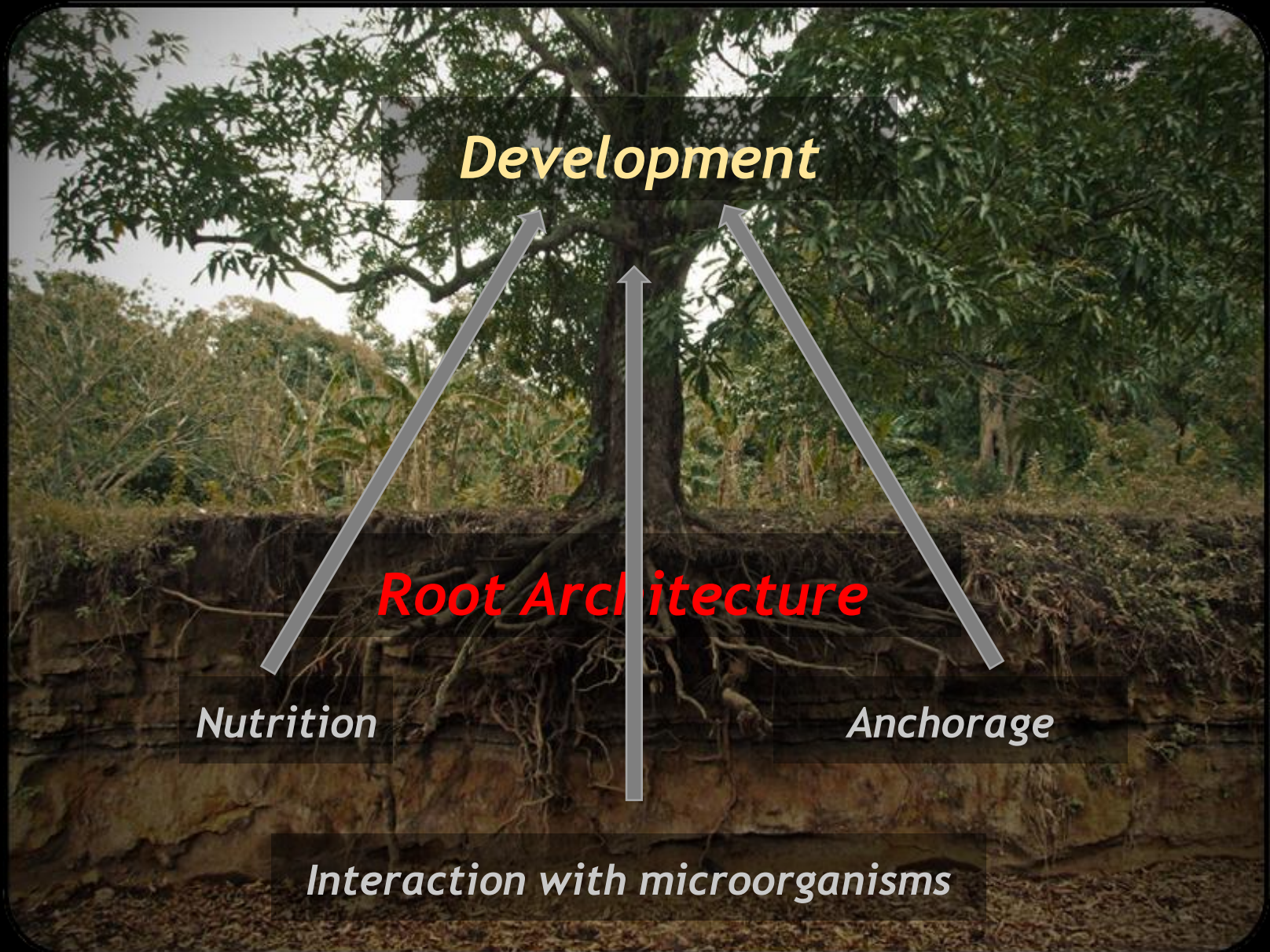


**Dynamics of Genes Regulatory Network
Governing *de novo*
Lateral Root Primordium Development
in *Arabidopsis thaliana***

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Context : Root System



Context : Secondary organogenesis



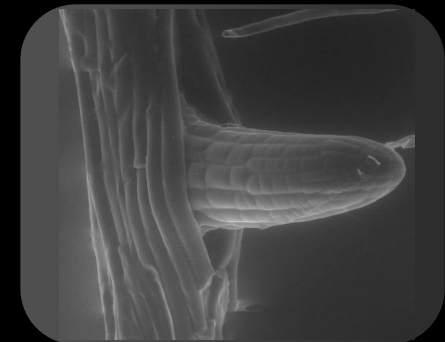
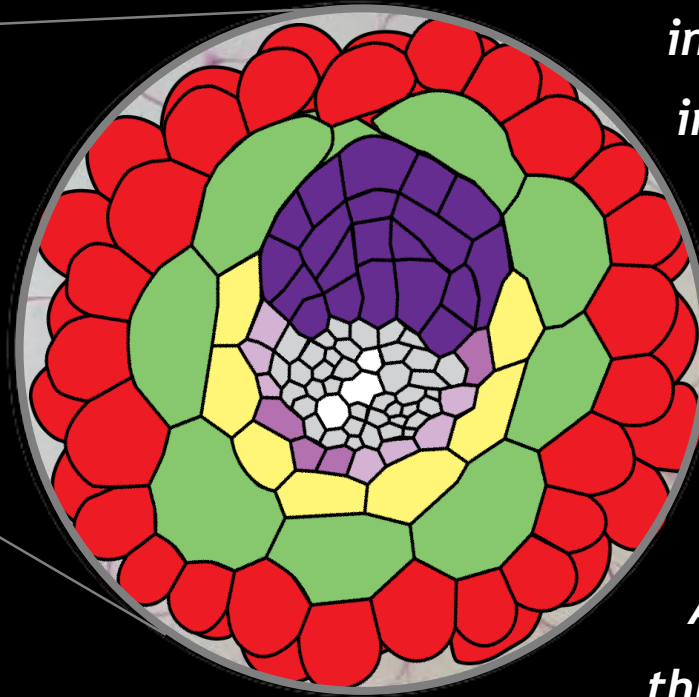
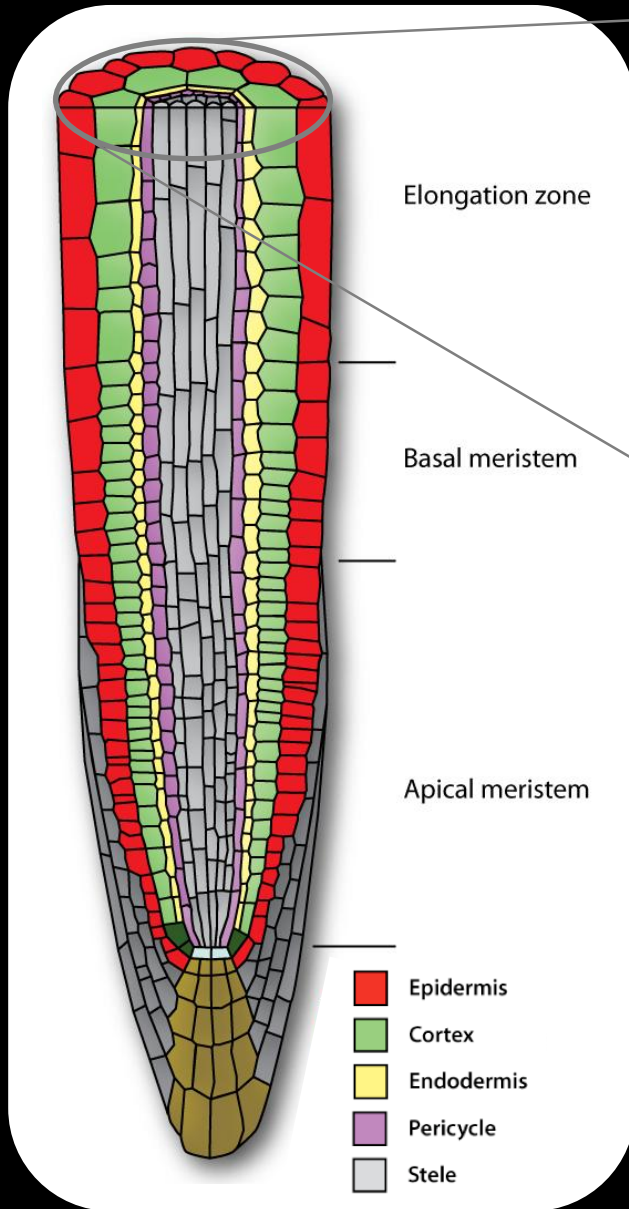
... to a mature root system ...

... with a complex architecture resulting from interactions between genetics and environment.

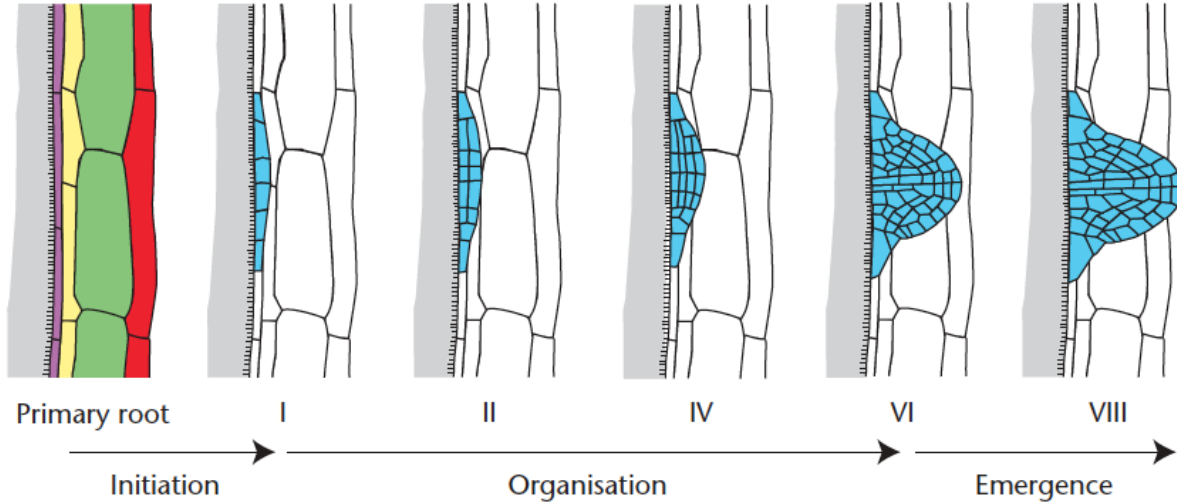
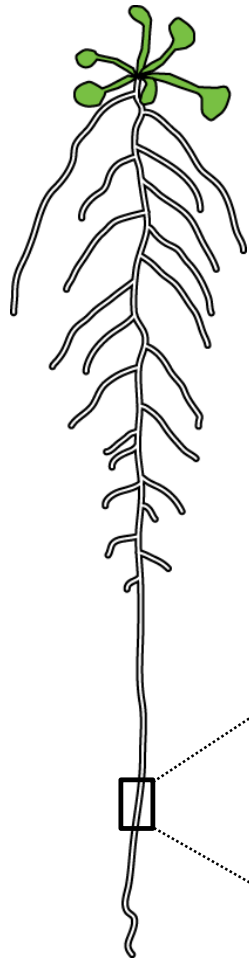
Context : Lateral root organogenesis

In Arabidopsis, LR initiation occurs in the pericycle

And LR develop through the tissues to finally emerge



Context : Lateral root organogenesis



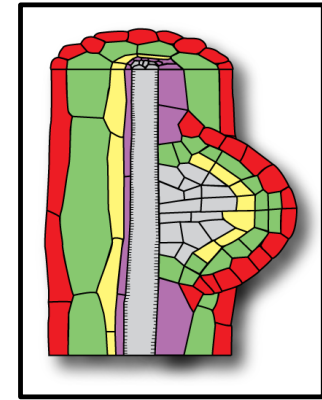
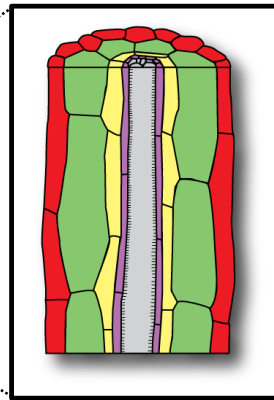
■ Epidermis ■ Cortex ■ Endodermis ■ Pericycle ■ Stele

Guyomarc'h et al., 2010

Well described sequence
of morphogenesis

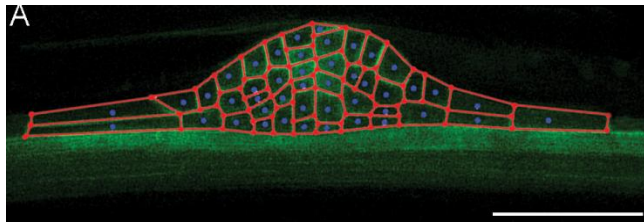


Is this development
highly regular ?

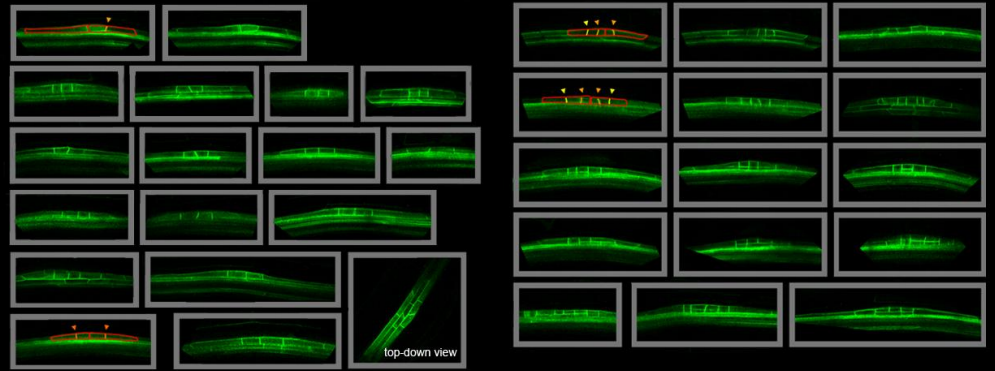


Context : Lateral root organogenesis

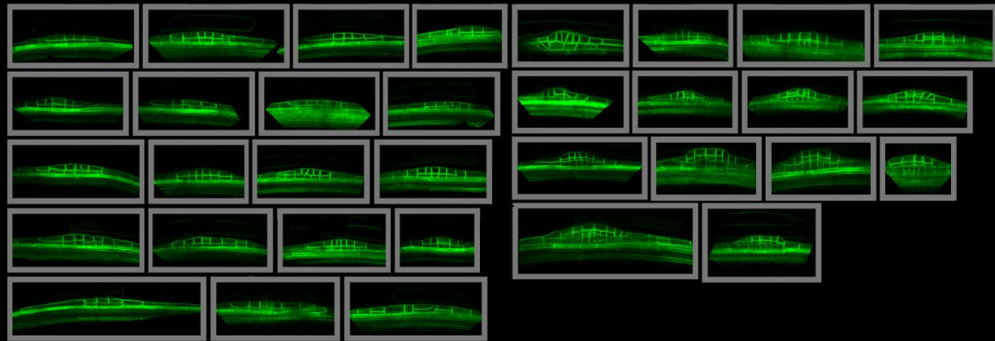
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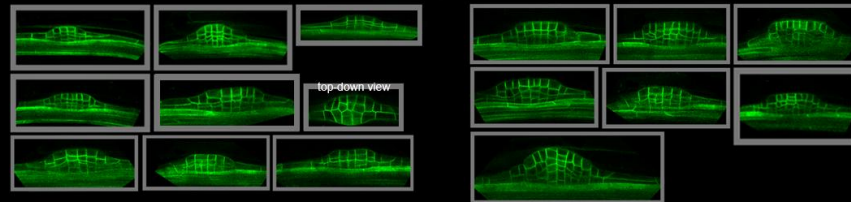
Stage I to II



Stage II to III

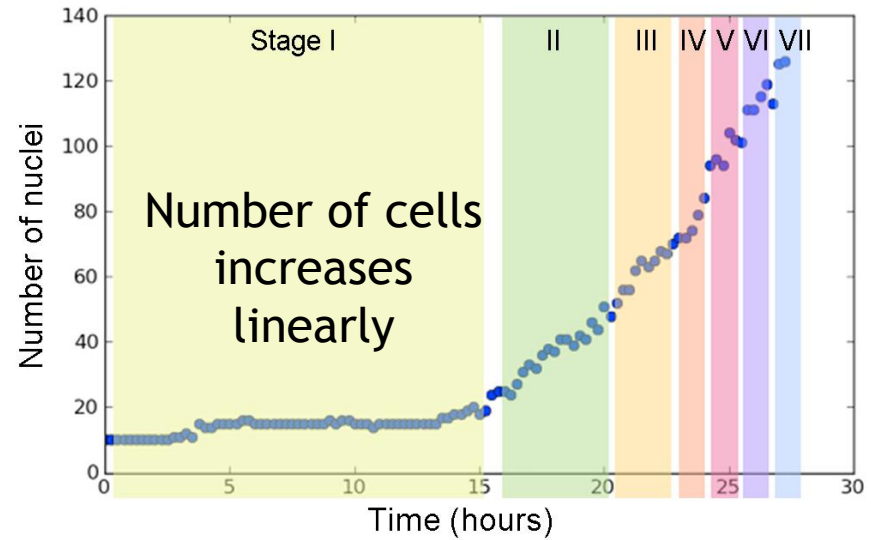
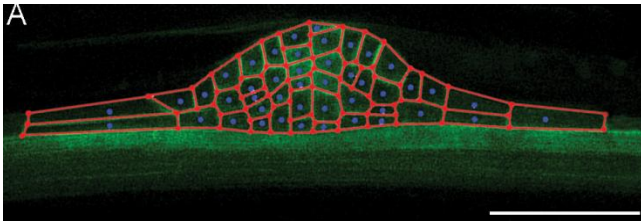


Stage IV and over



Context : Lateral root organogenesis

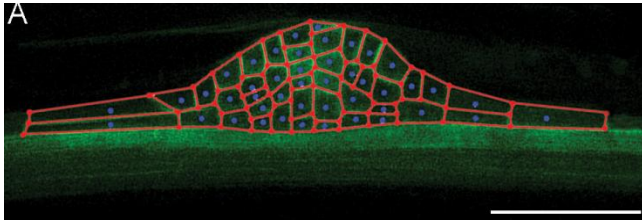
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(Lucas et al. 2013)

Context : Lateral root organogenesis

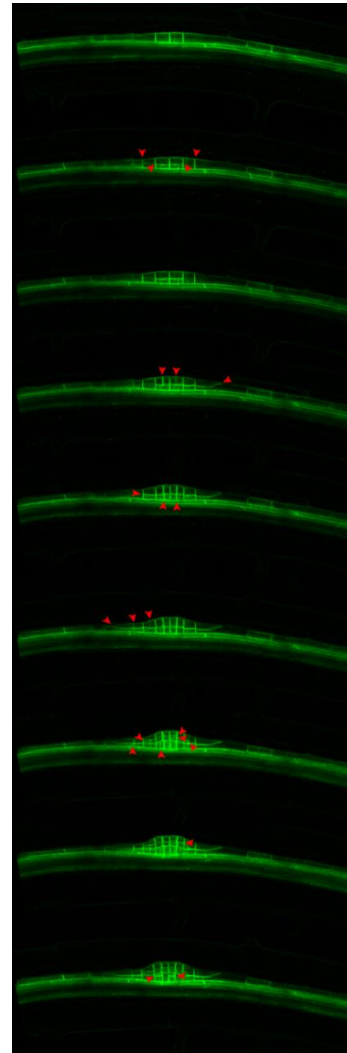
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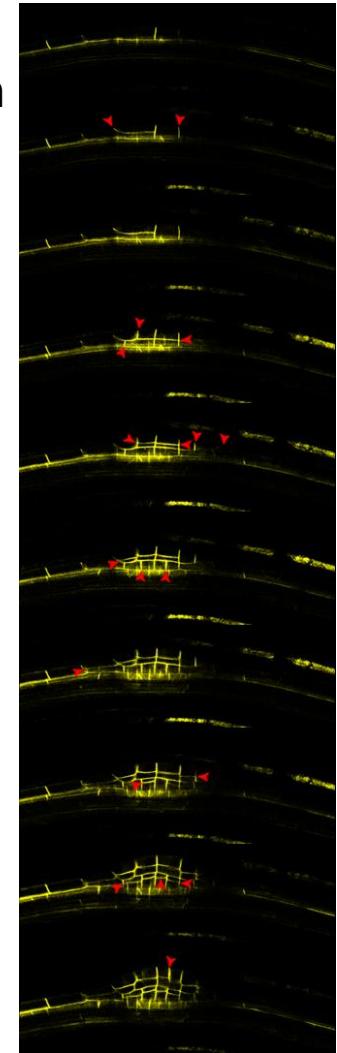
LRP patterning is
not stereotypical

Multiple ways of
building a LRP

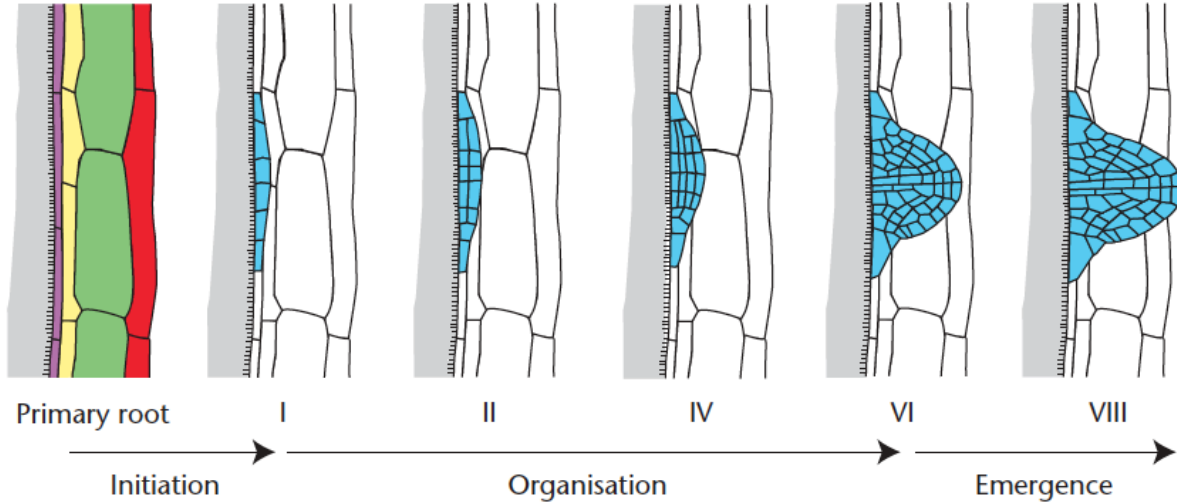
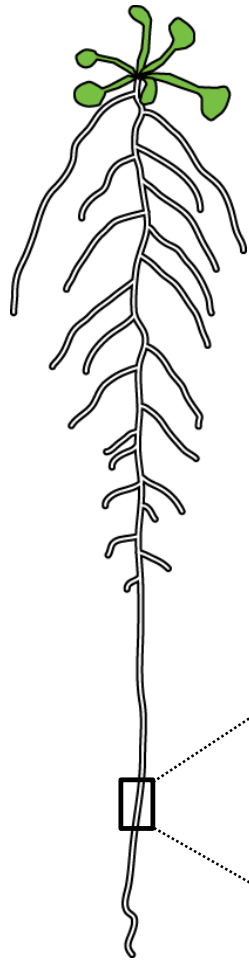
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Sequence
of division
events
actually
varies
between
LRP



Context : Lateral root organogenesis



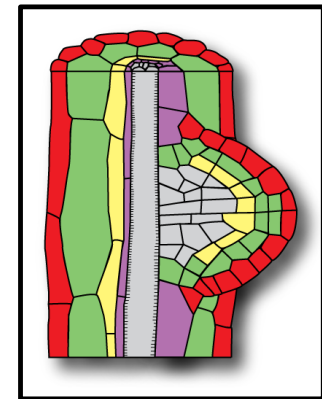
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Plastic development,
but fixed ending



DYNAMIC PATTERNING
?

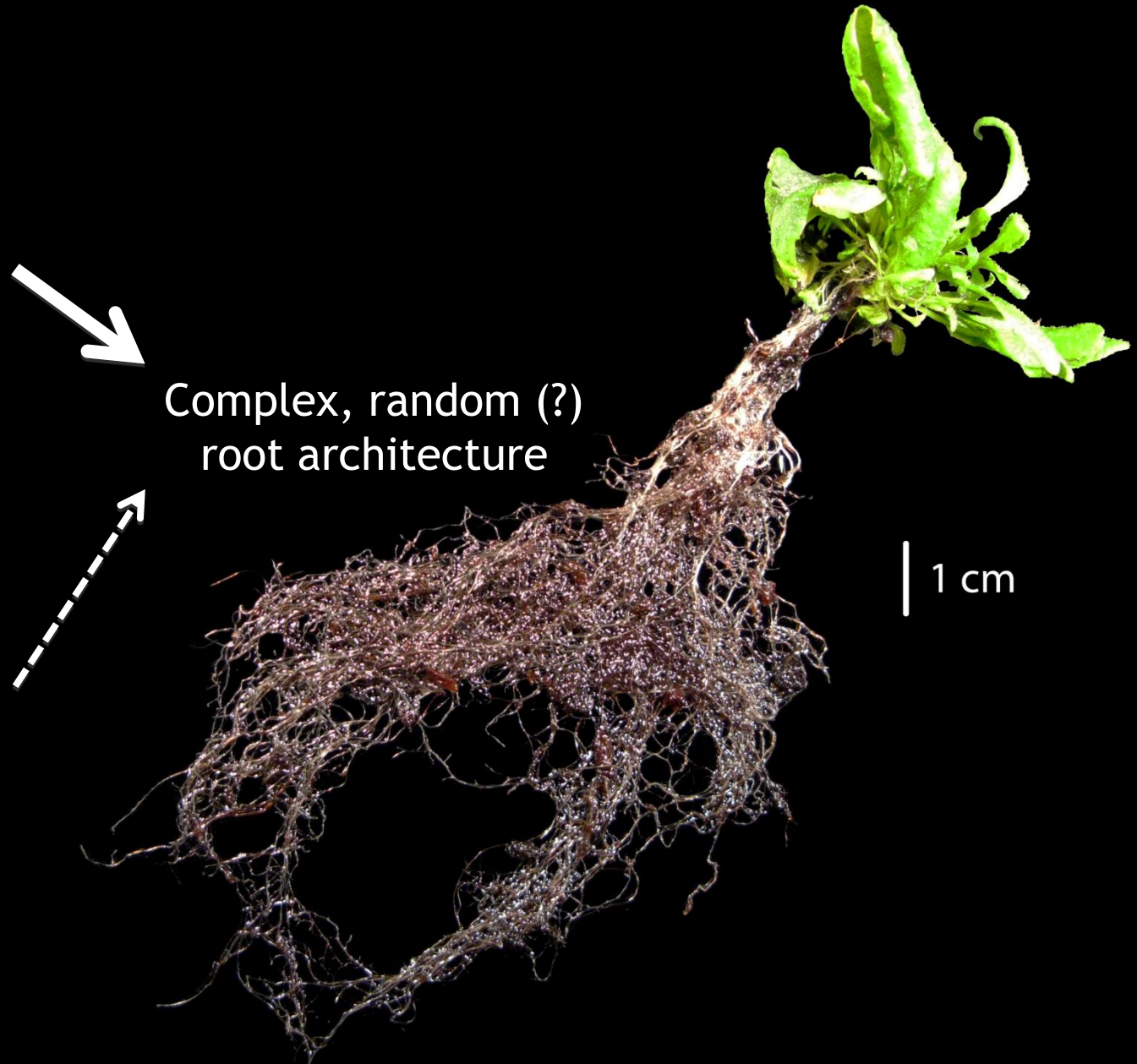


Context : Lateral root organogenesis

Elementary
dynamic
organogenesis
processes

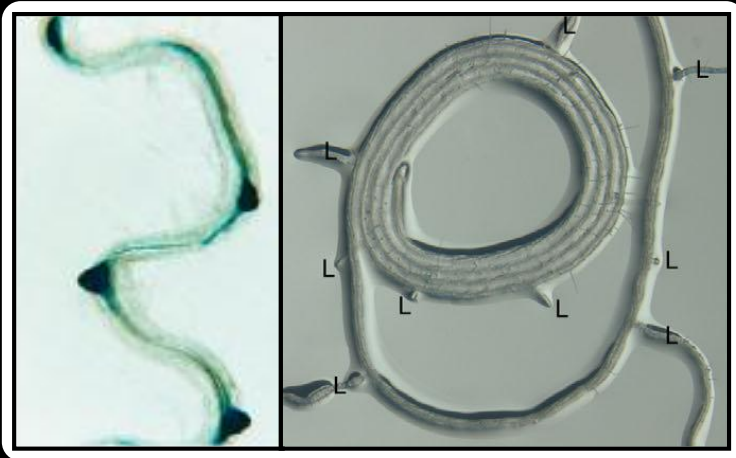
Complex, random (?)
root architecture

How to study this
process to
understand and
control RSA ?



Modulation of lateral root initiation

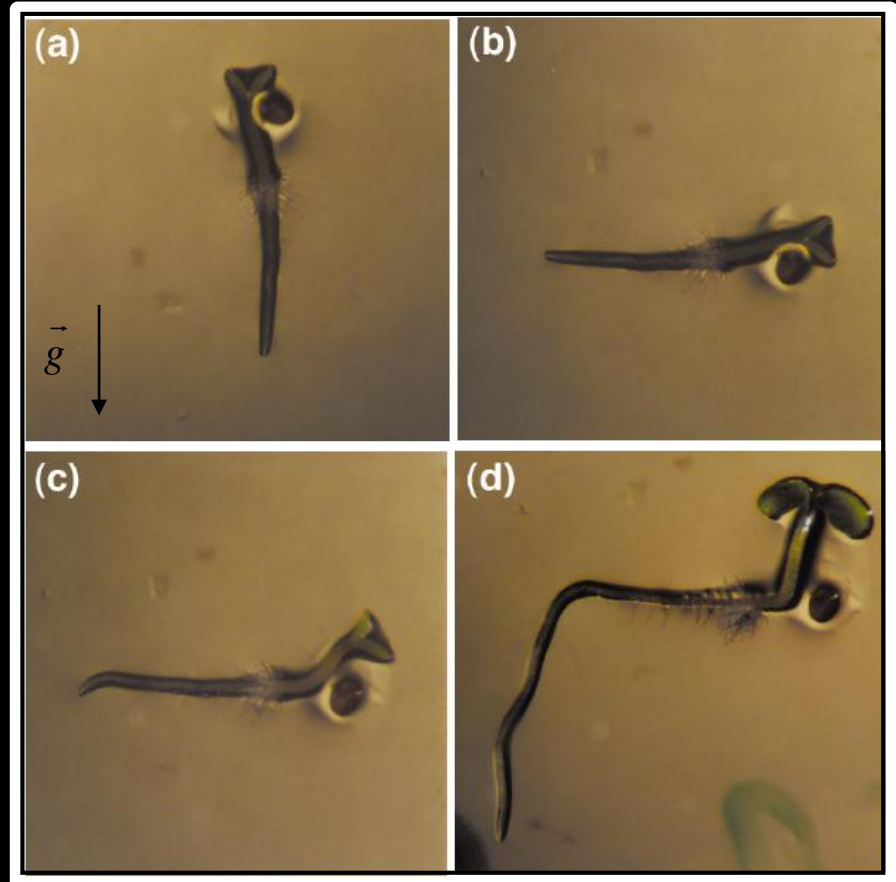
LRP initiation correlated
with root bending



(De Smet et al. 2007)

Can new lateral roots
be induced using
gravistimulation ?

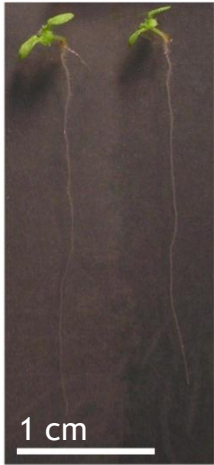
Gravitropism induces
root bending



(Rosen, 1999)

Modulation of lateral root initiation

Control



TBR:

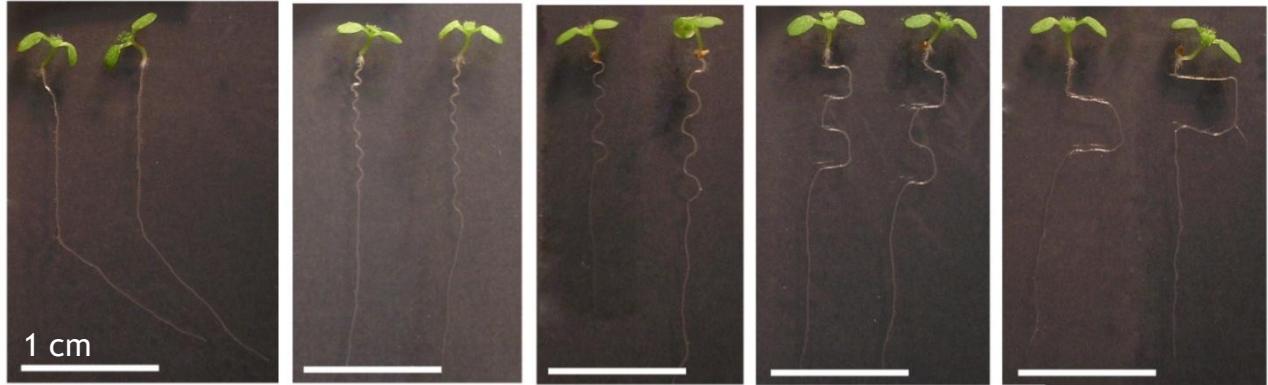
1 hour

3 hours

6 hours

12 hours

24 hours



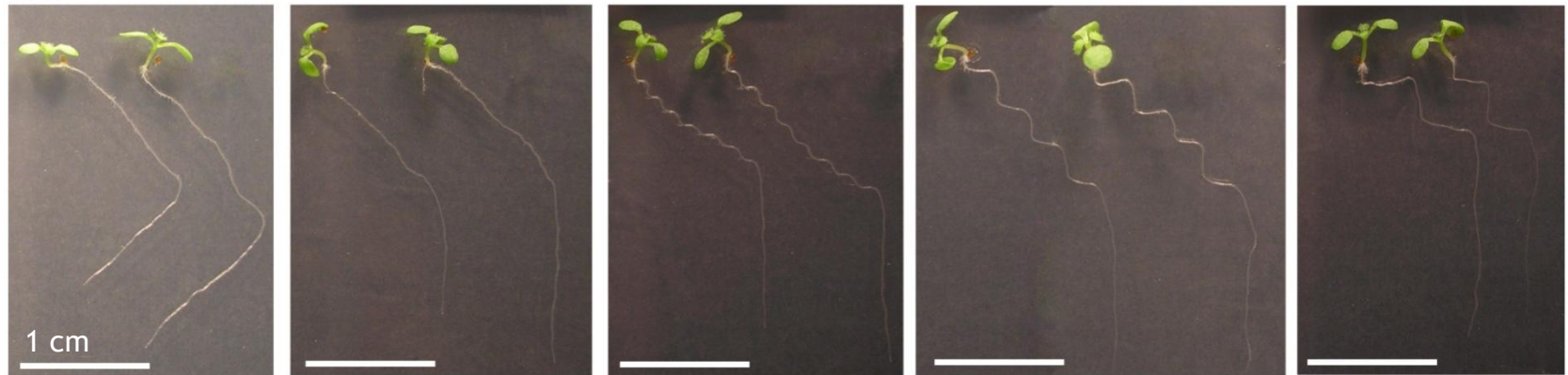
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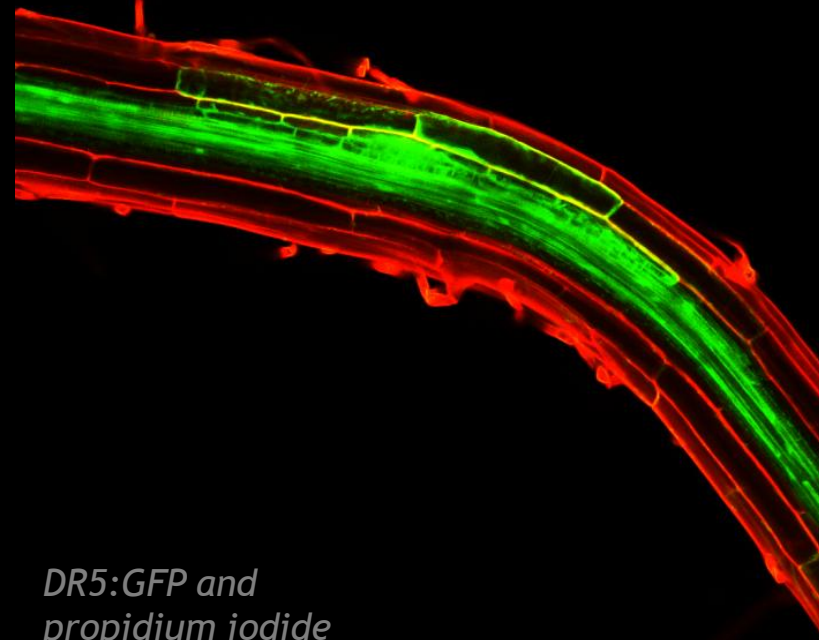
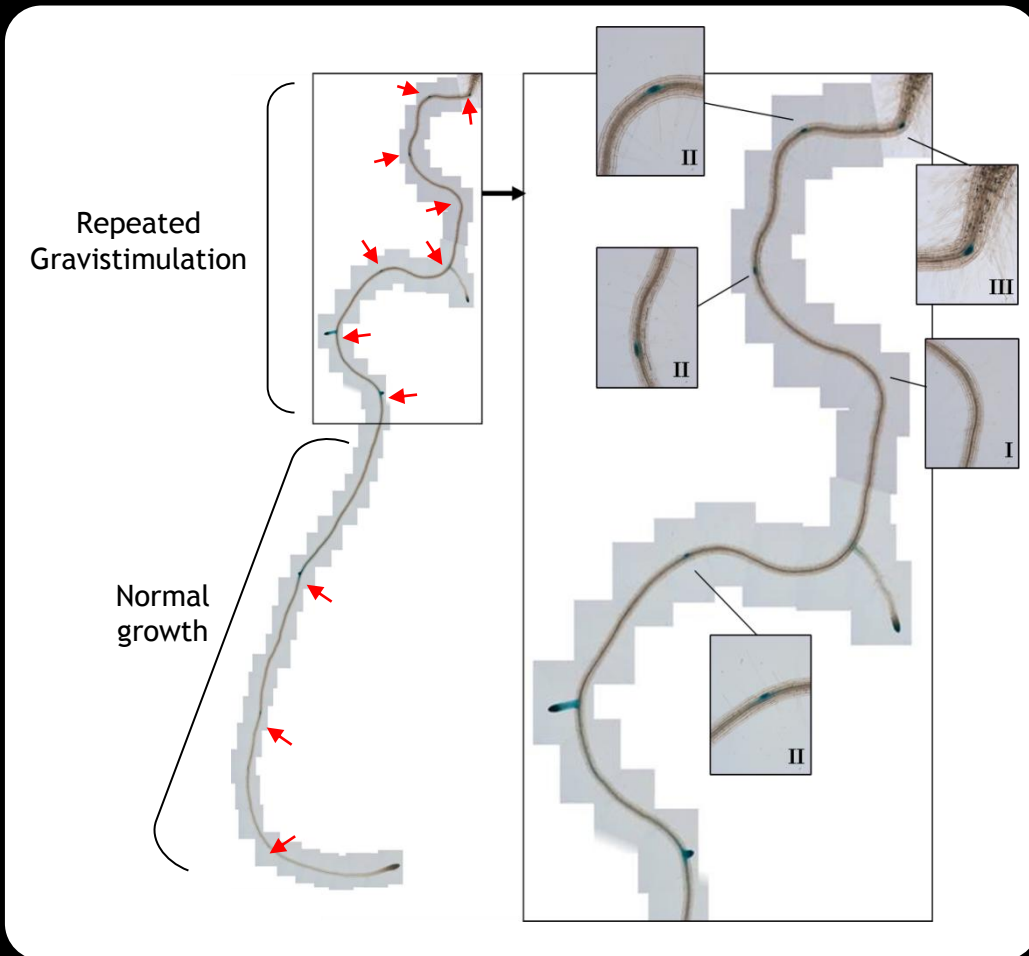
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Induction of rhizogenesis by gravistimulation

Gravistimulation induces initiation...

... within a tightly controlled spatio-temporal window



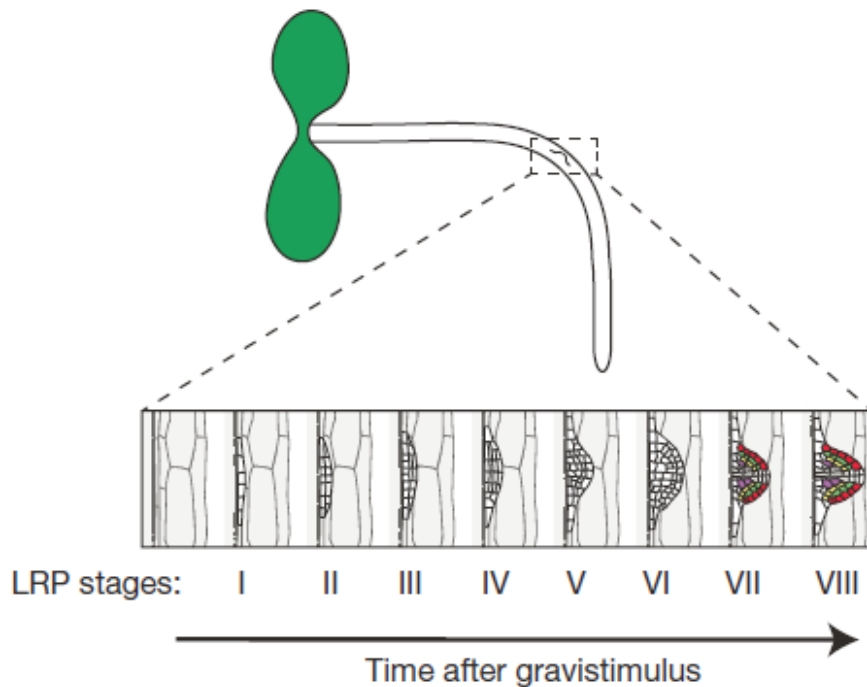
DR5:GFP and propidium iodide

(Lucas et al. 2008)

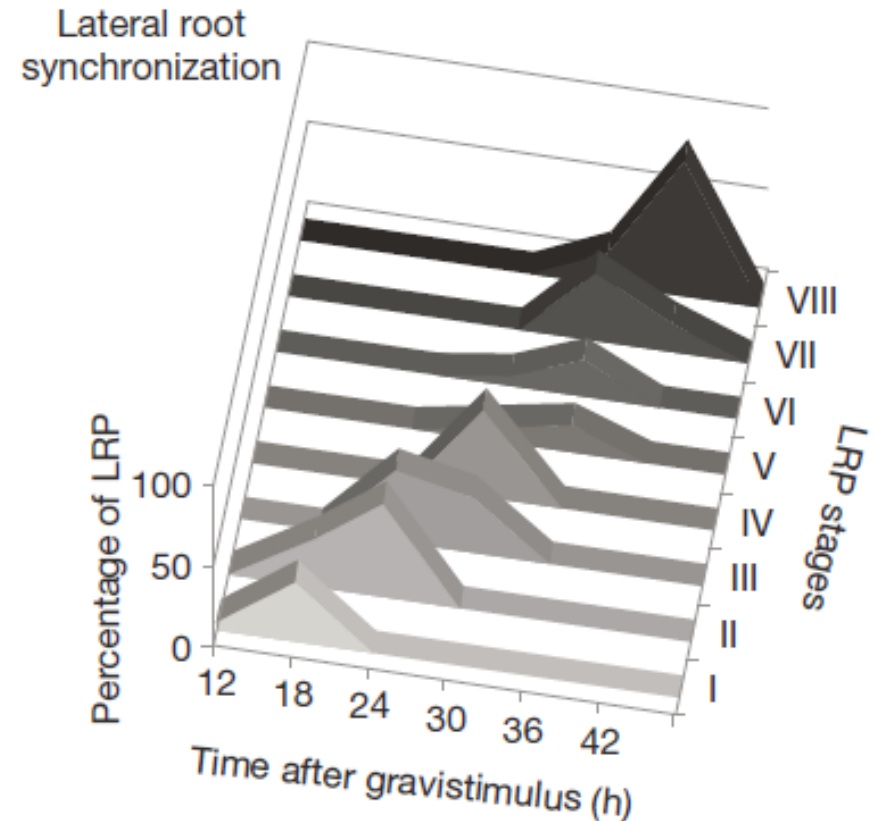
Control of rhizogenesis by gravistimulation

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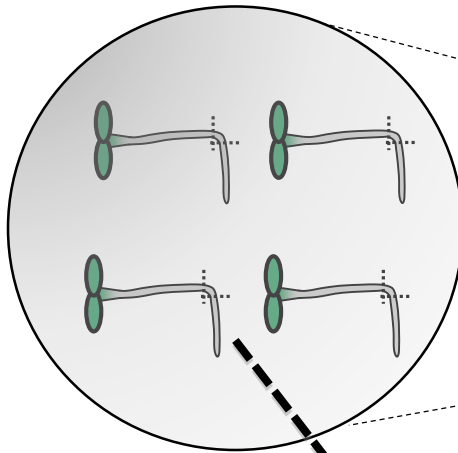
Can we use this to access the dynamics of LR morphogenesis regulation ?



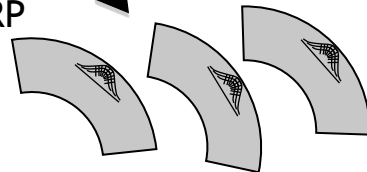
Transcriptomics of LRP development

3 days after germination

90° rotation



Harvest bends with synchronized LRP



Pool RNA and run transcriptomics analysis

(Voss et al 2015)

Transcriptomics of LRP development



(Voss et al 2015)

Transcriptomics of LRP development



300 to 400 beads per timepoint

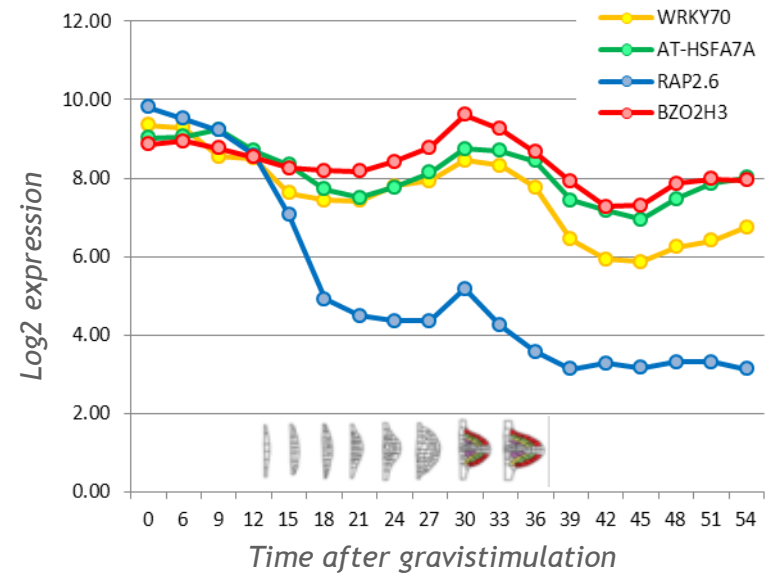
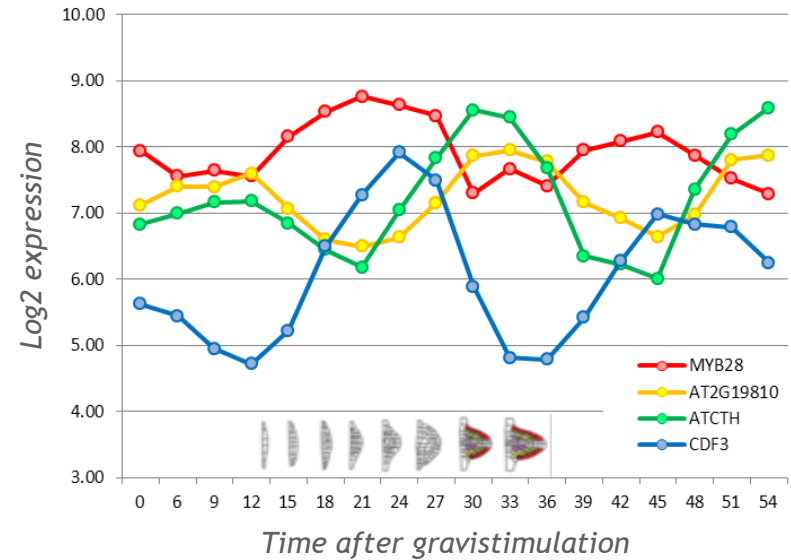
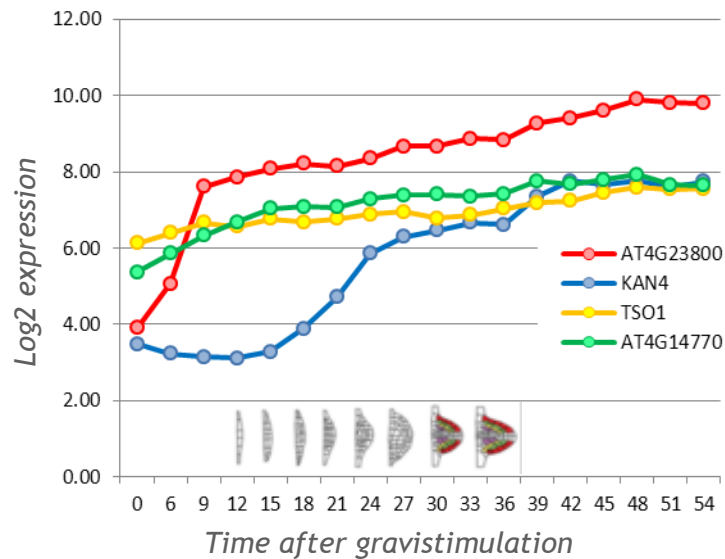
*18 timepoints : 3 hours apart,
from before initiation to after emergence*

4 replicates

Database of ~8500 differentially
expressed genes (inc. 700 TFs)

Transcriptomics of LRP development

Illustration of some transcription factors expression profiles from the database



Expression database exploitation

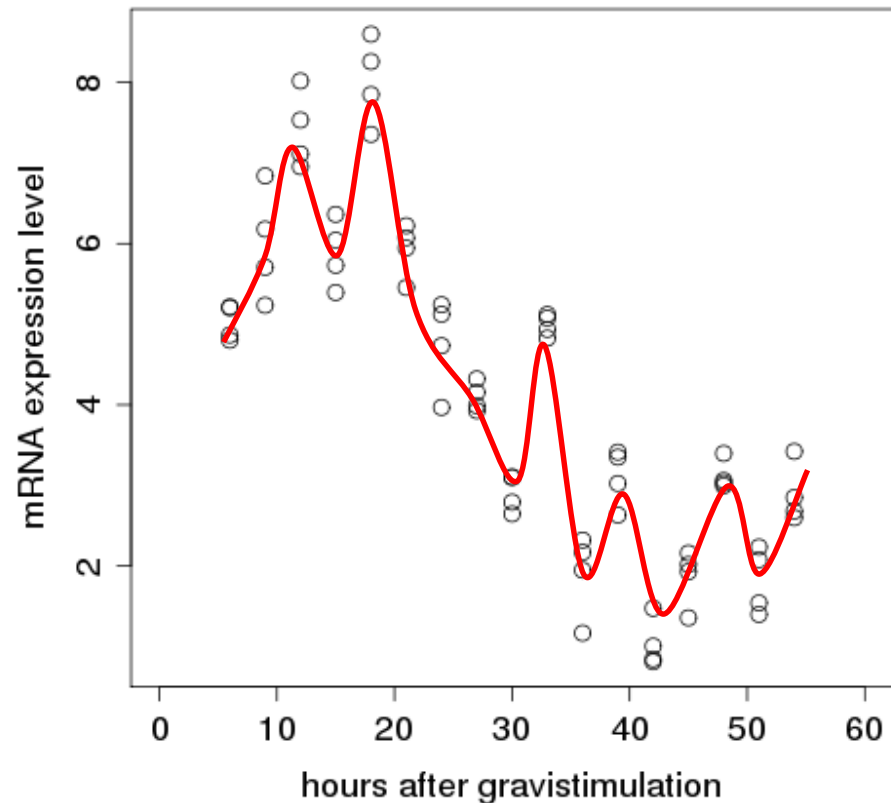
Extracting information
from the LR dataset ?



Use statistical
network inference
methods

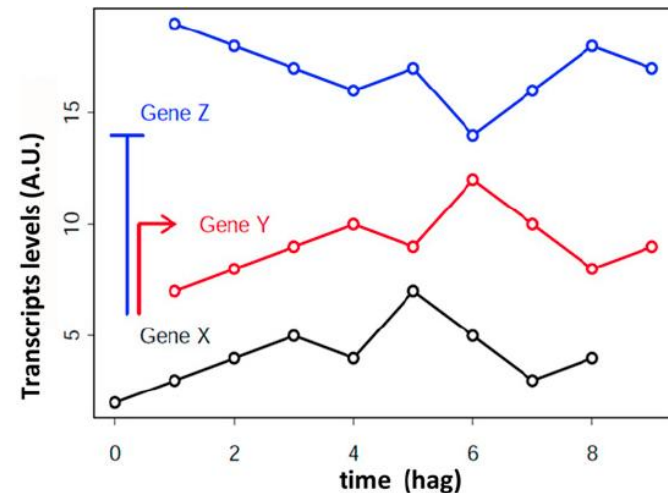
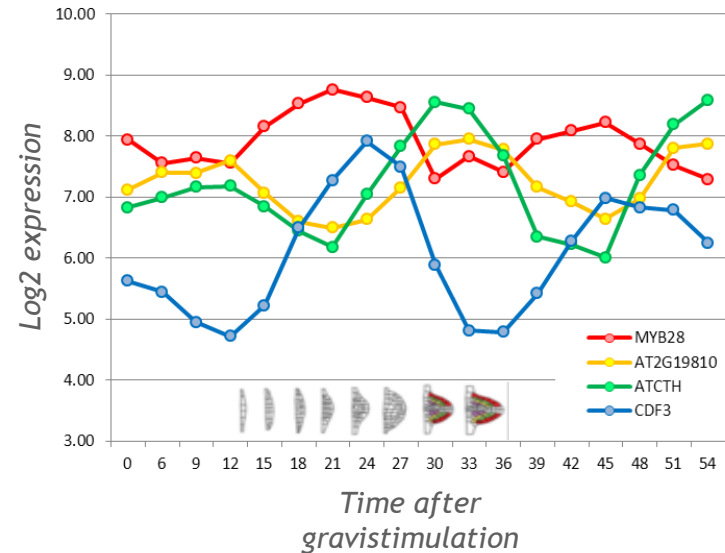
Developed a new
algorithm in our lab
(J. Lavenus thesis)

A typical time profile for mRNA level in lateral root primordia
following gravistimulation

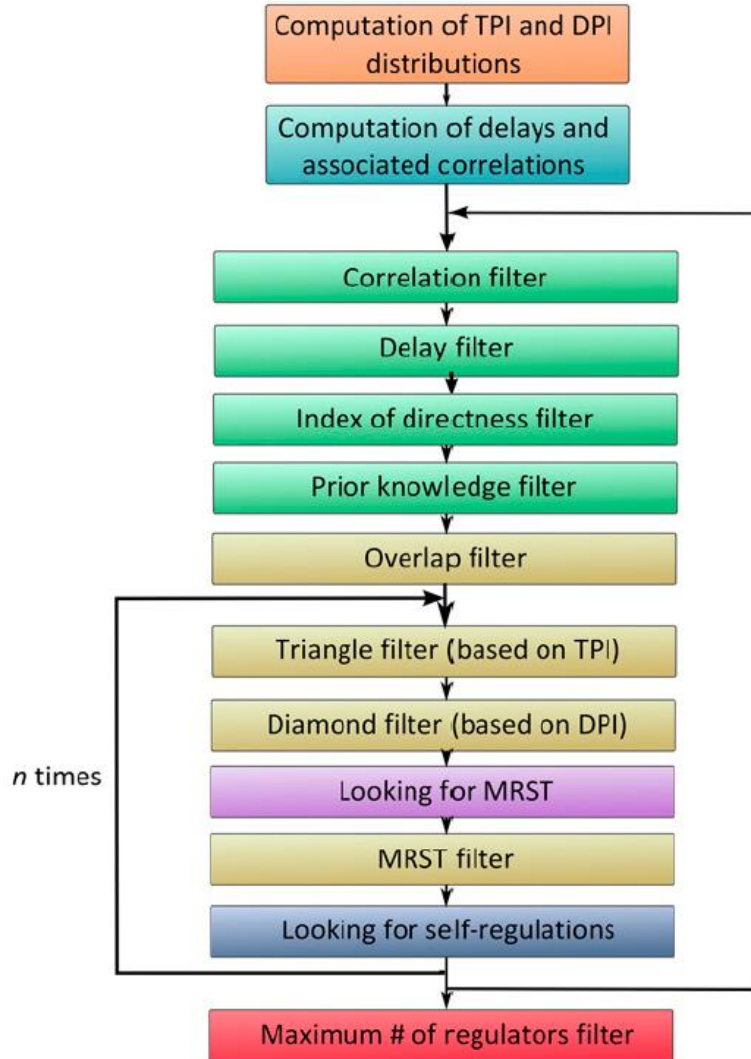


Time Delay Correlation - TDCor

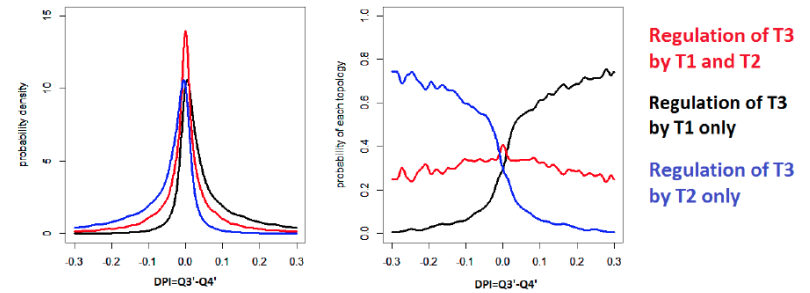
- Implemented in R (CRAN)
- Runs on expression profiles extracted from the LR dataset (or any other transcriptomic kinetics dataset)
- Looks for non-combinatorial linear interactions
- Uses Pearson's correlation with time delay computation to produce a preliminary network
- Uses bootstrap and statistical filters to eliminate false positive and refine the network topology



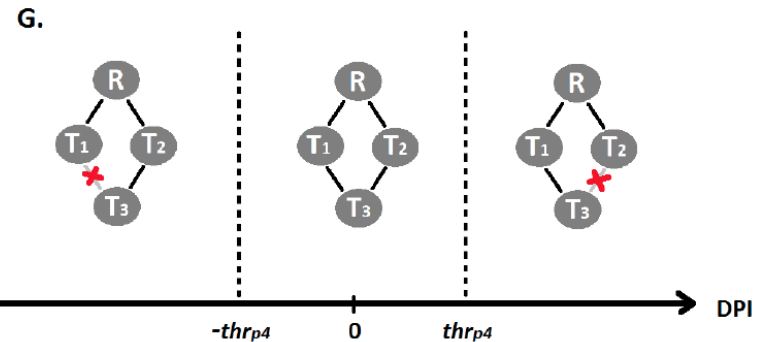
TDCor - data treatment pipeline



TPI= Triangle Pruning Index
 DPI= Diamond Pruning Index



N times

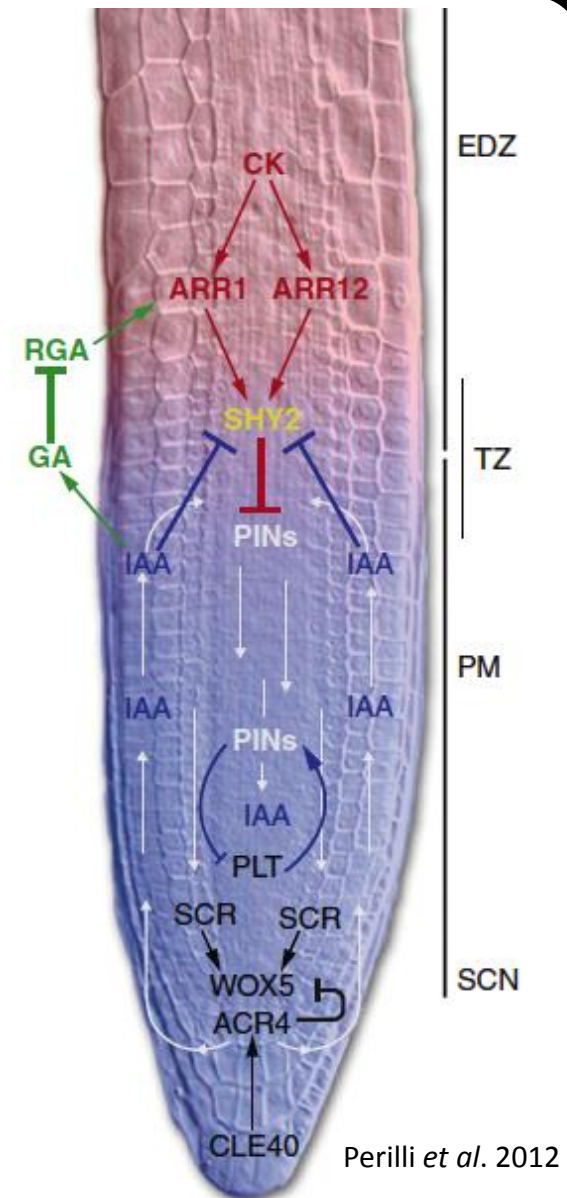


Using TDCor on the LR dataset

Selection of genes involved in

- lateral root formation
- root meristem organization and activity
- hormonal transduction
- cell division
- cell differentiation

Possibility to include any other gene present on the Affymetrix chip (*e.g.* selected because of interesting features of its expression profile ...)

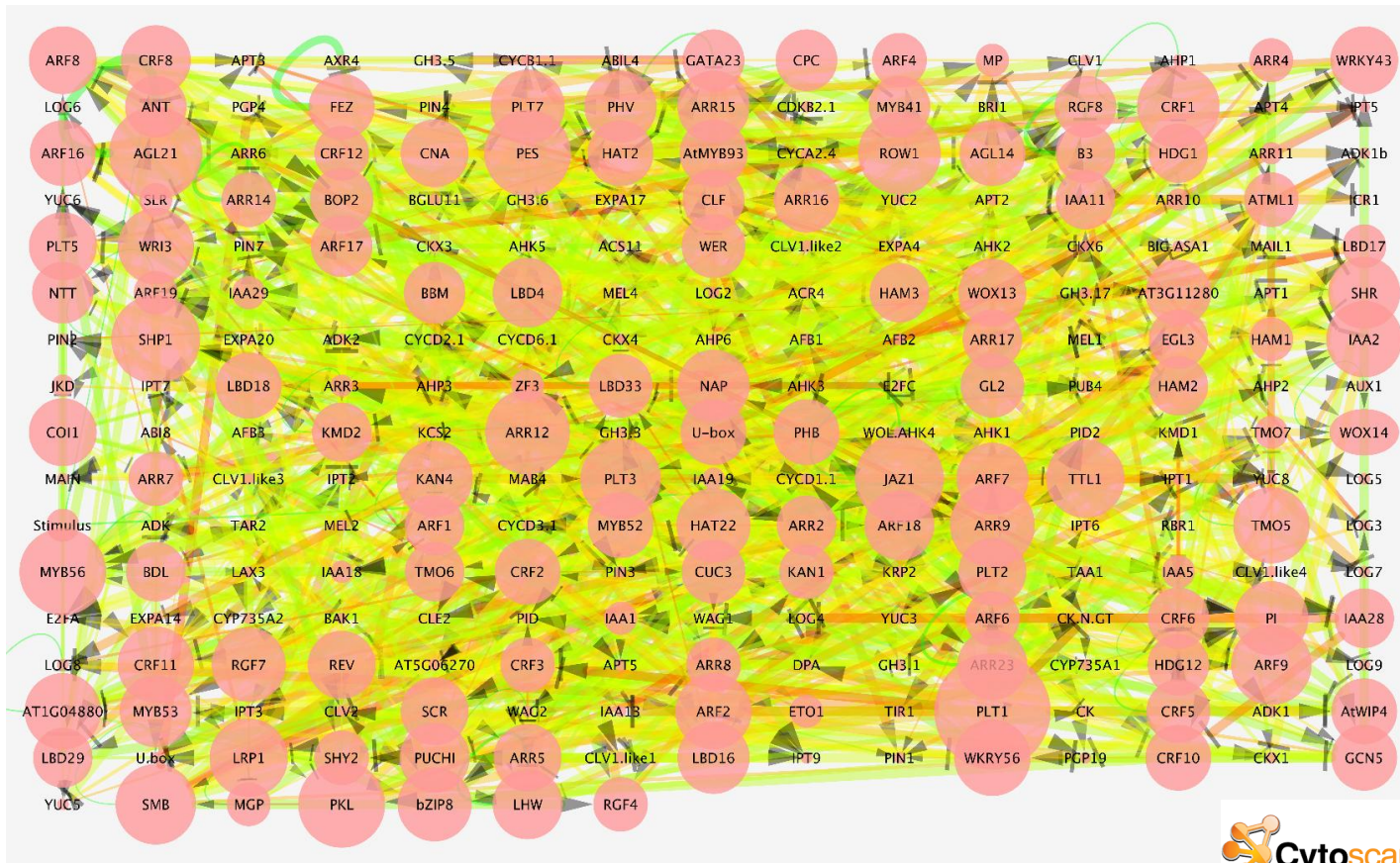


Using TDCor on the LR dataset

- Selected a list of 261 genes
- Not only transcription factors
- A “prior” data is given to each gene, based on the literature, to indicate if transcriptional regulation activity has been reported or not
- This “prior” information helps the inference procedure by authorizing or not the algorithm to draw outward edges from the node. However indicating a prior is not compulsory (prior = 2)

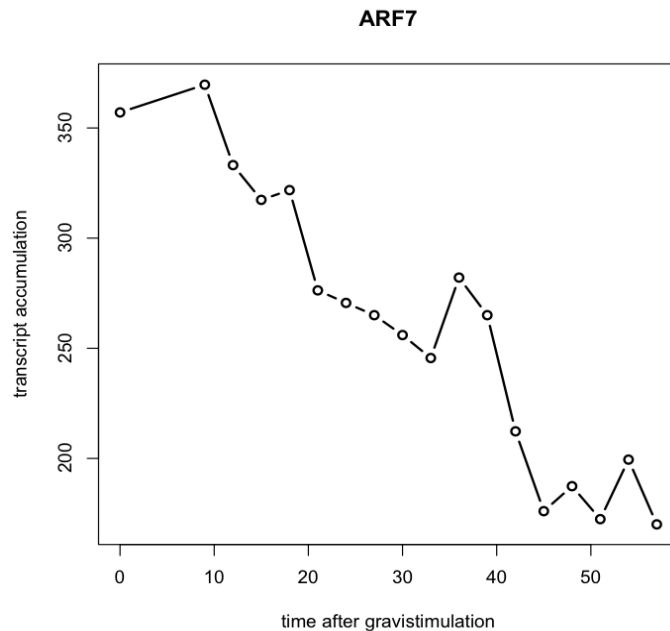
Gene	Name	Prior
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AT1G03430	AHP5	0
AT1G03840	MGP	2
AT1G04220	KCS2	0
AT1G04240	SHY2	-1
AT1G04550	BDL	-1
AT1G04610	YUC3	0
AT1G04880	AT1G04880	2
AT1G10470	ARR4	-1
AT1G12820	AFB3	0
AT1G15580	IAA5	-1
AT1G15670	KMD2	-1
AT1G16060	WRI3	2
AT1G17950	MYB52	2
AT1G19050	ARR7	-1
AT1G19180	JAZ1	2
AT1G19220	ARF19	2
AT1G19850	MP	1
AT1G20700	WOX14	2
AT1G23080	PIN7	0
AT1G25410	IPT6	0
AT1G25470	CRF12	1
AT1G26680	B3	2
AT1G26870	FEZ	2
AT1G27320	AHK3	0
AT1G27450	APT1	0
AT1G28130	GH3.17	0
AT1G30330	ARF6	1
AT1G30490	PHV	2
AT1G31330	IPD4	2

Using TDCor on the LR dataset

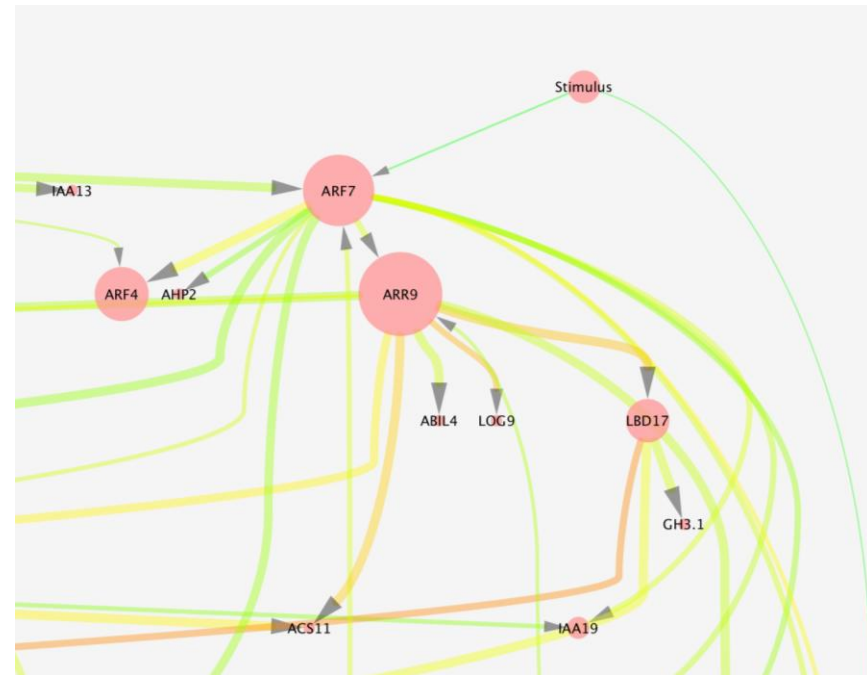


Generated a full network (~3h computation on standard PC)
With indices of confidence and directness for each interaction.
But are we confident in the predictions ?

Validating the network - the ARF7 case



*Transcription factor ARF7
experimental profile in the LR data set*

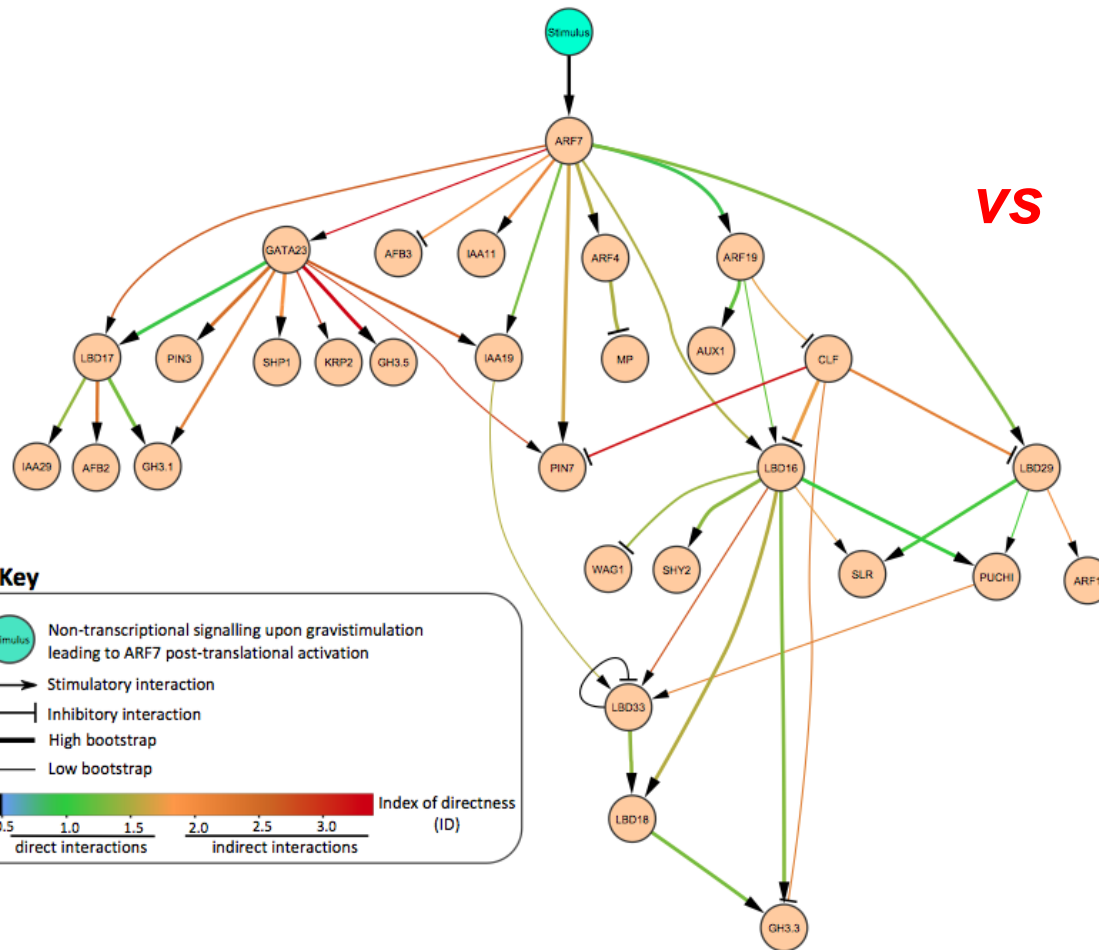


Inference by TDCor algorithm

ARF7 is predicted to occupy a upstream position in the network

ARF7 is predicted to positively regulate a LOB/PUCHI genetic module

Validating the network - the ARF7 case



VS

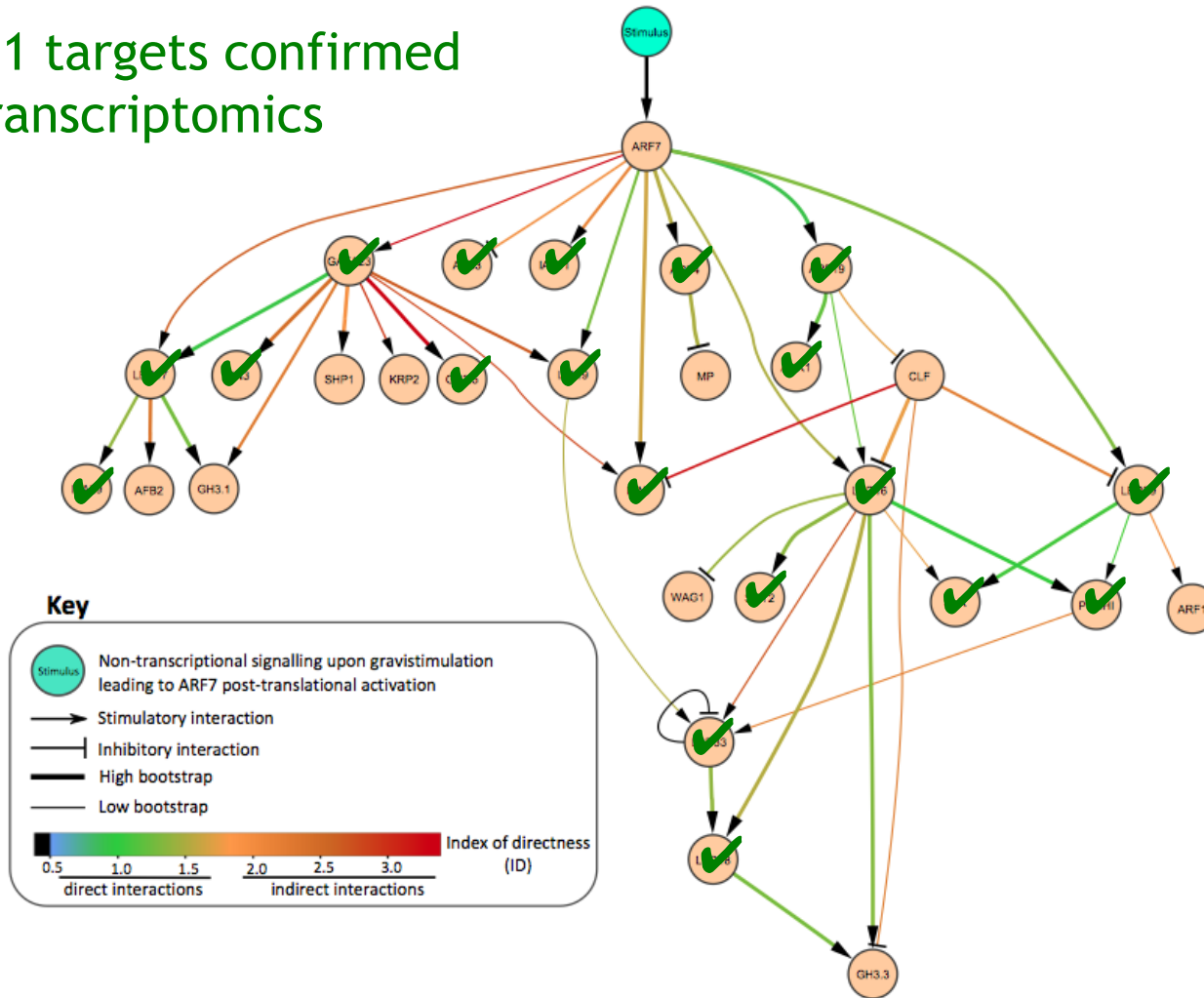
arf7 arf19
pARF7:ARF7::GR

Treated for 4h with :

NAA
DEX
CHX
NAA+DEX
NAA+CHX
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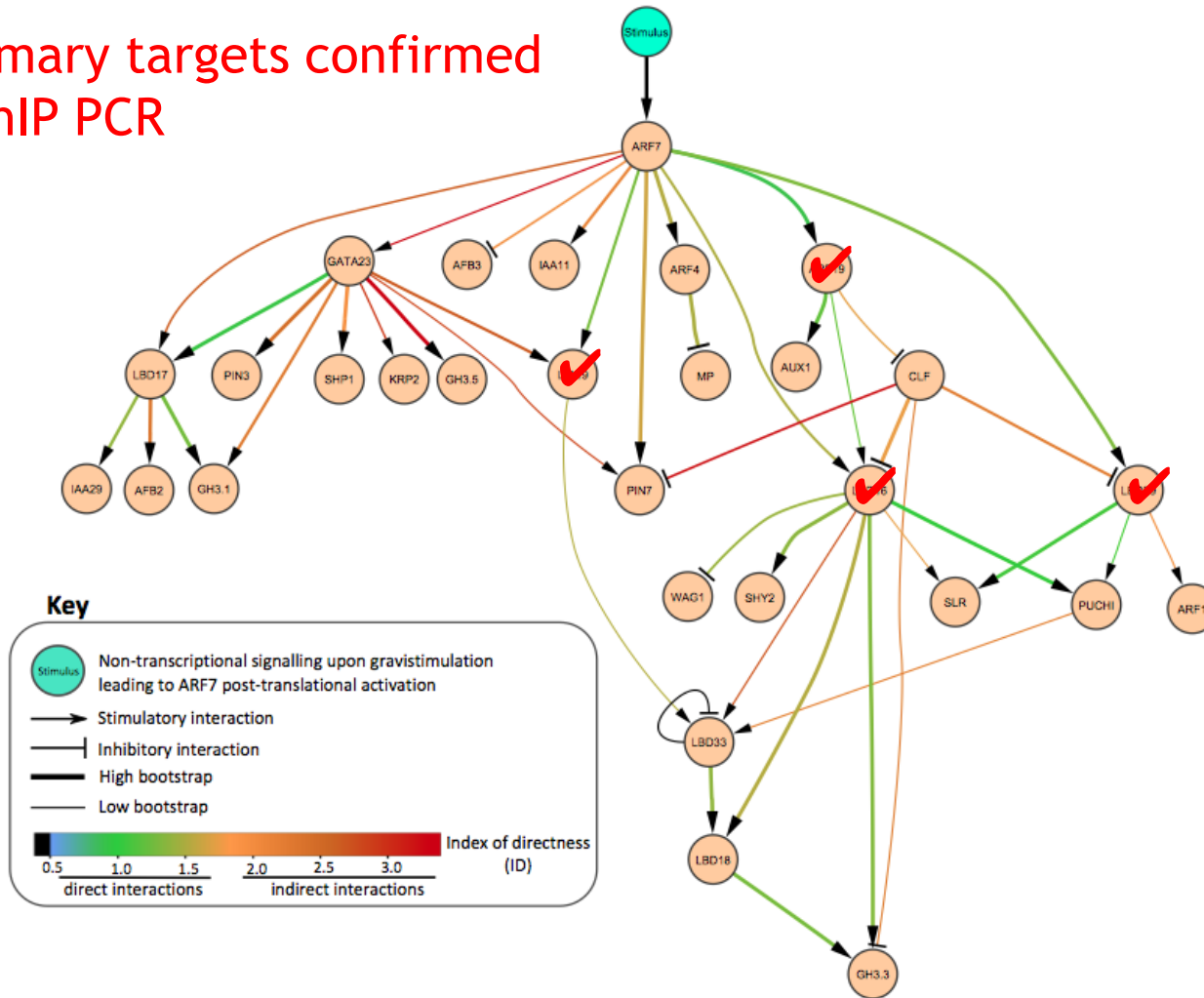
Validating the network - the ARF7 case

22/31 targets confirmed
by transcriptomics

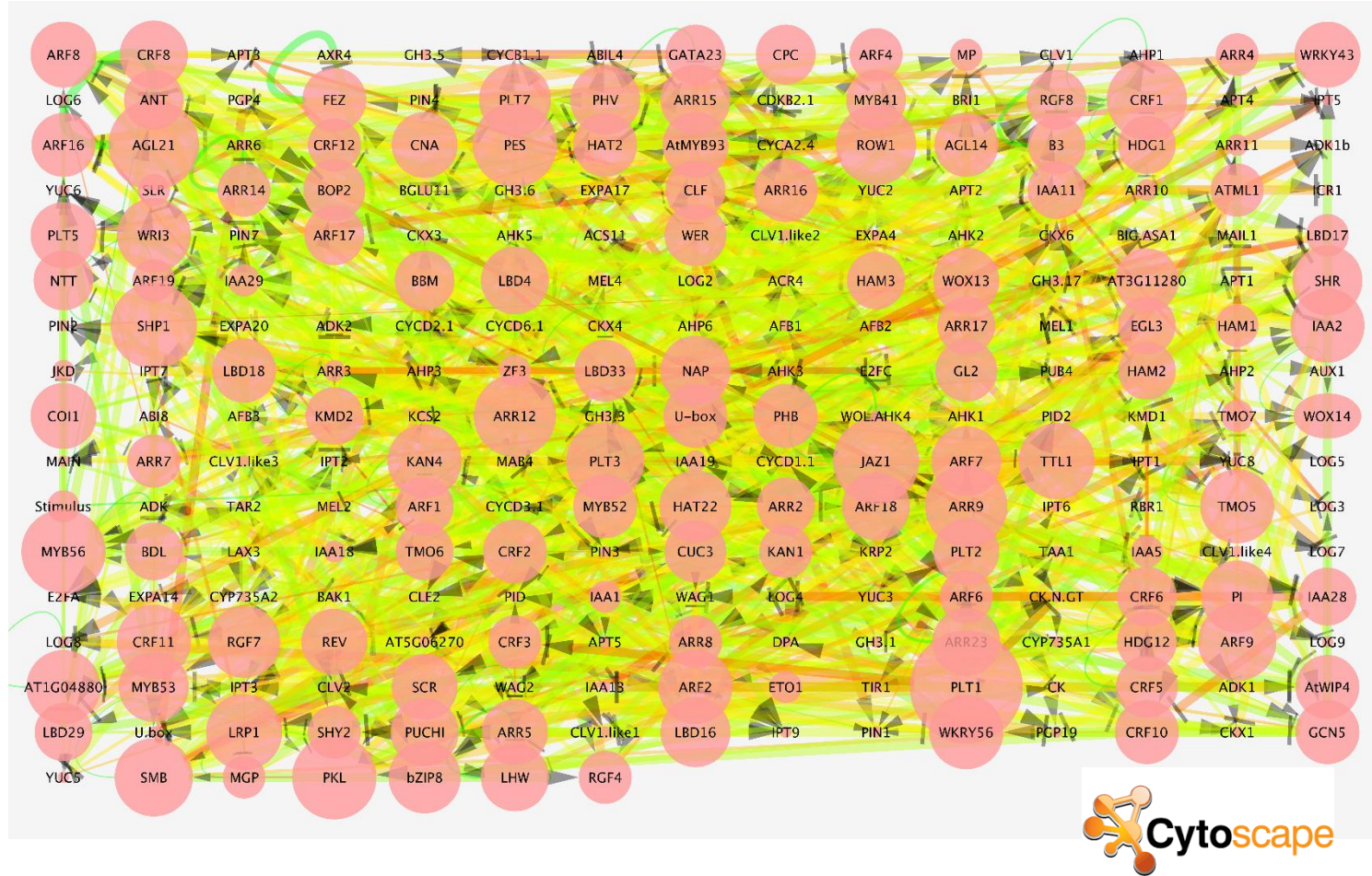


Validating the network - the ARF7 case

4 primary targets confirmed by CHIP PCR

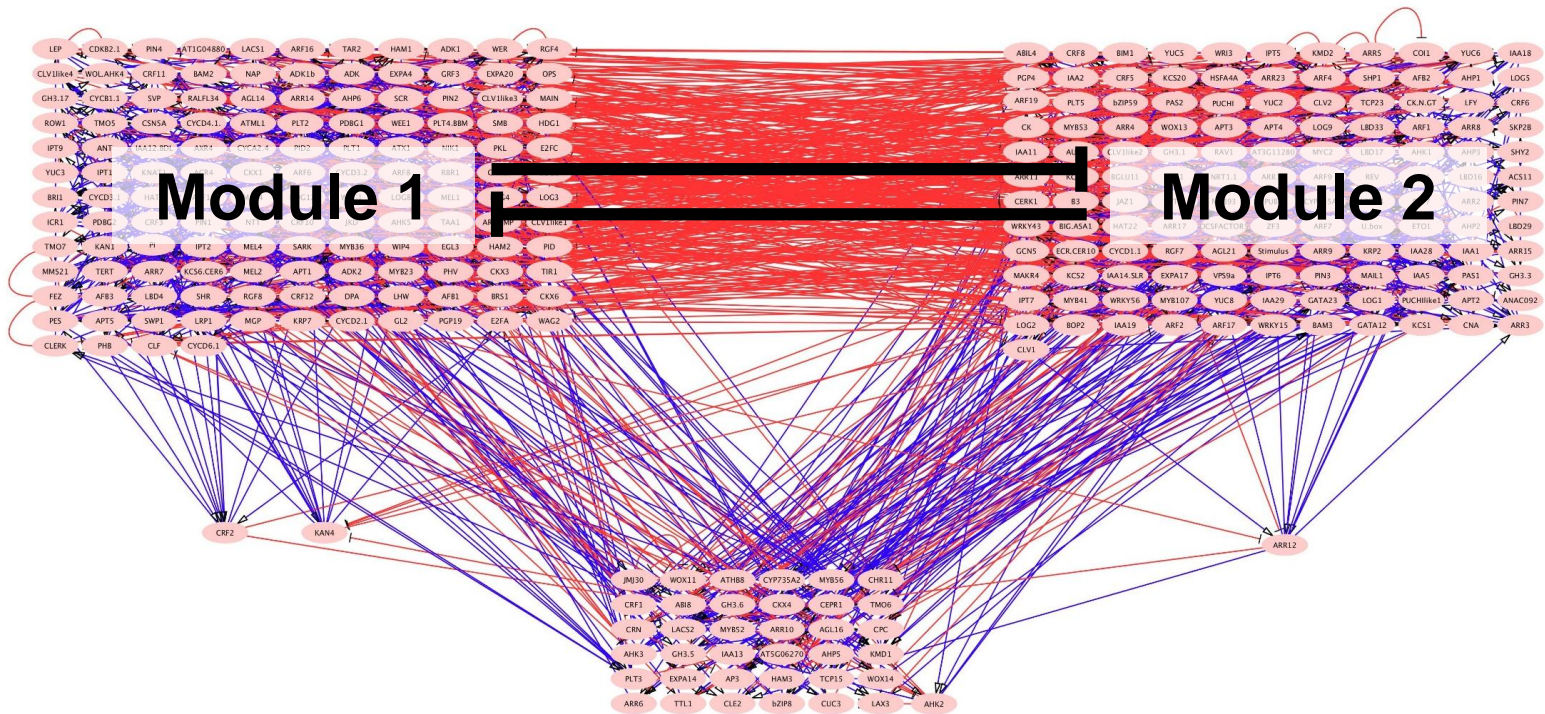


Moving forward with the network



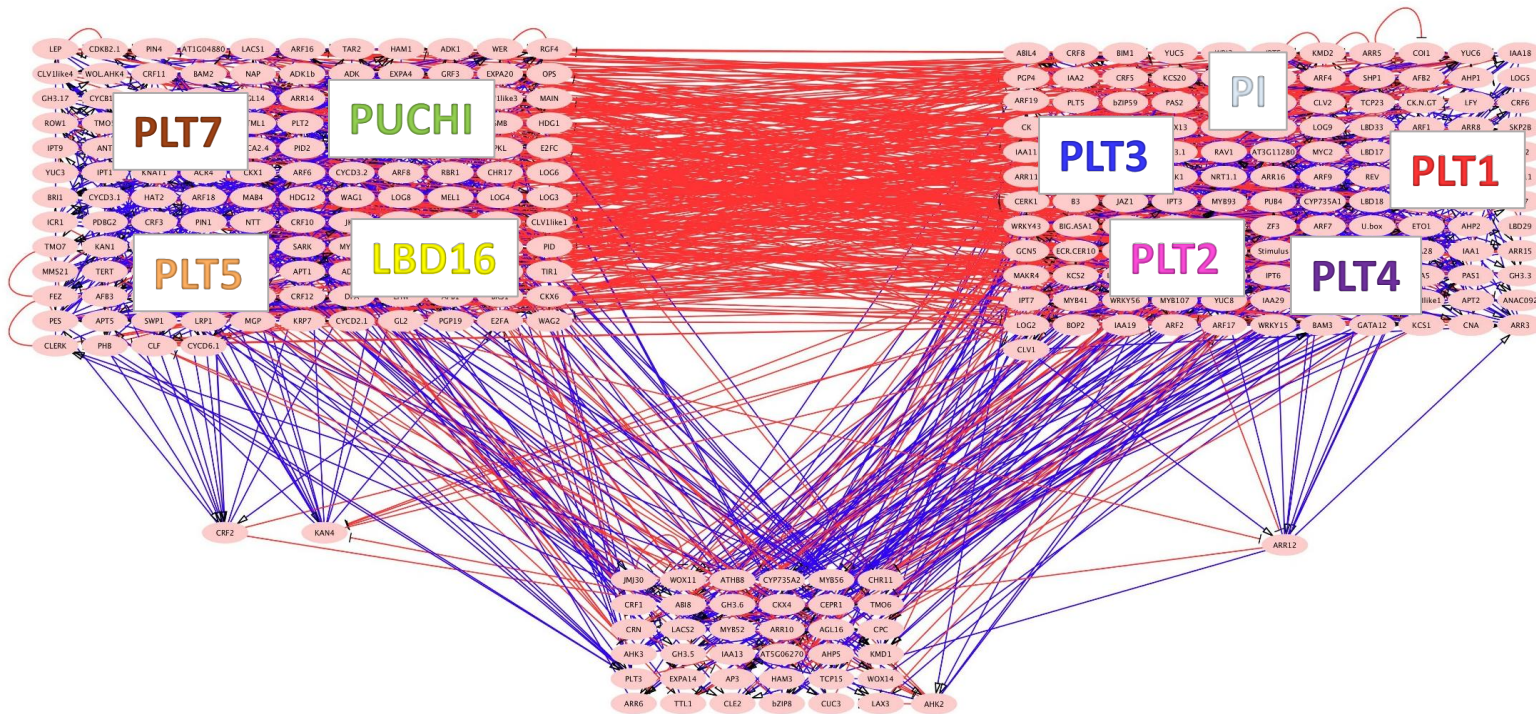
Having validated our inference approach, we went forward with the network exploration

Topology of the LR GRN



Expert (i.e. by hand) analysis of the network structure revealed a modular organisation.

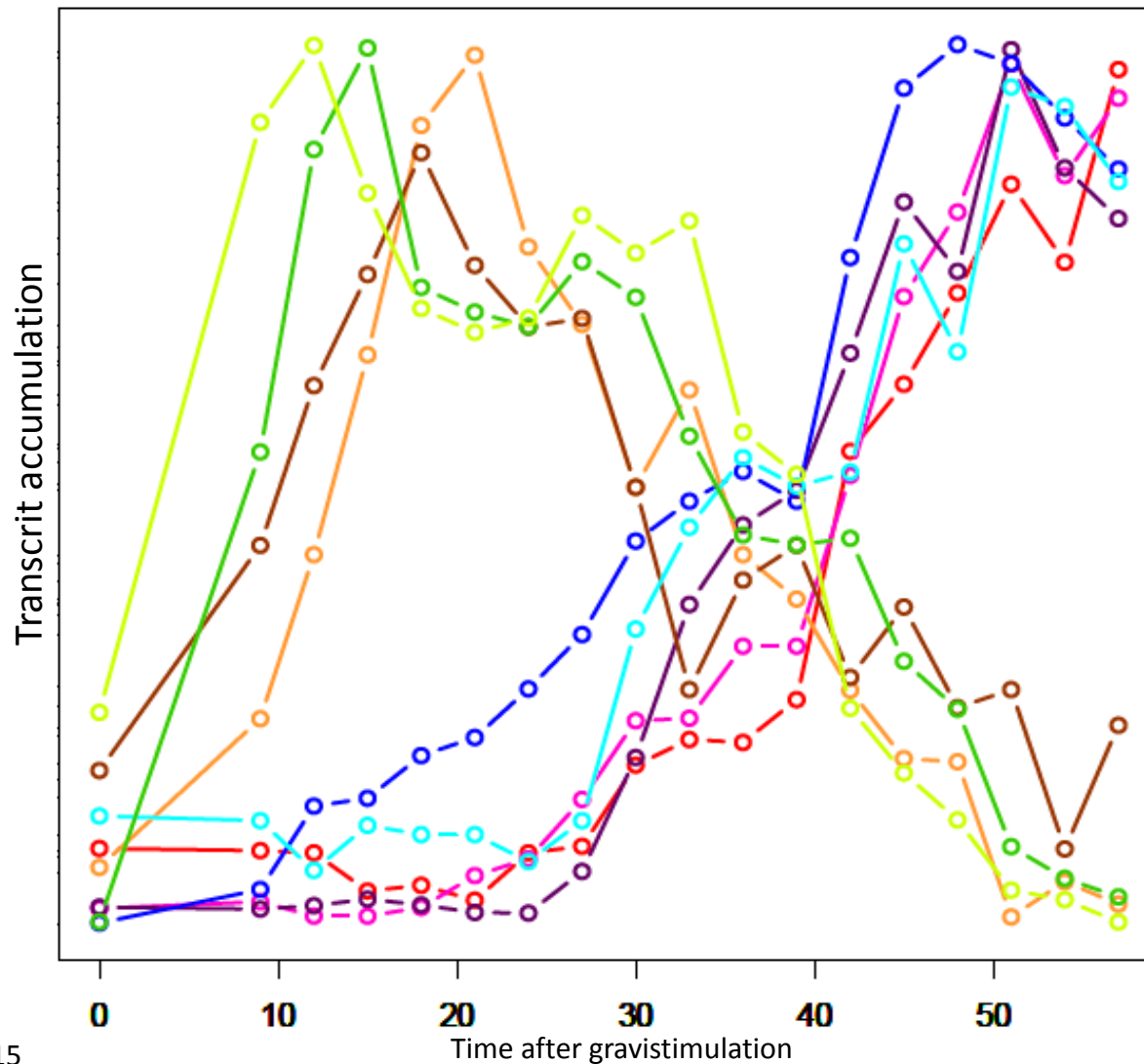
Topology of the LR GRN - biological meaning ?



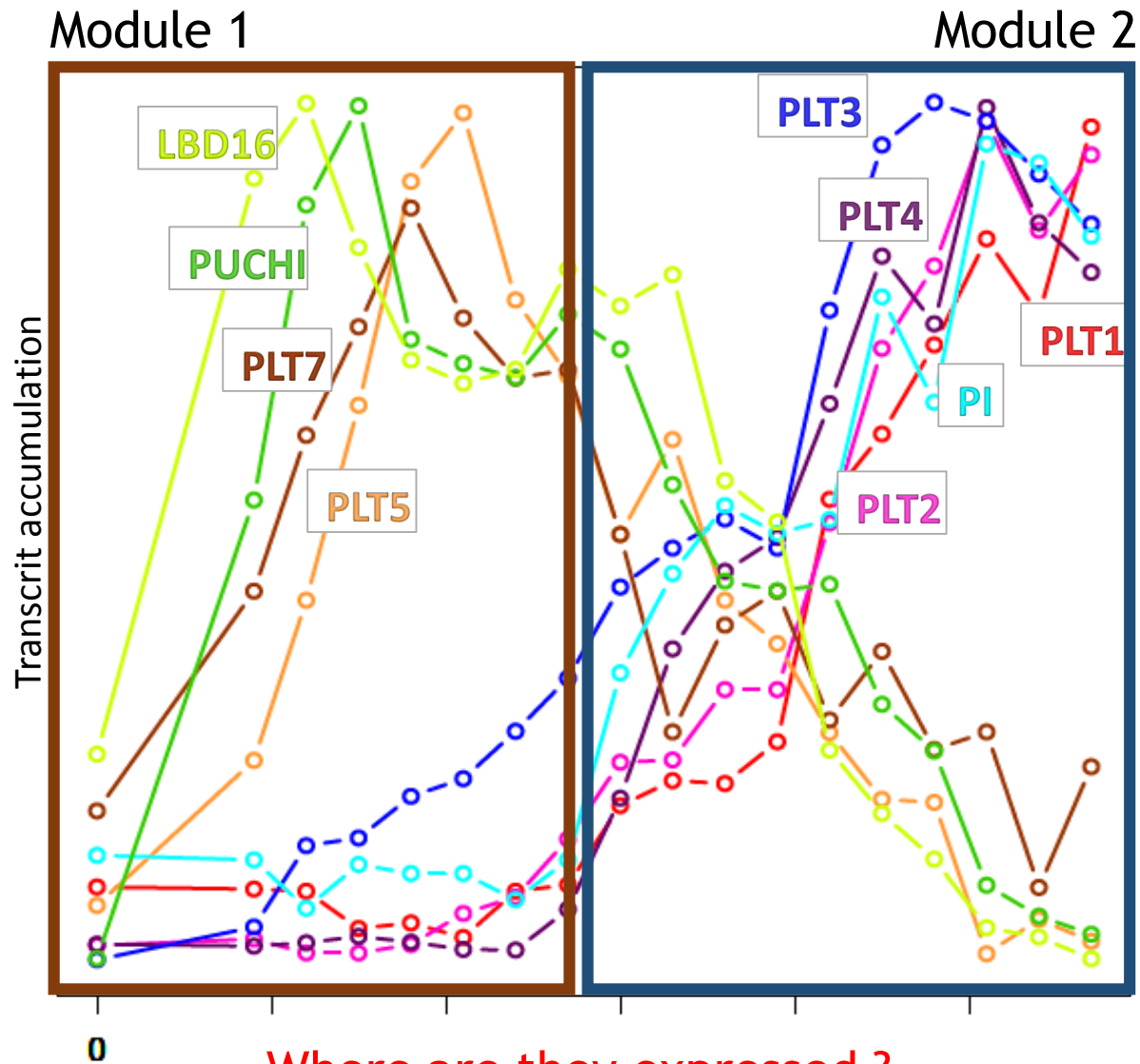
Having a look at some of the genes in those two modules...

Topology of the LR GRN - biological meaning ?

What are their expression profile like ?

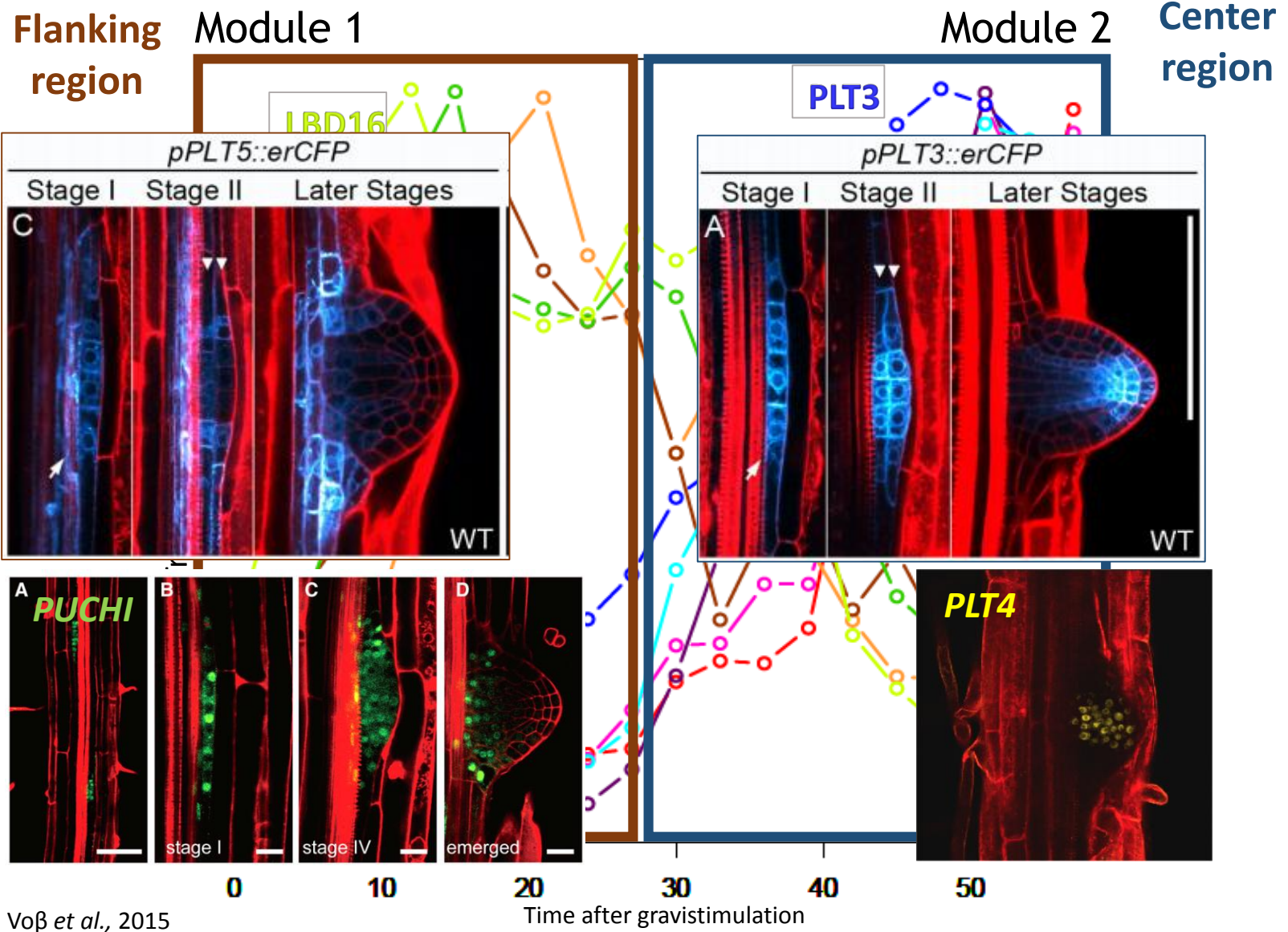


Topology of the LR GRN - biological meaning ?



Where are they expressed ?

Topology of the LR GRN - biological meaning ?



Topology of the LR GRN - biological meaning ?

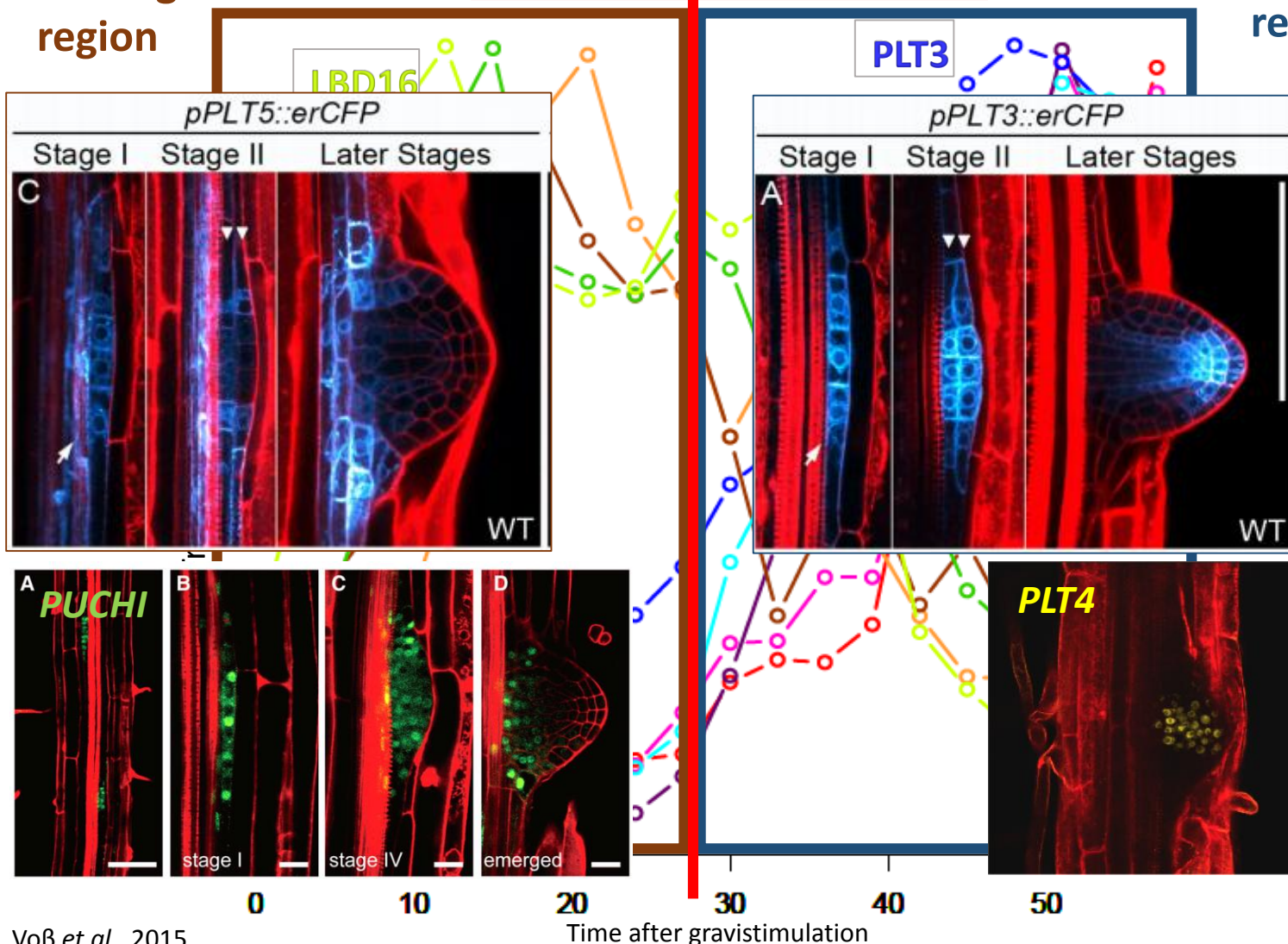
Flanking region

Module 1

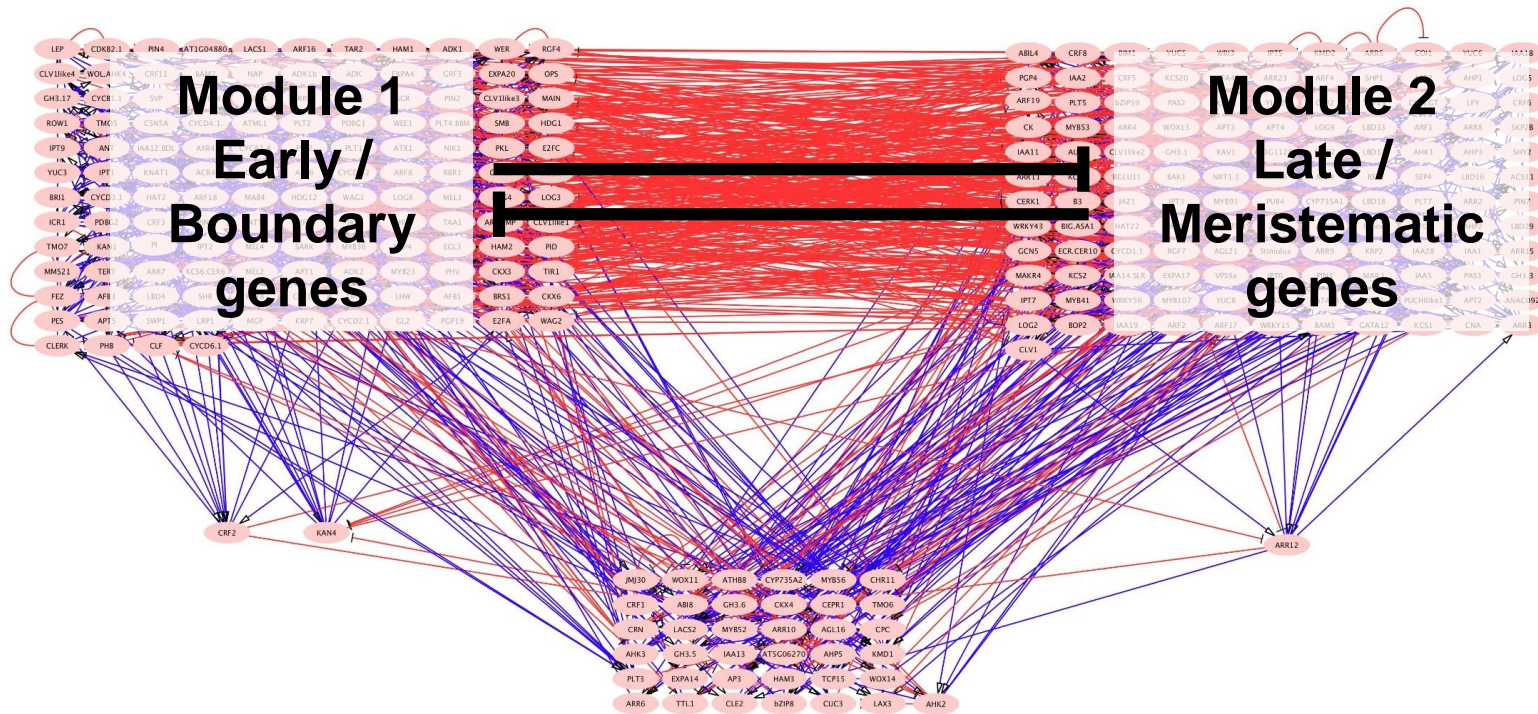
Quiescent center establishment

Module 2

Center region



Topology of the LR GRN - biological meaning ?

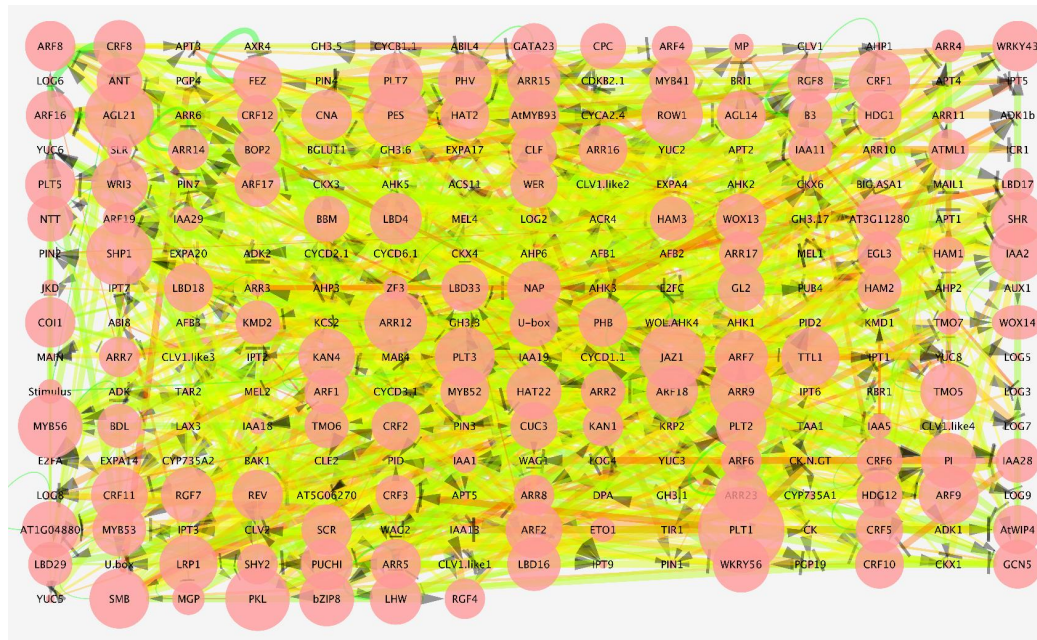


There appears to be biological meaning
behind this modular topology

Can we investigate the dynamics of this patterning event
(establishment of QC / definition of boundary) ?

Modeling GRN dynamics - PANTHEON

We wanted to investigate the precise dynamics of our GRN.



With several hundred of genes and interactions to consider and no already available solution to simulate such a system easily, we opted to develop our own software.

PANTHEON

A PYTHON -BASED
GENERIC BOOLEAN
NETWORK SIMULATOR

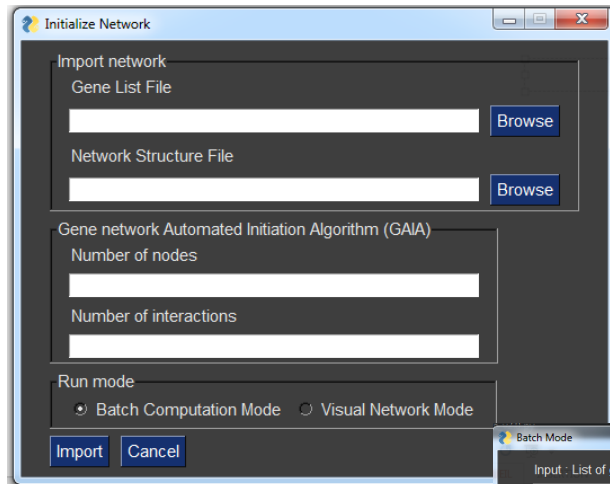
Based on Boolean formalism

**Automatically model large-
scale genes network**

**Designed to work from
simple network description
(list of genes and
interactions)**



Modeling GRN dynamics - PANTHEON

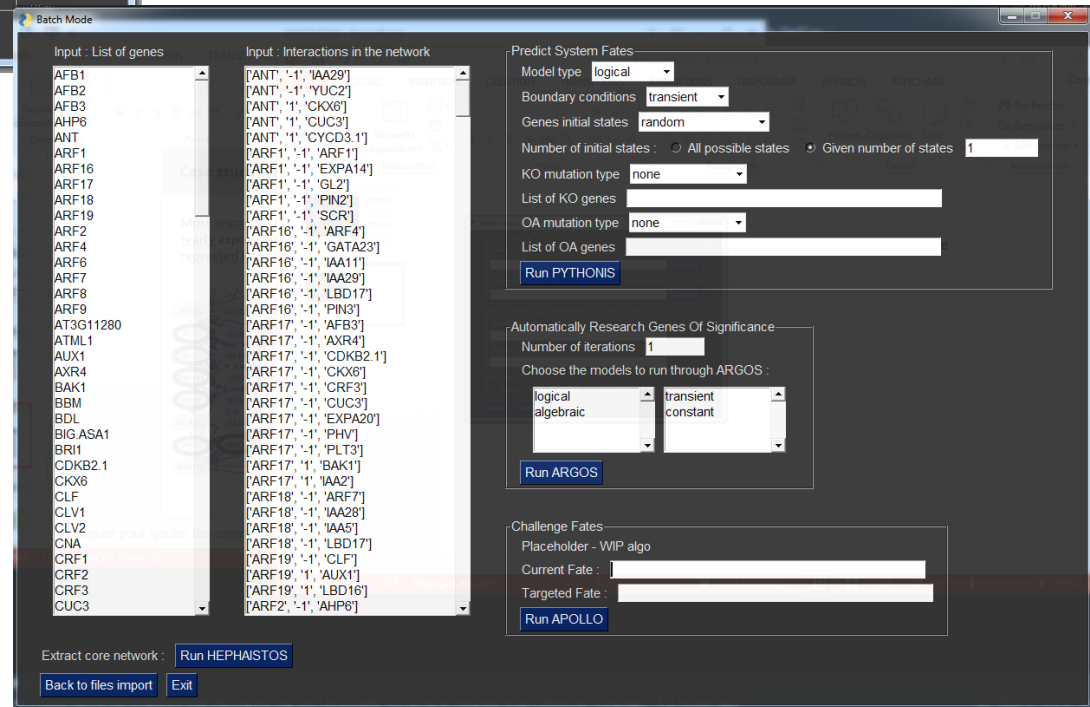


GUI : no need to code to simulate your gene network behavior

Import your network or generate a random one / Export simulation results as csv files

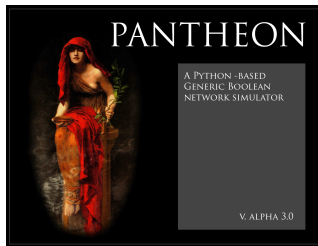
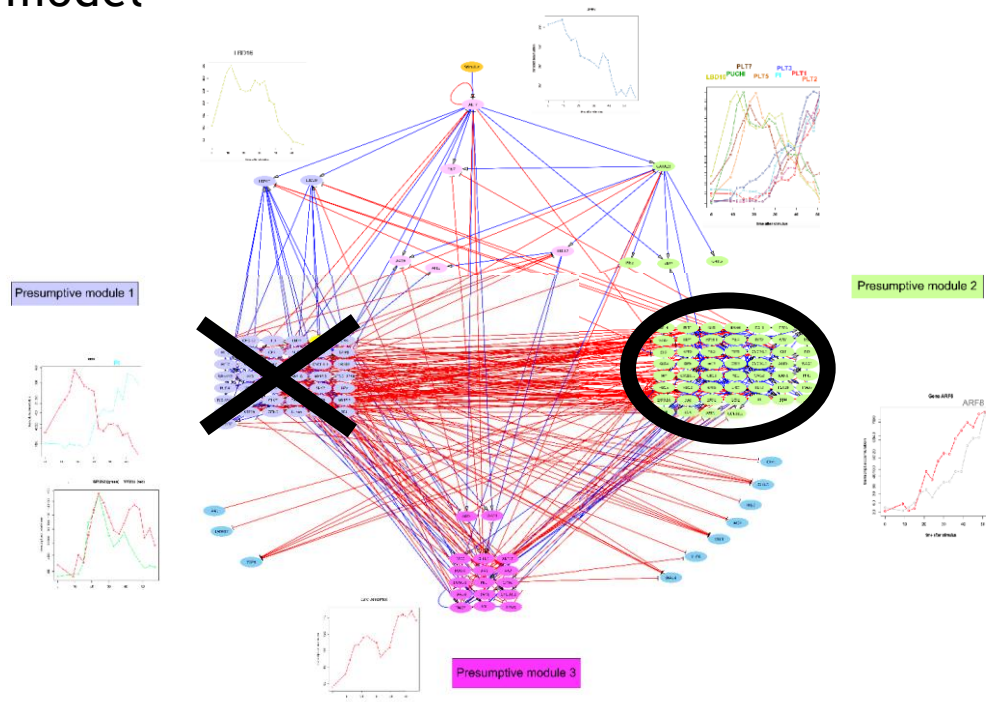
Tools included :
in silico mutants study with a click among other things

Modular structure :
base library of regulation models can be extended at will with your own



PANTHEON - the LR dataset case study

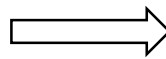
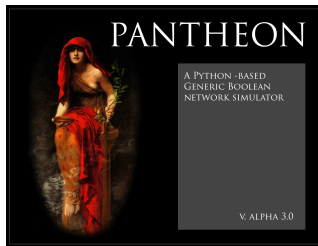
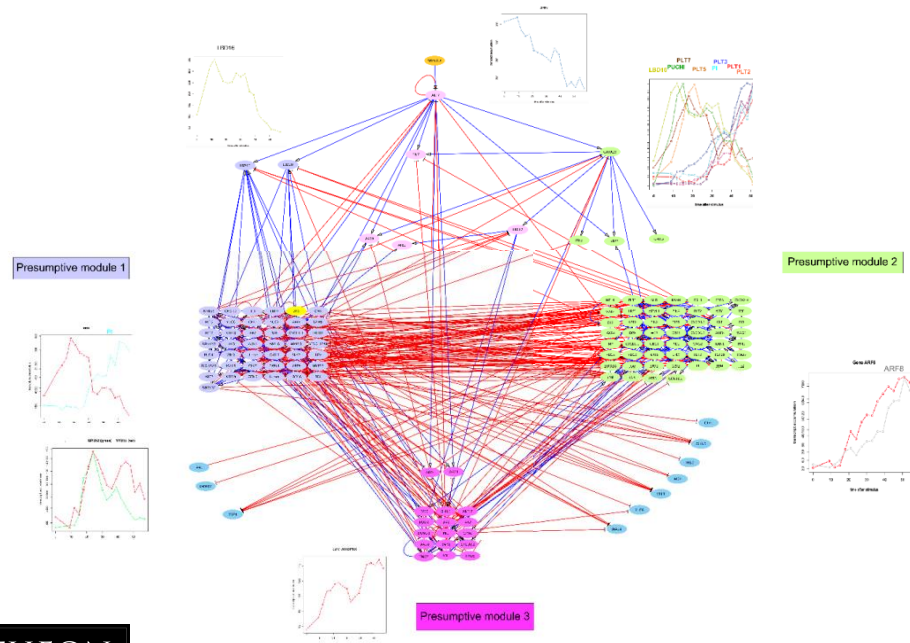
Working on a subset of 134 genes / 495 interactions, full simulation of the network behavior using pure logical or algebraic model



→ **Prediction of majority stable state corresponding to meristematic state (genes from module 2 active, genes from module 1 inactive)**

PANTHEON - the LR dataset case study

ARGOS Module - Mass *in-silico* mutagenesis and computation of a score of impact on network behavior for each gene (mean hammond distance between wild-type and mutants stable states for all model and mutation combinations)



Highlight the most important genes for the network behavior with no a priori

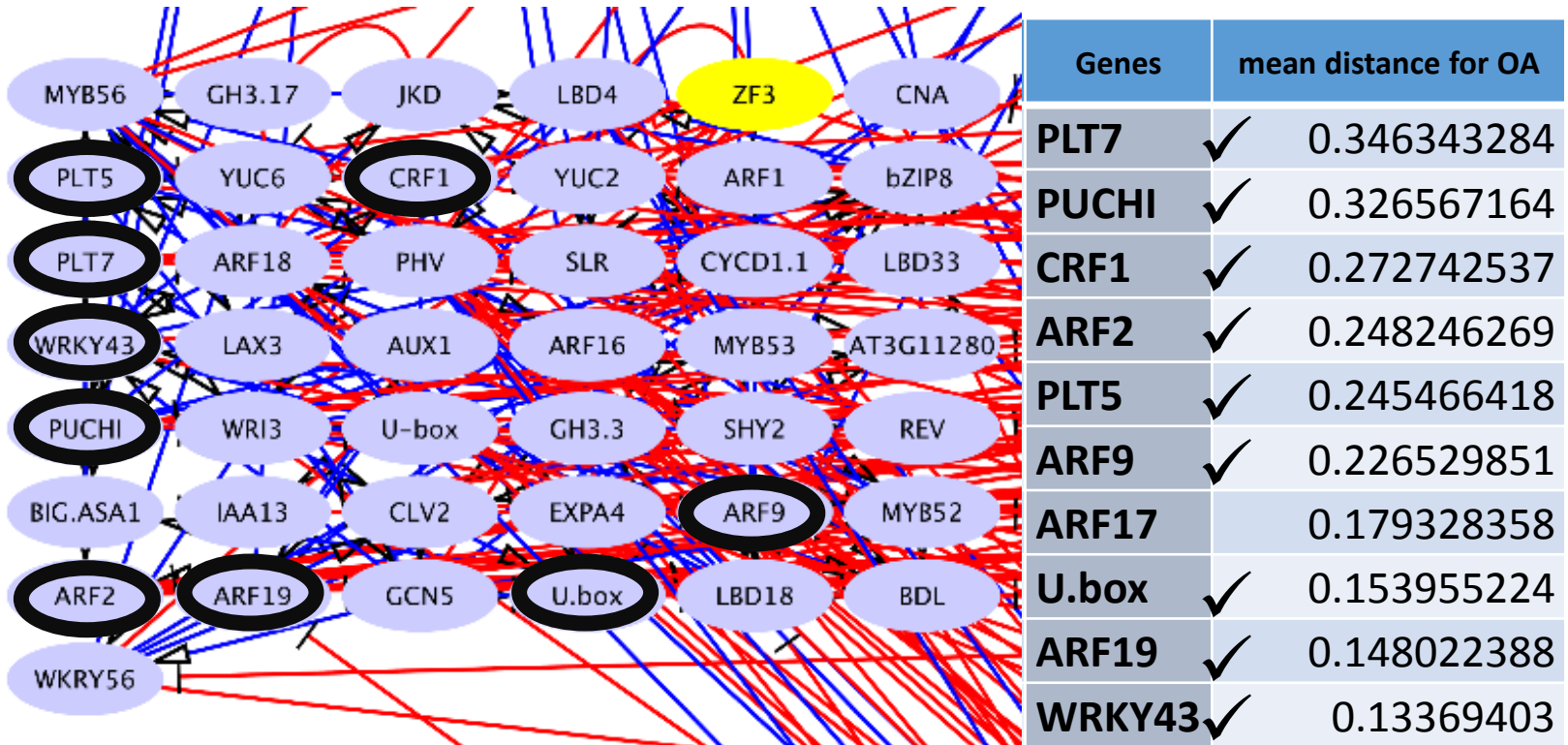
PANTHEON - the LR dataset case study

ARGOS Module - Mass *in-silico* mutagenesis and computation of a score of impact on network behavior for each gene

Genes	mean distance for KO		Genes	mean distance for OA
PLT1	0.168600746		PLT7	0.346343284
ARF6	0.136735075		PUCHI	0.326567164
LRP1	0.13113806		CRF1	0.272742537
PHB	0.124869403		ARF2	0.248246269
TMO5	0.103973881		PLT5	0.245466418
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SCR	0.087817164		ARF17	0.179328358
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TOP10 predicted as most significant genes when KO or OA

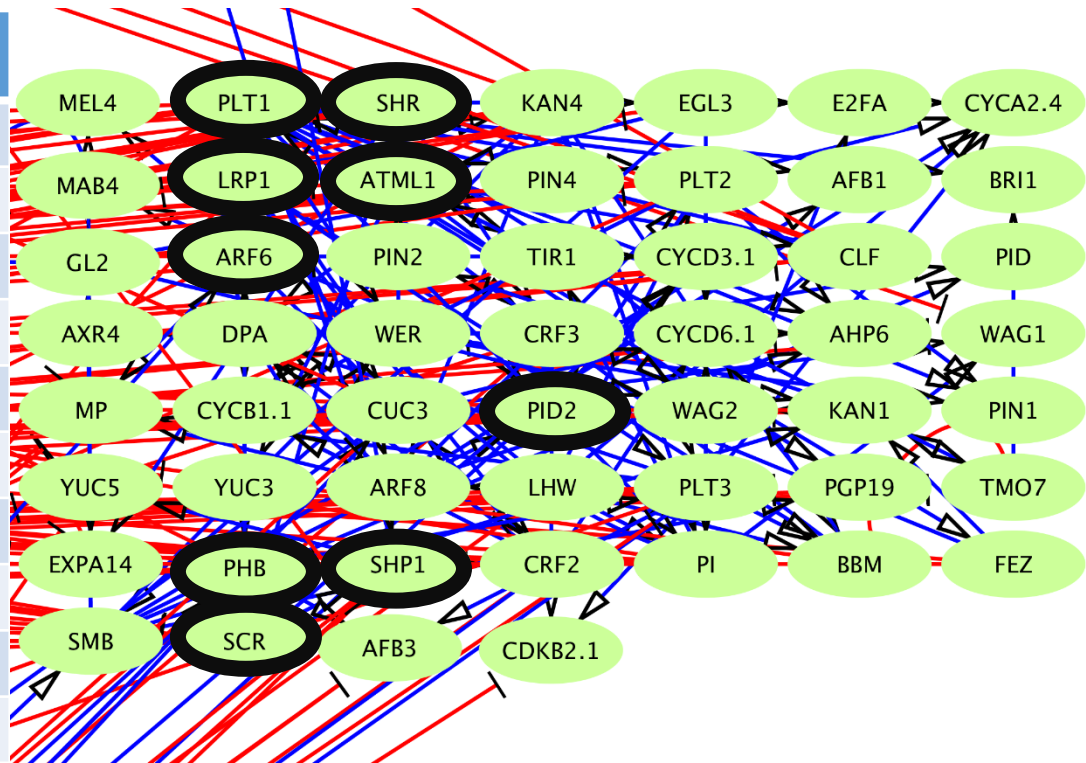
PANTHEON - the LR dataset case study



Most impactful genes when OA are in module 1
(early genes which we need to be repressed later on)

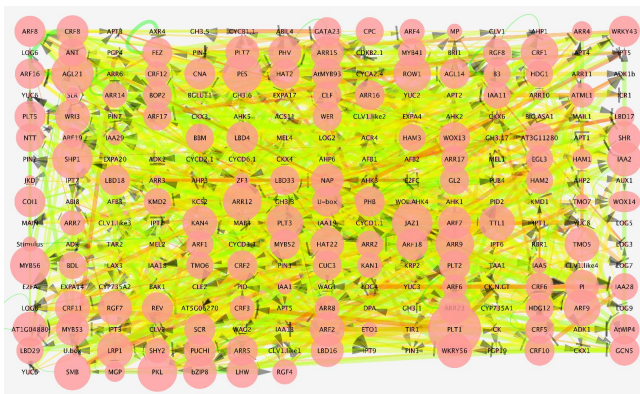
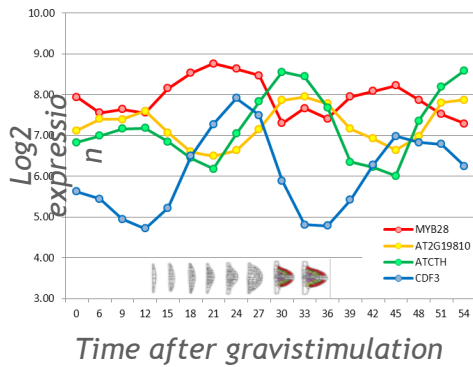
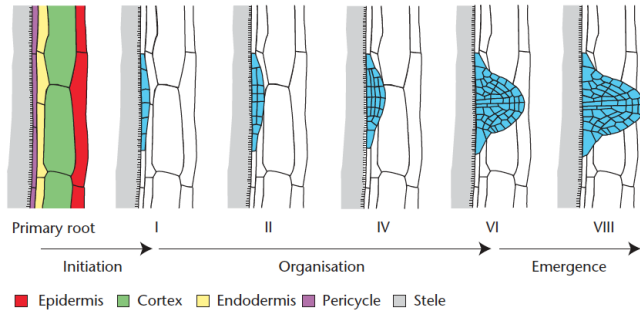
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Genes		mean distance for KO
PLT1	✓	0.168600746
ARF6	✓	0.136735075
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Most impactful genes when KO are in module 2
(late genes which we need to be expressed for LRP development)

LRP morphogenesis - In summary



Arabidopsis LR as an excellent model system of organogenesis : simple, controllable, accessible

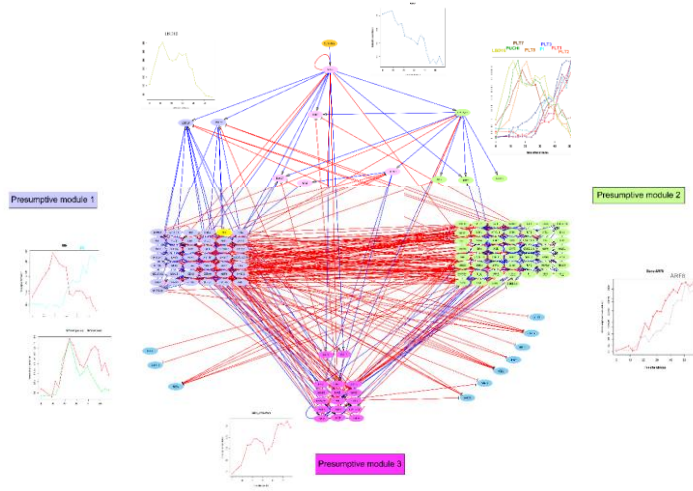


Creation of the LRP database covering the full development of the organ

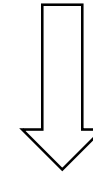


Creation of the TDCor algorithm and inference of the LRP development GRN

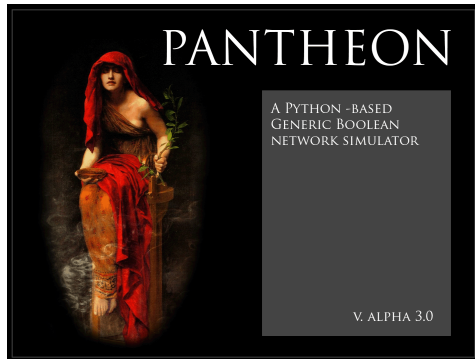
LRP morphogenesis - In summary



Topological analysis revealed a modular structure tied to biological function and a possible bifurcation switch between flank/organizing center identities



Creation of an automated Boolean modeling software which predicted that the topology of the GRN was enough to generate a meristematic identity and was able to retrieve modular organization with no *a priori*



Once now, back to biology to confirm the prediction of the model (i.e. working on generating and characterizing mutants...)

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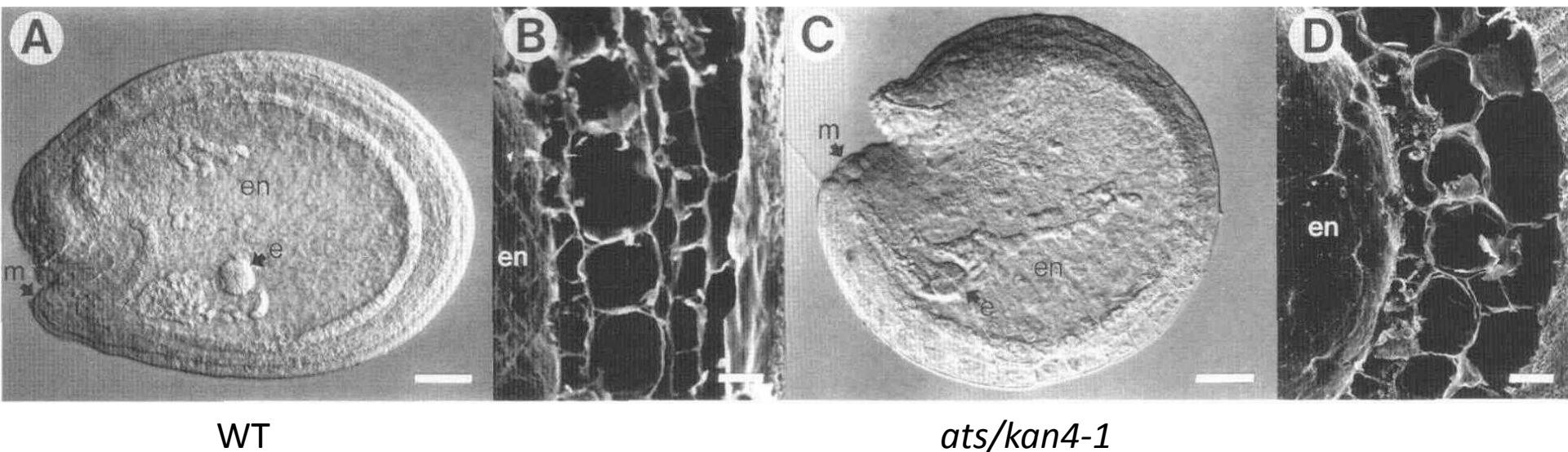


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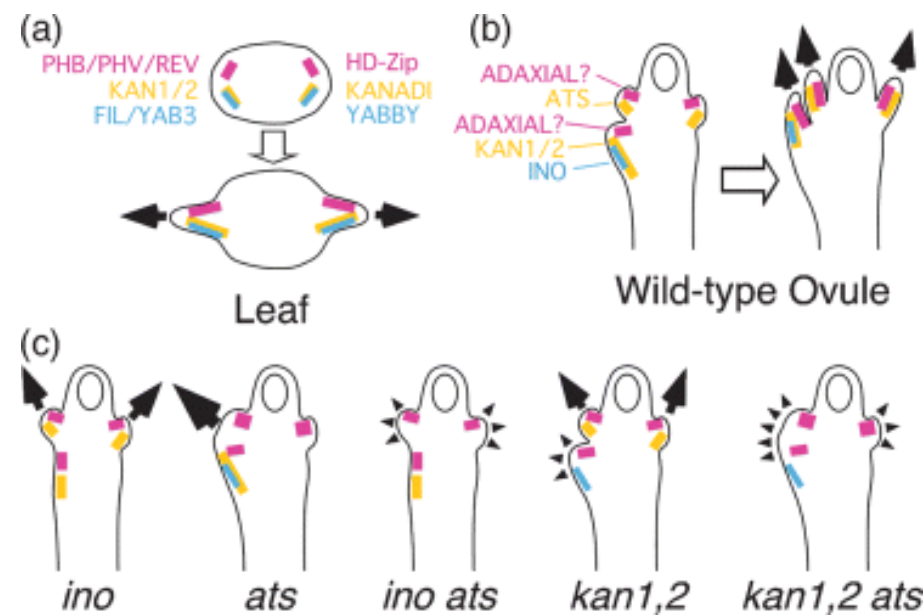


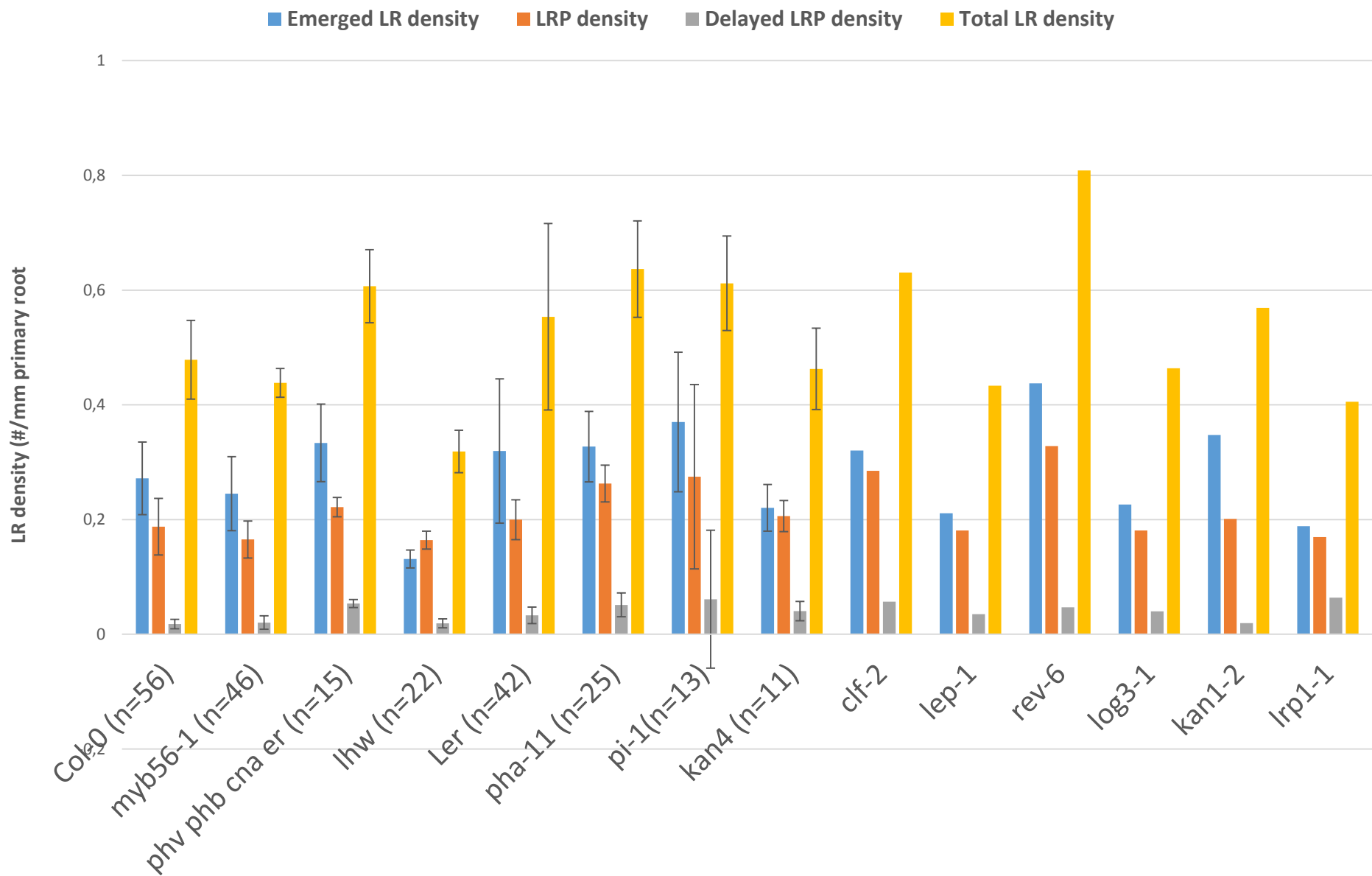
KANADI transcription factor



Roles of polarity determinants in ovule development

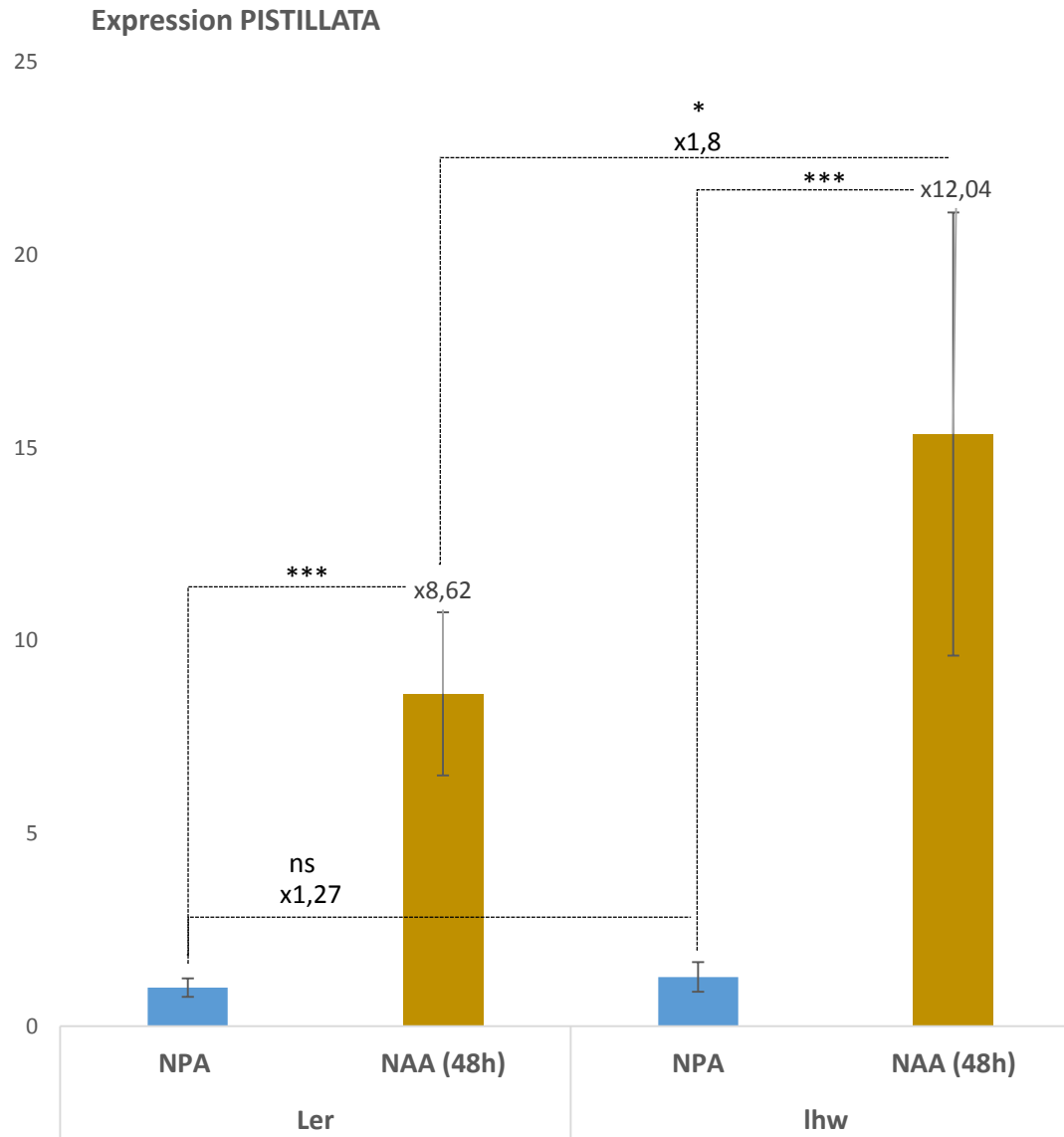
- ATS provides boundary maintenance and promotes the laminar growth of the inner ovule integument





PISTILLATA expression is enhanced in *lhw* mutant

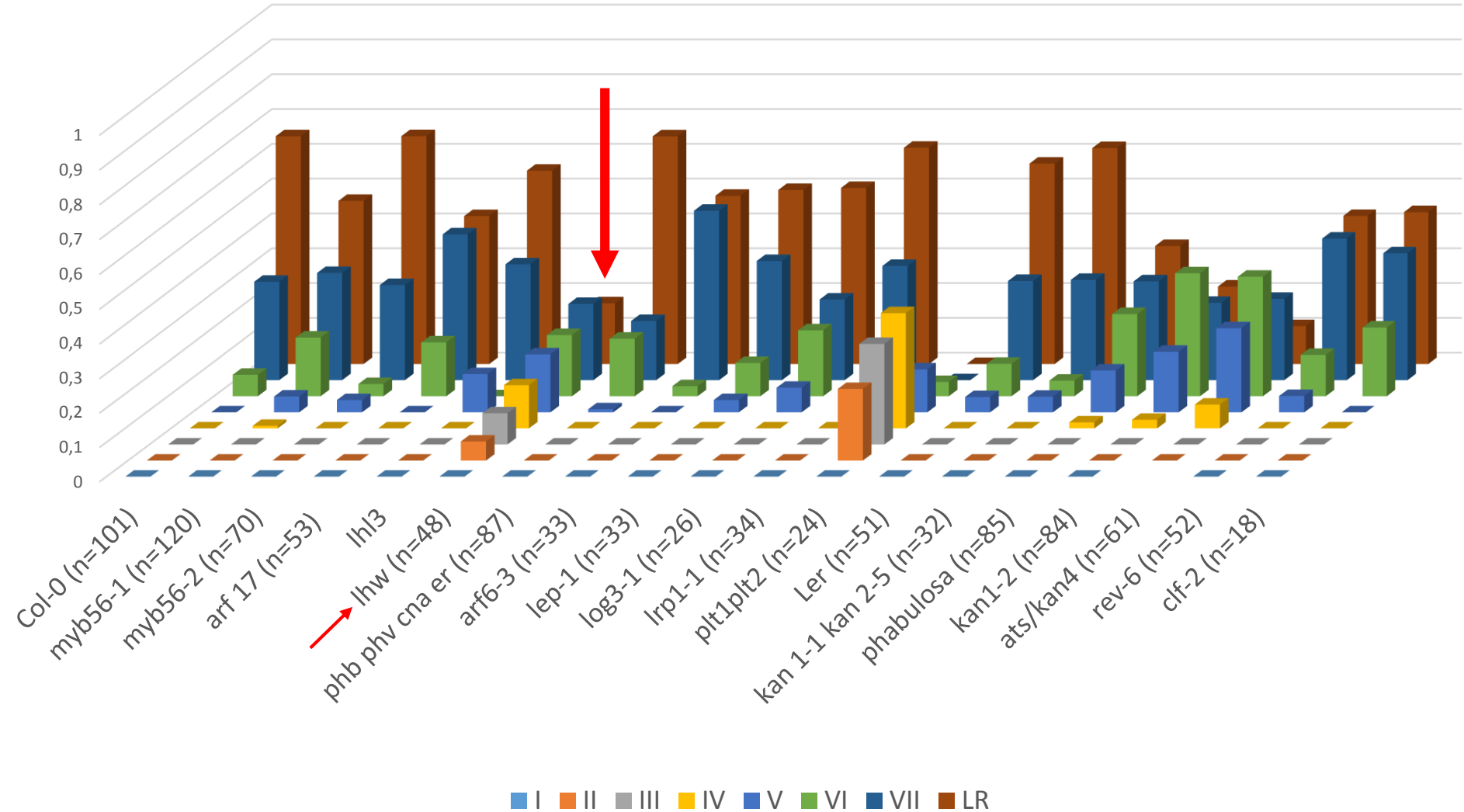
LRIS



3 independant biological replicats (n>50 seedlings/replicats), Student tests p*** < 0,01

Upstream regulators of PI as candidates genes for QC establishment

48h gravistimulation screening



Genes are organised into three main groups

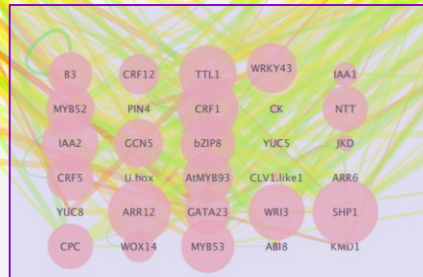
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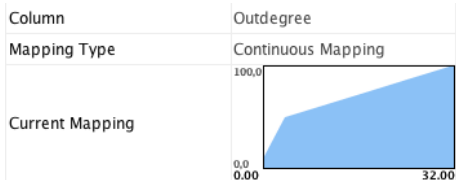
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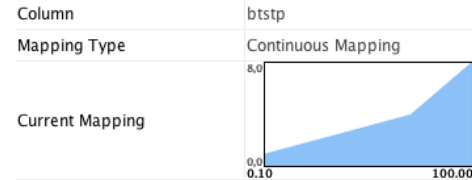
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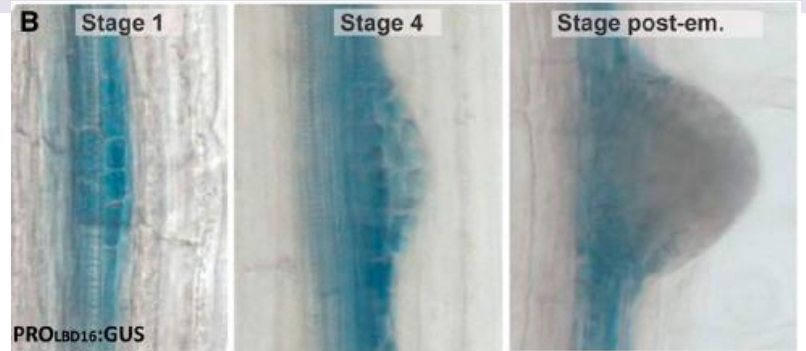


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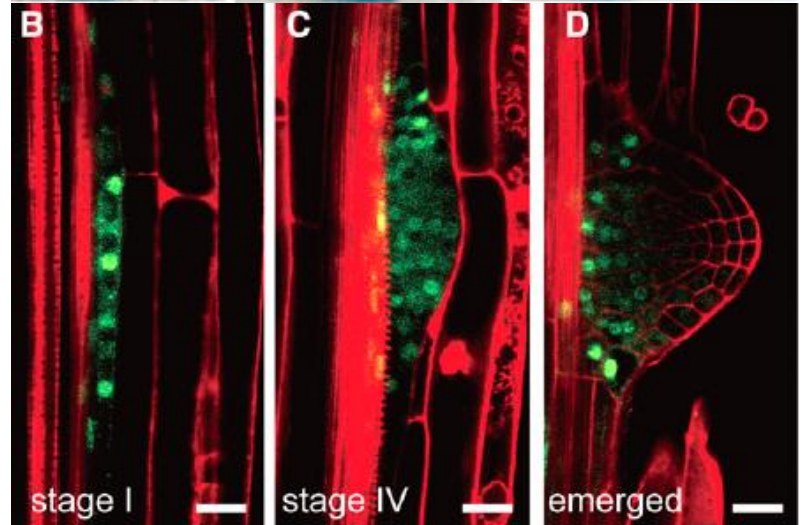


Activation pattern of the ARF7 module in the primordium

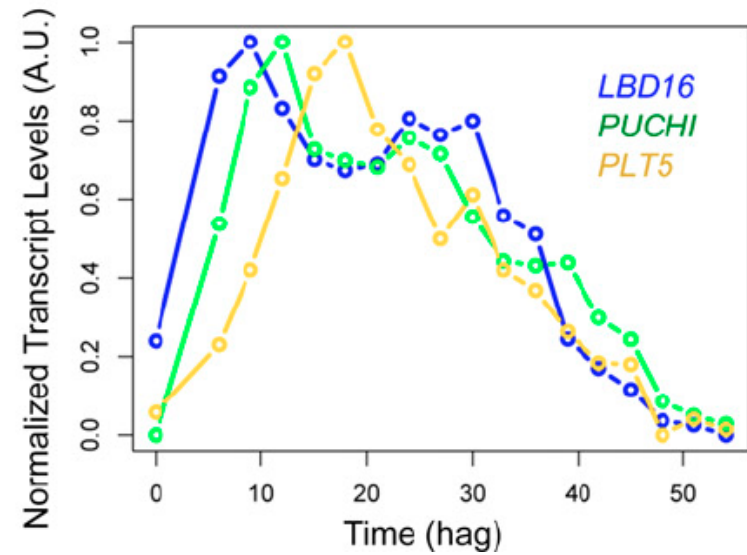
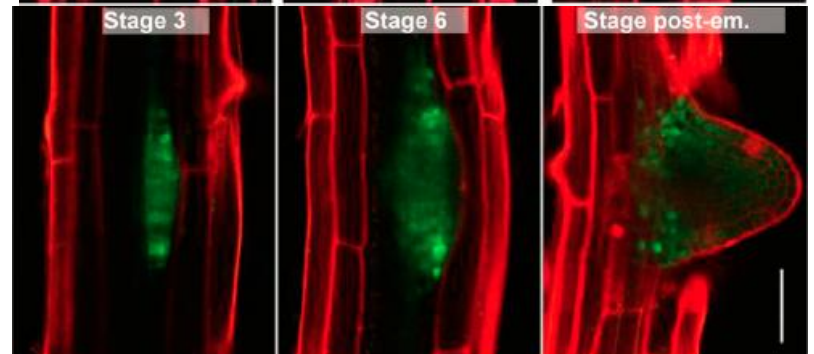
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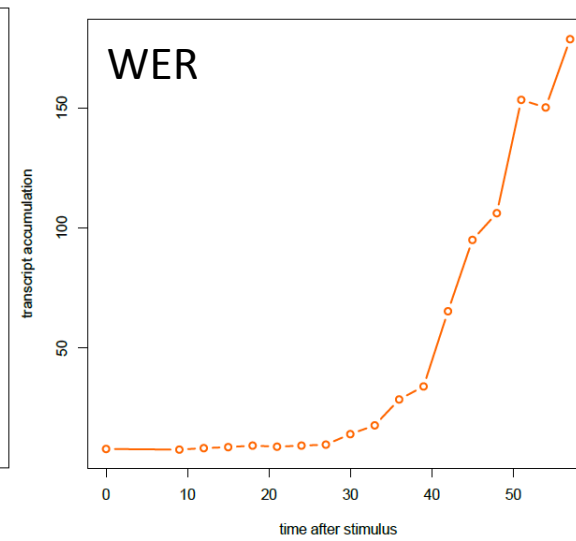
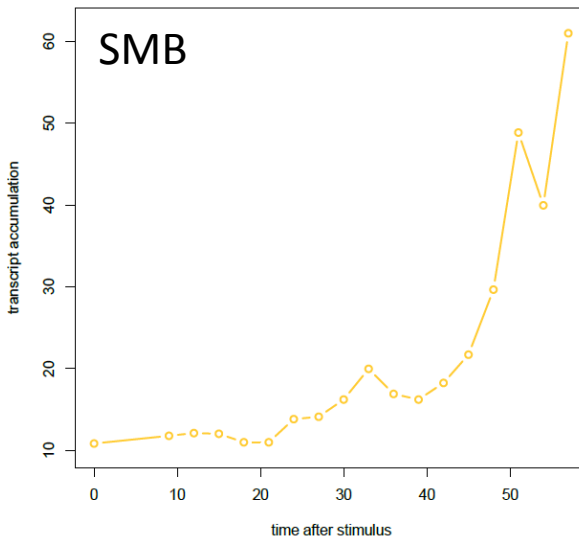
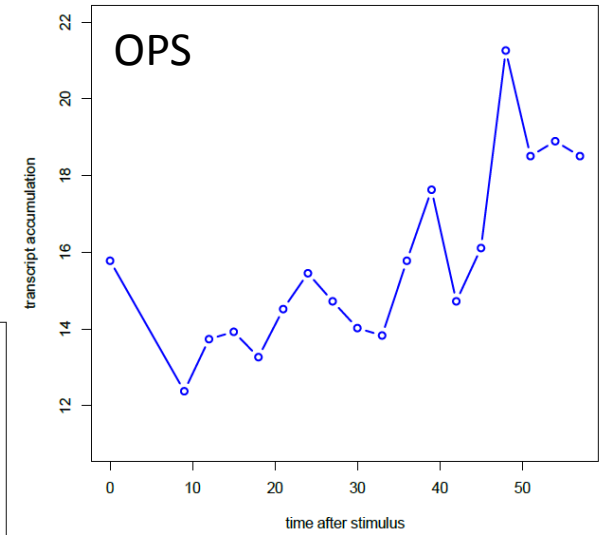
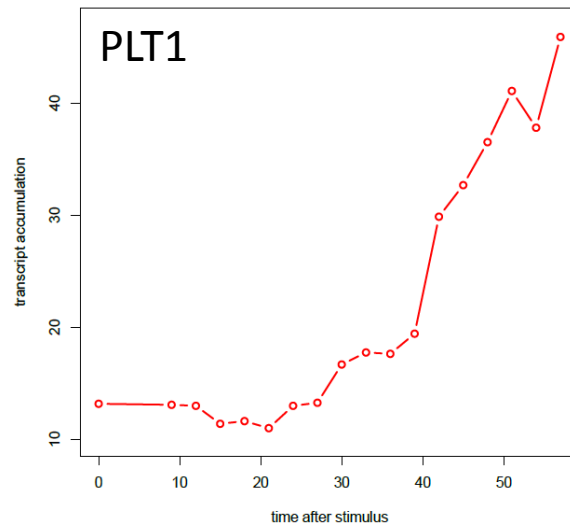
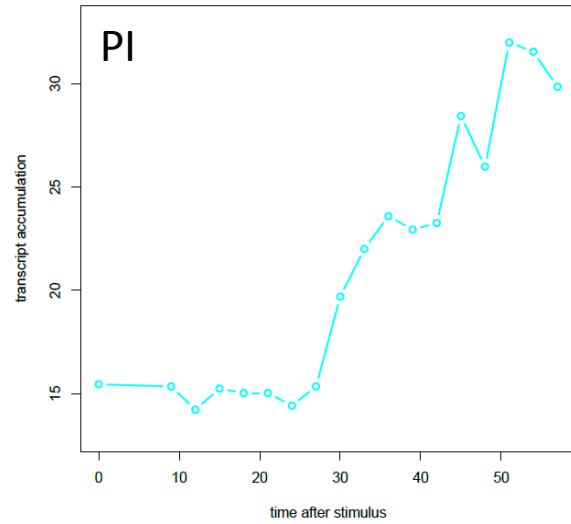
PLT5



Lavenus et al., 2015
Hirota et al., 2007

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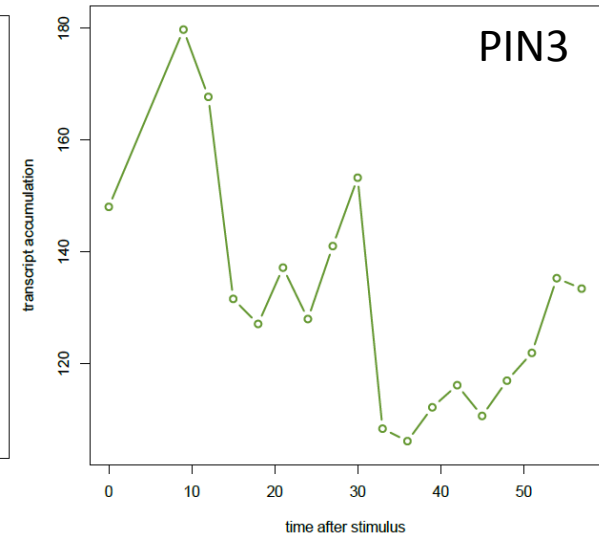
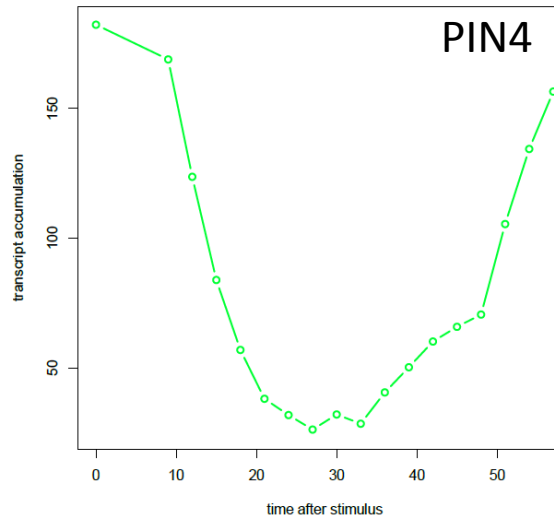
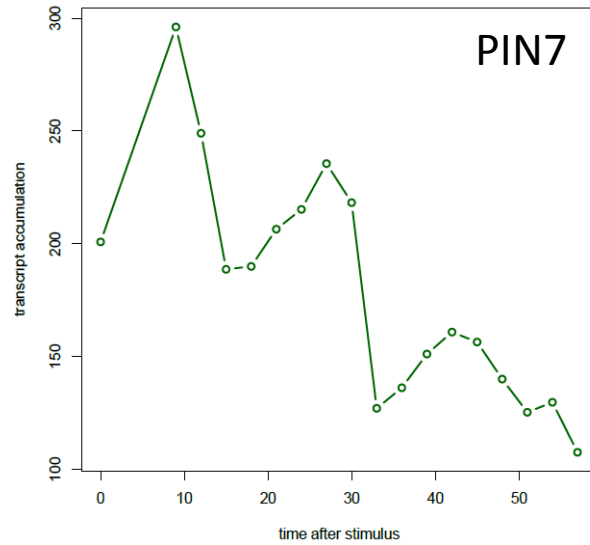
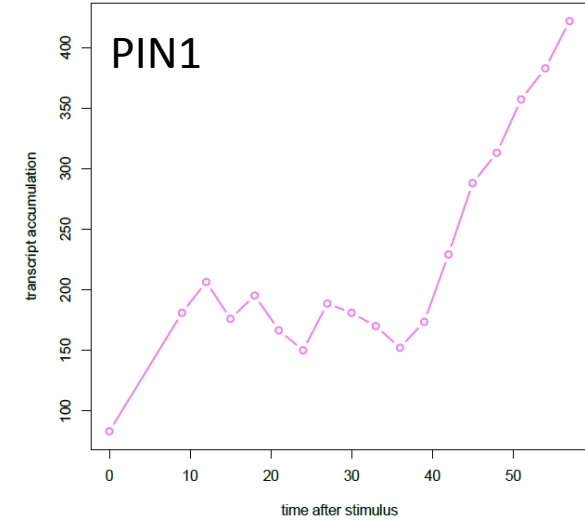
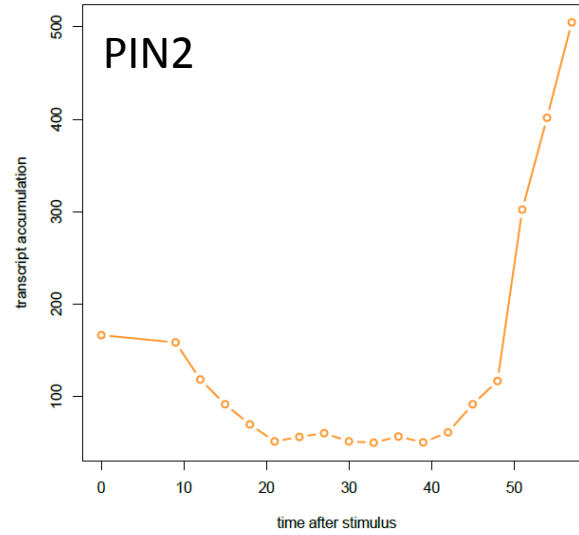
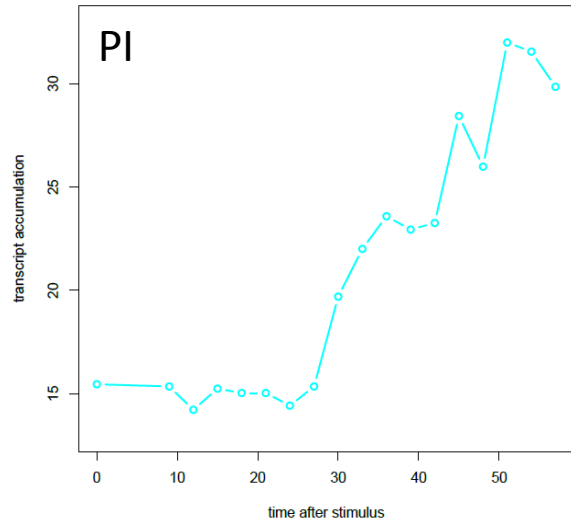
Transcript accumulation



Time after gravistimulation

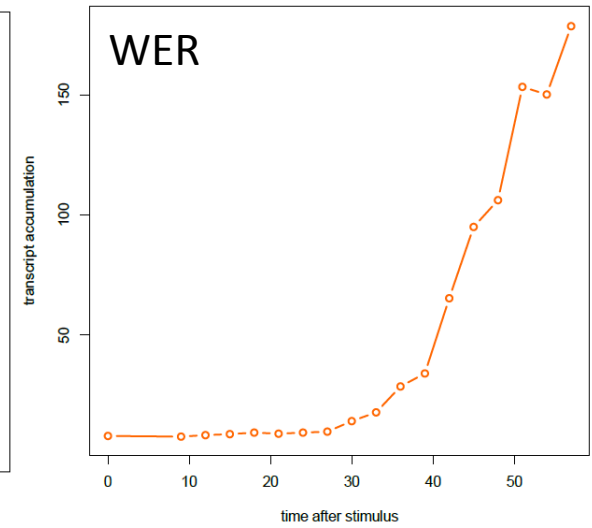
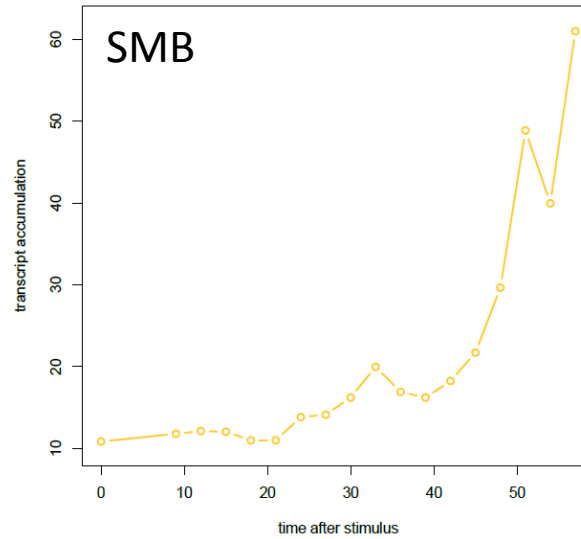
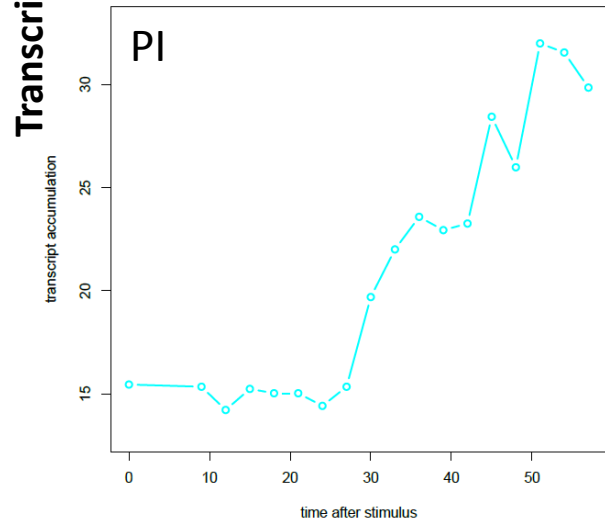
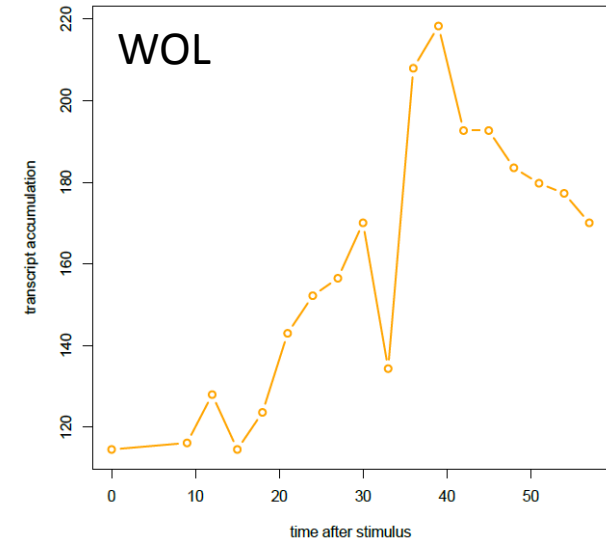
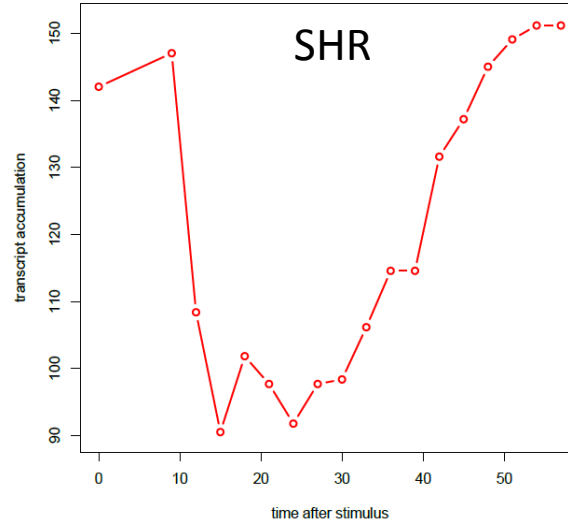
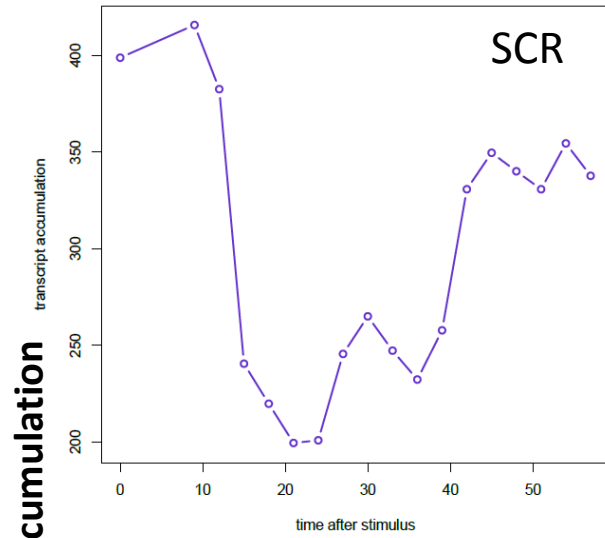
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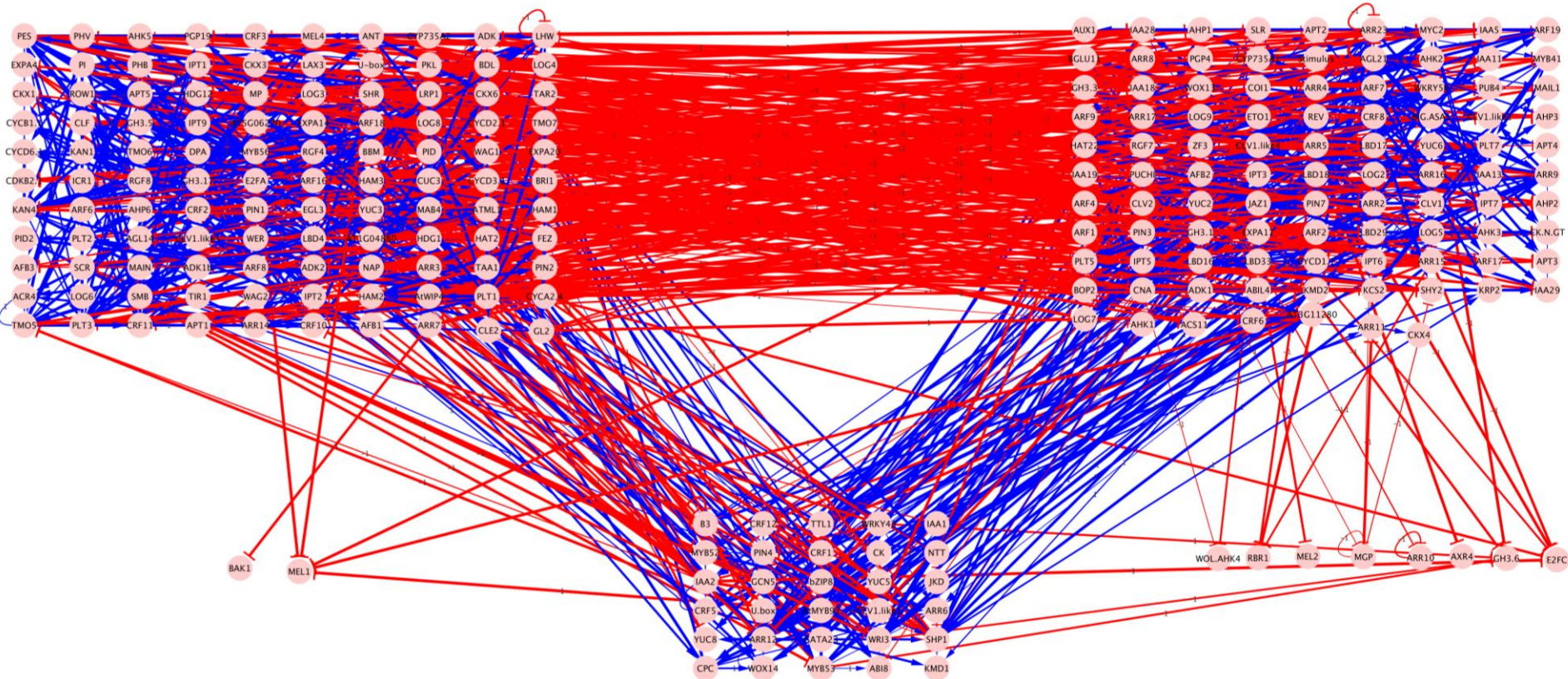
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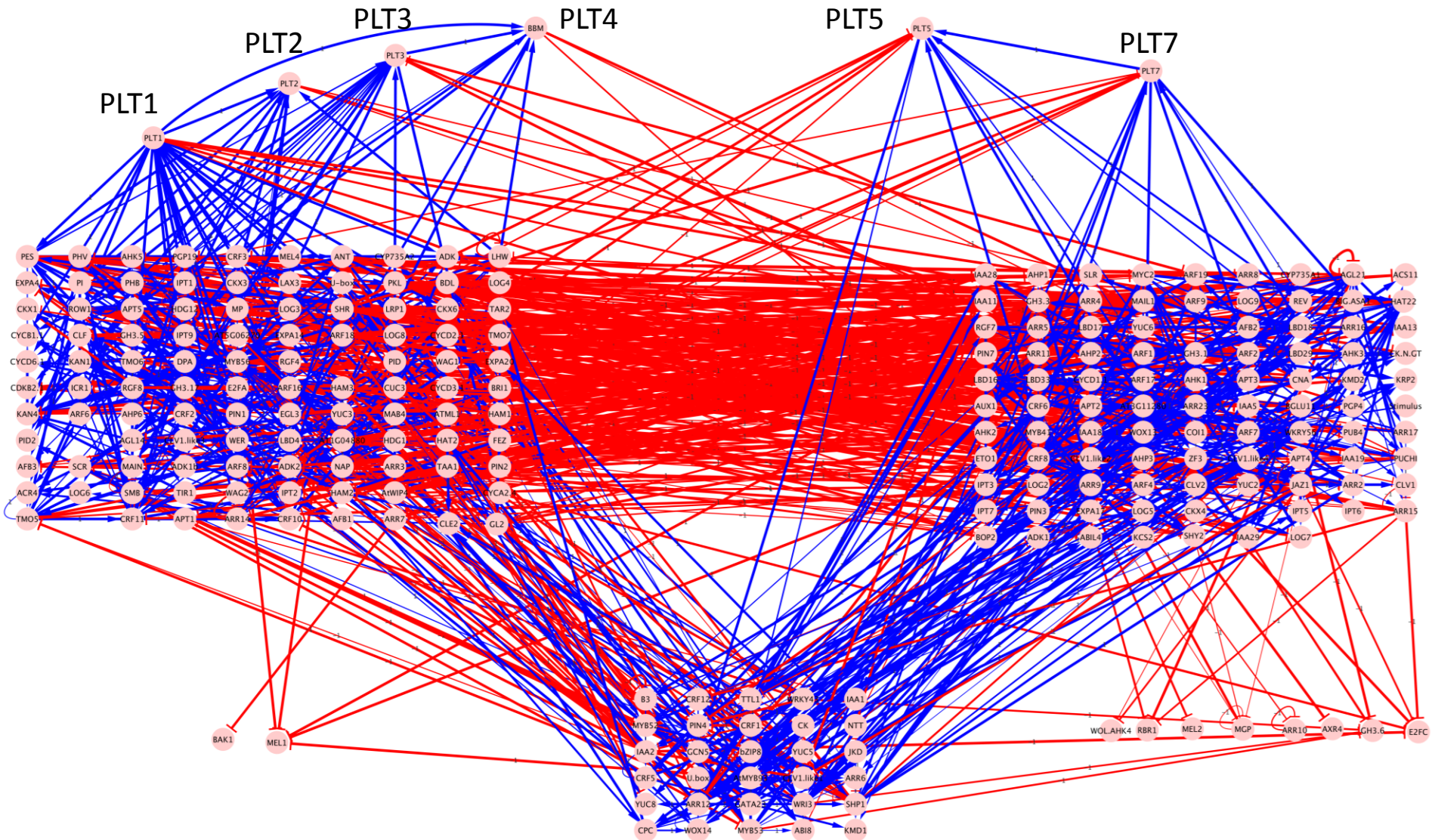
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Genes are organised into three main groups: example of PLETHORA family transcription factors



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Several network topologies could explain profile correlation

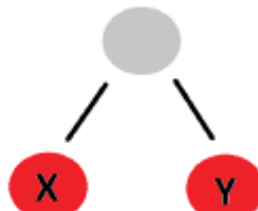
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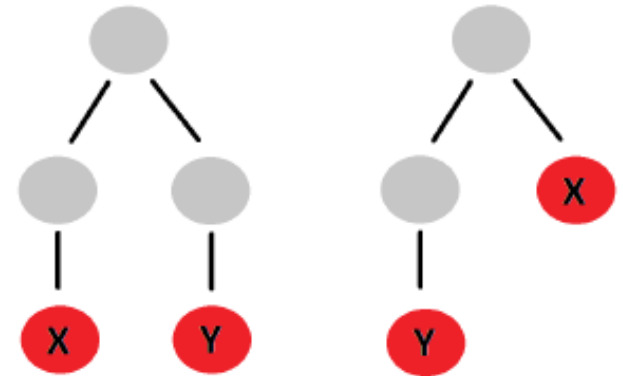
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Direct
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Cascade

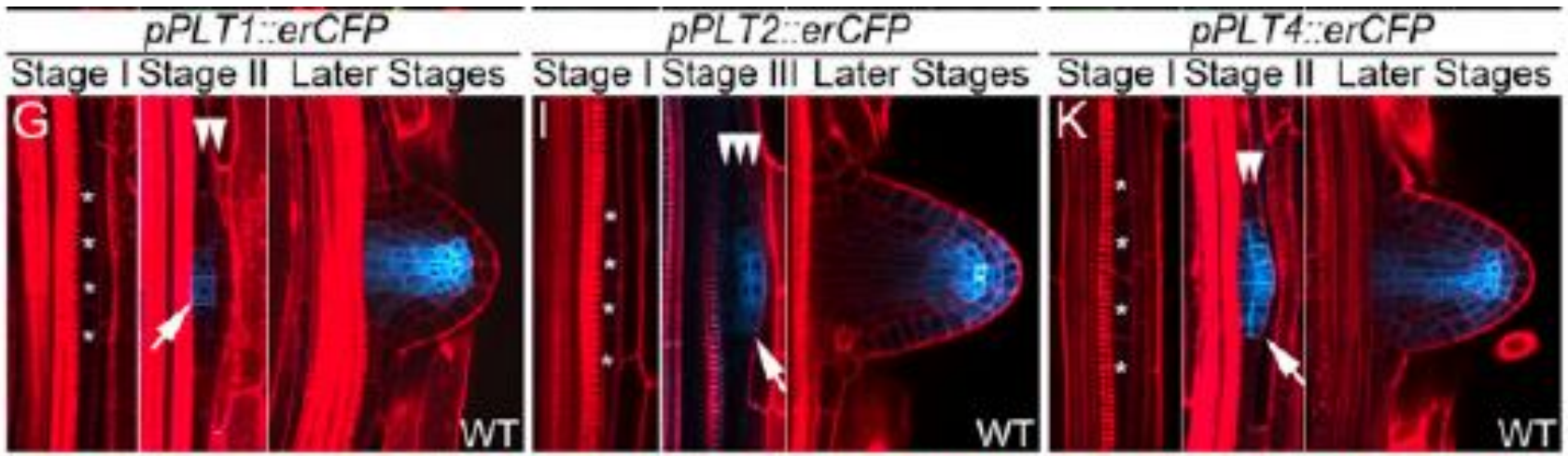
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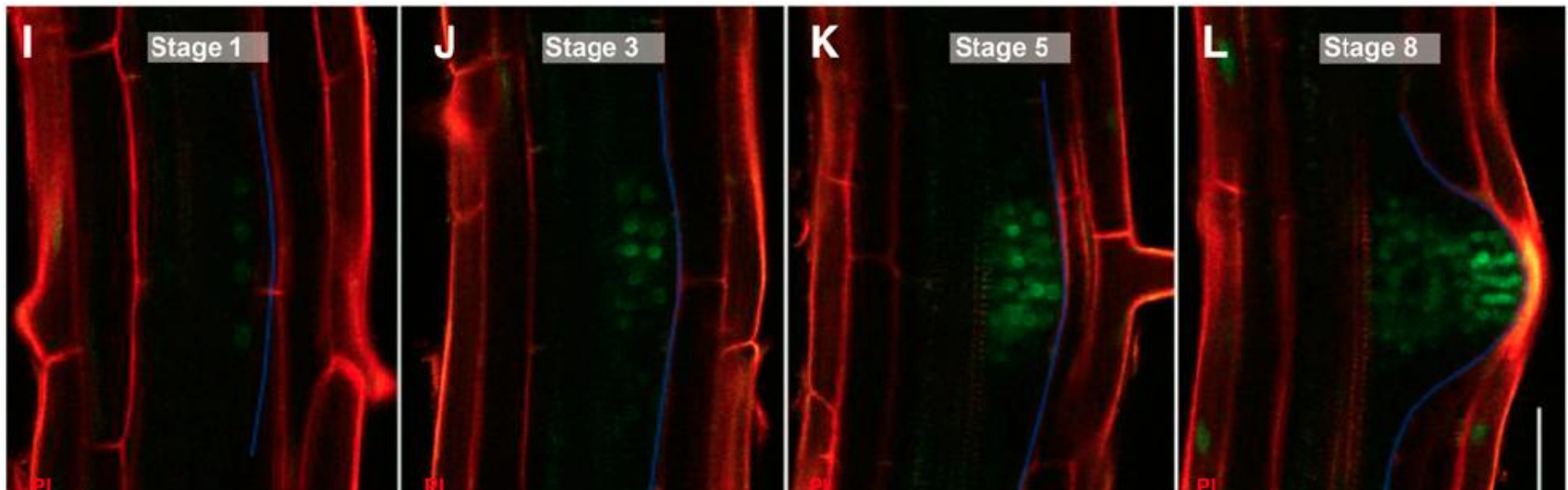


Activation pattern of the ARF5 subnetwork in the LRP



pMP::MP:GFP

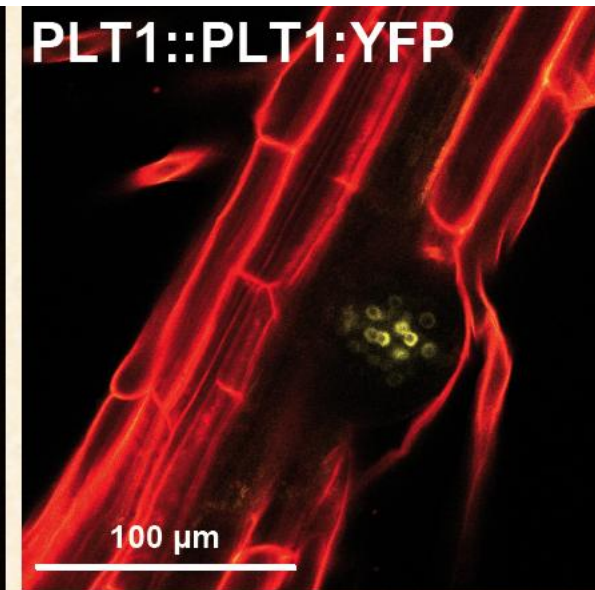
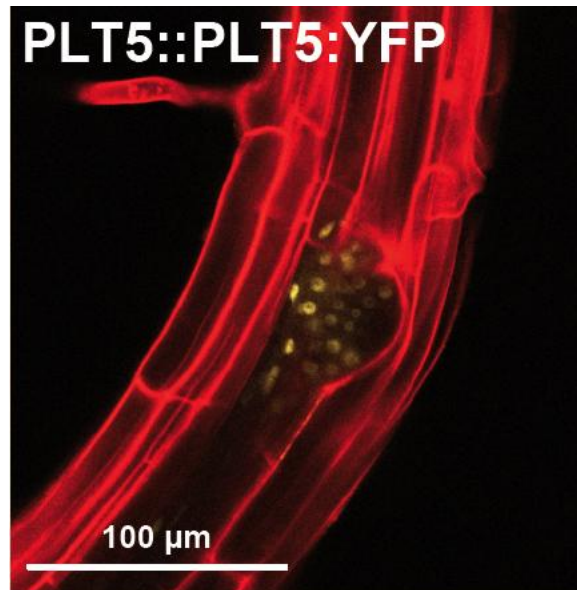
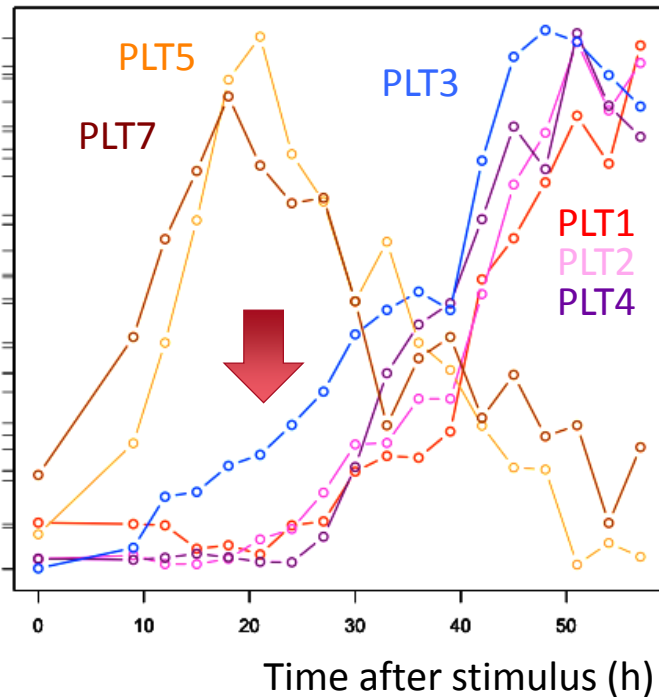
Du & Scheres, 2017



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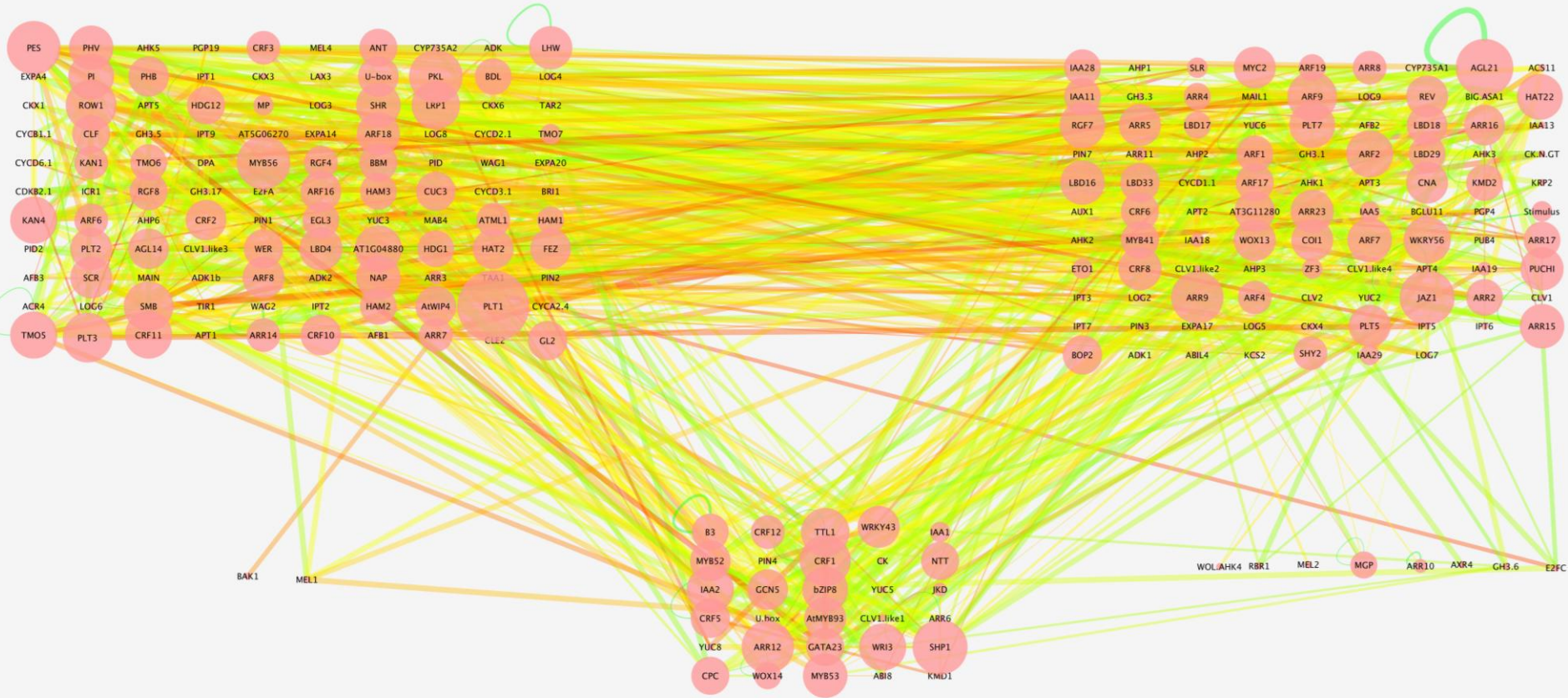
This is consistent with both temporal and spatial patterning in gene expression pattern

Transcript accumulation

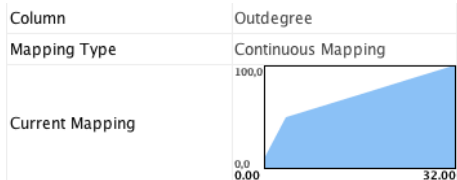


➤ The general topology of the network suggests a toggle-switch mechanism controlling a spatio temporal gene expression pattern in relation with root meristem establishment

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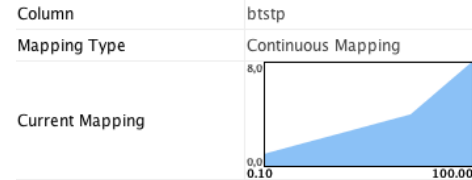
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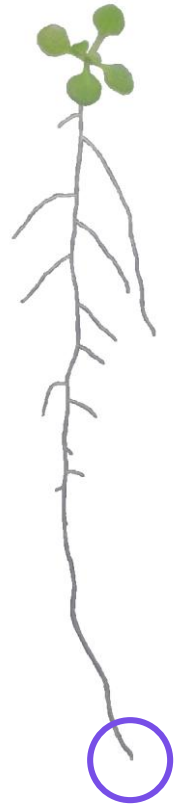
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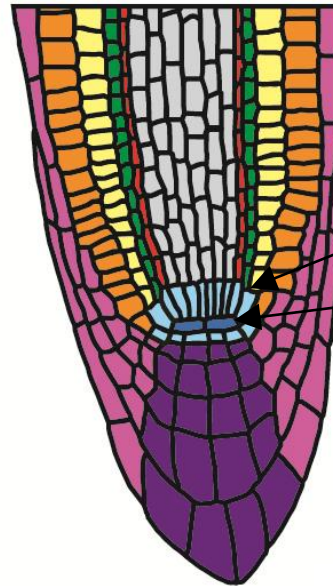
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The root apical meristem generates root primary tissues



Root apical meristem

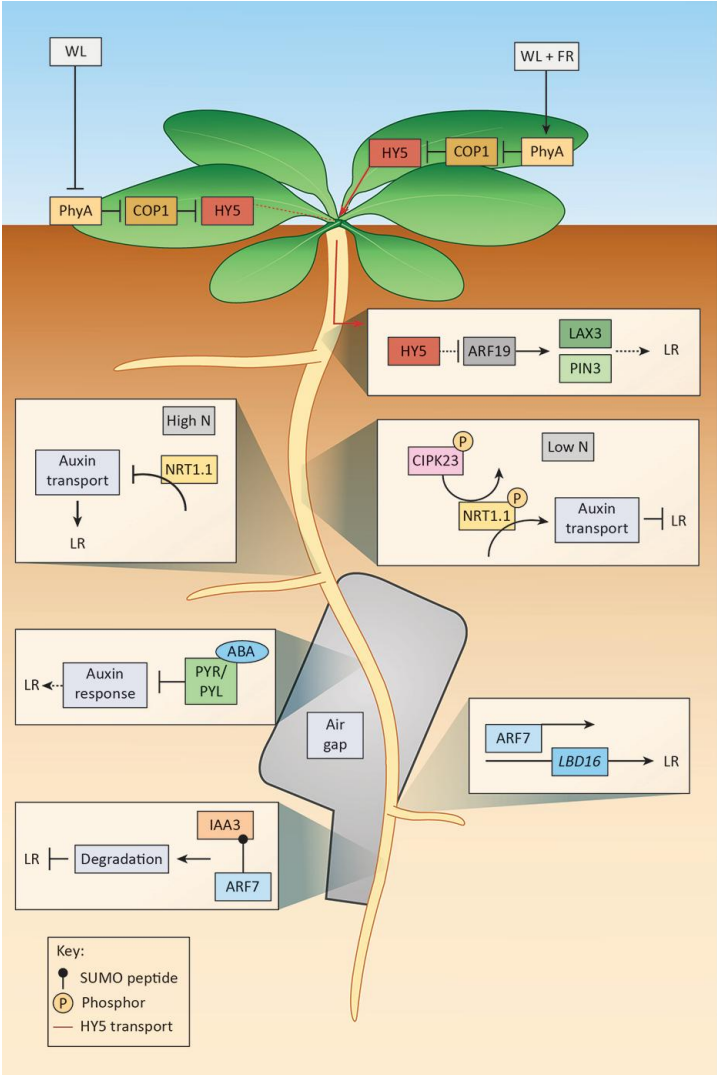


Stem cell niche

Organising Center (termed
"Quiescent Center")

- Primary anatomical organization of roots is stereotyped.
- Root meristem organized around a central stem cell niche
- *Arabidopsis thaliana* as a simple plant model.

The soil and light environment plays a key role in lateral root (LR) positioning



A new simulation algorithm – PYTHONIS

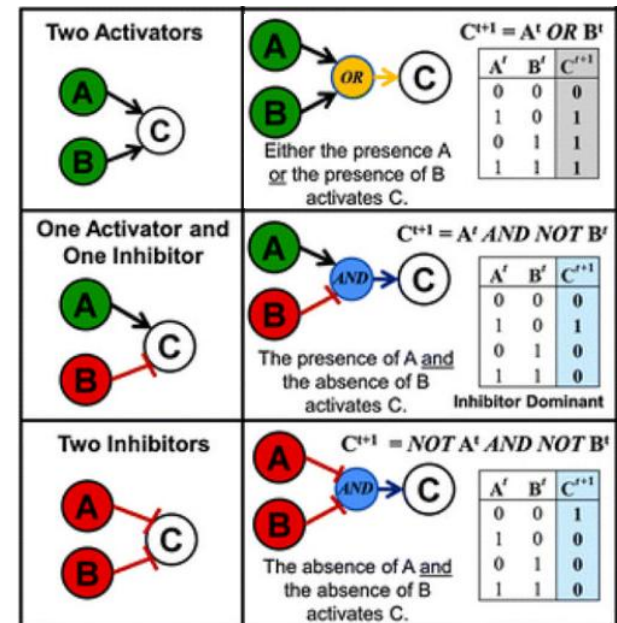
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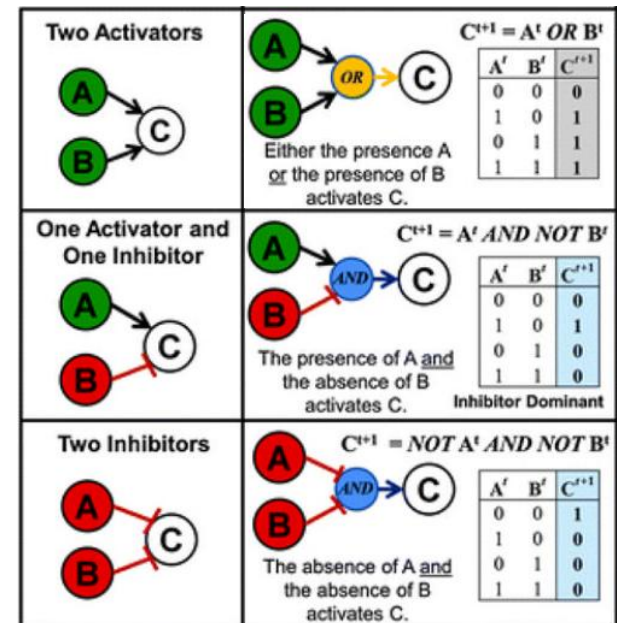
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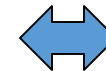
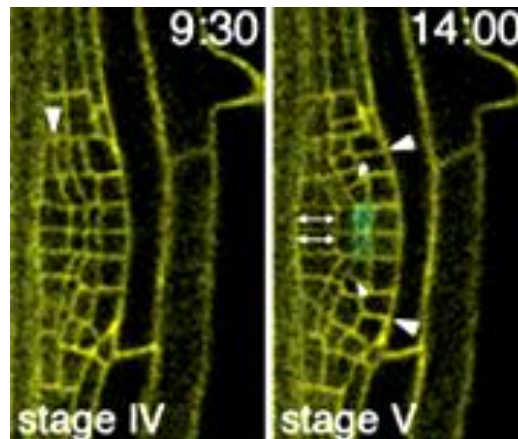
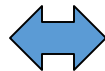
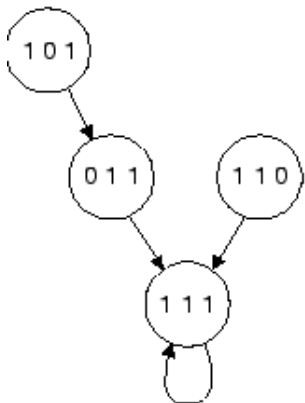


- Automated generation and solving of boolean model for entire network

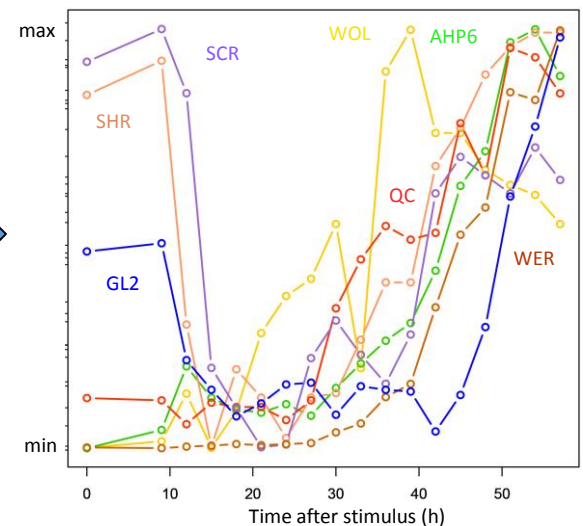
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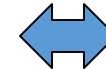
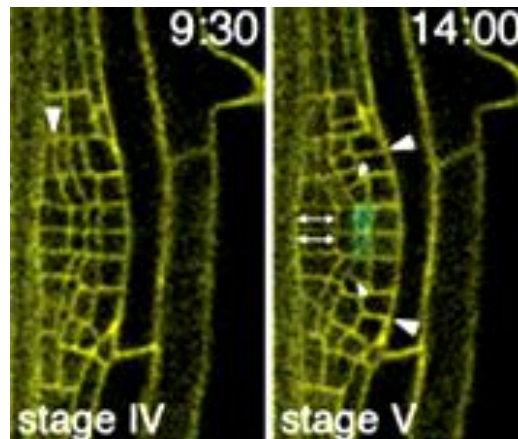
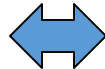
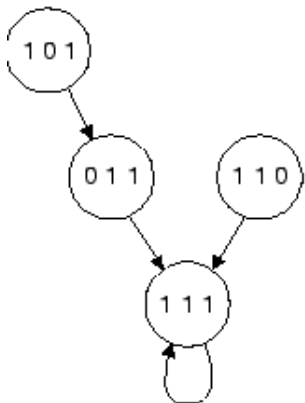
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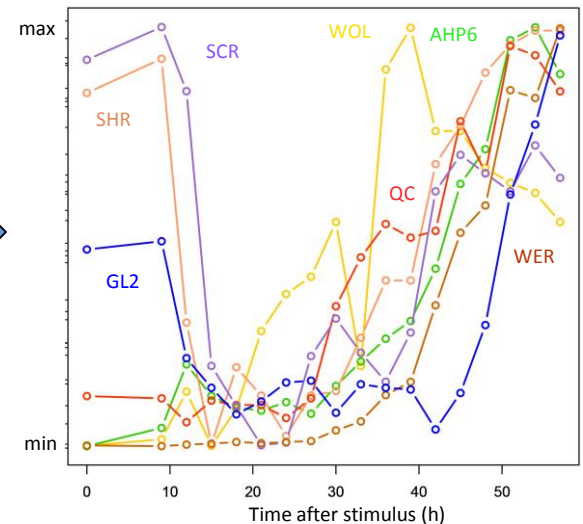
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- Simulation of the impact of knock-out (always 0) or gain-of-function (always 1) mutations
 - impact on state flow and final states
 - Hamming distance between « mutant » and « wild type » final states
 - => assessing the significance of each node in state flow

- Currently being validated against known regulatory networks

Modeling dynamic properties of the inferred network

- Aim : to model dynamically the state flow of the gene network in order to identify gene regulatory cascades, master regulators, attractor states, bifurcation behaviours...

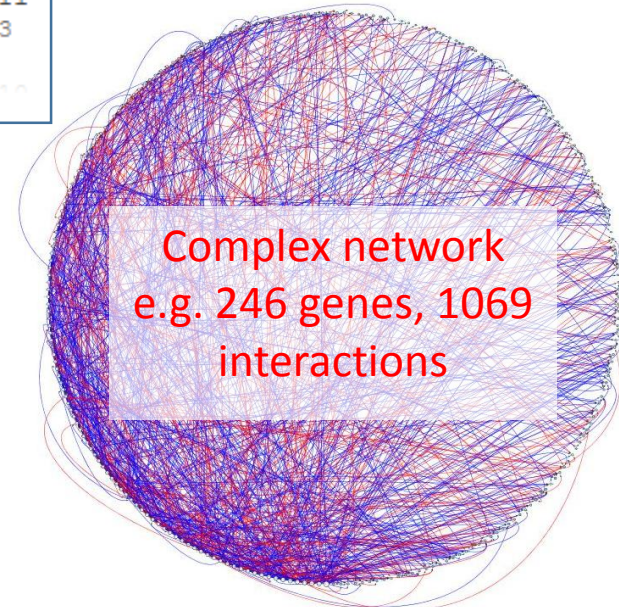
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1	"V1"	"V2"	"V3"	"V4"	"V5"
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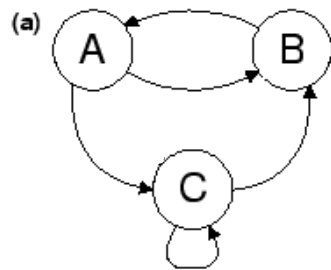
TDCor outputs

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3	MGP	-1	SHY2 13.7	1.73	1.2	
4	MGP	-1	ARR11 92.4	1.004	0.5	
5	SHY2	1	ARF1 4.2	1.85	4	
6	SHY2	-1	ADK2 17.2	1.677	1.5	
7	SHY2	-1	HAM1 100	0.856	0.5	
8	SHY2	-1	HAM3 94.9	1.504	0.5	
9	BDL	-1	BDL 10.1	0	0	
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Modeling dynamic properties of the inferred network

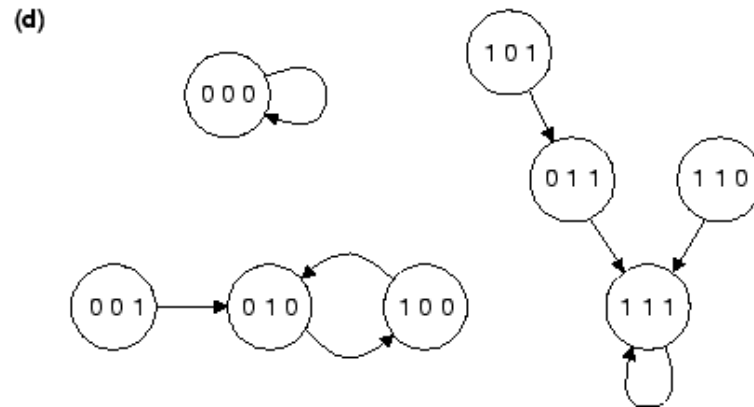
- Strategy: to use boolean modeling of the network



(c)

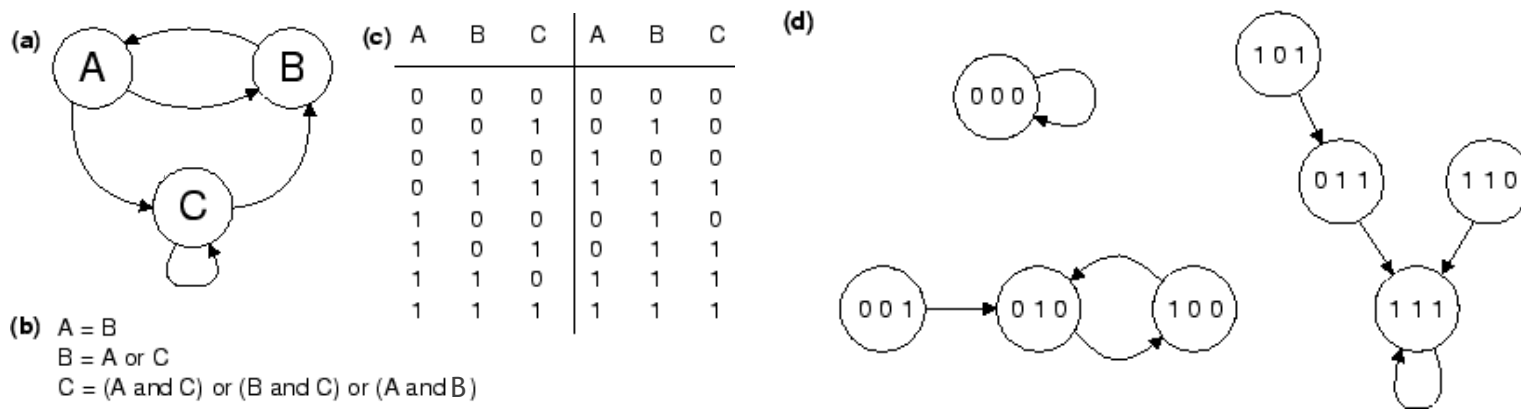
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1	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1

(b) $A = B$
 $B = A \text{ or } C$
 $C = (A \text{ and } C) \text{ or } (B \text{ and } C) \text{ or } (A \text{ and } B)$



Modeling dynamic properties of the inferred network

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- However most available boolean models require explicit specification of network and of each interaction rules (BooleanNet, NetDS, NetworkToolkitExtended, BooleSim, SimBoolNet, Atalia, ...)
 - ➔ Impractical for massive network modelling
 - ➔ Currently developing implementation of automated boolean modelling for large scale networks

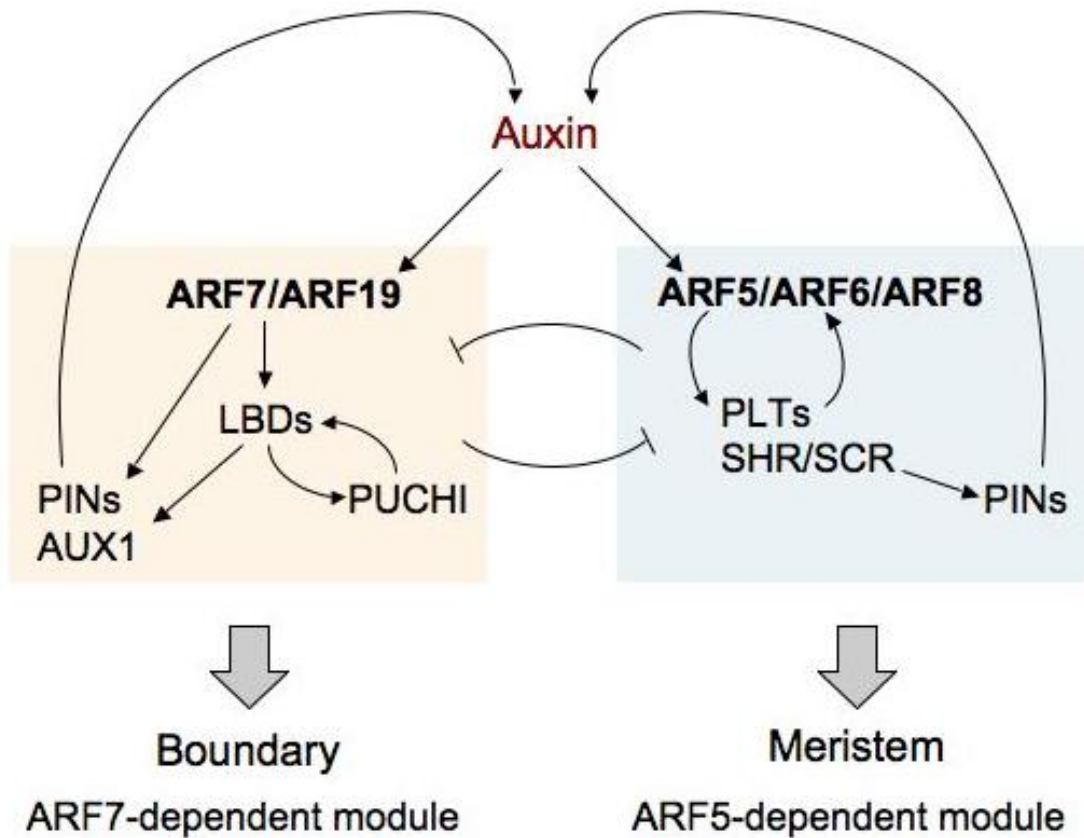


A new simulation algorithm – **PYTHONIS**

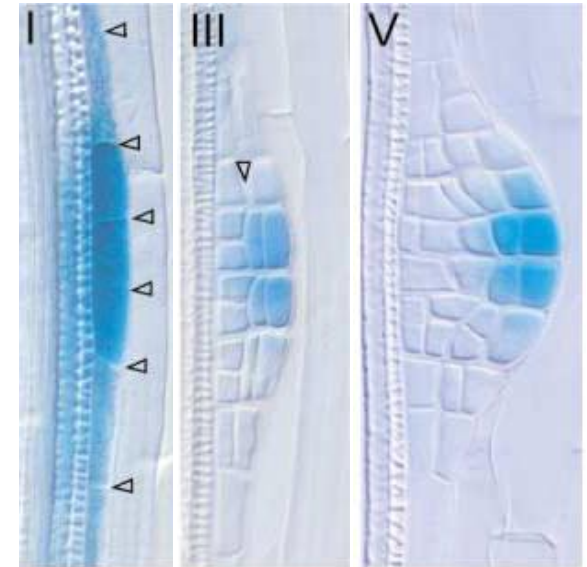
(PYTHon-based bOolean Network generic Solver)

- Uses any given predicted topology of a GRN (e.g. 246 genes, 1069 interactions)
- Boolean modeling as a simplification (various formats)

The LR network is predicted to organize into two subnetworks with distinct crosstalk with auxin



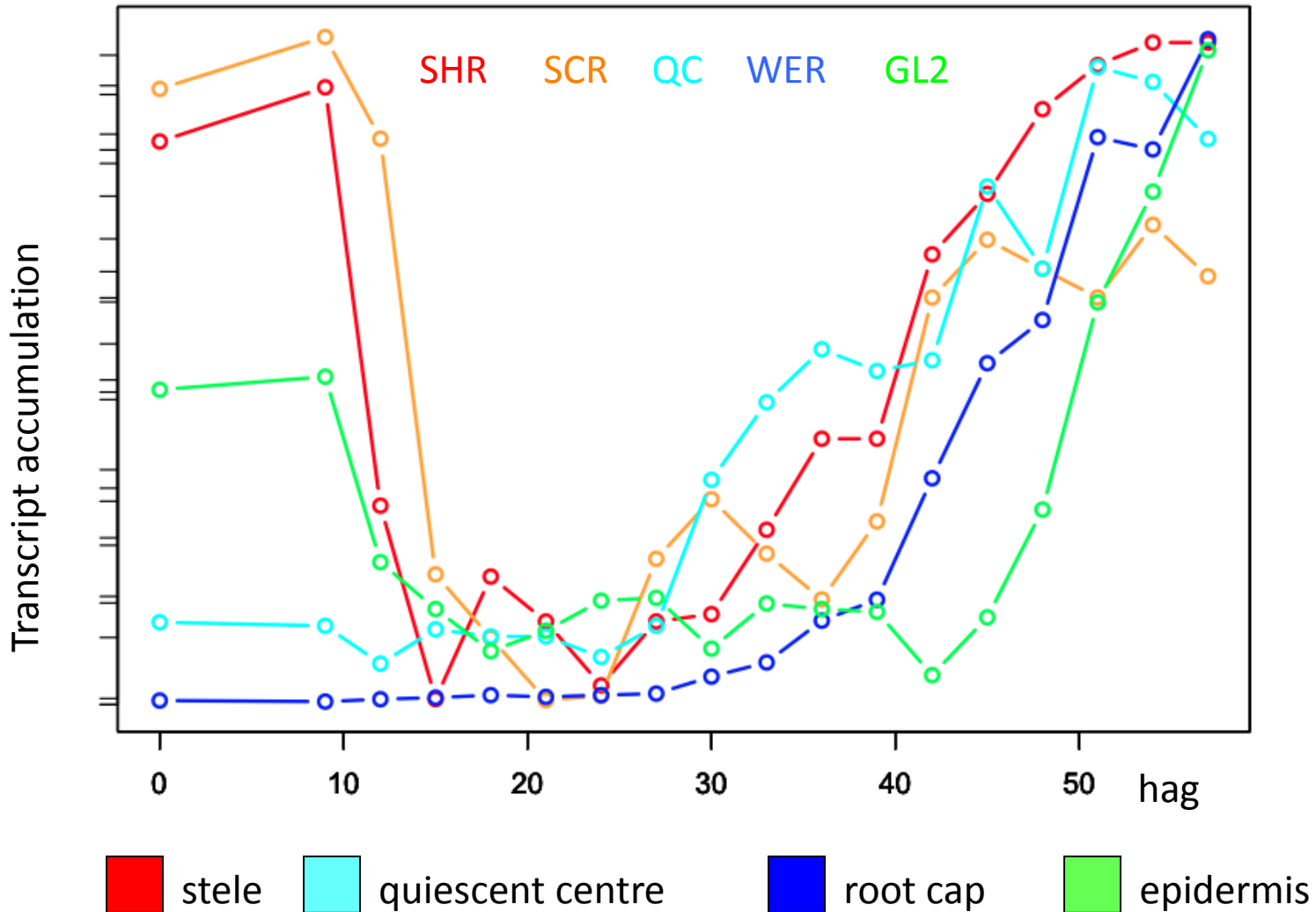
Auxin signaling (DR5::GUS)



Benkova et al., 2003

- Distinct crosstalks of each module with auxin distribution and signaling may contribute to progressive patterning of the lateral root primordium.

Use of marker genes to monitor LRP functional patterning



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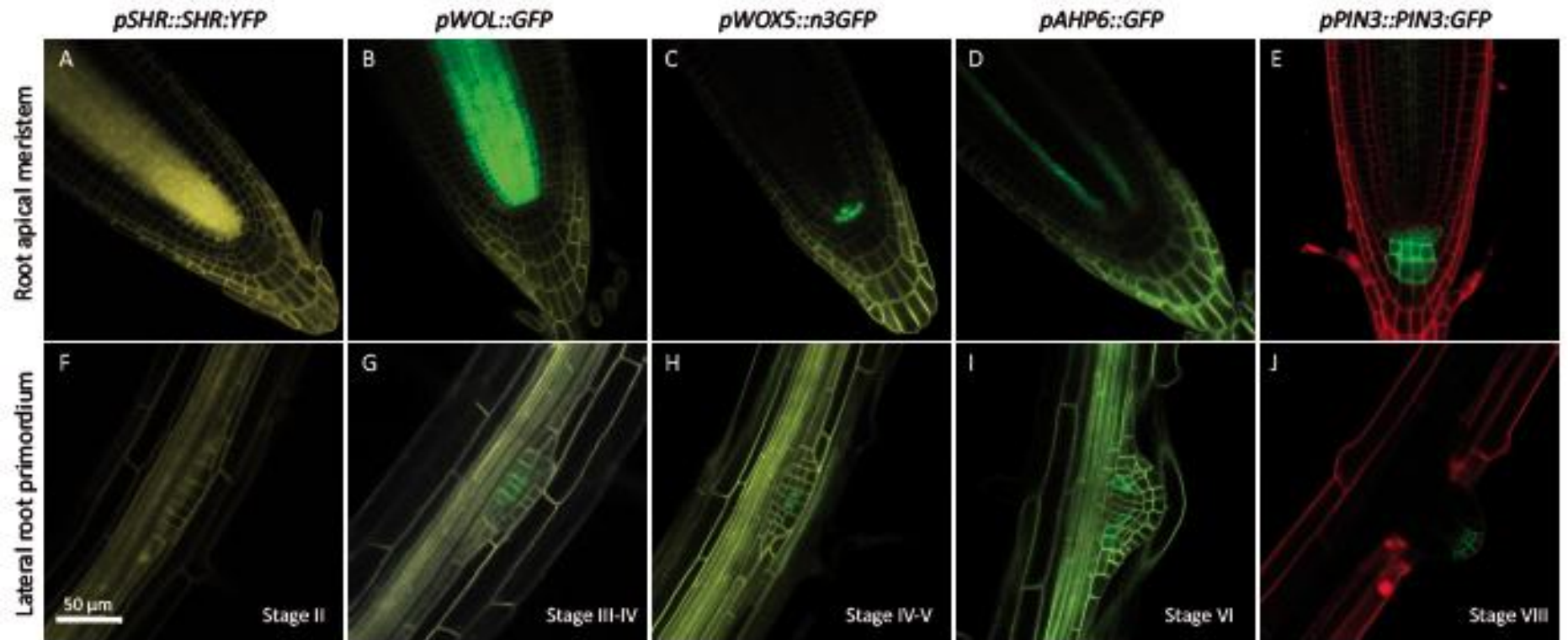
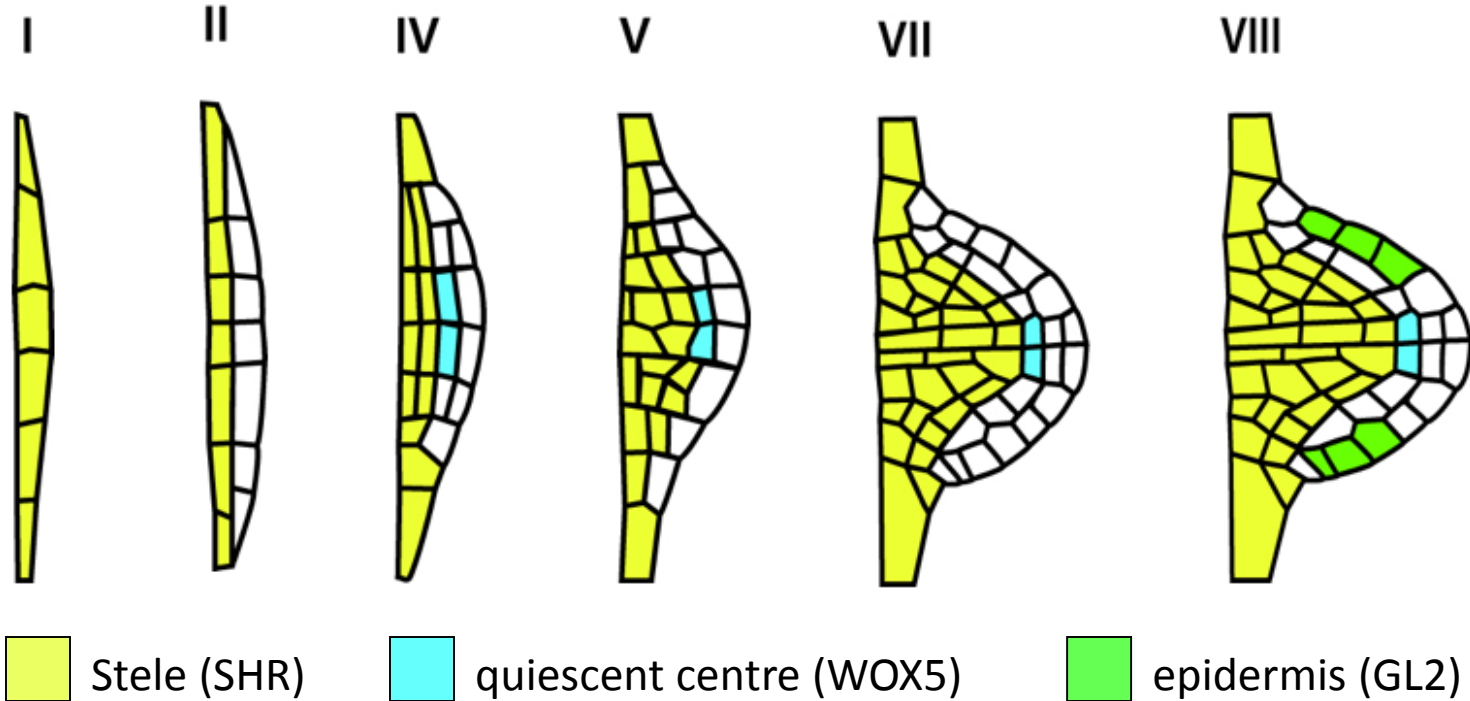


Figure 4. Expression pattern of selected reporter constructs during lateral root formation. Plasma membranes are labelled with WAVE131-YFP (A-D, F-I) or propidium iodide (E,J).

Gradual functional patterning of the LRP

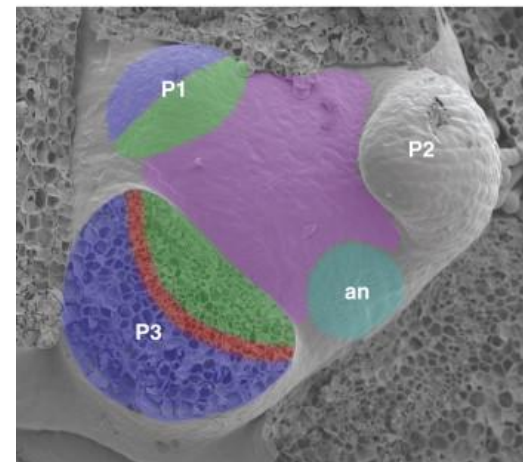
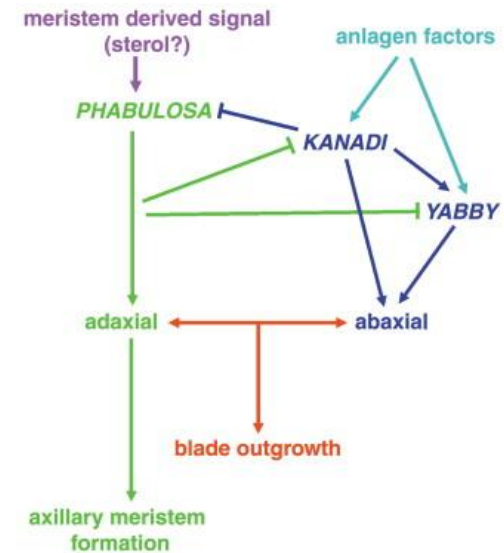


- Critical changes in gene expression occur at stage I-II transition and stage IV (meristem formation phase), and early after emergence (expression of epidermis and root cap markers)

HDZIP III, KANADI transcription factors

Eshed *et al.*, 2001, *Current Biology*

KANADI loss- and gain-of-function alleles suggest that fine regulation of these genes is at the core of polarity establishment. As such, they are likely to be targets of the *PHB*-mediated meristem-born signaling that patterns lateral organ primordia.



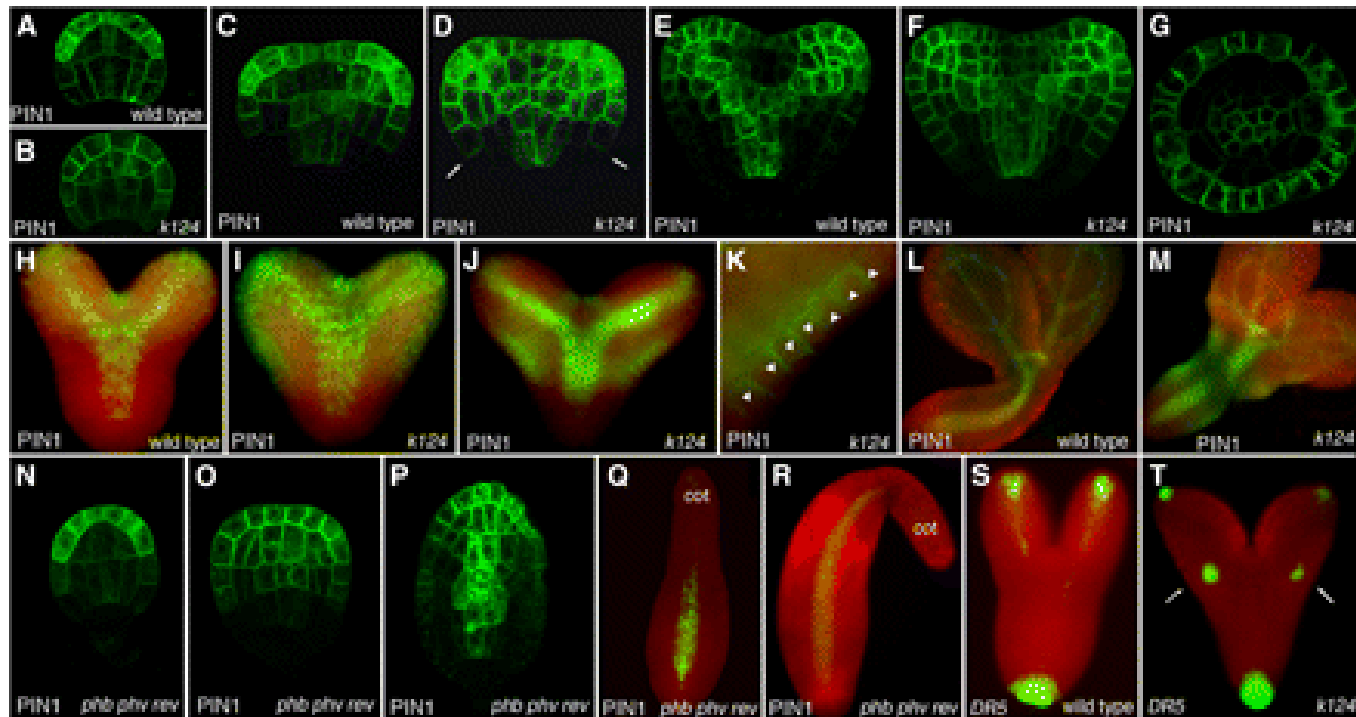
Model of polarity establishment in lateral organs

KANADI transcription factor

Izhaki *et al.*, 2007, Development

KANADI and Class III HD-Zip Gene Families Regulate Embryo Patterning and Modulate Auxin Flow during Embryogenesis in Arabidopsis

Loss of KANADI activity in a Class III HD-Zip mutant background mitigates the defects in bilateral symmetry, implying that the two gene families act antagonistically during embryonic pattern formation.



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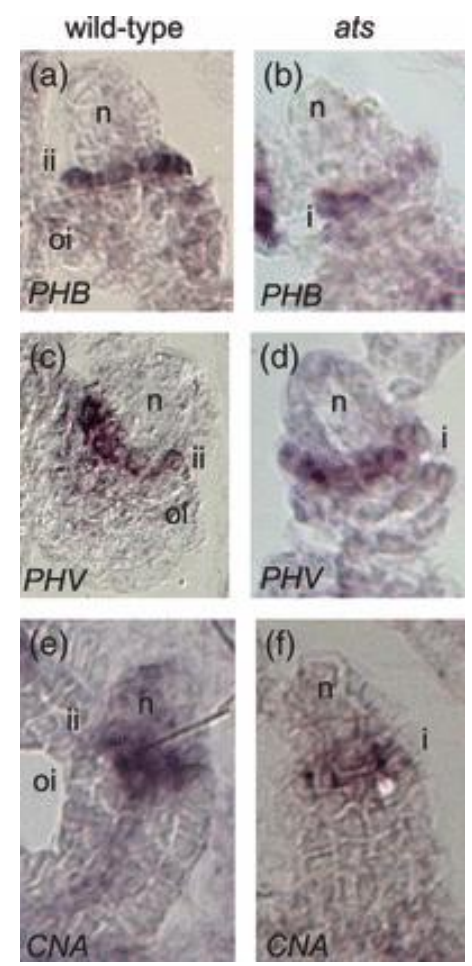
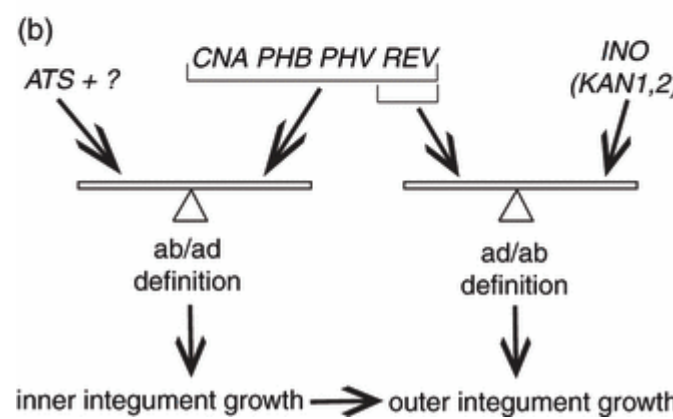
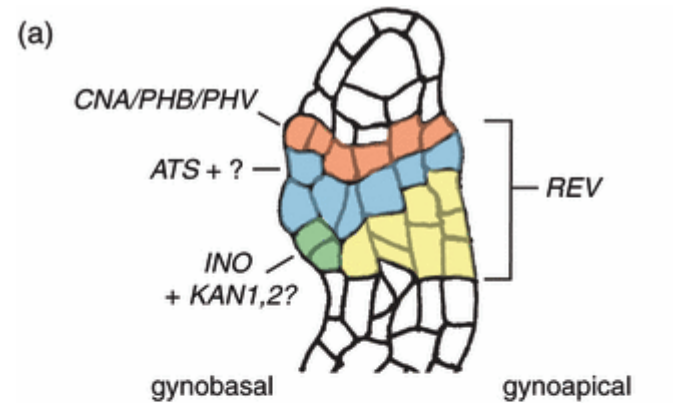
- Mutant lines have been described previously: *kan1-2* (Eshed *et al.*, 1999); *kan2-1* (Eshed *et al.*, 2001); *kan3-1*, *phb-6*, *phv-5*, and *rev-9* (Emery *et al.*, 2003); *kan4-3* (McCabe *et al.*, 2006)
- *kan1-2 kan2-1 kan3-1 kan4-3* quadruple mutant
- *kan1-2 kan2-1 kan4-3 phb-6 phv-5 rev-9* hexuple mutant

KANADI transcription factor

Kelley *et al.*, 2009, Plant Journal

Roles of polarity determinants in ovule development

Class III homeodomain leucine zipper (HD-ZIPIII) genes *CORONA (CNA)*, *PHABULOSA (PHB)* and *PHAVOLUTA (PHV)* are expressed adaxially in the inner integument during ovule development, independent of *ABERRANT TESTA SHAPE (ATS)*, also known as *KANADI4* activity. Loss of HD-ZIPIII activity can partially compensate for loss of *ATS* activity in the *ats cna phb phv* quadruple mutant, showing that *CNA/PHB/PHV* act in concert with *ATS* to control integument morphogenesis

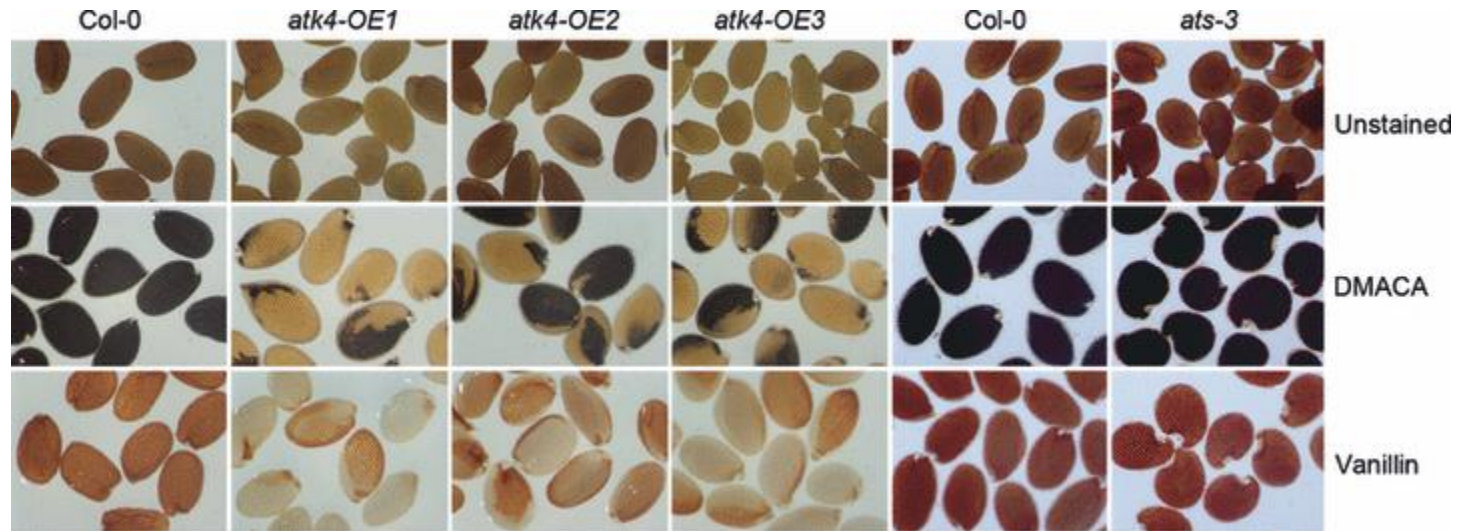


Materials:
 - *ats-3 phb-6 phv-5 rev-9/+*

KANADI transcription factor

Gao *et al.*, 2010, Plant Biotech journal

A new dominant Arabidopsis transparent testa mutant, sk21-D, and modulation of seed flavonoid biosynthesis by KAN4



Materials:

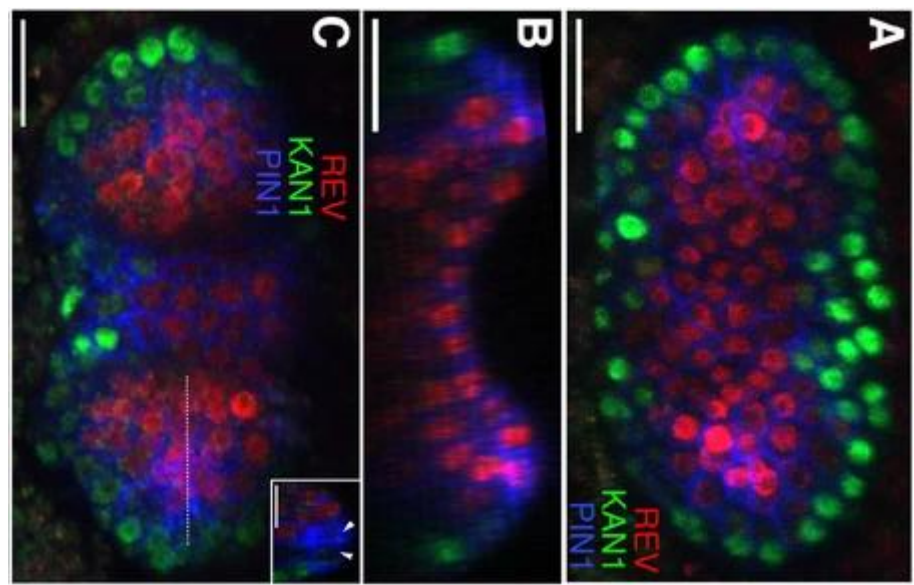
- *KAN4* activation over-expression lines

KANADI transcription factor

Caggiano *et al.*, 2017, eLife

Cell type boundaries organize plant development

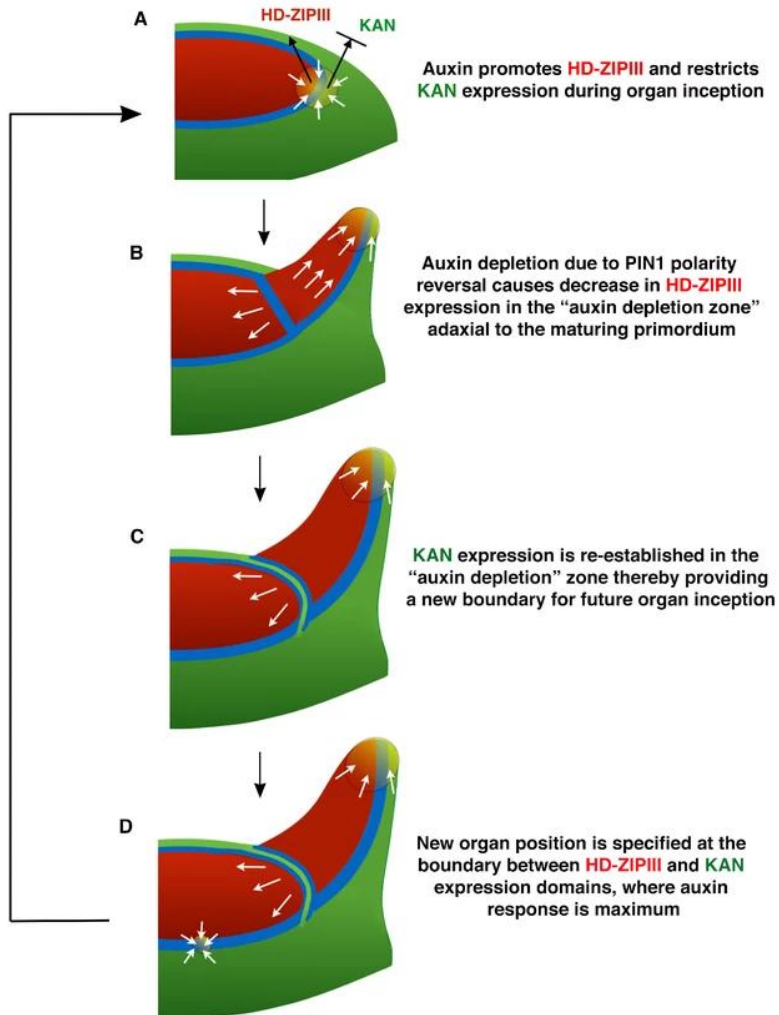
Leaf orientation, morphology and position are pre-patterned by HD-ZIPIII and KAN gene expression in the shoot, leading to a model in which dorsoventral genes coordinate to regulate plant development by localizing auxin response between their expression domains.



vegetative shoot apical meristem

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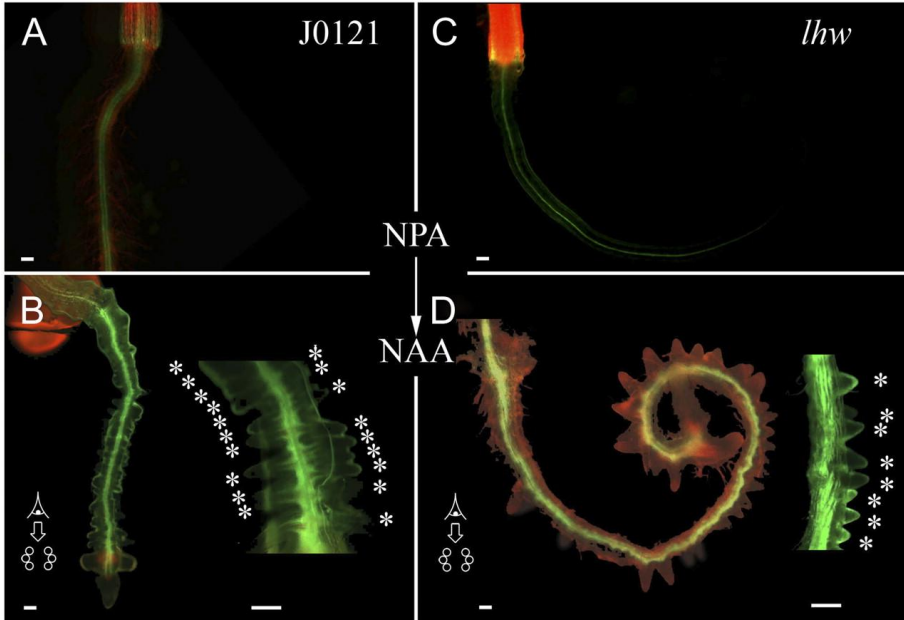
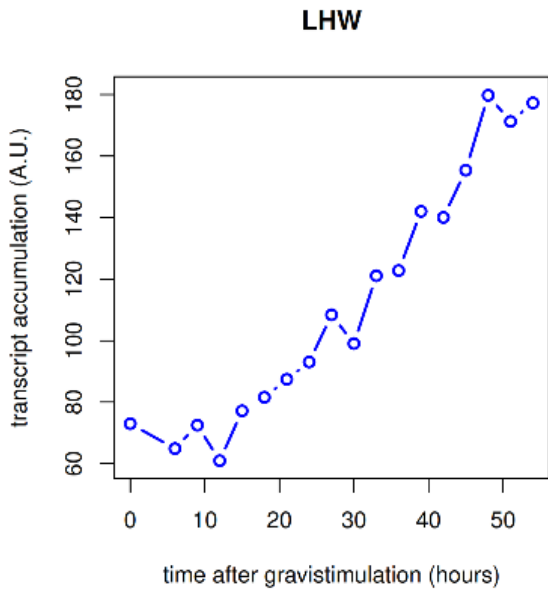
- REV-2 xYPet (red), PIN1-CFP (blue) and KAN1-2 x GFP (green)
- pREV::REV-VENUS (Heisler *et al.*, 2005)



LONESOME HIGHWAY, bHLH transcription factor

Parizot *et al.*, 2008, Plant Physiology

Quantitative losses in vascular bundle and pericycle heterogeneity appear intimately correlated: There is a concomitant loss of diarch and bilateral structures in *lhw* mutants.



Materials:

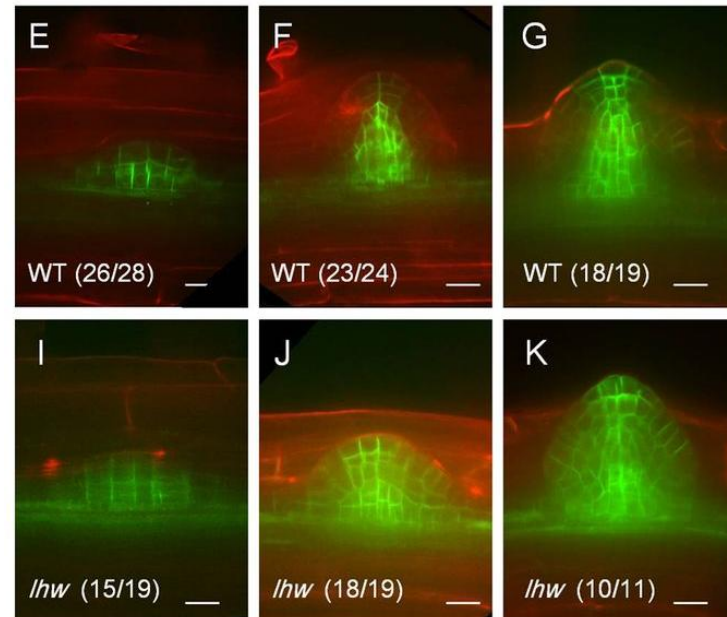
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LONESOME HIGHWAY, bHLH transcription factor

Ito *et al.*, 2013, Development

LHW is required for proper asymmetric cell division to generate vascular initial cells as well as for the correct expression patterns of components related to auxin flow, such as PIN-FORMED 1 (PIN1), MONOPTEROS (MP) and ATHB-8, and ATHB-8 partially rescues the vascular defects of *lhw*. These results suggest that LHW functions as a key regulator to initiate vascular cell differentiation in association with auxin regulation.

PIN1::PIN1-GFP



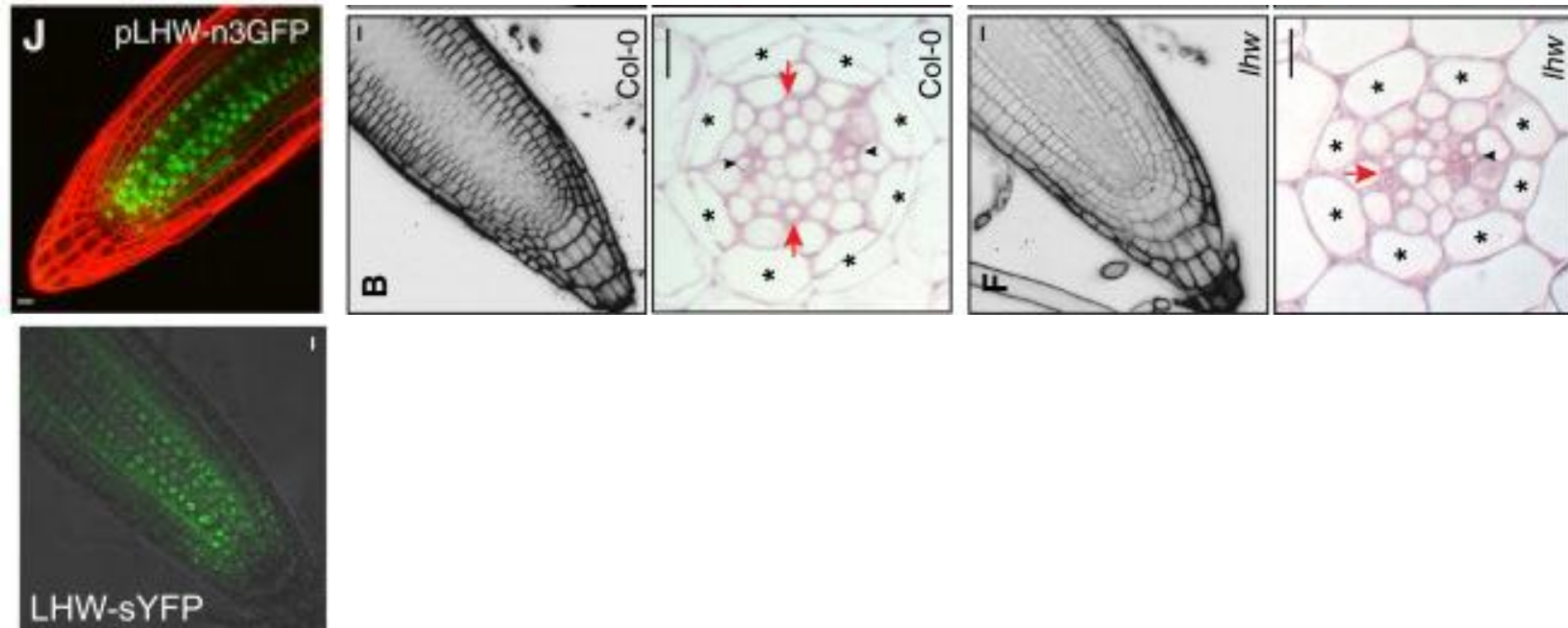
Materials:

- *lhw* (?) expressing *PIN1::PIN1-GFP*; *PIN1::YFP-nls*; *DR5::GFP*
- estrogen-inducible LHW expressing *DR5::GFP*, *PIN1::YFP-nls* and *MP::YFP-nls* (same ?)

LONESOME HIGHWAY, bHLH transcription factor

De Rybel *et al.*, 2013, *Developmental Cell*

A TMO5/LHW bHLH heterodimer controls plant vascular development. The dimer is necessary and sufficient for triggering periclinal cell division. Overlapping transcription patterns localize TMO5/LHW activity

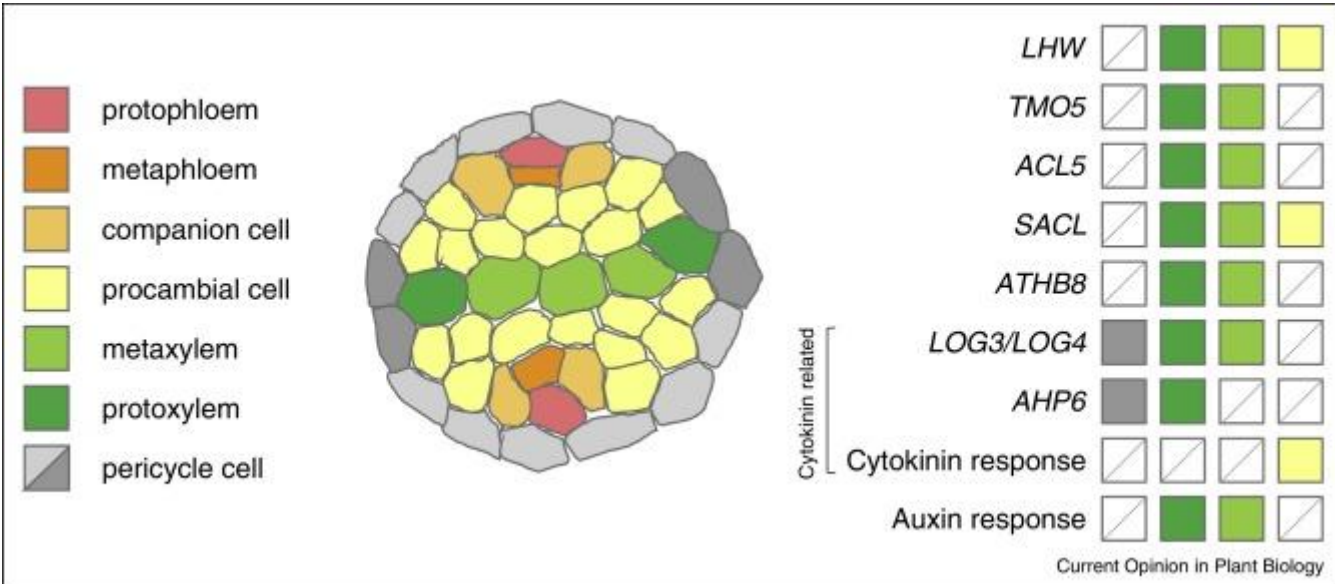


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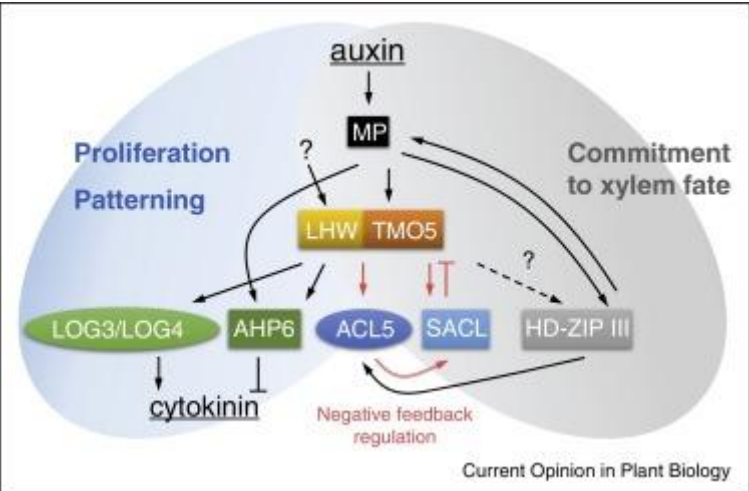
- *pLHW-n3GFP*
- *lhw* (SALK_023629), and *l1* (SALK_108940); *lhw l1* double-mutant
- *pLHW-LHW-YFP*
- *pRPS5A-LHW*

LONESOME HIGHWAY, bHLH transcription factor

Vera_Sirera *et al.*, 2016 *Current opinion in Plant Biogoy*



Active domains of key factors for vascular development in an Arabidopsis root apical meristem.

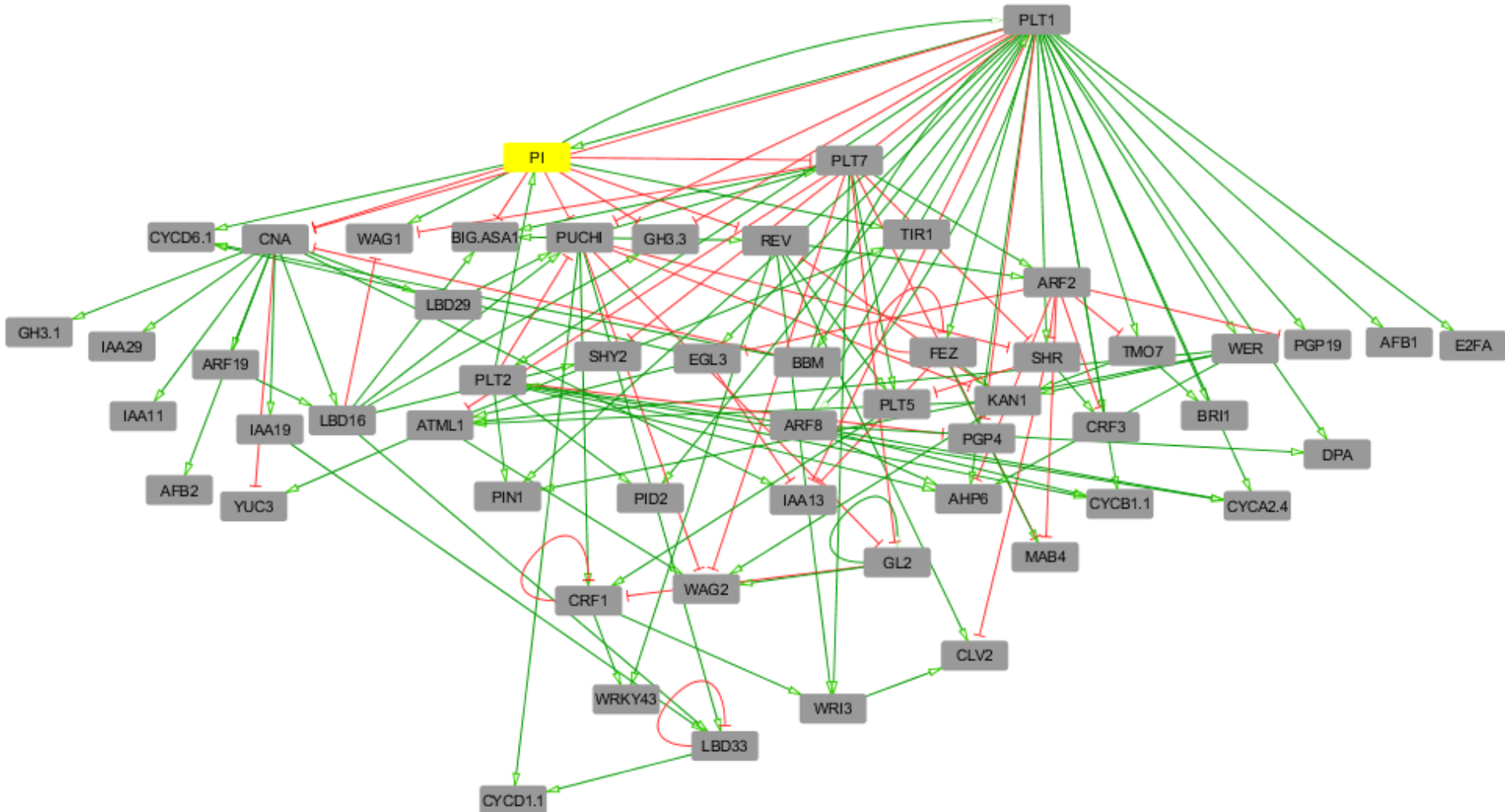


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TDCor6.32_output_221018_parallel - Copie_cytoscape_ **Outgoing 2step PI**

135 nodes, 496 edges

55 nodes, 136 edges

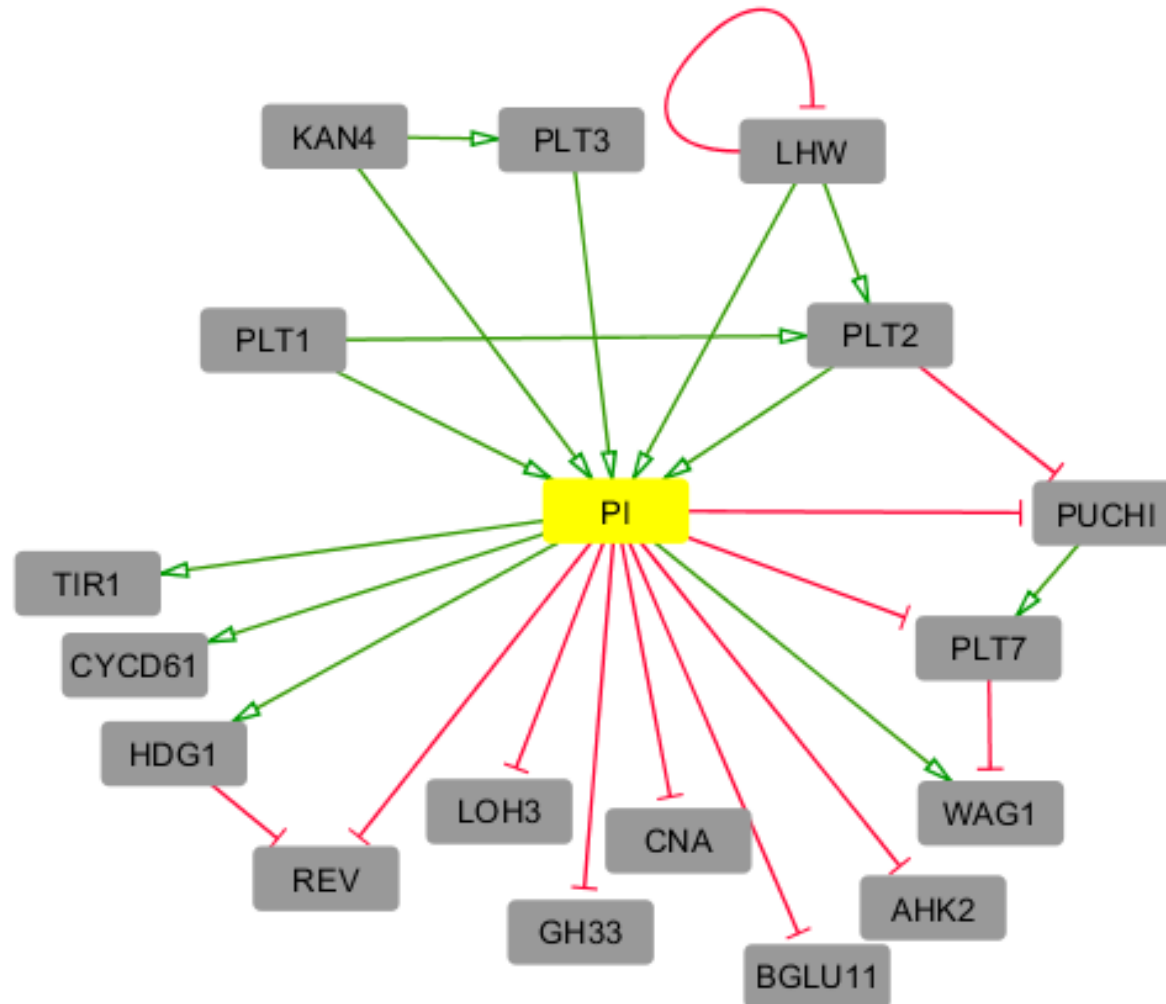


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281 nodes, 1216 edges

18 nodes, 25 edges

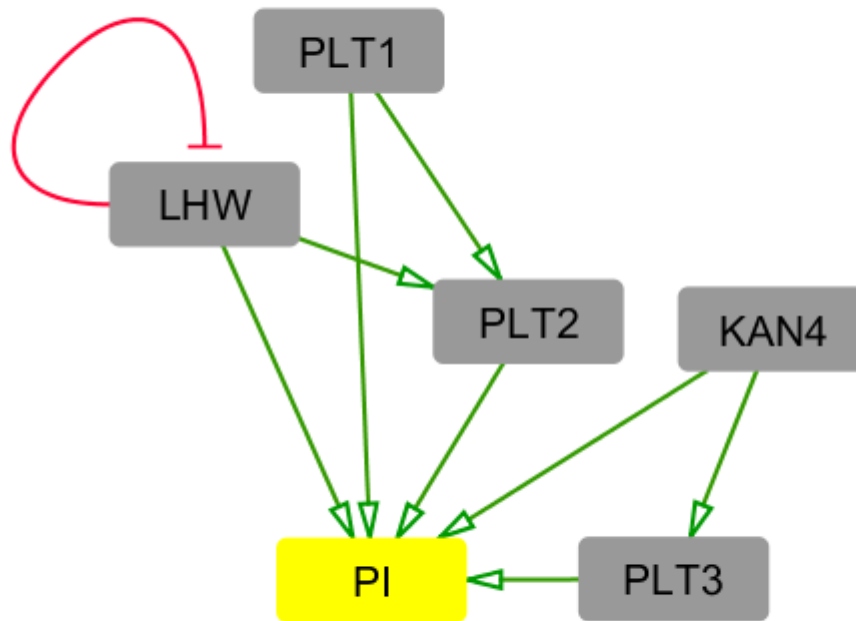


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6 nodes, 9 edges

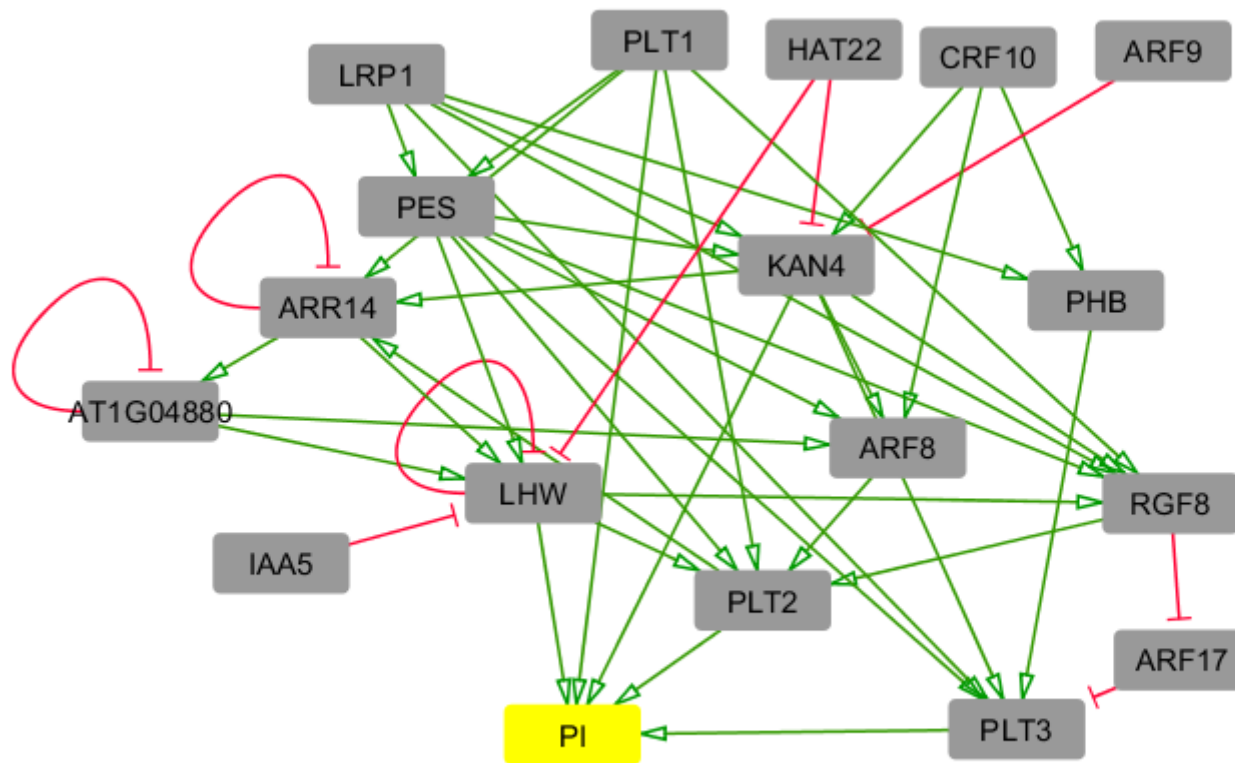


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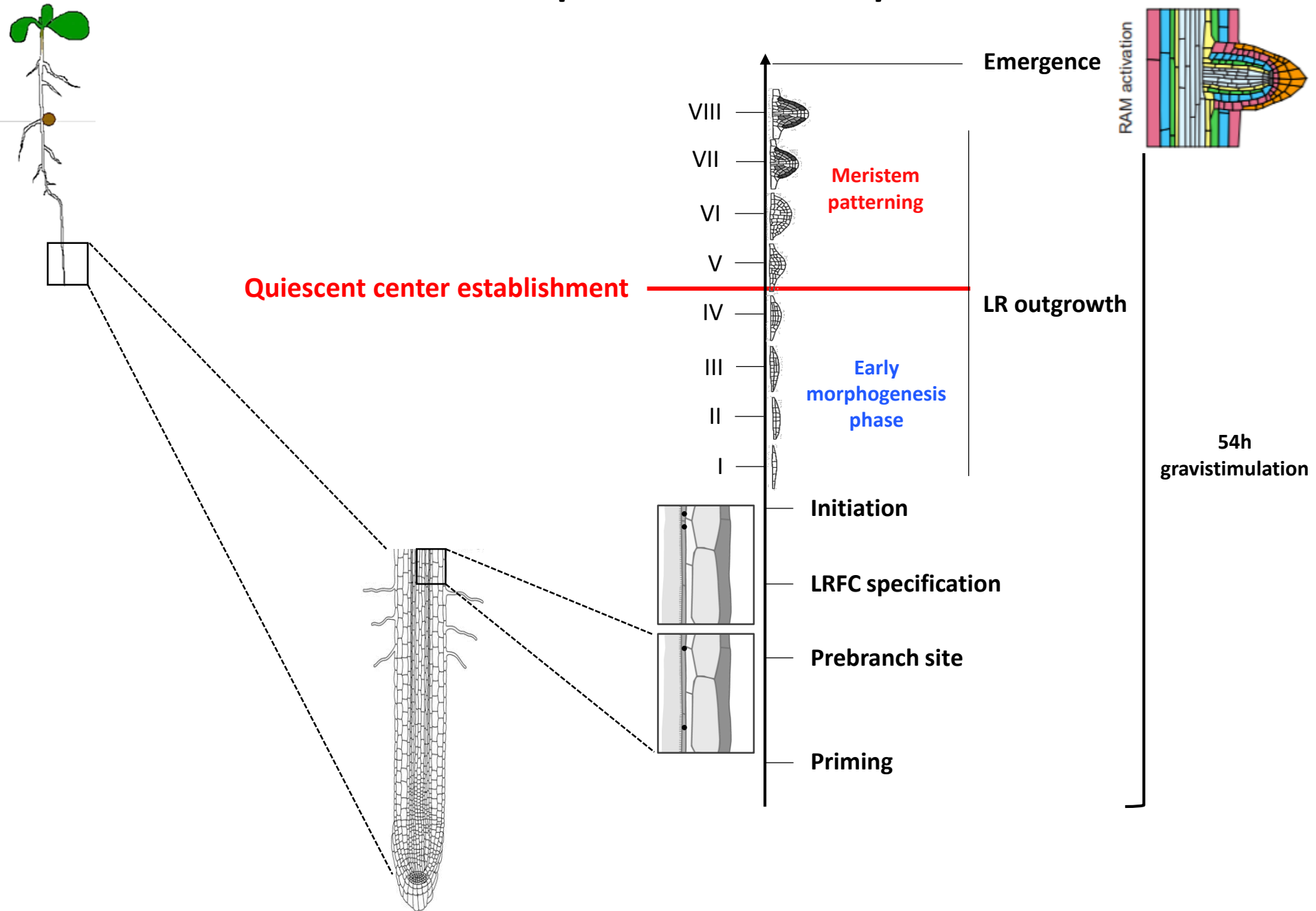
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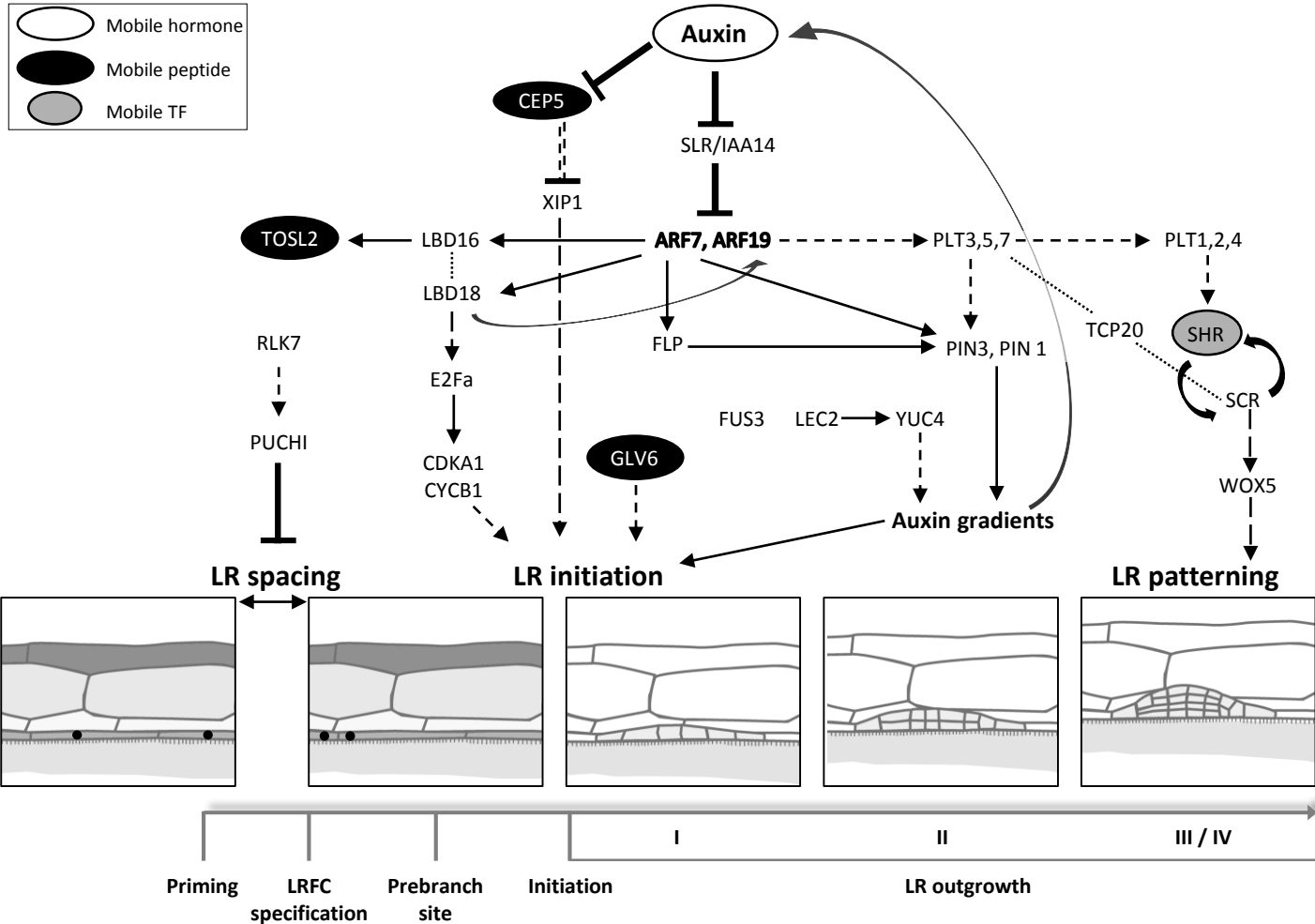
18 nodes, 46 edges



Lateral root development in *Arabidopsis thaliana*



Feeding GRN with spatial and temporal information result in robust spacing and patterning of developing LRP



The ARGOS module

Reference state flow for a given combination of model parameters (random initial state to final state)

Genes	A	B	C	D	E	...
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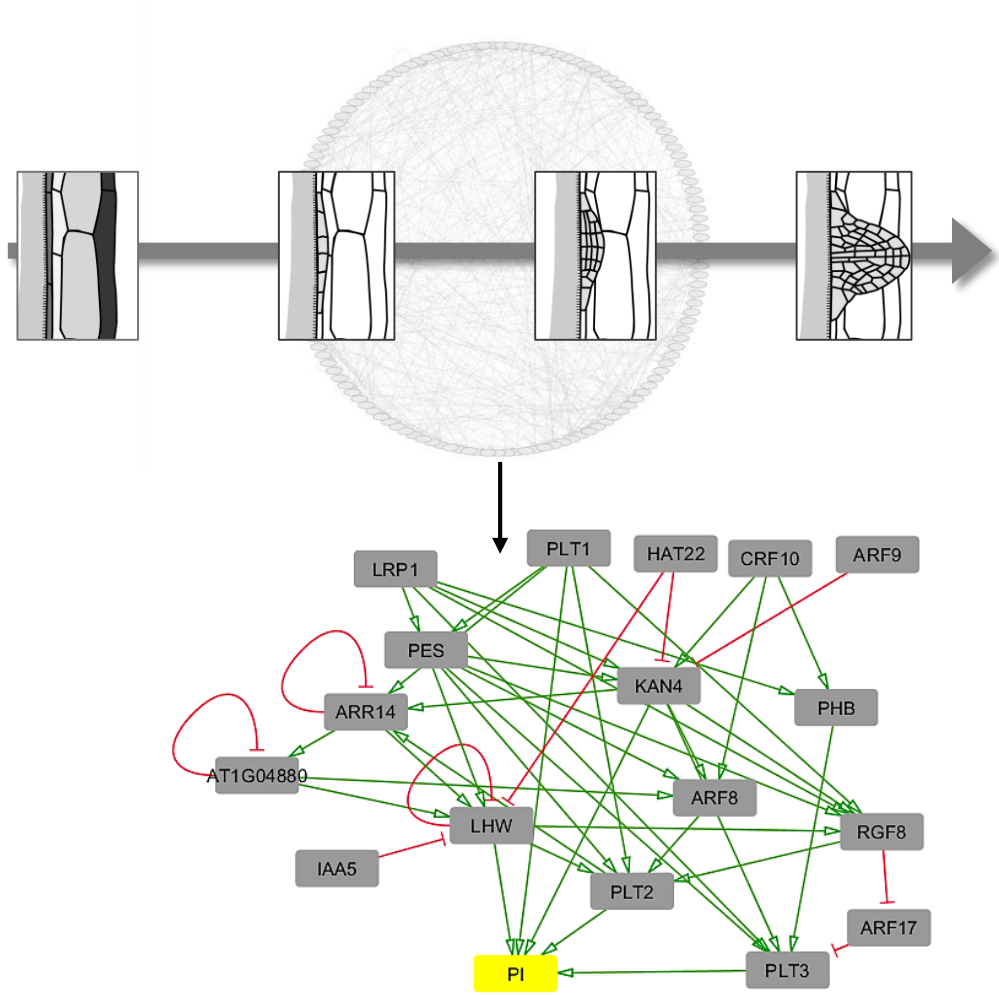
- For each gene,
- For KO and OA,
- For all possible combinations of model parameters,
- For a set of initial states

And return for each gene the mean of all distances for KO and OA

Approach and example of
application *in vivo*:

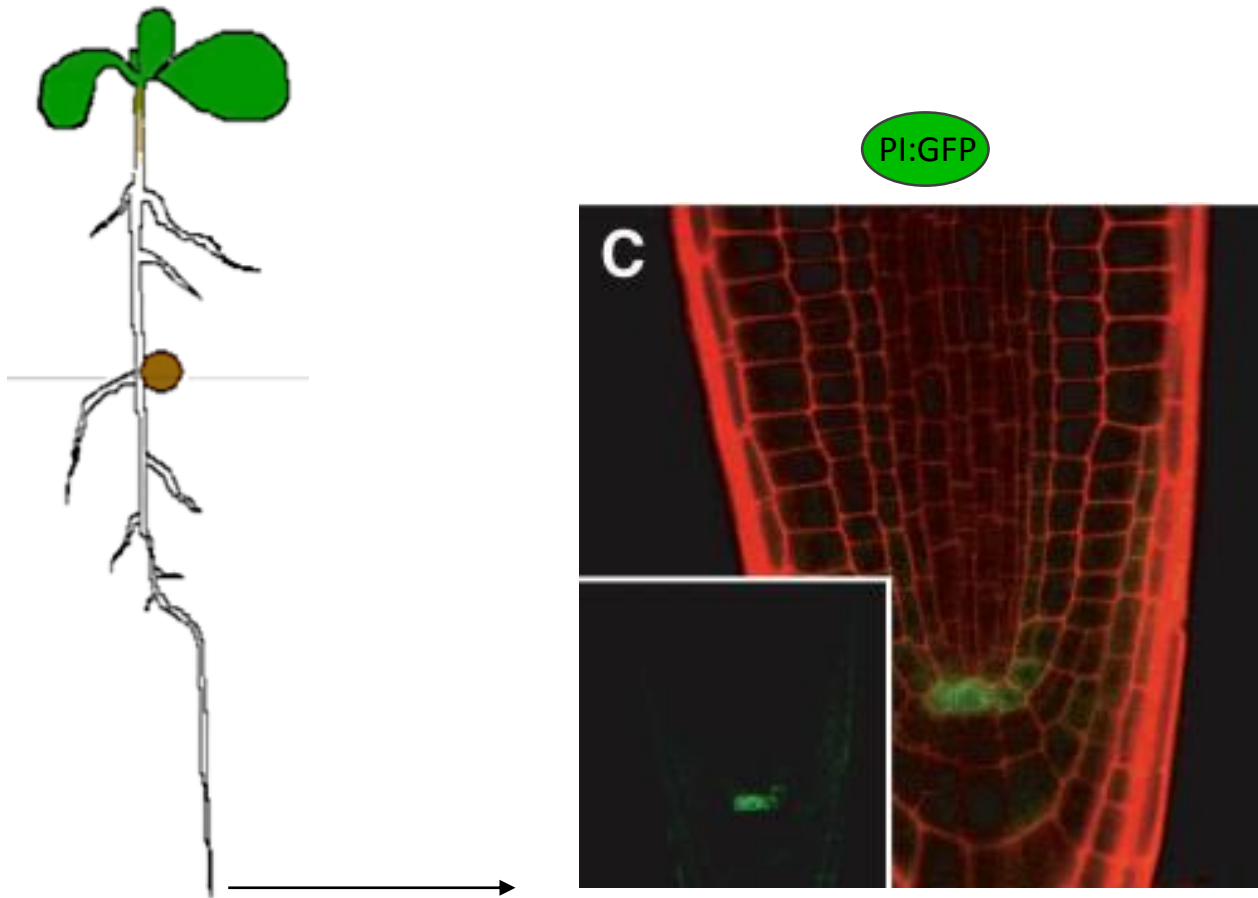
PISTILLATA

Understanding and manipulating functional organisation in developing LR primordia of *A. thaliana*



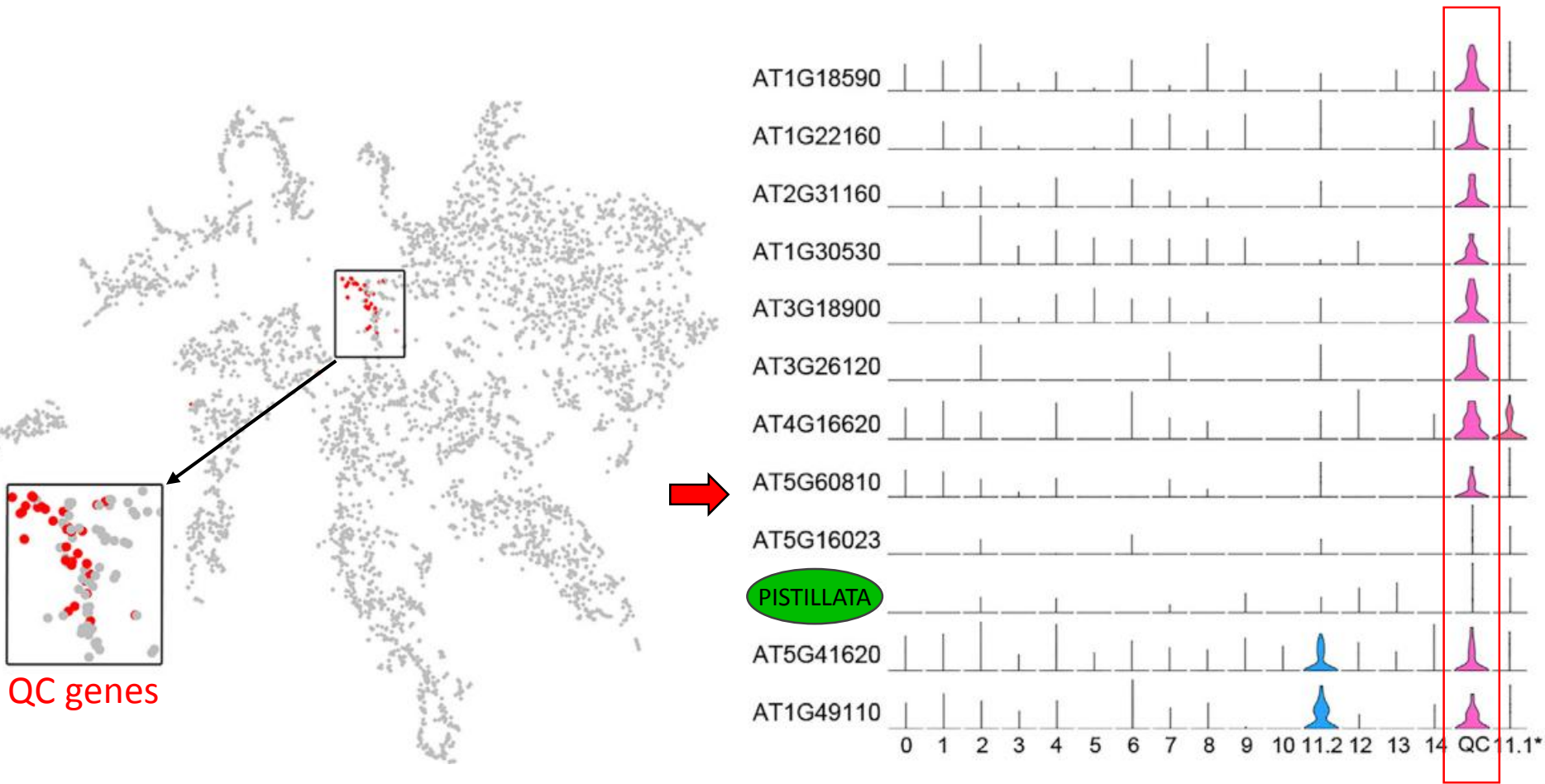
→ Identify and validate new candidates involved in QC formation

Looking for a new quiescent Center marker gene, PISTILLATA:GFP (PI:GFP)



→ PI : GFP expressed in the QC of primary root

Single-cell RNA Sequencing in root identified 12 quiescent center specific genes

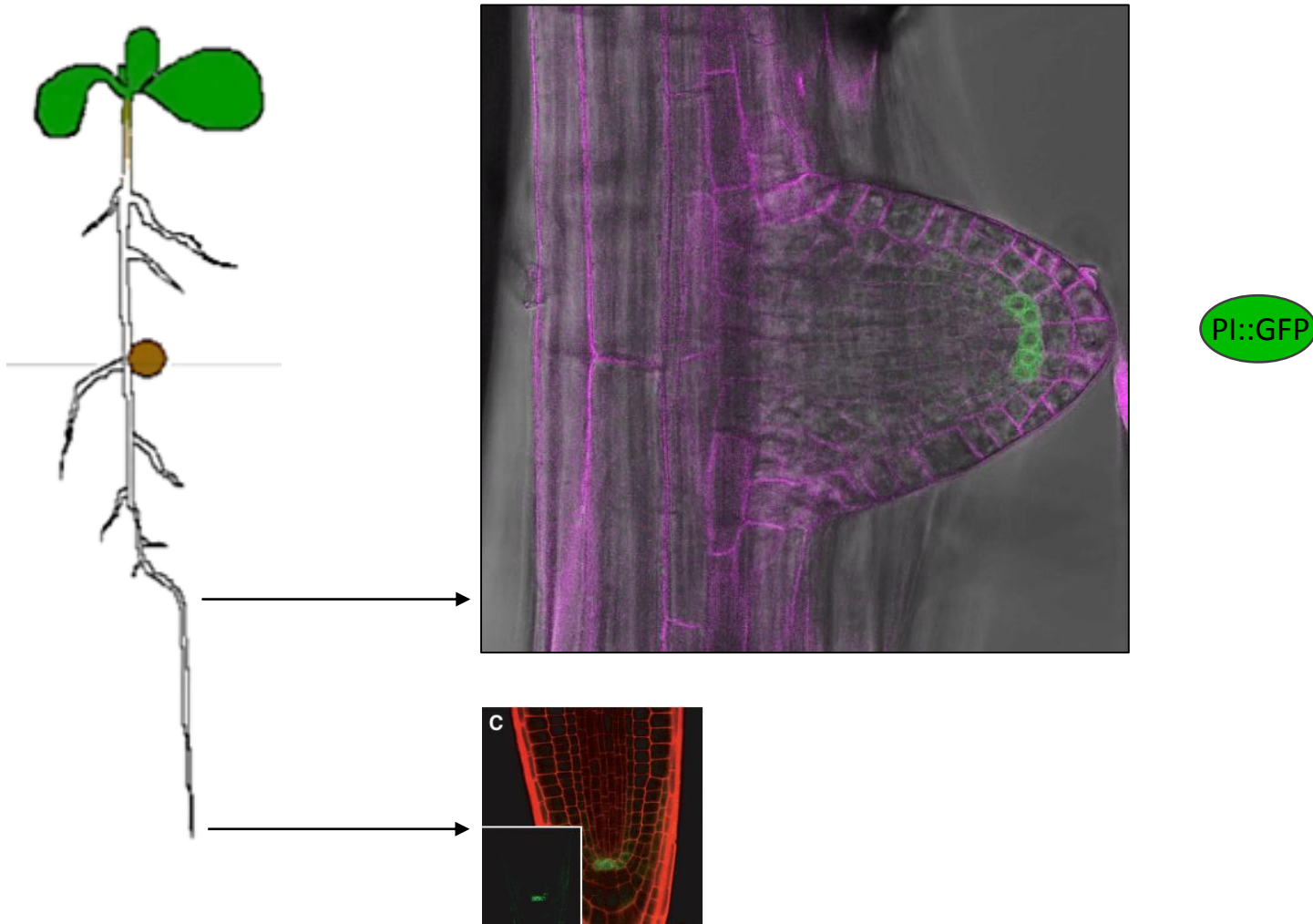


QC genes



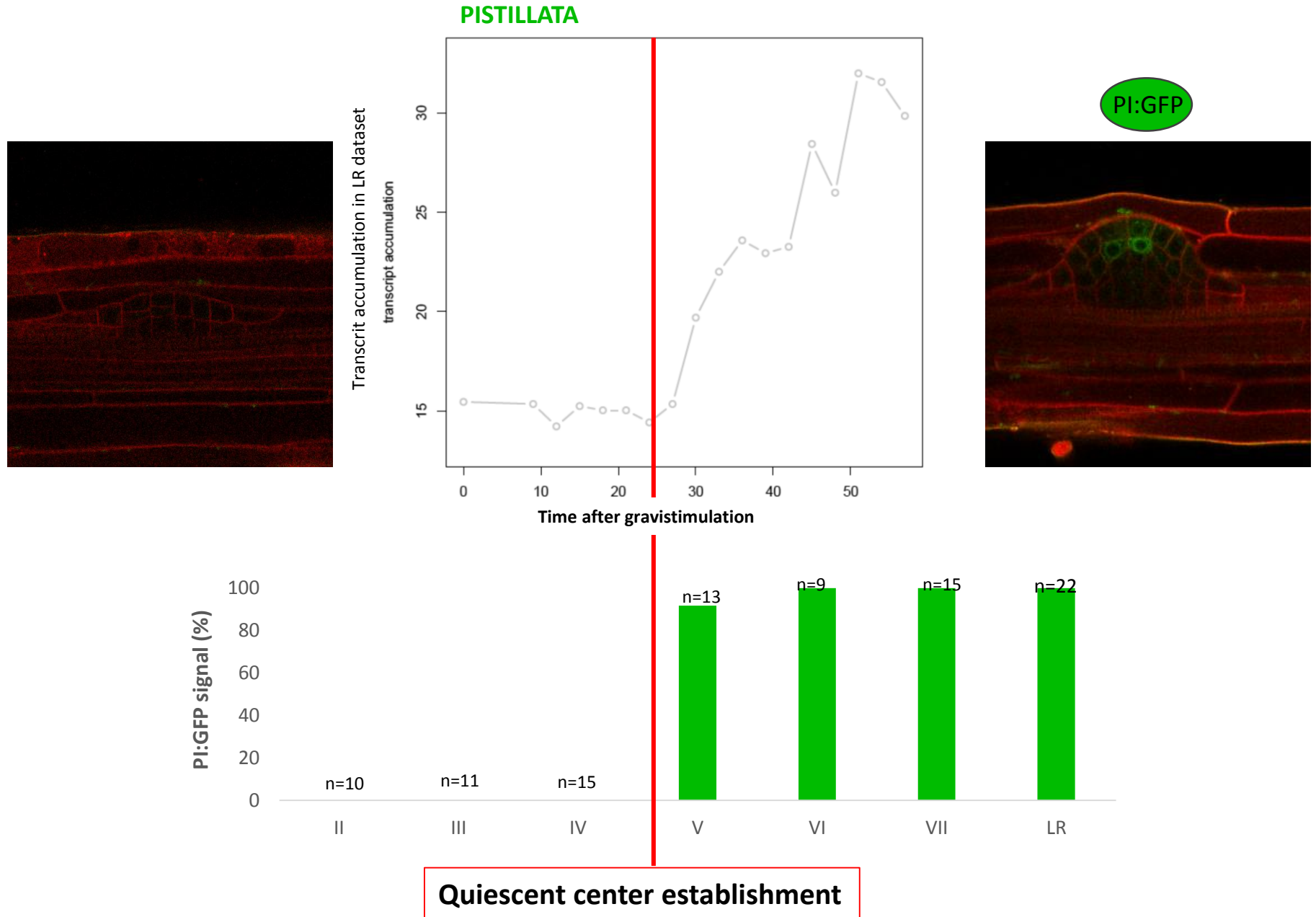
→ Confirms that PISTILLATA is a QC-specific gene

PI::GFP expression in the LR primordia ?



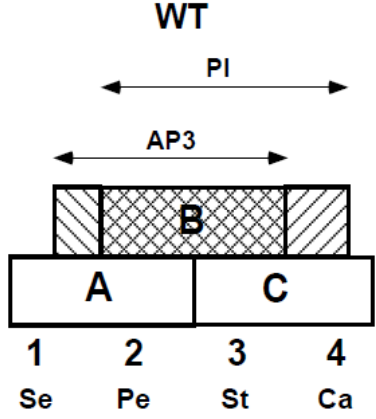
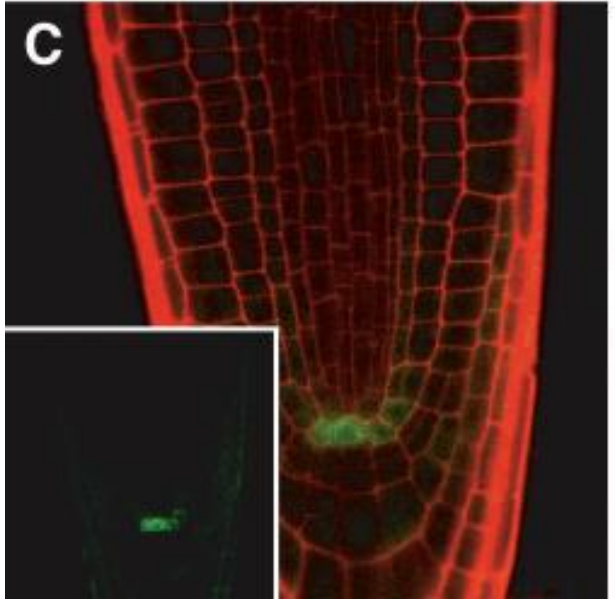
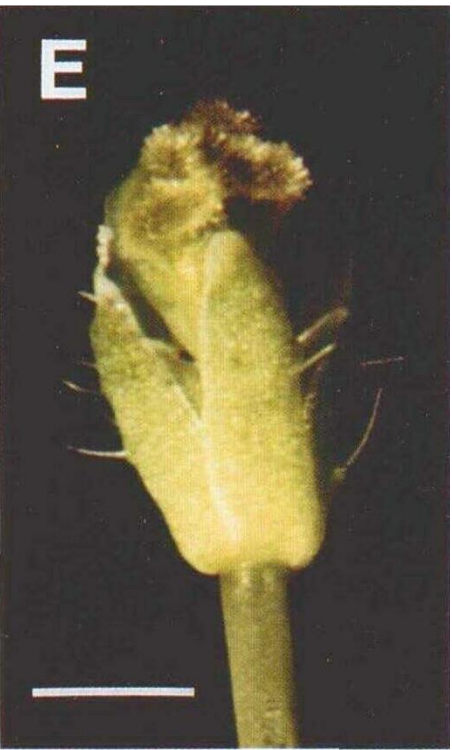
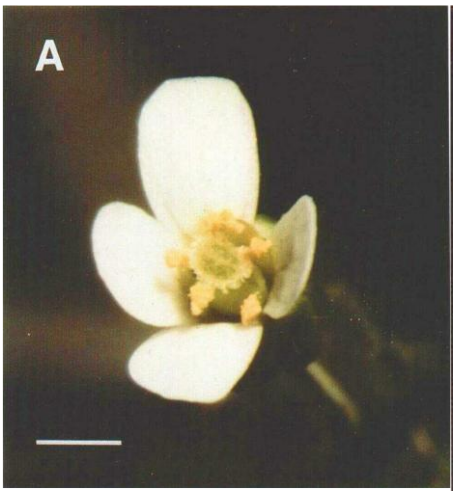
→ **PI::GFP expressed in the QC of primary root AND lateral root**

PI:GFP signal appears following the quiescent center establishment



AT5G20240: **PISTILLATA (PI)**

Floral homeotic gene encoding a **MADS** domain **transcription factor**. Required for the specification of petal and stamen identities.

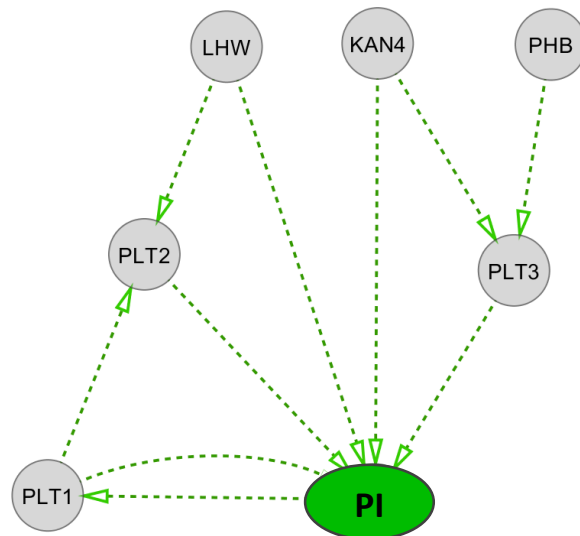
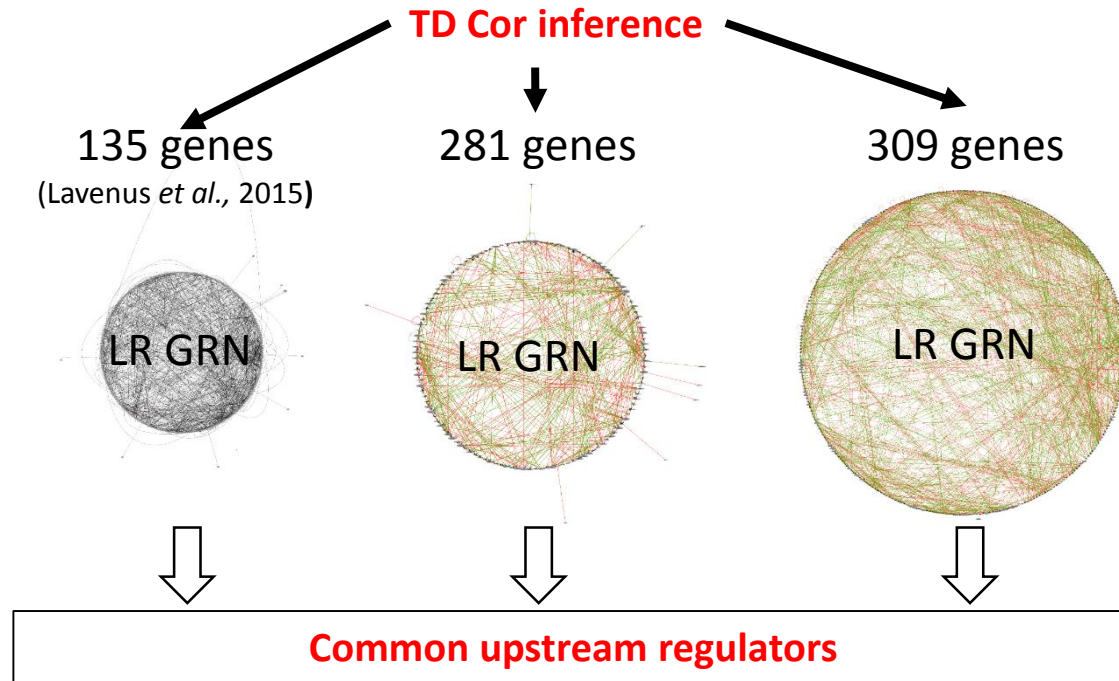


pi-1
Class B mutant, outer whorls of sepals and an abnormally large gynoecium

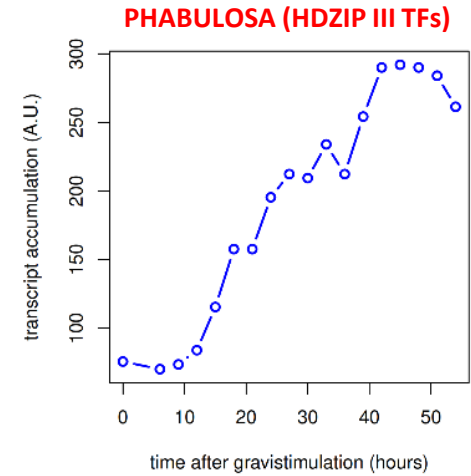
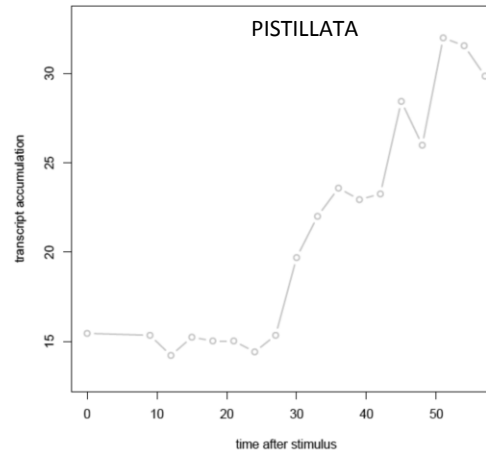
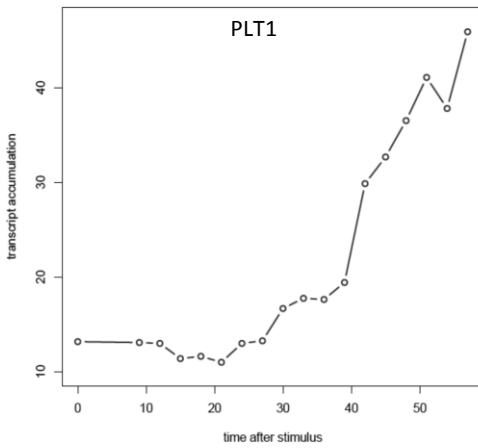
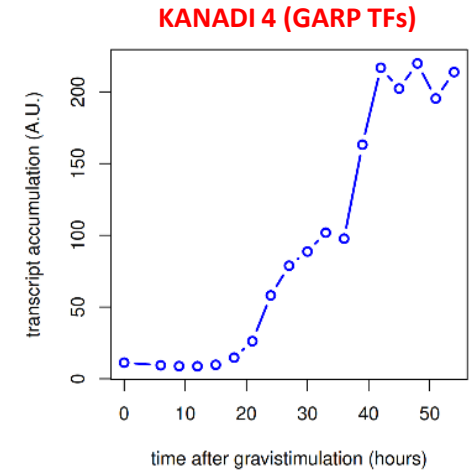
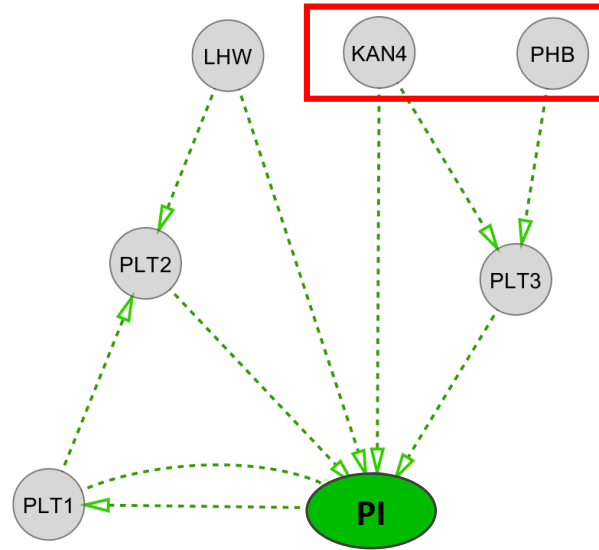
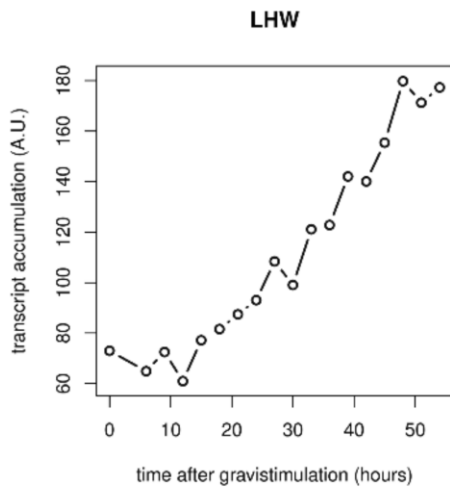
PI : GFP
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No LR phenotype

Upstream regulators of PI involved in meristem patterning ?



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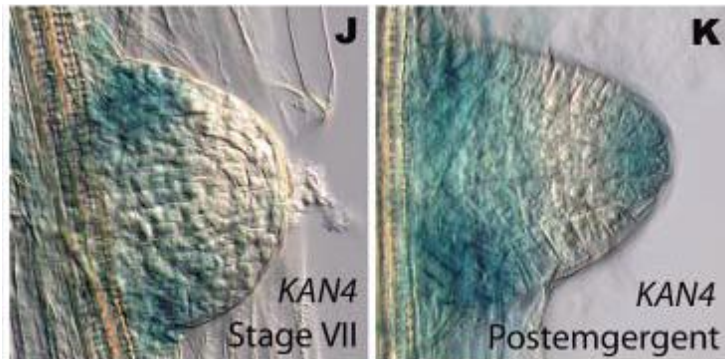
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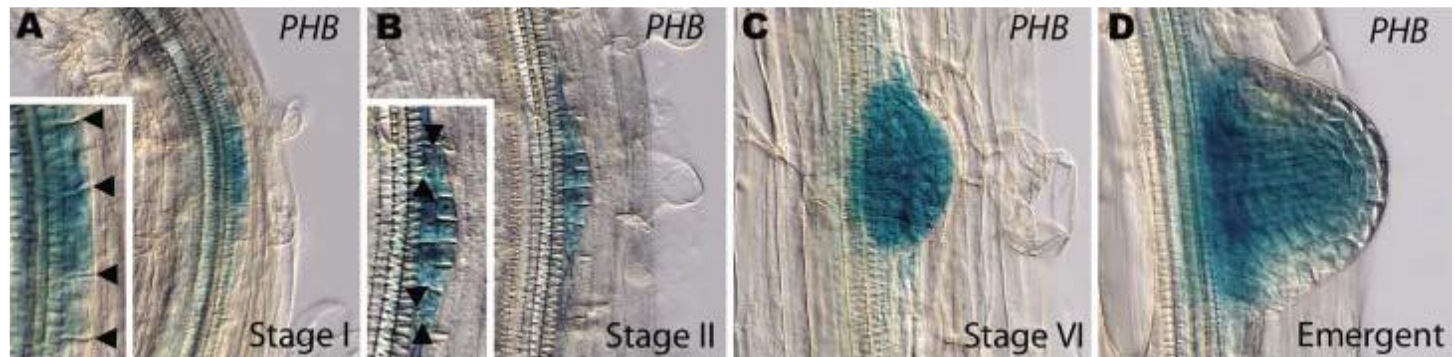
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KAN4

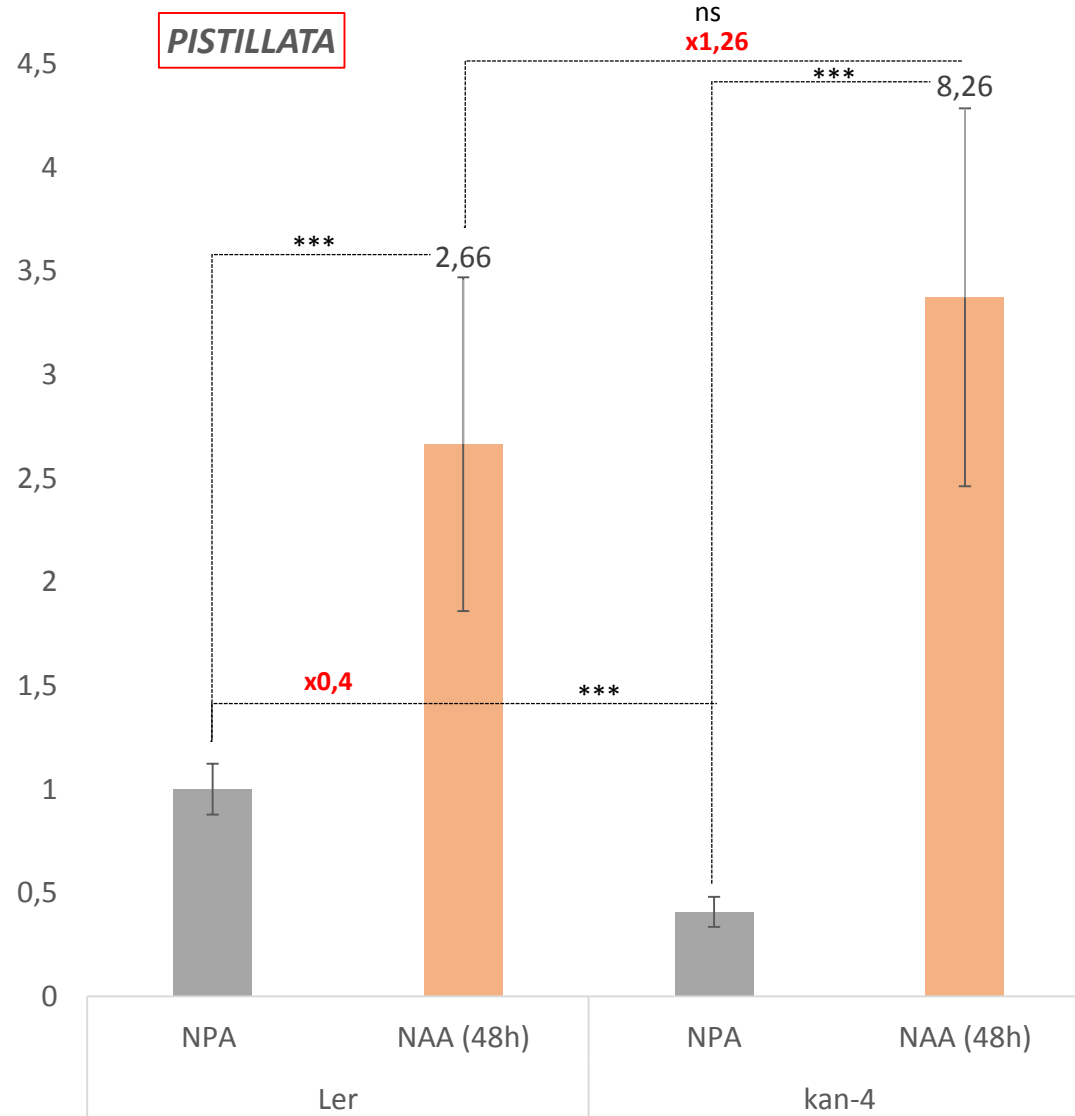


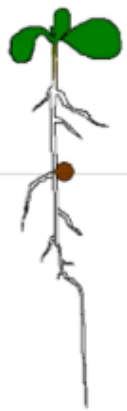
PHB



PISTILLATA expression seems to not be changed in *kan4-1* during LRIS

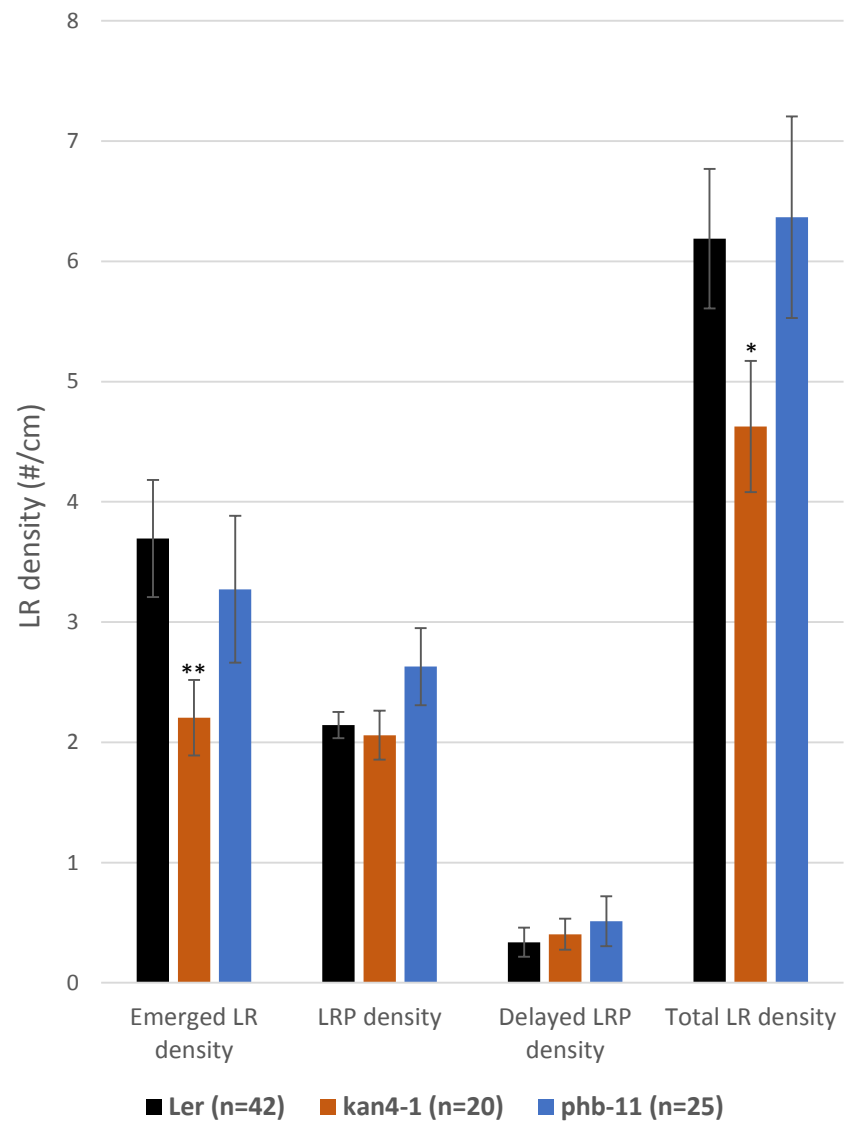
LRIS: 14d-old seedlings
NPA/NAA (48h)





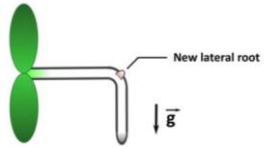
LR Index

kan4-1 formed less LR primordium



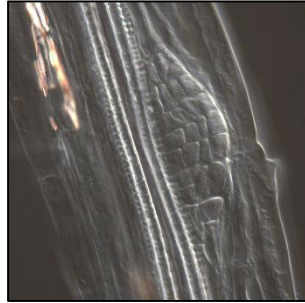
3-5 independant biological replicats (n>20 seedlings), Student tests p** < 0,02

Gravistimulation

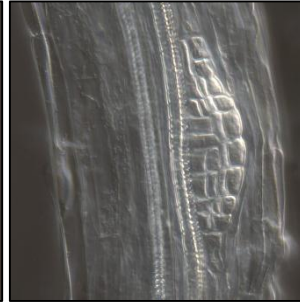


kan4-1 and *phb-11* show delayed LRPs

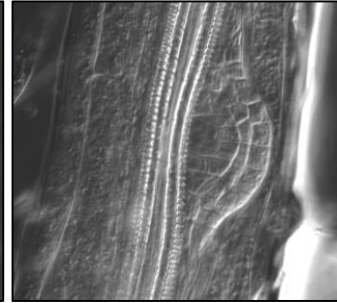
Ler



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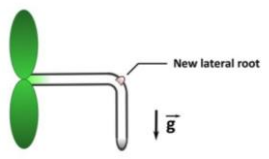


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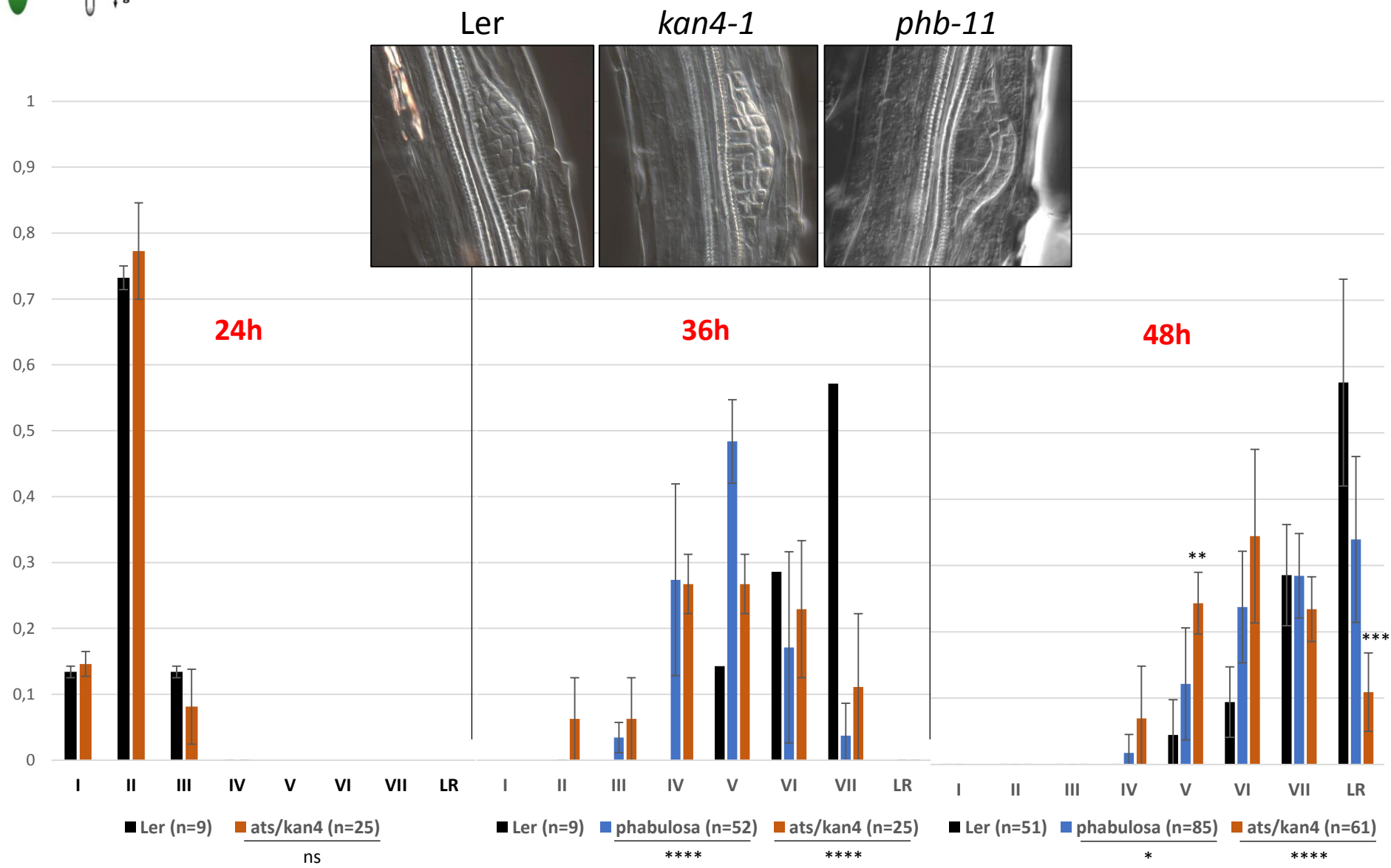


No difference morphologically

Gravistimulation



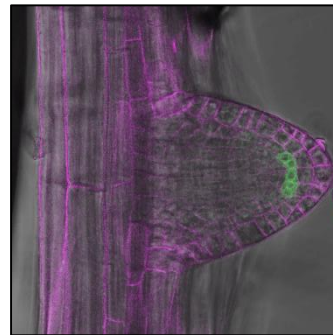
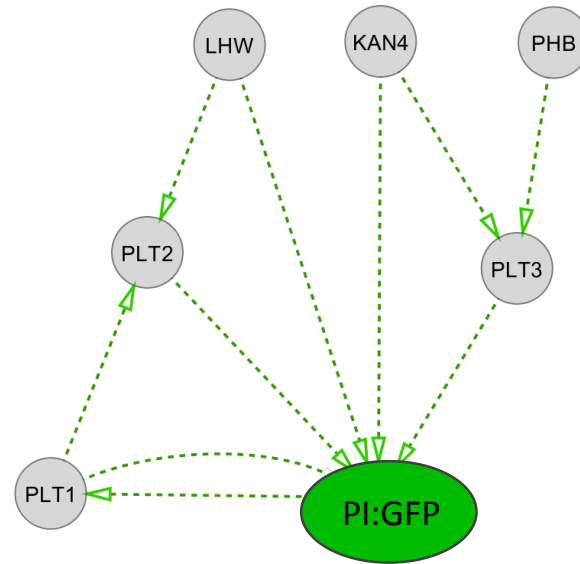
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3-5 independant biological replicats, Chi² test p***<0,01

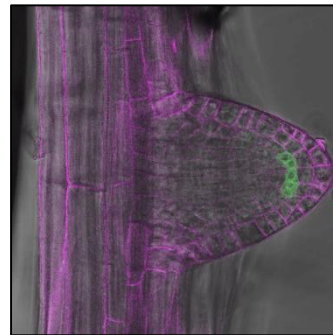
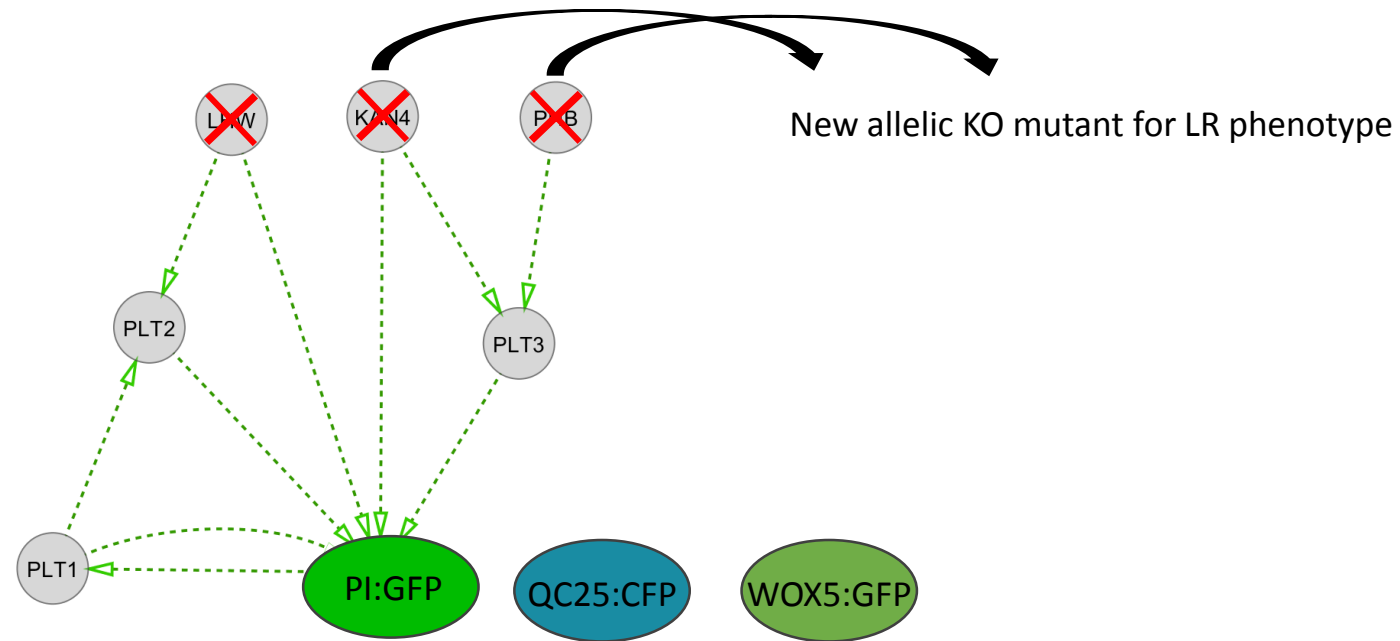
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