



***WHAT ARE THE GENES
REQUIRED TO MAKE A SEED?
IMPORTANCE FOR FOOD,
FUEL, & ENGINEERING NEW
CROPS***

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5/21/08***



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 BRADSHER
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

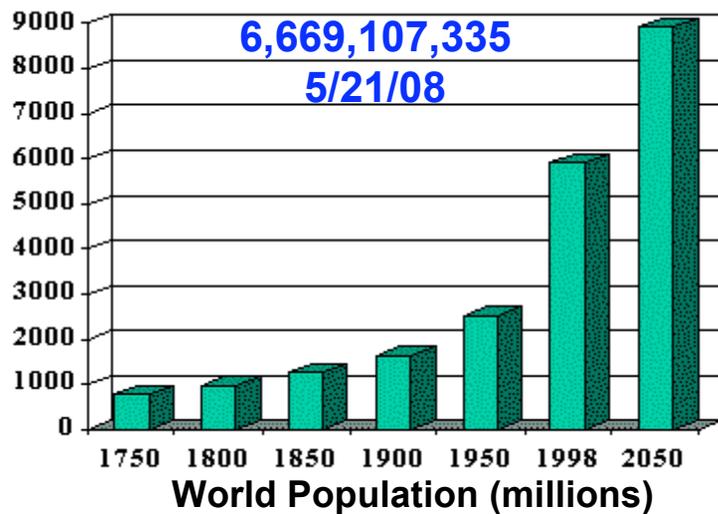
Newsweek

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

Riots, instability spread as food prices skyrocket

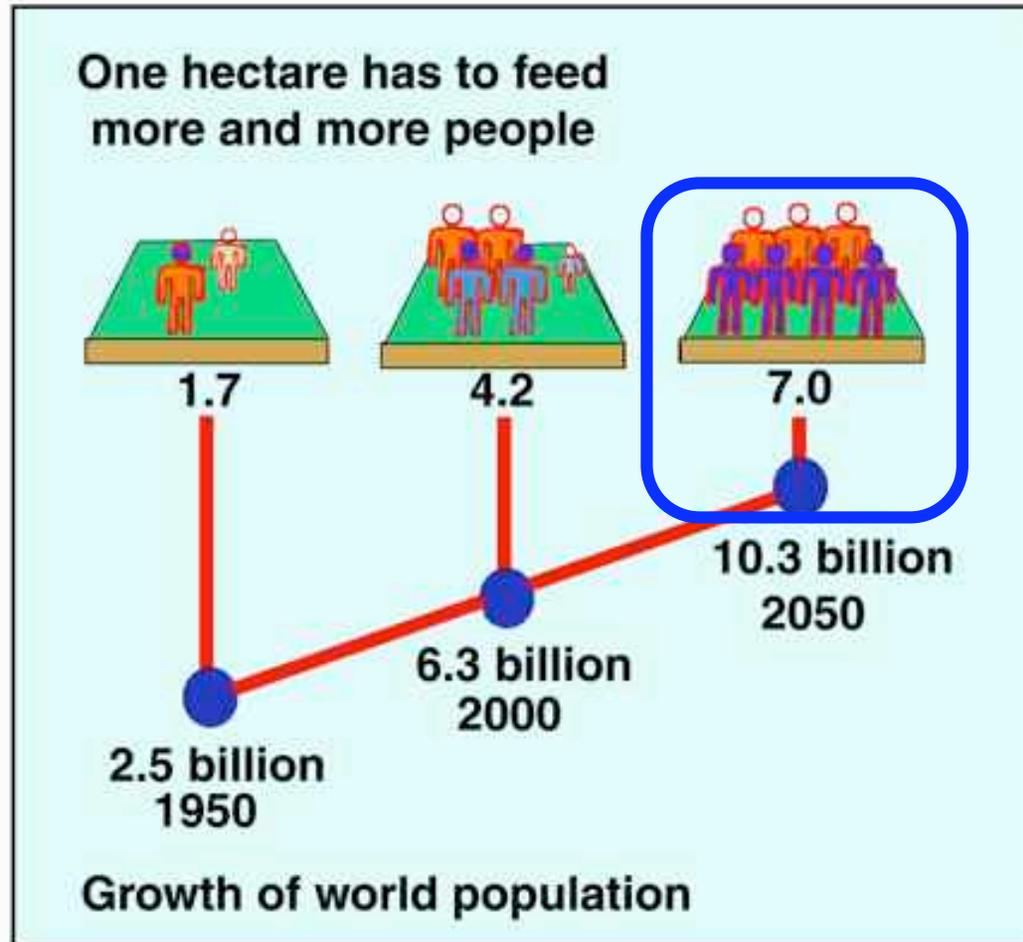
The Washington Post

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



OVER 50 YEARS WE WILL NEED TO PRODUCE MORE FOOD THAN IN THE WHOLE OF HUMAN HISTORY -- AND DO IT ON THE SAME (or less) AMOUNT OF ARABLE LAND!!!!

There is a Limited Amount of Agricultural Land in the World



Without Increases in Crop Yield We Will Need to Farm Every “Square Inch” of Land on the Earth To Feed Our Growing Population !!!

Aerial Photograph of UCLA in 1929

*There Were 18,000 Farms in Los Angeles County in 1930!!!
From 1901 to 1950 Los Angeles County Was the Largest Agricultural Producing County in the US!!!
By Contrast, There Were Only 1,800 Farms in Yolo County!!*



Aerial Photograph of UCLA in 2008



Bel-Air

Beverly Hills

Former Farms

Sunset Blvd.

Hilgard Blvd.

*Original Agricultural College
and Citrus/Avocado Orchard*

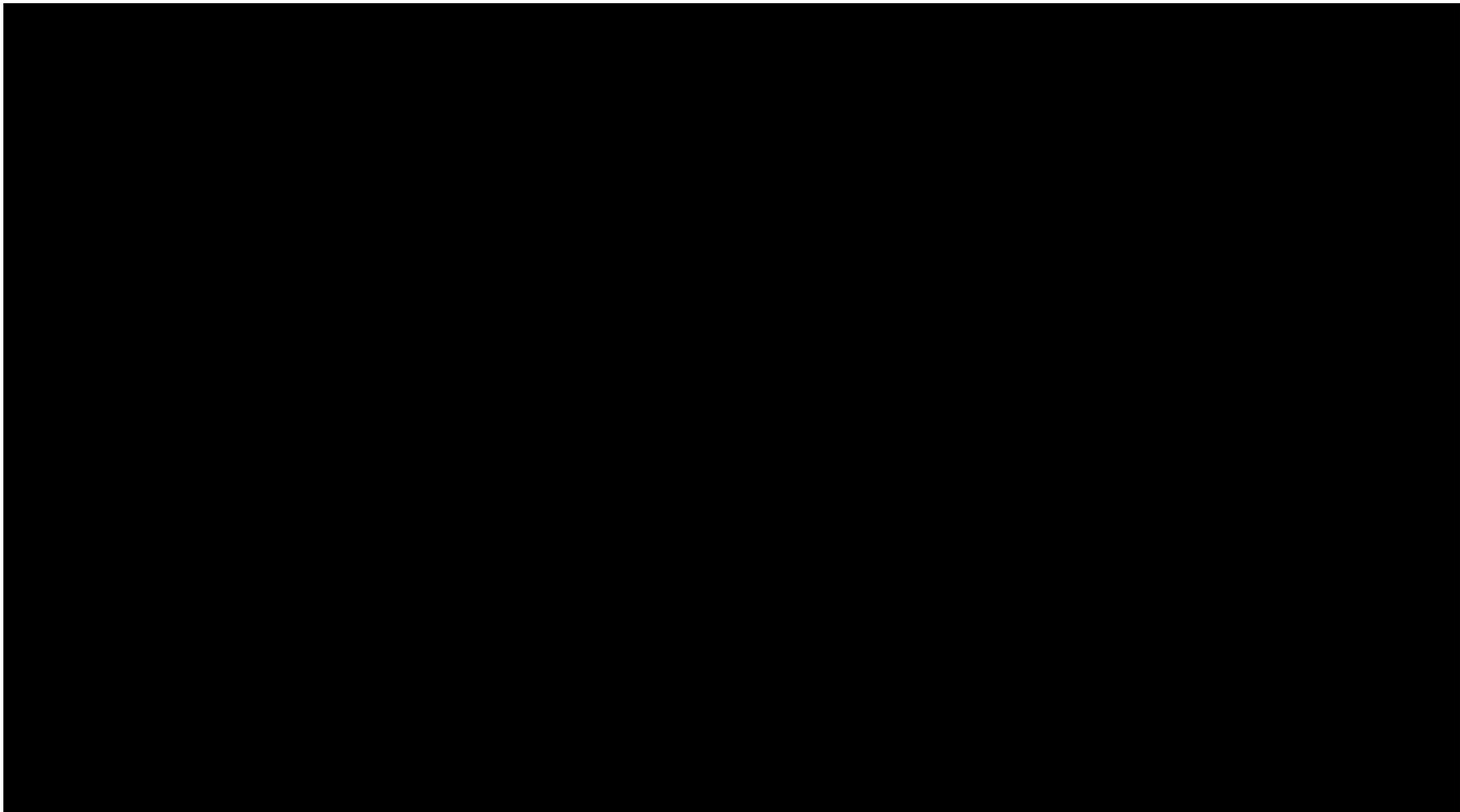
Westwood Blvd.

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Technologies

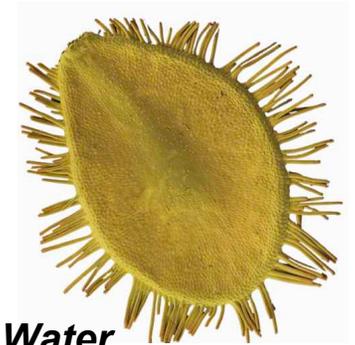
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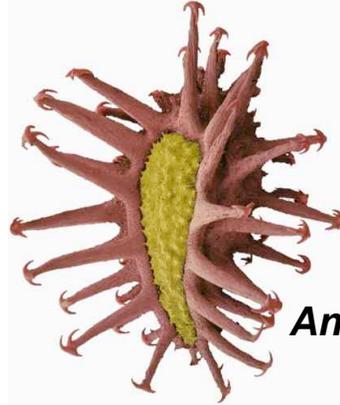
And.....There's Also A Problem With Using Land For Energy Production.....



So.....Why Seeds??



Water



Animals



Wind



***Seeds Protect and Disperse Plant Embryos
and Come in Many Shapes and Sizes!***

Seeds Are Used in Many Ways as Food, Beverages, Spices, and Fuels!



Beans



Peas



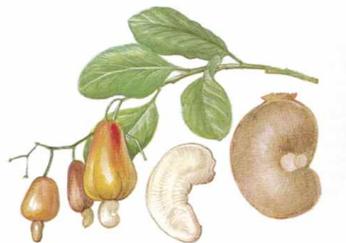
Wheat



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



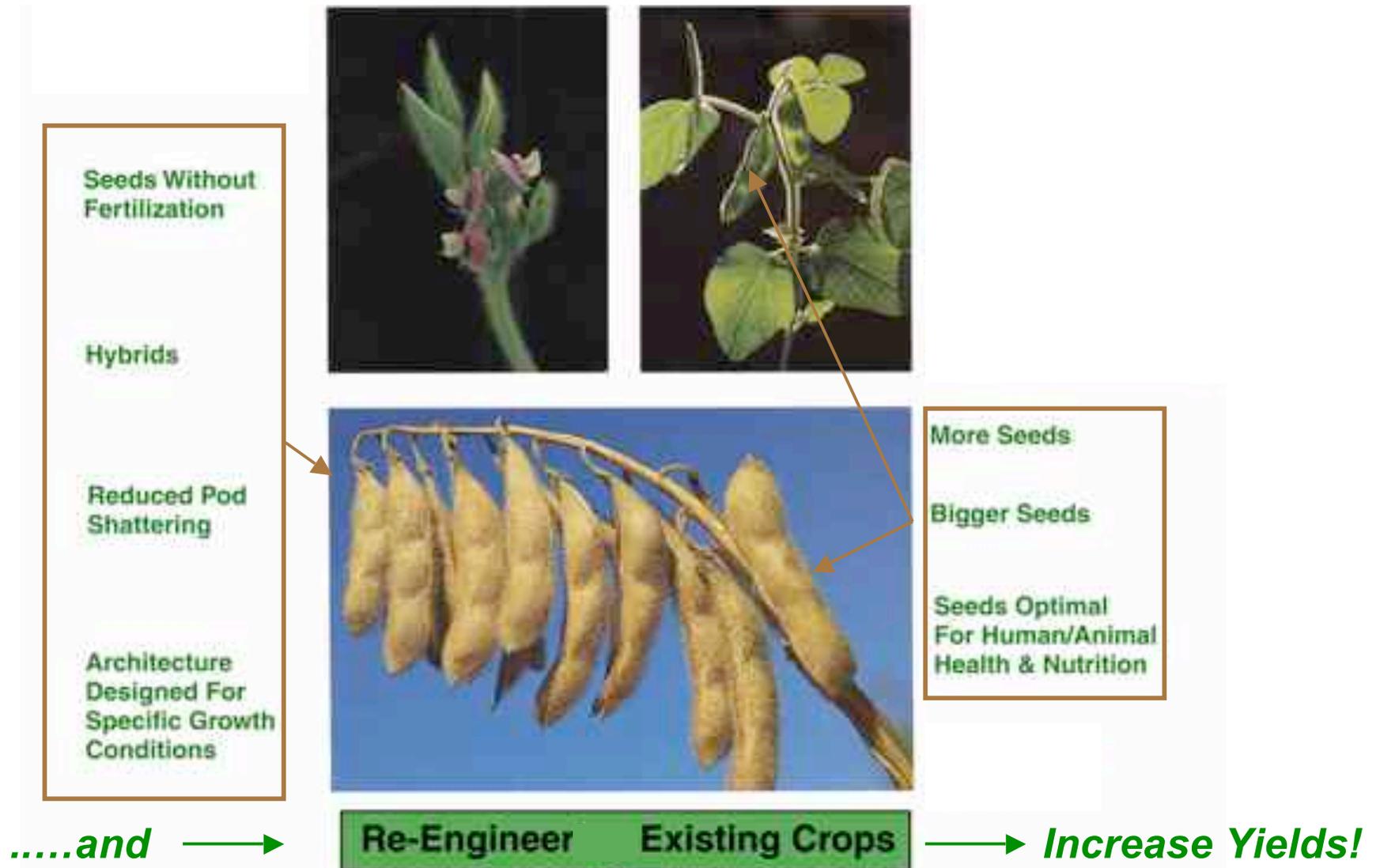
- ***Wheat***
- ***Rice***
- ***Corn***
- ***Barley***
- ***Sorghum***
- ***Soybean***
- ***Common Bean***
- ***Coconut***

Non-Seed Crops

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

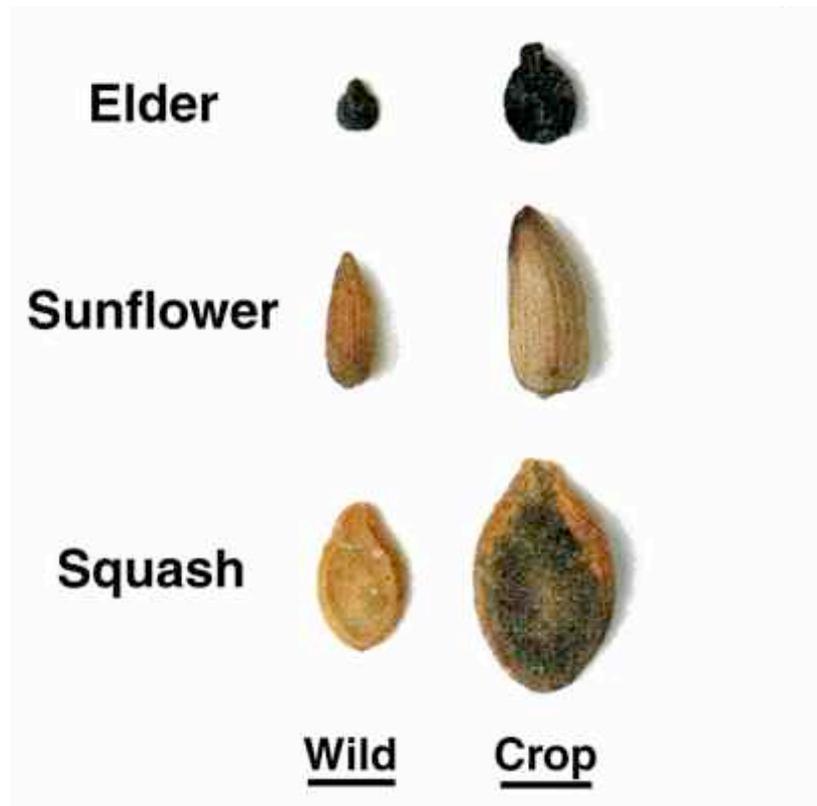
In Some World Populations 75% of Calories Are Derived From Seeds!

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!)

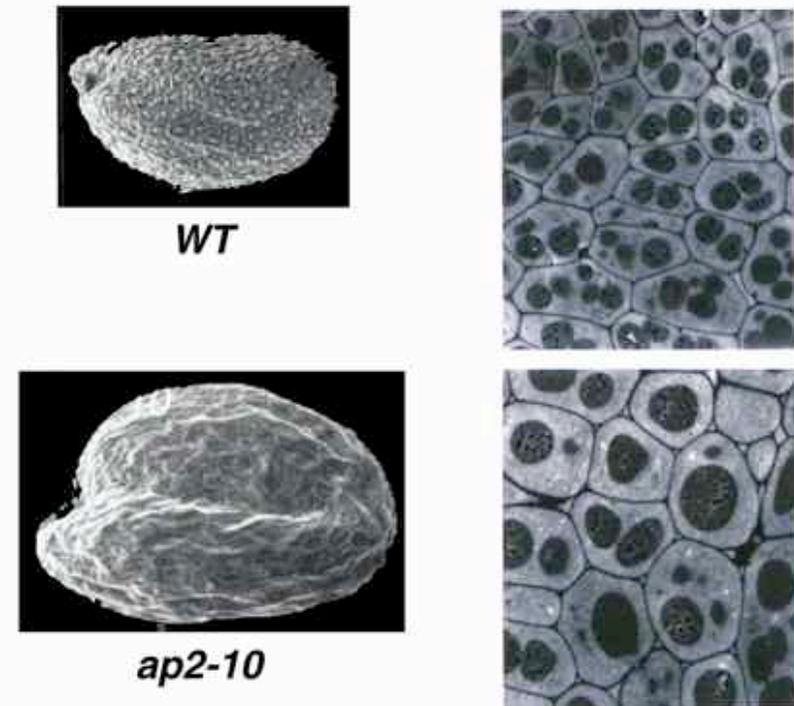


Engineering For Seed Yield Is Not New

Engineering Bigger Seeds 10,000 Years Ago



Engineering Bigger Seeds Today

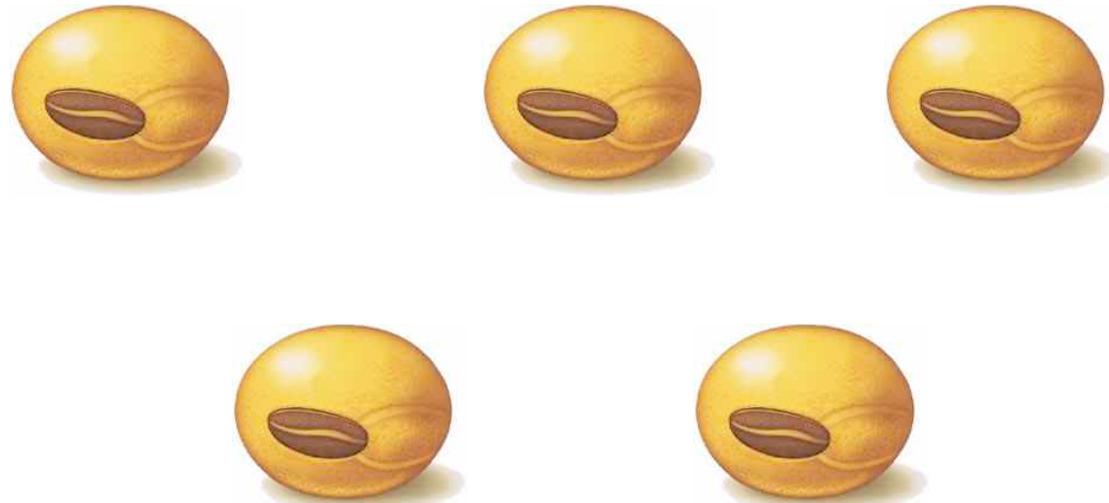


But Need to Identify the Critical Genes

Our American Ancestors, 10,000 BC

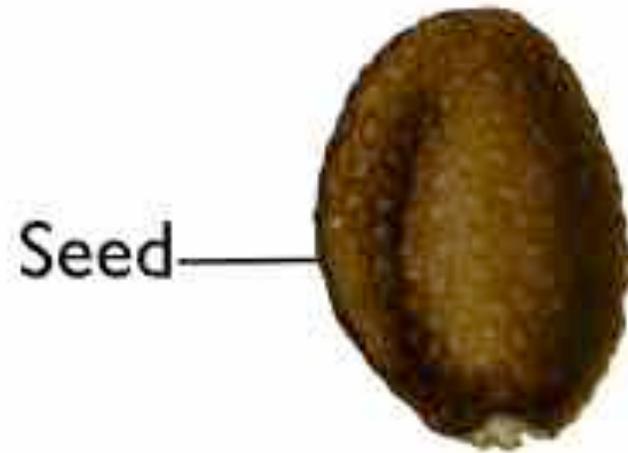
Jofuku et al., PNAS, 2005

How Is a Seed Formed?

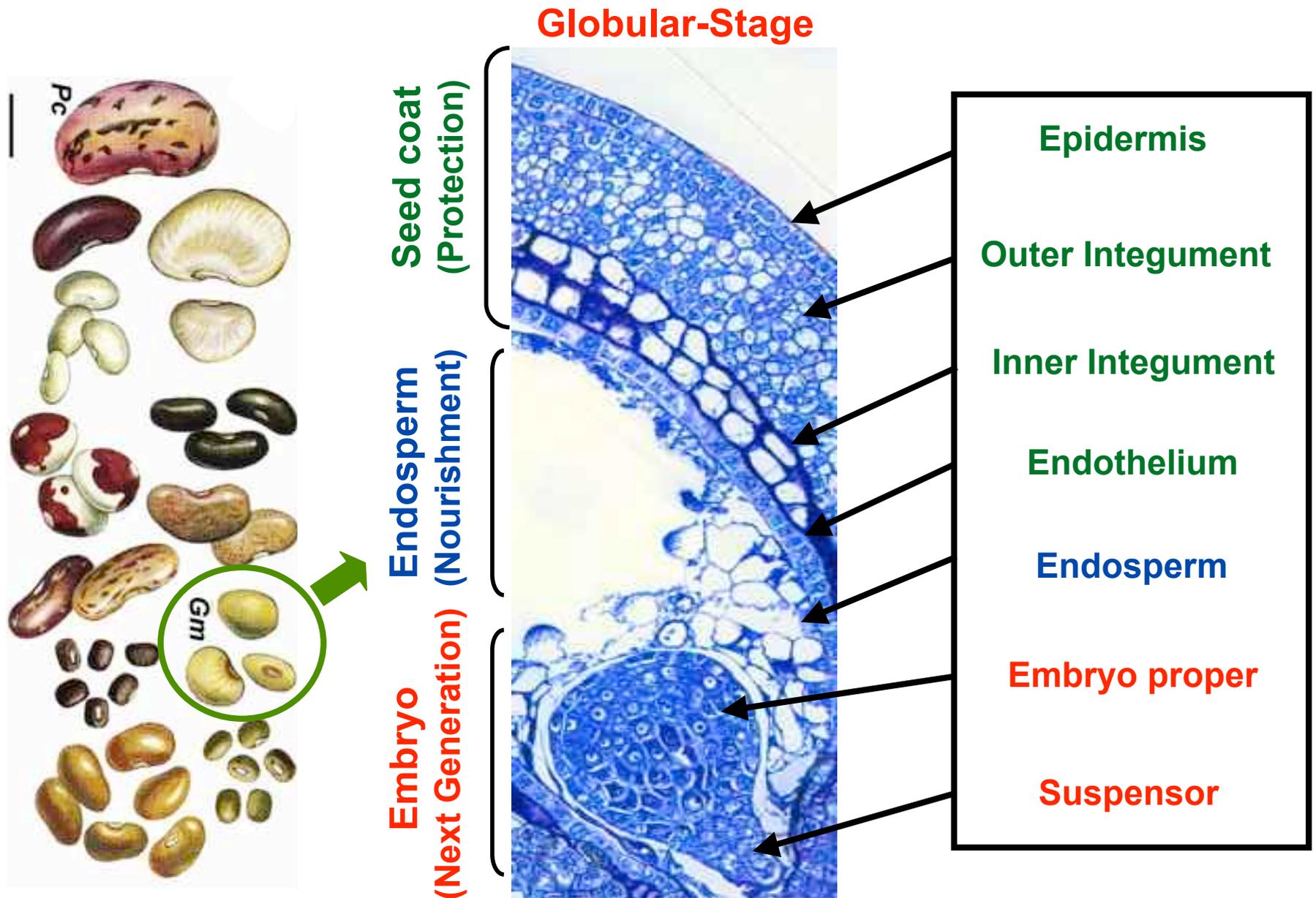


***Remember..... a Seed Contains the Mature, Dormant Embryo
That is the Next Plant Generation***

In the Beginning....

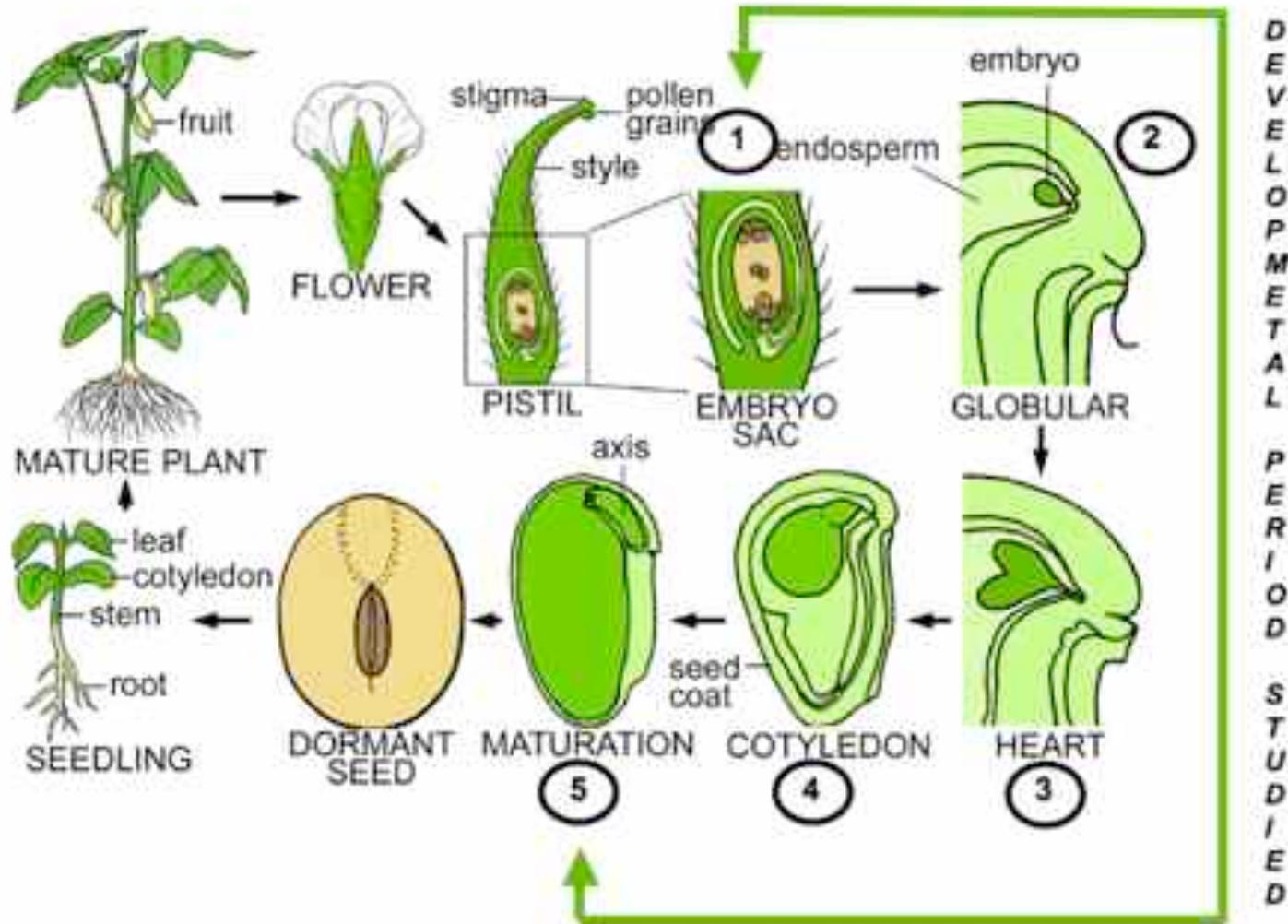


What Are the Genes Required to Make a Seed?

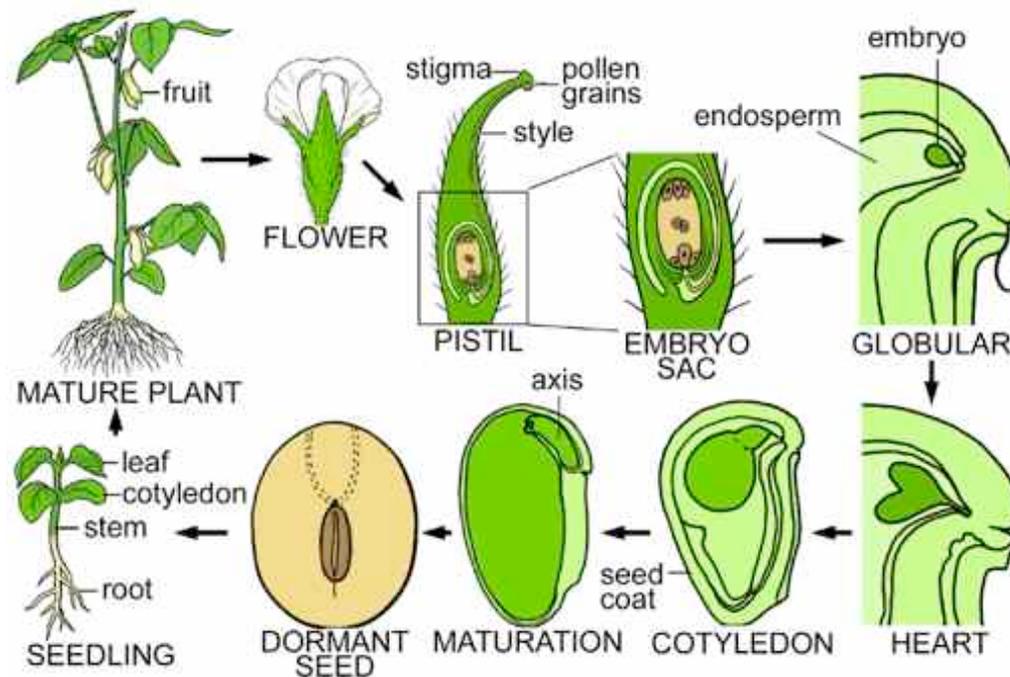


And How Are They Wired in a Plant Genome?

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



Major Seed Biology Questions Discussed Today



- ***What Is the Nature of Seed-Specific Regulators?***
- ***How Many Genes Required to Make an Entire Seed?***
- ***What DNA Sequences Are Required For Seed Region-Specific Transcription?***

Using a Model Plant To Uncover Genes Important For Seed Development

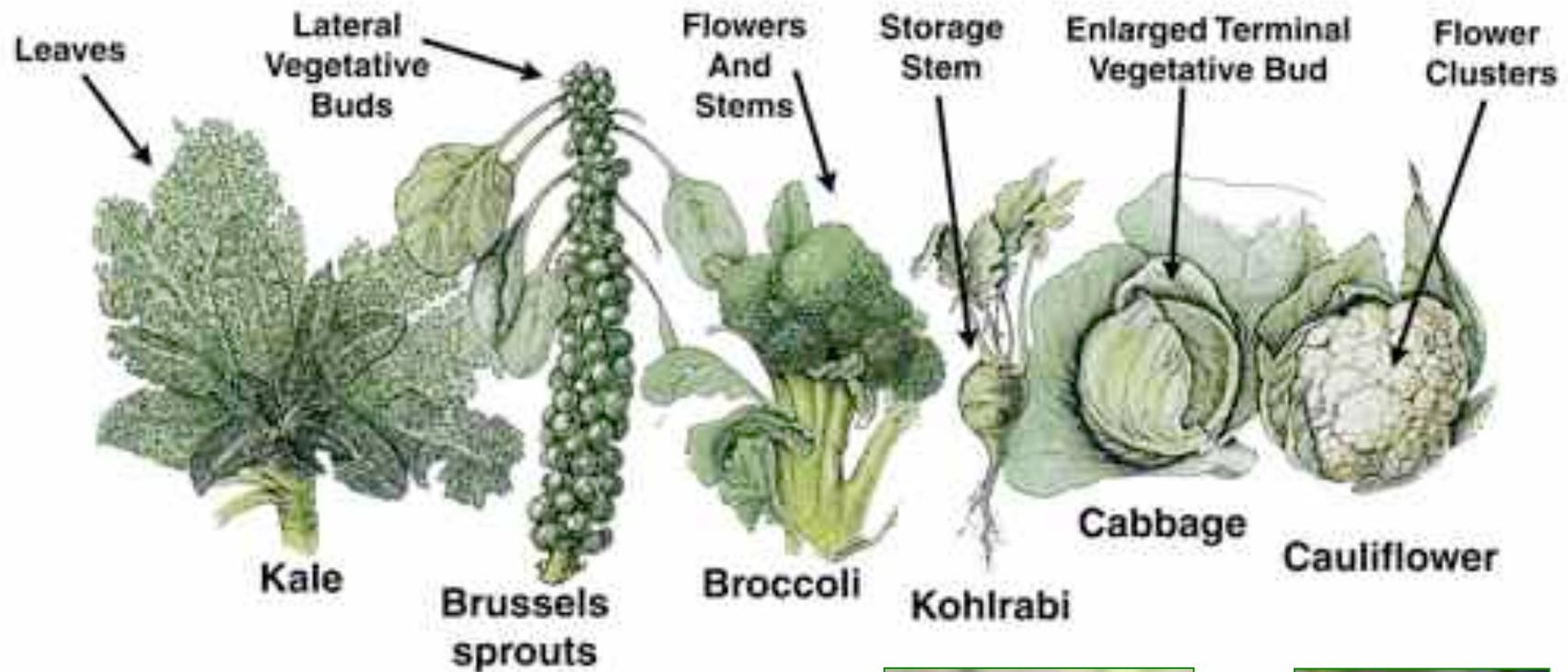


A. ROCKENTRAY, TURBITIS GLABRA L.
B. BACKTRAY, ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA BJ SCHUB.



Arabidopsis - A Model "Crop" and Relative of.....

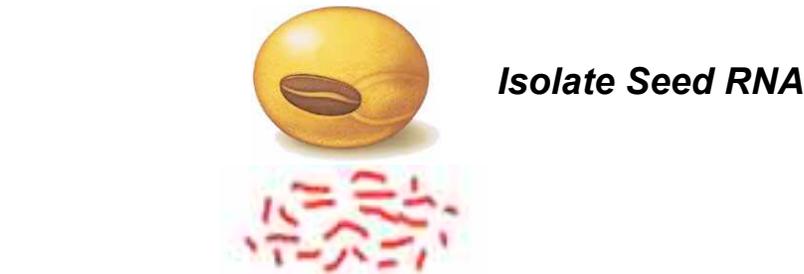
.....Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage, and Brussels Sprouts



.....Brassicacae or Cruciferae



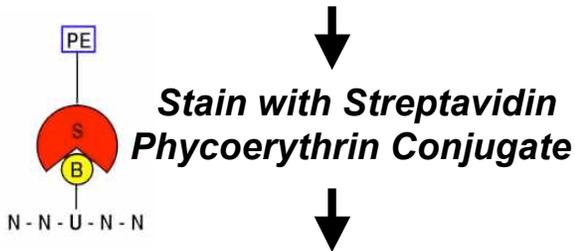
Using Genomics & GeneChips to Analyze mRNA Populations



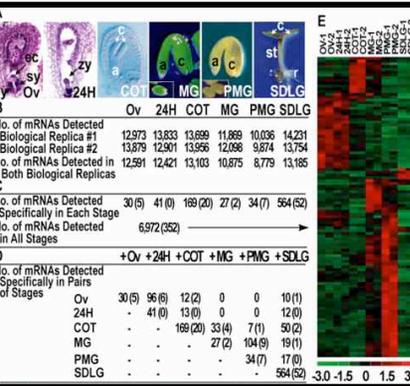
Synthesize Biotinylated cRNA probes



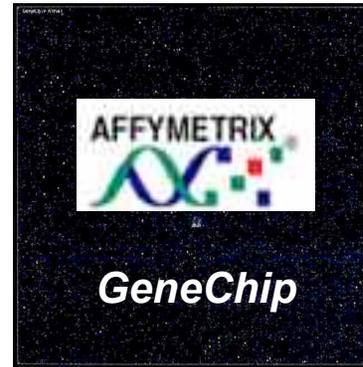
Wash Off Unhybridized cRNA Probe



Scan @ Excitation Wavelength of 488nm

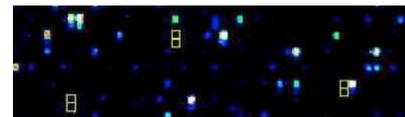


Data Analysis



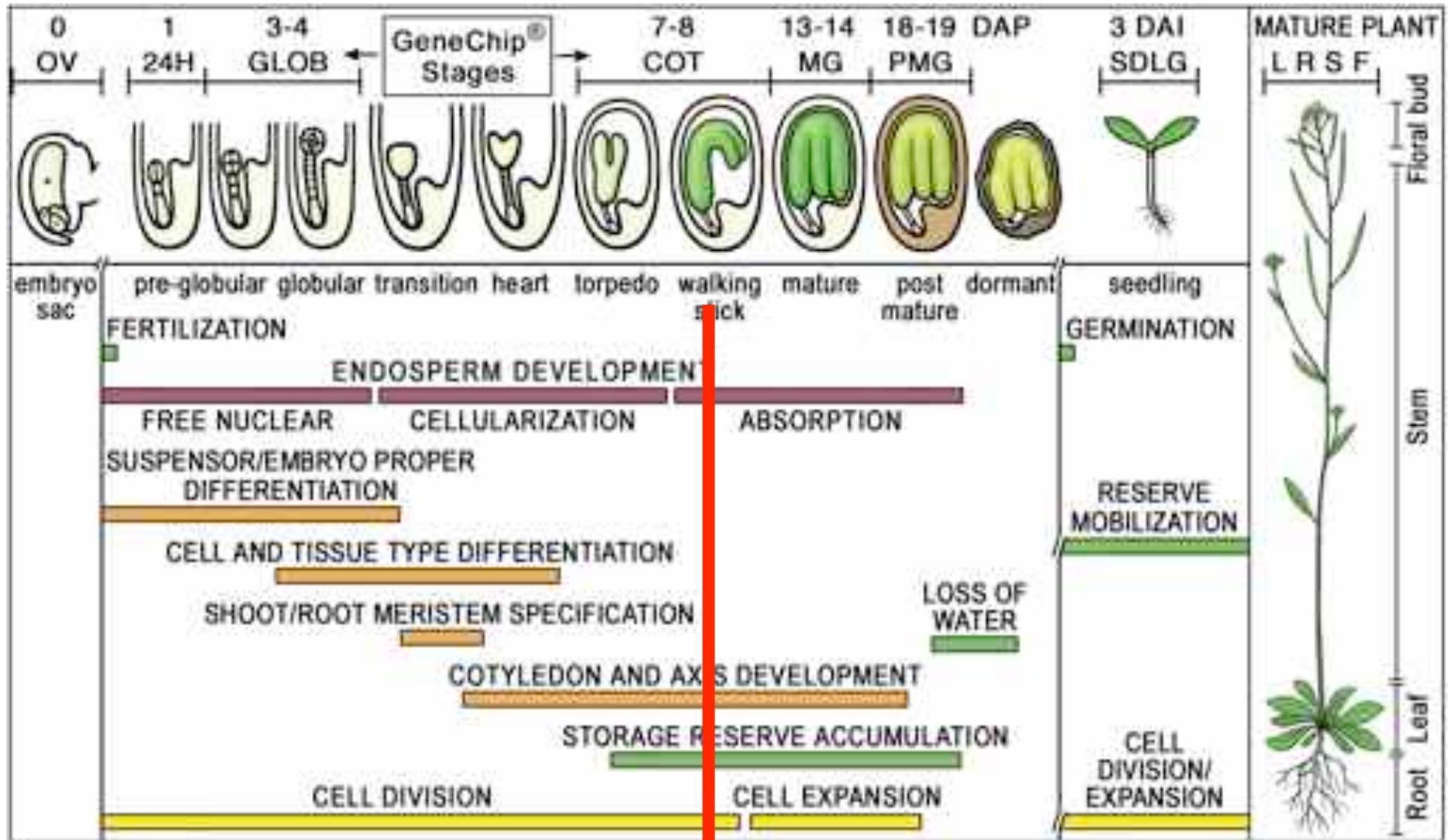
~ 22,800 Arabidopsis Genes (~82% of Genome)

~ 30,000 Soybean Genes (~50% of Genome)



(Eleven 25-mer/gene) Scattered probe pairs

Genome-Wide Profiling of mRNAs During the Entire Arabidopsis Life Cycle



Differentiation

Prepare For Dormancy & Germination

Gene Activity Before, During, And After Arabidopsis Seed Development



SEED DEVELOPMENT



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sdlg-2
mg-1
mg-2
pmg-1
pmg-2



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Unique mRNAs	22	16	100	50	26	31	505
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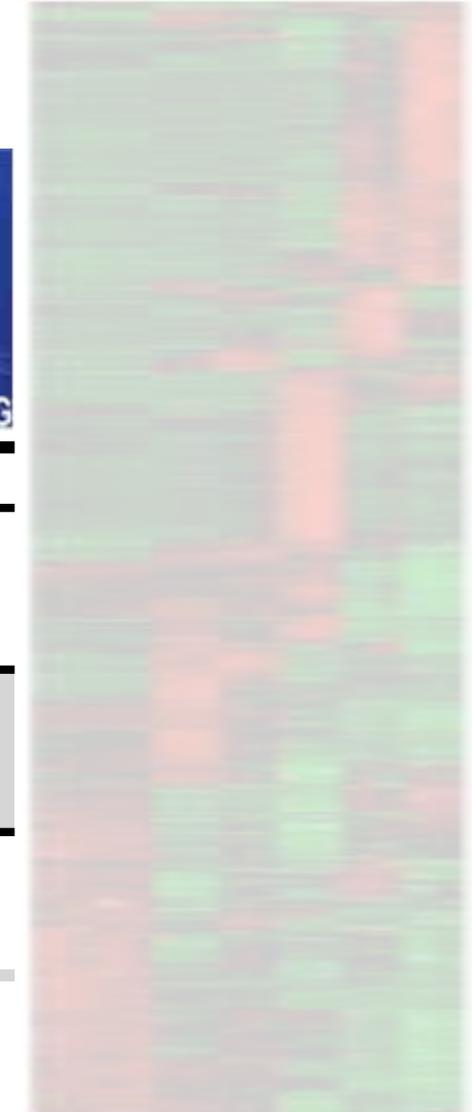
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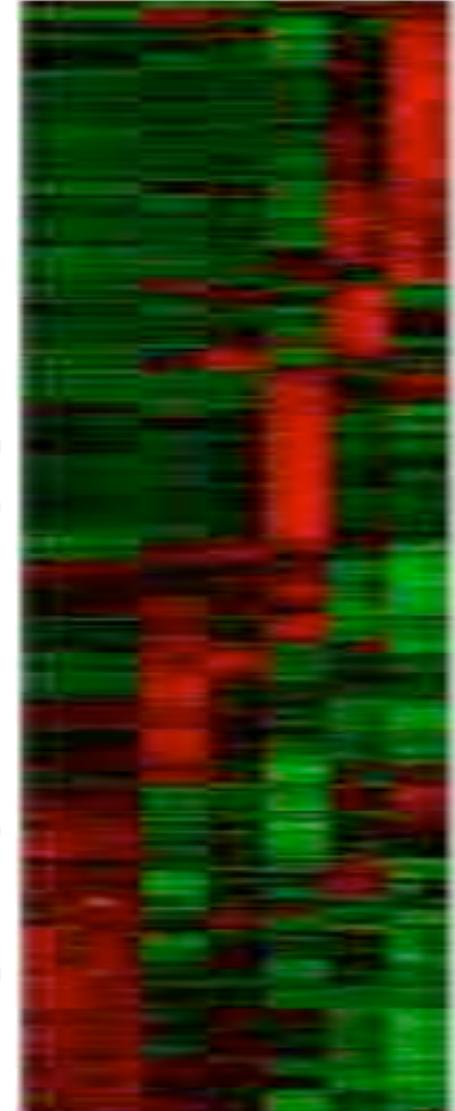


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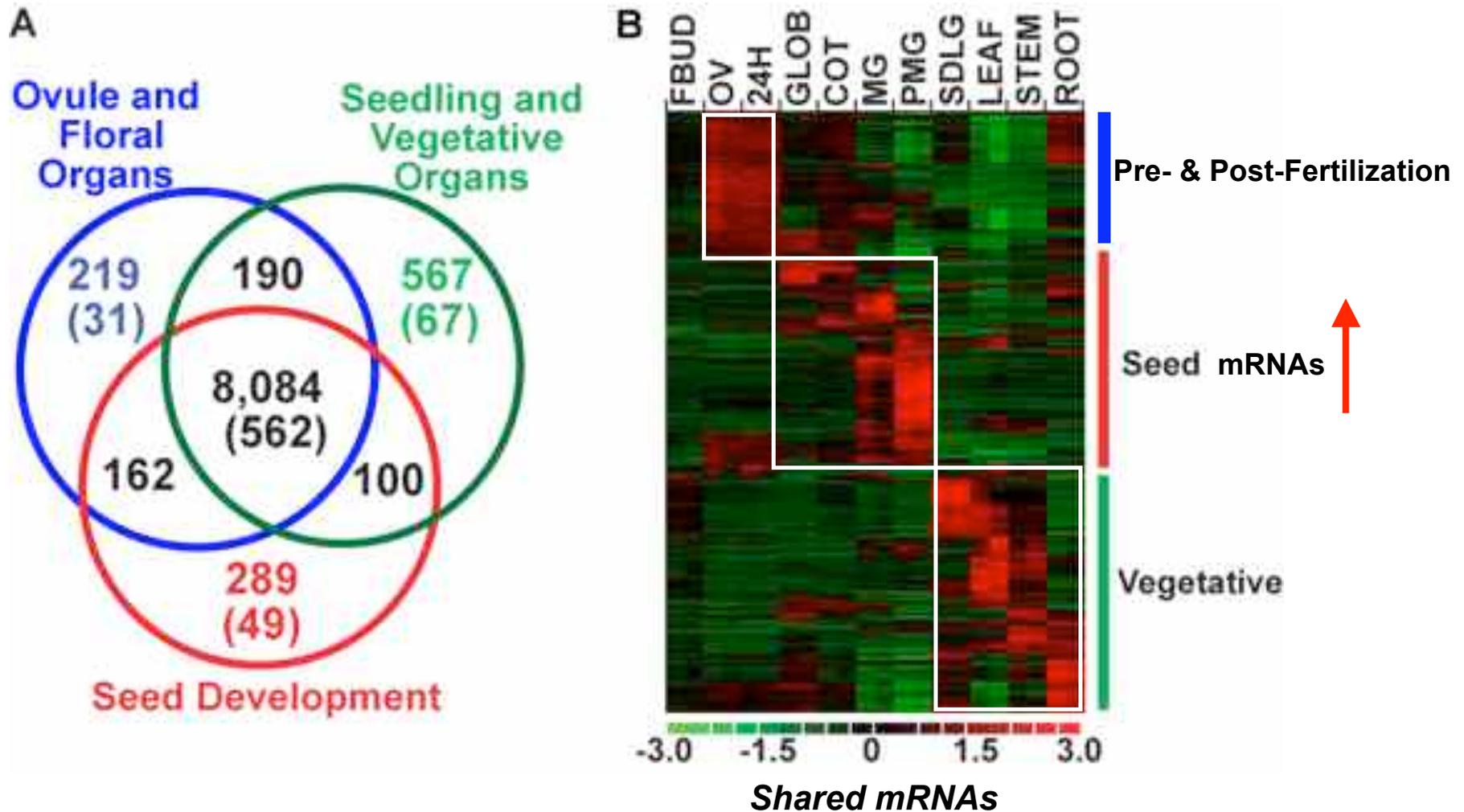
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Are There Seed-Specific Genes That May Play a Critical Role in Programming Seed Development?



Identification of Seed-Specific mRNAs in the Arabidopsis Life Cycle



...at the GeneChip Level!!

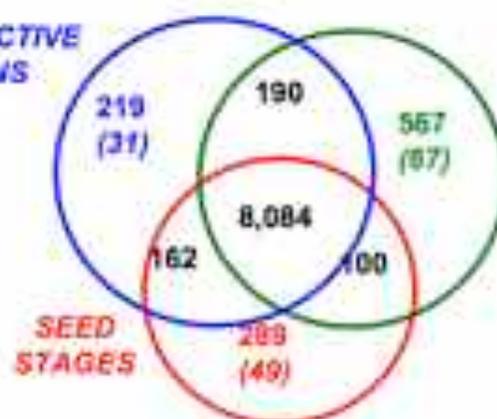
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Identification of "Seed-Specific" Transcription Factor mRNAs

	ABI2-VP1
(G,C)	• LEC2
(G,C,M,PM)	• FU53
(C,M)	B3 Family TF
	AP2EREBP
(PM)	• AP2 Domain Protein
(C,M,PM)	Aintegumenta-Like 7
	ARF
(G)	• ARF21
	ARR-B
(G,C)	ARR19
(C)	• ARR21 / ARR13
(24H,G,C,M,PM)	• ARR22
	AS2
(C,M)	LOB Domain Protein 18
(G)	LOB Domain Protein 35
	ATX-IAA
(24H,G,C,M)	IAA31
	Basic Leucine Zipper
(C,M,PM)	• AthZIP67; DPBF2
(C)	• AthZIP72
(G,C)	AthZIP15
	CCAAT-Box
(G,C)	• LEC1
(G,C,M)	• L1L
(G)	HAP5A-Like
	Heat Shock
(G,C)	• HSF1-Like
(PM)	• Heat Shock TF

* Mutation in these genes affects or disrupts embryonic/seed development (13)

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	Homeobox
(G,C,M)	Homeodomain Protein
(G,C)	• ATML1-Like
(G,C)	• Homeodomain Protein
	MADS-Box
(M,PM)	• MADS-Box TF
(M,PM)	• MADS-Box TF
(G,C)	AGL33
(G)	AGL35
(G)	AGL36
(G)	AGL45
(G)	AGL57
(G)	AGL91
	MYB
(M,PM)	AiMYB107
(C)	• Myb-Related Protein
(PM)	• AiMYB67; AiY53
(G,C)	• Myb-Related Protein

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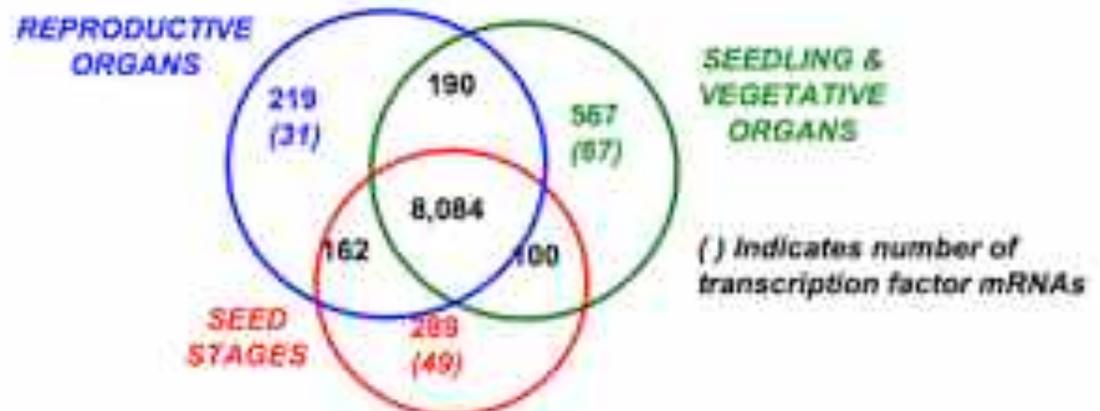
(G,C)	Myb-Related Protein
	NAC Domain
(C)	No Apical Meristem (NAM)
	Polycomb Group
(M)	• MEDEA
(PM)	CCHC-Type Family Protein
	WRKY
(G)	• WRKY10; MIND
	Zinc Finger
(C,M,PM)	• PE11
(G)	C2H2-Type Zinc Finger
(G,C)	C2H2-Type Zinc Finger
(G,C)	C3HC4-Type RING Finger
(G)	C3HC4-Type RING Finger
(G,C)	Dof-Type Zinc Finger
(24H,G)	RABBIT EARS (RBE)
	Unclassified
(C)	SAP; Sterile Apetala

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

Identification of "Seed-Specific" Transcription Factor mRNAs

	ABD-VF1
(G.C)	LEC2
(G.C.M)	FUS3
(C.M)	B2 Family TF
	AP2/ERF1
(P)	AP2 Domain Protein
(C.M.P)	Asparaginase-Like 7
	ARF
(C)	ARF21
	ARF 2
(G.C)	ARF19
(C)	ARF21 / ARF23
(M.H.G.C.M.P)	ARF12
	AR2
(C)	LOB Domain Protein 1B
(C)	LOB Domain Protein 3E
	ARF44A
(H.I.C.M)	GA11
	Basic Leucine Zipper
(C.M.P)	ARF161, DPOF2
(C)	ARFPT2
(G.C)	ARF16
	CCAAT-Box
(G.C)	LEC1
(G.C.M)	L1L
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	Heat Shock
(G.C)	HSP70-Like
(P)	Heat Shock TF

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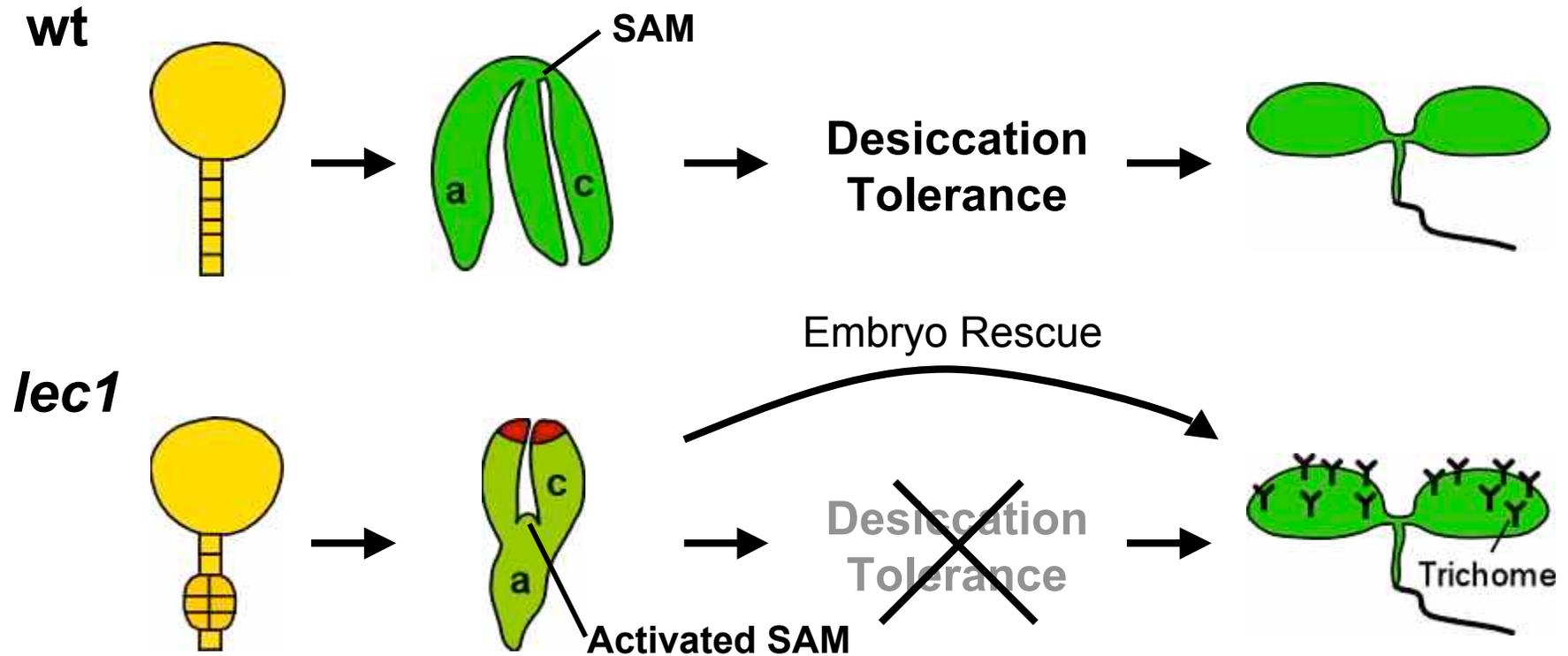
	Heterodimer
(C.C.M)	Heterodimer Protein
(G.C)	ATN1-Like
(G.C)	Heterodimer Protein
	MYB-Like
(C.P)	MYB-Box TF
(C.P)	MYB-Box TF
(G.C)	ARL35
(C)	ARL35
(C)	ARL35
(C)	ARL45
(C)	ARL27
(C)	ARL31
	MYB
(C.P)	ARF102
(C)	Myb-Related Protein
(P)	ARF102, AR102
(G.C)	Myb-Related Protein

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(C)	Myb-Related Protein
	BAC Domain
(C)	Site-Specific Nucleosome (NSM)
	Polysome-Drop
(P)	MYB4
(P)	COHC-Type Family Protein
	WRKY
(P)	WRKY5, WRK5
	Zinc Finger
(C.M.P)	PE1
(P)	ZINC-Type Zinc Finger
(C)	ZINC-Type Zinc Finger
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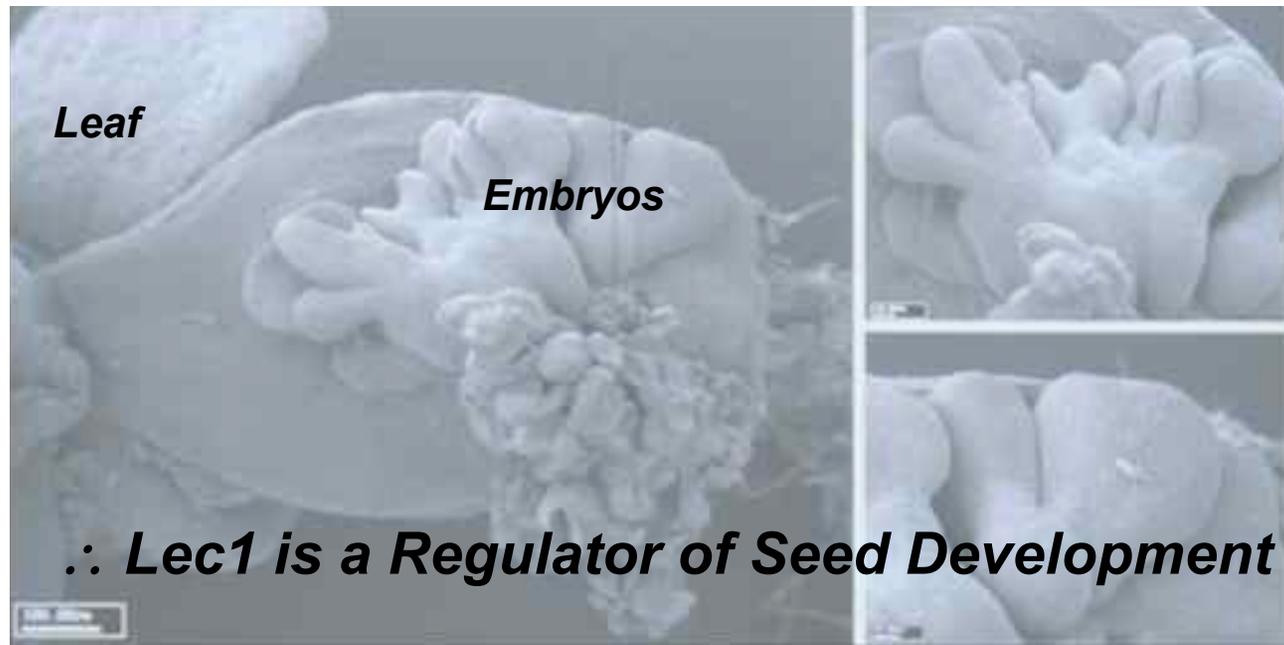
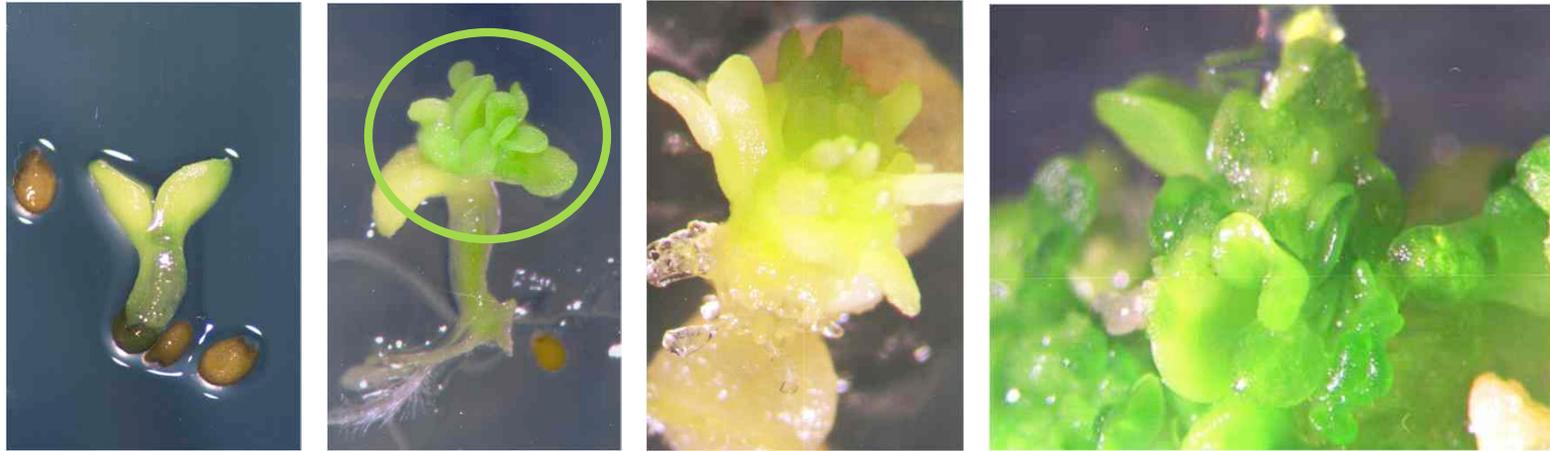
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leafy cotyledon1 (lec1) Mutants Disrupt Seed Development



- *Suppression of Suspensor Embryonic Potential*
- *Development of Cotyledon Identity*
- *Initiation and Maintenance of Seed Maturation*
- *Inhibition Germination*

Lec1 Induces Embryo Development on Engineered Leaves!!

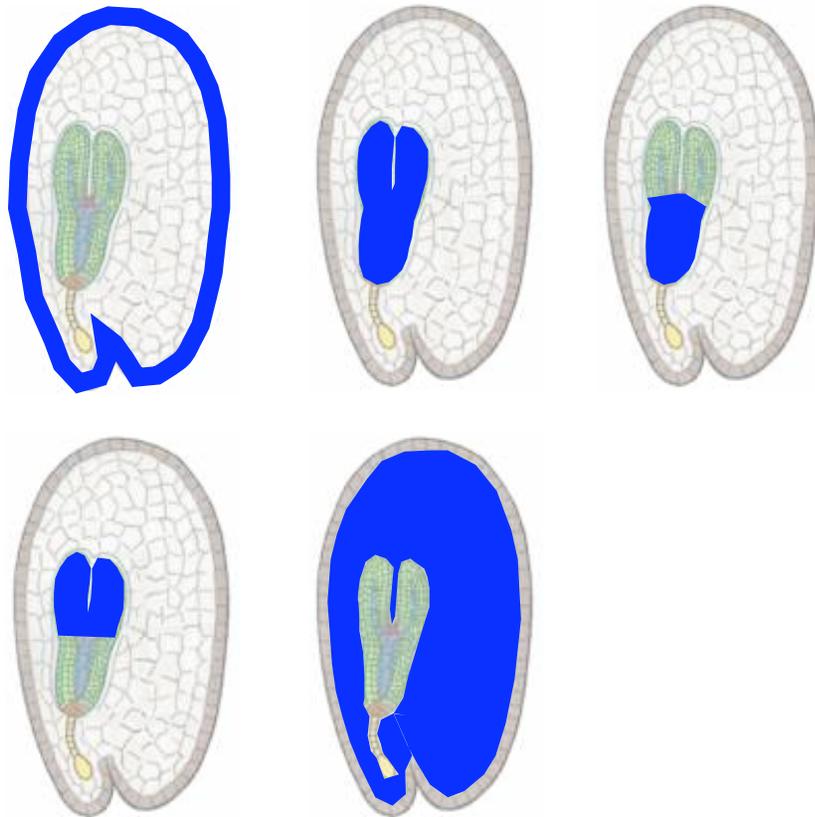


Lotan et al., Cell, 1998; Lee et al., PNAS, 2003; Kwong et al., Plant Cell, 2003

Where Are Seed-Specific Genes Active Within the Seed?

Chimeric Reporter Gene

Transform Arabidopsis



Observe Promoter Activity

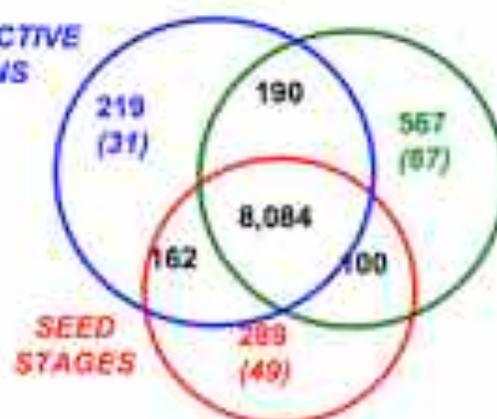


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(G,C,M)	ARID3F2
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(G,C,M,PM)	Fu63
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	AP2/EREBP
(PM)	AP2 Domain Protein
(G,C,PM)	Asparaginase-Like 7
	ARE
(G)	ARF21
	ARF2
(G,C)	ARF19
(G)	ARF21 / ARF23
(G,H,I,C,M,PM)	ARF12
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(G)	LOB Domain Protein 32
	ARF18
(H,I,C,M)	LA11
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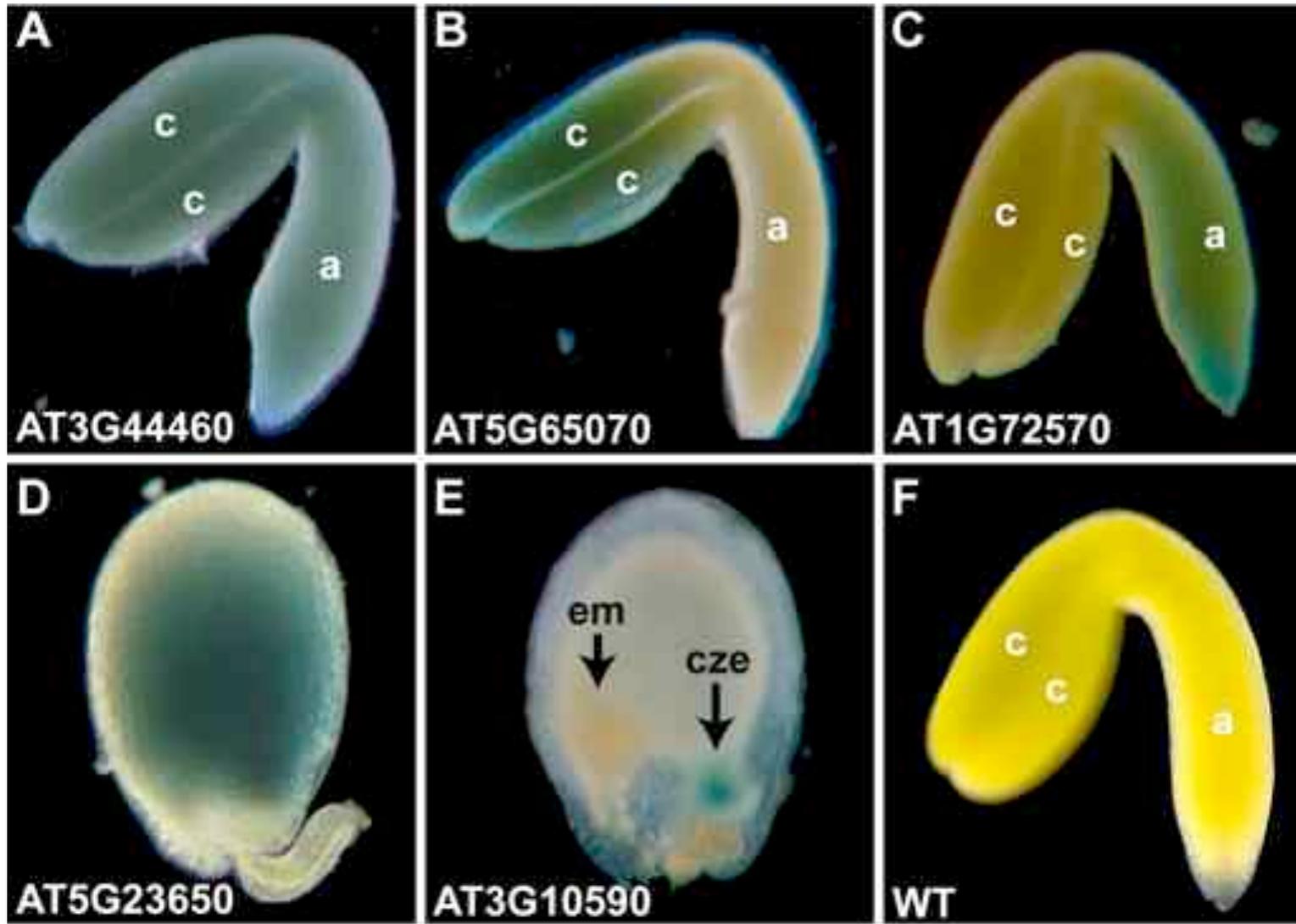
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(G)	AGL36
(G)	AGL45
(G)	AGL27
(G)	AGL21
	MYB
(M,PM)	AtMYB107
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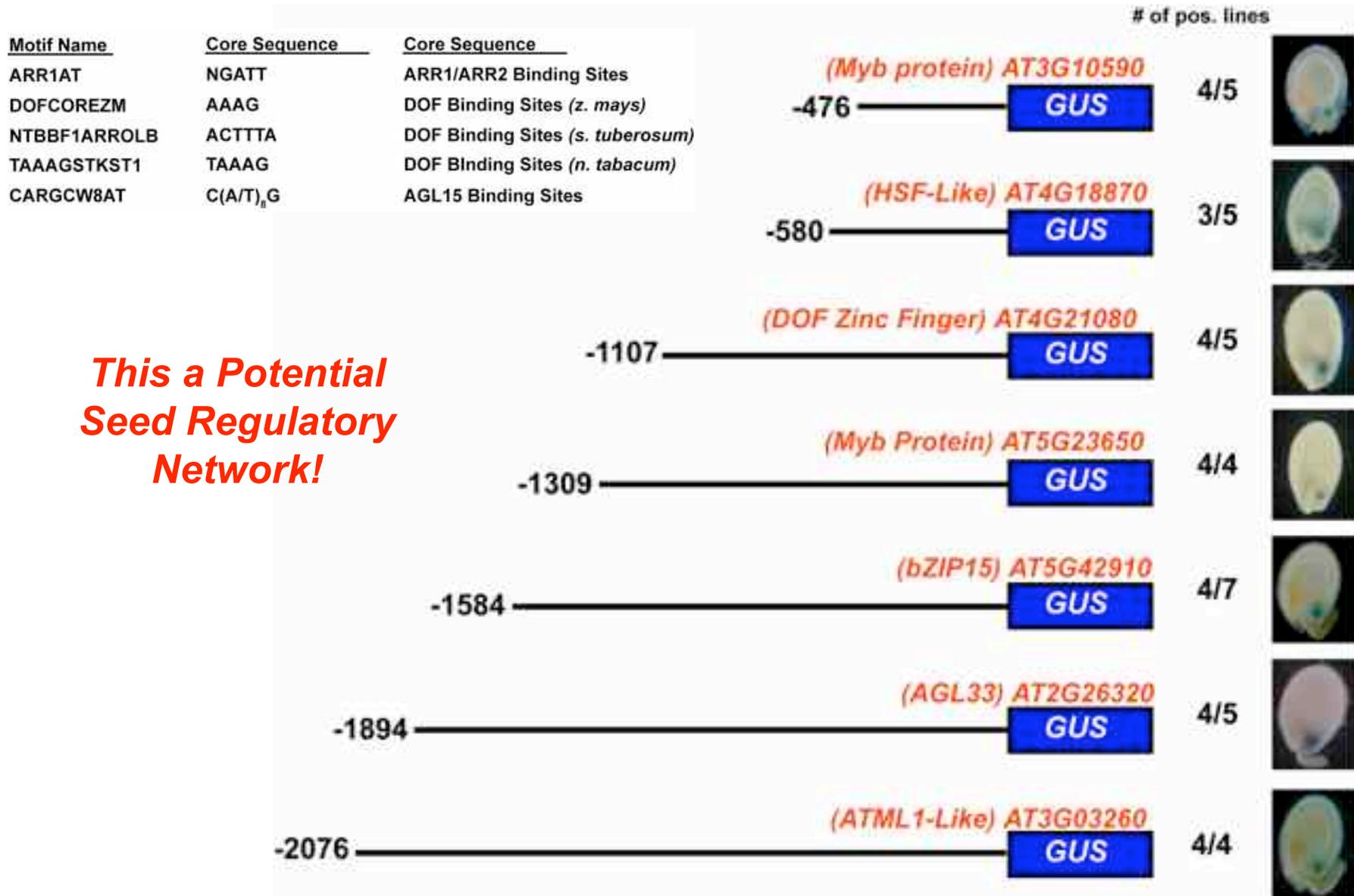
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	Myb Domain
(G)	Myb-Related Protein (MYB)
	Myb-Related Protein
(G)	MYB1A
(PM)	CCHC-Type Family Protein
	WRKY
(G)	WRKY5, WRKY
	Zinc Finger
(G,M,PM)	ZF1
(G)	C2H2-Type Zinc Finger
(G,C)	Dof-Type Zinc Finger
(G,H,I,C)	EARP1 EARP2 EARP3
	EARP4
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*Transcriptional Patterns of Seed-Specific
Transcription Factor Upstream Regulatory Region*



What Transcription Factor Genes Are Active in the Chalazal Endosperm?



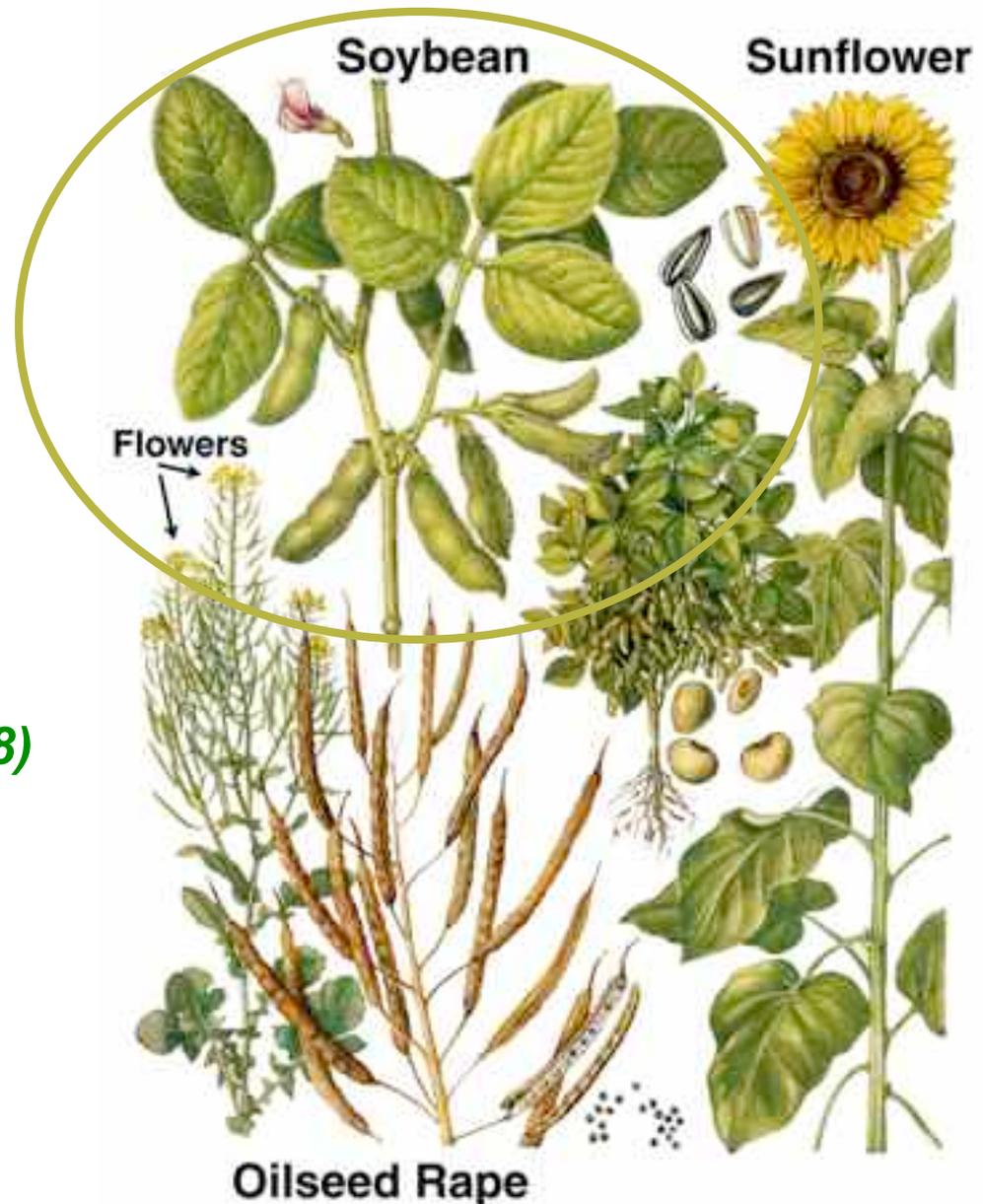
This a Potential Seed Regulatory Network!

“Making A Globular Stage Soybean Seed”

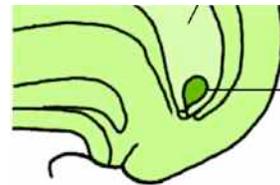
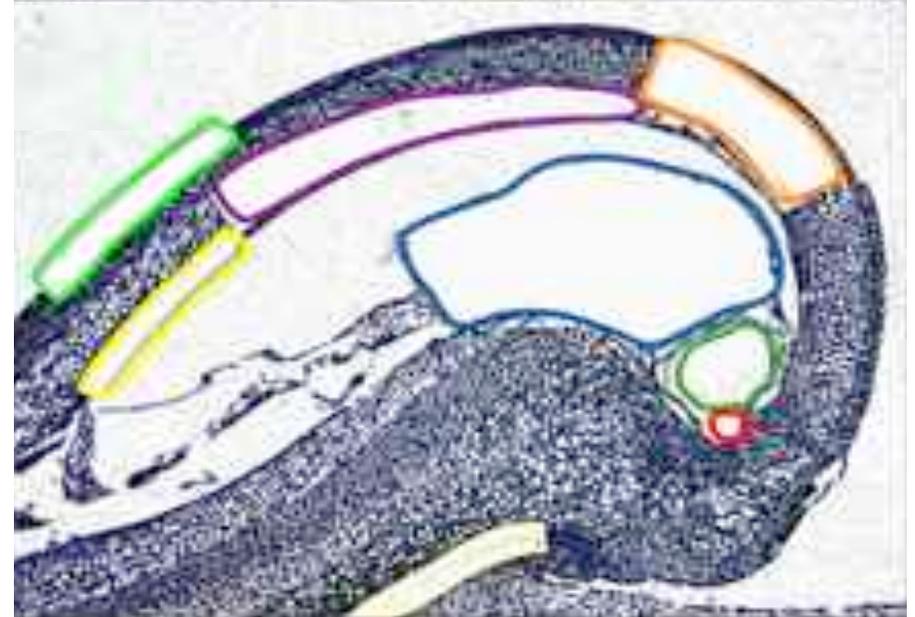
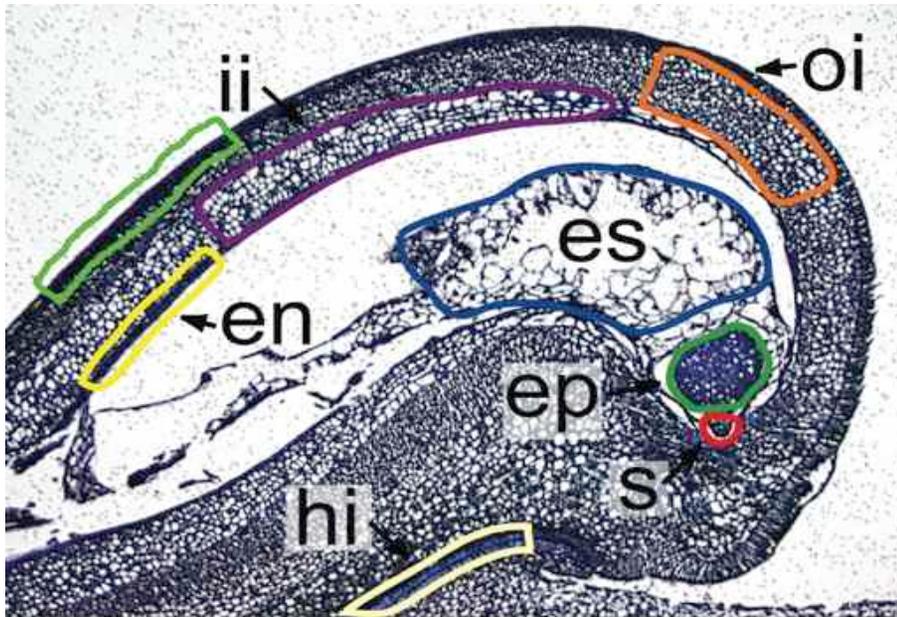
Diversity of Oil Seed Plants

Why Soybean?

- *Second Major US Crop*
- *Major Food Source*
- *Major Biofuel Source*
- *Excellent Model Plant*
- *Genome Sequenced (2008)*
- *Major Funding Source*

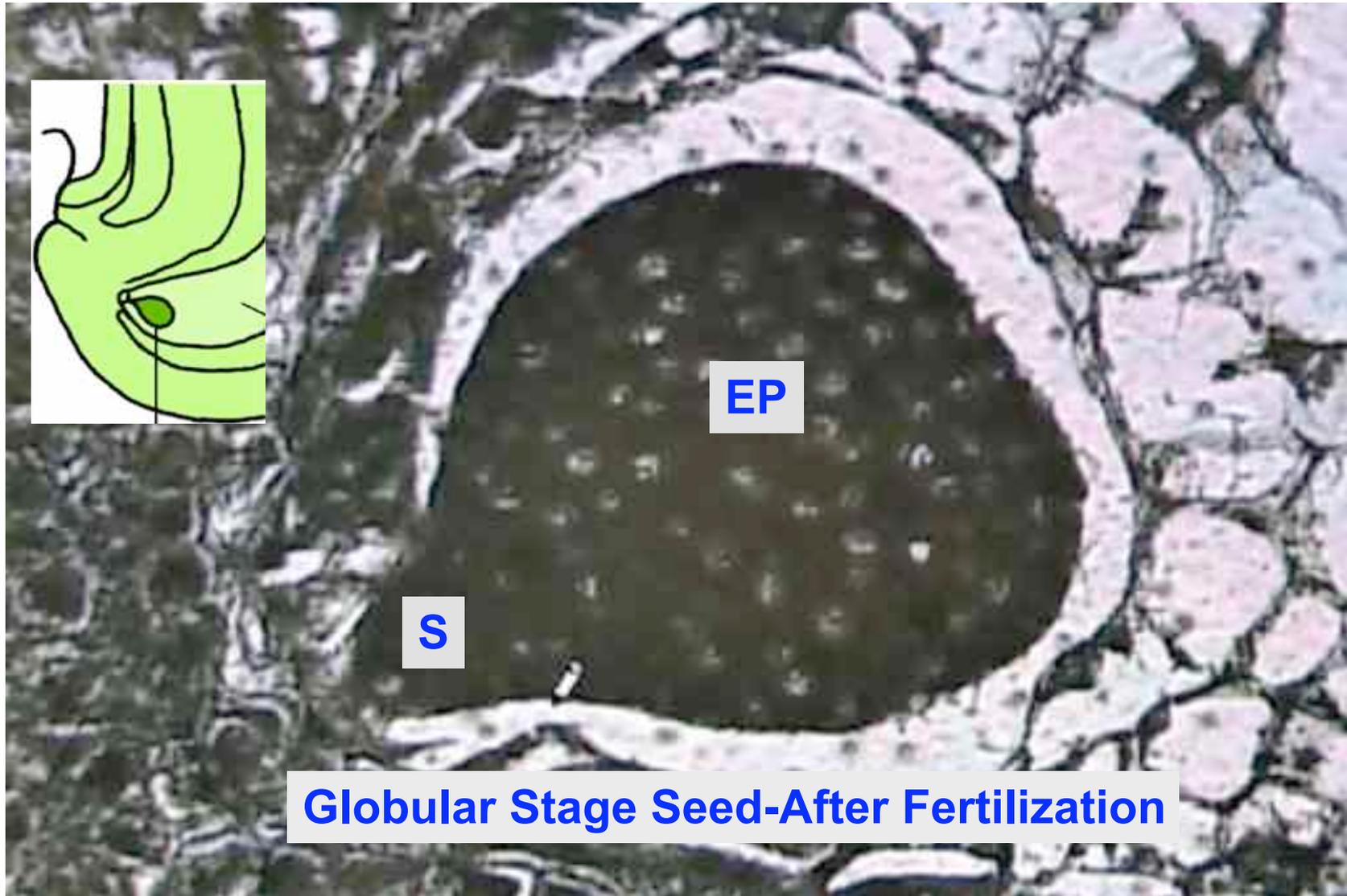


How Can We Profile Gene Activity in All Seed Compartments, Regions, & Tissues?



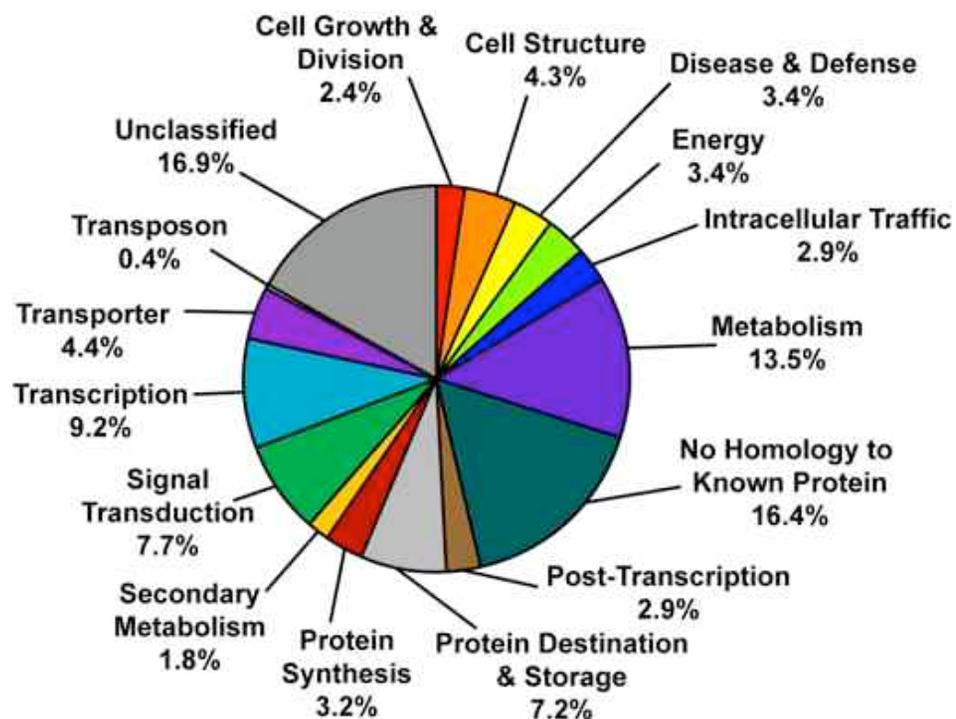
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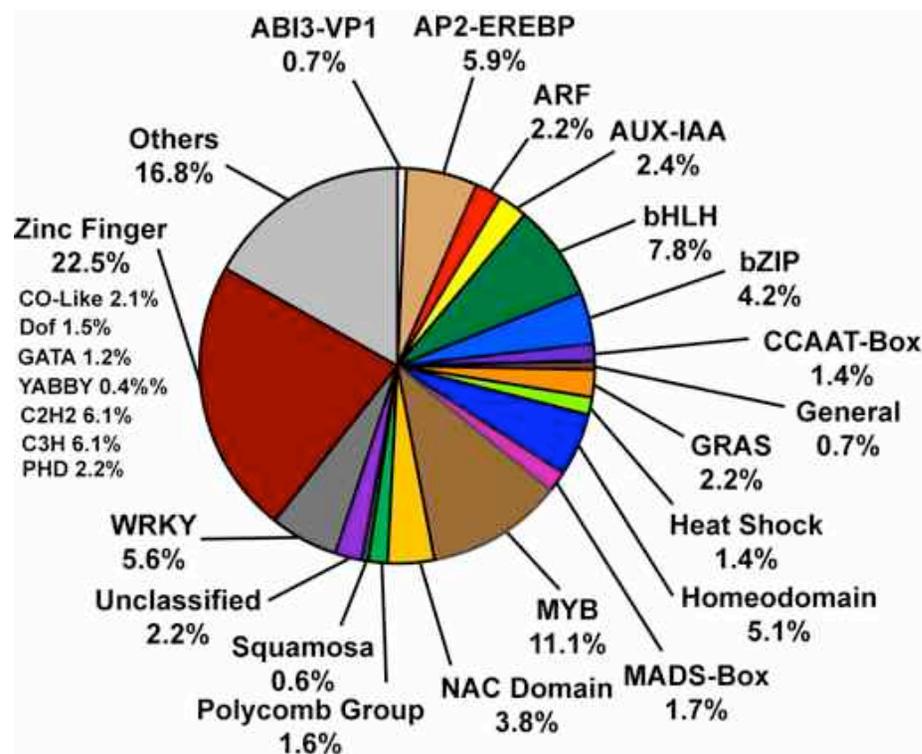


Spectrum of Gene Sequences Represented on the Soybean Affymetrix EST GeneChip (2007)

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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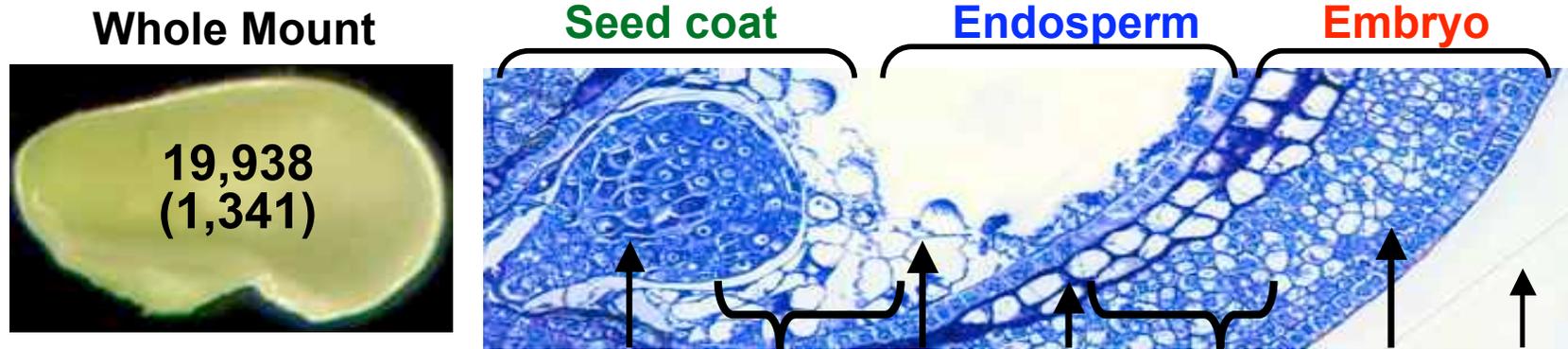


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Gene Activity in an Entire Globular-Stage Seed Immediately After Fertilization

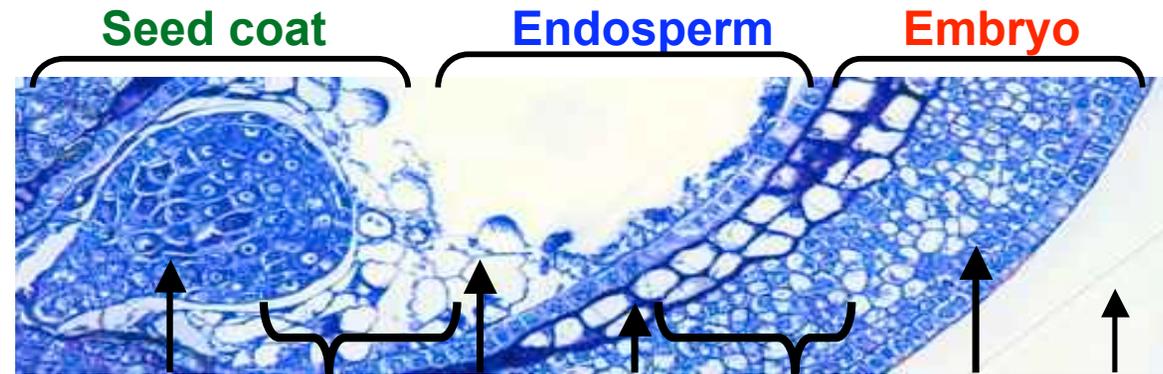


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Note: Unique genes are specific at the level of the GeneChip and within the seed

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)

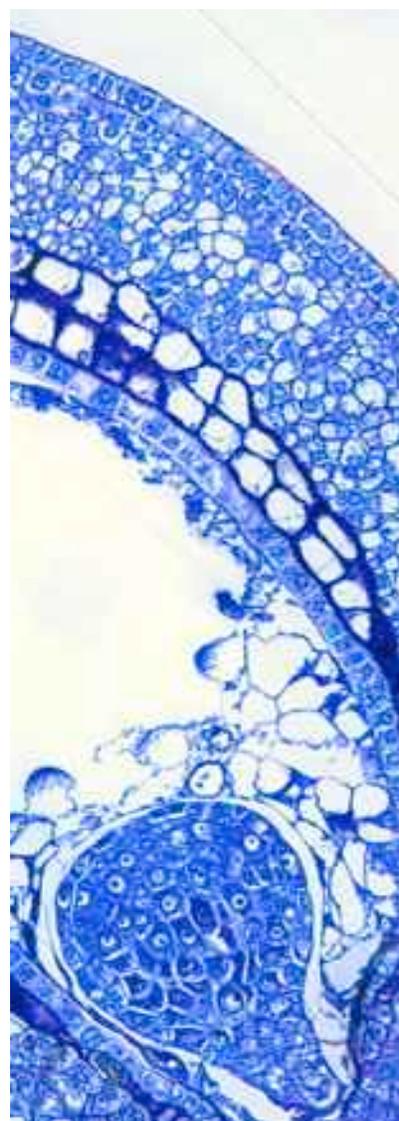
1 General (TFIIA-L)
1 Homeodomain
1 MADS, MYB

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)

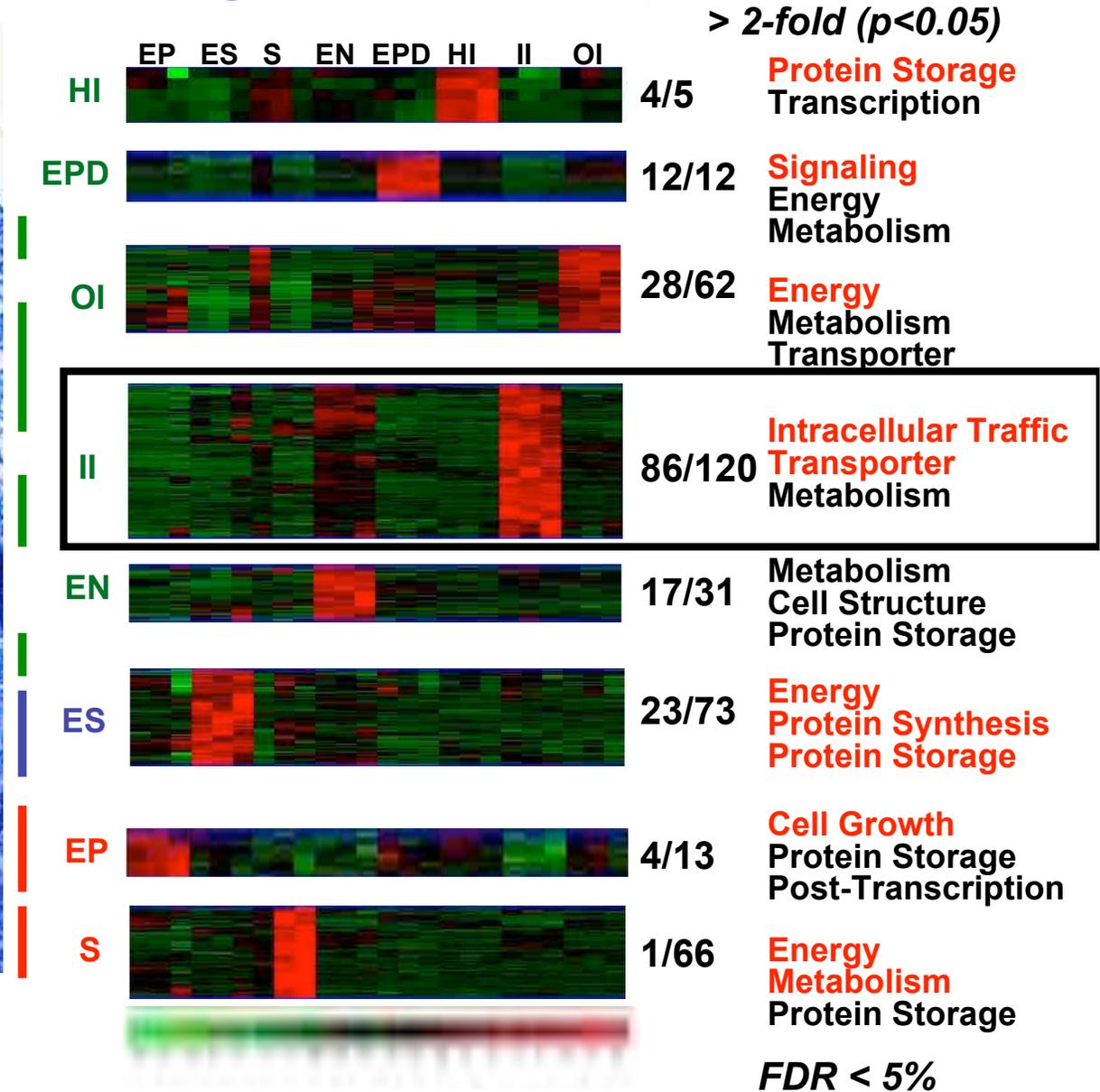
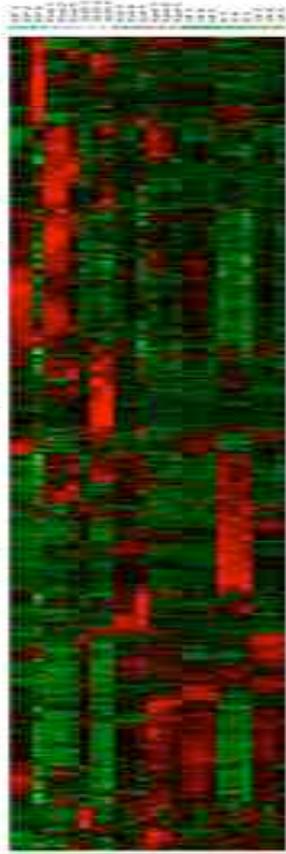
2 Zinc Finger
1 WRKY

Suspensor: 74 (5)

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

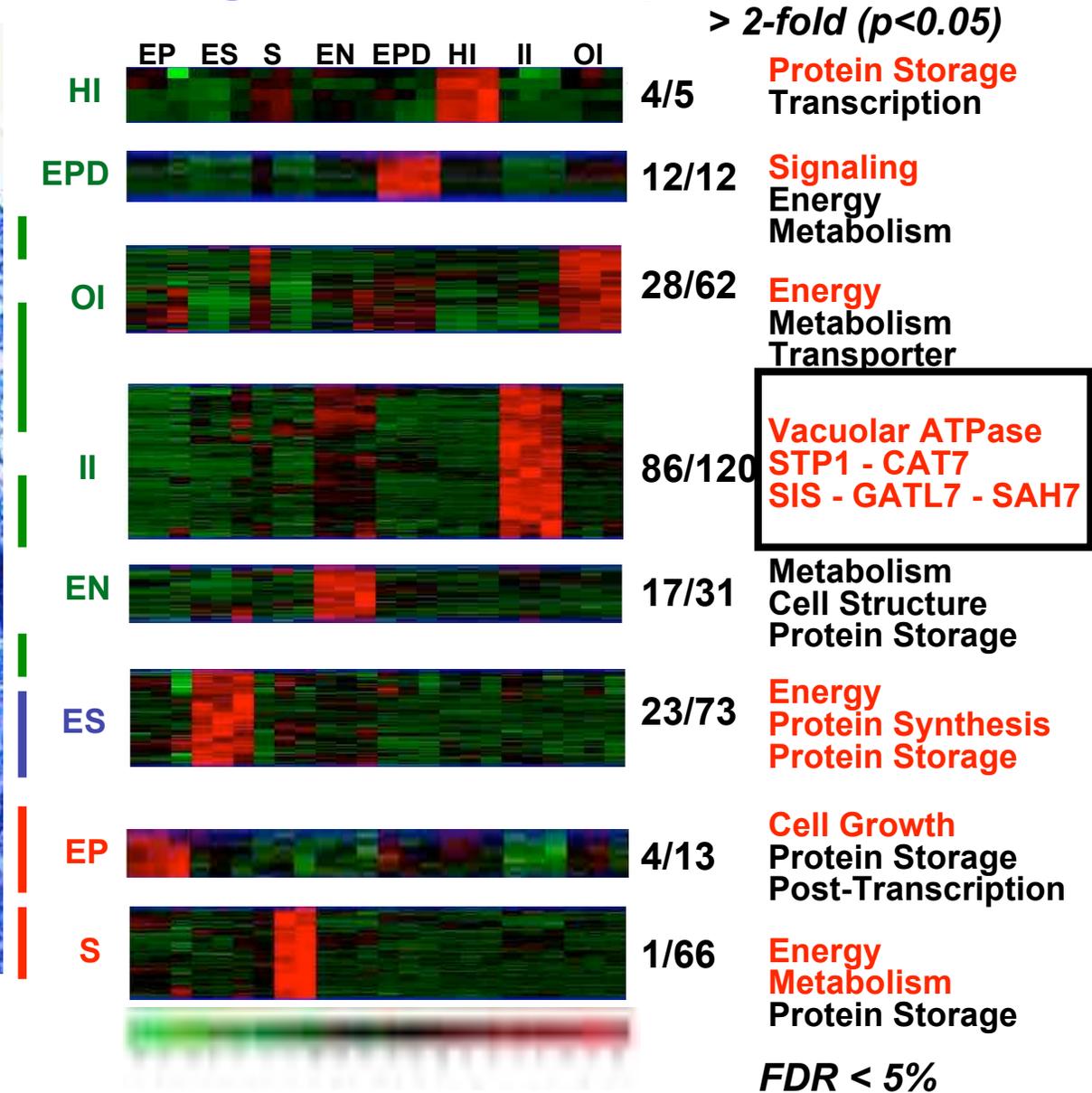
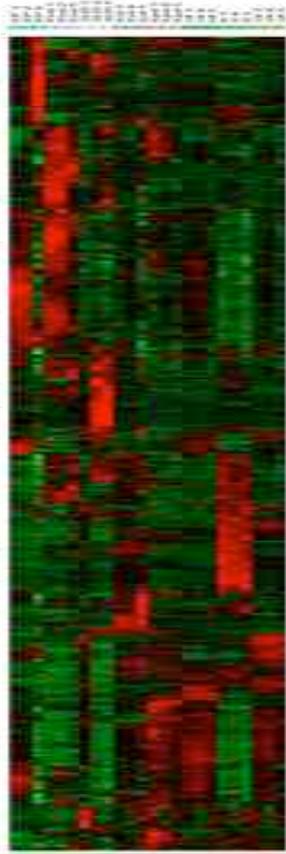
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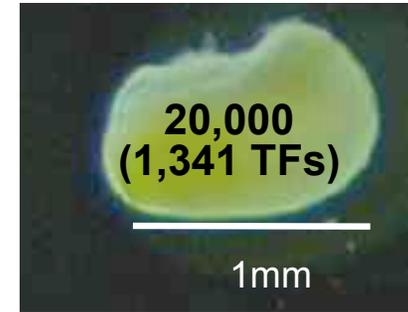


How Many Genes Are Active in a Globular-Stage Soybean Seed?



Hilum
16,153 (1,057)

Whole Mount



Epidermis
13,451 (837)

Outer Integument
16,402 (1,073)

Inner Integument
14,767 (927)

Endothelium
15,274 (950)

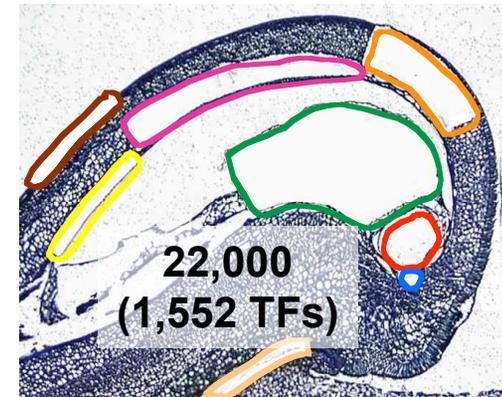
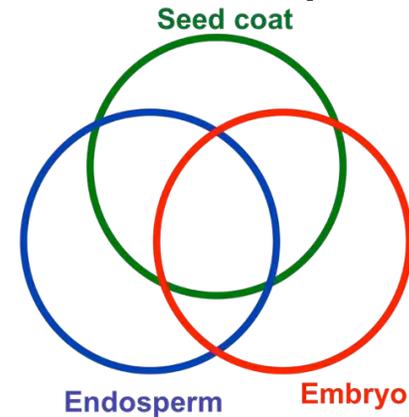
Endosperm
13,880 (848)

Embryo Proper
16,998 (1,100)

Suspensor
14,177 (909)

**Union of LCM
mRNA Sets**

Union of Seed Compartments

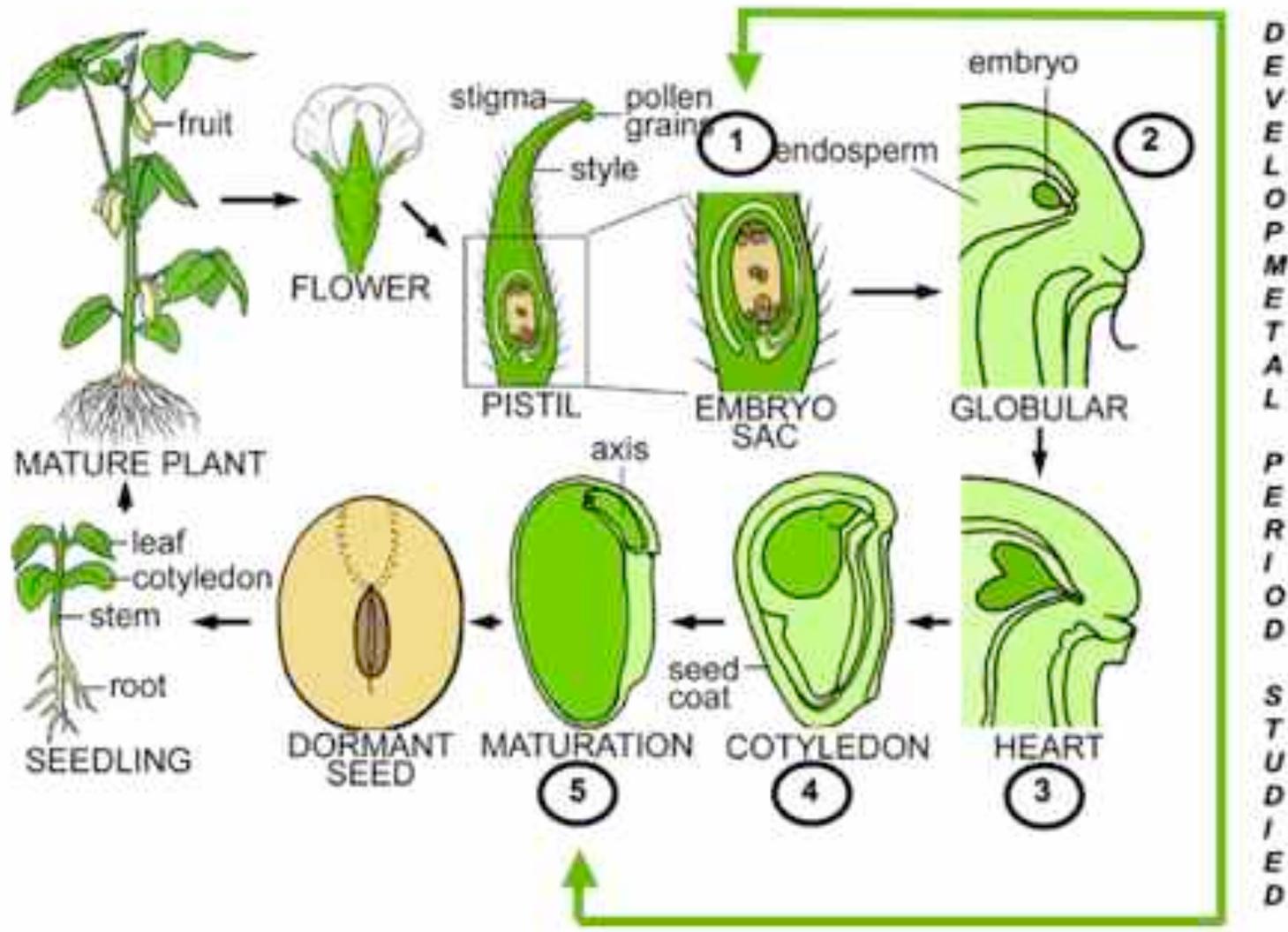


**At the Level of
GeneChip Detection!**

Note: Minimum Numbers!!

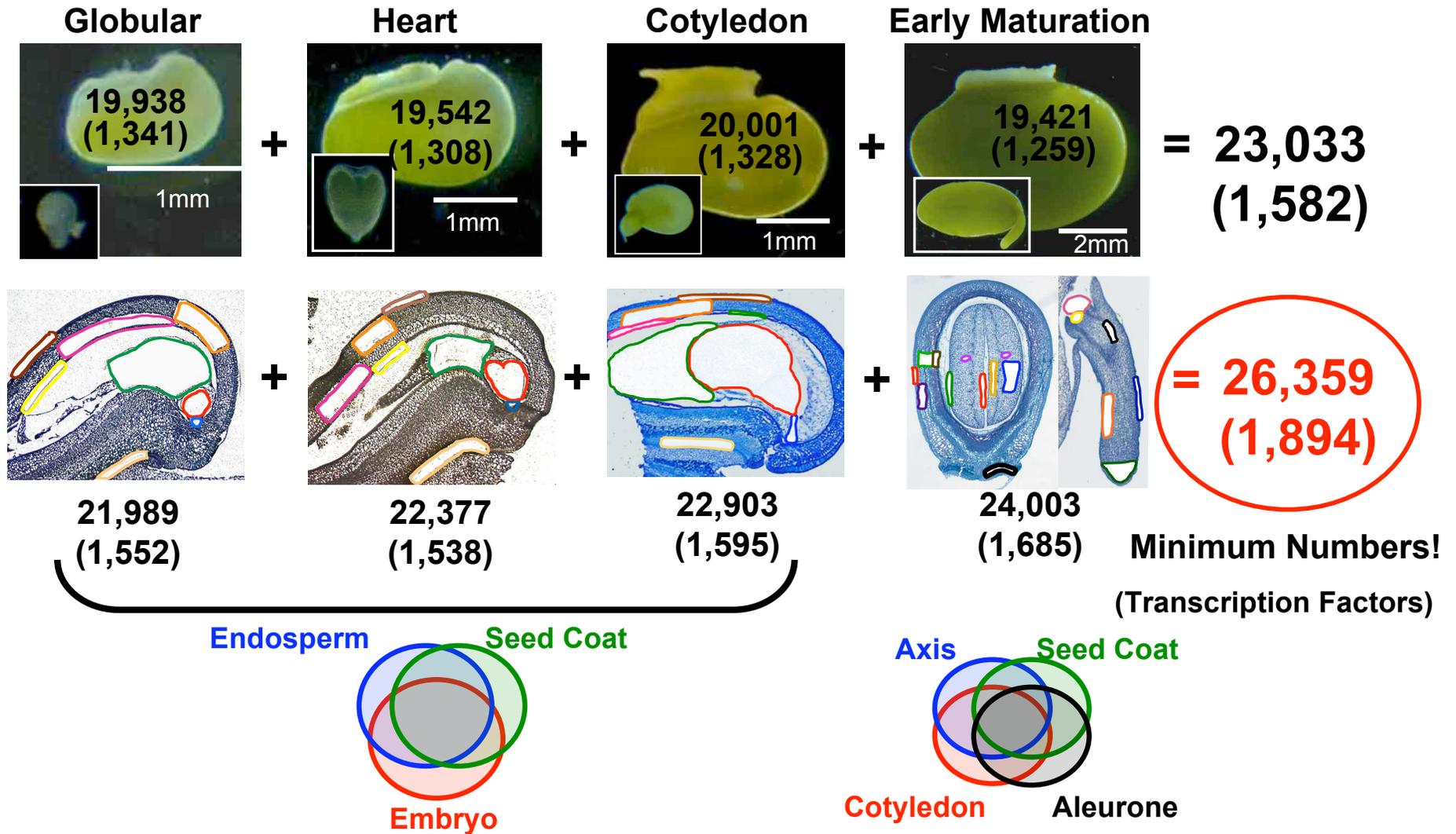
(Transcription Factors)

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



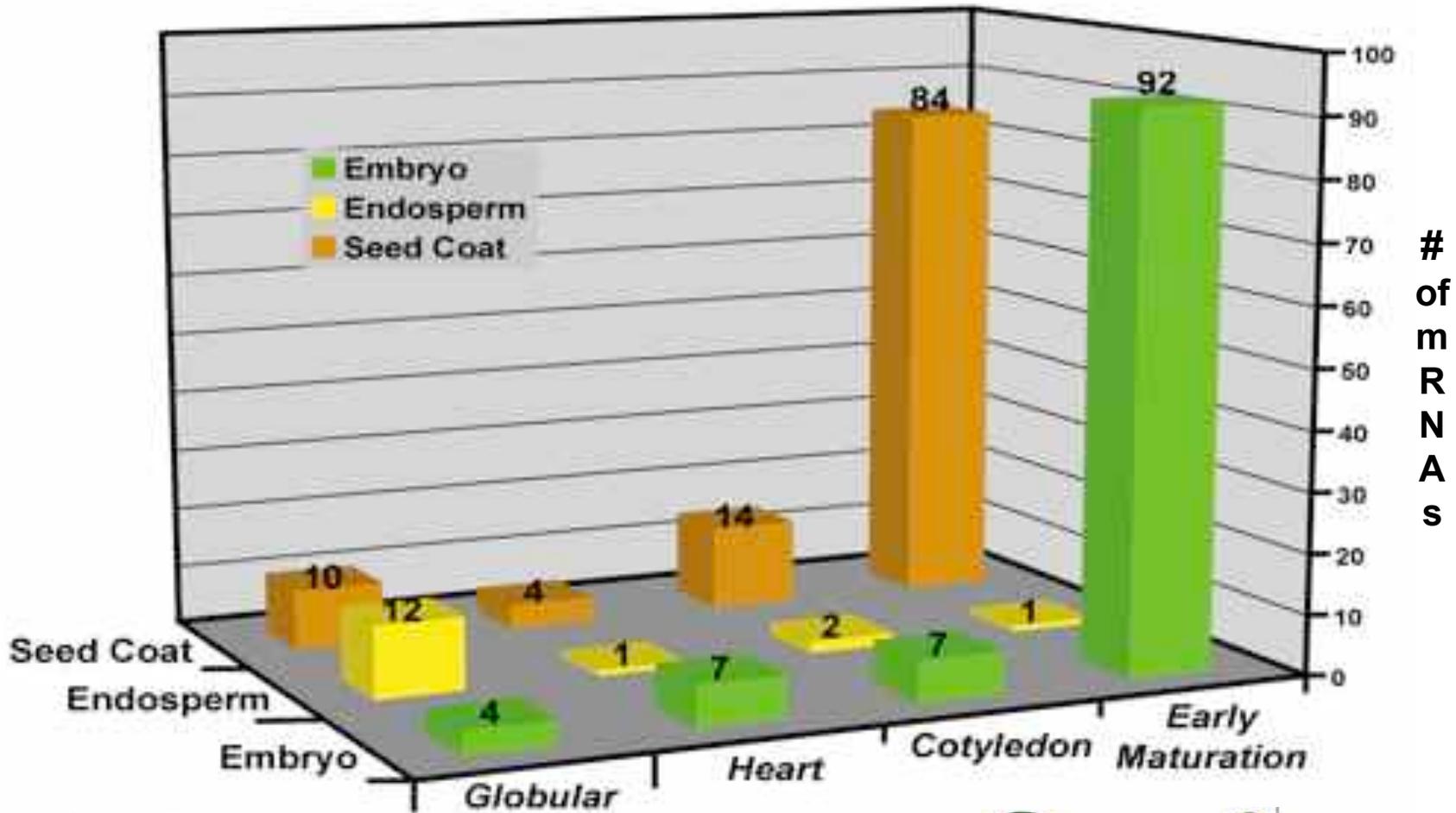
Note: Numbers Refer to Specific Seed Stages Studied

How Many Genes Are Required to Program Soybean Seed Development?

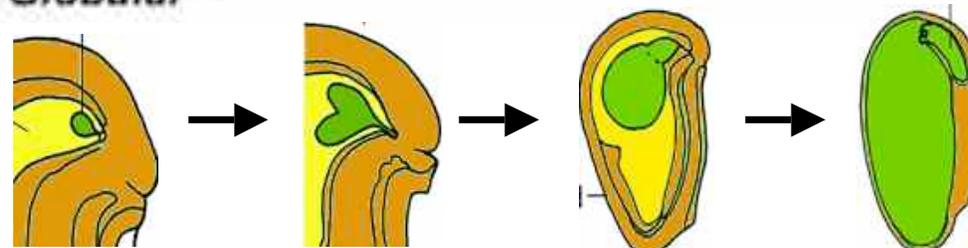


40 Compartments & Tissues Profiled- More than 3.7 Million Data Points!!

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

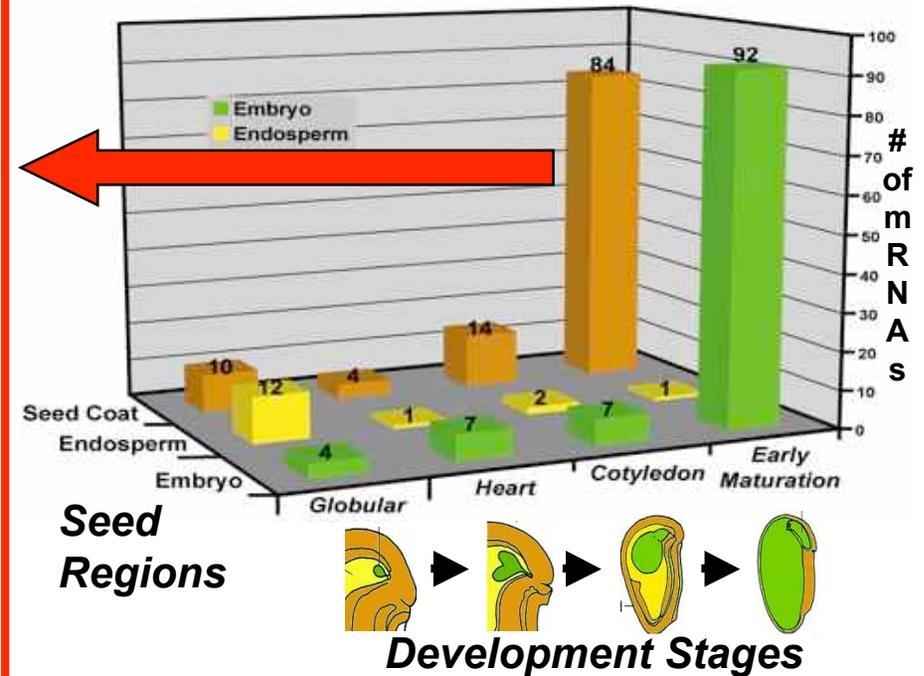
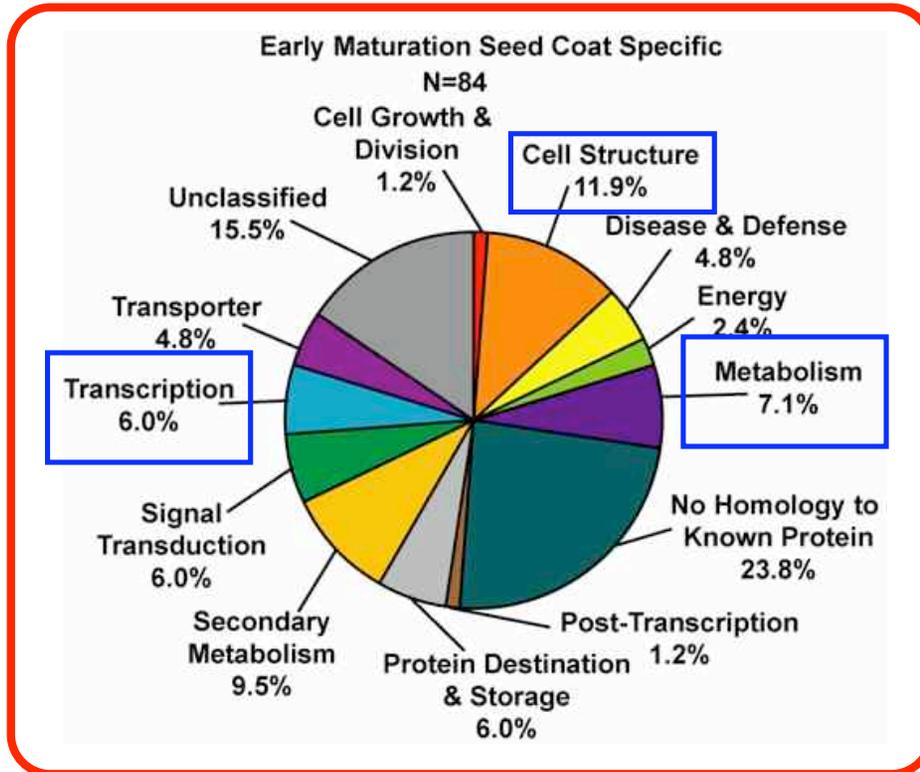


Seed Regions



Development Stages

Each Soybean Seed Compartment Has a Unique Set of mRNA at Different Developmental Stages (e.g., Seed Coat)



Cell Structure

Cellulose Synthase (CESA8, CESA4, IRX3)
Pectinacetyltransferase 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

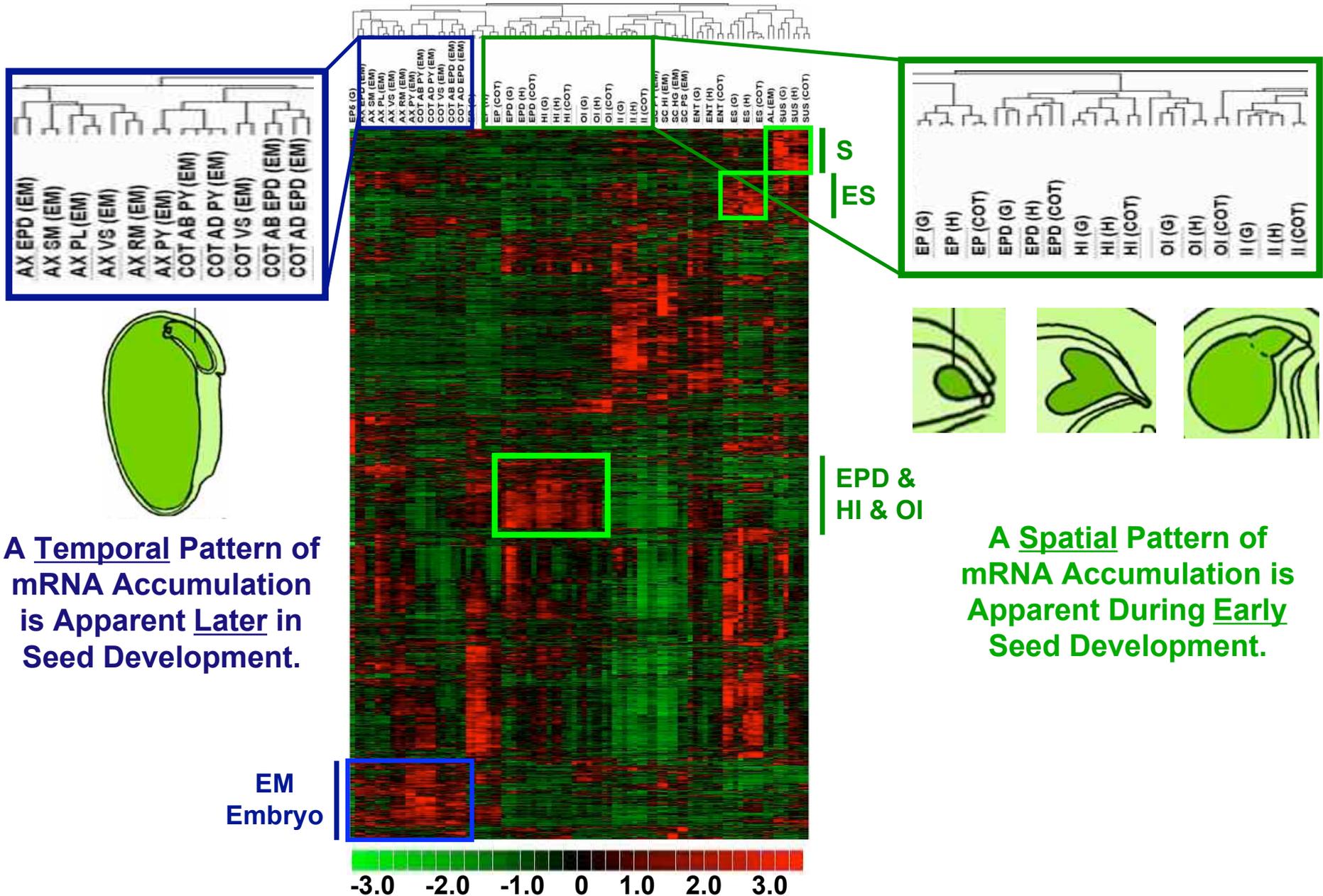
Transcription

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



Gene Regulators

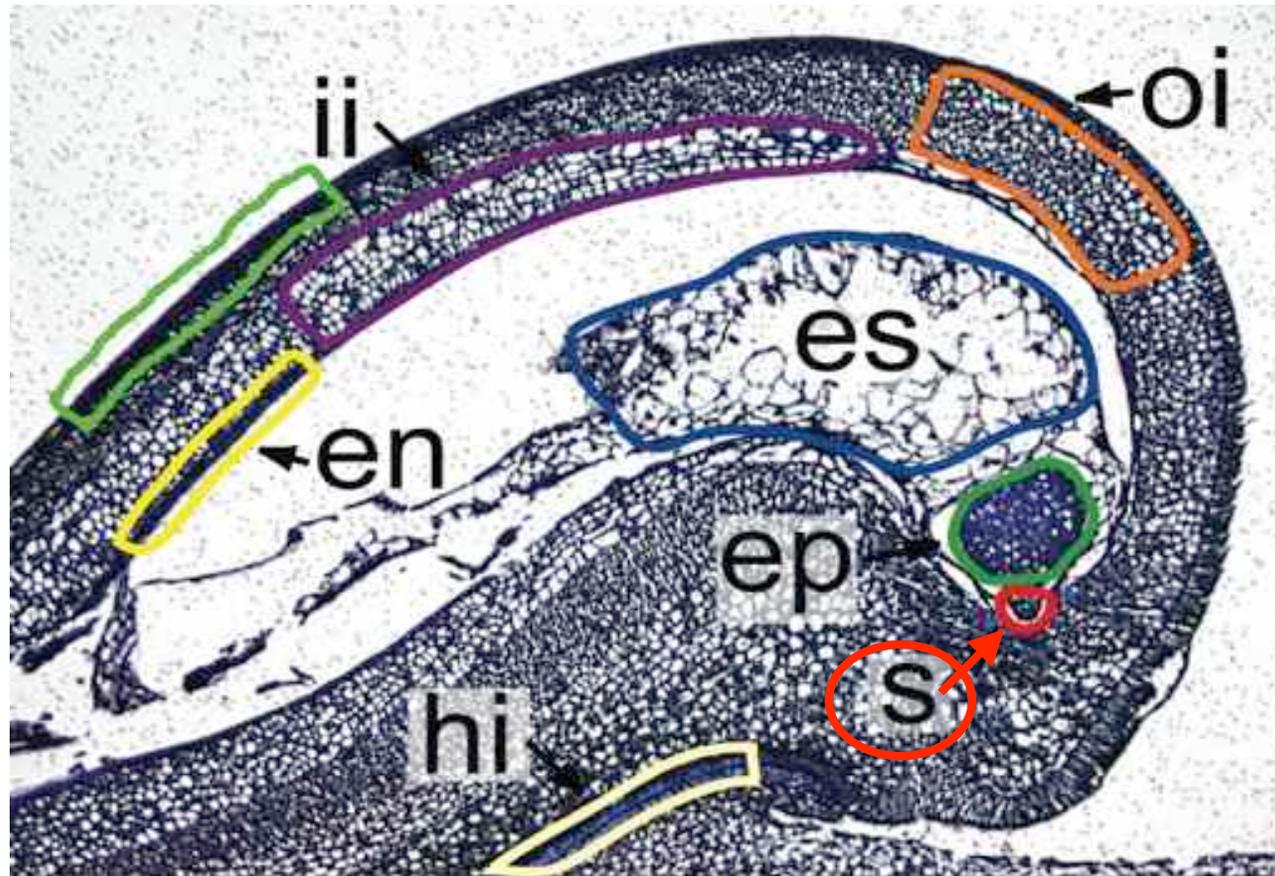
What Are The Major Patterns of Gene Activity During Soybean Seed Development?



A Temporal Pattern of mRNA Accumulation is Apparent Later in Seed Development.

A Spatial Pattern of mRNA Accumulation is Apparent During Early Seed Development.

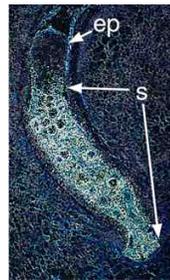
How Are Genes Activated in Different Seed Compartments Following Fertilization?



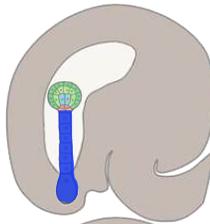
For Example.... in the Suspensor-an Embryonic Nurse Cell

What Are the DNA Regulatory Sequences Important for Activating Transcription in the Suspensor?

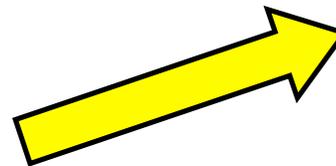
Suspensor-Specific Gene



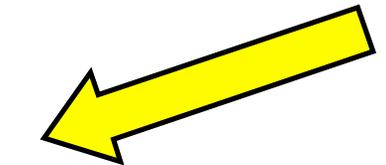
Fuse Regulatory Region to GUS Reporter Gene



Transformation

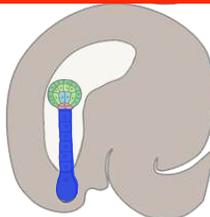
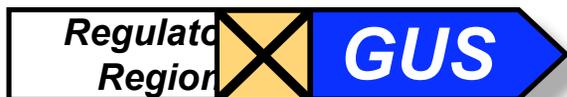
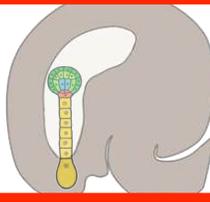
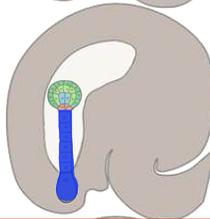


Tobacco Plant



Observe Promoter Activity

Mutated Region



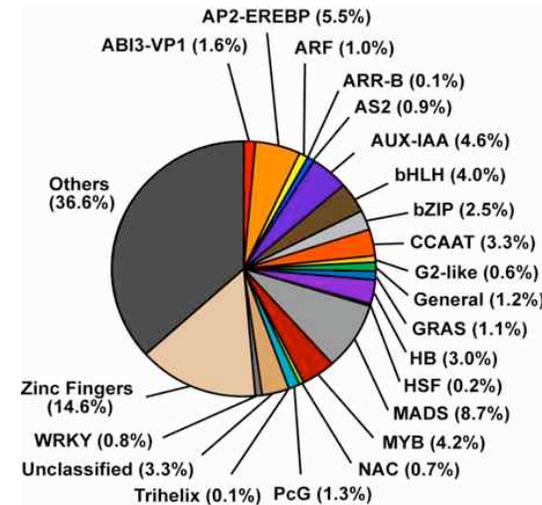
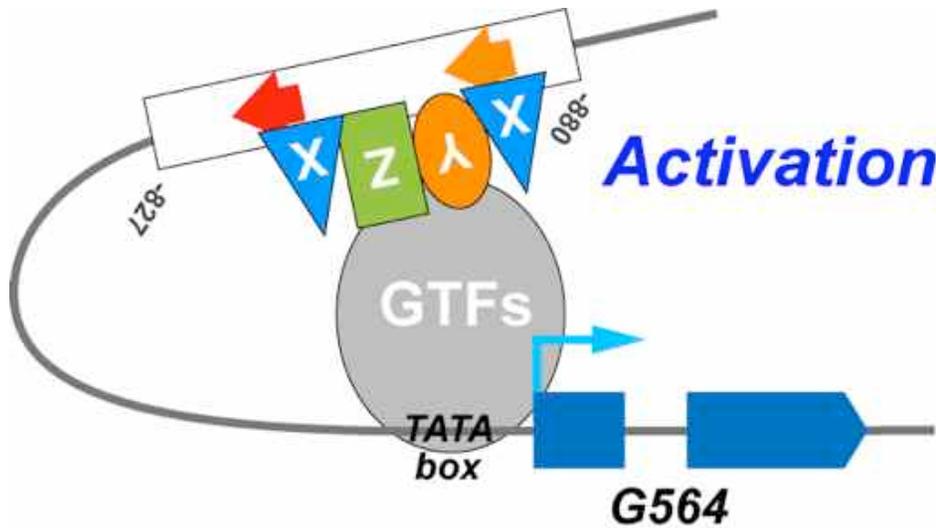
Mutation Destroyed Suspensor Control Sequence!!!

What Are the cis-Regulatory Sequences Important for Transcription in the Suspensor?

▶ : 10-bp Motif **Conserved Sequences!**
▶ : 10bp-like Motif



Necessary and Sufficient!



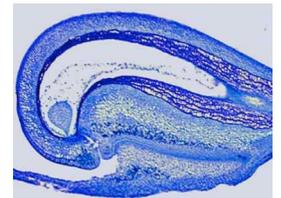
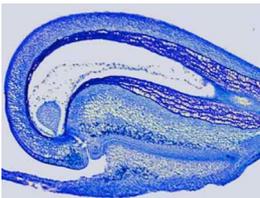
Transcription Factors Found in SRB Suspensor (N = 3,107)



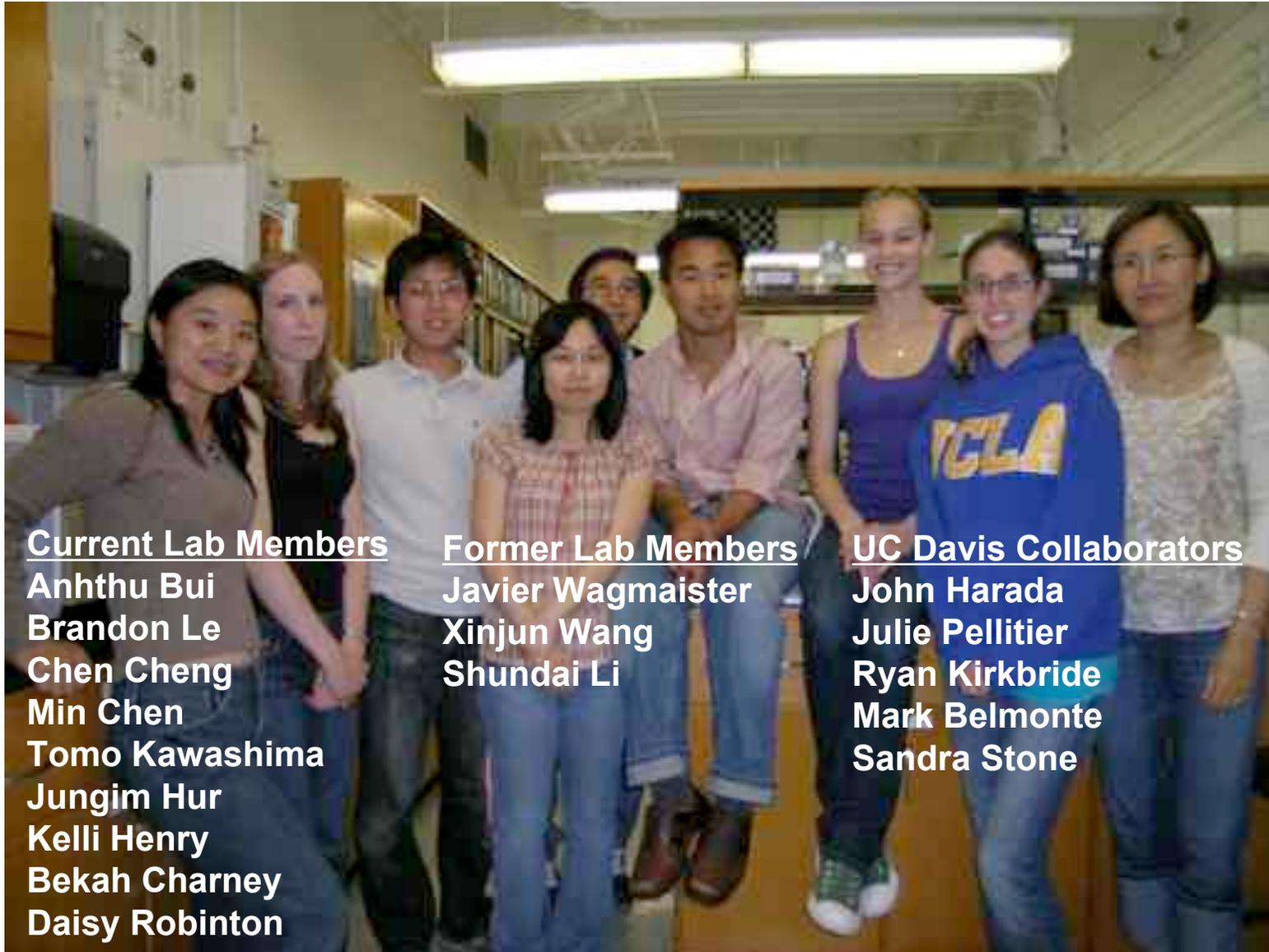
Summary: “How To Make A Seed”



- **At Least 15,000 Diverse mRNAs Are Present in Each Seed Compartment, Region, and/or Tissue**
- **At Least 22,000- 24,000 Diverse mRNAs Are Present in a Seed as a Whole Depending on the Stage (i.e., Genes Required to “Make a Seed”)**
- **At Least 26,000 Diverse mRNAs Are Required to Program Seed Development**
- **Most Diverse mRNAs are Shared by Different Compartments, Regions, and Tissues -- Many Are Quantitatively Regulated**
- **Each Compartment Region, and Tissue Has a Small Set of “Specific” mRNAs, Including Those Encoding Transcription Factor mRNAs**
- **Sequences Are Beginning to Be Identified That Activate Transcription in Different Seed Regions**



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***How Will Seed Yields Be Increased in
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***As We Always Have.....By Using the
Best Cutting-Edge Science!!!***

Plant Genome Projects Are Identifying Genes Essential For Increasing Crop Yields!!

Plant Genomes Sequenced To Date

- ***Arabidopsis***
- ***Rice***
- ***Poplar Tree***



- ***Soybean***
- ***Corn***
- ***Medicago***



- ***Papaya***
- ***Grape***
- ***Castor Bean***



These Genes Will Help Increase Food Production Significantly in the 21st Century To Feed Our Growing Population

Yield (Developmental Traits)

- **Seed Number**
- **Seed Size**
- **Growth Rate**
- **Organ Size (More Seeds)**
- **Plant Architecture**
- **Flowering Time**
- **Senescence**
- **Maturity**
- **Stature**

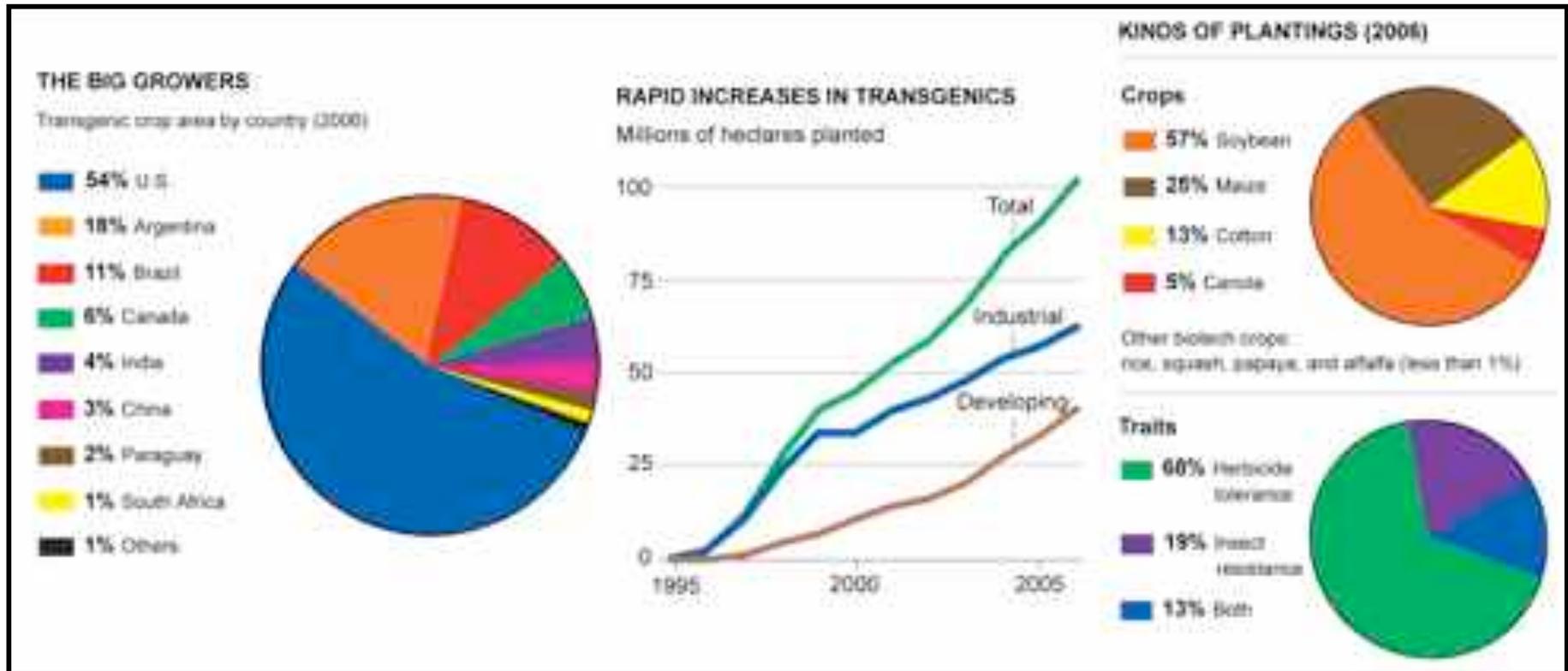


Yield (Stress Traits)

- **Nutrient Uptake**
- **Drought Resistance**
- **Heat Resistance**
- **Cold Tolerance**
- **Salt Tolerance**
- **Shade Tolerance**
- **Disease Resistance**

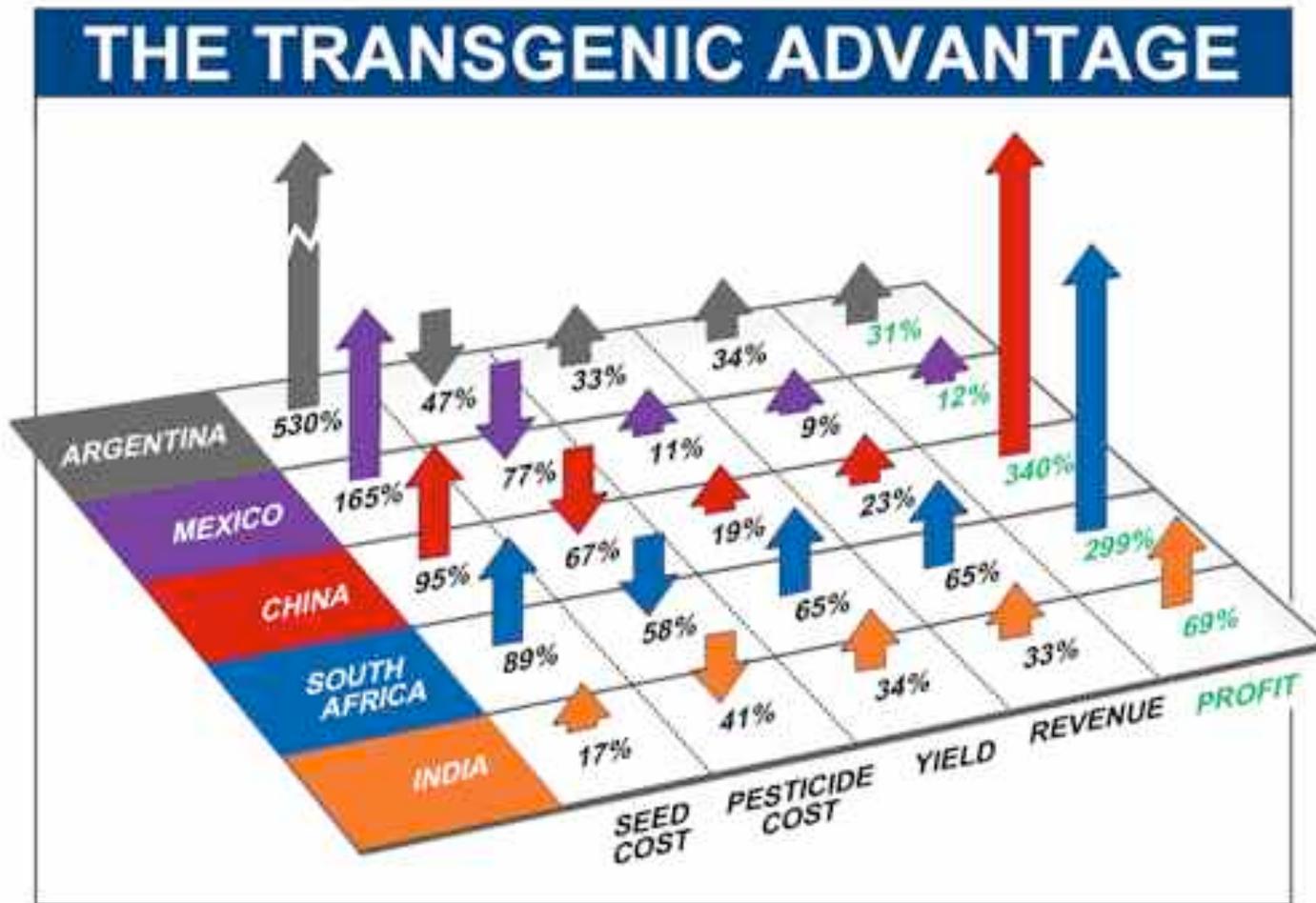
Rice

One Way is to Use These New Traits in Engineered Crops That Farmers Have Adopted Faster Than Any New Agricultural Technology In the Past 100 Years!



Over One Billion Acres of Bioengineered Crops Have Been Grown World-Wide Since 1996 and 250 Million Acres in 2007

Engineered Crops Have Increased Yields, Reduced Pesticide Use, and Increased Incomes of Farmers in the Developing World



United Nations FAO Report No. 35, 2003-04; Scientific American, September, 2007

However...There's a Battle Raging to Get Bioengineered Crops Adopted in Many Parts of the World



*.....And This Has an Effect on the Lives of
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The End.....or Is It the Beginning?



A Giant Seed!