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Protein tracking in living plant cells has become routine with the emergence of reporter genes encoding fluorescent tags. Unfortunately, this imaging strategy is not applicable to glycans because they are not directly encoded by the genome. Indeed, complex glycans result from sequential additions and/or removals of monosaccharides by glycosyltransferases and glycosidases of the cell's biosynthetic machinery. Currently, the imaging of cell wall polymers mainly relies on the use of antibodies or dyes that exhibit variable specificities. However, as immunolocalization typically requires sample fixation, it does not provide access to the dynamics of living cells.

An alternative... The click chemistry



Lund et al., 2020

✤ ALLOWS DYNAMIC IMAGING CELL WALL POLYSACCHARIDES LABELING



Rydahl et al, 2018

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Epitope not accessible to

the antibody

Epitope

uncovered



Fuc-N₃ incorporation











Figure 4. Effect of metabolic SPAAC labeling on pollen tube growth. (F) Distribution of pollen tube length after metabolic incorporation and SPAAC labeling in control conditions (n = 17) or with Kdo-N₃ (200 μ M, n = 20) or Fuc-N₃ (50 μ M, n = 13). (G) Distribution of pollen tube length before metabolic incorporation (1), during incorporation (2), and during SPAAC labeling (3) of Kdo-N₃ (n = 15) or Fuc-N₃ (n = 10) (Ropitaux *et al.,* 2021).



Conclusion and prospects

✤ ALLOW THE STUDY OF POLYSACCHARIDES IN LIVING CELLS

CELL WALL POLYSACCHARIDES LABELING

NEW TOOL FOR RHAMNOGALACTURONAN II (RG-II) VISUALIZATION





CLEM Tobacco pollen tube, methyl-esterified (A) and de-esterified (B) (Homogalacturonan immunolabeling Ropitaux et al., unpublished

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