



Using Genomics to Dissect Seed Development

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Today's Headlines

The New York Times

Los Angeles Times

A Global Need for Grain That Farms Can't Fill

Published: March 9, 2008

Economist.com

High Rice Cost Creating Fears of Asia Unrest

By KEITH BRADSHAW
Published: March 29, 2008

U.S. News & World Report

CNN.com

THE FOOD CHAIN

A Drought in Australia, a Global Shortage of Rice

Across Globe, Empty Bellies Bring Rising Anger

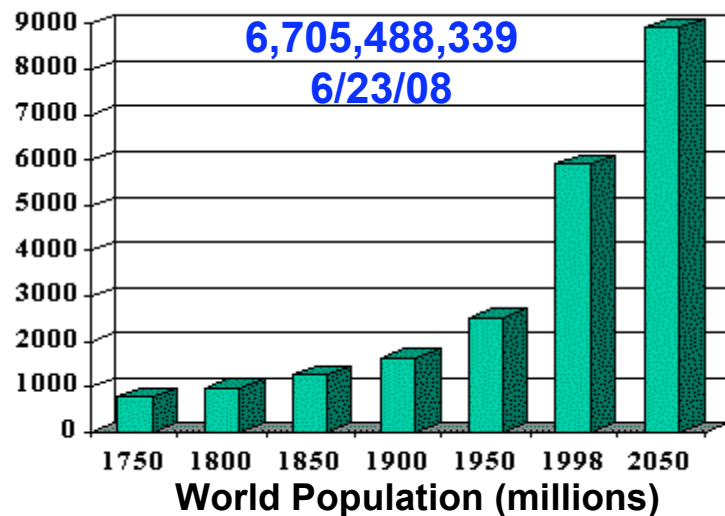
Newsweek

updated 10:42 p.m. EDT, Mon April 14, 2008

Riots, instability spread as food prices skyrocket

The Washington Post

We Face Major Challenges In Agriculture Even Greater Than Those in Today's Headlines

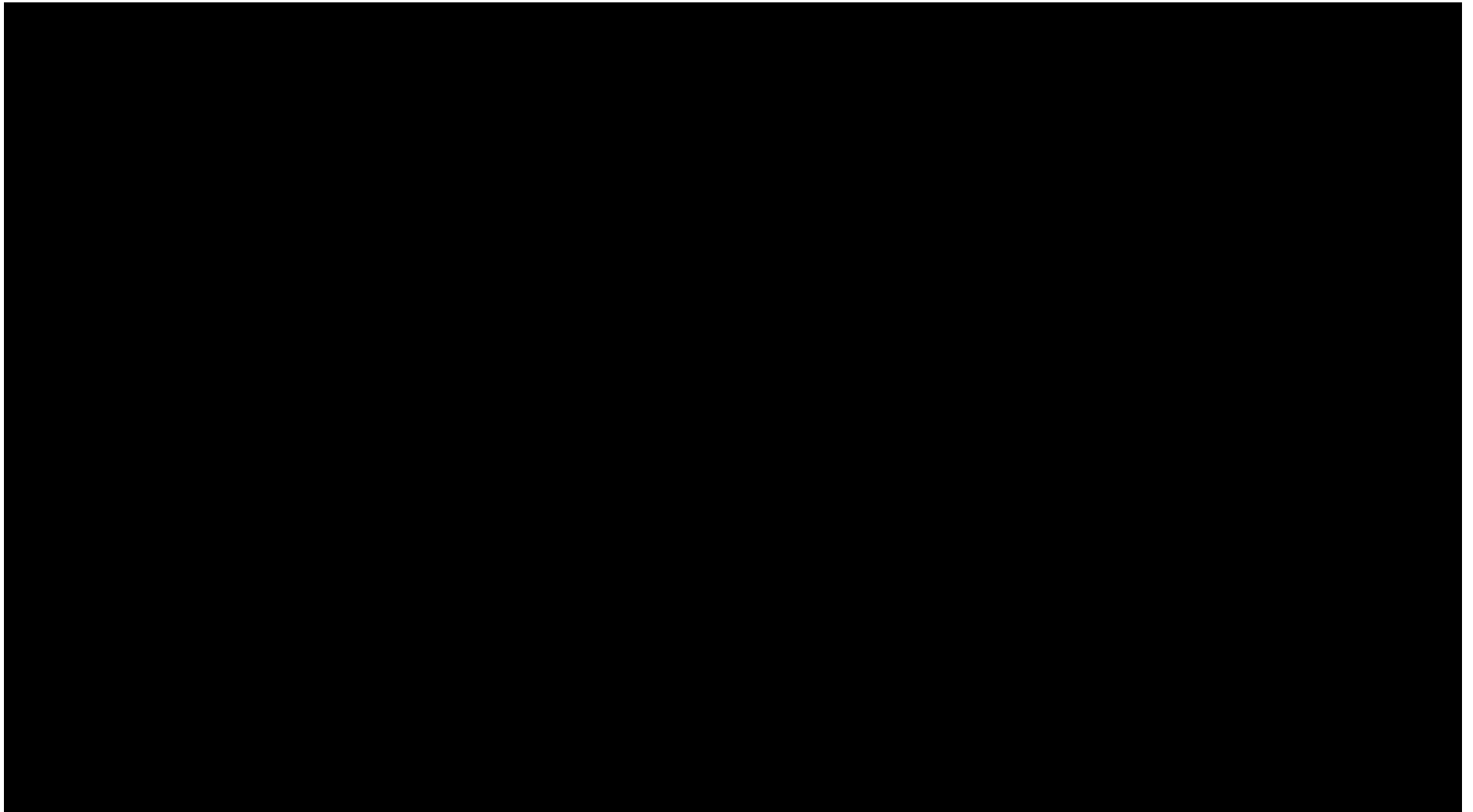


OVER THE NEXT 50 YEARS WE WILL NEED TO PRODUCE MORE FOOD THAN IN THE WHOLE OF HUMAN HISTORY

AND DO IT ON LESS ARABLE LAND!!!!

CROP YIELDS NEED TO BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY

*And.....There's Also A Problem With Using Land For
Energy Production.....*



***A Reminder.....Seeds Are Used in Many Ways
as Food, Beverages, Spices. and Fuels!***



Beans



Peas



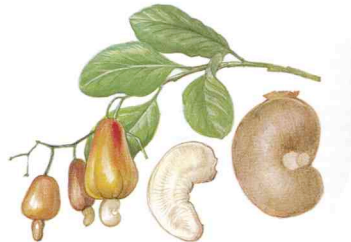
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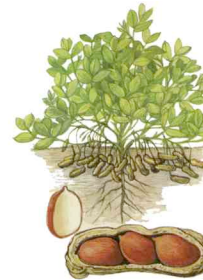
Corn



Coconut



Cashew Nuts



Peanuts



Pecans



Cocoa Beans



Coffee Beans



Nutmeg



Mustard

Most Importantly..... Our Food is Derived From Fourteen Crops & Over Half Produce Seeds For Human and Animal Consumption

Seed Crops



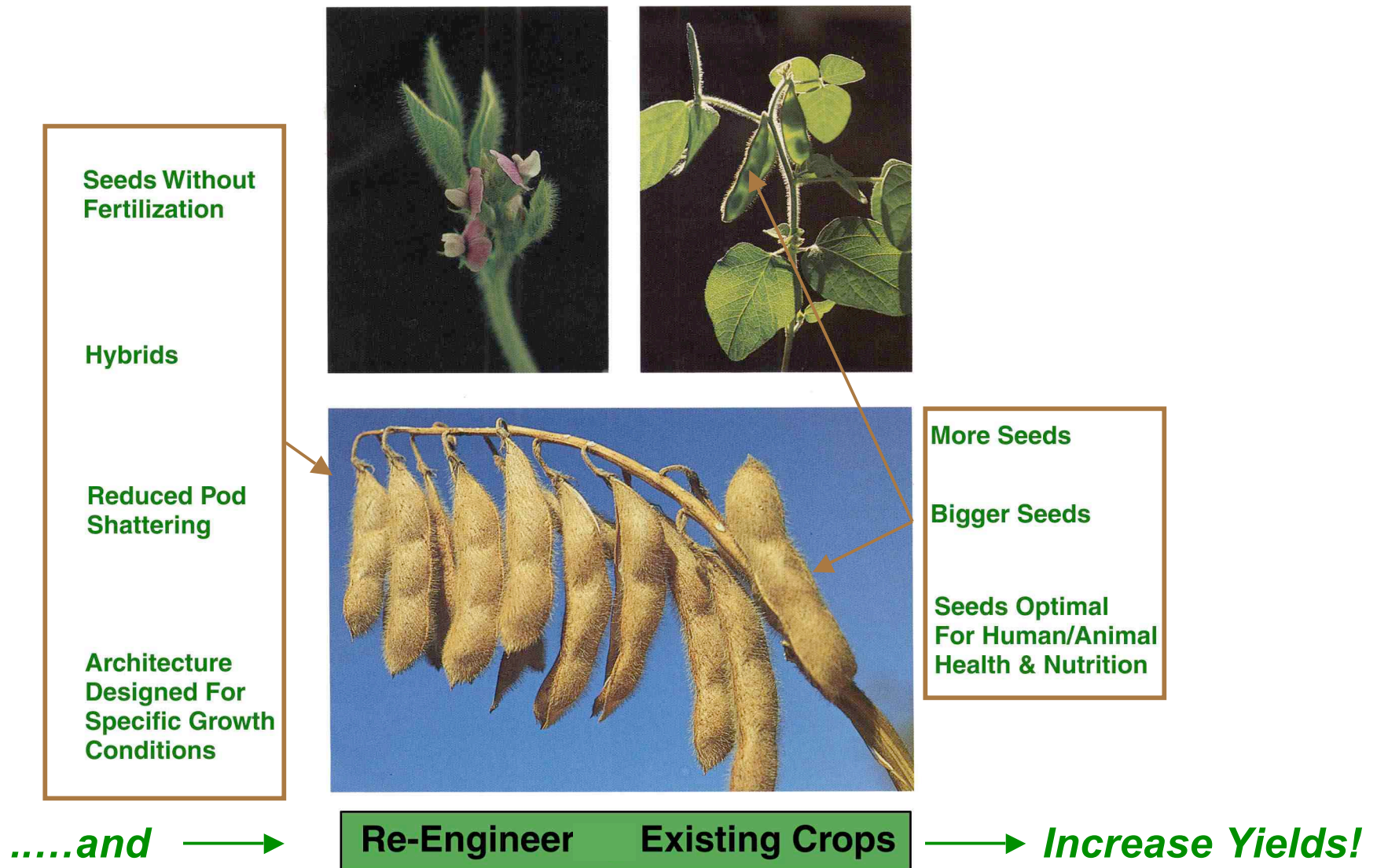
- ***Wheat***
- ***Rice***
- ***Corn***
- ***Barley***
- ***Sorghum***
- ***Soybean***
- ***Common Bean***
- ***Coconut***

Non-Seed Crops

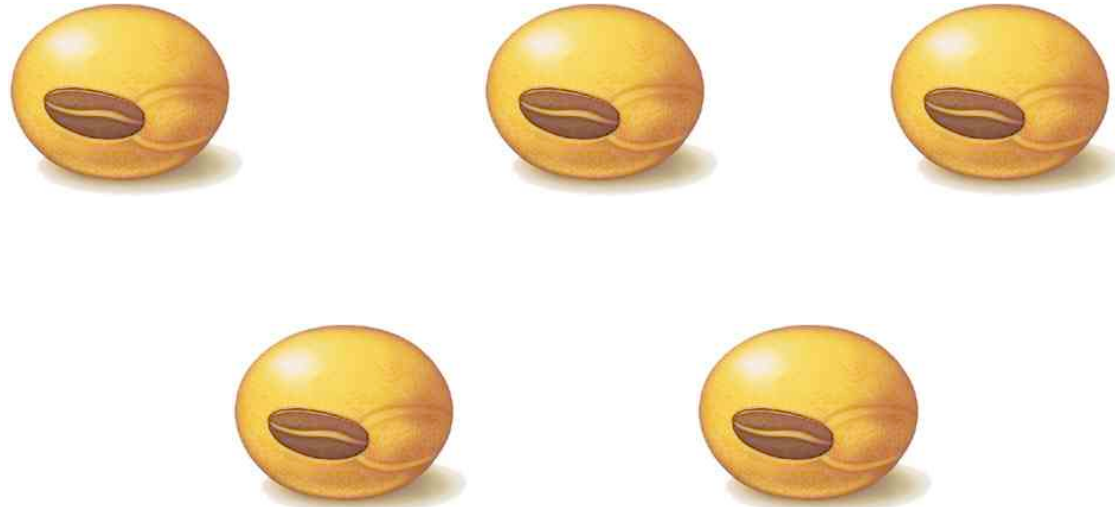
- ***Potato***
- ***Sweet Potato***
- ***Cassava***
- ***Sugar Beet***
- ***Sugar Cane***
- ***Banana***

In Some World Populations 75% of Calories Are Derived From Seeds!

So....How Can Seed Yields Be Improved?
Use a Variety of Approaches To Identify Genes Critical For
Fundamental Seed Processes (Yo!!-It's the Yield That Counts!)

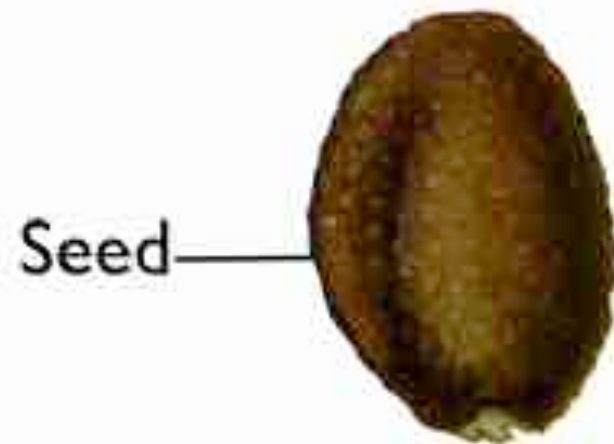


How Is a Seed Formed?

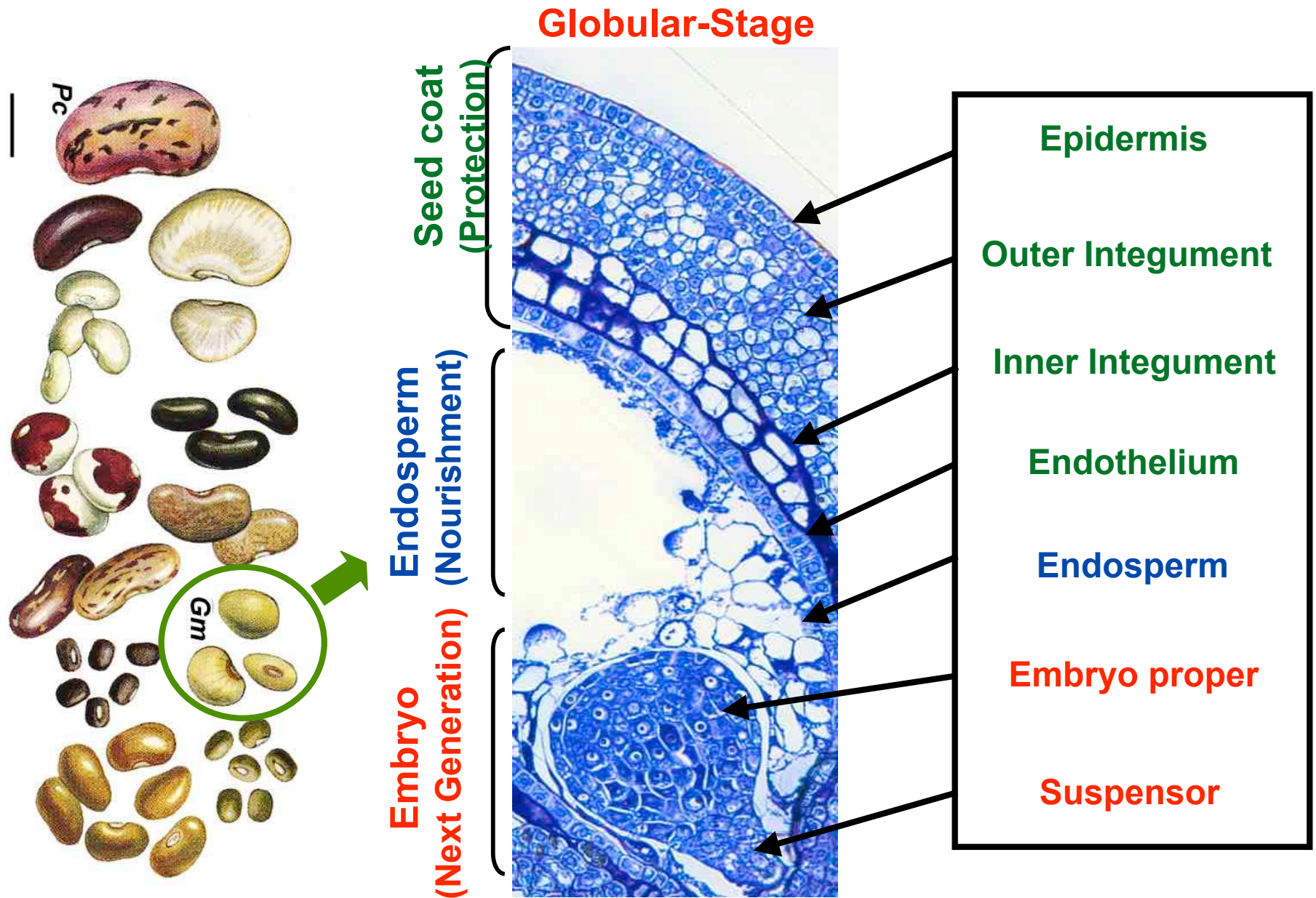


A Reminder.....

In the Beginning....

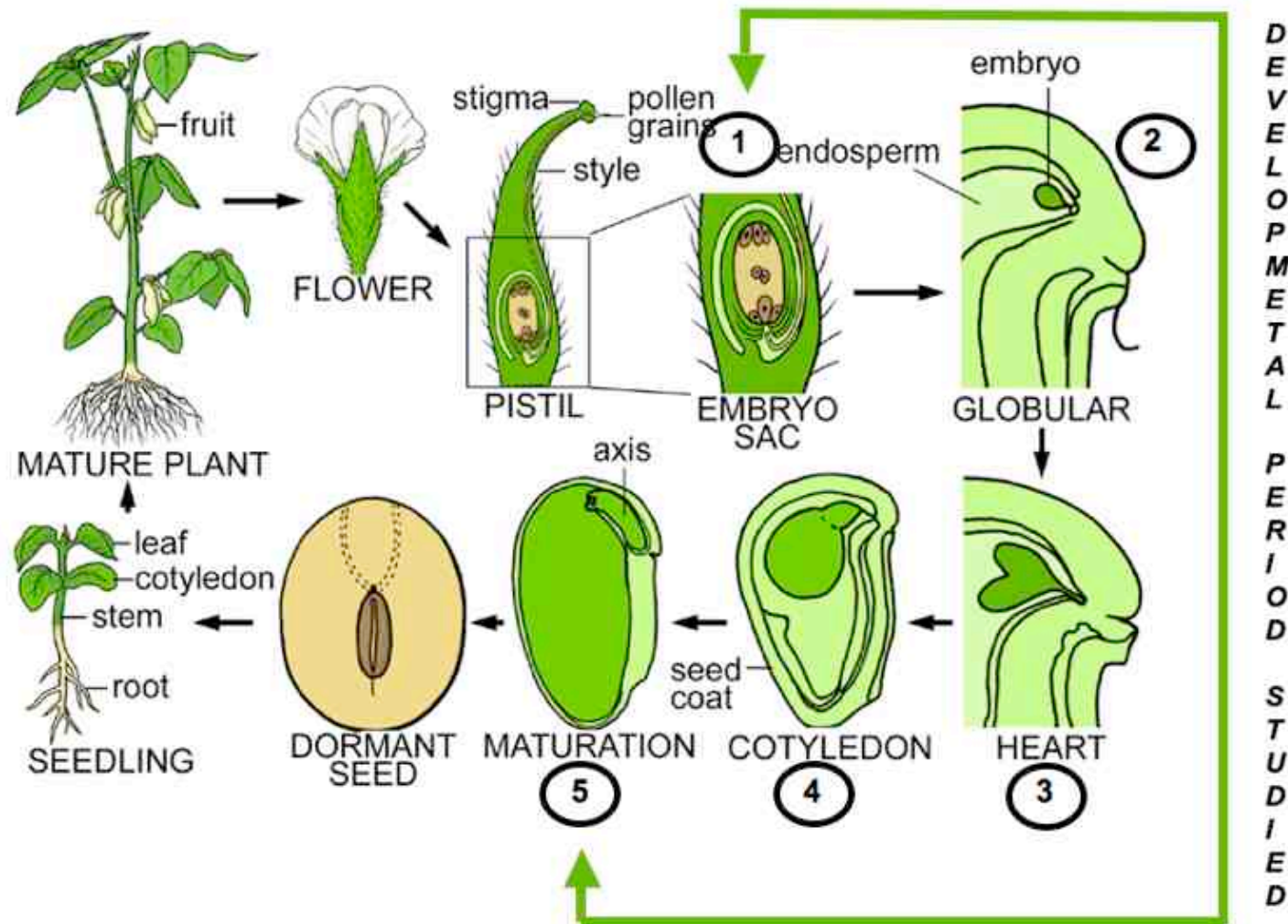


What Are the Genes Required to Make a Seed?

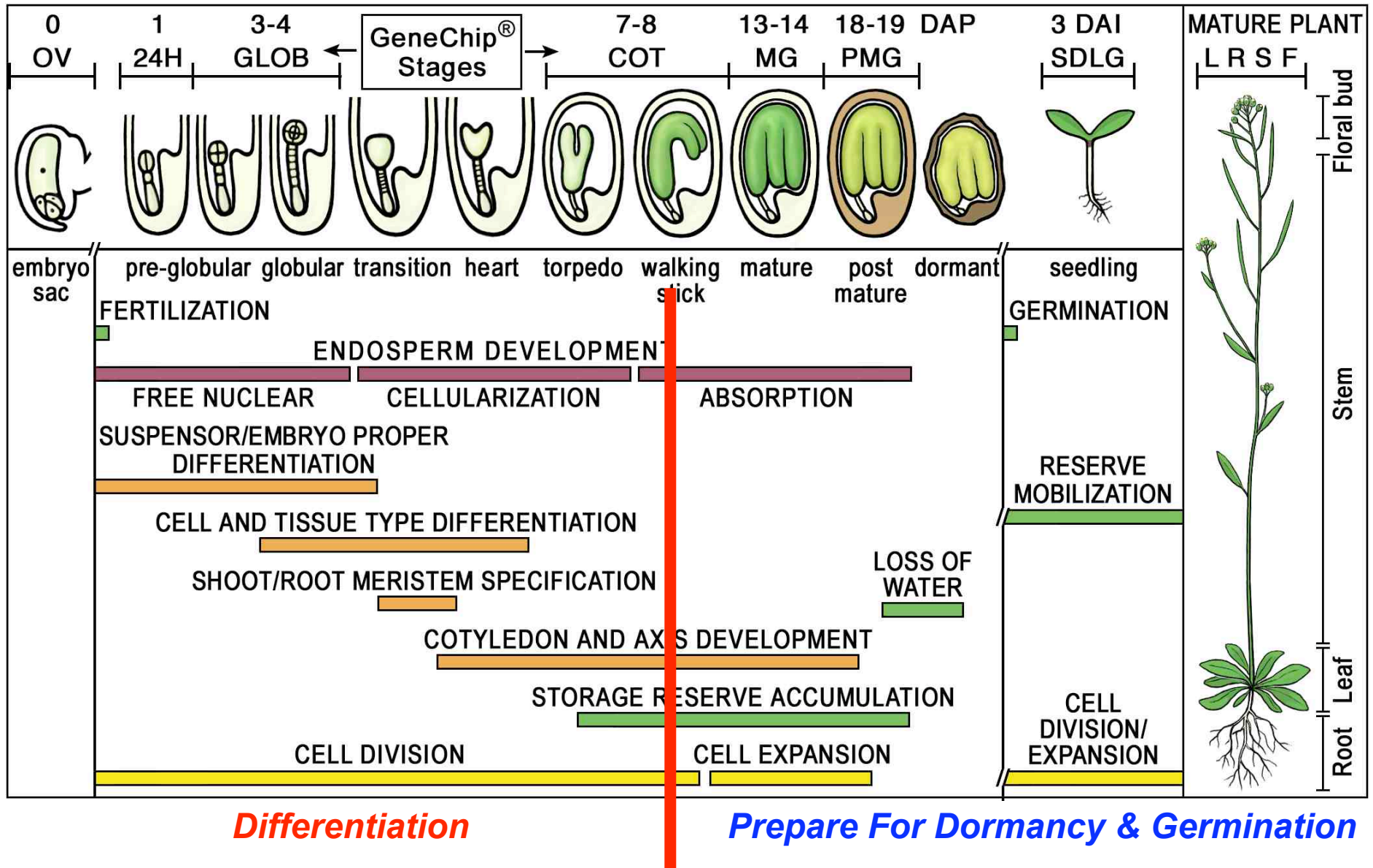


And How Are They Wired in a Plant Genome?

More Specifically.....What Are The Genes Required to Program Every Compartment, Tissue, and Cell Type During Seed Development?



Genome-Wide Profiling of mRNAs During Arabidopsis Seed Development & Plant Life Cycle





***What Are the Genes That Are Important For
Programming Specific Stages of Seed
Development?***



Gene Activity Before, During, And After Arabidopsis Seed Development

ov-1
ov-2
24h-1
24h-2
glob-1
glob-2
cot-1
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sdlg-1
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mg-1
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pmg-1
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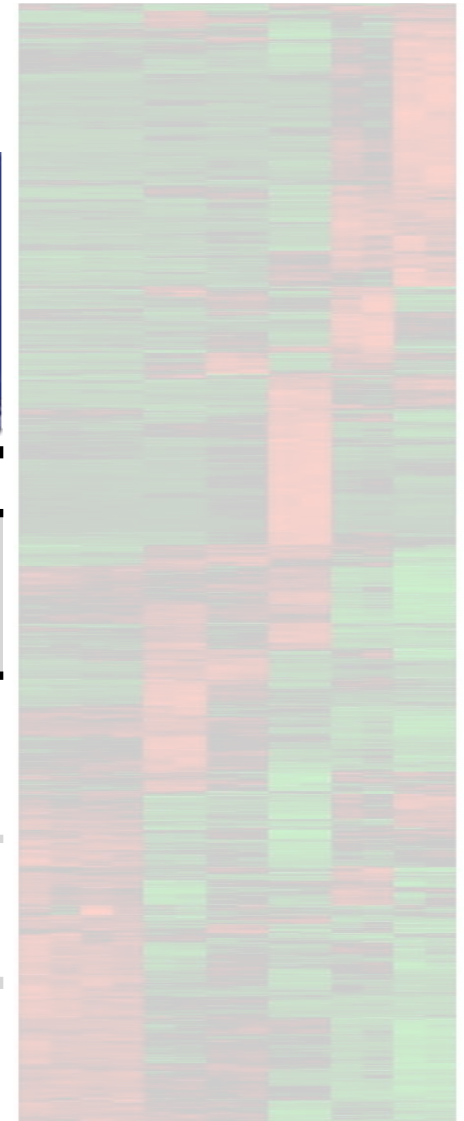


SEED DEVELOPMENT



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Unique mRNAs	22	16	100	50	26	31	505
Unique TFs	4	0	17	9	4	6	57
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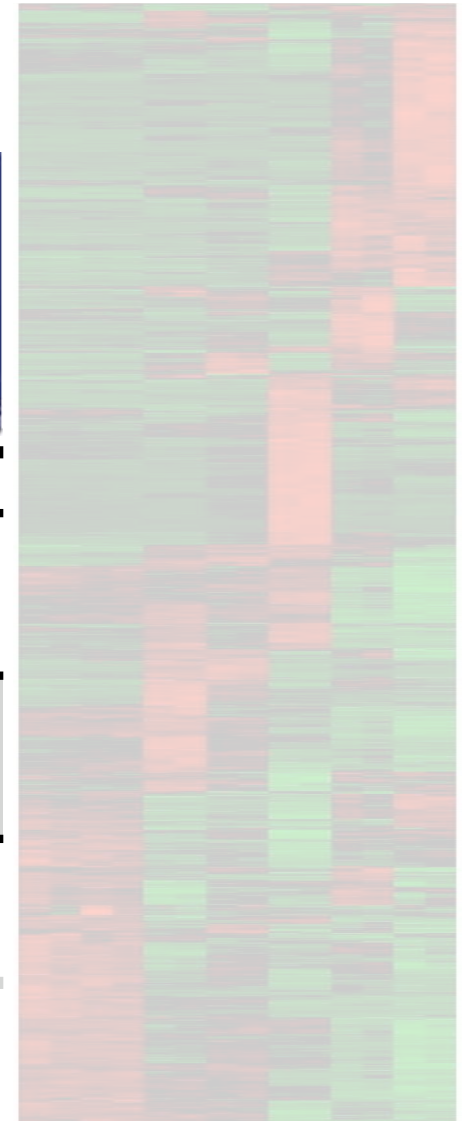
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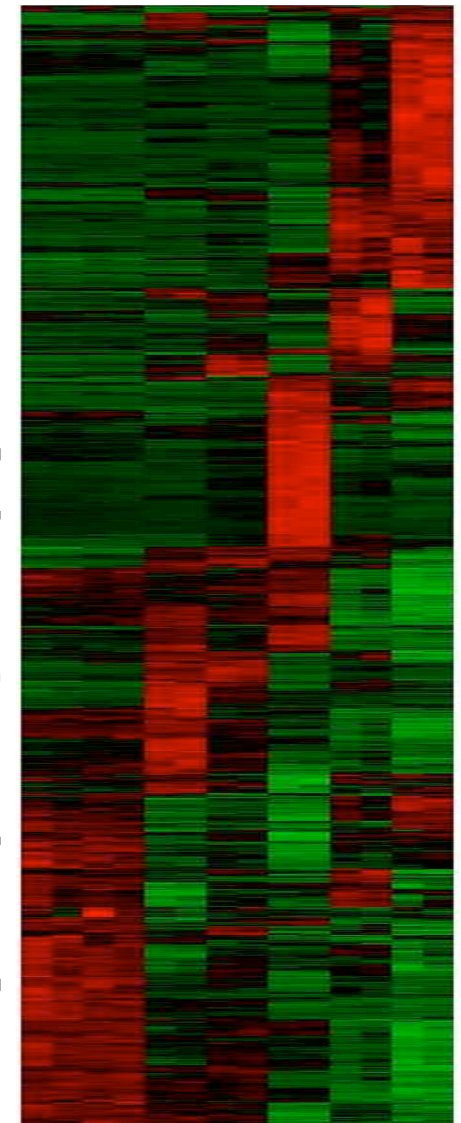
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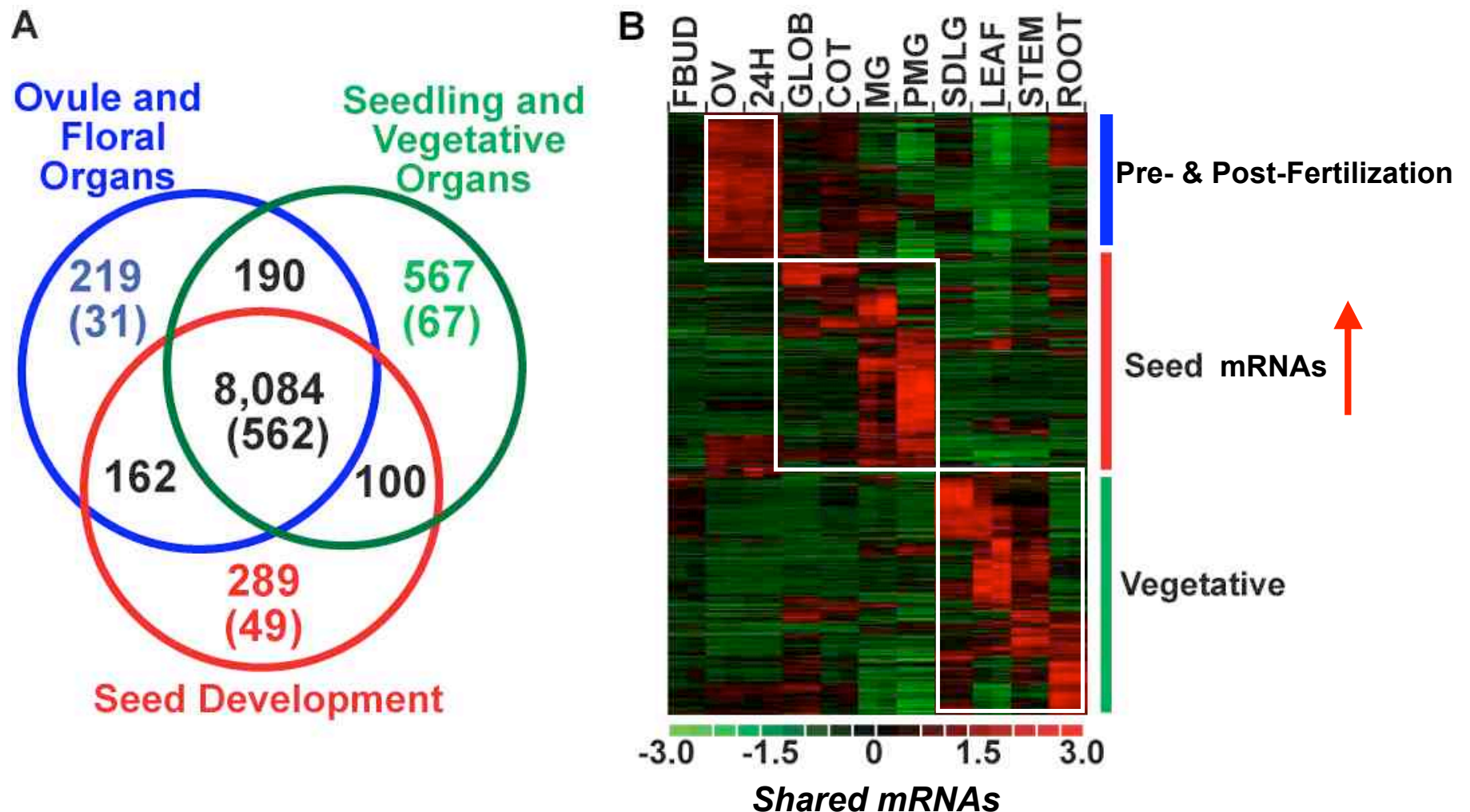
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Are There Seed-Specific Genes That May Play a Critical Role in Programming Seed Development?



Identification of Seed-Specific mRNAs in the Arabidopsis Life Cycle



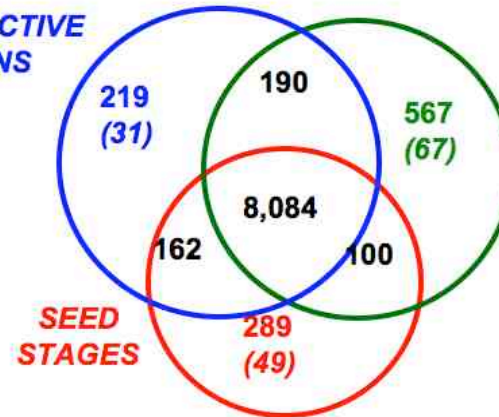
...at the GeneChip Level!!

() Indicates number of transcription factor mRNAs

Identification of “Seed-Specific” Transcription Factor mRNAs

	<u>ABI3-VP1</u>	
(G,C)	* LEC2	John Harada
(G,C,M,PM)	* FUS3	
(C,M)	B3 Family TF	
	<u>AP2/EREBP</u>	
(PM)	* AP2 Domain Protein	
(C,M,PM)	Aintegumenta-Like 7	
	<u>ARF</u>	
(G)	* ARF21	
	<u>ARR-B</u>	
(G,C)	ARR19	
(C)	* ARR21 / ARR13	
(24H,G,C,M,PM)	* ARR22	
	<u>AS2</u>	
(C,M)	LOB Domain Protein 18	
(G)	LOB Domain Protein 35	
	<u>AUX-IAA</u>	
(24H,G,C,M)	IAA31	
	<u>Basic Leucine Zipper</u>	
(C,M,PM)	* AtbZIP67; DPBF2	
(C)	* AtbZIP72	
(G,C)	AtbZIP15	
	<u>CCAAT-Box</u>	
(G,C)	* LEC1	John Harada
(G,C,M)	* L1L	
(G)	HAP5A-Like	
	<u>Heat-Shock</u>	
(G,C)	* HSF1-Like	
(PM)	* Heat Shock TF	

REPRODUCTIVE
ORGANS



SEEDLING &
VEGETATIVE
ORGANS

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Stages When Present

	<u>Homeobox</u>	
(G,C,M)	Homeodomain Protein	
(G,C)	* ATML1-Like	
(G,C)	* Homeodomain Protein	
	<u>MADS-Box</u>	
(M,PM)	* MADS-Box TF	
(M,PM)	* MADS-Box TF	
(G,C)	AGL33	
(G)	AGL35	
(G)	AGL36	
(G)	AGL45	
(G)	AGL57	
(G)	AGL91	
	<u>MYB</u>	
(M,PM)	AtMYB107	
(C)	* Myb-Related Protein	
(PM)	* AtMYB67; AtY53	
(G,C)	* Myb-Related Protein	

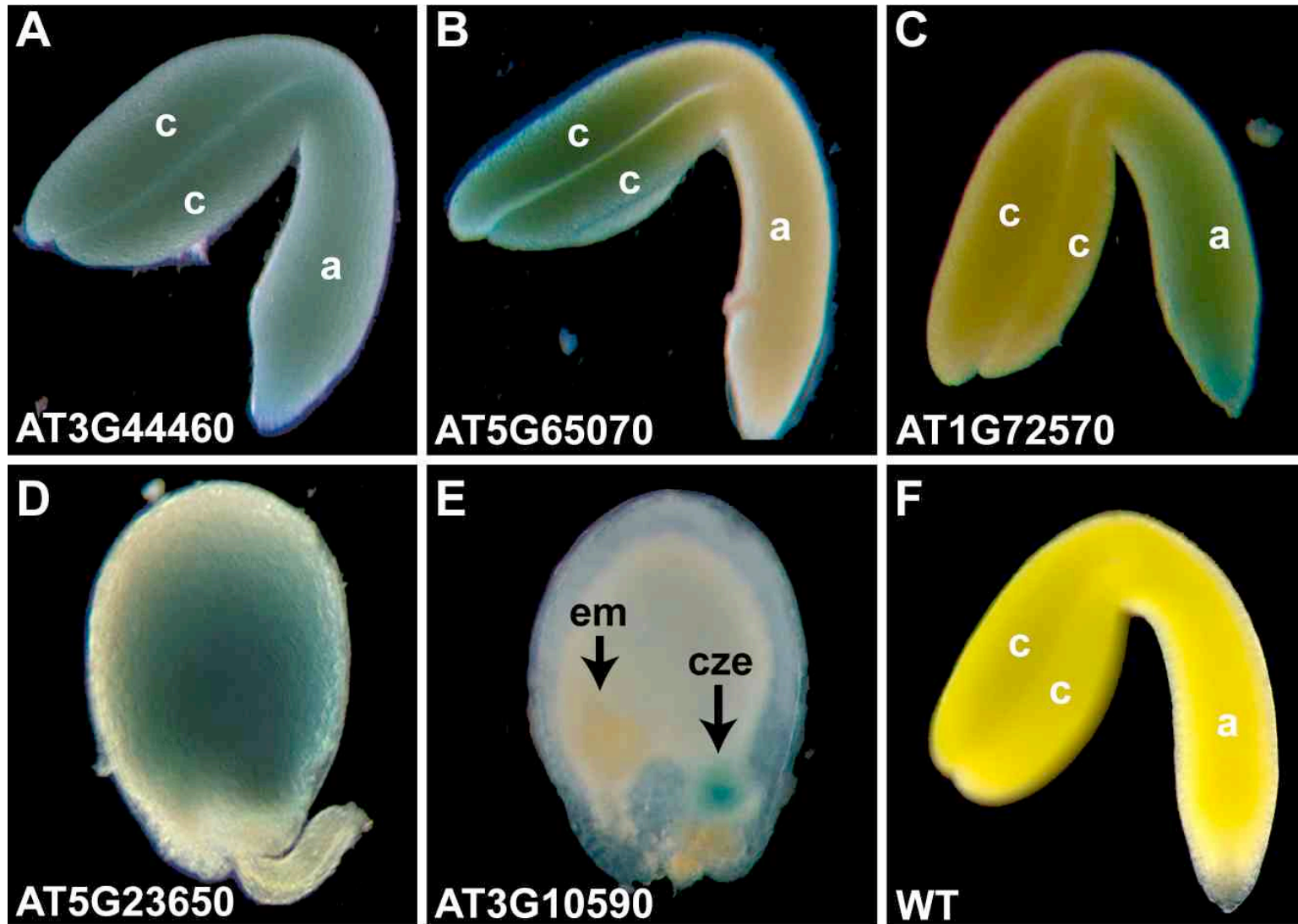
(G,C)	Myb-Related Protein	
	<u>NAC Domain</u>	
(C)	No Apical Meristem (NAM)	
	<u>Polycomb Group</u>	
(M)	* MEDEA	
(PM)	CCHC-Type Family Protein	
	<u>WRKY</u>	
(G)	* WRKY10; MINI3	
	<u>Zinc Finger</u>	
(C,M,PM)	* PEI1	
(G)	C2H2-Type Zinc Finger	
(G,C)	C2H2-Type Zinc Finger	
(G,C)	C3HC4-Type RING Finger	
(G)	C3HC4-Type RING Finger	
(G,C)	Dof-Type Zinc Finger	
(24H,G)	RABBIT EARS (RBE)	
	<u>Unclassified</u>	
(C)	SAP; Sterile Apetala	

* Mutations do not affect development (15)

* Mutations disrupt development (7)

Seed Stages: 24H, 24Hr Post-Pollination; G, Globular; C, Cotyledon; M, Mature Green; PM, Post-mature Green

Seed-Specific Transcription Factor Genes Are Transcribed in Different Seed Regions



Major Unanswered Question: What Processes Do These TF Genes Regulate?

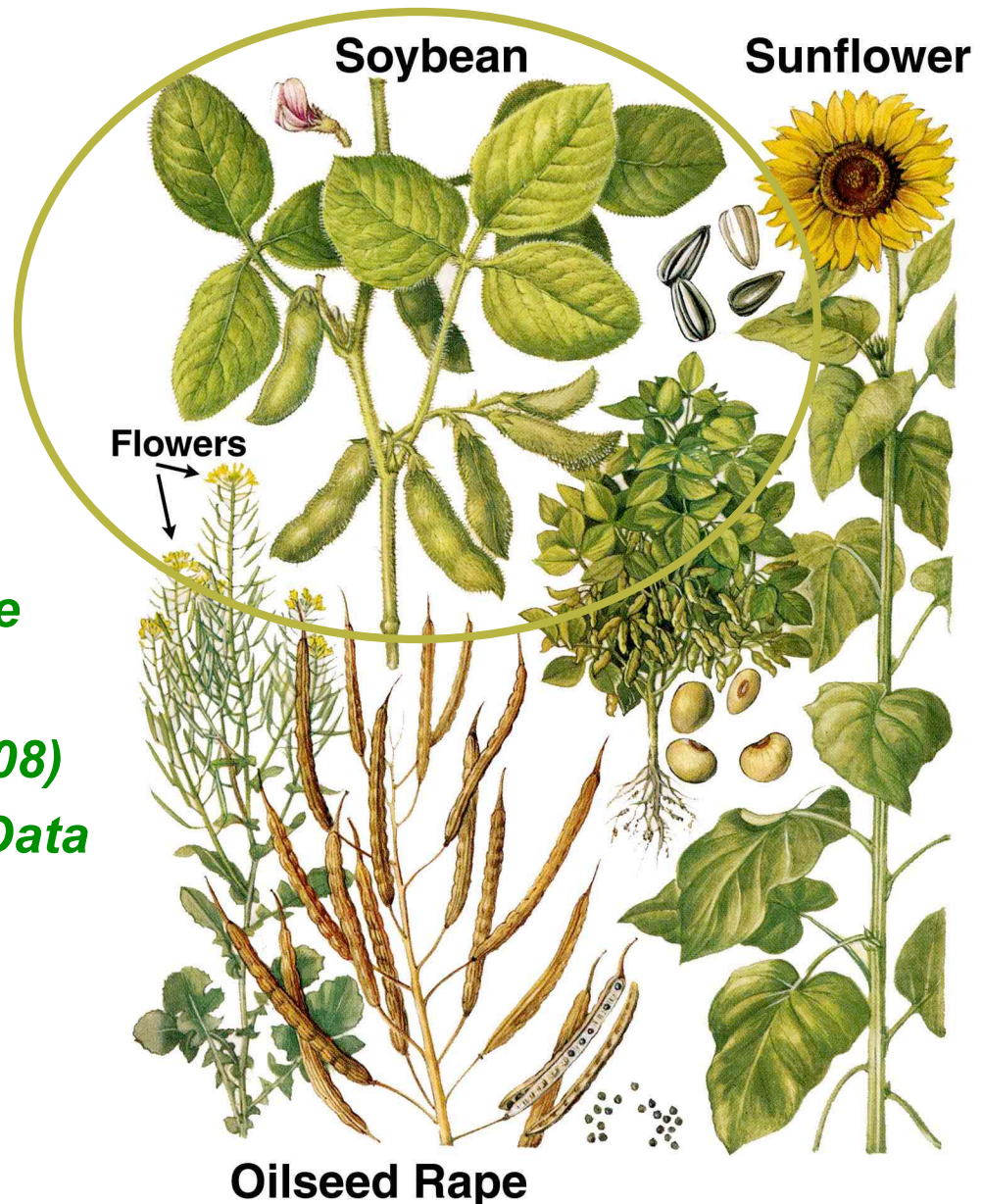
“Making A Globular Stage Soybean Seed”

All Tissues, Compartments, and Regions?

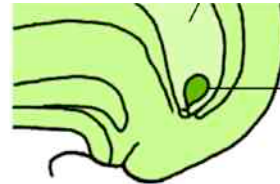
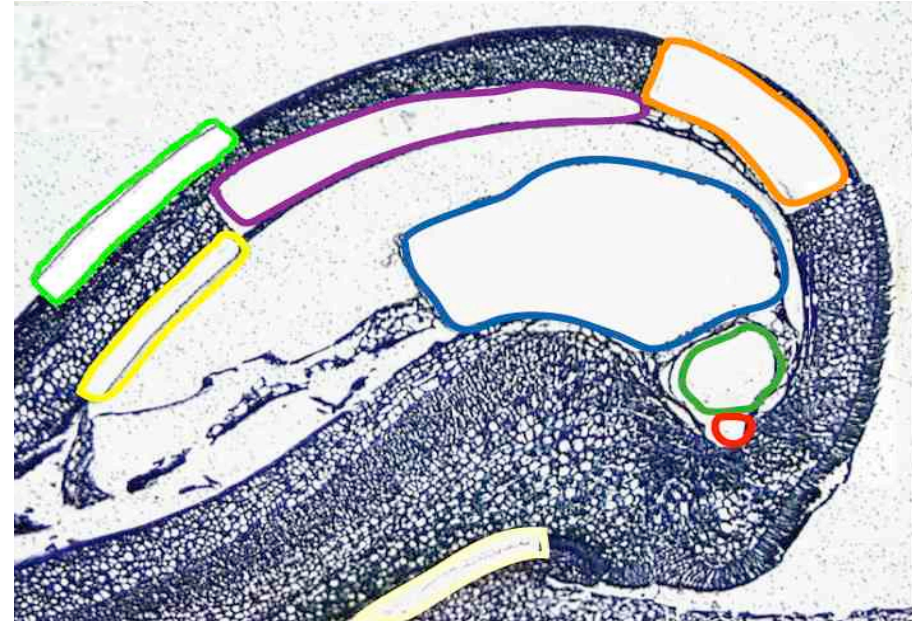
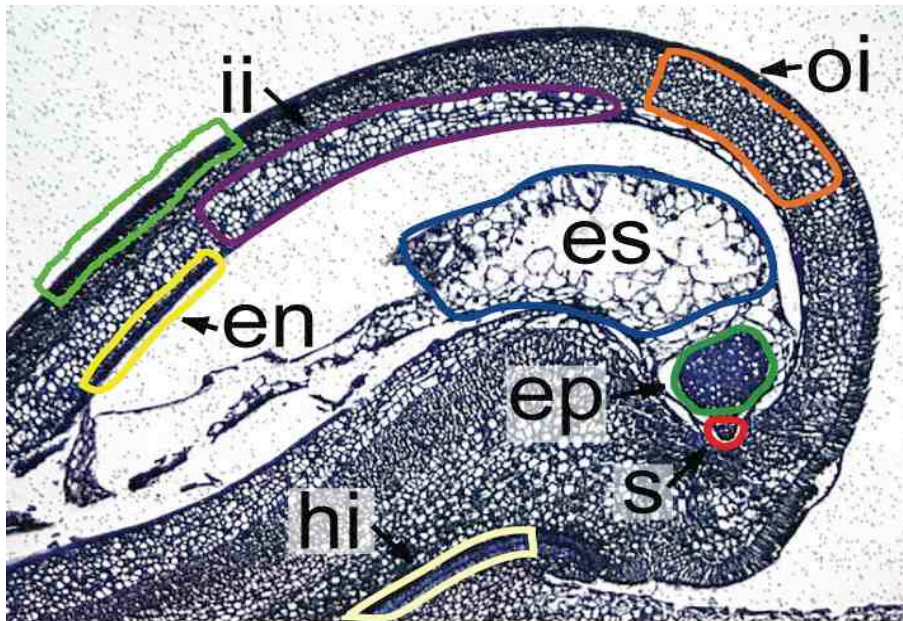
Diversity of Oil Seed Plants

Why Soybean?

- *Second Major US Crop*
- *Major Food Source*
- *Important Biofuel Source*
- *Excellent Model Plant*
- *Genome Sequenced (2008)*
- *Seed Gene Expression Data*
- *Major Funding Source*

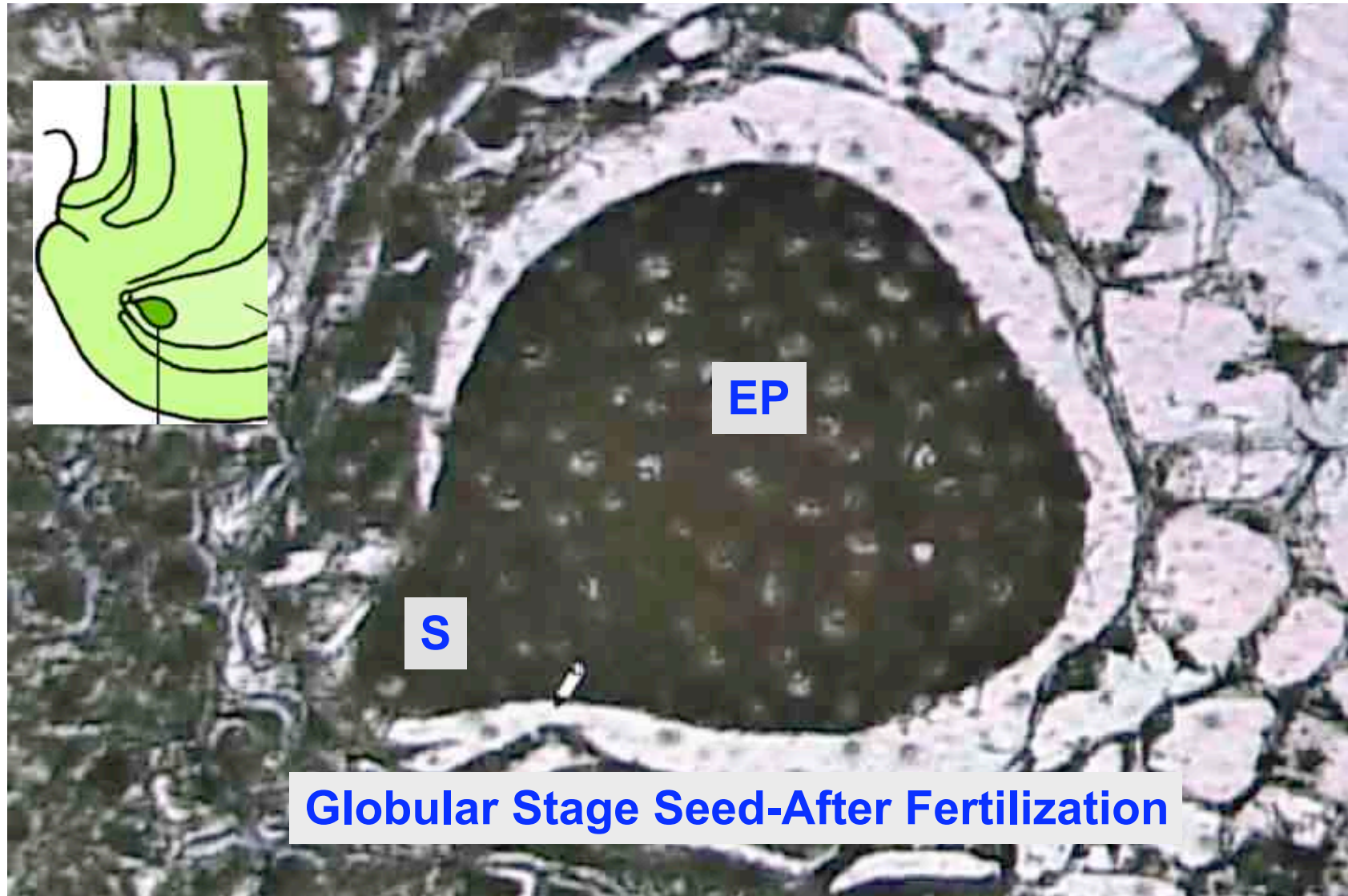


How Can We Profile Gene Activity in All Seed Compartments, Regions, & Tissues?



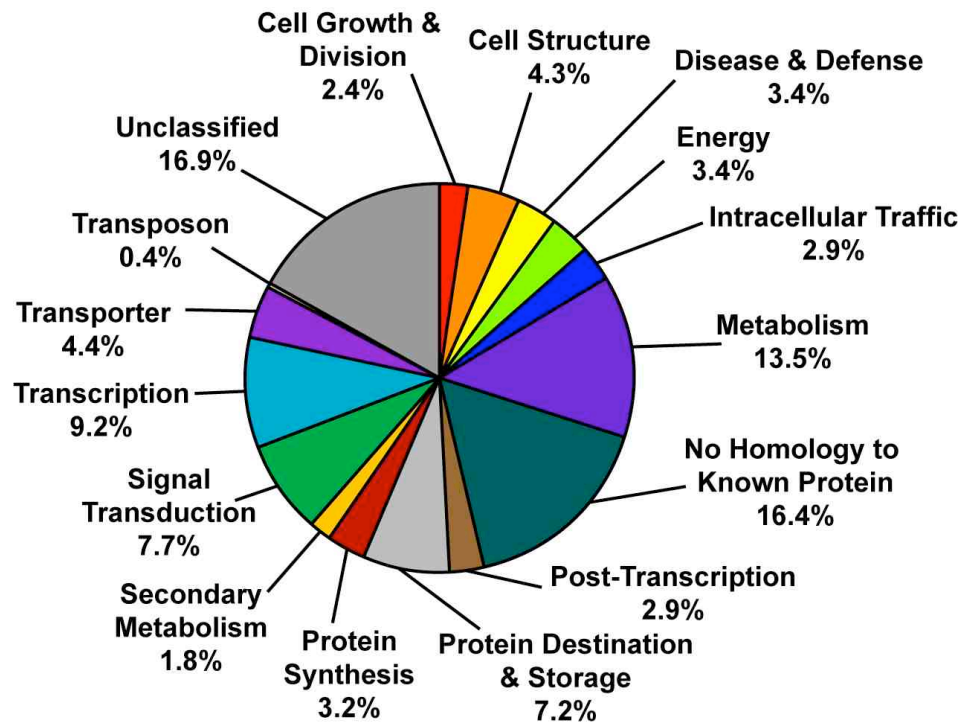
Combine Laser Capture Microdissection (LCM) Technologies With Genomics Approaches.

***Using Laser Capture Microdissection (LCM) & Soybean
GeneChips to Investigate Gene Activity In Seeds***

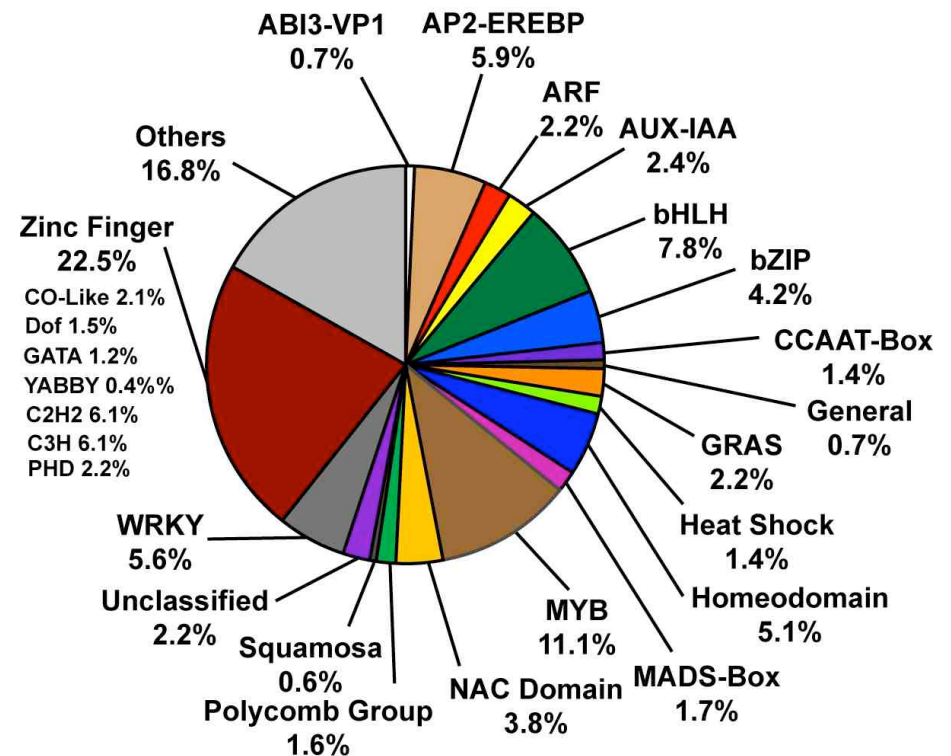


Spectrum of Gene Sequences Represented on the Soybean Affymetrix EST GeneChip (2007)

Functional Categories



Transcription Factors



~2,800 TF Transcripts

Contains Probe Sets Representing 38,000 Soybean Transcripts
 (~30,000 Clusters/~23,000 Predicted cDNAs) Derived From ~85 cDNA Libraries
 From Plant Regions and Multiple Developmental Stages
 (Not a Whole Genome Chip)



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GENE NETWORKS IN SEED DEVELOPMENT

Identifying all the genes and gene networks required to "make a seed"

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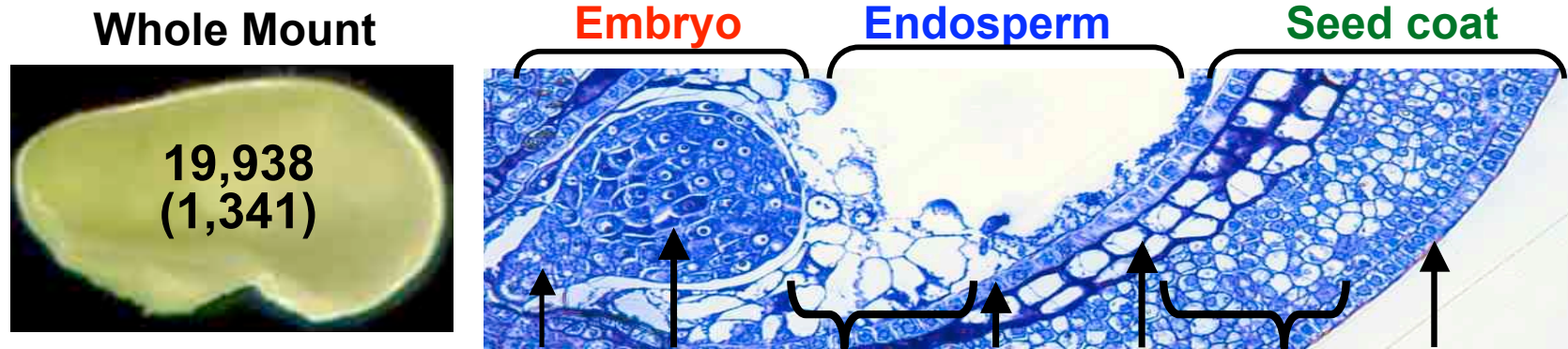


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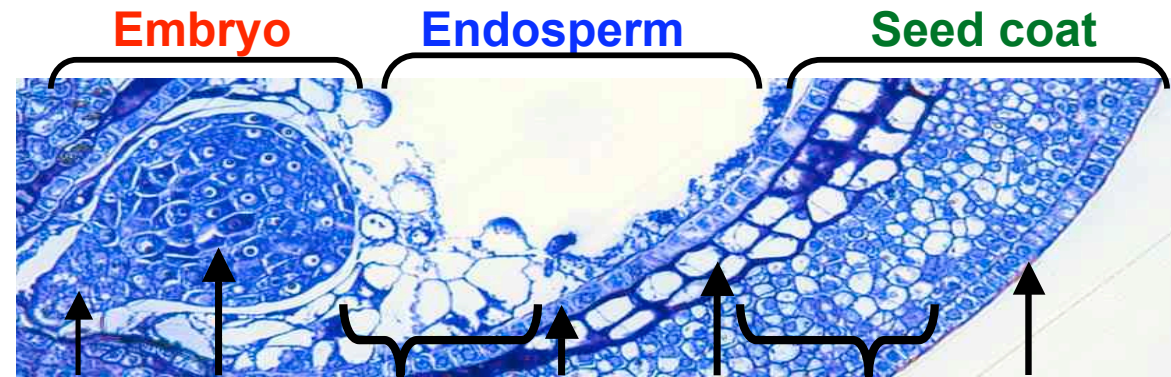
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TF mRNAs	909	1,100	848	950	927	1,073	837	1,057
Unique mRNAs	74	96	98	39	37	36	23	49
Unique TF mRNAs	5	17	11	3	4	2	2	6
Shared mRNAs	9025							

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**Note: Unique genes are specific within the seed
at the level of the GeneChip**



Conclude

- ***Most Genes Shared By Different Seed Compartments***
- ***There Are Small Sets of Compartment-Specific Genes Including Transcription Factor Genes***

A Repeating Theme!!!!



Globular-Stage Seed Compartments Have a Unique Set of Transcription Factor Genes

Outer Integument: 36 (2)

1 bZip
1 Zinc Finger

Inner Integument: 37 (4)

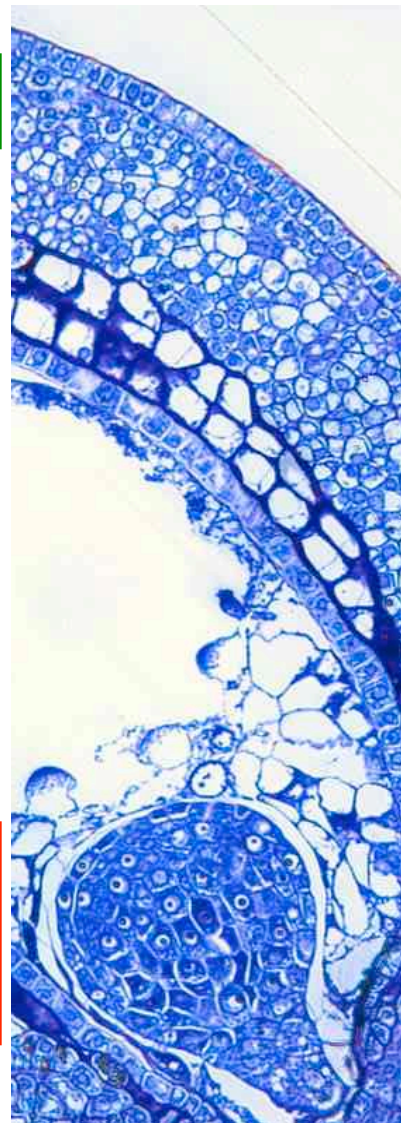
1 General (TFIIA-L)
1 Homeodomain
1 MADS, MYB

Endosperm: 98 (11)

3 Zinc Finger (Dof 2)
2 WRKY
1 ARF (ARF8), bHLH, JUMONJI
1 MADS-Box (PISTILLATA)
1 NAC Domain (NAM)
1 Polycomb Group (TRX1)

Embryo Proper: 96 (17)

4 MYB (MYB 44)
3 Homeodomain (STM, WOX2)
2 IAA (IAA8), bHLH, Zinc Finger
1 bZip (OBF4), WRKY, G2-like
1 GRAS (Scarecrow-like)



Hilum: 49 (6)

3 bHLH (PIF4)
1 Zinc Finger (IDD11),
1 MYB (MYB 111)
1 Aux/IAA (SOLITARY ROOT)

Epidermis: 23 (2)

1 AP2/EREBP
1 bZip

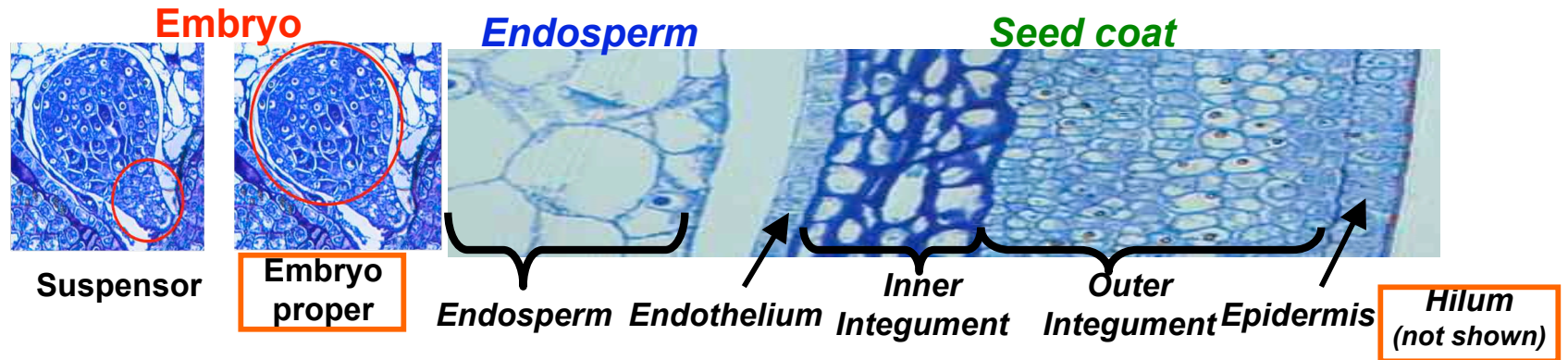
Endothelium: 39 (3)

2 Zinc Finger
1 WRKY

Suspensor: 74 (5)

2 WRKY
1 ARF (ARF16)
1 NAC Domain
1 Zinc Finger

Quantitative RT-PCR and Transcriptional Validation of Globular-Stage “Seed Region-Specific” mRNAs (one example)

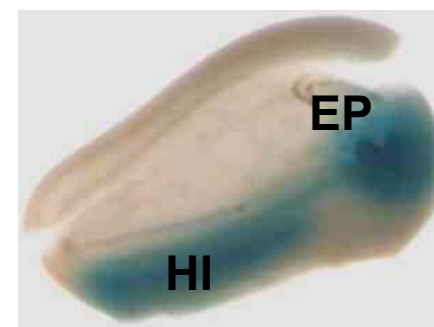
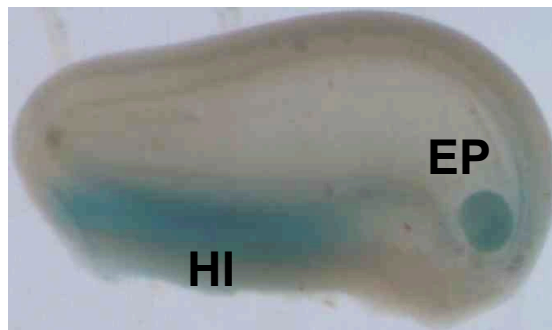


GmSTM-Like (Shoot Meristemless-like) Transcription Factor (GmaAffx.63050.1.S1_at)

GeneChip	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A
qRT-PCR	ND	30.0±0.6	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	39.5±1.1
Fold Reduction	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	↓ 700

A=Absent = Not Detected at GeneChip Level

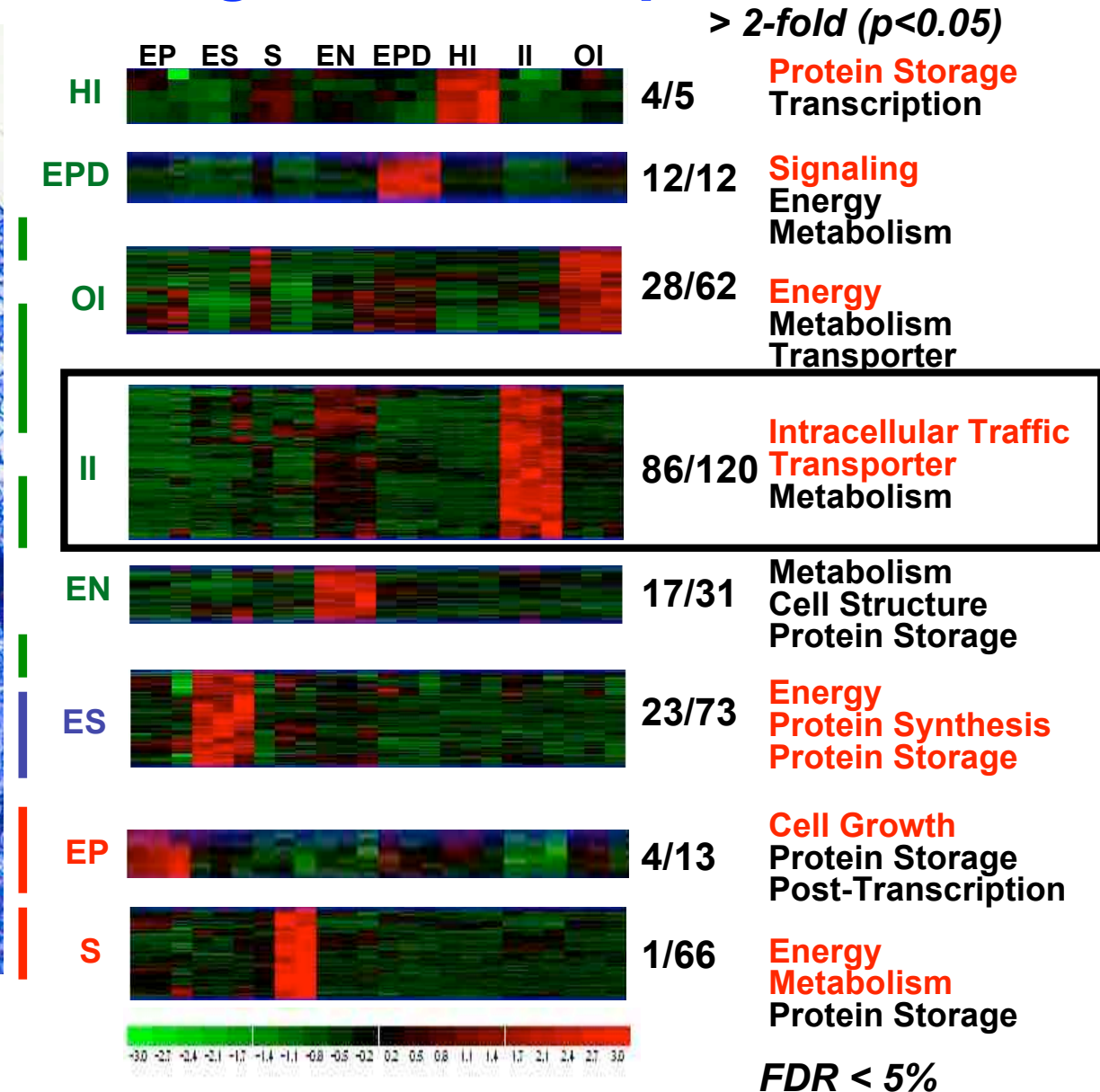
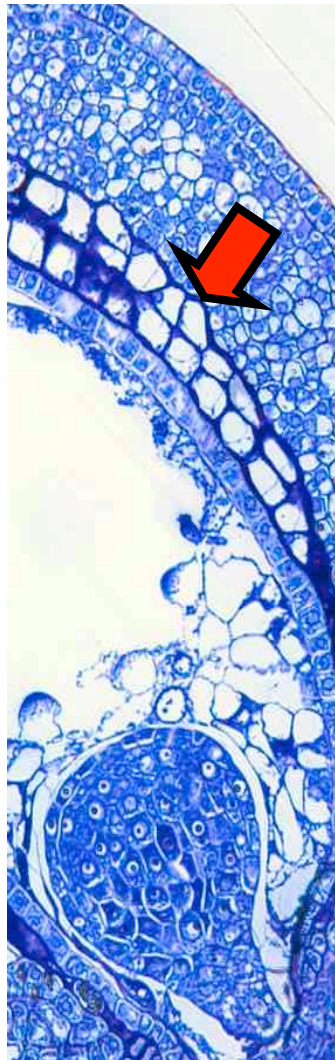
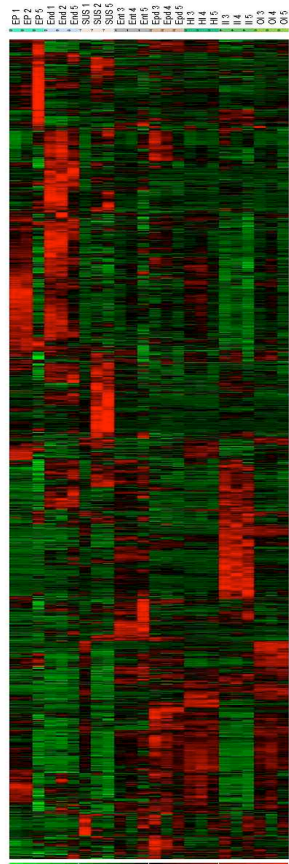
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GmSTM-like promoter/GUS Gene Activity in Soybean Seeds

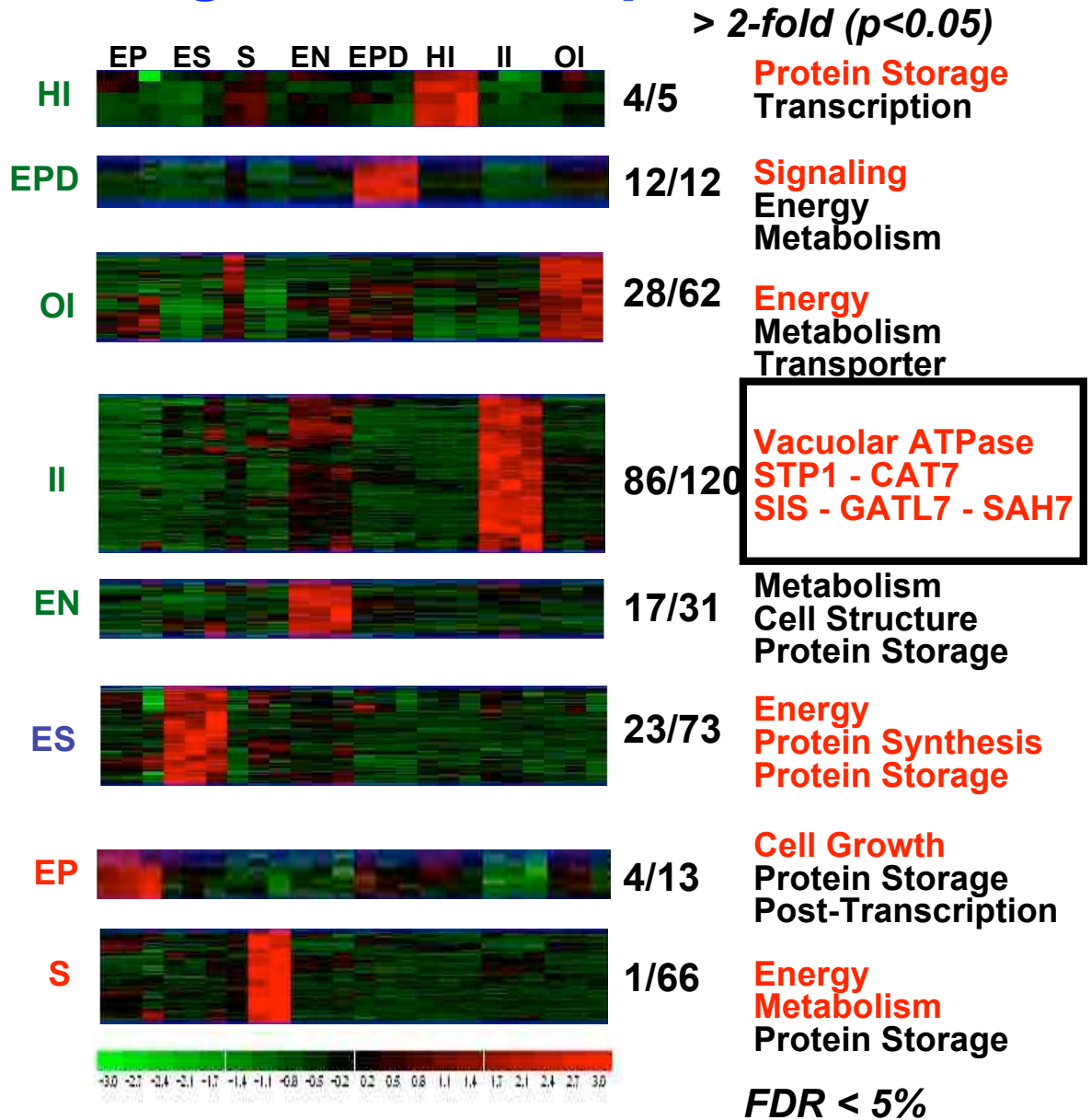
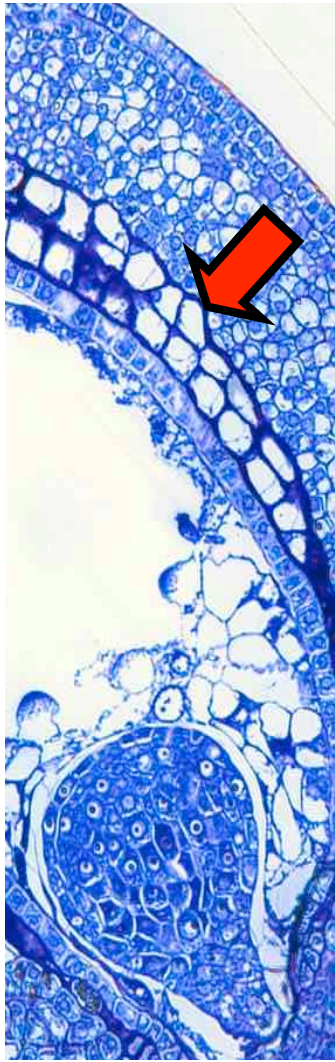
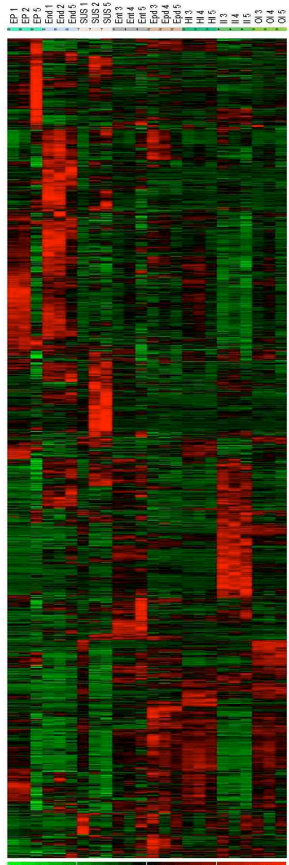
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Top 2000 Varying mRNAs



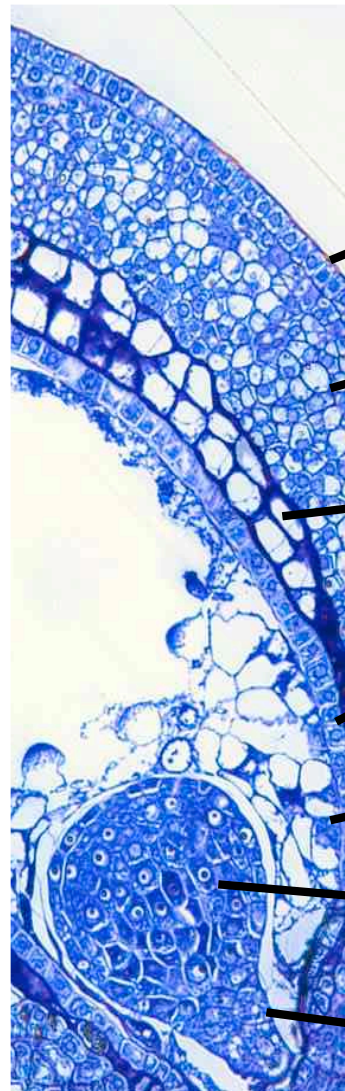
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FDR < 5%

How Many Genes Are Active in a Globular-Stage Soybean Seed?



Hilum
16,153 (1,057)

Epidermis
13,451 (837)

Outer Integument
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Inner Integument
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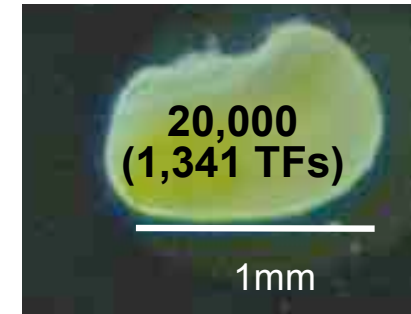
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Endosperm
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Embryo Proper
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Suspensor
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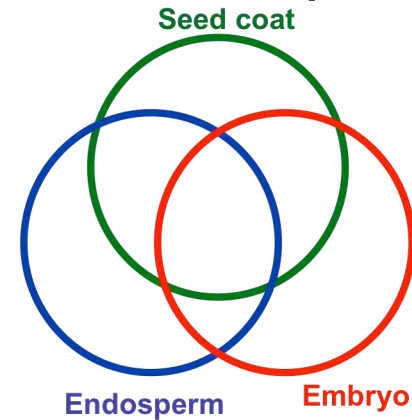
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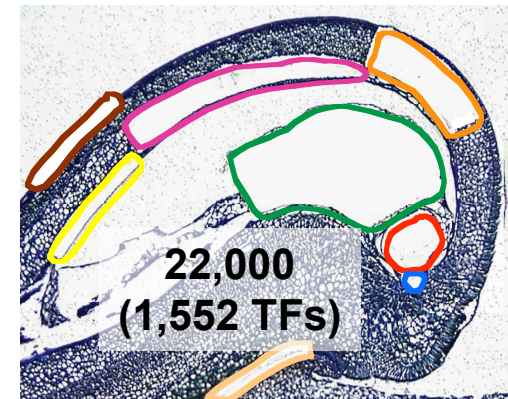
20,000
(1,341 TFs)

1mm

Union of Seed Compartments



**Union of LCM
mRNA Sets**



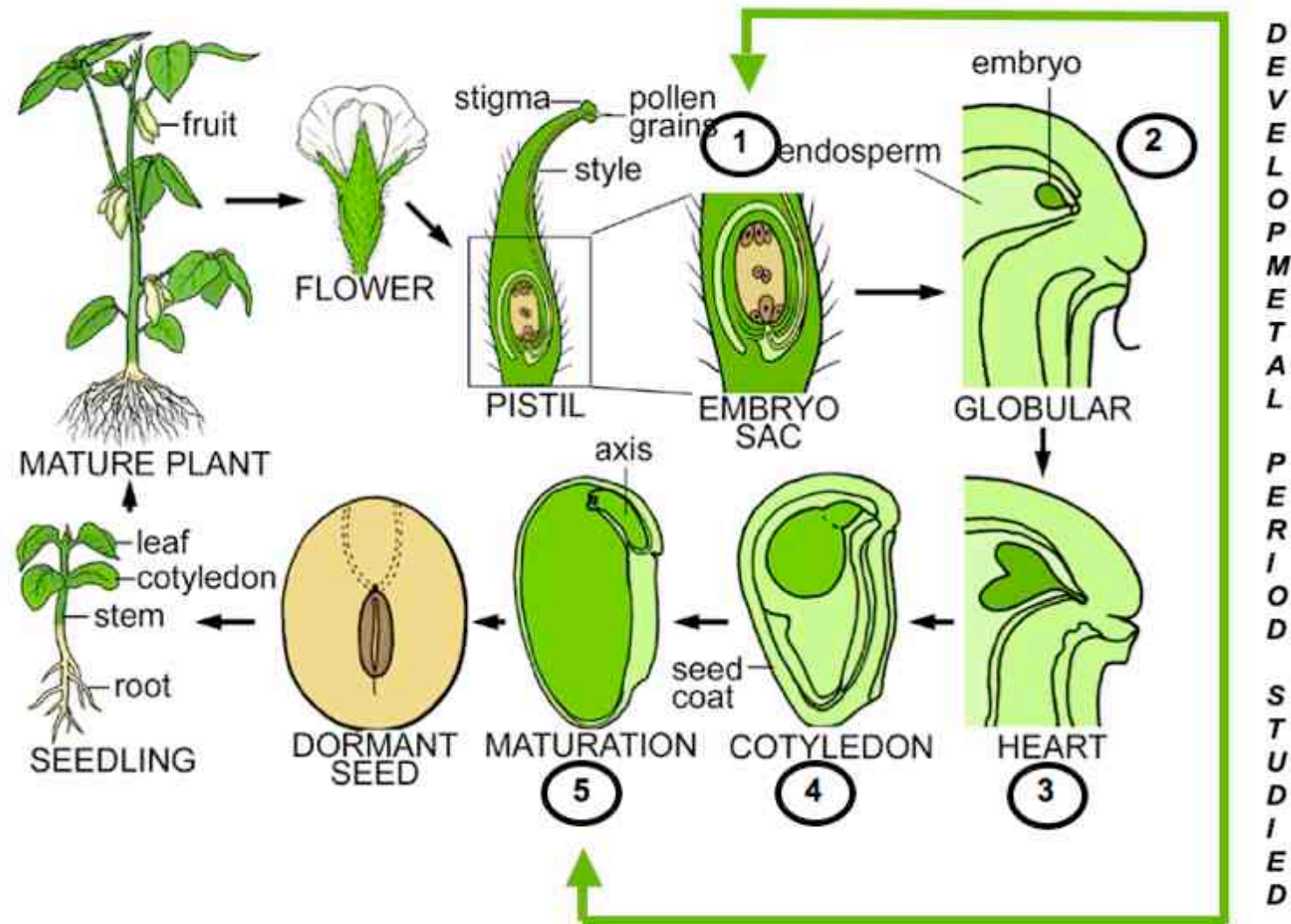
22,000
(1,552 TFs)

**At the Level of
GeneChip Detection!**

**Note: Minimum Numbers & Overlap of
Gene Activity!!**

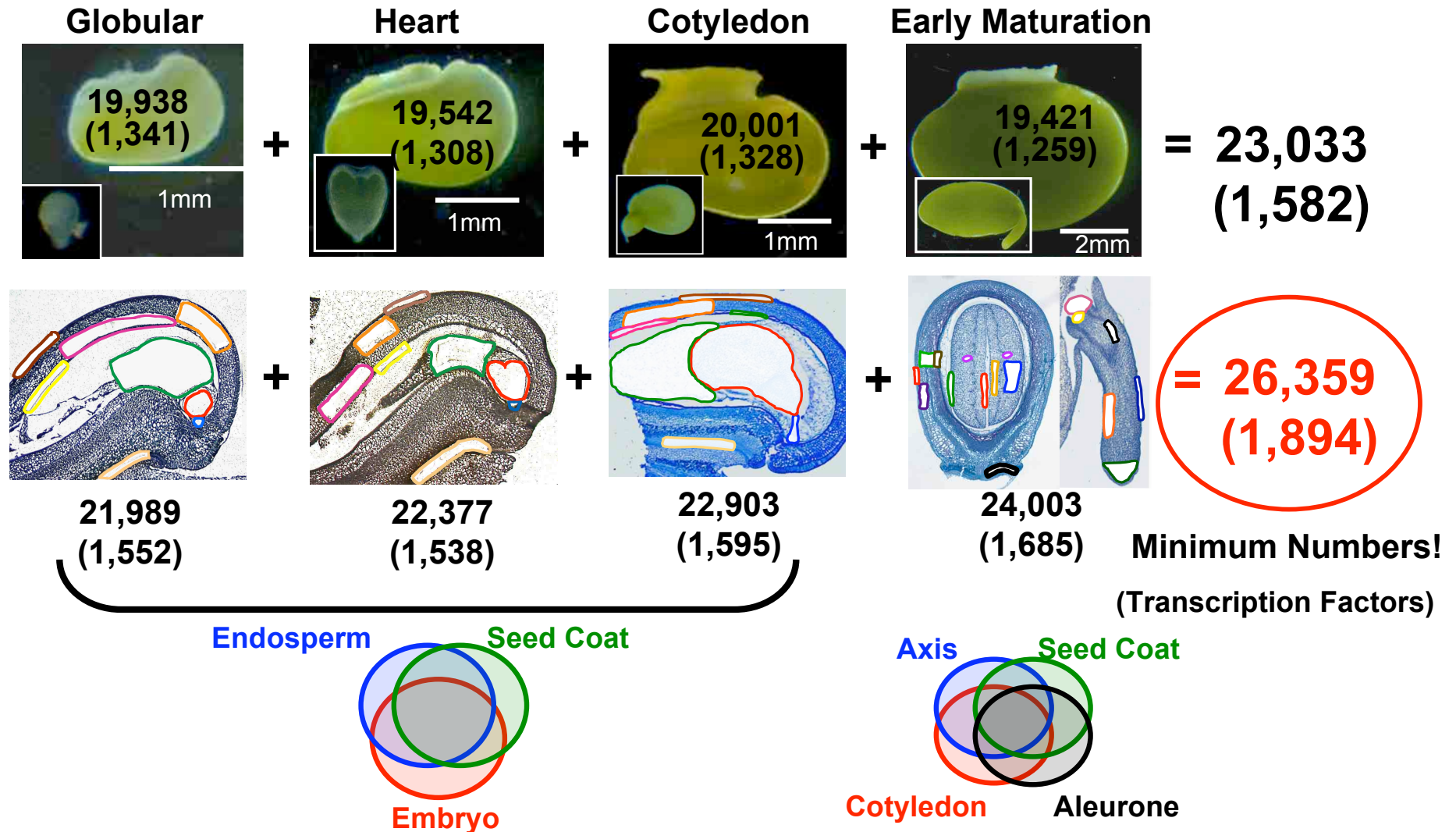
(Transcription Factors)

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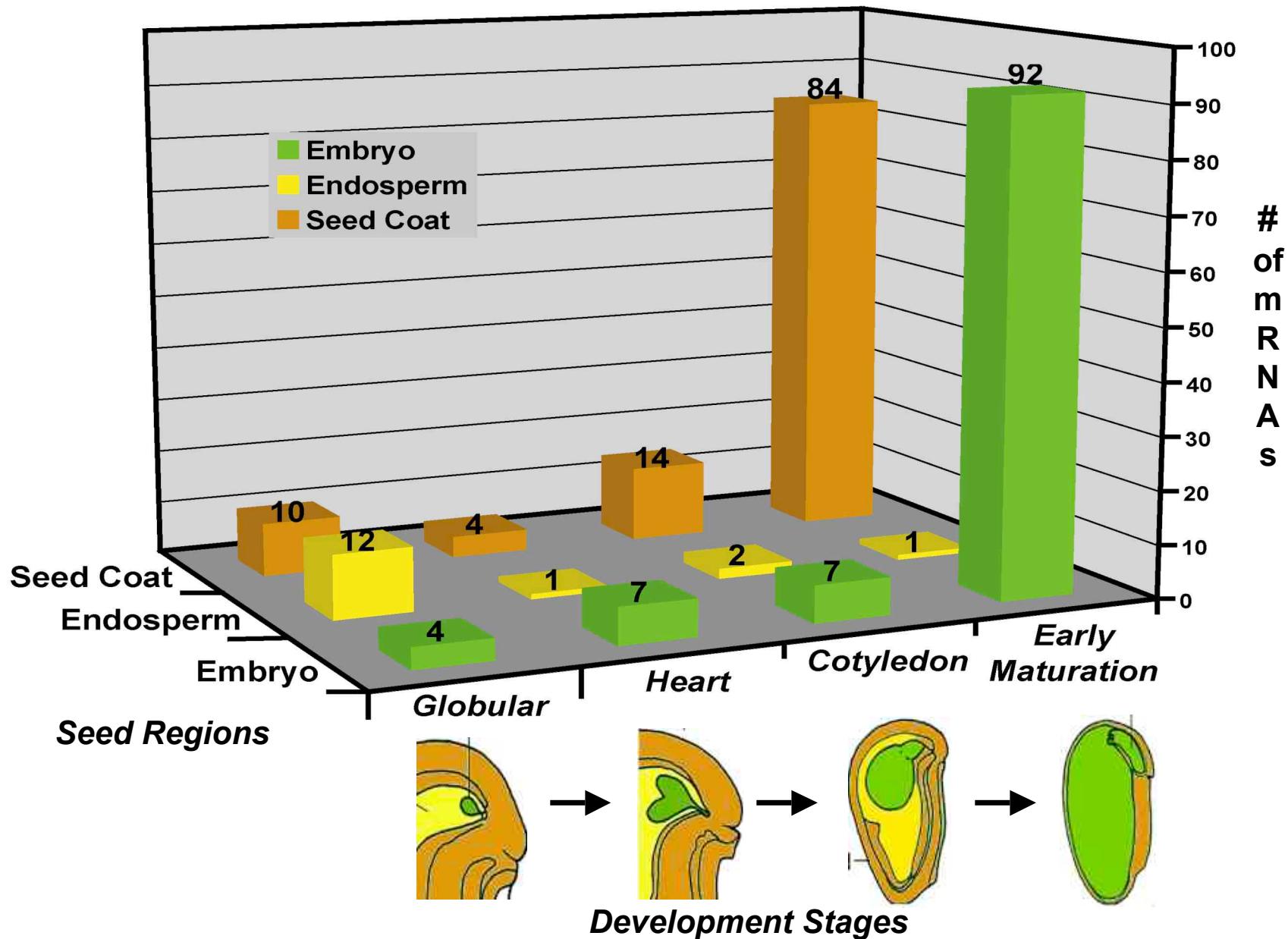
Note: Numbers Refer to Specific Seed Stages Studied

How Many Genes Are Required to Program Soybean Seed Development?

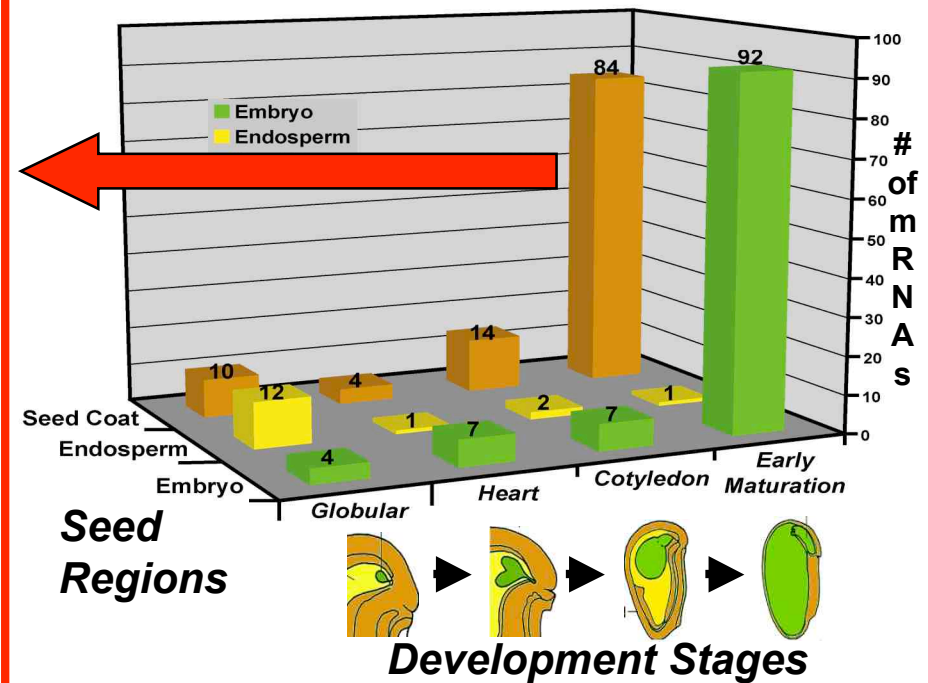
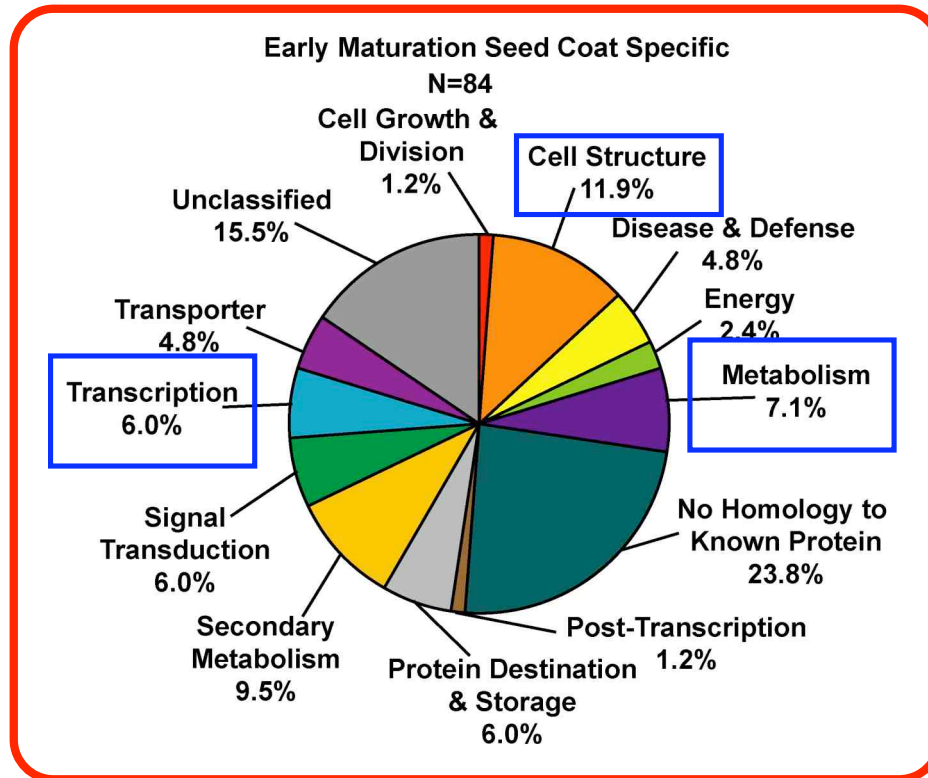


40 Compartments & Tissues Profiled-More than 3.7 Million Data Points!!

Each Soybean Seed Compartment Has a Small Set of Unique mRNAs at Different Developmental Stages



Each Soybean Seed Compartment Has a Small Set of mRNAs at Specific Developmental Stages (e.g., Early Maturation-Stage Seed Coat)



Cell Structure

Cellulose Synthase
(CESA8, CESA4, IRX3)
Pectinacetylsterase Family
Glucan 1,3-beta-glucosidase



Cell Wall Enzymes

Secondary Metabolism

BANYULS (DFR)
TRANSPARENT TESTA 10
Isoflavone Reductase Homolog
2OG-Fe(II) Oxygenase



Brown Color Enzymes

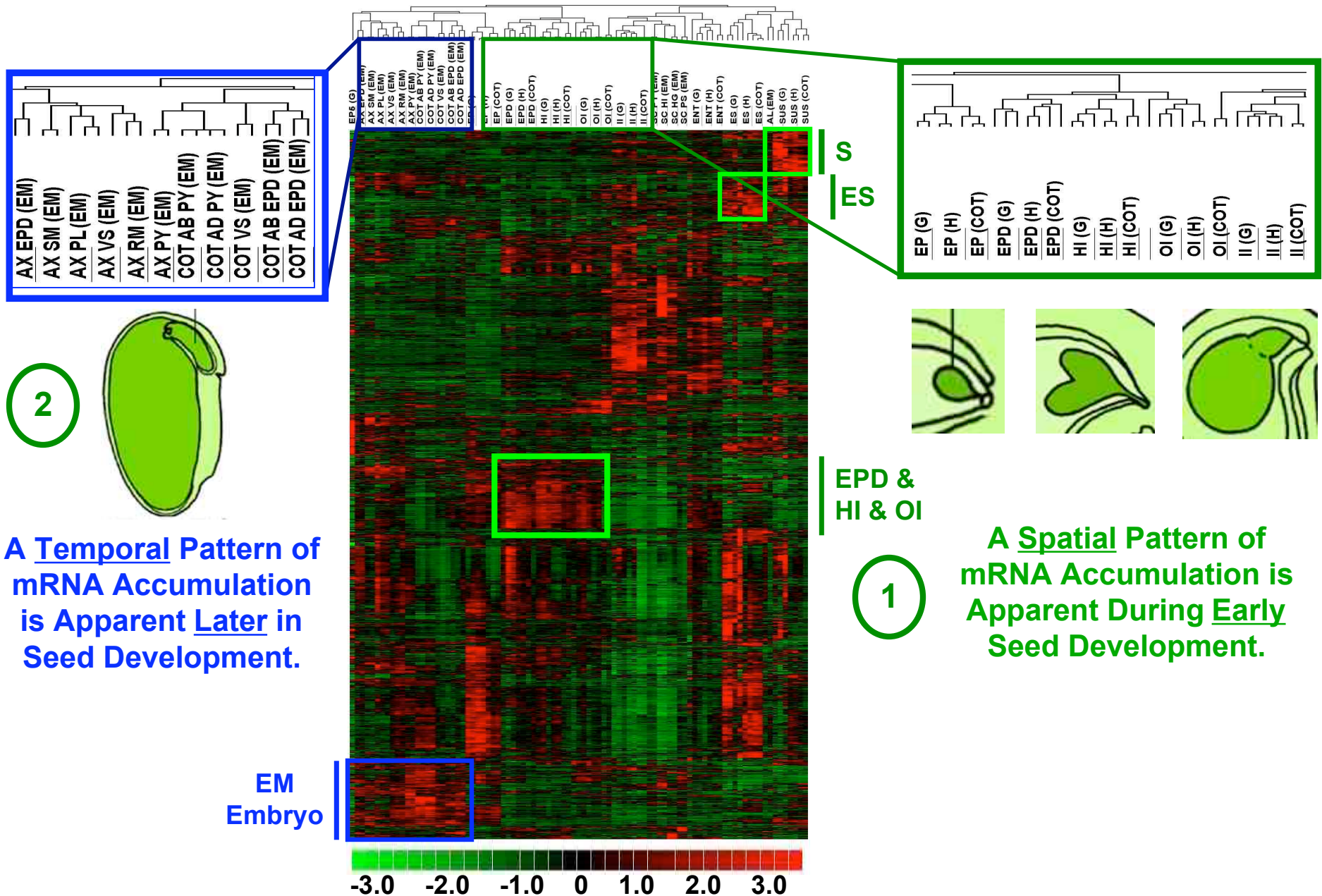
Transcription

SCARECROW-LIKE 3
C2H2 Zinc Finger
B-Box Type Zinc Finger

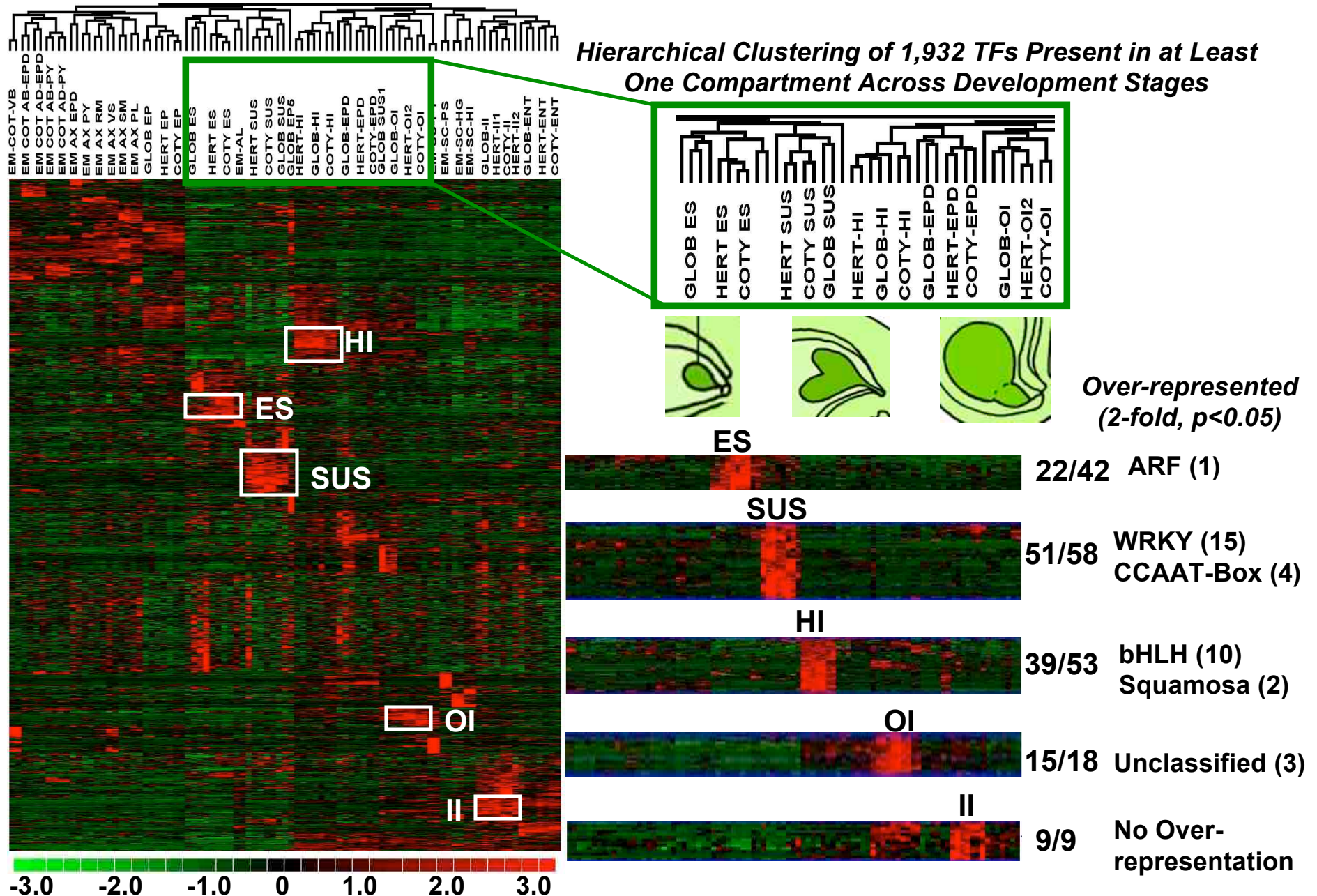


Gene Regulators

Do Shared mRNAs Have Specific Temporal and Spatial Patterns of mRNA Accumulation Throughout Seed Development?

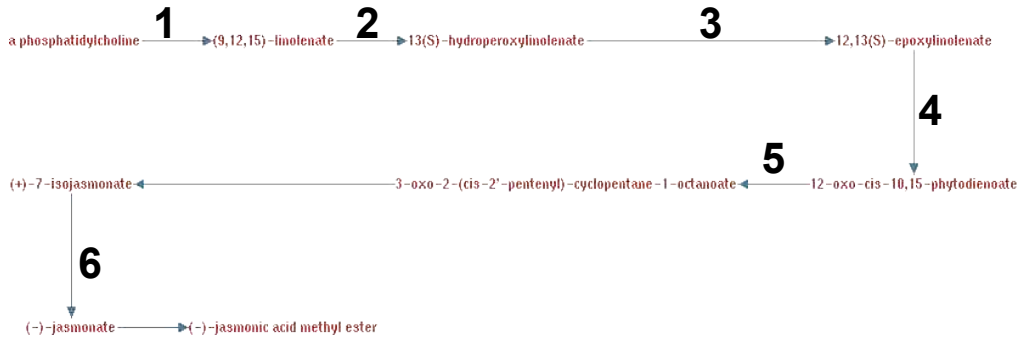


Are There Spatial Patterns of Transcription Factor mRNA Accumulation During Early Soybean Seed Development?



Do Soybean Seed Compartments Express Specific Metabolic Pathway Genes?

- Overview -

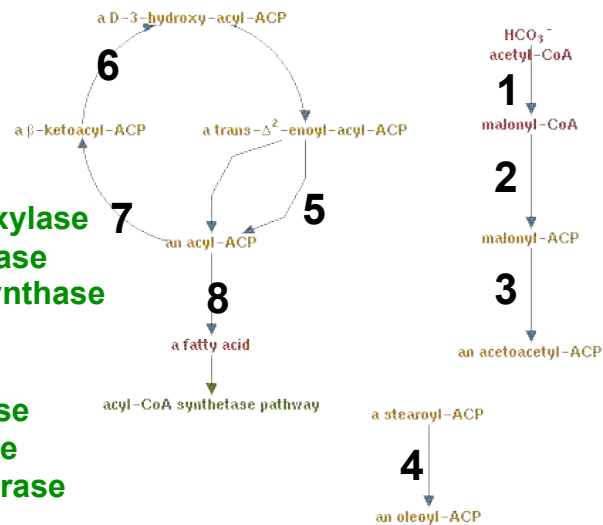


Jasmonic Acid Biosynthesis Pathway

1. **Phospholipase A**
2. **Lipoxygenase**
3. **Allene oxide synthase**
4. **Allene oxide cyclase**
5. **12-oxophytodienoate reductase**
6. **JA carboxyl methyltransferase**

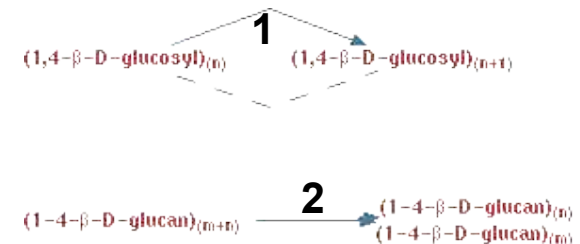
Fatty Acid Biosynthesis Pathway:

1. **Acetyl-CoA carboxylase**
2. **S-malonyltransferase**
3. **β-ketoacyl-ACP synthase**
4. **Acyl-cleasaturase**
5. **Enoyl reductase**
6. **3-oxoacyl reductase**
7. **3-oxoacyl synthase**
8. **Acyl-ACP thioesterase**



Cellulose Biosynthesis Pathway

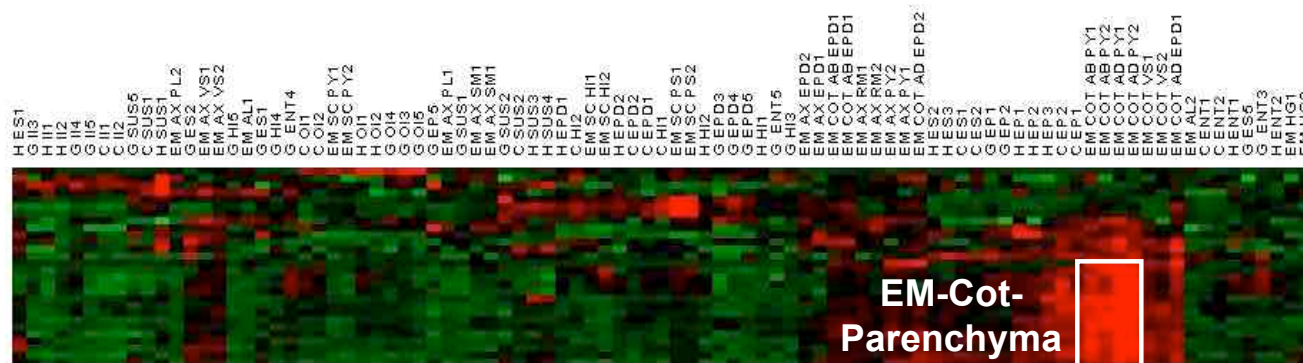
1. **Cellulose synthase**
2. **Cellulase (Glucan-glucanohydrolase)**



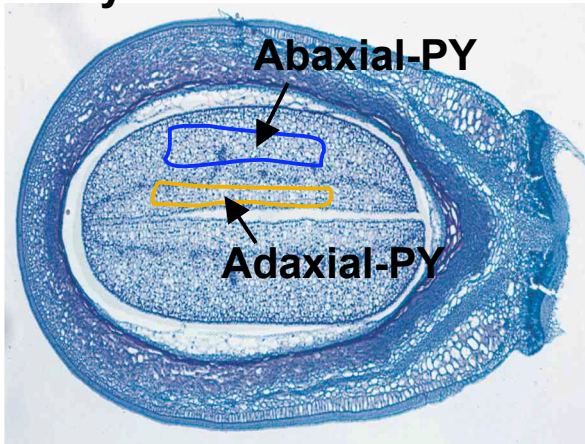
Fatty Acid Biosynthesis mRNAs?

Transcripts Encoding Fatty Acid Biosynthesis Pathway Enzymes Are Prevalent in **Early Maturation-Stage Cotyledon Adaxial and Abaxial Parenchyma Cells**

Transcripts
Encoding FA
Biosynthesis
Enzymes



Early Maturation



mRNA Upregulated >2-fold (number of mRNAs)

Acetyl-CoA carboxylase (4)

S-malonyltransferase (1)

Acyl-deasaturase (1)

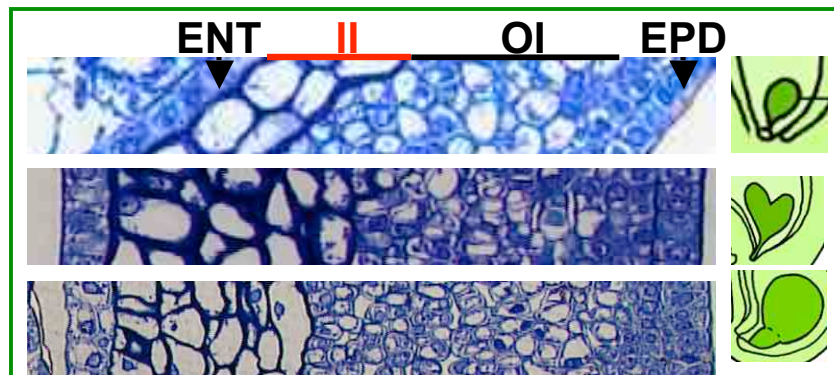
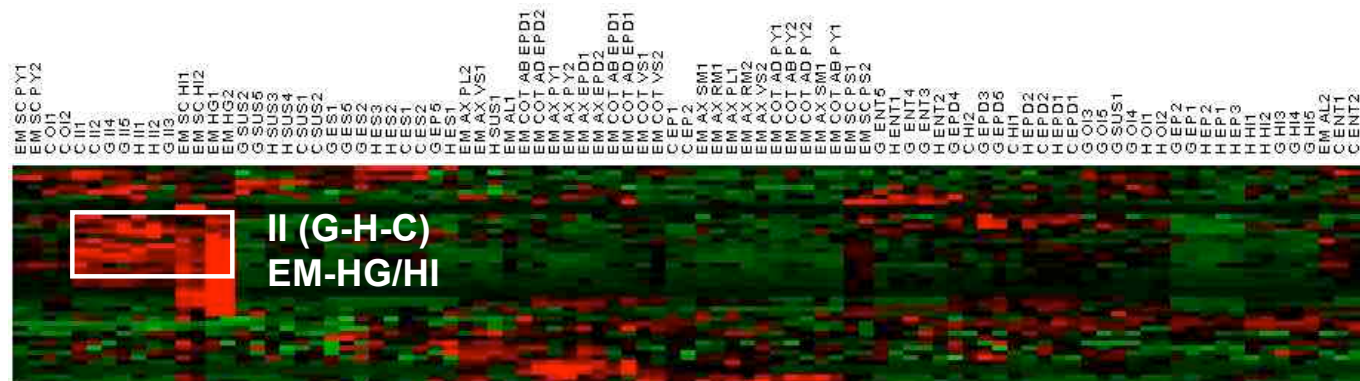
Enoyl reductase (2)

3-oxoaxyl reductase (1)

Cellulose Biosynthesis Enzymes?

Transcripts Encoding Cellulose Biosynthesis Pathway Enzymes Are Prevalent in Seed Coat Inner Integument, EM Hourglass, and Hilum Cells

Transcripts
Encoding Cellulose
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mRNA Upregulated >2-fold (number of mRNAs)

Cellulose synthase:

CesA1 (1),
CesA3 (5),
CesA9 (1)

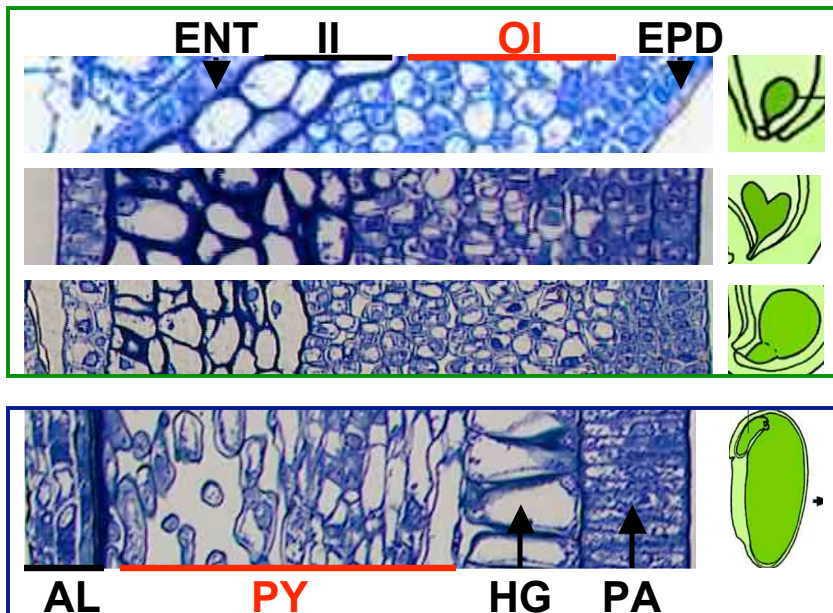
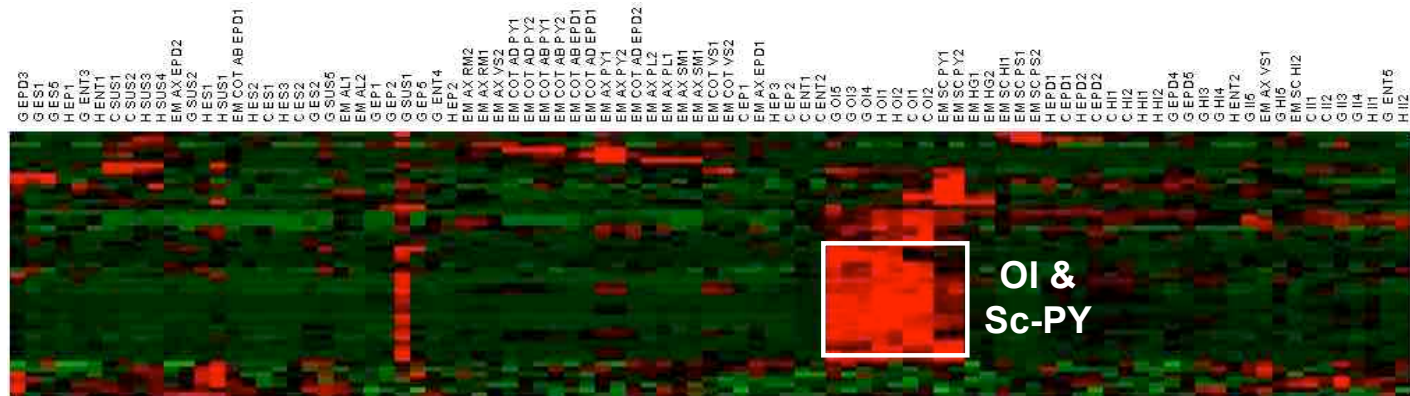
Cellulase:

1,4- β -D-glucan 4-glucanohydrolase
(3)

Jasmonic Acid Pathway mRNAs?

Transcripts Encoding Jasmonic Acid Biosynthesis Pathway Enzymes Are Prevalent in the **Outer Integument** and **Seed Coat-Parenchyma**

Transcripts
Encoding JA
Biosynthesis
Enzymes



mRNA Upregulated >2-fold (number of mRNAs)

Lipoxygenase:

LOX1 (14),

LOX2 (2),

LOX similar to At3g22400 (1)

Allene oxide synthase:

AOS (3)

Allene oxide cyclase (2)



- *How Do Soybean Seed Gene Activity Patterns Compare With Those in Other Plants?*
- *What Are the “Basal” Gene Regulators Required to Make Seeds?*



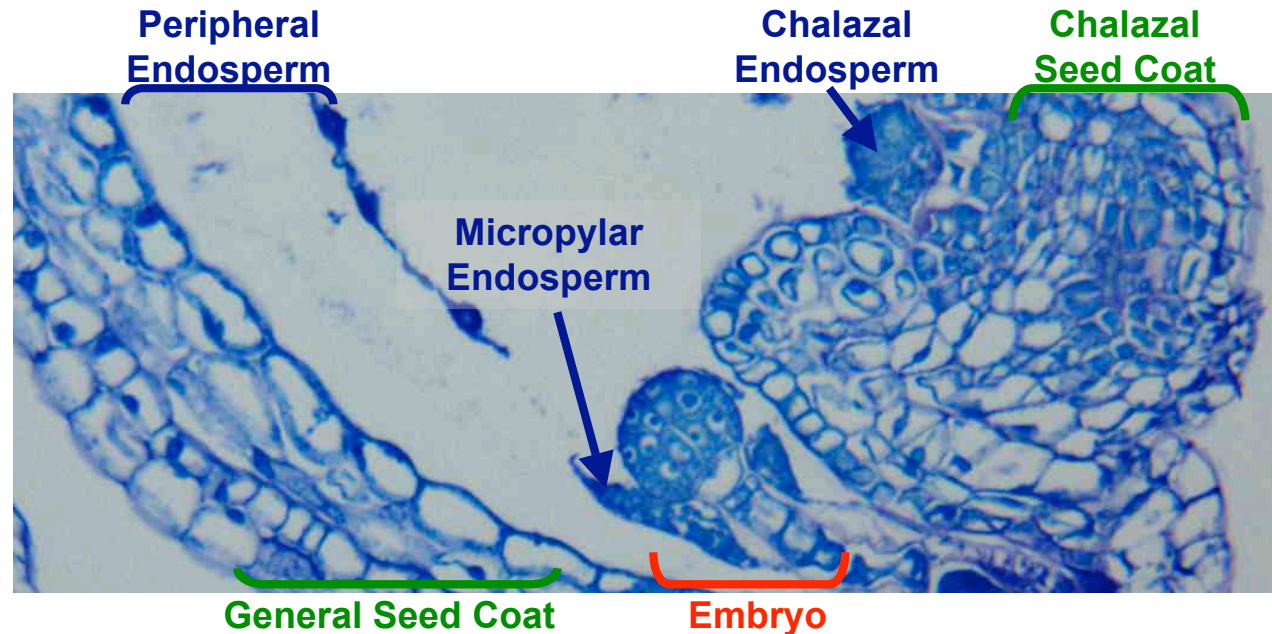
*Using LCM to Profile Gene Activity in
Arabidopsis Seed Regions*



Gene Activity in an Entire Globular-Stage Arabidopsis Seed Immediately After Fertilization

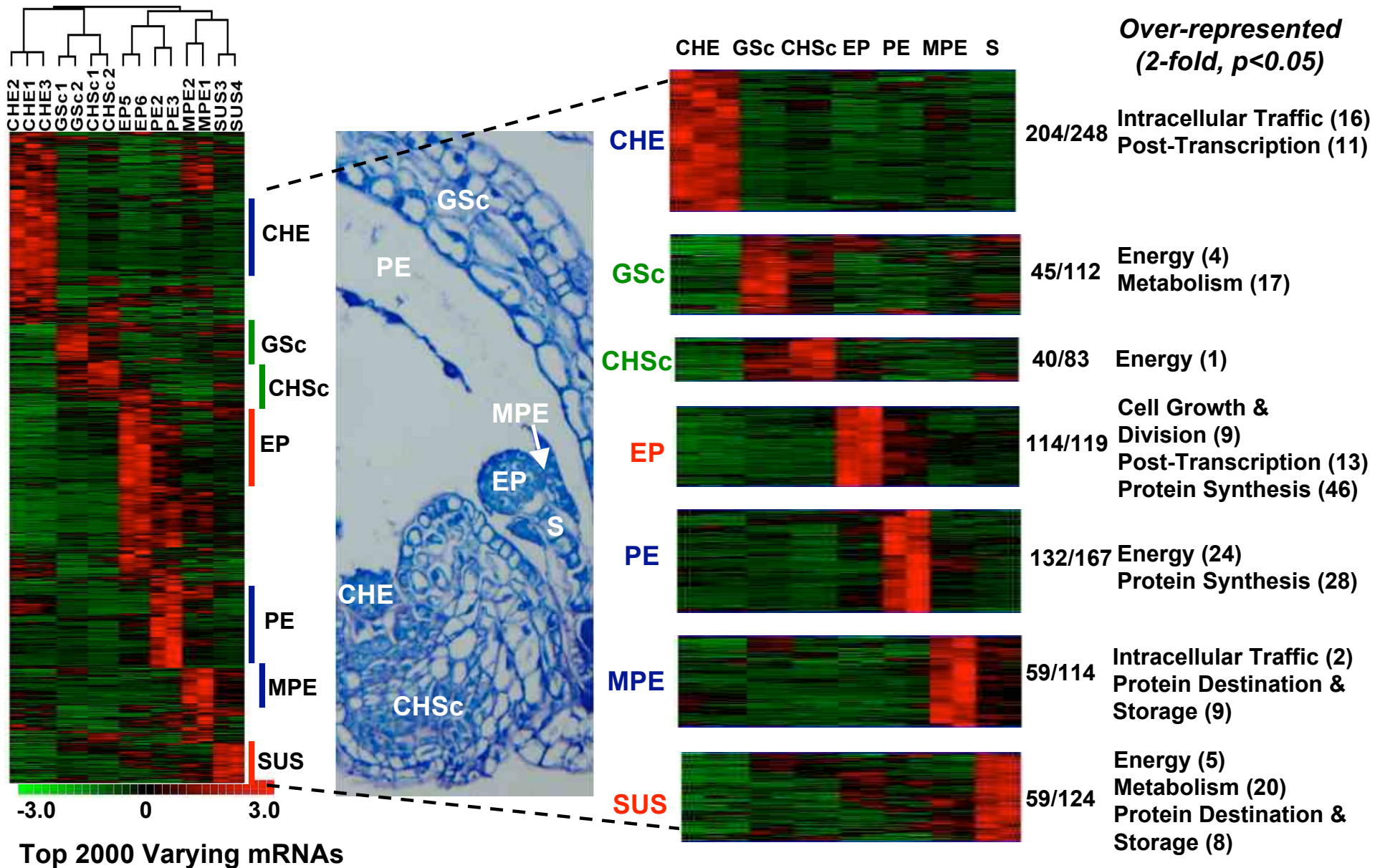


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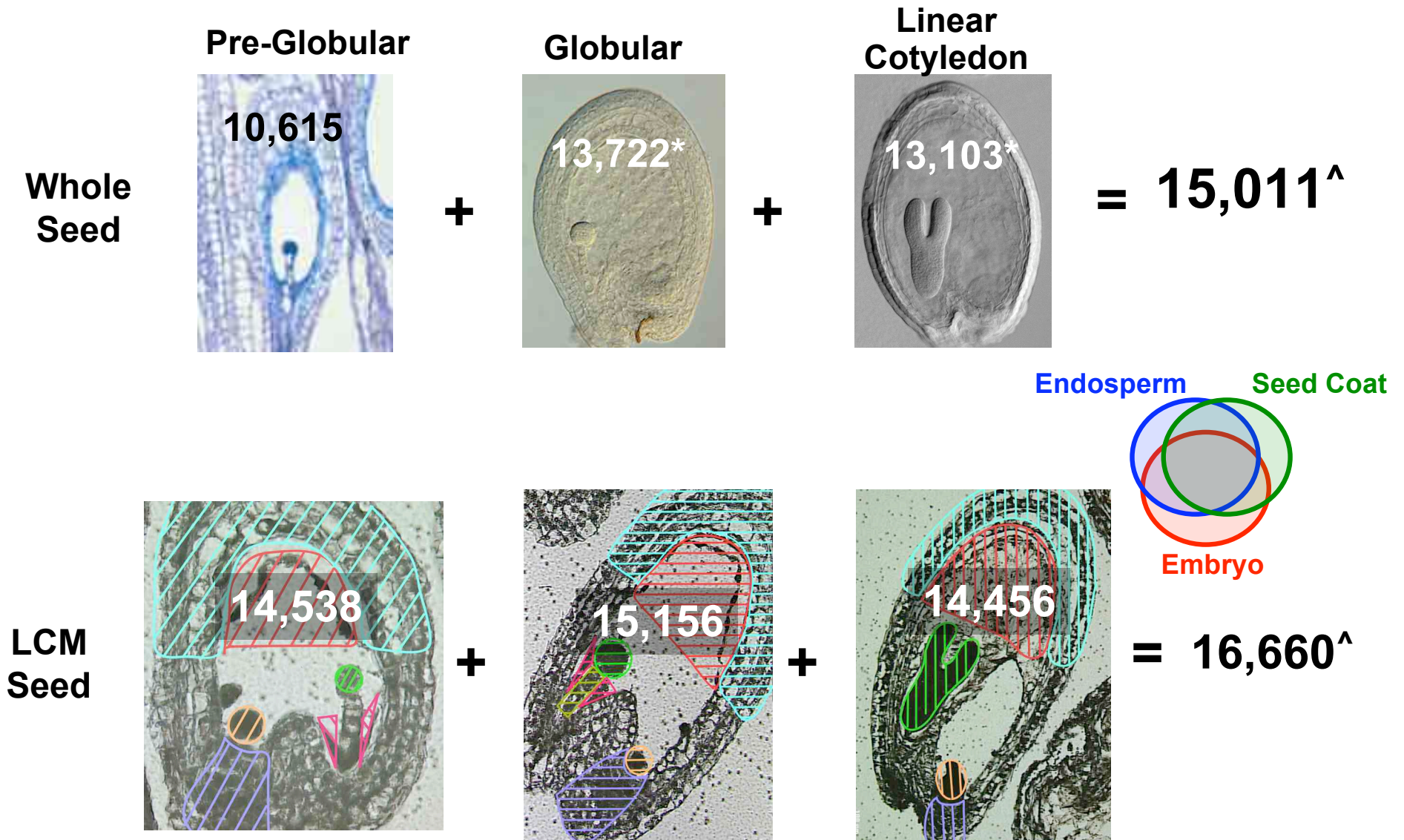


	GSC	PE	MPE	EP	S	CHE	CHSC
mRNA Present BR1	11,402	11,445	7,844	10,532	11,273	7,709	12,440
mRNA Present BR2	12,316	9,972	10,658	10,674	12,965	7,002	11,818
mRNA Present BR3	-					9,793	-
Total mRNAs	10,513	9,136	7,216	9,130	10,692	7,776	10,794
Unique mRNA	108	54	14	56	95	133	152
Unique TFs	16	3	0	17	8	10	26
Shared	4,028	—————→					

Quantitative Regulation of Transcripts Shared by Arabidopsis Globular-Stage Seed Compartments



How Many Genes Are Active in Arabidopsis During Early Seed Development?

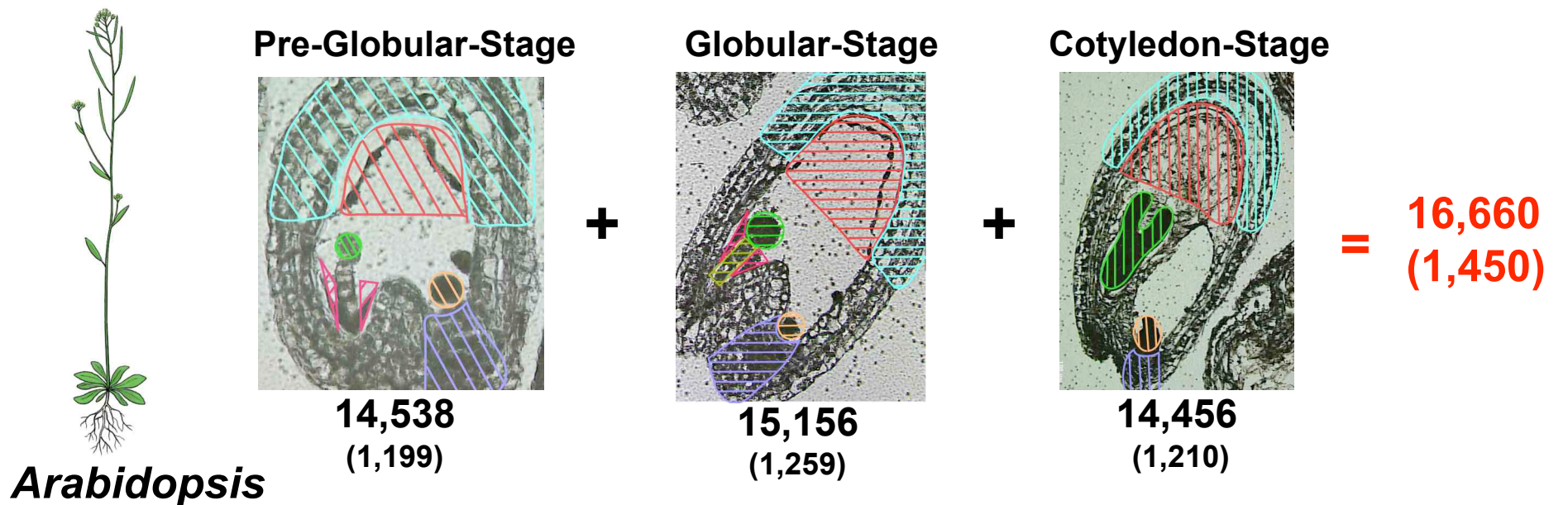
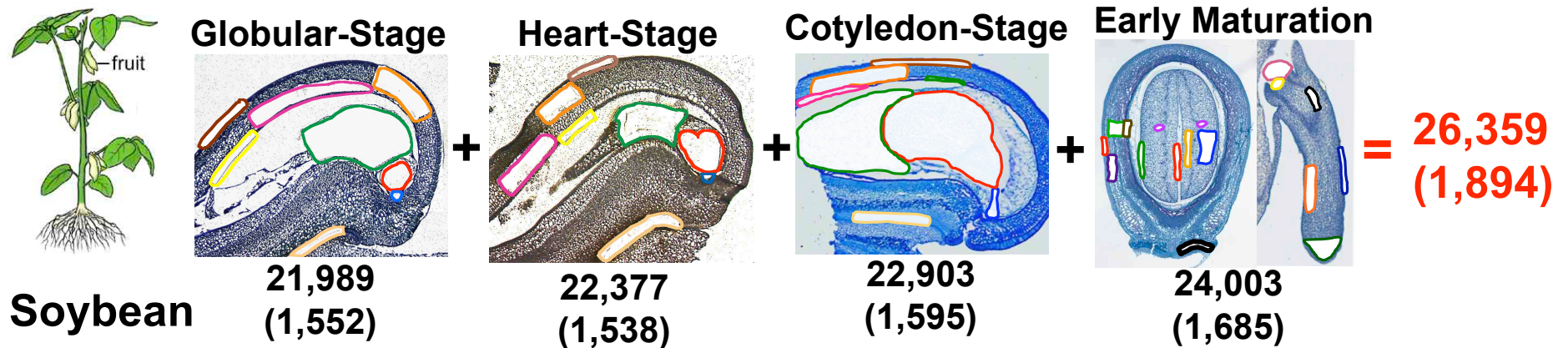


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[^] **Note: Minimum Numbers (82% Whole Genome Chip & Detection Limit)**

How Many Genes Are Required to Program Seed Development?

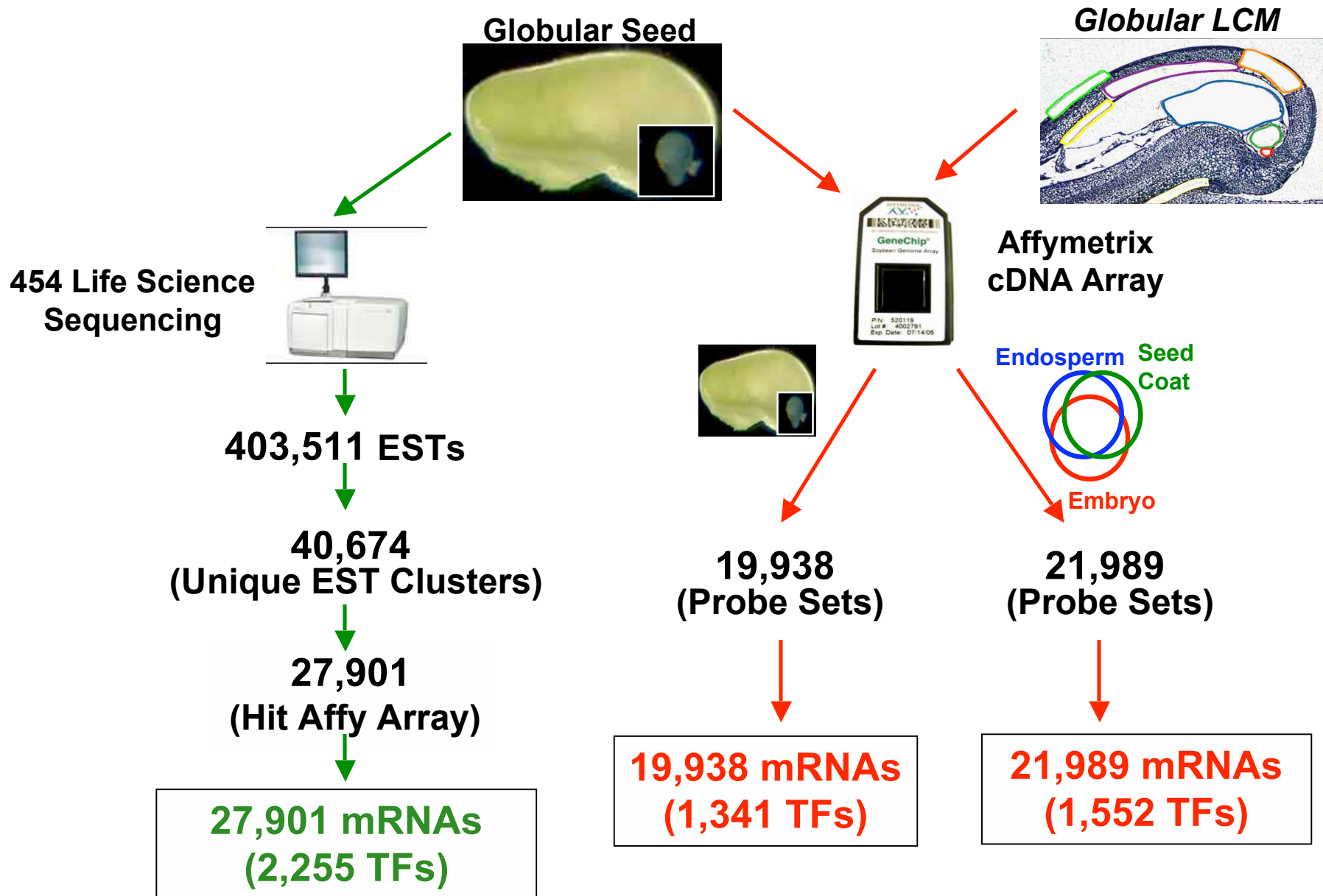
- Comparison of Soybean and Arabidopsis -



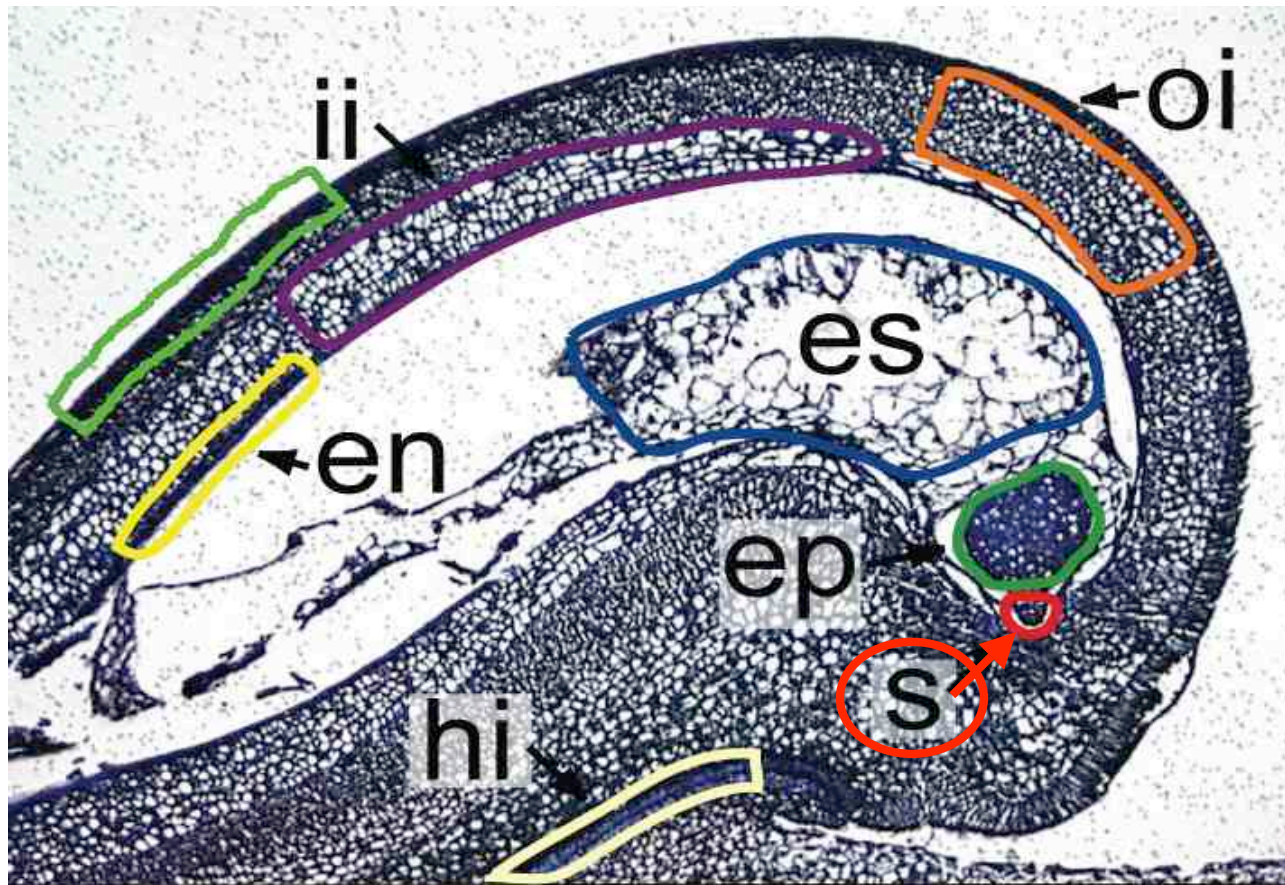
Note: Minimum Numbers

(Transcription Factors)

Are There Additional Genes Active in Soybean Seeds?



What Are the Regulatory Networks That Activate Genes in Different Seed Compartments?



For Example.... in the Suspensor after Fertilization?

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The End.....or Is It the Beginning?



A Giant Seed!

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