Dissecting the feedback control of gibberellin biosynthesis

using a combined wetlab in silico approach

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Outline

Functional Structural Plant Modelling (FSPM) Gibberellin Biosynthesis Decoupling functional and structural Conclusion

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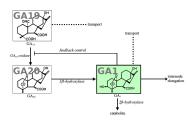


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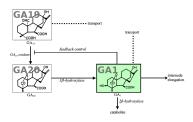


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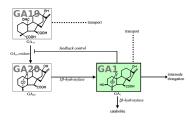


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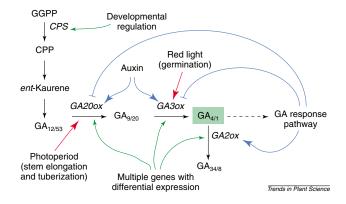
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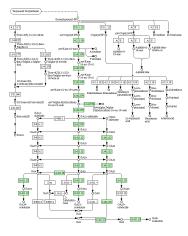


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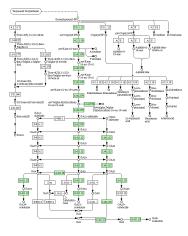
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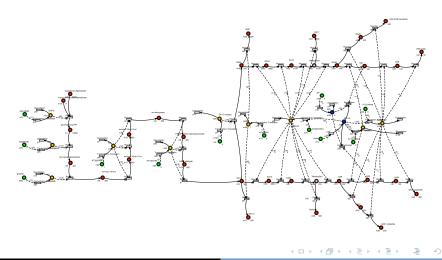


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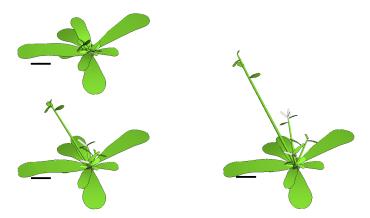
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in silico Arabidopsis thaliana



GroIMP translation of the L+C code by Mündermann, L. et al. Plant Physiology, 139:960 - 968, 2005

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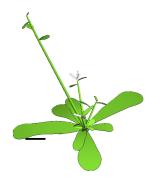
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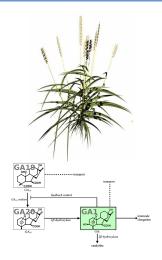
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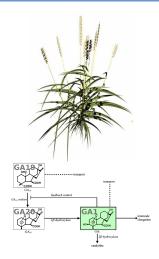
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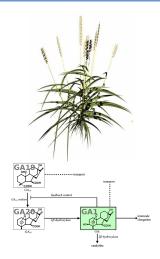
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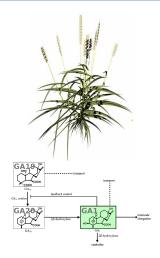
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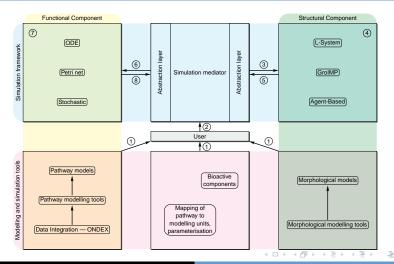
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Taking it apart and putting it back together again



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- Inclusion of monitor function
- No time standardization, only global stepping
- Current interaction with GroIMP
 - Selective copy of the underlying graph
 - Use of visitor?

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