

# C8545 Developmental Biology

## Lesson 6

### Plant Reproduction

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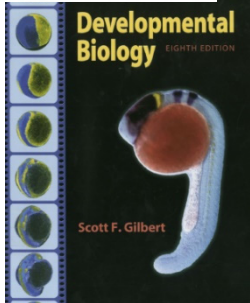
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# Literature



Fred H. Wilt & Sarah C. Hake



Scott F. Gilbert

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## Plant Reproduction

- Sexual and asexual plant reproduction
- Plant life cycle
- Initiation of flowering
- Determination of floral organ identity
- Microgametogenesis
- Megagametogenesis
  - Female gametophyte patterning
- Pollen tube growth, guidance and fertilization
- Endosperm and seed formation

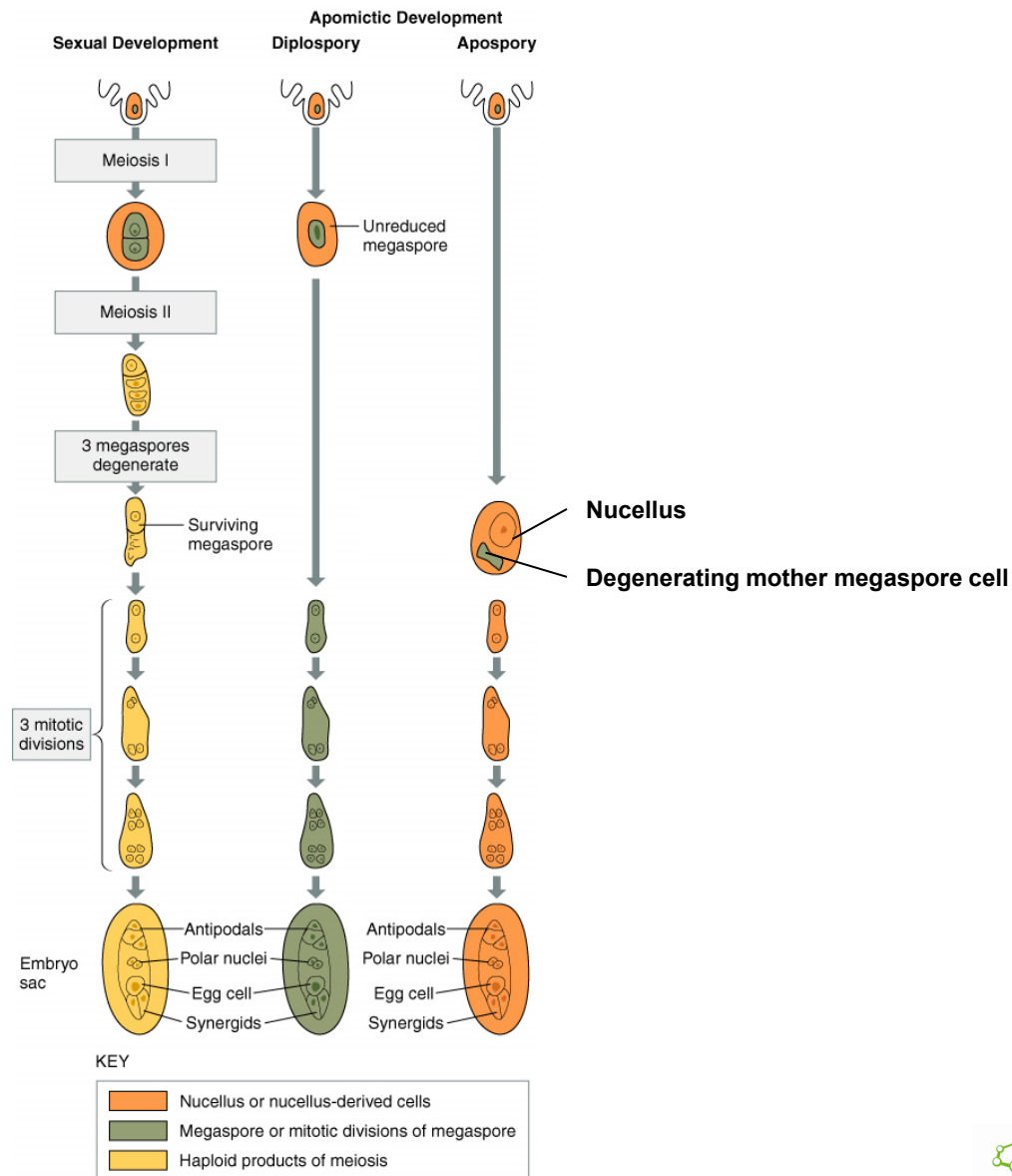
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- Sexual and asexual plant reproduction



# Asexual Plant Reproduction

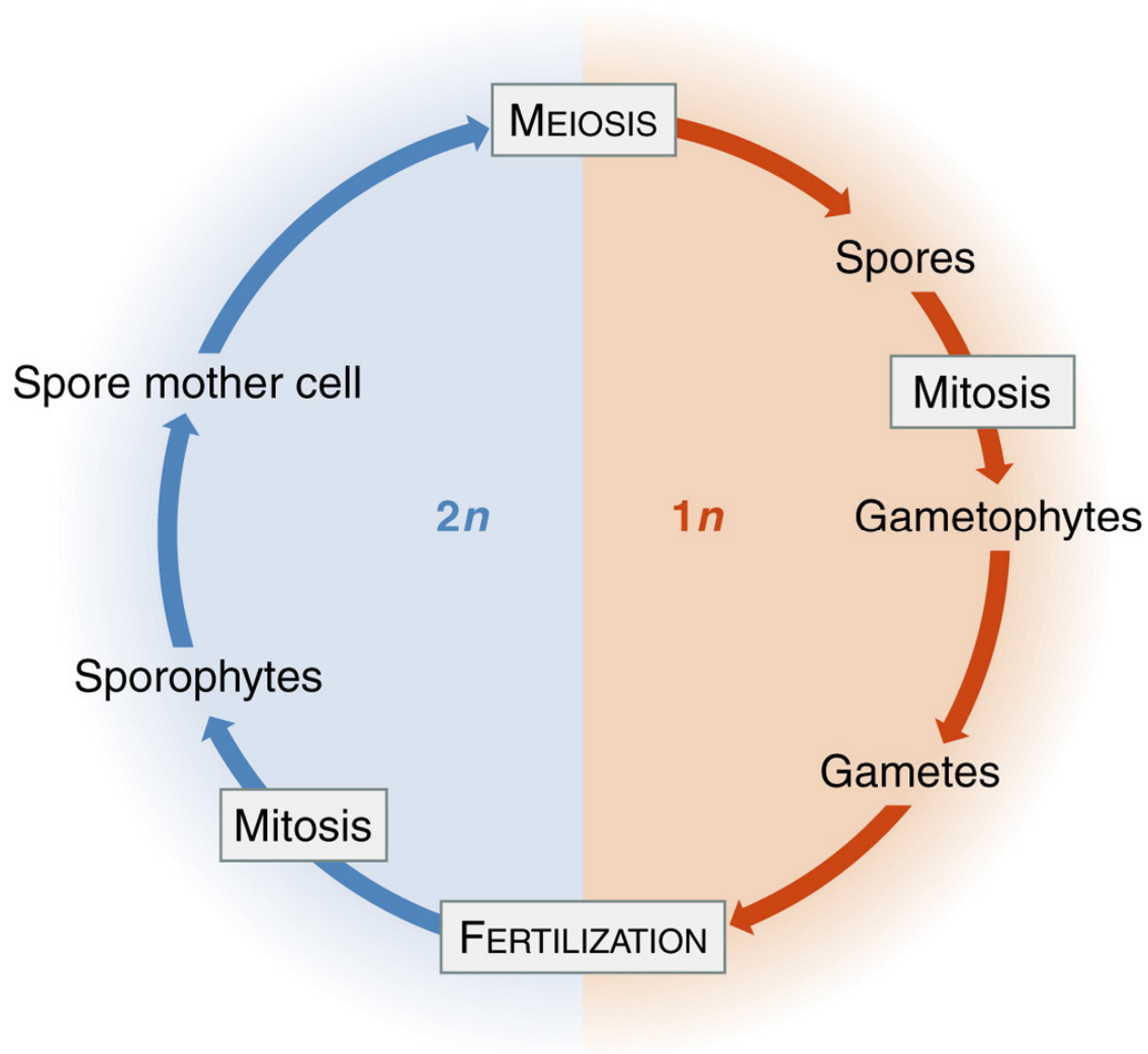


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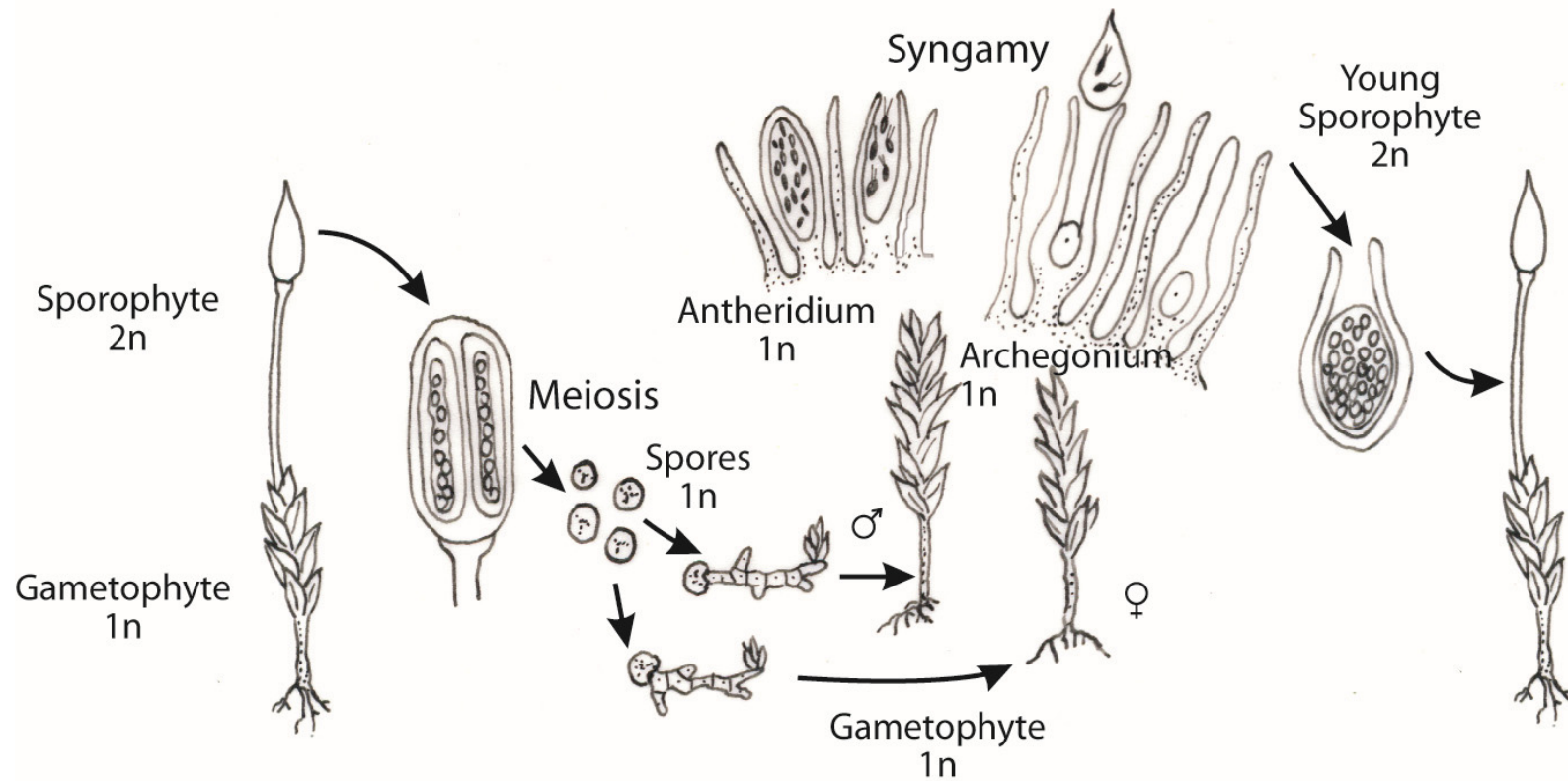
- Sexual and asexual plant reproduction
- Plant life cycle

# Plant Life Cycle



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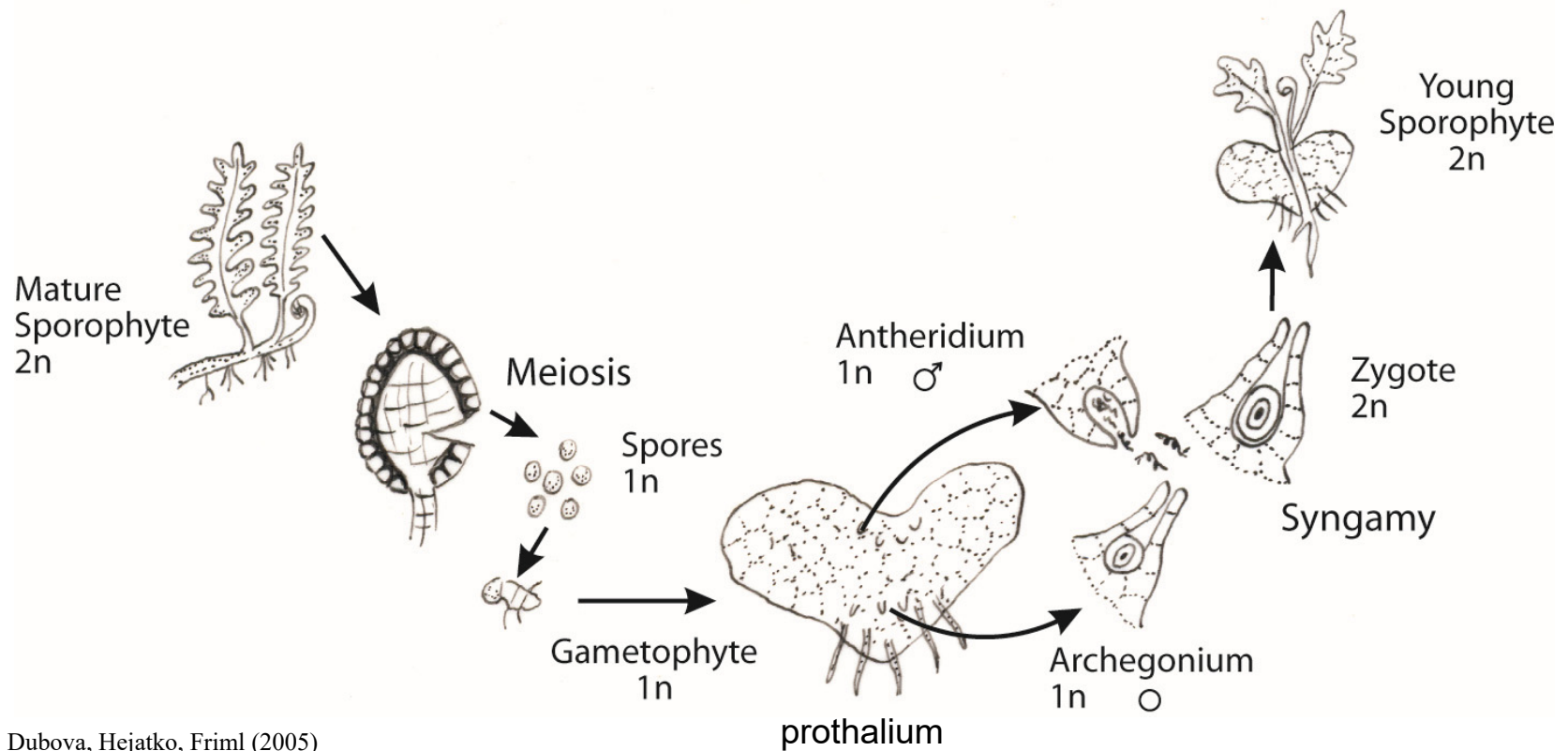
## Mosses



Dubova, Hejatko, Friml (2005)

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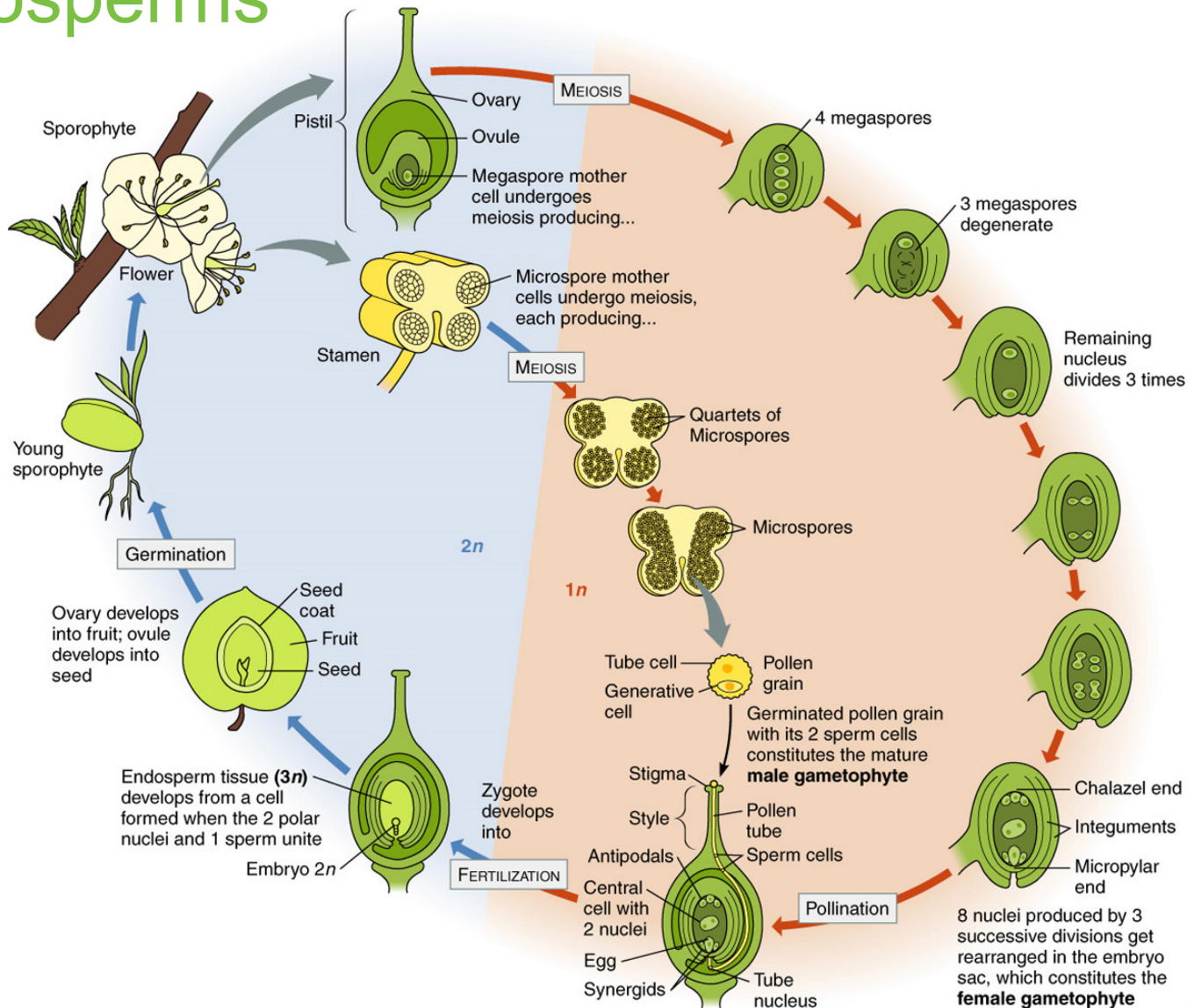
## Ferns



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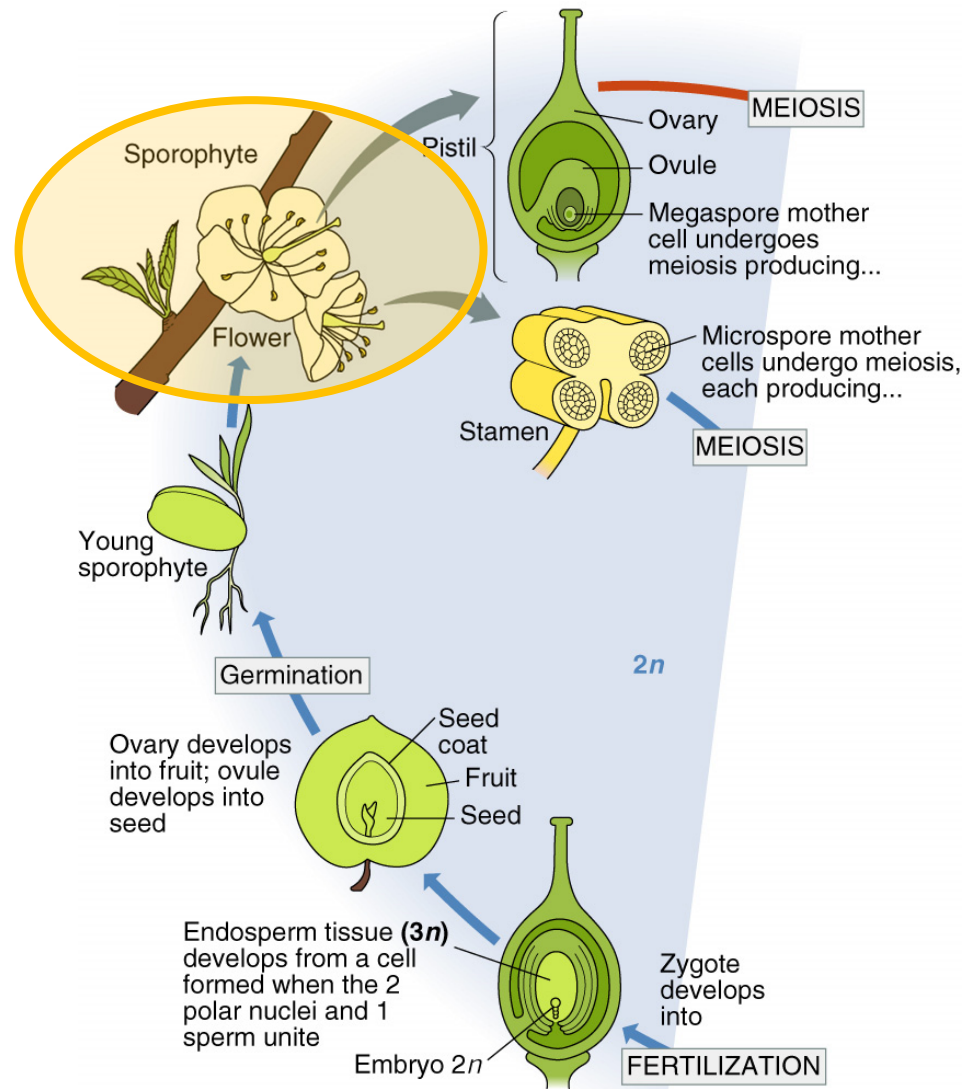
# Plant Life Cycle

## Angiosperms



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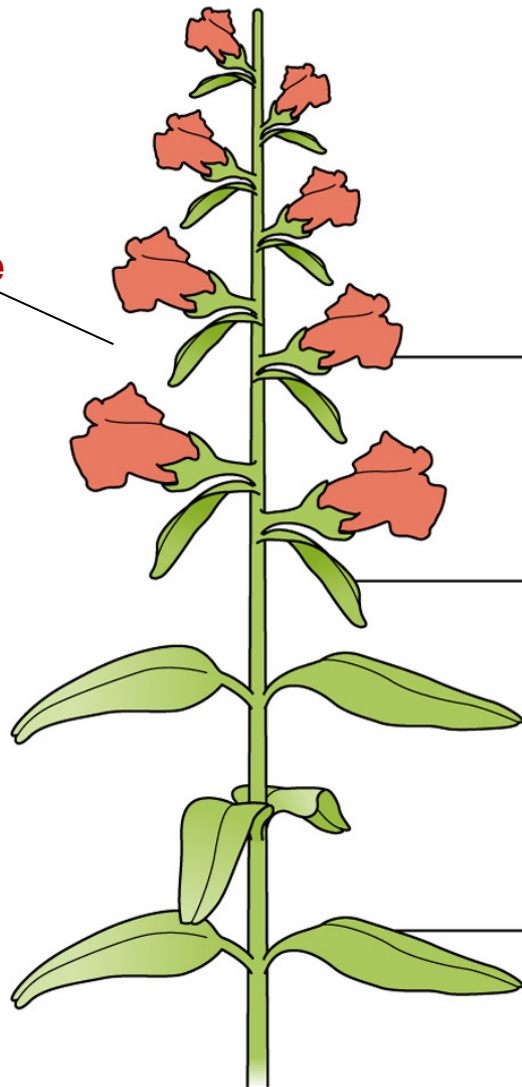
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- **Initiation of flowering**



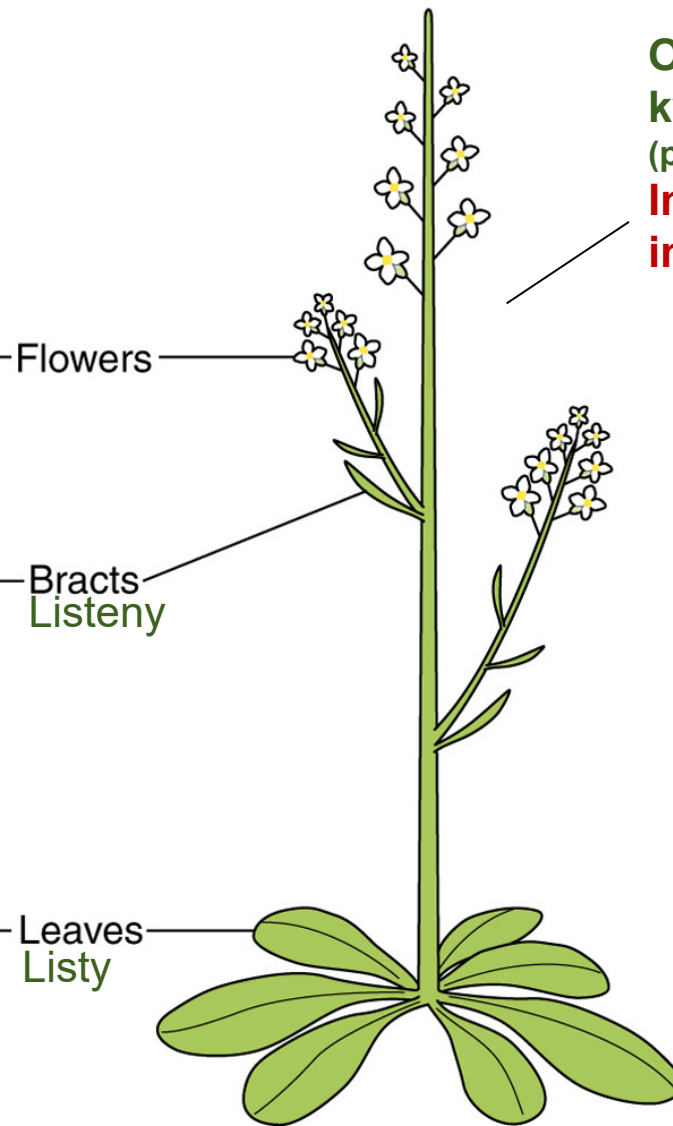
# Flowering

Uzavřené  
květenství  
(monotelické)  
**Determinate  
inflorescence**



*Antirrhinum*

Otevřené  
květenství  
(polytelické)  
**Indeterminate  
inflorescence**



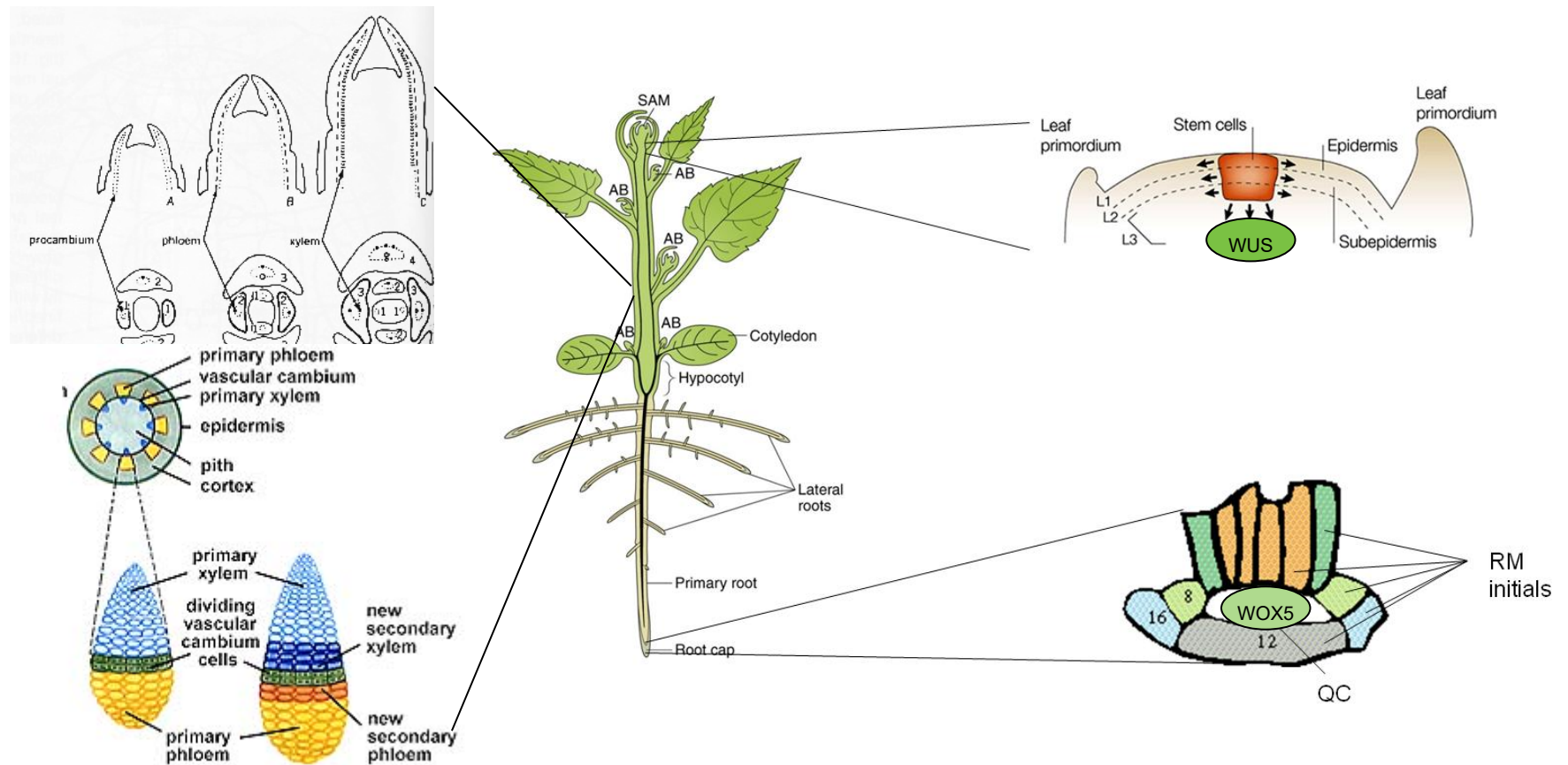
*Arabidopsis*

# Meristem Types

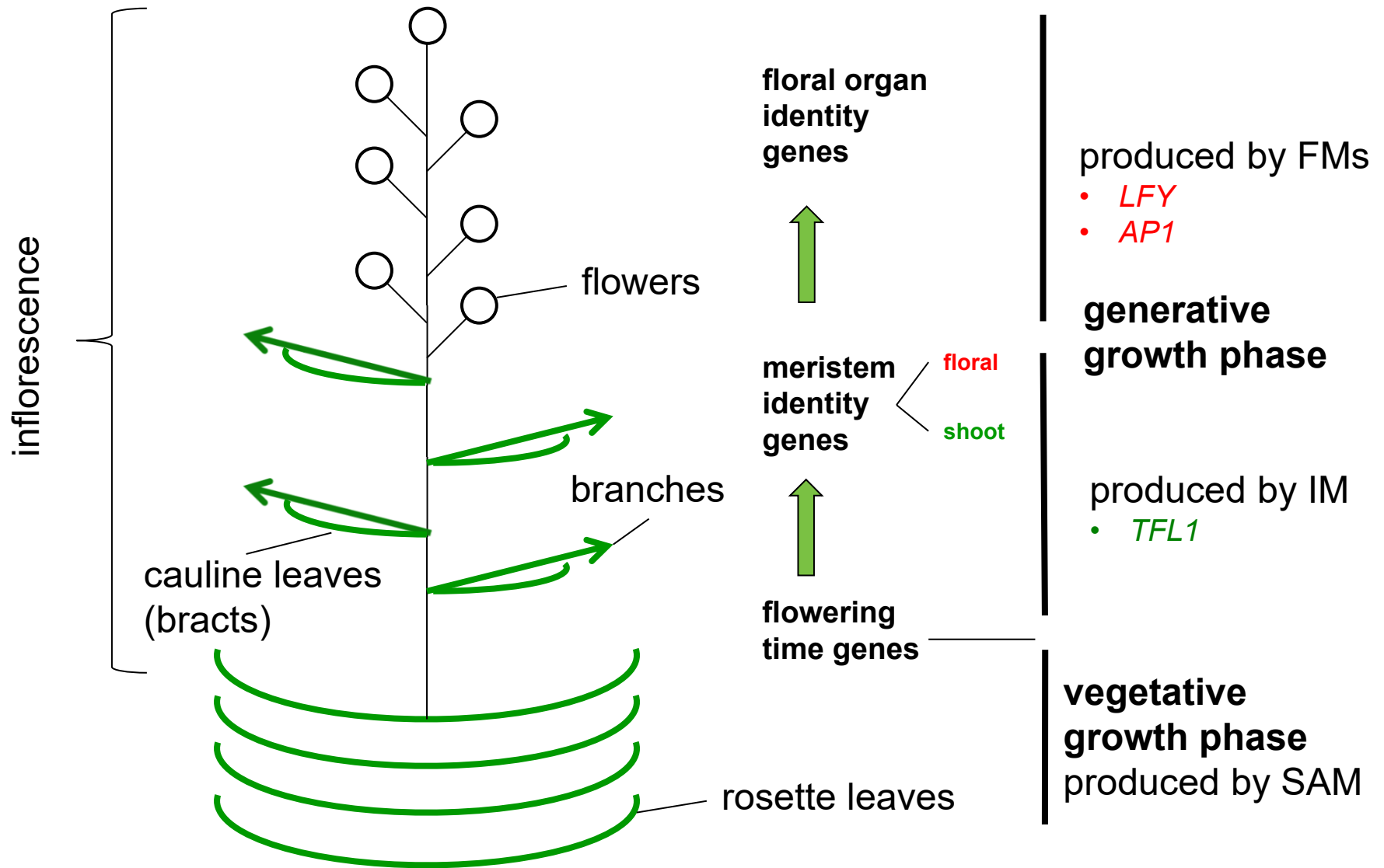
Plant Grow thanks to Meristems

Lateral meristems

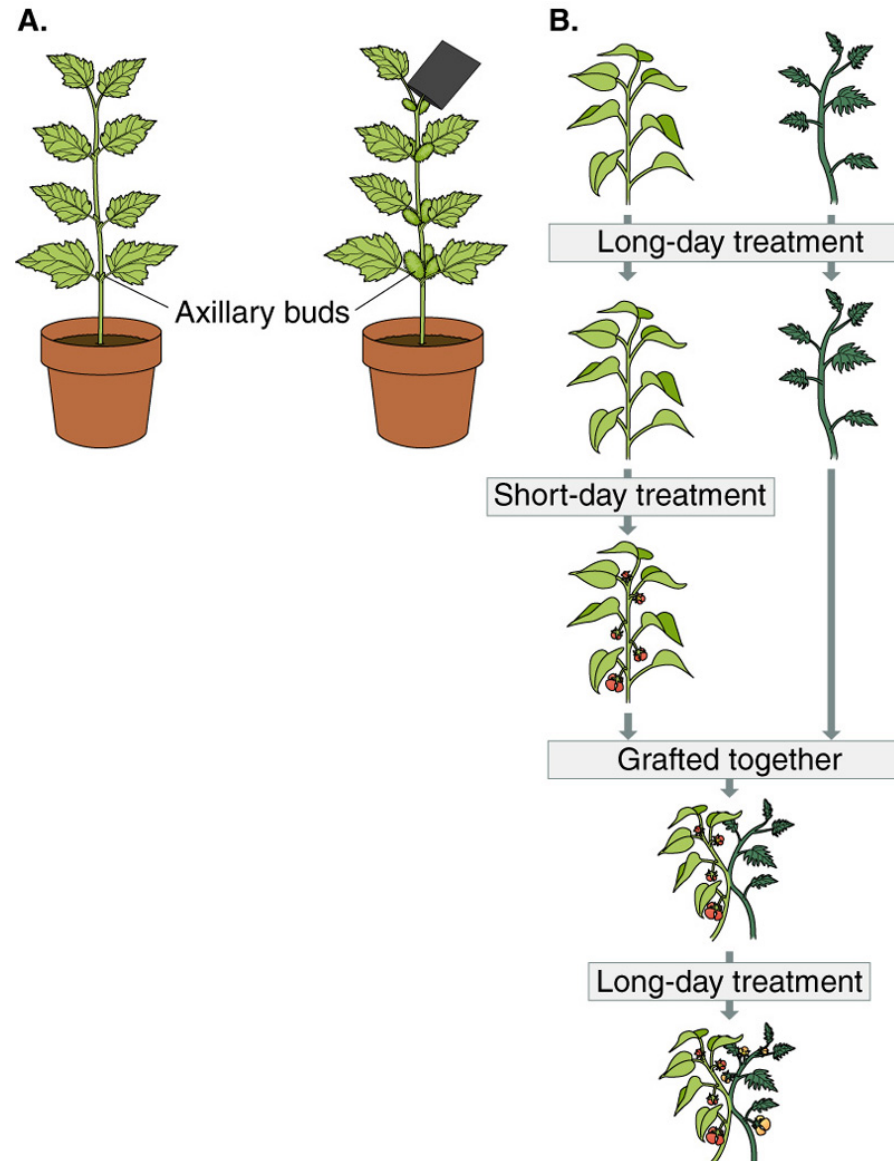
Apical meristems



# Changes in Meristem Identity



# Initiation of Flowering



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Lata (klásků)  
Tassel



Palice  
Ear



A

WT

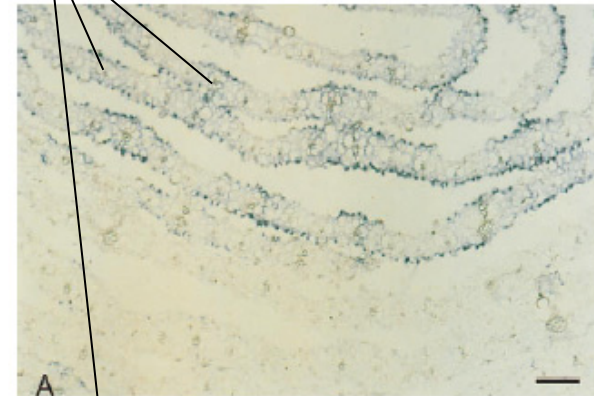


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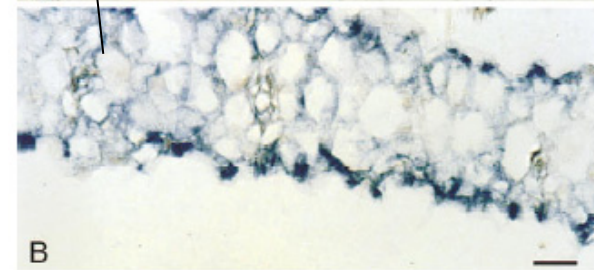
id1

In situ hybridization with *INDETERMINATE (ID1)* mRNA...

....in leaves

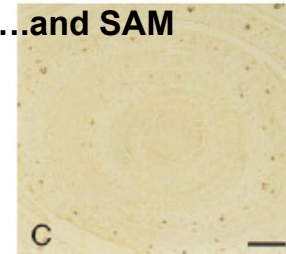


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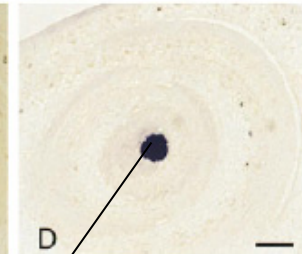


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....and SAM



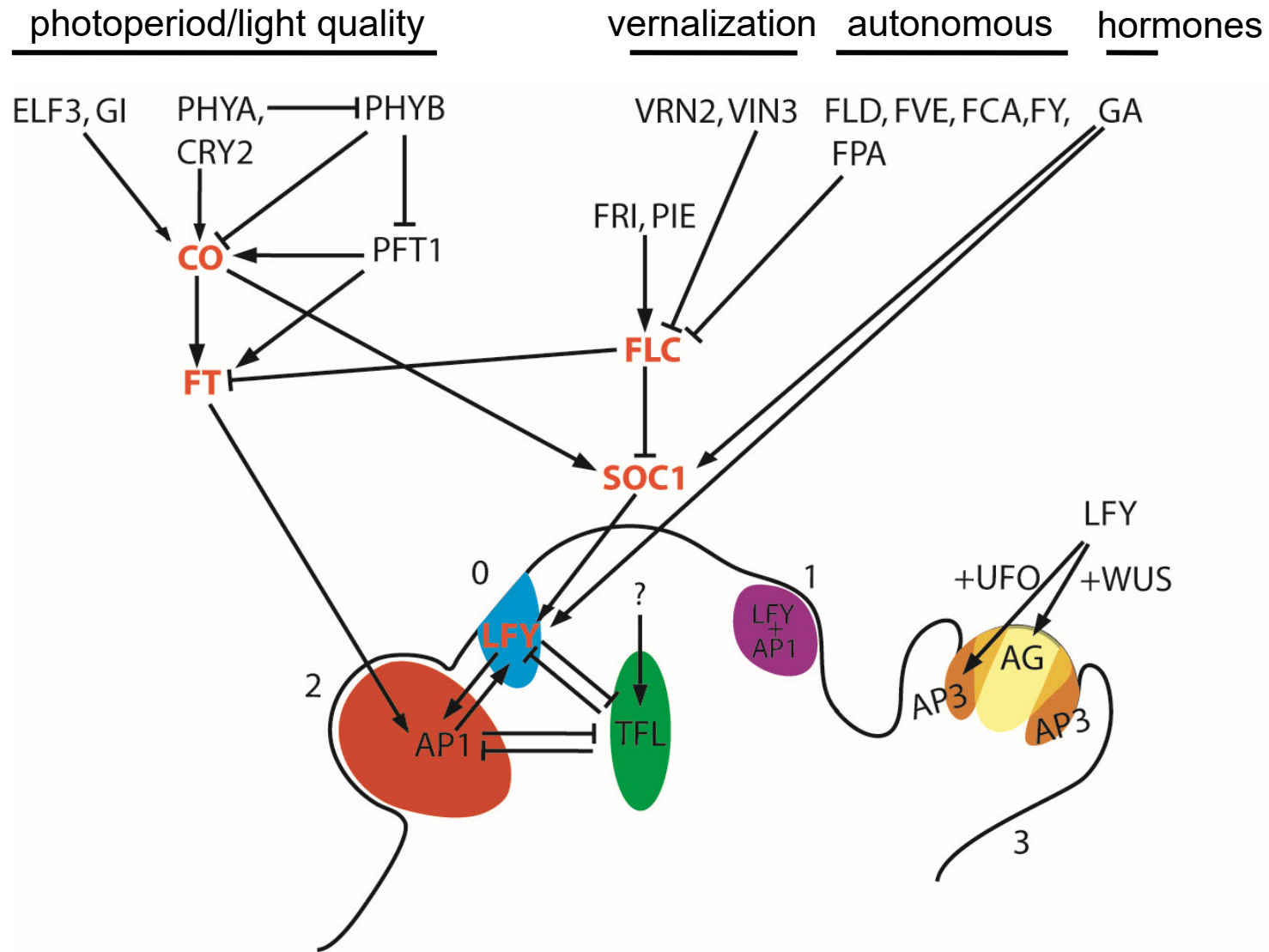
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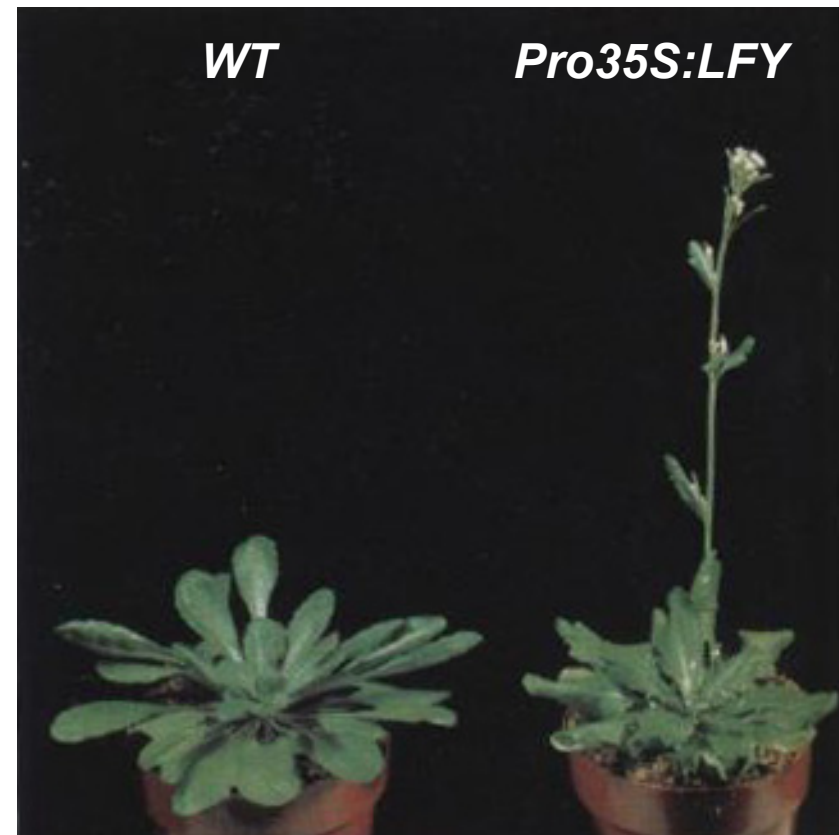
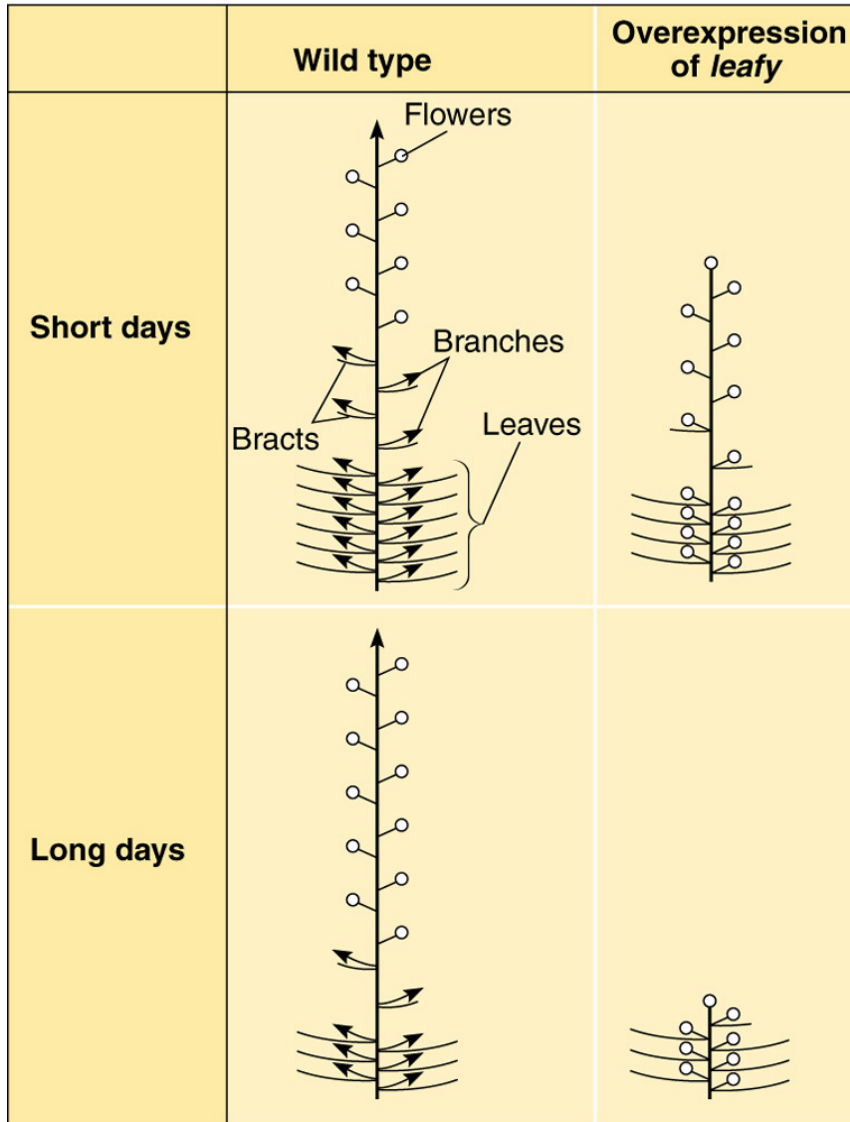
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# Flowering Control





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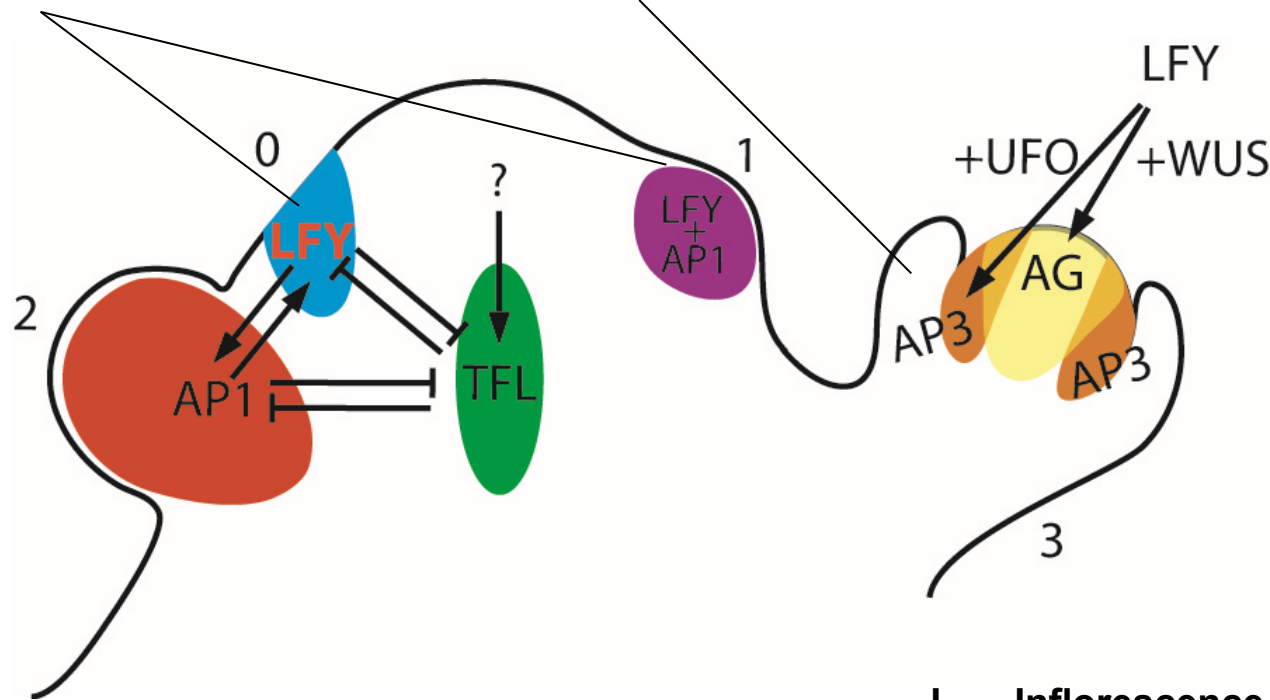
# Flowering Control

II. *Floral meristem identity acquisition*  
(LFY, AP1)

III. *Activation of floral organ identity genes*  
(whorl-specific)



IV. *Activation of floral organ building genes*

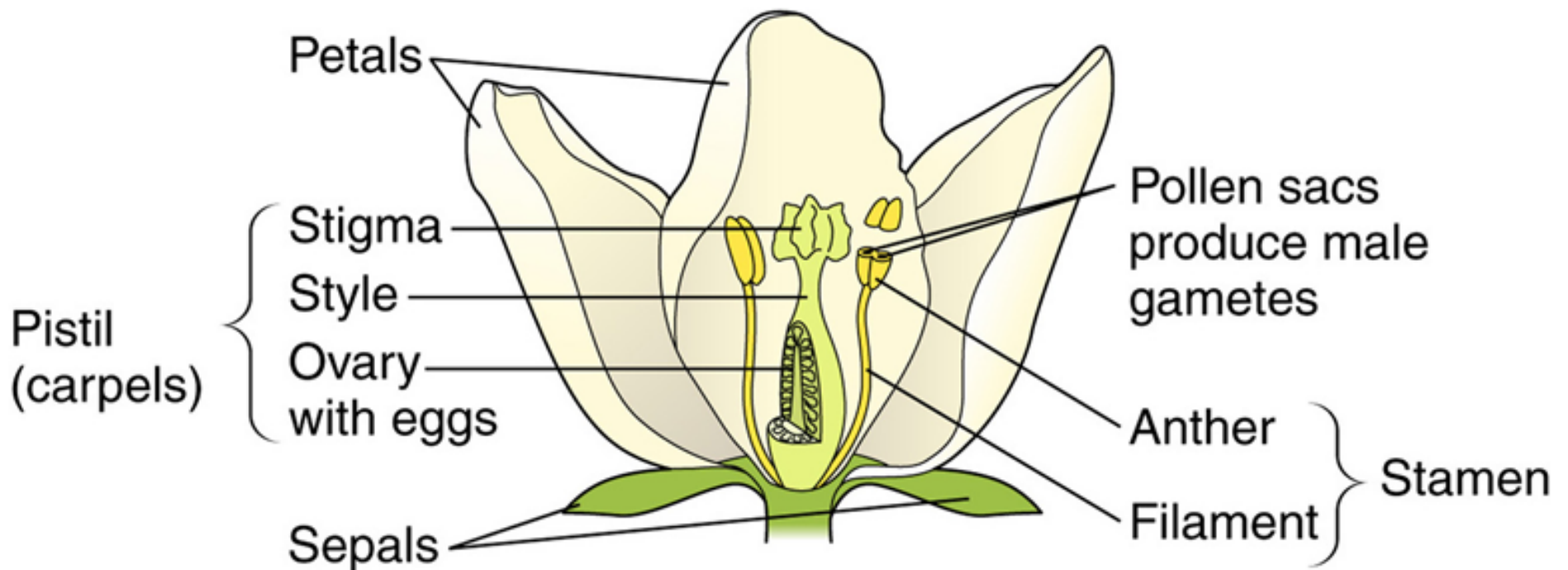


I. *Inflorescence meristem formation*  
(switch from vegetative to reproductive growth)

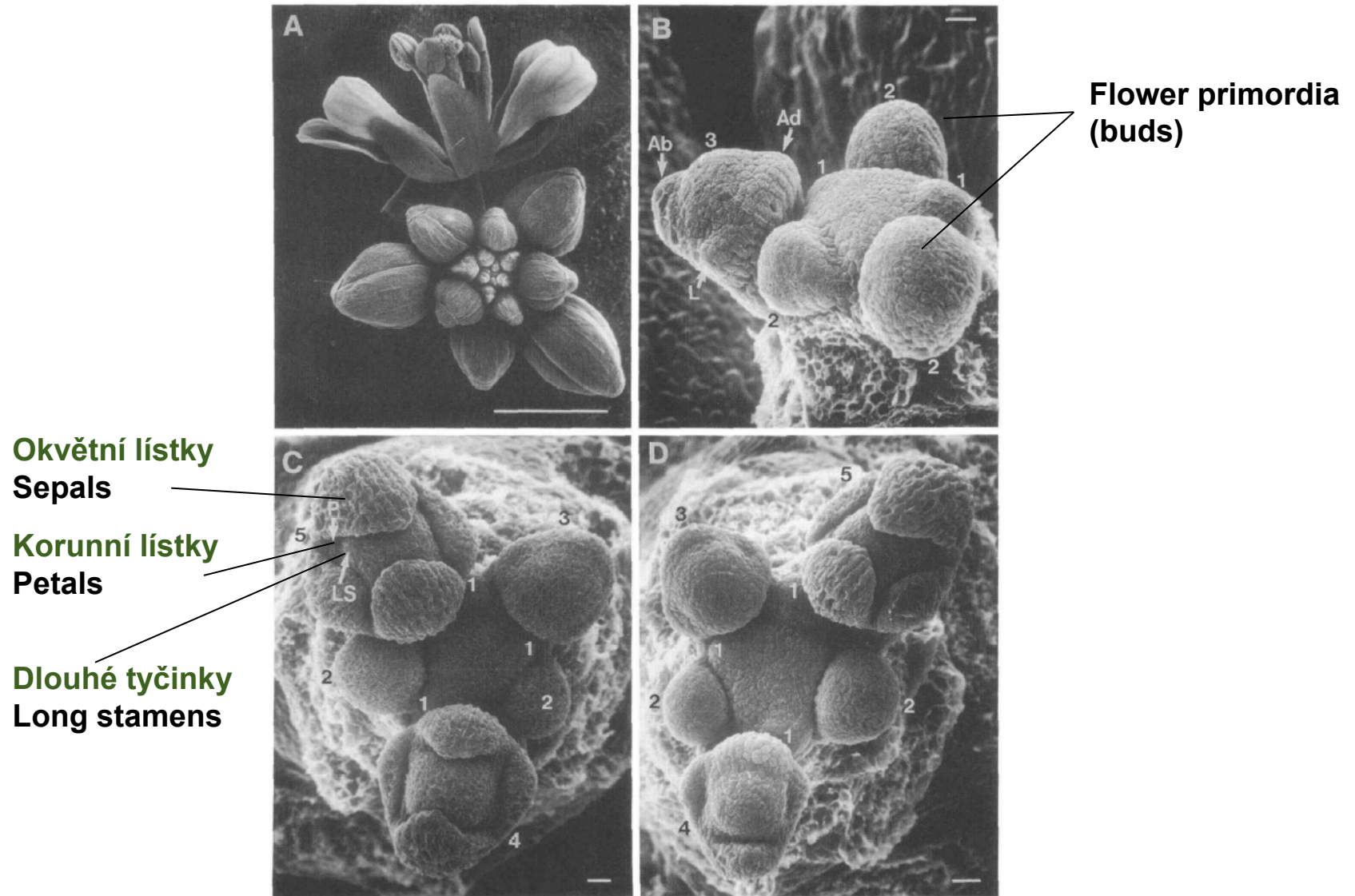
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# Flower Development

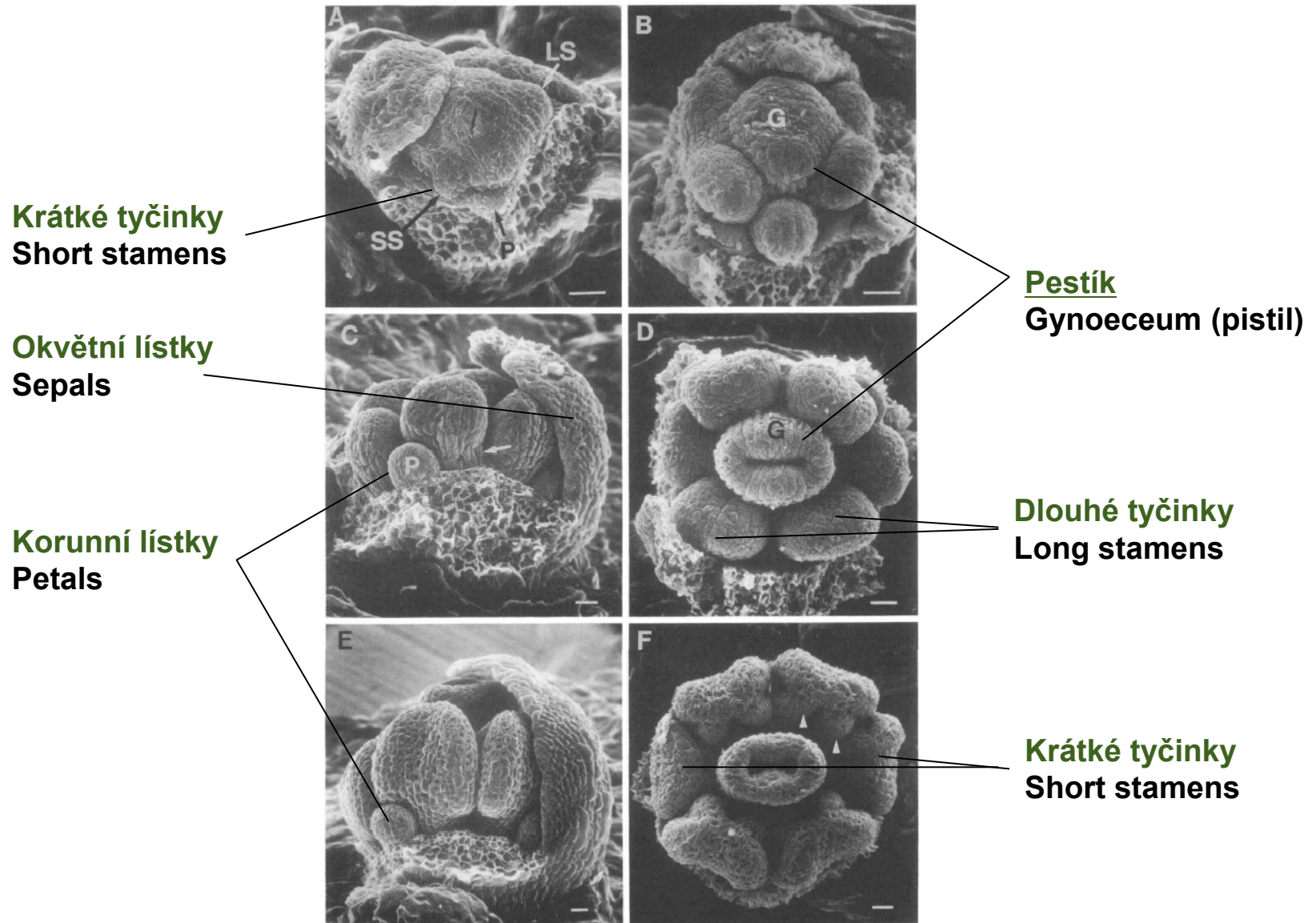


# Floral Organ Formation

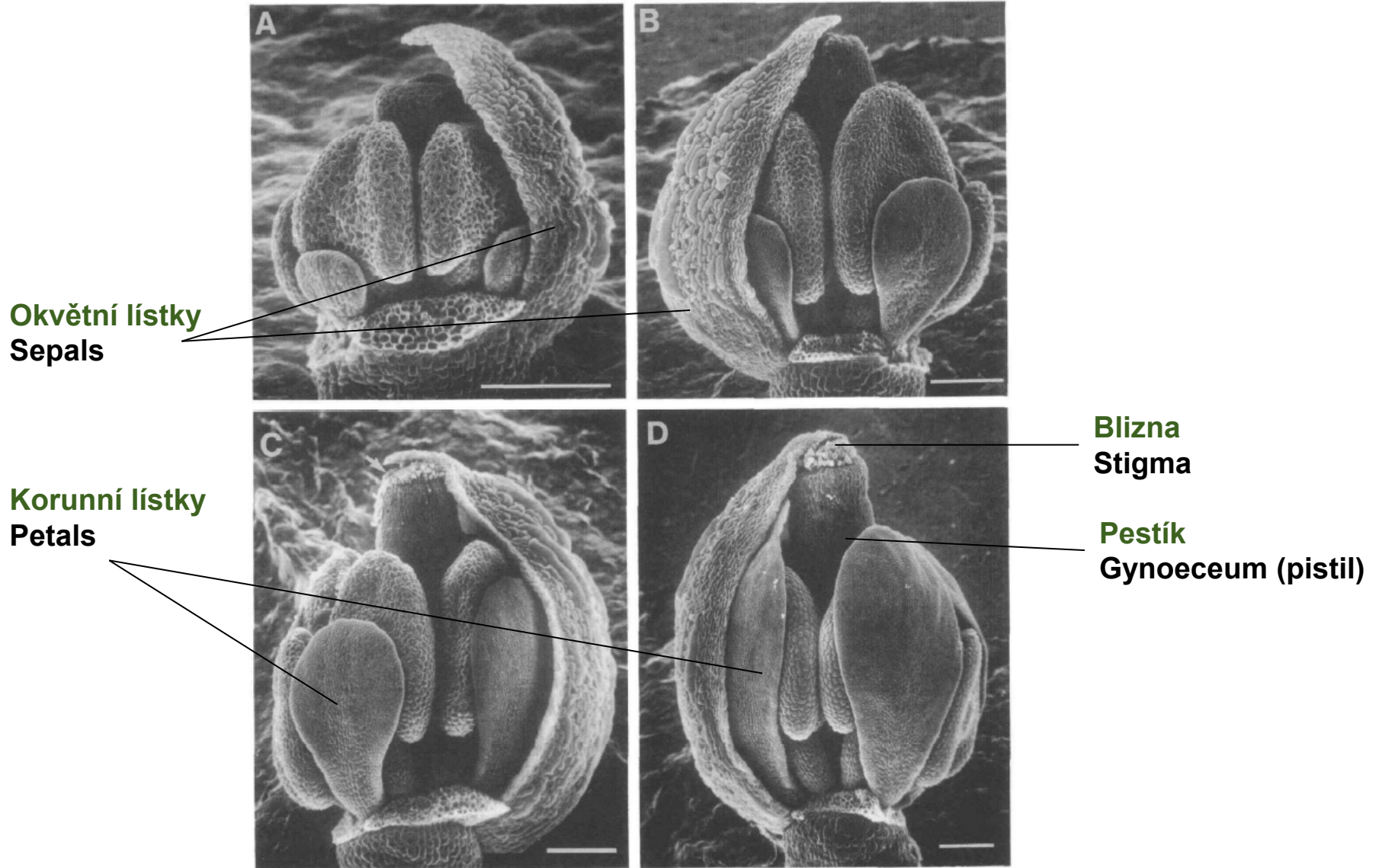


Smyth et al., *Plant Cell* (1990)

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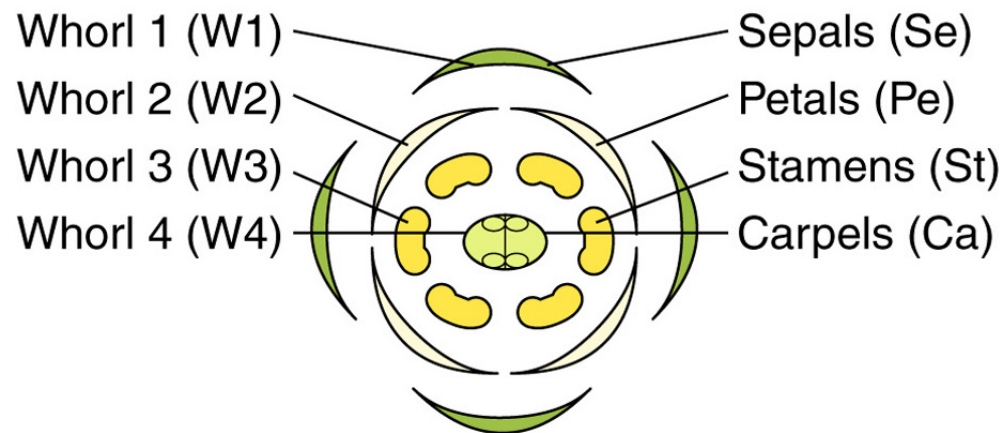
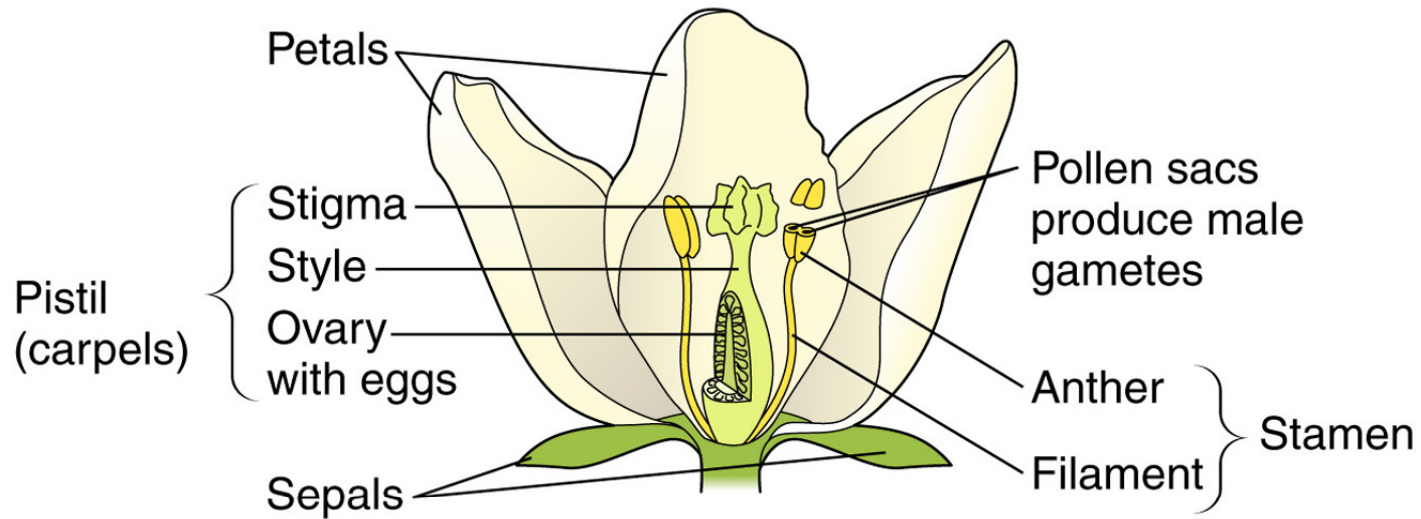
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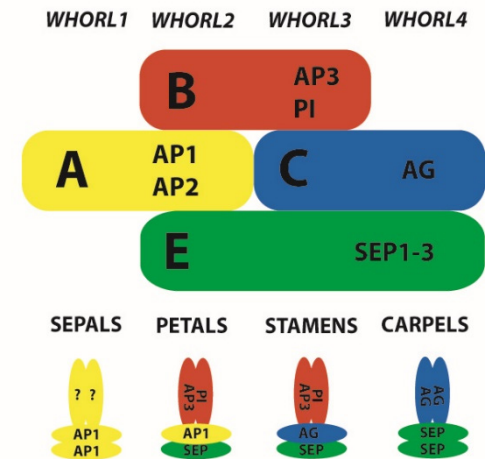
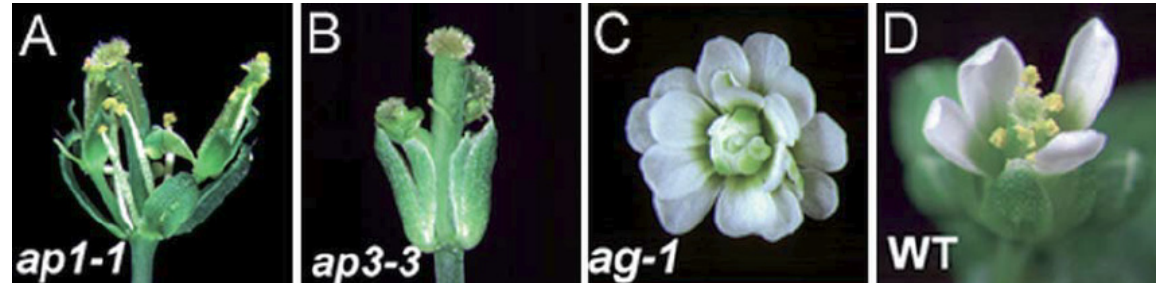
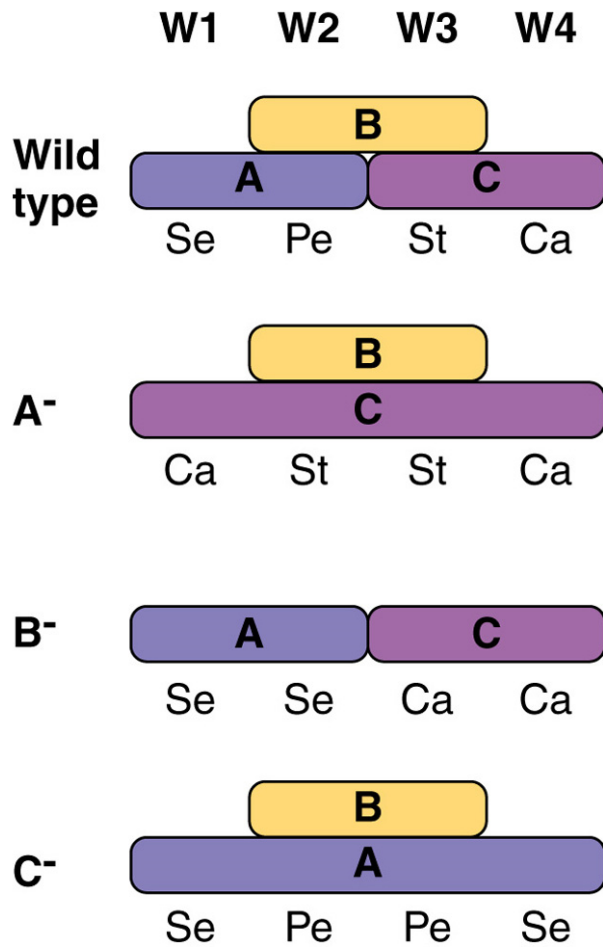
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# Floral Organ Identity



# ABC Model



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Author of ABC model, professor [Elliot Meyerowitz](#) (middle) during his visit of MU campus in Mar 2008

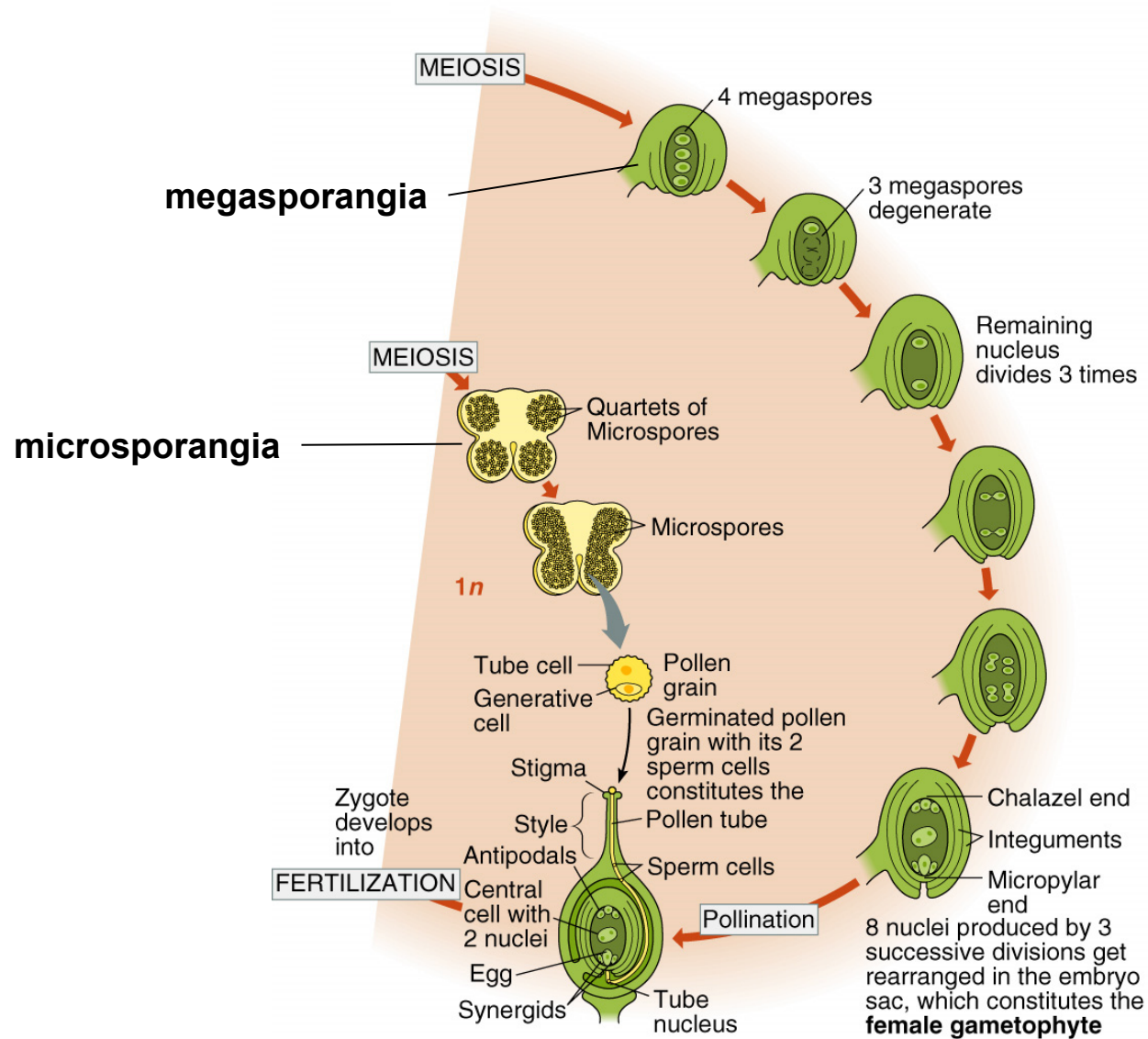


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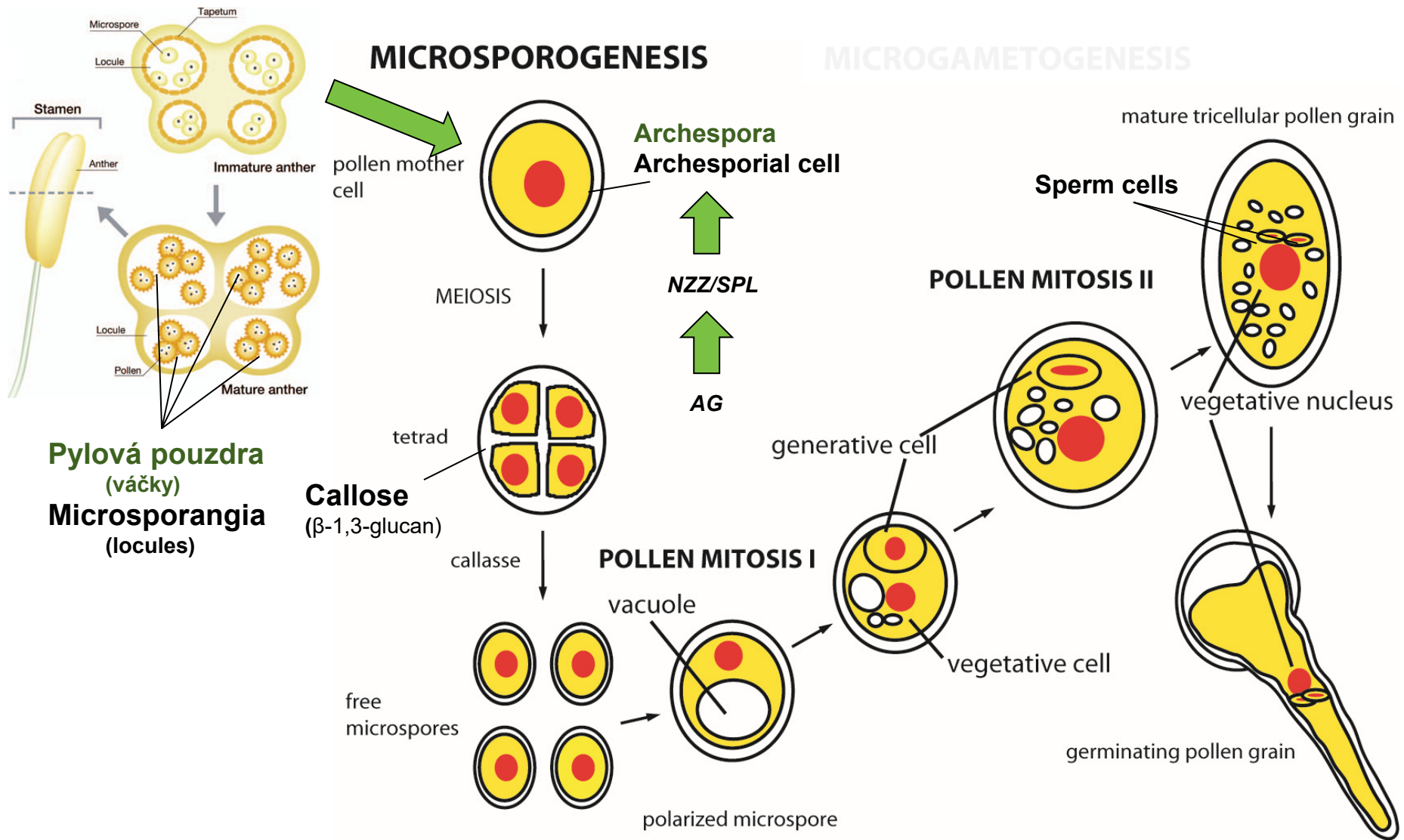
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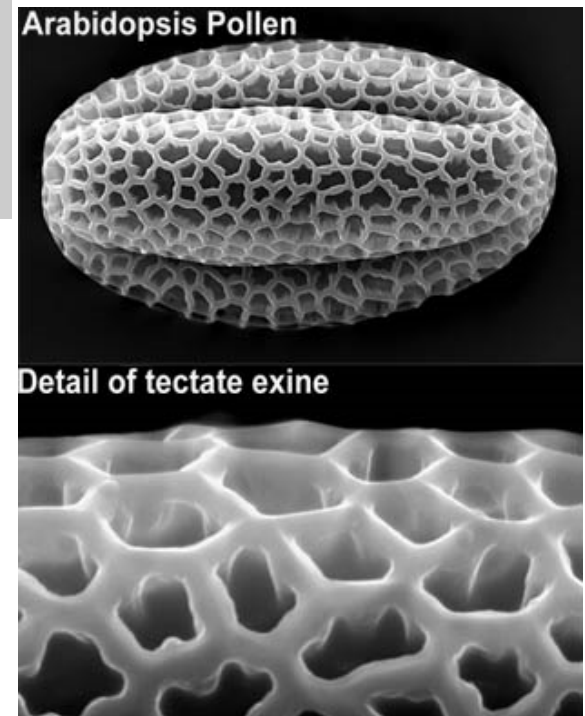
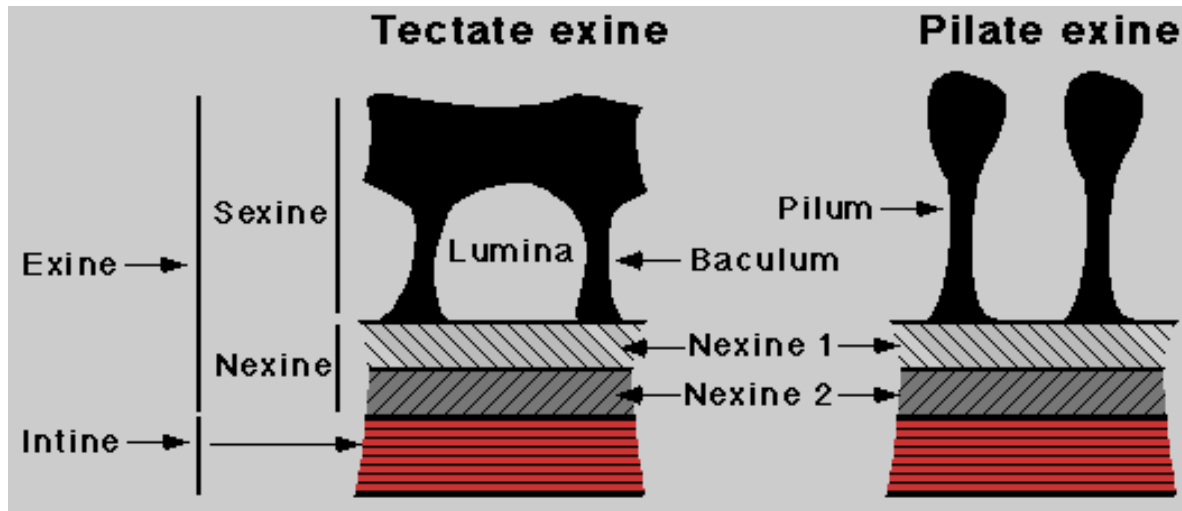
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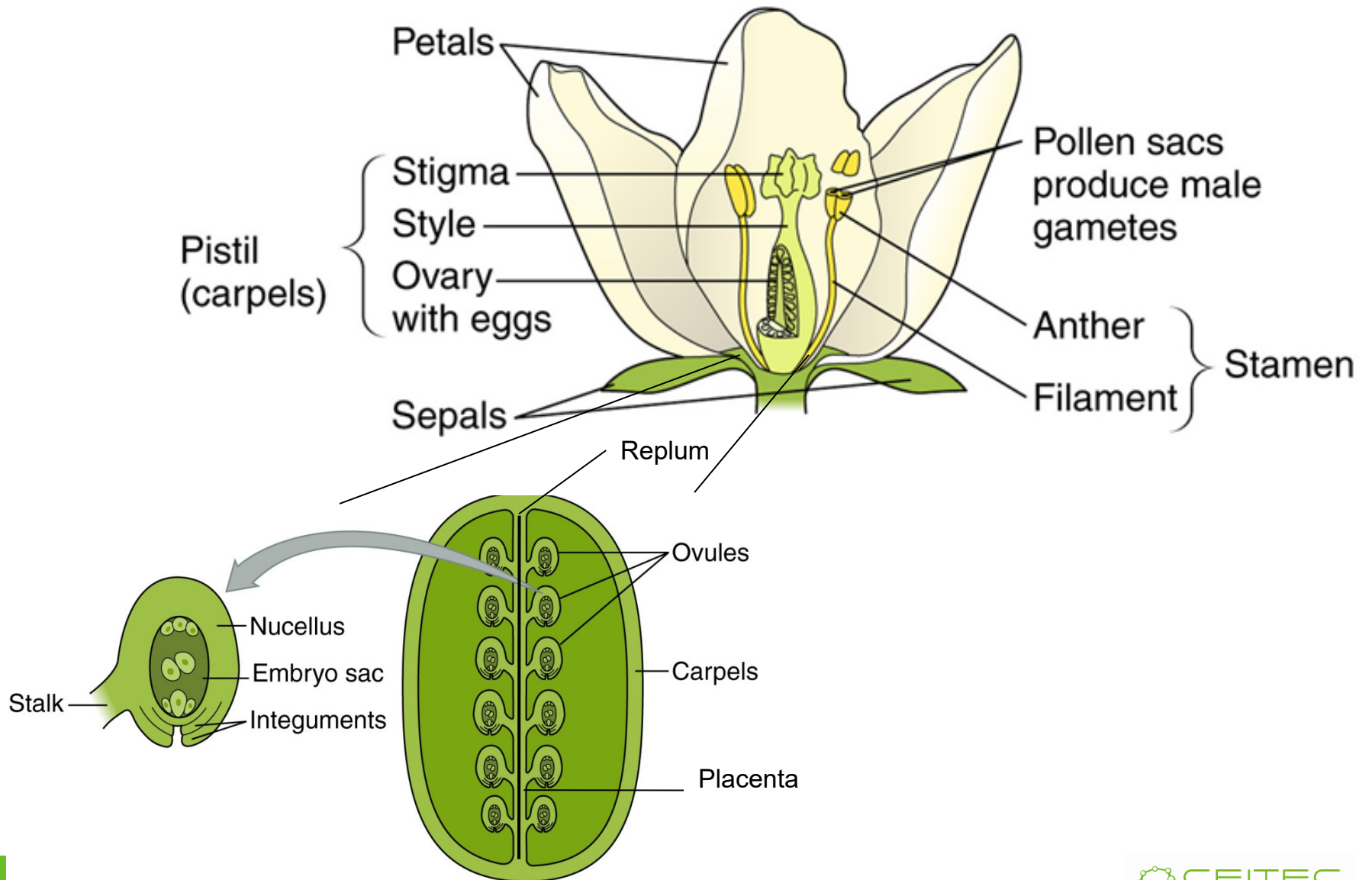
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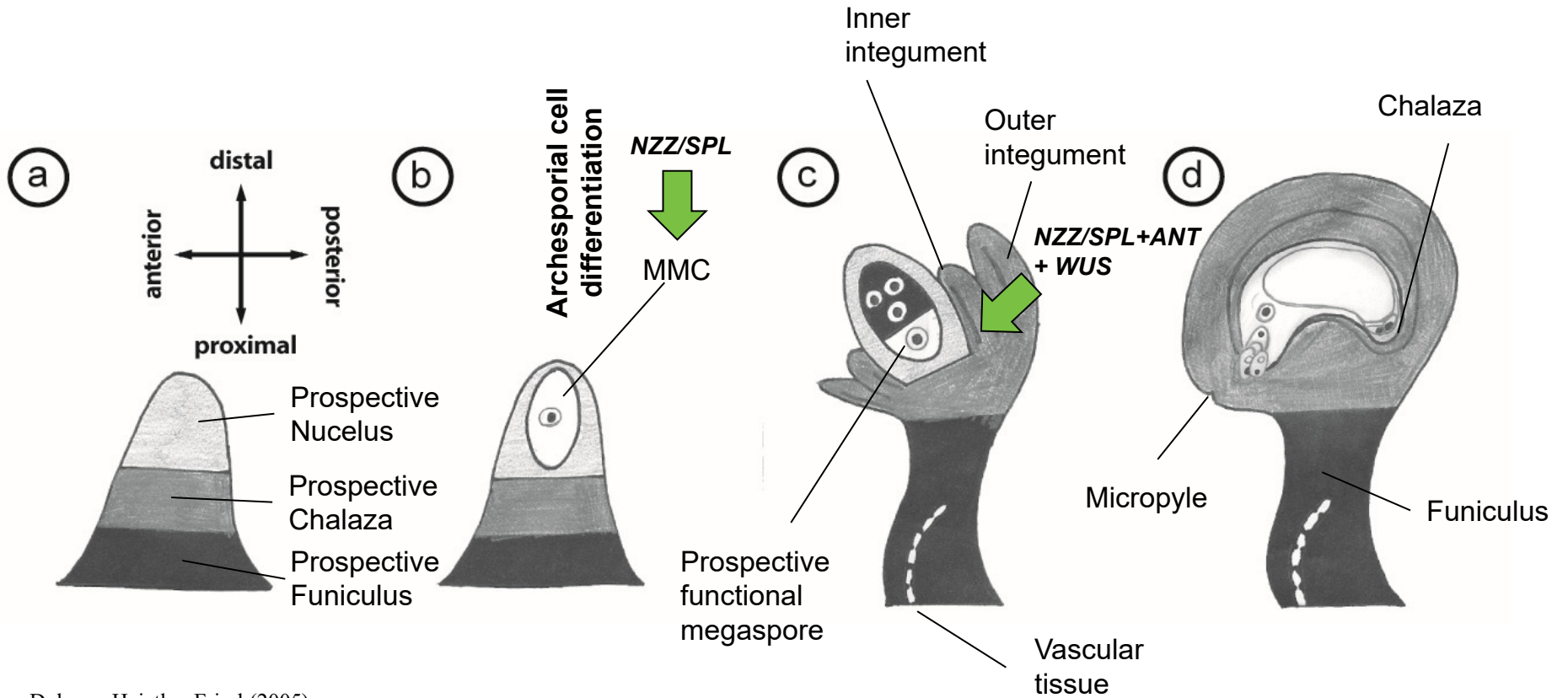
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- **Megagametogenesis**

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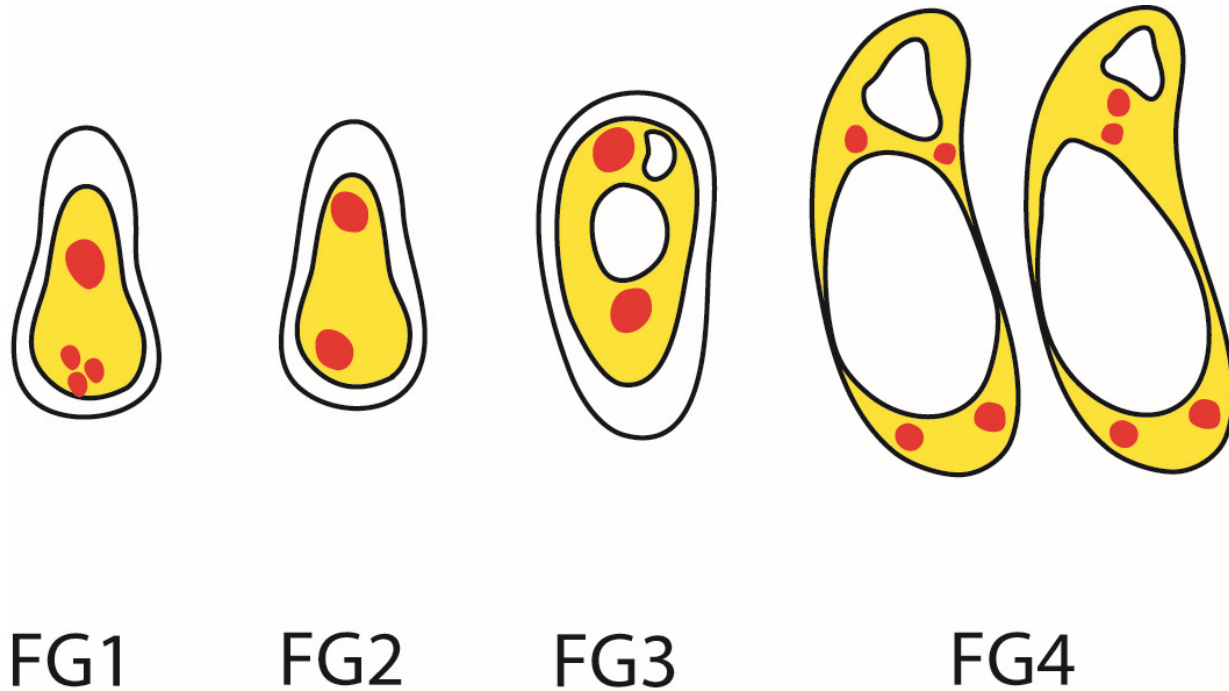


# Megagametogenesis



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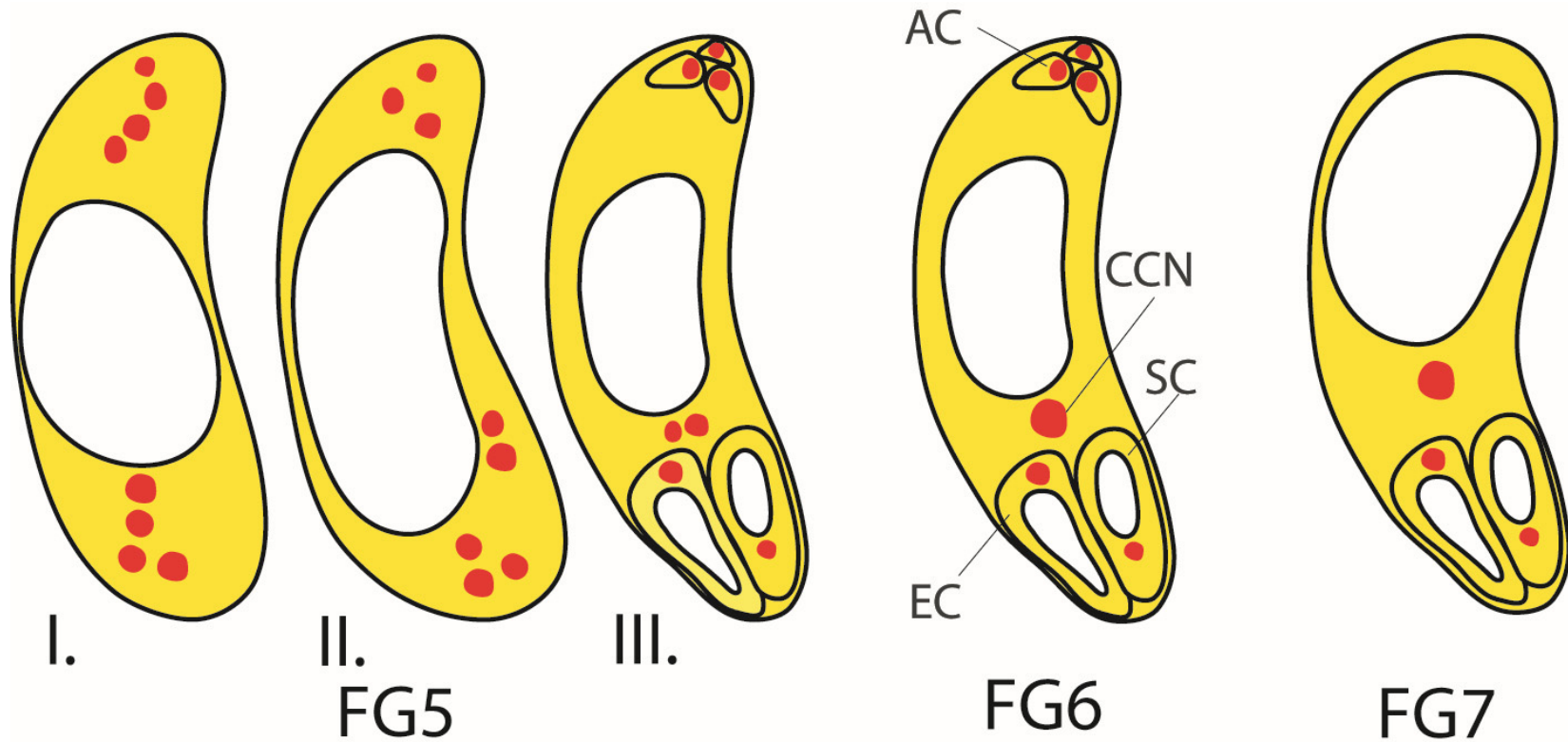
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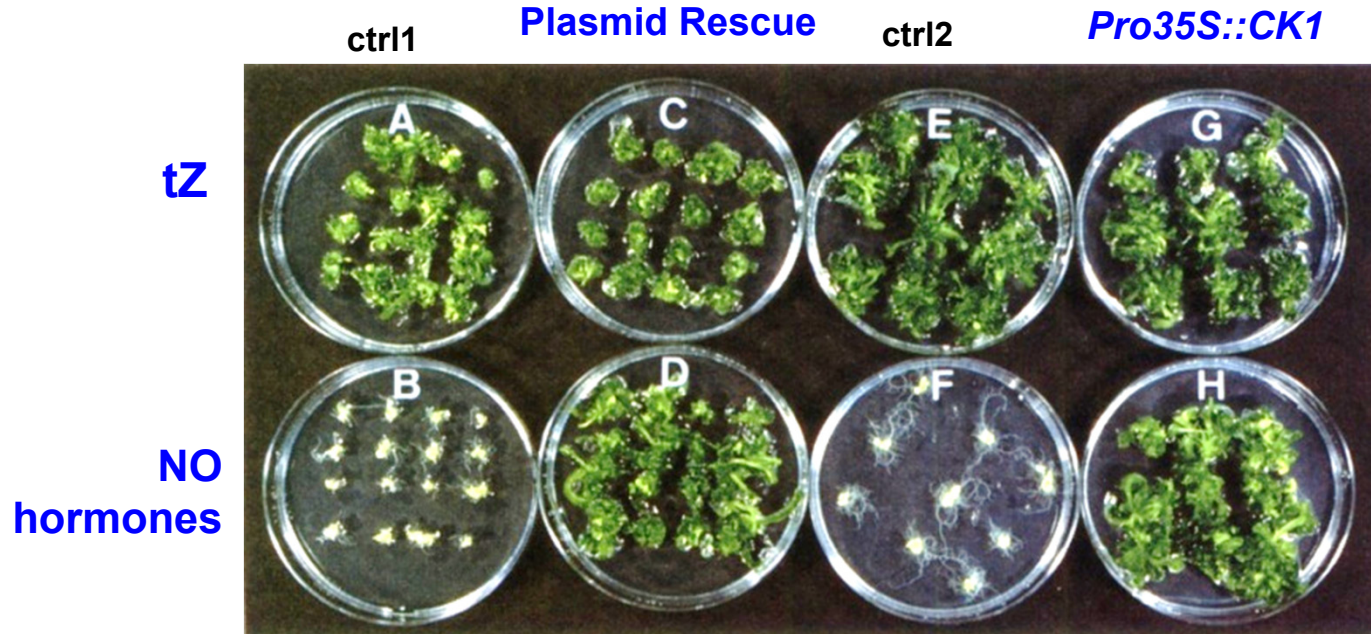
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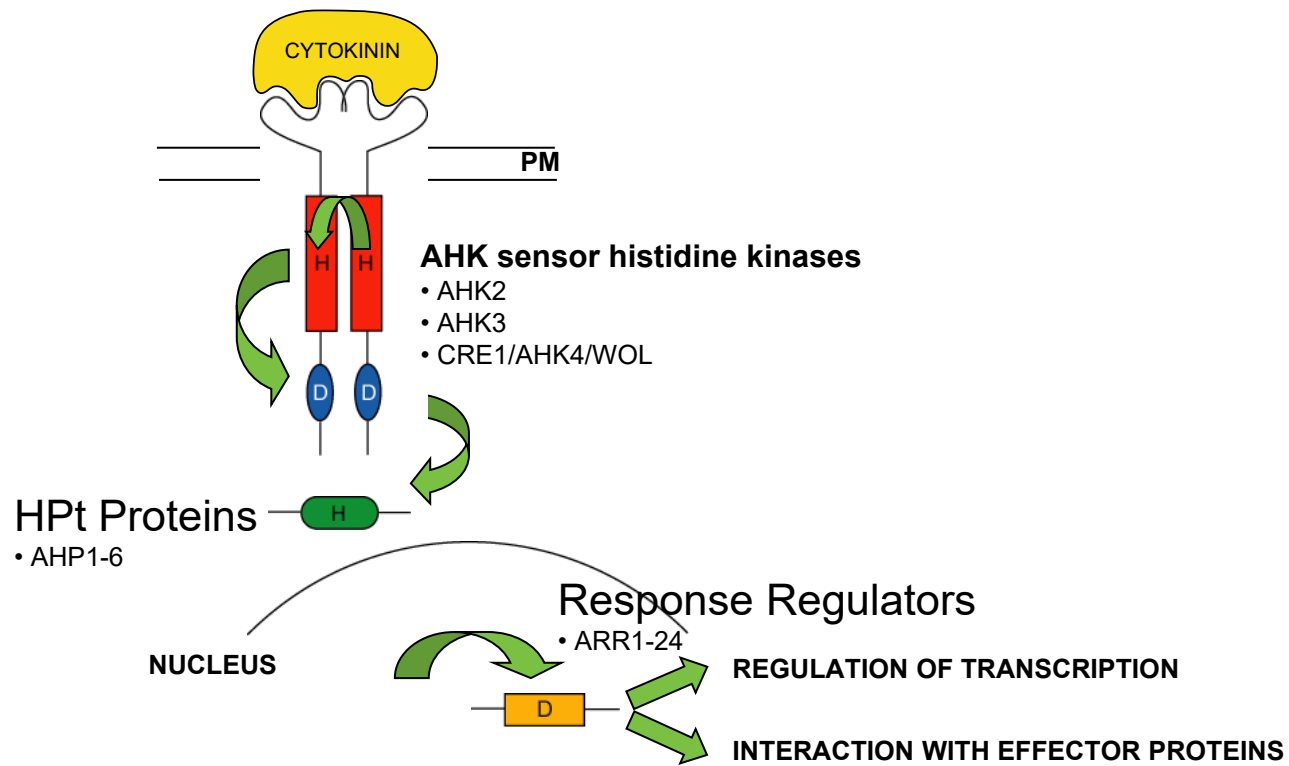
# Identification of *CK11* via Activation Mutagenesis

- *CK11* overexpression mimics cytokinin response



Kakimoto, *Science*, 1996

# Signal Transduction via MSP

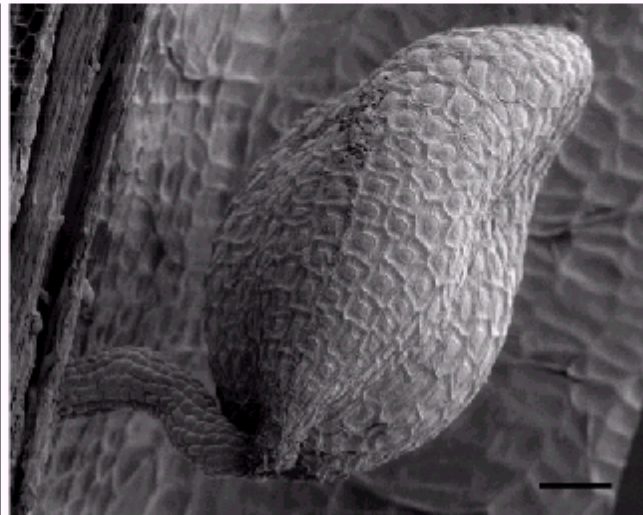
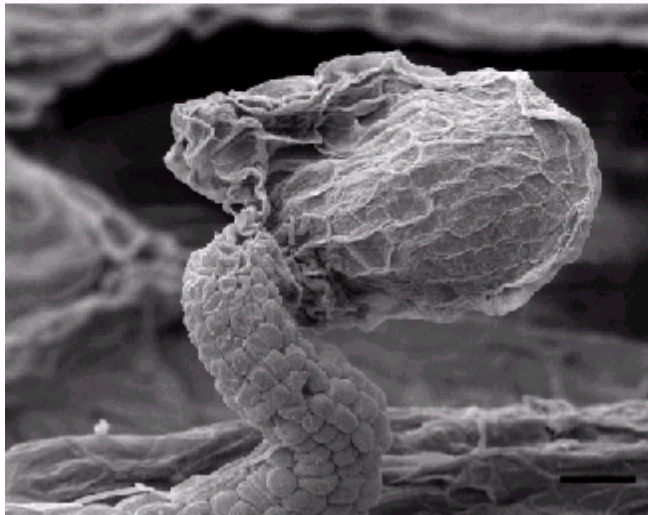


# CKI1 Controls Megagametogenesis

*CKI1/cki1-i*



*CKI1/CKI1*



# *cki1-i* reveals non-Mendelian inheritance

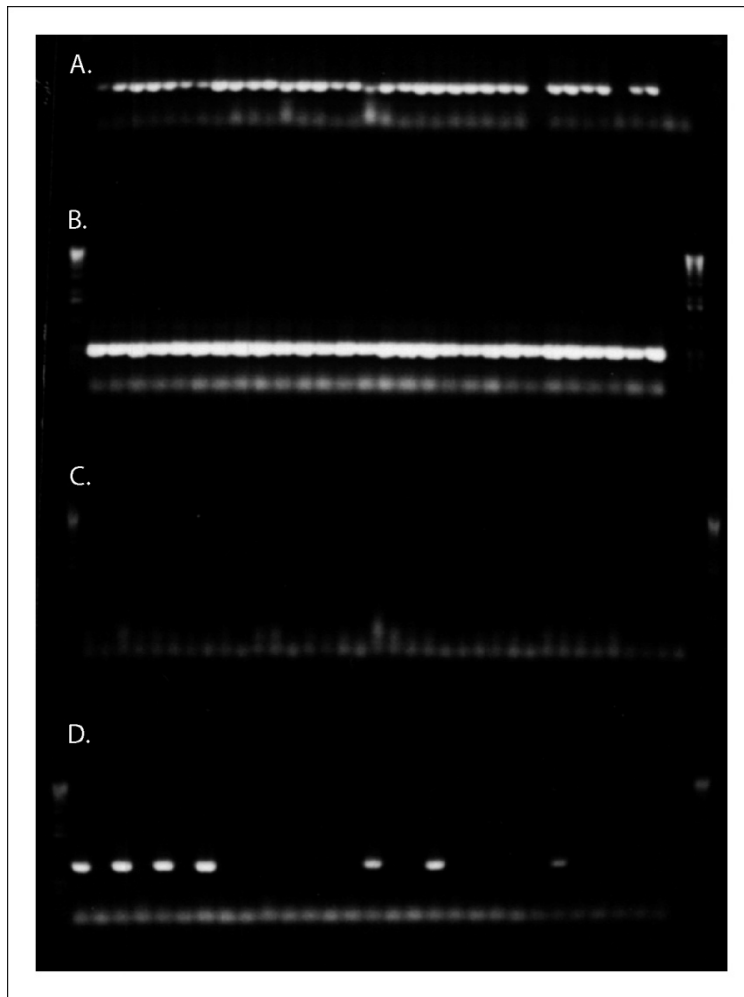
**P** *CKI1/cki1-i*

**F1** Anticipated: **1** *CKI1* : **2** *CKI1/cki1-i* : **1** *cki1-i*

Observed: **1** *CKI1* : **1** *CKI1/cki1-i*

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# CKI1 Controls Megagametogenesis



A. ♂ wt x ♀ *CKI1/cki1-i*

⇕ *CKI1* specific primers (PCR positive control)

B. ♂ *CKI1/cki1-i* x ♀ wt

C. ♂ wt x ♀ *CKI1/cki1-i*

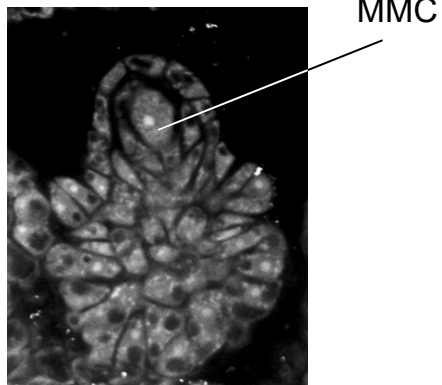
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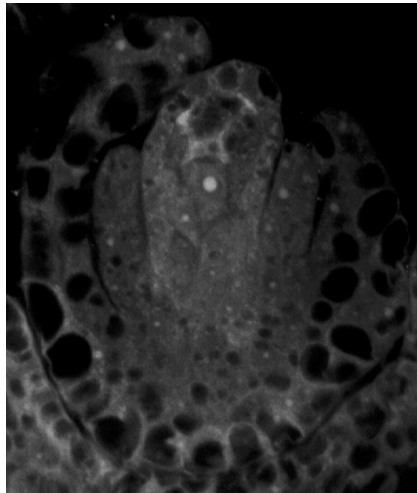


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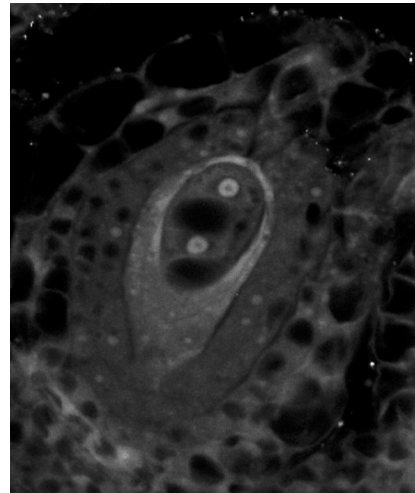
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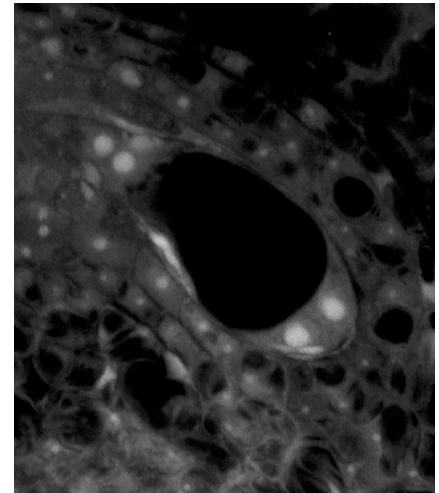
FG 2



FG 3



FG 4



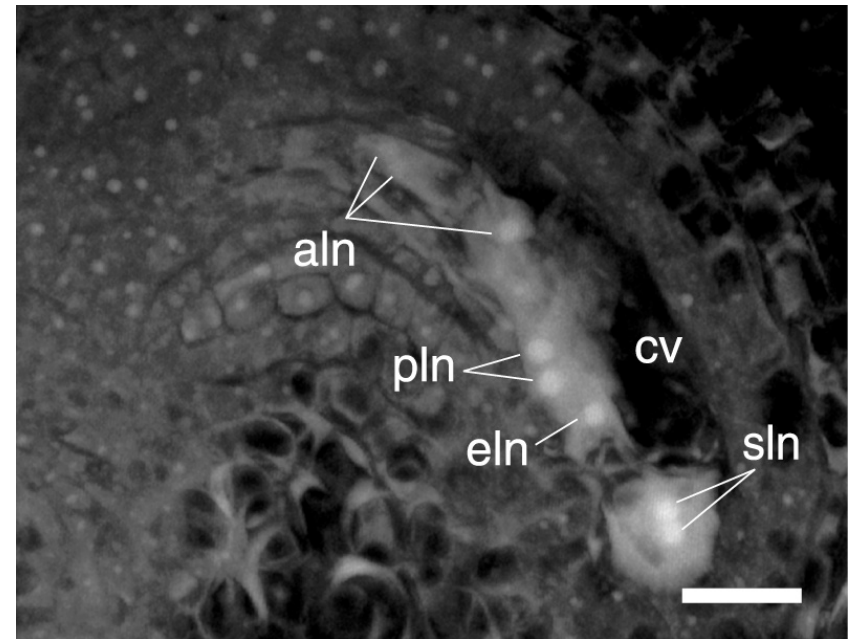
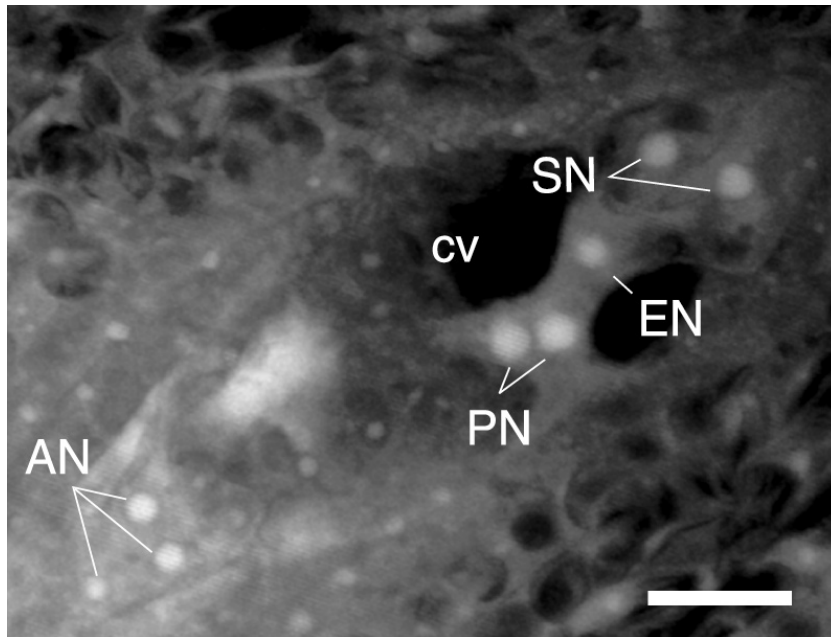
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*CKI1*

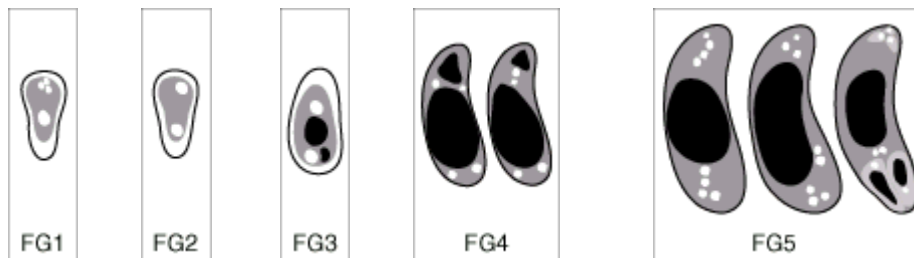
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*cki1-i*

24 HAE



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

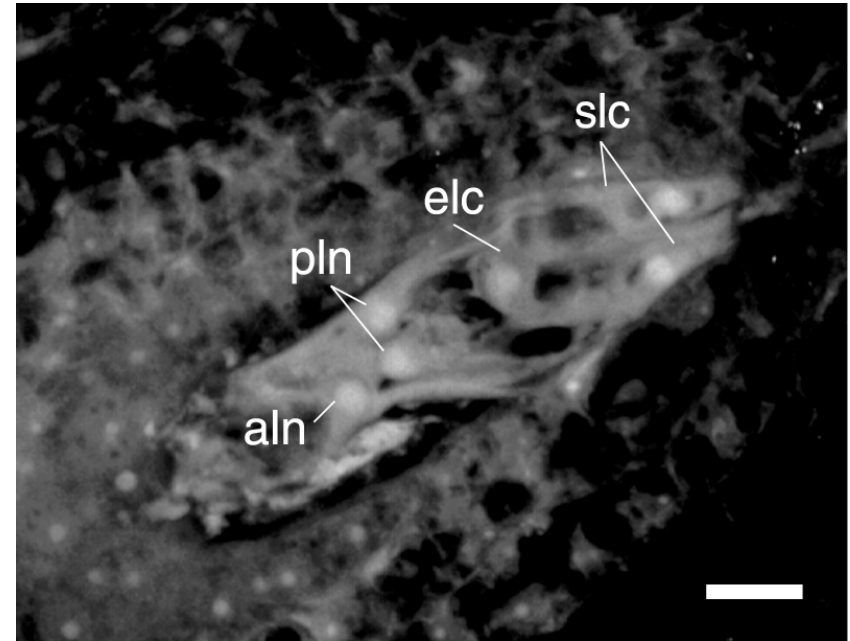
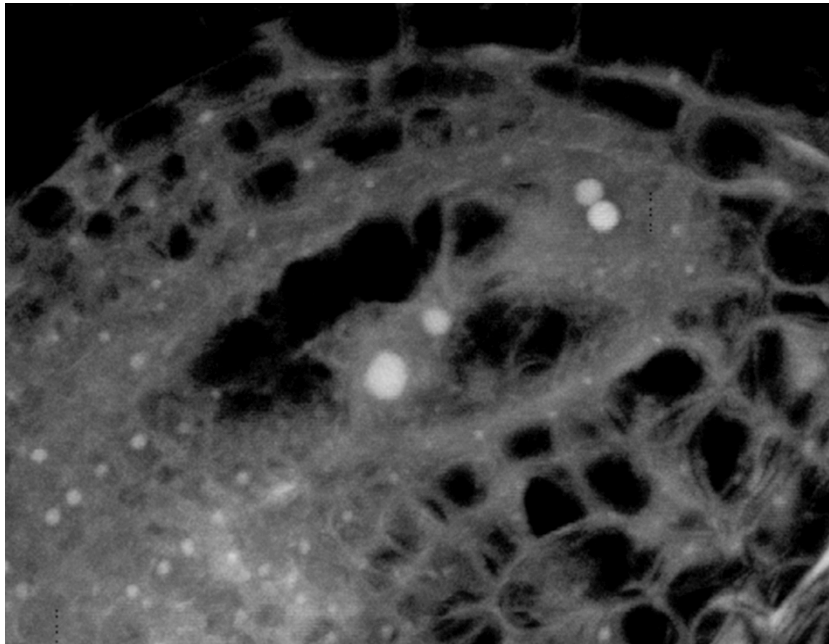




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FG6

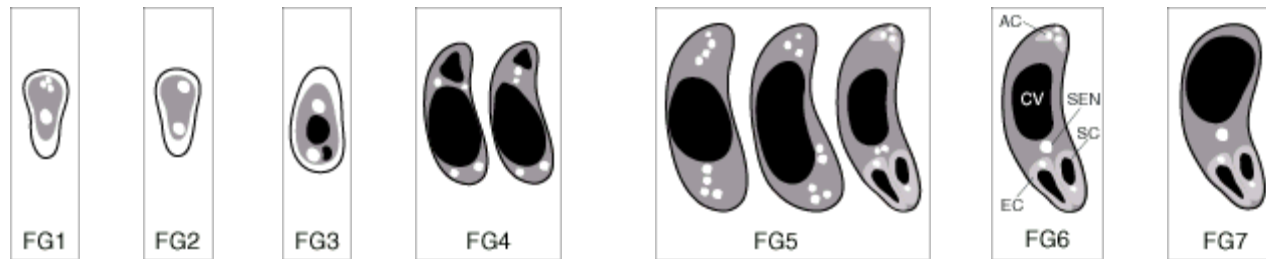
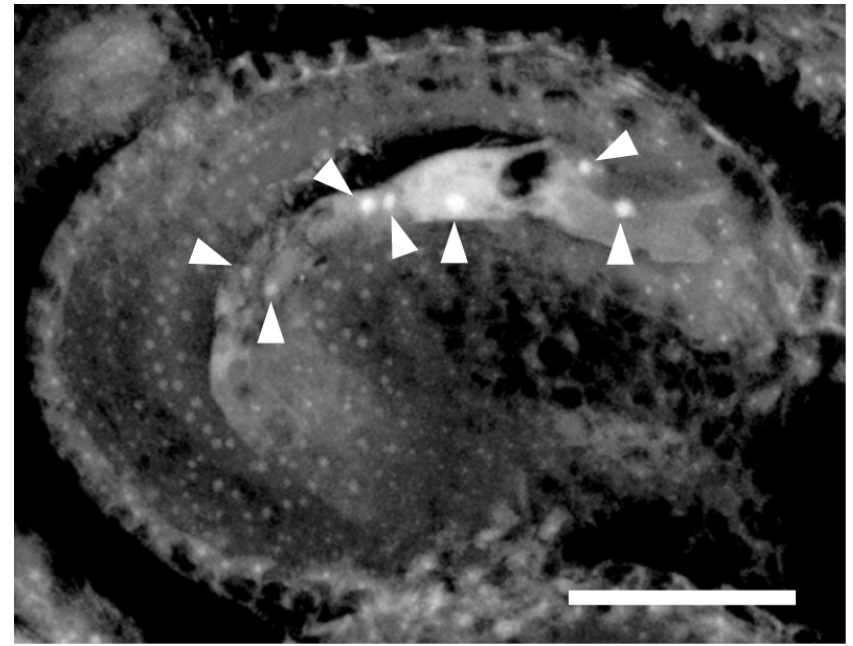
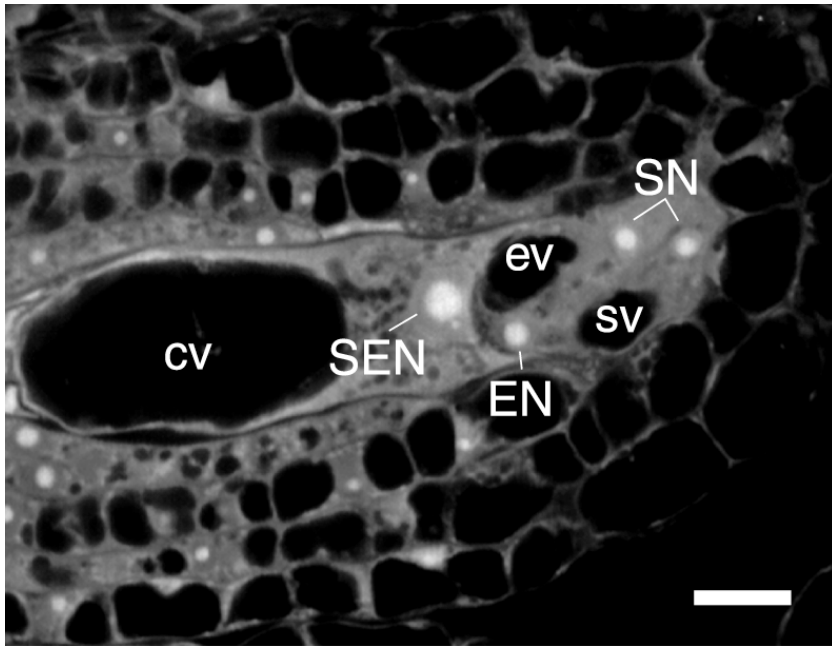
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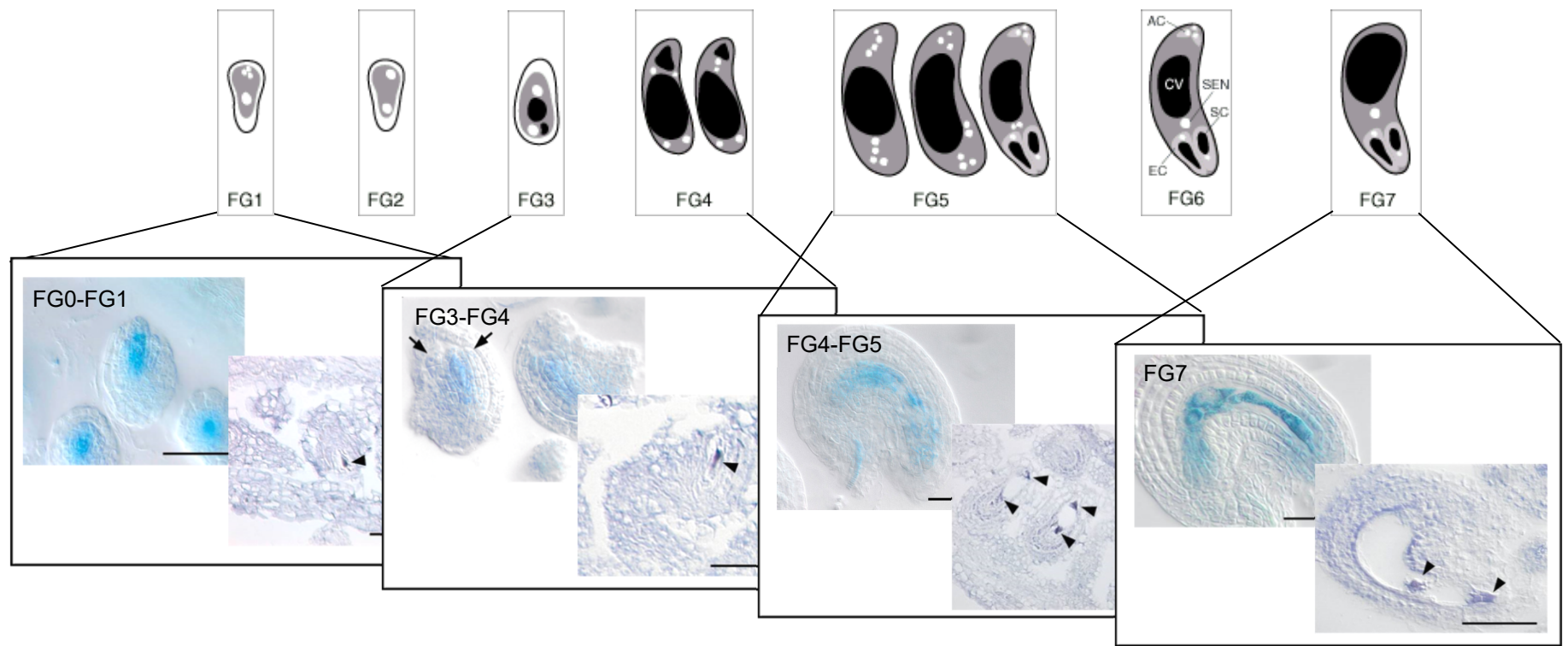
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FG7

48 HAE



# CKI1 Activity during Megagametogenesis



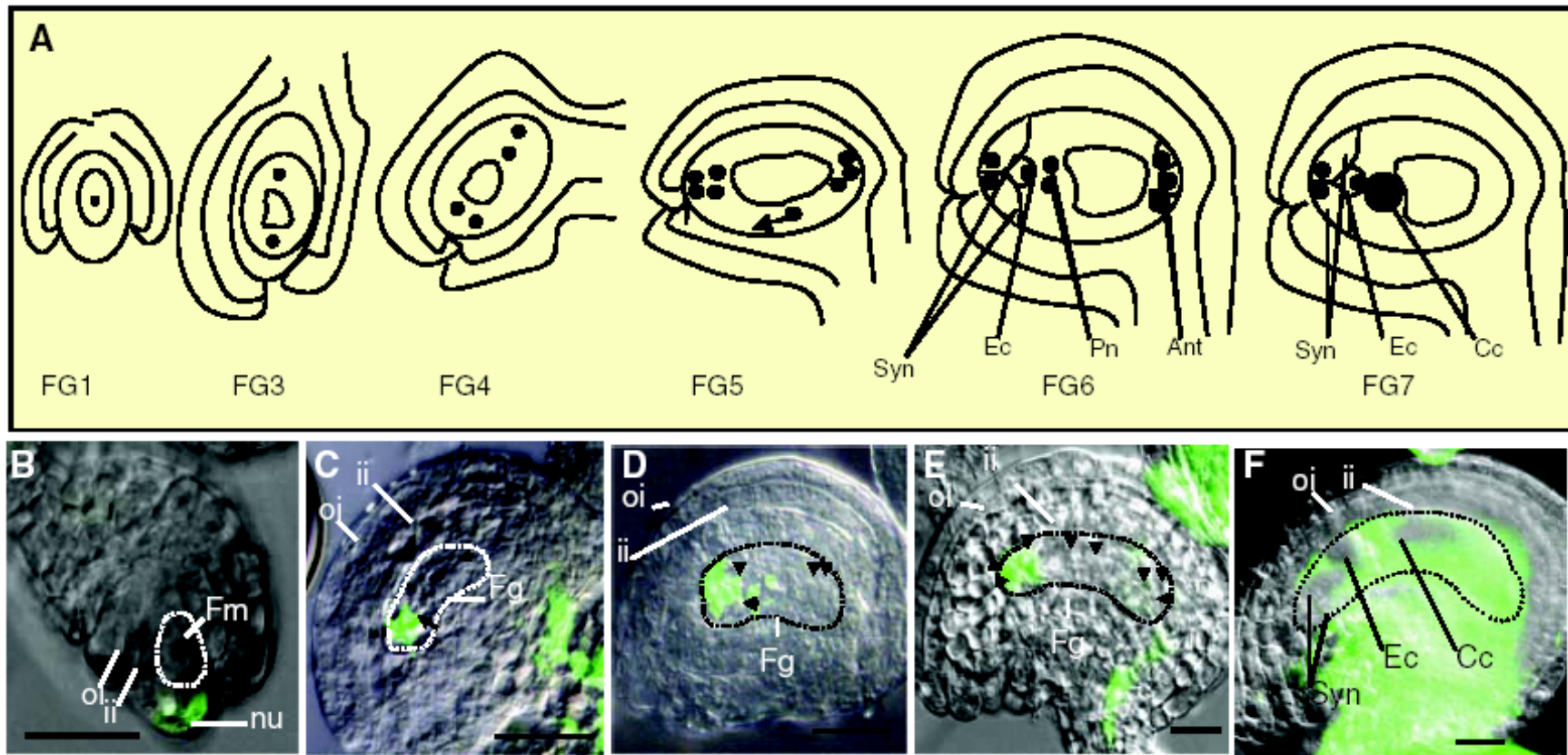
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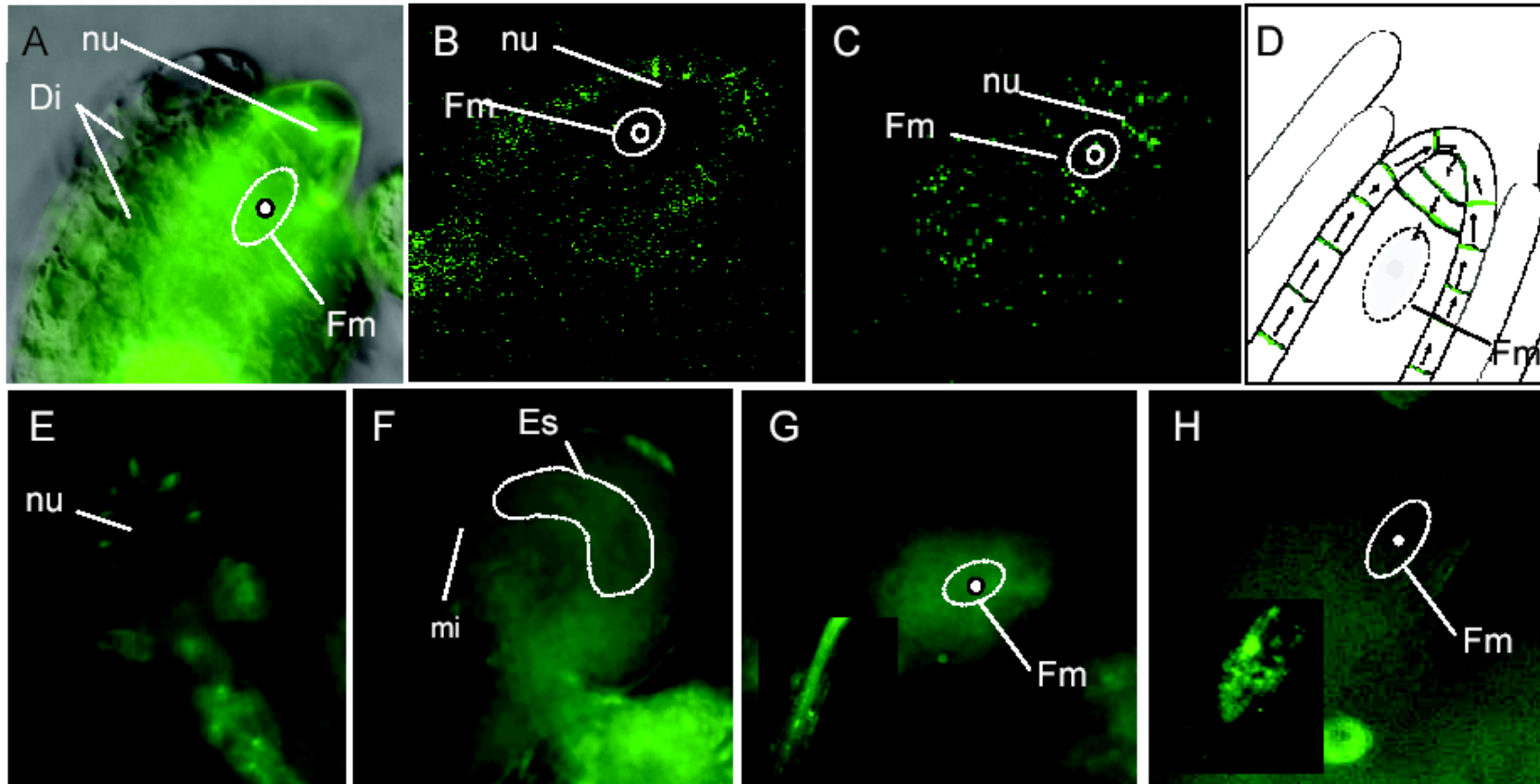
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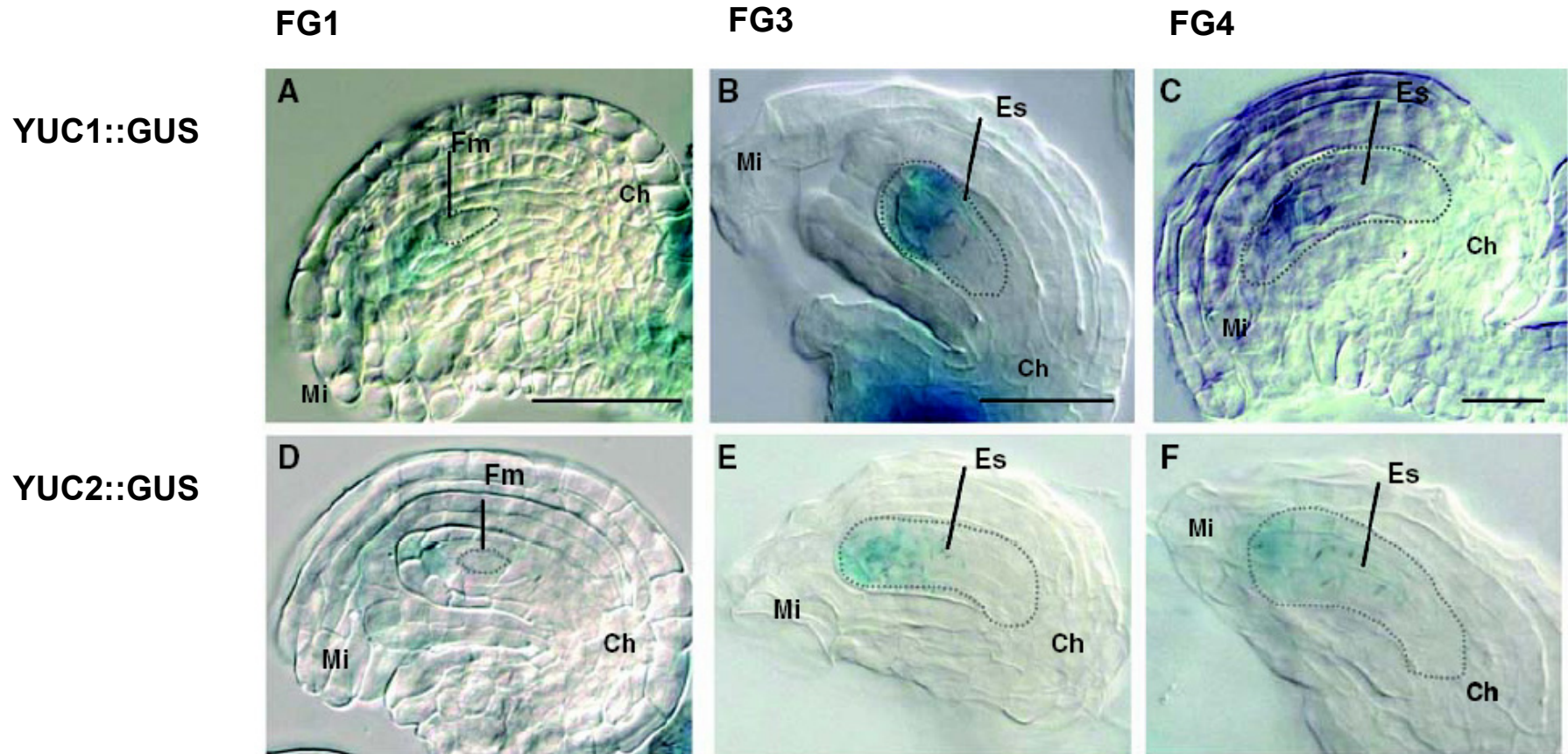


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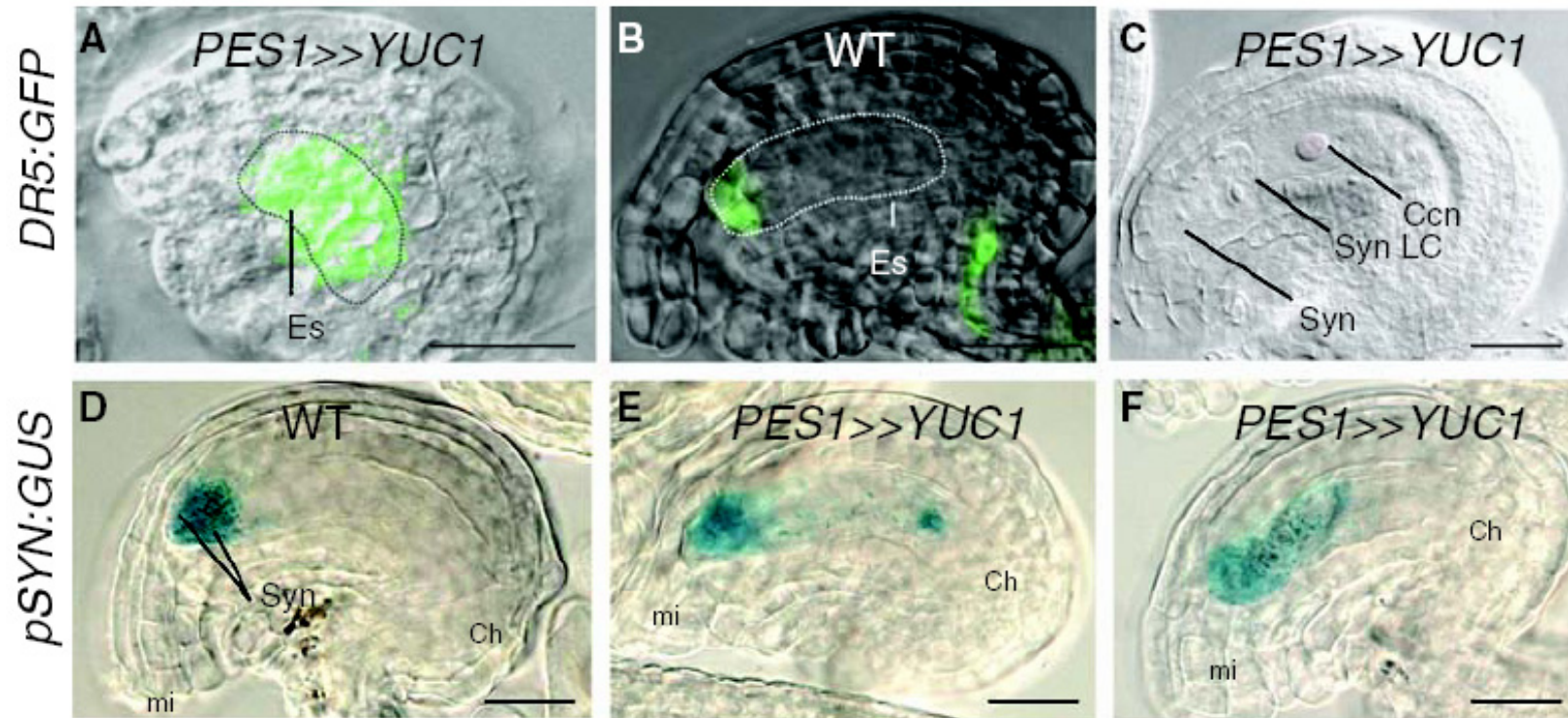
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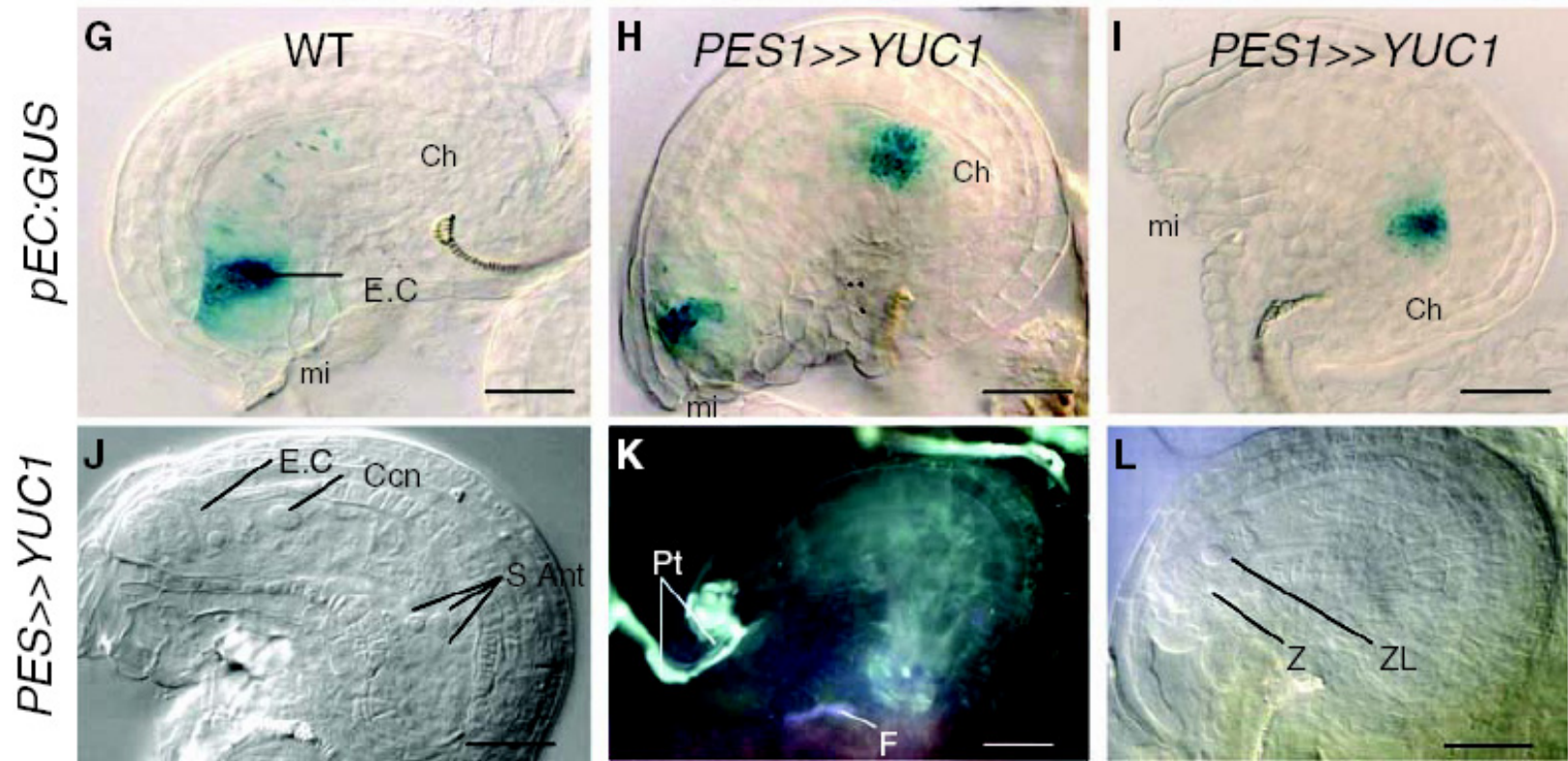
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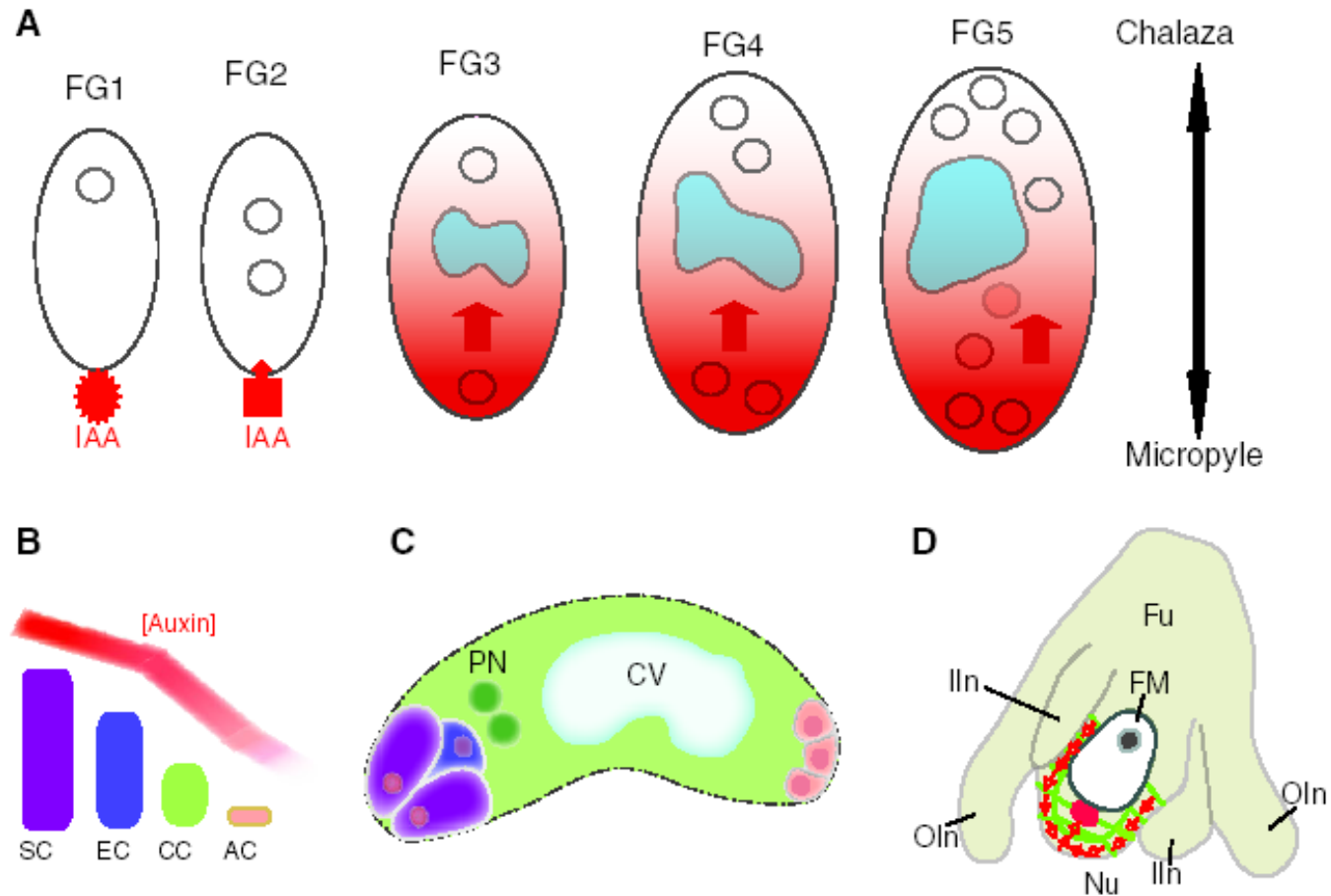


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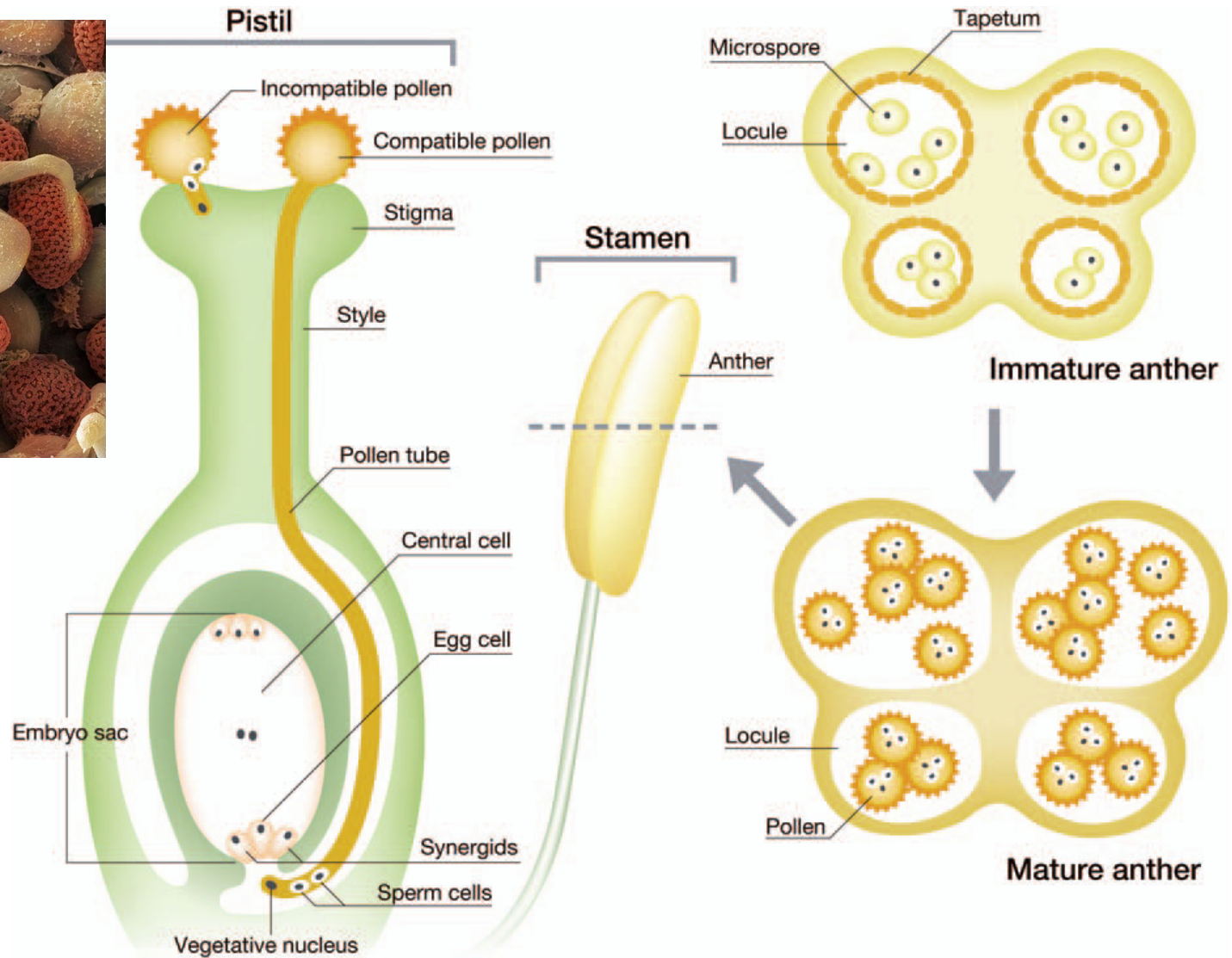
Sundaressan and Alandete-Saez, *Development* (2010)

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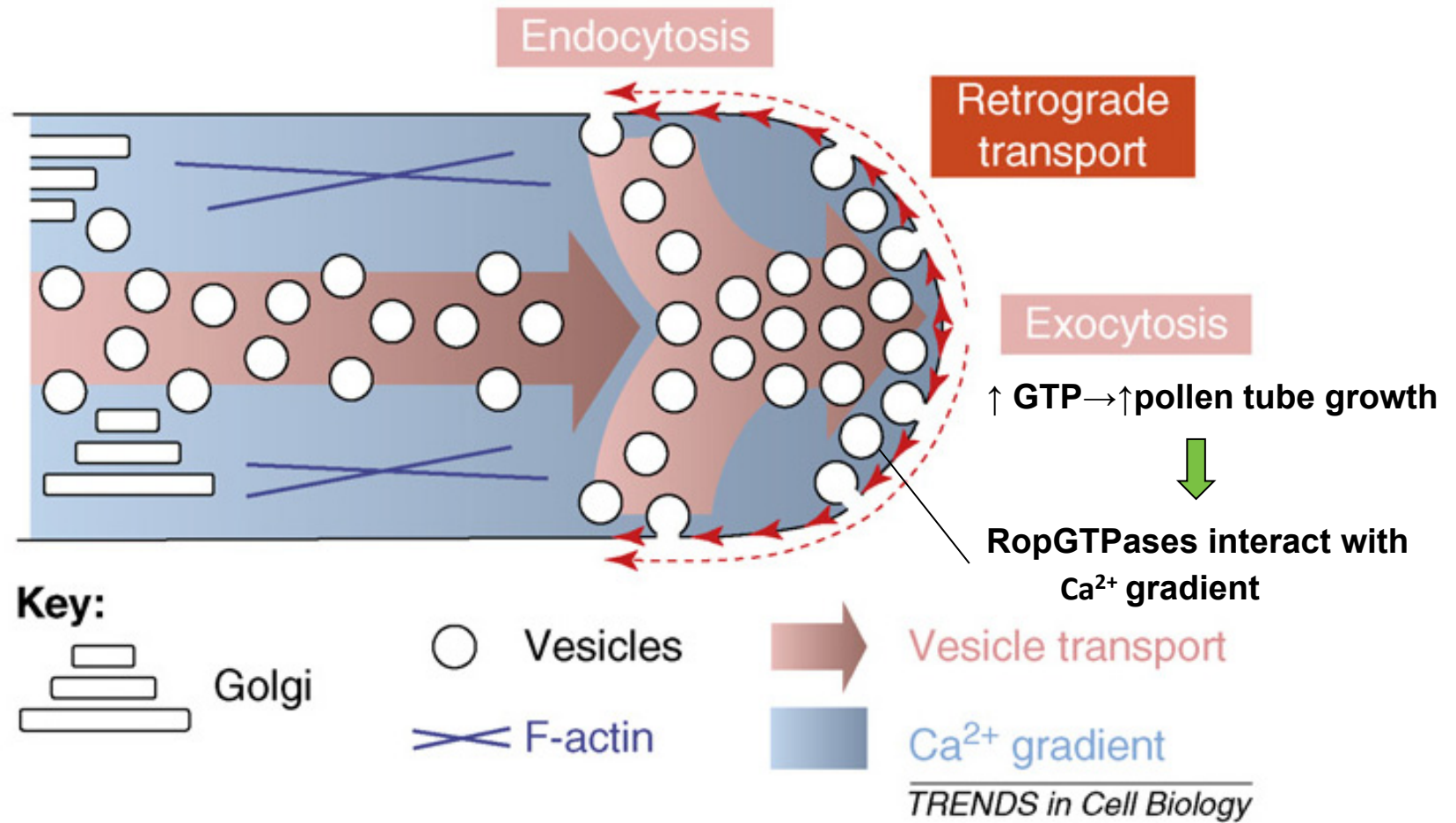
# Pollination and Fertilization



Suzuki, *Plant and Cell Physiol* (2009)



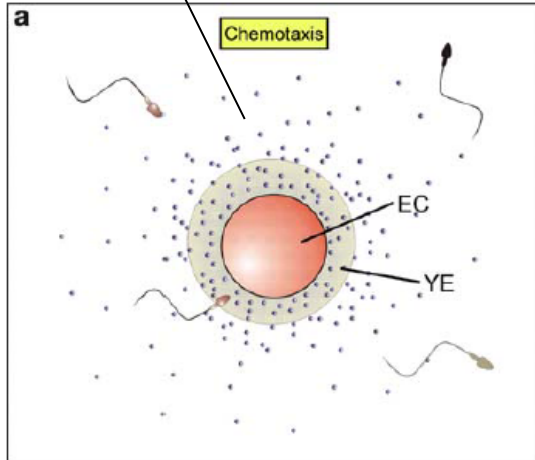
# Pollen Tube Growth



Kost., *Trends in Plant Science* (2008)

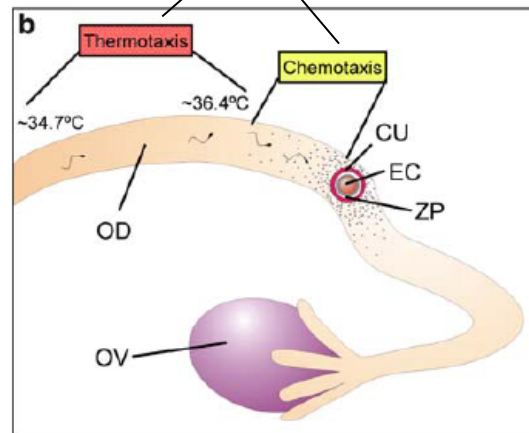
# Chemotaxis and Fertilization

## Chemotaxis



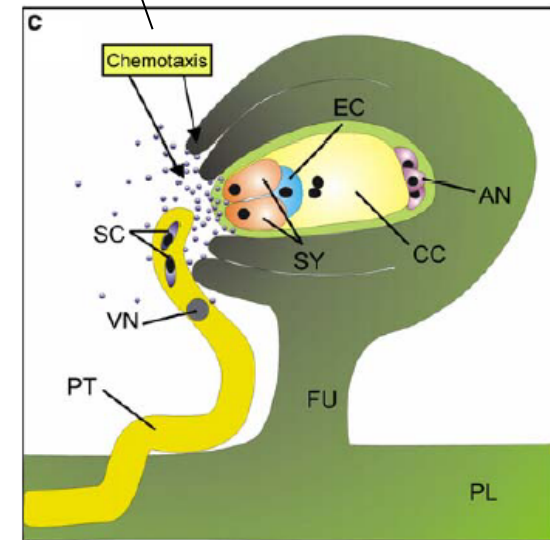
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## Chemo- and Thermotaxis



mammals

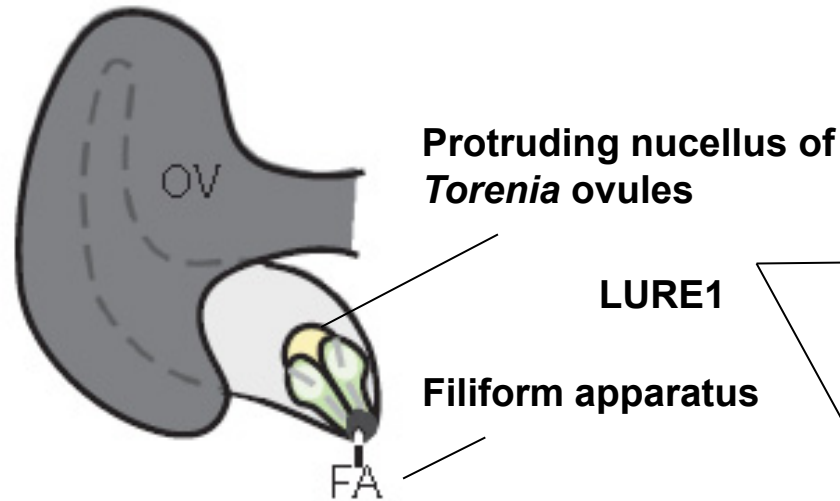
## Chemotaxis



plants

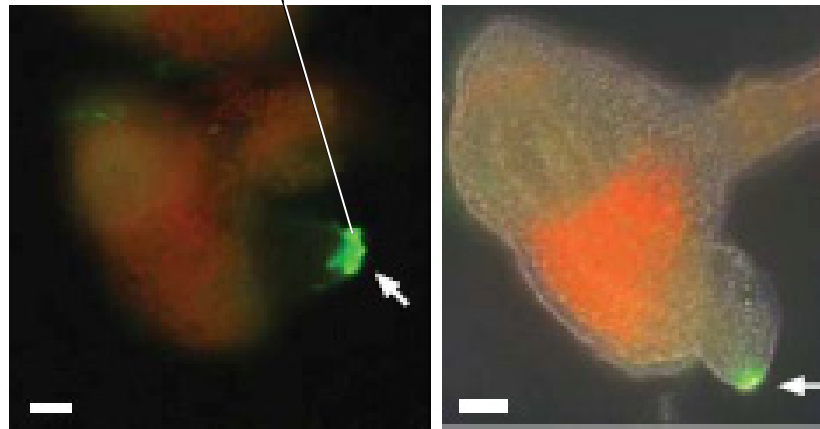
Marton and Dresselhaus., *Plant Sex Reprod* (2007)

# Pollen Tube Guidance

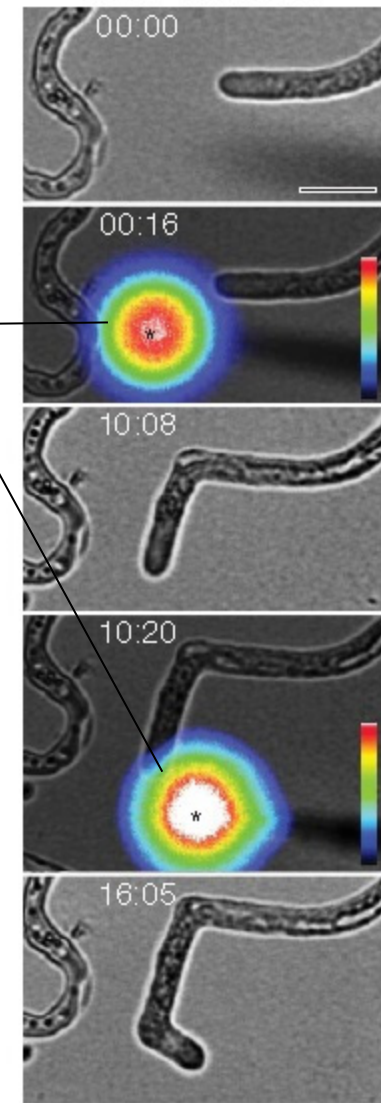


LURE1 and LURE2 (CRPs) → RLKs → pollen tube and synergid behavior

Anti-TfCRP3



**a** TfCRP3 (LURE2)

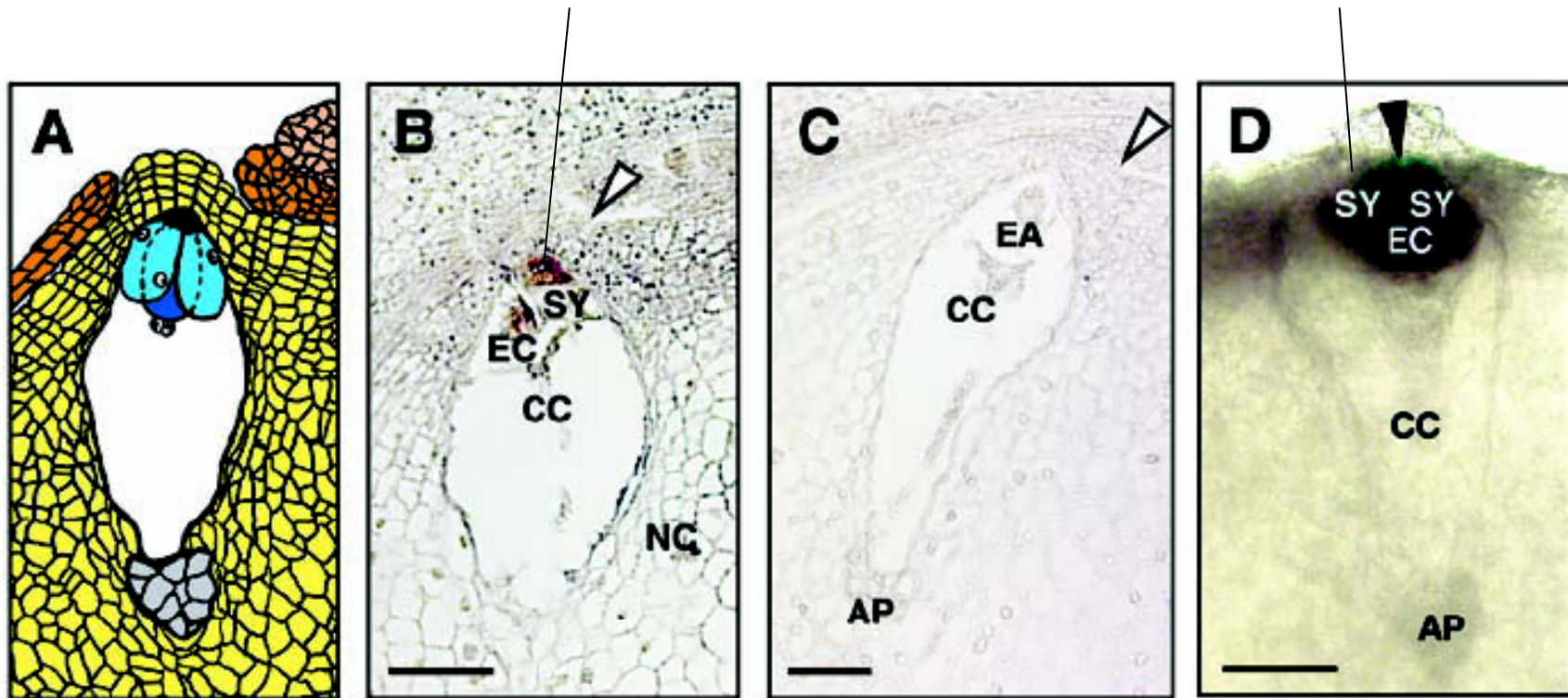




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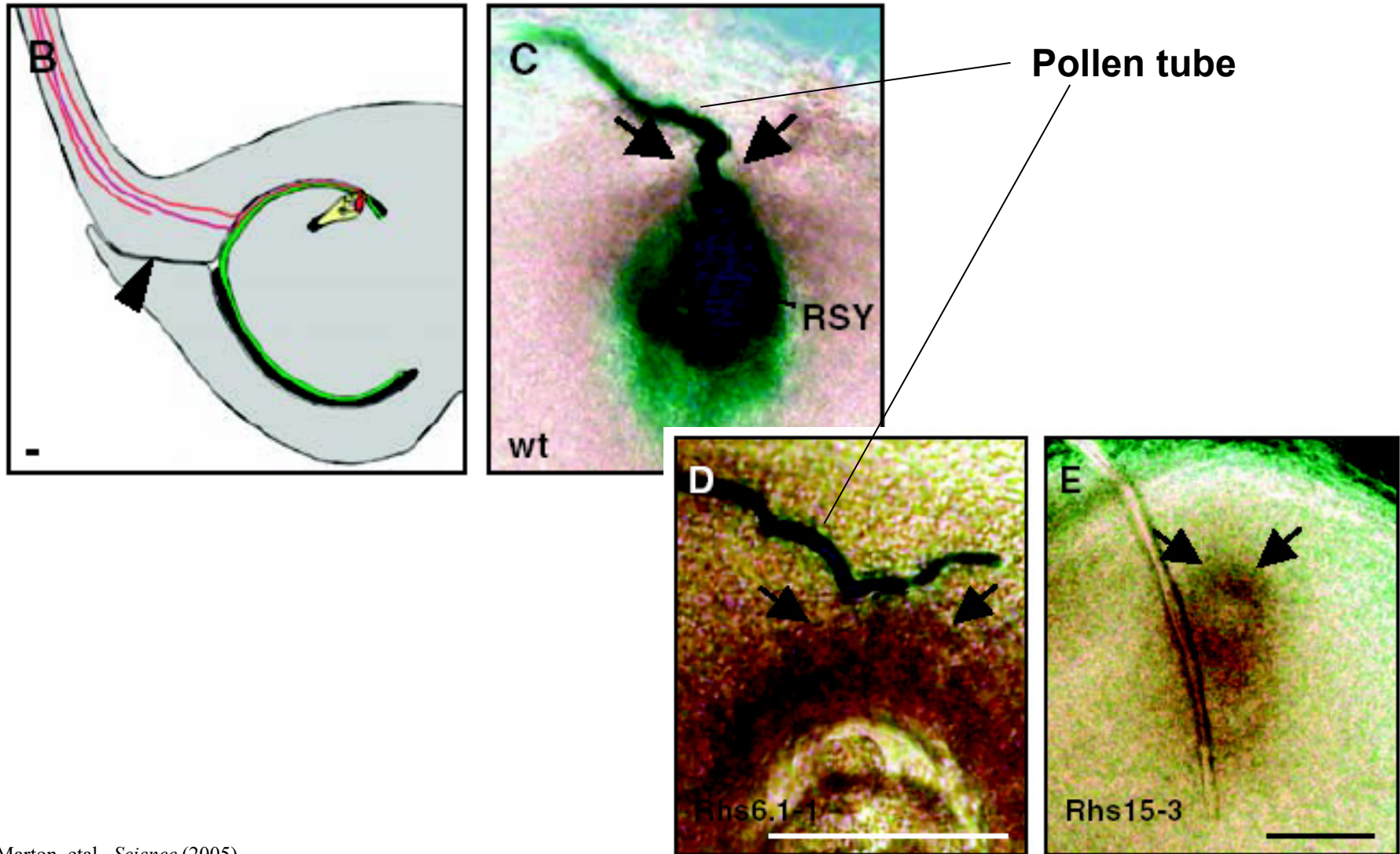
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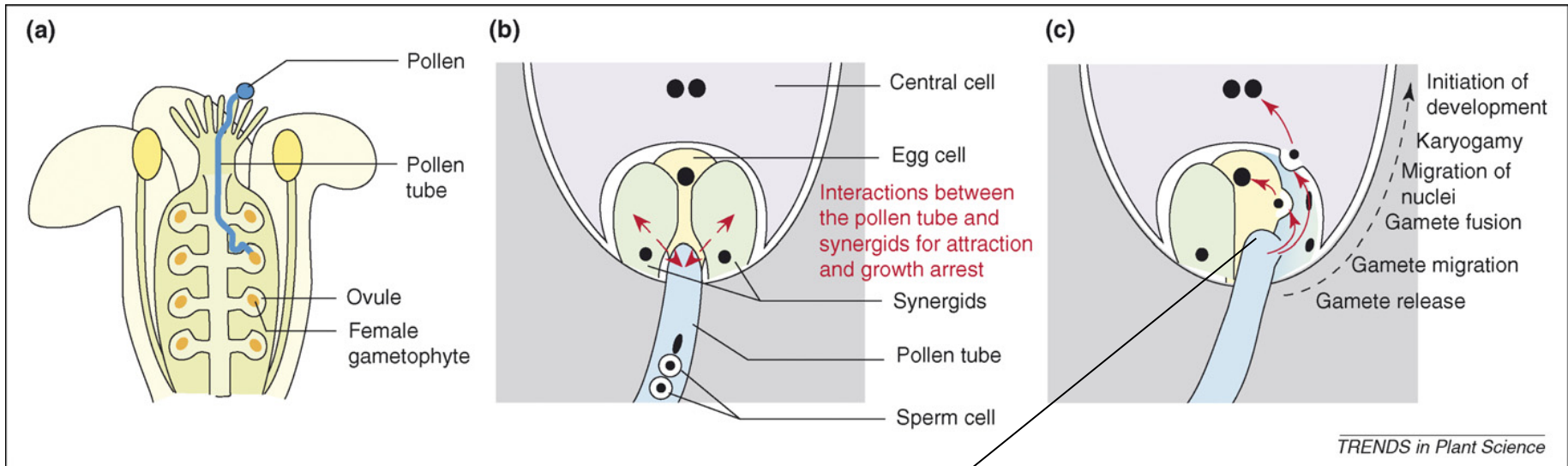
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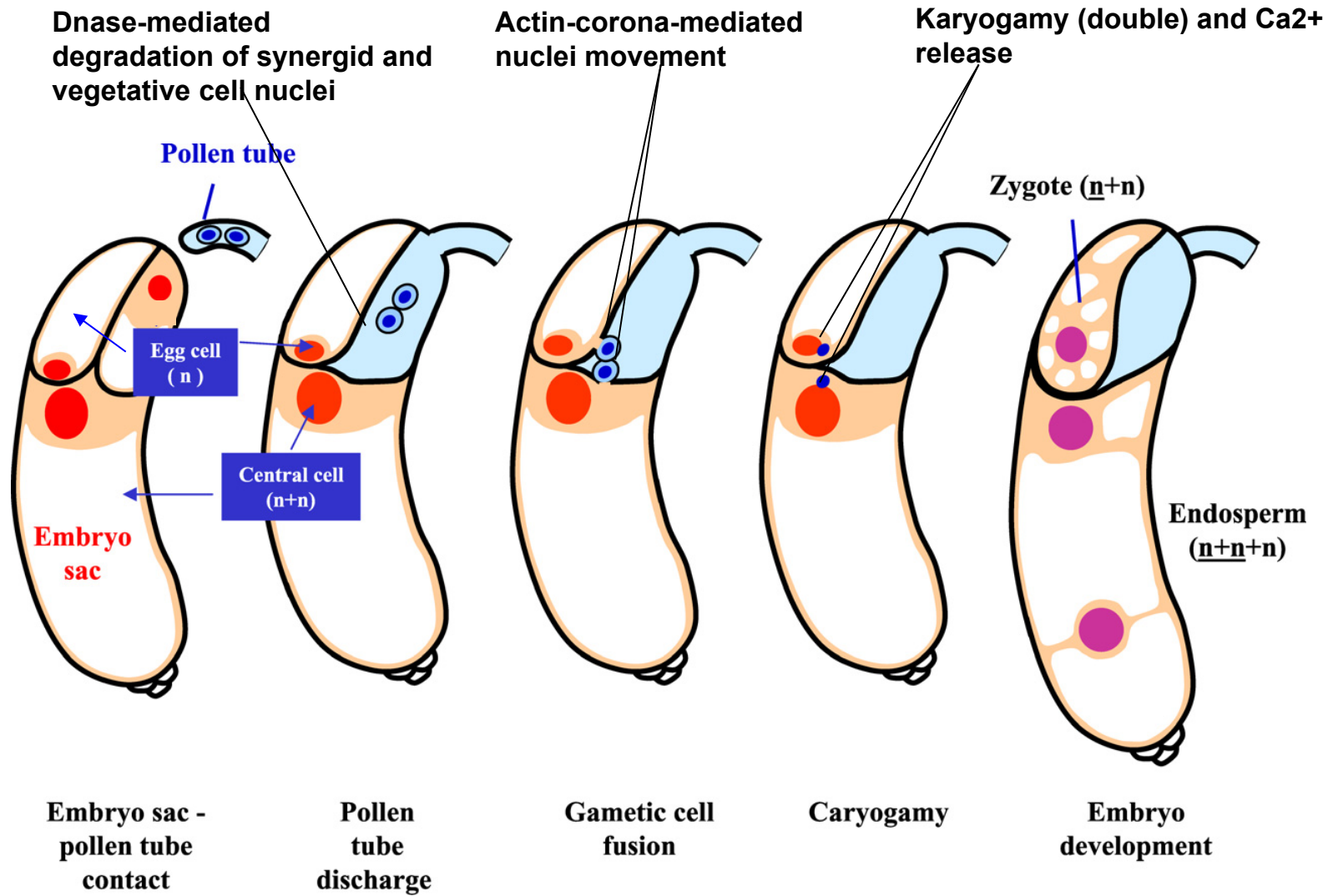


## Receptive synergid

- cytoskeleton reorganization
- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  accumulation
- Organelles and plasmamembrane degeneration

Berger et al., *Trends in Plant Science* (2008)

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Dumas and Rogowsky., *C. R. Biologies* (2008)

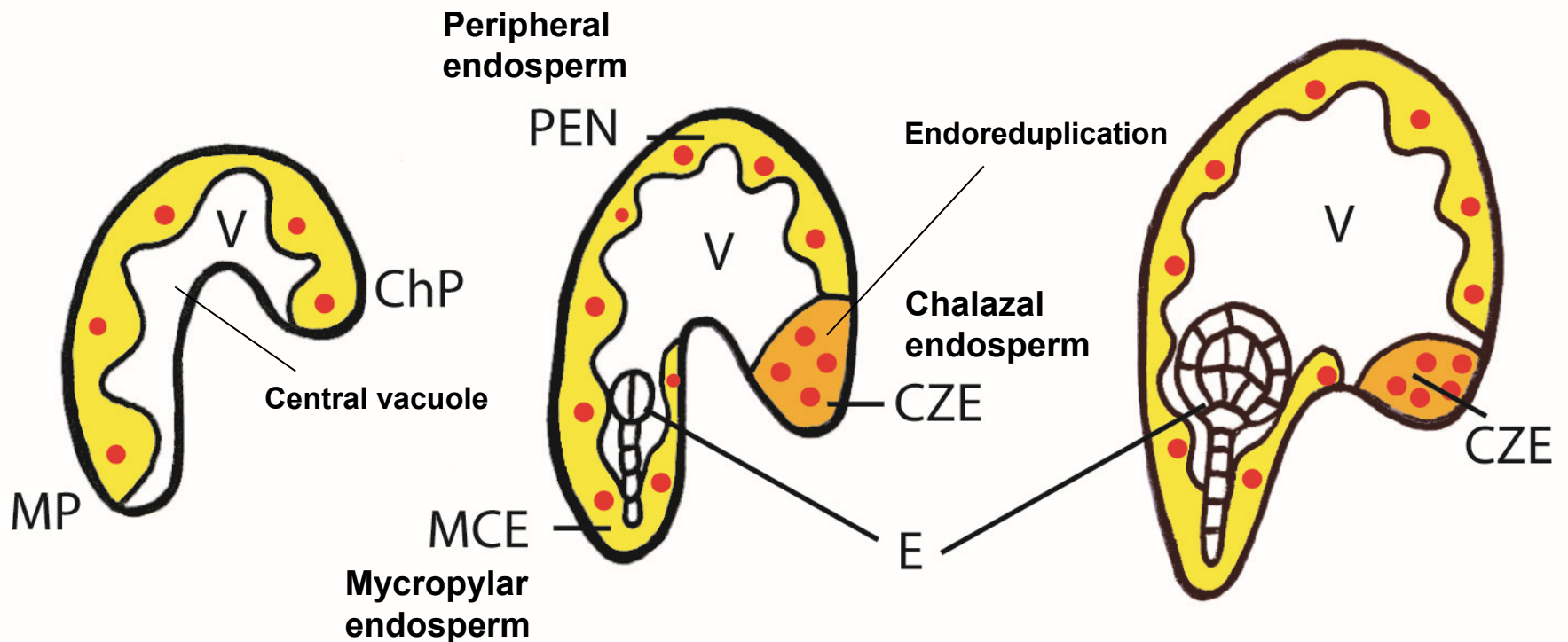
# Outline of Lesson 6

## Plant Reproduction

- Sexual and asexual plant reproduction
- Plant life cycle
- Initiation of flowering
- Determination of floral organ identity
- Microgametogenesis
- Megagametogenesis
  - Female gametophyte patterning
- Pollen tube growth, guidance and fertilization
- Endosperm and seed formation

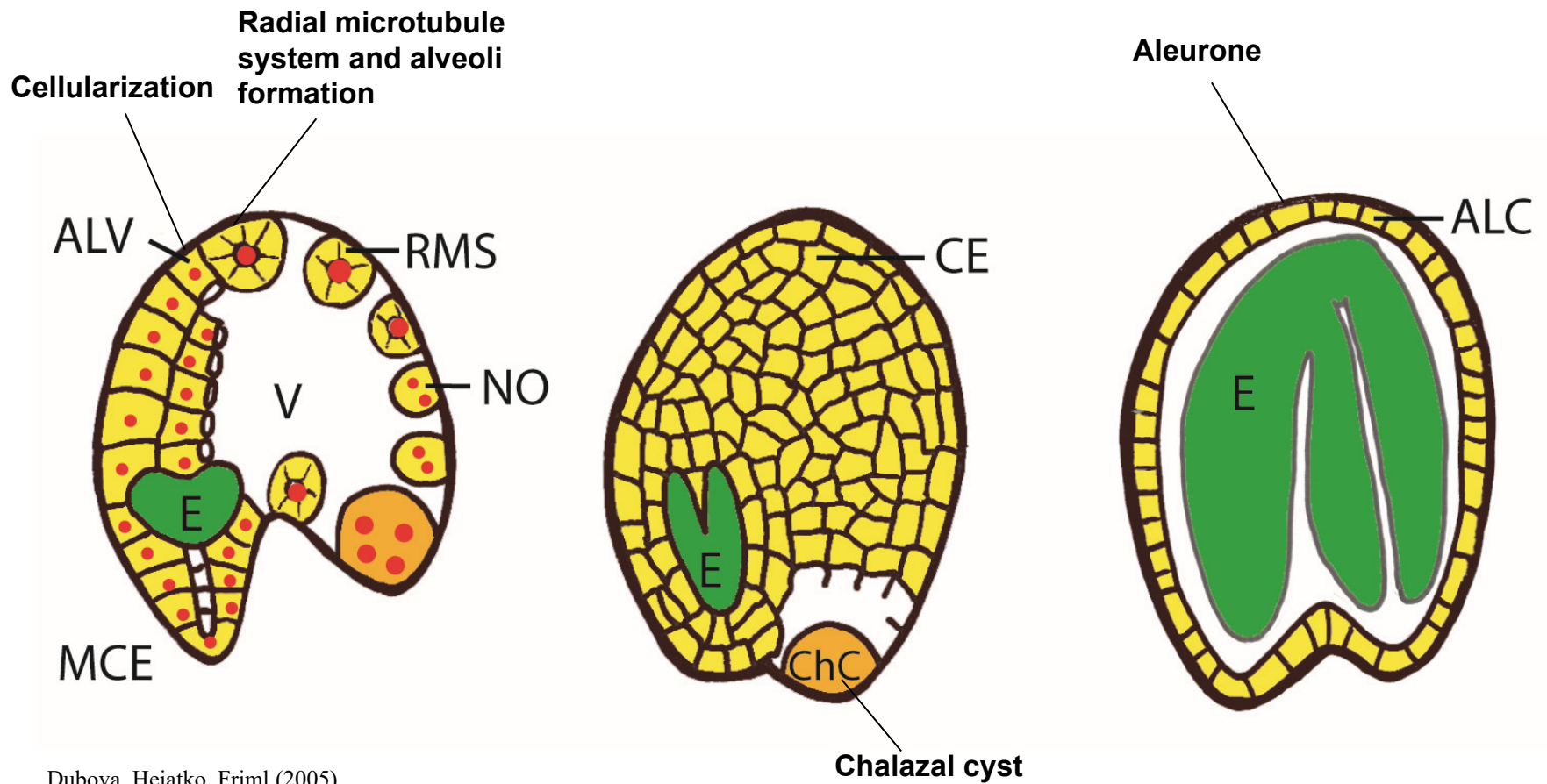


# Endosperm Formation



Dubova, Hejatko, Friml (2005)

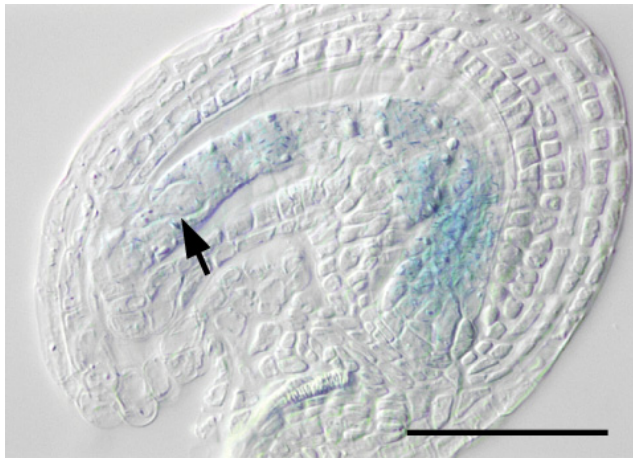
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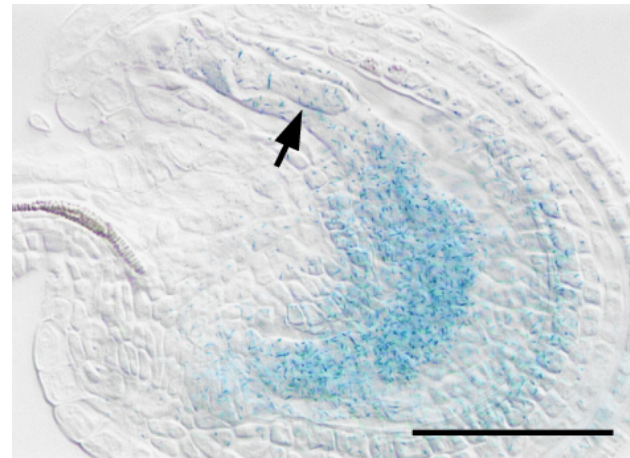


# CKI1 Activity in Endosperm

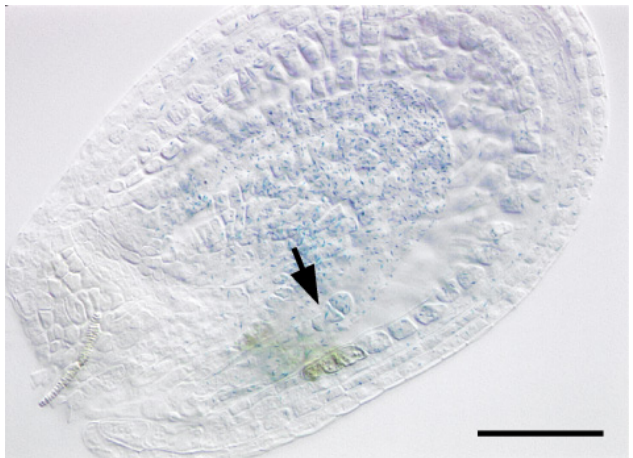
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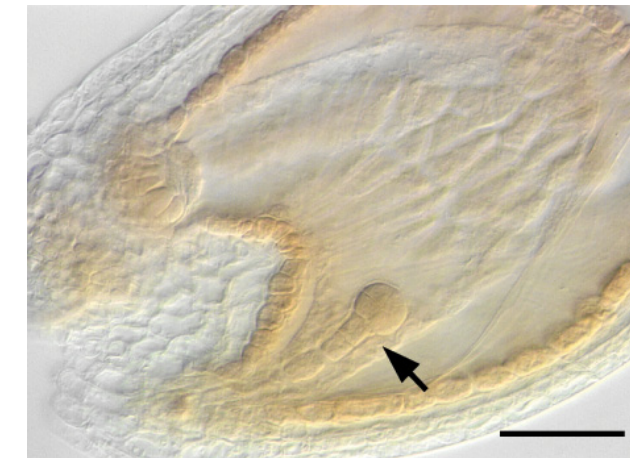
12 HAP



24 HAP



48 HAP



72 HAP

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

# Key Concepts

- In plants, **gametophytic** and **sporophytic portion** (“generation”) of the life cycle could be distinguished
- **Initiation of flowering** integrates **multiple inputs** (light quality/photoperiod, vernalization, autonomous and hormonal signals)
- **Several developmental switches** resulting into **acquisition of floral meristem** and **floral organ identity** take place during onset of flowering. These **switches** are under control of **specific genes** that mutually interact
- In angiosperms, the gametophyte is reduced to **three-celled pollen tube** (male gametophyte) and mostly **seven-celled female gametophyte** (embryo sac). **Auxin gradient** determines **acquisition of cell identity** during embryo sac development
- Pollen tube growth is complex process associated with large amount of cell material deposition. **Pollen tube guidance is mediated by specific molecules** allowing **synergid-cell mediated chemotaxis**.
- **Expression of maternal** and **paternal genes** is **tightly regulated** during seed development.

# Discussion