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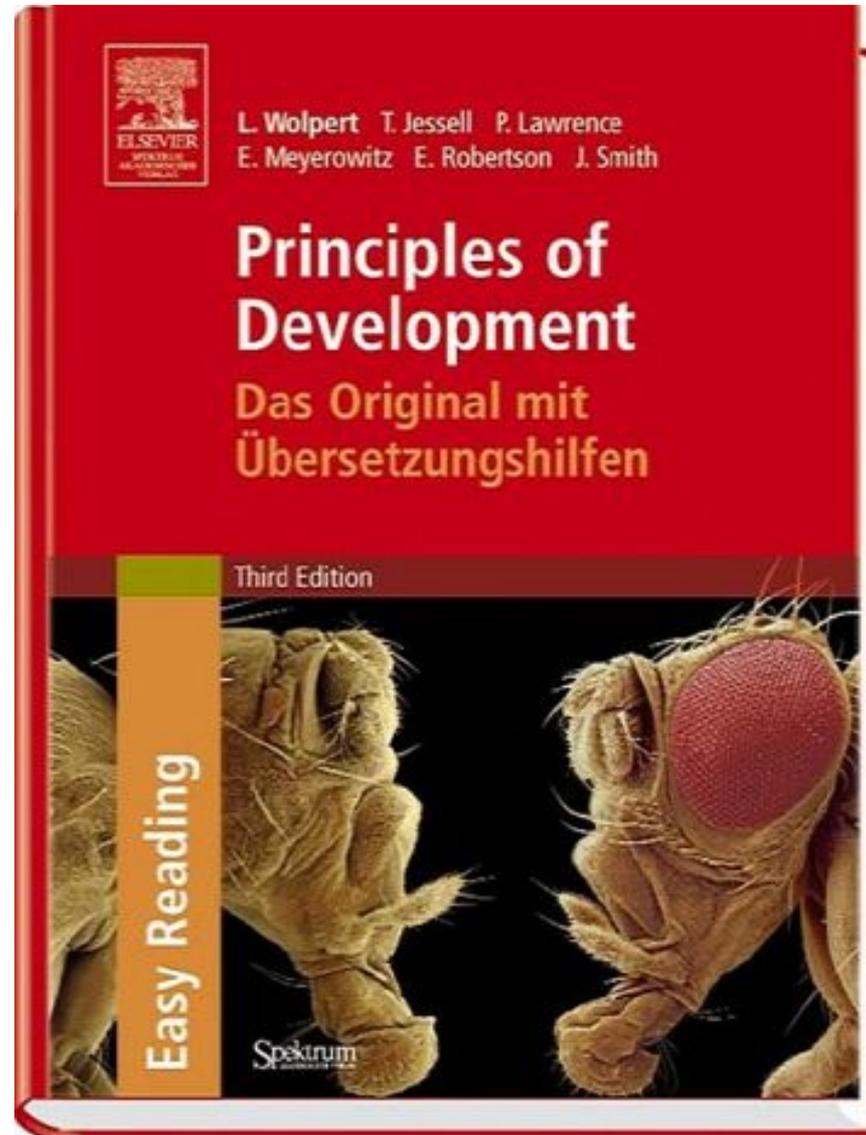
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## Chapter 14



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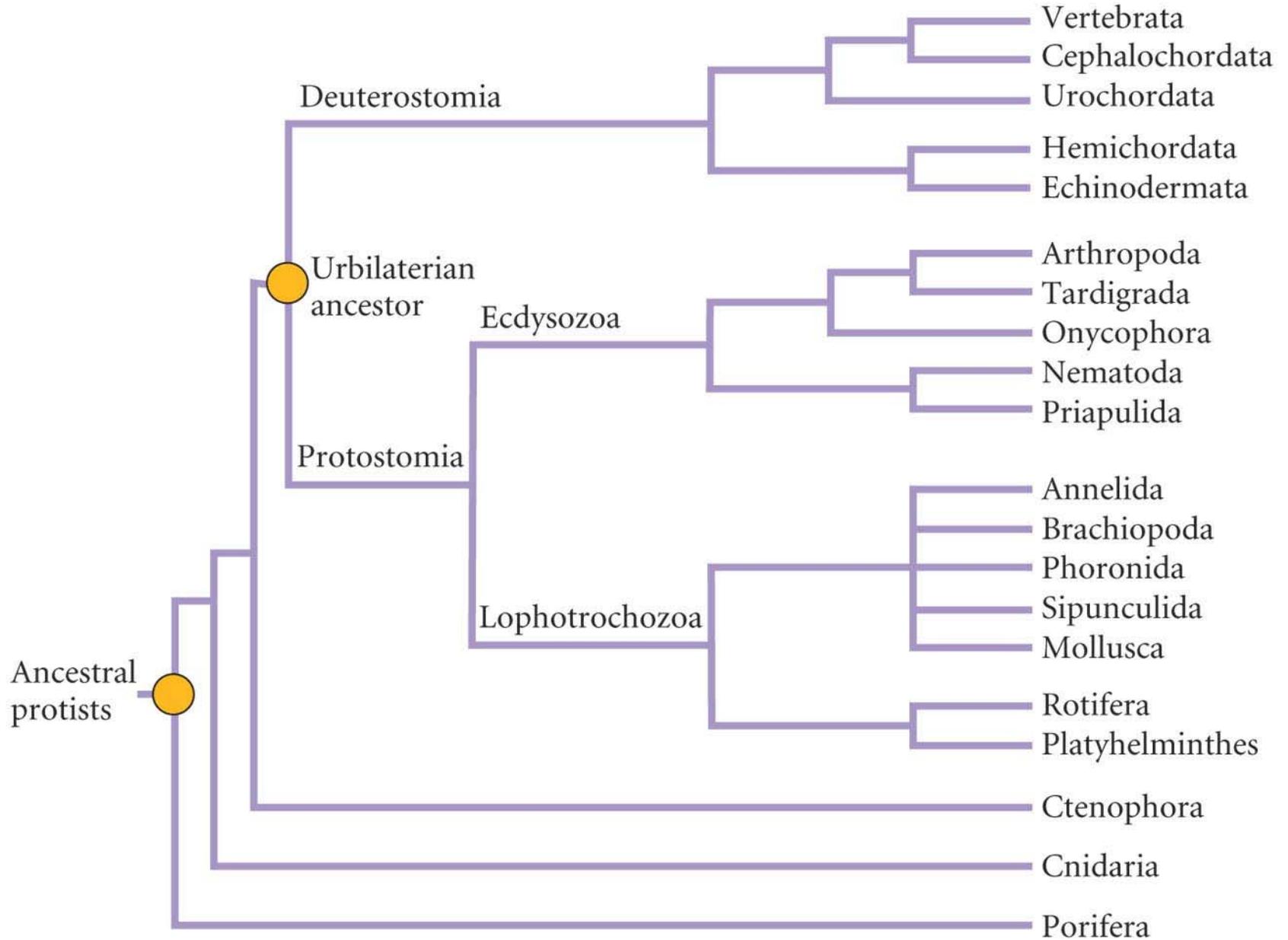
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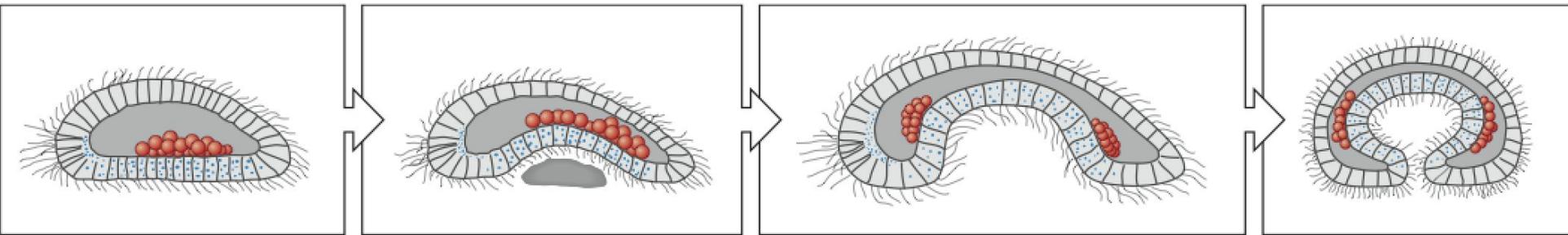
Salamander  
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# Gastreaa-Theory (Ernst Haeckel): Monophyly of the Metazoa

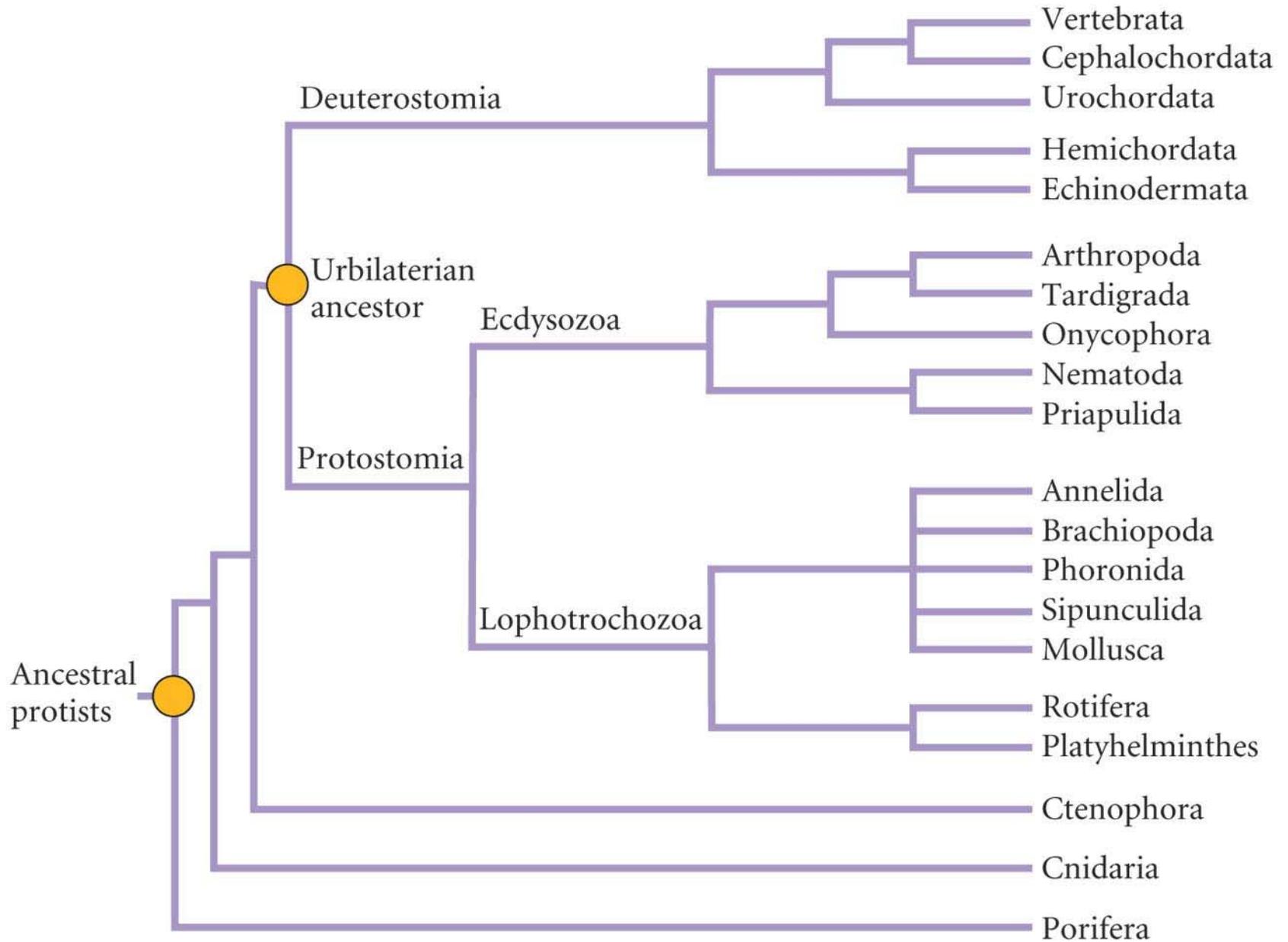


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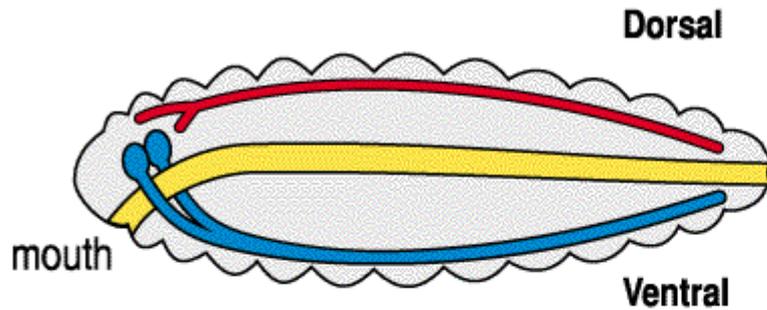
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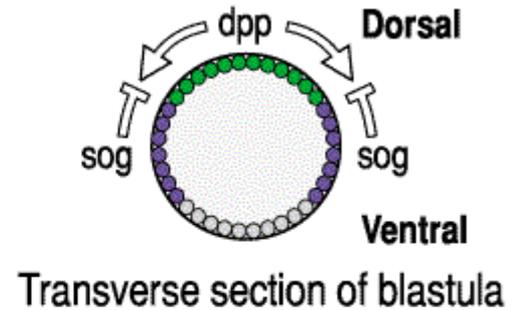


# Urbilateria

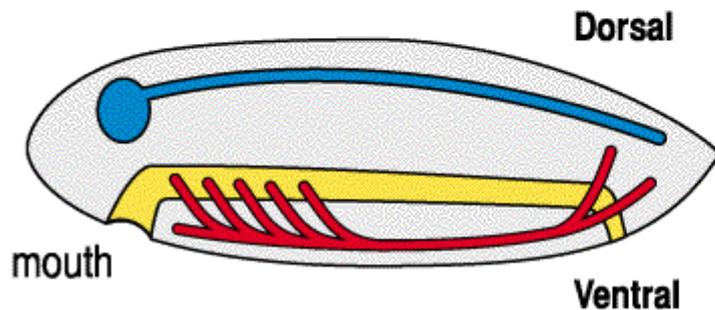
Idealized arthropod



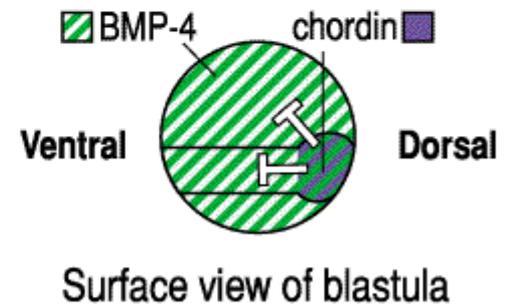
Signals specifying dorso-ventral axis in *Drosophila*



Idealized vertebrate

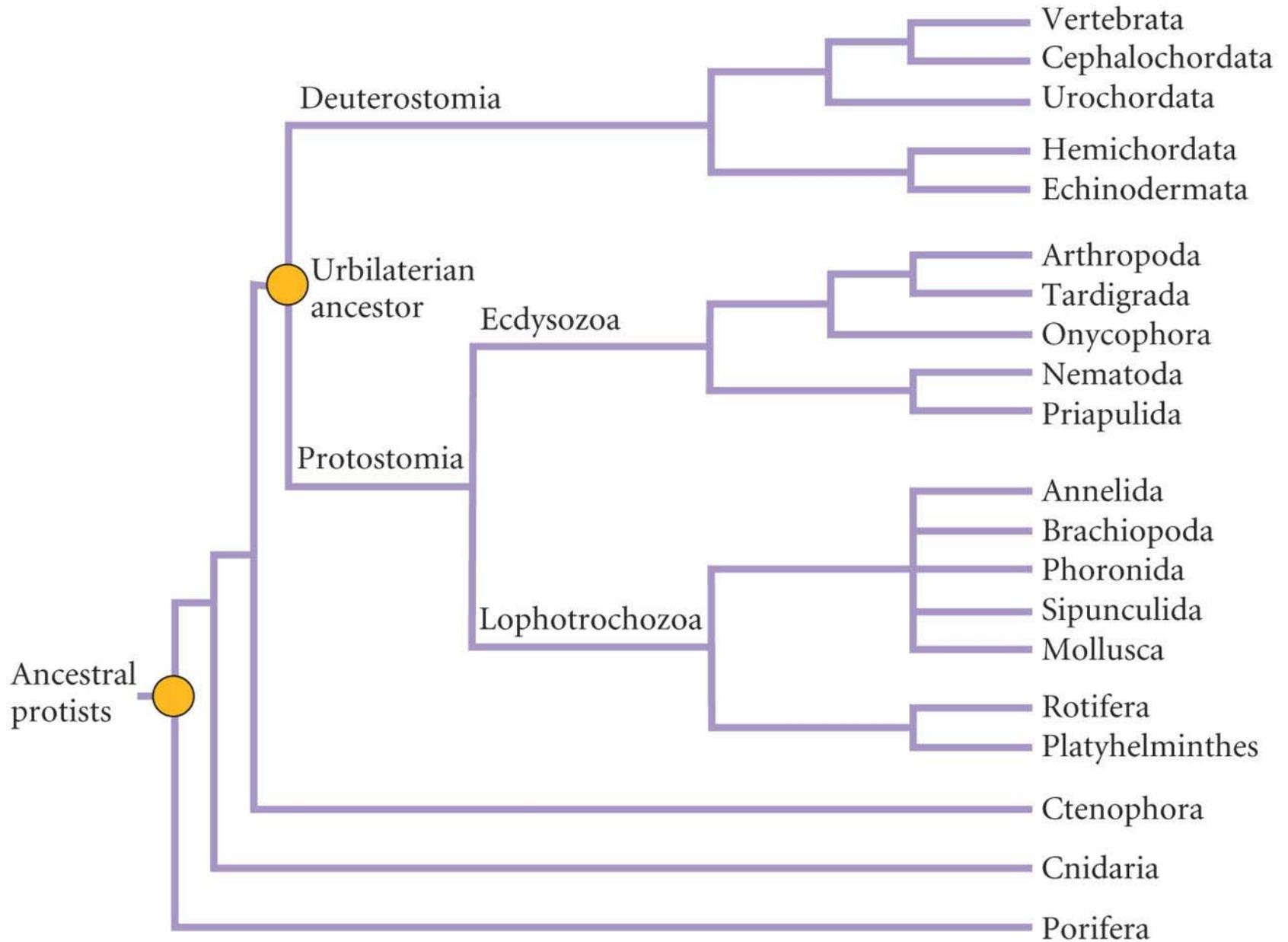


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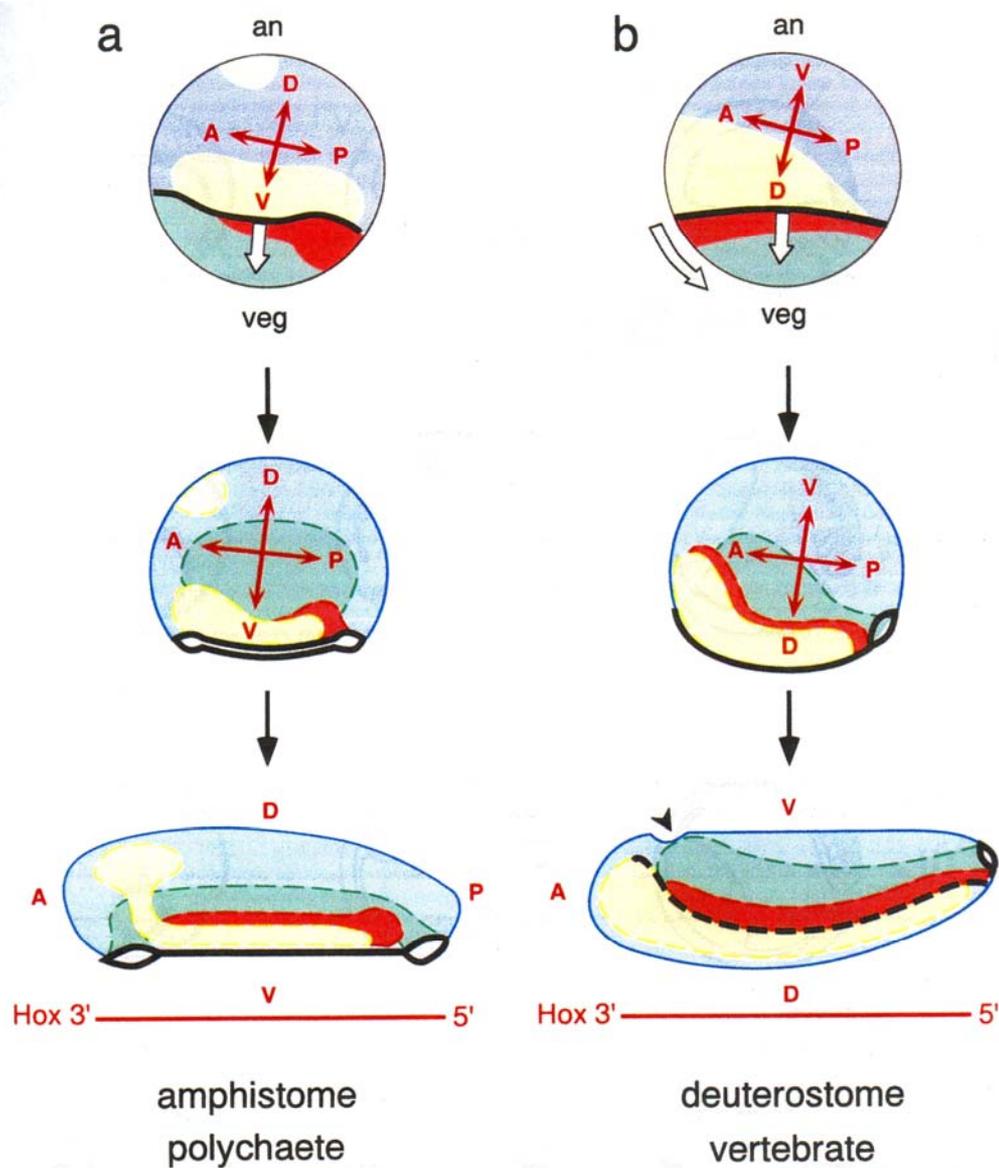


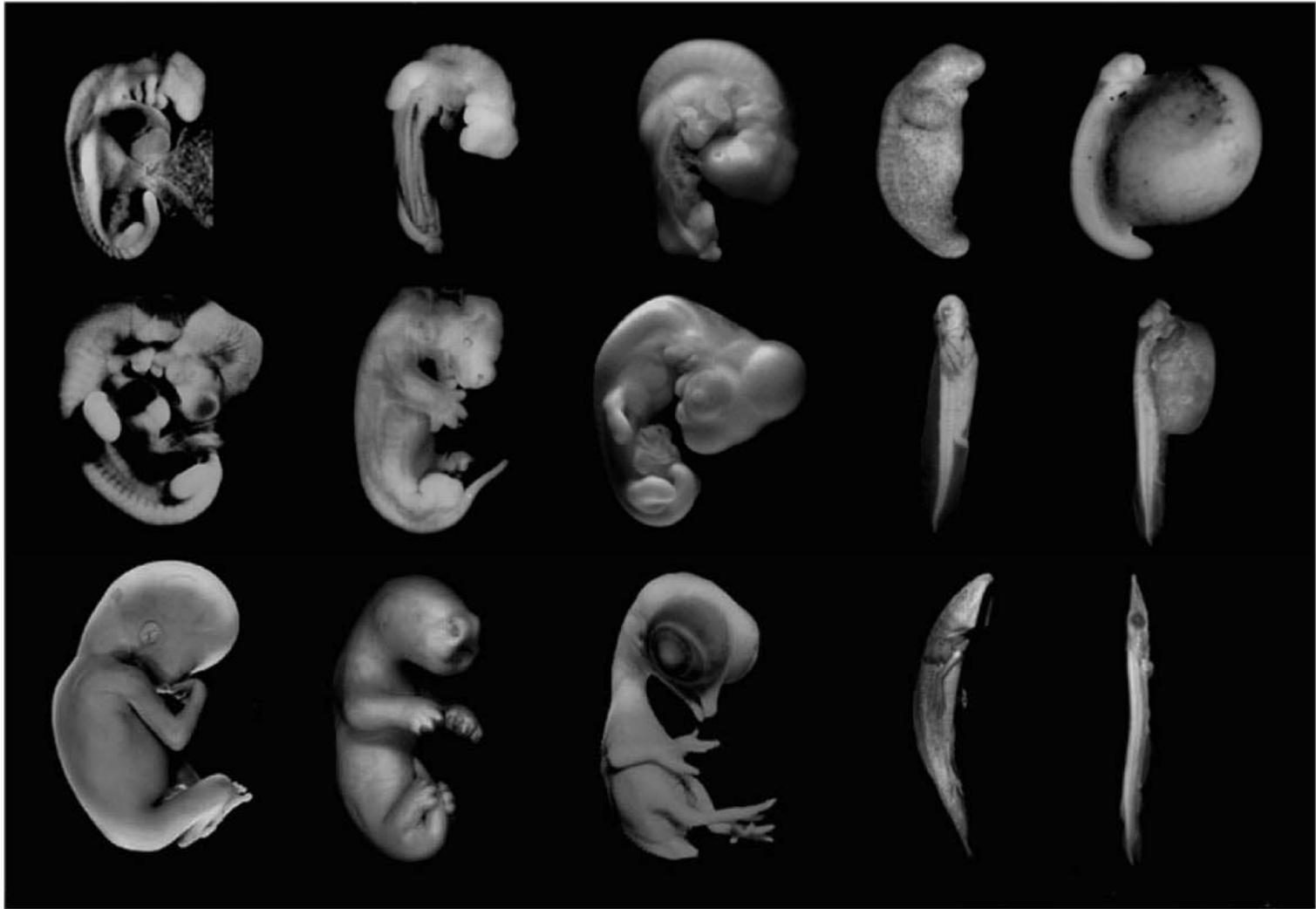
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# Protostomia - Deuterostomia





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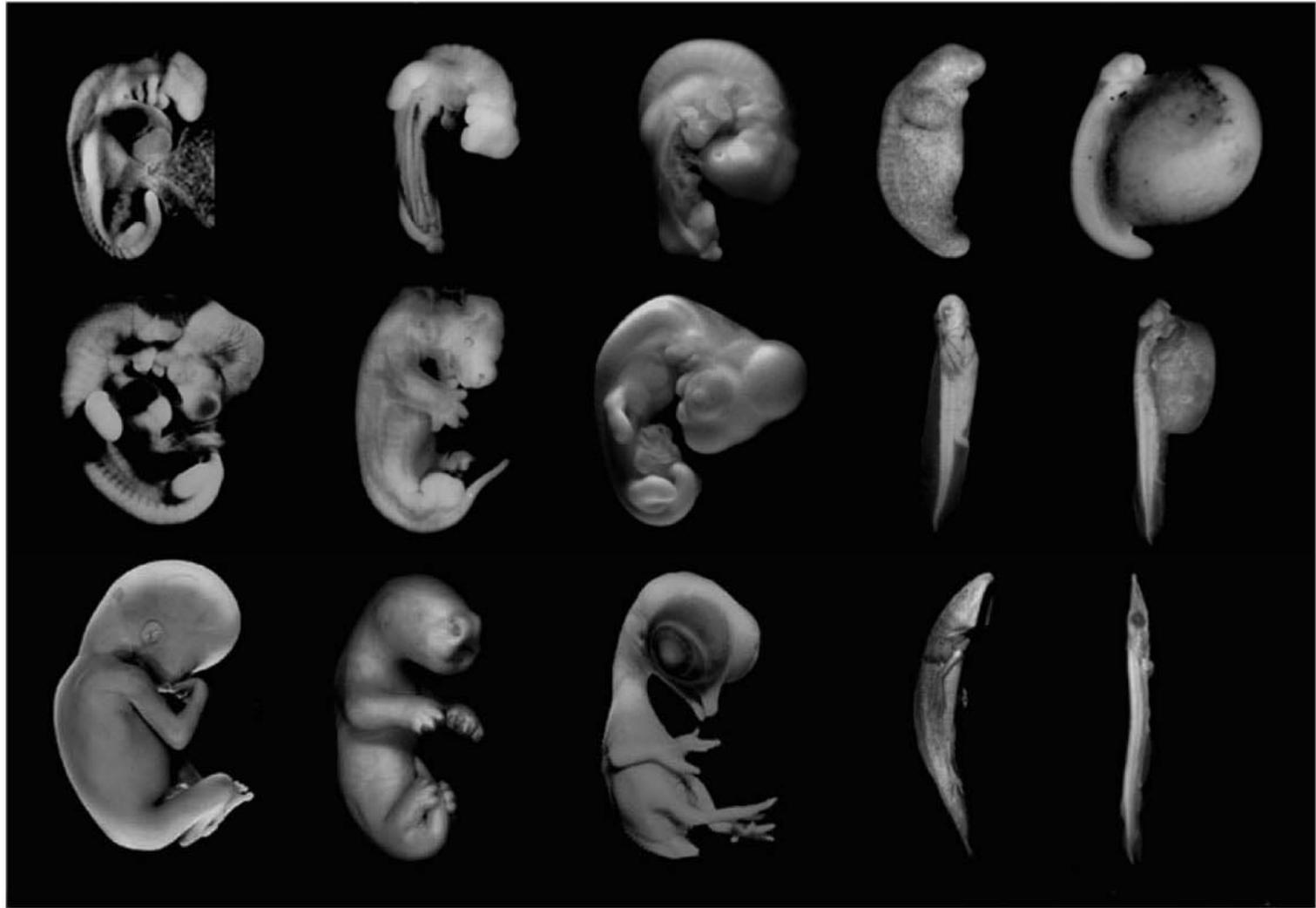
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# Ontogeny contra Phylogeny

- **Ontogeny** (an individual's development):  
Development of an individual organism from a fertilized egg cell.
- **Phylogeny** (evolutionary history):  
Change of the appearance of organismic lineages over many generations, which equals **Evolution**.

# Haekel's biogenetic law

- Ernst Haeckel (1834 – 1919), 1866:
- Darwinist
- Multicellular organisms recapitulate during their ontogeny their phylogeny in a shortened form.
- **wrong** in ist original version.



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# von Baer's Laws

- Carl Ernst von Baer, 1828:
- The general features of a large group of animals appear earlier in development than do the specialized features of a smaller group.
- Less general characters develop from the more general until finally the most specialized appear.
- The embryo of a given species, instead of passing through the adult stages of lower animals, departs more and more from them.
- Therefore, the early embryo of a higher animal is never like a lower animal, but only like its early embryo.



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# Ontogeny creates Phylogeny

- Walter Garstang (1868-1949), 1922:
- Phylogeny is the result of heritable changes in Ontogeny.

# Phylotypic Stage



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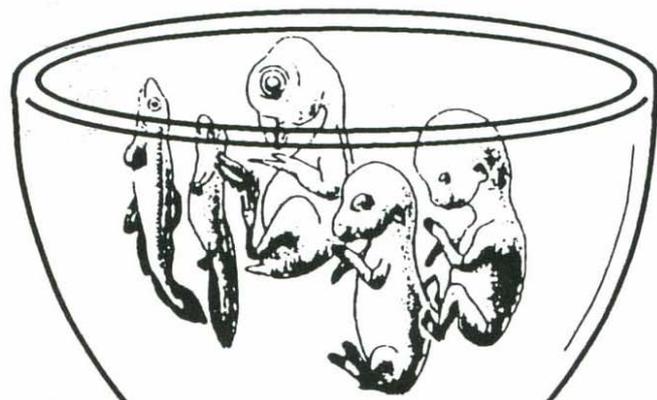
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Constraint  
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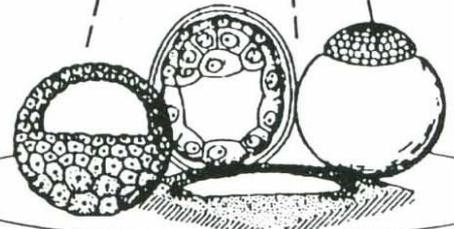


Meta-cis  
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Developmental Constraints

Phylogeny [ Extent of variation ]



# Phylotypic Stage – Developmental Constraints

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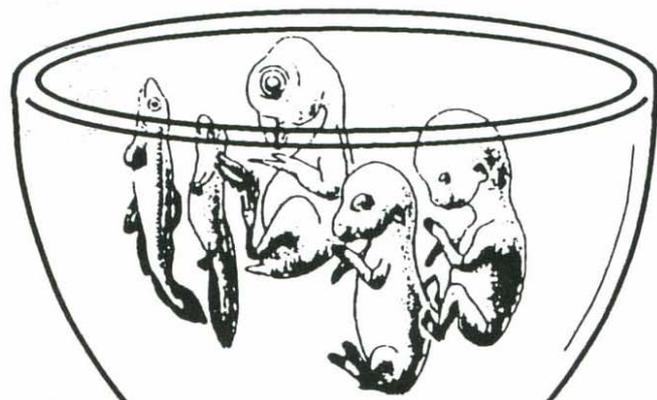
**Temporal colinearity and the phylotypic progression: a basis for the stability of a vertebrate Bauplan and the evolution of morphologies through heterochrony**

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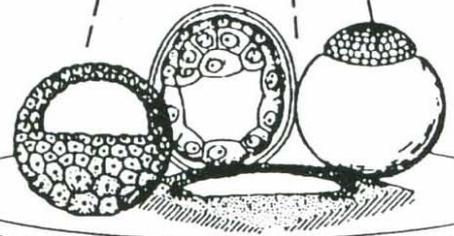
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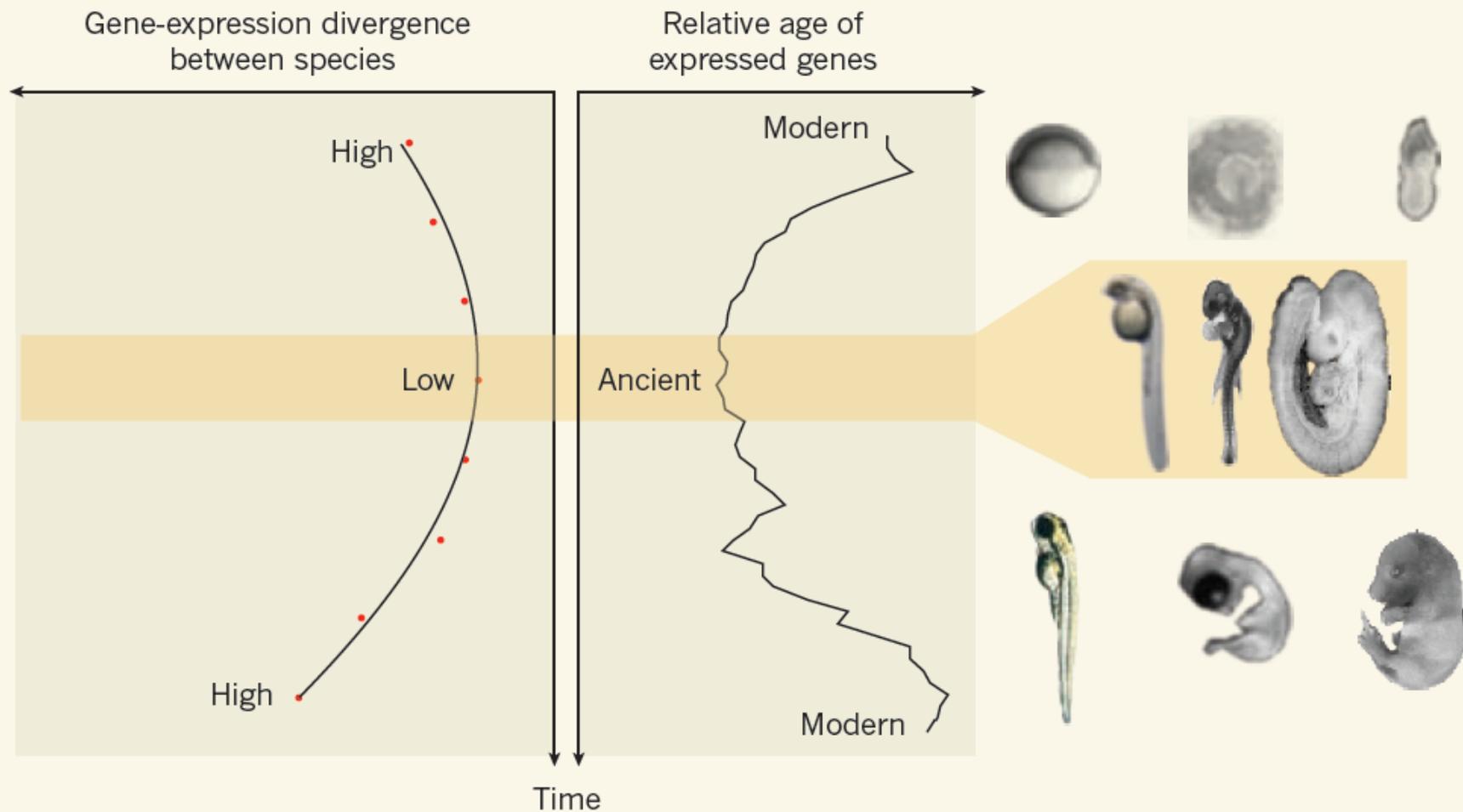
Phylogeny [ Extent of variation ]



# Genomic hourglass

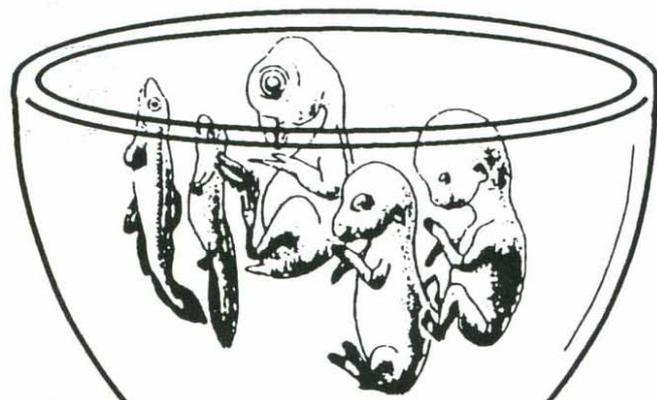
Comparative genomics studies reveal molecular signatures of the controversial 'phylotypic' stage — a time when embryos of members of an animal phylum all look more alike than at other embryonic stages. [SEE LETTERS P.811 & P.815](#)

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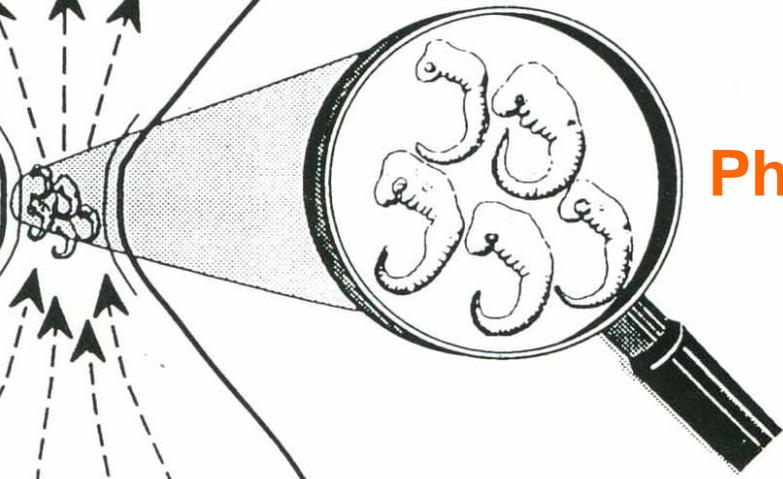


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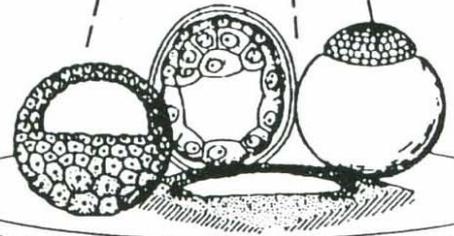


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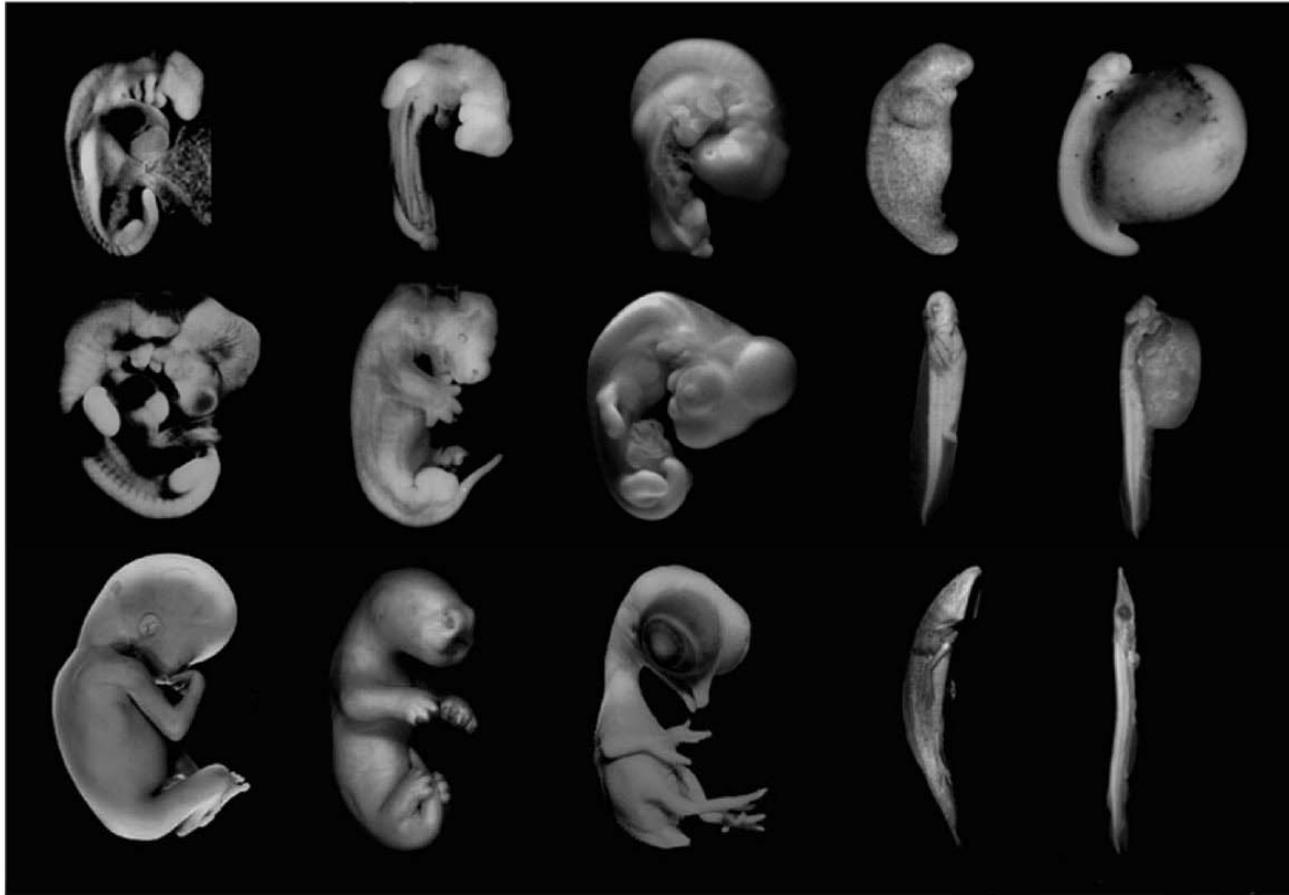


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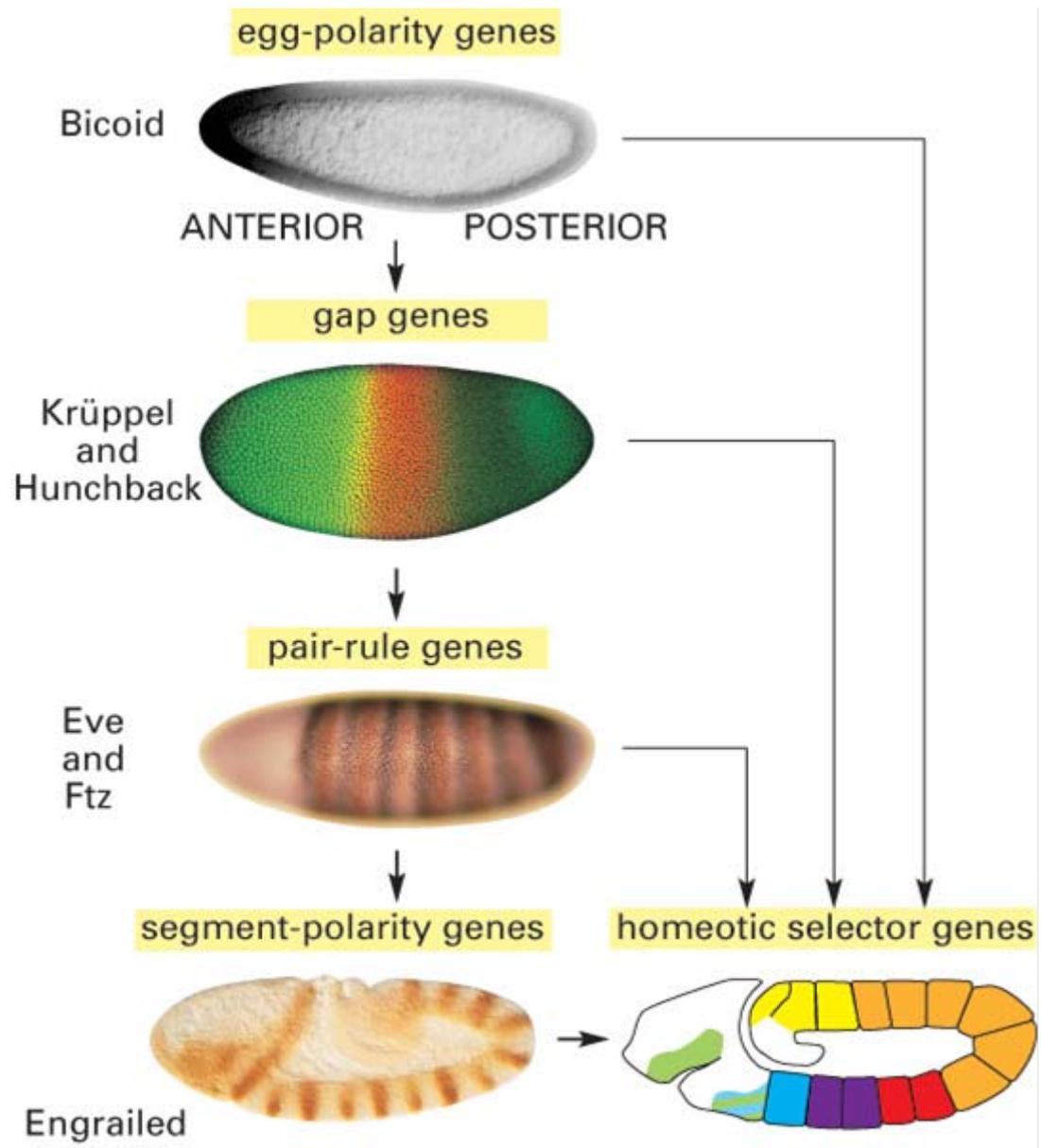
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**Segment Specification: Regionalisation**

# Phylogenetic Stage of Arthropods

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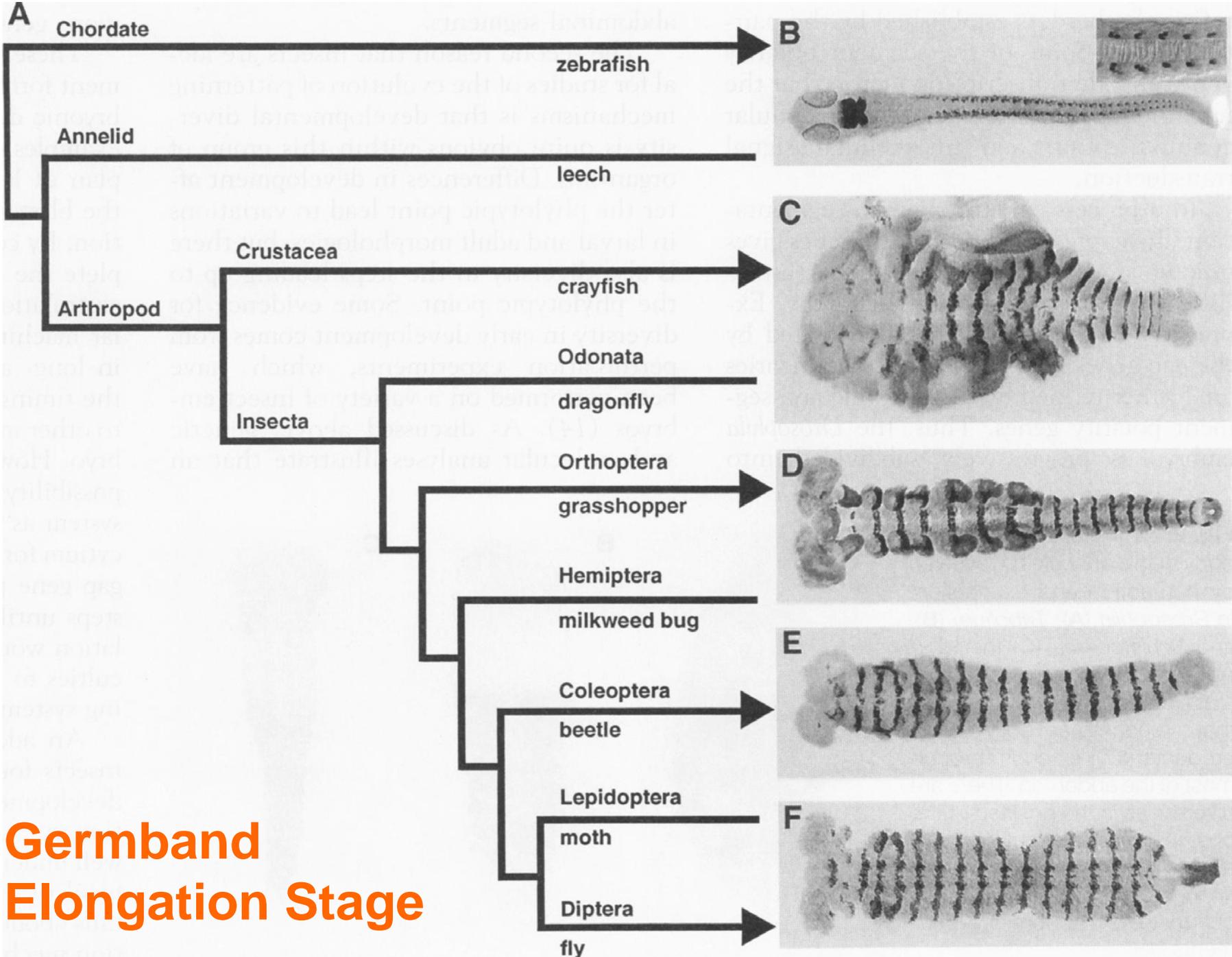
## Developmental Evolution: Insights from Studies of Insect Segmentation

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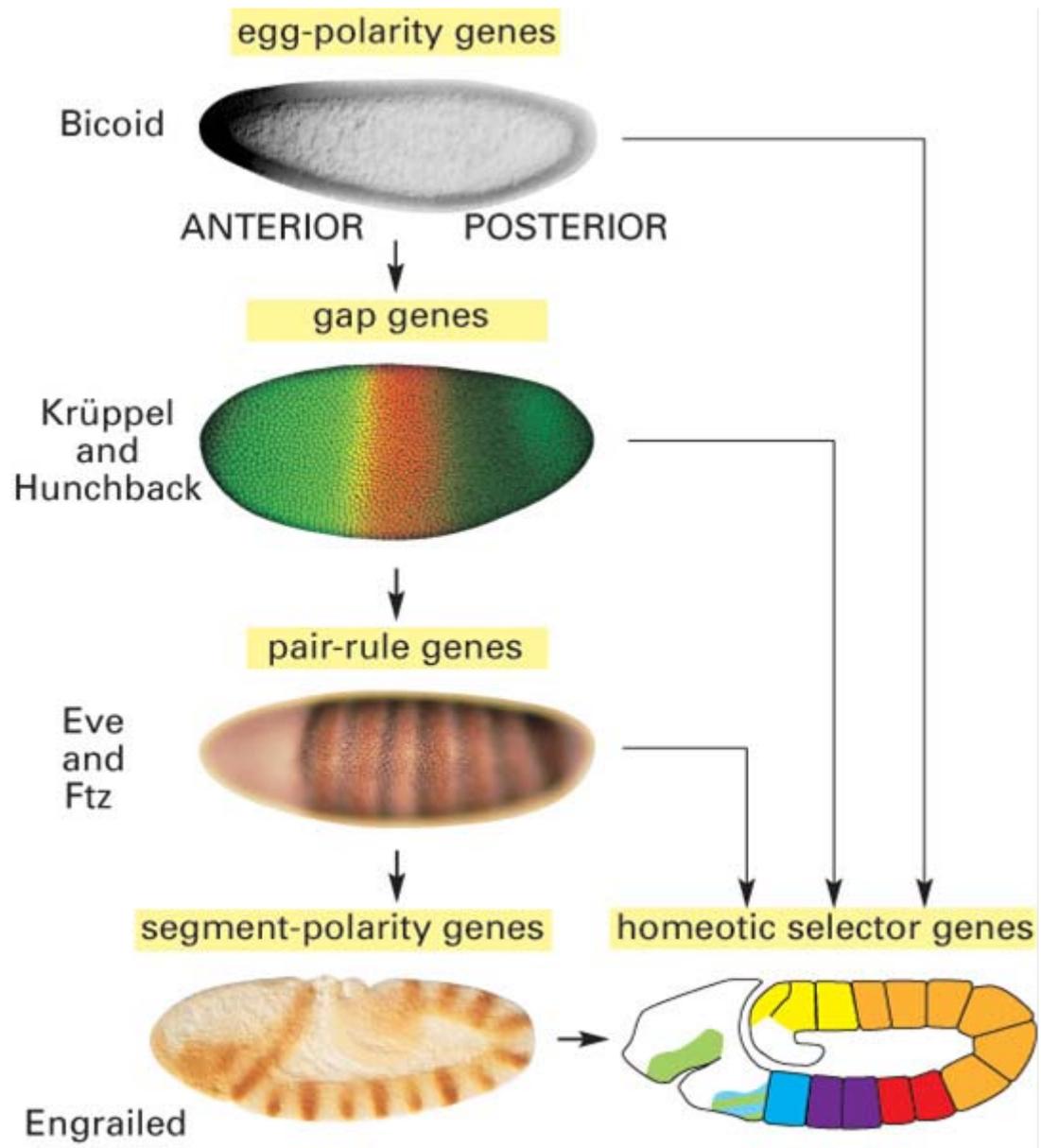
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Elongation Stage**

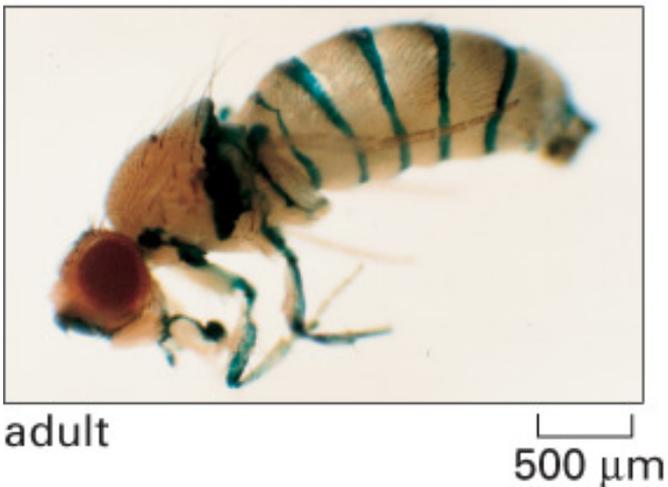
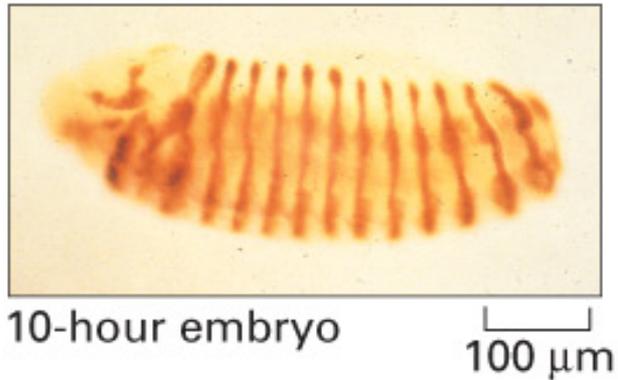
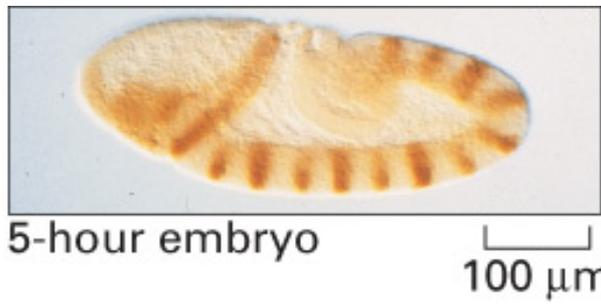


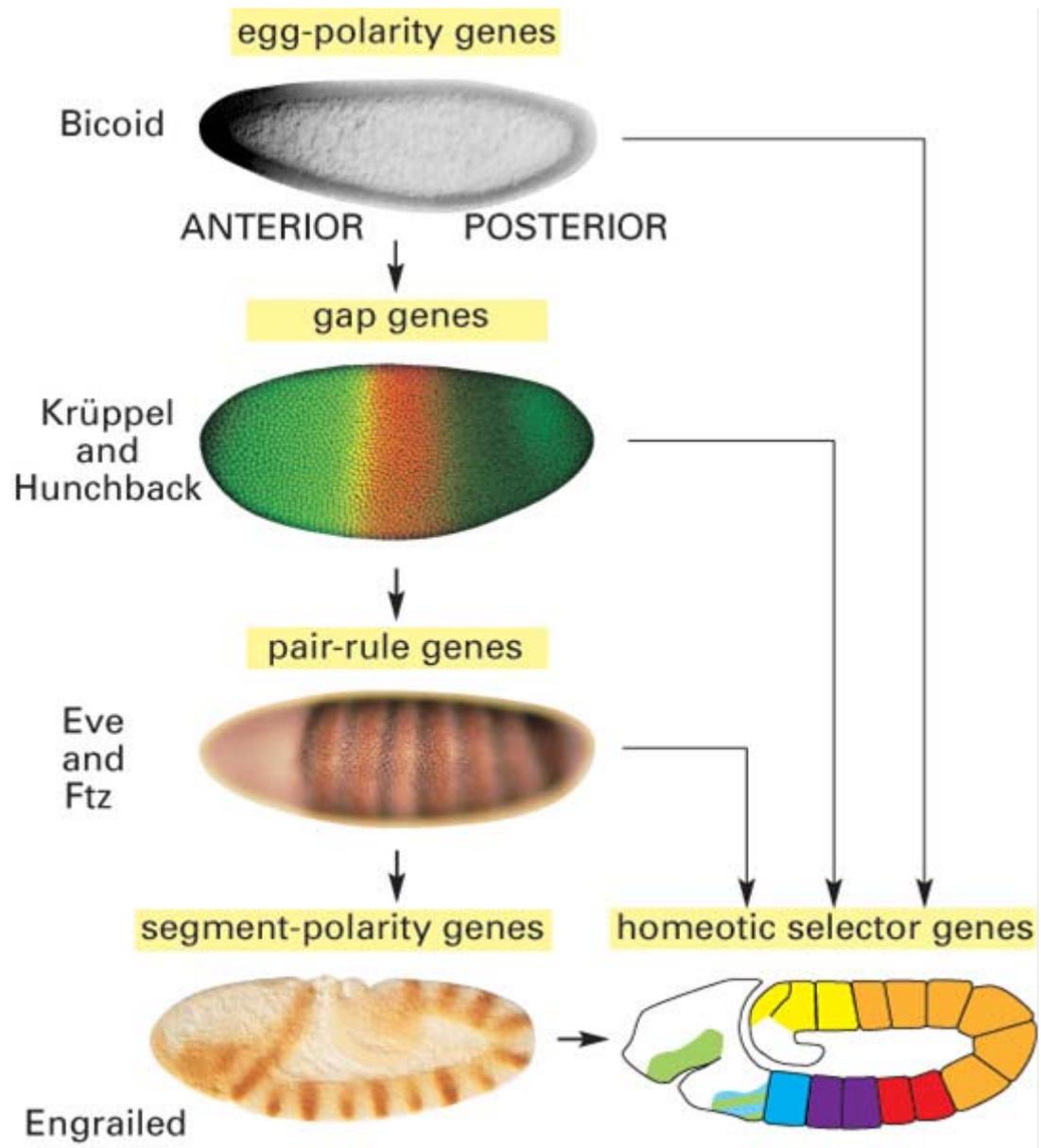
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**Segment Specification: Regionalisation**

Life long continuation of spatial expression pattern of the segment polarity gene *engrailed*





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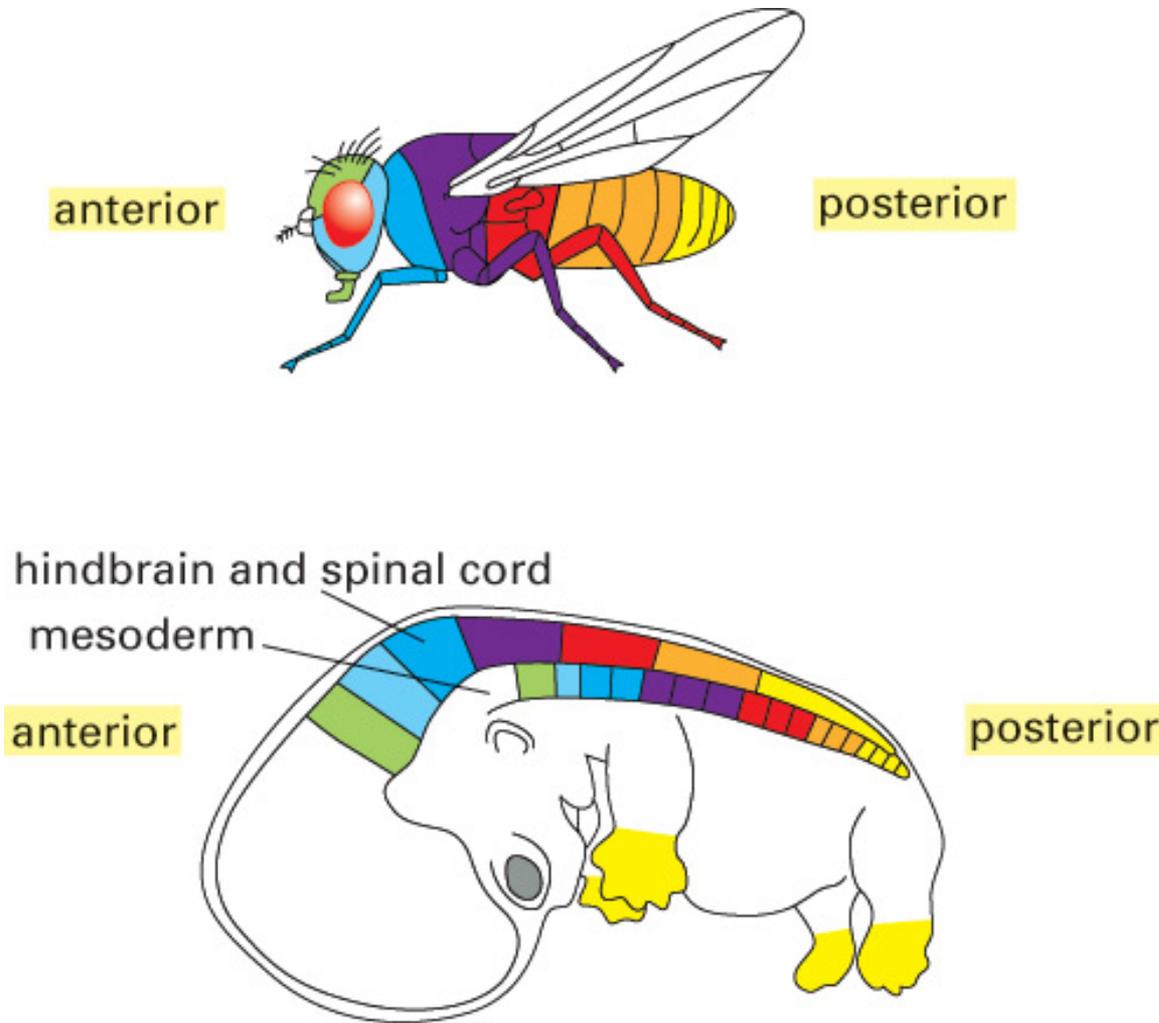


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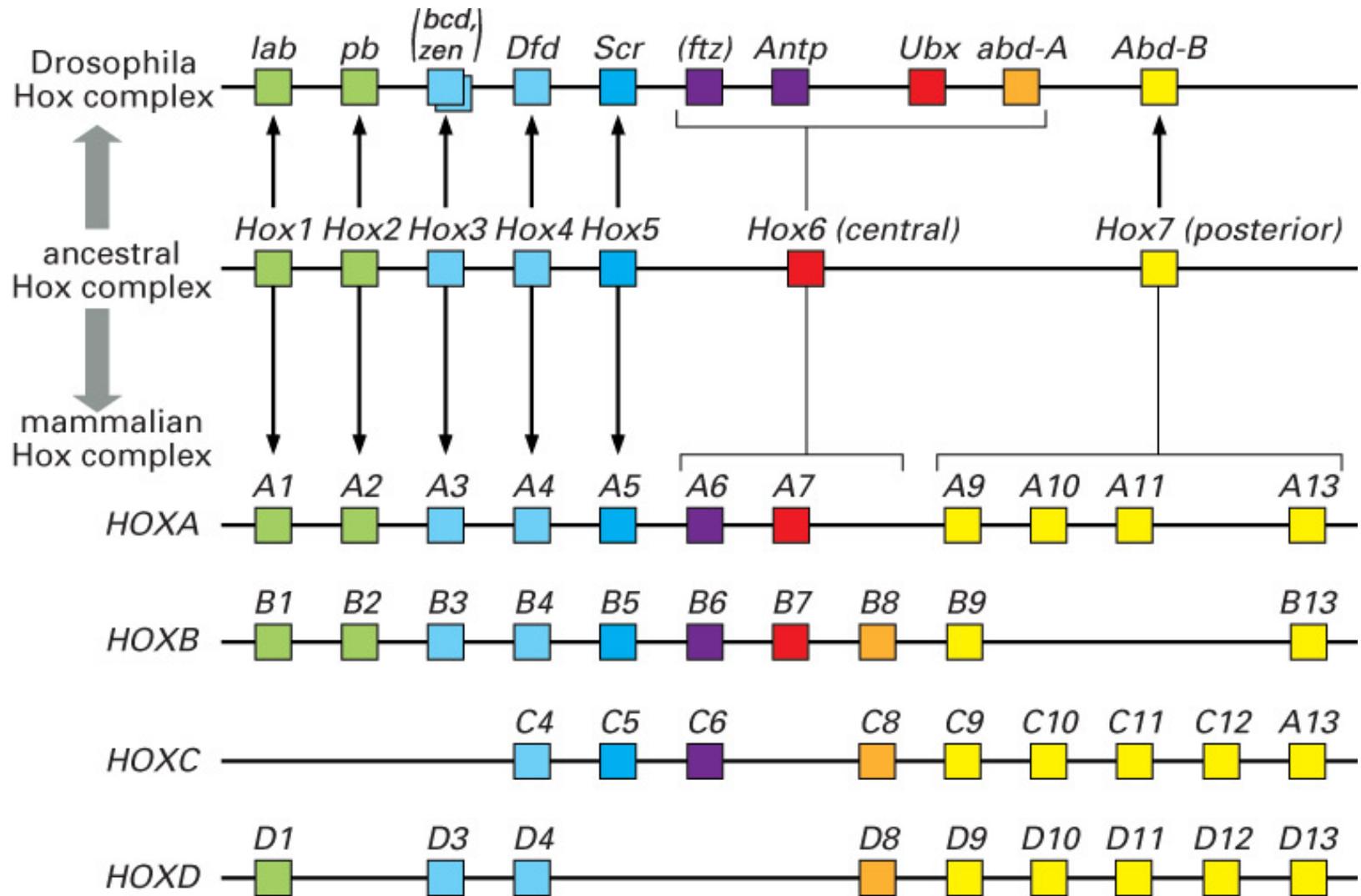
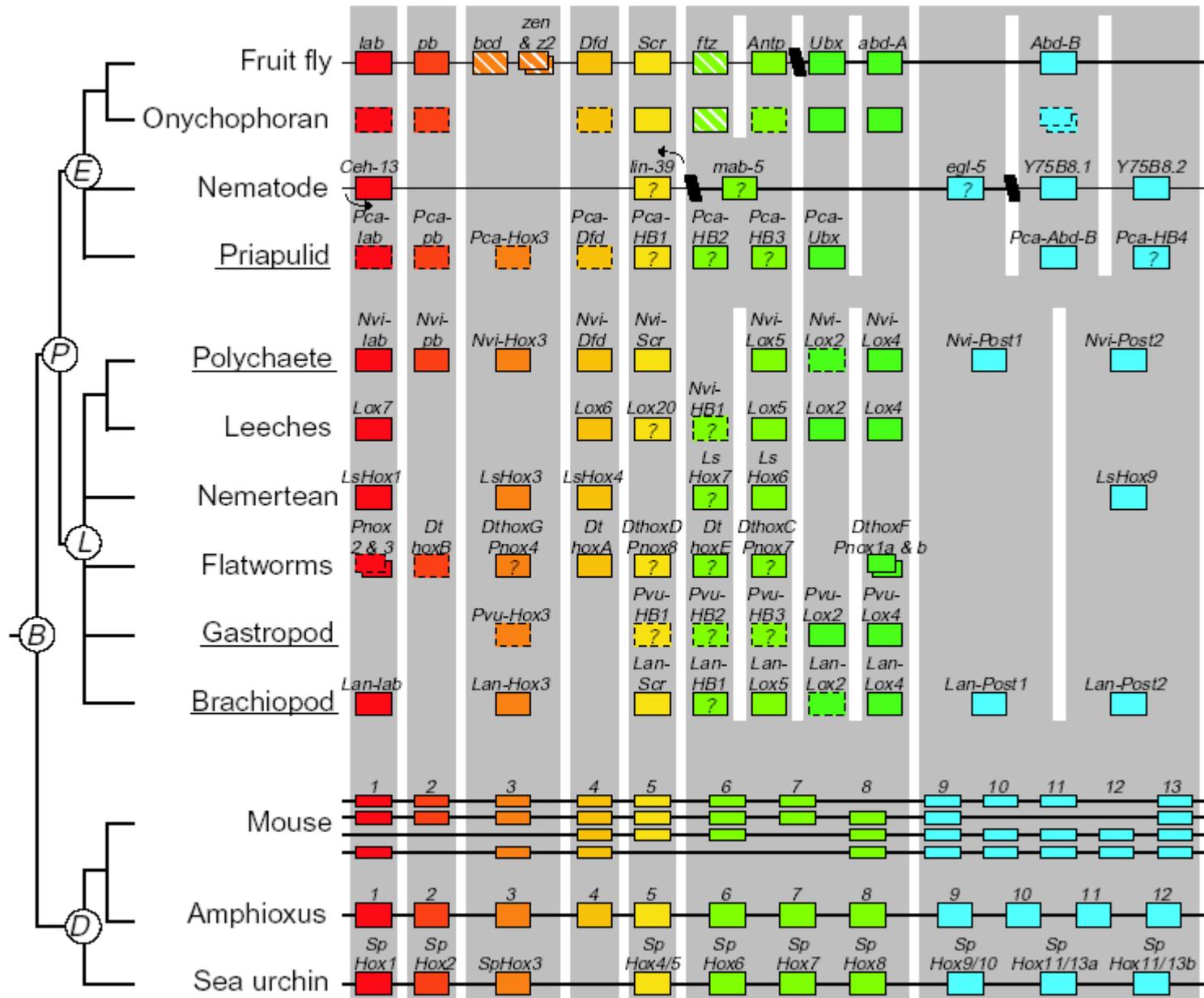


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# **Evolution of Homeotic Selector Genes**

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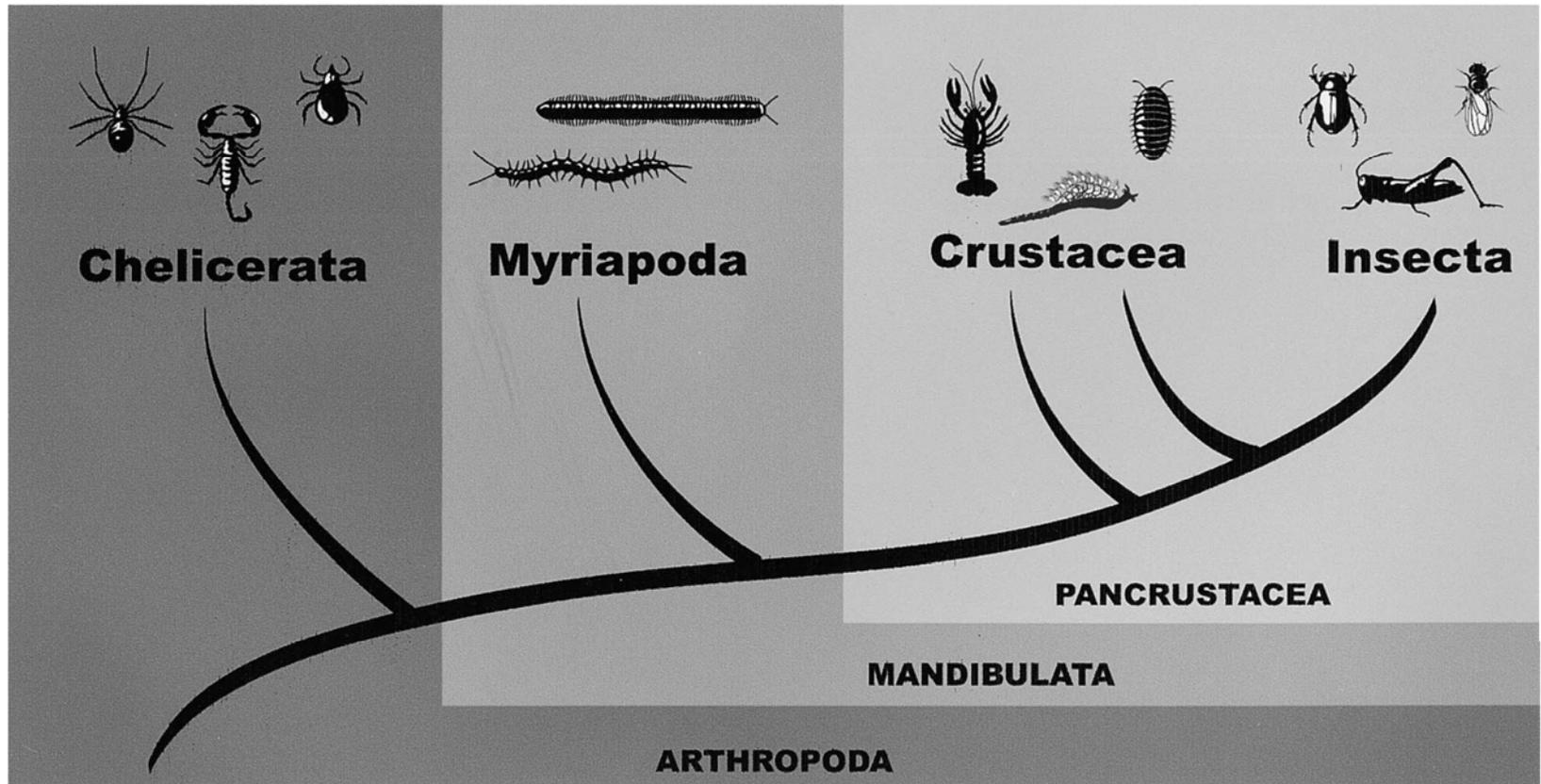
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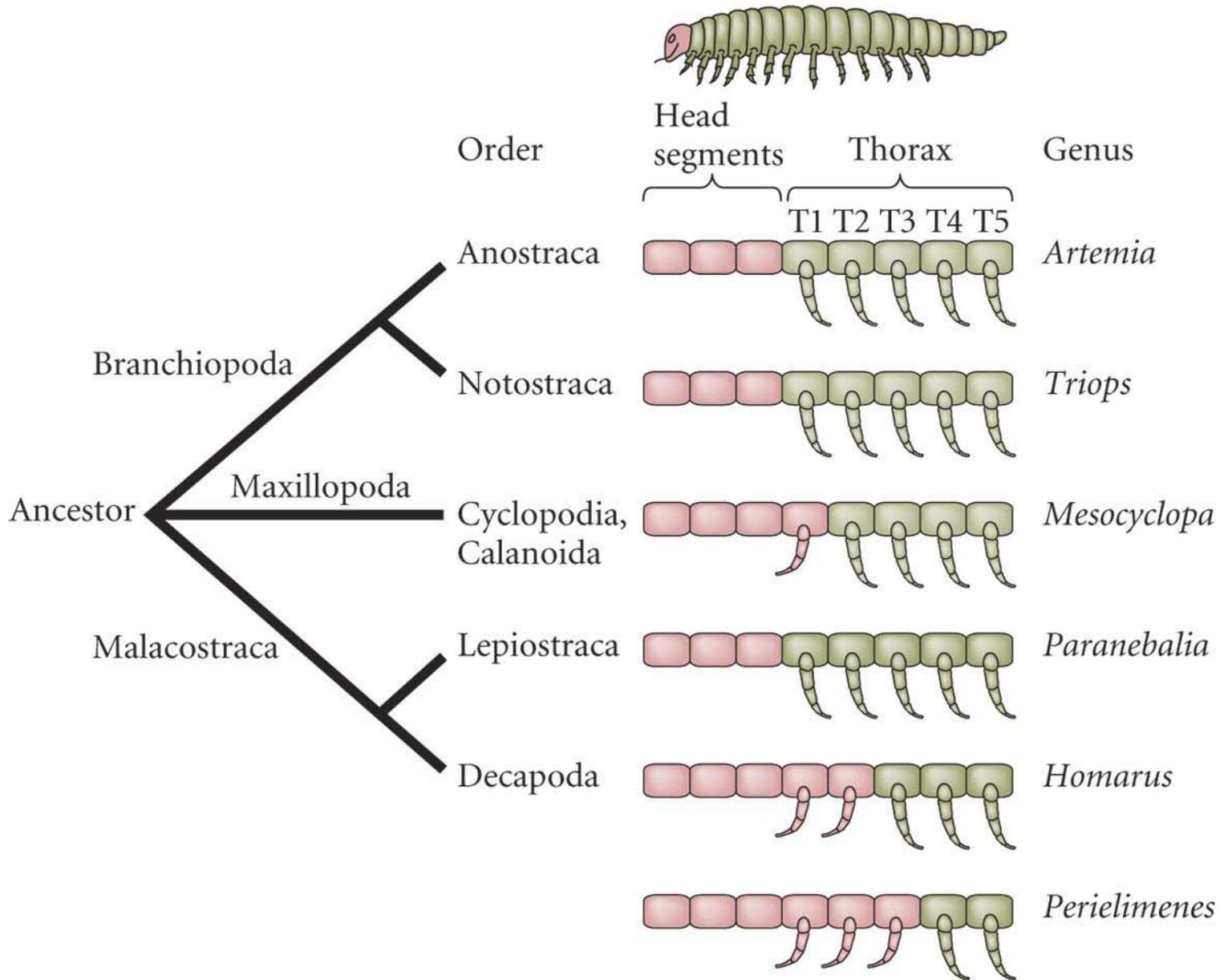
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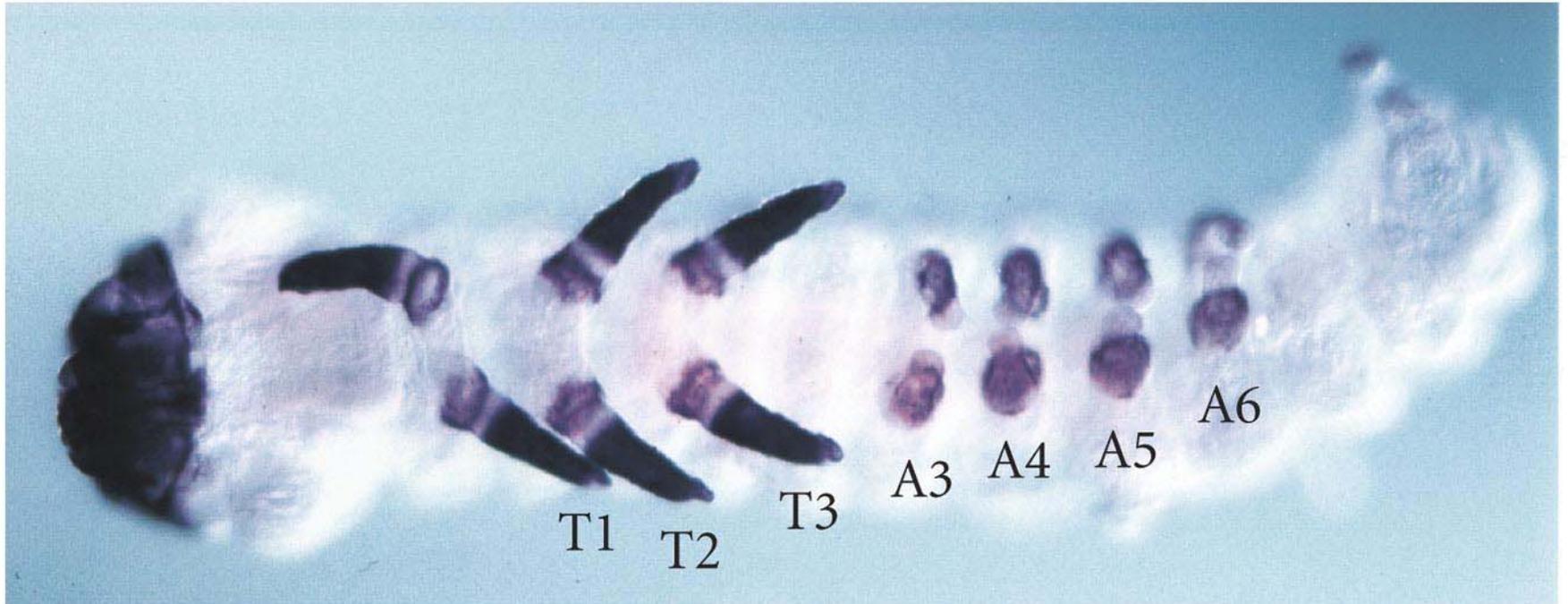
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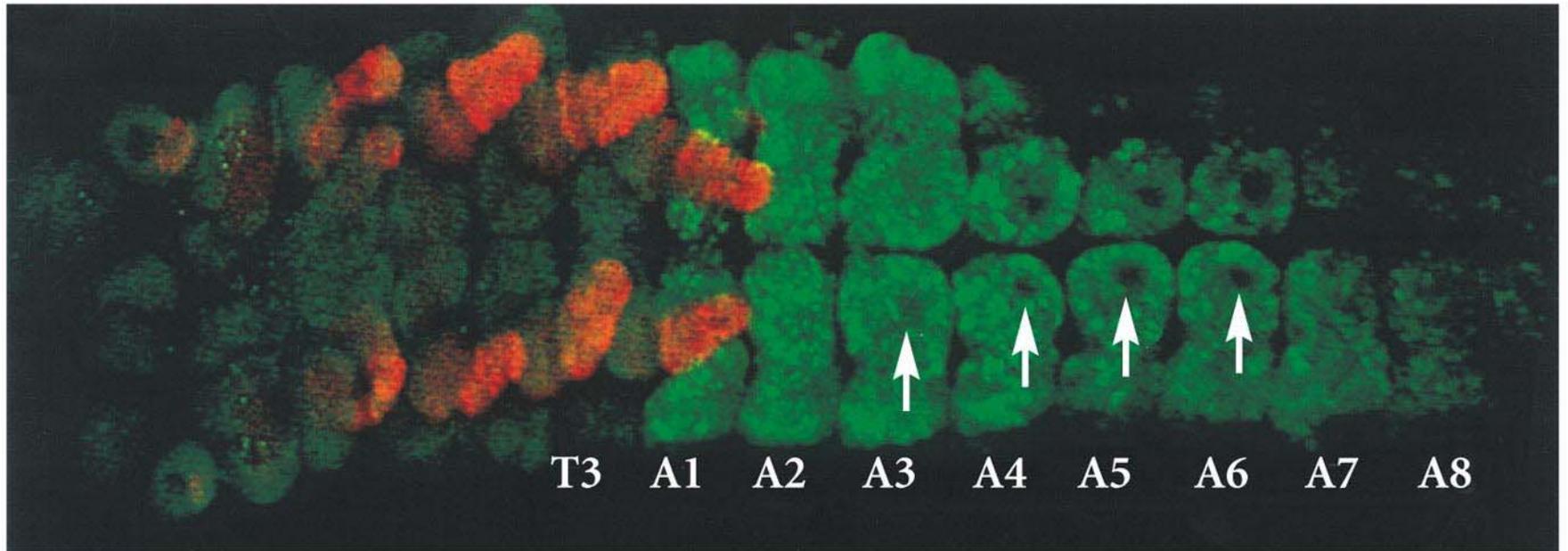
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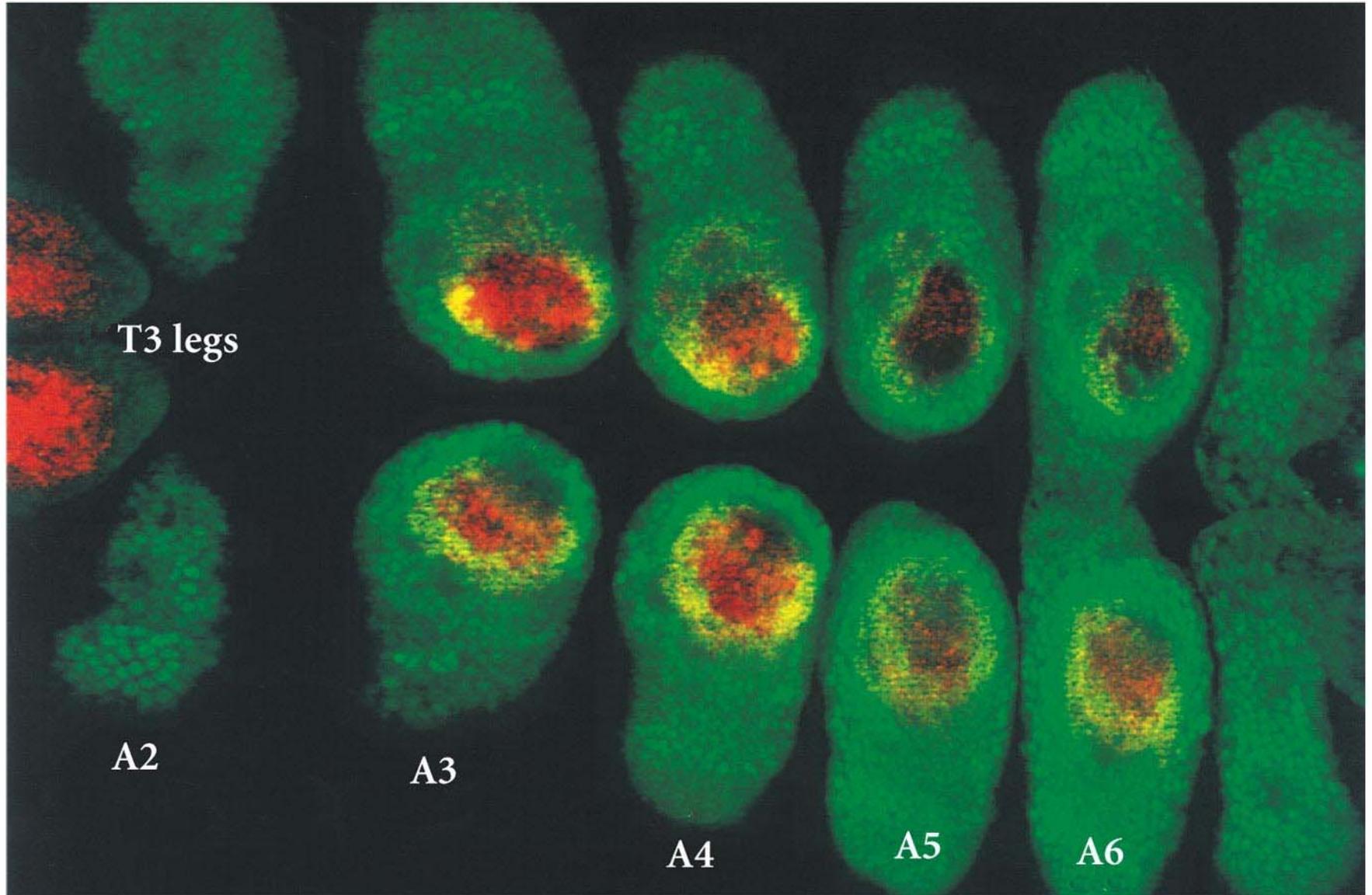
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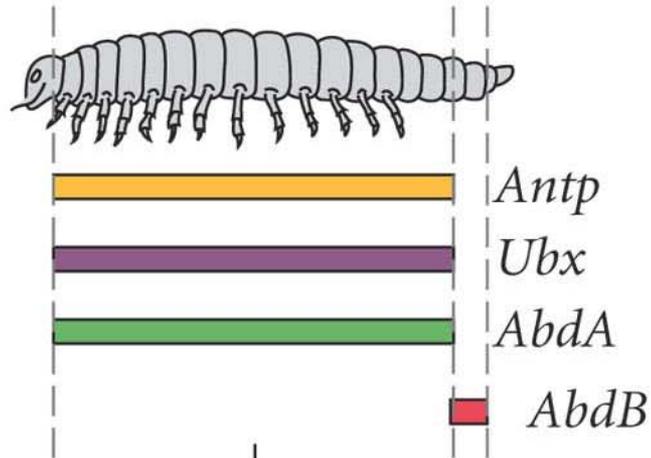
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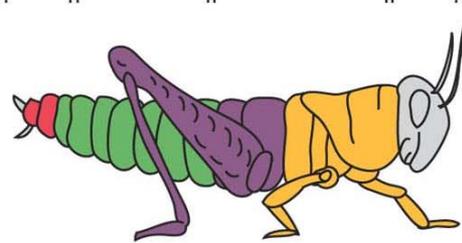
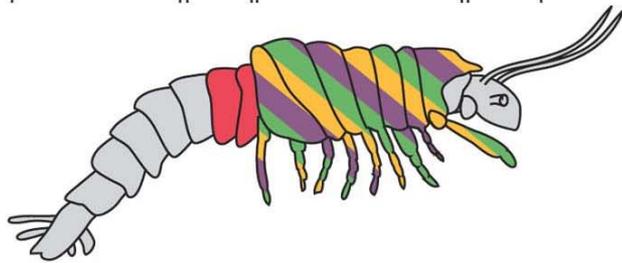
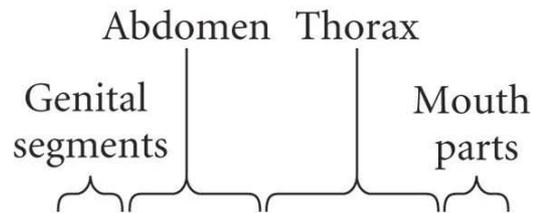
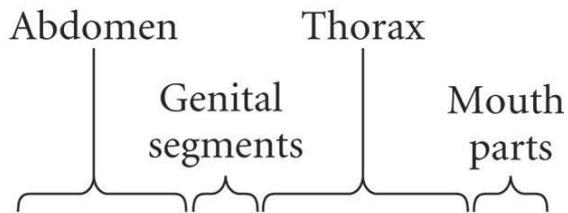
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Ubx

AbdB

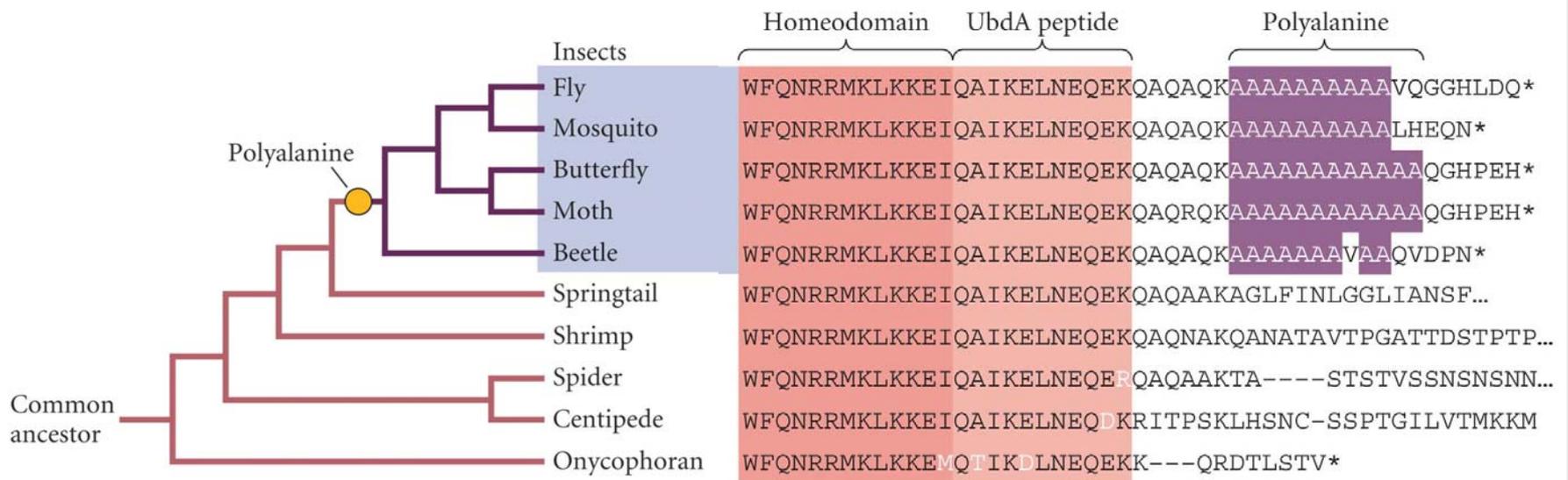


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Ubx + AbdA

Ubx

AbdB



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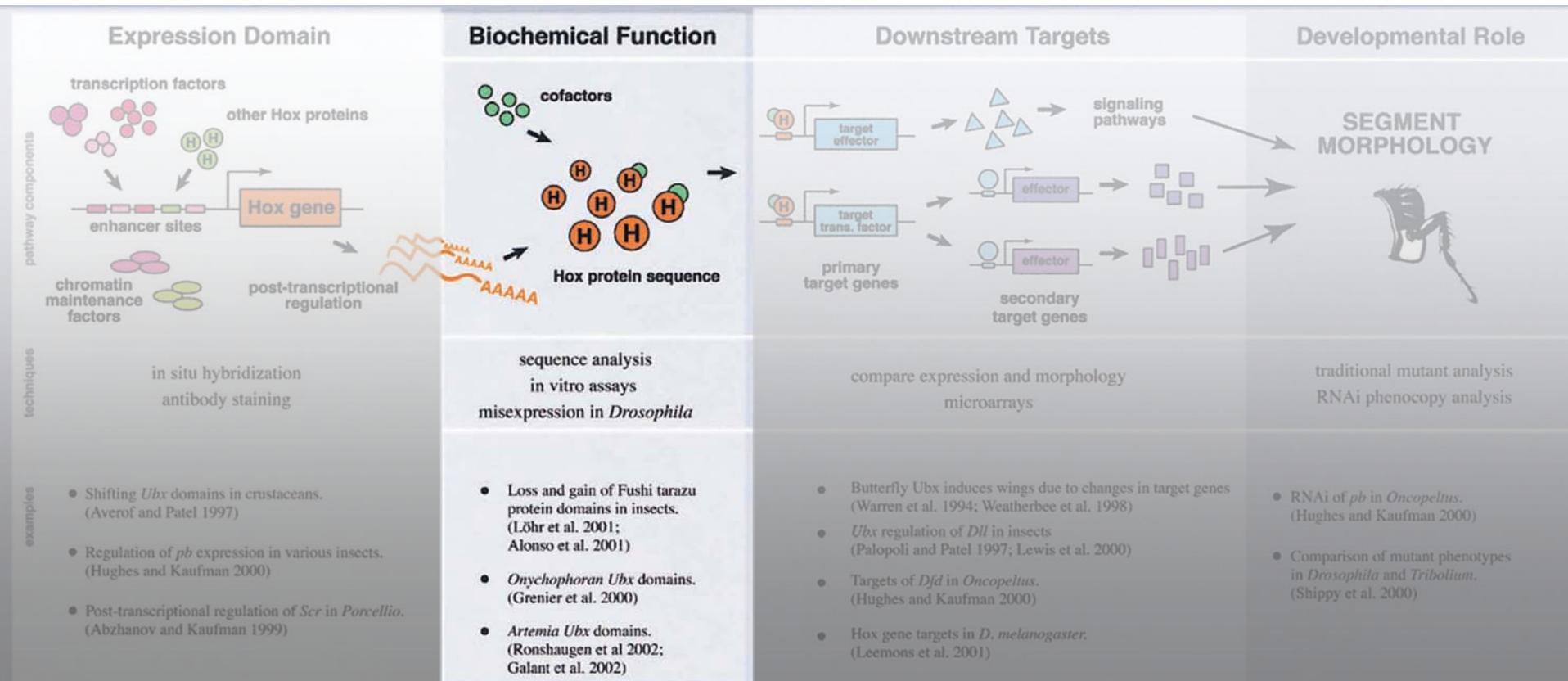
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Coleoptera

Evolution der durch *Ubx* regulierten  
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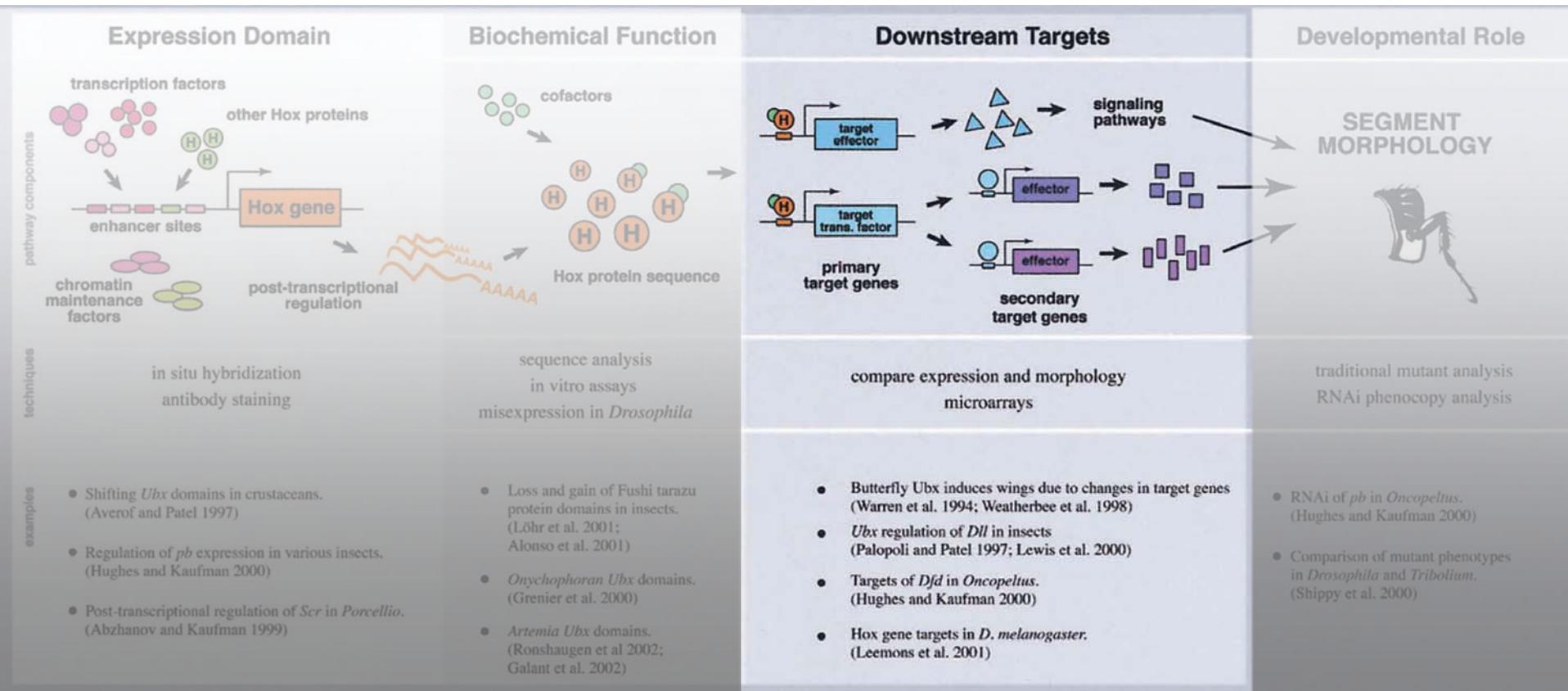
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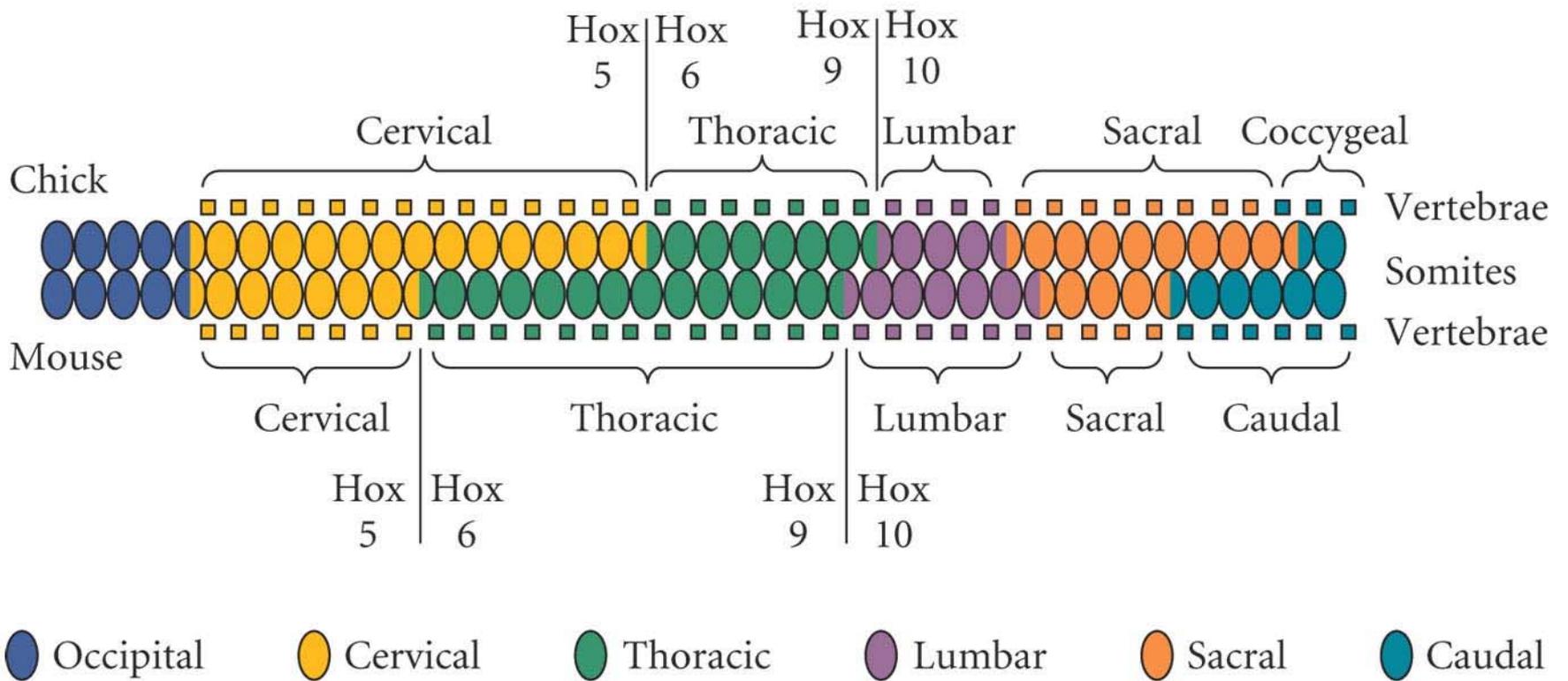
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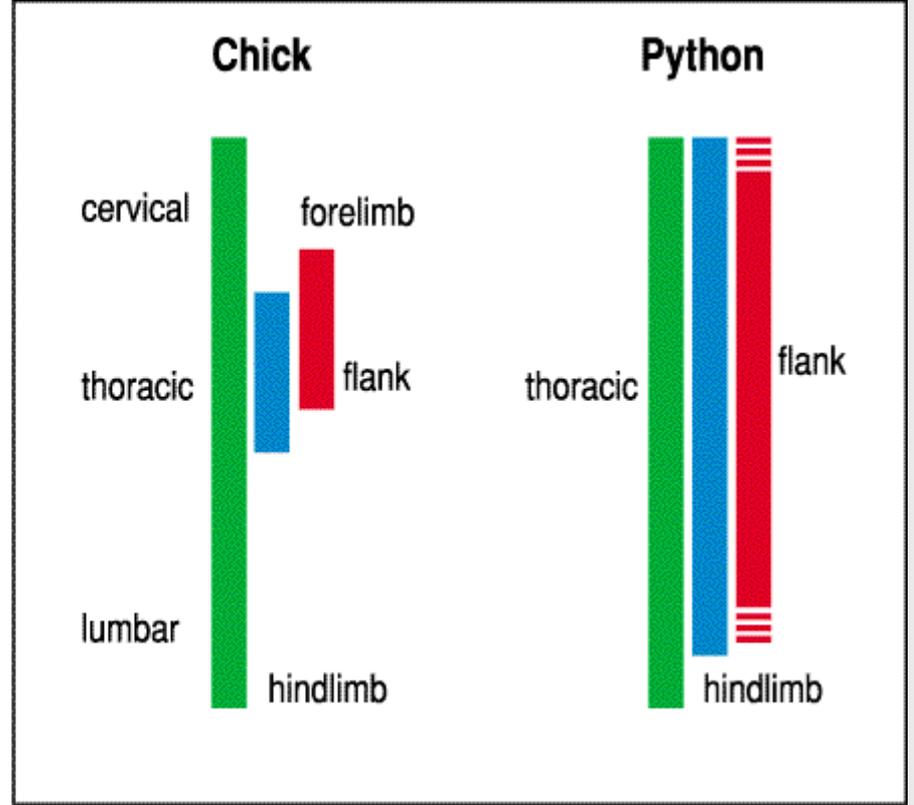
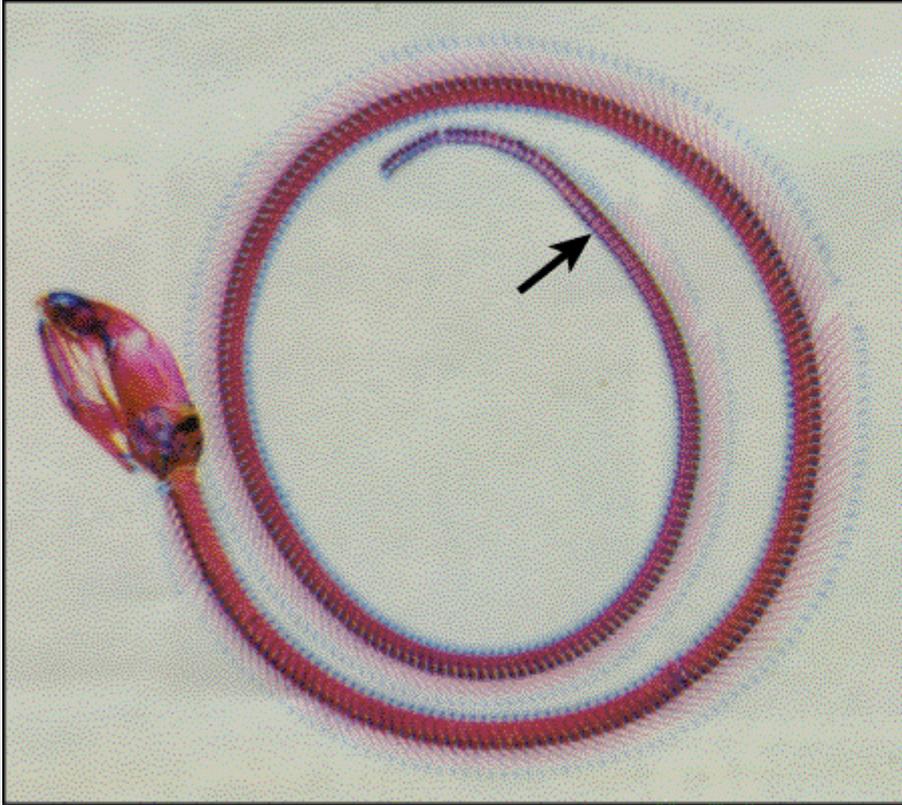
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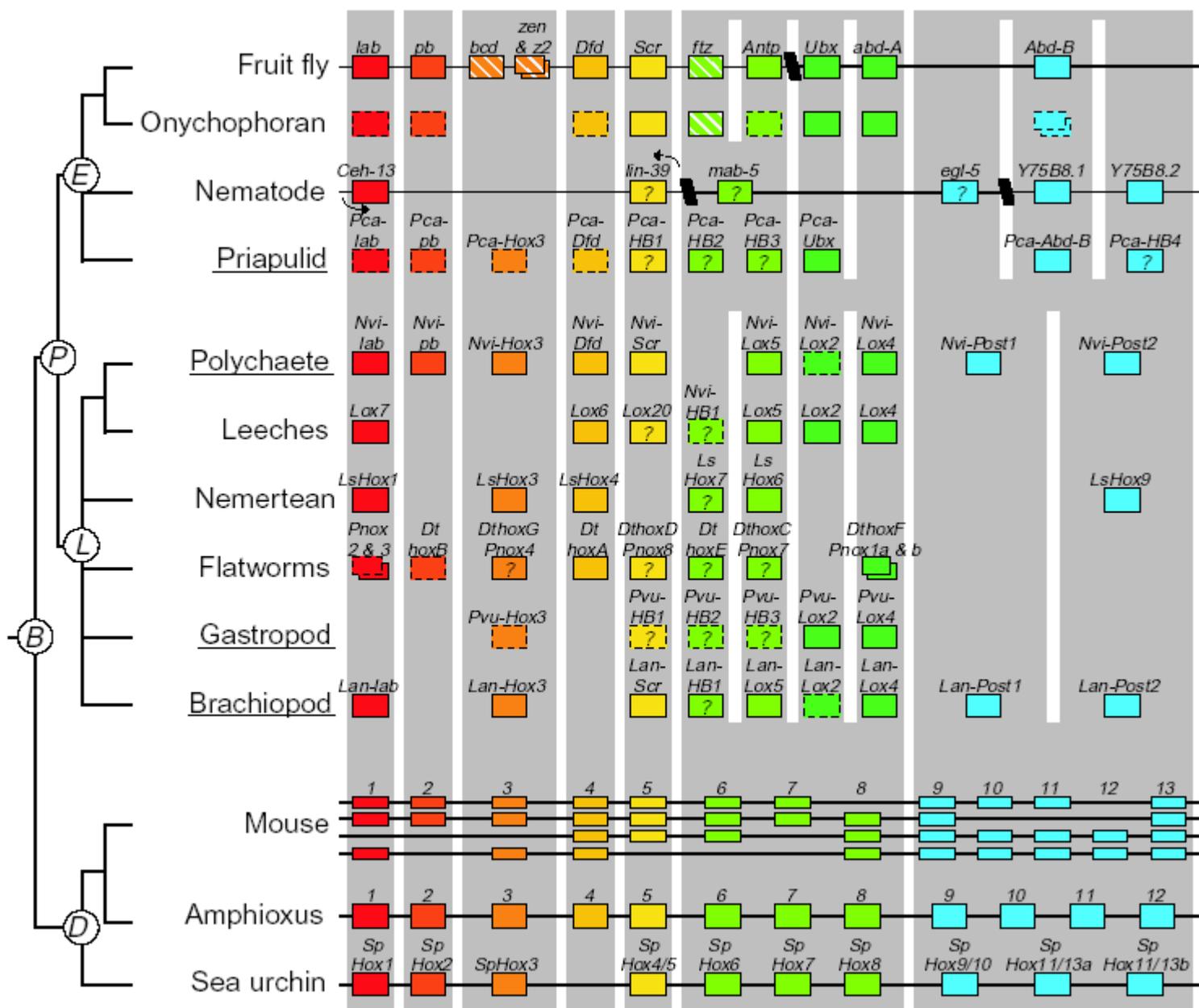
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techniques	<p>in situ hybridization antibody staining</p>	<p>sequence analysis in vitro assays misexpression in <i>Drosophila</i></p>	<p>compare expression and morphology microarrays</p>	<p>traditional mutant analysis RNAi phenocopy analysis</p>
examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shifting <i>Ubx</i> domains in crustaceans. (Averof and Patel 1997)</li> <li>Regulation of <i>pb</i> expression in various insects. (Hughes and Kaufman 2000)</li> <li>Post-transcriptional regulation of <i>Scr</i> in <i>Porcellio</i>. (Abzhanov and Kaufman 1999)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss and gain of Fushi tarazu protein domains in insects. (Löhr et al. 2001; Alonso et al. 2001)</li> <li><i>Onychophoran Ubx</i> domains. (Grenier et al. 2000)</li> <li><i>Artemia Ubx</i> domains. (Ronshaugen et al 2002; Galant et al. 2002)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Butterfly <i>Ubx</i> induces wings due to changes in target genes (Warren et al. 1994; Weatherbee et al. 1998)</li> <li><i>Ubx</i> regulation of <i>Dll</i> in insects (Palopoli and Patel 1997; Lewis et al. 2000)</li> <li>Targets of <i>Dfd</i> in <i>Oncopeltus</i>. (Hughes and Kaufman 2000)</li> <li>Hox gene targets in <i>D. melanogaster</i>. (Leemons et al. 2001)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RNAi of <i>pb</i> in <i>Oncopeltus</i>. (Hughes and Kaufman 2000)</li> <li>Comparison of mutant phenotypes in <i>Drosophila</i> and <i>Tribolium</i>. (Shippy et al. 2000)</li> </ul>



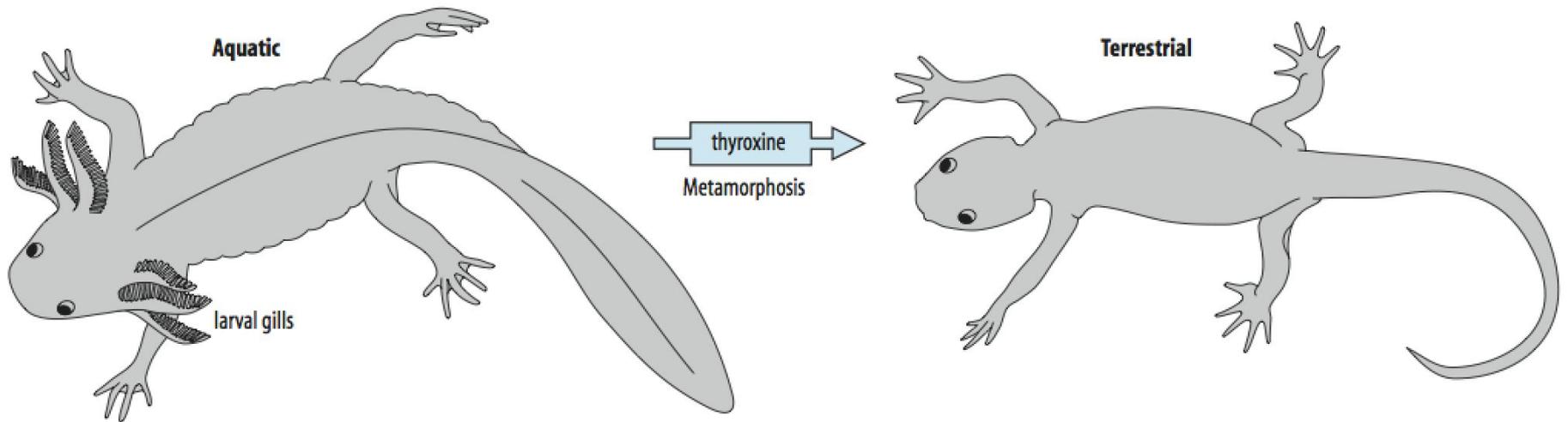


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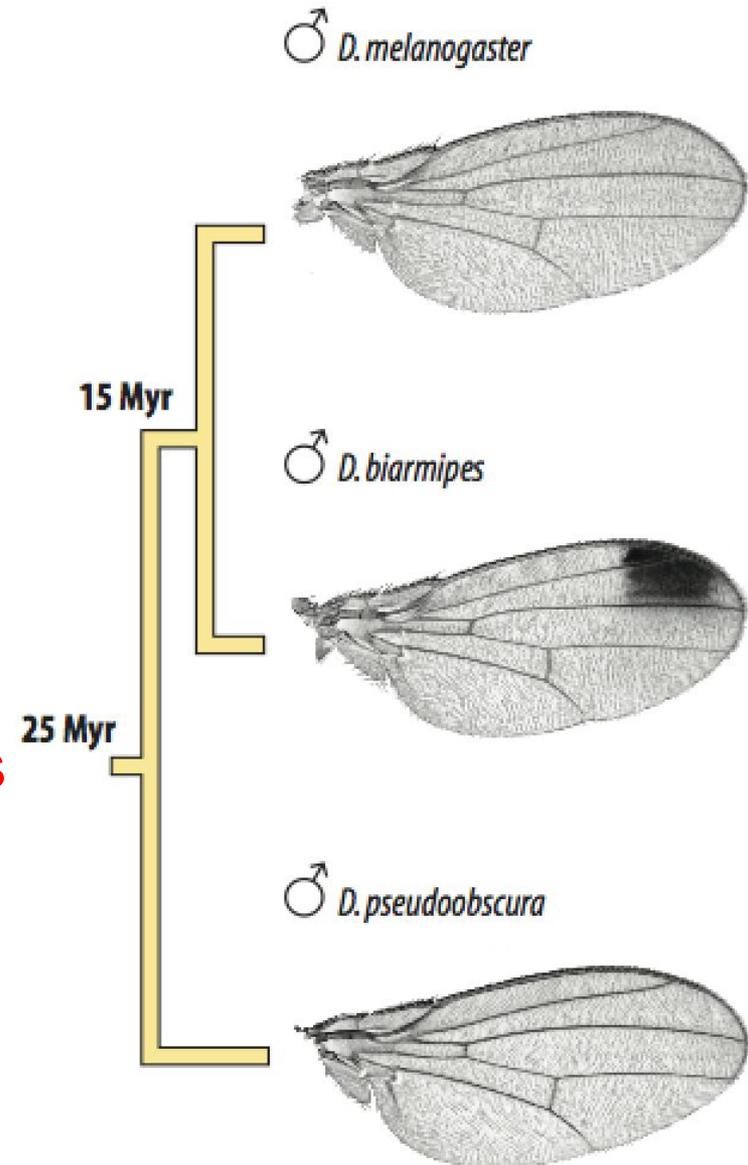
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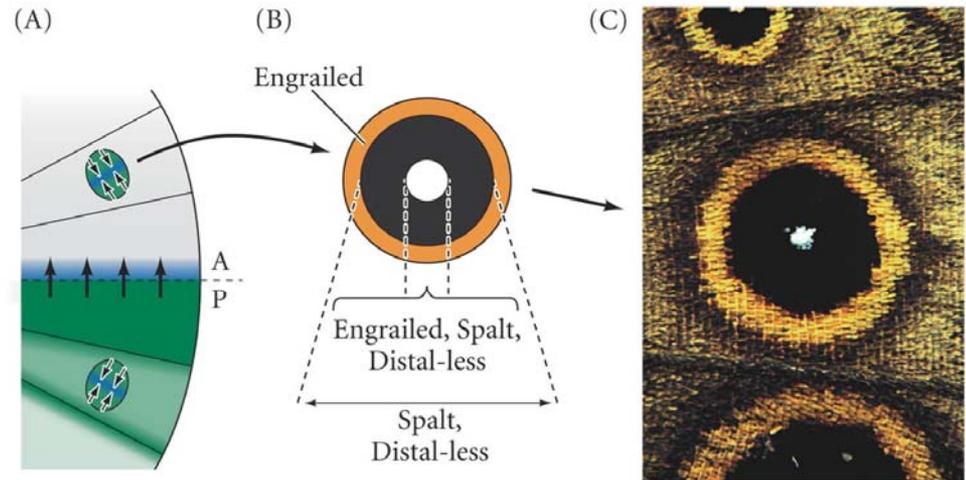
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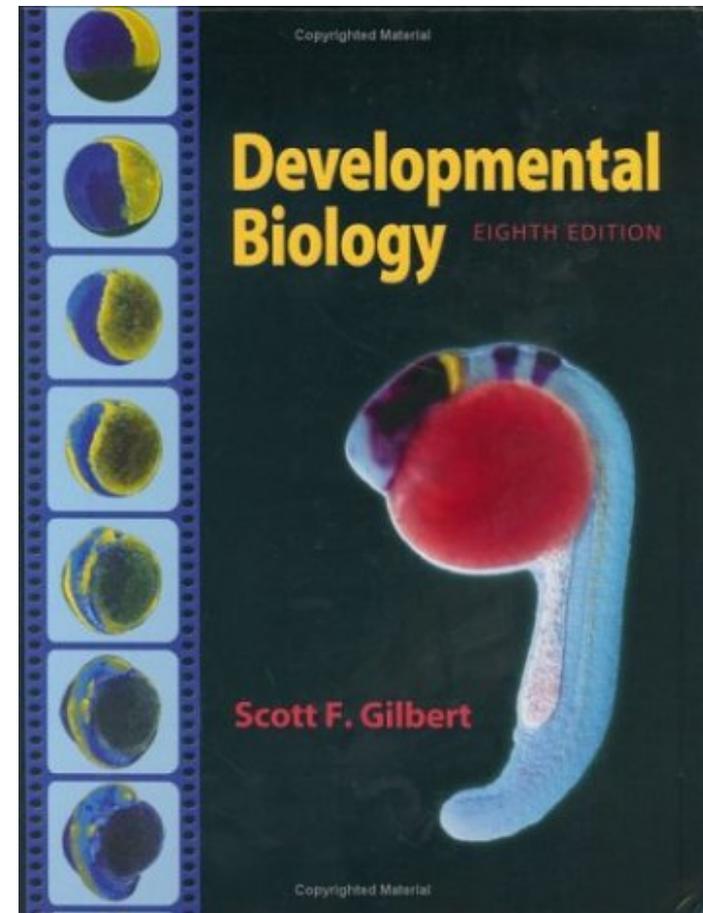
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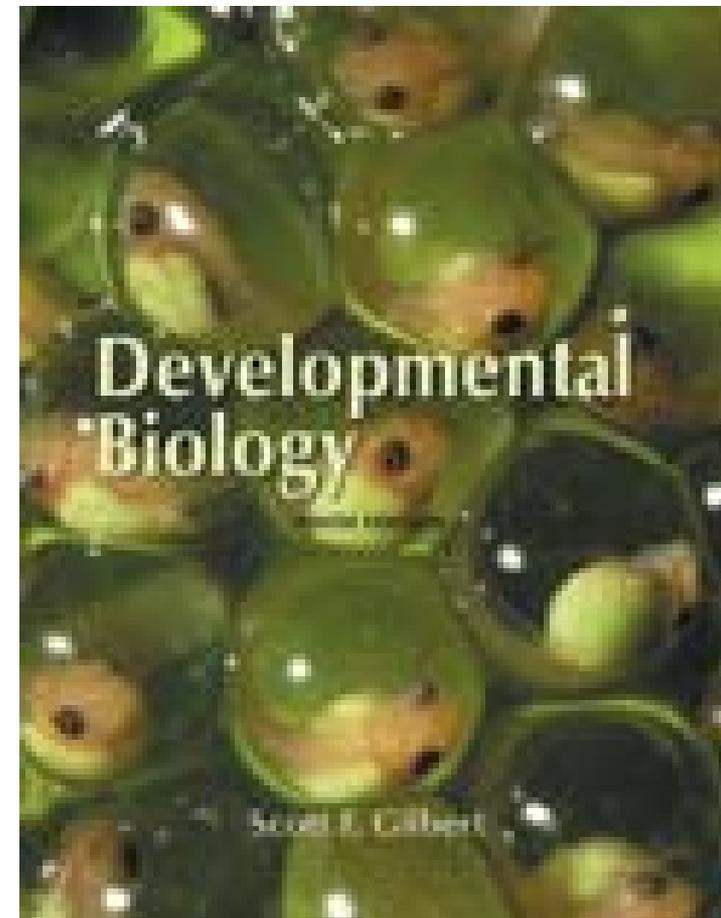
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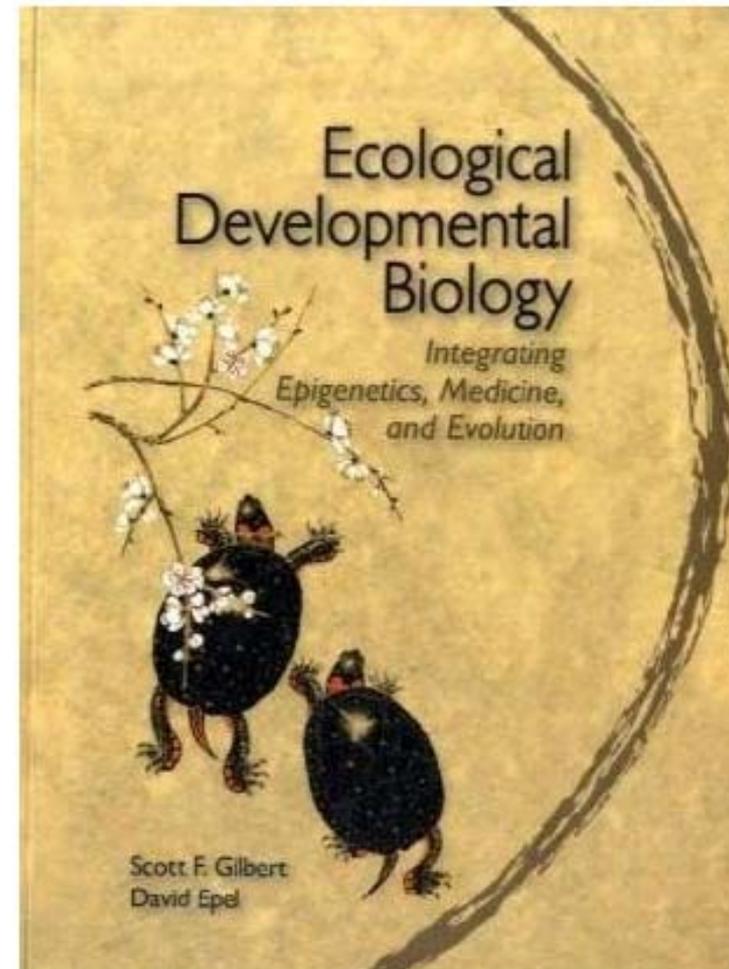
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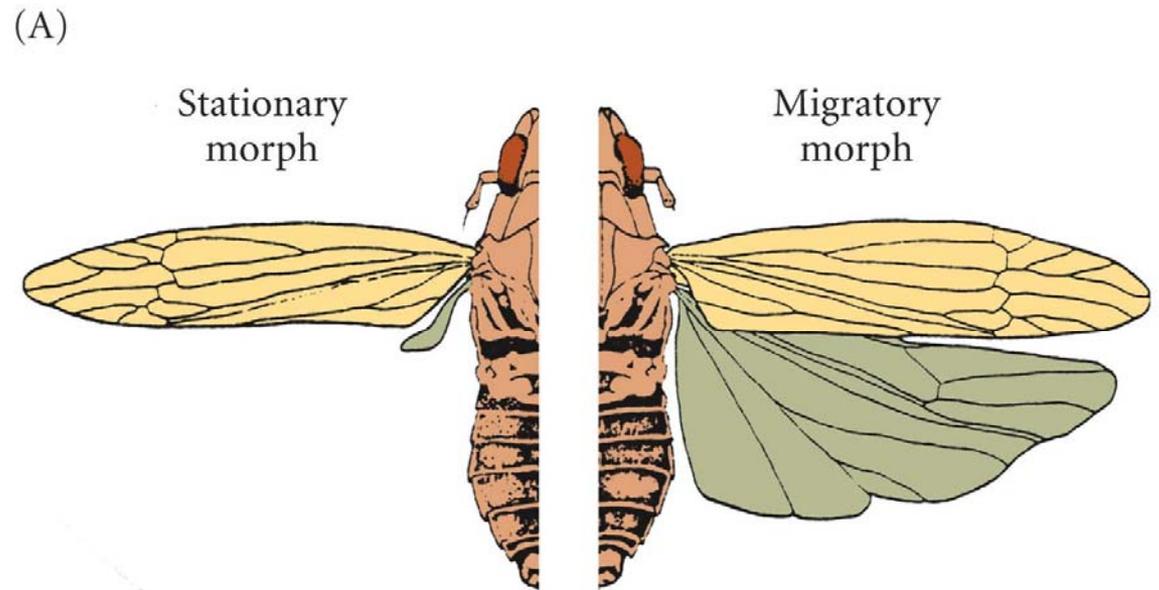


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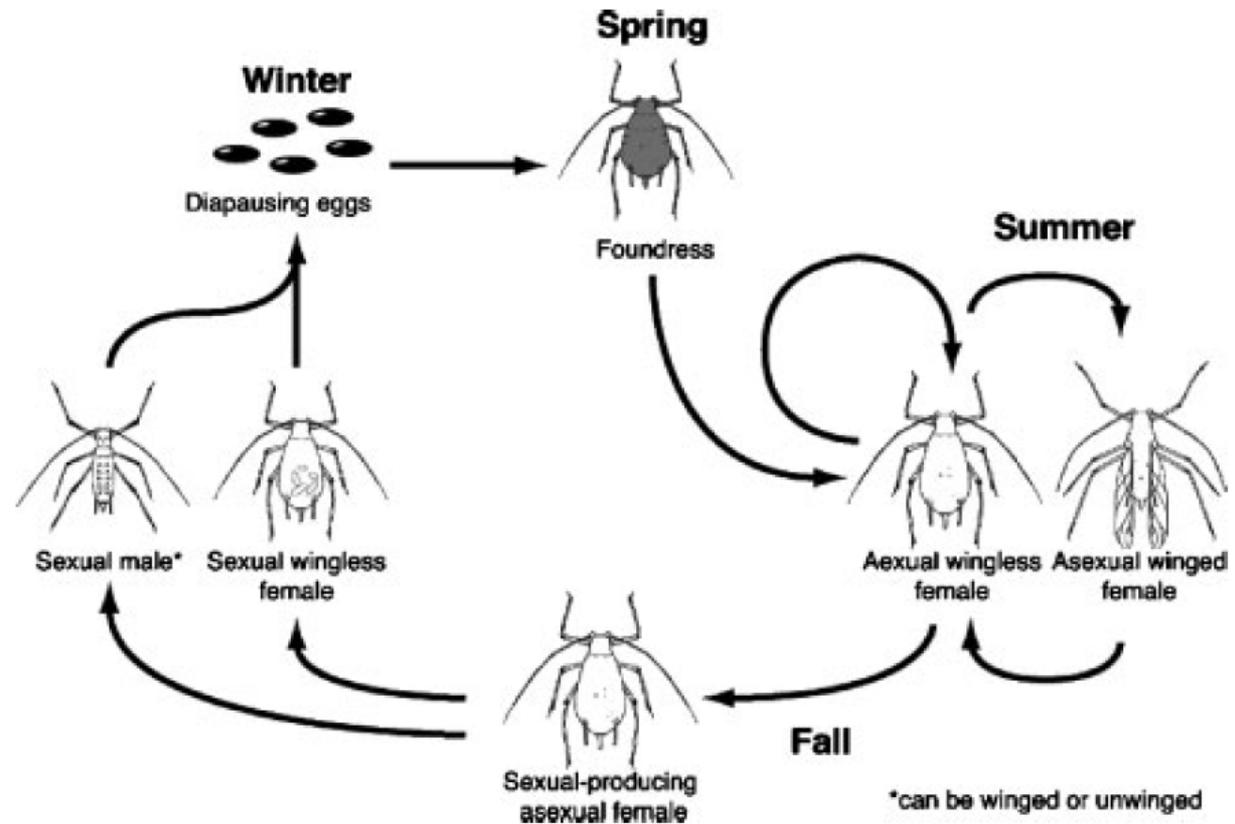


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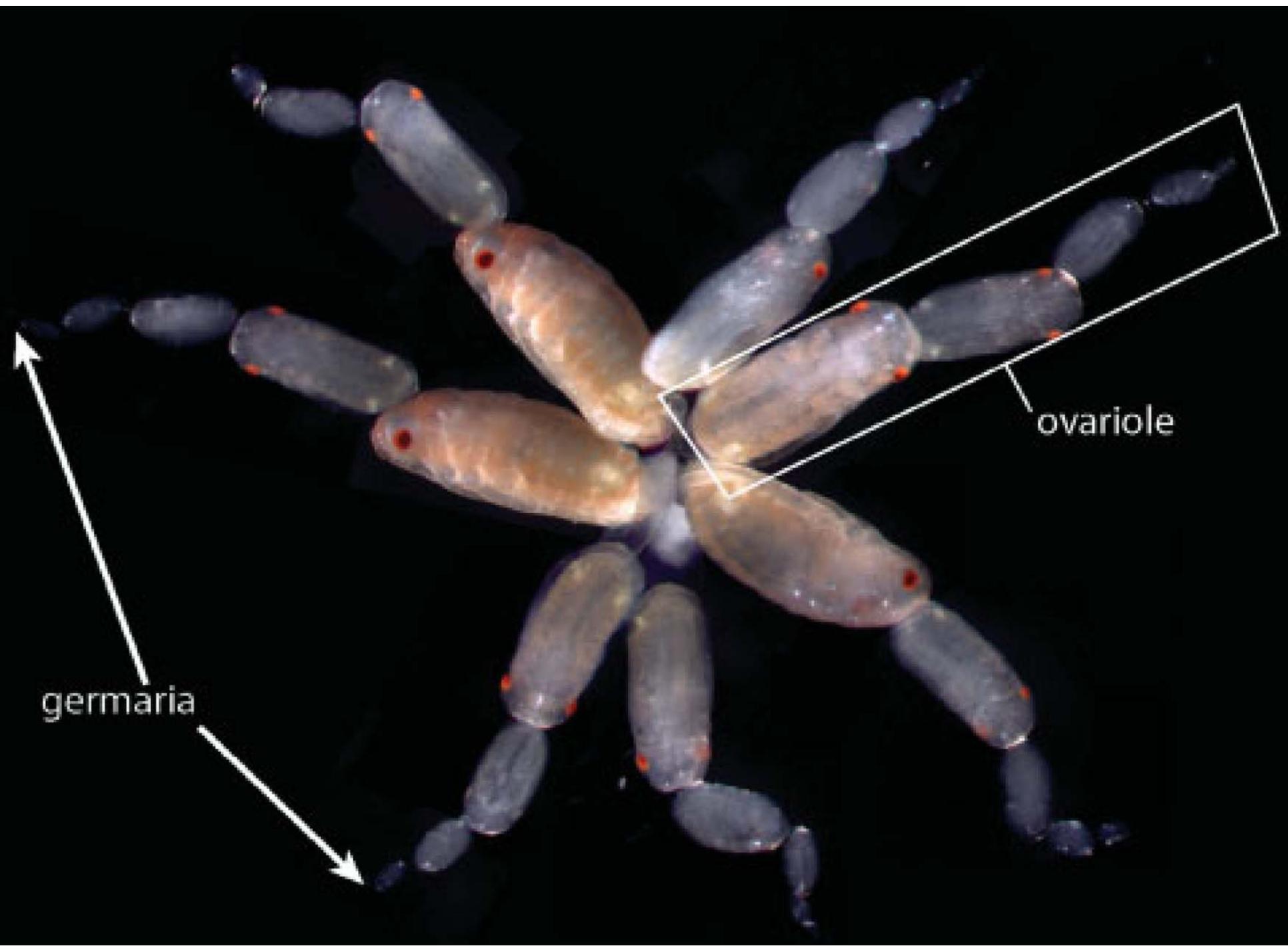
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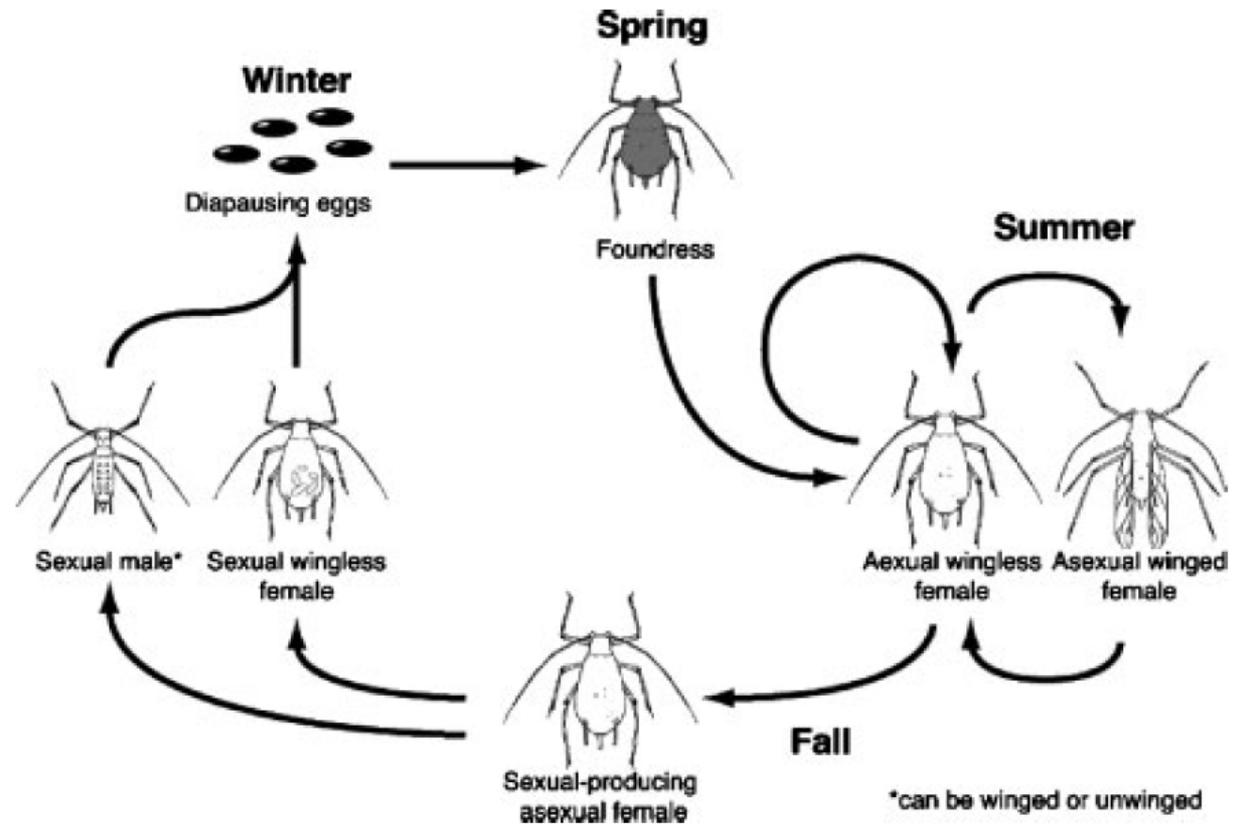
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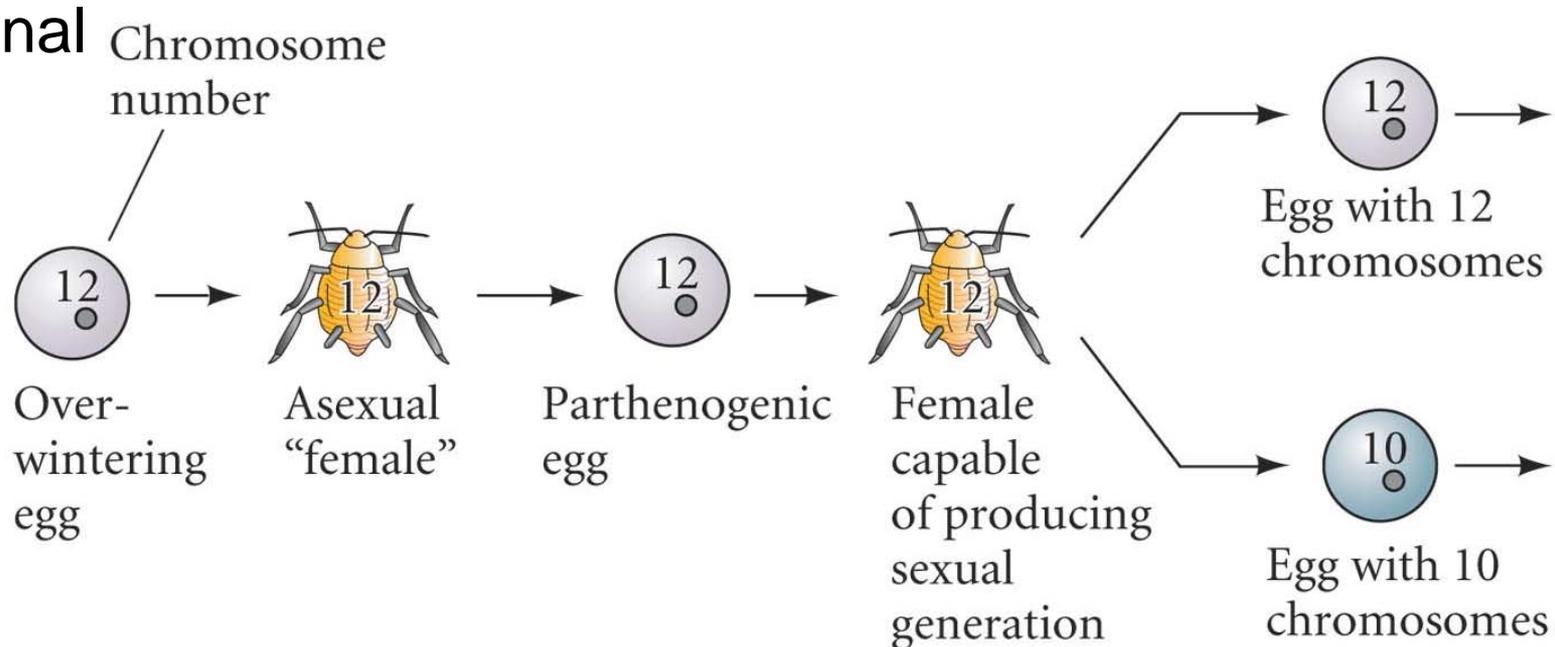


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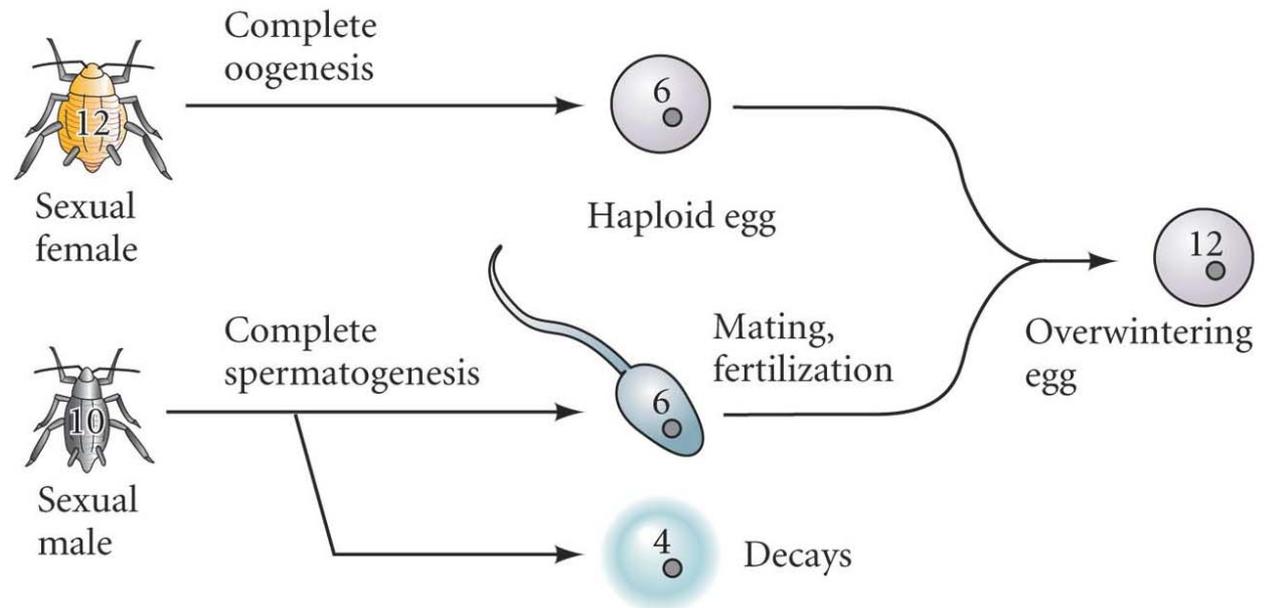


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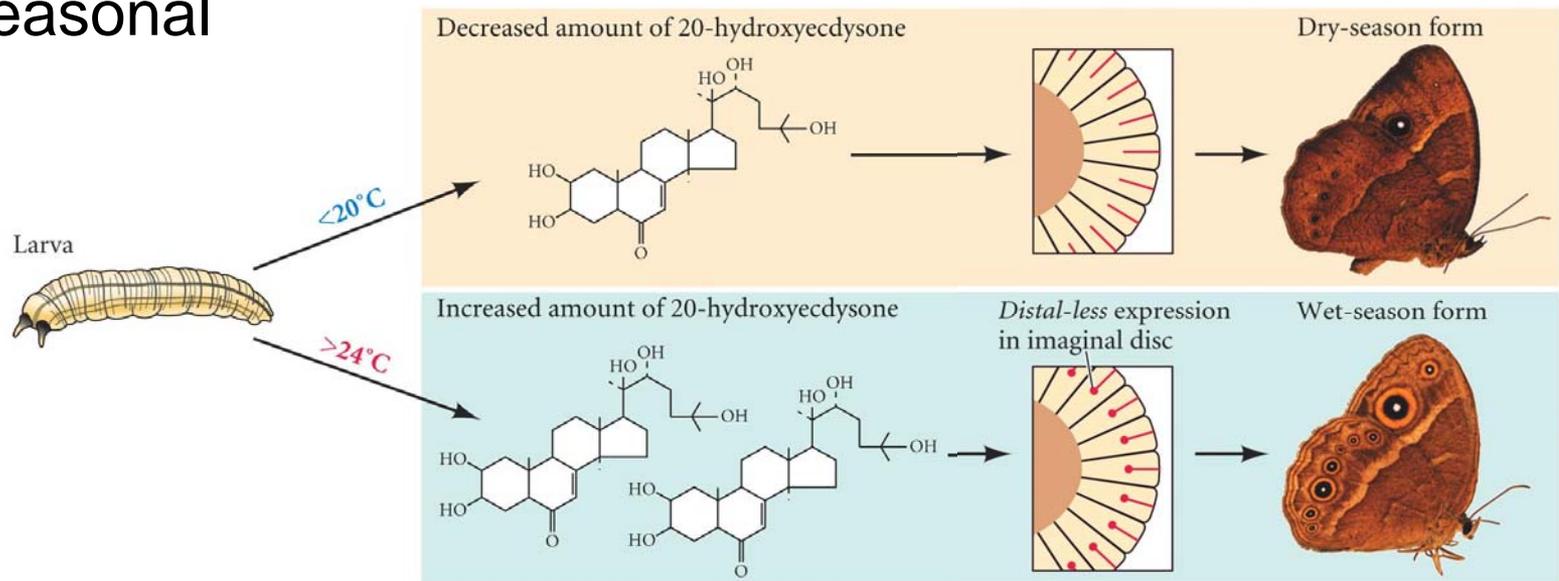


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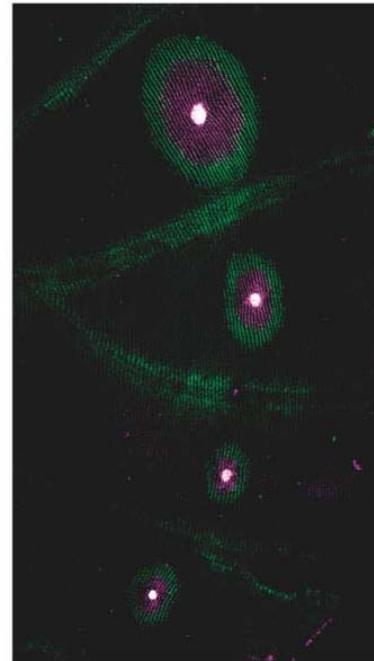
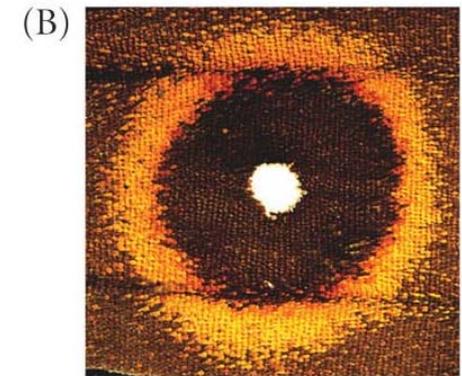
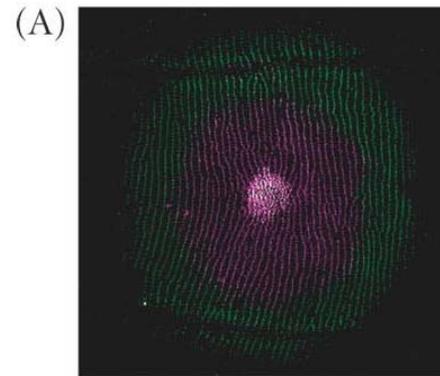


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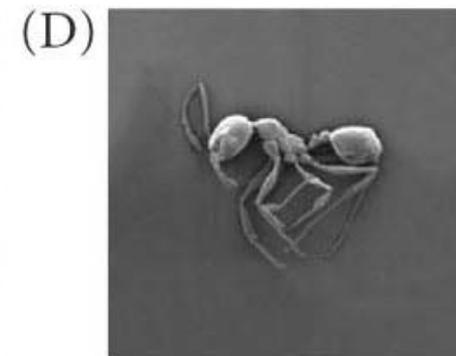
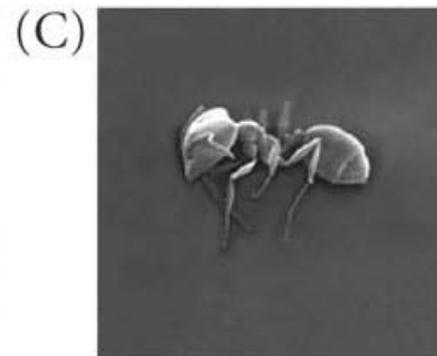
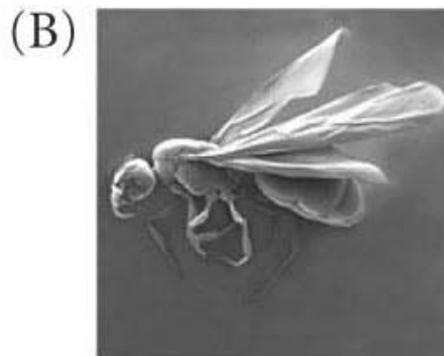
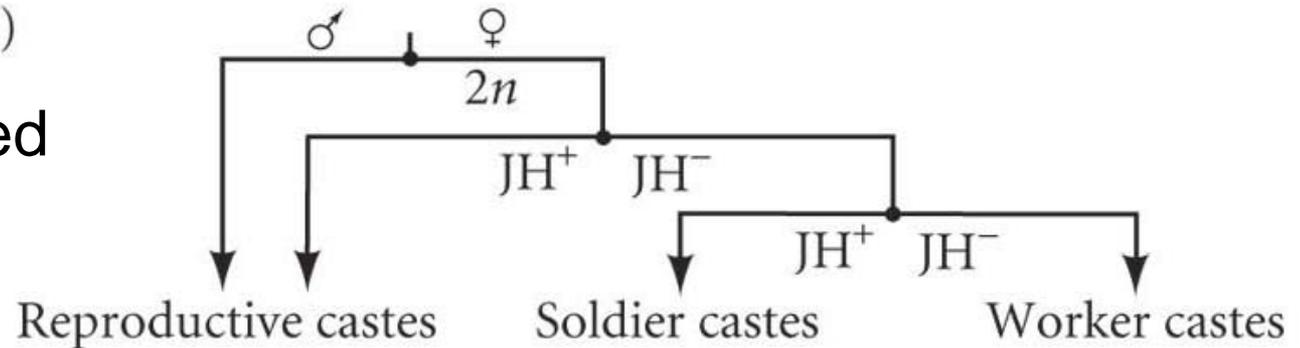


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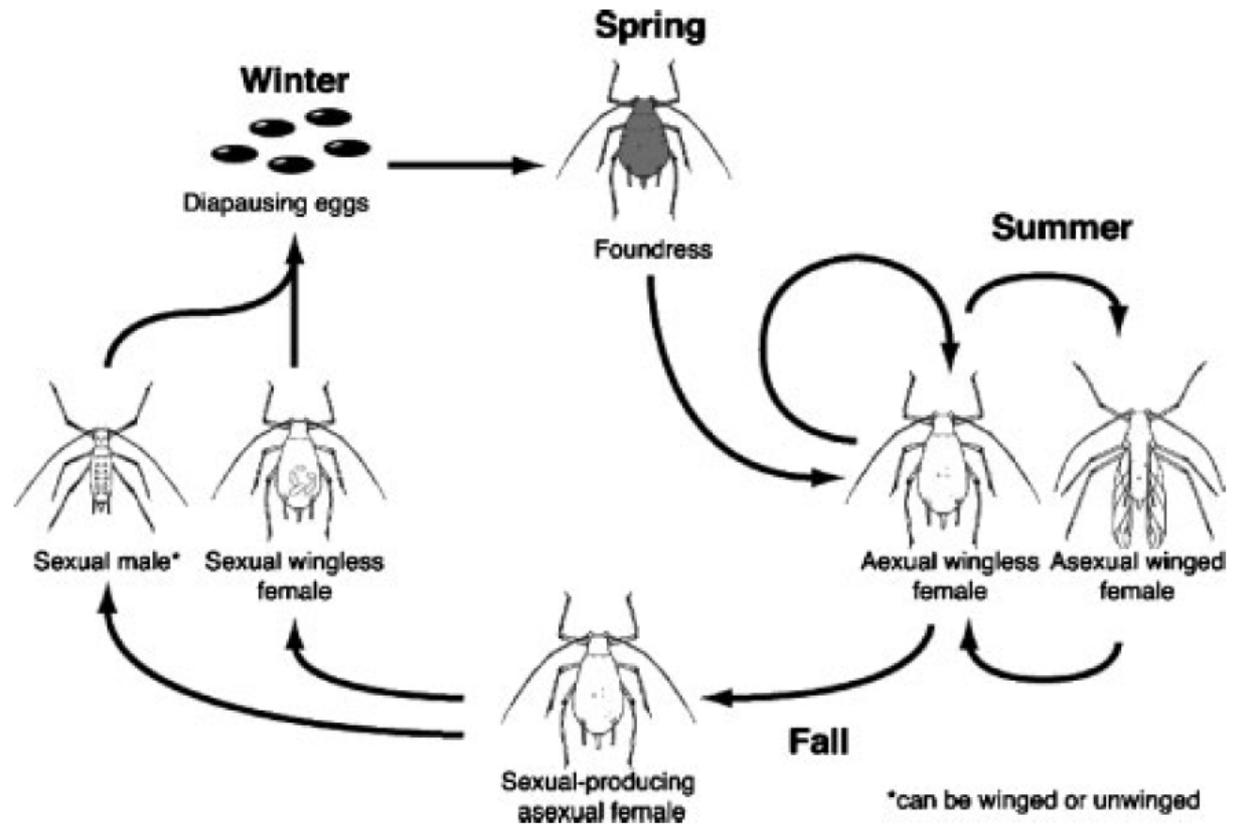


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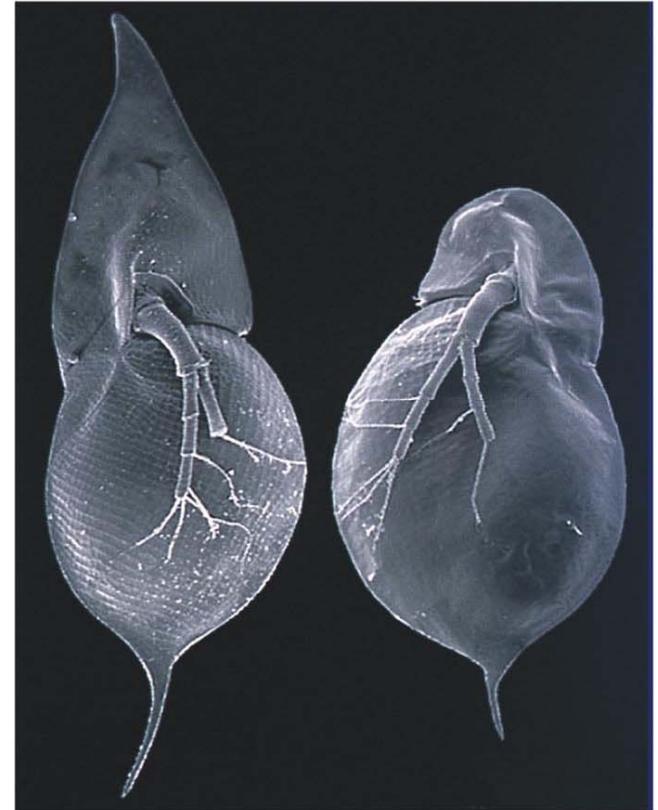
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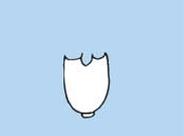
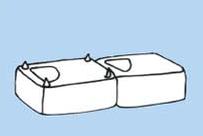
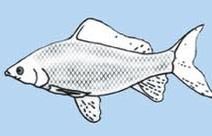
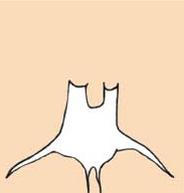
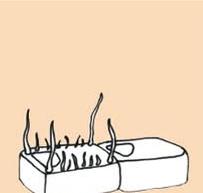
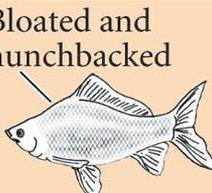
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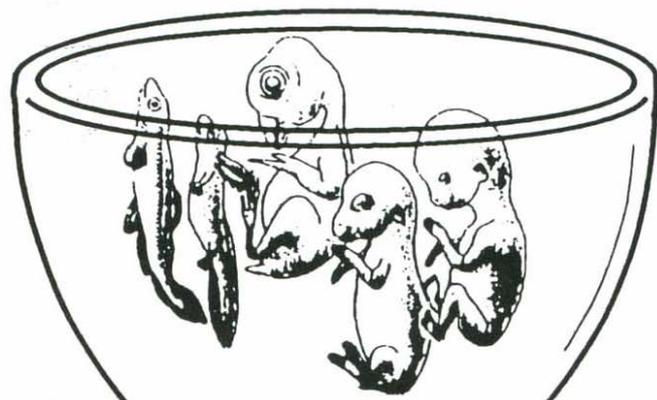
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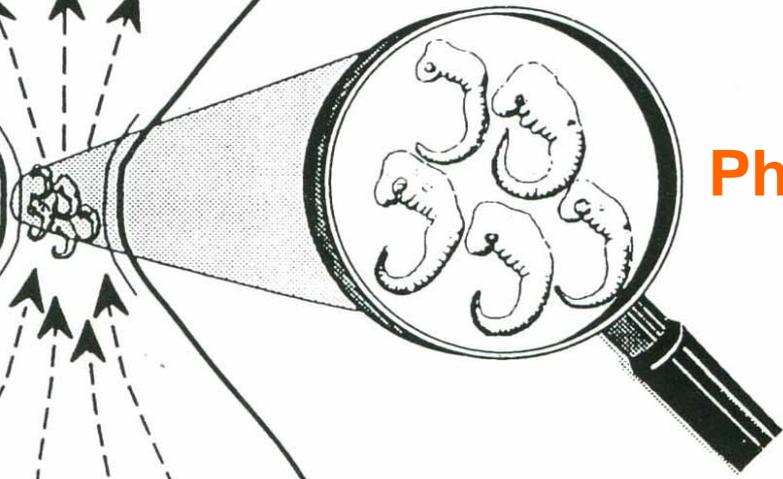
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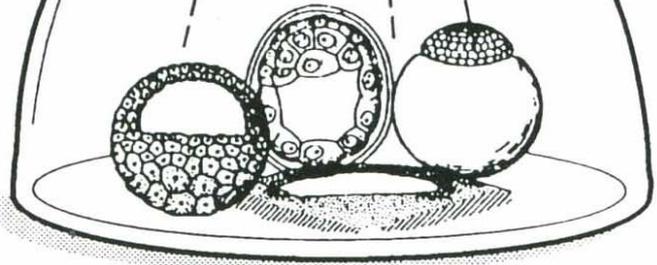
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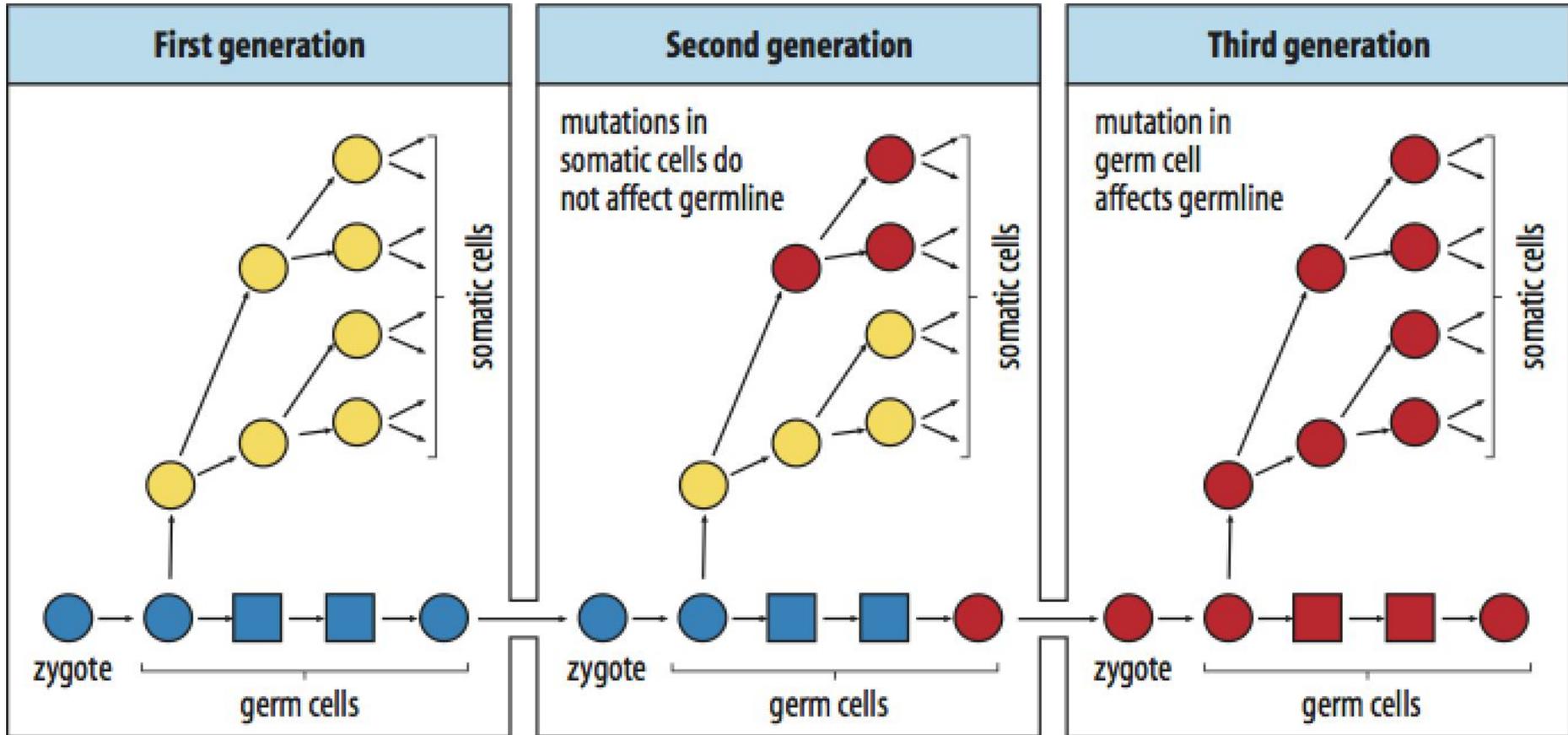
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