

# Barley *rpg4/Rpg5* Integrated Decoy Resistance to Ug99; Towards Effector Identification

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# Introduction

- Stem rust is caused by the obligate biotrophic fungal pathogen *Puccinia graminis*
- Wheat stem rust – *Puccinia graminis f. sp. tritici (Pgt)*
- Ug99 race of *Pgt*-Virulent on 97 %\_of Barley (Steffenson et al., 2012) and 70% of Wheat cultivars (Singh et al., 2008).



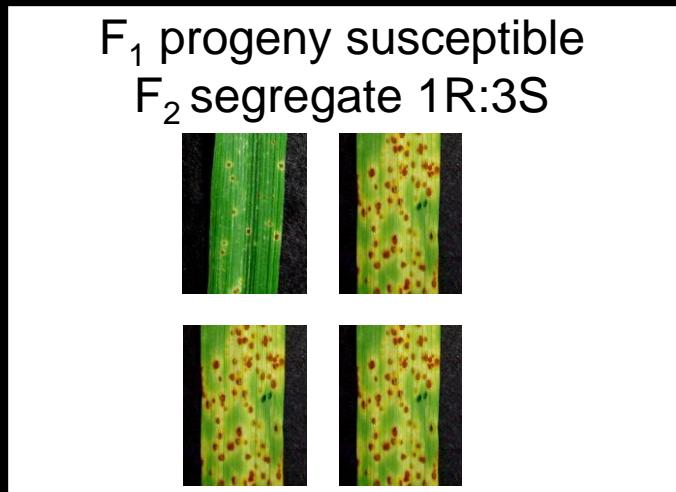
Emergence of *Pgt* Race TTKSK (Ug99)



Barley disease handbook, NDSU

# *rpg4/Rpg5*-mediated resistance

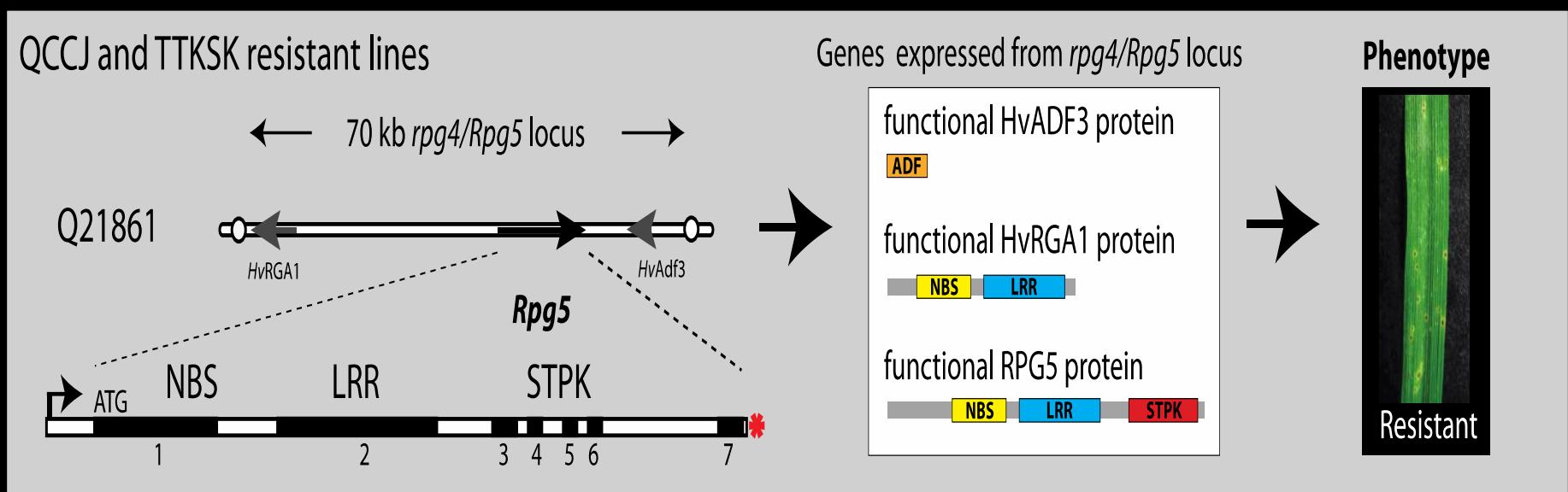
- The best source of resistance identified in the unimproved barley line Q21861.
- The recessive resistance was designated as *rpg4*.
- *rpg4* confers resistance to a broad range of *Pgt* (TTKSK (Ug99), QCCJ, MCCF, ..... ).



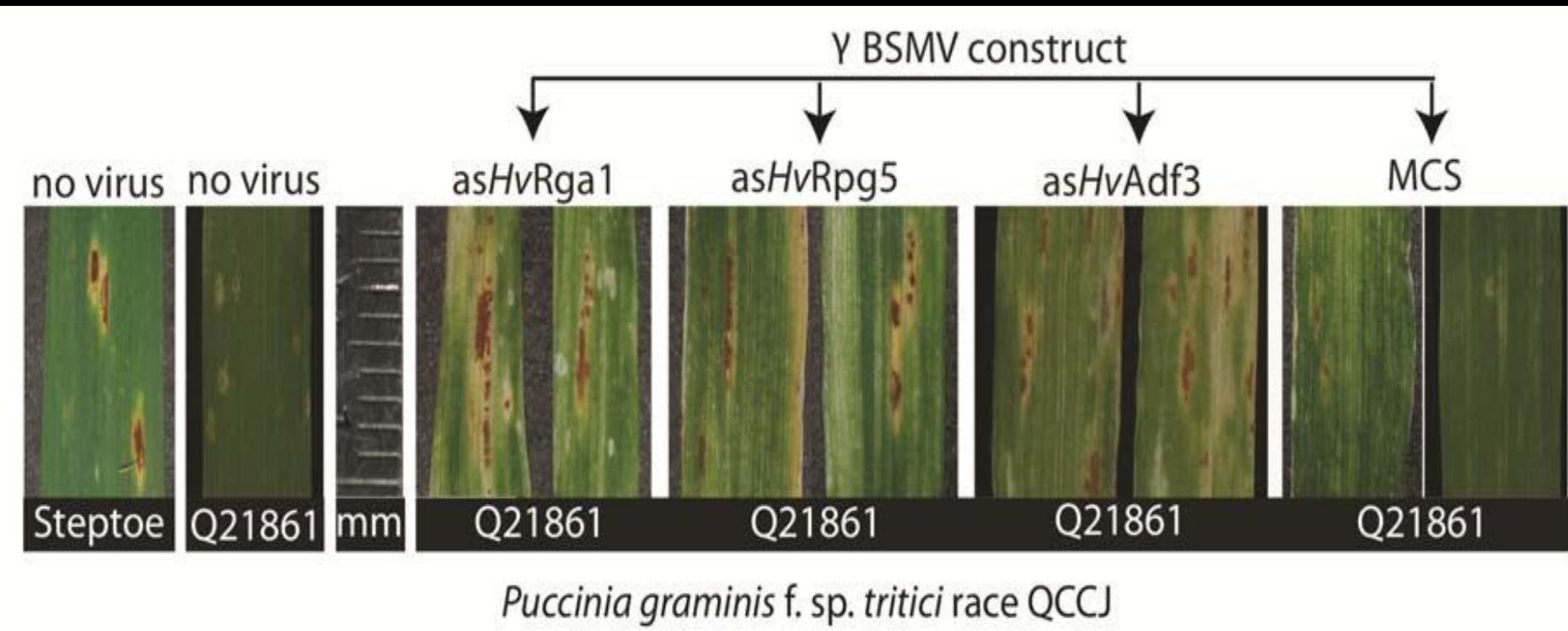
Brueggeman et al., 2009. *Cell Cycle*  
Jin et al., 1994. *Phytopathology*

# *rpg4/Rpg5* locus in Q21861

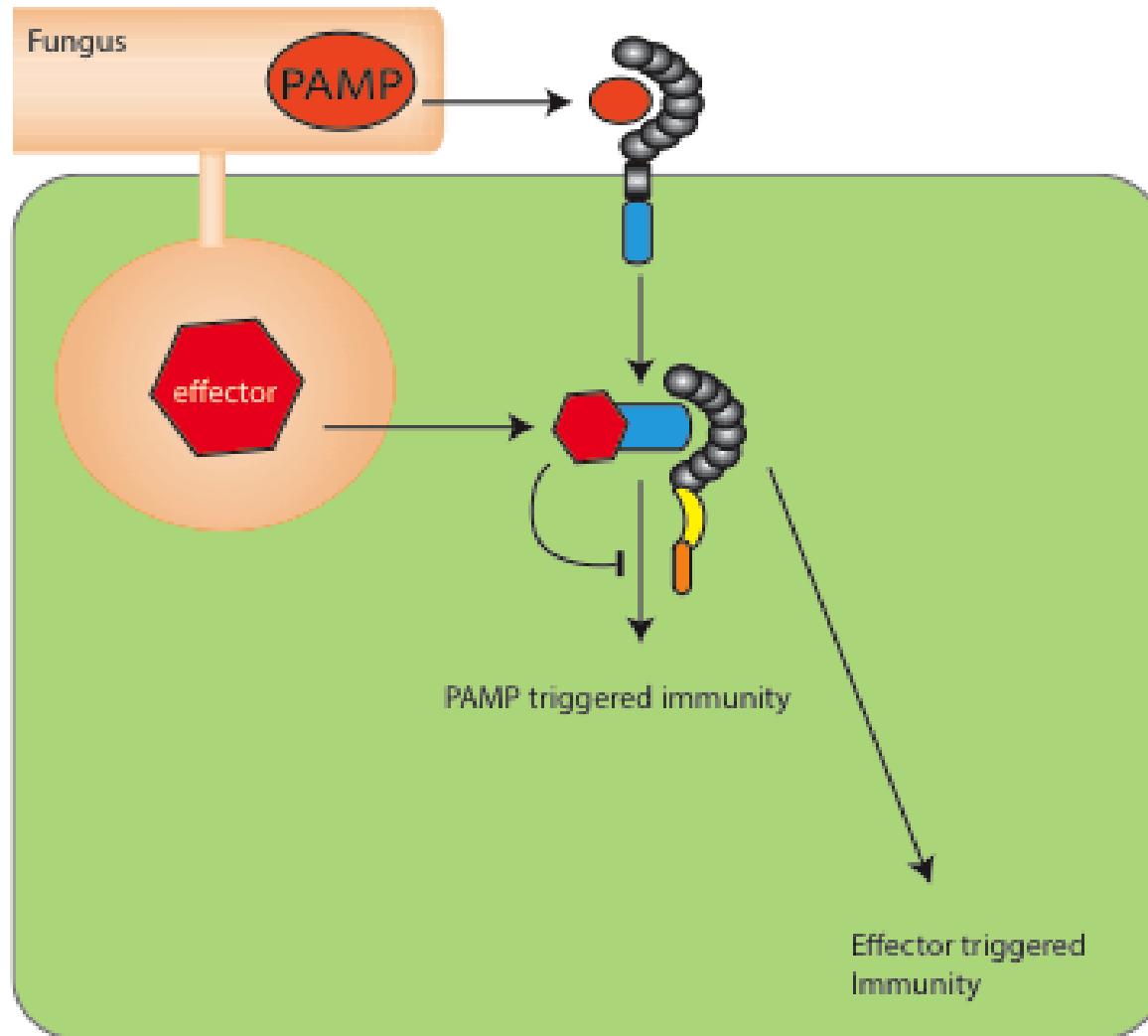
## Predicted proteins encoded by candidate *rpg4* genes



# All three candidate genes are required for resistance

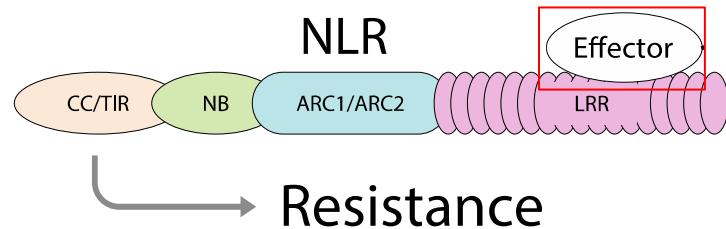


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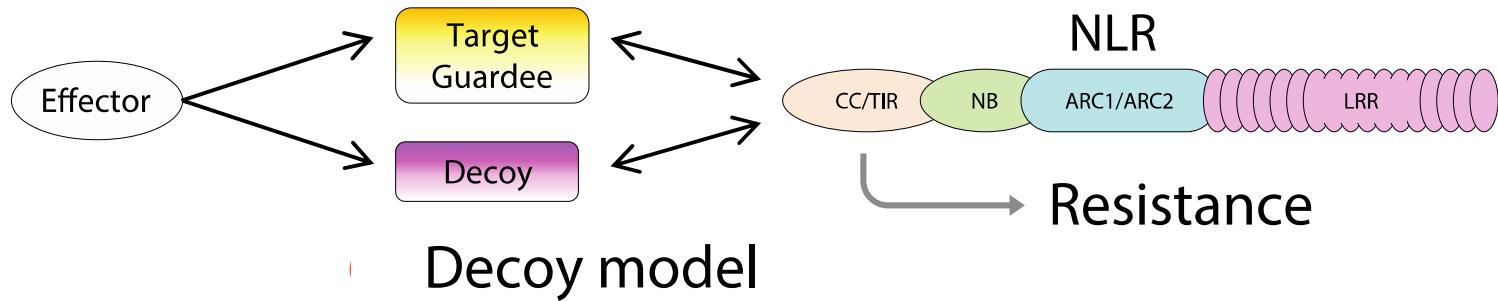


# Effector triggered immunity models

## Direct ligand-receptor model



## Guard model



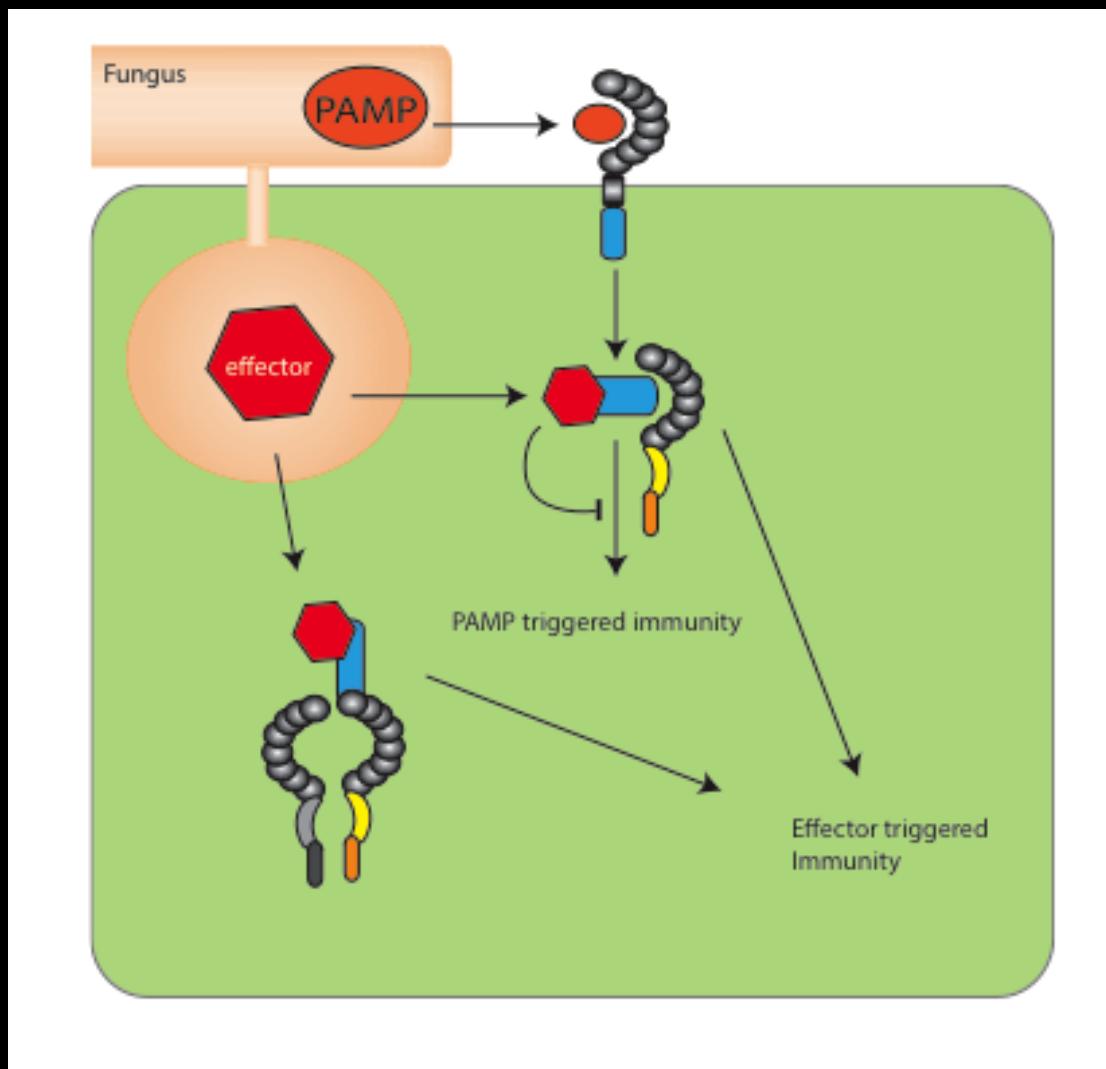
## Decoy model

# Unusual variable domain in paired NLRs

**Table 1 | Unusual domains in paired NLR R proteins.**

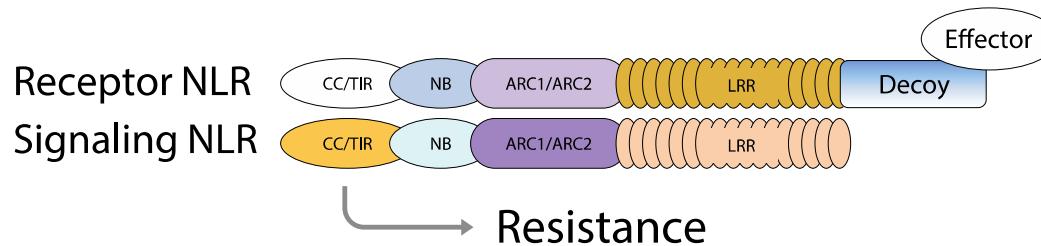
NLR pair	Pathosystem (pathogen/host)	NLR with unusual domain	Unusual or additional domain	Location of the domain	References
RRP2A RPP2B	<i>H. arabidopsis</i> /Arabidopsis	RPP2A	TIR-NB-DUF640	N-terminus	Sinapidou et al., 2004
RRS1 RPS4	<i>R. solanacearum</i> , <i>P. syringae</i> , <i>C. higginsianum</i> /Arabidopsis	RRS1	WRKY	C-terminus	Gassmann et al., 1999; Deslandes et al., 2003; Birker et al., 2009; Narusaka et al., 2009
RGA4 RGA5	<i>M. oryzae</i> /rice	RGA5	RATX1	C-terminus	Okuyama et al., 2011; Cesari et al., 2013
Pik-1 Pik-2	<i>M. oryzae</i> /rice	Pik-1	RATX1	Between the CC and NB	Ashikawa et al., 2008; Yuan et al., 2011; Cesari et al., 2013; Zhai et al., 2014
Pi5-1 Pi5-2	<i>M. oryzae</i> /rice	Pi5-2	AvrRpt2-cleavage site	C-terminus	Lee et al., 2009
Fom-1 Prv	<i>F. oxysporum</i> , Papaya ring-spot virus/melon	Prv	NB	C-terminus	Brotman et al., 2012
RGA1 Rpg5	<i>P. graminis</i> /barley	Rpg5	Protein kinase	C-terminus	Wang et al., 2013
Lr10 RGA2	<i>P. triticina</i> /wheat	RGA2	NB	Between the CC and NB	Loutre et al., 2009

# Integrated Decoy Model

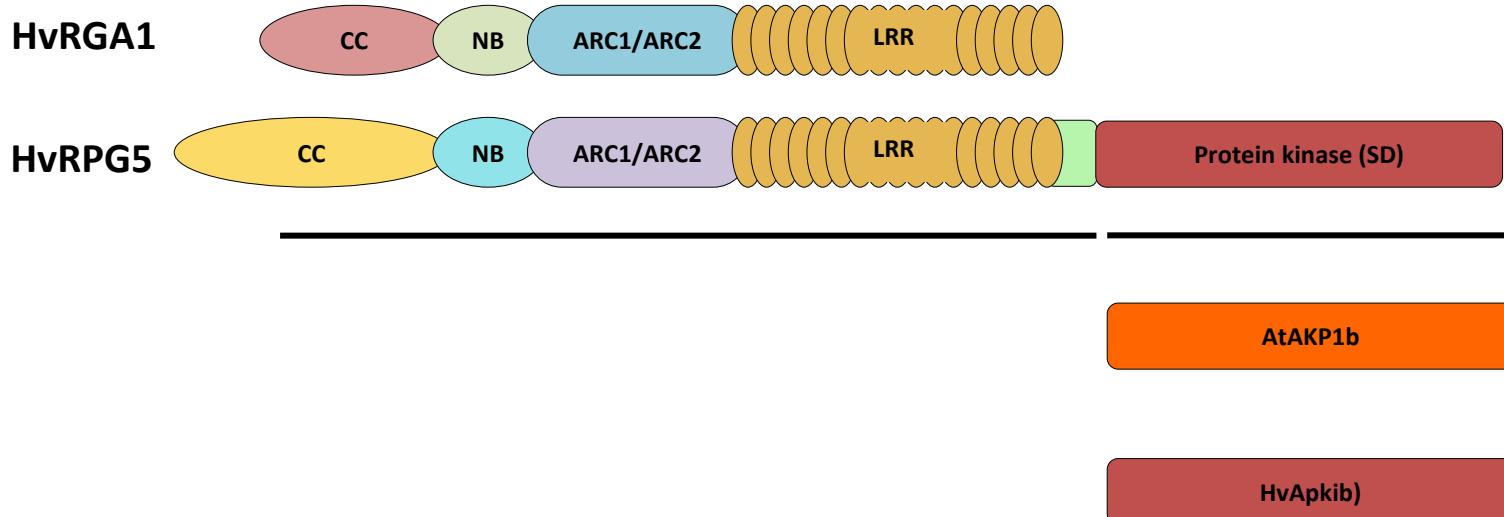


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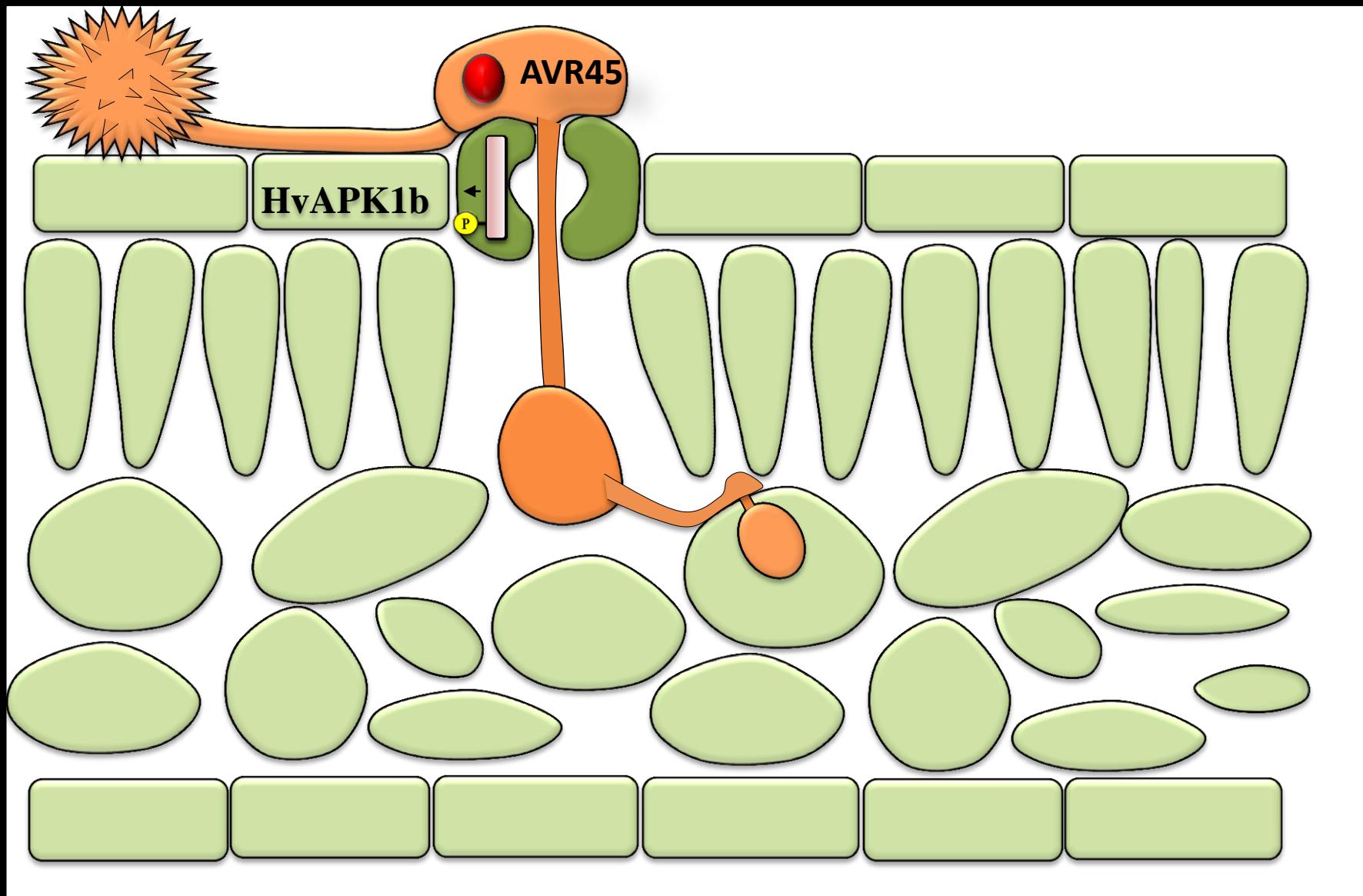
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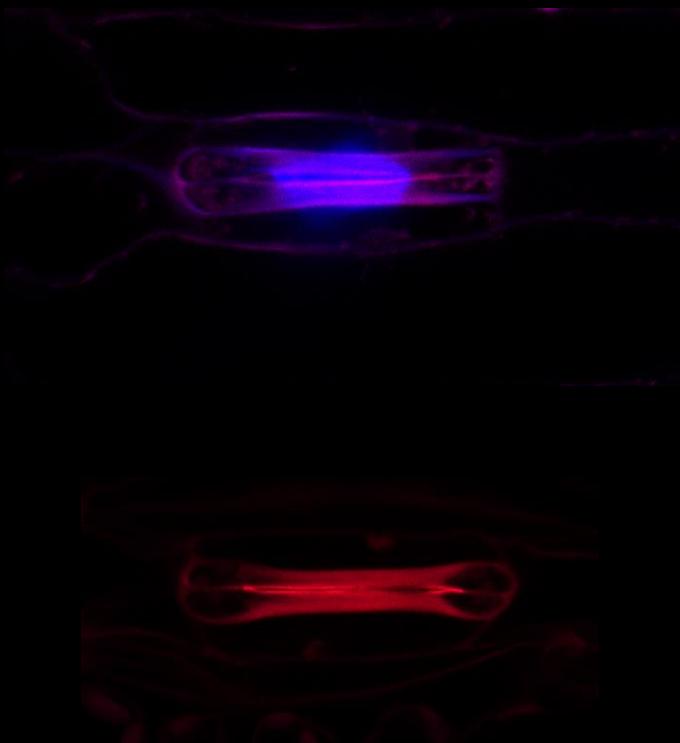
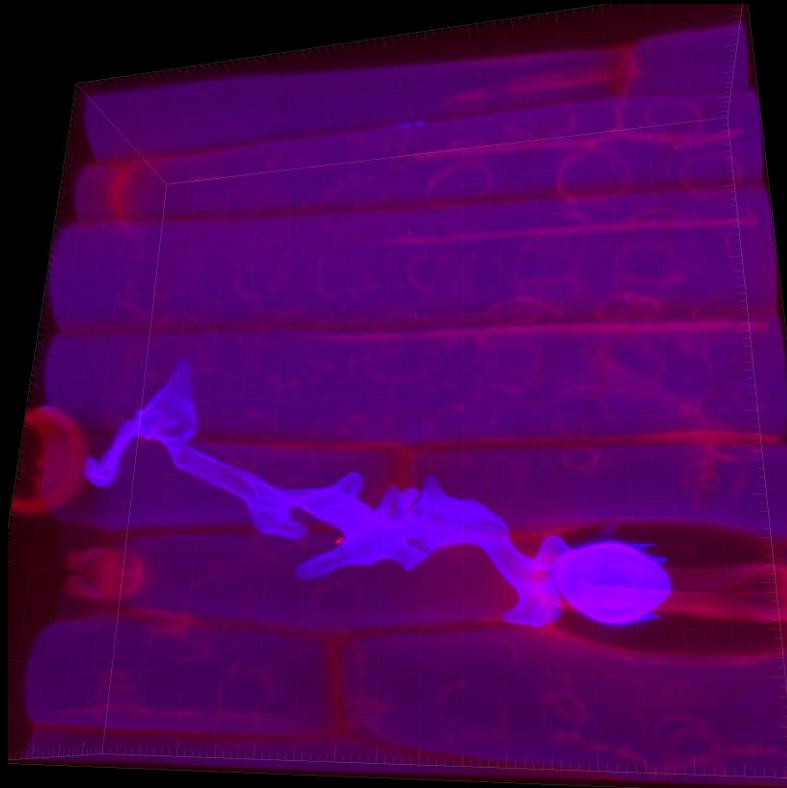
Cesari et al., 2014, Frontiers in Plant Science



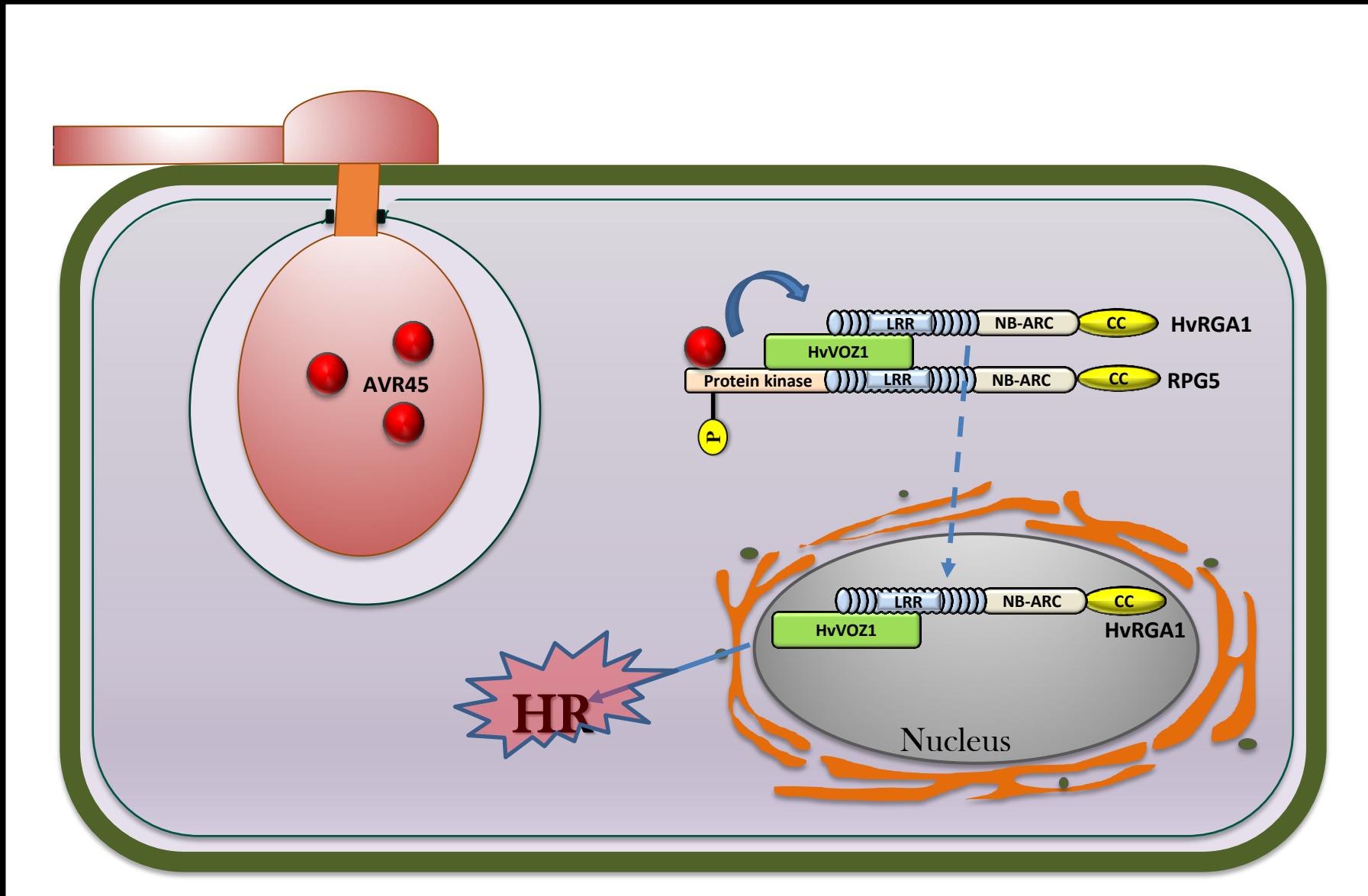
# Stomata Opening Model



# Histology



# Rpg5/HvRgal protein complex model



## *Avr-r4/5* identification

- Barley differentials; Q21861 (*rpg4/Rpg5+*, *Rpg1+*), HQ1 (*Rpg5+*, *rpg1-*), Chevron & Morex (*Rpg4/rpg5-/Rpg1+*) and Harrington (*Rpg4/rpg5-,Rpg1-*) were used as barley differentials.
- Phenotyping data were collected by inoculating these barley differentials with 37 diverse *Pgt* isolates, collected in ND since 1970.
- Genotyping data for these 37 isolates were generated using a RAD-GBS protocol designed for Ion Torrent PGM™ platform.

# RAD-GBS identified 4919 SNPs

## Sample Preparation

DNA isolation from 37 isolates



Restriction digest with ApeKI and HhaI



Ligate Adaptors



Pool samples and 4 size selections using Pippin Prep



- 200bp
- 240bp
- 275bp
- 330bp

PCR amplification of each size selected library (14 cycles)

## Sequencing and SNP's Calling

Sequencing in Ion Torrent PGM™



Sequence alignment and Variant calling

Burrows-Wheeler Aligner-Mem and GATK Pipelines  
SNP

Isolate 1: AGTACCATCATGACAAGTGC  
Isolate 2: AGTACCAAGCATGACAAGTGC  
Isolate 3: AGTACCATCATGACAAGTGC

## Candidate Gene Identification

Association Mapping

11,367 SNPs + Q Model in JMP® Genomics



HQ1 Manhattan Plot



# RNAseq Analysis

# RNAseq

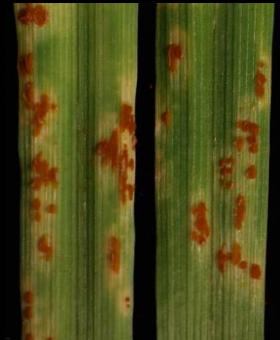
Isolate 81AC-28



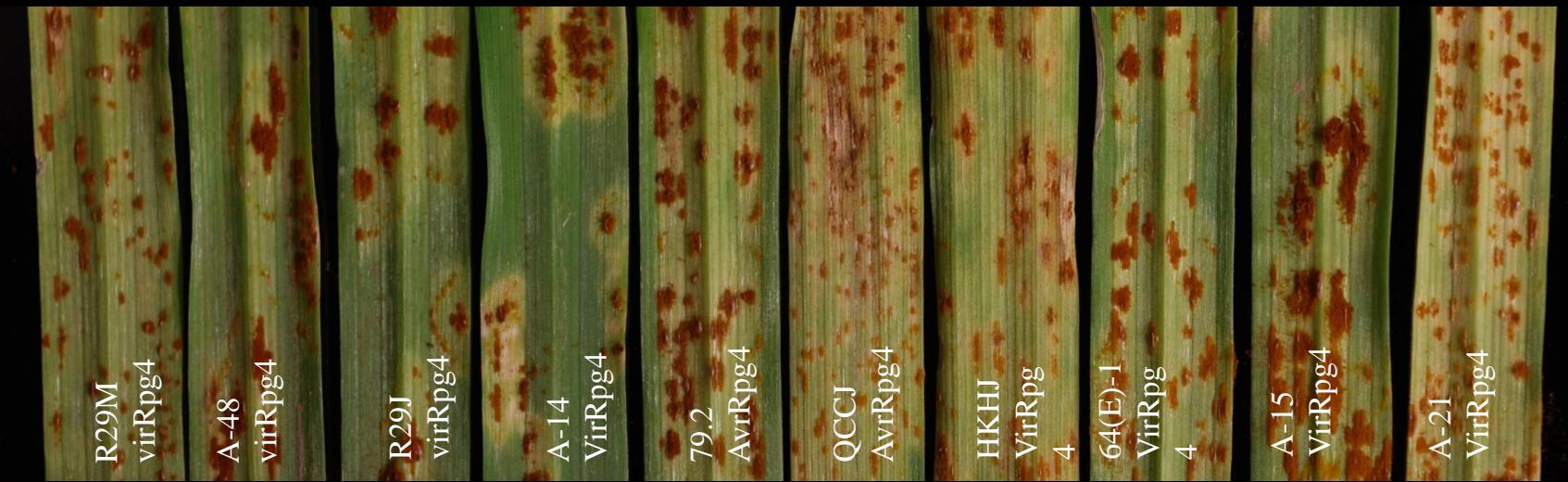
*Avr-r4/5*



Isolate 72-41 (*Avr-r4/5*)

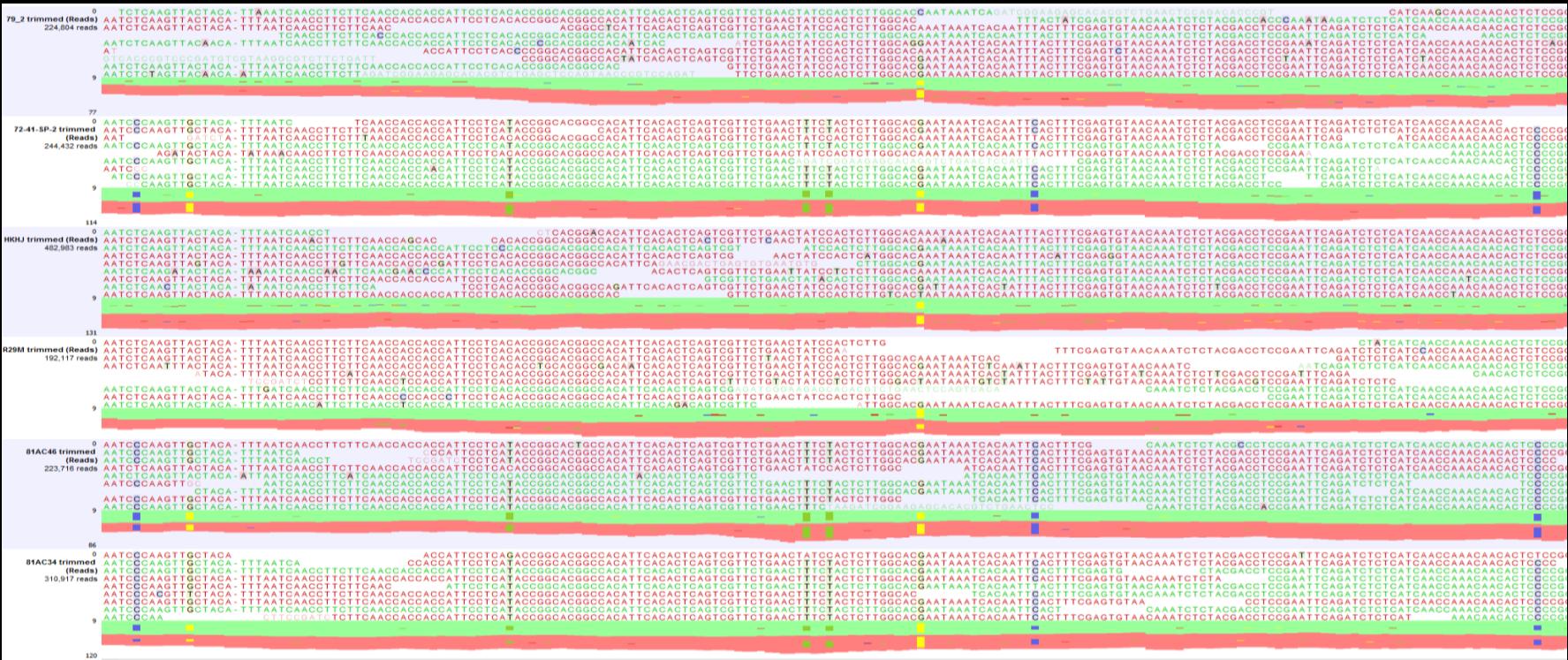


Isolate A-21 (*avr-r4/5*+



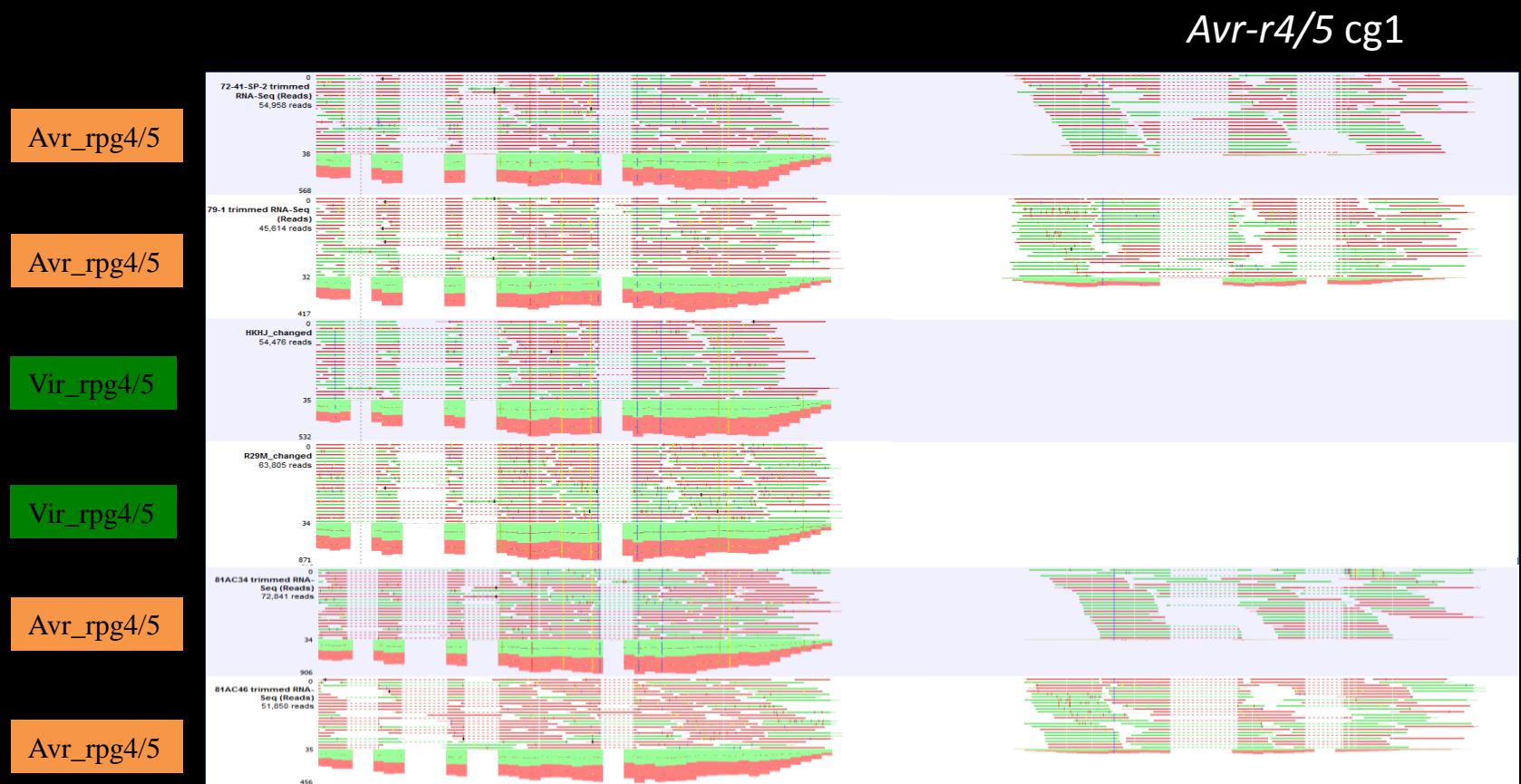
14DPI of Harrington leaf inoculated with PGT isolates. Samples for RNAseq were collected 5DPI

# SNP identification



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# *Puccinia graminis* gene expression patterns



# Candidate Avr-r4/5 genes

		cg1	cg2	cg3	cg4	cg5	cg6	cg7
A-48	Vir_rpg4	1	0	1	59	5	121	3
R29J	Vir_rpg4	0	0	0	29	0	10	0
370C	Vir_rpg4	1	0	0	36	8	78	1
A-14	Vir_rpg4	0	0	1	57	1	41	1
R29M	Vir_rpg4	0	0	4	33	5	33	0
64E(1)-1	Vir_rpg4	1	2	4	28	3	16	0
HKHJ	Vir_rpg4	4	0	0	16	16	12	0
P84-16	Avr_rpg4	2451	895	394	5287	572	2734	1828
79-1	Avr_rpg4	990	364	139	3207	303	479	1596
72-41-SP-2	Avr_rpg4	768	147	55	2872	317	1234	1327
79.2	Avr_rpg4	768	178	153	2837	351	2228	1261
81AC28	Avr_rpg4	1476	763	281	6412	1021	1315	2555
A-12	Avr_rpg4	285	15	141	295	6	16	7
AC-12	Avr_rpg4	540	29	209	1353	147	96	0
81AC34	Avr_rpg4	284	98	236	216	347	2921	163
81AC46	Avr_rpg4	879	249	233	4216	845	5	1032

# Concluding remarks

- Plant genomes can rearrange to attach virulence targets to immune receptors as “bait” to trap pathogens
- Understanding the mechanisms underlying integrated decoy mechanisms may present opportunities to engineer novel resistance mechanisms

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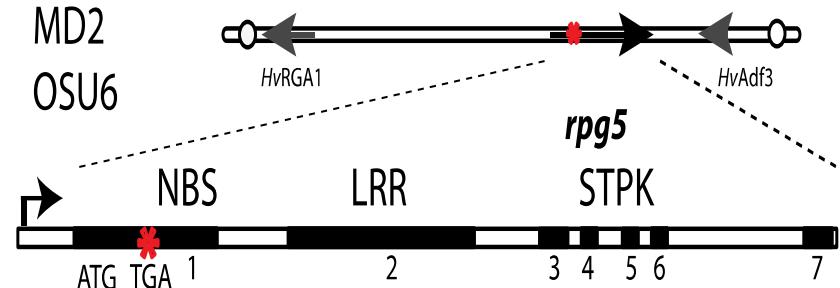
# Allele analysis revealed clue to recessive resistance

## Group 1 susceptible lines

Golden P.

MD2

OSU6



Genes expressed from *rpg4/Rpg5* locus

functional HvADF3 protein

ADF

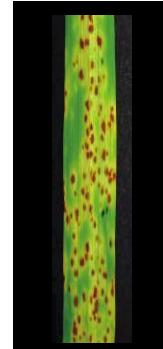
functional HvRGA1 protein

NBS LRR

truncated nonfunctional RPG5

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Phenotype



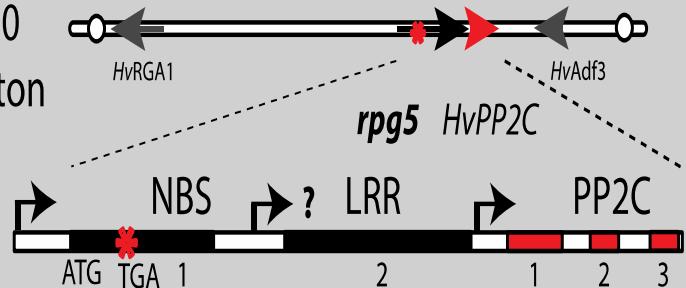
Susceptible

## Group 2 susceptible lines

Steptoe

SM89010

Harrington



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functional HvADF3 protein

ADF

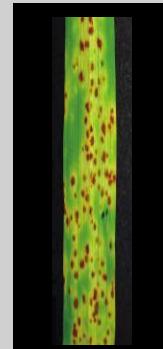
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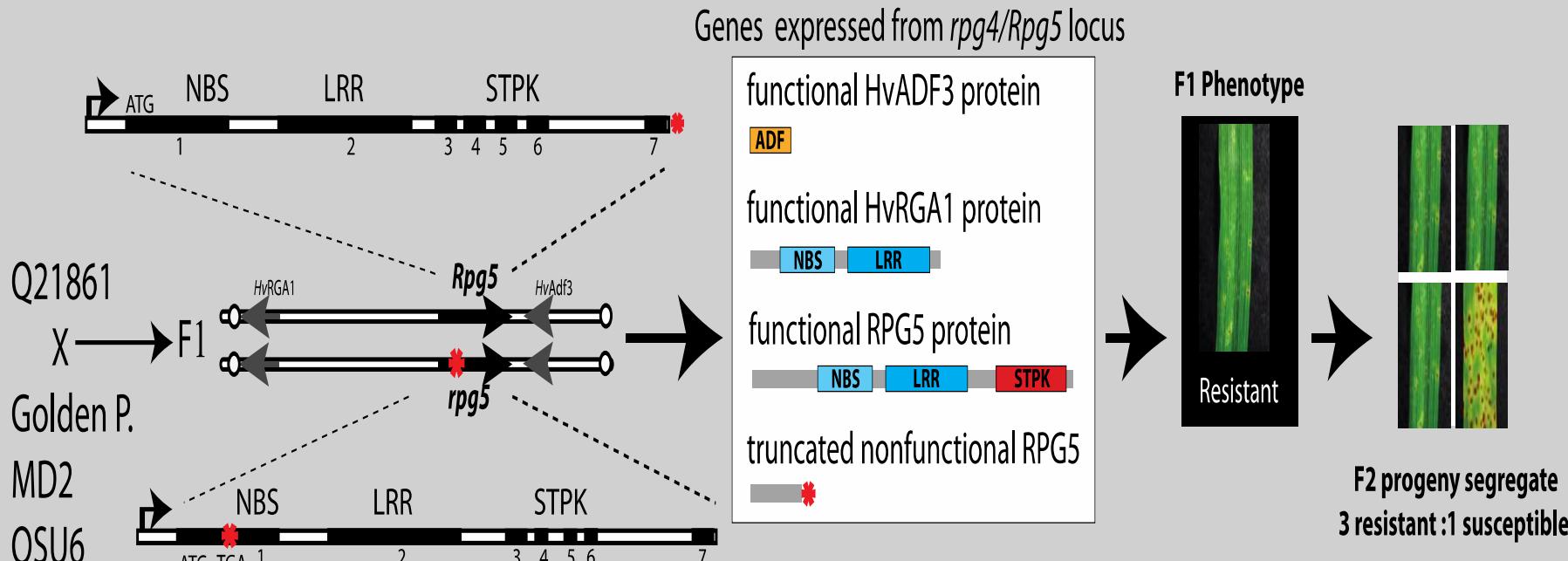
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Susceptible

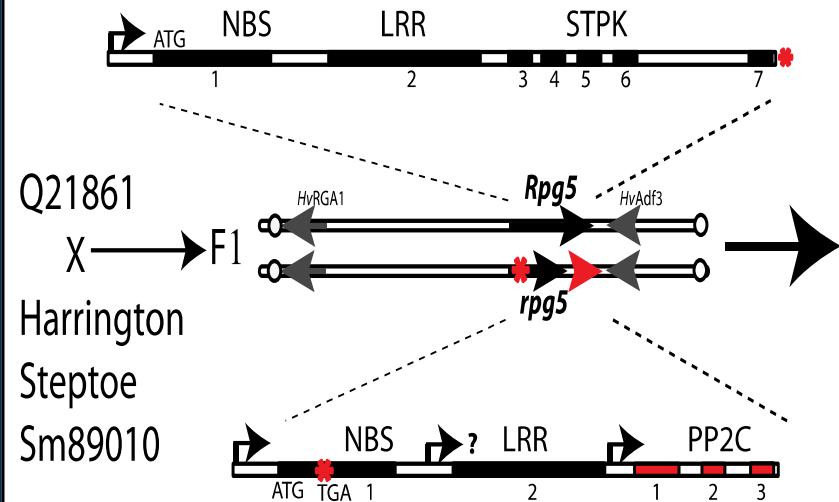
Genetics suggest that *rpg5* alleles that do not contain the *PP2C* domain result in heterozygous resistant individuals (dominant resistance)

Q21861 x Group 1 (F1 and F2 progeny)



# Genetics suggest that *rpg5* alleles containing *PP2C* suppress resistance (recessive resistance)

Q21861 x Group 2 (F1 and F2 progeny)



Genes expressed from *rpg4/Rpg5* locus

functional HvADF3 protein

ADF

functional HvRGA1 protein

NBS LRR

functional RPG5 protein

NBS LRR STPK

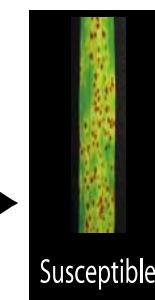
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functional HvPP2C.1 protein

PP2C

F1 Phenotype



F2 progeny segregate  
3 susceptible : 1 resistant