

ALTERNATIVE PLANTS

WHY DO WE NEED **MODELS** TO
UNDERSTAND THE **COMPLEXITY**
OF PLANTS.



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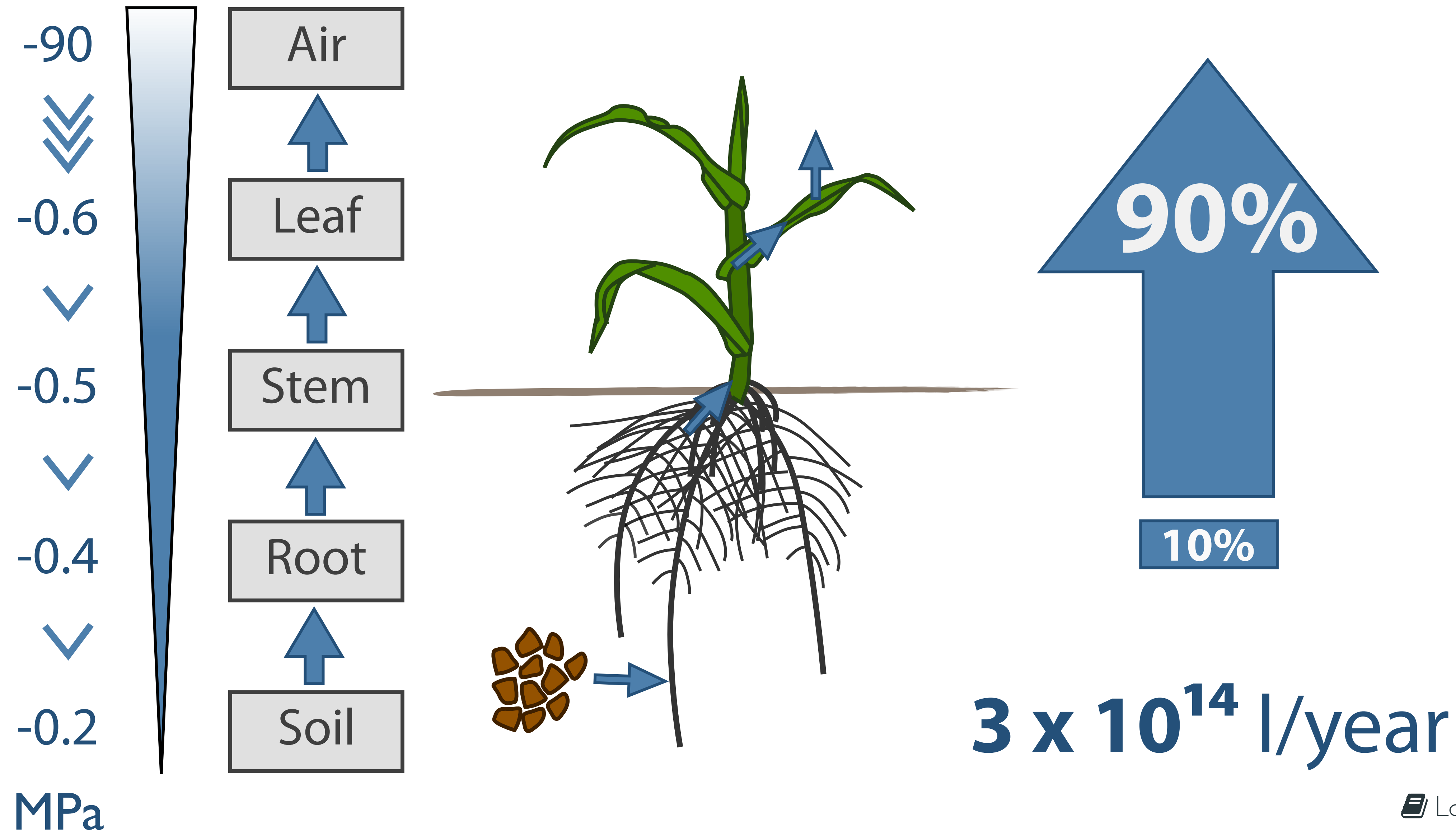


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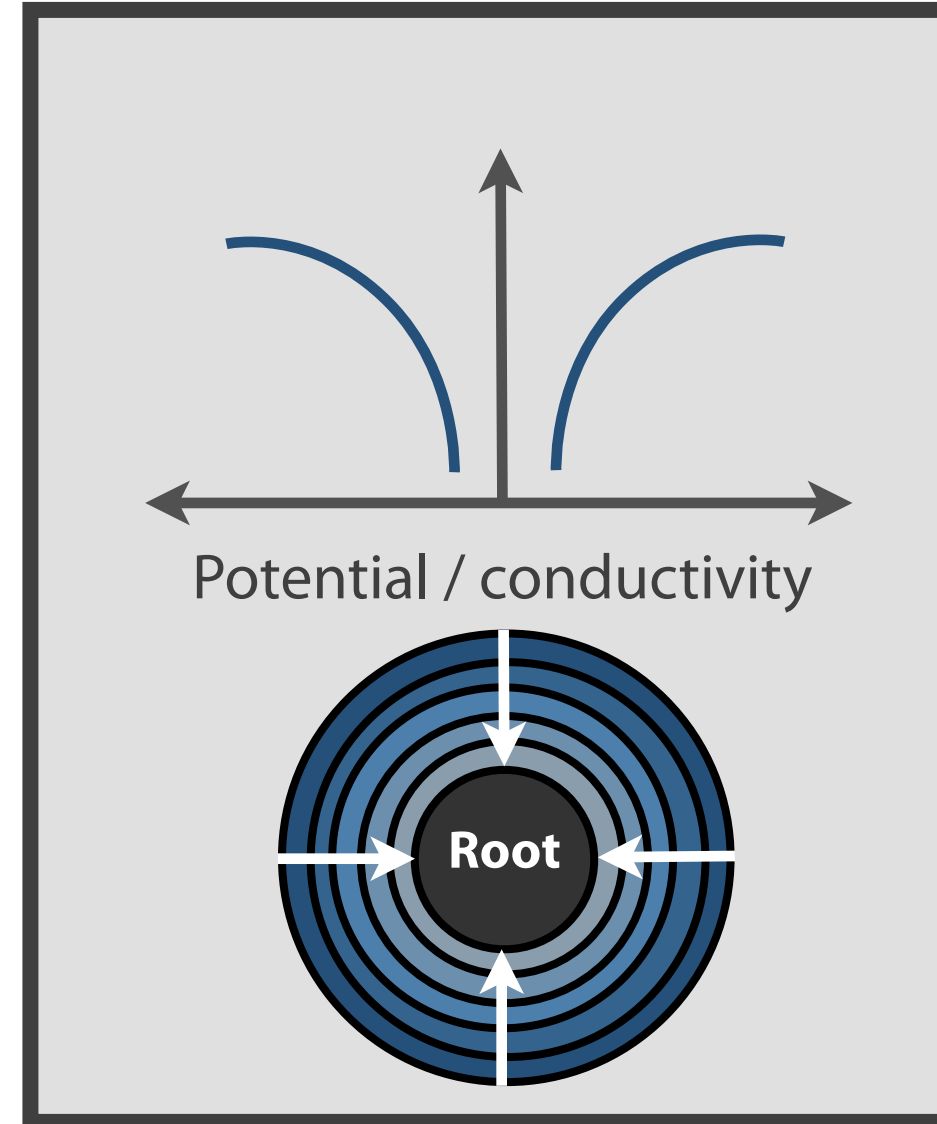


WATER FLOW IN THE SOIL-PLANT-ATMOSPHERE

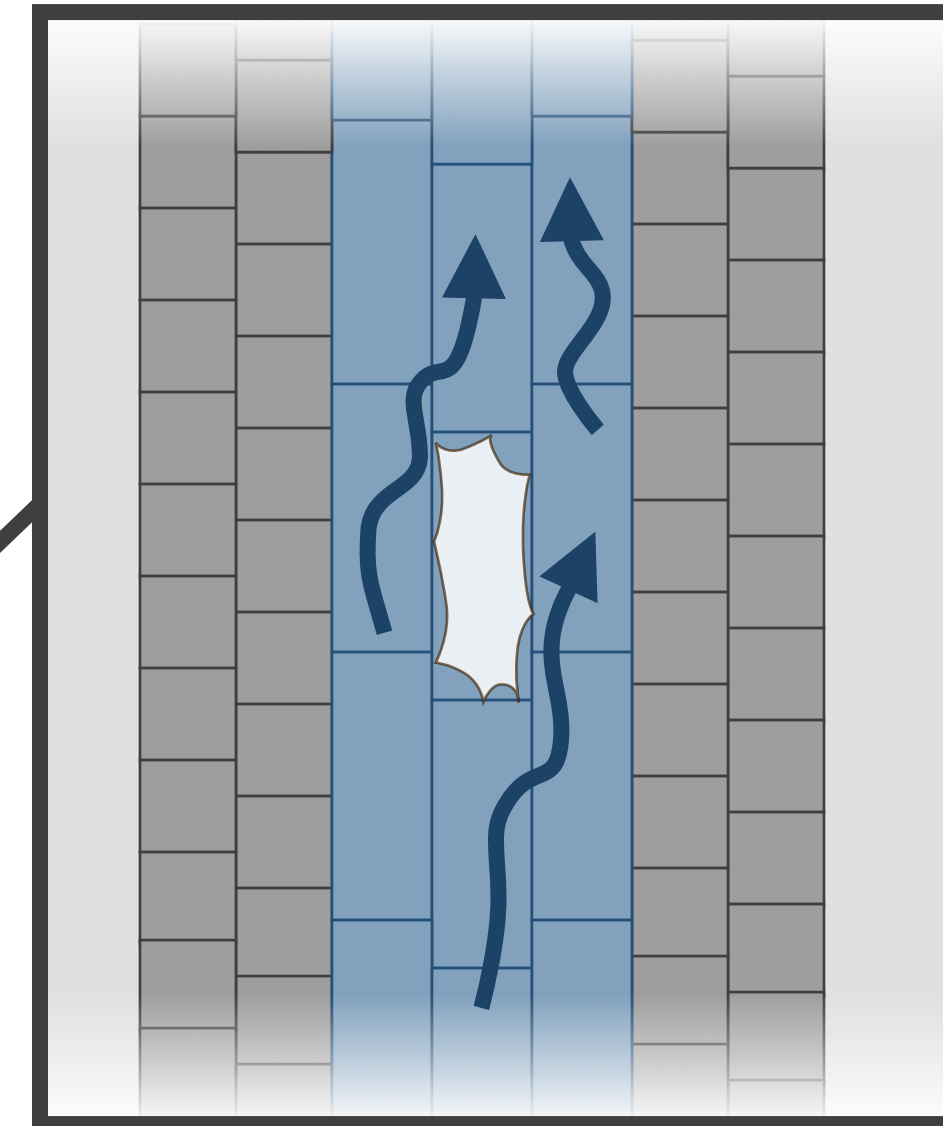


REGULATION OF WATER FLOW

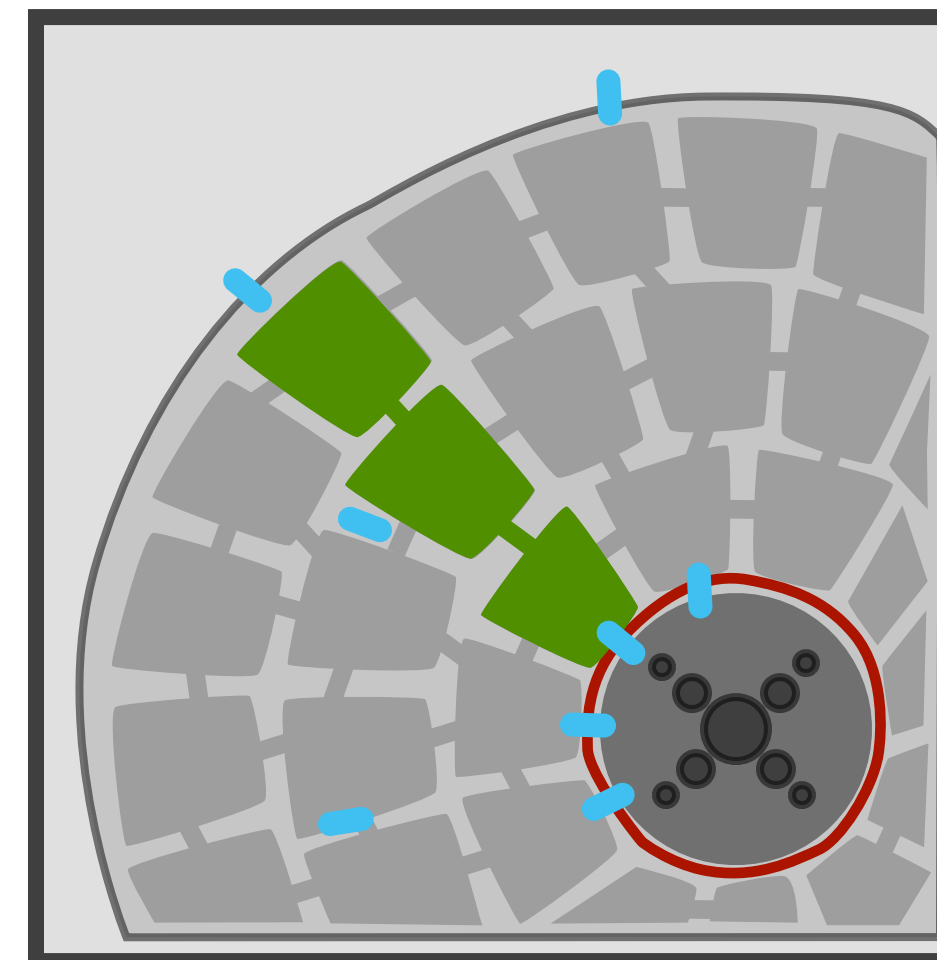
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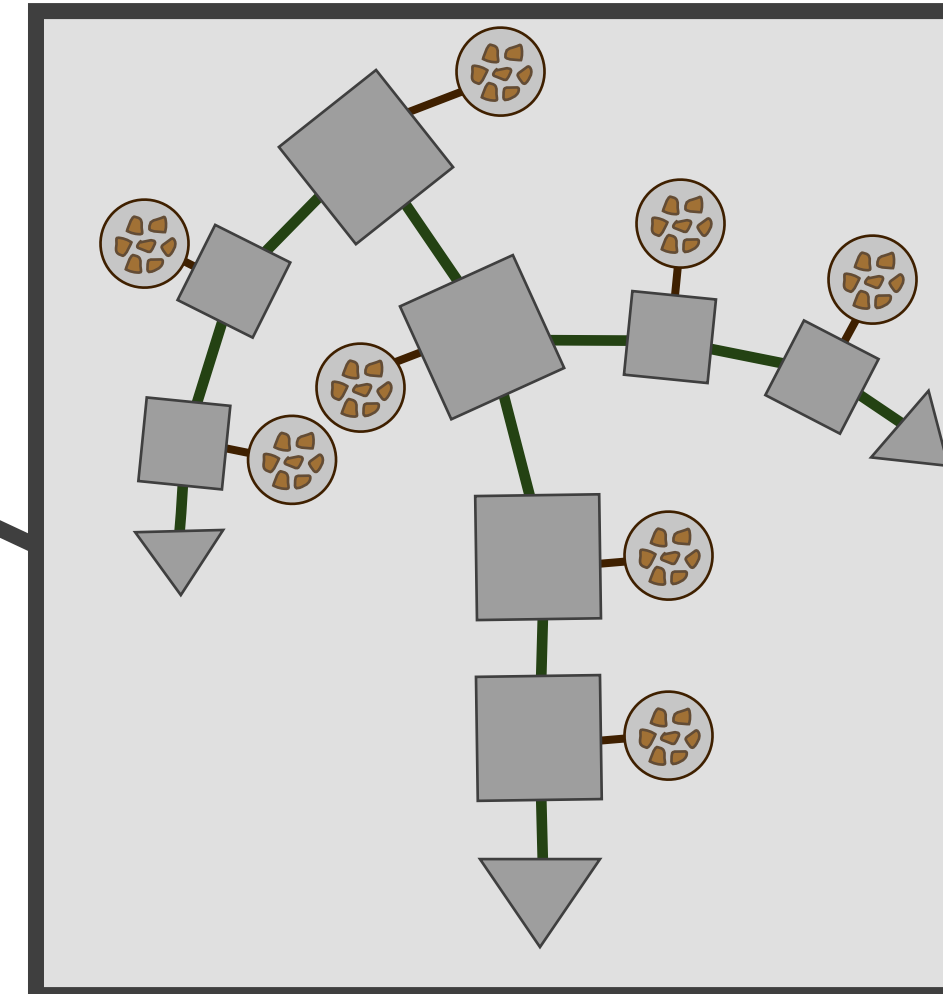
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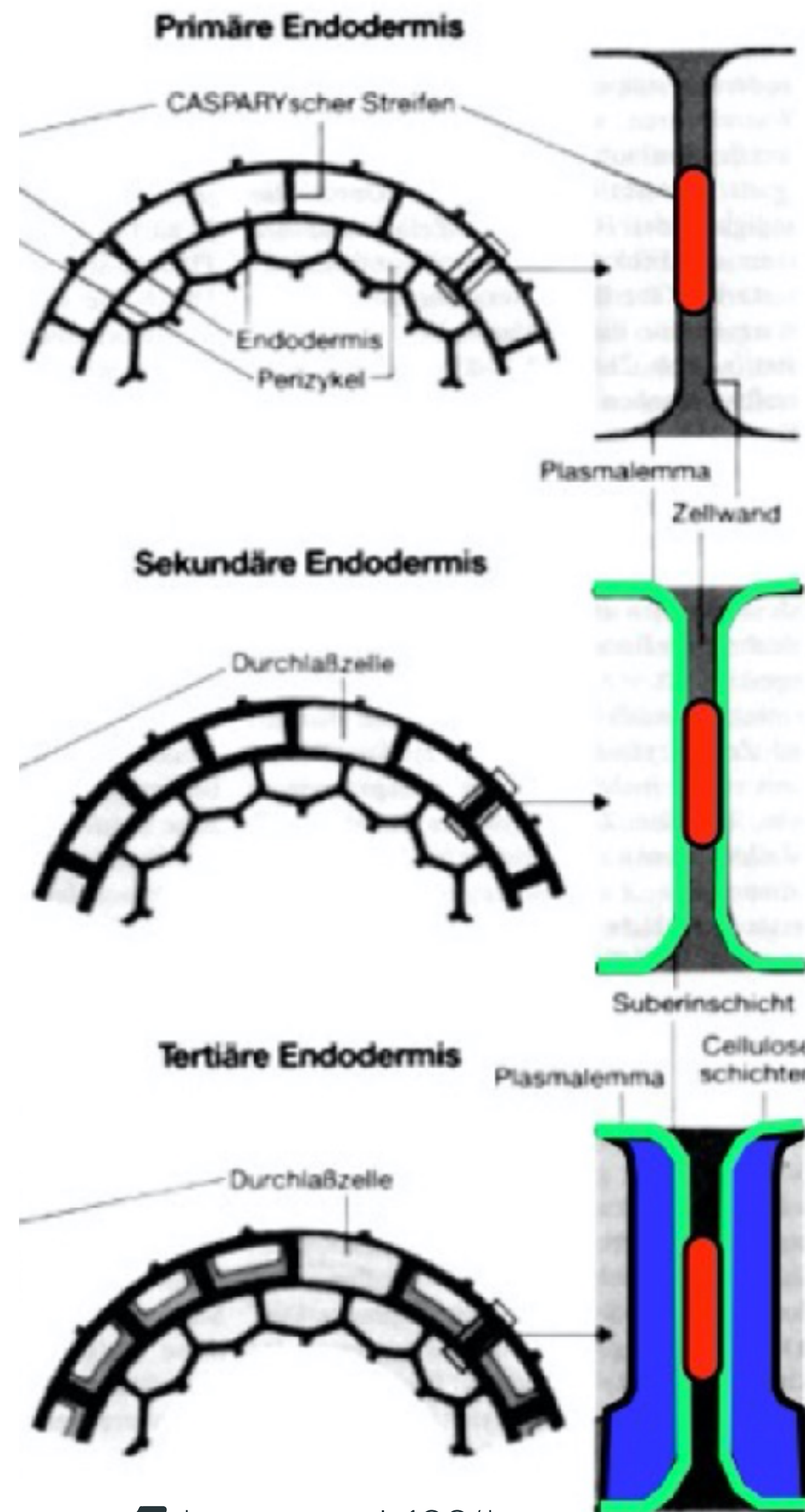


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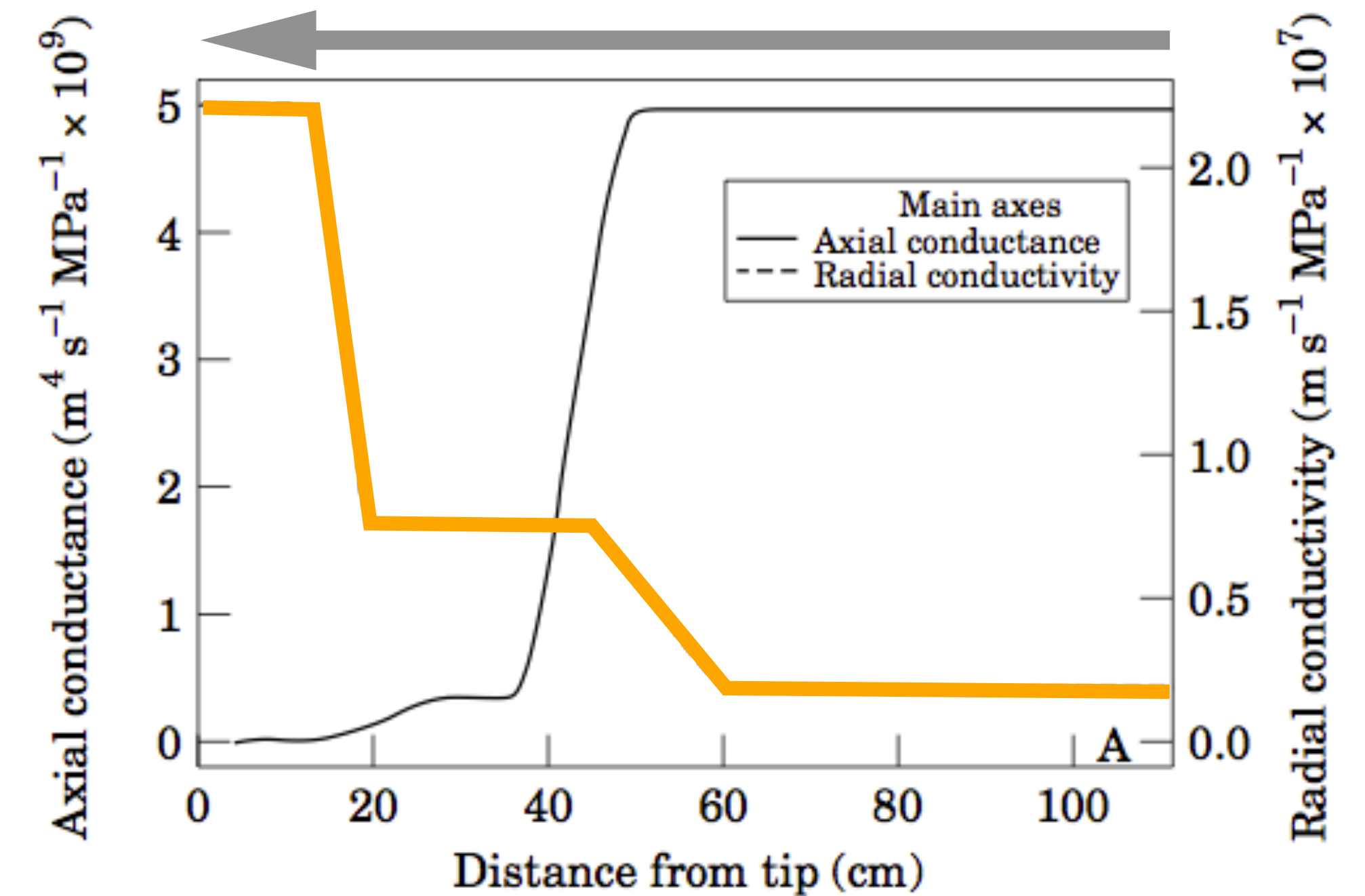


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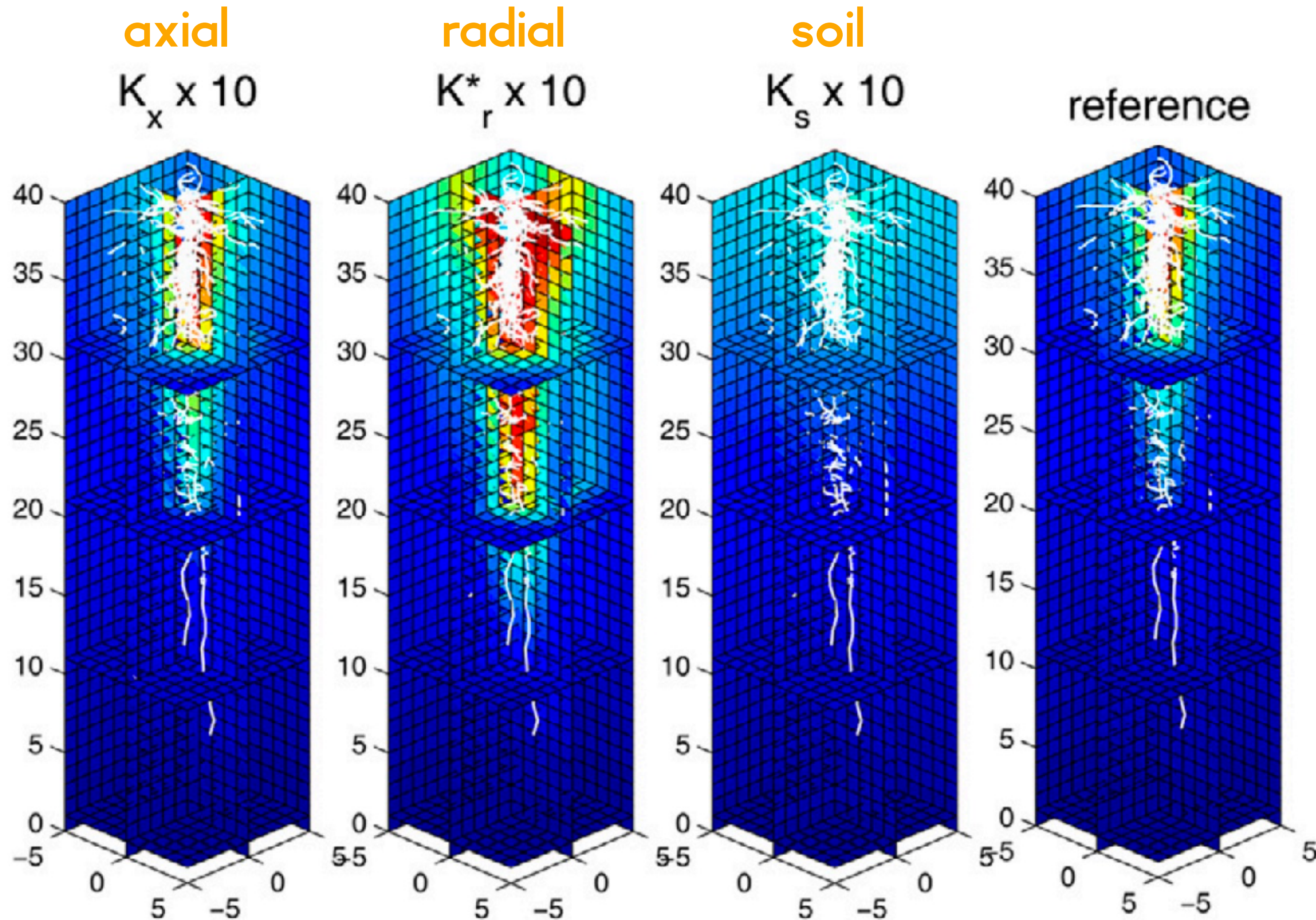


Lüttge et al. 1994

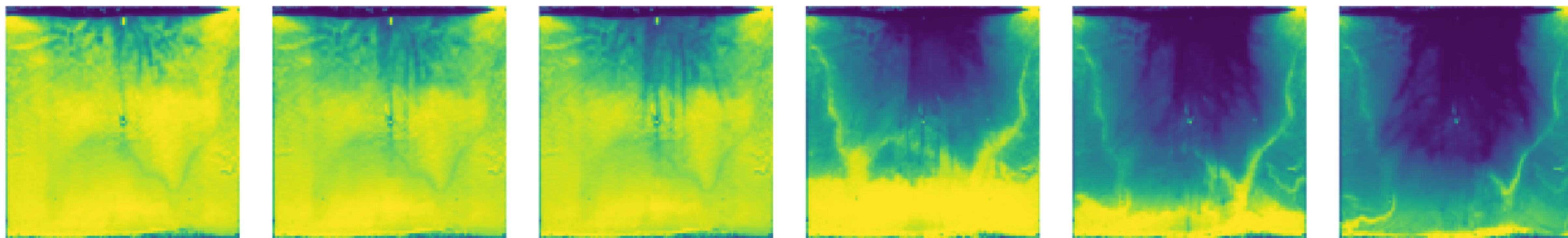


Doussan et al. 2006, Plant and Soil

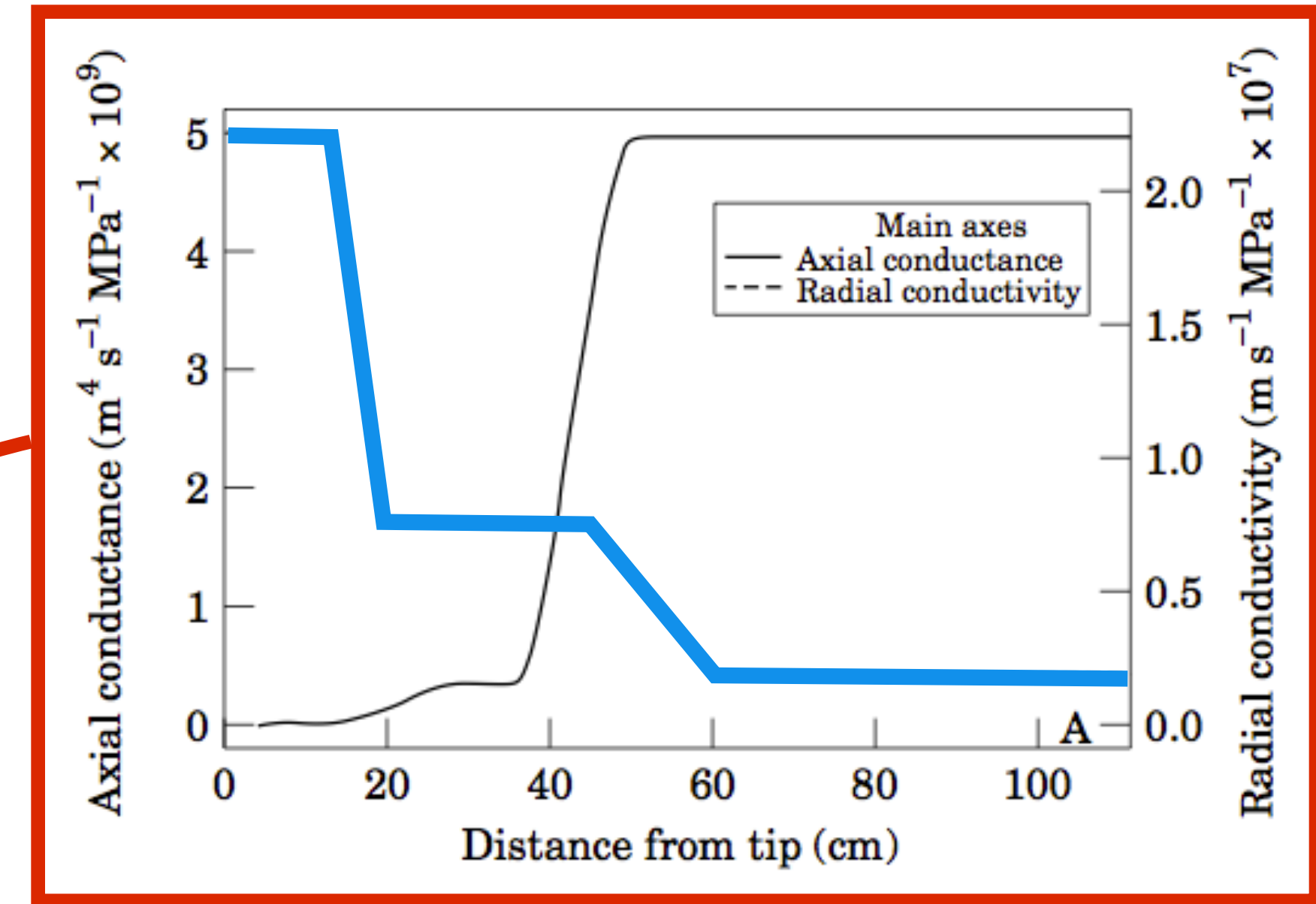
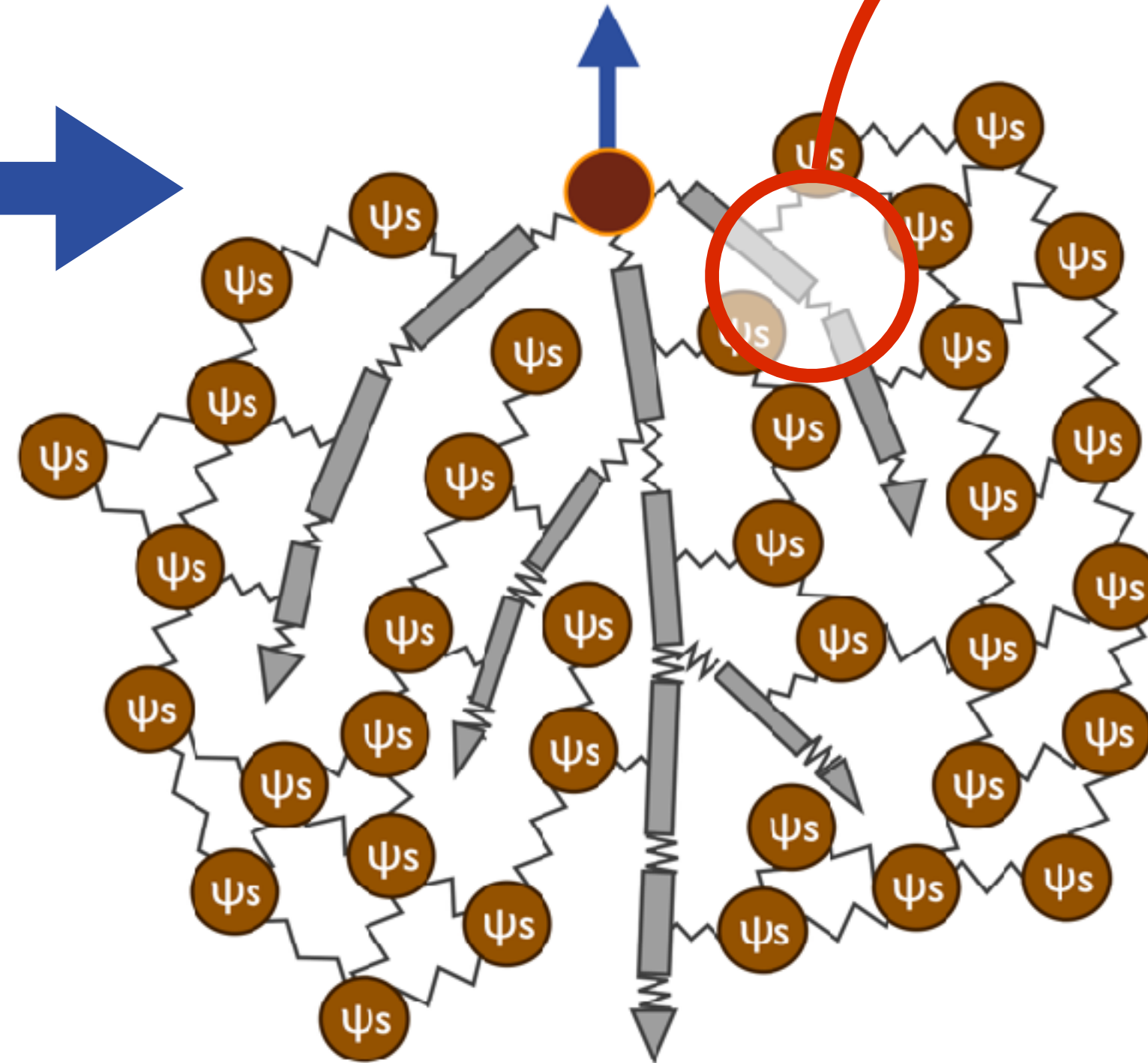
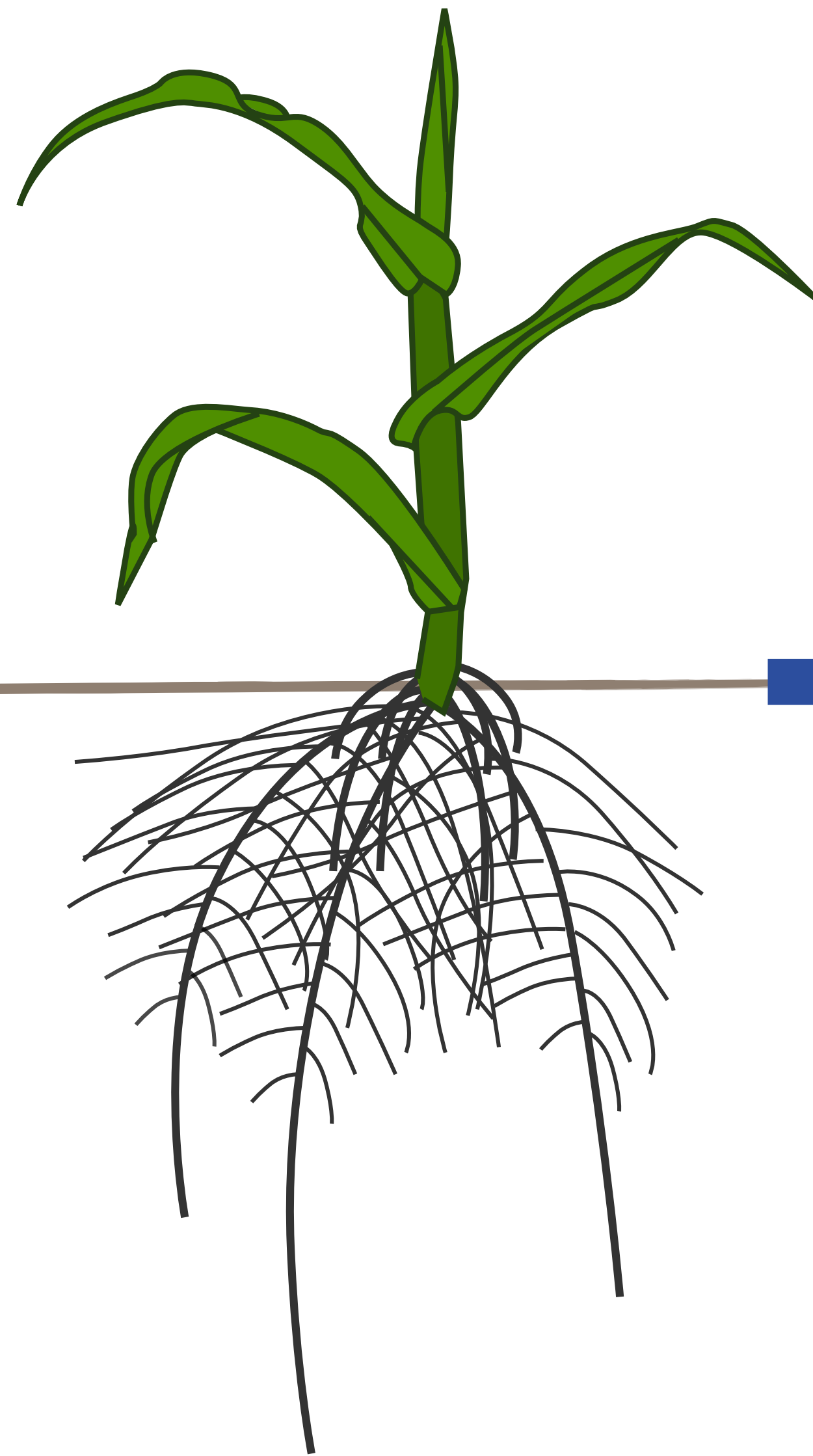
SYSTEM SENSITIVITIES TO CONDUCTIVITIES



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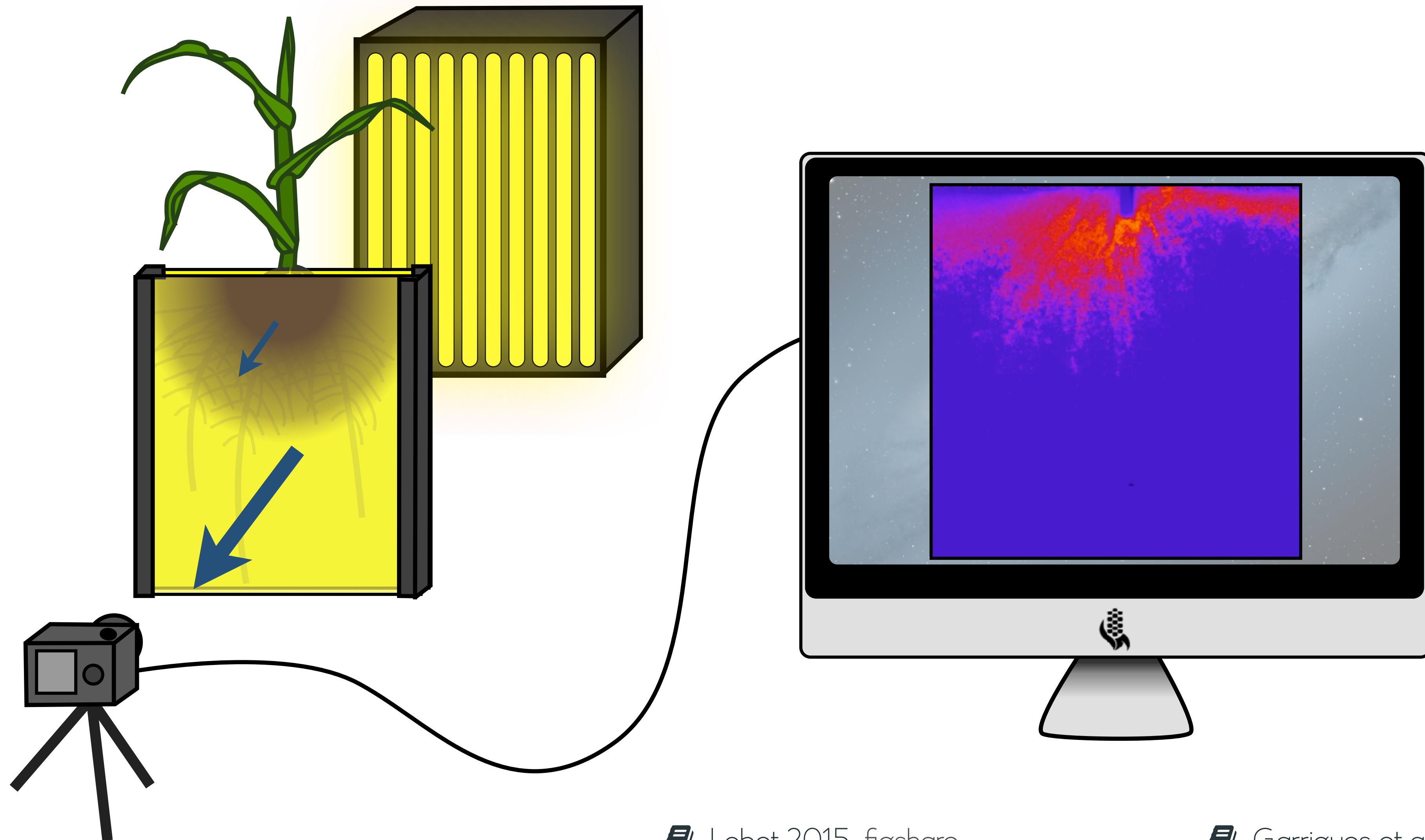


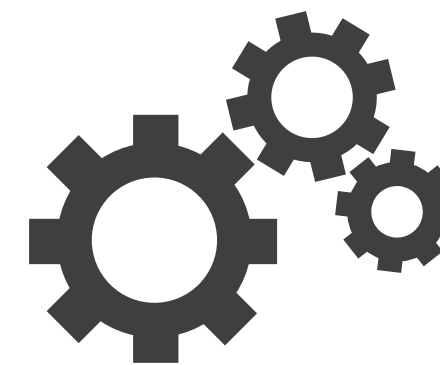
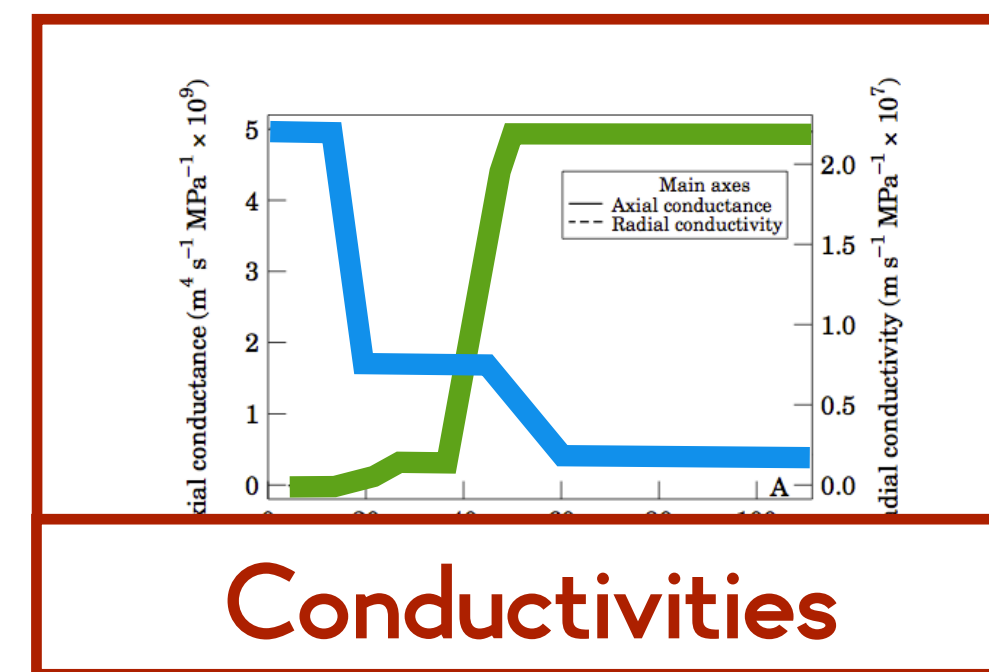
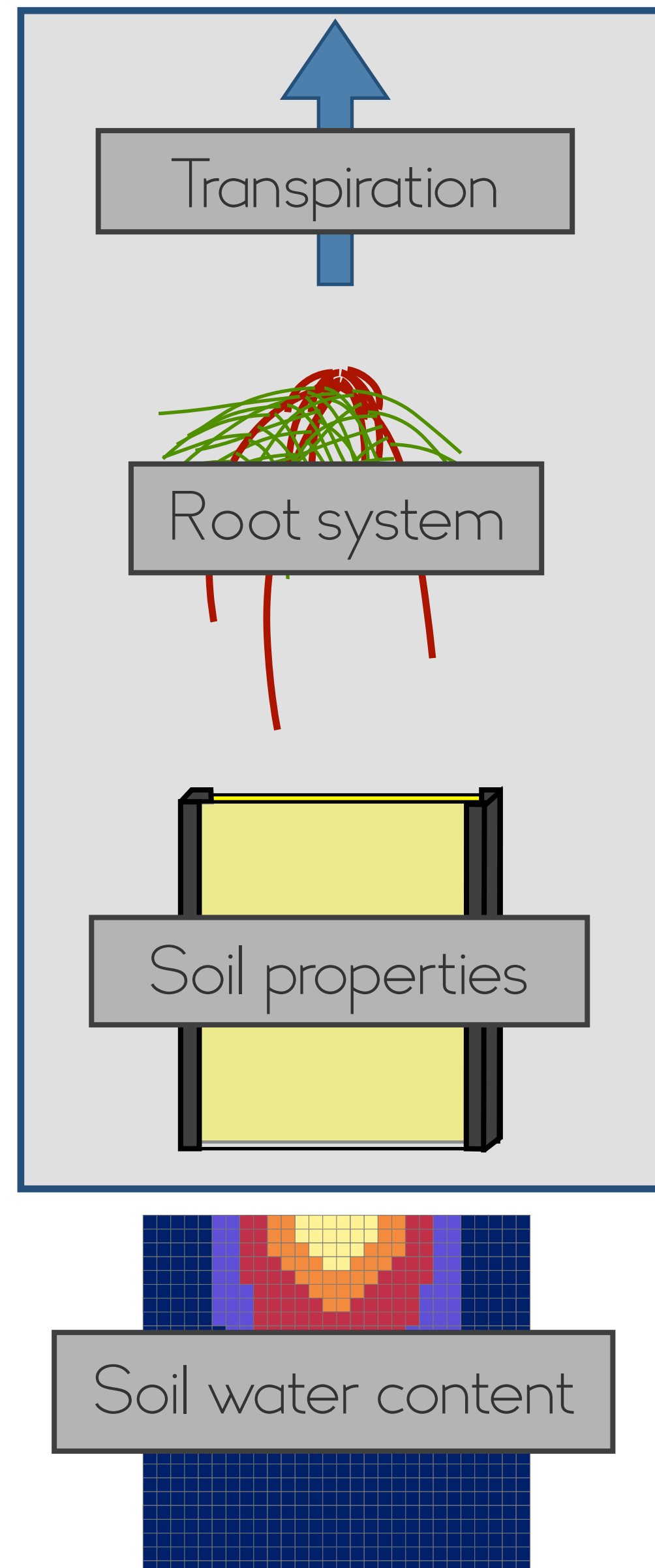
MODELLING SOIL-PLANT WATER MOVEMENT



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LIGHT TRANSMISSION IMAGING

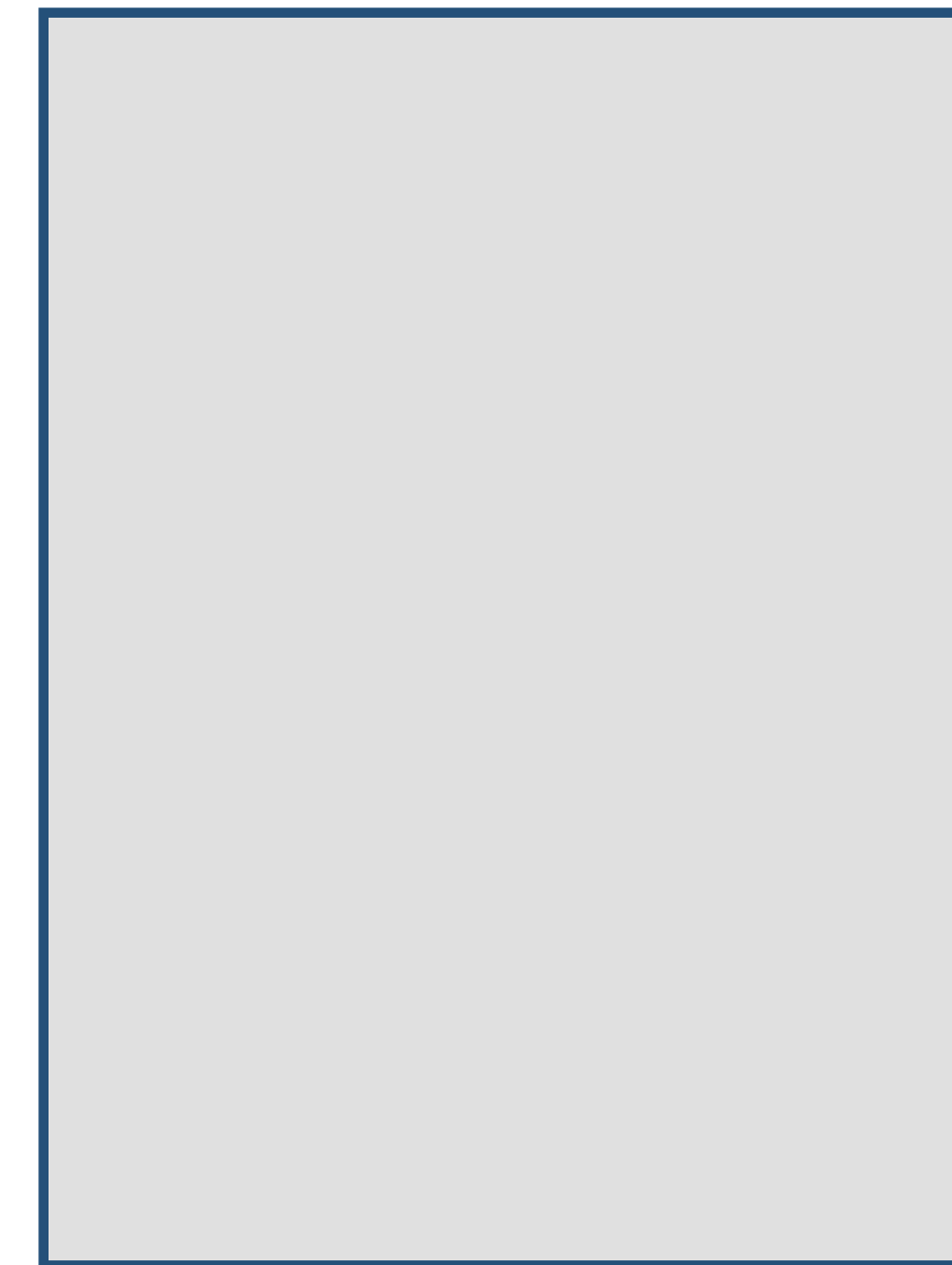




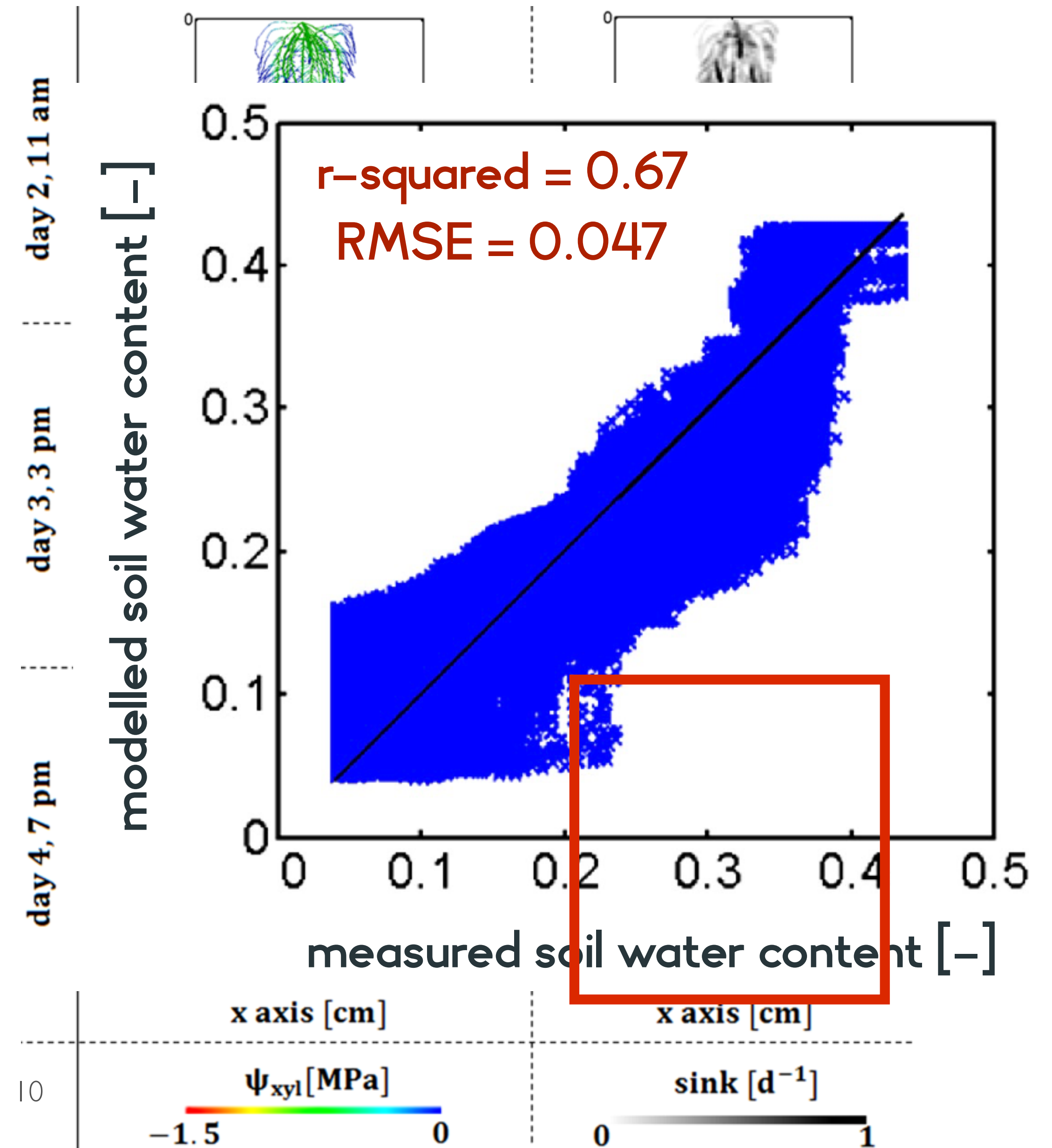
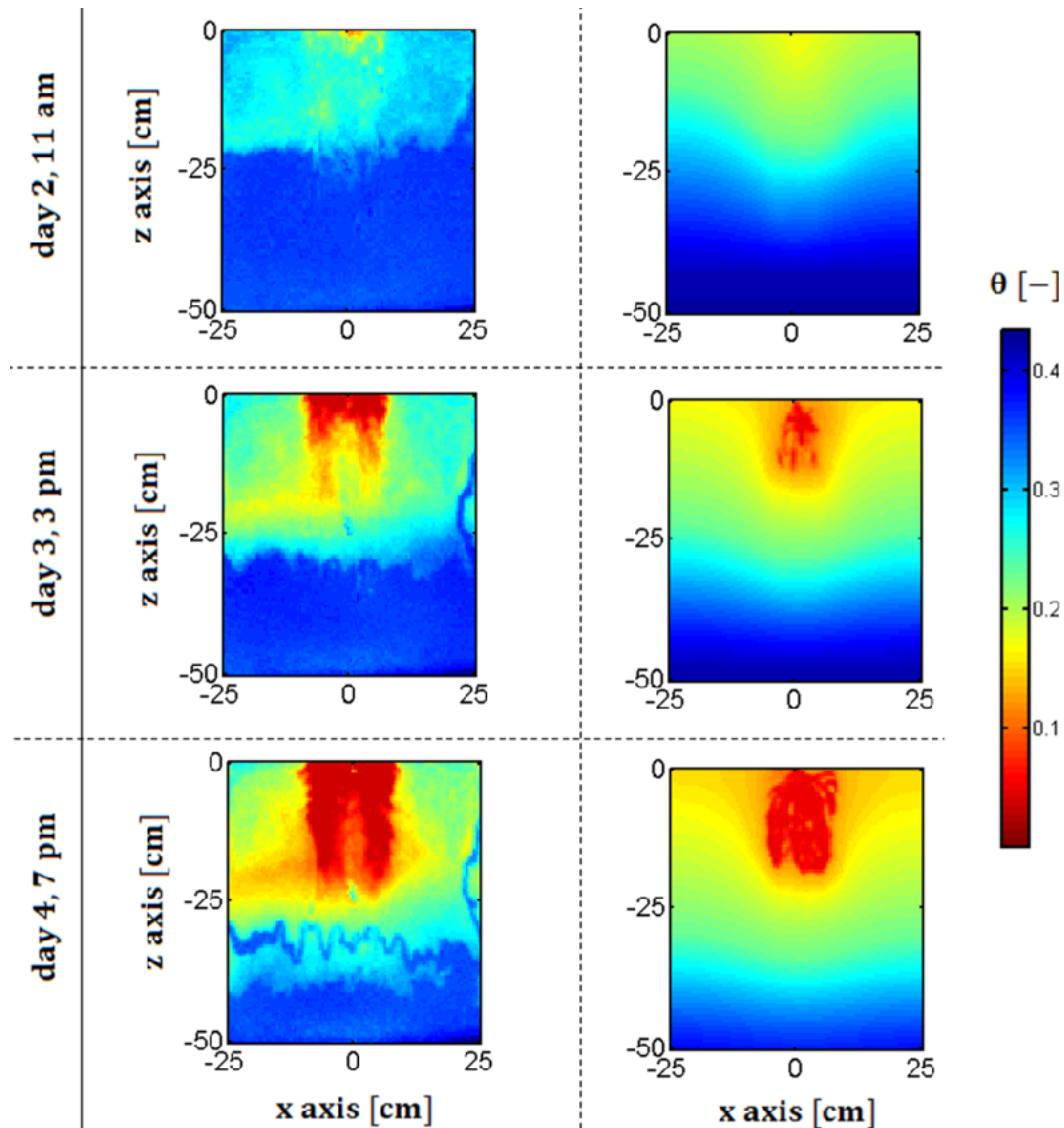
3D water flow
soil-root domain

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VALIDATION

New variables



USING FSPM TO ANALYSE EXPERIMENTAL DATA



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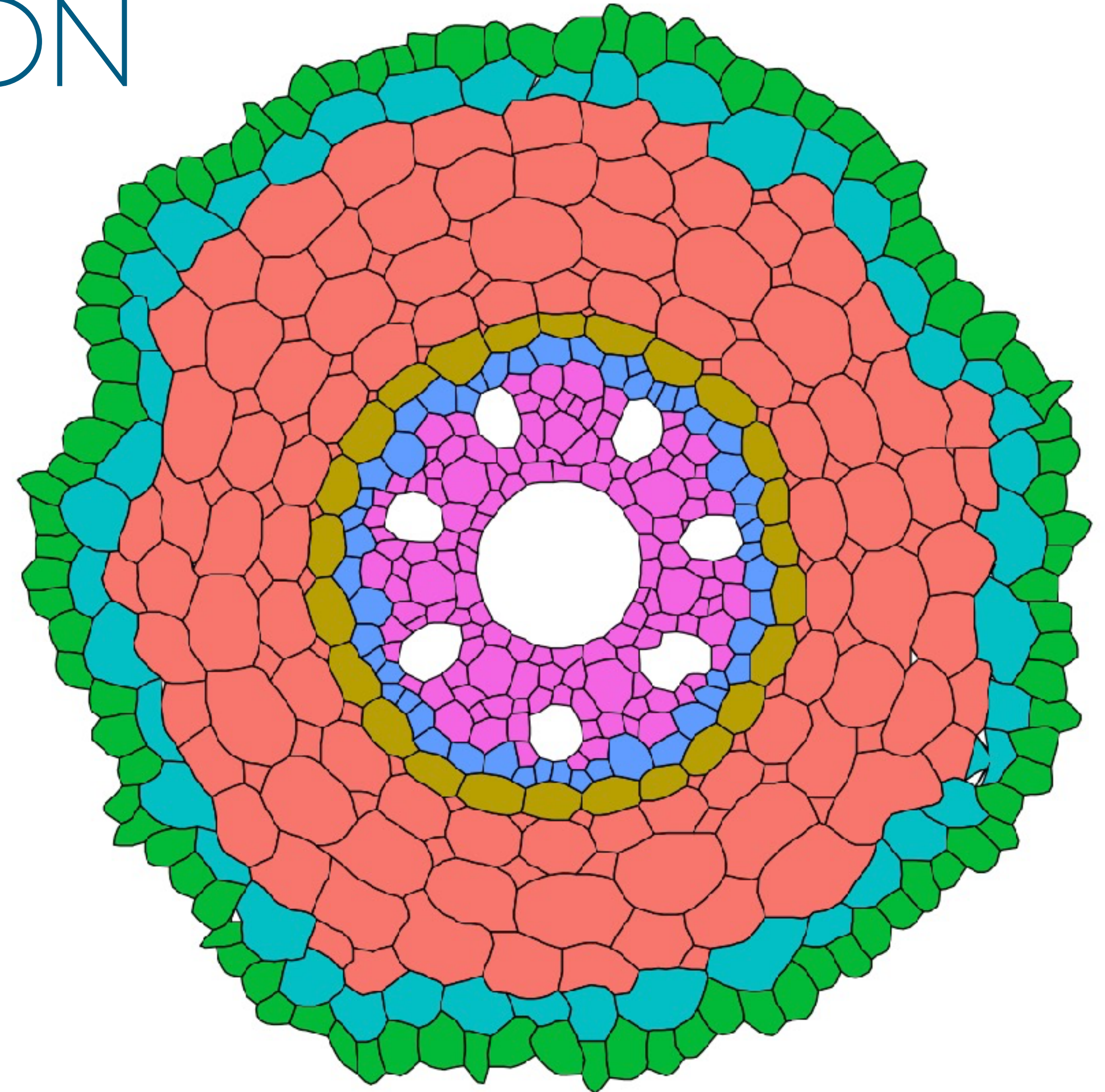
MODEL OF EXPLICIT CROSS-SECTION HYDRAULIC ANATOMY



MECHA

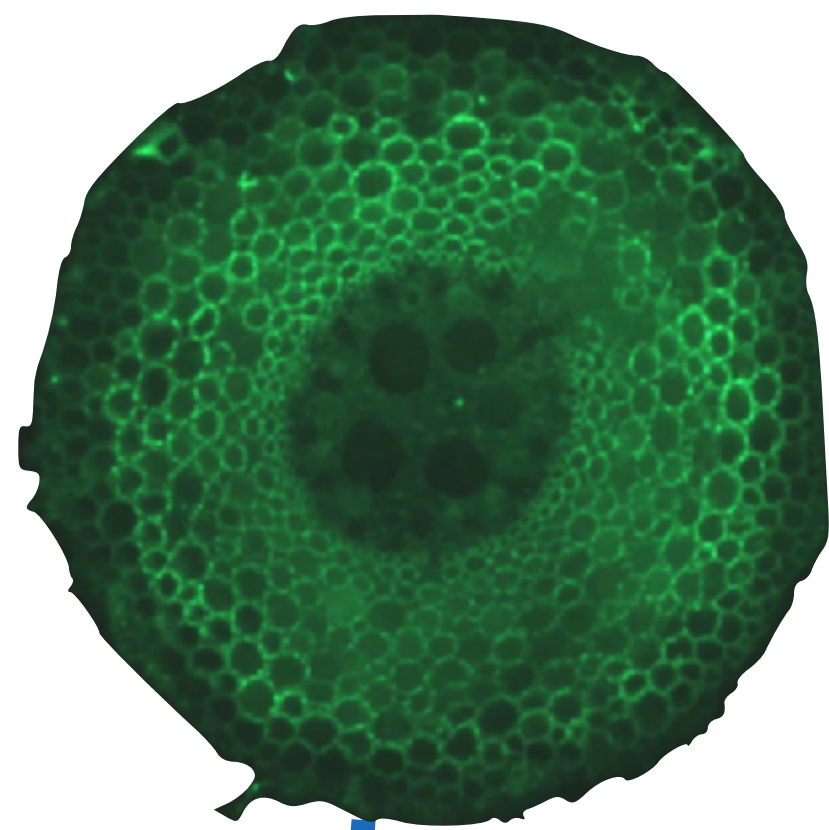
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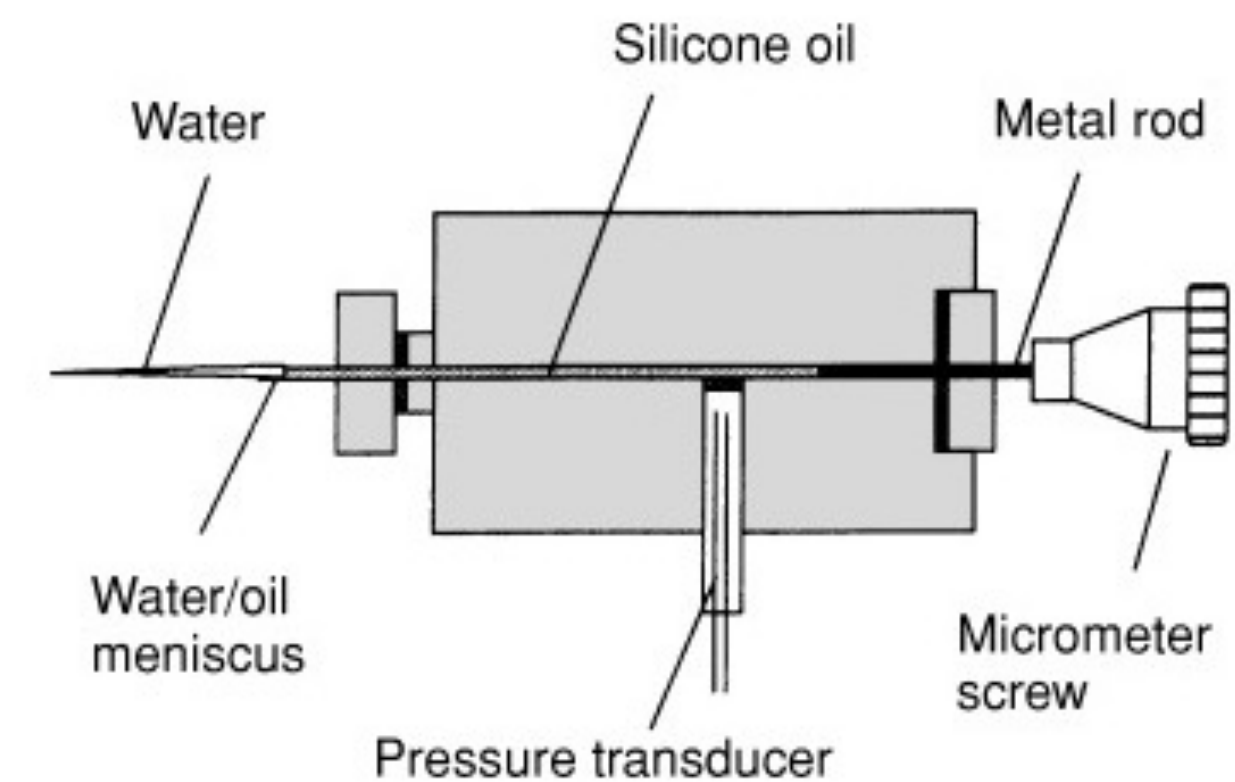


MECHA USES **REAL** EXPERIMENTAL DATA

Image of **root**
cross section

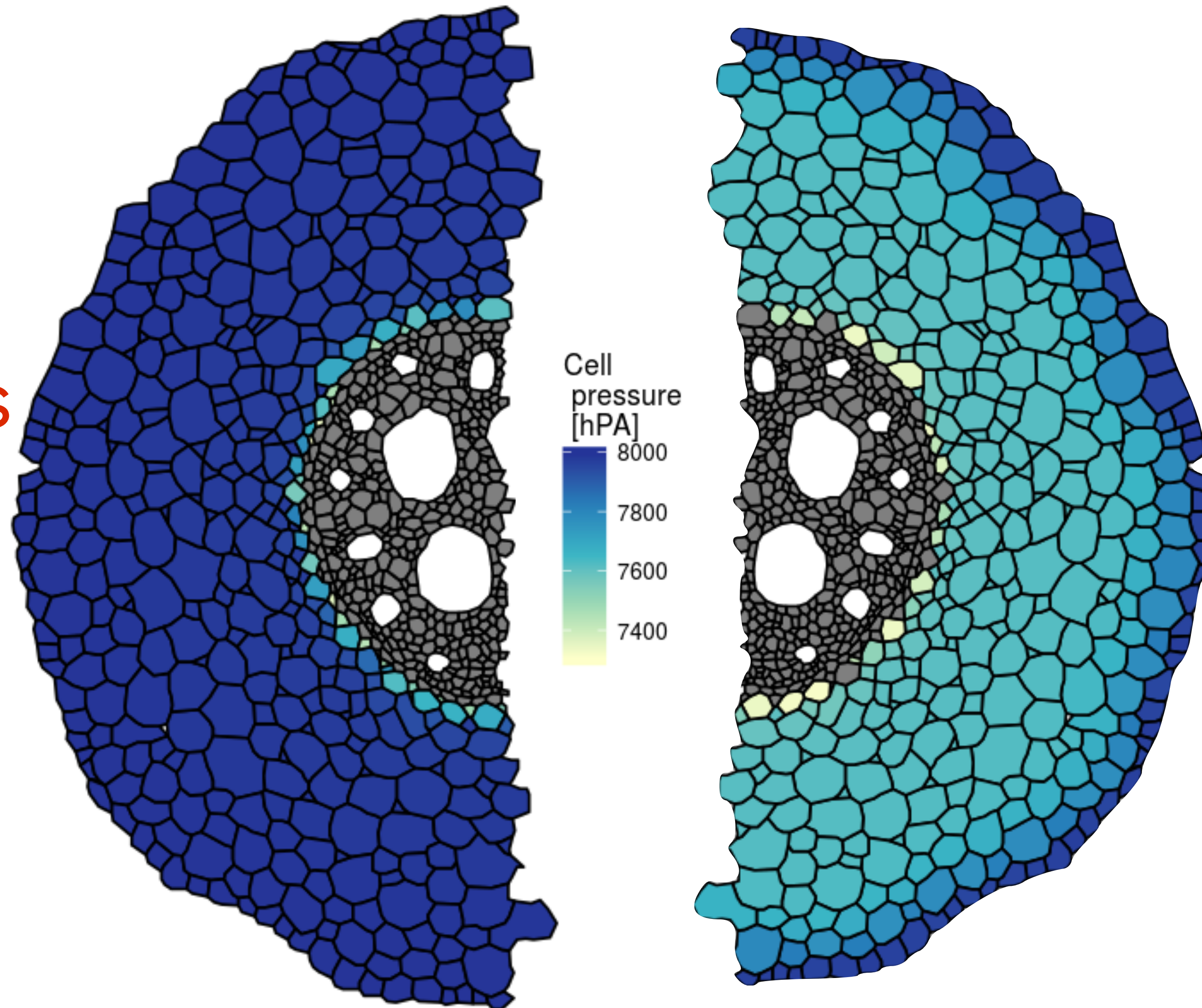


Cell scale **hydraulic**
measurements



WATER POTENTIAL IN CELLS

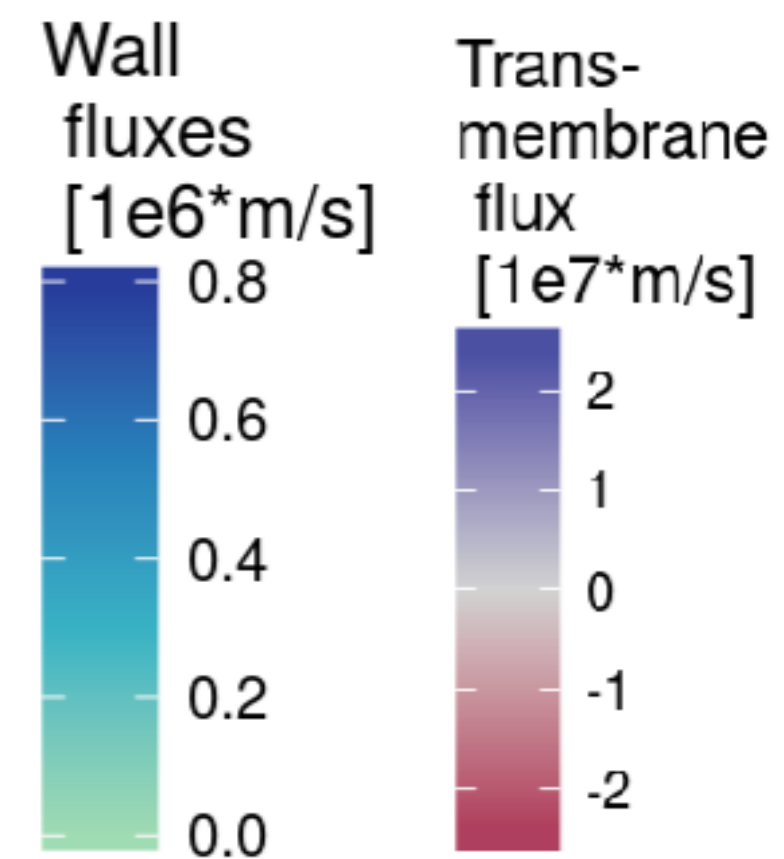
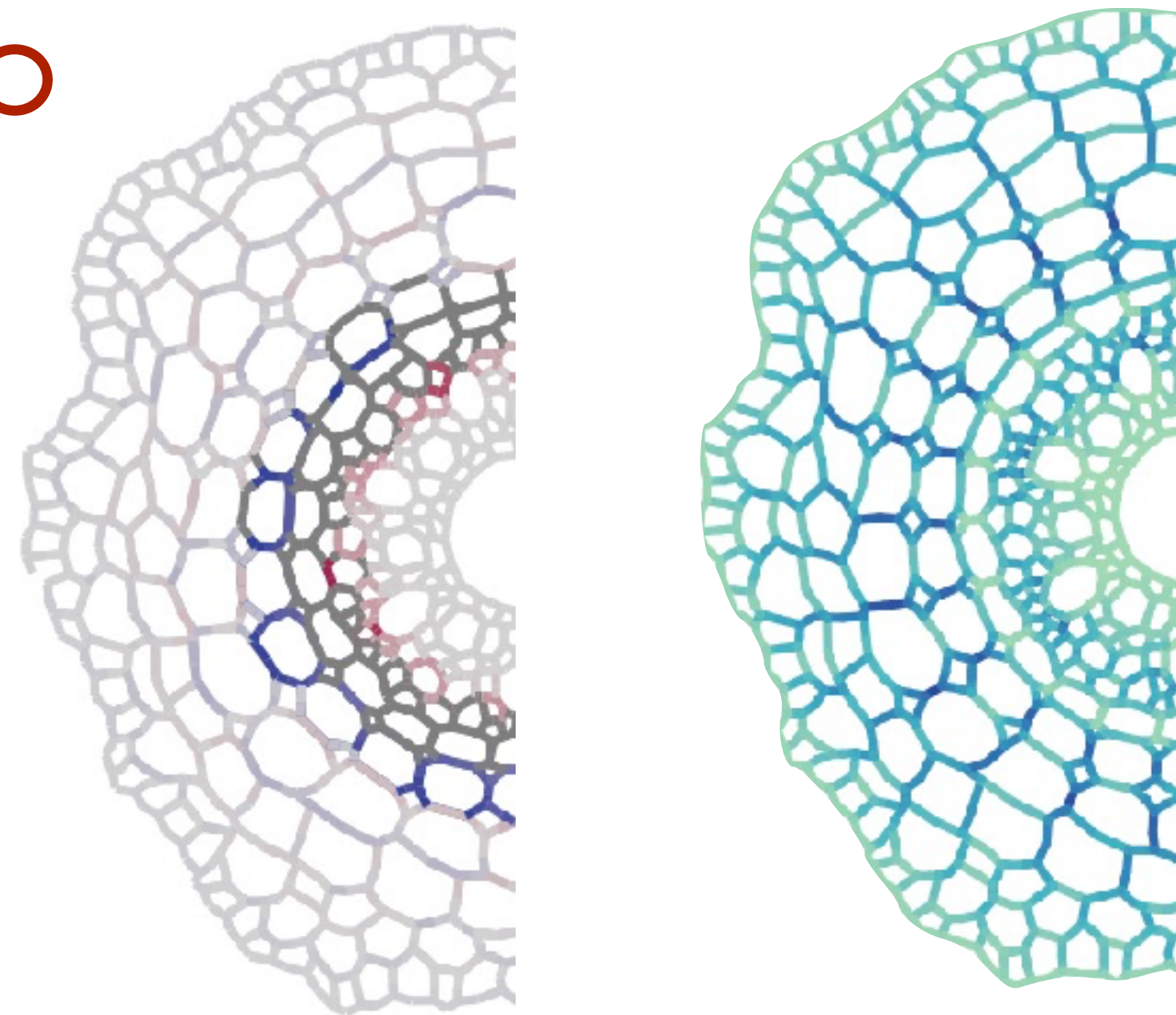
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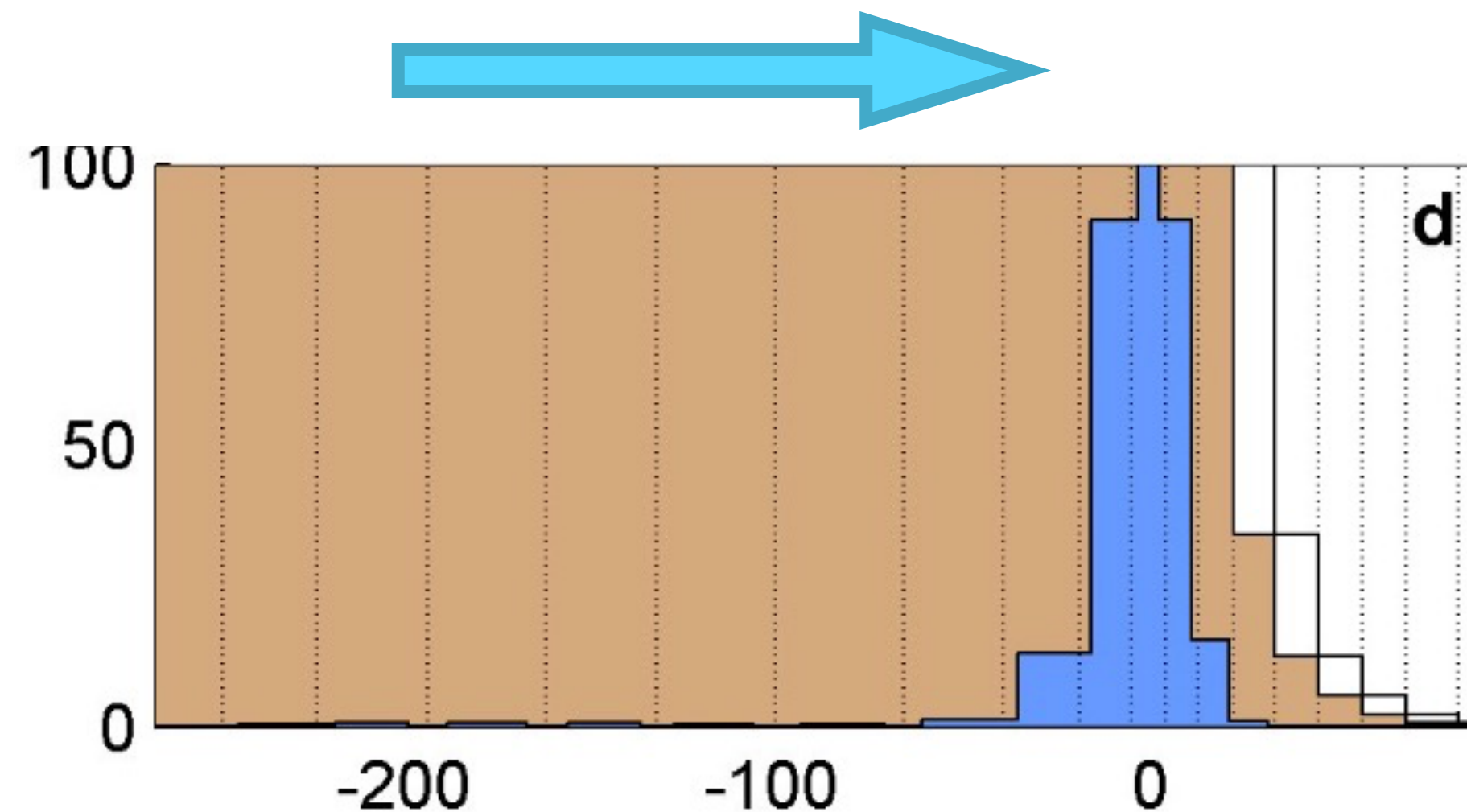
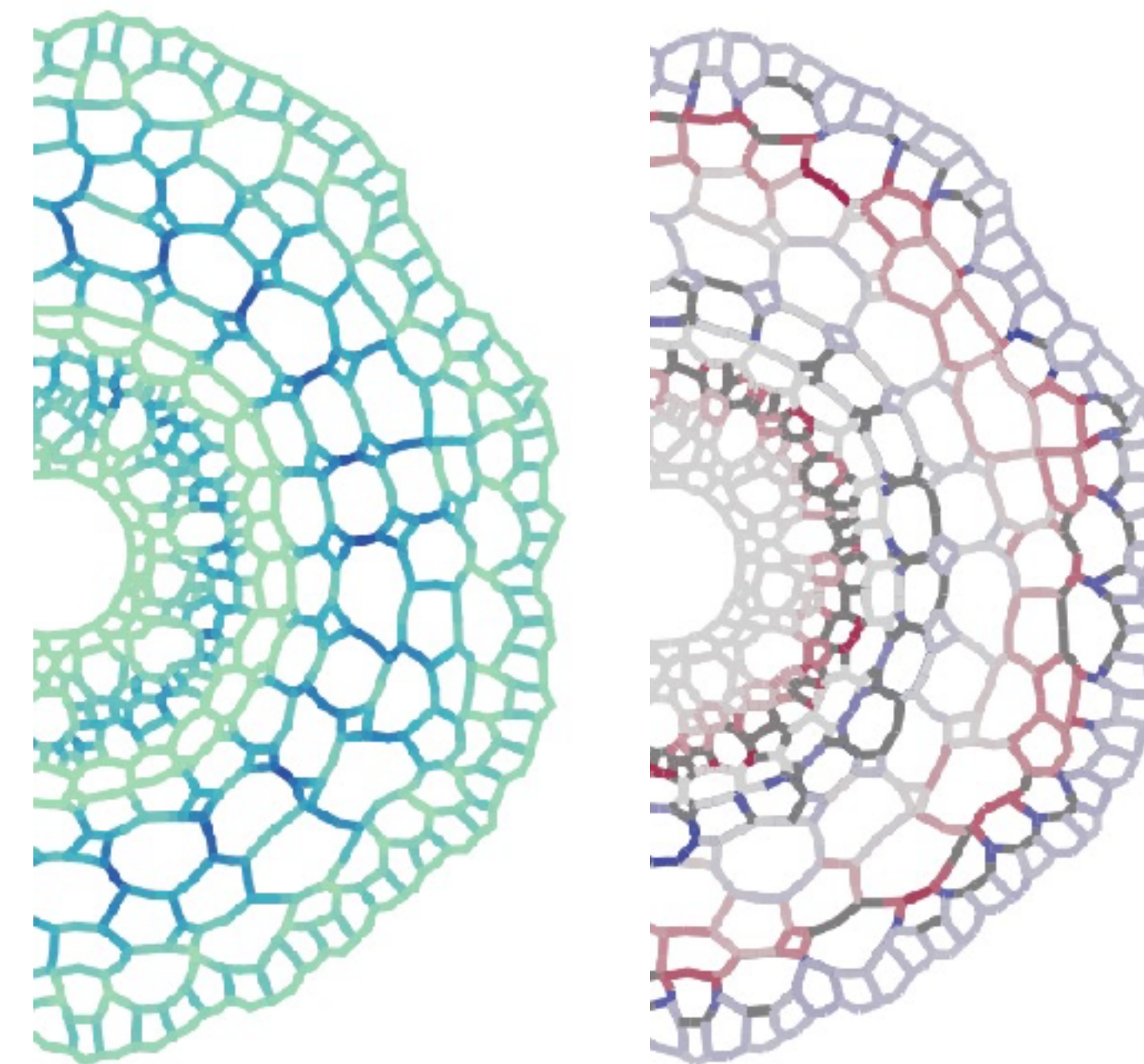
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FLUXES IN WALLS AND MEMBRANES

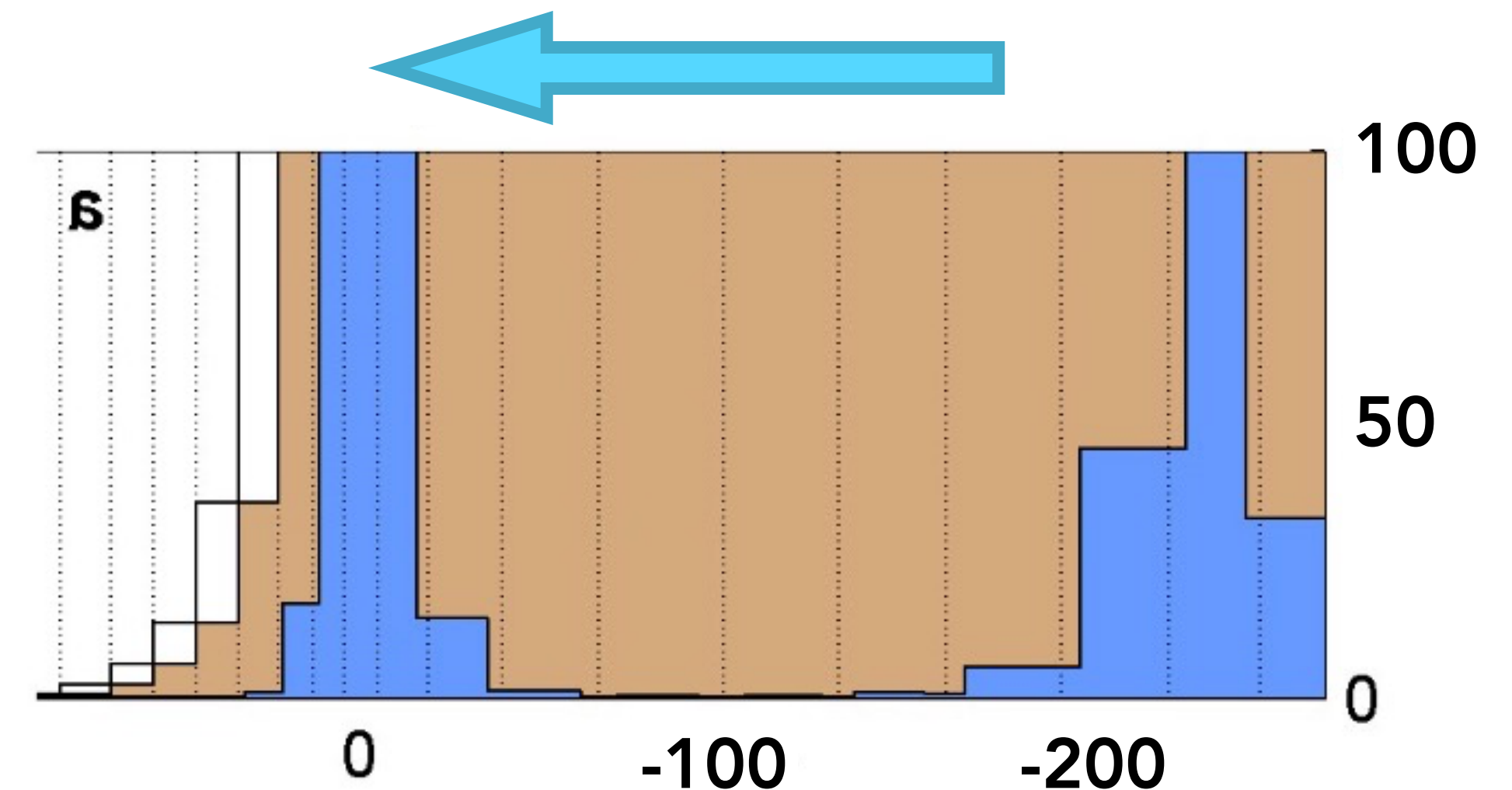
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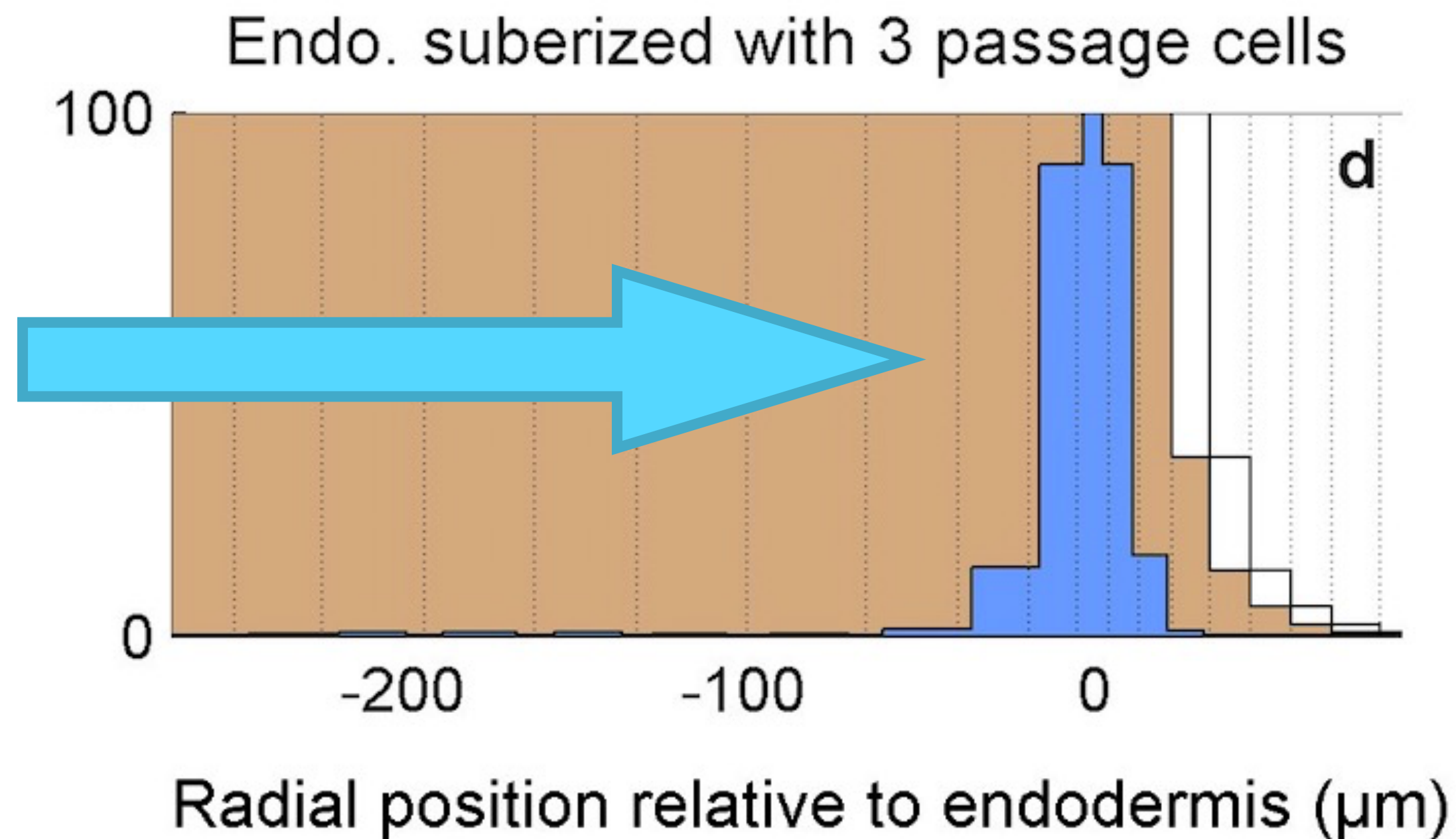


Apoplastic
Symplastic
Xylem

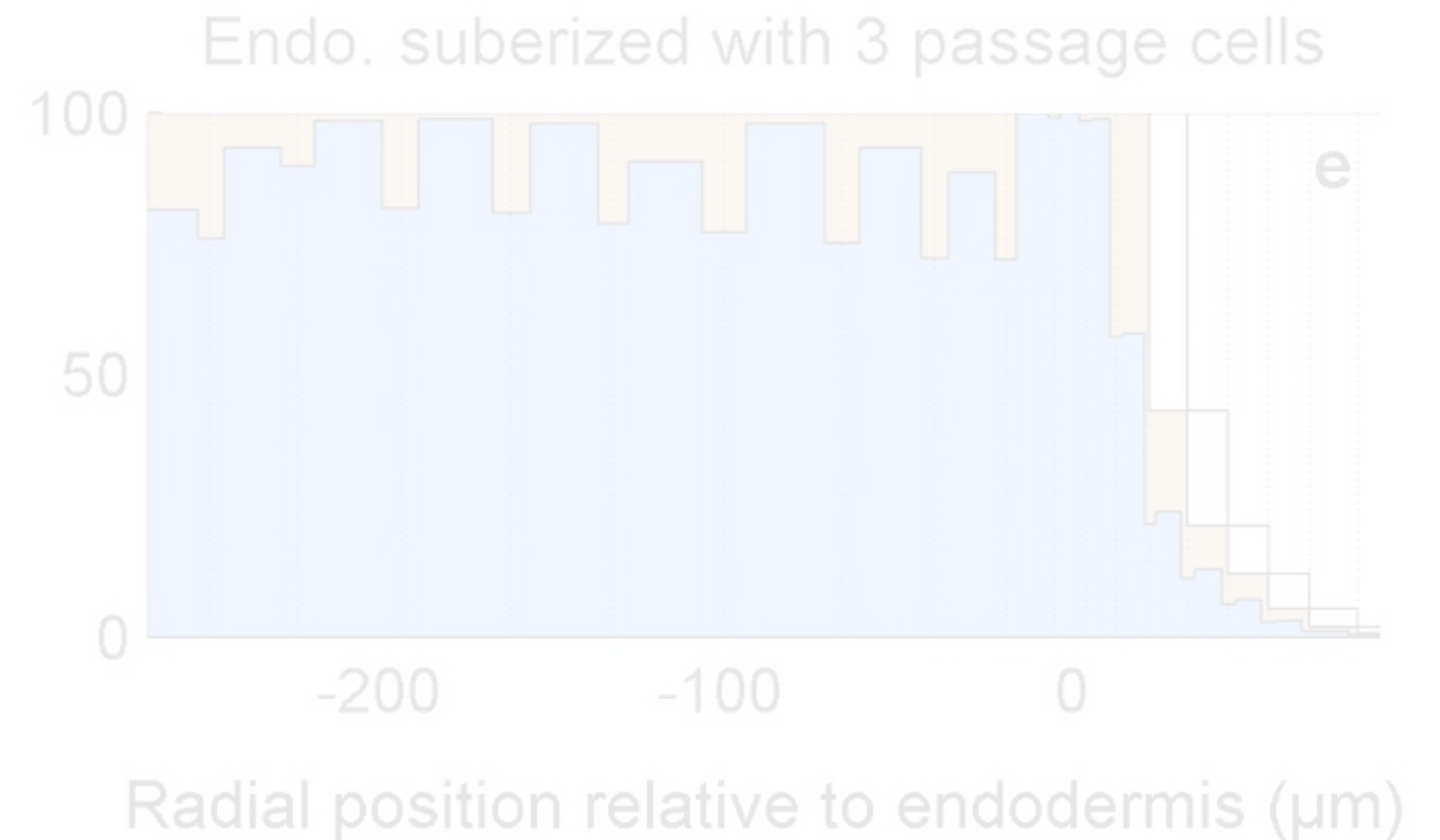


SENSITIVITY TO CELL-SCALE PROPERTIES

High k_w || Low K_{pd}



Low k_w || High K_{pd}



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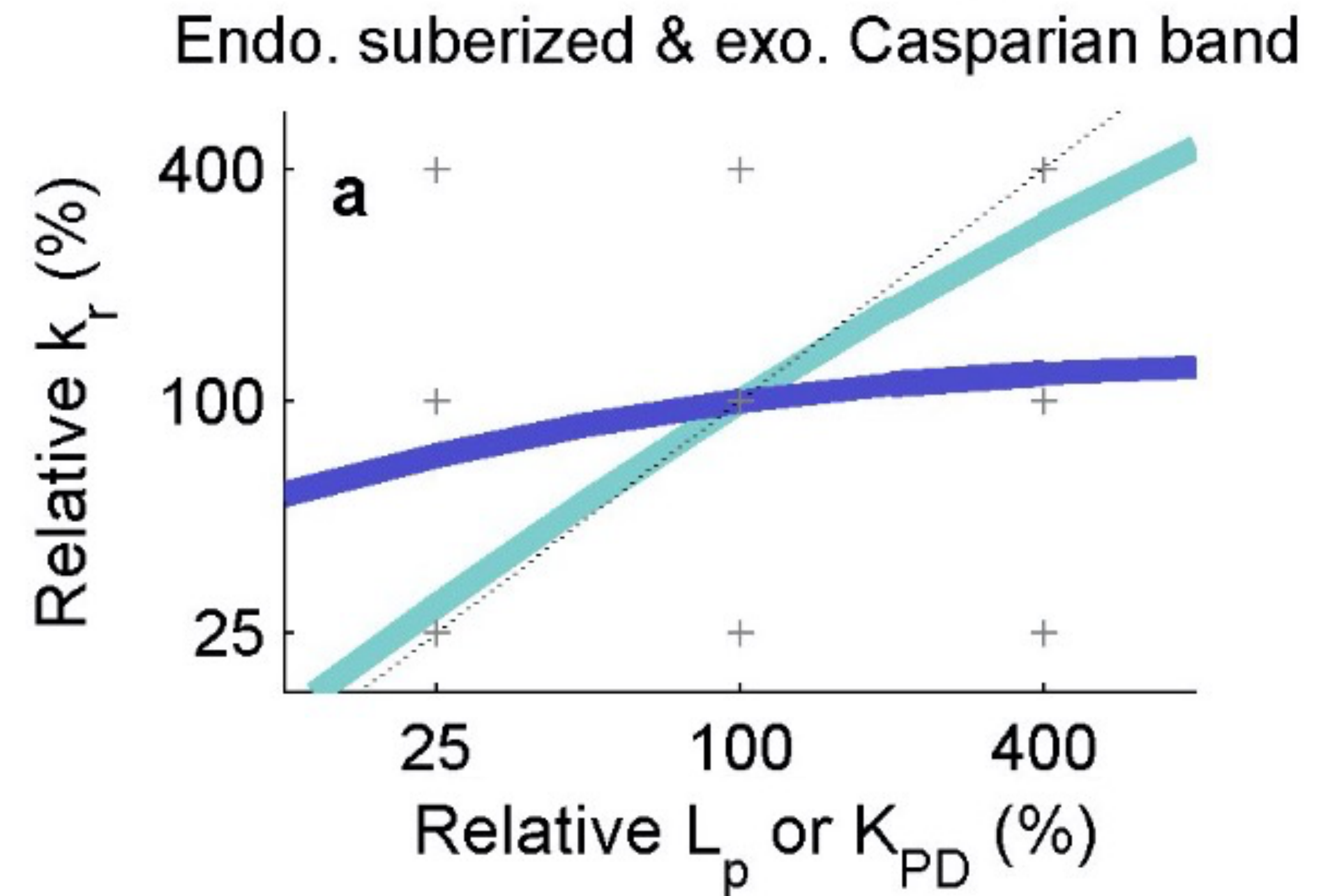
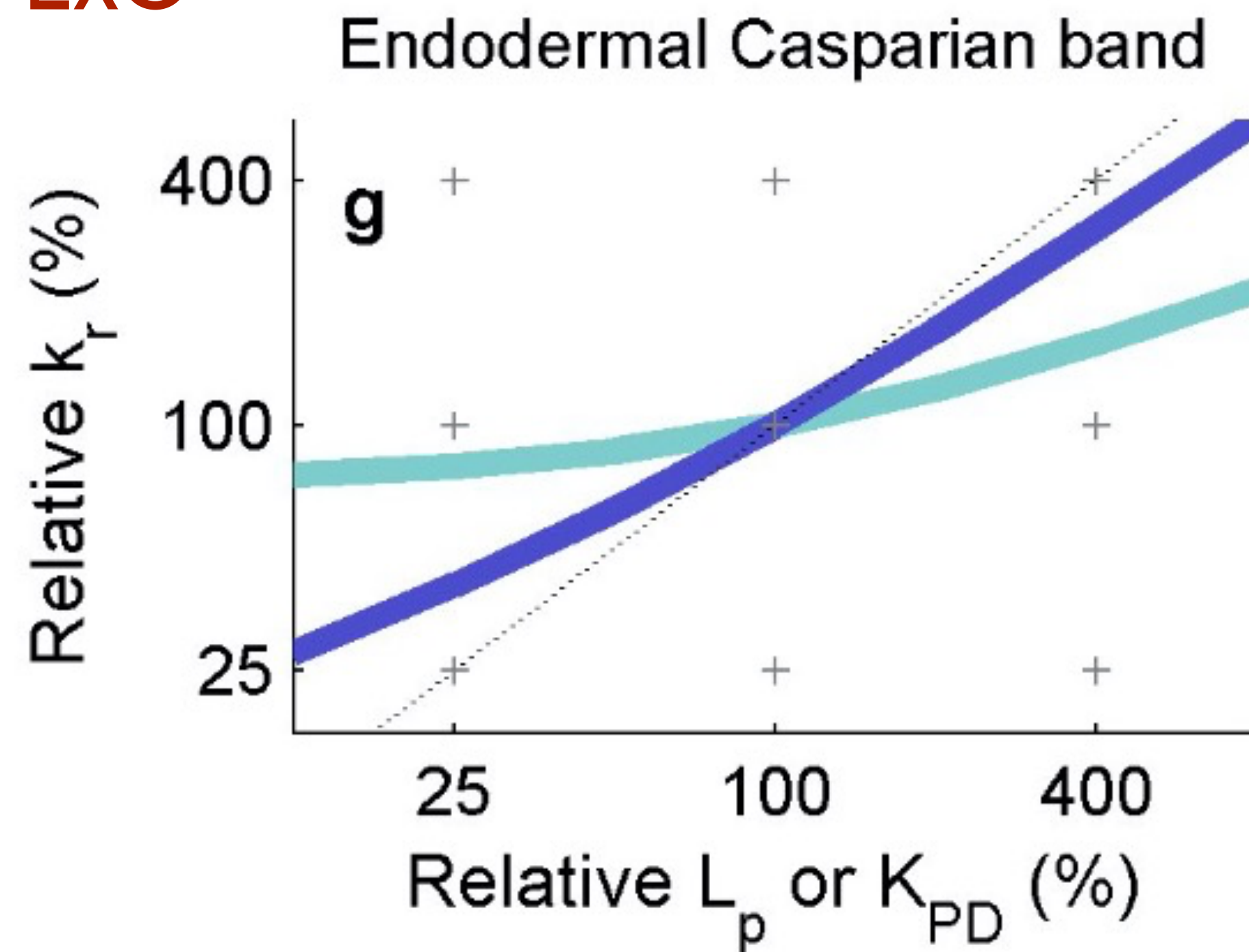
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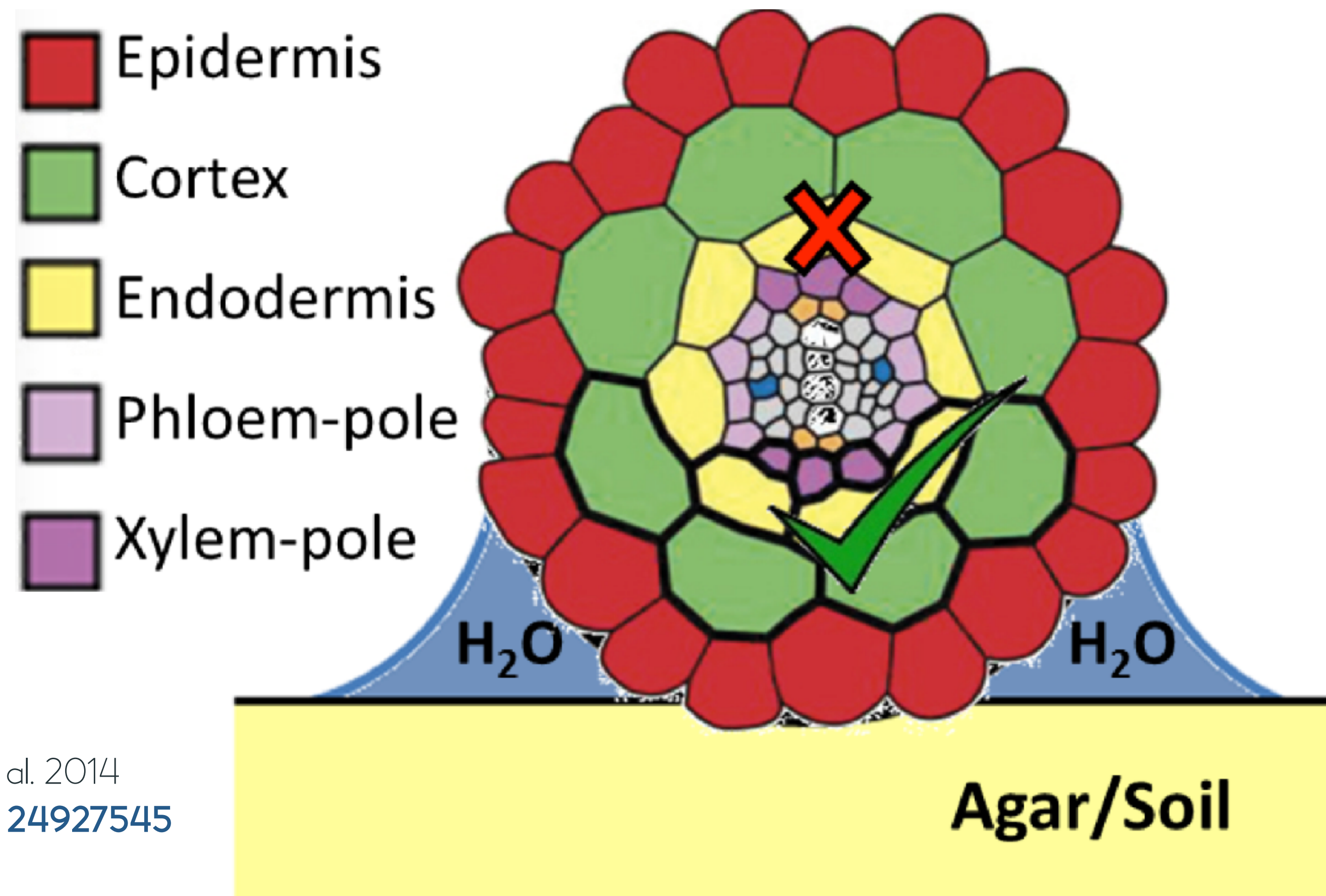
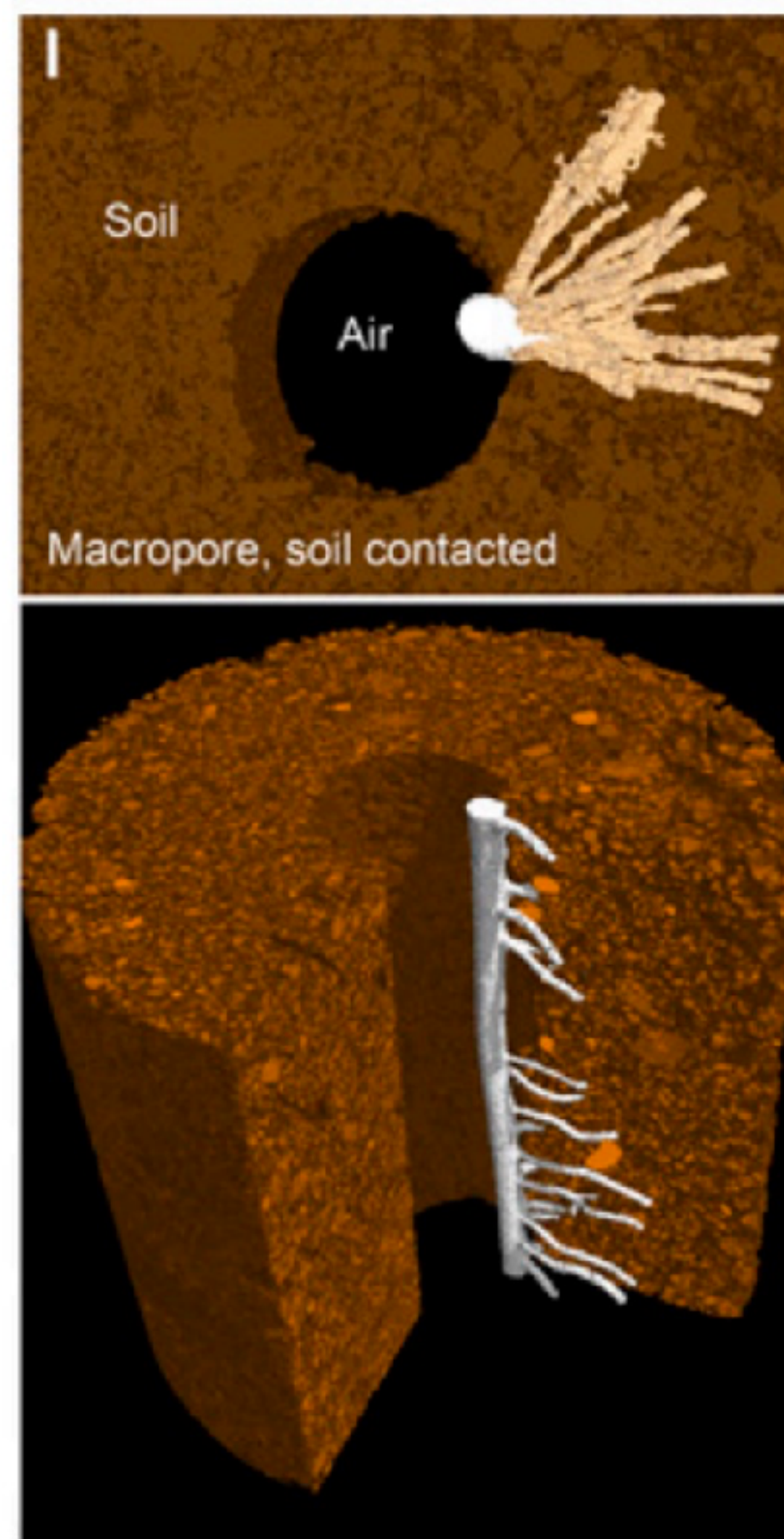
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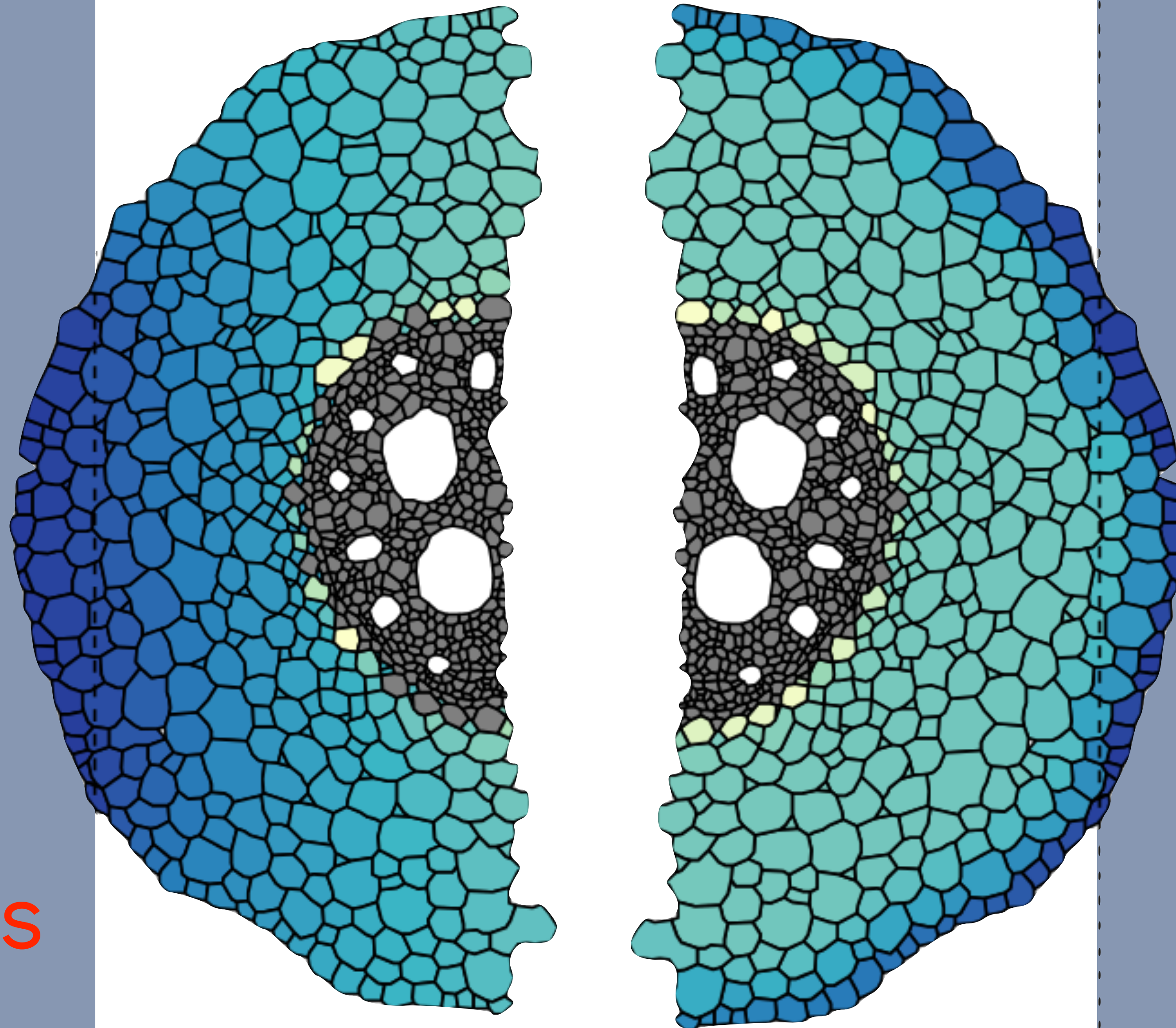
Plasmodesmata conductivity
Cell membrane conductivity

HYDROPATTERNING ARISES FROM HETEROGENEITY



 Bao et al. 2014
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PARTIAL SOIL CONTACT

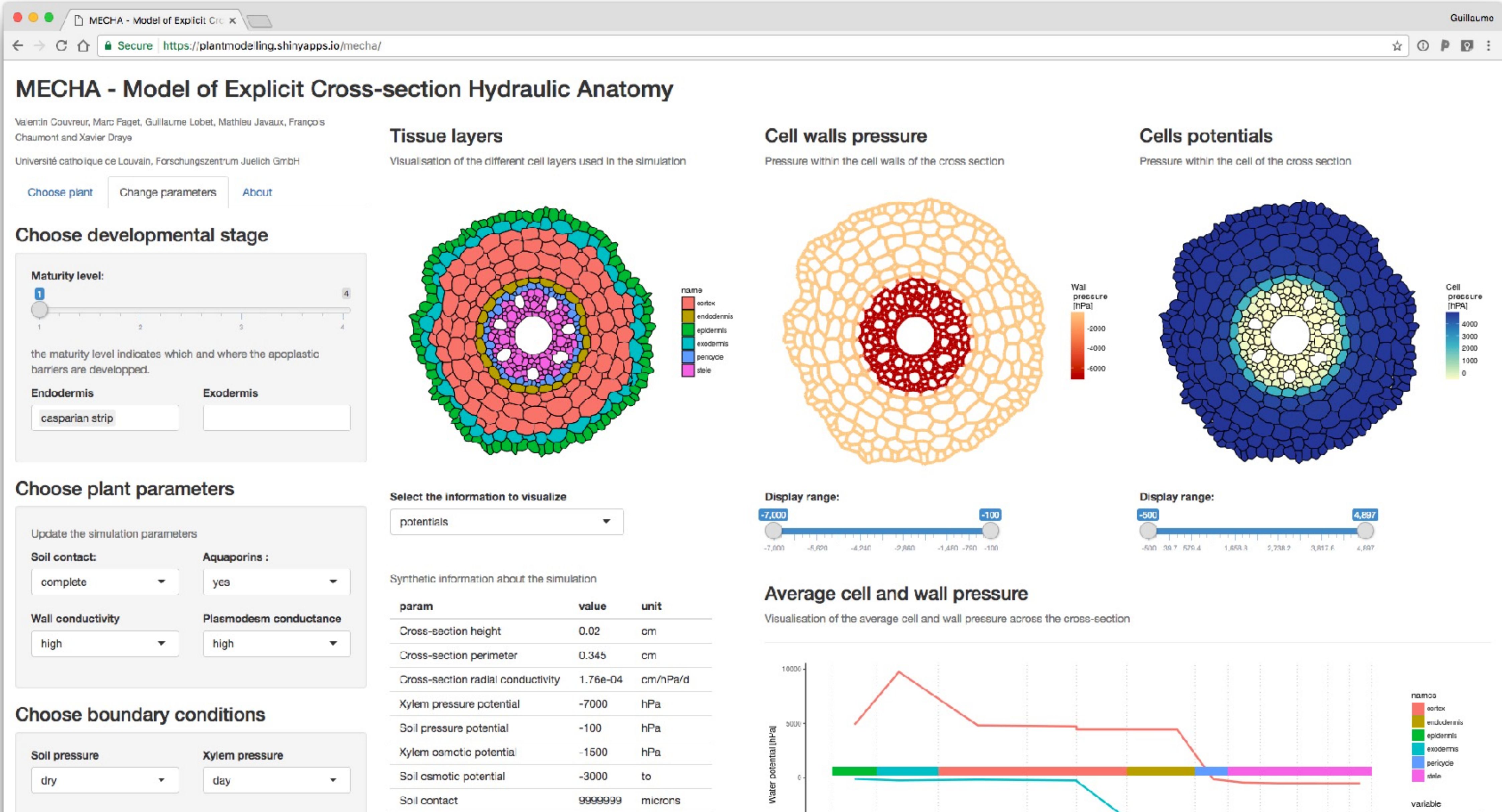


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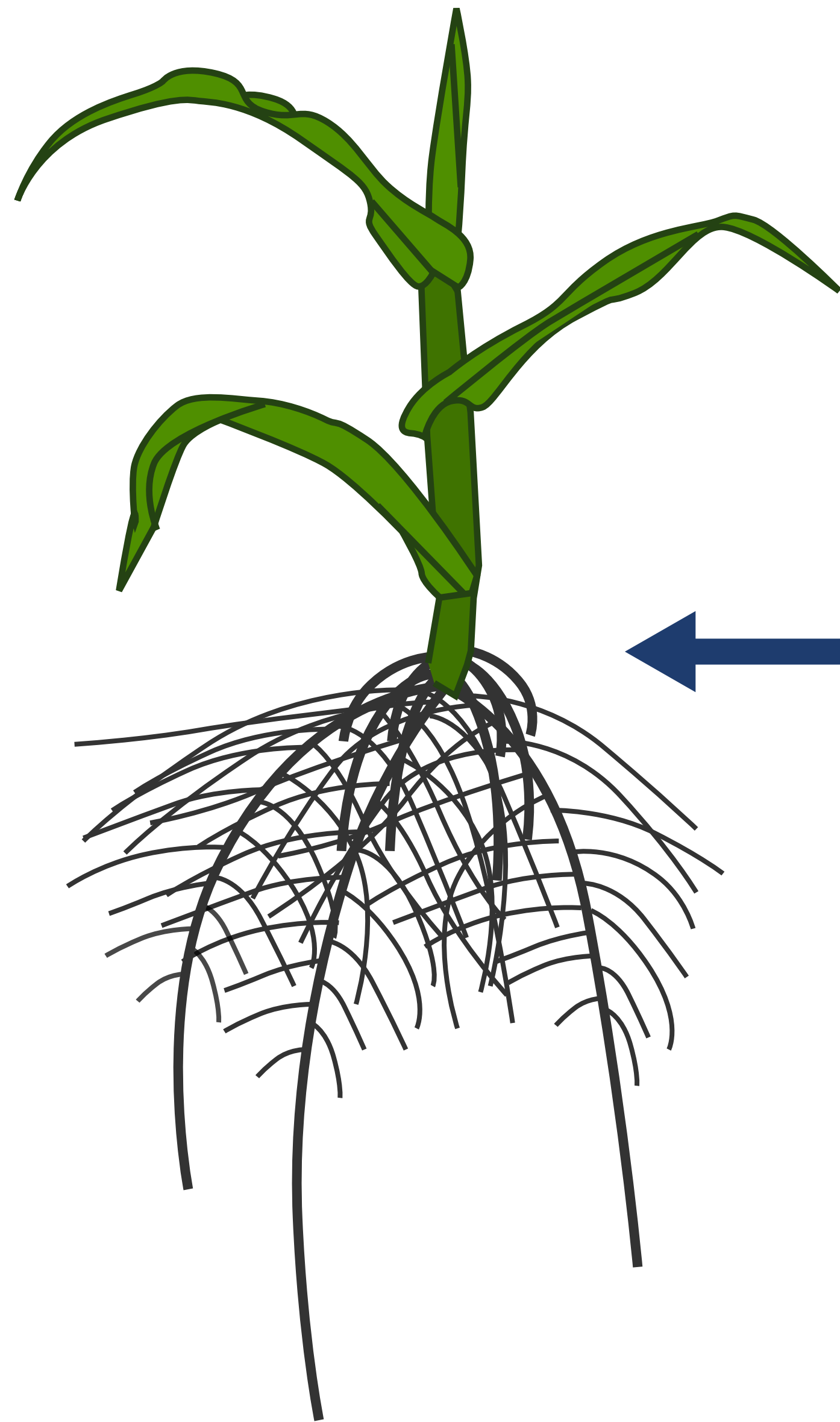
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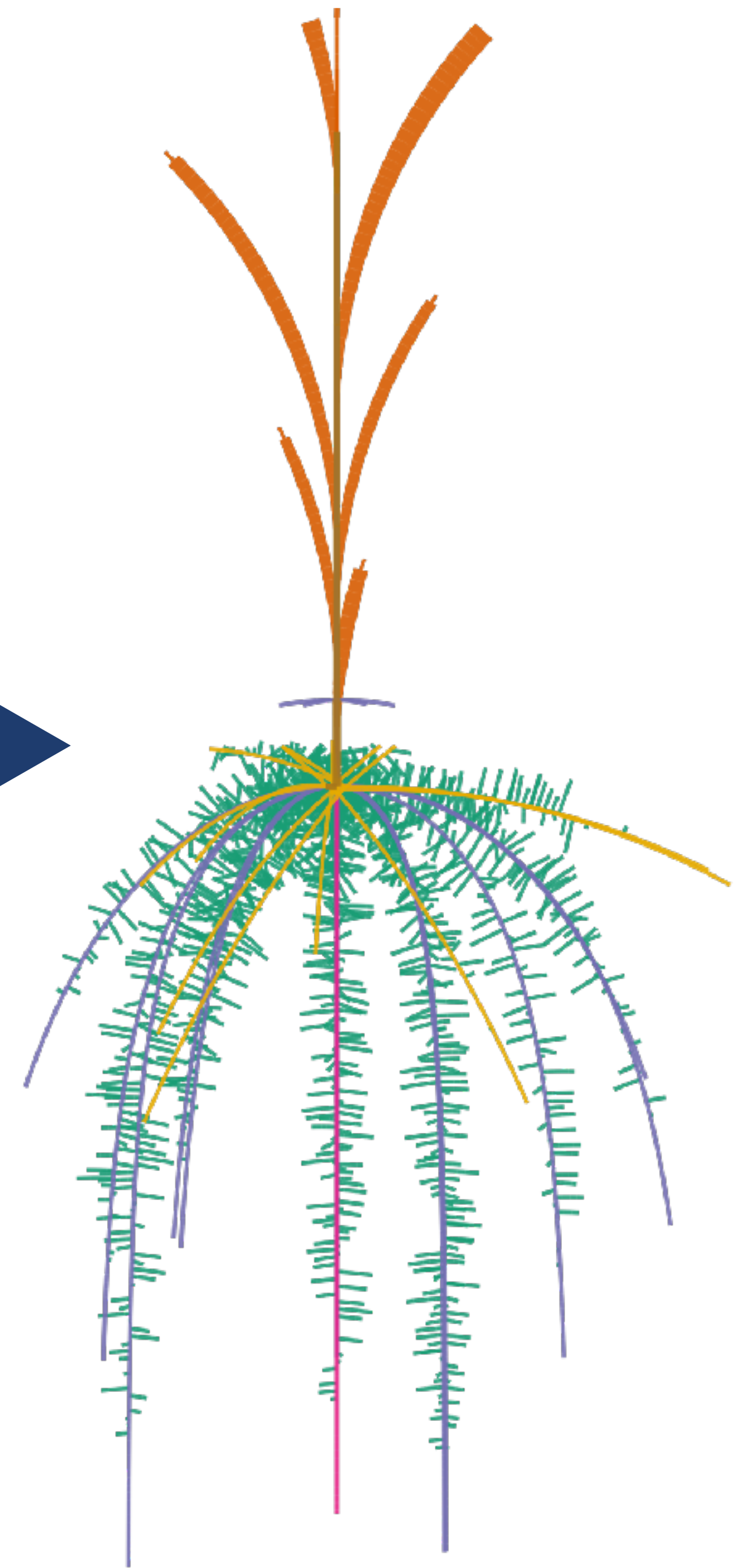
WRAPPING UP



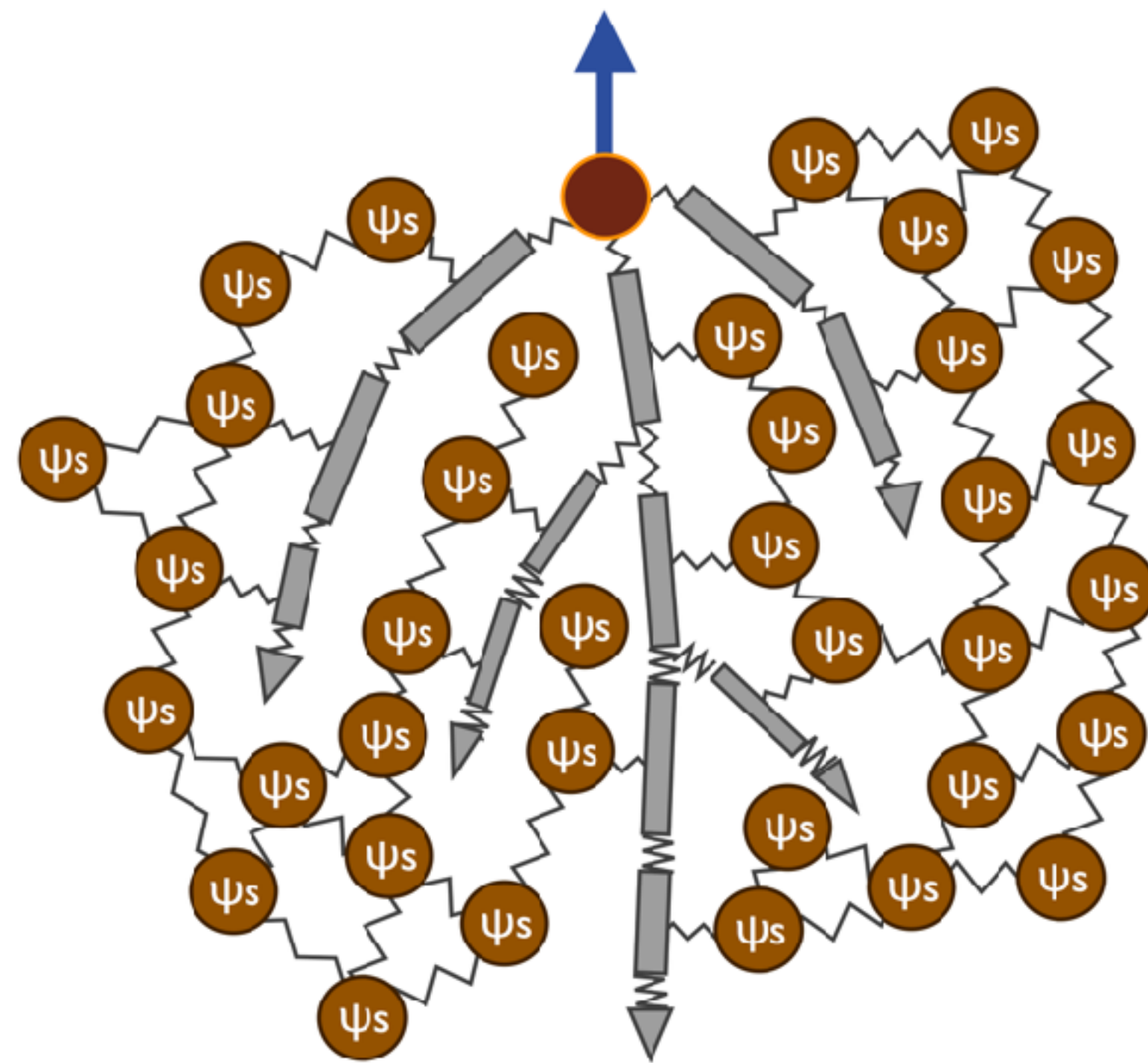
WE CAN LINK
MODELS
AND
EXPERIMENTS



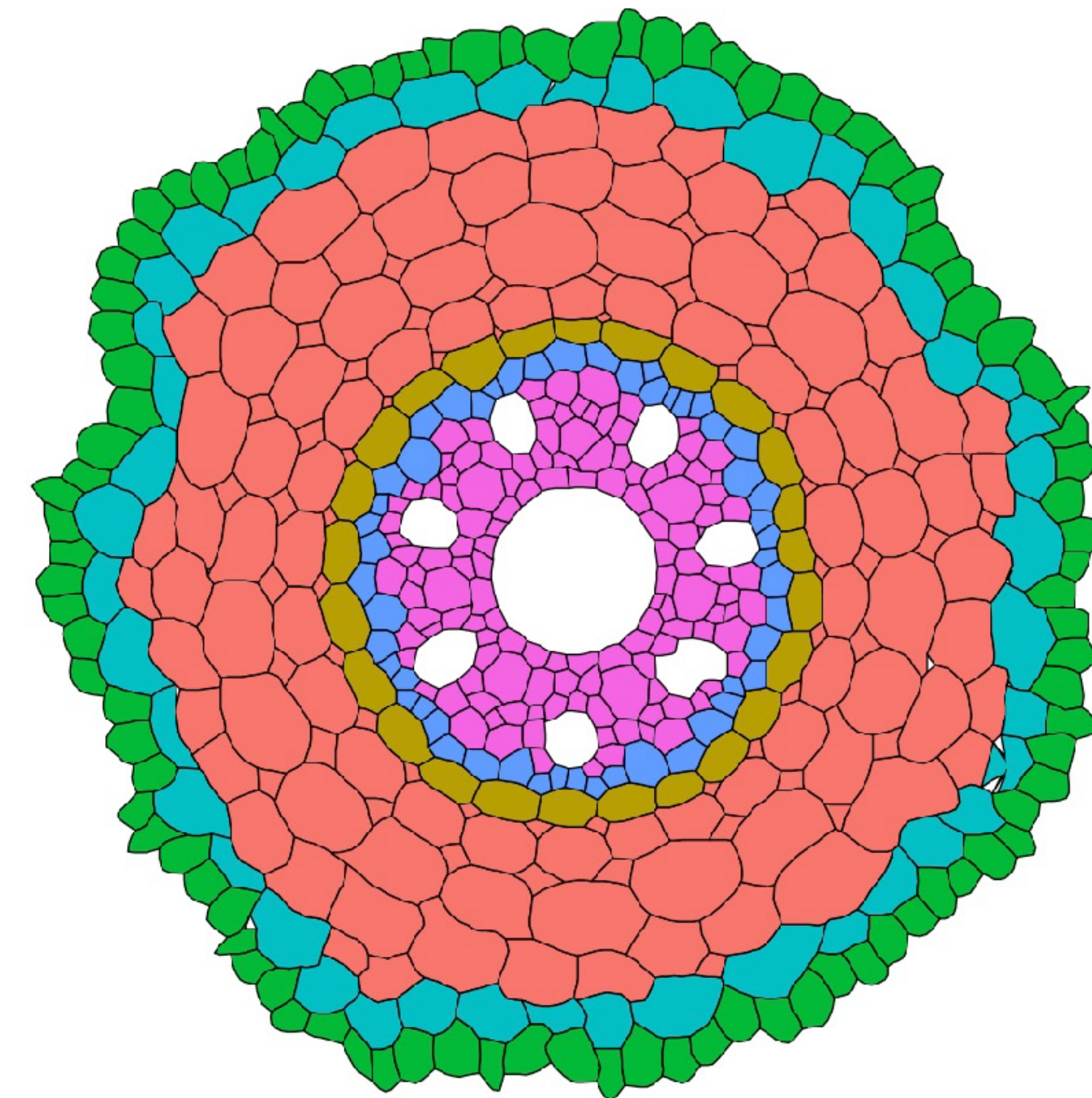
TO GET MORE
FUNCTIONAL
INFORMATIONS



DIFFERENT MODELLING STRATEGIES FOR **SIMILAR** QUESTIONS



TOP-DOWN



BOTTOM-UP

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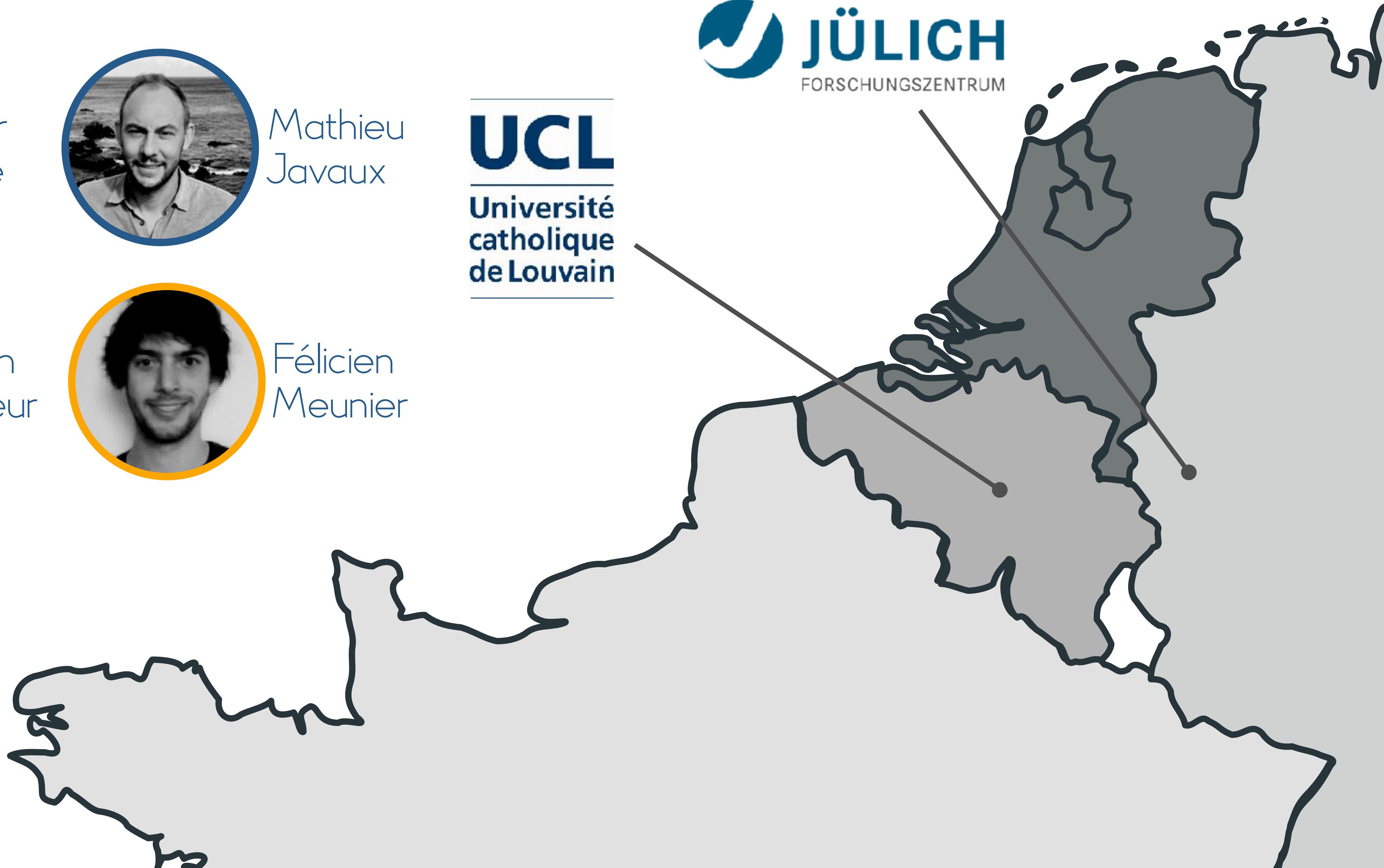


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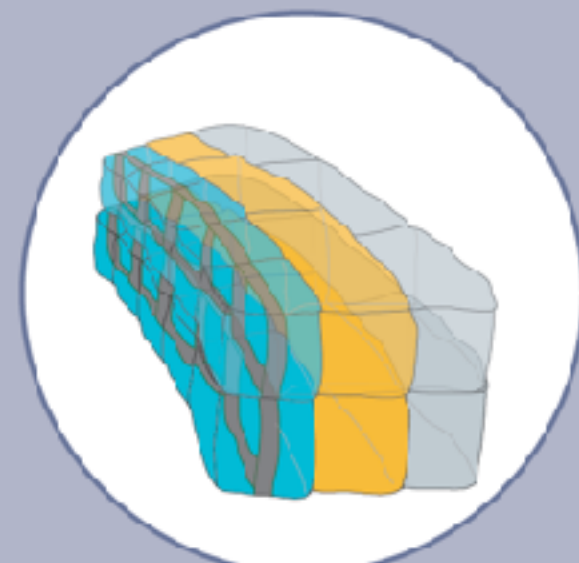
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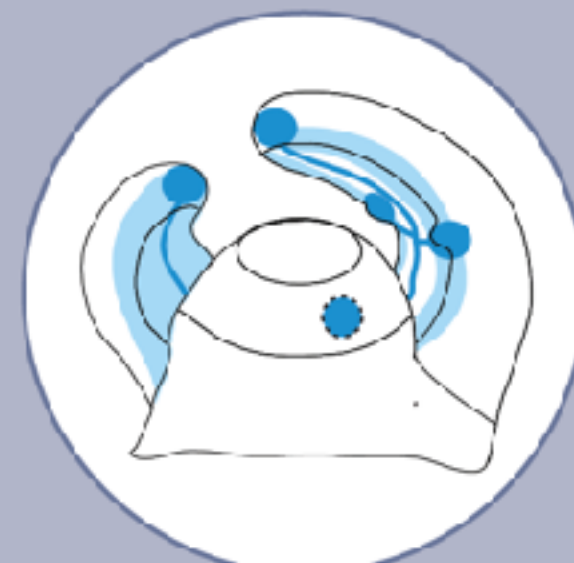
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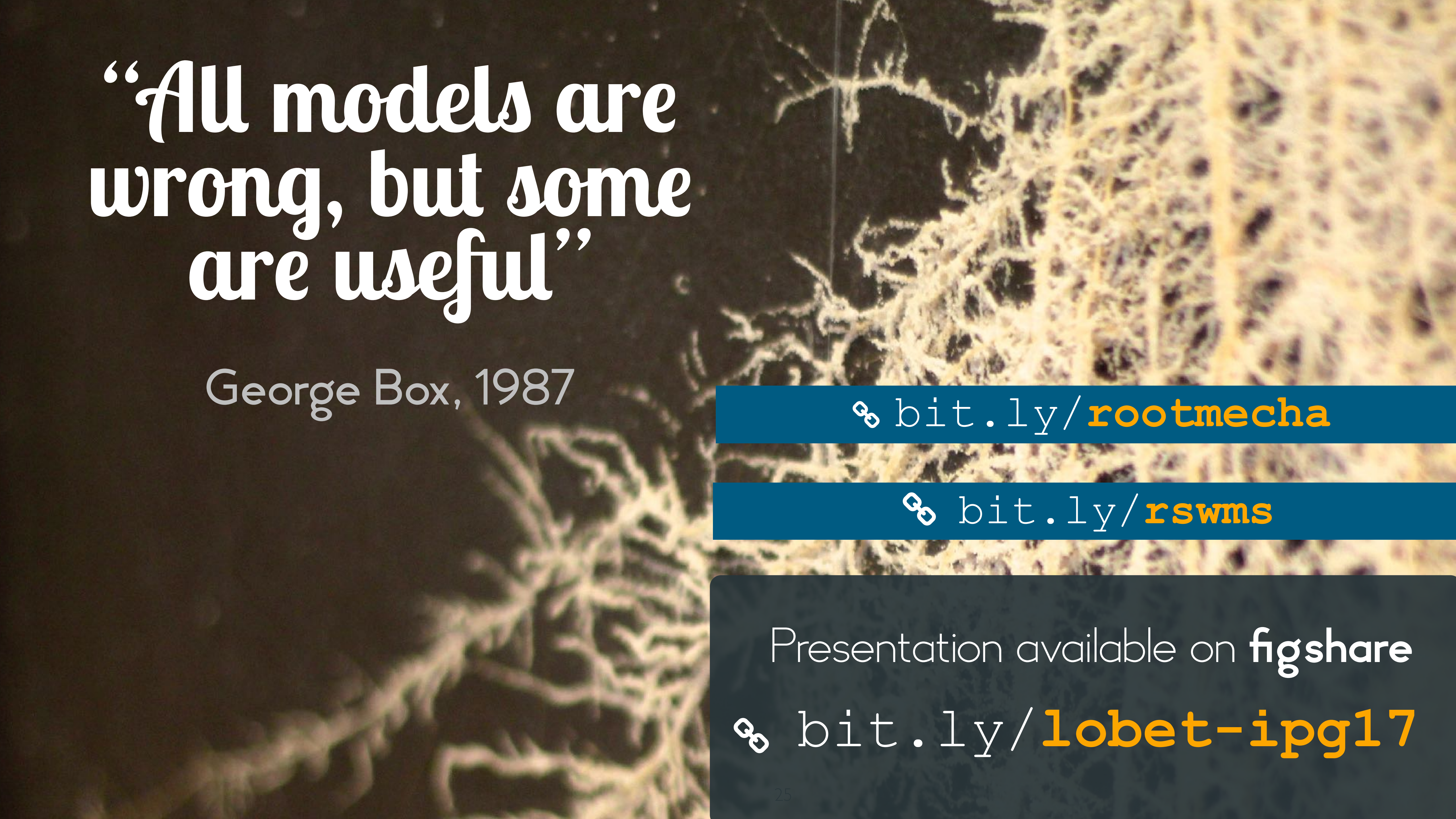


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