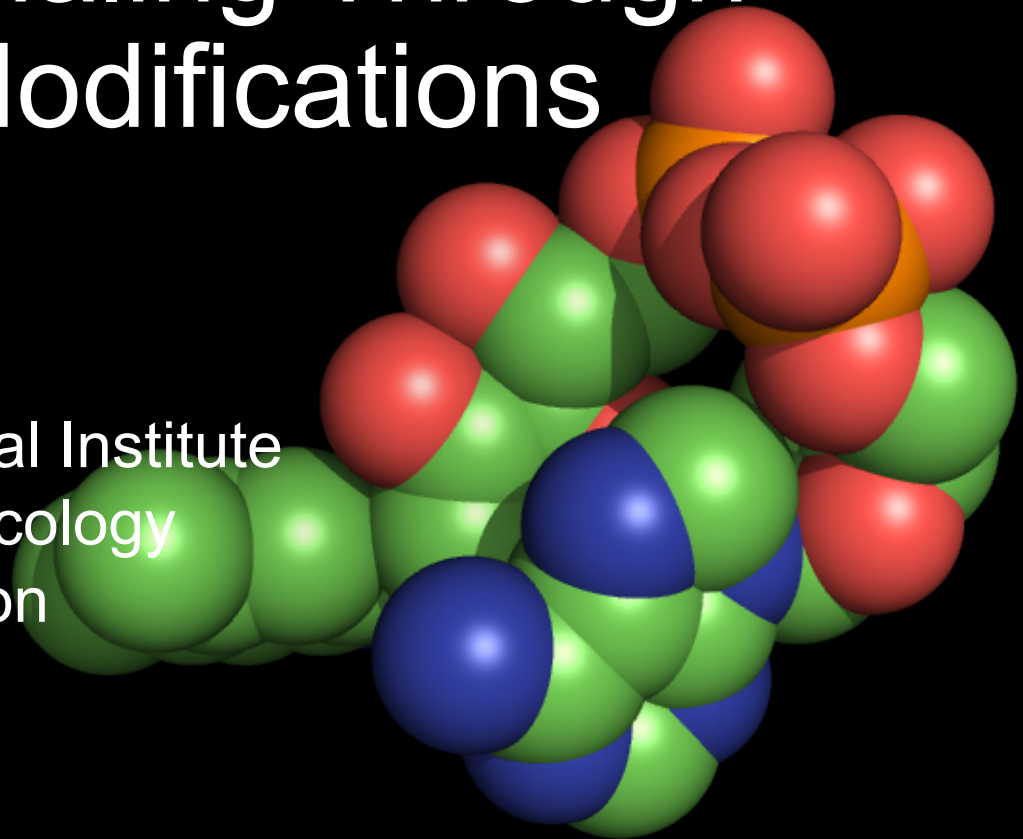


Cellular Signaling Through Protein Modifications

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We Could Discuss About

Structural and Regulatory Mechanisms of
Major PTM enzymes

Kinases

Phosphatases

Ubiquitin Ligases

Deubiquitinases

Acetyl-transferases

Deacetylases

Methyl-transferases

Demethylases

Proteases

Isomerases

Instead

Using Structural Approaches to
Address Biological Problems

Signaling via Ubiquitination

Challenges In Structural Biology

Data Collection
Data Interpretation

Are You Serious?



Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm one of the crystallographers for the Seattle Structural Genomics Center For Infectious Diseases<<http://www.ssgcid.org/home/index.asp>> (SSGCID). I'm writing to you because of a your groups' interest in membrane proteins. Here at SSGCID have deposited over 500 protein structures to the protein data bank in the last 4.5 years, including over 50 structures for one of our community requestors, [REDACTED].

We would like to work on some more difficult targets, specifically membrane proteins. There are a number of either essential, drug resistance related, or antigen targets for vaccine development. These proteins are AmtBs (ammonium transporters), Omps (outer membrane proteins), and K⁺ channel proteins that can be found in our parasitic, yeast, or bacterial pathogenic organisms. Since you are in the local area and interested in membrane protein structure I thought I would reach out to you. Additionally, if there are any E3 proteins in our eukaryotic organisms you could request that we attempt to crystallize them.

The results of these studies would be published, and any materials such as expression plasmids, purified proteins, and expression/purification protocols would be freely available to you since SSGCID is a publicly funded structural biology center. These materials could be used by your laboratory for any future studies as you see fit.

Perhaps most importantly, this would all be done at no cost to you or your group. We would also hope that you or someone in your lab would be willing to help us co-author papers or do biochemical assays on protein and structures produced through this effort, although it is not a requirement. This is an excellent opportunity for graduate students or postdocs to become first or co-first authors on structures and publications.

I have compiled a list of AmtB, Omp, and K-channels from our target pathogenic organisms that I have attached to this email.

If you are interested in this project, we would really like for you to request these targets through our formal target request process. This requires around 15 minutes of effort to compose an email to our target request email address located here: http://www.ssgcid.org/home/Email_target_submission.asp.

If you are pressed for time, I would be happy to fill out the short form required for the email.

Thanks for your time and consideration.
Please feel free to contact me by phone or email,

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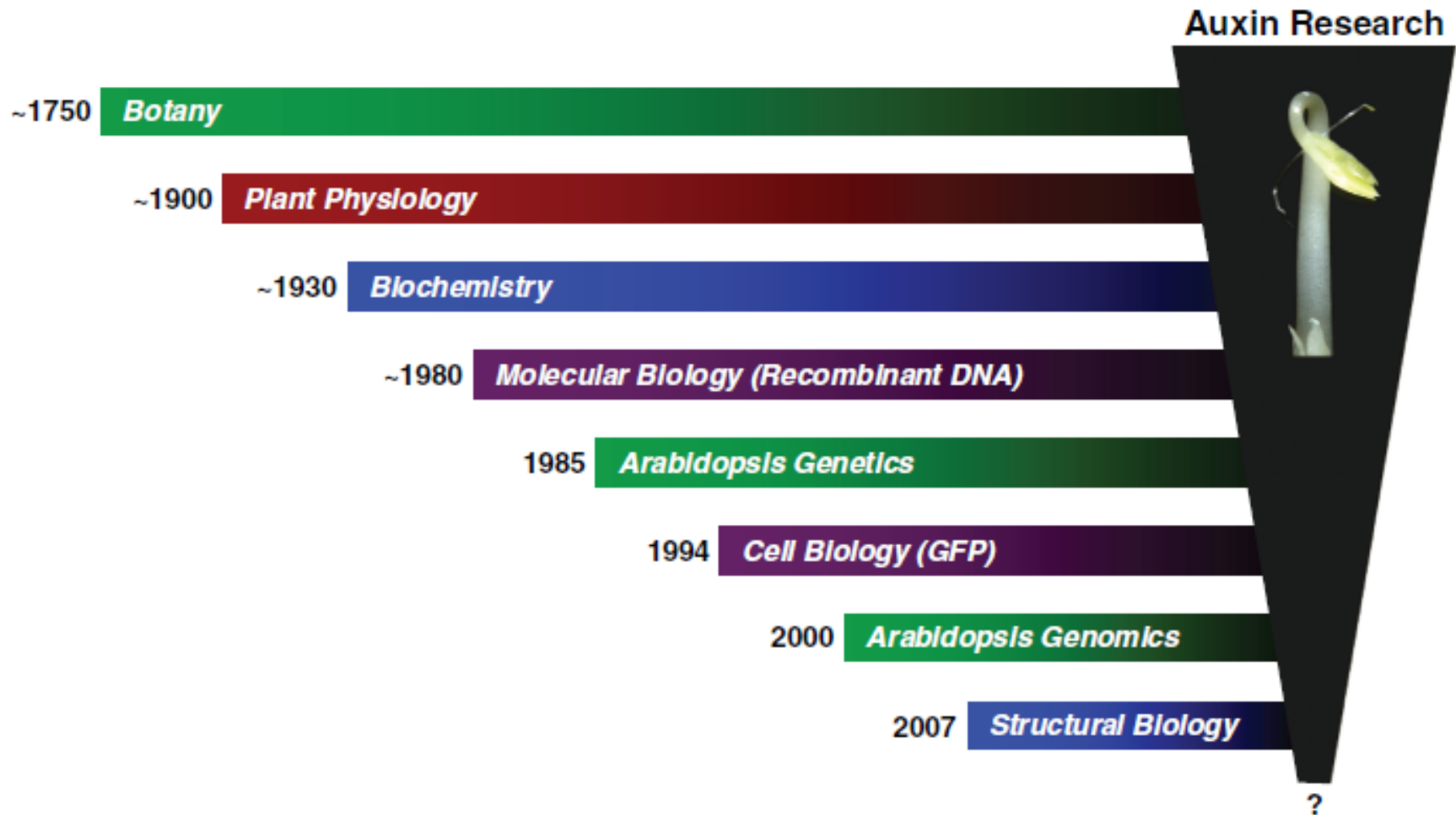
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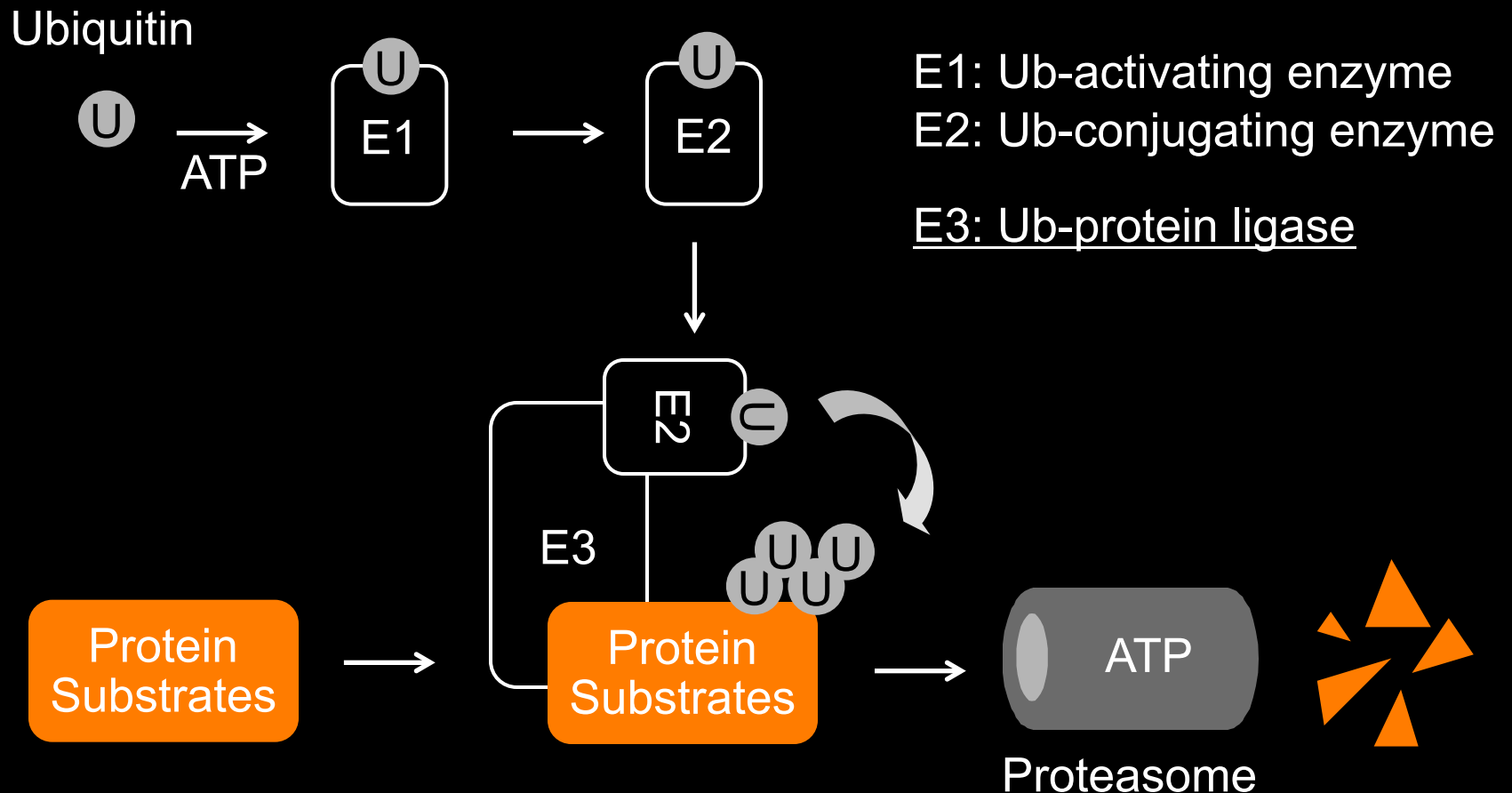
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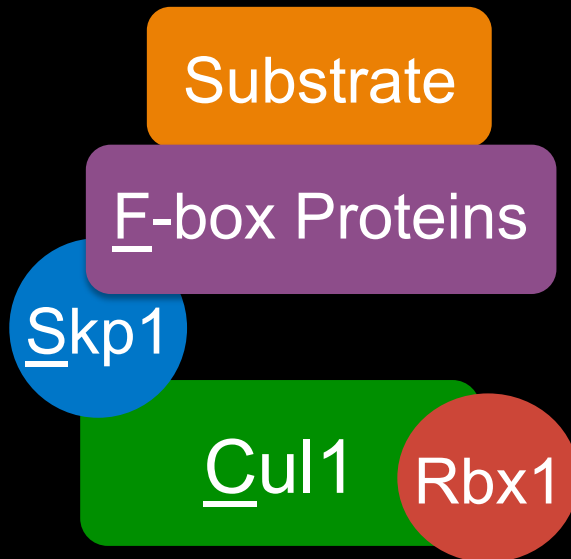


Ubiquitin Proteasome System



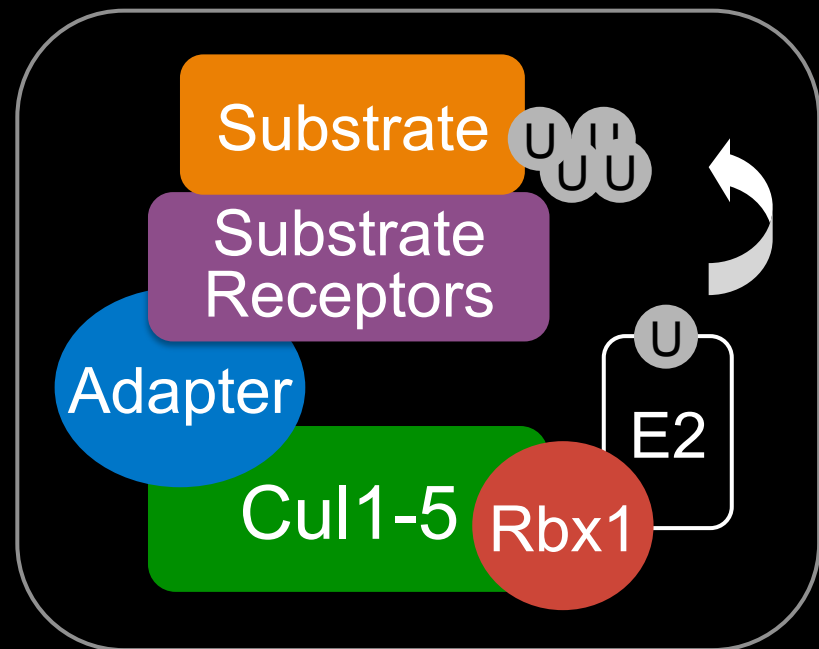
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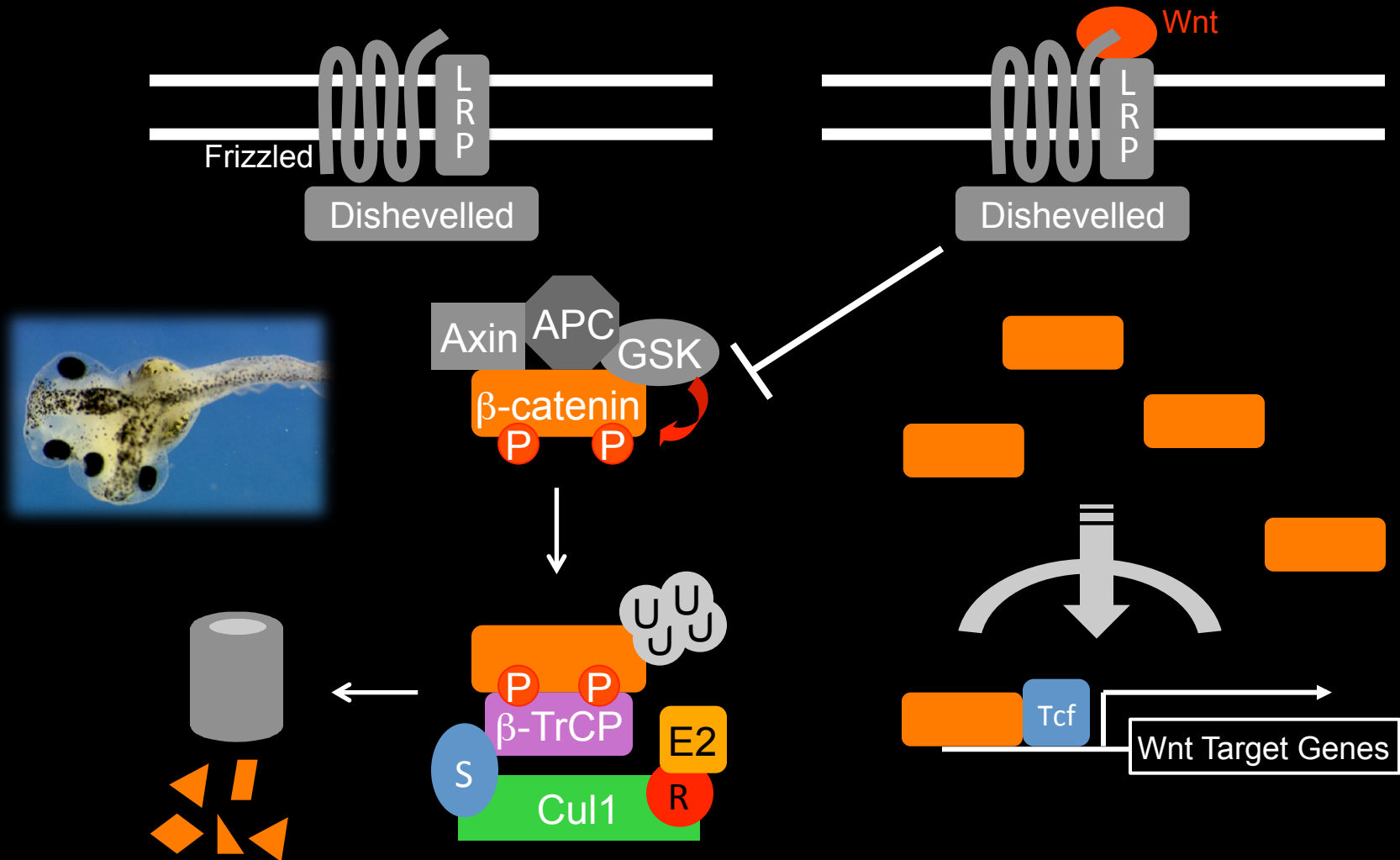
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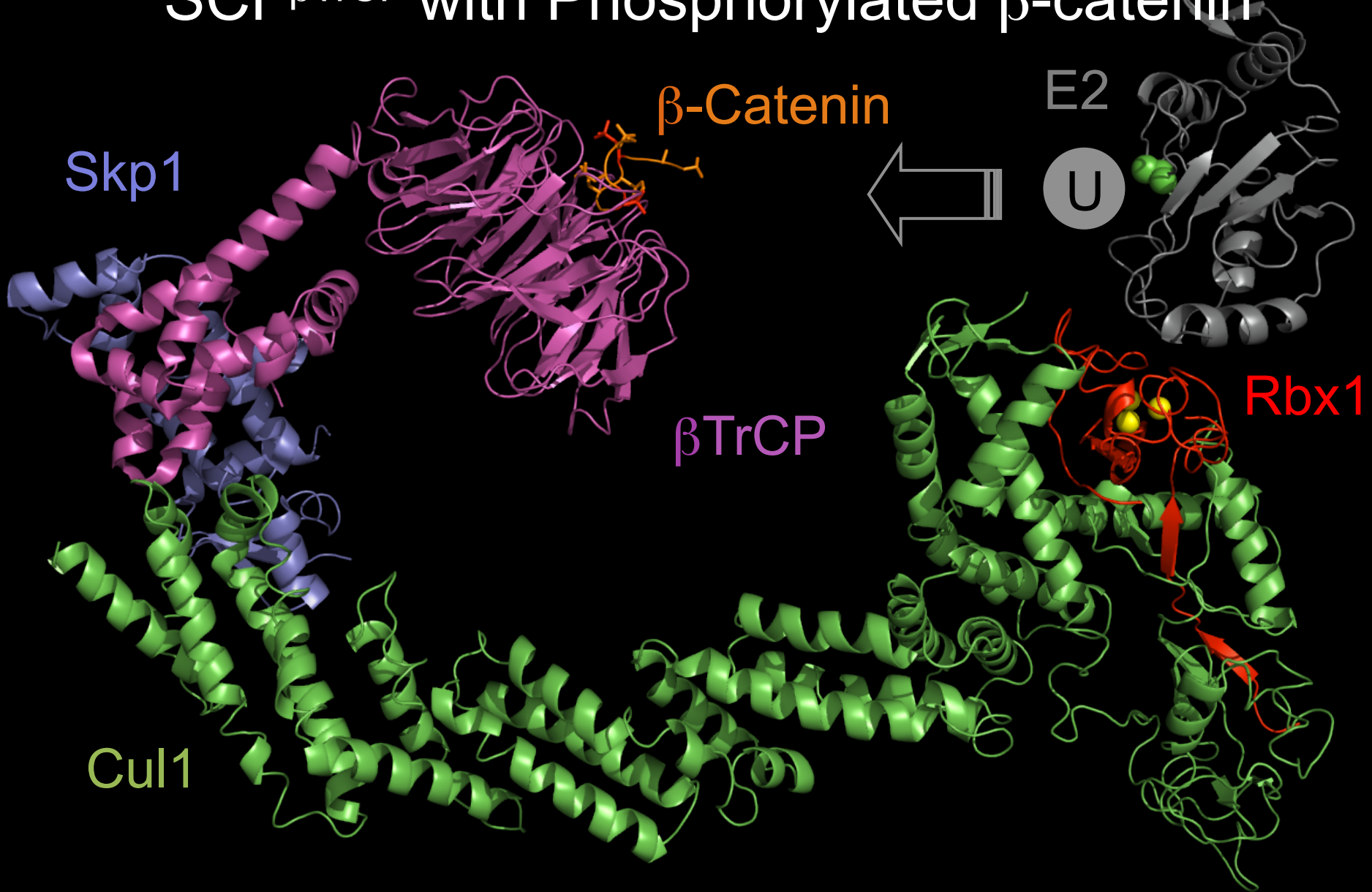


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SCF^{β-TrCP} E3 Ligase Regulates Wnt Signaling

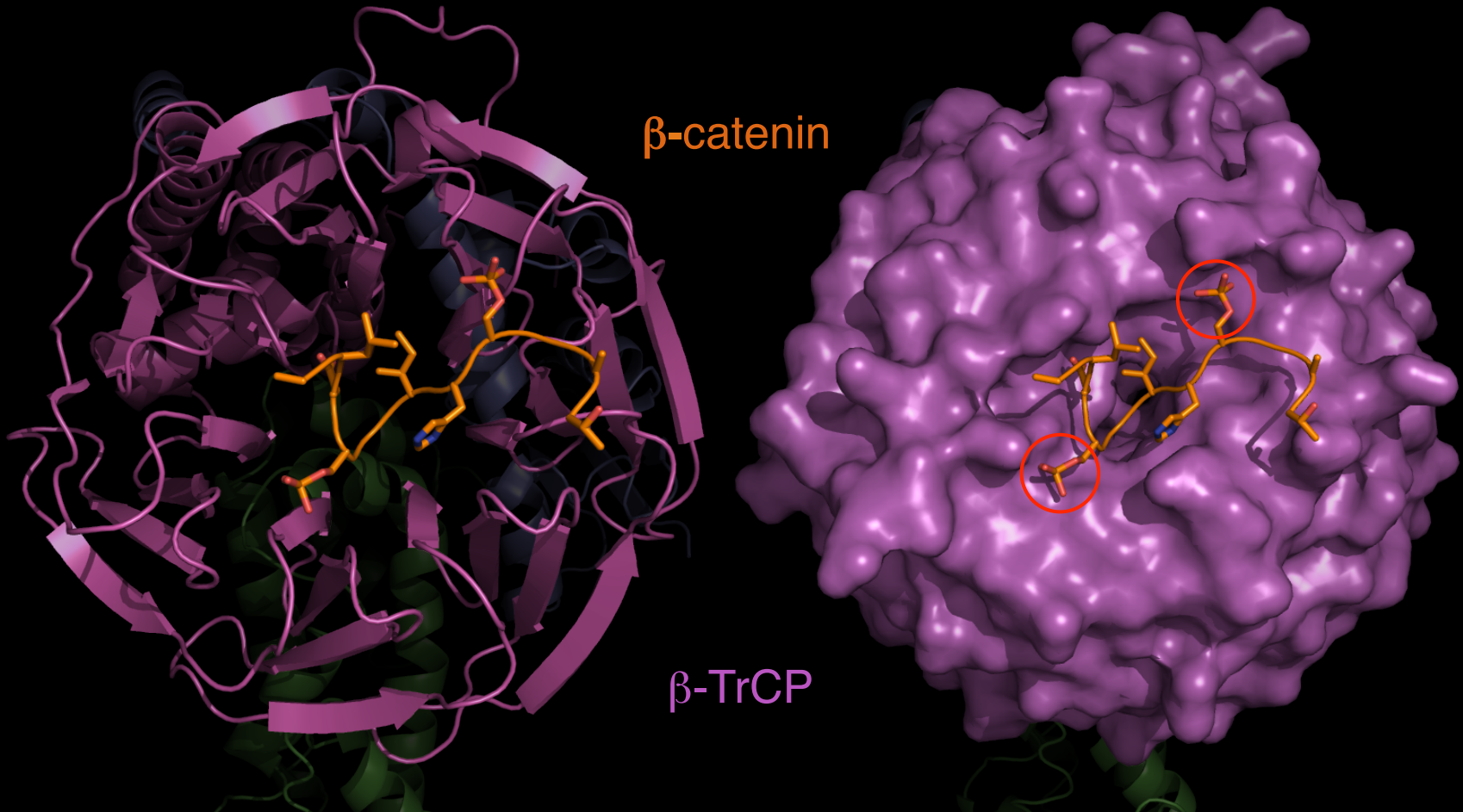


SCF ^{β TrCP} with Phosphorylated β -catenin



(Zheng et al. 2002 NATURE 416:703; Wu et al. 2003 Mol. Cell 11:1445.)

Phosphorylation-Enabled Binding of β -catenin Peptide to β -TrCP

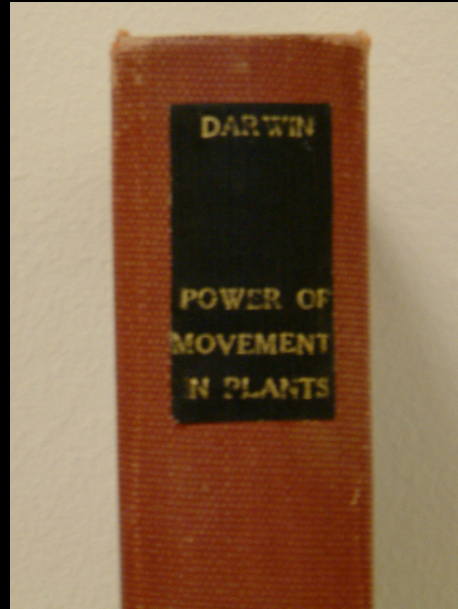
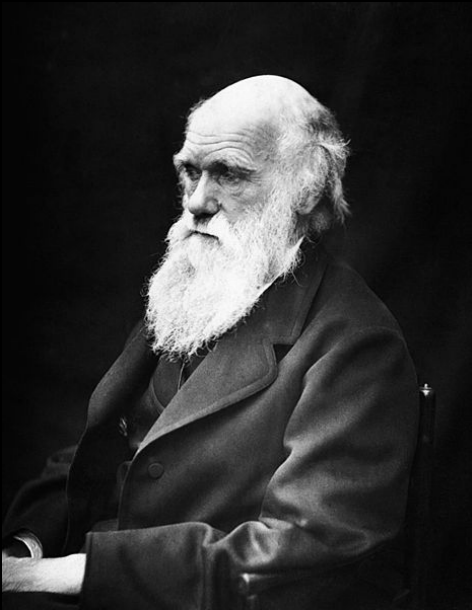


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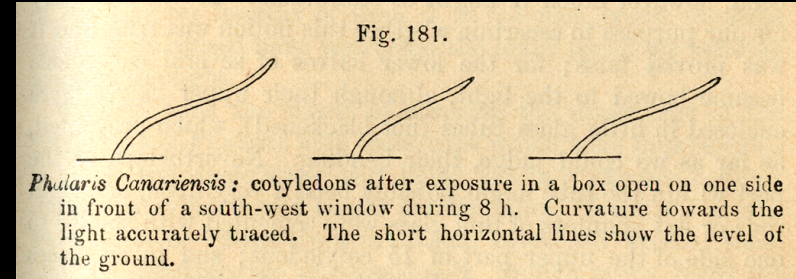
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A New Paradigm of SCF – Substrate Recognition

Darwin's "Influence"



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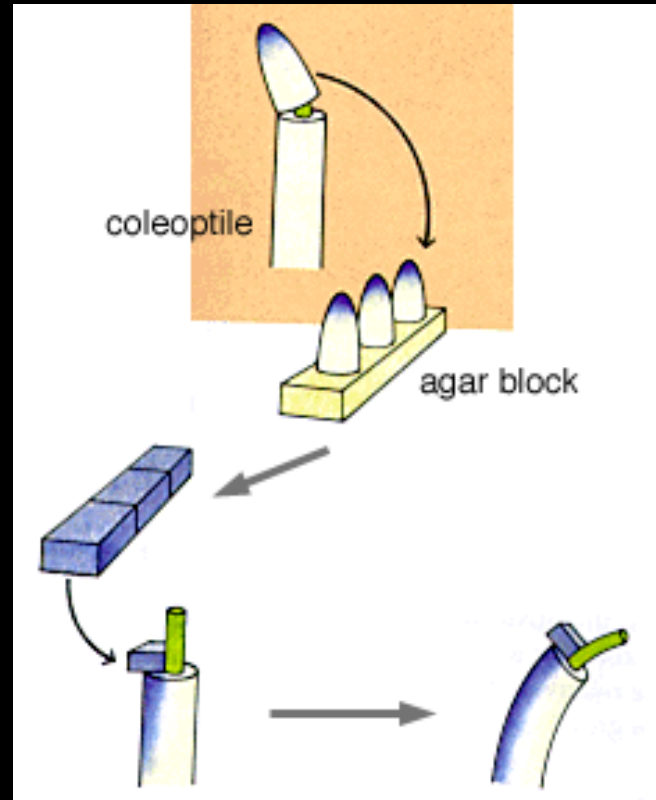
Plants in Motion, Roger Hangarter, Indiana University

“We must therefore conclude that when seedlings are freely exposed to a lateral light some influence is transmitted from the upper to the lower part, causing the latter to bend.”

Darwin's "Influence" = A Diffusible Chemical



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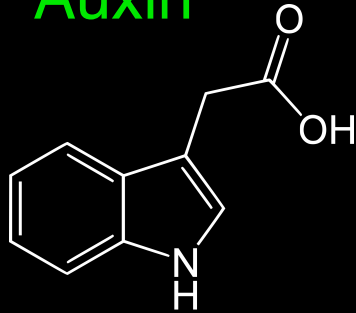


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Went, F.W. (1935) Auxin, the plant growth-hormone.
Bot. Rev. 1: 162-182.

Darwin's "Influence" = A Diffusible Chemical = Auxin, a Pivotal Plant Hormone

Auxin



Indole-3-acetic acid



Kenneth V. Thimann



Embryo development

Fruit development

Apical dominance

Phototropism

Vascular differentiation

Gravitropism

Root initiation

Lateral root development

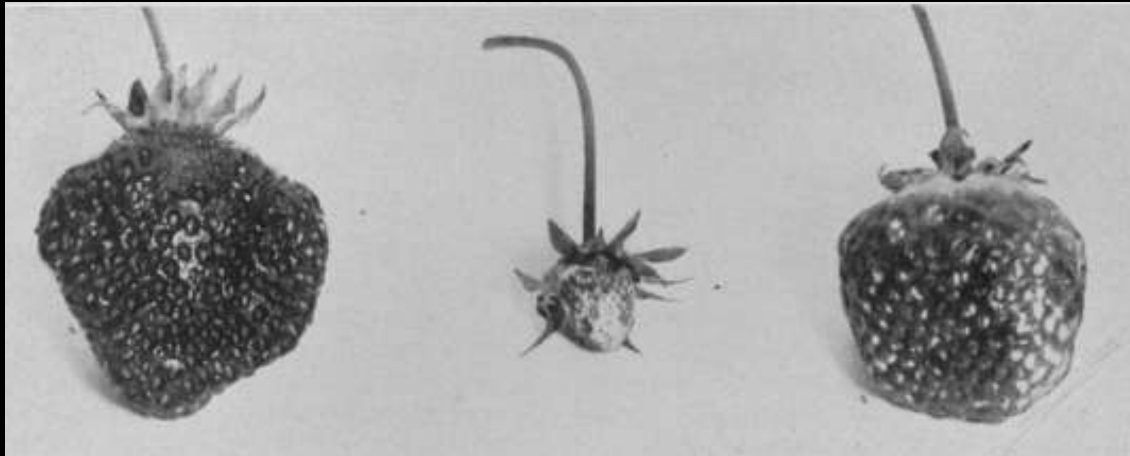
Classic Examples of Auxin Action

Fruit Development

Normal

Seed
Removed

Seed removed
Auxin applied



(J. P. Nitsch 1949 American J. Botany 37:211)

Structure-Activity Relationships of Auxin

Auxin induced curvature of slit pea stem

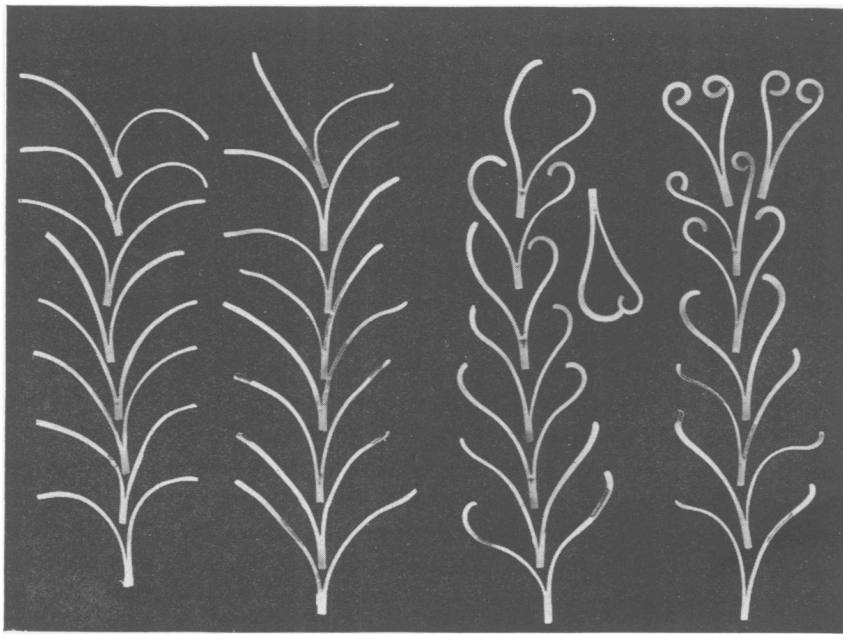
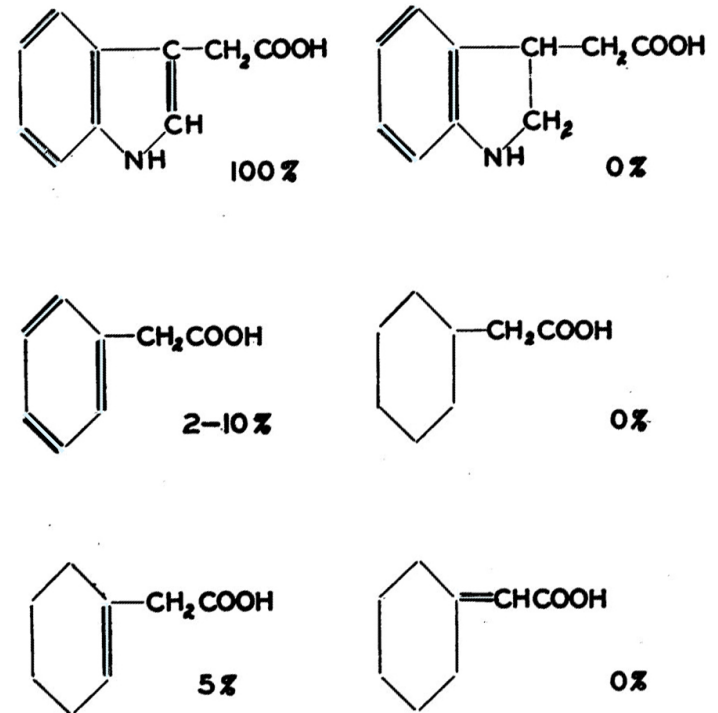


FIG. 8. Curvatures of slit internodes of etiolated pea stems. Left to right, water, 0.1, 1.0 and 4.0 mg. per liter indene-acetic acid.

A mysterious “Key & Lock” problem

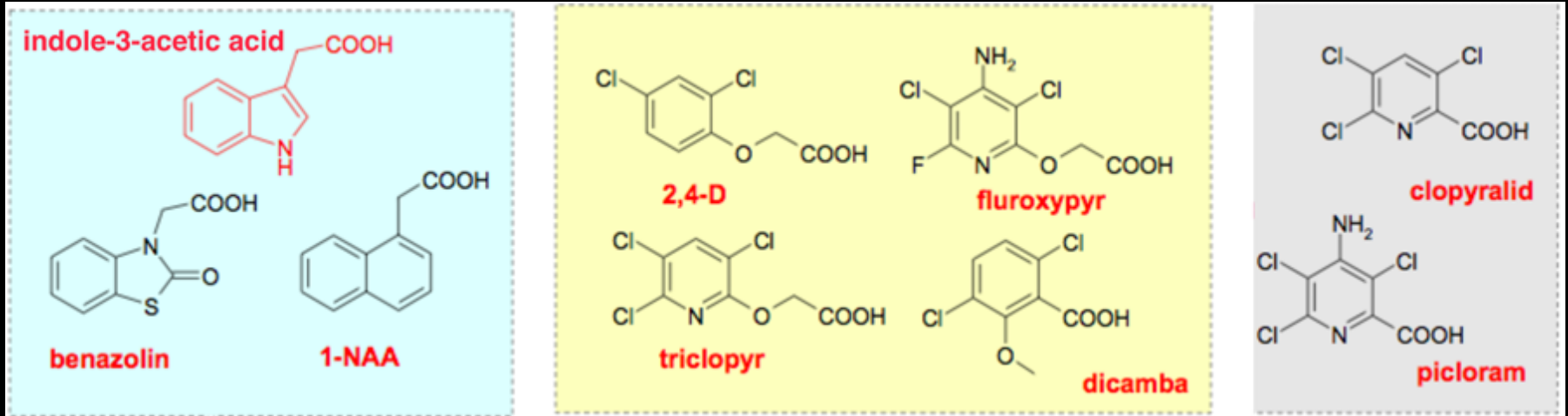


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[Auxin] (nM – μM)

Diverse Auxin and Auxin Analogues

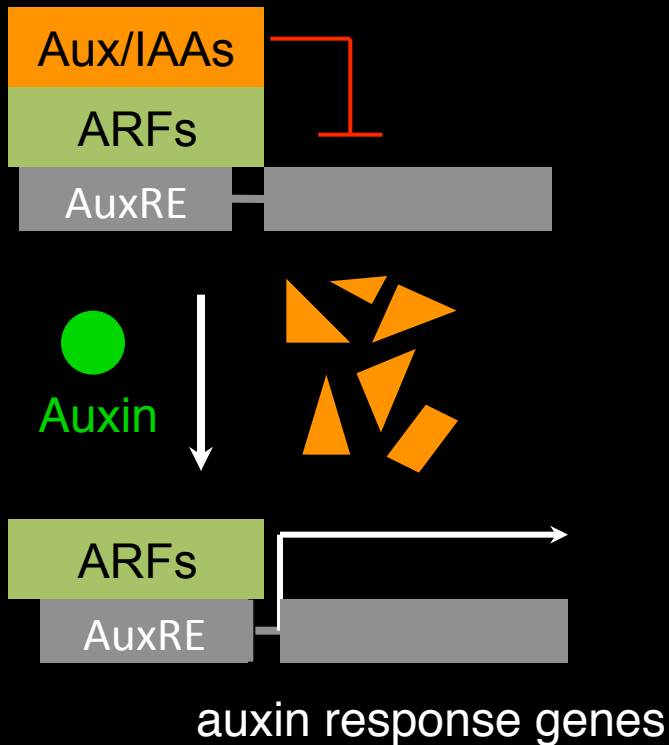
Natural and synthetic auxins (1940 -1970)



2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid

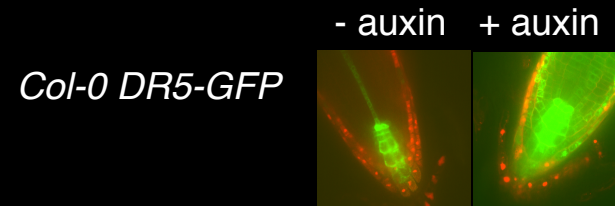


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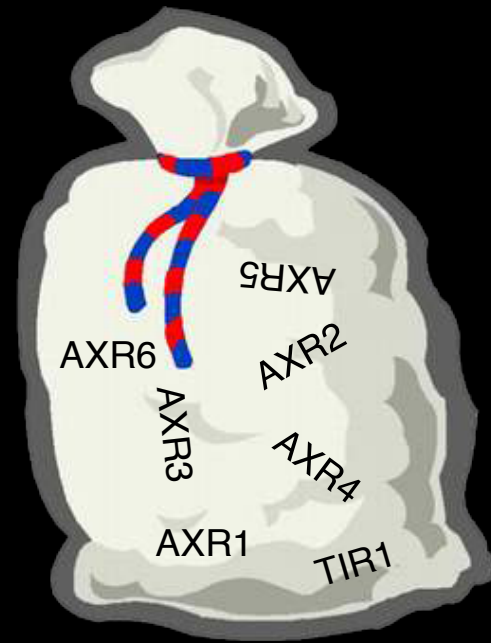
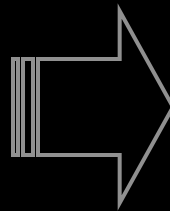
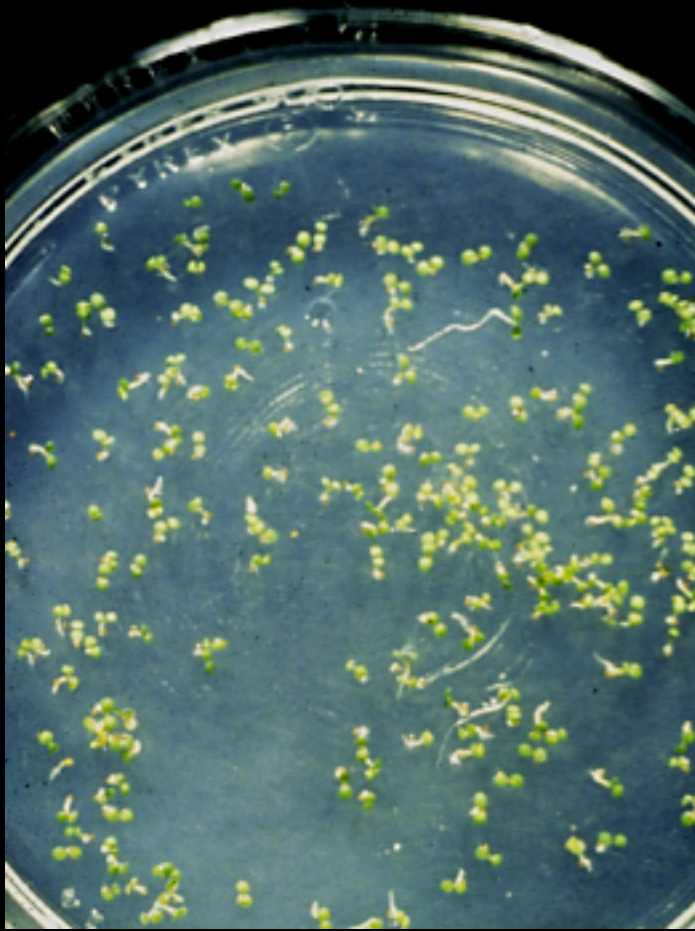


Auxin alters transcription programs by inducing rapid degradation of Aux/IAA transcription repressors.

A. thaliana genome encodes 29 Aux/IAAs and 25 ARFs.



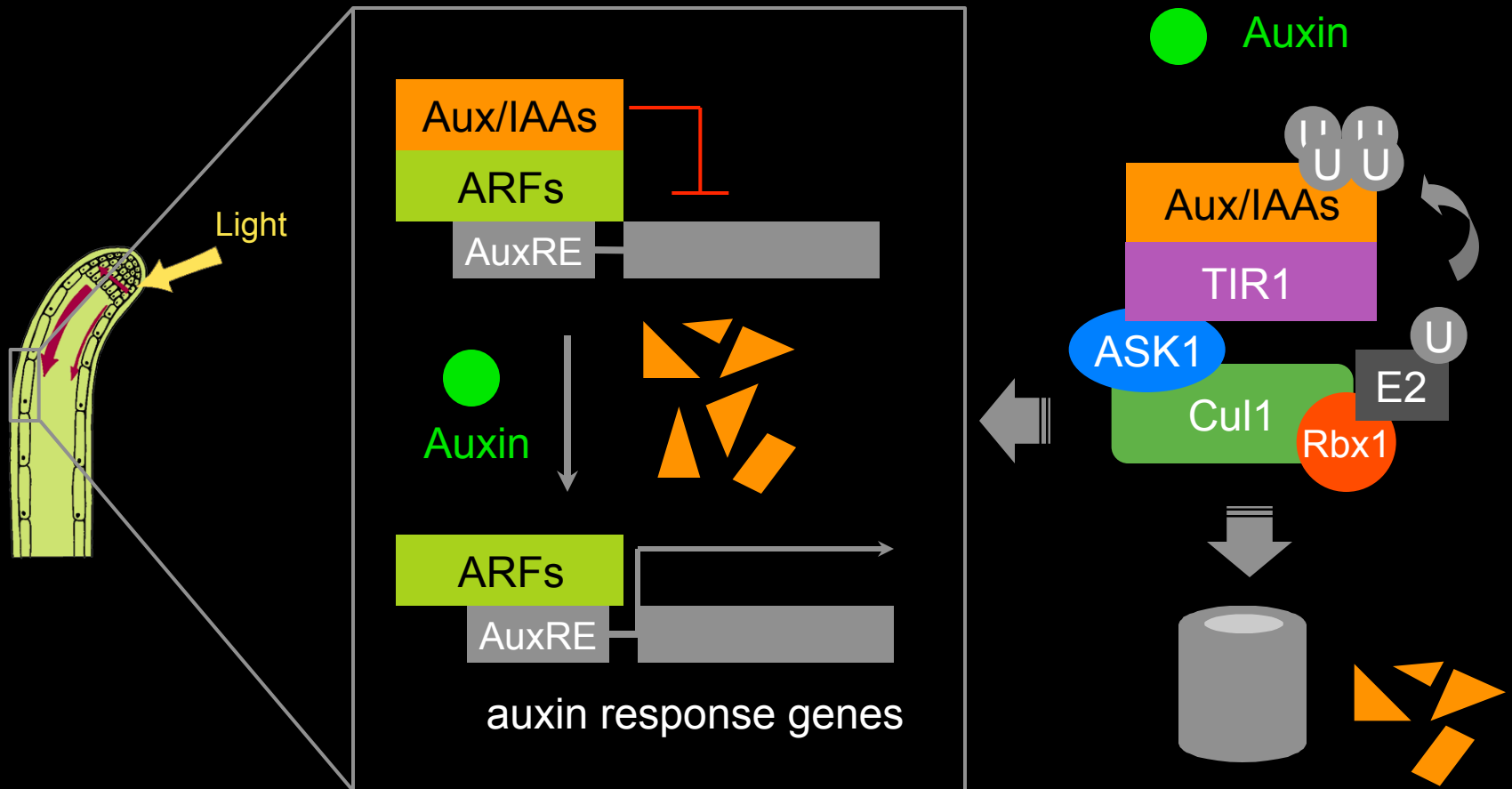
Identification of Auxin Response Mutants



Mark Estelle
(UCSD)

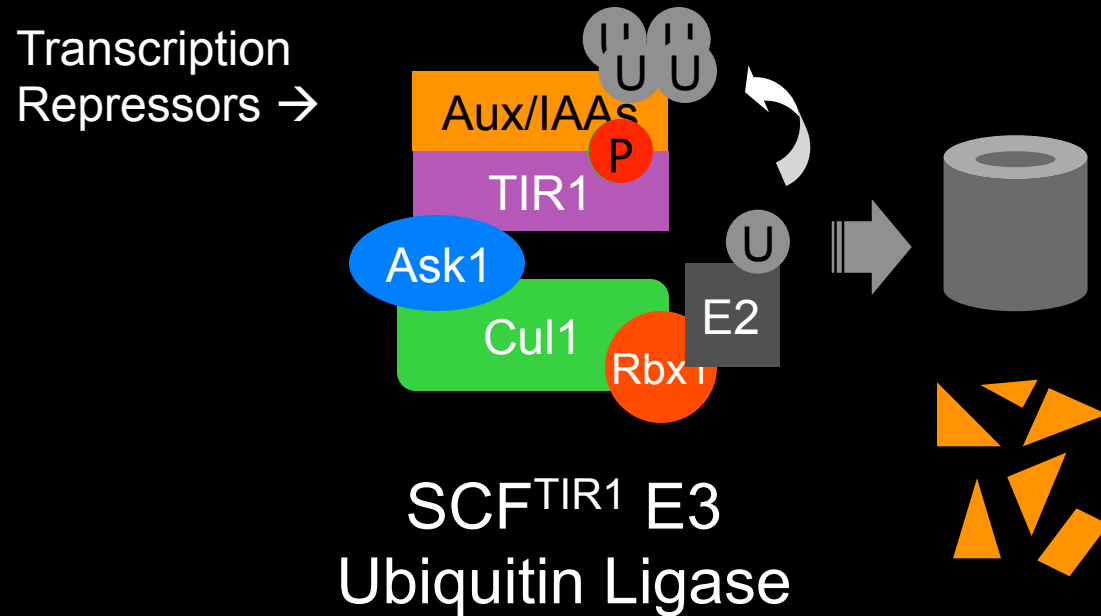
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Plant SCF^{TIR1} Mediates Auxin Signaling

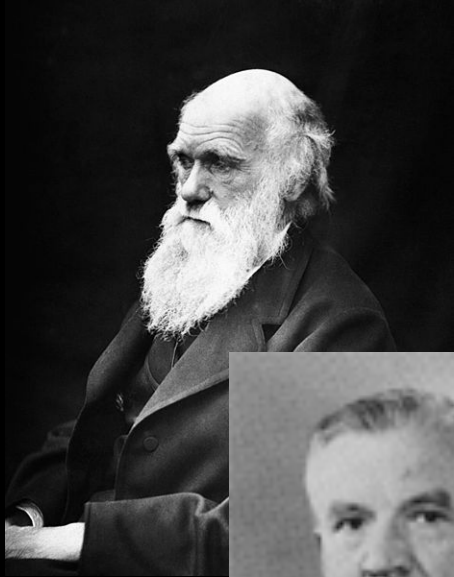


How Do Plants Sense Auxin?

A New Paradigm of Hormone Signaling



Ready to Solve the *Key & Lock* Problem



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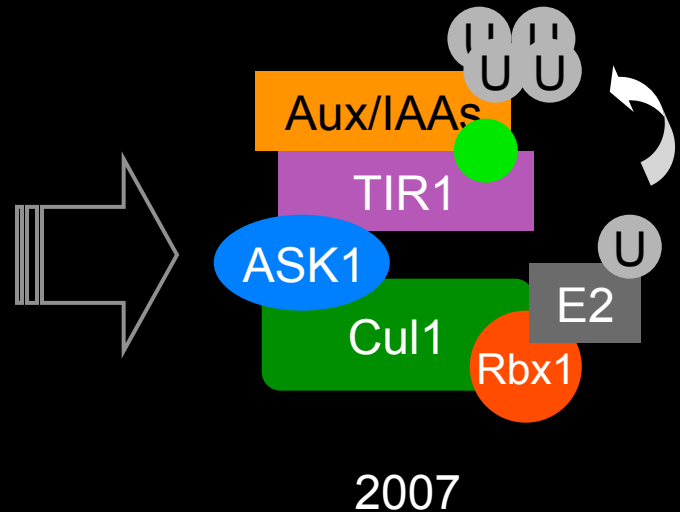


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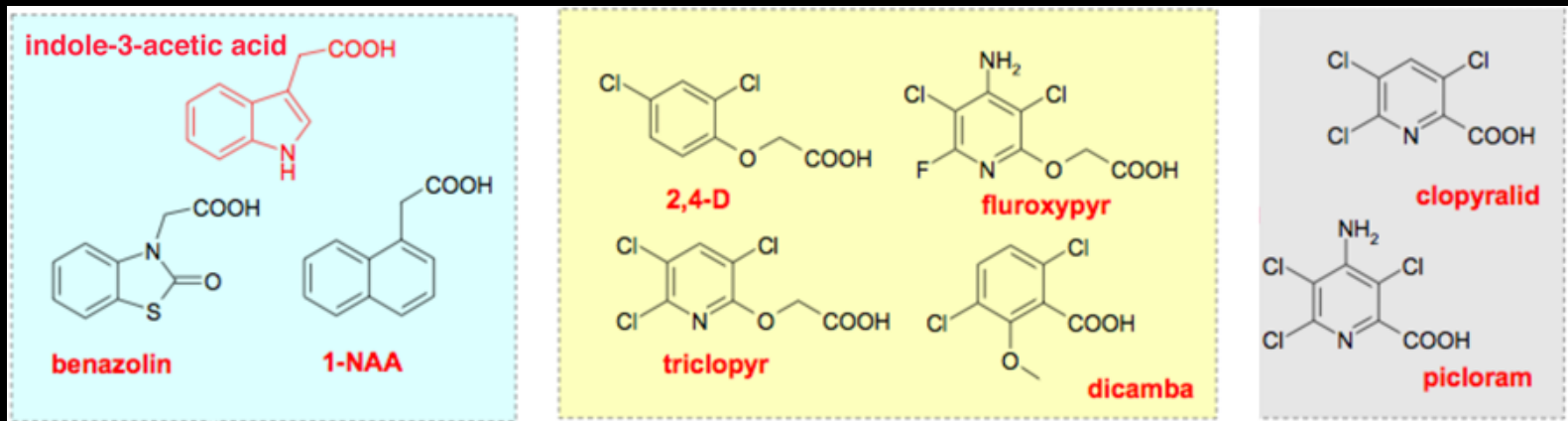
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Auxin



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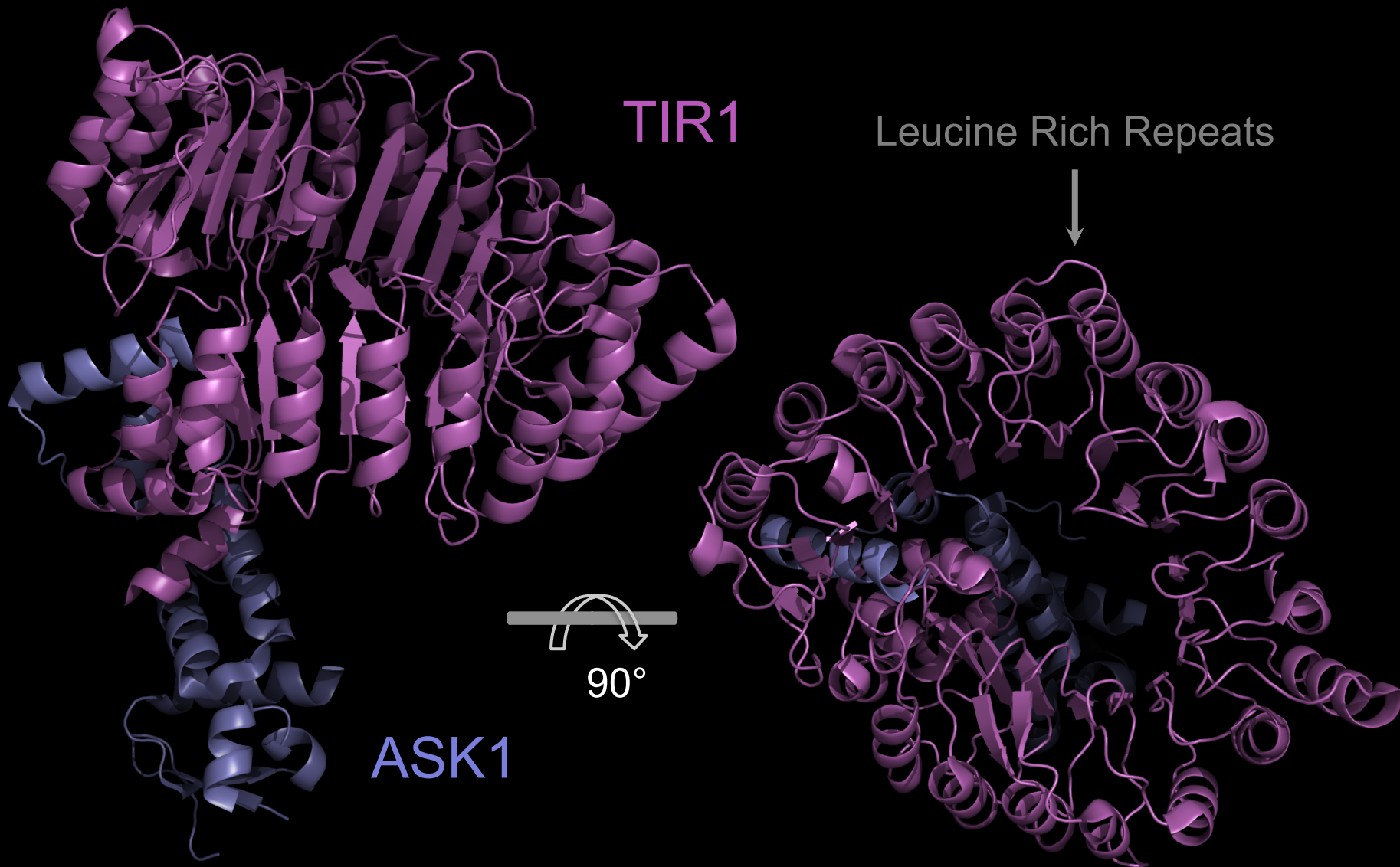


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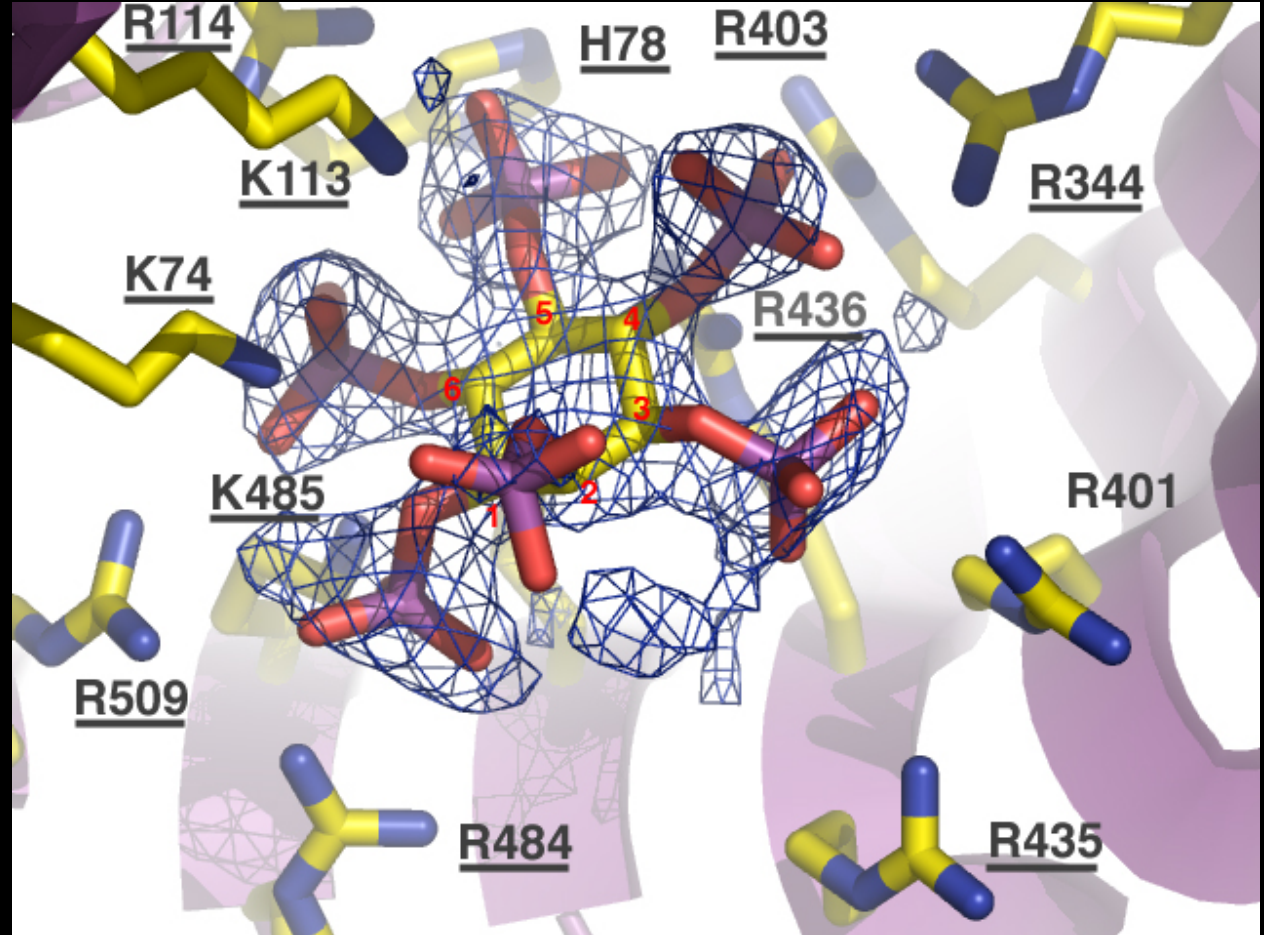
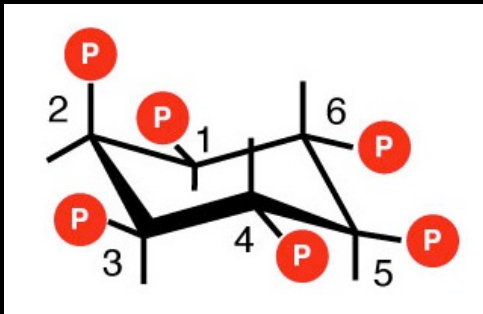
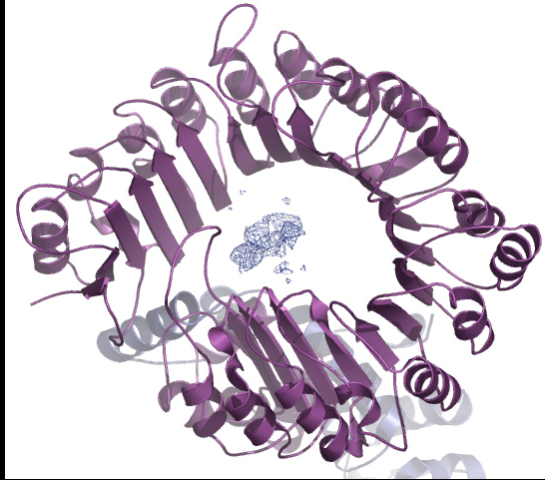
An Allosteric Switch Model

Overall Structure of the TIR1-ASK1 Complex



Mysterious Density in TIR1

Inositol hexakisphosphate



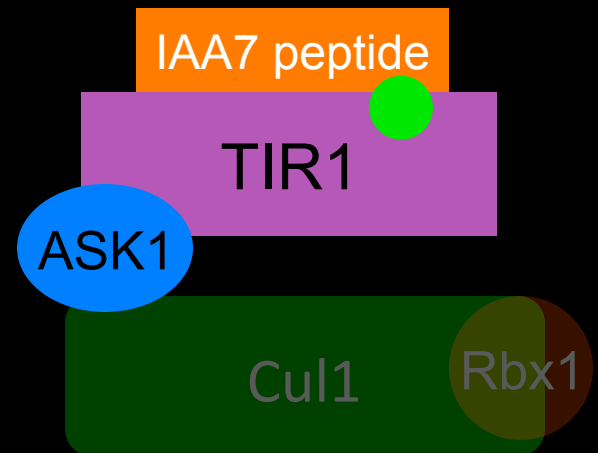
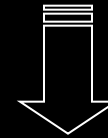
A Conserved Degron in SCF^{TIR1} Substrates

Aux/IAA 1 – 29

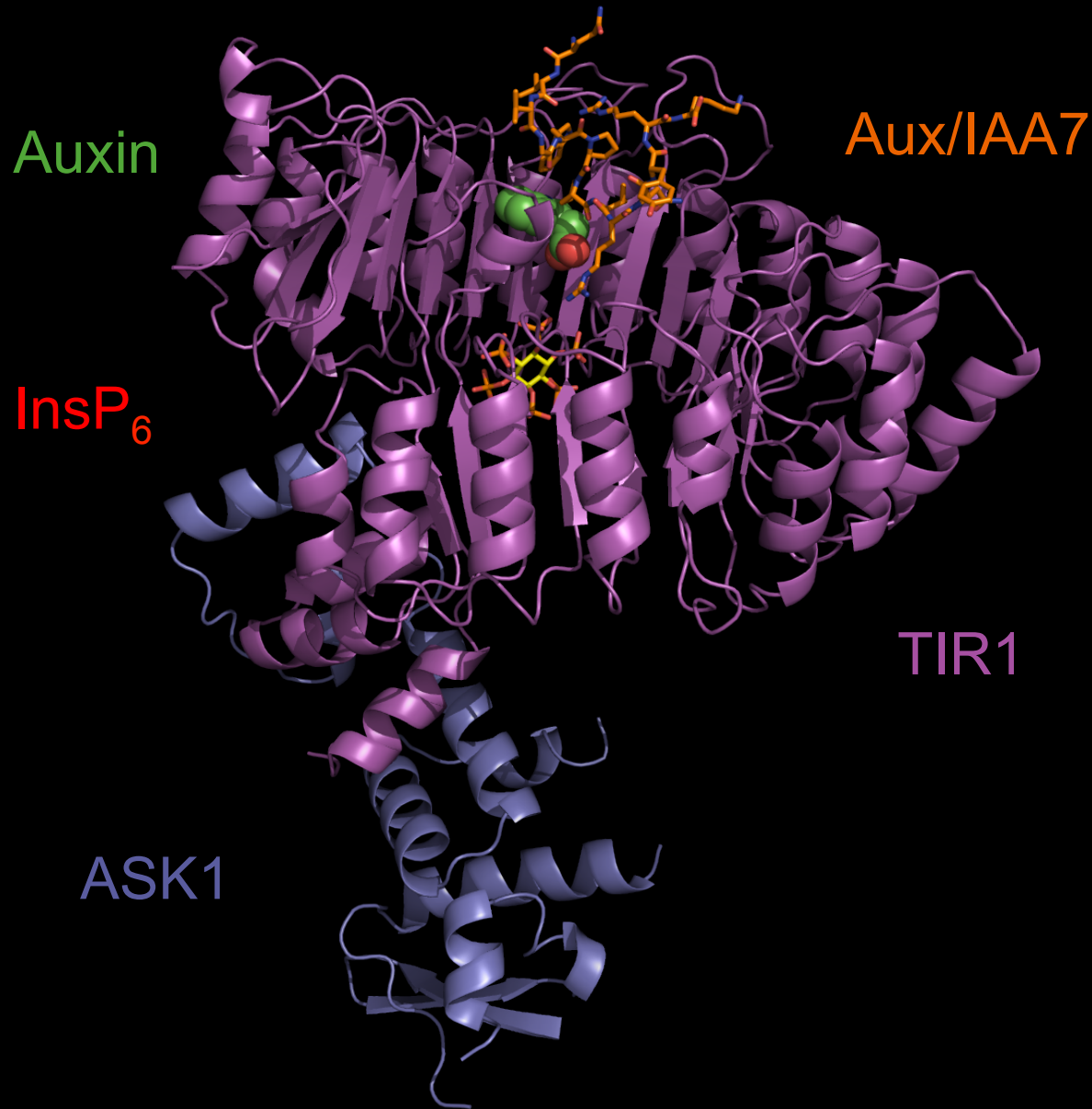


...PVVGWPPVRSFRR...	IAA26/PAP1
...QIVGWPPVRSYRK...	IAA3 /SHY2
...QVVGWPPVRSYRK...	IAA17/AXR3
...QI VGWPP IRNYRK...	IAA7 /AXR2
...QVVGWPPVCSYRK...	IAA14/SLR1
...KIVGWPPIRSYRK...	IAA19/MSG2
...QVVGWPPIGLHRM...	IAA12/BDL
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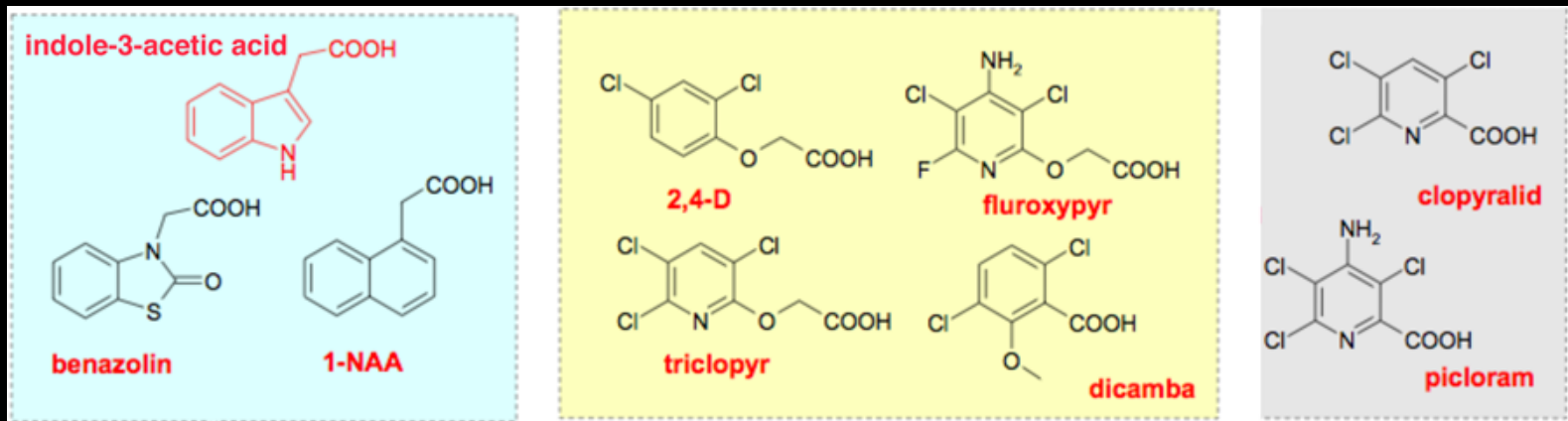


TIR1-ASK1-IAA7-Auxin-(InP₆) Complex



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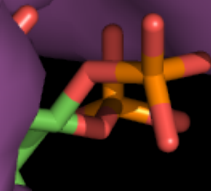
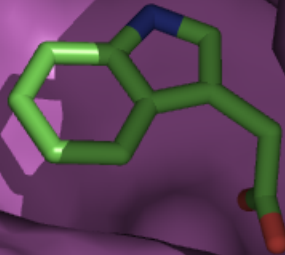
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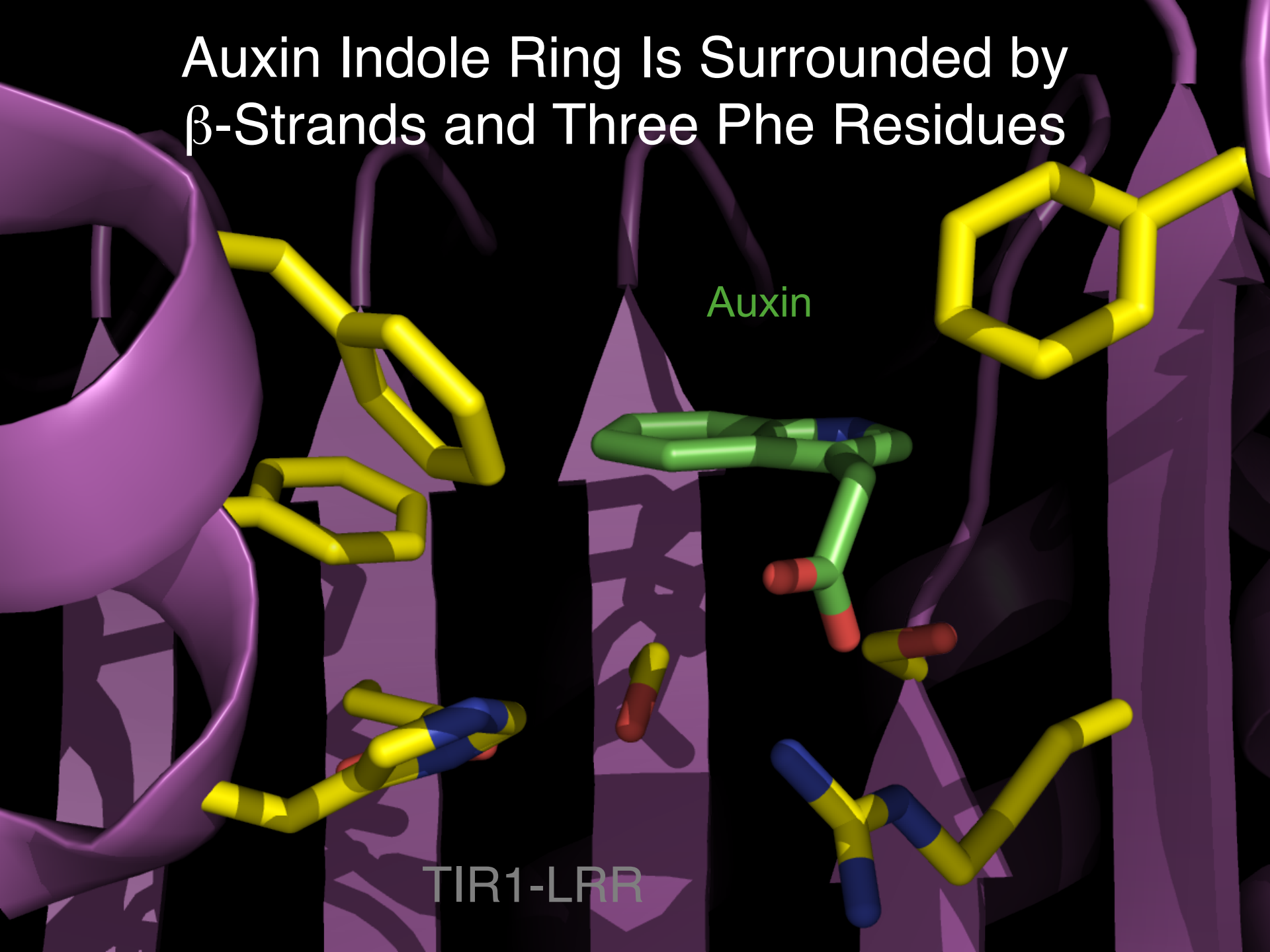
Auxin Binds to the Bottom of a TIR1 Surface Pocket

Auxin

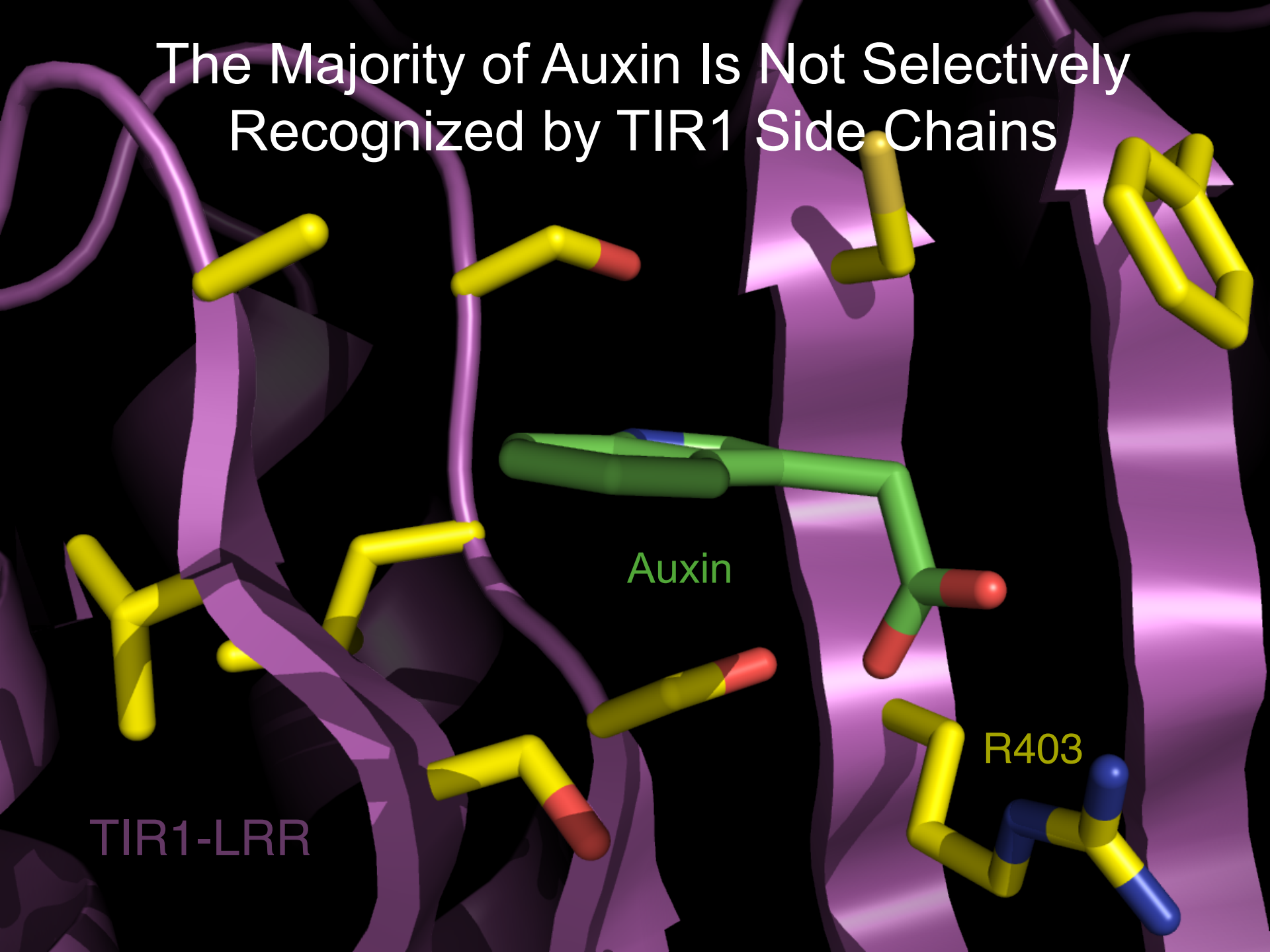


InsP₆

Auxin Indole Ring Is Surrounded by β -Strands and Three Phe Residues

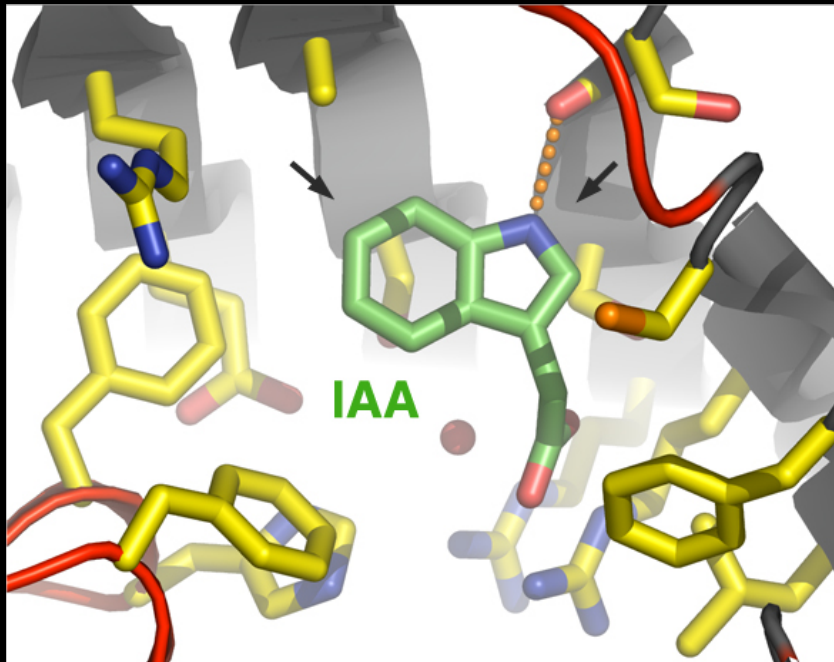


The Majority of Auxin Is Not Selectively Recognized by TIR1 Side Chains

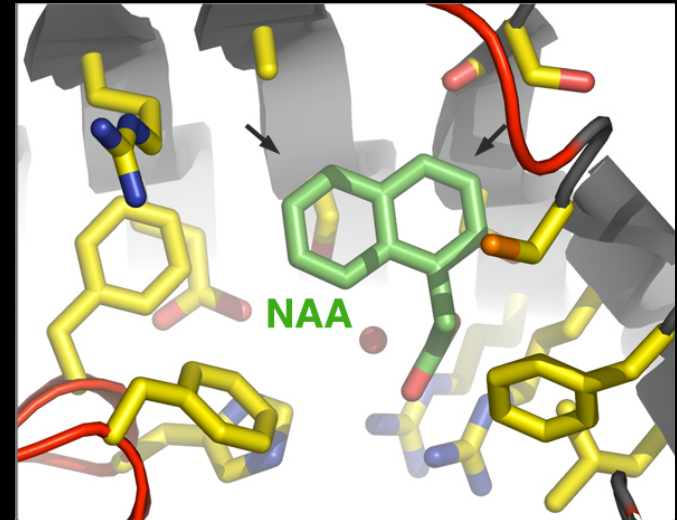


Common Binding Mode of Different Auxin Compounds

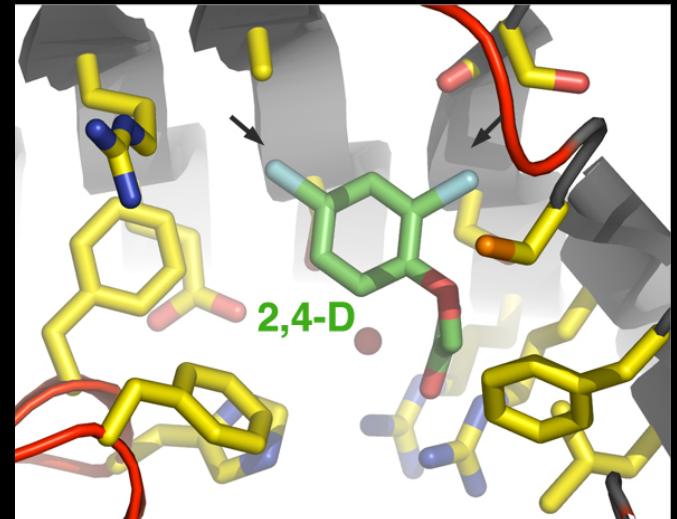
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Indole-3-Acetic Acid



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1-Naphthaleneacetic acid

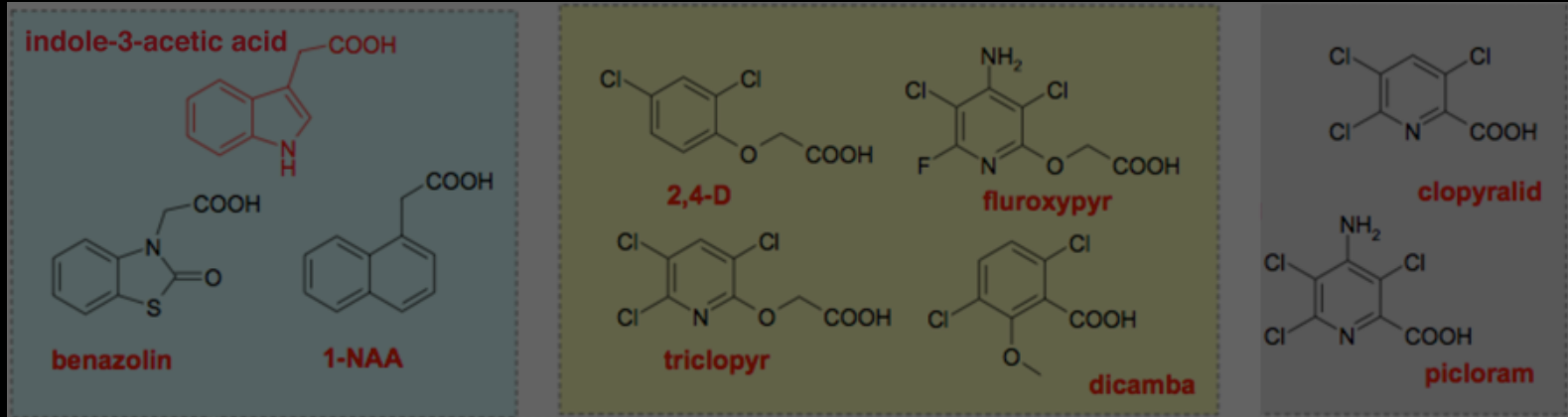


2,4-D
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid



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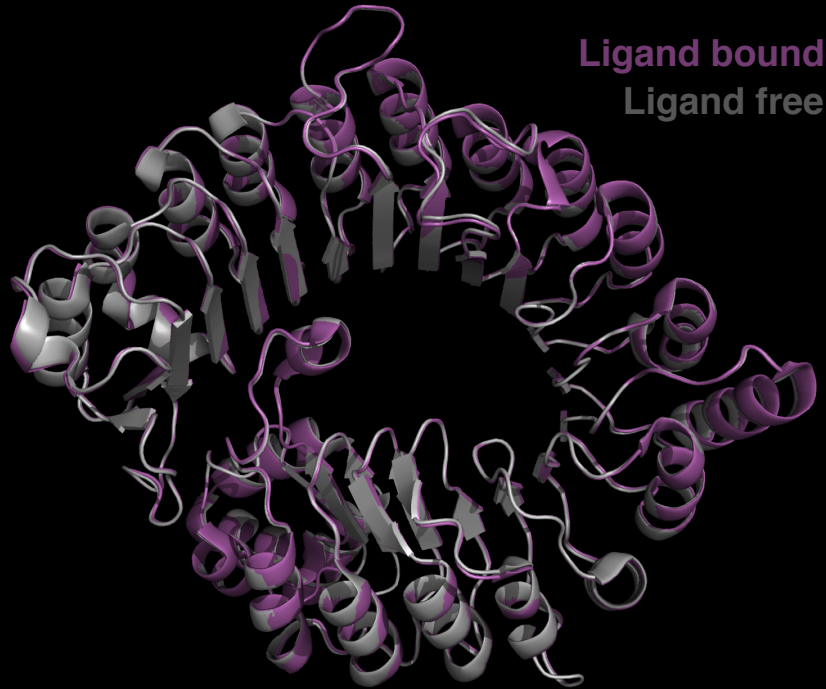


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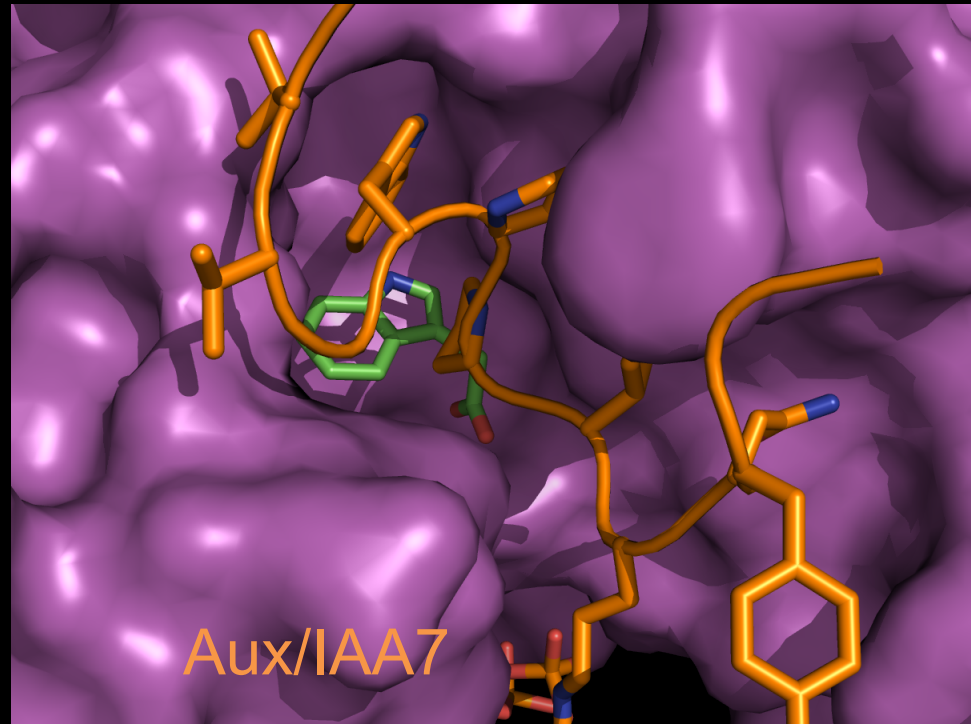


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Auxin is NOT an Allosteric Switch

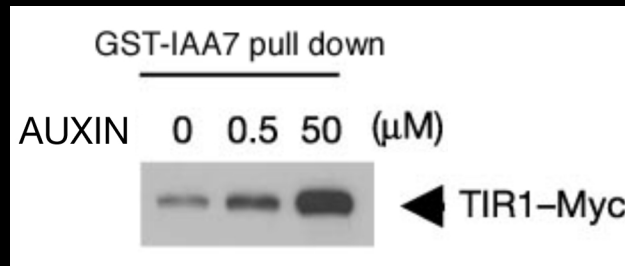
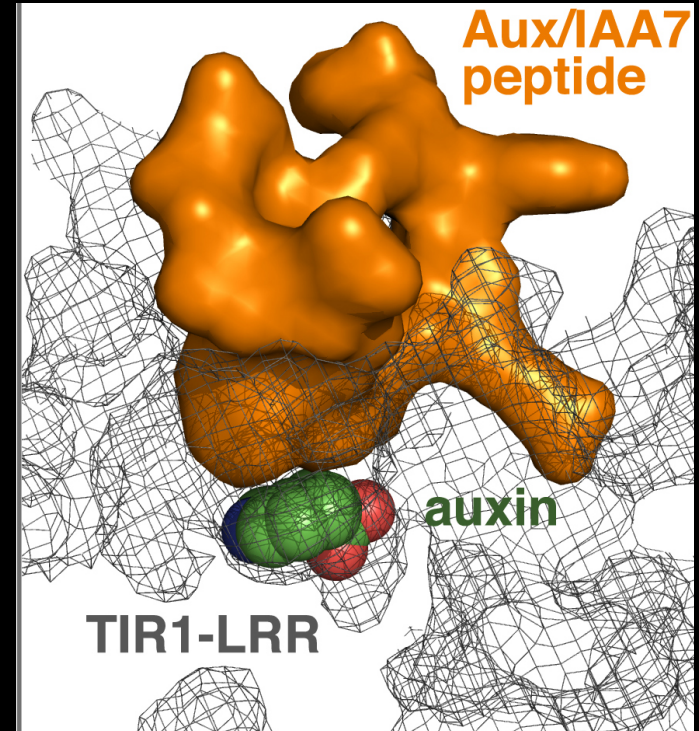
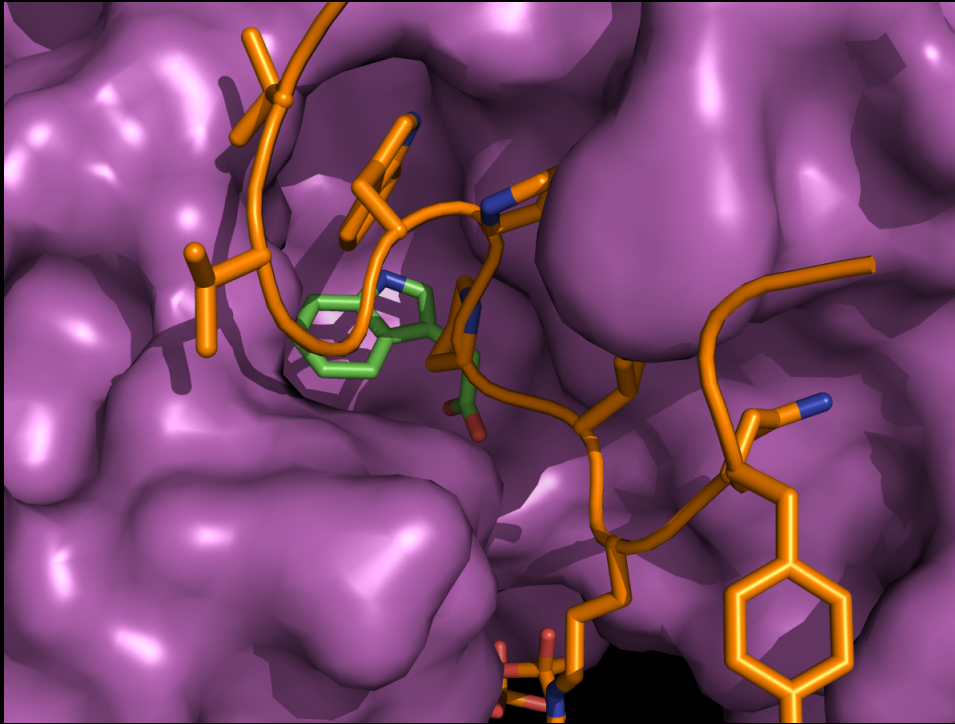


(1) Auxin does not induce any major conformational change of TIR1

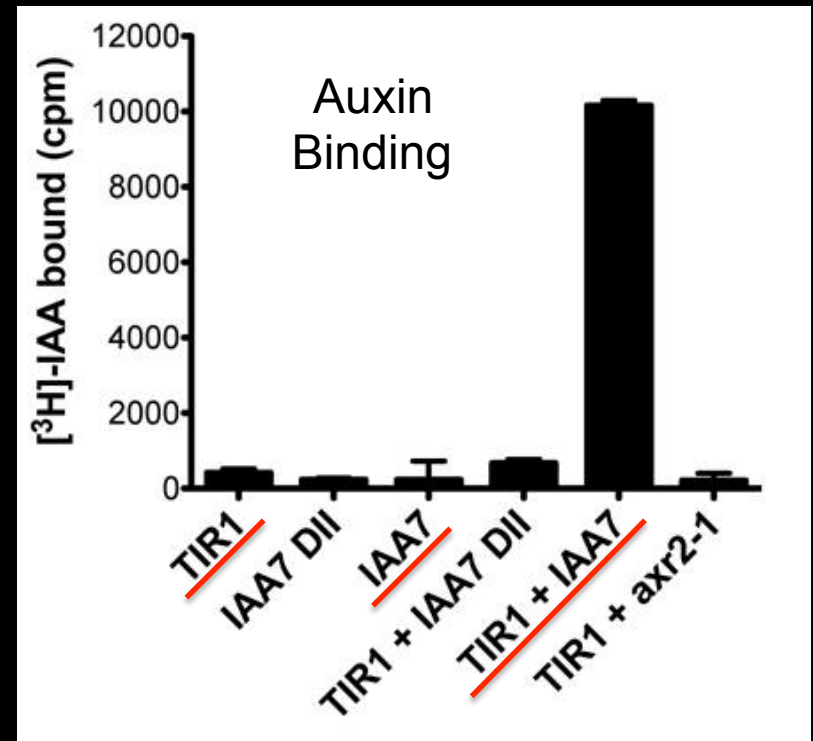
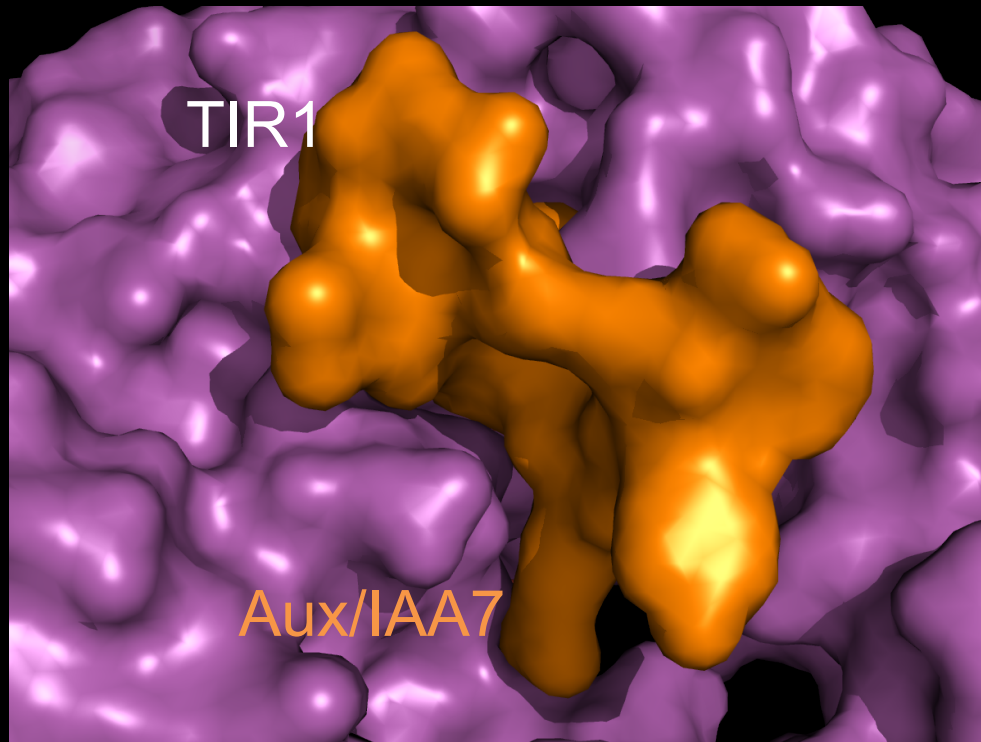


(2) Auxin binds to the same pocket where the substrate peptide binds

Auxin Fills A Gap at Protein Interface



TIR1 – Aux/IAA7 (Ubiquitin Ligase – Substrate) as A High Affinity Hormone Co-receptor

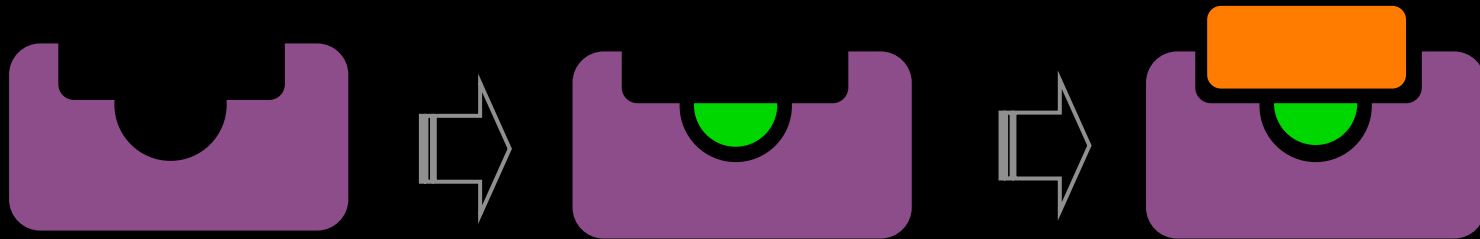


A possible reason behind the failure of conventional biochemical approaches for purifying auxin receptors.

Two Distinct Models of Auxin Action



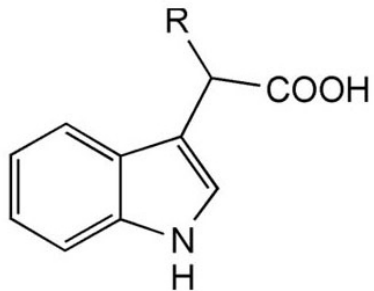
A Molecular Glue Model



Molecular Glue \longleftrightarrow Promiscuity

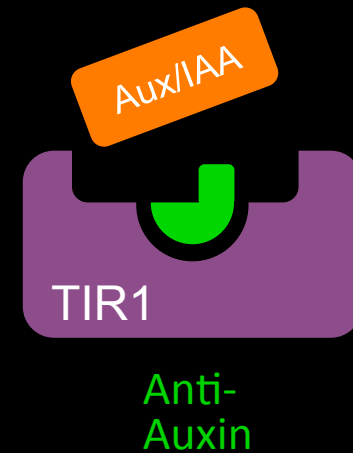
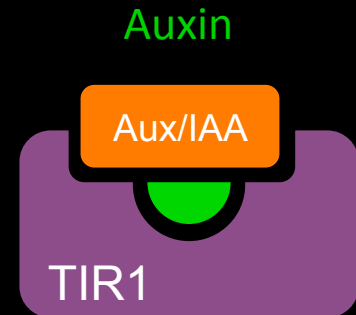
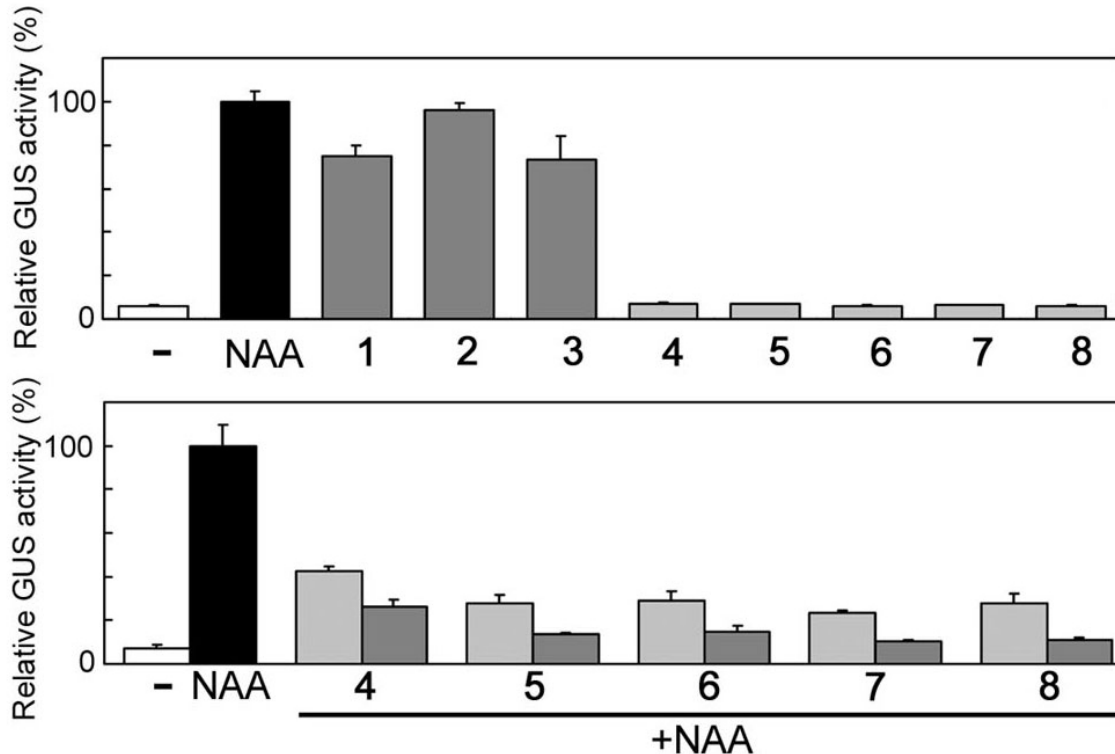
Phosphorylation of SCF substrates is essentially a type of molecular glue too (covalent).

Converting Auxin to Anti-Auxins

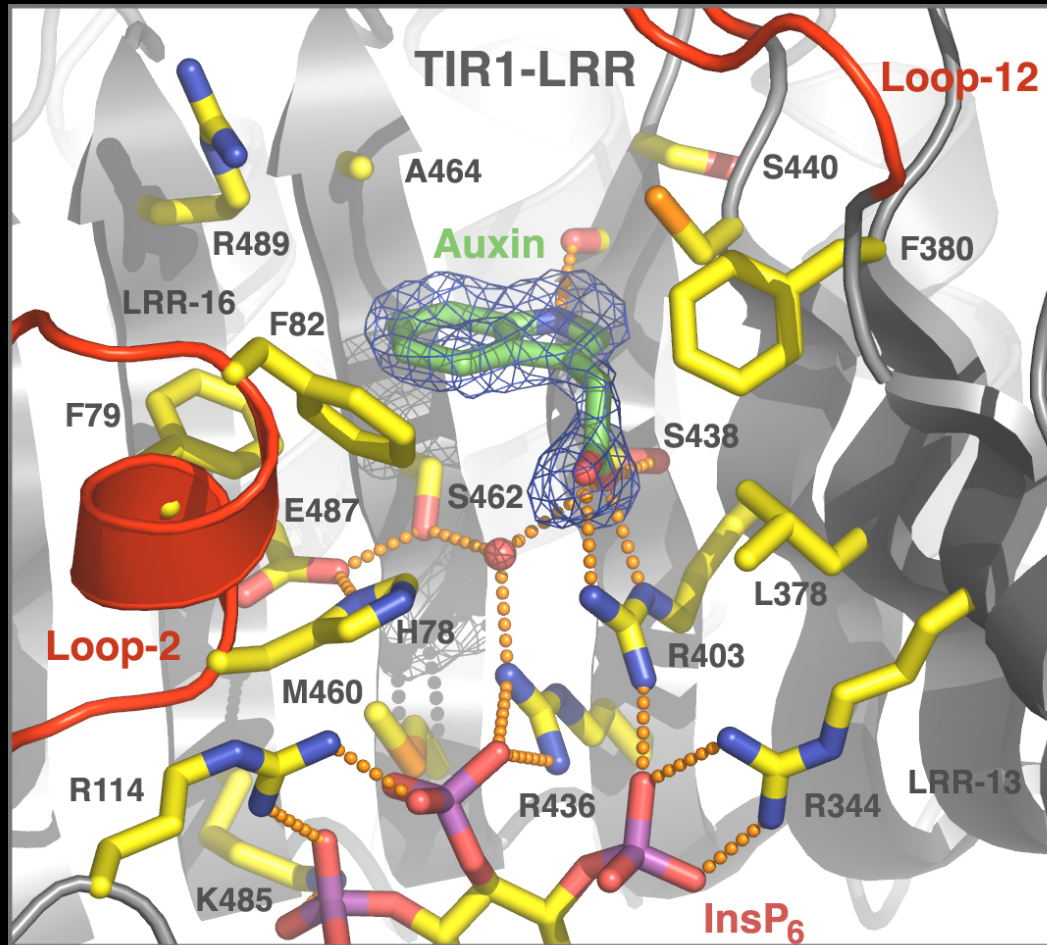


1: R=Methyl
2: R=Ethyl
3: R=Propyl
4: R=Butyl

5: R=Pentyl
6: R=Hexyl
7: R=Heptyl



The Role of InsP₆ Remains Unknown

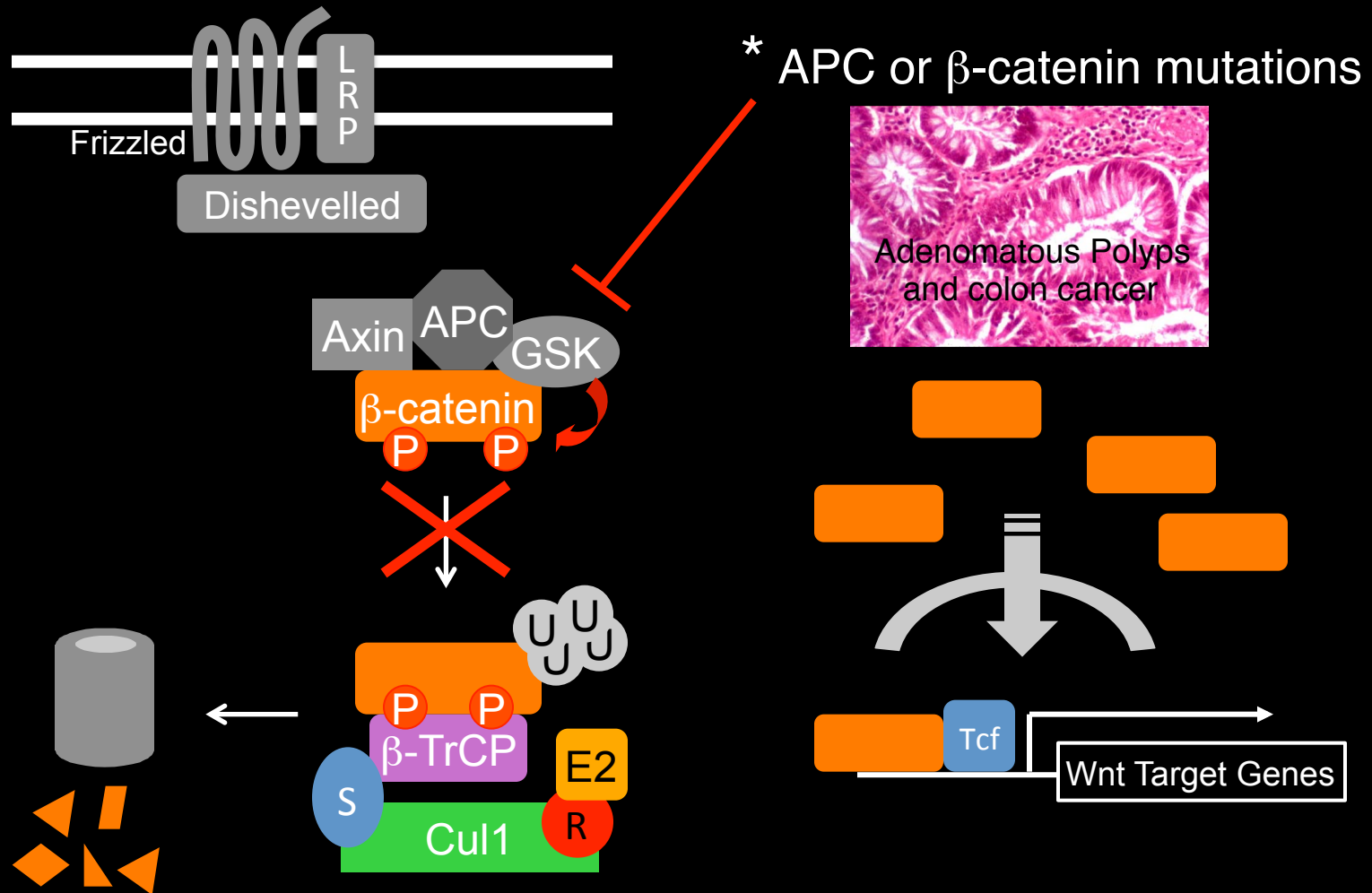


Tons of “phytic acid” a.k.a Inositol hexakisphosphate

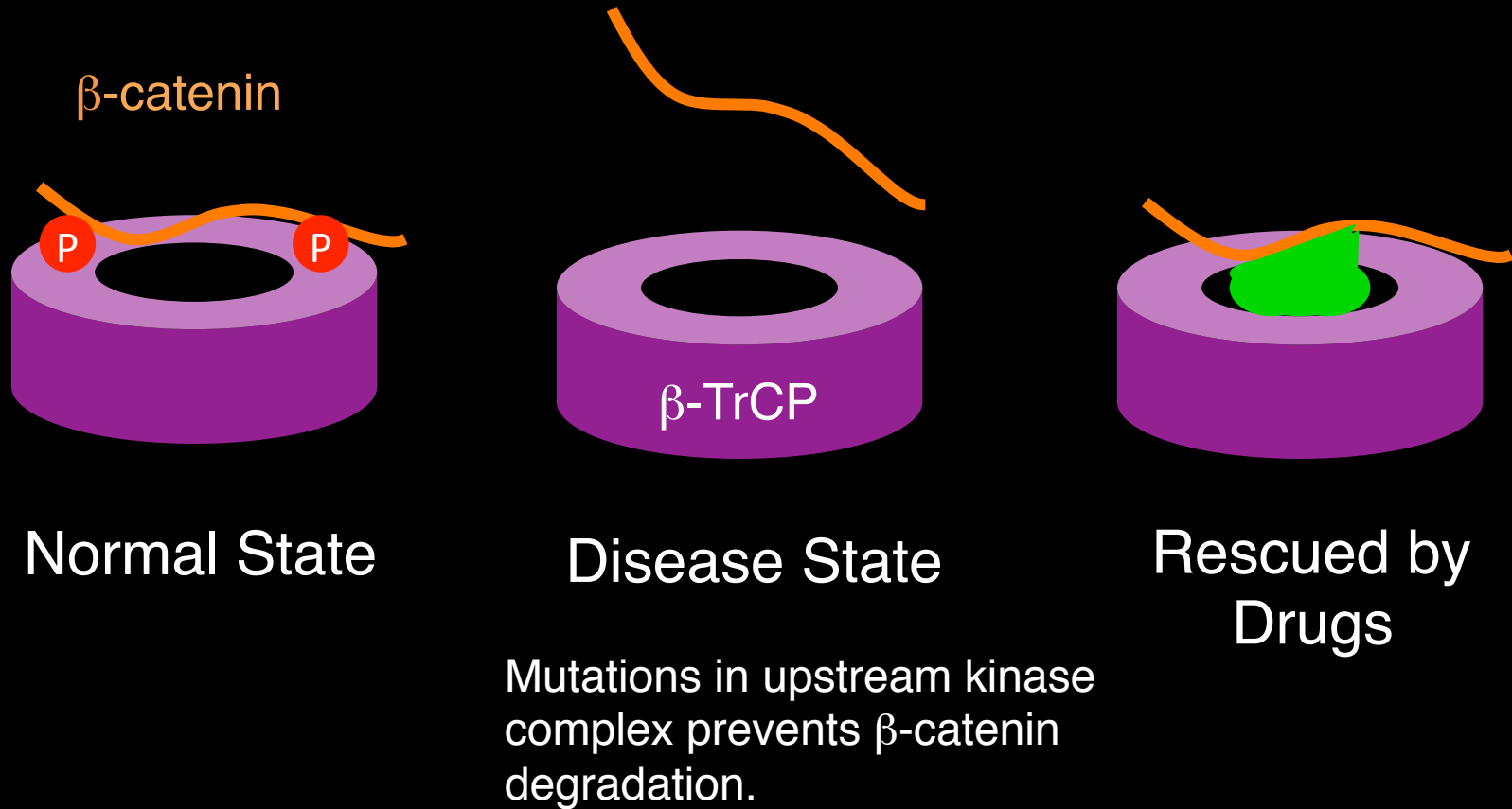


A folding cofactor,
a signaling molecule,
or an artifact?

Impaired β -TrCP – β -catenin Interaction in Colon Cancer



Auxin-Inspired Drug Discovery Effort



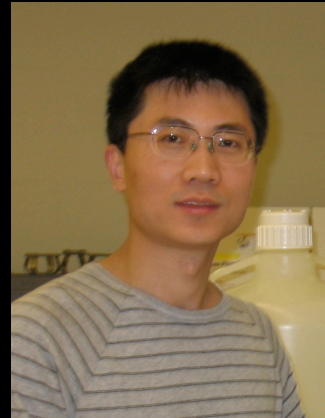
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