

Can small, quantitative changes lead to large qualitative changes?

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Raup (1962) model for shell coiling in gastropods.

Real snails occupy one area of the parameter space. Many theoretically possible patterns have not yet evolved.

Replicas of generating curve

Ratio of sizes = W

Direction of translation

Axis of coiling

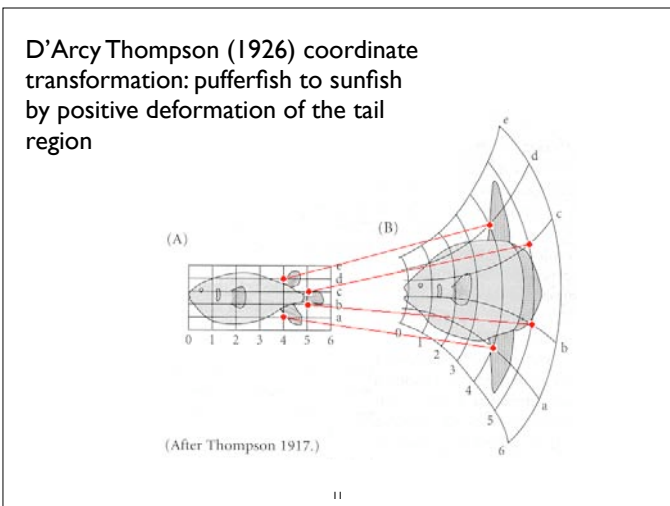
$W = 1.2$
 $T = 0.2$

$W = 1.7$
 $T = 0.6$

$W = 2.1$
 $T = 0.8$

$W = 10.0$
 $T = 5.0$

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Allometry & Heterochrony

- Allometry: differential rates of growth of different body parts.
- Heterochrony: alternation of relative timing of development in evolution, produced by selection on allometric relationship

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Allometric equation

$$y = mx^a$$

x and y are trait measurements

If $m = 1$, then...

$$\ln y = a \ln x$$

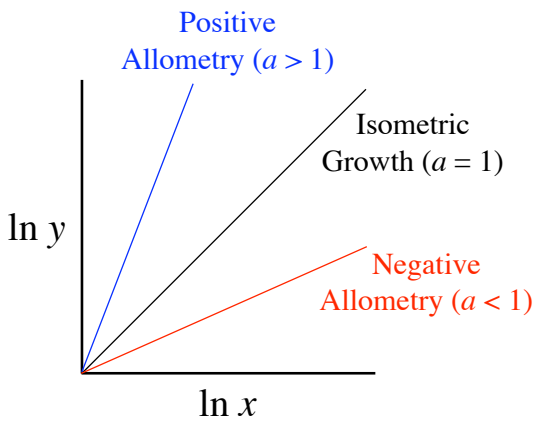
a is the allometric coefficient

a = 1: then y is proportional to x and there is no allometry; y is isometric with respect to x

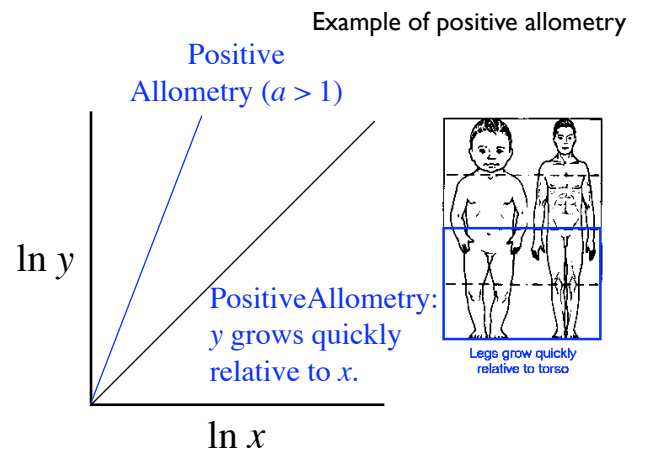
a > 1: then y grows faster than x (positive allometry)

a < 1: then y grows slower than x (negative allometry)

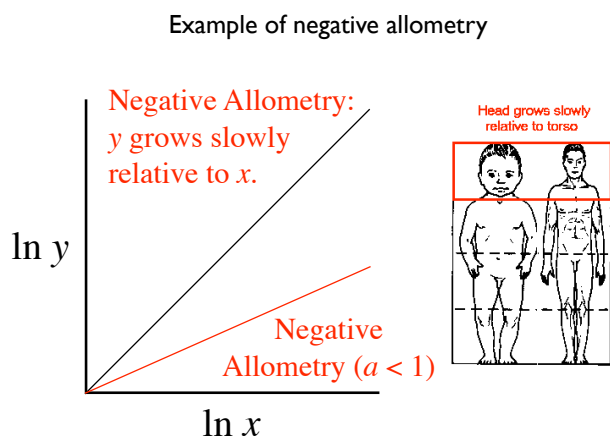
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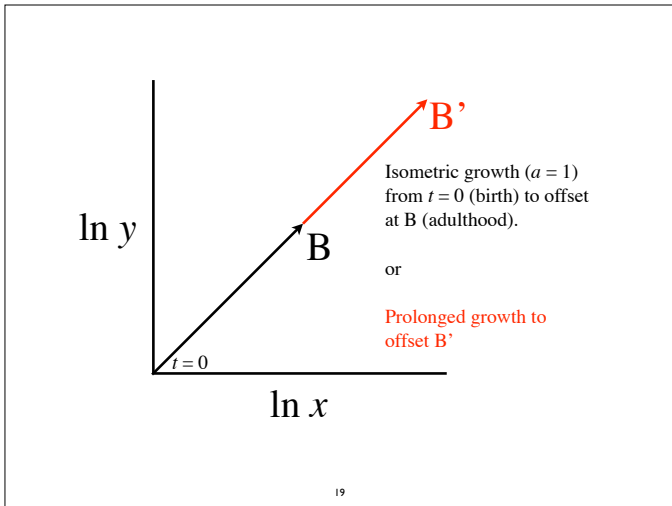
The allometric coefficient (a) can be shown to be variable, heritable, and adaptive.

Therefore, natural selection can act on it.

The end-point of ontogeny can be altered by selection on initial parameters of development:

- (a) change the allometric relationship
- (b) change the relative timing of the onset or offset of developmental events

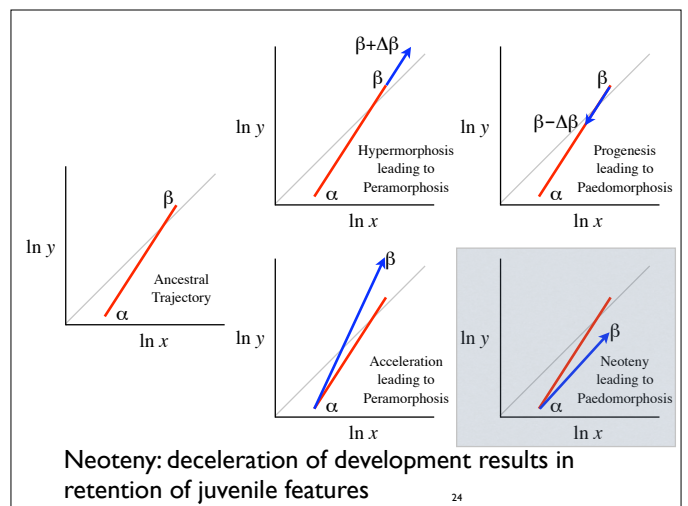
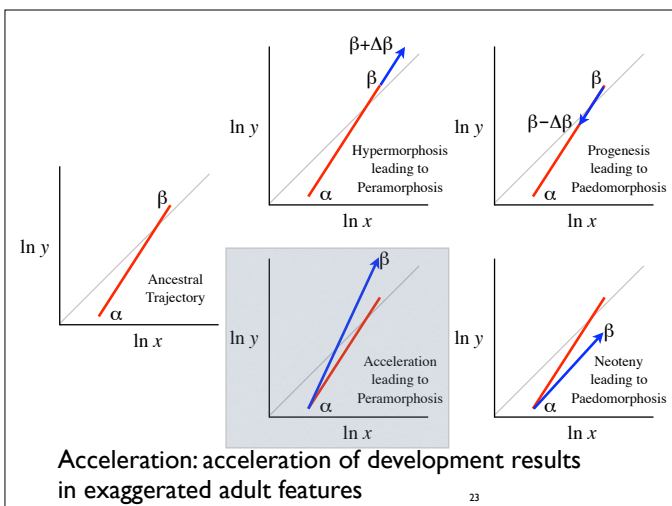
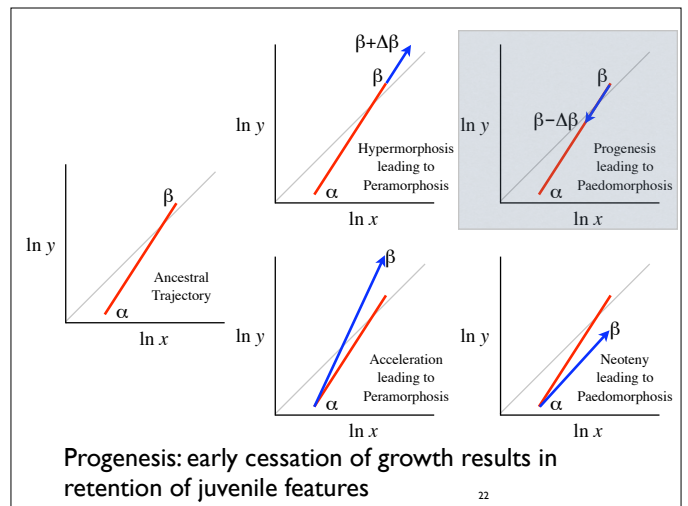
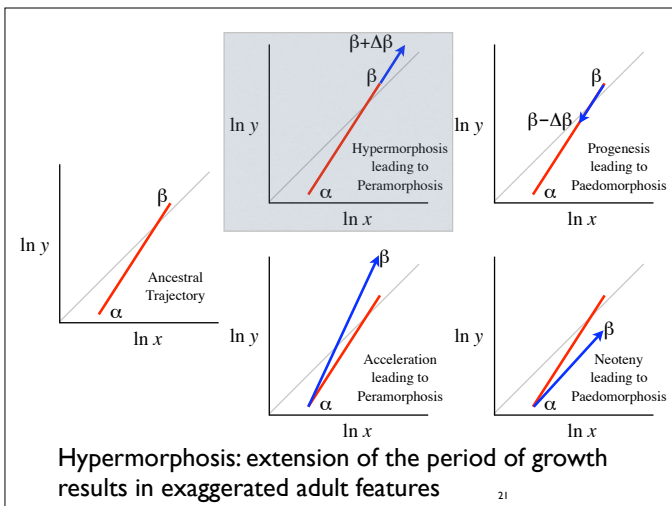
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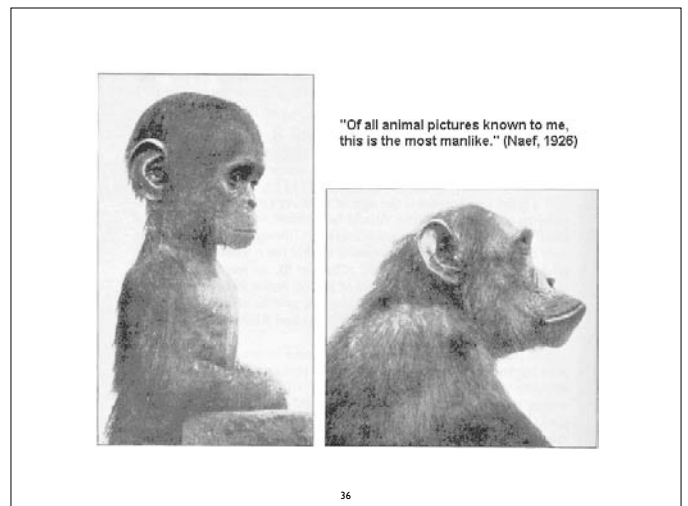
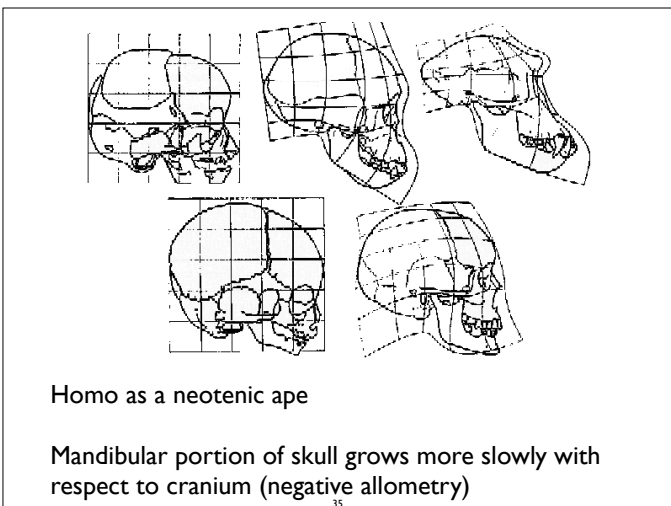
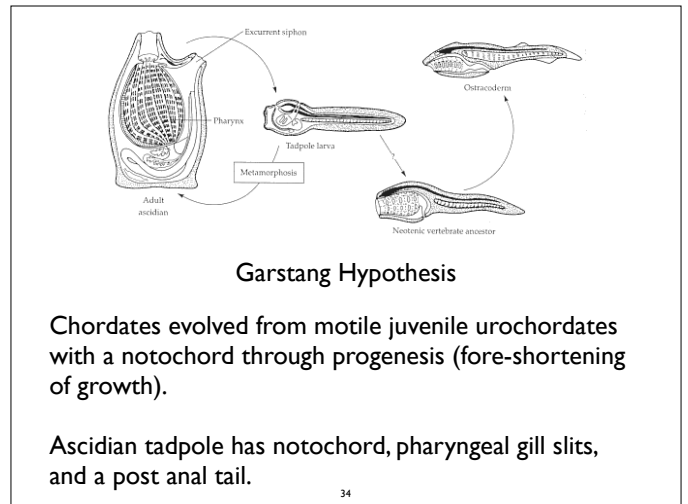
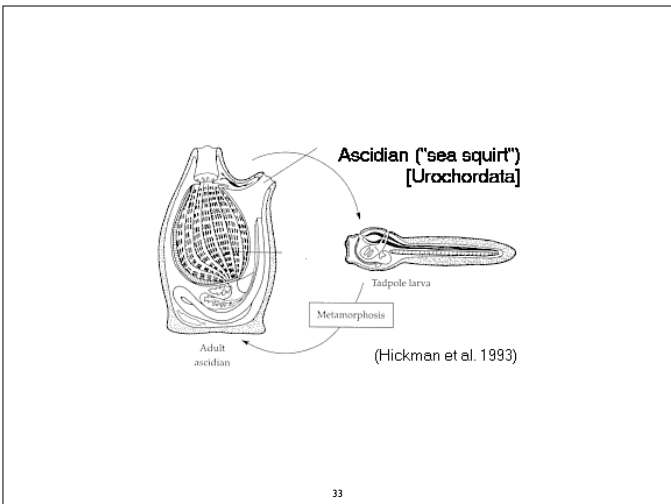
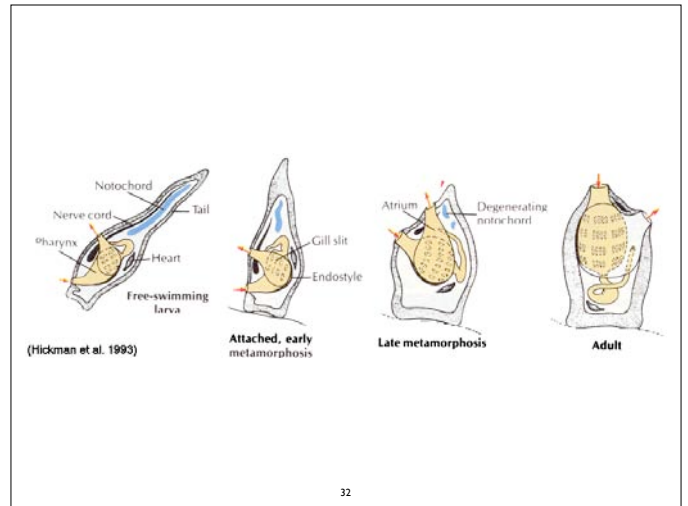
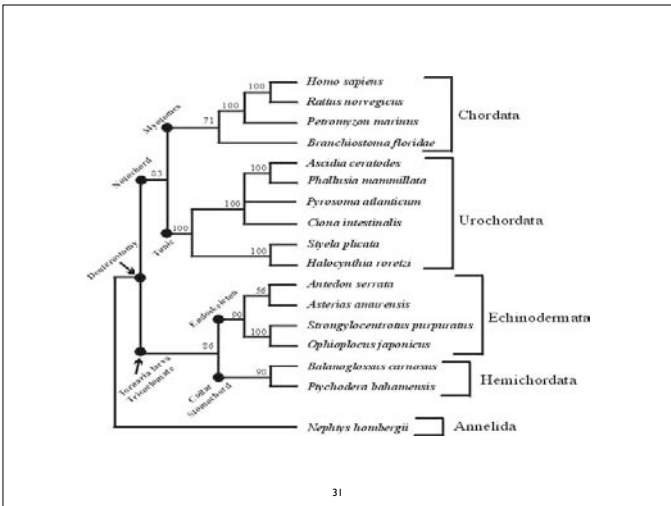


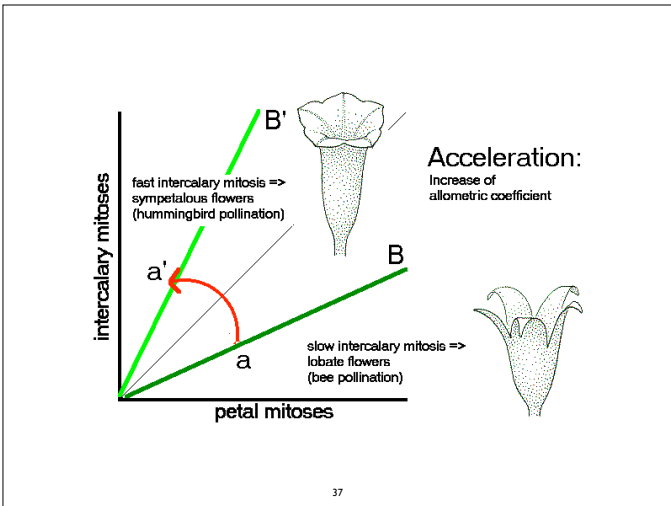
Four heterochronic processes

- Acceleration: relative rate changes faster (a increases)
- Neoteny: relative rate changes more slowly (a decreases)
- Hypermorphosis: relative rate is prolonged
- Progenesis: relative growth rate is fore-shortened

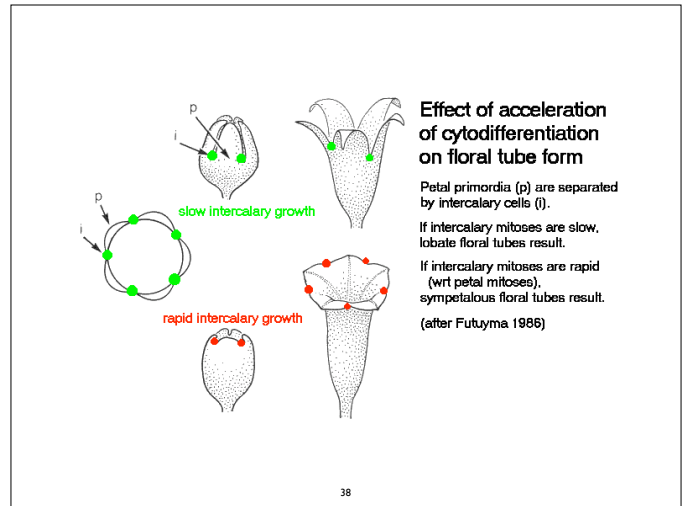
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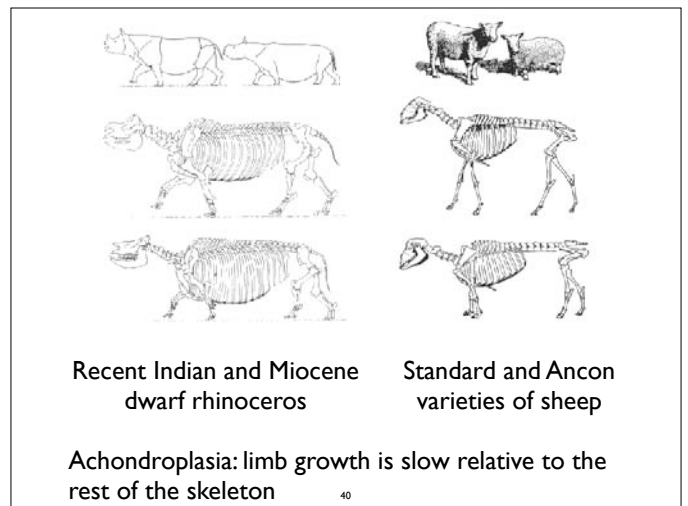
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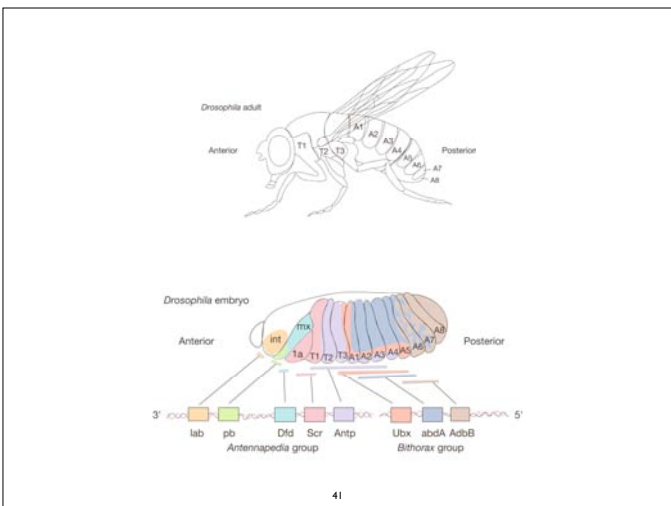
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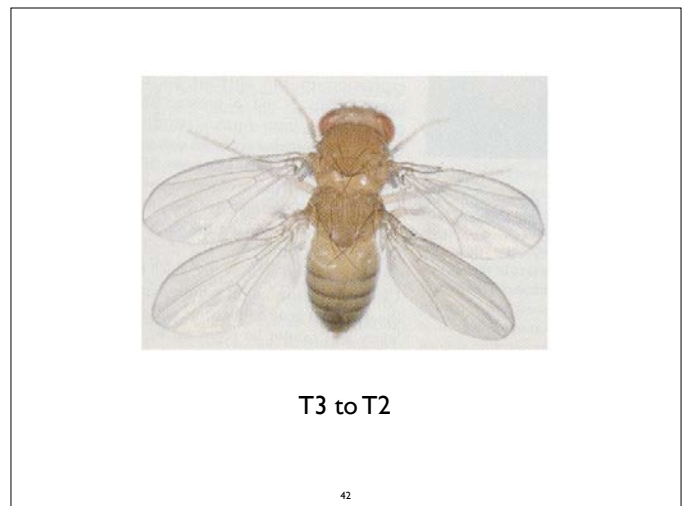
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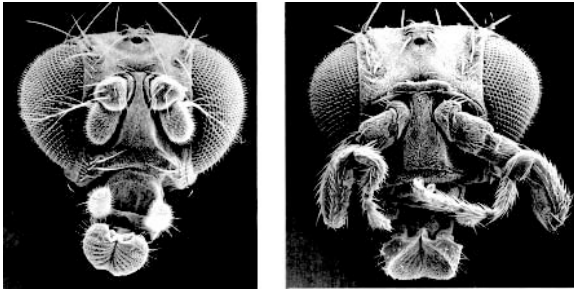
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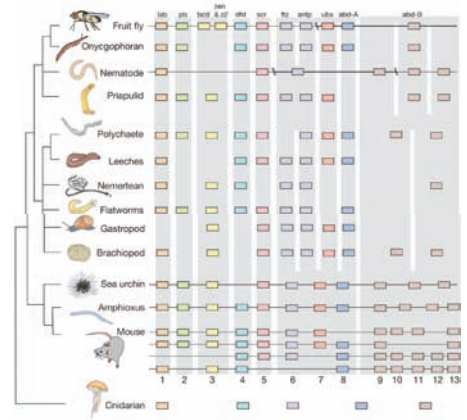
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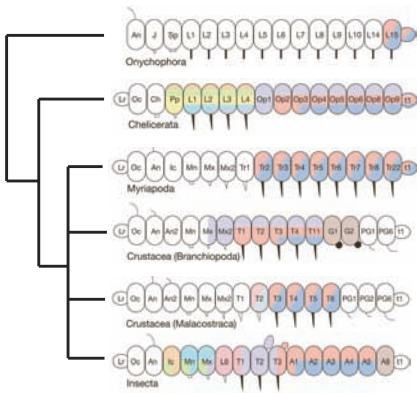
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