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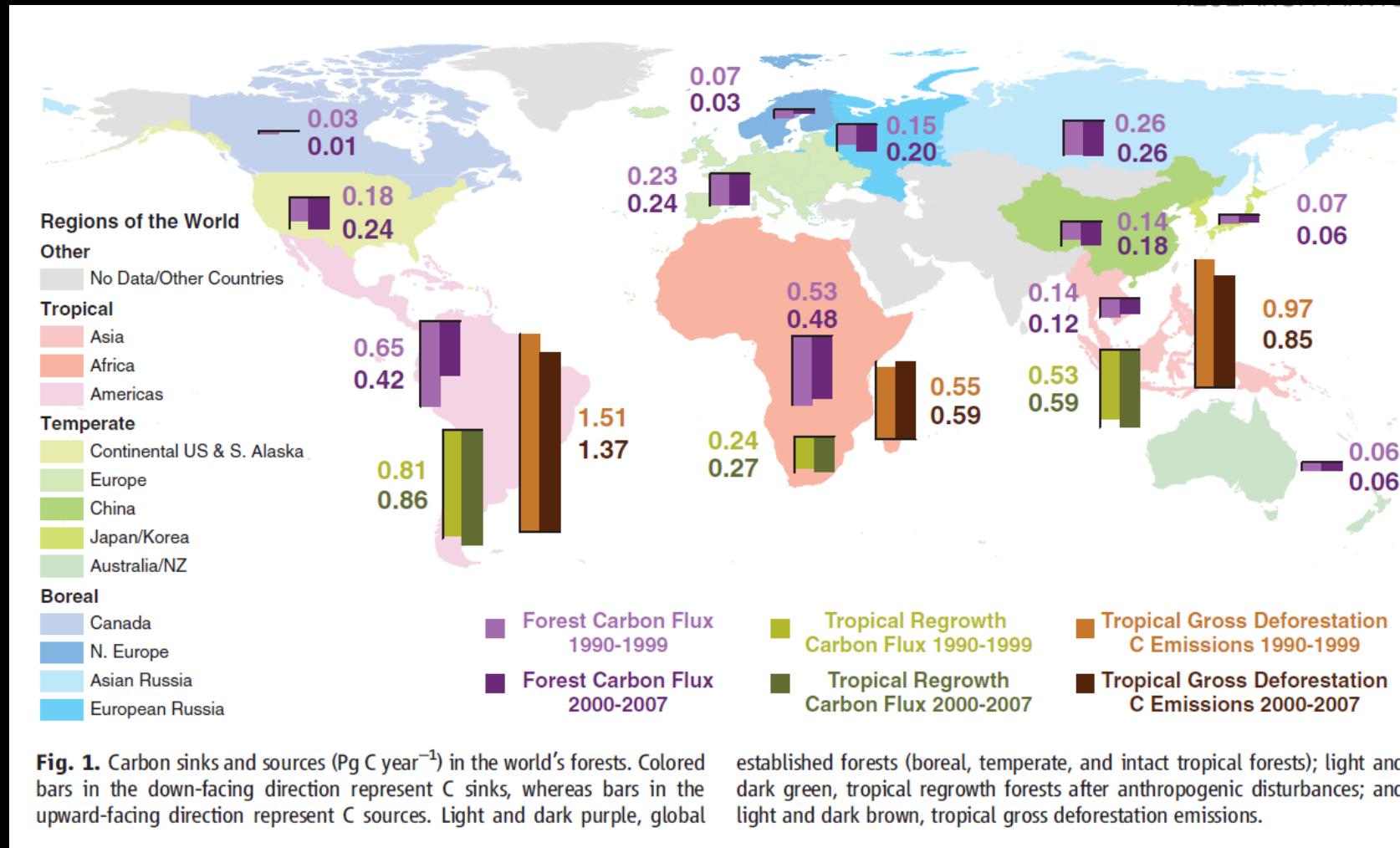


- ▶ Based on competition, covers all disciplines, bottom-up

A Large and Persistent Carbon Sink in the World's Forests

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The terrestrial carbon sink has been large in recent decades, but its size and location remain uncertain. Using forest inventory data and long-term ecosystem carbon studies, we estimate a total forest sink of 2.4 ± 0.4 petagrams of carbon per year (Pg C year^{-1}) globally for 1990 to 2007. We also estimate a source of $1.3 \pm 0.7 \text{ Pg C year}^{-1}$ from tropical land-use change, consisting of a gross tropical deforestation emission of $2.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ Pg C year}^{-1}$ partially compensated by a carbon sink in tropical forest regrowth of $1.6 \pm 0.5 \text{ Pg C year}^{-1}$. Together, the fluxes comprise a net global forest sink of $1.1 \pm 0.8 \text{ Pg C year}^{-1}$, with tropical estimates having the largest uncertainties. Our total forest sink estimate is equivalent in magnitude to the terrestrial sink deduced from fossil fuel emissions and land-use change sources minus ocean and atmospheric sinks.



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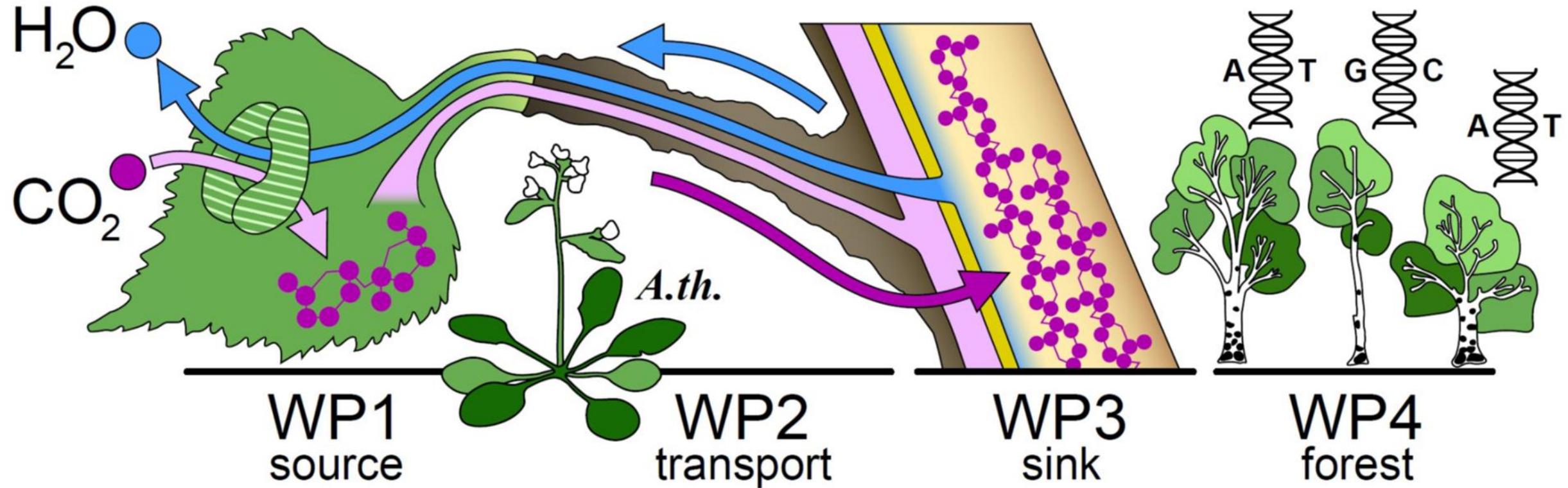
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HIIRI
Mus musculus



BANAANIKARPANEN
Drosophila melanogaster



SUKKULAMATO
Caenorhabditis elegans



LITRUOHO
Arabidopsis thaliana



LEIVINHIIVA
Saccharomyces cerevisiae



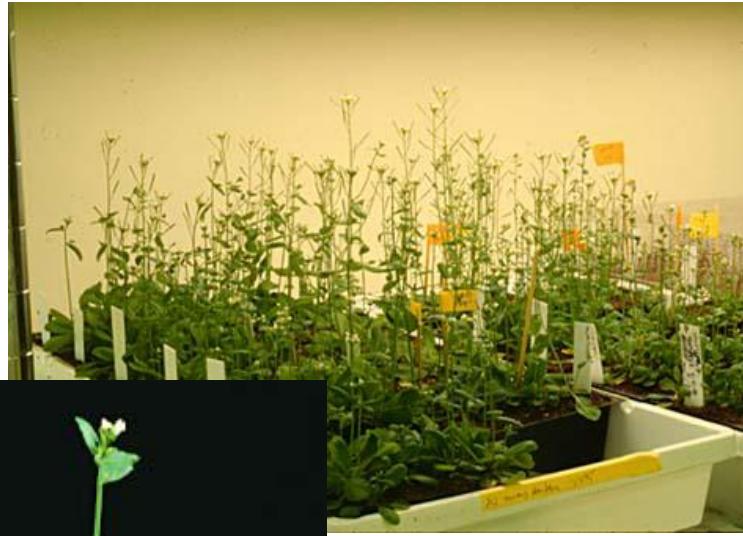
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Escherichia coli



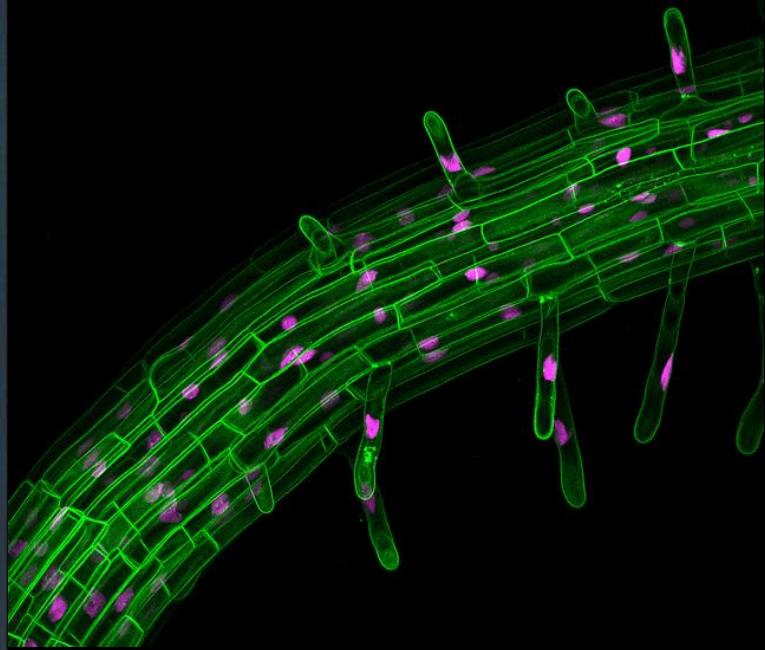
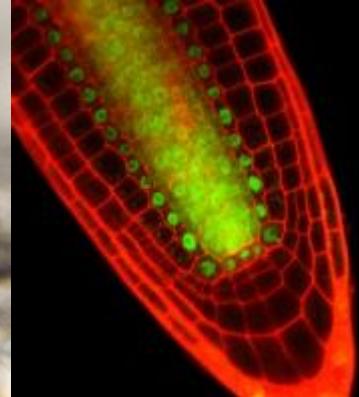
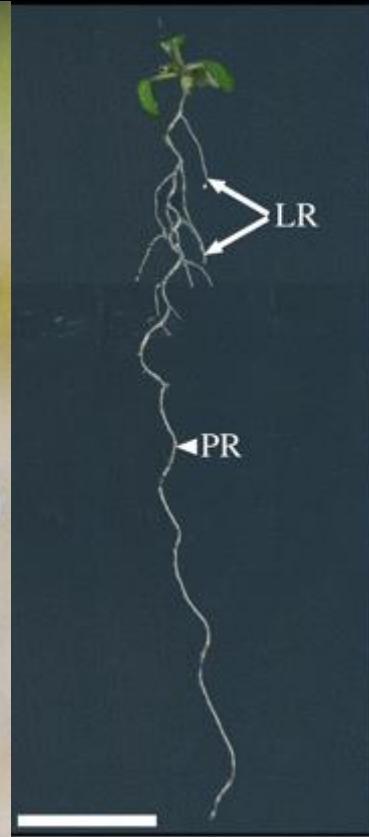
Arabidopsis thaliana

- "fruit fly of plant kingdom"

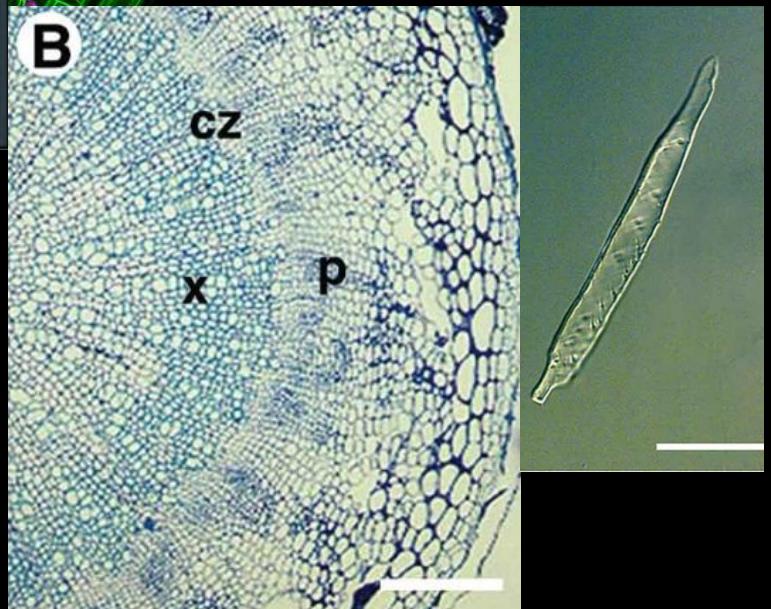
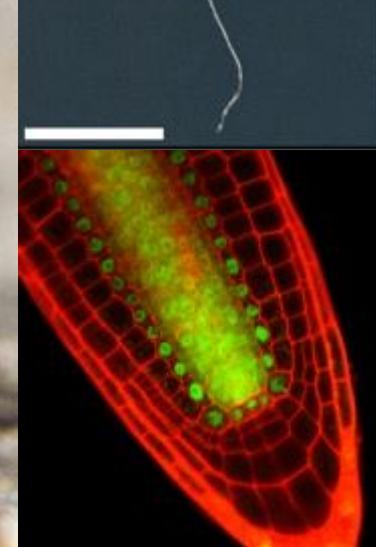
- Small genome (130 Mb), published yr 2000
- Short generation time, self-fertile
- Advanced classical genetics: many known mutations; easy to carry new screens
- Molecular genetic techniques well established (gene transfer)



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Miten ihmeessä puu kasvaa paksuutta jopa tuhat vuotta? Suomalaiset kasvitieteilijät ratkaisivat 150 vuotta vanhan arvoituksen



Näin puu paksuuntuu

Jällessä sijaitseva järjestäjäsolu on aluksi kapea kuten muutkin jälleen solut.

Kun se alkaa erilaistua puusoluksi, se aluksi laajenee.

Lopuksi se erilaistuu puusoluksi. Viereiseen jälleen soluun muodostuu uusi järjestäjäsolu.

Paljon auksiini-hormonia

Jälsi

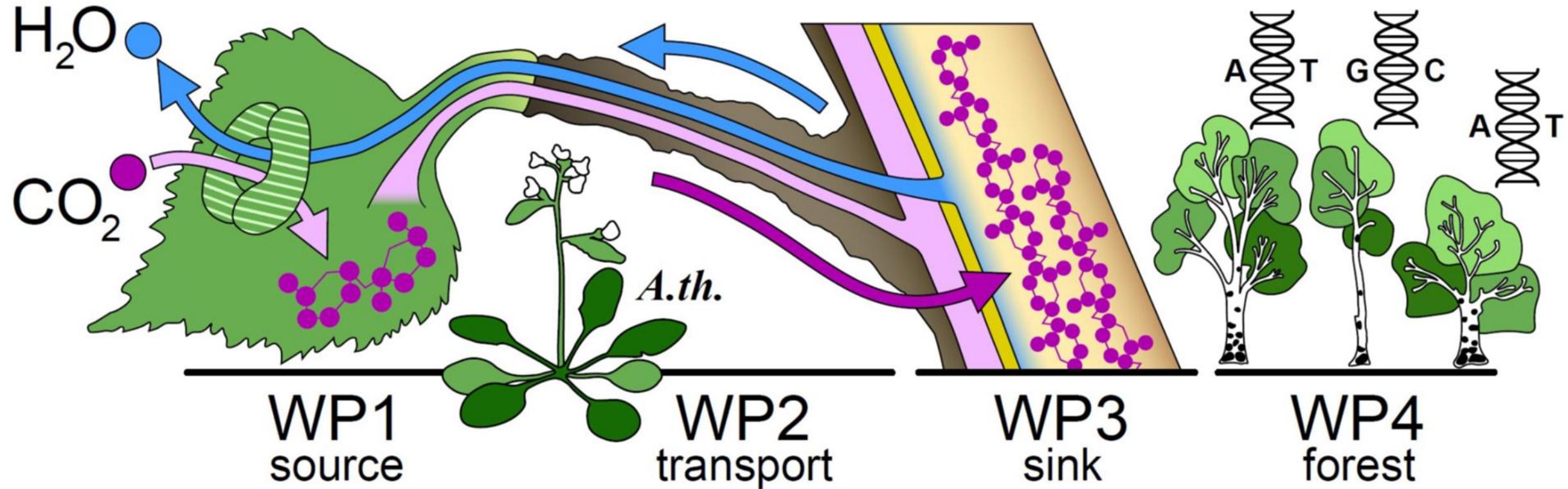


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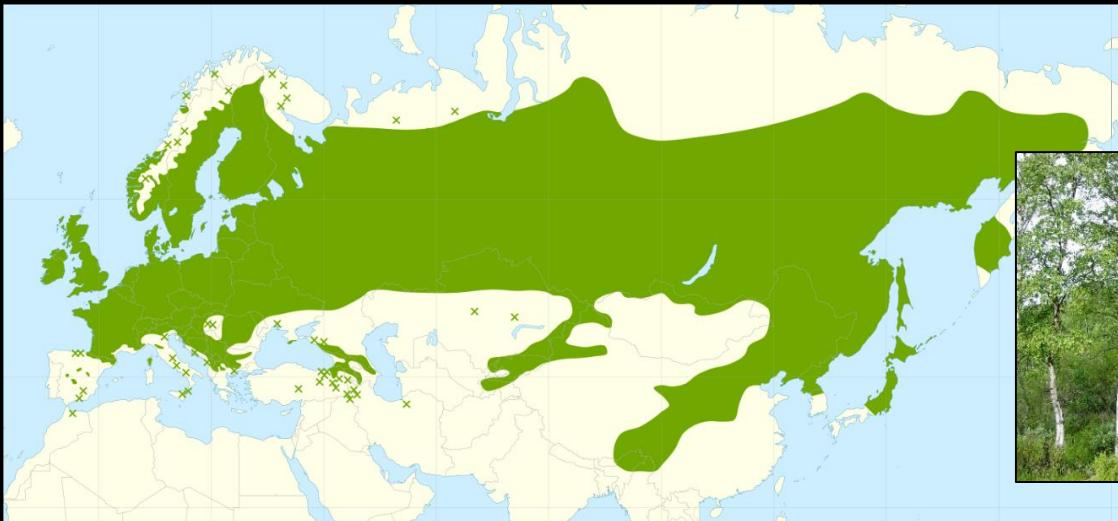
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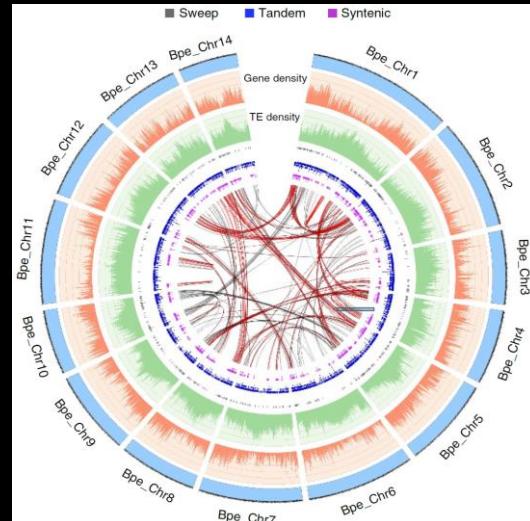
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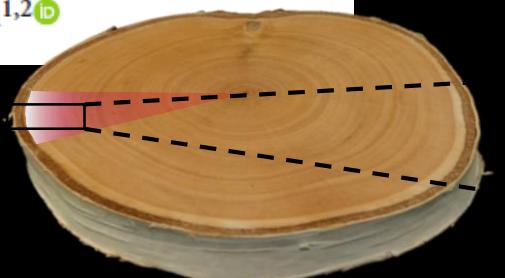
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Genome sequencing and population genomic analyses provide insights into the adaptive landscape of silver birch

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The Norway spruce genome sequence and conifer genome evolution

Picea abies: A Very Large Genome

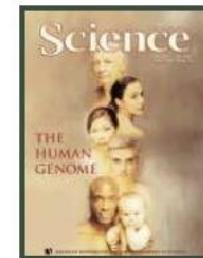
- 20 Gb, **nearly 7x human**
 - typical for conifers
- Little known about gene and genome structure
- Only ~0.1 % consists of genes
- Largest genome sequenced so far
- Other ongoing conifer sequencing projects
 - *Picea glauca* (Canada)
 - *Pinus taeda* (US)



Arabidopsis
(120 Mbp)



Poplar
(450 Mbp)



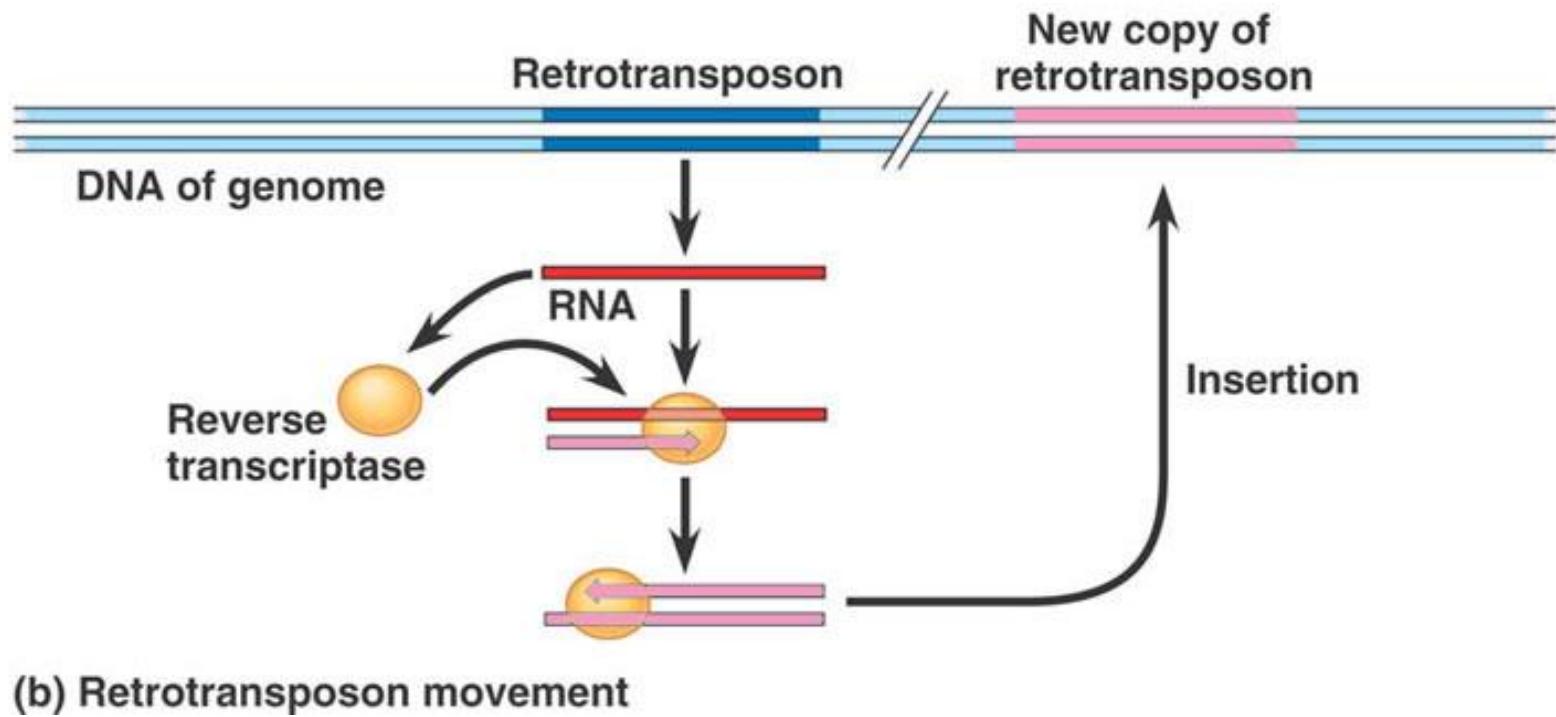
Humans
(3 000 Mbp)



Norway spruce
(20 000 Mbp)



Hypivät geenit ovat paisuttaneet kuusen genomin 7x ihmisen genomin (40x koivun genomin) kokoiseksi



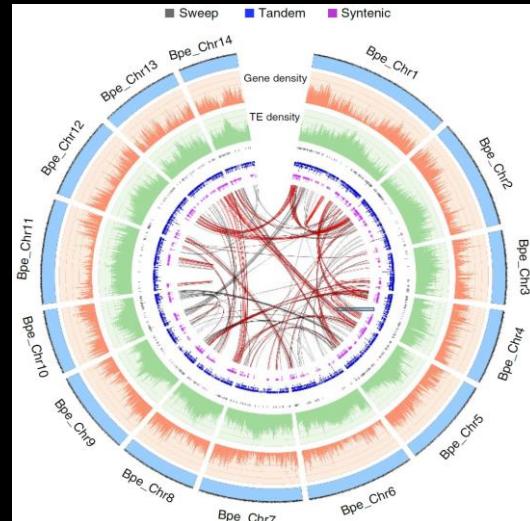
Barbara McClintock

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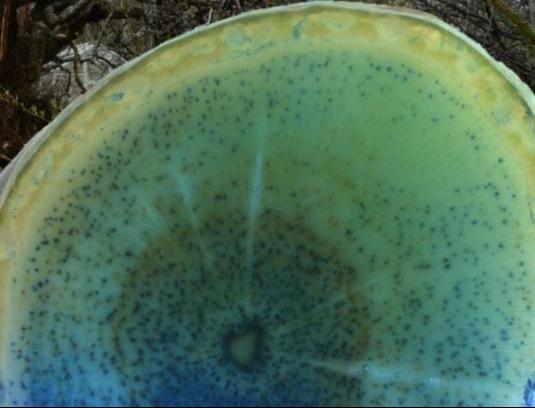
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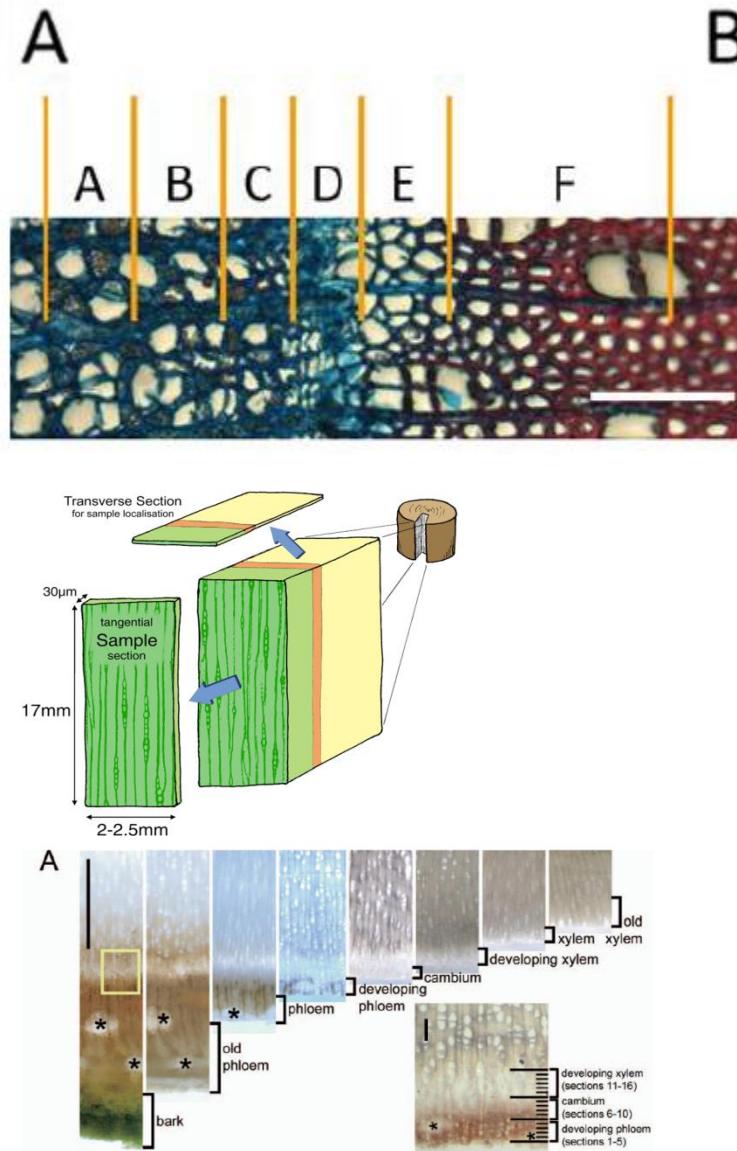


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Diversity in birch wood

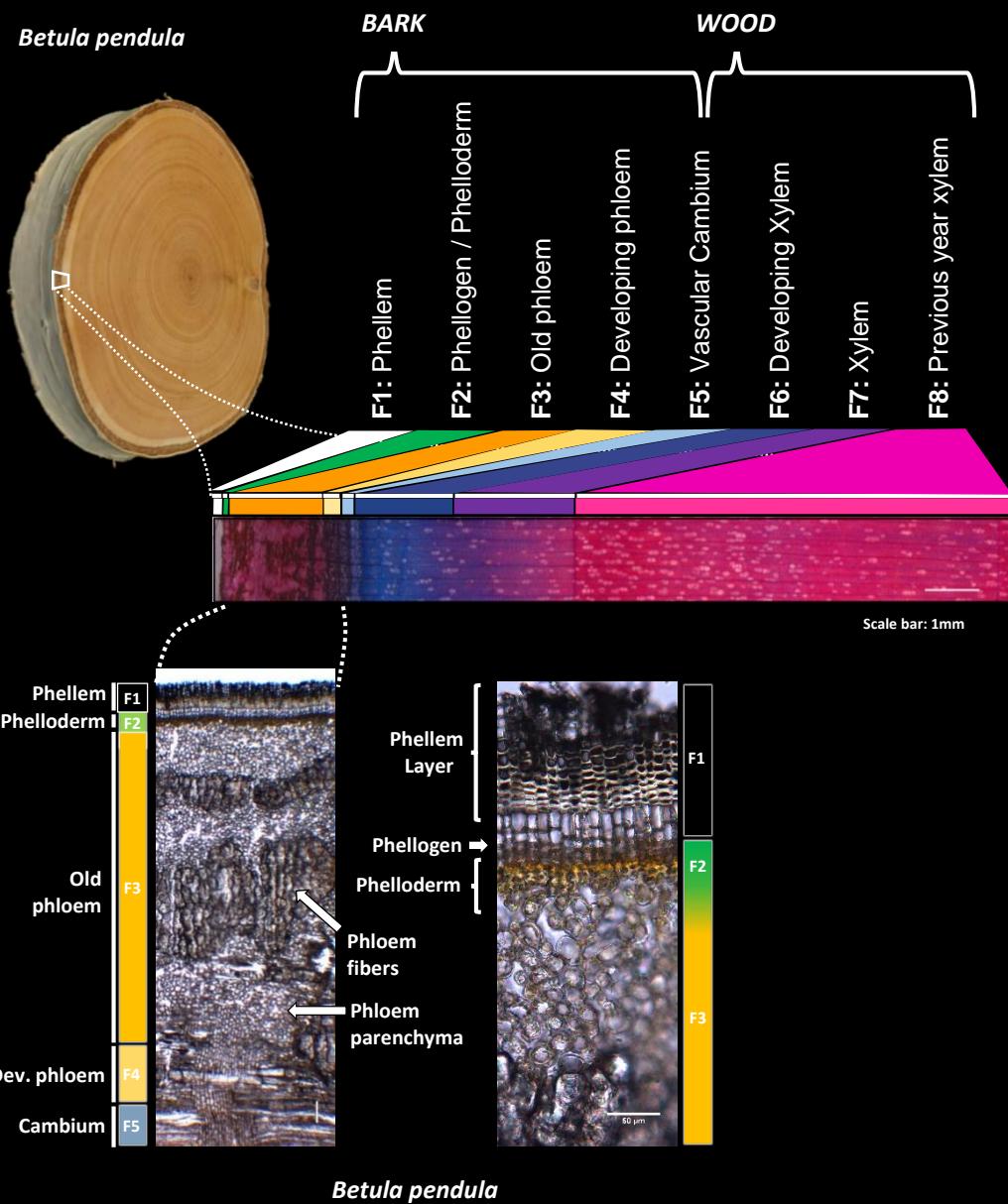


Cytokinin gradient in cambium is broader than auxin gradient and peaks in phloem/cambium

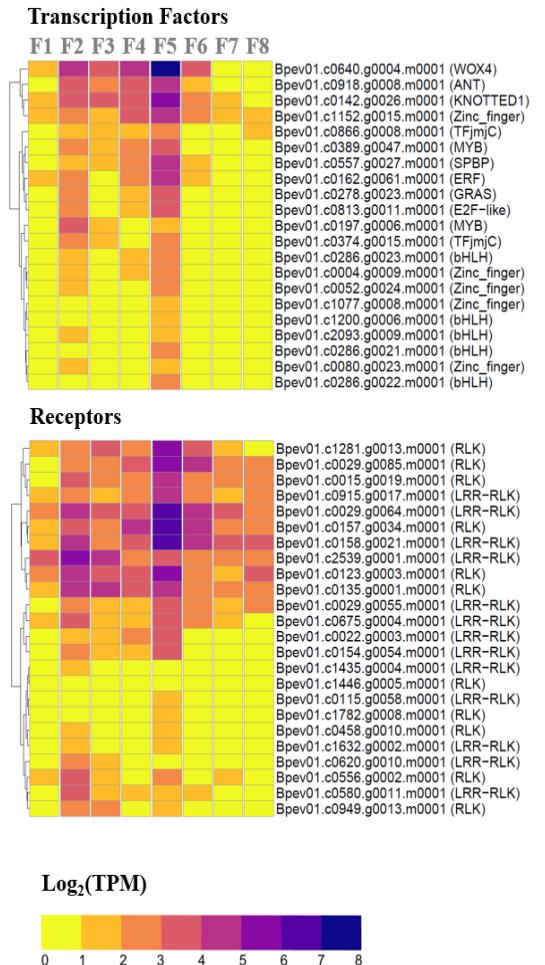
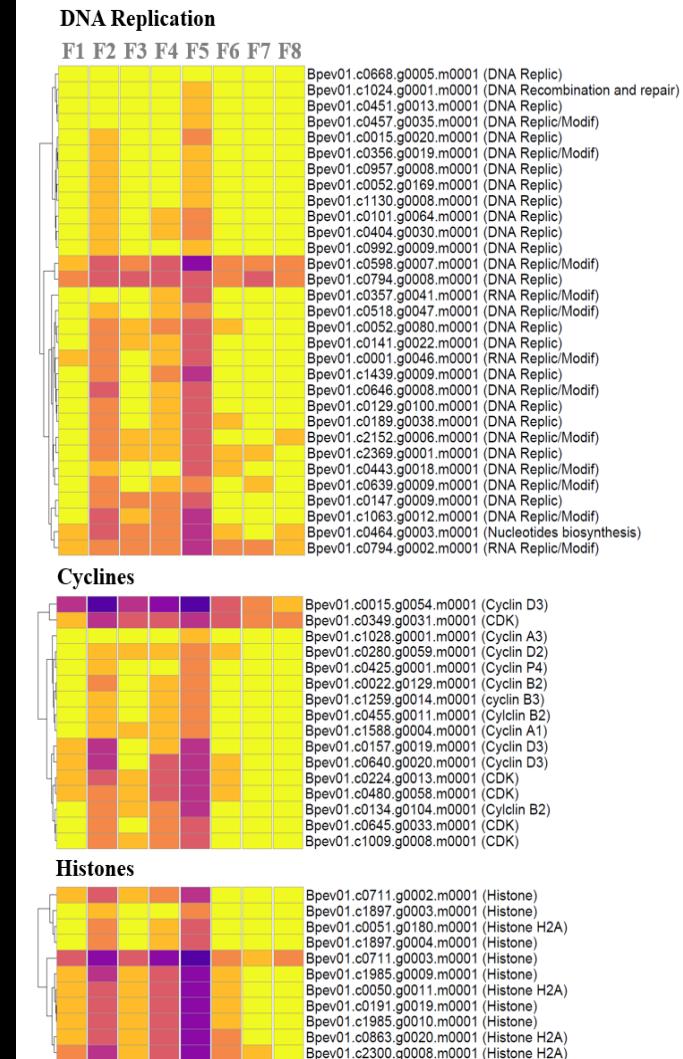
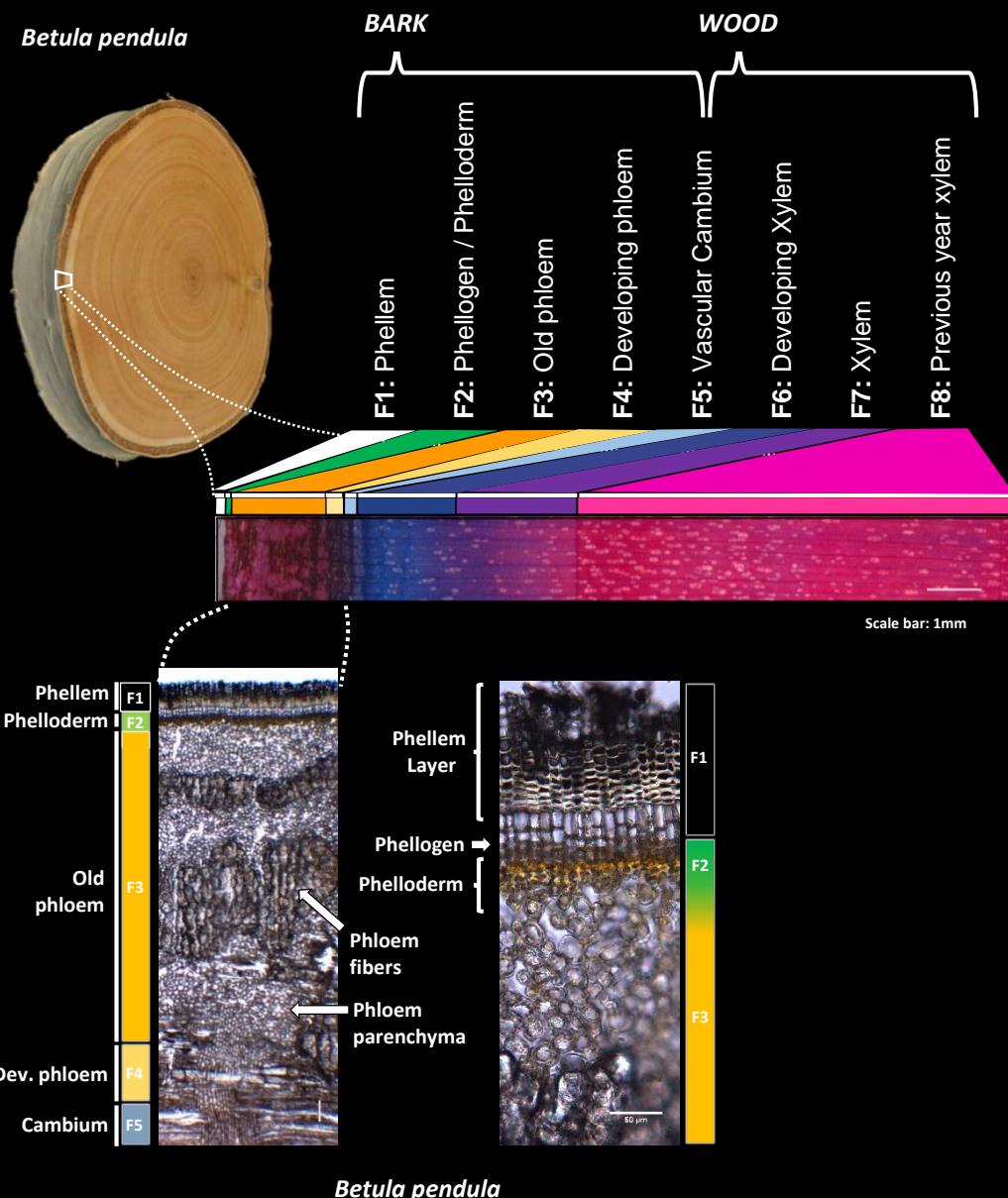


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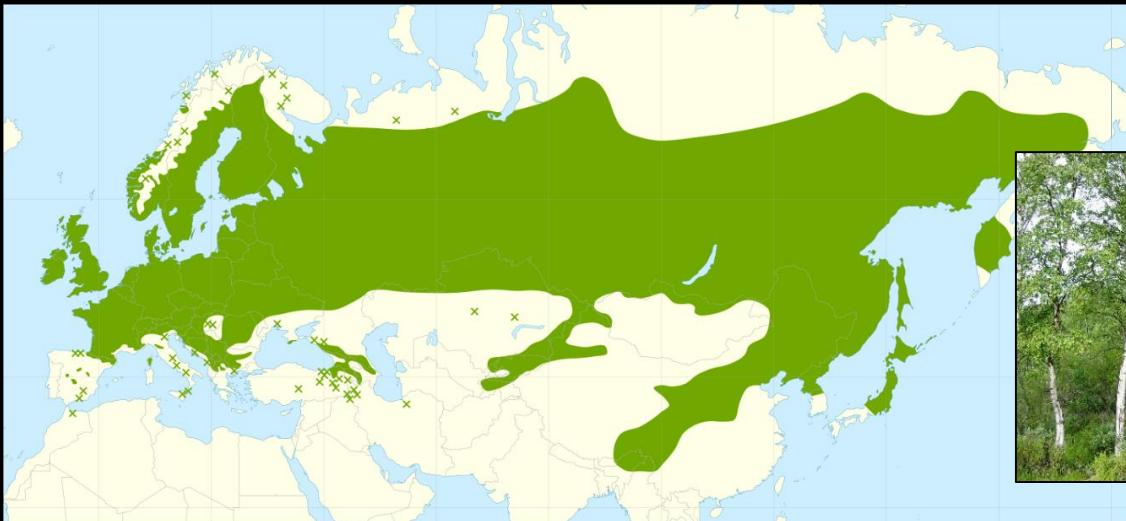
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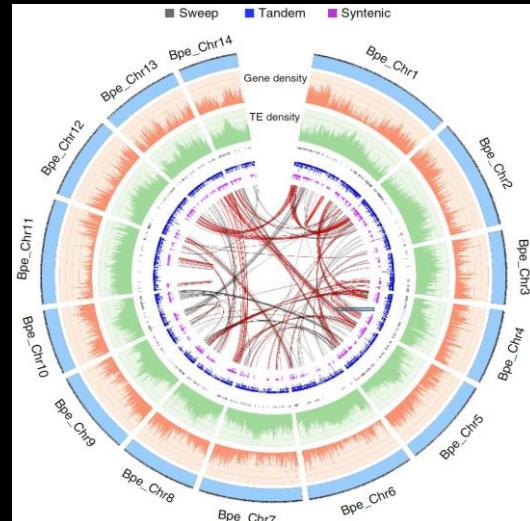


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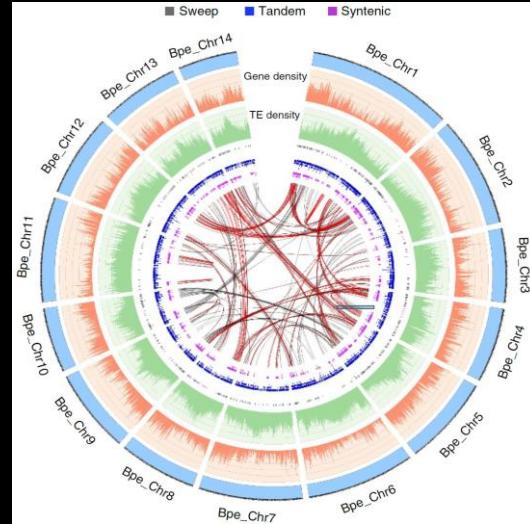
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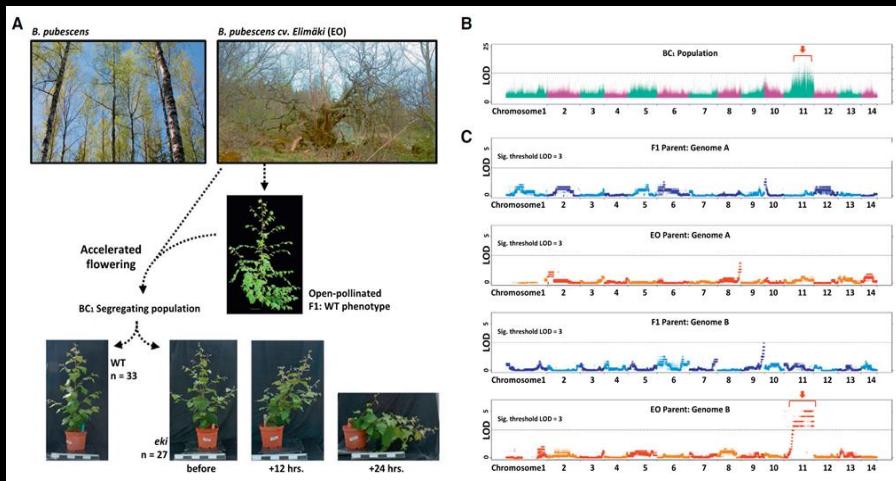


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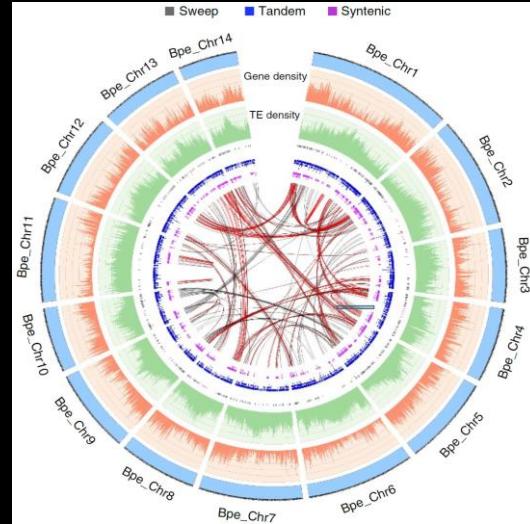
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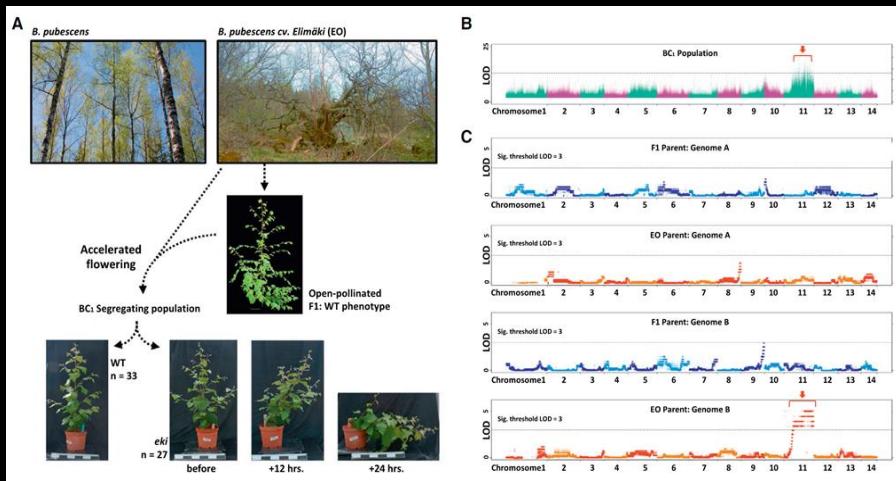


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- Proof-of-concept in gene identification

Birch as a genetic model for tree architecture



TREE ARCHITECTURE IN BIRCH MANIFESTS DIVERSITY AND ADAPTATIONS



WT



Pendula



Youngii



Kiilopää

B. pendula 'YOUNGII' - MONOGENIC RECESSIVE MUTATION
Branch development doesn't respond normally to gravity

Xueping Shi



B. pendula 'Youngii'



F1: 100% WT



BC1: 50% WT 50% Mutant

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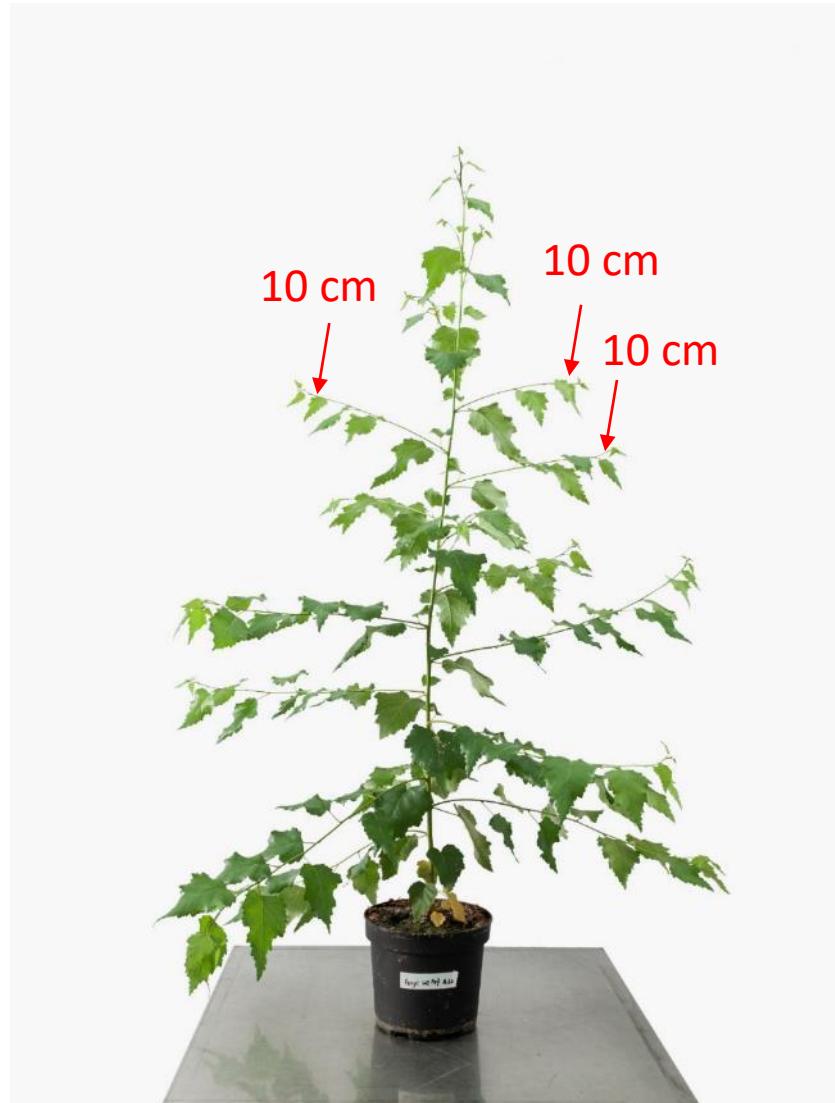
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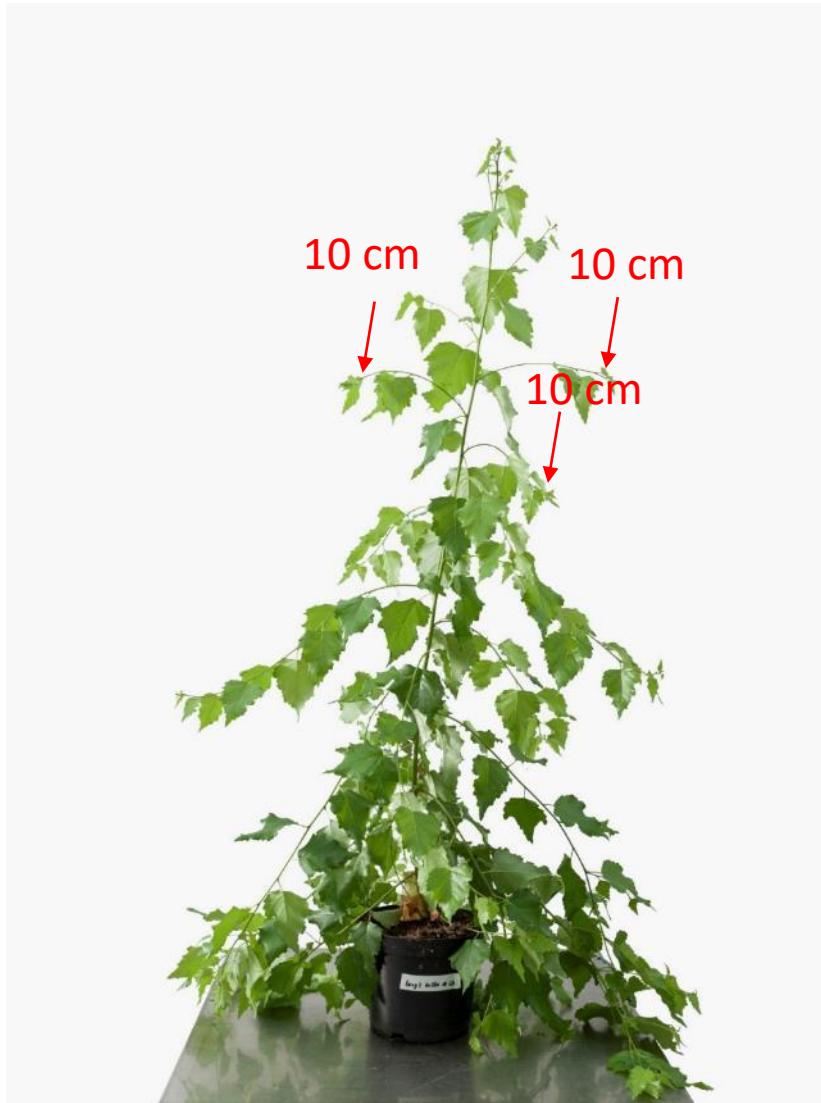


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LAZY1 SEG. POP. RNA-SEQ FROM UPPER AND LOWER SIDES OF BRANCH TIPS (2021)



3 BRANCH TIPS SAMPLED (3 WT)

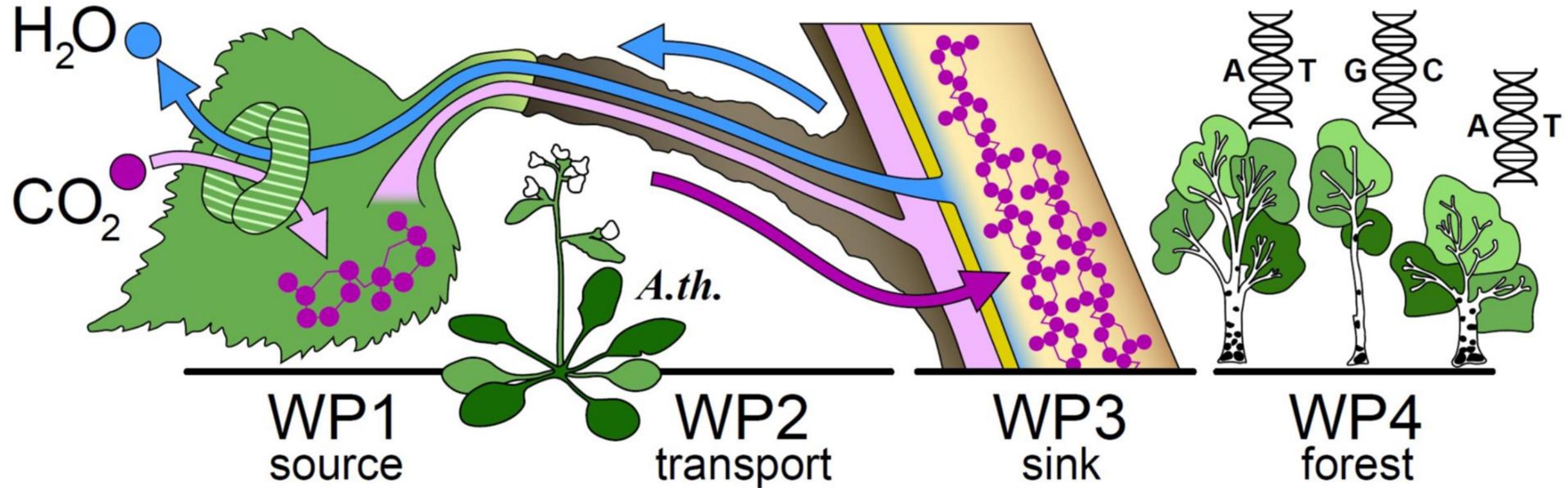


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Upper side

Lower side

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ARABIDOPSIS WT VS LAZY1 MUTANT TIME-LAPSE

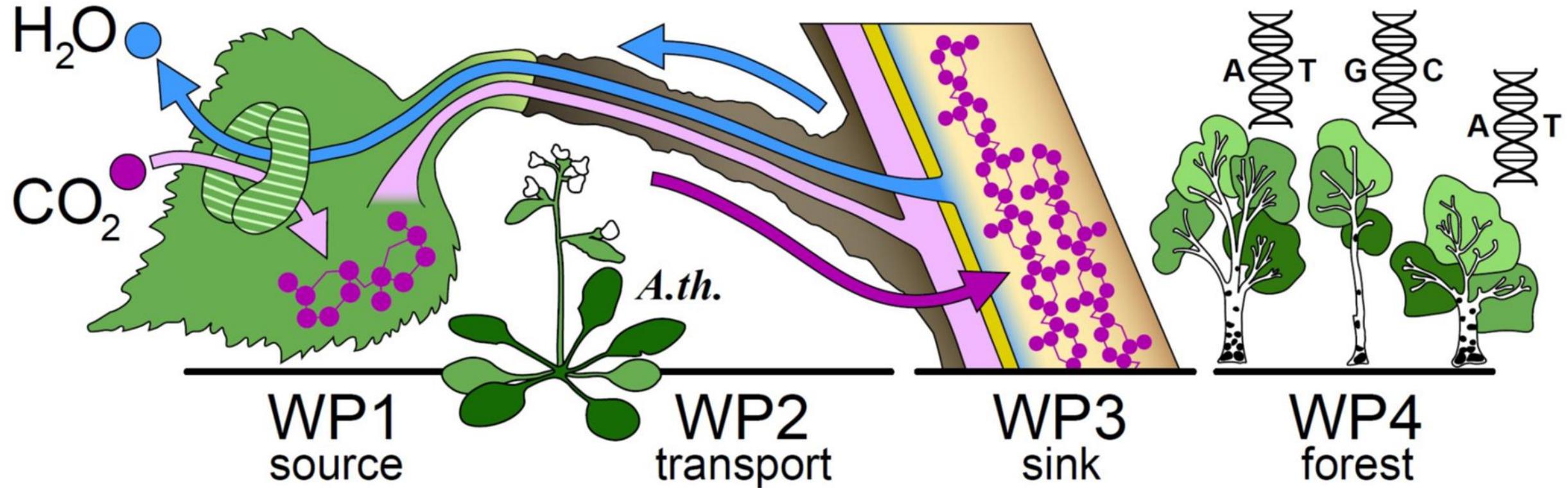


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Tällä hetkellä tutkimme miten tämä polaarisuus määrittää puun laatuominaisuksia.



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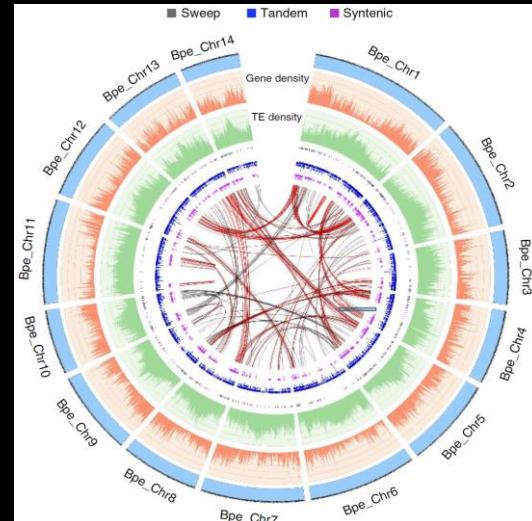
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