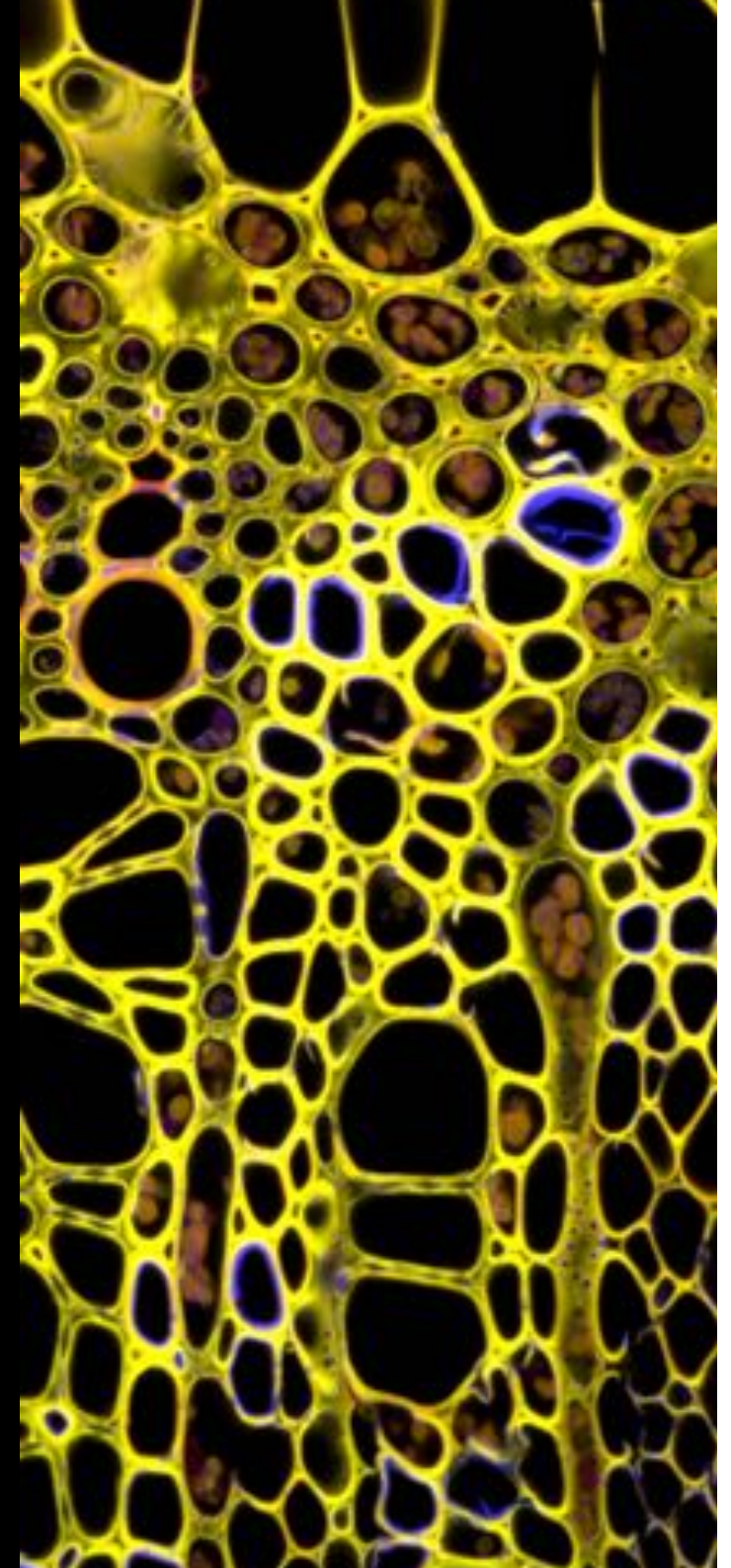


# 2018 CDB Part IB

## Plant Development

### Lecture 6. Morphogenesis

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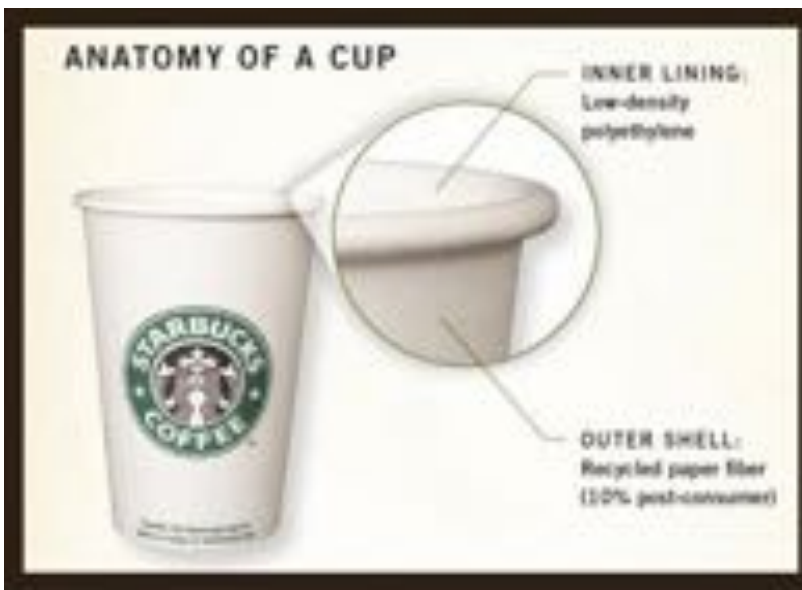
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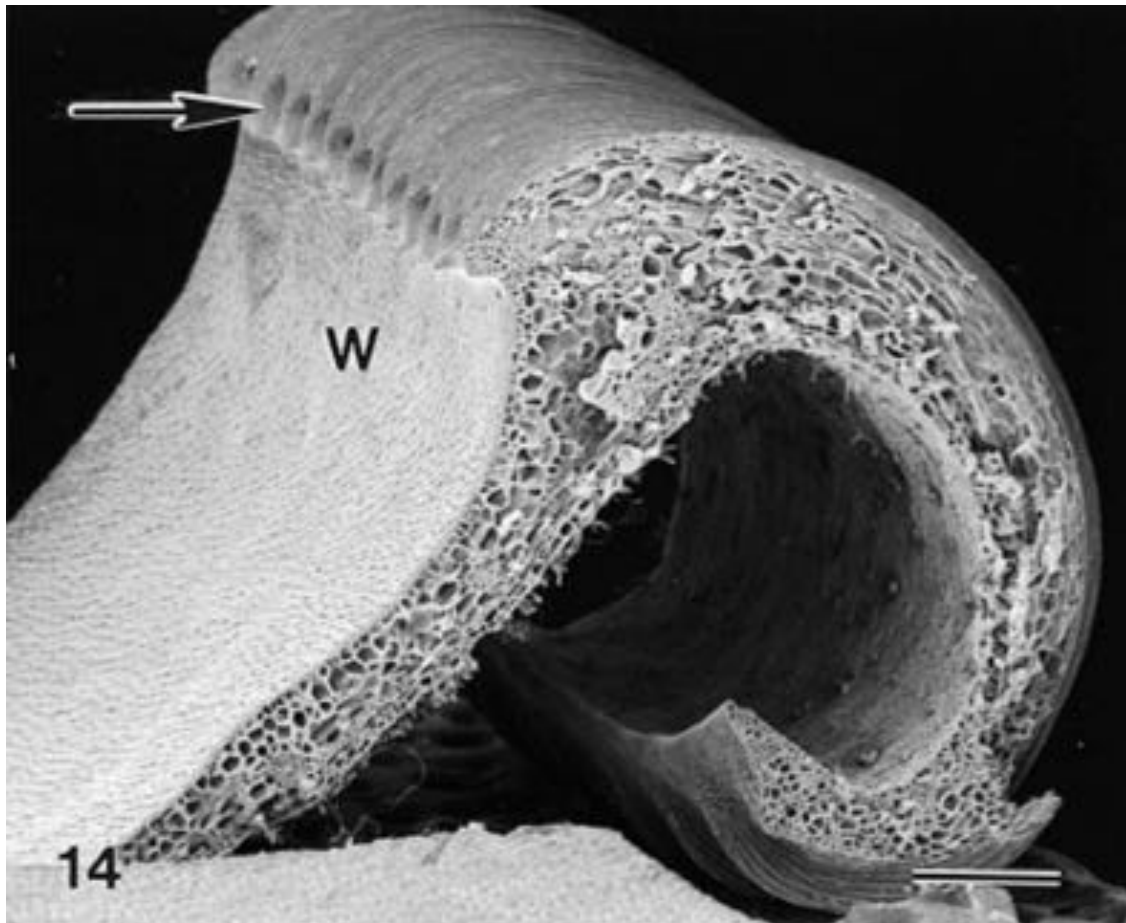
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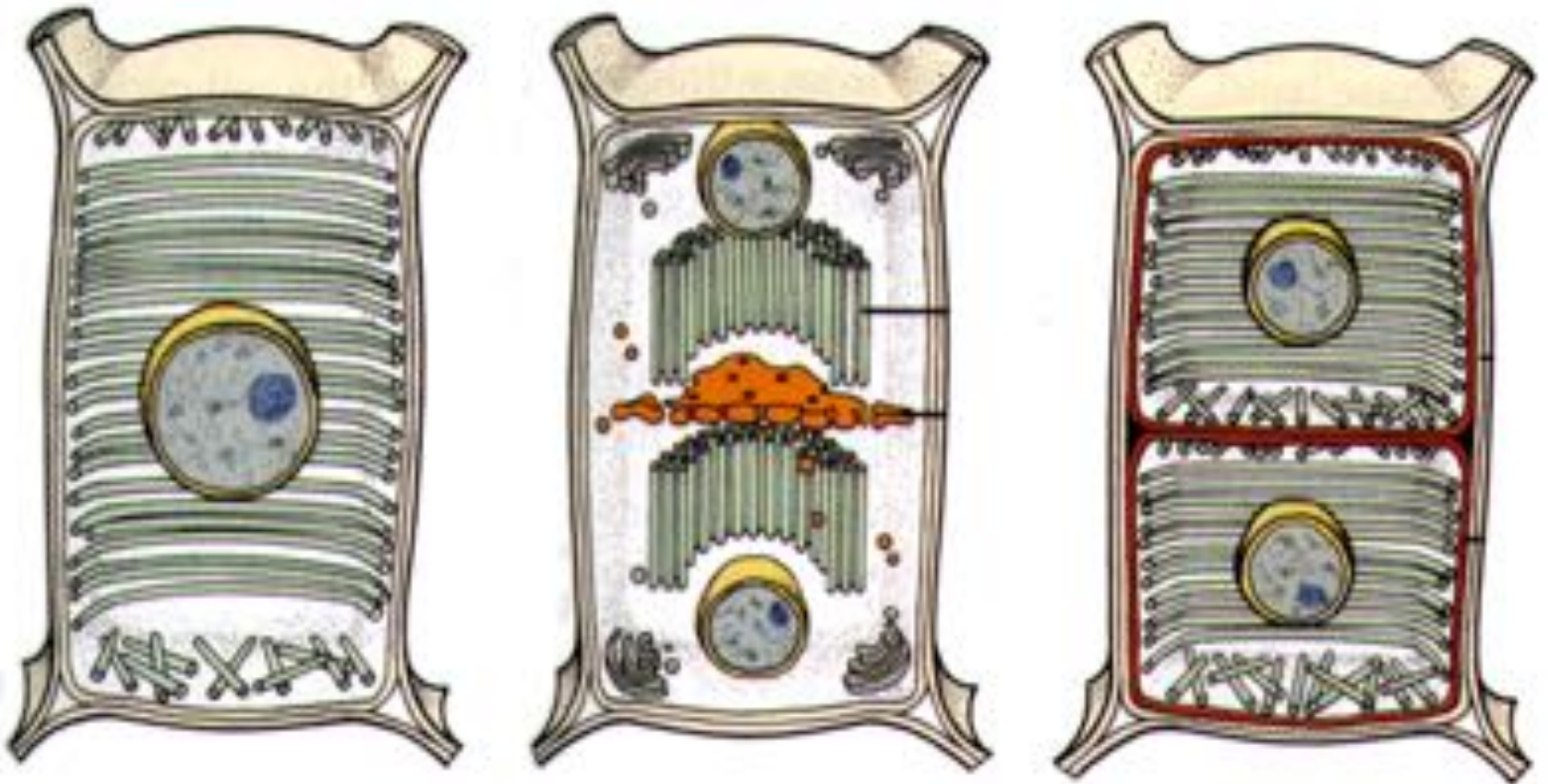
**paper cup**



**pitcher plant**



**Plant cells are immobilised.  
Morphogenesis is driven by cell division and elongation.**



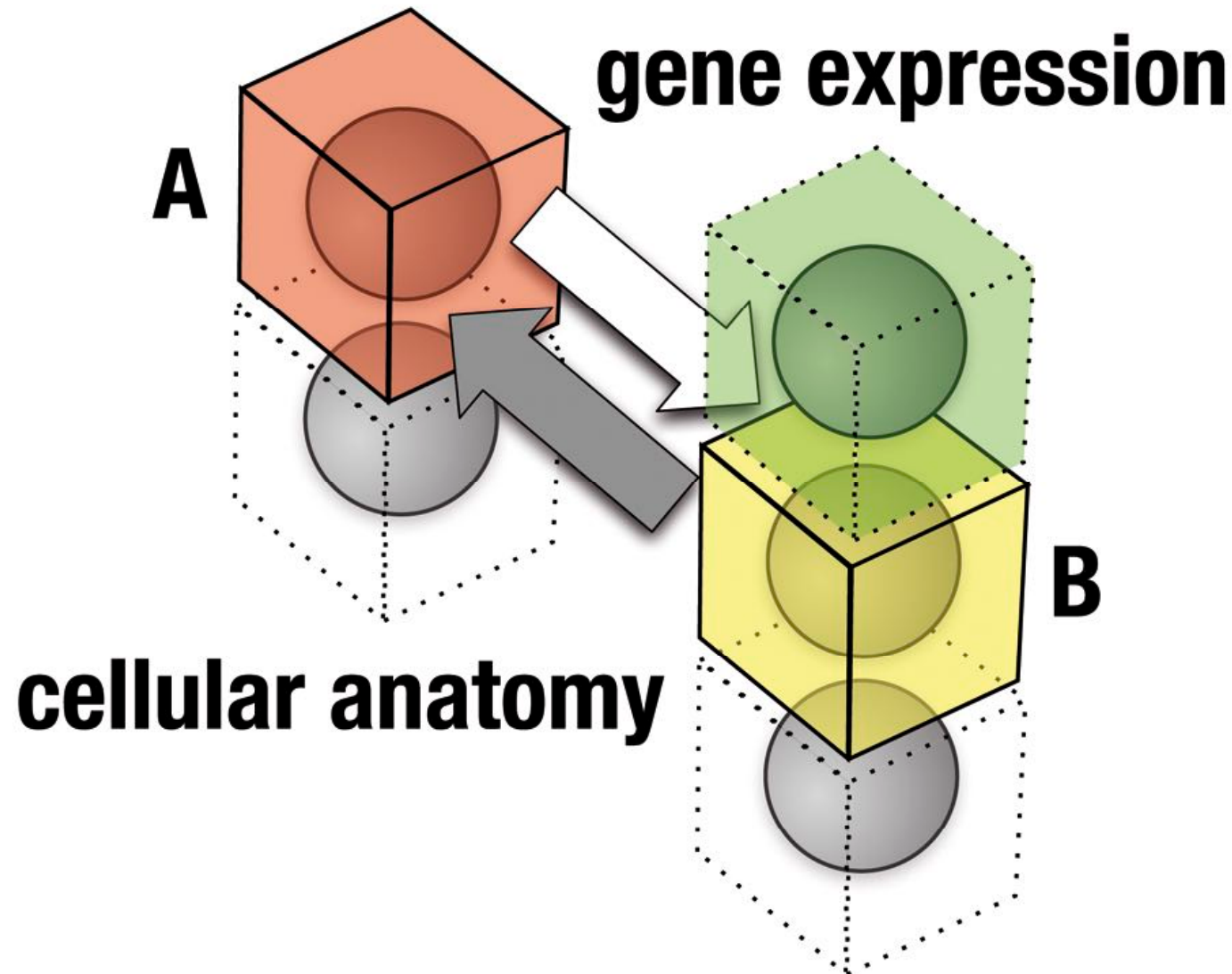






# Feedback regulation of morphogenesis

- (i) Cell interactions regulate gene expression
- (ii) Gene expression regulates cell proliferation
- (iii) Feedback results in self organisation and morphogenesis



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# Empirical rules describe cell division



## 1. Hofmeister's rule (1863)

Cell plate formation normal to the growth axis.

## 2. Sachs' rule (1878)

Cell plate formation at right angles to existing walls.

## 3. Errera's rule (1888)

Cell plate of minimal area for cutting the volume of the cell in half.

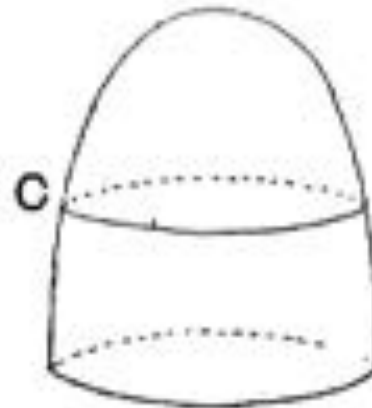
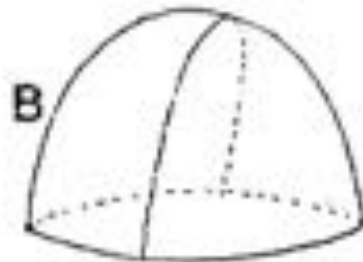
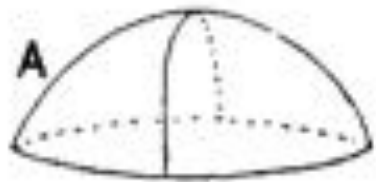
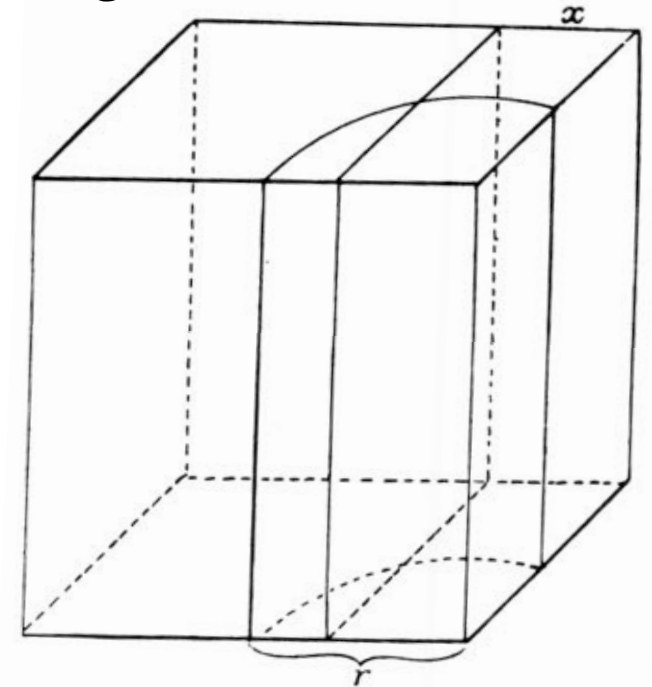
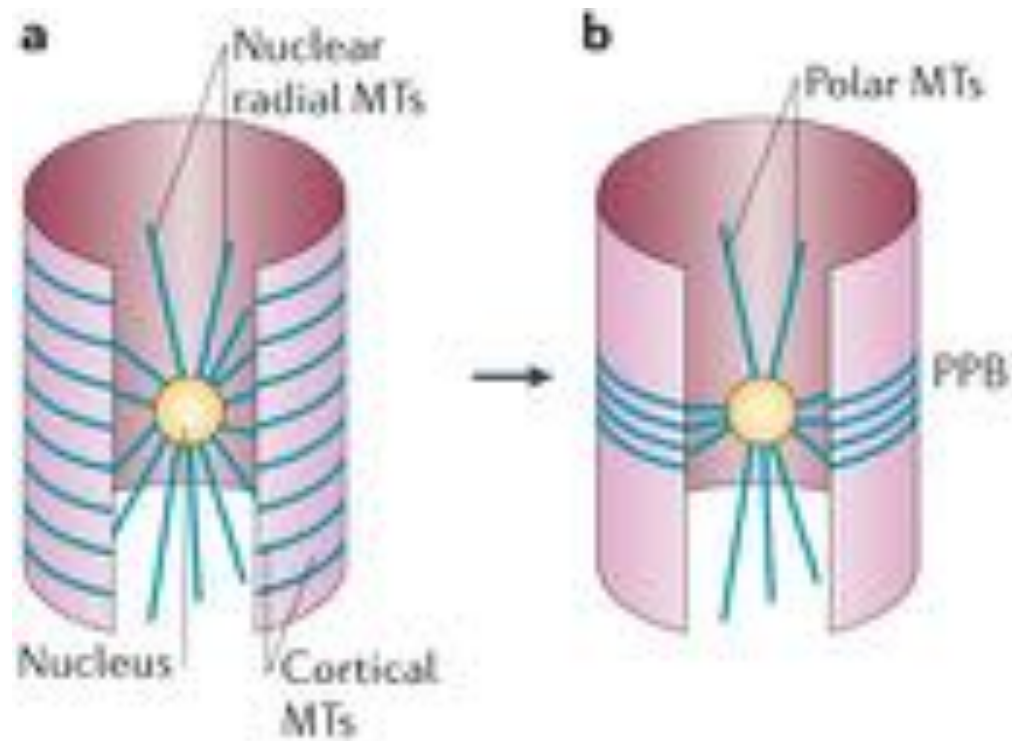


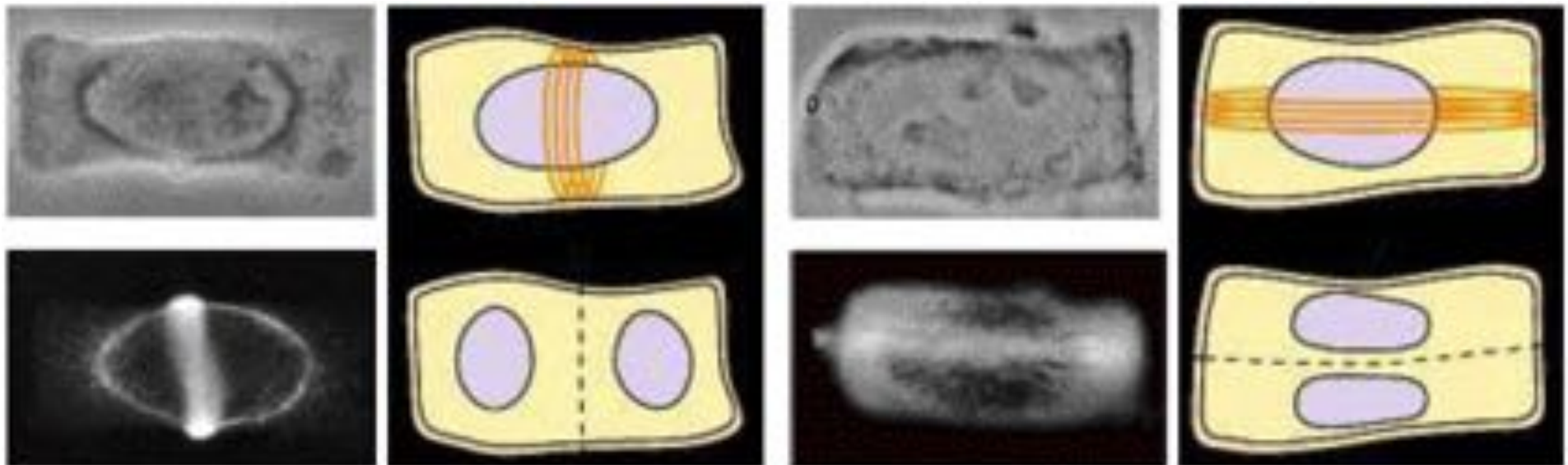
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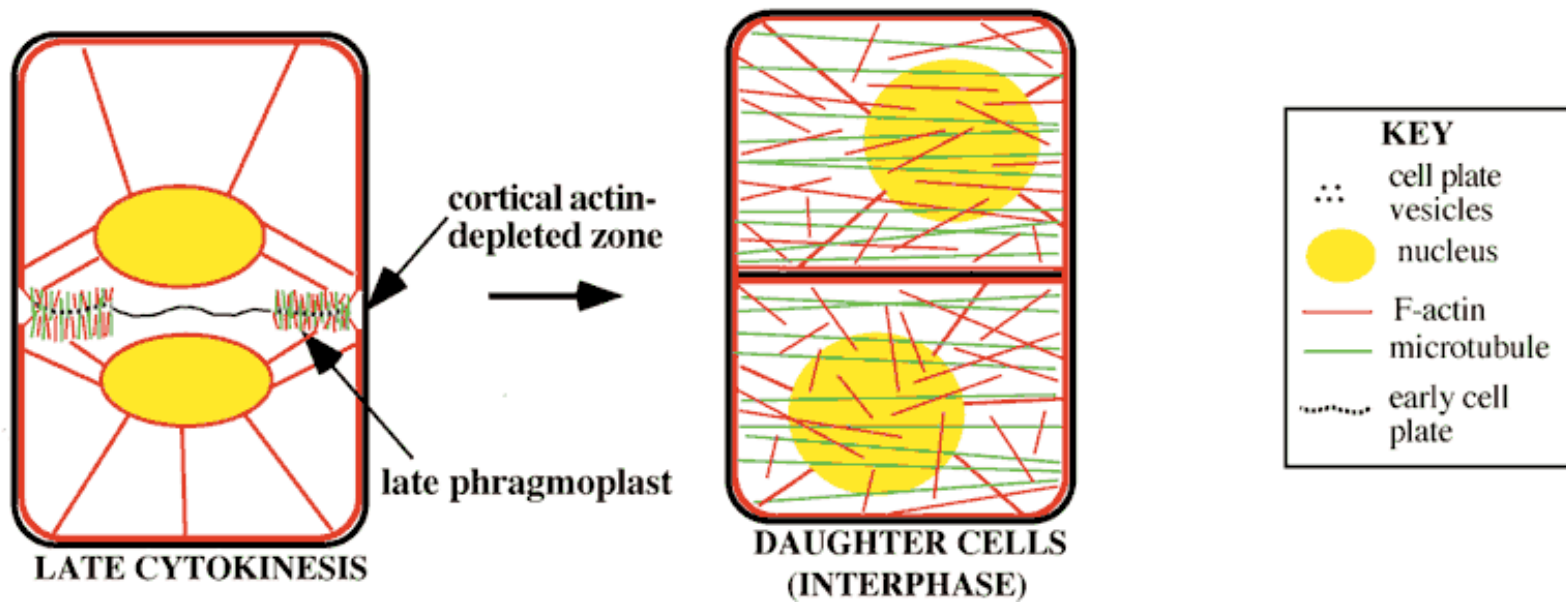
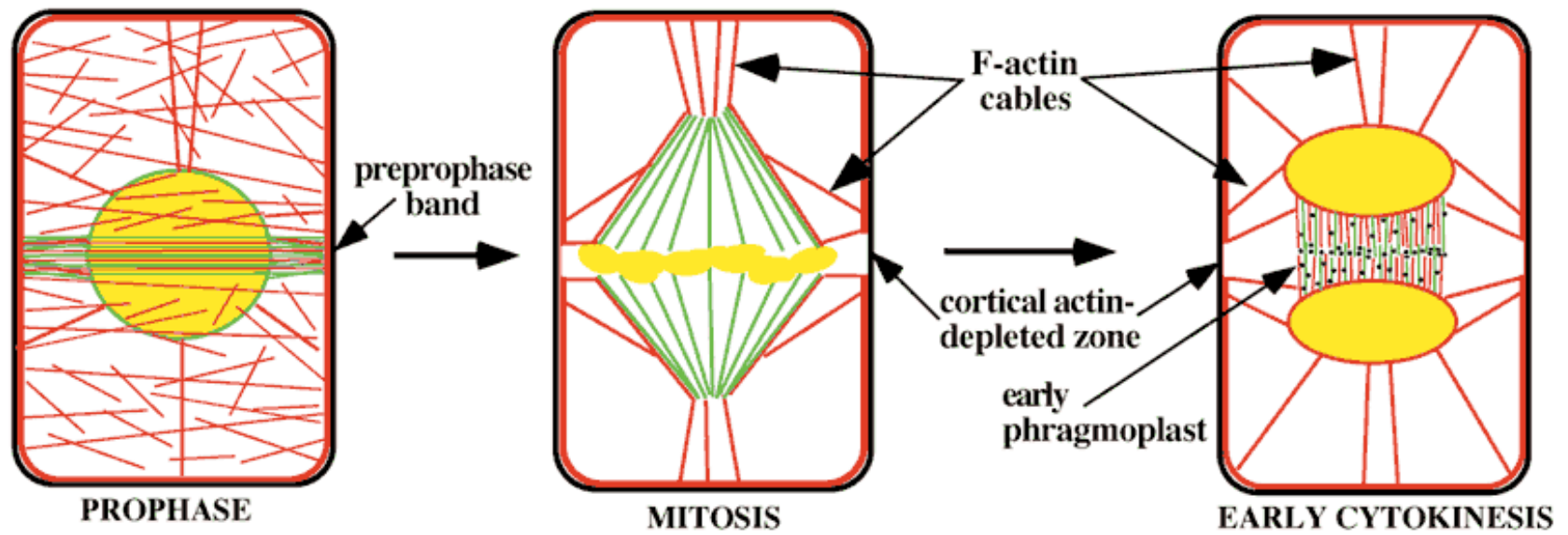




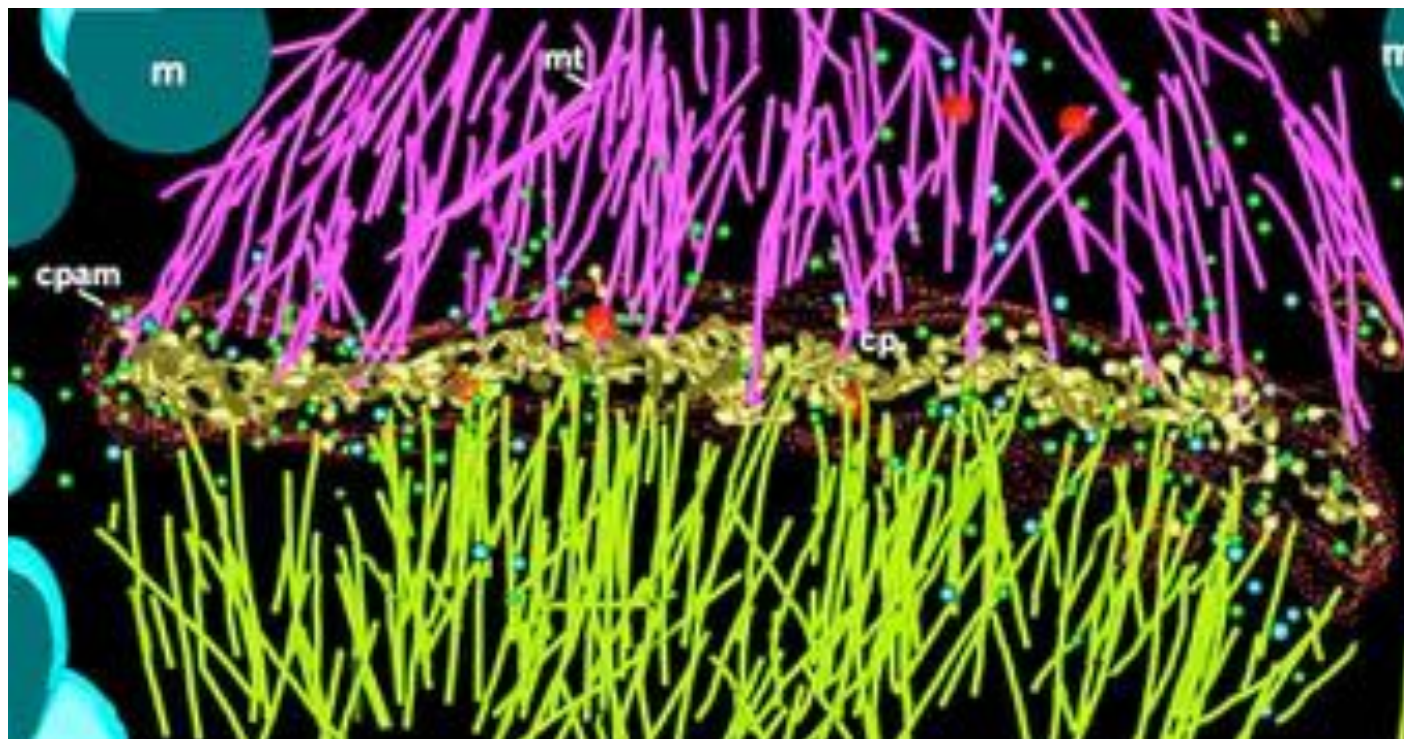
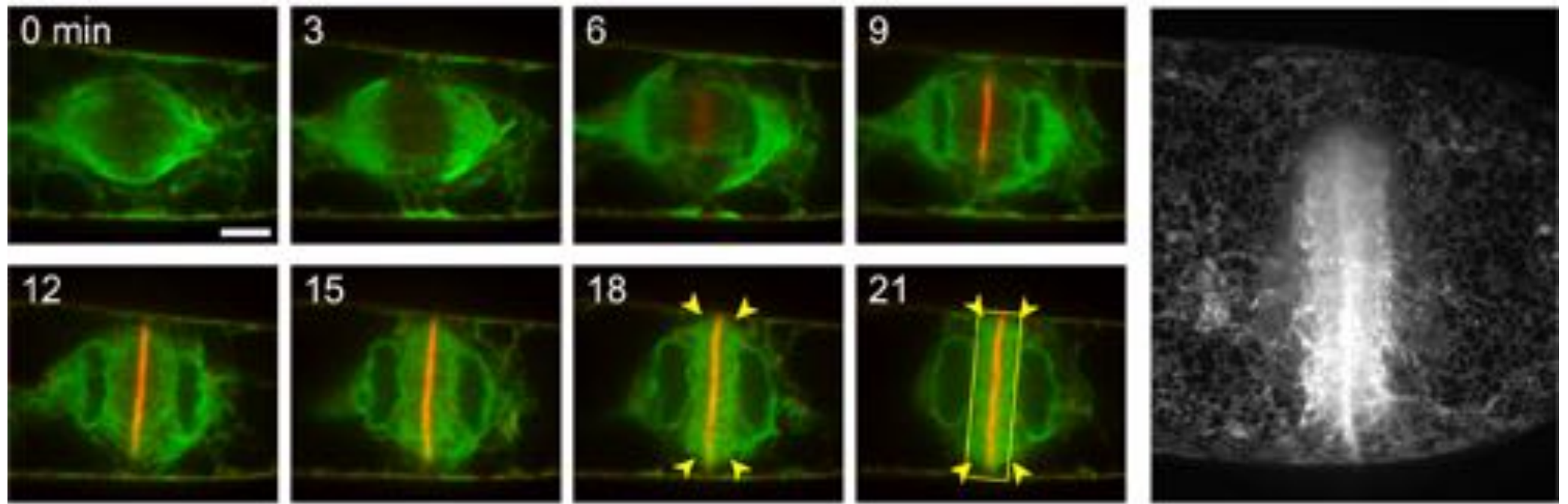


**Preprophase bands of microtubules mark planes of cell division**





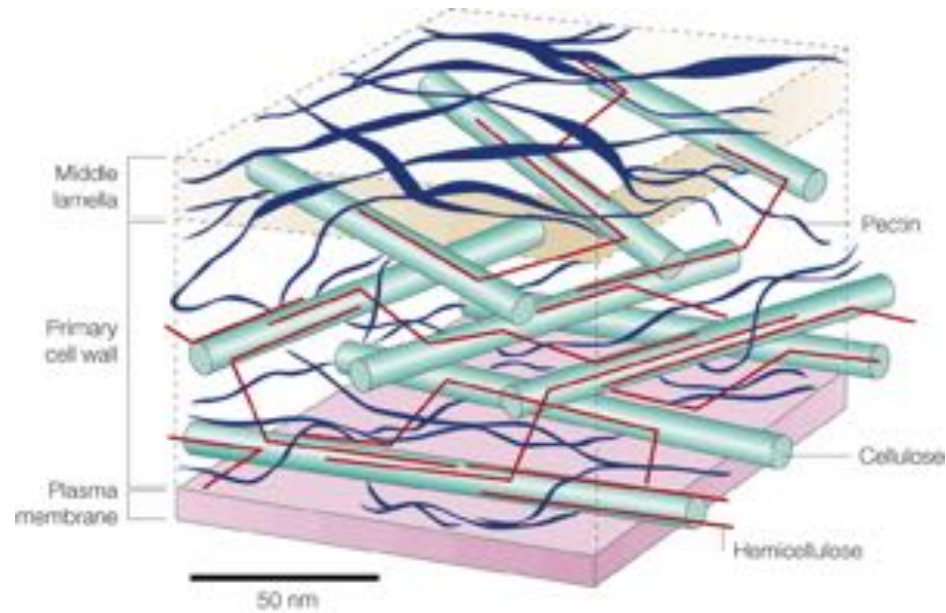




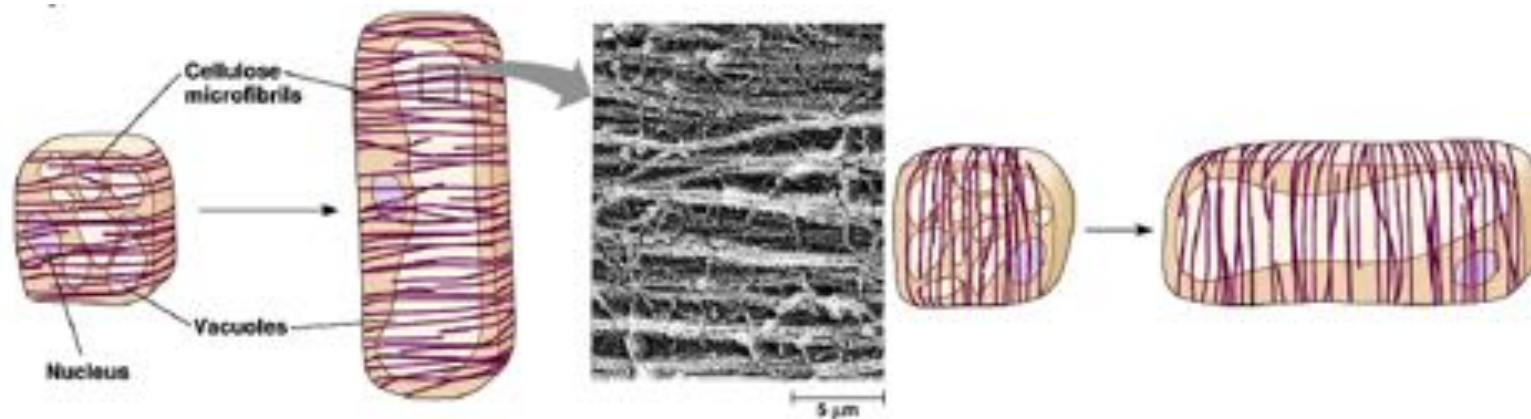




# Plant cell walls are a composite structure



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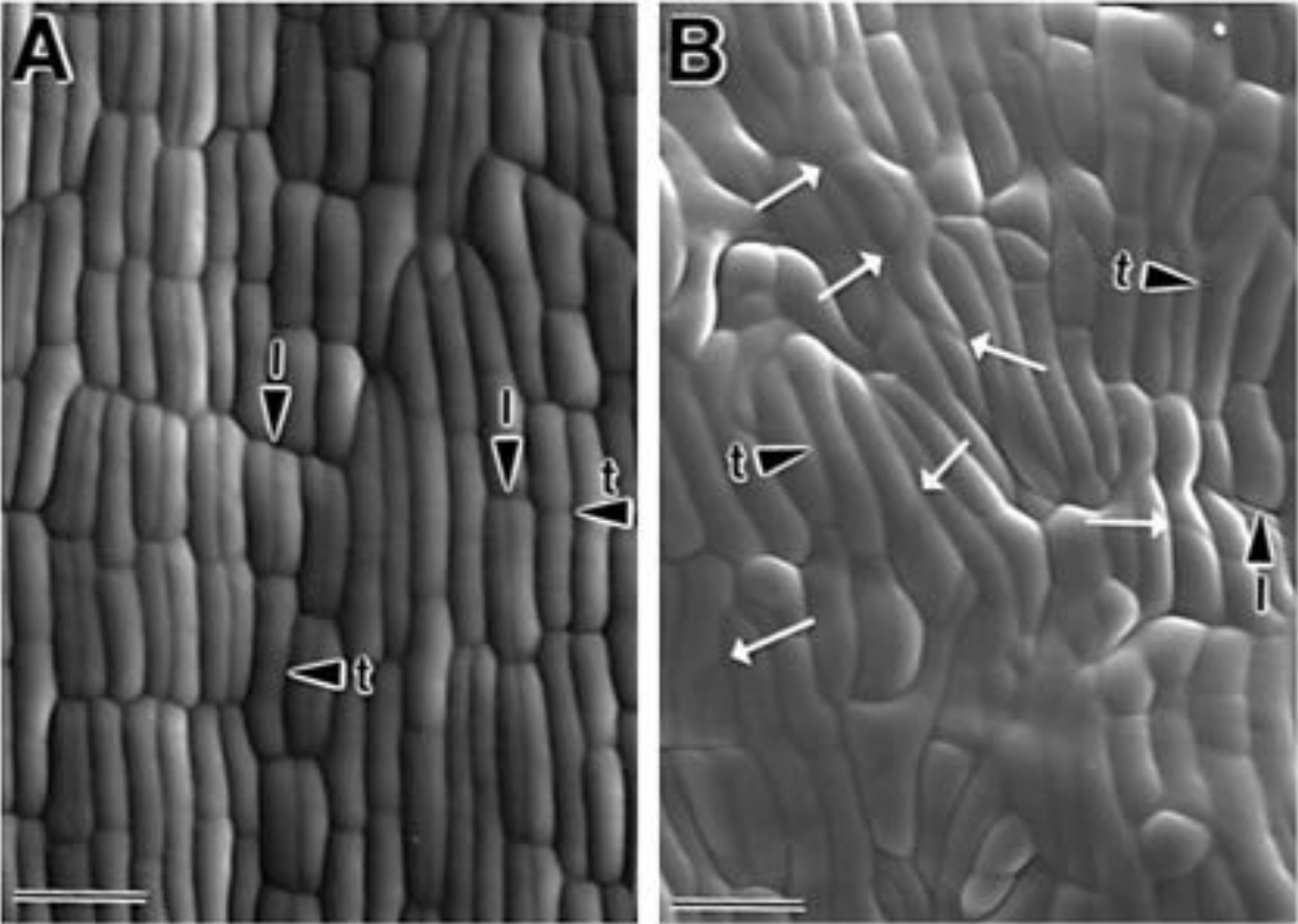
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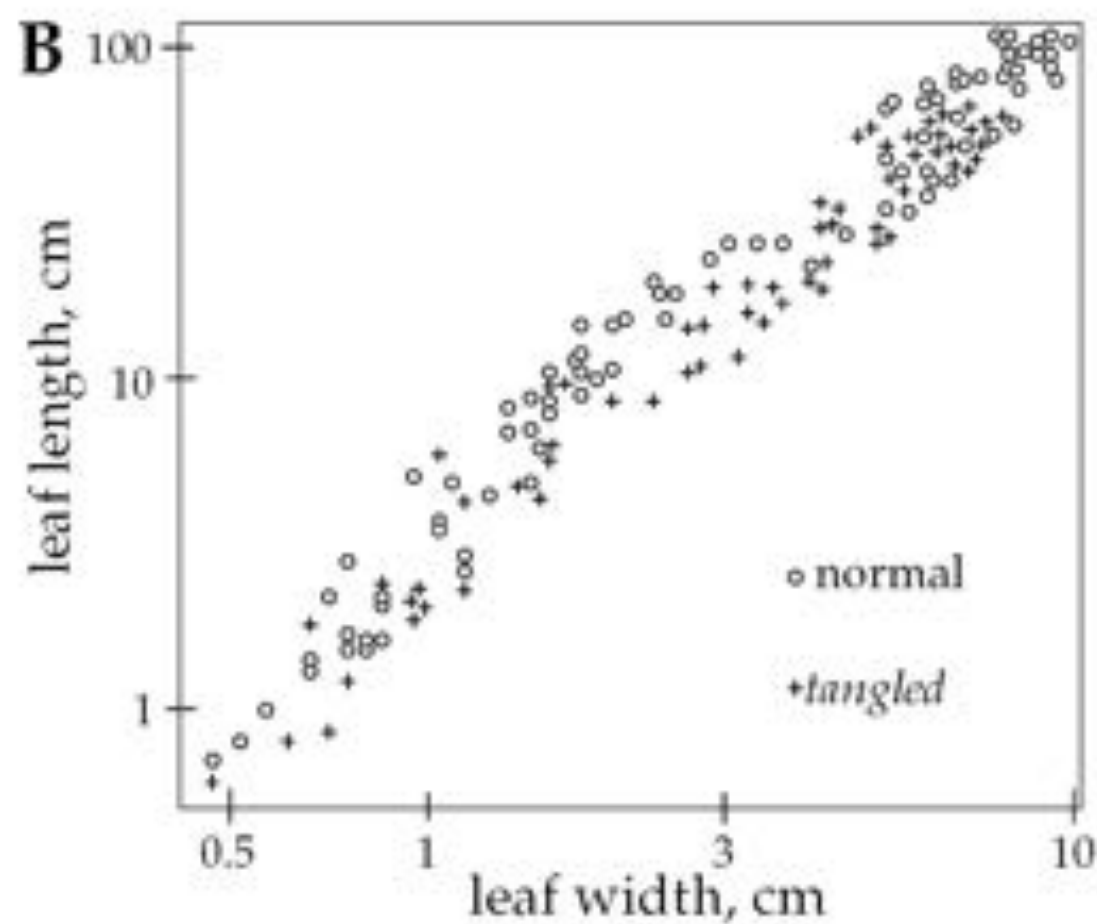
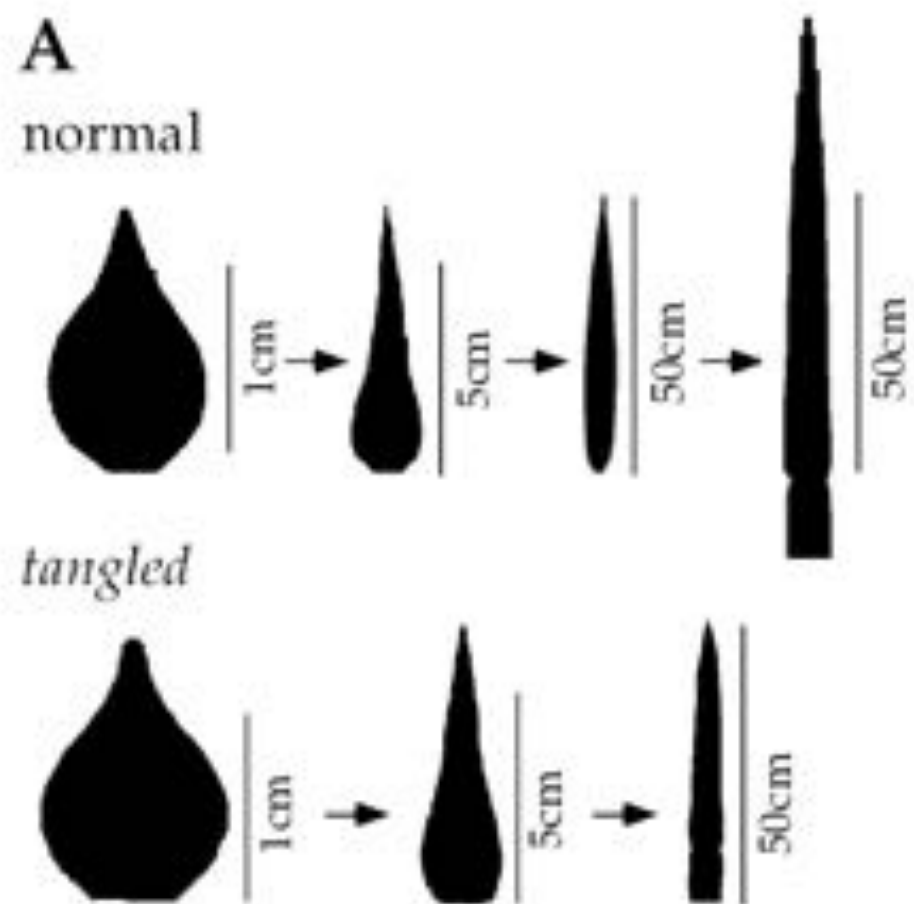


**The tangled-1 mutation alters cell division orientations throughout maize leaf development without altering leaf shape**

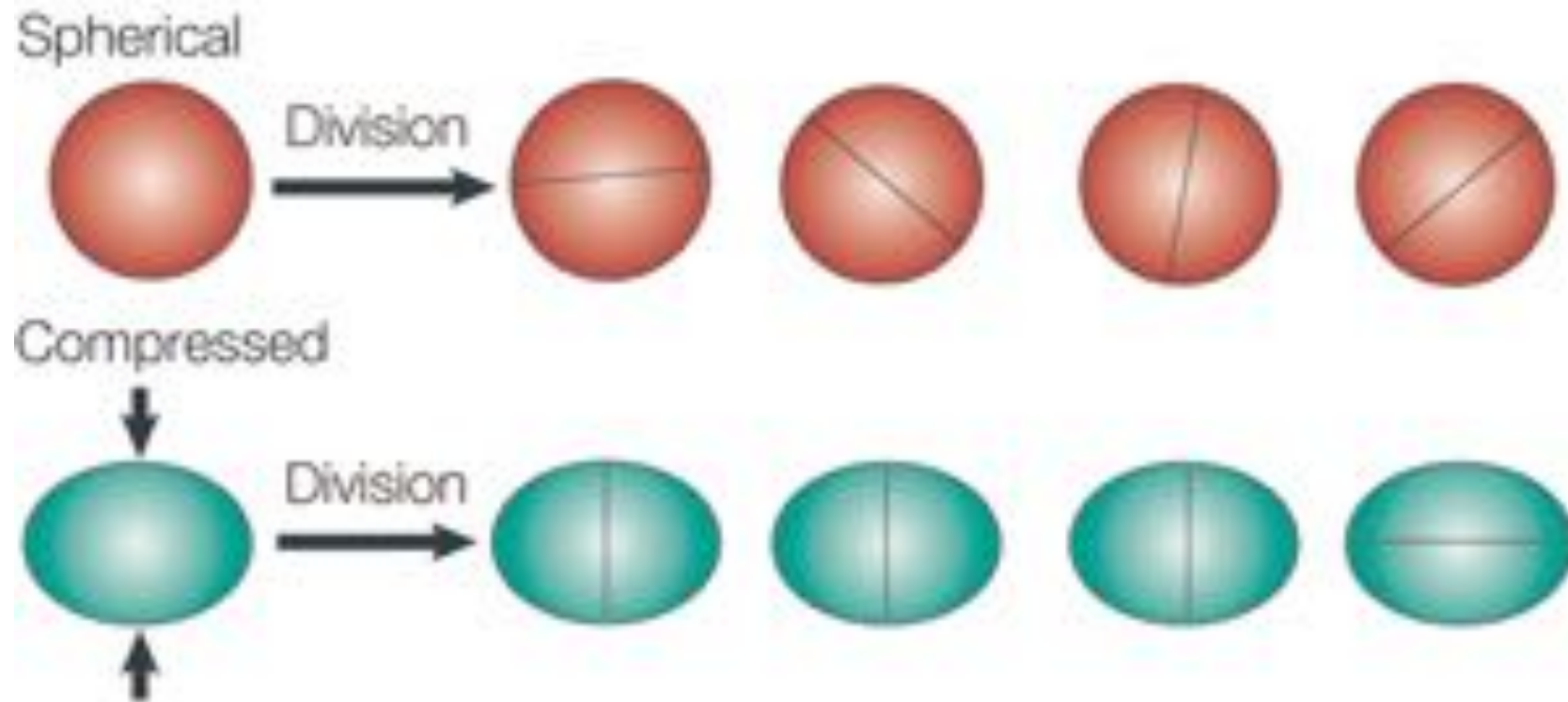
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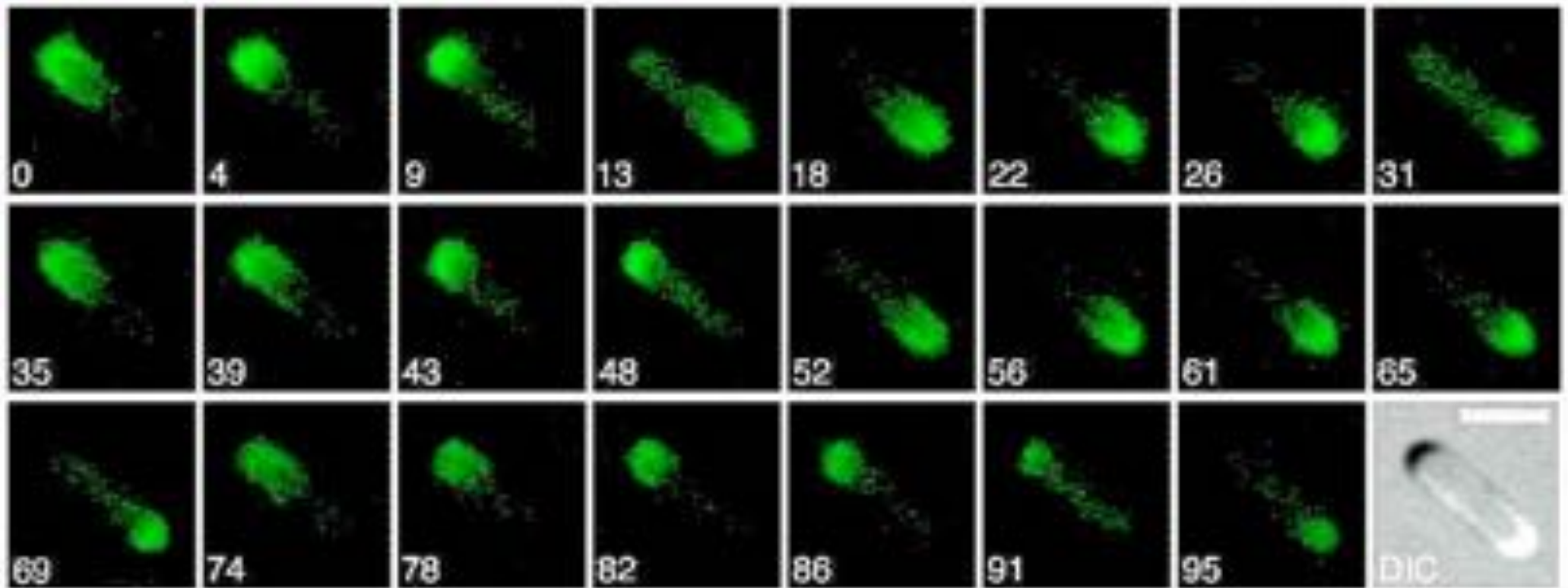
# Physical forces affect the orientation of cell division



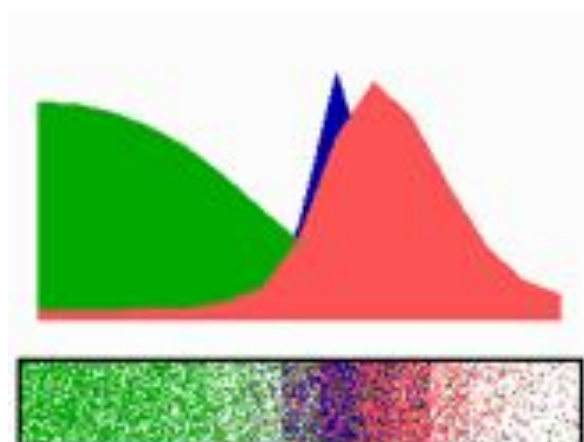


# Mapping cell geometry

## oscillation of MinD:GFP within the bacterial cell



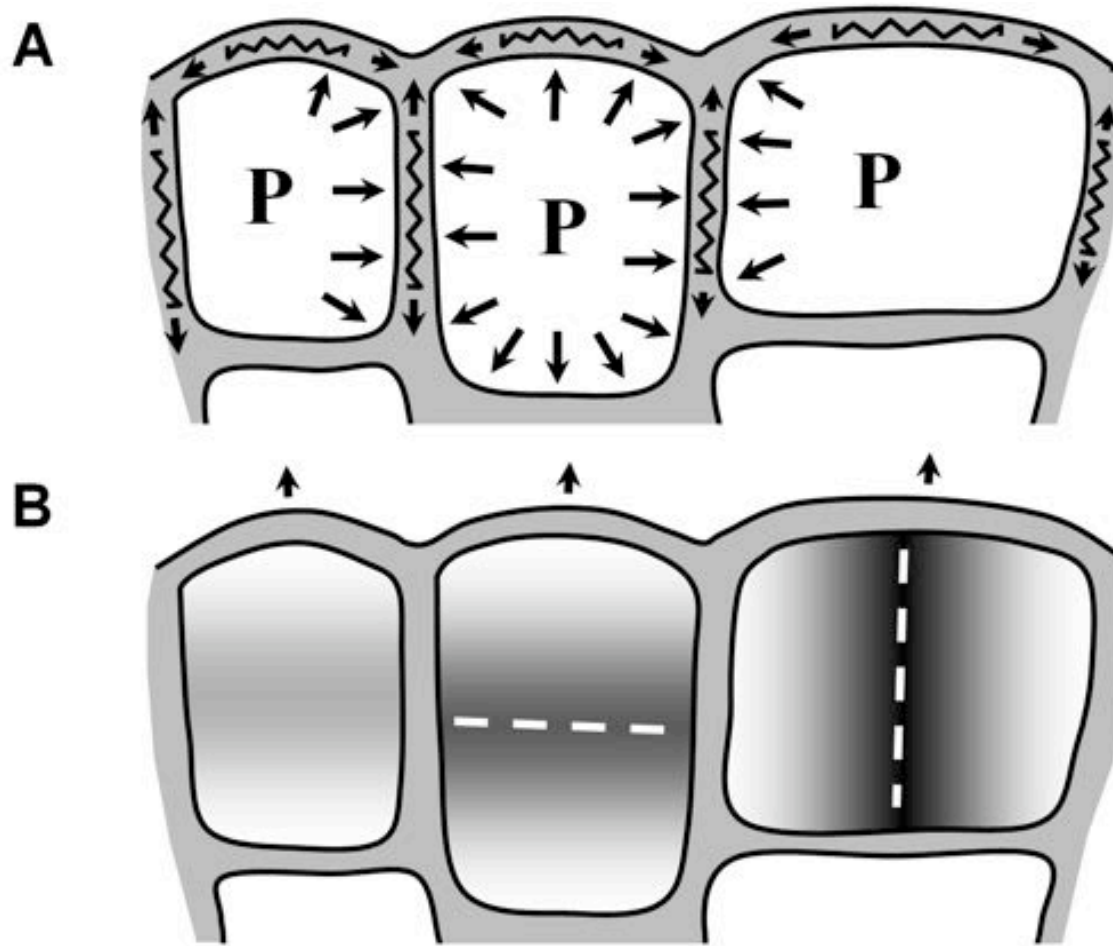
Raskin, D. M., and de Boer, P. A. J. (1999b). Rapid pole-to-pole oscillation of a protein required for directing division to the middle of *Escherichia coli*. PNAS 96, 4971-4976



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# Autonomous regulation of cell division



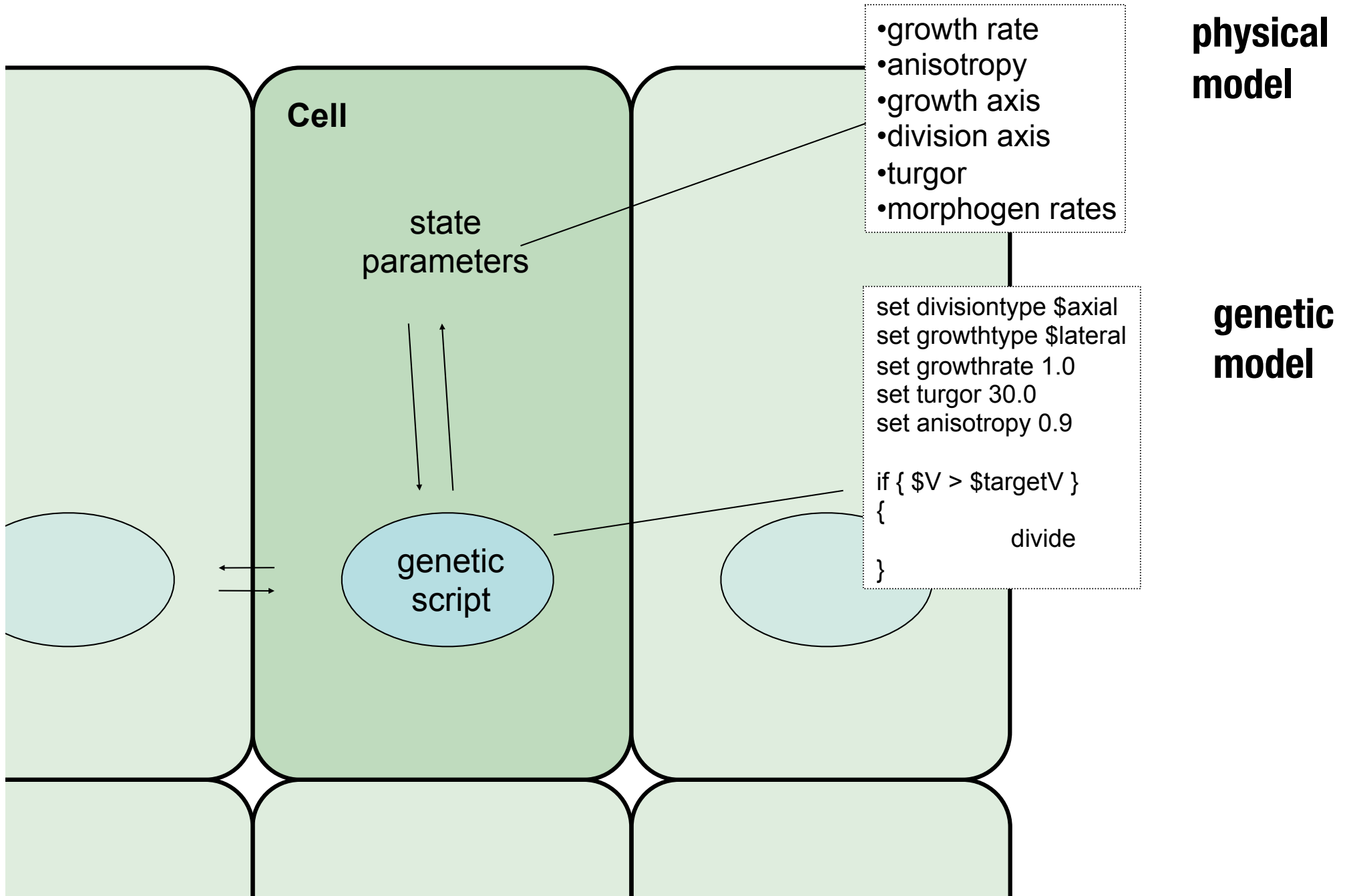
## Model for the regulation of cell division:

(A) Cell activity influences cell and walls physical properties.

(B) Tissue growth constrains cell expansion and shape during development.

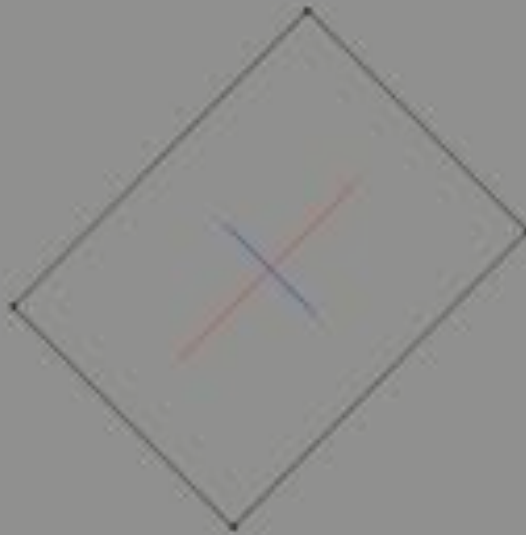
Cells then simply need a mechanism for sensing their own size and shape to allow the correct partitioning during division.

# Cellular automata models for plant morphogenesis

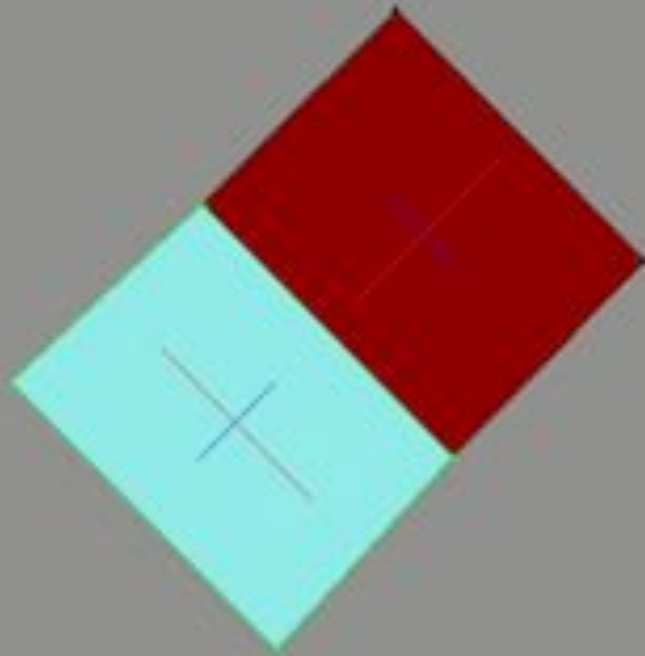




# Computer model for cellular growth



# Coupling a morphogen to cell proliferation



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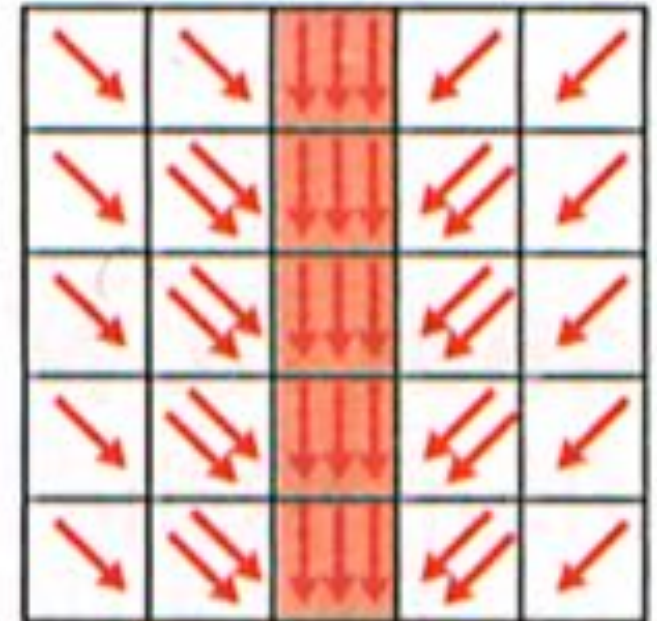
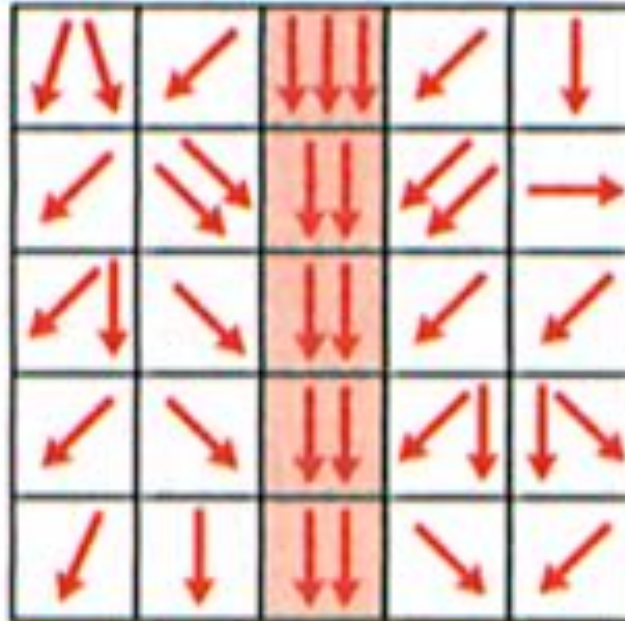
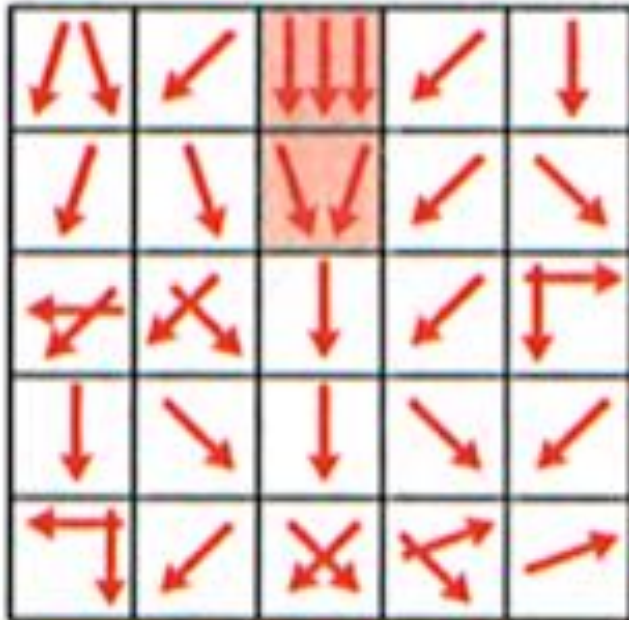
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# “Canalisation”



**Patterning processes emerge from local cellular interactions**



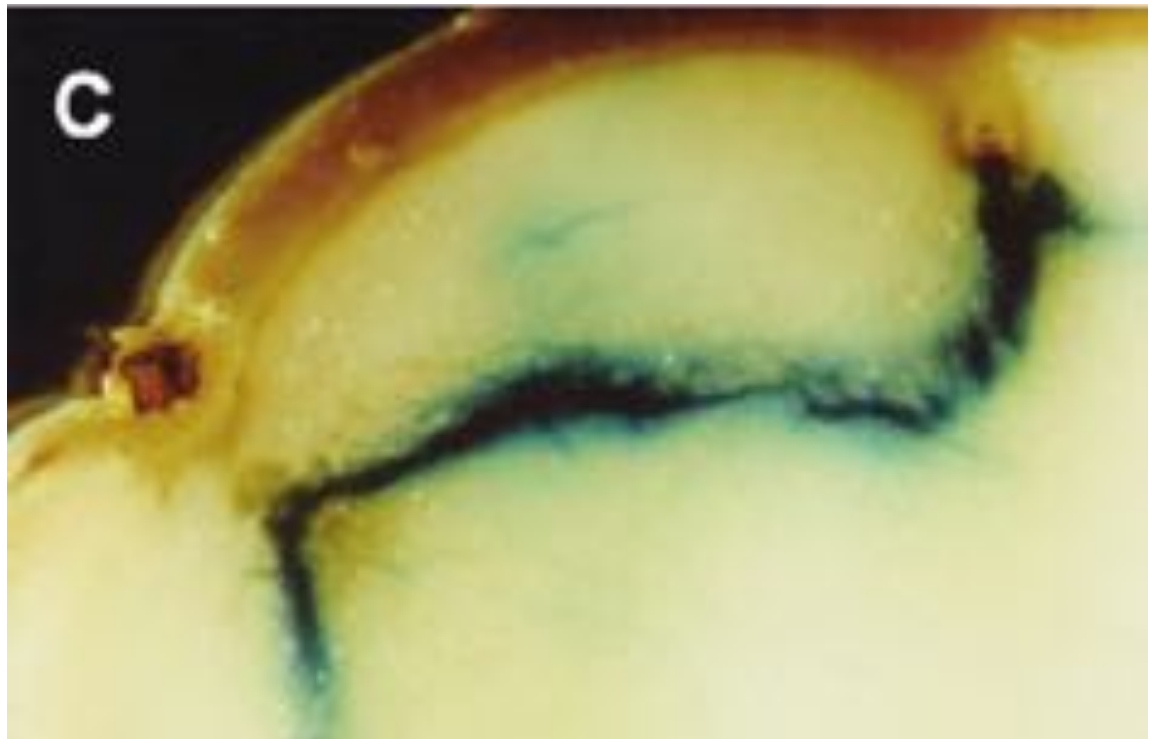
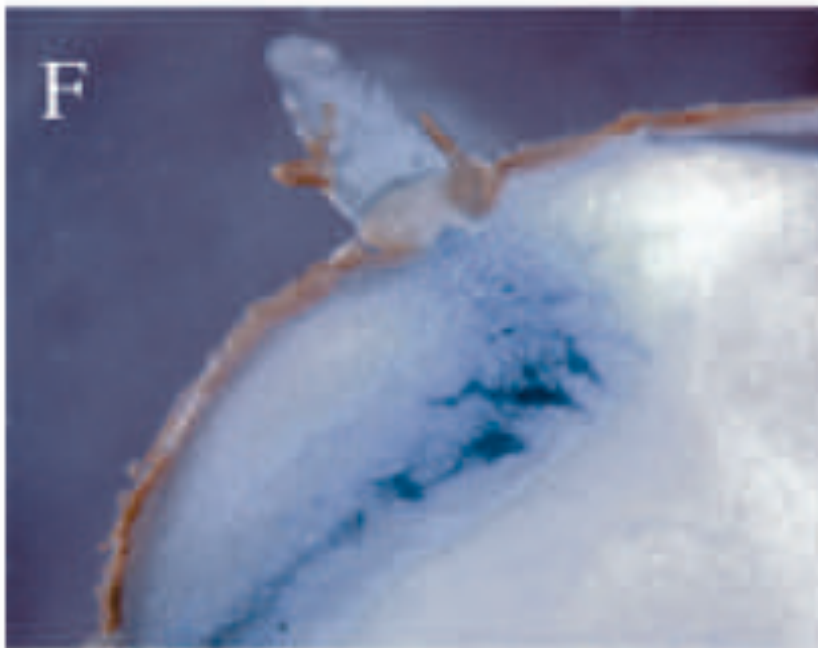
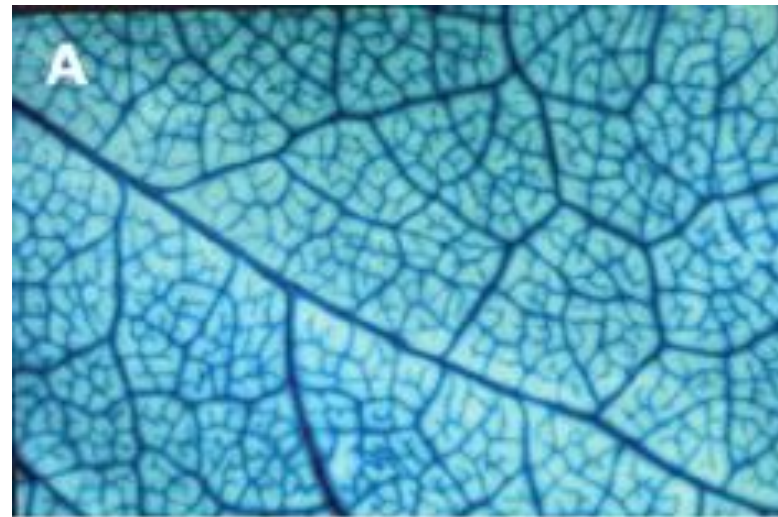
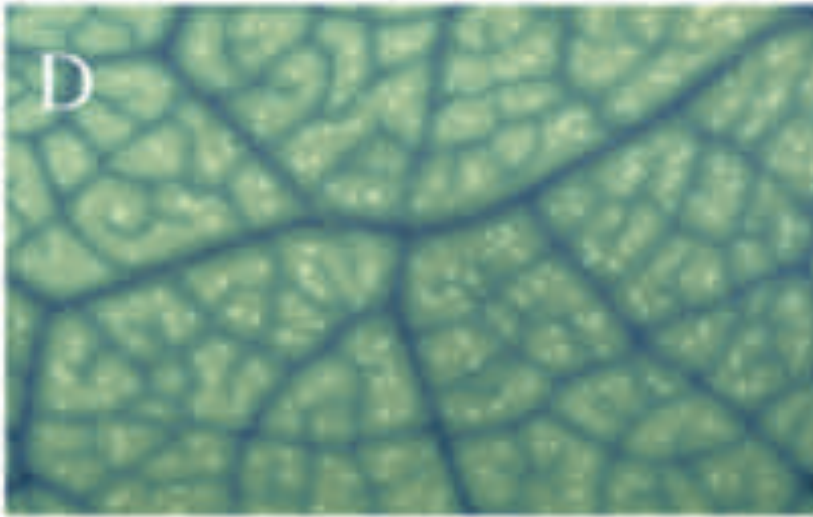


Jerusalem artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*)





***Sut1* sucrose transporter gene expression in leaves and germinating potato tubers**









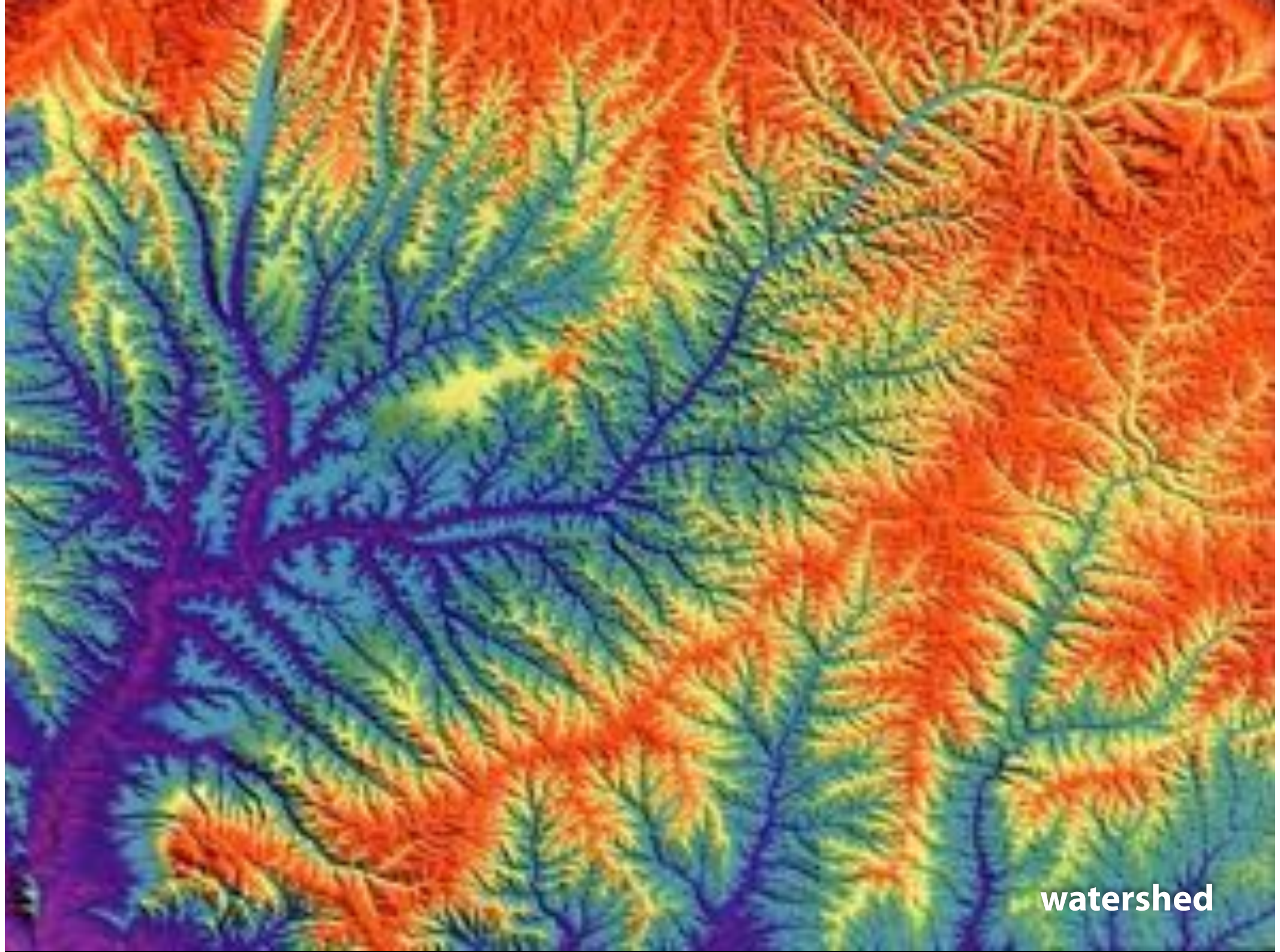
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**leaf veins**





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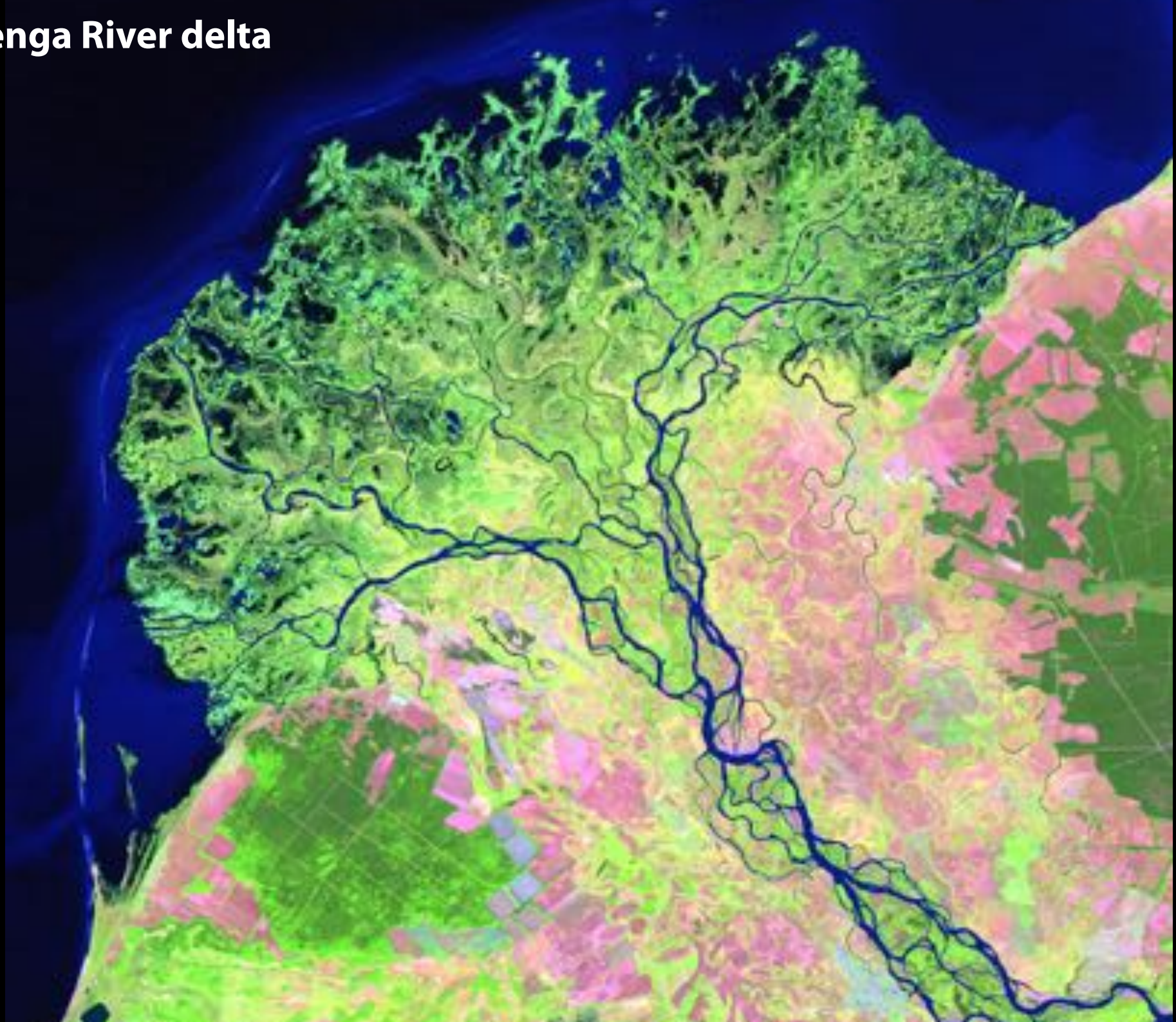


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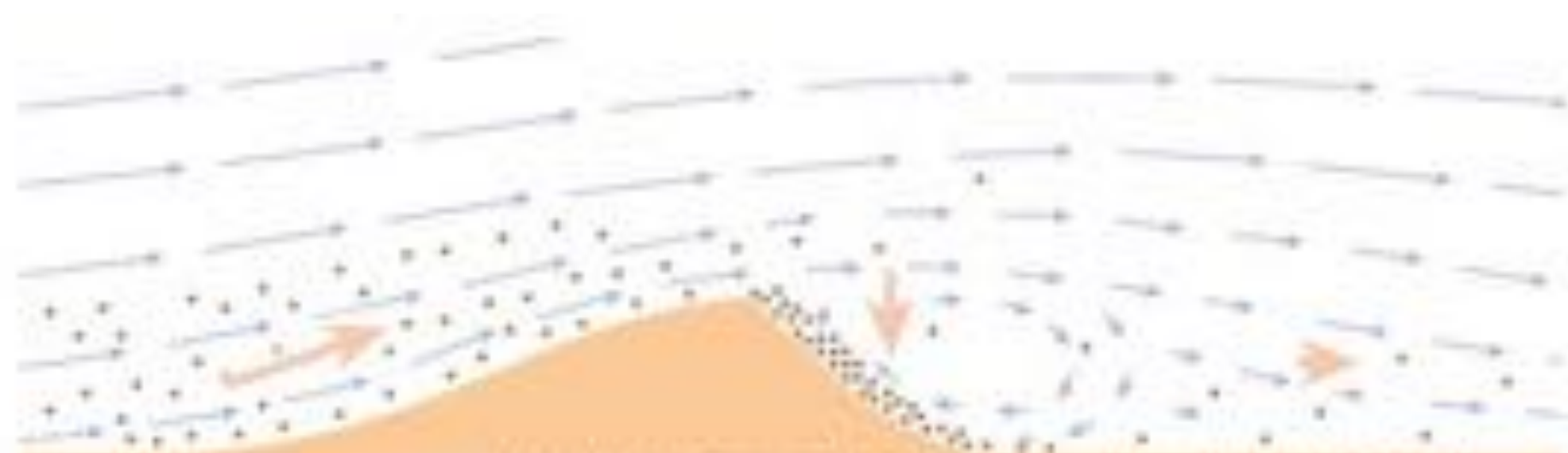
# Selenga River delta







*Jan Parker*



Transport of sand along the surface by fast-moving air.

Local sand accumulation and dune growth due to reduced air speeds near an existing dune.

Slow air speeds behind the dune lead do not support sand transport, suppressing additional dune formation.





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## Turing, 1952

□e Chemical Basis of Morphogenesis  
(*Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. London*)

### *Diffusion-driven instability*

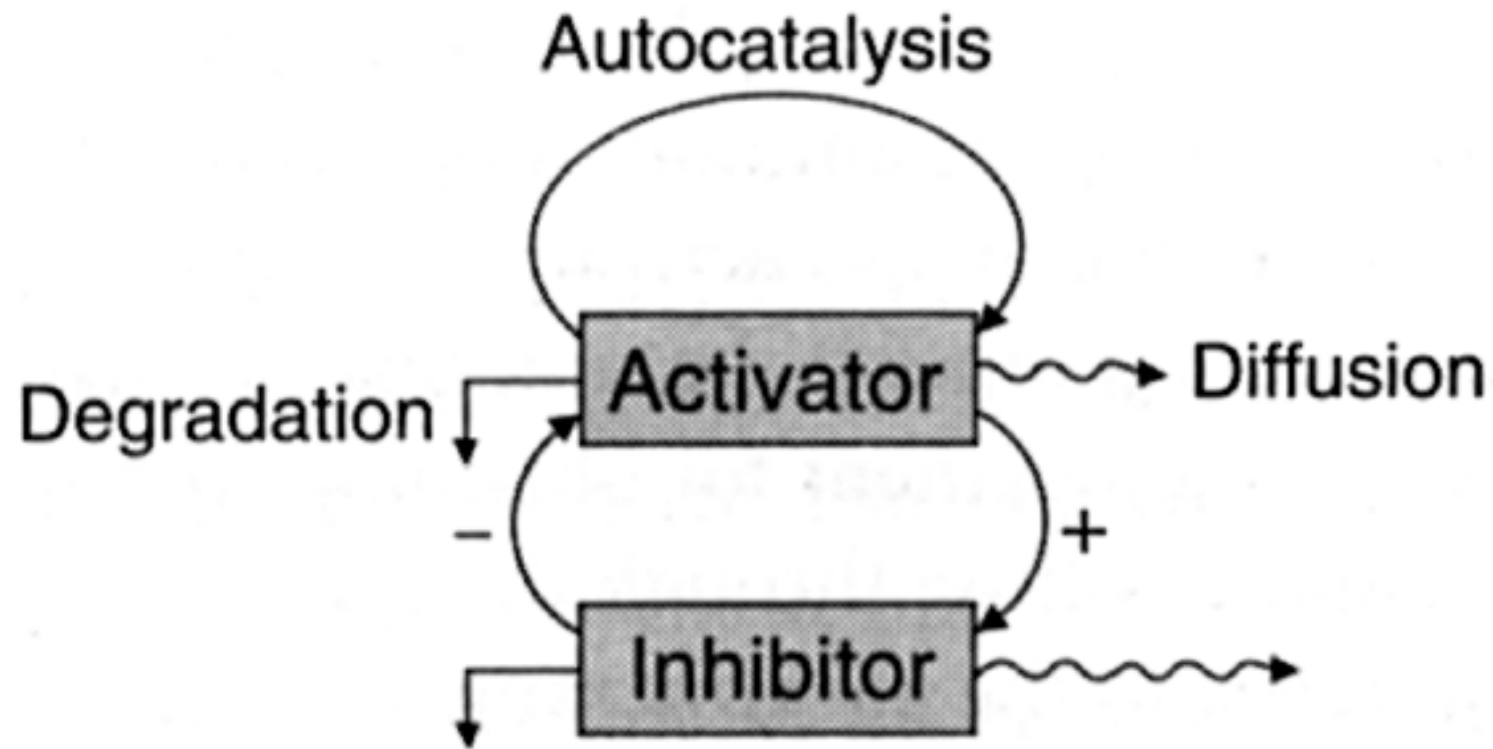
Under appropriate conditions, a spatially homogeneous equilibrium of a chemical reaction can be stable in the absence of diffusion and unstable in the presence of diffusion.

Such a reaction is capable of exhibiting spatially *inhomogeneous* equilibria, *i.e.*, patterns.

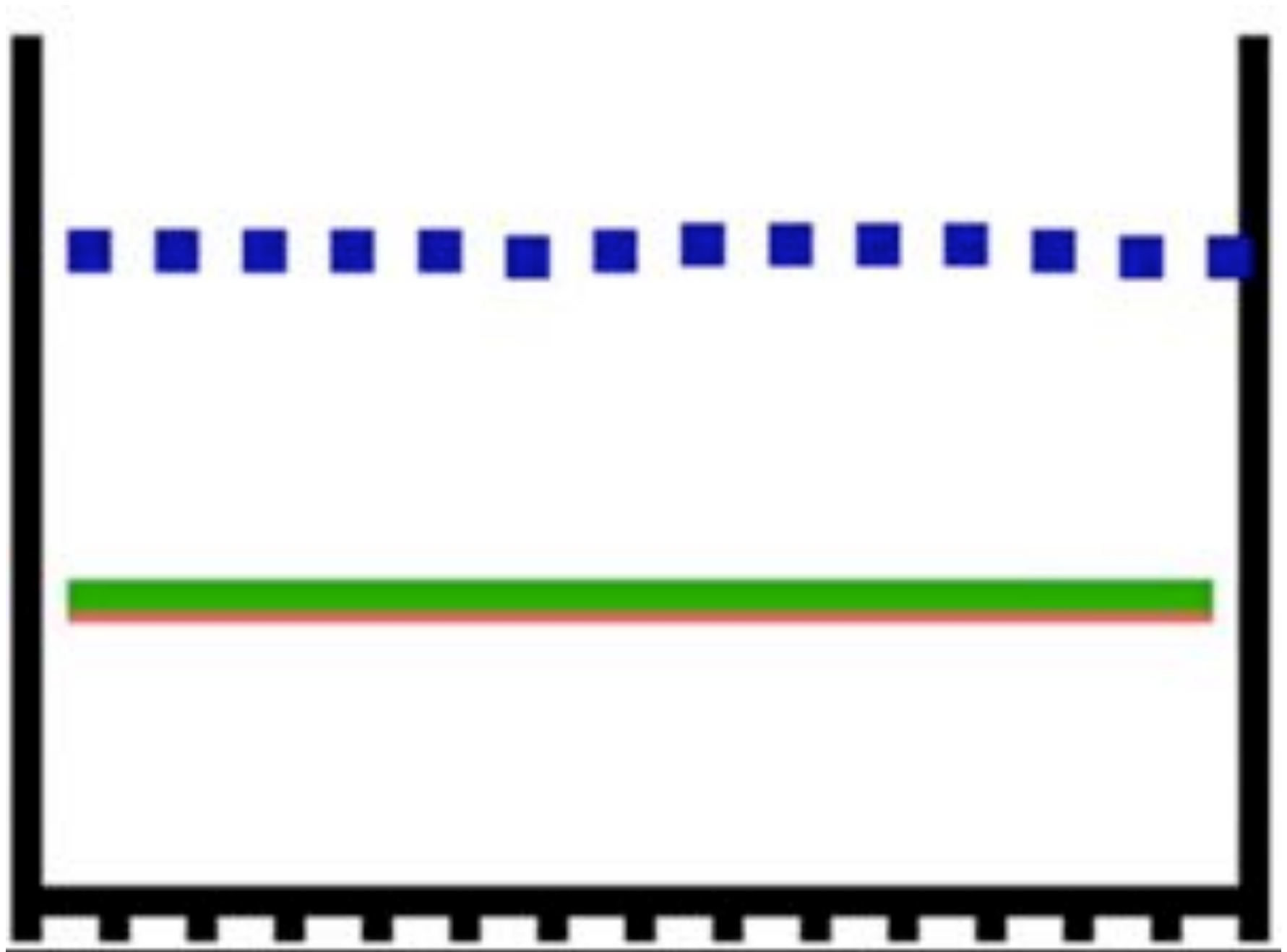
Diffusion-driven instability might explain some of the complex dynamics of nature.



Alan Mathison Turing on election to Fellowship of the Royal Society, 1951.

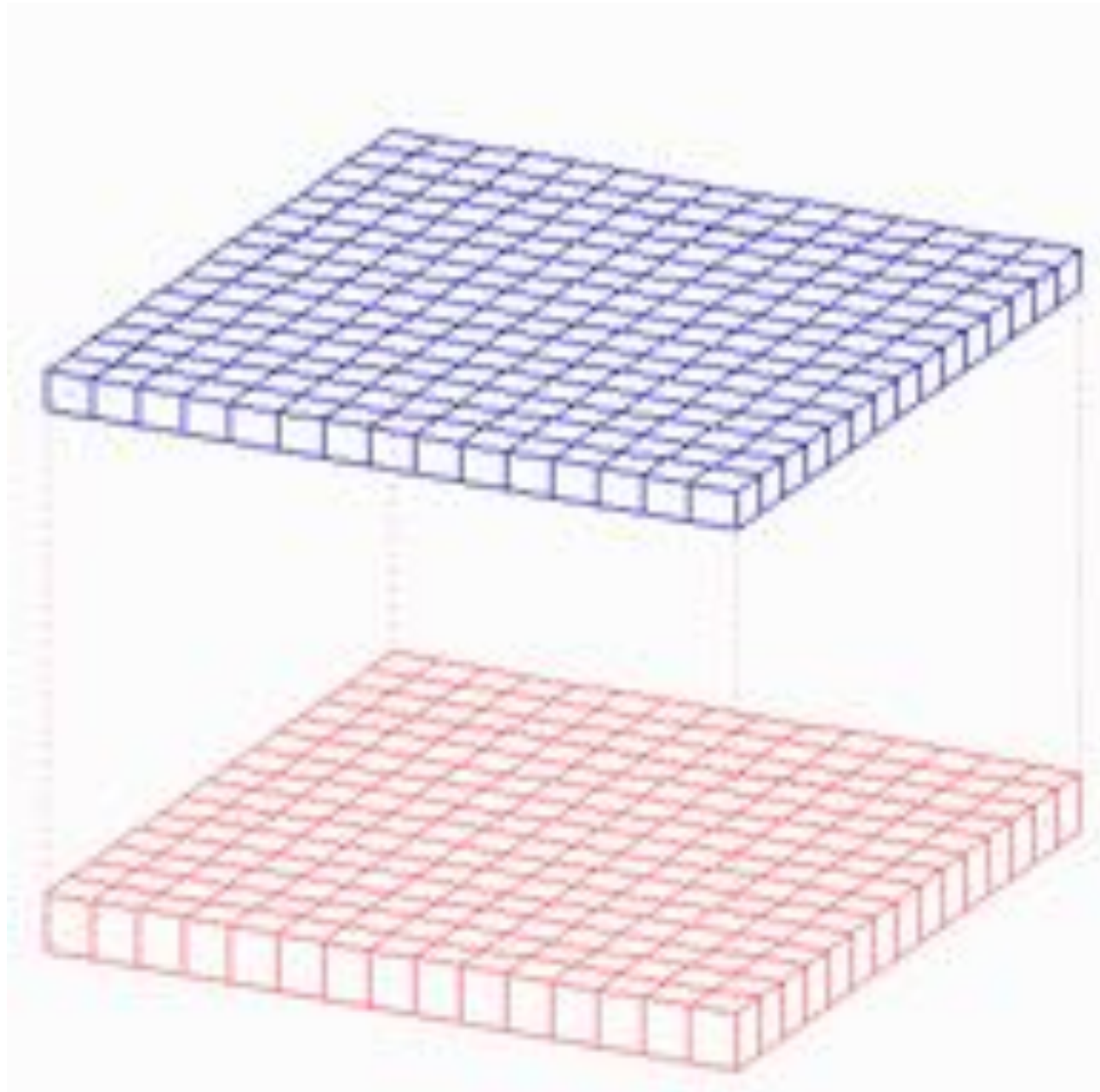


**Fig. 4.2** How an activator–inhibitor scheme works. The activator generates more of itself by autocatalysis, and also activates the inhibitor. The inhibitor disrupts the autocatalytic formation of the activator. Meanwhile, the two substances diffuse through the system at different rates, with the inhibitor migrating faster.

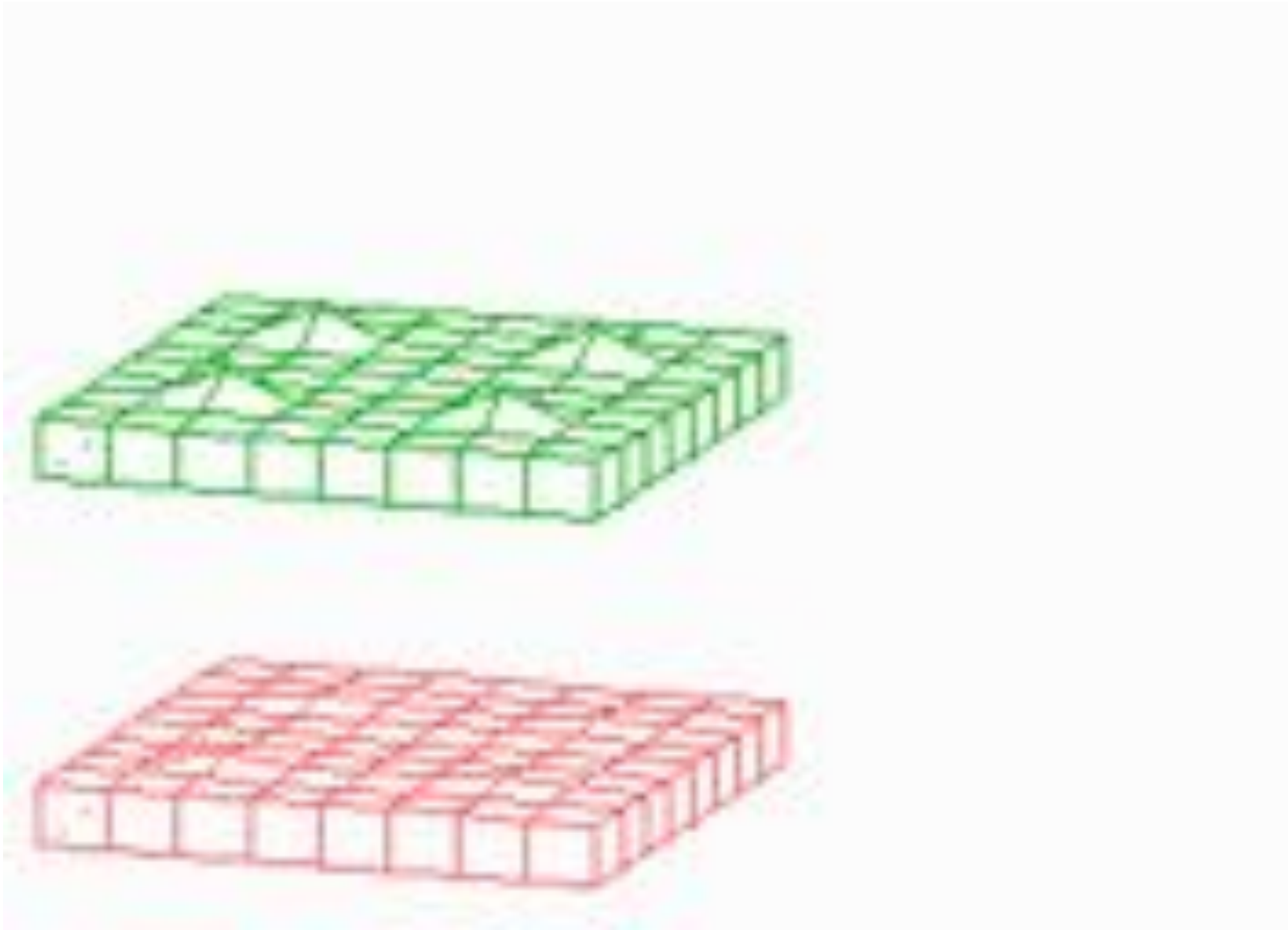




# Self-organisation in a Turing pattern



# Modification of Turing patterns during growth





Leopard



Jaguar



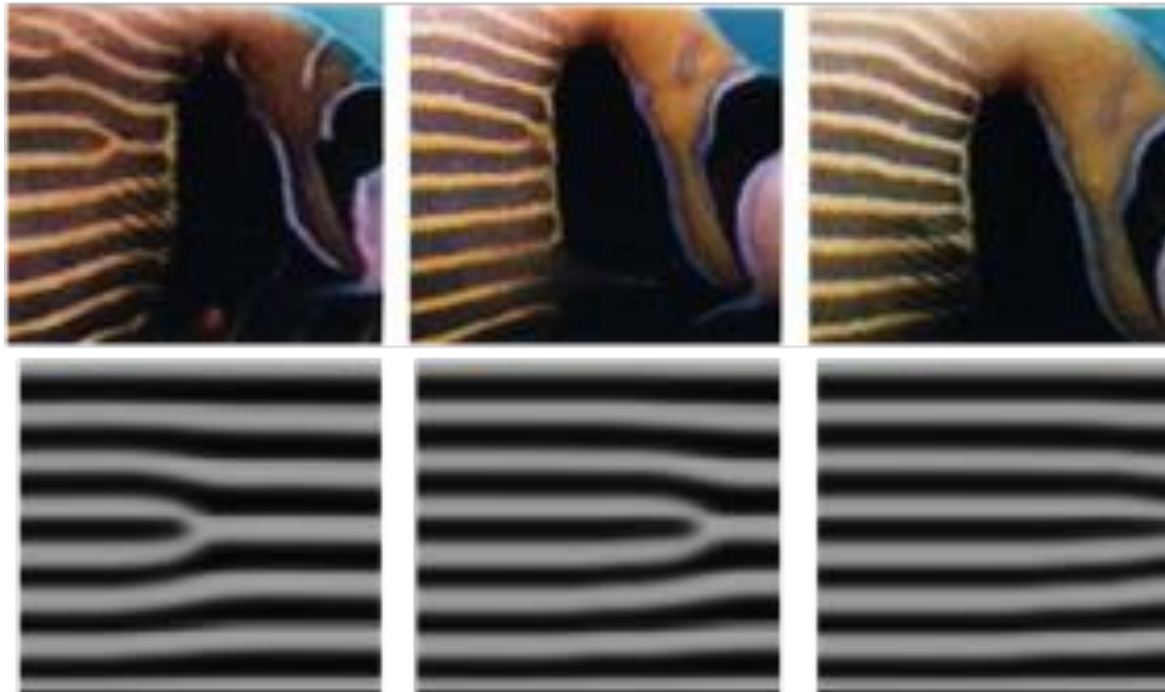
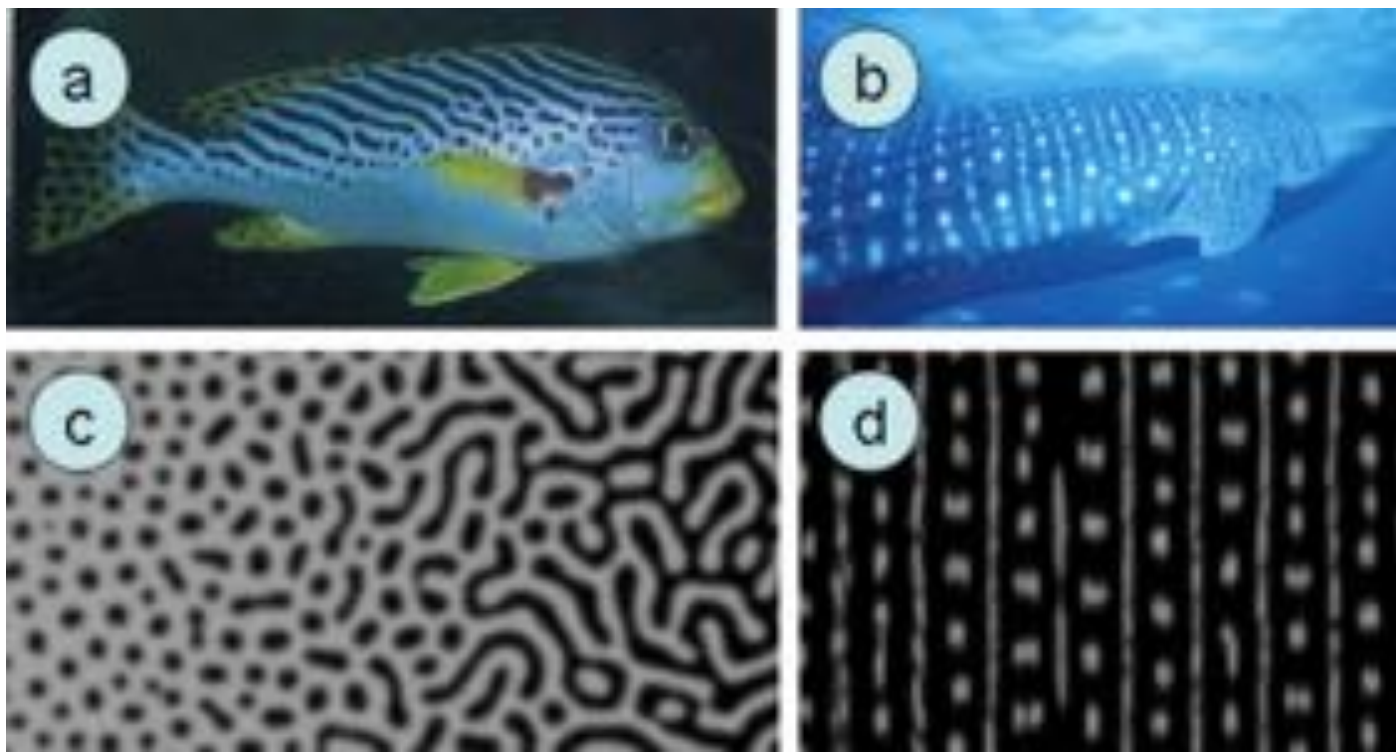
Cheetah



Genet



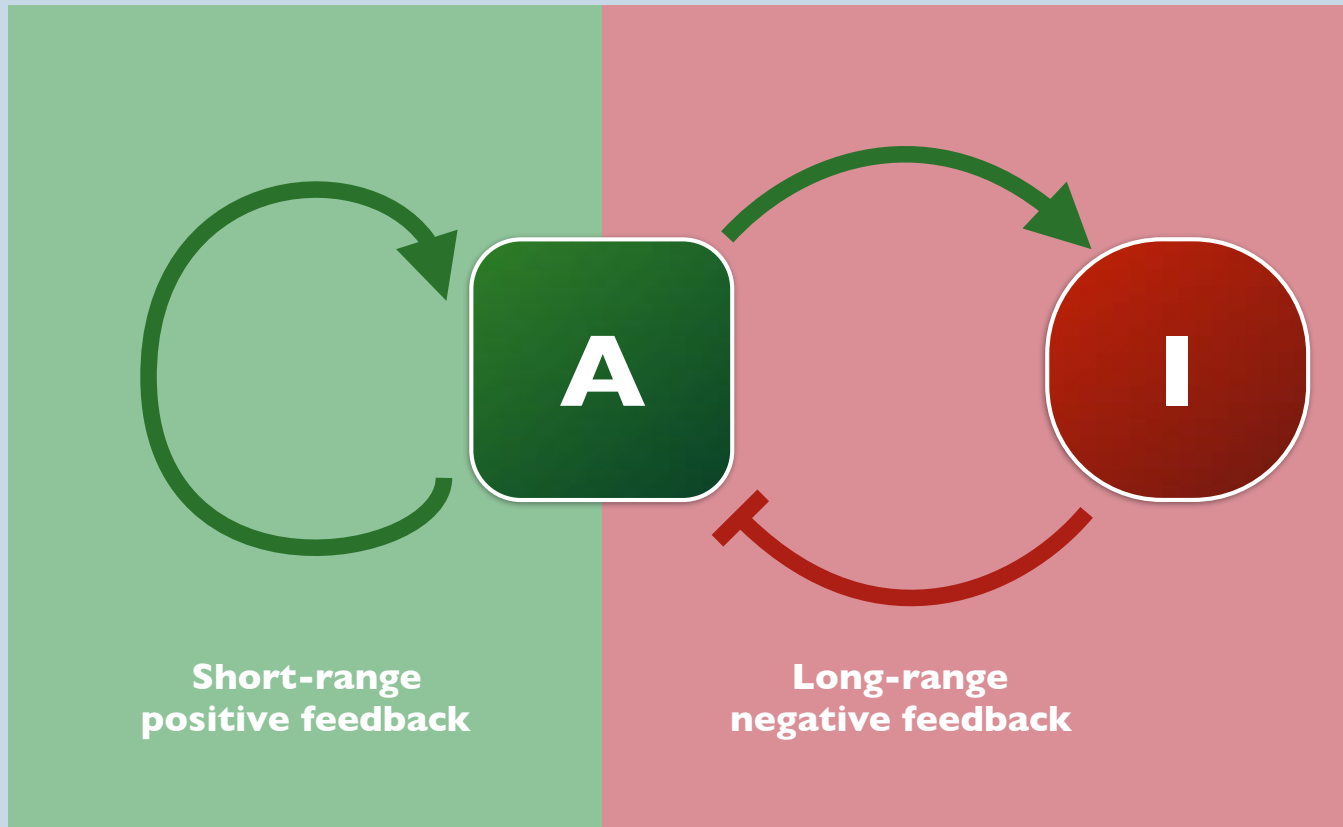
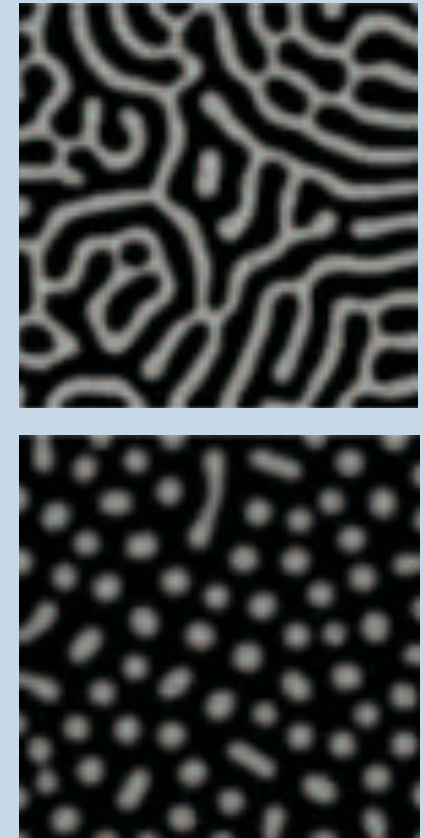




## Origin of Directionality in the Fish Stripe Pattern

Hiroto Shoji,<sup>1</sup> Atsushi Mochizuki,<sup>1</sup> Yoh Iwasa,<sup>1</sup> Masashi Hirata,<sup>2,3</sup> Tsuyoshi Watanabe,<sup>2,4</sup> Syozo Hioki,<sup>5</sup> and Shigeru Kondo<sup>2,3\*</sup>



**A****B**

## Turing-inspired systems for self-organisation

The activator generates more of itself through positive feedback, which also activates the inhibitor. The inhibitor disrupts autocatalytic formation of the activator. The substances move through the medium at different rates.

Noise and diffusion produce spontaneous local patterns of activation and lateral inhibition.



## **Compound Turing systems**

Jonathon McCabe "Bone Music" <http://vimeo.com/jonathanmccabe>

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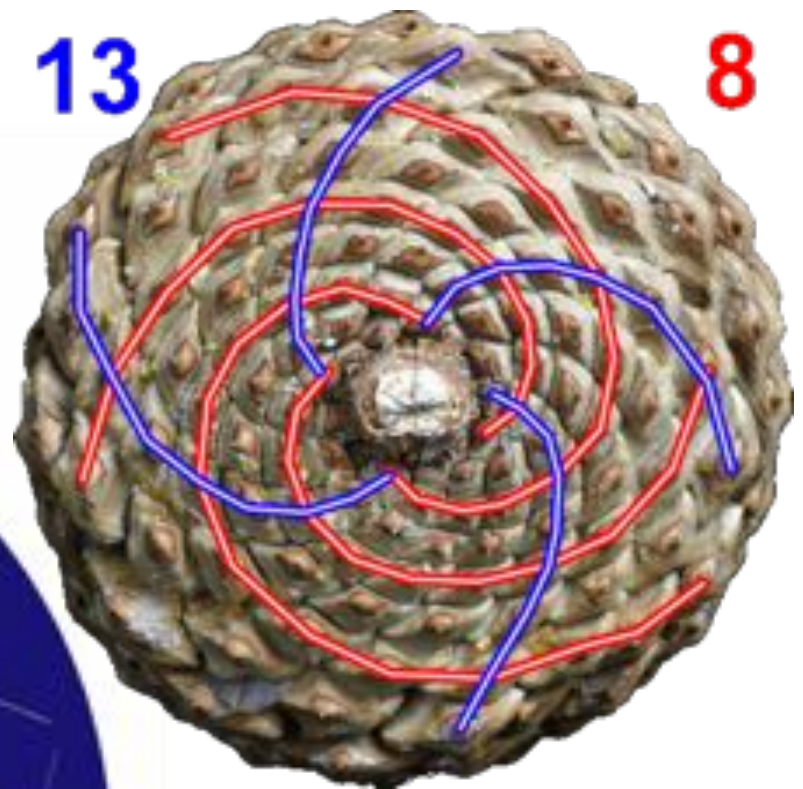
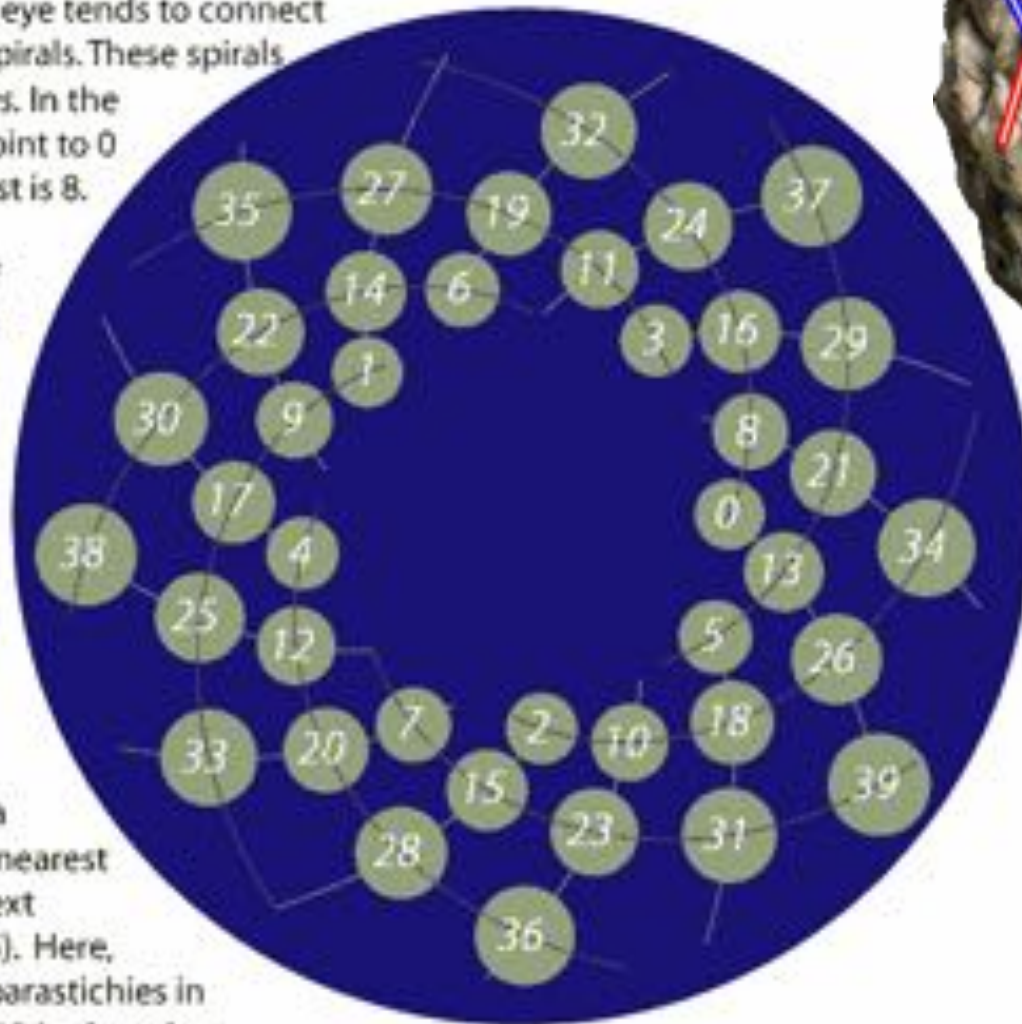


## Visible Spirals: Parastichies

In a spiral lattice, the eye tends to connect nearest points into spirals. These spirals are called *parastichies*. In the figure, the nearest point to 0 is 13; the next nearest is 8.

There are two sets of parastichies winding in different directions. In the figure, 0, 8, 16 ... winds in one direction and 0, 13, 26 ... in the other.

The number of parastichies in each direction is the difference between a point, e.g., 7, and its nearest neighbor (20) and next nearest neighbor (15). Here, there are  $15 - 7 = 8$  parastichies in one set and  $20 - 7 = 13$  in the other.



Spiral lattices are classified according to the number of parastichies in each set. This lattice is (8, 13).

# Plant organs and the Fibonacci series

**3 petals: lily, iris**

**4 petals: Arabidopsis, fuchsia - decussate arrangement, not spiral.**

**5 petals: buttercup, wild rose, larkspur, columbine (aquilegia), pinks**

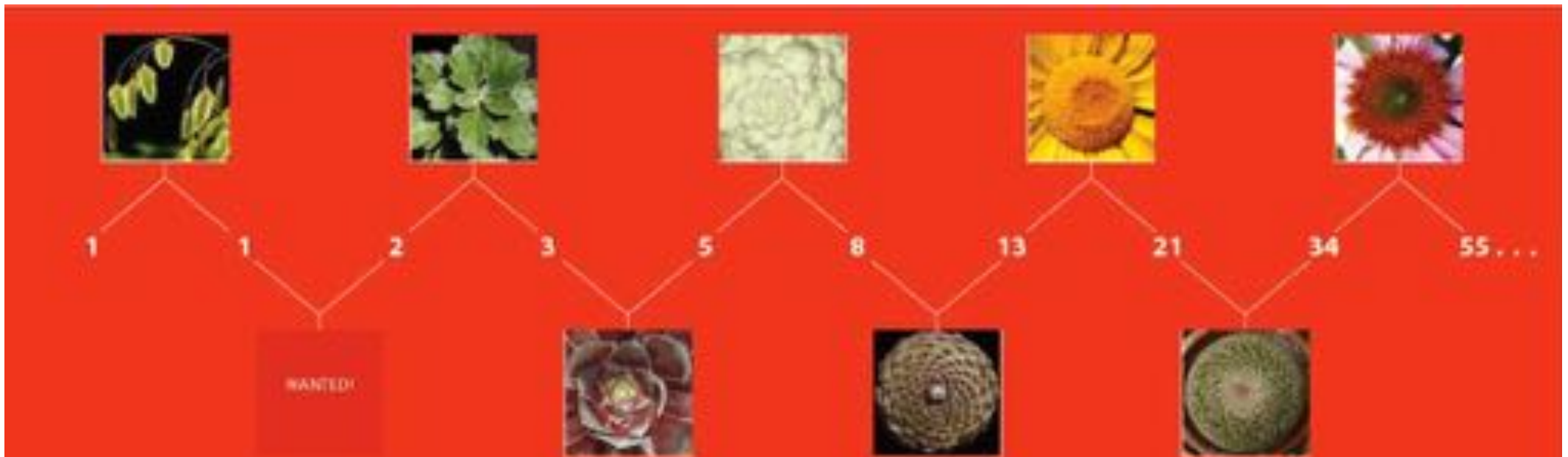
**8 petals: delphiniums**

**13 petals: ragwort, corn marigold, cineraria, some daisies**

**21 petals: aster, black-eyed susan, chicory**

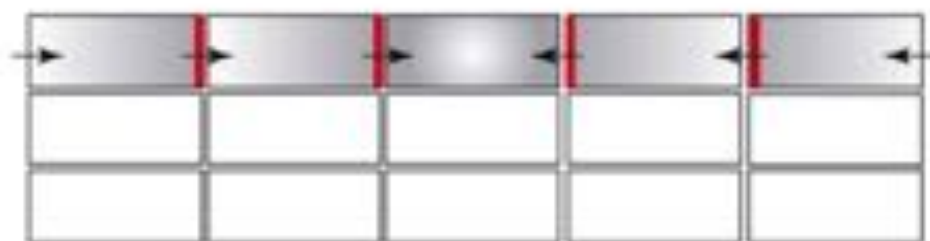
**34 petals: plantain, pyrethrum**

**55, 89 petals: michaelmas daisies, the asteraceae family**

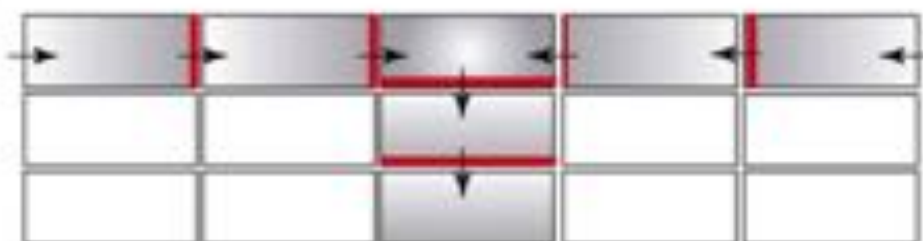




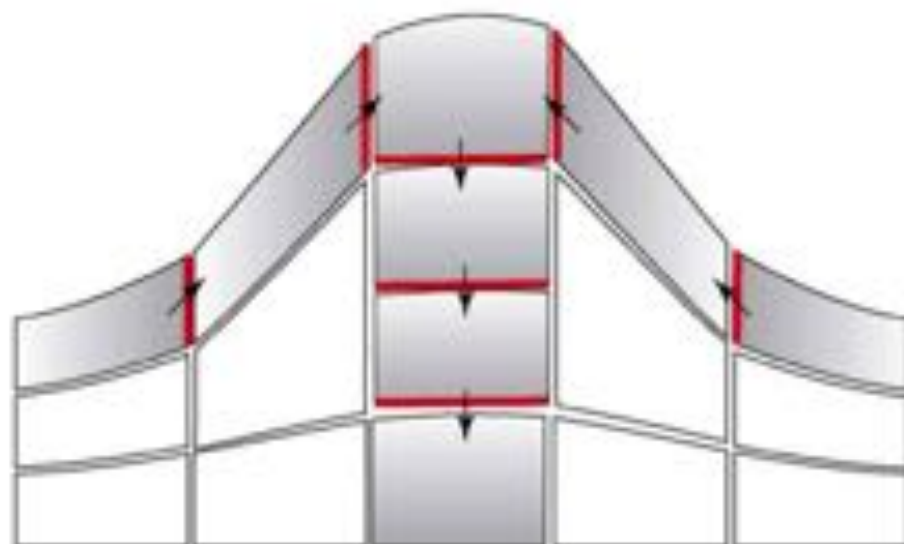
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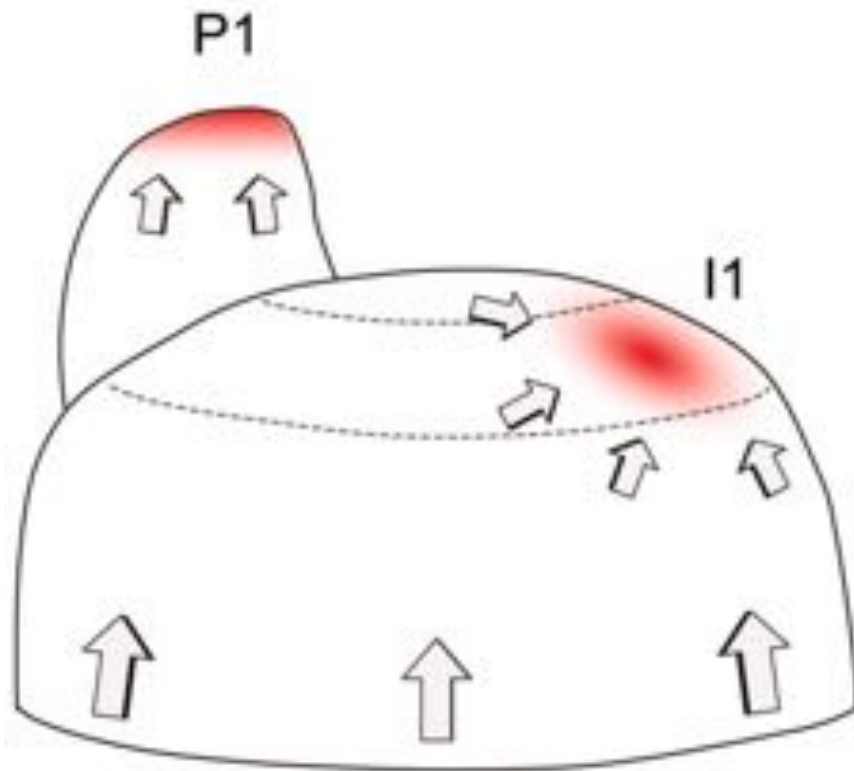
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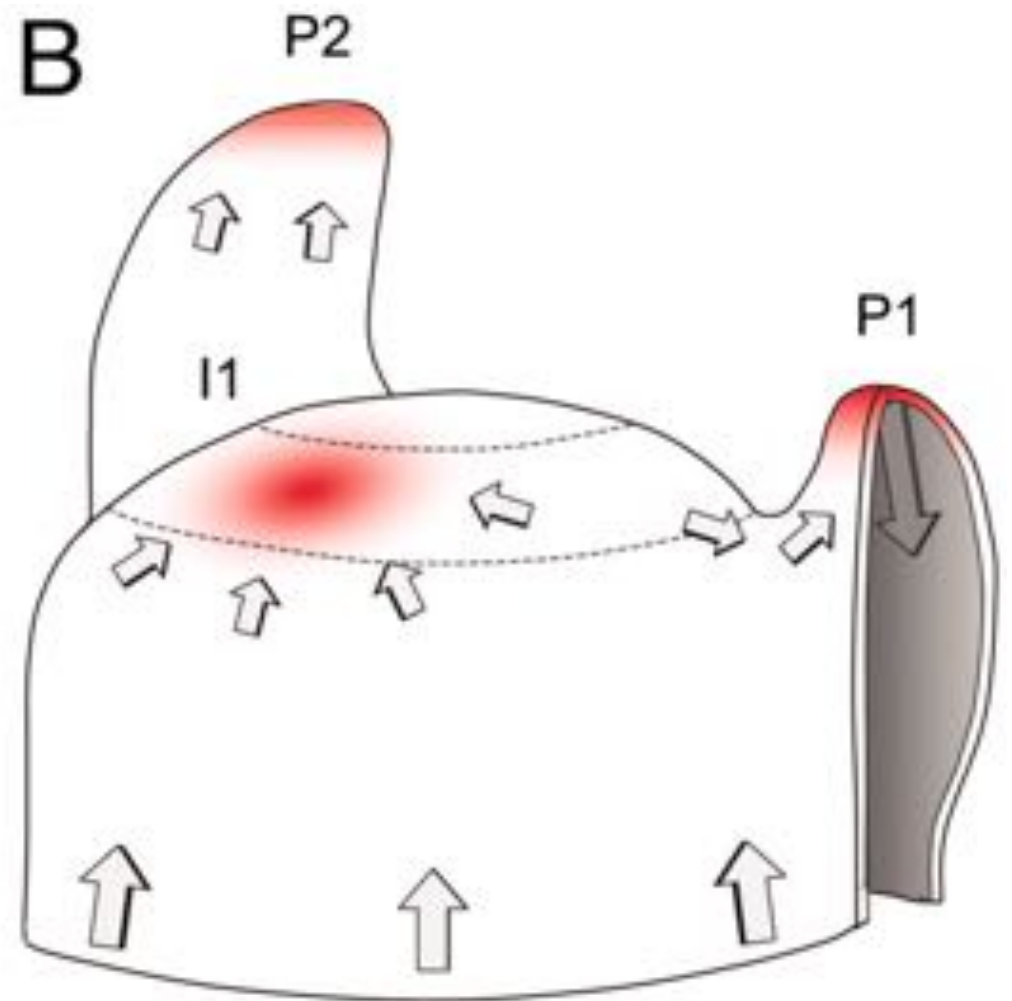
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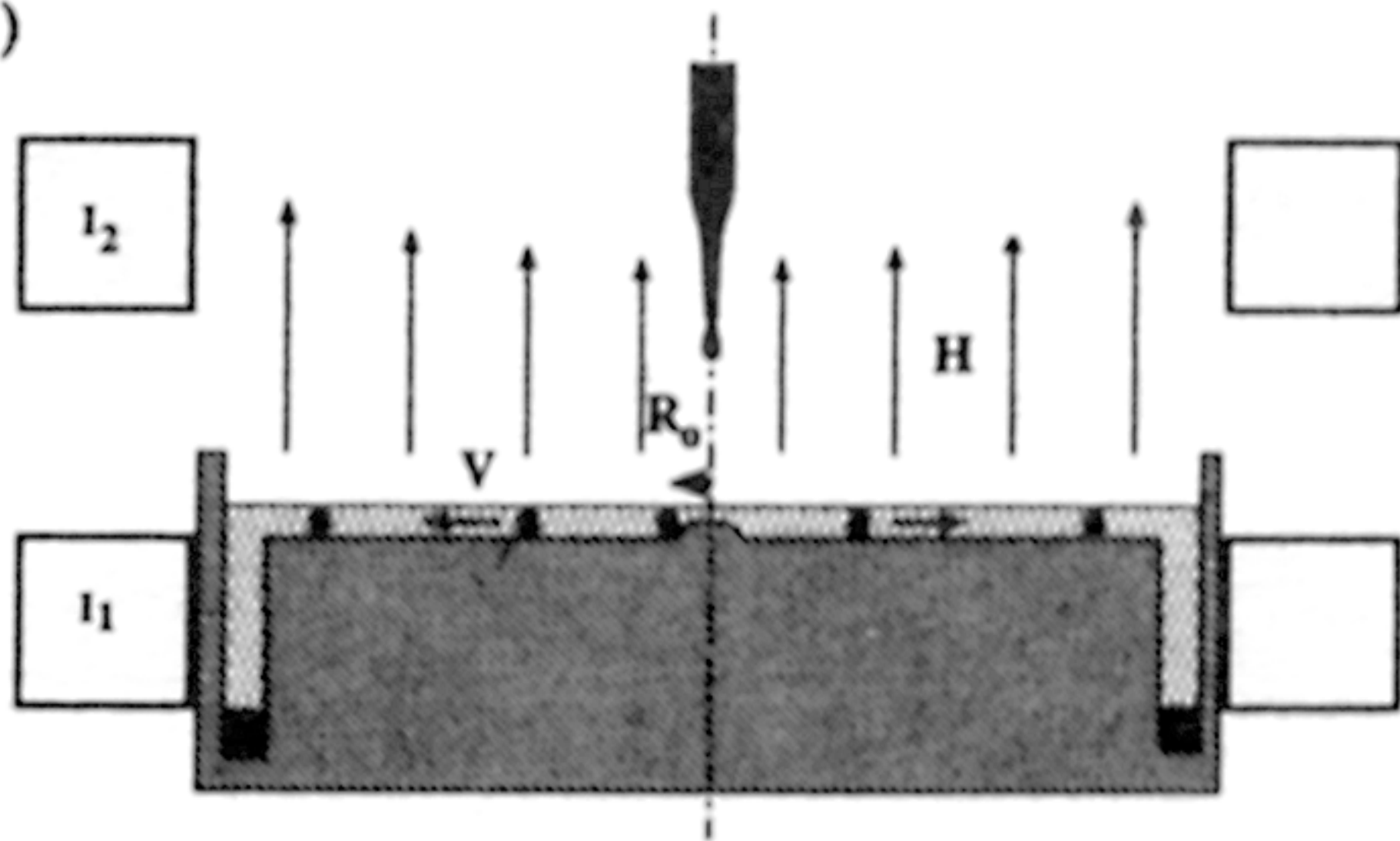


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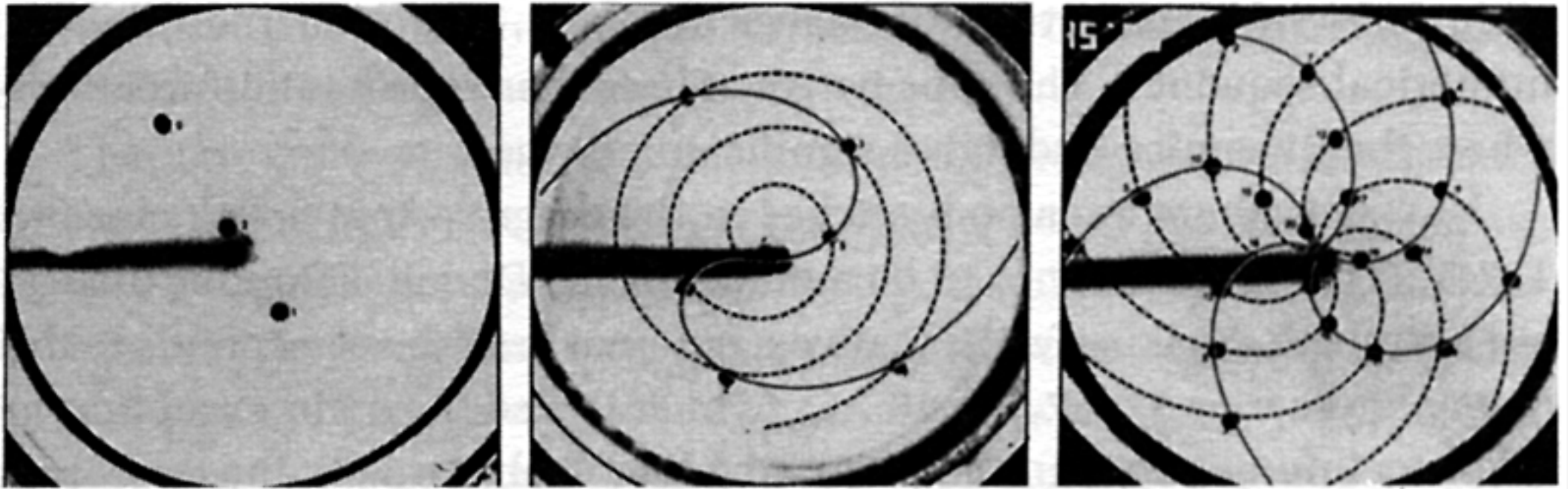
**Auxin triggered outgrowth of shoot primordia**

(b)









**Figure 50**

Fibonacci spirals observed in an experiment with electrically charged oil drops.

# Emergence of patterns at microscopic scales



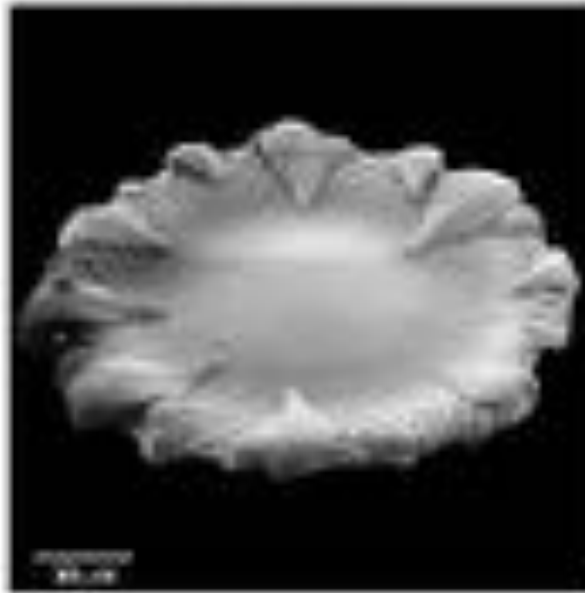
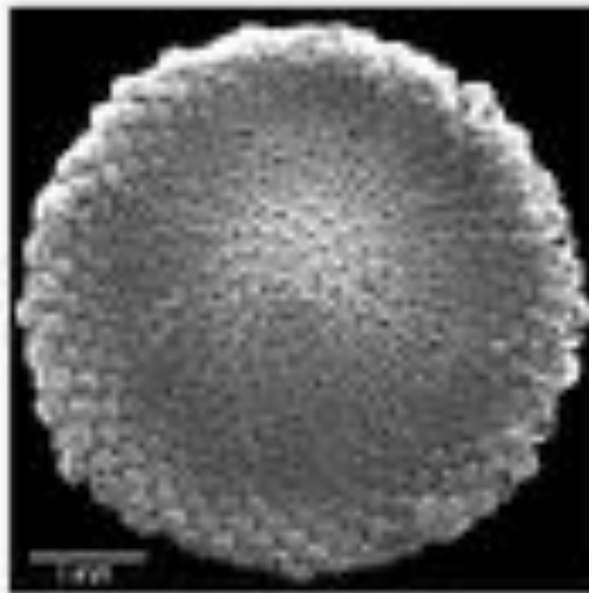
Artichoke



Sunflower



Magnolia

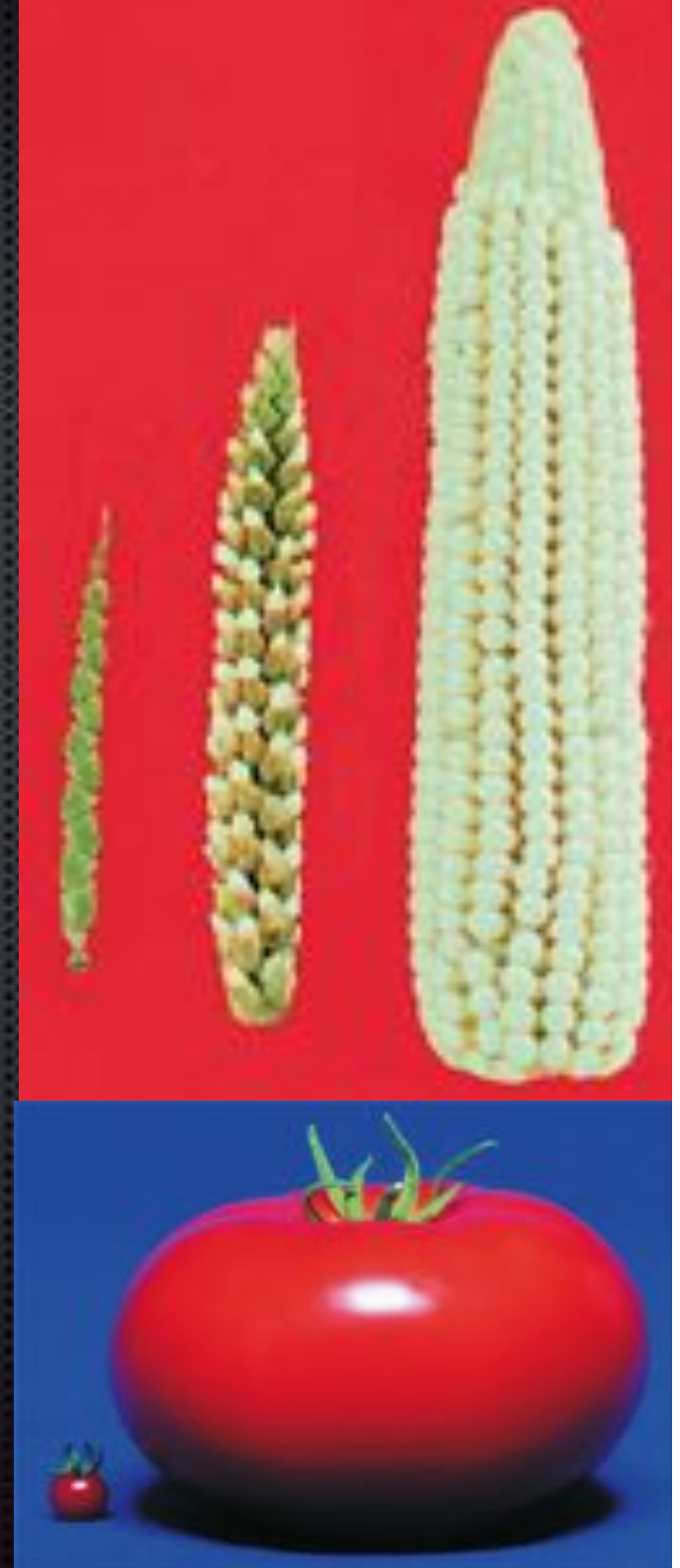




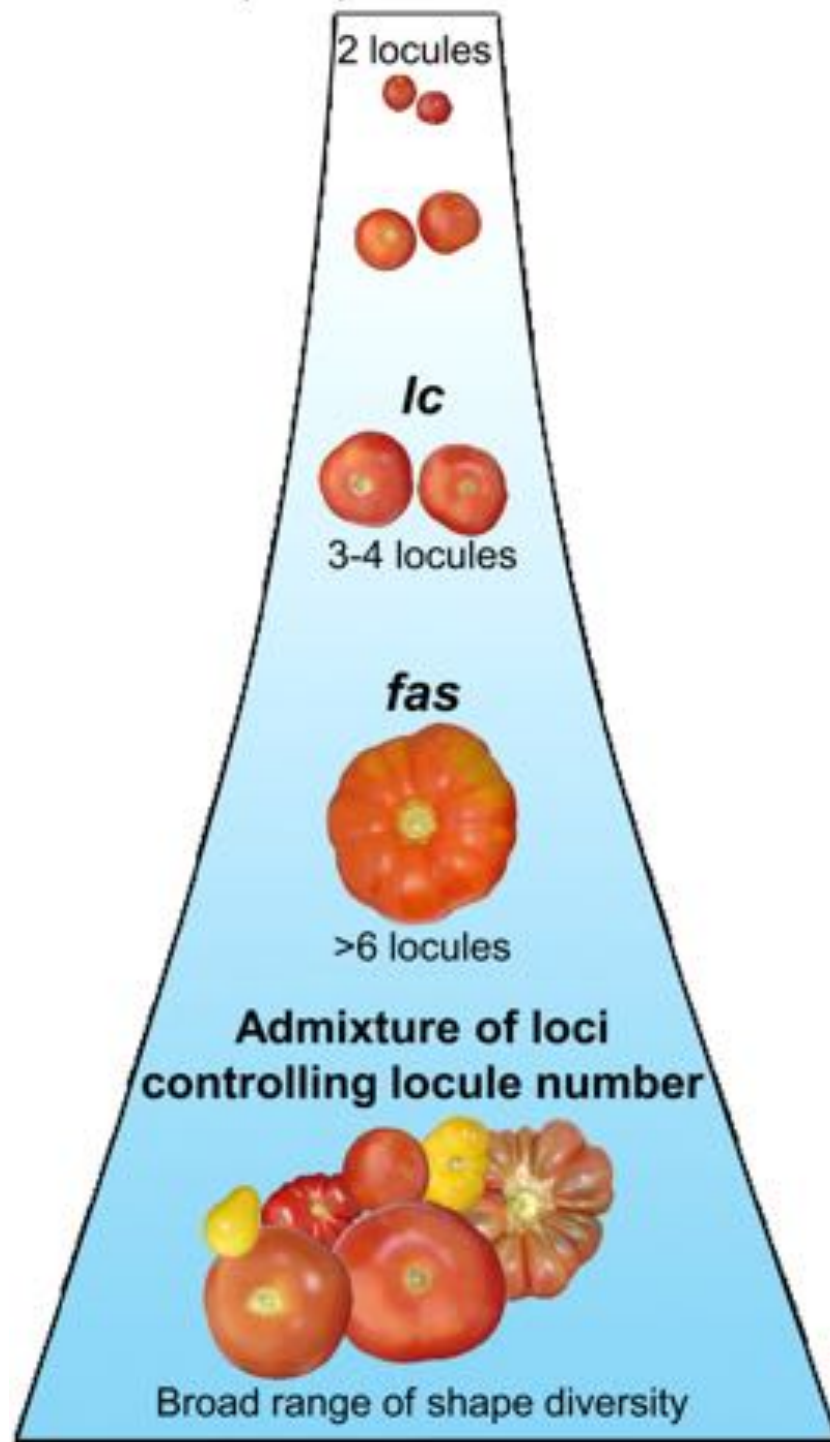
**Modern crop plants are derived from their natural ancestors by thousands of generations of selection and breeding.**

**What if we could reprogram the distribution of existing cell types in living systems?**

Synthetic Botany. Boehm & Pollak *et al.*  
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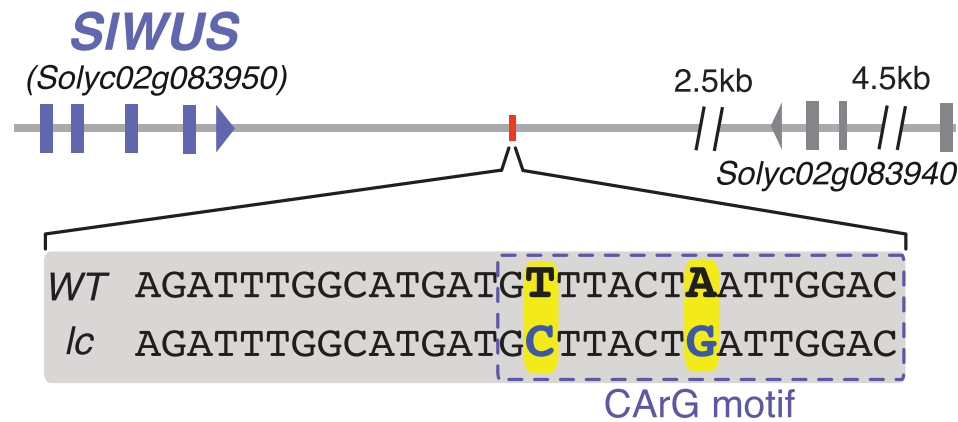
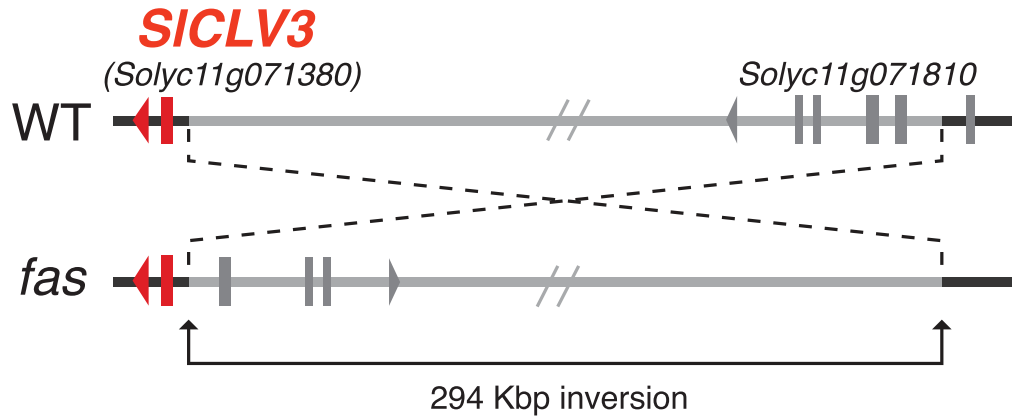


*S. pimpinellifolium*



*S. lycopersicum*

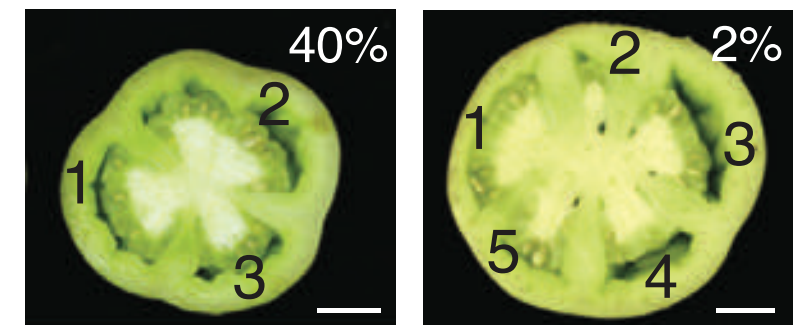
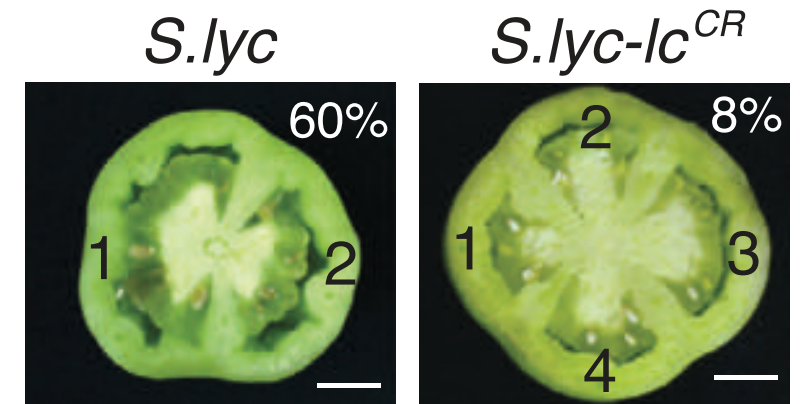
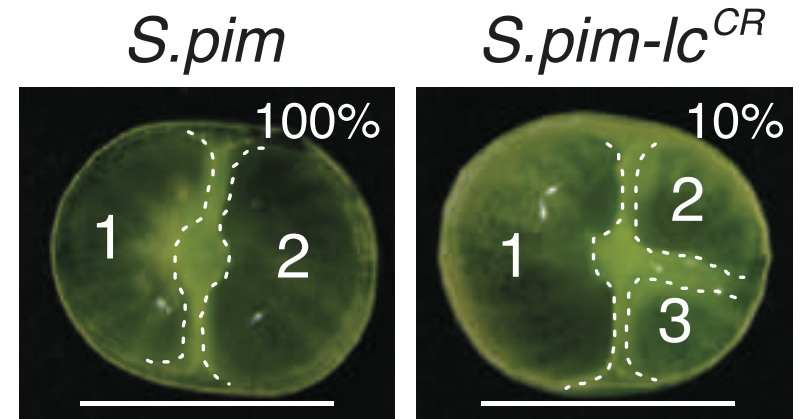
# Recreating known fruit size QTLs in tomato with CRISPR-Cas9



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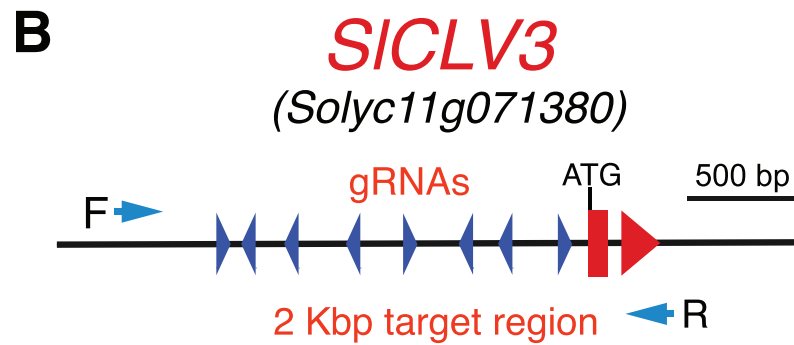
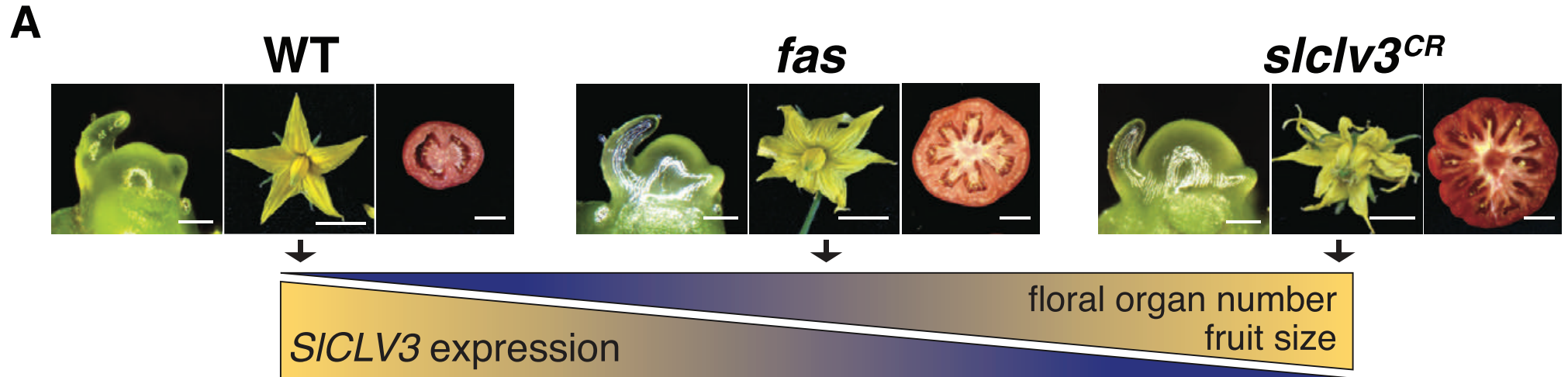
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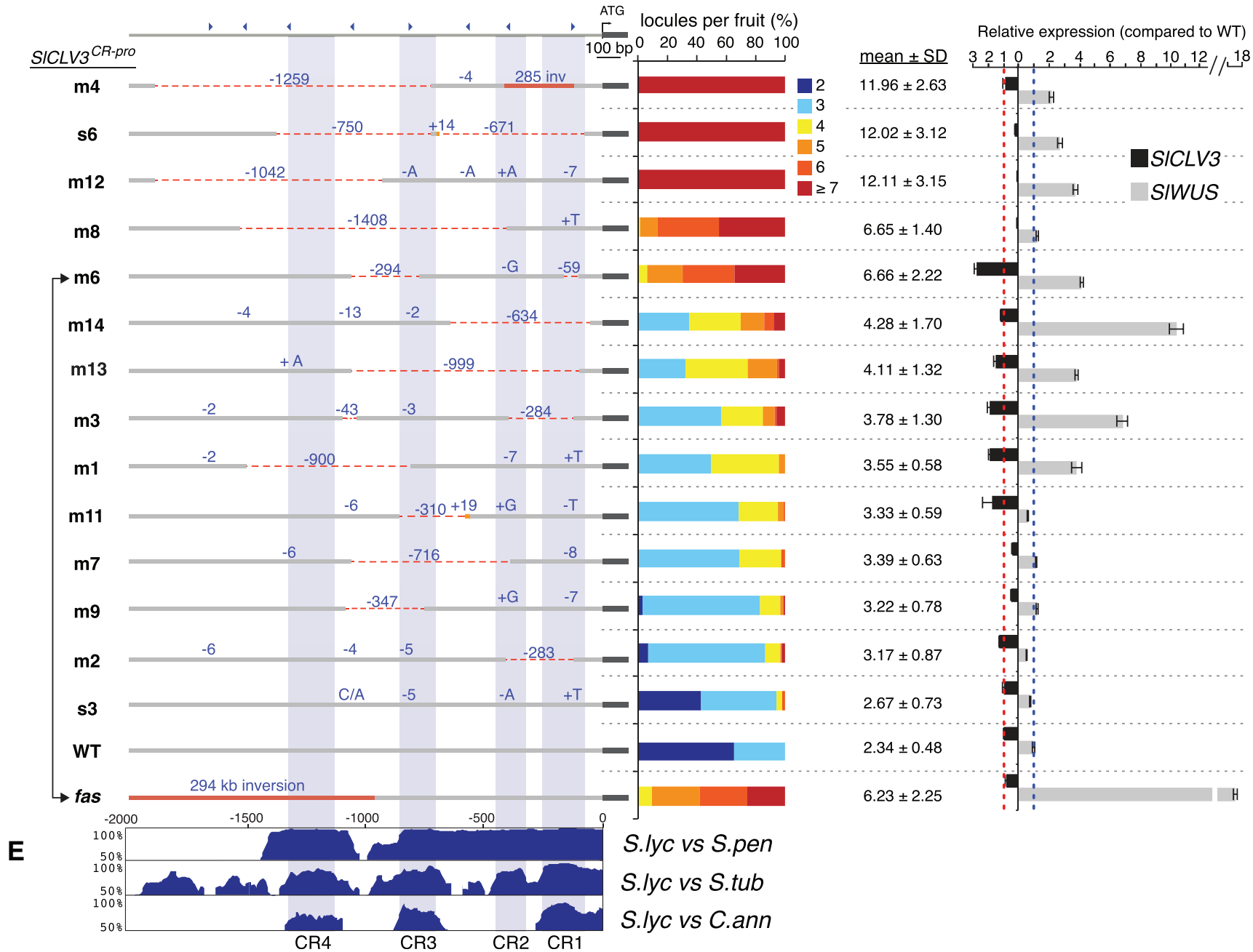


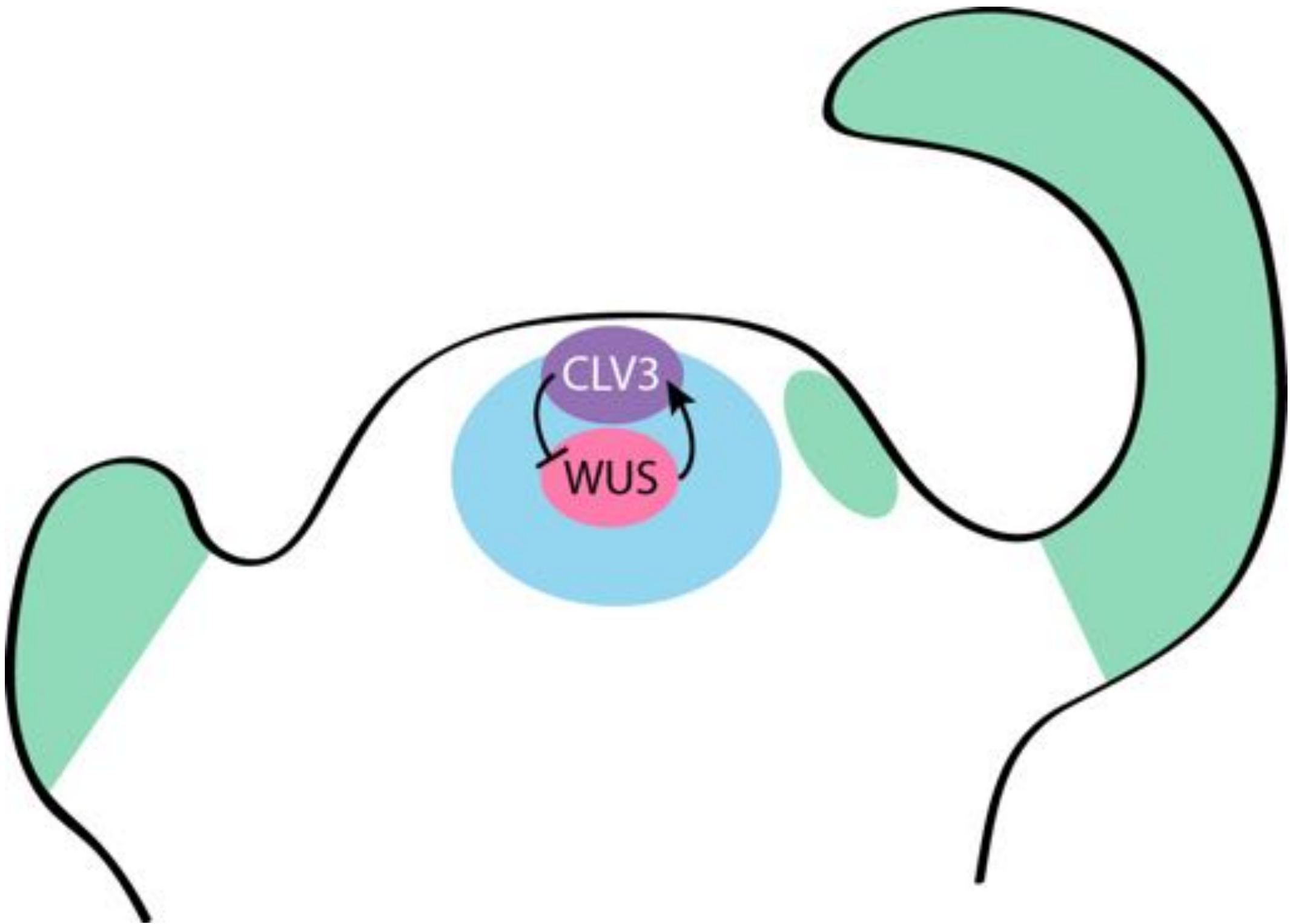


# Hashing the *SlCLV3* promoter using CRISPR-Cas9

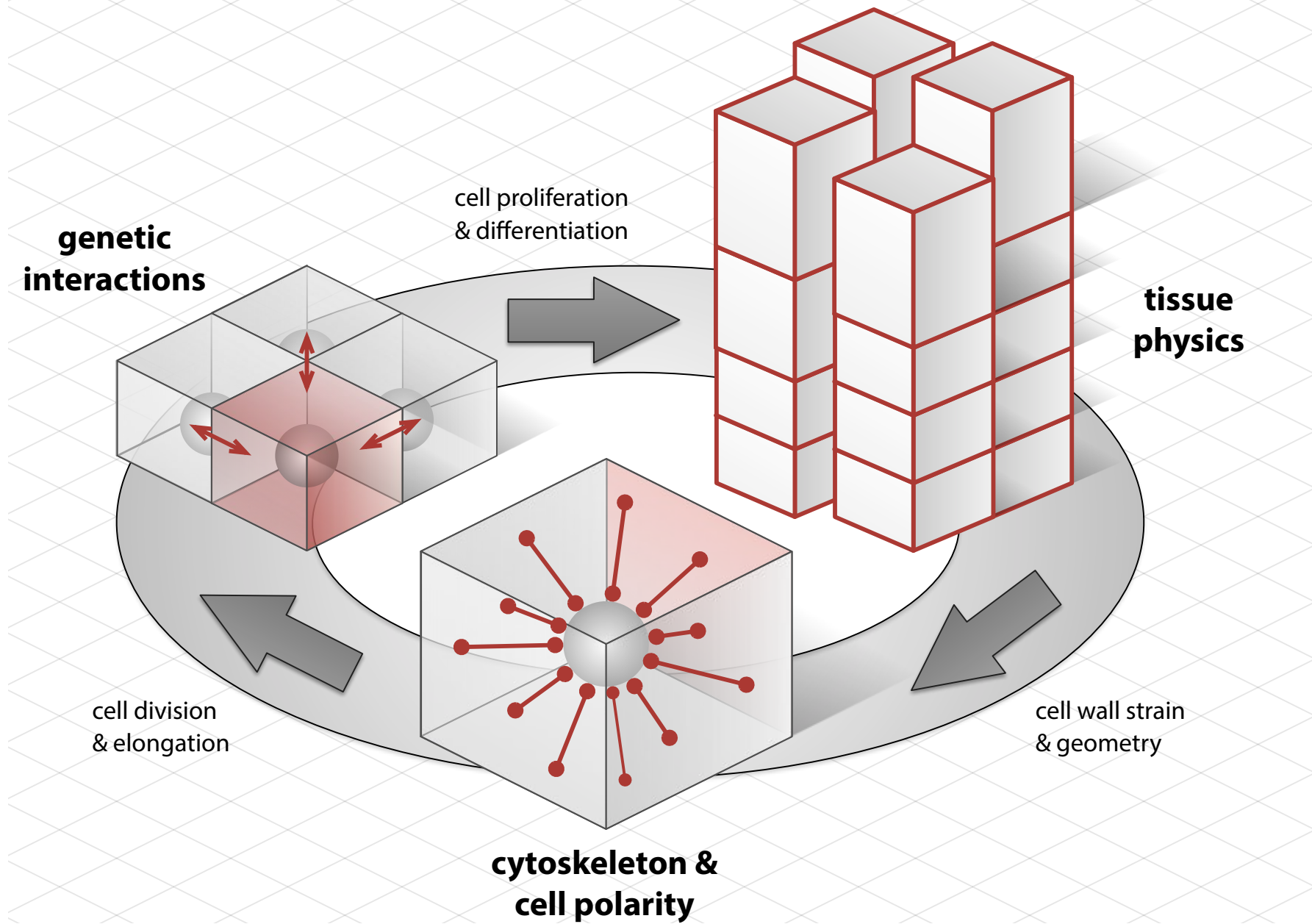


# A collection of engineered *SI*CLV3 promoter alleles provides a continuum of locule number variation









**Multi-scale view of plant growth.** (i) Interaction between cytoskeletal elements and local cell wall determinants, strain or geometry regulates the polarity of cell division and elongation. (ii) Genetic interactions between neighbouring cells trigger gene expression, cell proliferation and differentiation. (iii) Cellular growth results in physical strains that are transmitted across tissues and constrain cell growth. (iv) Physical constraints on cell size and shape regulate timing and orientation of individual cell divisions and guide morphogenesis.

