

Aequorin : a bioluminescent probe to monitor calcium changes in plant cells

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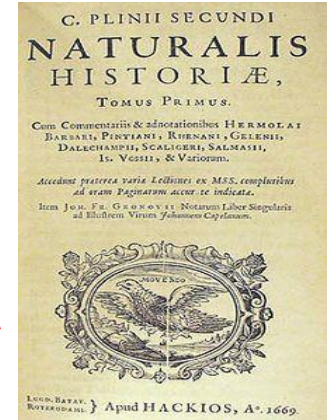


Bioluminescence : an old story!!



Pline l'Ancien (23-79) *Naturalis Historiae*

.Livre IX [6] (XXXIII.) « On range dans la même classe les peignes de mer, qui se cachent, eux aussi, pendant les grands froids et pendant les grandes chaleurs, et les ongles [pholades] **qui brillent la nuit comme du feu, dans la bouche même de ceux qui les mangent.** »



Pholade

Pholas dactylus Linnaeus, 1758



Bioluminescence

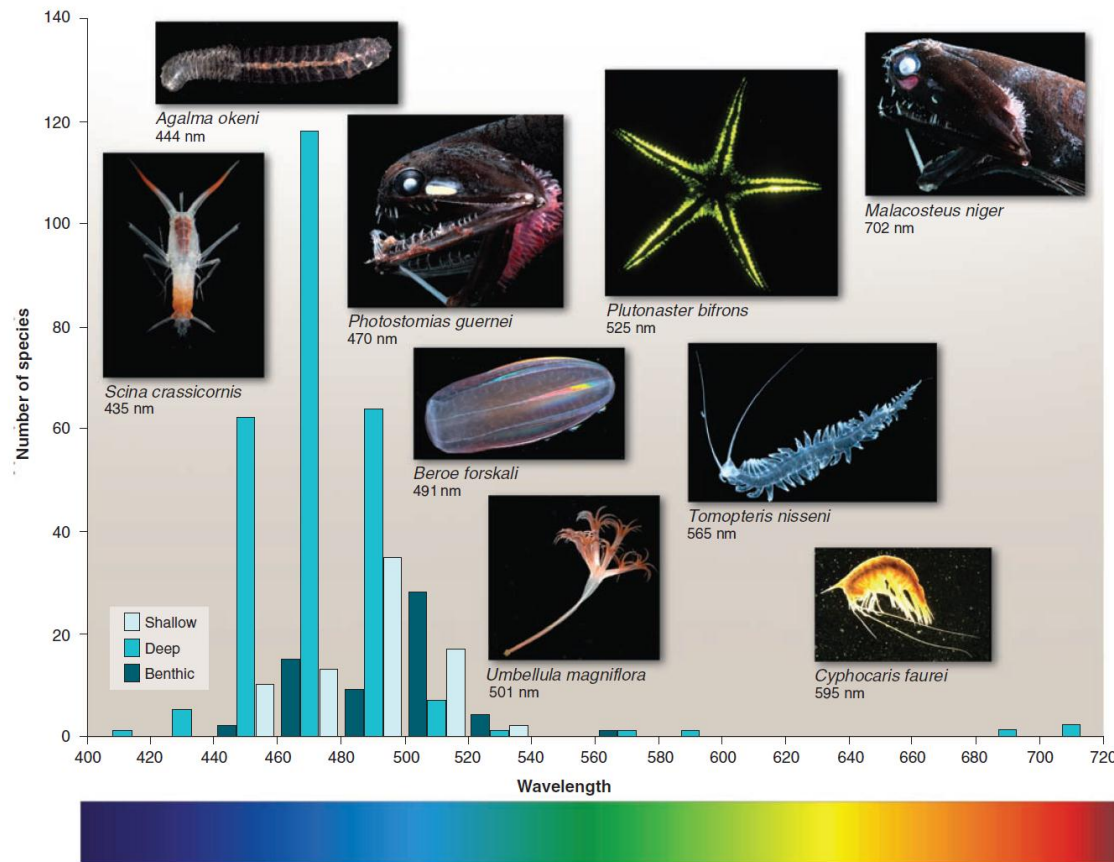


« Dans la nuit les méduses flottent et changent de position ...quand elles réalisent qu'une main s'approche elles changent de couleur et se contractent » Plinius, G. S. *Naturalis Historia* Liber IX, § 146 (77)

Bioluminescence : widespread in oceans with multiple roles



Bioluminescence in the Ocean: Origins of Biological, Chemical, and Ecological Diversity
 E. A. Widder
Science **328**, 704 (2010);
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The vast majority of bioluminescent organisms reside in the ocean; of the more than 700 genera known to contain luminous species, some 80% are marine

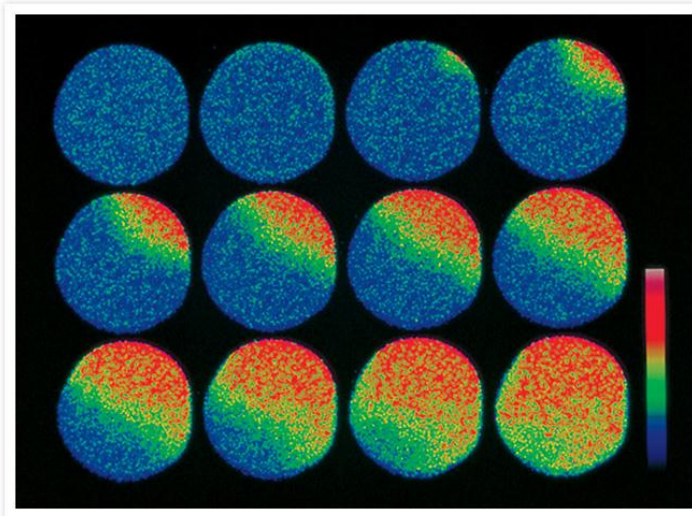
Fig. 1. The distribution of bioluminescence emission maxima varies by marine environment and organism type. Bioluminescent emissions extend over the full visible range and beyond. [Photo credits: J. Cohen for the photograph of *S. crassicornis*; P. Herring, *P. bifrons*; and P. Batson (DeepSeaPhotography.com), *C. faurei*]

Calcium : an old story too !!

Le Calcium, C'est la Vie: Calcium Makes Waves

by Anthony Trewavas

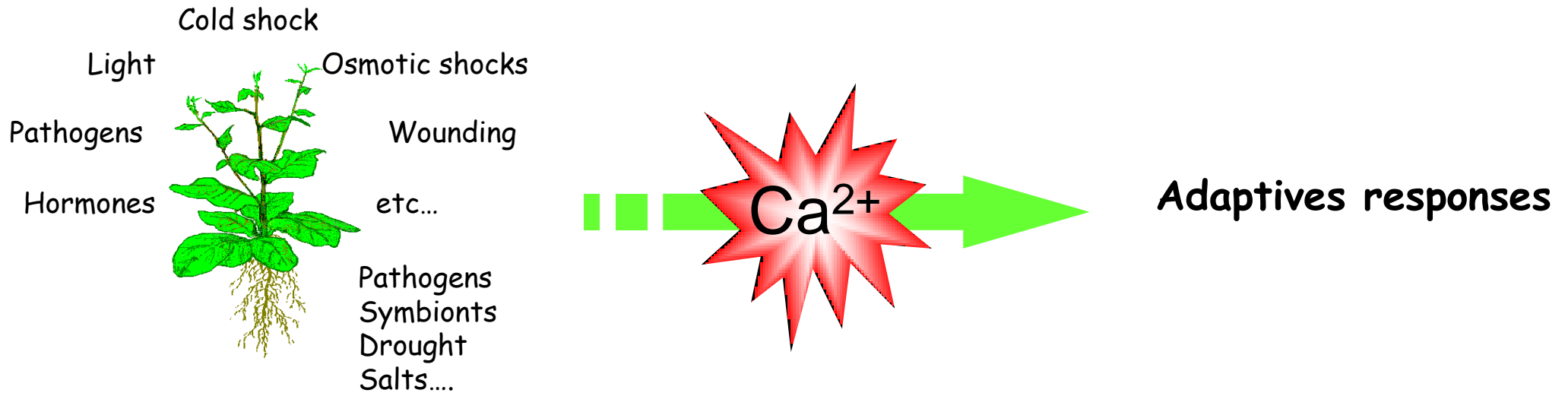
Plantphysiol
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May 1, 1999



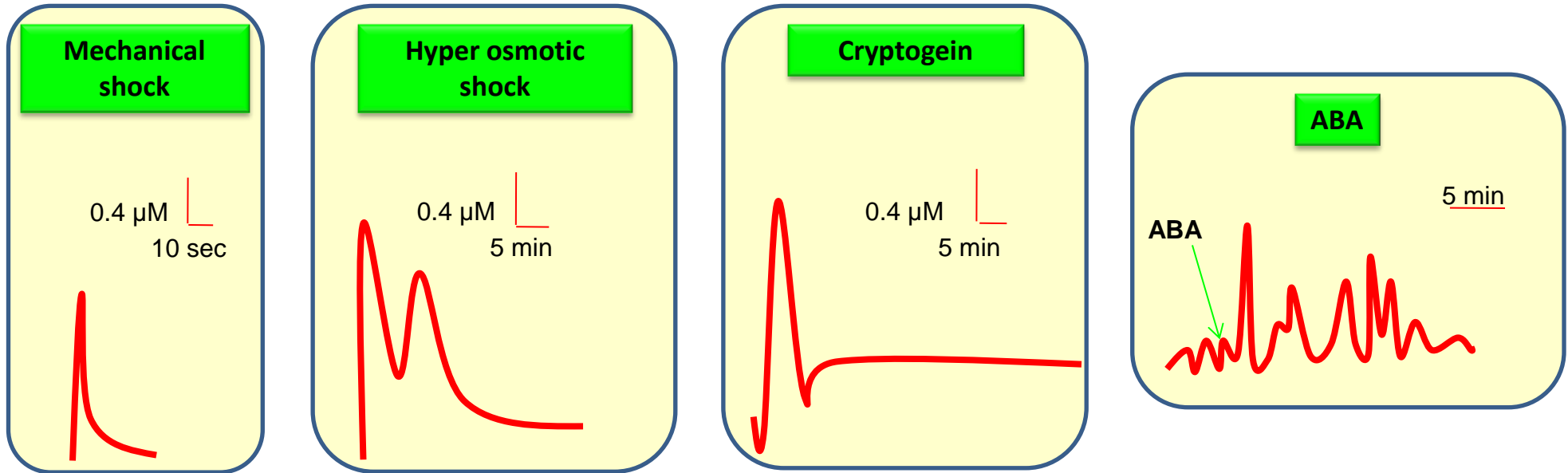
Fertilization-induced calcium wave in a starfish oocyte.

Confocal images taken at five-second intervals of a fertilization-induced calcium wave in a *Pisaster ochraceus* starfish oocyte that was microinjected with 10,000 MW Calcium Green™-1 dextran (Cat. No. C3713). The image was contributed by Stephen A. Stricker, University of New Mexico.

Calcium: a second messenger in plant signalling



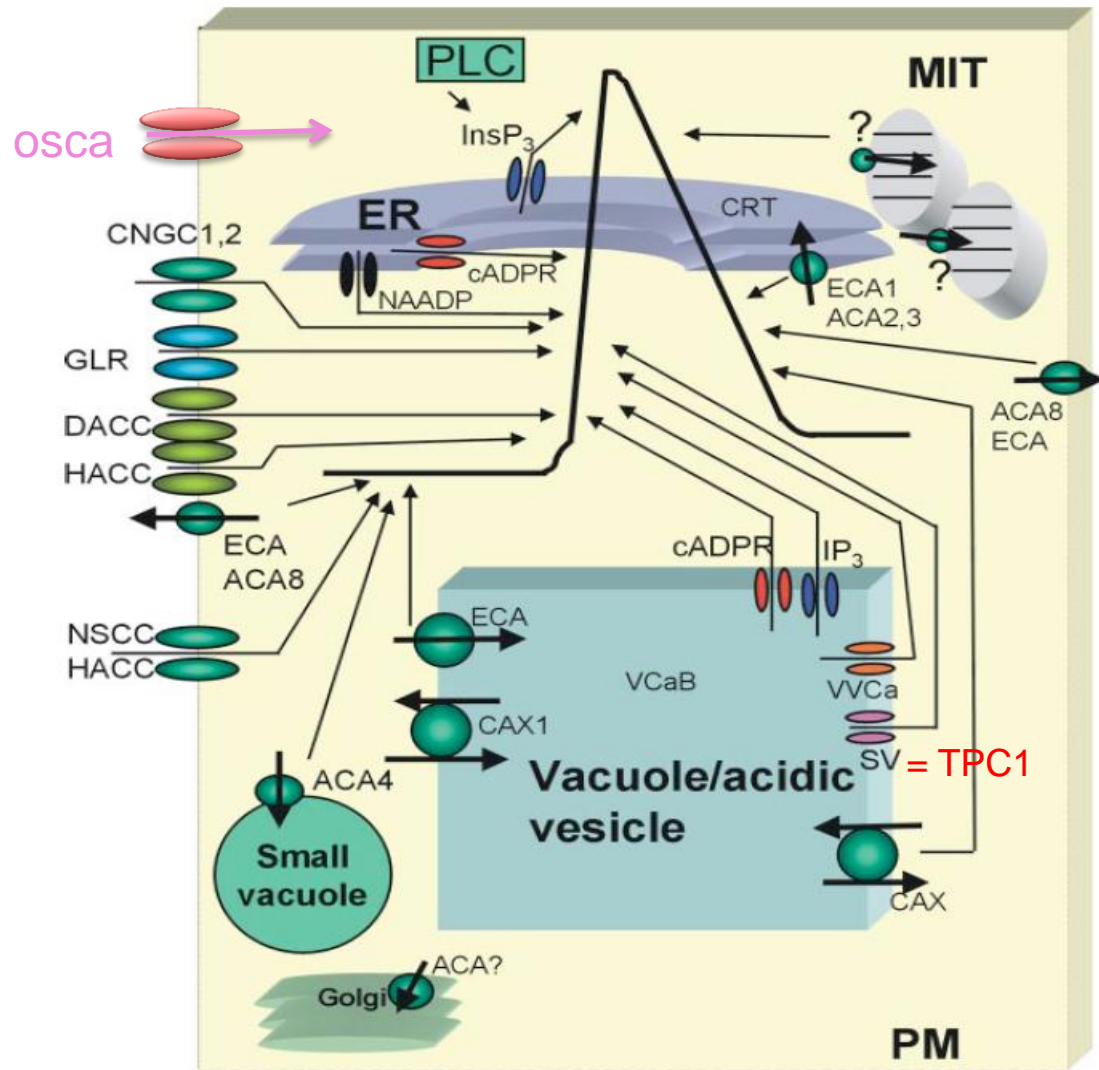
Concept of calcium fingerprint



Parameters:

Shape
Duration
Amplitude
Frequency
Compartmentation

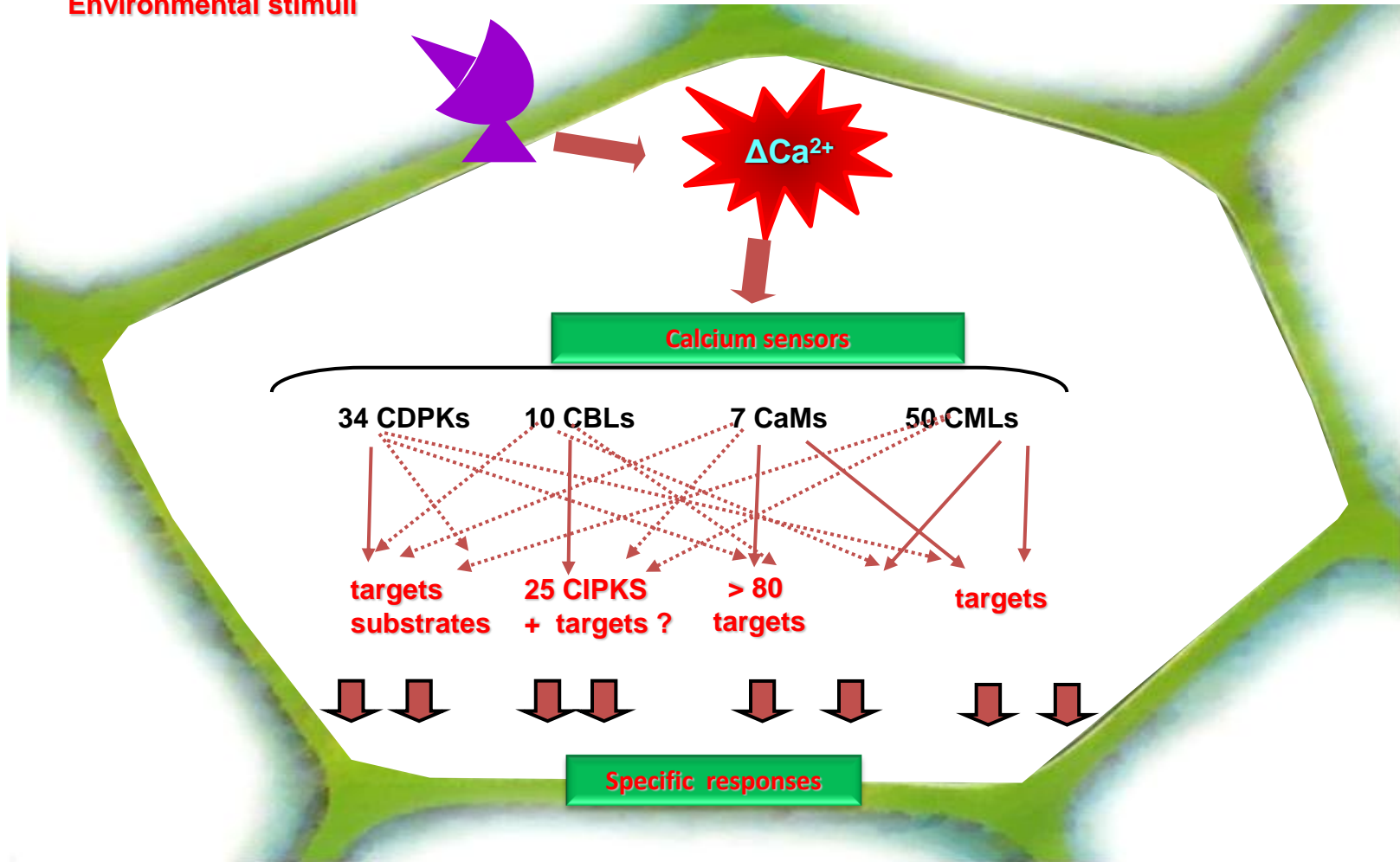
How calcium concentration is regulated in cells?



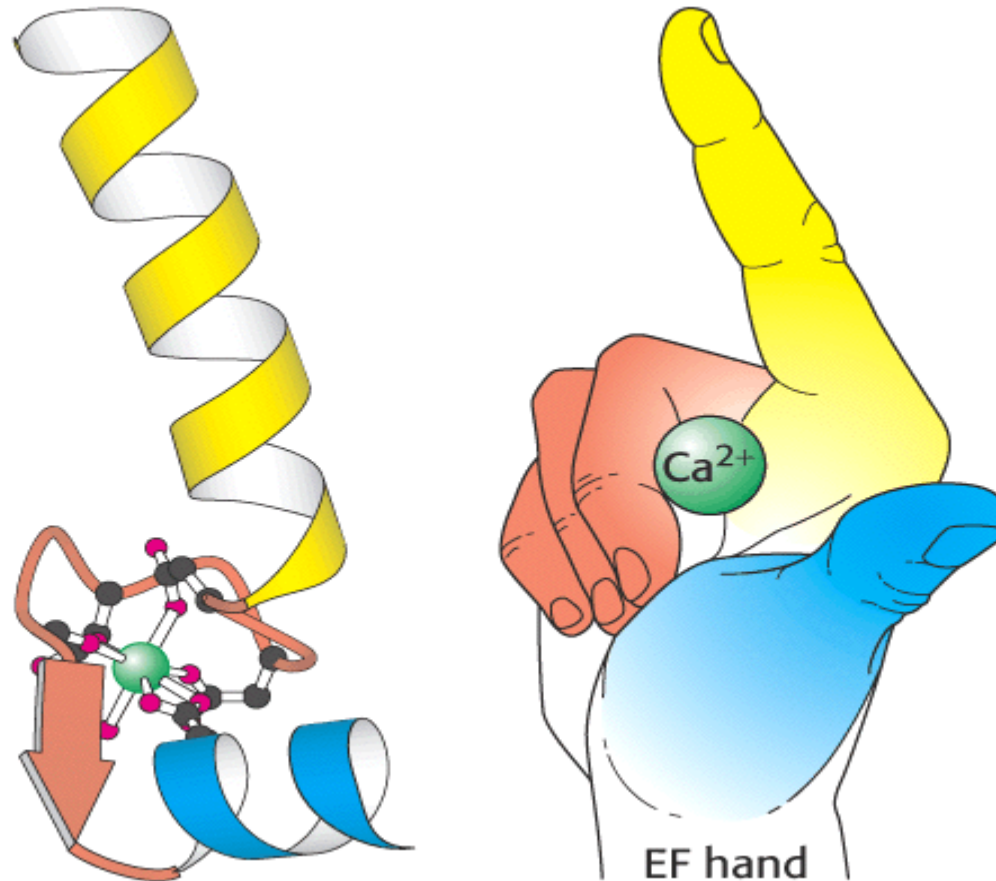
Hetherington A.M. and C. Brownlee
 Ann. Rev. Plant. Biol. (2004)
 55: 401-427

Decoding the calcium message

Environmental stimuli



The E-F hand : a crucial motif required in calcioproteins to decode changes in calcium concentration



EF Hand. Digital image. Biochemistry 492a. Web. 9 Mar. 2011.
<http://www.biochem.arizona.edu/classes/bioc462/462a/NOTES/ENZYMES/enzyme_regulation.htm
>.

How to measure/monitor calcium changes in cells

1 - Exploiting fluorescence

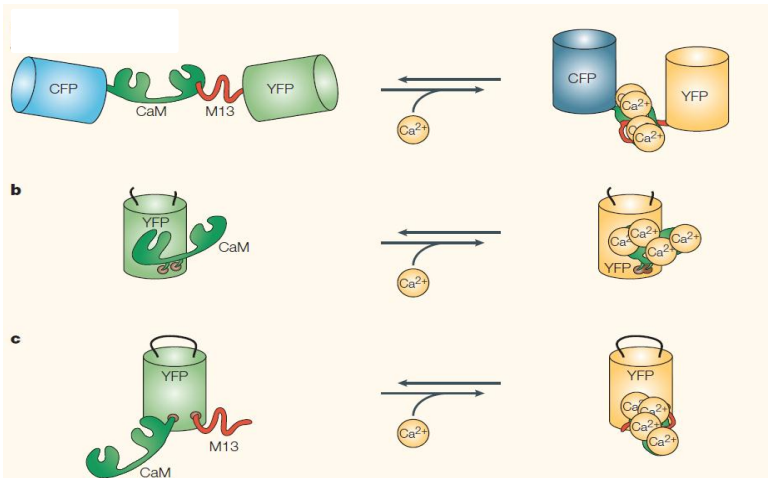
➤ Chemical fluorescent indicators



➔ **Non ratiometric:** - ➤ **Fluo 4**

➔ **Ratiometric:** - **Fura 2 (Excitation)**
- **Indo 1 (Emission)**

➤ Genetically Engineered Calcium Indicators (GECIs): GFP-based proteins



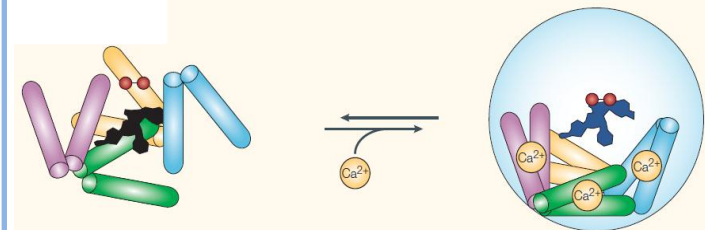
➔ **Cameleon**

➔ **Camgaroo**

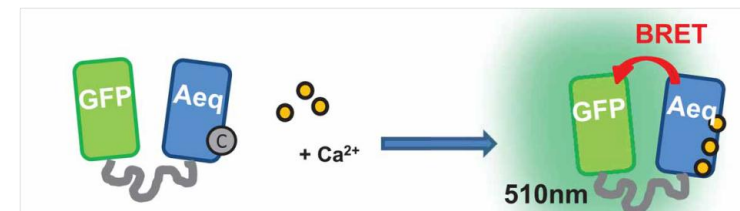
➔ **cpYFP-Pericam**

2 - Exploiting luminescence

Photoproteins : aequorin



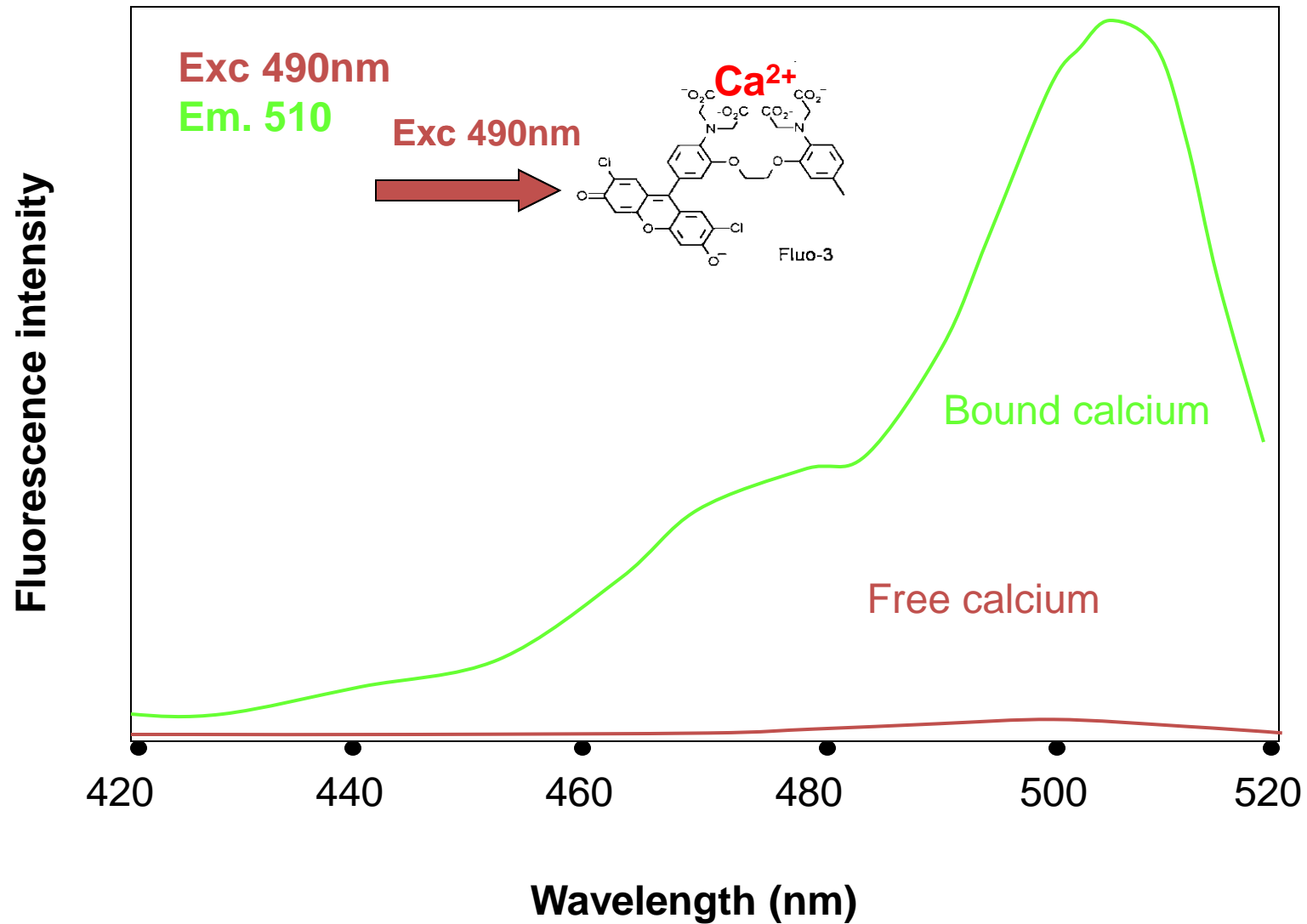
Photoproteins :G5A



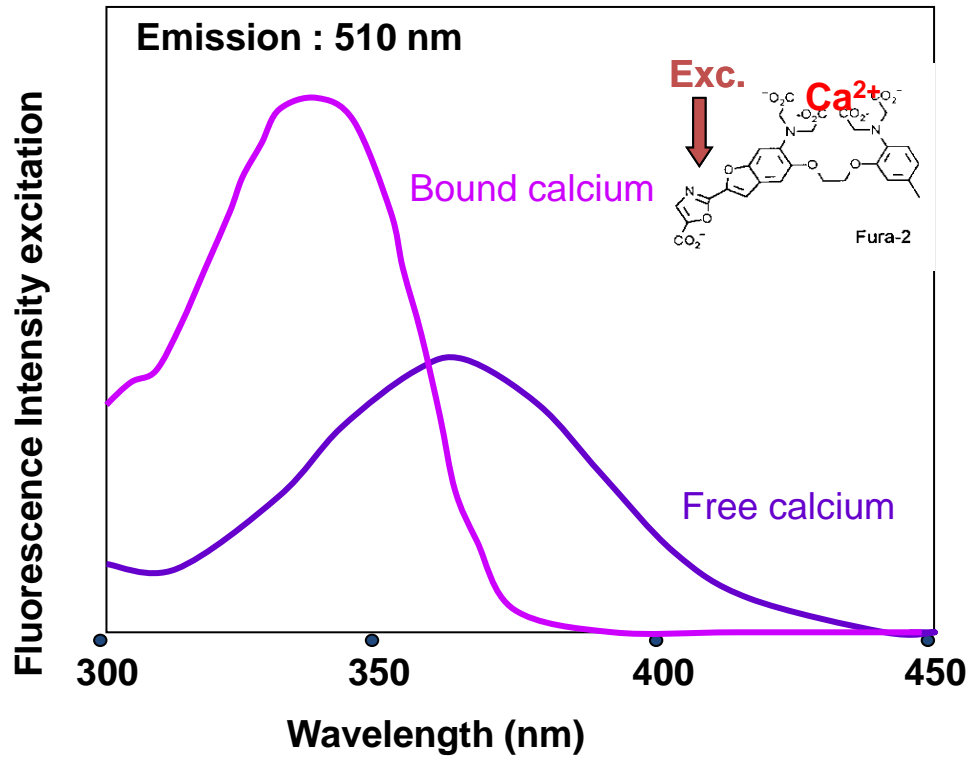
Adapted from : Rudolf R et al. (2003) Nature Cell Biol 4: 579

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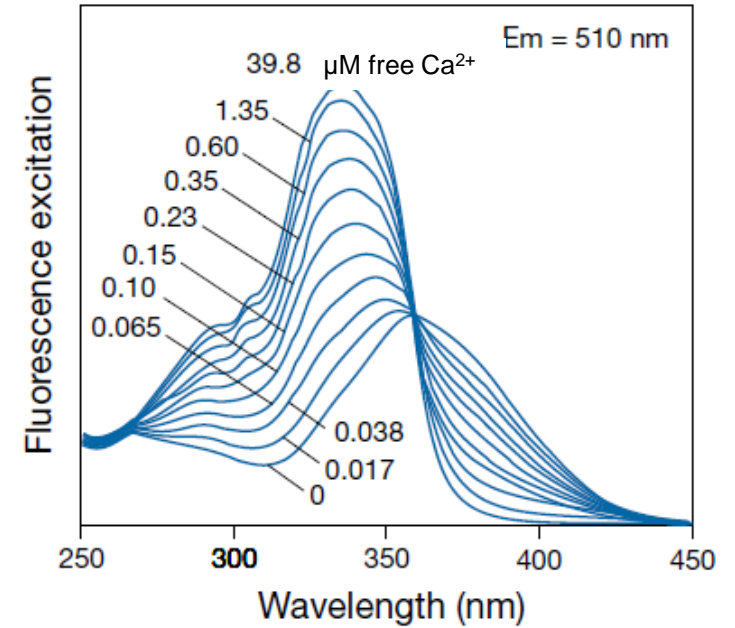
Non ratiometric chemical probes: Fluo-3



Ratiometric chemical probes : Fura-2



Ratio: 340/380



Changes in Fura-2 excitation spectra
in calcium solutions from 0 to 39,8 μM

First generation of fluorescent calcium probes

Sondes Ca^{2+} - Mg^{2+}

Sonde	λ_1 exc		λ_2 exc	λ_1 em		λ_2 em	K_d (nM)
Fura-2	340		380	510			145
Bis-Fura-2	340		380	510			370
Fura-red	420		480	660			140
Quin-2	350			495			60
Mag-Fura-2	340		380	490			25 000
BTC	400		480	540			7 000
Indo-1	350			405		485	230
Mag Indo-1	350			405		485	35 000
Texas-red/Calcium green	488	568		535		615	370
Fluo-3	488			525			390
Rhod-2	540			570			570
Calcium green-1	488			530			190
Calcium orange	530			575			185
Calcium green-5N	488			530			14 000
Oregon green 488	488			520			170
Mag-Fura-2	340		380	490			25 000
Mag-Fura-5	330			340		385	28 000
Mag-green	475			530			1 mM
Mag-Fura red	480			660			2 mM



Important parameters:

- 1) Affinity (Kds)
- 2) Excitation (UV-visible)
- 3) Emission (UV-visible)
- 4) Dynamics
- 5) Specificity (Ca^{2+} – Mg^{2+})

An extended choice of fluorescent calcium probes

Ca ²⁺ Indicator	Water-Soluble Salt *	Cell-Permeant Ester †	Dextran ‡	Mode §	K _d (nM) **	Notes
Bis-fura-2t	B6810			Ex 340/380	370	1
BTC	B6790	B6791		Ex 400/480	7000	2
Calcium Green™-1	C3010MP	C3011MP, C3012	C6765, C3713, C3714	Em 530	190	3, 4
Calcium Green™-2	C3730	C3732		Em 535	550	3, 5
Calcium Green™-5N	C3737	C3739		Em 530	14,000	3
Calcium Orange™	C3013	C3015		Em 575	185	2
Calcium Crimson™		C3018		Em 615	185	2
Fluo-3	F1240, F3715	F1241, F1242, F14218, F14242, F23915		Em 525	390	3, 4
Fluo-4	F14200	F14201, F14202, F14217, F23917	F14240 ††, F36250 ††	Em 520	345	3, 6
Fluo-5F	F14221	F14222		Em 520	2300	3
Fluo-4FF	F23980	F23981		Em 520	9700	3
Fluo-5N	F14203	F14204		Em 520	90,000	3
Fura-2	F1200, F6799	F1201, F1221, F1225, F14185	F3029	Ex 340/380	145	2
Fura-4F	F14174	F14175		Ex 340/380	770	2
Fura-6F	F14178			Ex 340/380	5300	2
Fura-FF	F14180	F14181		Ex 340/380	5500	2
Fura Red™	F14219	F3020, F3021		Ex 420/480	140	2, 7
Indo-1	I1202	I1203, I1223, I1226		Em 405/485	230	2
Mag-fluo-4	M14205	M14206		Em 520	22,000	3
Mag-fura-2	M1290	M1291, M1292		Ex 340/380	25,000	2
Mag-indo-1		M1295		Em 405/485	35,000	2, 8
Magnesium Green™	M3733	M3735		Em 530	6000	3
Oregon Green® 488 BAPTA-1	O6806	O6807	O6798	Em 520	170	3
Oregon Green® 488 BAPTA-2	O6808	O6809		Em 520	580	3, 9
Oregon Green® 488 BAPTA-6F	O23990			Em 520	3000	3
Oregon Green® 488 BAPTA-5N	O6812			Em 520	20,000	3
Quin-2	Q23918			Em 495	60	2, 10
Rhod-2	R14220	R1244, R1245MP	R34676 ††	Em 580	570	3, 11
Rhod-3		R10145		Em 580	570	3
Rhod-FF		R23983		Em 580	19,000	3
Rhod-5N	R14207			Em 580	320,000	3
X-rhod-1		X14210		Em 600	700	3
X-rhod-5F	X23984	X23985		Em 600	1600	3



Non-ratiometric indicators extending the range of Ca²⁺ concentrations measurement



Ratiometric indicators extending the range of Ca²⁺ concentrations measurement

* Catalog number(s) for the cell-impermeant salt. † Catalog number(s) for the cell-permeant AM ester. ‡ Catalog number(s) for the dextran conjugates. § Measurement wavelengths, in nm, where Ex = fluorescence excitation and Em = fluorescence emission. Indicators for which a pair of wavelengths are listed have dual-wavelength, ratio-measurement capability. ** Ca²⁺ dissociation constant, measured *in vitro* at 22°C in 100 mM KCl, 10 mM MOPS, pH 7.2, unless otherwise noted. K_d values depend on temperature, ionic strength, pH and other factors, and are usually higher *in situ*. Because indicator dextrans are intrinsically polydisperse and have variable degrees of substitution, these values may vary; lot-specific K_d values are printed on the vial in most cases. †† Low-affinity dextran conjugate. ††† High-affinity dextran conjugate.

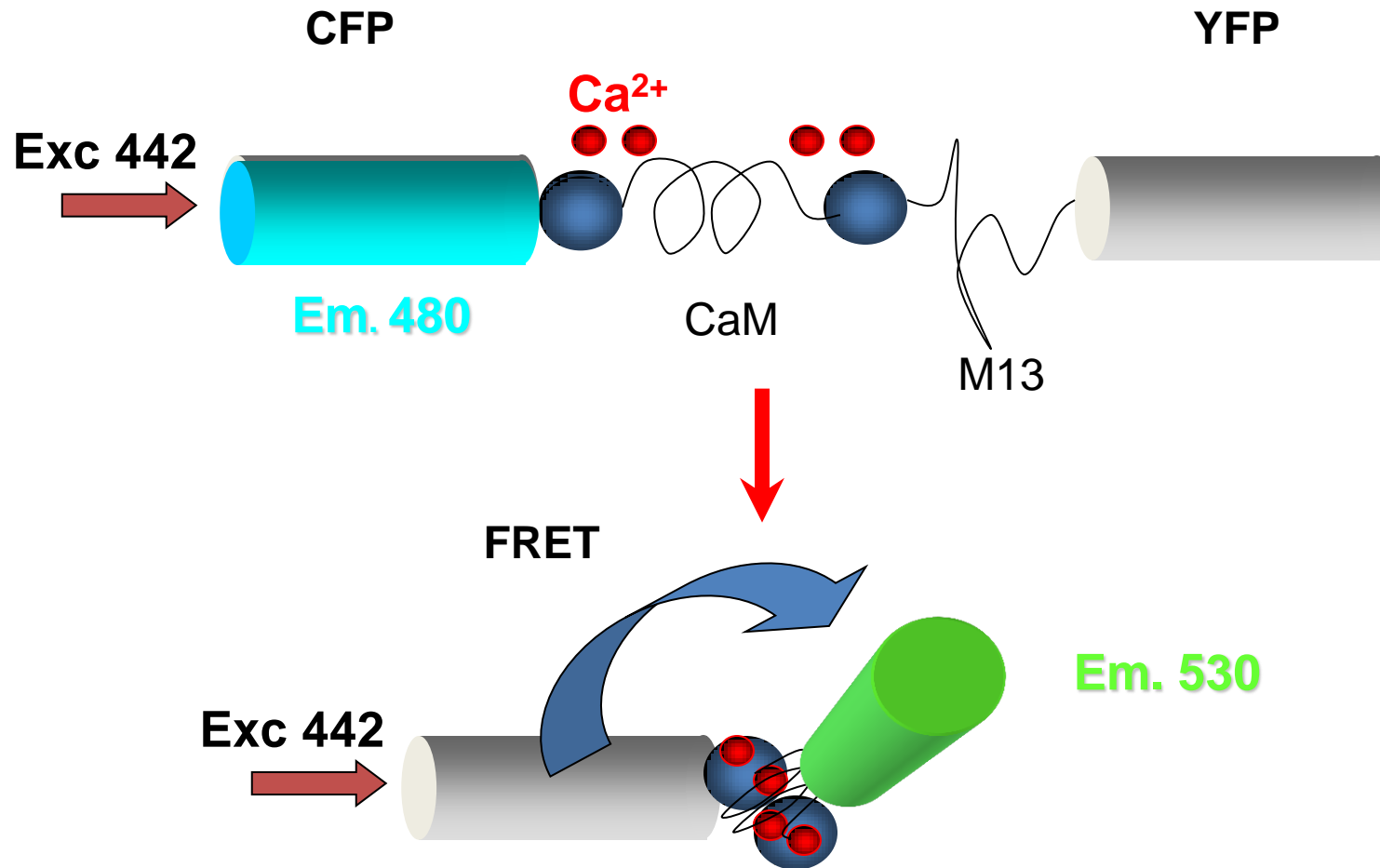
Notes: 1. Ca²⁺-dependent fluorescence response similar to fura-2 but ~75% greater molar absorptivity. 2. The AM ester form is fluorescent (a major potential source of error in Ca²⁺ measurements). 3. The AM ester form is nonfluorescent. 4. Calcium Green™-1 is more fluorescent than fluo-3 in both Ca²⁺-bound and Ca²⁺-free forms. The magnitude of the Ca²⁺-dependent fluorescence increase is greater for fluo-3; see Section 19.3. 5. Larger Ca²⁺-dependent fluorescence increase than Calcium Green™-1. 6. The K_d value for the low-affinity fluo-4 dextran (F14240) is ~3 μM, which is much higher than that of the free dye. The K_d value for the high-affinity fluo-4 dextran (F36250) is ~600 nM. 7. Can also be used in combination with fluo-3 for dual-wavelength ratio measurements, Ex = 488 nm, Em = 530/670 nm (Cell Calcium (1995) 18:377; Cytometry (1994) 17:135; Cell Calcium (1993) 14:359). 8. K_d determined in 100 mM KCl, 40 mM HEPES, pH 7.0 at 22°C (Biochem Biophys Res Commun (1991) 177:184). 9. Larger Ca²⁺-dependent fluorescence increase than Oregon Green® 488 BAPTA-1. 10. K_d determined in 120 mM KCl, 20 mM NaCl, pH 7.05 at 37°C (Methods Enzymol (1989) 172:230). 11. The K_d value for the high-affinity rhod dextran (R34676) is ~780 nM.

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Genetically encoded calcium probe: cameleon



Aequorin: a bioluminescent calcium probe



Aequorea victoria

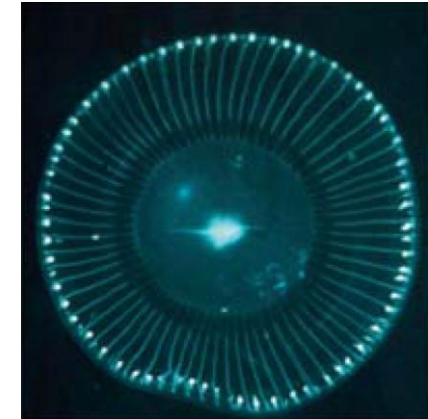
Luminescence described for the first time
in 1775 by Forskal

Purification of aequorin from jellyfish

O. Shimomura

Nobel prize in Chemistry 2008

Purification from 10000
Jellyfish in 1961



Rings of jellyfish (tissue of light organs)

Shake in saturated $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$
Squeeze through gauze
Filtration

Granular light organs

Shake in EDTA solution
Filtration

Crude aequorin solution

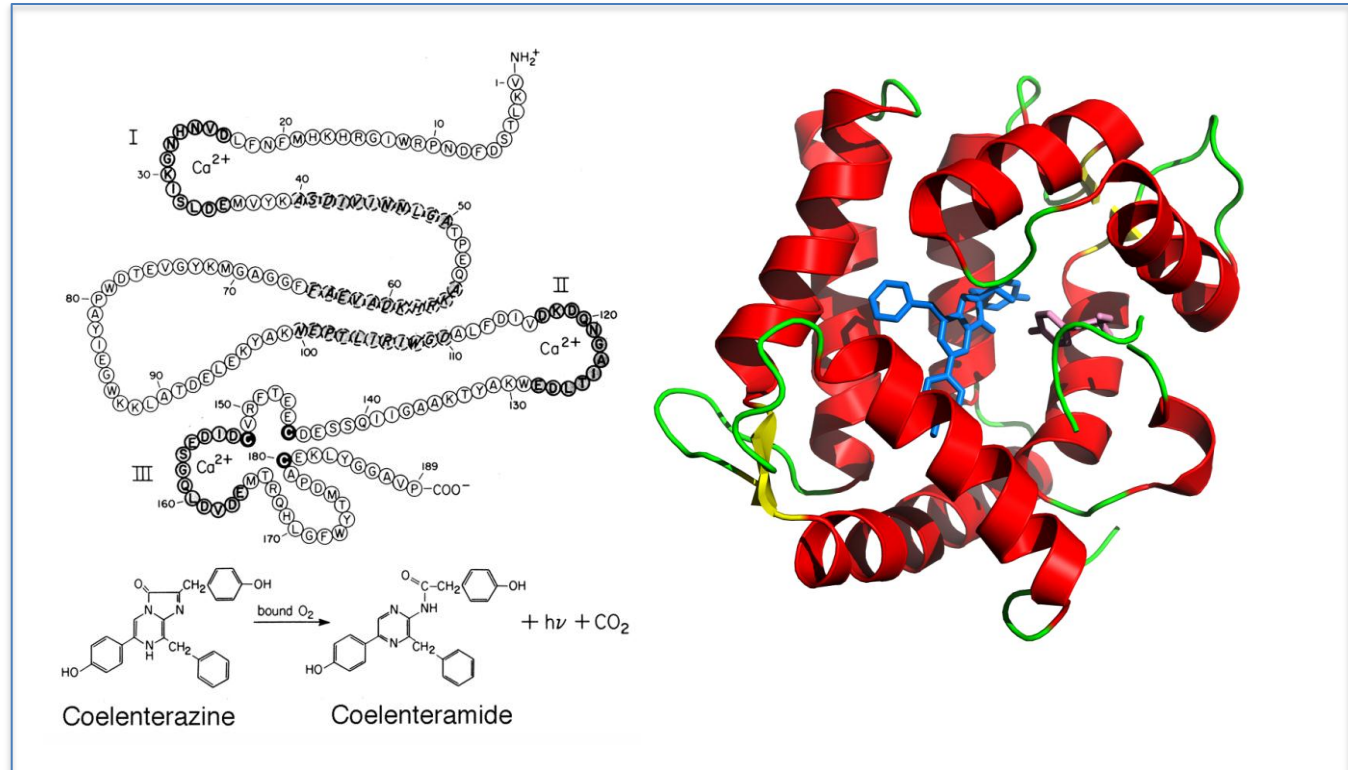
Purification

Aequorin and GFP

Structure of apo-aequorin

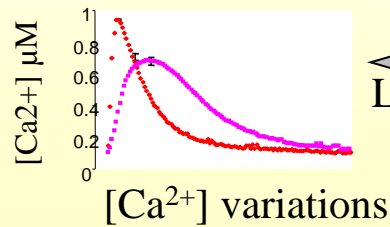
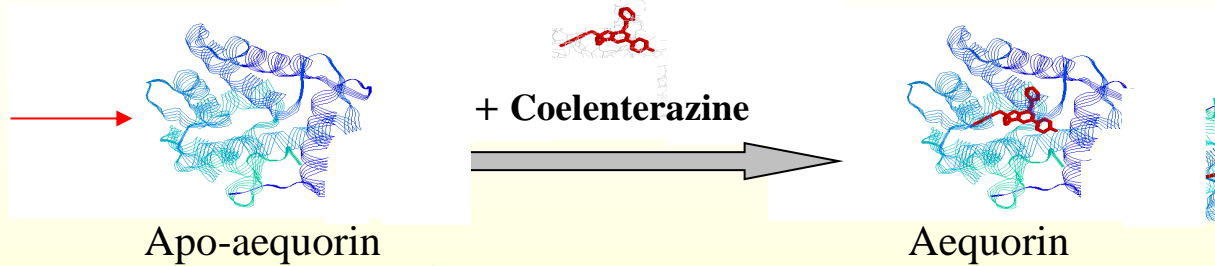
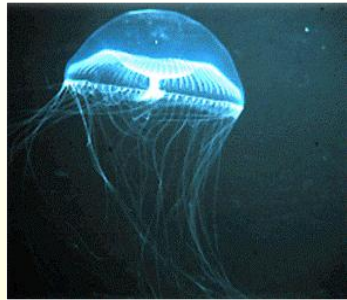
Aequorin: 189 AA, 22 kDa

Coelenterazine: 423 Da



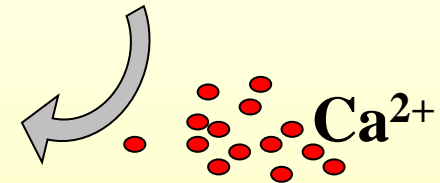
Kendall J.M. and Badminton M. 1998.
TIBTECH 16: 216-224

Calcium monitoring with aequorin

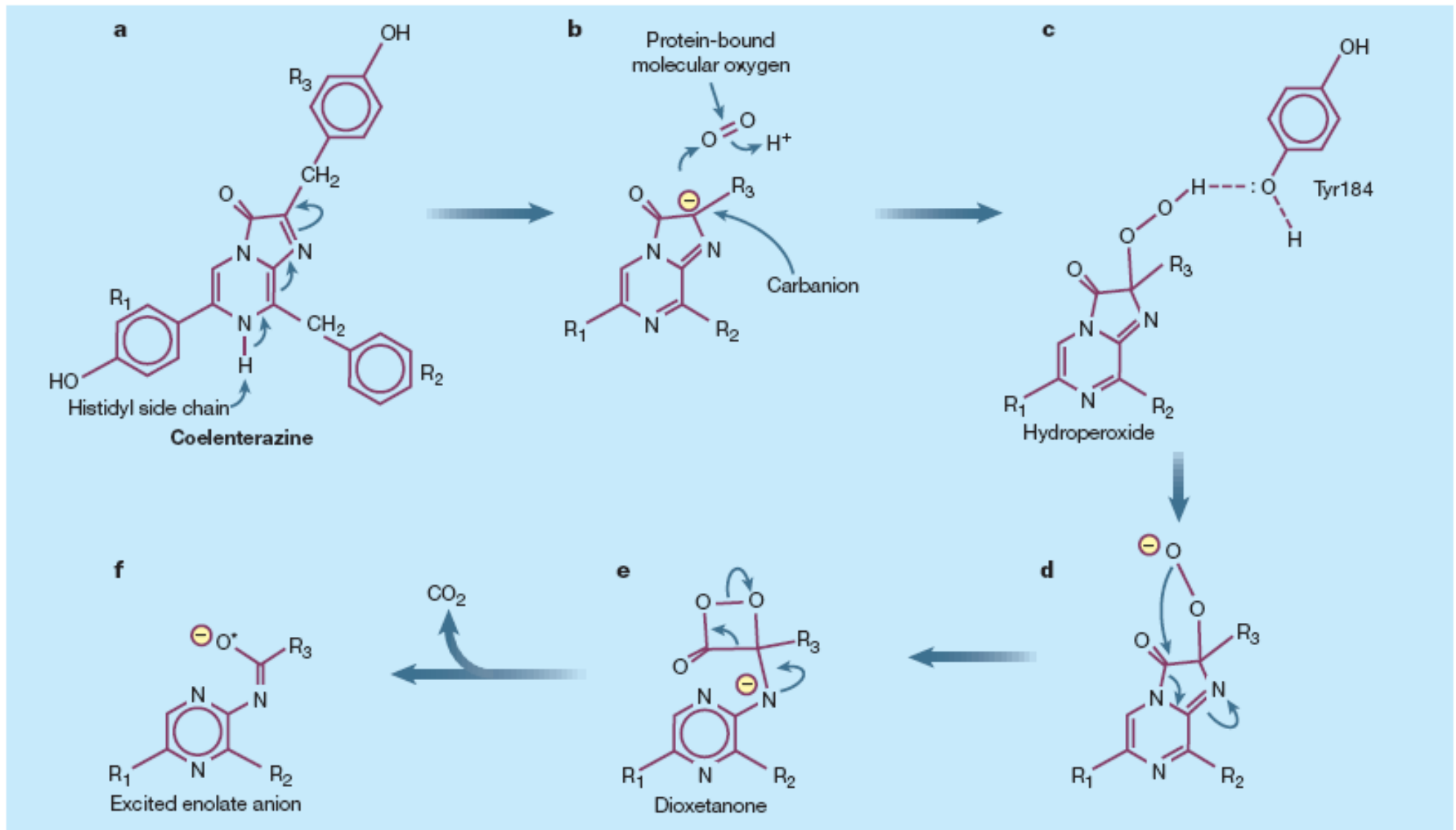


Luminometer

Light (469nm)



Chemical reactions underlying bioluminescence



Set of available coelenterazines to modulate aequorin sensitivity

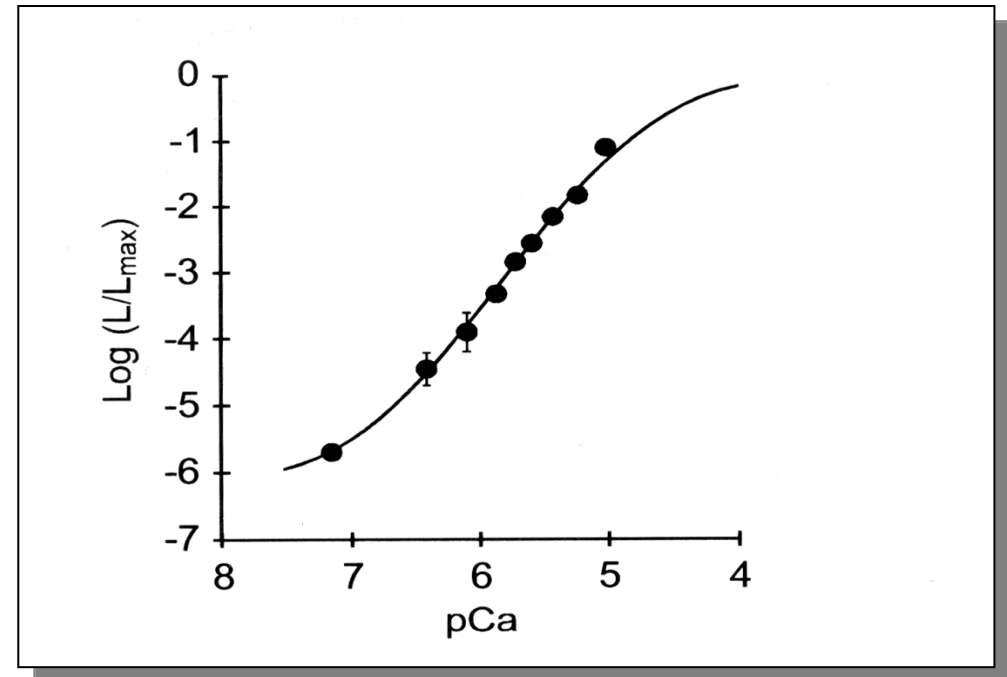
Table 1. Coelenterazines and their properties.

Cat #	Coelenterazine Analog	Em (nm)	RLC *	Relative Intensity †	Half-Rise Time ‡ (ms)
C-2944	native	466	1.00	1	6–30
C-14260	<i>cp</i>	442	0.63	28	2–5
C-6779	<i>f</i>	472	0.80	20	6–30
C-6780	<i>h</i>	466	0.75	16	6–30
C-14261	<i>hcp</i>	445	0.65	500	2–5
C-6776	<i>n</i>	468	0.25	0.15	6–30

* RLC = relative luminescence capacity: Total time-integrated emission of aequorin in saturating Ca^{2+} relative to native aequorin = 1.0. † Ratio of the luminescence of aequorin reconstituted with coelenterazine analog relative to native aequorin at 100 nM Ca^{2+} . ‡ Half-Rise Time: The half-rise time is the time for the luminescence signal to reach 50% of the maximum after addition of 1 mM Ca^{2+} to a standard of aequorin reconstituted with the coelenterazine analog of interest. All data are from O. Shimomura in Cell Calcium 14, 373 (1993).

Calibration

1. Prepare :
 - Ca^{2+} buffers with EGTA or HEDTA
 - Lysates of cell expressing aequorin
2. Reconstitute aequorin with coelenterazine
3. Dilute (1:10) cell lysates in Ca^{2+} buffers
4. Measure emitted light with a luminometer



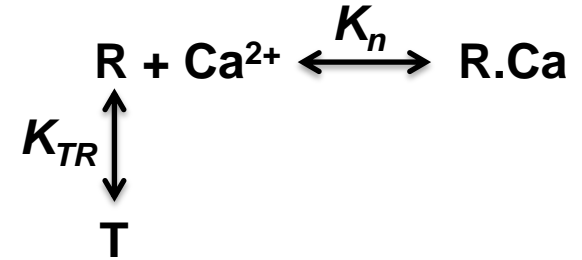
From: Brini et al. 1995. Transfected aequorin in the measurement of cytosolic ca concentration
J. Biol. Chem 270: 17 9896-9903

See also: Allen et al. 1977 : Aequorin luminescence: Relation of light emission to calcium concentration -
A calcium-independent component. Science 195:996-998

From light to calcium concentration

Allen method (Allen et al. 1977. Science, 195: 996-998)

This method postulates that Ca^{2+} binding has two possible states and light is emitted only when all the sites are in R state :



$$[\text{Ca}^{2+}] = \{(\text{L}_0/\text{L}_{\text{max}})^{1/3} + [\text{K}_{\text{TR}}(\text{L}_0/\text{L}_{\text{max}})^{1/3}] - 1\} / \{\text{K}_{\text{R}} - [\text{K}_{\text{R}}(\text{L}_0/\text{L}_{\text{max}})^{1/3}]\},$$

K_{R} = The calcium association constant = $7 \cdot 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}$

$\text{K}_{\text{TR}} = [\text{T}]/[\text{R}] = 118$

$\text{L}_0 = \text{count} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ $\text{L}_{\text{max}} = \text{Total counts}$

Knight empirical method (Knight et al. 1977. The Plant Cell, 8: 489-503) :

$$\text{pCa} = 0.332588(-\log k) + 5.5593$$

$\text{K} = \text{count} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ at each time / total counts of the whole experiment

Advantages and disadvantages of aequorin

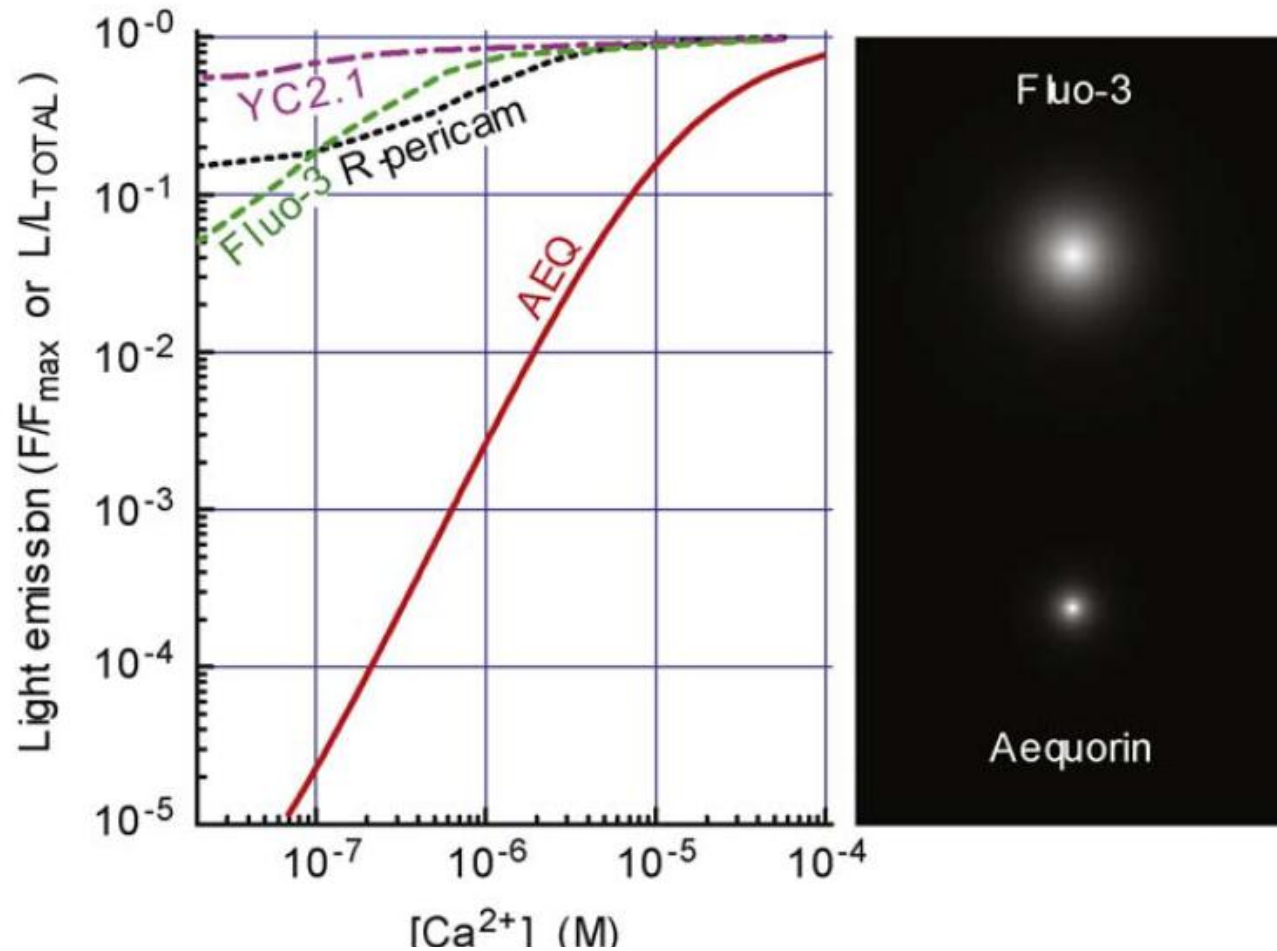
•PROS:

- Excellent dynamics (0.1 - 100 μM \rightarrow 10 000 x)
- Excellent signal-to-noise ratio
- Absence of chemiluminescent proteins in living cells
- Very low $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ buffering capacity
- Possibility of organelle targeting
- Stability increases upon reconstitution
- Expression of 10^4 - 10^5 molecules/cell
- Possibility to monitor calcium changes over long periods
- No cell toxicity

•CONS:

- Low light emission : 1 photon/mol.
(fluorescent probes: 10^4 photons/mol.)
- Requires transformation or injection
- Requires a specific equipment (luminometer - High sensitivity camera)

Dynamic range of calcium probes



Pros and cons of calcium probes

Pros

Chemical fluorescent probes

Cons

- Good dynamics (40 for Fluo3)
- Detection at the level of a single cell
- Availability of permeant probes (AM conjugates)
- Strong fluorescent signal

- Pb of permeability (injection)
- Pb of compartmentation, leakage, stability (bleaching)
- Buffering effects and toxicity with AM conjugates (release of formaldehyde and acetic acid)
- Quantification only with ratiometric probes

Fluorescent proteins

- Possibility of organelle targeting
- Measurement at the level of a single cell

- Low dynamics (2-7)
- Requirement of specific equipment (FRET)
- Calcium buffering and /or CaM competition
- pH sensitivity
- Possibility of bleaching

Luminescent probes (aequorin)

- No need of excitation wavelength
- Very high dynamics (up to 10,000)
- Possibility of organelle targeting
- Measurement at the whole tissue or organ level
- No toxicity, no buffering, no pH sensitivity
- Calcium monitoring over long periods

- Single cell measurement still difficult
- Light detection equipment required (luminometer)
- Low energy photons → imaging requires high sensitivity cameras

Applications

Aequorin probe, a widely used tool in plant field

Stimulus	Organism	Reference
Mechanical stress (touch,wind)	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	22,30
Cold	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	22
	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	31
Heat	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	32
Blue light	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	33
	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	34
Darkness	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (chl, cyt)	35
Drought	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	36
Osmotic shocks	<i>N. tabacum</i> (cyt)	16
	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	36
	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	37
	<i>N. tabacum</i> (nuc)	25
Circadian rhythms	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (chl, cyt)	38
Anoxia	<i>A. thaliana</i>	39
Oxidative stress	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	40
	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	41
Gravity	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	42
Acidification of external medium	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	43,44
Alkalinisation of external medium	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	45
Elicitors	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	22
	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	46
	<i>L. esculentum</i> (cyt)	20
	<i>G. max</i> (cyt)	5,47
	<i>P. crispum</i> (cyt)	6
Nod factors	<i>G. max</i> (cyt)	48
Phytohormones (ABA)	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	49
(auxin)	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	44
Sucrose	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	50
Glutamate	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	51
cAMP, cGMP	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt)	52
Lanthanum	<i>A. thaliana</i> (cyt)	44
Mastoparan	<i>N. tabacum</i> (cyt)	53
	<i>N. plumbaginifolia</i> (cyt, nuc)	14

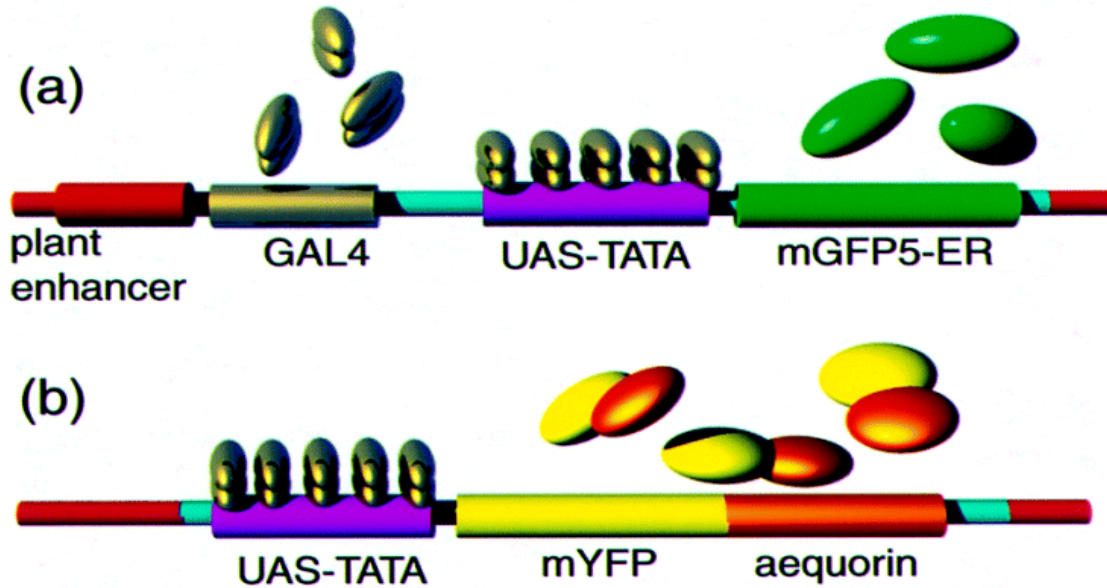
Intracellular localization of aequorin expression: cytosol (cyt); chloroplast (chl); nucleus (nuc).

Specific tissue and compartment targeting of aequorin in plants

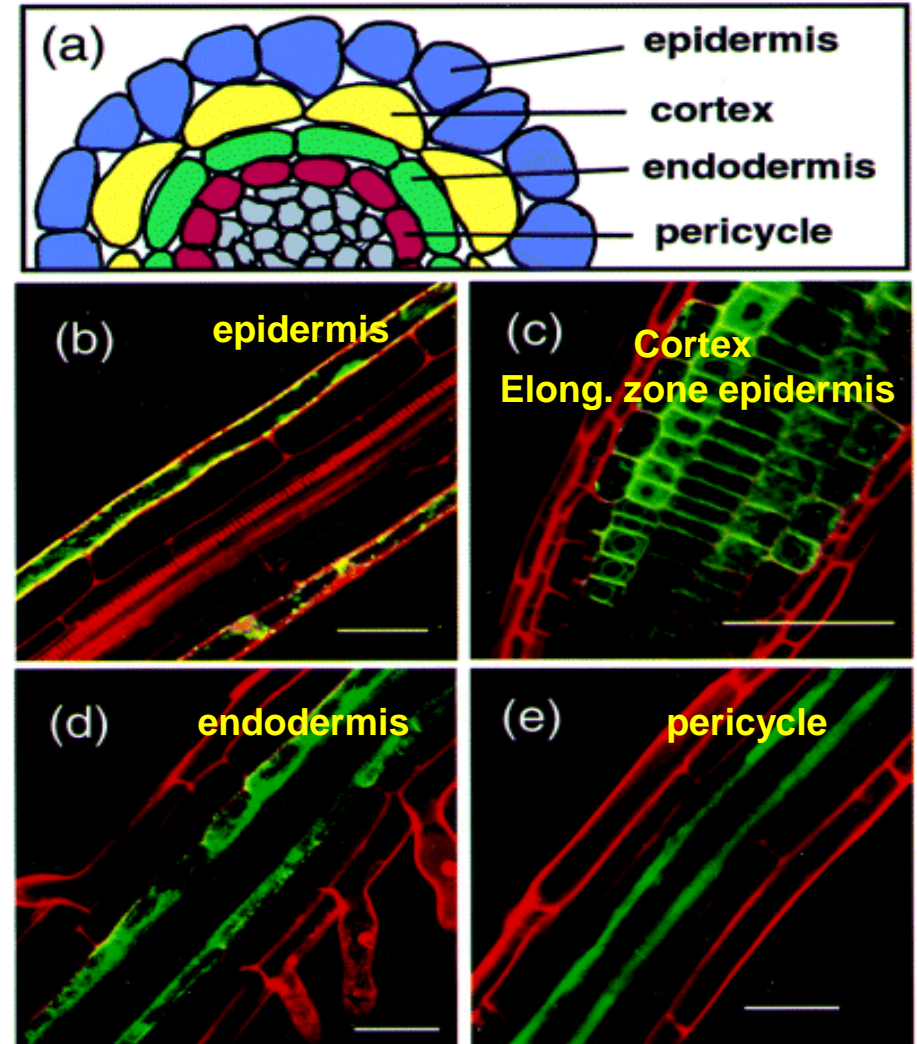
Localisation	Targeting strategy
Tissue targeting	
Root epidermis	« Enhancer trapped GAL4 »
Root endoderm	« Enhancer trapped GAL4 »
Root pericycle	« Enhancer trapped GAL4 »
Stomata guard cells	KST1 promoter
Pollen	G10 promoter
Compartment targeting	
Cytosol*	CaMV 35S promoter
Chloroplast*	Small subunit of RuBisCo
ER	chitinase containing HDEL motif
Nucleus (nucleoplasm)	nucleoplasmin fusion
Tonoplast	H ⁺ -Ppase fusion
Cell Wall (apoplaste)	targeting signal of chitinase
Mitochondria	N-term 90AA Beta -ATPase fusion

*Plasmids from Molecular Probes [**Web site (<http://www.probes.com>)**].

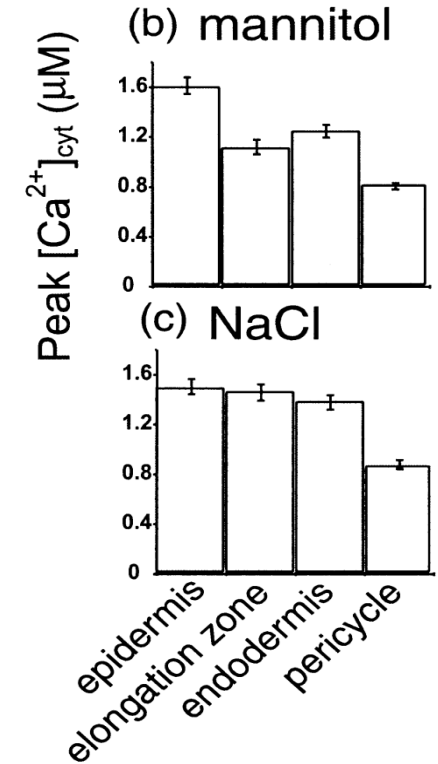
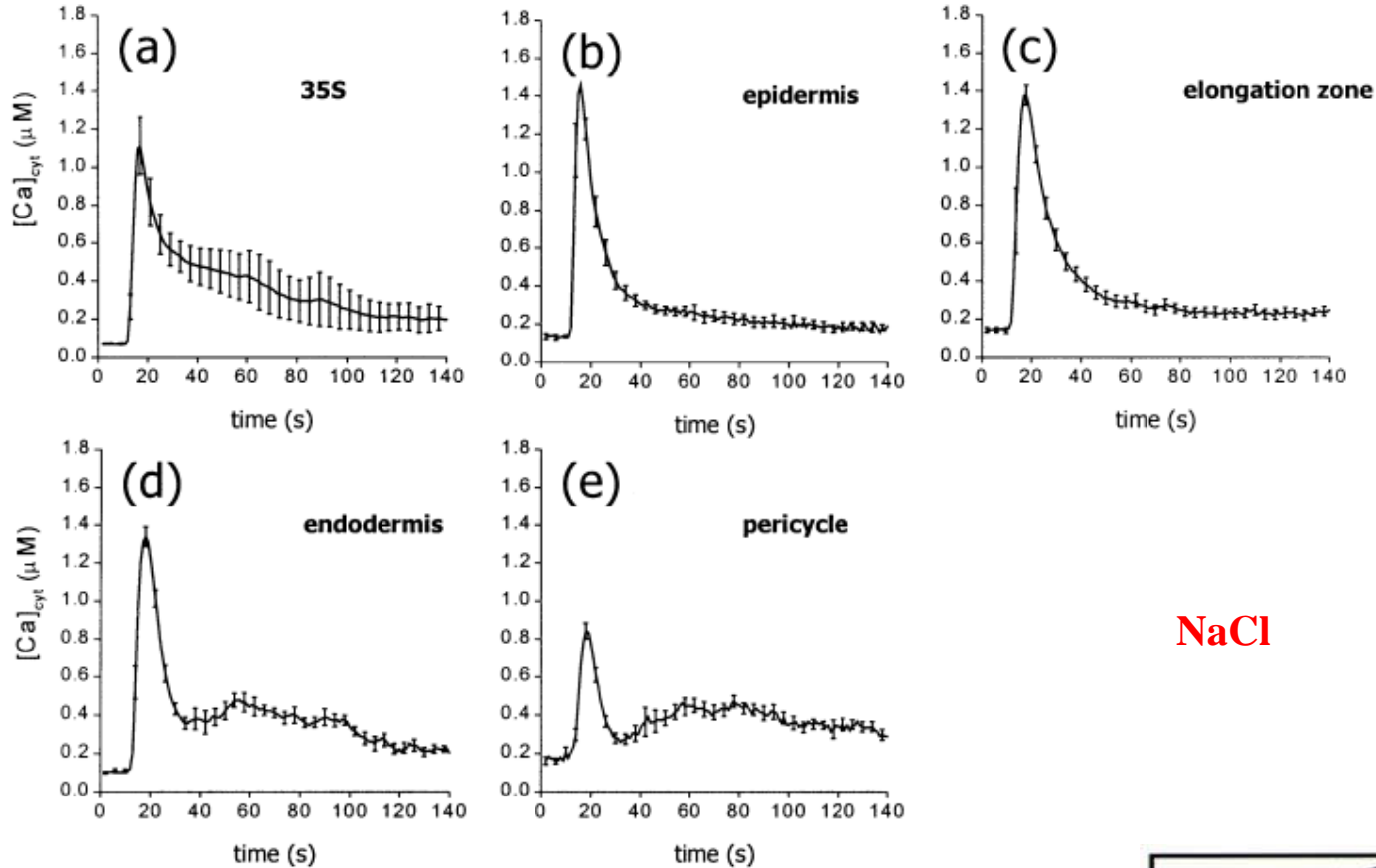
Tissue targeting of aequorin using GAL4 transactivation strategy



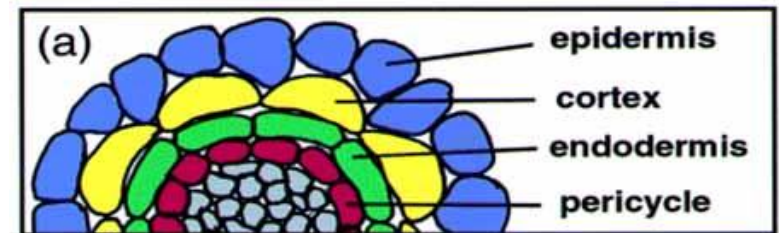
1. Selection of « enhancer trap » lines (GFP)
2. Selection of strong phenotypes (mYFP)
3. Measuring luminescence in specific lines



Ca²⁺ responses to osmotic shocks in various tissues

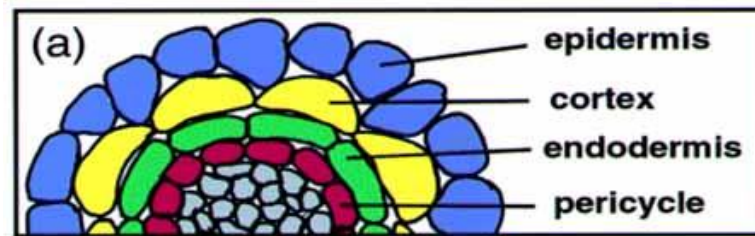
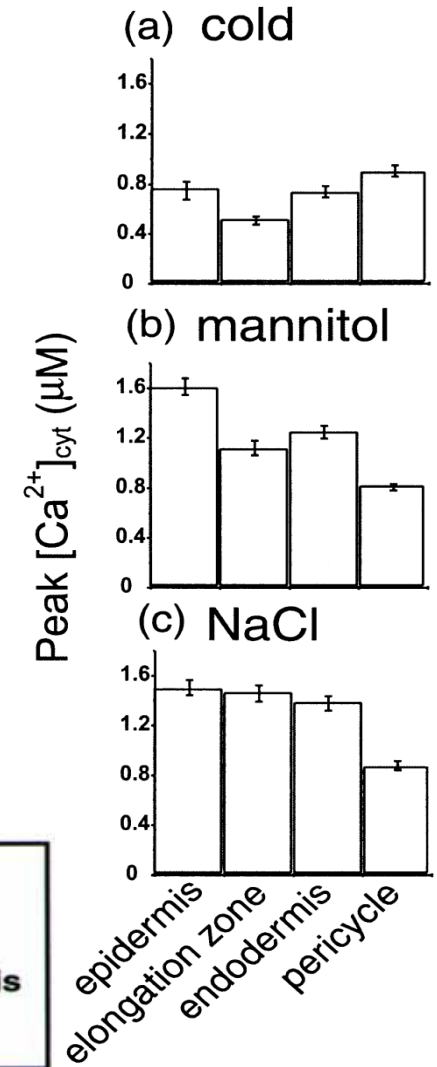
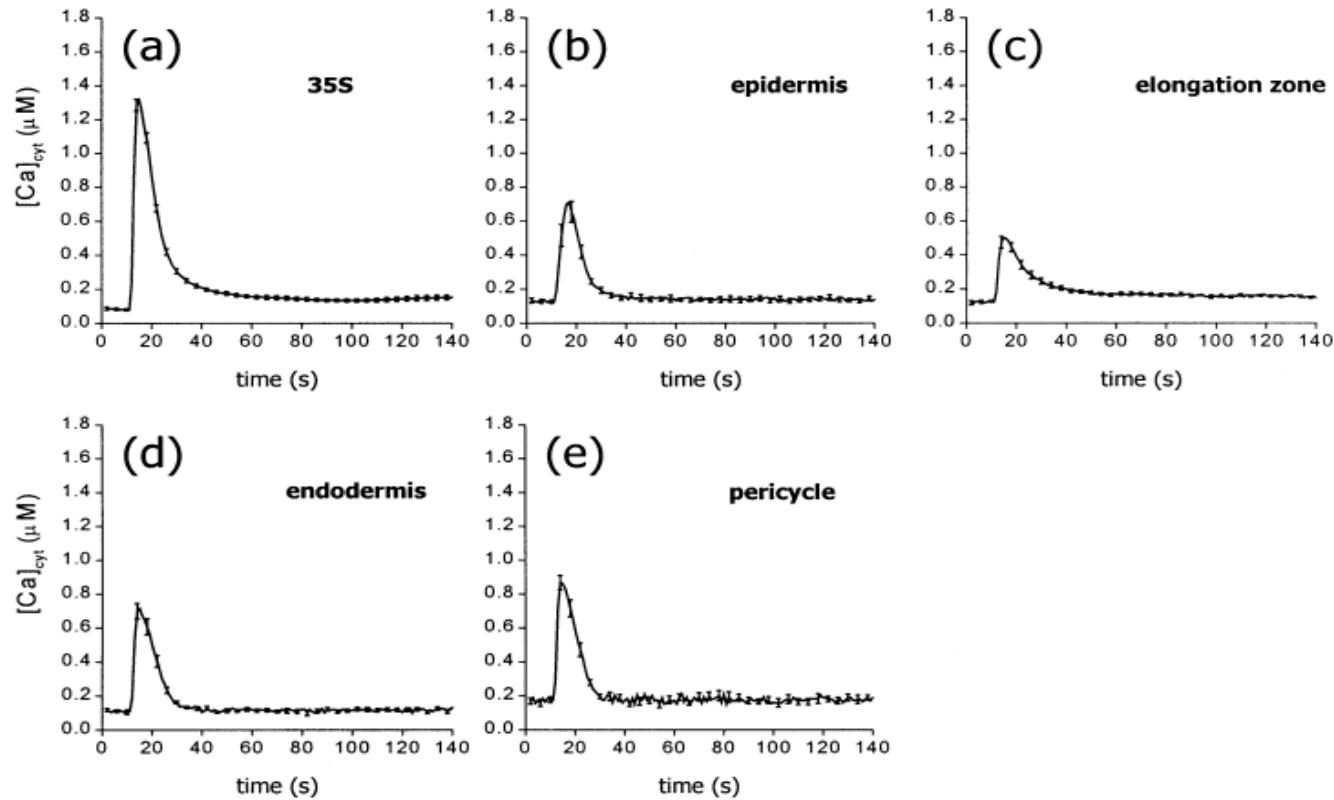


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Kiegle et al. (2000) *Plant J.*, 23, 267-278

Ca²⁺ responses to a cold shock in various tissues



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Aequorin can be specifically targeted in various plant compartments

Tic40 – inner envelope of chloroplasts : 130 AA of Tic 40

OEP7 – outer envelope of chloroplasts : FL OE protein 7

NTRC – chloroplast stroma : 85 AA NADPH-TRX reductase C

AKDE1- mitochondrial matrix : 66 AA of oxoglutarate deshydrogenase

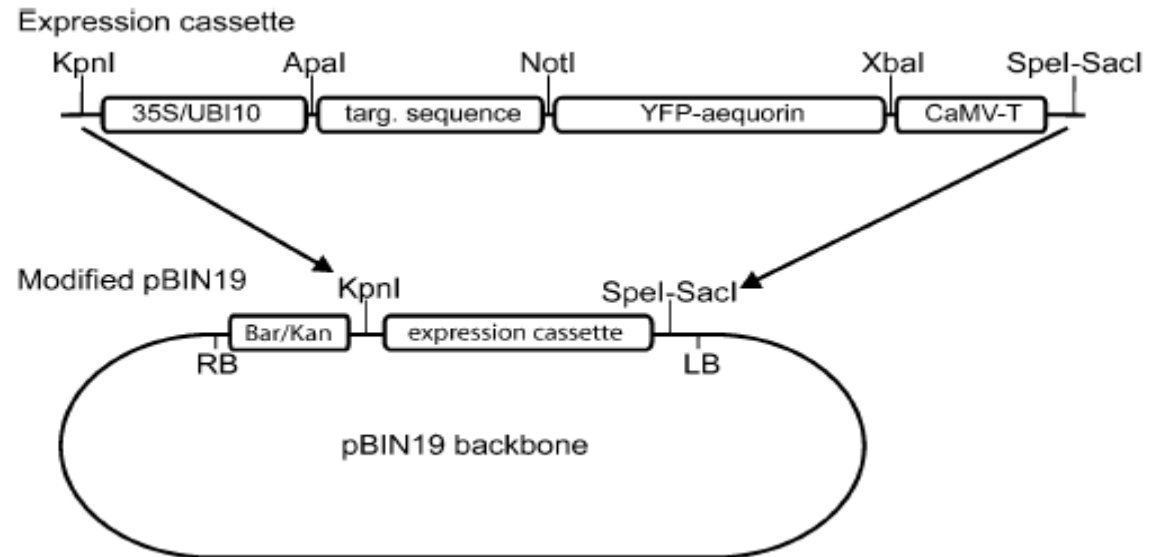
CPK17 – plasma membrane : 58 AA of CPK17

CPK17G2A – cytosol

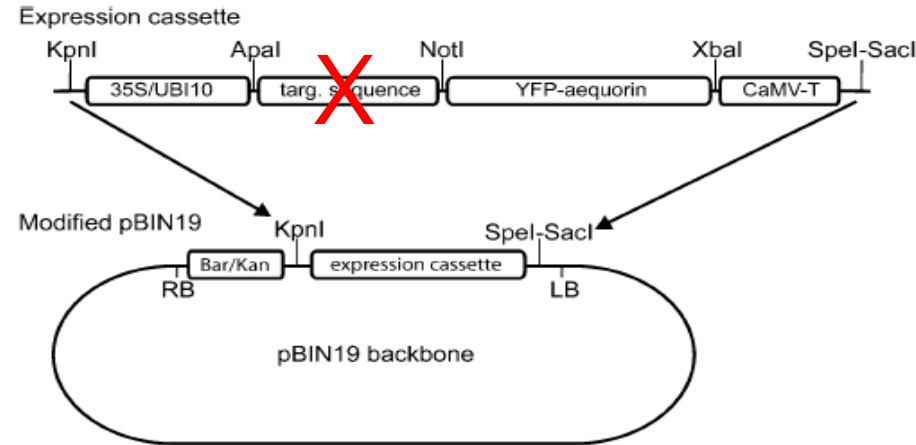
NLS – nucleus : NLS of SV40

NES – cytosol : NES from Heat Stable Kinase inhibitor

Construct structure of YFP-Aequorin (YA)



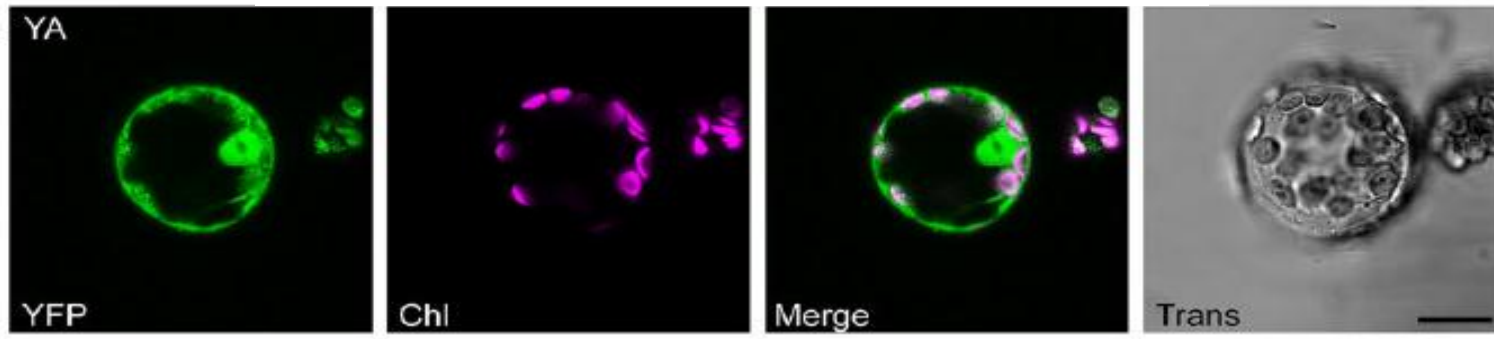
Cytosol and nucleus targeting of aequorin in *Brassica rapa* protoplasts using YA construct



YA fusion alone



Cytosolic and nuclear calcium monitoring



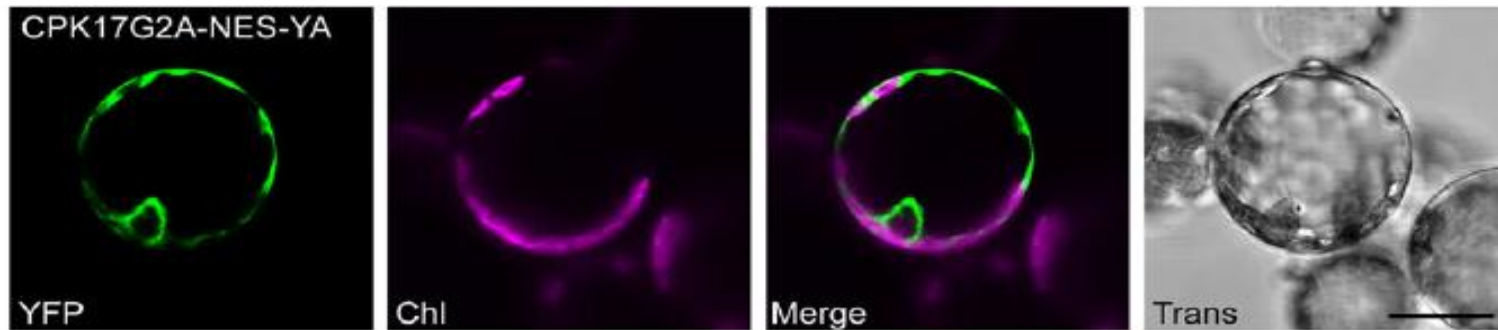
Bar = 20 μ m

YFP : λ_{ex} = 514nm, λ_{em} = 525-546 nm

Chl : λ_{ex} = 514nm, λ_{em} = 657-726 nm

Cytosol targeting of aequorin in *Brassica rapa* protoplasts using the CPK17G2A-NES-YA construct

CPK17G2A – cytosol (Benetka *et al.*, 2008)

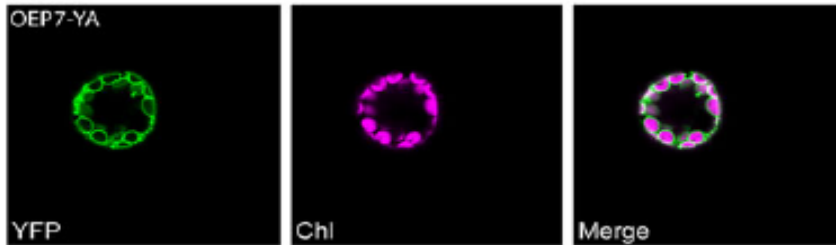


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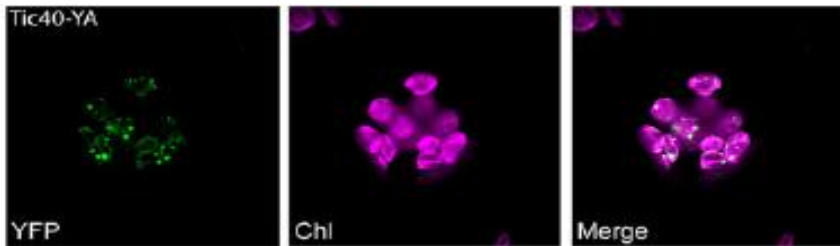
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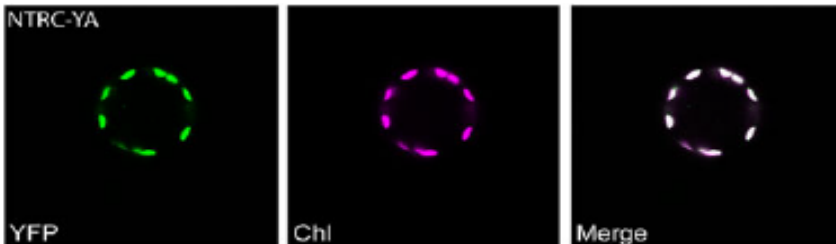
Localization of YA fusion proteins in various chloroplastic compartments in *Brassica rapa* protoplasts



OEP7 – outer envelope of chloroplasts
(Schleiff *et al.*, 2001) *FL OE protein 7*



Tic40 – inner envelope of chloroplasts (Chou
et al., 2003) *130 AA of Tic 40*



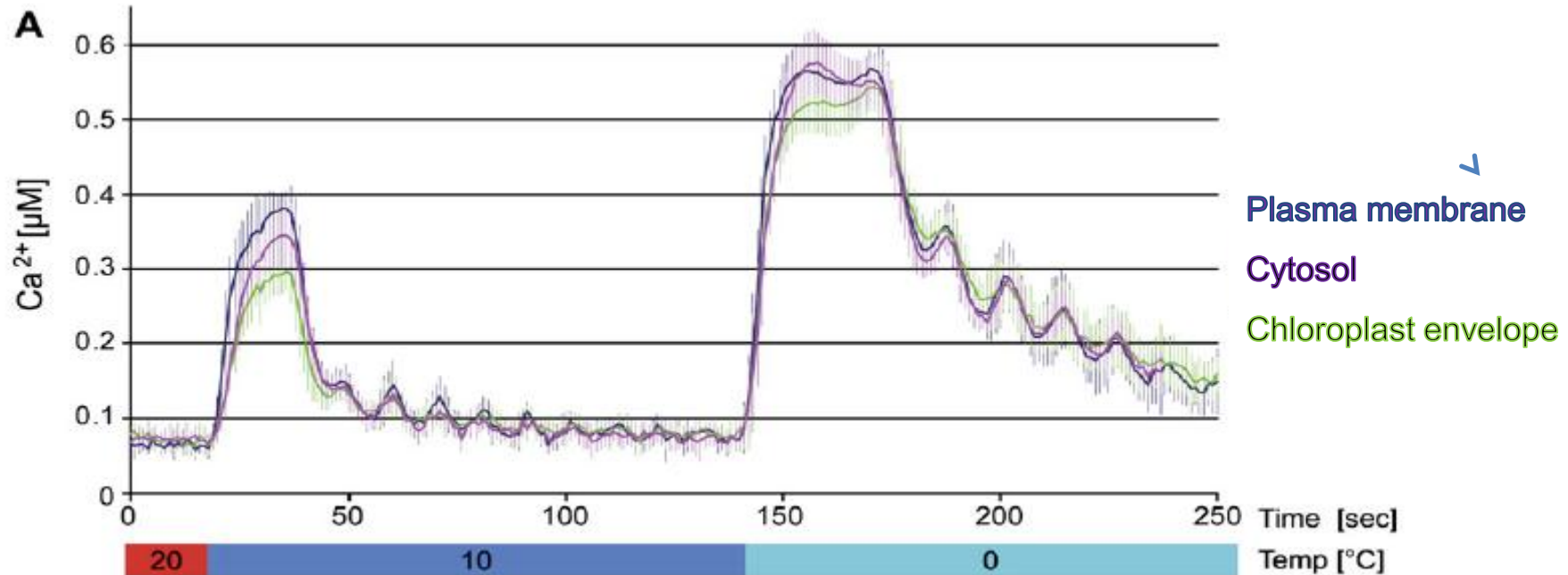
NTRC – chloroplast stroma (Perez-Ruiz *et al.*,
2009) *85 AA NADPH-TRX reductase C*

Bar = 20µm

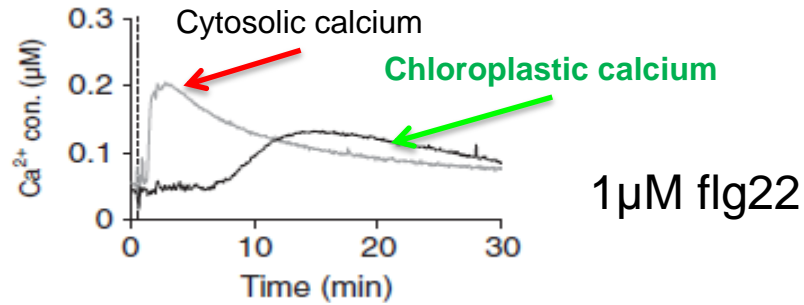
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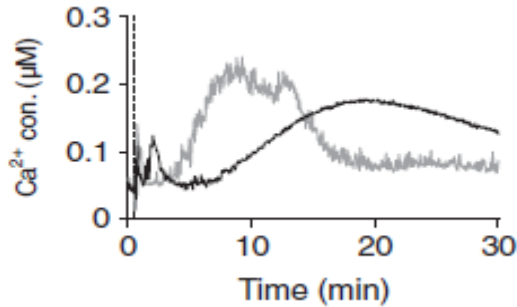
Calcium responses to cold shock in various cell compartments



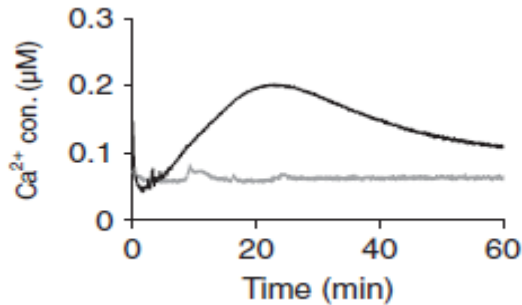
Comparison of cytosolic and chloroplastic calcium responses



1 μM flg22

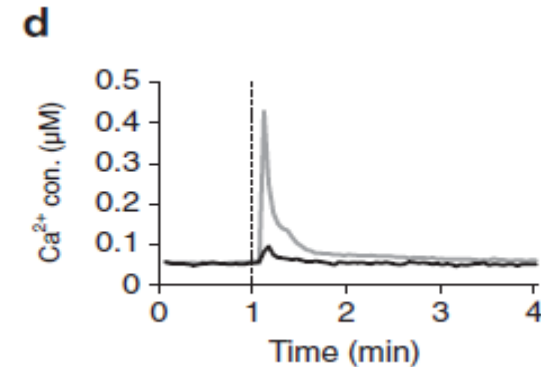


500mM sorbitol



Light to dark transition

Targeted aequorin to stroma with signal peptide from RBCS (ribulose-1-5-biphosphate carboxylase)



Cold-shock

Chloroplast-mediated activation of plant immune signalling in *Arabidopsis*

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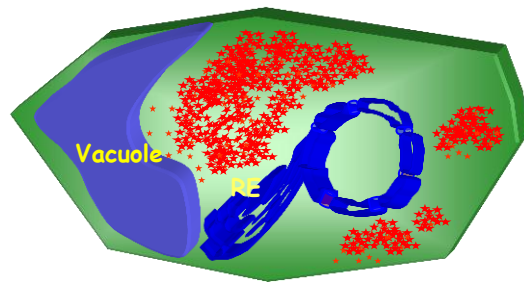
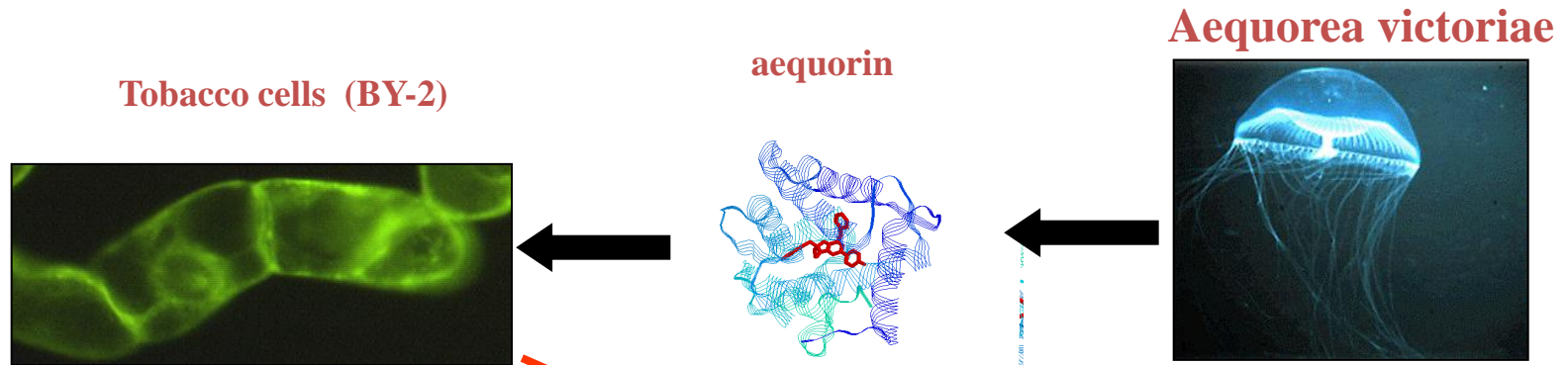
Cytosolic and nuclear calcium signalling in plants

Objectives of the group:

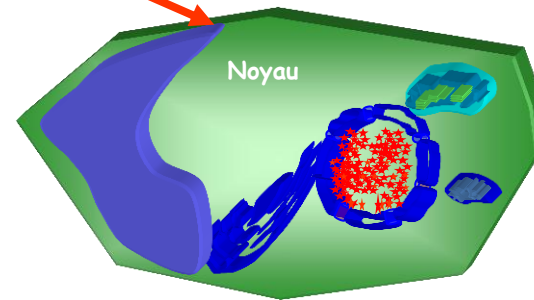
To understand how calcium signatures and compartmentation can control response specificity to biotic and abiotic stimuli in plants

Tools available in the group

Aequorin tobacco BY-2 cell lines



Ca^{2+} _{cyt}



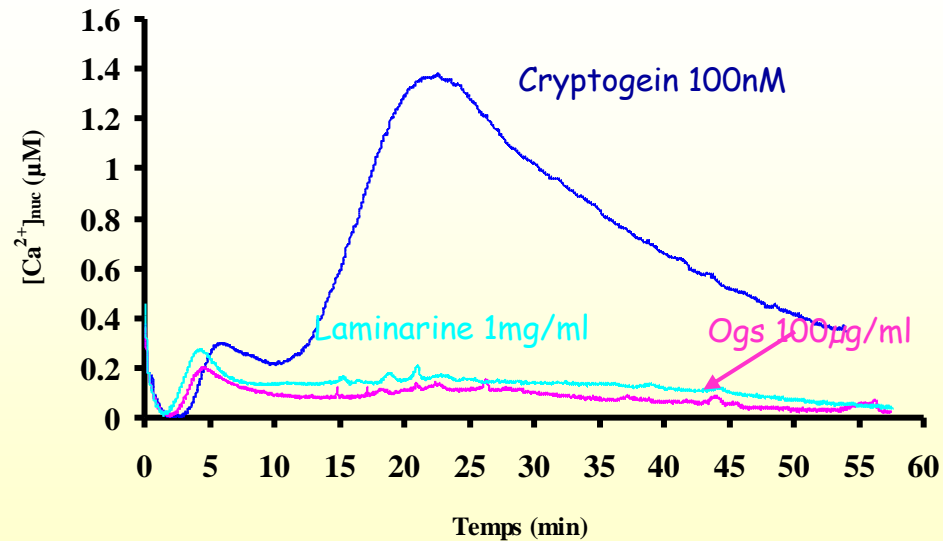
Ca^{2+} _{nuc}

*Immunodetection of nuclear aequorin
(Secondary Ab Texas red labelled)*

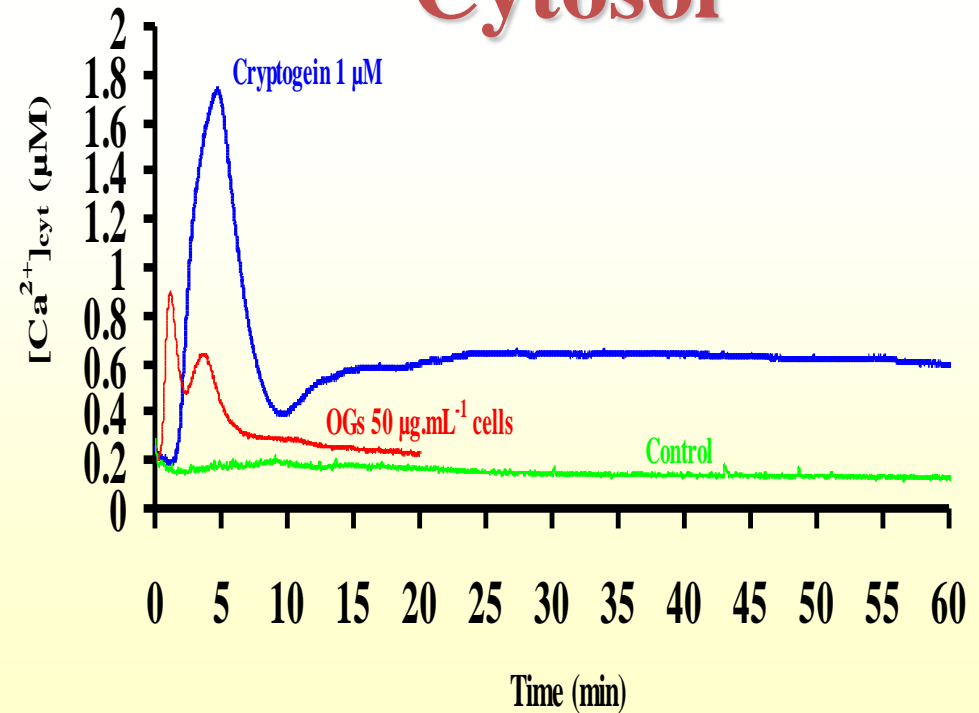


Elicitors-induced cytosolic and nuclear calcium transients in BY-2 tobacco cells

Nucleus

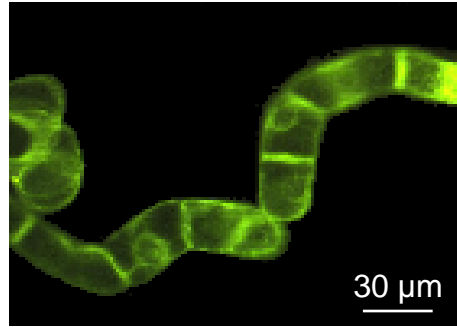


Cytosol

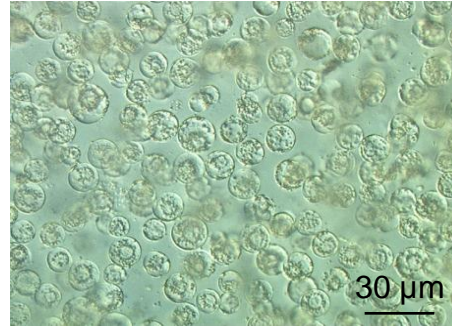


Nuclei preparation from tobacco BY-2 cells

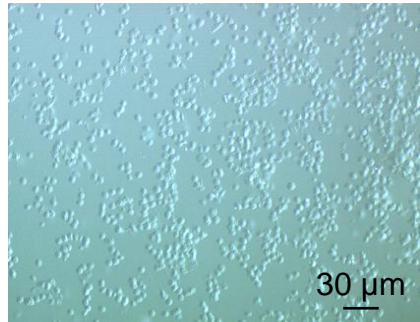
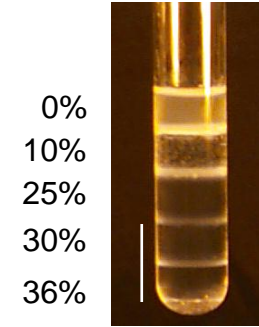
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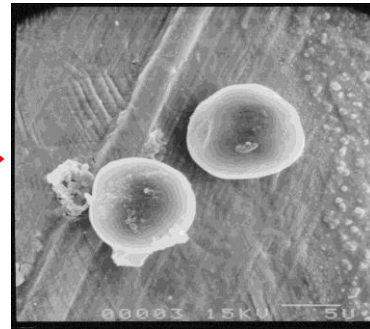
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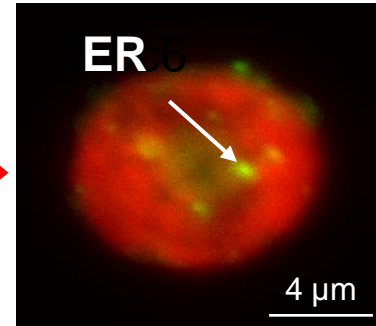
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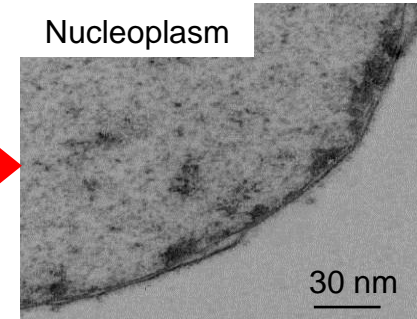
purified nuclei



Scanning microscopy

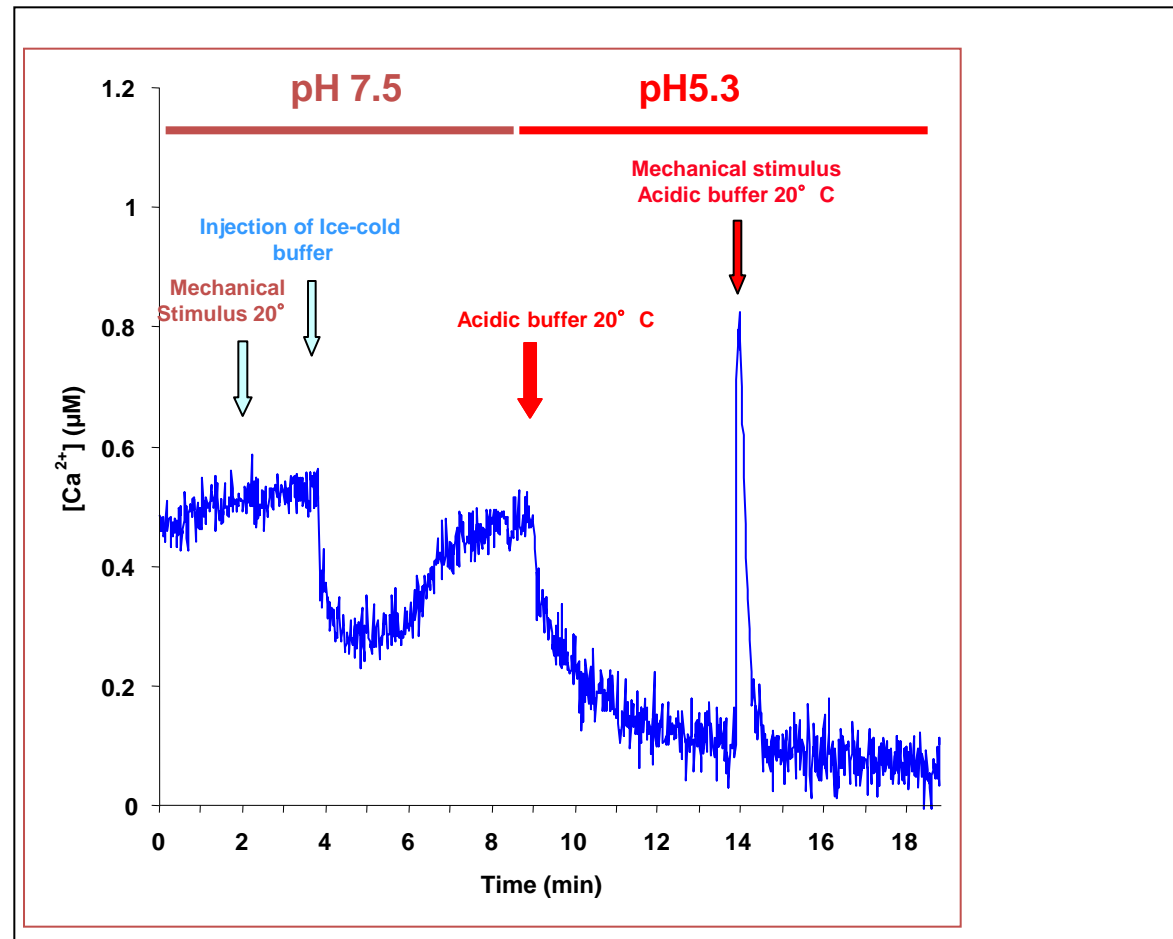


Confocal microscopy
DiOC6 labelling of ER

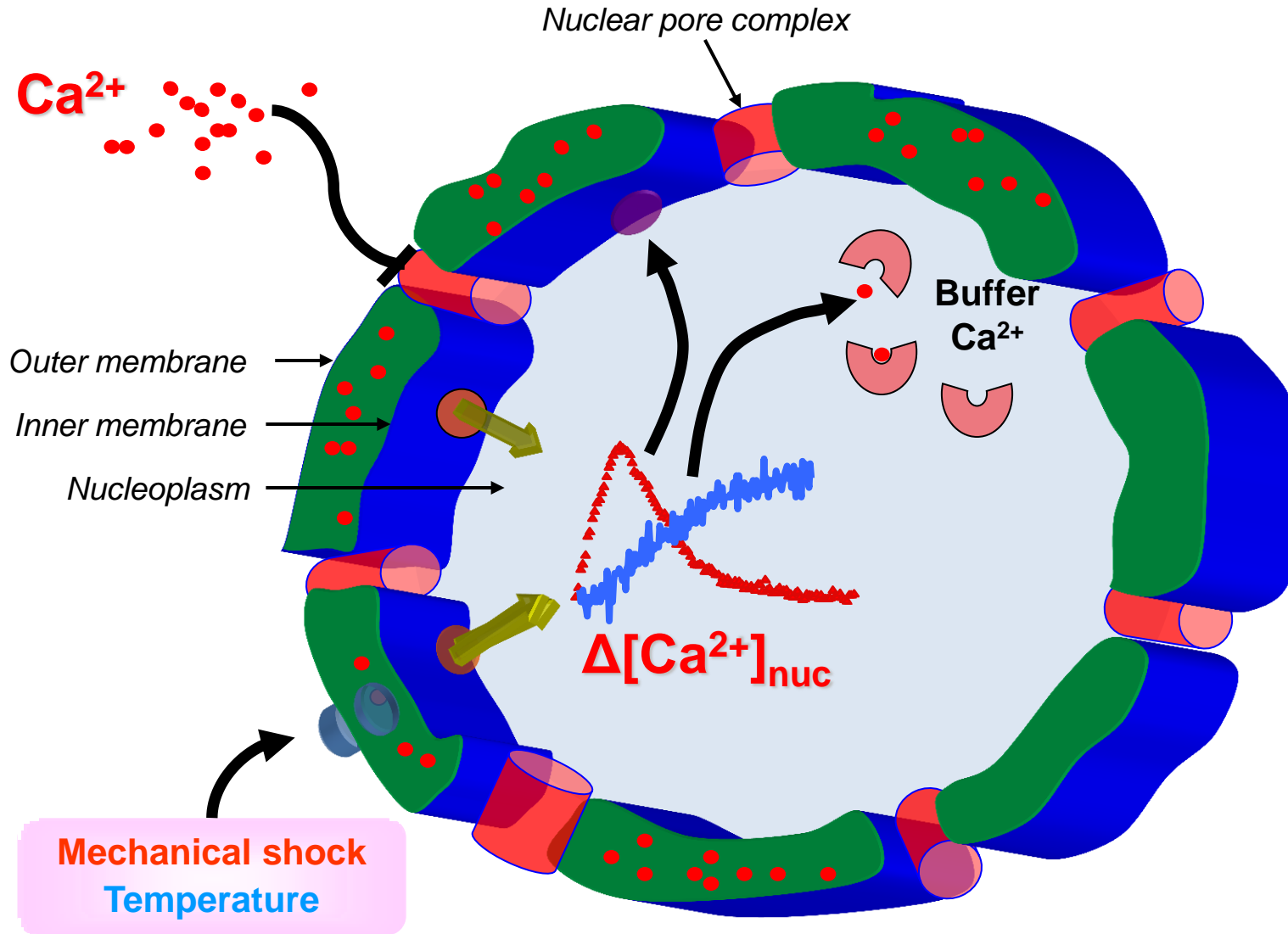


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pH of external medium controls nuclear calcium responses to T° and mechanical shocks



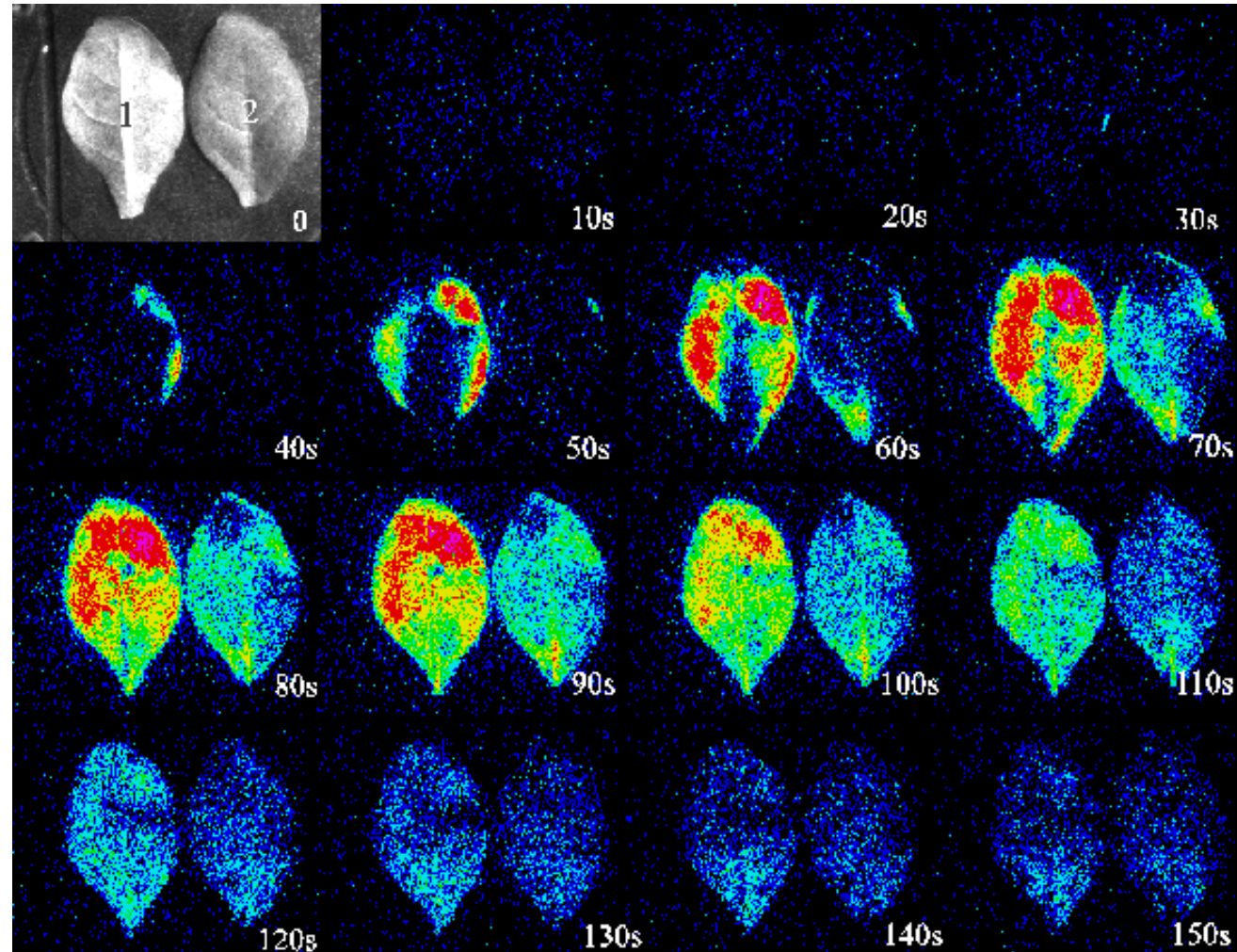
Nuclear calcium homeostasis



**Aequorin imaging
at the organ or whole plant level**

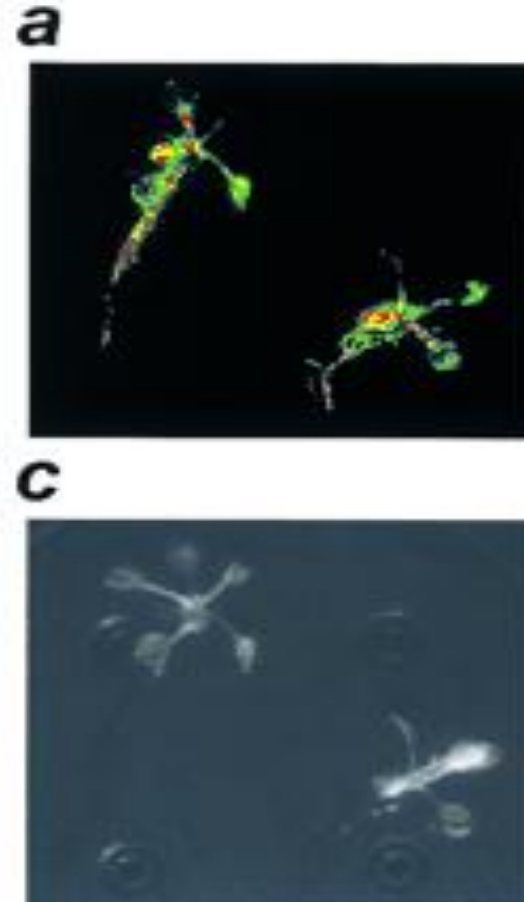
Cold shock (0°C) induced calcium transients on tobacco leaves

Plants: *N. plumbaginifolia*
Calcium probe : Aequorin
Stimulus : Cold shock
Monitoring: Intensified CCD
(Photek 216)
Integration time: 10 s

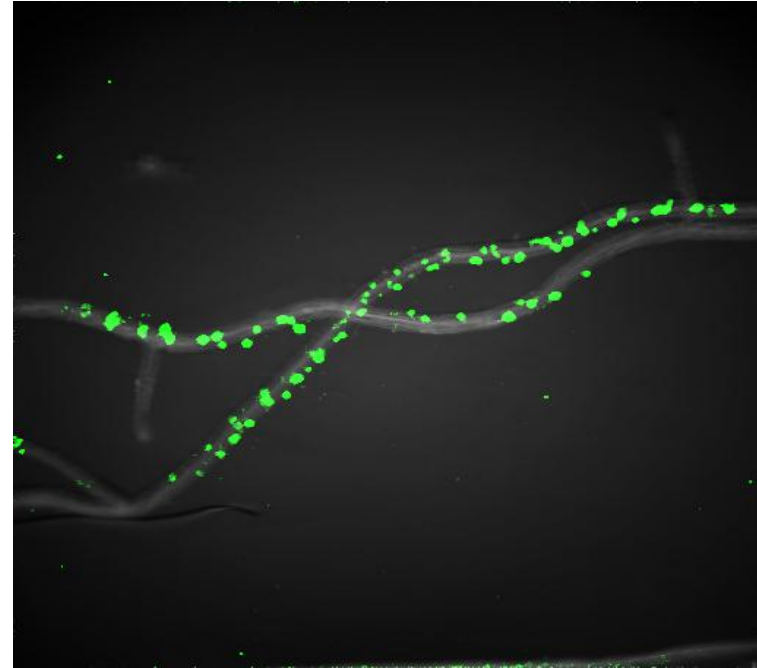
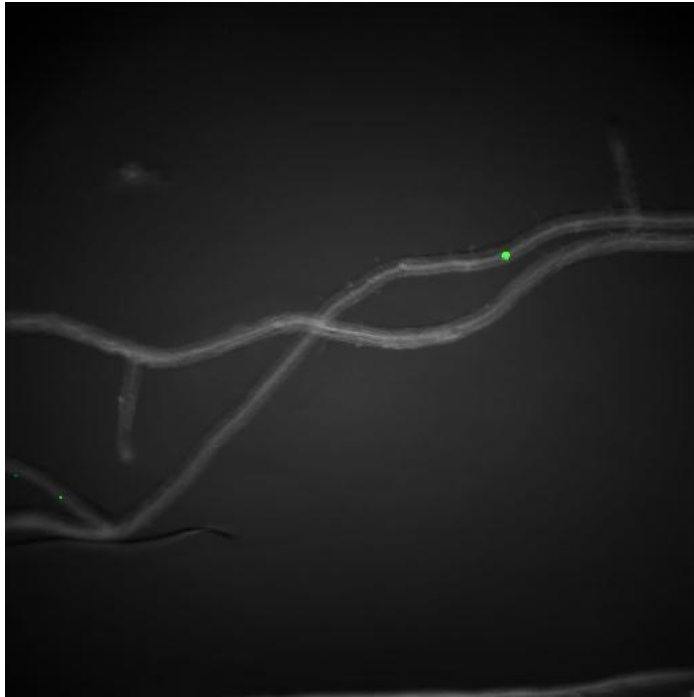


Cold shock- induced calcium variation on whole seedlings of *A. thaliana*

Plants: seedlings of *Arabidopsis thaliana*
Calcium probe : **Aequorin**
Stimulus : **Cold shock 17° → 6°**
Monitoring: **Intensified CCD camera** (Photek)
Integration time: **60 s**

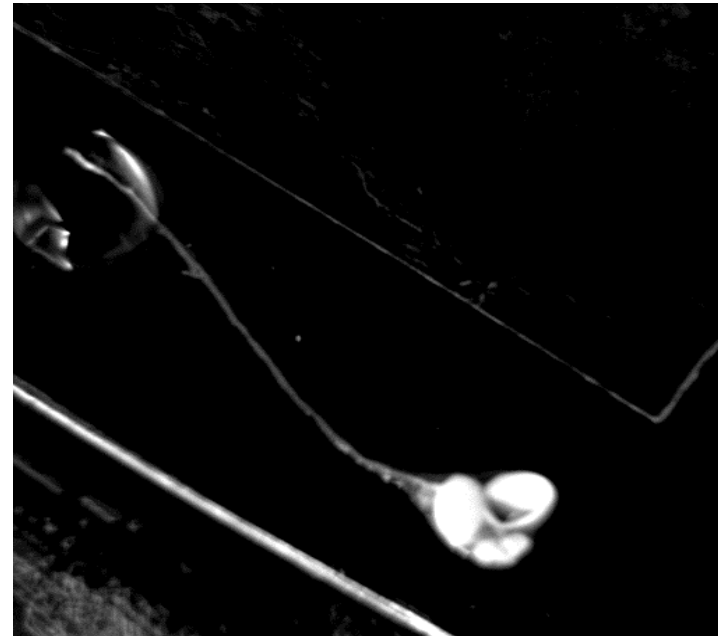
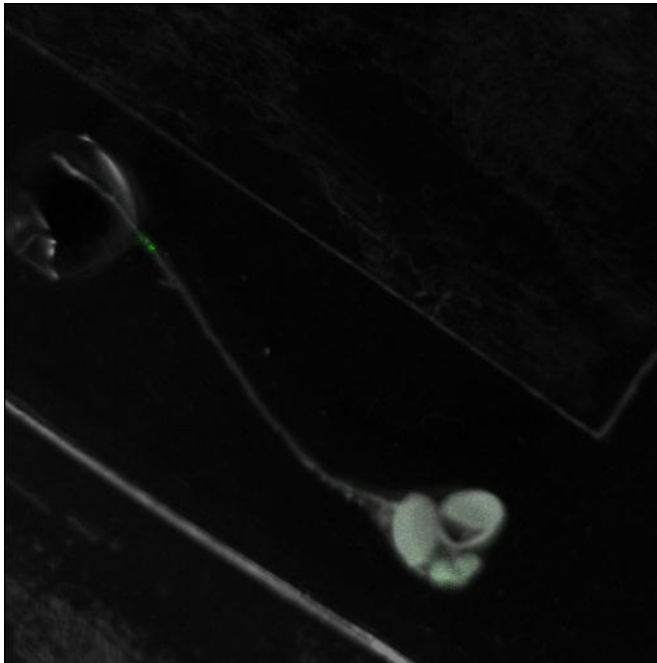


Chitosan-induced nuclear calcium responses in *A. thaliana* roots expressing Nuc-Aequorin



Monitoring: Olympus system LV200 with EmCCD Andor camera
Lens:10X
Stimulus:Chitosan: 0.5mg.ml⁻¹
Integration: 5 s

Oligogalacturonides-induced cytosolic calcium responses in *A. thaliana* seedlings expressing Cyt-Aequorin



Monitoring: EmCCD Hamamatsu camera

Lens: macro

Stimulus: OGs: $1\text{mg}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$

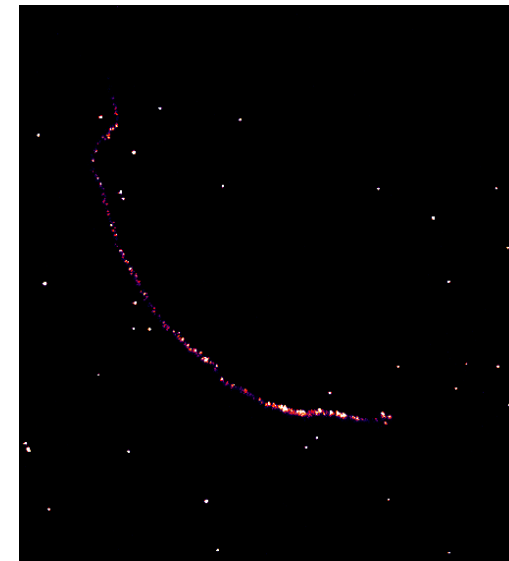
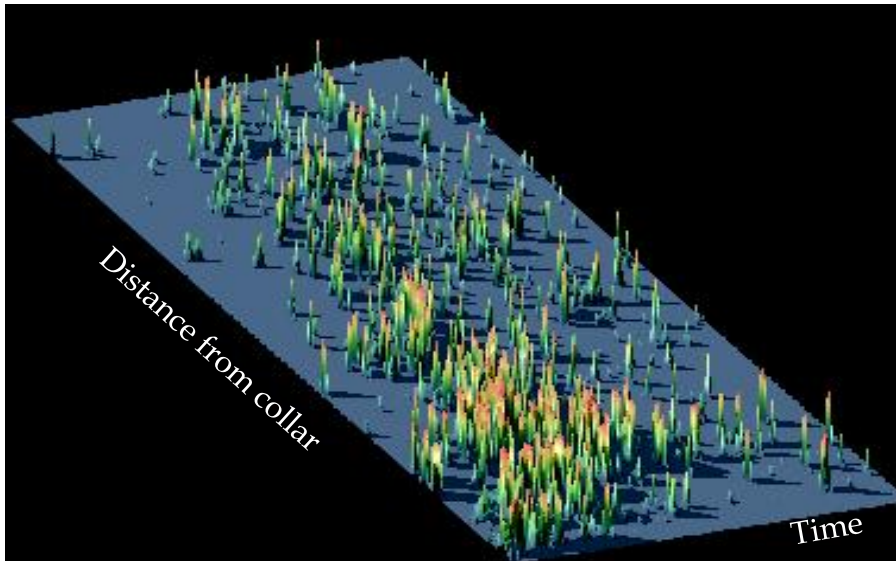
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Phytosphingosine-induced nuclear calcium responses in *A. thaliana* seedlings



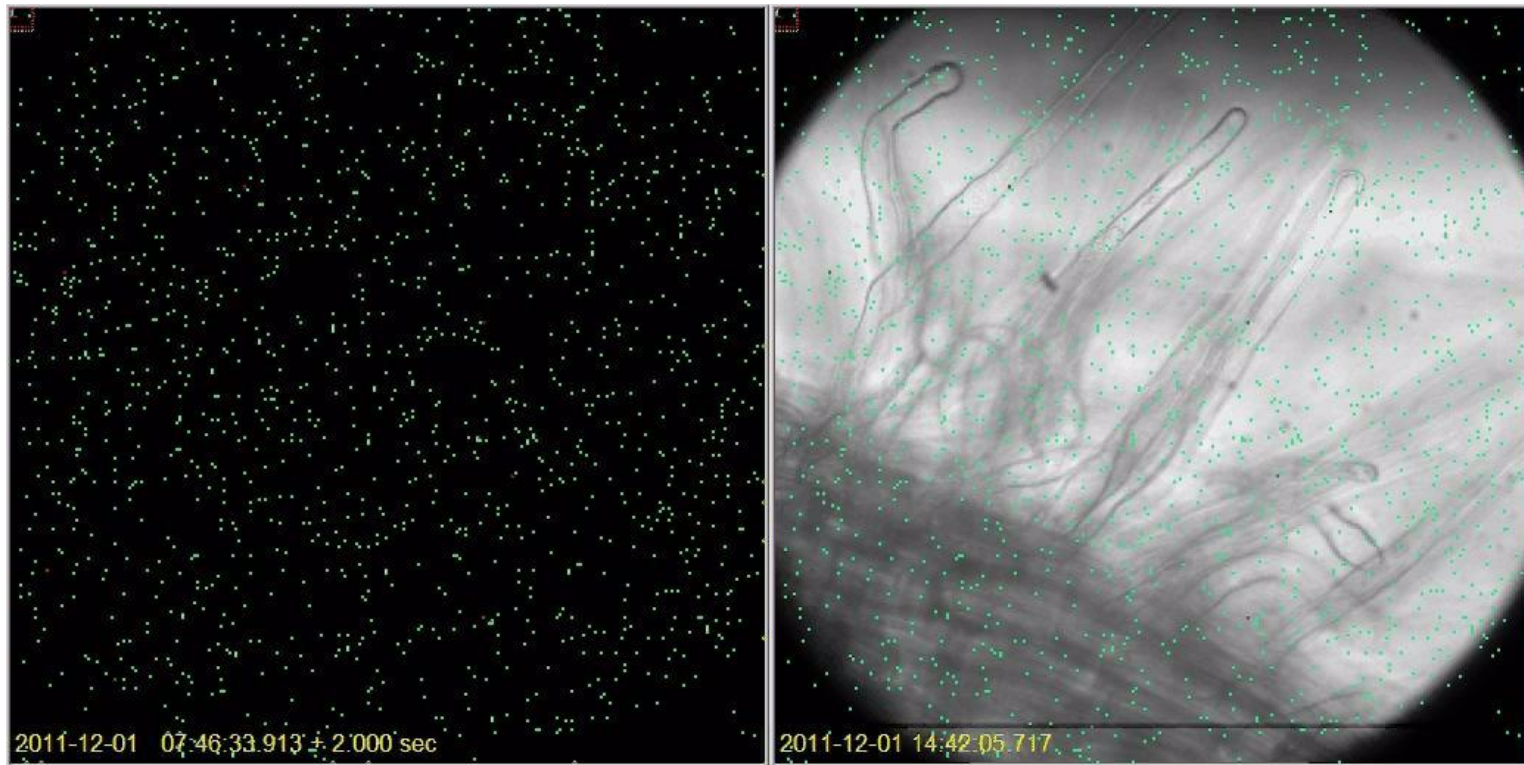
Monitoring: EmCCD
Hamamatsu camera
Lens: macro
Stimulus: PHS: 25 μ M
Integration: 5 s

Kymograph



Time
integration

Chitosan-induced nuclear calcium responses in *A. thaliana* hair roots



Monitoring: ScienceWares system with EmCCD Andor camera in photon-counting mode

Lens: 40x

Stimulus: Chitosan:0.5 mg.ml⁻¹

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