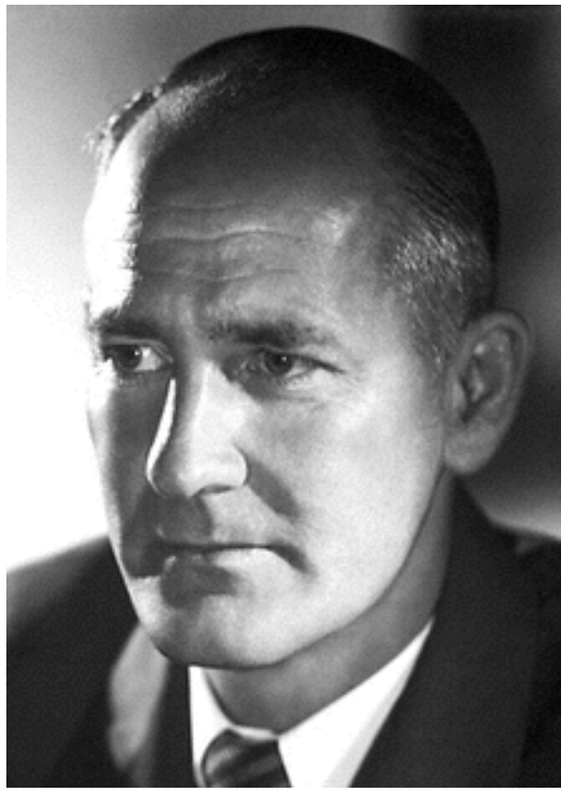
Bio393: Genetic Analysis

Genetic interactions: epistasis



George Beadle

Ed Tatum

Arginine mutant complementation experiment

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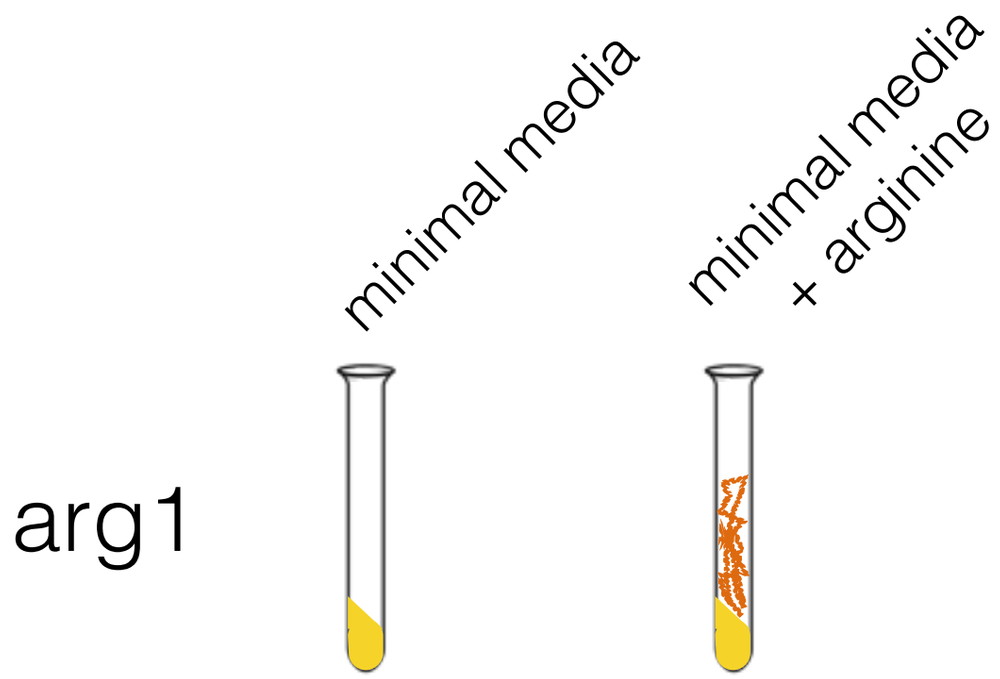
Three genes

arg1 = [a, d, f, g]

arg2 = [b, c]

arg3 = [e, h, i]



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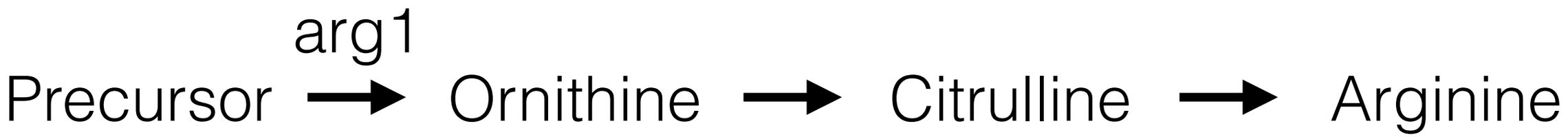

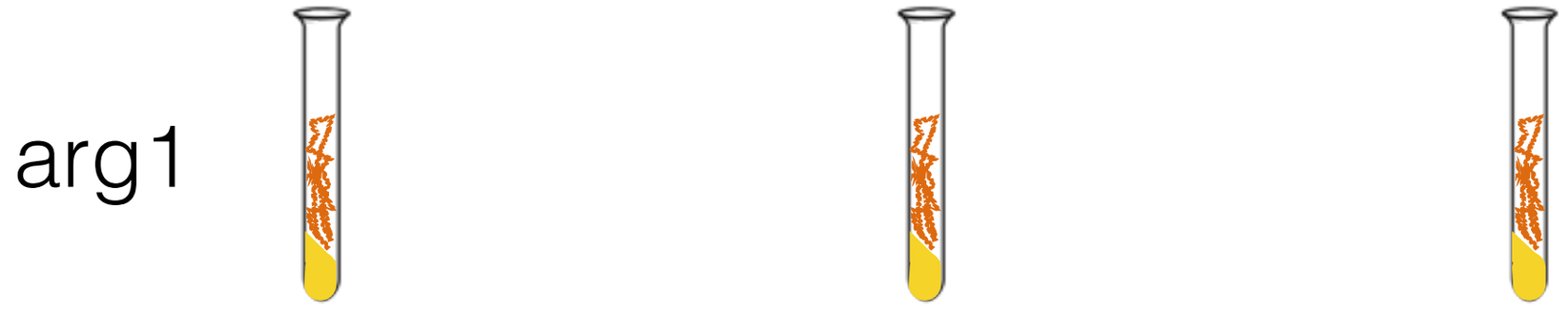

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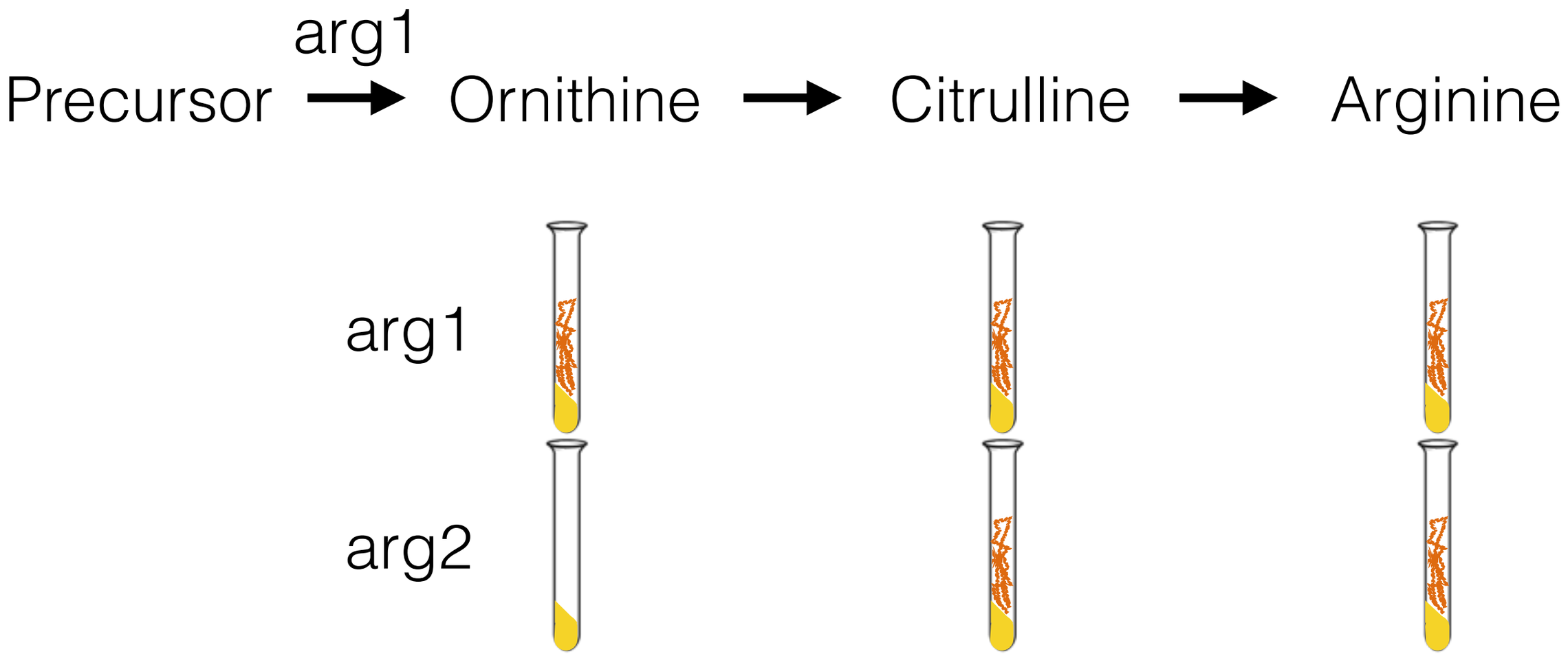

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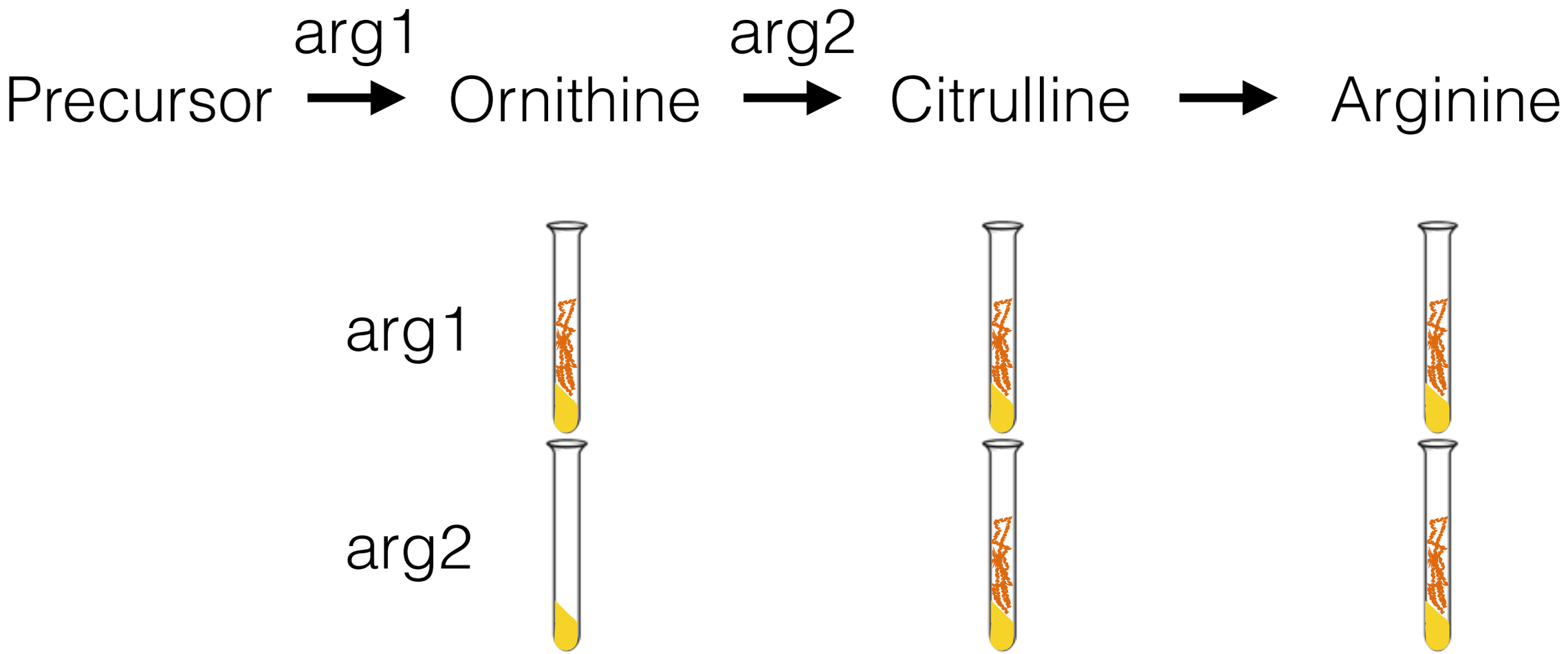

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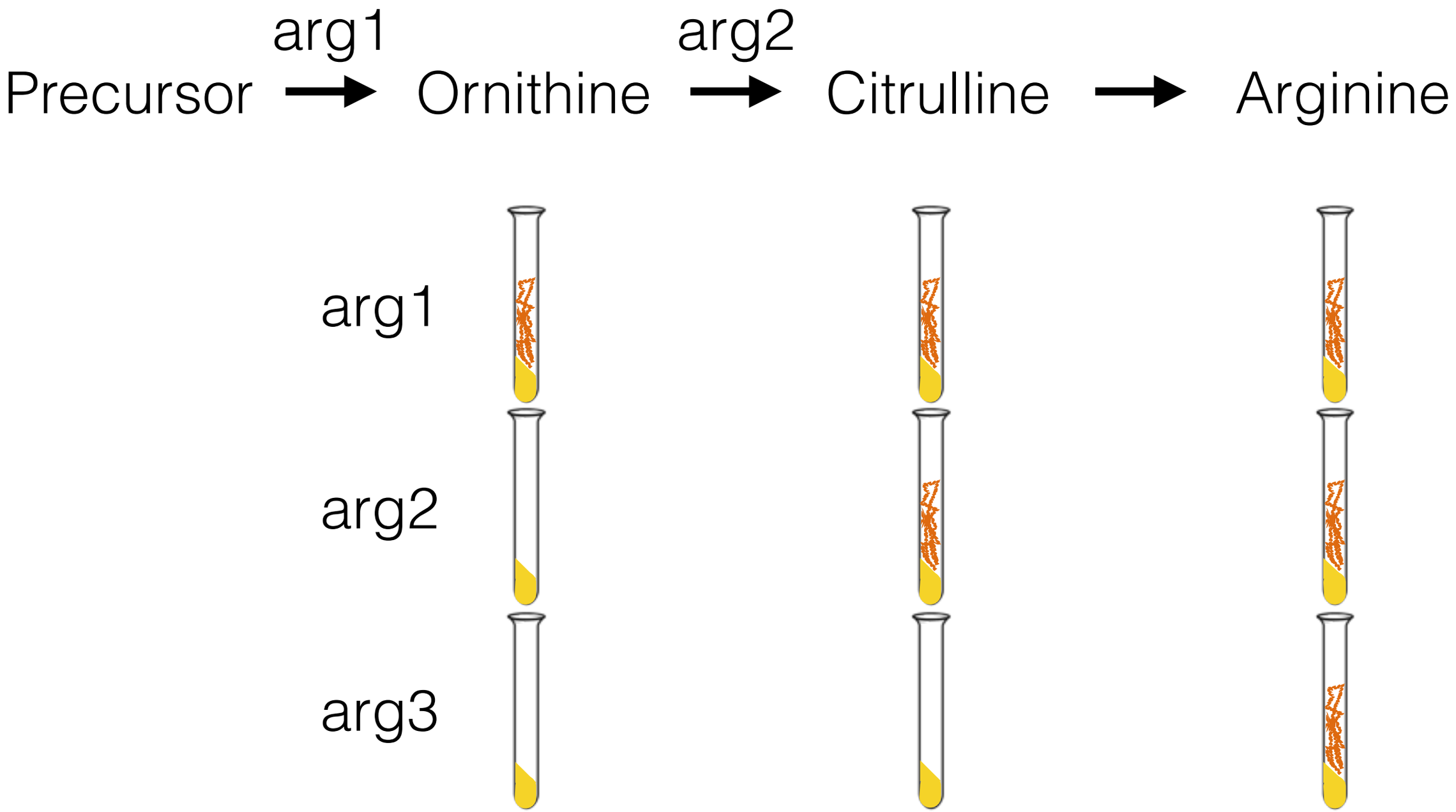

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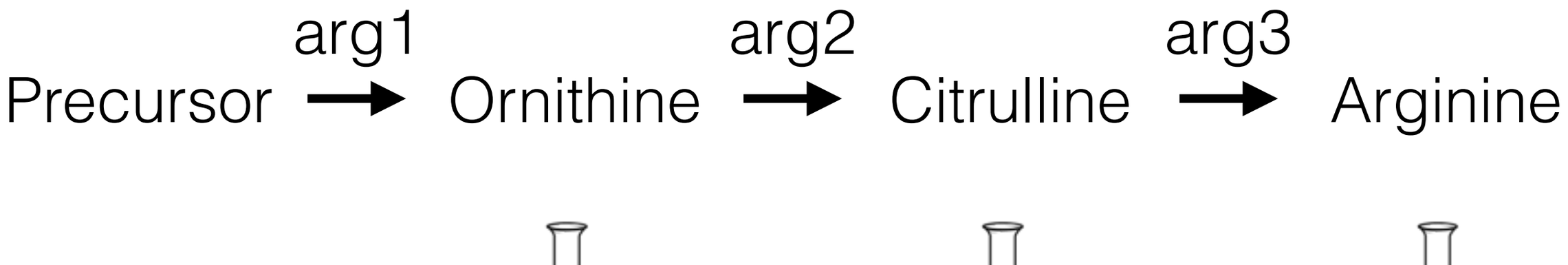

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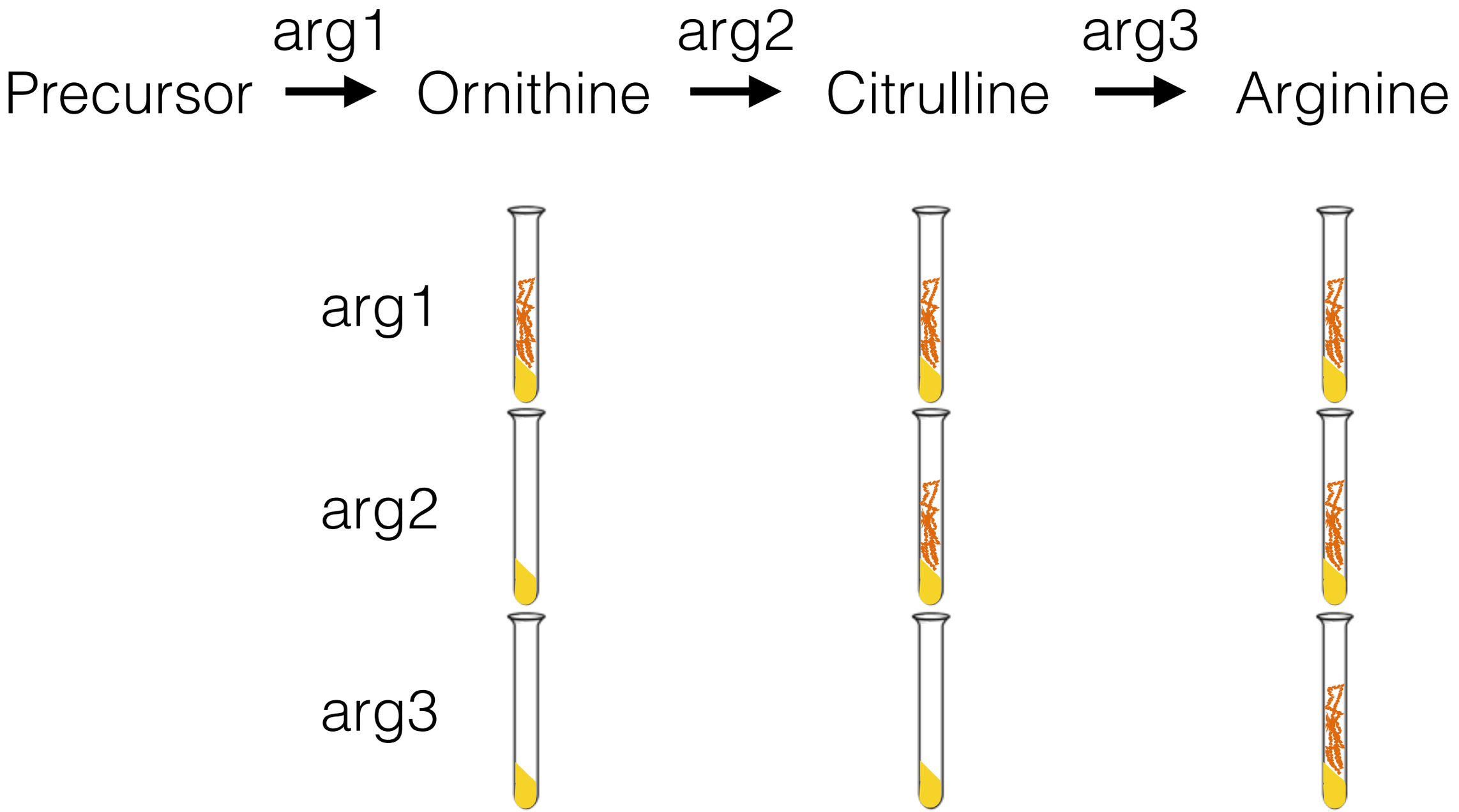

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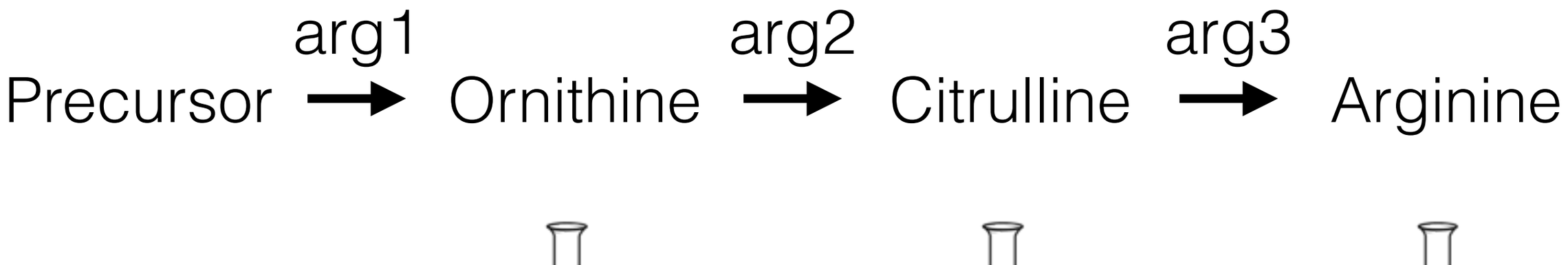

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Epistasis
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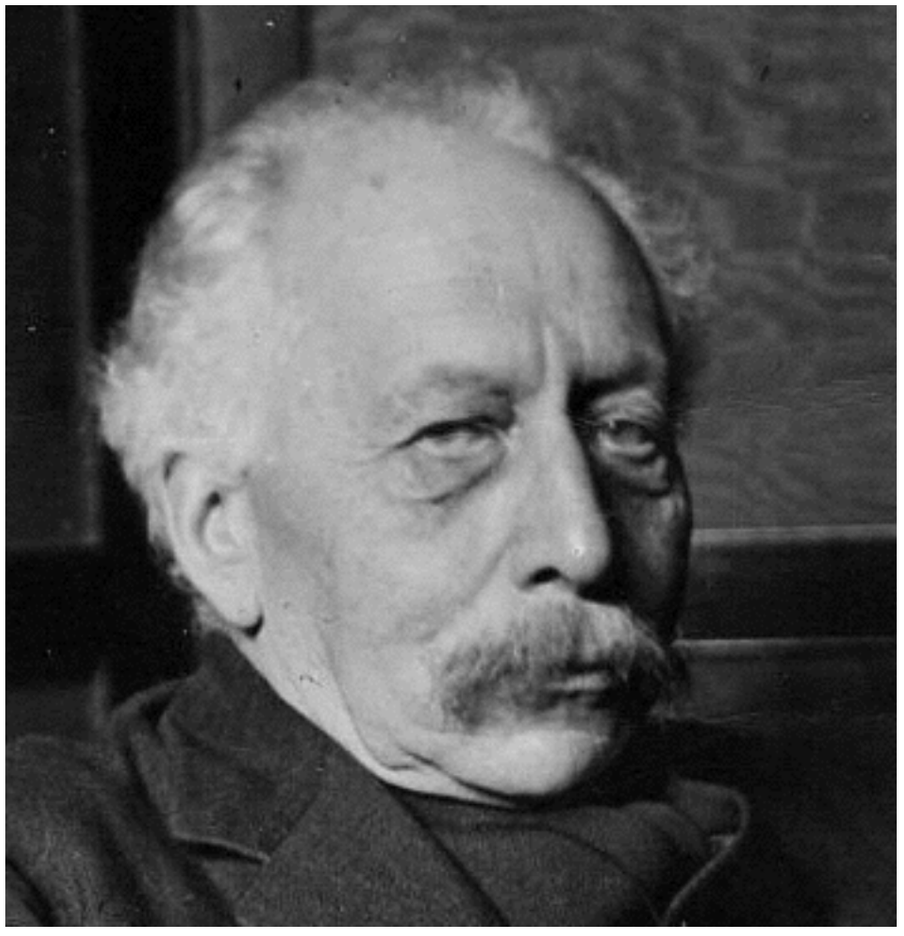

William Bateson

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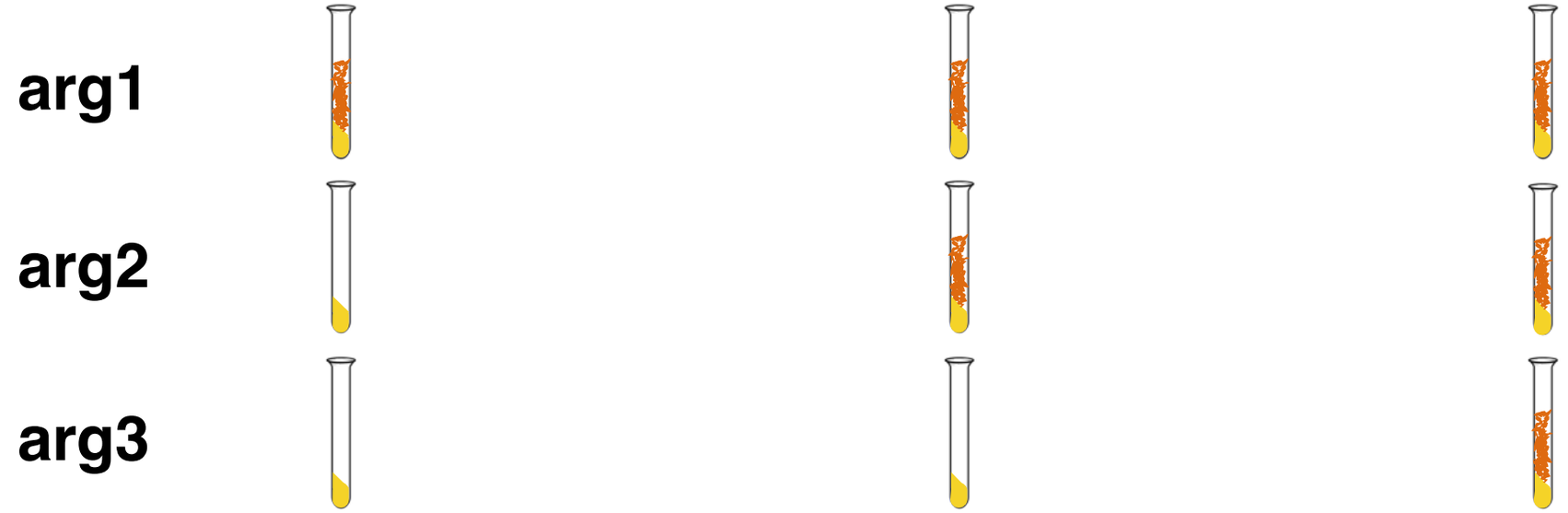

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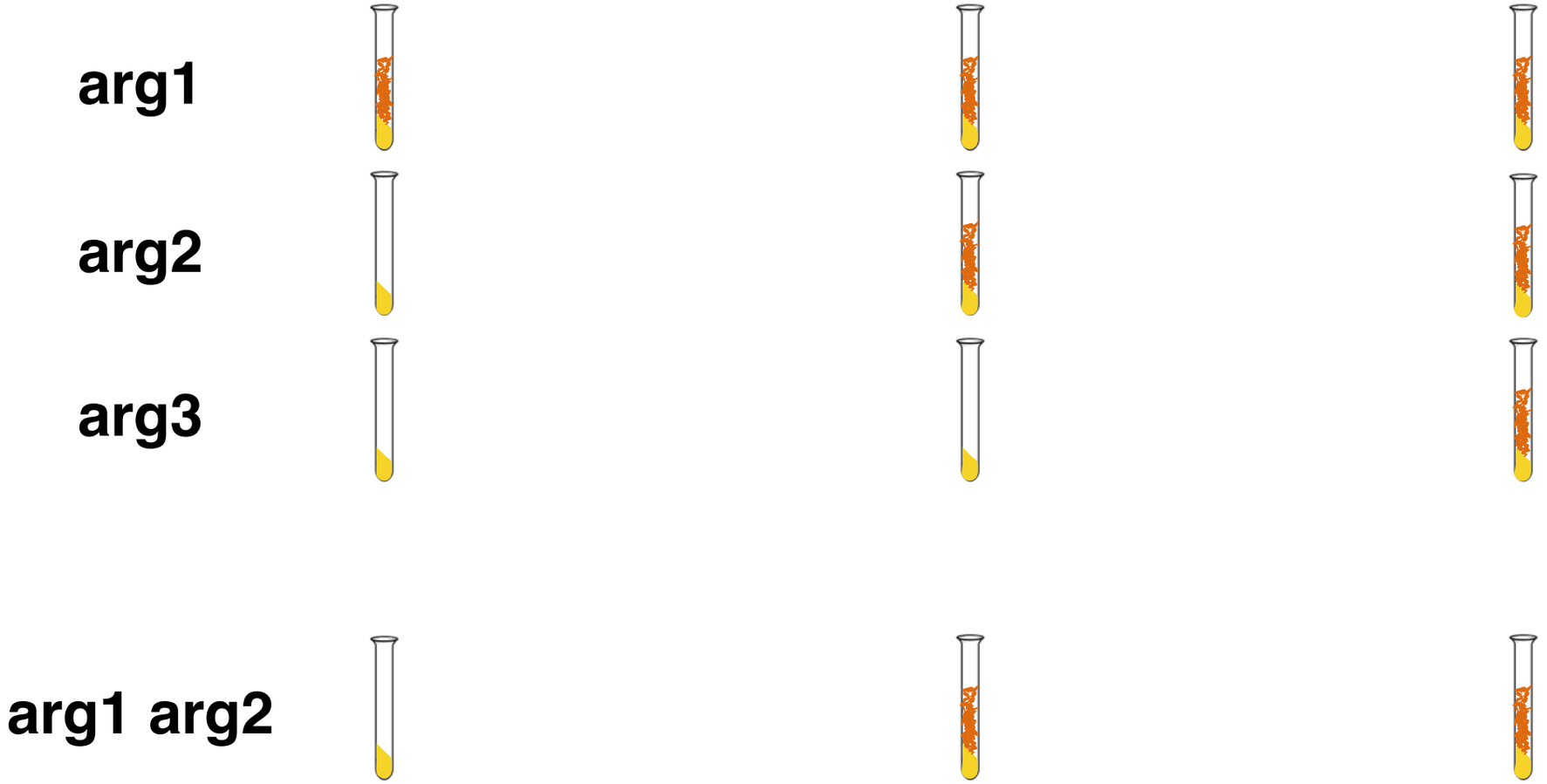

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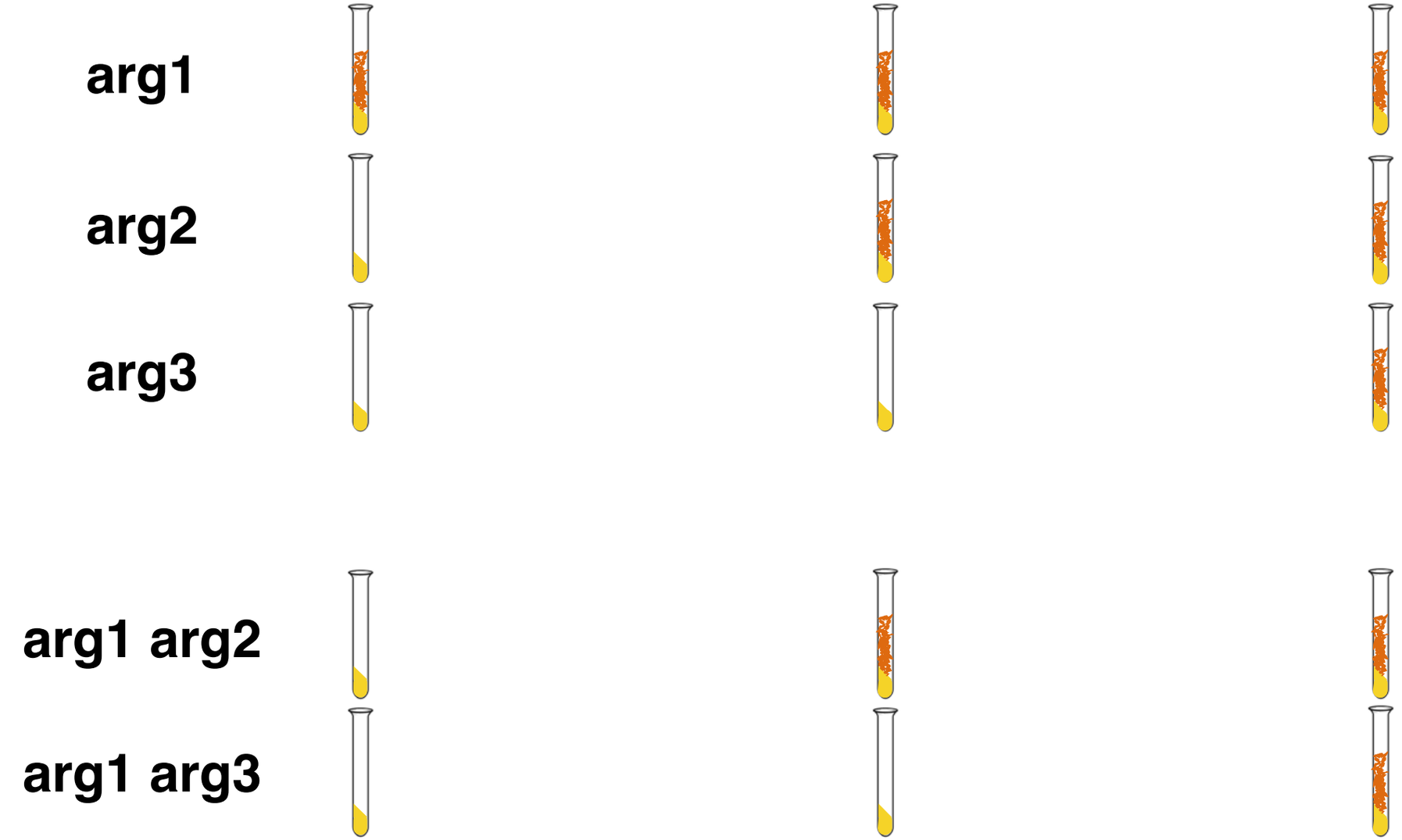

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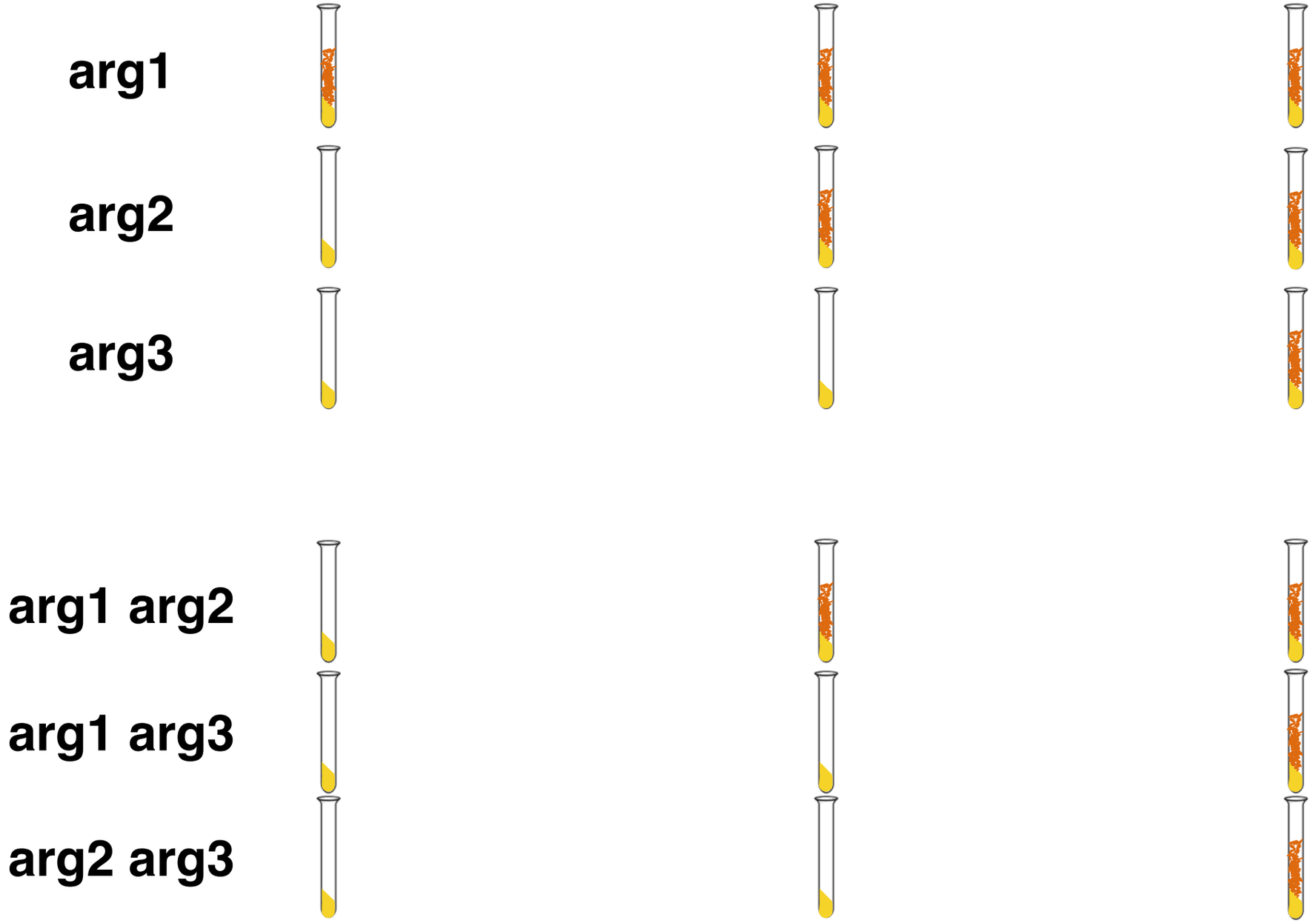

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4. Pathways can be branched

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(A)

(B)

(C)

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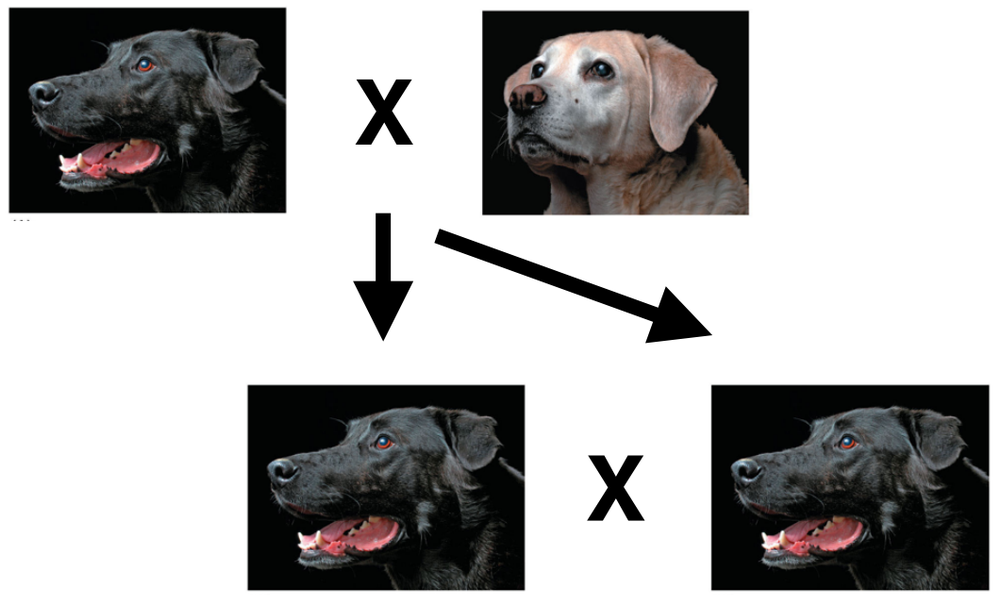

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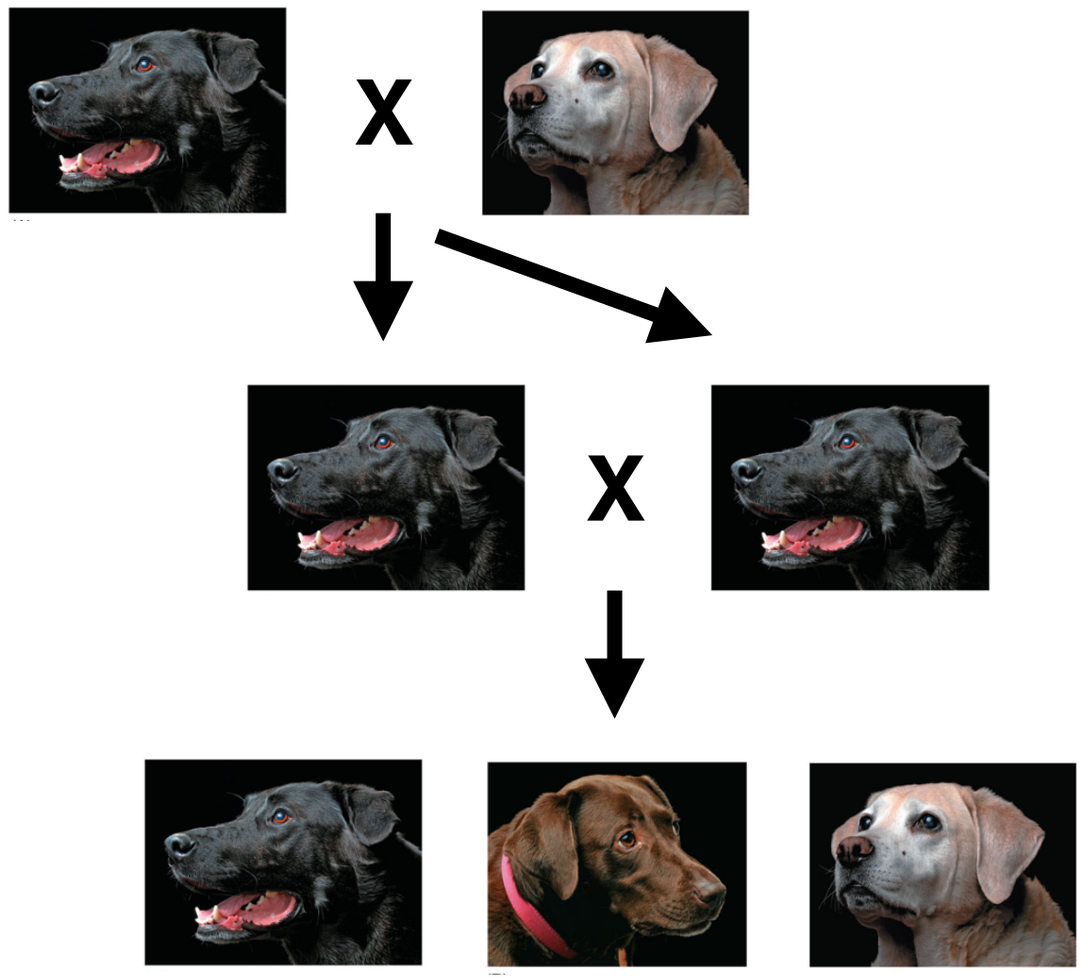

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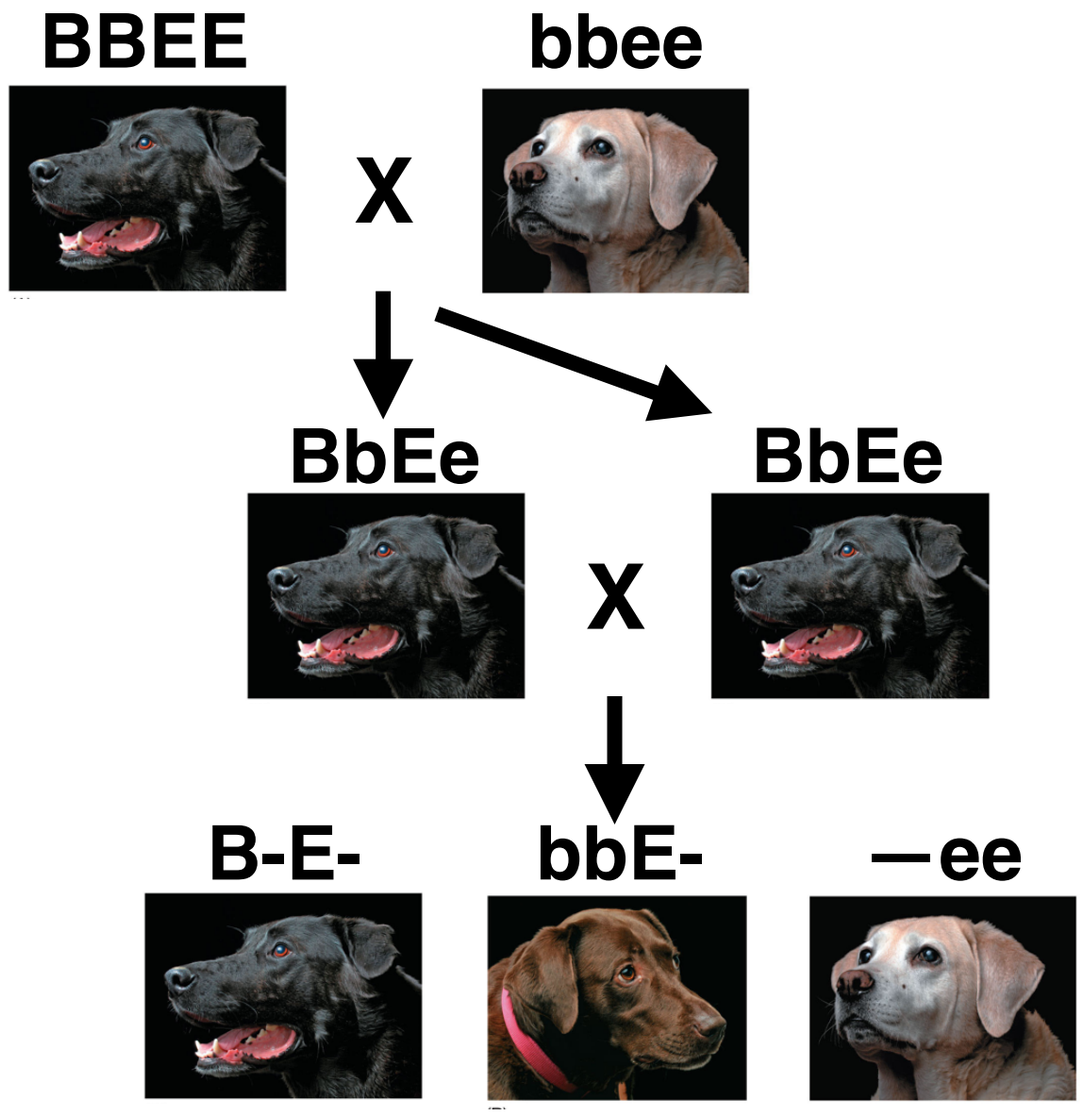

B = black
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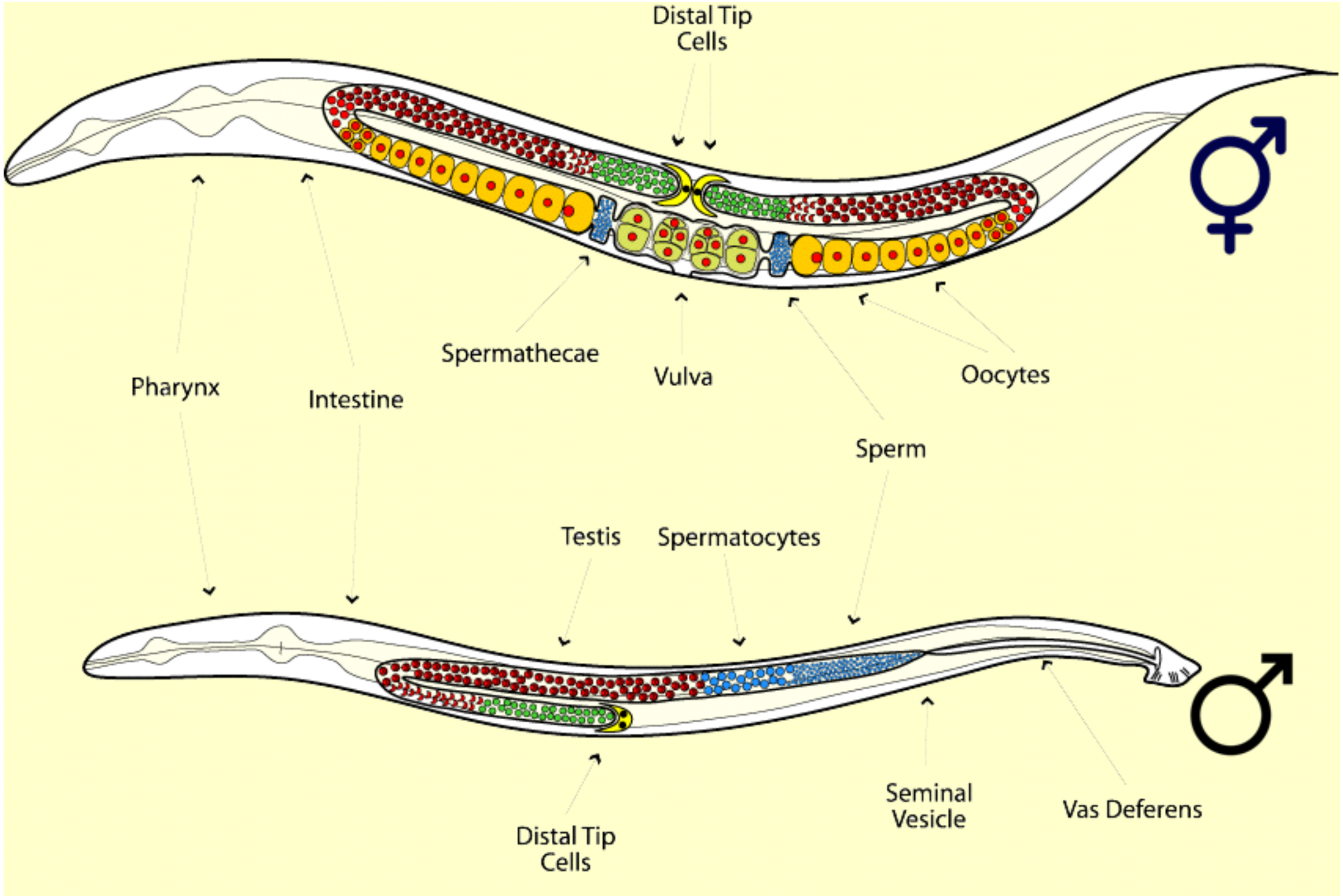

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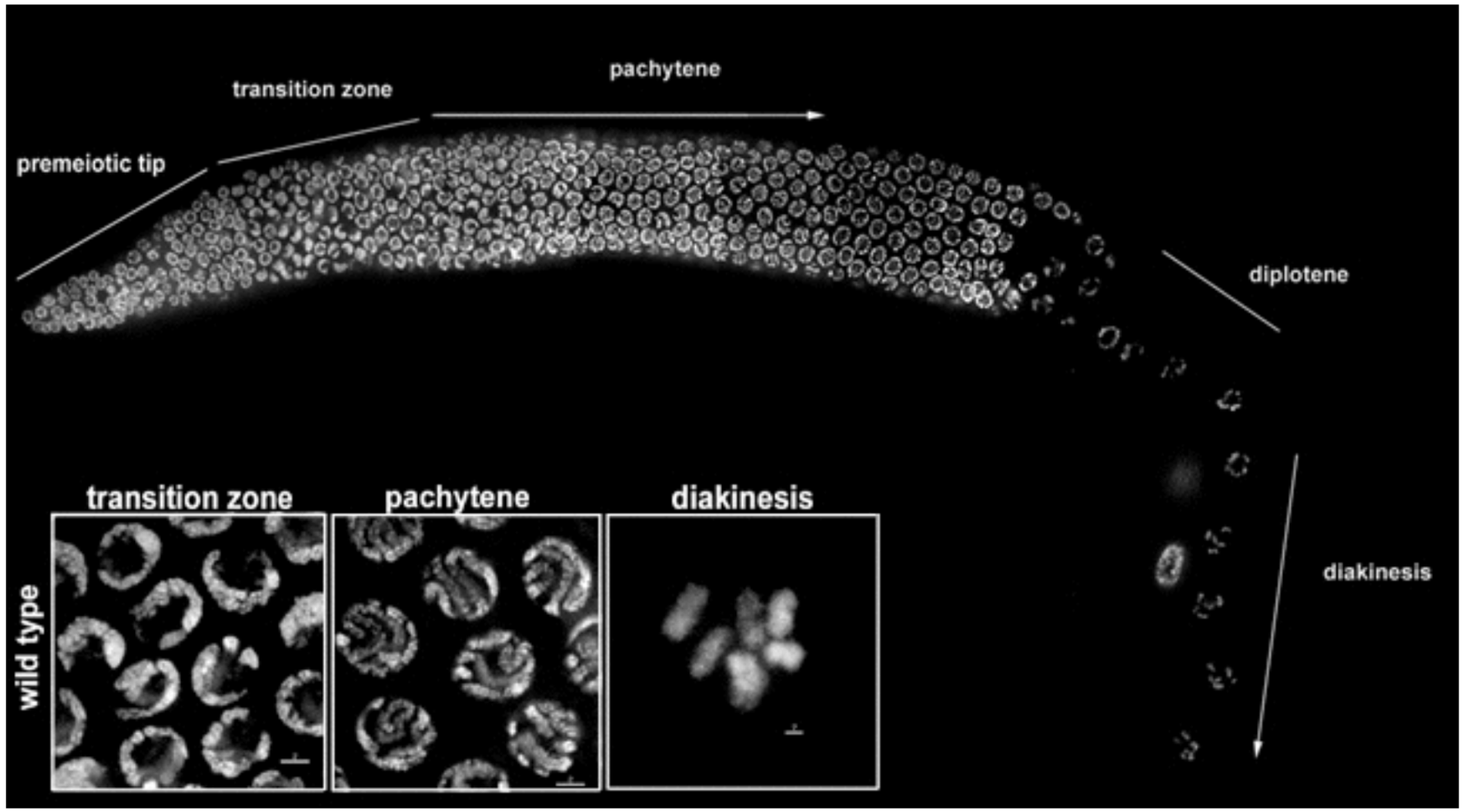

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Lecture 6

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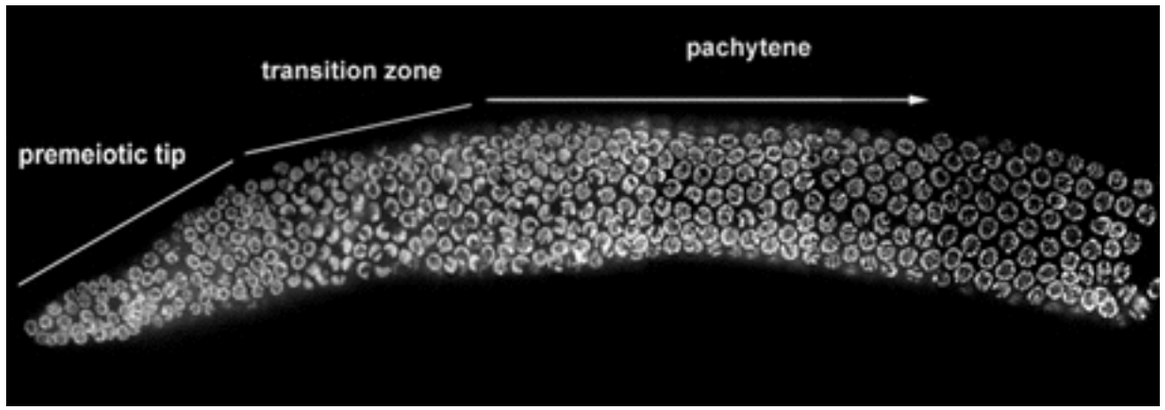

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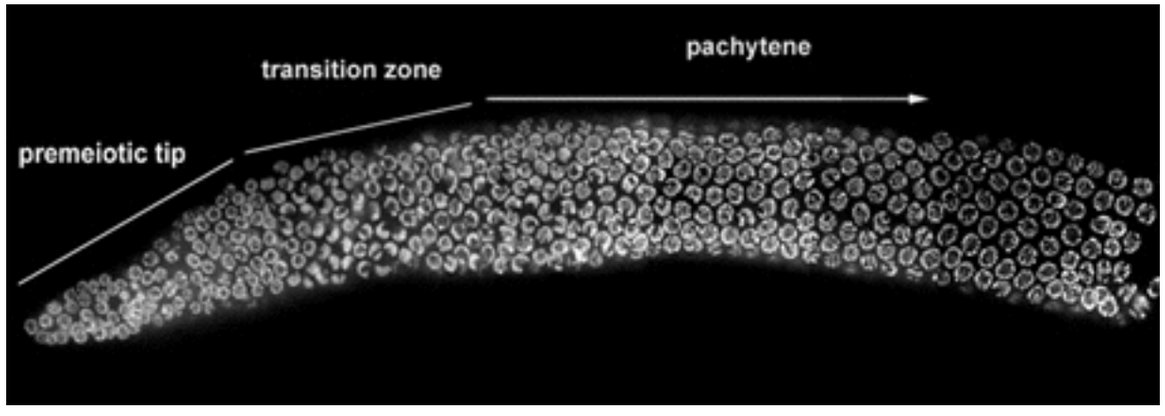

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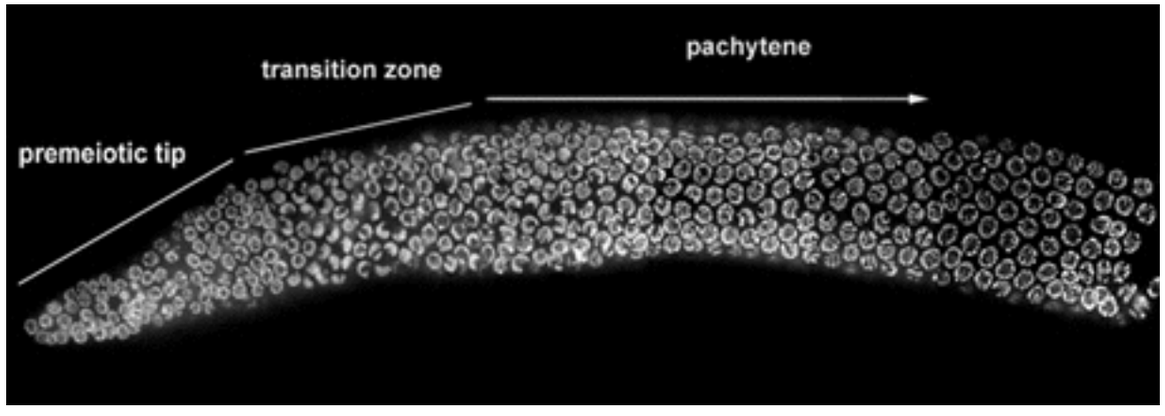

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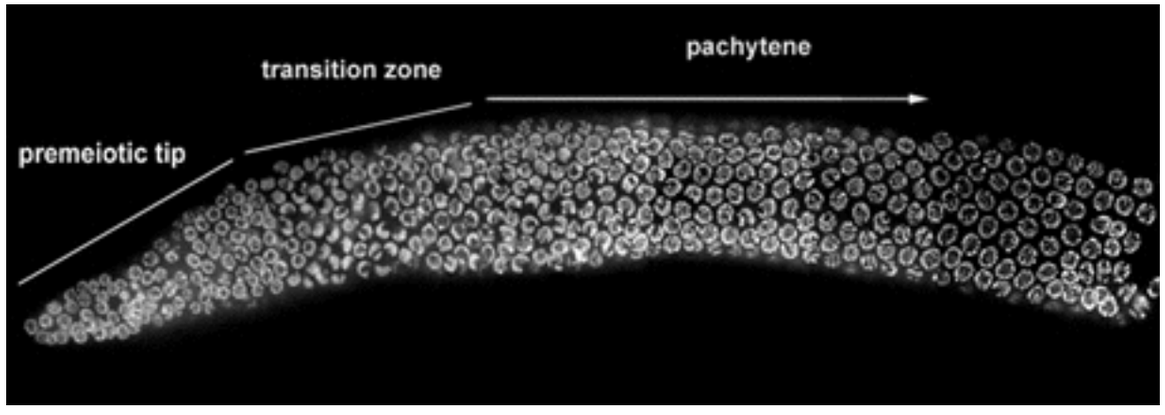

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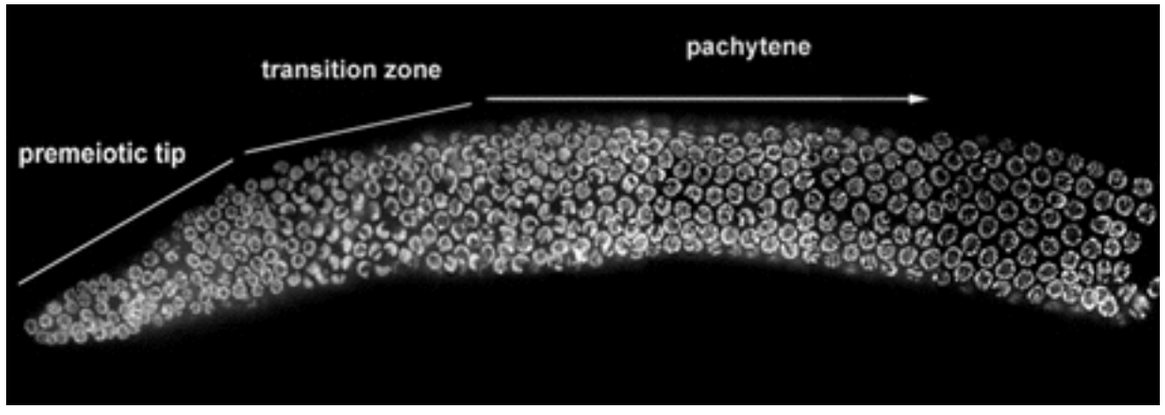

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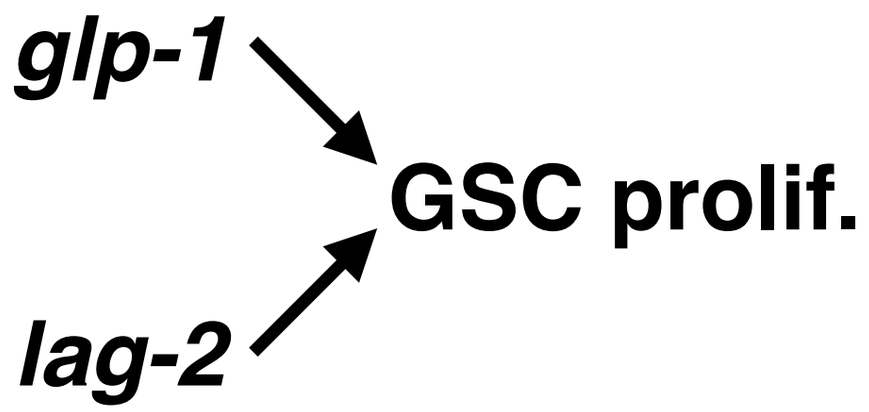

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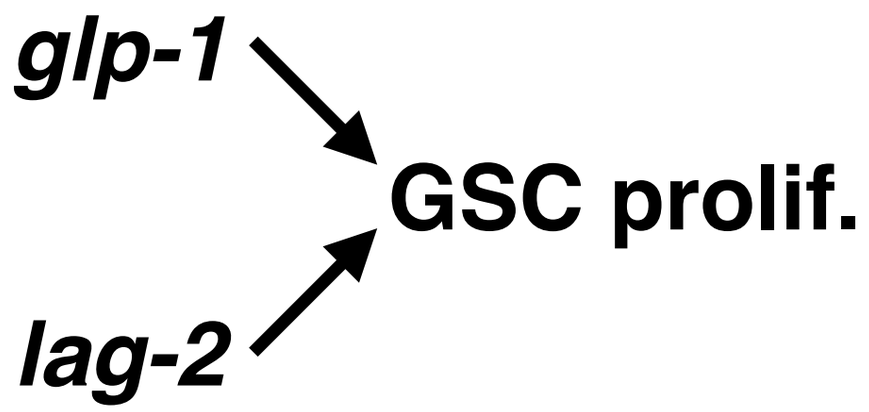

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