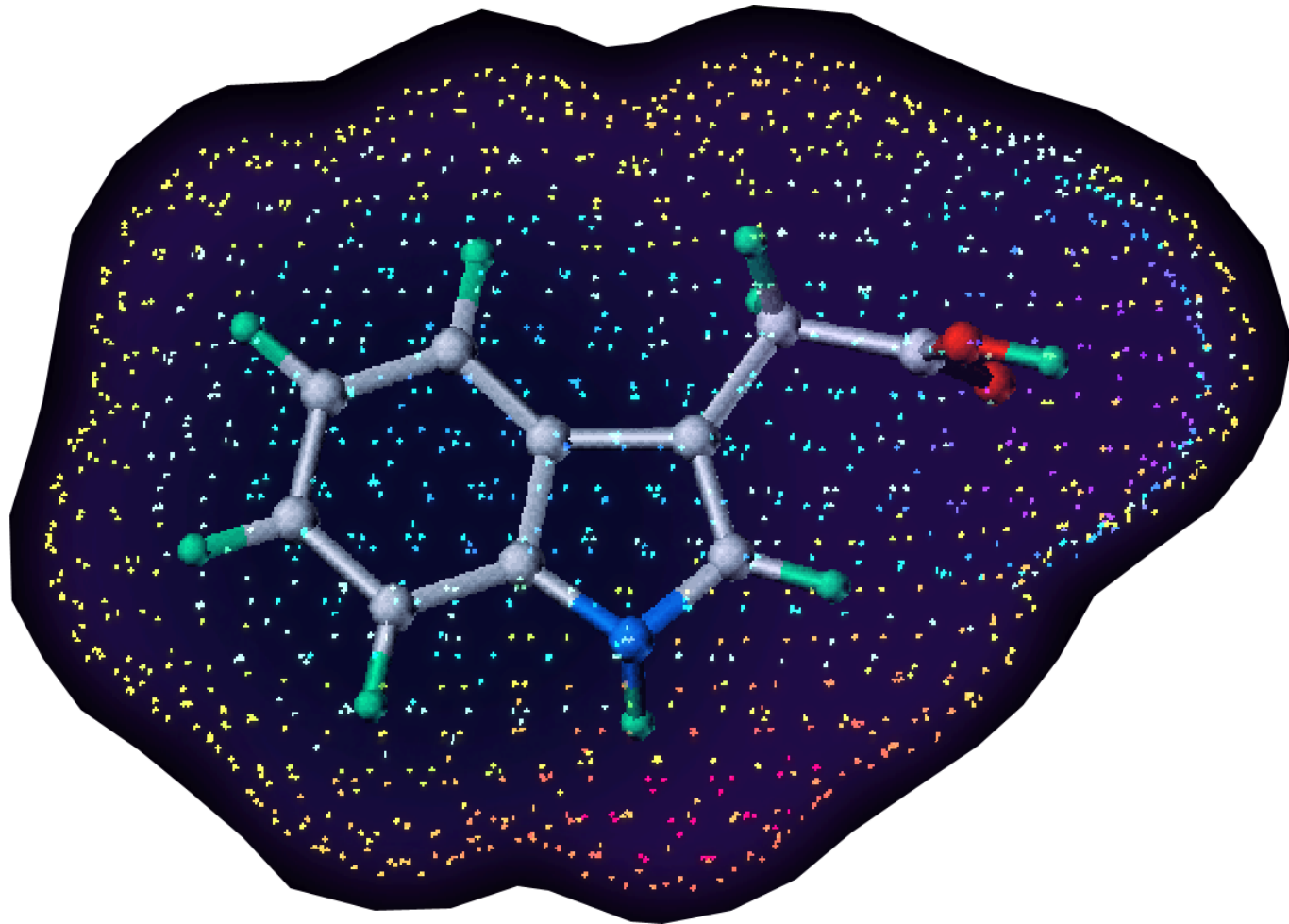
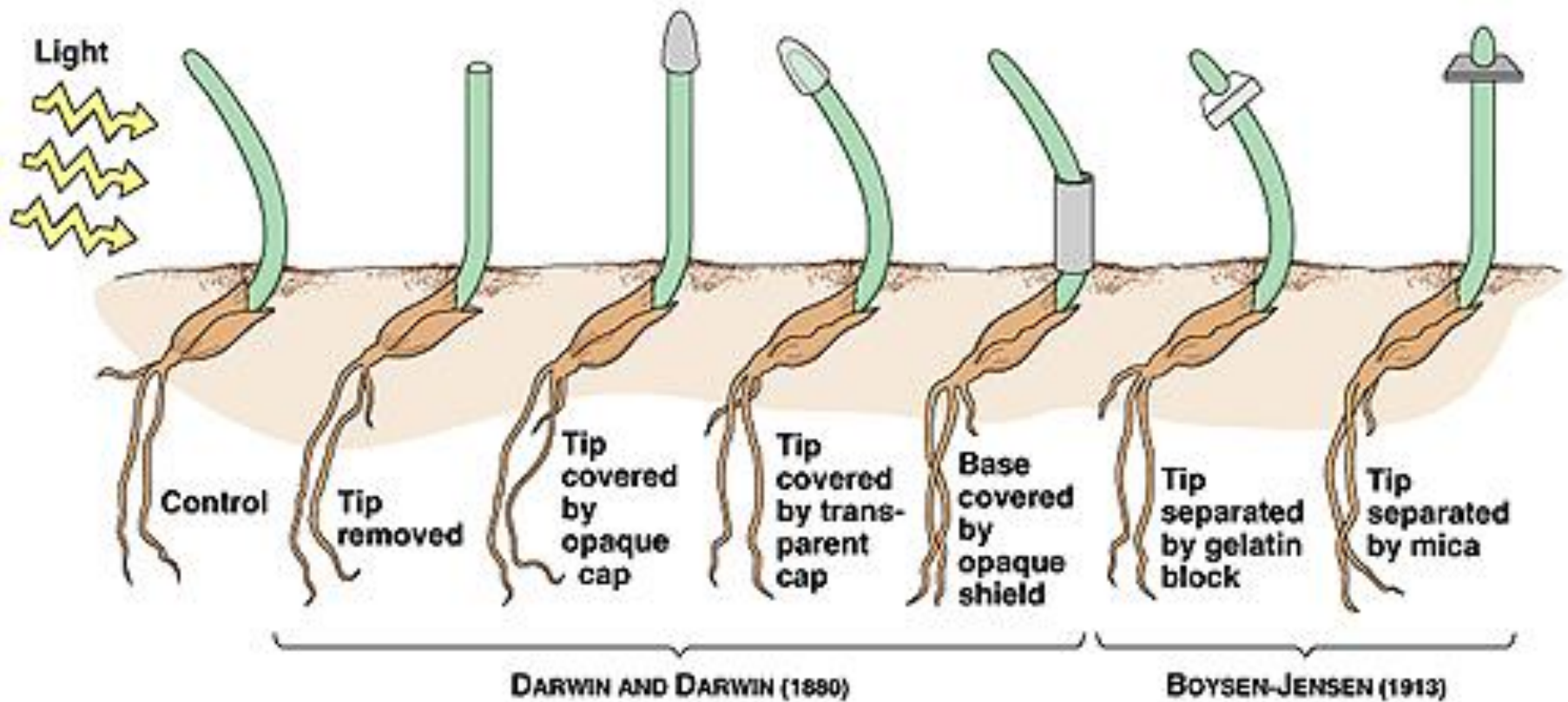


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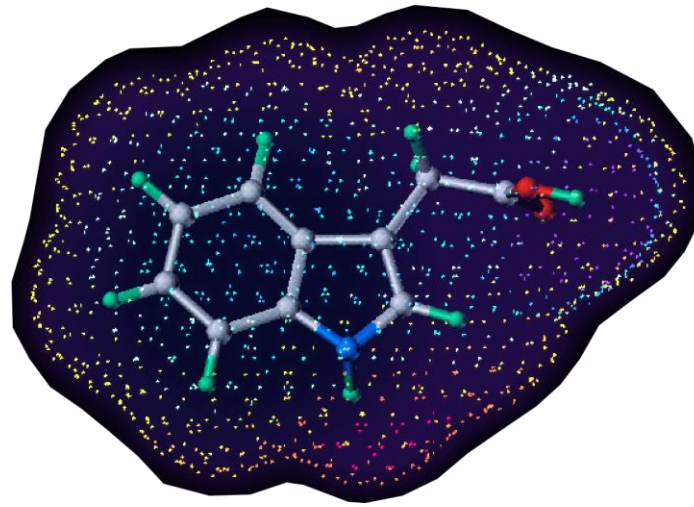


# Discovery of the First Plant Signaling Molecule – Auxin and its Transport

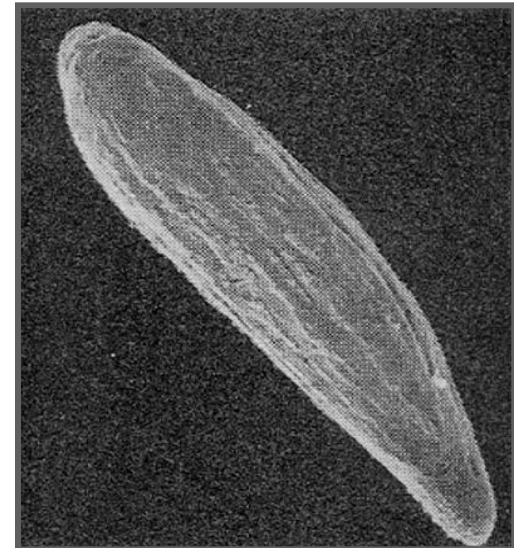
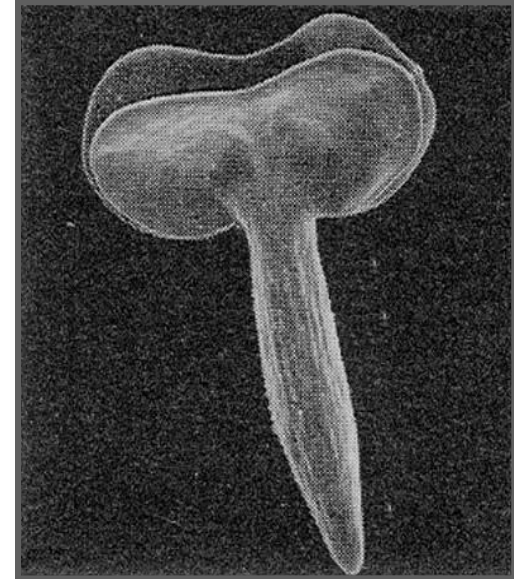


# AUXIN

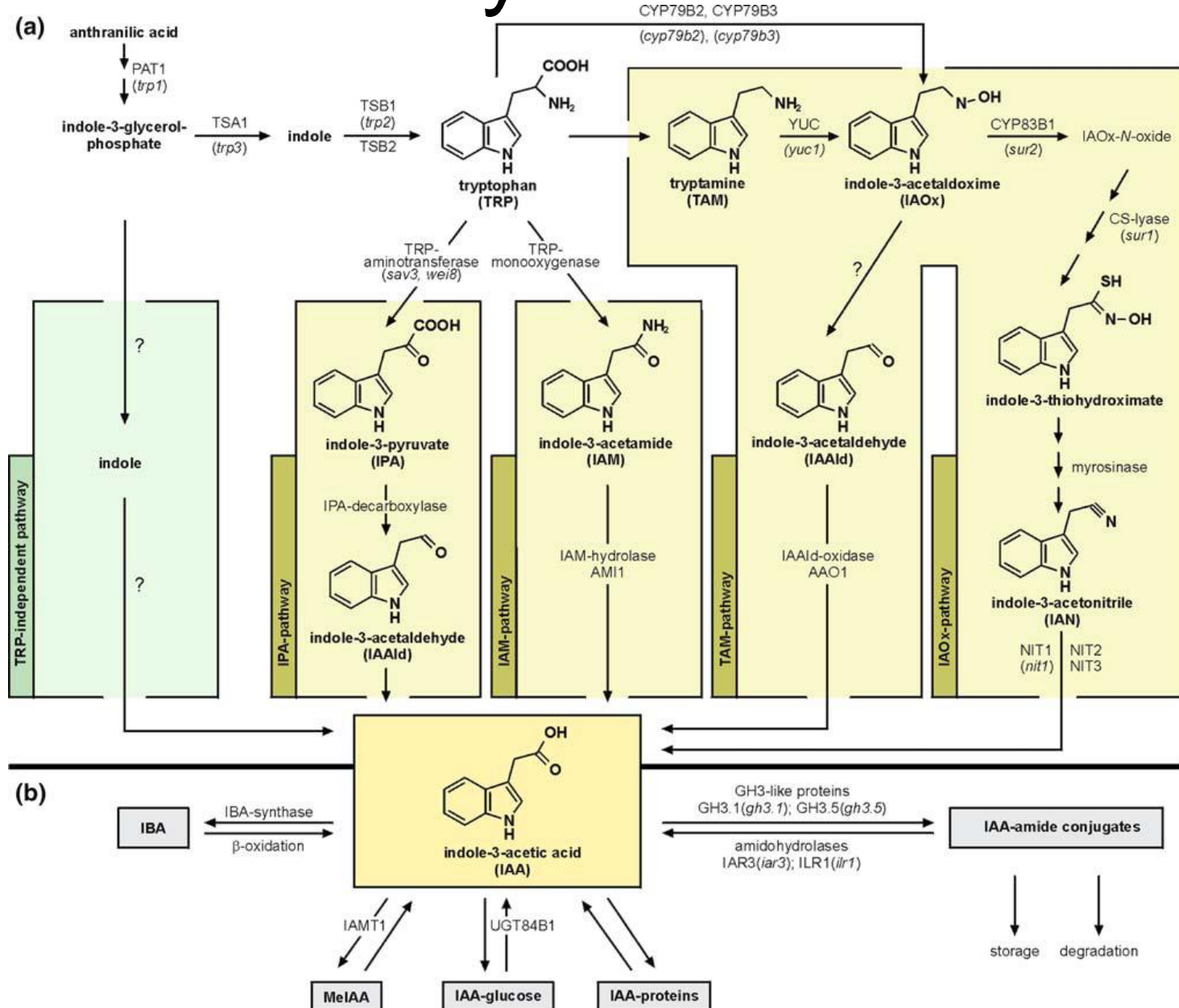
mediates



- Embryo development
- Organ initiation and positioning
- Vascular tissue differentiation
- Shoot and root elongation
- Growth responses to light and gravity
- Apical hook formation



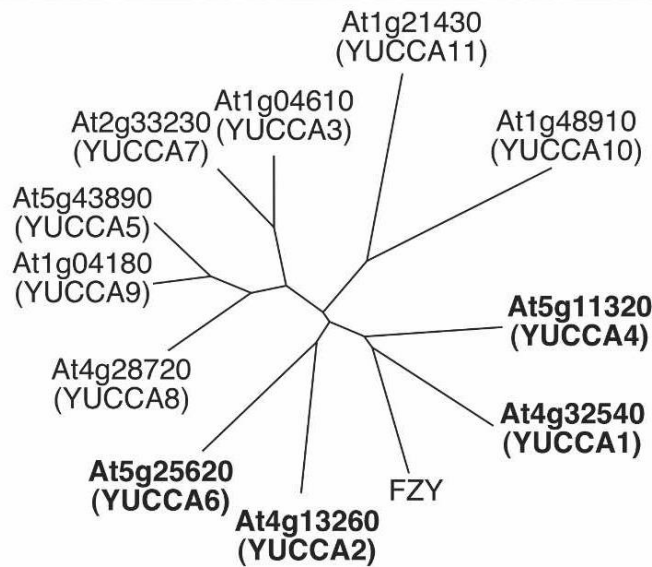
# Auxin biosynthesis



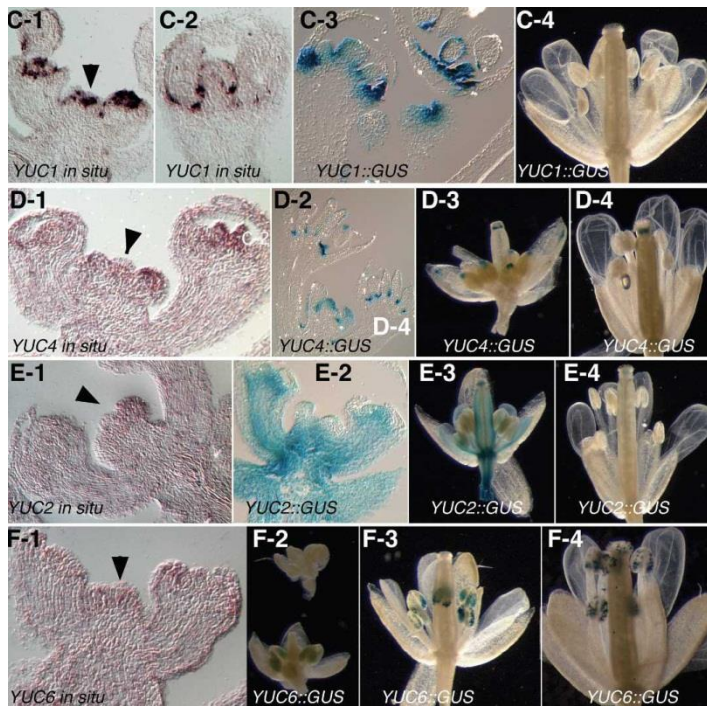
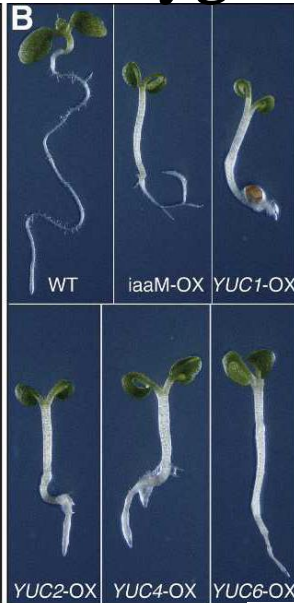


# YUCCA - flavin monooxygenases, IAA biosynthesis

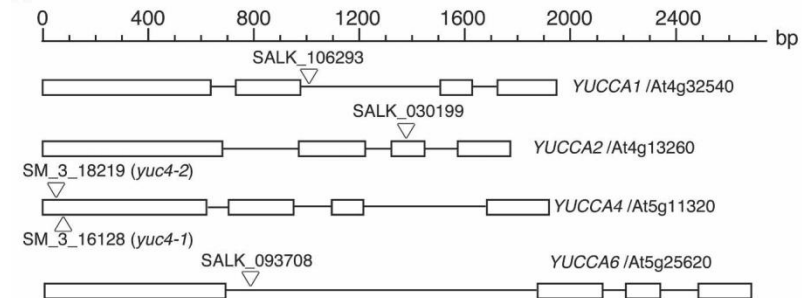
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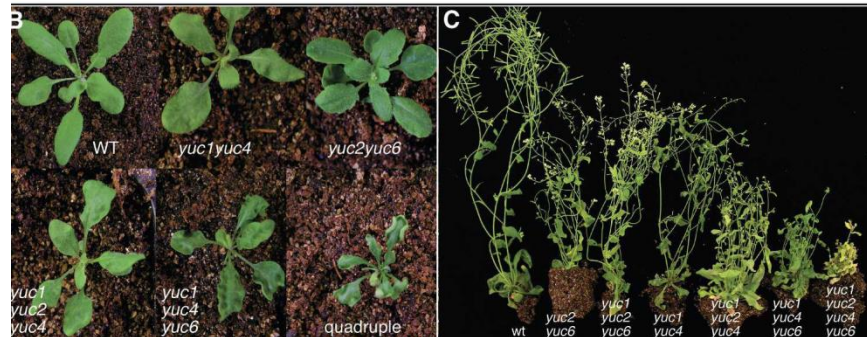
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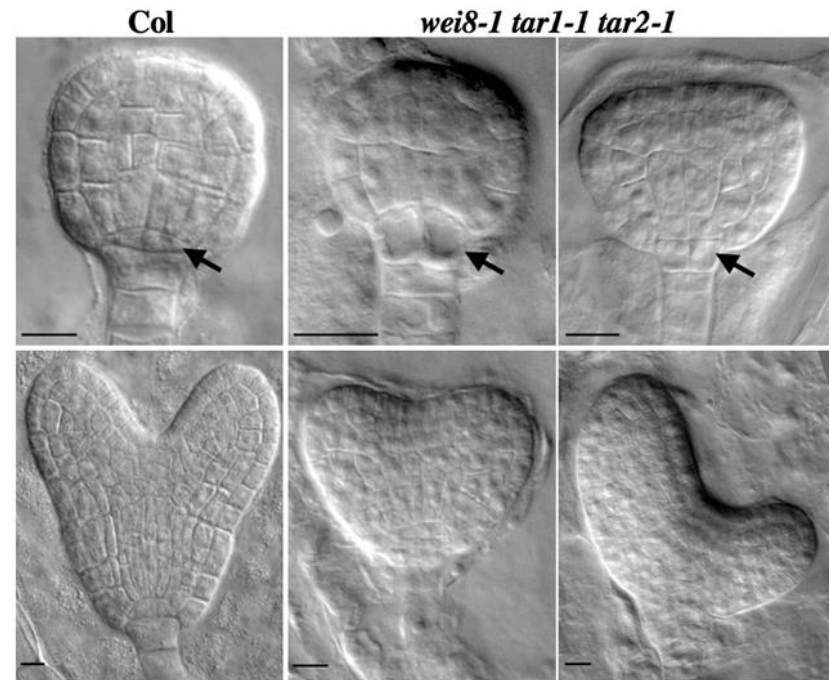
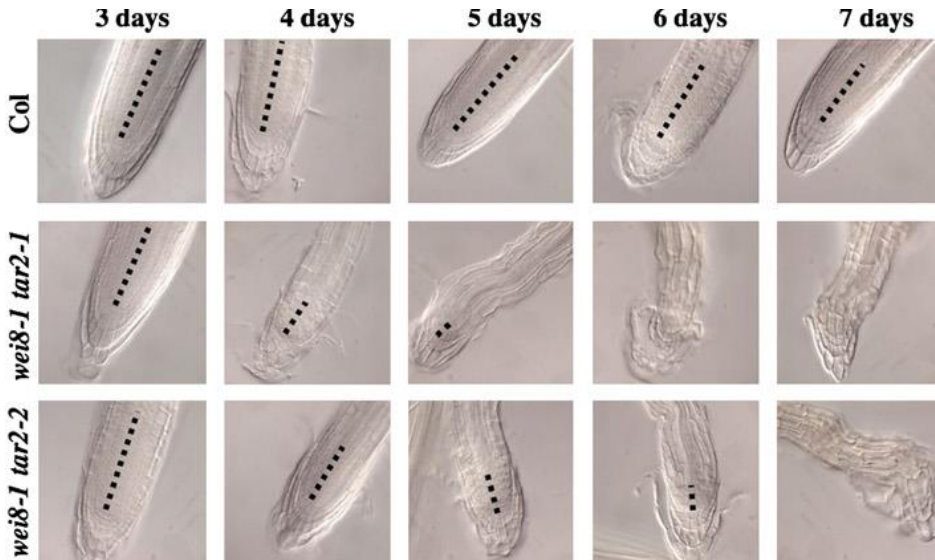
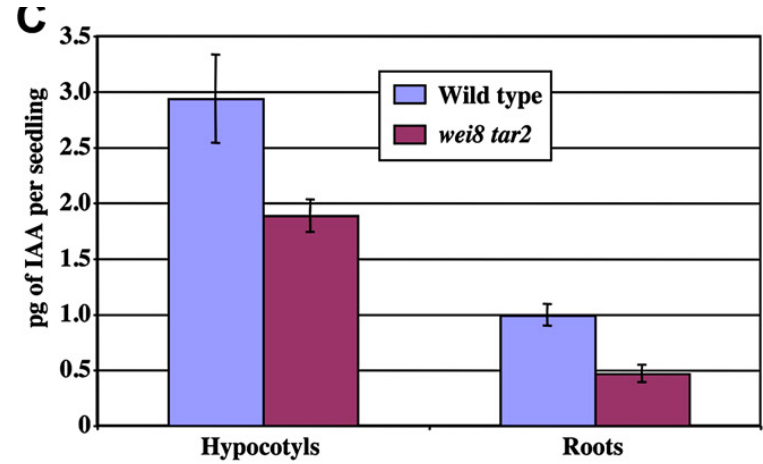
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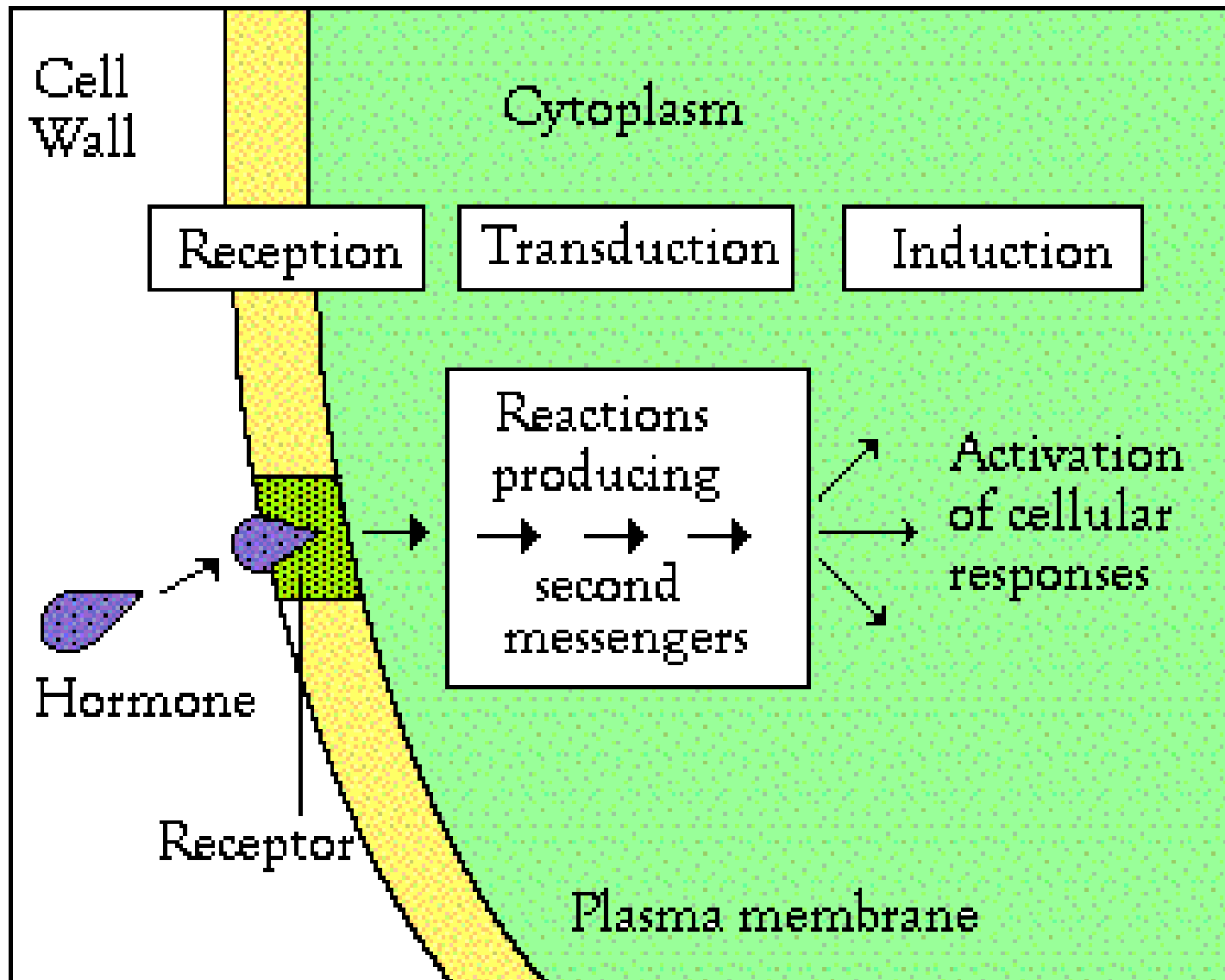
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# TAA1 tryptophan aminotransferase



# Signal Transduction



# Biochemical Approach to Identify Auxin Receptor

Isolation of auxin binding proteins

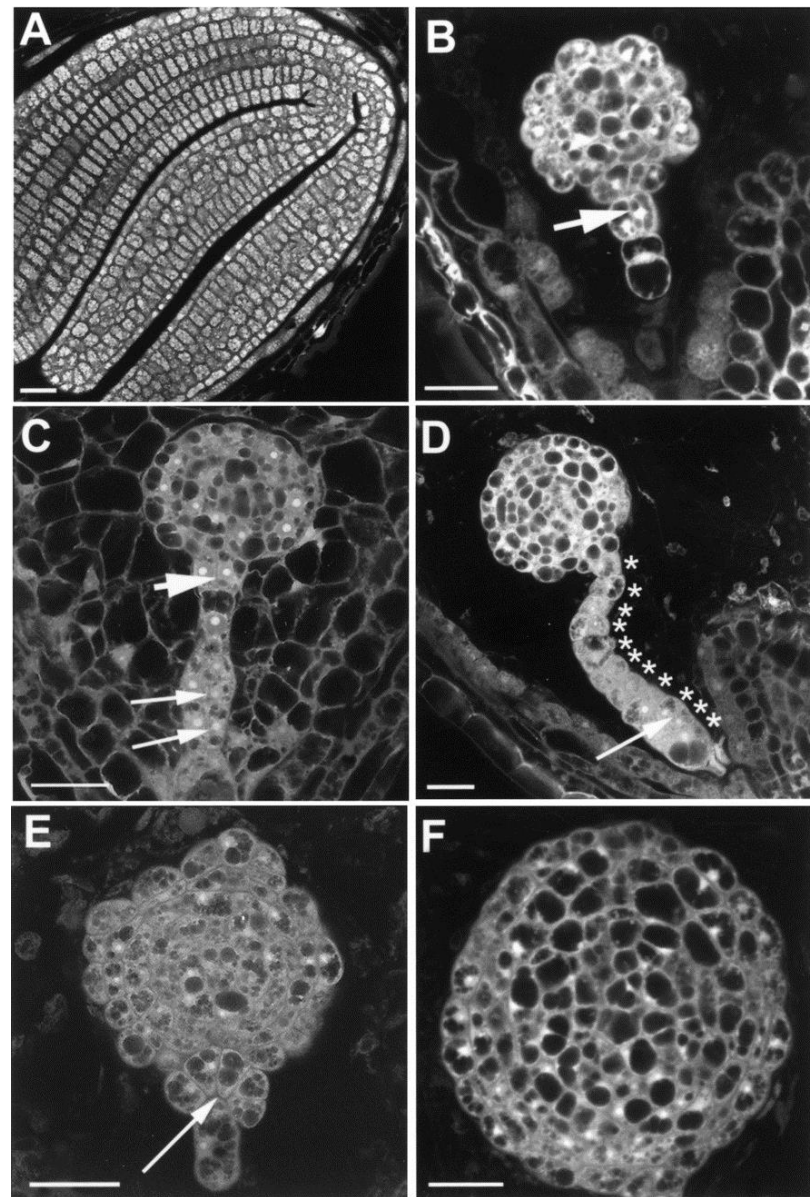
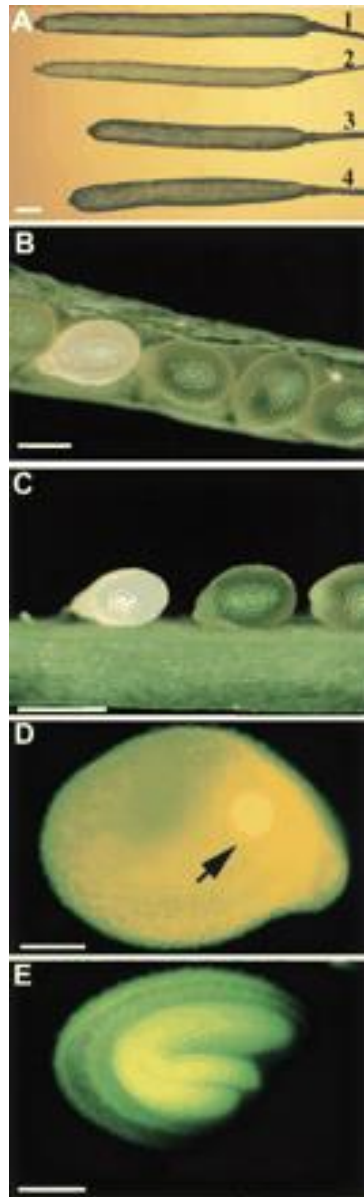
- Azidolabeling
- Affinity chromatography

Protein sequencing, cDNA screening, gene identification

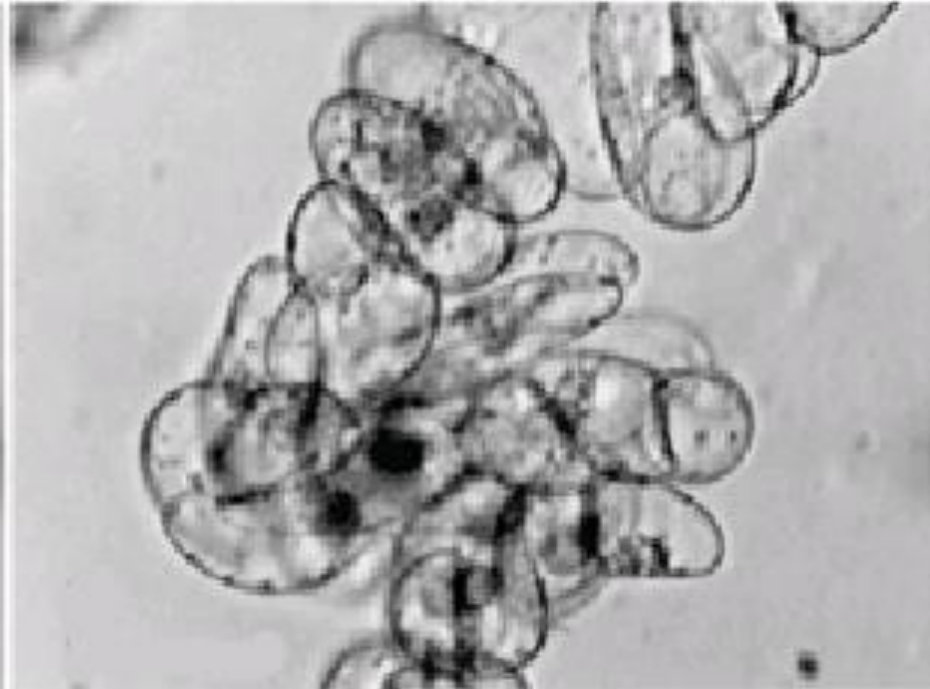
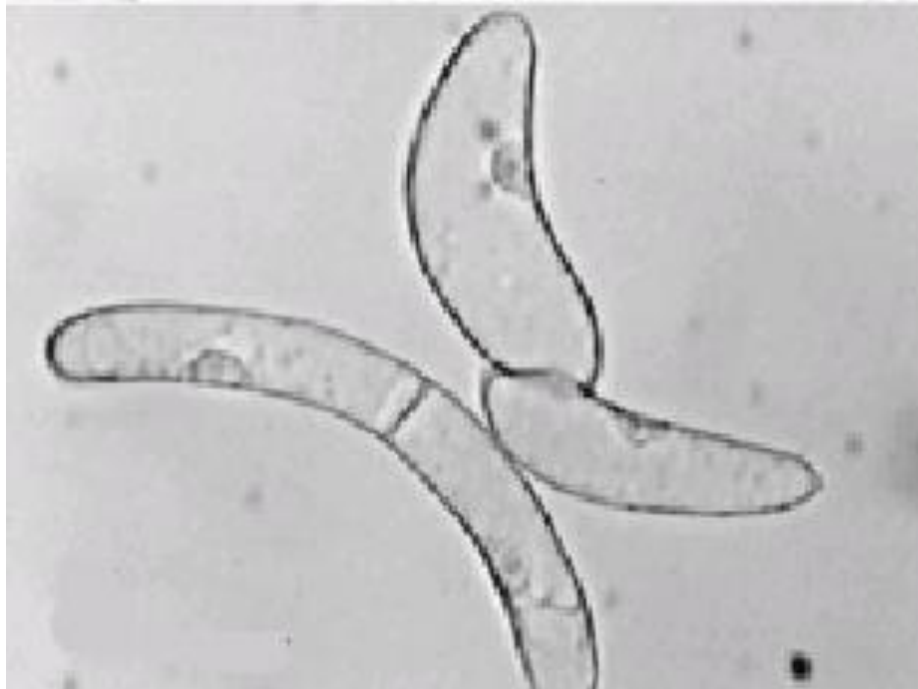
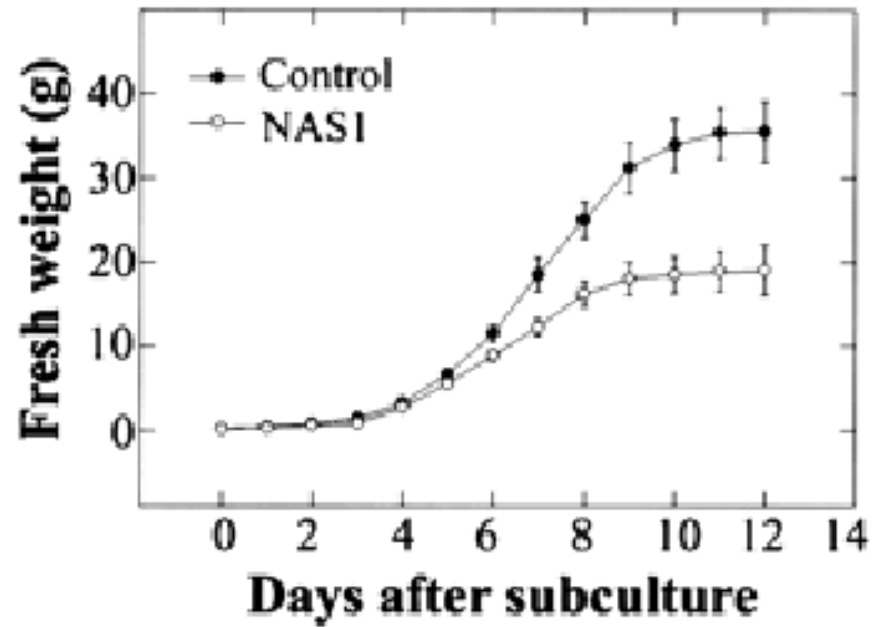
**=> Auxin Binding Protein (ABP1)**



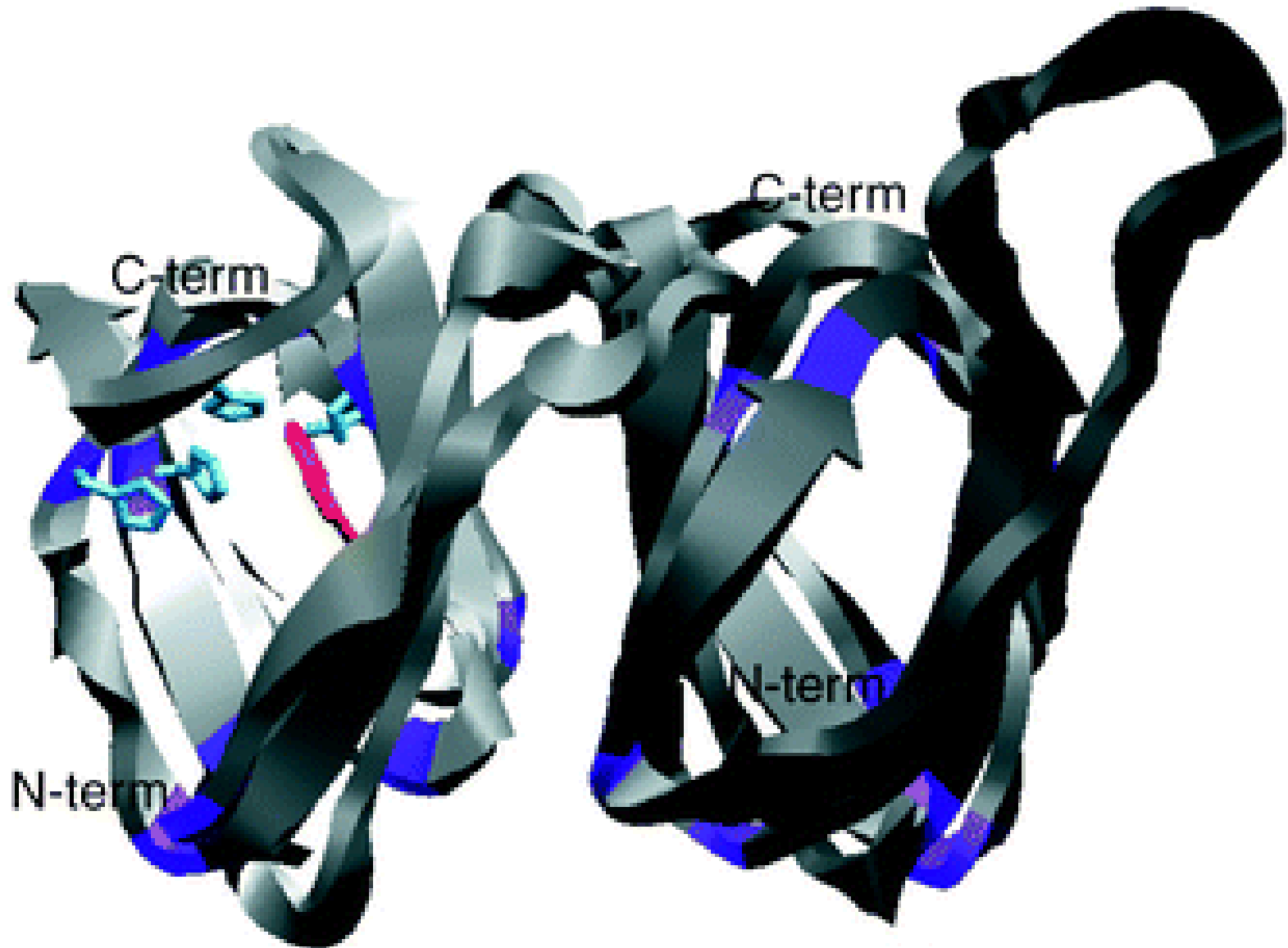
# Reverse Genetic – Embryo Lethal *abp1* Mutant



# ABP1 Antisense BY-2 Cells Display Defects in Auxin Dependent Cell Elongation



# ABP1 – Structure



# Molecular Biology Approach to Elucidate Auxin Signaling

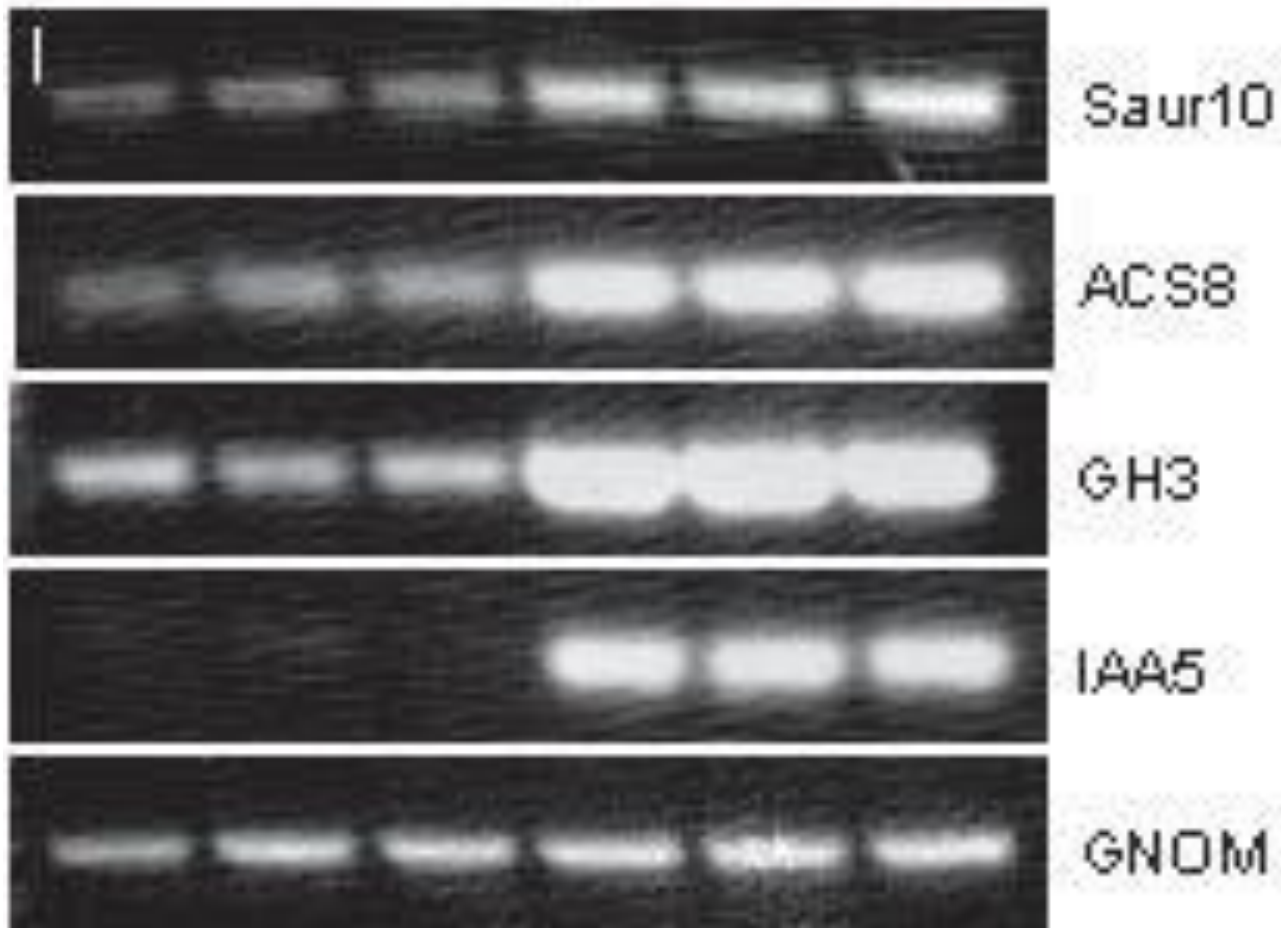
Does auxin regulate gene expression?

- Rapidly upregulated mRNAs  
(*GH3*, *SAUR*, *AUX/IAA* genes)
- One hybrid screen with Auxin Response Elements  
=> Auxin Response Factors (ARF)
- Two hybrid => *AUX/IAAs* interact with ARFs

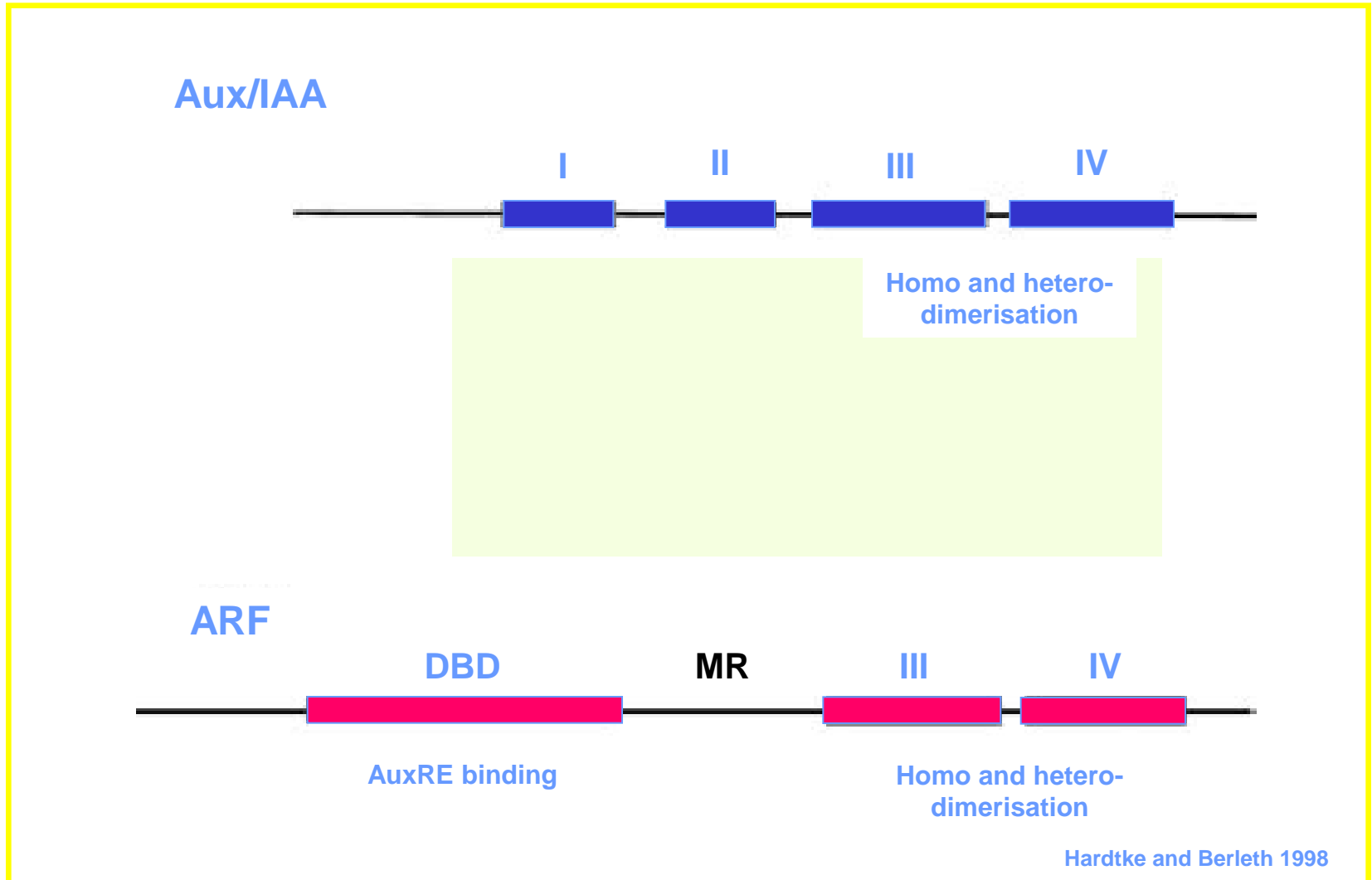


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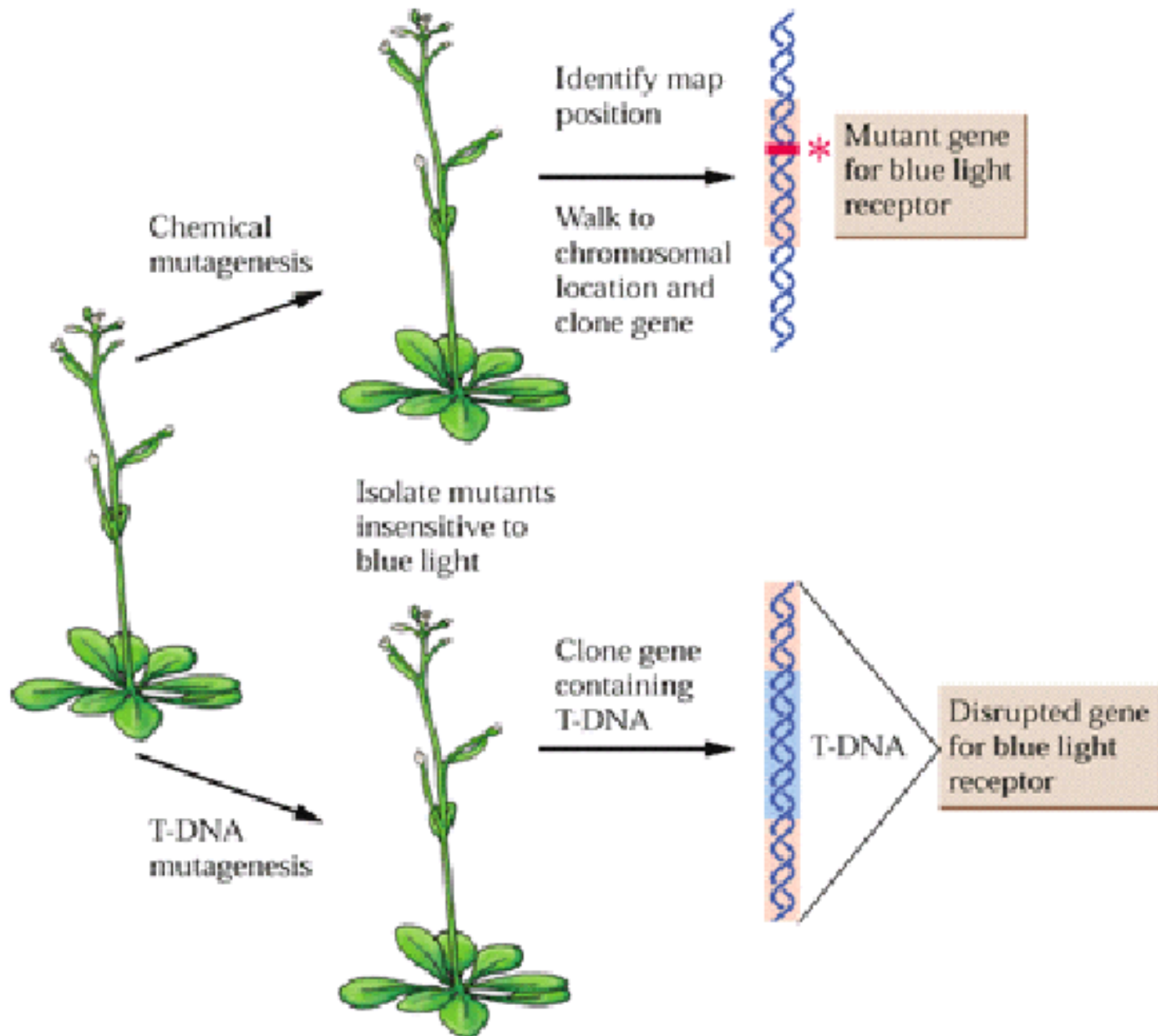
## RT-PCR



# ARFs auxin response factors – TF controlling, Aux/IAA expression



# Forward genetics



# Genetic Approach to Identify Auxin Receptor

- Auxin resistant (axr): *axr1* - *axr6*

- Transport inhibitor response (tir):  
*tir1* - *tir7*

Morphological mutants (*monopteros*, *bodenlos*, etc.)

=> Role of regulated protein degradation and transcriptional regulation in auxin signaling

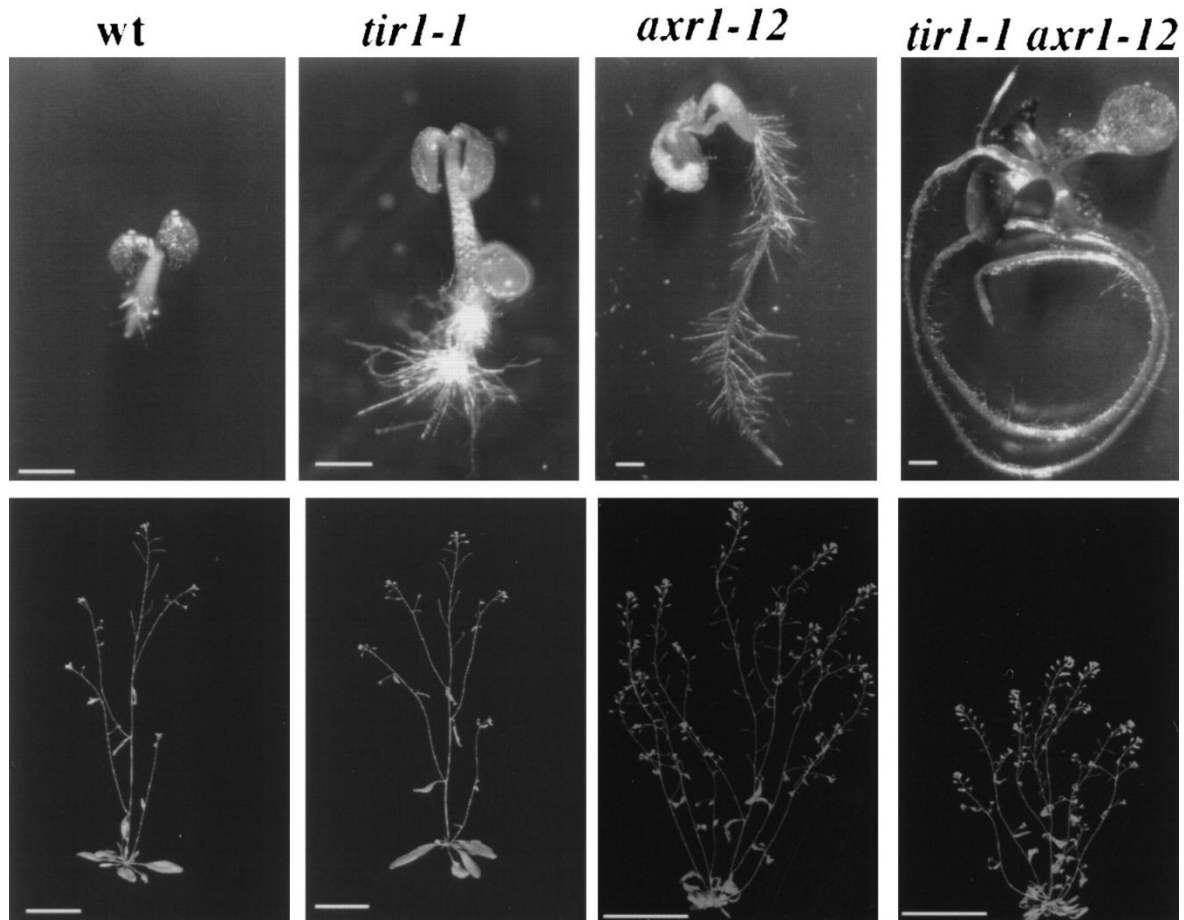
None of the identified gene looks like a receptor



Auxin resistant (*axr*): *axr1* - *axr6*

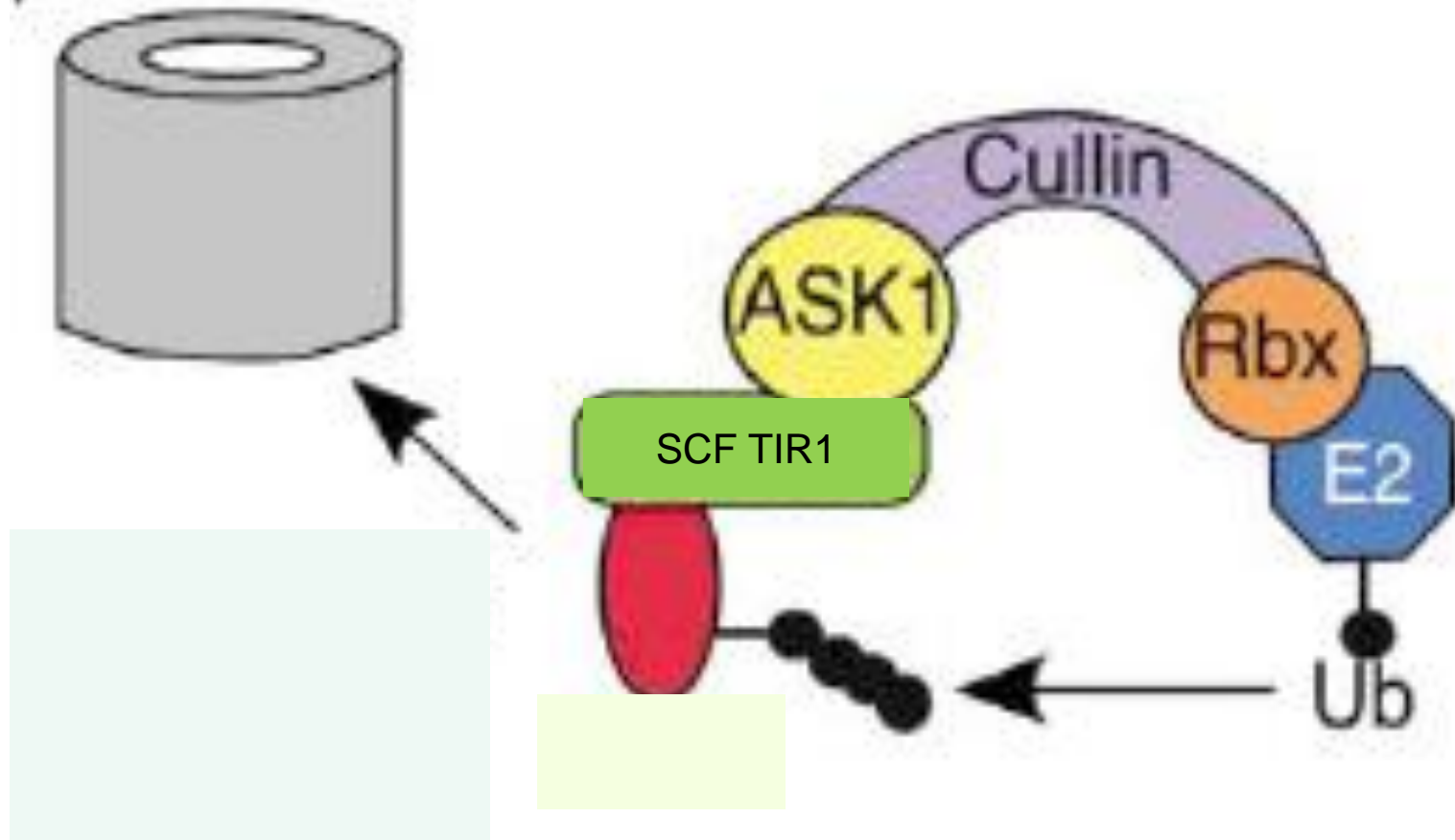
Auxin Transport inhibitor response (*tir*):

**B**

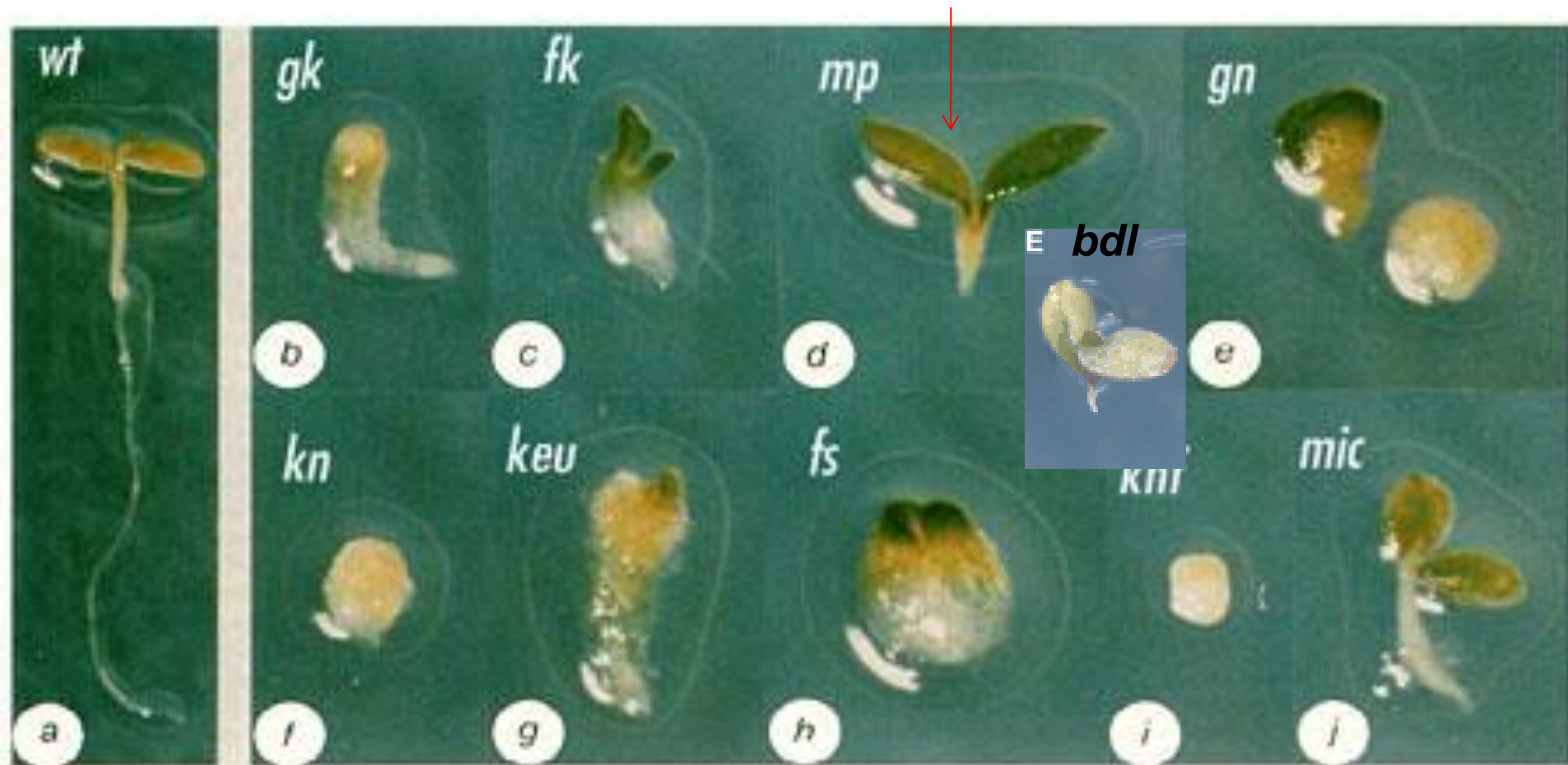


**Subunits of ubiquitin ligase**

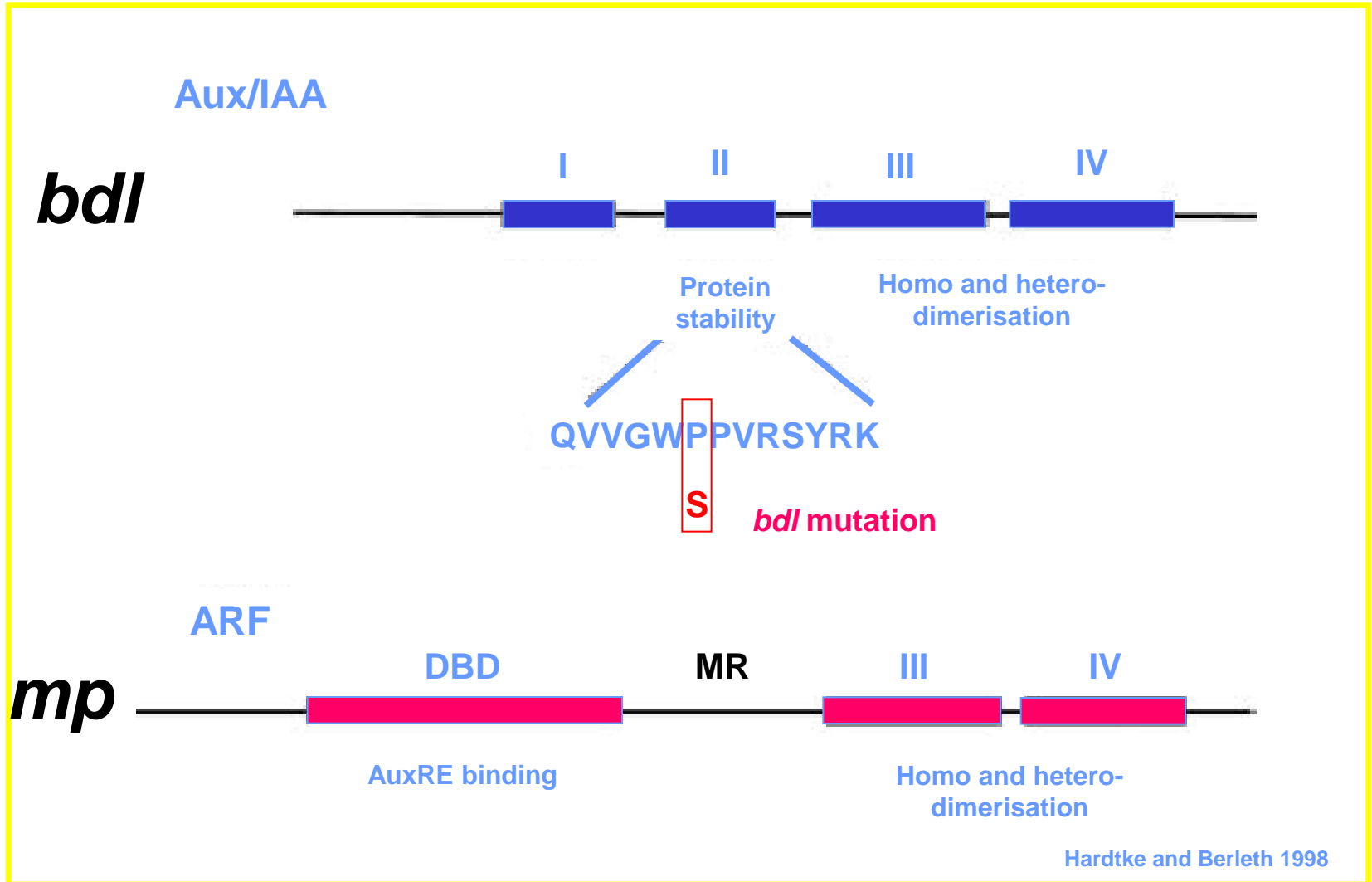
proteasome



# Mutant Screen at Seedling Level

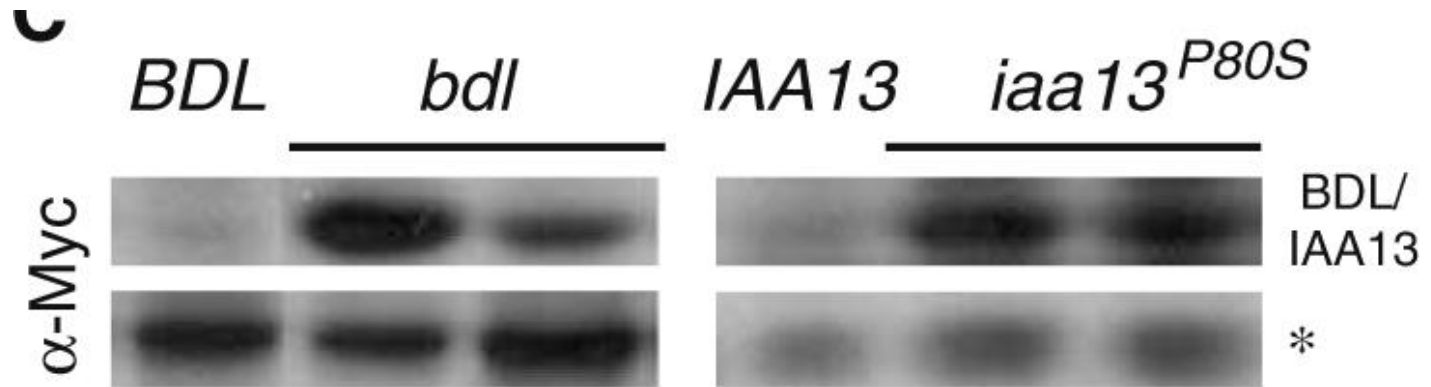


# Some ARFs are **Activators**, and AUX/IAAs **Repressors** of Auxin Response



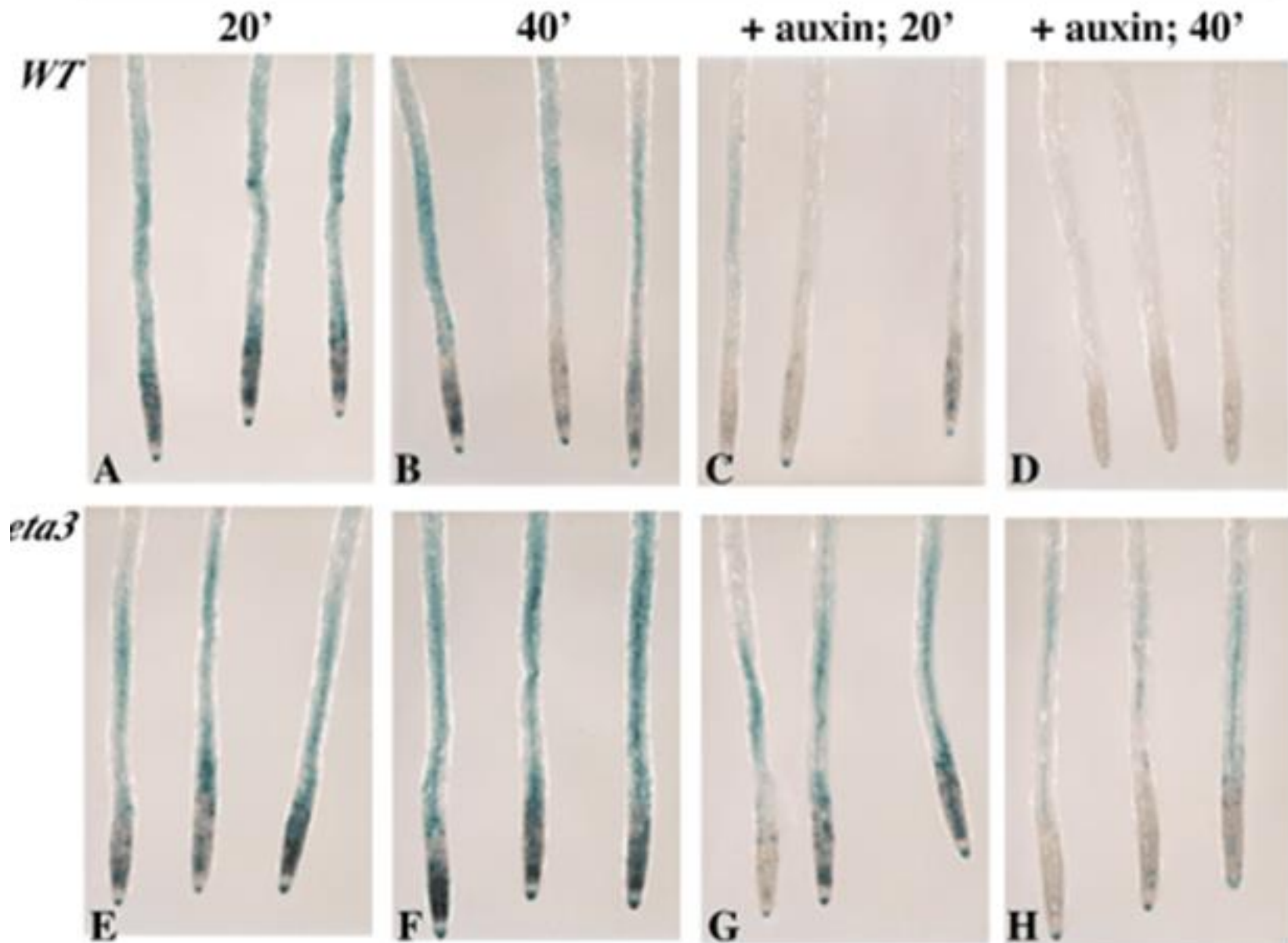


# Mutation in domain II stabilizes Aux/IAAs



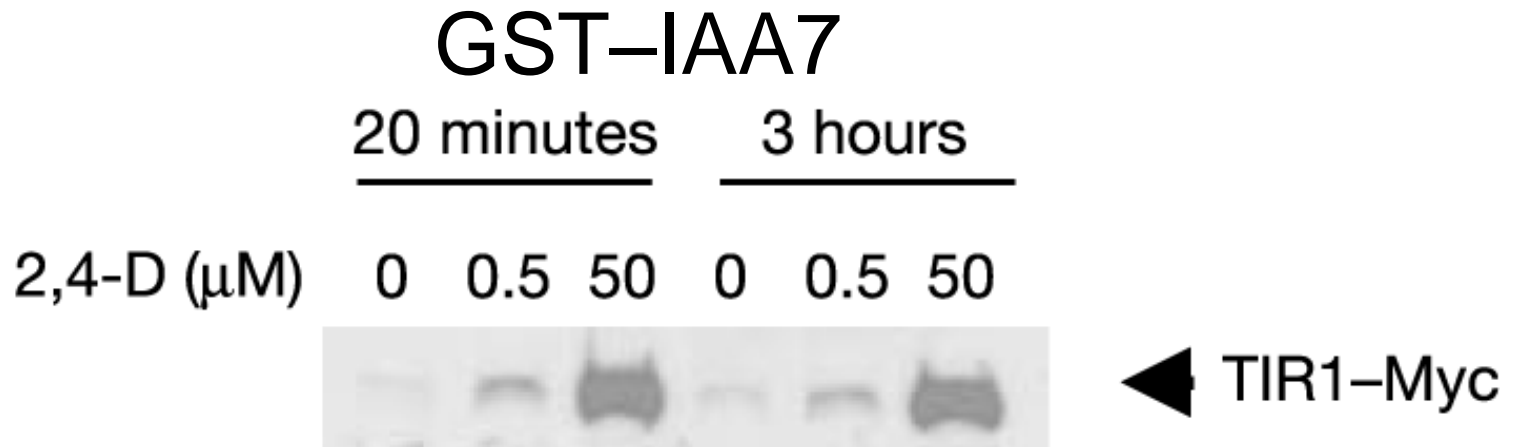
# AUX/IAAs are stabilized in enhancer TIR1 mutant

HS:AXR3NT-GUS



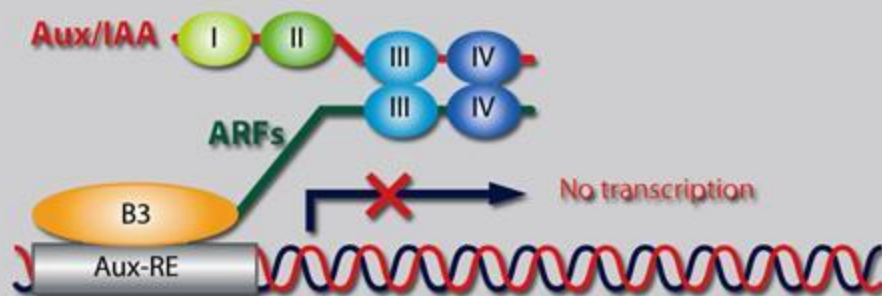
# Pull-down

**b**

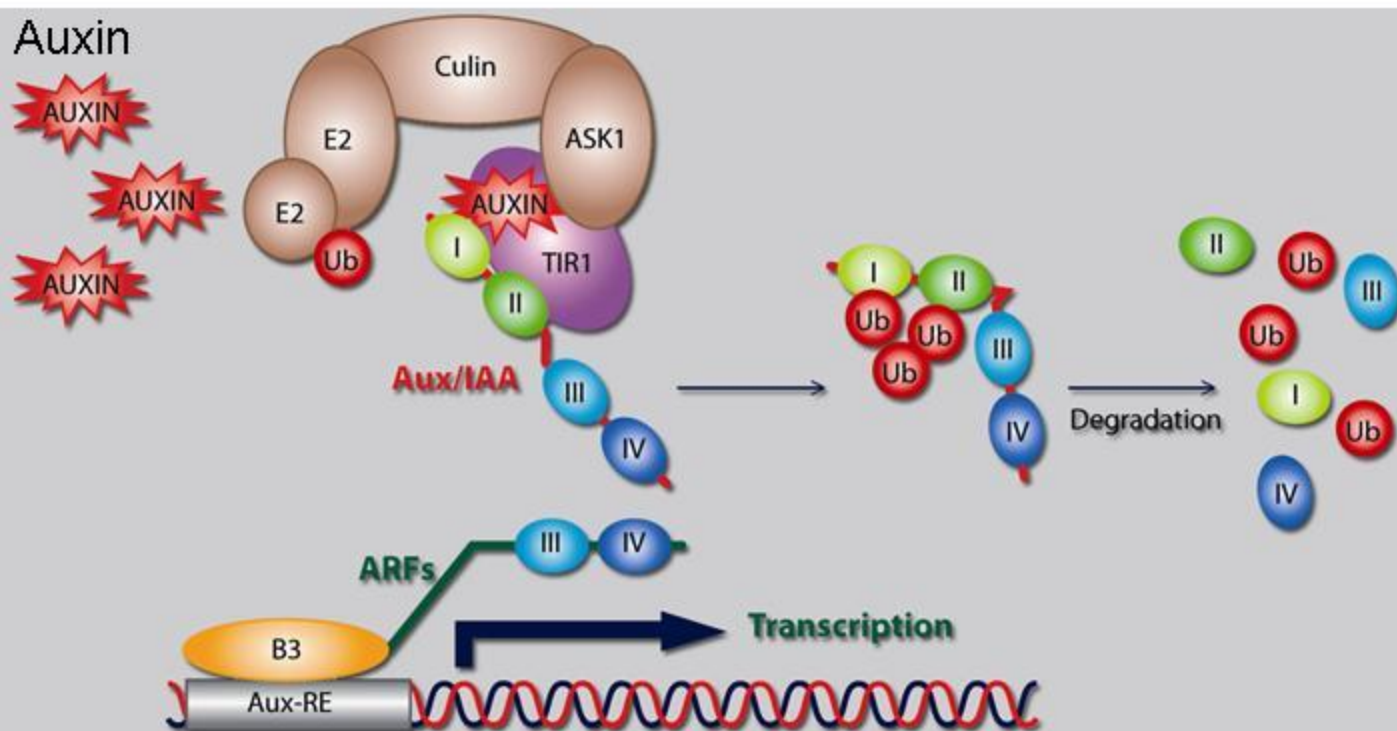


# Auxin signaling

- Auxin



+ Auxin



# Summary for Auxin Signaling

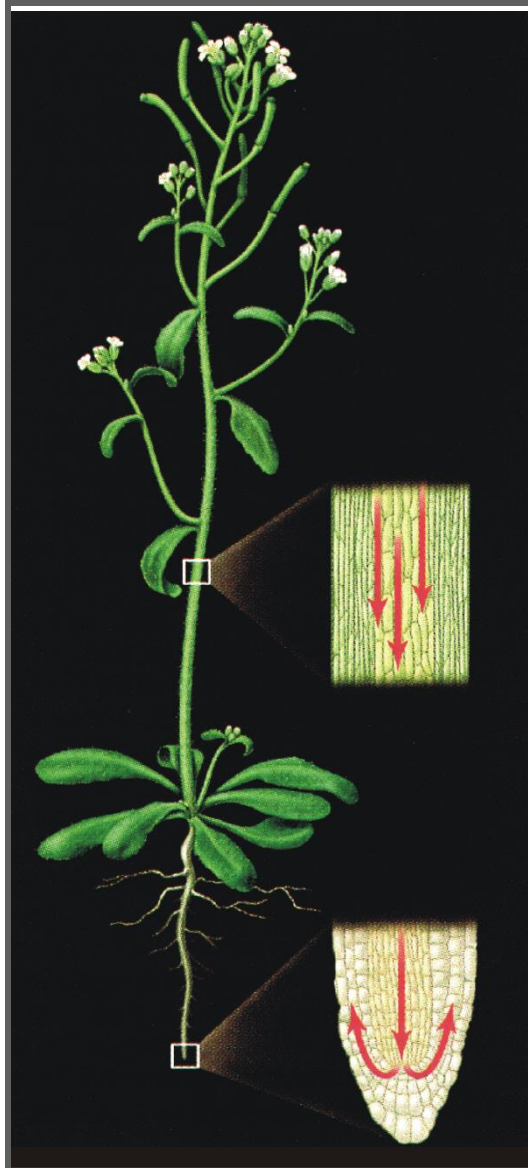
Biochemical approach - auxin binding protein  
ABP1

binds auxin, important in embryogenesis,  
role in endocytosis

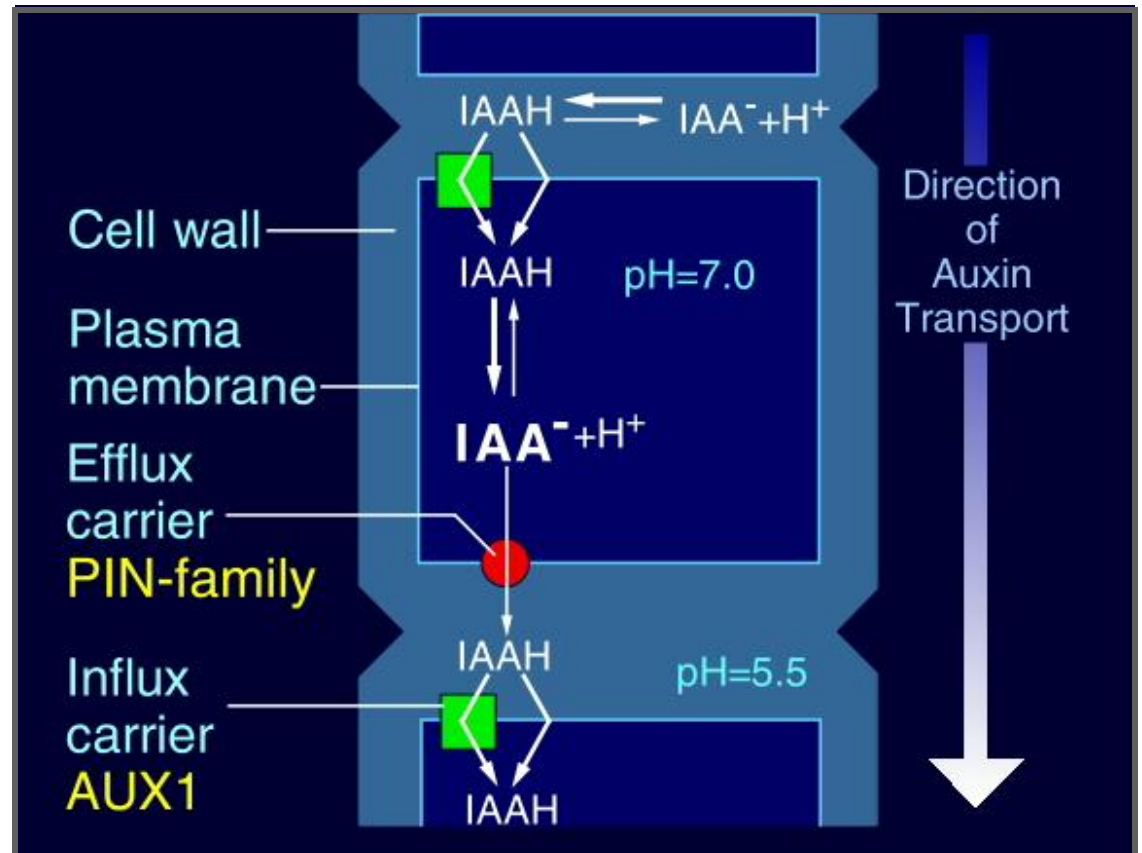
Genetic approach - role of protein degradation  
(*axr1*, *tir1*)

Molecular approach - auxin regulates expression  
ARE in promoters of auxin regulated genes  
ARF transcription factors binds to ARE  
AUX/IAA proteins repress ARF and are  
degraded upon auxin signal

# Auxin Transport

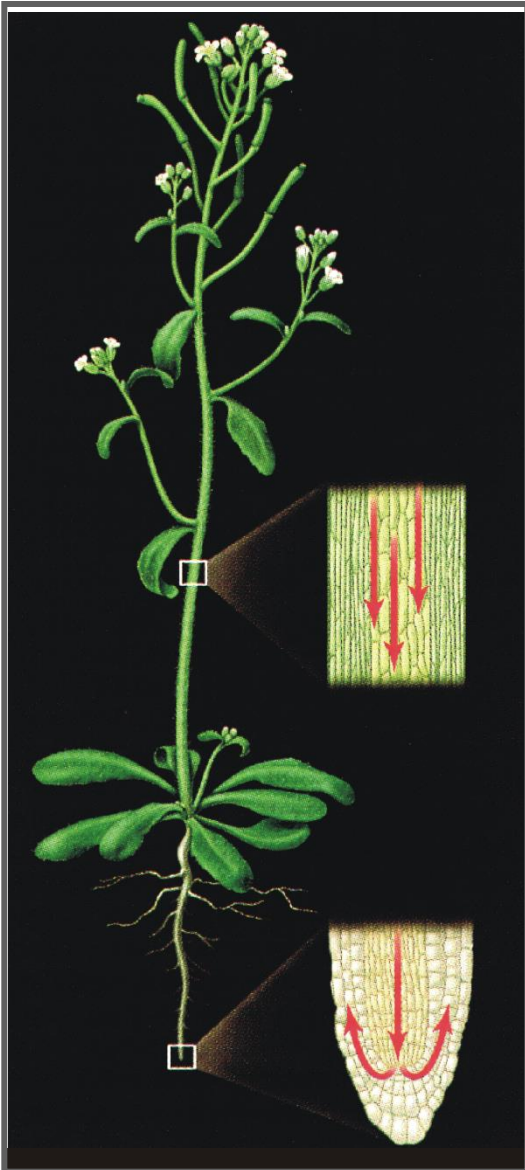


## Chemiosmotic hypothesis





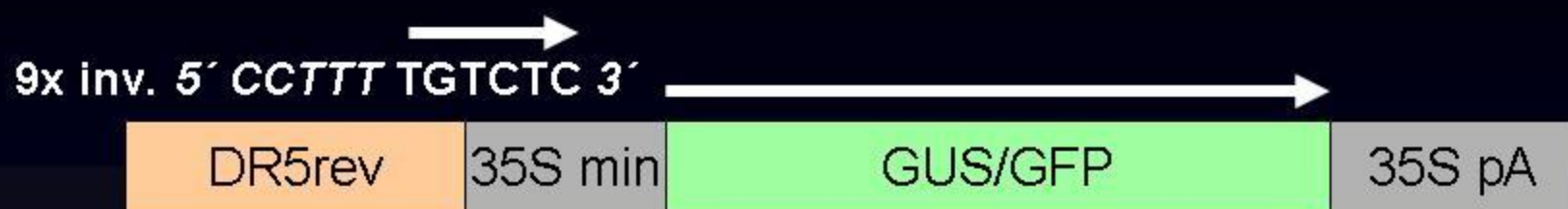
# Auxin Transport



Inhibited auxin transport



# DR5 Auxin Response Reporter



Root

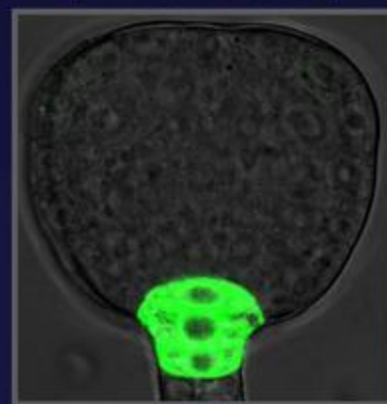
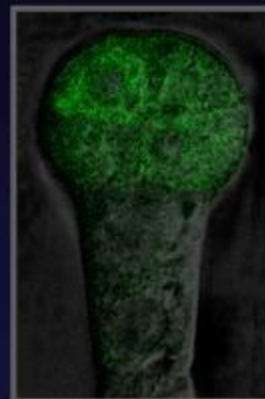
Embryos



DR5



anti-IAA

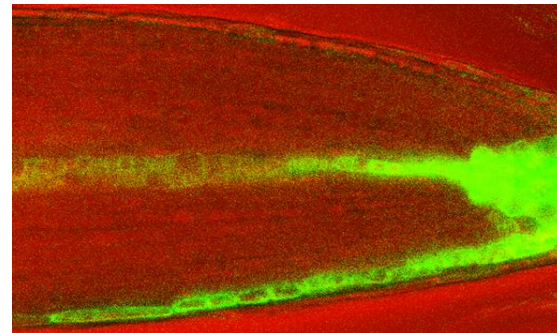
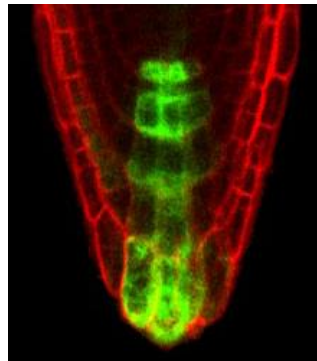
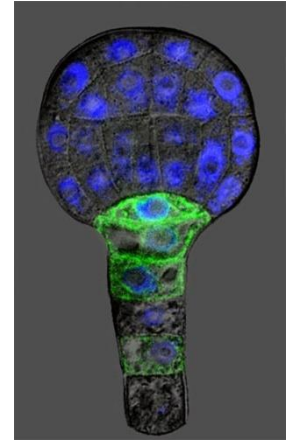
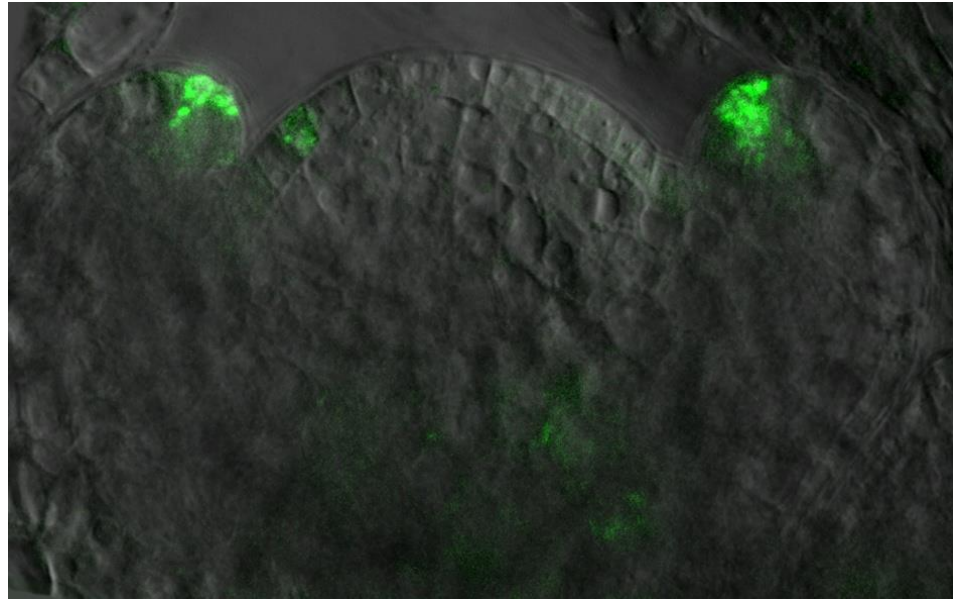
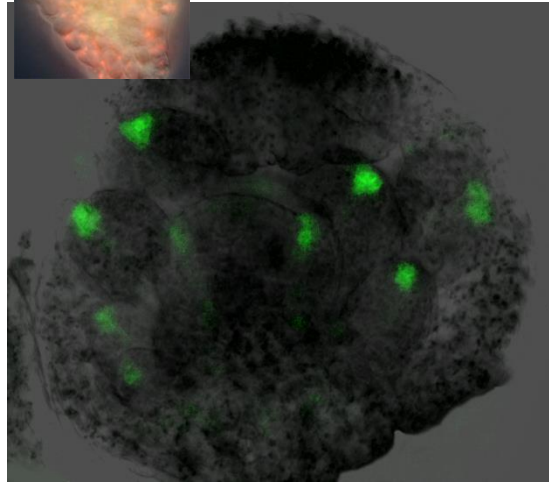


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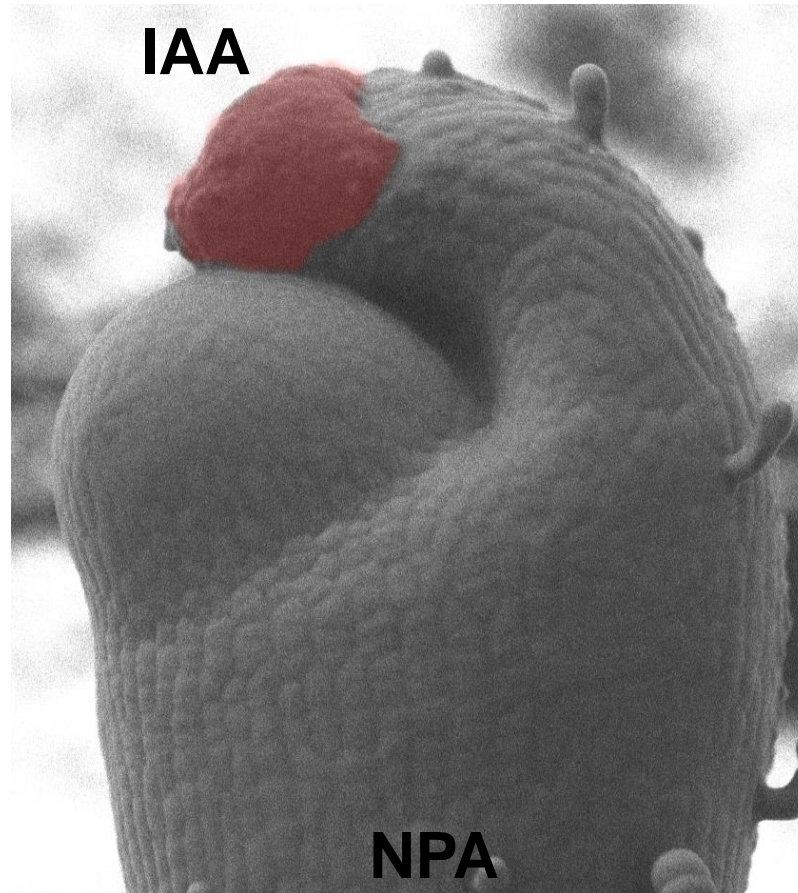
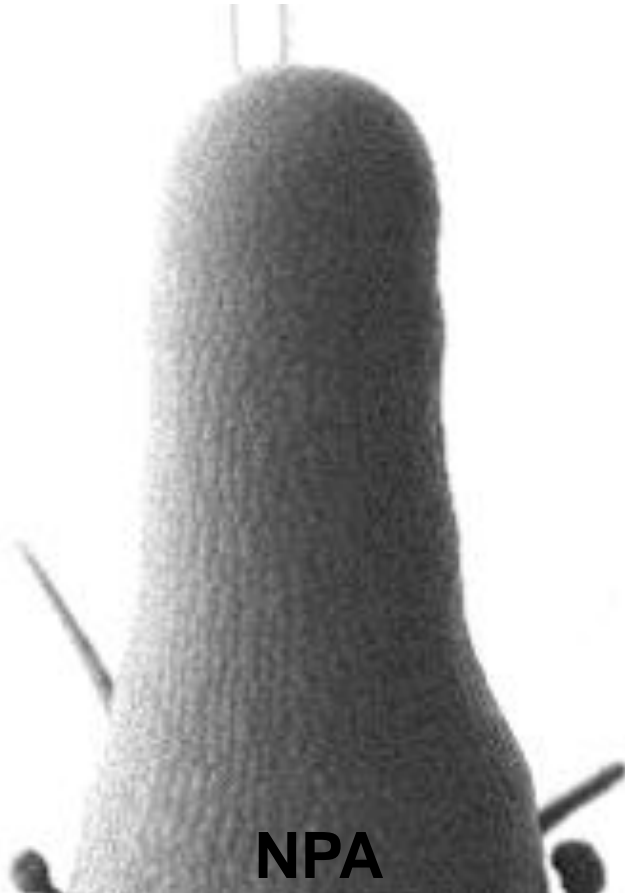
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# Local Auxin Gradients in Plant Development

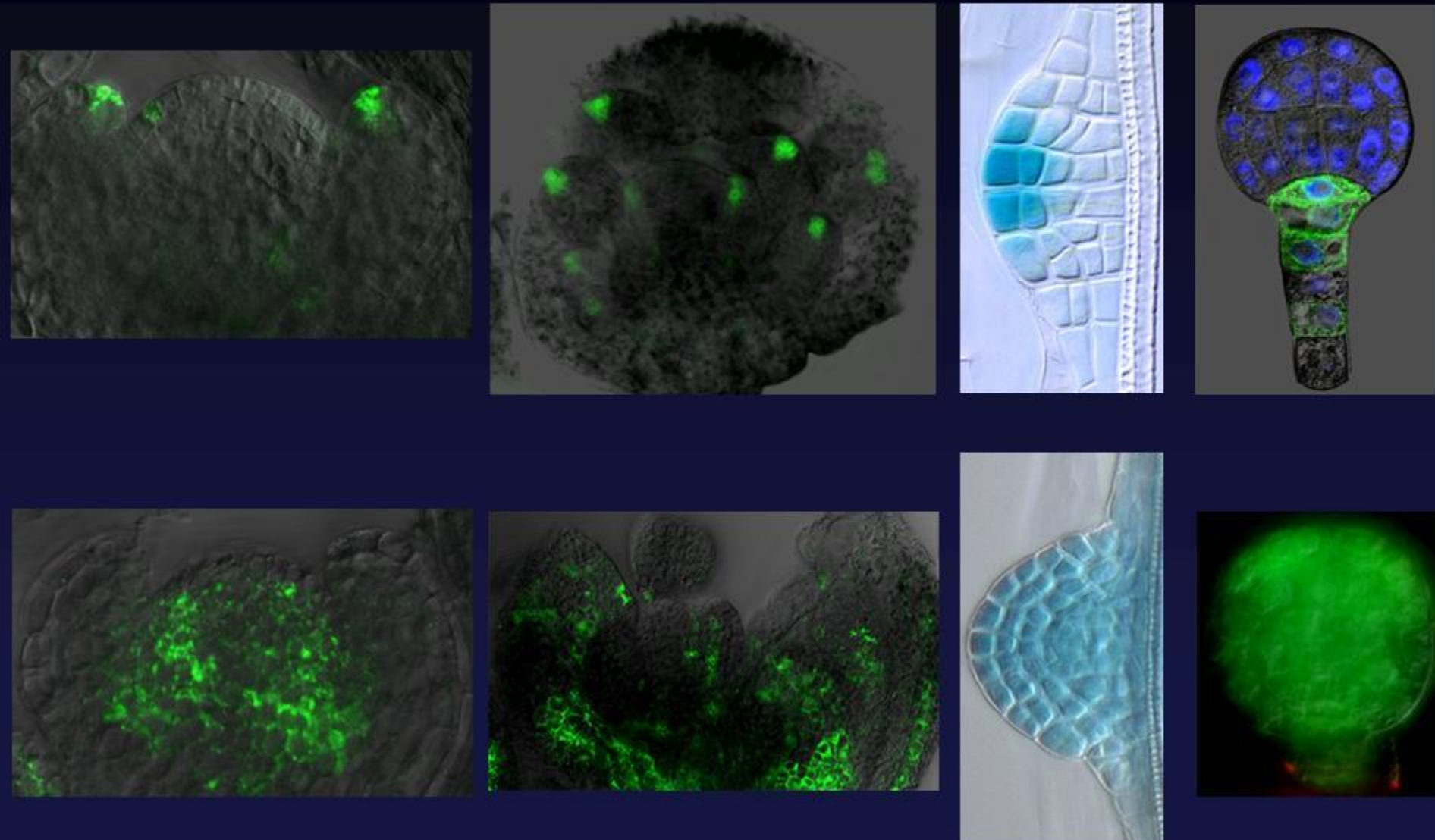




# Local Application of Auxin Induces Organ Formation



# Local Auxin Gradients Require Active Polar Auxin Transport



# Auxin Transport

Proteins involved in auxin transport

- PIN proteins (efflux)

- AUX1 proteins (influx)

Role of *GNOM* dependent vesicle trafficking

PIN proteins cycling and its role

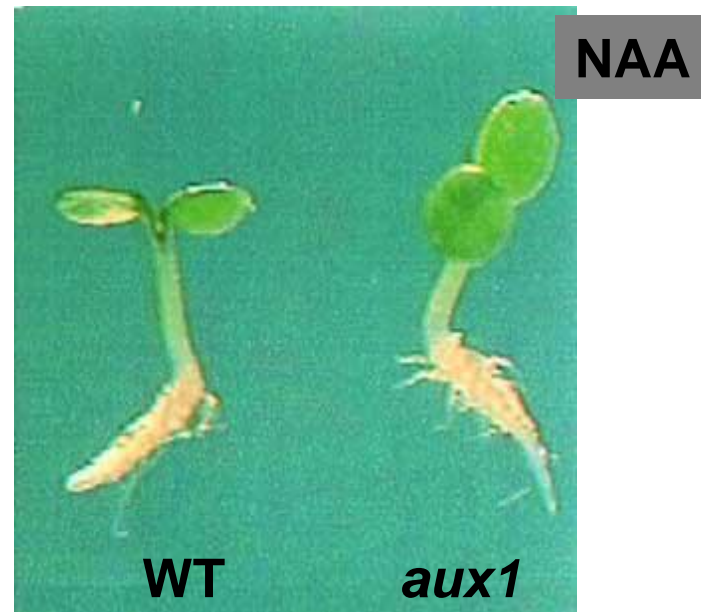
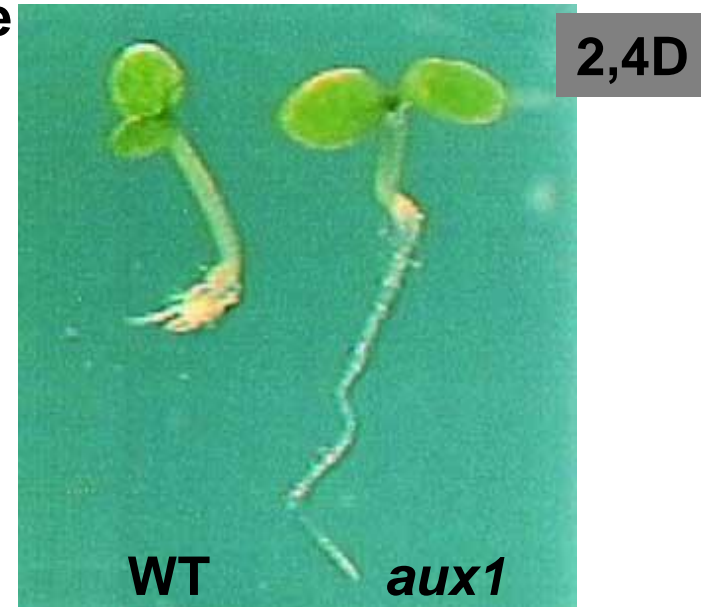
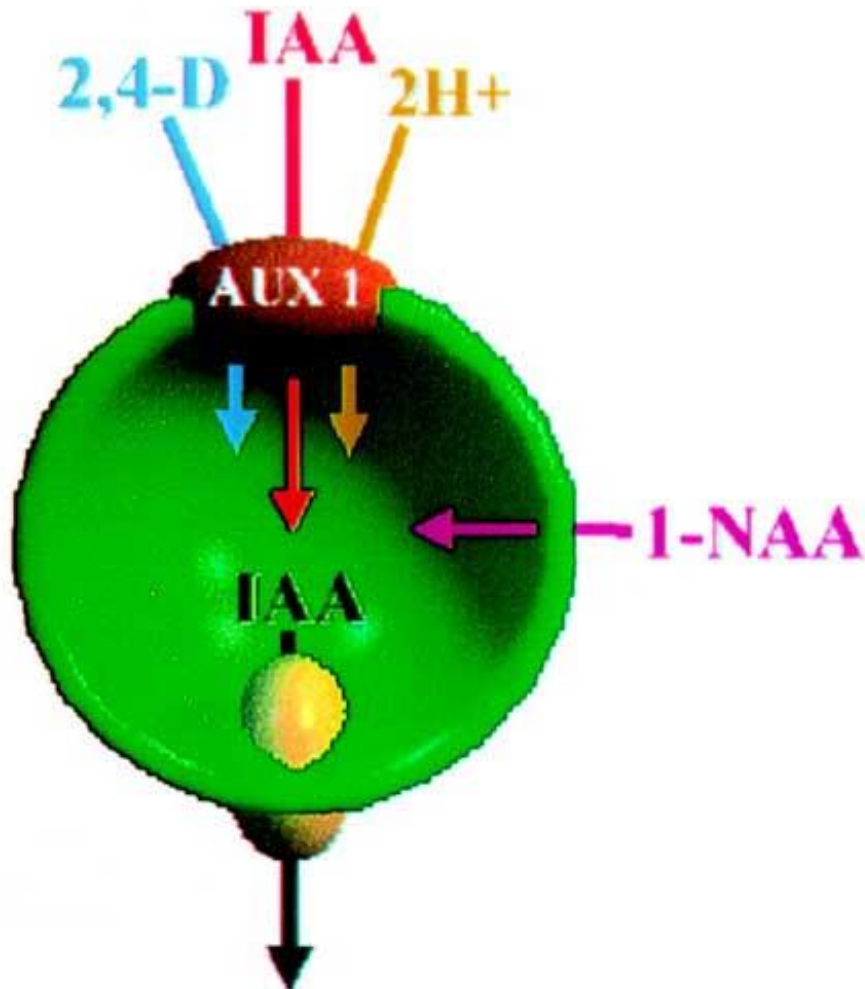


# Auxin Influx

# *aux1* is Resistant to Auxin

*aux1* phenotype

Transport properties of different auxins



# AUX1 – Expression and Localization

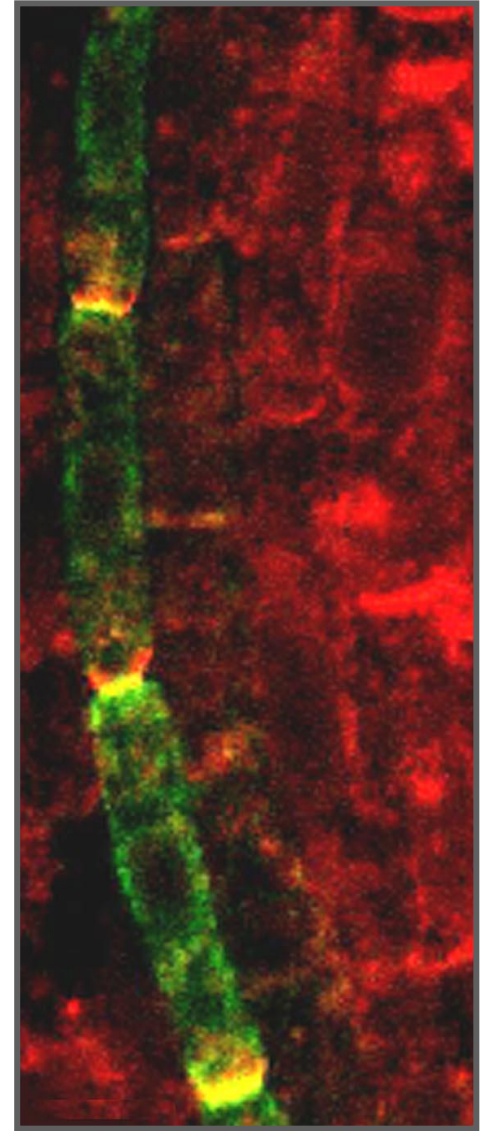
***AUX1::GUS***



**AUX1 protein**

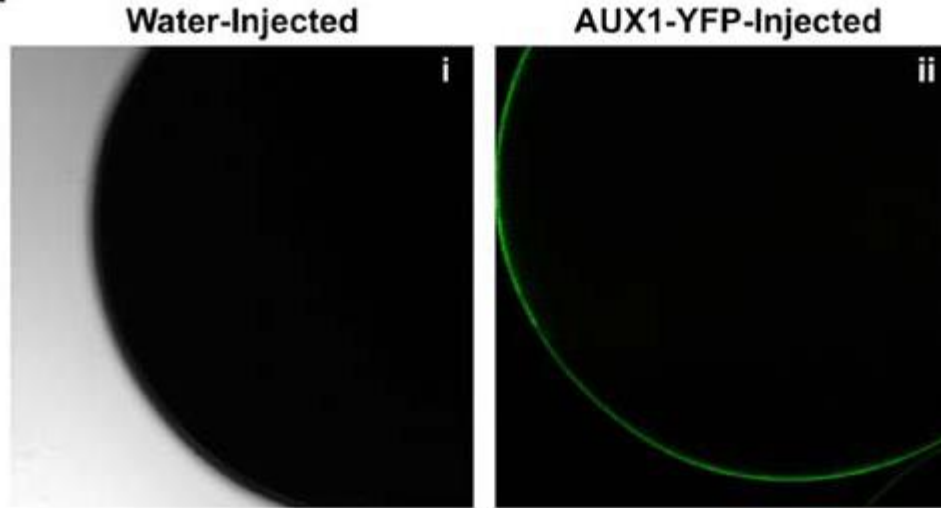


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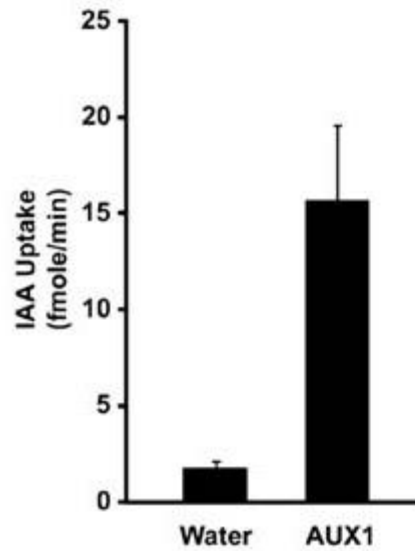


# AUX1 – auxin transport into *Xenopus* Oocytes

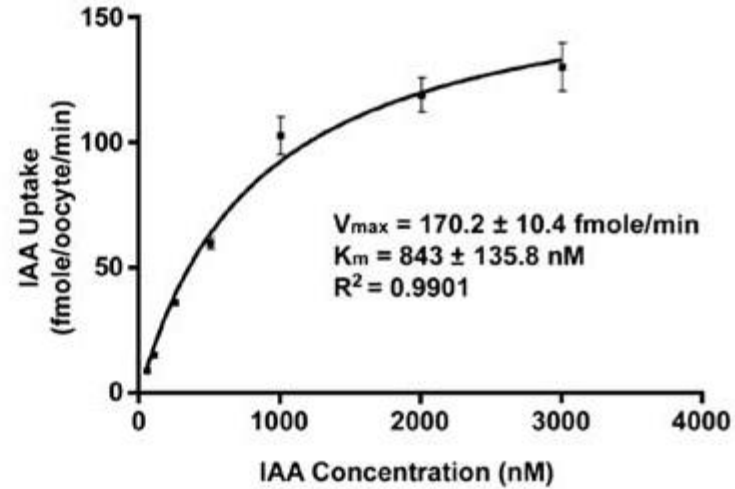
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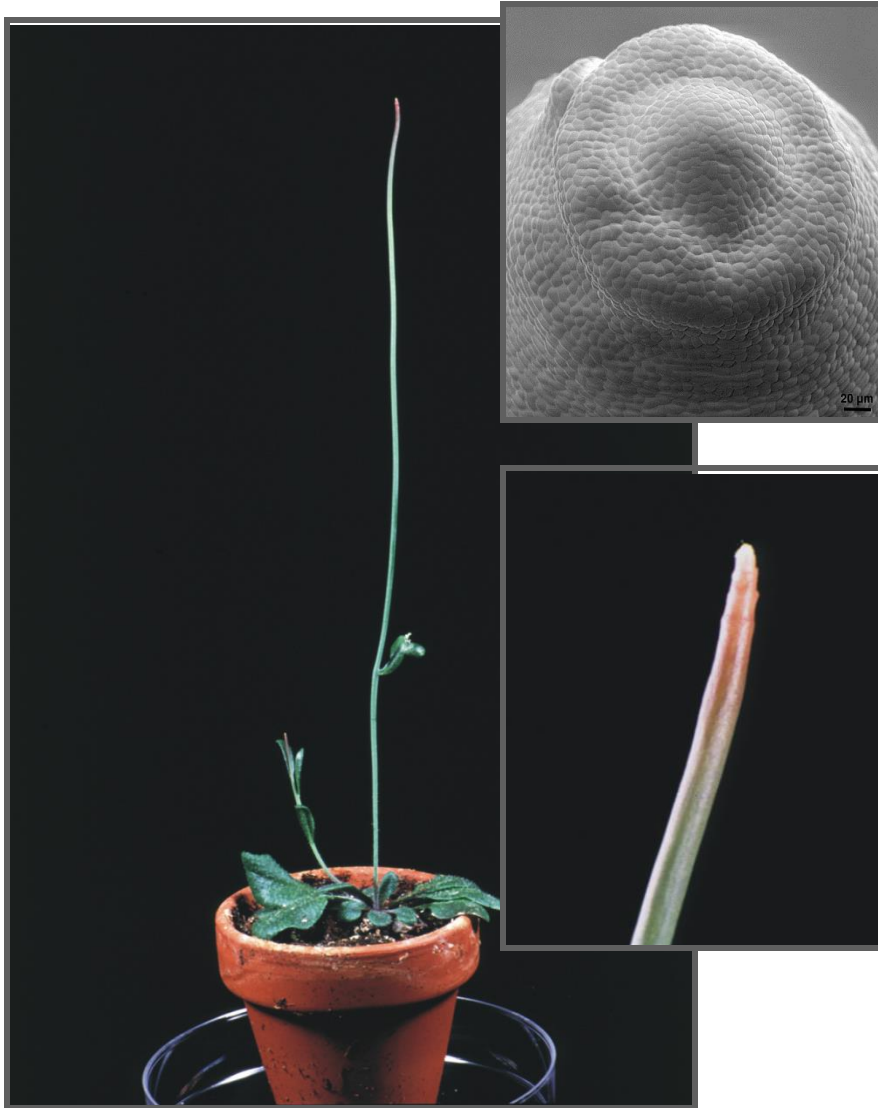


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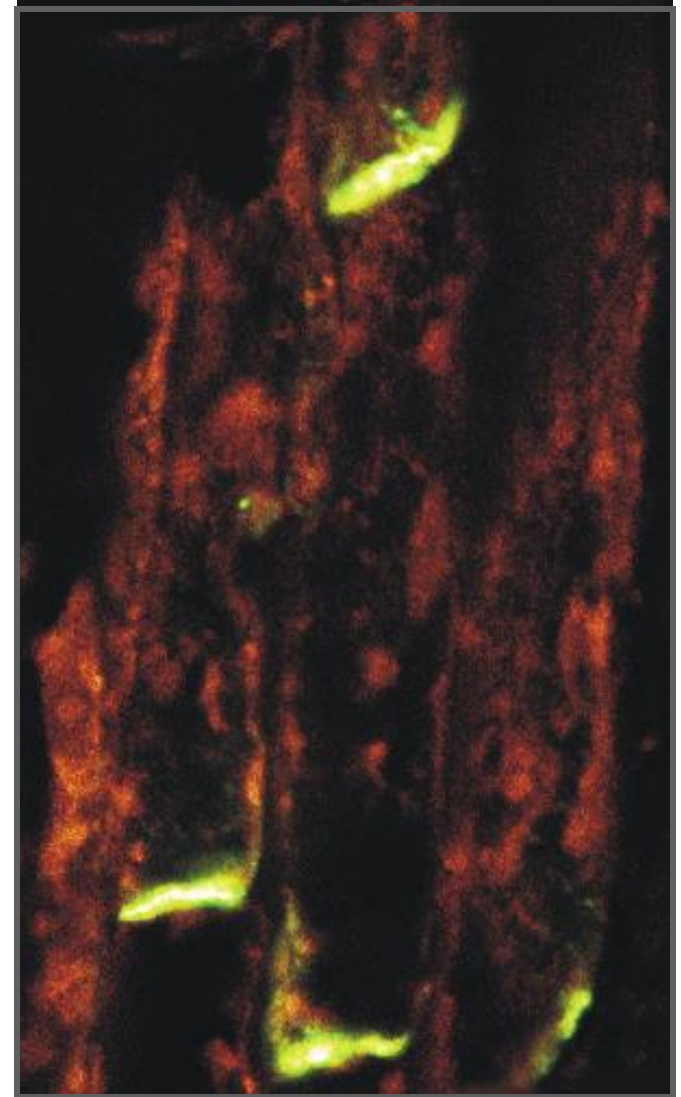


# PIN1 – the Auxin Efflux Carrier?

*pin1* mutant



PIN1 protein

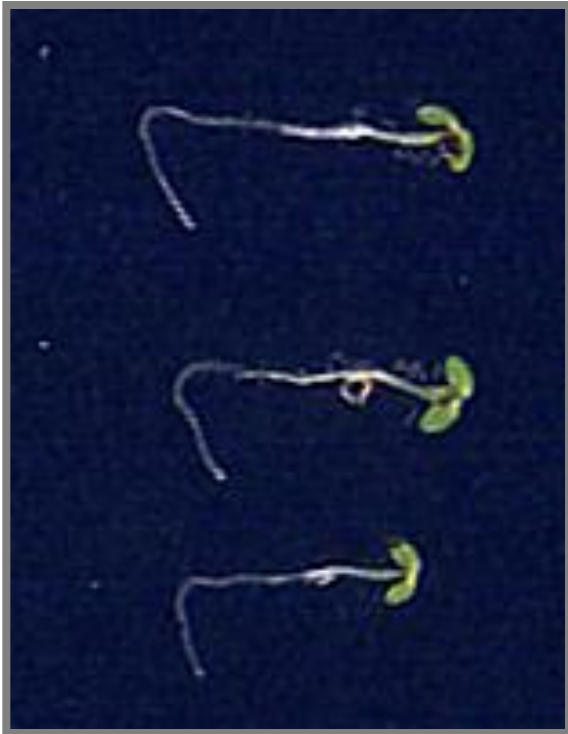




# PIN2 – Root Gravotropism

PIN2 protein

Col-0



*pin2*

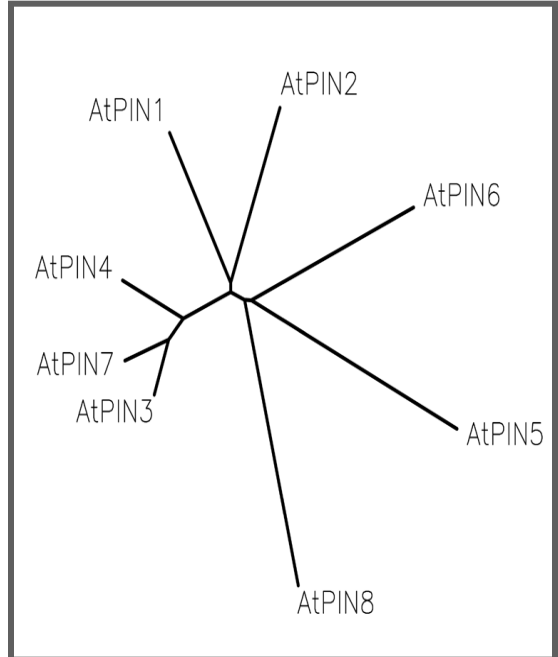


# The Arabidopsis PIN Gene Family

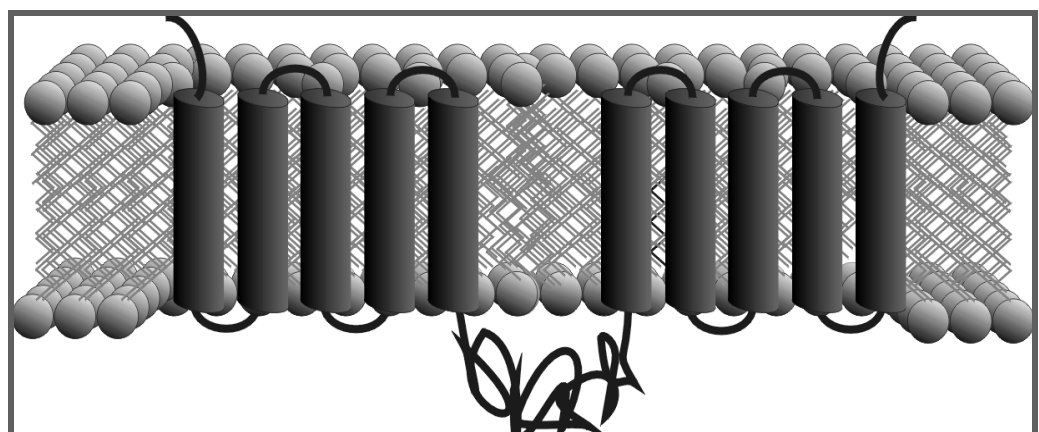
## Comparison of Arabidopsis PIN proteins

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AtPIN3	1	MIEWHDLVTVLTVAVPLVAMILEAYGSRVWKKIETPDQCSGIRRFVAVFAPVLLSFHFISHTNPFYAMHLRFIAADLQKIMLSLVL...WAFNFRSSGLEWSTIIFSLSLPNTLY
AtPIN4	1	MIEWHDLVTVLTVAVPLVAMILEAYGSRVWKKIETPDQCSGIRRFVAVFAPVLLSFHFISHTNPFYAMHFRFAADLQKIMLSLVL...WAFNFRSSGLEWSTIIFSLSLPNTLY
AtPIN5	1	MIEWHDLVTVLTVAVPLVAMILEAYGSRVWKKIETPDQCSGIRRFVAVFAPVLLSFHFISHTNPFYAMHFRFAADLQKIMLSLVL...WAFNFRSSGLEWSTIIFSLSLPNTLY
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## Phylogenetic tree



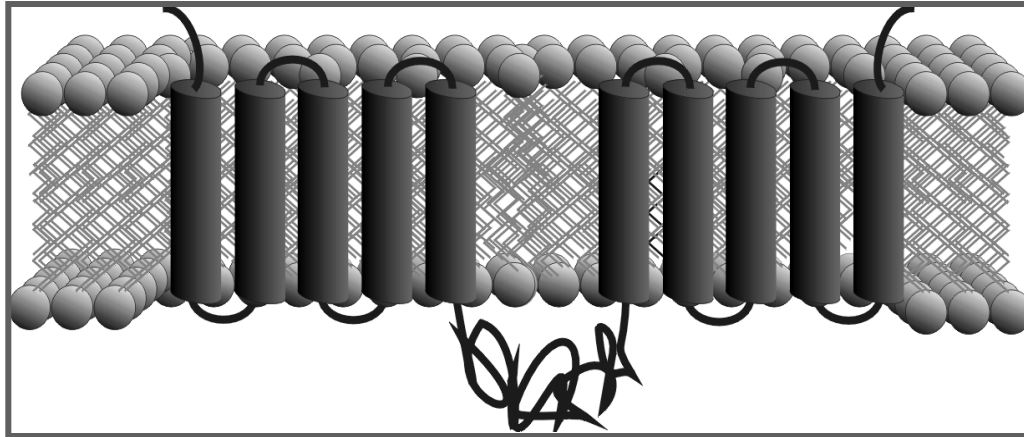
## Membrane topology model



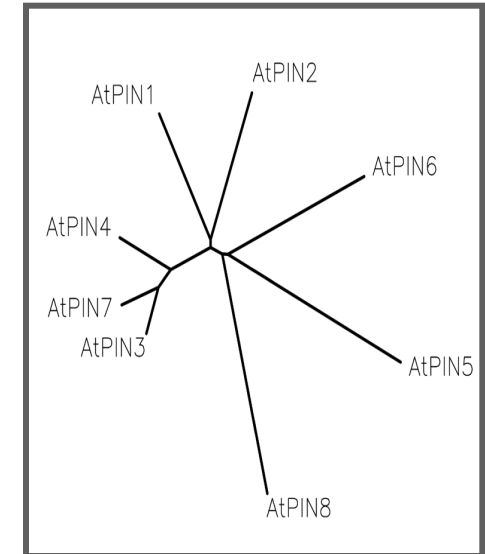
What is Molecular Role  
of PIN Proteins  
in Auxin Transport?

# PINs Are Essential Components of Auxin Transport

## Putative topology of PIN proteins



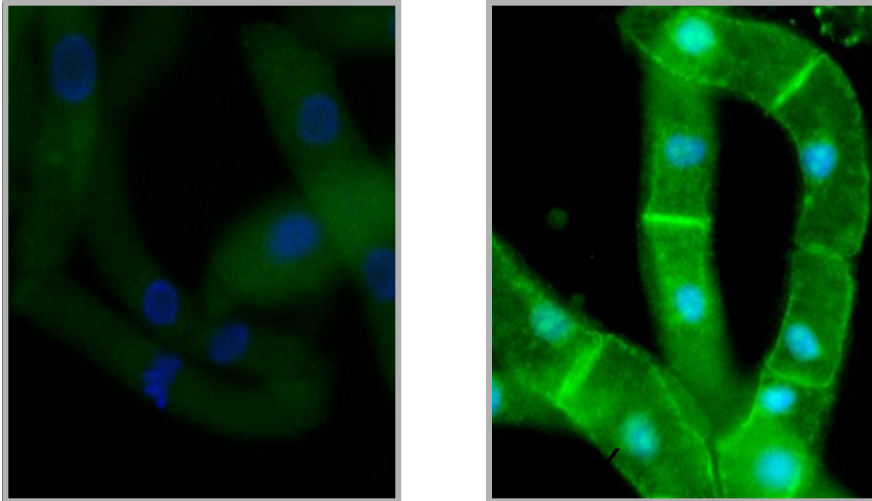
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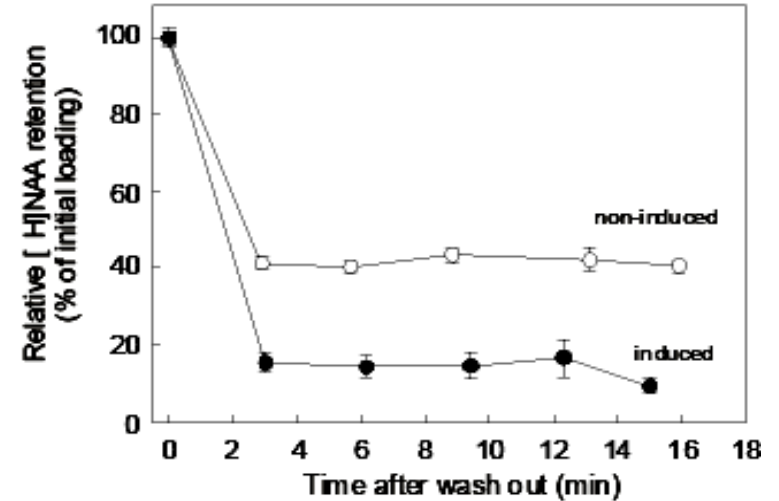
- All defects in *pin* loss-of-function mutants are in auxin transport-dependent processes and can be phenocopied by auxin transport inhibitors
- Local auxin distribution (gradients) are affected in *pins*
- Polar PIN localization determines direction of auxin flow

# PINs Are Rate-limiting Factors in Auxin Efflux

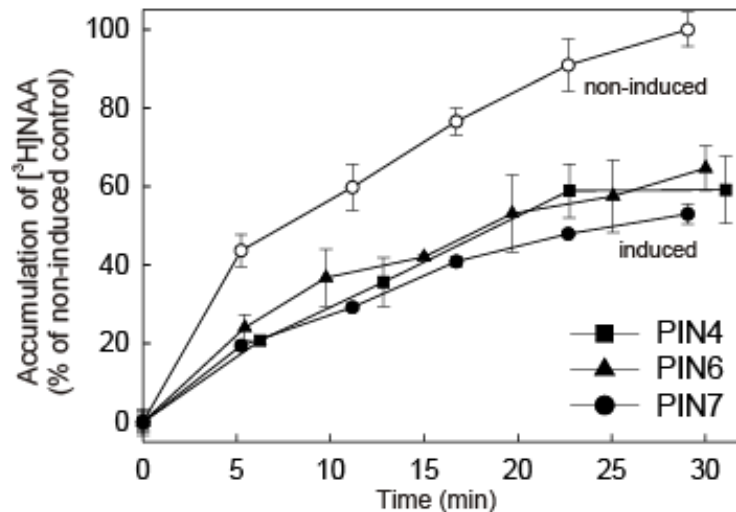
## Inducible PIN1 expression



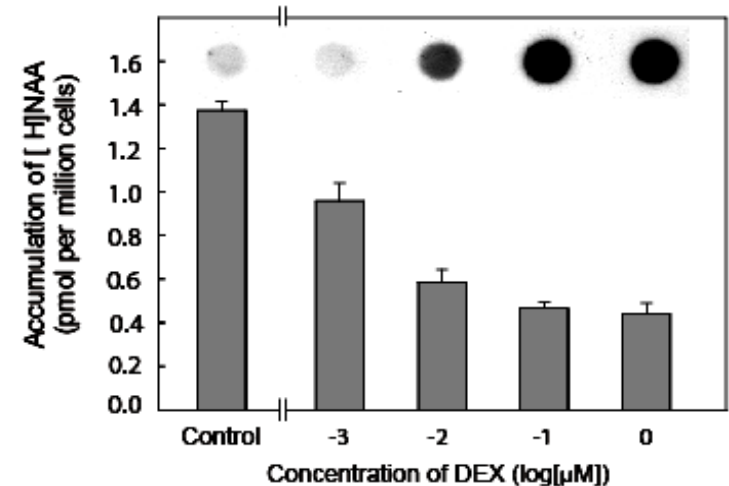
## PIN-dependent auxin efflux from GVG-PIN7 tobacco cells



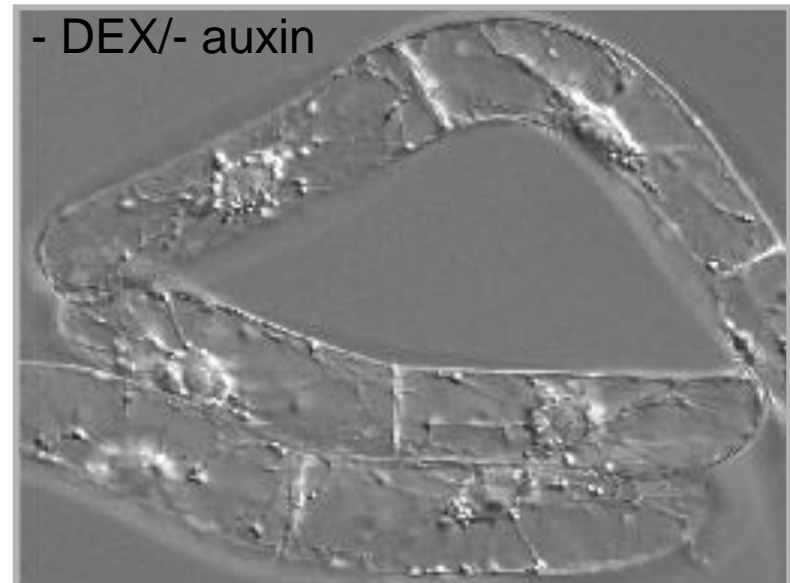
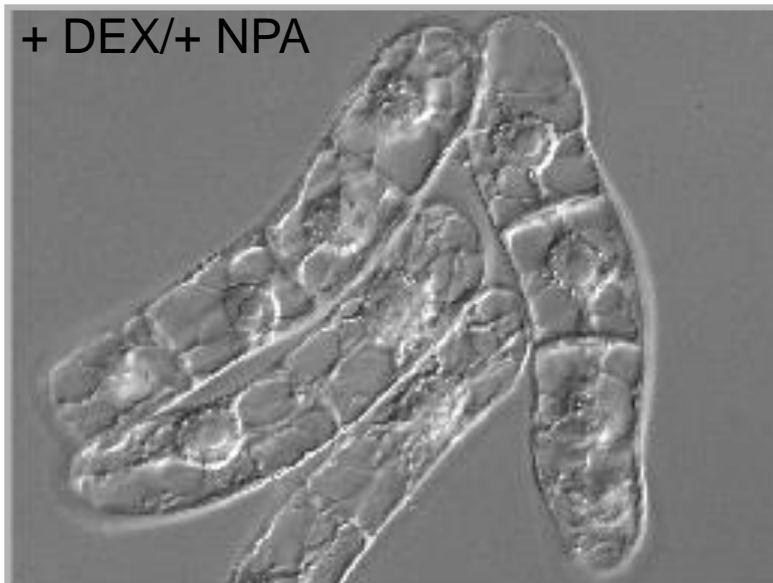
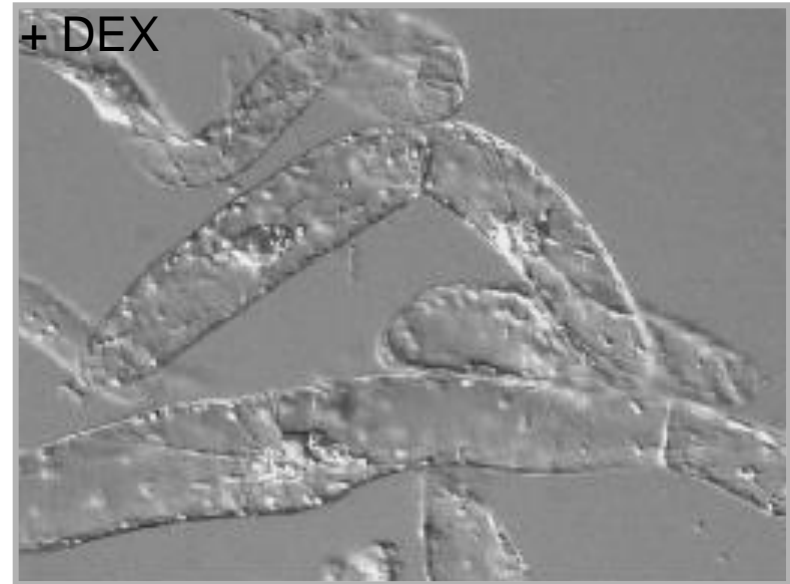
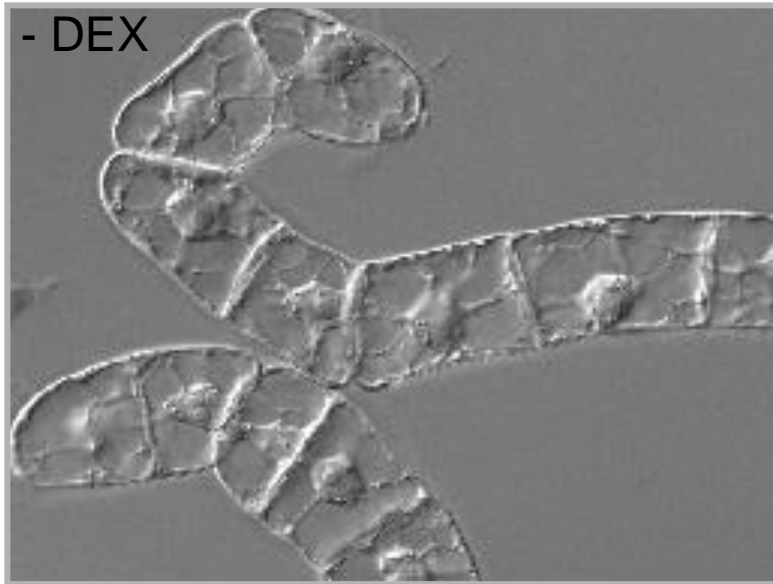
## NAA accumulation kinetics



## [3H]NAA accumulation in GVG-PIN7 tobacco cells in relation to DEX concentration



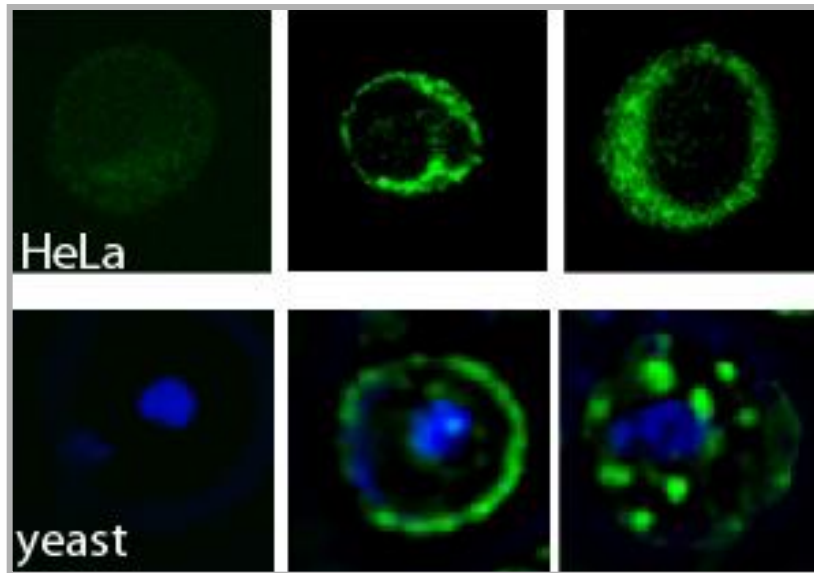
# PIN-induced Phenotypes in BY-2 Cells



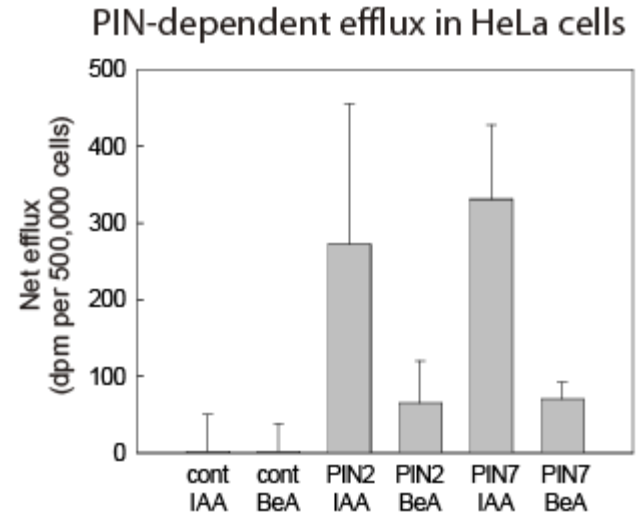


# Expression of PINs in HeLa and Yeast

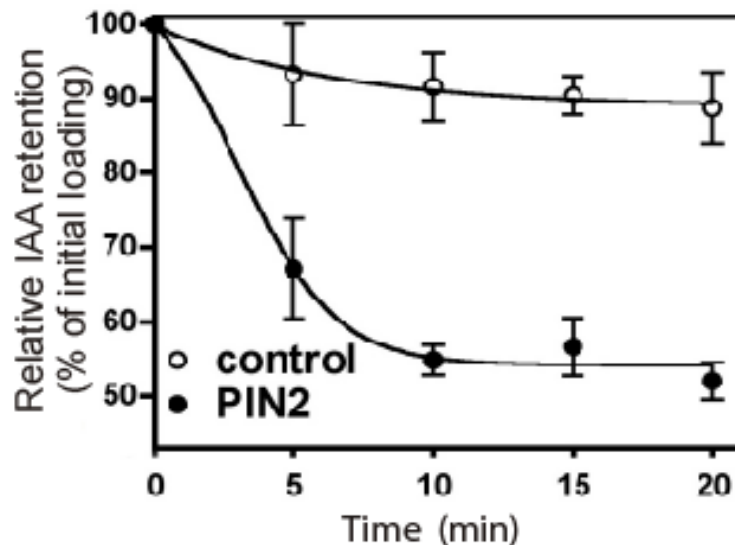
Heterologous PIN2 expression



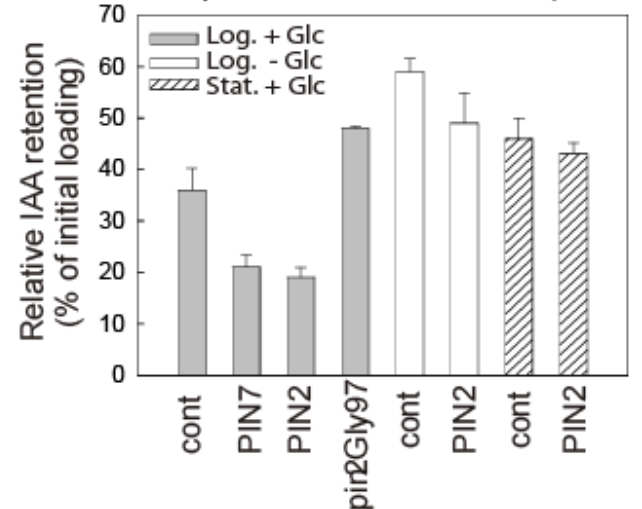
auxin efflux activity



IAA ef flux in yeast

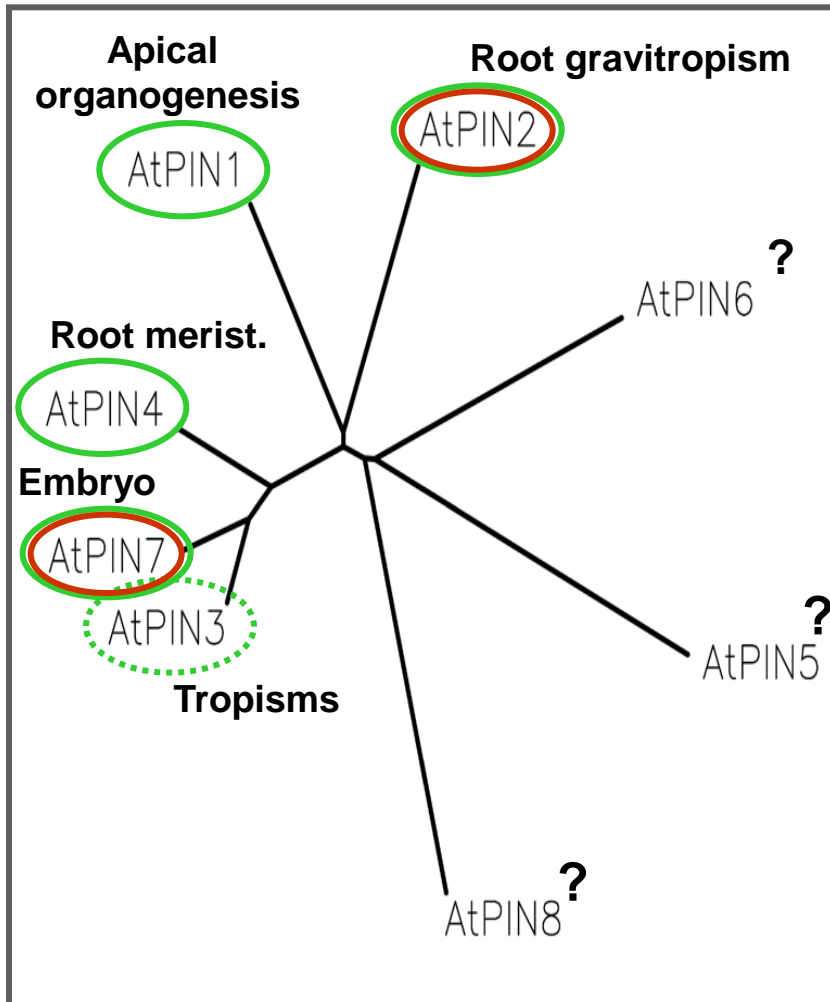


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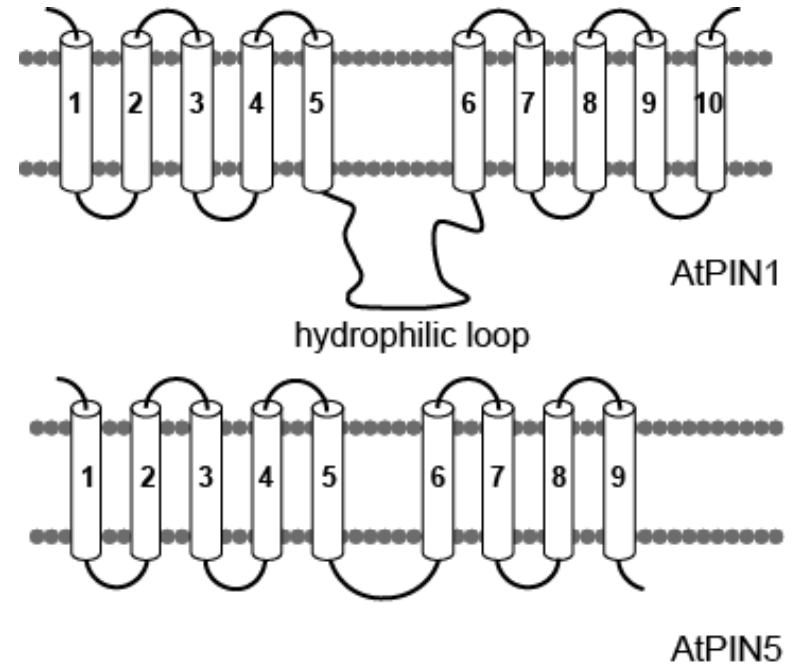


# PIN gene family

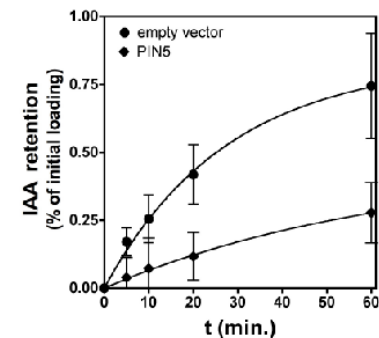
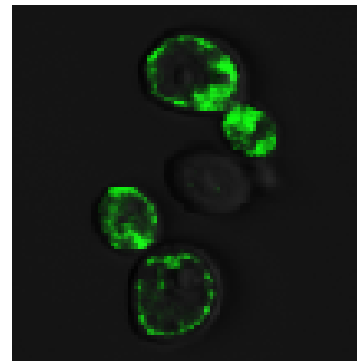
## PINs in *Arabidopsis*



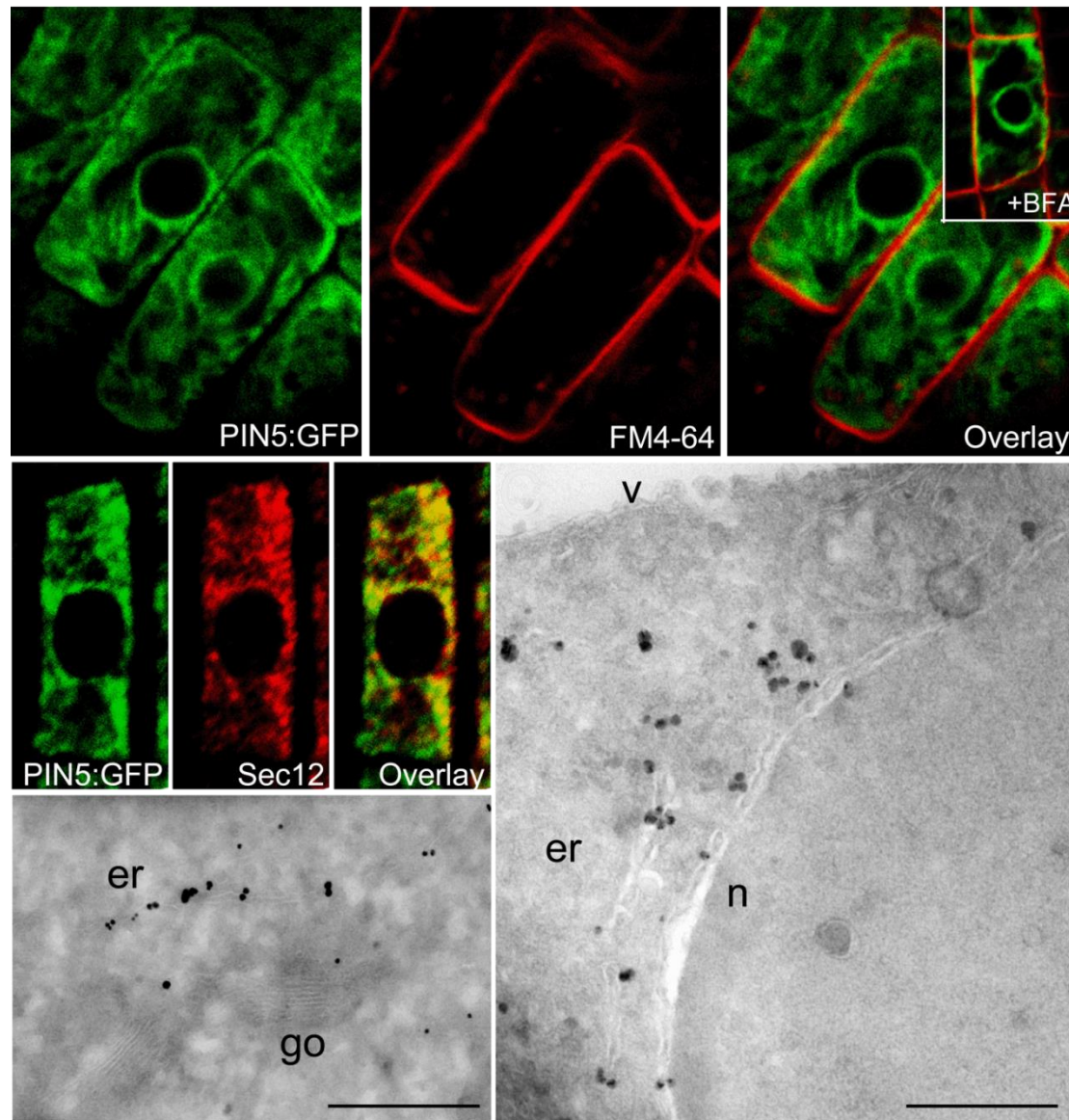
## Predicted PIN Protein Topology



## Auxin Transport in Yeast

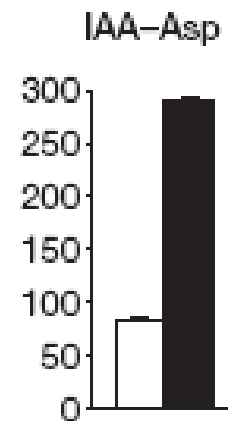
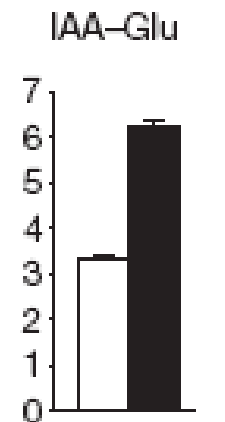
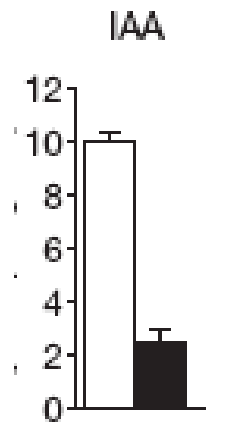
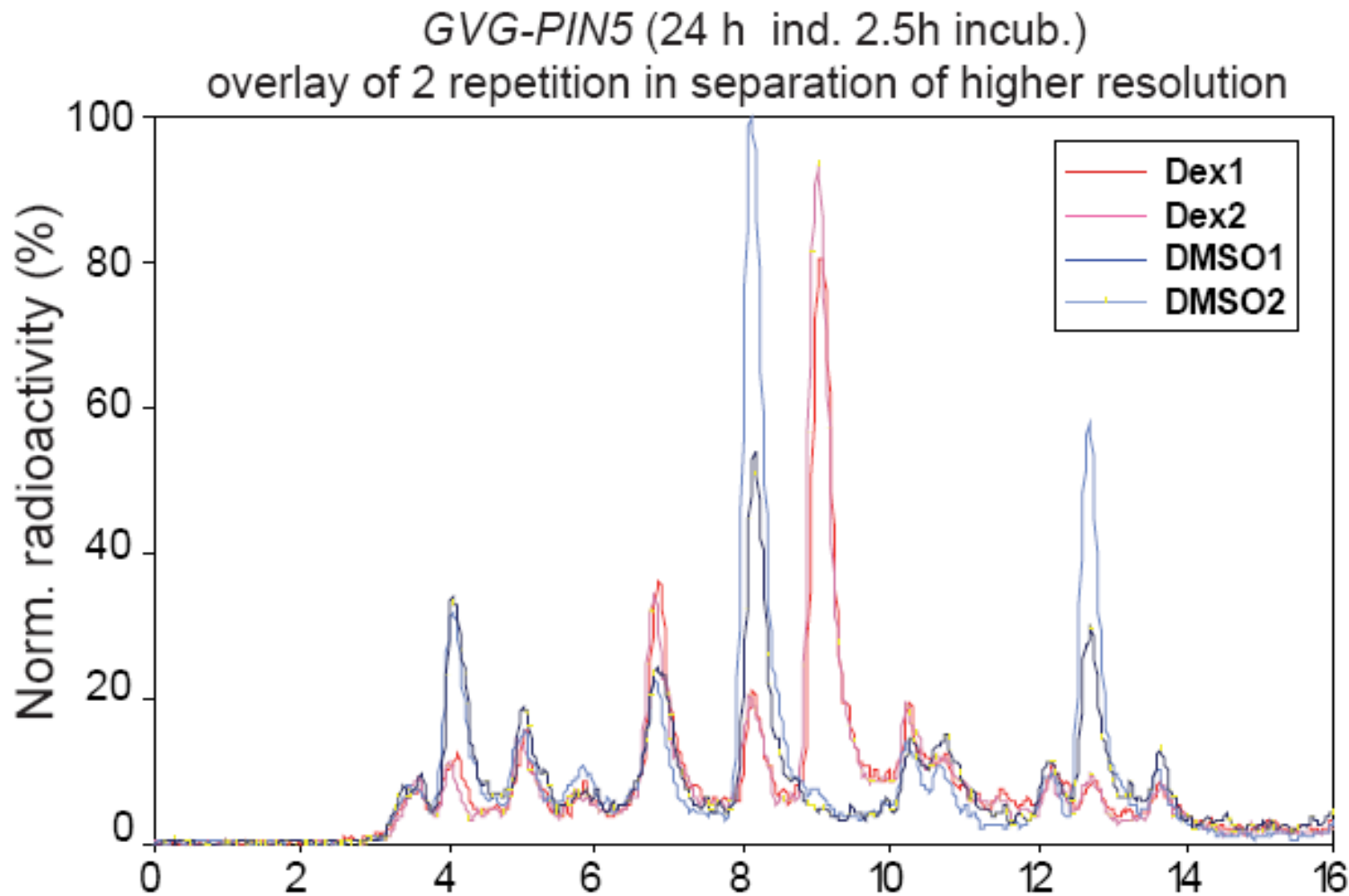


# ER-based PIN5-dependent auxin transport

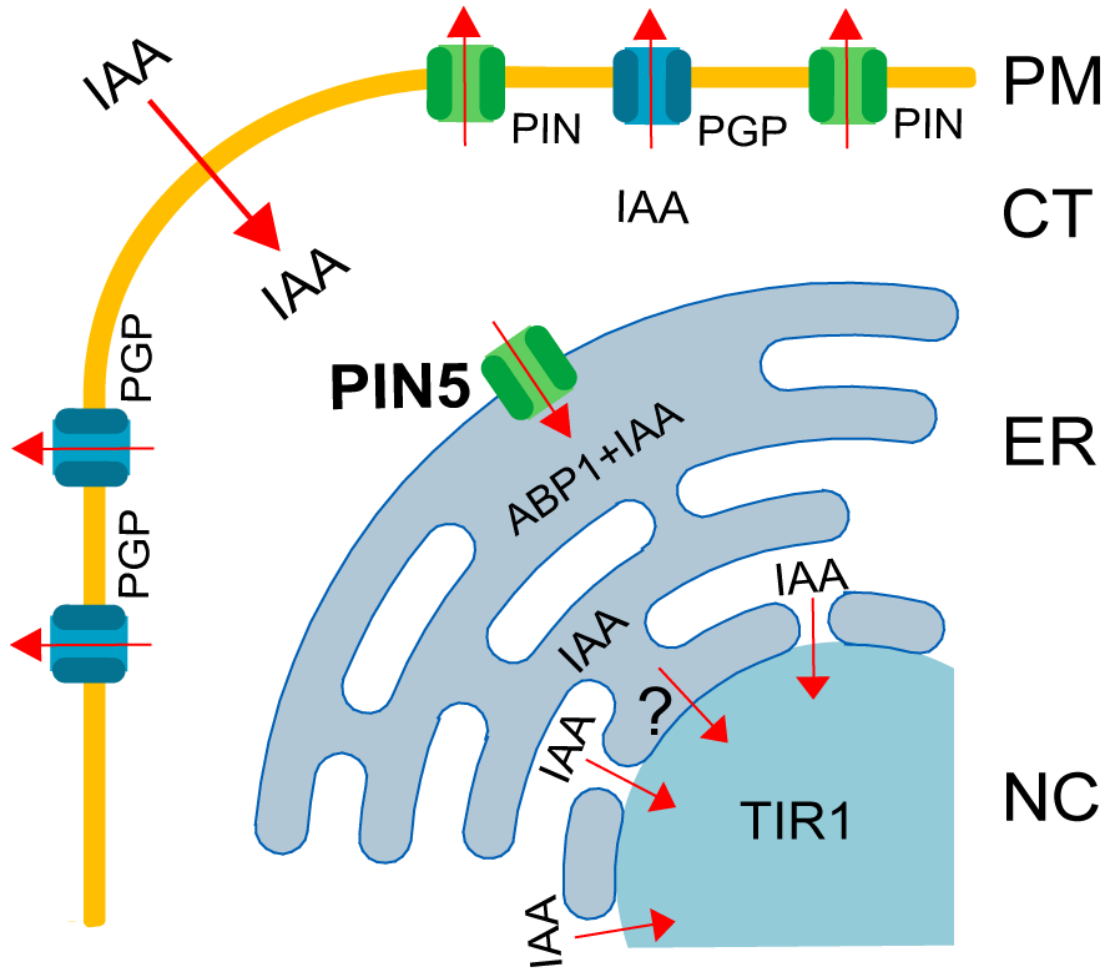




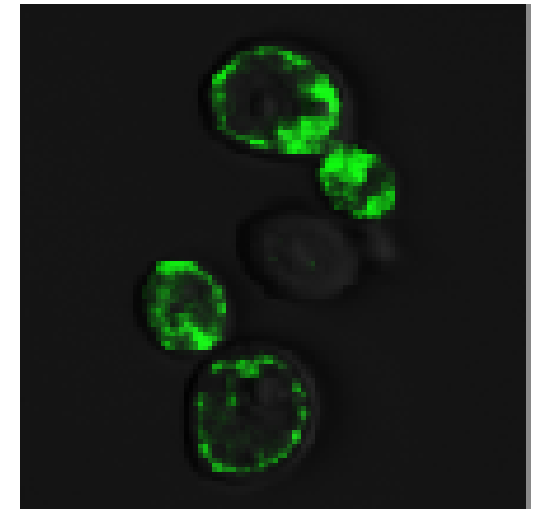
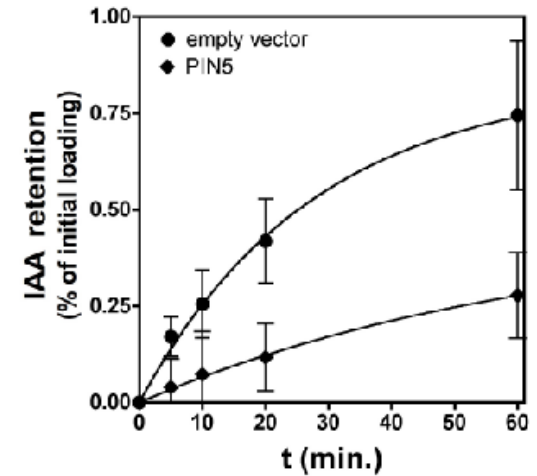
# PIN5 regulates auxin metabolism



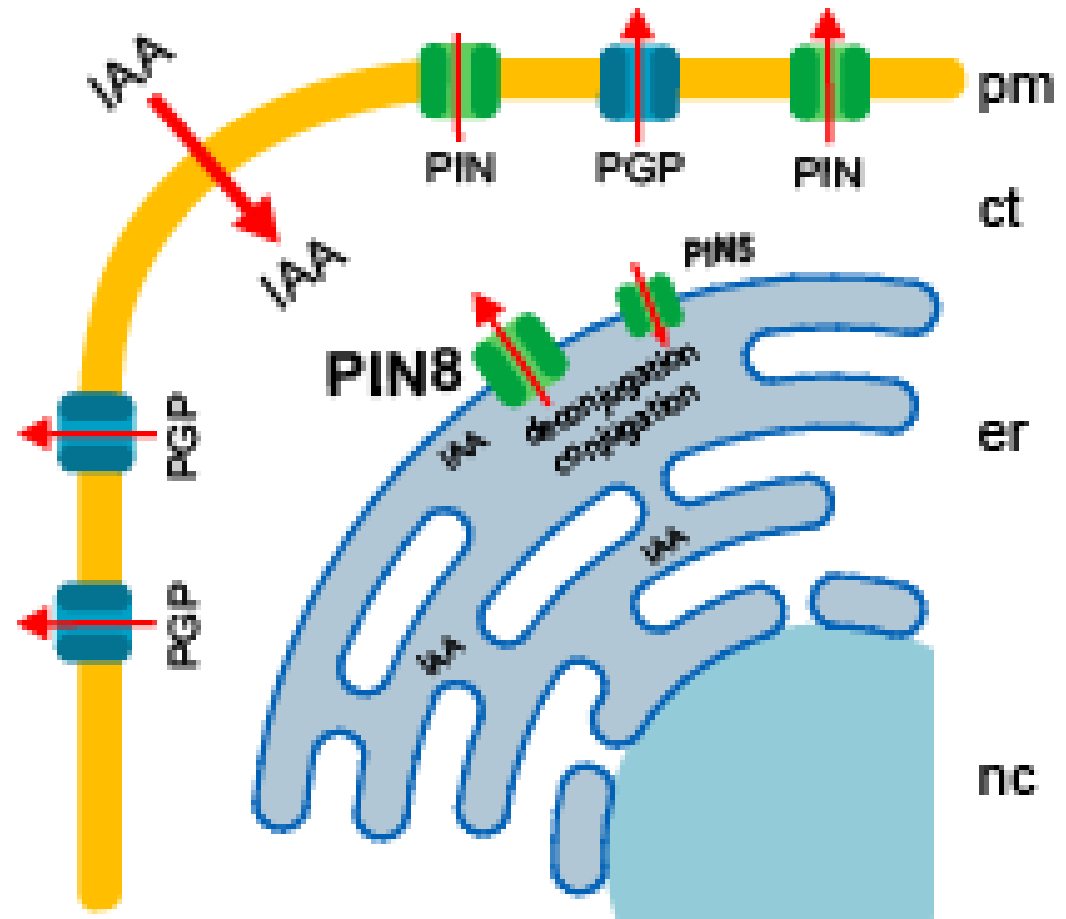
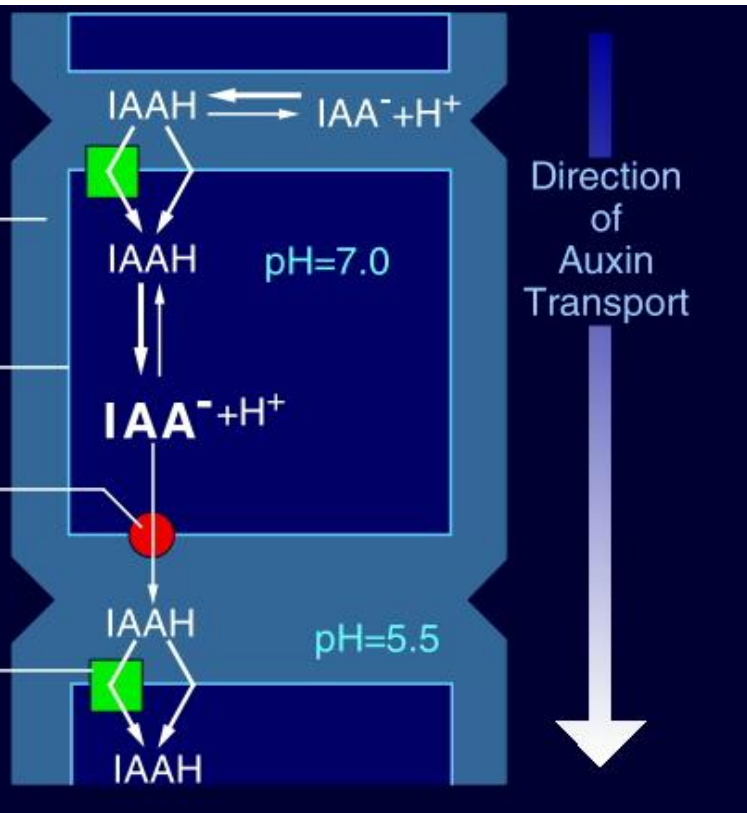
# PIN5-dependent auxin transport into ER



## Yeast

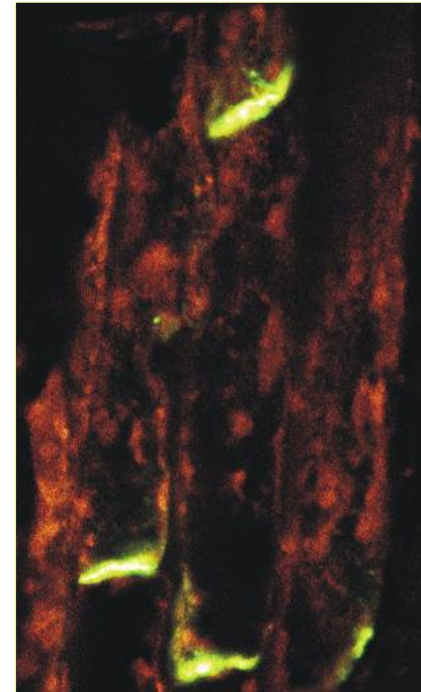
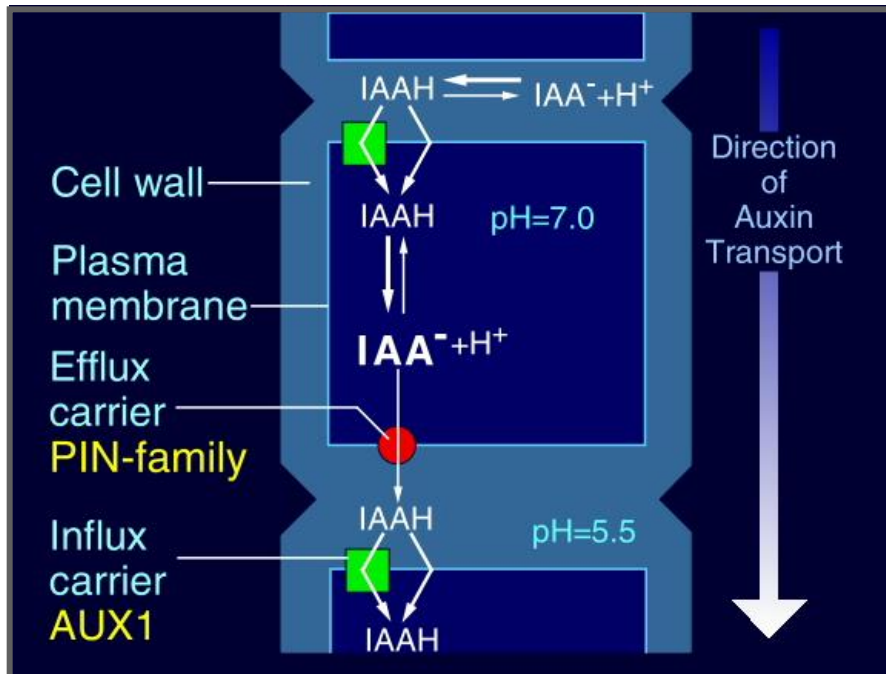


# Updated model for auxin transport



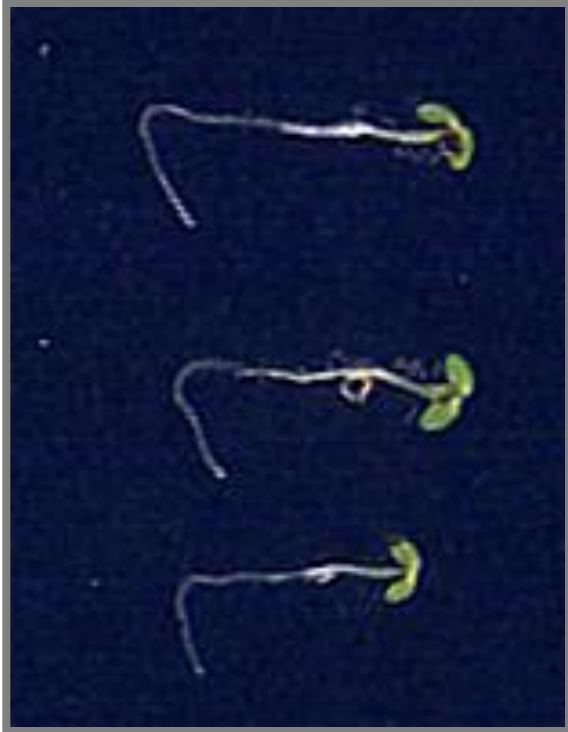


# Cellular Polarity of PIN Localization and Directionality of Intercellular Auxin Flow



# PIN2 – Root Gravotropism

**Col-0**



***pin2***

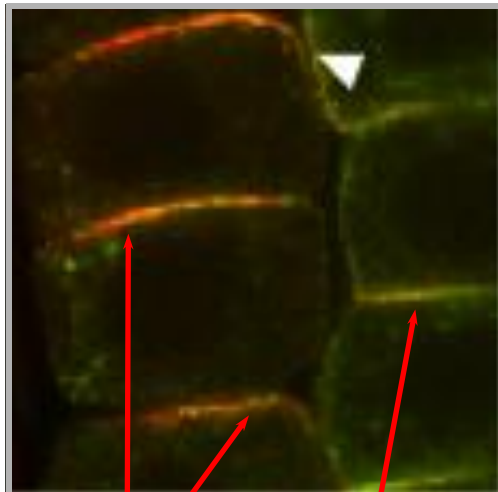


**PIN2 protein**



# PIN-specific Signals for Polar Targeting

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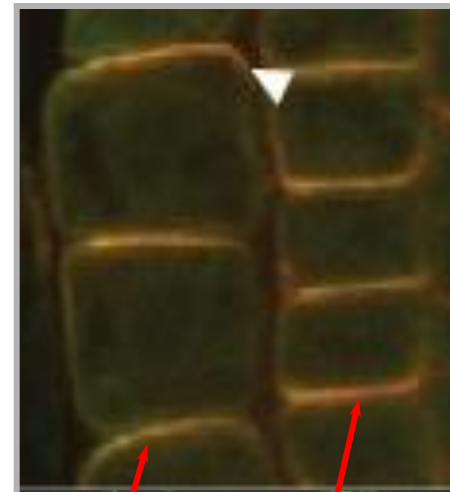
apical  
basal  
localization

*PIN2*<sub>pr</sub>::*PIN1*:HA



basal  
localization

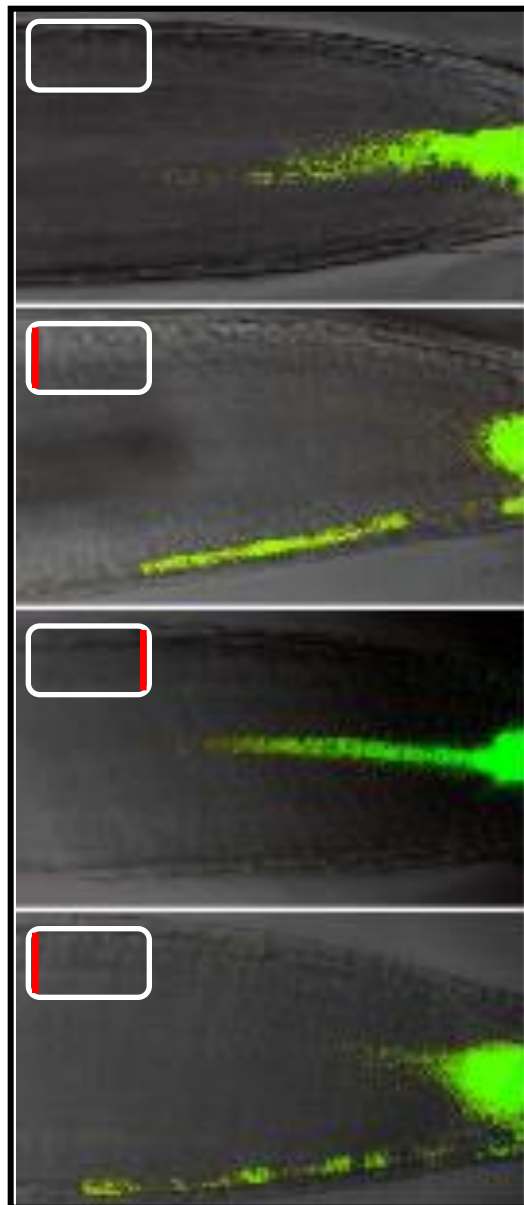
*PIN2*<sub>pr</sub>::*PIN1*:GFP



apical  
basal  
localization

# PIN Polarity Determines Direction of Auxin Flow

*DR5rev::GFP*



*pin2 (eir1, agr1)*

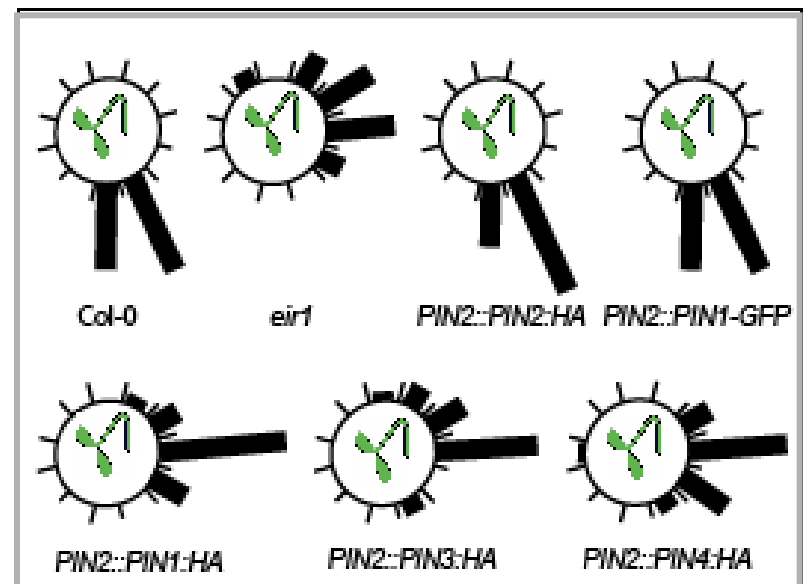
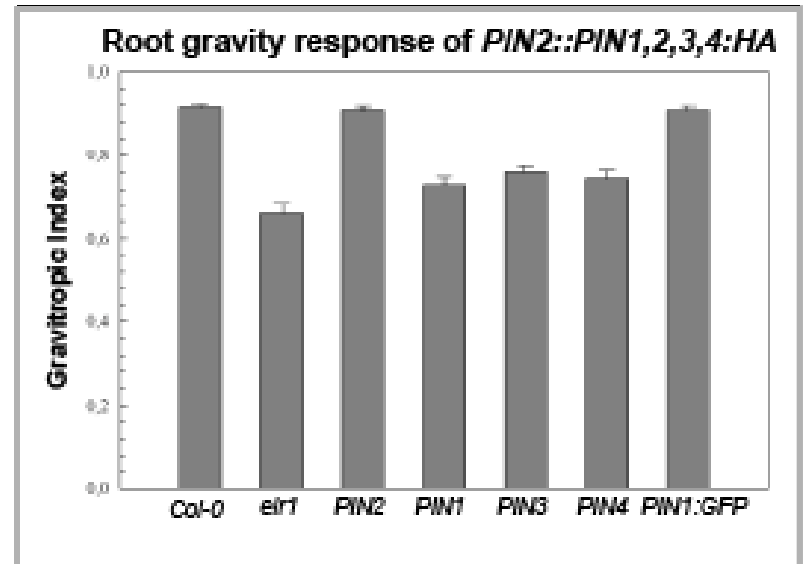
*PIN2::PIN2:HA*

*PIN2::PIN1:HA*  
*PIN2::PIN1:GFP-2*

*PIN2::PIN1:GFP-3*

## of Auxin Flow

*gravitropism*



PIN proteins are rate-limiting factors in auxin efflux from cells

and

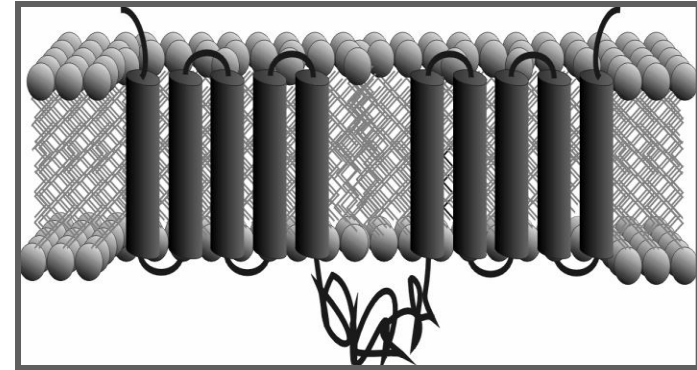
the polarity of their subcellular localization determines direction of intercellular auxin flow





# PIN gene family: at PM and ER

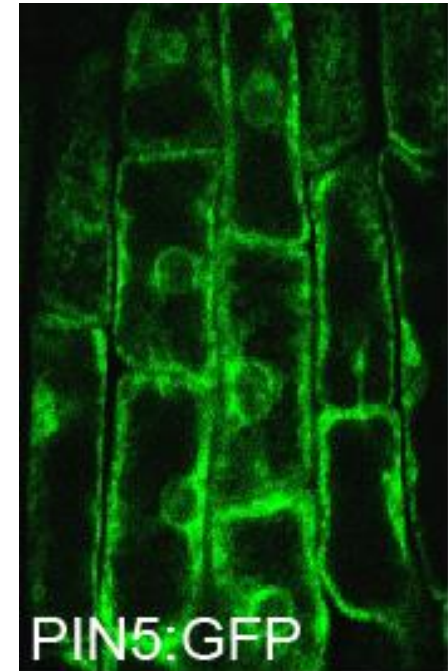
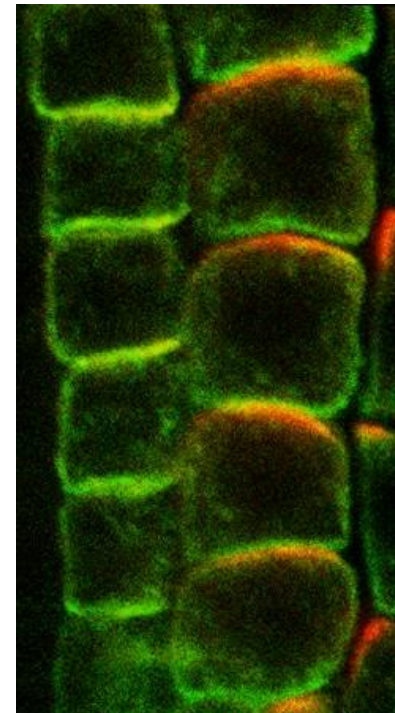
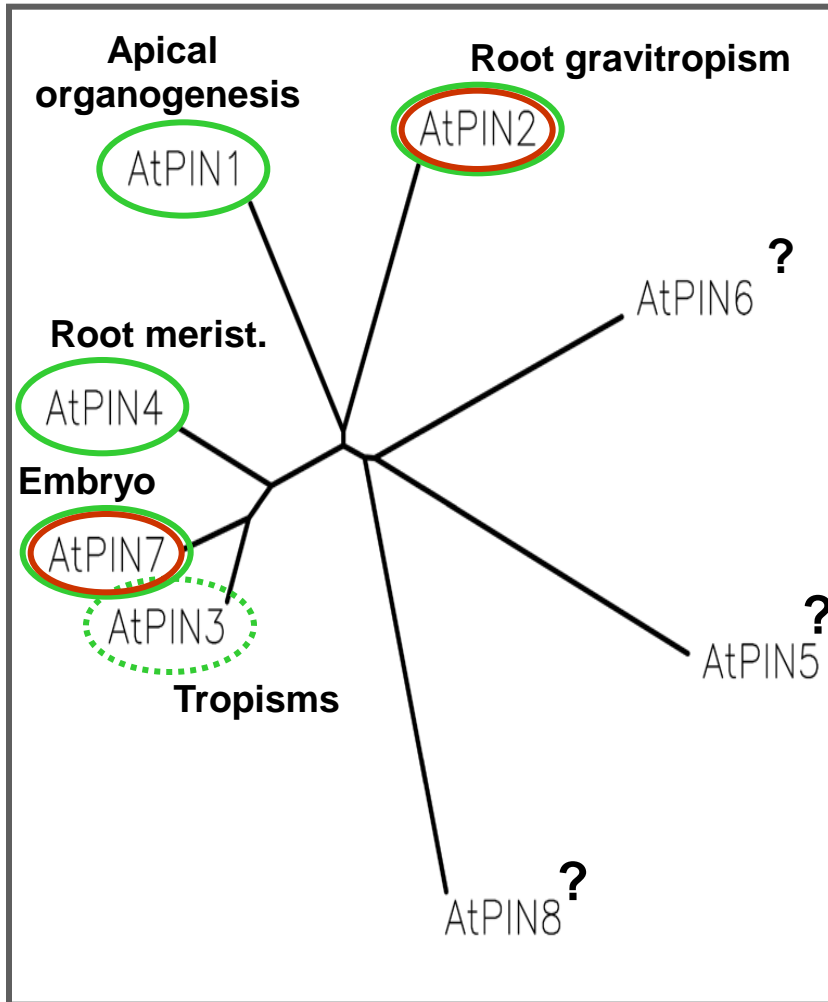
## PIN Protein Topology



PIN1, PIN2

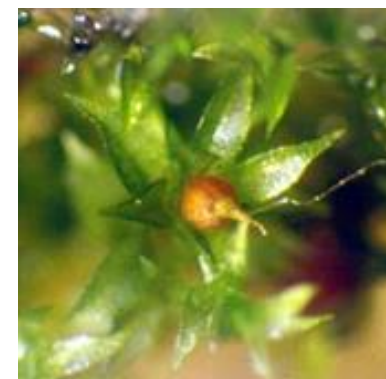
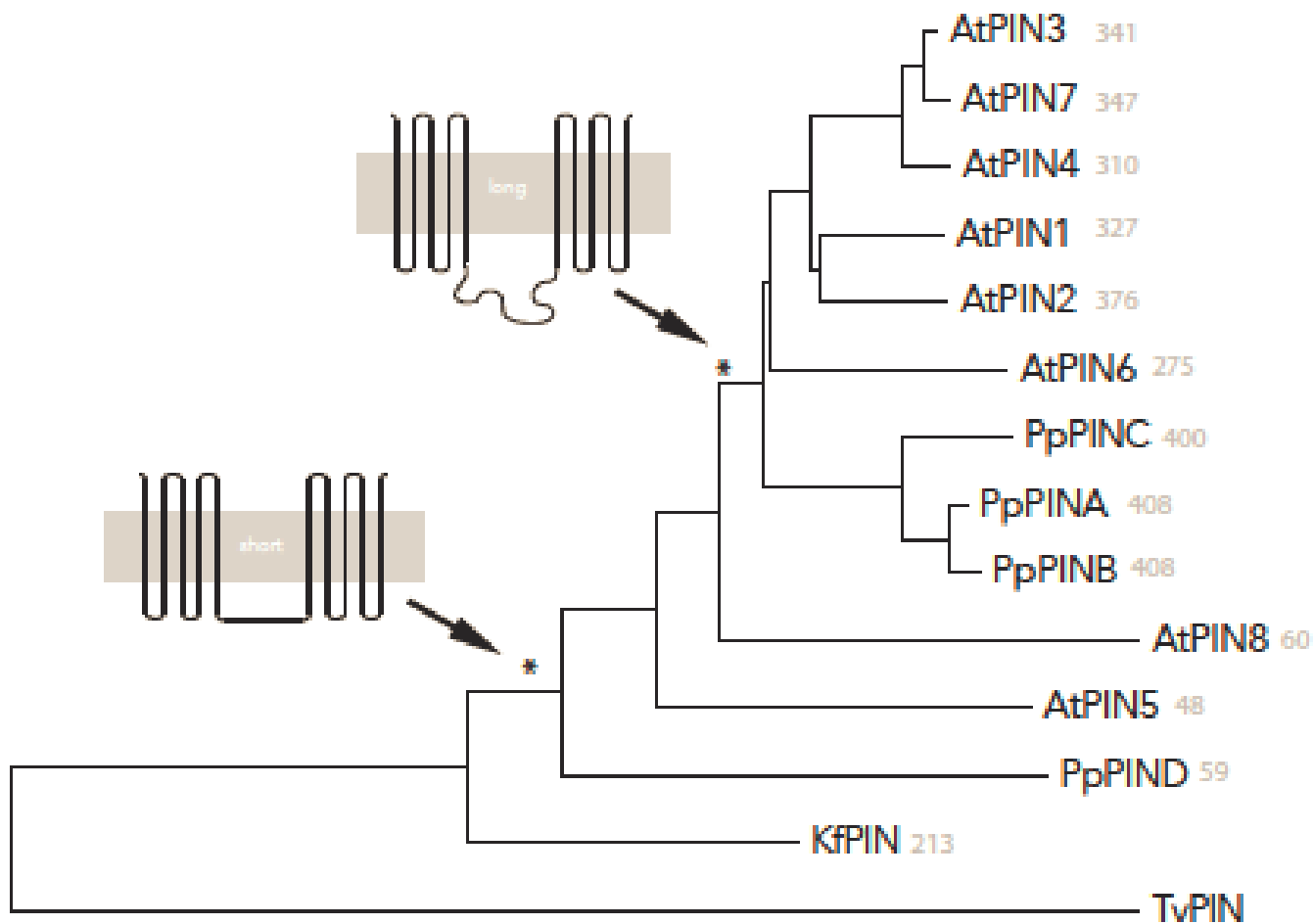
PIN5

## PINs in *Arabidopsis*





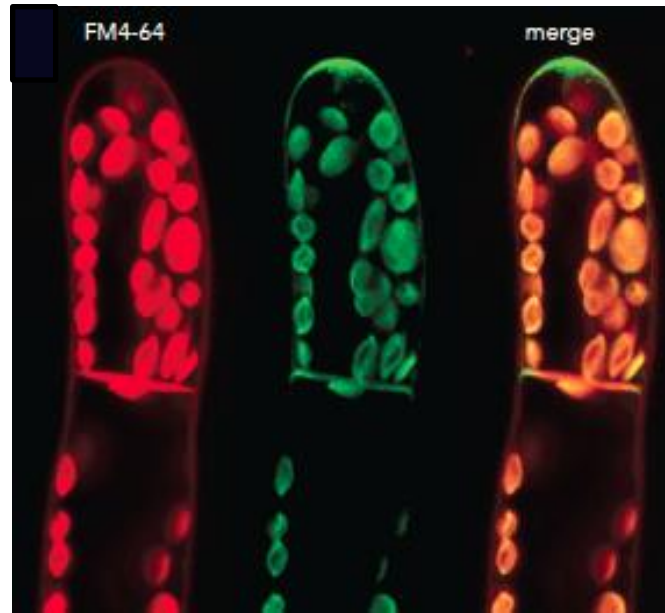
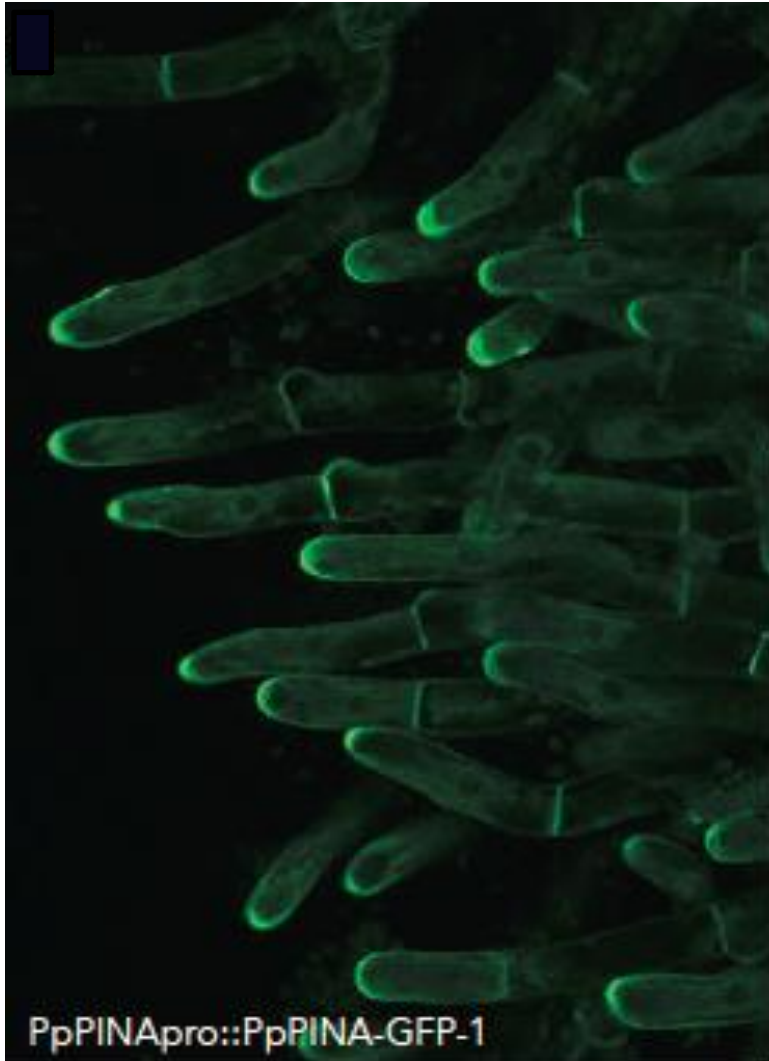
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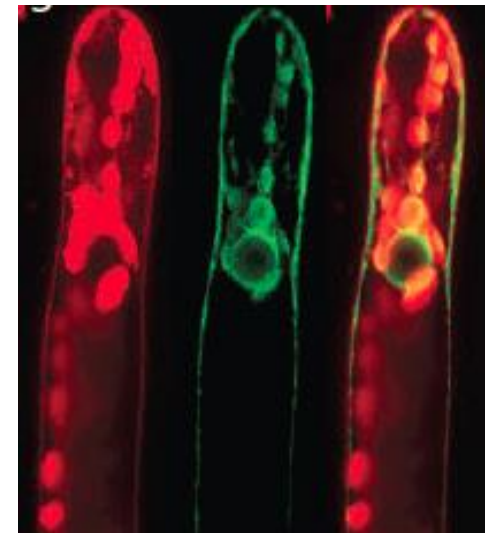
# PIN localization in moss



## Long PIN



## Short PIN

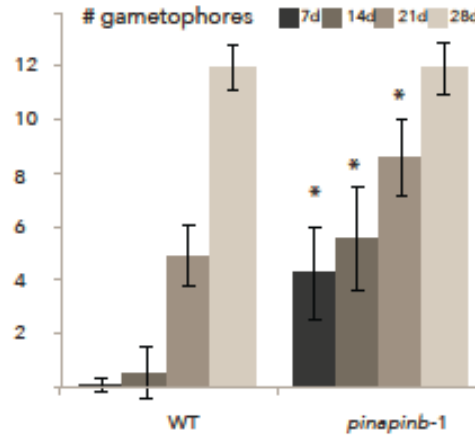




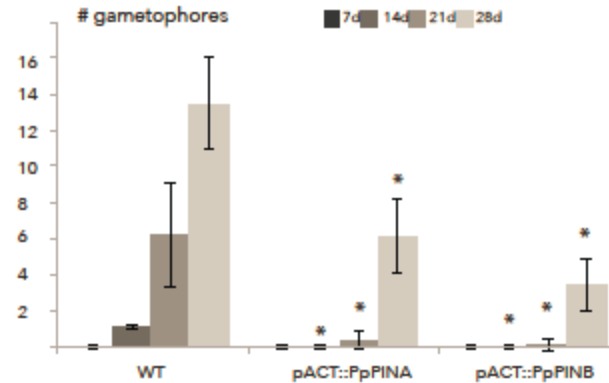
# PINs and developmental transitions in moss



## loss-of-function



## gain-of-function



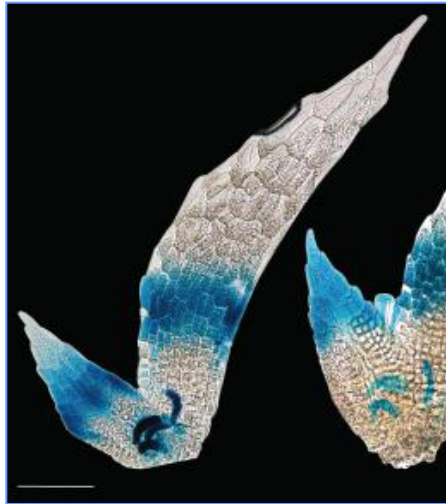
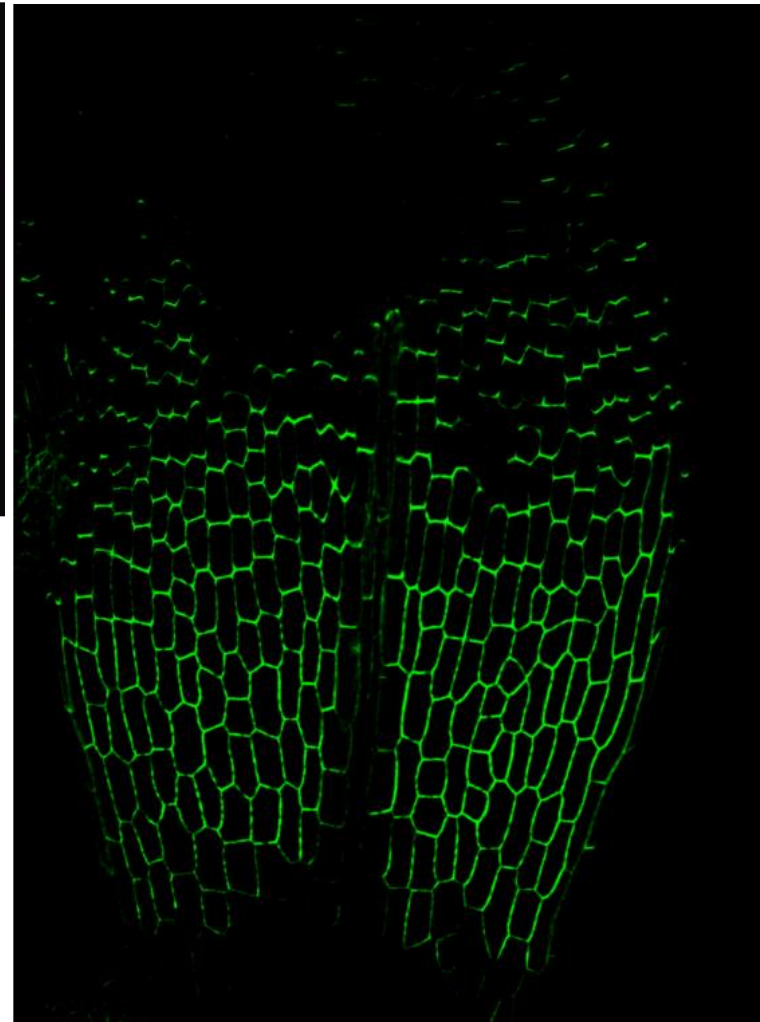
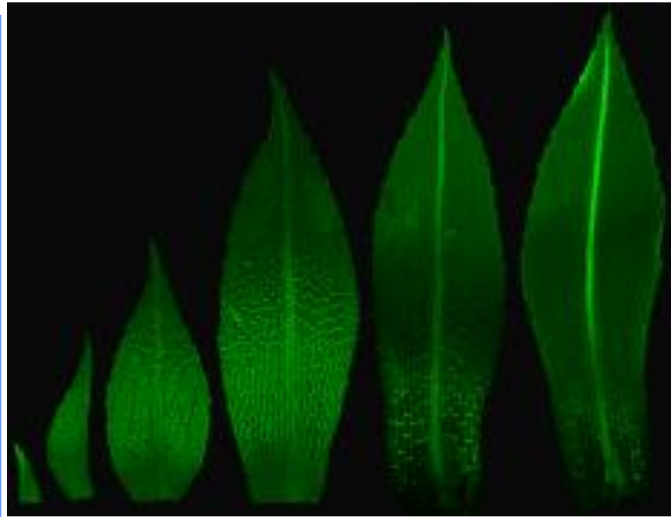
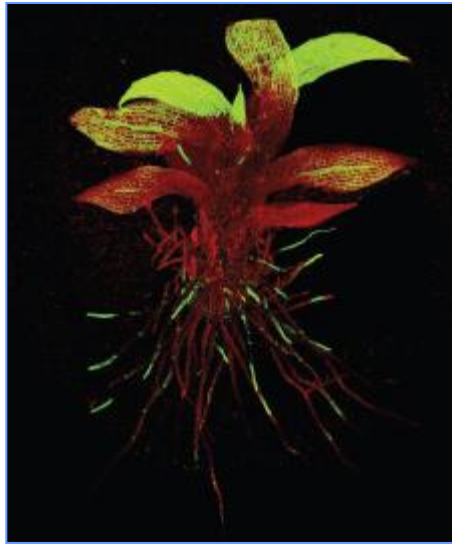


# PINs in moss gametophores

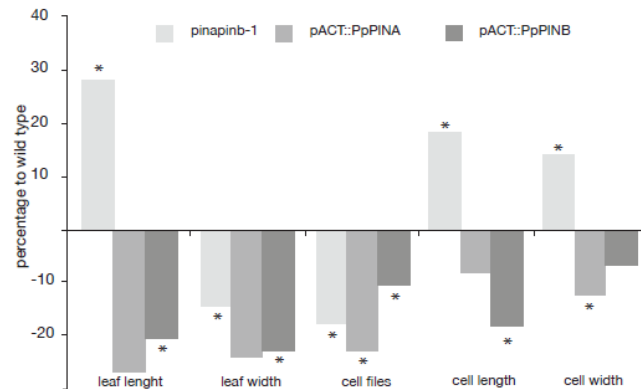


## Expression

## Localization



## Phenotypes

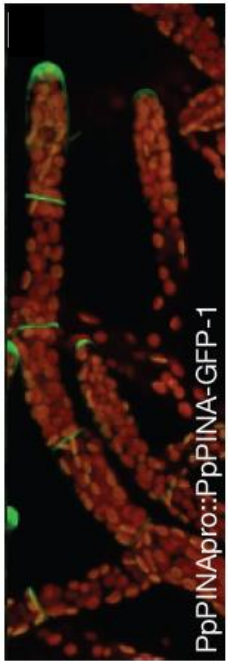




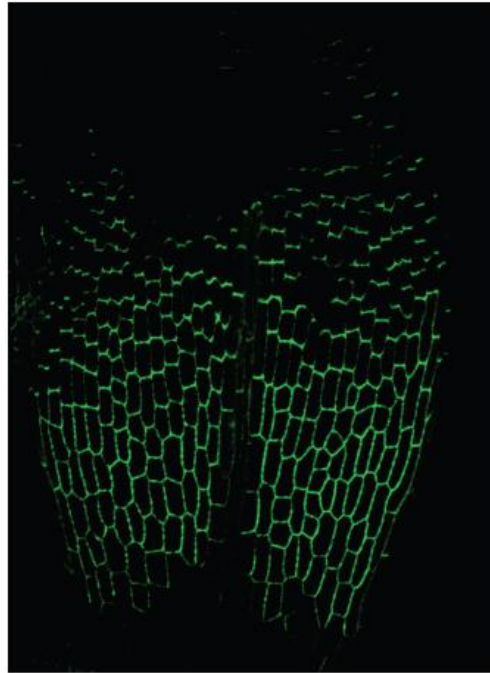


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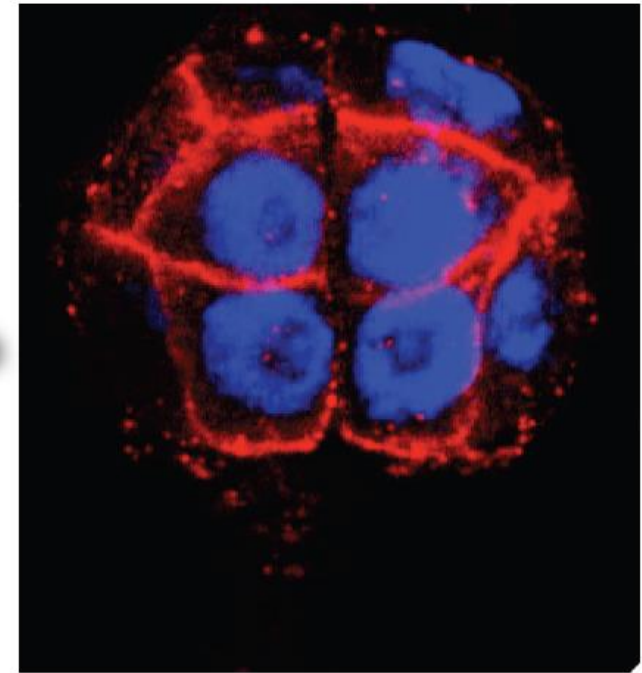
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filament



2-D  
moss leaf

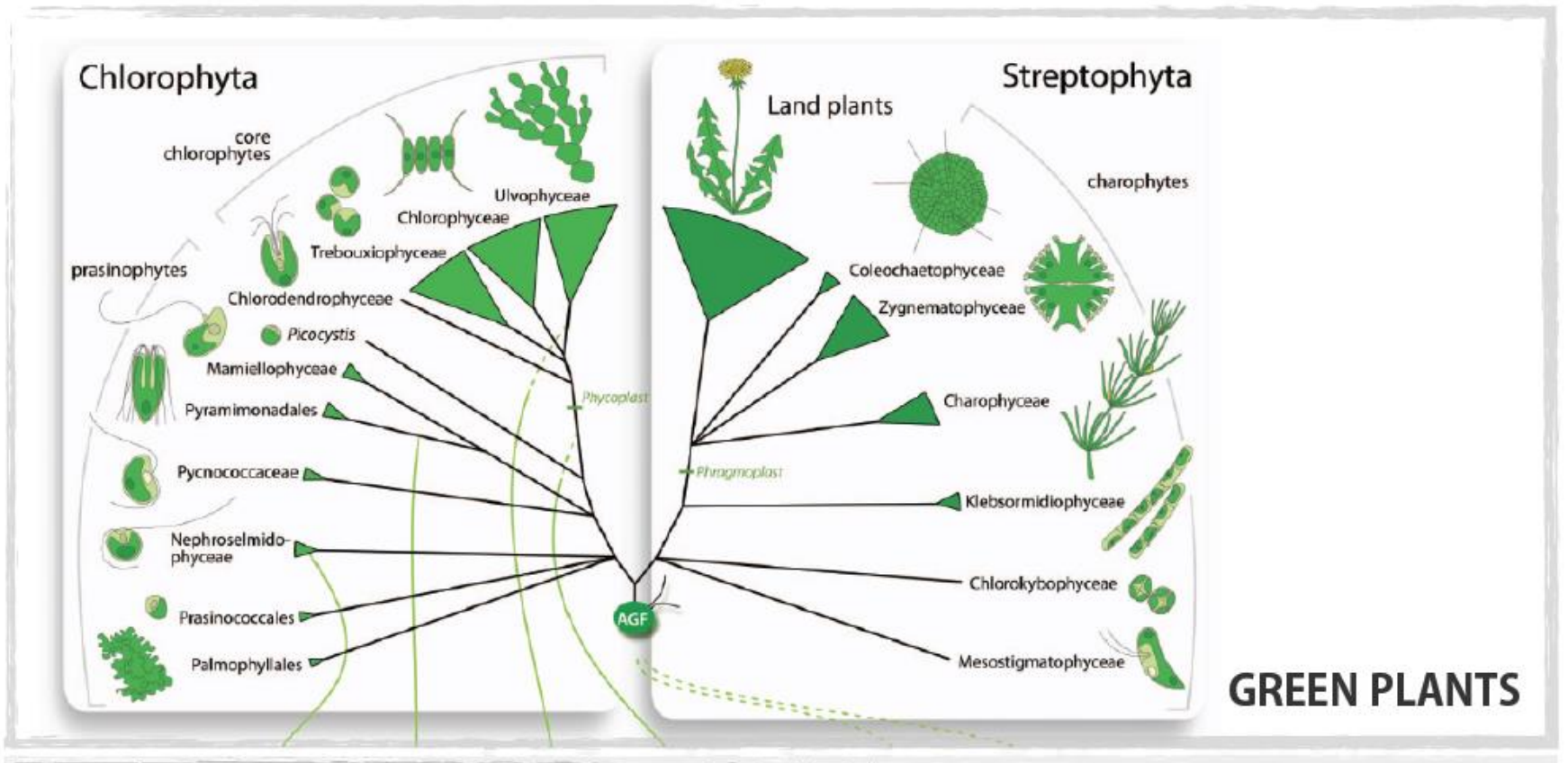


3-D  
embryo



Mechanistic connection between patterning in tip growing cells in mosses and complex multicellular tissues in advanced land plants

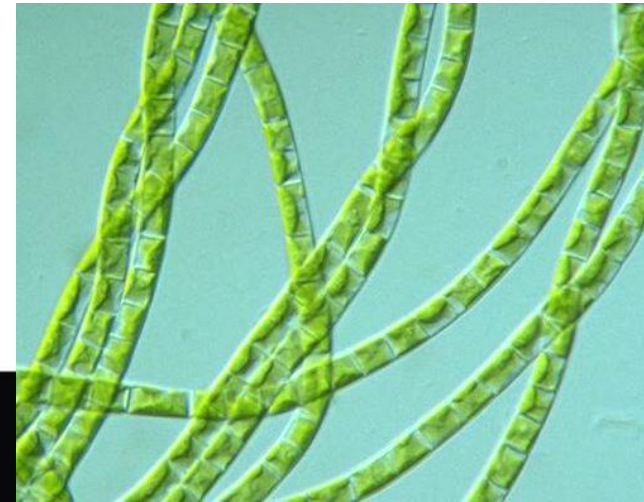
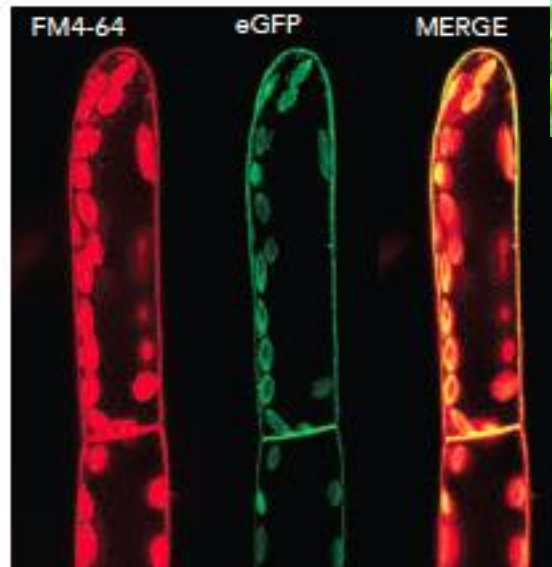
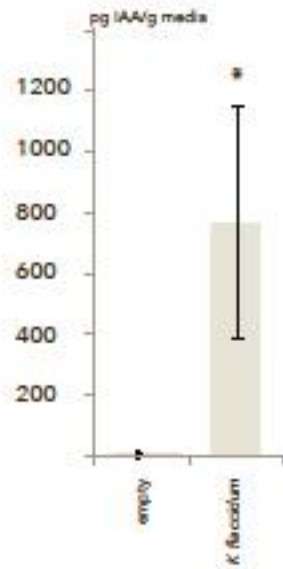
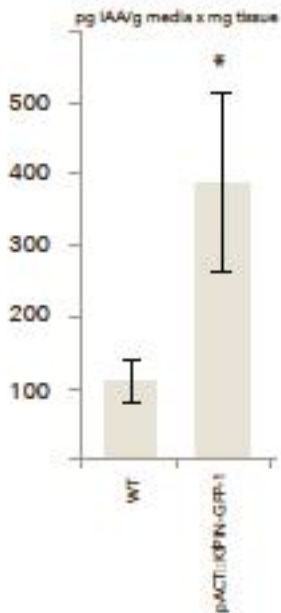
# How did PINs started?



# Most ancient PIN in filamentous algae



## Klebsormidium

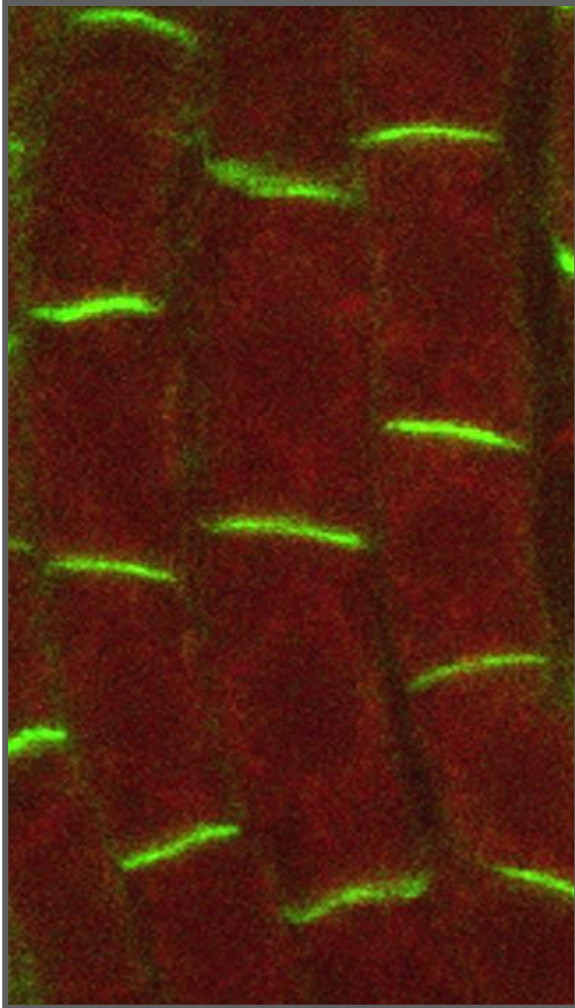


# Constitutive Cycling of PINs

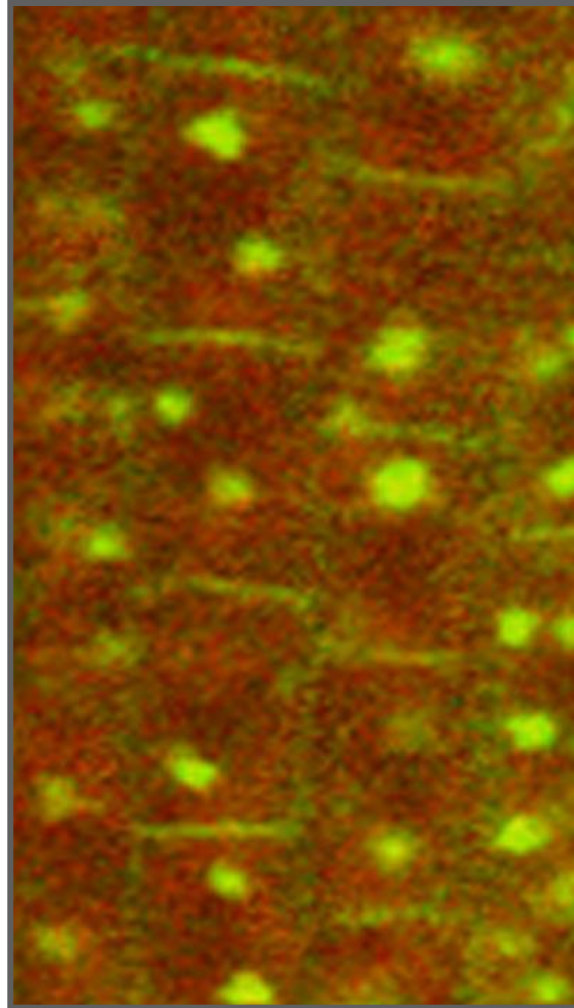


# PIN1 Subcellular Movement

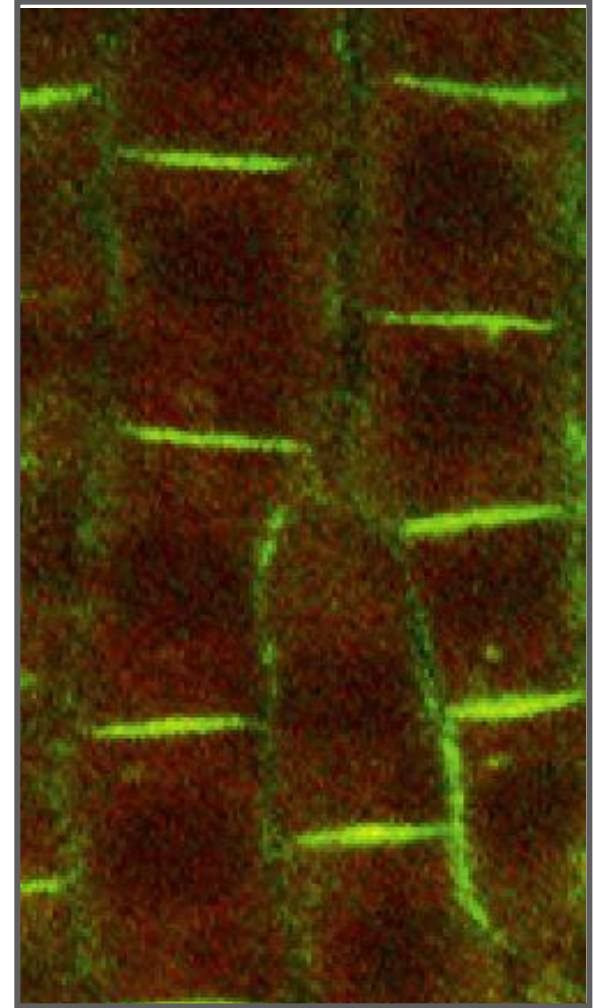
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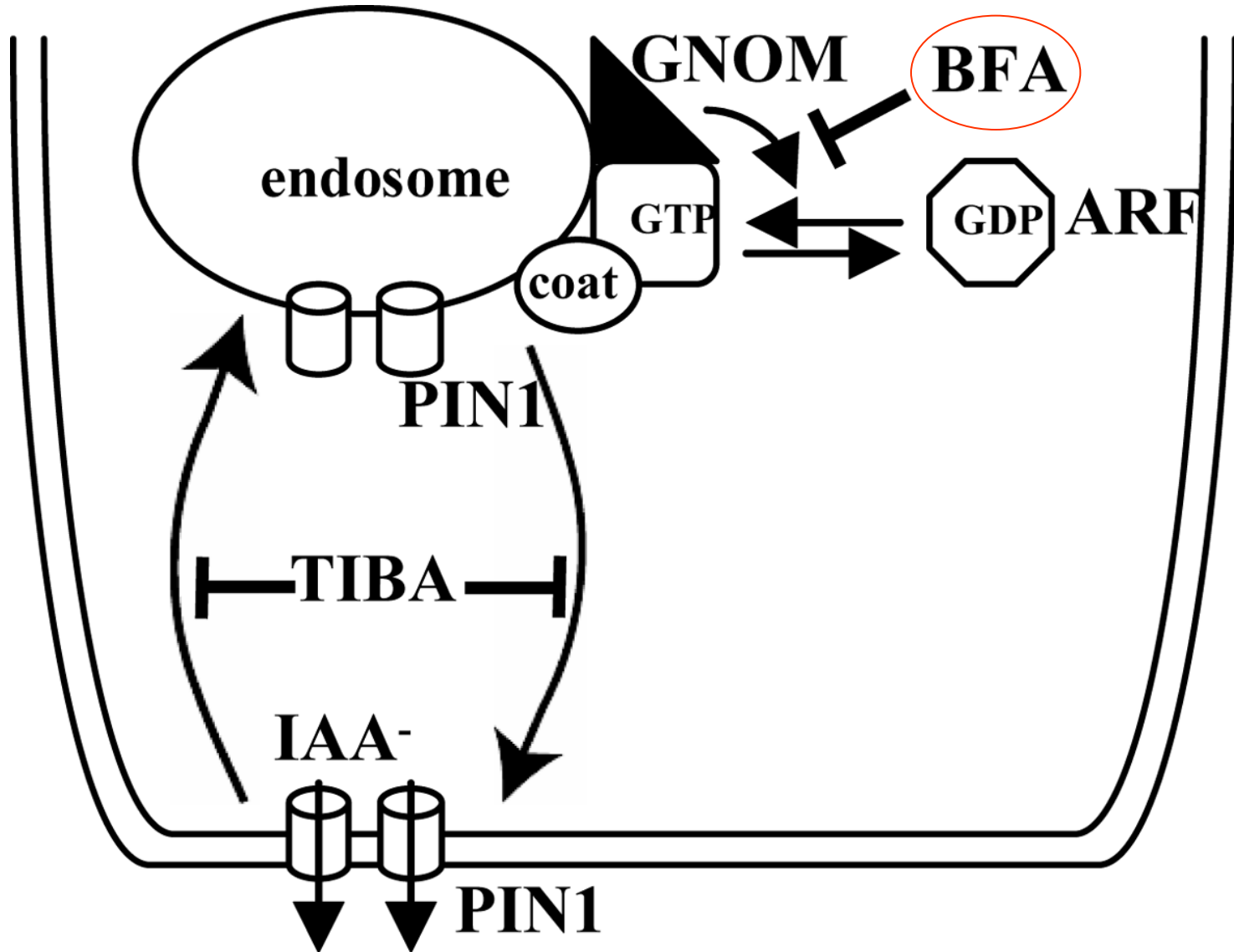
+ BFA



- BFA



# Dynamic Movement of PIN Proteins

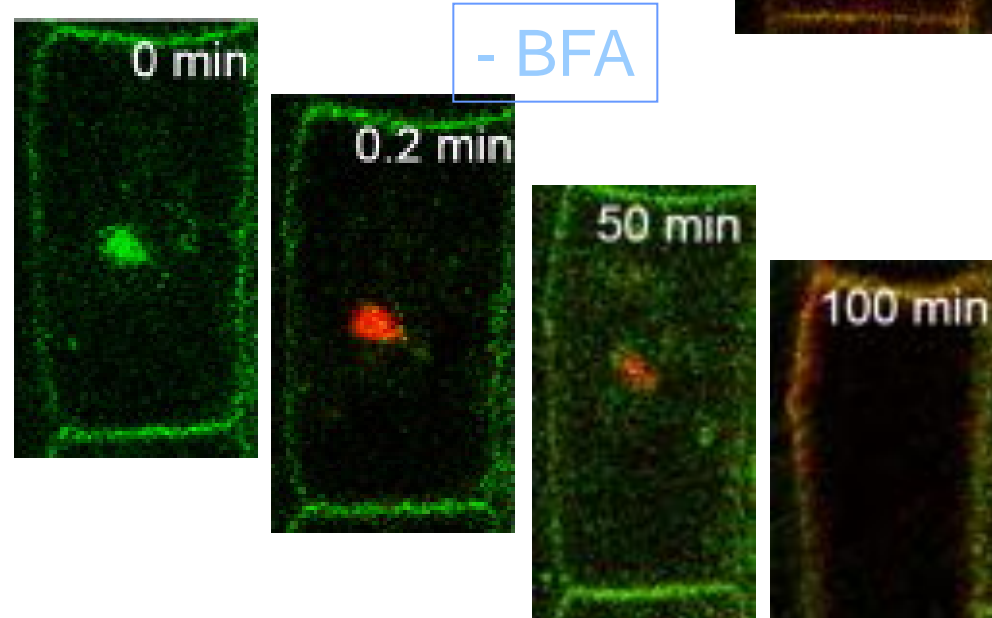
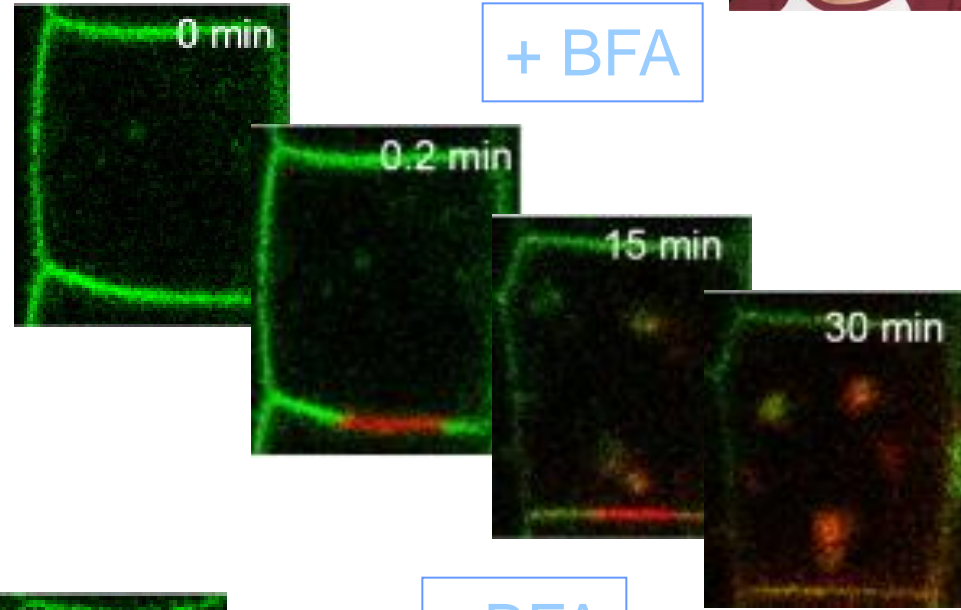
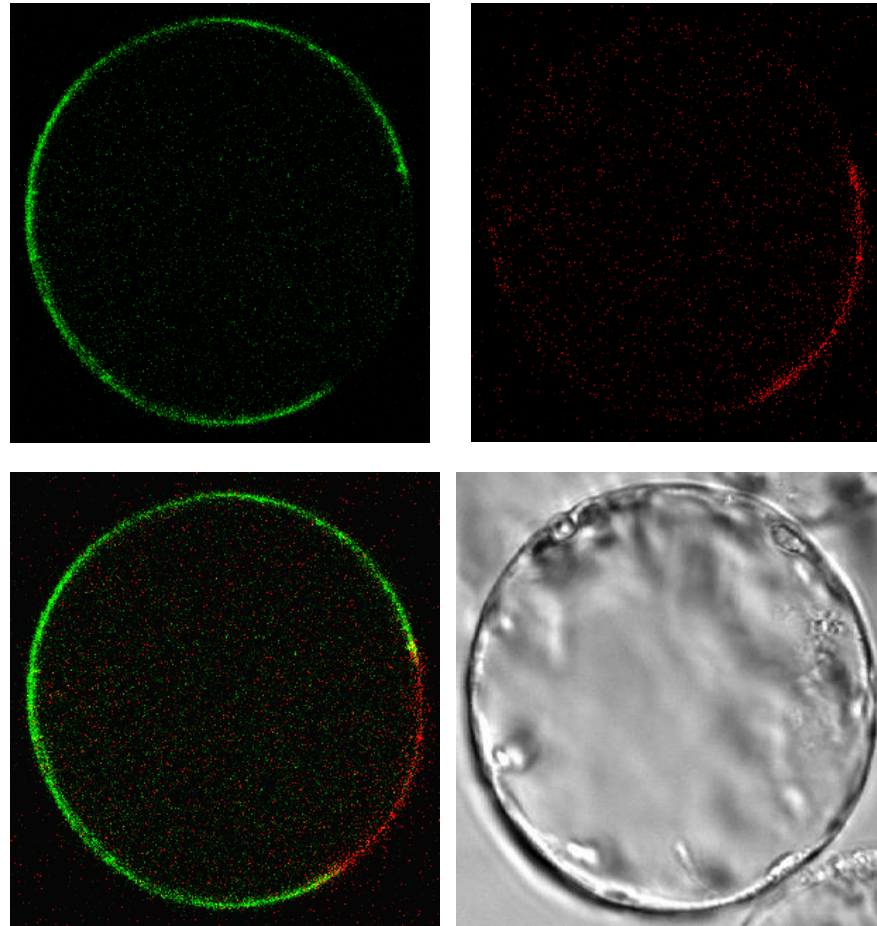




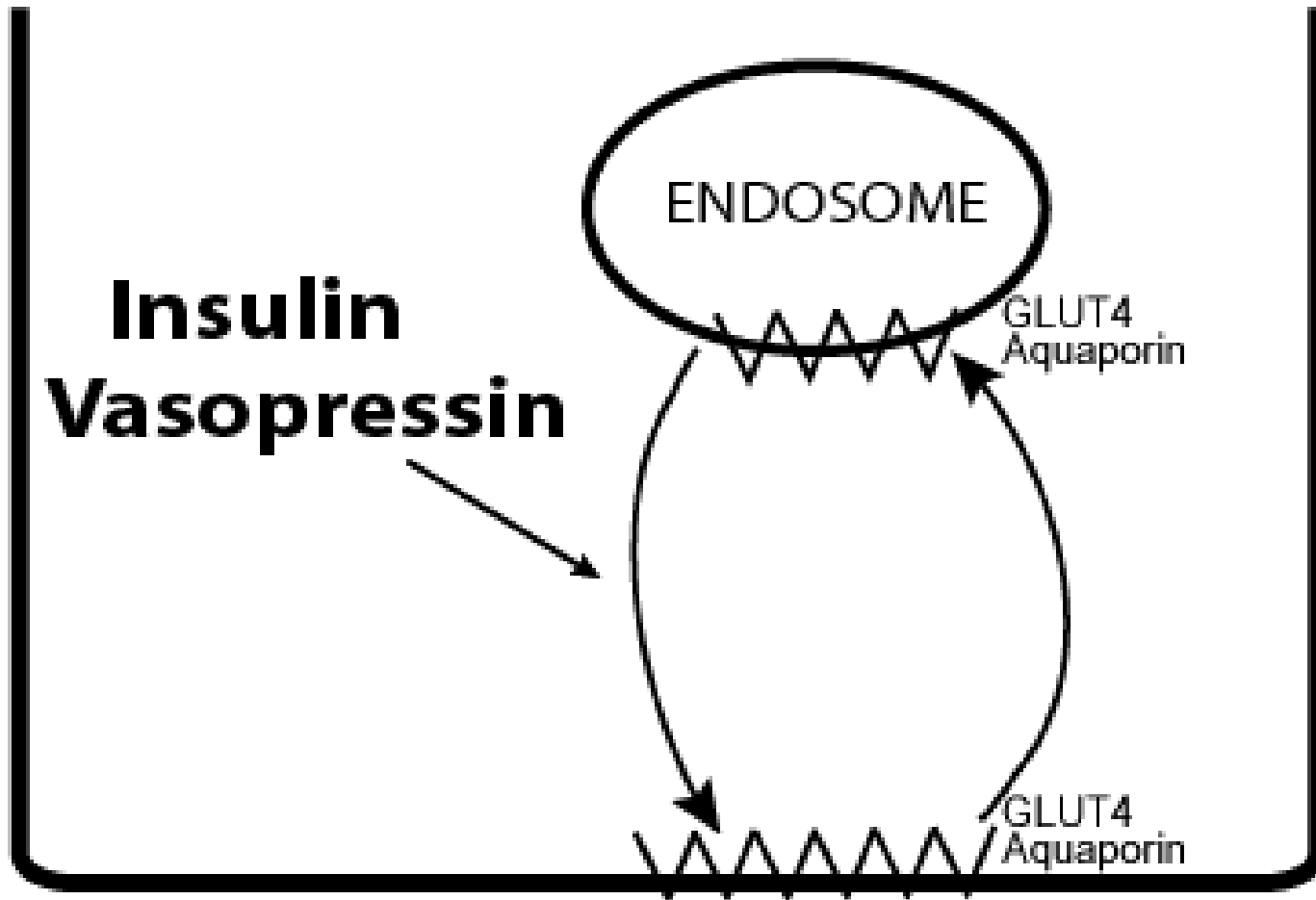
# UV-activated PIN2-EosFP



Protoplasts

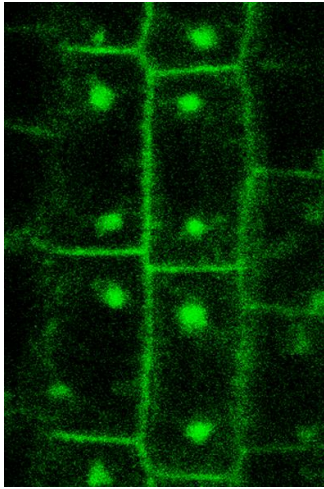


# Subcellular Cycling – Means to Modulate Protein Activity?

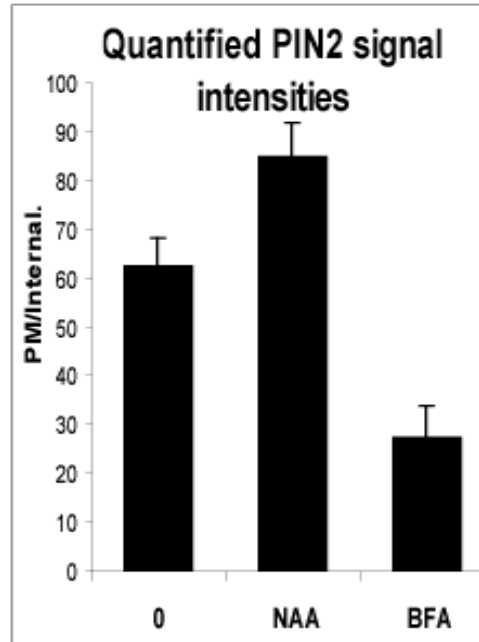


# Auxin Inhibits PIN Internalization and Stimulates its Efflux

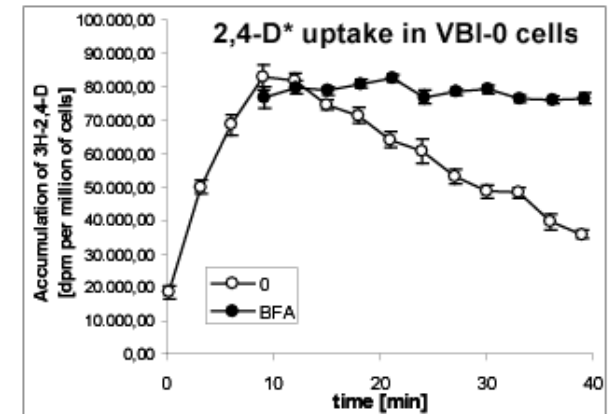
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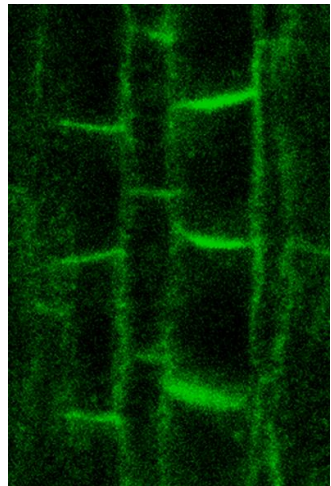
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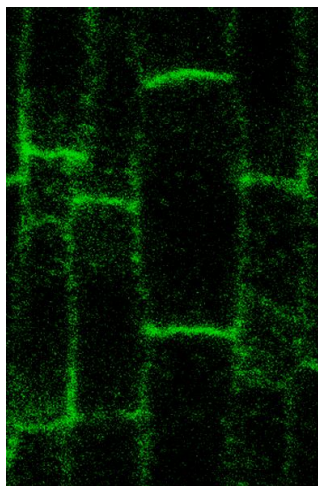
## Auxin efflux



IAA/BFA



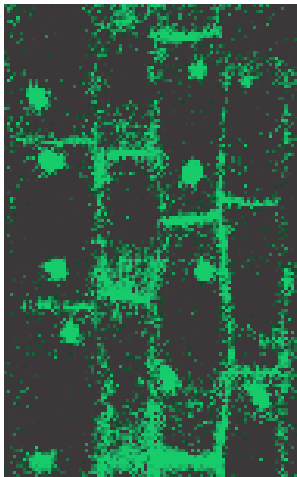
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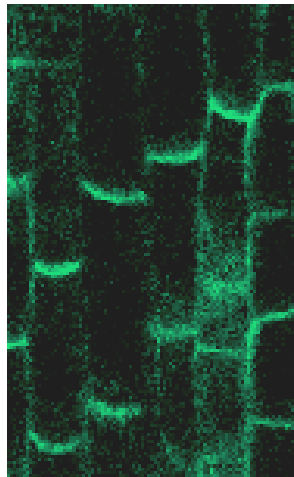
# Novel Pathway of Auxin Action

PIN1

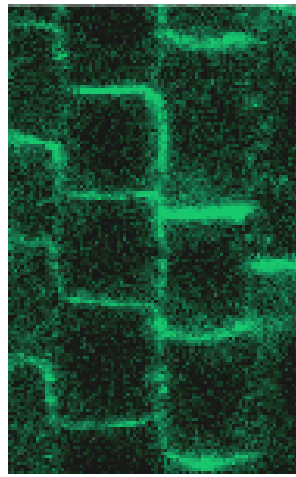
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2,4-D/MG132  
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DR5

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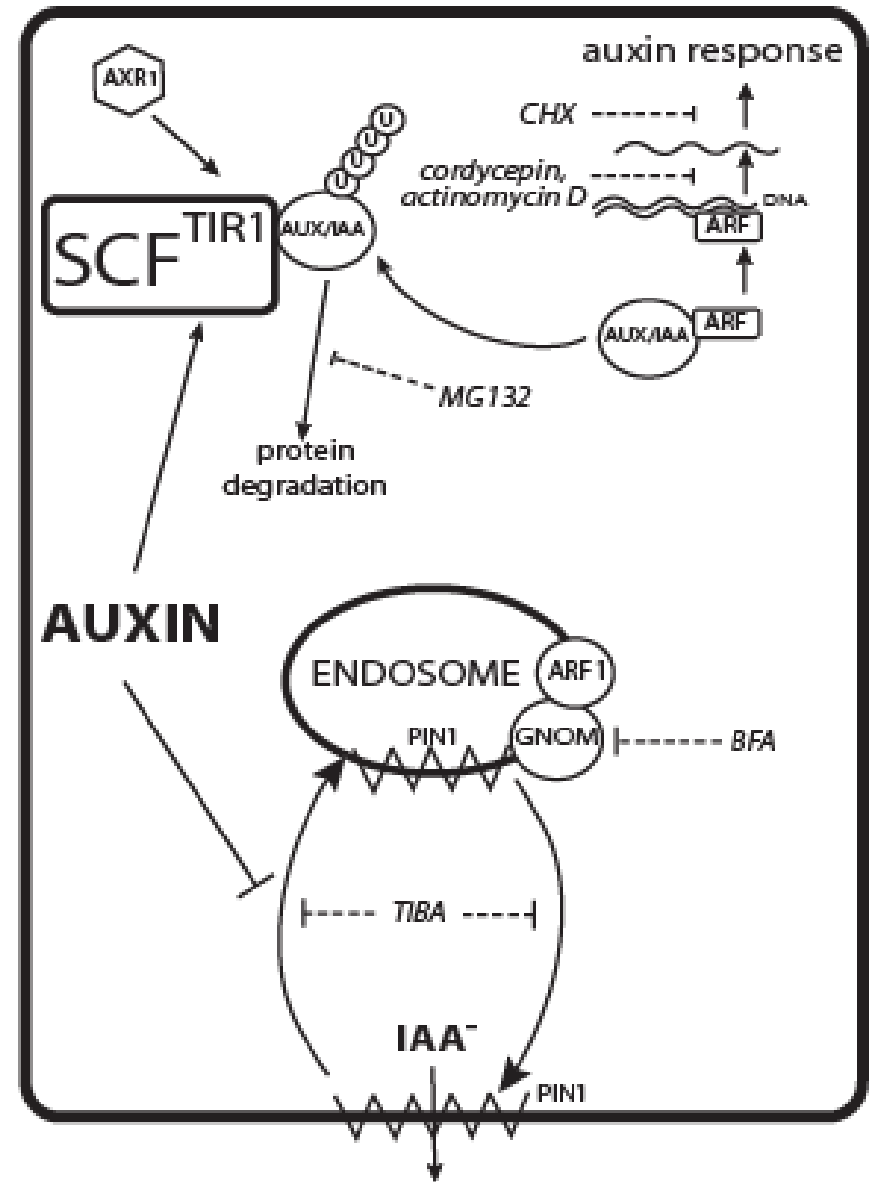
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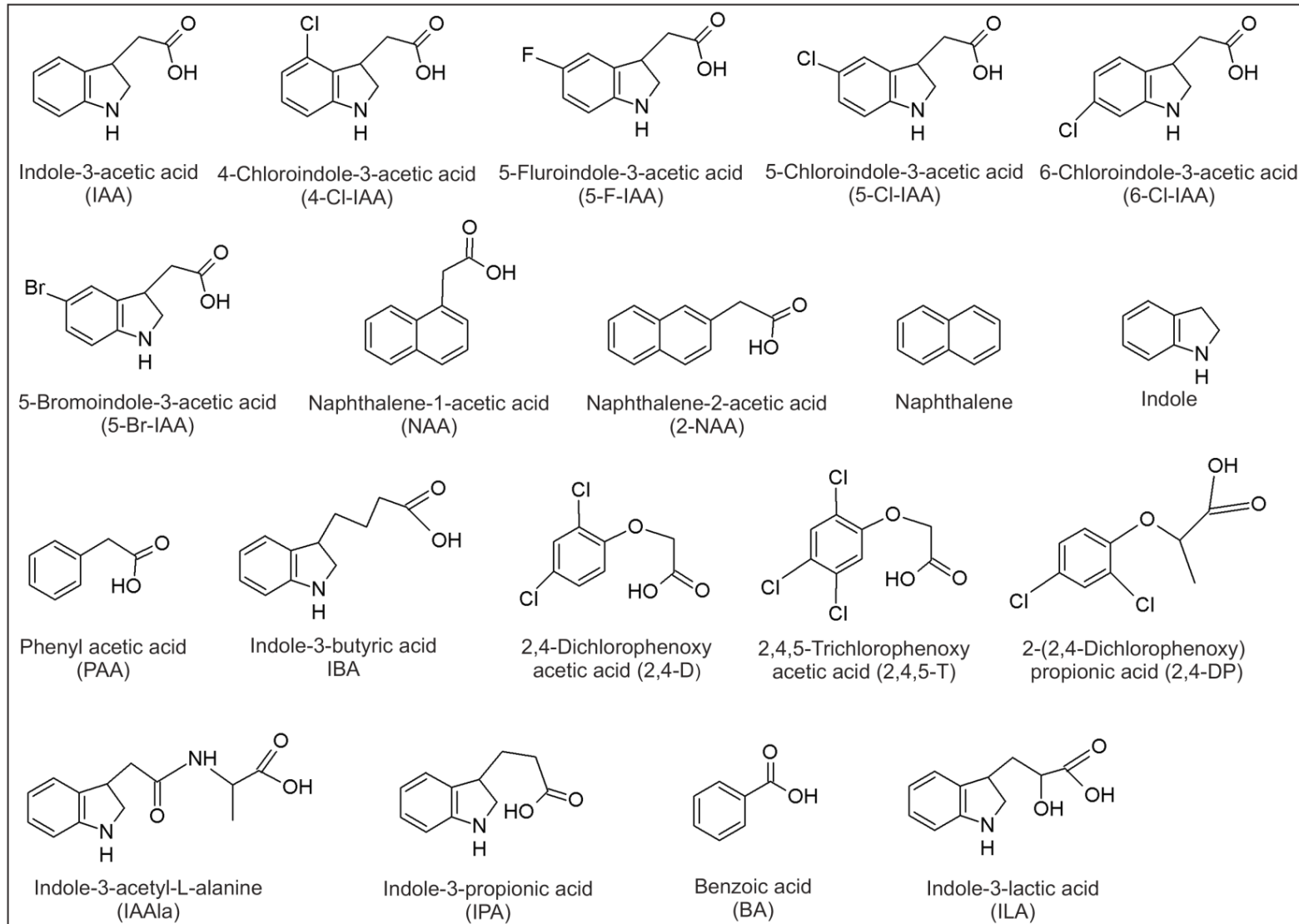
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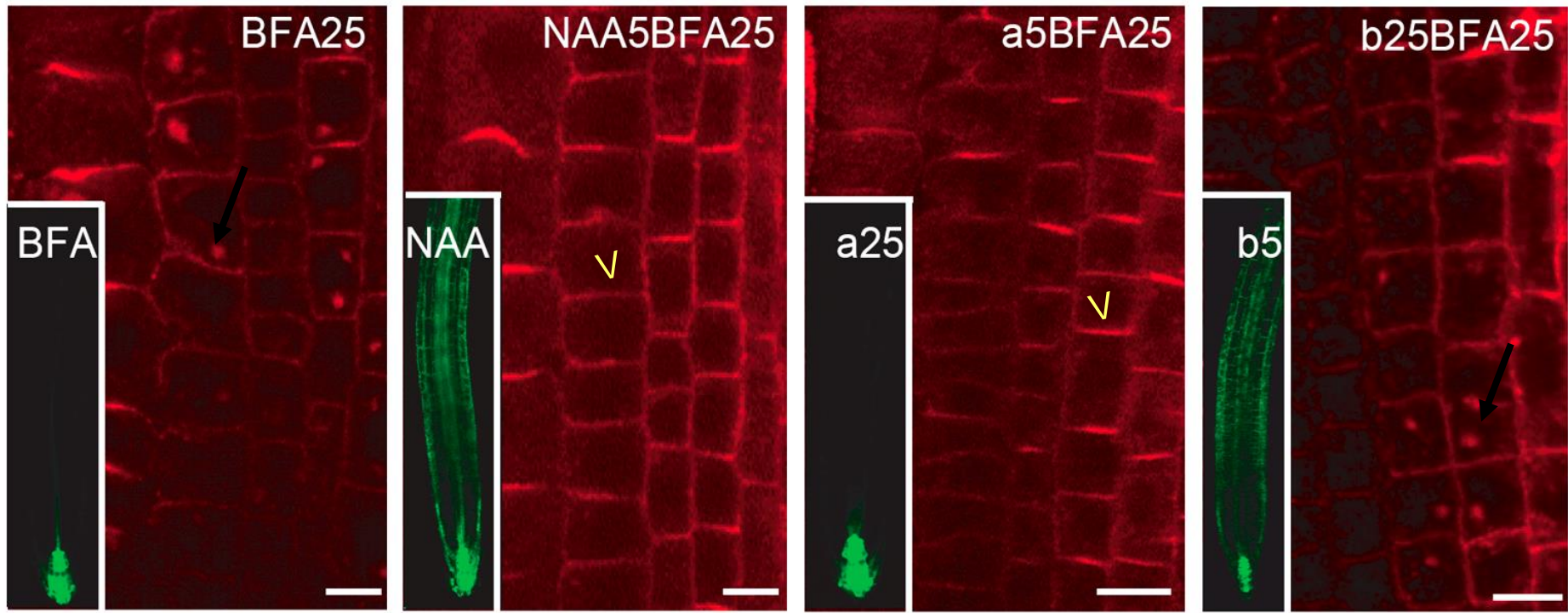


# Auxin analogues: mapping the binding sites





# Auxin-mediated regulation of transcription and endocytosis involve different binding sites



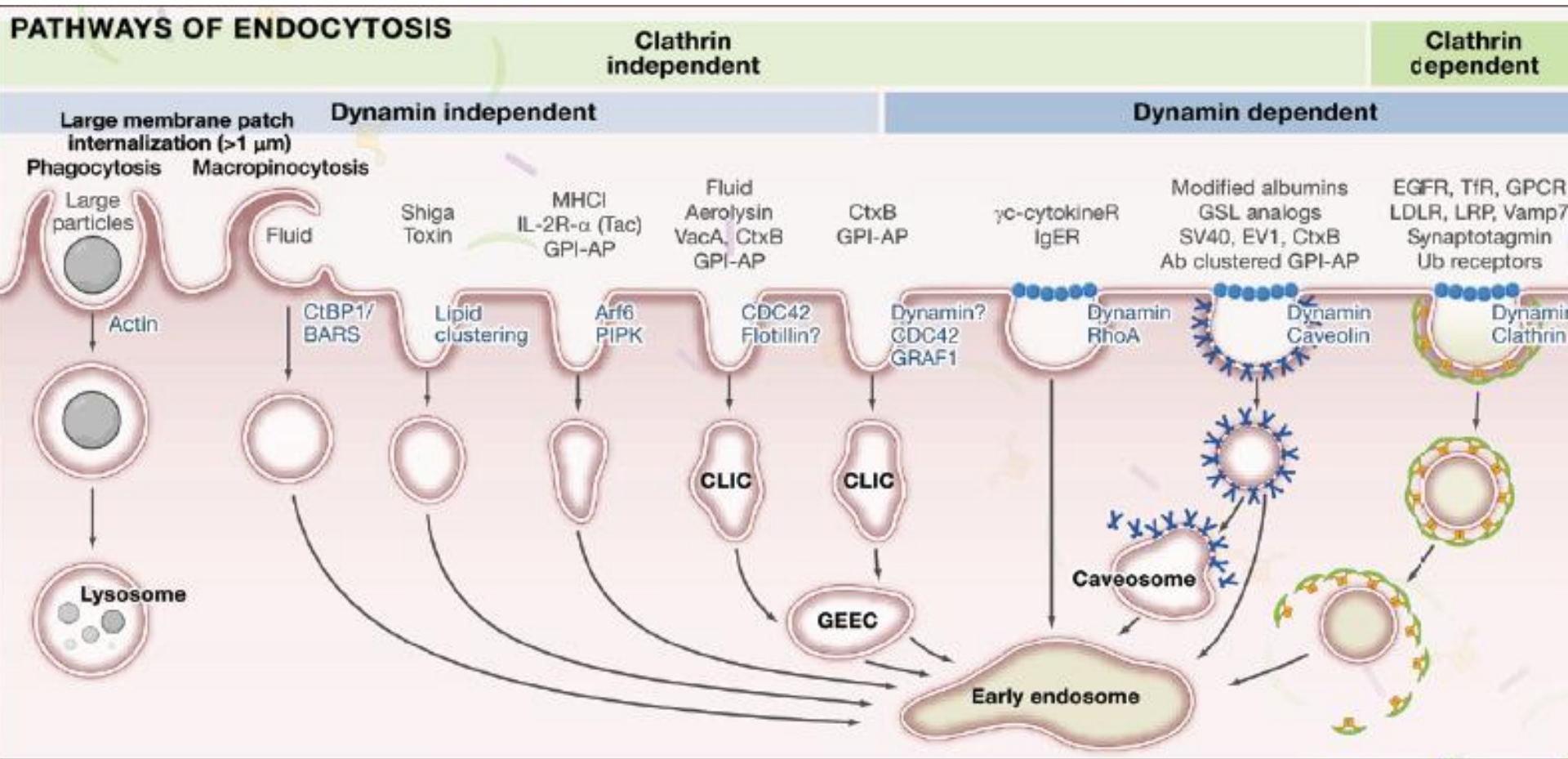
# Novel Pathway for Auxin Signaling

Auxin inhibits endocytosis including internalization of PIN proteins

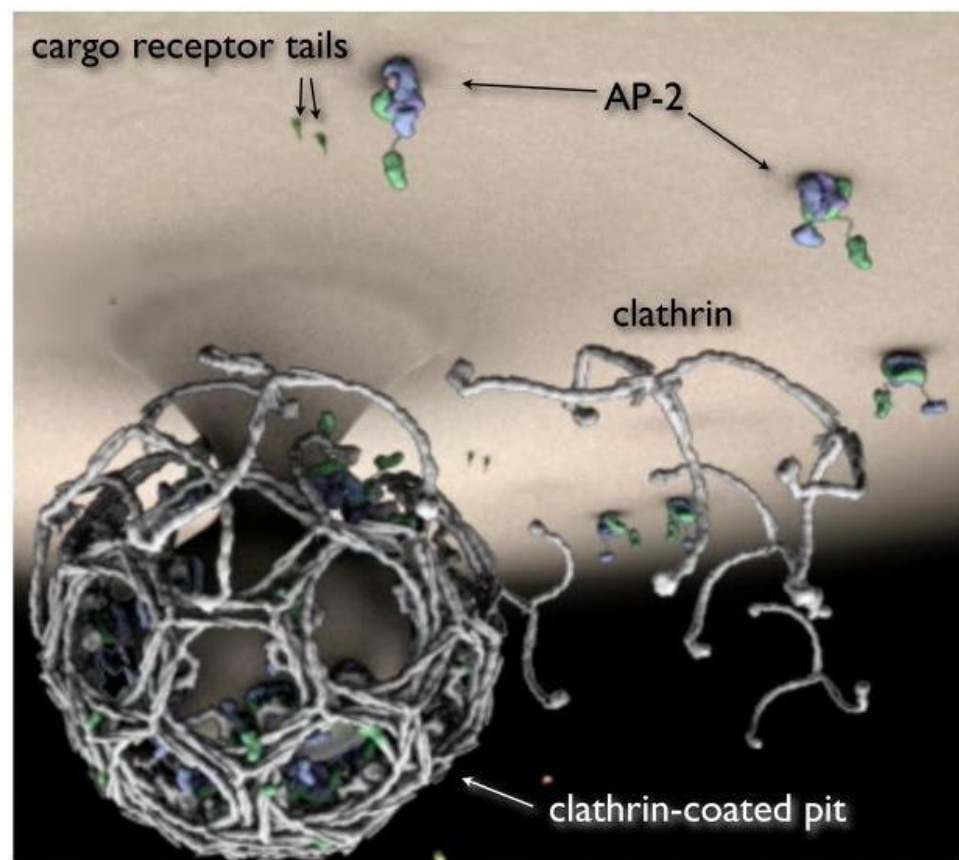
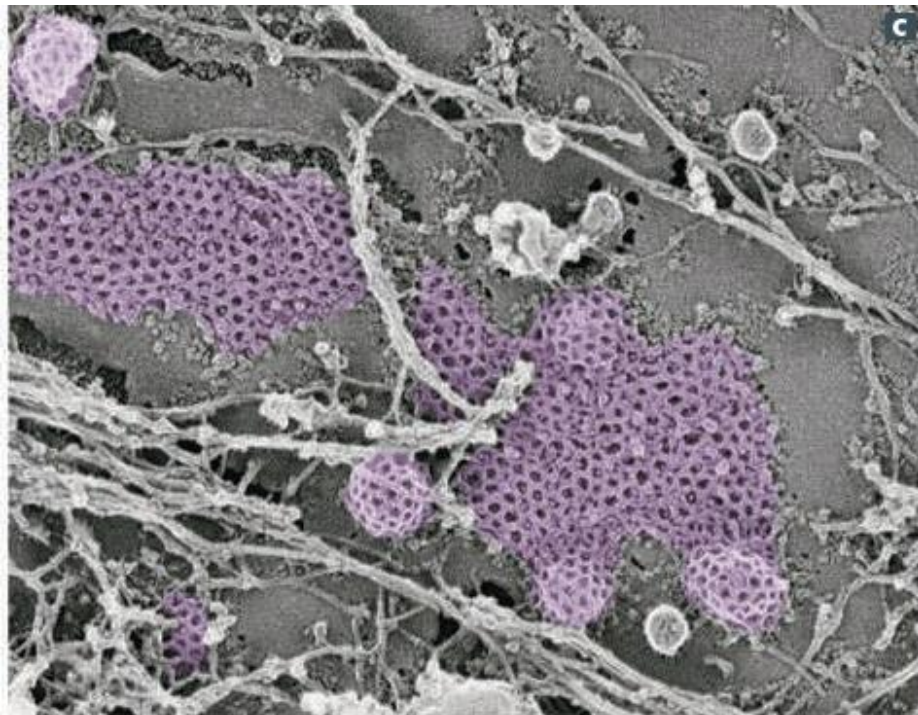
This is mechanism by which auxin stabilizes PINs at the cell surface thus stimulating auxin efflux.

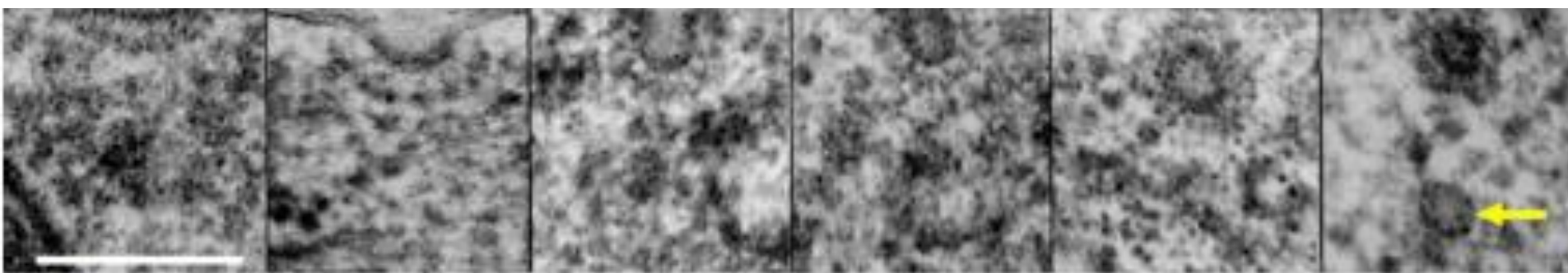
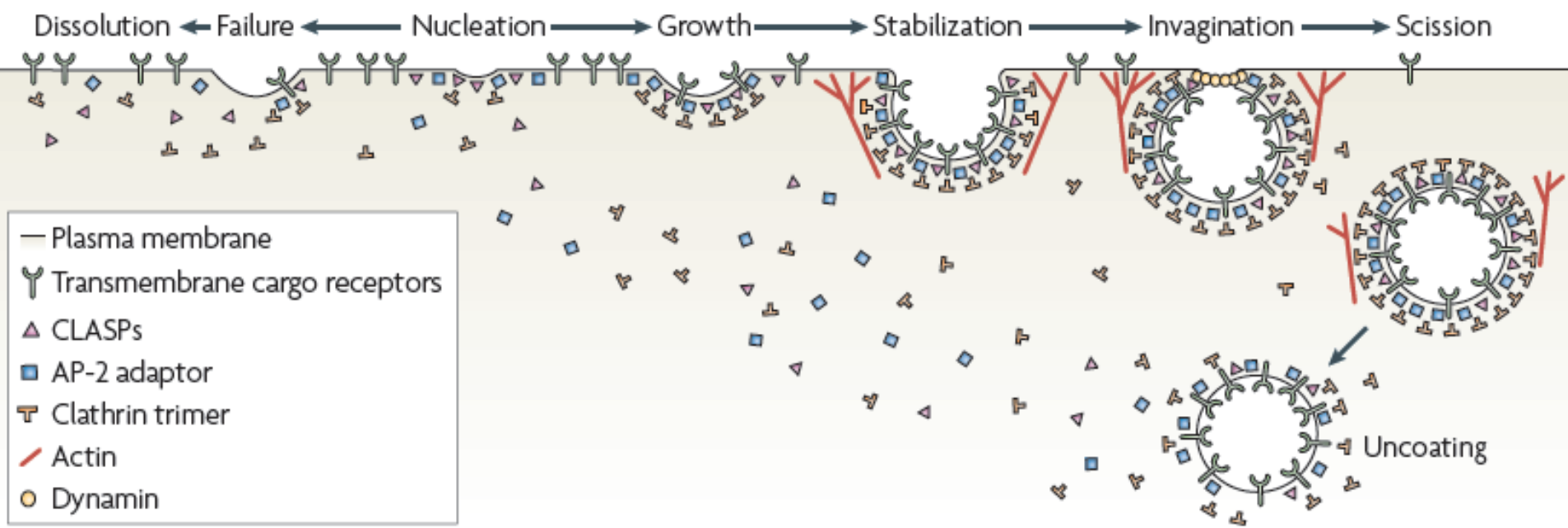
This auxin effect involves novel, genetically tractable auxin pathway

# Mechanisms for endocytosis in animals



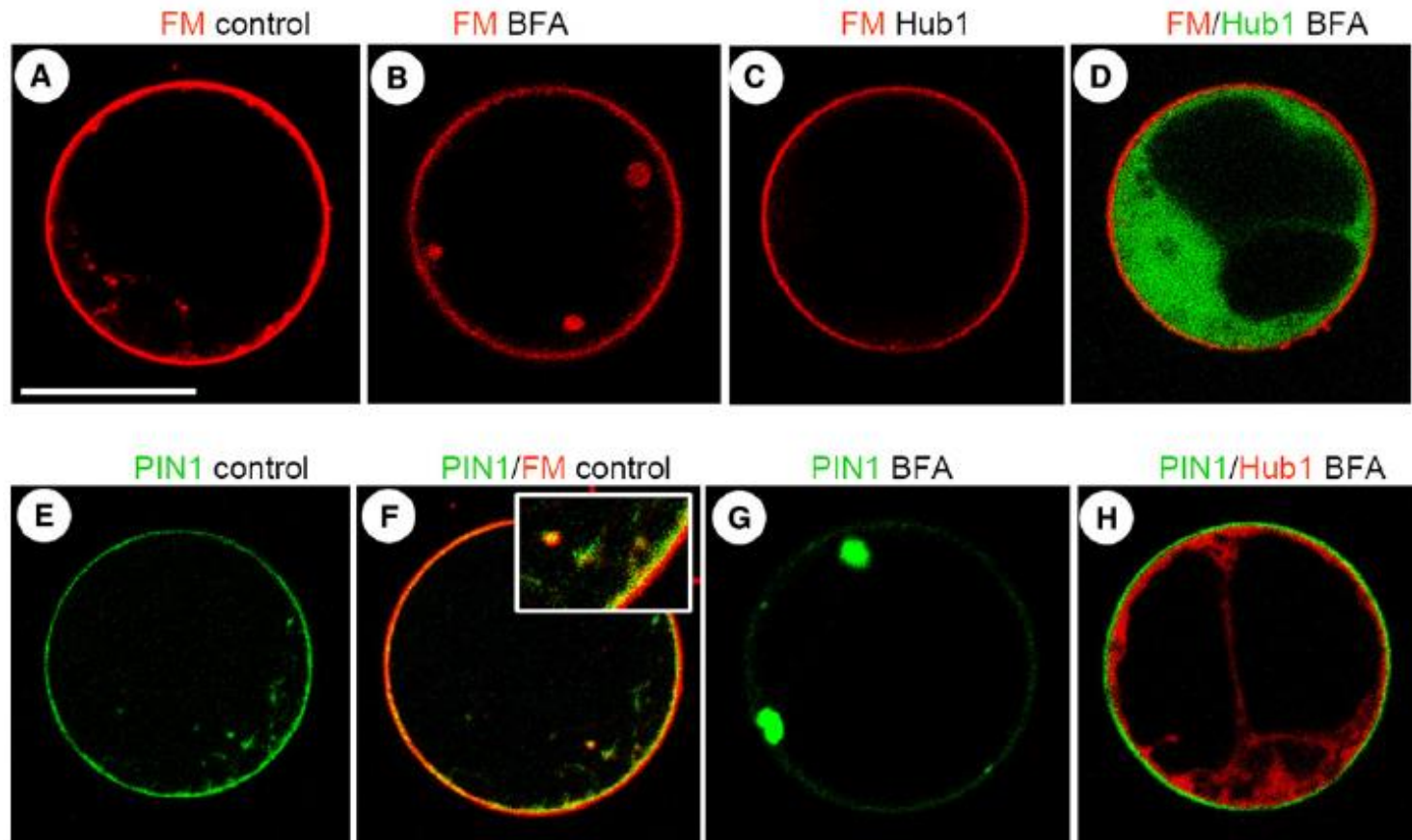




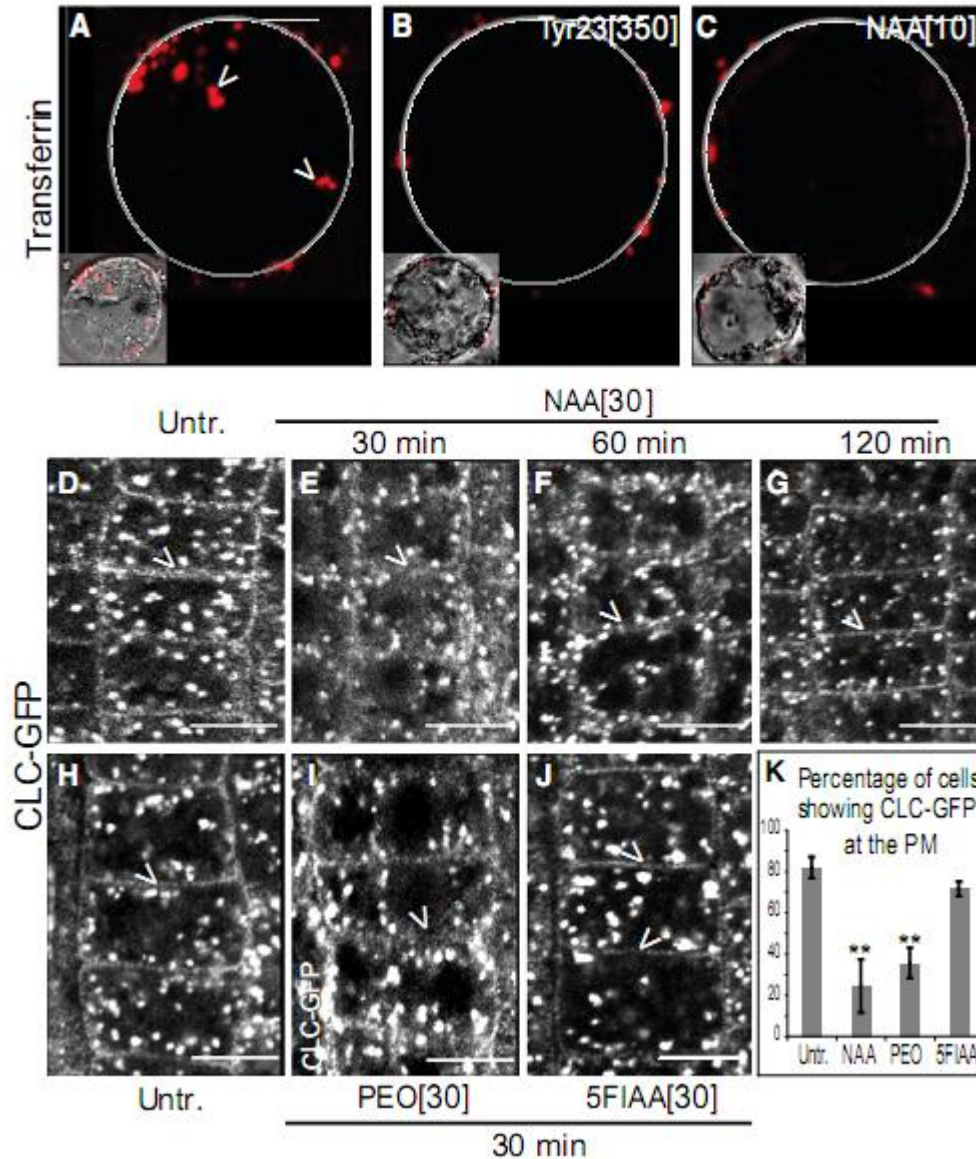




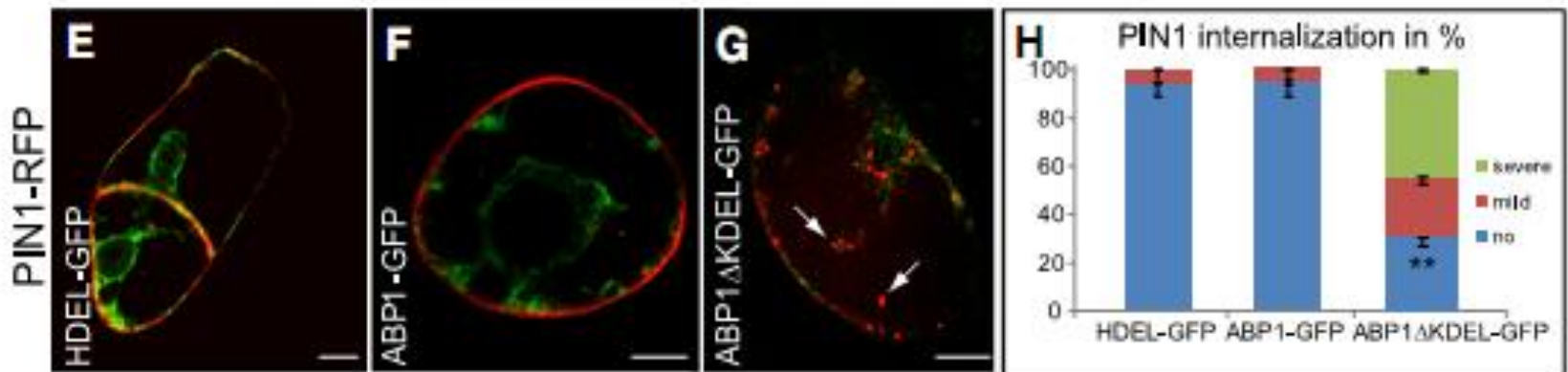
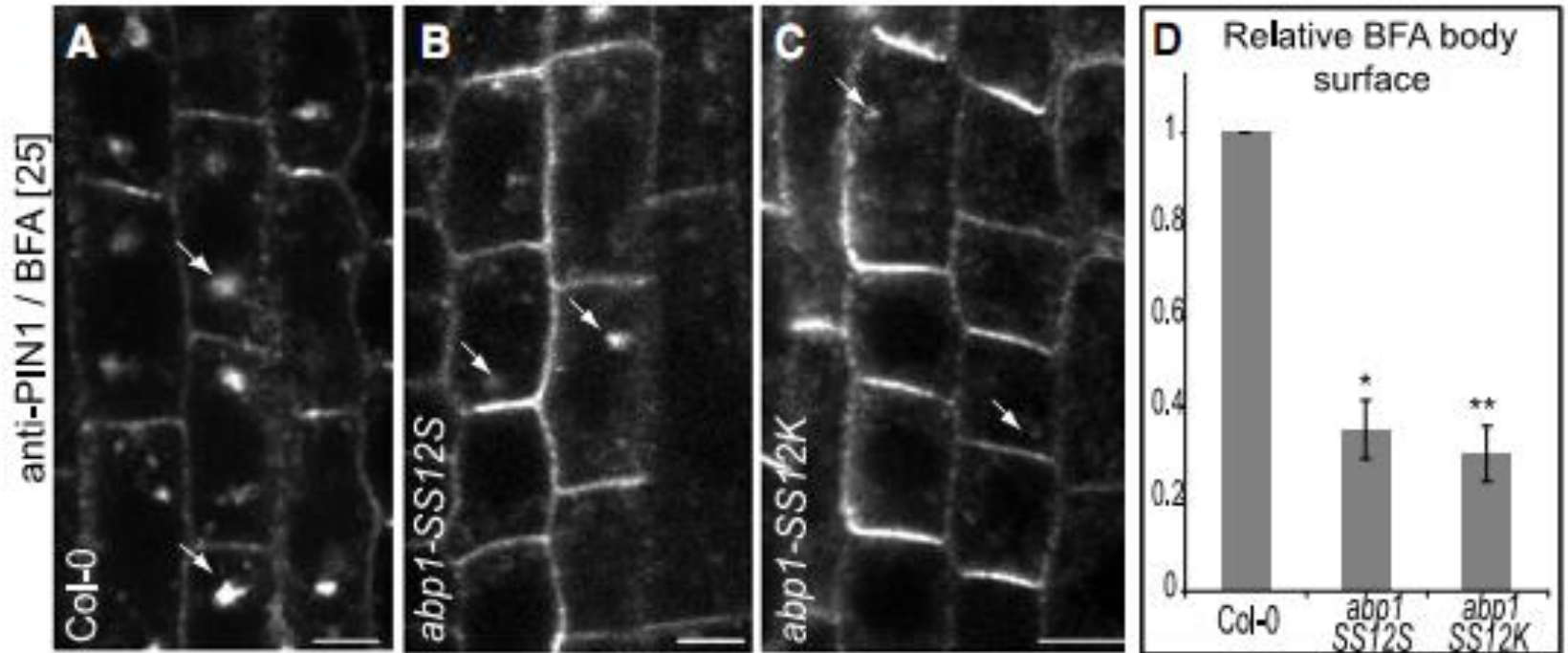
# Clathrin is required for PIN internalization in *Arabidopsis* protoplasts



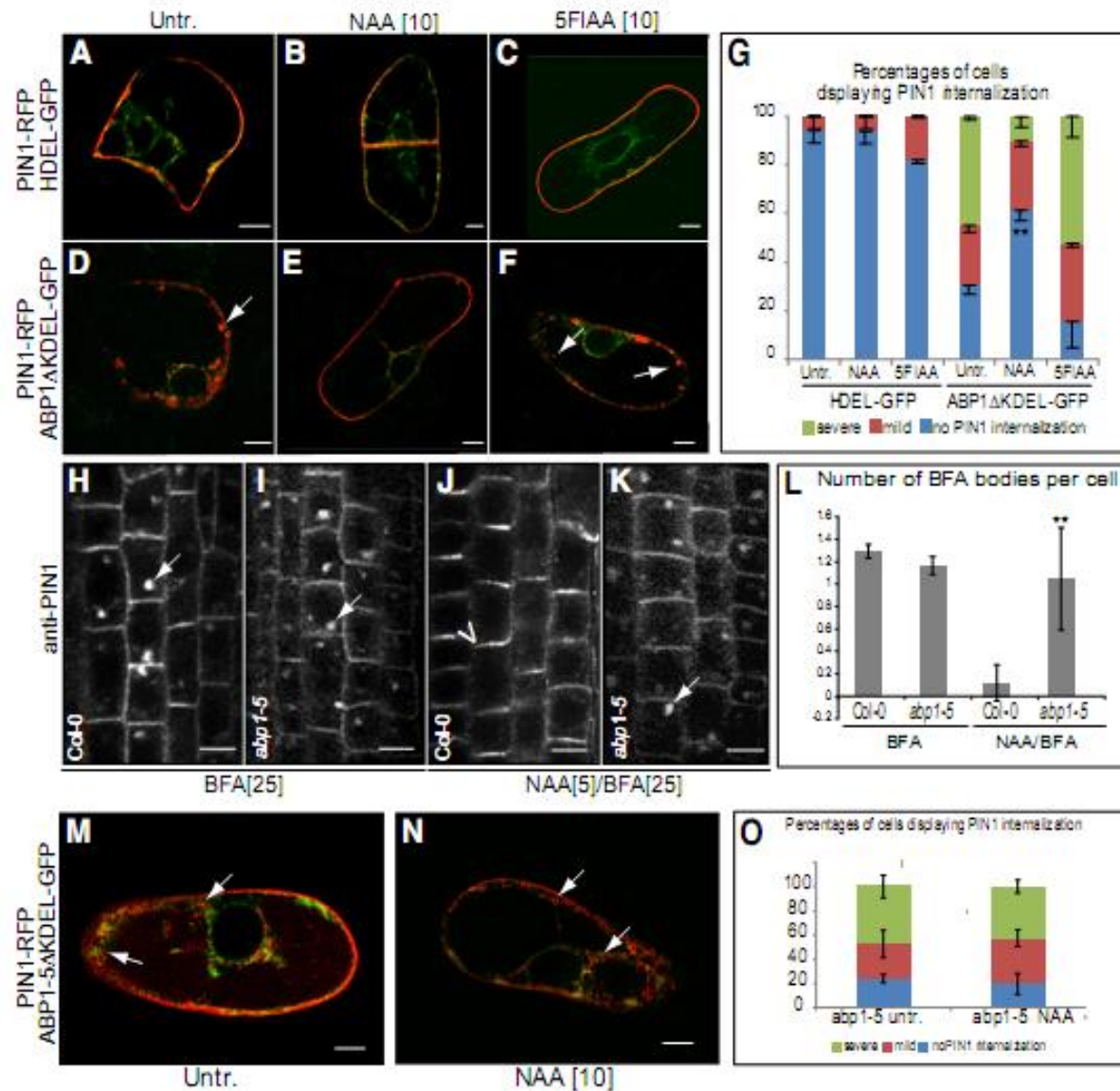
# Auxin targets clathrin mechanism of endocytosis



# ABP1 positively regulates endocytosis

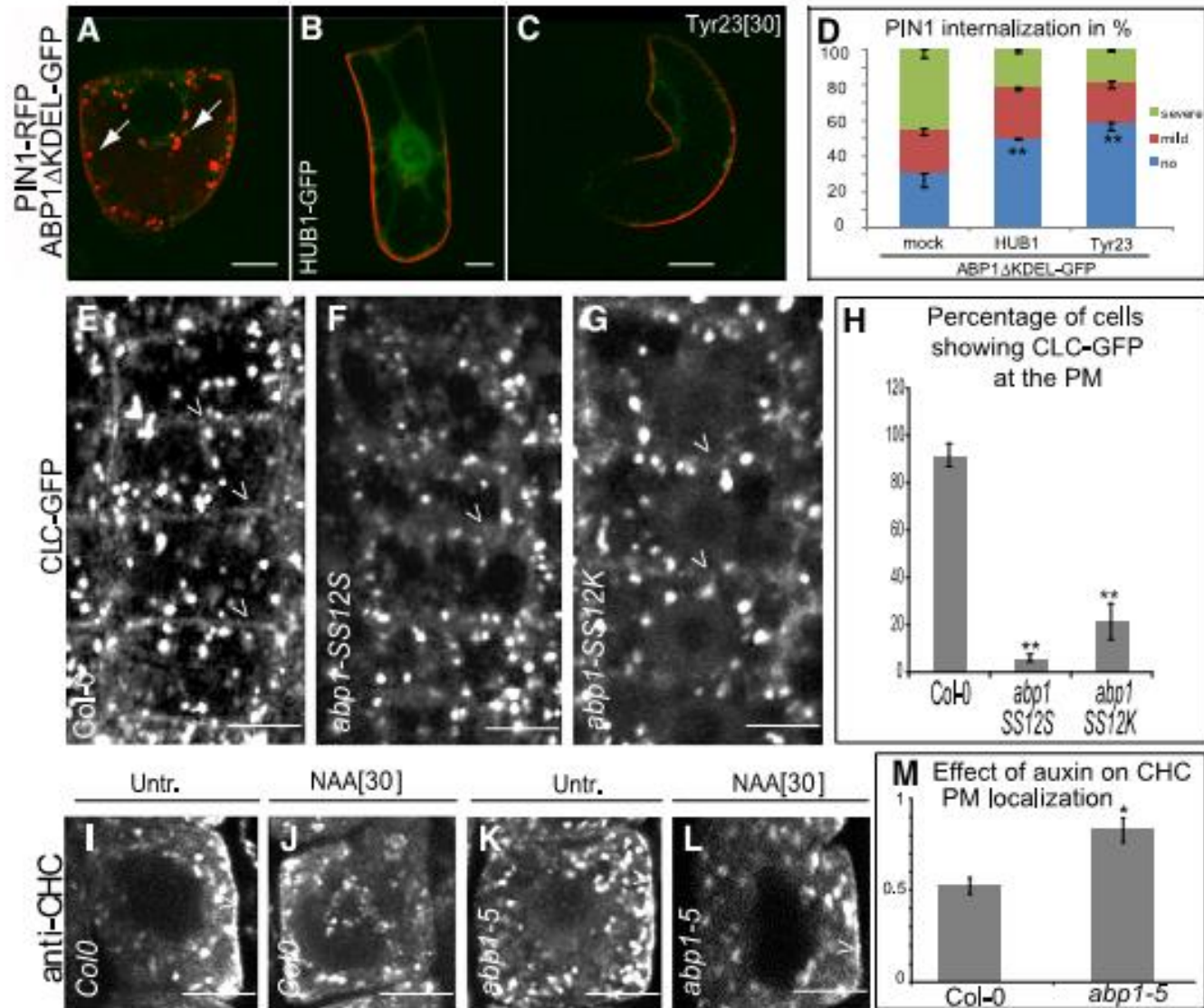


# ABP1 mediates auxin effect on endocytosis





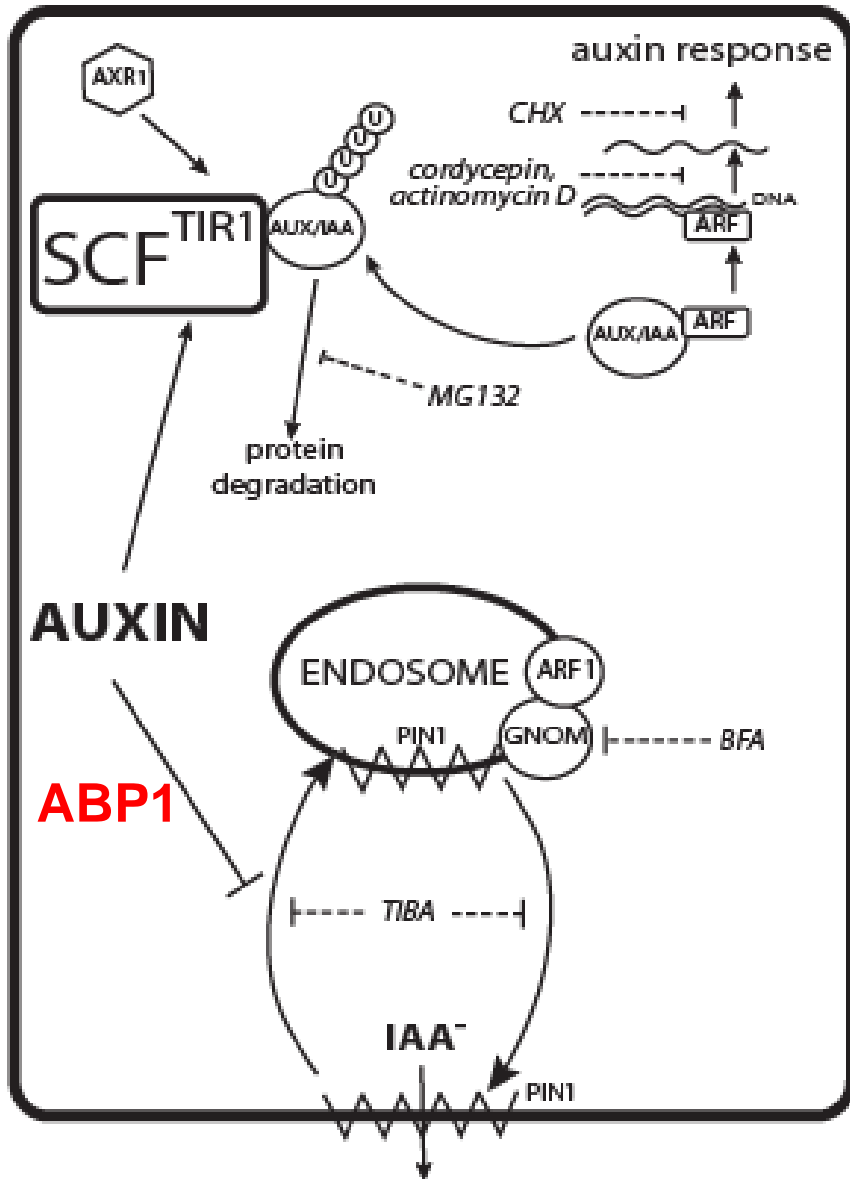
# ABP1 mediates auxin effect on clathrin





# Auxin Signaling for Endocytosis

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Auxin

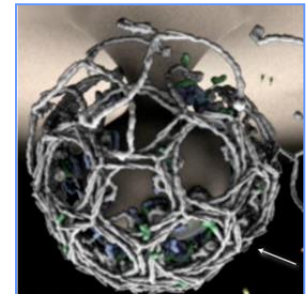
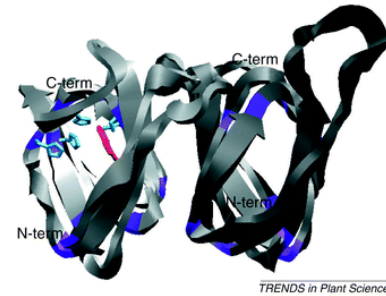
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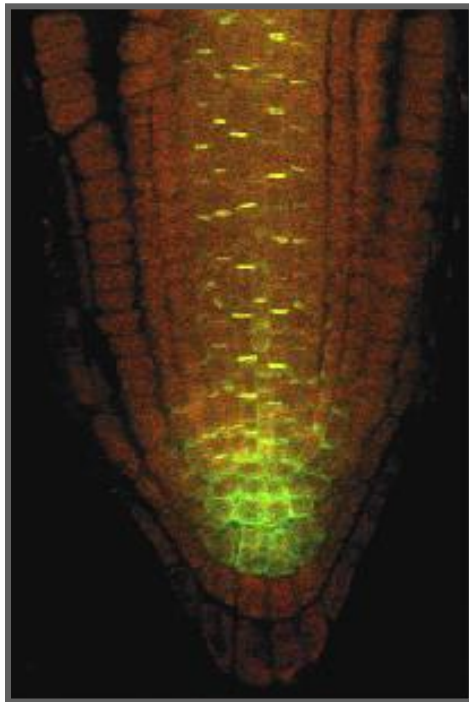
ROP

Clathrin

PIN endocytosis



# Mutant Screen for Components of PIN Polarity and Cycling



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EMS mutagenesis.  
Screening for  
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**mutant lines**

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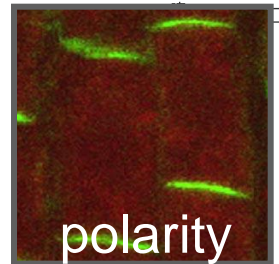
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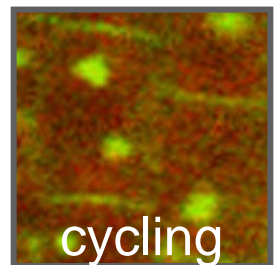
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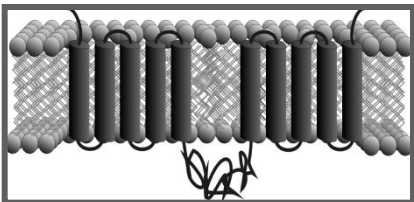
**novel genes**



**polarity**



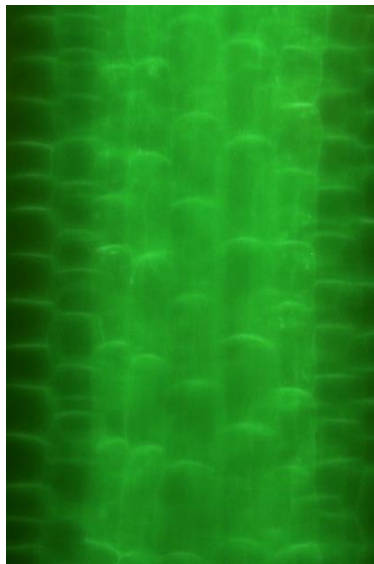
**cycling**



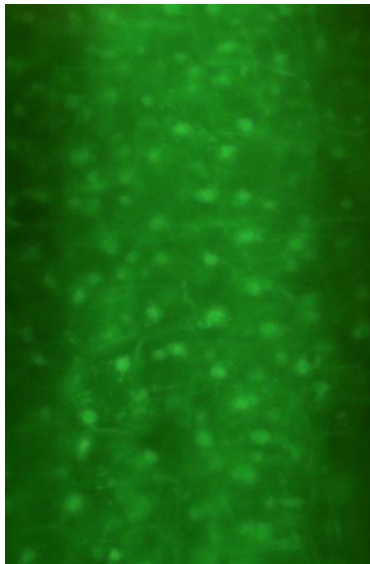
# “Cell Biological” Mutant Screens in Progress:

Auxin effect on endocytosis: 3 confirmed mutants

30' NAA 30  $\mu$ M/90' BFA 50  $\mu$ M

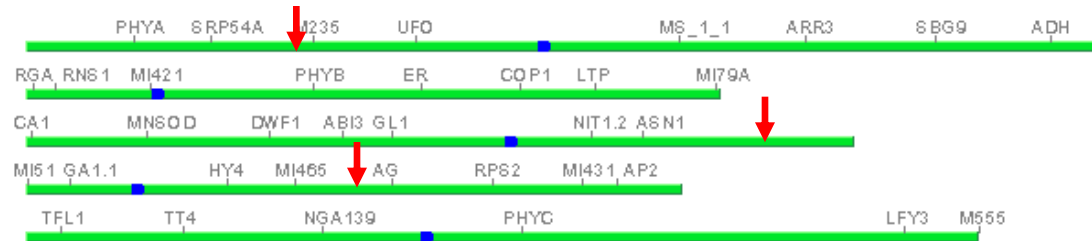


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mutant

*Auxin-resistant BFA patches mutants*



# Novel Pathway for Auxin Signaling

Auxin inhibits endocytosis including internalization of PIN proteins

This is mechanism by which auxin stabilizes PINs at the cell surface thus stimulating auxin efflux.

This auxin effect involves novel, genetically tractable auxin pathway