


# Cambrian and Ordovician

**Cambrian and Ordovician periods**



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**Geological time scale and building height**  
(1 floor – 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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cambrian explosion

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**Geological time scale and building height**  
(1 floor – 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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multi cellular

mesozoic: on land organisms

palaeozoic: animals and mammals

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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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multi-cellular life and animals all  
oddly in same time period  
Ends with a large mass extinction which  
only allows the survival of only a few  
organisms.

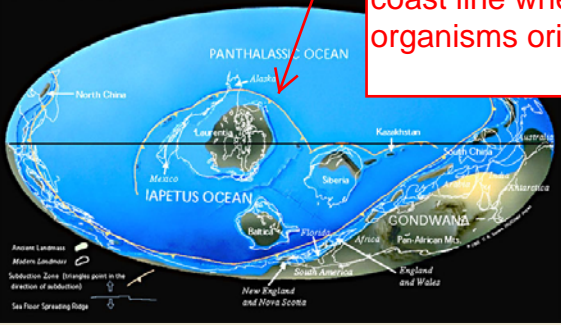
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Late Cambrian 514 Ma



PANTHALASSIC OCEAN

IAPETUS OCEAN

GONDWANA

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good light penetration,  
great for plenty of  
autotroph organisms  
(under water)  
coast line where  
organisms originate from.

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**Burgess shales - Yoho National park**



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the organisms here fell to the bottom of  
the ocean and were covered with sediment  
rock, and the soft-bodied organisms were  
fossilized.

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**The Cambrian explosion**



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organisms with no similarities to animals today and other organisms such as trilobites

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**Burgess shales and its unusual invertebrates**



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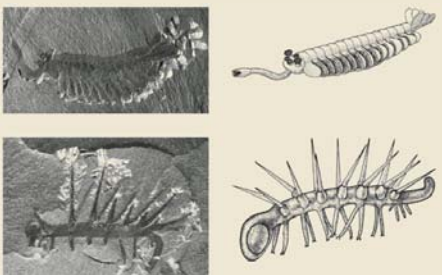
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**Burgess shales and its unusual invertebrates**



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descendants of species we see today, eg, earthworms.

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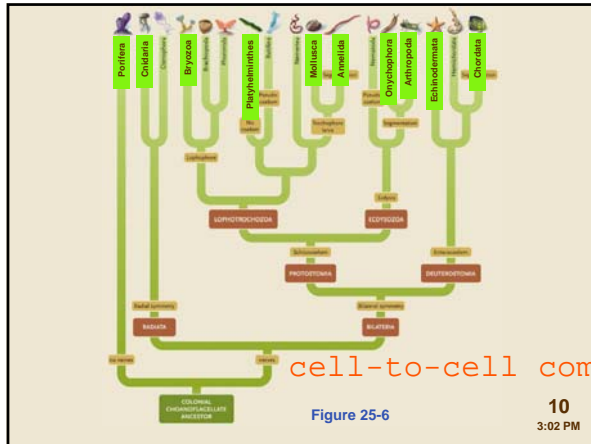
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### Animal architecture

- Tissues
- Symmetry and cephalization
- Embryology
- Body cavities

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### Colonial choanocyte ancestor

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biochemistry of microtubules that create the flagella are the same as any on an animal ancestor to every single animal today

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**Animal architecture: Tissues**

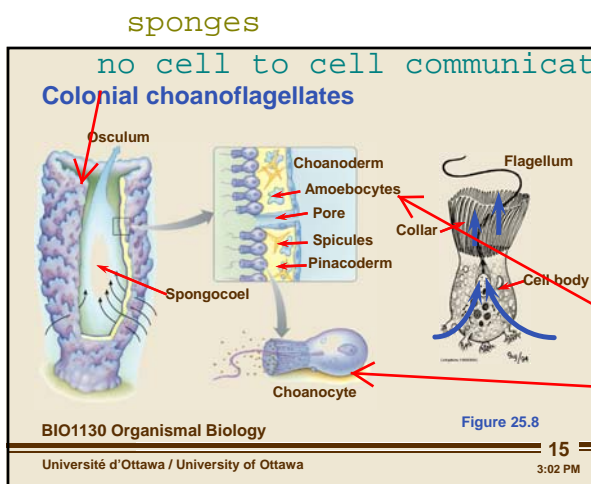
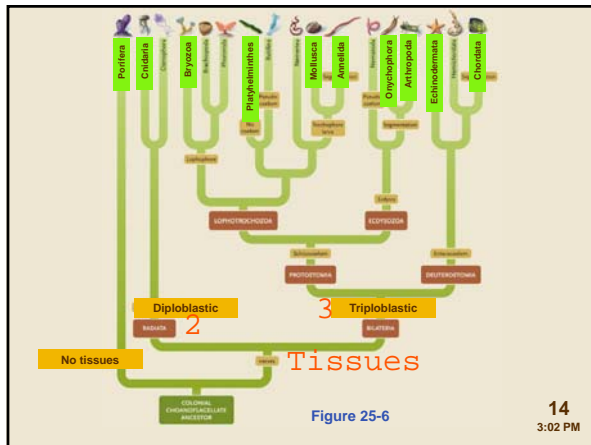
- No tissues
- Diploblastic germ layers
  - Ectoderm and endoderm
- Triploblastic germ layers
  - Ectoderm, mesoderm and endoderm

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develop two tissues layers: endoderm, ectoderm (outside).

muscles derived from mesoderm




passes food to amoebocyte because choanocyte cannot eat  
 amoebocytes lay down skeleton to hold up cell  
 its heterotrophic  
 excess food exists plasma membrane and is moved to the choanoderm (not a true tissue)  
 still an animal needs food for energy

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**Sponge sex**

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



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engulfes sperm cells with phagocytosis

through the water pump

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

- Assymetric
- Radial symmetry
- Bilateral symmetry and cephalization (head)




Figure 25.3 17

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all animals are going to have a mouth

zoologists locate organism mouth look at

oral side and aboral side

sponges are assymetric

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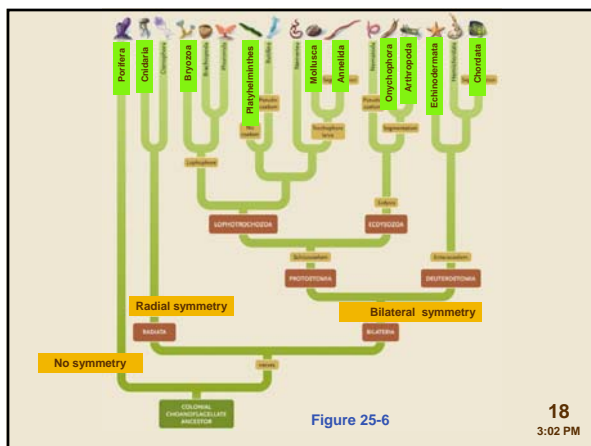
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## Cnidarians

**Corals ?**



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**Coral reefs**


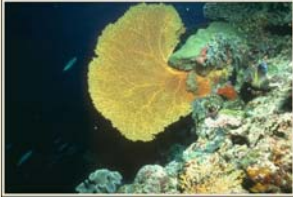



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Reef building during this time period

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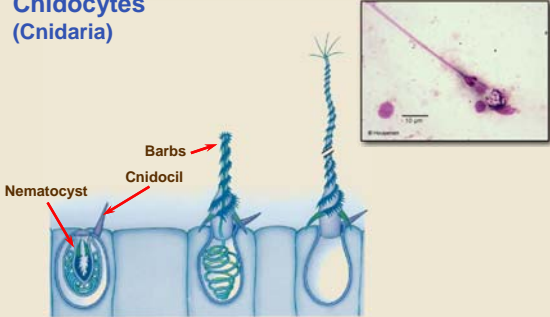
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**Cnidocytes (Cnidaria)**



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One of the first exclusive predators -  
the cnidaria  
similar to a tazor  
can use its body to pull prey back in

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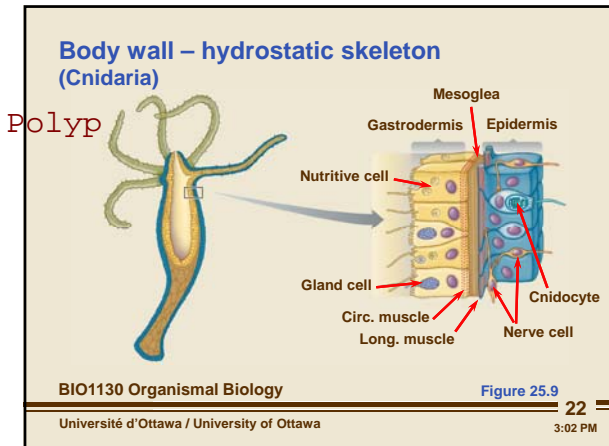
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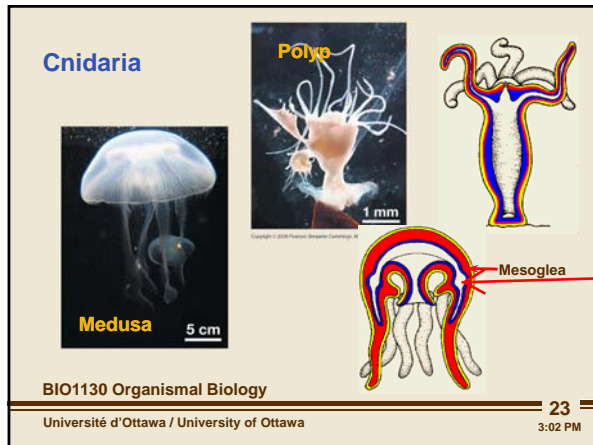
uses water-filled skeleton

capture prey put it in digestive cavity, then barf it out and digest it again.

has no muscles or mesoderm  
it has a hydrostatic skeleton

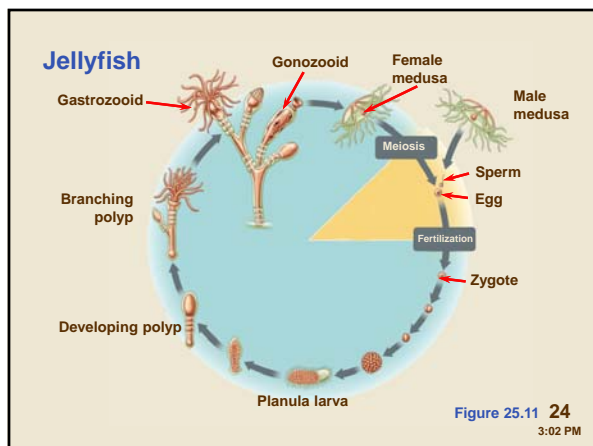
there is a fibre called the myoneme and it is contractive but it is not a mesoderm

there is a muscle that can stretch back to original form- origins of first skeleton



essentially a flipped polyp

jelly-fish in gatlneau waters



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

Blastula

Gastrula

Ectoderm

Endoderm

Gut

Blastopore

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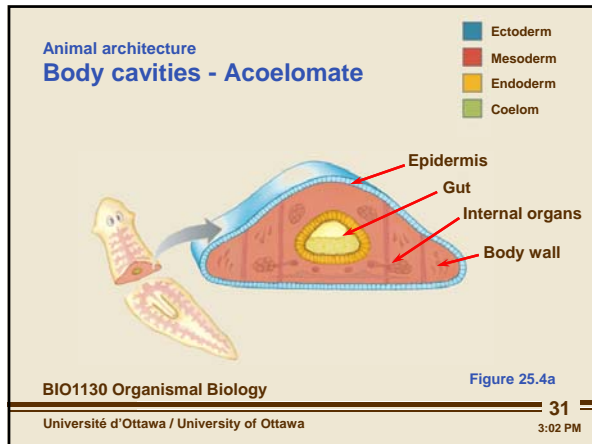
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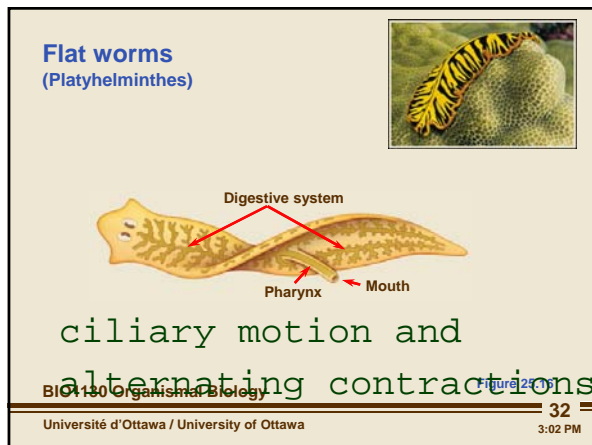


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flatworm lost its body cavity. It did this because its flatness gives it a really good surface-to-body ratio.

successful as parasites.

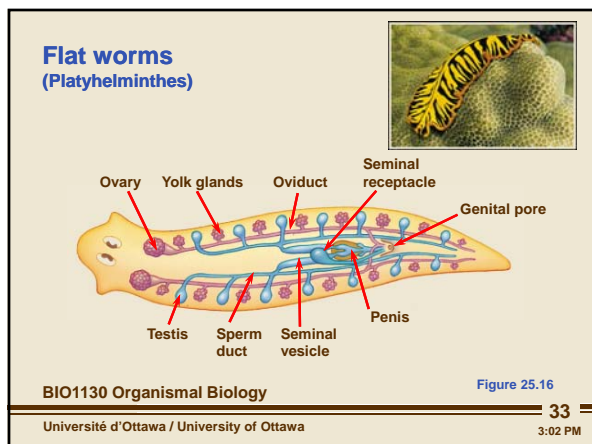


no anus, currents in digestive tract, use its pharynx to pull food in.

uses cilia that beat against substrate

ciliary motion and alternating contractions

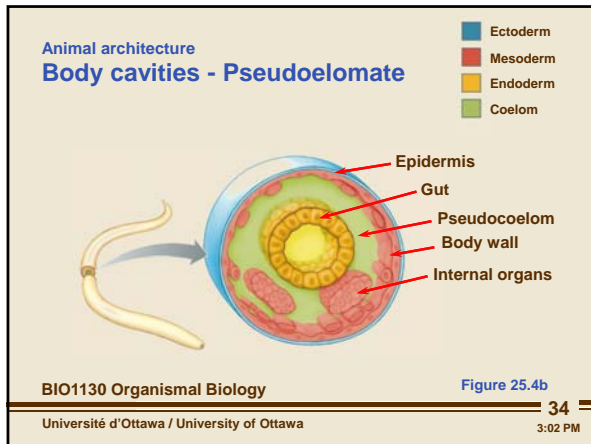
second form of motion, contracts circular muscles, uses sponginess of tissues that fill the body, secrete glues to stick head in place, (works sort of like an accordion)



hermaphrodite (both sexual organs) every mating event produces a fertilized individual (impregnated).

no variation if impregnated so sperm goes to seminal vesicle to be passed on to another flatworm into the seminal receptacle.

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mesoderm doesn't completely line  
body cavity (in round worm).

The gut has no musculature

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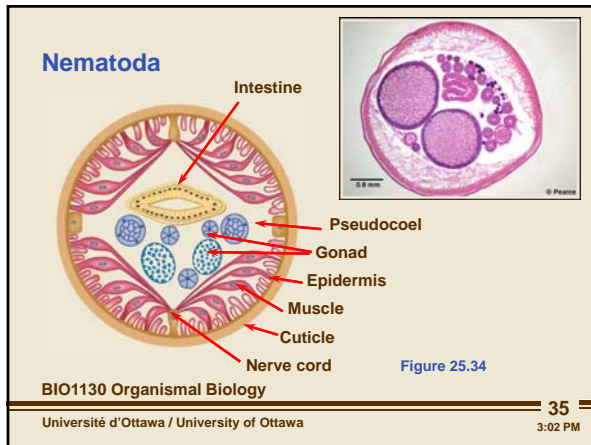
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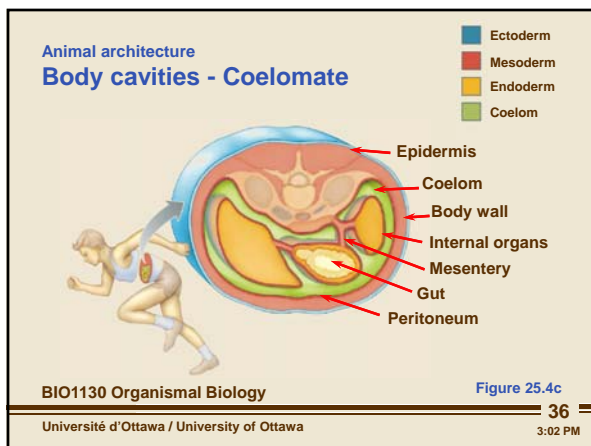
only have muscles on the outside  
they only have longitudinal  
muscles.

nematodes(nematode) live in soil  
where they can push with "s" shape  
motion.

the gut is a single-cell layer  
thick.

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mesentery-holds organs in place

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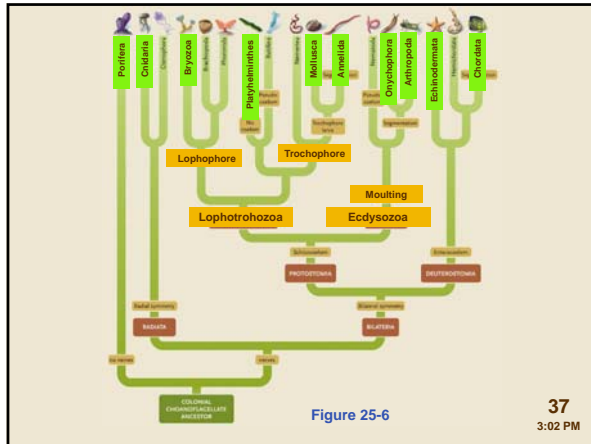
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ecdysozoa have moulting  
arthropoda are 95% of the animals

(listen to podcast)

**Two main protostome groups**

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

Figure 33-5

Figure 25-23

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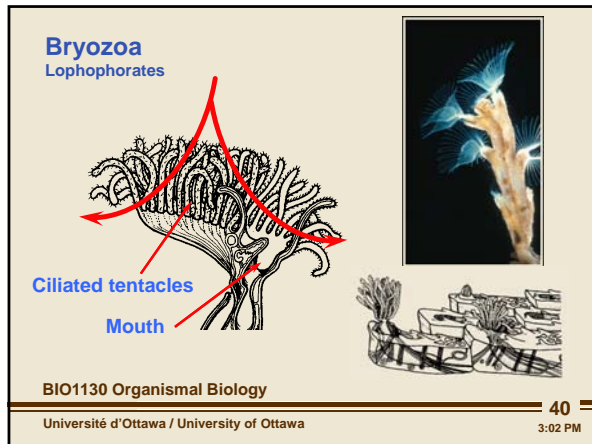
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lophophore- feeding structure  
trochophore- means they have one  
of the two



has a lophophore

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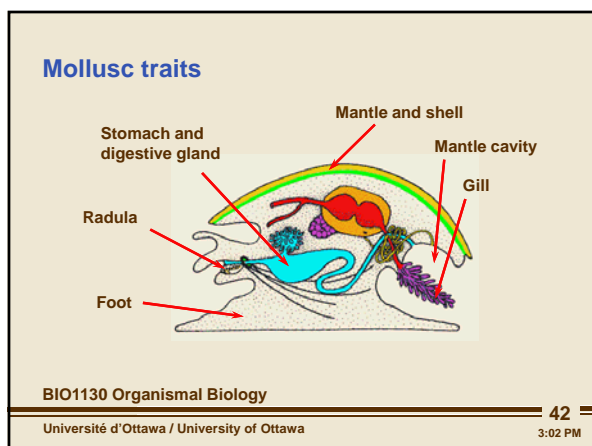


series of hollow tentacles that can extend out and can position and wave it for anything it needs to do. Covered in cilia, propel water into center, out at base of lophophore, cilia take material pass it down tentacles into mouth.



example of adaptive radiation. A system can be modified to carry out functions.

squid, snails, clams



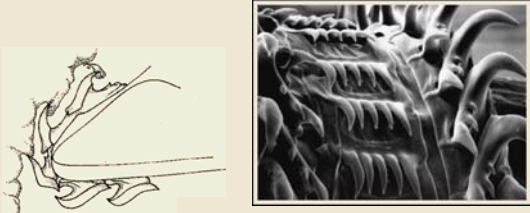
protective shell, secreted by epidermal layer. Uses calcium salts in water and solidify them into a shell.

develops feeding structure called radula, like a tongue, but covered with teeth, can grind at material

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**Mollusc radula**

**Radular teeth**



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scrape at organic material, grind it up like a phile or electric grinder.

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**Snails (Gastropods)**

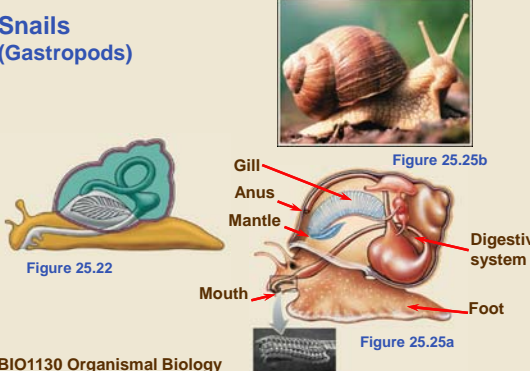


Figure 25.22

Figure 25.25b

Figure 25.25a

Gill

Anus

Mantle

Mouth

Foot

Digestive system

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perfected its cavity that it hides in (adaptive radiation) compacted and spiraled shell to make it easier to move and not tip over, they can snap shell shut. they are hermaphrodite organisms.

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**Squids and octopods (Cephalopods)**

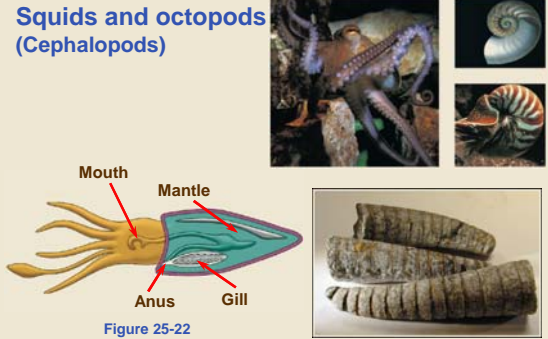


Figure 25-22

Mouth

Mantle

Anus

Gill

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it tips over with big shell. invertebrate

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**Ammonites**



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This slide features three images of ammonites. The top right image shows several ammonites swimming in a blue ocean. The middle left image is a close-up of numerous ammonite shells, showing their characteristic spiral patterns. The bottom right image shows a large, reddish-brown ammonite shell resting on a grey rock surface.

will discard their shells to  
adapt later on to compete against  
fish

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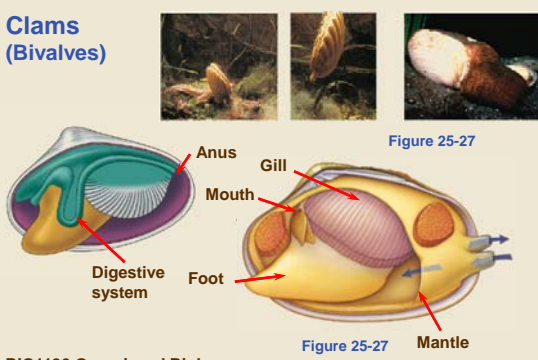
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**Clams (Bivalves)**



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This slide includes three photographs of clams in their natural habitat and a detailed anatomical diagram. The diagram labels the Anus, Gill, Mouth, Digestive system, Foot, and Mantle. The text 'Figure 25-27' appears twice near the diagram.

bury themselves into the sand.  
digestive system is a perfect  
particulate feeding system.  
pump the water to get the food.

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**Two main protostome groups**

- Lophotrochozoa
  - Lophophore or
  - Trochophore larval stage
- Ecdysozoa



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This slide contains two diagrams. The top diagram, labeled 'Figure 33-4a', shows a cross-section of a lophophore with labels for Food particles, Water current, Mouth, Anus, and Gut. The bottom diagram, labeled 'Figure 33-4b', shows a cross-section of a trochophore larval stage with labels for Mouth, Anus, and Cilia used in locomotion and feeding. A scale bar of 0.1 mm is provided.

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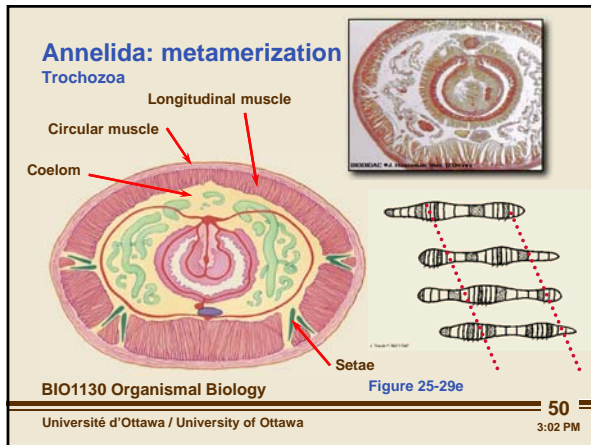
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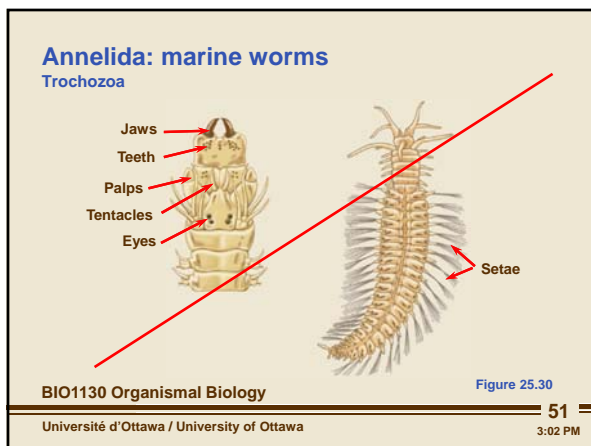
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segments called metamere  
annuli rings of worm  
accordion shape  
bristles stuck in and retracted  
diameter is at its largest, on  
ventral side ct stick out (bristles)  
gripped in place, contract circular  
muscles and lengthens  
same as flatworm movement,  
hydrostatic skeleton individual  
fluid filled parts  
open mouth consume substrate and  
burrow through it(tunnel through)




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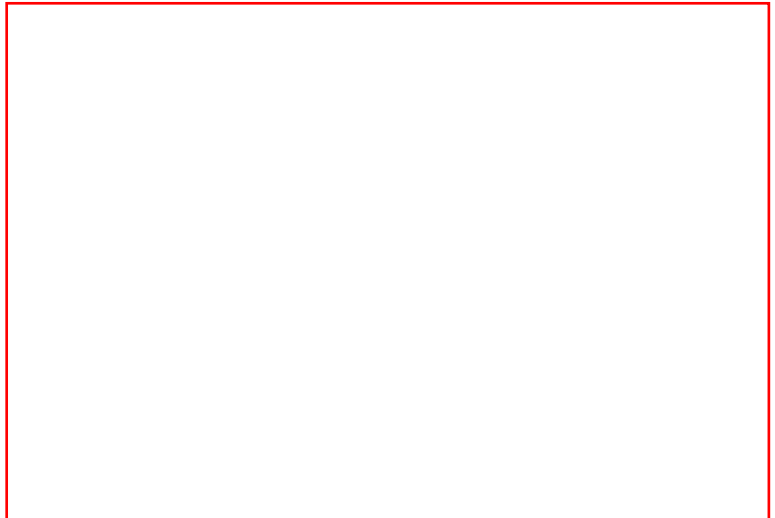
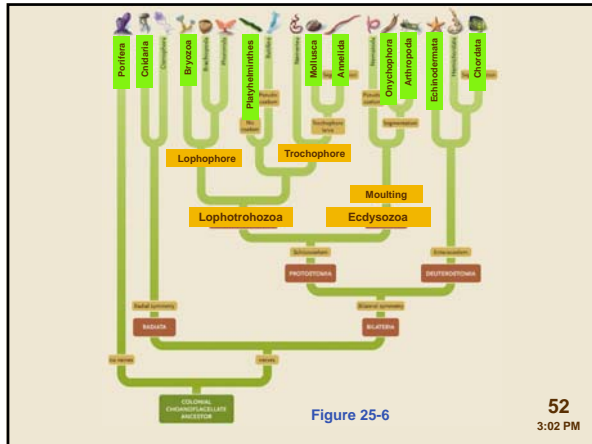
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**Onychophora**  
Ecdysozoa

Antenna  
Oral papilla  
Jaw  
Claw

Figure 25.35

Video

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the velvet worm  
found in burgess shales  
made way up on land, still live there.  
they are predators, completely blind.  
spits out glue to attack and immobilize prey  
lots of feet soft and silent  
beginnings of first exoskeleton

**Arthropods: Trilobites**  
Ecdysozoa

Figure 25.37

Video

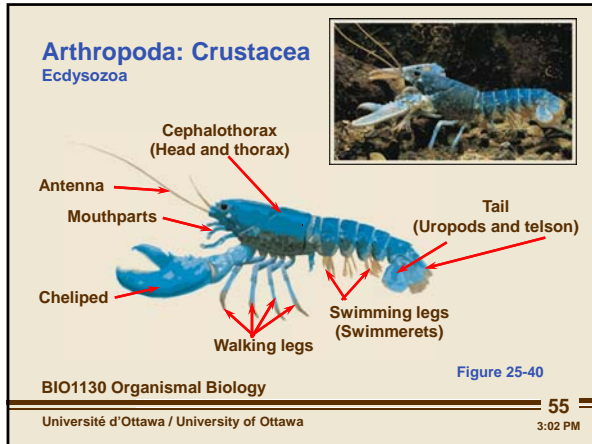
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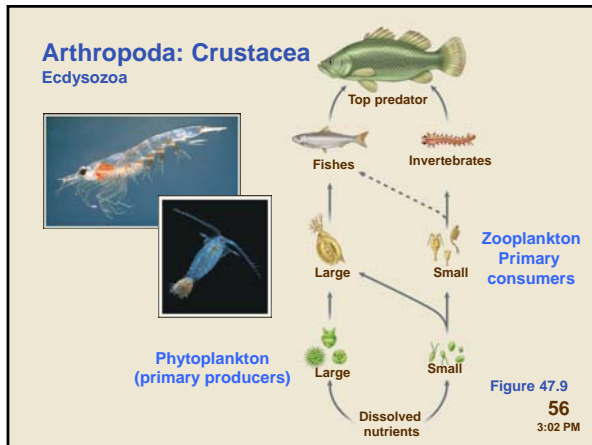
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segments start to fuzze together to carry out  
specialized functions

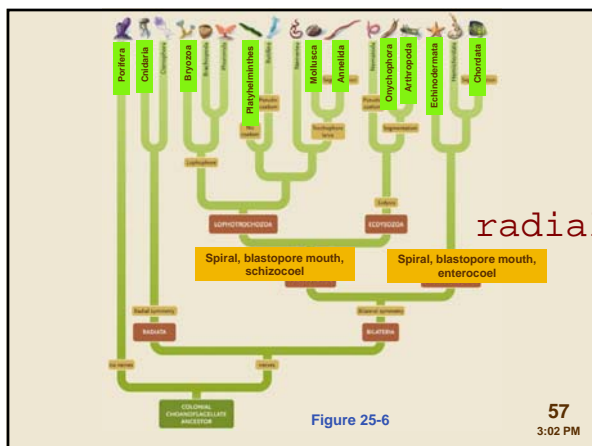
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outer armor toughens up  
fusing segments into functional units, called  
tagma



trap particulate easily are small zooplankton,  
most abundant component of ocean.  
huge animals in water feed on these.  
whales pump huge amounts of water through  
there oral cavities  
swim to capture food, move all around



radial and anus

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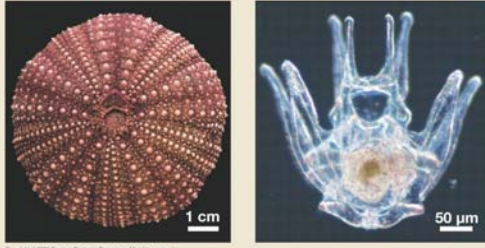
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**Starfish and relatives**

Adult radial symmetry      Larva bilateral symmetry




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**Starfish and relatives**

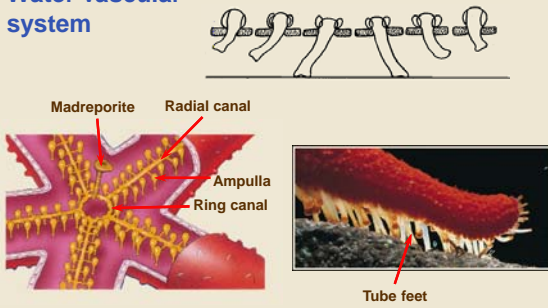


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feeding with arms, trapping food

**Water vascular system**



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finger-like projections have capacity to move circular and longitudinal muscles to move around  
tube-feet pass from one to the next  
thousands of independent hydrostatic skeletons  
gave up immobility and become mobile  
suction cup on ends of feed, lever itself along  
starfish are all predators  
stomach turns inside out and spits liquids to liquify clam  
symmetry is based on 5, pentaradial symmetry

# Cambrian and Ordovician

**An explanation for the Cambrian explosion**

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

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why did we see explosion in Cambrian

Late Proterozoic 650 Ma

- Snowball earth
- Slushball earth

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snowball earth- whole planet froze  
 carbon dioxide + water equilibrium with hydrogen and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  calcium  
 silica precipitates  
 no  $\text{CO}_2$  blanket, earth cools, ice builds up at poles  
 light bounces back out to space  
 ice masses met in middle, completely froze planet  
 during the Proterozoic lots of oxygen omitted  
 carbon dioxide and methane, poorer insulated blanket  
 some people think it should be slushball earth, still areas of life  
 carbon dioxide slowly bring back life and slowly melt ice  
 once melt ice thermocapacity of land and ice accelerates this faster.  
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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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# Cambrian and Ordovician

**Doushantuo fossils**  
590-565 Ma




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they look like embryo of two cell, 4,6, older than cambrian  
some form of multicellular organism

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



Protoanimals of Mistaken point  
Australian footprints

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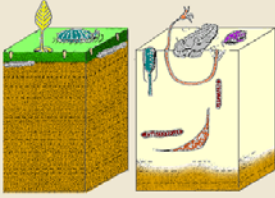
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foot print, tracks, fish, all older than Cambrian  
life before snowball earth and Cambrian

**Cambrian burrowers**

- Advantages
  - Feeding
  - Anchorage
  - Protection



Ediacaran benthic zone      Cambrian benthic zone

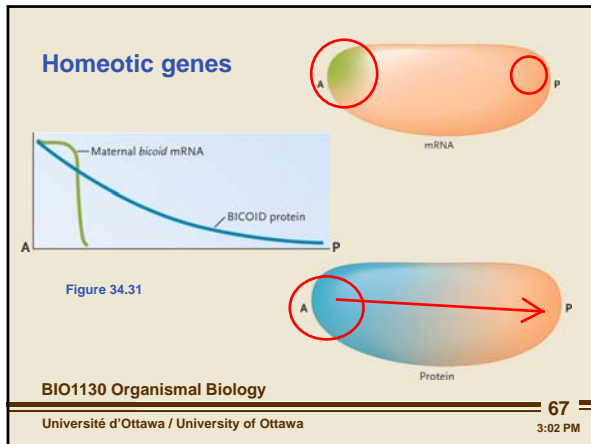
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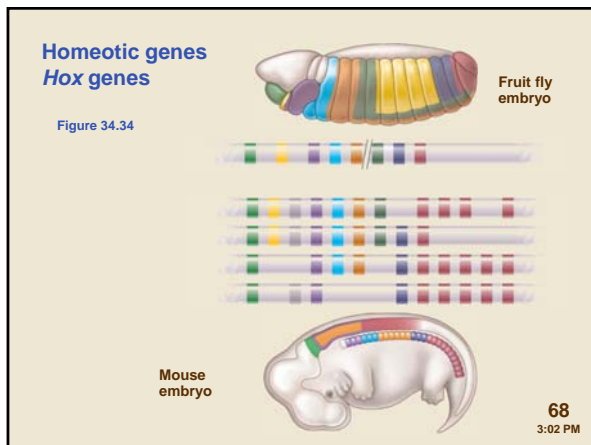
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fossils of organisms burrowing

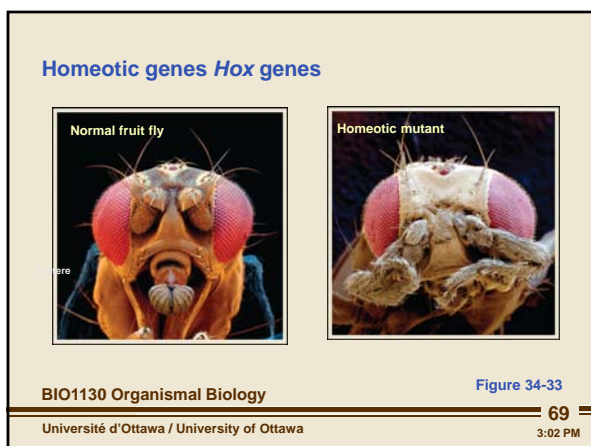
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if you have an embryo (slug of cells)  
 how does it know posterior and anterior ends  
 set of transcription factors  
 message for protein to diffuse across,  
 makes a gradient  
 gradients turn on and off genes



posterior and anterior genes  
 scientists looked at regulatory genes  
 arranged in same sequence  
 there is a transcription factor, if you see me  
 you're going to make things at posterior end




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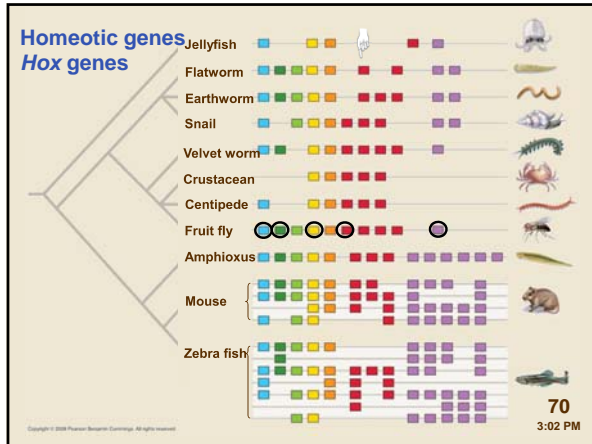


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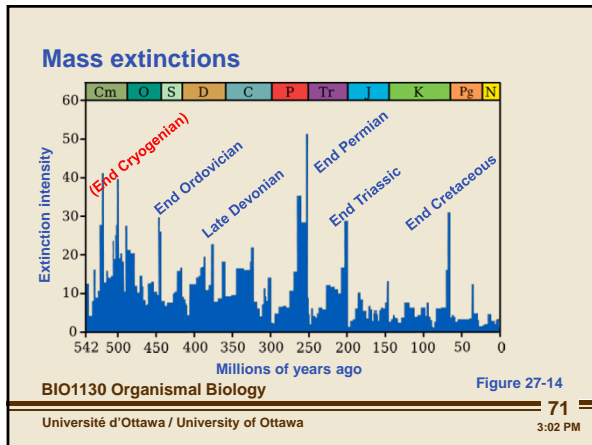


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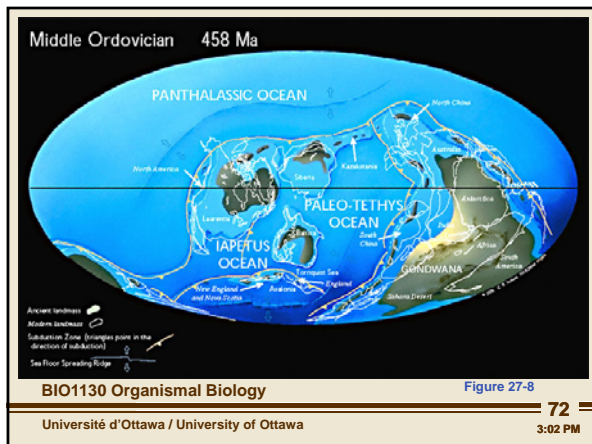
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gene duplications  
 initial first genetics codings for patterns in animals was used over and over and over again  
 universal  
 colours represent what creates the pattern in multicellular organisms (new habitats by burrowing)  
 body forms that burrowed, some secreted shells  
 same homeotic genes show up in plants, when plants come up on land



second largest mass extinctions of the planet




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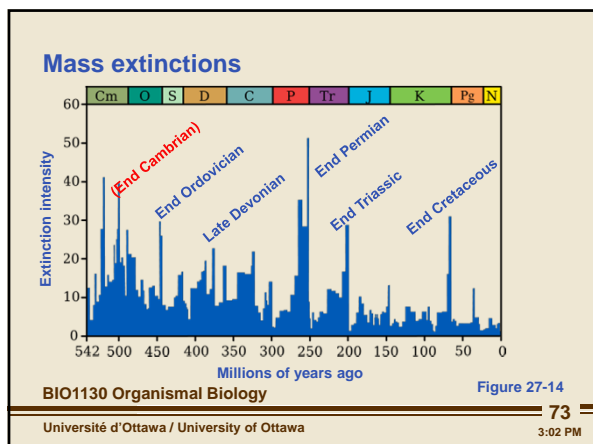
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