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ADDENDUM

DEVELOPMENT OF FUNCTIONAL MARKERS ASSOCIATED WITH PHENOTYPIC
TRAITS FOR IDENTIFICATION IN SOYBEAN

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



Characterization and discrimination of varieties

Description of varieties

DUS Test (UPOV-INASE guidelines)

Phenological 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

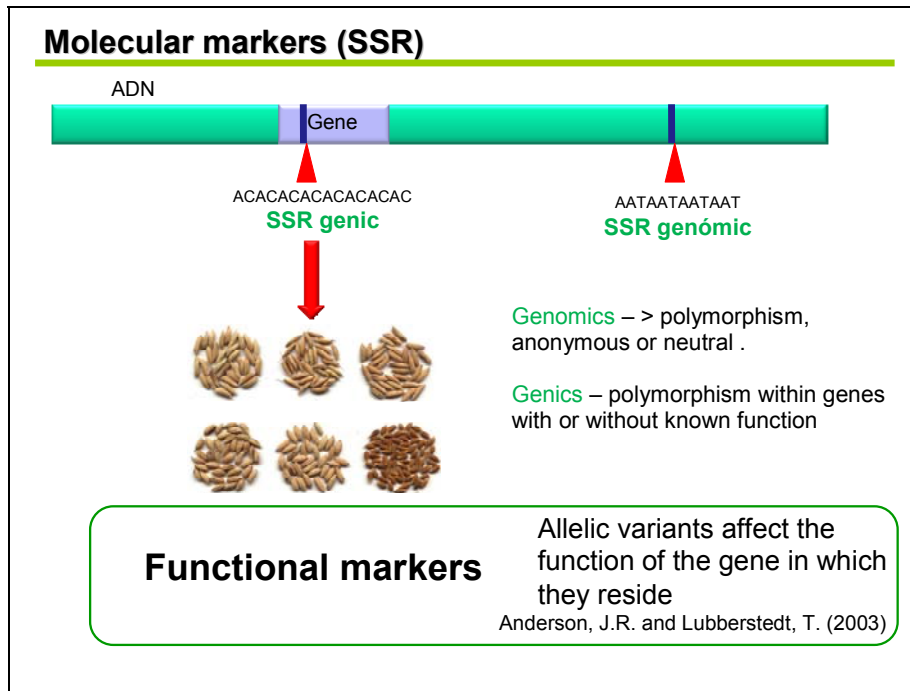
(fingerprinting)

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

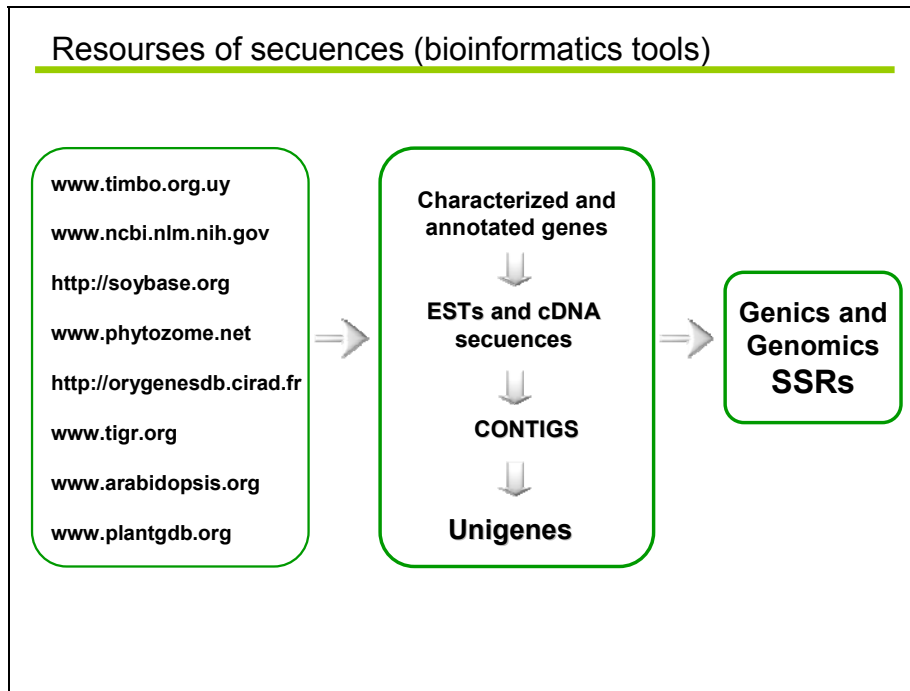
- Lack of information on phenotypic expression of markers "anonymous"
- Difficult to use as a molecular descriptor for registration purposes for a new variety,
- The new variety have to be different from the others in at least one phenotypic characteristic.




Functional Markers (FM)

Development – FM

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



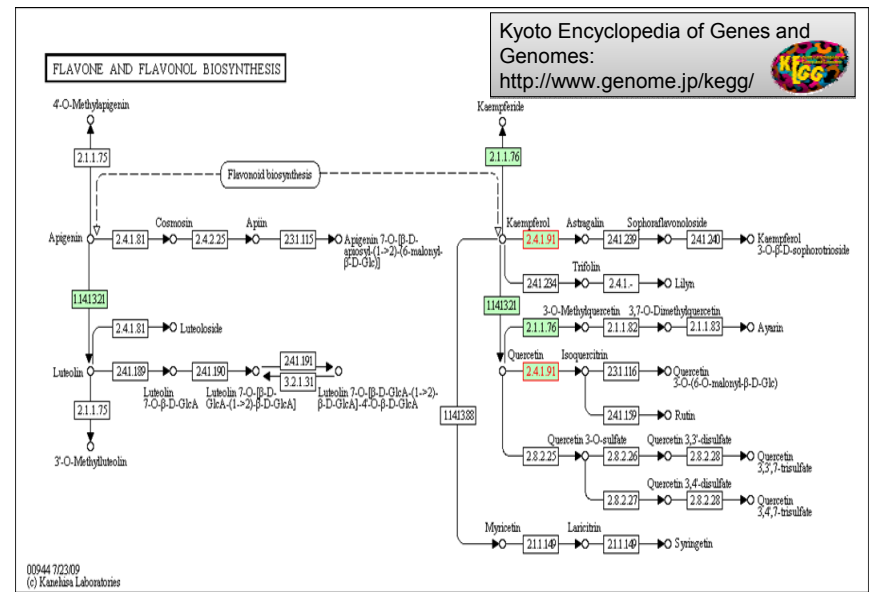
Bioinformatic tools - Ontology 

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

<http://www.geneontology.org>

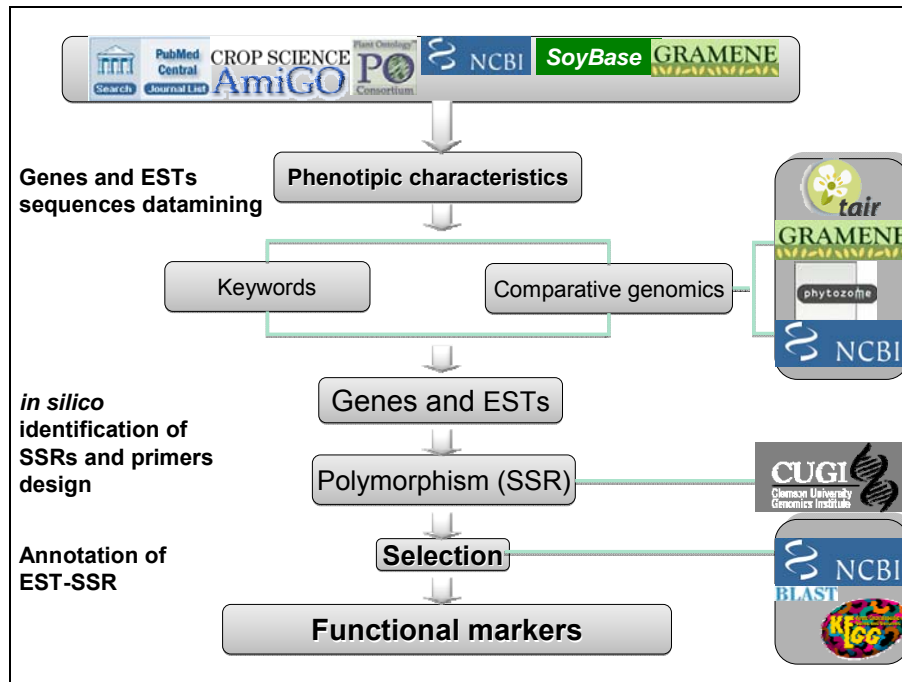
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- ▣ **GO:0010358 : leaf shaping [5 gene products]**
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- ▣ GO:0009887 : organ morphogenesis [3816 gene products]
- ▣ GO:0009965 : leaf morphogenesis [128 gene products]
- ▣ **GO:0010358 : leaf shaping [5 gene products]**

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).

Objetivo

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

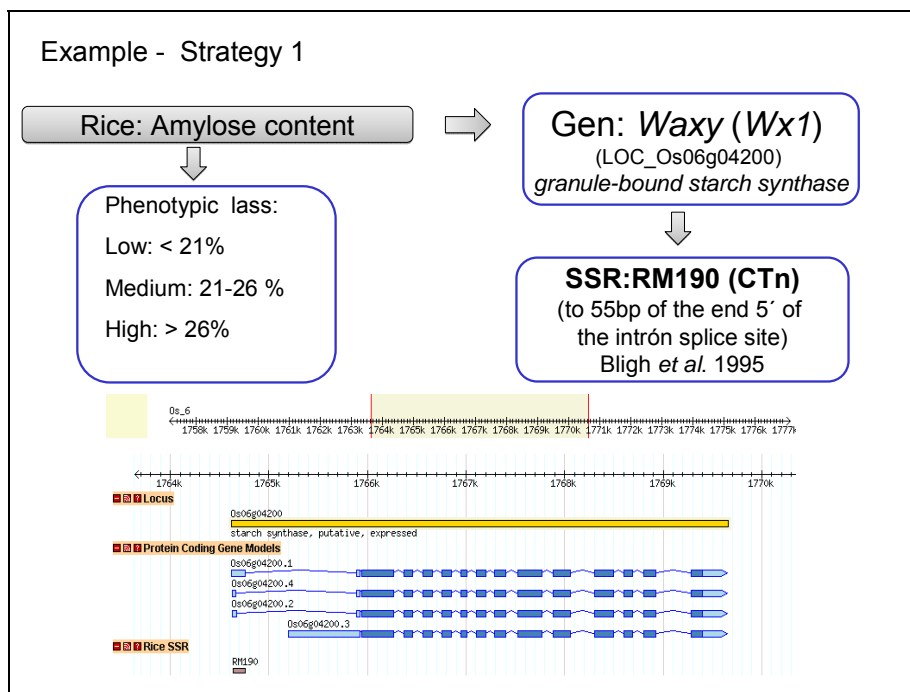
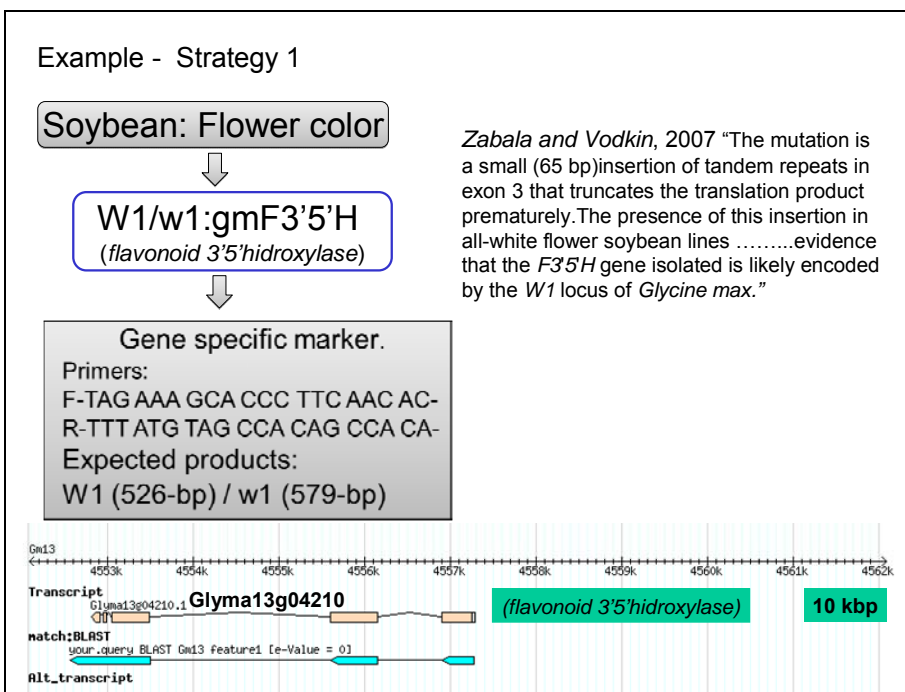
Materials and methods

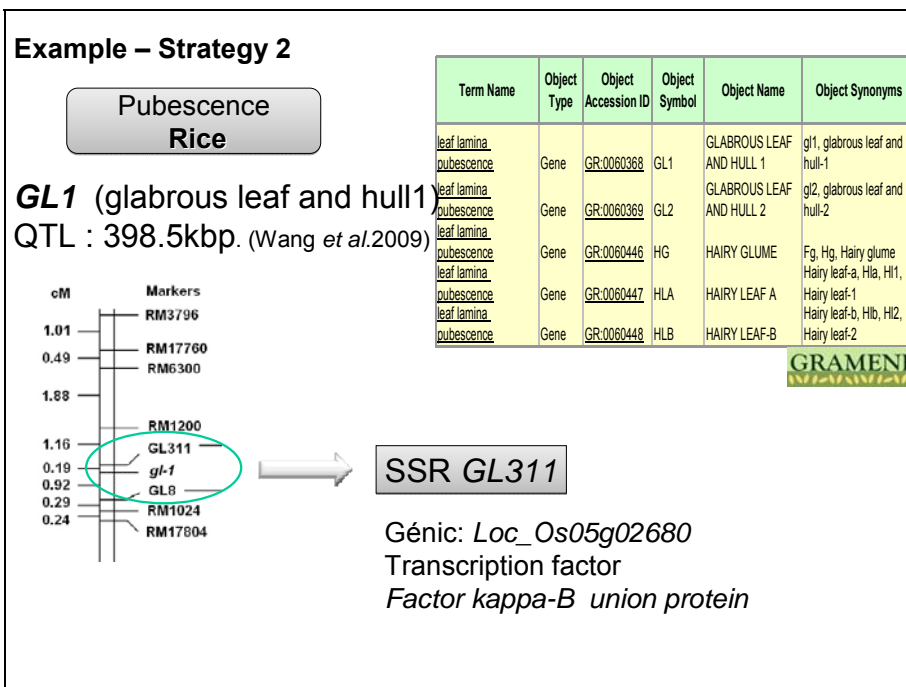
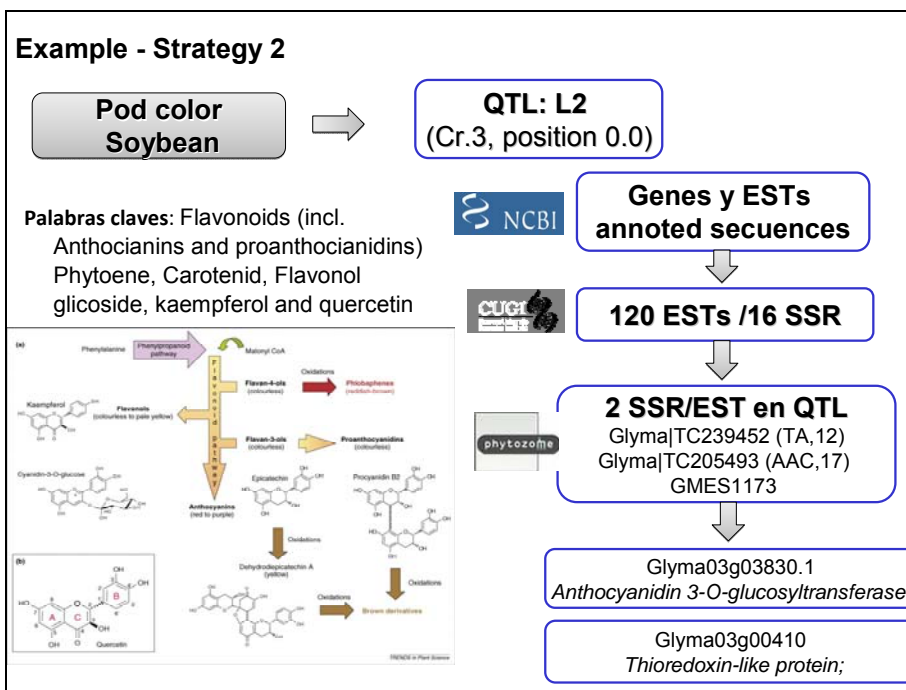
Methodology: *in silico*

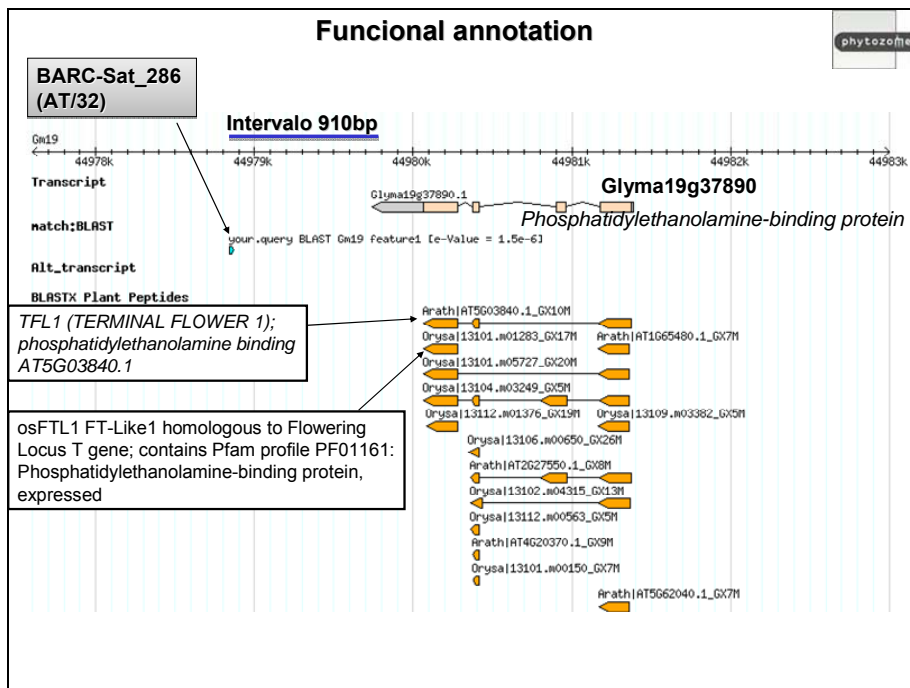
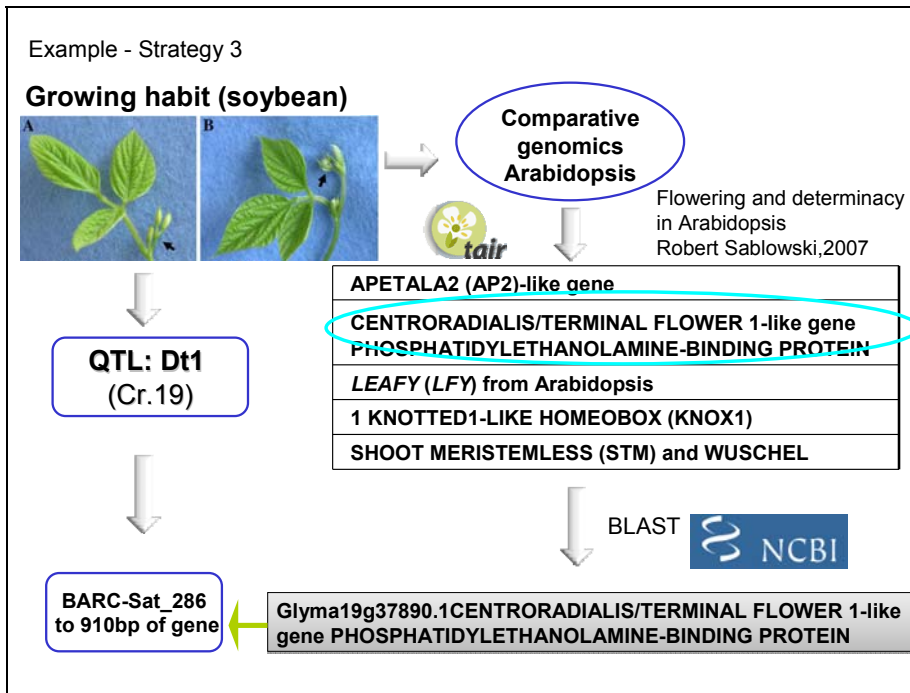
Different methodological approaches to the selection of candidate functional markers.

Case by case: information available.

Strategy 1 \Rightarrow Strategy 2 \Rightarrow Strategy 3







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

Rice - sequences and candidate markers					
Carácter	Marcador	Tipo	QTL/Gen	Gen asociado	Producto asociado
Pilosidad	<i>GL311</i>	SSR génico	<i>GL1</i> (Glabrous leaf 1)	LOC_Os05g02680	<i>Factor de transcripción, proteína de unión kappa-B</i>
Especie	<i>RM215</i>	SSR génico		LOC_Os09g36730	<i>Factor de transcripción, familia MYB, hipotética.</i>
Floración y maduración	<i>RM10252</i>	SSR génico	<i>GI</i> (Gigantea)	LOC_Os01g08700	<i>Gigantea, hipotética</i>
Floración y maduración	<i>GENHd1</i>	SSR génico	<i>Hd1</i> (Heading date 1)	LOC_Os06g16370	<i>Factor de transcripción tipo zinc finger, hipotético.</i>
Floración y maduración	<i>RM19414</i>	SSR génico	Hd3a (Heading date 3a)	LOC_Os06g06320	<i>Regulador de respuesta tipo B (Florigen)</i>
Floración y maduración	<i>RM25532</i>	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)
<i>BADEX7-5*</i>	Alelo esp.	F-TGTTTTCTGTTAGGTTGCATT	R-ATCCACAGAAATTTGGAAC
<i>RM190*</i>	CT ⁽¹¹⁾	F-CTTTGTCTATCTCAAGACAC	R-TTGCAGATGTTCTTCCTGATG
<i>GEMGS3-1</i>	CT ⁽¹⁶⁾	F-ATTCCGTCATCCATCTTGC	R-GTTGCACTCTCAACCGTCCT
<i>GEMGS3-2</i>	TAT ⁽¹⁷⁾	F-CCGAAGATCAGCCTCCTAGA	R-GCAACCAAGTCCACGCTAAT
<i>GEMPL-1</i>	TAA ⁽²⁰⁾	F-TAGCAATGATGCCATGCGT	R-TTGACCAAAGGTCACGTCAA
<i>MRG4709</i>	AAT ⁽²⁴⁾	F-GGGATAAATGGGAGAGGCTT	R-TCCCGTTTCAAATAAAACAA
<i>GL311</i>	TGC ⁽⁹⁾	F-CAGCCGCATCAAGGAT	R-AGGACTGTTGGAAGGGTT
<i>RM10252</i>	ACAT ⁽⁵⁾	F-GGTGAGATACTTATTCGTGAGTGC	R-AACCGCTTACCATGATAGTACC
<i>GENHd1</i>	AGC ⁽⁶⁾	F-AACCAAGATCGGCAGTATGG	R-AACTCACGCTGTGCTGATG
<i>RM215</i>	CT ⁽¹⁶⁾	F-CAAAATGGAGCAGCAAGAGC	R-TGAGCACCTCCTTCTCTGTAG
<i>RM19414</i>	AT ⁽¹²⁾	F-GTCAGAACTTCAACACCAAGG	R-GCTGTATAGCTTATGATAGGAGTAGC
<i>RM25532</i>	AT ⁽¹⁹⁾	F-GAAAGGCACAGCTTCTCTGACG	R-ATTCAATGGGCGATCCACTACTCC

* 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'- <i>hydroxylasa</i> ⁽¹⁾
Color de pubescencia*	<i>SoyF3H</i>	SSR génico	<i>T</i>	<i>SoyF3'H</i> Glyma06g21920	Flavonoide 3' <i>hydroxylasa</i> ⁽²⁾
Hábito de crecimiento	<i>Sat286</i>	SSR genómico	<i>D11</i>	<i>TFL1</i> Glyma19g37890	Proteína de unión a fosfatidiletanolamina
Floración y maduración	<i>Satt229</i>	SSR génico	<i>E3/</i> <i>FT3</i>	<i>GmPhyA3</i> Glyma19g41210	Histidina quinasa
Peroxidasa en testa	<i>GmPrx1</i>	SSR génico	<i>Ep</i>	Glyma09g02590	<i>Peroxidasa</i>
Color de vaina	<i>GMES1173</i>	SSR génico	L2	Glyma03g00410	Proteína tipo <i>tiorredoxina</i>
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	<i>Chalcona sintasa</i>

Soybean - markers selected for experimental evaluation

Marcador	Tipo	Cebadores
<i>GmF35H*</i>	Alelo esp.	F-TAGAAAGCACCTTCAACAC R-TTTATGTAGCCACAGCCACA
<i>SoyF3H*</i>	TA ₍₃₃₎	F-GTCATAAAATATCATTATTATATATCTATTAA R-CACTCCCAAAGCTTTAAGTGT
<i>Sat286</i>	AT ₍₃₂₎	F-GCGTTGCTTGCTAAGTAGTGTTTTAAATCCT R-GCGTCTCCCATCATGCAACTTCAATA
<i>Satt229</i>	AAT ₍₂₂₎	F-TGGCAGCACACCTGCTAAGGGAATAAA R-GCGAGGTGGTCTAAAATTATTACCTAT
<i>GmPrx1</i>	TTAA ₍₄₎	F-AAAAAGATGCTTTTCAGTTTAGTTTTG R-GCATTACAAGTTTCTGCACCA
<i>GMES1173</i>	AAC ₍₁₇₎	F-TATGGGACATCAAAGCCACA R-CGCACTGCCATATGAAGAGA
<i>GmPin1</i>	ATT ₍₁₄₎	F-TTAGCAATTGGGTAGGGGTG R-CCCTCTTACGCCAGAAAAA
<i>GmHi</i>	AT ₍₂₆₎	F-CGAATTGGCTGTGTCTGTG R-GAACCATGTGAGGAAGGCAG

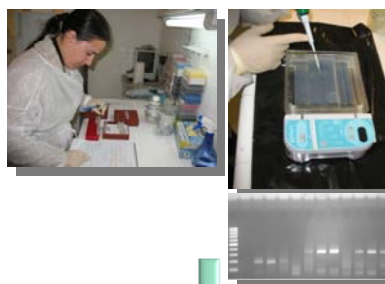
* Markers previously reported

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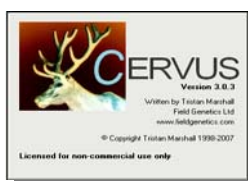
Genomic DNA extraction



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Data analysis



PCR



Materials and methods

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

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Matrices 0-1



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
 $k \leq 0$ = random, degree of robustness $> k = 1$

(Witten y Frank, 2005).

Rice marker analysis

Nombre marcador	Tipo	Ta.	N° muestras	N° alelos	PIC
<i>BADEX7-5</i>	Alelo esp.	43/45	22	2	0.083
<i>RM190</i>	CT (11)	43/45	19	6	0.752
<i>GEMGS3-1</i>	CT (16)	53	20	3	0.368
<i>GEMGS3-2</i>	TAT (17)	53	20	9	0.829
<i>GEMPL-1</i>	TAA (20)	51/53	21	1	0
<i>MRG4709</i>	AAT (24)	45	17	5	0.526
<i>GL311</i>	TGC (9)	53	15	6	0.728
<i>RM10252</i>	ACAT (5)	53	17	2	0.374
<i>GENHd1</i>	AGC (6)	51	22	2	0.152
<i>RM215</i>	CT (16)	55	19	5	0.718
<i>RM19414</i>	AT (12)	**			
<i>RM25532</i>	AT (19)	**			

Total: 41 alleles, average: 4.1alleles/marker, PIC: 0.45

Soybean marker analysis						
Marcador	Tipo	Ta.	N°. muestras	N°. 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

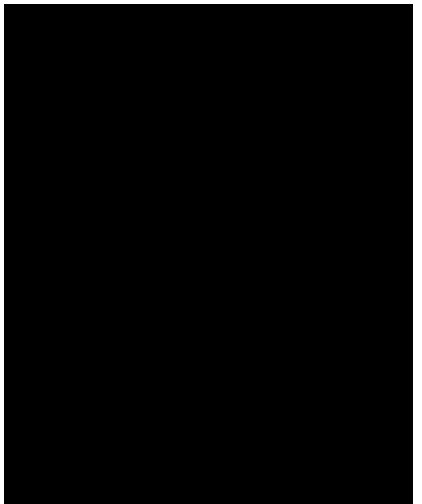
23 alleles, average 3.13 alleles/marker, PIC: 0.48


Rice: Pubescence

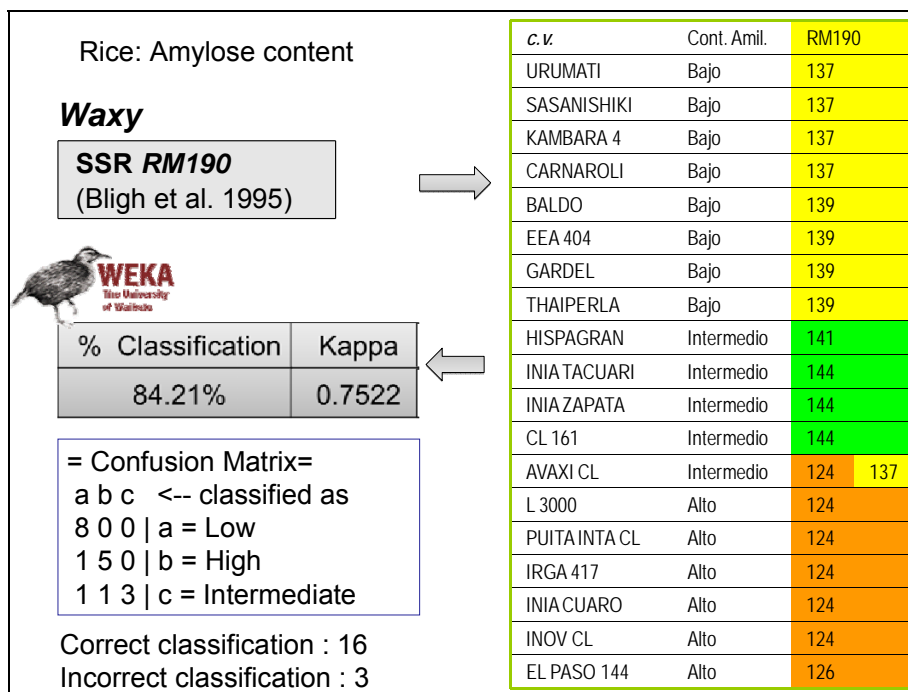
GL1 (GLABROUS LEAF AND HULL 1) WANG D. *et al.* (2009)

GL311 - SSR/QTL →

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



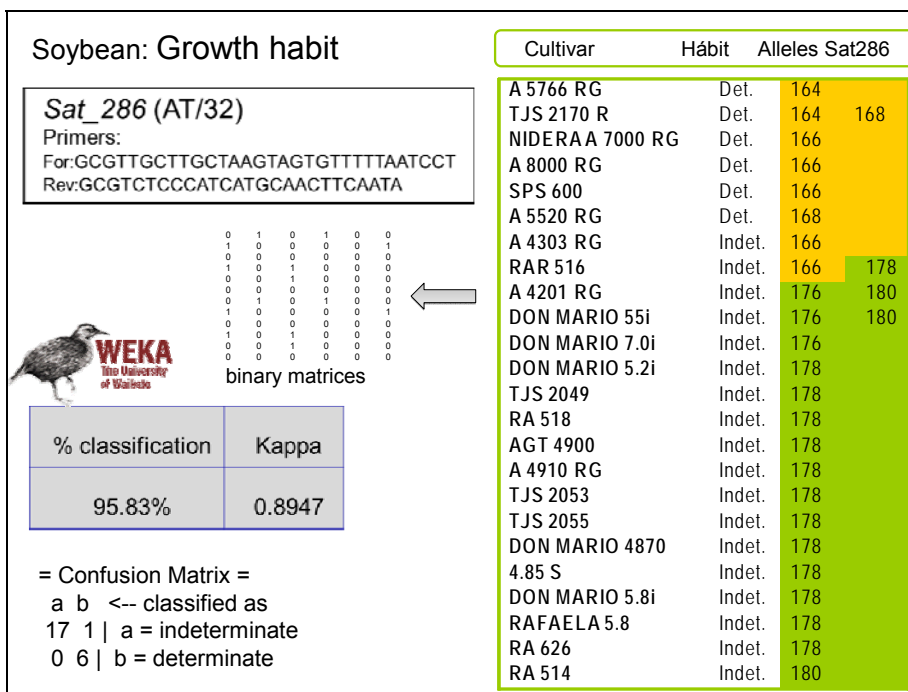
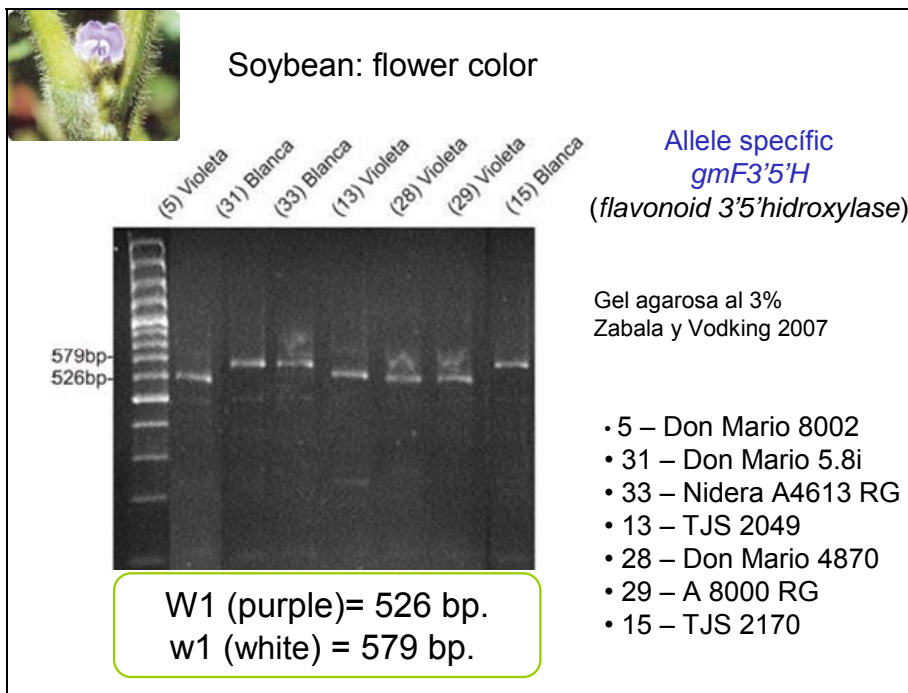
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Classification % Kappa
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Rice

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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