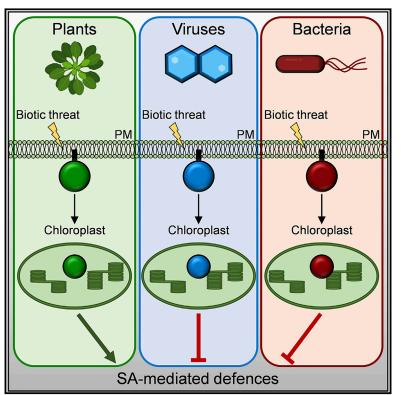
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A Defense Pathway Linking Plasma Membrane and Chloroplasts and Co-opted by Pathogens

Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

Unrelated effector proteins from viral and bacterial pathogens infecting plants coopt an endogenous pathway to dynamically translocate from the plasma membrane to chloroplasts in the host cell and suppress salicylic-acid-dependent plant defence responses

Highlights

- A viral protein moves from PM to chloroplasts upon plant sensing of biotic threats
- From the chloroplast, the relocalized viral protein inhibits SAdependent defenses
- Plant proteins/pathogen effectors display similar trafficking and impact defense
- A pathway linking PM and chloroplasts and regulating defense may exist in plants

