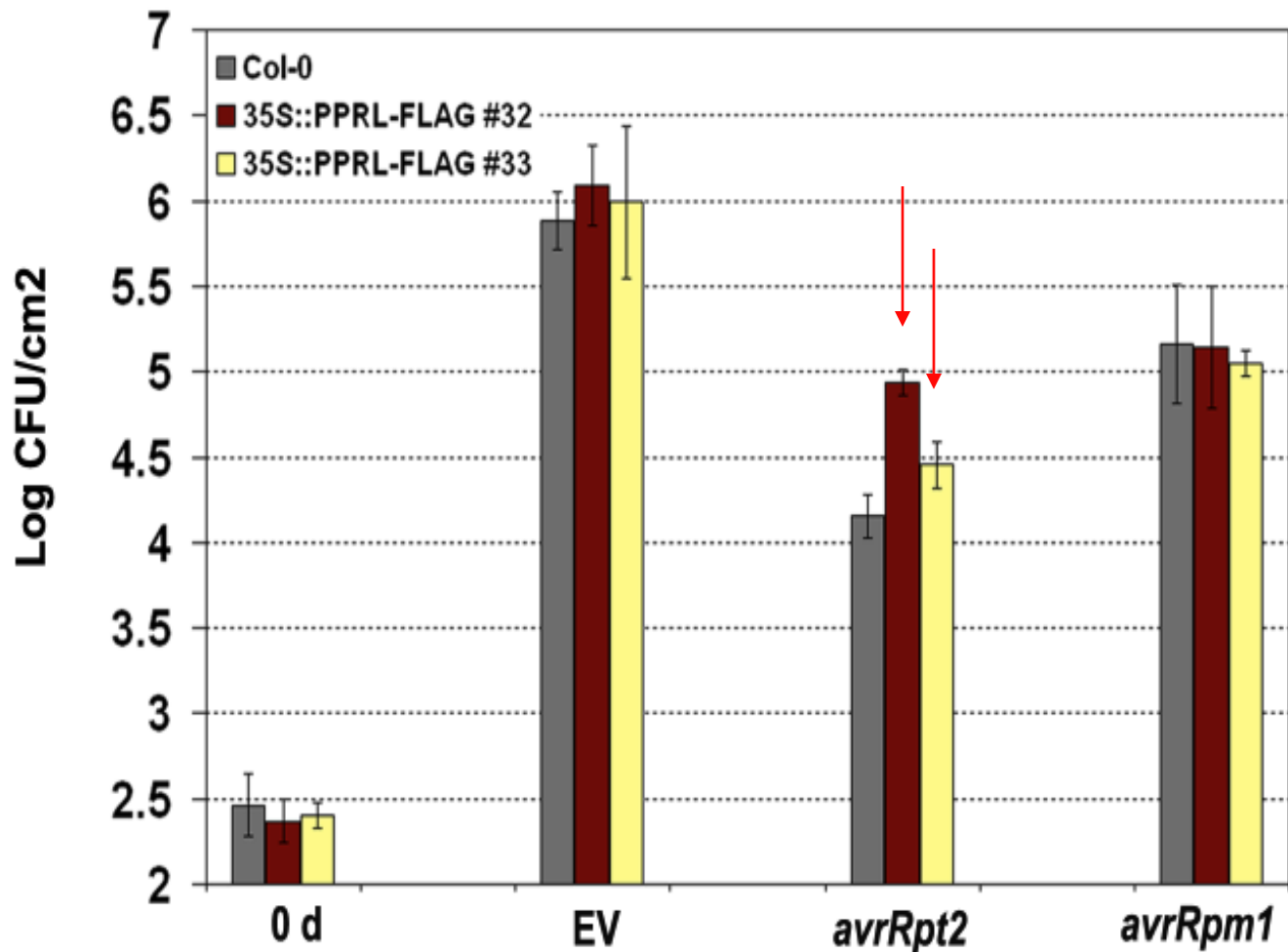
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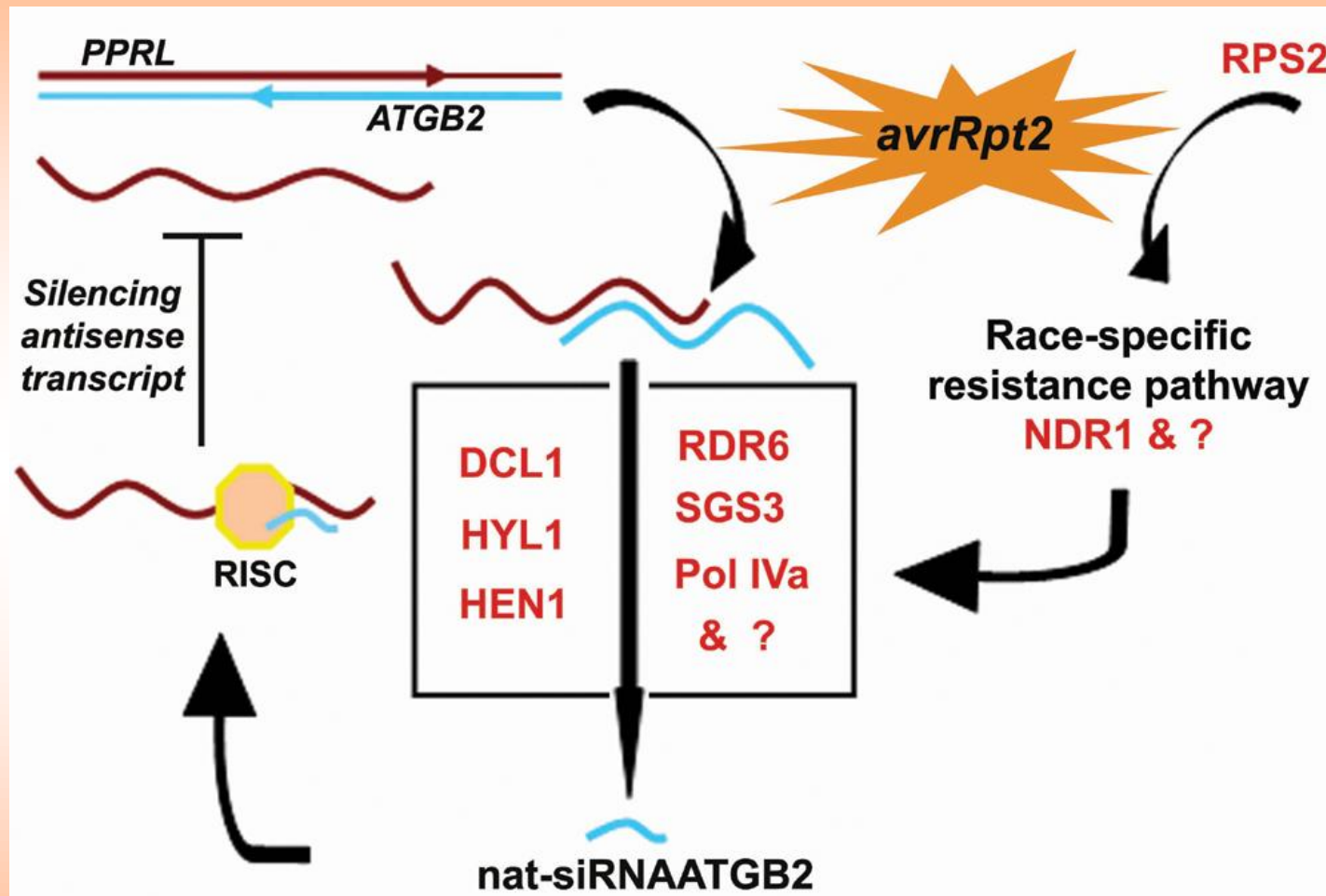
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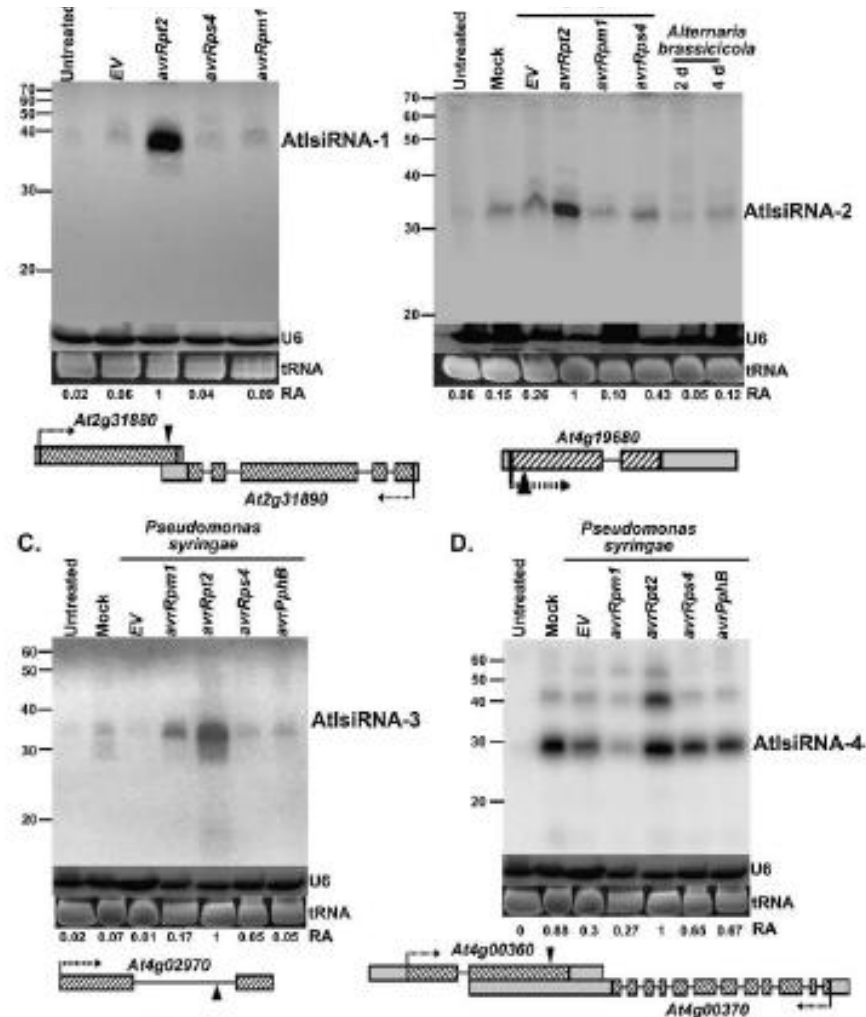
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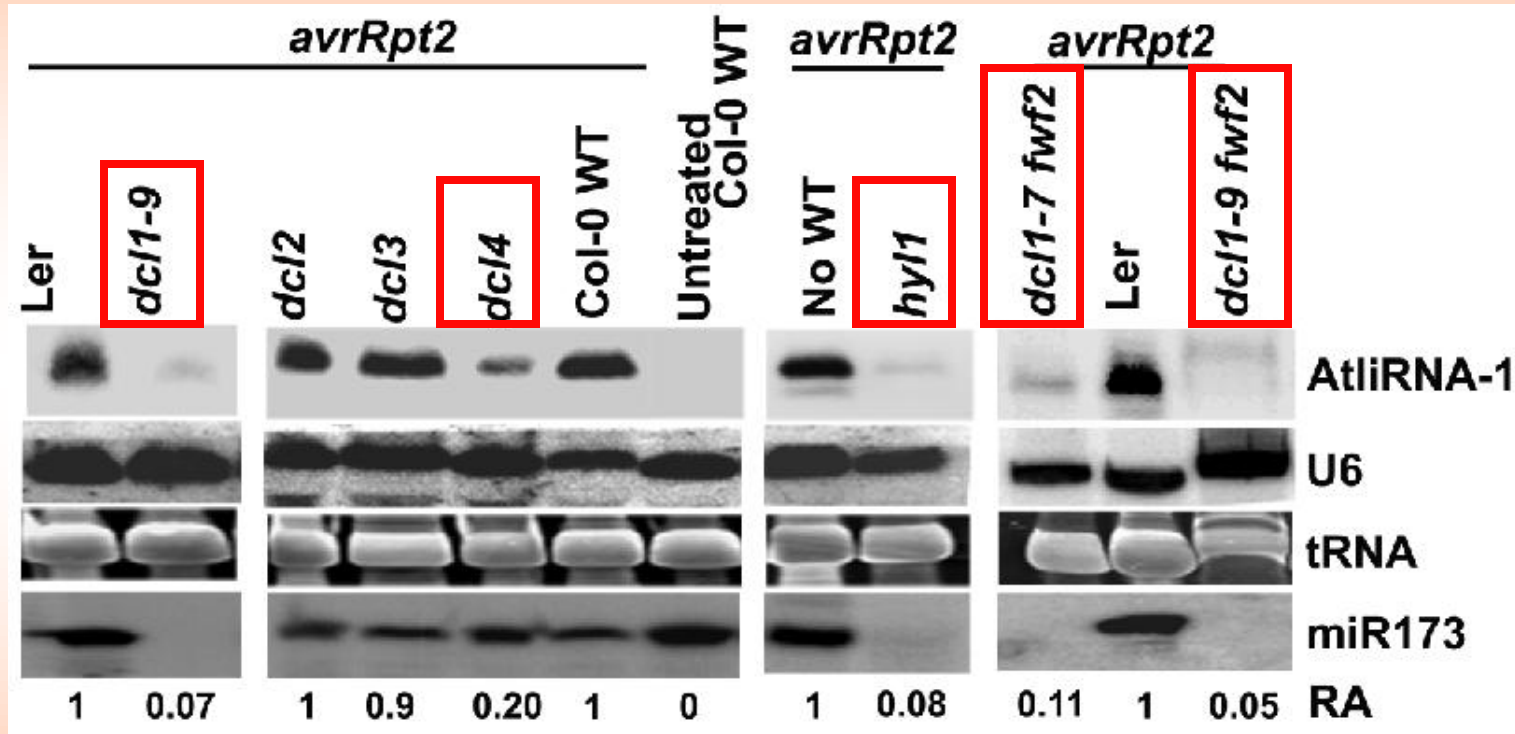
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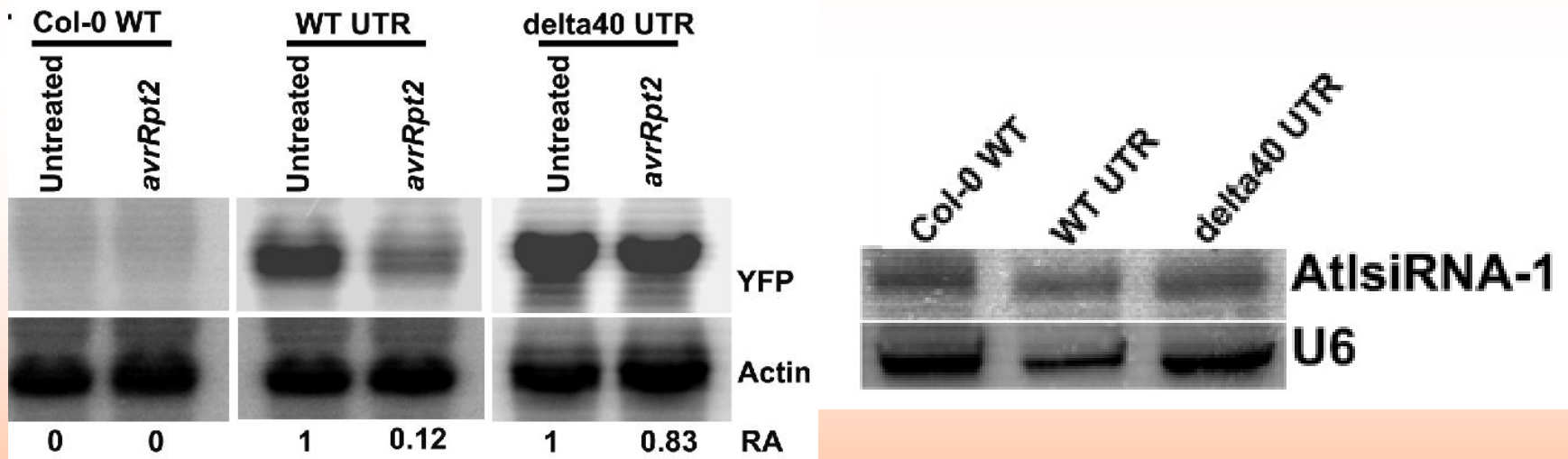
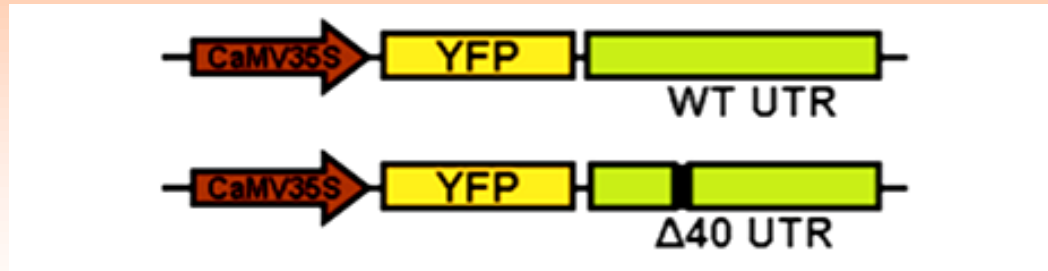
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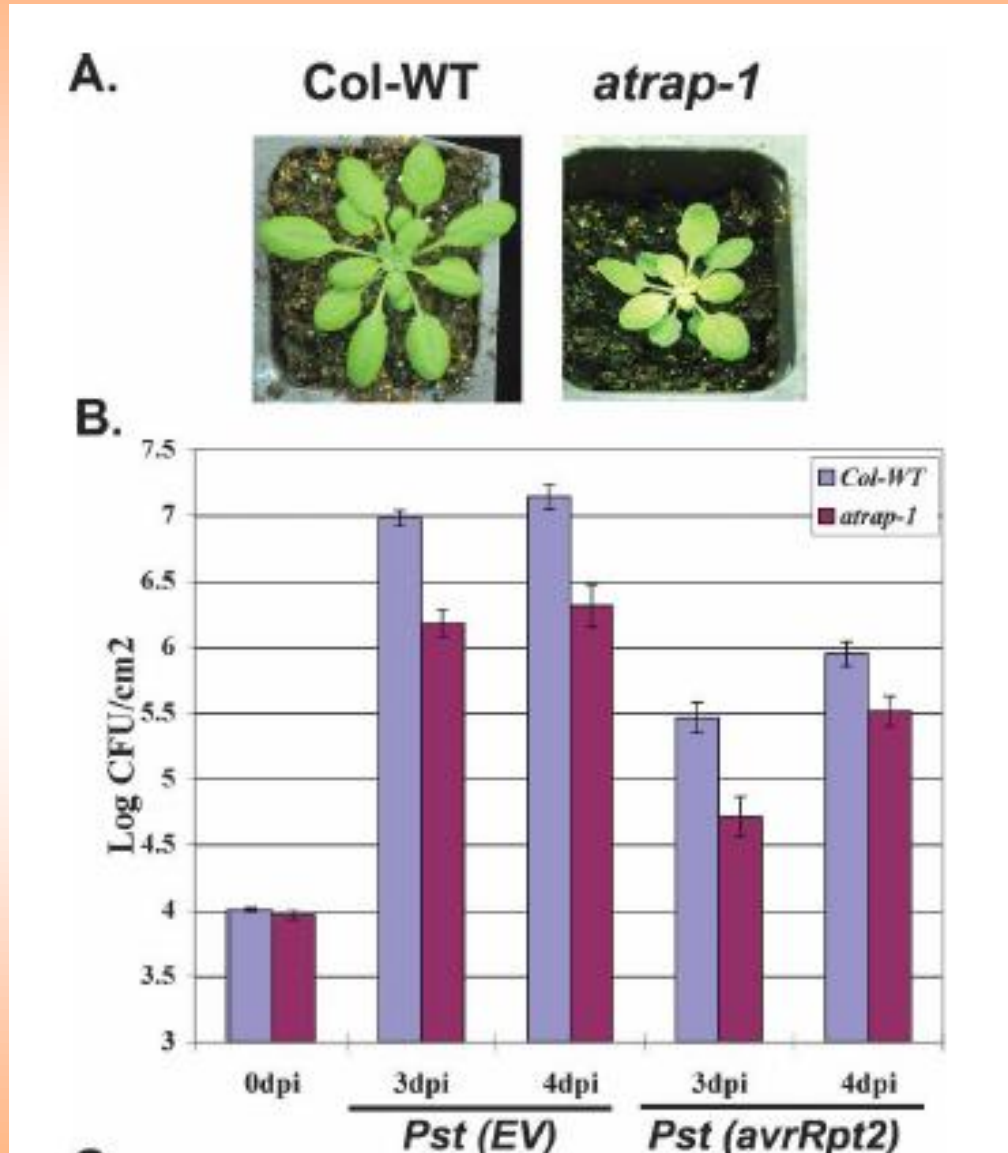
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# Induction Of AtlsiRNA-1 Down-Regulates The Antisense Target





# AtRAP protein acts as a negative regulator of plant immunity



# Small RNAs Play An Important Role In Plant Immunity

