



Plant Biotechnology

Bayer Russia Plant Biotechnology
Conference

July 2023





Bayer Russia Plant Biotechnology Conference:

Day 6	Plant Care in CE & Intro to Molecular Assays
Day 7	Molecular Assays & Gene Editing Technology
Day 8	Molecular Assays & Model Systems
Day 9	Protoplast Systems



Protoplast Systems – Arabidopsis protoplast transformation

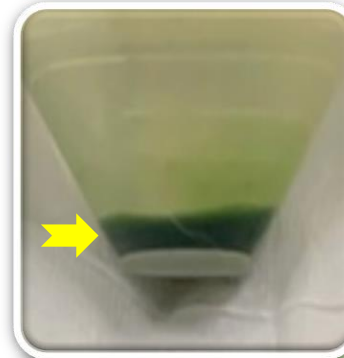


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Protoplast isolation for transient assays



5. PEG delivery

DNA
RNA
Protein

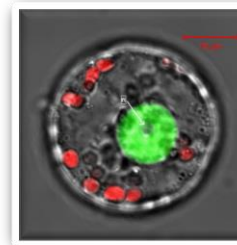
4. Protoplast collection

3. Cellulase enzyme digestion

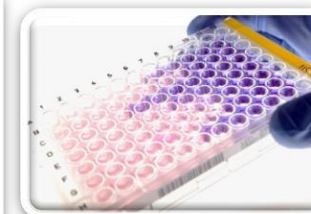
2. Leaves cutting

1. Arabidopsis plants

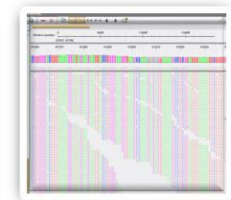
6. Secondary assays 2 - 72h post transformation



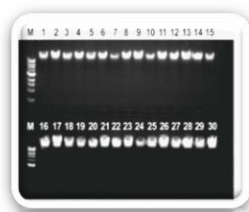
Localization,
protein
interaction &
expression



ELISA & Reporter
assays



sequencing

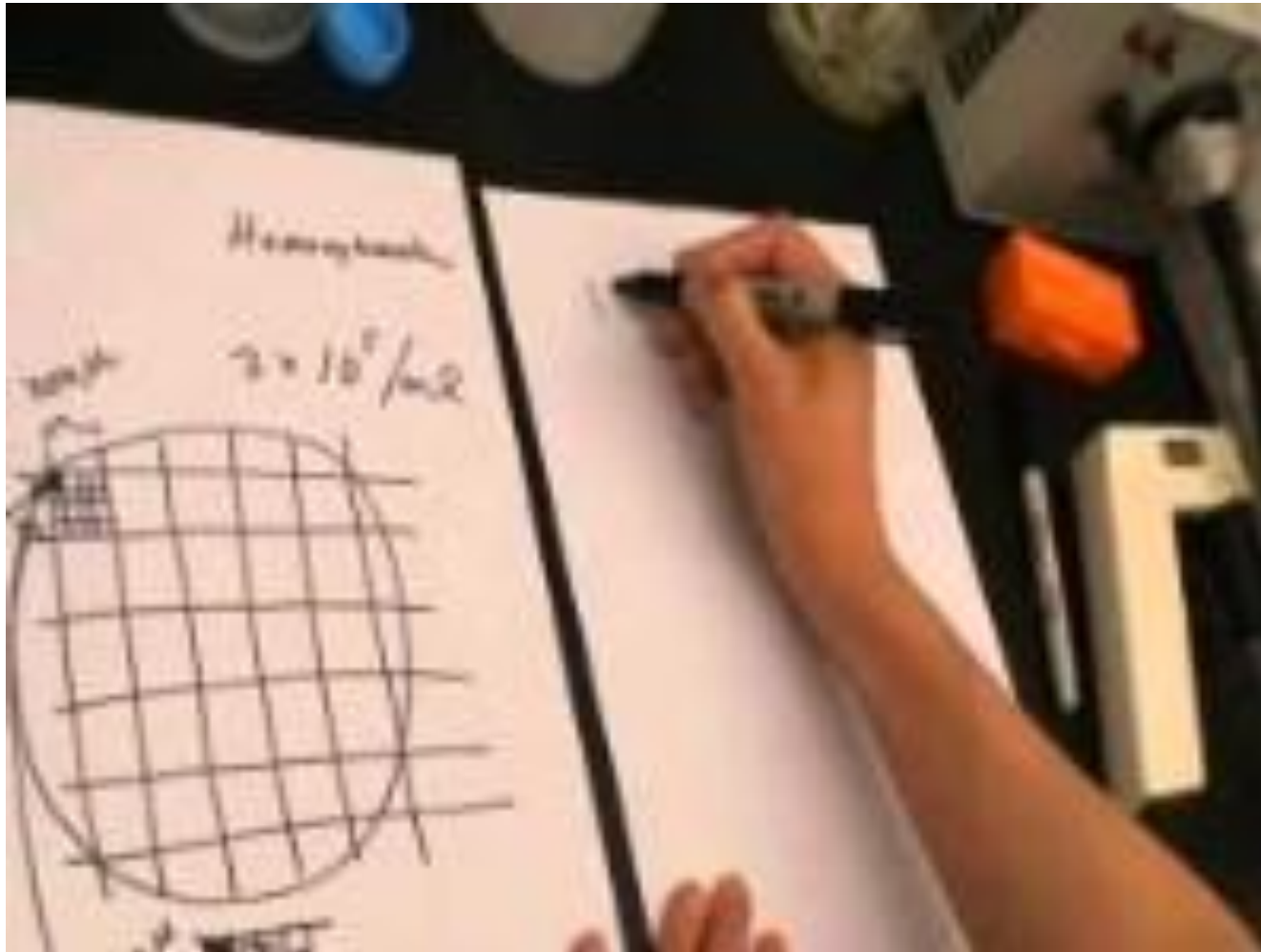


PCR



How to Isolate Healthy Arabidopsis Leaf Protoplasts

ASPB2006 Protoplast Workshop Movie Jen Sheen's Lab - Harvard Medical School (22 minutes long)



ARABIDOPSIS PLANT GROWTH

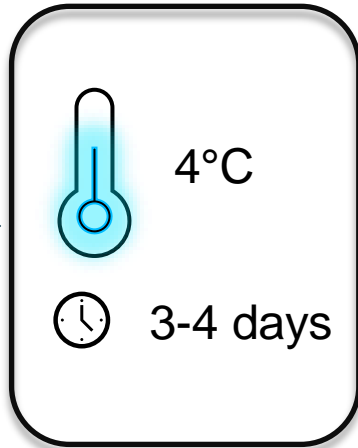
PLANT SEEDS EVENLY

GROW IN LOW LIGHT

MAINTAIN CONSTANT GROWTH ENVIRONMENT



1. Seed Imbibition



2. Vernalization



3. Planting with
dropper soil or Plate



4. Growth
3-4 weeks

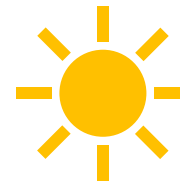
PLANT GROWTH CONDITIONS



Metro-Mix 360
or Jiffy7 soil



low light
($50-75 \mu\text{E m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)



10–13 h

23 °C



11–14 h

20 °C



40–65%
relative
humidity

ARABIDOPSIS LEAF CUTTING

SELECT UNIFORM LEAVES

DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE MATTERS!



SELECTING LEAVES TO CUT

- Select **dark green, healthy Arabidopsis leaves** prior to bolting stage
 - ❖ *Youngest fully expanded leaves that are not touching soil or other leaves are ideal*
- Handle gently and cut leaves into **~1 mm strips**
 - ❖ *maximize infiltration of enzymatic digestion solution during vacuum infiltration*



SELECT LEAVES



SHARP, STERILE
BLADES



CONSISTENT 1mm
CUTS

Water
0.5 M Mannitol
10 mM MES
1% Cellulase R10
0.25% Macerozyme R10
10 mM CaCl₂
20 mM KCl
0.1% BSA

COAT THOROUGHLY

ARABIDOPSIS CELL WALL DIGESTION

SUBMERGE LEAVES IN DIGESTION SOLUTION
COMPLETELY

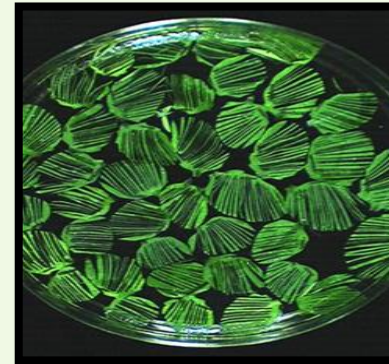
VACUUM INFILTRATION

CELL WALL DIGESTION

- ⚠ • Vacuum infiltrate
 - Tissue should be **thoroughly coated** with enzyme digestion solution
- ⚠ • **Cover with aluminum foil.** Digest at room temperature overnight (14-18 hours) in dark.
 - ❖ Avoid **light exposure**



🕒 15-30 mins

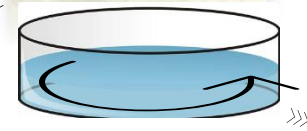


🕒 14-18 h



PROTOPLAST RELEASE

Mesh Ordering Information
[ELKO Filtering Co, LLC](#)
Item # 03-60/42



40 RPM 2-3 Min

Filter
60 micron
mesh



W5
154mM NaCl
125mM CaCl₂
5mM KCl
2mM MES
Water

Rinse Remaining
tissue in petri dish

Filter



Centrifuge
150 x g



Remove Supernatant

Resuspend



W1
0.5M Mannitol
4mM MES
20mM KCl
Water

OBSERVE COLOR OF ENZYME SOLUTION

FILTER TO CLEAR DEBRIS

HANDLE GENTLY

Cell Counting in Hemacytometer

Add 10 ul of cells to hemacytometer

1- Count cells in each of the 4 quadrants

(TOTAL = A + B + C + D)

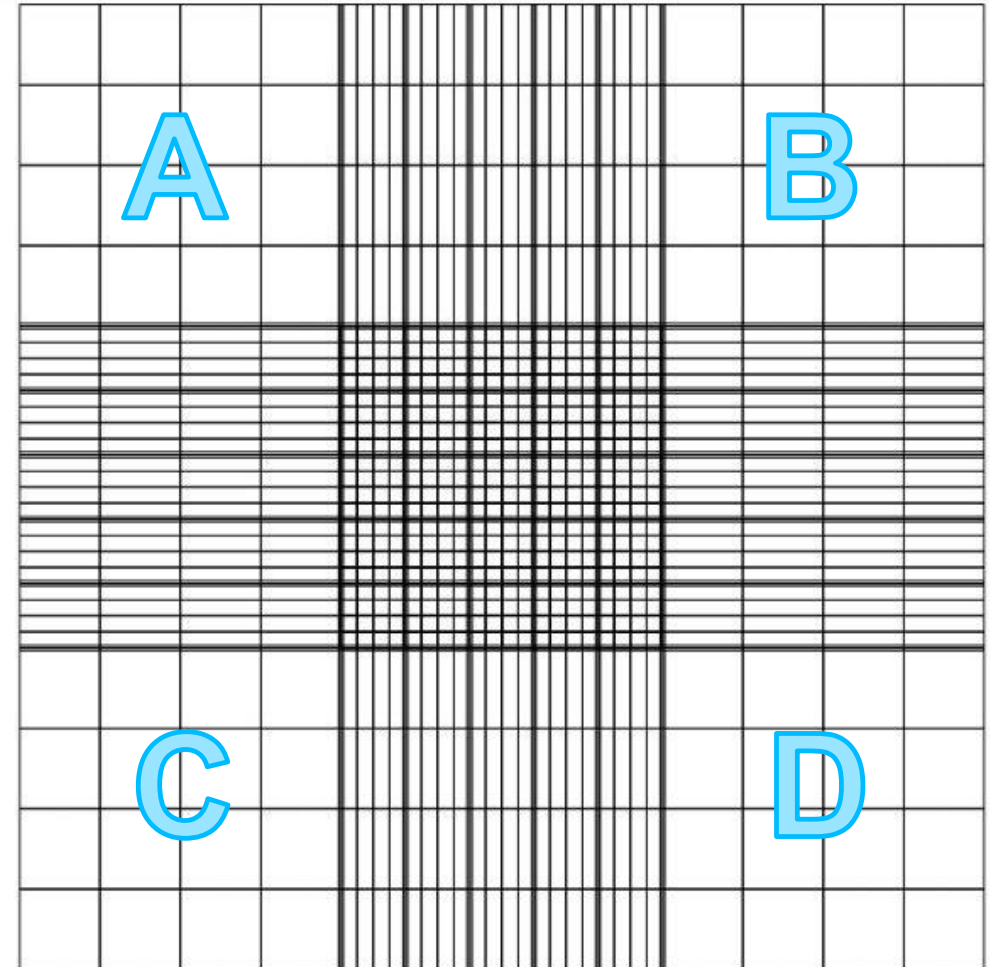
❖ IGNORE CELLS TOUCHING OUTER EDGES

2- Calculate Average number of cells (Total / 4) and multiply by 10^4 to obtain cell concentration per ml

3- Multiply cell concentration by total volume of cells

4 – Adjust cell concentration to 1×10^6 per ml

* If the cell count is above 4×10^6 or below 1×10^6 cells/ml, the count is inaccurate. Adjust the cell density and repeat the cell count.



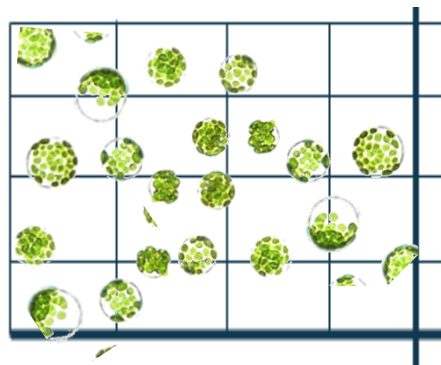
Example: If the calculated average (n) of cells in the four 1 mm corner squares of the hemacytometer is 30, then cells/ml = $(n) \times 10^4$ (or) cells/ml = $30 \times 10,000 = 300,000$ cells/ml. Multiply by dilution factor and by total cell suspension volume obtained to get the protoplast yield.

ARABIDOPSIS PROTOPLAST PREP

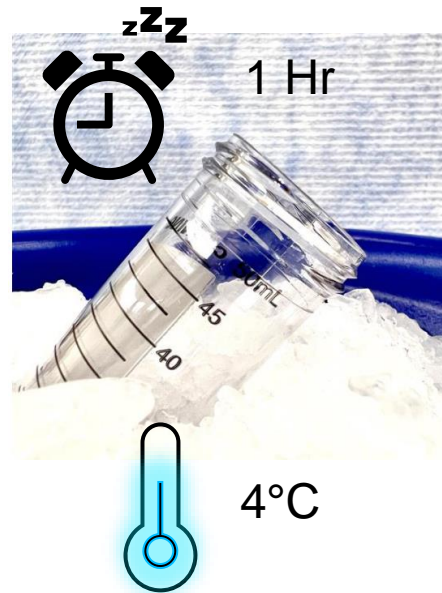
ALLOW CELLS TO REST

MINIMIZE TIME ON MMG MEDIA

- After counting the yield with hemacytometer, Rest cells 1 hour on ice
- Just before transformation, centrifuge 150 x g for 2-3 minutes. Remove the supernatant
- Resuspend the cells at 1×10^6 /mL in **MMg solution and keep on ice**



Count yield



Rest



150 x g for 2-3 minutes

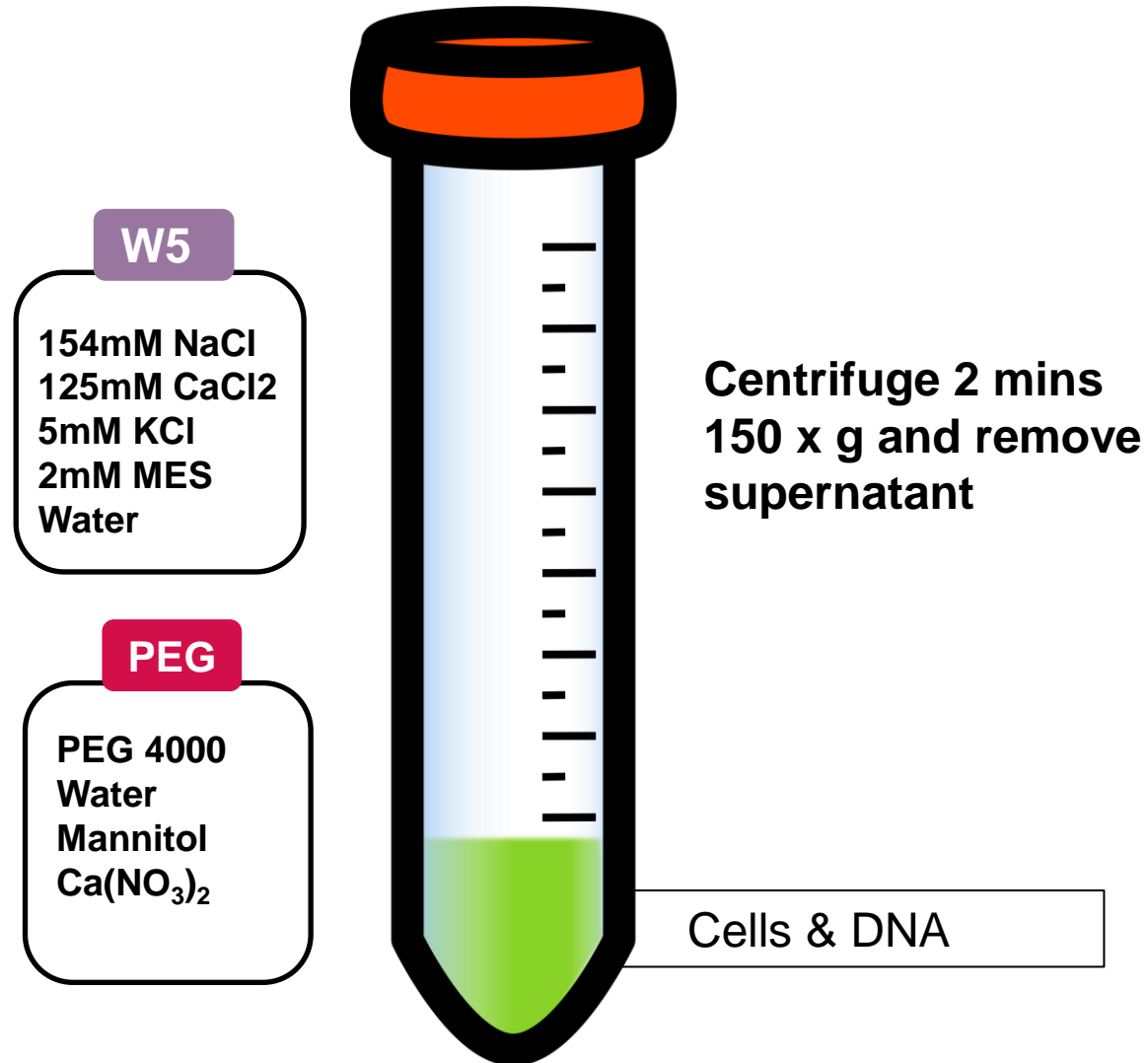


MMG

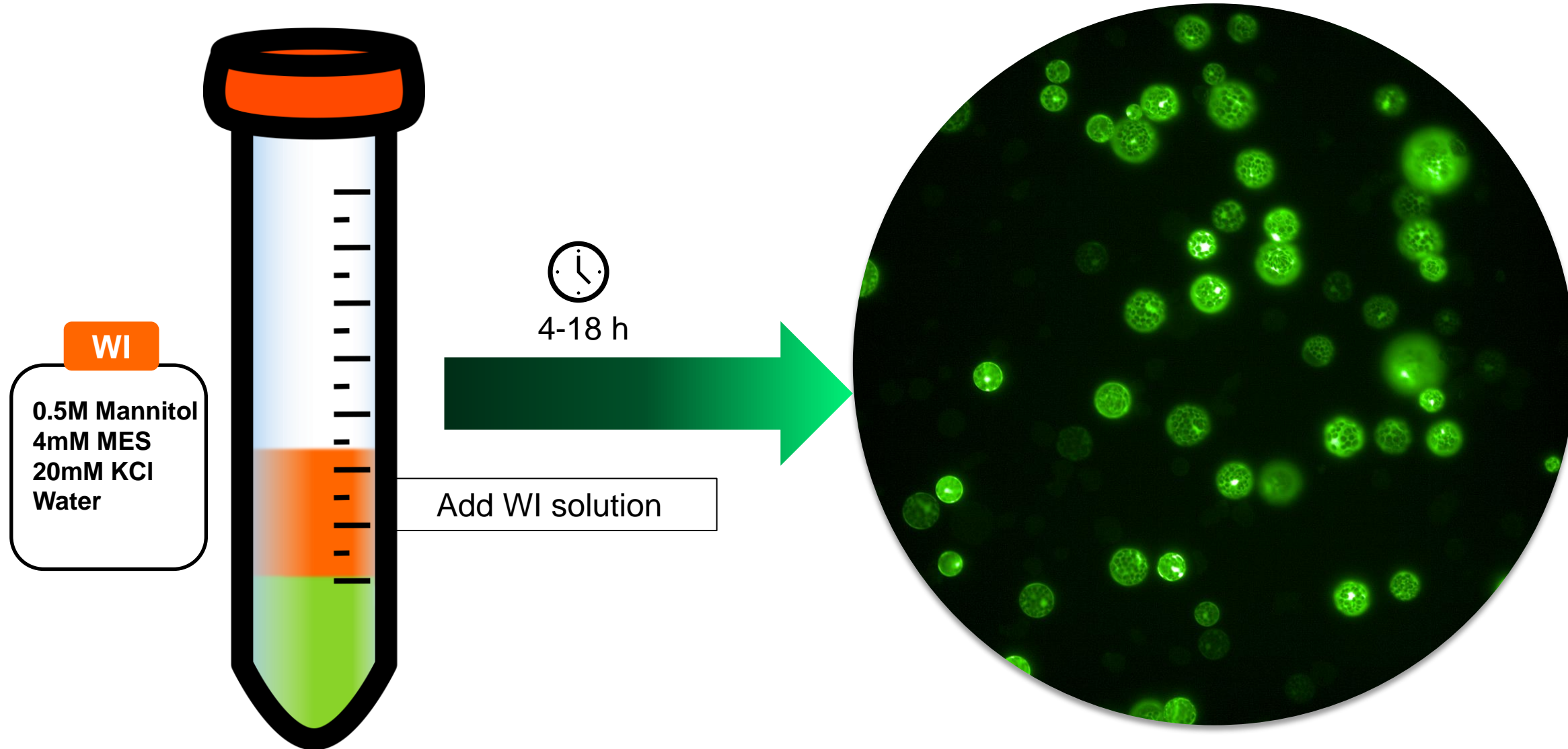
0.4M Mannitol
15mM MgCl_2
4mM MES
Water

Resuspend
at 1×10^6 /ml

ARABIDOPSIS TRANSFORMATION



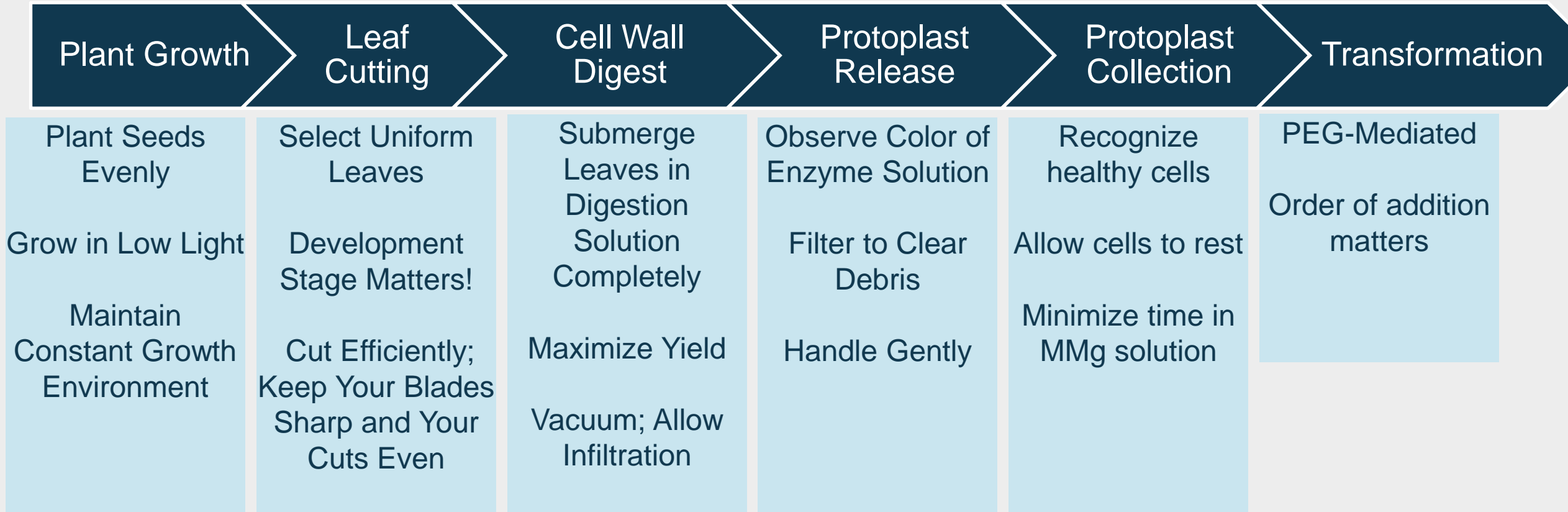
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Arabidopsis Protoplast Isolation and PEG-Mediated Transformation

Isolation Overview





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Thank you!



Any questions?

