

# Model organisms and developmental biology

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# Course Overview

- I. Biology of popular model organisms
- II. Fundamentals of developmental biology
  - 1. History
  - 2. Animal developmental processes
  - 3. Rules in development
- III. Topics
  - 1. Classical questions, e.g. organ asymmetry
  - 2. Current hot topics, e.g. angiogenesis

# Our Goals

- 1. Learn how to choose an appropriate model organism.
- 2. Understand the fundamentals and key questions of developmental biology.
- 3. Train yourself and apply what you learn to your own research in future.

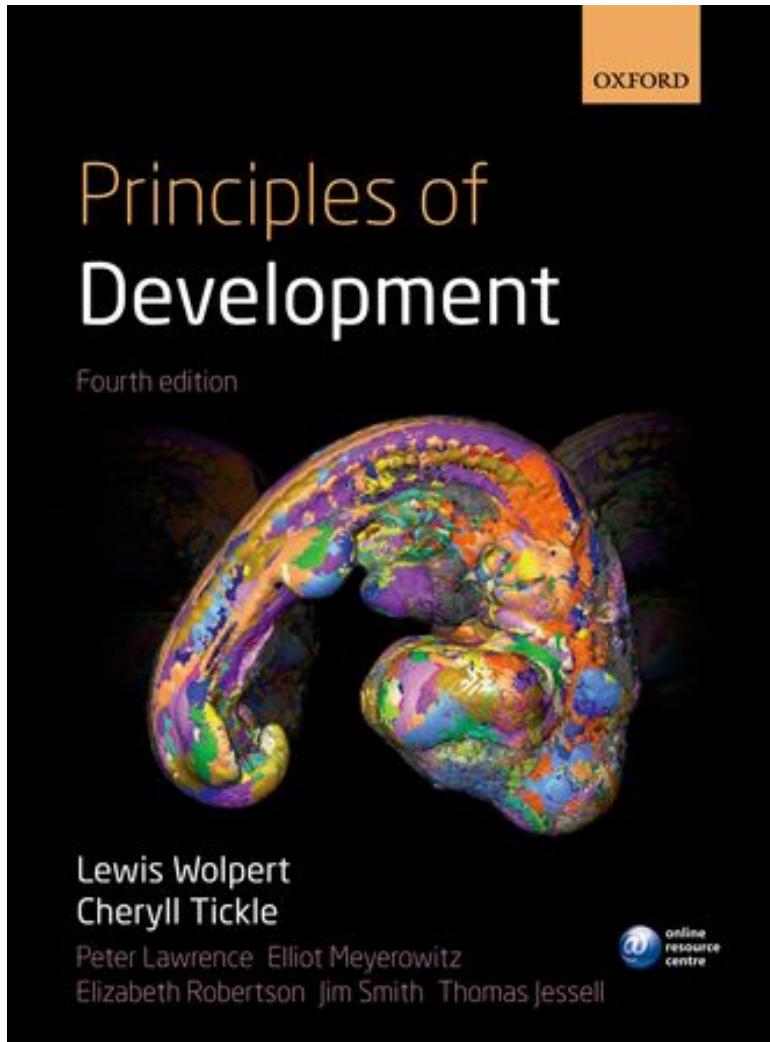
# Grading

- Class participation, 10 points
- Homework, 10 points
- Mini review or oral presentation, 10 points
- Quiz, 10 points
- Midterm examination, 25 points
- Final examination, 35 points
- Total, 100 points

# Office hour

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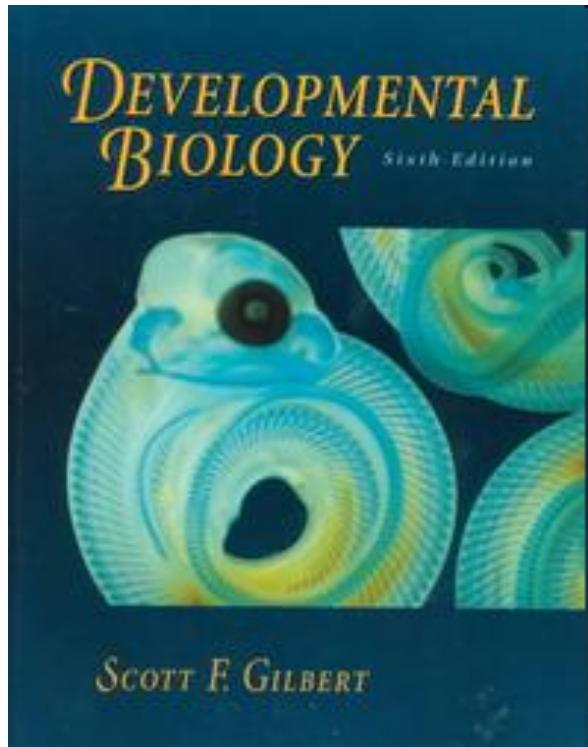
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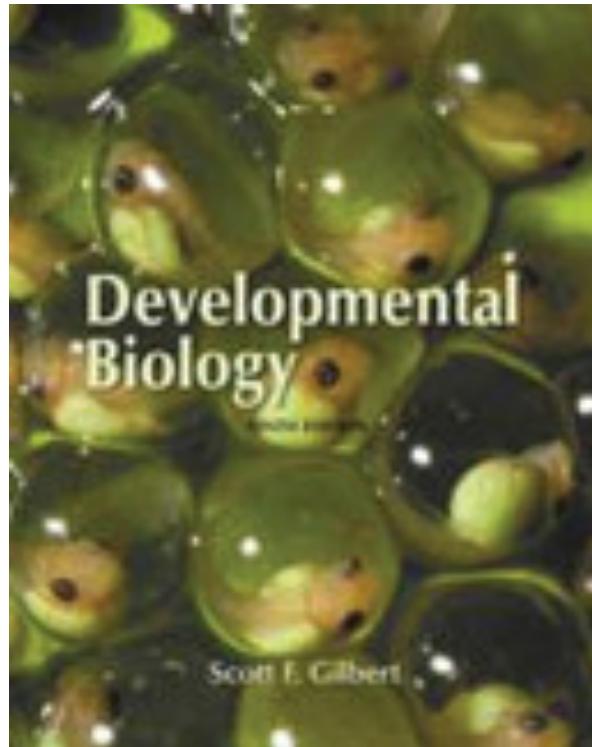
# Reference Books

- *Developmental Biology* Gilbert 10th Edition
- 《发育生物学原理》 樊启昶、白书农 编著 高等教育出版社
- 《动物发育的分子原理》 樊启昶、滕俊琳 主译 高等教育出版社

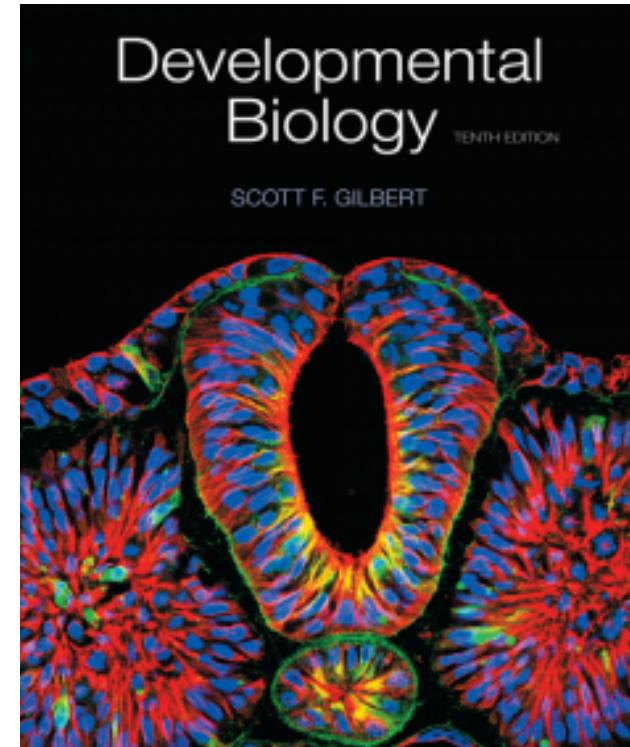
# *Developmental Biology* by Scott Gilbert



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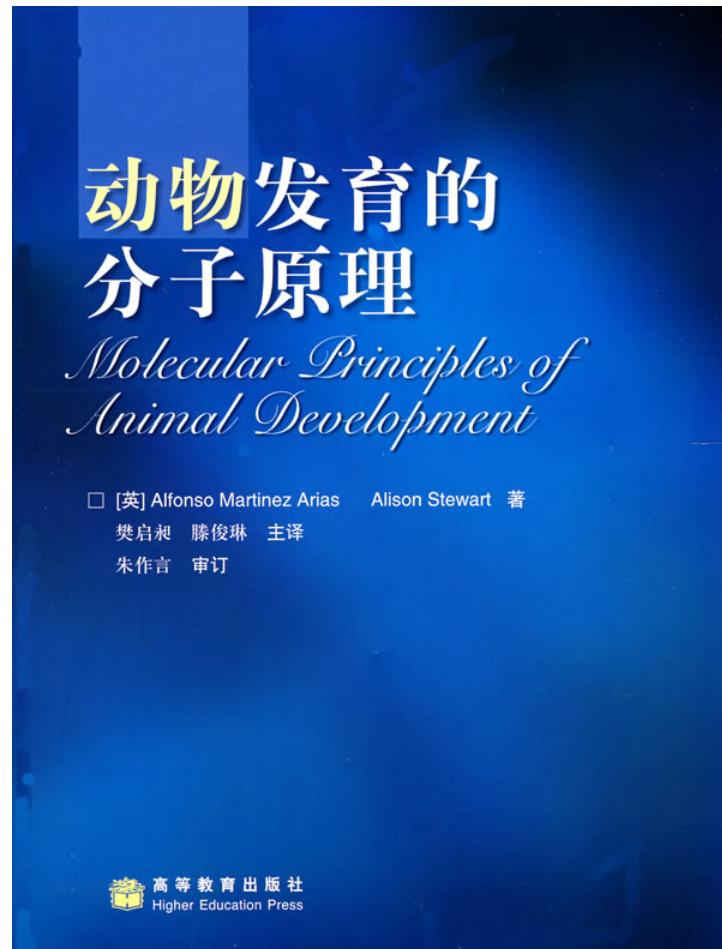
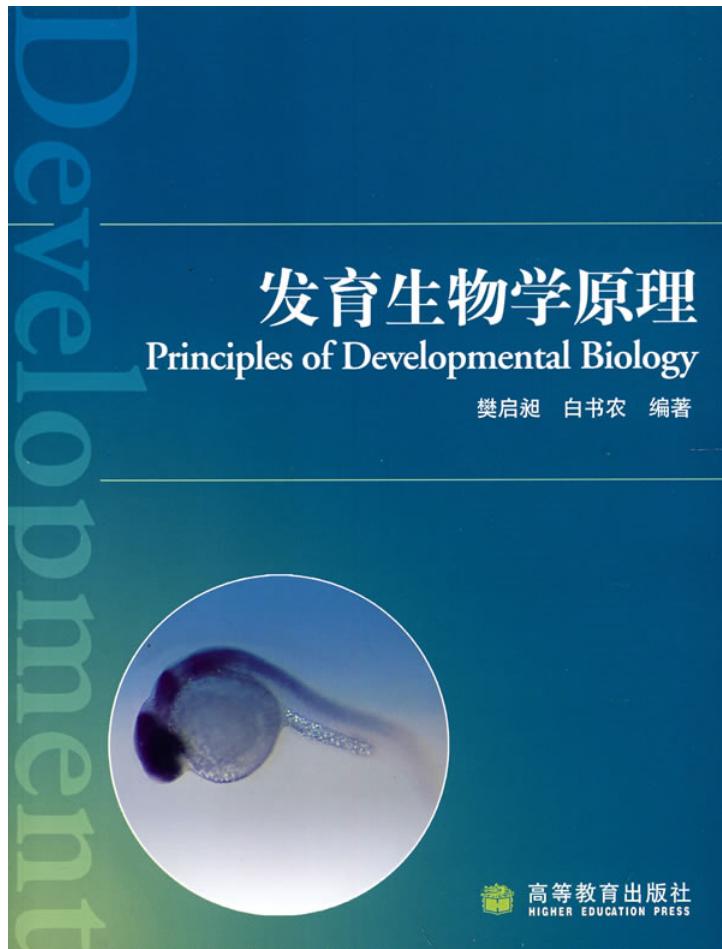


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[9e.devbio.com](http://9e.devbio.com)



10th, 2013

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# Journals

- *Cell*
- *Nature*
- *Science*
- *Development*
- *Developmental Cell*
- *Developmental Biology*

# 125 big questions by *Scicence*



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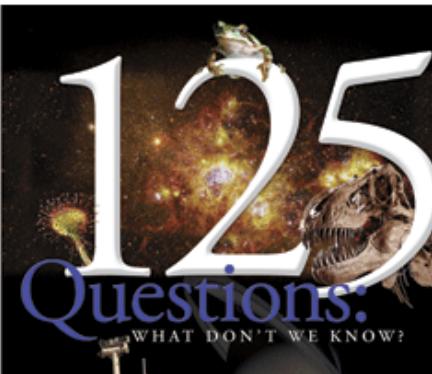
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# Model organisms

# Biodiversity and model organisms



# Characteristics of Model Organisms

- 1. a non-human species
- 2. small adult size
- 3. rapid development with short life cycles
- 4. ready availability

## Ensembl Species

 <b>Alpaca</b> <i>Vicugna pacos</i> vicPac1	 <b>Gibbon</b> <i>Nomascus leucogenys</i> Nleu1.0	 <b>Platypus</b> <i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i> OANA5
 <b>Anole lizard</b> <i>Anolis carolinensis</i> AnoCar2.0	 <b>Gorilla</b> <i>Gorilla gorilla gorilla</i> gorGor3.1	 <b>Rabbit</b> <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> oryCun2
 <b>Armadillo</b> <i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i> dasNov2	 <b>Guinea Pig</b> <i>Cavia porcellus</i> cavPor3	 <b>Rat</b> <i>Rattus norvegicus</i> Rnor_5.0
 <b>Baboon</b> ( <a href="#">preview - assembly only</a> ) <i>Papio hamadryas</i> Pham	 <b>Hedgehog</b> <i>Erinaceus europaeus</i> HEDGEHOG	 <b>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</b> <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> EF4
 <b>Budgerigar</b> ( <a href="#">preview - assembly only</a> ) <i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i> MelUnd6.3	 <b>Horse</b> <i>Equus caballus</i> EquCab2	 <b>Sheep</b> ( <a href="#">preview - assembly only</a> ) <i>Ovis aries</i> Oar_v3.1
 <b>Bushbaby</b> <i>Otolemur garnettii</i> OtoGar3	 <b>Human</b> <i>Homo sapiens</i> GRCh37	 <b>Shrew</b> ( <a href="#">preview new assembly SorAra2.0</a> ) <i>Sorex araneus</i> COMMON_SHREW1
 <b>Ciona intestinalis</b> <i>Ciona intestinalis</i> KH	 <b>Hyrax</b> <i>Procavia capensis</i> proCap1	 <b>Sloth</b> <i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i> choHof1
 <b>Ciona savignyi</b> <i>Ciona savignyi</i> CSAV2.0	 <b>Kangaroo rat</b> <i>Dipodomys ordii</i> dipOrd1	 <b>Spotted Gar</b> ( <a href="#">preview - assembly only</a> ) <i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i> LepOcu1
 <b>Caenorhabditis elegans</b> <i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> WBcel235	 <b>Lamprey</b> <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> Pmarinus_7.0	 <b>Squirrel</b> <i>Ictidomys tridecemlineatus</i> spetri2
 <b>Cat</b> <i>Felis catus</i> Felis_catus_6.2	 <b>Lesser hedgehog tenrec</b> <i>Echinops telfairi</i> TENREC	

## Ensembl Species



**Alpaca**  
*Vicugna pacos*  
vicPac1



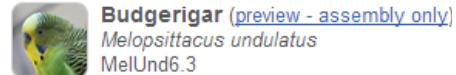
**Anole lizard**  
*Anolis carolinensis*  
AnoCar2.0



**Armadillo**  
*Dasypus novemcinctus*  
dasNov2



**Baboon** (preview - assembly only)  
*Papio hamadryas*  
Pham



**Budgerigar** (preview - assembly only)  
*Melopsittacus undulatus*  
MelUnd6.3



**Bushbaby**  
*Otolemur garnettii*  
OtoGar3



**Ciona intestinalis**  
*Ciona intestinalis*  
KH



**Ciona savignyi**  
*Ciona savignyi*  
CSAV2.0



**Caenorhabditis elegans**  
*Caenorhabditis elegans*  
WBcel235



**Cat**  
*Felis catus*  
Felis\_catus\_6.2



**Gibbon**  
*Nomascus leucogenys*  
Nieu1.0



**Gorilla**  
*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*  
gorGor3.1



**Guinea Pig**



**Platyfish**  
*Xiphophorus maculatus*  
Xipmac4.4.2



**Platypus**  
*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*  
OANA5



**Rabbit**  
*Oryctolagus cuniculus*  
oryCun2



**Rat**  
*Rattus norvegicus*  
Rnor\_5.0



**Saccharomyces cerevisiae**  
*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*  
EF4



**Sheep** (preview - assembly only)  
*Ovis aries*  
Oar\_v3.1



**Shrew** (preview new assembly SorAra2.0)  
*Sorex araneus*  
COMMON\_SHREW1



**Sloth**  
*Choloepus hoffmanni*  
choHof1



**Spotted Gar** (preview - assembly only)  
*Lepisosteus oculatus*  
LepOcu1



**Squirrel**  
*Ictidomys tridecemlineatus*  
spetri2

## Popular genomes



**Human**  
GRCh37



**Mouse**  
GRCm38



**Zebrafish**  
Zv9



proCap1



**Kangaroo rat**  
*Dipodomys ordii*  
dipOrd1



**Lamprey**  
*Petromyzon marinus*  
Pmarinus\_7.0



**Lesser hedgehog tenrec**  
*Echinops telfairi*  
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By Adrienne Waterston

A nice example of choosing  
a model organism

# Telomere and telomerase, an example of how to choose a model organism



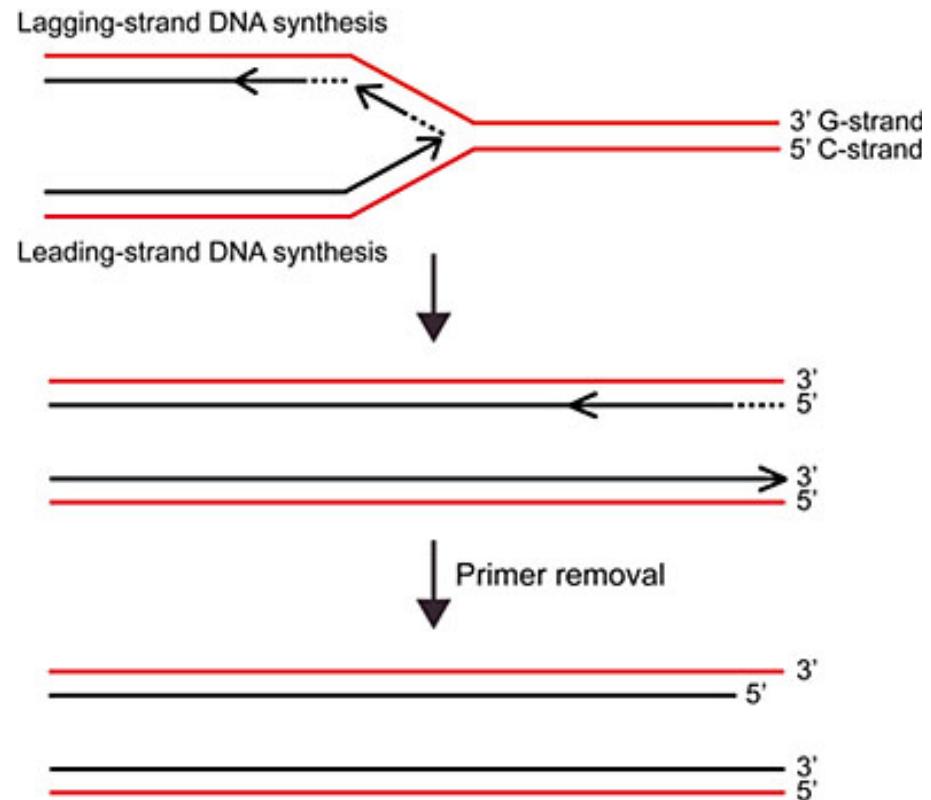
Elizabeth H.  
Blackburn

Carol W. Greider

Jack W. Szostak

The winners of Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2009

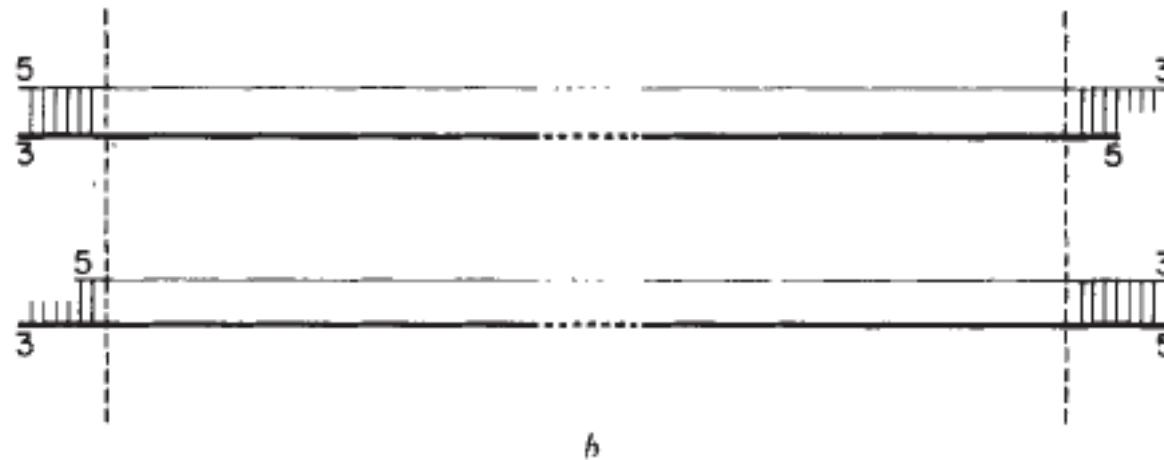
# DNA replication



# Origin of Concatemeric T7 DNA

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The Biological Laboratories, Harvard University, and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory



impossible and we are left with a 3' ended single-stranded tail projecting from one end of each daughter double helix. One of each pair of daughter helices will have a tail on its left end, the other half on its right end (Fig. 4).

We get the same result if an RNA primer does the job.

Telomere was named by Hermann Muller



# Famous students of Morgan



A.H. Sturtevant

C.B. Bridges

H.J. Muller

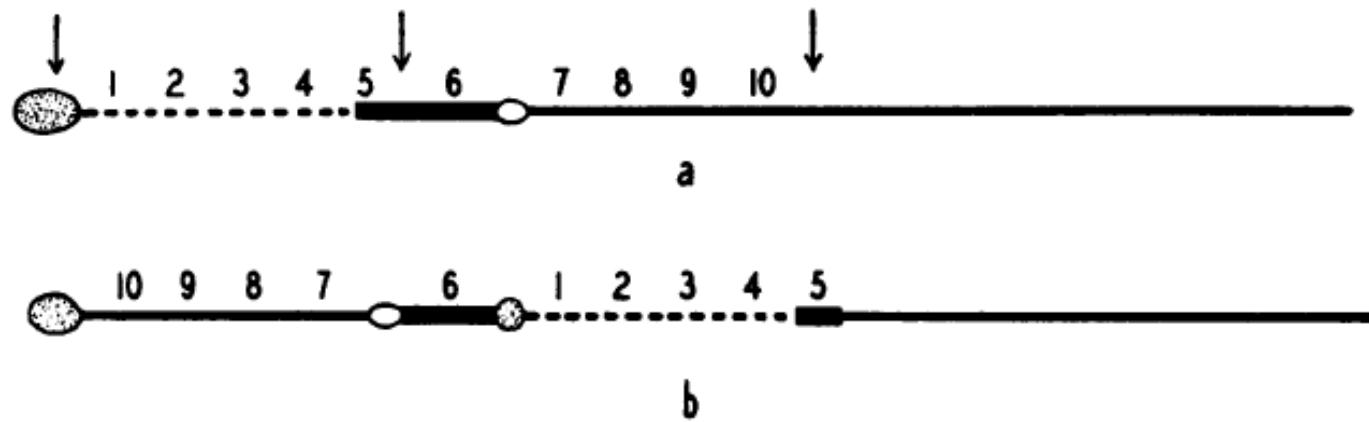
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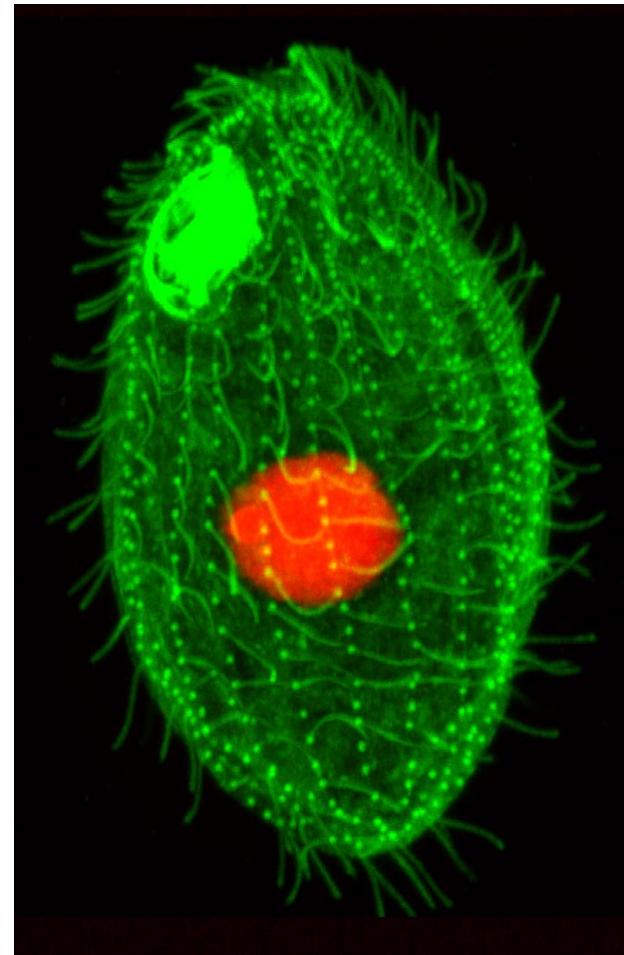
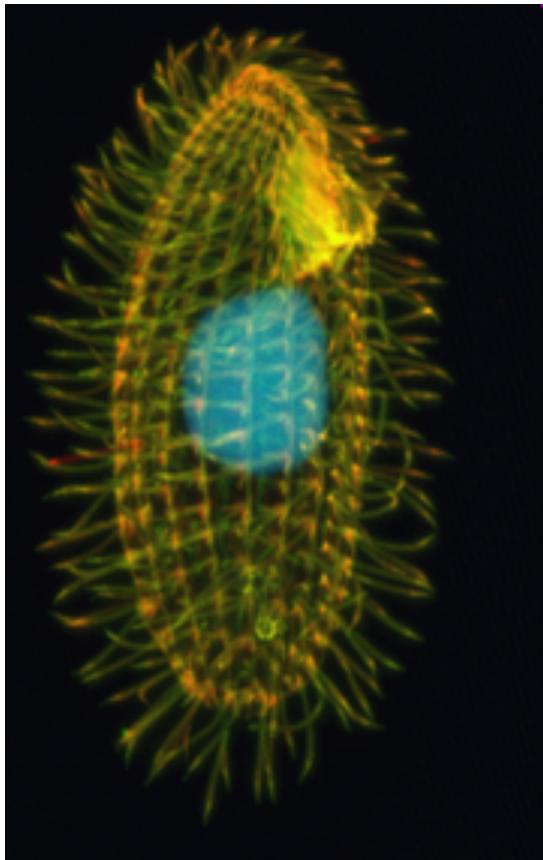
# Hermann J. Muller

- In 1919, Muller made the important discovery of a mutant (later found to be a chromosomal inversion) that appeared to suppress crossing-over, which opened up new avenues in mutation rate studies and led to generation of balancer chromosomes.
- Balancer chromosomes always contain a lethal recessive allele.
- X-ray mutagenesis.

# The Behavior in Successive Nuclear Divisions of a Chromosome Broken at Meiosis



# Tetrahymena (四膜虫)



# *Tetrahymena thermophile* (嗜热四膜虫)

- Size ~ 50 um, close to Paramecium.
- Short life cycle, doubling time is about 2 hours.
- Cell synchronization achieve *in vitro*.
- Two types of cell nuclei: a big, non-germline macronucleus, and a small, germline micronucleus.
- rDNA in macronucleus breaks and replicates to form ~10000 minichromosomes.

- 1978, Elizabeth H. Blackburn isolated rDNA and revealed the 5'-CCCCAA-3' repeat sequences in telomere.
- 1980, Jack W. Szostak added 5'-CCCCAA-3' to the ends of a linear DNA fragment. And it replicated in yeast.
- 1984, Carol W. Greider and Elizabeth H. Blackburn proved the existence of telomerase.
- 1996, the catalytic subunit of telomerase was purified.
- The story continues.

# Acknowledgement

- Telomere and telomerase

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The Emperor of  
All Maladies

A Biography of Cancer

# 众病之王

## 癌症传

这是一个无法治愈的故事  
两个半世纪的斗争史。世界顶级肿瘤学家  
什么是癌？他们最终能否战胜它？

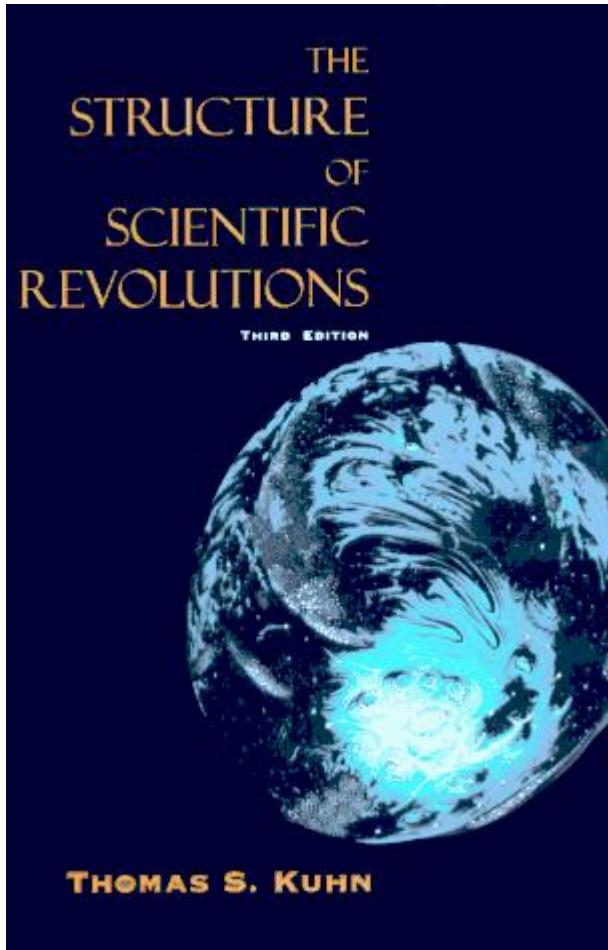
Katherine Mervore  
泰达多·萨克方  
李波 译



# Ames 致癌物试验

“20世纪60年代晚期，伯克利细菌学家布鲁斯·埃姆斯（Bruce Ames）在研究另一个毫不相关的课题时，碰巧做到化学致癌物的测试。埃姆斯当时正在研究沙门氏菌（*Salmonella*）的突变。沙门氏菌和其他细菌一样，拥有可以让其在某些特定环境下生长的基因——比如在一个仅有半乳糖作为糖源的培养基中，只有携带“消化”半乳糖基因的细菌才能存活。埃姆斯观察这些基本基因的突变可决定培养皿中细菌的生长与否。假设一类不能在半乳糖上生长的沙门氏菌，可以通过一种基因突变促成这种生长；而且一旦能够生长，单个细菌会在培养皿上形成小的菌落。埃姆斯通过计算菌落的数量，就可以量化实验中的突变率。” Excerpt From: Siddhartha Mukherjee. “众病之王：癌症传.” iBooks.

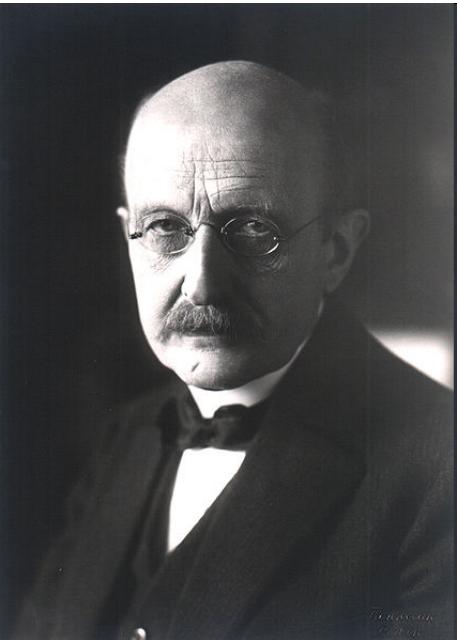
# Paradigm and paradigm shift



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Thomas Samuel Kuhn



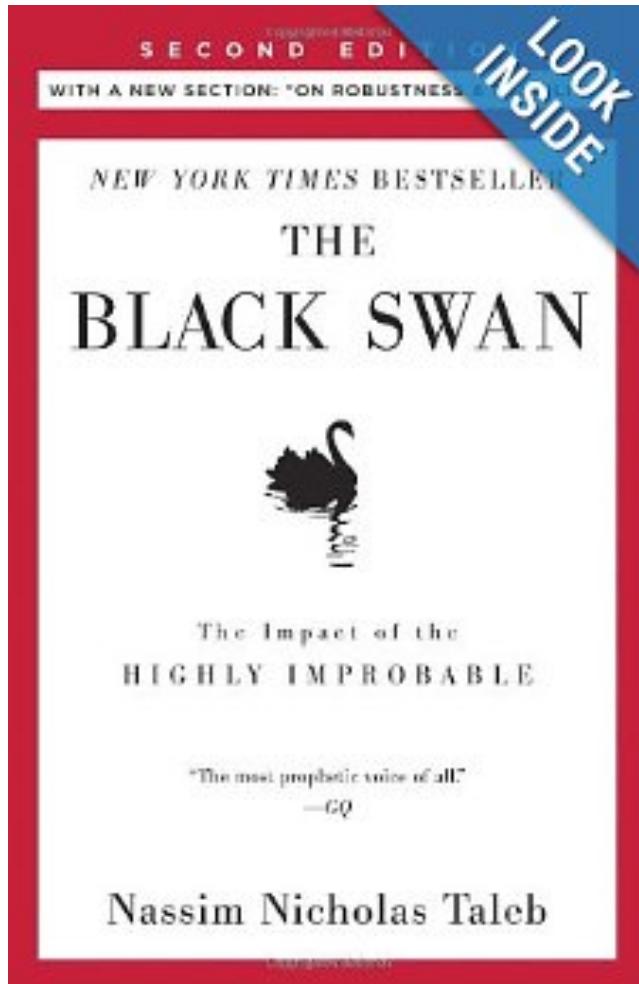
Max Planck  
(1858-1947)

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A new scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die, and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it.

Wissenschaftliche Selbstbiographie. Mit einem Bildnis und der von Max von Laue gehaltenen Traueransprache., Johann Ambrosius Barth Verlag, (Leipzig 1948), p. 22, as translated in Scientific Autobiography and Other Papers, trans. F. Gaynor (New York, 1949), pp.33-34

# The Black Swan by Nassim Nicholas Taleb



## The Impact of the Highly Improbable

A black swan is an event, positive or negative, that is deemed improbable yet causes massive consequences. In this groundbreaking and prophetic book, Taleb shows in a playful way that Black Swan events explain almost everything about our world, and yet we—especially the experts—are blind to them.

- Nassim Nicholas Taleb is a bestselling author.
- A professor at several universities, currently at Polytechnic Institute of New York University and Oxford University.
- A practitioner of mathematical finance, a hedge fund manager, a derivatives trader.
- A scientific adviser at Universa Investments and the International Monetary Fund.

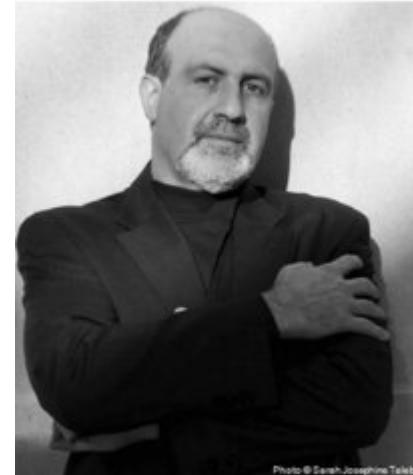


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# George H. Heilmeier

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**George Harry Heilmeier** (May 22, 1936 – April 21, 2014) was an American engineer, manager, and a pioneering contributor to liquid crystal displays (LCDs), for which he was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Heilmeier's work is an IEEE Milestone.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

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## Biography [edit]

Heilmeier was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School there, received his BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and his M.S.E., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in solid state materials and electronics from Princeton University.

In 1958 Heilmeier joined RCA Laboratories in Princeton, New Jersey, where he worked on parametric amplification, tunnel diode down-converters, millimeter wave generation, ferroelectric thin film devices, organic semiconductors and electro-optic effects in molecular and liquid crystals. In 1964 he discovered several new

George H. Heilmeier



<b>Born</b>	May 22, 1936 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<b>Died</b>	April 21, 2014 (aged 77) Plano, Texas
<b>Residence</b>	United States
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Fields</b>	Electrical engineering
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of Pennsylvania
<b>Notable awards</b>	IEEE Founders Medal (1986) National Medal of Science (1991) IRI Medal (1993) IEEE Medal of Honor (1997)

# Heilmeier's Catechism

- What are you trying to do? Articulate your objectives using absolutely no jargon.
- How is it done today, and what are the limits of current practice?
- What's new in your approach and why do you think it will be successful?
- Who cares? If you're successful, what difference will it make? What are the risks and the payoffs?
- How much will it cost? How long will it take? What are the midterm and final "exams" to check for success?

Thanks!



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