

# CG920 Genomics

## Lesson 6

### Gene Expression and Chemical Genetics

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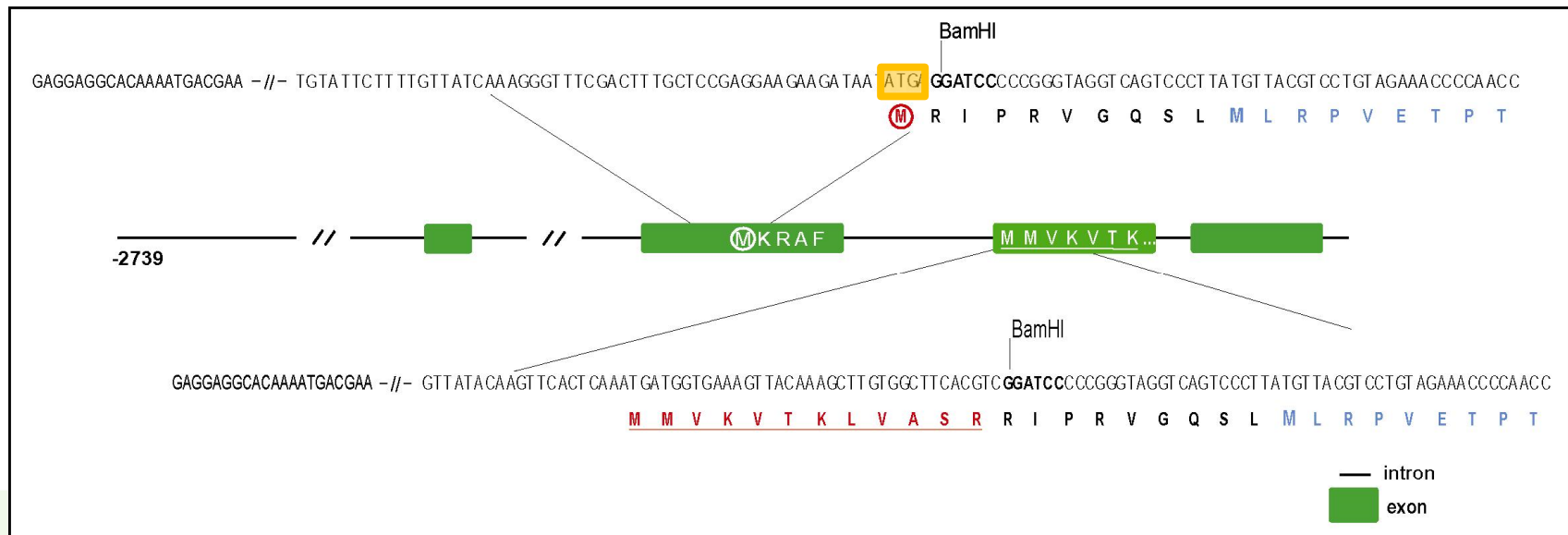
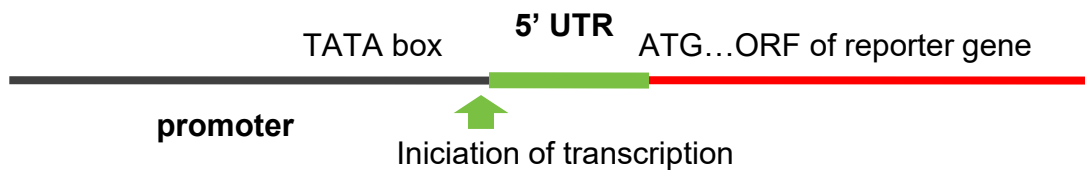
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  - **T-DNA activation mutagenesis**
  - **Ectopic expression and regulated gene expression systems**

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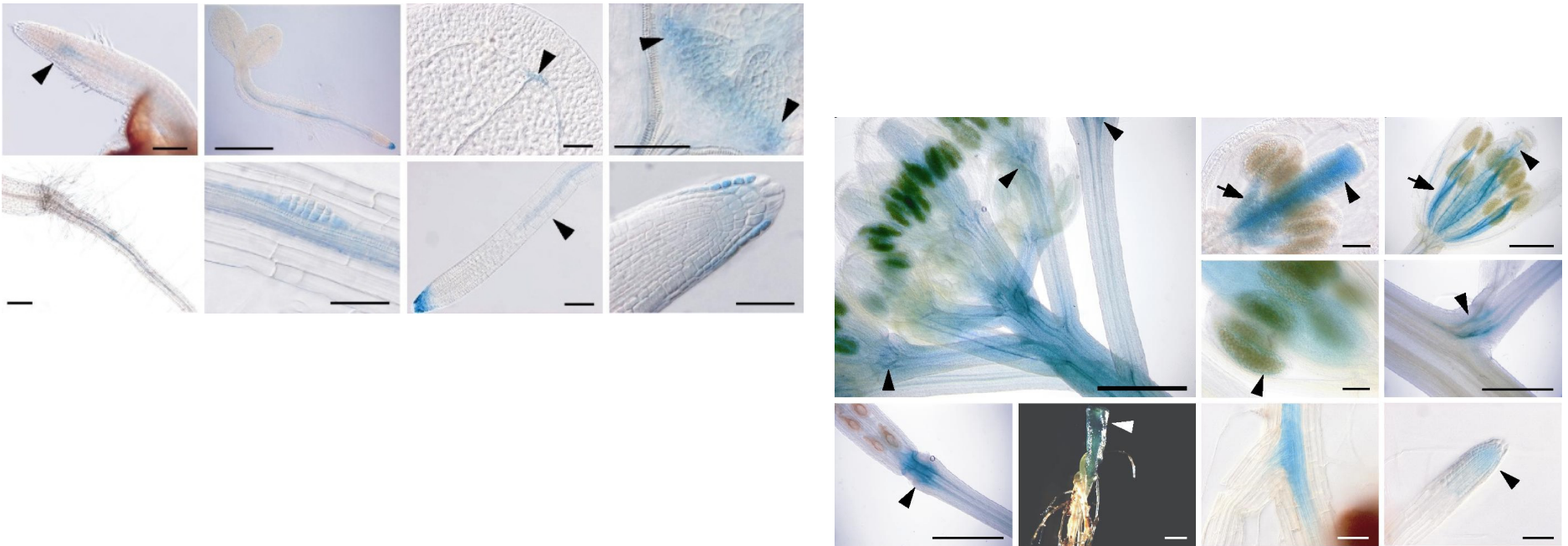
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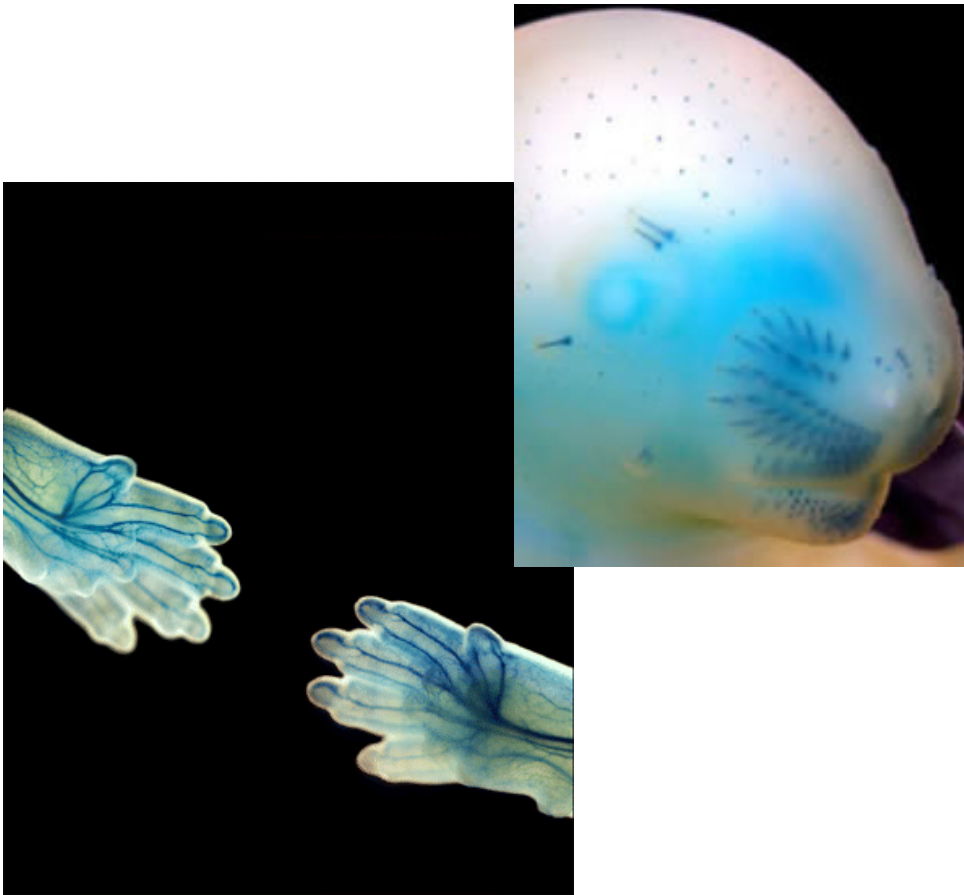


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# GUS Reporter in Mouse Embryos



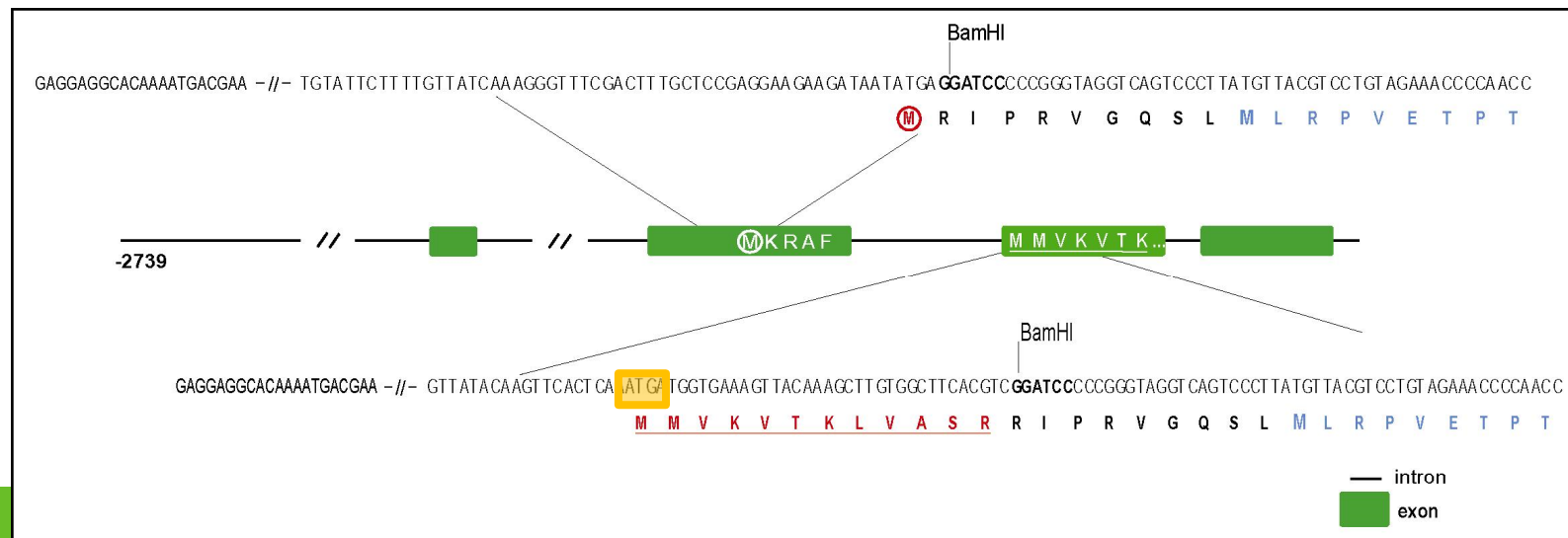
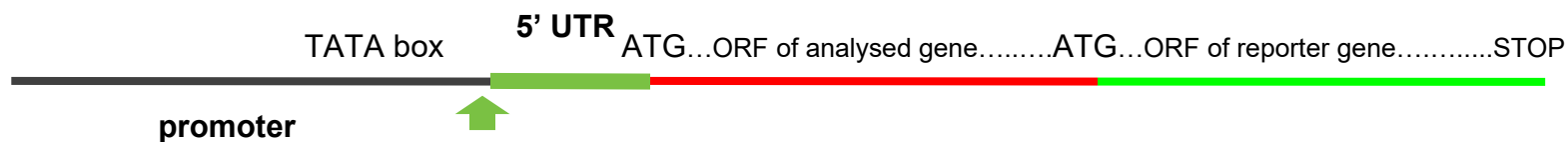
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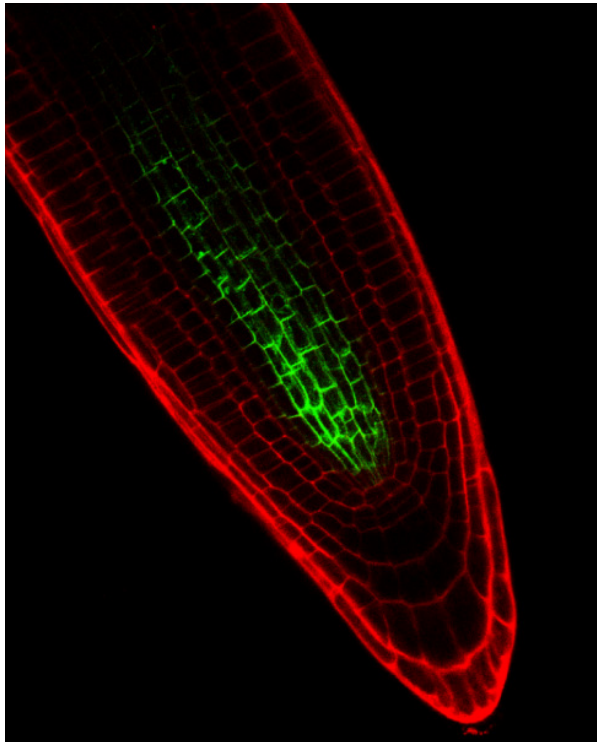
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- Identification and cloning of the promoter and coding region of the analyzed gene
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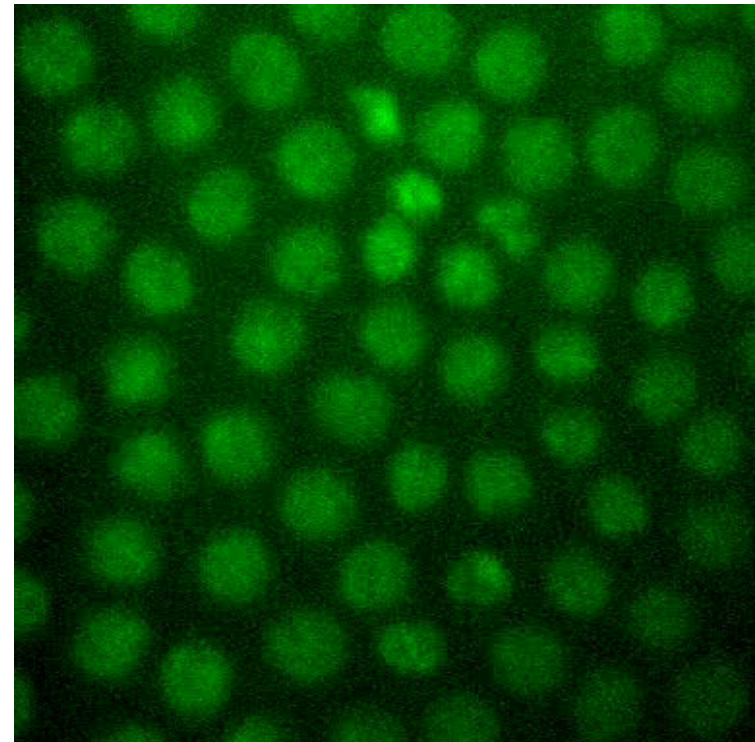


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- Preparation of transgenic organisms carrying the recombinant DNA and their histological analysis
- Compared to transcriptional fusion, translation fusion allows analysis of intercellular localization of gene product (protein) or its dynamics

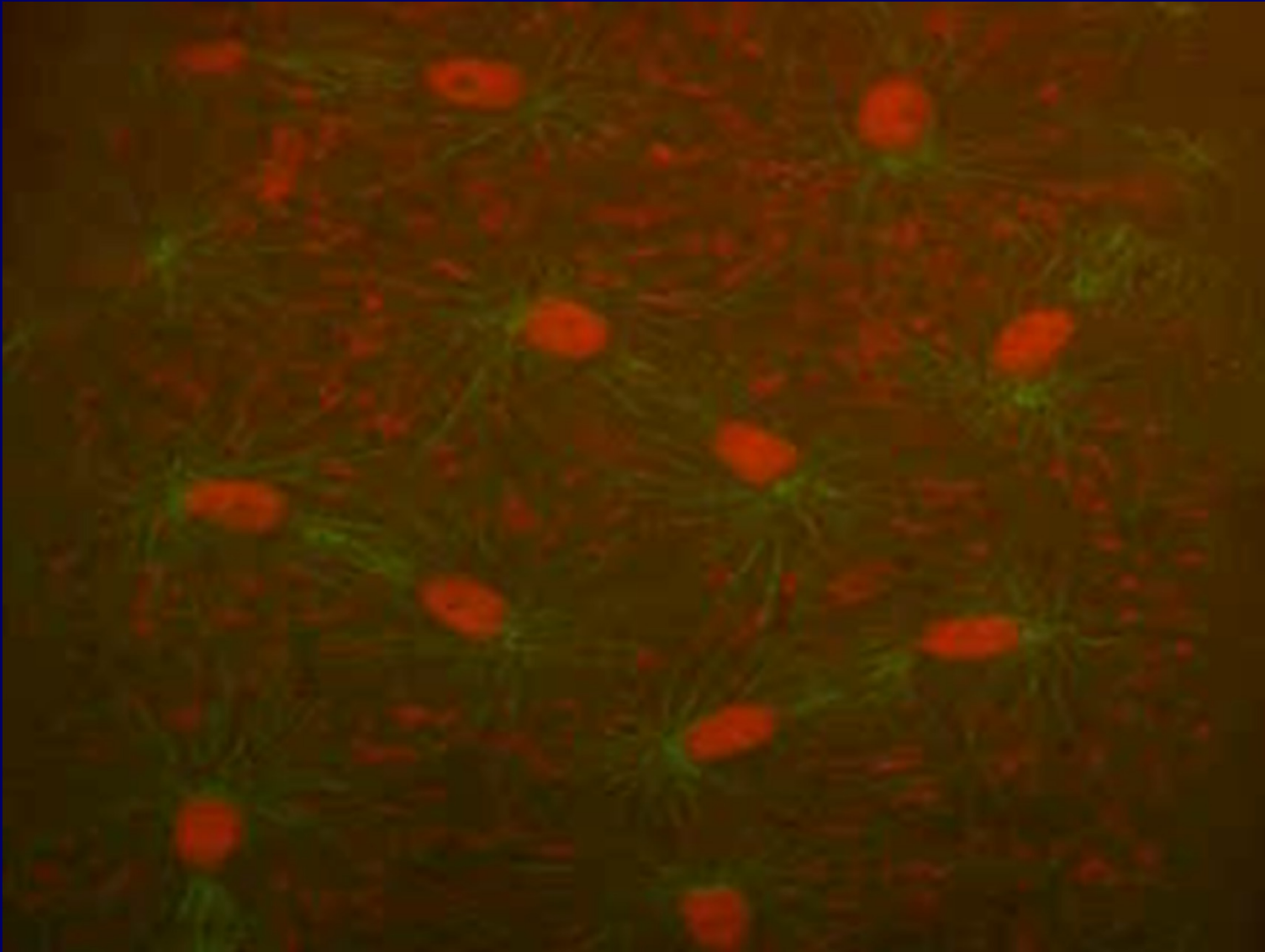


PIN1-GFP in *Arabidopsis*



Histone 2A-GFP in *Drosophila* embryo by PAM

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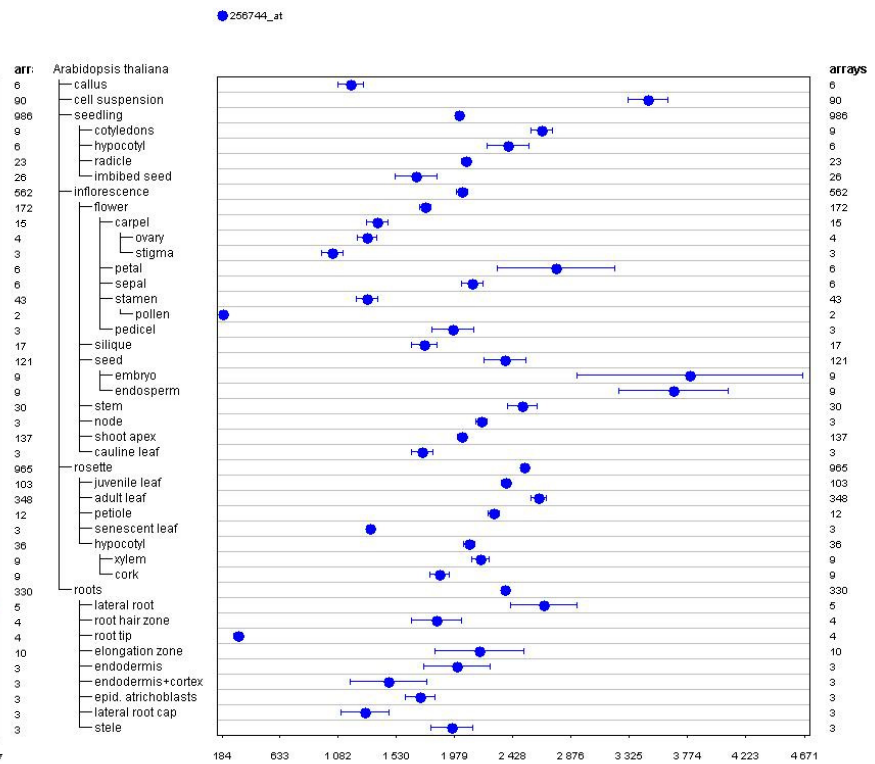
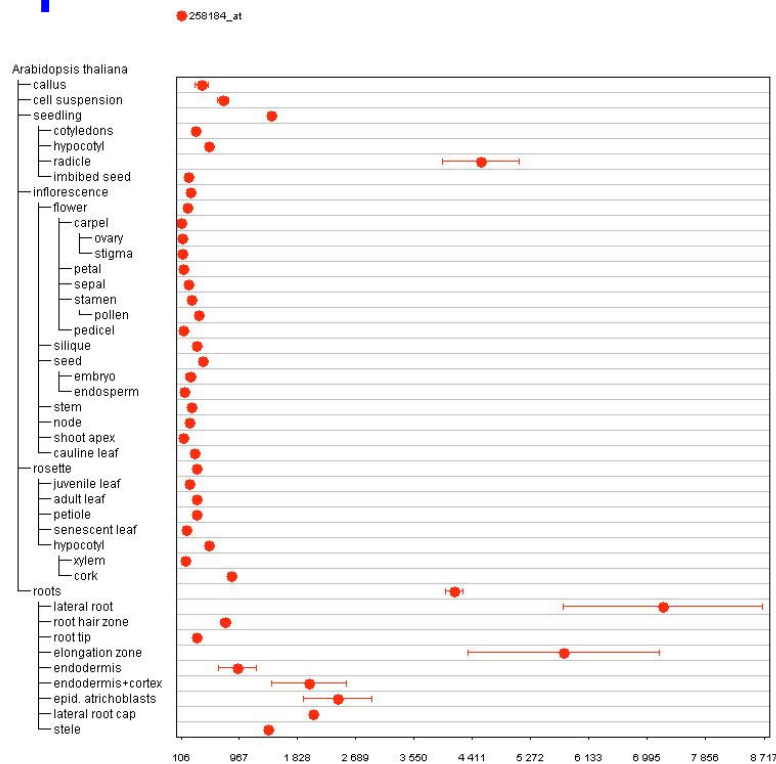


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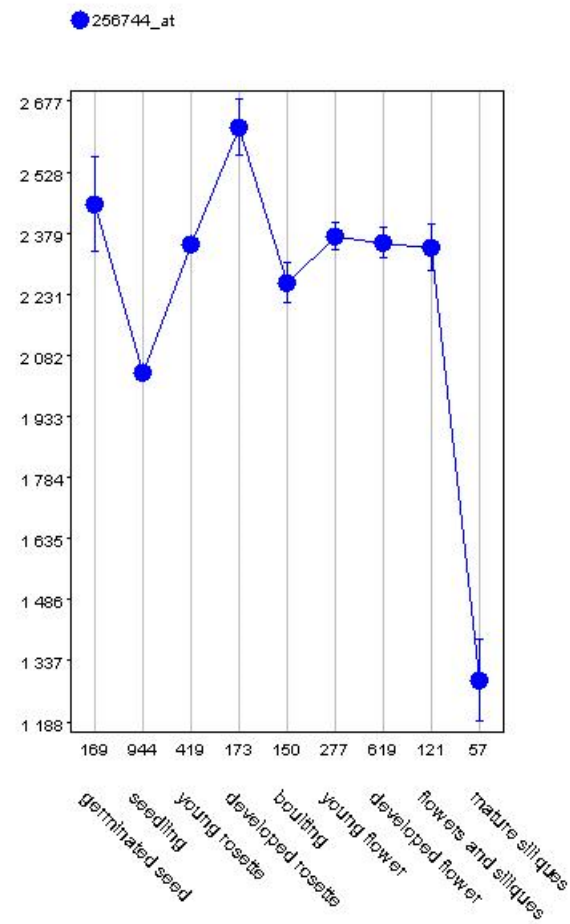
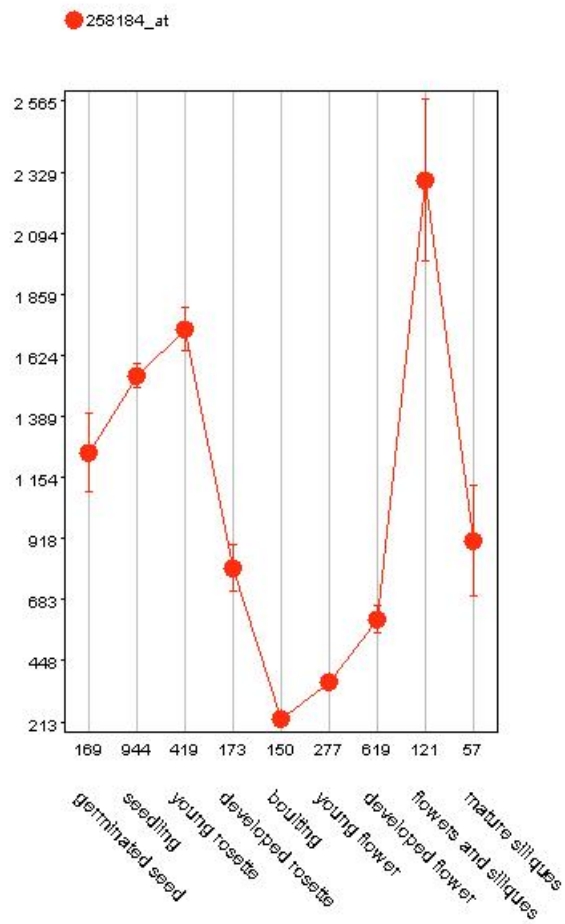
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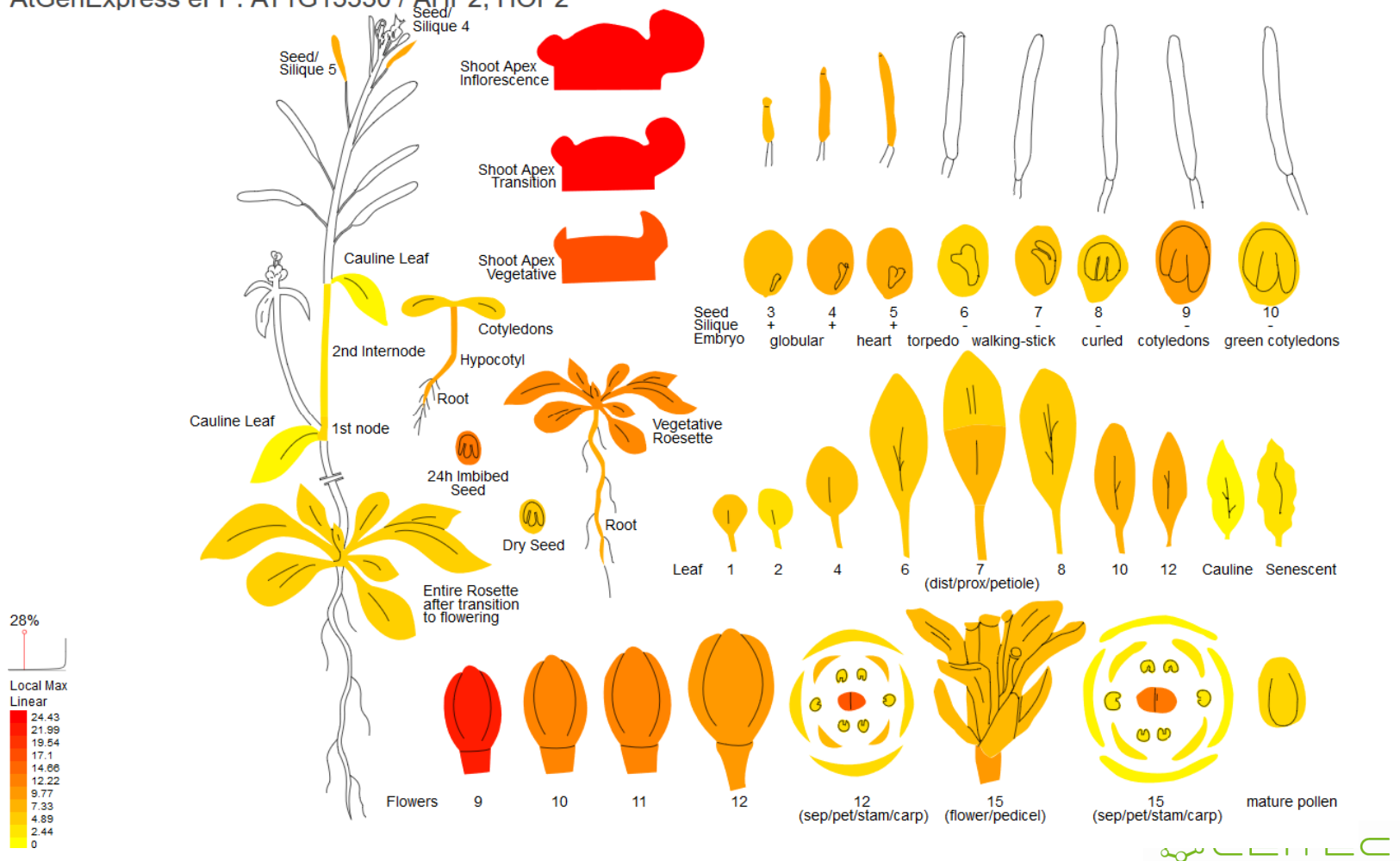
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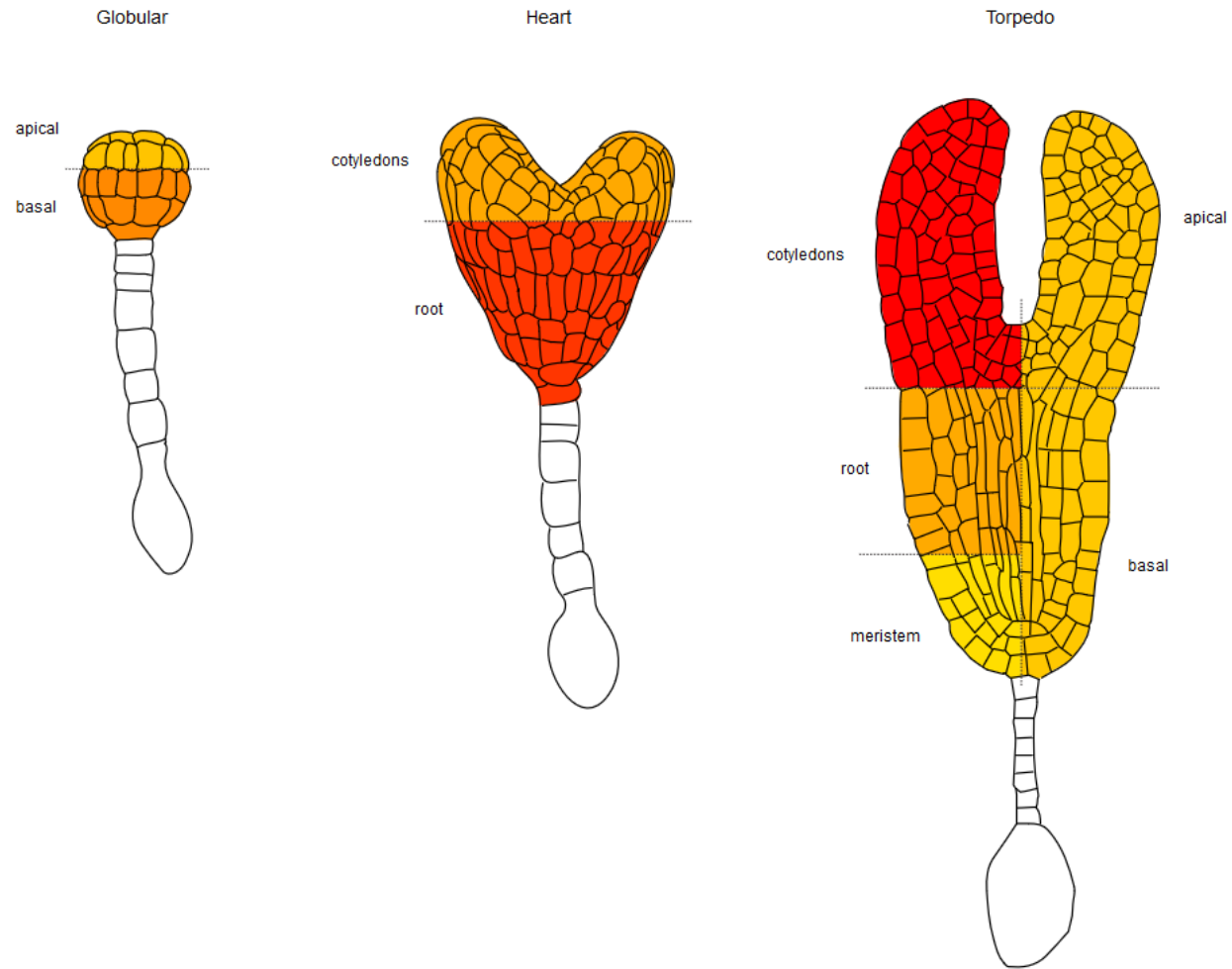
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AtGenExpress eFP: AT1G13330 / AHP2, HOP2



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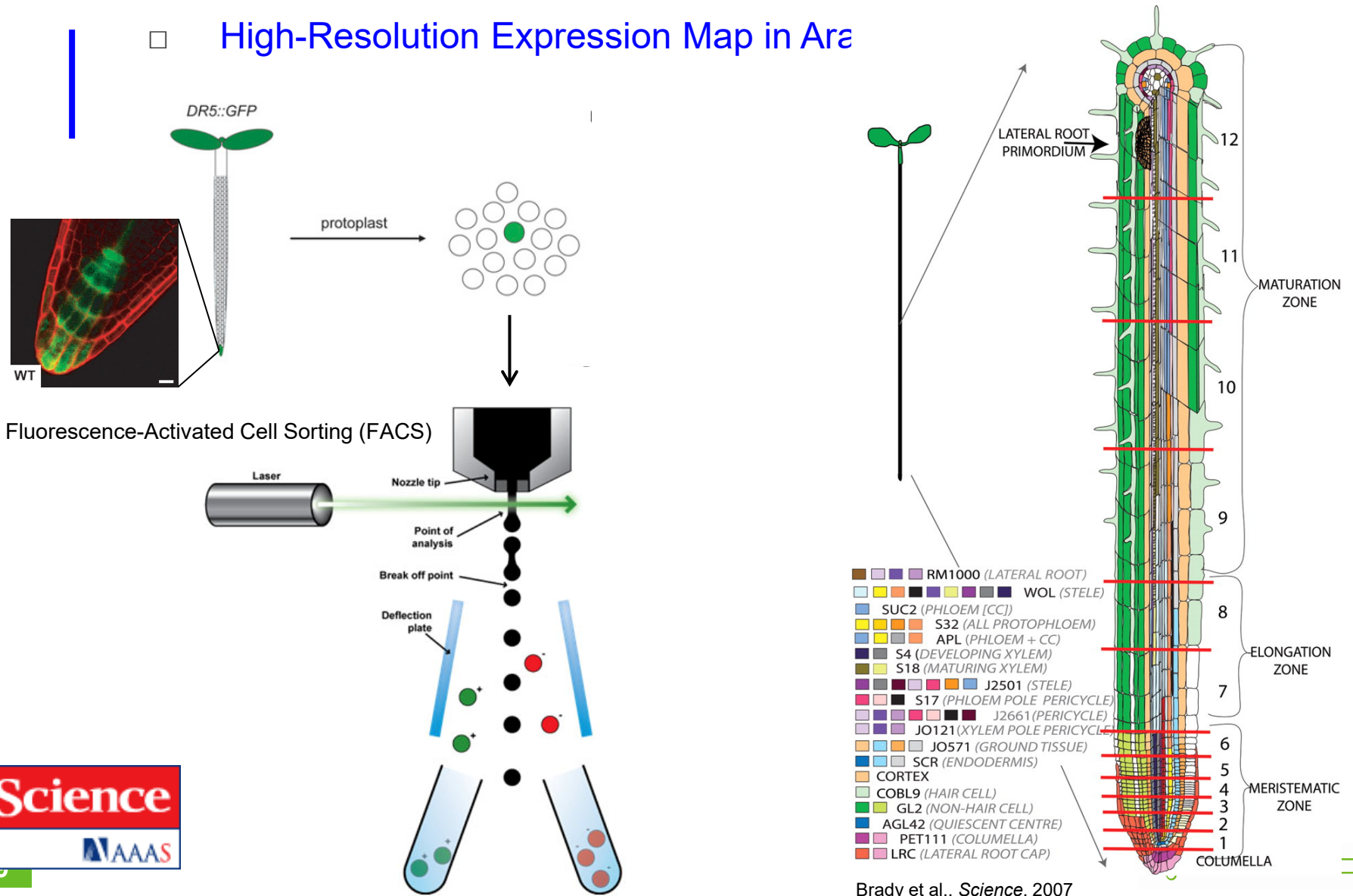


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## High-Resolution Expression Map in *Arabidopsis*



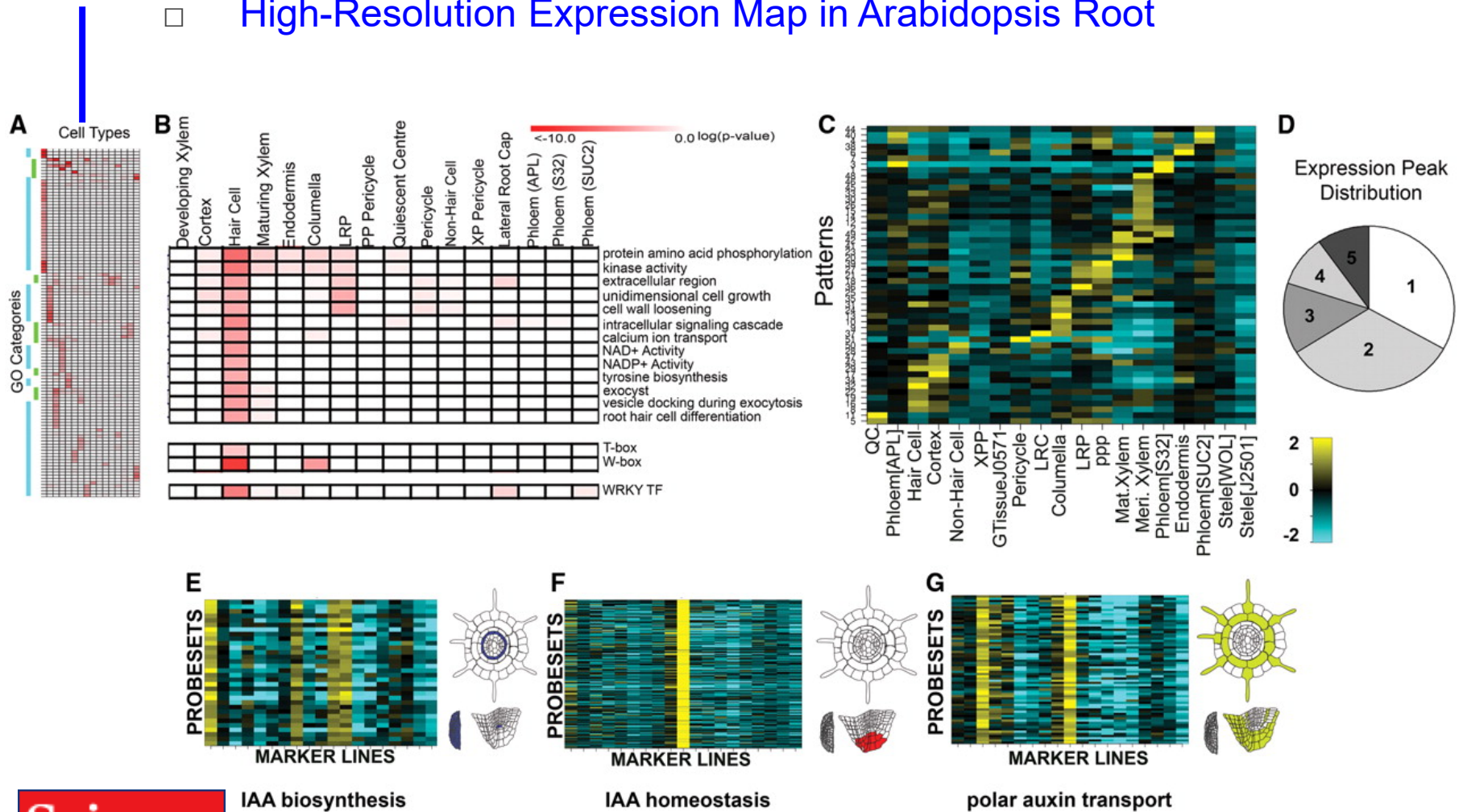
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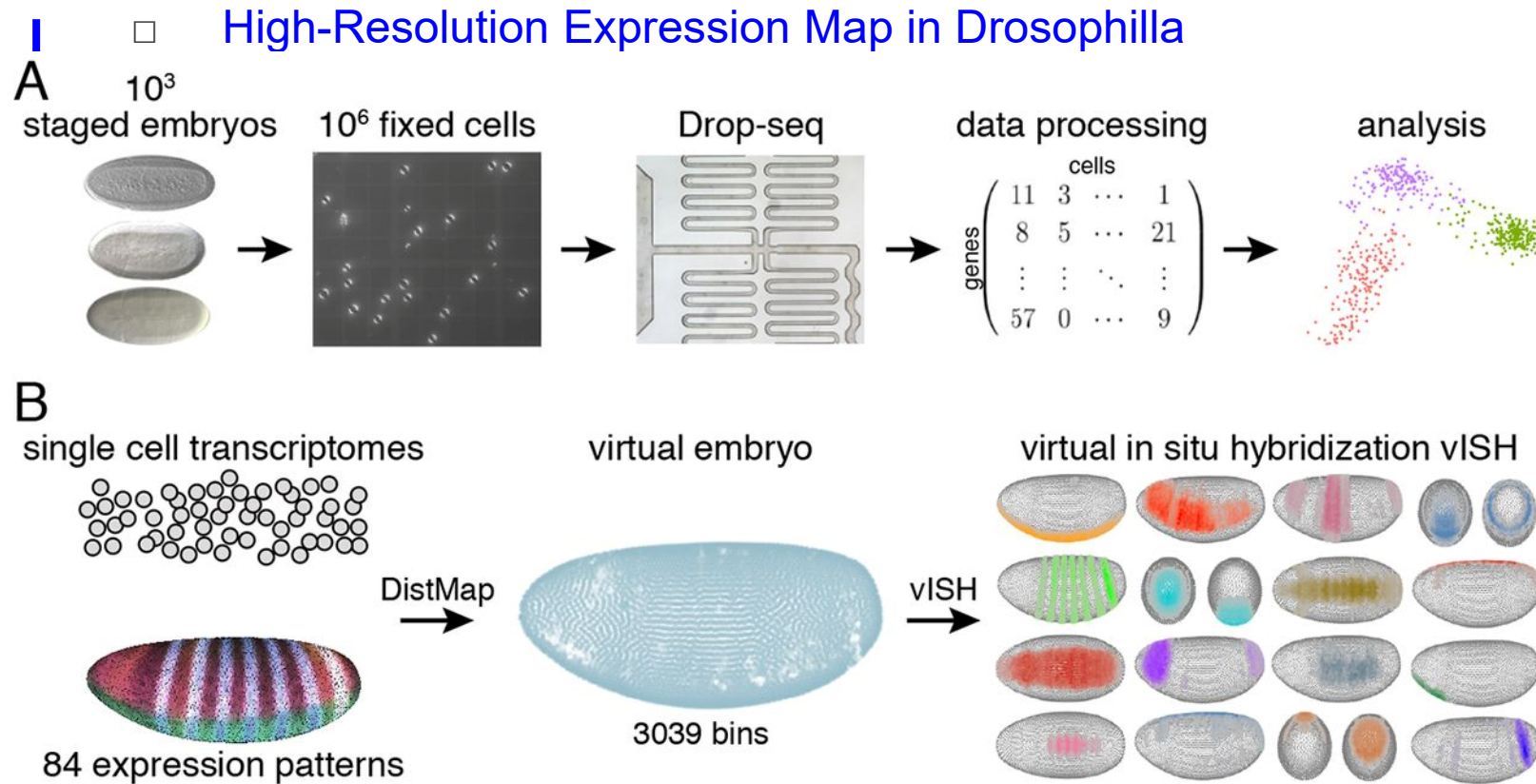
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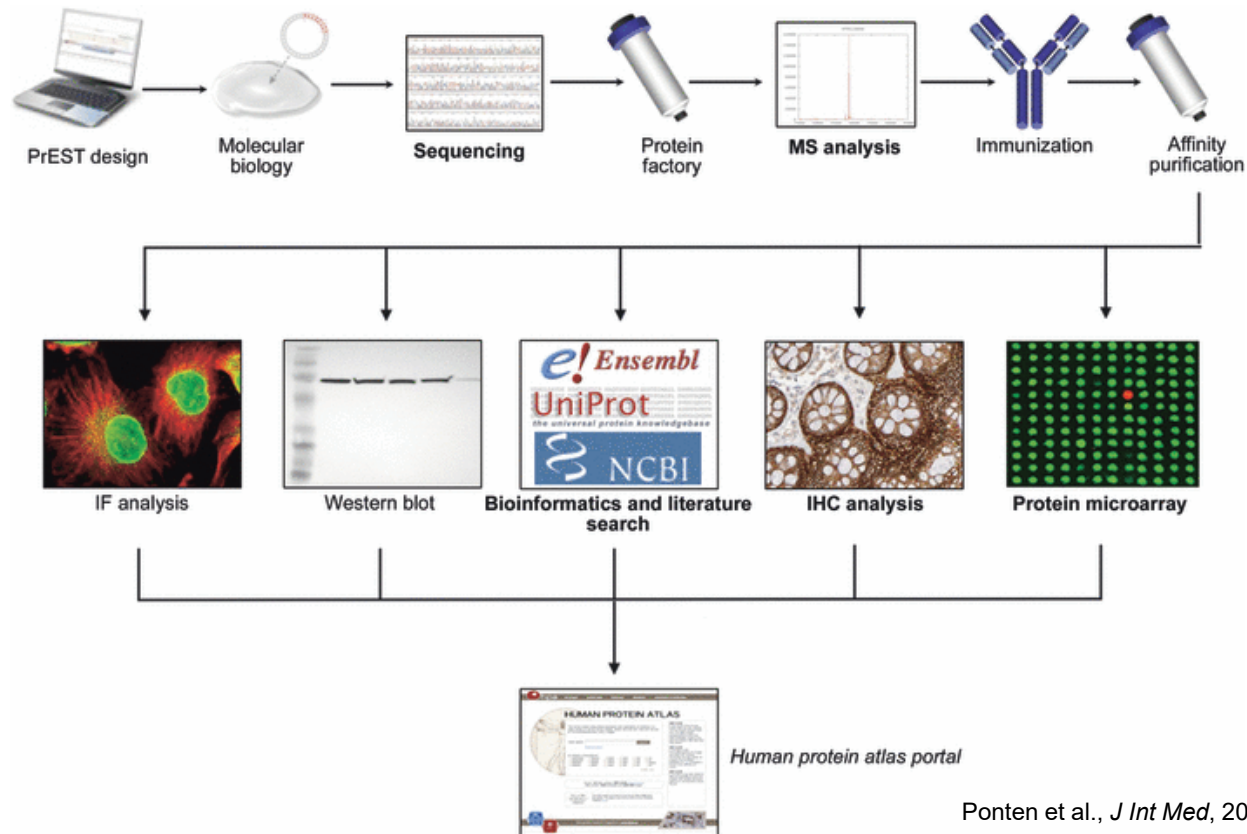
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Nikos Karaïskos et al. Science 2017;science.aan3235

# Expression Maps - Proteins


## □ Human Protein Atlas



Ponten et al., *J Int Med*, 2011

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(<http://www.proteinatlas.org/>)

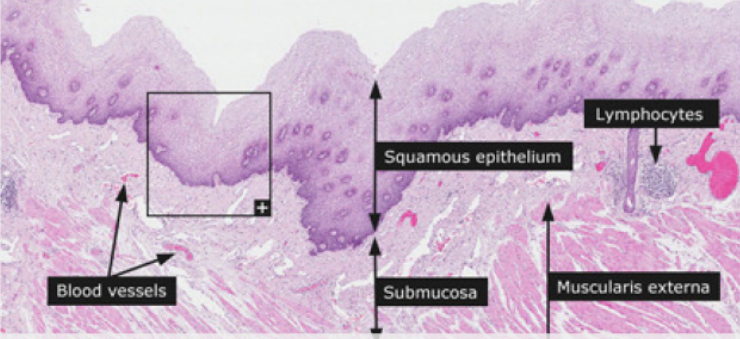
**THE HUMAN PROTEIN ATLAS** 

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**News**

**Protein evidence** according to [Fagerberg et al](#) is summarized in the [chromosome progress diagram](#).

Version: **11.0**  
Atlas updated: 2013-03-11  
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**15156** genes with protein expression profiles based on **18707** antibodies.

*dictionary: histology of esophagus*

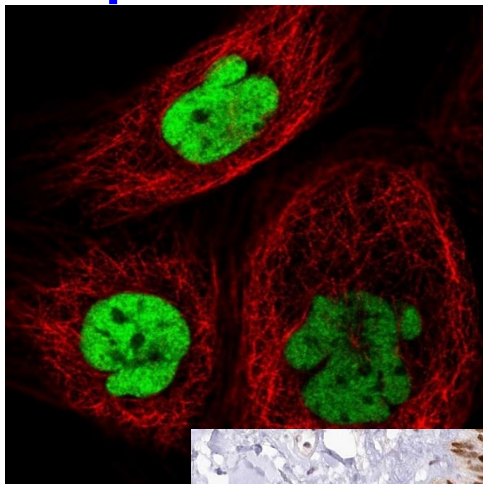


The Human Protein Atlas project is funded by the Knut & Alice Wallenberg foundation.



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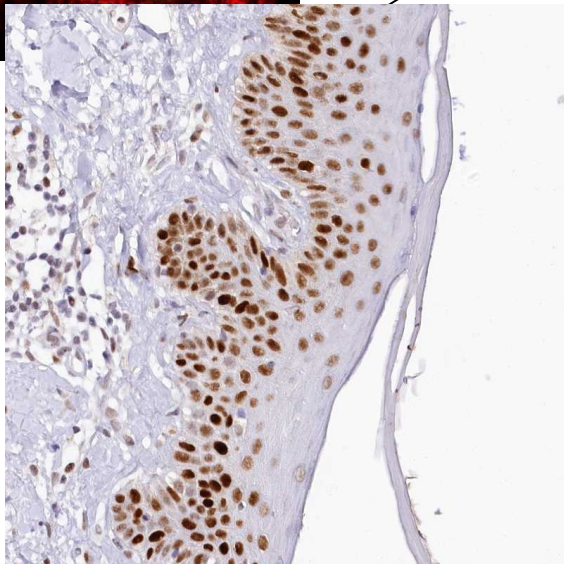


**SUBCELLULAR LOCATION SUMMARY**

Main location(s) Nucleus but not nucleoli  
 Additional location(s)  
 Staining summary Localized to the nucleus but excluded from the nucleoli.  
 Reliability (APE) High  
 Antibodies in assay CAB039238, CAB039239

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MORE SUBCELL DATA



**NORMAL TISSUE & ORGAN SUMMARY**

Expression summary Fractions of cells showed weak nuclear and/or cytoplasmic expression.  
 Tissue specificity Expressed in 11 out of 82 cell types  
 Reliability (APE) High  
 Antibodies in assay CAB002973, CAB039238, CAB039239

Organ	No of cell types	Protein expression
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Hematopoietic (blood)	8	<input type="text"/>
Liver and pancreas	5	<input type="text"/>
Digestive (GI-tract)	13	<input type="text"/>
Respiratory (lung)	4	<input type="text"/>
Cardiovascular	1	<input type="text"/>
Female tissues	13	<input type="text"/>
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Male tissues	5	<input type="text"/>
Urinary tract (kidney)	3	<input type="text"/>
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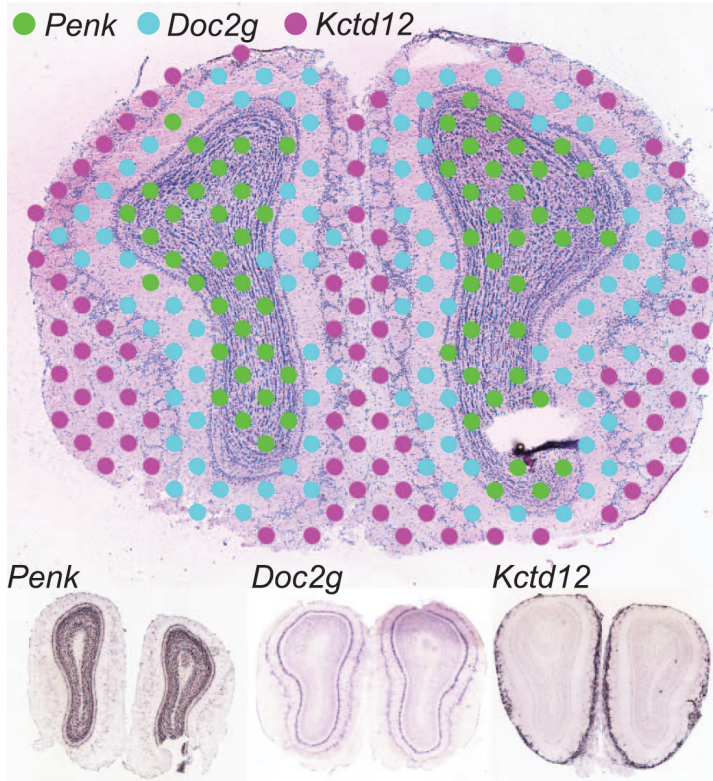
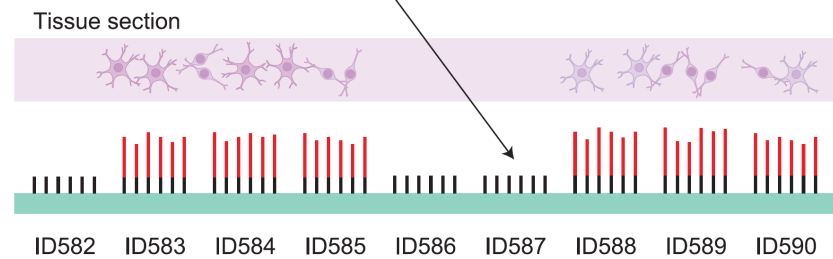
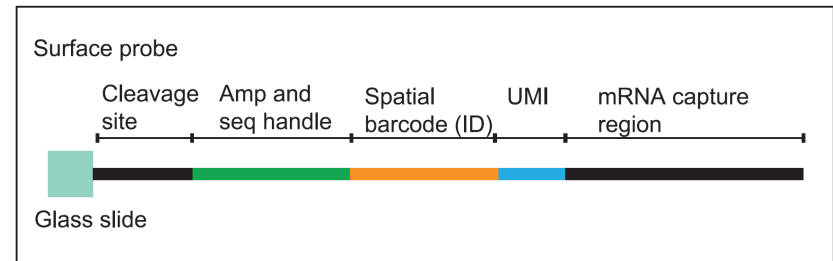
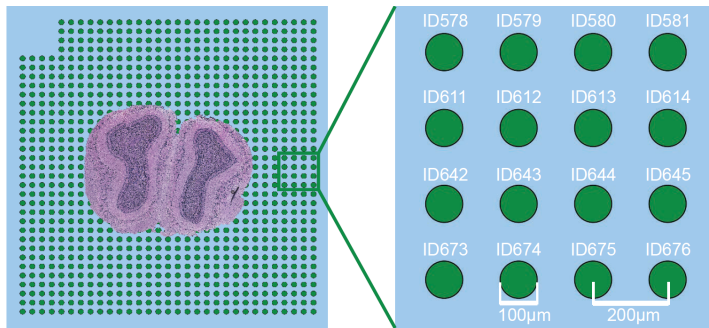


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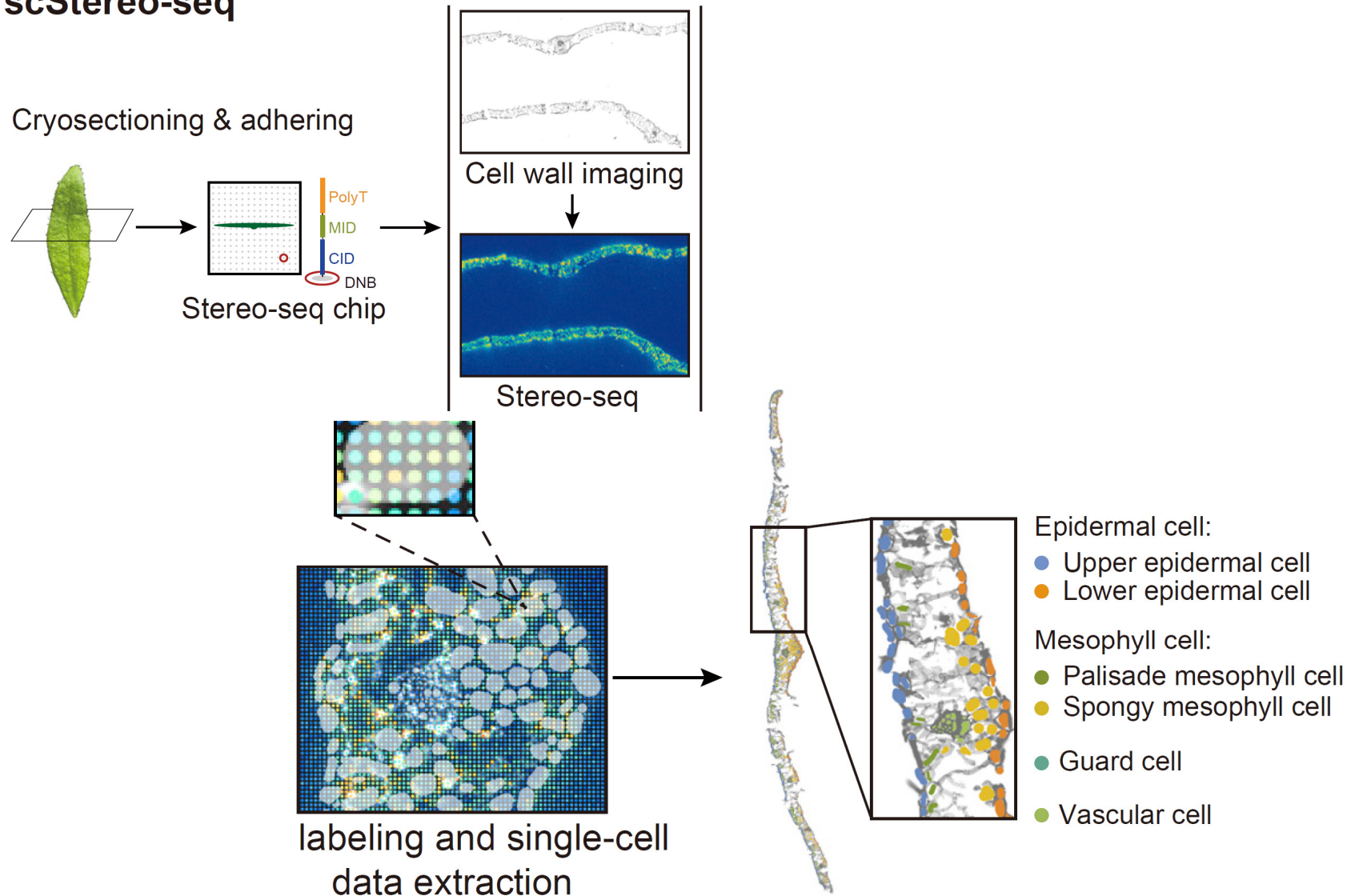
Stahl, et al., Science, 2016



# Spatial Transcriptomics

## scStereo-seq

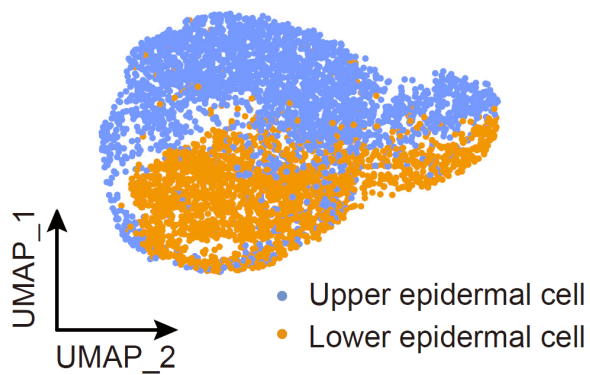
Xia, et al., *Dev. Cell*, 2022



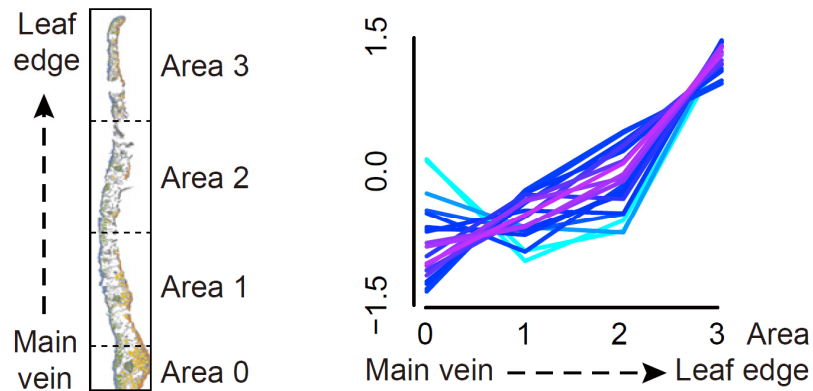
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## Spatial single-cell transcriptome analysis

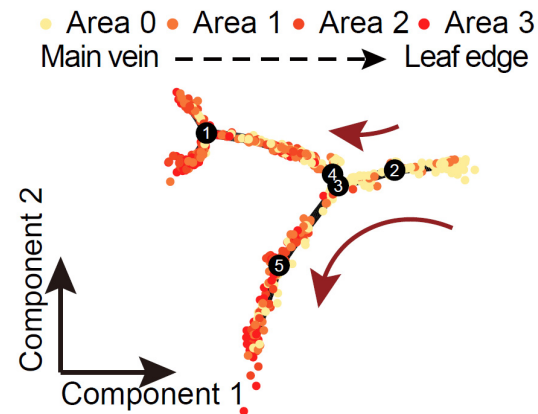
(i) Cell sub-type identification



(ii) Spatial gene expression pattern



(iii) Spatial developmental trajectory

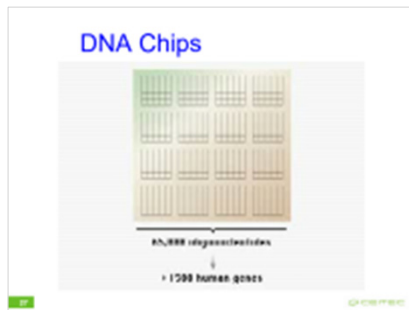


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# DNA Chips

- Method, which provides quick comparison of a large number of genes/proteins between the test sample and control
- Oligo DNA chips are used the most



- There are commercially available kits for the whole genome
  - company Operon (Qiagen), 29.110 of 70-mer oligonucleotides representing 26.173 genes coding proteins, 28.964 transcripts and 87 microRNA genes of *Arabidopsis thaliana*
  - Possibility of use for the preparation of photolithography chips – facilitation of oligonucleotide synthesis e.g. for the whole human genome (about  $3,1 \times 10^9$  bp) it is possible to prepare 25-mers in only 100 steps, by this technique

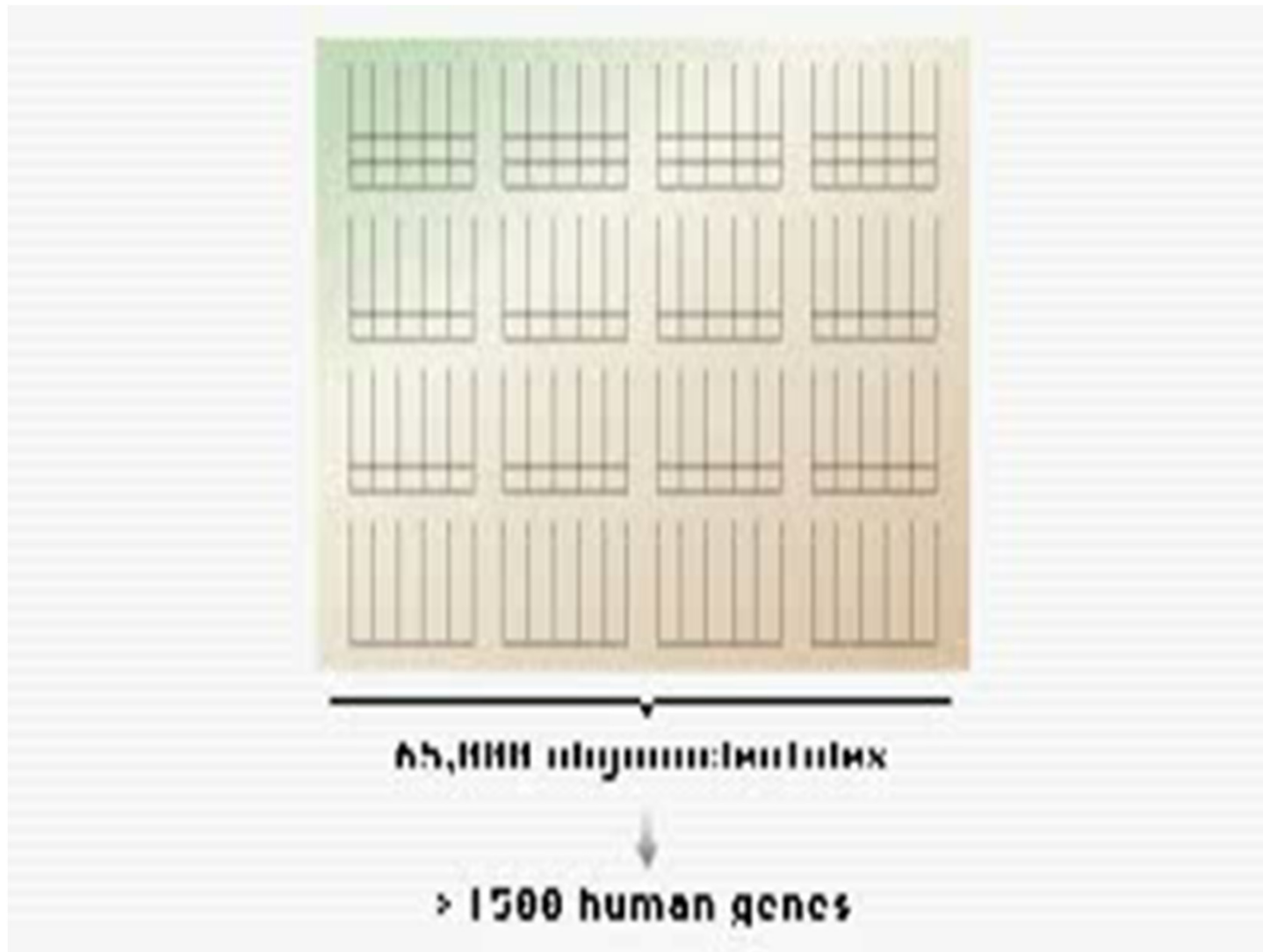
- Chips not only for the analysis of gene expression, but also for e.g. Genotyping (SNPs, sequencing with chips, ...)

Affymetrix ATH1 *Arabidopsis* genome array

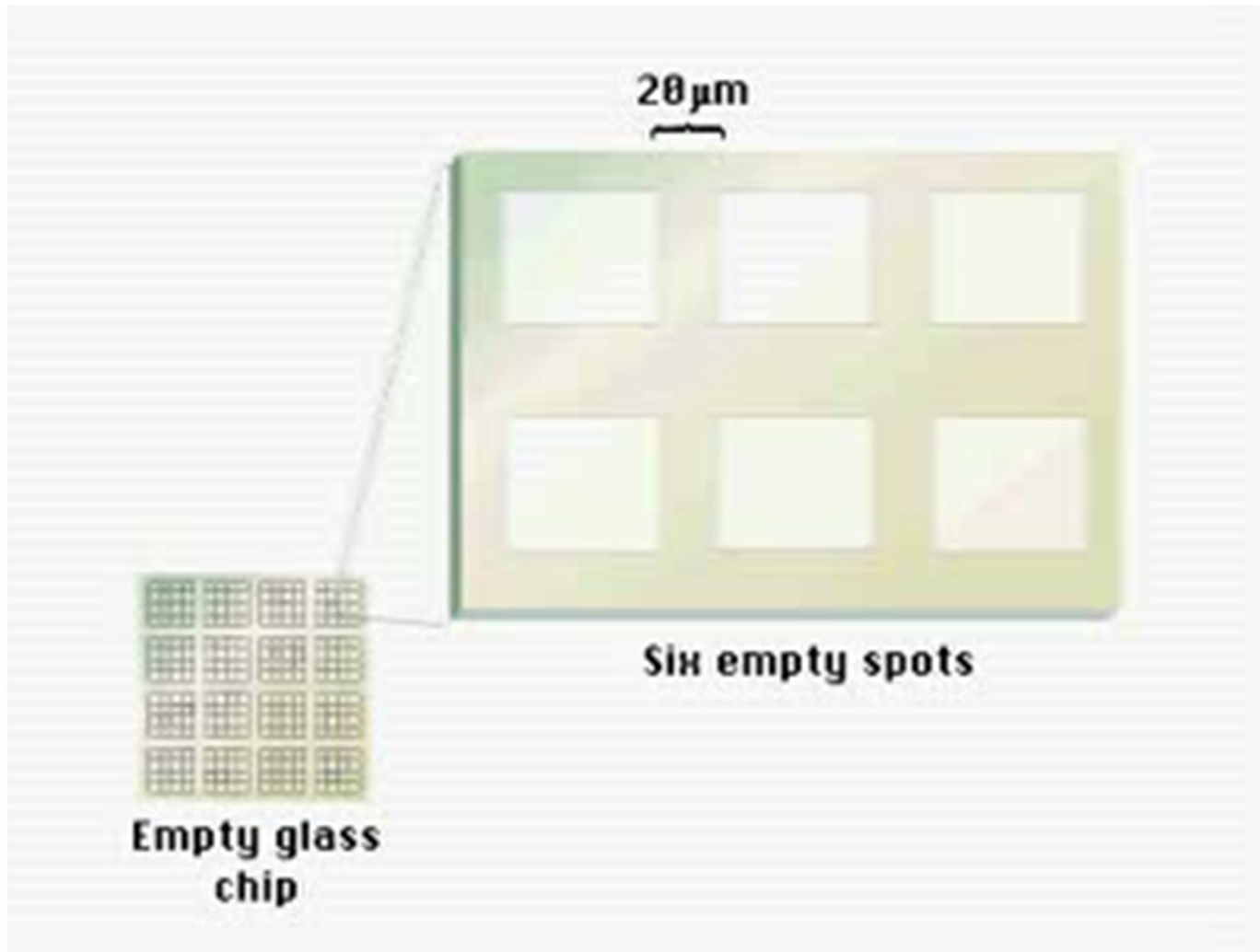
Critical Specifications	
Number of arrays	One
Number of sequence represented	>24,000 gene sequences
Feature size	18 $\mu\text{m}$
Oligonucleotide probe length	25-mer
Probe pairs/sequence	11
Control sequences	<i>E. coli</i> genes <i>bioB</i> , <i>bioC</i> , <i>bioD</i> . <i>B. subtilis</i> gene <i>lysA</i> . Phage P1 <i>cre</i> gene. <i>Arabidopsis</i> maintenance genes GAPDH, Ubiquitin, and Actin
Detection sensitivity	1:100,000*

\*As measured by detection in comparative analysis between a complex target containing spiked control transcriptions and a complex target with no spikes.

# DNA Chips



# Photolithography





# DNA Chips

- For the correct interpretation of the results, good knowledge of advanced statistical methods is required
- It is necessary to include a sufficient number of controls and repeats

- Control of accuracy of the measurement (repeated measurements on several chips with the same sample, comparing the same samples analysed on different chips with each other)
- Control of reproducibility of measurements (repeated measurements with different samples isolated under the same conditions on the same chip – comparing with each other)
- Identification of reliable measurement treshold
- Finally comparing the experiment with the control or comparing different conditions with each other - > the result

Expression of 195M6T7 in response to chemical treatment

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Gene

Experiment: Aluminum Stress

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Slide (name : description)	External ID	Replicate (id :name)	Replicate type	Reverse replicate	Sample	Experimental variables	Label	Get Data
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HoekengaS8 [*]: Aluminum Stress 2 [strong spatial bias]	AFGC: 7305	64: Aluminum Stress	technical	63	7304_Cy5.7305_Cy3	Aluminum (50 5M AlCl3, pool of 3, 8, and 24 hours)	Cy3	Download
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- Currently there's been a great number of results of various experiments in publicly accessible databases

Che et al., 2002

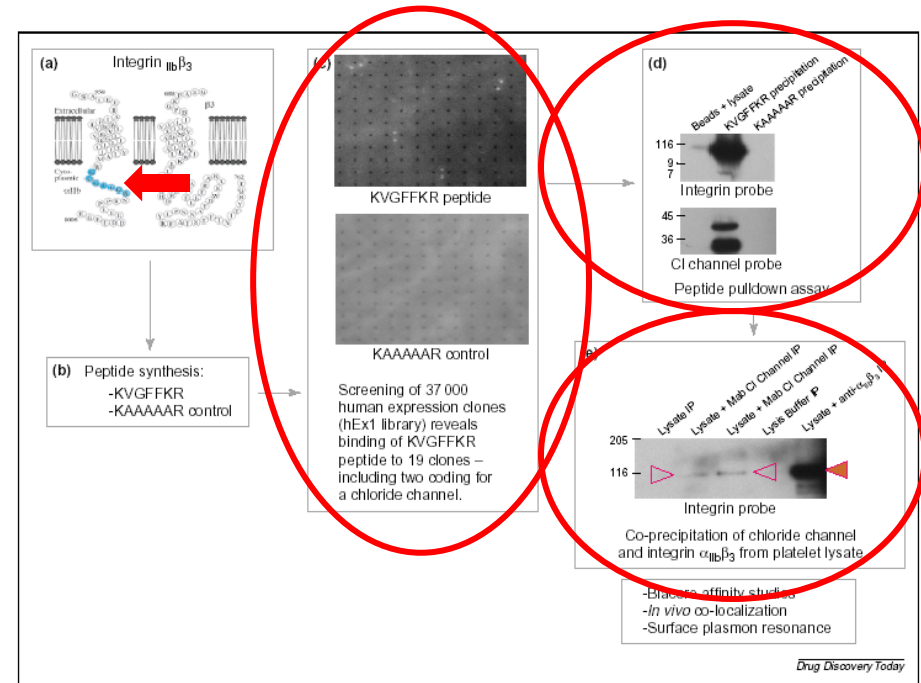
# Protein Chips

- Protein chips
  - Chips with high density containing  $10^4$  proteins
  - Analysis of protein-protein interactions, kinase substrates and interactions with small molecules
  - Possibility of using antibodies – more stable than proteins

# Protein Chips

- Identification of proteins interacting with integrin  $\alpha_{IIb}\beta_3$  cytoplasmic domain of platelets

- Expression of cytoplasmic part as a fusion peptide biotin-KVGFFKR
- Analysis of binding to the protein chip containing 37.000 clones of *E. coli* expressing human recombinant proteins
- Confirmation of interaction by pull-down analysis of peptides and by coprecipitation of whole proteins as well (e.g. chloride channel Icn)
- Other use: e.g. in the identification of kinase substrates, when substrates are bound to the chip and exposed to kinases in the presence of radiolabeled ATP (786 purified proteins of barely, of which 21 were identified as CK2 $\alpha$  kinase substrates; Kramer et al., 2004)



Lueking et al., 2005

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# Results of –omics Studies vs Biologically Relevant Conclusions

- Transcriptional profiling yielded more than **7K differentially regulated genes...**

Ddii et al., unpublished

gene	locus	sample_1	sample_2	status	value_1	value_2	log2(fold_change)	test_stat	p_value	q_value	significant
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NRT1.6	1:9400663-9403789	WT	MT	OK	0	0,877865	1.79769e+308	1.79769e+308	3.2692e-08	3.50131e-07	yes
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AT1G03020	1:698206-698515	WT	MT	OK	0	1,78859	1.79769e+308	1.79769e+308	0,00913915	0,0277958	yes
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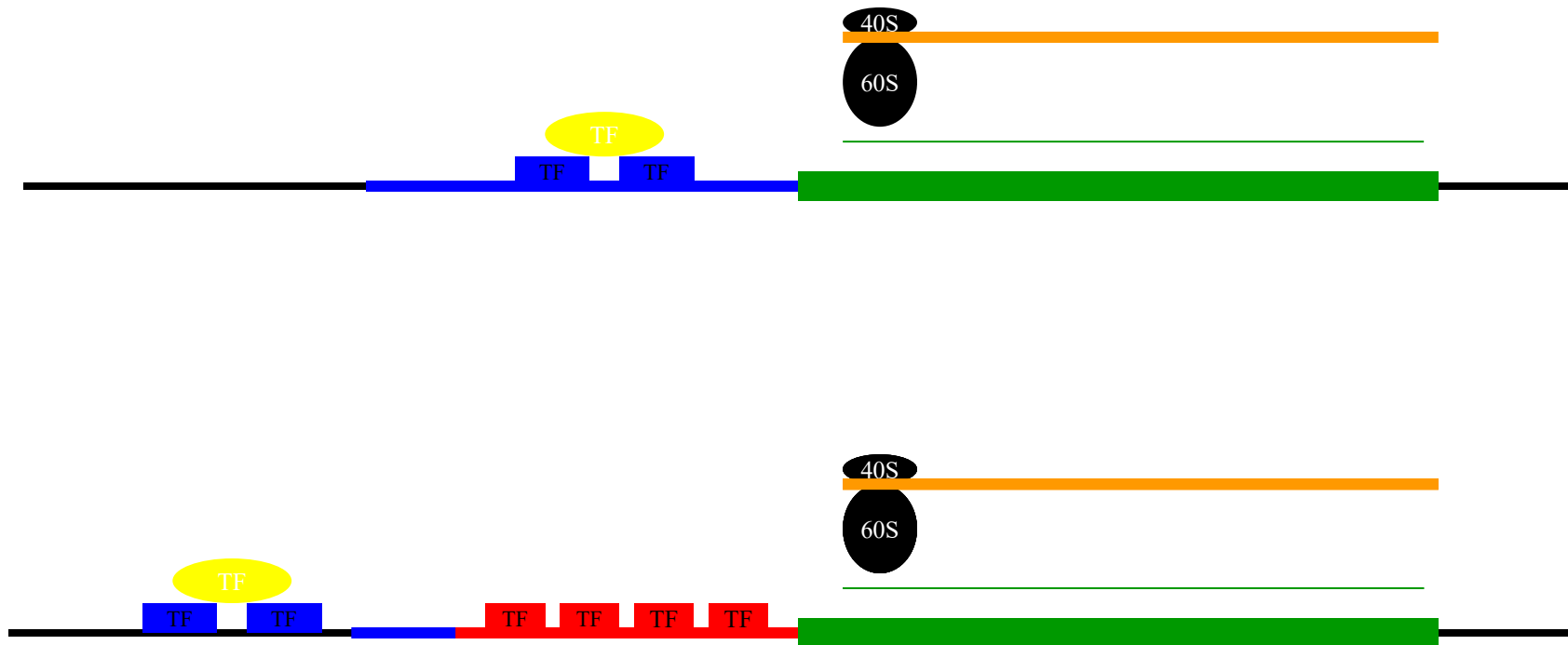
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- **Regulation of gene expression in the identification of gene function by gain-of-function approaches**
  - T-DNA activation mutagenesis

# Gain-of-Function Approaches

- Methods for identification of gene function using gain-of-function approaches
  - T-DNA activation mutagenesis
    - Method enabling isolation of dominant mutants by random insertion of constitutive promoter, resulting in overexpression of the gene and therefore in corresponding phenotypic changes
    - First step: preparation of mutant library prepared by transformation of a strong constitutive promoter or enhancer
    - Next step: search of interesting phenotypes
    - Identification of the affected gene, e.g. by plasmid-rescue

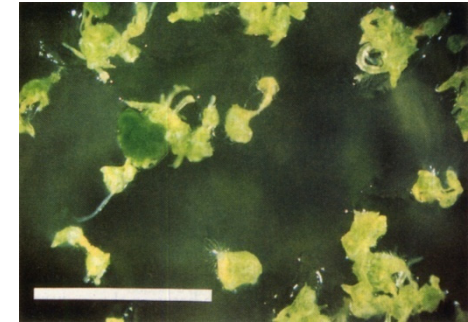


# Activation Mutagenesis



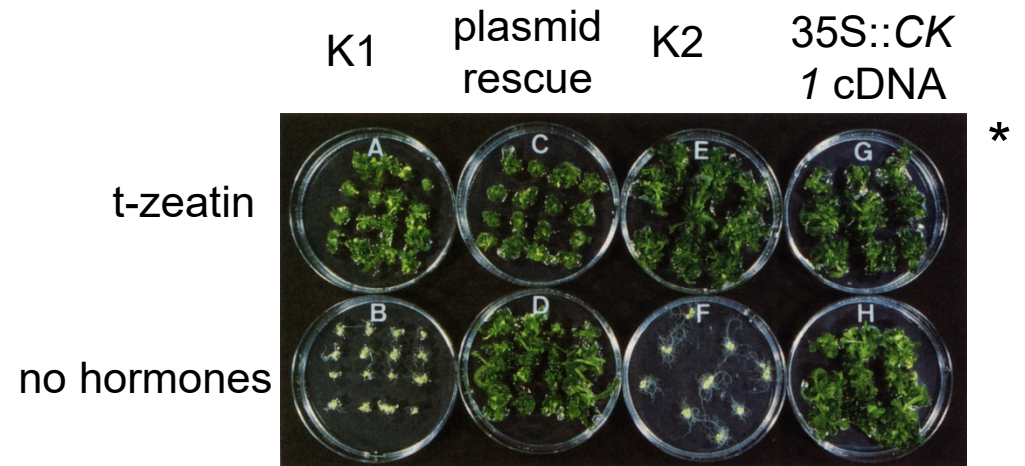
# Isolation of *CKI1* Gene

- Tatsuo Kakimoto, *Science* 274 (1996), 982-985 \*
- Isolation of the gene using activation mutagenesis



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- Mutant phenotype is a phenocopy of exogenous application of cytokinins (*CKI1*, *CYTOKININ INDEPENDENT 1*)



# Outline

- **Methods of gene expression analysis**
  - **Qualitative analysis of gene expression**
    - Preparation of transcriptional fusion of promoter of analysed gene with a reporter gene
    - Preparation of translational fusion of the coding region of the analysed gene with reporter gene
    - Use of the data available in public databases
    - Tissue- and cell-specific gene expression analysis
    - Spatial transcriptomics
  - **Quantitative analysis of gene expression**
    - DNA and protein chips
    - Next generation transcriptional profiling
- **Regulation of gene expression in the identification of gene function by gain-of-function approaches**
  - T-DNA activation mutagenesis
  - **Ectopic expression and regulated gene expression systems**

# Regulated Expression Systems



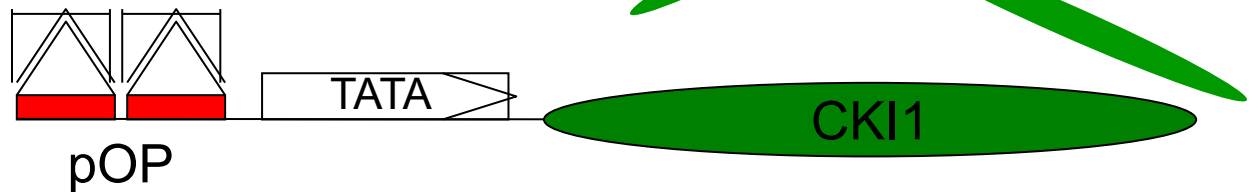
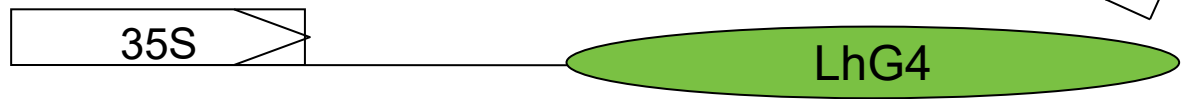
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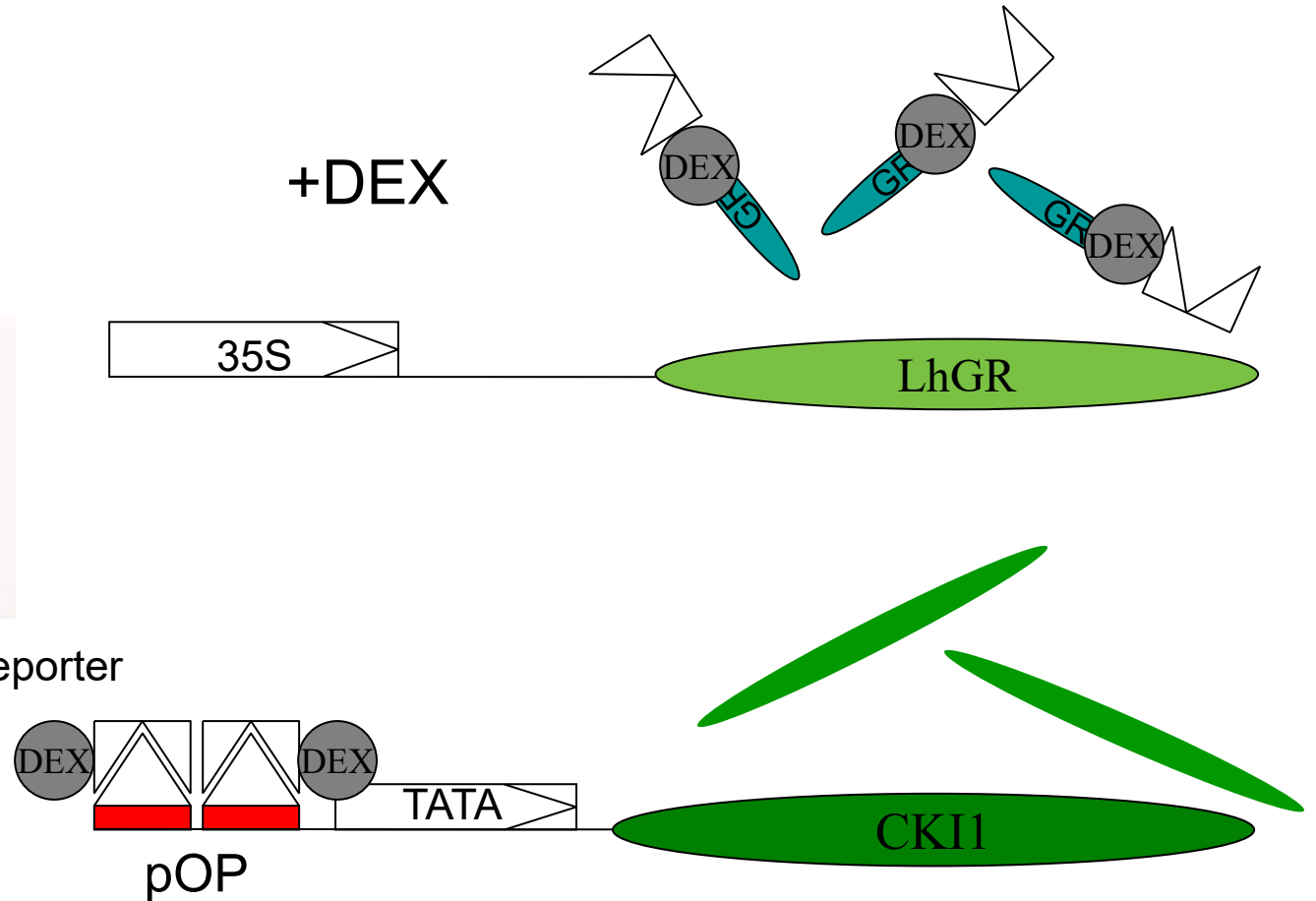


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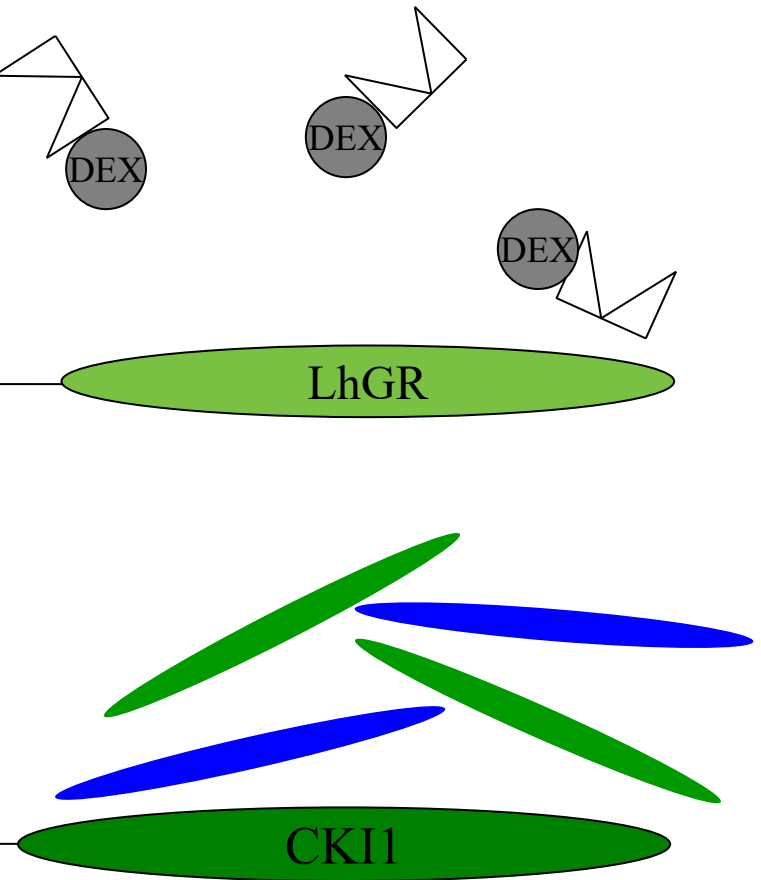
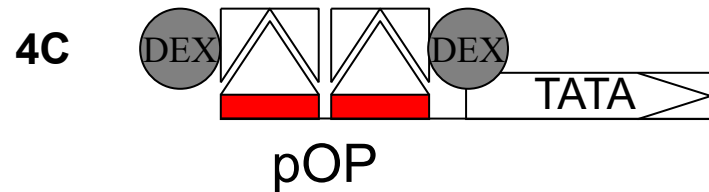
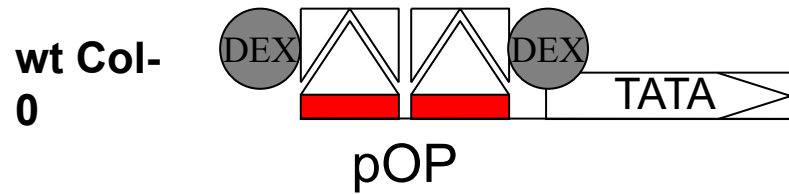
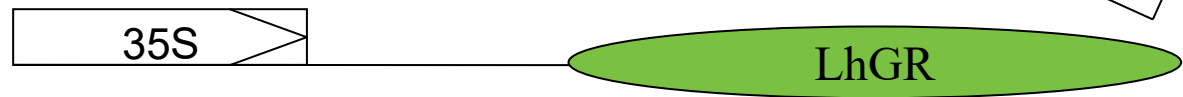


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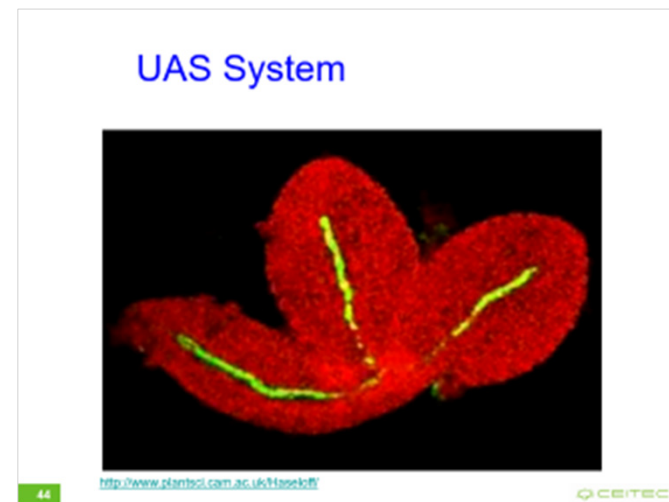
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# Regulated Expression Systems

- Regulated transgene expression systems
  - Allow **time-** or **site-specific** regulation of gene expression, leading to a change in phenotype and thereby identification of the natural function of the gene
    - **pOP** system
    - **UAS** system



# UAS System



<http://www.plantsci.cam.ac.uk/Haseloff/>



# Key Concepts

- Gene expression has spatiotemporal specificity
  - Analysis of spatiotemporal specificity of gene expression using
    - Transcriptional fusion of the promoter of analyzed gene with reporter gene
    - Translational fusion of coding region of the assayed gene with reporter gene
    - Publicly accessible databases frequently with a cellular resolution
  - Quantitative analysis of gene expression
    - DNA and protein chips
    - Next gen transcriptional profiling
- Via regulating gene expression it is possible to identify gene function – gain of function approaches

# Discussion