

# **Bi8940 Developmental Biology**

## **Lesson 8**

### **Postembryonic Plant Development**

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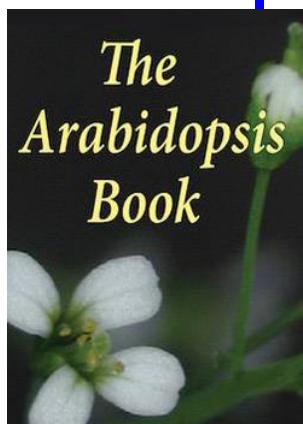
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# Literature



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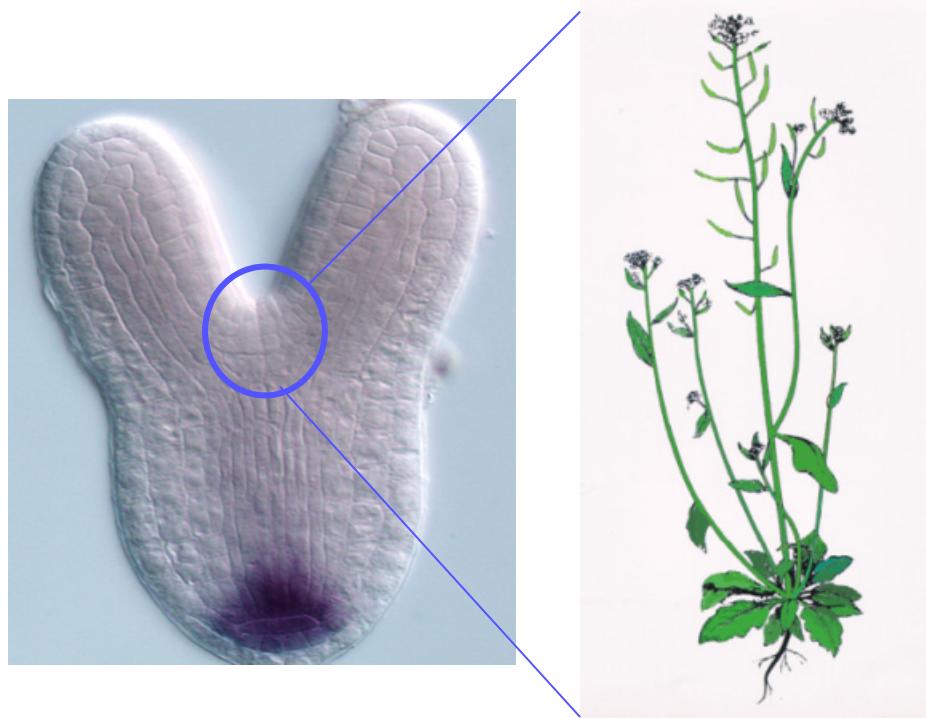
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  - RAM structure
  - Positioning of RAM organization centre
  - Radial root patterning
  - RAM size determination
- Lateral root formation
- Vascular tissue formation in shoot and root

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- The role of plant meristems in the plant postembryonic development

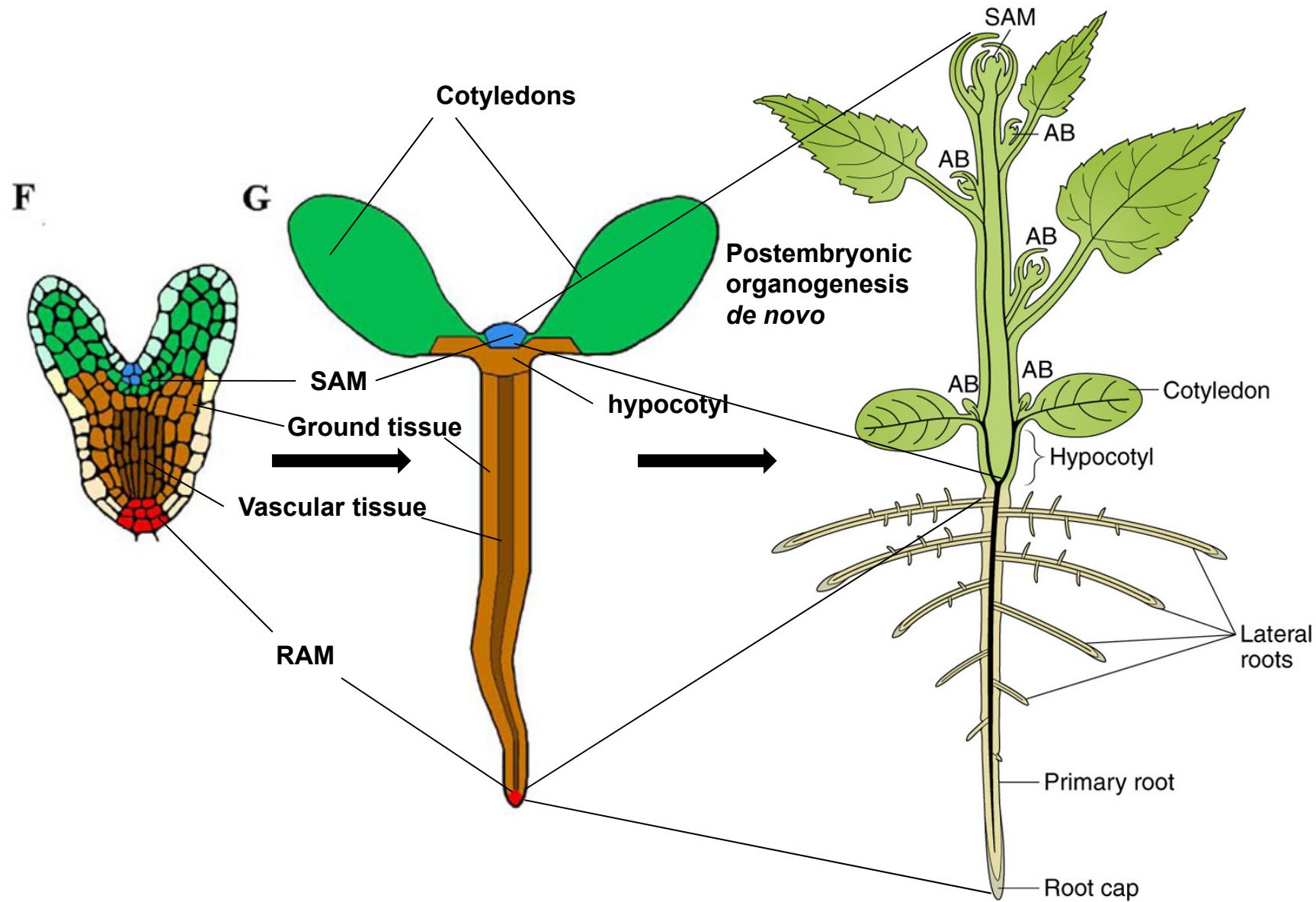
## What is the principal difference between plants and animals?

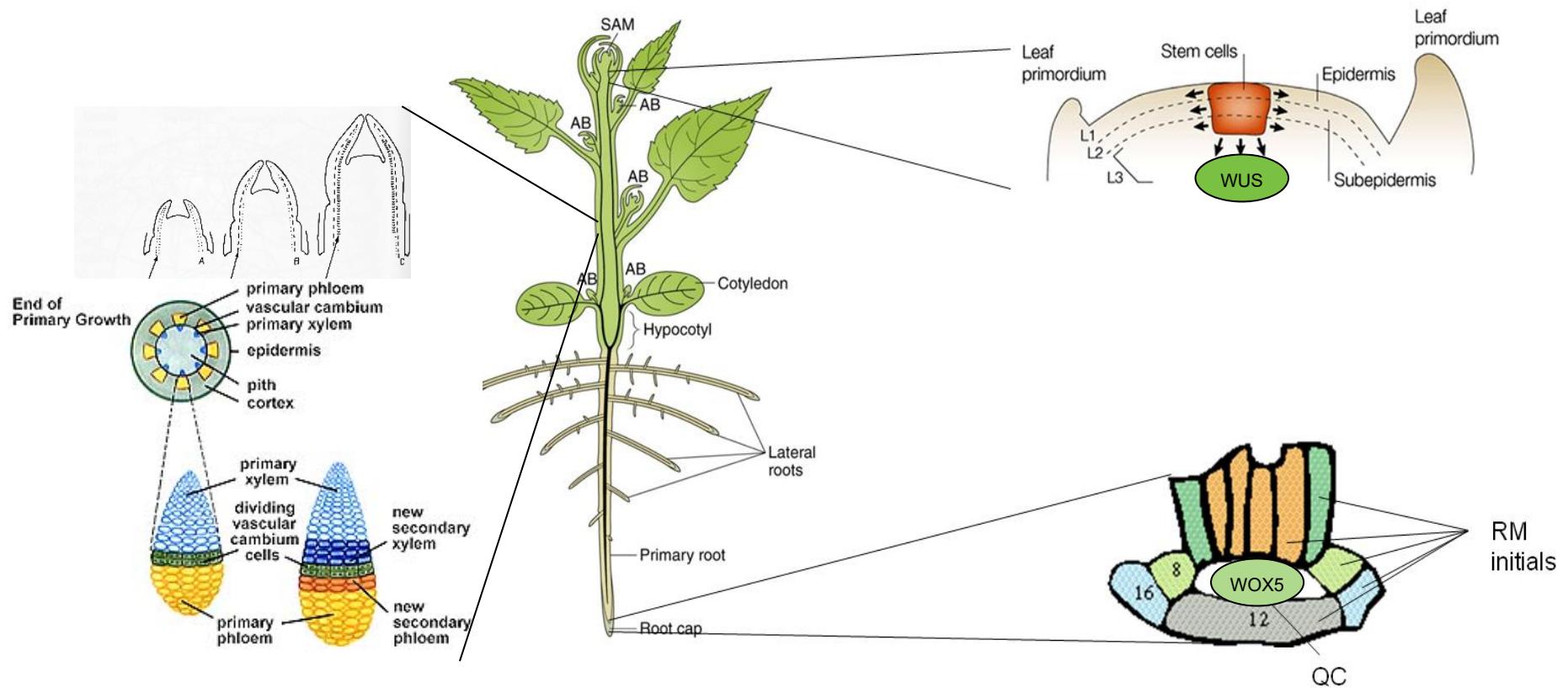


*Arabidopsis thaliana*, embryo at the torpedo stage



*Mus musculus*, embryo, longitudinal section



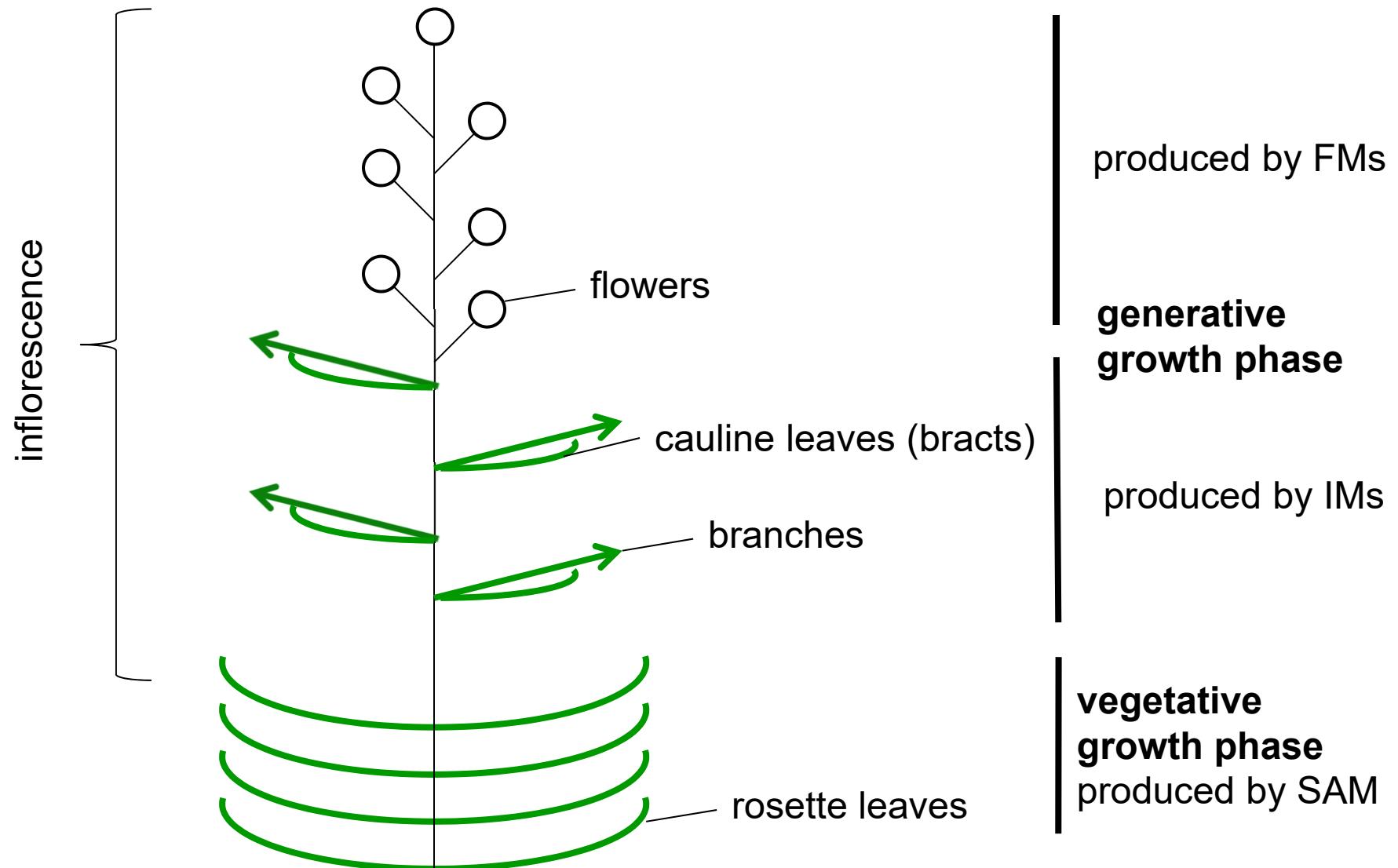


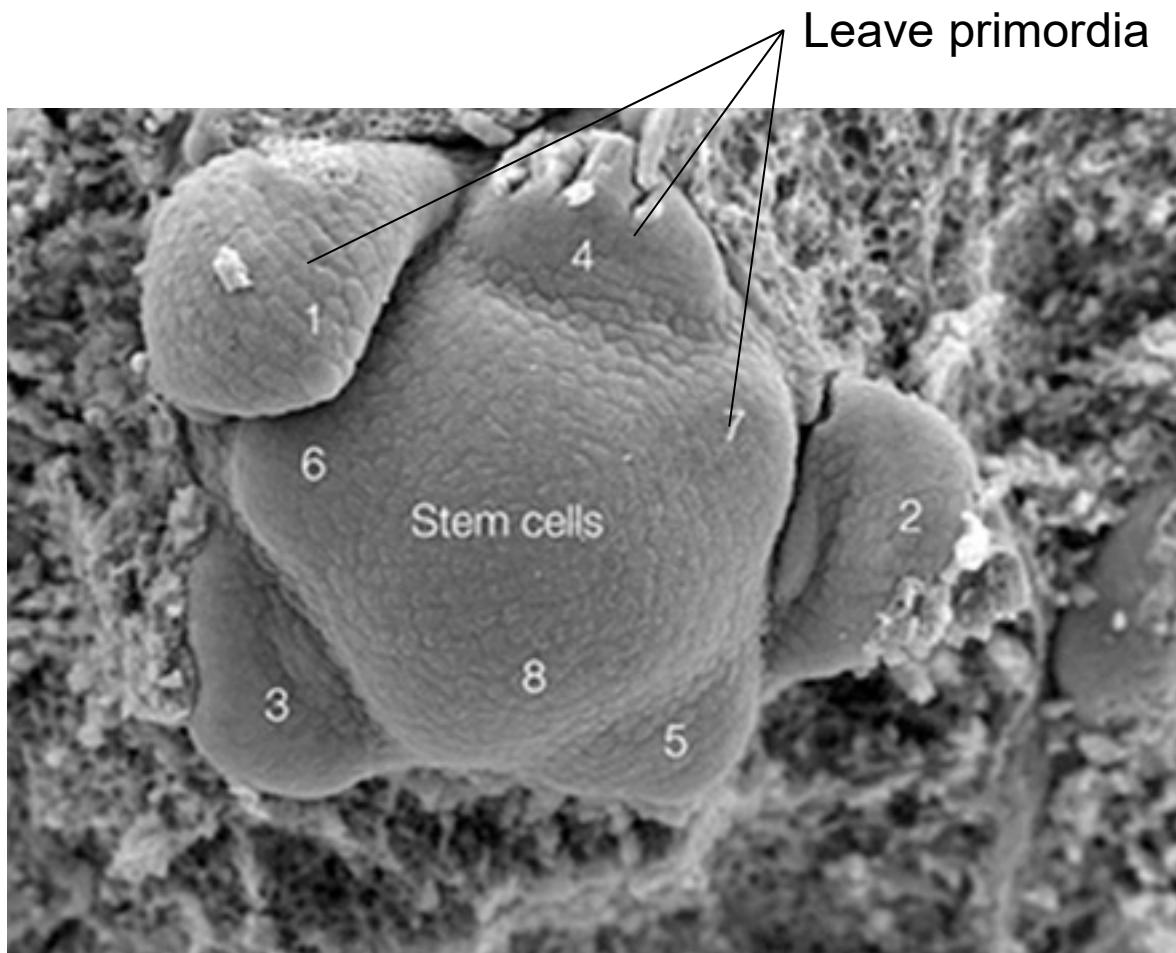
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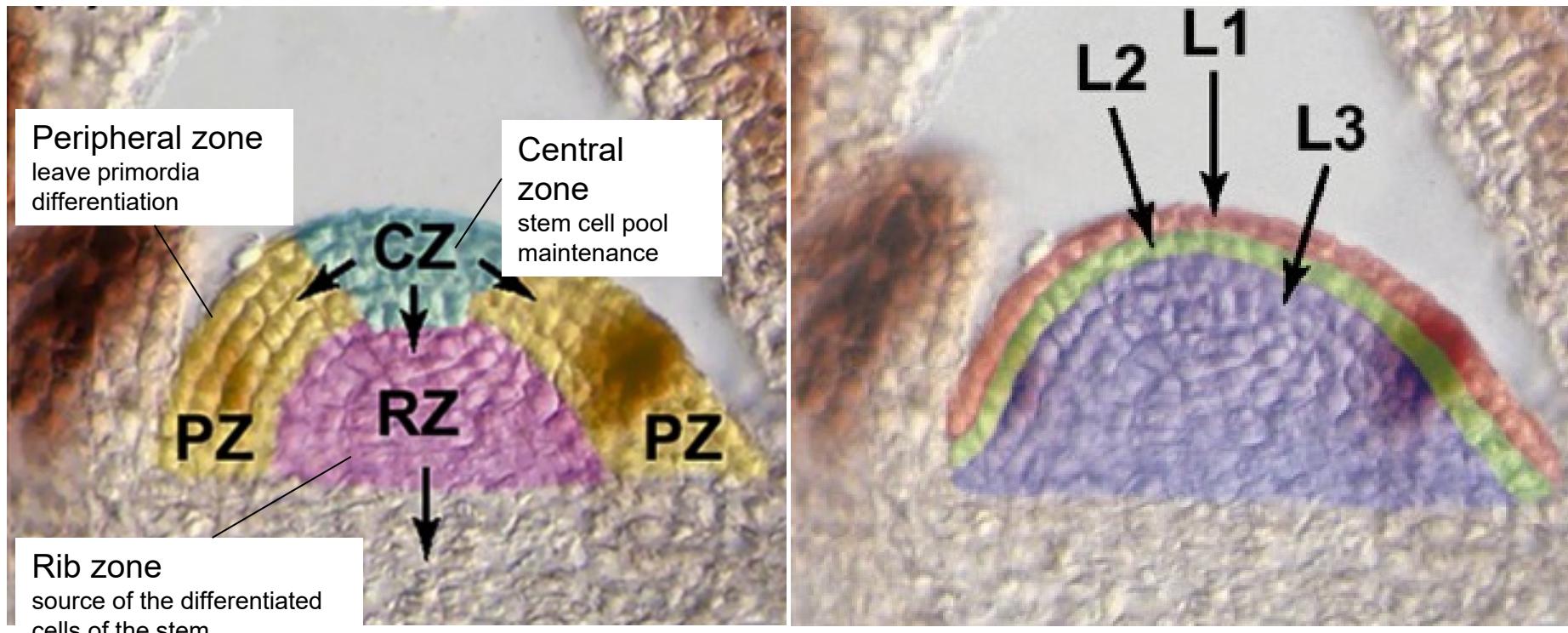
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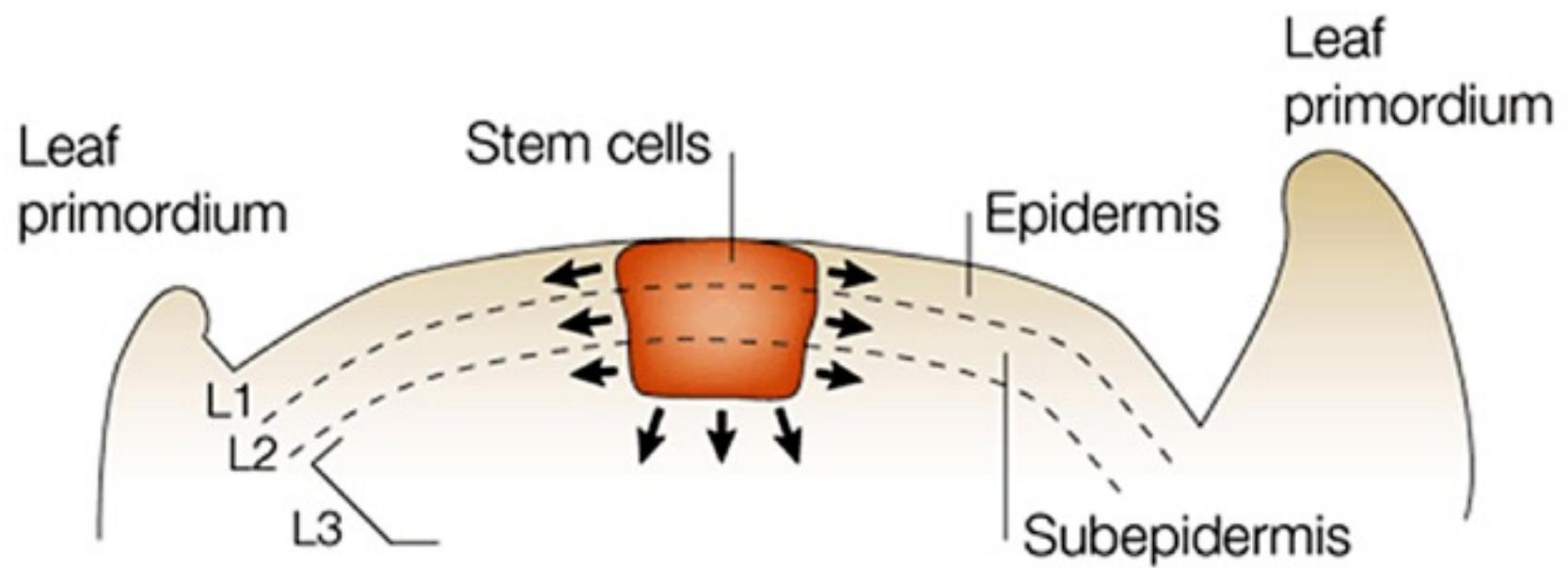
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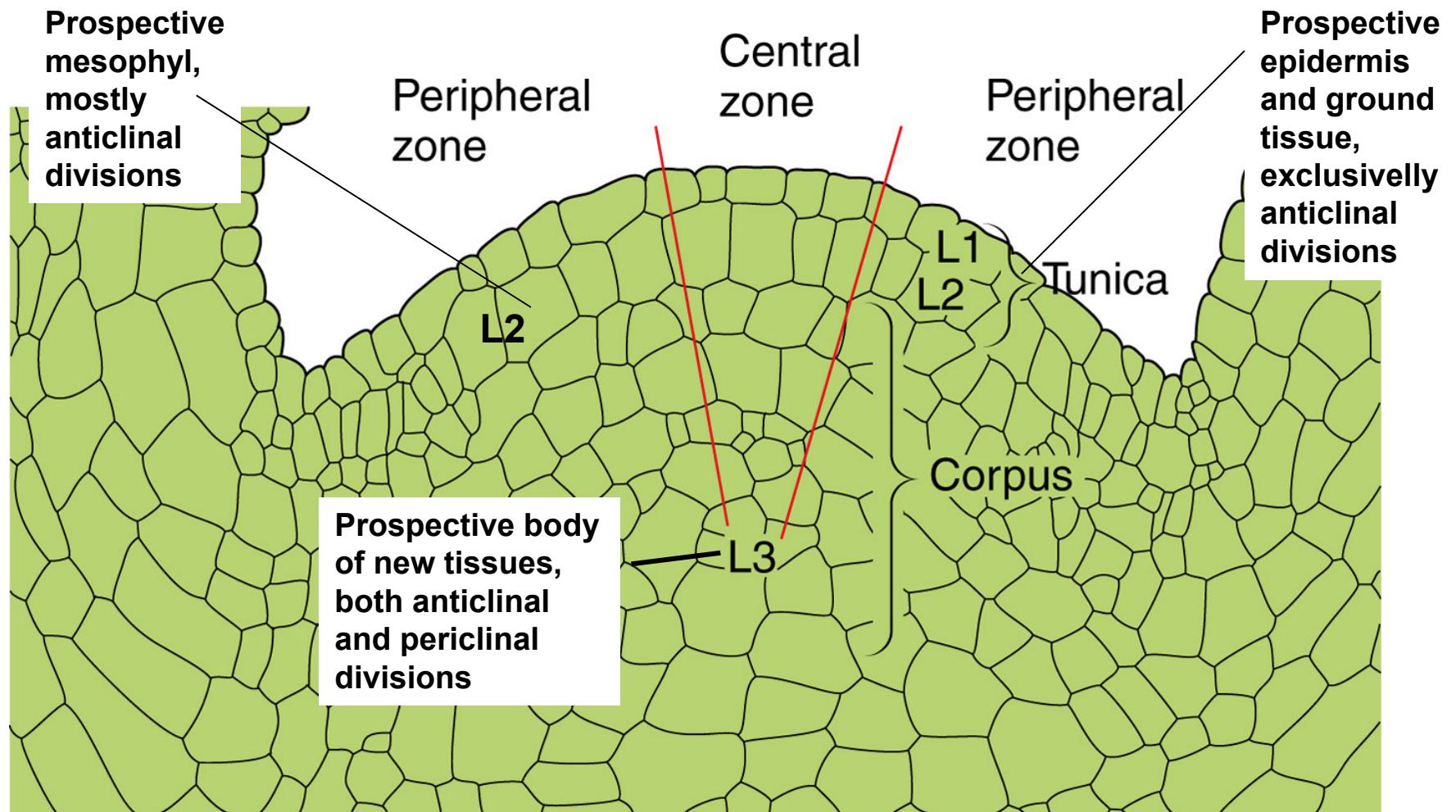




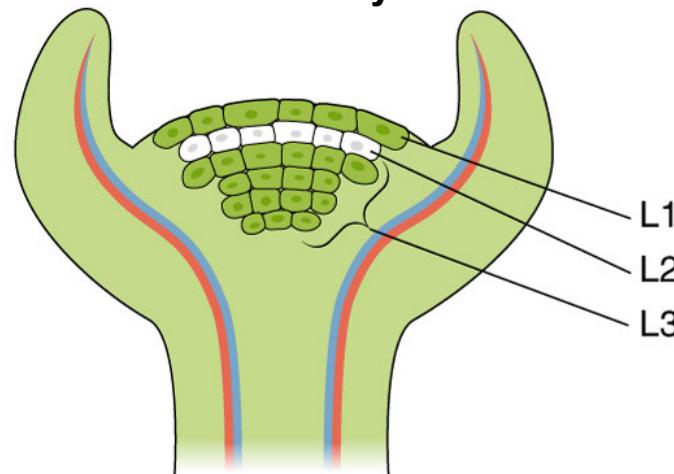


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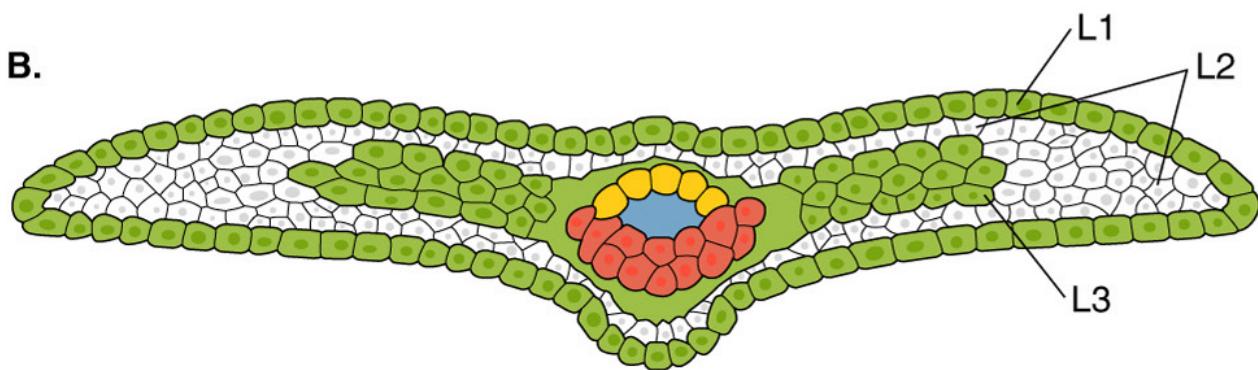




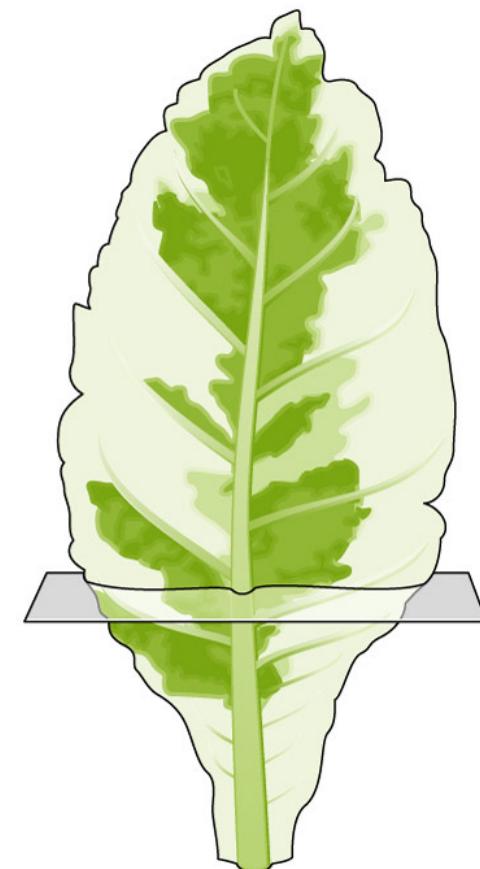
A. Chimera with  
albino L2 layer



B.



C.

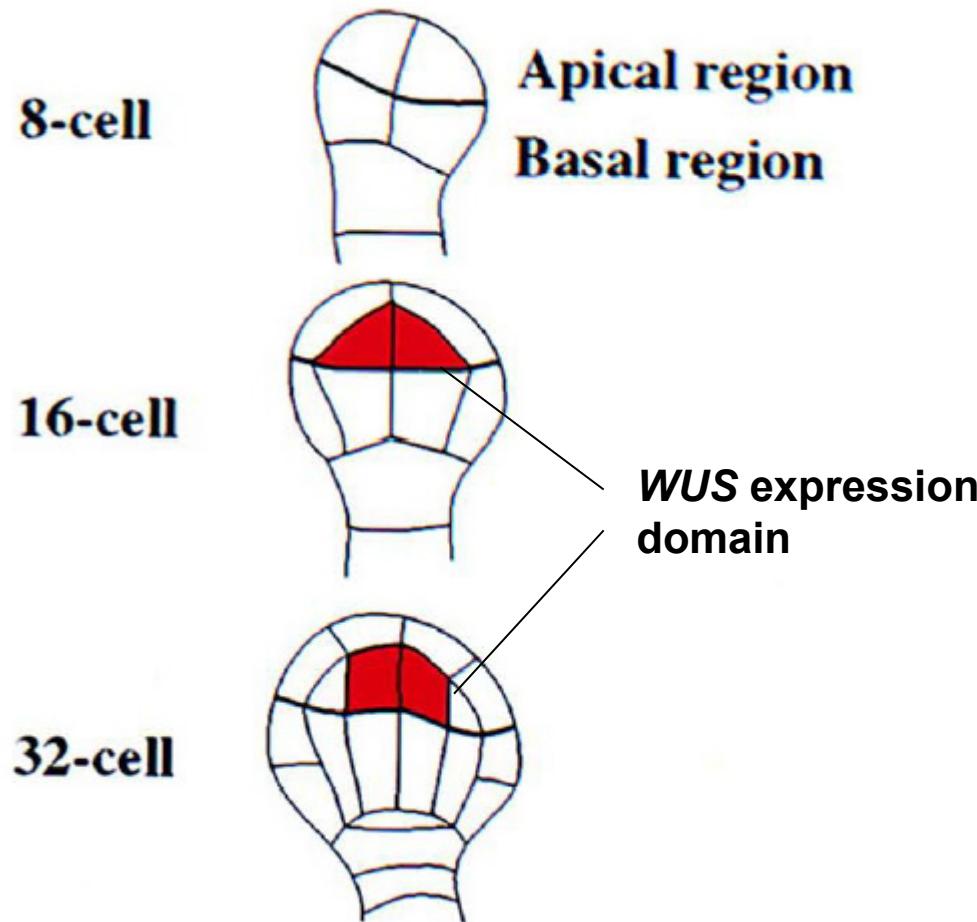


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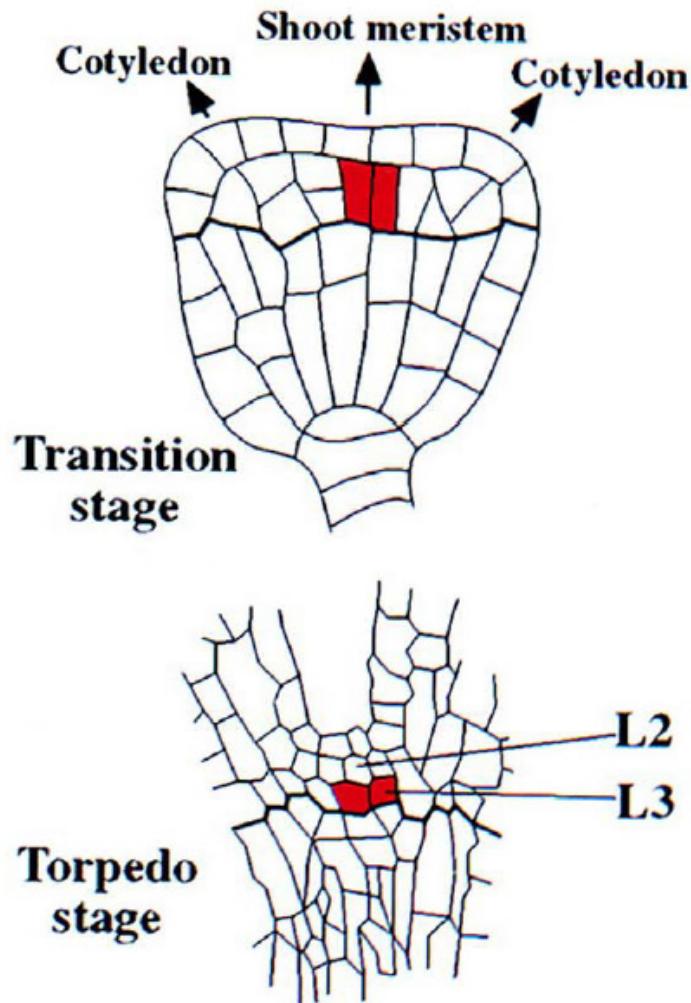
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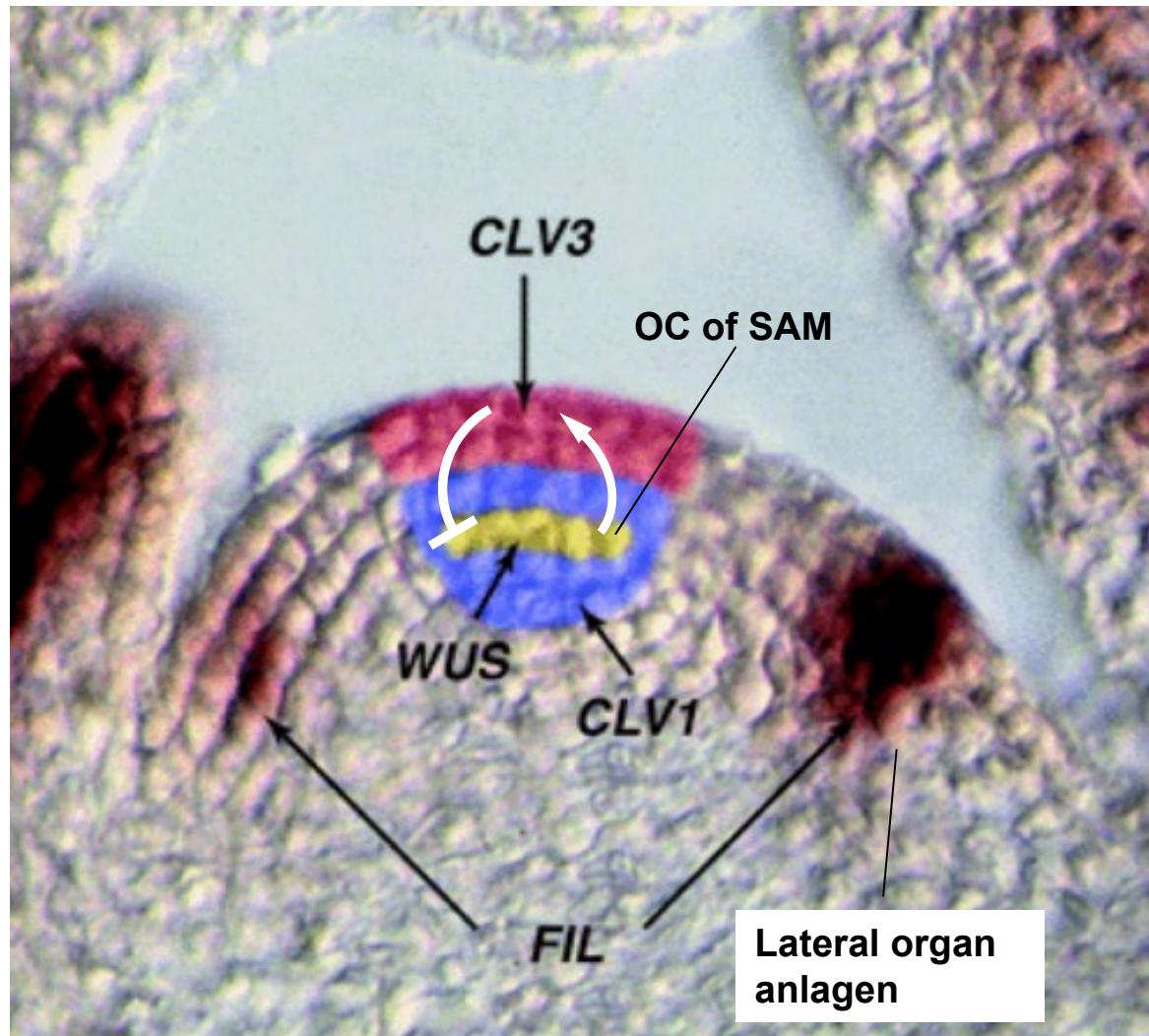
## SAM specification



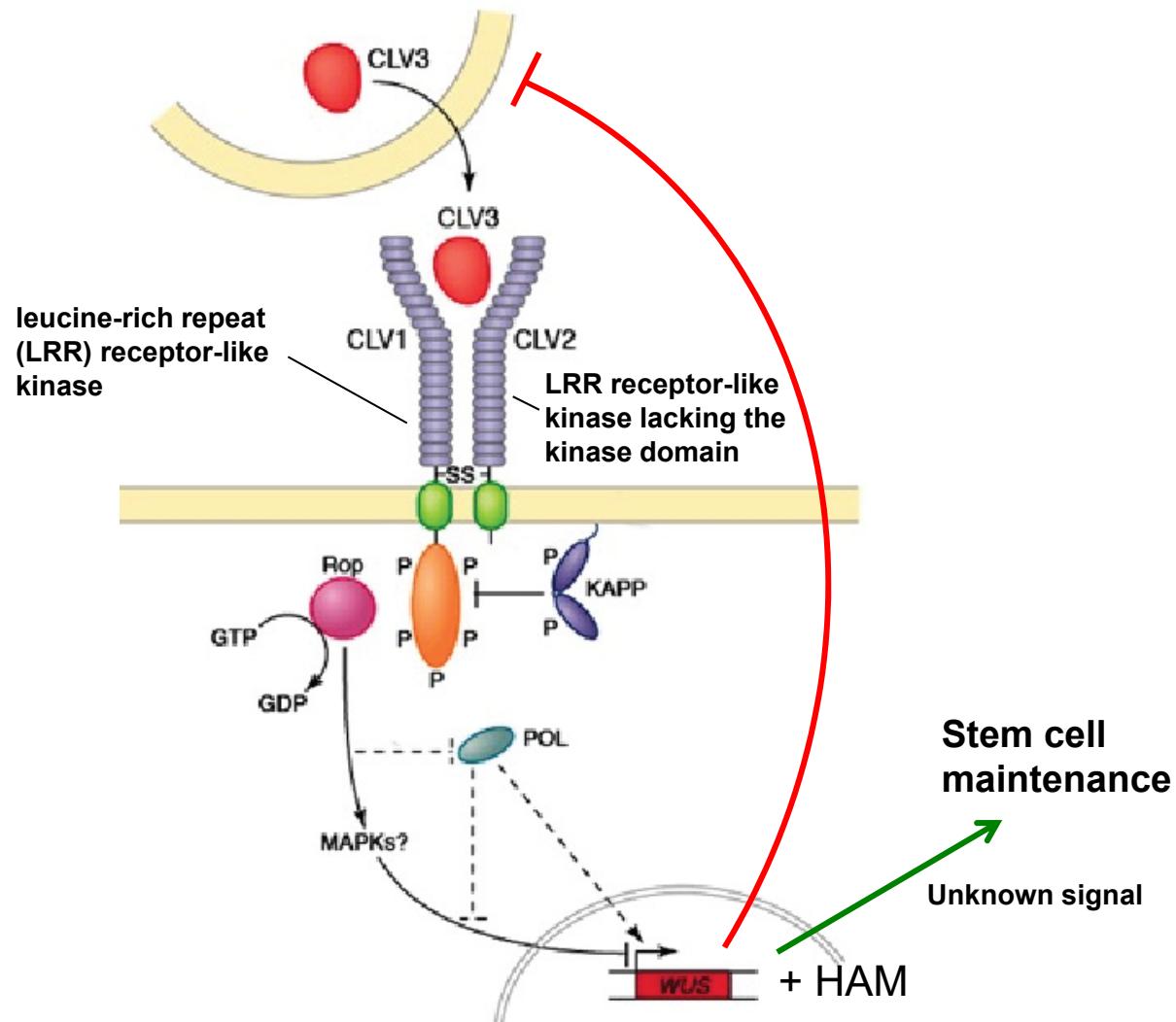
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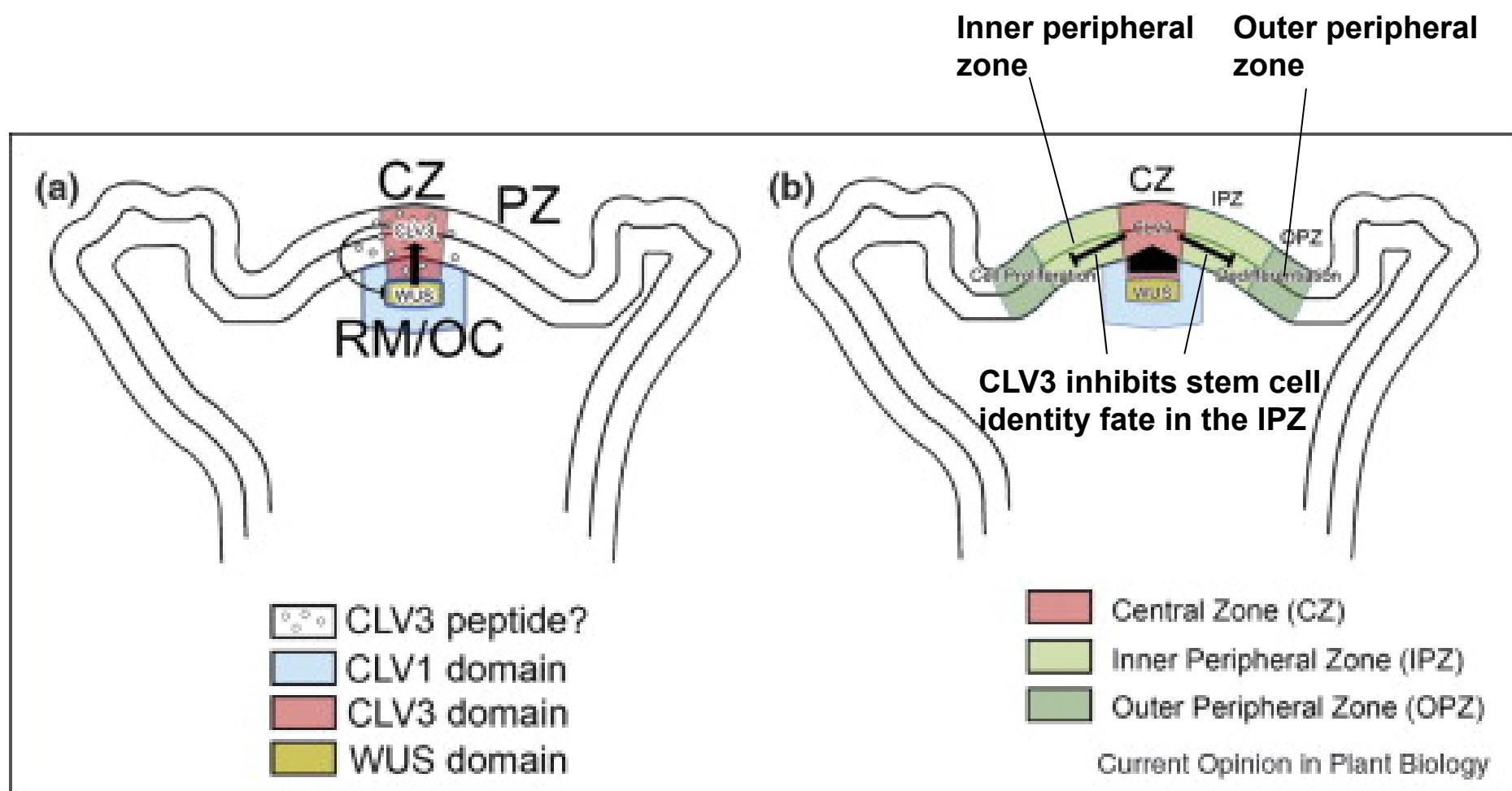
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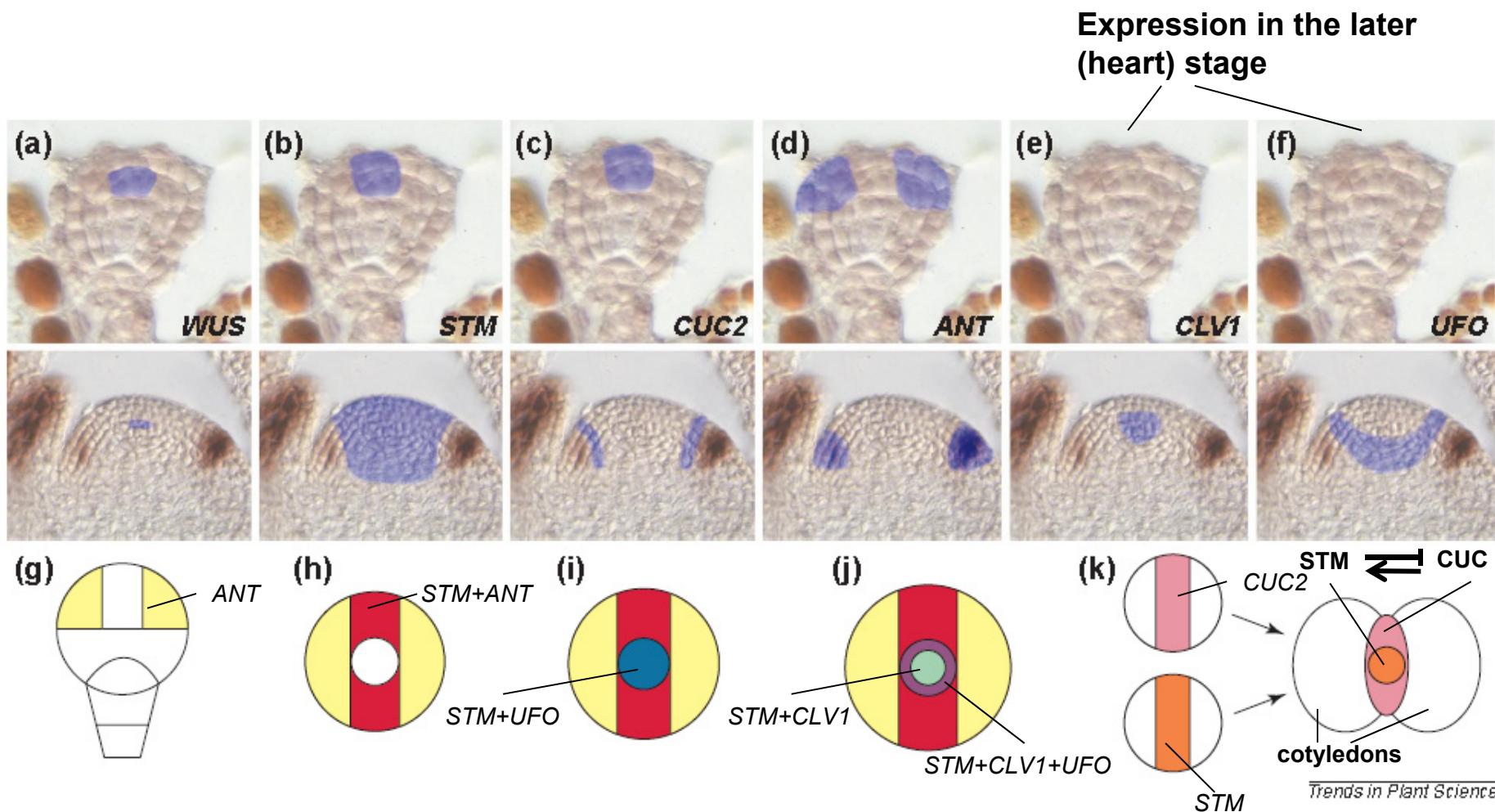
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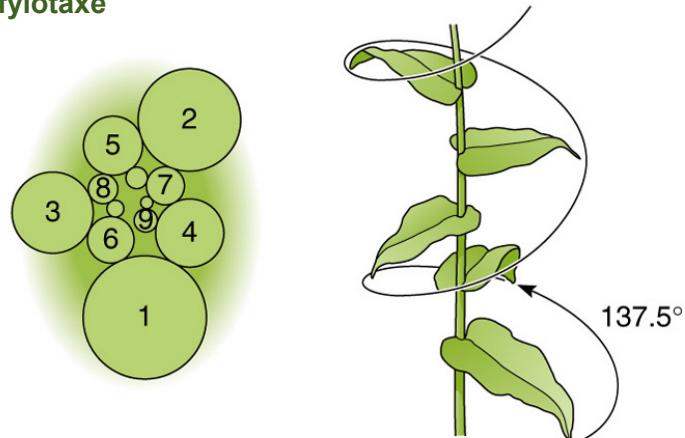
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### A. Spiral phyllotaxy

Spirální (vřetenovitá) fylotaxe



### B. Whorled phyllotaxy

Přeslenitá (kruhová) fylotaxe



**distichous**  
distichie      1 leaf

**decussate**  
dvojčetný    2 leaves  
přeslen

**tricusate**  
trojčetný    3 leaves  
přeslen

| <code>&lt;code&gt;i</code> | <code>ai</code> | <code>abs err</code> | <code>Pi</code> | <code>Qi</code> | <code>Pi/Qi</code>          |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 0                          | 1               | 6.2E-01              |                 | 1 /             | 1 = 1.000000000000000       |
| 1                          | 1               | -3.8E-01             |                 | 2 /             | 1 = 2.000000000000000       |
| 2                          | 1               | 1.2E-01              |                 | 3 /             | 2 = 1.500000000000000       |
| 3                          | 1               | -4.9E-02             |                 | 5 /             | 3 = 1.666666666666667       |
| 4                          | 1               | 1.8E-02              |                 | 8 /             | 5 = 1.600000000000000       |
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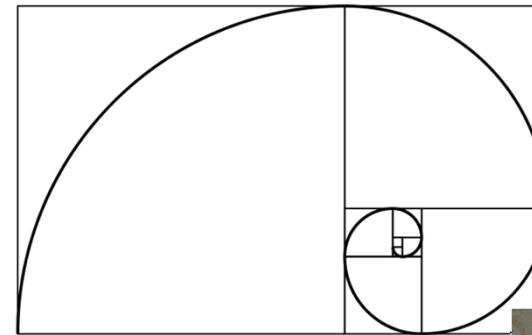
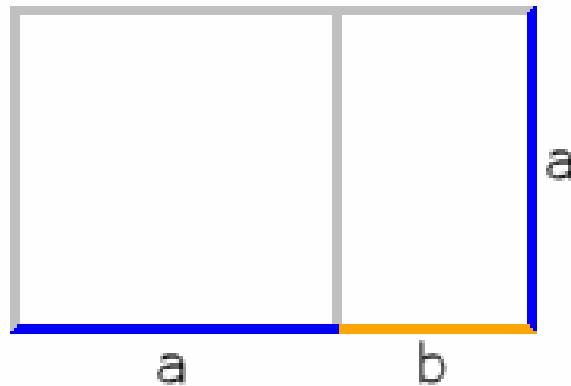


Leonardo Fibonacci (1180-1250)

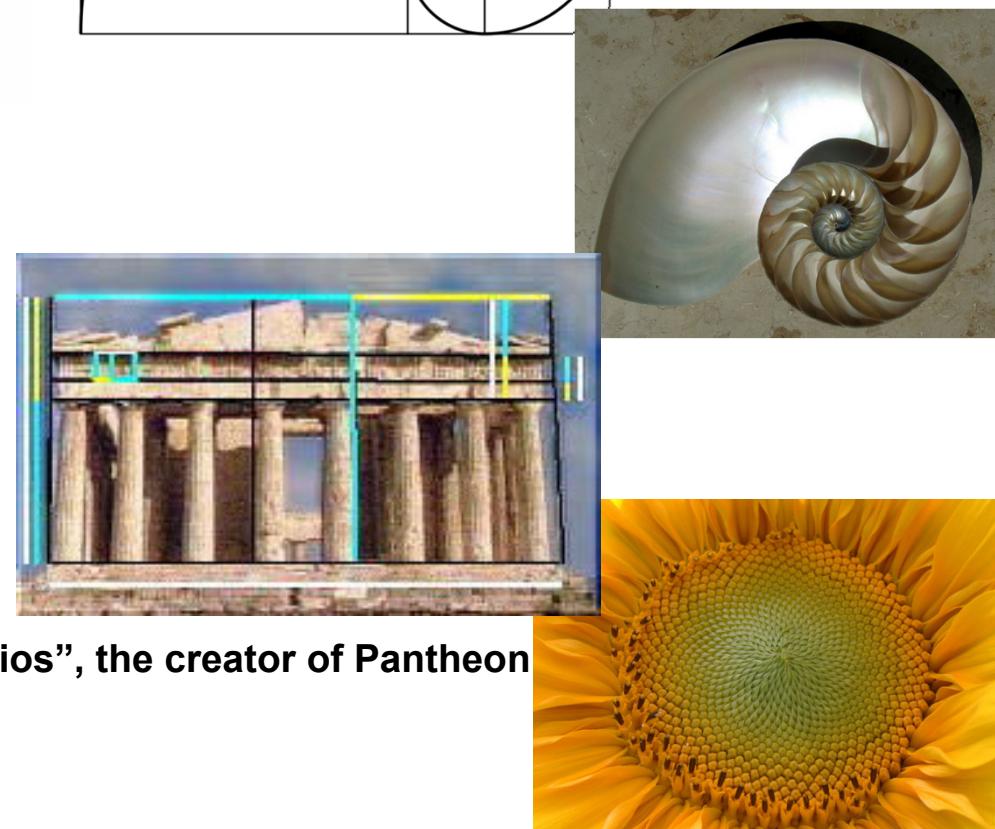
Fibonacci series: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21...

$$\varphi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1,618\ 033\ 988\ 749\ 894\ 848 \dots$$

Wikipedia



$a + b / a = a/b = 1.618$   
“golden mean” or “divine  
ratio”  
“zlatý řez”

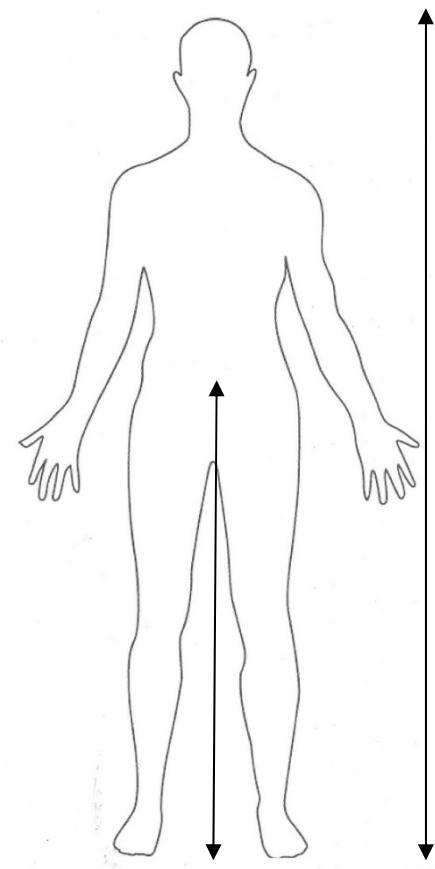


$1.618=\Phi$ , according to “Fidios”, the creator of Pantheon

Fibonacci series – the beauty of math

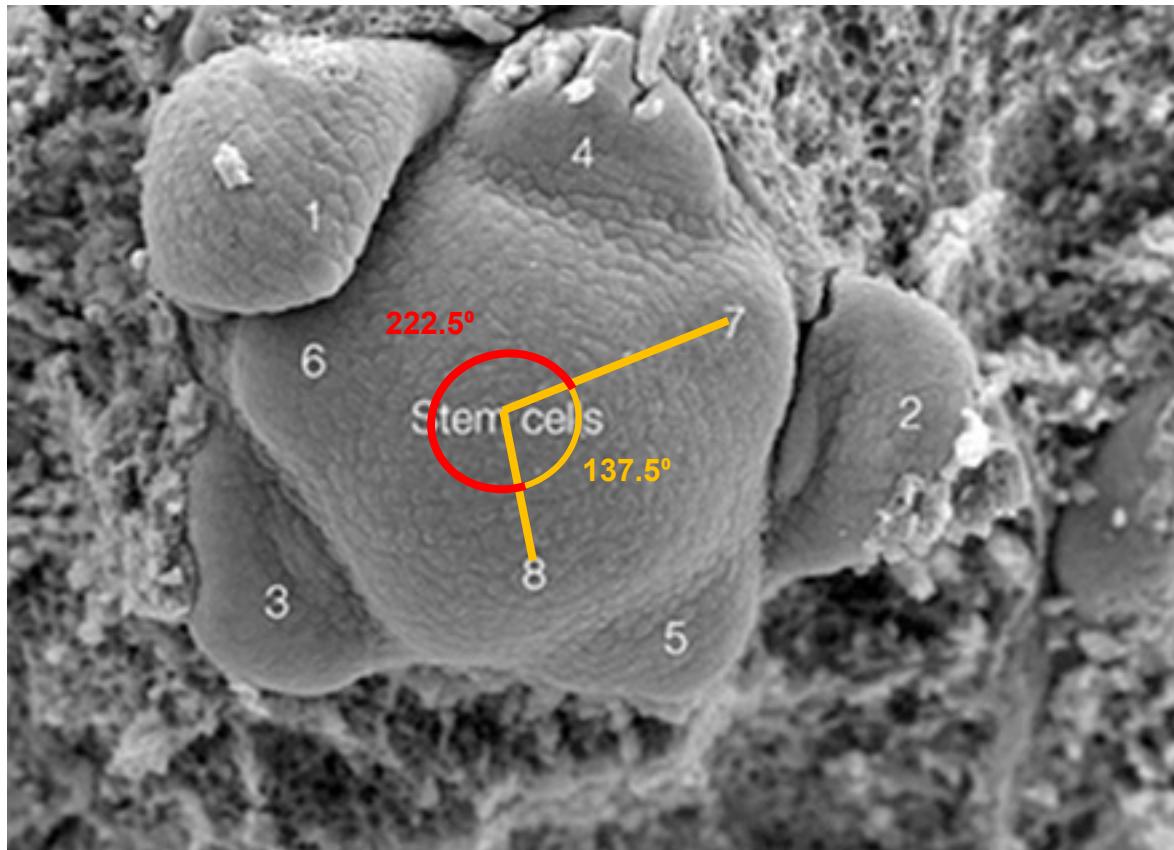
TED lecture by Arthur Benjamin, [https://youtu.be/SjSHVDfXHQ4\)](https://youtu.be/SjSHVDfXHQ4)





Golden mean in nature  
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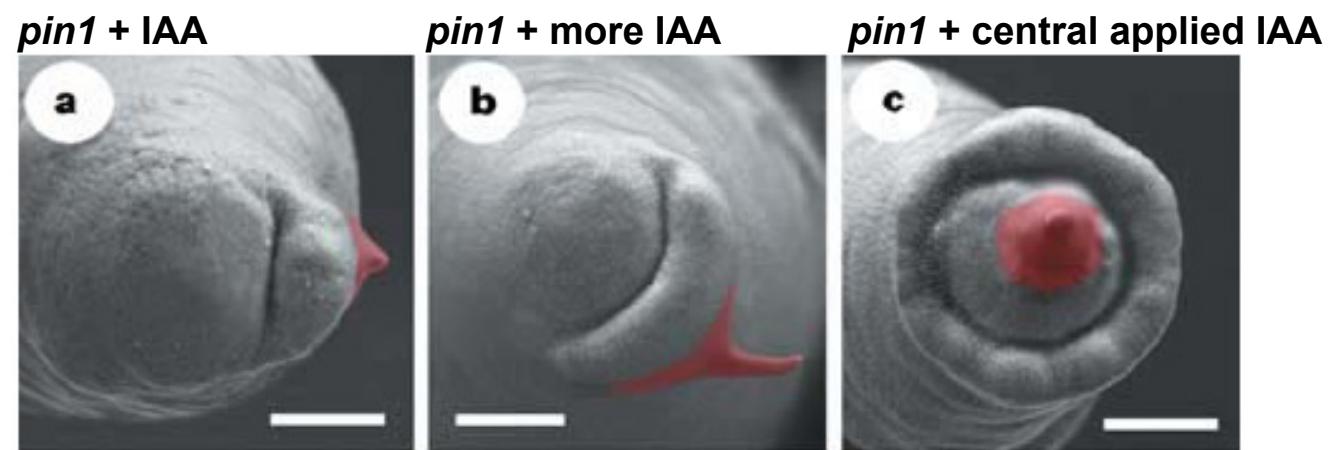
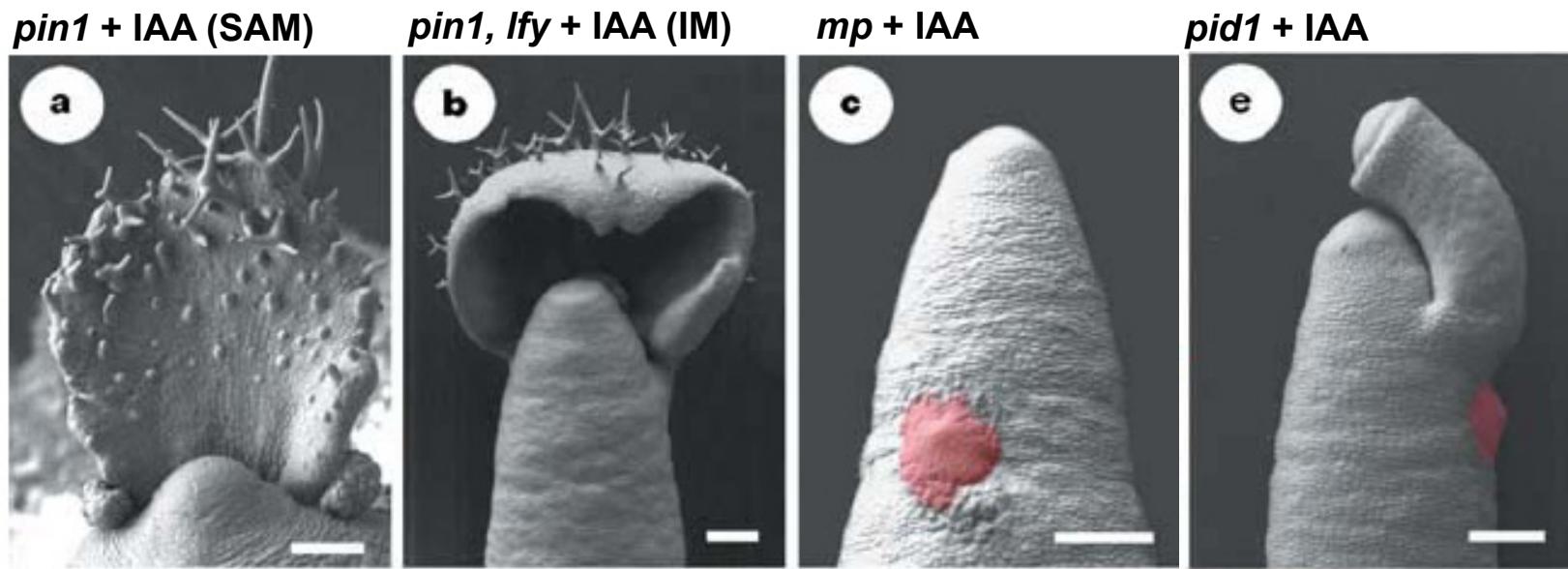


$$222.5/137.5 = 1.618$$

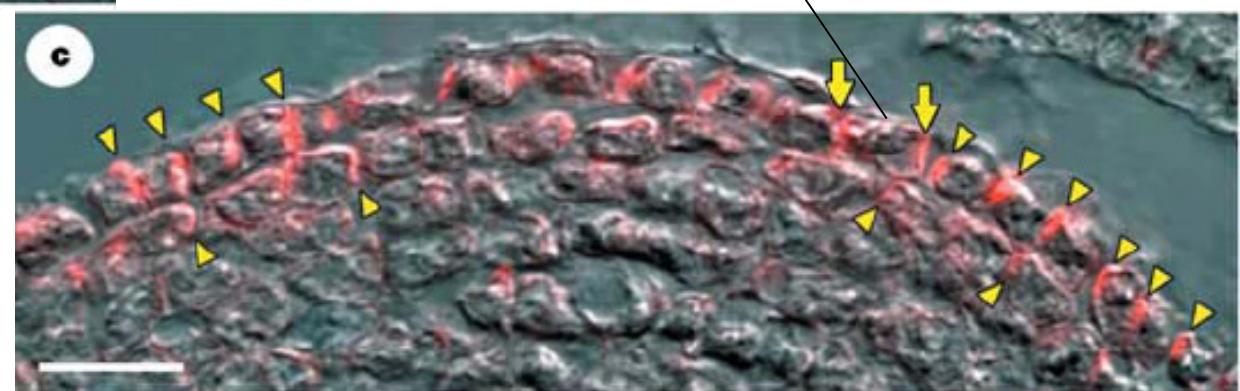
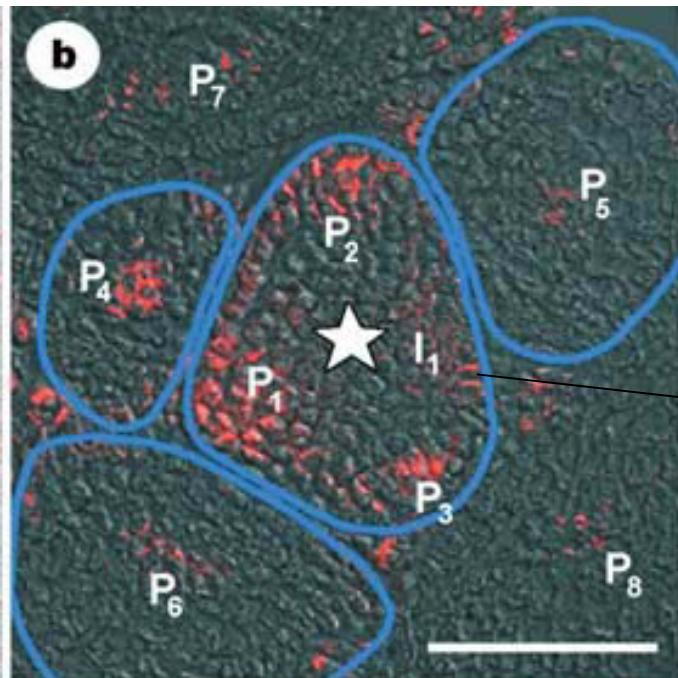
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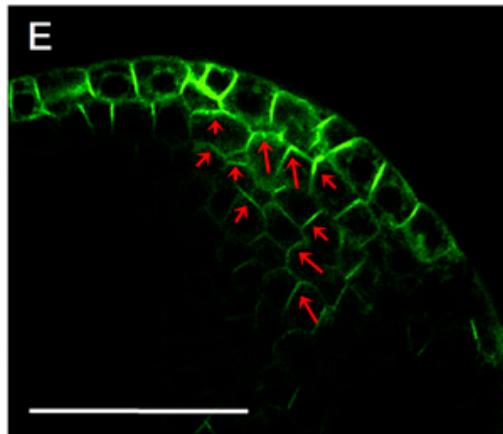


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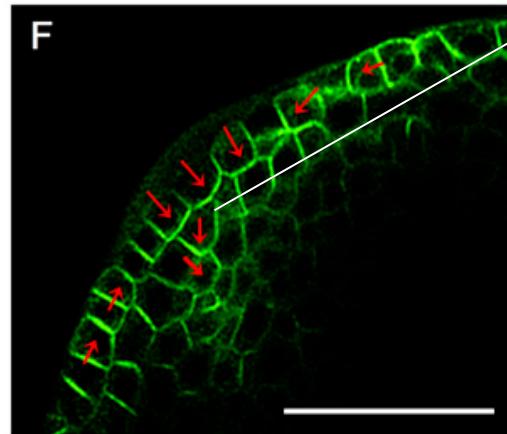
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10 h after IAA application



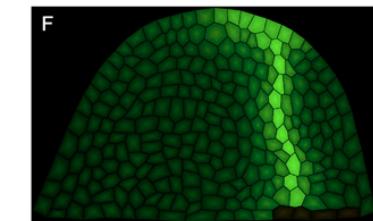
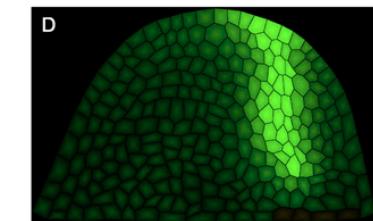
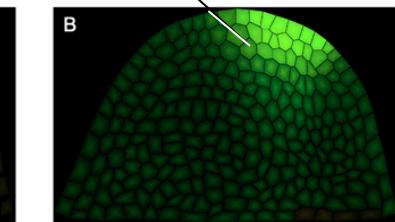
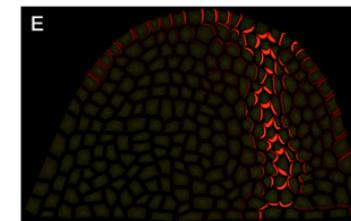
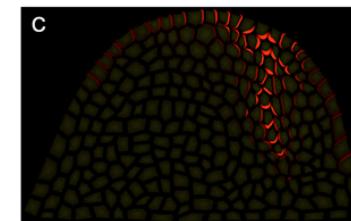
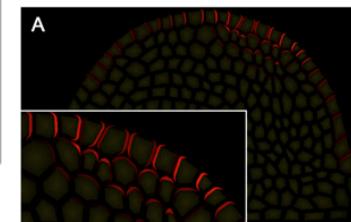
*ProPIN1:PIN1-GFP*

20 h after IAA application



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PIN1 relocalization

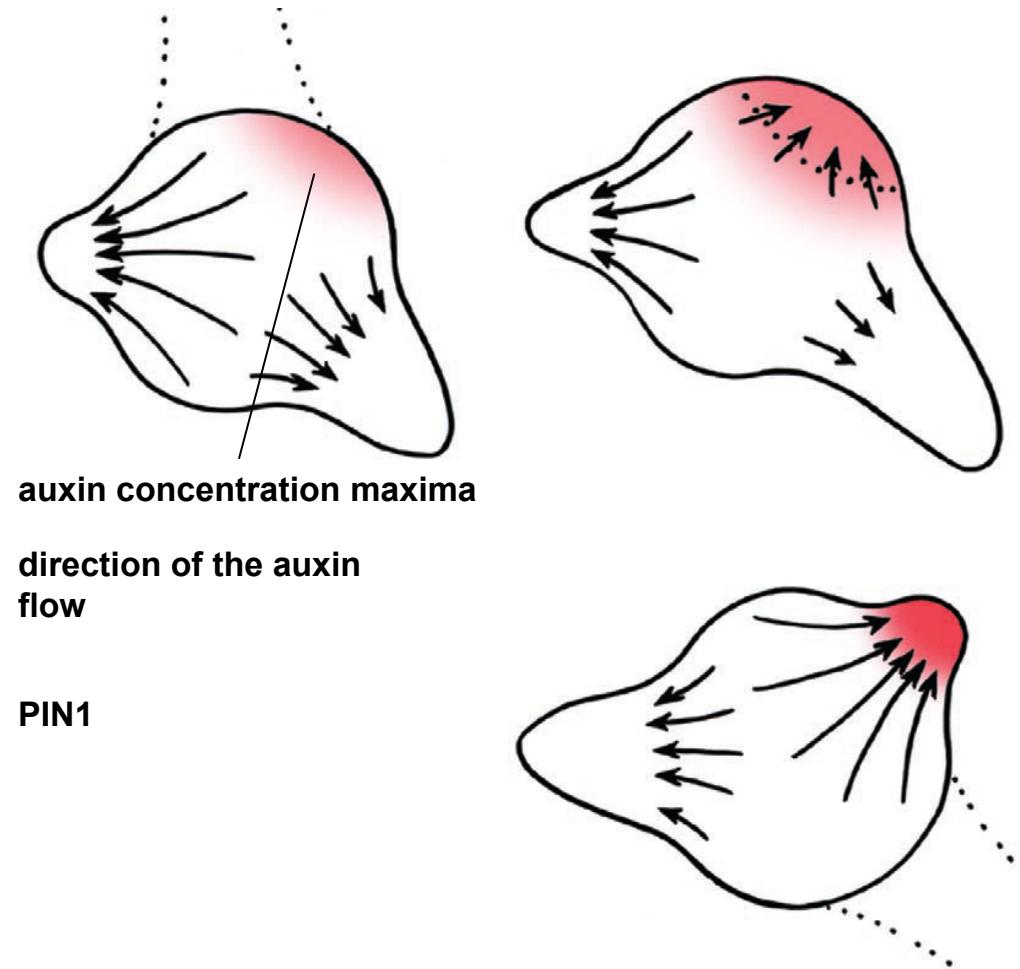
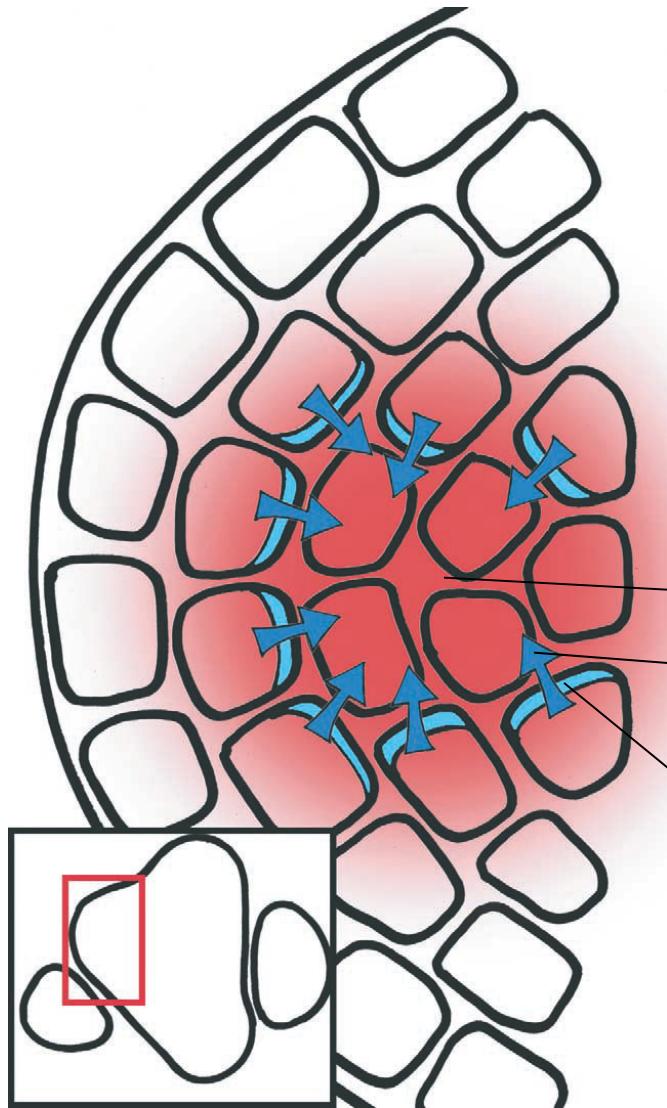


Auxin accumulation

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SCI

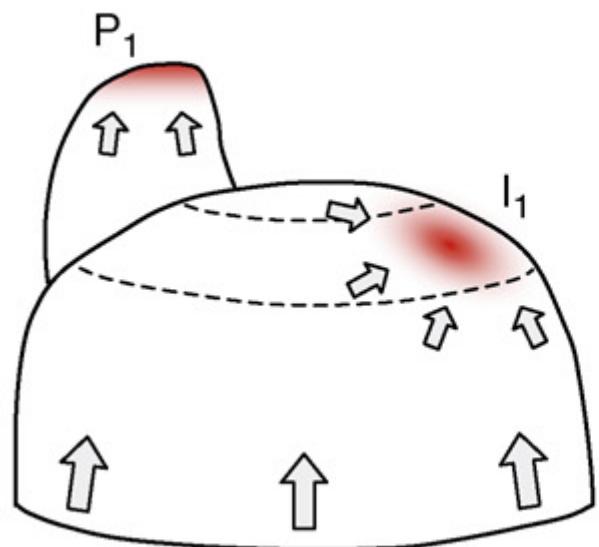
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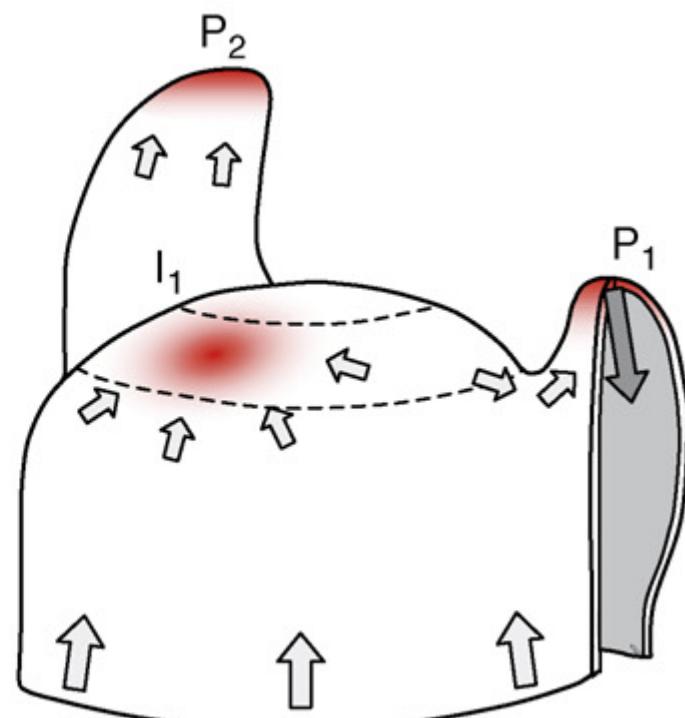


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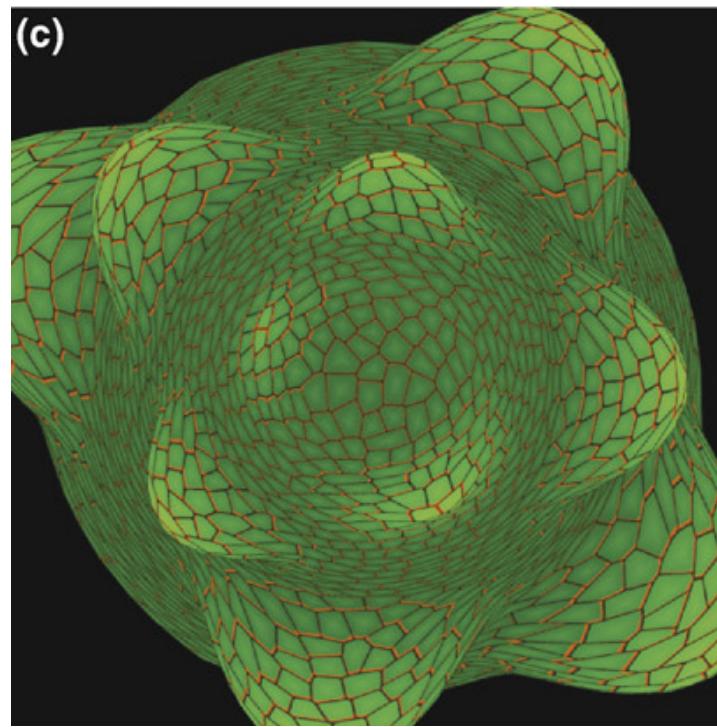
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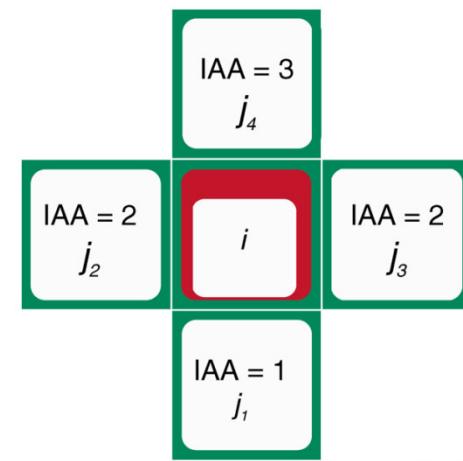
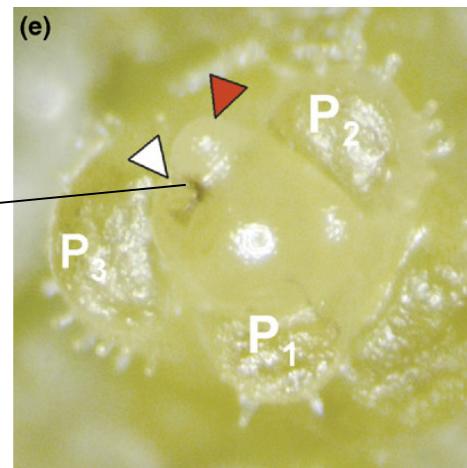
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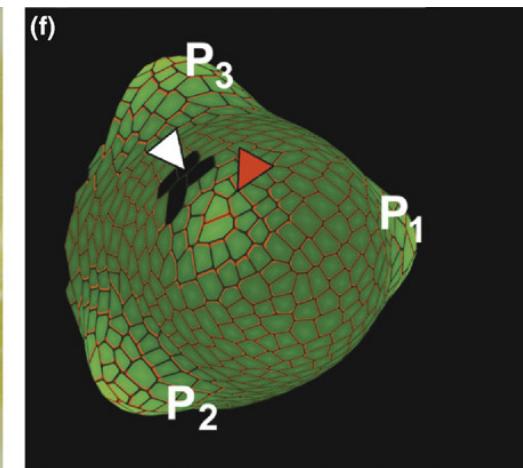
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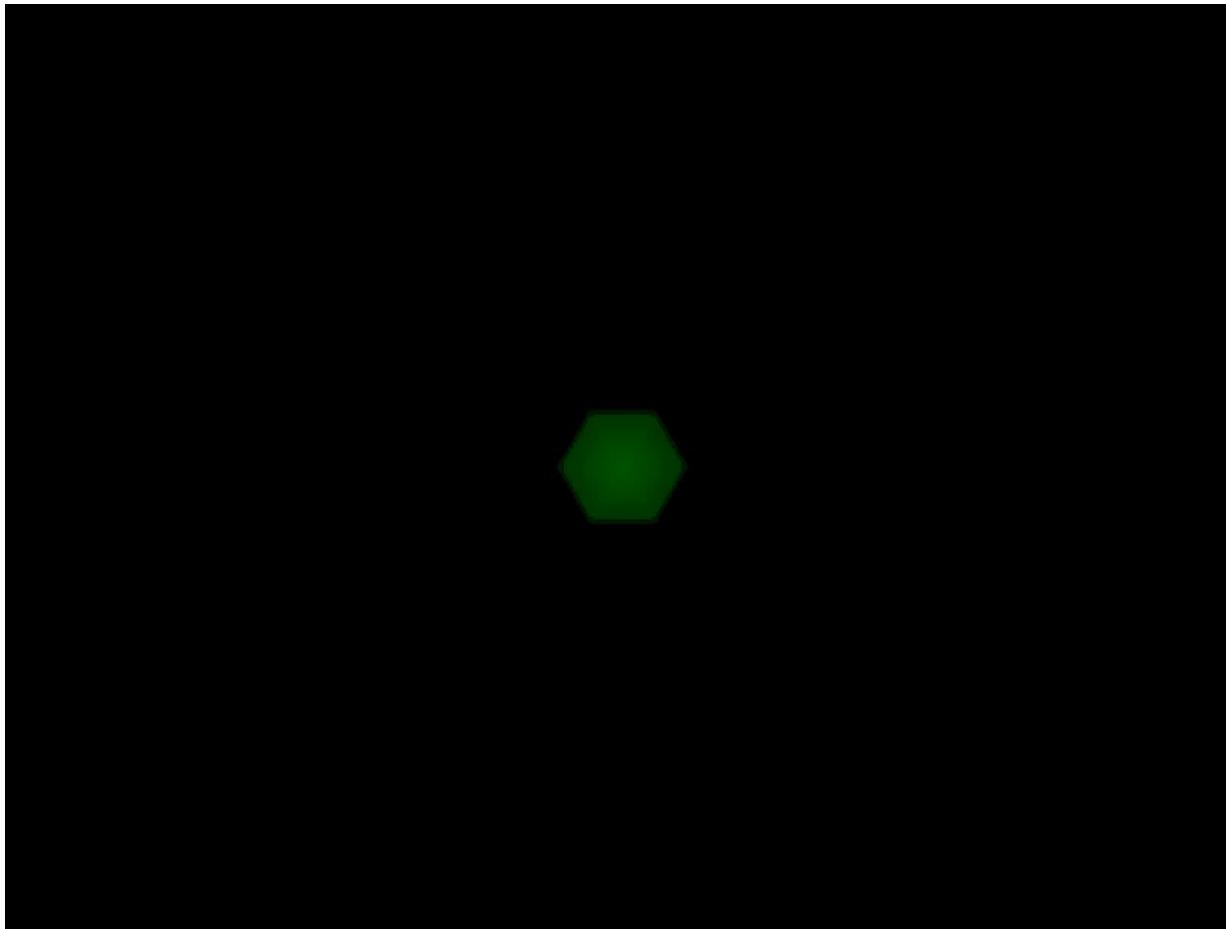
Laser ablation of incipient primordium



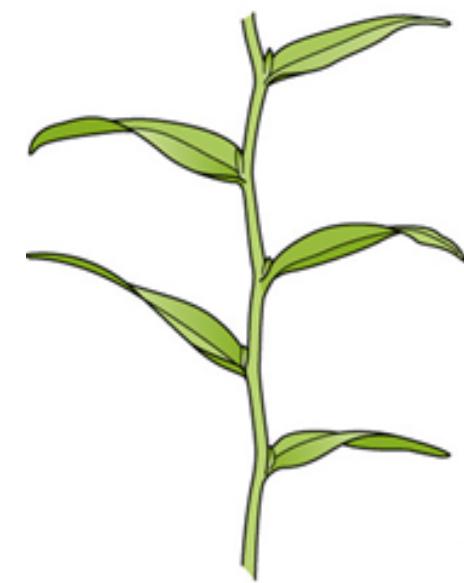
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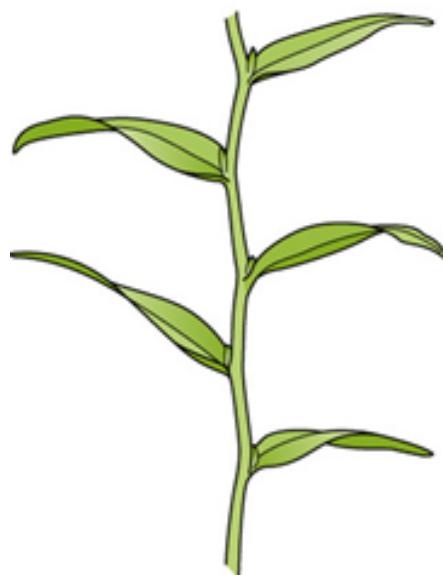


**Distichous**  
**Distichie**



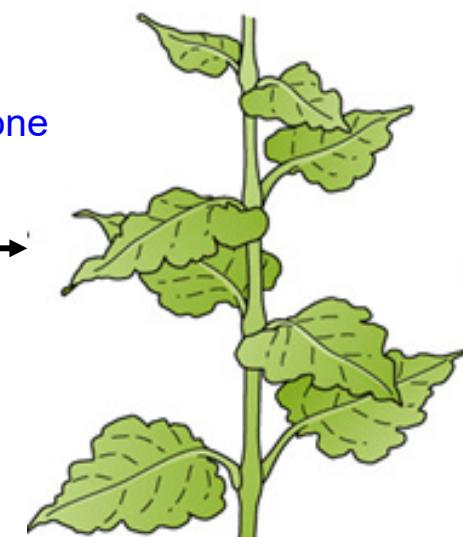
1 leaf

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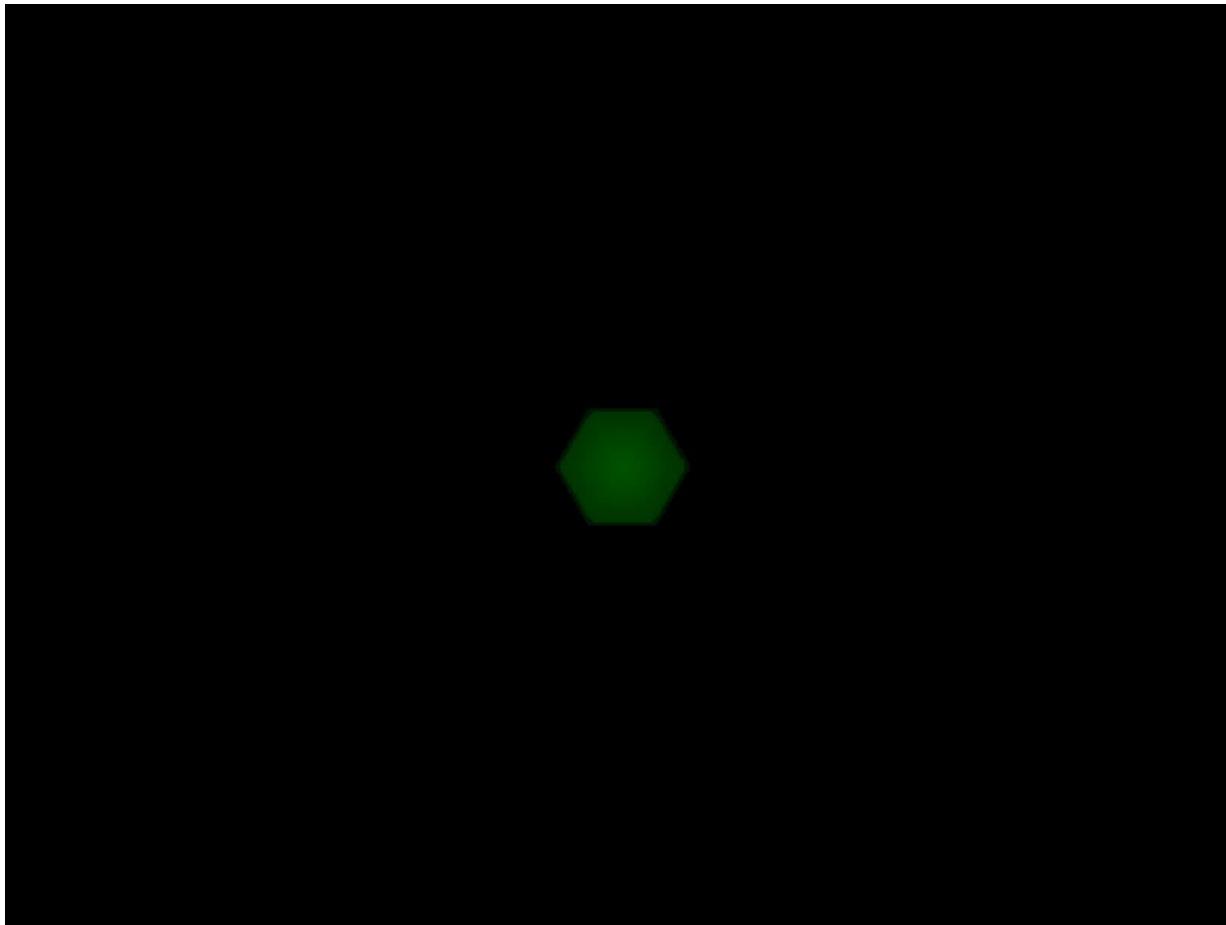
**Decussate**  
**Dvojčetný přeslen**



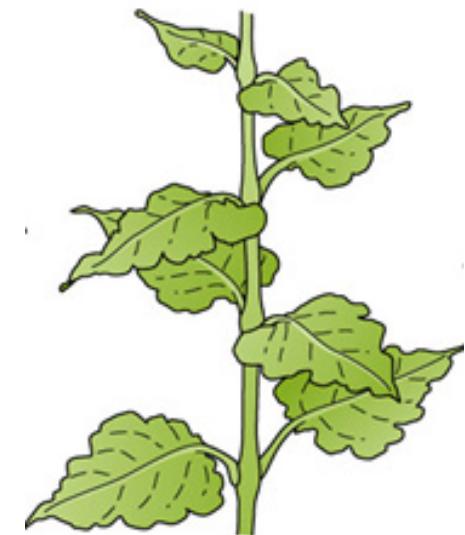
2 leaves

- increasing IAA production
- decreasing the width of the peripheral zone
- increasing the size of the central zone

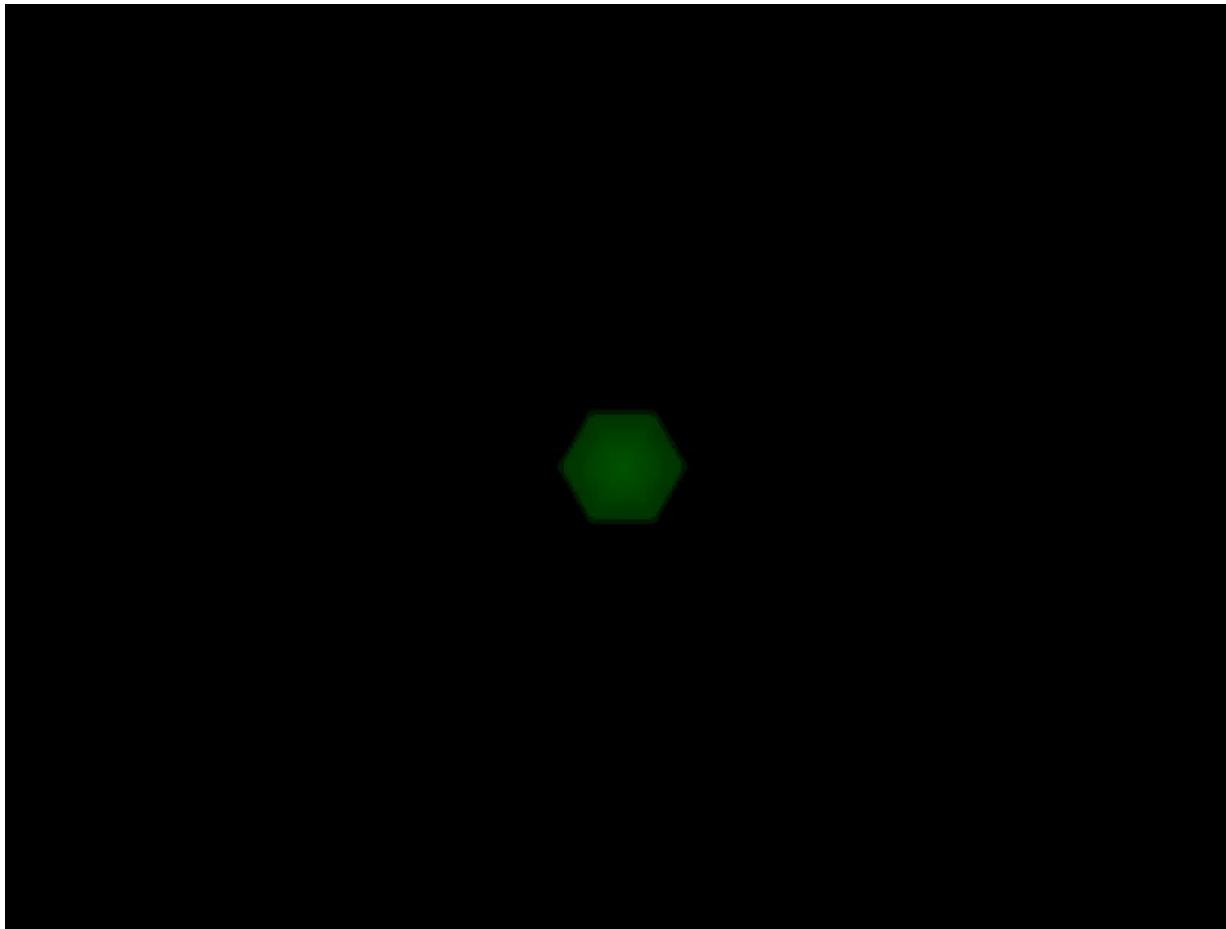




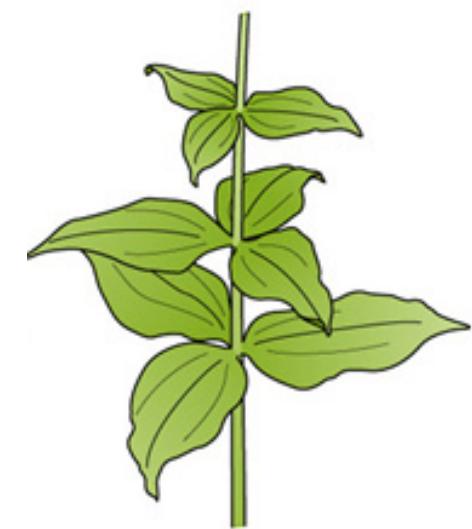
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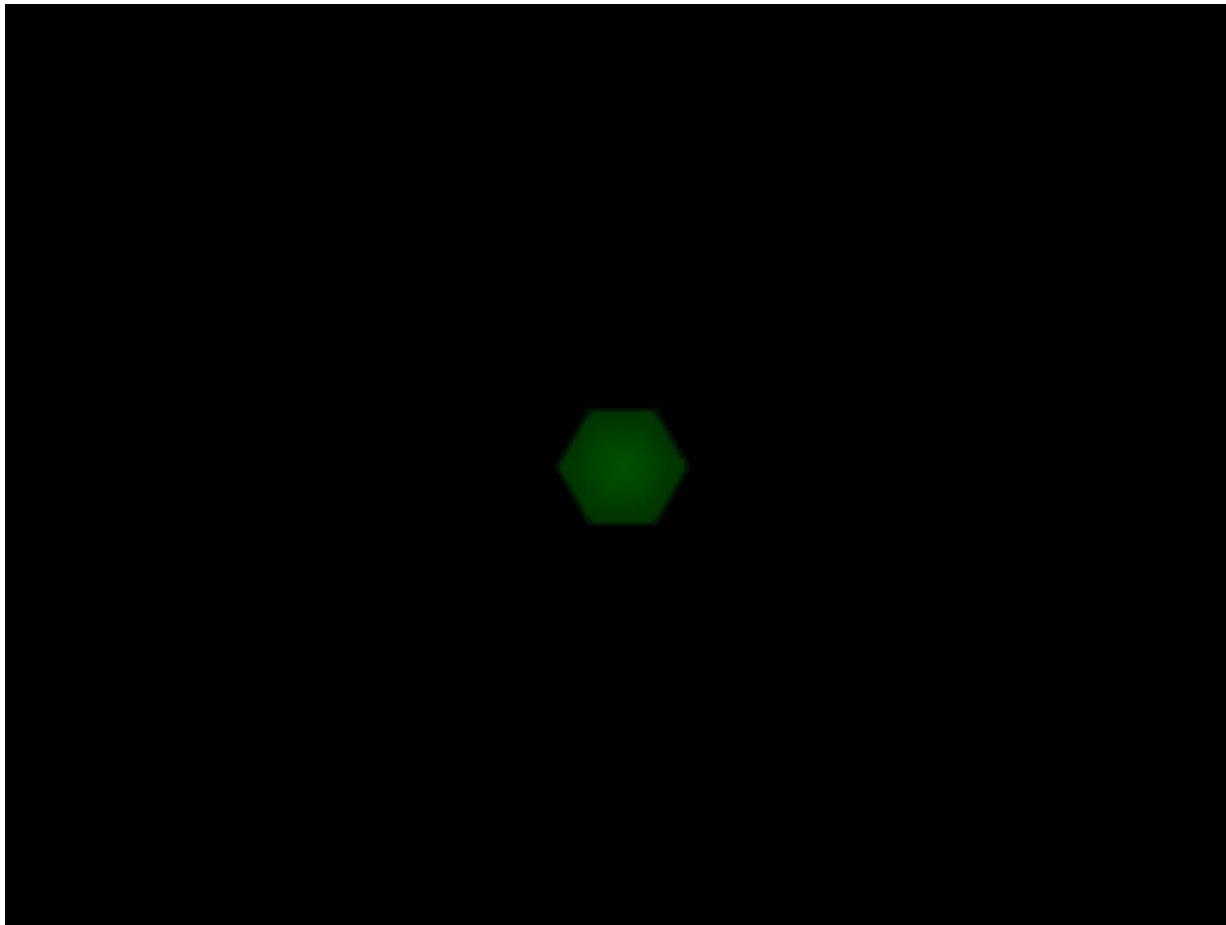
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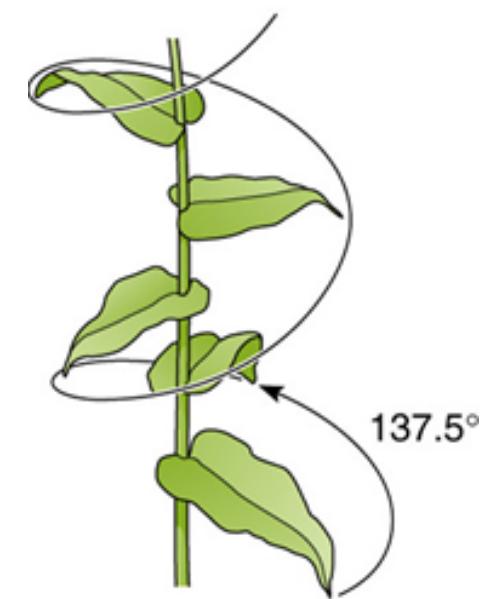
**Tricussate**  
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3 leaves



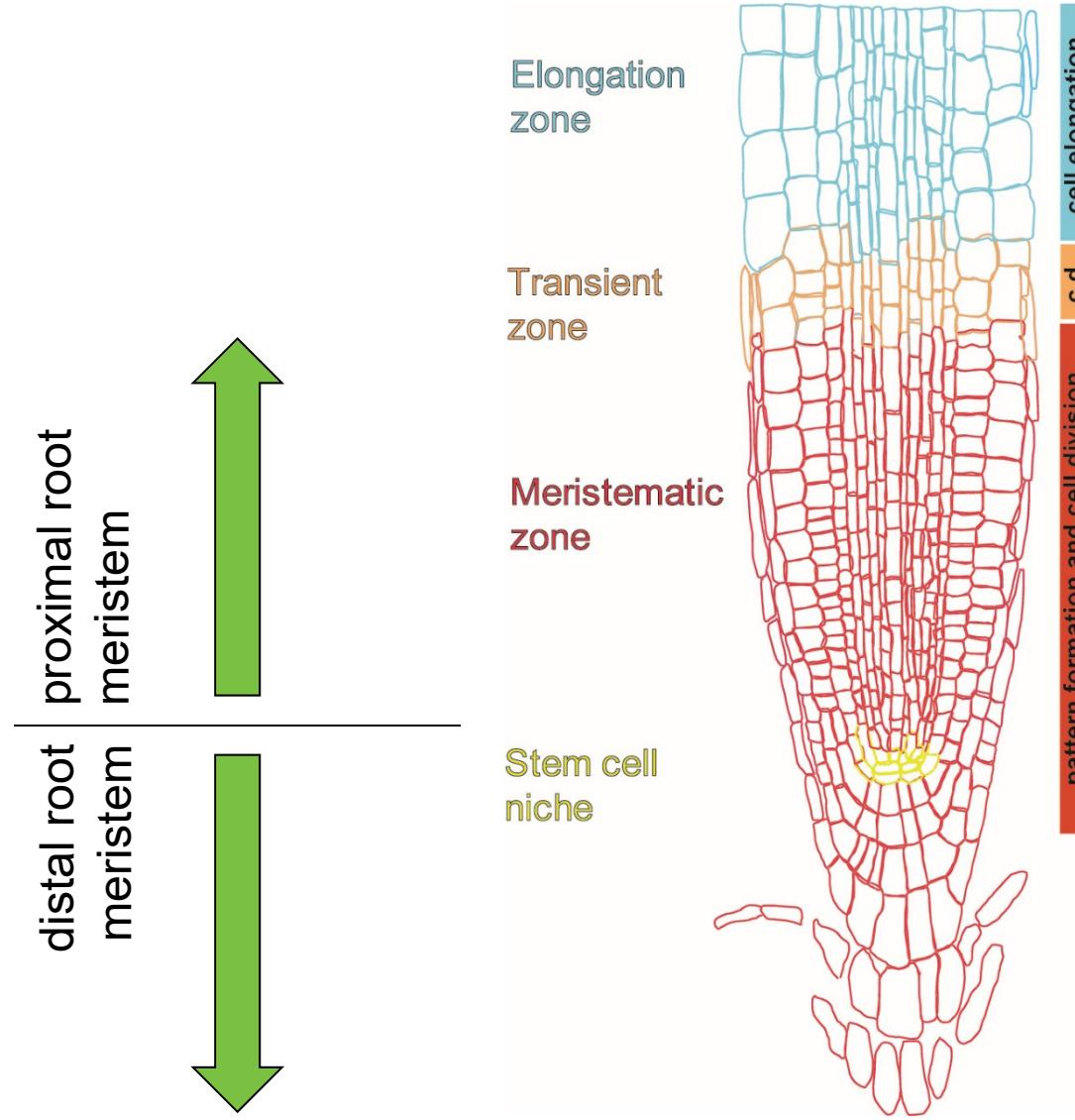
**Spiral**  
**Spirálovitá fylotaxe**



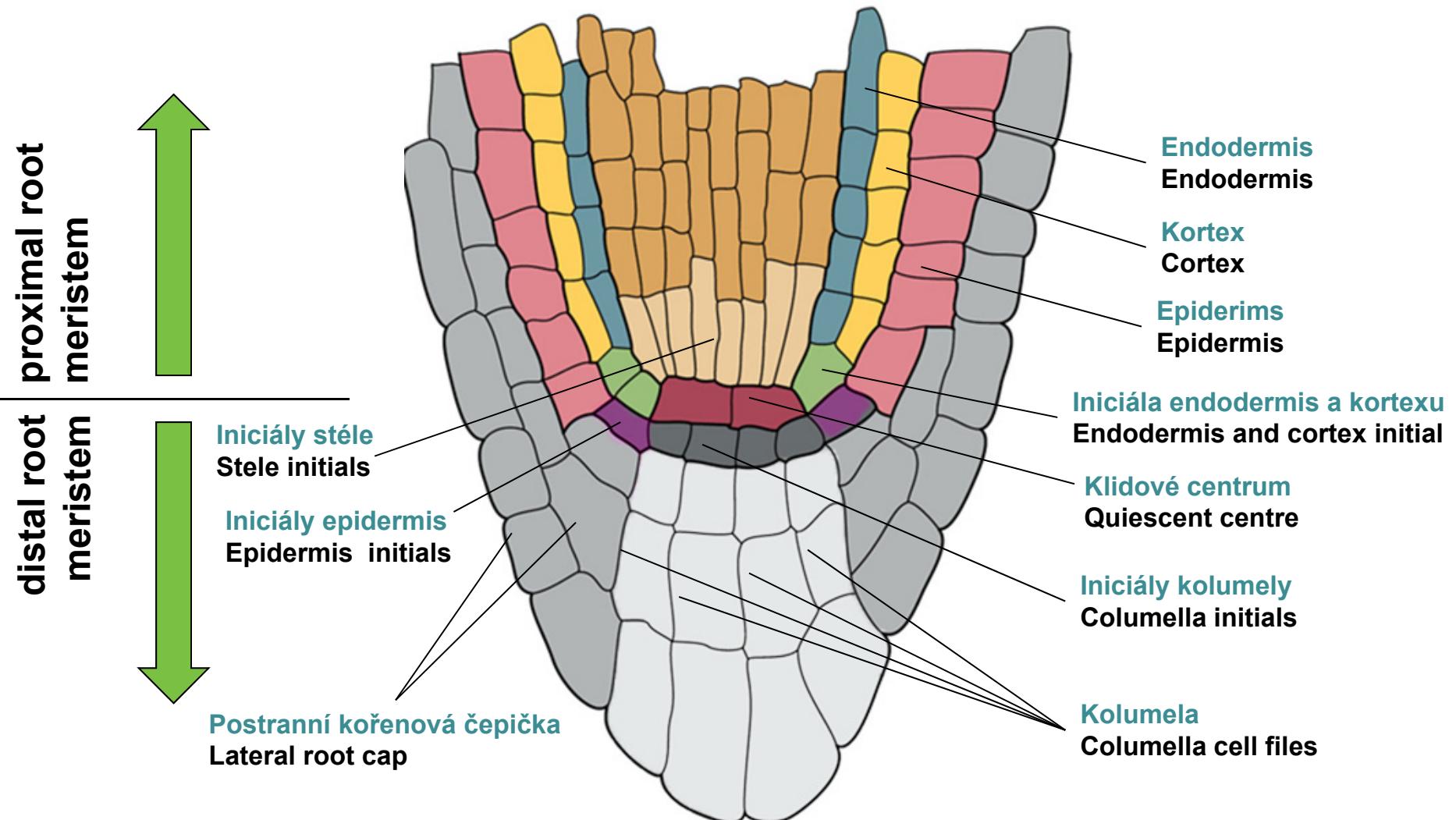
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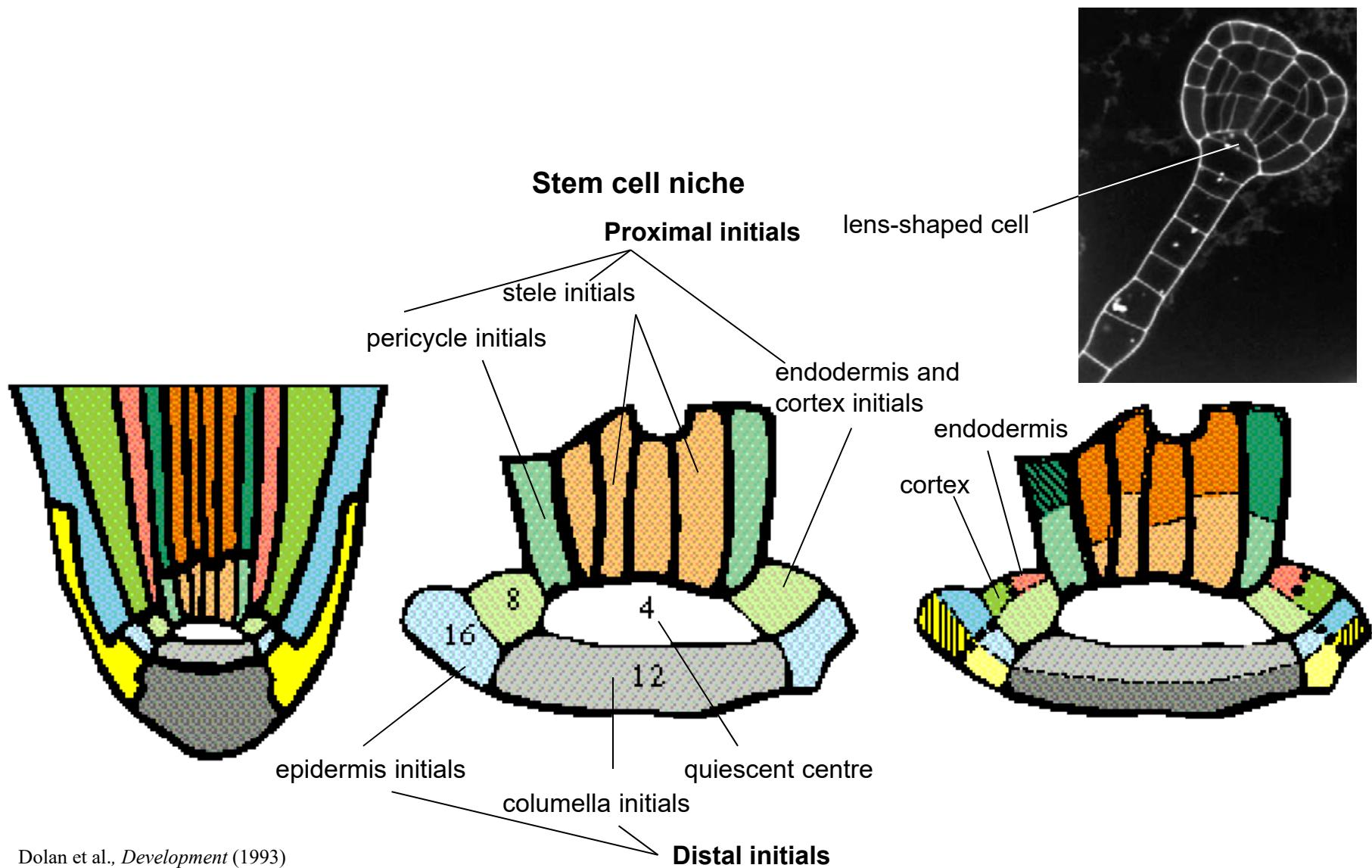
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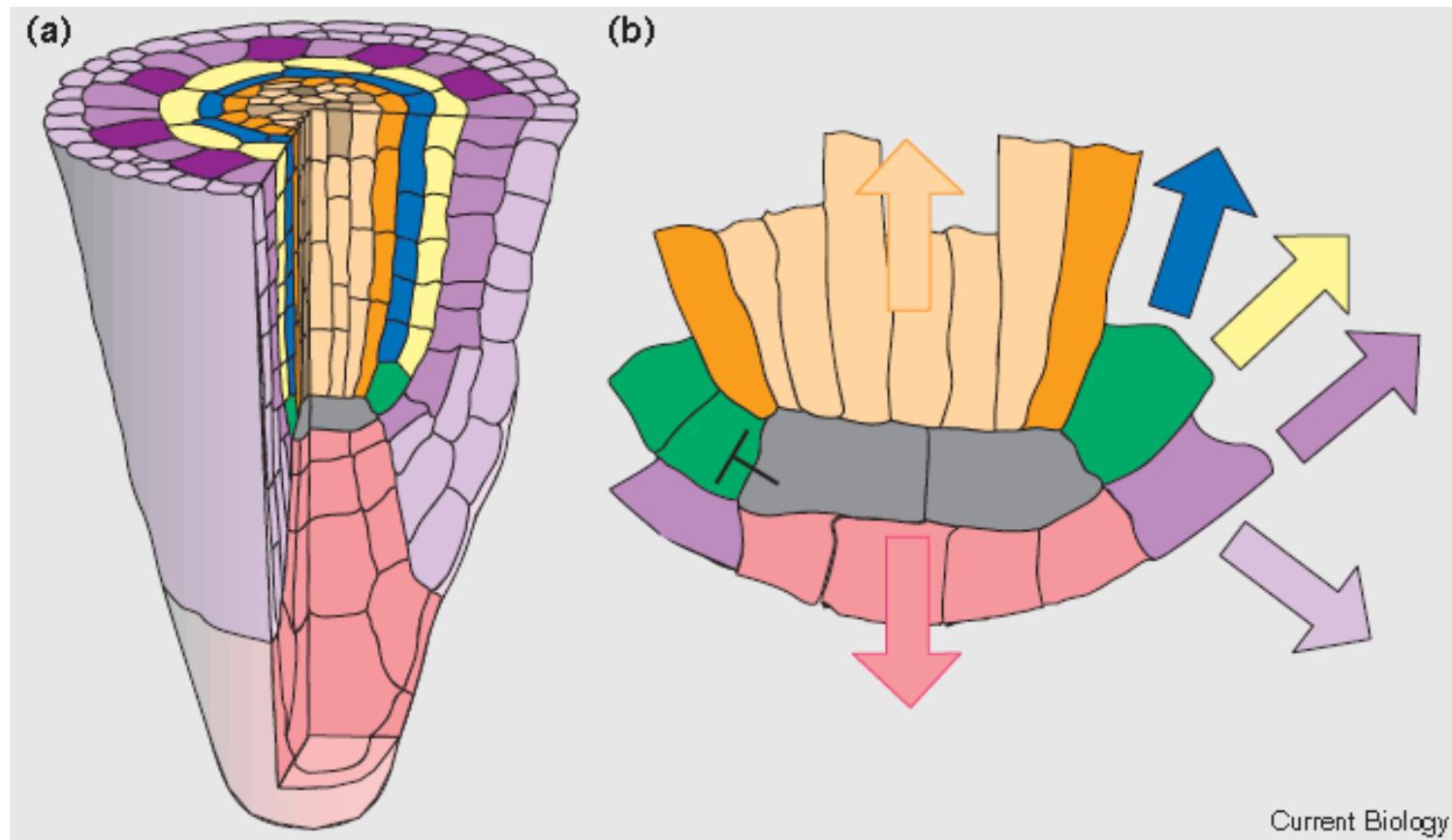
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Benkova and Hejatko, *Plant Mol Biol* (2008)







Current Biology

|                 |                  |                      |                    |                       |                     |               |                    |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| [Orange square] | Xylem and phloem | [Green square]       | Cortex initial     | [Purple square]       | NH and RH epidermis | [Grey square] | Quiescent center   |
| [Orange square] | Pericycle        | [Yellow/Blue square] | Cortex; endodermis | [Light Purple square] | Lateral root cap    | [Red square]  | Columella root cap |

Benfey and Scheres, *Current Biol* (2000)

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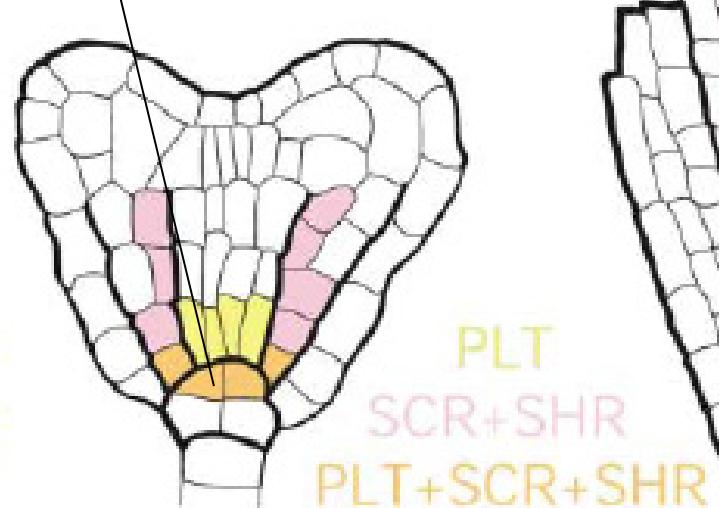
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Auxin gradient → PLT

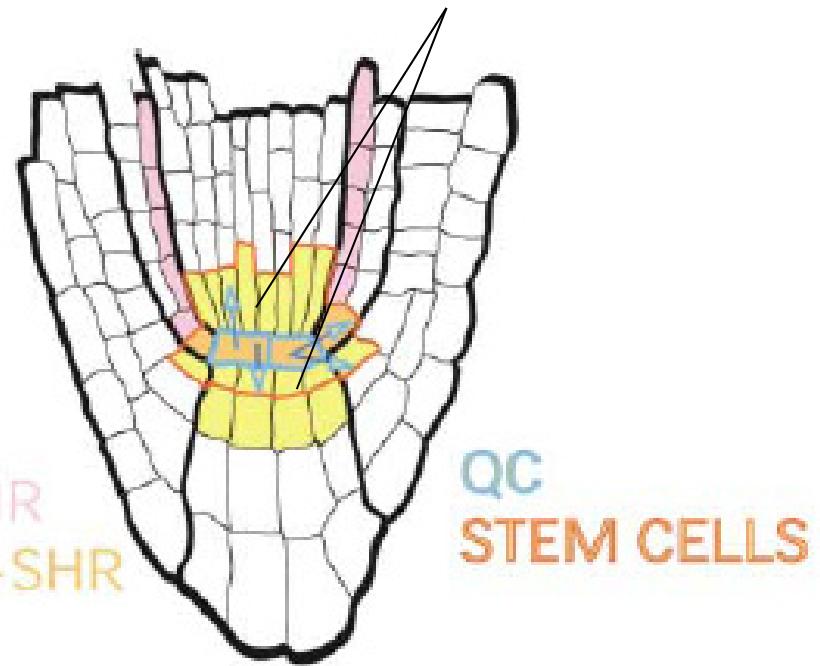


Overlap of expression of *PLT* and *SHR/SCR* provides the positional information for QC positioning



PLT  
SCR+SHR  
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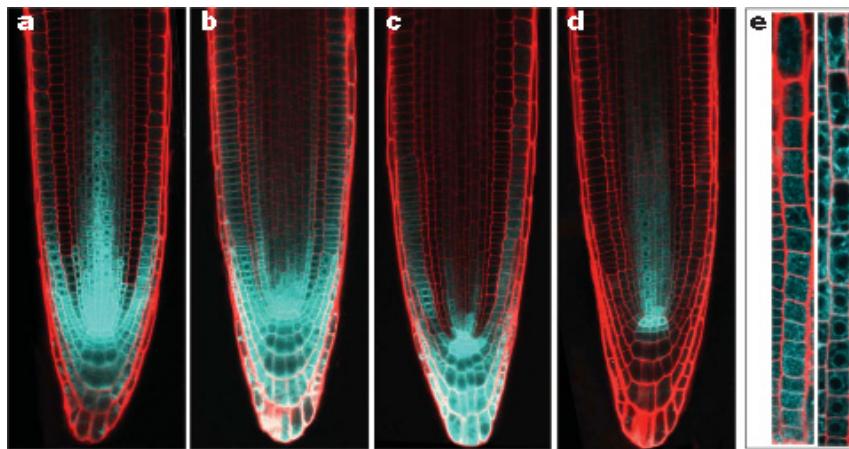
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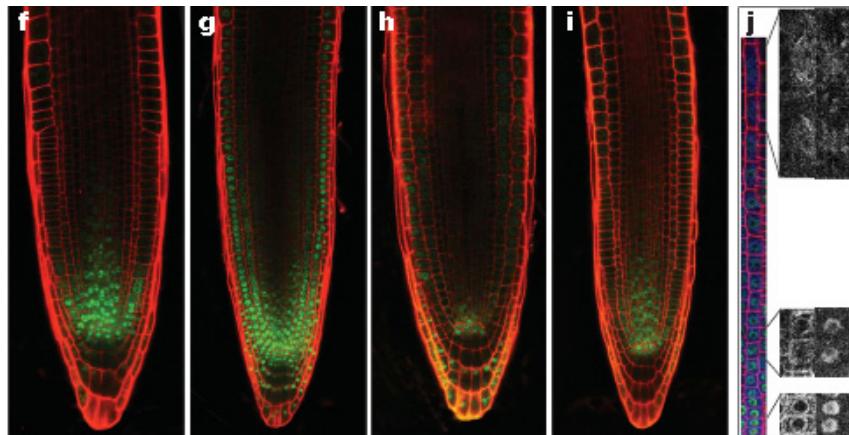
QC  
STEM CELLS

Aida et al., *Cell* (2004)

*ProPLT1:CFP* *ProPLT2:CFP* *ProPLT3:CFP* *ProBBM:CFP*



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PLT1, 2 ,BBM  
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Differentiated  
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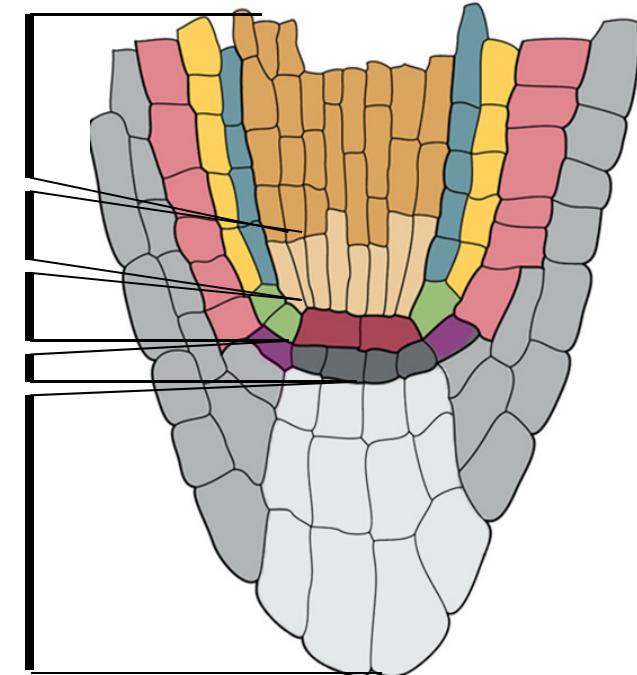
Proximal  
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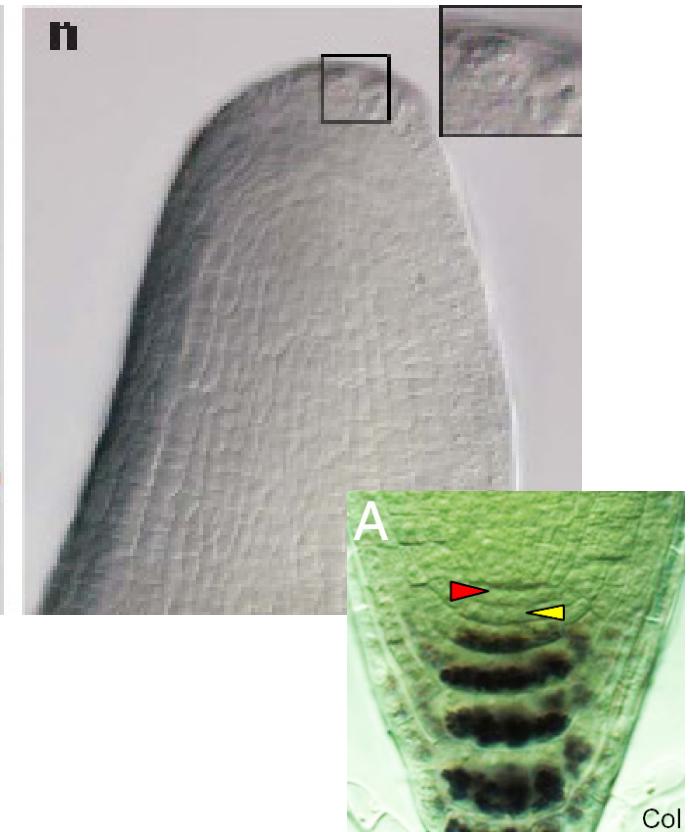
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## *PLTs* are master regulatory genes

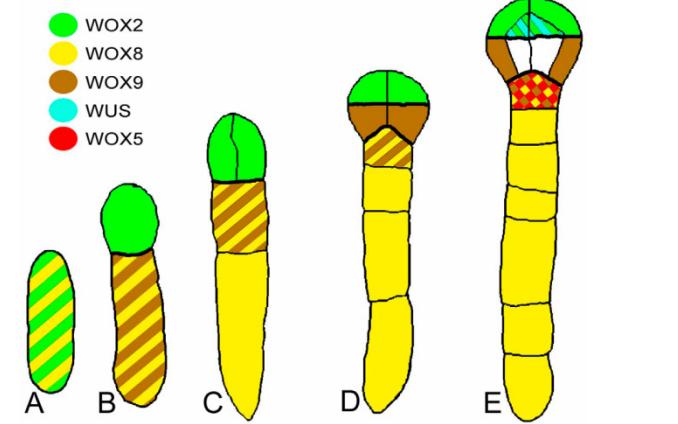
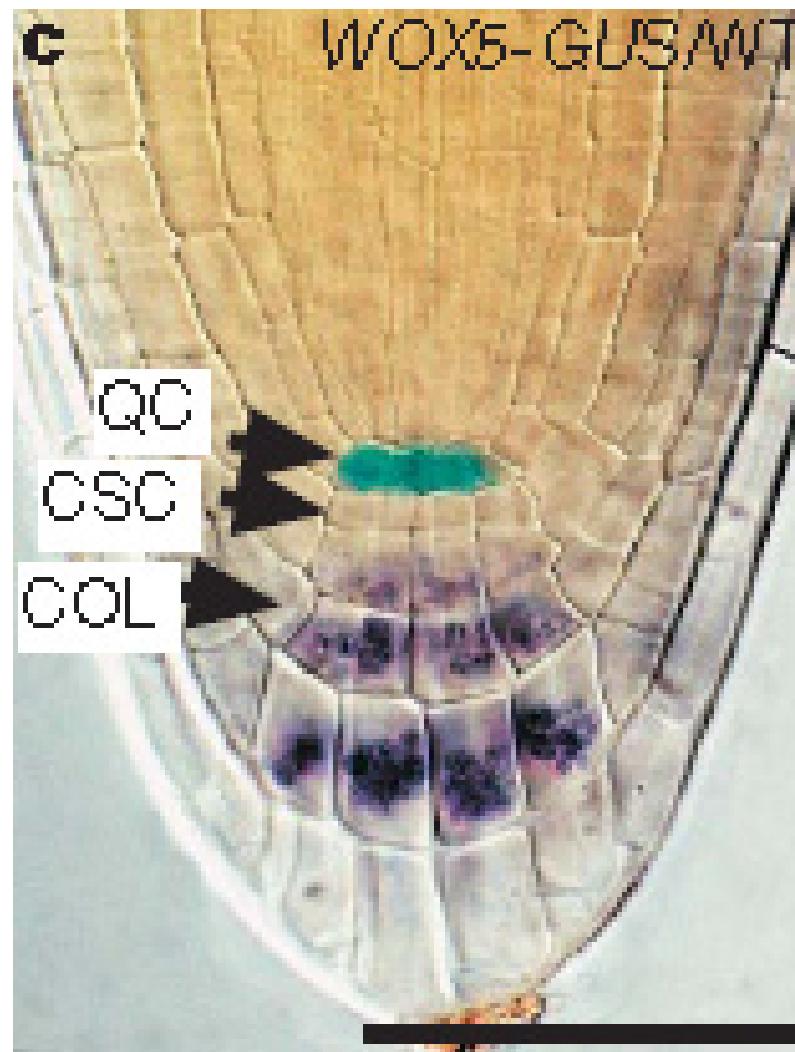
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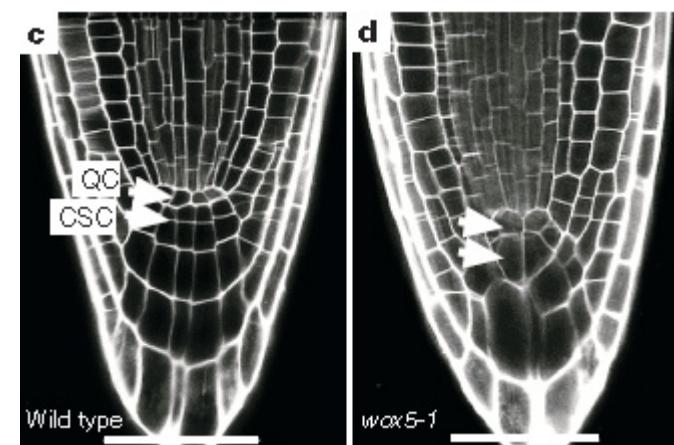
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**cellular pattern and cell identity of the stem cell niche affected**



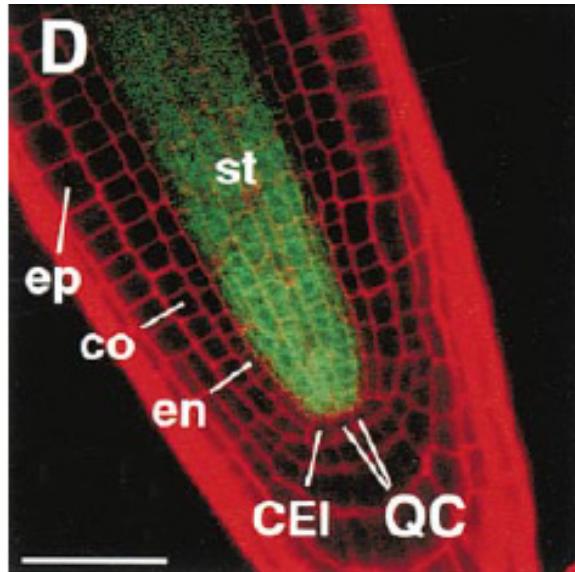
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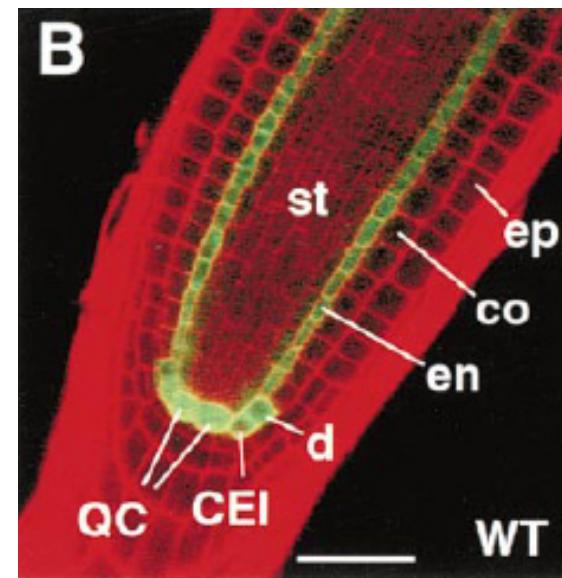
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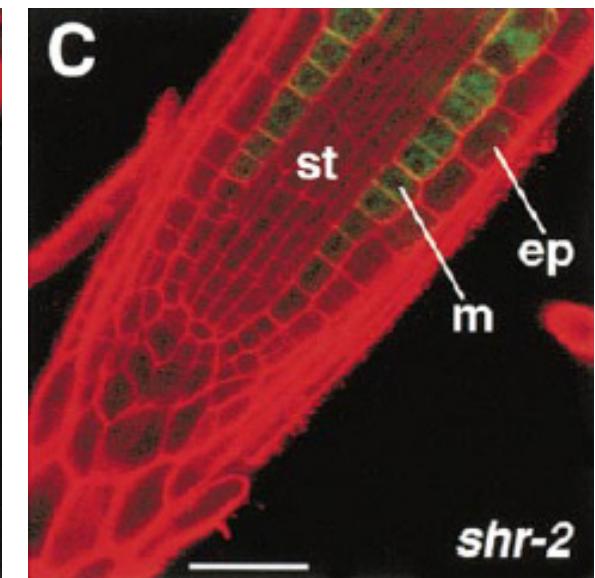


**SHR and SCR, TFs from the GRAS family**

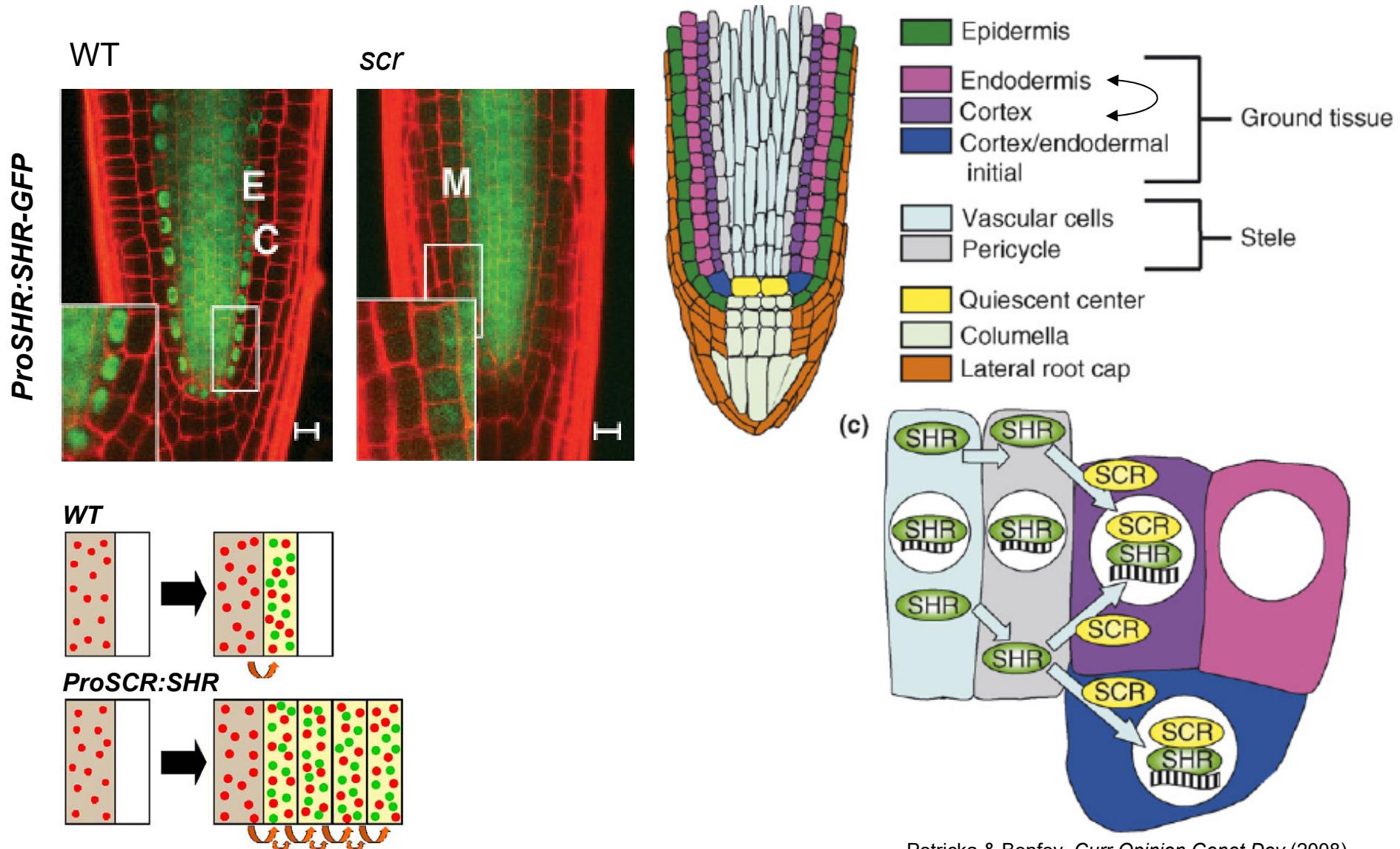
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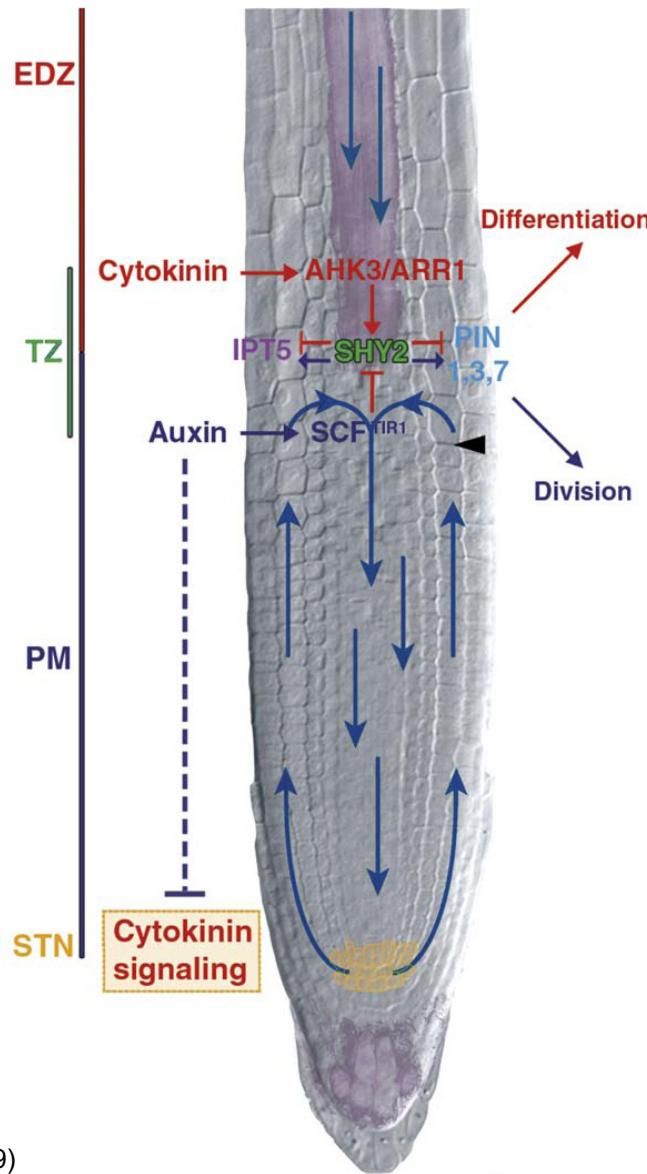
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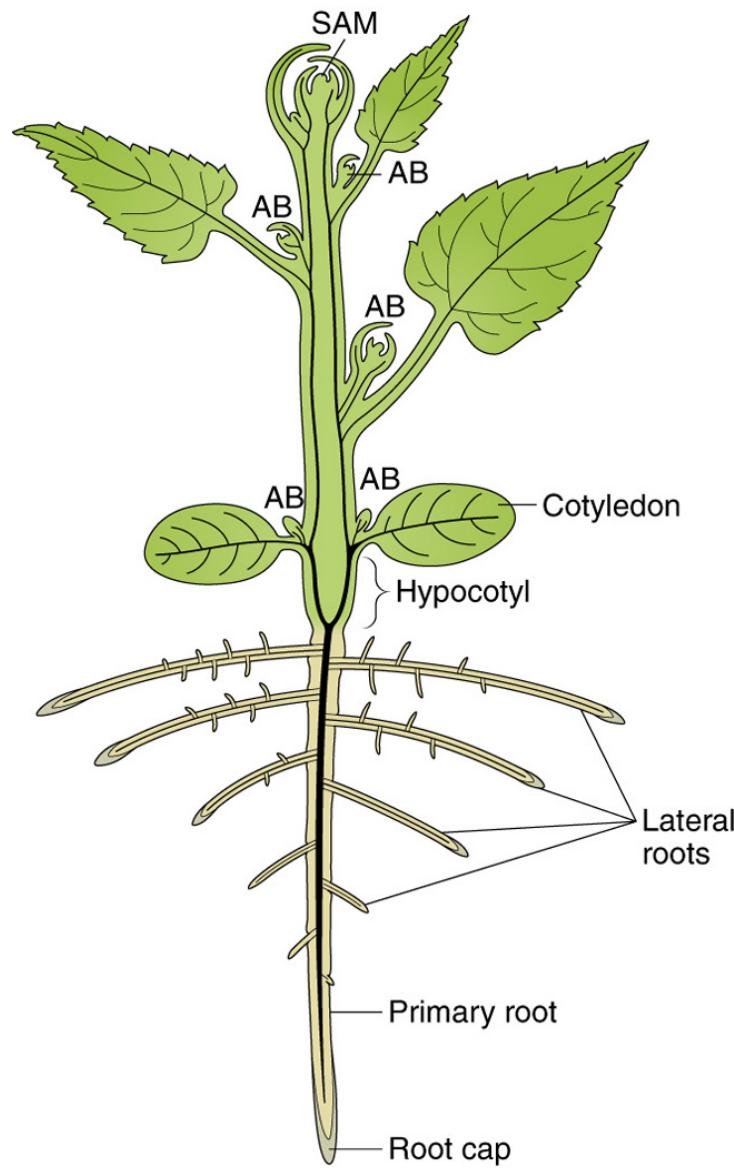


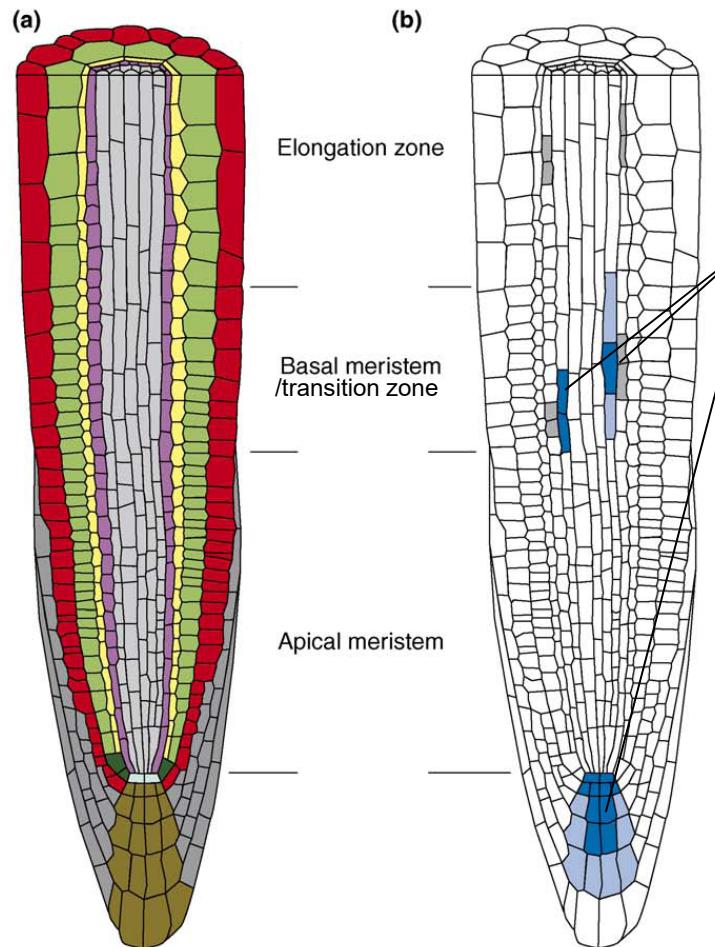
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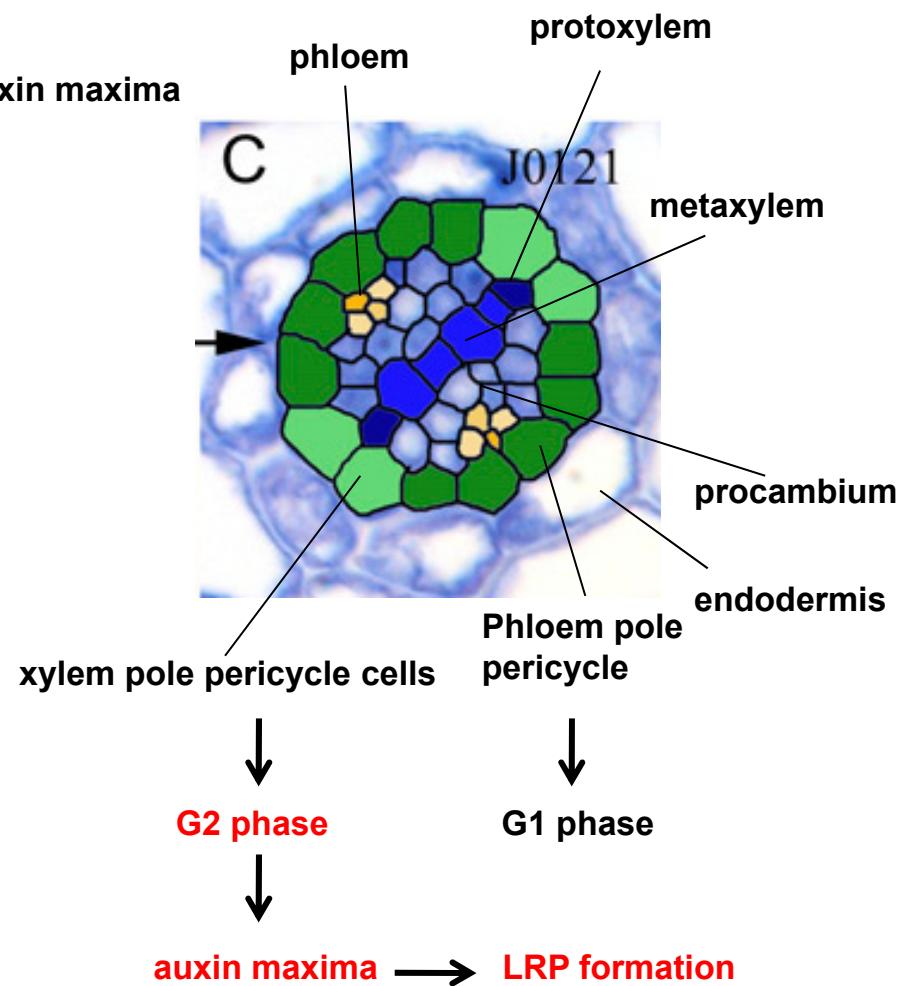




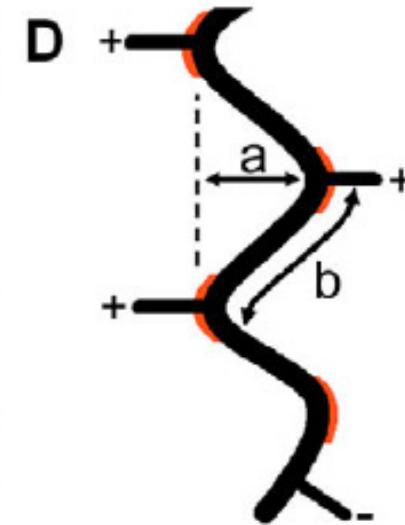
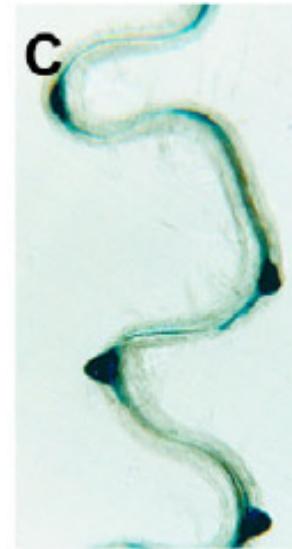
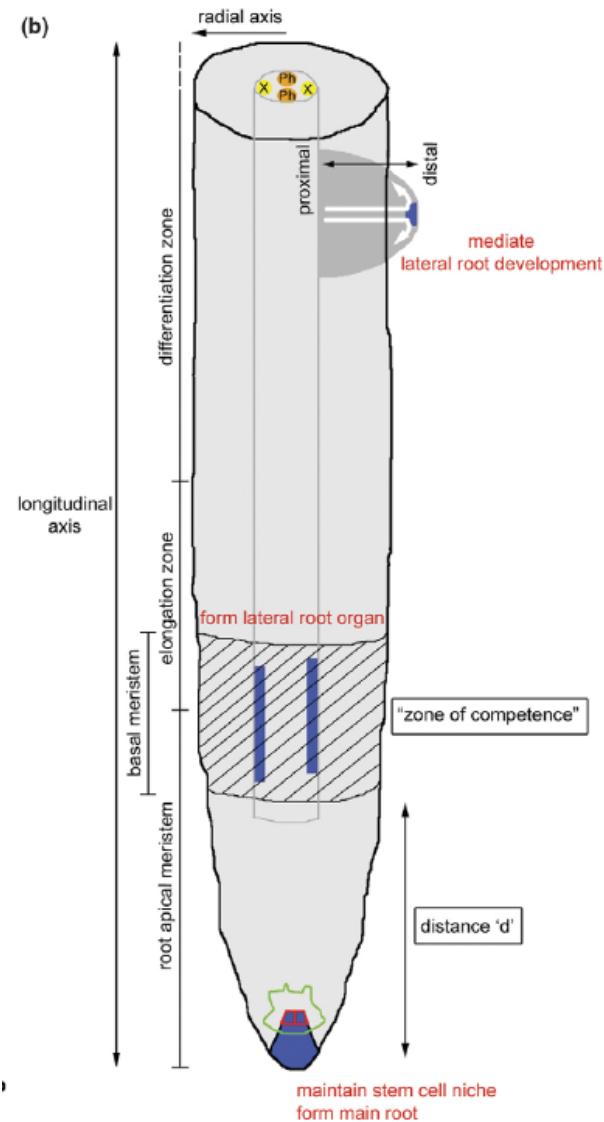
| Key:       |                            |                        |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Epidermis  | Quiescent center           | Auxin maximum          |
| Cortex     | Cortex/endodermis initials | Primed pericycle cells |
| Endodermis | Columella root cap         |                        |
| Pericycle  | Lateral root cap           |                        |
| Stele      |                            |                        |

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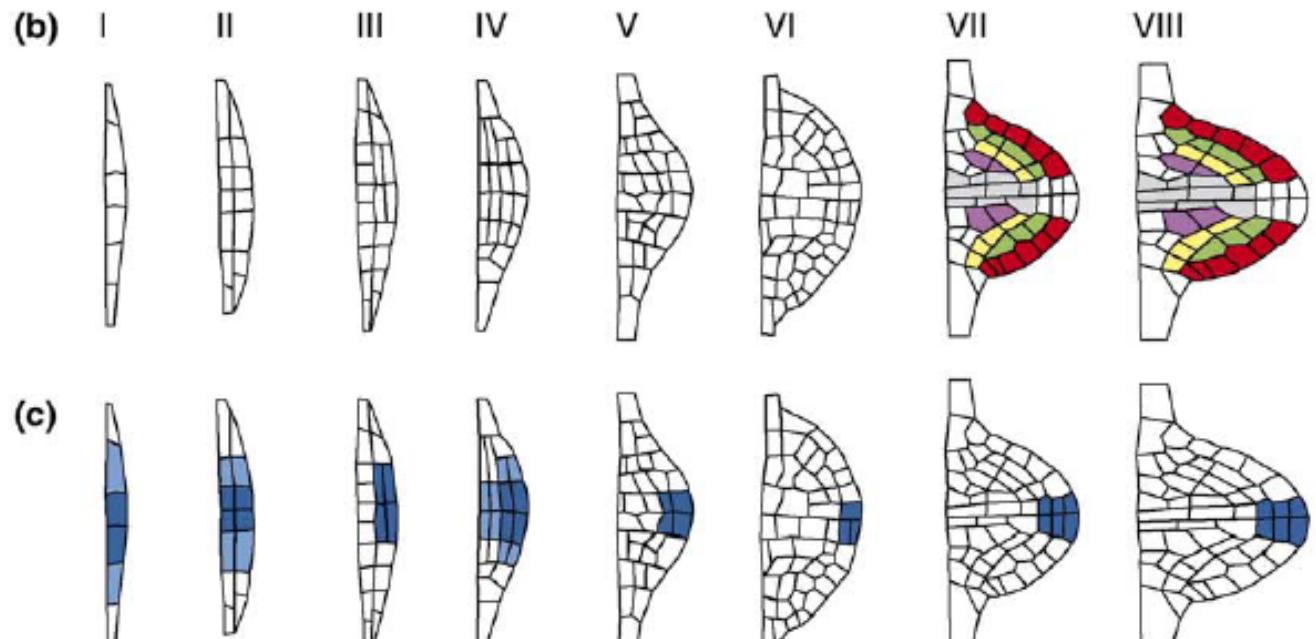
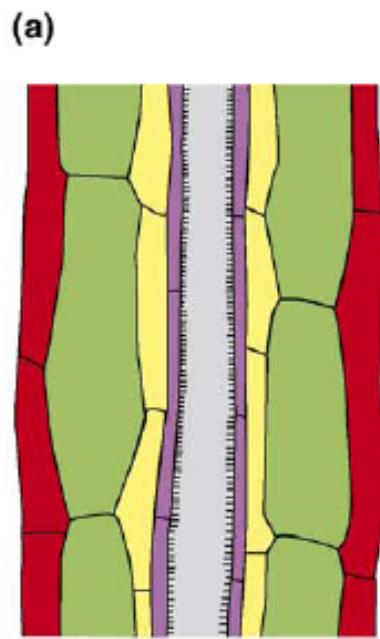


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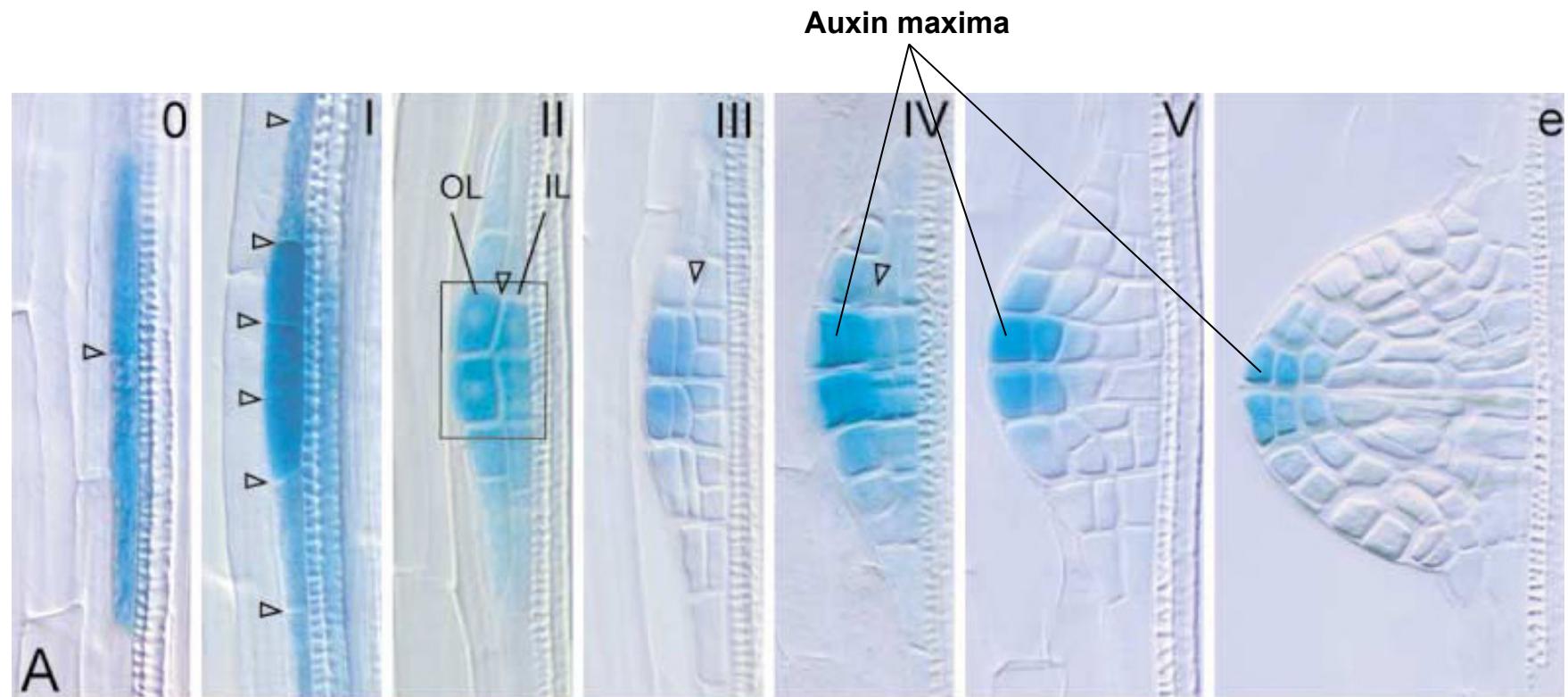
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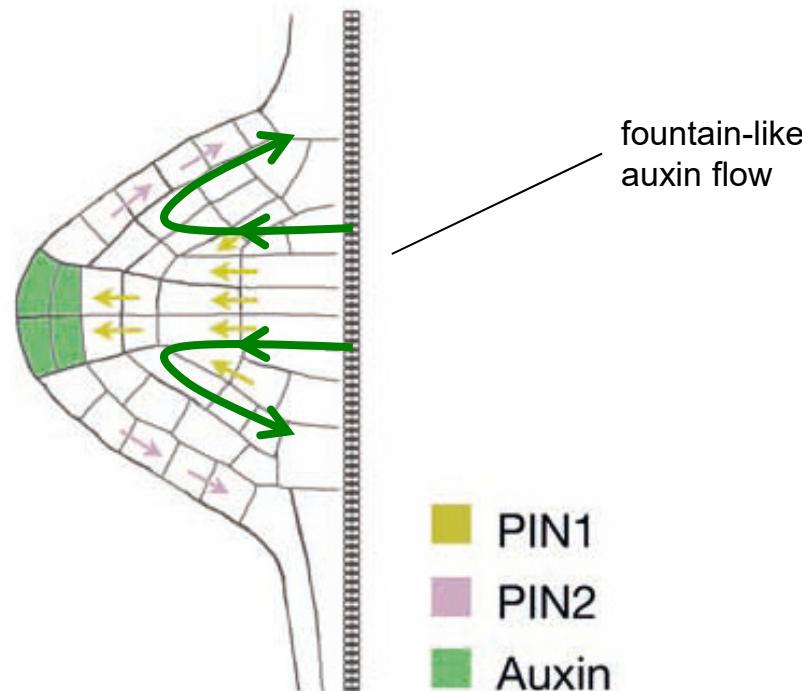
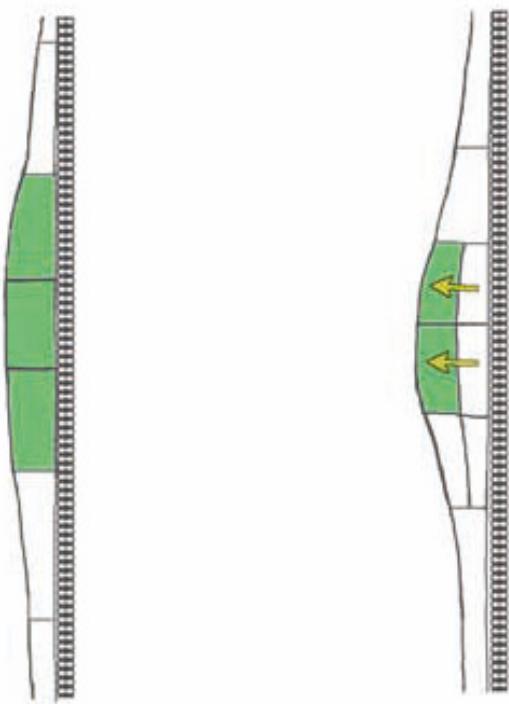
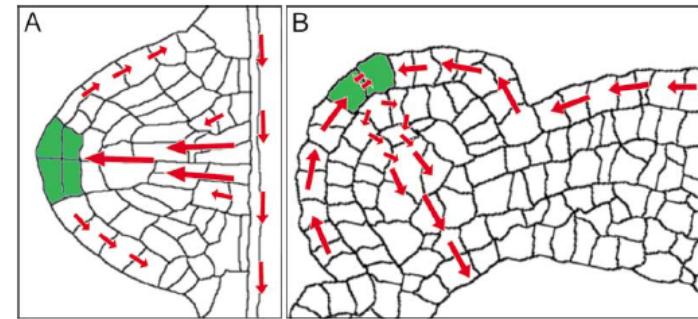
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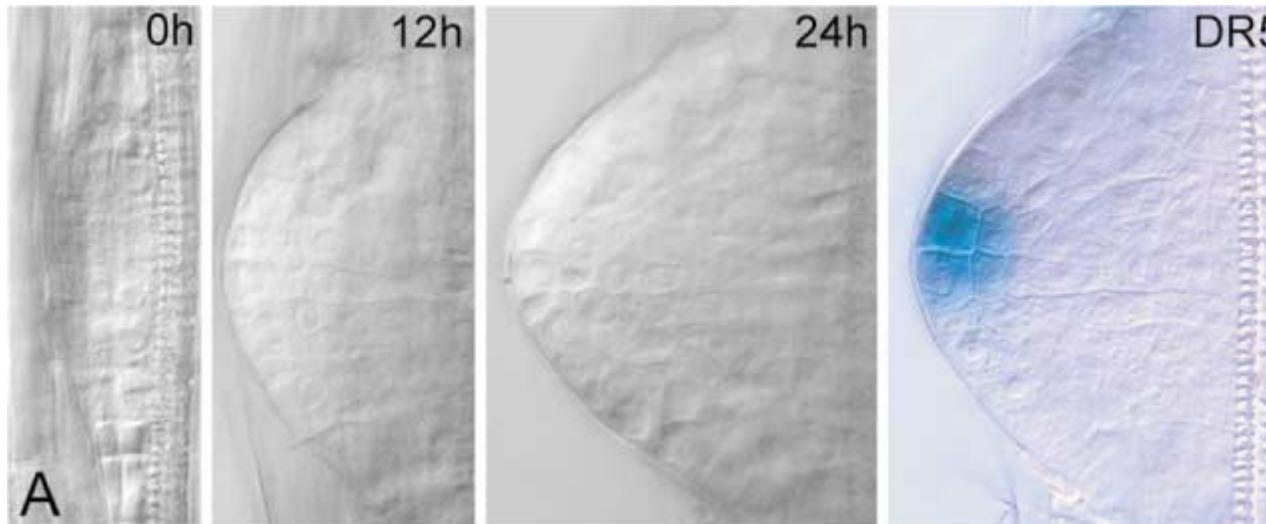


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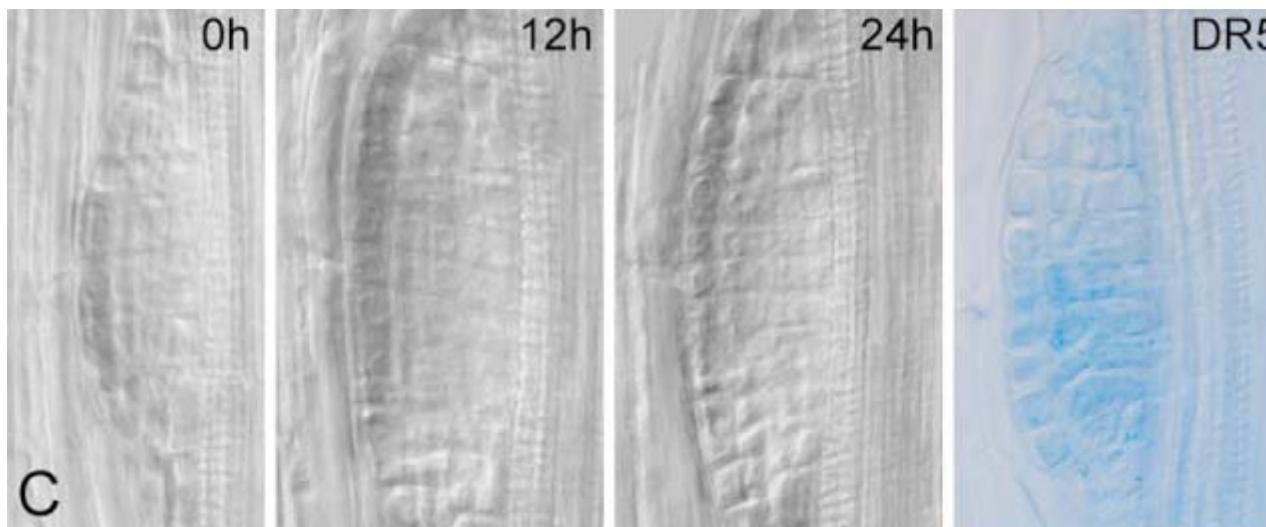


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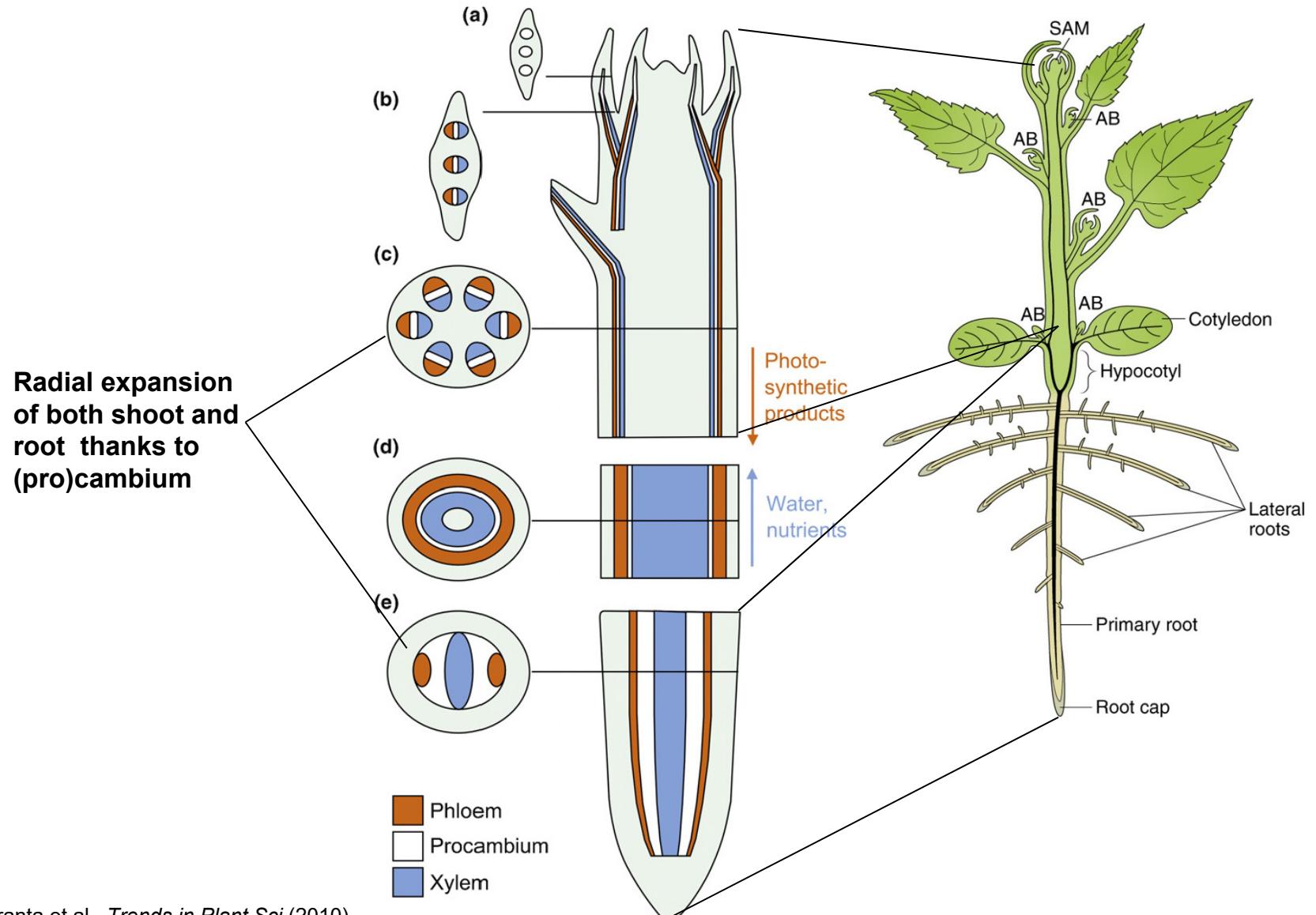


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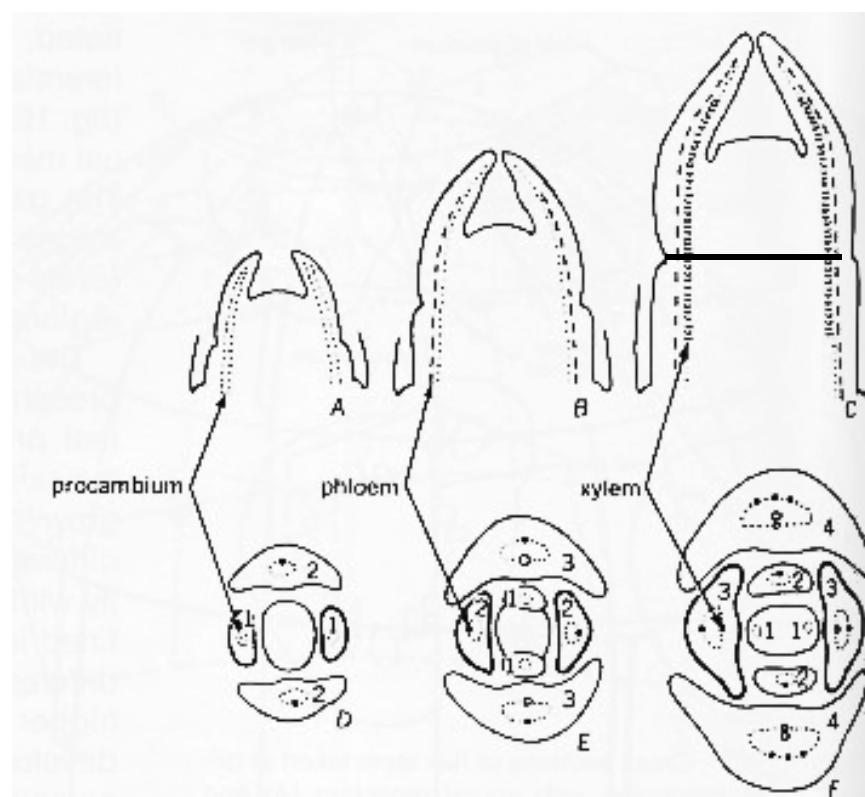
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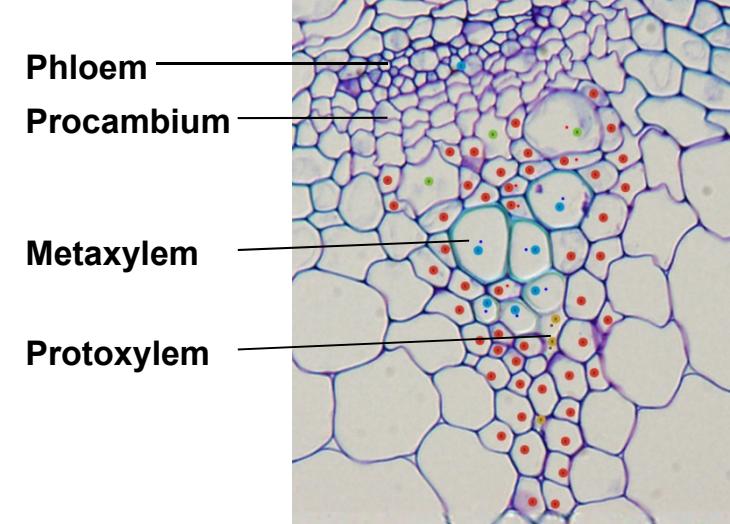
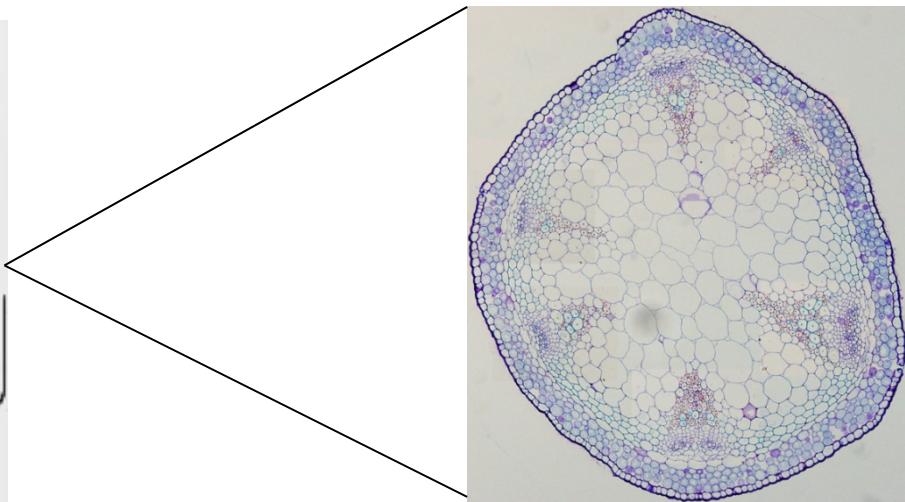
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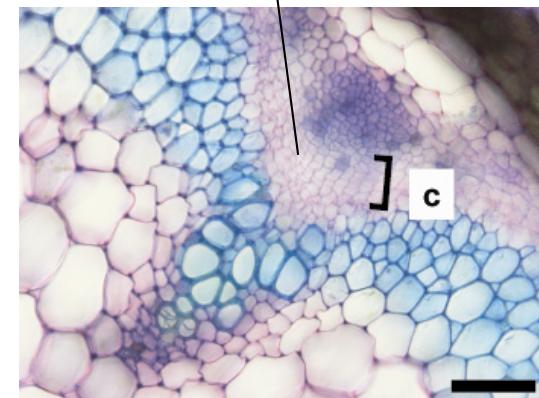
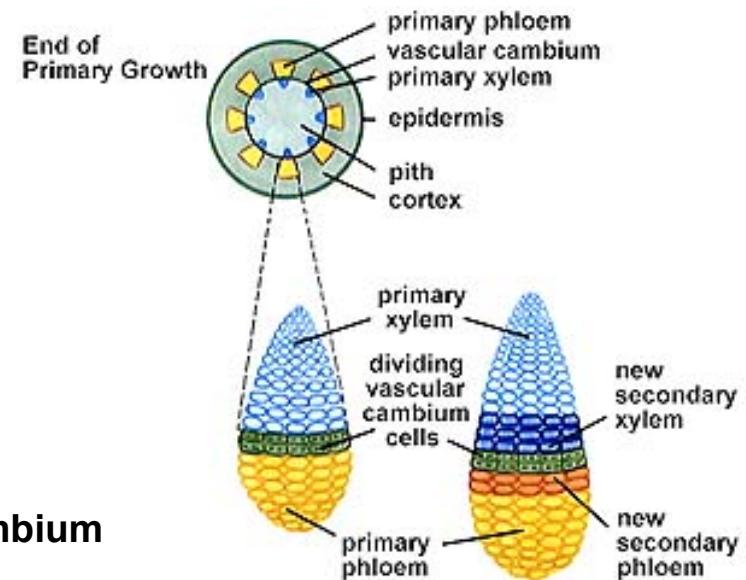
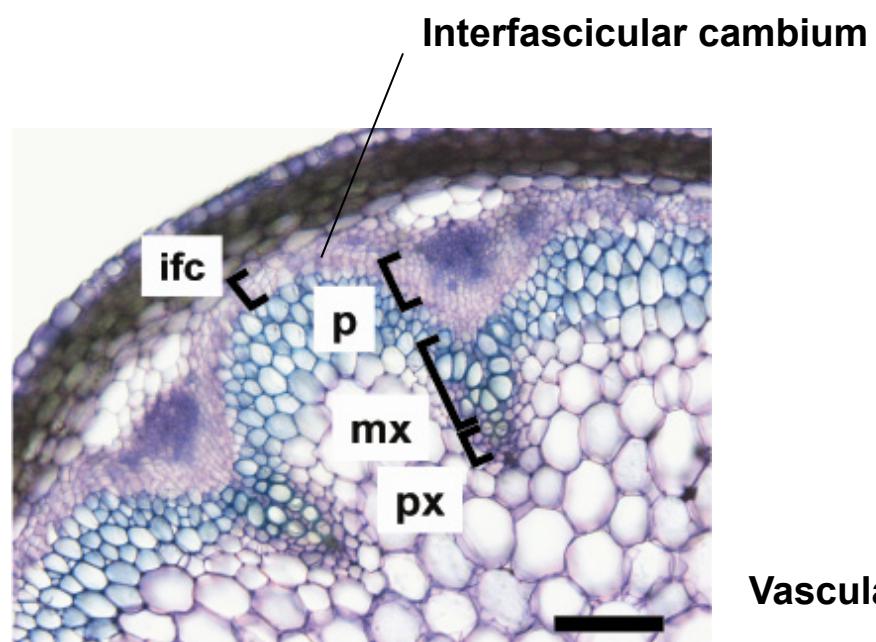
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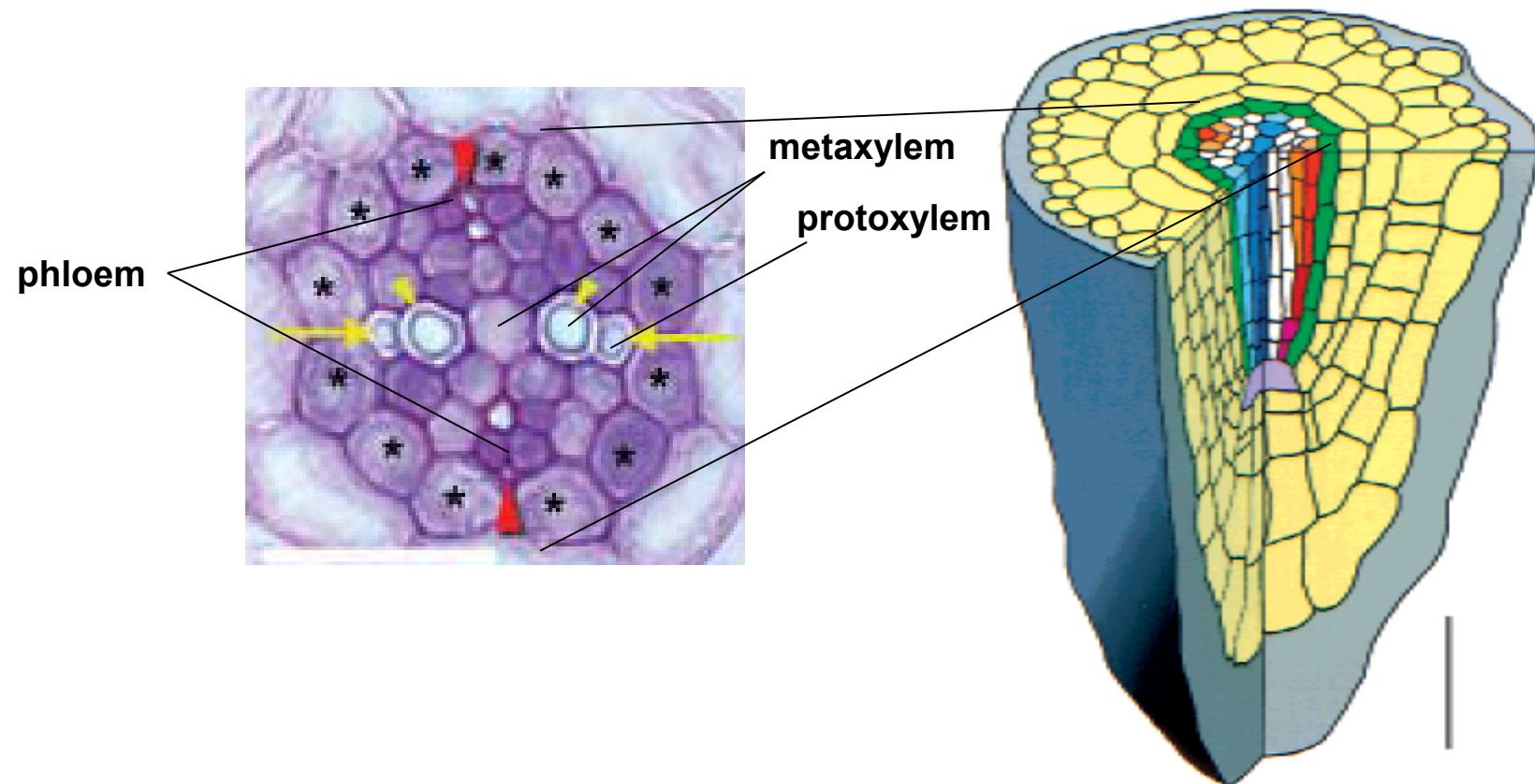
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# Key Concepts

## Postembryonic Plant Development

- Plants, in contrast to animals, form most of their tissues and organs during **postembryonic development** via **postembryonic de novo organogenesis**.
- Both shoot and root growth occurs via **directed cell proliferation** and **differentiation** in plant **meristems**.
- **Organizing centres** are formed in both shoot and root apical meristems.
- **Auxin gradients** determine **novel organ initiation** and **spacing** in the shoot apical meristem.
- **Auxin-driven morphogen gradient** acts in the **specification of the stem cell niche** and **cell differentiation** in the root.
- **Auxin maxima** specify positions of novel organ formation e.g. **lateral root primordia**.
- **(Pro)cambium** contains **stem cell pool** and allows **vascular tissue formation** and **radial growth** of plants.

# Discussion