



Plant Biotechnology

Bayer Russia Plant Biotechnology
Conference

July 2023 – week 2





Bayer Russia Plant Biotechnology Conference:

Day 6	Plant Care in CE & Intro to Molecular Assays
Day 7	Molecular Assays & Gene Editing Technology
Day 8	Molecular Assays & Model Systems
Day 9	Protoplast Systems



Protoplast Systems



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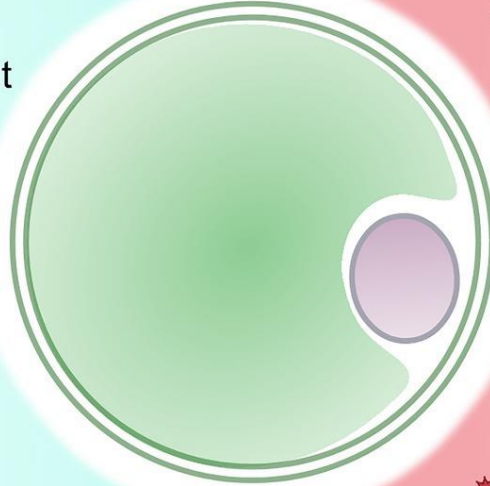
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Plant Protoplasts as Tools

ADVANTAGES

- ✧ Visible dynamic PM
- ✧ Physiology similar to whole plants
- ✧ Fast, high throughput automated systems
- ✧ Individual cell observations
- ✧ Time course experiments
- ✧ Adapted to multiple species
- ✧ Easy to transform and bypasses whole plant transformations



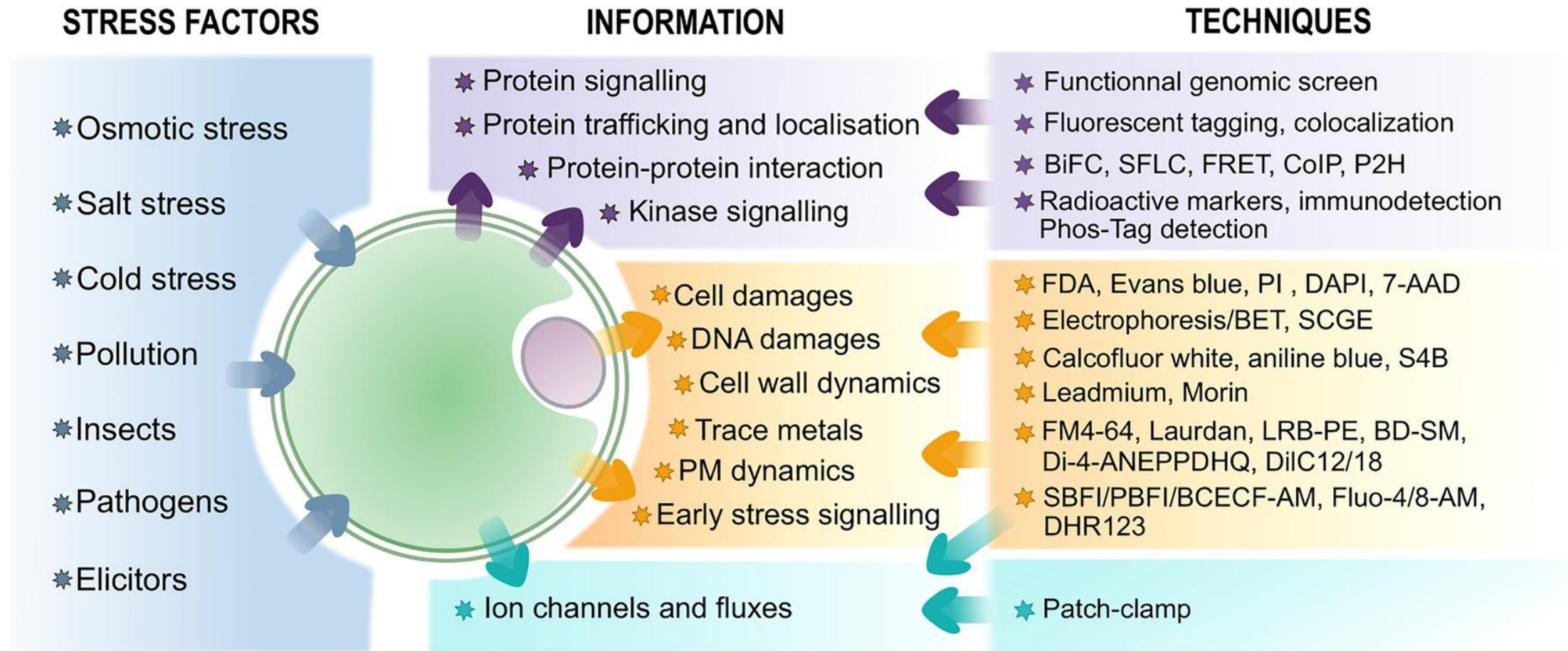
LIMITATIONS

- ✧ Less holistic than whole plants approaches
- ✧ Complementary to whole plant studies
- ✧ Specific culture conditions
- ✧ Stress caused by the isolation process
- ✧ Mixture of cellular types
- ✧ Short-timed viability

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpls.2021.749581/full>

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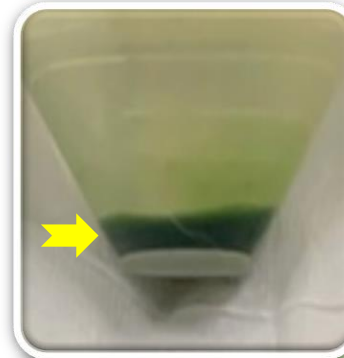
Plant Protoplasts: Common Techniques Applied



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Protoplast isolation for transient assays



5. PEG delivery

DNA
RNA
Protein

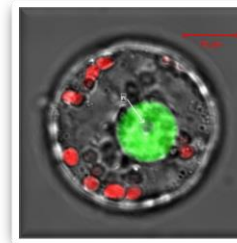
4. Protoplast collection

3. Cellulase enzyme digestion

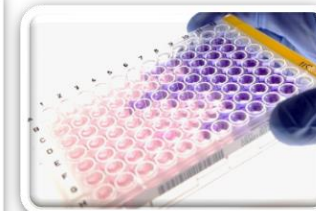
2. Leaves cutting

1. Arabidopsis plants

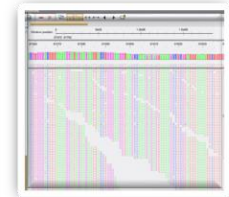
6. Secondary assays 2 - 72h post transformation



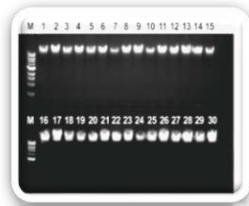
Localization,
protein
interaction &
expression



ELISA & Reporter
assays



sequencing






PCR

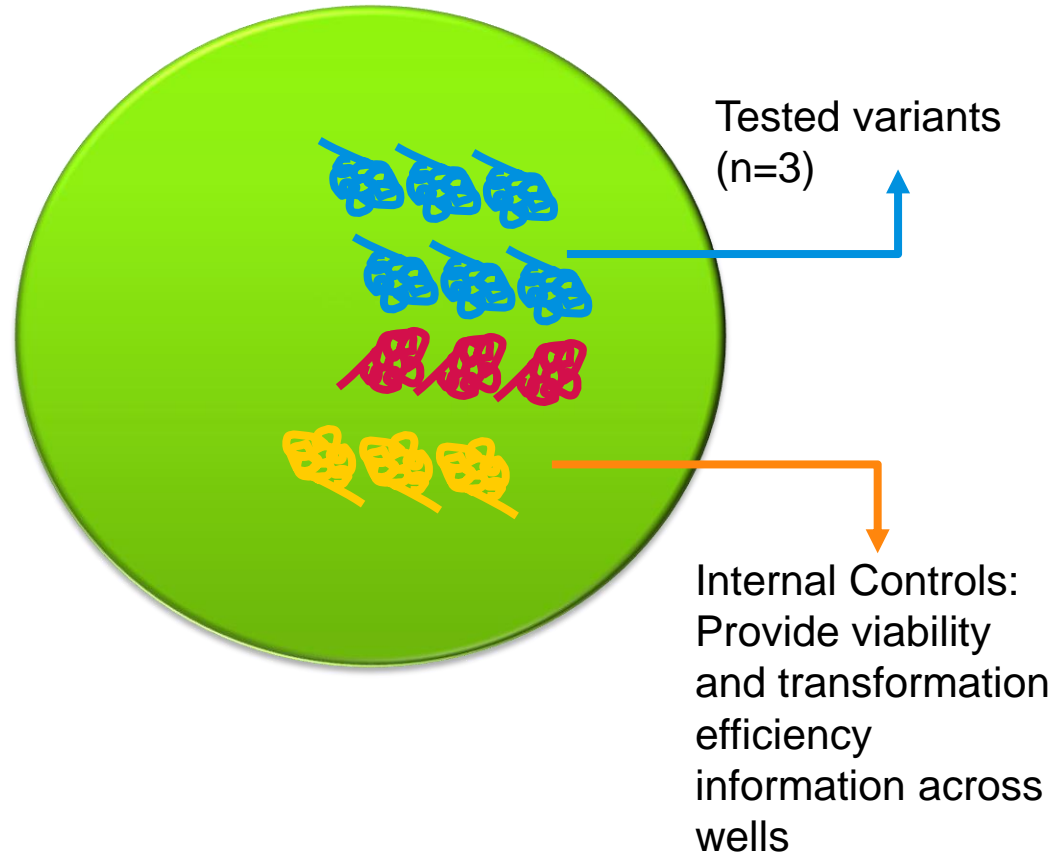


Transient Assay Setup

Generic co-transfection of plasmids & setup

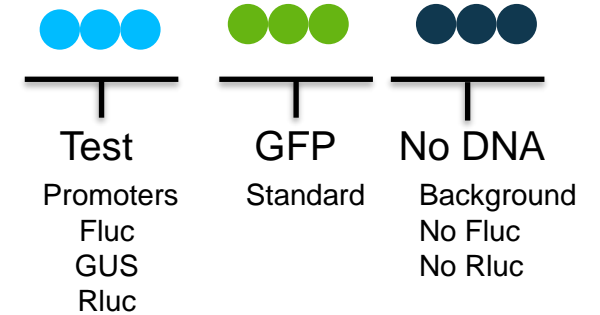
DNA Plasmids

-  Test 1 Fluc (Promoter 1)
-  Test 2 GUS (Promoter 2)
-  Internal control Renilla Luc



Samples

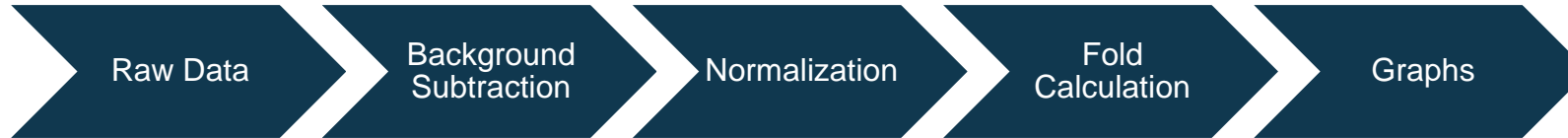
Replicates suggested to include:





Data Analysis Outline

QC of controls and test samples + calculations for data analysis



Subtract mean of No DNA samples for each assay

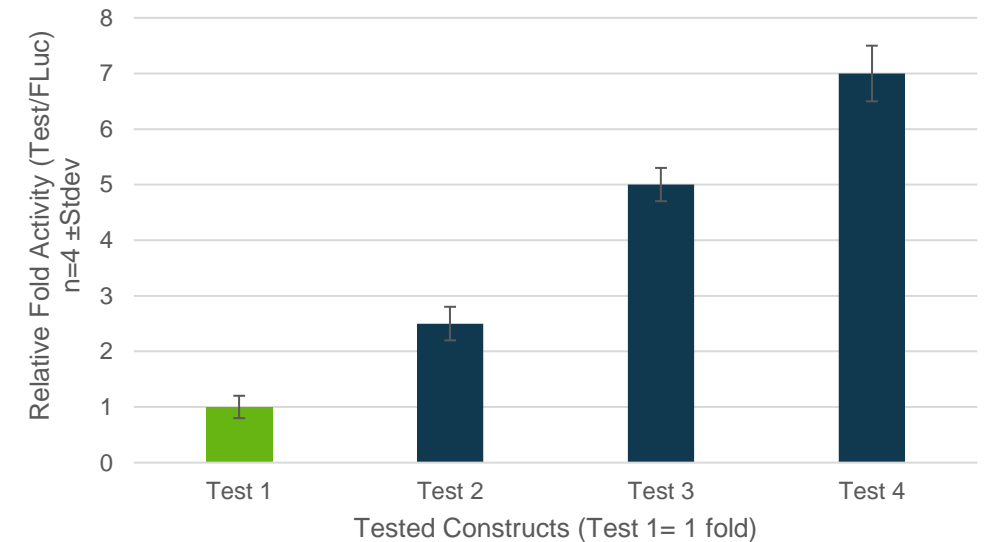
Divide test values by Internal Control(s) to obtain ratio

Set mean ratio of 1 reference test construct to 1 fold or 100%. Remaining test constructs shown relative to 1 fold

QC metrics:

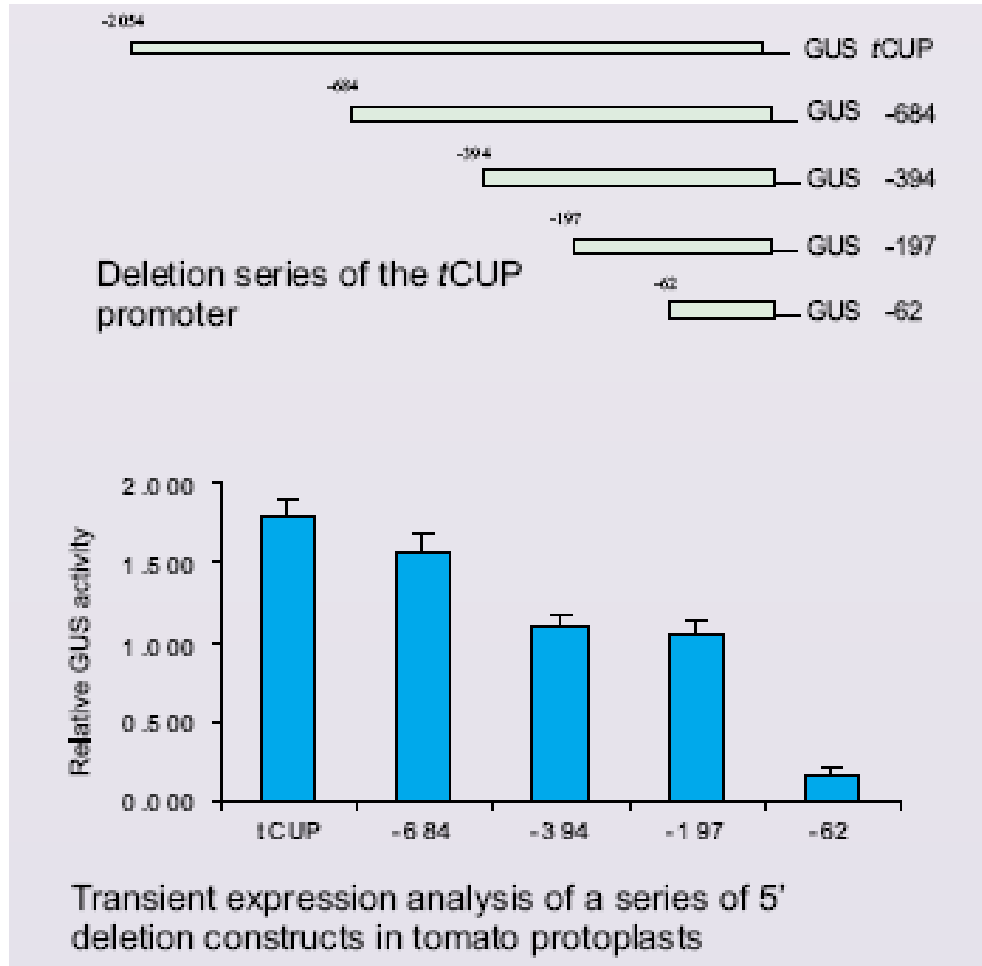
- Outlier detection/removal

Relative Construct Activity



Comparison of Expression Elements in Protoplasts

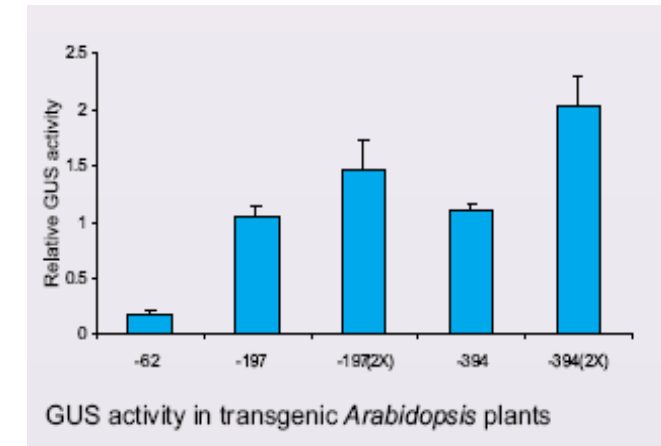
Transient expression profiles mimic plant expression profiles



Promoter deletion series

Relative Promoter strength assessment

Stable Plant Data





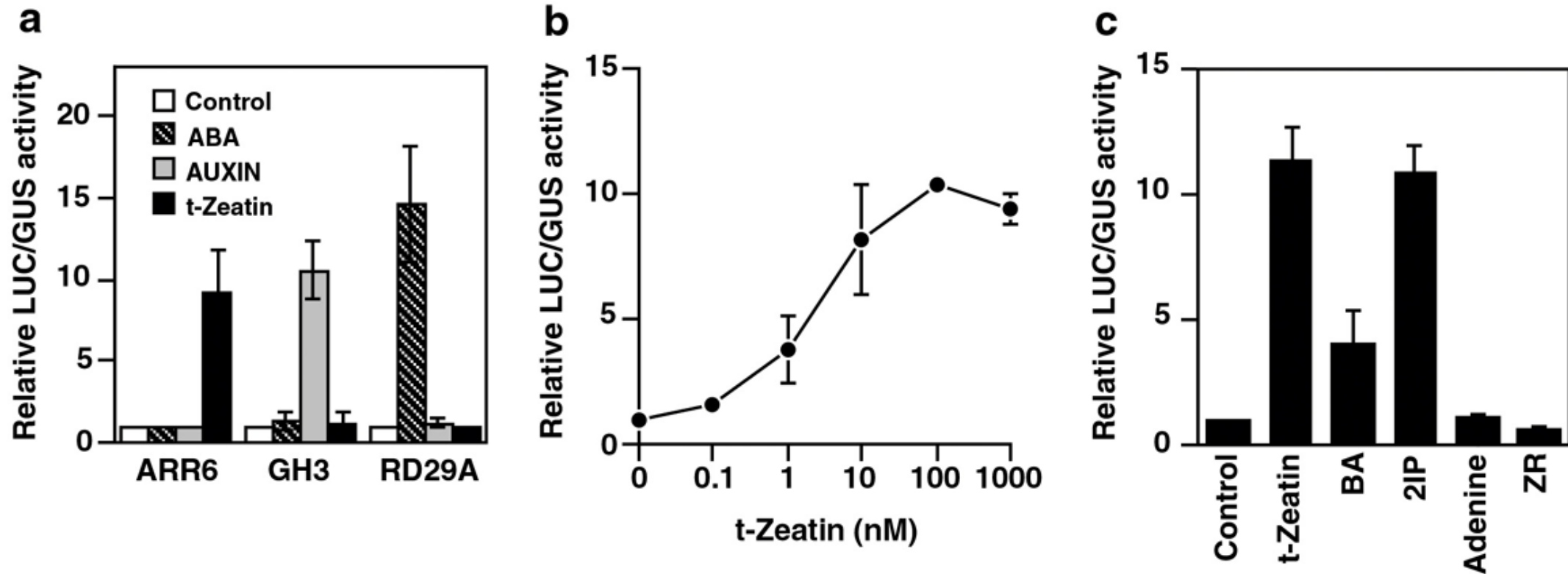
Useful reporter constructs for transient expression studies in *Arabidopsis* mesophyll protoplast assays

Nature Protocols 2, 1565–1572 (2007) <https://doi.org/10.1038/nprot.2007.199>

Name	GenBank locus	<i>Arabidopsis</i> Biological Resource Center stock number	Promoter of interest (POI)	Use	References
pHBT-sGFP(S65T)-NOS	EF090408	CD3-911	35S derivative	Transfection control	19
pRD29A-LUC-NOS	EF090409	CD3-912	At5g52310	Abscisic acid response	5,13
pAtGH3-LUC-NOS	EF090410	CD3-913	At2g23710	Auxin response	5,13
pWRKY29-LUC-NOS	EF090411	CD3-914	At4g23550	Bacterial flg22 response	15
pGST6-LUC-NOS	EF090412	CD3-915	At2g47730	General stress response	5
pHSP18.2-LUC-NOS	EF090413	CD3-916	At5g59720	Heat response	13
pARR6-LUC-NOS	EF090414	CD3-917	At5g62920	Cytokinin response	13
pGCC1-LUC-NOS	EF090415	CD3-918	8xGCC box synthetic promoter	Ethylene response	12
pFRK1-LUC-NOS	EF090416	CD3-919	At2g19190	Bacterial flg22 response	16

Examples of Comparisons Used in Literature

Promoter activity in response to various hormone stimuli. A) Different promoters are shown in different color bars B) Dose response of a single promoter response C) One promoter response to various compounds tested.



Credit: Jen Sheen



Arabidopsis Protoplast Isolation

Before Digestion



After Digestion & Release



Cell Pellet After Filtration & Centrifugation



Protoplasts 1 hr After Isolation

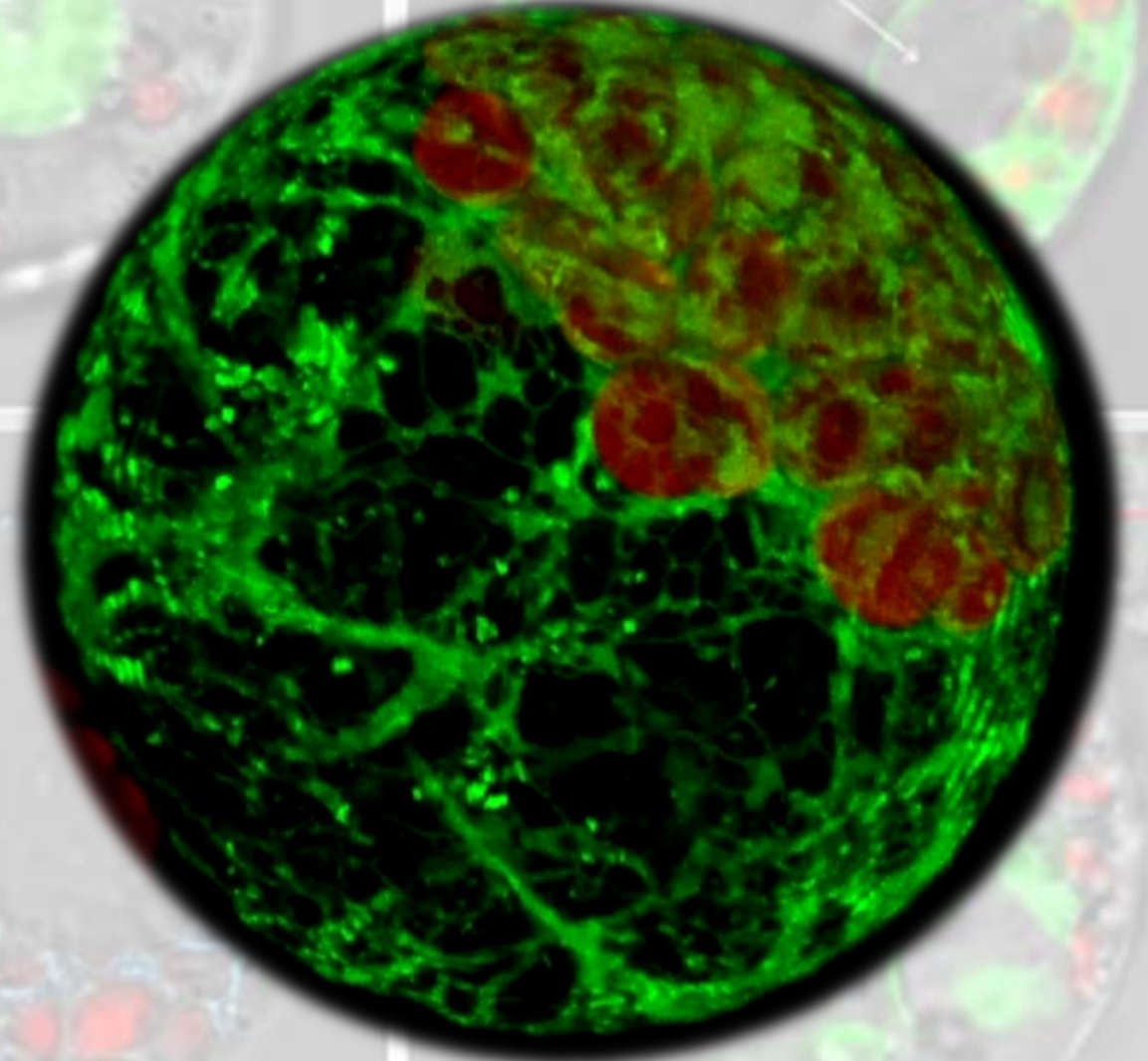
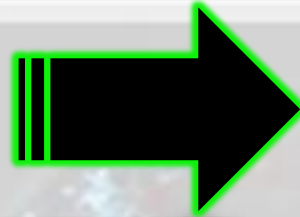


Sub-cellular Localization

Fluorescent proteins allows us to study protein localization, signaling and protein-interactions in-vivo.



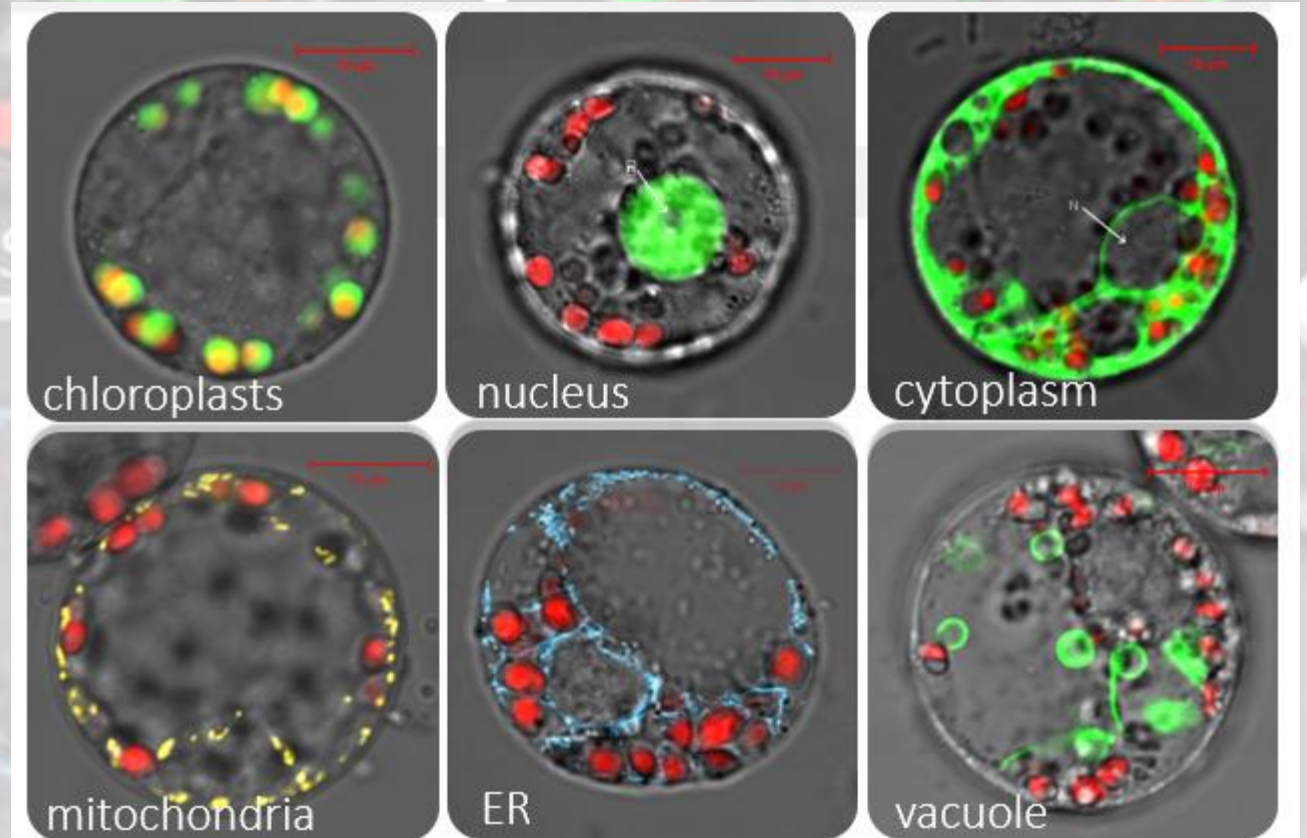
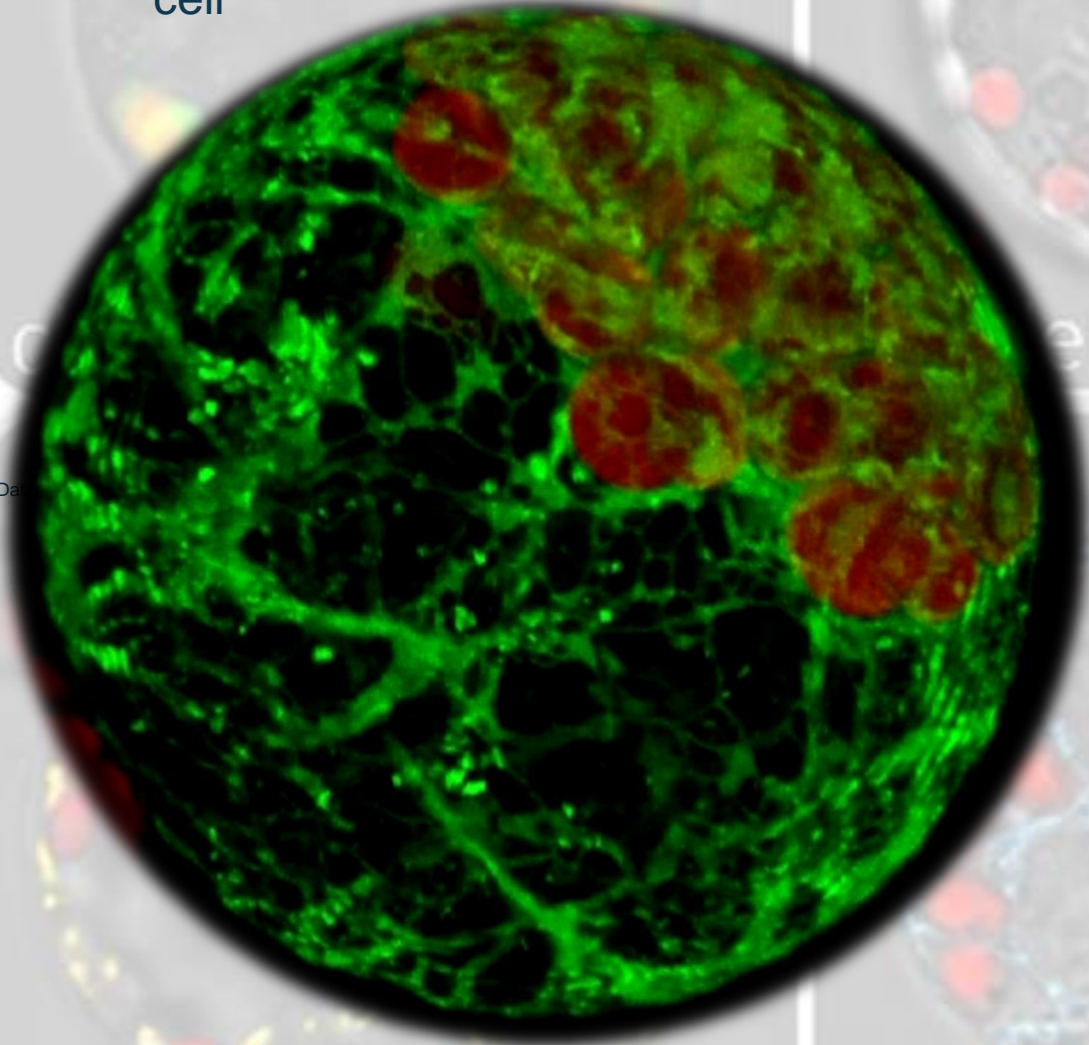
nucleus



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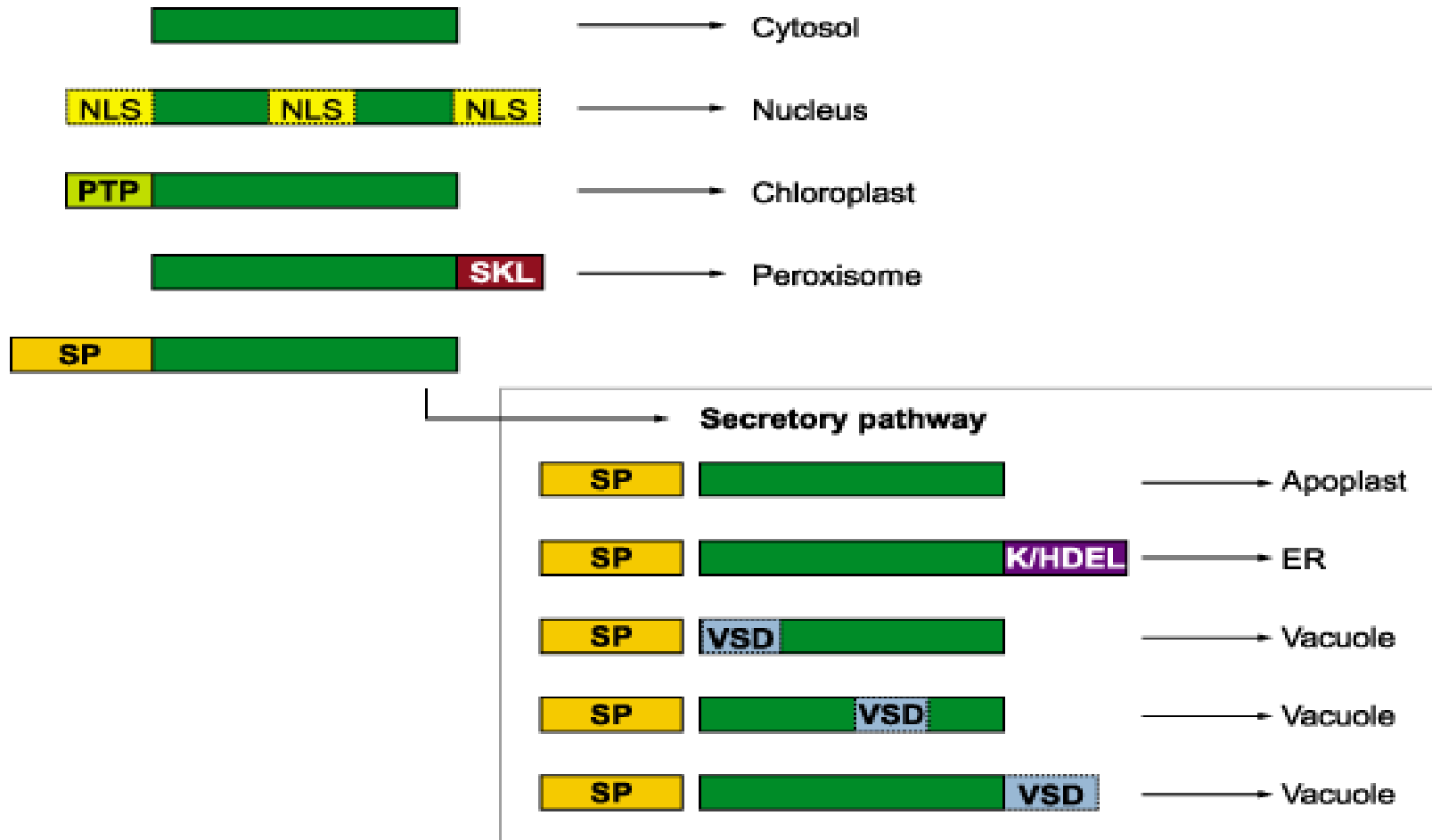
Different color fluorescent proteins can be used to tag multiple compartments or study co-localization in a cell

// Big Data



Signal Peptides & Localization Signals

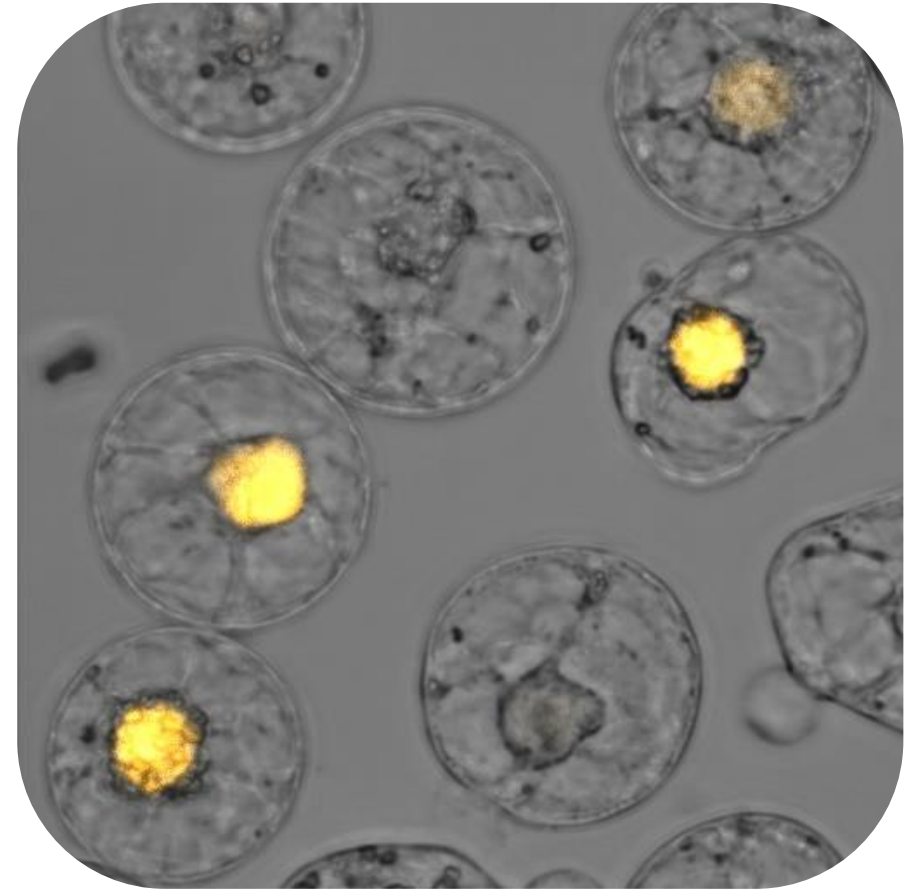
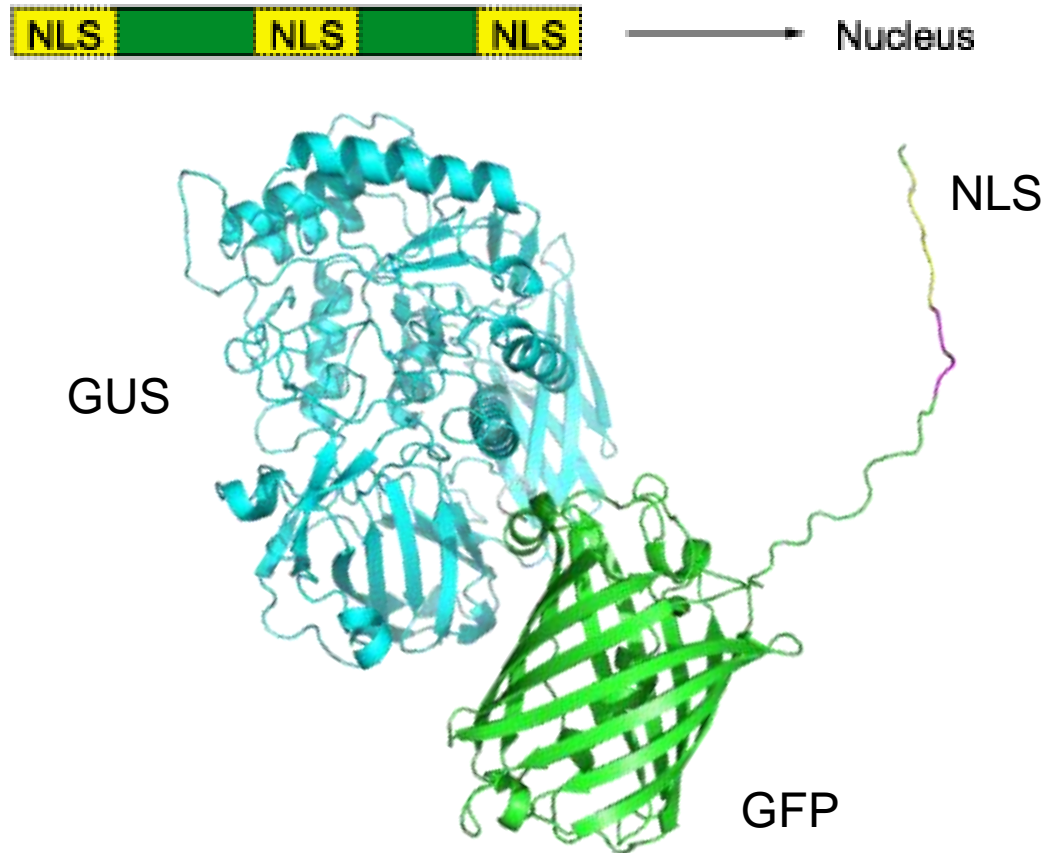
Localization of native proteins or chimeric protein designs



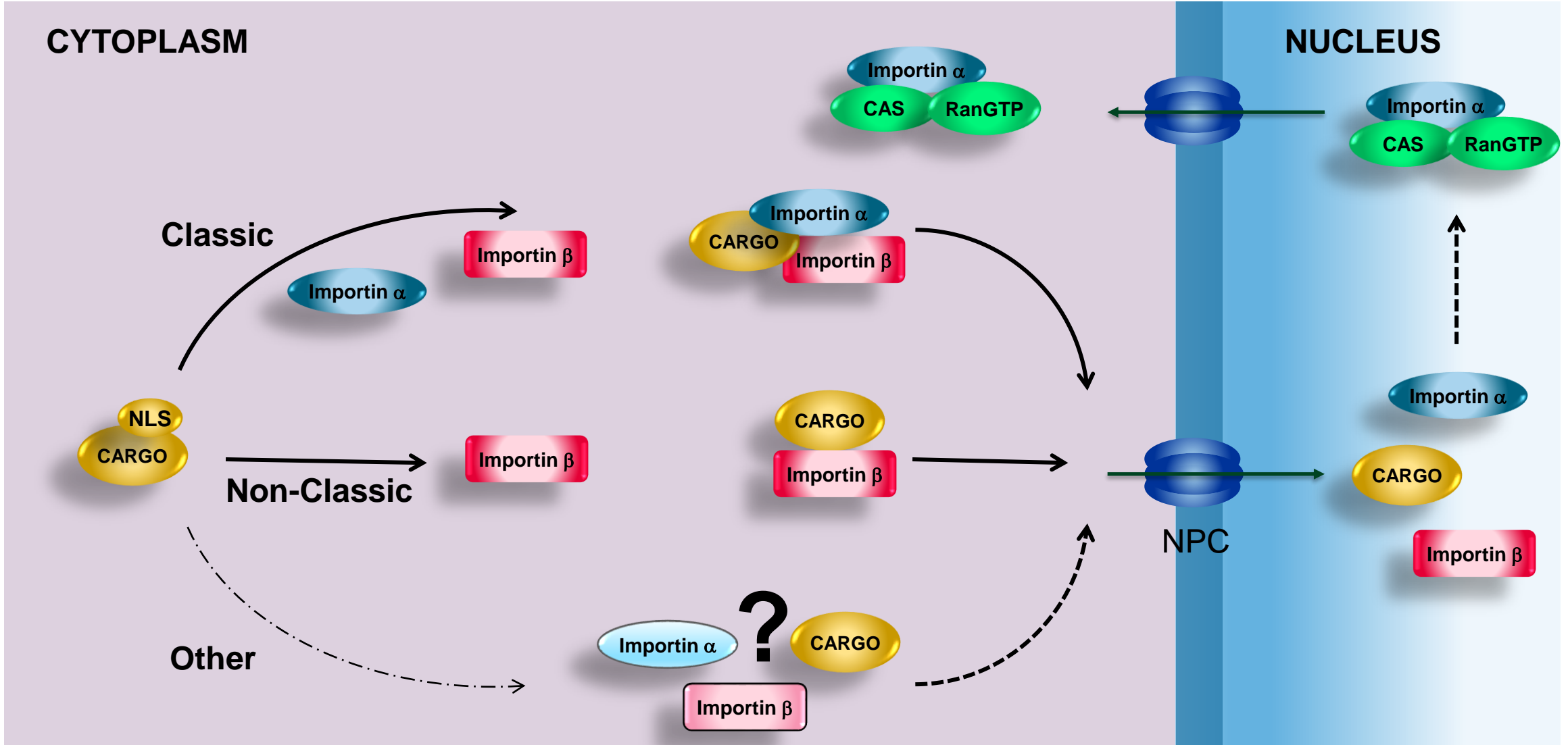


Nuclear Localization Signals (NLS)

Proteins of <70 kDa can passively diffuse into nuclei. NLS studies generally use protein fusions that require active import (>70 kDa).



Two major import pathways to the nuclei: Classic & Non-classic

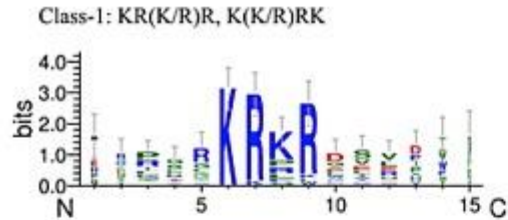




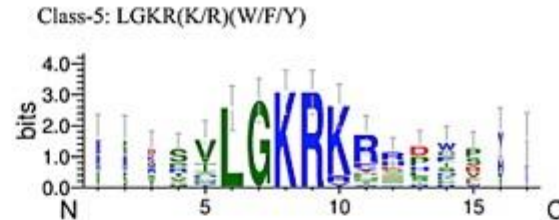
There are Six Classic NLS Classes

Class 1 & 2 are predominant across organisms, Class 3-5 vary by importin and tissue. Class 5 is plant specific

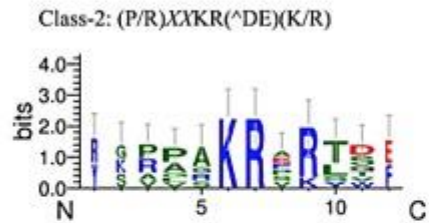
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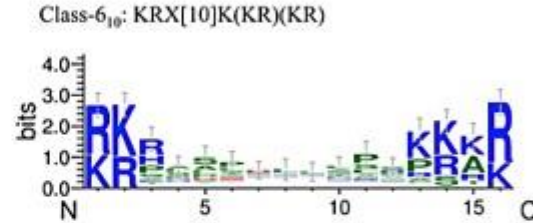
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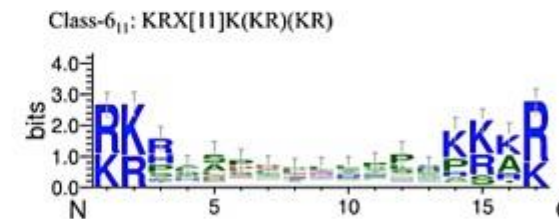
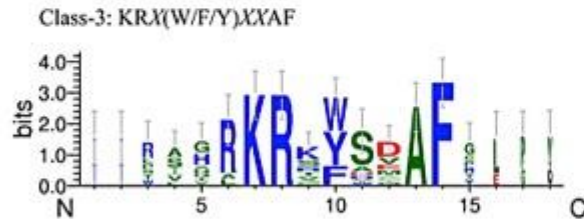
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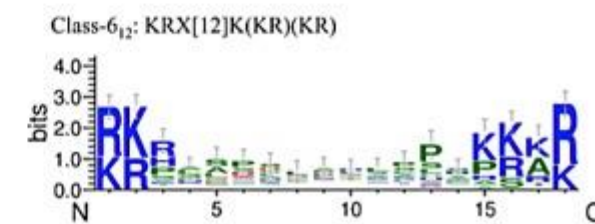
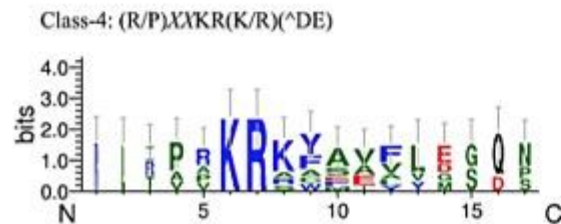
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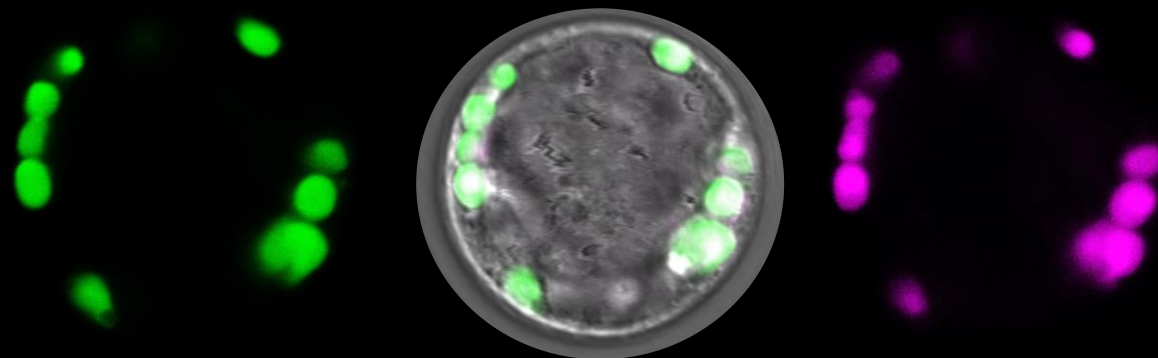
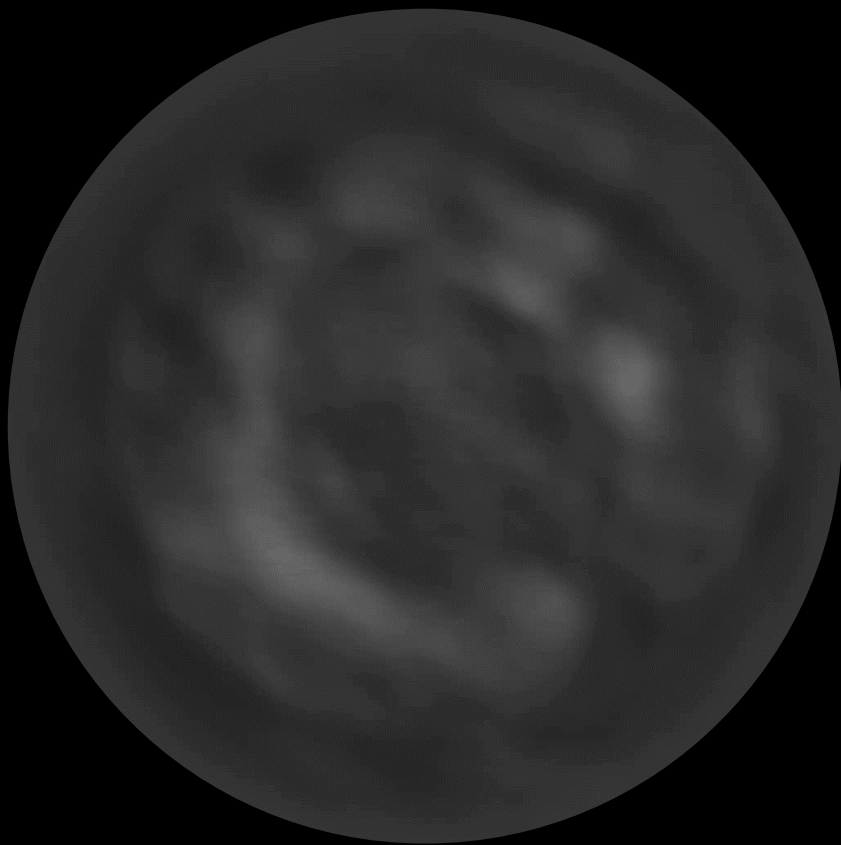


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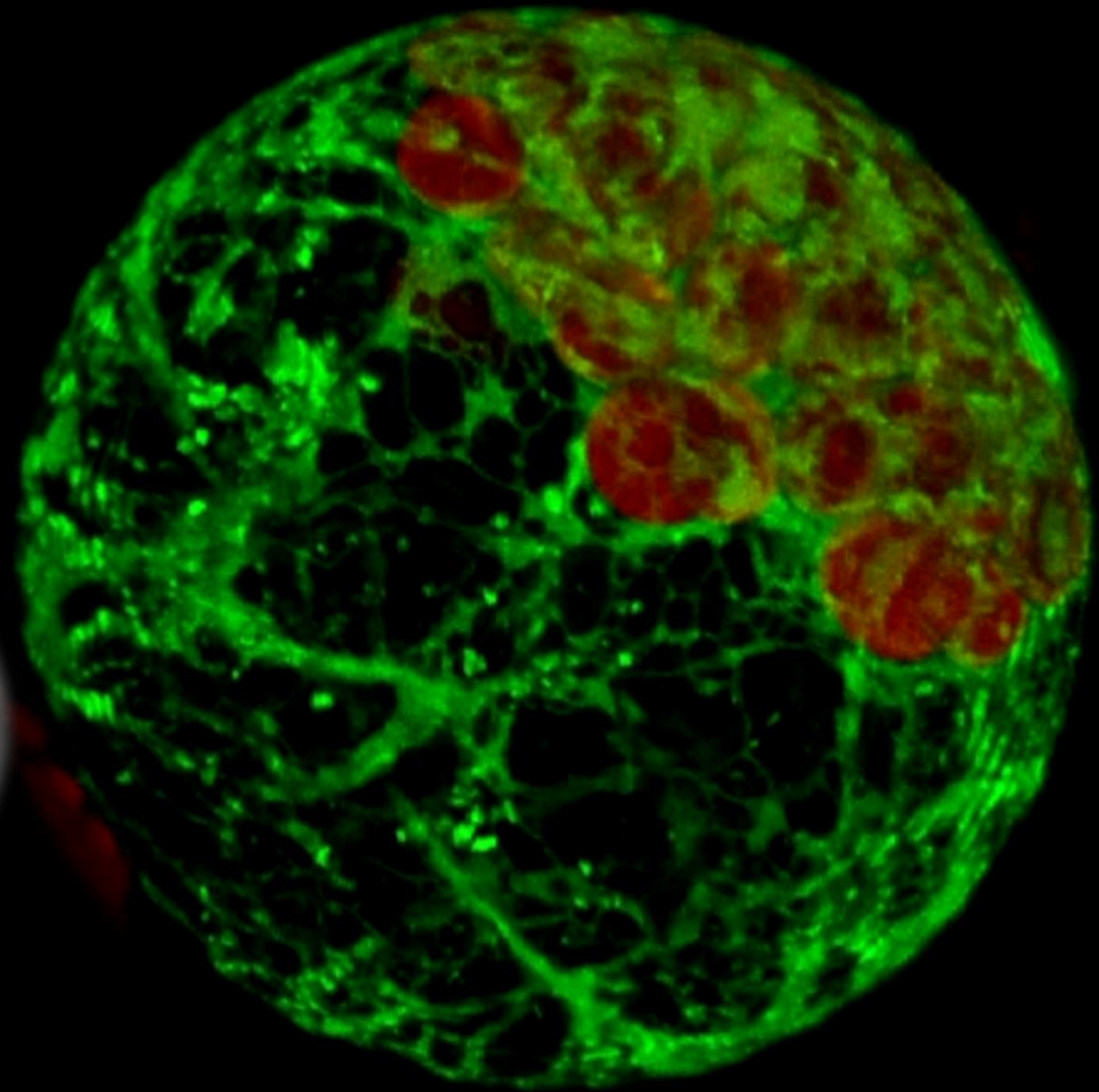
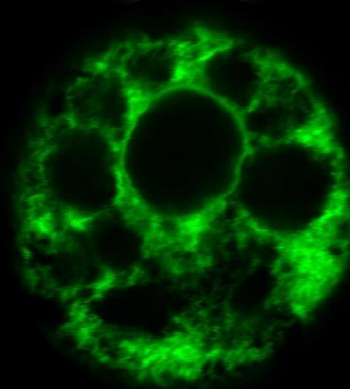
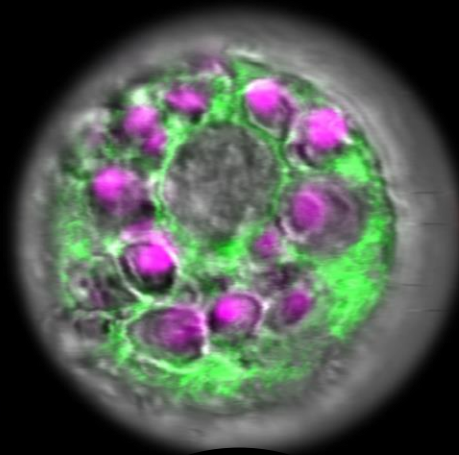
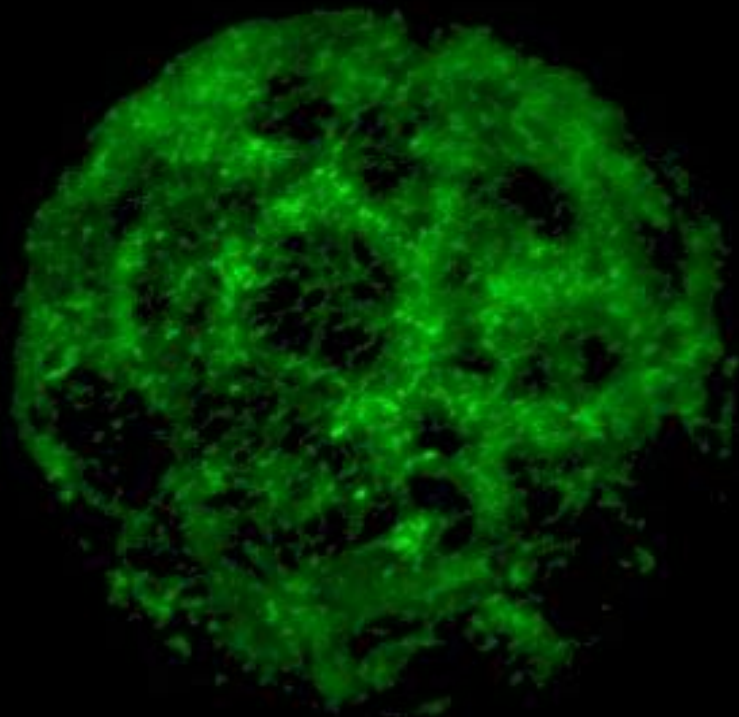
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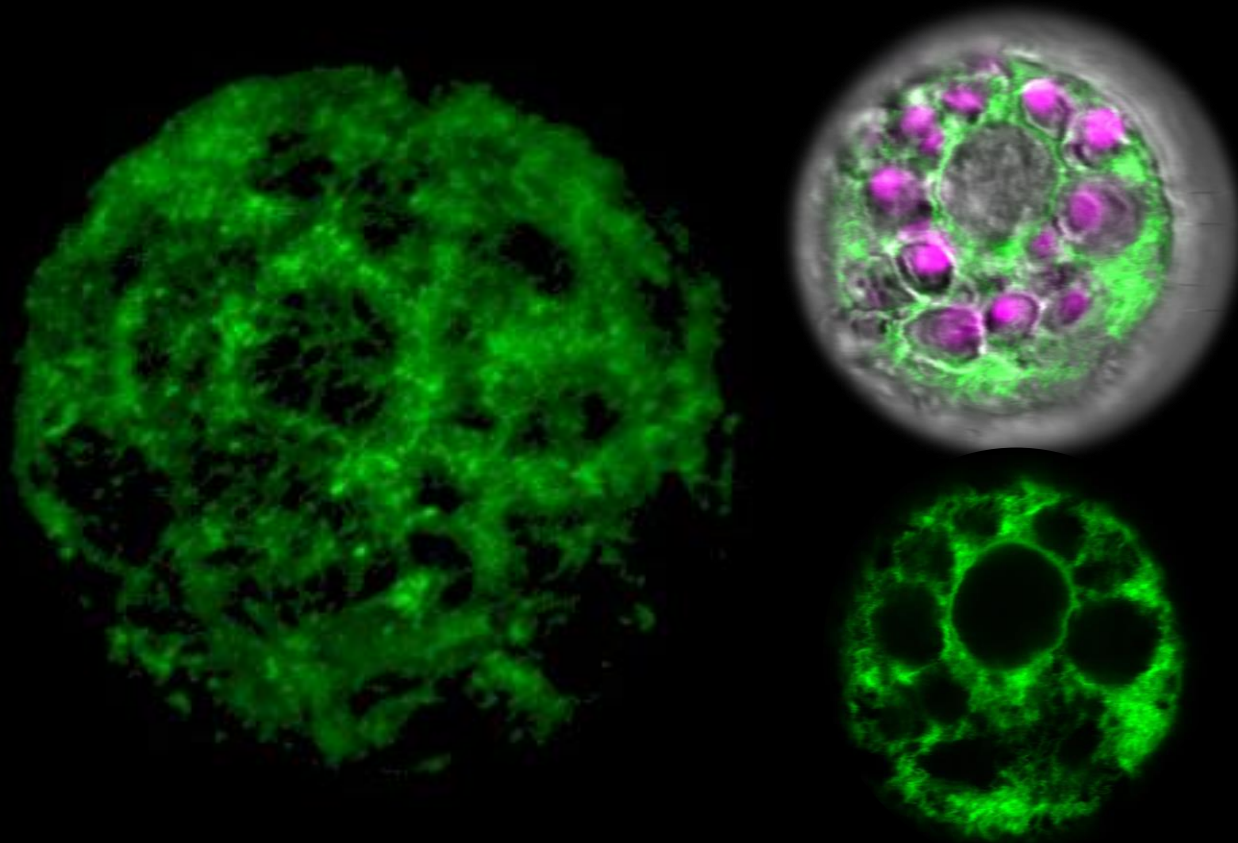
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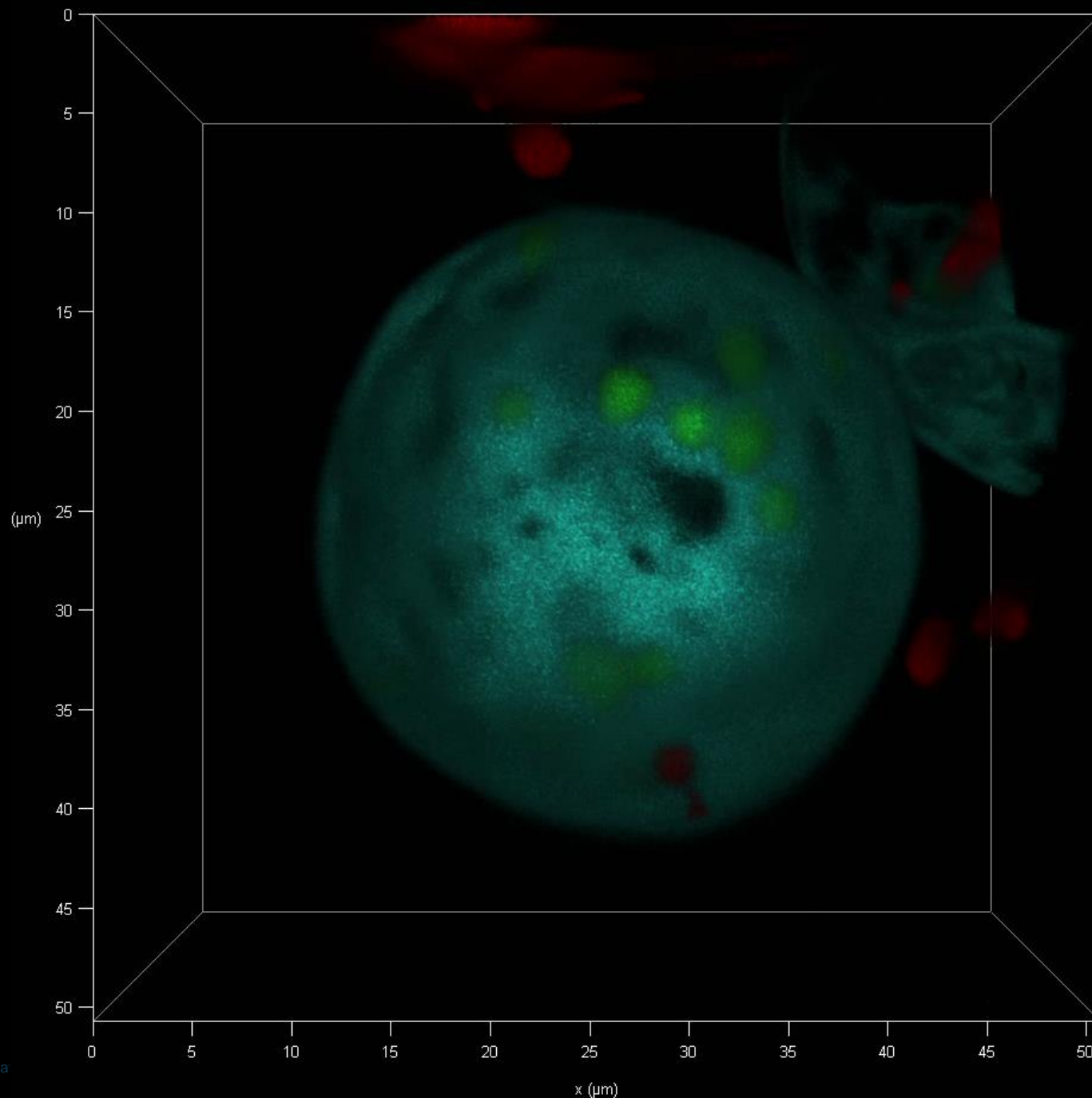


Endoplasmic Reticulum



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Cyan – Cytoplasm
 Yellow – Nucleus
 Green – Chloroplasts
 Red – Plastid autofluorescence



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Thank you!



Any questions?





How to Isolate Healthy Arabidopsis Leaf Protoplasts

ASPB2006 Protoplast Workshop Movie Jen Sheen's Lab - Harvard Medical School (22 minutes long)

