Seminar Molekulare Mechanismen der Signaltransduktion

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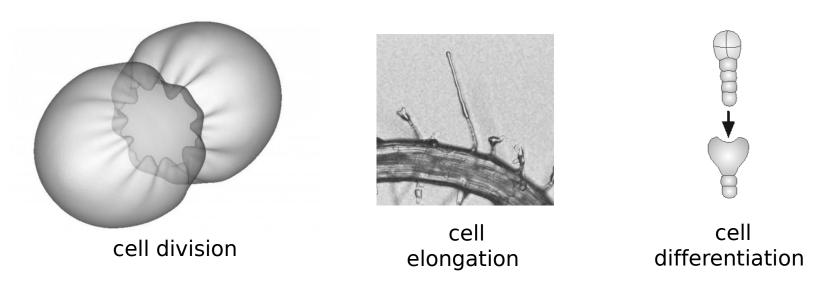
- Background Auxin
- Einstieg in genetische Studien zum Auxin Signaling:
- 1. Estelle and Somerville, (1987) Auxin resistant mutants of *Arabidopsis thaliana* with an altered morphology. **Molecular and General Genetics** 206:200
- 2. Lincoln et al., (1990) Growth and development of the axr1 mutants of Arabidopsis. Plant Cell 2:1071
- 3. Leyser et al., (**1993**) Arabidopsis auxin-resistance gene AXR1 encodes a protein related to ubiquitin-activating enzyme E1. **Nature** 364:161
- Terminvergabe

Introduction

Definition:

Hormones are chemical signals that are produced in one part of the body, transported to other parts, bind to specific receptors, and trigger responses in target cells and tissues.

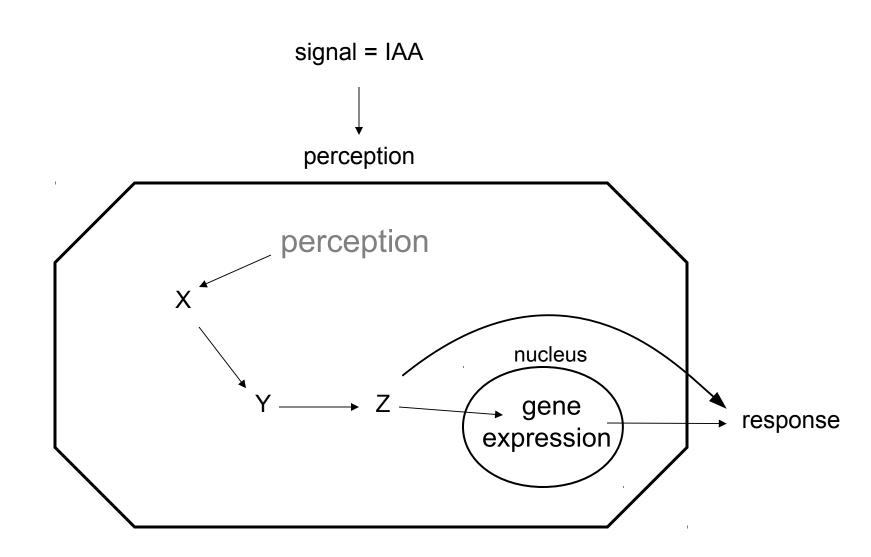
- Hormone (greek) → to excite
- In general, plant hormones control plant growth and development by affecting the division, elongation, and differentiation of cells.



→ **Aim of this seminar**: Elucidate the transduction pathway of the signaling molecule/hormone auxin from perception to cellular/morphological responses

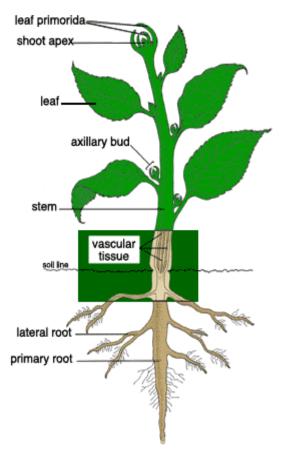
Excluding: biosynthesis, metabolism, transport

Black box of signaling



Auxin History I - 1758-1880

By definition hormones need to move between organs → transport system in plants?







→ two streams of sap moving in opposite directions are responsible for establishing correlations between organs



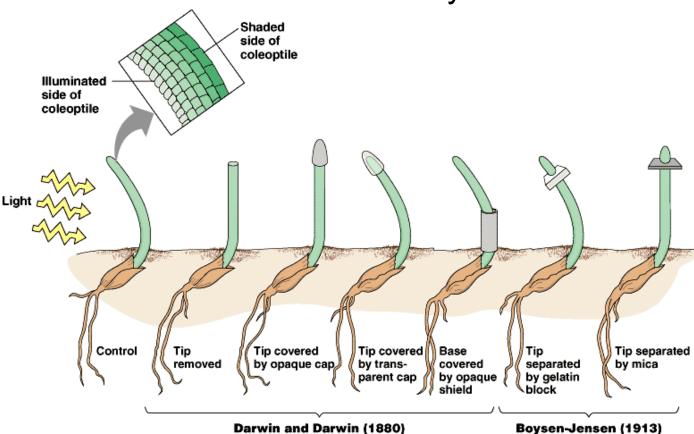
1880

Julius von Sachs

→ proposed a first coherent framework of root-forming, flower-inducing, and other special substances, which move in different directions through the plant to control its growth and development

The vasculature!
Alternatively: movement by diffusion

Auxin History II - 1880-1935

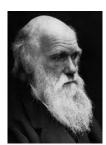




Canary grass (Phalaris canariensis)



Oat (Avena ssp)



"When seedlings are freely exposed to a lateral light some influence is transmitted from the upper part of the coleoptile that acts on the lower part of the coleoptile" "The Power of Movement in Plants" (1880) by Darwin and Darwin.

Peter Boysen-Jensen demonstrated that the signal was a mobile chemical substance

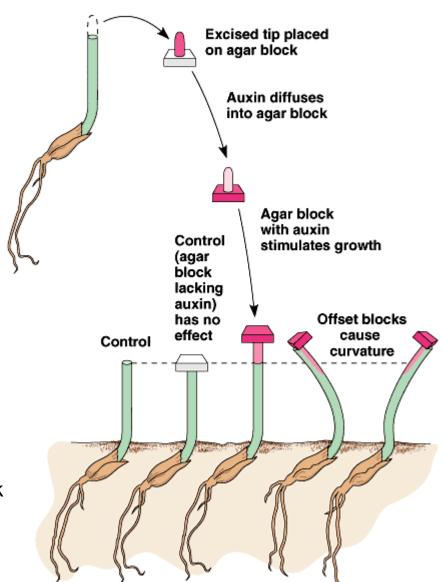
Auxin History II - 1880-1935



Frits W. Went - 1958

In 1926, F.W. Went extracted the chemical messenger for phototropism, naming it **auxin** → auxano (greek) = to grow

→ an asymmetrical distribution of auxin moving down from the coleoptile tip causes cells on the dark side to elongate faster than cells on the brighter side.



Auxin History II - 1880-1935



Kenneth V. Thimann 1960

Supplement to "Nature," January 19, 1935

Identity of the Growth-Promoting and Root-Forming Substances of Plants

IAA <u>i</u>ndole-3-<u>a</u>cetic <u>a</u>cid

→ the principal auxin in all plant species

Auxin History III - 1935-1985

NEW PHYTOLOGIST

Vol. XXXIV, No. 5 4 DECEMBER, 1935

ACTIVATION OF CAMBIAL GROWTH BY PURE HORMONES

By R. Snow Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford

*Sunflower seedlings

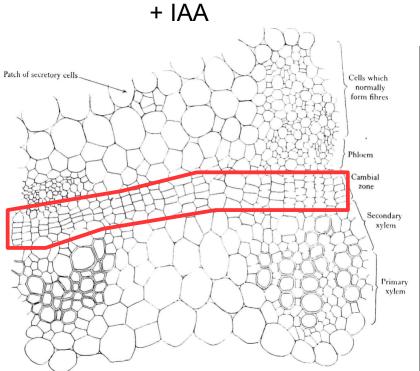


Fig. 4, Exp. 3* Experimental plant no. 1. Section at 10 mm. below top, and 5 mm. below zone covered by gelatins and auxin-a. × 202.

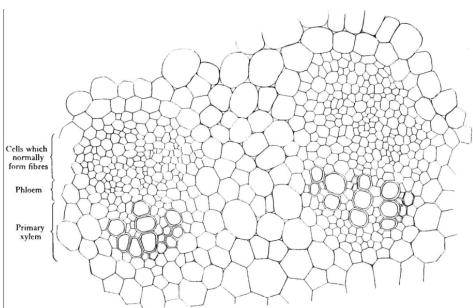


Fig. 5, Exp. 3* Decapitated control plant no. 1. Section at 15 mm. below top. ×202.

- IAA

^{*}Sunflower seedlings

Auxin History III - 1935-1985

Changes Induced by Indoleacetic Acid in Nucleic Acid Contents and Growth of Tobacco Pith Tissue¹

Julius Silberger, Jr., and Folke Skoog Department of Botany, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Science, Vol. 118 October 16, 1953

Auxin treatment increases the level of nucleic acids!



Gene activation?

Support:

Inhibitors of RNA and protein biosynthesis prevent cell elongation (Key, **1969**, Annu Rev Plant Physiol)

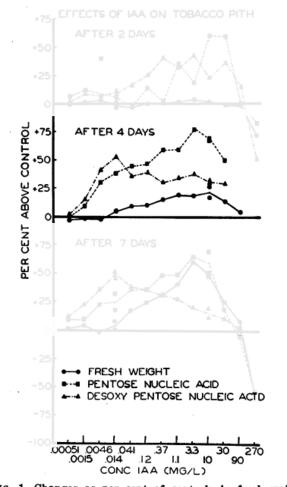


Fig. 1. Changes as per cent of controls in fresh weight, DNA content, and PNA content in excised tobacco pith tissue disks cultured on a sucrose agar medium with serial concentrations of IAA for 2, 4, and 7 days.



Gene activation hypothesis: Auxin regulates the synthesis of specific RNAs required for cell growth

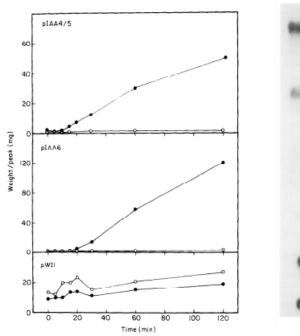
Auxin History III - 1935-1985

J. Mol. Biol. (1985) 183, 53-68

Rapid Induction of Specific mRNAs by Auxin in Pea Epicotyl Tissue

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Department of Biochemistry Stanford School of Medicine Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305, U.S.A.



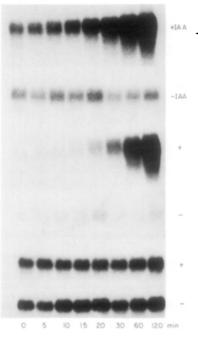


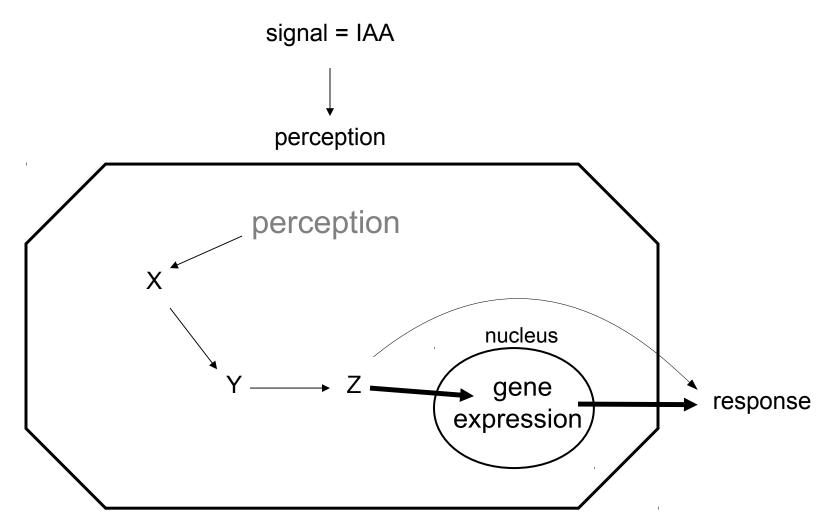
Figure 3. Induction kinetics of the IAA-inducible mRNAs. Endogenous IAA-depleted pea segments were treated with or without 20 μm·IAA. Poly(A)* RNA was isolated at various time intervals from 2 g fresh weight (100 segments) of control or IAA-treated tissue: 20 μg of poly(A)* RNA from 0. 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 60 and 120 min incubations were electrophoretically separated and transferred to aminophenyithioether paper as described in Materials and Methods. Time-points are indicated at the bottom of respective lanes on the right-hand side of the Figure. Two RNA papers were prepared, one contained the IAA mRNAs (+IAA) and the other the control mRNAs (-IAA). The filters were successively hybridized to ³²P-labeled pIAA4/5, pIAA6 and pWI1 plasmid DNAs (top, middle, bottom right) after previous removal of the radioactive probe as described in Materials and Methods. The autoradiograms of these papers are shown on the right-hand side of the Figure, and were scanned in a Joyce-Loebl recording densitometer. The areas under the curves were quantitated by weighing, and the results are shown on the left-hand side of the Figure. (●) With IAA: (○) without IAA.

Rapid induction of mRNAs after 10-15 min of IAA application

The most likely scenario: Auxin regulates cell growth

indirectly by controling *de novo* expression of genes required for that process.

Black box of signaling



Gene activation hypothesis suggests the 'nuclear route'

Arabidopsis thaliana



Small size (30 cm)

Rapid life cycle (6-8 weeks)

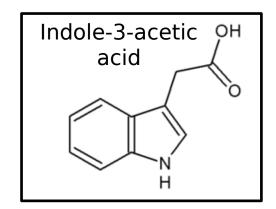
Prolific seed production (5000 seeds/plant)

Sequenced genome (125 Mb; ~28,000 genes)

Easily transformable

Tremendous community resources

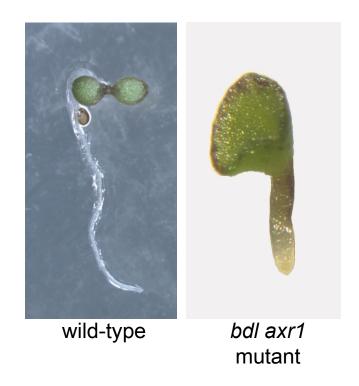
A power multicellular eukaryotic model system

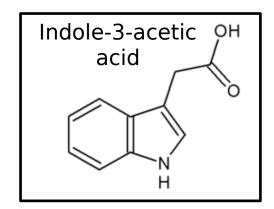


Embryonic patterning

Growth & Apical dominance

Root development





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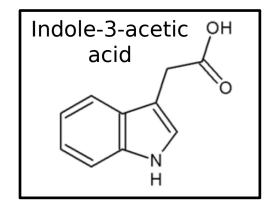
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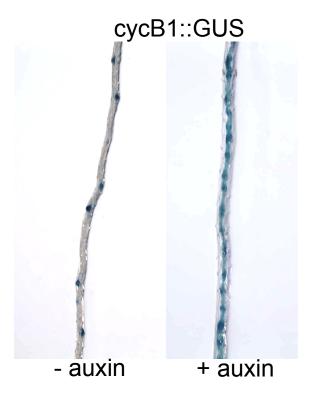
axr6-3 mutant

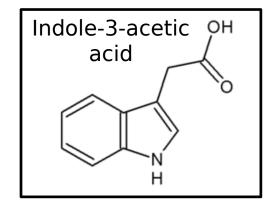


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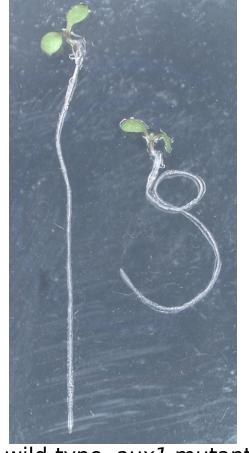




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wild-type aux1 mutant



Auxin-resistant mutants of *Arabidopsis thaliana* with an altered morphology

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Aim:

- Isolation of mutants with increased auxin resistance
- Identification of signaling elements that regulate auxin response

What was known?

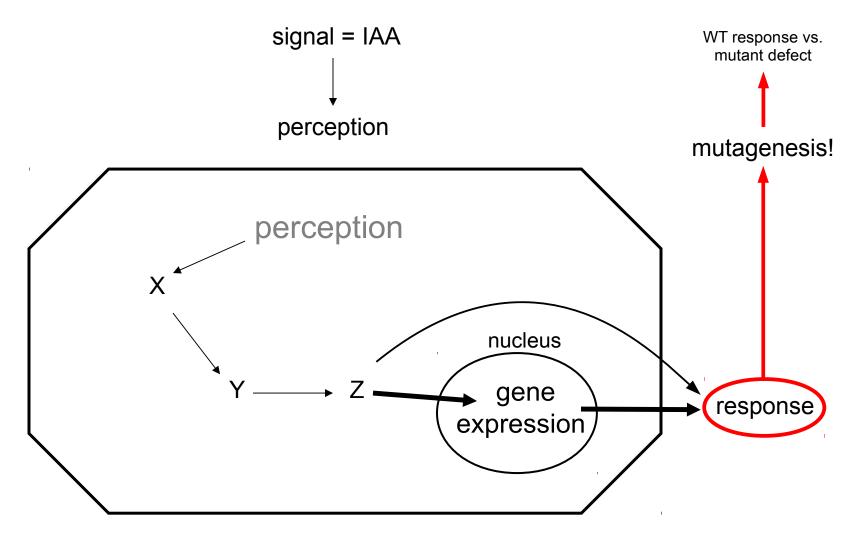
- Auxin induces cell extension
- Auxin induces cell division
- Auxin induces cell differentiation

Depends most likely on *de novo* gene expression/protein synthesis

What was NOT known?

- enzymes of auxin biosynthesis
- auxin transport facilitators
- auxin signaling elements
- Arabidopsis genome sequence

Black box of signaling



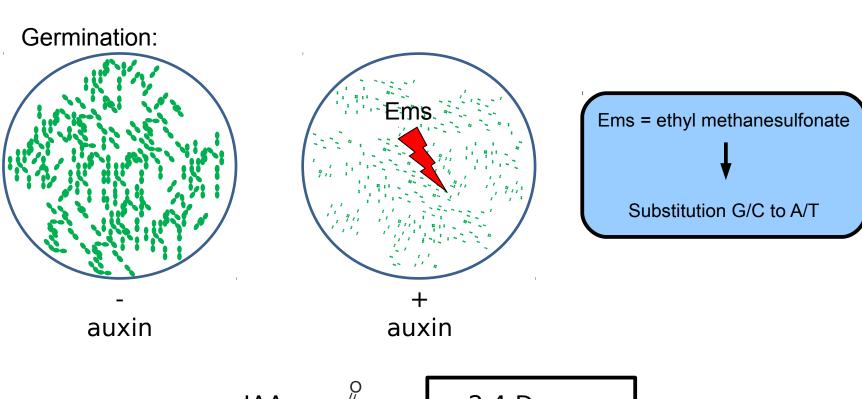
Genetic approach?

Mutagenesis

Prerequisite:

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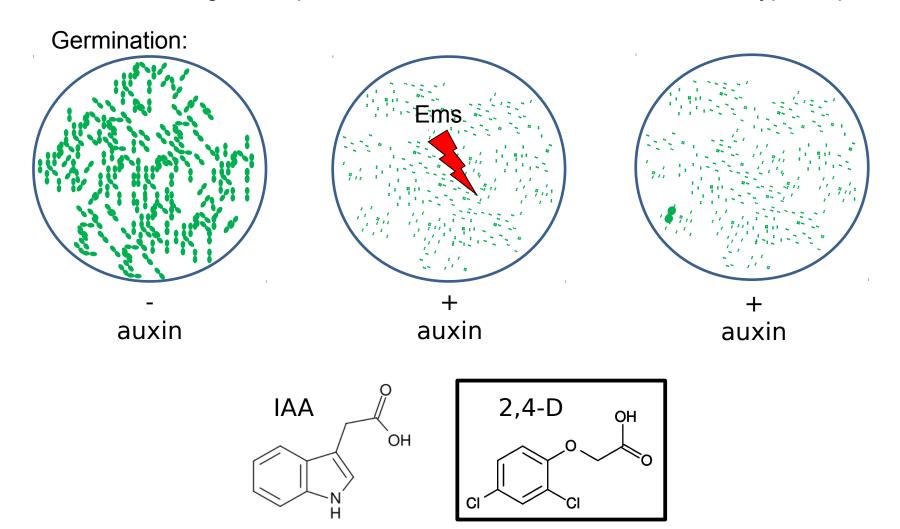


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Mutant/Gene nomenclature

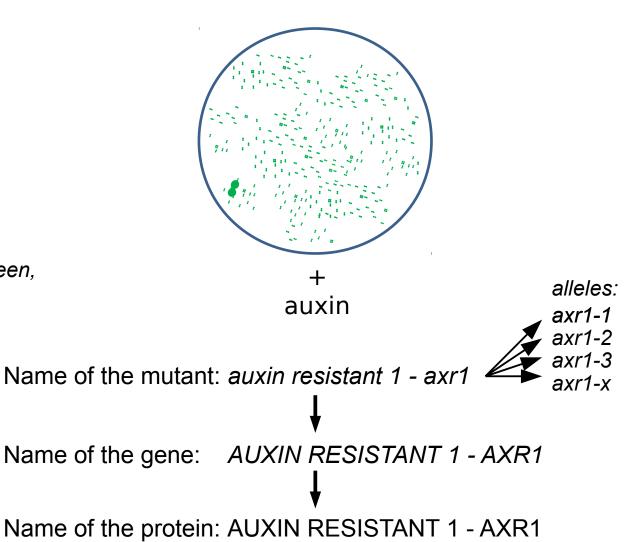
Same mutant screen,

different genes:

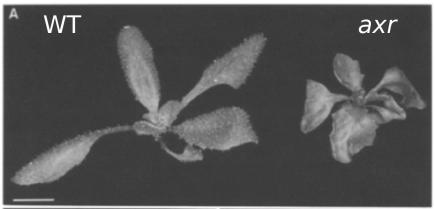
axr1 axr2

axr3

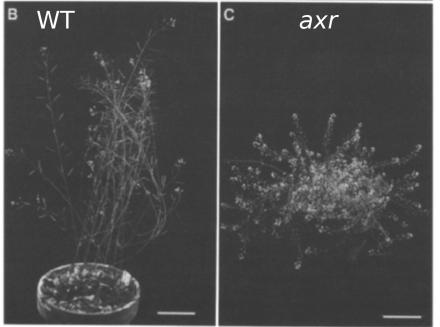
axrx

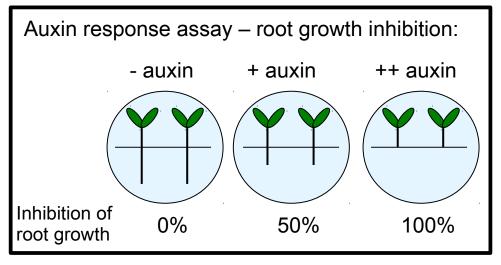


Phenotypes

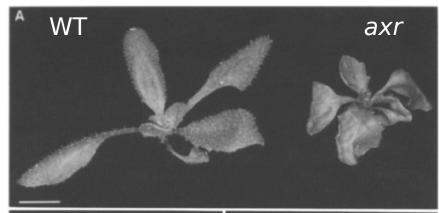


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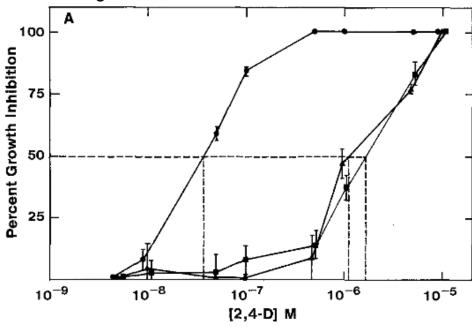
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Root growth inhibition on auxin media:





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Conclusion:

- Defects associated to auxin action at every developmental stage
- → AXR1 must be elemental for auxin response across tissues and developmental stages
- → but mutants viable → loss-of-function, not null alleles!

"...An attractive possibility is that the AXR1 gene codes for an auxin receptor..."

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Growth and Development of the axr1 Mutants of Arabidopsis

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Aims:

- Further characterization of axr mutants
- Genetic mapping of the underlying gene

Isolation of additional mutants with *axr1*-like phenotype:

Table 1. Recovery of axr1 Mutants^a

M2 population	Mutagen	Selection	Mutants recovered
A ^b	EMS	2,4-D	axr1-1
			axr1-2
			axr1-3
			axr1-4
			axr1-5
			axr1-6
B ^b	EMS	2,4-D	axr1-7
			axr1-8
			axr1-9
			axr1-11
			axr1-12
			axr1-15
C°	EMS	2,4-D	axr1-16
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			axr1-18
			axr1-19
			axr1-20
			axr1-21
C ^c	EMS	IAA	axr1-22
Dc	γ	2,4-D	axr1-23

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Segregation analysis:

Table 2. Genetic Segregation of 2,4-D Resistance in axr1 Lines

	Number of Plants		
Cross	Resistant	Sensitive	χ ^{2 #}
axr1-19 × wild-type F1	0	23	
F2	186	493	2.07⁵
axr1-21 × wild-type F1	0	51	
F2	82	281	1:12 ^b
axr1-22 × wild-type F1	0	22	
F2	56	216	2.83 ^b
axr1-23 × wild-type F1	0	33	
F2	117	383	0.683°

 $^{^{\}rm a}\,\chi^2$ was calculated based on an expected ratio of three sensitive to one resistant.

^b P > 0.05.



axr1-like mutant phenotypes are inherited recessively
 → typical for loss-of-function alleles

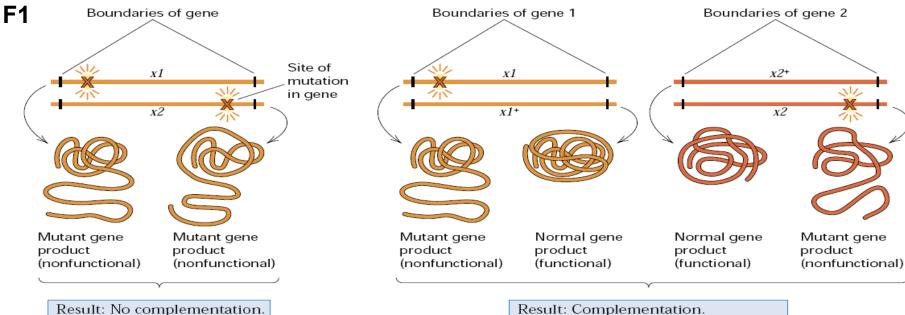
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axr mutations in the same gene?



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Result: No complementation. No functional gene product, therefore mutant phenotype.

Result: Complementation. Functional product from both genes, therefore wildtype phenotype.



Mutant phenotype

→ same gene/allelic

WT phenotype
→ different genes

Complementation test

Table 3. Complementation Analysis of axr1 Lines

	Number of Plants		
Cross	Resistant	Sensitive	
axr1-12 × axr1-3	33	0	
axr1-19 × axr1-3	21	0	
axr1-20 × axr1-3	13	0	
axr1-22 × axr1-3	24	0	
axr1-23 × axr1-3	39	0	



→ axr1-x mutations are alleles in the same gene

Morphology:

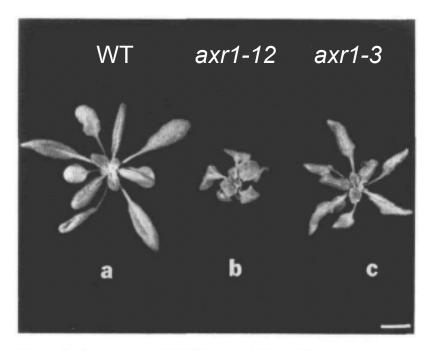


Figure 1. Phenotype of Wild-Type and Mutant Rosettes.

Rosettes were photographed when the plants were 3 weeks old.

- (a) Wild type.
- (b) axr1-12/axr1-12.
- (c) axr1-3/axr1-3.

Bar = 1 cm.

→ Allelic differences also in root growth assays

Alleles show different expression of morphological and response defects

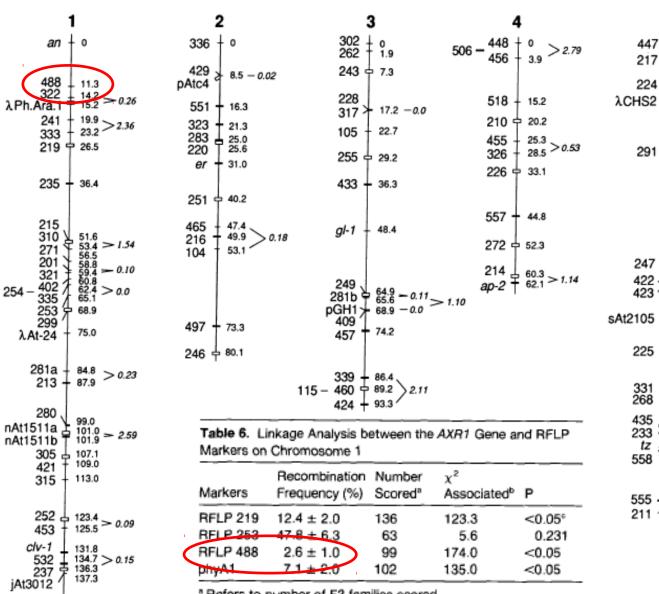


Figure 2. Comparison of Mature Wild-Type and Mutant Plants.

Wild-type and mutant plants were photographed when 7 weeks old.

- (a) Wild type.
- (b) axr1-12/axr-12.
- (c) axr1-3/axr1-3.

Bar = 3 cm.



Refers to number of F3 families scored.

132

144.4

224

291

247 4 57.7

62.6

71.2

79.4

90.0 90.5

98.7 100.7

555 + 118.2 211 + 121.3 > 0.17

104.3 105.3 - 0.05

> 0.85

422

423

225

331 268

435 233

tz

558

11.1

14.8

27.8

b χ² associated is the total χ² adjusted for deviations of each individual marker from Mendelian segregation.

[°] P value < 0.05 indicates deviation from nonlinkage (i.e., linkage).</p>

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Conclusion:

- axr1 mutants represent different alleles in the same gene
- 'weak and strong' alleles
- essential function in growth related processes throughout developmental stages is confirmed
- AXR1 gene maps to the top of chromosome 1

Arabidopsis auxin-resistance gene AXR1 encodes a protein related to ubiquitin-activating enzyme E1

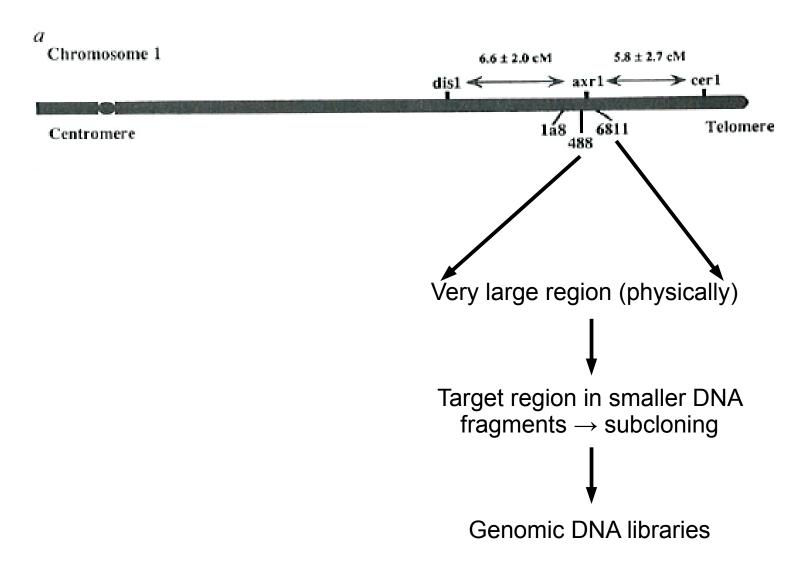
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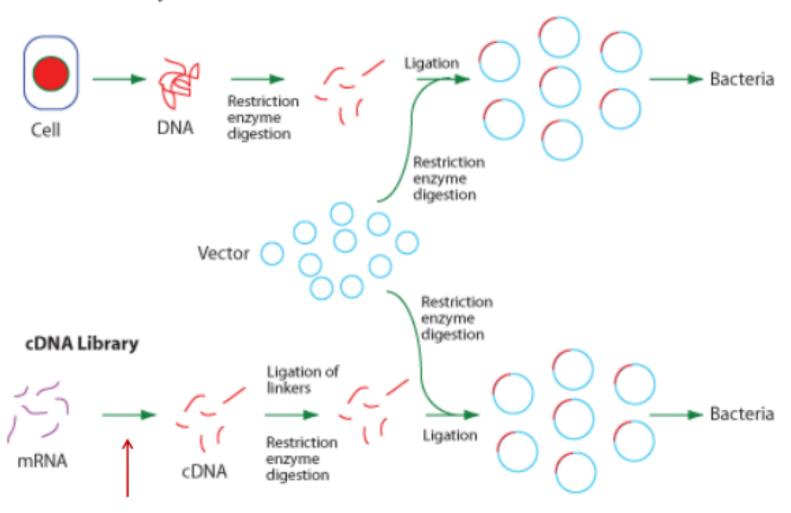
Aim:

- Fine-mapping and cloning of AXR1

AXR1 - Chromosome Walking



Genomic Library

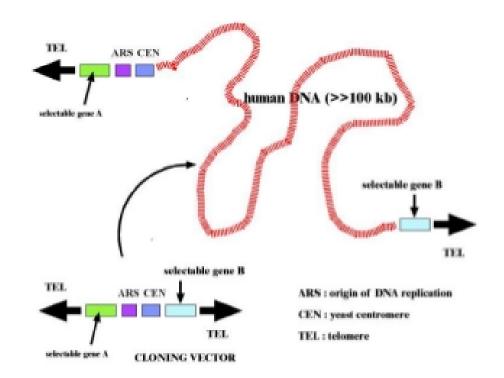


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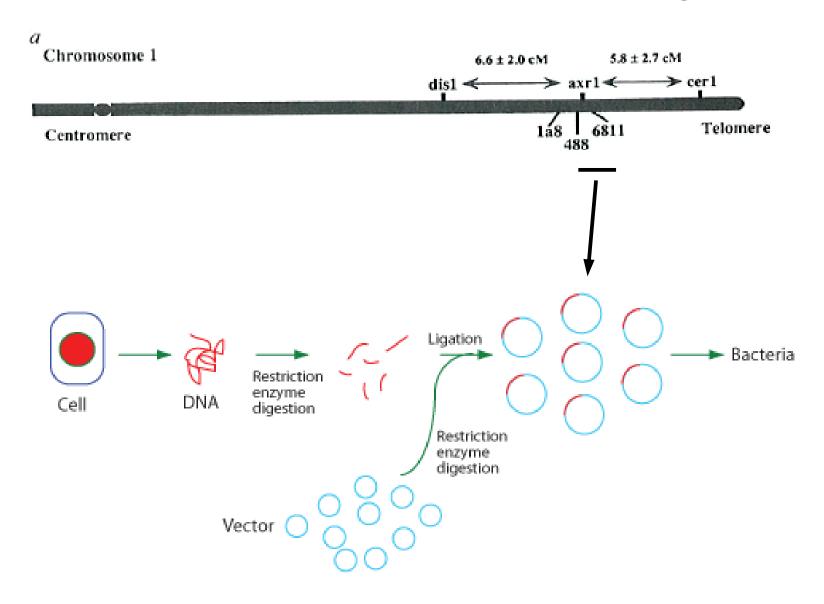
Vectors for cloning of large DNA fragments – YACs, cosmids, ...

Approximate maximum length of DNA that can be cloned into vectors

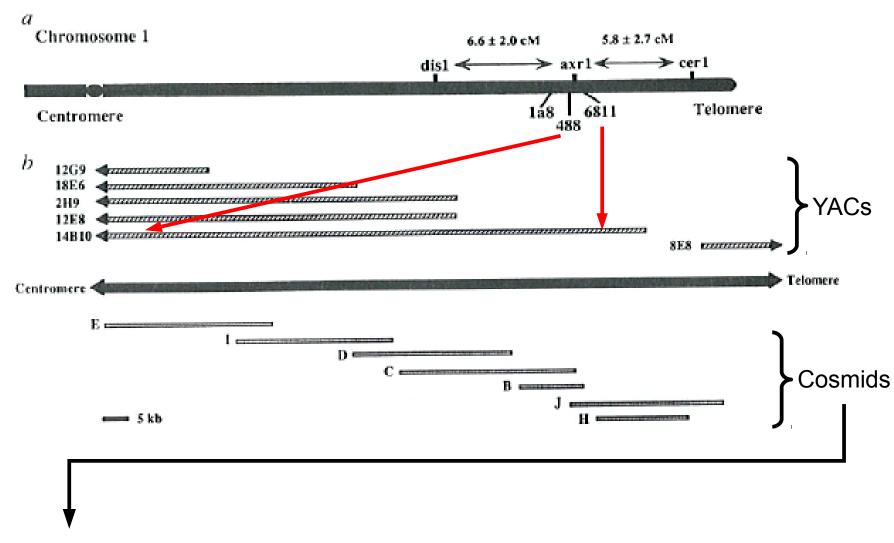
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<u>Plasmid</u>	20
lambda phage	25
Cosmid	45
BAC (bacterial artificial chromosome)	300
YAC (yeast artificial chromosome	1000



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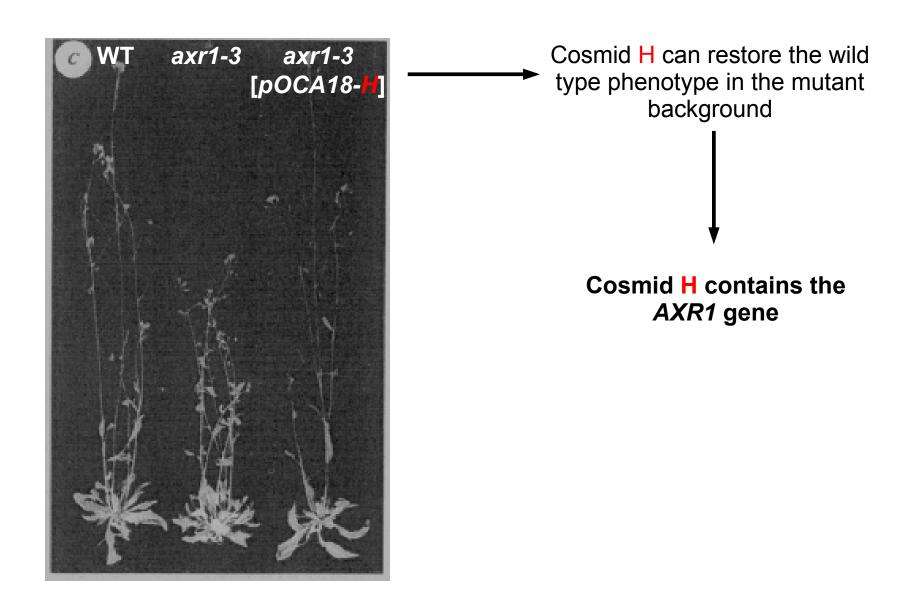
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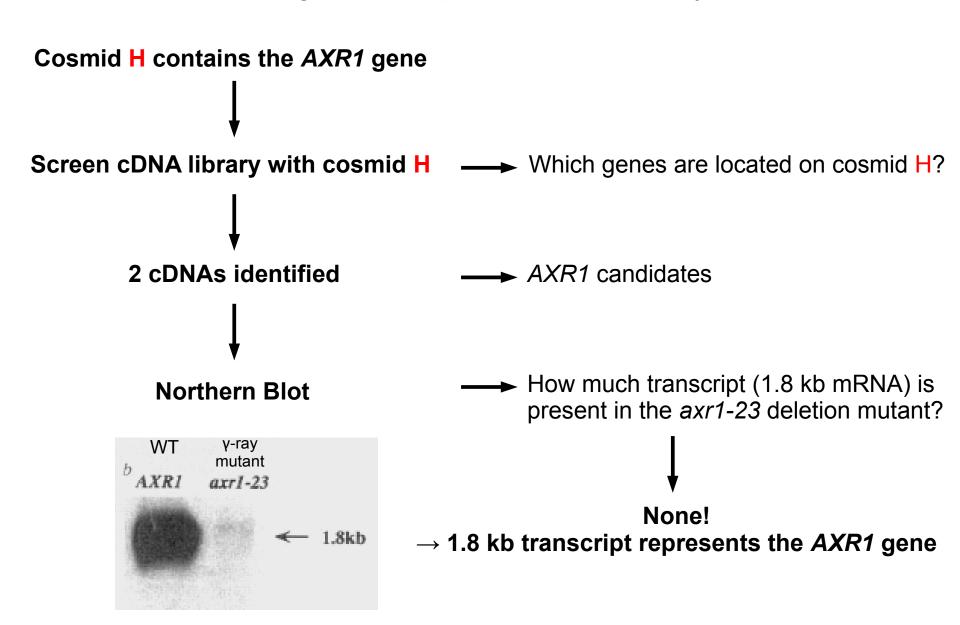
Transform cosmid clones E – H by agrobacterium transformation into *axr1-3* mutants

Check for restoration of the WT phenotype

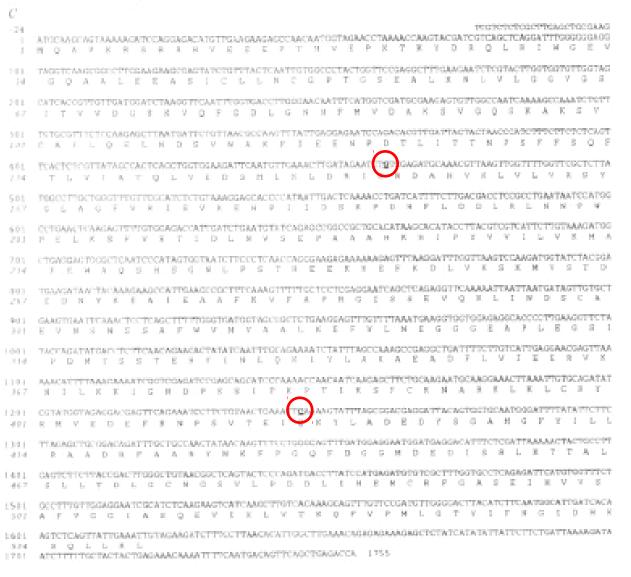
Transgenic complementation analysis



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Sequencing of the AXR1 gene in axr1-3 and axr1-12 mutants



axr1-3 = G461A Cysteine → Tyrosine

axr1-12 = C1246TGlycine \rightarrow STOP

AXR1 function?

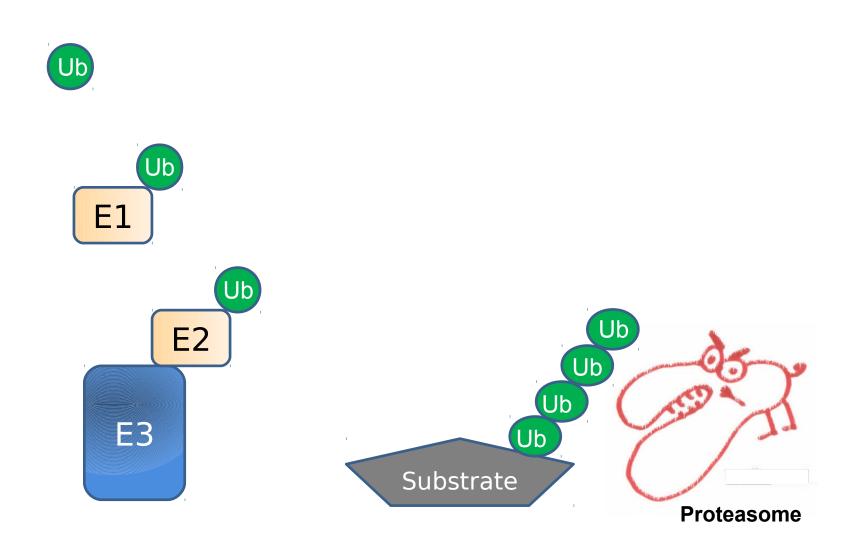
Sequence similarity searches with Genbank database:



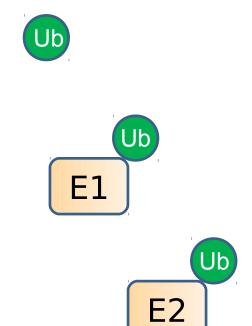
AXR1 Protein: 540 AS, ca. 60 kD

➤ Similarity to human and yeast E1 ubiquitin activating enzymes

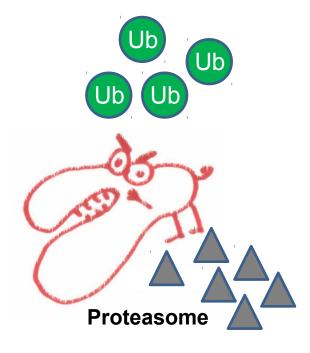
The ubiquitin system



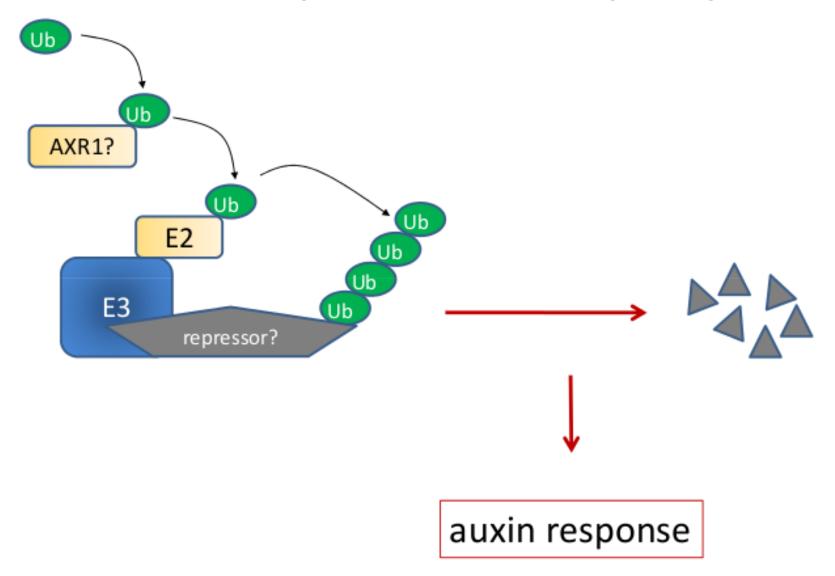
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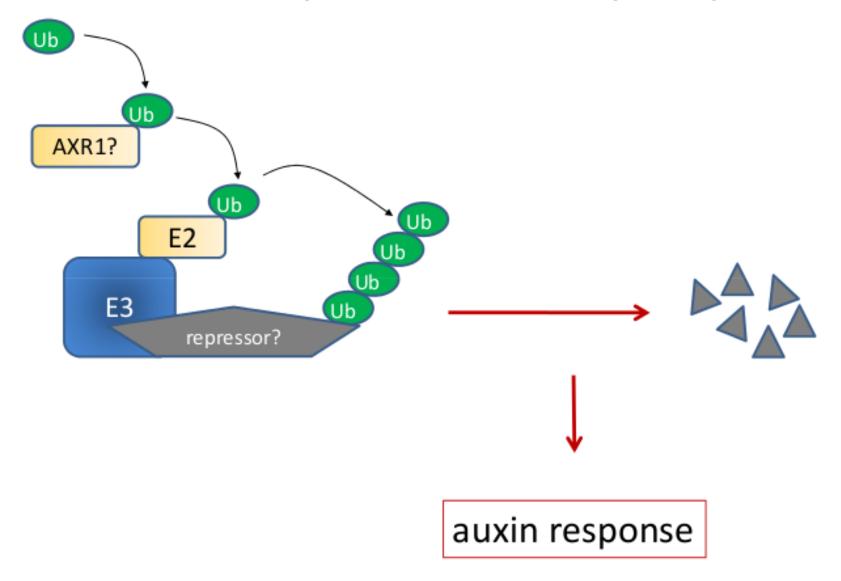
E3



Preliminary model of auxin signaling



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How could protein degradation be associated with the gene activation hypothesis?

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Wie präsentiere ich ein Paper?

- Hintergrund/Einleitung mit Ausgangsmodel
- Zielstellung
- Ergebnisse (anhand der Abbildungen)
 - > Wenn nötig, neue Methoden erklären
- Diskussion
 - Big picture
- Fazit
 - Welche Erkenntnisse sind hinzugekommen
 - Model erweitern

Termine

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