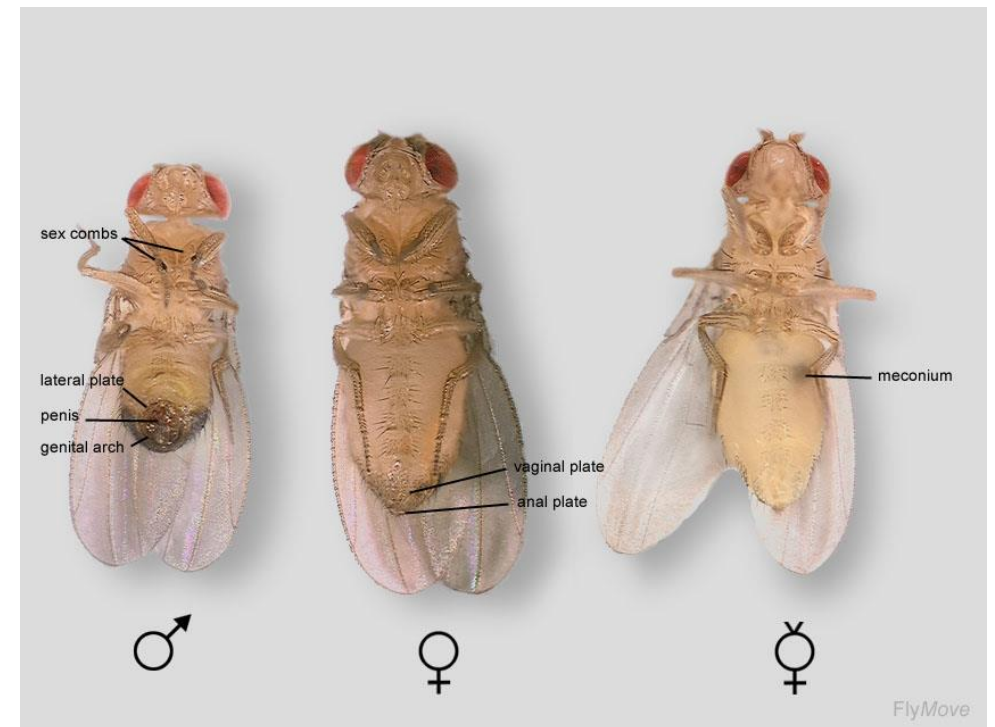
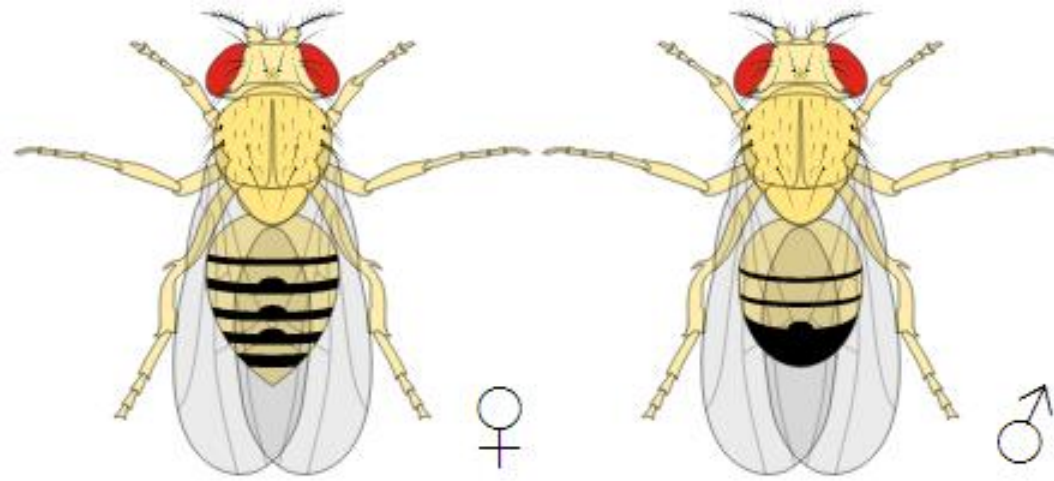


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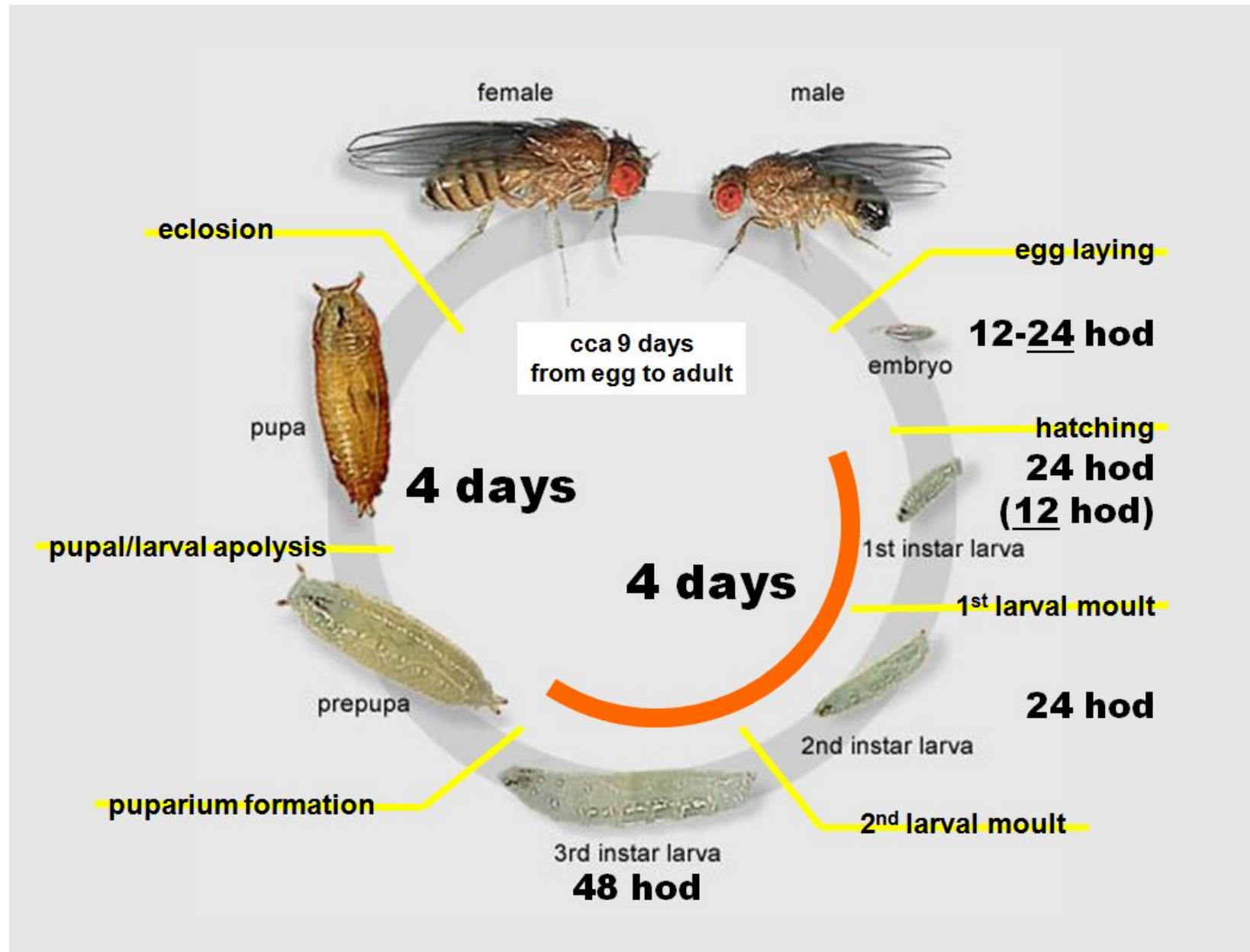
Drosophila melanogaster

Drosophila melanogaster - common fruit fly (Diptera)



Life cycle

- **short generation time:**
the shortest, seven days at 28 °C
(30 °C: 11 days; 18 °C: 19 days;
12 °C: 50 days)
- lifespan 30 days at 29 °C
- **high number of model animals:**
females produce about 500 eggs
in 10 days
- embryonic development
- embryonic development (comm.)
- Eric Wieschaus talks: Patterning
Development in the Embryo



Advantages of *Drosophila* model

- one of the most studied organisms
 - ease of breeding, space-saving, low cost
 - well-known fate of individual cell populations
 - genetically tractable
 - at the molecular and cellular level, many developmental processes are similar to other species
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- the basic model of eukaryotic genetics, embryogenesis, studies of maternal and homeotic genes, sex determination
 - 4 pairs of chromosomes: female XX (1X:1A), male XY (1X:2A)
 - haploid genome: 1.65×10^8 base pairs
 - fertilization occurs in the oviduct, the eggs are laid as diploid
 - superficial cleavage of eggs
 - recombination occurs only in females

What do we need for fly handling?

- vials / bottles with caps
- fly food (water, yeast, syrup or sugar, agar, mashed potato powder or soy flour, ascorbic acid, fungicide Nipagin); formerly, crushed banana peel with yeast
- brushes and pad for manipulation
- anesthesia (CO₂, cold, ether, FlyNap[®] Anesthetic Kit)
- stereomicroscope



FlyBase – gene database and availability of fly lines

FB2017_06, released Dec 31, 2017

A Database of *Drosophila* Genes & Genomes

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FlyBase 2.0: It's here!

FlyBase needs your help!

The NHGRI/NIH is significantly reducing the funding of FlyBase by 15% next year (which, with rising costs is normalized to 20%), and 20% (normalized to 30%) onward. With these cuts, we will not be able to deliver high quality, essential curation and tools. We are calling on the community for help by implementing a scaled user fee within the next month. **Please note: access to FlyBase is not contingent upon contribution** payment is at your discretion. Our goal is simply to put a mechanism in place to raise funds.

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FlyExpress – gene expression maps



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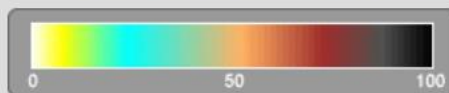
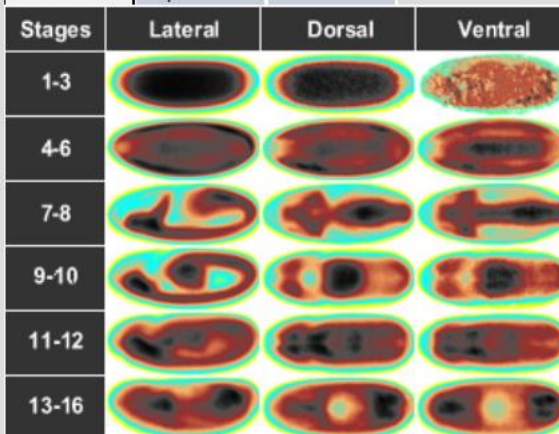
BDGP Fly-FISH

adult foregut precursor
adult hindgut precursor
adult midgut precursor
adult muscle precursor primordium
adult salivary primordium
amnioserosa

Search for Co-Expressed Genes

Genomewide Expression Maps (GEMs) provide spatially aggregated levels of genome-wide expression for each pixel at a given stage and orientation. Click any GEM to begin your fine-tuned search for co-expressed genes. ⓘ

BDGP Fly-FISH PubMed



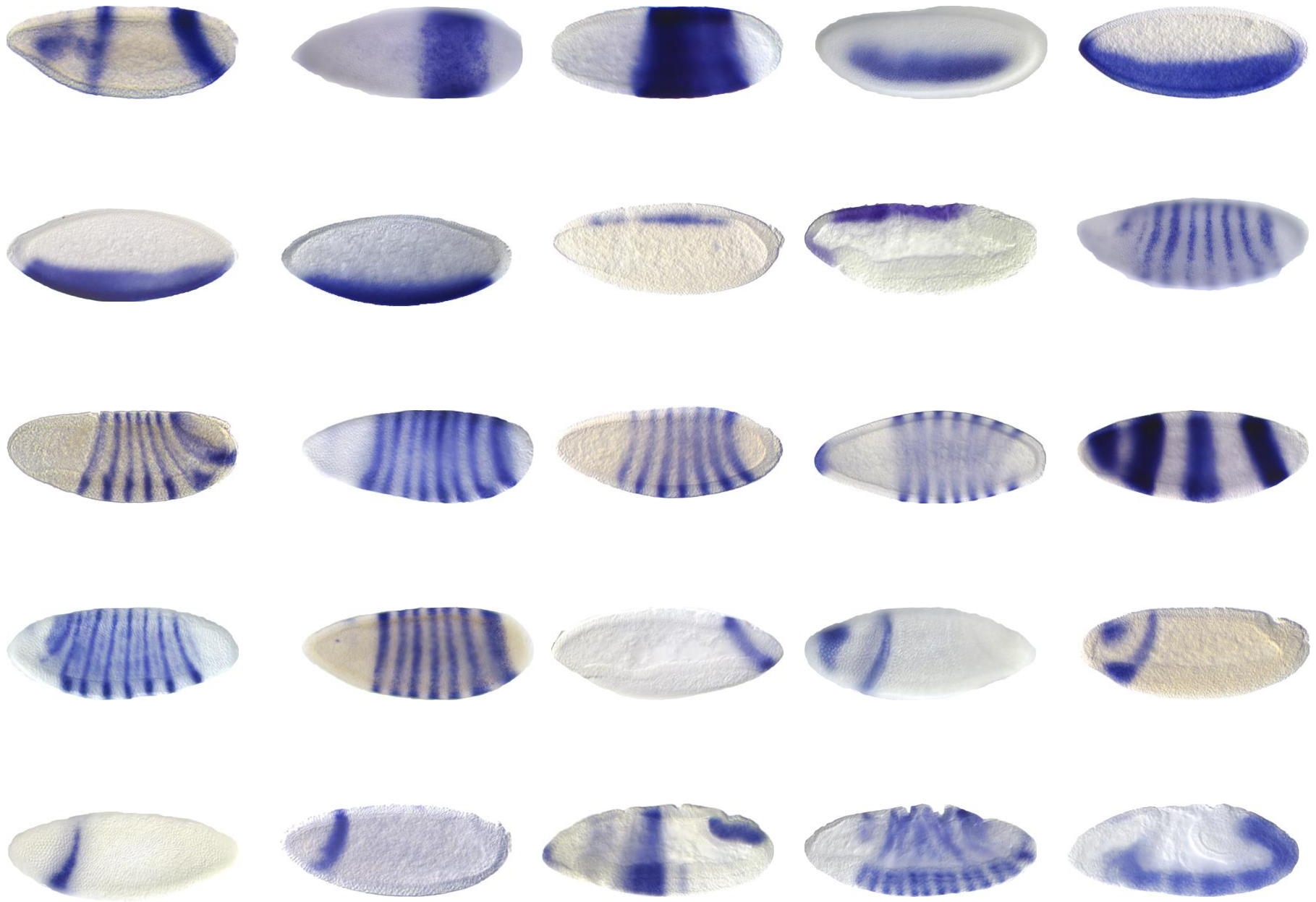
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Analyze Gene Lists

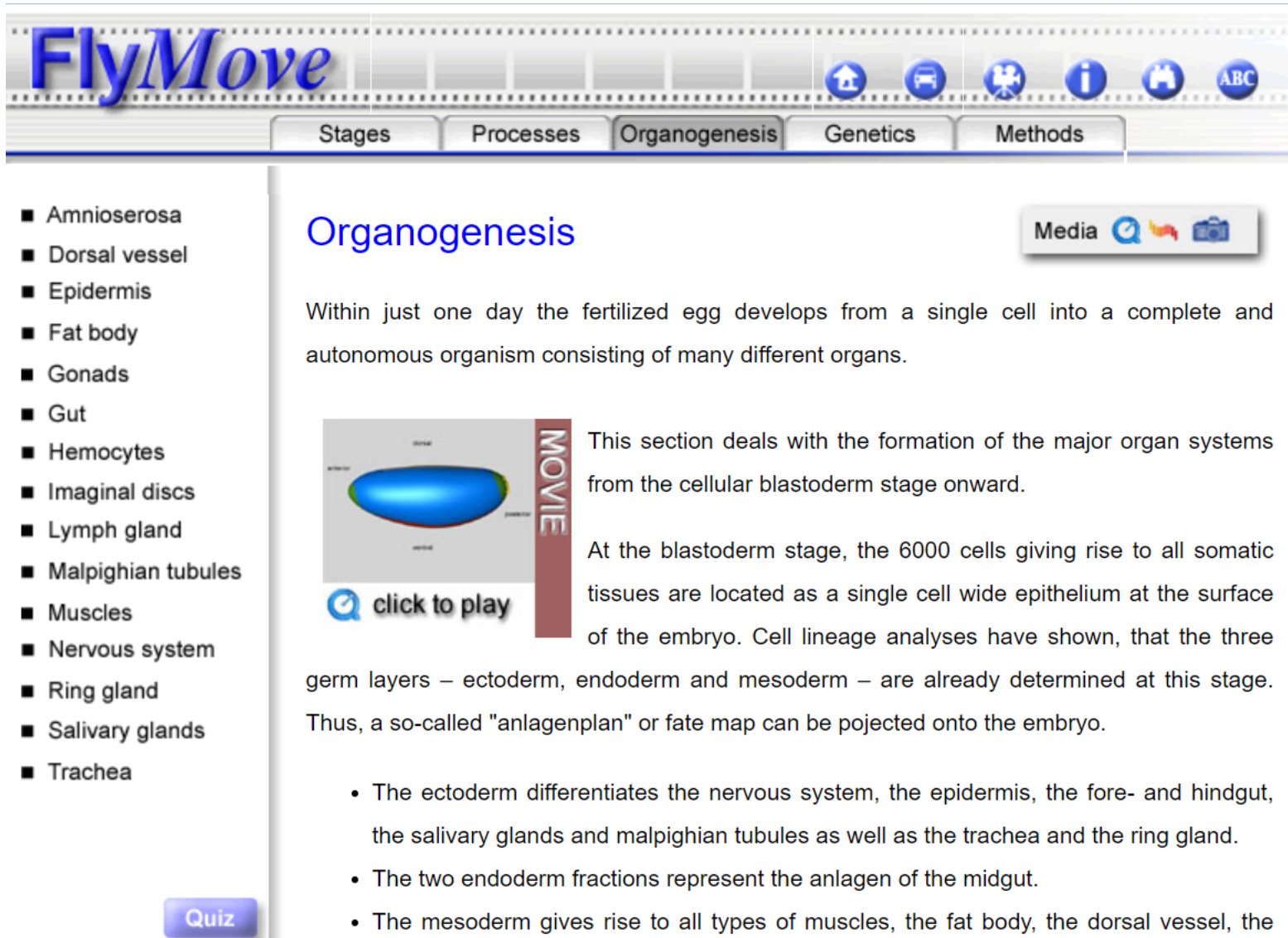
Enter a list of *Drosophila melanogaster* gene symbols or FlyBase FBgn accessions. Separate entries with commas, spaces, or line breaks.

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Upload a list (TXT or CSV) of gene symbols or FBgn accessions. ⓘ



FlyMove – developmental processes



The screenshot shows the FlyMove website interface. At the top, the logo "FlyMove" is displayed in blue. Below the logo is a navigation bar with tabs for "Stages", "Processes", "Organogenesis", "Genetics", and "Methods". The "Organogenesis" tab is currently selected. To the right of the navigation bar are several icons: a home icon, a car icon, a video camera icon, an information icon, a person icon, and an "ABC" icon. Below the navigation bar is a sidebar on the left containing a list of developmental processes, each preceded by a small square icon. The main content area is titled "Organogenesis" in blue. Below the title is a "Media" button with icons for a magnifying glass, a hand, and a camera. The text describes the development of the embryo from a single cell to a complete organism. A "click to play" button is visible next to a small image of a fly embryo. A "Quiz" button is located at the bottom left of the sidebar.

Organogenesis

Media

Within just one day the fertilized egg develops from a single cell into a complete and autonomous organism consisting of many different organs.

click to play **MOVIE**

This section deals with the formation of the major organ systems from the cellular blastoderm stage onward.

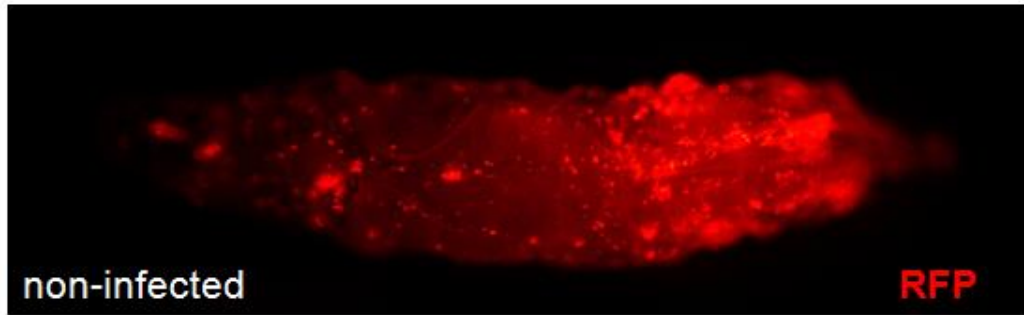
At the blastoderm stage, the 6000 cells giving rise to all somatic tissues are located as a single cell wide epithelium at the surface of the embryo. Cell lineage analyses have shown, that the three germ layers – ectoderm, endoderm and mesoderm – are already determined at this stage. Thus, a so-called "anlagenplan" or fate map can be projected onto the embryo.

- The ectoderm differentiates the nervous system, the epidermis, the fore- and hindgut, the salivary glands and malpighian tubules as well as the trachea and the ring gland.
- The two endoderm fractions represent the anlagen of the midgut.
- The mesoderm gives rise to all types of muscles, the fat body, the dorsal vessel, the

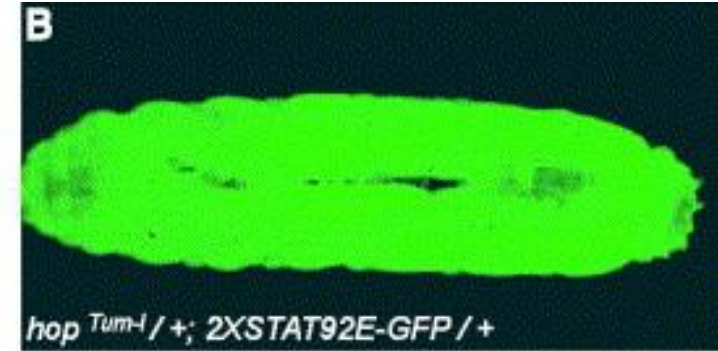
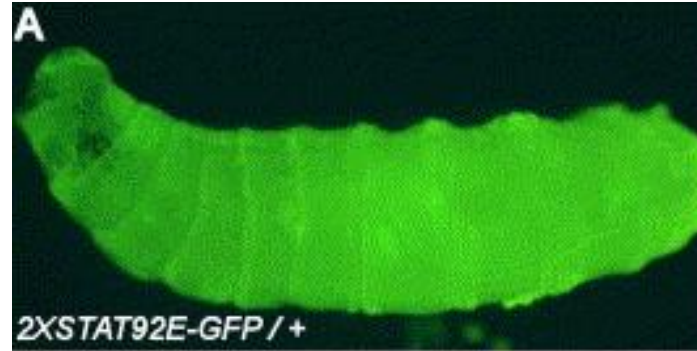
Quiz

Reporter lines

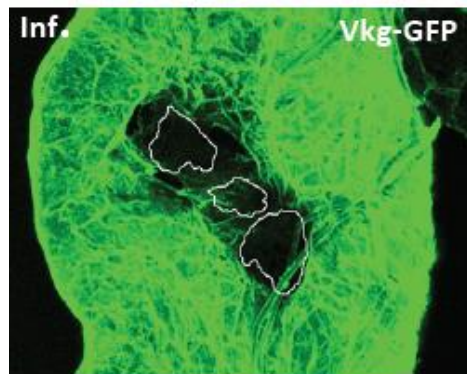
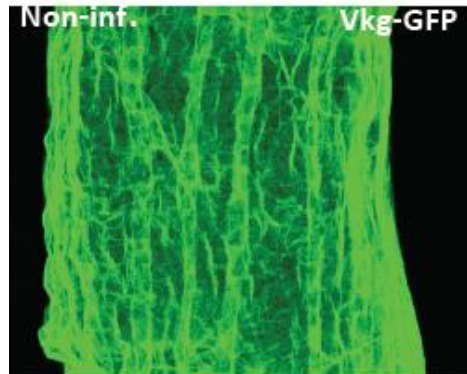
Haemocyte reporter line (hml-Gal4 UAS-RFP)



STAT pathway reporter line (STAT92E-GFP)



Collagen visualisation (Vkg-GFP)



Bach et al. (2007) GFP reporters detect the activation of the *Drosophila* JAK/STAT pathway *in vivo*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.modgep.2006.08.003>

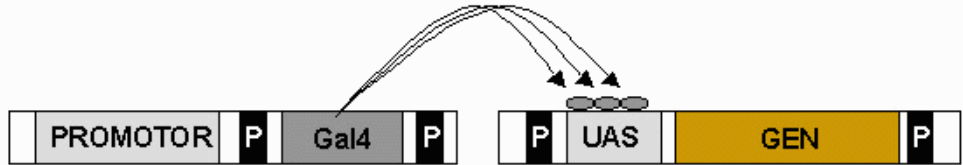
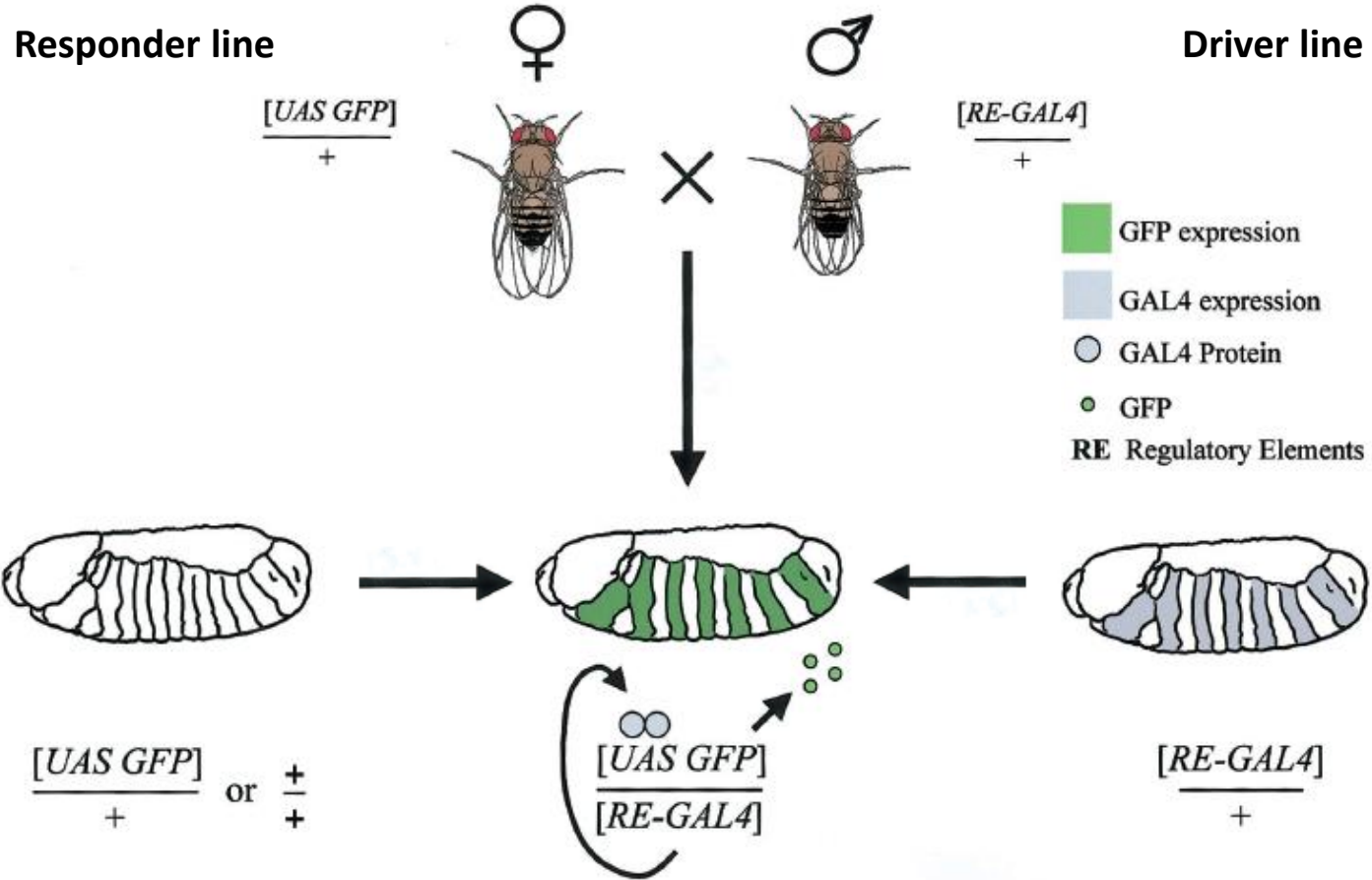
UAS/Gal4 system for targeted gene expression

„driver line“

- specific promotor mediates spatial and temporal synthesis of Gal4
- Gal4 binds to DNA and activates transcription

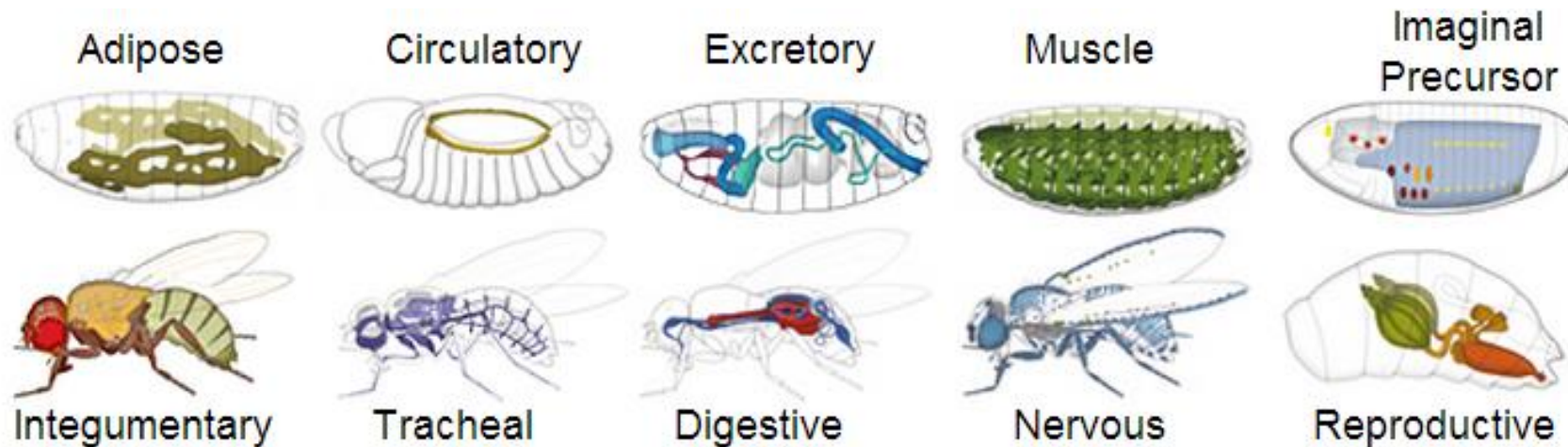
„responder line“

- **Upstream Activating Sequences** bind Gal4 protein
- RNAi construct / GFP / copy of the target gene – its transcription is regulated by UAS which require Gal4 binding



UAS/Gal4 system for targeted gene expression – driver lines

- Actin-Gal4 (ubiquitous expression)
- hemolectin-Gal4 (embryonic/larval haemocytes; no lamellocyte expression observed)
- Hemese-Gal4 (haemocytes, embryonic/larval lymph gland)
- Lz-Gal4 (crystal cells)
- PPL-Gal4 (embryonic and larval fat body)
- NP1-Gal4 (gut)



UAS/Gal4 system for targeted gene expression

- **knock-down** (UAS-RNAi, UAS-rpr), **over-expression** (UAS-gene sequence) or **visualisation** of target gene expression
- allows spacial and temporal control of gene expression (Gal4 drivers available both tissue and time-specific; eg. Bloomington)
- allows the maintenance of lethal mutations and mutations causing sterility (genotype is split into two fly lines and the harmful effect will not appear until both lines are crossed at 29 °C)

Critical steps of the use:

- the sequence of regulated gene must be known
- off-target effects
- rearing the flies at 29 °C
- non-complete knock-down (leaky expression)

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1995

The Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, has awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 1995 to **Edward B. Lewis, Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard and Eric Wieschaus** for their discoveries concerning “**the genetic control of early embryonic development**”.

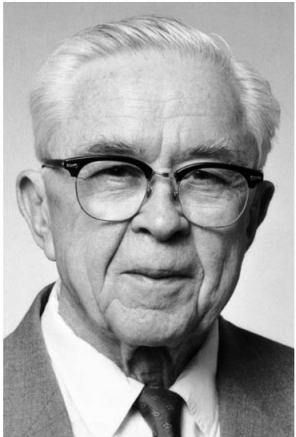


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Edward B. Lewis

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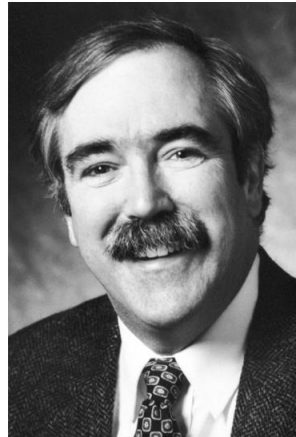
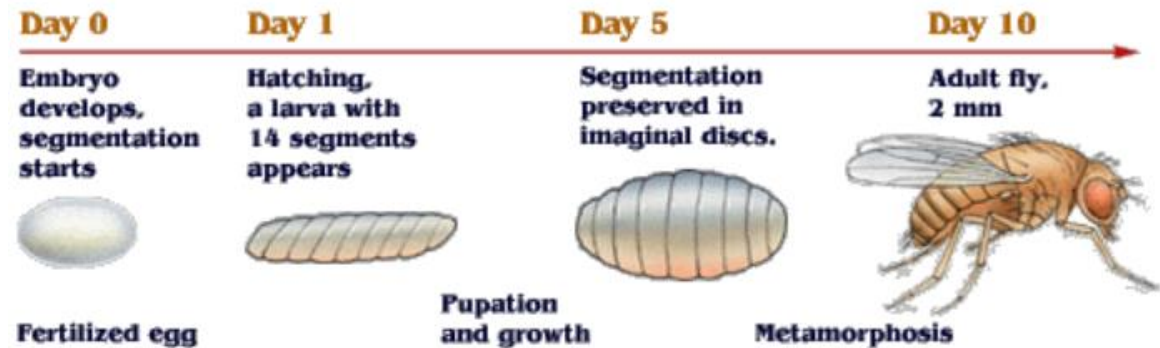


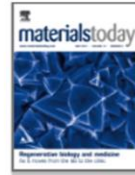
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Eric F. Wieschaus

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- the mechanisms of Wnt action have emerged from several systems: genetics in *Drosophila melanogaster* and *Caenorhabditis elegans*
- [the Wnt homepage](#)



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Introduction: *Drosophila*—A Model System for Developmental Biology

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The *Drosophila* lymph gland as a developmental model of hematopoiesis

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Practical part

- 1) fly handling
collection of virgins
visualisation of fat body using UAS/Gal4 system
- 2) preparing of *D. melanogaster* larvae for nanoinjection
microscopy of reporter *D. melanogaster* lines
- 3) nanoinjection of *D. melanogaster* larvae and adults