


# Cambrian and Ordovician

**Cambrian and Ordovician periods**



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every type of multicellular life will appear all the sudden. (Cambrian Explosion). over a period of 70 million years.

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**Geological time scale and building height**  
(1floor – 60Ma, 72 floors, 12 feet/floor)

- **Major Eons (Ma)**
  - **Phanerozoic**
    - (550 Ma to present time, top 9 floors')
  - **Proterozoic**
    - (2,500 – 550 Ma, 33<sup>rd</sup> -63<sup>rd</sup>)
  - **Archaean**
    - (3,800 – 2,500 Ma, 12<sup>th</sup> – 33<sup>rd</sup>)
  - **Hadean**
    - (4,500 – 3,800 Ma, 0-12<sup>th</sup>)



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**Geological time scale and building height**  
( 1floor – 60Ma, 72 floors, 12 feet/floor)

- **Major Era**
  - **Phanerozoic**
    - **Cenozoic**  
(65 Ma to present time, 72<sup>nd</sup> floor)
    - **Mesozoic**  
(245-65 Ma, 65<sup>th</sup> to 71<sup>st</sup>)
    - **Paleozoic**  
(550-245 Ma, 63<sup>th</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup>)
  - Proterozoic (2,500 – 550 Ma)
  - Archaean (3,800 – 2,500 Ma)
  - Hadean (4,500 – 3,800 Ma)



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**Paleozoic periods**

- Paleozoic era
  - Cambrian 550-488 Ma
  - Ordovician 488-443 Ma
  - Silurian 443-416 Ma
  - Devonian 416-359 Ma
  - Carboniferous 359-299 Ma
  - Permian 299-245 Ma



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multicellular life in oceans none on land. Ordovician ends with an extinction event that kills many multicellular species.

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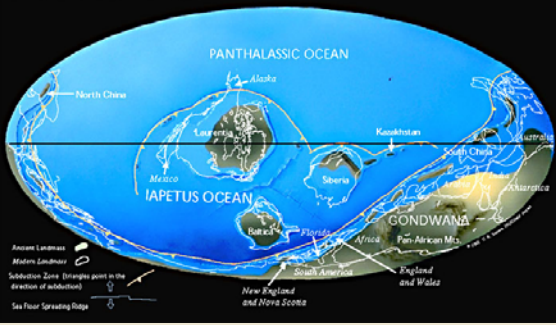
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Late Cambrian 514 Ma



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Figure 27-8

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continental shelf: lots of light, shallow waters. high primary productivity (autotrophs).

- sits on the equator (ideal location for life and fossils)

- collision on left side of continent forms rocky mountains and becomes a hot spot for fossils.

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**Burgess shales** ← Yoho National park



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soft bodied organisms fossilized in shale

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**The Cambrian explosion**



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**Burgess shales and its unusual invertebrates**



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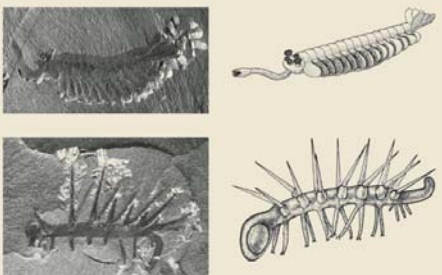
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**Burgess shales and its unusual invertebrates**



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Video 1, 2

organisms are one of a kind.

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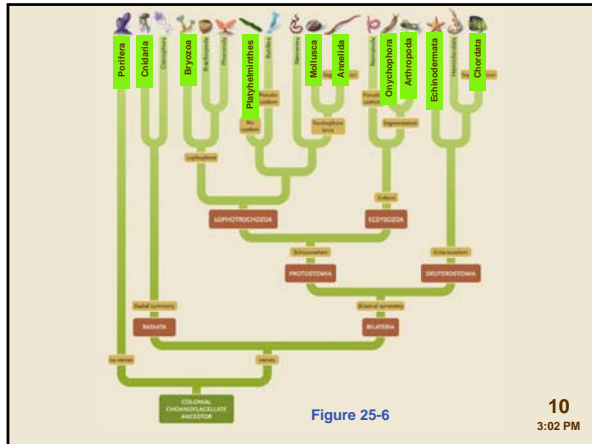
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embryology, symmetry.

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### Animal architecture

- Tissues
- Symmetry and cephalization
- Embryology
- Body cavities

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tissues: will it have cell to cell communication, different types present.

morphology to categorize organisms

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### Colonial choanocyte ancestor

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first multicellular aggregate. Unikont, had a trapping mechanism. use

phagocytosis to pull food down to cell. microtubes on this cell is the

same as microvilli on all animal cells.

they do not have tissues

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**Animal architecture: Tissues**

- No tissues
- Diploblastic germ layers
  - Ectoderm and endoderm
- Triploblastic germ layers
  - Ectoderm, mesoderm and endoderm

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Diploblastic, 2 tissue layers.

mesoderm, we have all 3 layers.

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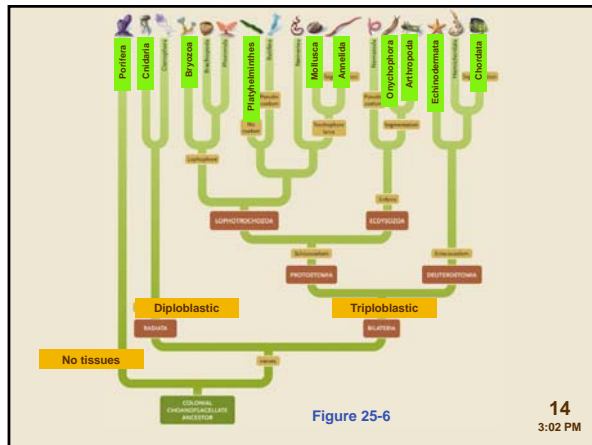
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first division, tissues or no tissues. next is 2 or 3 layer of tissues.

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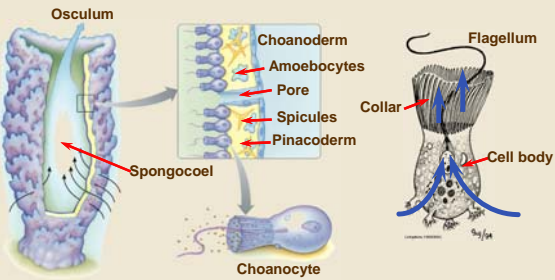
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**Colonial choanoflagellates**



Osculum

Choanoderm

Amoebocytes

Pore

Spicules

Pinacoderm

Spongocoel

Choanocyte

Flagellum

Collar

Cell body

Figure 25.8

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specialist on filtering large bodies of water.

water moves in from pores in sponge and goes out through Osculum.

has no cell to cell communication- no tissues but layers.

choanoderm- outer body wall.

jelly like in between inner and outer, Amoebocytes use amoebocytes to transport food to the outer cells.

spicules- bone like structure that holds the organism in shape.

no one else in the ocean that can filter large amounts of water. this is the first.

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**Sponge sex**

- Choanocytes become sperm
- Archeocytes (sponge stem cells) form egg



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go through mitotic division and turn into sperm cells.

sponge engulfs sperm but doesn't digest it. Carries it with amoebocyte

to egg cell and it is fertilized in there.

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**Animal architecture**  
**Symmetry and cephalization**

- Assymetric
- Radial symmetry
- Bilateral symmetry and cephalization




Figure 25.3 17

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all animals with tissues have a mouth. Oral side= mouth Aboral= other

side. cut organism from oral to aboral axis and get 2 identical halves.

sponges do not have a mouth.

Assymetric- passive to the world around it.

symmetry determines how you respond to the world.

bilateral- sense where they are going and react to the world around

them. concentrate sensory at the front of the organism.

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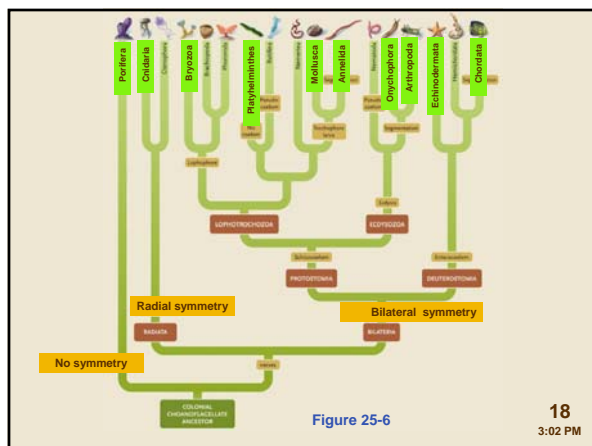
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Radial- Diploblastic,

Bilateral- triploblastic

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**Corals ?**



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the most significant primary productivity in oceans. shallow, rich in nutrients because it is shallow.

consists of polyp, sticks his head out and feeds and stick head back in.

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**Coral reefs**



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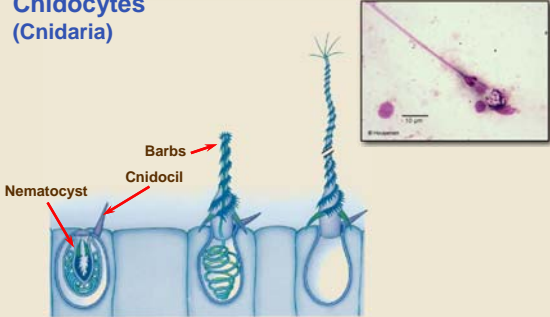
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**Cnidocytes (Cnidaria)**



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one of the first exclusive predators.

cnidocil- stinging cell. pressure is build up in the cell, if the right stimuli

it triggers the release of the barb out and zaps the organism.

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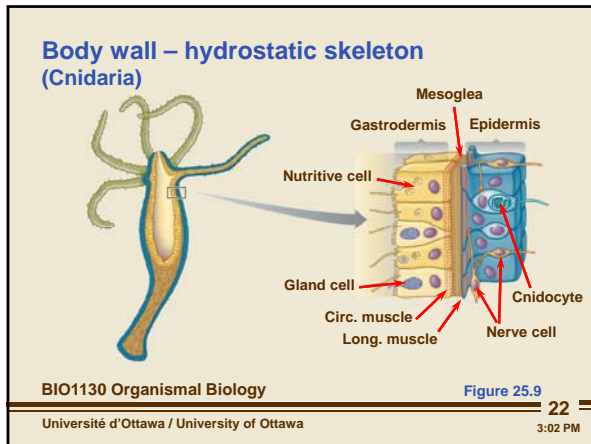
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mouth but no anus, not a complete digestive track.

grabs prey with tentacle and puts it in its mouth.

no muscle but has mesoderm. has a hydrostatic skeleton instead which

is unique. gland cells- release digestive enzymes.

muscle contractile cell but NOT mesoderm.

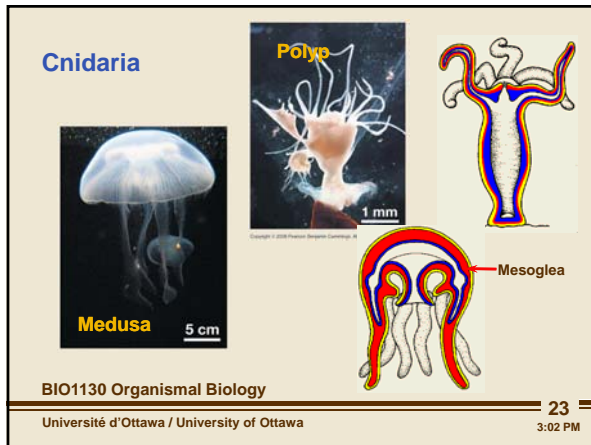
gastrodermis cells move in circles, Epidermis are running in opposite directions.

muscles act in pairs. muscles return to original length by stretching.

antagonistic muscle system.

medusa: upside down flattened polyp. ring of muscles around bell,

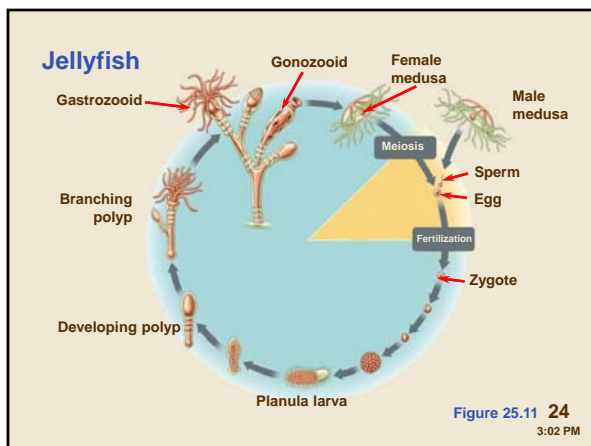
when muscles contract, moves down, relax muscles, springs back up.



zygote divides until goes into groups (Larva)

larva has cilia

diplontic organism.



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**Animal architecture**

- **Tissues**
- **Symmetry and cephalization**
- **Embryology**
- **Body cavities**

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**Animal architecture**  
**Embryology - cleavage**

4 cell embryo

8 cell embryo

Spiral cleavage      Radial cleavage

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All animals divided by cleavage.

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**Animal architecture**  
**Embryology - gastrulation**

Blastula

Gastrula

Ectoderm

Endoderm

Gut

Blastopore

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Blastula- hollow ball formed as cells divide.

all cells same until differentiate.

ball folds forming different layers.

endoderm lines digestive system, ectoderm

lies outside of the body.

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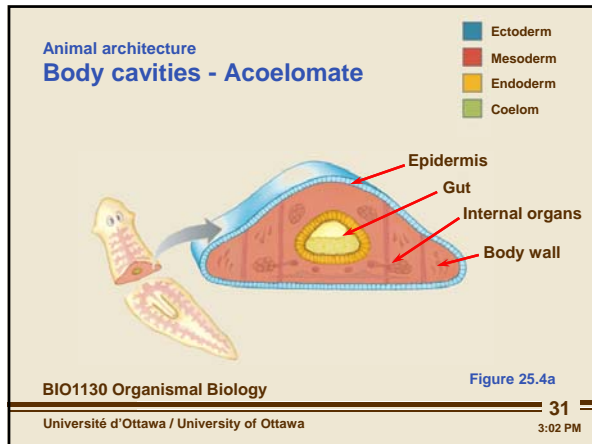
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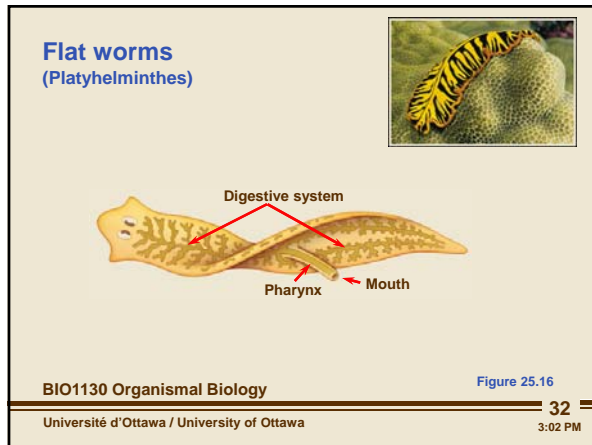


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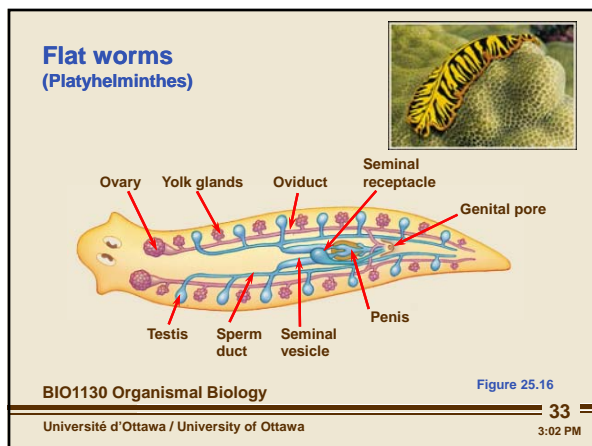
How animals feed, how they get around, how they adapt, their reproductive cycle. Nothing else matters.



Flatworms lost its body cavity, it did this because its flatness gives it a really good surface to body ratio. succesful as parasite of animals with internal ceoloms.

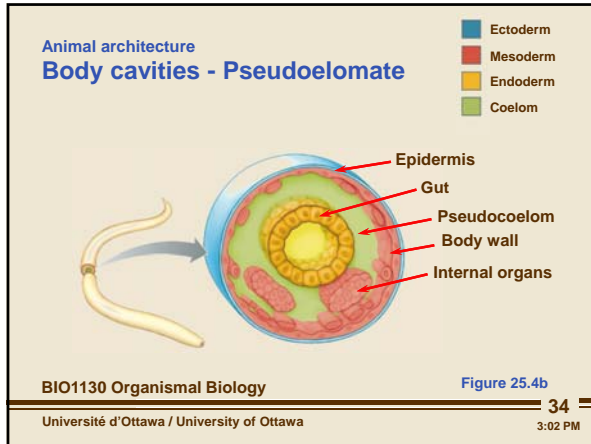


not only got rid of body cavity but the anus as well. incomplete digestive track. current circulates nutrients. all cells adjacent to food supply. it feeds with muscular pharynx. whole body is covered with Cilia. moves with cilia. thousands of cilia line bottom of body for gliding. sponginess of tissue- accordian like movement. sensory concentration at front. moves head front, sticks it. contracts lower body. lower body is glued and he stretches his head than sticks it...



have reproductive cycle of hermaphrodite. have both sets of organs. 2 individuals fertilize each other. reproduction produces 2 pregnant individuals cant self fertilize. seminal vesicle- holds sperm. once procreating, both individuals insert penis into one another such that once the sperm is released it goes into the seminal receptacle. after, ovary produces egg, travels down oviduct. seminal receptacle releases sperm to fertilize egg.

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round worms: mesoderm doesn't complete body cavity. mesoderm only

lines outer ectoderm.

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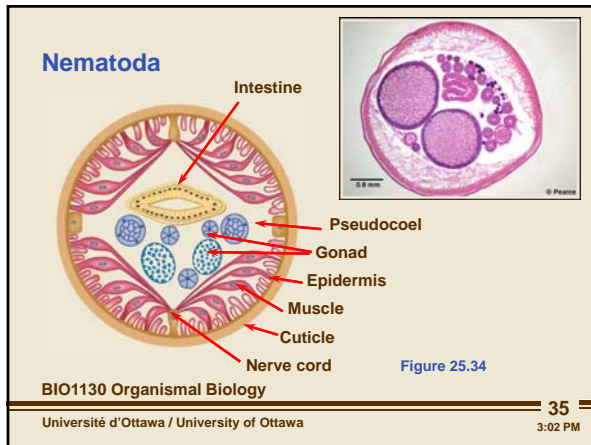
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have muscles only on the outside. no circular muscle, only longitudinal

in its inside. hydrostatic skeleton- use antagonistic muscles on either

side. they are bad at swimming, thus live on land. snake like

movement. no peripheral nervous system to control muscles. males

only organisms to have amoeboid sperm in animal kingdom. no

flagella.

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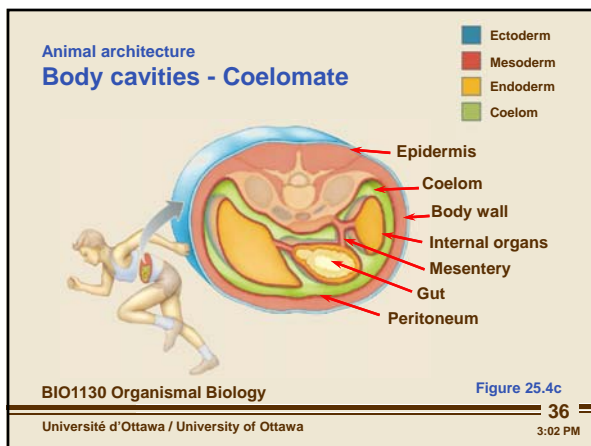
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true body cavities. outer body surrounded by mesoderm.

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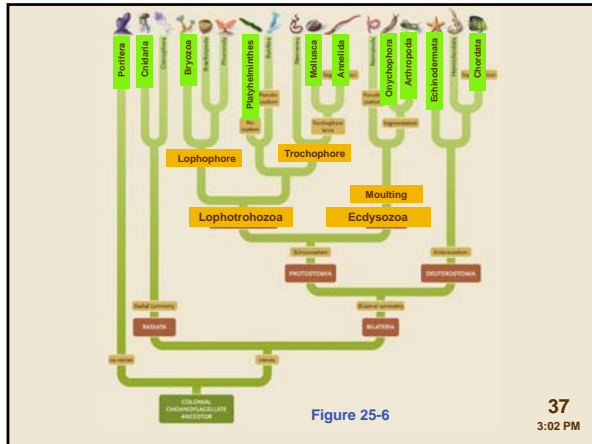
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ecdyszoia- exoskeleton shed in order to grow. molting animals.

Arthropods. count for %95 of all animals on earth.

Lophotrochozoa- splits into 2 major groups. nothing physically in common.

**Two main protostome groups**

- **Lophotrochozoa**
  - Lophophore or
  - Trochophore larval stage
- **Ecdysozoa**

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Lophophore- unique feeding structure lined with cilia, pull food out of water column.

Trochophore- begin in larval stage.

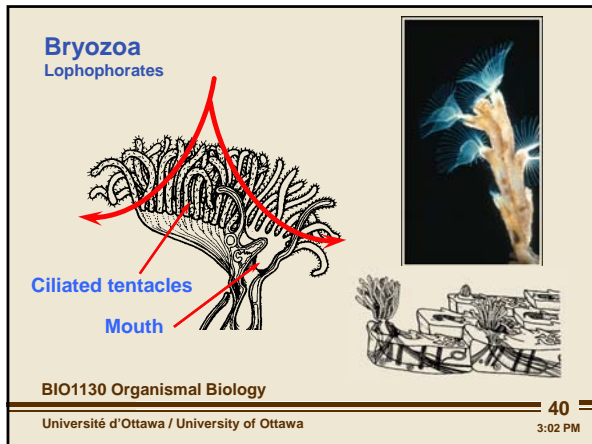
can never have both.

most important thing, Lopho and Trocho dont go together.



moss animals, live in shells that they secrete.

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Coelomates and lophophores

tentacles hollow, hydrostatic skeleton, lined with cilia

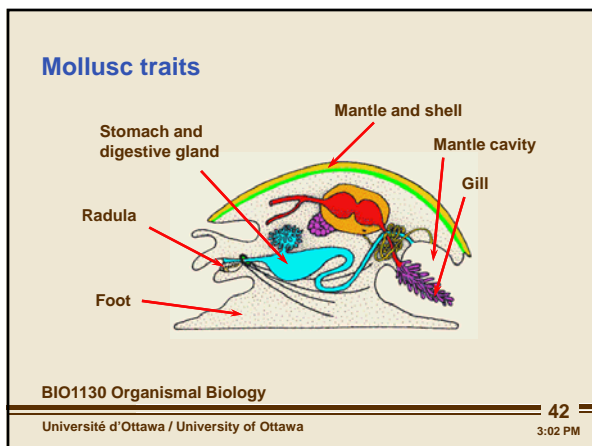
as cilia beat, moves water and particles down tentacles and toward mouth. pulls feeding structure back in when it doesn't need to feed.

removed mobility in exchange for efficiency in food and can protect itself in its shell.



2nd most abundant group. squid, snails, clams, oysters. they are all

different in function. Use adaptive radiation.



protective shell - secreted by epidermal layer (mantle).

pulls calcium from water, then excretes and solidifies it.

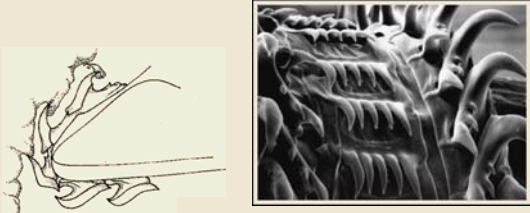
moves around with a muscular foot.

can pull shell down and tuck in all organs and tissues for protection from predators.

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**Mollusc radula**

**Radular teeth**



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feeding structure. covering the surface of tongue is teeth to grind.  
loosely attached so can slide it forward and back to scrape organic  
debris. teeth are constantly replaced from the back.

**Snails (Gastropods)**

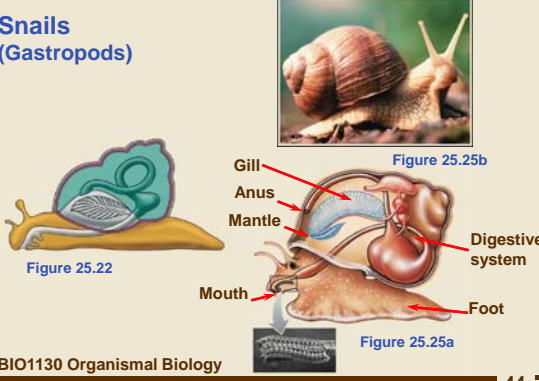


Figure 25.22

Figure 25.25b

Figure 25.25a

Gill

Anus

Mantle

Mouth

Foot

Digestive system

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visceral mass enlarged- rolled and compacted it.  
piece of shell on back on foot, when snail goes inside, it acts as a door.  
can move on land.  
they are also hermaphrodite.

**Squids and octopods (Cephalopods)**

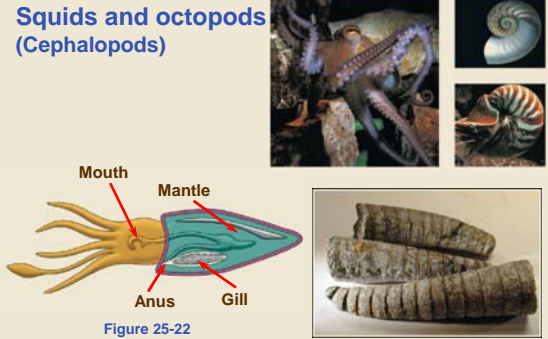


Figure 25-22

Mouth

Mantle

Anus

Gill

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swims with its shell behind it.  
its muscular foot becomes tentacles.

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**Ammonites**



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shell rolled inwards. opposite of a snail.

when fish come, in order to compete to become an active predator

they remove their shells. all except for one organism.

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**Clams (Bivalves)**

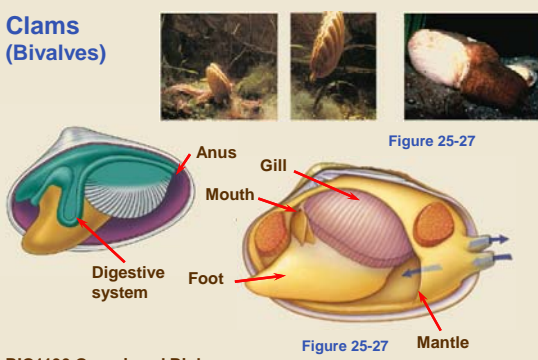


Figure 25-27

Anus  
Gill  
Mouth  
Digestive system  
Foot  
Mantle

Figure 25-27

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don't eat. pumps water into its digestive system as it comes along.

also don't move.

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**Two main protostome groups**

- Lophotrochozoa
  - Lophophore or
  - Trochophore larval stage
- Ecdysozoa




Figure 33-4a




Figure 33-5

Figure 33-4b

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Annelids: mainly found in marine environment.

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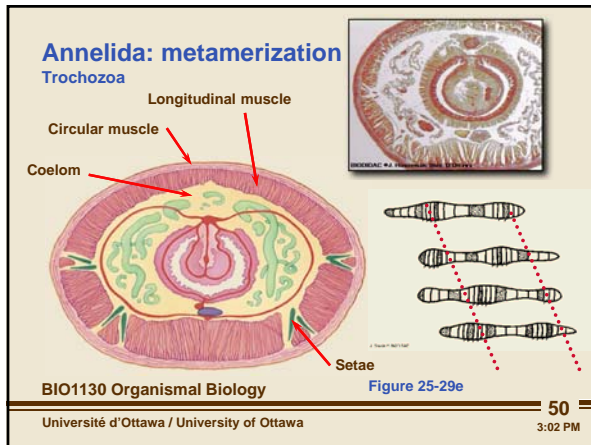
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segments: bunch of fluid filled cavities arranged linearly down length of worm.

metamere- segment

each metamere can change shape independent of its neighbor

Setae- can be retracted, bristles stuck out and retracted

- stick out when segment is at its largest to anchor in place

- small segments slide forward, enlarge and anchor.

- in order to get into sediment it opened its mouth eating all of the substrate and tunneled through.

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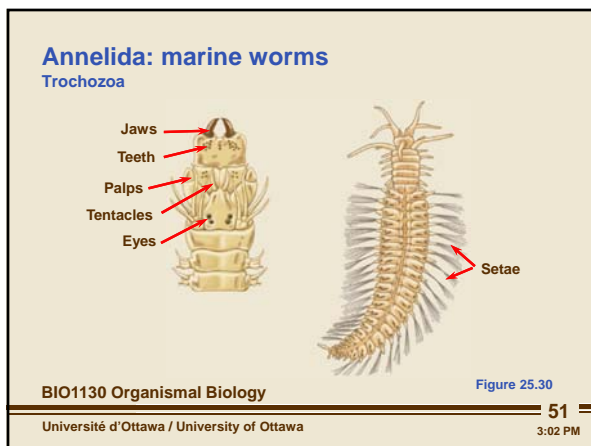
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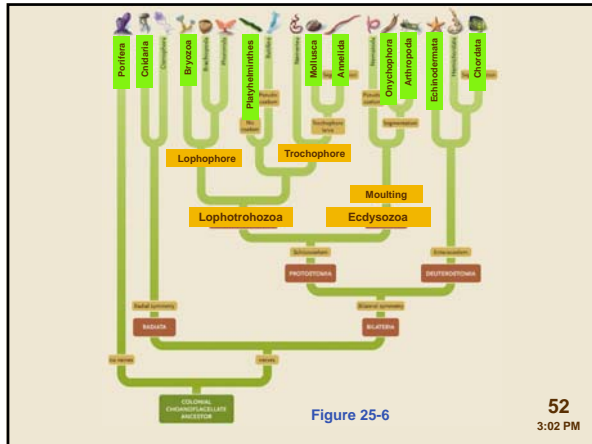
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**Onychophora**  
Ecdysozoa

Figure 25.35

Video

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Velvet worm, it is a living fossil. In Burgess shales.

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Shows segmentation has occurred multiple times.

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First exoskeleton - Non waterproof cuticle. moults .

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**Arthropods: Trilobites**  
Ecdysozoa

Figure 25.37

Video

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Segments fuse together to form specialized functions.

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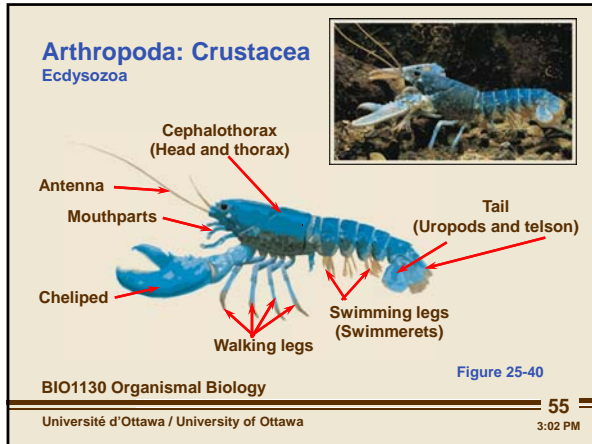
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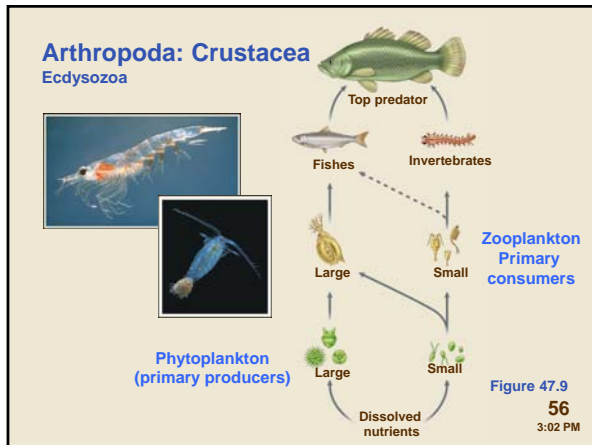
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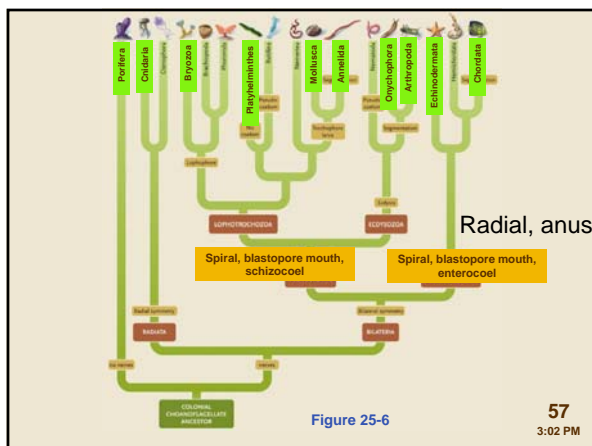
exoskeleton- cuticle toughens up

fuse segments together into functional units.

unit- tagma



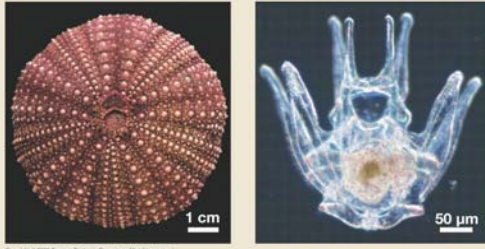
locomotion and feeding are tightly tied together.



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**Starfish and relatives**

Adult radial symmetry      Larva bilateral symmetry



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radially symmetric.

had traits of bilateral symmetric organisms but settles to become sessile, radial symmetry.

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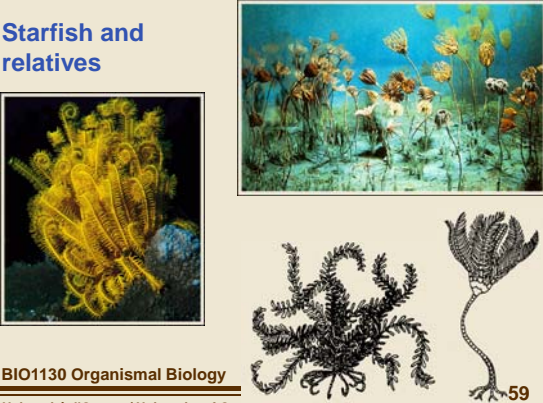
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**Starfish and relatives**



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ancient echninoderms had arms to catch food falling through water column before it hit the bottom .

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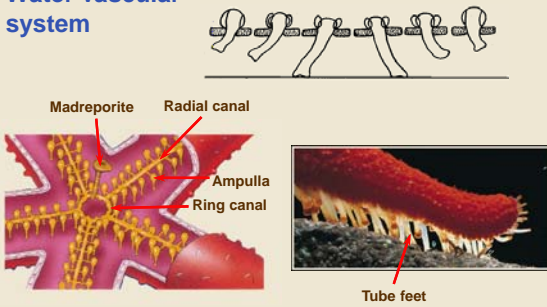
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**Water vascular system**



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# Cambrian and Ordovician

**An explanation for the Cambrian explosion**

- Snowball earth
- Burrowing
- Shelled arms race
- Developmental – *hox* genes

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Late Proterozoic 650 Ma

- Snowball earth
- Slushball earth

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the belt is also rainy. Most land mass was underwater.

Lots of erosion on exposed earth, debris goes into ocean.

$CO_2 + H_2O \leftrightarrow H^+ + HCO_3^- + CO$

$CO_2$  is sucked out of atmosphere, less heat absorbed, planet cools, ice buildup at poles.

Ice -> reflective surface, even less radiant heat.

keeps becoming colder and colder building up more ice.

When ice from both sides meet, entire earth is frozen (Snowball earth)

some believe in slushball earth, life could have occurred in areas near some parts of the equator.

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**Early animal evolution**

Be sure to look at Knoll VR00314 for most recent data on this period and the evidence


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**Doushantuo fossils**  
590-565 Ma



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look like embryos at 2,4, 8 cell stage.

multicellular life must have occurred before cambrian.

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**Ediacaran fossils**  
580-542 Ma  
(Mistaken point NFLD)



Protoanimals of Mistaken point  
Australian footprints

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also older than cambrian. represent organisms of multicellular form.

snowball earth stop first experiments in multicellularity.

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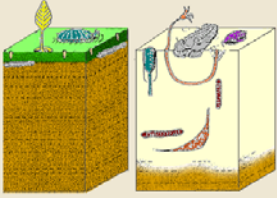
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**Cambrian burrowers**

- **Advantages**
  - Feeding
  - Anchorage
  - Protection



Ediacaran benthic zone      Cambrian benthic zone

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algal mats- impenetrable to organisms

cambrian burrowers (diggers)- could go through algal mats and feed on stuff underneath, not available to any other organism.

protected while under algal mats from predators.

turning calcium into protective outer case. armor allows animals to become bigger to hunt bigger prey.

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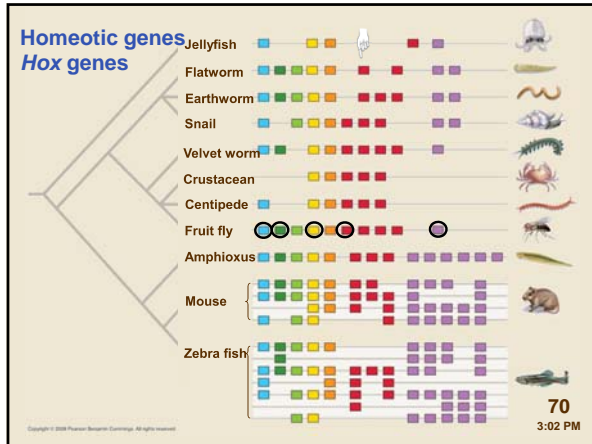
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# Cambrian and Ordovician



hox genes are universal

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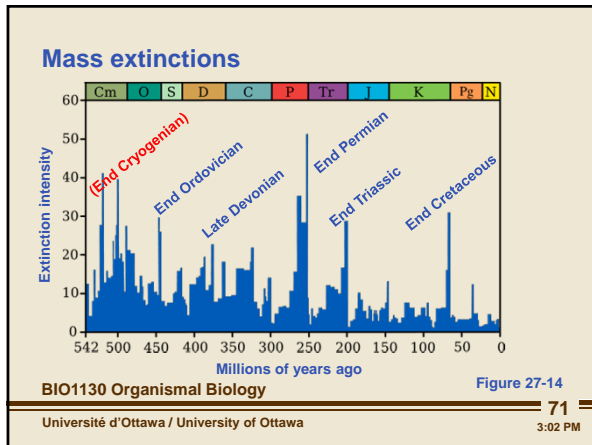
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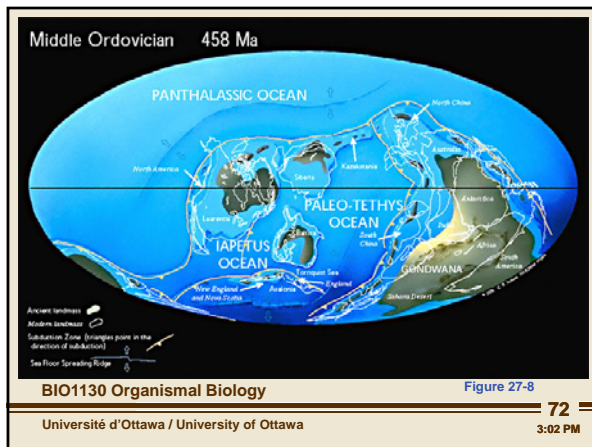
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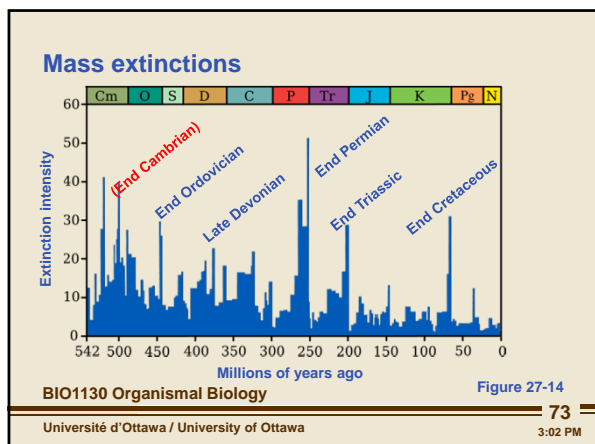
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