

# Bi8940 Developmental Biology

## Lesson 7

### Plant Embryogenesis

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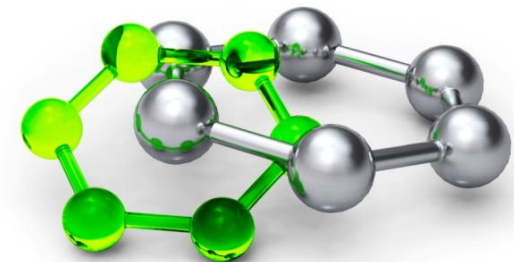
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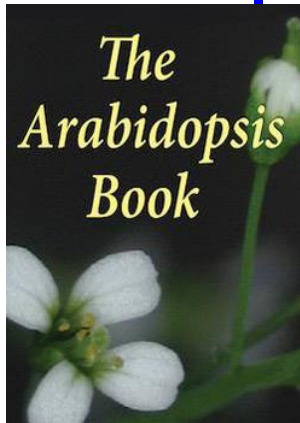
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# Literature



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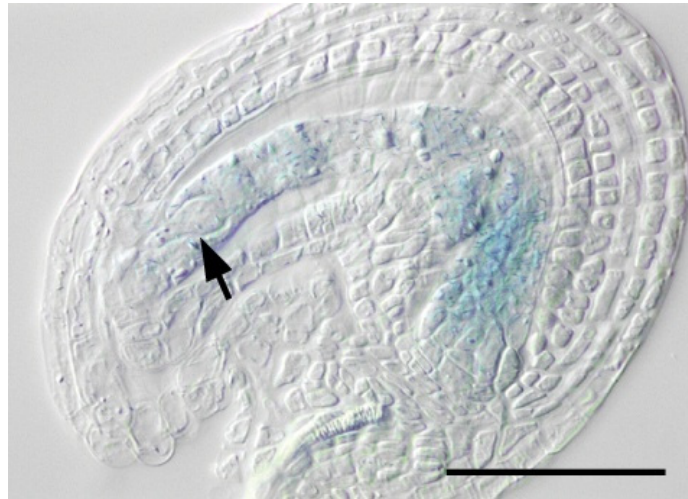
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- Patterning of the apical embryo pole
  - generation of cotyledons and shoot apical meristem
  - proper spacing of lateral organs
  - adaxial-abaxial axis formation
- Radial embryo patterning
  - epidermal layer specification
  - separating vascular and ground tissue

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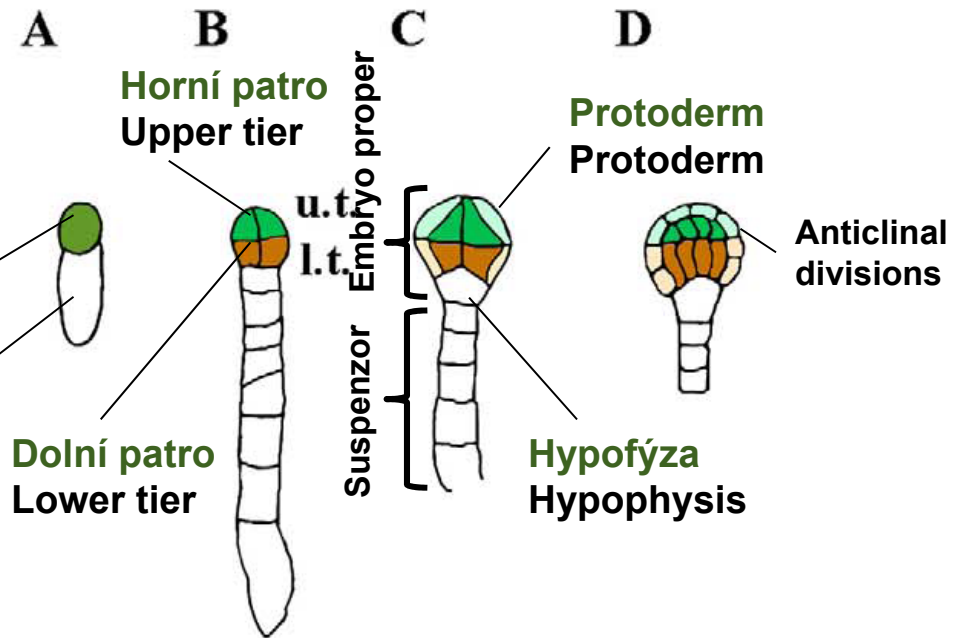
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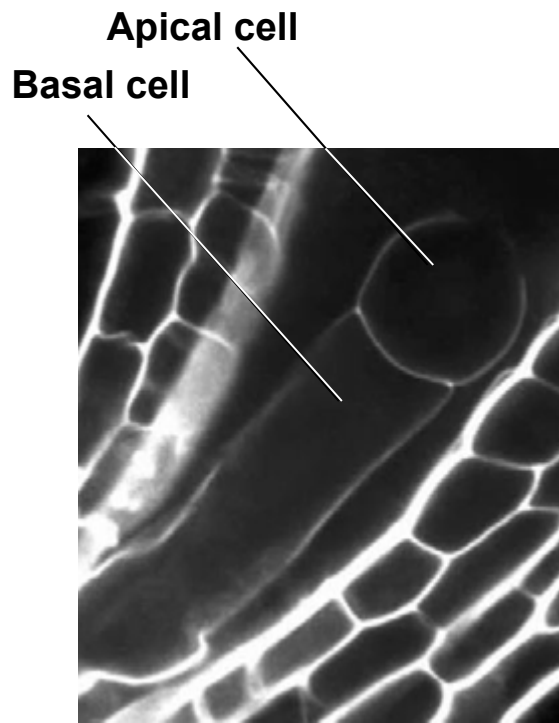
- Overview of the embryo formation in *Arabidopsis*



**Apical cell-active protein biosynthesis**

**Basal cell-highly vacuolated**



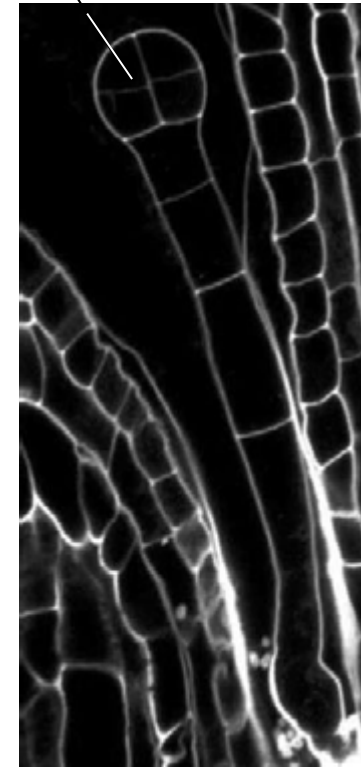


Capron et al., *Arabidopsis Book* (2009)



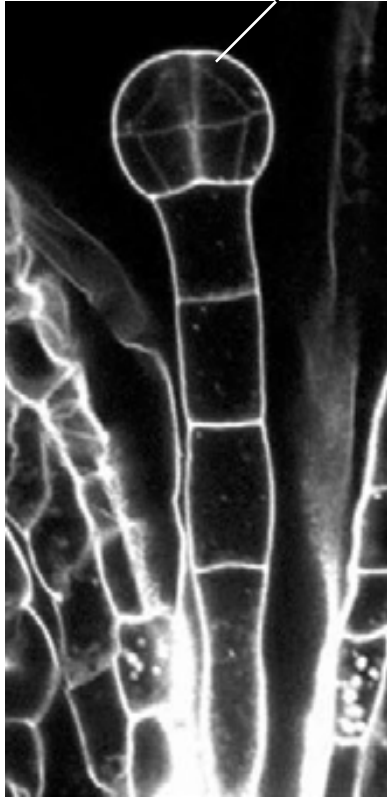
Proembryo stage

Four out of eight  
cells of the embryo  
proper



Octant stage

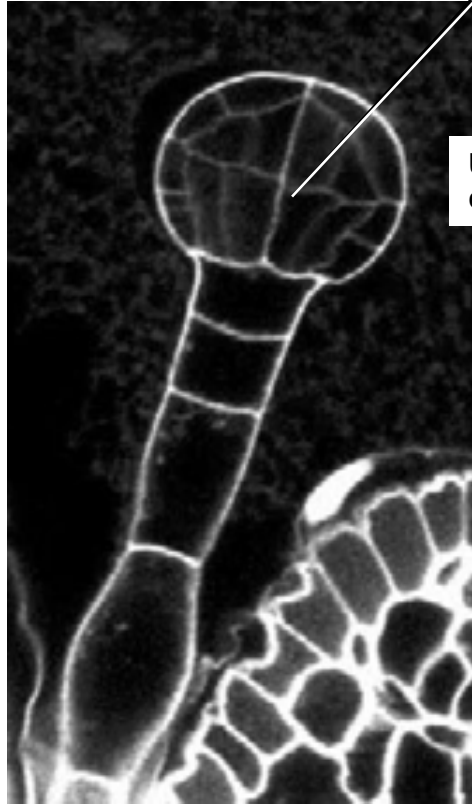
Protoderm



**Dermatogen stage**

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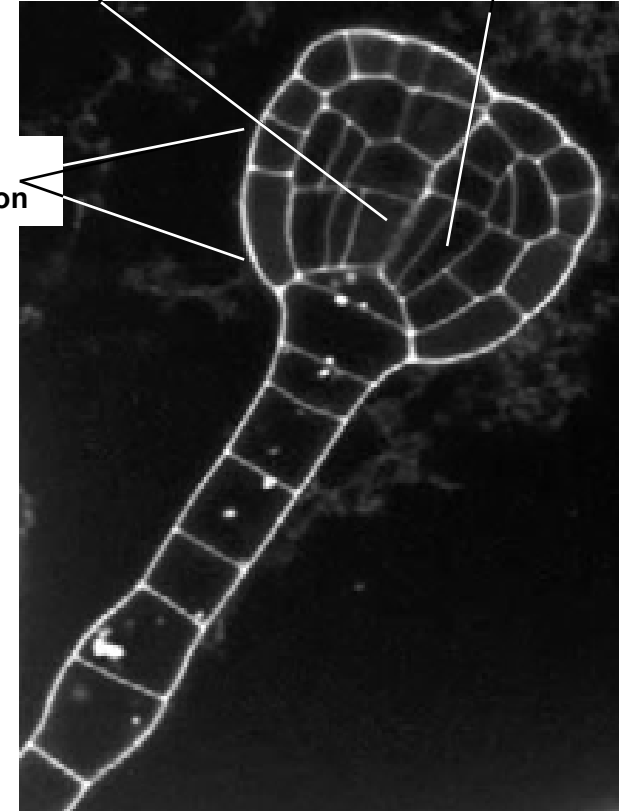
Prospective vascular tissue



**Early globular stage**

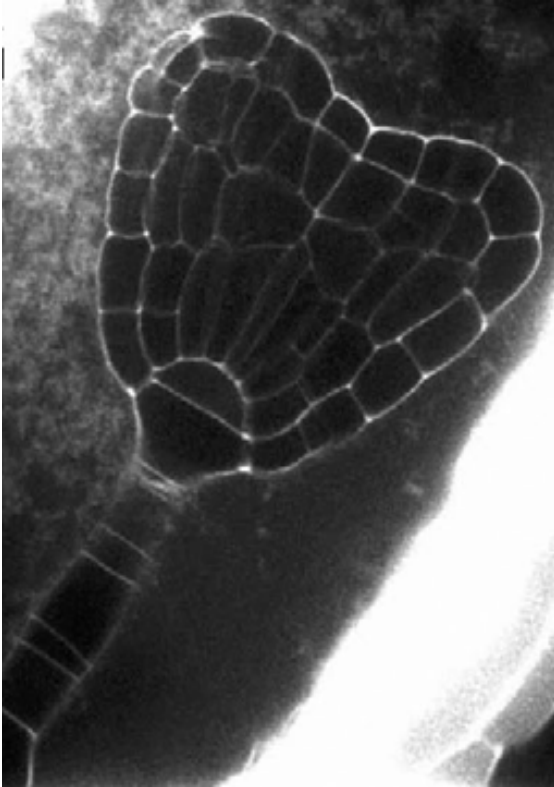
Prospective ground tissue/základní pletivo

U/L tier differentiation



**Triangular embryo stage**



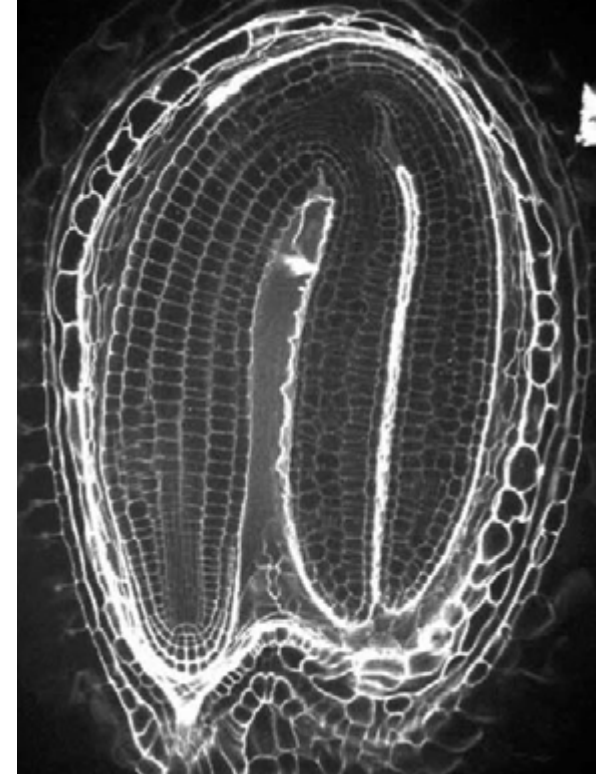


**Heart stage**

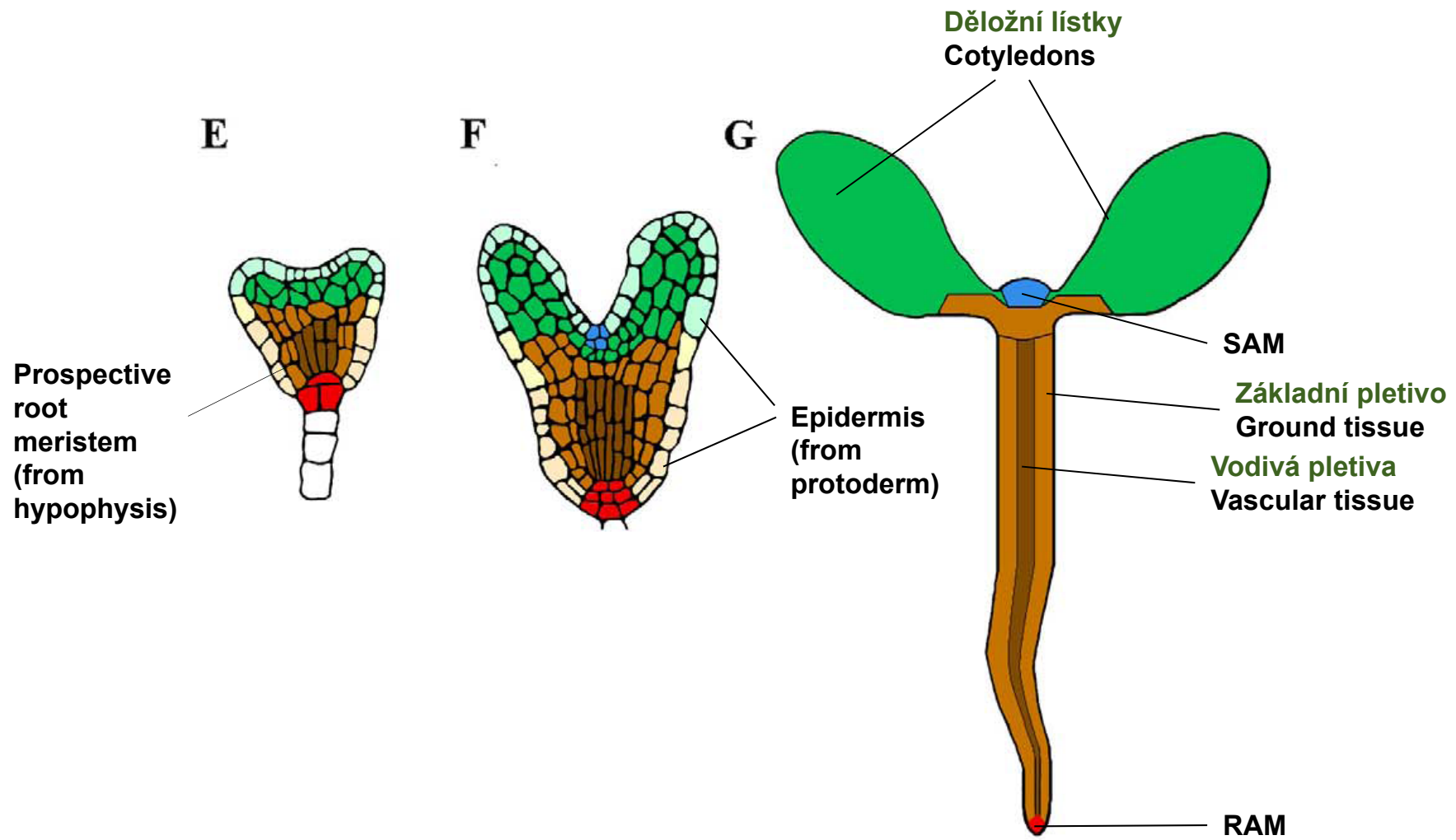
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**Torpedo stage**



**Bended cotyledon stage**



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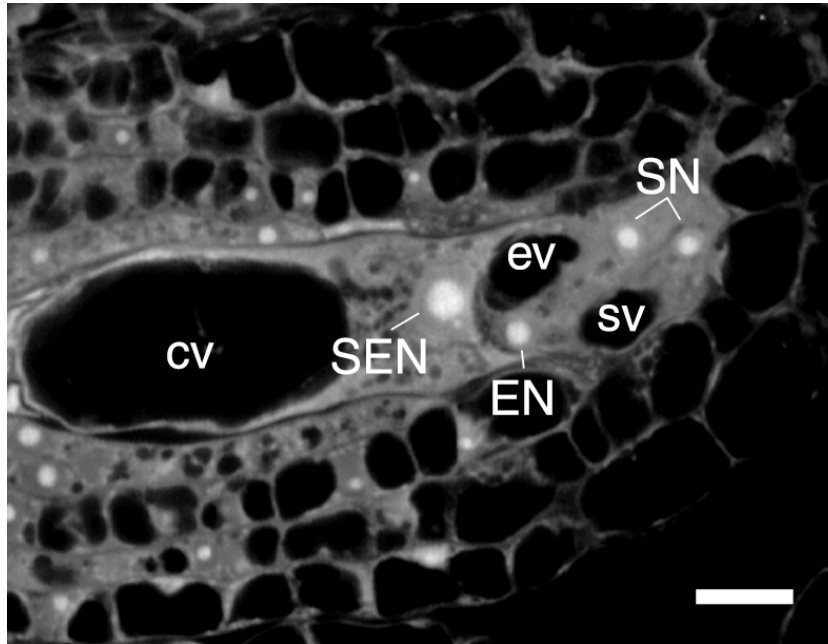
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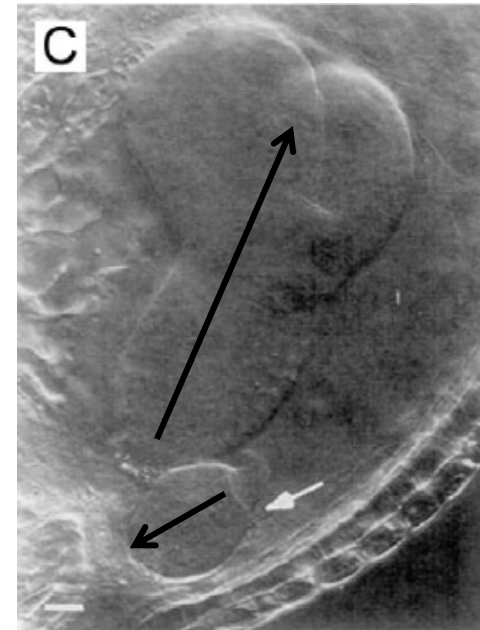
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Proximal ←————→ Distal

**WT**



**twin**



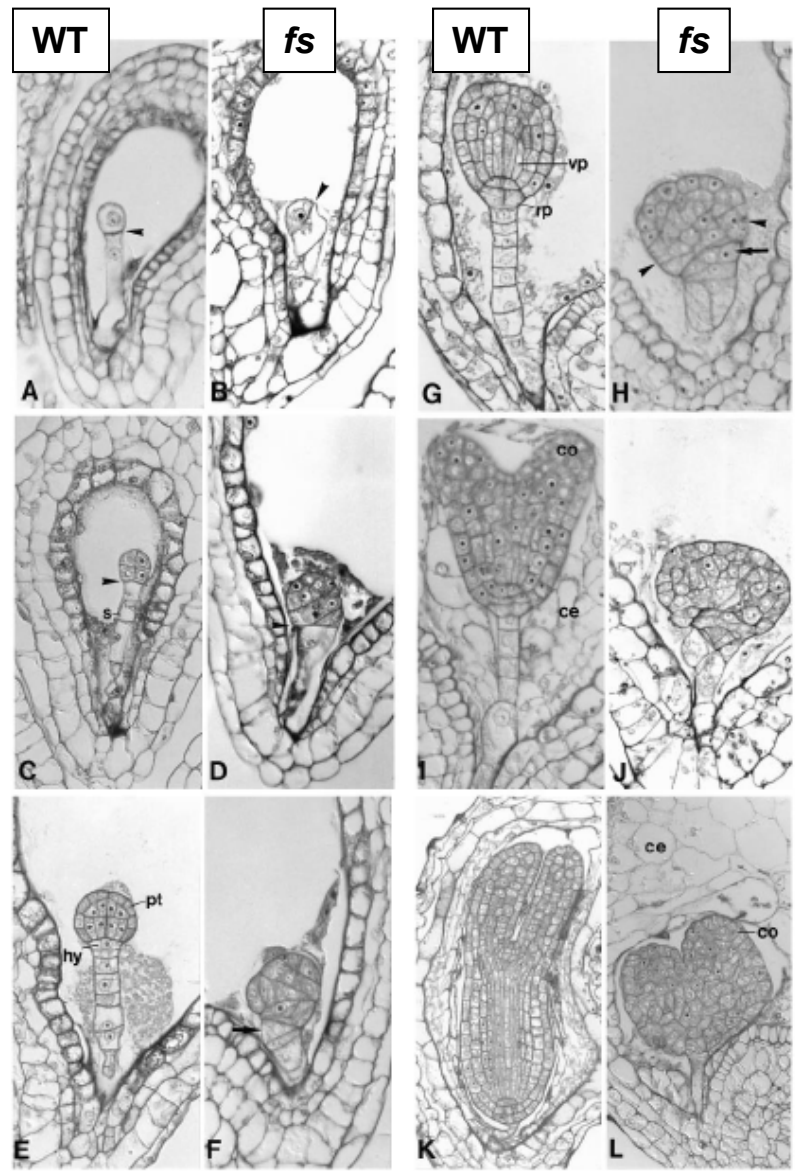
**Proximal**



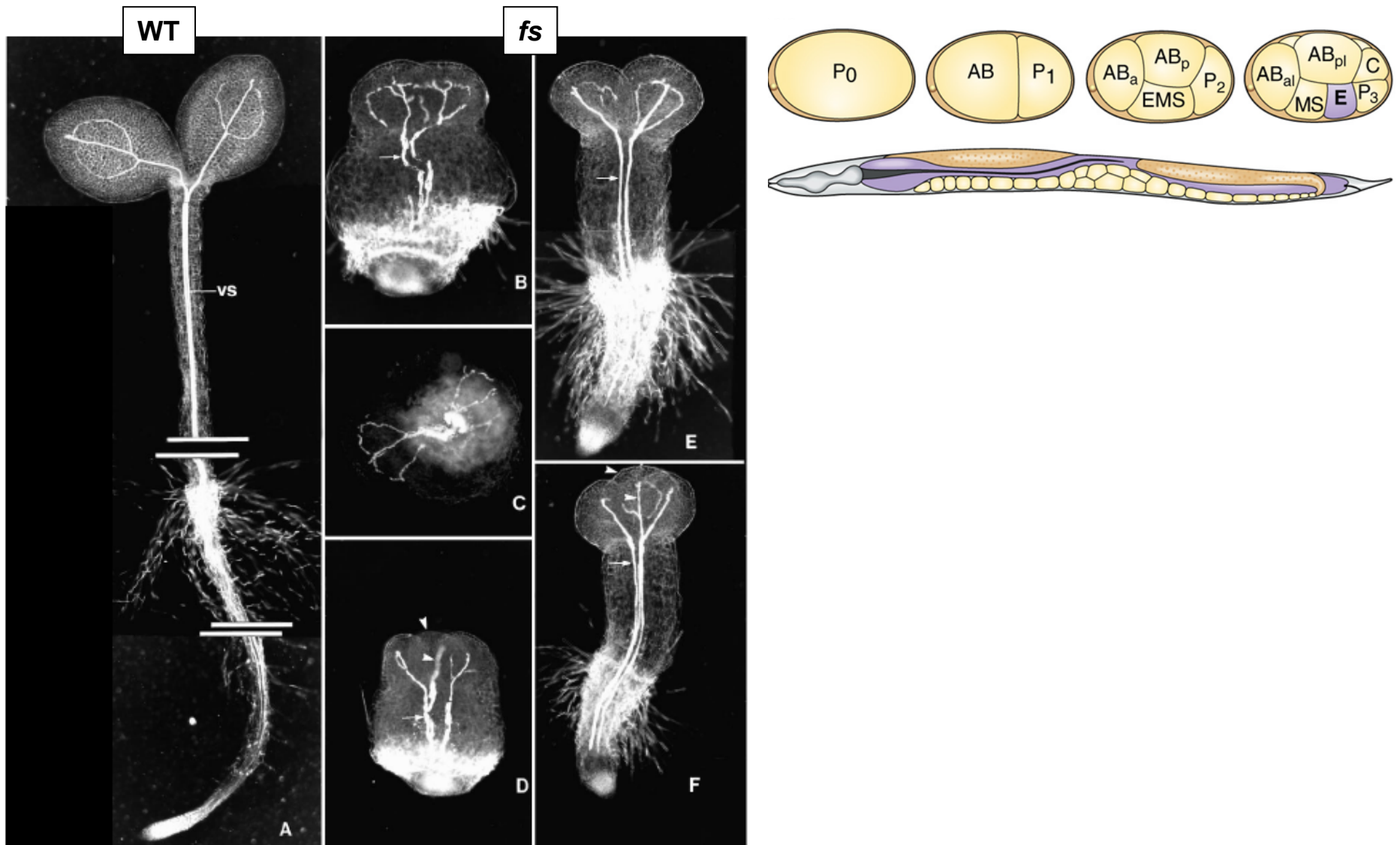
**Distal**

Hejátko et al., *Mol Genet Genomics* (2003)

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Torres-Ruiz and Jurgens, *Development* (1994)



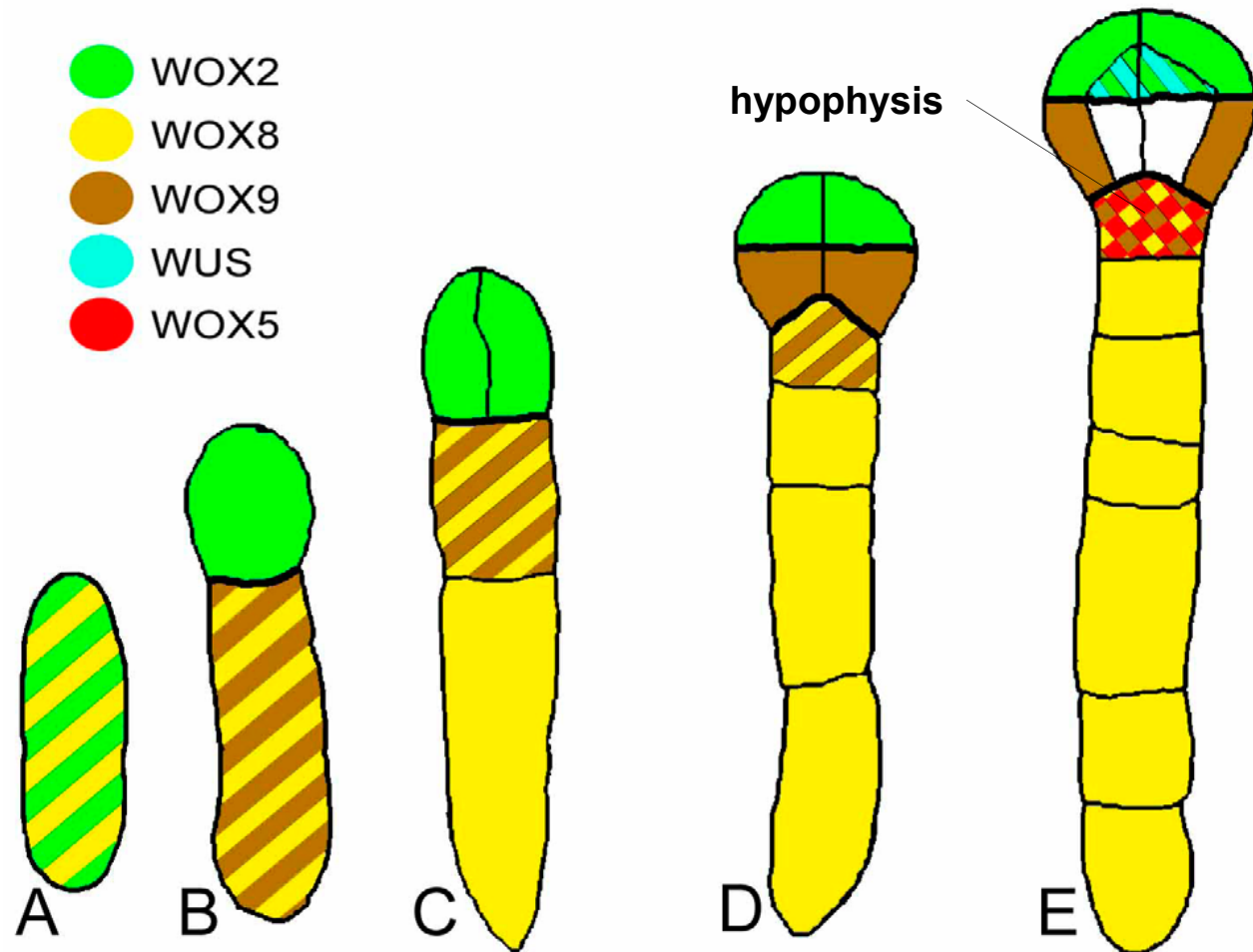
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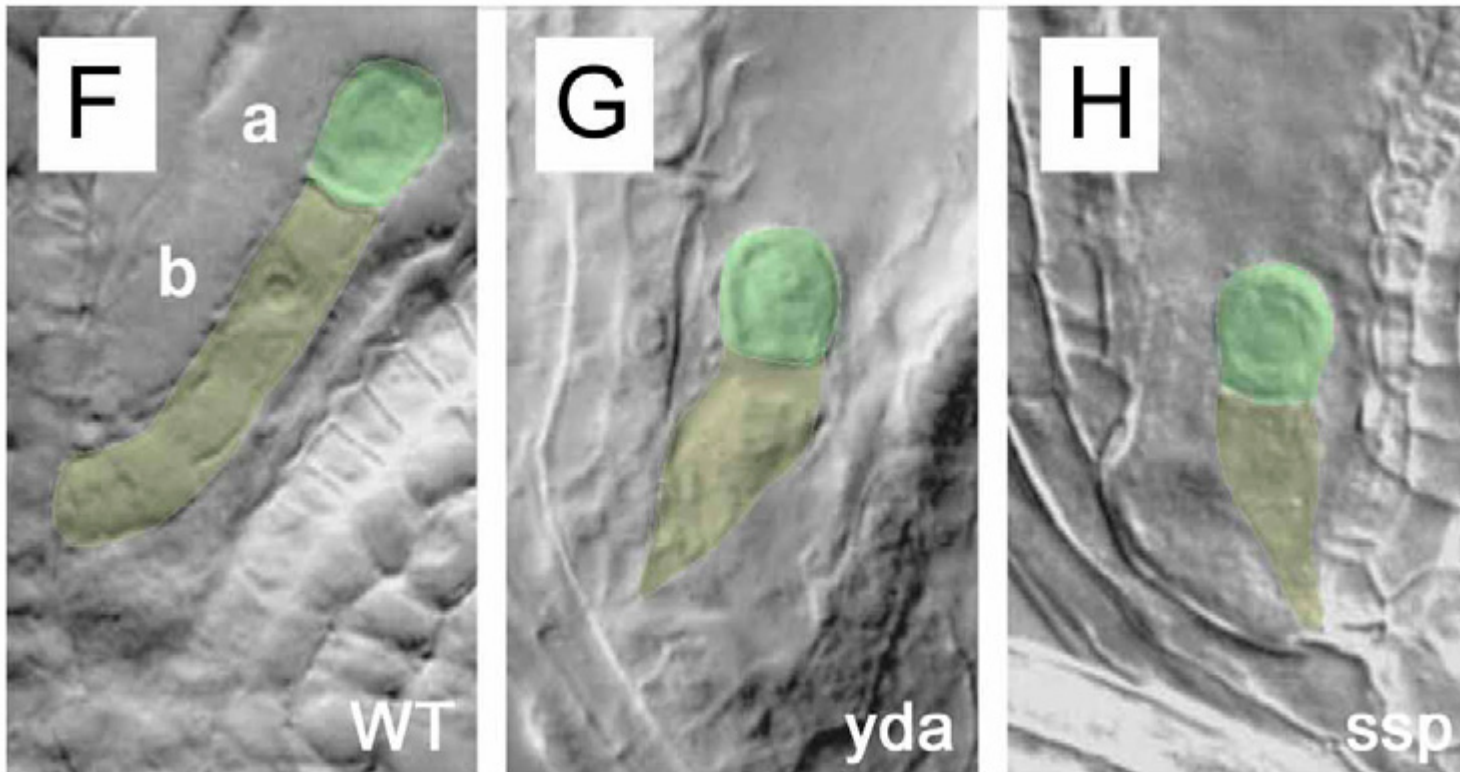
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  - differential gene expression

# Differential expression of **WUSCHEL-RELATED HOMEODOMAIN (WOX)** gene family



Capron et al., *Arabidopsis Book* (2009)





**YODA (YDA)**

mitogen-activated protein  
kinase kinase (MAPKK)

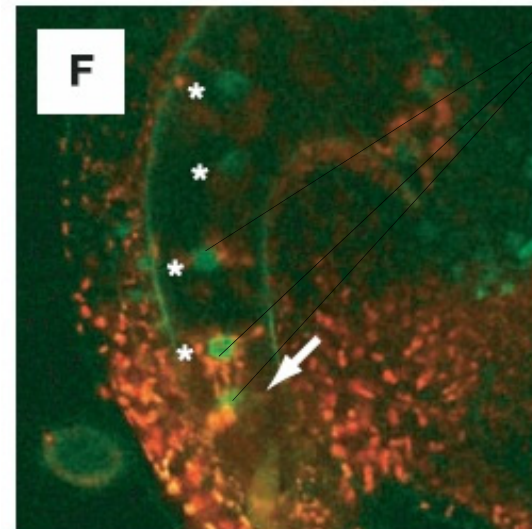
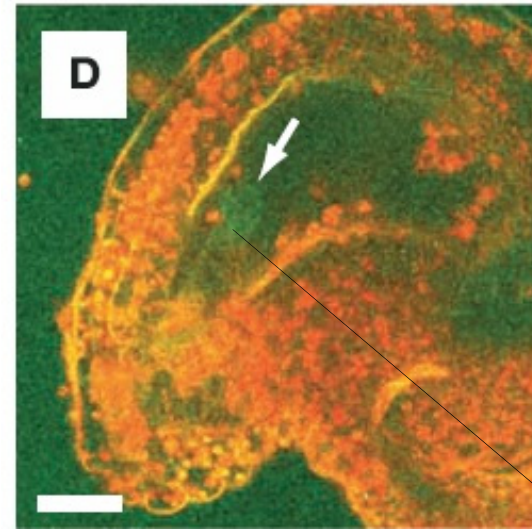
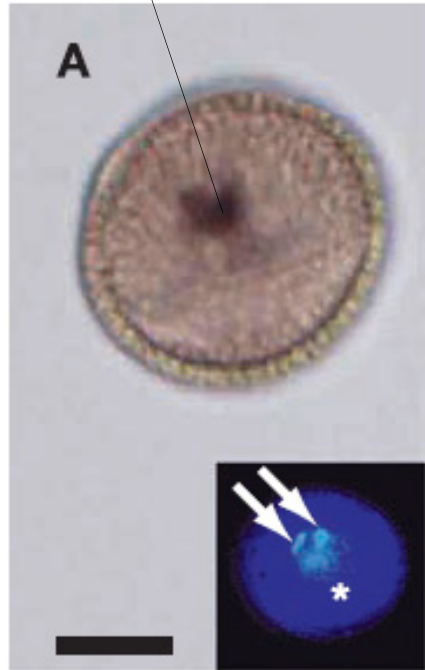


**SHORT SUSPENSOR (SSP)**

interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase  
(IRAK)/Pelle-like kinase

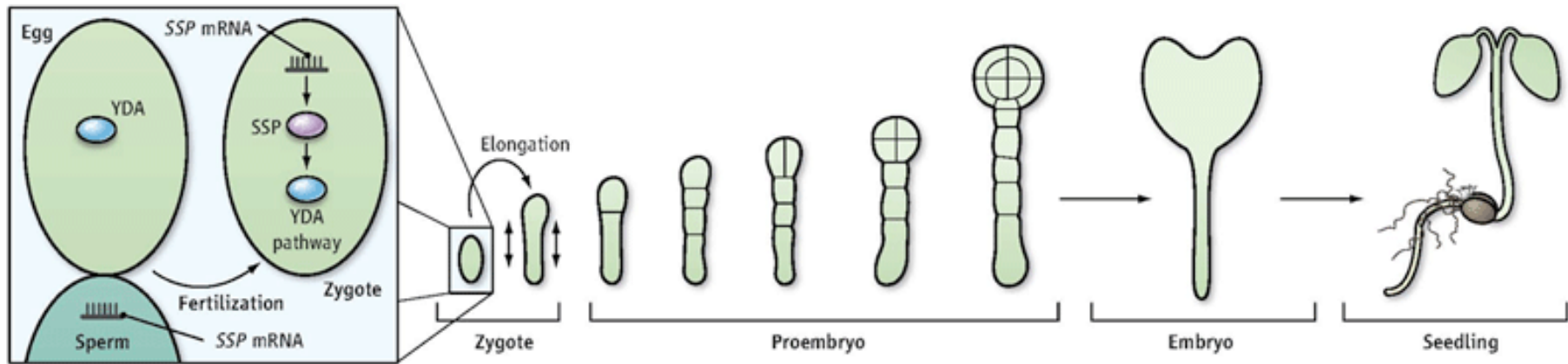
Capron et al., *Arabidopsis Book* (2009),

**SSP mRNA *in situ* localization**



**SSP-YFP**

Bayer et al., *Science* (2009)



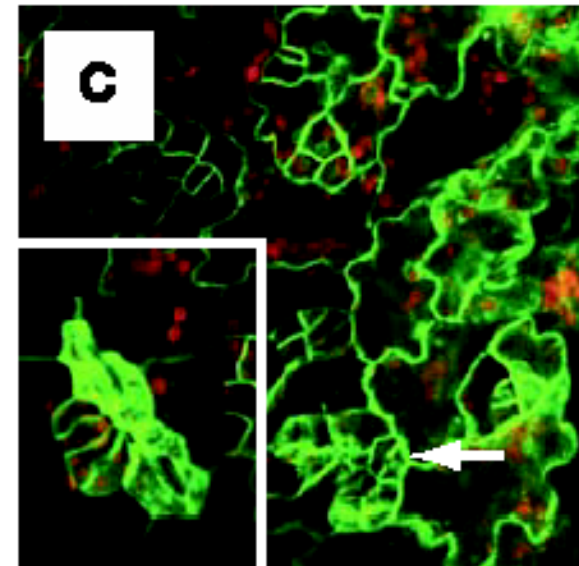
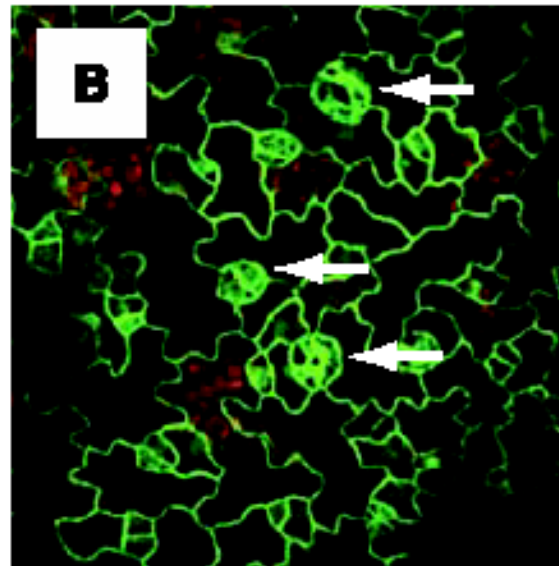
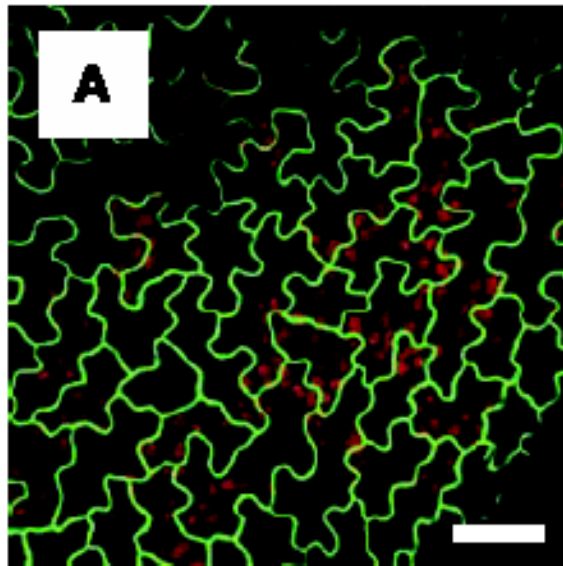
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myristoylation-deficient variant

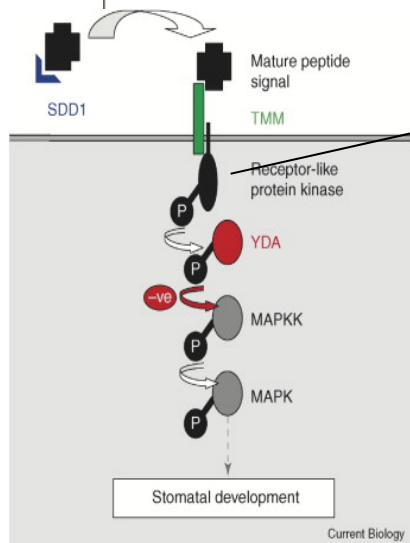
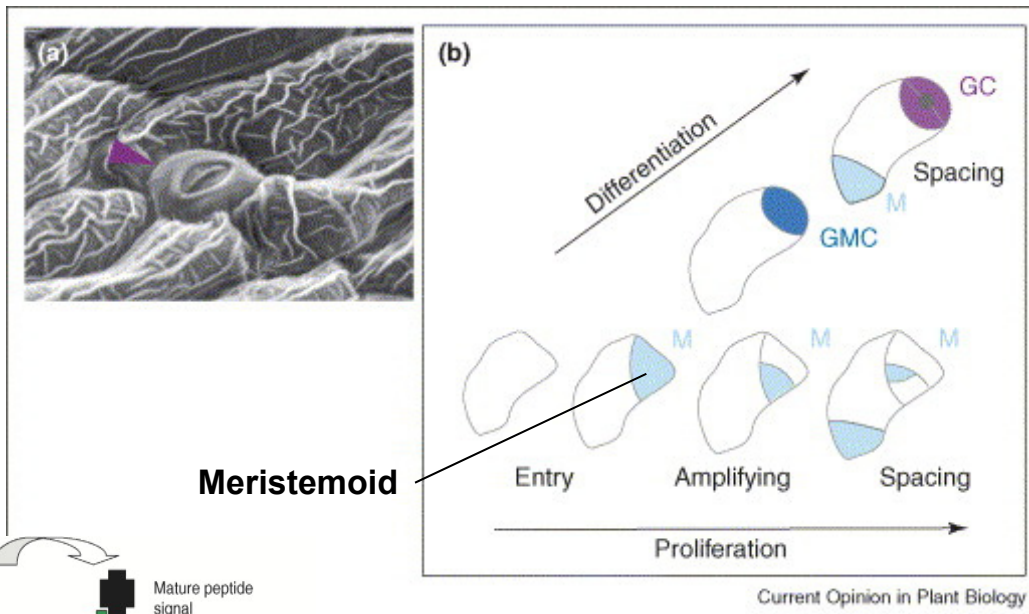
*Pro35S:SSP-YFP/WT*

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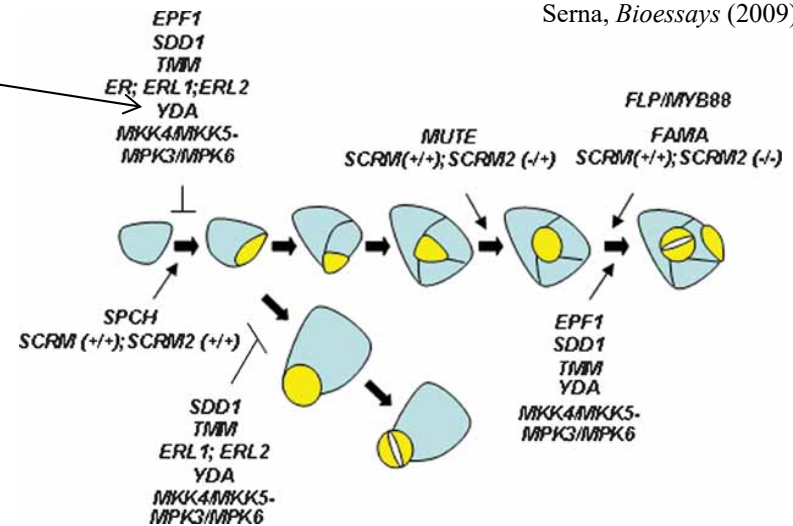


Bayer et al., *Science* (2009)



Bergmann, *Curr Opin Plant Biol* (2006)  
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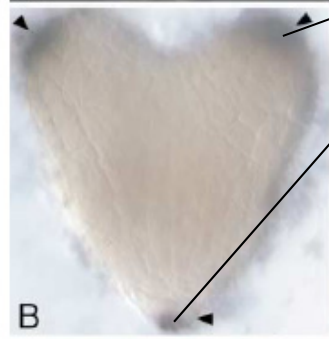
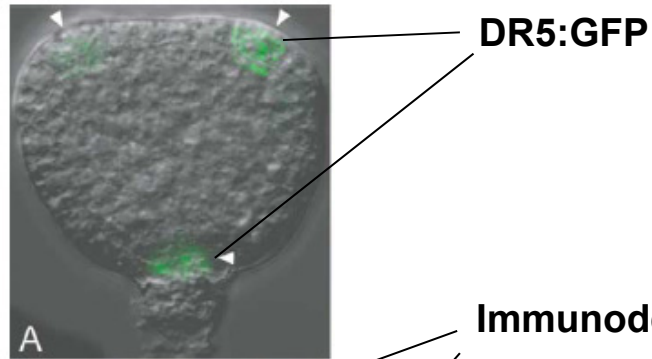
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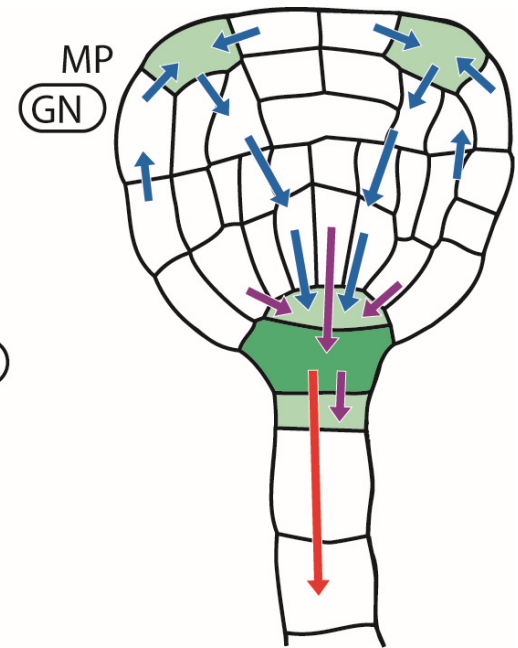
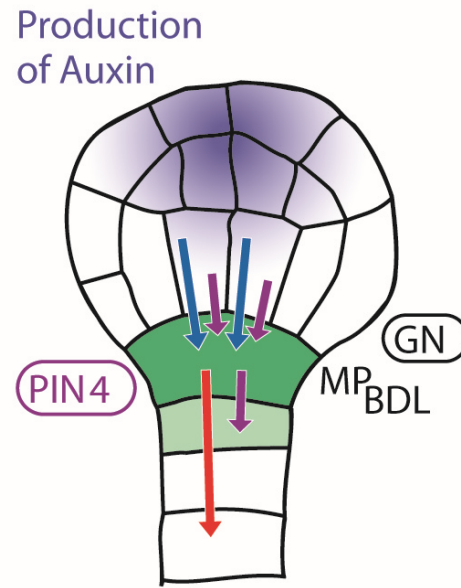
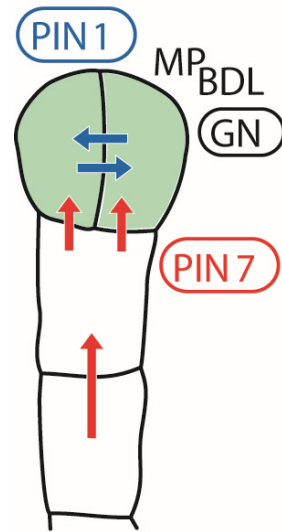
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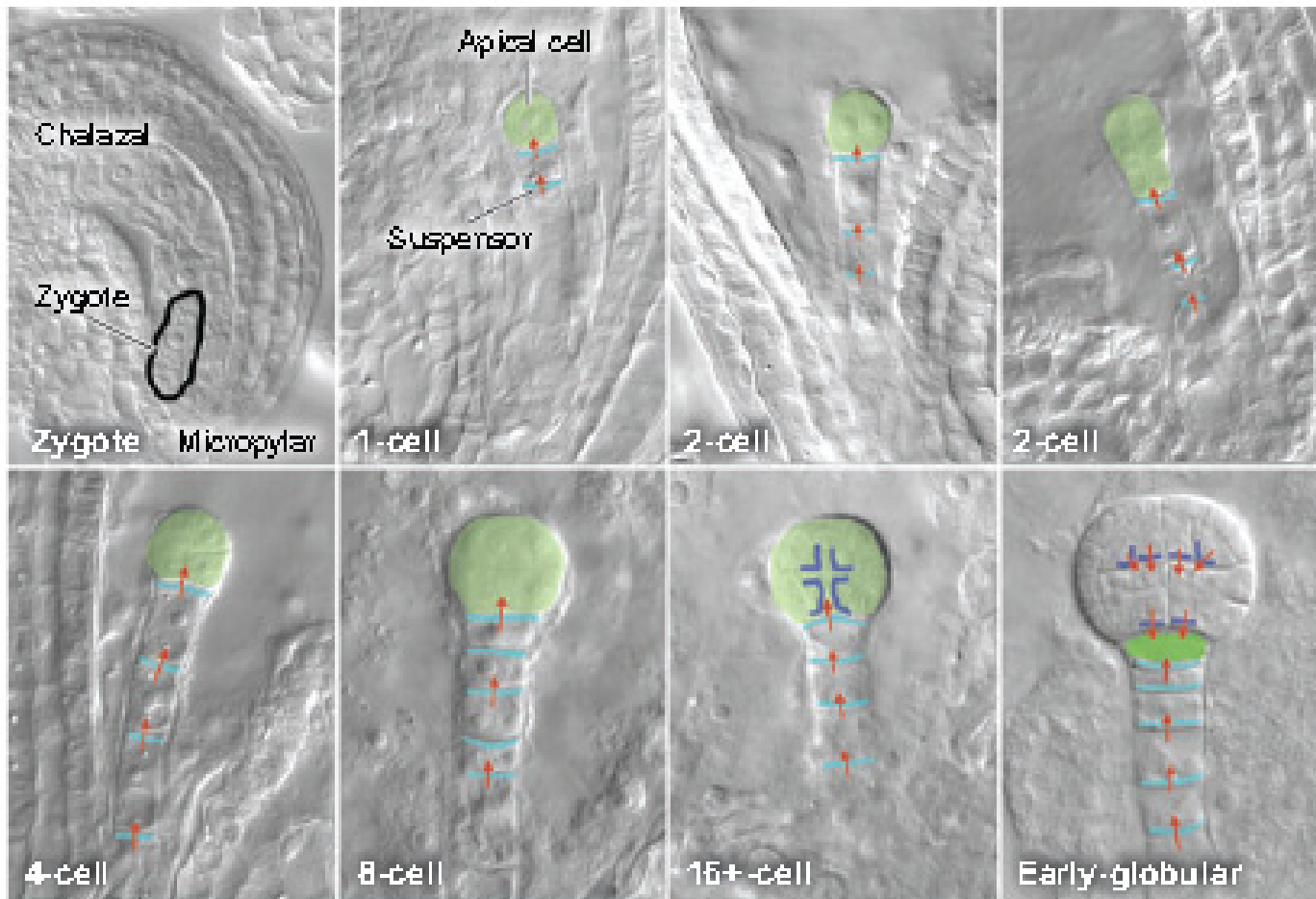


**Immunodetection of IAA**



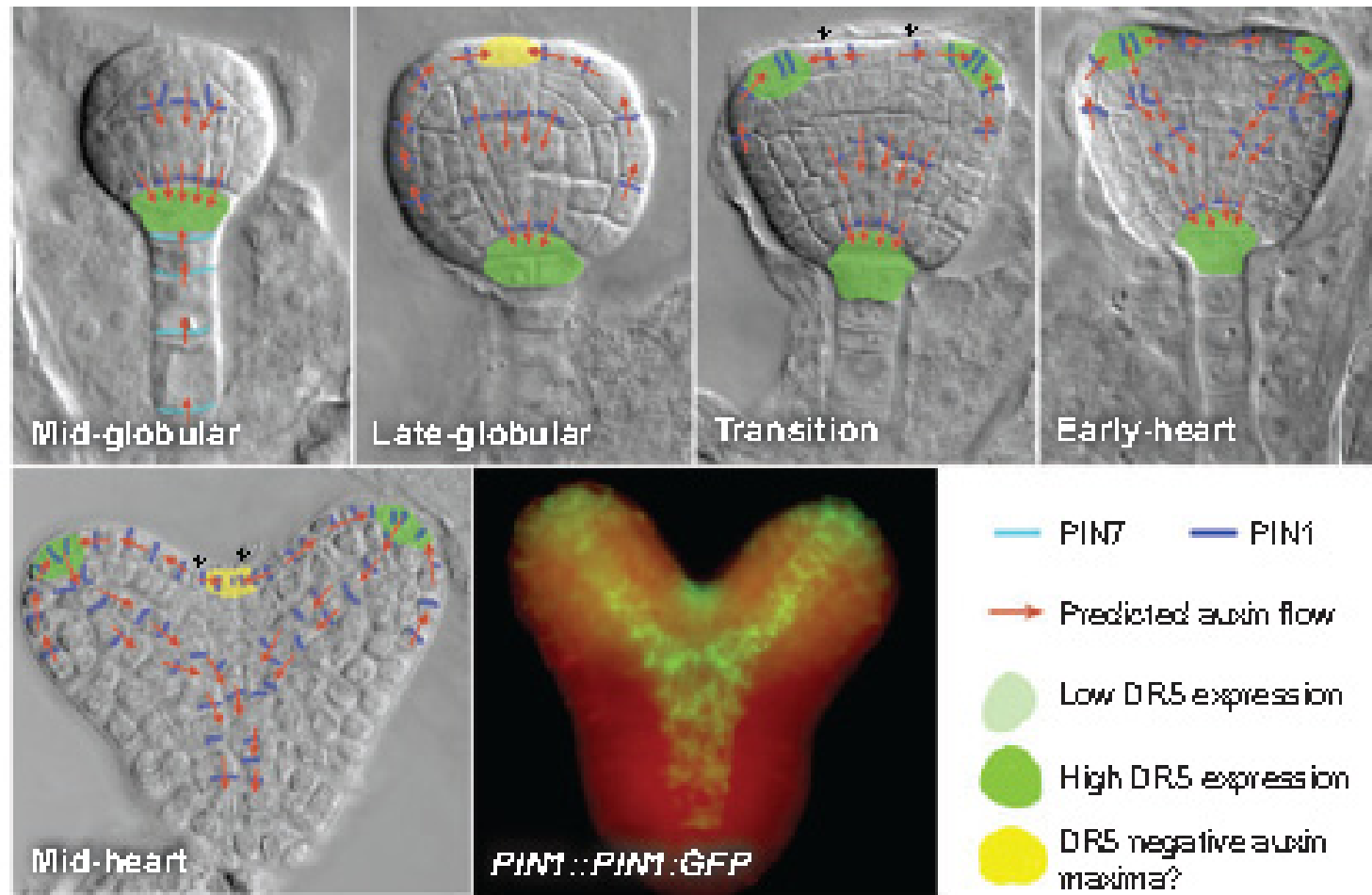
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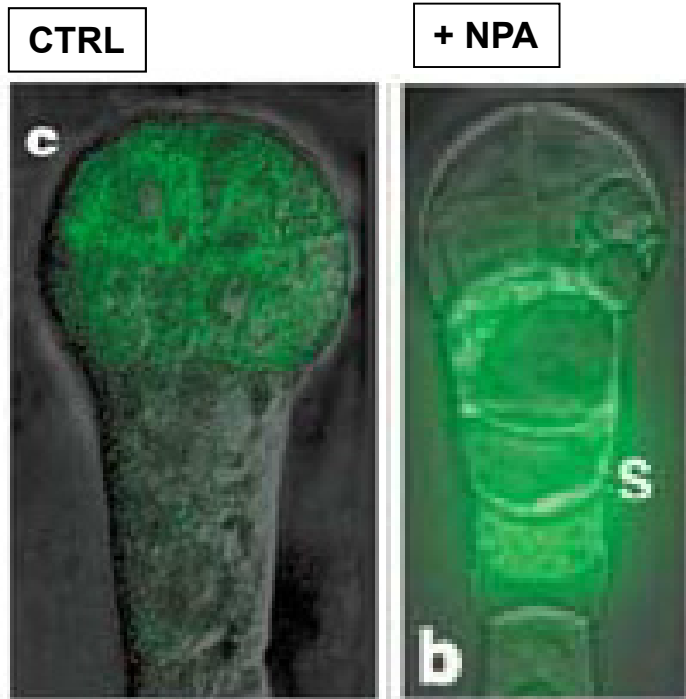


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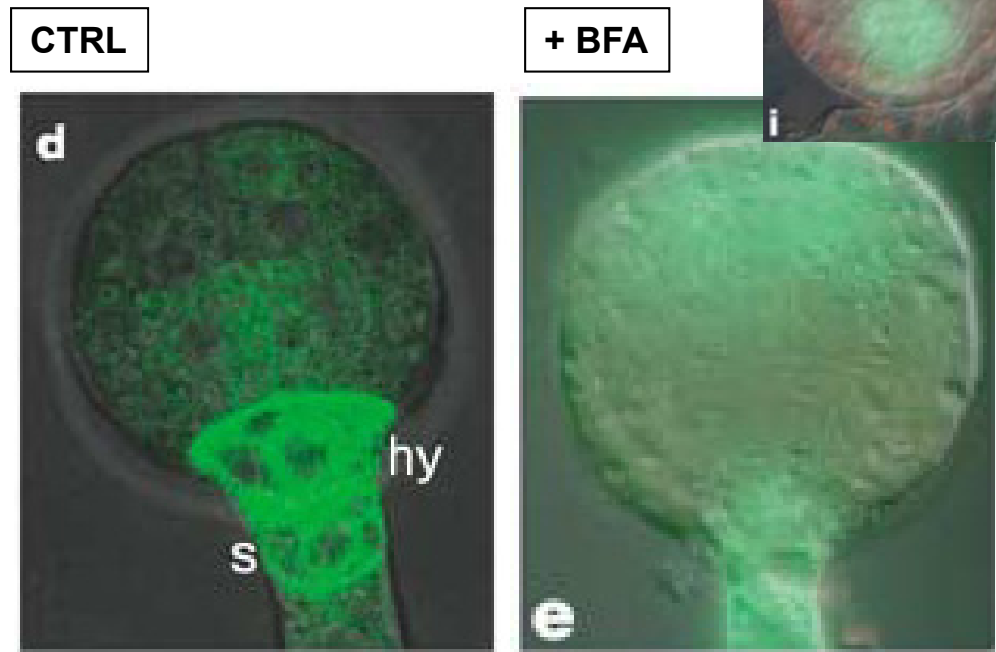




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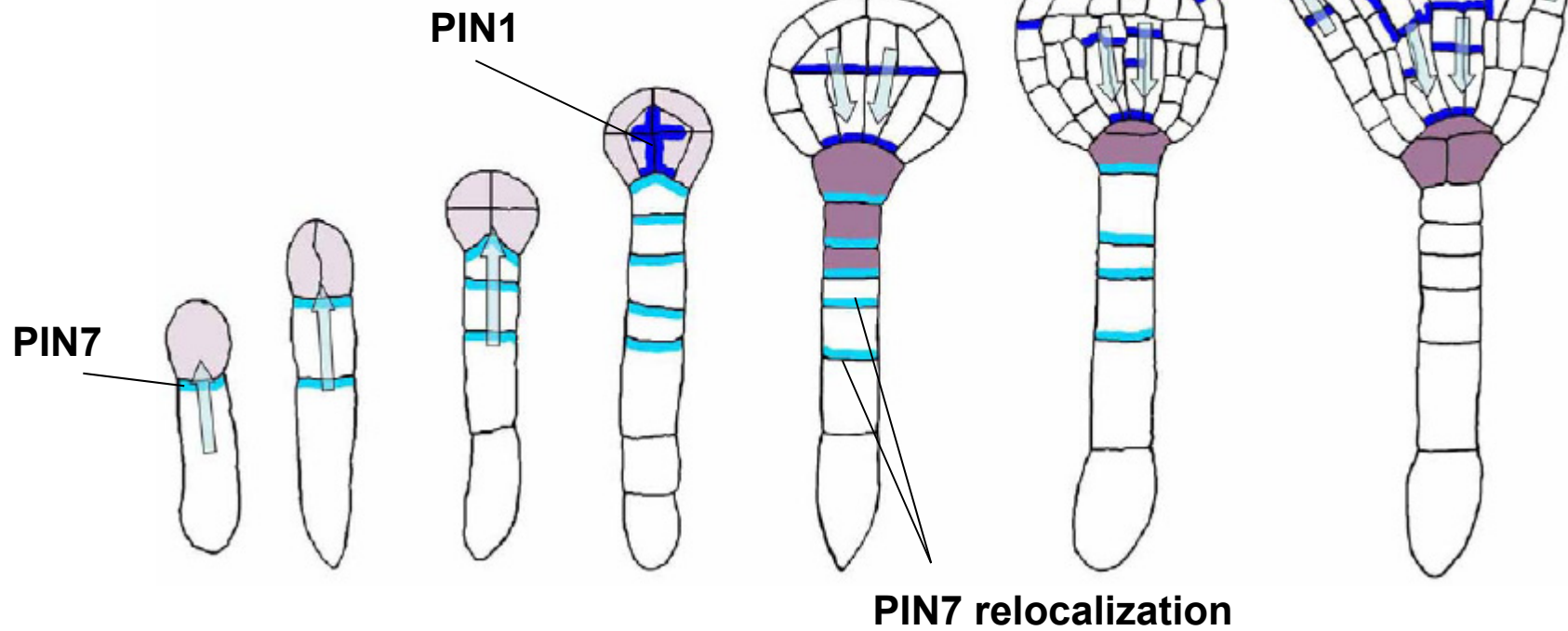
octant stage



globular stage

Friml, *Nature* (2003)

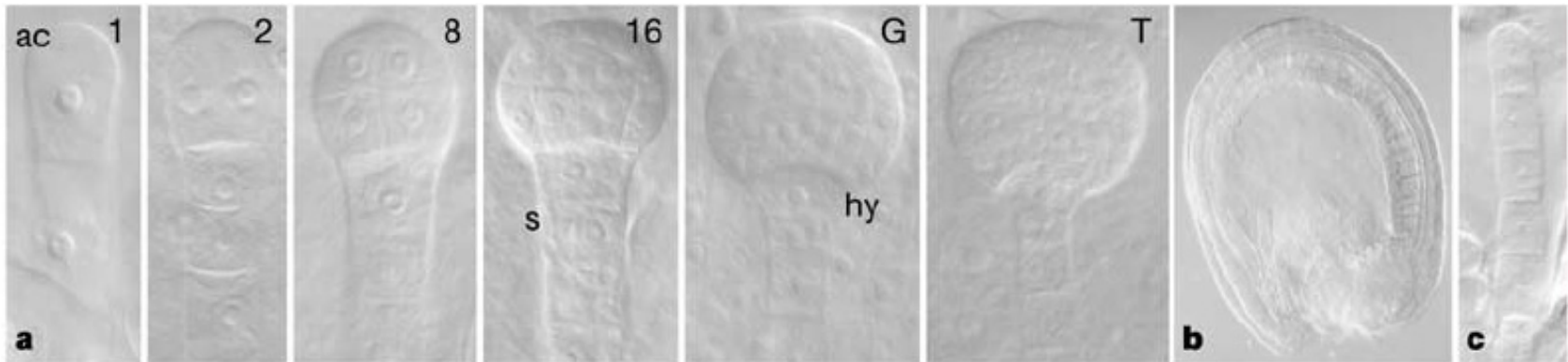
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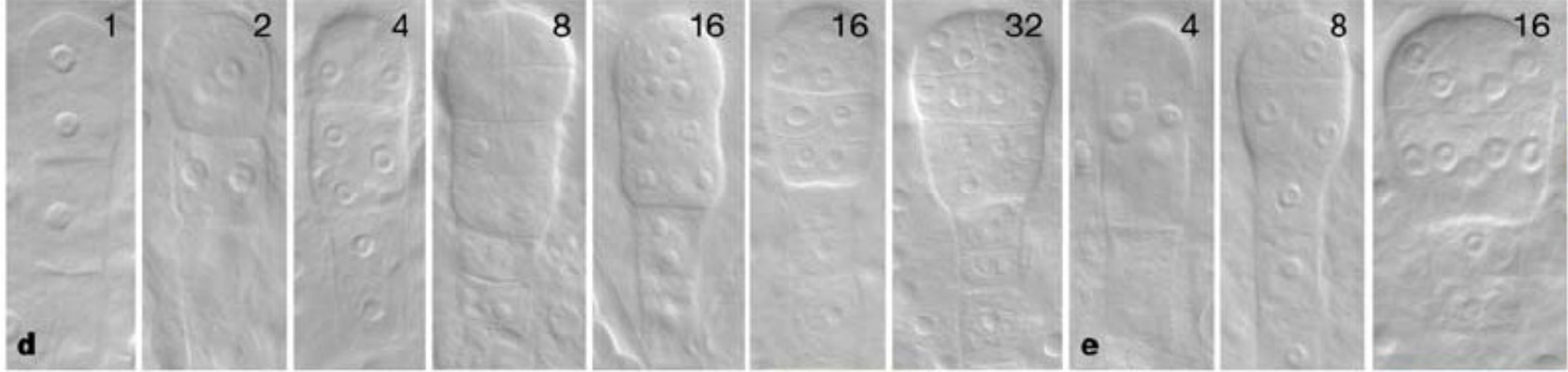
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**Dermatogen stage**

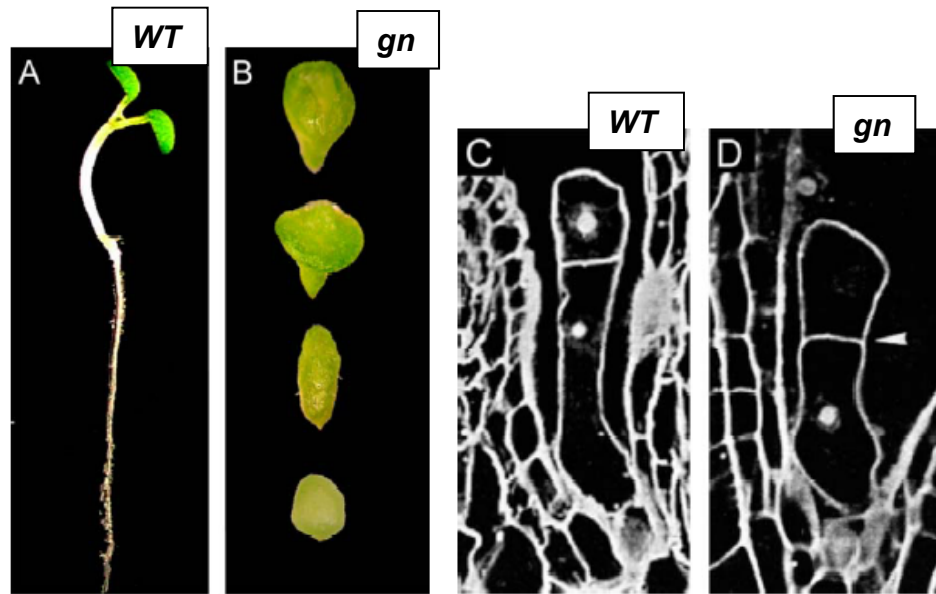
**WT**



**pin7**



Friml et al., *Nature* (2003)

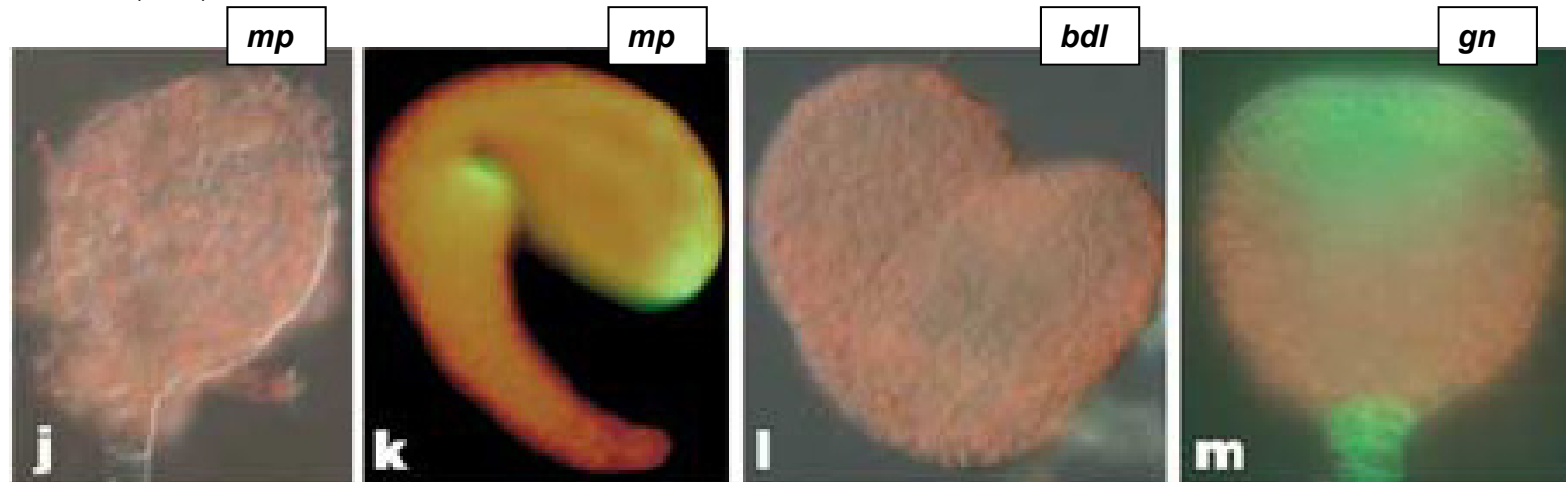


Mutations affecting embryo patterning are associated with changes in the auxin maxima formation

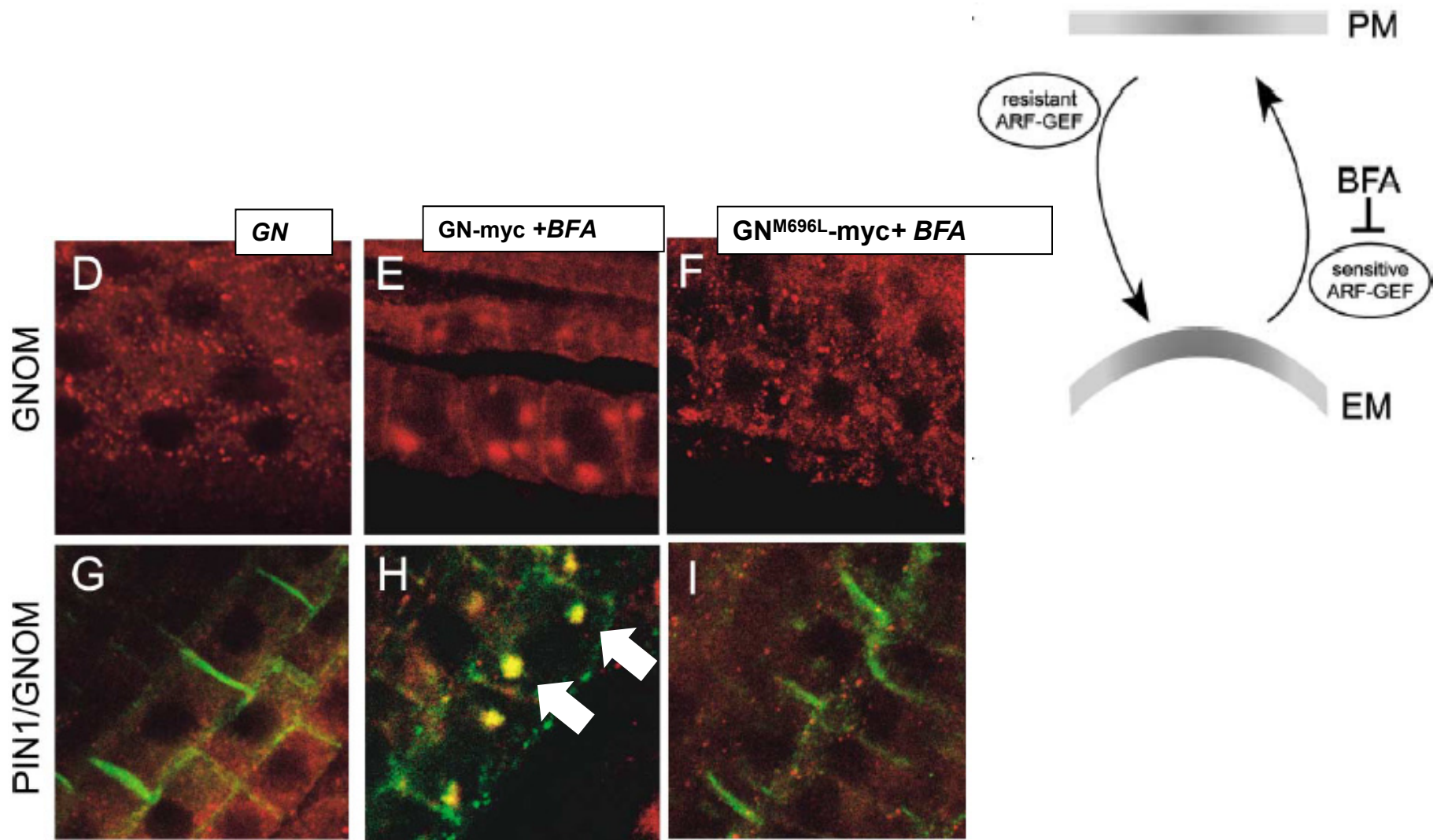
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Guanine nucleotide Exchange  
Factor (ARF GEF),



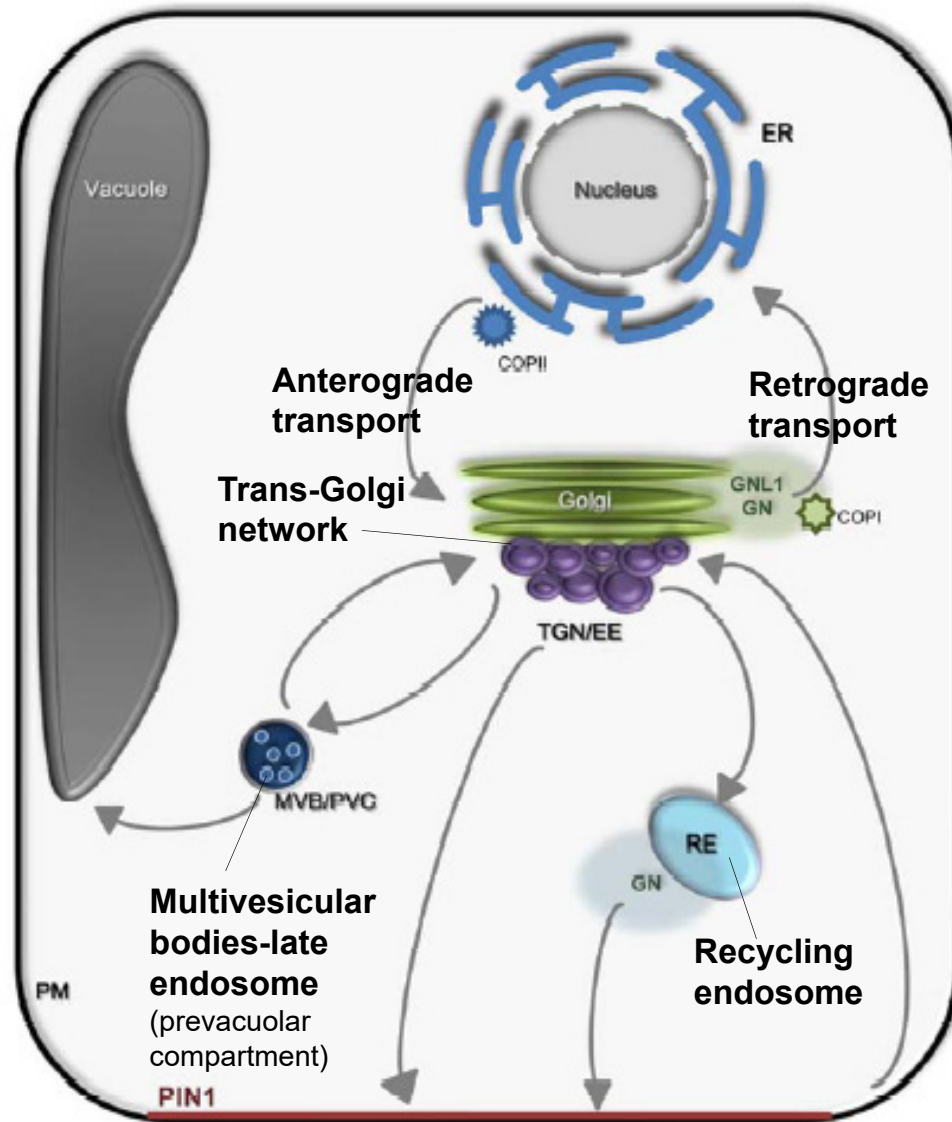
Richter et al., *E J Cell Biol* (2010)



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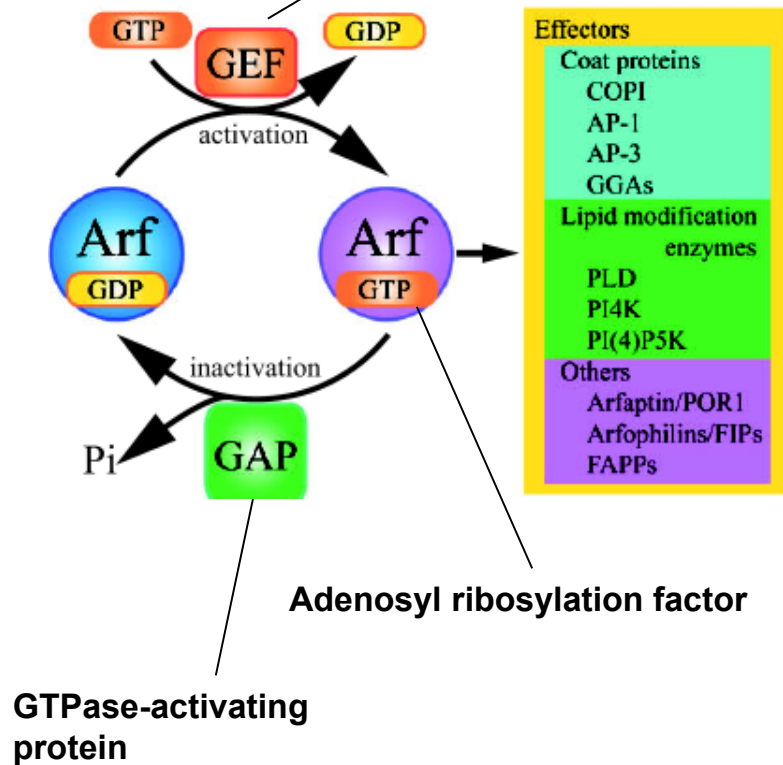
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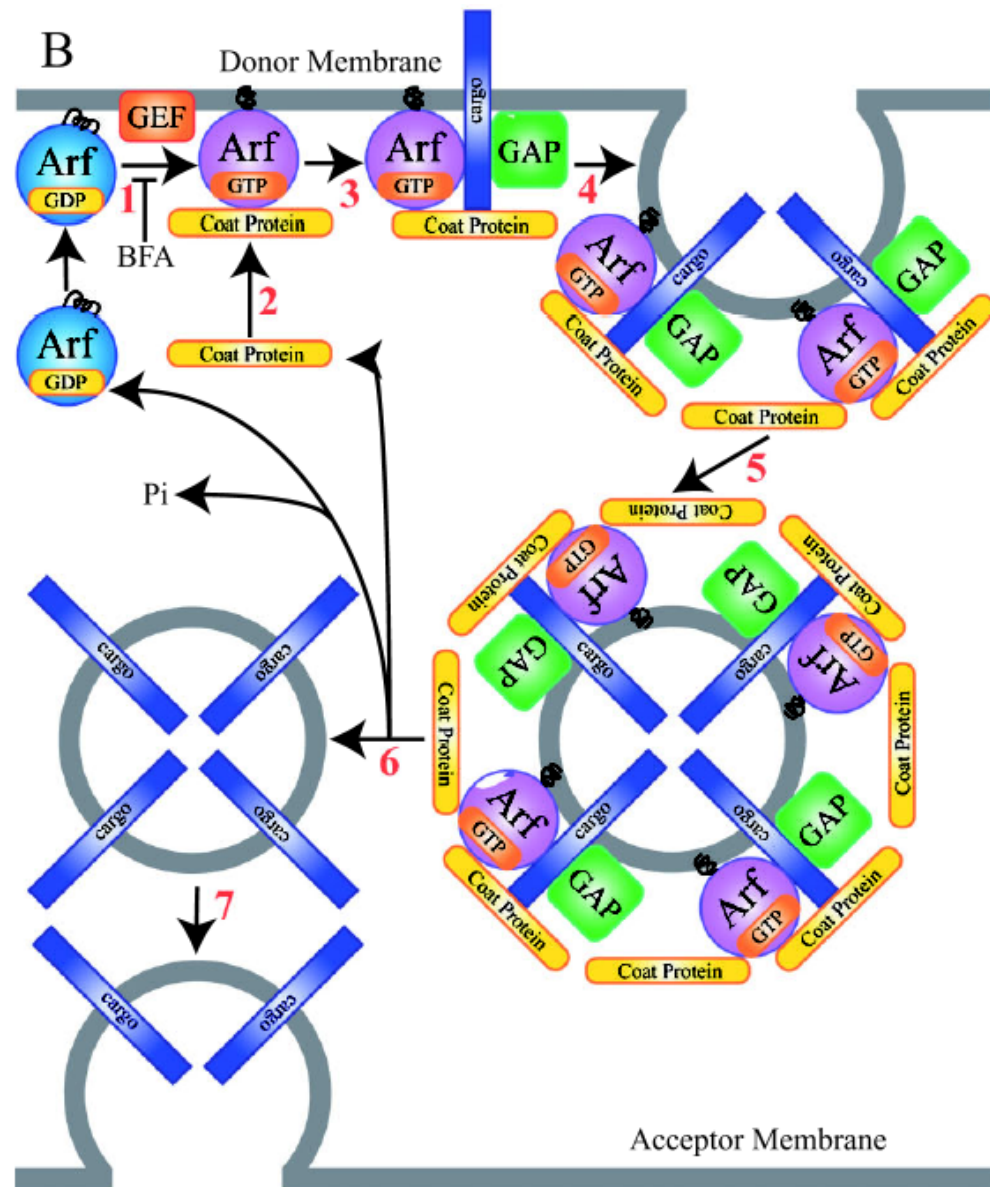
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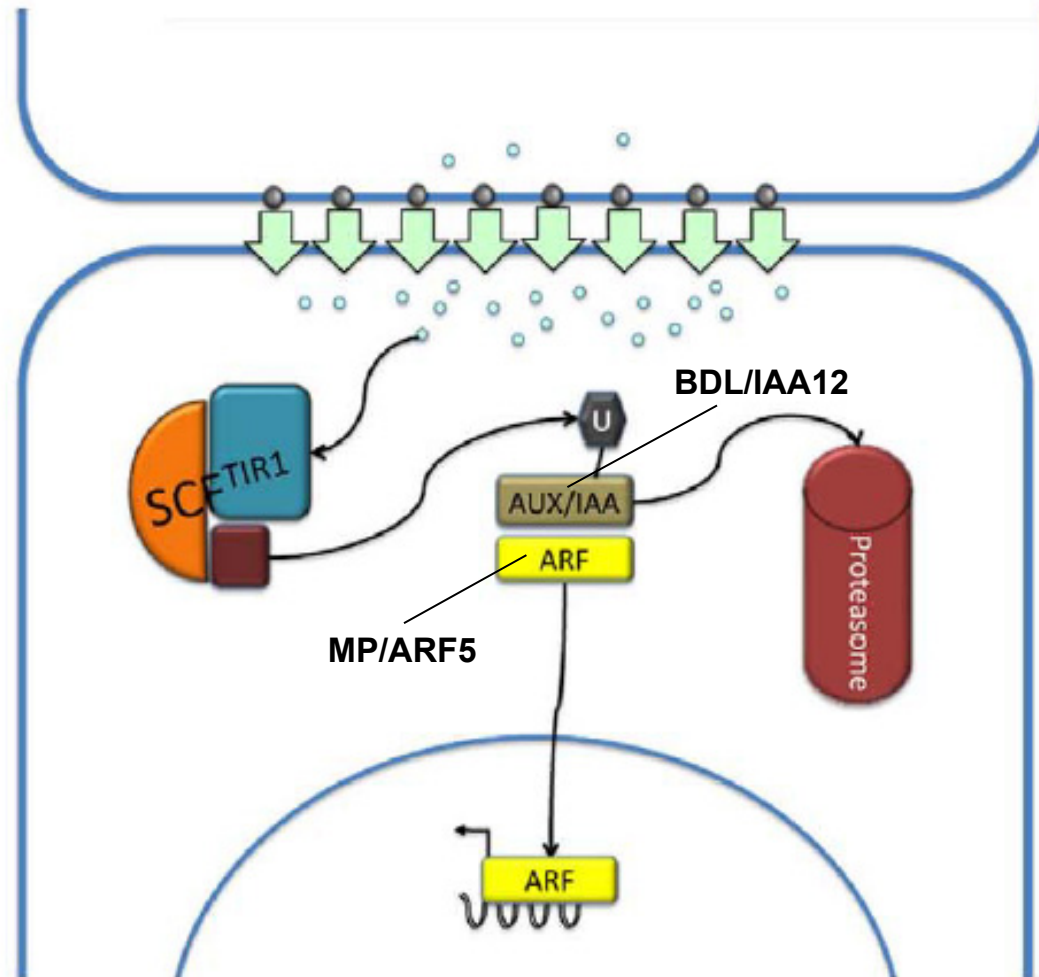


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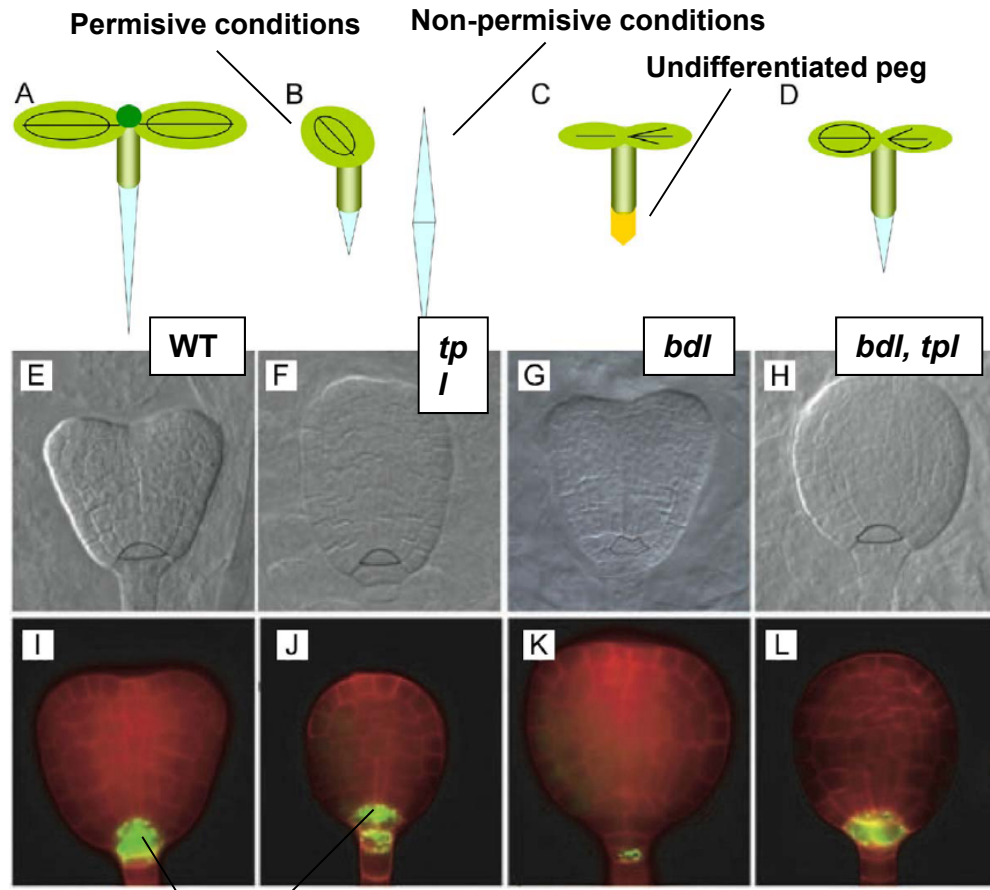
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## Auxin signalling and its role in the embryo patterning

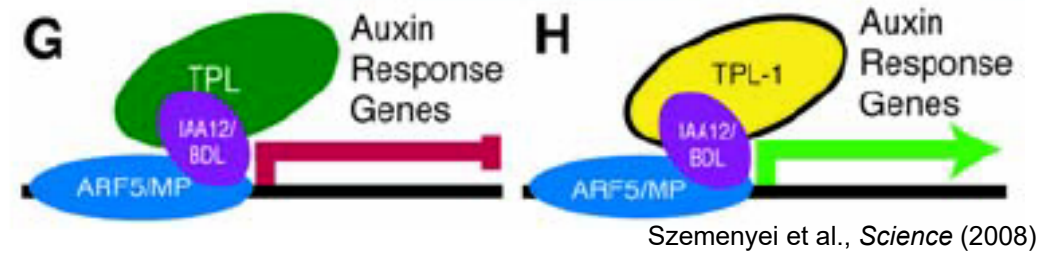
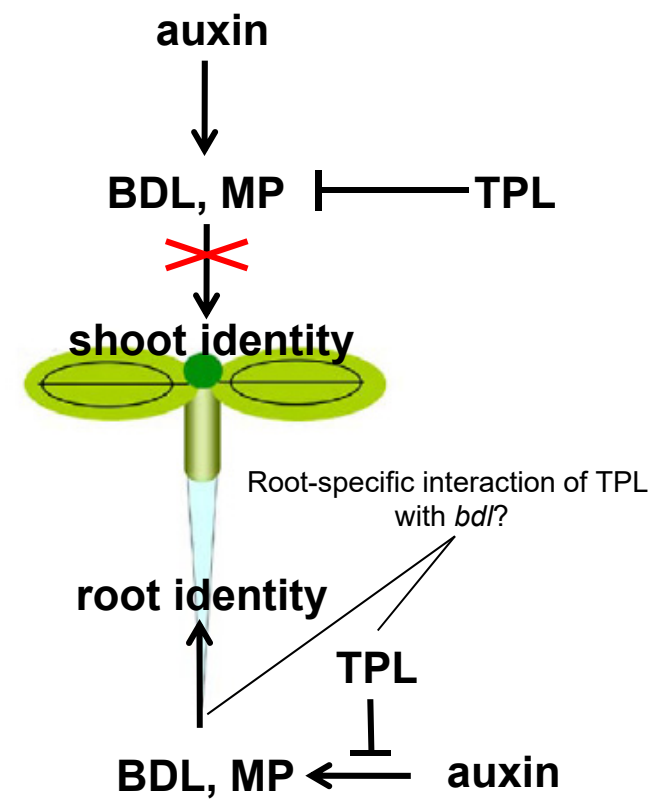


Capron et al., *Arabidopsis Book* (2009)



Auxin maxima in lens shaped cell

Capron et al., *Arabidopsis Book* (2009)



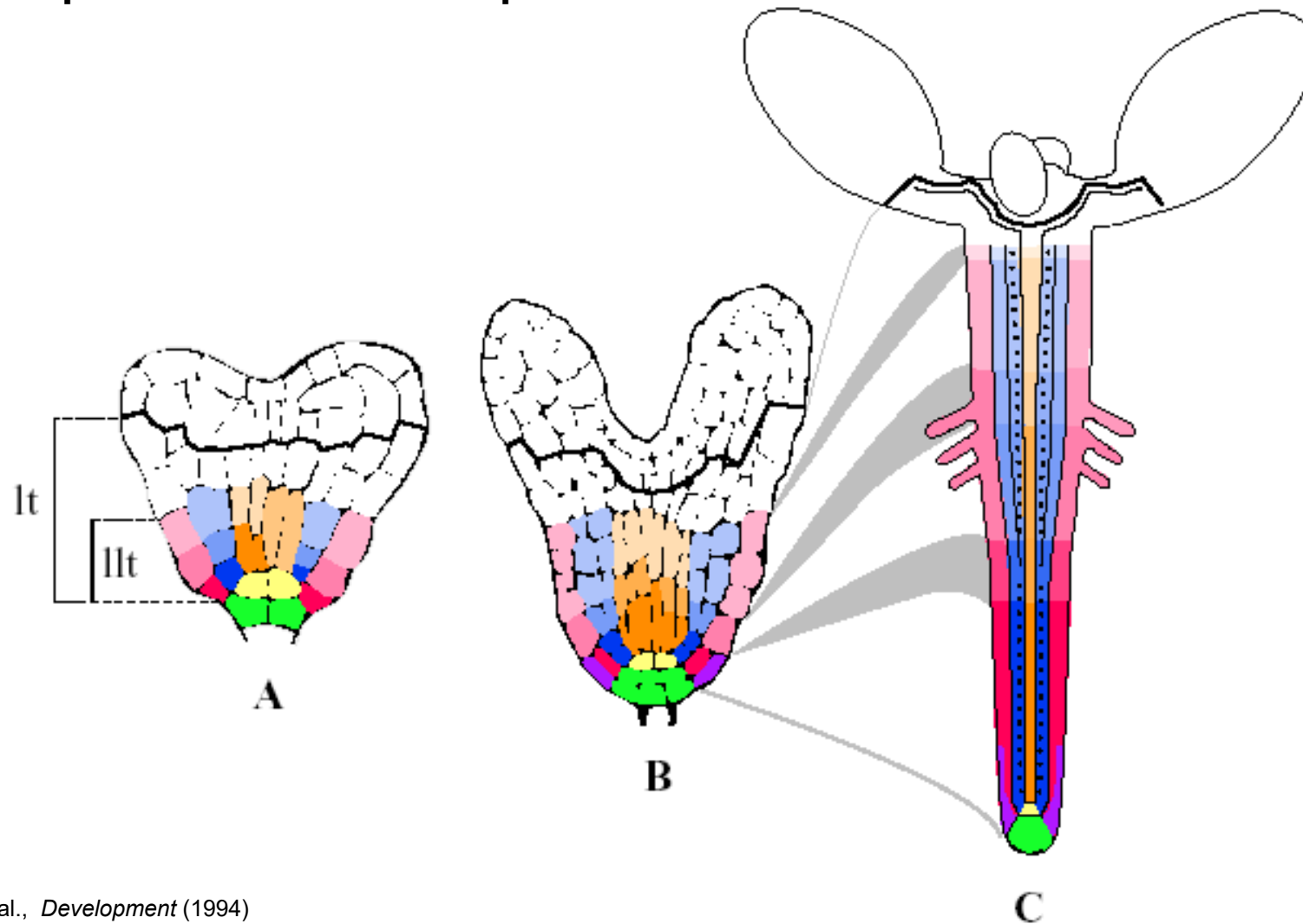
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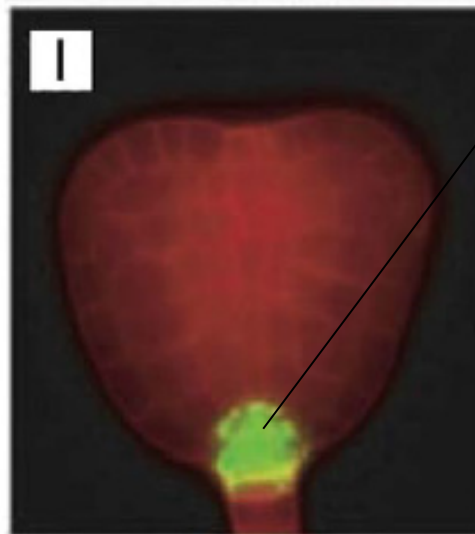
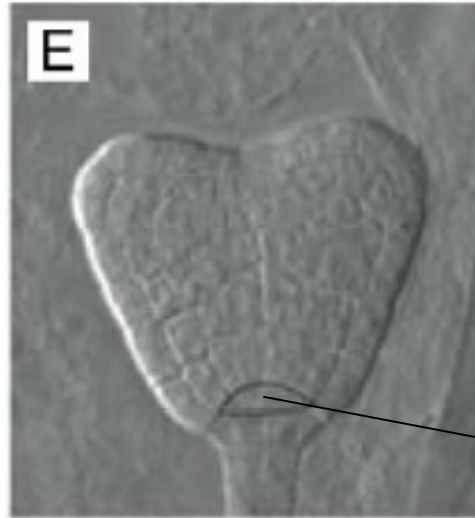
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## Root apical meristem develops from the LT descendants



Sheres et al., *Development* (1994)



**Lens shaped cell**



**Klidové centrum**  
**Quiscent centre**

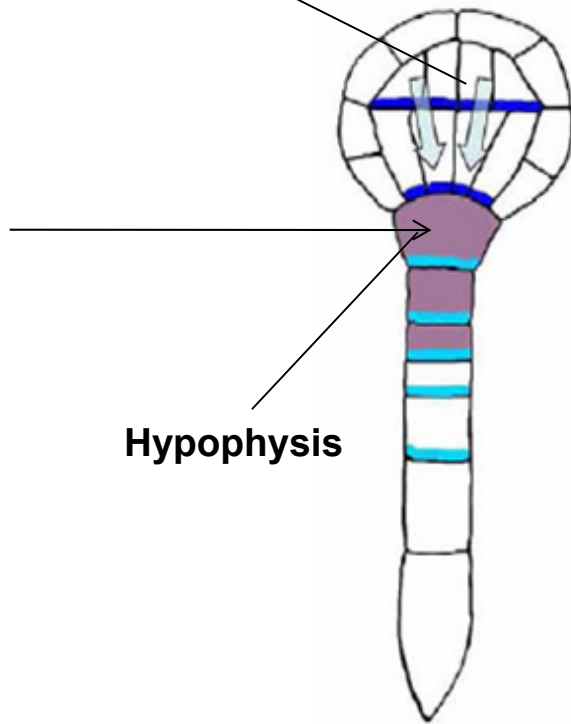


**Organizational**  
**centre for the**  
**RAM formation**

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auxin  
 ↓  
 BDL, MP  
 ↓  
 TOM TF

Auxin flow from the UT



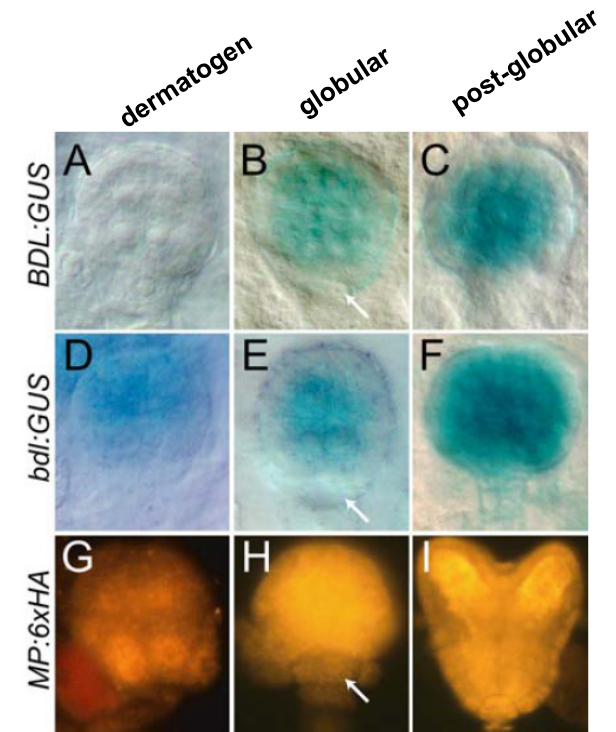
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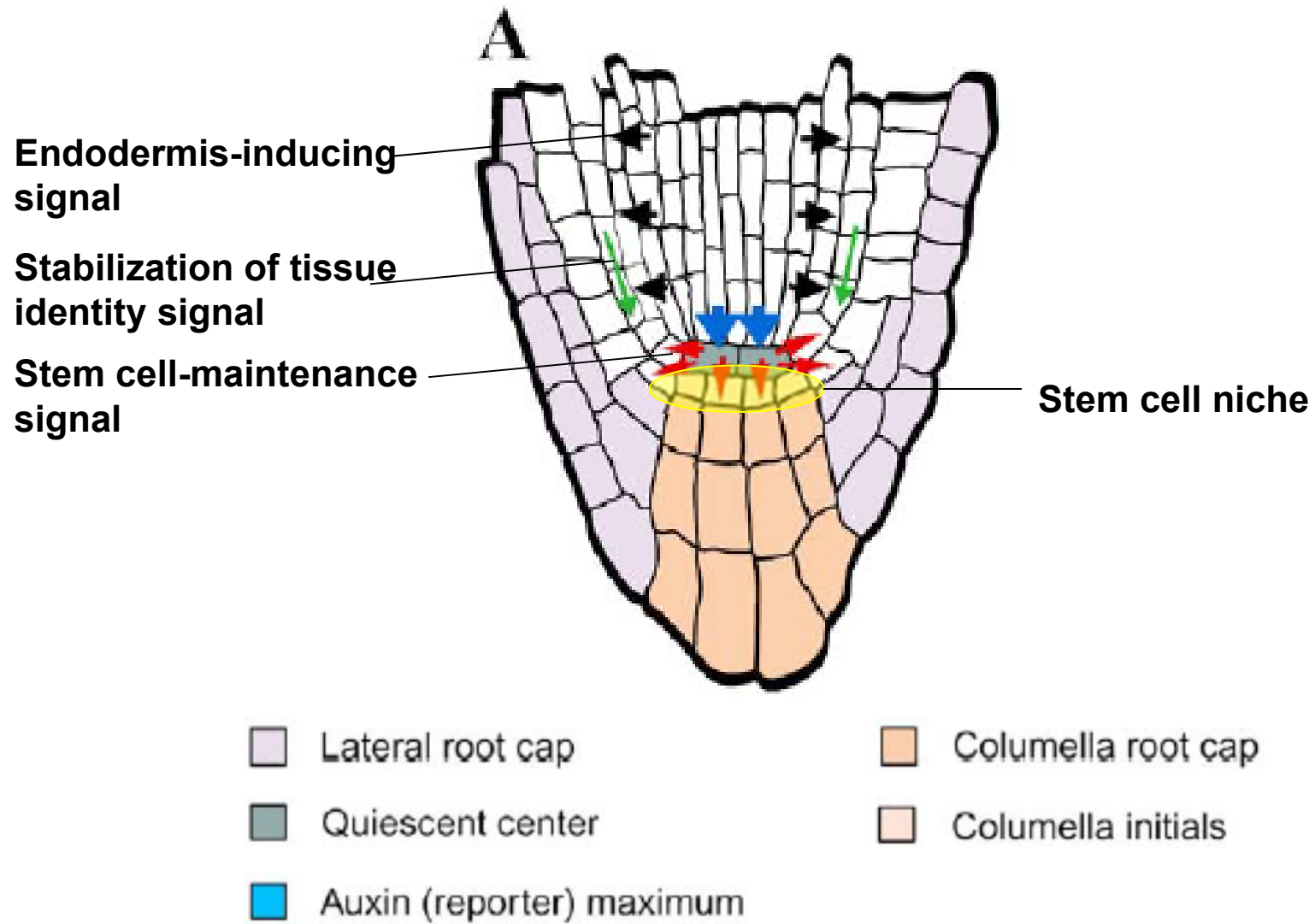
Lens shaped cell

**Globular stage      Late globular-early triangular embryo stage**

Capron et al., *Arabidopsis Book* (2009)



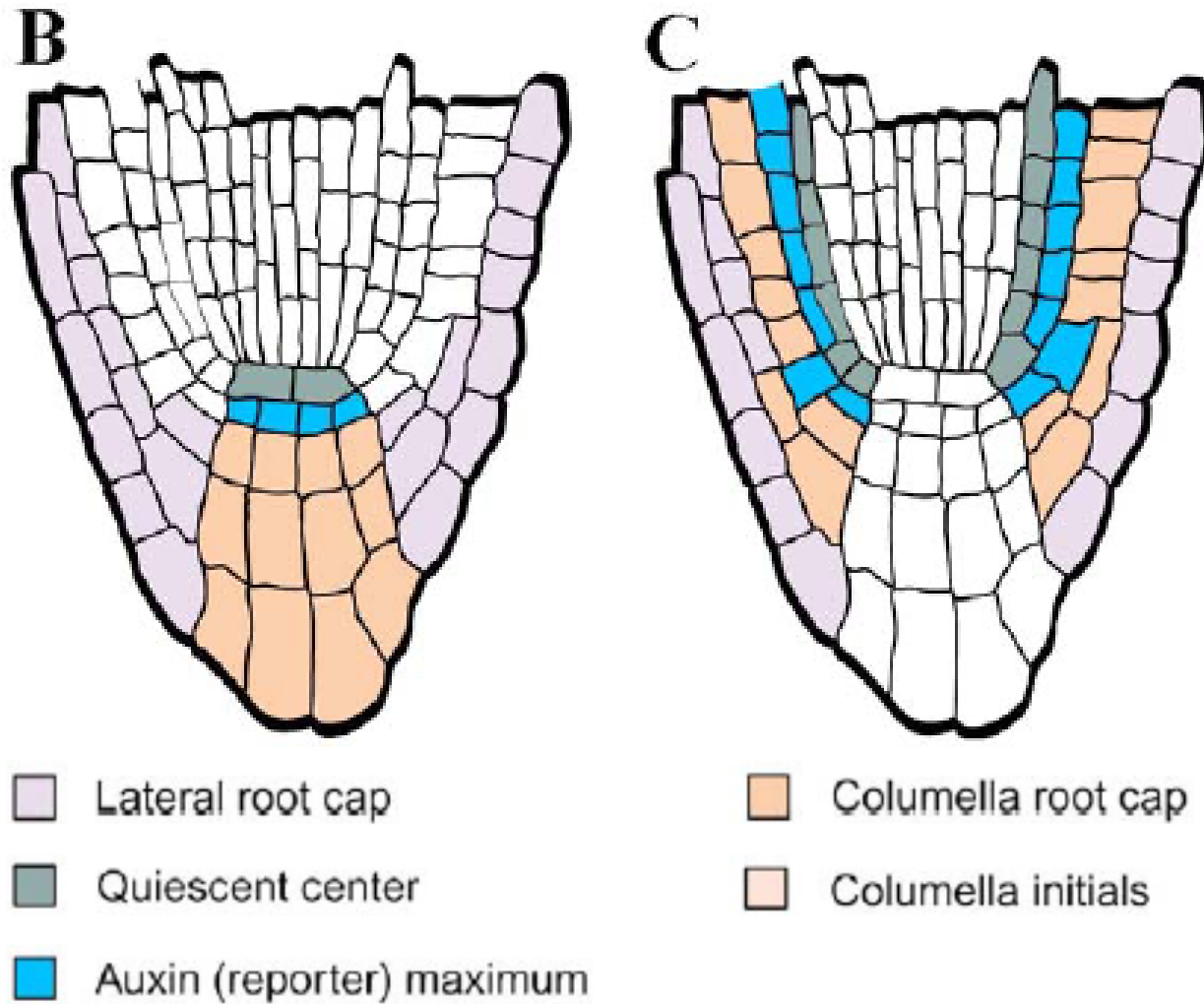
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auxin response maximum displaced



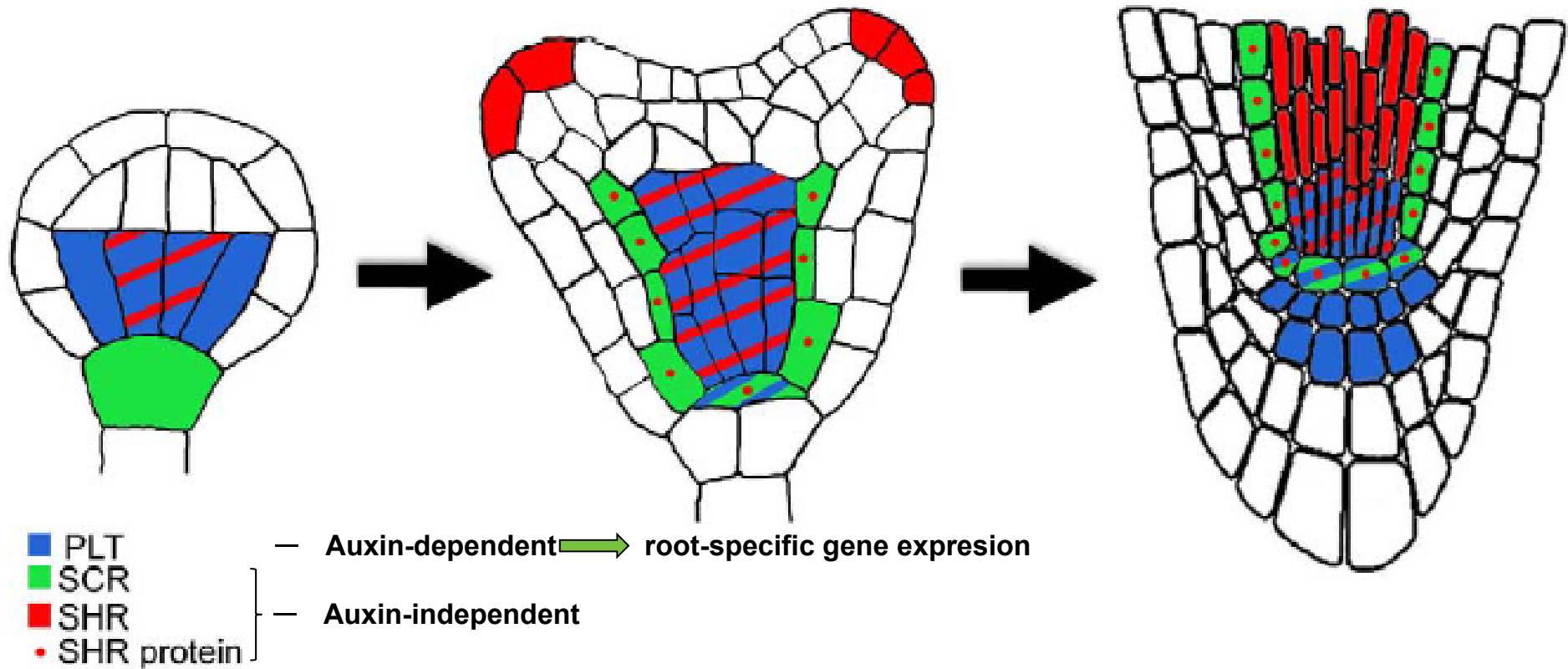
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# Auxin-dependent and auxin-independent differential gene expression patterns root meristem



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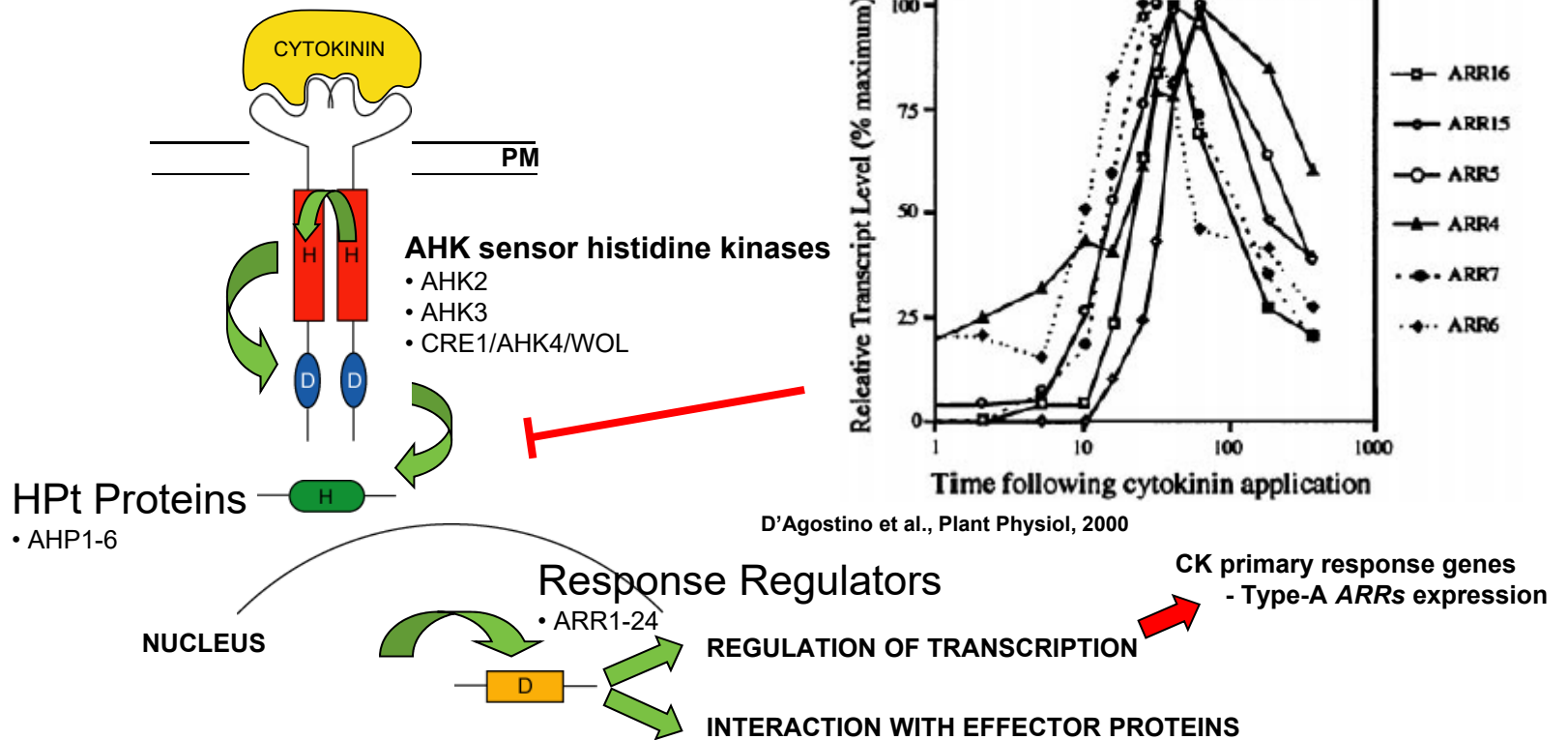
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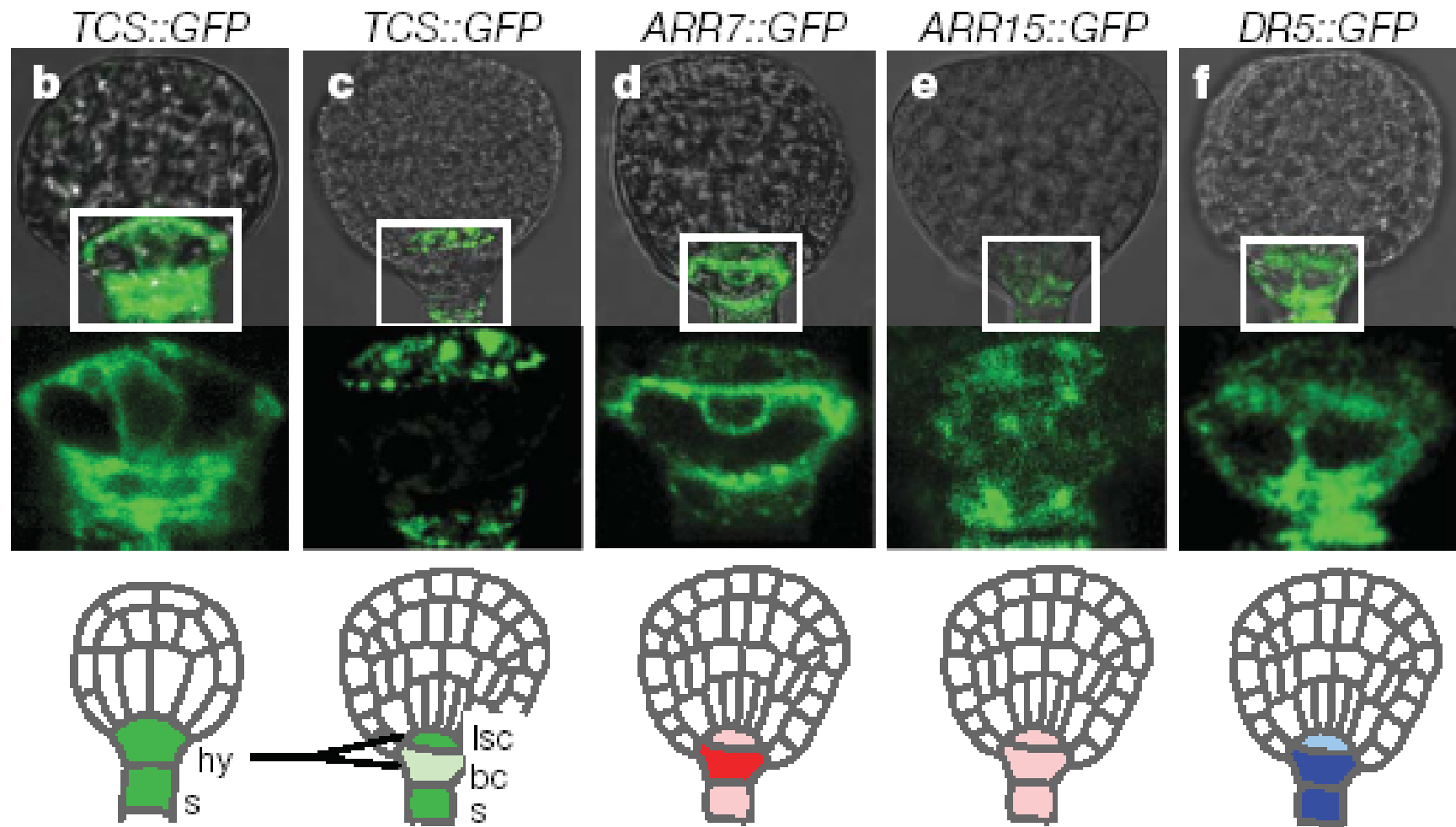
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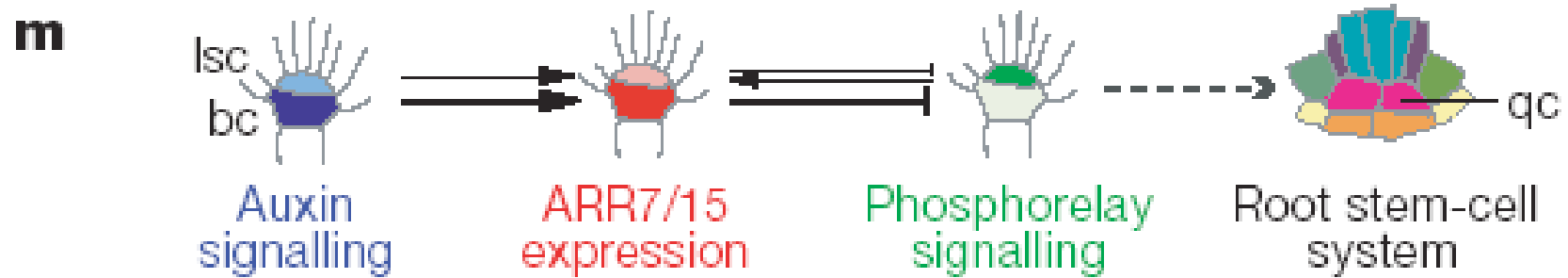
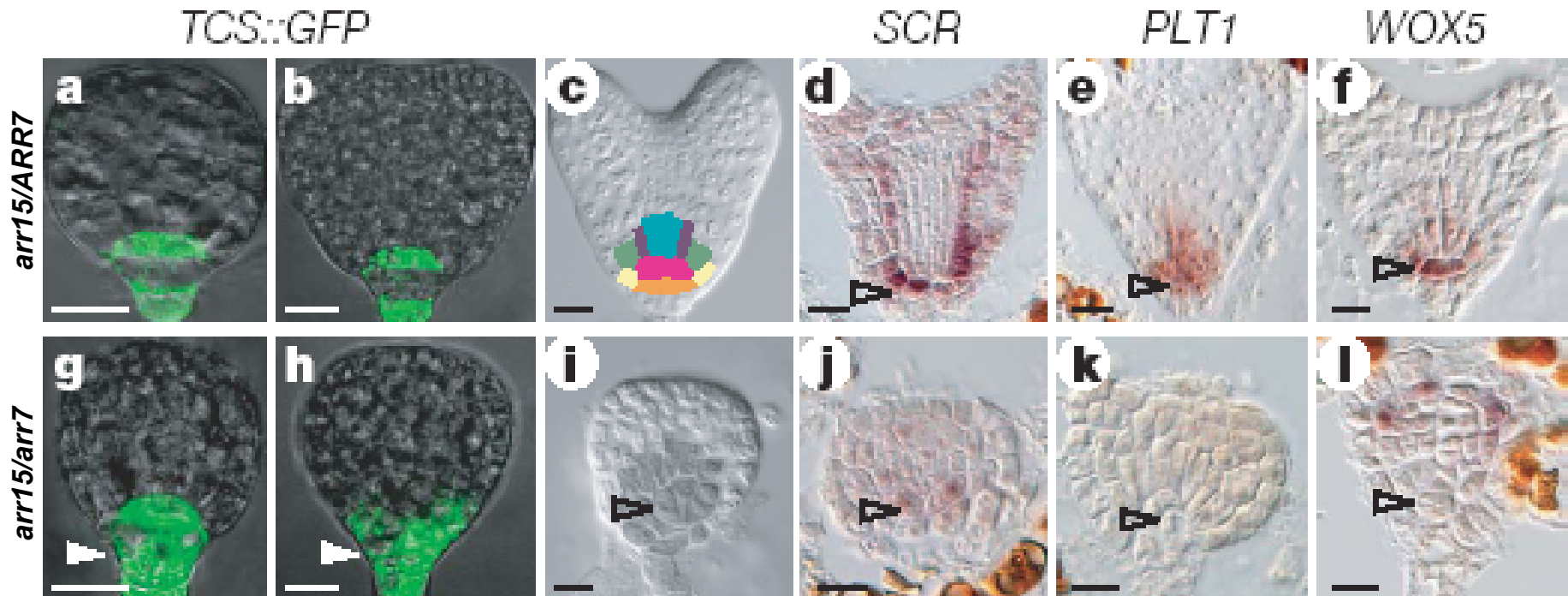
# Signal Transduction via TCS

## Recent Model of the CK Signaling via TCS Pathway





Muller and Sheen., *Nature* (2008)



Muller and Sheen., *Nature* (2008)

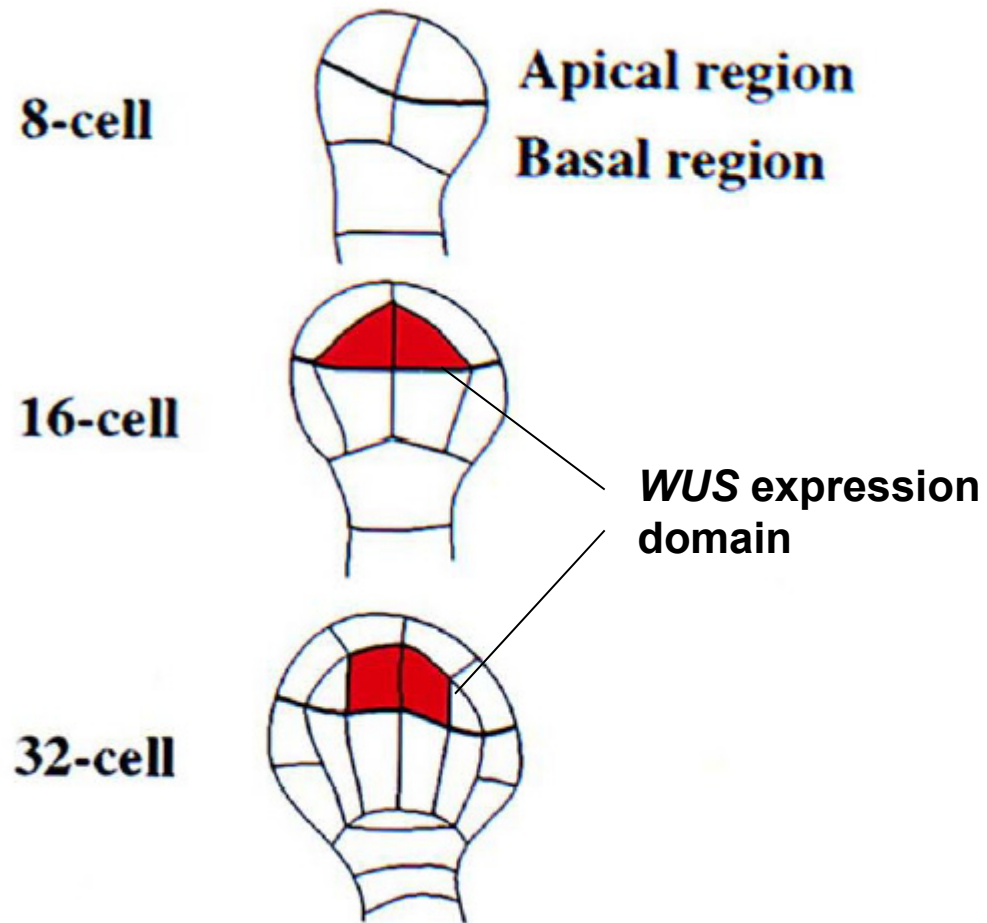
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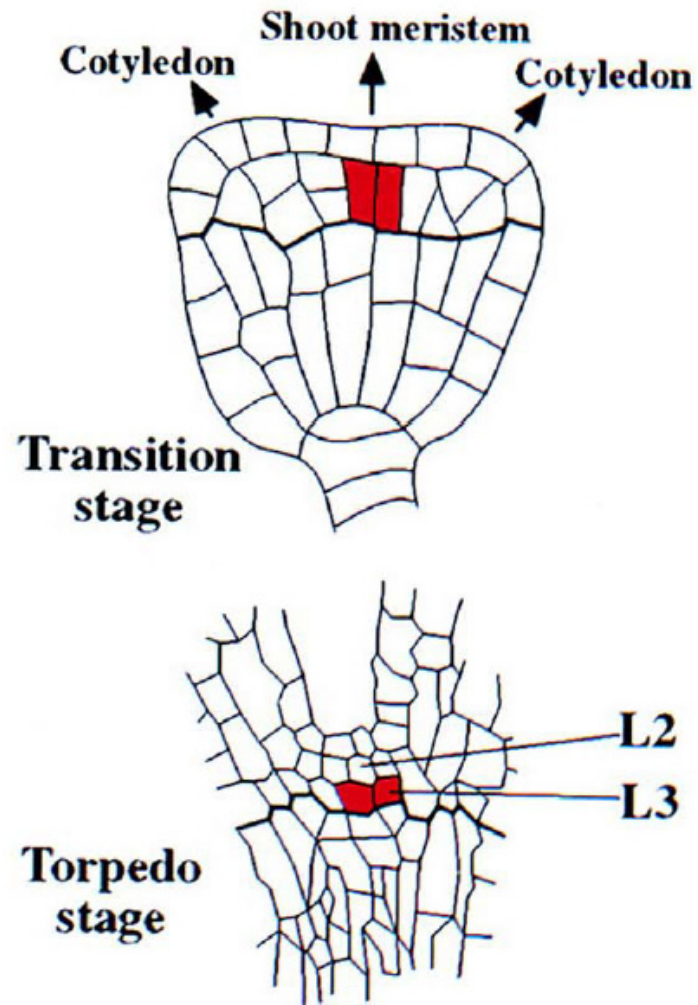
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## SAM specification

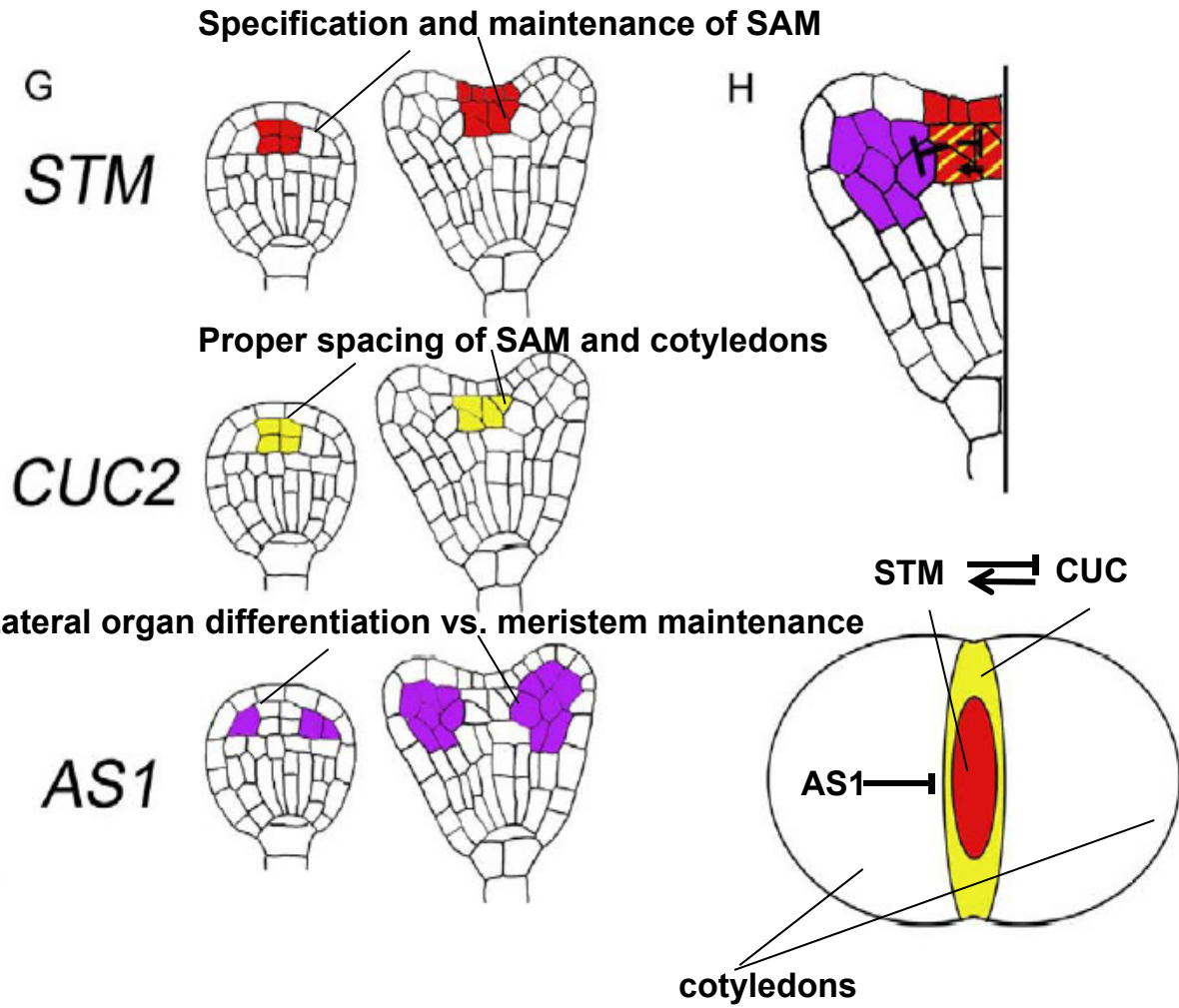
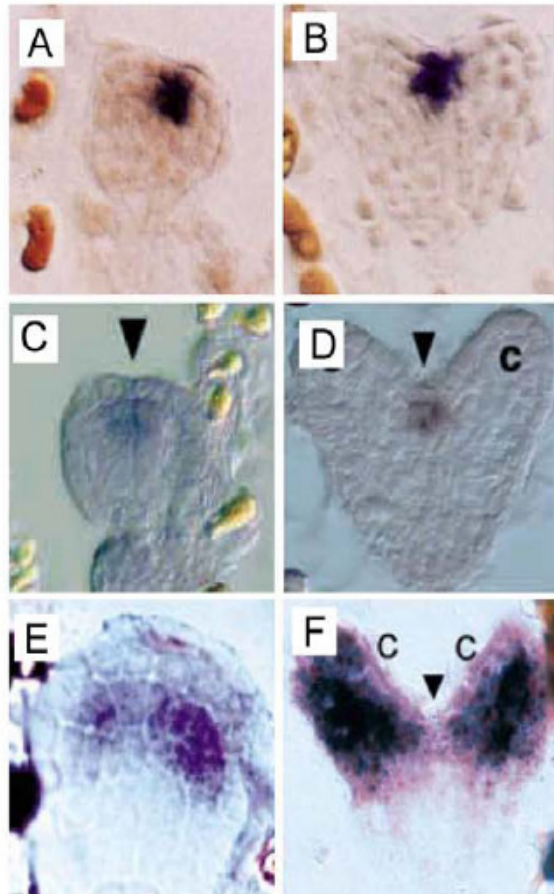


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# Gene interactions during apical embryo pole patterning



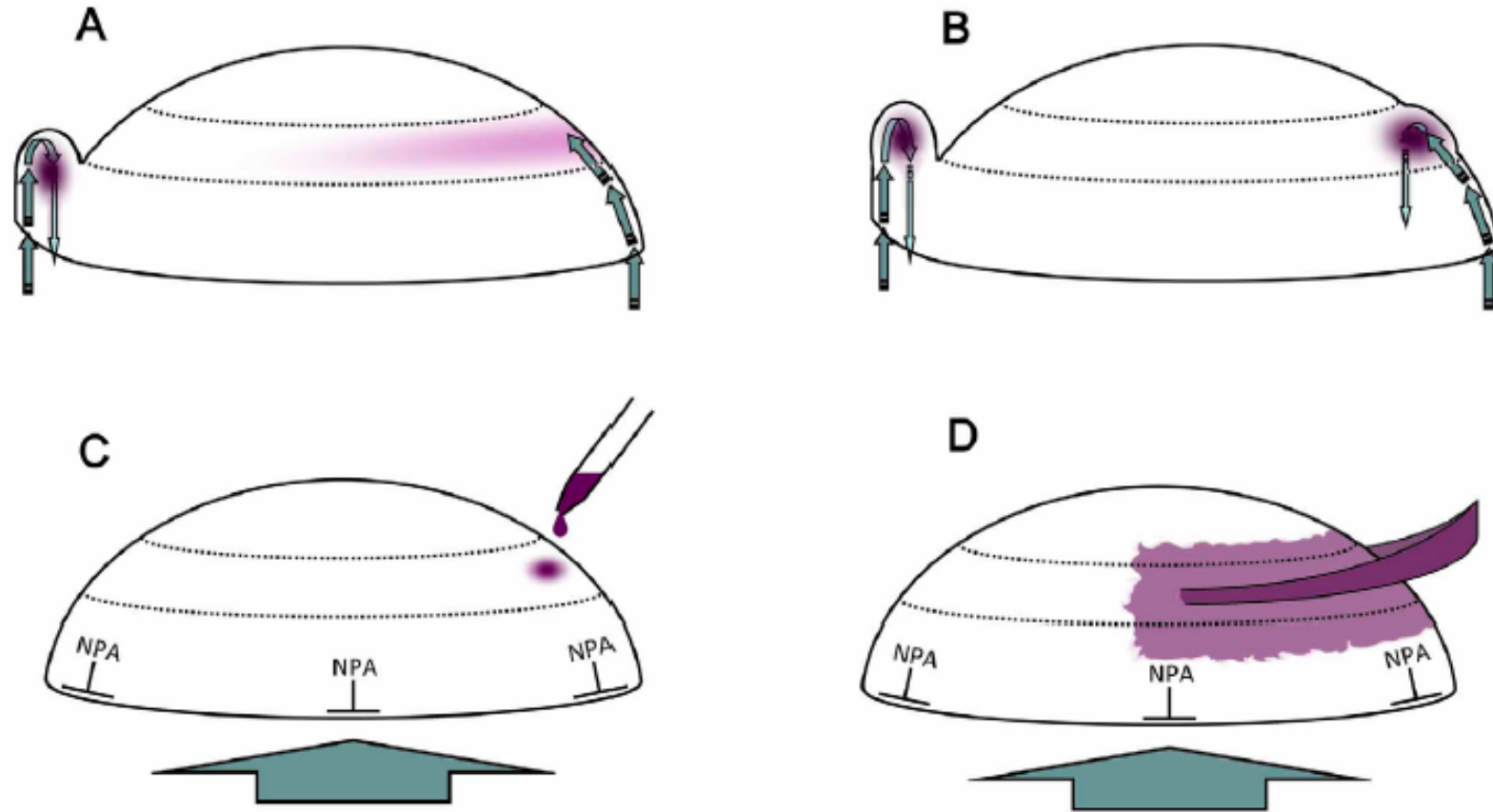
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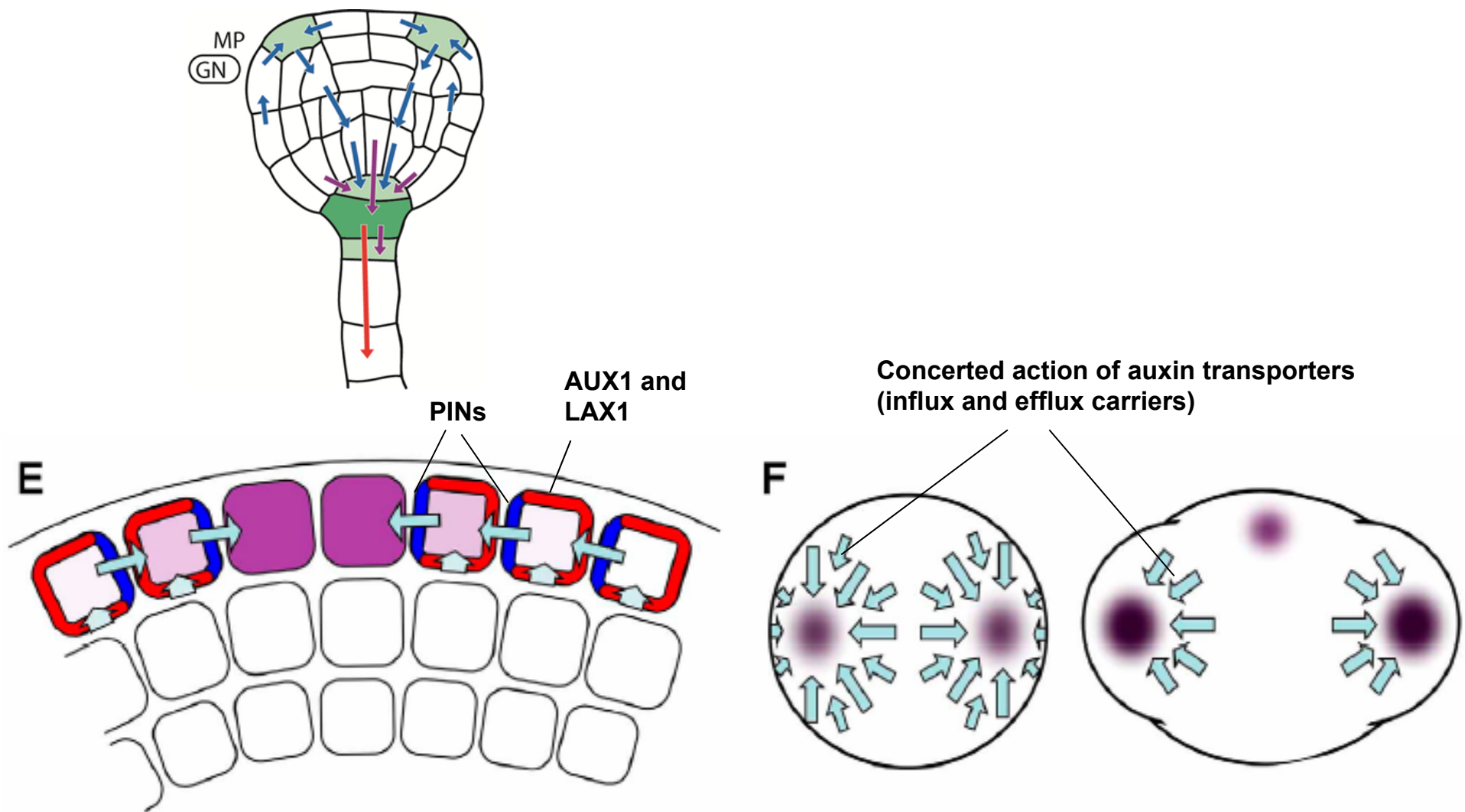
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## Auxin maxima are involved in lateral organ formation and acquiring of bilateral symmetry



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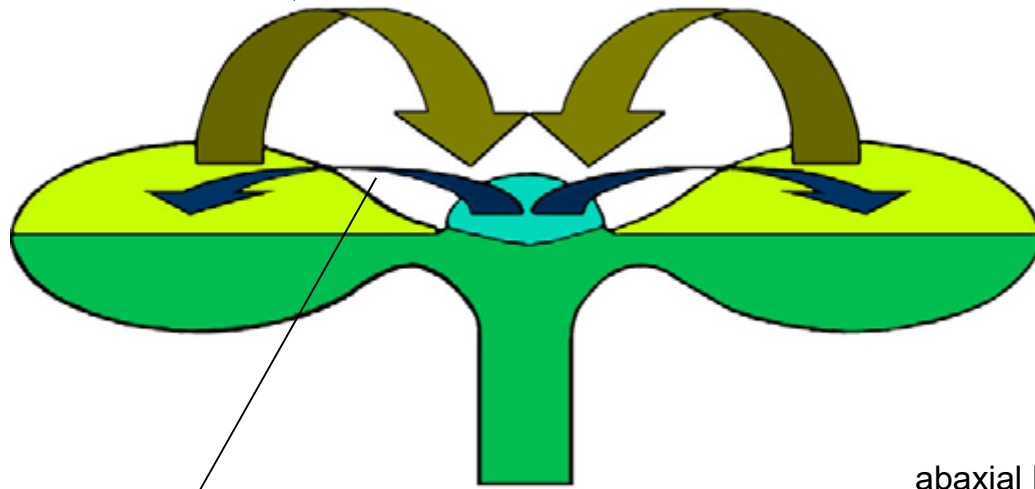
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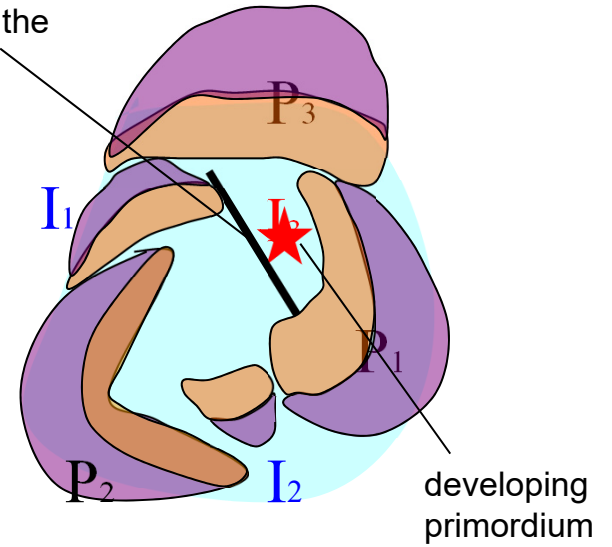
**SAM-inducing positive feedback from the adaxial pole**



**SAM-derived signals induce adaxial-abaxial diversification**

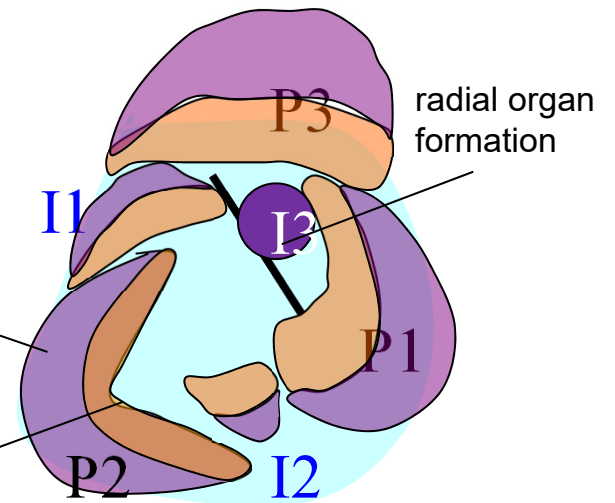
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Incision in the meristem



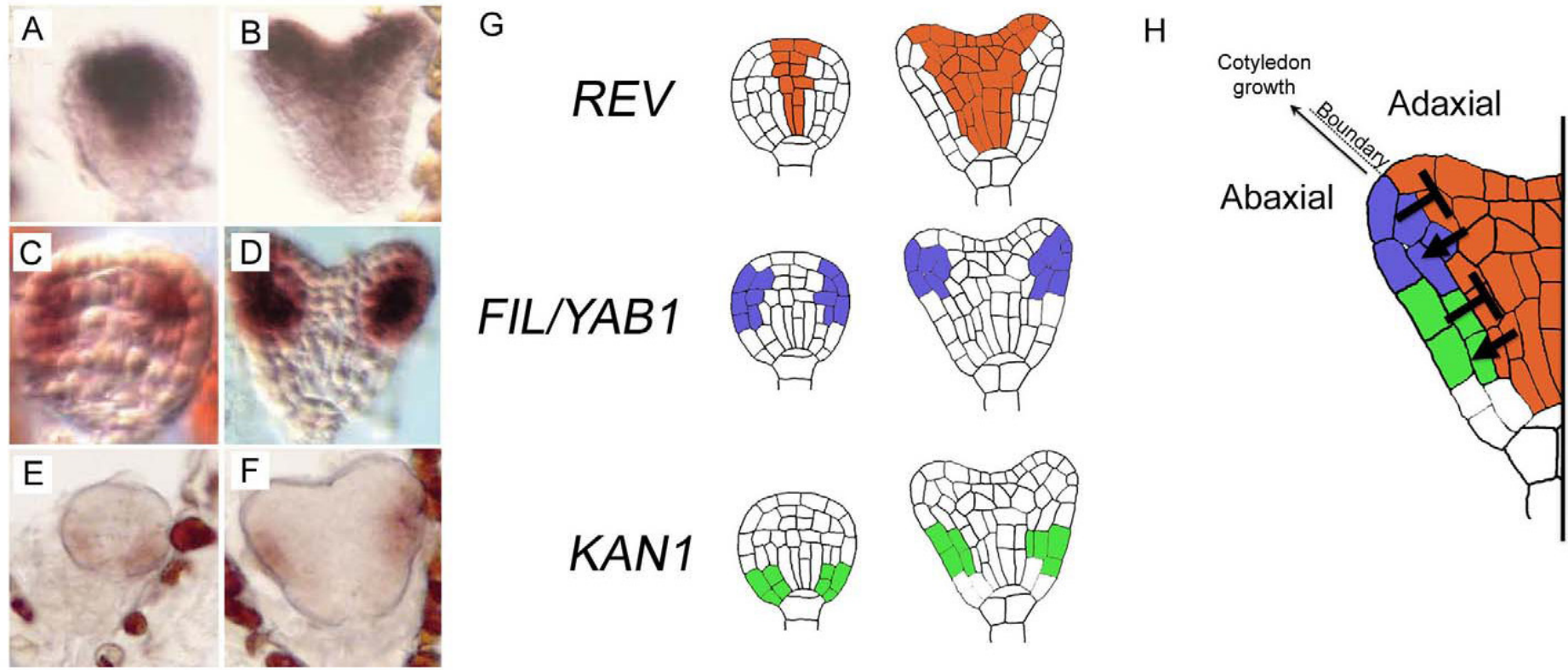
abaxial leaf side

adaxial leaf side

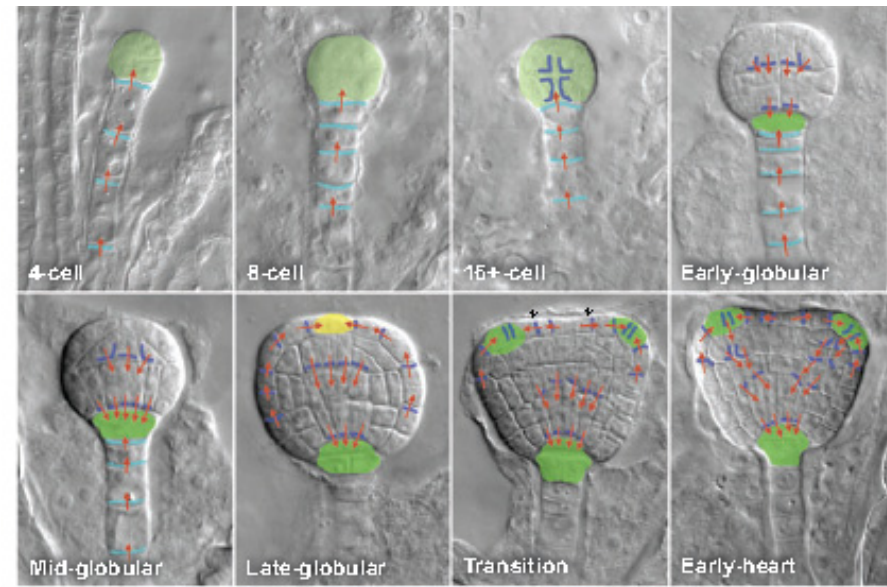
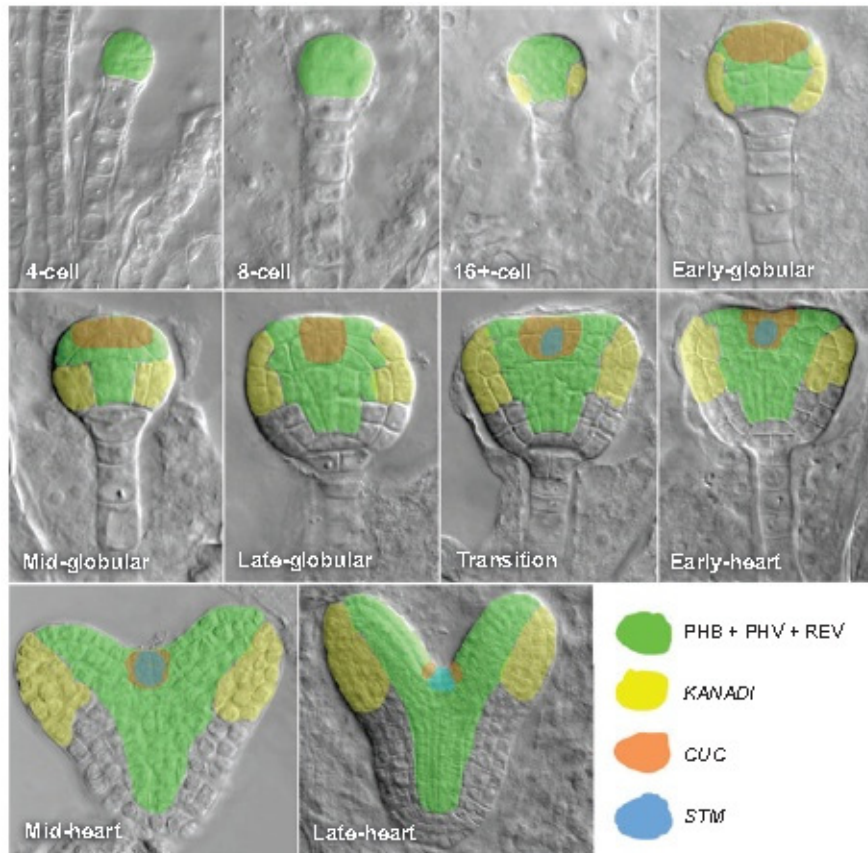




# Specificity in gene expression is involved in the adaxial-abaxial patterning



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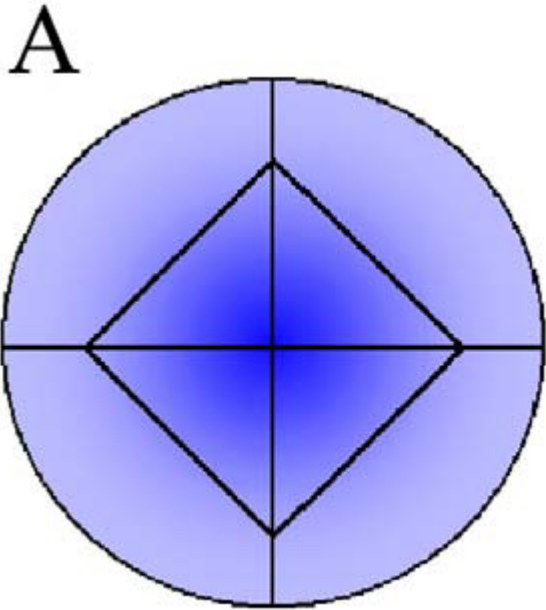
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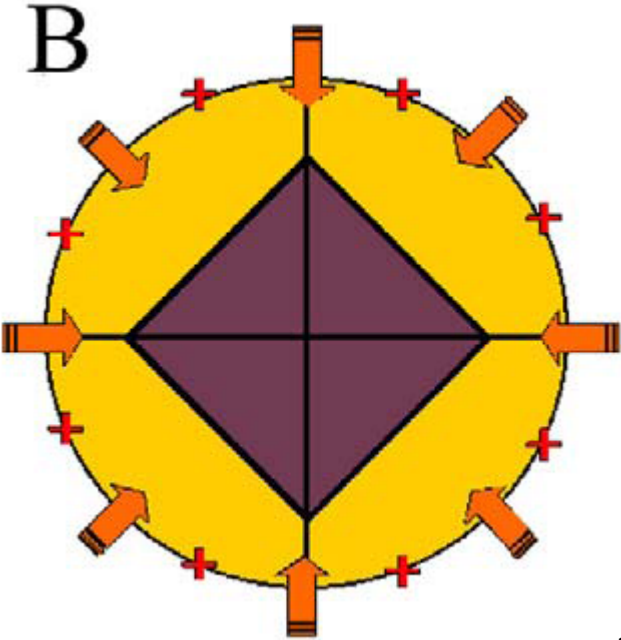
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# Epidermal layer specification



Single morphogen model



"Outside-in" model

ectopic expression of epidermal markers

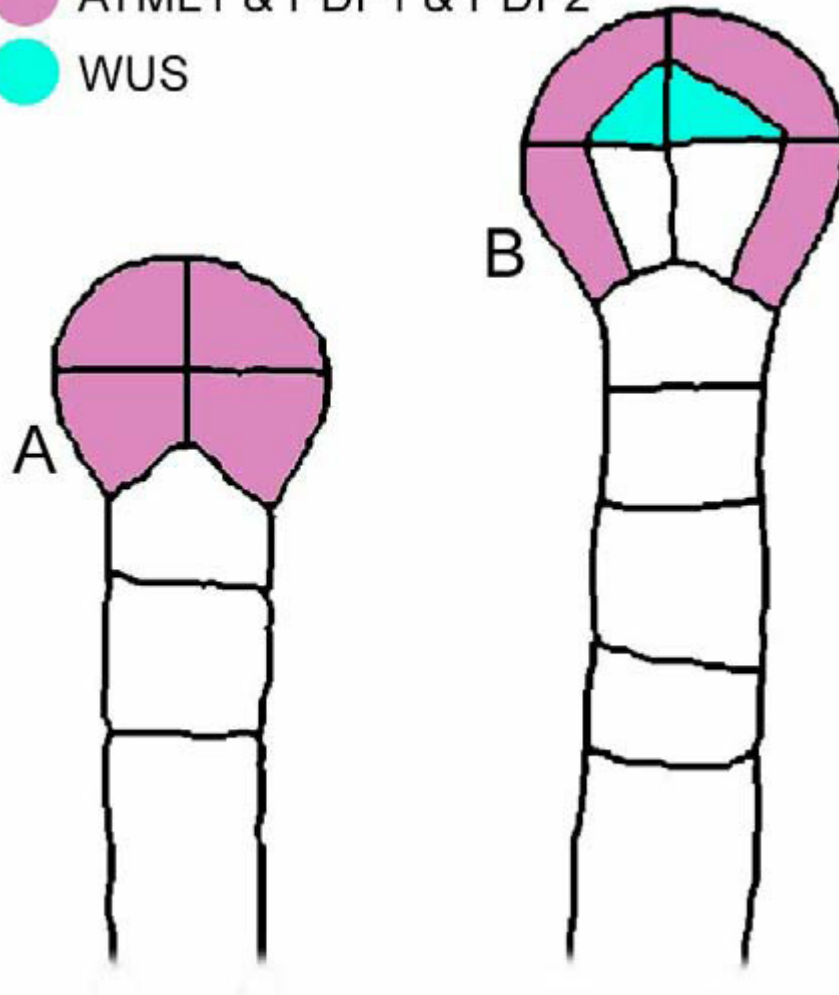


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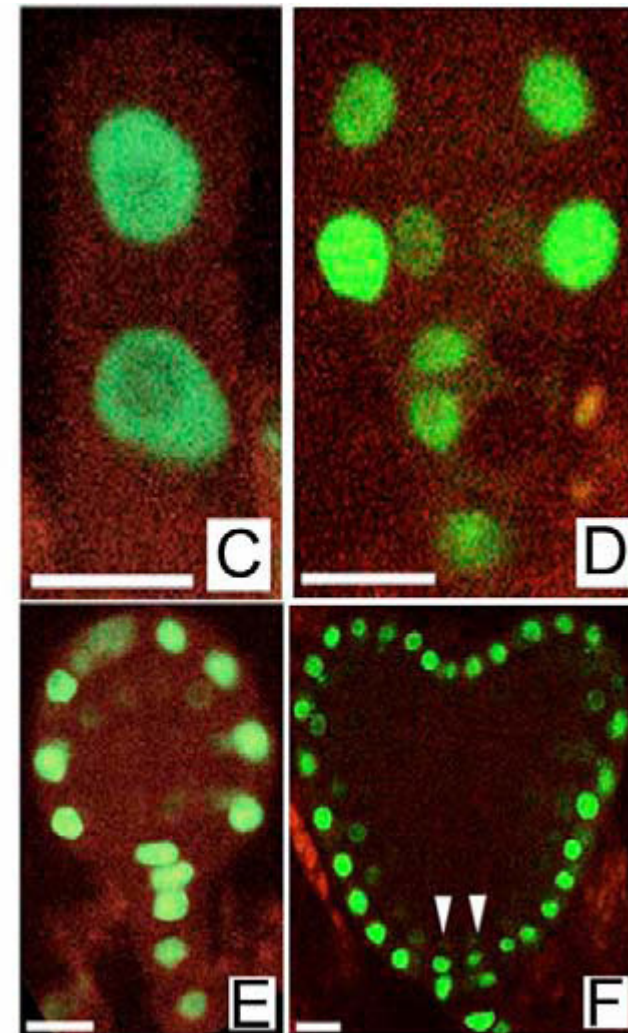
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**MERISTEM LAYER1 (AtML1) and  
PROTODERMAL FACTOR 1 and 2**

- ATML1 & PDF1 & PDF2
- WUS



**ProATML1:NLS-3xeGFP**

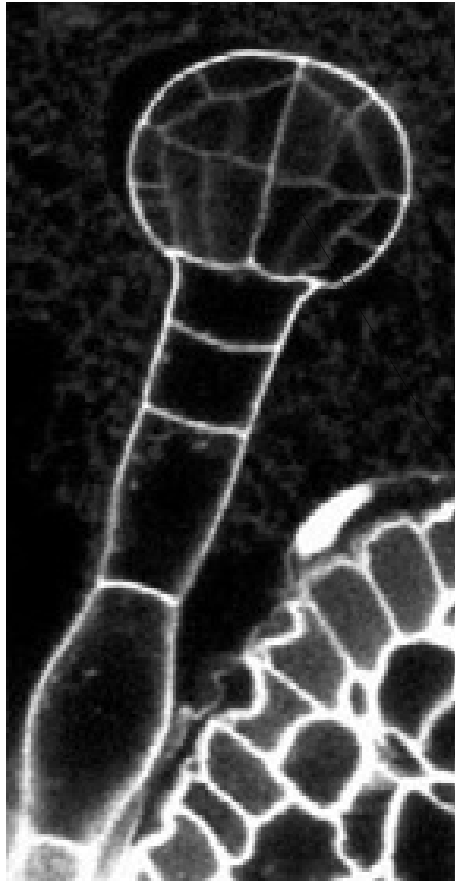


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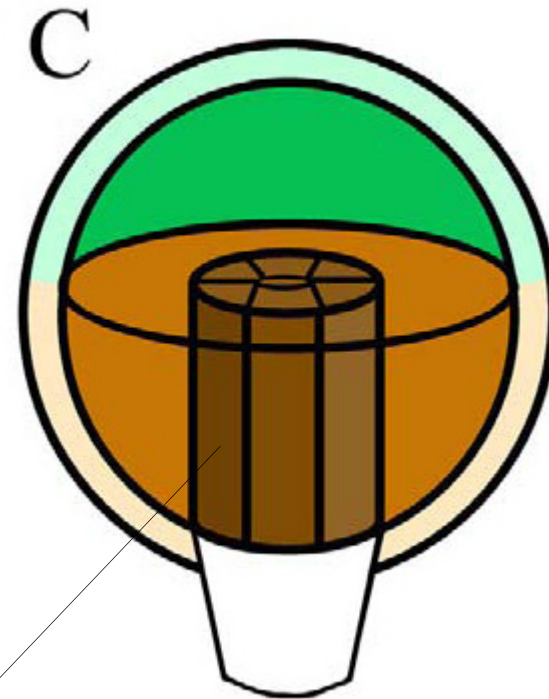
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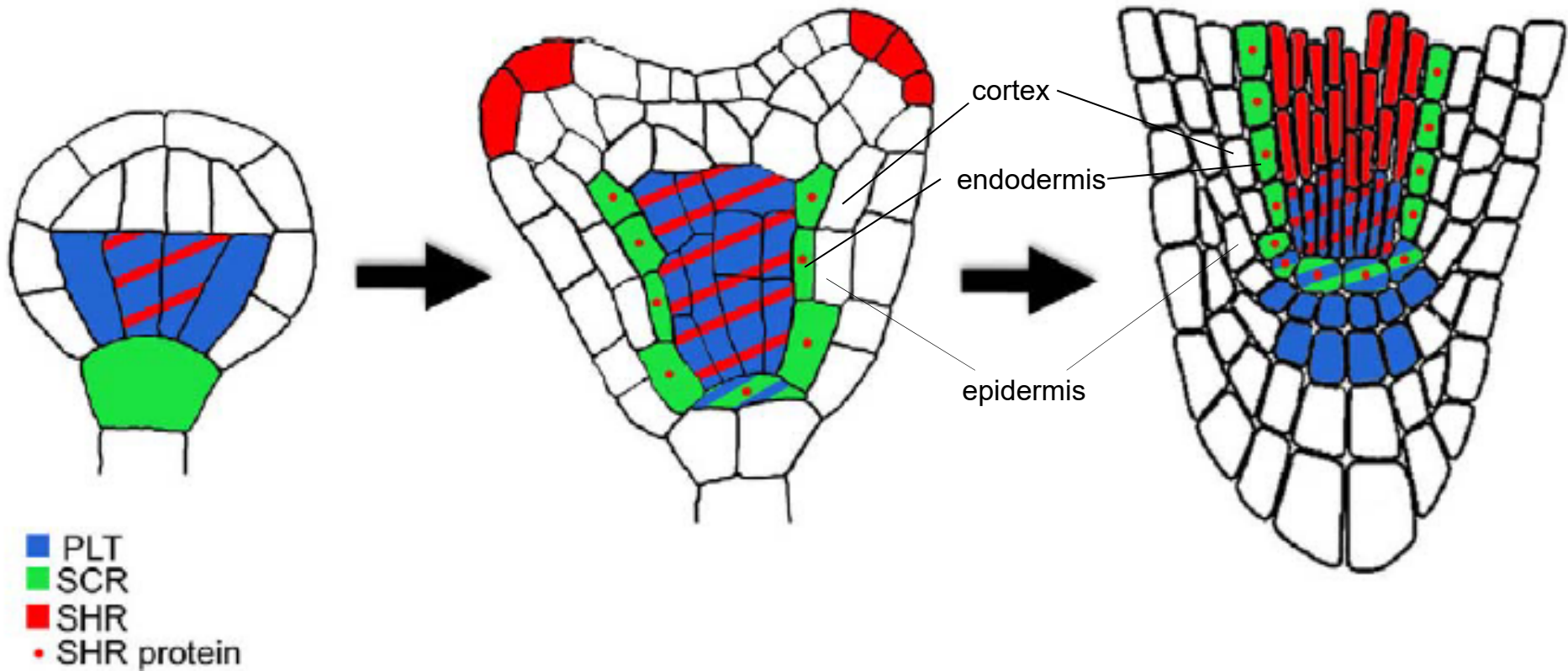
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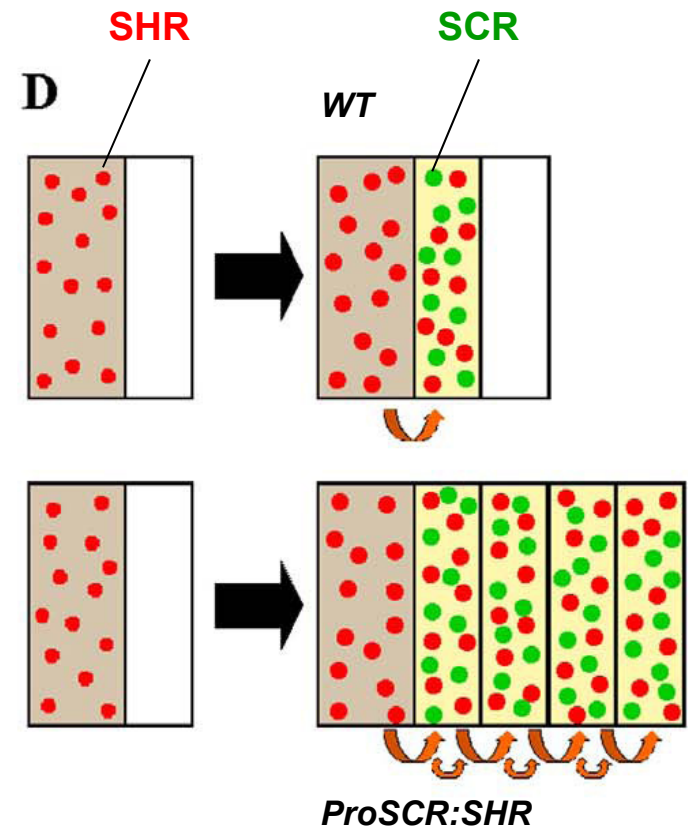
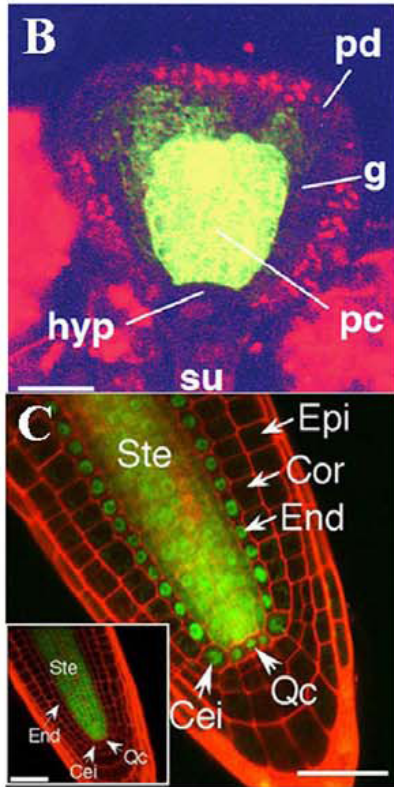
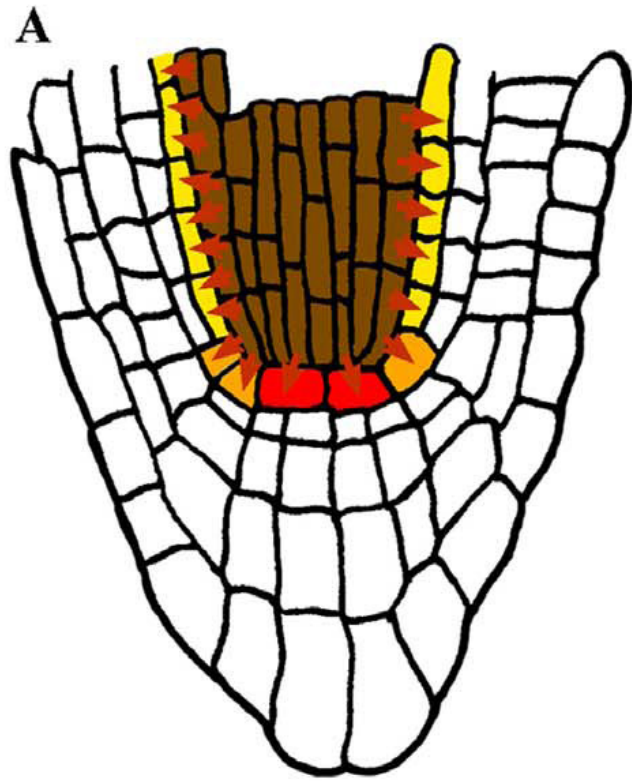
Early globular stage



Cell divisions predominantly along the apical-basal axis







# Key Concepts

## Plant Embryogenesis

- Similarly to animals, both **embryonic and extraembryonic tissue** forms during plant embryogenesis
- In plant embryogenesis, **positional information** rather than invariant cell division is decisive for the proper embryo patterning
- **Auxin gradient formation provides positional information** that together with **differential gene expression** directs downstream developmental events during plant embryogenesis
- **Auxin transport machinery** and **auxin signalling** are critical for the proper embryo development
- **Interaction of auxin with other growth regulators**, e.g. **cytokinins** emerges as a crucial regulatory factor for many developmental processes during plant embryo formation
- **Gene and protein interactions** allow formation of **distinct cell and tissue spatial patterns** and allow proper organogenesis

# Discussion