

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.

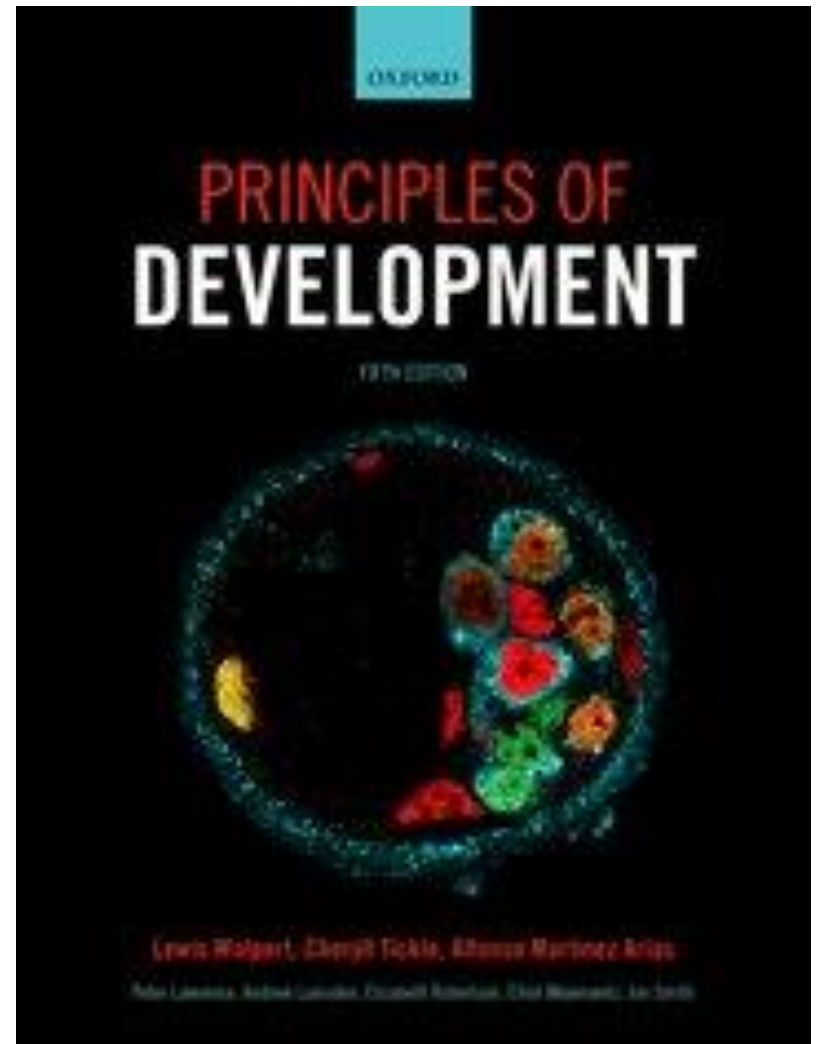
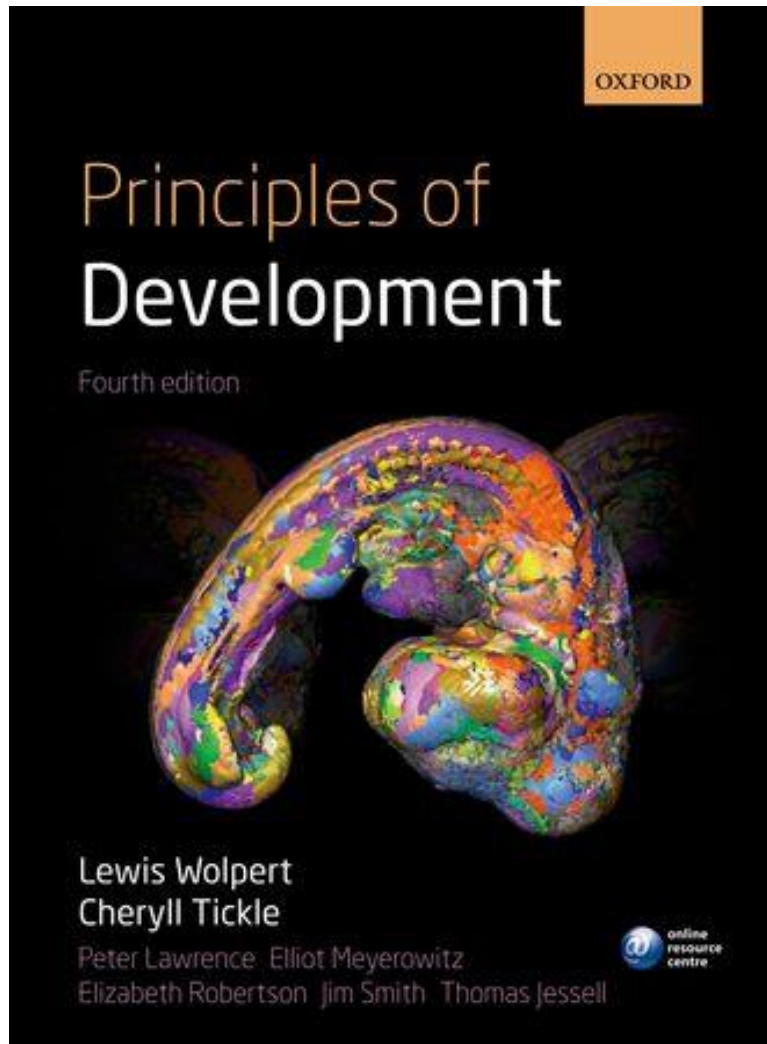
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- Class participation, 10 points
- Homework, 10 points
- Mini review or oral presentation, 10 points
- Quiz, 10 points
- Midterm examination, 25 points
- Final examination, 35 points
- Total, 100 points

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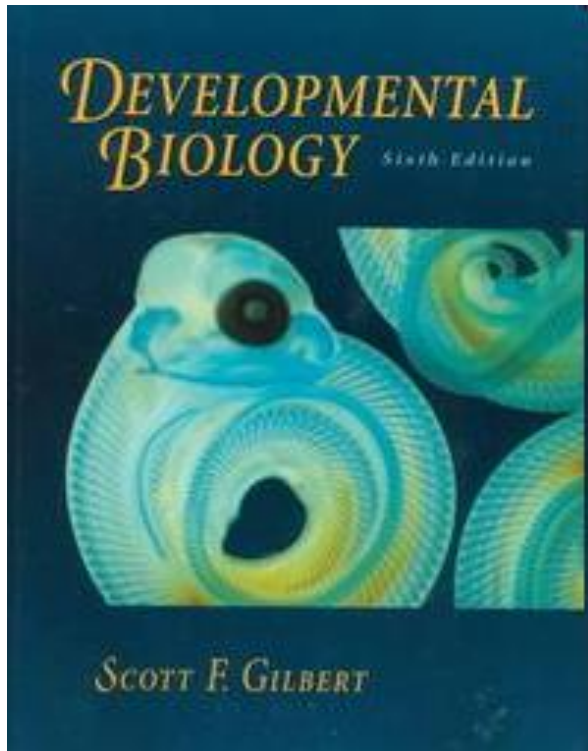
Principles of Development by Lewis Wolpert



Reference Books

- *Developmental Biology* Gilbert 6th 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

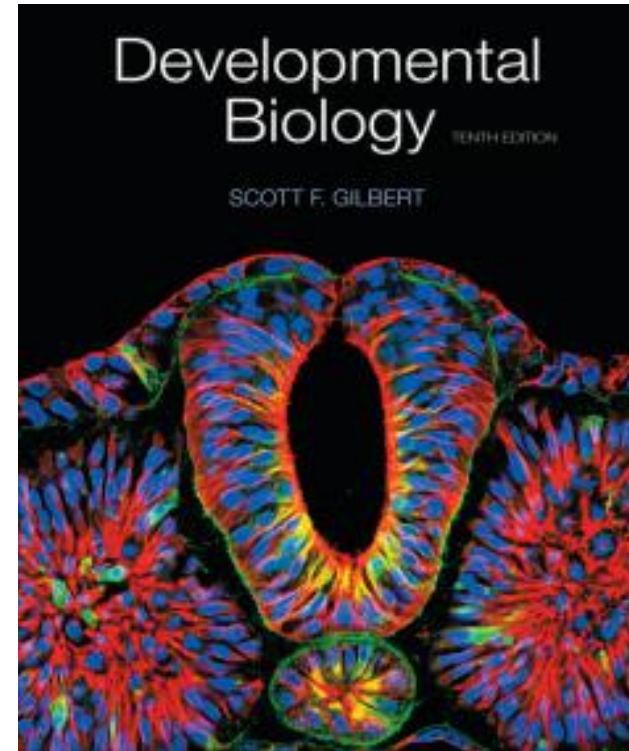
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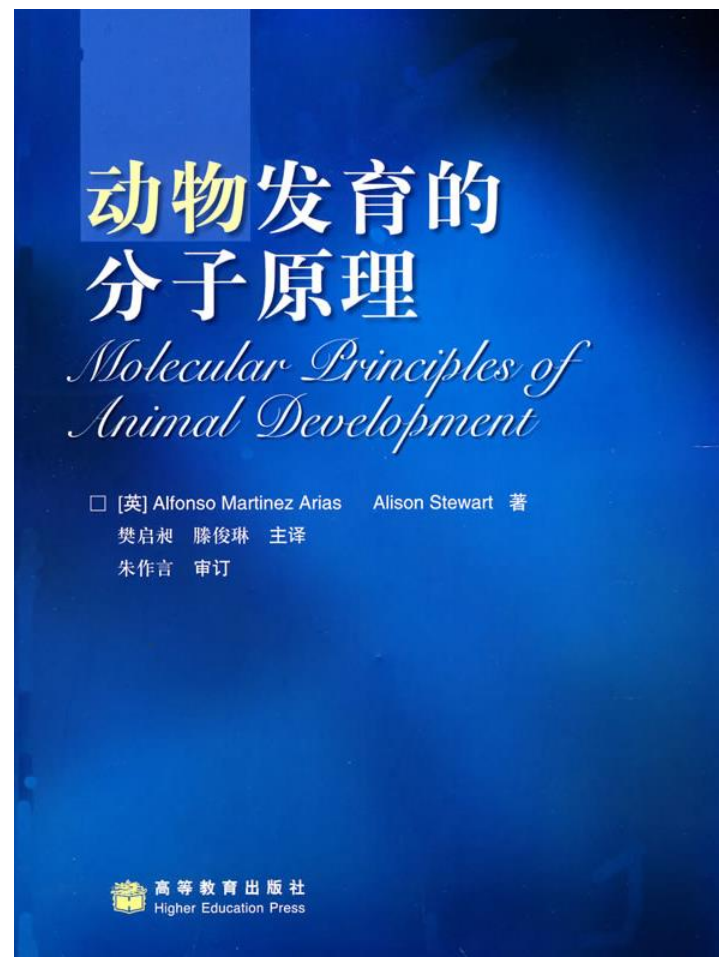
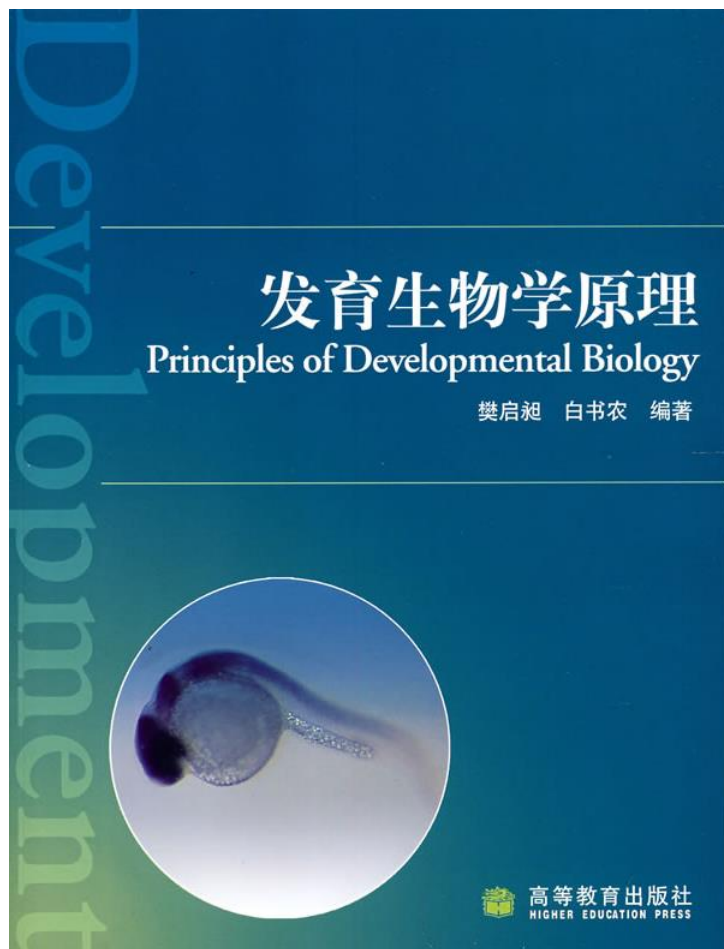


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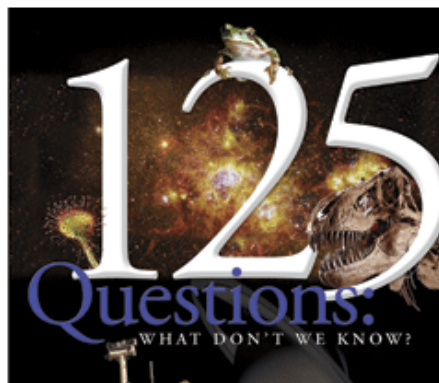
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Model organisms

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



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
Nleu1.0



Gorilla

Gorilla gorilla gorilla
gorGor3.1



Guinea Pig

Cavia porcellus
cavPor3



Hedgehog

Erinaceus europaeus
HEDGEHOG



Horse

Equus caballus
EquCab2



Human

Homo sapiens
GRCh37



Hyrax

Procavia capensis
proCap1



Kangaroo rat

Dipodomys ordii
dipOrd1



Lamprey

Petromyzon marinus
Pmarinus_7.0



Lesser hedgehog tenrec

Echinops telfairi
TENREC



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
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Guinea Pig

Popular genomes



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Zebrafish
Zv9



proCap1



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Mouse
GRCm38



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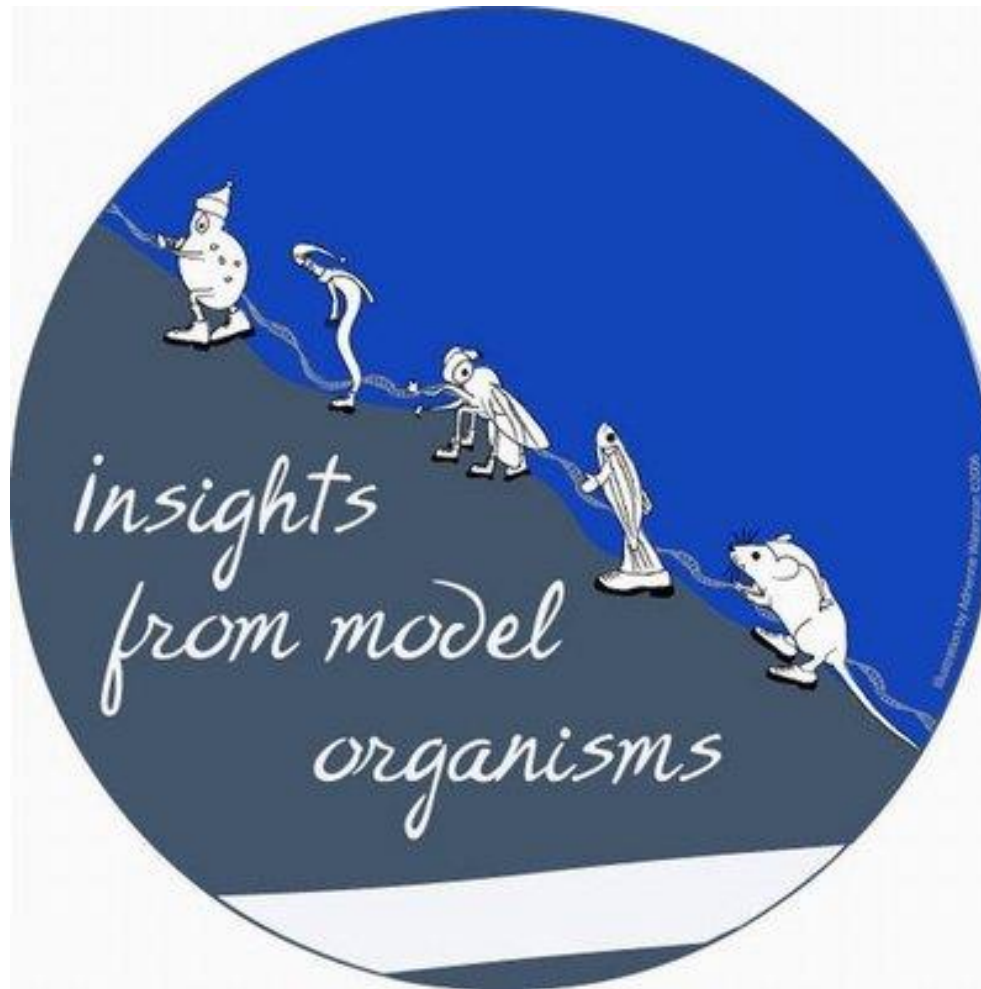
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By Adrienne Waterston

A nice example of choosing
a model organism

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



Elizabeth H.
Blackburn



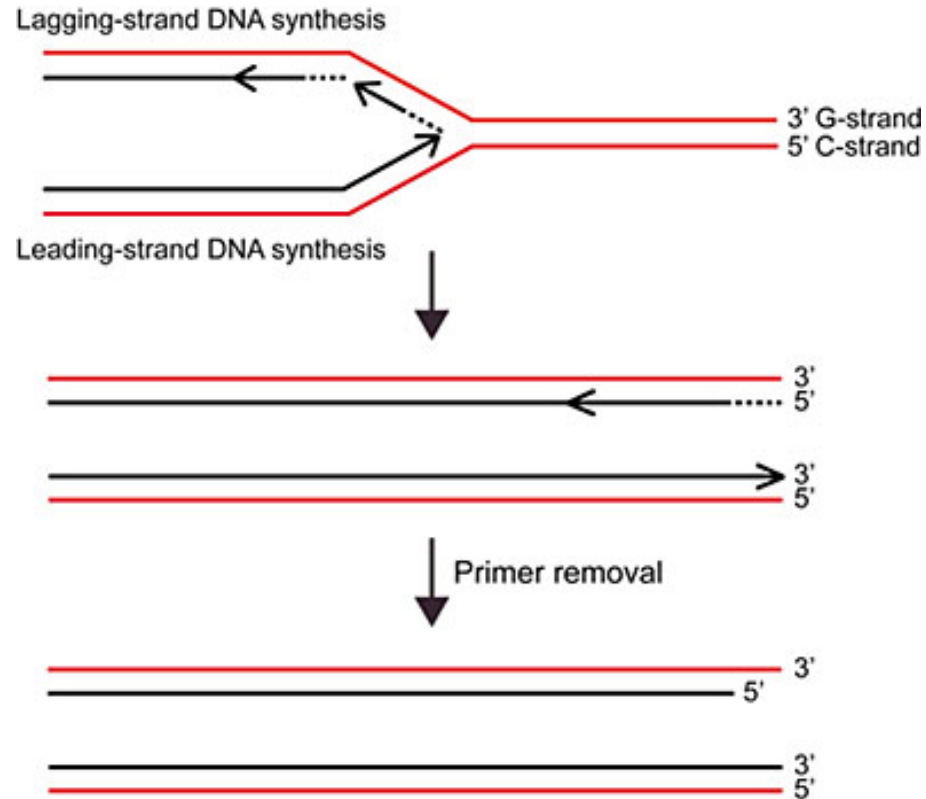
Carol W. Greider



Jack W. Szostak

The winners of Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2009

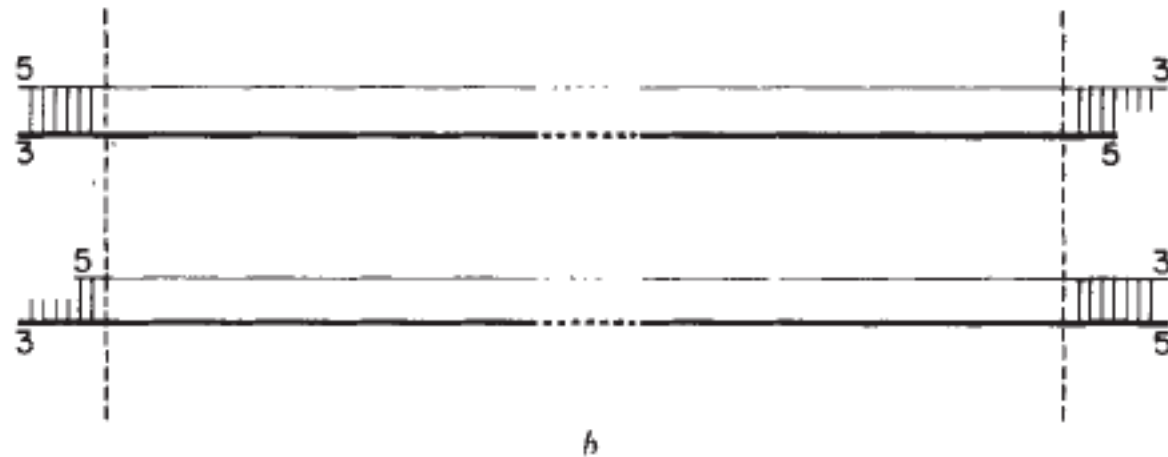
DNA replication



Origin of Concatemeric T7 DNA

J. D. WATSON

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



A.H. Sturtevant



C.B. Bridges



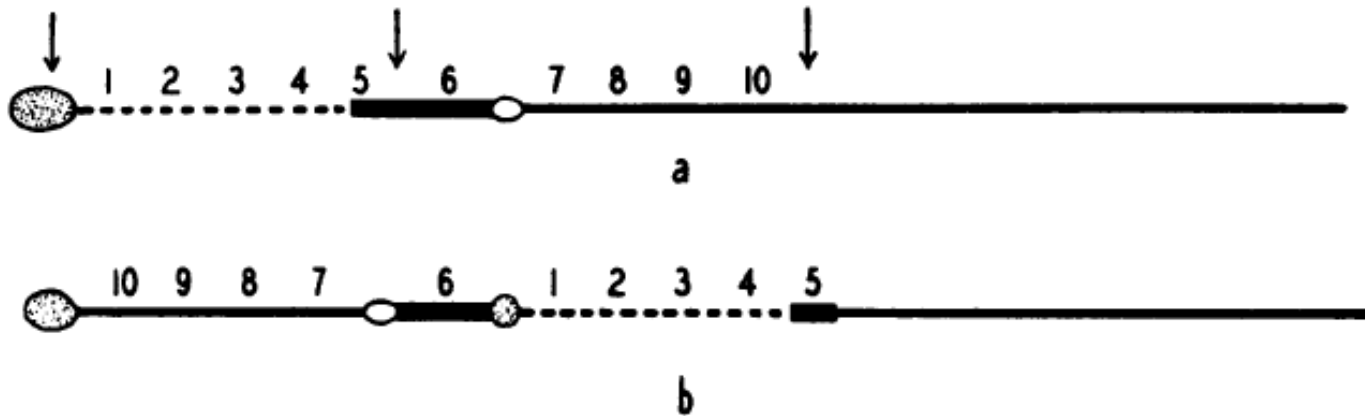
H.J. Muller

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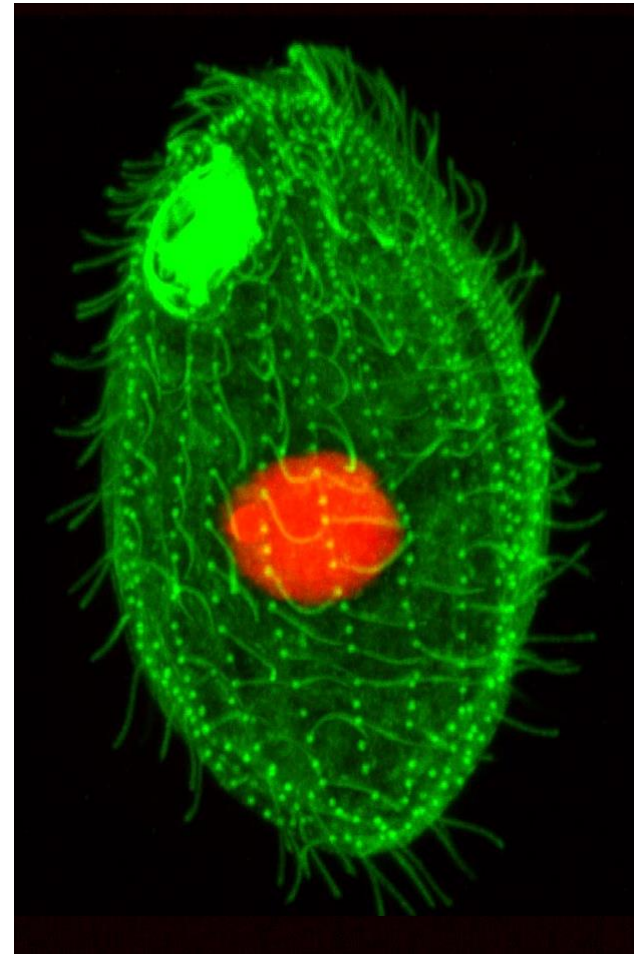
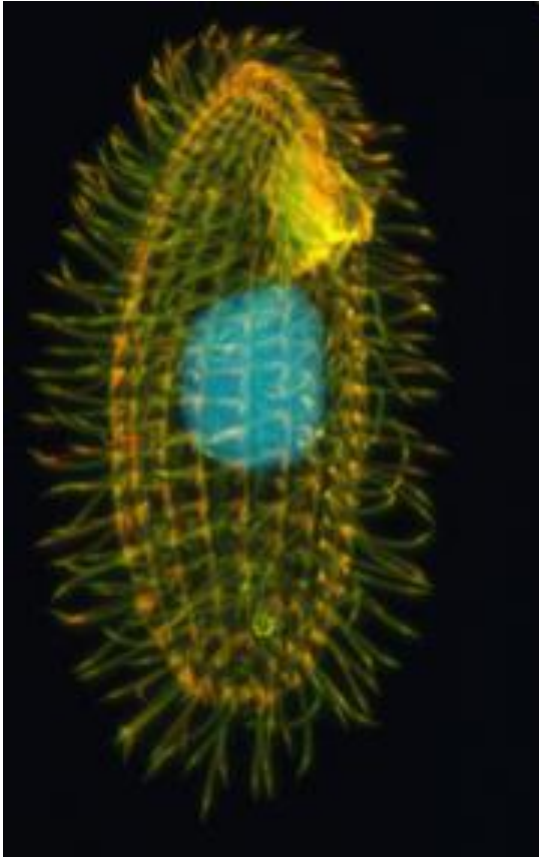
Hermann J. Muller

- 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 thermophila (嗜热四膜虫)

- Size ~ 50 μm , 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'-CCCAA-3' repeat sequences in telomere.
- 1980, Jack W. Szostak added 5'-CCCAA-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.

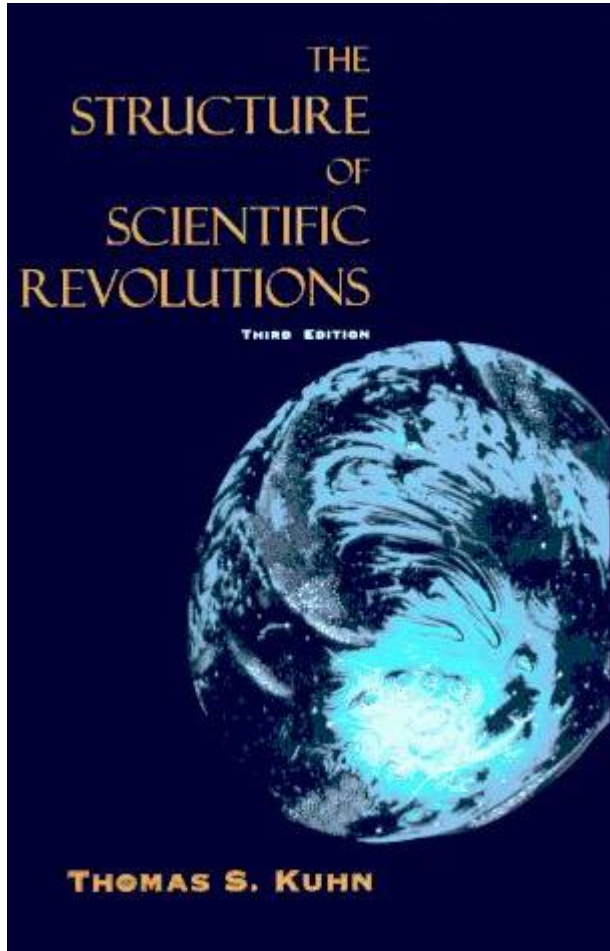
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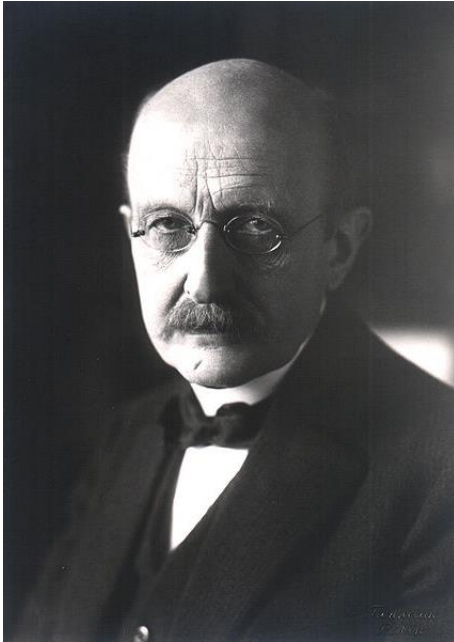
Paradigm and paradigm shift



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Thomas Samuel Kuhn



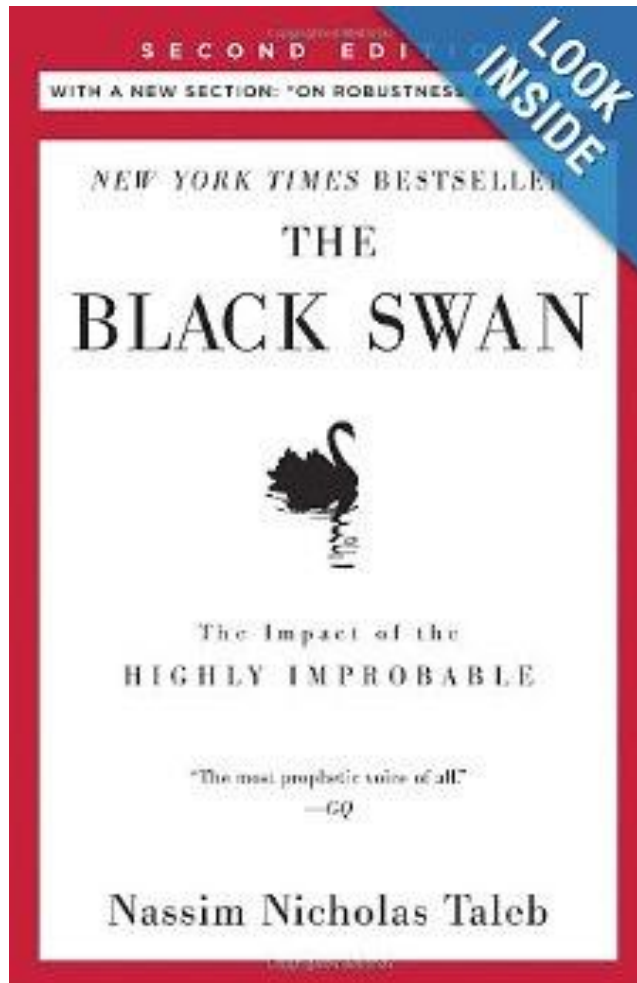
Max Planck
(1858-1947)

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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. Heilmeyer

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George Harry Heilmeyer (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](#). Heilmeyer's work is an [IEEE Milestone](#).^{[1][2]}

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Biography

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Heilmeyer 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 Heilmeyer 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. Heilmeyer



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

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!