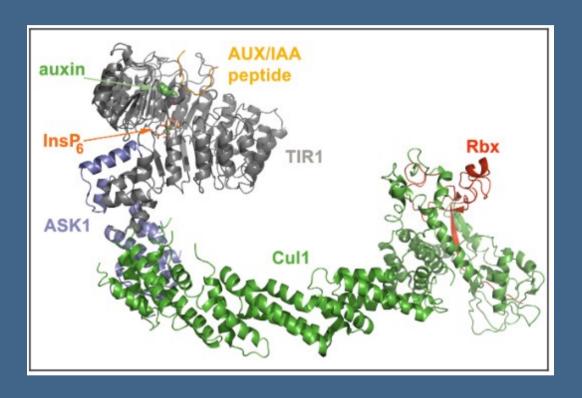
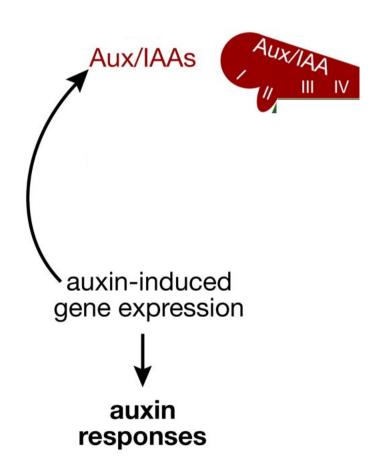
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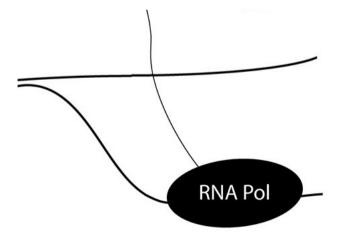


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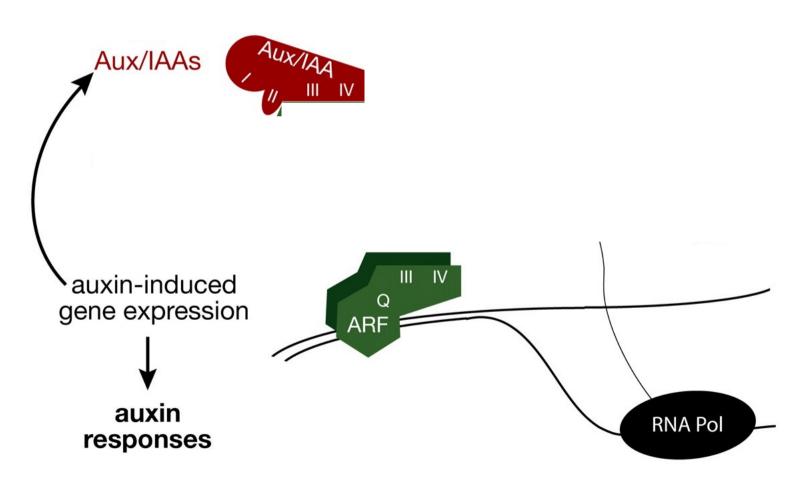
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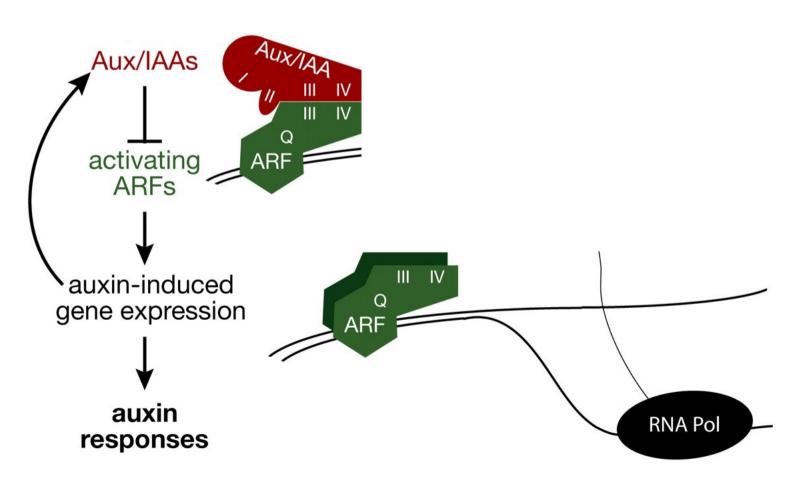


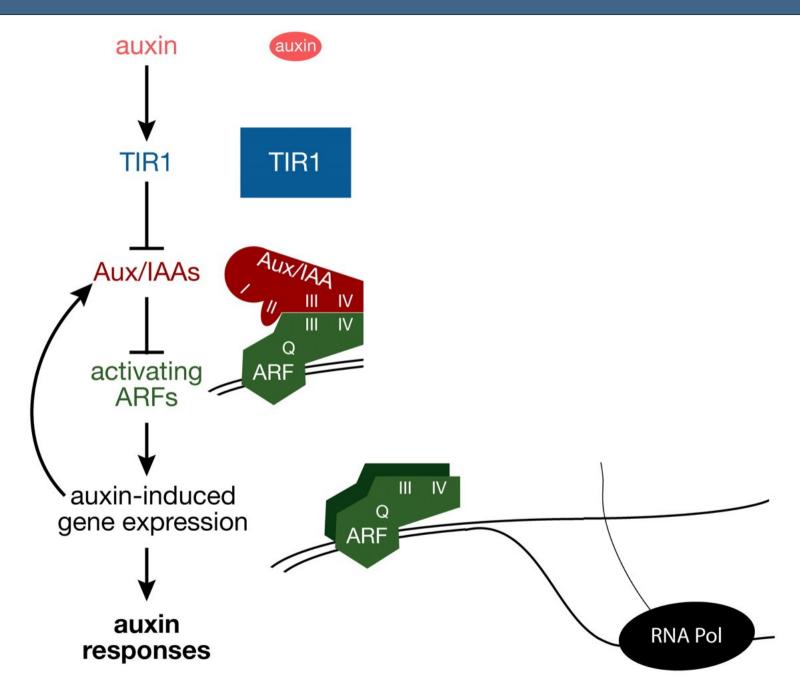


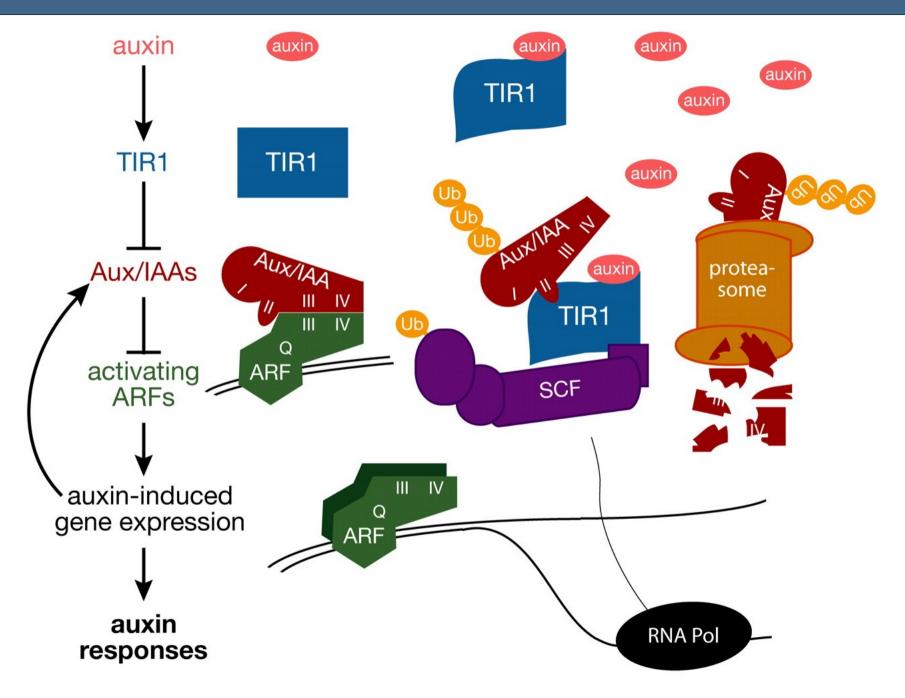
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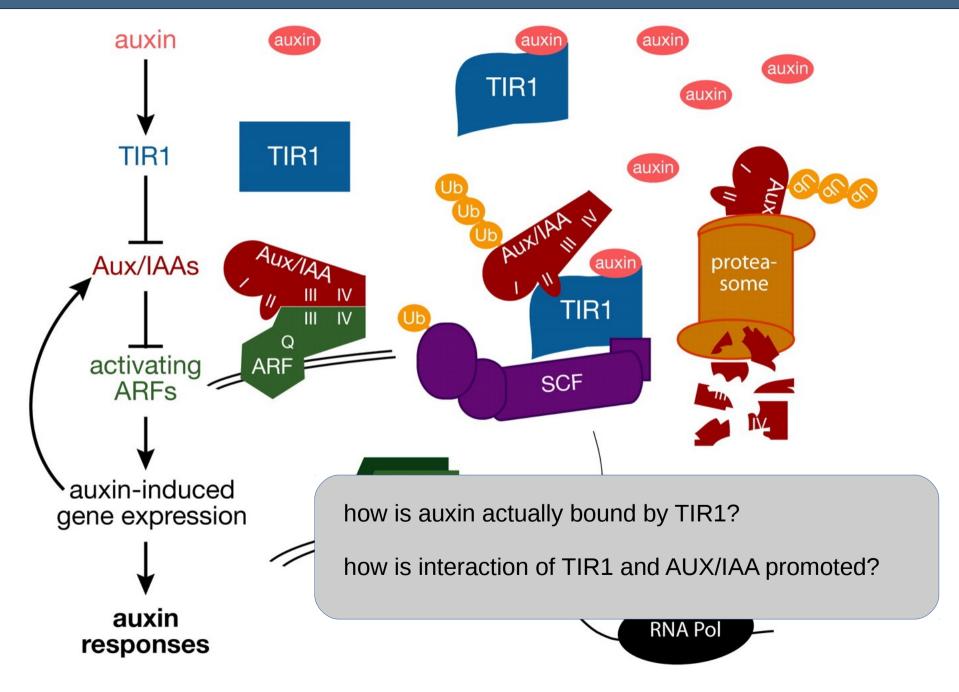


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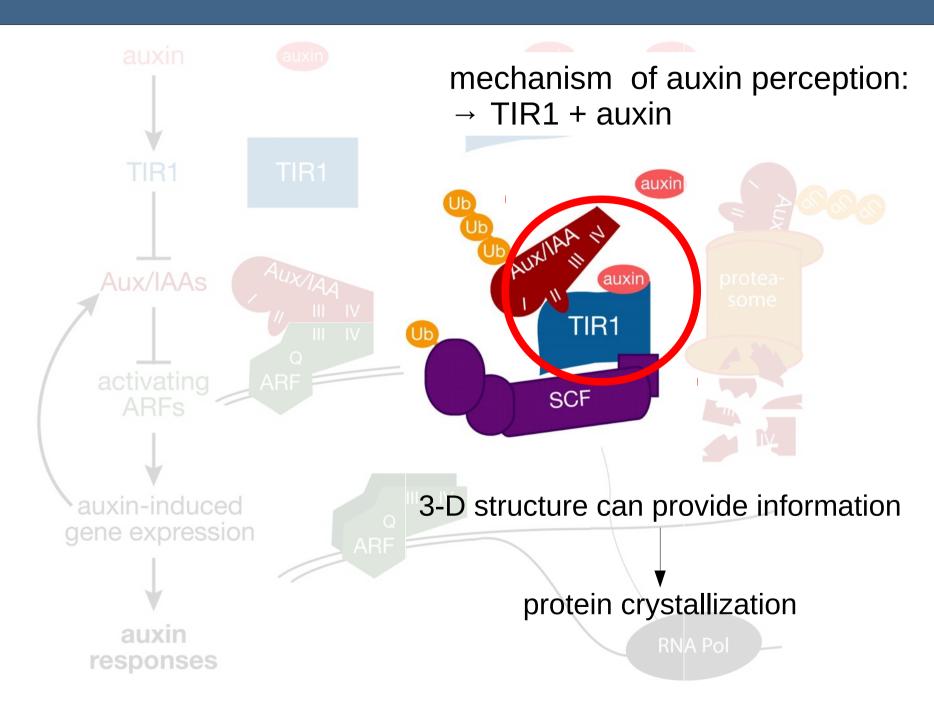
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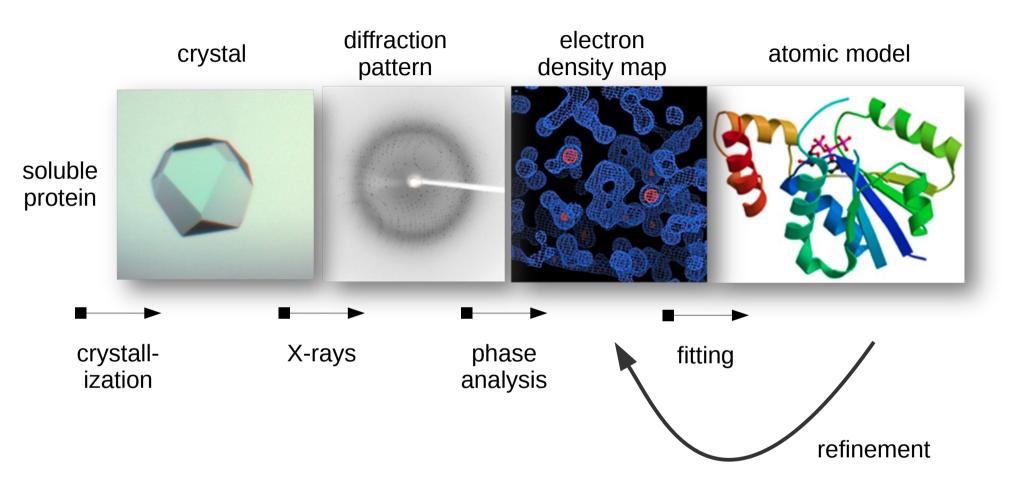
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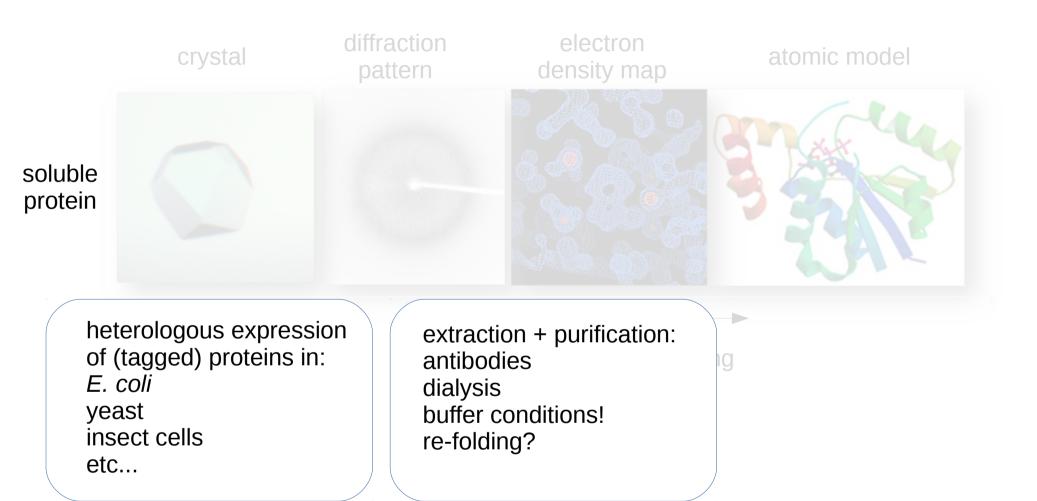
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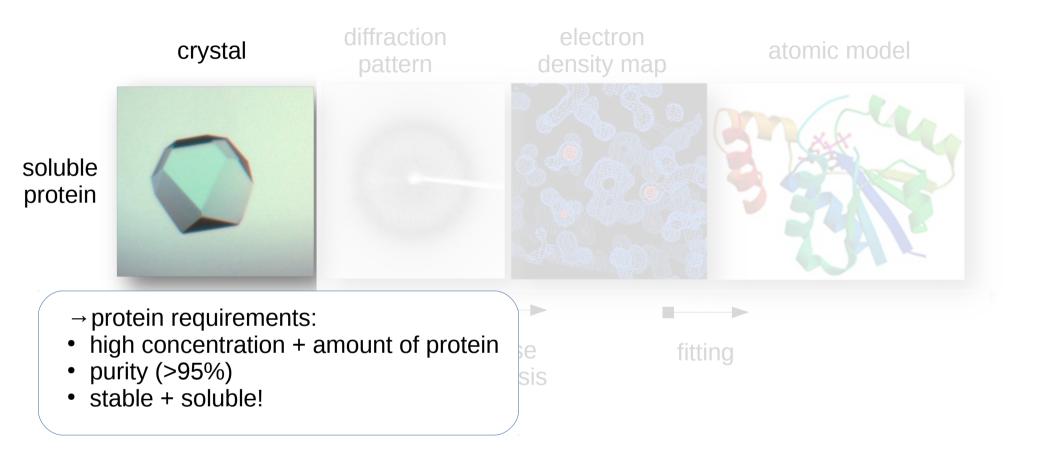
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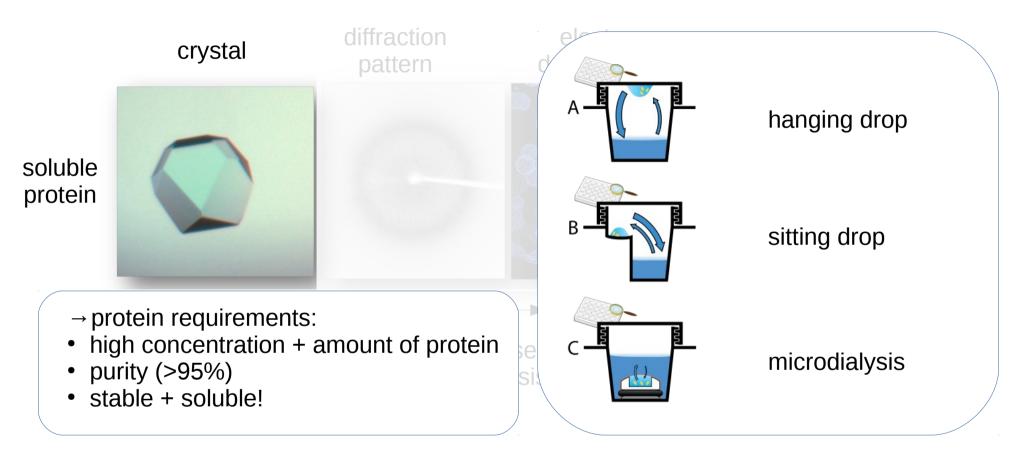
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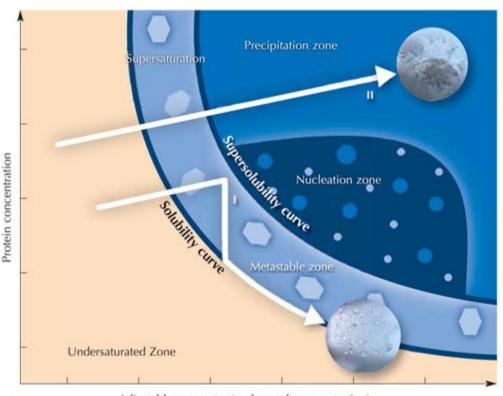






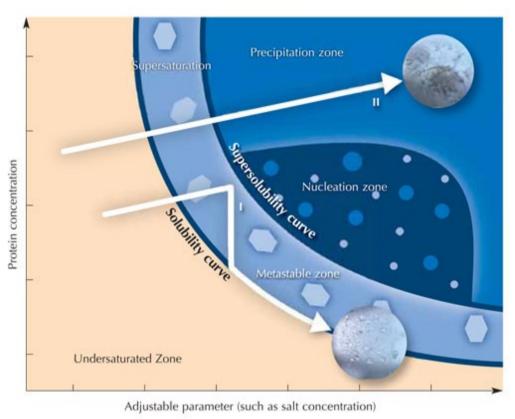
- A + B: Vapor diffusion = a drop of protein solution equilibrates with a larger reservoir containing similar buffers and precipitants in higher concentration
- $\rightarrow$  as the drop and reservoir equilibrate, the precipitant and protein concentrations increase in the drop  $\rightarrow$  crystallization
- → gentle and gradual changes aid in the growth of large and well-ordered crystals

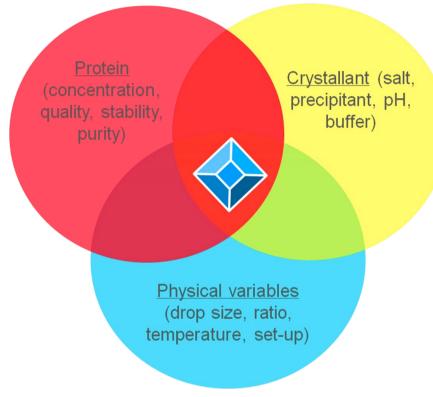
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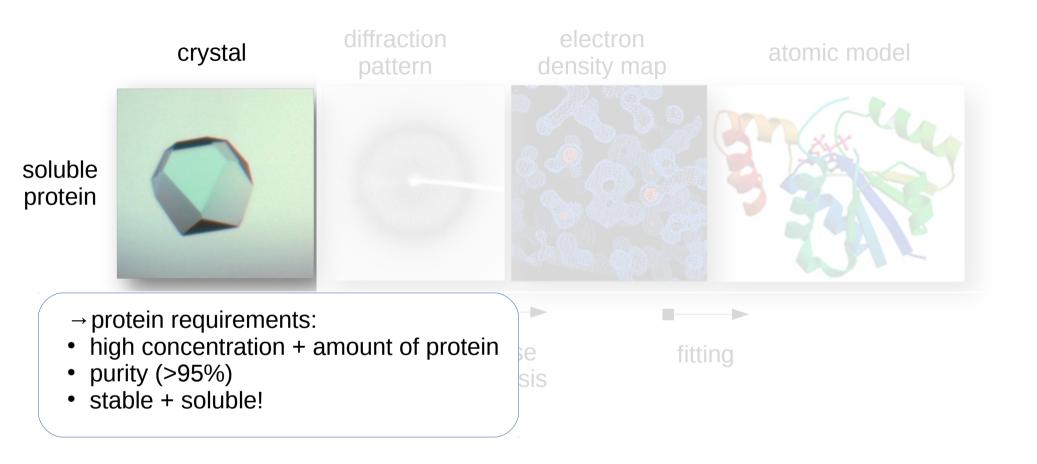


Adjustable parameter (such as salt concentration)

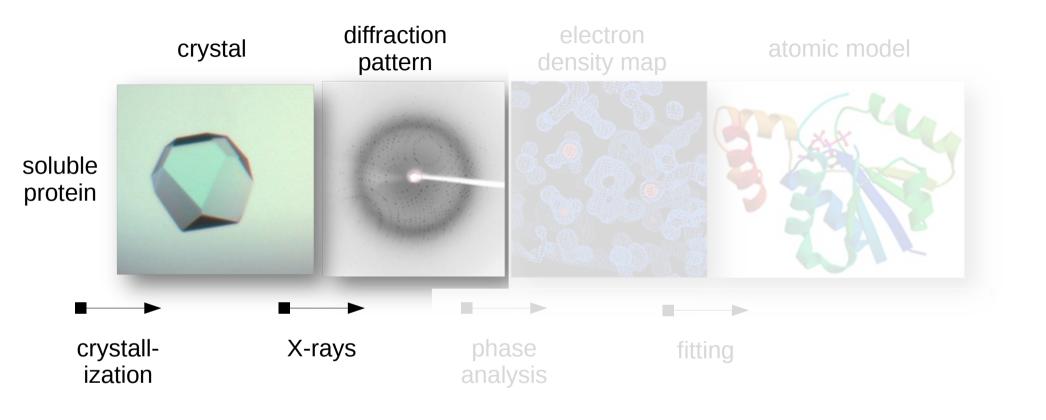
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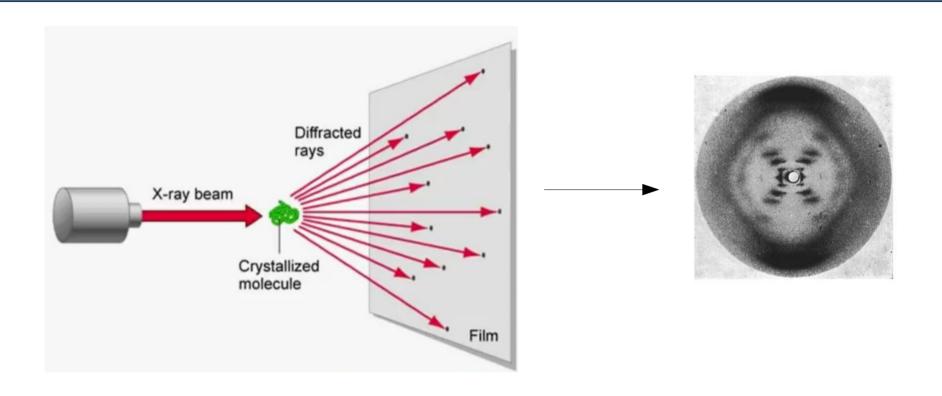




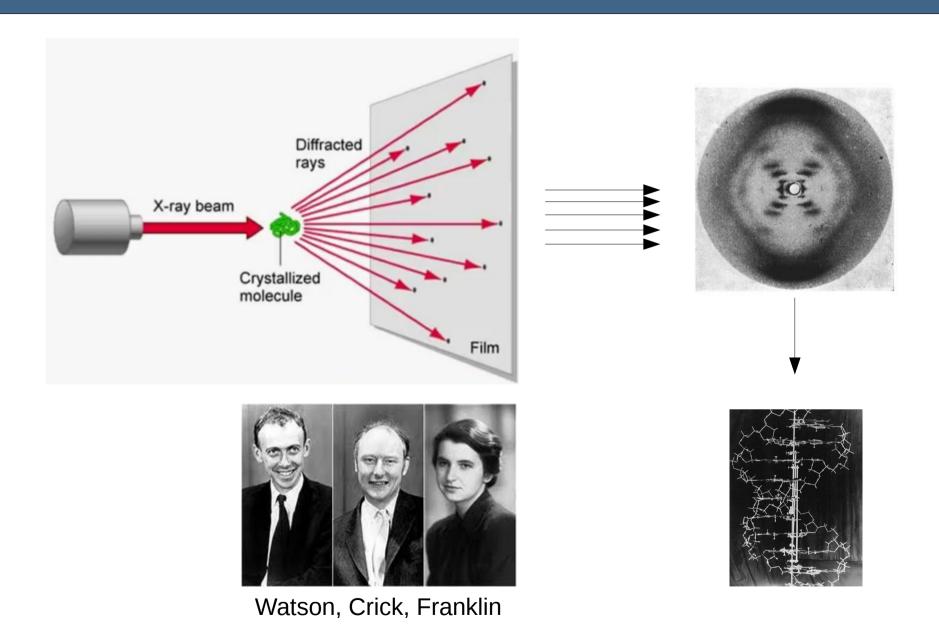
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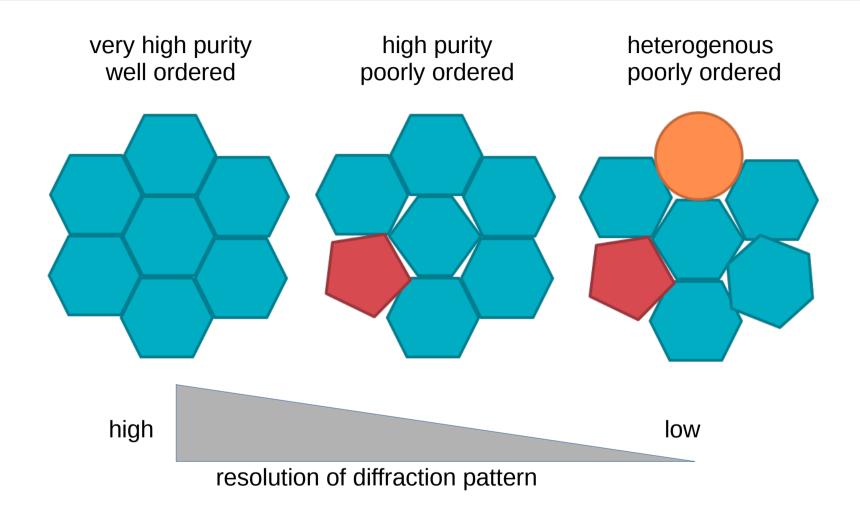
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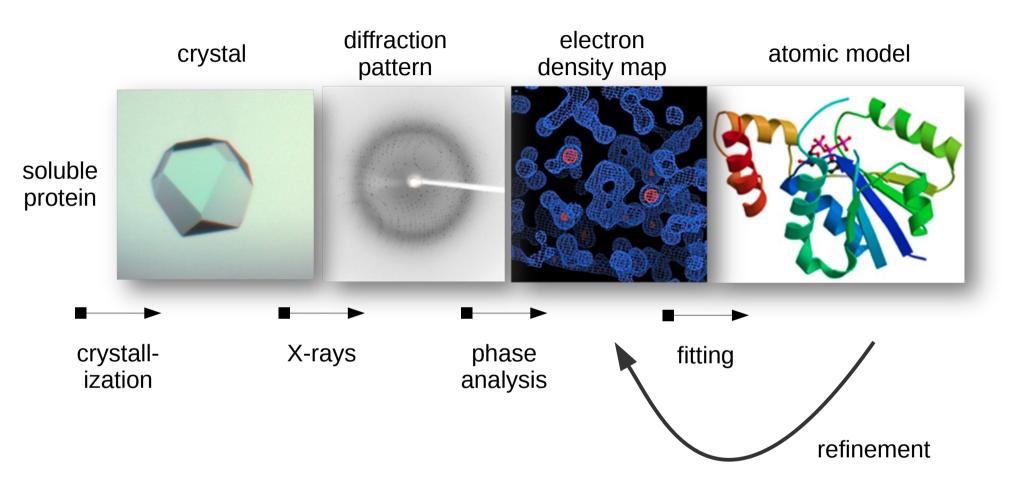


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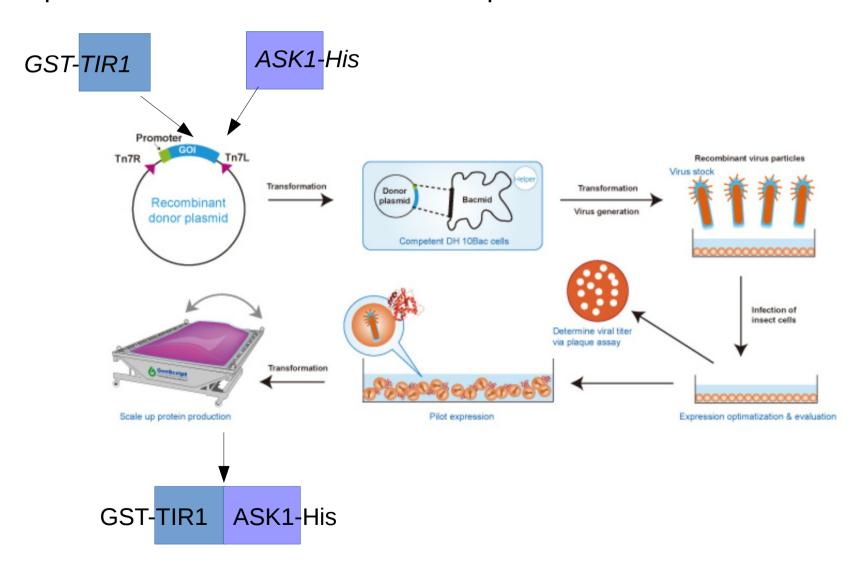
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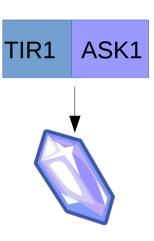
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TIR1+ ASK1 +IAA



TIR1+ ASK1 +2,4-D

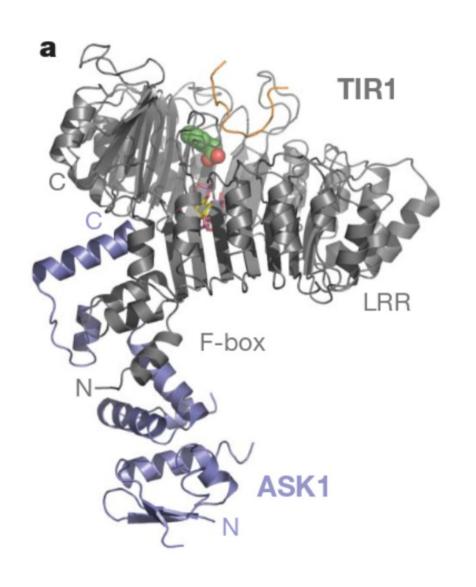


TIR1+ ASK1 +NAA



TIR1+ ASK1 +IAA + IAA-DII peptide

## TIR1-ASK1-DII-IAA structure

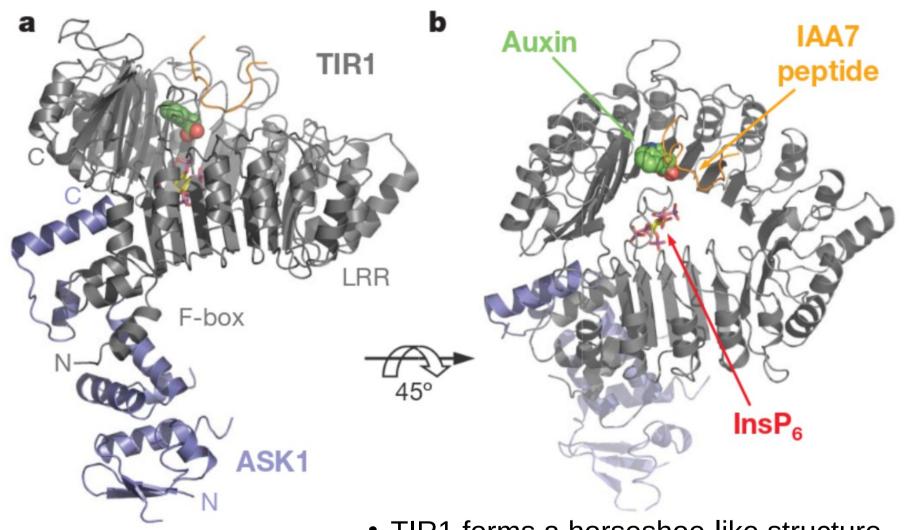


complex forms a mushroomlike structure:

ASK1+ TIR1 F-box = stem

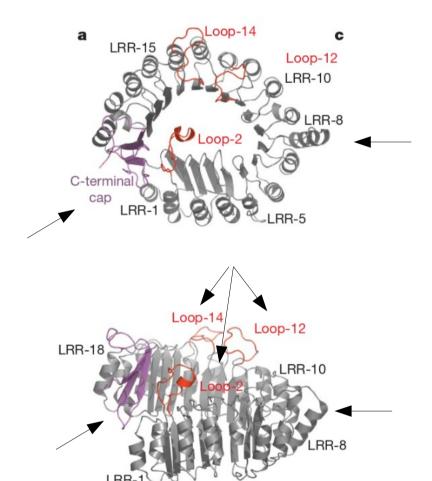
TIR1 LRRs = cap

#### TIR1-ASK1-DII-IAA structure



- TIR1 forms a horseshoe-like structure
- auxin and IAA7-DII bind at the same site
- unexpected co-factor identified

# TIR1: the important loops 2, 12 and 14



TIR1 structure with and without IAA7-DII:

- → structure remains largely unchanged
- = no / only minor conformational changes

TIR1 forms unusual LRR structure

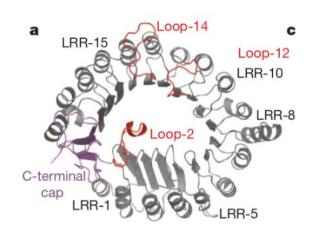
→ "kink" at I RR8

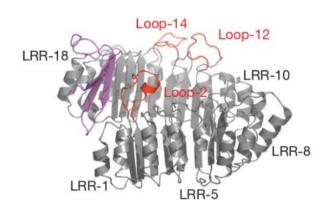
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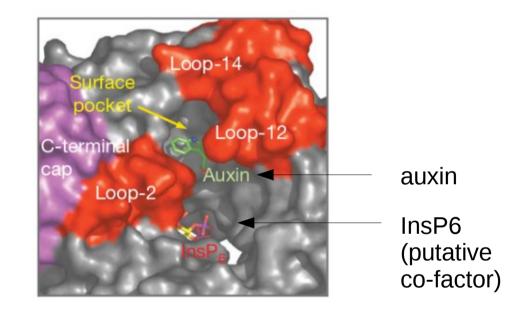
→ C-terminus is raised above the
start of the LRR domain and closes
to a full circle

Loops 2, 12 and 14 are located at the top surface C-term. ß-sheets close the circle and form a "wall"

# TIR1: the important loops 2, 12 and 14



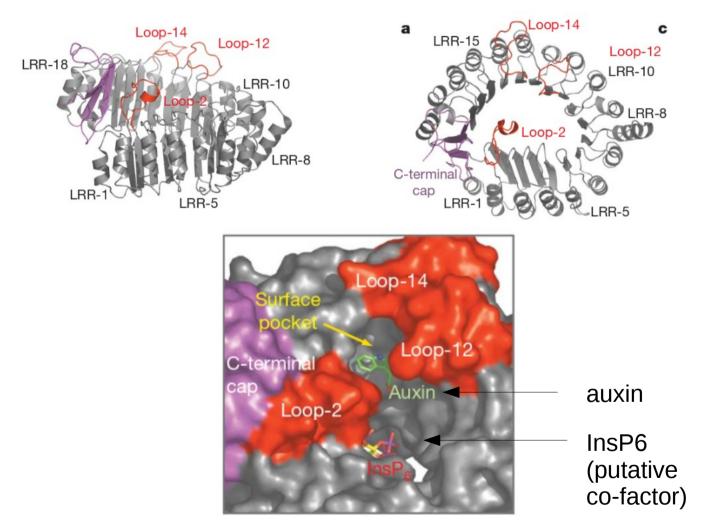




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- are unusually long
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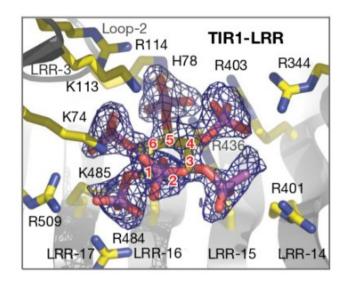
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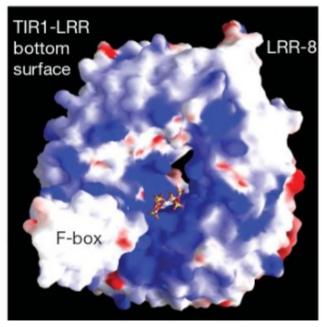
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# is InsP6 a co-factor of the auxin receptor?



crystallography shows island of high electron density in TIR1 structure that fits to InsP6 structure (confirmed by GS-MS)

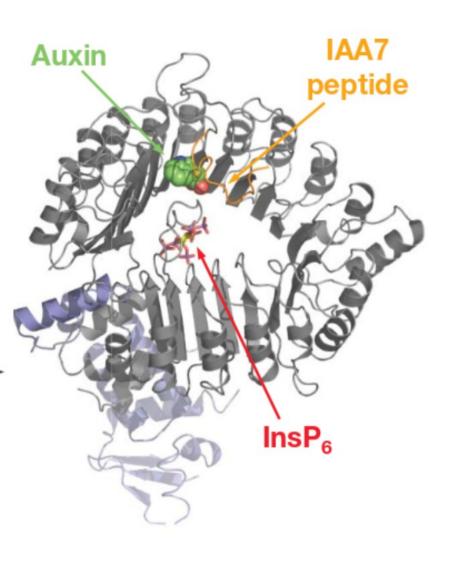
→ tightly bound and fits to surrounding AAresidues



bottom view in TIR1 structure (electrostatic surface potential representation)

→ positive charge (blue) would promote strong interaction with negatively charged InsP6

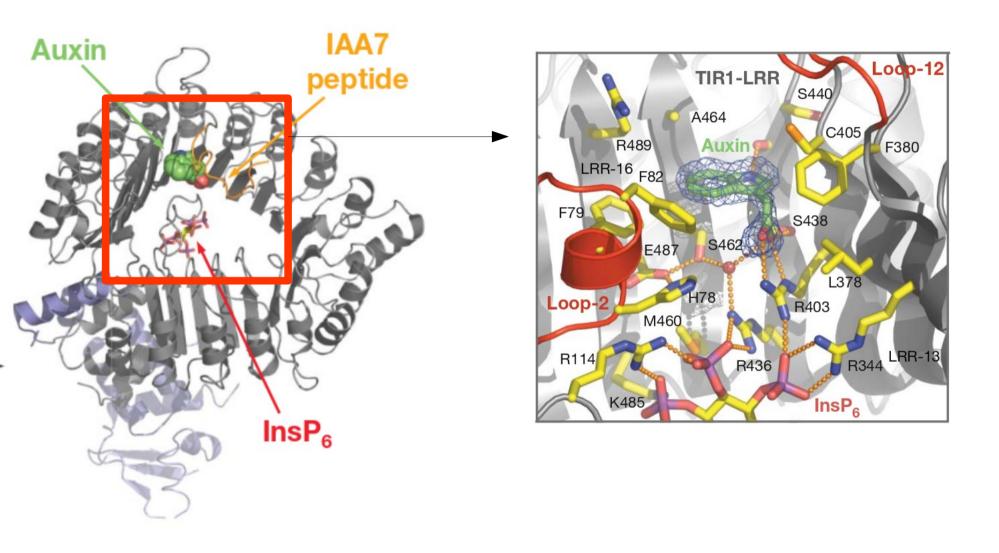
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InsP6 likely acts as a co-factor of TIR1-auxin interaction

→ stabilization of the auxin binding pocket

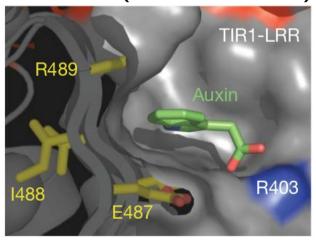
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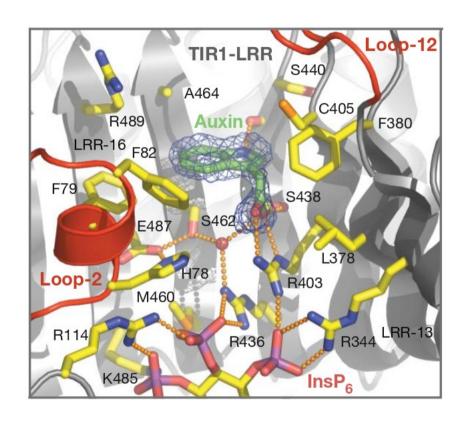


# the auxin binding pocket

IAA carboxyl side chain interacts with TIR1 amino acids at the bottom of the pocket

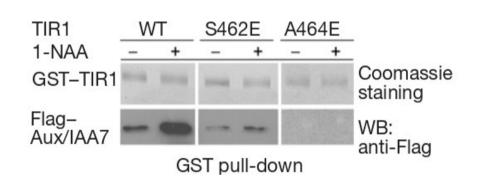
planar indole moiety interacts with hydrophobic residues ("sandwiched")

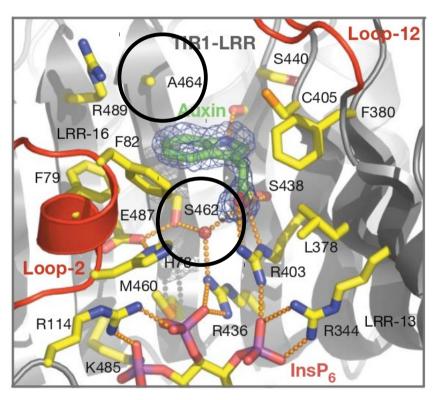




# site-directed mutagenesis affects Aux/IAA interaction

if structure correct → mutation of critical AAs should affect auxin binding and/or Aux/IAA interaction





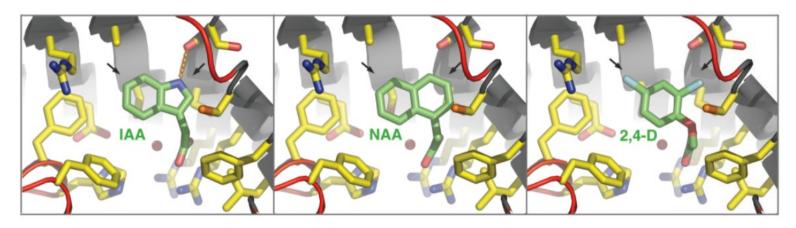
S462E: basal TIR1-Aux/IAA7 interaction but no promotion by auxin

→ integrety of the "floor" essential for auxin binding

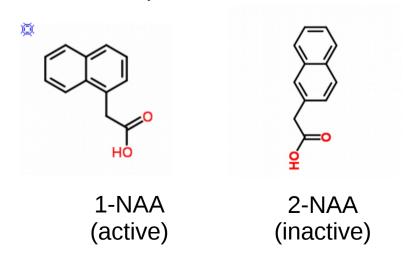
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# binding properties of different auxins

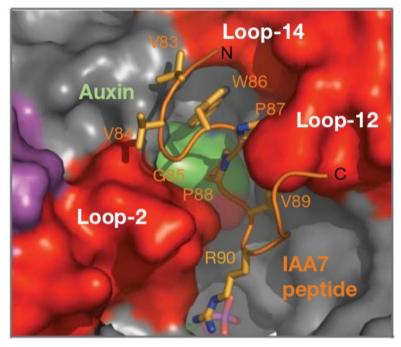
top view into binding pocket with different auxin compounds:

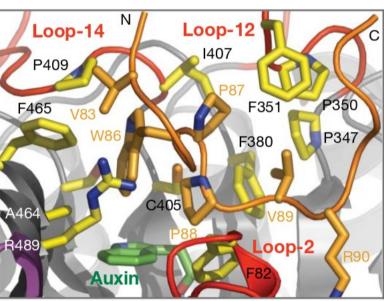


- carboxyl side chain anchors all three auxin analogs in the pocket
- although different in identity, the dimensions of planar ring structure differs only slightly → all three fit into pocket



### TIR1 – AUX/IAA interaction





Top view into the pocket:

Aux/IAA peptide interacts with surface of TIR1 + auxin

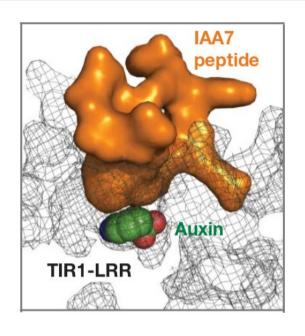
13 amino acids of IAA7 form a highly coiled structure

central hydrophobic motif GWPPV reaches into the binding pocket

flanking Aux/IAA amino acids interact with surface of TIR1 (loops 2, 12, 14)

GWPPV = core degron

#### TIR1 – AUX/IAA interaction



auxin molecule fills a cavity in the AUX/IAA binding site of TIR1

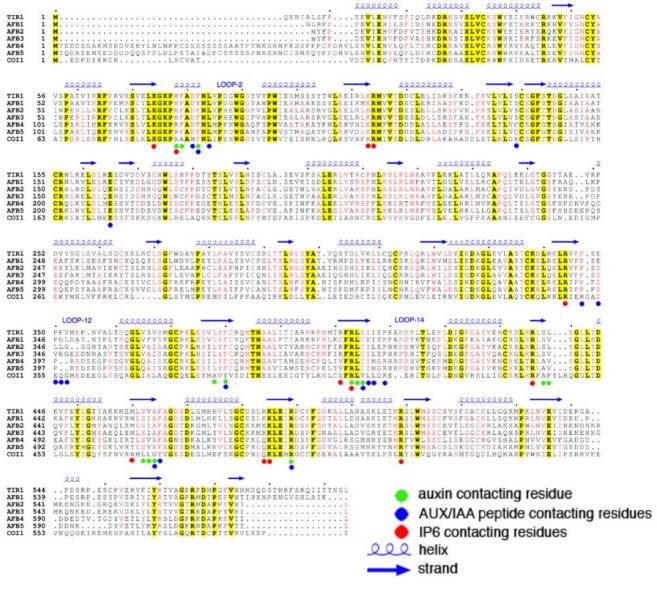
→ increases hydrophobic surface of the interaction surface

"molecular glue" model of auxin binding (no allosteric switch):



TIR1 + AUX/IAA form an auxin co-receptor complex

## (partially) redundant functions of TIR1 homologs?



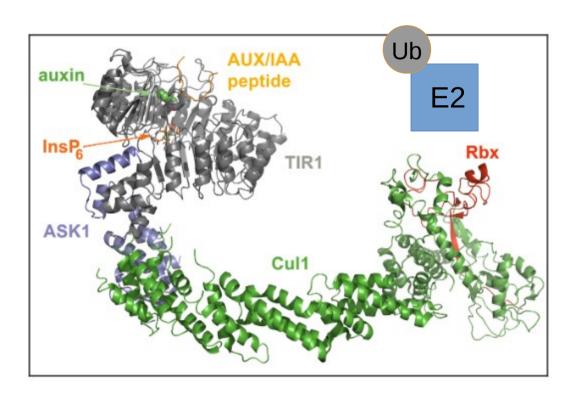
TIR1 and AFB show high degree of conservation in many critical residues

some differences (e.g. loop12) might account for partial specificities

COI1 (JA receptor) differs much more in critical residues

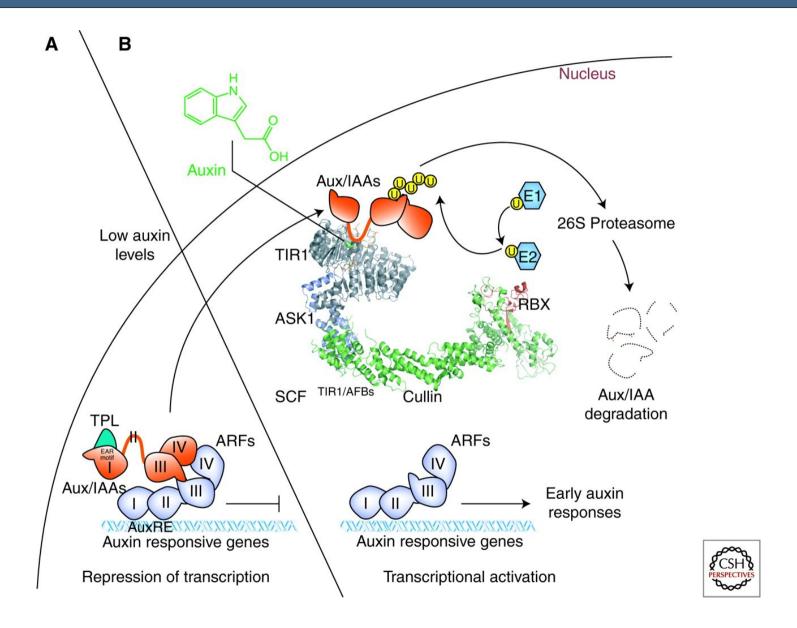
## integration in the SCF complex

→ SCF-TIR1-ASK1-DII-auxin was modeled on the human SKP2 complex



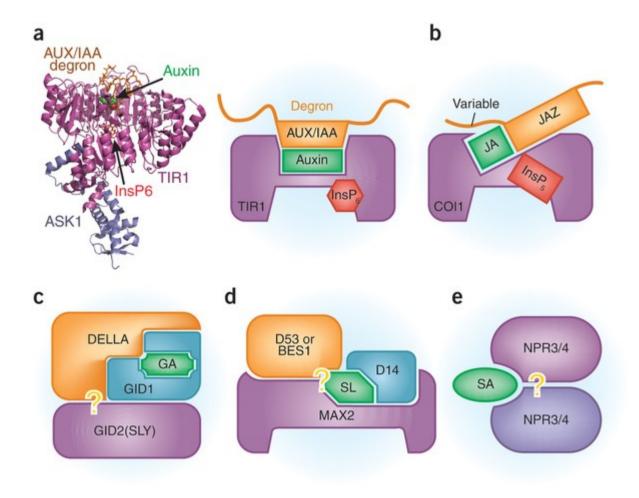
→ TIR1-ASK1 integration in complex orients top of the "mushroom cap" towards the RING subunit of the SCF-complex (→ activated E2 binding site)

#### new model



# wider implications......

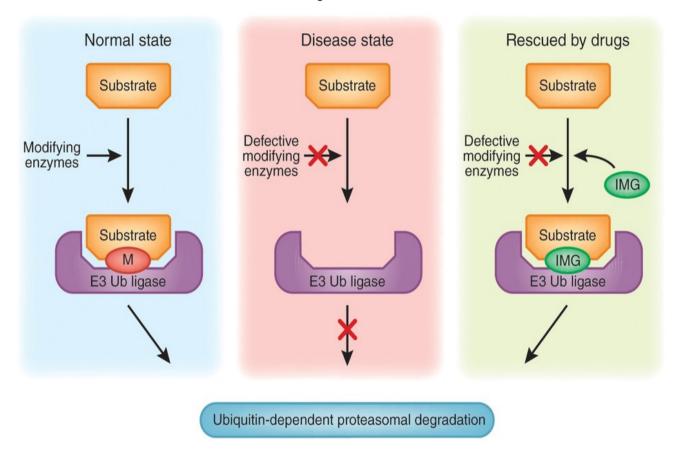
#### 1. phytohormone biology



## wider implications.....

#### 2. pharmacological approaches

cancer, neurological and immune disorders



Identification of small molecule compounds that rescue, enhance or extend SCF-substrate interaction

## design of specific inhibitors or analogs

#### approaches:

- → modeling of chemical substances into the structure of an SCF complex (in silico approach)
- → testing of chemical components with specific properties based on a known compound (chemical screening → physiological or molecular read out required)
  - → specific design / modifications of compounds

## design of specific TIR1 inhibitors

# Small-molecule agonists and antagonists of F-box protein—substrate interactions in auxin perception and signaling

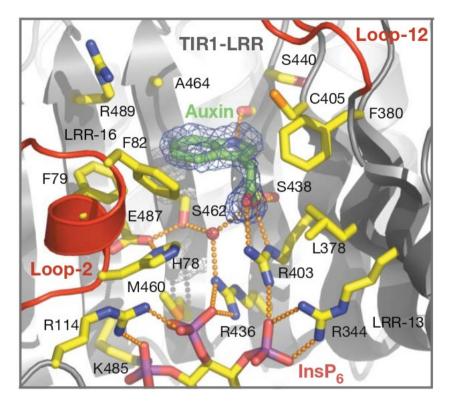
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use of structural information to design specific auxin analogs and antagonists

# design of specific TIR1 inhibitors



#### agonist/analog:

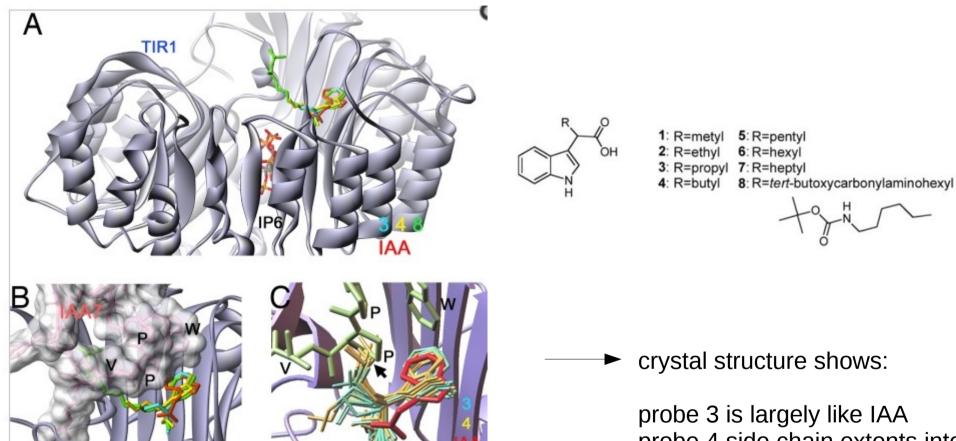
should have (somewhat) similar features as IAA antagonists/inhibitors:

ideal: binds to TIR1 but inhibits AUX/IAA binding

Synthesis of IAA derivatives

- 1: R=metyl 5: R=pentyl
- 2: R=ethyl 6: R=hexyl
- 3: R=propyl 7: R=heptyl
- 4: R=butyl 8: R=tert-butoxycarbonylaminohexyl

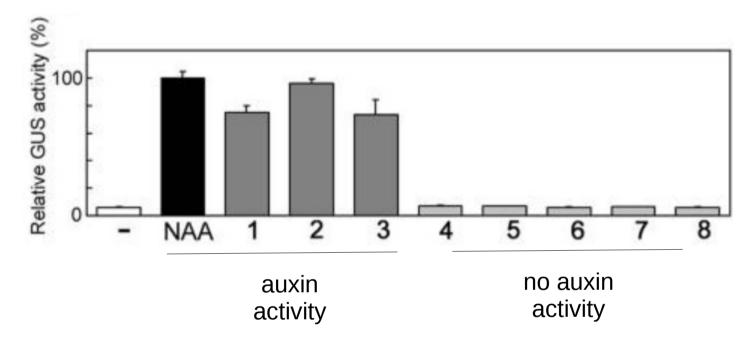
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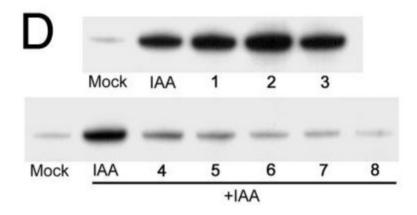


probe 3 is largely like IAA probe 4 side chain extents into AUX/IAA binding site probe 8 occupies too much space

# physiological validation

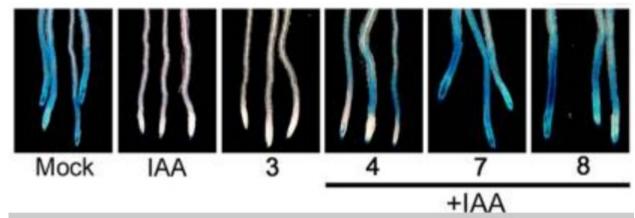
#### activation of DR5:GUS reporter:





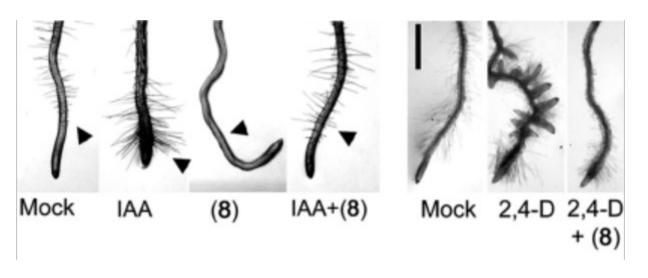
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**HS:AXR3NT-GUS** 



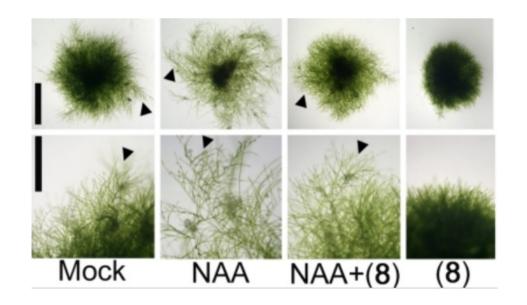
IAA + #3 promote degradation, >#4 inhibits degradation even in the presence of IAA dominant inhibition of auxin signaling

#### antagonist action of #8



in Arabidopsis

effects of high auxin are counteracted by #8 (evol. conserved!)



in moss

#### new model

