



FOV4 Developments

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Overview of the Systems Genetics Lab

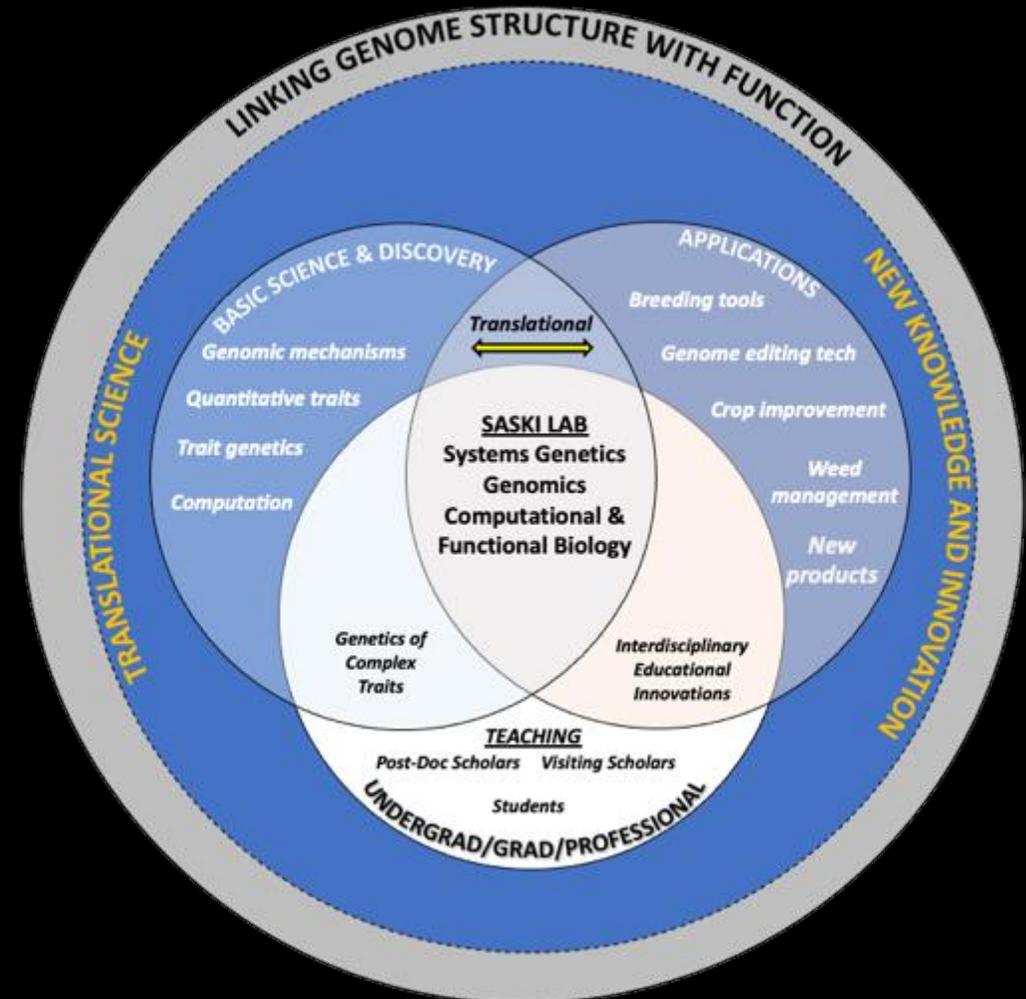
Linking Genome Structure with Function: Resilience, Trait Genetics, Crop Improvement

BASIC RESEARCH – (Disciplinary domains: *Genomics, Genetics, Computational Biology, Genome Engineering, Evolutionary Genomics, Synthetic Biology*)

1. Genetic Architecture and Genomic Mechanisms – Causal alleles underlying simple and quantitative traits
2. Functional Genomics and Genome Engineering – Trait enhancement and engineering

APPLIED RESEARCH – (Plant Breeding, Cropping Systems, Agricultural improvement)

1. Translating Basic Science to Application – DNA Informed breeding, engineered crops, new weed management strategies and agricultural practices



Overview of the Systems Genetics Lab

Linking genome structure with function: Resilience, trait genetics, crop & agricultural improvement

Systems

Fiber crops



Biotic resilience
Developmental genetics
Fiber traits
Advanced breeding

Weeds

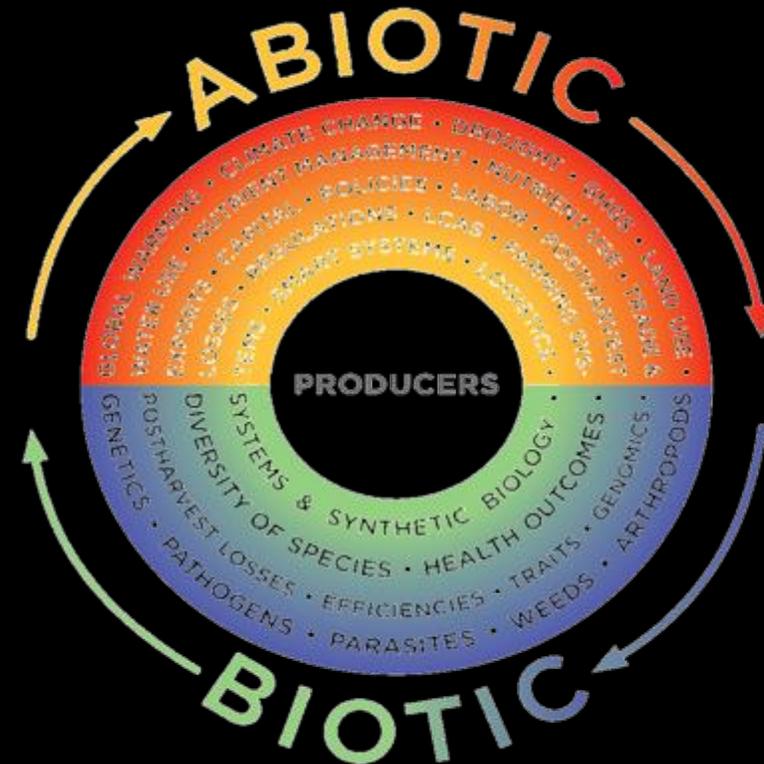


Adaptive traits
Herbicide resistance
Mitigation strategies
Genome dynamics

Rosaceous crops



Biotic resilience
Trait genetics
Rootstock development
DNA-informed breeding





Outline

Primary disease threat to cotton (Fusarium wilt)

Unique FOV4 screening nursery

Genetic mapping for FOV4 resistance in upland

Transcriptomics underlying resistance in pima

Current work & future directions

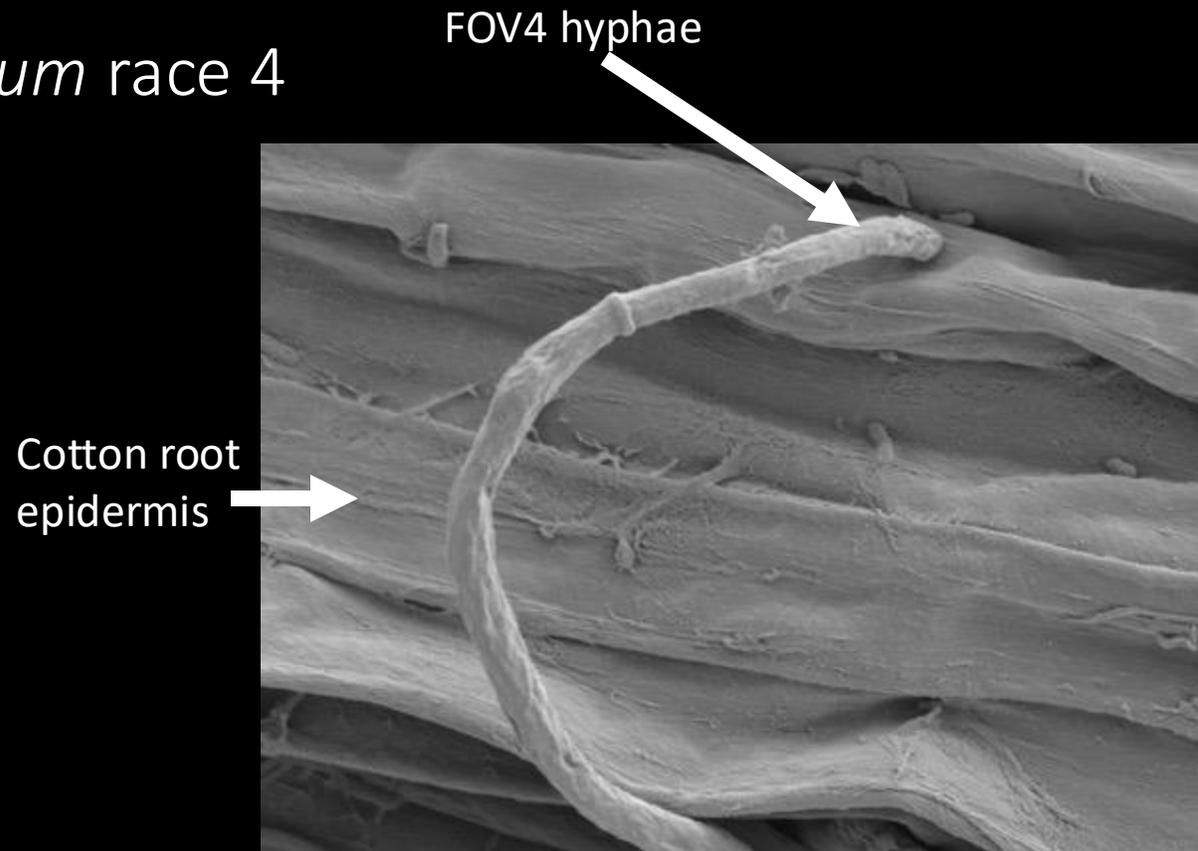


Fusarium wilt in the US

- ✓ *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *vasinfectum*
- ✓ First ID 1892 in Alabama
- ✓ Inoculum dependent
- ✓ No nematodes, no symptoms

Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. *vasinfectum* race 4

- Typical FOV infections of cotton are preceded by a wound
 - Nematode FOV disease complex
 - No nematode, no problems
- First identified in California in 1997 (Olvey)
- FOV4 is nematode independent
- High potential for severe economic damage
- Chlamydospores lie dormant for decades
- Survives as saprophyte



Fusarium wilt symptoms

- Variable based on inoculum density, planting date, pathogen biotype virulence, and age of the host plant
- Seeds germinating in presence of FOV4 spores may die before emergence or immediately after
 - Often confused with damping-off
- Older seedlings display cotyledon drop, leaf chlorosis and necrosis, wilting
- Mature plants are similar and can also show severe stunting and vascular staining



FOV4 consequences

- Field Abandonment
- San Joaquin Valley, California
 - **775,000 down to 40,000** productive acres between 2000 and 2020
- Responsible for 95% stand loss in California from 2007 to 2019
- >50% yield loss in moderately infested fields



Pima breeding efforts

- Early 2000s initial FOV4 breeding focused in pima cotton
 - SUCCESS
- Attempts to introgress this resistance from pima to upland have failed
- Identifying resistant upland germplasm is required



If FOV4 was first identified 20+ years ago, and resistant pima cultivars are developed, why are we still working on upland resistance in 2024?



Upland breeding efforts

- 20 years of research
 - 30+ claims of resistance
 - All fail in high inoculum-load field
- O&A Enterprises
 - FOV4 hot site El Paso, TX
 - Large, diverse germplasm screens
 - Over 10,000 genotypes
- Public releases (O&A Enterprises)
 - U1, U2, U3, and U4





San Francisco

NEVADA

WYOMING

UTAH

United States

NEBRASKA

IOWA

Chicago

PENN

New York

CALIFORNIA

ARIZONA

Los Angeles

Las Vegas

KANSAS

MISSOURI

INDIANA

OHIO

Washington

VIRGINIA

NORTH CAROLINA

KENTUCKY

TENNESSEE

OKLAHOMA

ARKANSAS

MISSISSIPPI

SOUTH CAROLINA

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Dallas

ALABAMA

GEORGIA

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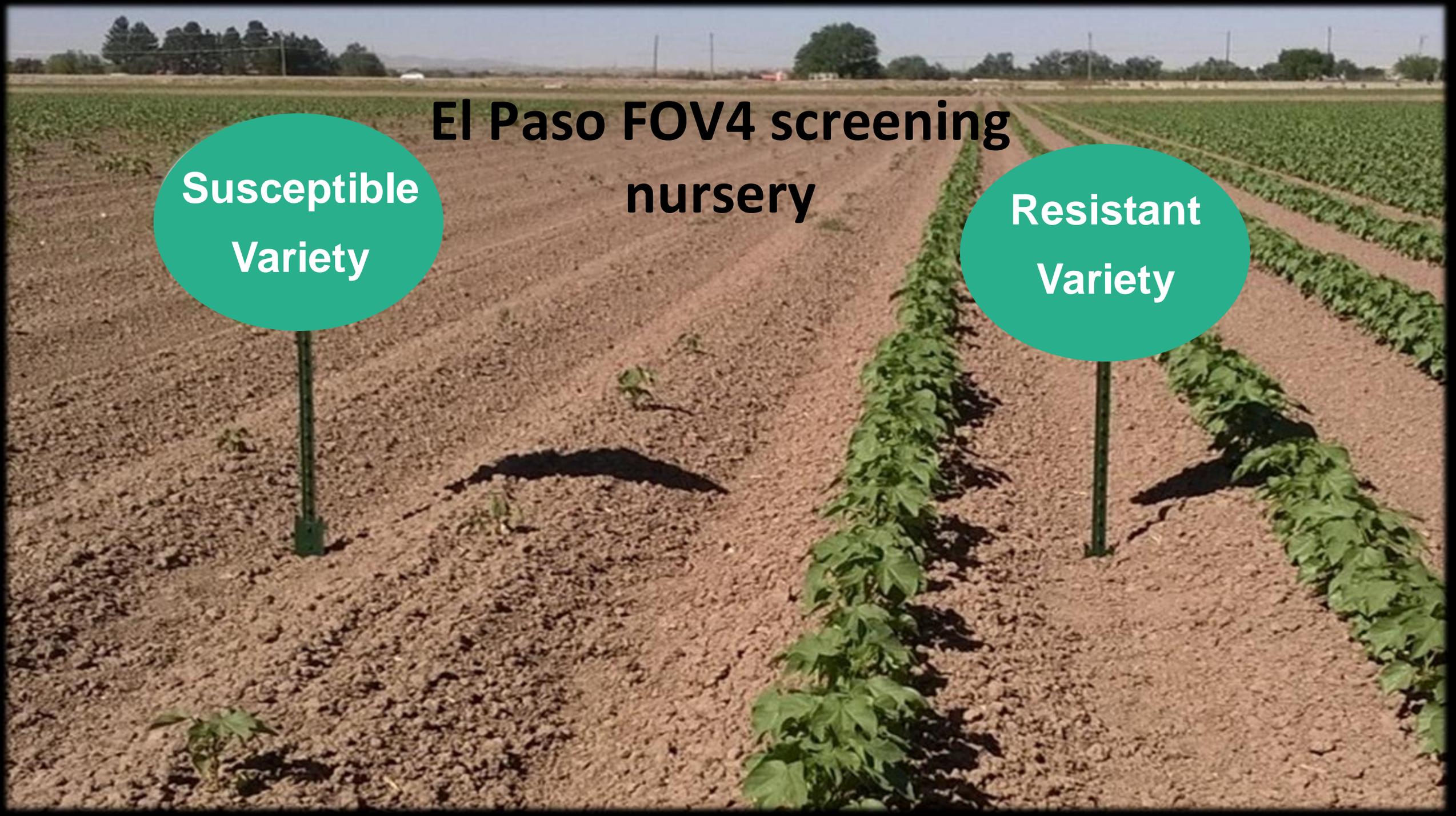
Guadalajara

Mexico City

**El Paso FOV4 screening
nursery**

**Susceptible
Variety**

**Resistant
Variety**

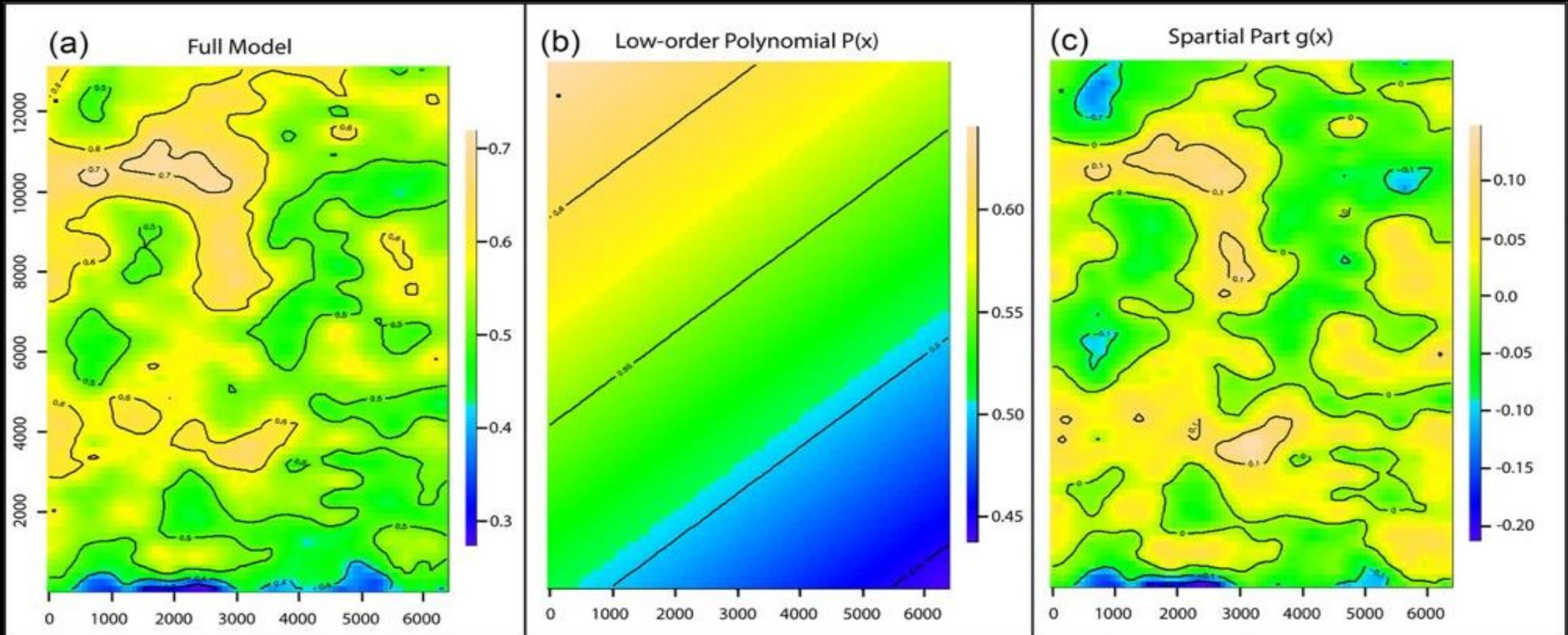


Geostatistical techniques to account for the heterogeneity of Fusarium wilt inoculum distribution in upland cotton field screening studies

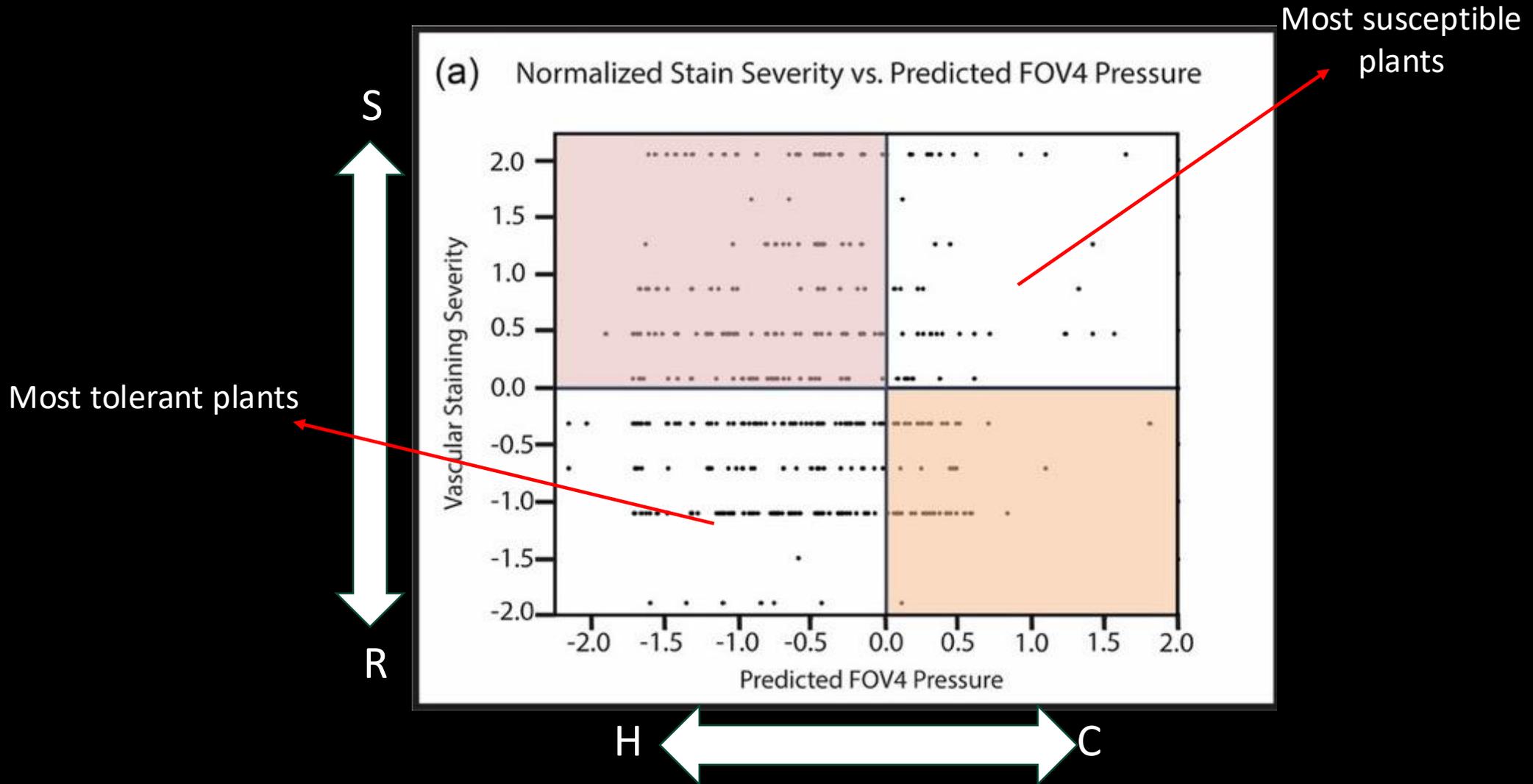


Incorporating geostatistical techniques to improve phenotyping

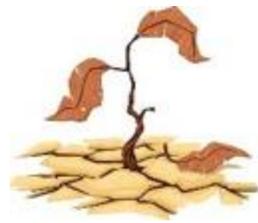
Kriging interpolation



Can we use math to sub-select from an early generation population?



Bi-parental cross between 'U1' and 'CSX8308' (DJ8) :



'CSX8308'

'U1'

288+ F3 individuals

Selection of 94 individual
DJ8 plants by inoculum
adjusted phenotype

1/3
Resistant

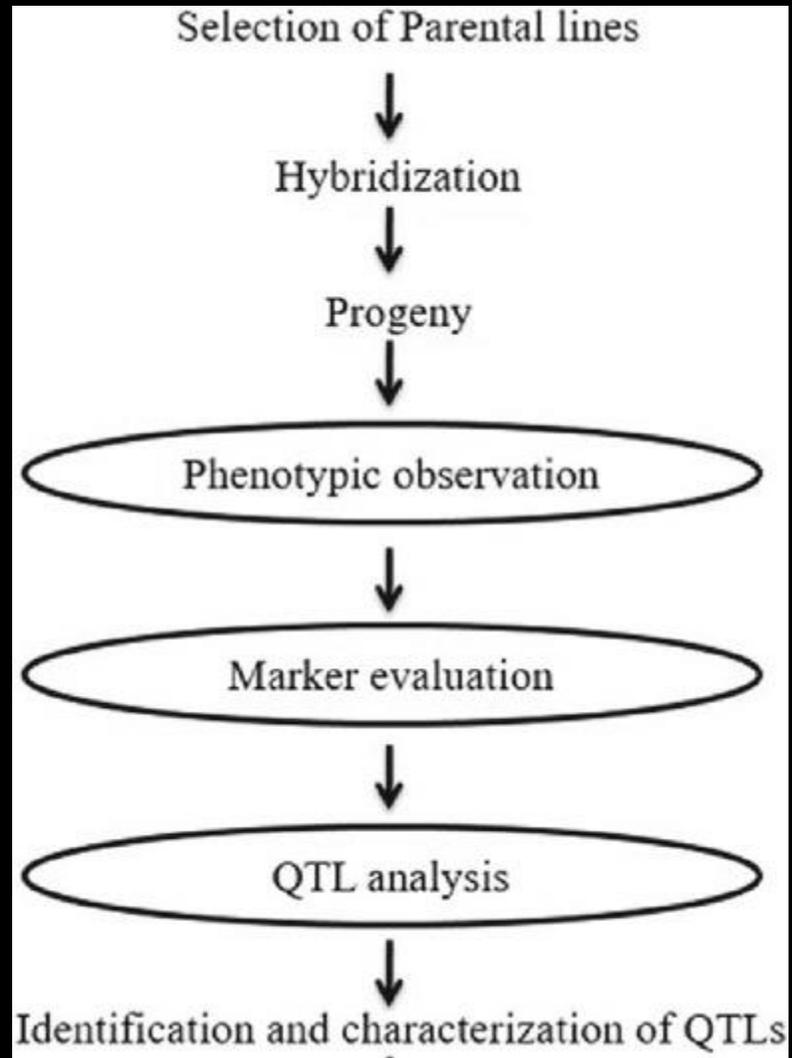
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FOV4 QTL discovery



Reference grade whole genome sequences

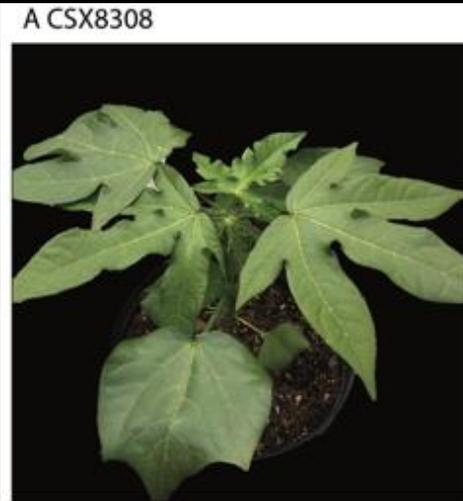
Adjusted with inoculum distribution info

Whole genome sequencing of F3s

Gene discovery

Unique genomic resources

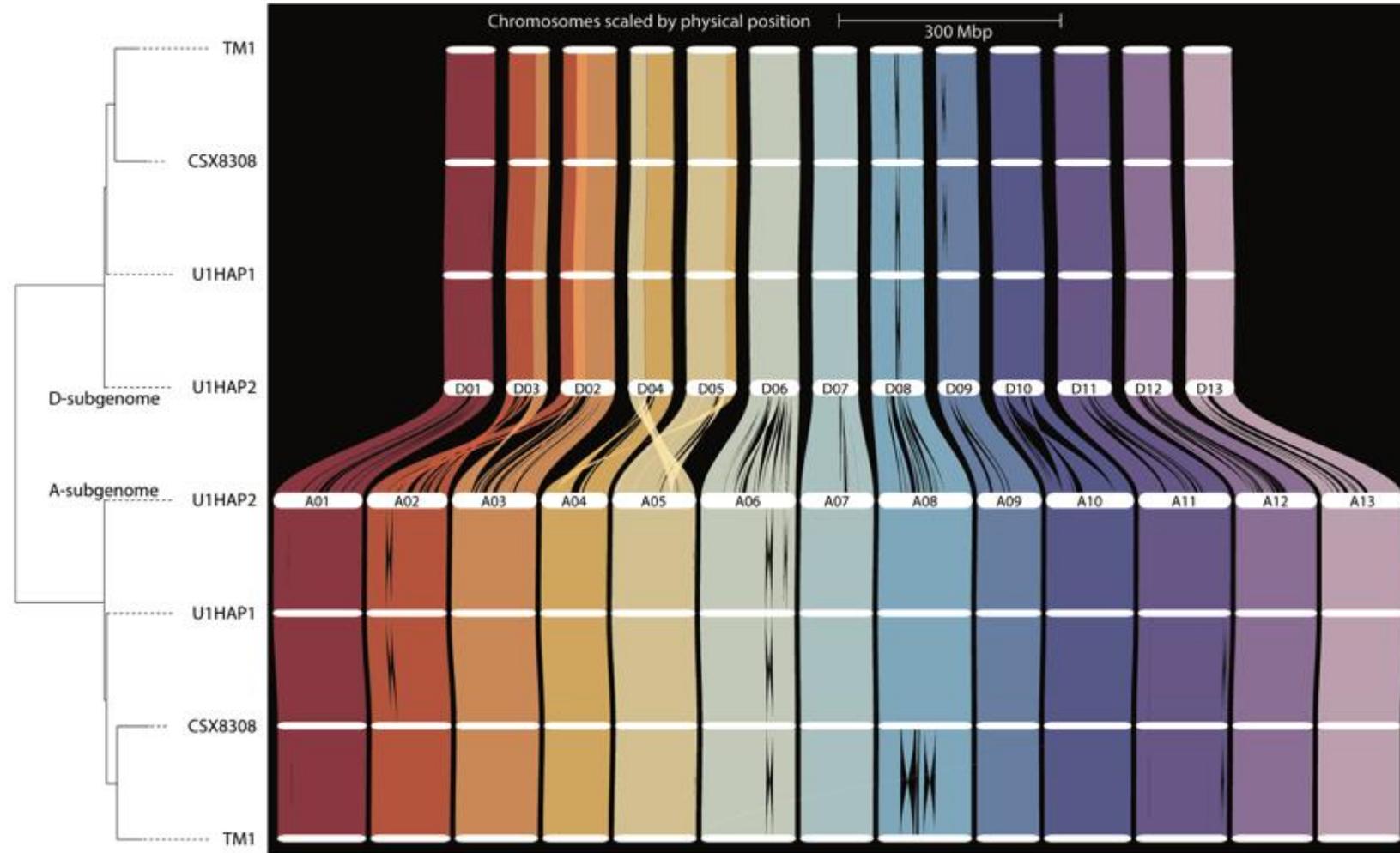
FOV4 Susceptible



FOV4 Resistant

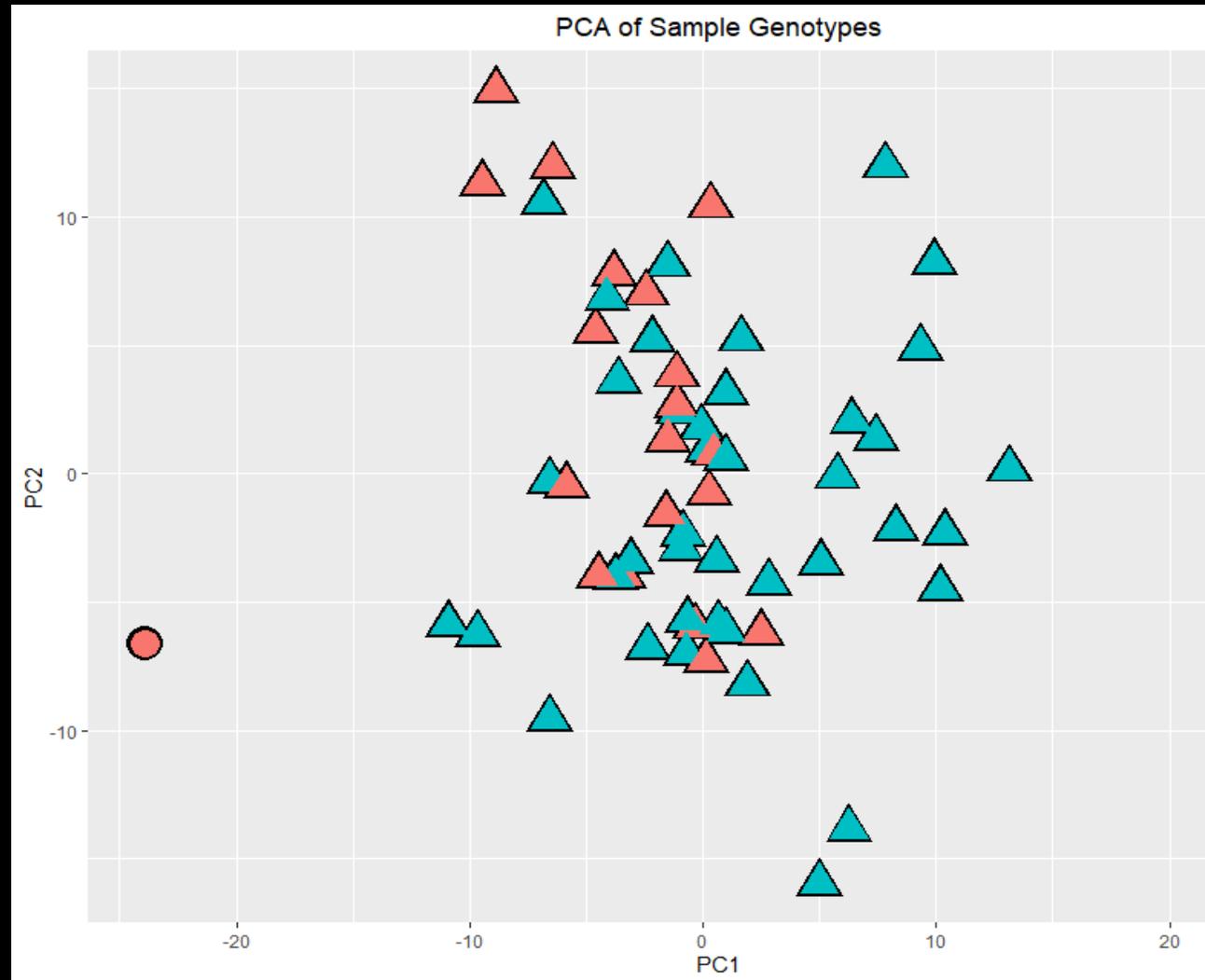


C Synteny map and single-copy gene tree across four cotton genomes, split by subgenome

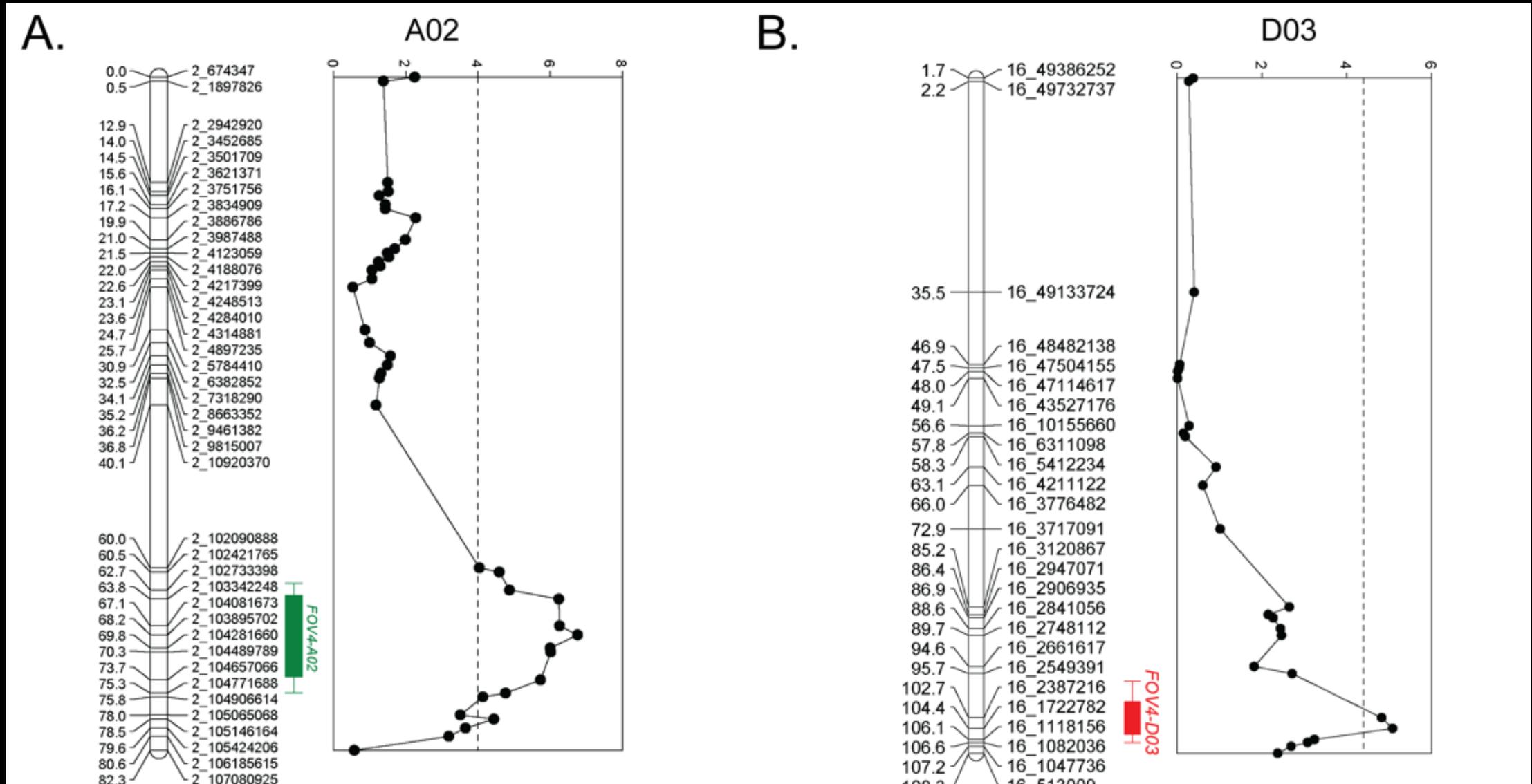


Skim sequencing F3 segregants

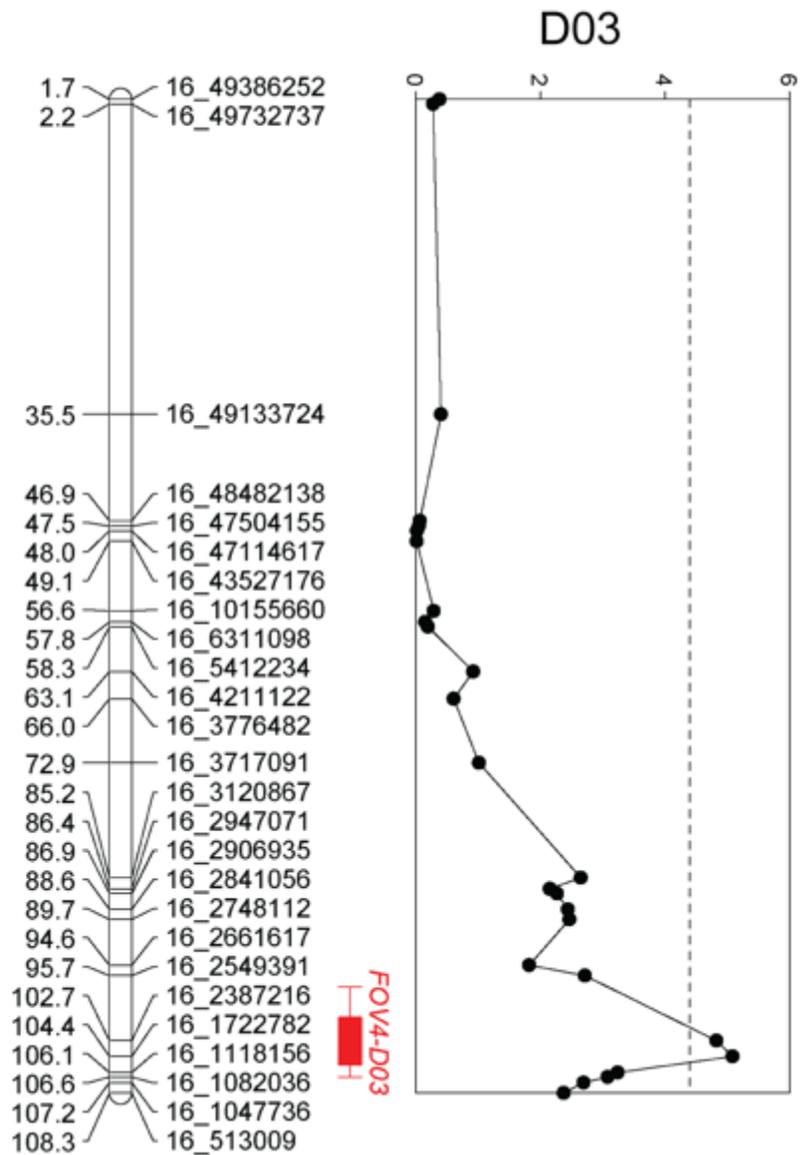
- 3-5X sequence coverage of F3
- Selected SNPs between parents that were in homozygous states
- Filtered for read depth, linkage disequilibrium, and minor allele frequency
- Generated 1300 SNP-based markers customized for our population



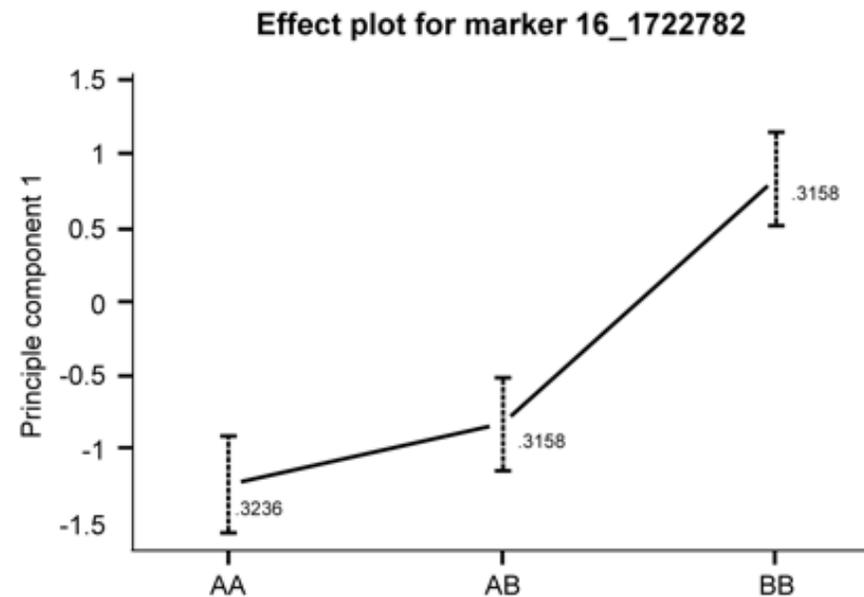
Two major QTLs significantly associated with FOV4 resistance



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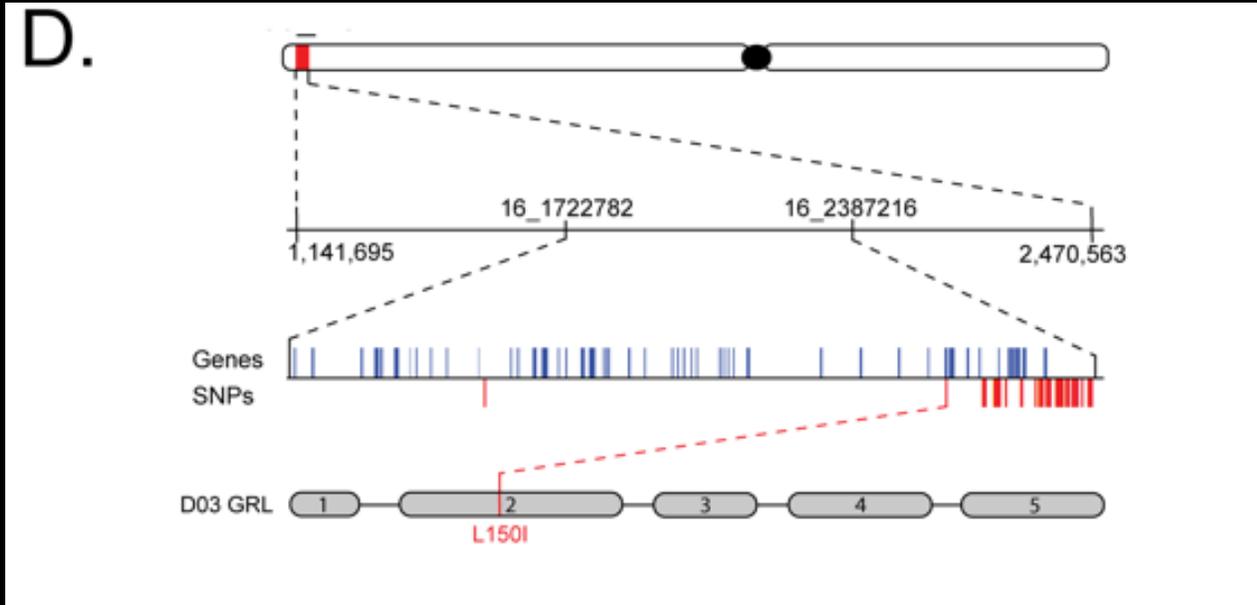
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QTL on chromosome D03

1.3 Megabases
102 genes

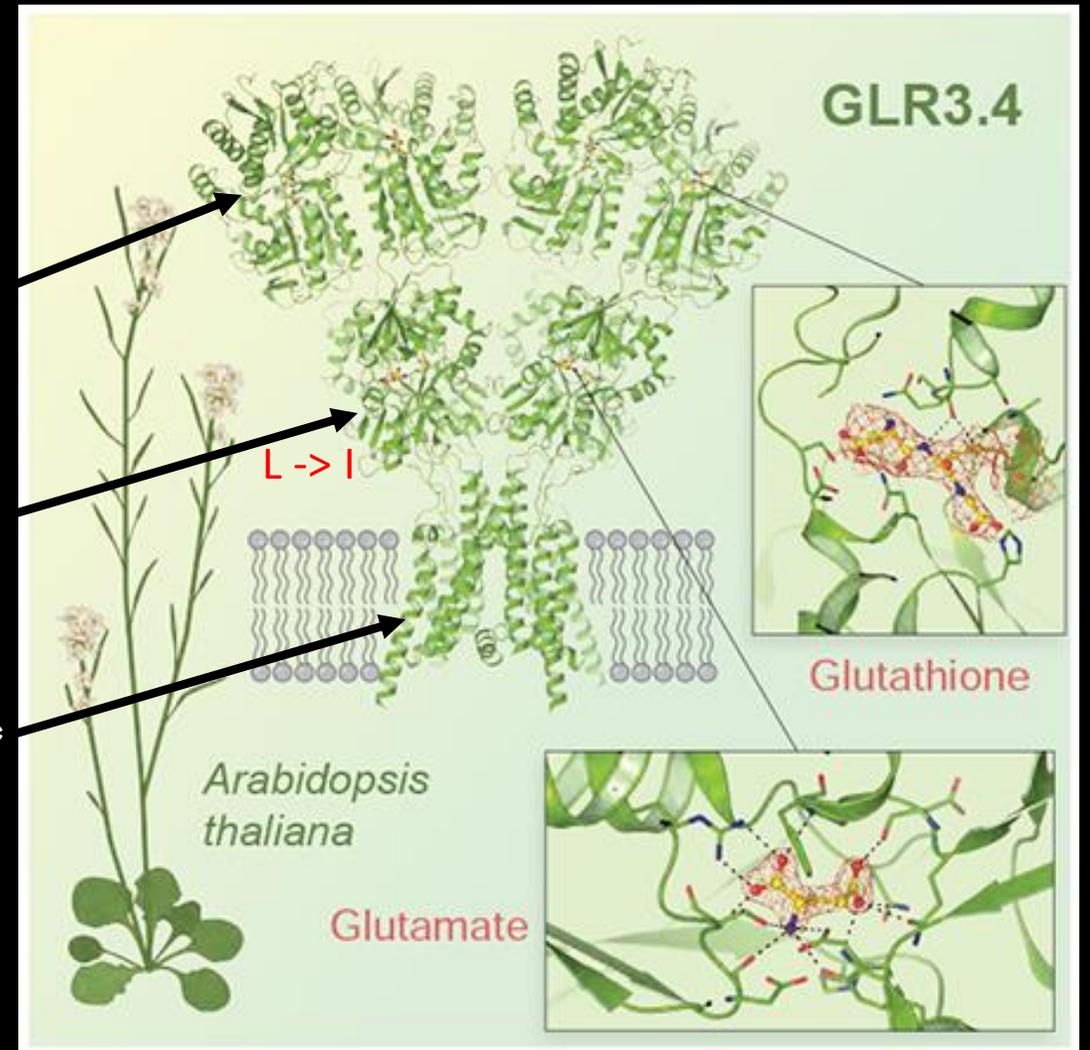
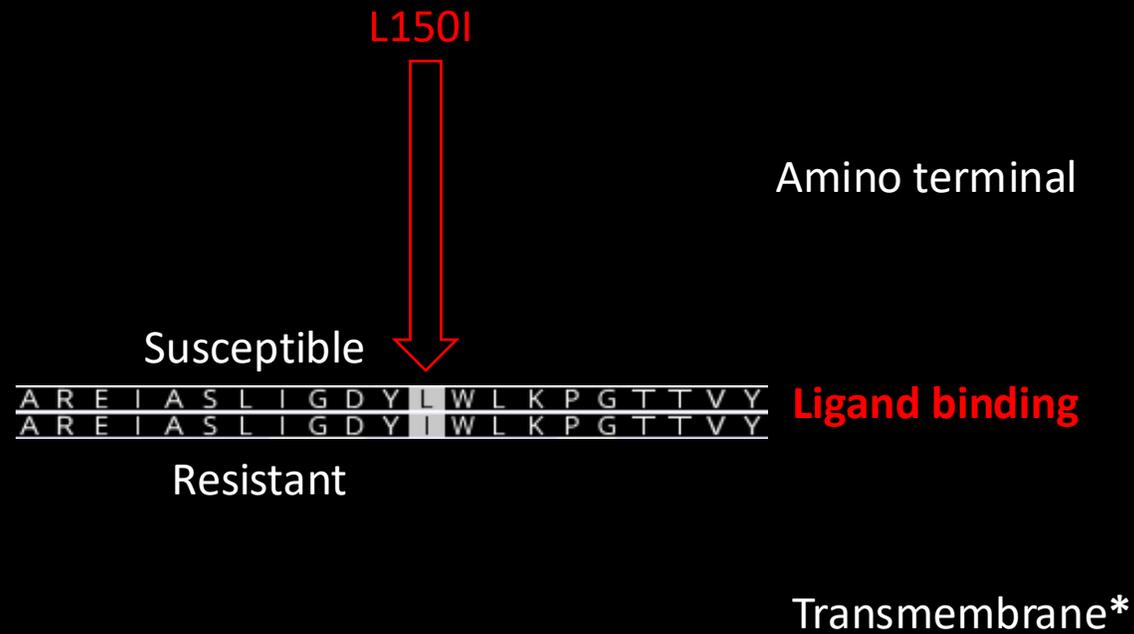
D03 QTL gene discovery



Most Resistant F3s

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Plant glutamate receptors

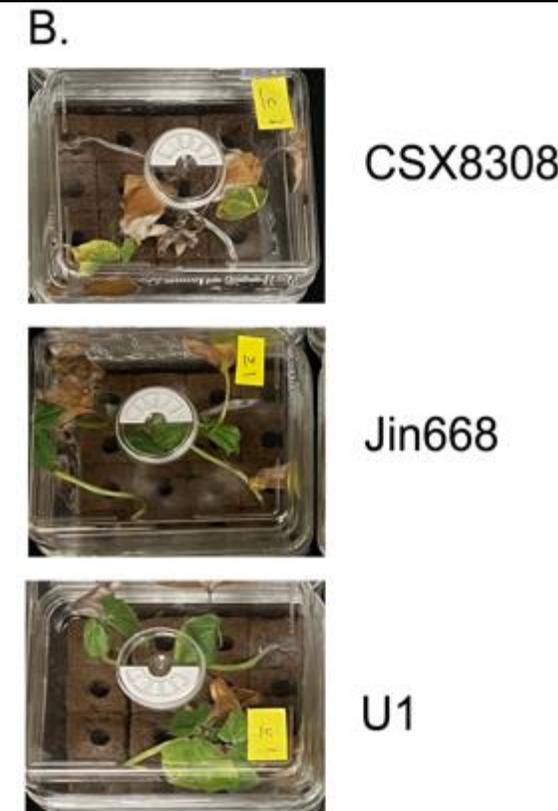
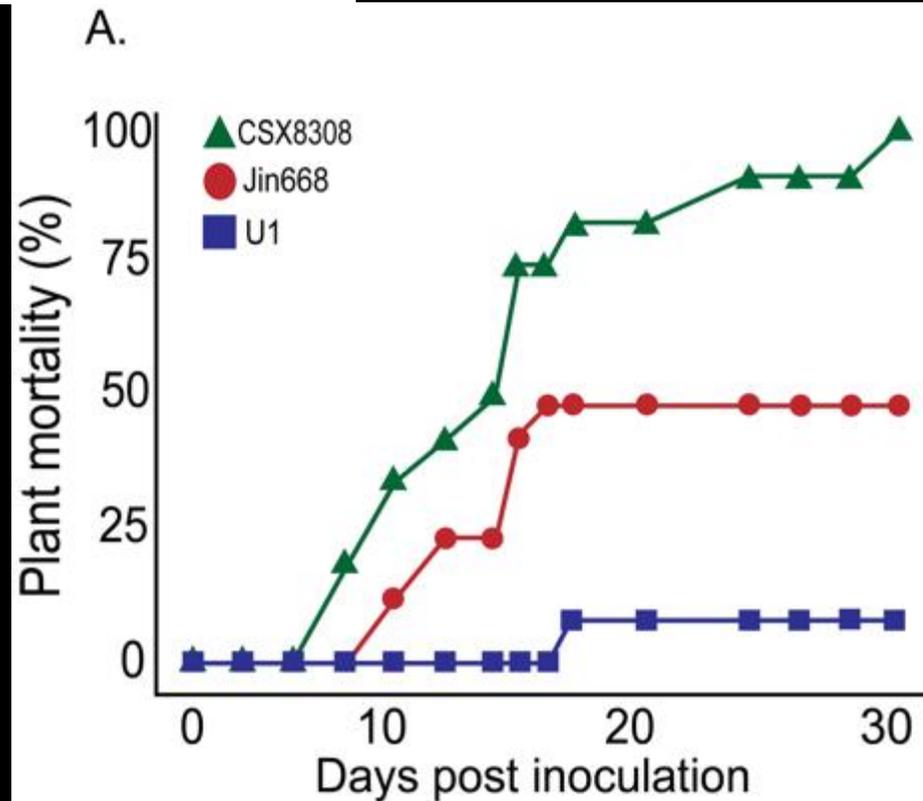
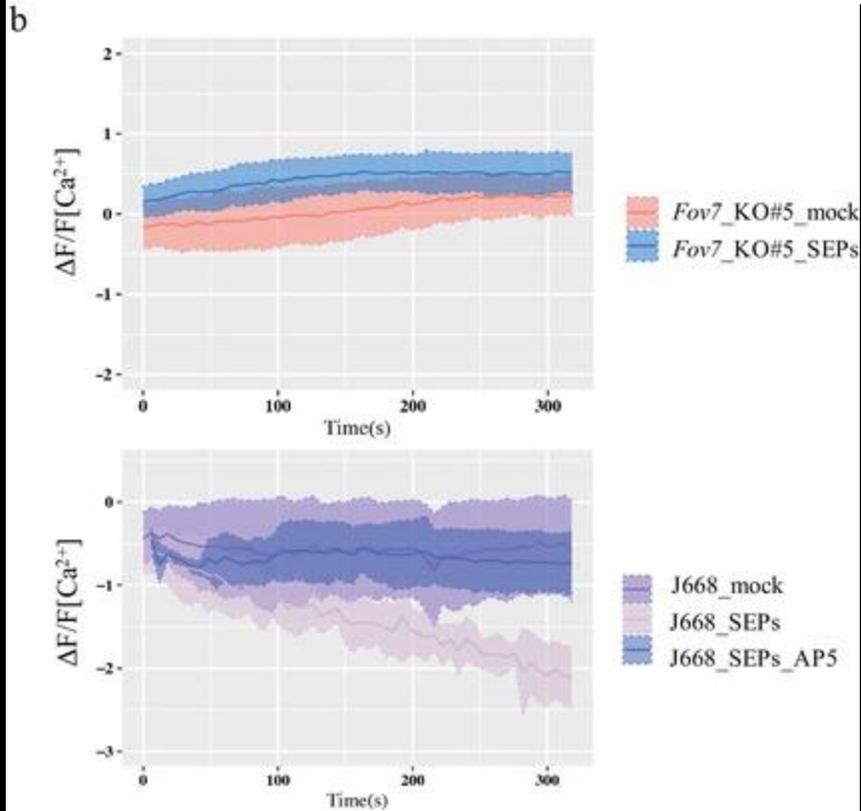


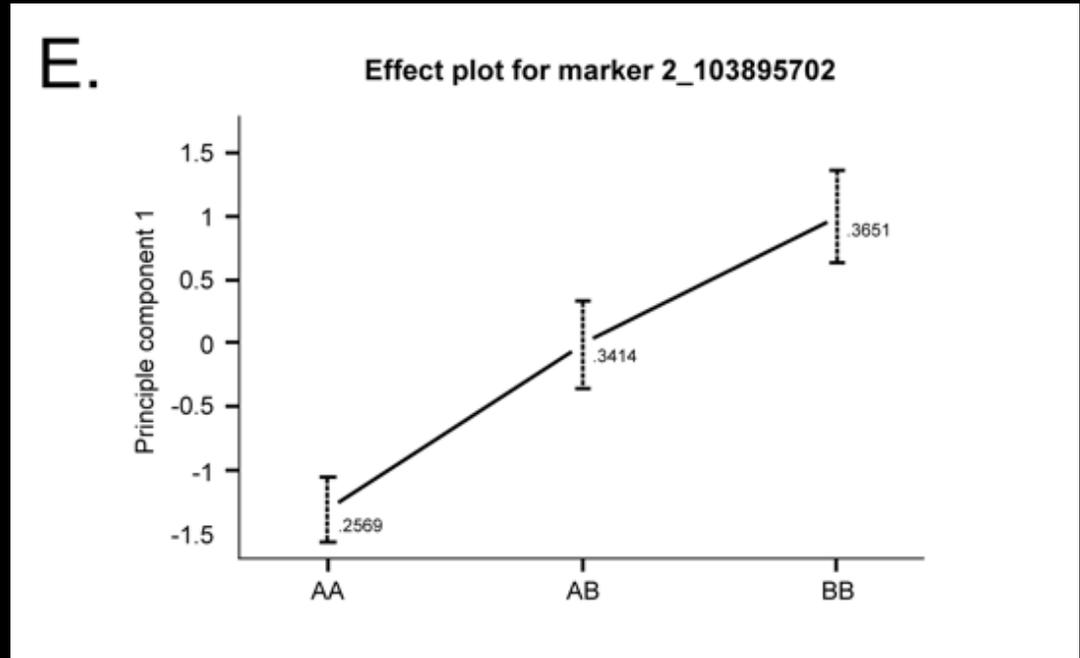
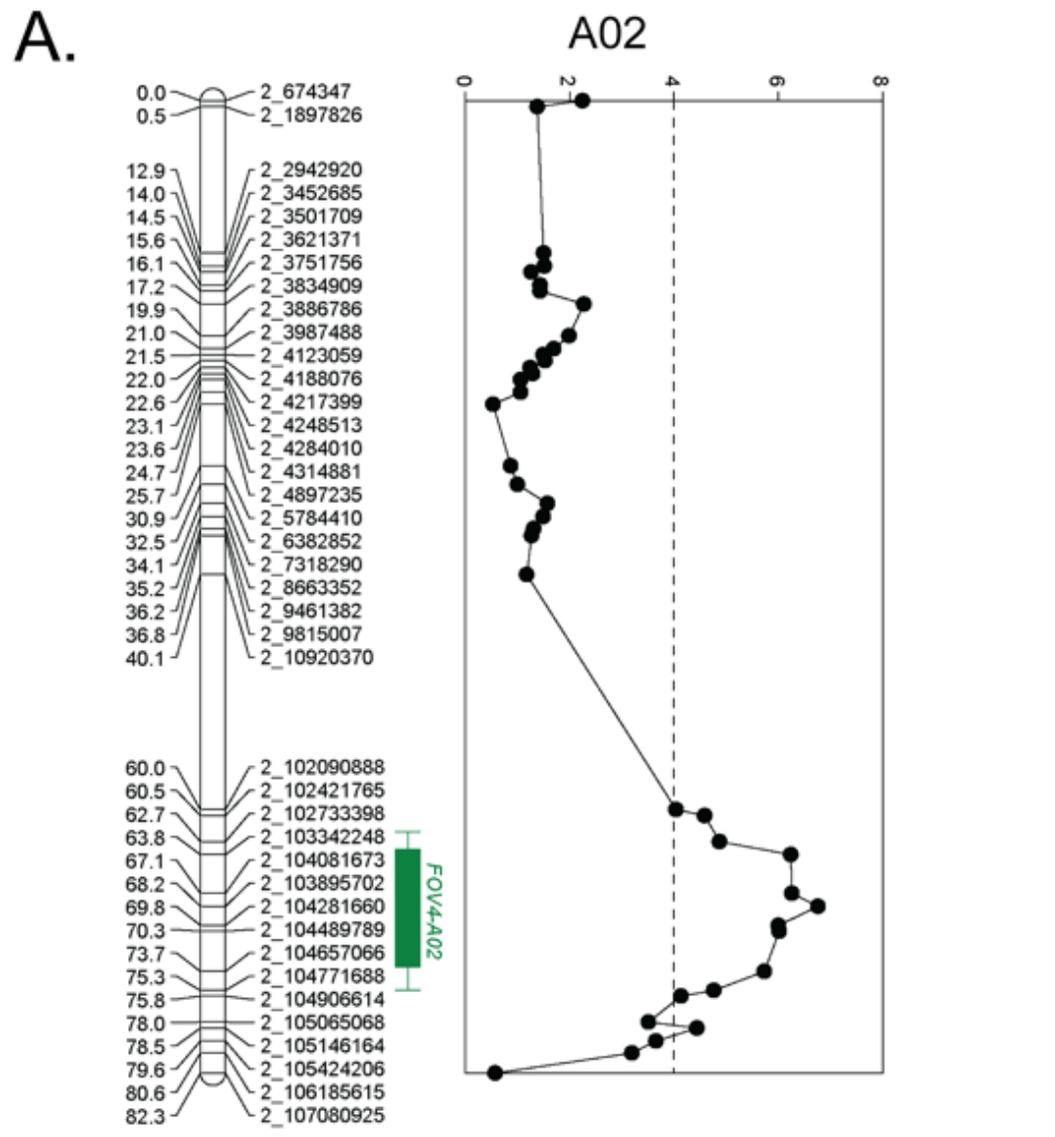
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FOV7 in China

D03 GRL contribution to FOV7 and FOV4 resistance and cytosolic calcium influx



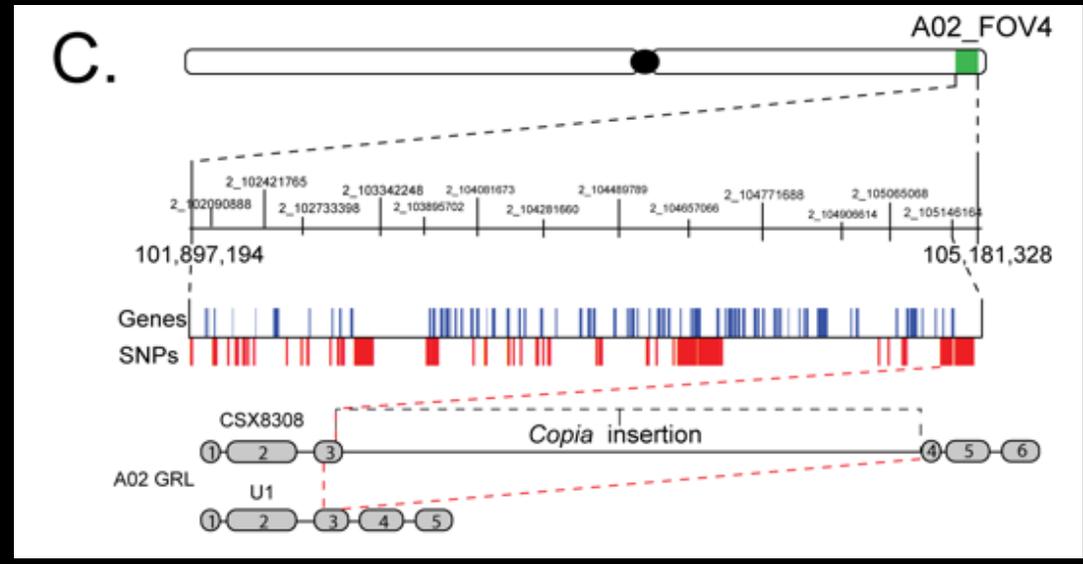


QTL on chromosome A02

3.3 Megabases

163 genes

A02 QTL gene discovery

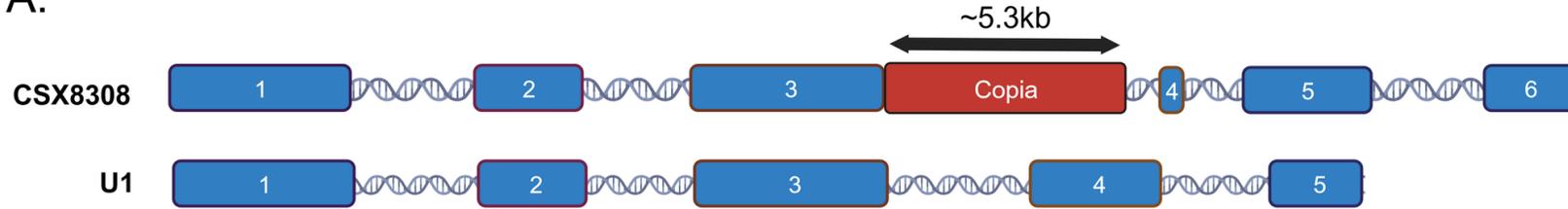


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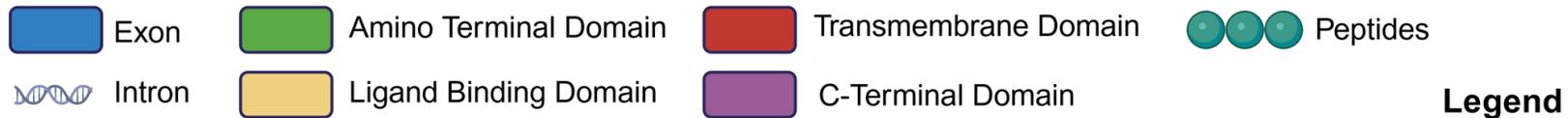
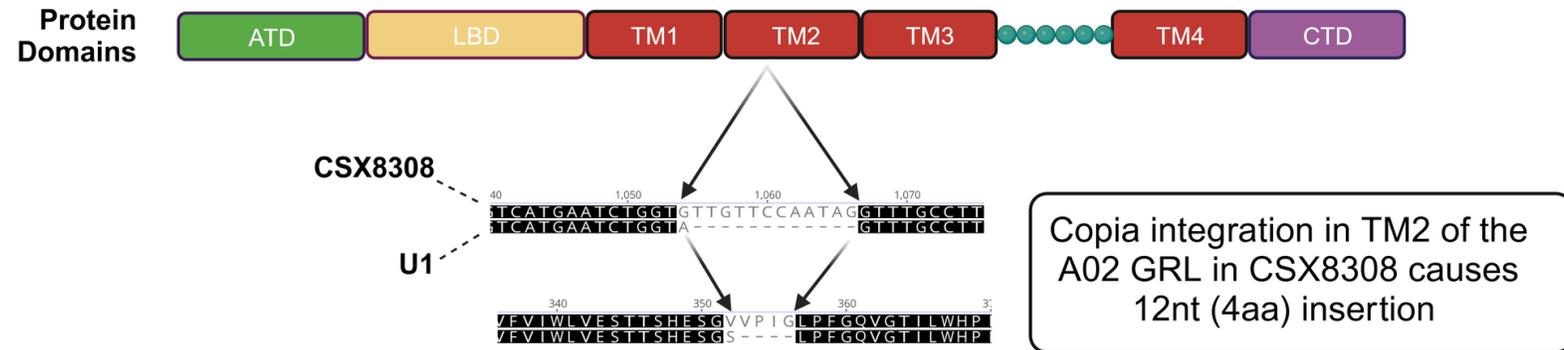
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Transposon insertion disrupts gene function

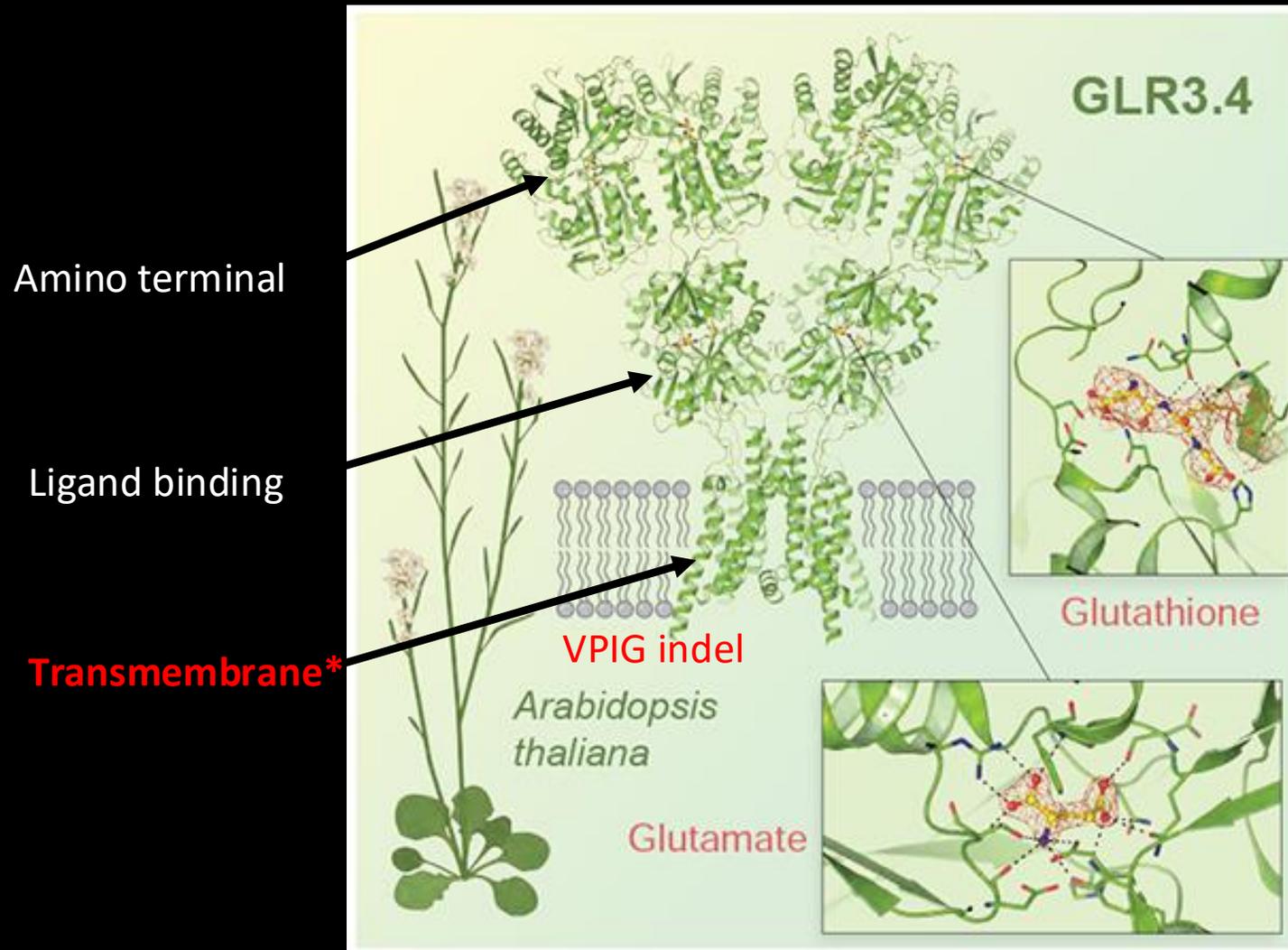
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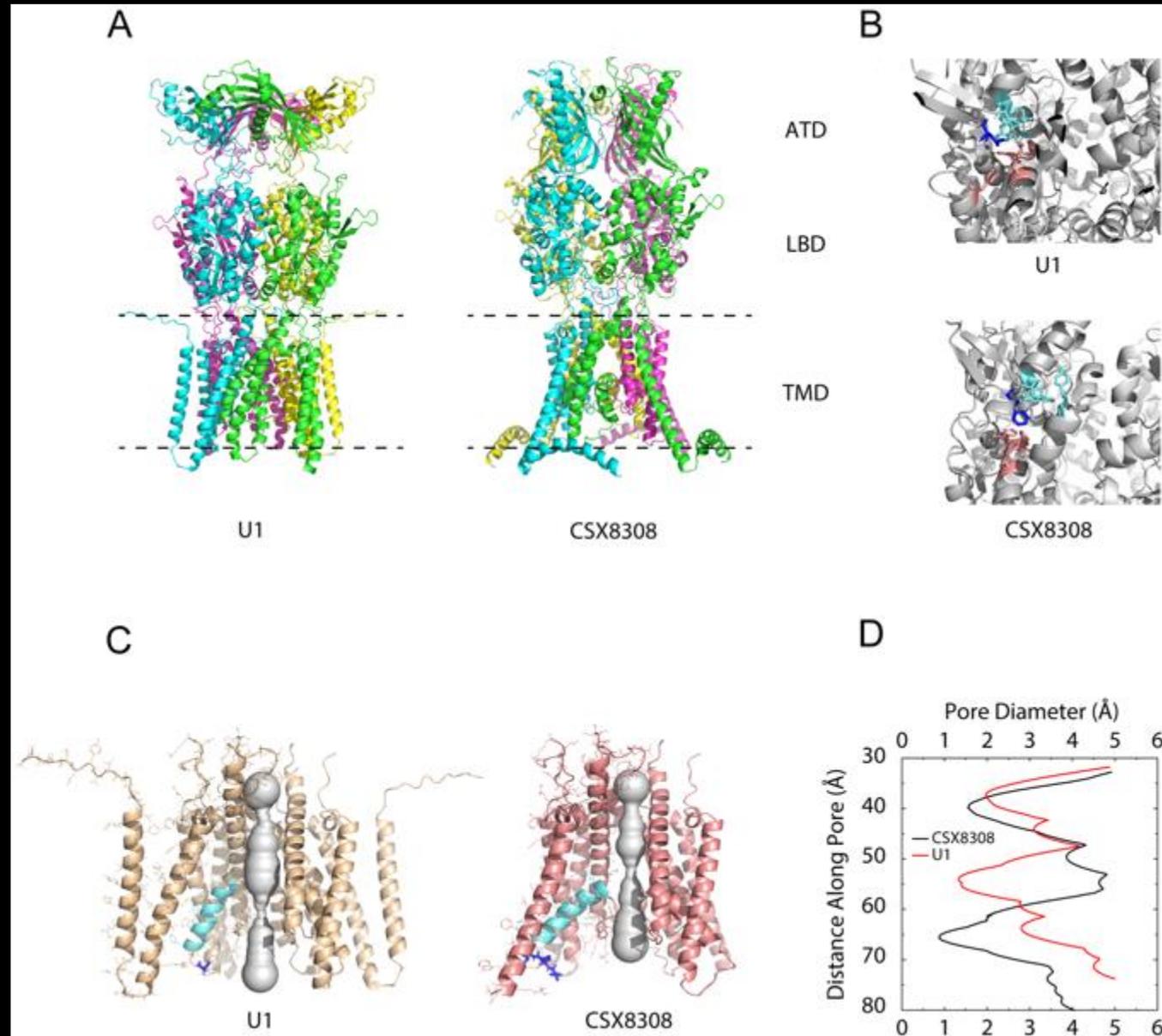
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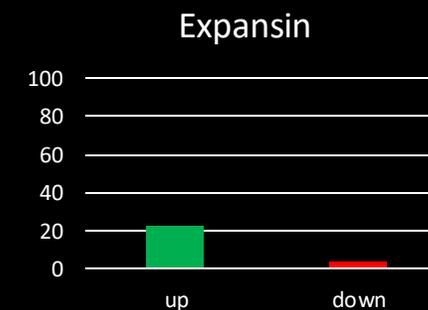
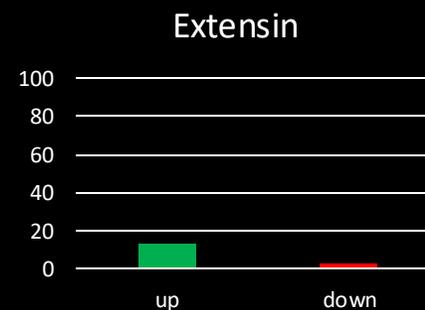
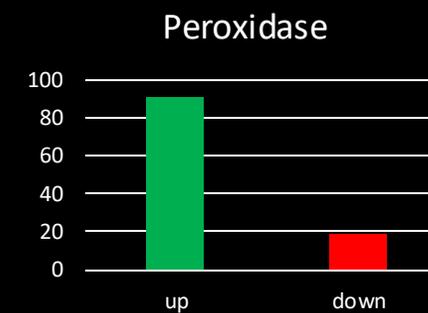
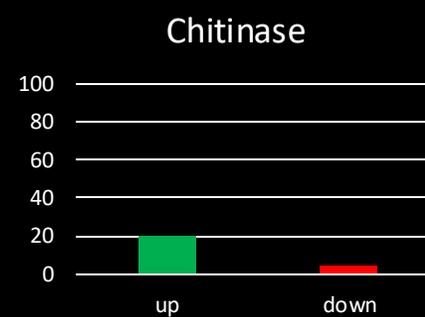
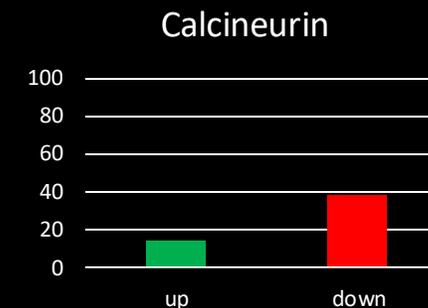
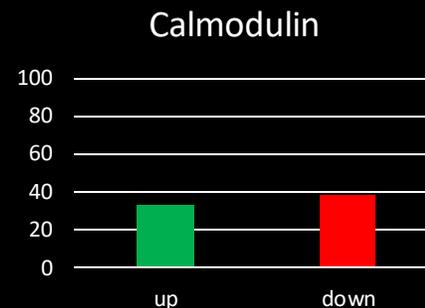
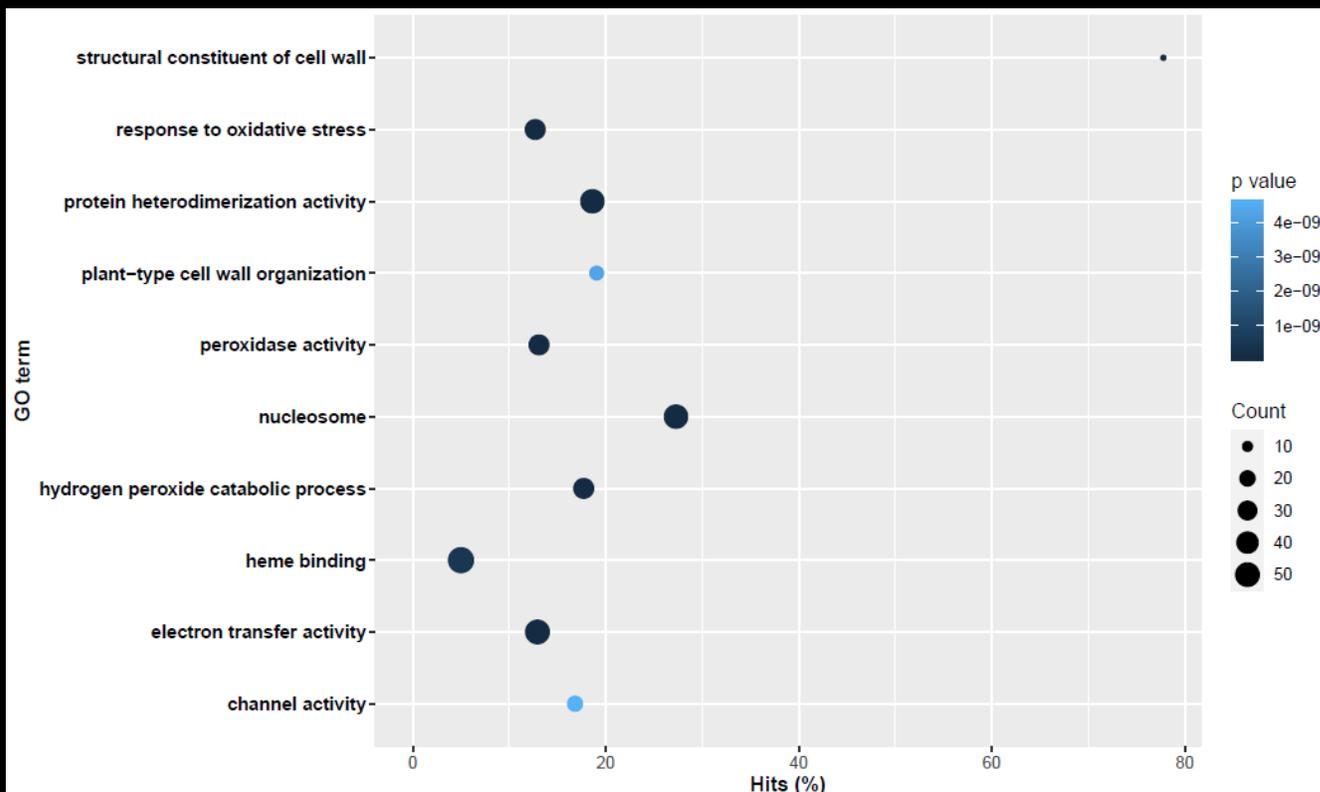
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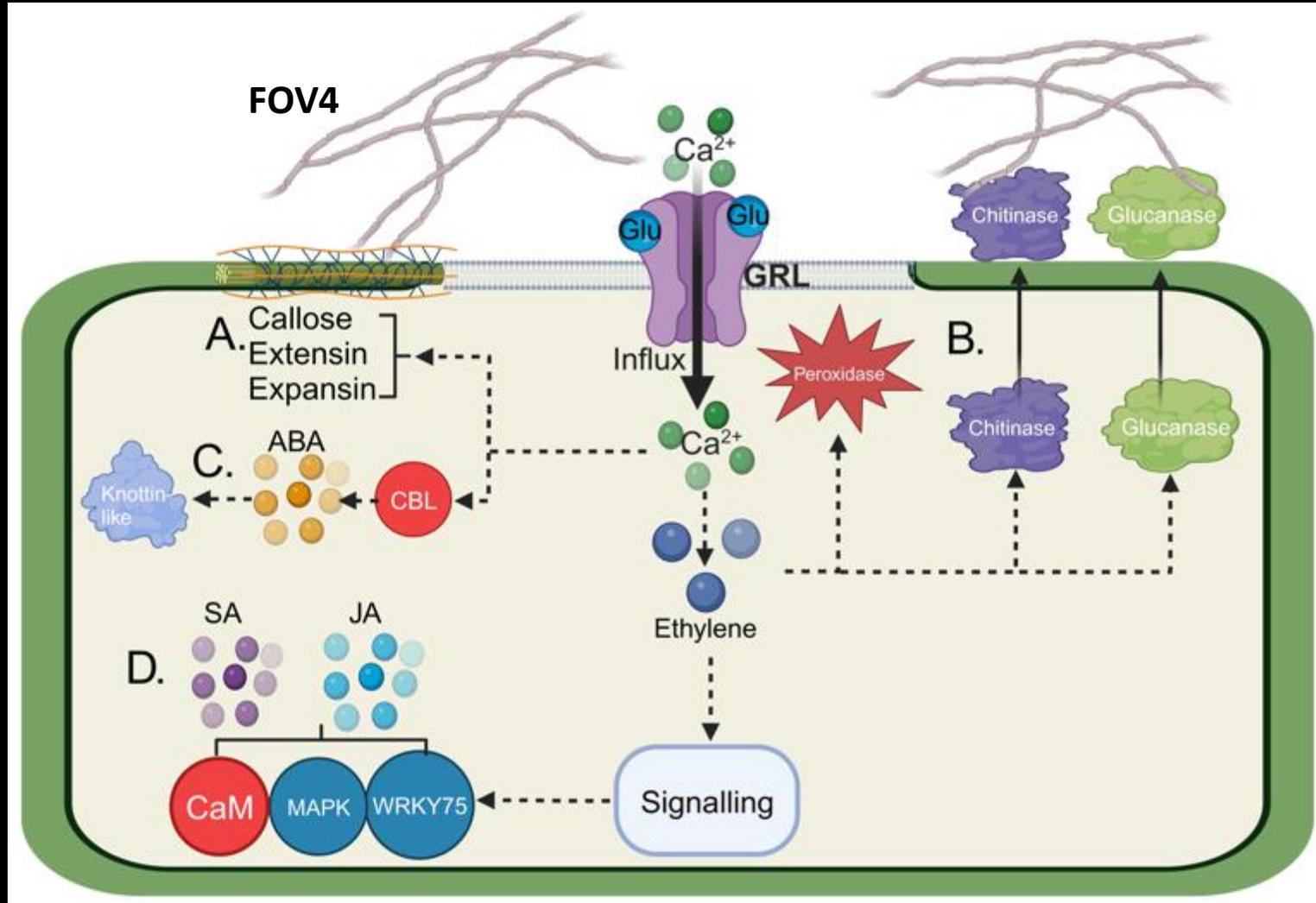
A02 GLR pore size in U1 is larger



Transcriptomics underlying FOV4 resistance in 'U1'



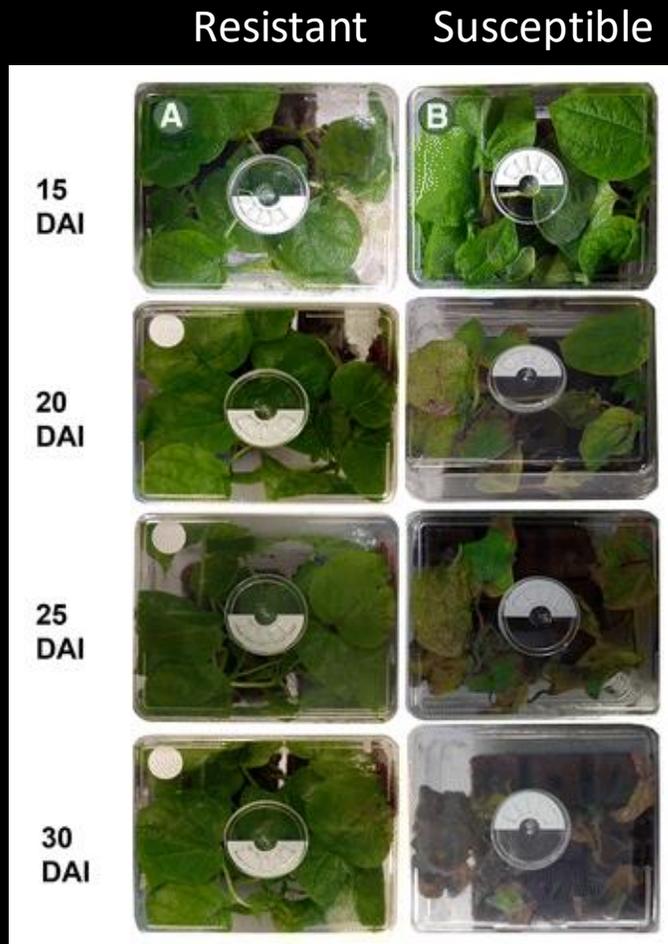
Potential GRL-mediated mechanisms for FOV4 resistance



Summary

- Geostatistics improves field phenotyping.
- Early generational genetic mapping enhanced by whole genome sequencing can expedite causal gene discovery
- GLRs are a potential new class of R-gene?
- Volumetric calcium influx catalyzes robust defense responses

RNAseq analysis of FOV4 challenge in pima



Collected tissue at 3 time points:

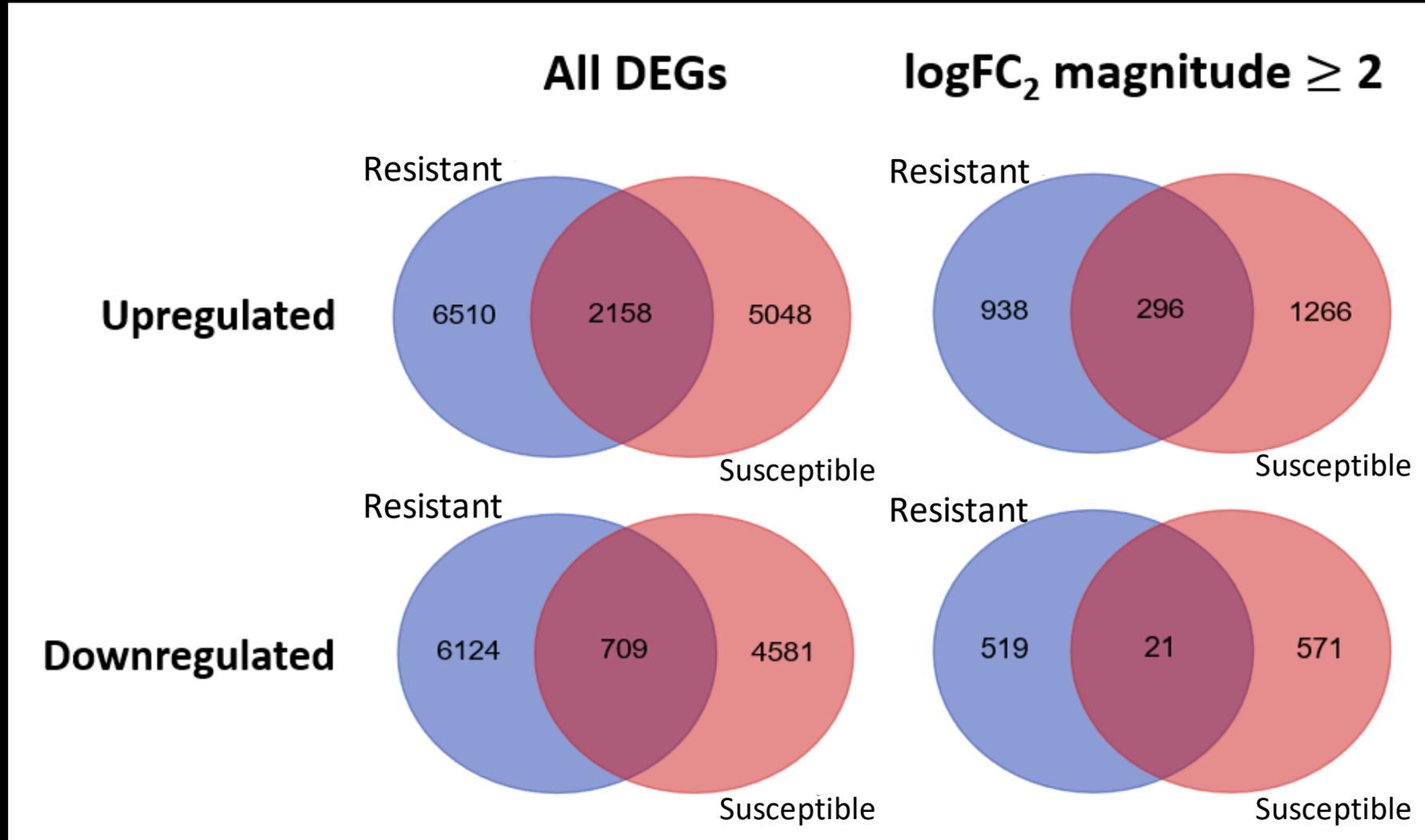
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Extract RNA for RNAseq

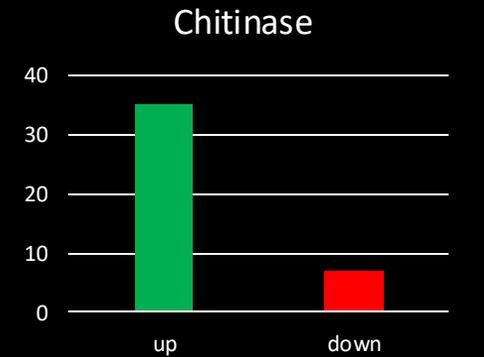
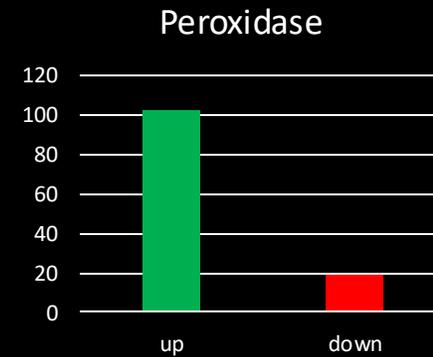
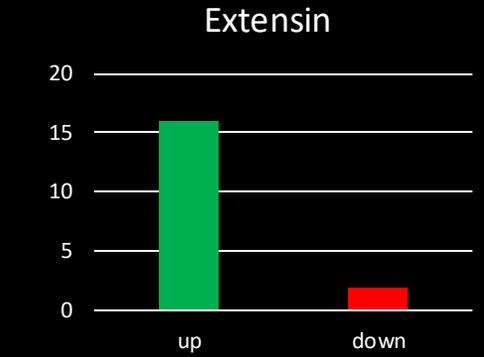
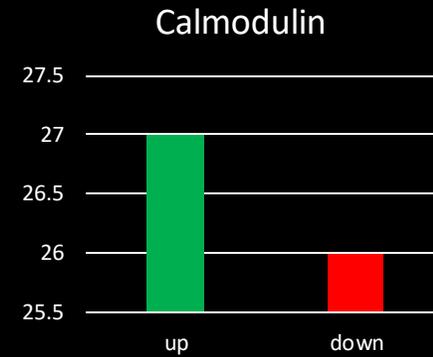
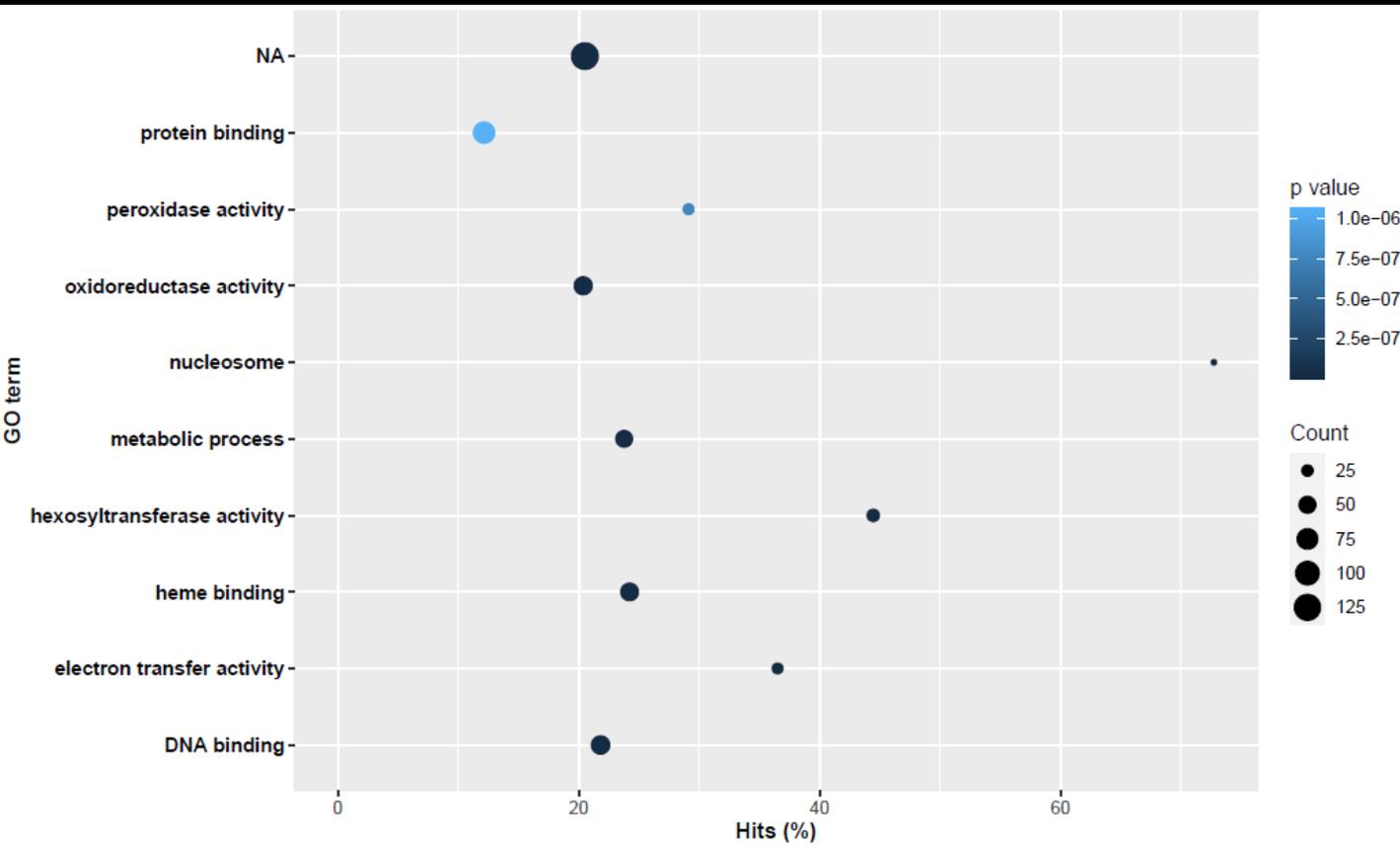
Identify unique expression in resistant pima



Induced gene counts



GO enrichment

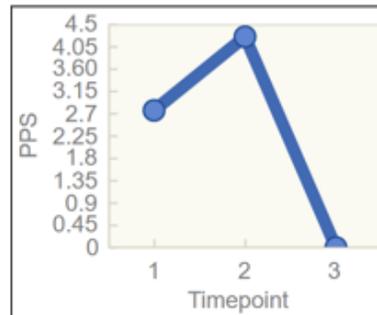


Biochemical pathway enrichment

Baicalein degradation



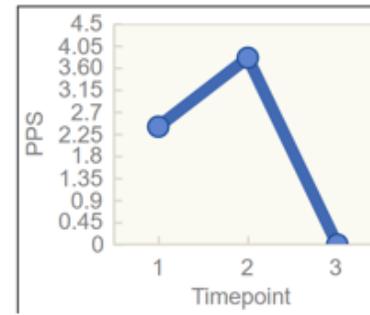
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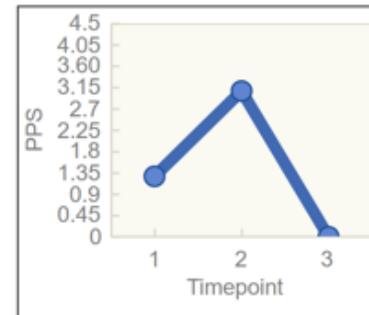
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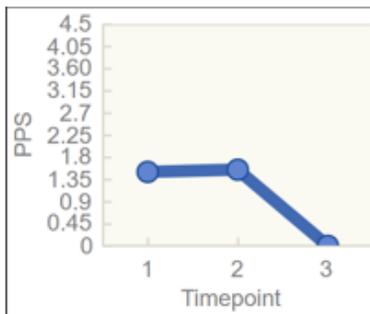
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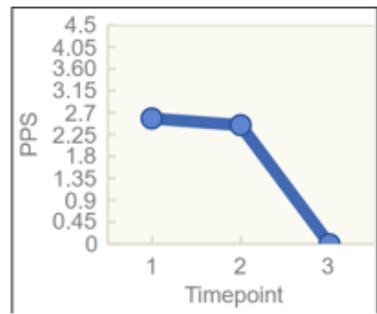
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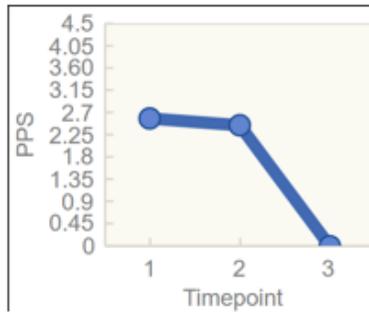
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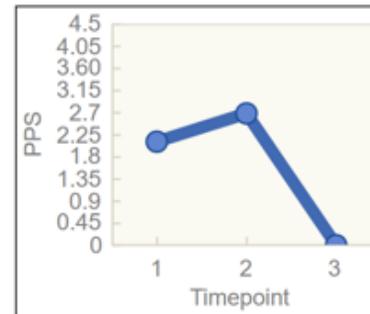
Superpathway of lipoxygenase



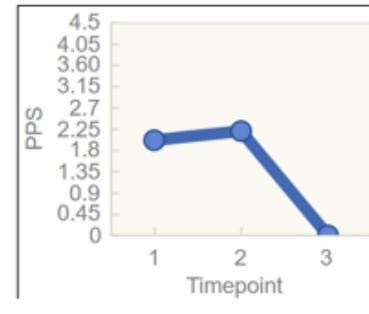
9-lipoxygenase/9-allene oxide synthase



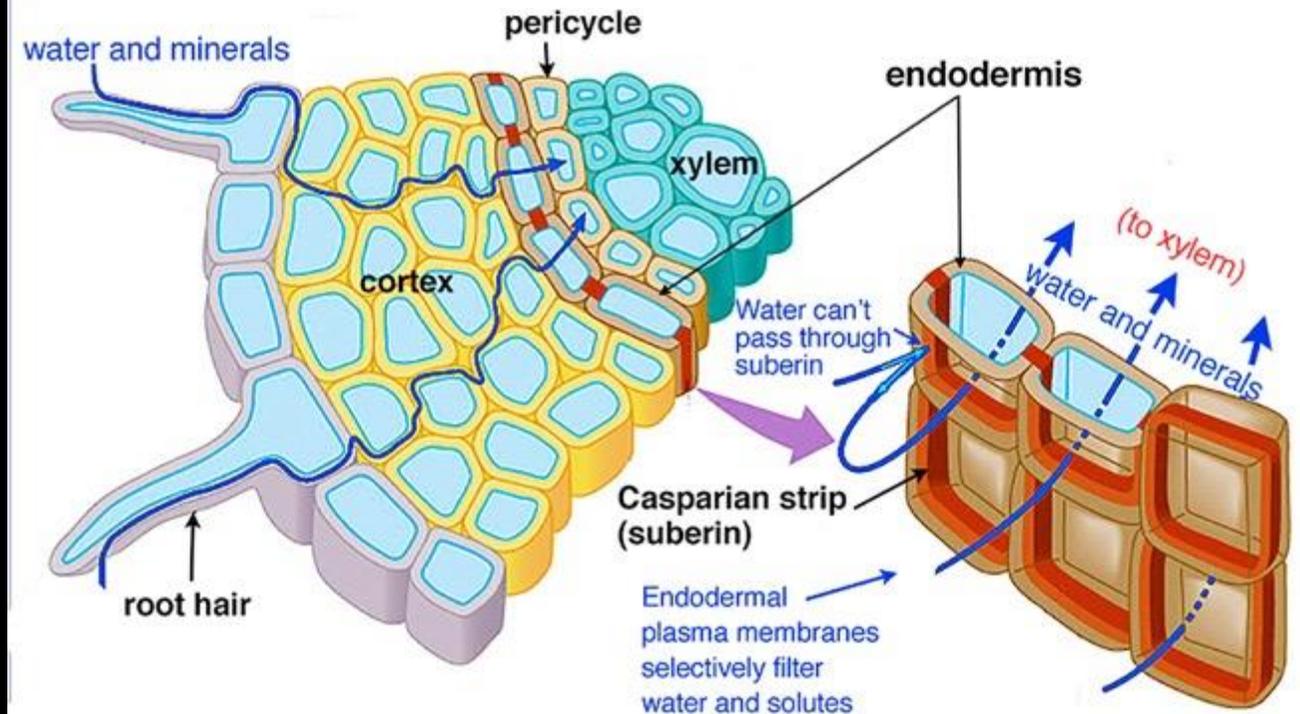
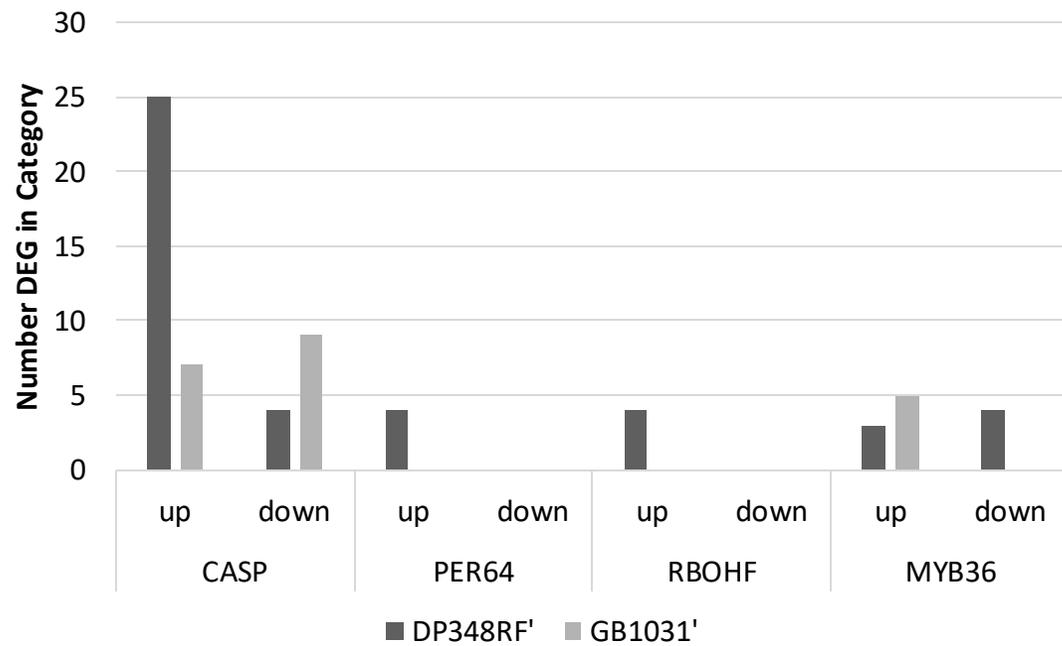
Jasmonic acid biosynthesis



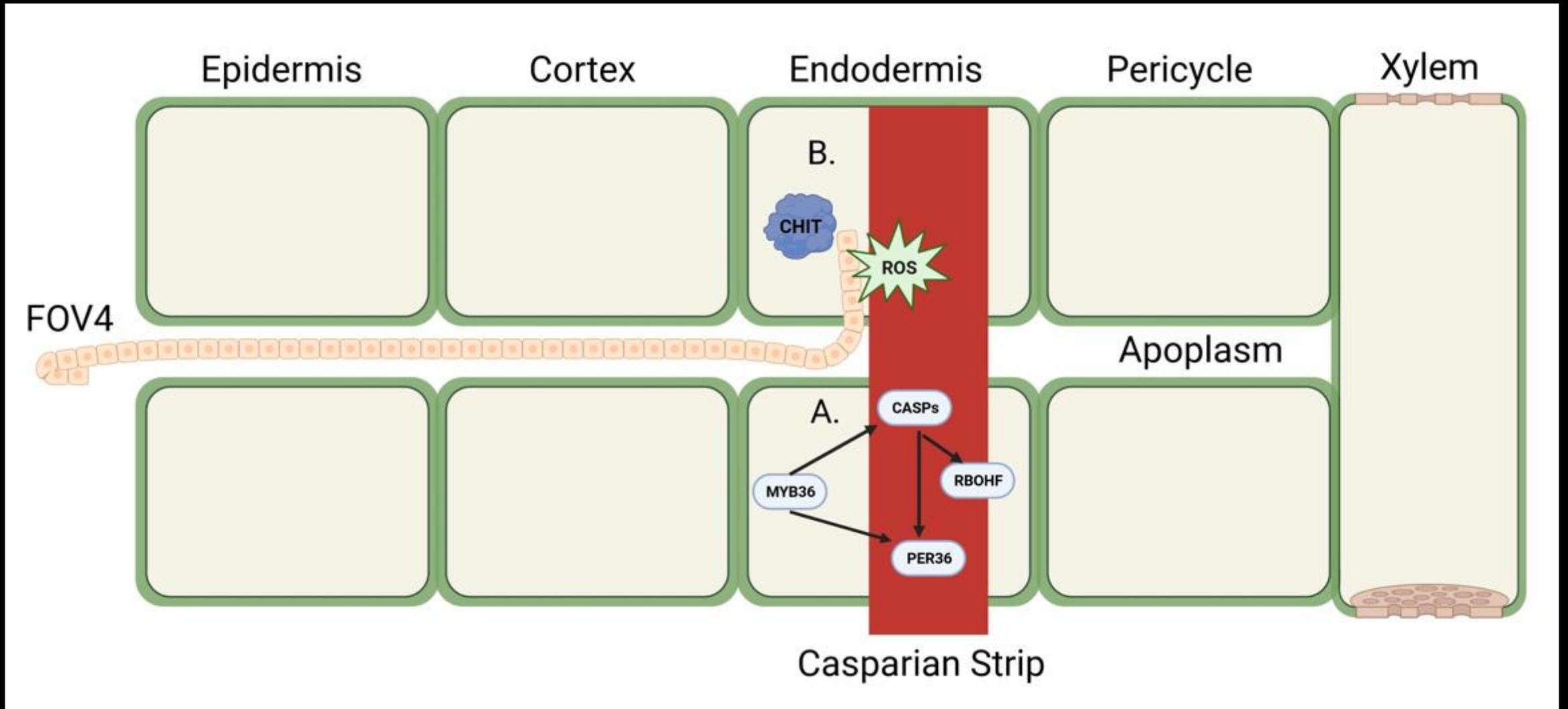
Ethylene biosynthesis



Casparian strip-associated DEG abundance



Potential role of the Casparian strip in the restriction of vascular colonization



Conclusions

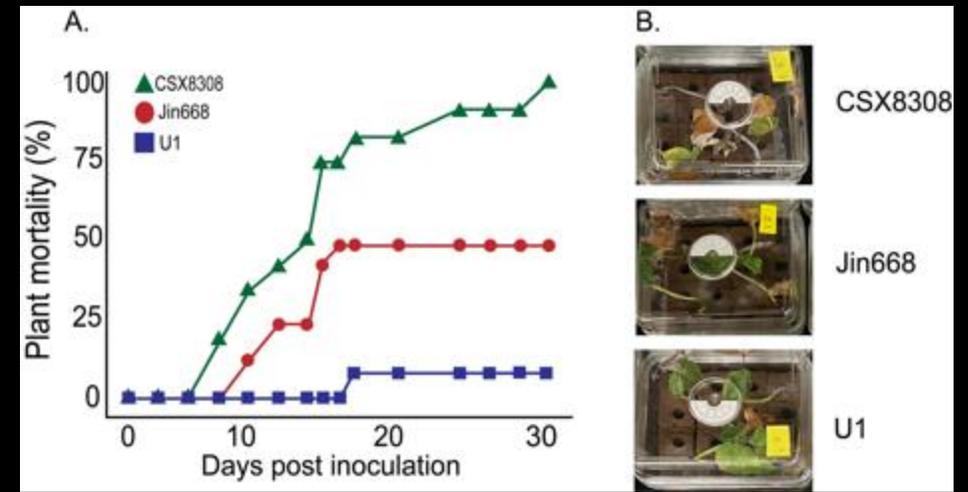
- Reactive oxidative bursts underly FOV4 resistance in both species
- Wall off mechanisms play pivotal role in FOV4 resistance in both upland and pima
 - General cell wall fortification
 - Casparian strip fortification provides a biochemical barrier against vascular pathogen invasion
- GLRs are new targets for investigation with providing broad spectrum fungal resistance
 - Targets for transformation
- Calcium signaling



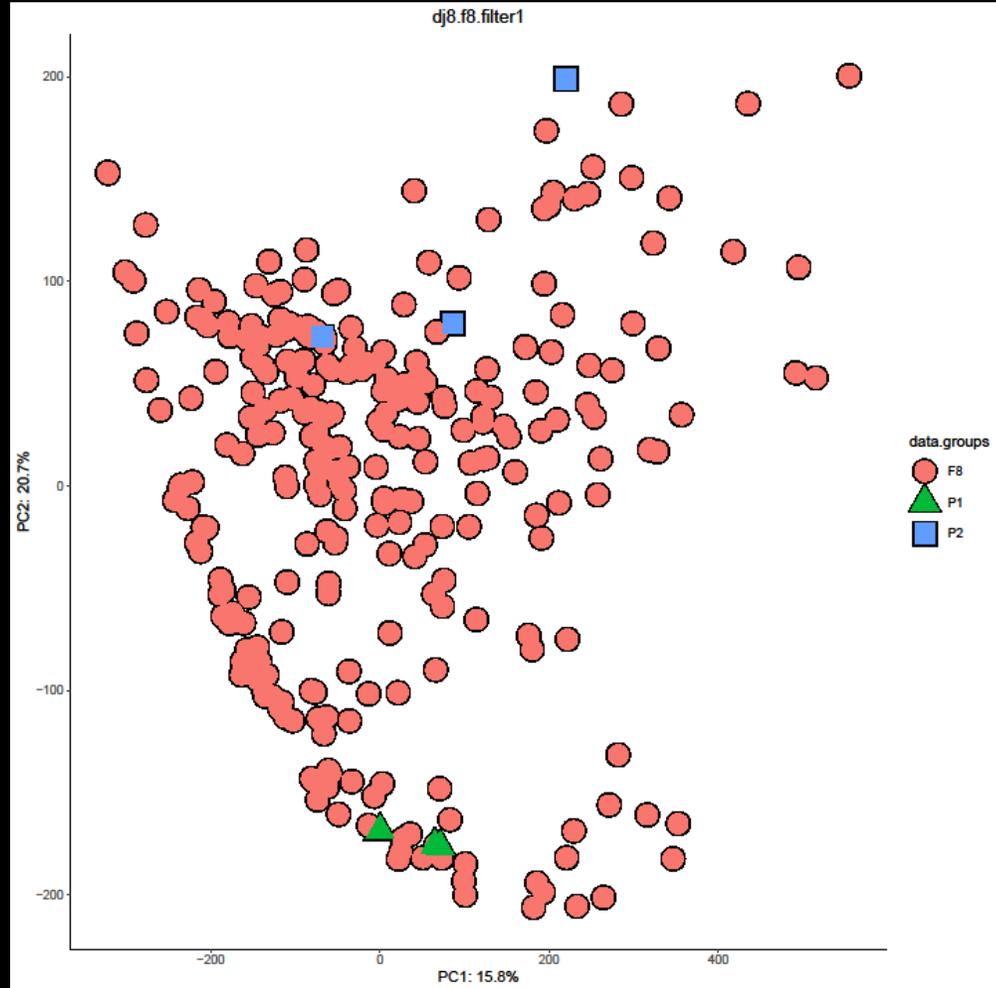
Ongoing Work

Gene Validation

1. Knock-in of A02 GRL in Jin668 (D03 exists naturally)
2. Knock-out of D03 in Jin668
3. Knock-in of A02 in Coker312 & KO of endogenous
4. Knock-in of A02 & D03 in Coker312 & KO of endogenous
5. Direct editing in U1 (regeneration protocol optimization)



RIL Genotypes (Stephen graphs)



- F8 RIL population (U1 x CSX8308)
- Phenotyped in El Paso, Fall 2023
- Skim sequenced 3-5X (HA)
- >5k quality SNPS



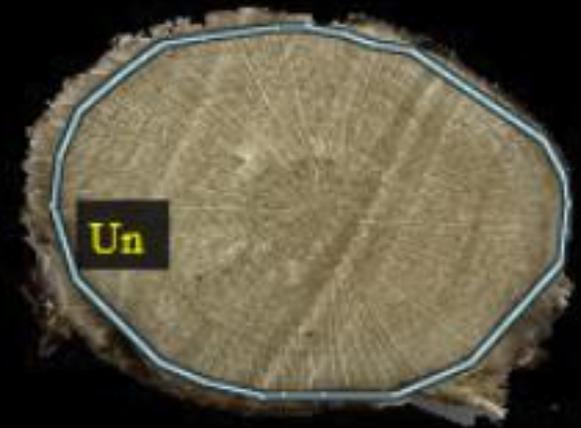
Cotton Cross Section Stain Analysis - Computer Vision

DJ-8-110

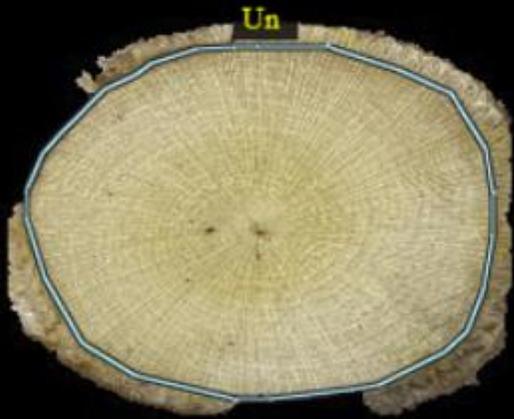
Total vascular tissue area: 13351.5 (pixels)

Total stained area: 0

Percent area stained: 0%



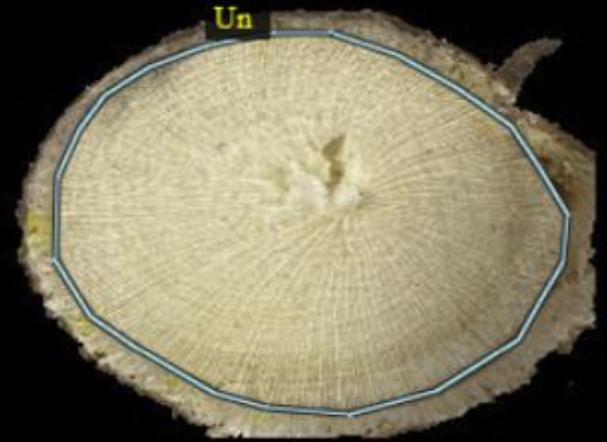
0% Stain Examples



DJ-8-165



DJ-8-113

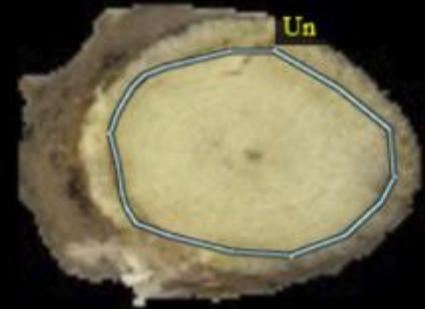


DJ-8-115

Total Surface Area Variability

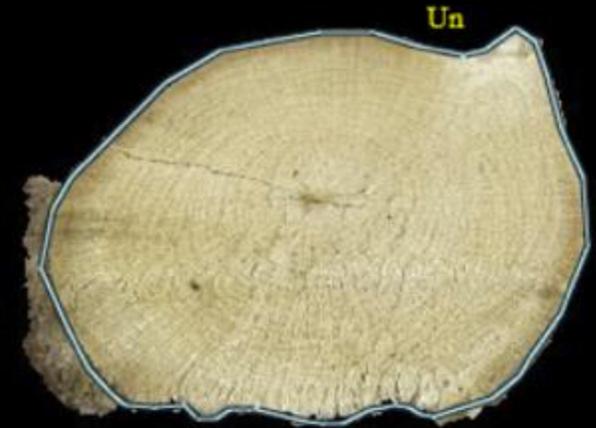
DJ-8-77

Total vascular tissue area: 2895.5



DJ-8-113

Total vascular tissue area: 33235.5



0% Stained Group (All Individuals)

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- DJ-8-115
- DJ-8-118
- DJ-8-145
- DJ-8-148
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- DJ-8-95

44 Individuals (~16%) of 282

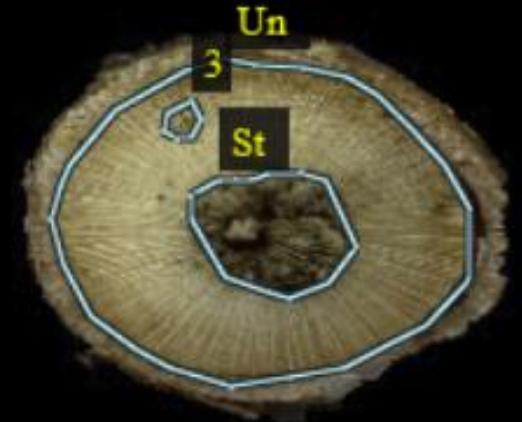
High Stain Concentration

DJ-8-99

Total vascular tissue area: 11593

Total stained area: 1804.5

Percent area stained: 15.57%



High Stain Examples cont.

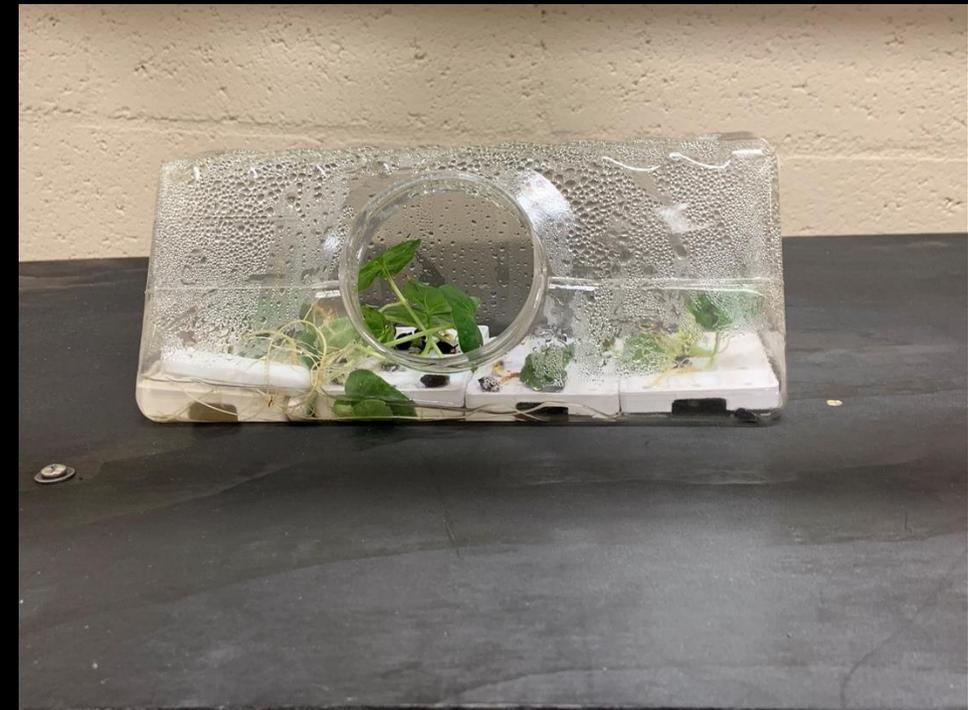
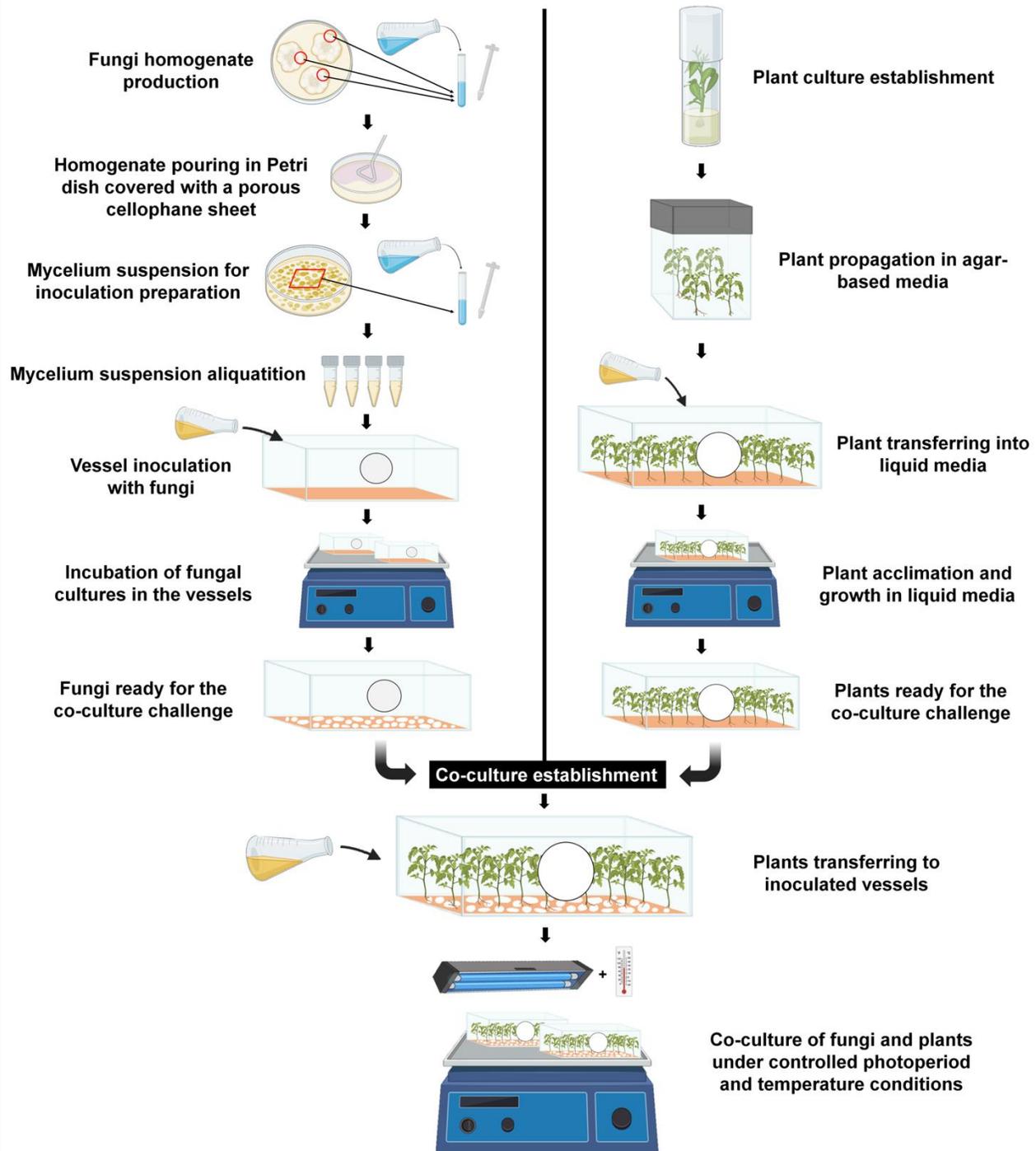
DJ-8-65

Total vascular tissue area: 7328

Total stained area: 4823

Percent area stained: 65.82%





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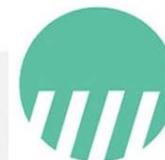
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