Plant virus transport: what's the membrane's role?





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Why did we get interested in Plant Virus?



Brill et al. (2000) PNAS **97**, 7112

Tobacco Mosaic Virus



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Plant virus infection



Carnation Mottle Virus (CarMV) genome and movement proteins characterization



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Targeting of membrane and secreted proteins



Modified from Halic & Beckmann (2005) Curr. Op. Struct. Biol., 15, 116

Site-directed photocrosslinking approach

Johnson & van Waes (1999) Annu.Rev.Cell Dev.Biol. 15, 799



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p9 integrates in an SRP-dependent manner



Nt -- MAYGPSVNLHLIVLKGVIGLMLLIRLRCTFTSTFSLPPLVTLNQIIALSFCGLLLNSISRAERACYYDYS...



Saurí et al. (2005) J. Biol. Chem. 280, 25907



The two TM segments partition into the membrane in a concerted manner





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but, can two helices fit?



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The translocon is a multiprotein complex



Taken from Johnson & van Waes (1999) Annu. Rev. Cell Dev. Biol. 15, 799

CarMV p9 is sequentially adjacent to Sec61 α and TRAM





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Turnip Crinkle Virus movement protein insertion proceeds through the SRP/translocon complex







Small viral movement proteins insert into biological membranes







Saurí et al. (2009) J. Mol. Biol. 387, 113



MMs - + + Endo H - - +



Martínez-Gil et al. (2010) J. Virol. 84, 5520

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What about 30K family?





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Membrane association characterisation of PNRSV MF





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Cell to cell movement in plants

		Leaves		
		2 dpi	4 dpi	Protoplast
	PNRSV MP	N.	S. A.B.	
GFP	HR AMV CP	2.2	ABA	
GRVFLLVYVPIIQATTSGLITLKL		200 µm	2 <u>00 μm</u>	2 0 μm
Wt	GRVFLLVYVPIIQATTSGLITLKL	+	+	+



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Bimolecular Fluorescence Complementation in plant cells



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Bimolecular Fluorescence Complementation in plant cells



Tobacco Mosaic Virus MP associates but do not span cell membranes



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Conclusions

- Small plant virus movement proteins target/insert into the ER membrane through the SRP/translocon machinery
- 30K family members associate but do not span cell membranes

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