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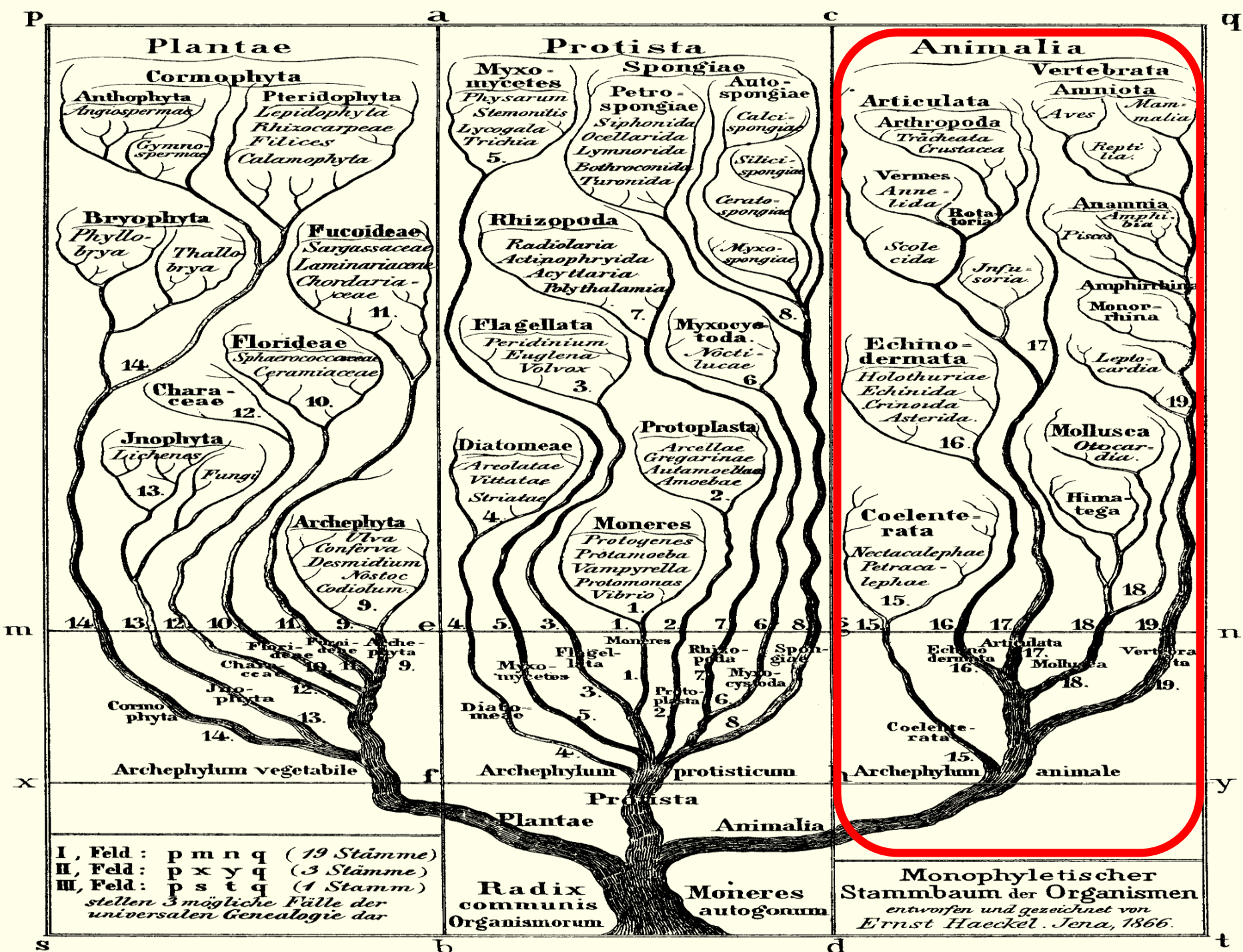
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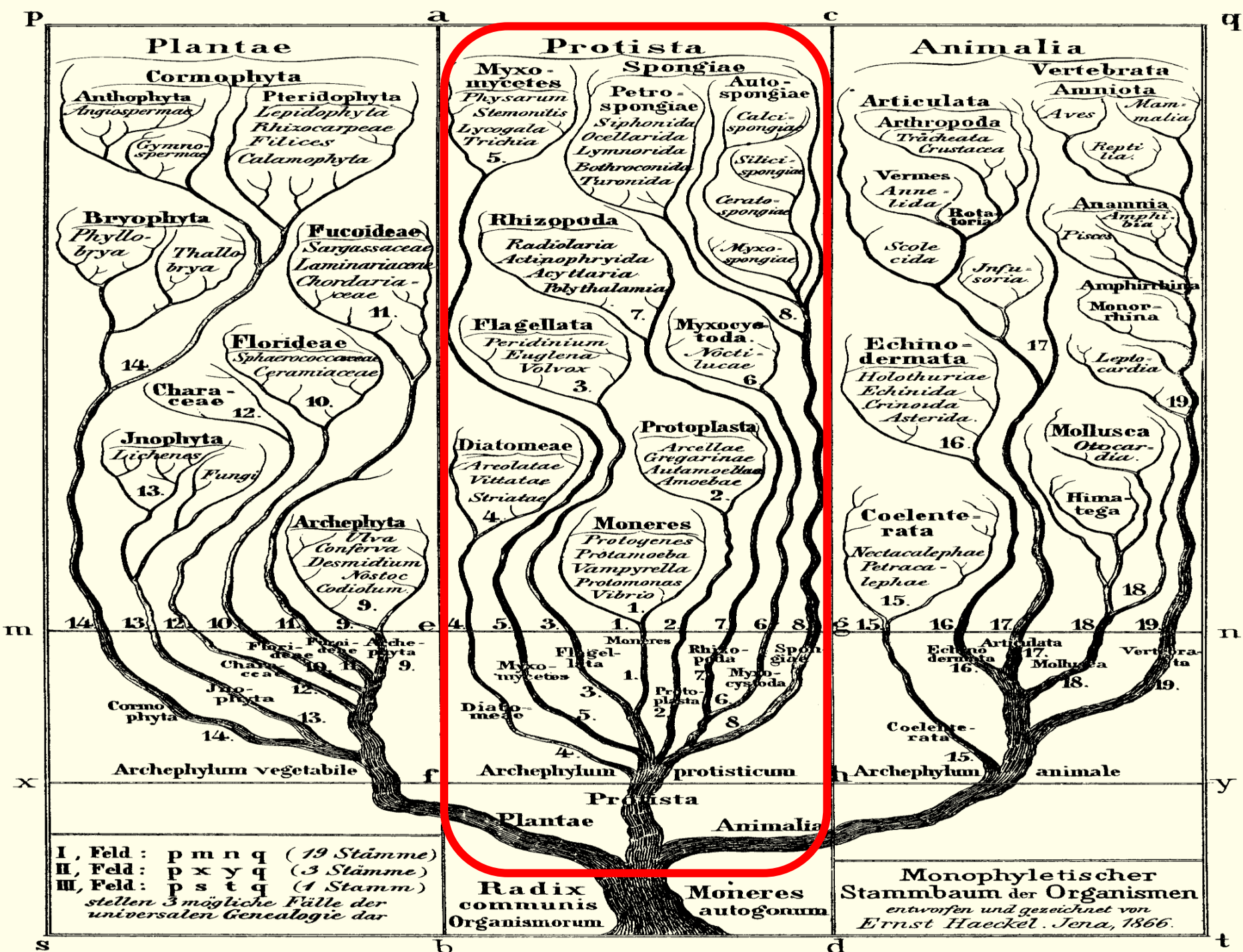
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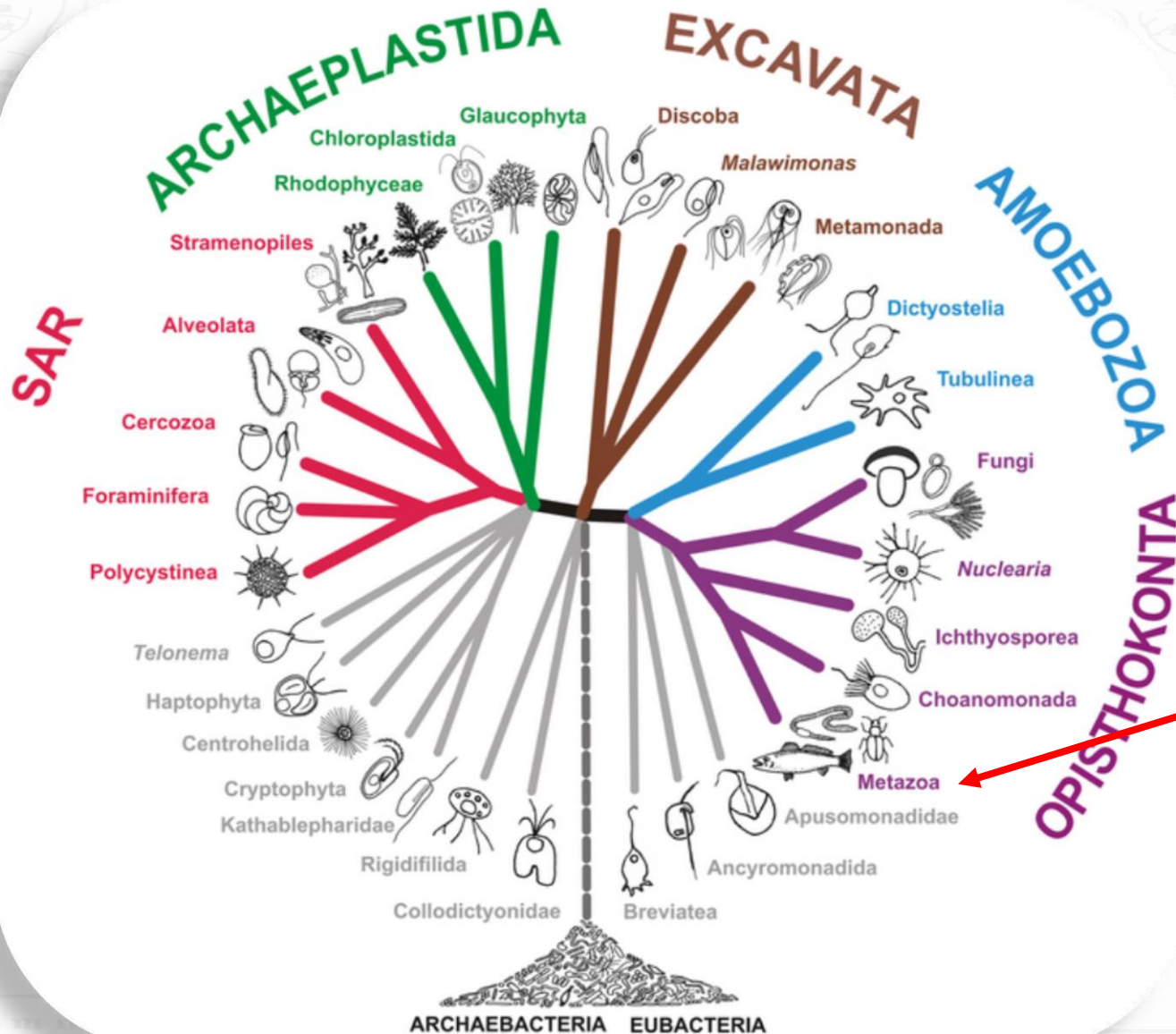


THE ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM



Where?

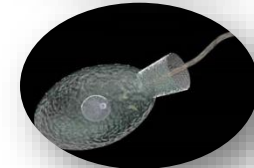
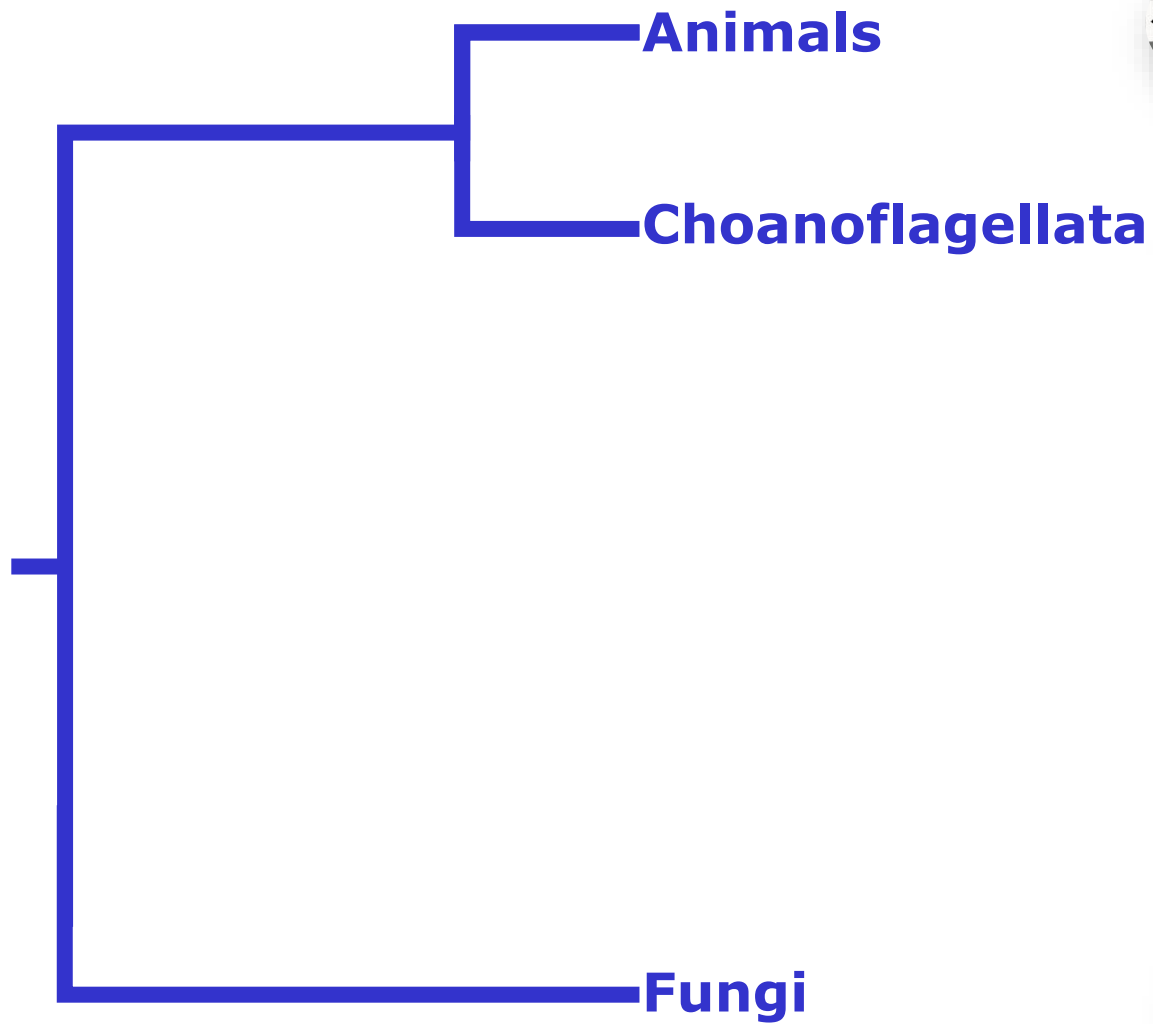
Animals Origins



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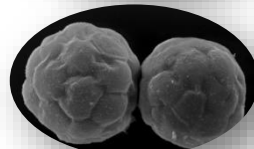
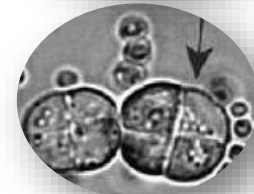
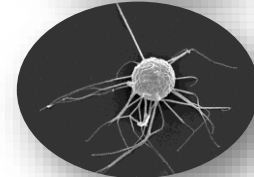
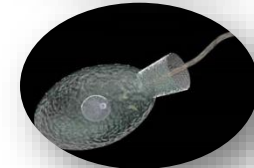
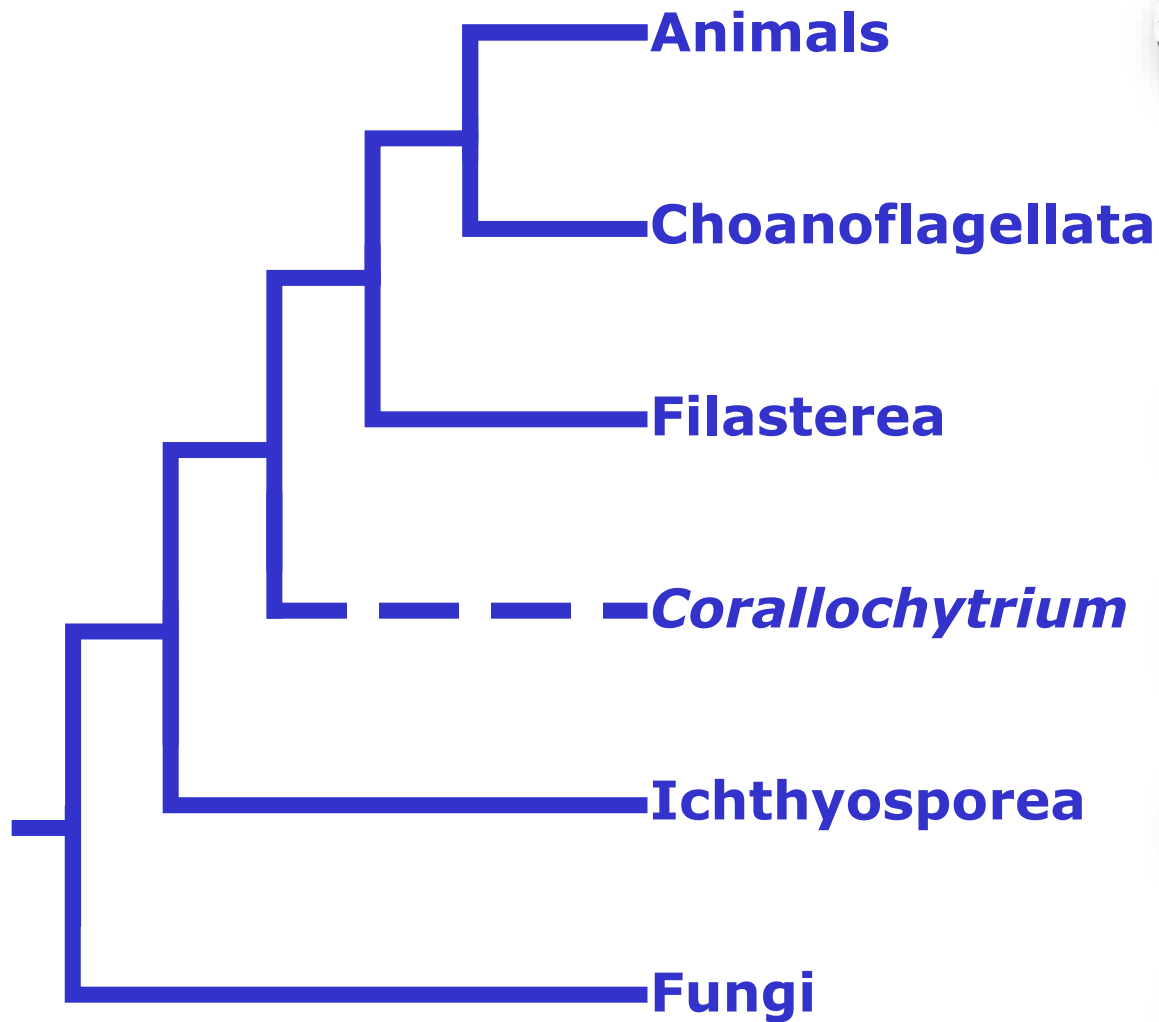
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Choanoflagellata

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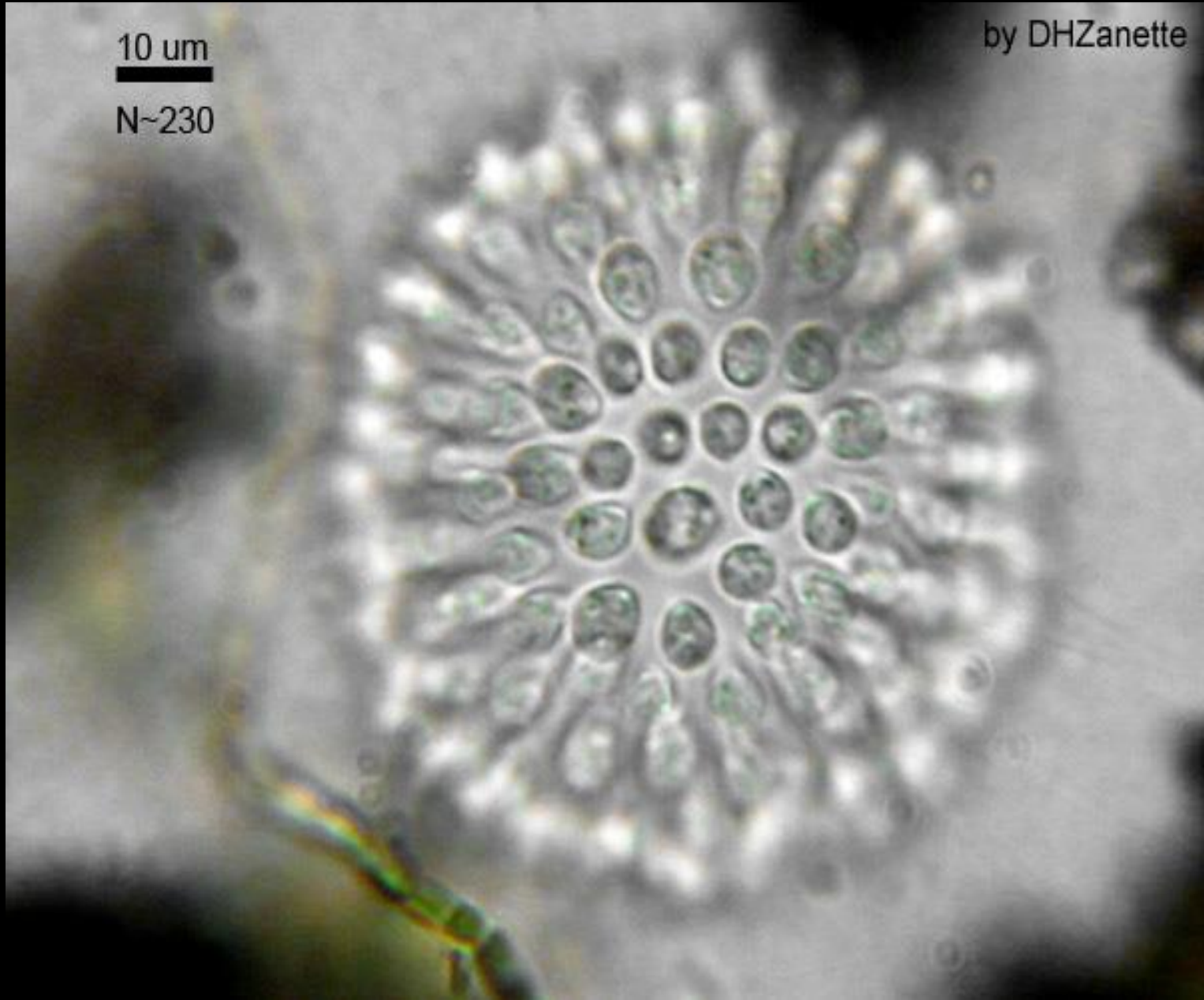
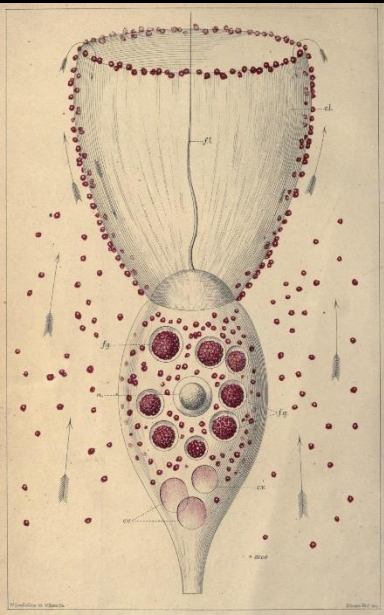
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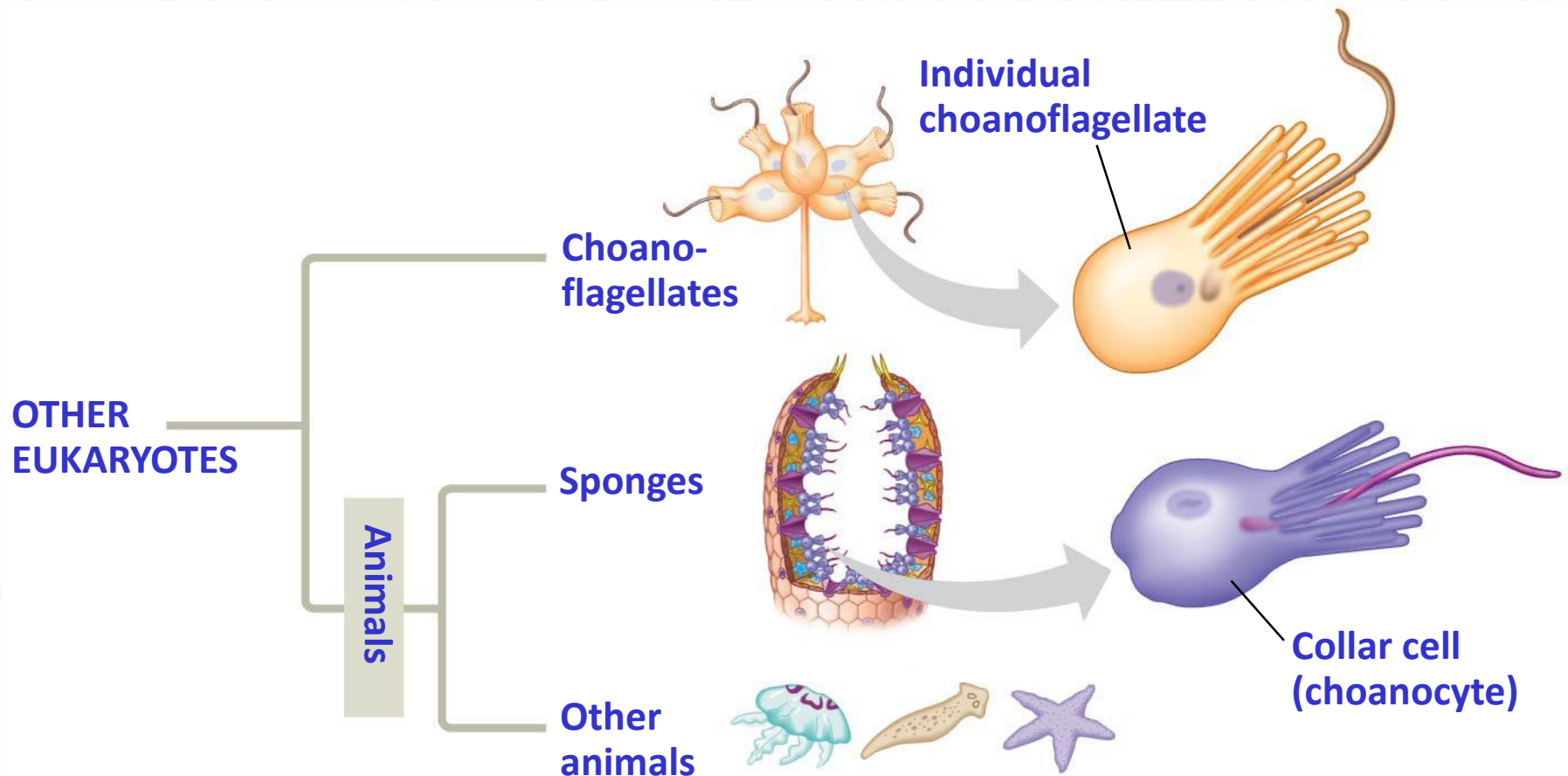
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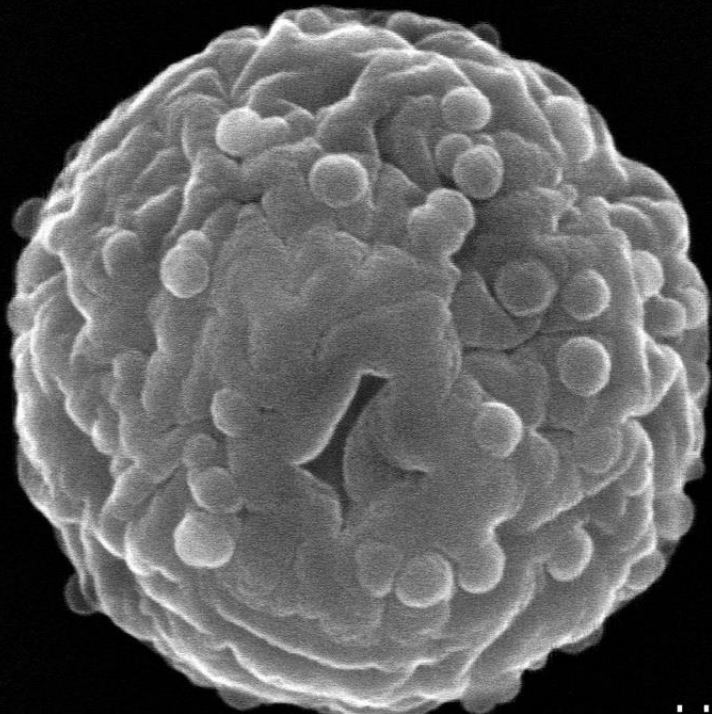


Origin of Multicellular Animals



- **Morphological and molecular** evidence points to **choanoflagellates** as the closest living relatives to animals

Filasterea (*Capsaspora*)



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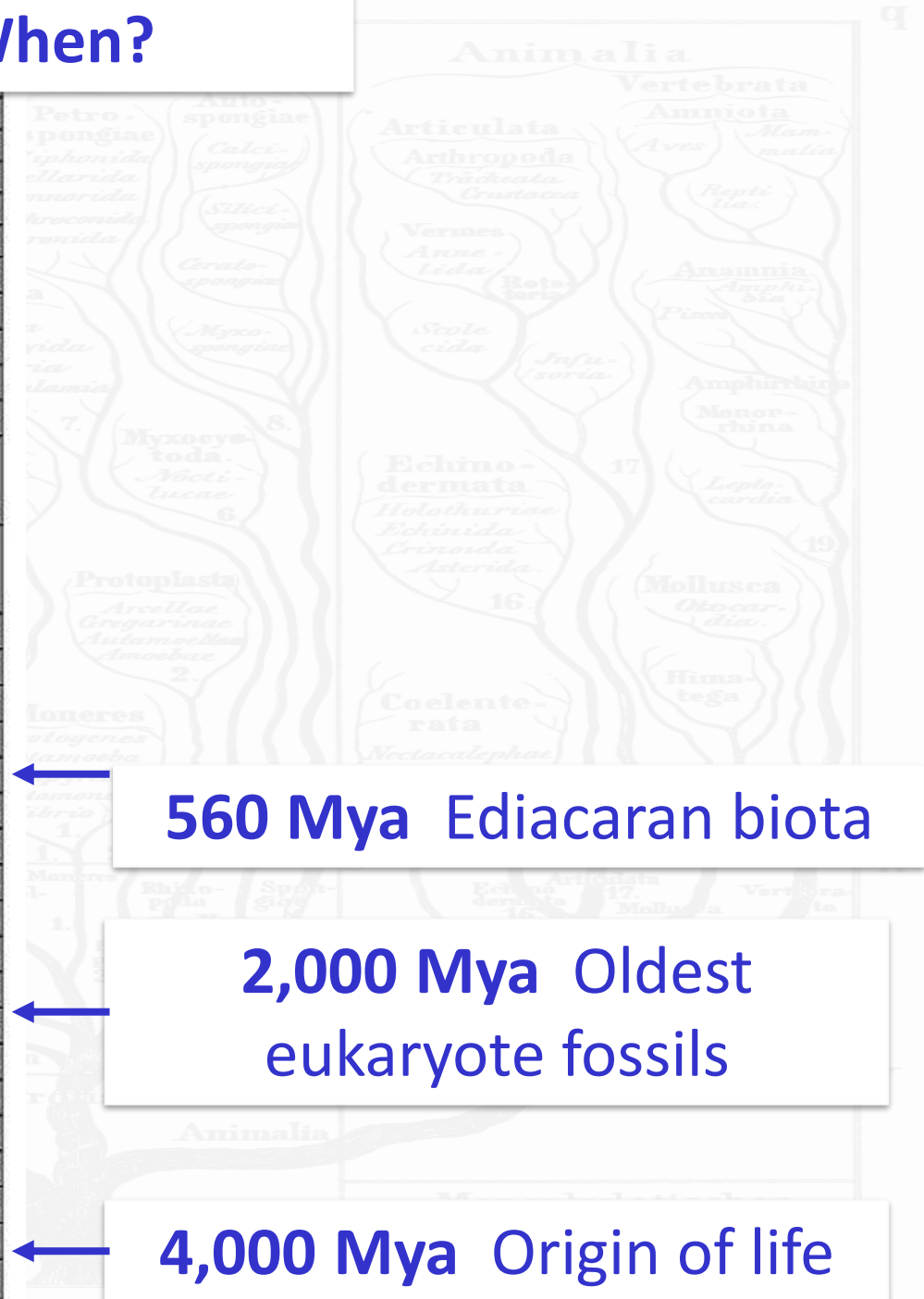


Ichthyosporea (*Sphaeroforma*)



When?

EON	ERA	PERIOD				
Phanerozoic	Cenozoic	Quaternary		Pleistocene	1.806	
		Tertiary	Neogene	Pliocene	5.332	
				Miocene	23.03	
			Paleogene	Oligocene	33.9	
				Eocene	55.8	
				Paleocene	65.5	
	Mesozoic	Cretaceous			145.5	
		Jurassic			199.6	
		Triassic			251	
	Paleozoic	Permian			299	
		Carboniferous	Pennsylvanian			318.1
			Mississippian			359.2
		Devonian			416	
		Silurian			443.7	
		Ordovician			488.3	
Cambrian			542			
Precambrian	Proterozoic	Neoproterozoic	Ediacaran		630	
			Cryogenian		850	
			Tonian		1000	
		Mesoproterozoic	Stenian		1200	
			Ectasian		1400	
			Calymmian		1600	
	Paleoproterozoic	Statherian		1800		
		Orosirian		2050		
		Rhyacian		2300		
		Siderian		2500		
	Archean	Neoarchean			2800	
		Mesoarchean			3200	
		Paleoarchean			3600	
Eoarchean			4000			
Hadean				4567		



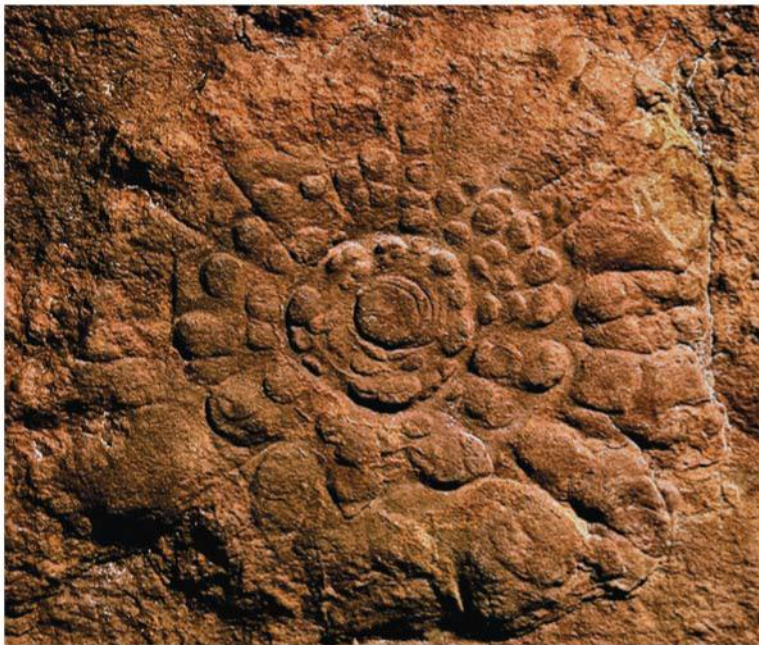
560 Mya Ediacaran biota

2,000 Mya Oldest eukaryote fossils

4,000 Mya Origin of life

Ediacaran biota

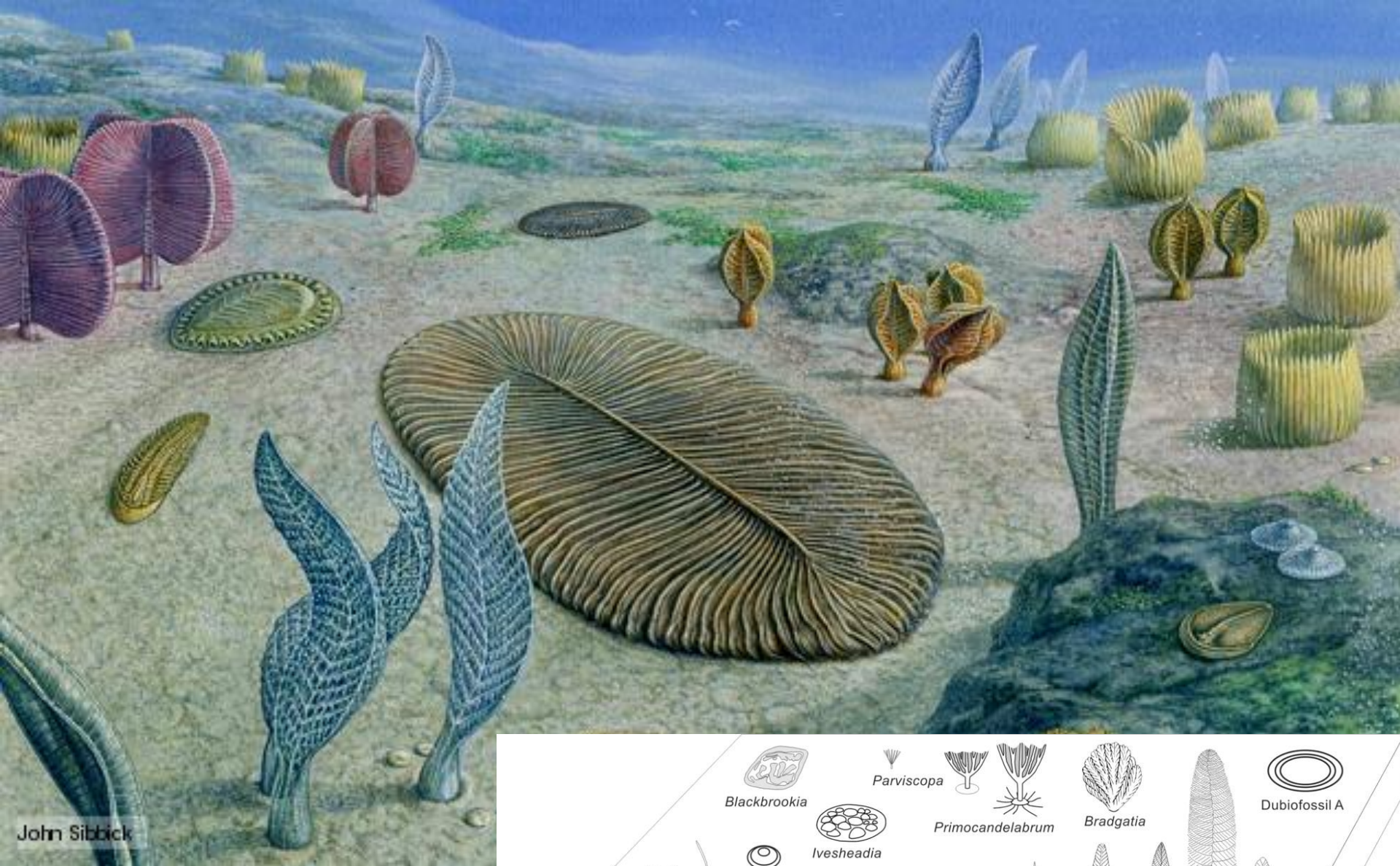
- **Ediacaran biota** (560 million years ago) composed by **multicellular organisms**. Strong debate about their nature: **animals or not?**



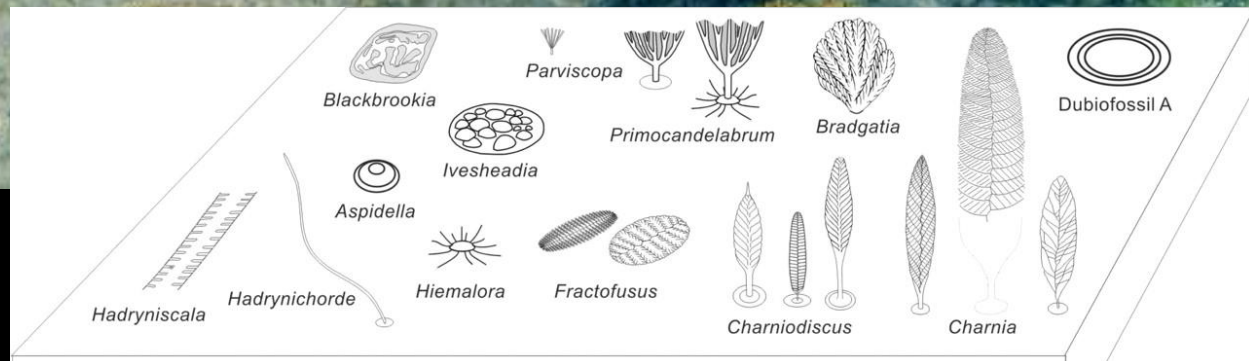
(a) *Mawsonites spriggi*



(b) *Spriggina floundersi*



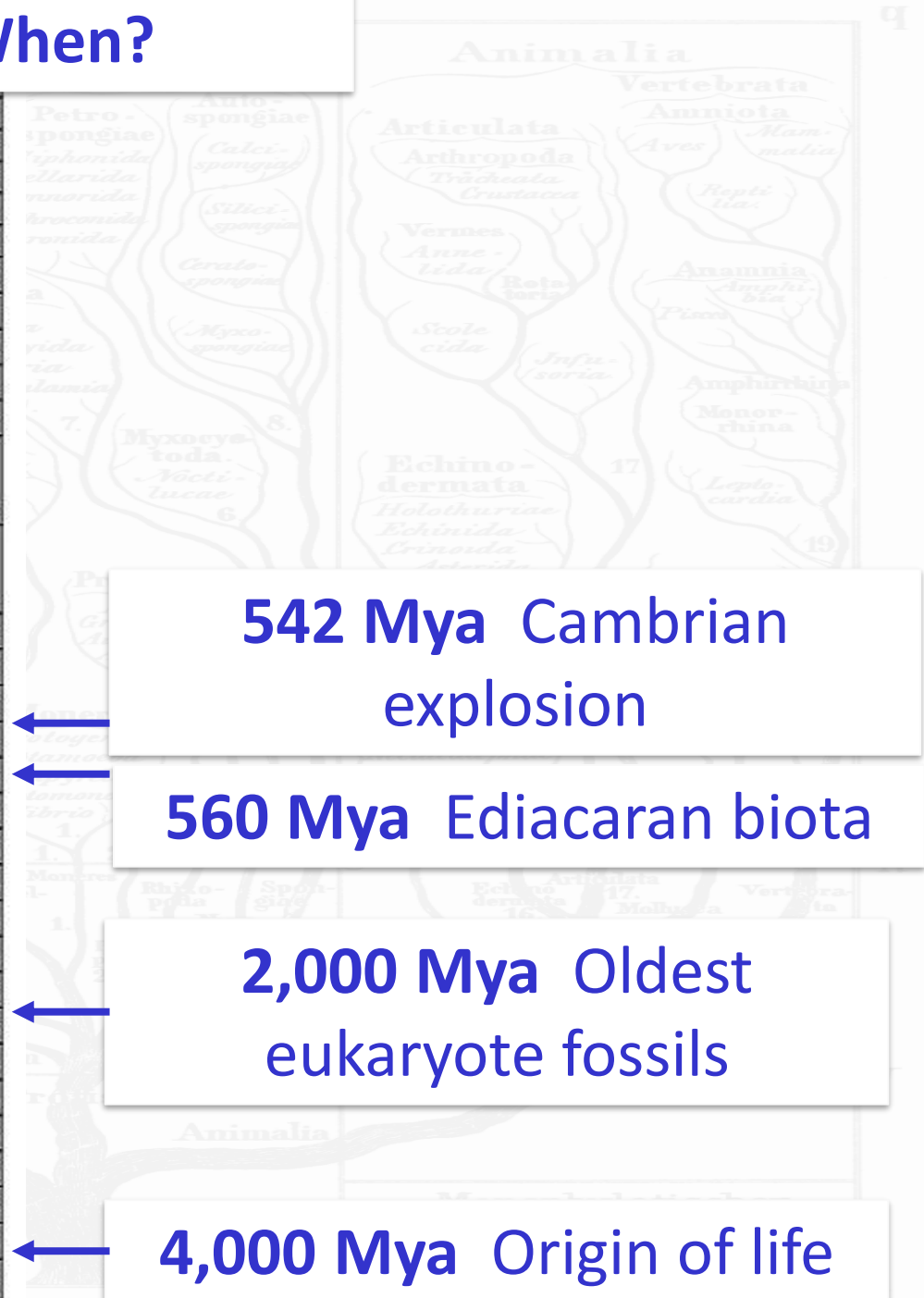
John Sibbick



Bonavista assemblage

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		Calymmian 1600	
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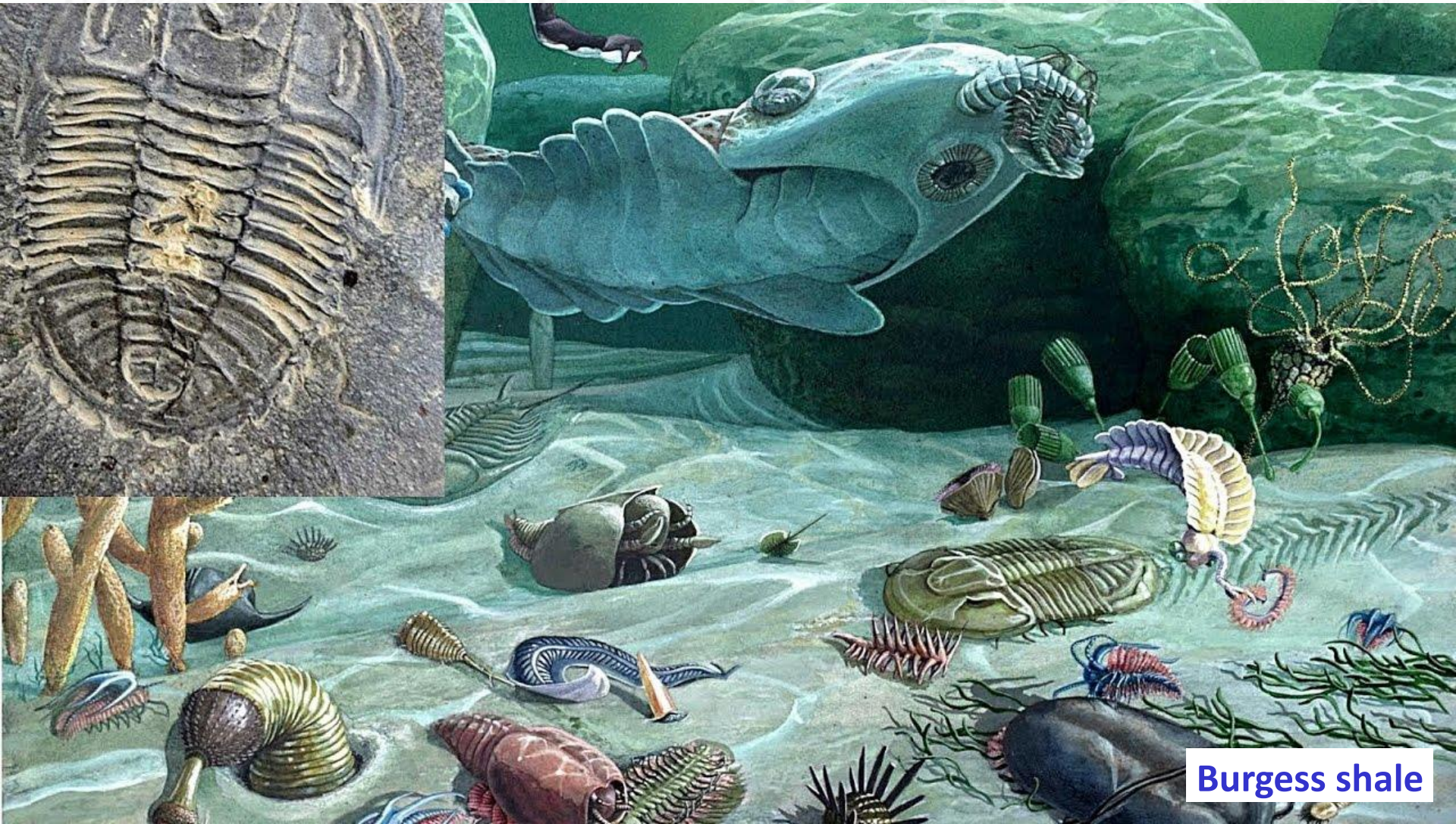
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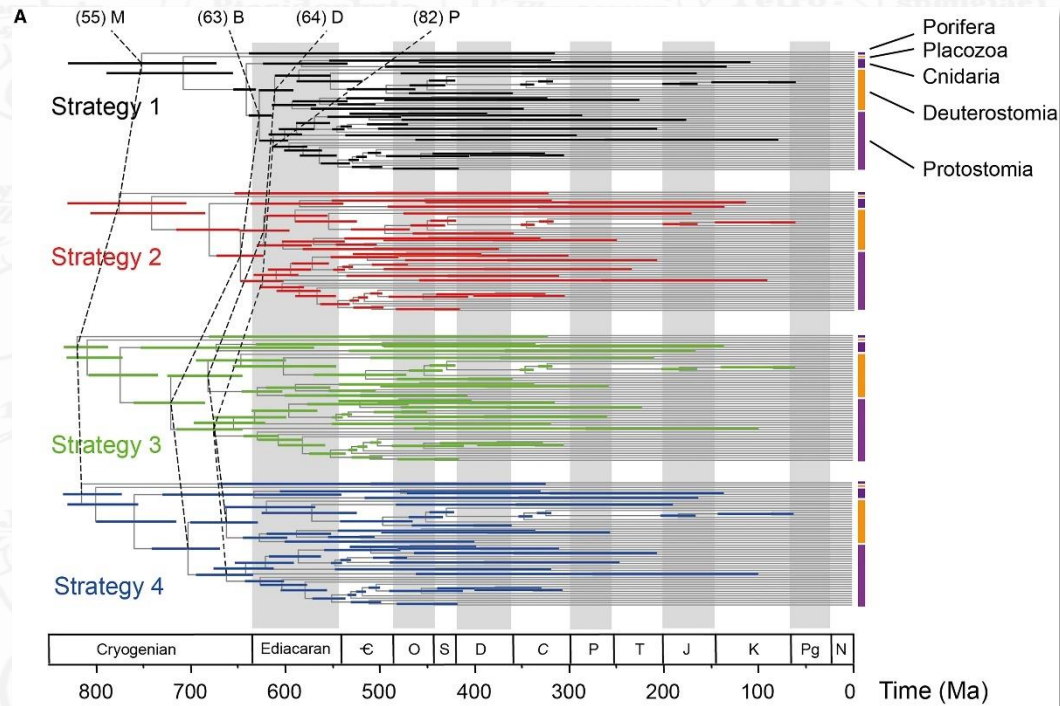
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The Cambrian explosion (535 to 525 Mya): sudden fossil appearance of all the major groups of extant groups animals

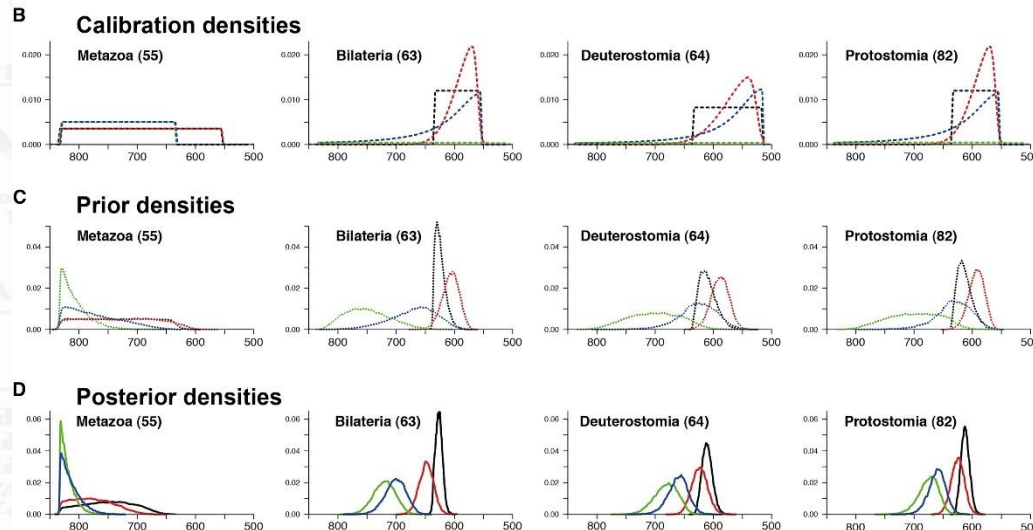


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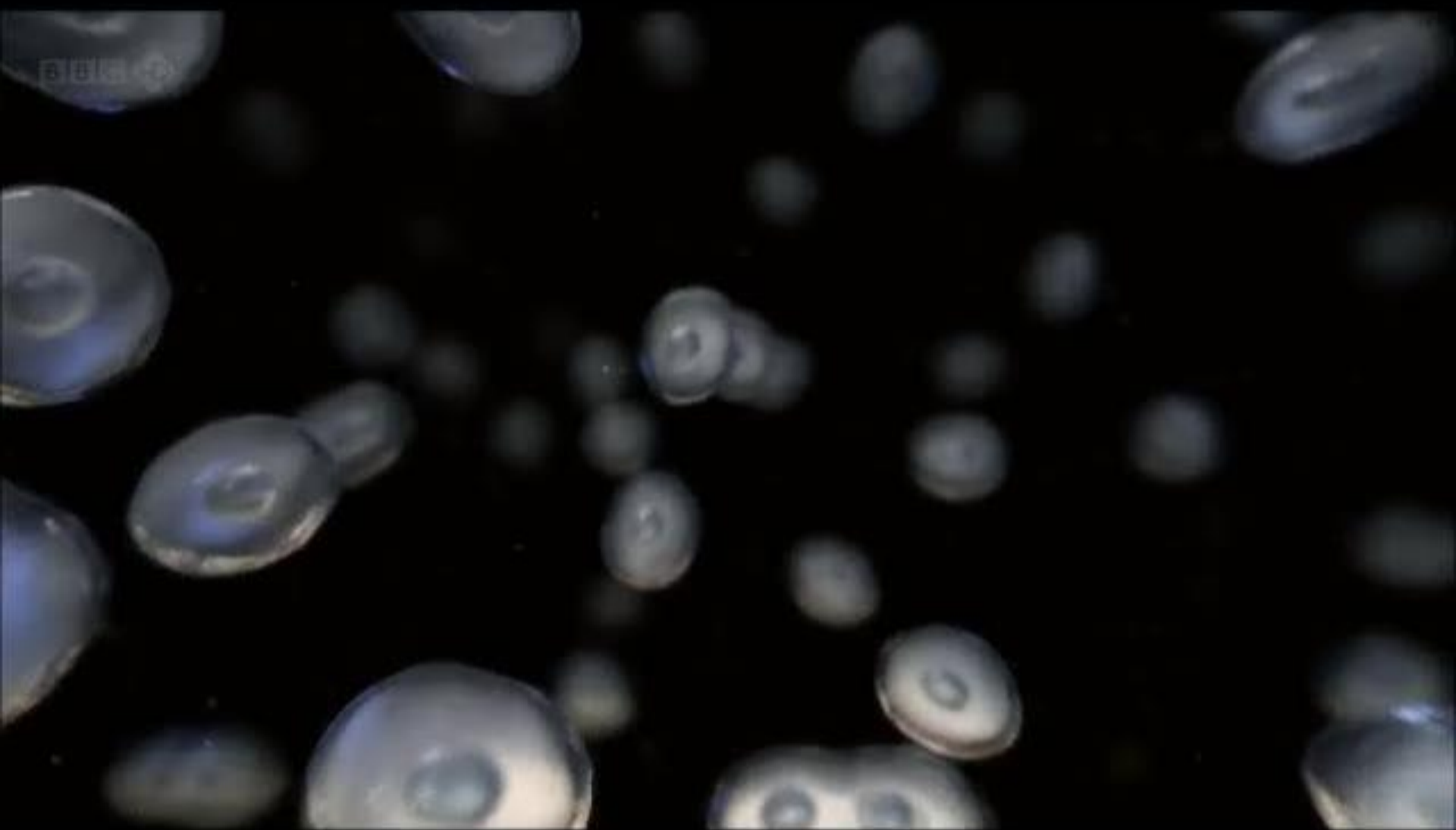
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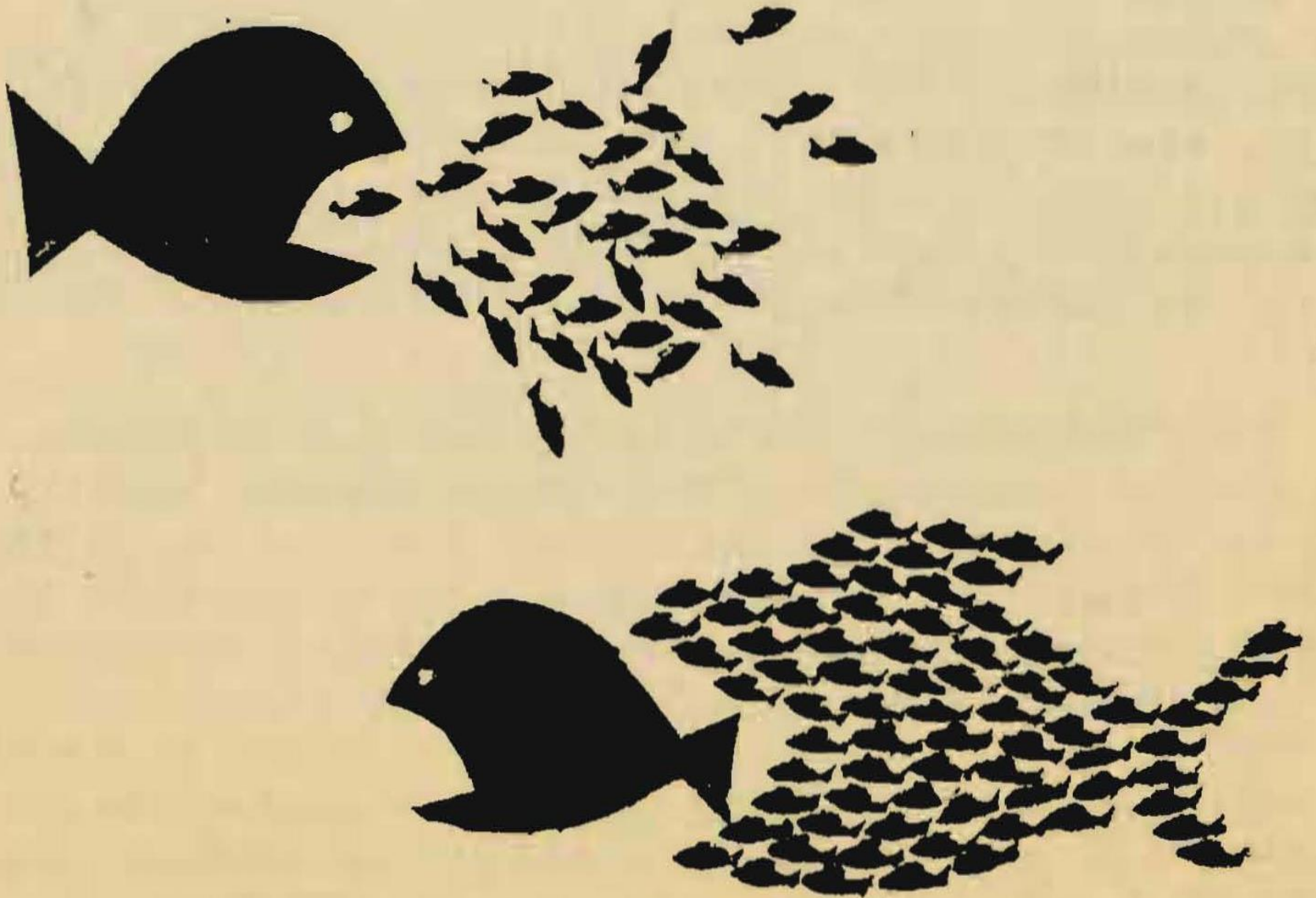


833–650 Ma



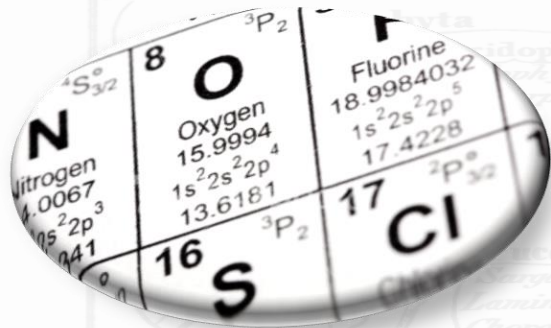
Dos Reis et al 2015



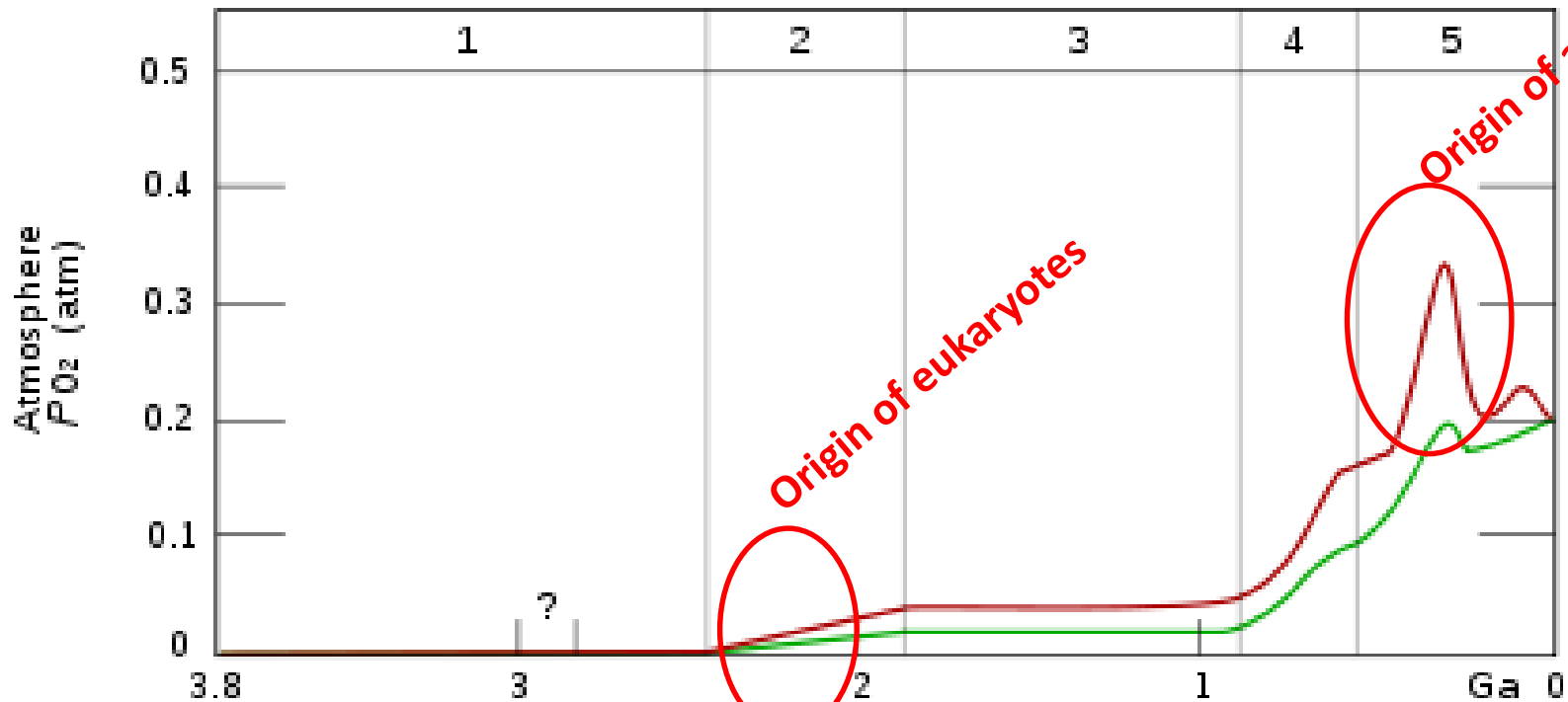


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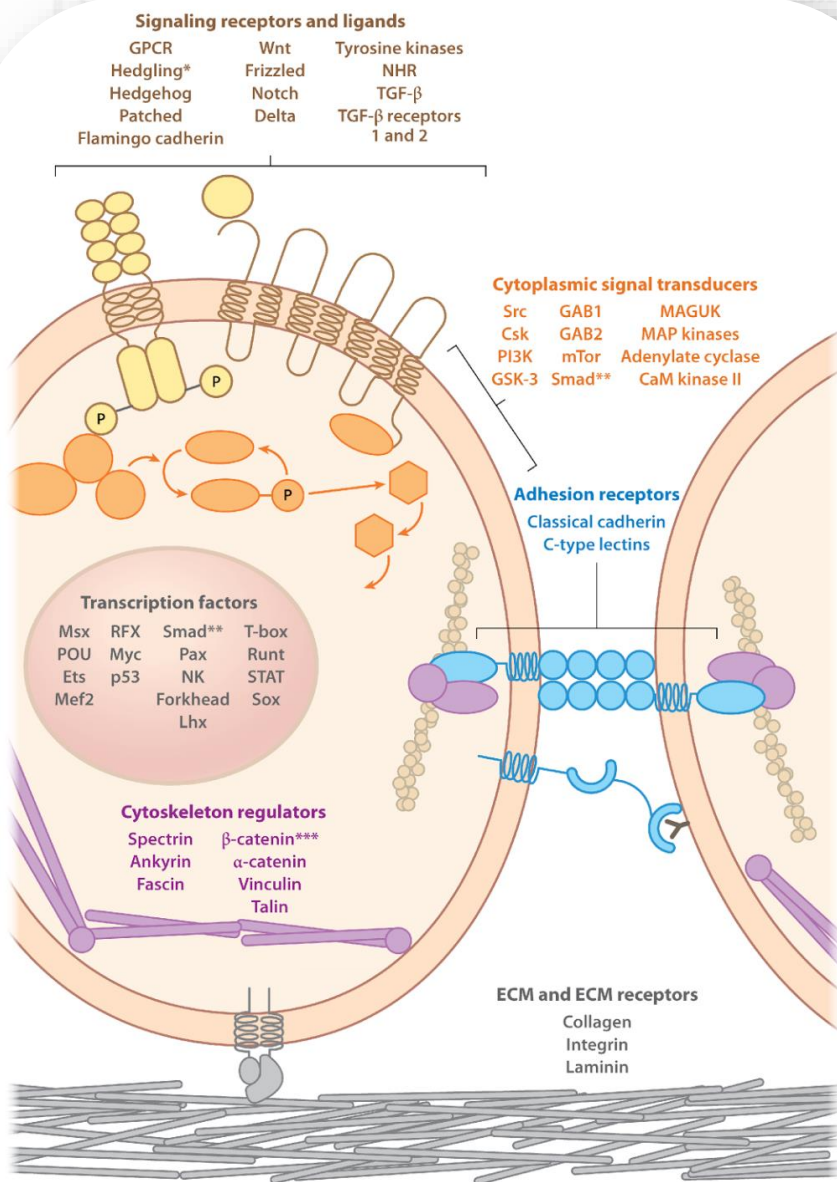
Triggers



Stages



Genome



- **Gene regulation** (TFs, and signalling pathways)
- **Cell adhesion**
- **Cell type specialization**
- **Cell cycle**
- **Immunity**

HOW TO MAKE A BABY?

How to make a baby...



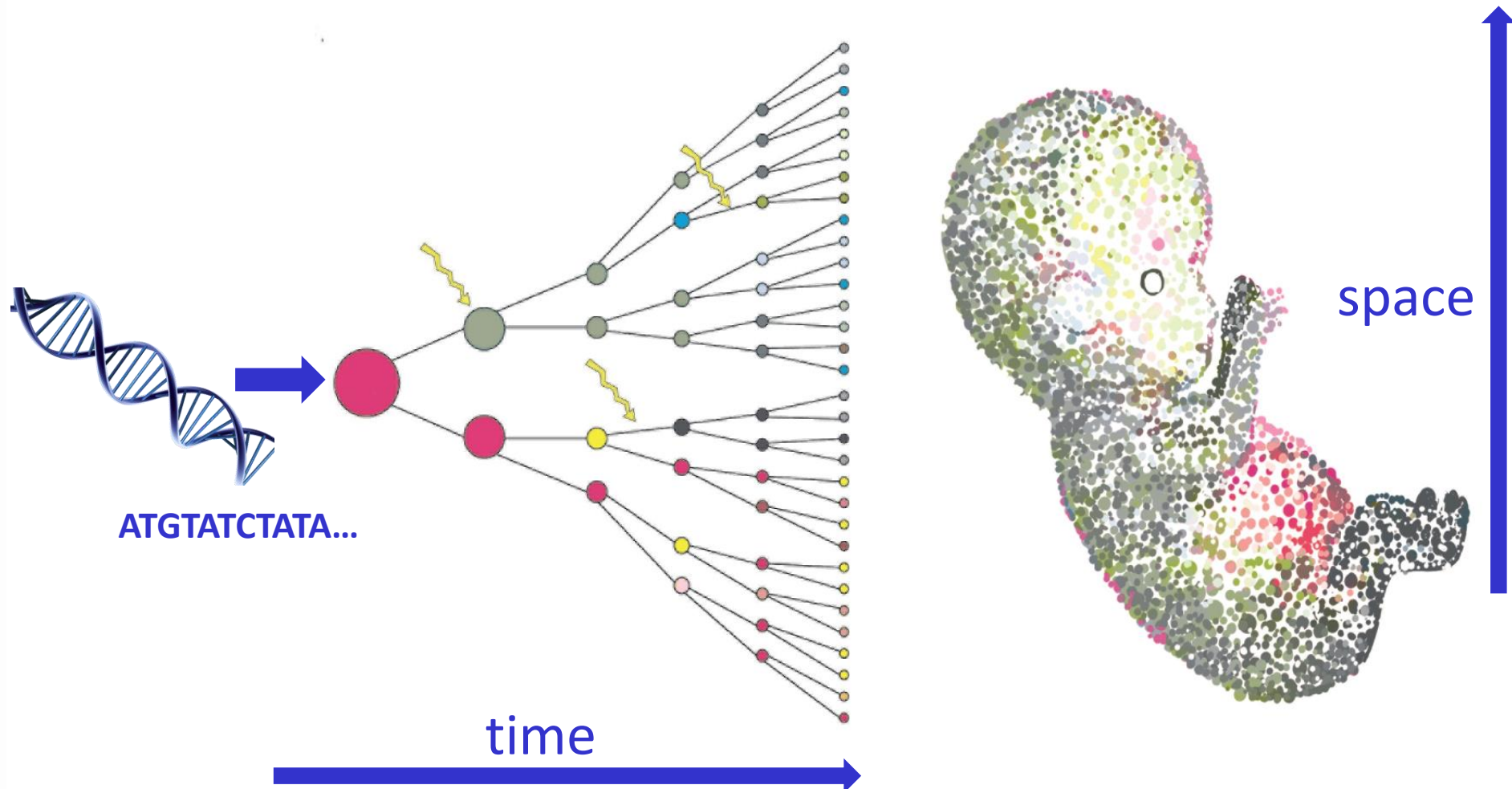
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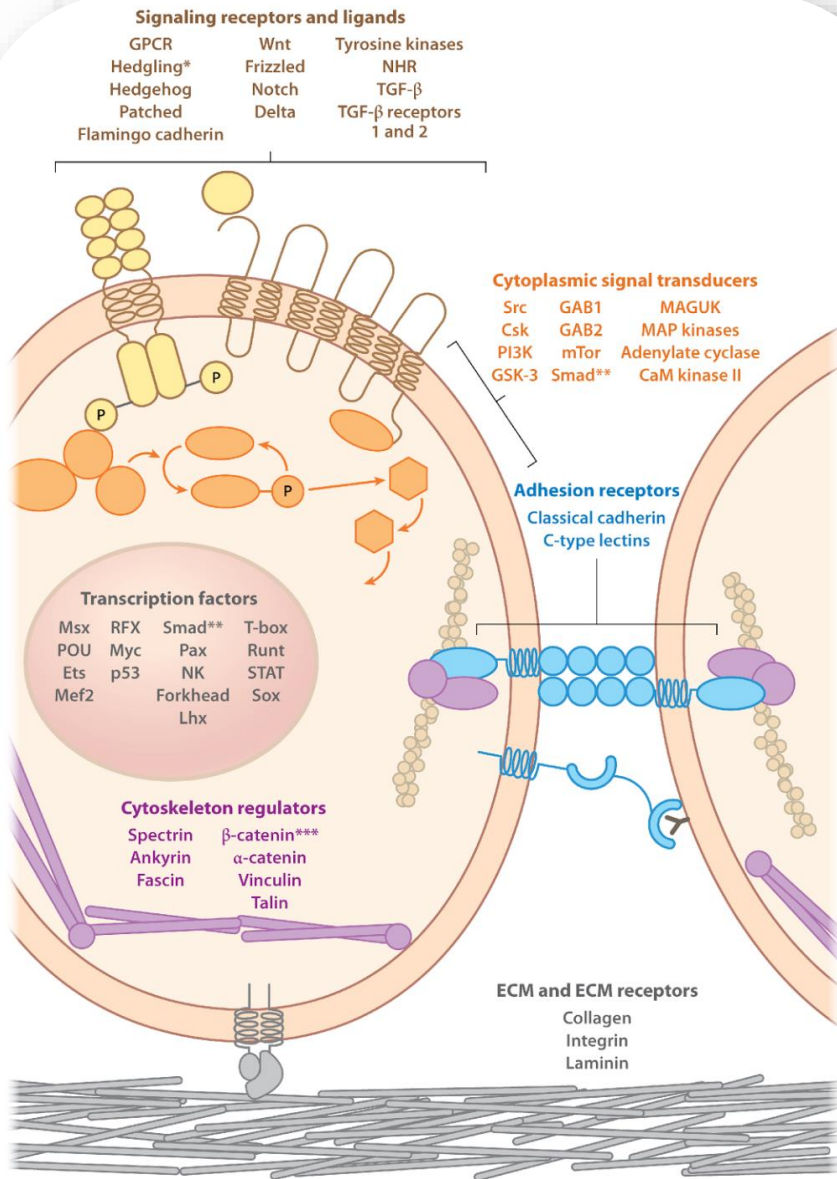
Moneres
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Monophyletischer
 Stammbaum der Organismen
 entworfen und gezeichnet von
 Ernst Haeckel, Jena, 1866.

Development converts info from 1D (DNA) to 4D



Genome



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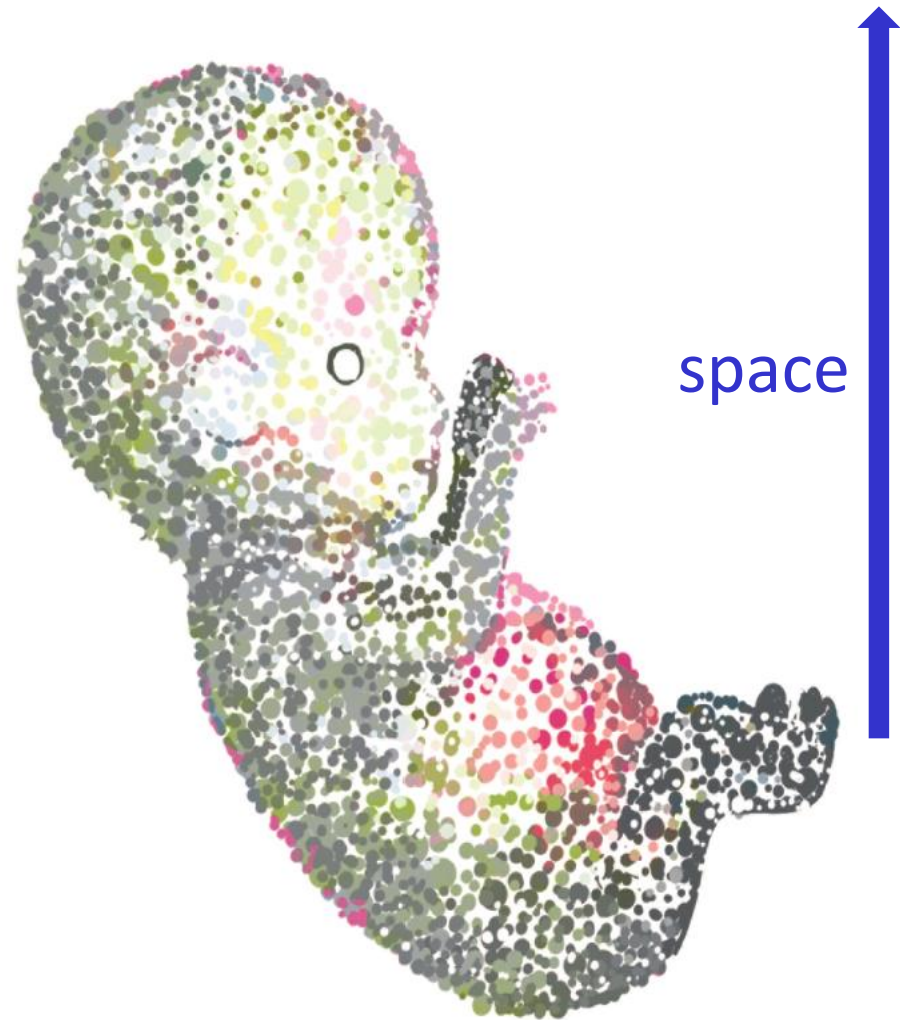
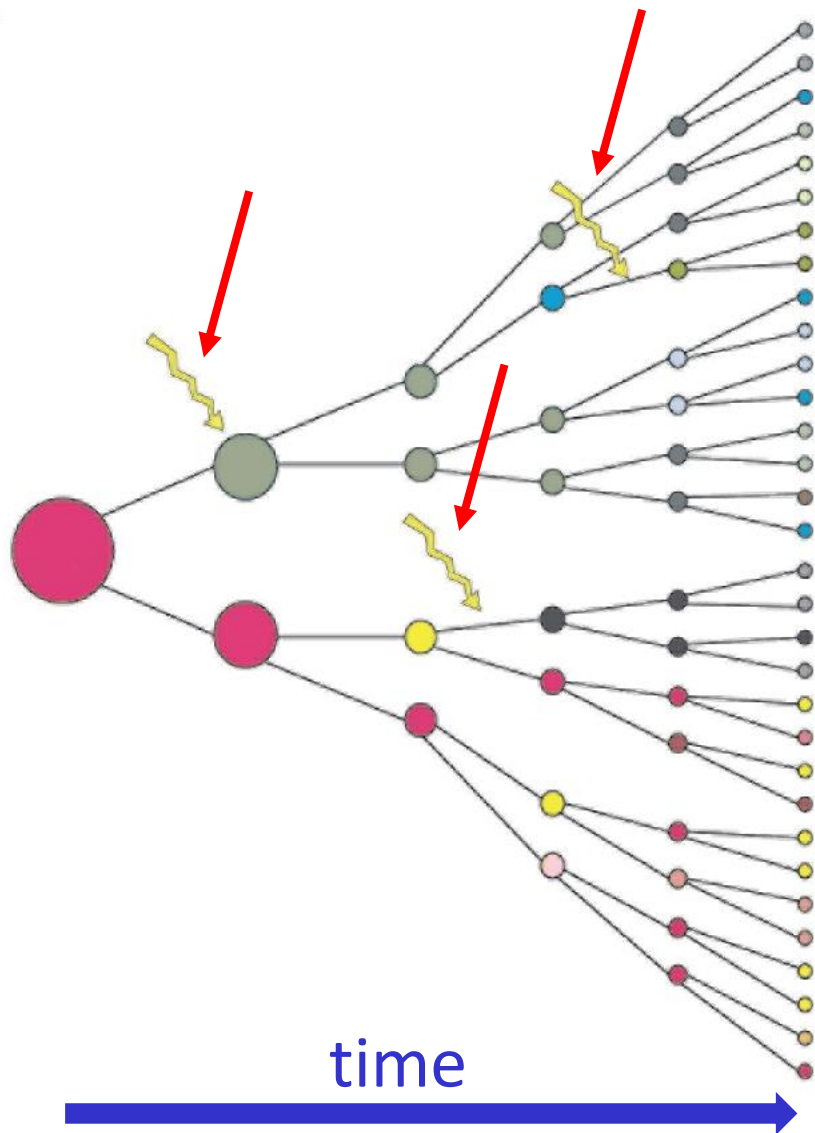
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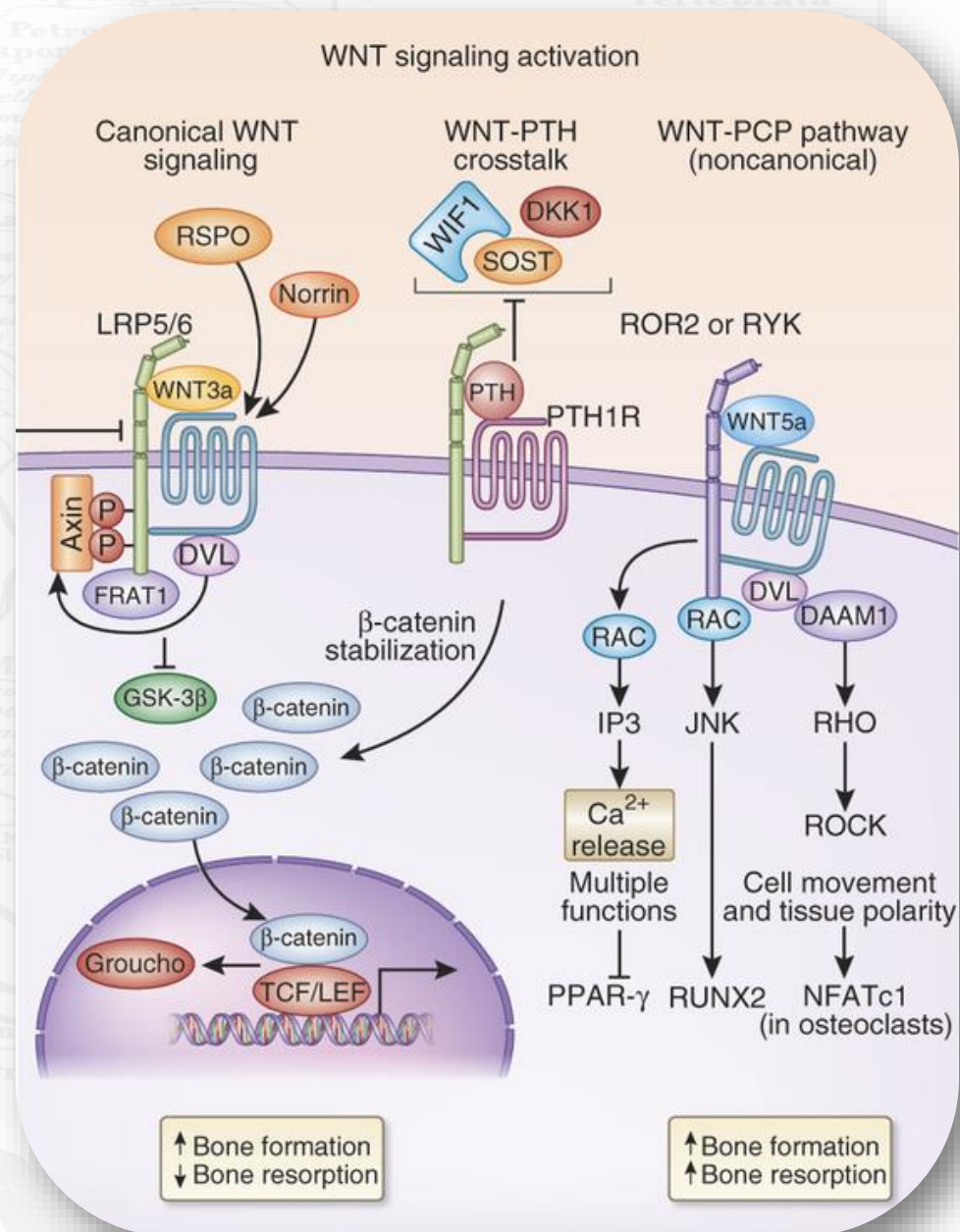
Differential gene expression



Genome

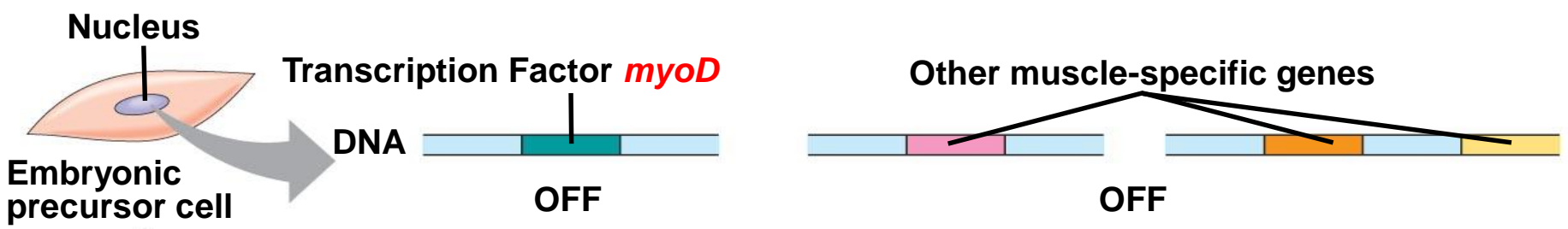


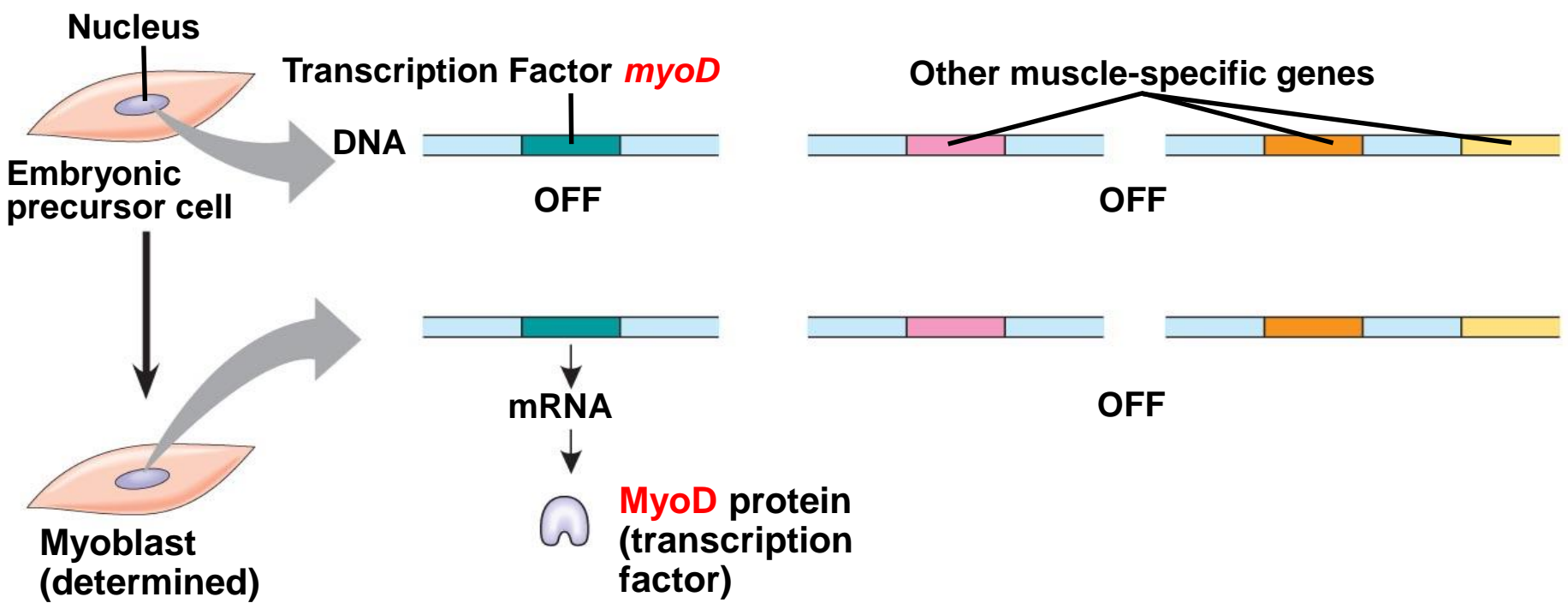
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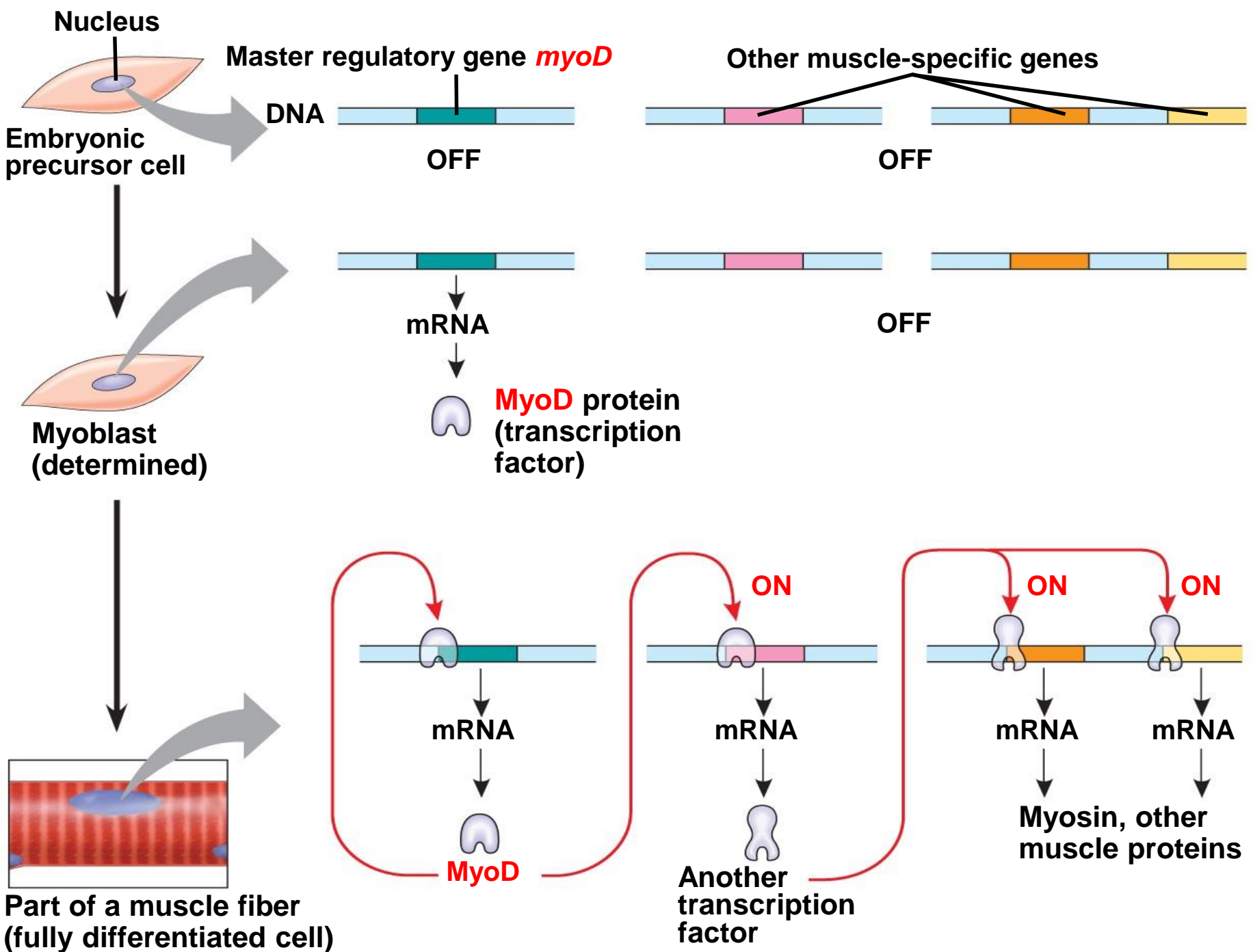


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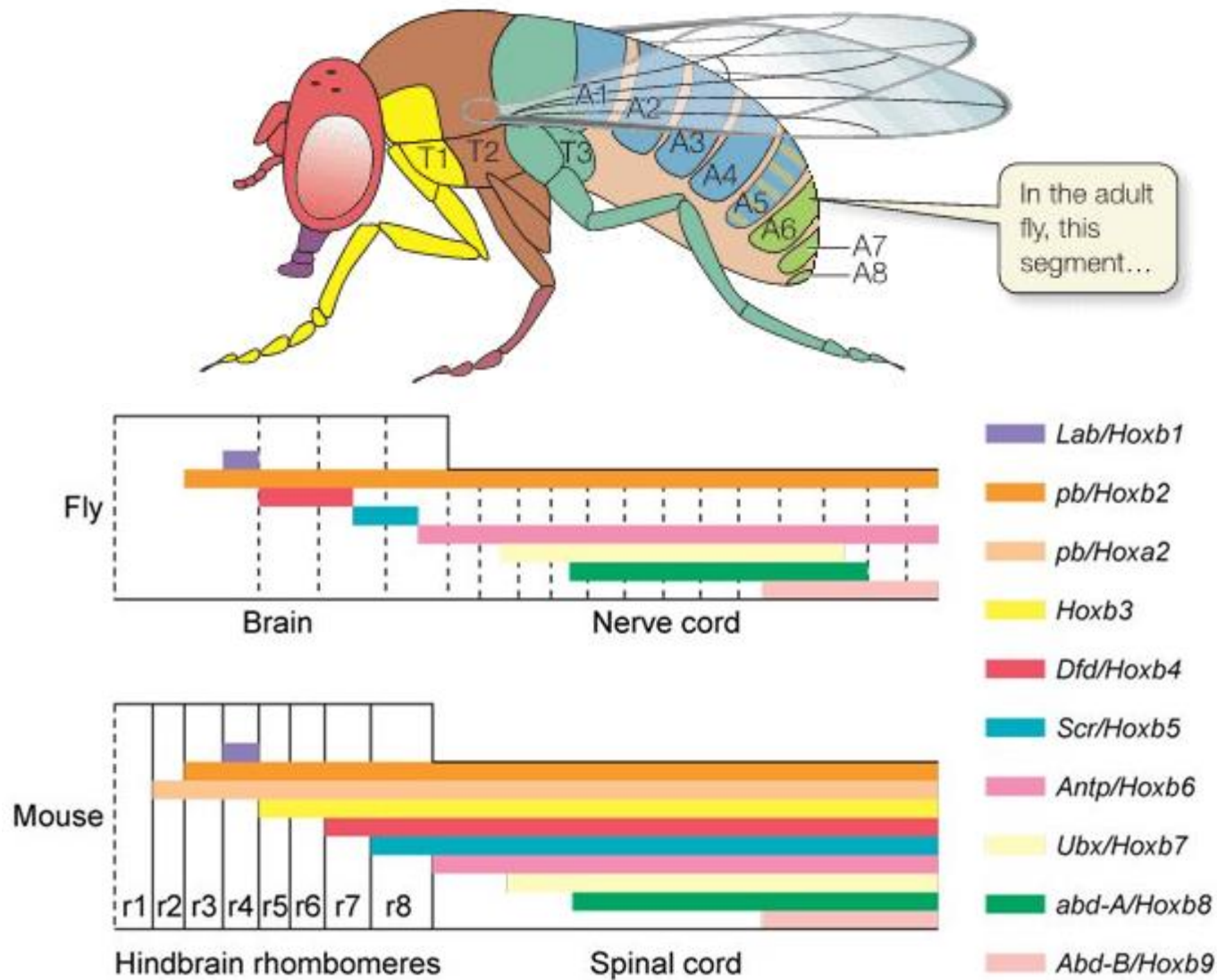
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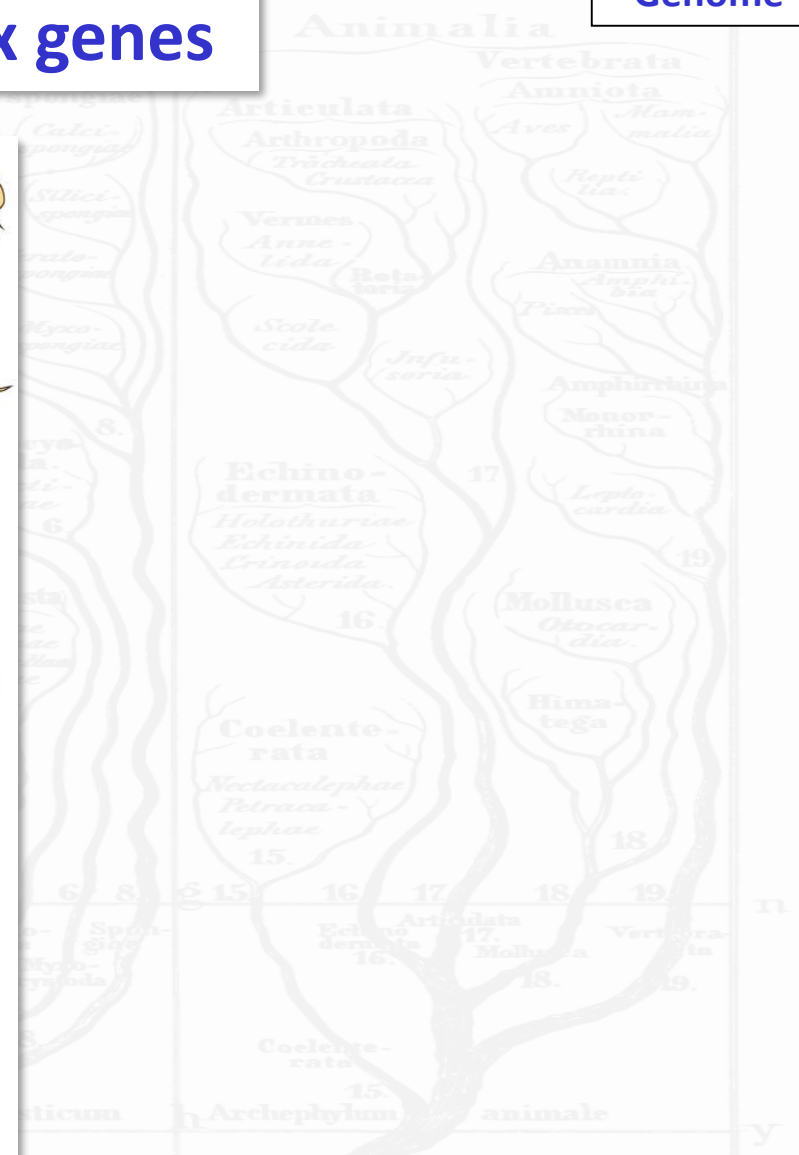
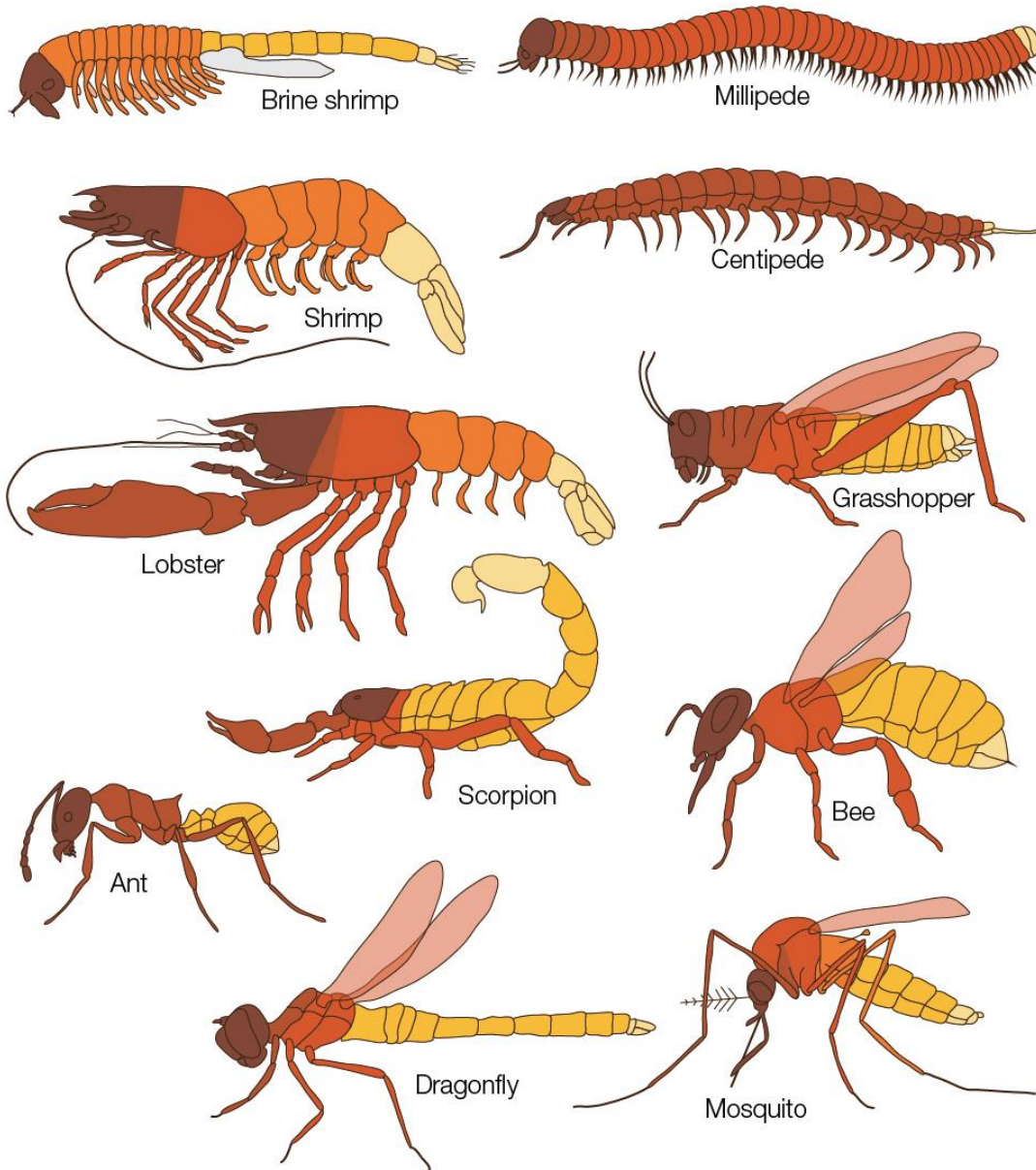




Transcription Factors (TFs): Hox genes



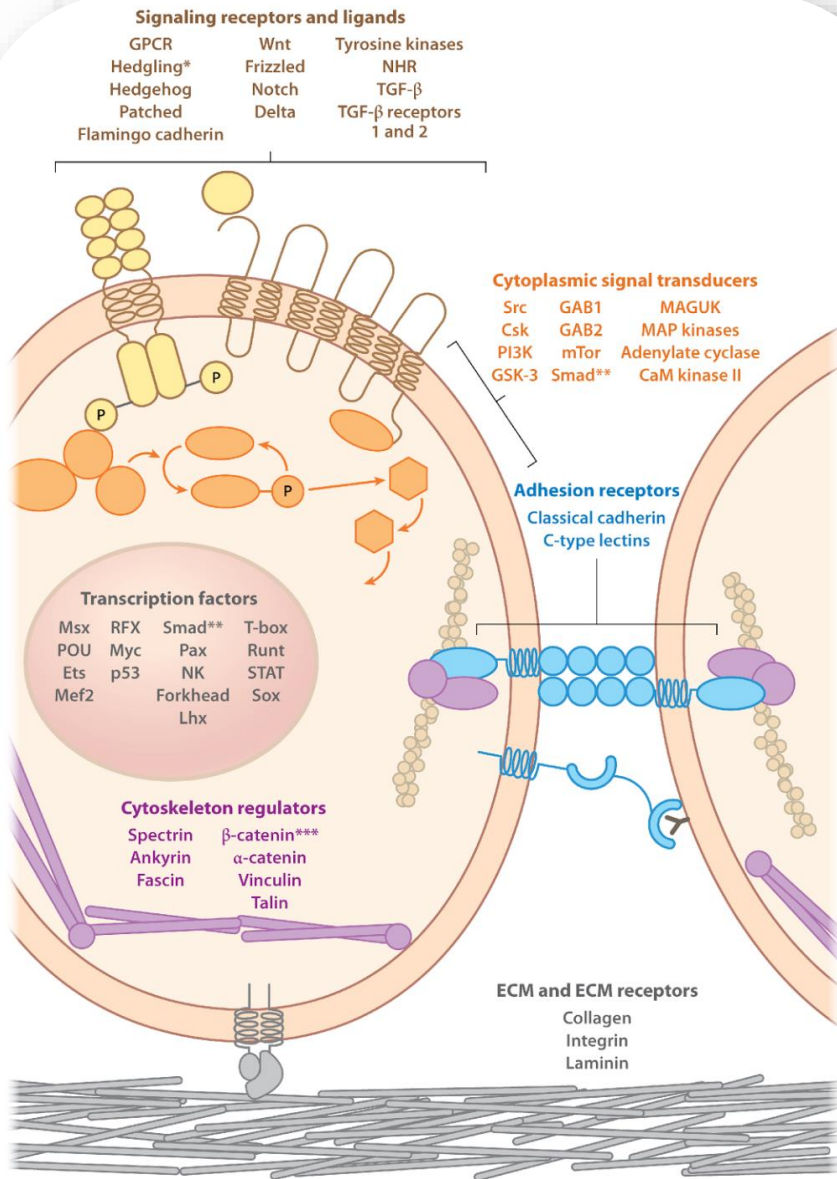
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<http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/basics/hoxgenes/>

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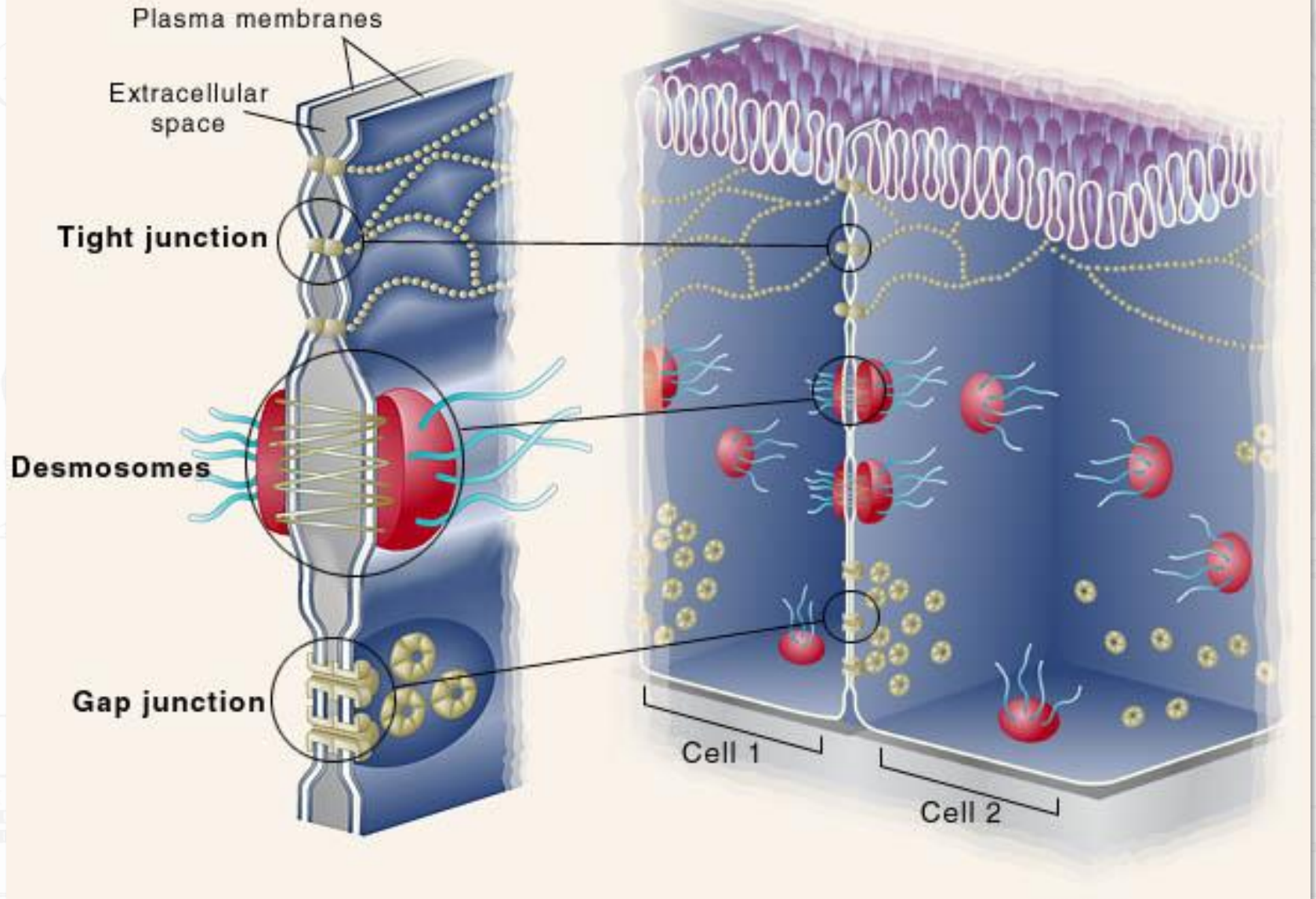
• **Cell type specialization**

• **Cell cycle**

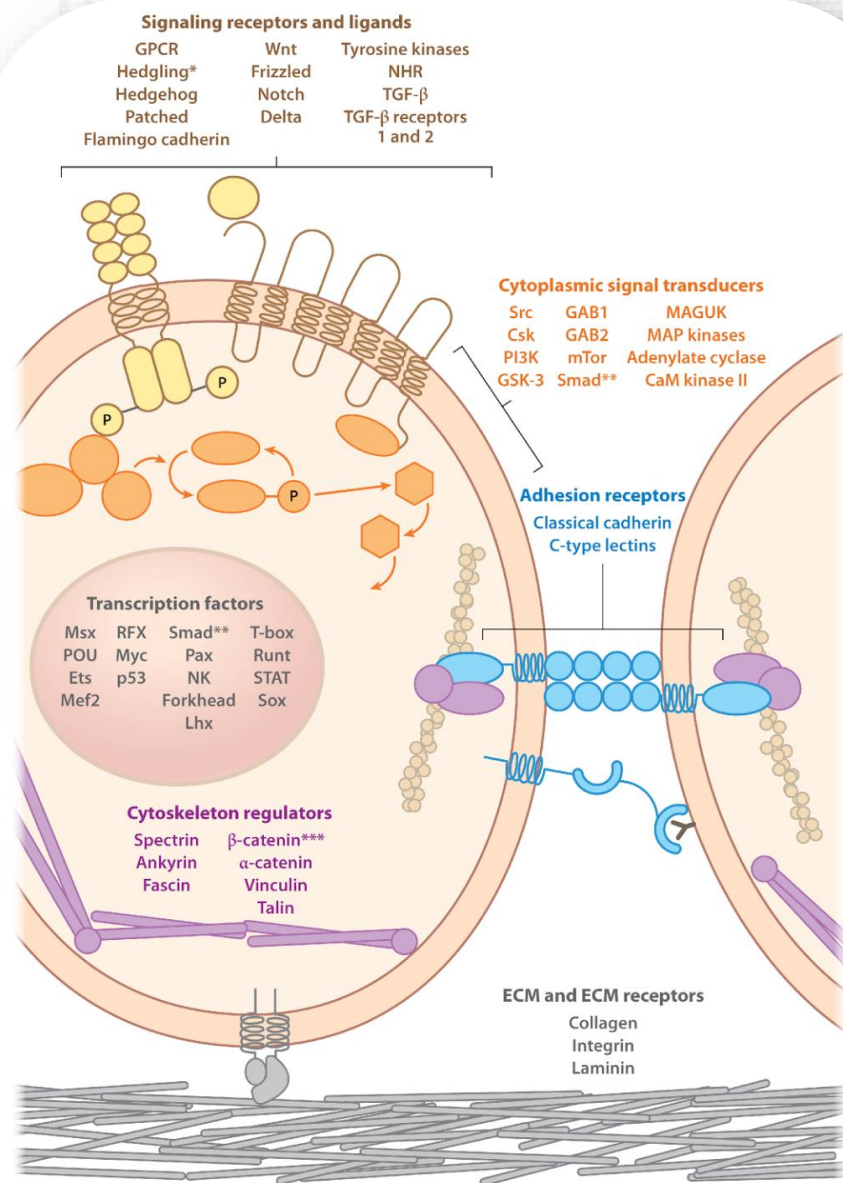
• **Immunity**

Cell adhesion

Specialized cell junctions

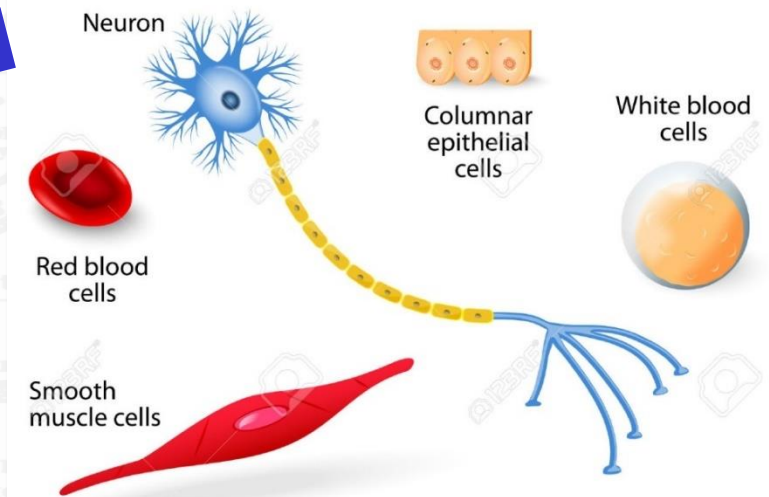
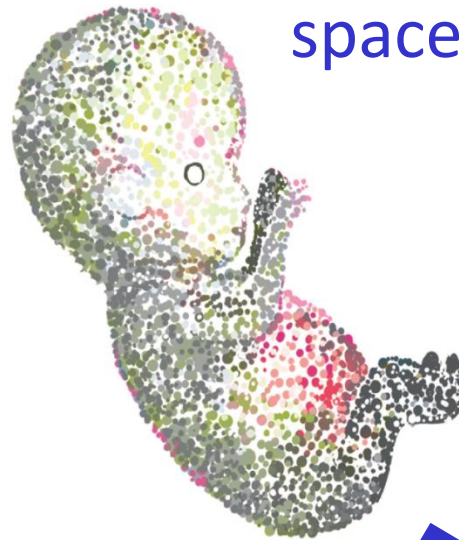
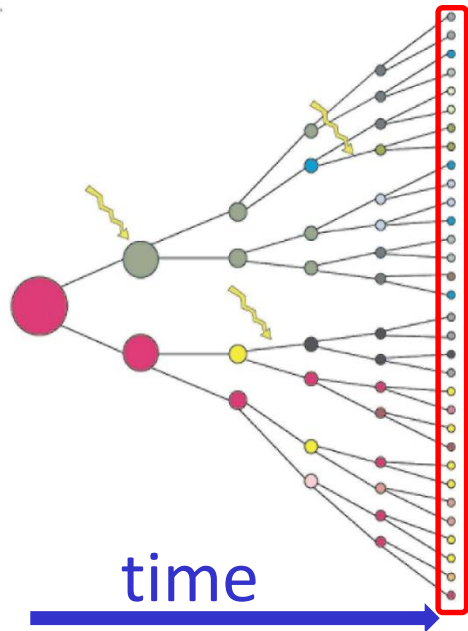


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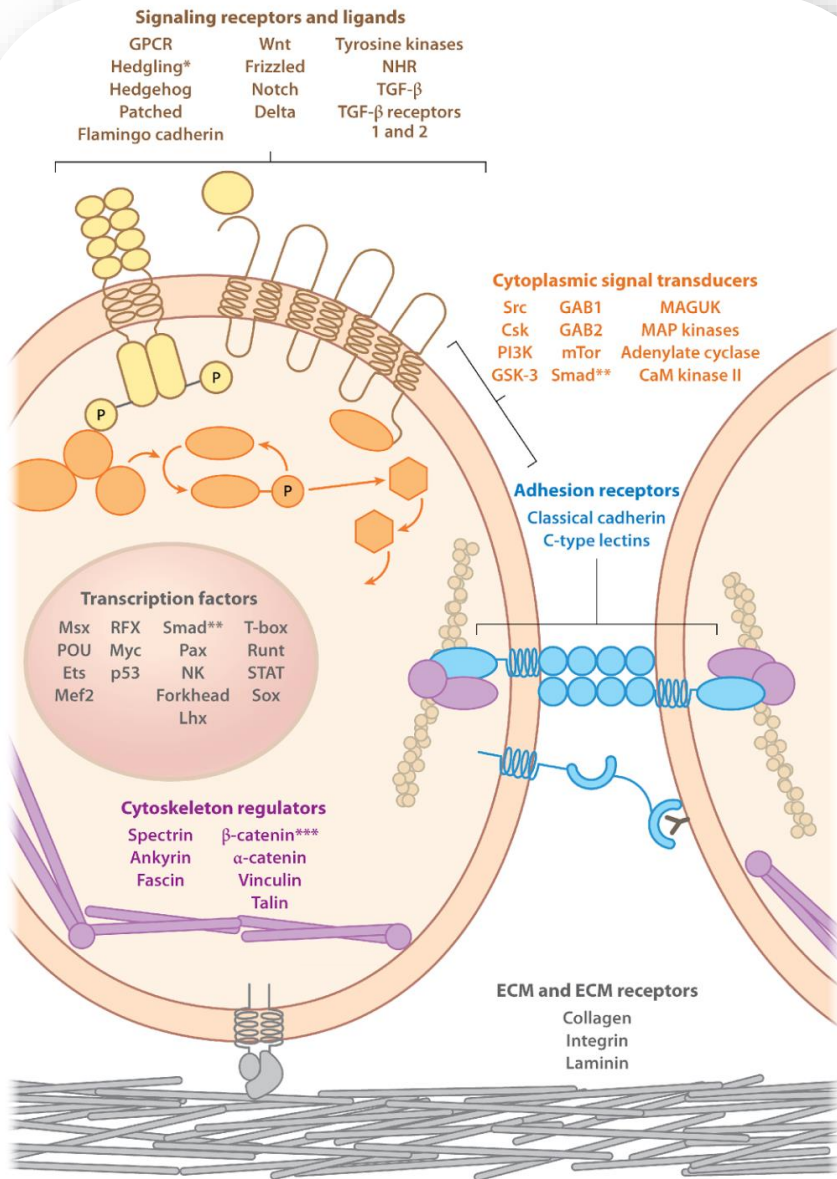


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Cell types



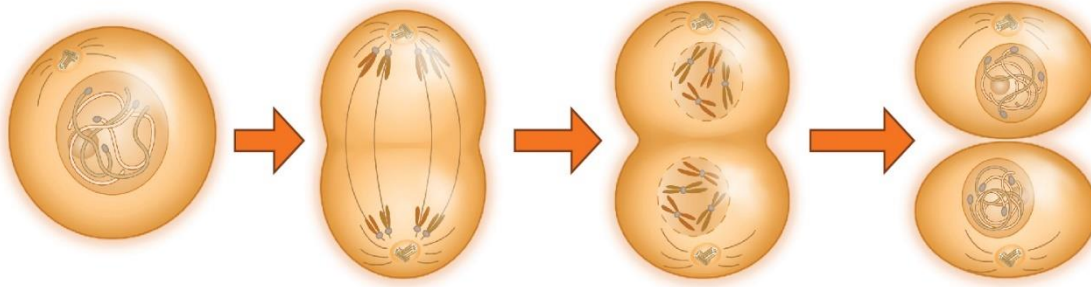
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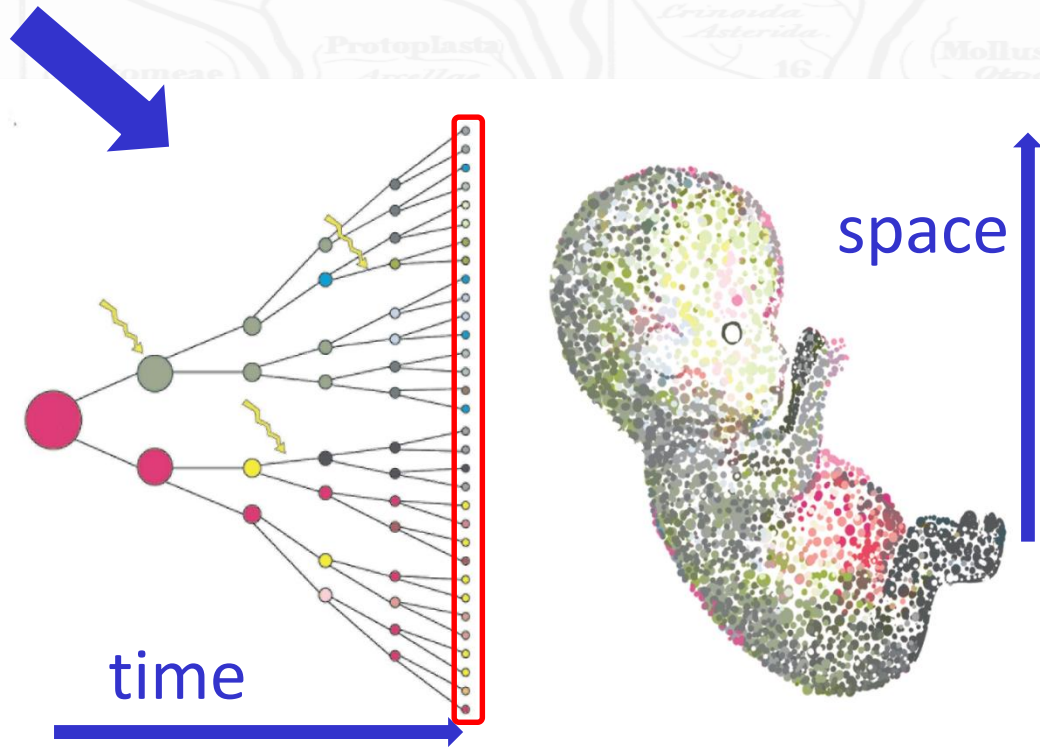
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Cell cycle

Cell division

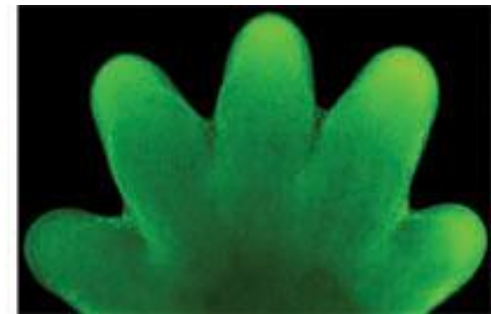
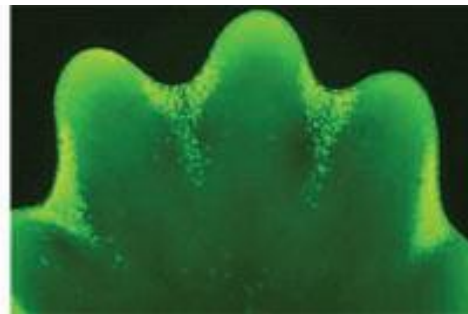
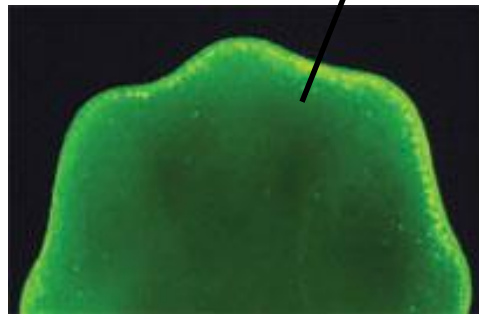


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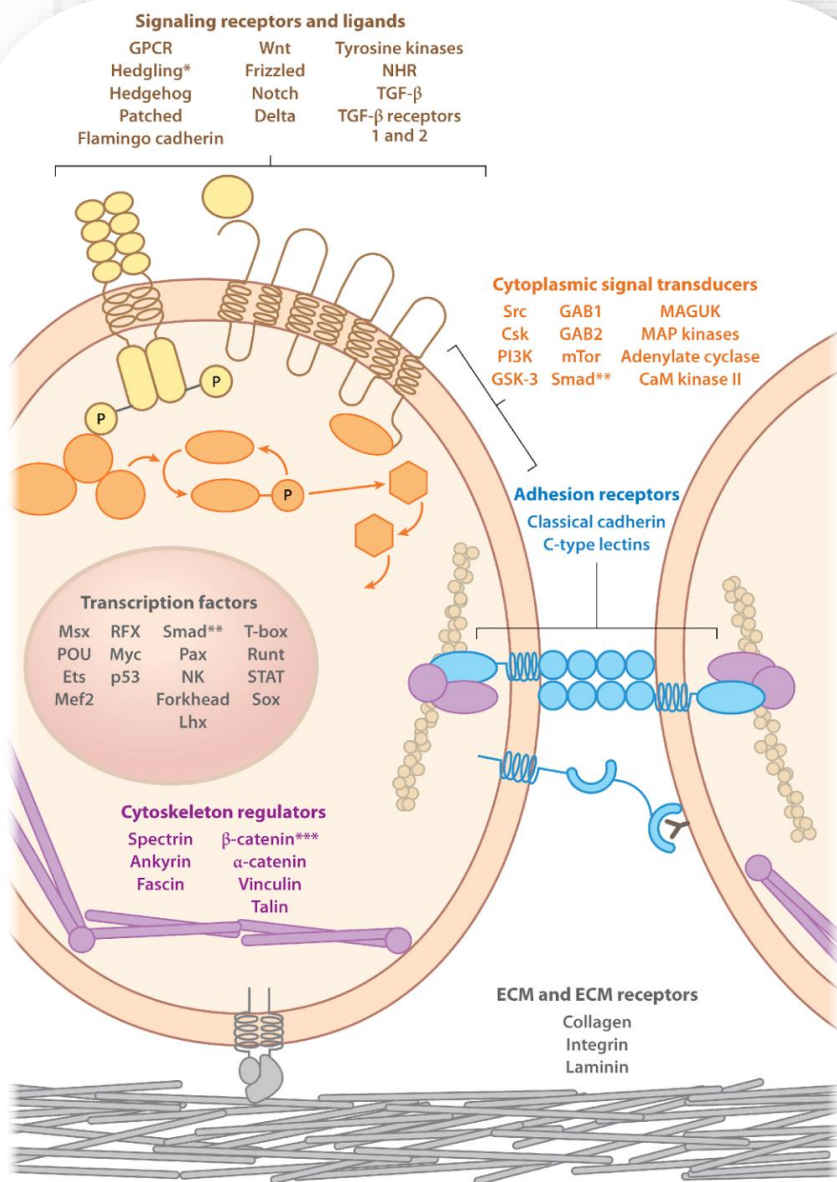
Programmed cell death: apoptosis

Interdigital tissue

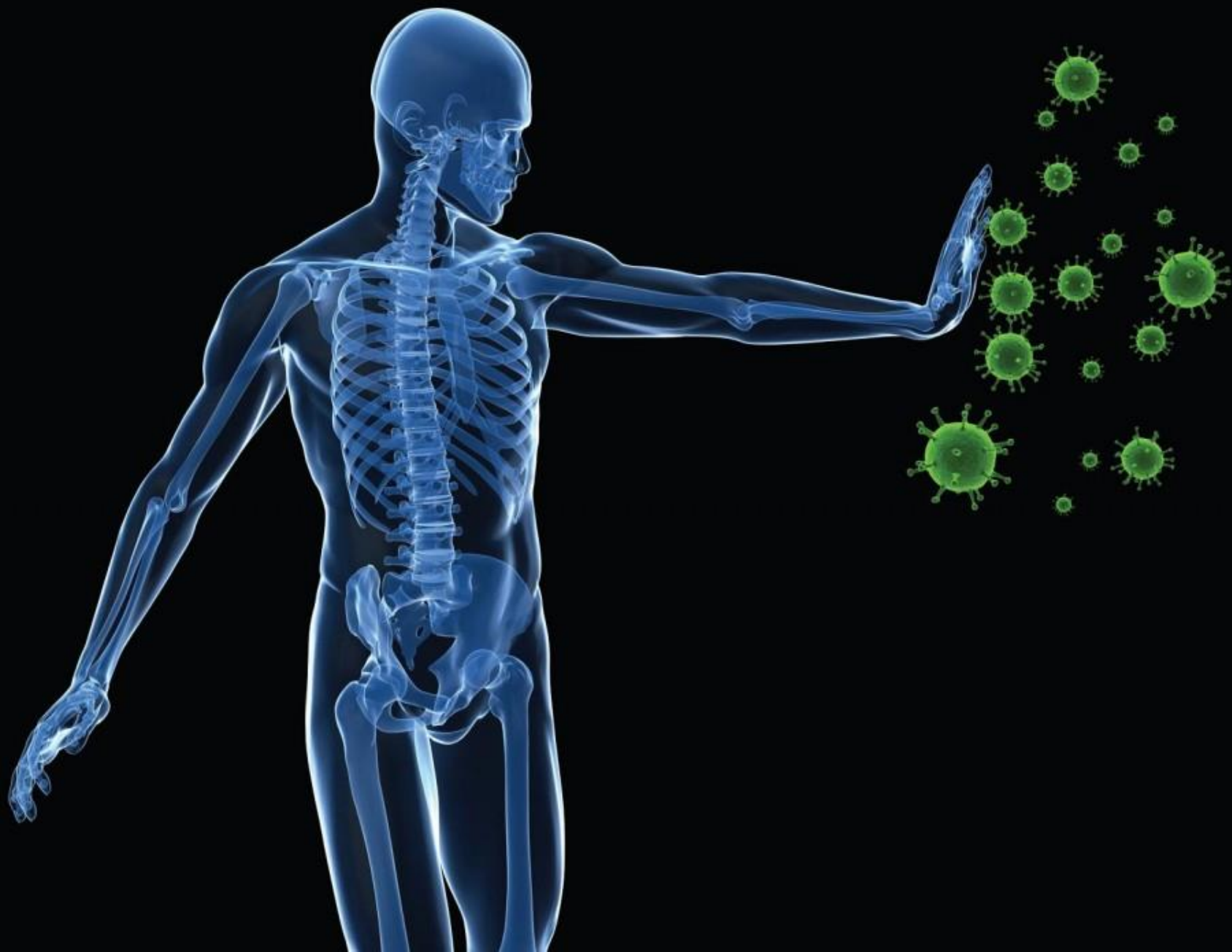


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Genome



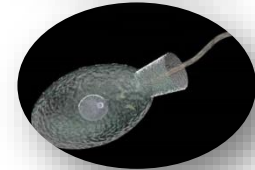
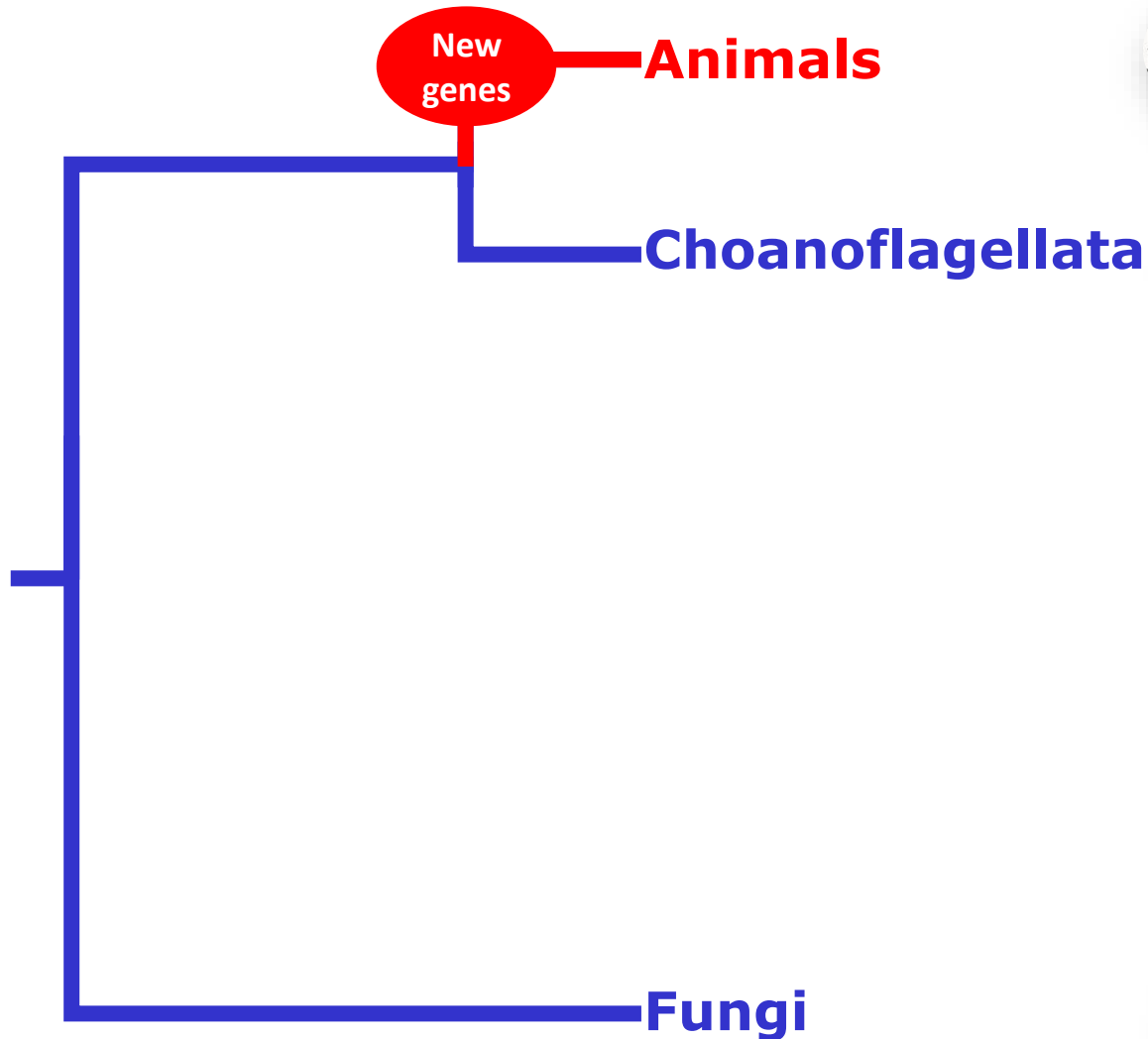
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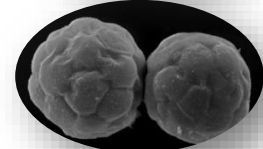
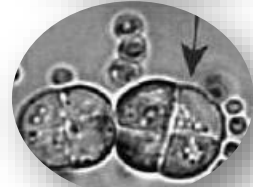
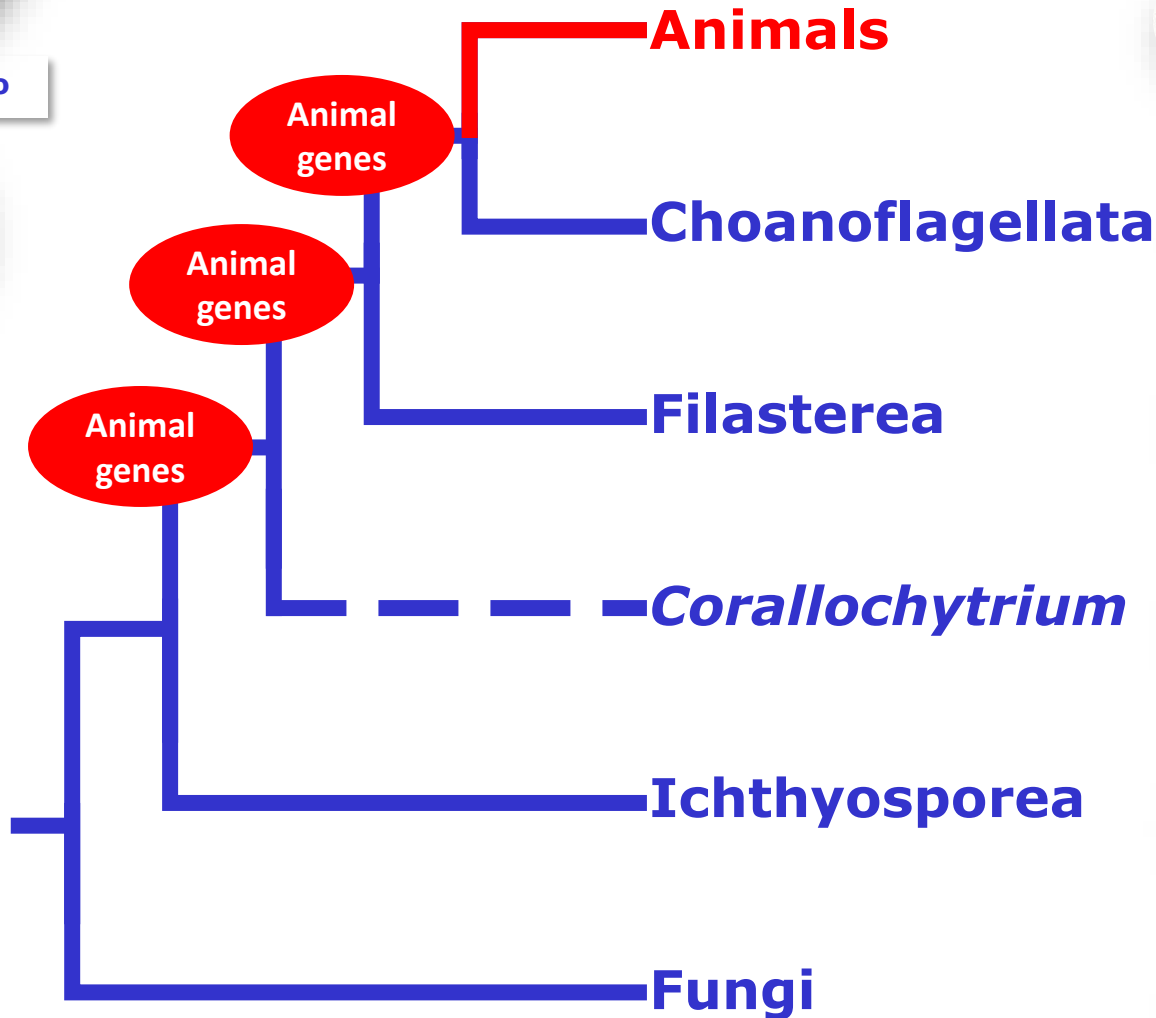
Genomic Novelties

Old vs New



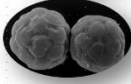
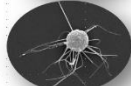
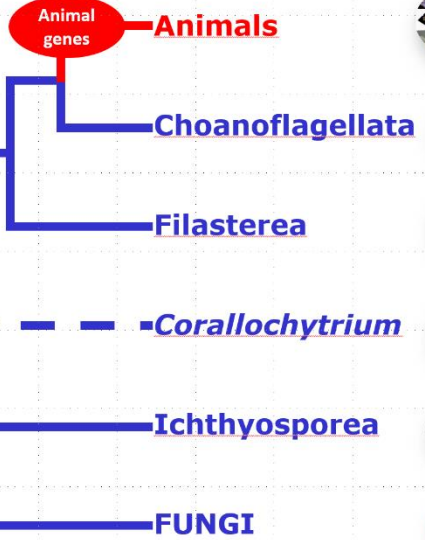
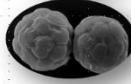
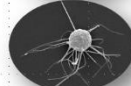
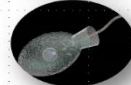
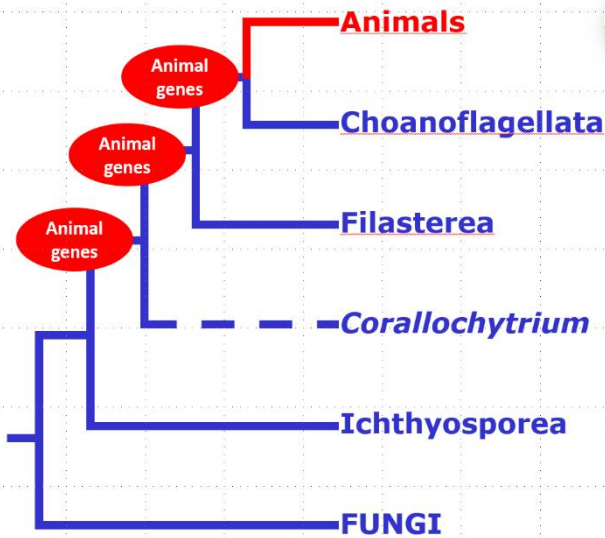


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Old vs new

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COMPARE GENOMES TO PROFILE THE ROLE OF NOVELTY IN ANIMAL ORIGINS



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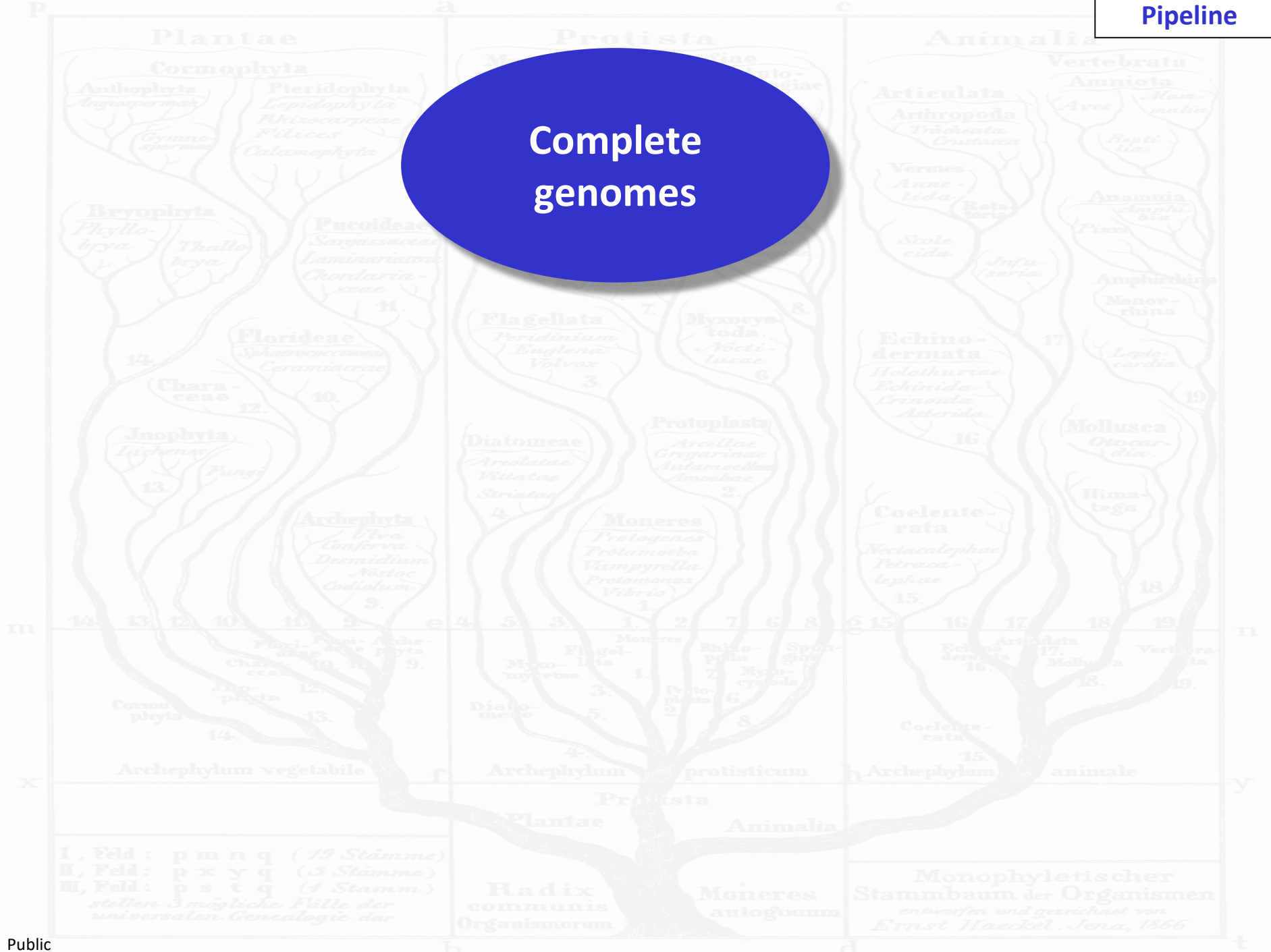
THE PIPELINE

Complete
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Define groups
of homologous
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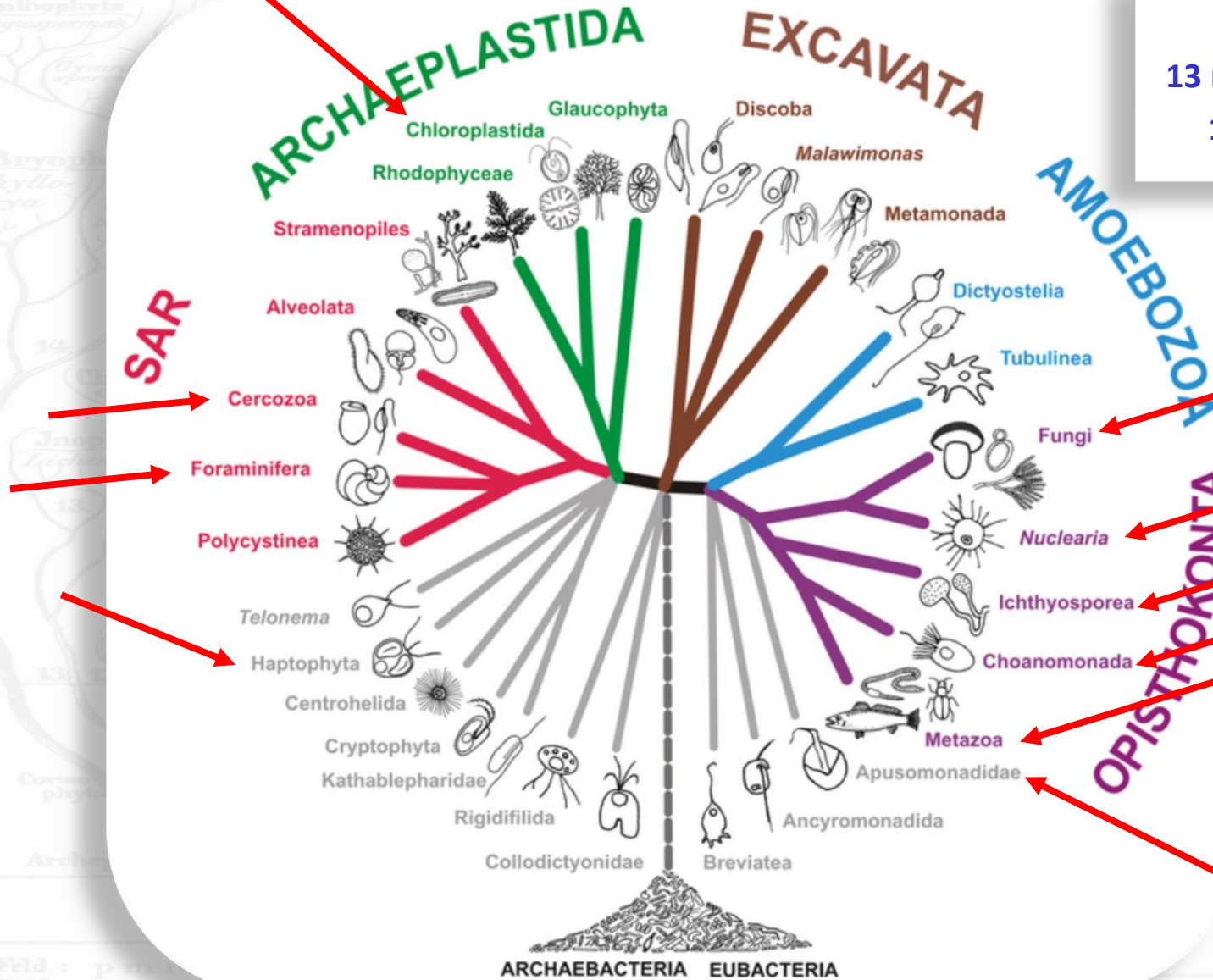
Map genes
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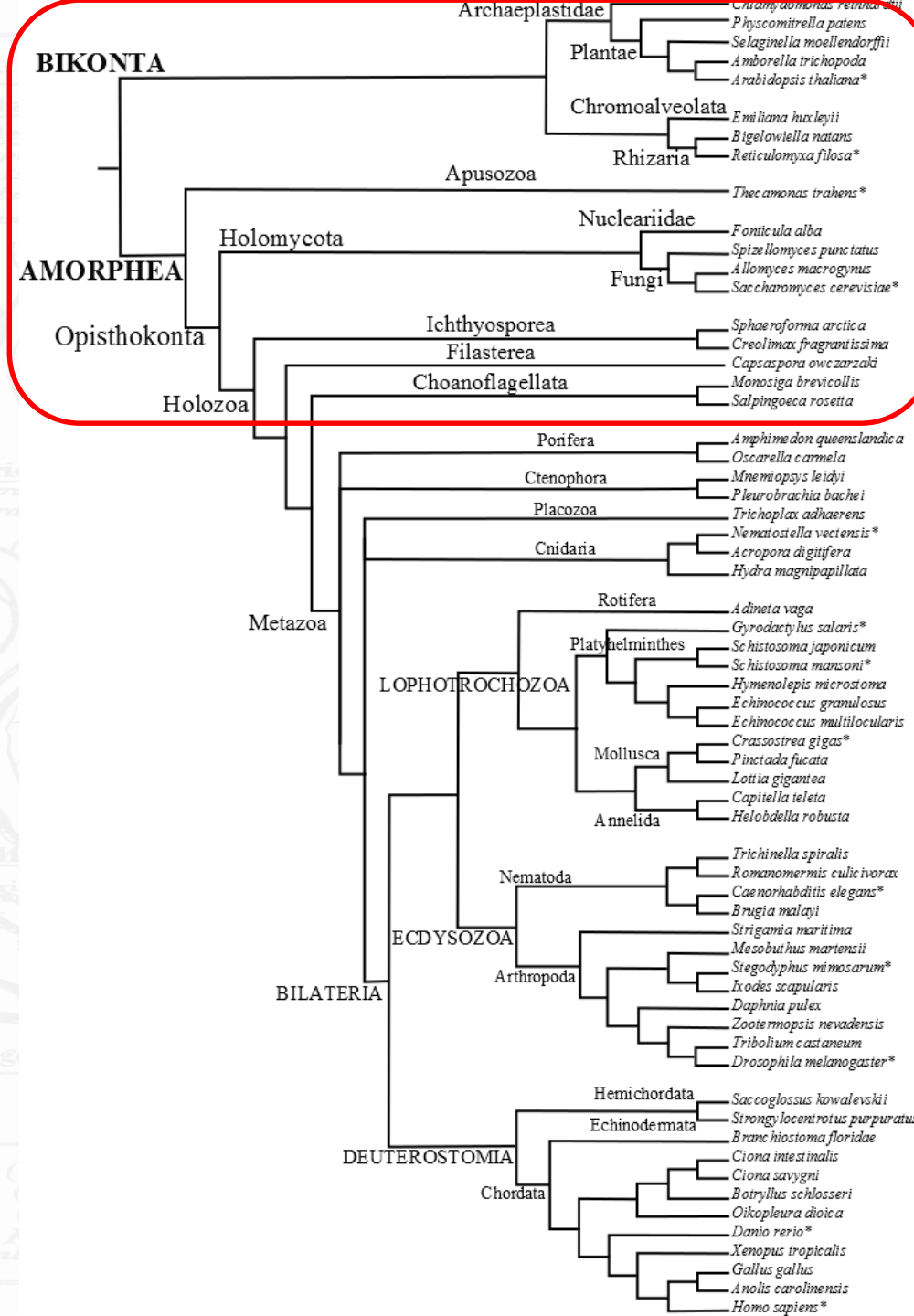


Eukaryotes

62 Genomes
13 metazoan phyla
10 outgroups

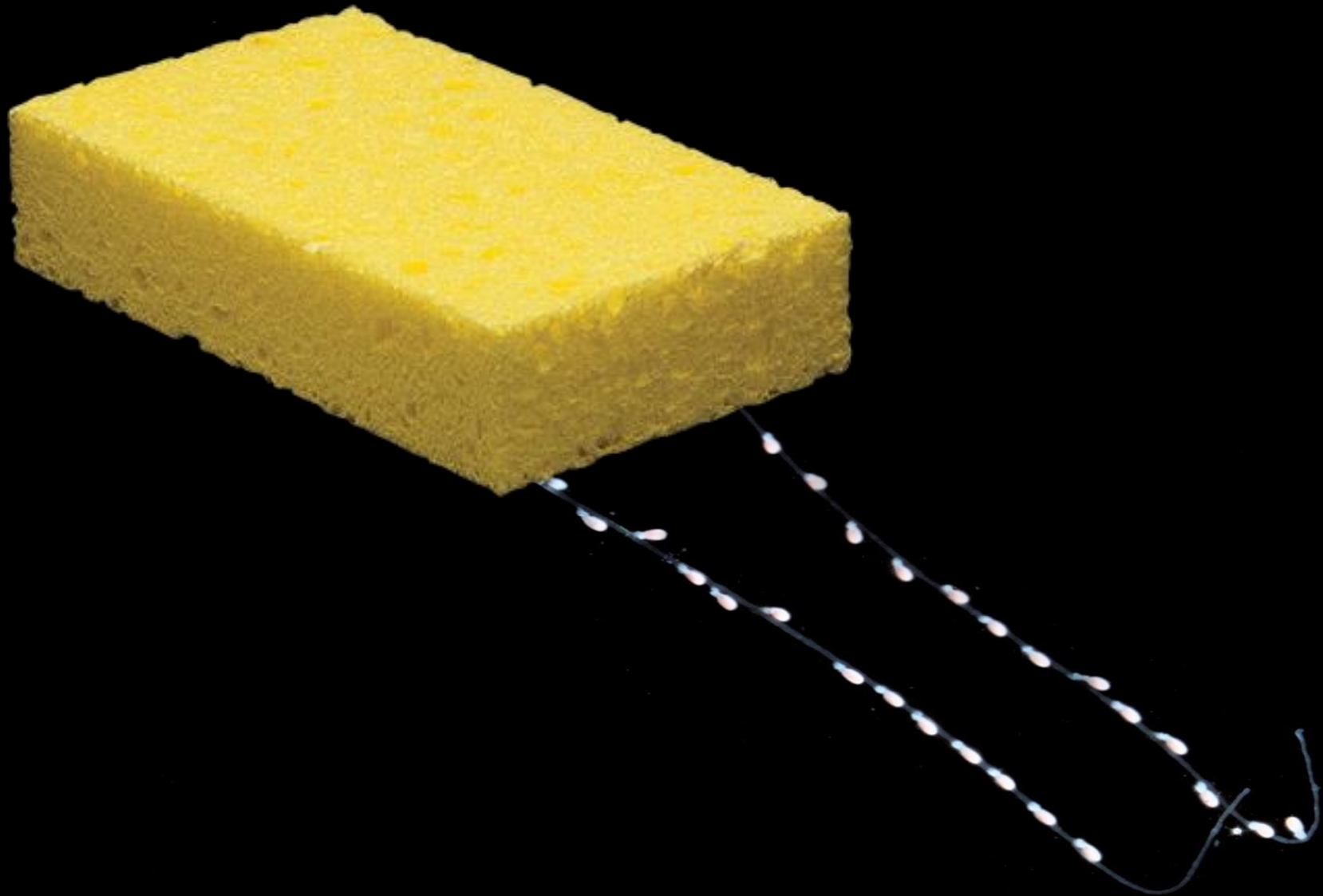


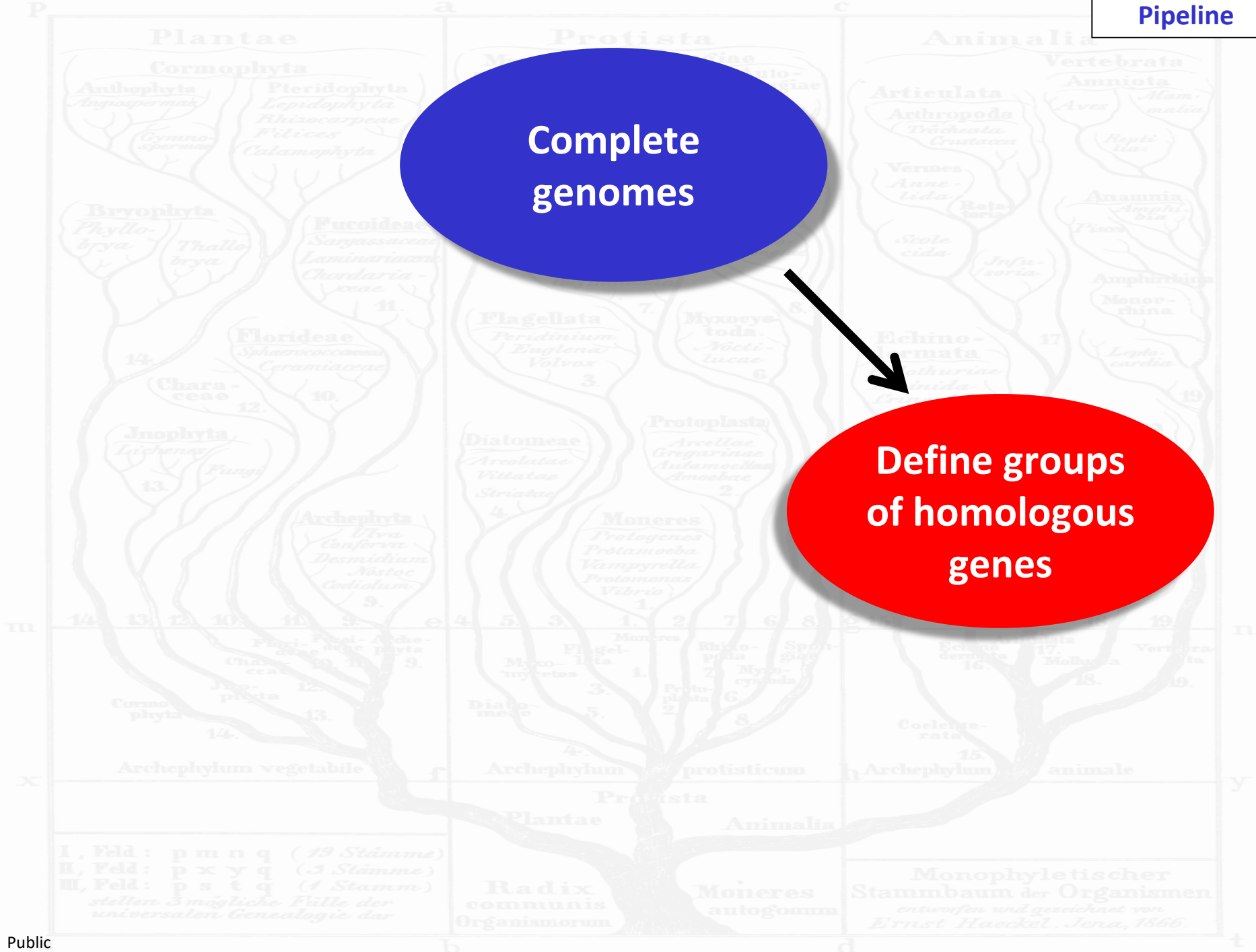
10 outgroup lineages



Animal root: spongctenophorifera

Pipeline





Homology assignment

	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Accuracy</u>	<u>Orthology/Paralogy</u>
<u>Phylostratigraphy</u> one spp query one-way BLAST	+++	+	None (assumes one-to-one)
<u>Reciprocal Best BLAST</u> All spp vs all Two-way BLAST RBB/RBD/RBH...	++	++	BLAST e-value (i.e. Inparanoid) Gene trees
<u>Reciprocal BLAST + HMM</u> All spp vs all Two-way BLAST MCL	+	+++	BLAST e-value (i.e. OrthoMCL) Gene trees

Markov Clustering

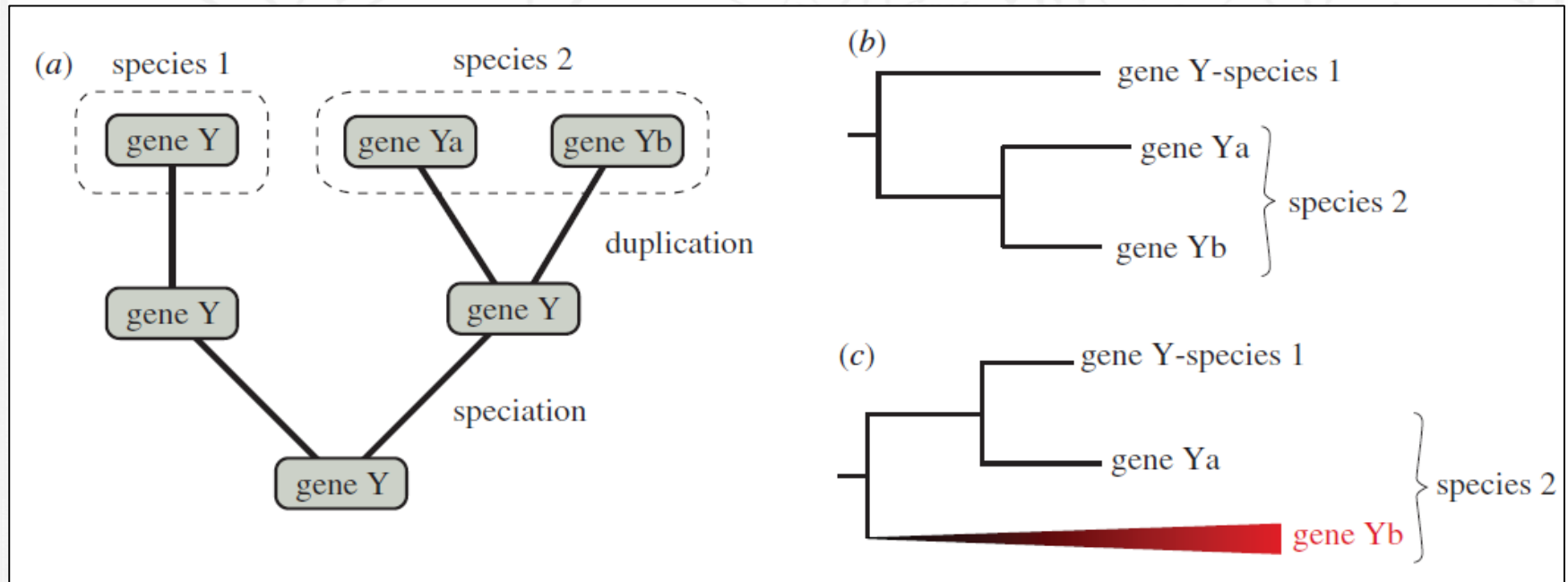
Pipeline

**Reciprocal
Best BLAST
+
MCL**

- 1,500,000 genes in the 62 genomes
- 2,000,000,000,000 one vs one comparisons
- 268,440 homology groups (HG)

Why no orthology/paralogy?

Assymmetric evolution



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Review

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New genes from old: asymmetric divergence of gene duplicates and the evolution of development

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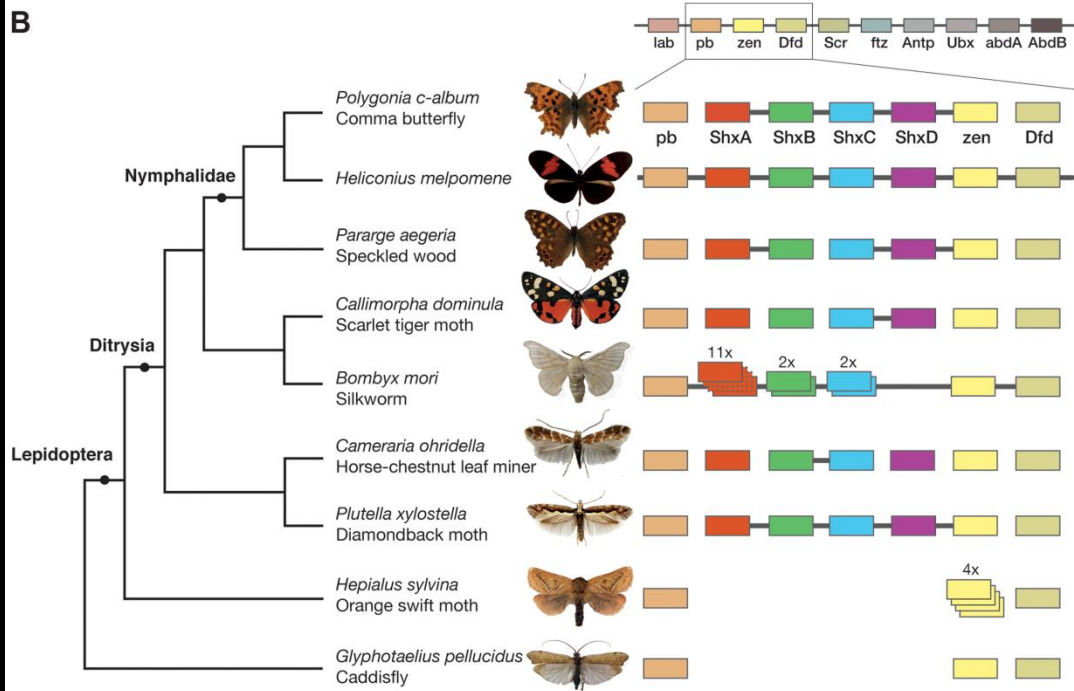
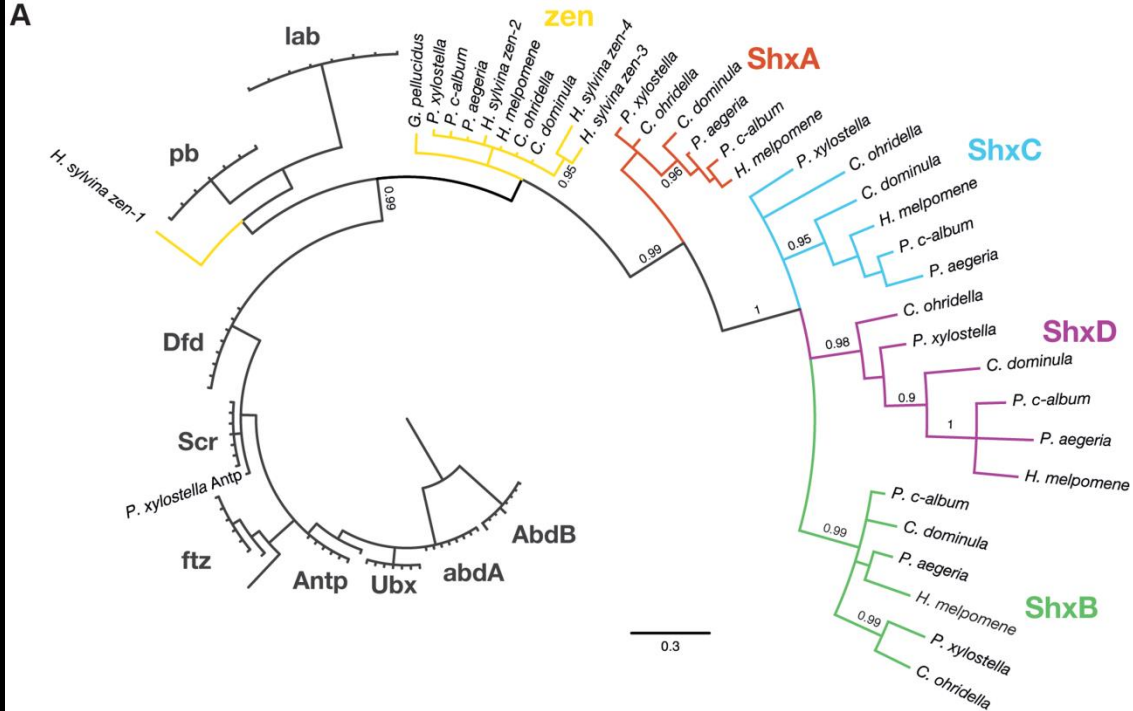
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Homeobox Superfamily

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Class ANTP

↓
Subclass HOXL

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Family *Hox1*

- All human genome: 9,415 homology groups
- All fruit fly genome: 7,681 homology clusters

Pipeline

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Zhong and Holland 2011

Complete
genomes

Define groups
of homologous
genes

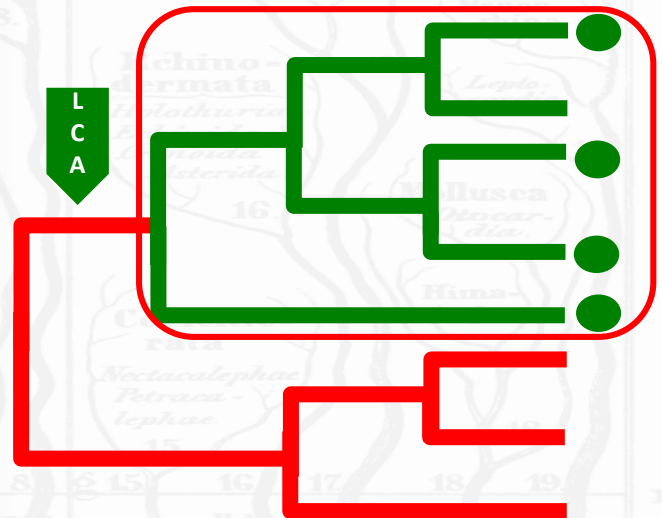
Map genes
distribution

Phylogenetically-Aware Parsing Script

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Tree:

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Eukaryota
Amorphea
  Opisthokonta
    Holozoa
      Metazoa
        Diploblastica_(paraphyletic)
          Cnidaria
            Anthozoa
              Acropora_digitifera_(Adig) => 24
              Nematostella_vectensis_(Nvec) => 23
            Medusozoa
              Hydra_magnipapillata_(Hmag) => 25
          Placozoa
            Trichoplax_adhaerens_(Tadh) => 22
          Ctenophora
            Tentaculata_Lobata
              Mnemiopsis_leidy_(Mley) => 20
            Tentaculata_Cydippida
              Pleurobrachia_bachei_(Pbac) => 21
          Porifera
            Homoscleromorpha
              Oscarella_carmela_(Ocar) => 19
            Demospongiae
              Amphimedon_queenslandica_(Aque) => 18
        Bilateria
          Deuterostomia
            Hemichordata
              Enteropneusta
                Saccolossus_kowaleski_(Skow) => 50
            Chordata
              Cephalochordata
                Branchiostoma_floridae_(Bflo) => 52
              Urochordata
                Botryllus_schlosseri_(Bsch) => 55
                Ciona_intestinalis_(Cint) => 53
                Ciona_savignyi_(Csav) => 54
                Oikopleura dioica_(Odi) => 56
              Vertebrata
                Anolis_carolinensis_(Acar) => 60
                Gallus_gallus_(Ggal) => 59
                Danio_rerio_(Drer) => 57
                Homo_sapiens_(Hsap) => 61
                Xenopus_tropicalis_(Xtro) => 58
            Echinodermata
              Echinoidea
                Strongylocentrotus_purpuratus_(Spur) => 51
          Ecdysozoa
            Nematoda
              Chromadorea
                Caenorhabditis_elegans_(Cele) => 40
                Brugia_malayi_(Bmal) => 41
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                Romanomermis_culicivox_(Rcul) => 39
                Trichinella_spiralis_(Tspi) => 38
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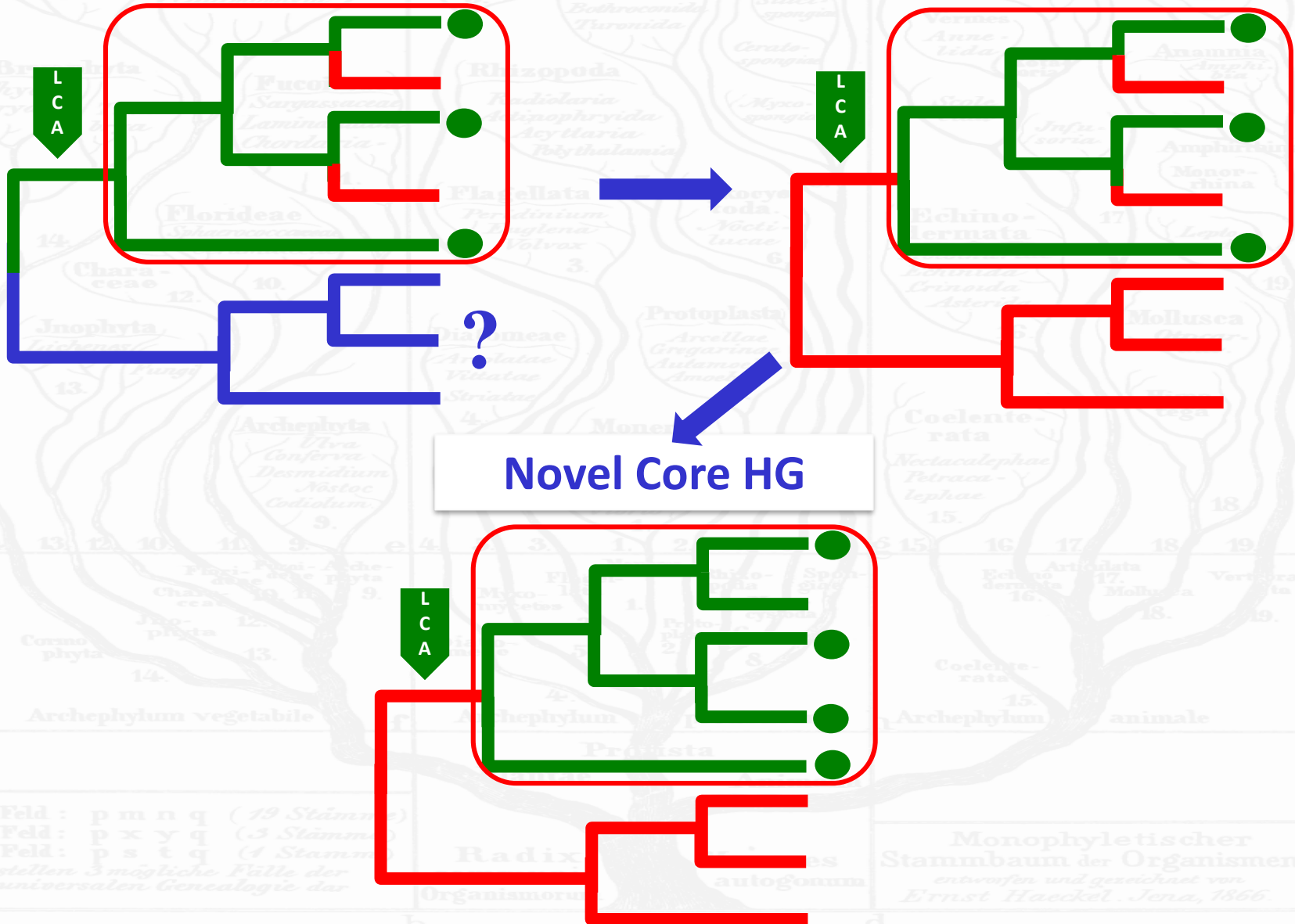


Types of gene groups

Ancestral HG

Novel HG

Novel Core HG



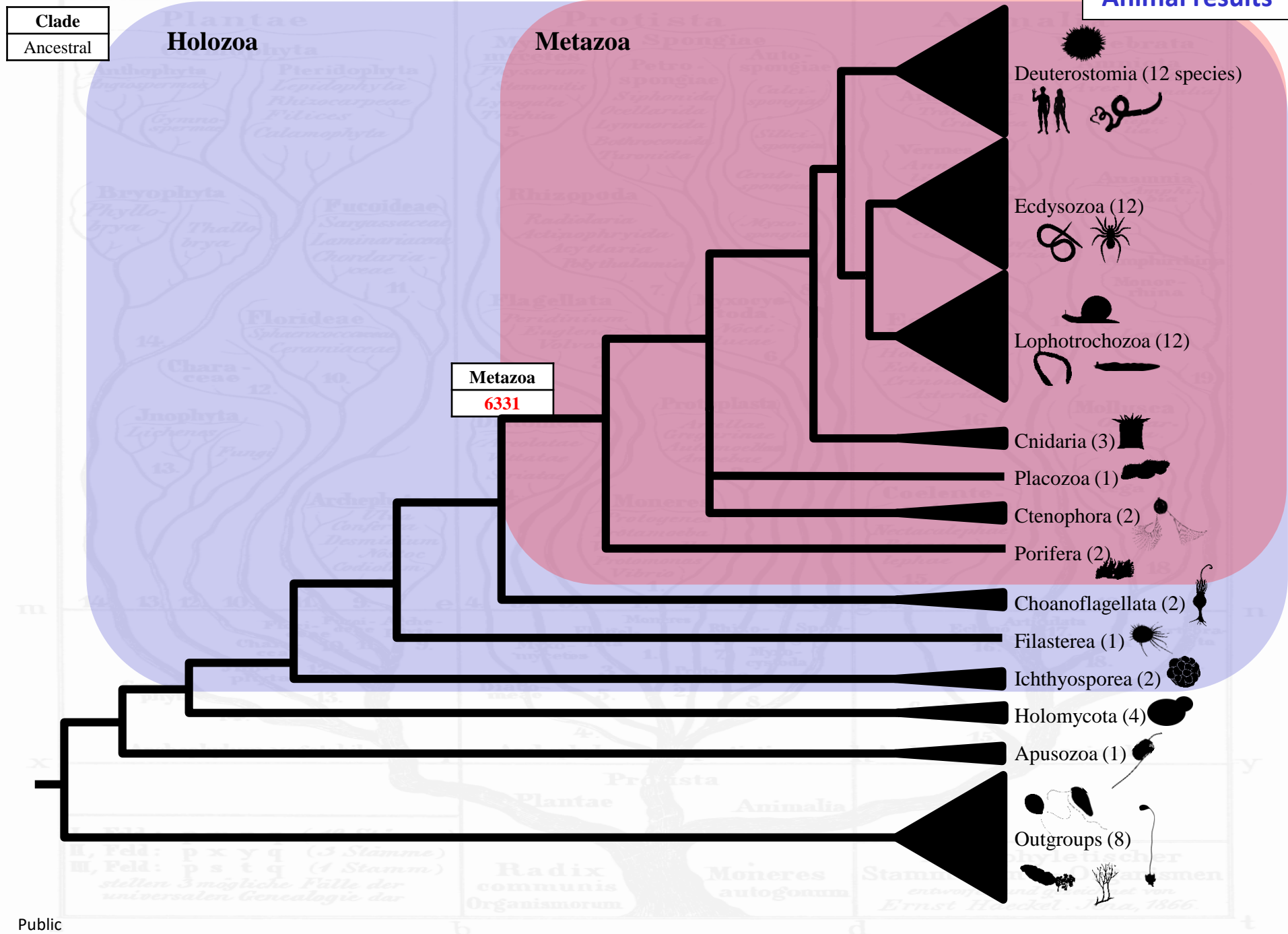
Limitations

- Based on **protein-coding** genes, neglecting the role of **non-coding genes** (e.g., non-coding RNAs), **transposable elements**, and **regulatory elements** (e.g., enhancer, promoters, etc.).
- Based on **BLAST**, ignoring **gene fusions** and **fissions**, **alternative splicing**, etc. Limited to the **detection power** of the algorithm.
- Robust taxon sampling**, but still far from complete.



THE GENOME OF THE FIRST ANIMAL

Animal results





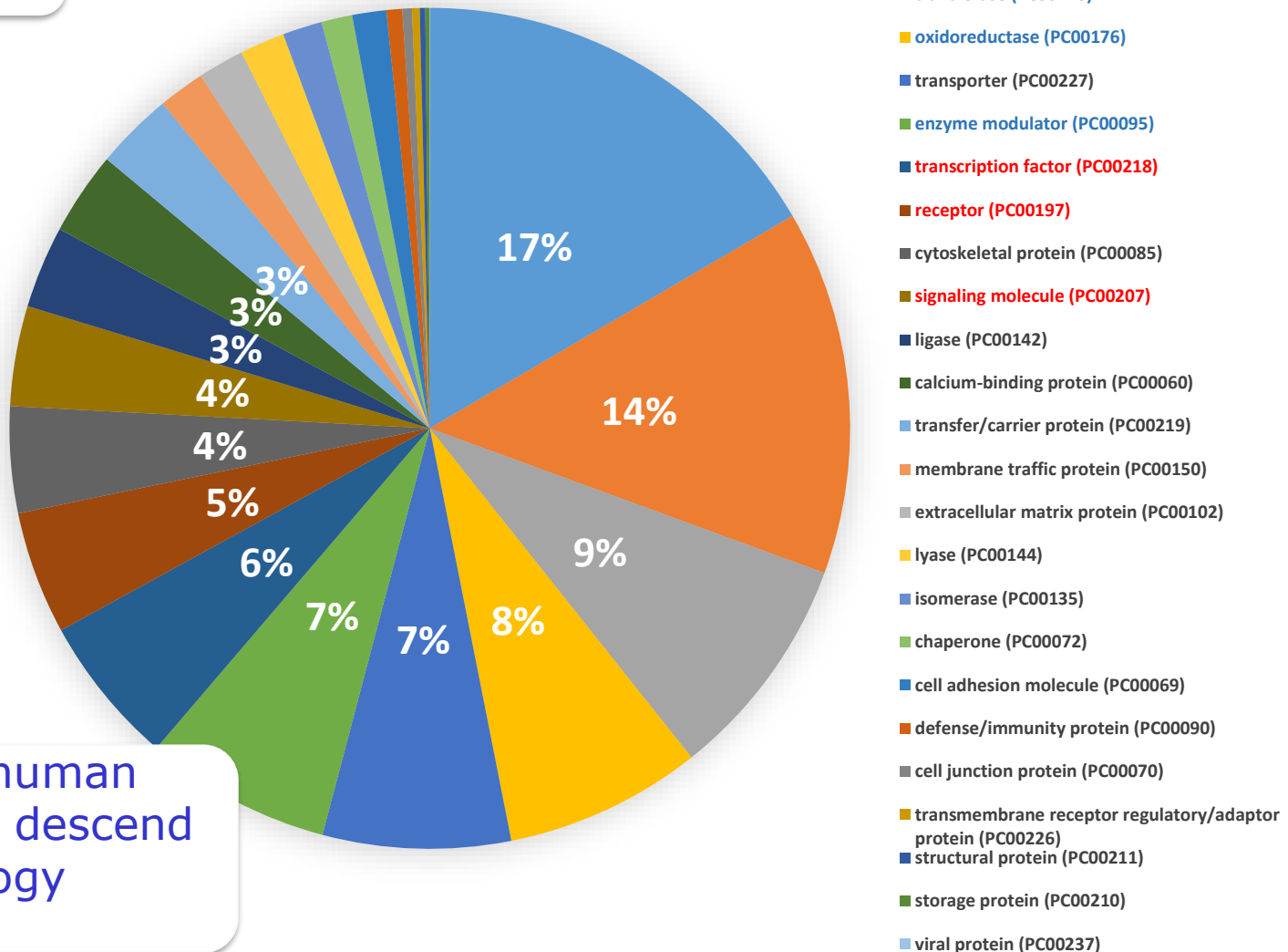
6331 homology groups in the first animal

Animal results

•Gene regulation

•Metabolism

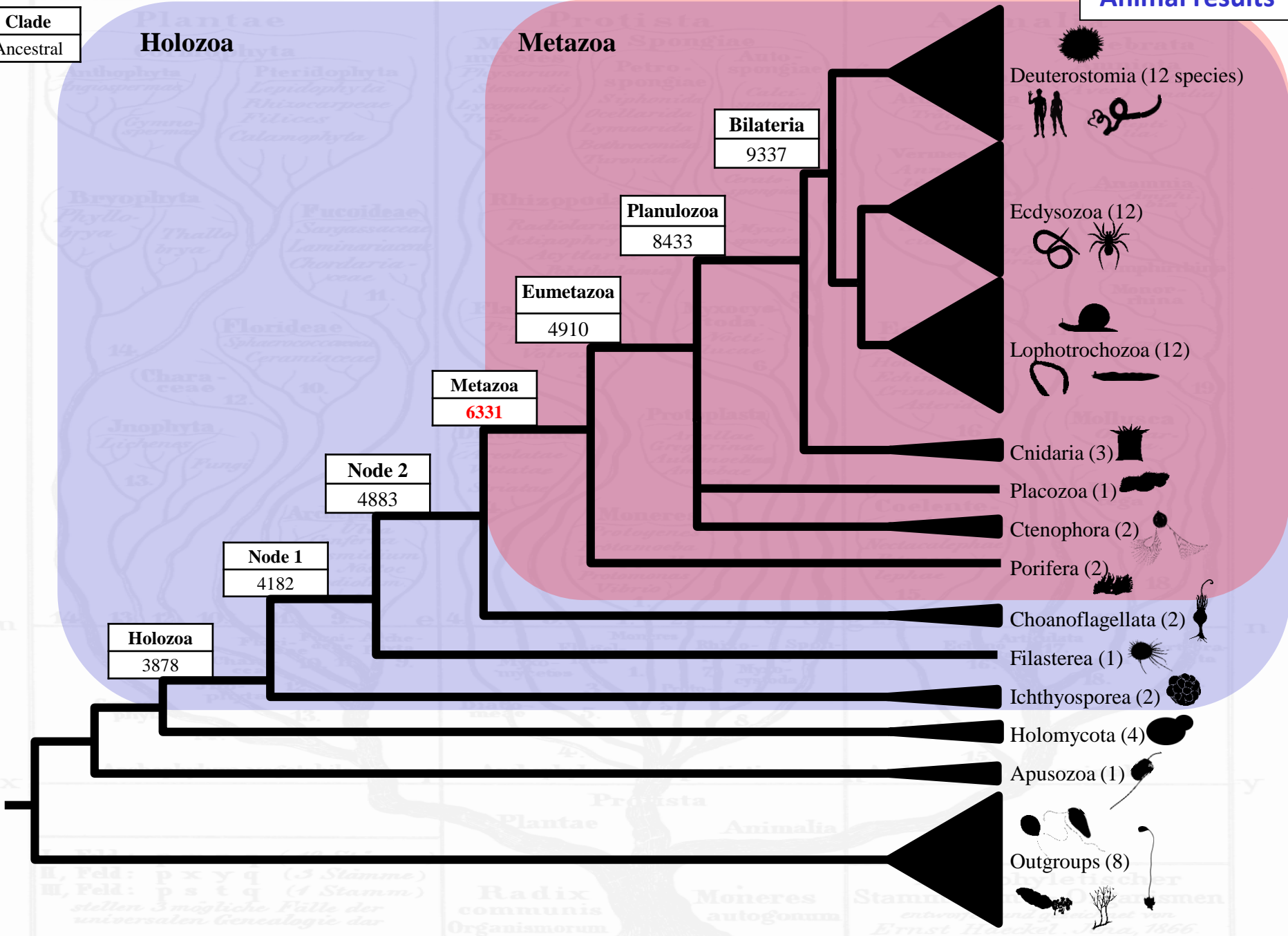
•60% of modern human and fruit fly genes descend from these homology groups.



Clade
Ancestral

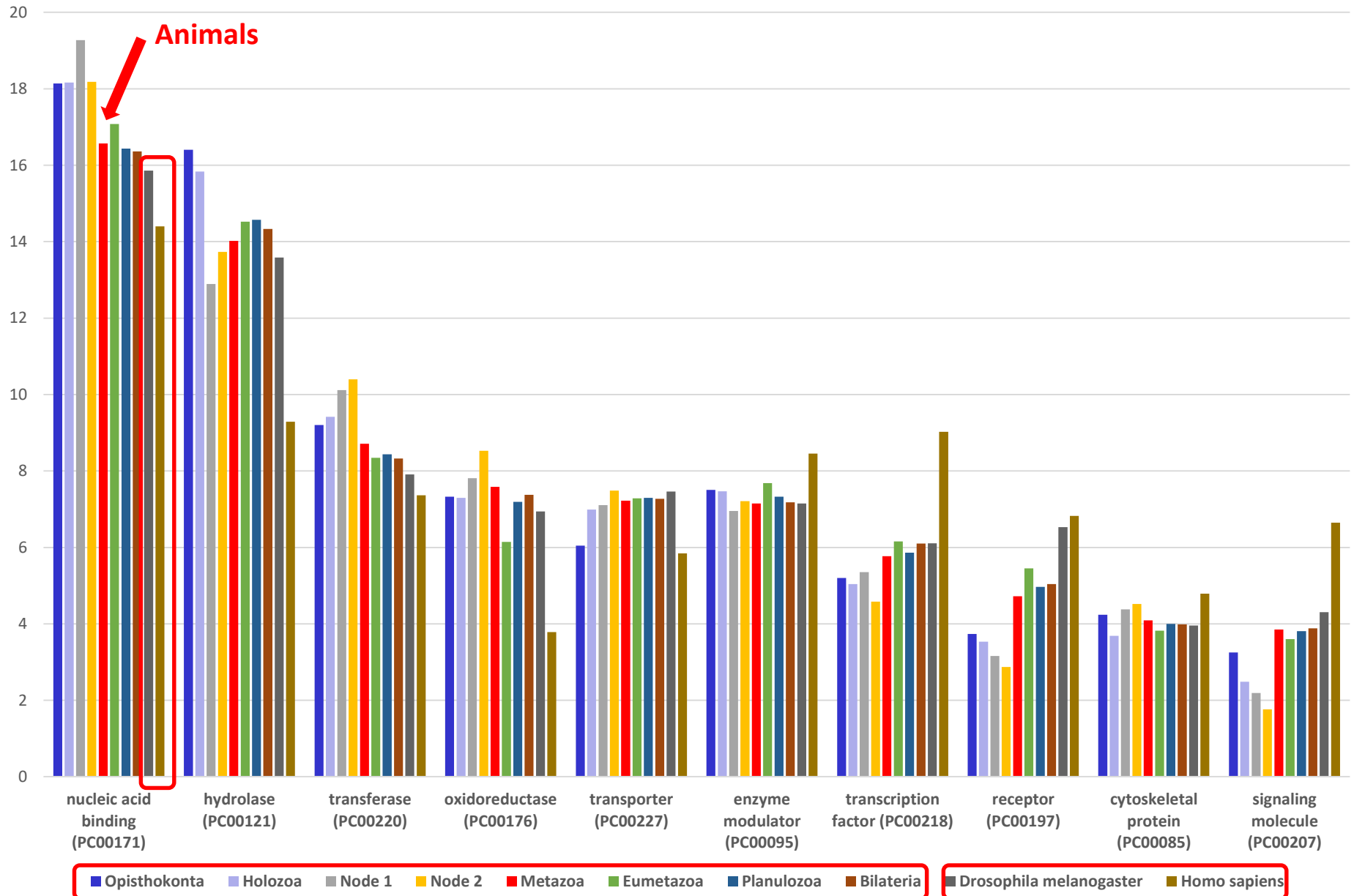
Holozoa

Metazoa



Evolution of Ancestral HG

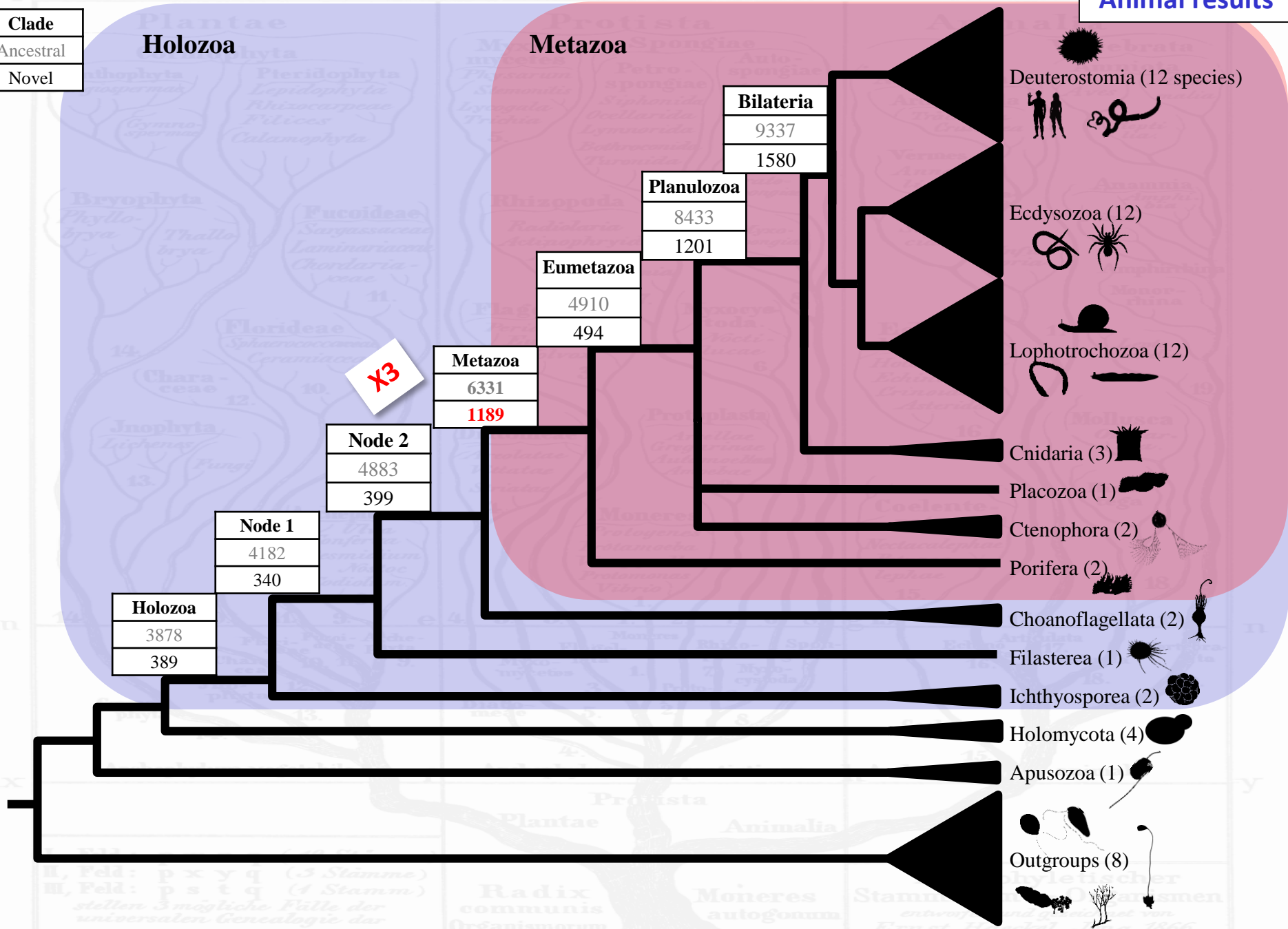
Animal results



A GENOMIC EXPLOSION OF NOVELTY

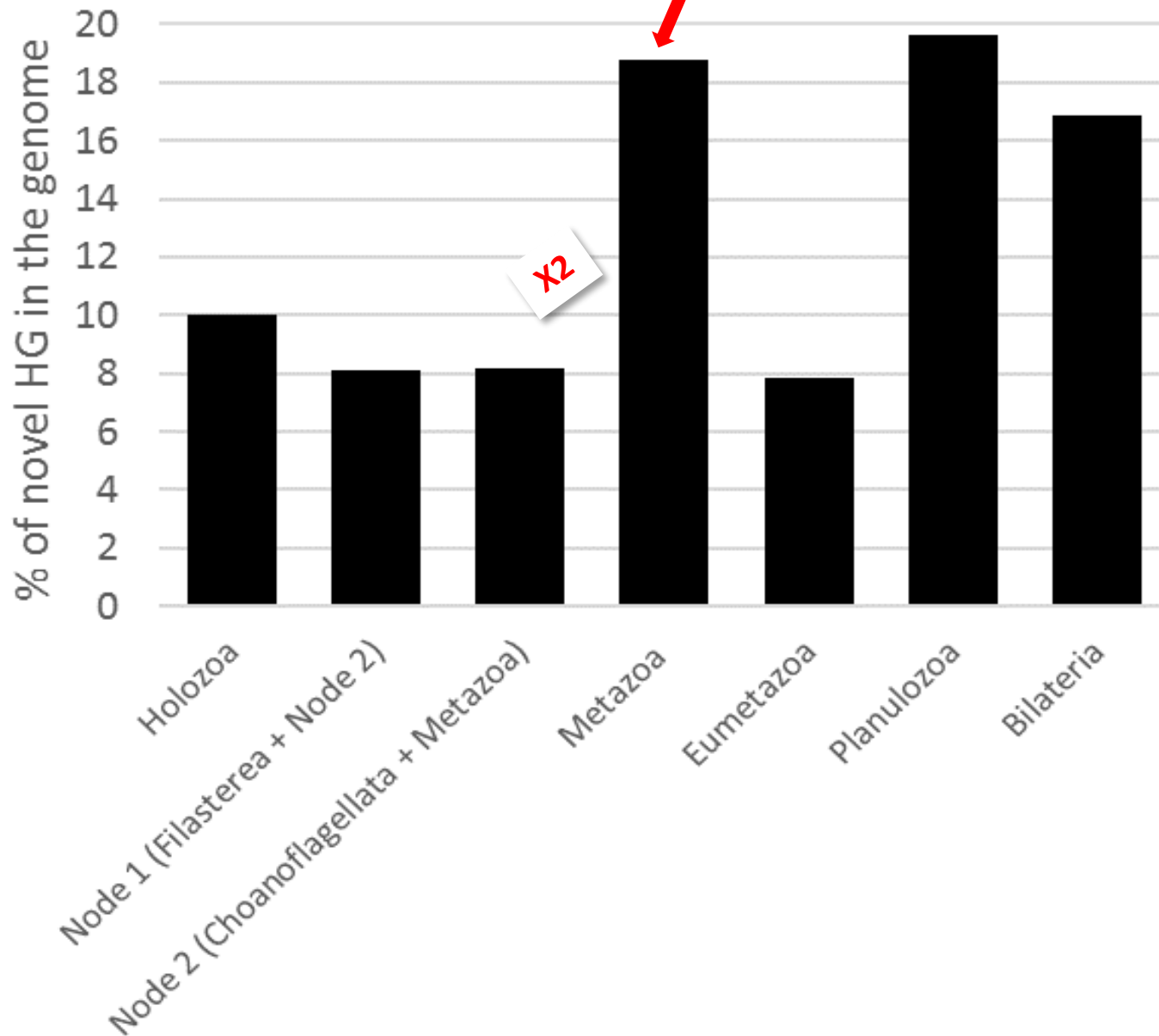
Animal results

Clade
Ancestral
Novel

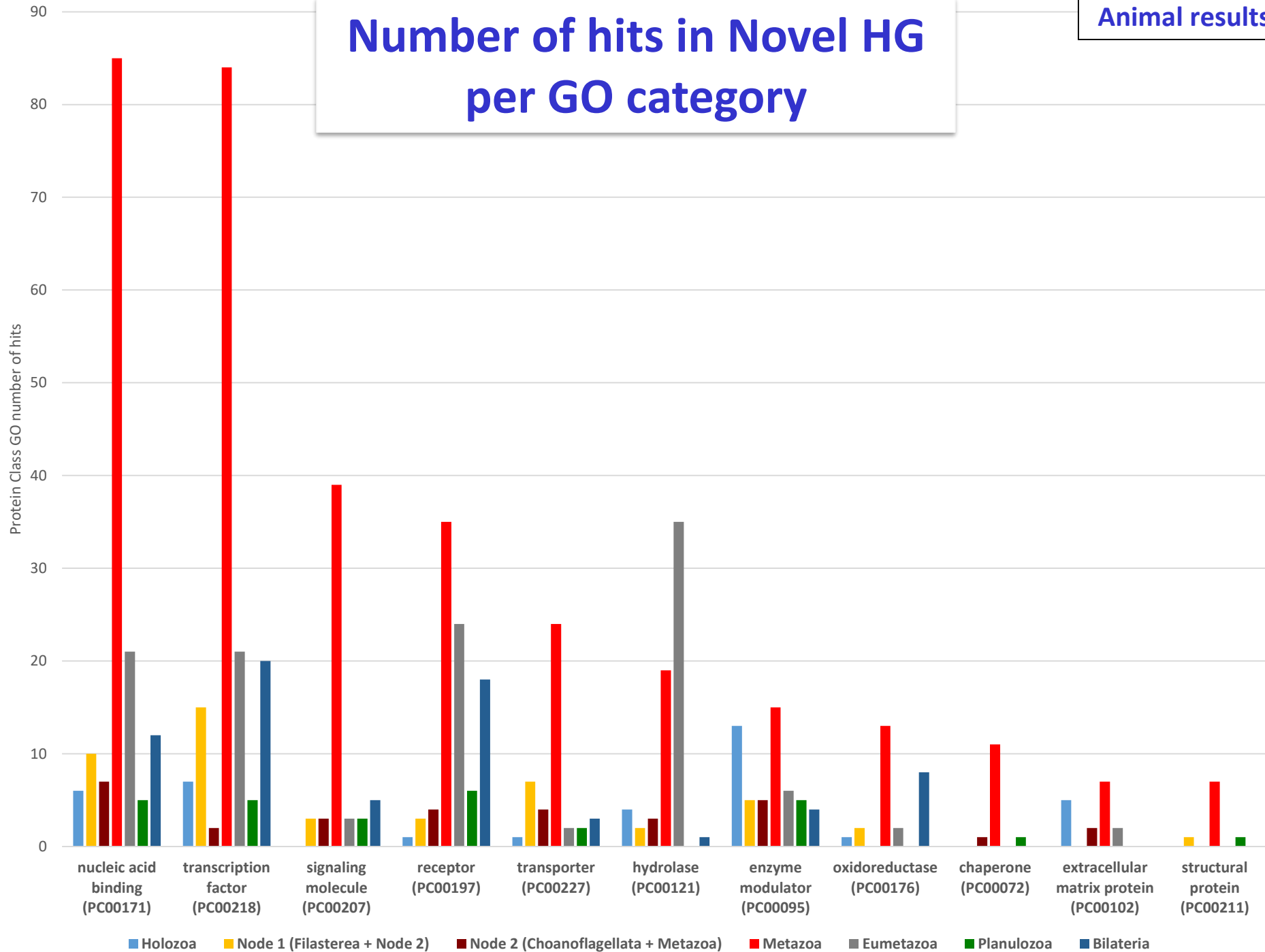


% Novelty

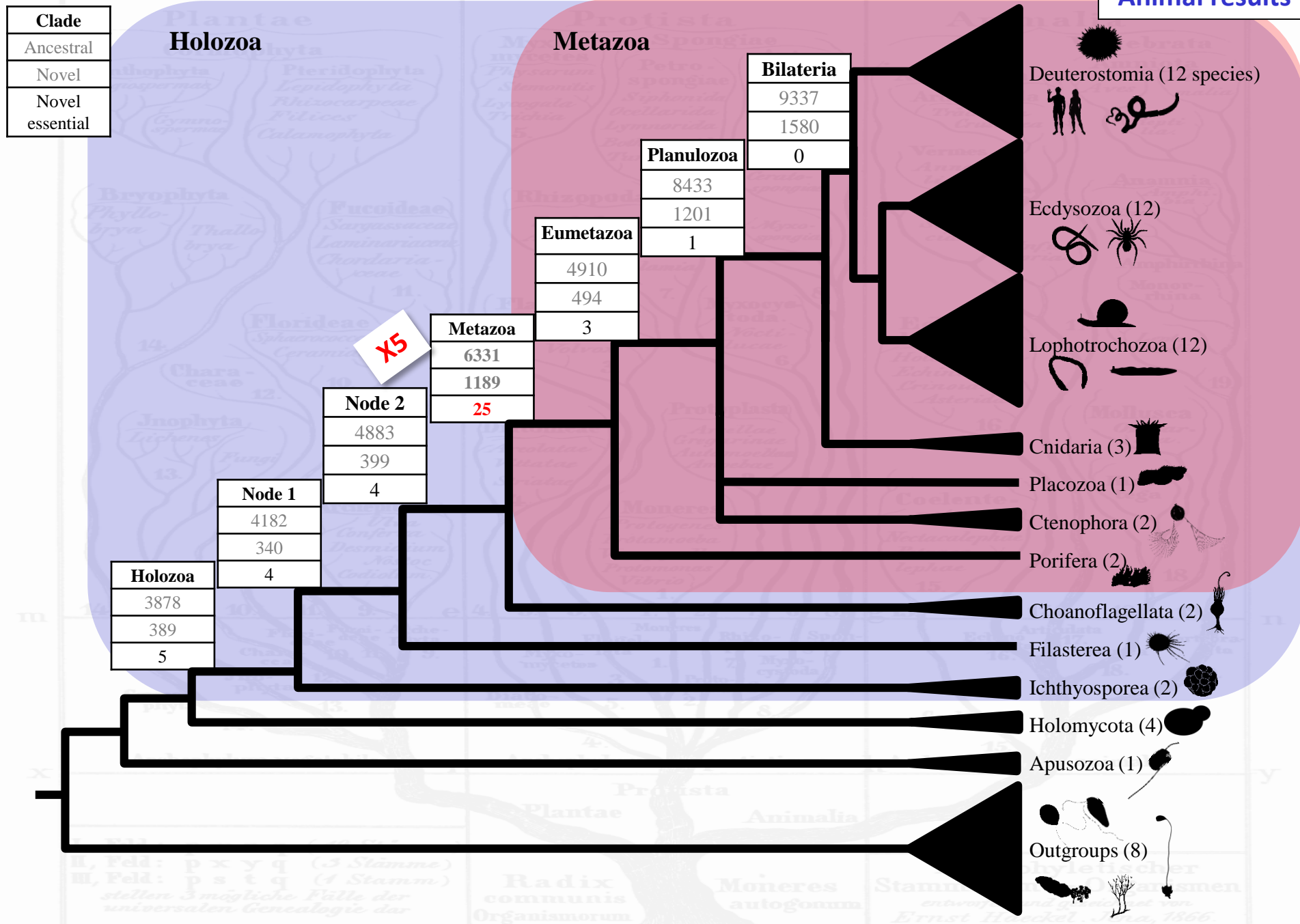
Animal results



Number of hits in Novel HG per GO category



25 ESSENTIAL NEW ANIMAL HOMOLOGY GROUPS



Summary of metazoan novelties

Animal results

8 HG involved in signalling pathways

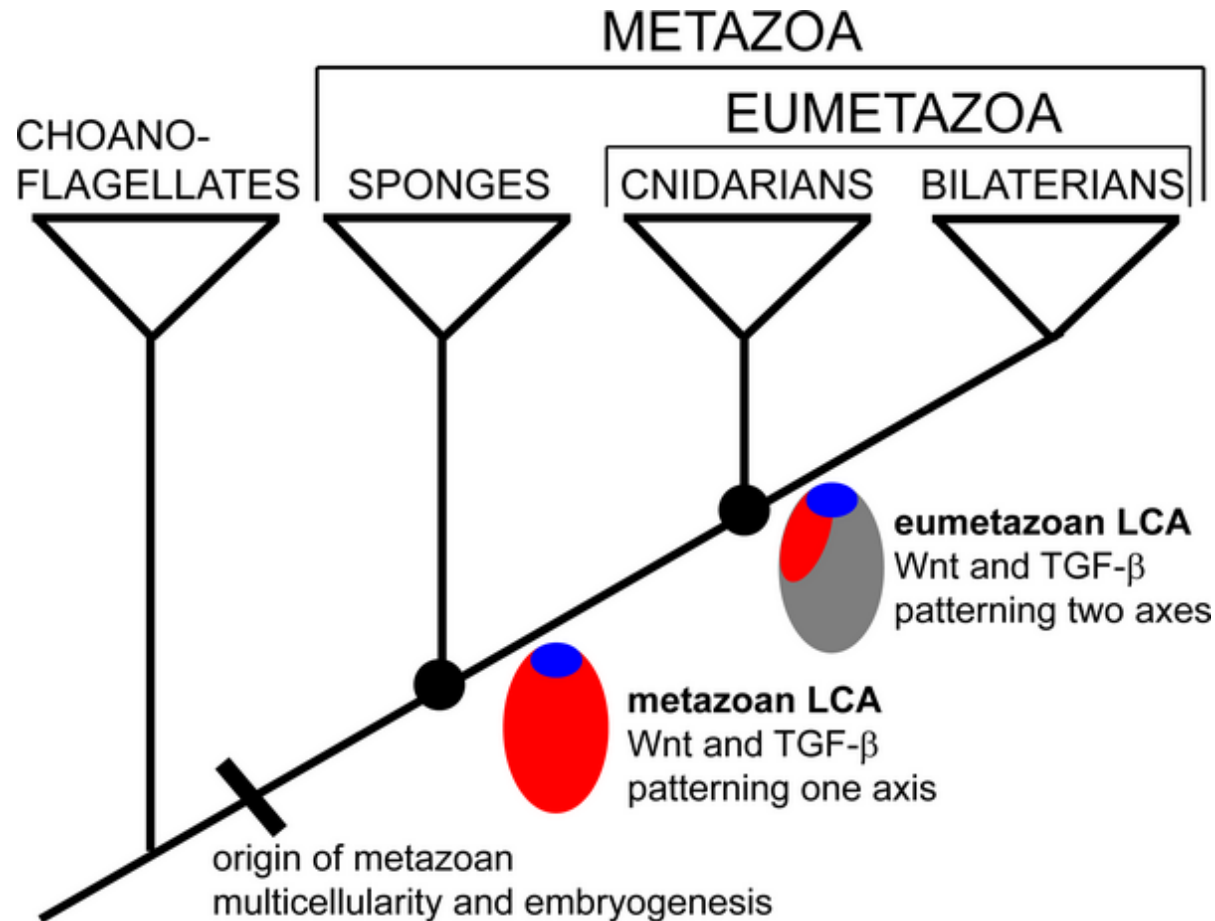
Signalling pathways

Fruitfly genes examples

Wnt	• Wnt	<i>wingless</i>
	• Frizzled	<i>frizzled, smoothened</i>
	• pangolín/TCF-LEF	<i>pangolin</i>
	• armadillo/beta-catenin	<i>armadillo</i>
TGF-Beta/BMP	• TGF-Beta/BMP	<i>decapentaplegic, screw, activin beta</i>
	• SMAD	<i>mothers against decapentaplegic</i>
	• TFG-Beta Receptor	<i>punt, saxophone, wishful thinking</i>
	• MAPKKK	<i>sunday driver</i>

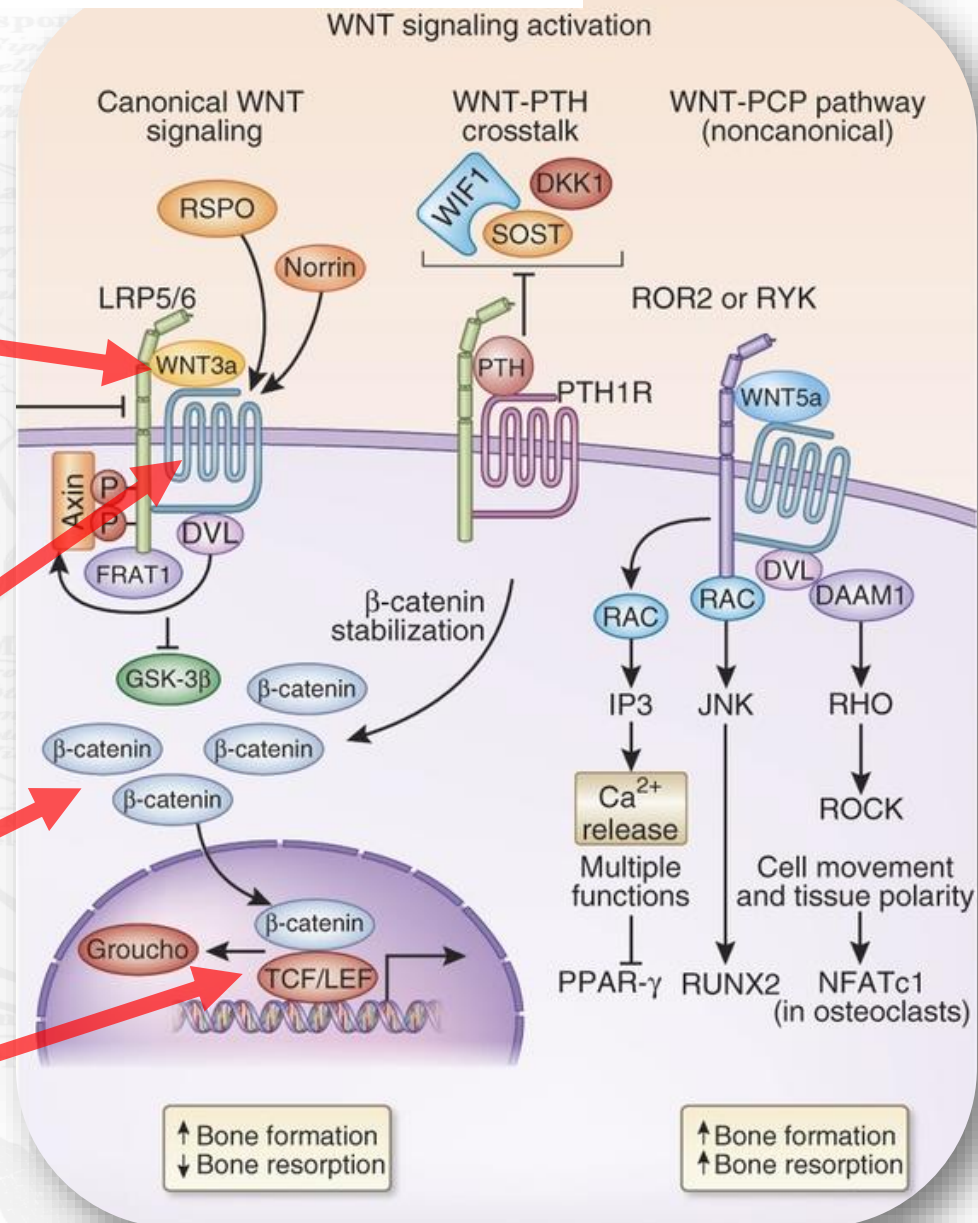
Wnt and TFG-Beta

Animal results



Signalling pathways: Wnt

Wnt	Ligand
Frizzled	GPCR receptor of Wnt, activates <i>Dishevelled</i> in cytosol
Armadillo/beta-catenin	Translocation to nucleus
Pangolin LEF/TCF	Gene activation



TGF-Beta / BMP

Animal results

**TGF-β / BMP
Growth
differentiation
factor / inhibin /
myostatin**

Cell signalling proteins, involved in **growth, development, tissue homeostasis** and **immune system**. Cellular processes in adult and embryo (cell growth, differentiation, apoptosis, cellular homeostasis...), growth factors such as cytokines and as metabologen.

TGFβ ligands bind to a **type II receptor** -> **phosphorylates a type I receptor** -> phosphorylates receptor-regulated **SMADs** (R-SMADs) which can now bind the coSMAD SMAD4 -> R-SMAD/coSMAD act as TFs in the nucleus

**TGF Beta Recept
/ Activin Recept /
BMP Recept**

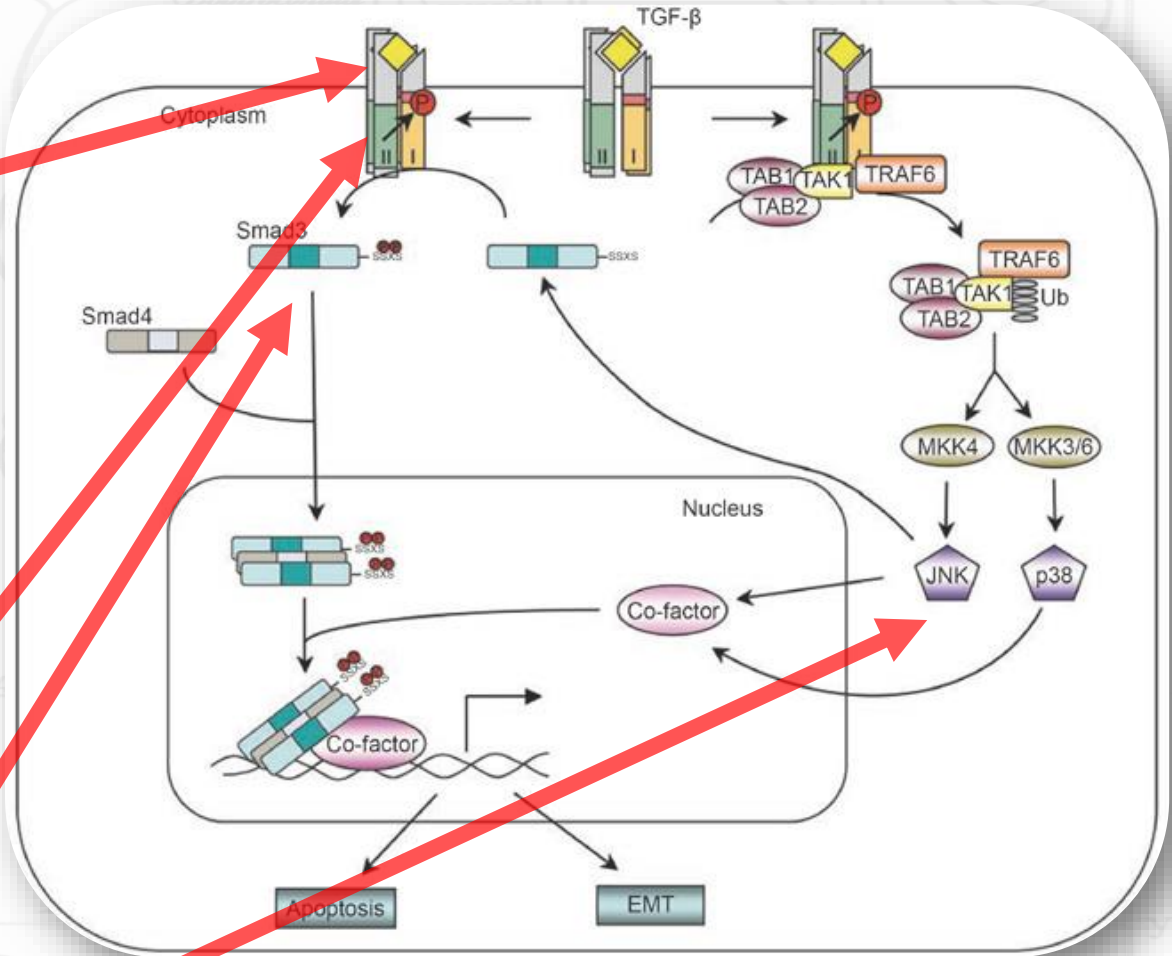
Transmembrane receptor

SMAD

Signal transducer of extracellular TGF beta ligands)

**MAP kinase
kinase kinase
(MAPK8IP3,
Sunday driver)**

serine/threonine-specific protein kinase, **JNK**



7 HG comprising Transcription Factors

	Transcription Factors	Fruitfly genes examples
Homeobox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NKL subclass of the ANTP Class 	<i>tinman, distalless, ems</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIX Class 	<i>sine oculis, optix</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POU Class 	<i>pou proteins, nubbi, ventral veins lacking</i>
bHLH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hes/hairy 	<i>hairy, hey, deadpan, clockwork orange</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bHLH-PAS 	<i>single-minded, spineless, trachealess</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> twist/hand 	<i>twist, hand, target of Poxn, taxi, atonal</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ETS 	<i>ets65A, anterior open, pointed</i>

Homeobox genes

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Transcripts polyadenylation

- **Cytoplasmic Polyadenylation Element Binding (CPEB)**

Binds the **polyA tail of mRNA** and **regulates their translation**

Cell adhesion

- **Alpha-catenin**
- **Fermitin**
- **Liprin**

Activation of the **integrin pathway** and other **cell-extracellular matrix** interactions via **focal adhesions**

Cell cycle

- **RUN**
- **MADD/GEF**

Cell **proliferation**

Cell **apoptosis**

Receptors

- **Nuclear Hormone Receptors**
- **Neurotransmitter Receptors**

Synaptic exocytosis

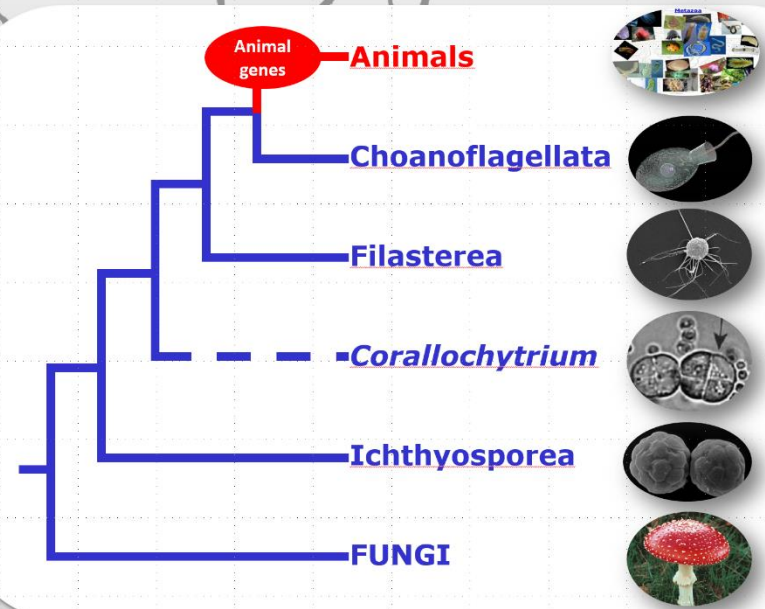
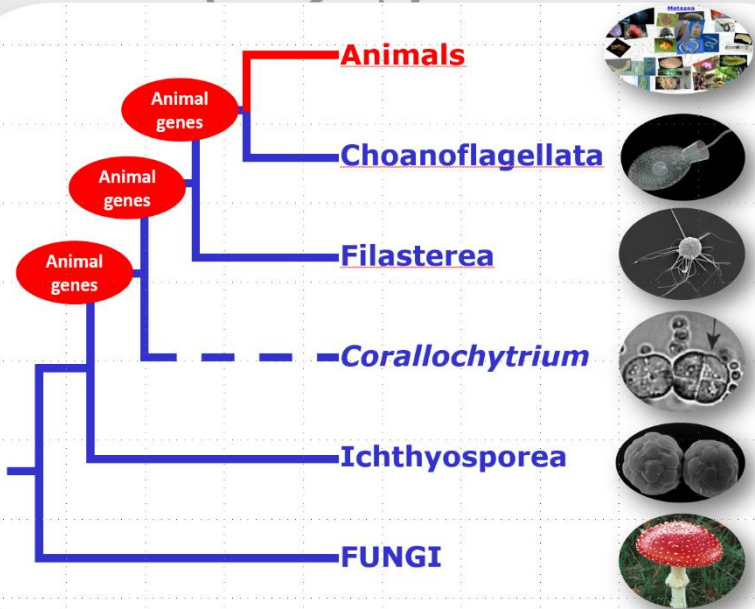
- **Calcium activated protein for secretion (CAPS)**
- **Rab3-interacting molecules (RIM)**

Regulate the **fusion of vesicles** with the cell membrane, **neuroendocrine cells** and **presynaptic neurons** respectively



Old vs new

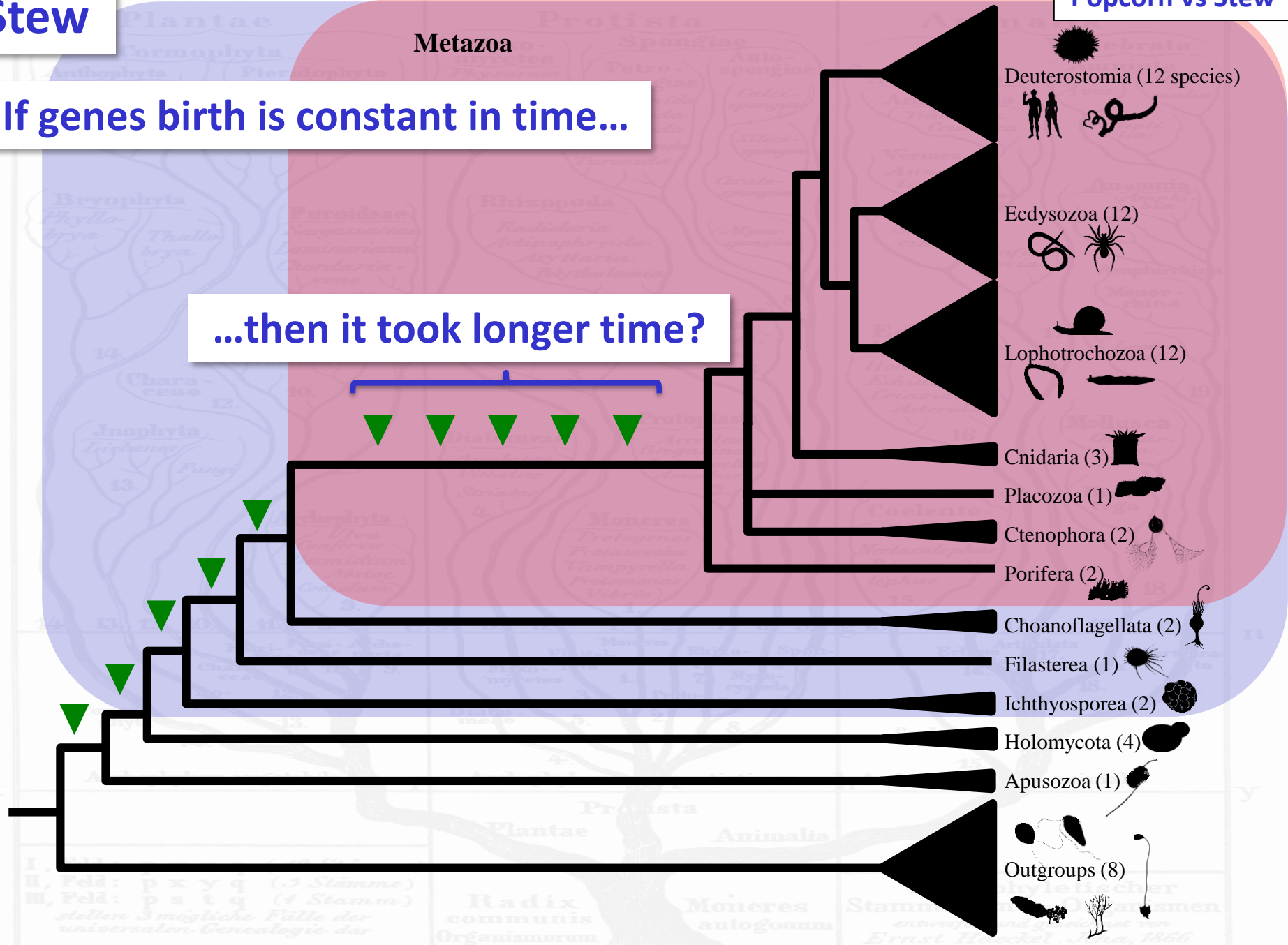
Animal results



ANIMAL ORIGINS: STEW VS POPCORN

Popcorn vs Stew

...then it took longer time?



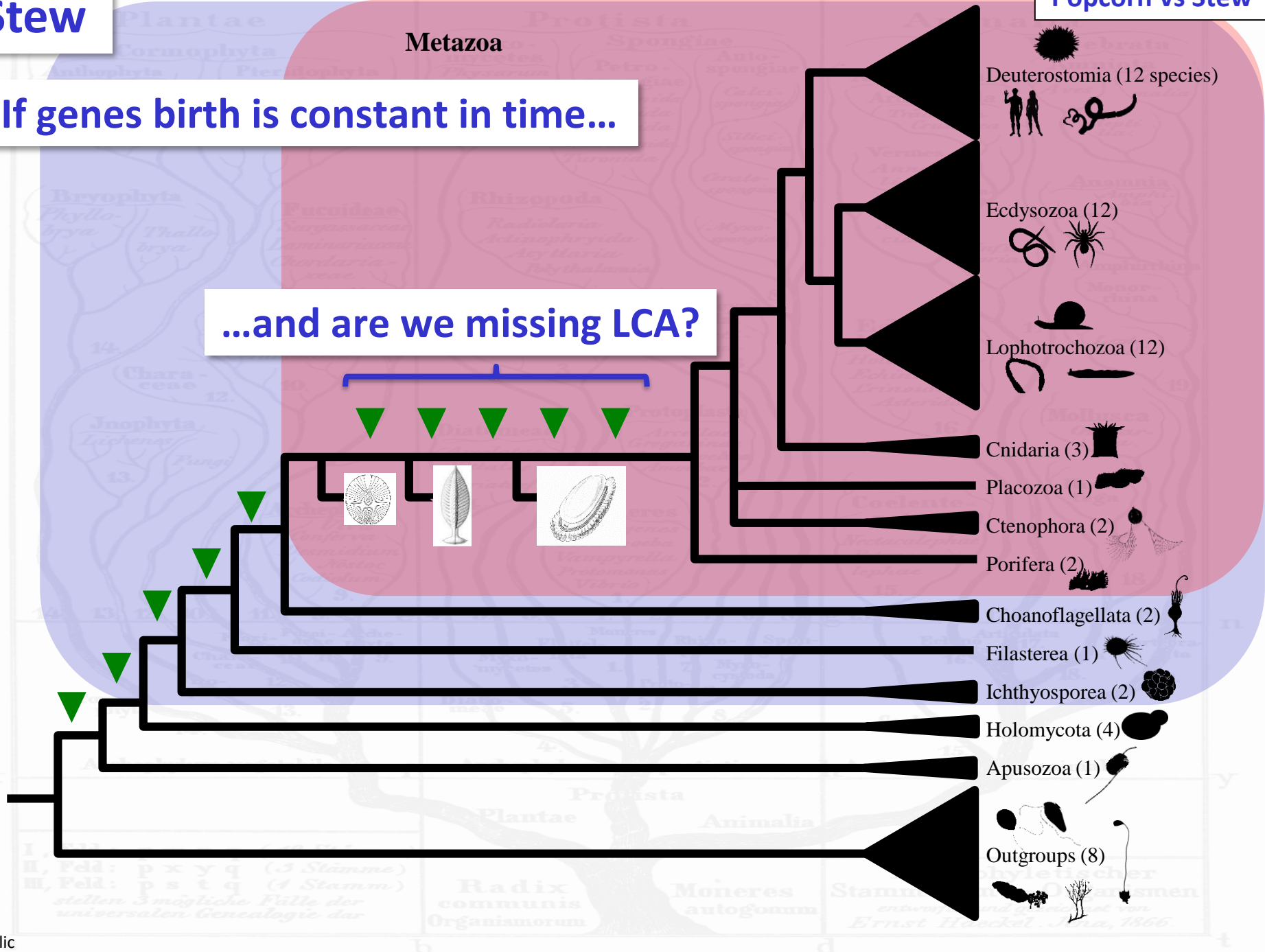
Stew

Popcorn vs Stew

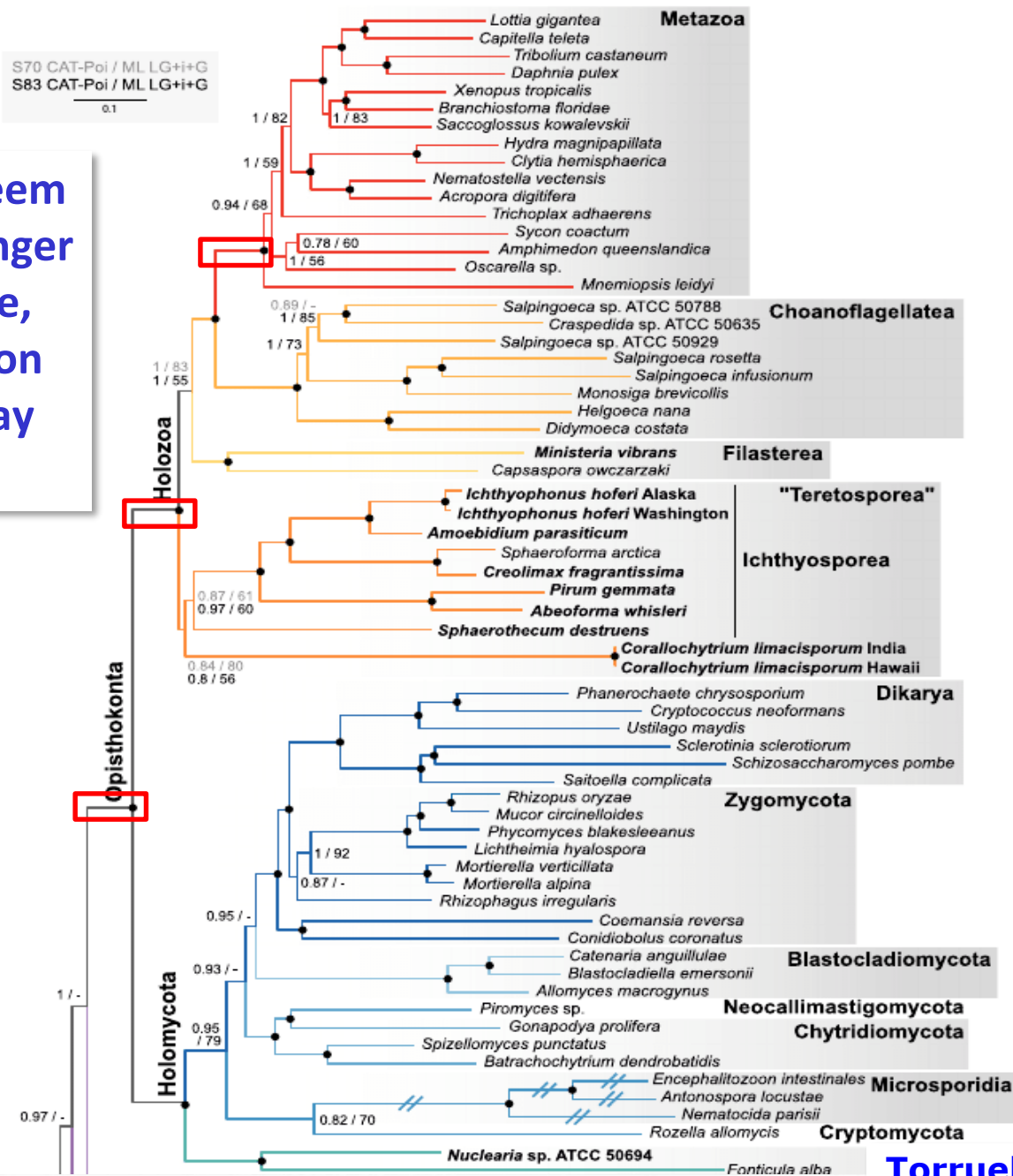
• If genes birth is constant in time...

...and are we missing LCA?

Metazoa



Trees do not seem to support a longer period of time, but substitution saturation may mask it.



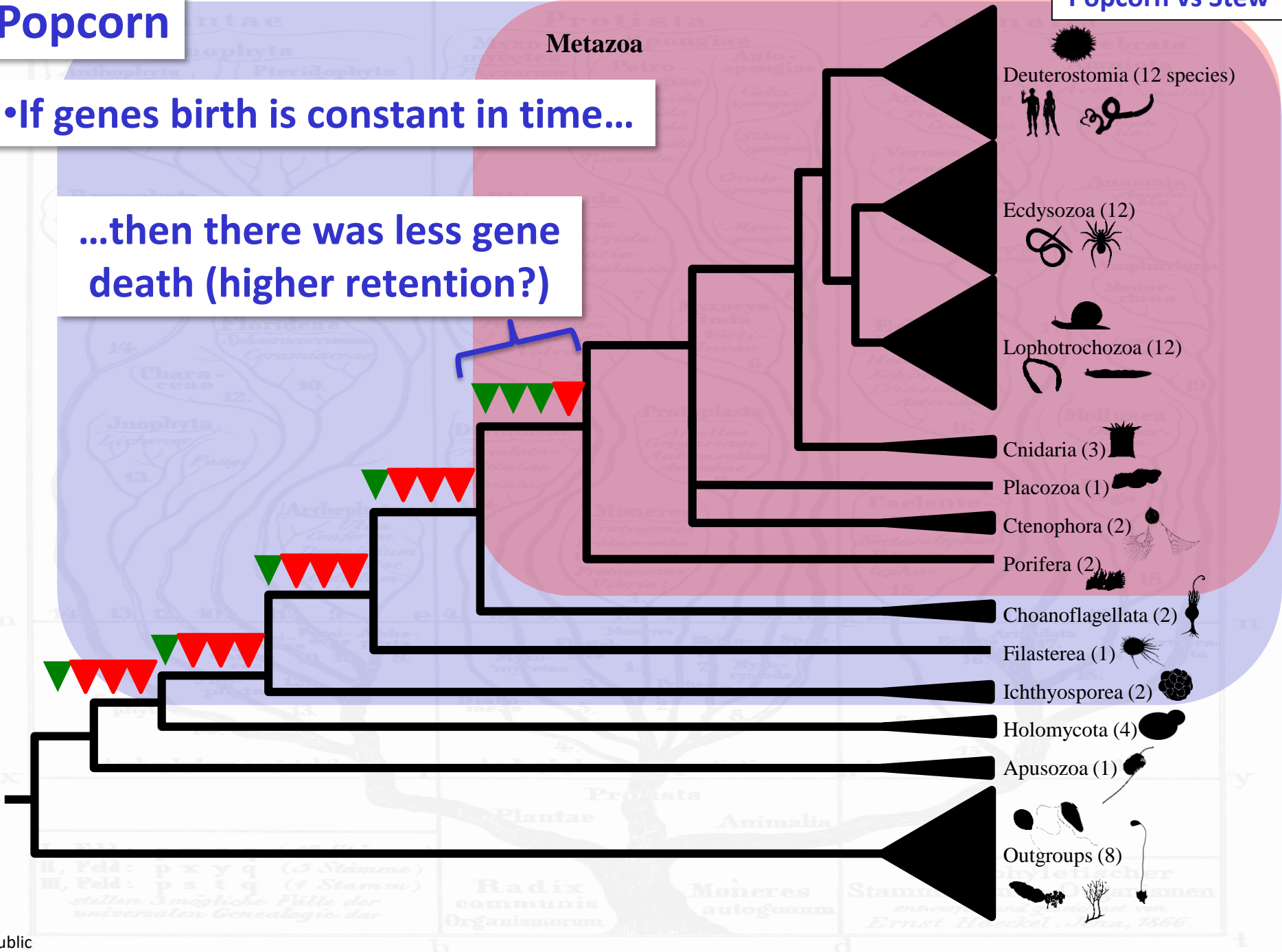
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•If genes birth is constant in time...

...then there was less gene death (higher retention?)

Metazoa

Popcorn vs Stew



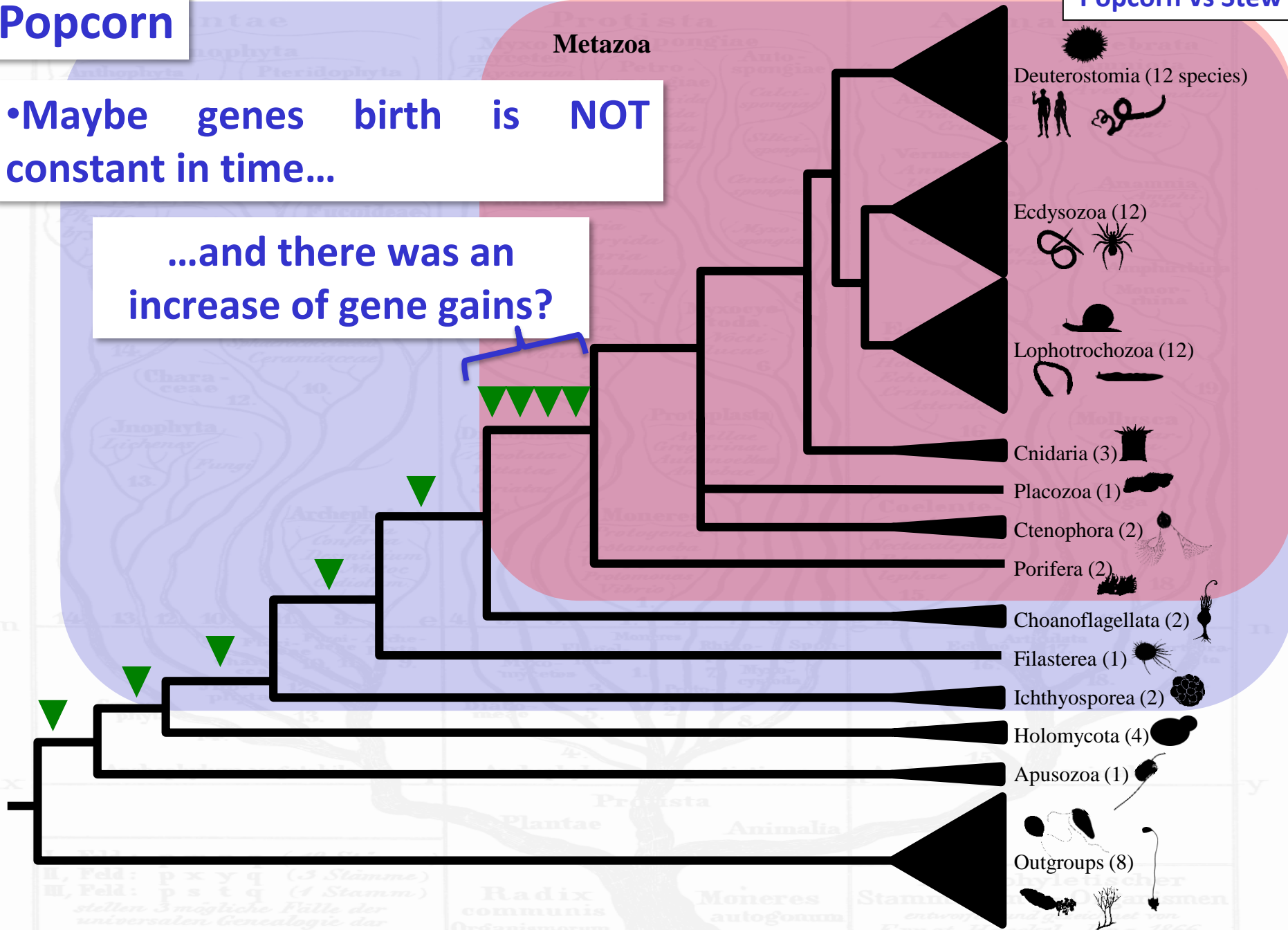
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•Maybe genes birth is NOT constant in time...

...and there was an increase of gene gains?

Metazoa

Popcorn vs Stew



To sum up...

Conclusions

- The reconstruction of the first animal genome shows a (*boring*) list of **6381** homology groups. Predominant functions include **gene regulation and metabolism**, its composition is similar to other **LCA** and modern metazoan genomes.
- The origin of animals, compared to other nodes, shows a **surge in the level of gene novelties**, specially for **gene regulation**.
- There is a **core set of 25 homology groups**, never lost since the origin of animals, formed by some **iconic systems** (i.e. Wnt, Nk homeobox), but also by other **novel genes** never linked before to animal origins with relevant functions related to multicellularity.

