



DNA Libraries For Transgenic Marker Lines Of Tomato And Wild Relative



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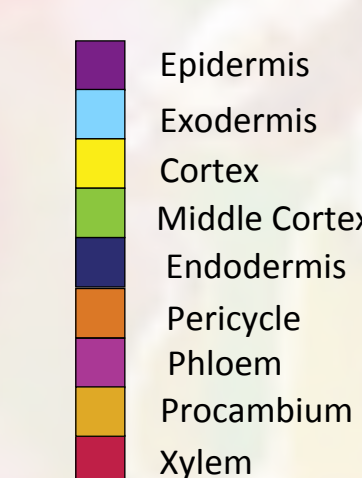
1. Understanding tomato root development helps with future crop production



- Solanum lycopersicum* var. M82: Cultivated tomato
- Solanum pennellii*: Wild relative
- S. pennellii* is drought tolerant and intercrossable with M82.
- Tomato has a sequenced genome



Tomato (M82) root development changes in response to 12-day drought stress, including cell-specific suberization:



2. Tomato marker resource has been created to study cell-specific gene expression

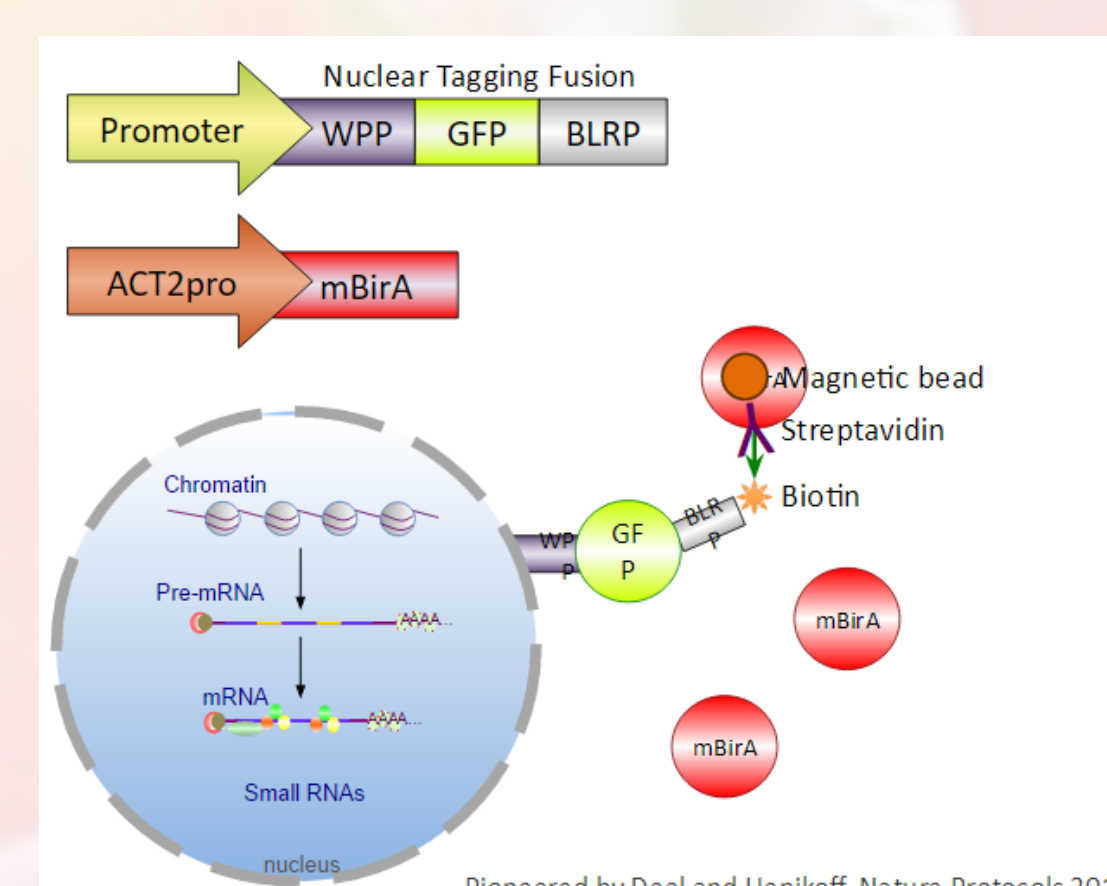
- Flooding and drought conditions elicit different responses in different cell types of roots.
- In order to understand the gene expression changes underlying these responses, 13 root cell type-specific marker lines were generated.
- A transfer DNA (T-DNA) was introduced into tomato genome using *A. rhizogenes* and it carries genes and a promoter that is expressed in specific cell types.
- The resulting marker expression provides useful tools to study cell types responses to drought and flooding.

Questions:

- Where have these T-DNAs been inserted into the genome?
- In which cells are the marker genes expressed?

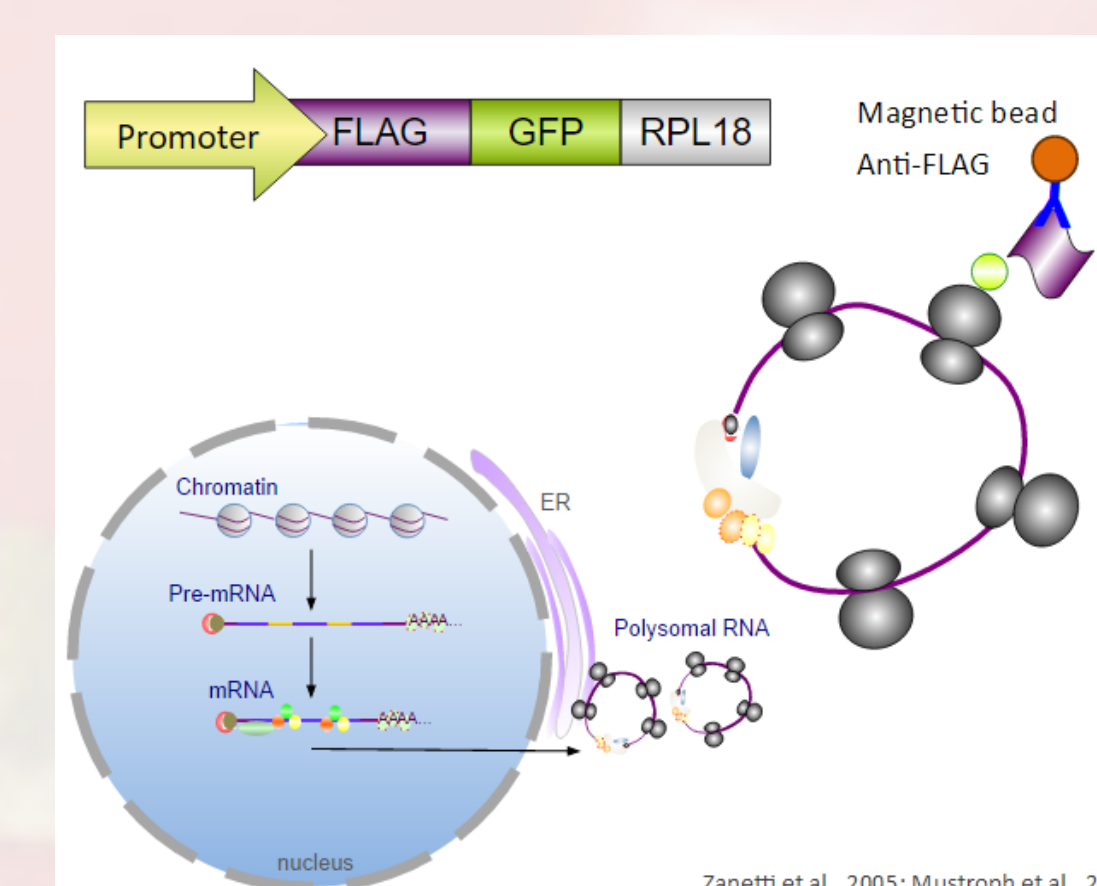
3. Marker lines allow isolation of cell-specific nuclei and ribosomes

INTACT- Isolation of Nuclei Tagged in Cell Types



T-DNA contains a construct with a nuclear tagging fusion under a cell-specific promoter. Its expression allows for magnetic pulldown of nuclei in specific cell types

TRAP- Translating Ribosome Affinity Purification

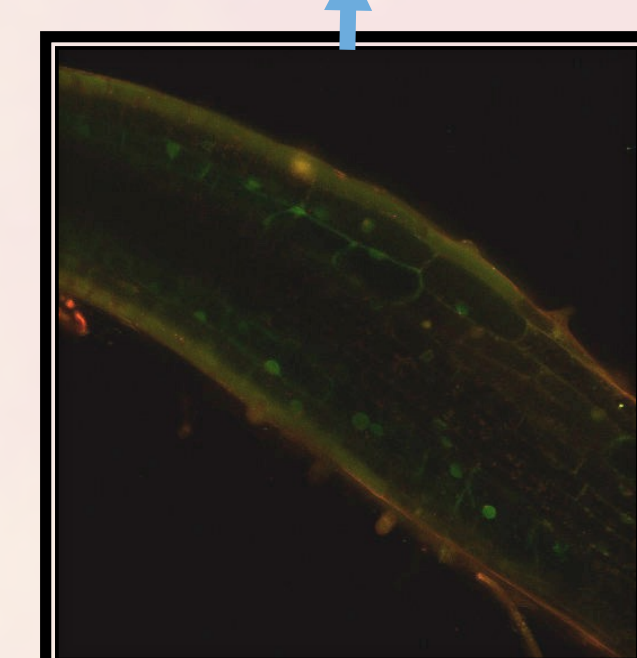


T-DNA contains a construct with a tagged ribosomal protein RPL18 under a cell-specific promoter. Its expression allows for magnetic pulldown of translating ribosomes

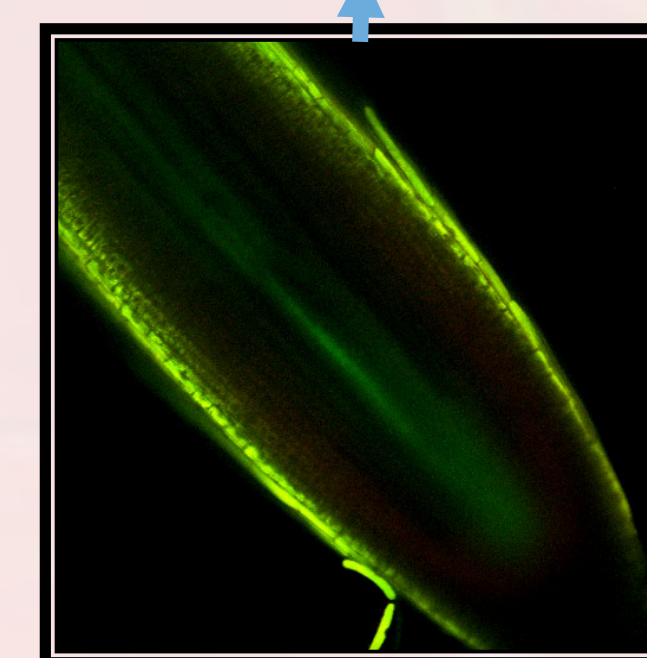
4. Marker expression patterns are confirmed

- GFP- Green Fluorescence protein excites under 488nm wavelength of light.
- Confocal microscope excites GFP allowing for visual confirmation that marker gene is expressed successfully in target cell type.

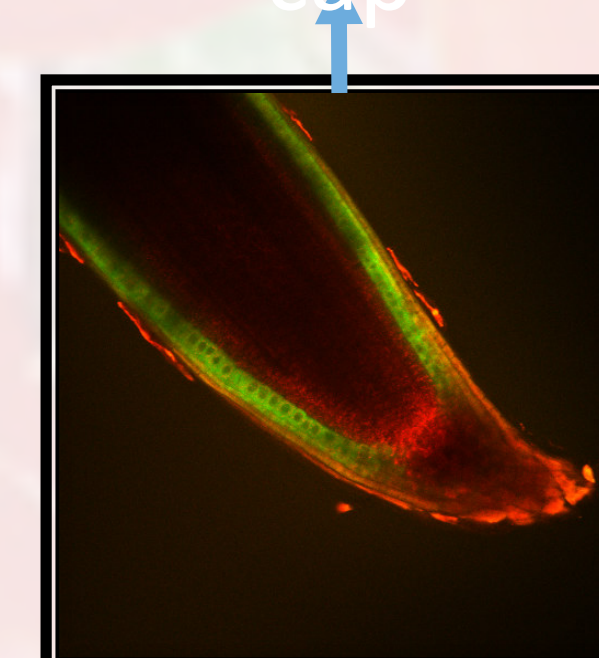
COR-IN-3 in *S. pennellii* is expressed in cortex cells



PH-IN-7 in M82 is expressed in phloem cells



EP-IN-9 in M82 is expressed in epidermis and lateral root cap



5. Insert-Sequencing allows identification of insert location in the genome

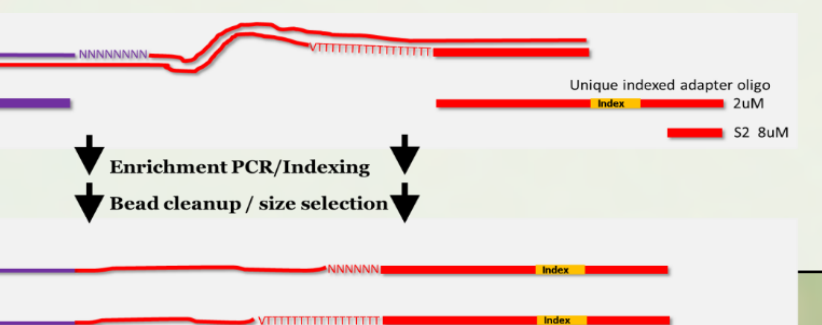
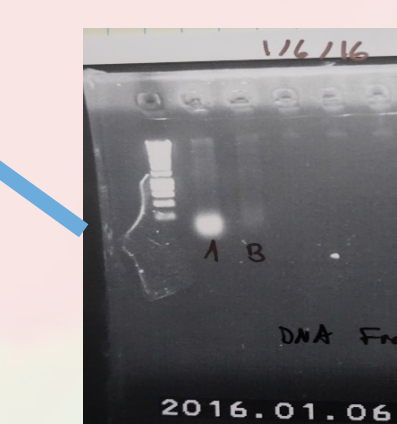
Completed:

- Marker expression
- DNA Extraction (130+)
- DNA Pooling: 22 pools with up to 6 lines



In Progress:

- DNA Fragmentation
- Size selection to 400-500bp
- Seq library generation
- Library enrichment



6. Future goals

- With gene insertion location for each line PCR genotyping can be used to identify homozygous mutants.
- This allows for selection of true-breeding population of mutants that can be used in flooding and drought experiments and shared with the community.
- Identifying genes being upregulated in the nucleus and ribosomes during flooding and drought experiments.

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