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ADDENDUM

**DEVELOPMENT OF FUNCTIONAL MARKERS ASSOCIATED WITH PHENOTYPIC
TRAITS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF RICE VARIETIES**

Document prepared by experts from Uruguay

Development of functional markers associated with phenotypic traits for varietal identification in soybean and rice

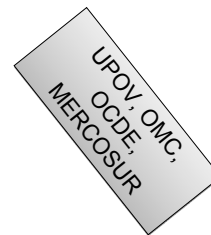
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Varieties and seeds – genetic quality

Research and development



Rules and
regulations



Production

Characterization and discrimination of varieties

Description of varieties

DUS Test (UPOV-INASE guidelines)

Phenologics characteristics (height, flowering time, flower color, etc.)

Field trials and greenhouse

Laboratory



Morphological markers

Relatively easy to assess
They can be affected by the environment
Two or three growth cycles (time)
Use more stable characters (number limited)
Late manifestation of some characters
Infrastructure
Qualified human resources

Molecular markers – DNA profiles

(fingerprinting)

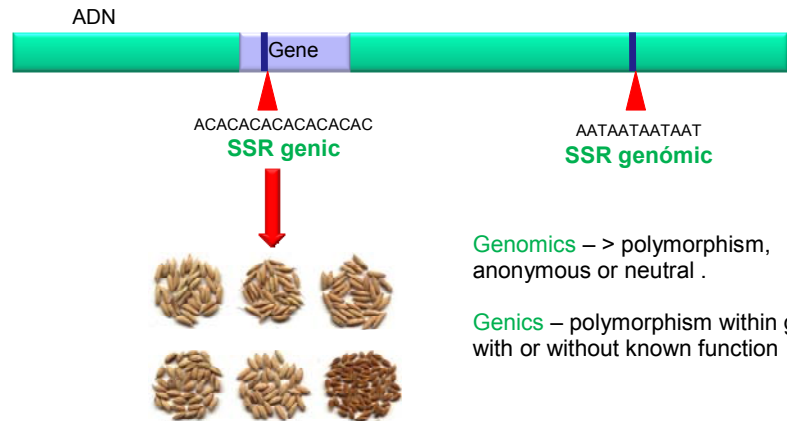
Advantages

Almost unlimited number
Low environment effect
Highly polymorphic
Speed
Different matrix (seeds, seedlings)
Robust and reproducible
Cost and accessible technology

SSRs, SNPs, RAPDs, AFLPs

- Lack of information on phenotypic expression of markers "anonymous"
- Difficult to use as a molecular descriptor for registration purposes for a new variety,
- The new variety have to be different from the others in at least one phenotypic characteristic.

Molecular markers (SSR)



Functional markers

Allelic variants affect the function of the gene in which they reside

Anderson, J.R. and Lubberstedt, T. (2003)

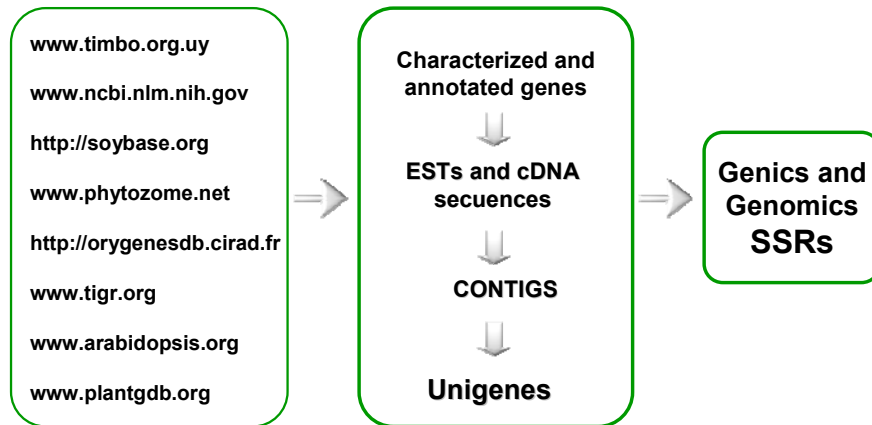
Functional Markers (FM)

Development – FM

- Identification of characterized genes.
- Having allelic sequences.
- Identified polymorphic motifs affecting plant phenotype.

Andersen and Lubberstedt, 2003

Resources of sequences (bioinformatics tools)



Bioinformatic tools - Ontology



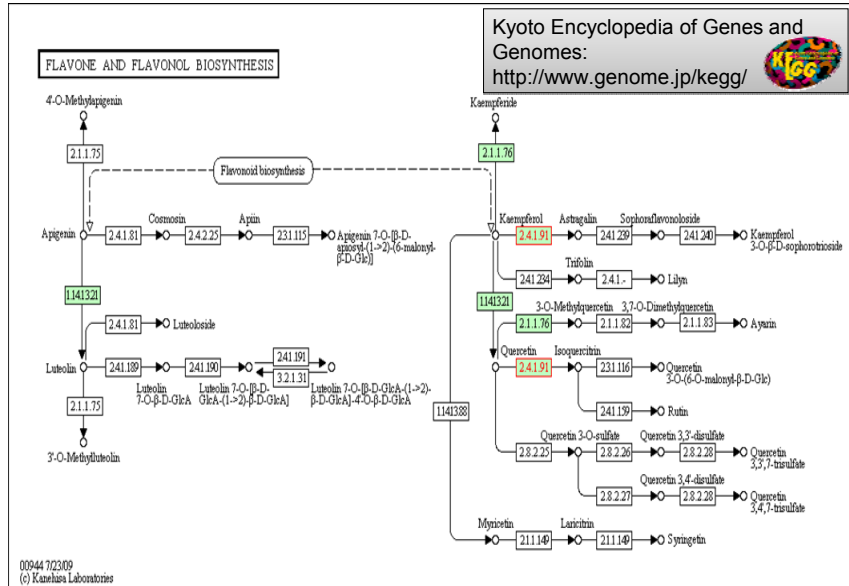
AmiGO

Classification of conceptual categories of gene (annotation terms of gene products)

<http://www.geneontology.org>

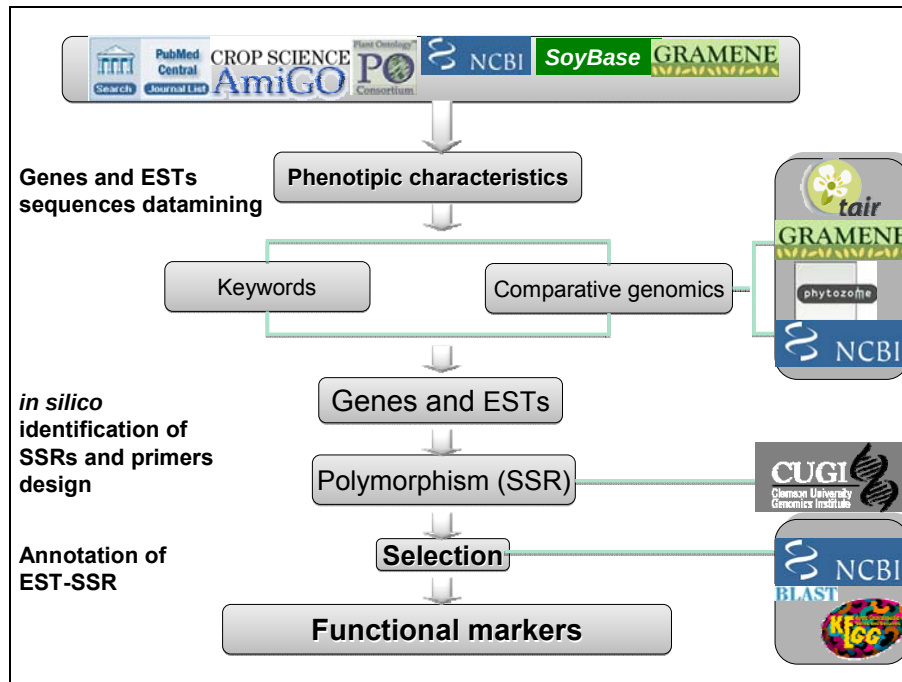
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Bioinformatic tools, metabolic pathways



Searching for markers in QTLs

- Complex traits – additive effect of genes
- Quantitative traits locus (QTL)
 - Location of gene sequences
 - Potential candidate genes
 - Development of functional markers
- Limits of the QTL interval
 - High degree of resolution, 1 to 2 cM
 - > A 40% change in character



Application of **FM**

- Compare different varieties of a crop using a set of markers linked to a particular characteristic (color, shape, grain quality, etc.).
- Incorporation of (FM) as additional descriptors to the description and registration of new cultivars within the guidelines established at the international level
- As a criterion of identification in the absence of phenotypic information obtained directly (eg. in seed samples in the process of harvesting, storage and marketing).

Objective

Evaluate the potential of molecular markers as a complementary tool for varietal identification based on morphological characters. Identifying associations between a set of molecular markers (genic and genomic) and phenotypic characteristics and the analysis of their ability to discriminate 22 varieties of rice and 35 of soybean used in Uruguay.

Materiales y métodos

Characteristics – INASE-UPOV guidelines

Rice:

- Subspecies (indica, japónica)
- Fragrance (present, absent)
- Amylose content (low (< 21%), medium (21–26%), high (> 26 %)
- Grain size (short, medium, long)
- Plant color (colorless, purple)
- Pubescence (glabrous, hairy)
- Flowering cycle (short (<= 90 days), medium (90 - 95 days) Long (> = 95 days)

22 cultivars (20 varieties, 2 hybrids)
INASE reference collection

Materiales y métodos

Characteristics – INASE-UPOV guidelines

Soybean:

- Flower color (white, purple)
- Pubescence color (gray, tan)
- Leaflets form (lanceolate, oval, triangular)
- Growth habit (determined, indeterminate)
- Flowering and maturity cycle (early, middle, late, very late)
- Pod color (light brown, medium, dark brown)
- Hilum color (yellow, brown, dark brown, gray, black, black imperfect)
- Peroxidase (positive, negative)

35 cultivars – INASE reference collection

Materials and methods

Methodology : *in silico*

Different methodological approaches to the selection of candidate functional markers.

Case by case: information available.

Strategy 1 $\Rightarrow$ Strategy 2 $\Rightarrow$ Strategy 3

Example - Strategy 1

Soybean: Flower color

W1/w1:gmF3'5'H
(flavonoid 3'5'hydroxylase)

Gene specific marker.

Primers:

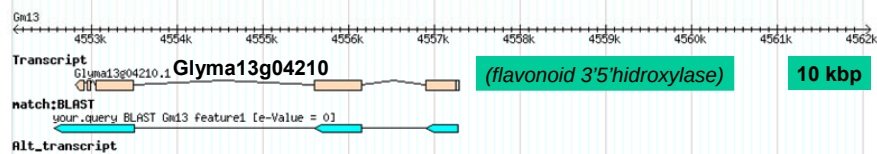
F-TAG AAA GCA CCC TTC AAC AC-

R-TTT ATG TAG CCA CAG CCA CA-

Expected products:

W1 (526-bp) / w1 (579-bp)

Zabala and Vodkin, 2007 "The mutation is a small (65 bp) insertion of tandem repeats in exon 3 that truncates the translation product prematurely. The presence of this insertion in all-white flower soybean linesevidence that the *F3'5'H* gene isolated is likely encoded by the *W1* locus of *Glycine max*."



Example - Strategy 1

Rice: Amylose content

Phenotypic lass:

Low: < 21%

Medium: 21-26 %

High: > 26%

Gen: Waxy (Wx1)

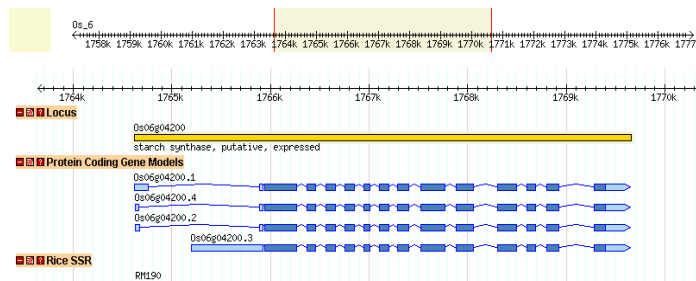
(LOC_Os06g04200)

granule-bound starch synthase

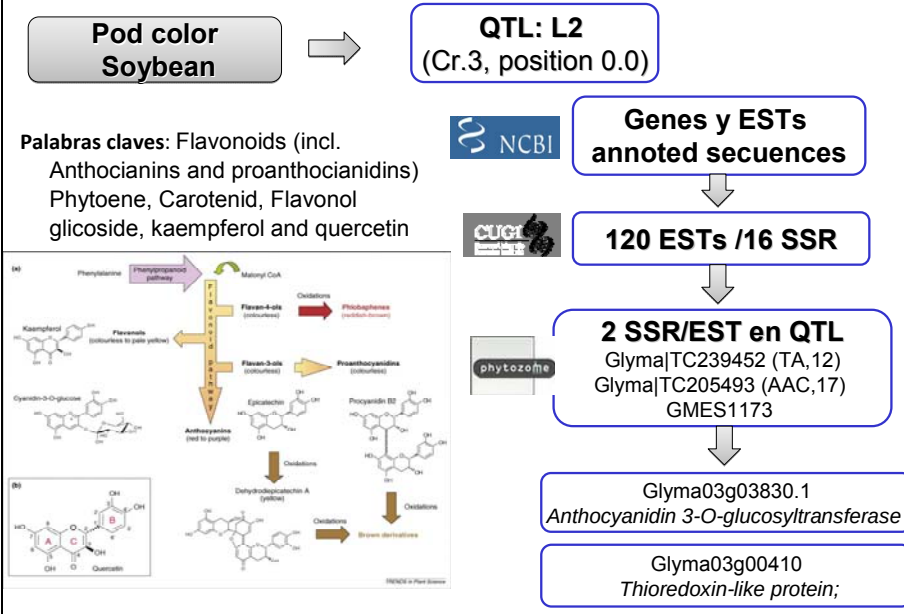
SSR:RM190 (CTn)

(to 55bp of the end 5' of the intrón splice site)

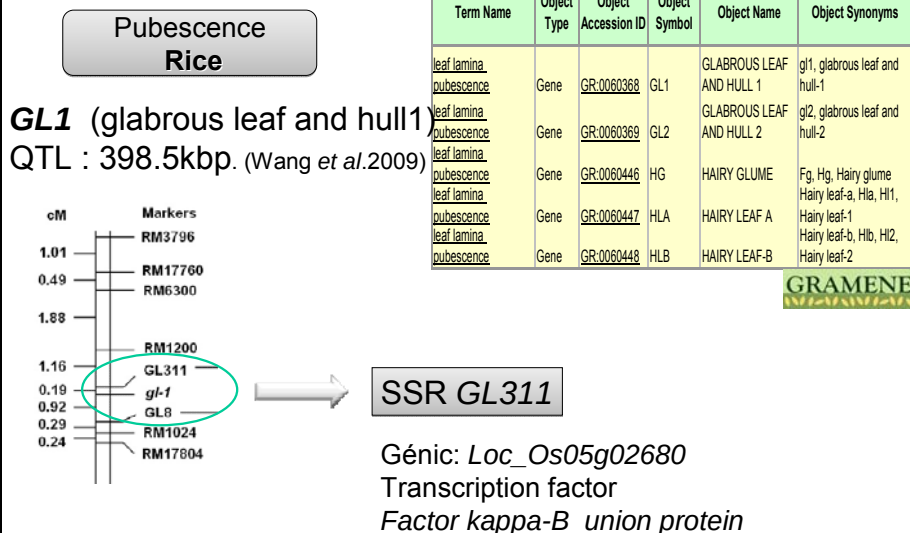
Bligh *et al.* 1995

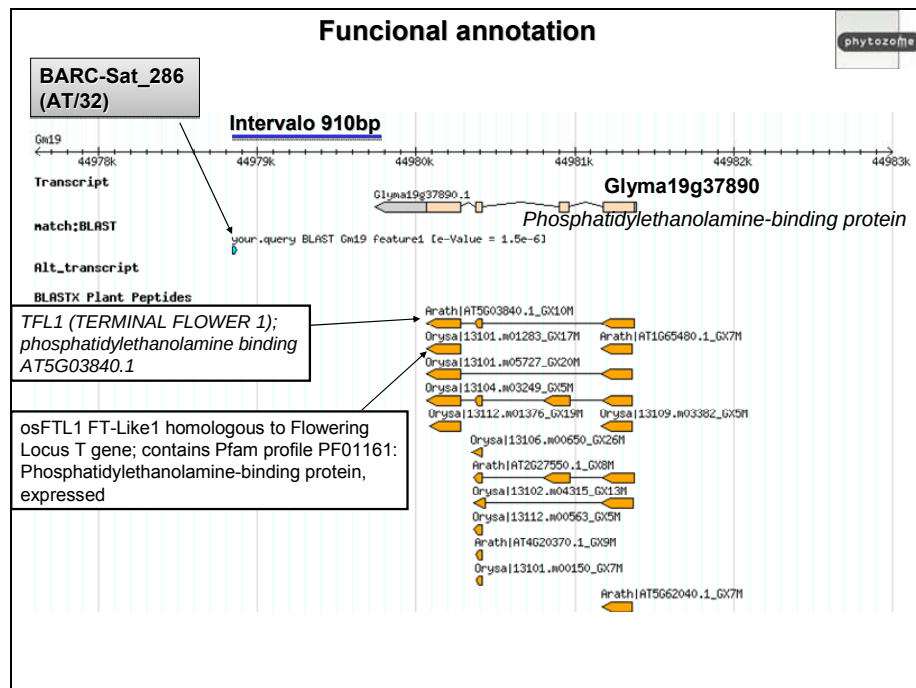
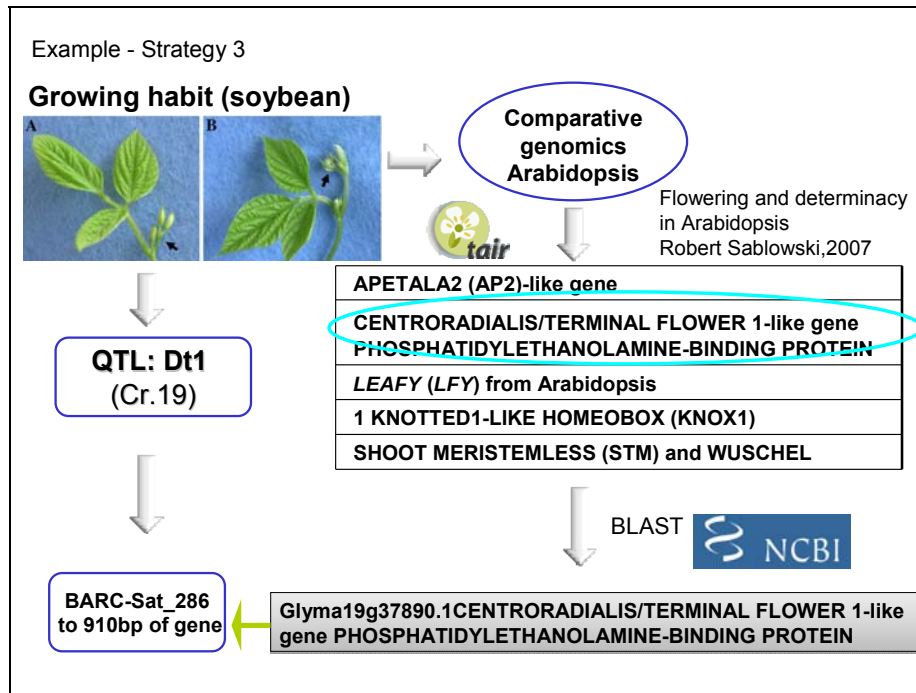


Example - Strategy 2



Example – Strategy 2





Rice - sequences and candidate markers					
Carácter	Marcador	Tipo	QTL/Gen	Gen asociado	Producto asociado
Aroma	BADEX7-5*	Alelo específico	<i>fgr</i>	LOC_Os08g32870	<i>BADH2</i> , betaína aldehído deshidrogenasa ⁽¹⁾
Cont. amilosa	RM190*	SSR génico	<i>Waxy (Wx)</i>	LOC_Os06g04200	<i>Enzima almidón sintasa unida a gránulo</i> ⁽²⁾
Forma grano	GEMGS3-1	SSR genómico	<i>gw3.1</i>	LOC_Os03g29380	<i>Proteína trans-membrana, hipotética</i>
Forma grano	GEMGS3-2	SSR genómico	<i>gw3.1</i>	LOC_Os03g29380	<i>Proteína trans-membrana, hipotética</i>
Coloración planta	GEMPL-1	SSR genómico	<i>PI</i> (Purple leaf)	LOC_Os04g47040	<i>Proteína tipo hélice-bucle-hélice básica</i>
Coloración planta	MRG4709	SSR génico	<i>PI</i> (Purple leaf)	LOC_Os04g53800	<i>Leucoantocianidin reductasa</i>

Rice - sequences and candidate markers					
Carácter	Marcador	Tipo	QTL/Gen	Gen asociado	Producto asociado
Pilosidad	GL311	SSR génico	<i>GL1</i> (Glabrous leaf 1)	LOC_Os05g02680	<i>Factor de transcripción, proteína de unión kappa-B</i>
Especie	RM215	SSR génico		LOC_Os09g36730	<i>Factor de transcripción, familia MYB, hipotética.</i>
Floración y maduración	RM10252	SSR génico	<i>GI</i> (Gigantea)	LOC_Os01g08700	<i>Gigantea, hipotética</i>
Floración y maduración	GENHd1	SSR génico	<i>Hd1</i> (Heading date 1)	LOC_Os06g16370	<i>Factor de transcripción tipo zinc finger, hipotético.</i>
Floración y maduración	RM19414	SSR génico	<i>Hd3a</i> (Heading date 3a)	LOC_Os06g06320	<i>Regulador de respuesta tipo B (Florigen)</i>
Floración y maduración	RM25532	SSR genómico	<i>Ehd1</i> (Early head date 1)	LOC_Os10g32600	<i>Factor de transcripción, familia MYB, hipotética.</i>

Rice - markers selected for experimental evaluation

Nombre marcador	Tipo	Cebadores (forward)	Cebadores (reverse)
BADEX7-5*	Alelo esp.	F-TGTTTCTGTTAGGTTGCATT	R-ATCCACAGAAATTTGGAAC
RM190*	CT ⁽¹¹⁾	F-CTTTGTCTATCTCAAGACAC	R-TTGACAGATGTTCTTCCTGATG
GEMGS3-1	CT ⁽¹⁶⁾	F-ATTCCGTCAATCCATCTTGC	R-GTTGCACTCTCAACCGTCCT
GEMGS3-2	TAT ⁽¹⁷⁾	F-CCGAAGATCAGCCTCCTAGA	R-GCAACCAAGTCCACGCTAAT
GEMPL-1	TAA ⁽²⁰⁾	F-TAGCAATGATGCCATGCGT	R-TTGACCAAAGGTCACGTCAA
MRG4709	AAT ⁽²⁴⁾	F-GGGATAAATGGGAGAGGCTT	R-TCCCGTTTCAAATAAAACAA
GL311	TGC ⁽⁹⁾	F-CAGCCGCATCAAGGAT	R-AGGACTGTTGGAAGGGTT
RM10252	ACAT ⁽⁵⁾	F-GGTGAGATACTTATTCGTGAGTGC	R-AACCGCTTACCATGATAGTACC
GENHd1	AGC ⁽⁶⁾	F-AACCAAGATCGGCAGTATGG	R-AACTCACGCTGTTGCTGATG
RM215	CT ⁽¹⁶⁾	F-CAAAATGGAGCAGCAAGAGC	R-TGAGCACCTCCTTCTCTGTAG
RM19414	AT ⁽¹²⁾	F-GTCAGAACTTCAACACCAAGG	R-GCTGTATAGCTTGATCTAGGAGTAGC
RM25532	AT ⁽¹⁹⁾	F-GAAAGGCACAGCTTCTCTGACG	R-ATTCAATGGGCGATCCATACTCC

* Markers previously reported

Soybean - sequences and candidate markers

Carácter	Marcador	Tipo	QTL	Gen asociado	Producto asociado
Color de flor*	<i>GmF35H</i>	Alelo específico	<i>W1</i>	<i>GmF3'5'H</i> Glyma13g04210	Flavonoide 3', 5'- hydroxylasa ⁽¹⁾
Color de pubescencia*	<i>SoyF3H</i>	SSR génico	<i>T</i>	<i>SoyF3'H</i> Glyma06g21920	Flavonoide 3'- hydroxylasa ⁽²⁾
Hábito de crecimiento	<i>Sat286</i>	SSR genómico	<i>Dt1</i>	<i>TFL1</i> Glyma19g37890	Proteína de unión a fosfatidiletanolamina
Floración y maduración	<i>Satt229</i>	SSR génico	<i>E3/FT3</i>	<i>GmPhyA3</i> Glyma19g41210	Histidina quinasa
Peroxidasa en testa	<i>GmPrx1</i>	SSR génico	<i>Ep</i>	Glyma09g02590	Peroxidasa
Color de vaina	<i>GMES1173</i>	SSR génico	<i>L2</i>	Glyma03g00410	Proteína tipo tiorredoxina
Forma de hoja	<i>Satt571</i> (<i>GmPin1</i>)	SSR génico	<i>Ln</i>	Glyma20g01760	<i>PIN1</i> (prot.transporte de membrana)
Color de hilio	<i>GmHi</i>	SSR genómico	<i>I</i>	Glyma08g11530	Chalcona sintasa

Soybean - markers selected for experimental evaluation

Marcador	Tipo	Cebadores
<i>GmF35H*</i>	Alelo esp.	F-TAGAAAGCACCTTCAACAC R-TTTATGTAGCCACAGCCACA
<i>SoyF3H*</i>	TA ₍₃₃₎	F-GTCATAAAATATCATTATTATTATCTATTAA R-CACTCCCAAAGCTTTTAAGTG
<i>Sat286</i>	AT ₍₃₂₎	F-GCGTTGCTTGCTAAGTAGTGTTTTAATCCT R-GCGTCTCCCATCATGCAACTTCAATA
<i>Satt229</i>	AAT ₍₂₂₎	F-TGGCAGCACACCTGCTAAGGGAATAAA R-GCGAGGTGGTCTAAATTATTACCTAT
<i>GmPrx1</i>	TTAA ₍₄₎	F-AAAAAGATGCTTTCAGTTTAGTTTTG R-GCATTACAAGTTTCTGCACCA
<i>GMES1173</i>	AAC ₍₁₇₎	F-TATGGGACATCAAAGCCACA R-CGCACTGCCATATGAAGAGA
<i>GmPin1</i>	ATT ₍₁₄₎	F-TTAGCAATTGGGTAGGGGTG R-CCCTCTTTACGCCAGAAAAA
<i>GmHi</i>	AT ₍₂₆₎	F-CGAATTGGCTGTGTTCTGTG R-GAACCATGTGAGGAAGGCAG

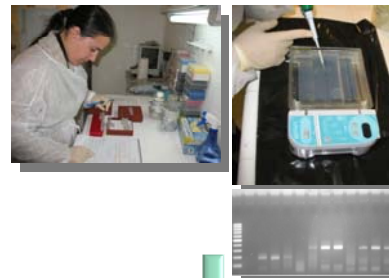
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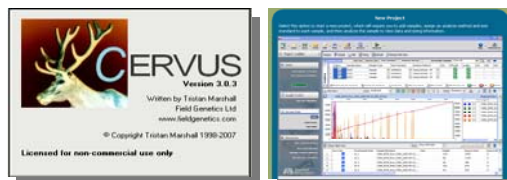
Genomic DNA extraction



Lab. INASE



Data analysis



PCR



Materials and methods

- Classification analysis (phenotypic classes - molecular information)
- Algorithm “nearest neighbor” (IBK)
- % correct classification

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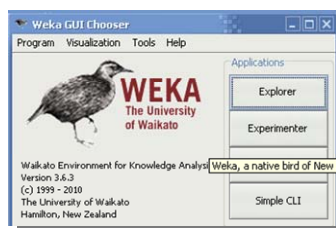
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Kappa Coefficient (Cohen, 1960)
Index of association between values
Phenotypic classes # Molecular data

$$\text{Kappa} = \frac{\text{Pr}(a) - \text{Pr}(e)}{1 - \text{Pr}(e)}$$

Pr(a) = proportion of successes observed
Pr(e) = expected probability of correct answers by chance



(Witten y Frank, 2005).

Rice marker analysis

Nombre marcador	Tipo	Ta.	Nº muestras	Nº alelos	PIC
BADEX7-5	Alelo esp.	43/45	22	2	0.083
RM190	CT (11)	43/45	19	6	0.752
GEMGS3-1	CT (16)	53	20	3	0.368
GEMGS3-2	TAT (17)	53	20	9	0.829
GEMPL-1	TAA (20)	51/53	21	1	0
MRG4709	AAT (24)	45	17	5	0.526
GL311	TGC (9)	53	15	6	0.728
RM10252	ACAT (5)	53	17	2	0.374
GENHd1	AGC (6)	51	22	2	0.152
RM215	CT (16)	55	19	5	0.718
RM19414	AT (12)	**			
RM25532	AT (19)	**			
Total: 41 alleles, average: 4.1alleles/marker, PIC: 0.45					

Soybean marker analysis						
Marcador	Tipo	Ta.	Nº. muestras	Nº. Alelos	T. de alelo (bp.)	PIC
<i>GmF35H</i>	Alelo esp.	55	35	2	579, 526	0.375
<i>SoyF3H</i>	TA 33	54	31	5	192, 194, 202, 204, 211	0.529
<i>Sat286</i>	AT 32	54	24	6	164, 166, 168, 176, 178, 180	0.639
<i>Satt229</i>	AAT 22	54	28	4	223, 242, 245, 248	0.402
<i>GmPrx1</i>	TTAA 4	50	29	1	238	0
<i>GMES1173</i>	AAC 17	50	31	3	220, 230, 243	0.55
<i>GmPin1</i>	ATT 14	54	34	3	238, 275, 302	0.392
<i>GmHi</i>	AT 26	48	27	1	327	0
23 alleles, average 3.13 alleles/marker, PIC: 0.48						

Rice: Pubescence

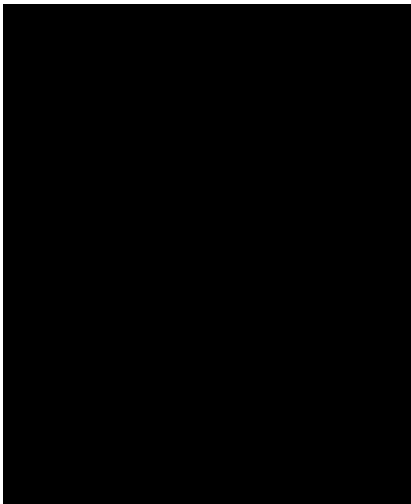
GL1 (GLABROUS LEAF AND HULL 1) WANG D. *et al.* (2009)

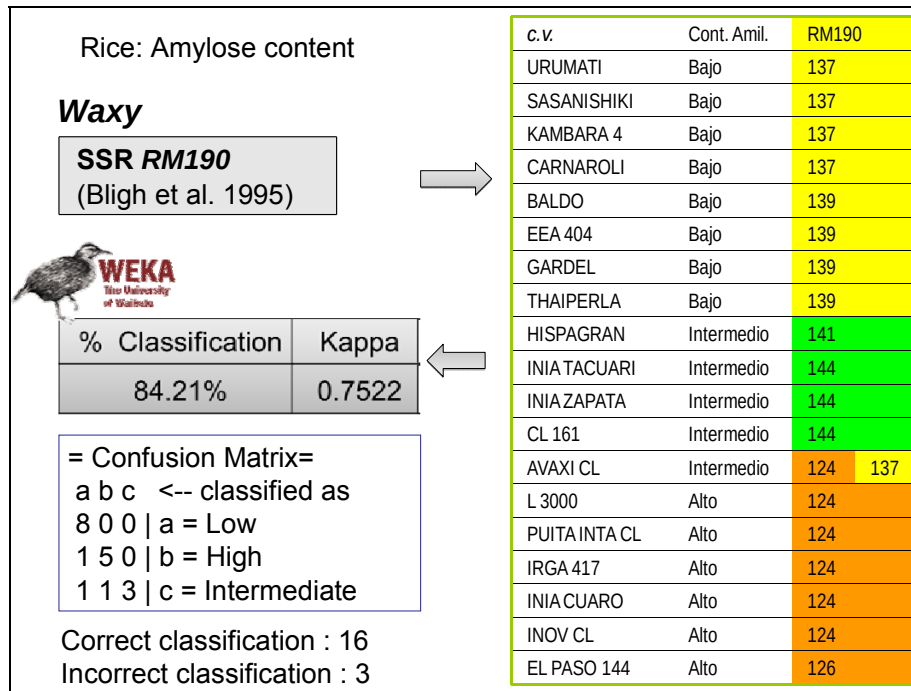
GL311 - SSR/QTL →

Glabrous: Allele 215
Pubescent: Alleles 203, 206, 212, 236



Classification %	Kappa
100%	1

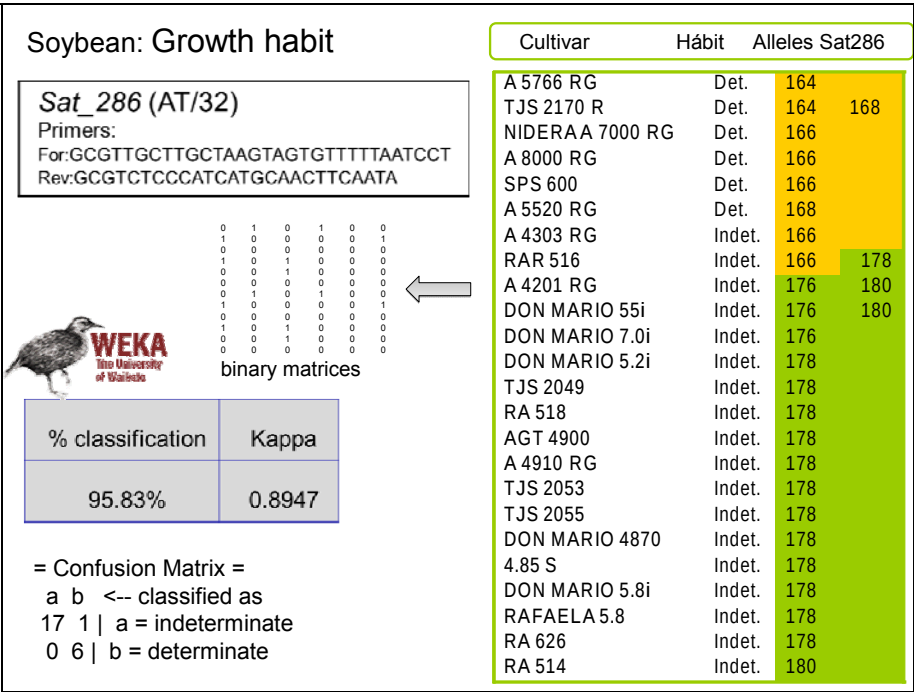
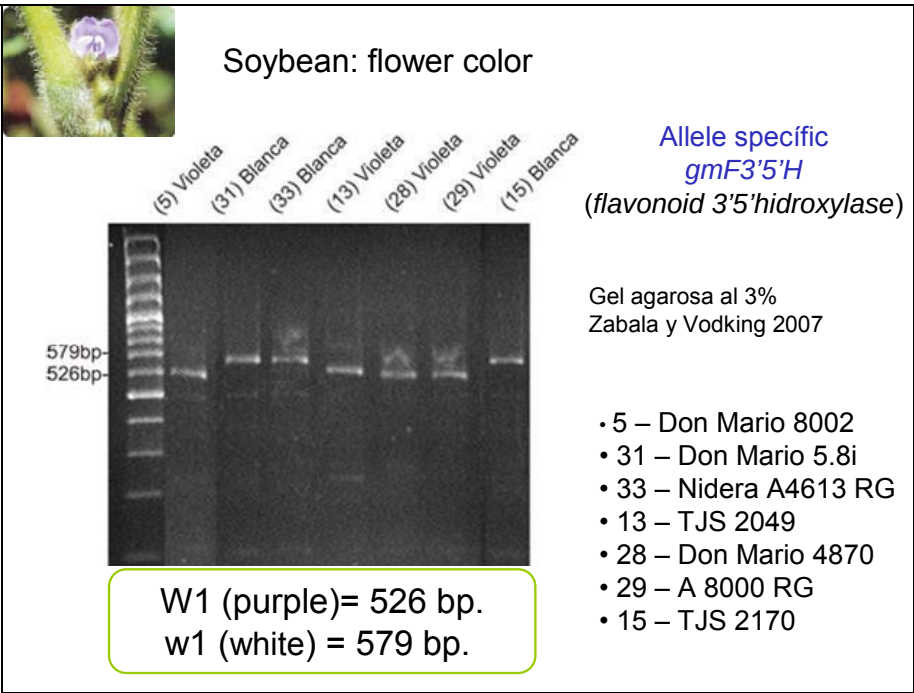




Rice

Se analizaron

- 2 marcadores previamente reportados
- 10 SSR – génicos y genómicos
- Discriminación:
 - Alta: Aroma: *BADEX7-5* (alelo específico) **(100%)** (1 aromático)
 - Alta: Pubescencia: *GL311* **(100%)**
 - Alta: Subespecie: *RM215* **(89.47%)**
 - Alta: Forma de grano: *GEMGS3-1* **(95%)** y *GEMGS3-2* **(80%)**
 - Media: Cont. Amilosa: *RM190* (SSR) **(84.2%)**
 - Baja: Pigmentación en pl.: *MRG4709* **(64.7%)**
 - Baja: Ciclo a flor y mad.: *RM10252* **(~50%)**, *GENHd1* **(~50%)**



Soybean

Were analyzed...

- 2 markers previously reported:
6 SSR (within or near sequences of interest)
- Ability to discriminate phenotypes:
 - High – Flower color: *gmF35H* (gene specific) **(100%)**
 - High - Growth habit: *Sat286* **(95.83%)**
 - Intermediate – Pubescence color: *SoyF3H* **(80,6%)**
 - Intermediate – Pod color: *GMES1173* **(74.19%)**
 - Intermediate – Form of leaflets: *Satt571*(GmPin1) **(73.5%)**
 - Low – Flowering and maturity: *Satt229* **(↓ 50%)**

Discriminatory power of the set of polymorphic markers used for rice and soybeans

	N° polymorphic markers	% discrimination	Kappa	Correctly classified cvs.
Rice	9	90.91%	0.90	18 / 22
Soybean	6	65.70%	0.64	23 / 35

Discusión

- ↓ PIC soybean (0.45) and rice (0.48).
- SSR polymorphism gene <genomic SSR
- ↓ genetic diversity among cvs. used commercial varieties.

Soybeans:

low discriminatory power (65.7%)

↓ number of markers (6 polymorphic)

Narrow genetic base

Rice:

Good discriminatory power (90.9%)

Without discrimination (Puita INTA CL-IRGA 417) and
(L3000 - CH crown)

> Number of markers (9 polymorphic)

Discusión

- **Identified some interest associations in Rice and Soybean**
- **Promising results** (development and evaluation of markers with functional value)
- But
They are **not sufficient** to discriminate all genotypes
The markers do not discriminate 100% of phenotypes

Discusión

To consider:

- Very complex characters (polygenic) (eg. flowering, maturity, form of leaflets, etc.).
- Allelic variations in its class = not fully explain the phenotype, other variations in the gene explain (eg SoyF3H and RM190).
- Indirect searches: less chance of success. Eg. QTLs (≤ 1 to 2 cm)
- Phenotypic data (classes possess variability) to classify complex (eg pigmentation)
- Molecular information must be available

Conclusión

- Molecular markers are no substitute the morphological assessment
- ...but they have advantages and applications
 - Additional registration and controller
 - For the evaluation of complex or expensive phenotypic characteristics (resistance, quality, special growing conditions)
 - For test late cycle expression of characteristics (2 to 3 years)
 - Obtain early data
 - Different matrices (seed, harvesting, storage, etc.).
 - Cost effective
 - Laboratories of small and medium scale

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