

Polar proteins guide development in leaves and roots

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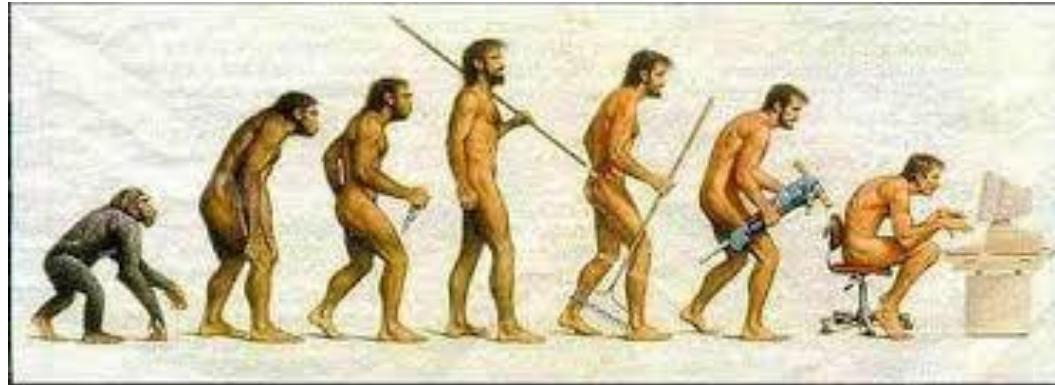
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Development and polarity

Development; change over time



Polarity; opposing positions

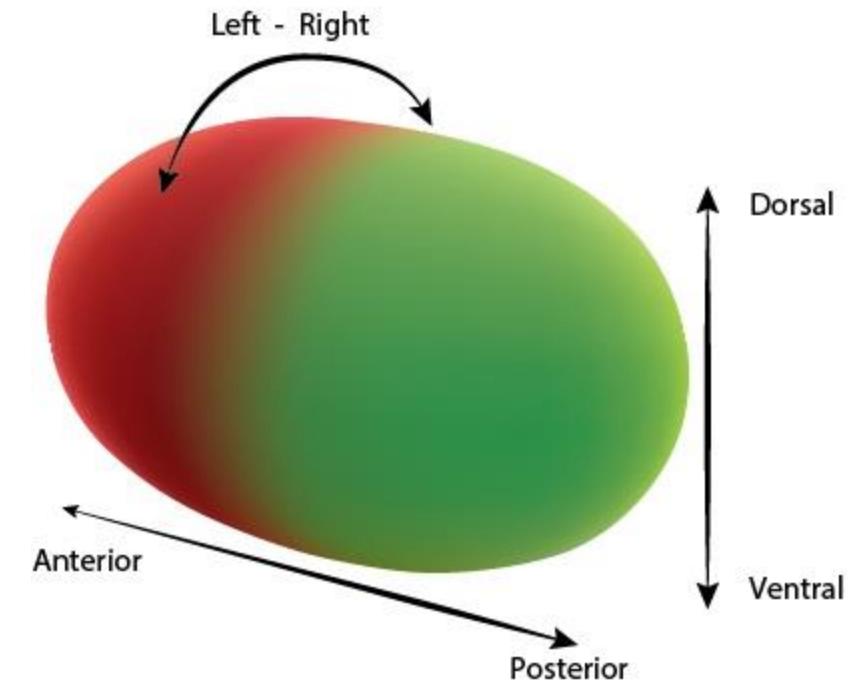


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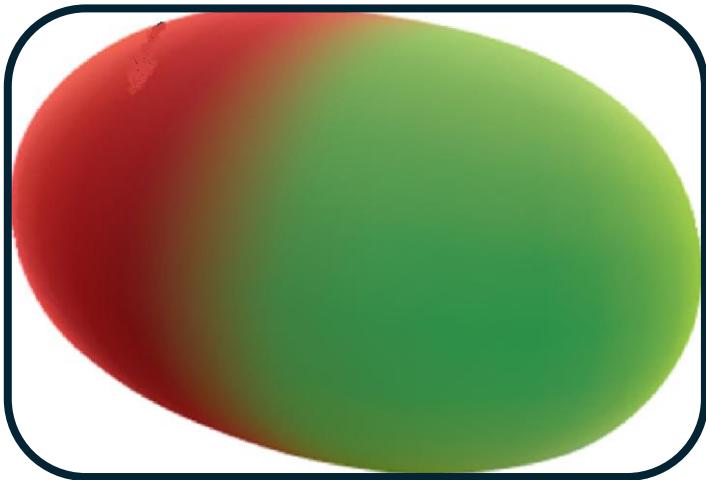
Plant Development; change over time



Cell Polarity; opposing positions



Protein cell polarity

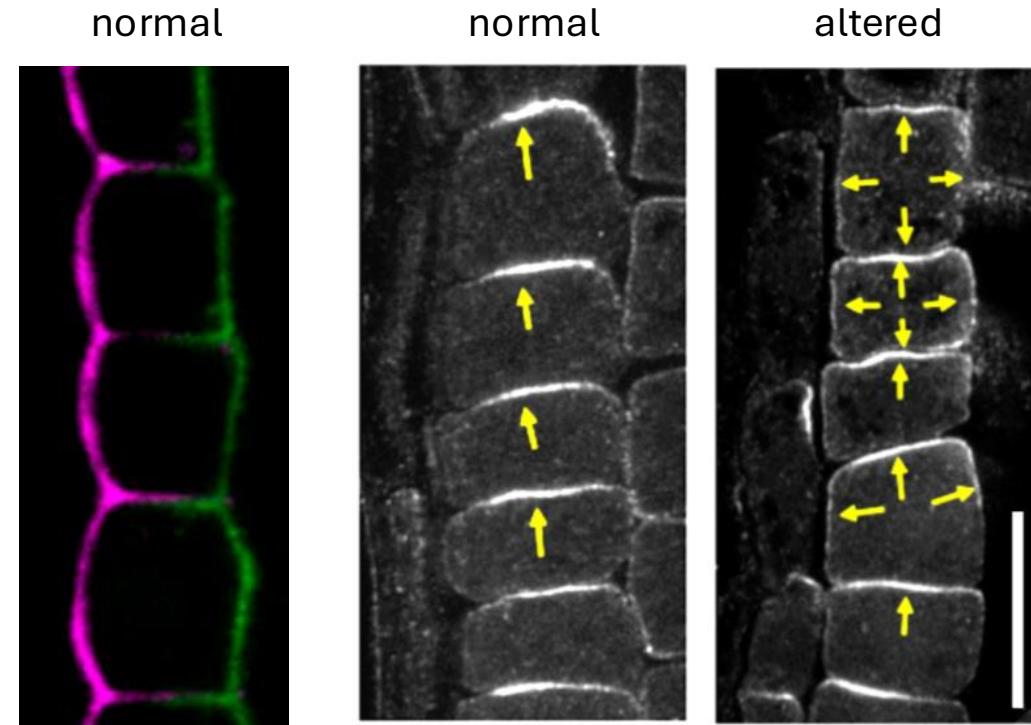


What is green and what is red?

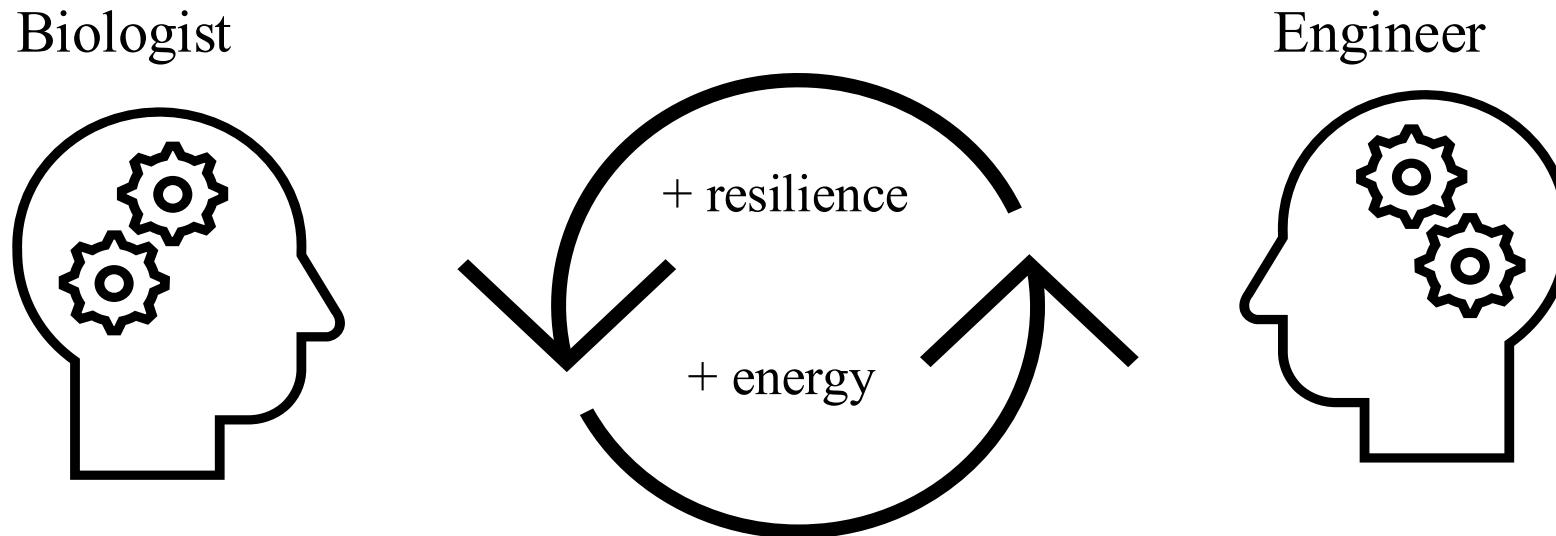
- Lipids
- Small molecules,
- Soluble proteins
- etc

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- Membrane proteins

Protein of Interest
tagged with a Fluorescent Protein
[PIN-GFP]



Plant development; The best inspiration for engineering?



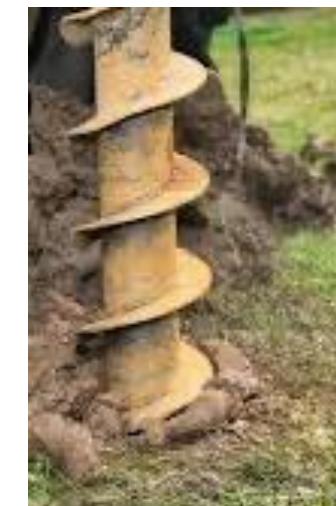
Graphical summary of my dream as a researcher

Plant development; Achieving the perfect structure for the job

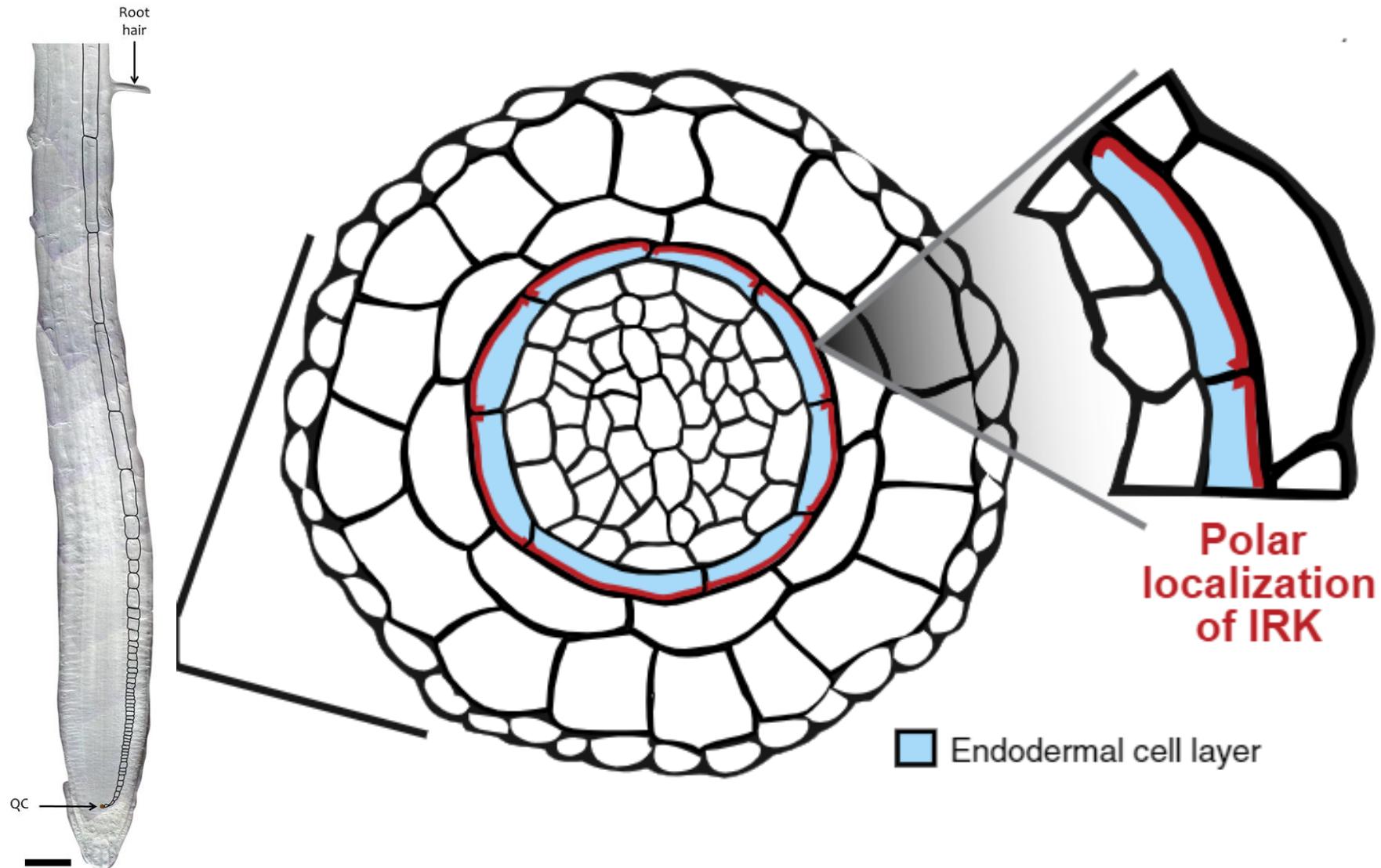
b. flat, perfect to harvest light



a. cylindrical, perfect to explore the soil



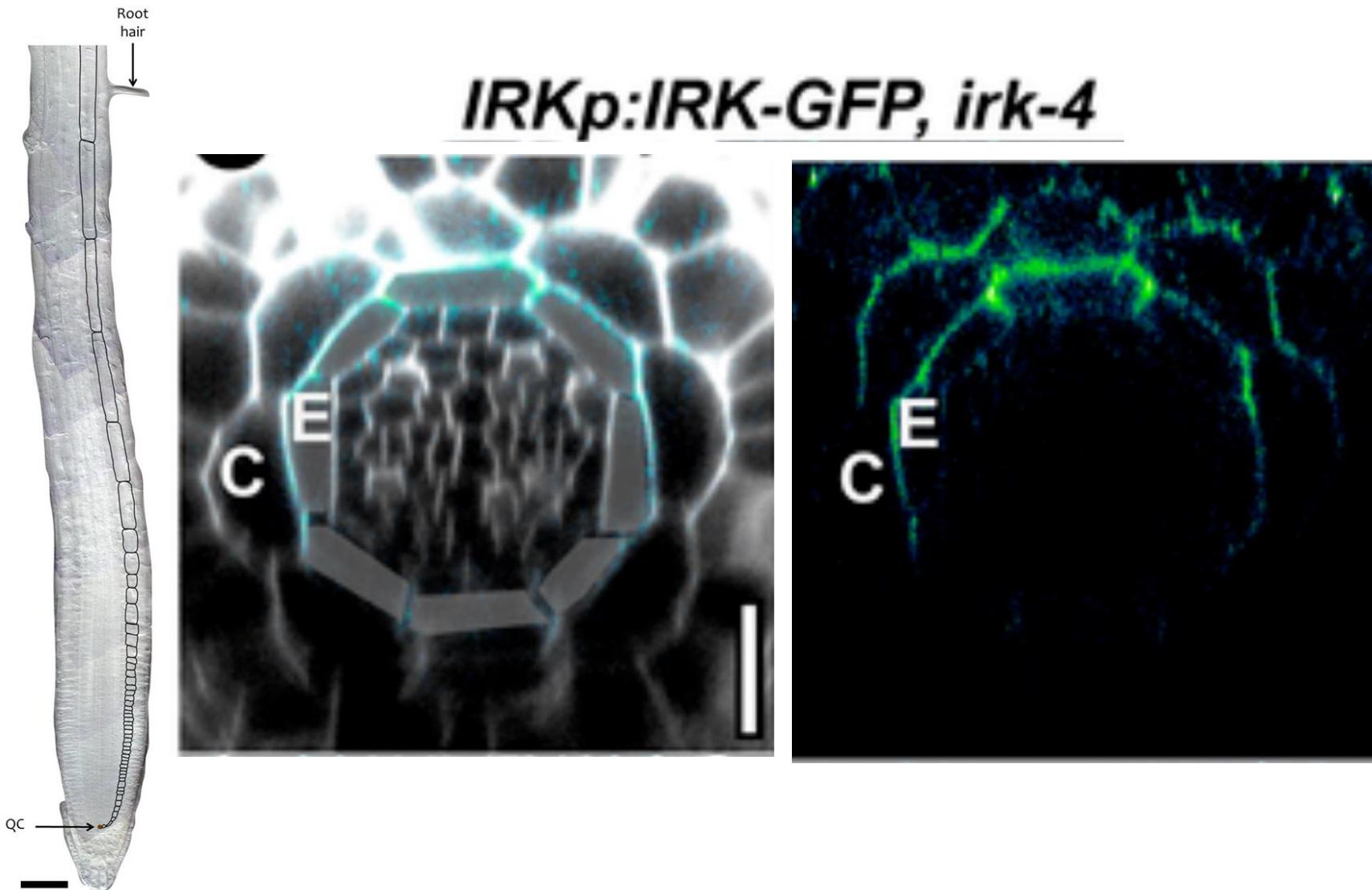
IRK, a polar protein in root



Campos et al 2020, Dev Cell

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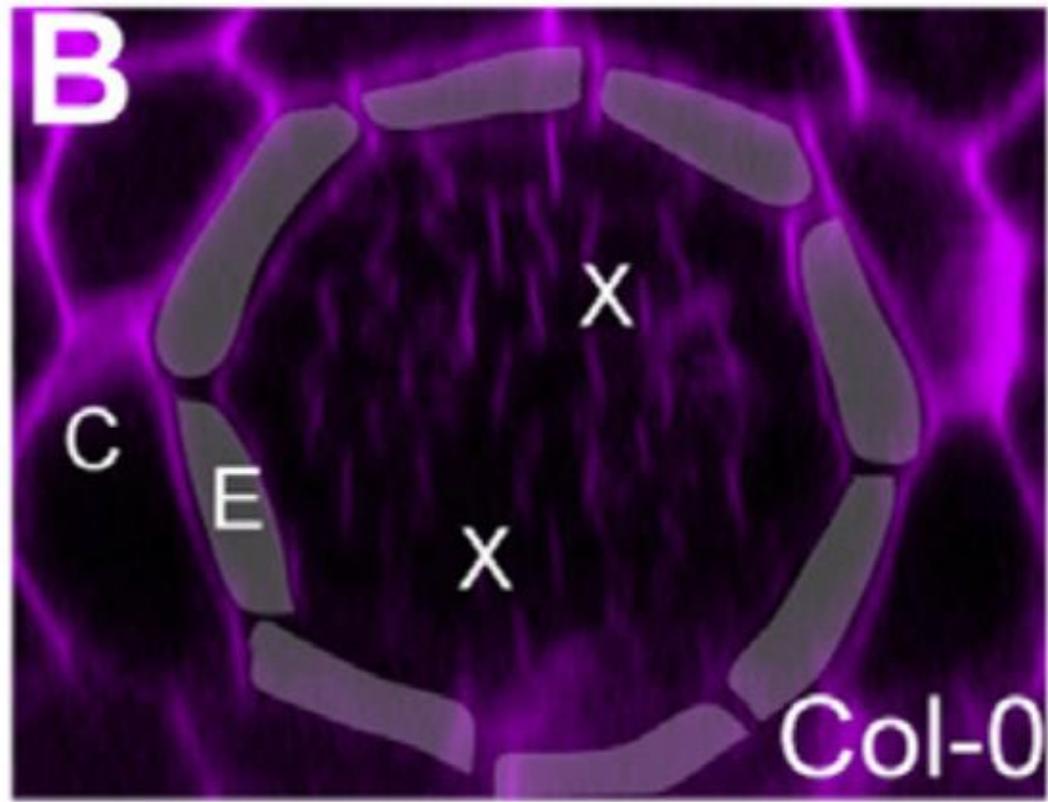


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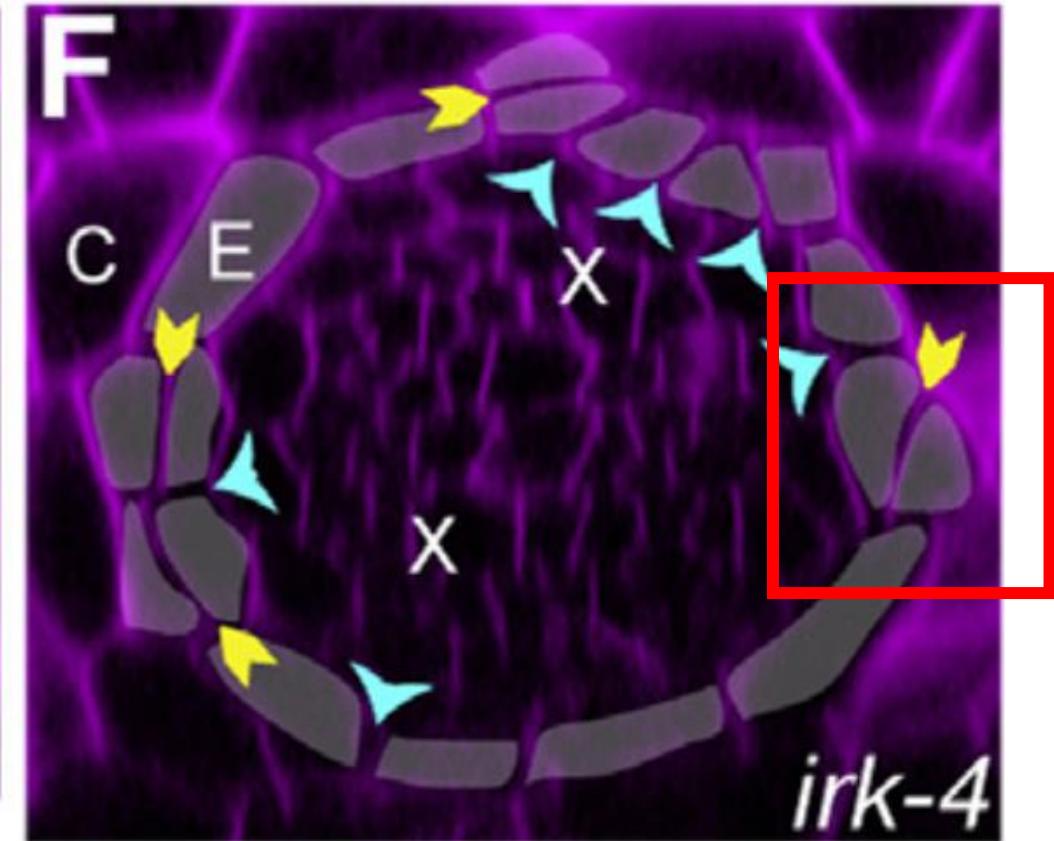
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IRK is required to control root diameter

Control

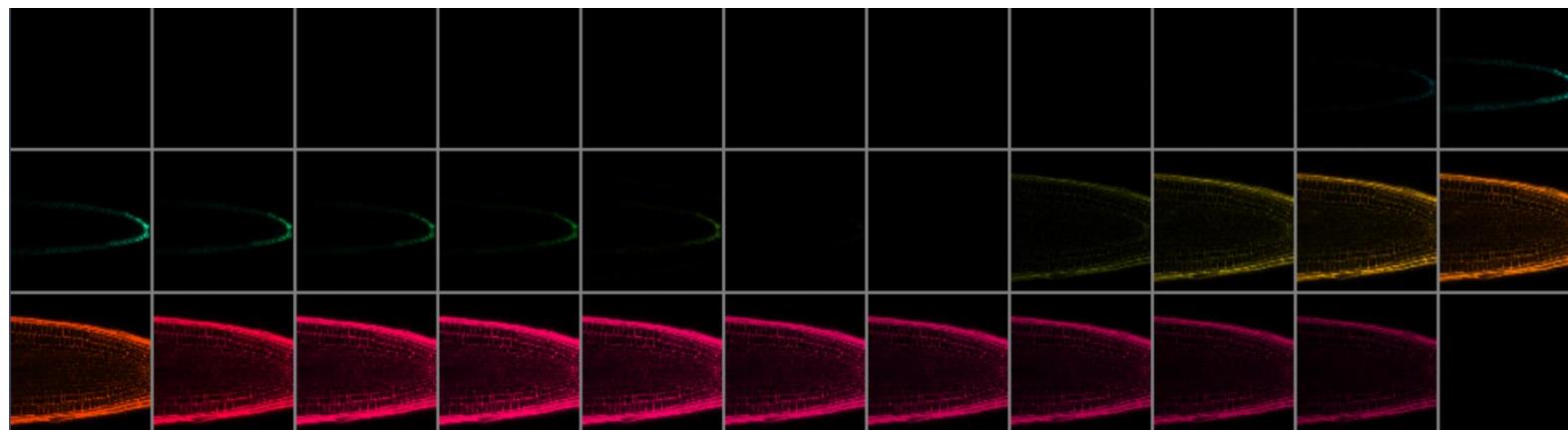
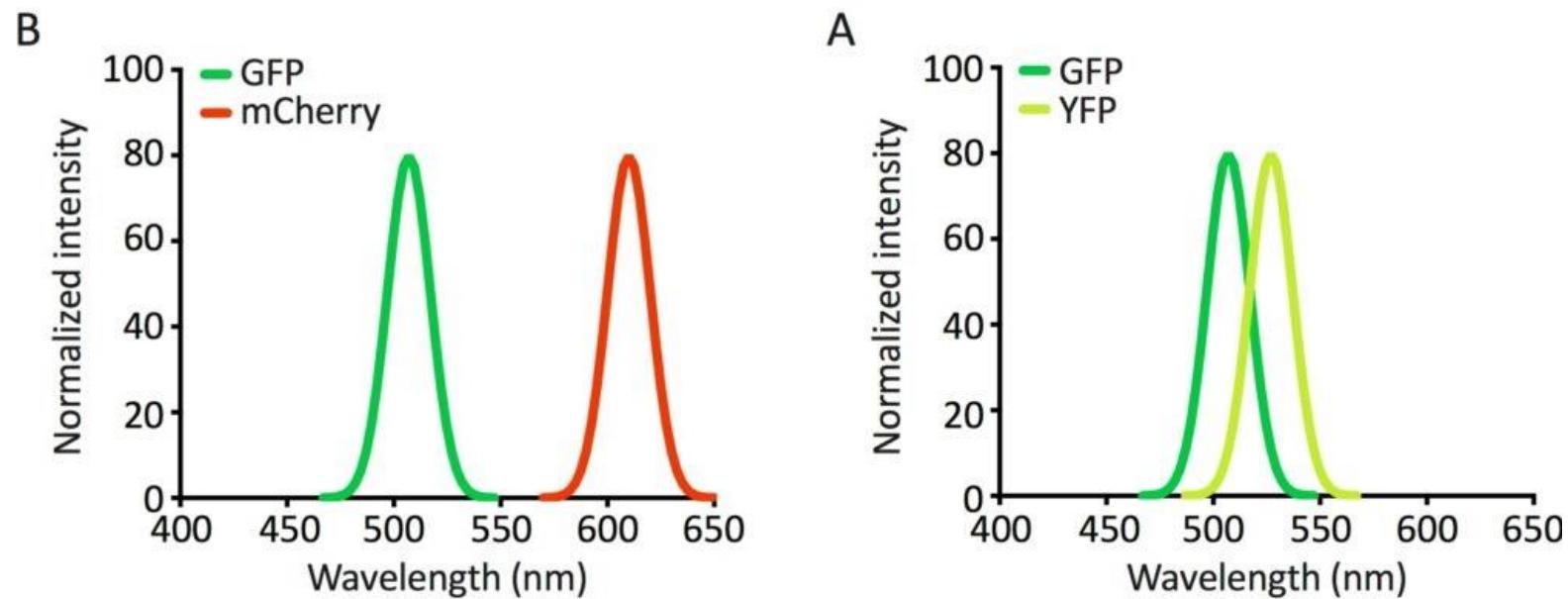


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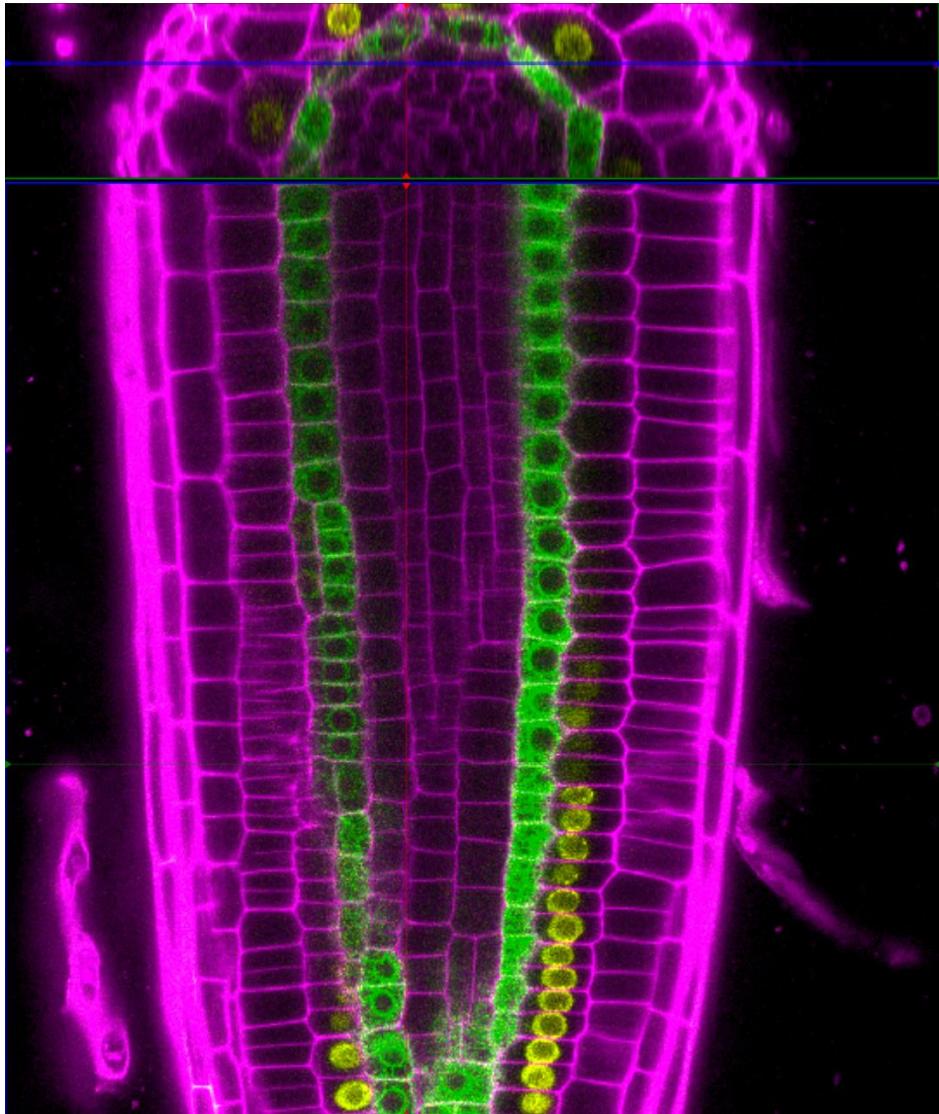


- thicker vasculature

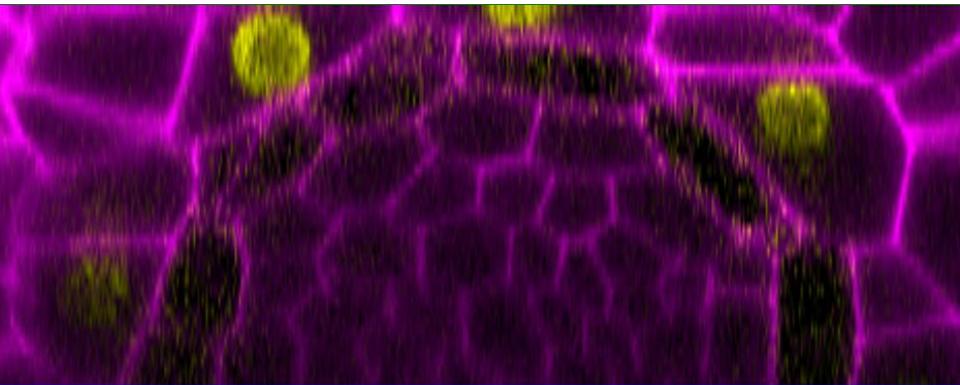
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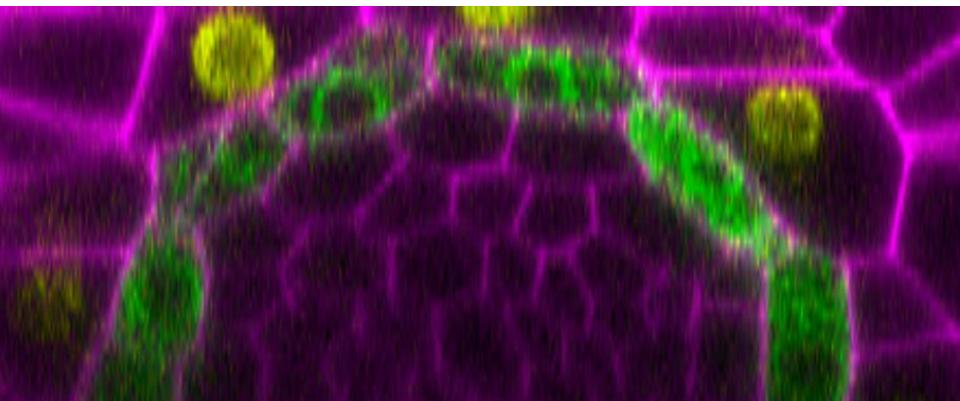
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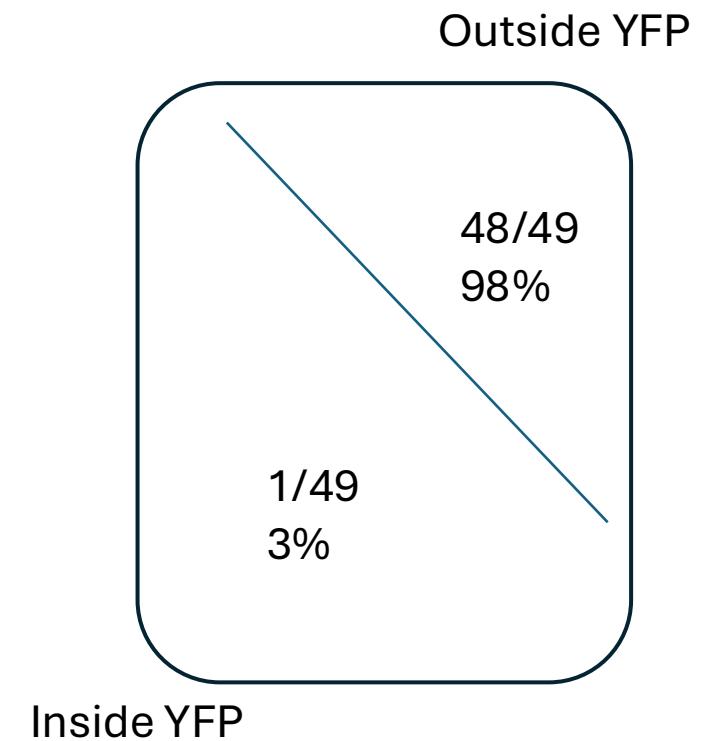
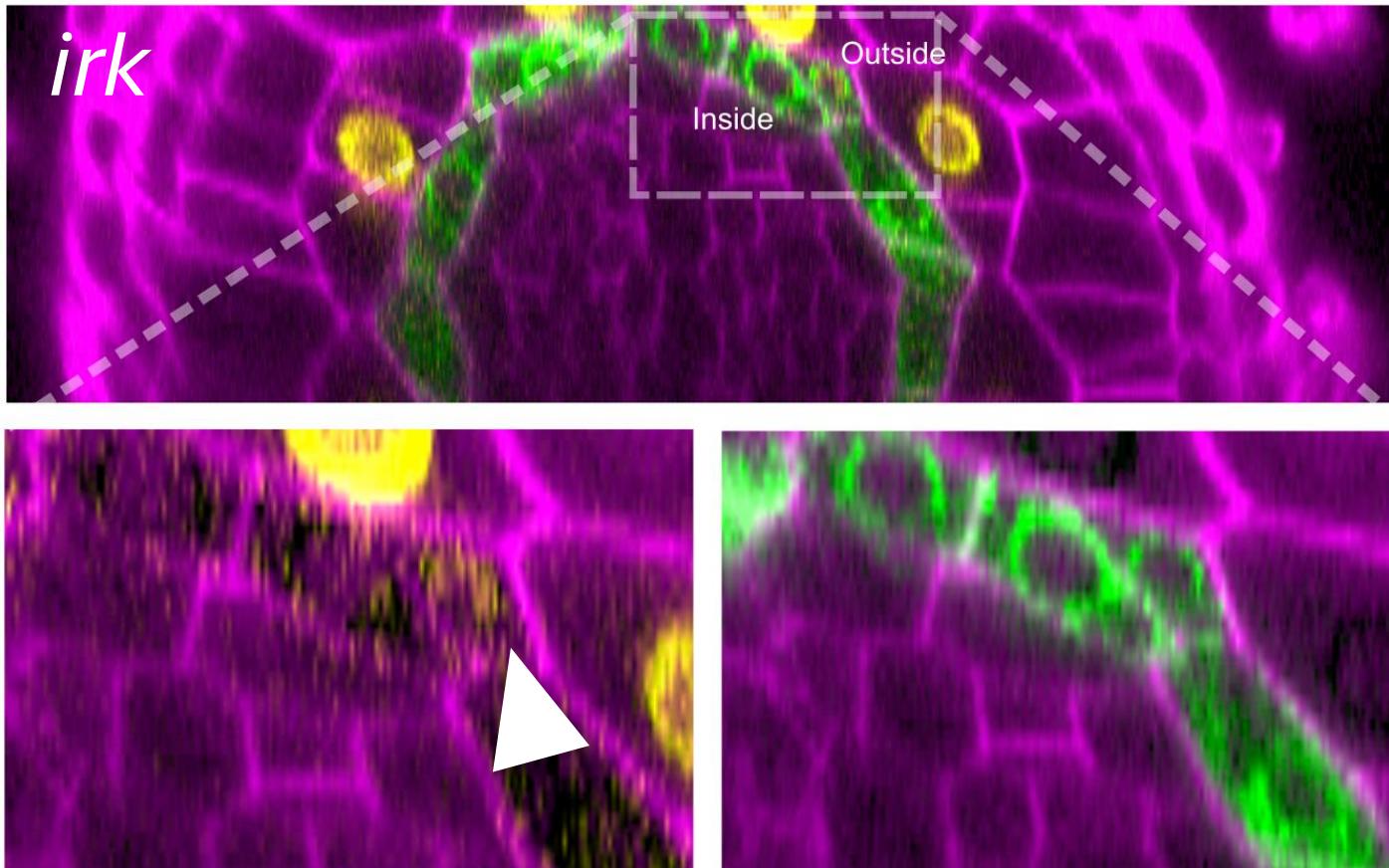
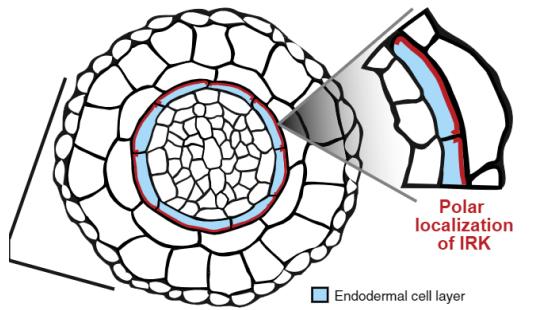
YFP only



GFP and YFP



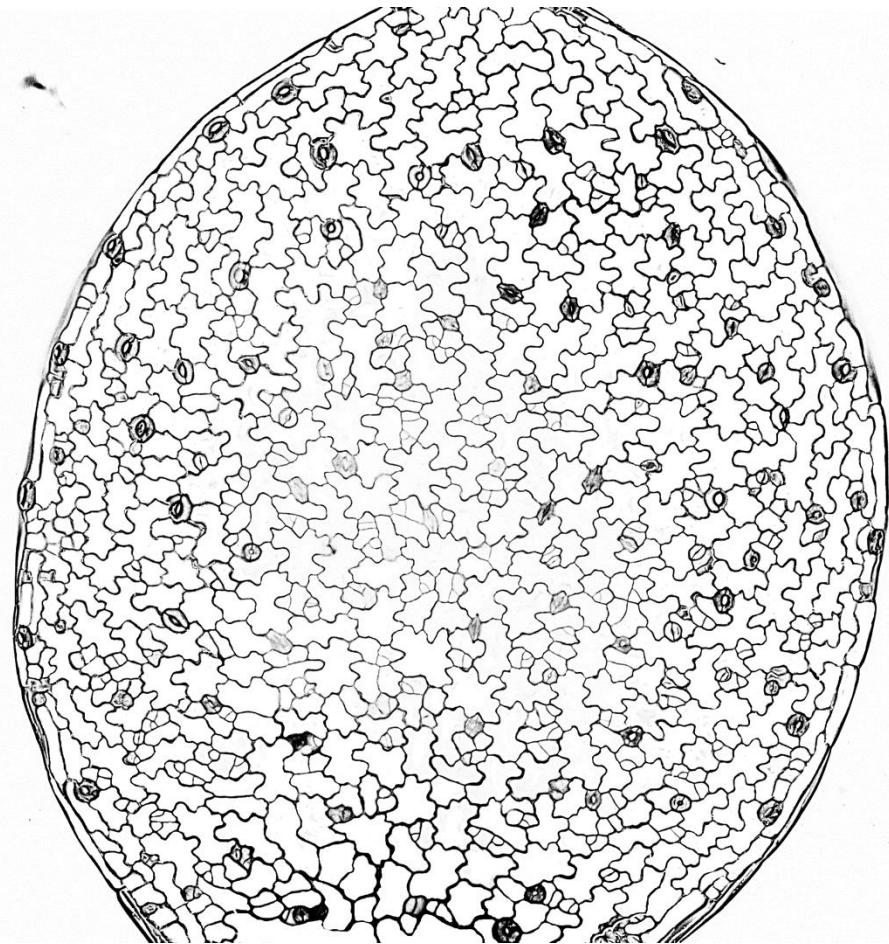
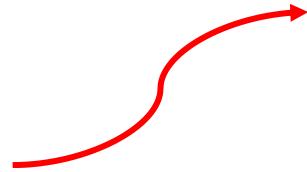
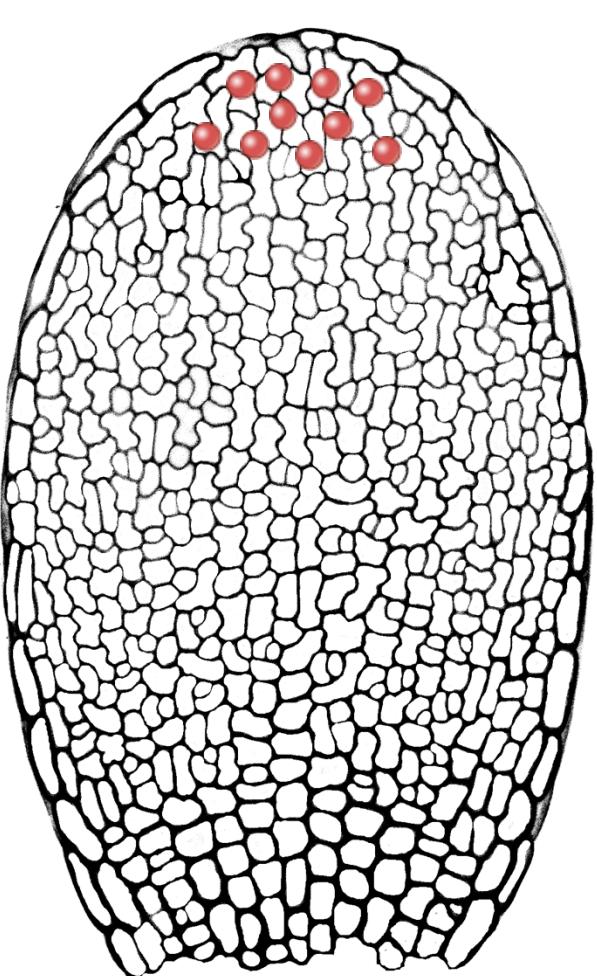
Creating new outer layers



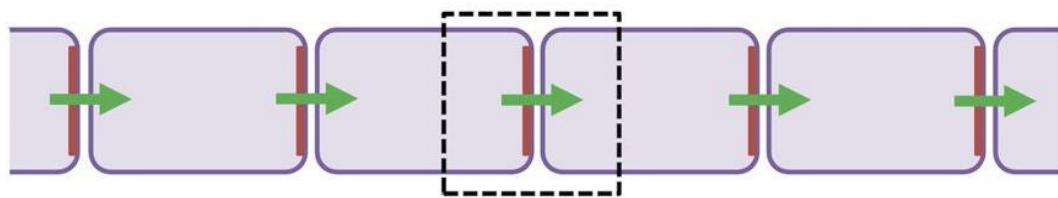
Plant development; Achieving the perfect structure for the job



Crafting a flat leaf is guided by hormones (auxin)



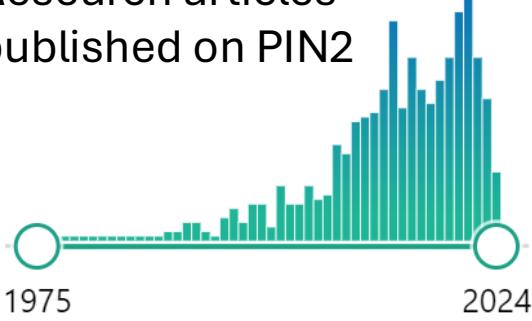
Auxin moves assisted by polar proteins



Adamowski and Friml 2015, Plant
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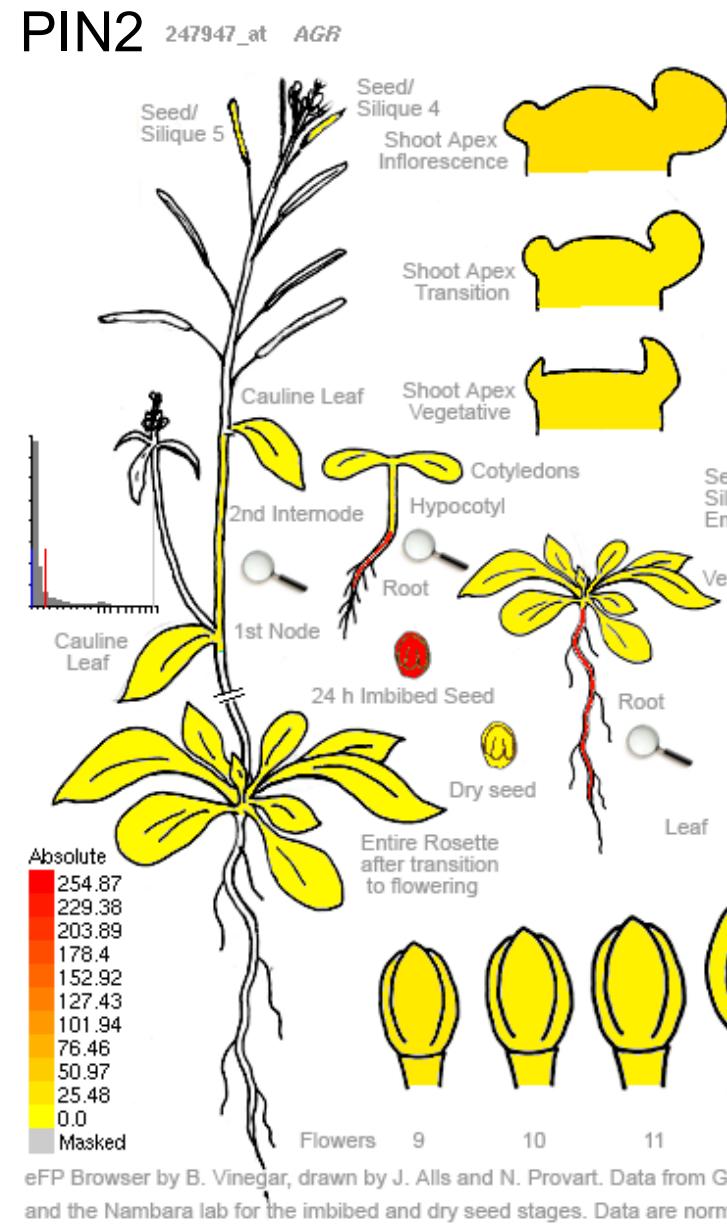


Research articles
published on PIN2

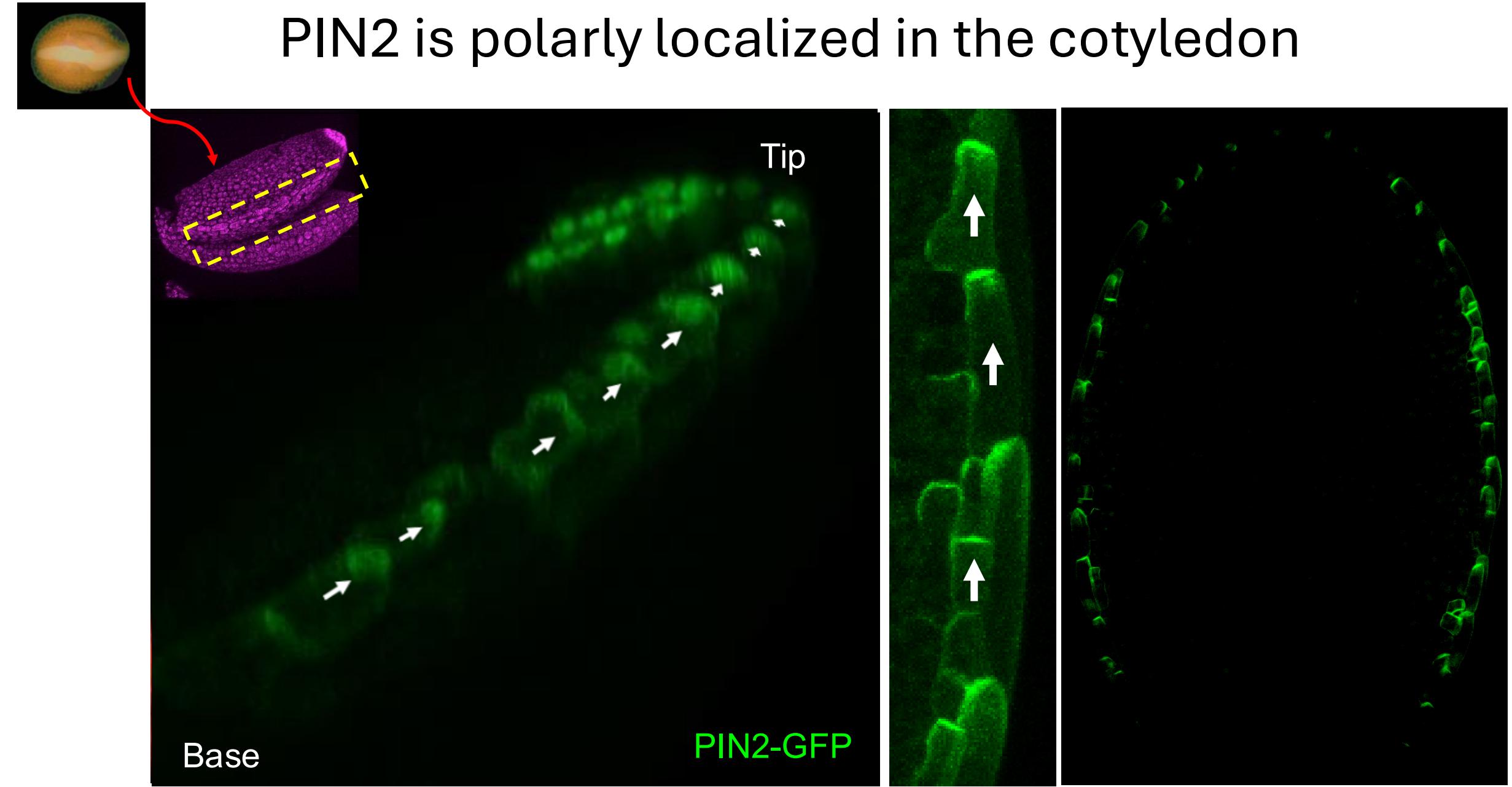


Roots; 603

Early
seed; 0

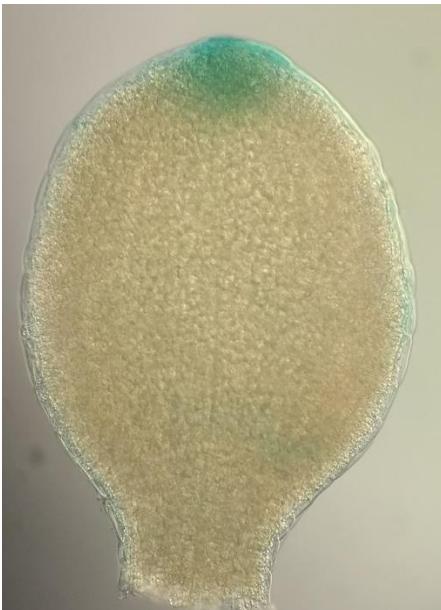


PIN2 is polarly localized in the cotyledon



...and required to move auxin and to shape a “flat structure”

control



pin2



Auxin

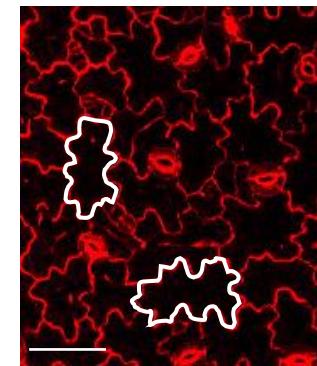
PIN2
activators



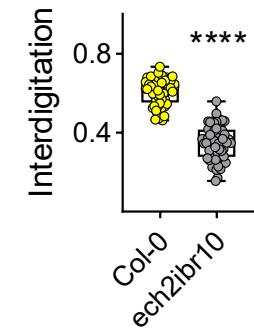
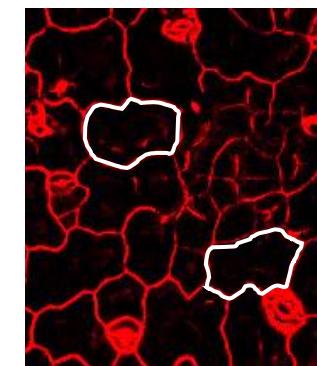
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Lower Auxin

Control



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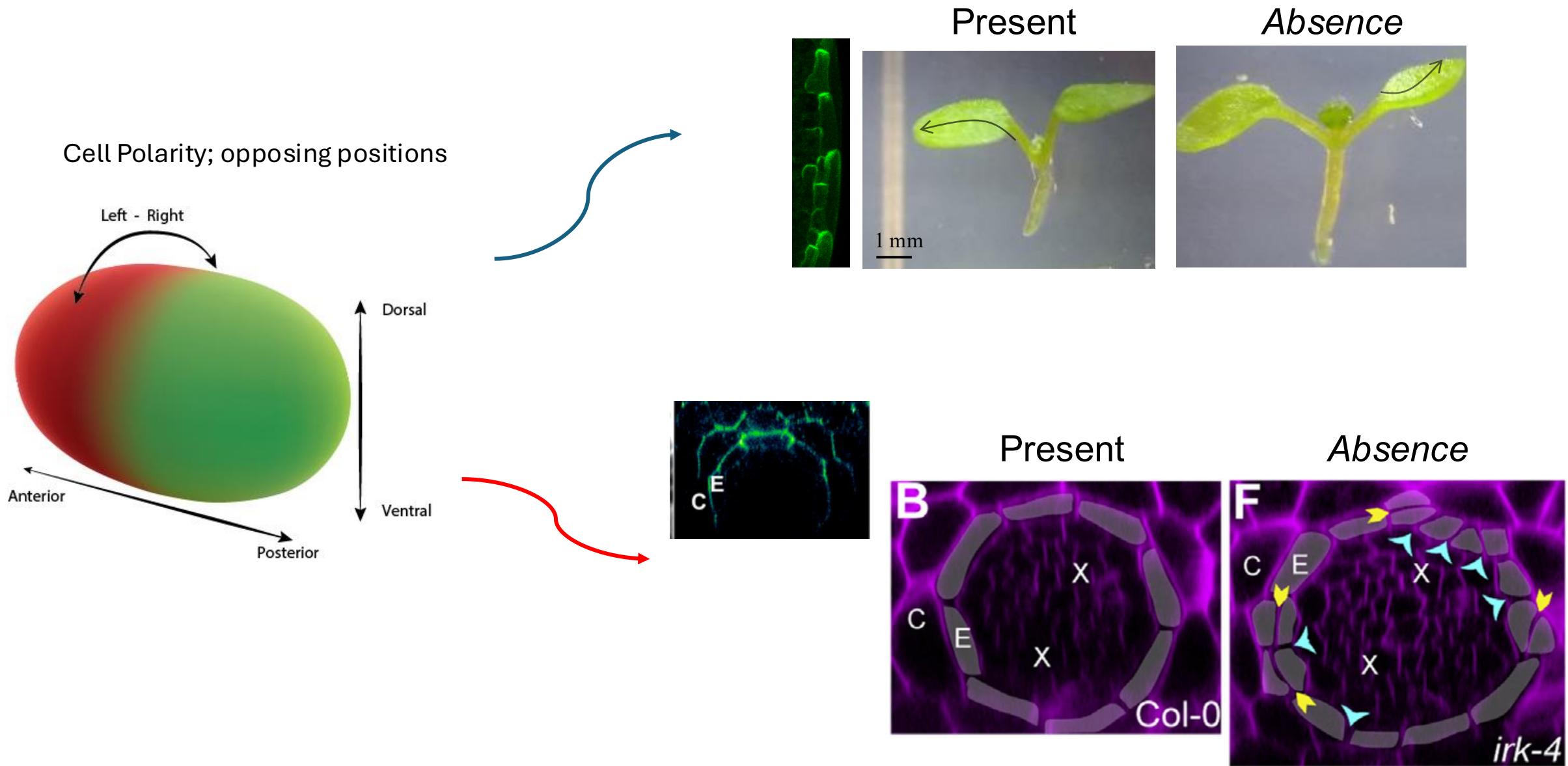
Control



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Take home message 1; cell polarity drives plant development



Take home message 2; plants are perfect for biomimetics



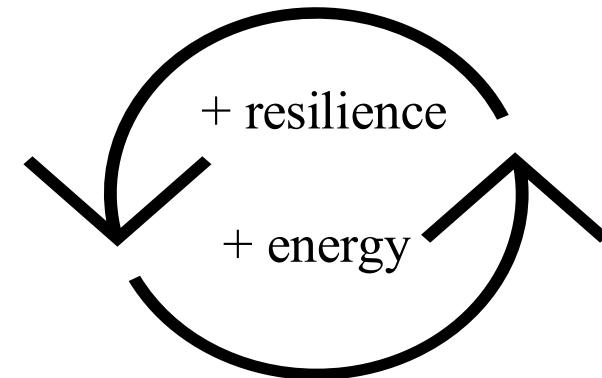
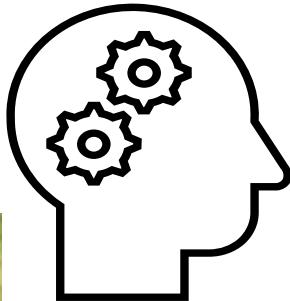
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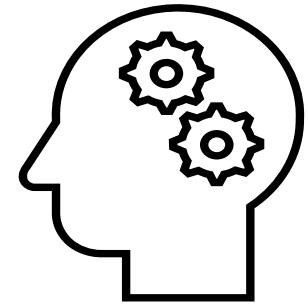
a. explore the soil



Biologist



Engineer



Output, all in revision...

Radial askew endodermal cell divisions reveal IRK functions in division orientation

R. M. Imtiaz Karim Rony, Roya Campos, Patricio Pérez-Henríquez, Jaimie M. Van Norman
in revision at *Plant Physiology*

Hierarchical global and local auxin signals coordinate cellular interdigitation in *Arabidopsis*

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PIN2-mediated self-organizing transient auxin flow contributes to auxin maxima at the tip of *Arabidopsis* cotyledons

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