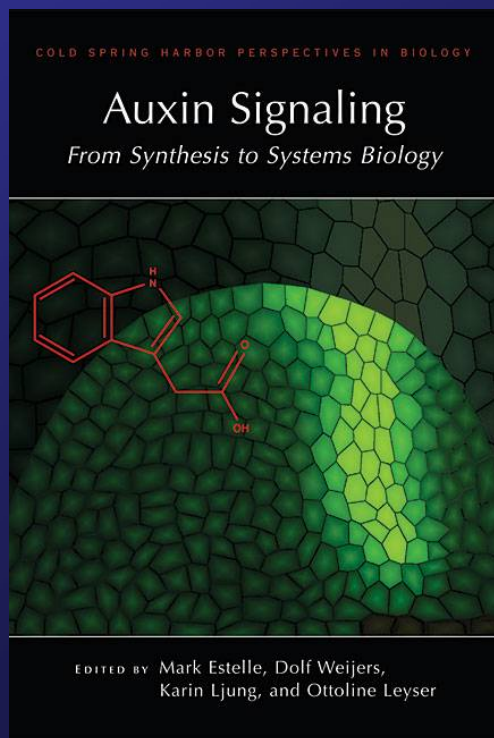


5) Physiology of plant hormones auxins: receptors and signaling



a) Auxin receptor **TIR1**

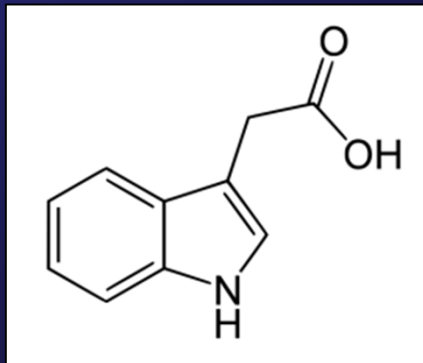
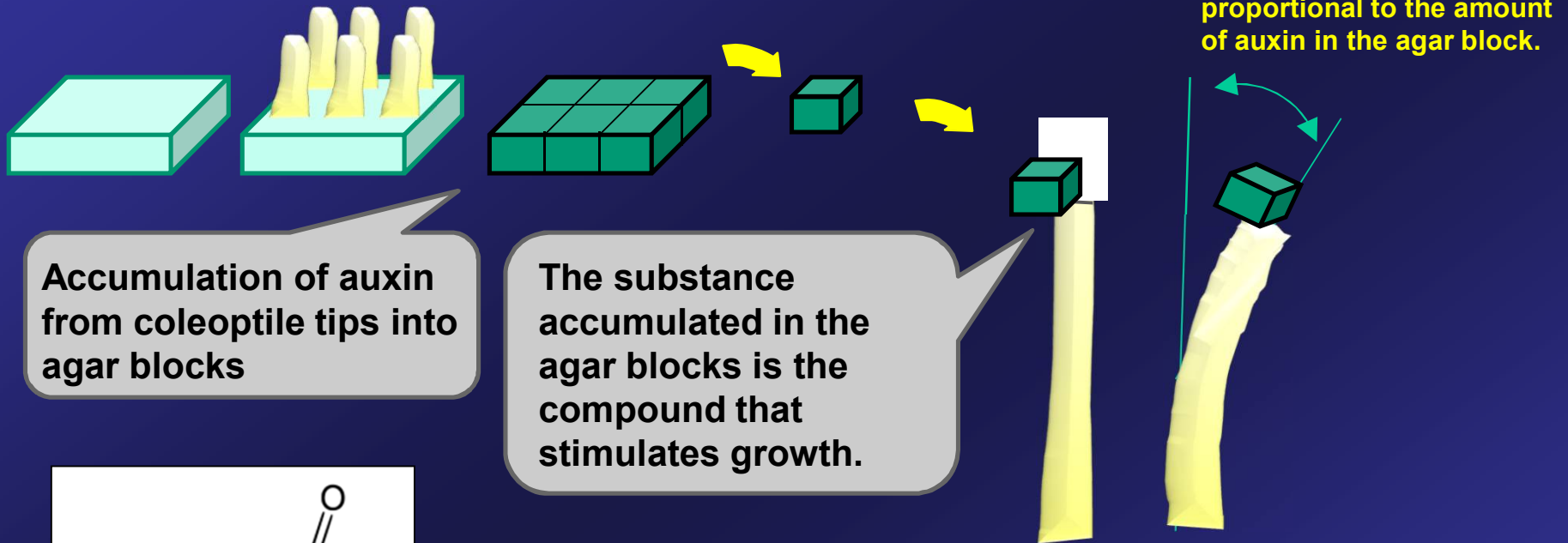
b) Auxin receptor **ABP1**



Estelle M et al. (2011) Auxin Signaling: From Synthesis to Systems Biology; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

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In 30th auxin has been isolated and it was shown that it stimulates growth.



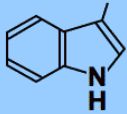
IAA - Indole-3-acetic acid

This experiment showing auxin-induced growth stimulation was used as a basis for auxin purification.

Auxins – important plant hormones involved in spread spectrum of growth and developmental processes.

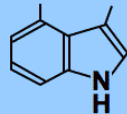
Naturally Occurring Auxins

indole-3-acetic acid
CH₂COOH



IAA

4-chloroindole-3-acetic acid
Cl CH₂COOH



4-Cl-IAA

phenylacetic acid
CH₂COOH

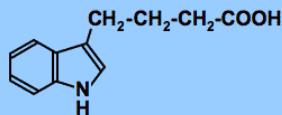


PAA

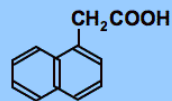
- ❖ embryogenesis
- ❖ stem elongation
- ❖ apical dominance
- ❖ photo- and gravitropism
- ❖ lateral root formation

Commonly Used Synthetic Auxins

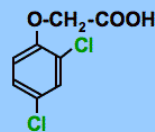
indole-3-butyric acid



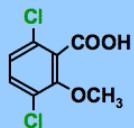
naphthalene acetic acid



2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid



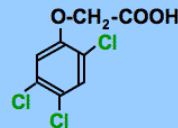
2-methoxy-3,6-dichlorobenzoic acid



4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid



2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid

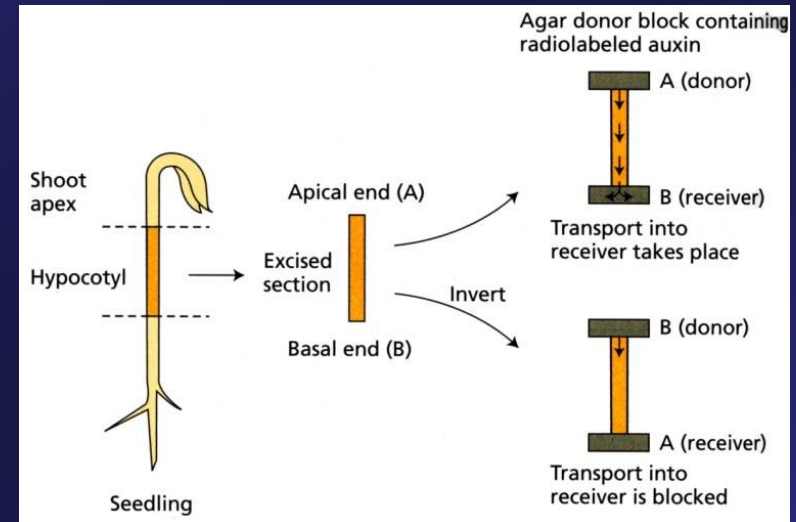


Cellular level:

- ❖ cell division
- ❖ cell expansion
- ❖ cell differentiation

Auxin transport

- **Polar (basipetal) transport from apex, coleoptile; in roots acropetal transport predominates (is not affected by orientation)**
- **Apoplastic transport, xylem and phloem transport**



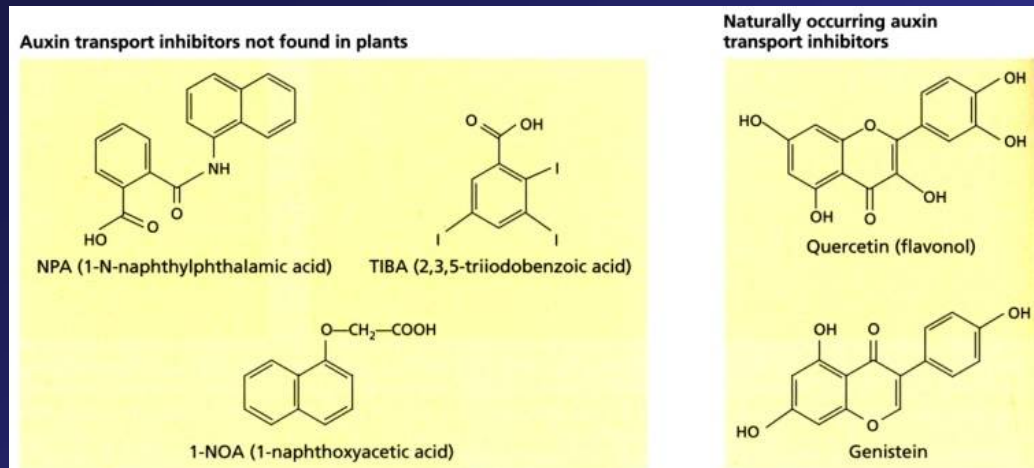
Transport inhibitors

NPA: 1-N-Naphthylphthalamic acid

TIBA: 2,3,5-triiodobenzoic acid

1-NOA: 1-naphthoxyacetic acid

quercetin, genistein

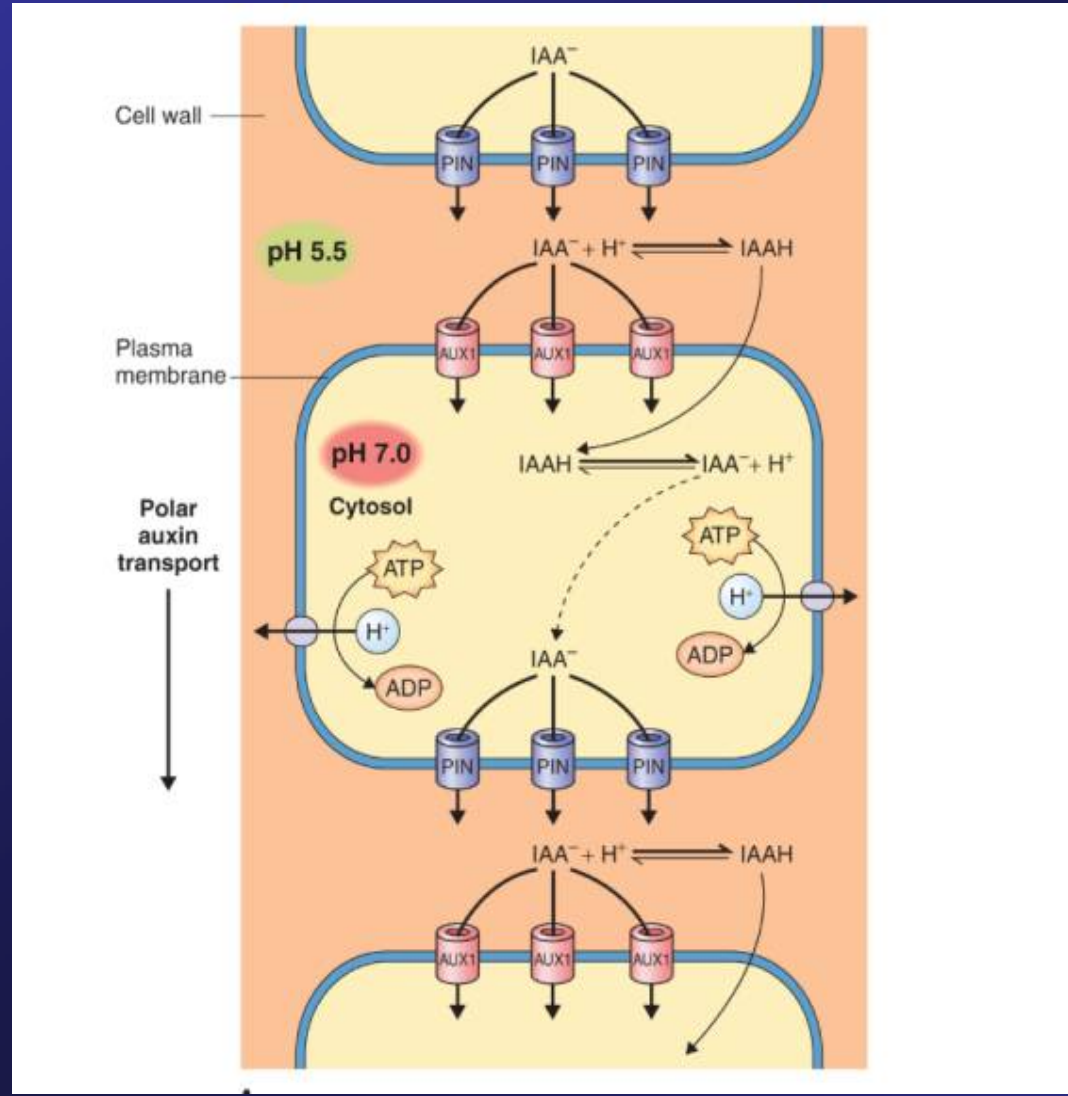


Influx

- Passive diffusion of IAAH (lipophilic)
- Active permease - AUX1 carrier (symport $2H^+/IAA^-$)

Efflux

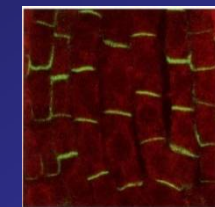
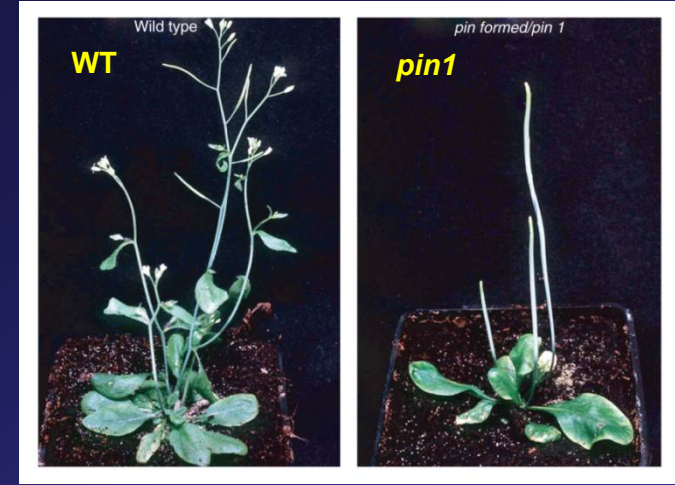
- Active - carrier: PIN proteins, P-glycoproteins (ATP-dependent carrier)



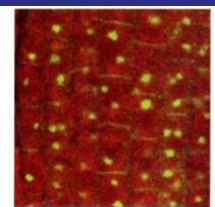
John Raven



Mary Helen Goldsmith



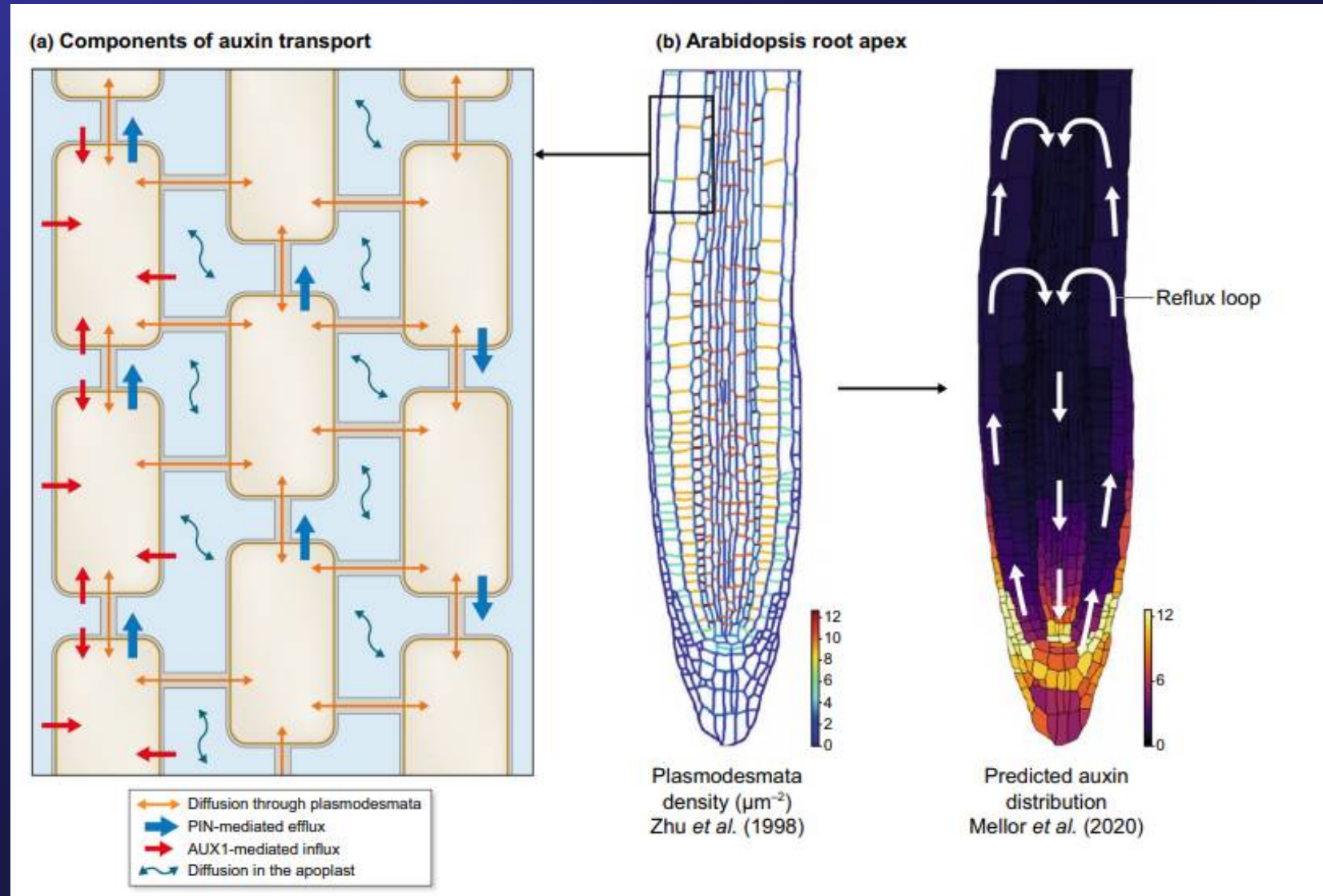
Accumulation of PIN1 on plasma membrane



Accumulation of PIN1 in nucleus

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Band LR (2021) New Phytologist 231: 1686–1692



Auxin signaling

Auxin receptor TIR1



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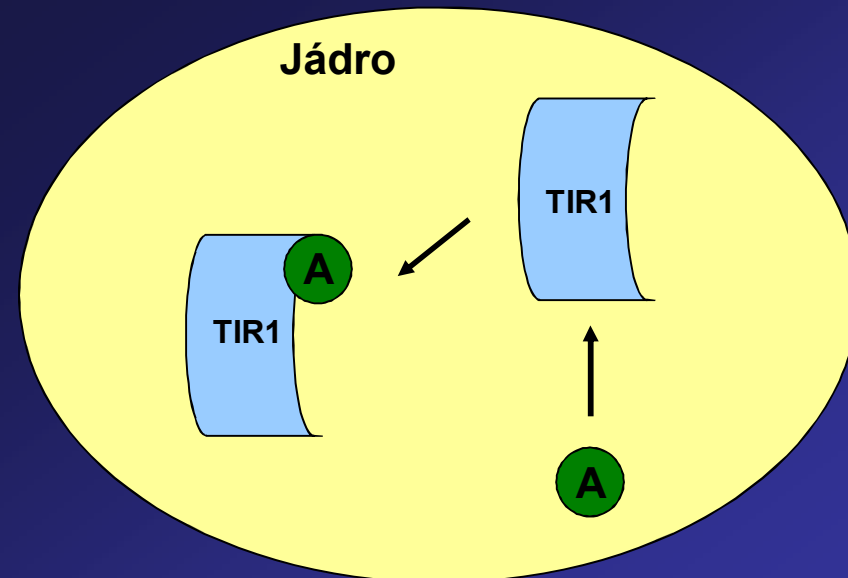
Intracellular receptor TIR1 (Transport Inhibitor Response 1) in *Arabidopsis*

Kepinski and Leyser 2005

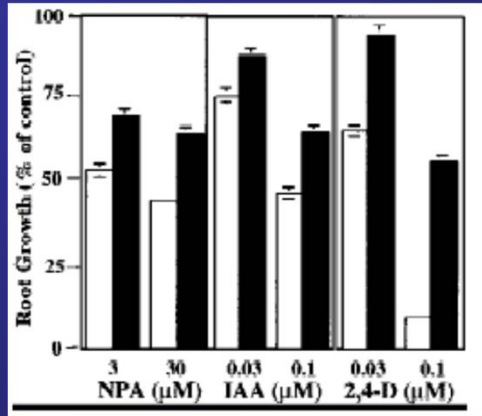
Dharmasiri *et al.* 2005

Auxin binds directly to TIR1 in nucleus

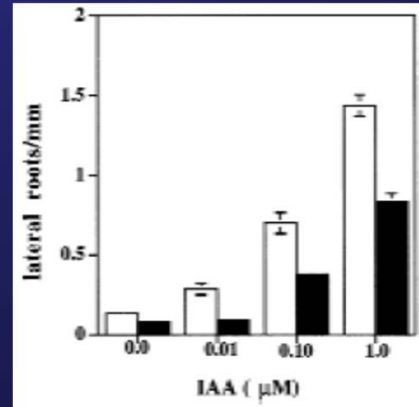
- 1) First intracellular auxin receptor
- 2) Receptor mediates transcriptional responses to auxin



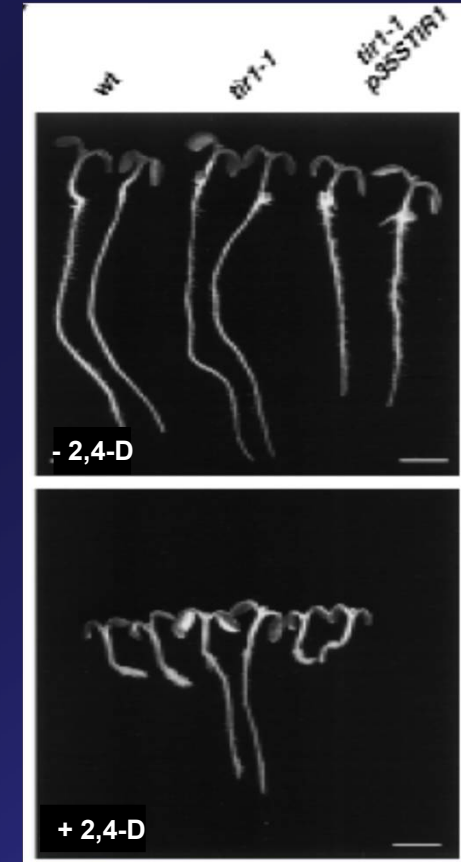
tir1-1 mutant in *Arabidopsis*:



tir1-1 – resistant to the inhibitor of polar auxin transport (NPA) and to α auxins



tir1-1 – reduced formation of lateral roots

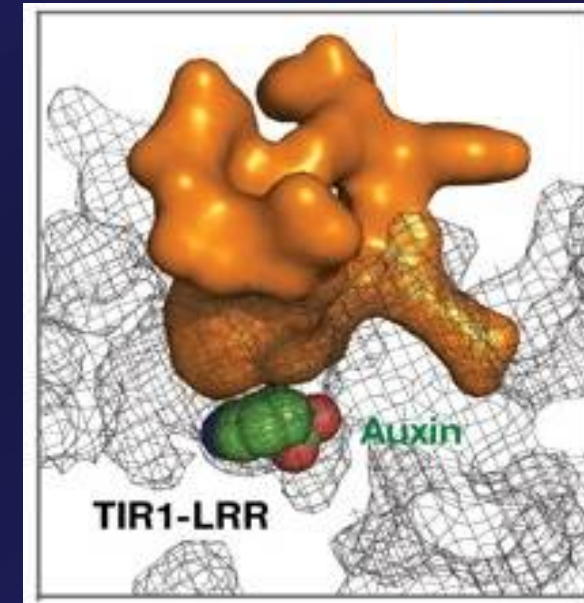
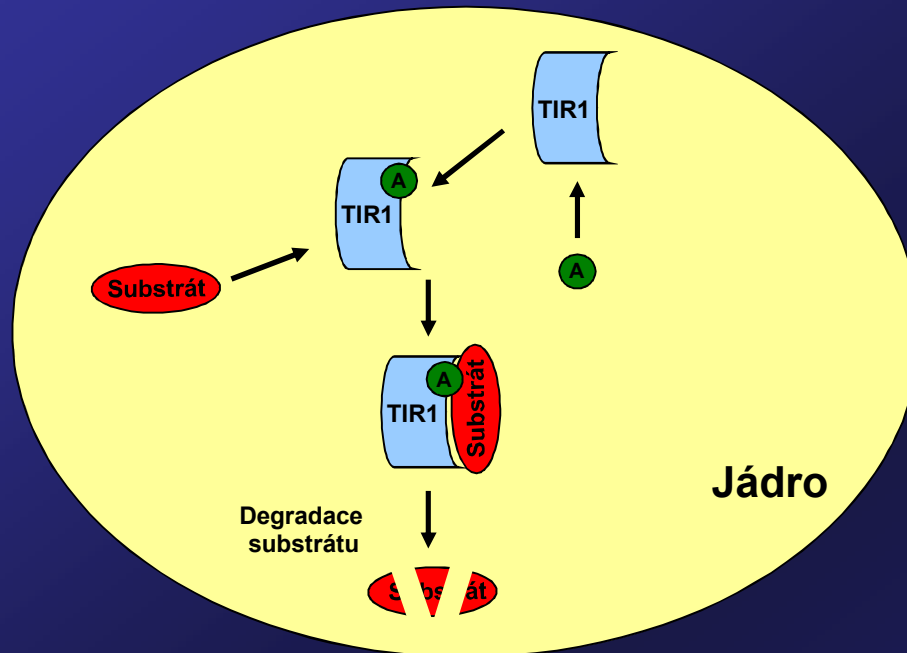


- ❖ TIR1 contains a series of leucine repeats and series F-box motifs
- ❖ F-box proteins are involved in processes mediated by ubiquitination



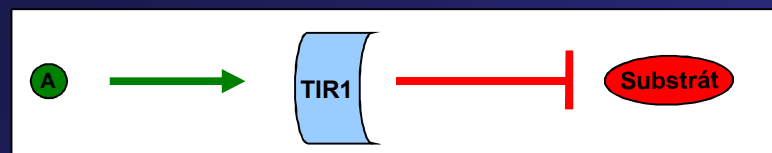
Responses to auxin depend on the modifications of proteins caused by ubiquitination
TIR1 functions in ubiquitination conjugate pathway, which directs proteins to proteolytic degradation.

F-box – mediates transcriptional responses to auxin








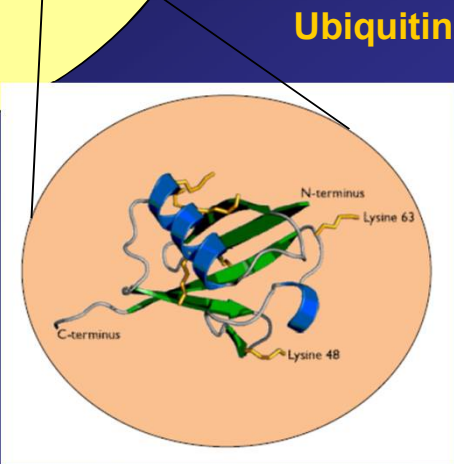
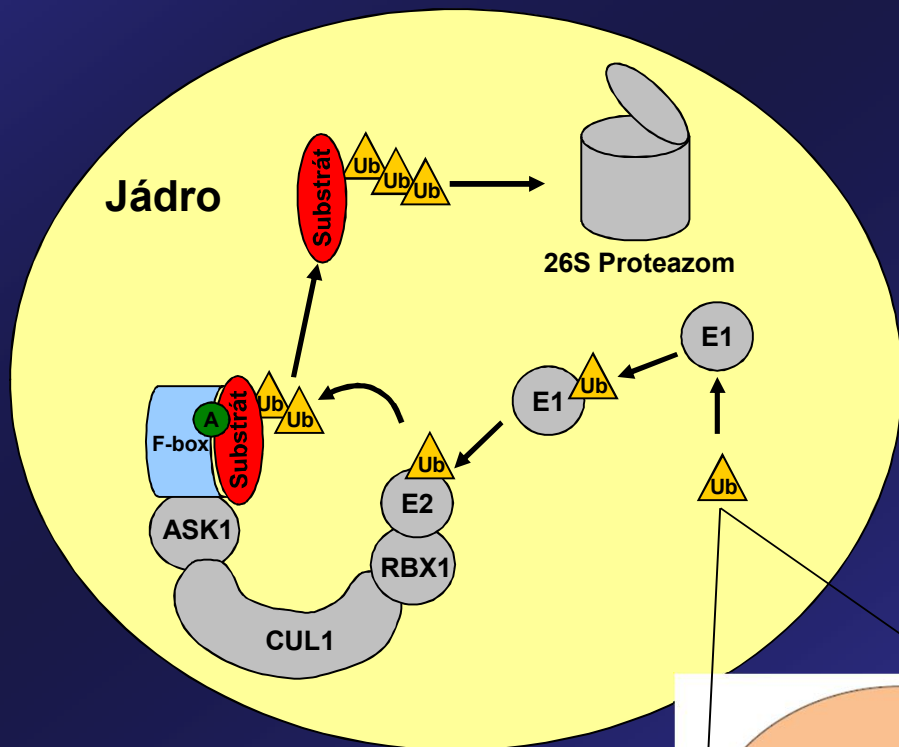
Binding of auxin to TIR1 enables the binding of a substrate protein (= repressor of transcription of auxin-induced genes). This leads to the degradation of the substrate protein and thus to the release of the expression of auxin-induced genes.

Auxin acts as "a glue" allowing TIR1 to bind to the substrate.



Ubiquitination - necessary regulatory mechanism in plant and animal cells

-  Ubiquitin
-  Ubiquitin-activating enzyme
-  Ubiquitin-conjugation enzyme
-  F-box of E3 ubiquitin-ligase
-  Target protein



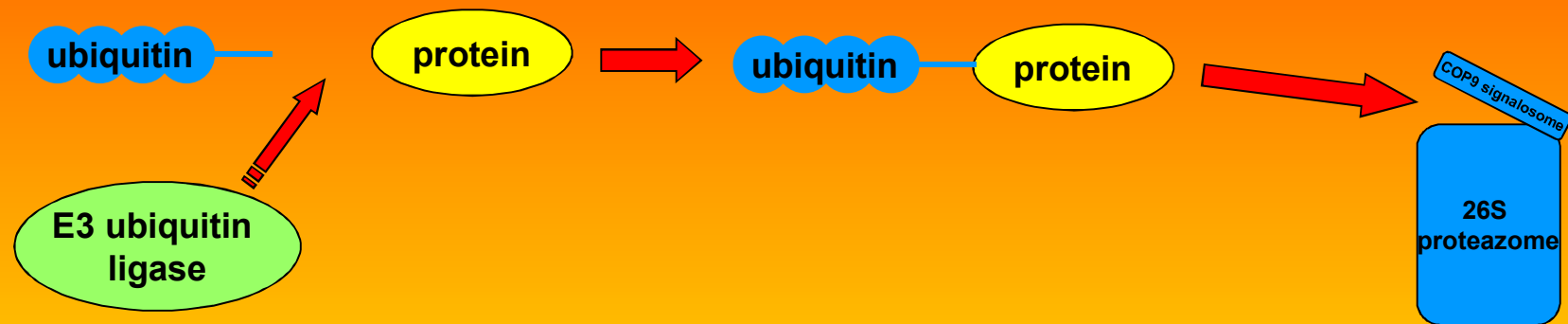
The target protein is poly-ubiquitinated and targeted to the 26S proteasome where it is degraded.

Similarity in light signaling.

COP1 functions as an E3 ubiquitin ligase – a securing enzyme in the cell protein degradation (proteolysis)

Proteolysis mediated by proteasome needs protein **ubiquitin**.

Ubiquitination – common mechanism of protein degradation in organisms

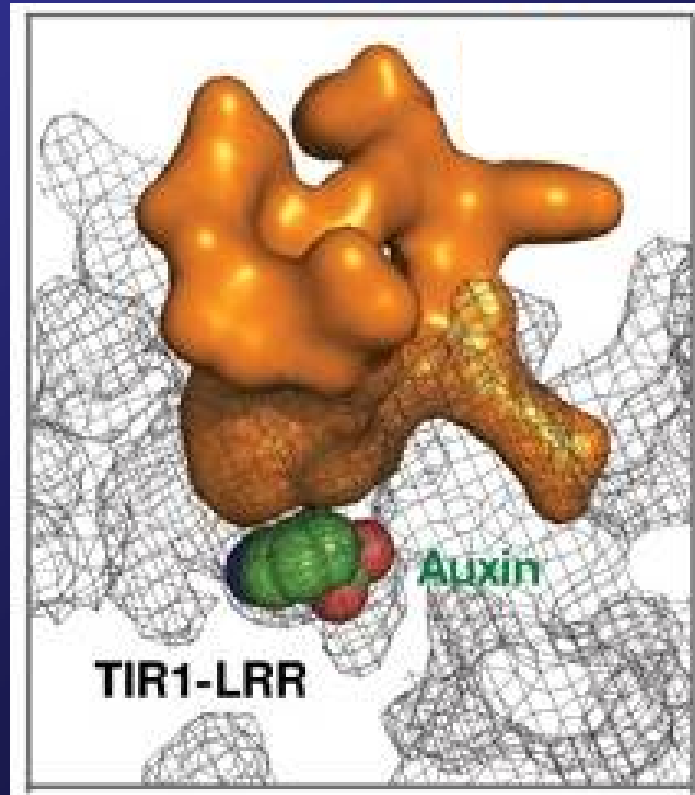


UPDATE 2012

Lau OS, Deng XW (2012) TIPS 17: 584-593

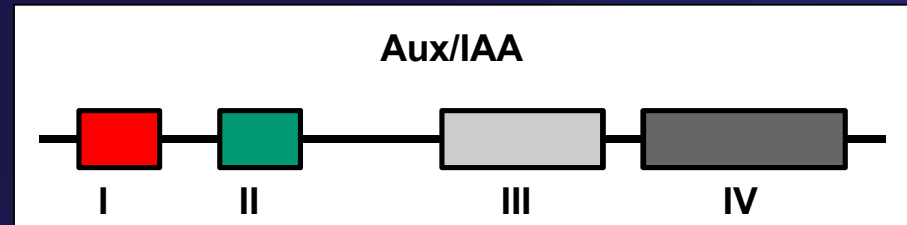
Recent information about the function of COP1 in plants.

What is a substrate protein?



Substrate ?

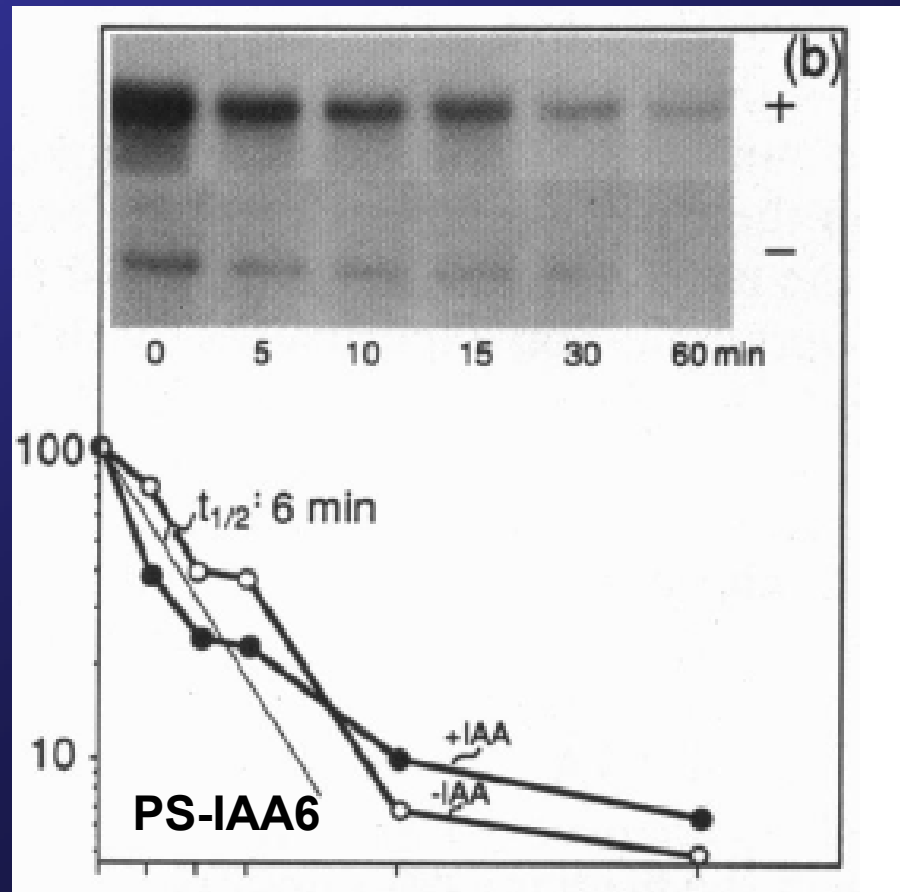
Aux/IAA proteins – nuclear proteins, which inhibit auxin responses. *Arabidopsis* – 29 types of proteins identified.



The Aux/IAA-GUS fusion protein shows nuclear accumulation.

Aux/IAA are short-live proteins

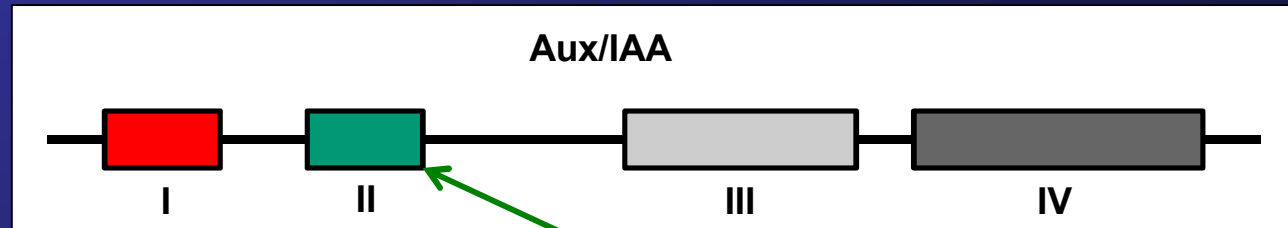
Aux/IAA have a regulation function



Aux/IAA are destabilized in the presence of auxin.



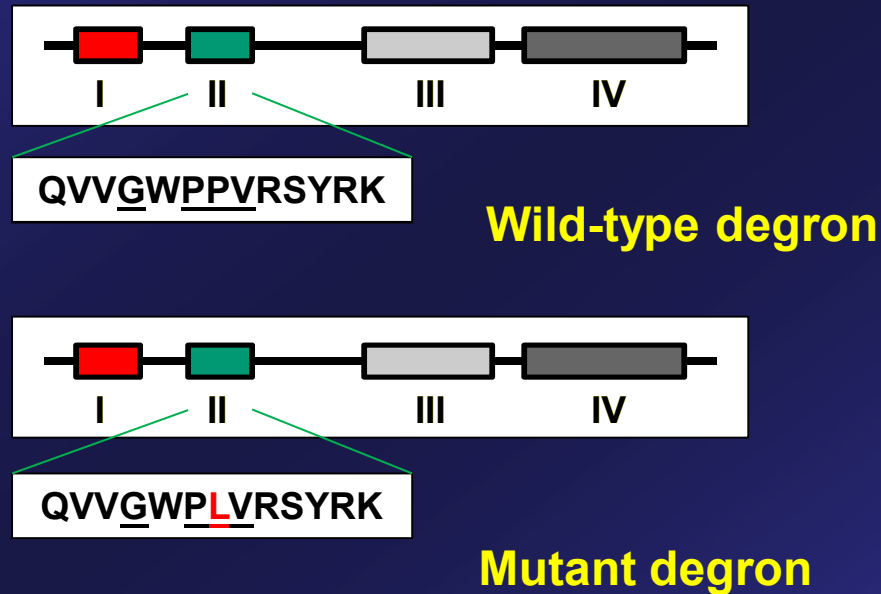
Aux/IAA proteins have protein-destabilizing domain.



A short amino acid sequence called a **degron** - required for auxin-induced instability of the **Aux/IAA** protein

A change in one amino acid in the **degron** domain results in greater stability of the **Aux/IAA** protein => auxin resistance

Through the **degron domain**, **Aux/IAA** binds to **TIR1**

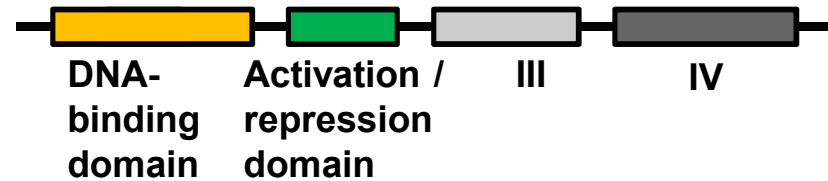


A mutation in the **degron domain** prevents the **Aux/IAA** protein from binding to **TIR1** and thus prevents the degradation of **Aux/IAA** => the mutant **Aux/IAA** protein is more stable.

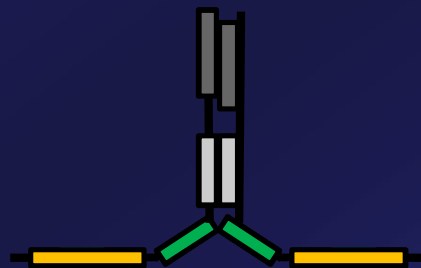
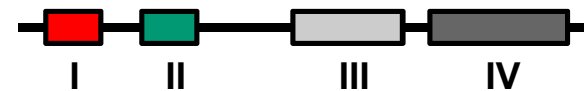
Transcription factors **ARF (Auxin Response Factors)** – short-lived proteins; binds to a DNA sequence called **AuxRE (Auxin Response Element)**. **ARFs** stimulate the expression of auxin-inducible genes.

Arabidopsis – 23 ARFs

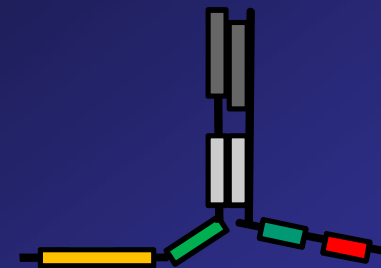
ARF



Aux/IAA

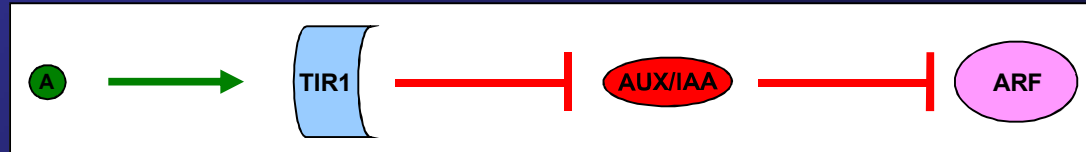


ARF homodimer

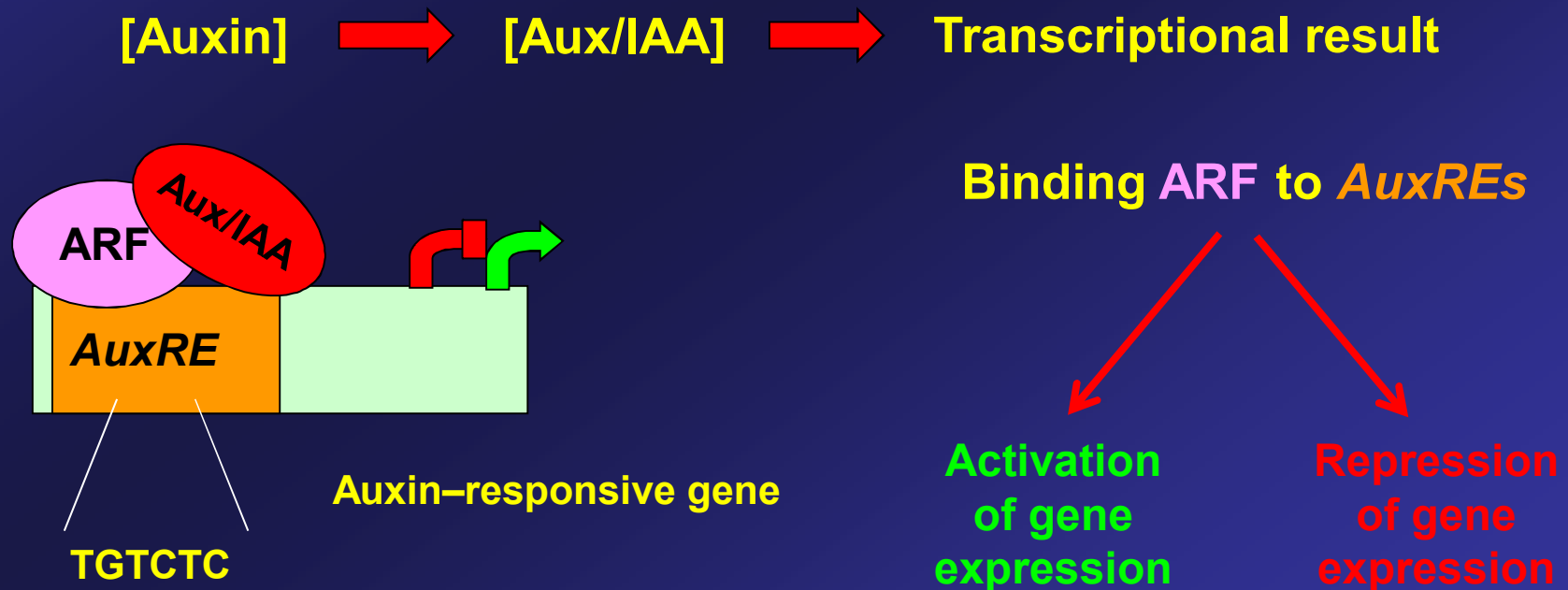


ARF Aux/IAA heterodimer

Aux/IAA proteins block transcriptional factors ARF



The transcriptional result (activation or repression) depends on the concentration of auxin, and thus on the final concentration of the transcription factors ARF and Aux/IAA in the cell and on their mutual affinity and affinity to the DNA binding site.

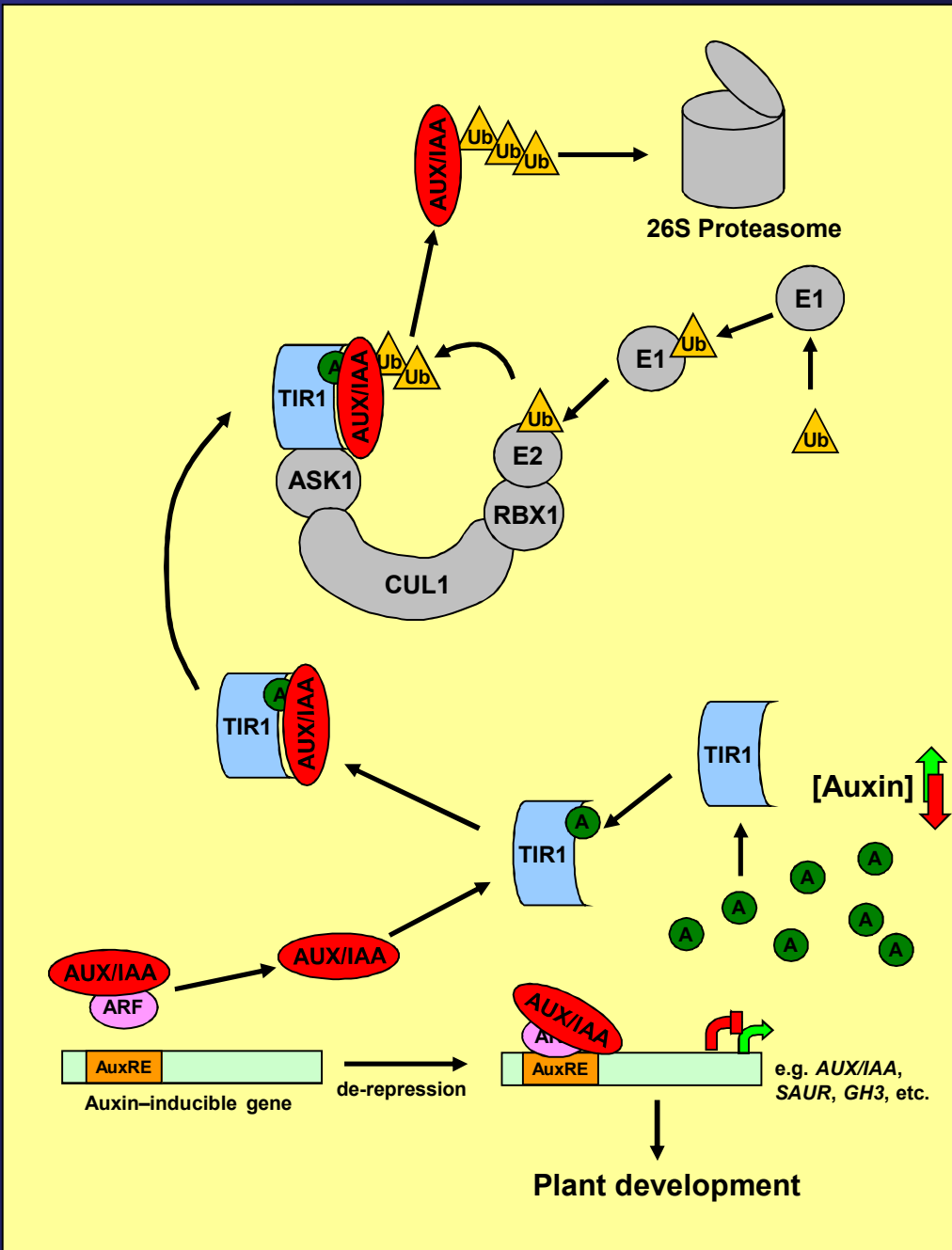


TIR1-mediated auxin signaling

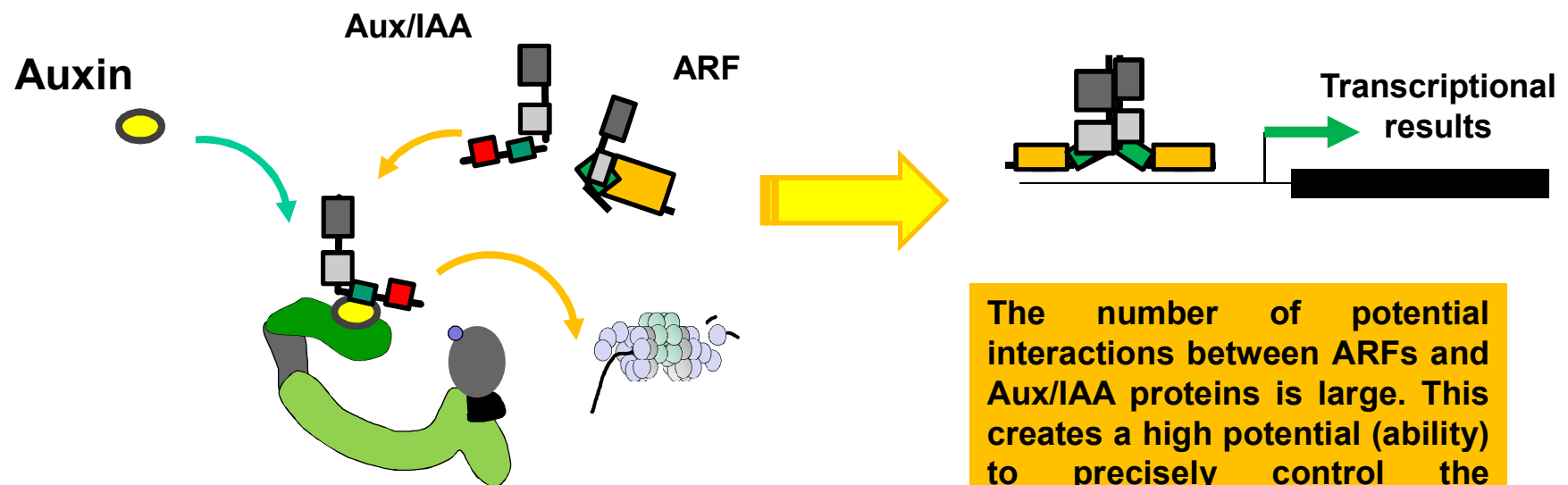
- A** – auxin
- TIR1** – F-box subunit of E3-ubiquitin ligase; auxin receptor
- AUX/IAA** – repressor of transcription of auxin-induced genes
- ARF** – transcription factor (expression activator)
- AuxRE** – auxin-responsive element
- Ub** Ubiquitin
- E1** Ubiquitin-activating enzyme
- E2** Ubiquitin-conjugation enzyme

Auxin functions as „a glue“ enabling connection of TIR1 with substrates.

Similar mechanisms for F-box proteins:
COP1 – CONSTITUTIVE PHOTOMORPHOG. 1
COI – CORONATINE INSENSITIVE 1
ZTL – ZEITLUPE, etc.



The diversity of auxin responses correlates with the diversity of signaling proteins.



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The number of potential interactions between ARFs and Aux/IAA proteins is large. This creates a high potential (ability) to precisely control the expression of auxin-induced genes in many combinations.

The diversity of auxin responses is further enhanced by the different auxin affinity of TIR1 receptors and **Aux/IAA** substrate proteins.

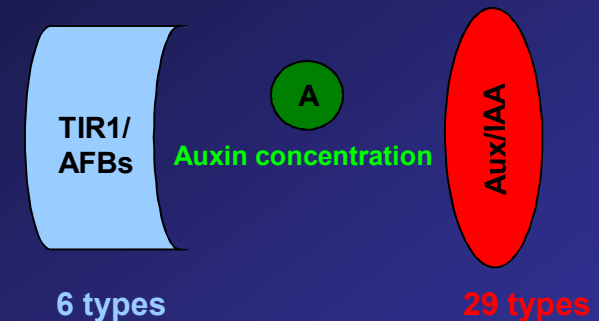
6 types of TIR1 receptors: TIR1, AFB1, AFB2, AFB3, AFB4 a AFB5

29 types of protein substrates **Aux/IAA**

TIR1/AFBs receptors have different affinities for **Aux/IAA** substrates depending on auxin concentration. At different auxin concentrations, different **Aux/IAA** substrates bind to different TIR1/AFBs receptors. Some **Aux/IAA** substrates require a high auxin concentration to bind to the TIR1/AFBs receptor.



The TIR1/AFBs-**Aux/IAA** complex is called co-receptor system. **Aux/IAA** affinity to auxin is determining the overall affinity system.



Auxin - induced genes

Primary (early) genes – directly activated by TIR1/AFBs-Aux/IAA signalizací

Secondary genes – code for proteins, which are not directly involved in the induction of primary auxin response.

Primary genes - induction: minutes to hours; 3 functions

Transcription – early genes encode proteins regulating the expression of late genes

Signaling – early genes are involved in intercellular communication or signaling between cells

Conjugation/catabolism of auxins – early genes encode proteins involved in the elimination of IAA either by conjugation or degradation

Primary genes for growth and development

AUX/IAA – auxin-stimulated expression within 6–60 min; the resulting protein lives for about 7 minutes.

SAUR – auxin-stimulated expression within 2–5 min; expression does not require the synthesis of new proteins; genes do not contain introns, they encode very similar peptides of unknown function.

- Induce cell expansion (SAUR19)
 - Induce cell division (SAUR76)
 - Coordinate cell divisions and expansion (SAUR41)
- } UPDATE 2013-2014

GH3 (Gretchen Hagen 3) – auxin-stimulated expression within 5 min; GH3 encodes acyl-acid-amido synthases - function in IAA conjugation - inactivation of IAA and jasmonic acid; GH3 expression reflects the amount of endogenous auxin => DR5 synthetic promoter.



Prof. Gretchen Hagen
University of Missouri

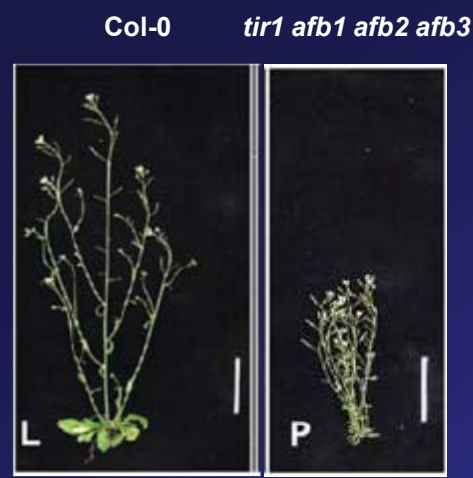
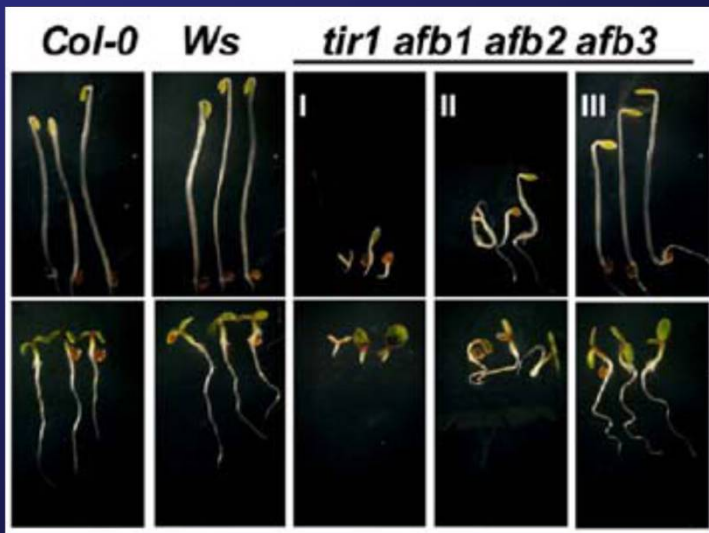
Secondary (late) genes

Auxin-stimulated expression within 2–4 hrs; often induced by stress

Signaling pathway through the receptor TIR1 is not the only auxin signaling pathway.

Homologs TIR1: AFB1, AFB2, AFB3 – the same functions as TIR1

However: 1) Quadruple mutant – functional plant → Receptors TIR1 and AFB are not essential



Dharmasiri et al. 2005b

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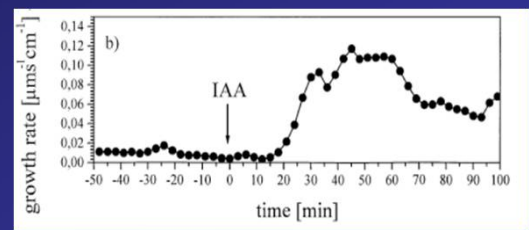
Auxin induces cell elongation with lag phase 8-15 min => rapid response excludes involvement of TIR1, i.e. gene expression and protein synthesis



Auxin functions via signaling pathway involving another receptor



Receptor ABP1



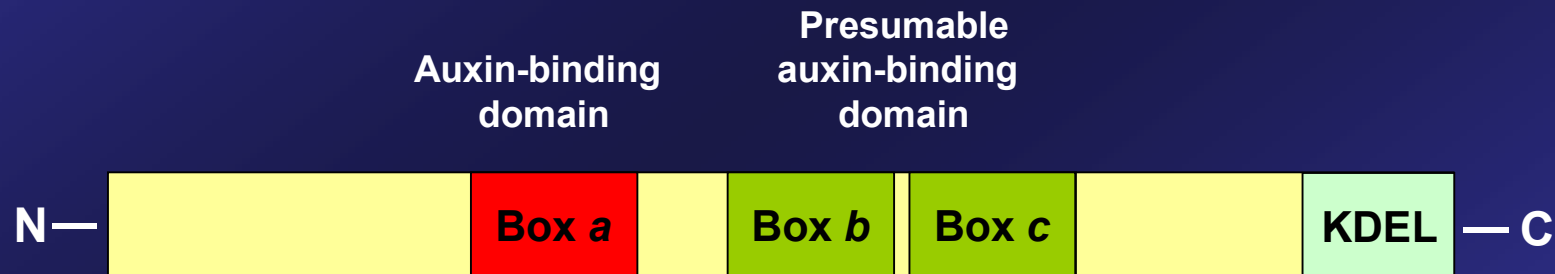
Steffens and Lüthen 2000

Auxin receptor ABP1

1972 – identification of **ABP1** (Auxin-Binding Protein 1) in isolated membranes of maize coleoptile cells; binding of radioactive auxin in the membrane

1985 – isolation of **ABP1** protein in maize; 22 kD

End of 80th – cloning and structure of **ABP1**



Auxin binds to plasma membrane fraction.

BUT



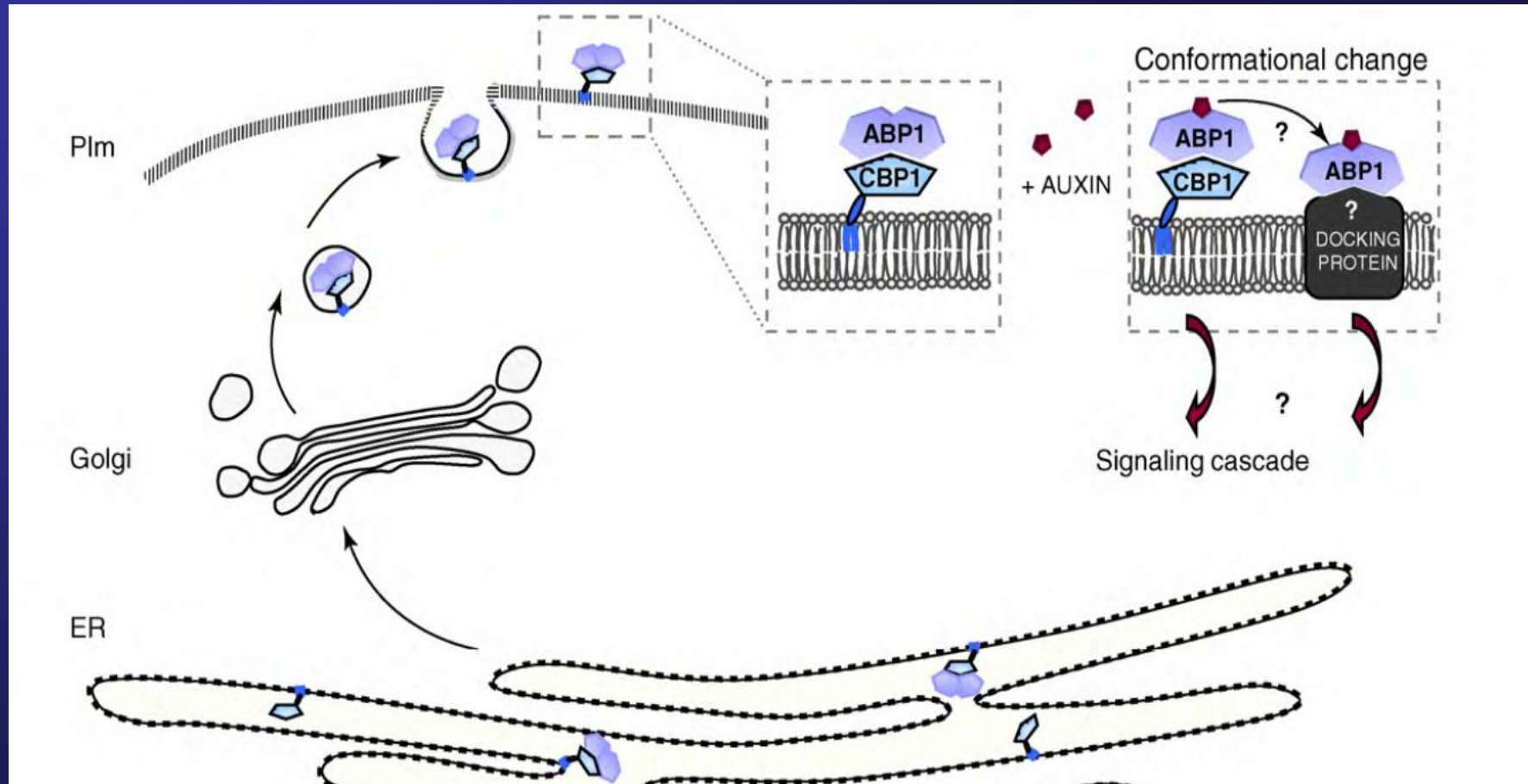
Protein **ABP1** has not transmembrane domain, but has a KDEL domain.



Transport of **ABP1** from ER and „Docking“ model

Transport of ABP1 from endoplasmic reticulum to apoplast and binding to a docking protein.

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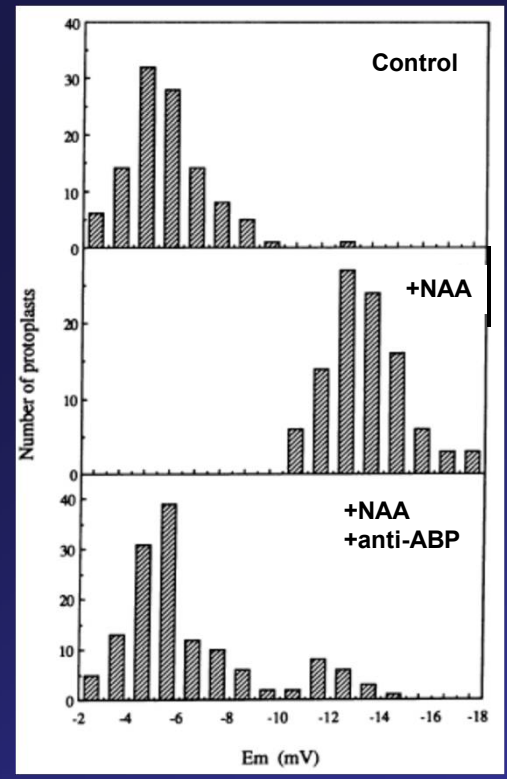
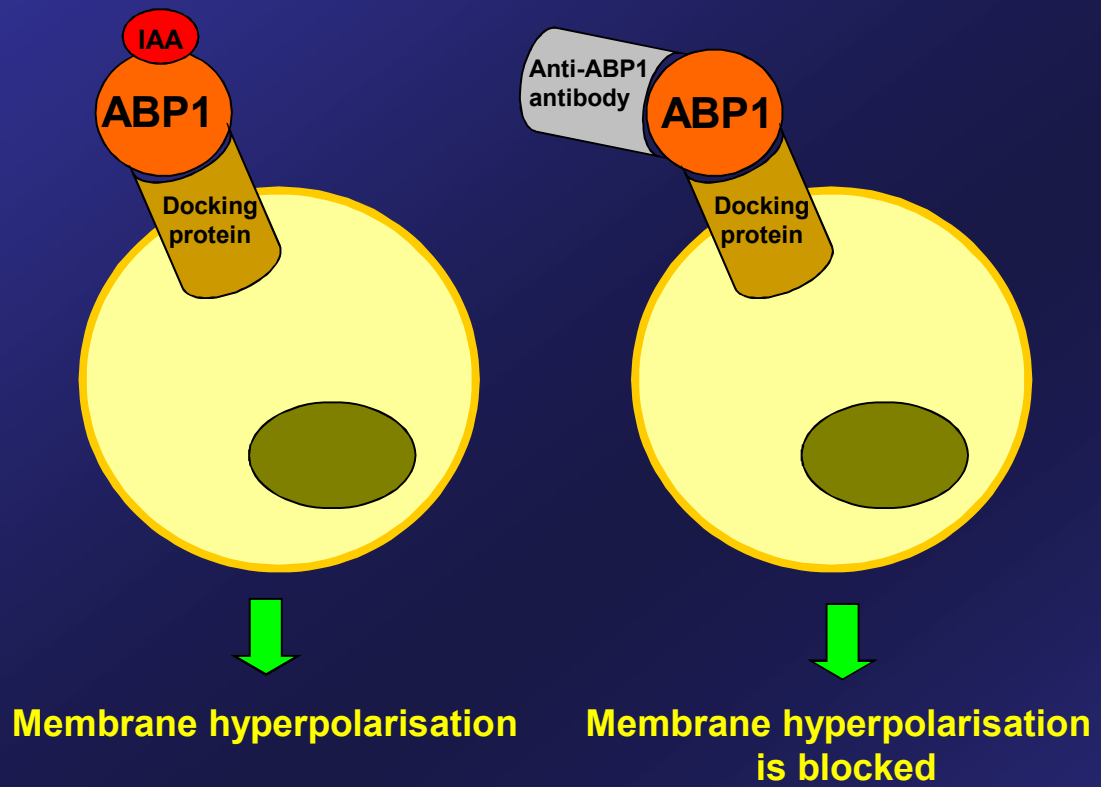


The majority of ABP1 is localized in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). A small part of ABP1 is secreted by vesicles into the apoplast by an as yet unknown mechanism and attached to the plasma membrane (Plm). Secretion of ABP1 has been demonstrated in various types of cell cultures. ABP1 is also regularly found in the culture medium. Brefeldin - an inhibitor of vesicular transport - inhibits the secretion of ABP1 into the culture medium.

What is (was) the evidence that **ABP1** is an extracellular auxin receptor?



Electrophysiological experiments on protoplasts



Barbier-Brygoo H et al. (1989)

Patch-clamp technique: Auxin-induced increase in ATP-dependent current can be blocked by antibodies against **ABP1**

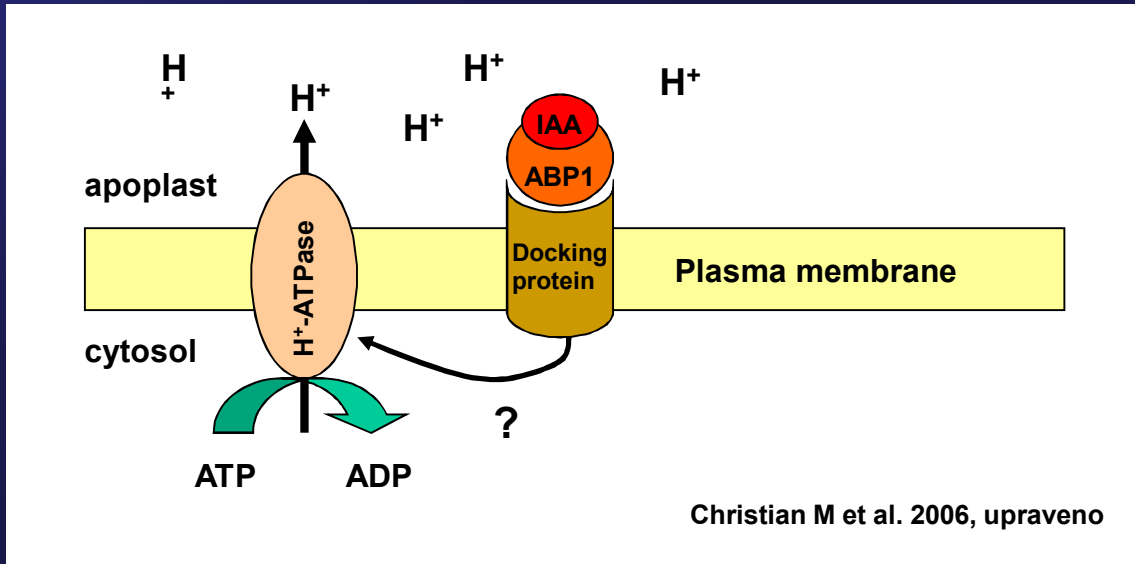
Acid growth theory, proton pump and K⁺ channels

Hager A et al. (1971)
Rayle D and Cleland R (1970)



Rayle D and Cleland R (1970)

Auxin → Excretion of H⁺ to apoplast → Lowering of pH in apoplast
Activation of enzymes (expansins) loosening the cell wall

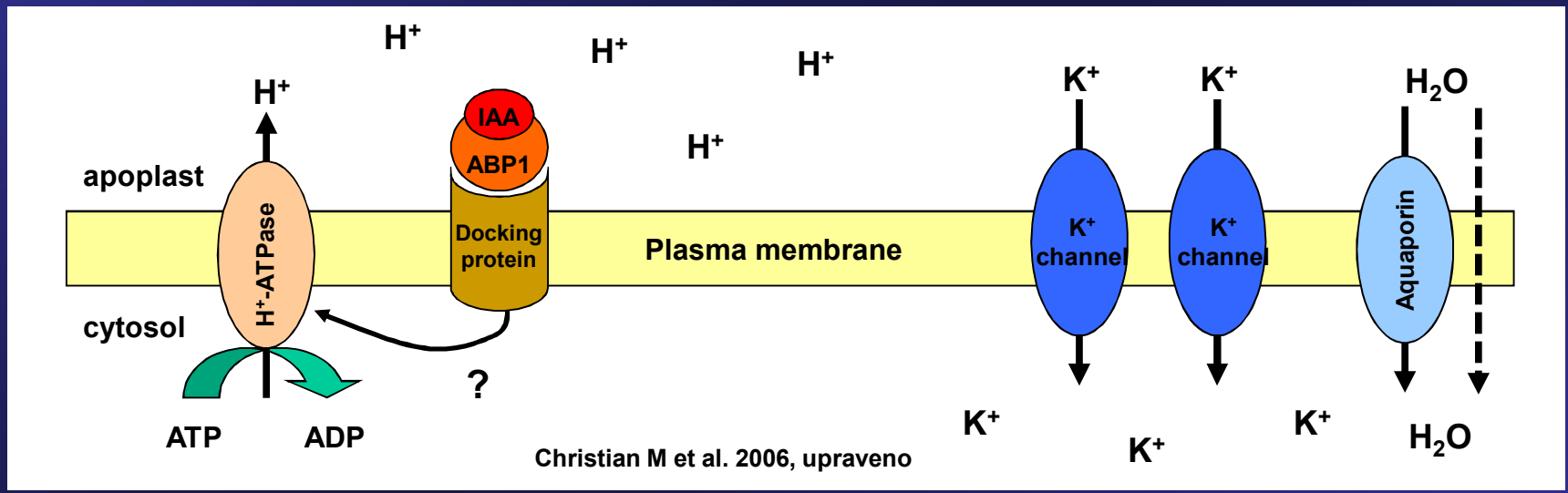


Christian M et al. 2006, upraveno

Binding of auxin to ABP1
↓
Stimulation of H⁺-ATPase
↓
Plasma membrane hyperpolarization
Apoplast acidification

The conditions for growth is a turgor. But auxin itself does not increase turgor.

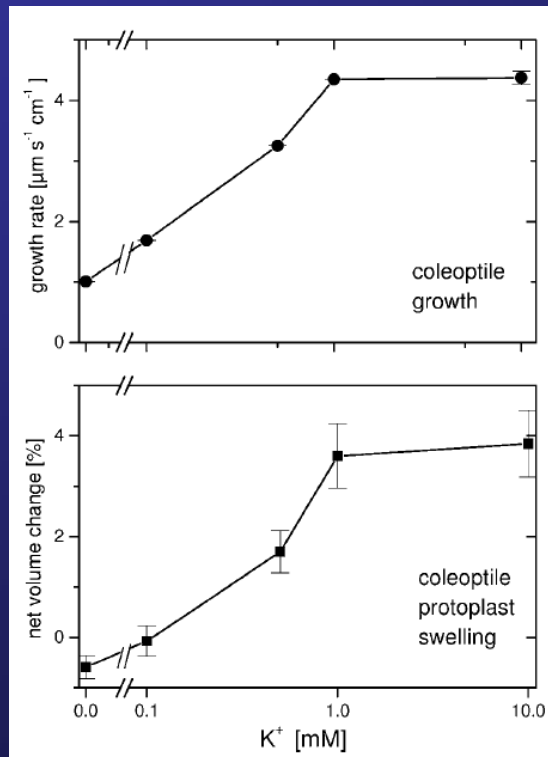
Accumulation of H^+ in apoplast \rightarrow Compensation of charge in cytosol \rightarrow Inward-rectifying K^+ channels



K^+ accumulation in cytosol \rightarrow Transport of H_2O into cell \rightarrow Turgor \rightarrow GROWTH

Presence of K^+ : conditions of sustained acidification and growth

Evidence for the involvement of K⁺ channels in auxin-induced growth



Christian M et al. (2006)

- auxin-induced elongation of maize coleoptile is dependent on K⁺ concentration

- auxin-induced enlargement of protoplasts is dependent on the K⁺ concentration

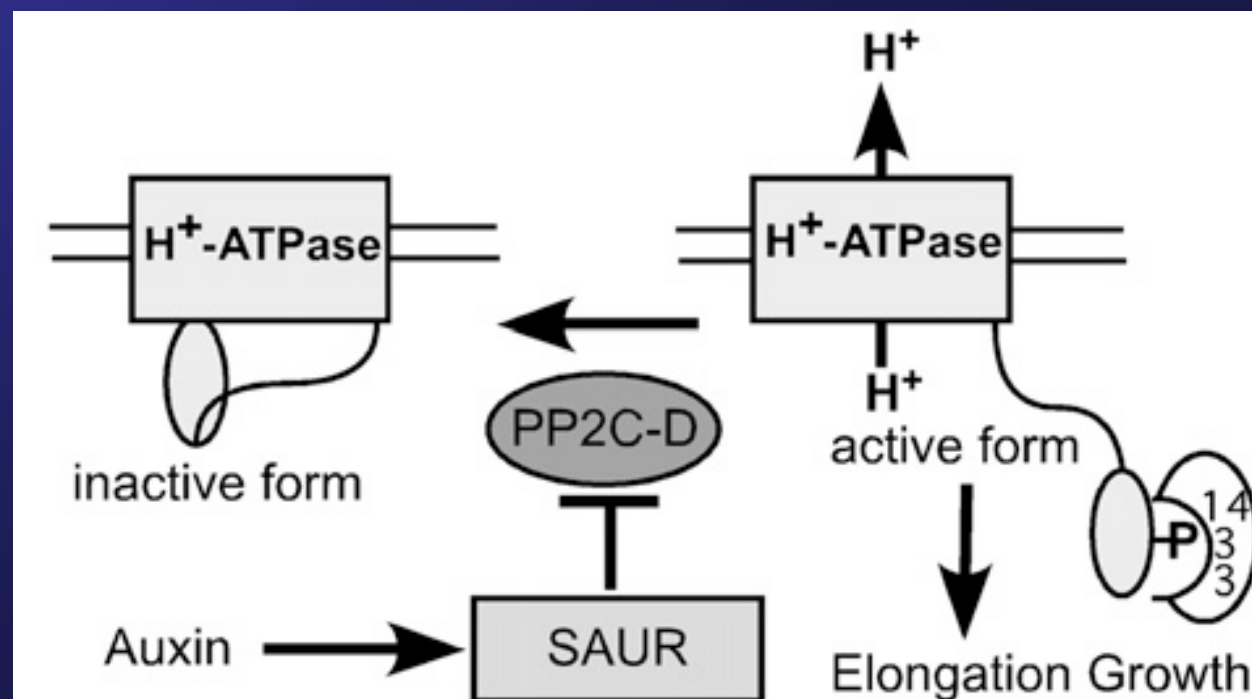
- TEA (K⁺ channel inhibitor) inhibits auxin-induced elongation

- ZMK1 (*Zea mays* K⁺ channel 1) is expressed in dependence on auxin concentration
- auxin-induced ZMK1 expression correlates with auxin-induced growth
- ZMK1 knockout plants are embryo lethal
- plants with overexpressed ZMK1 are supersensitive to auxin

Update 2014

Spartz AK et al. (2014) Plant Cell 26: 2129-2142

H⁺-ATPase (proton pump) activity is stimulated by SAUR19 proteins.



Mechanism:

H⁺-ATPase is active only when its C-terminal domain is phosphorylated and bound to the 14-3-3 protein. This unblocks the catalytic site of the pump - the pump is active.

If the proton pump is dephosphorylated, it is not active. This dephosphorylation occurs by the protein phosphatase PP2C-D. When SAUR19 is expressed, it interacts with PP2C-D and thereby inactivates it. The proton pump is then not dephosphorylated and is therefore active.

Update 2021

Gelová Z et al. (2021) Developmental roles of Auxin Binding Protein 1 in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Plant Science 303, art.no: 110750

By studying the *abp1* loss-of-function mutant, the role of ABP1 in auxin signaling involved in gene transcription was challenged.

BUT!

ABP1 gain-of-function mutants show:

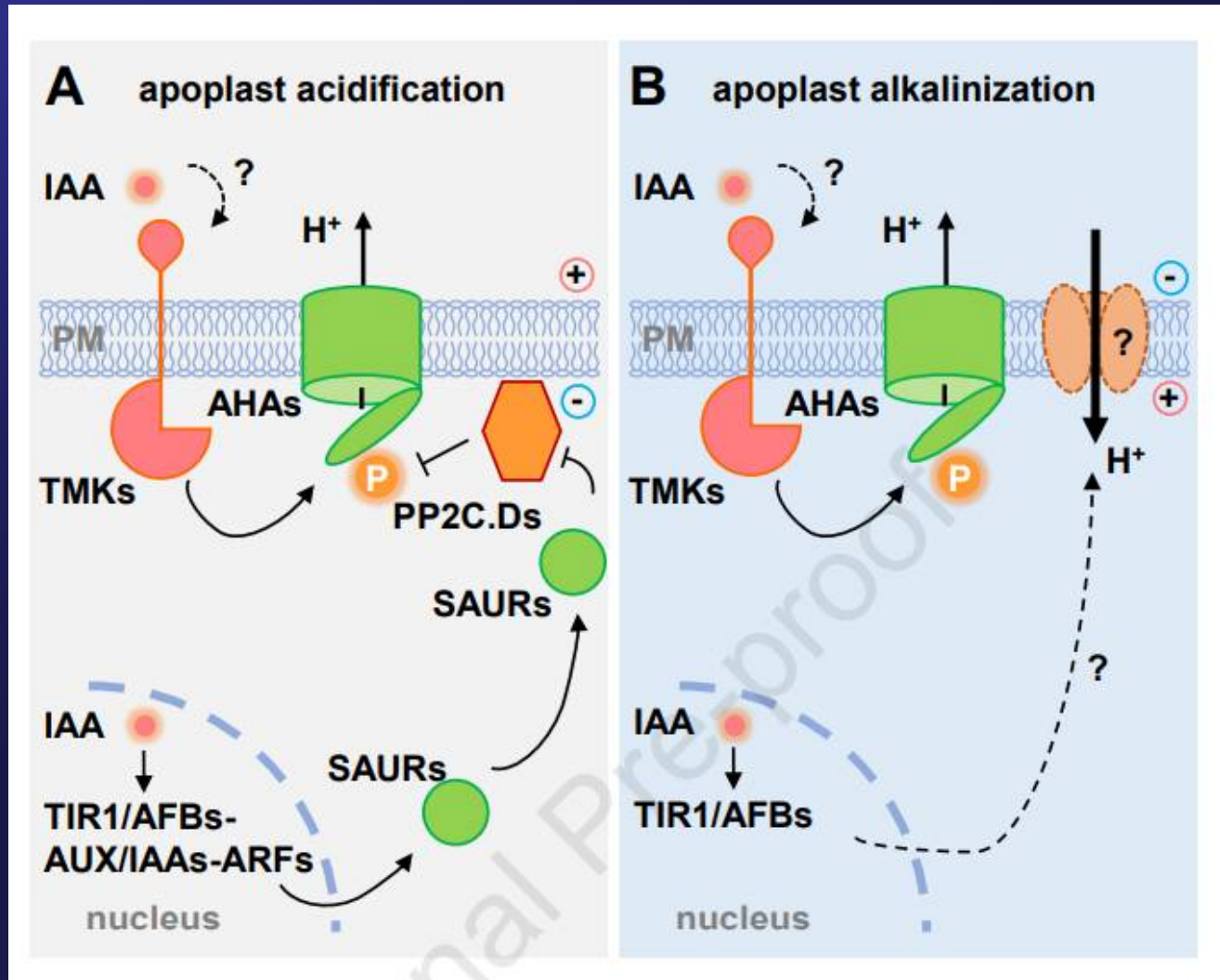
- weakened effect of auxins on the polar distribution of PIN proteins
- attenuated brefeldin-dependent intracellular aggregation of PIN protein



ABP1 is significantly involved in plant development. However, the mechanism of action of ABP1 is unknown. The role of ABP1 may be masked by functional redundancy.

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