

# C8545 Developmental Biology

## Lesson 2

### Early Development of *Drosophila*

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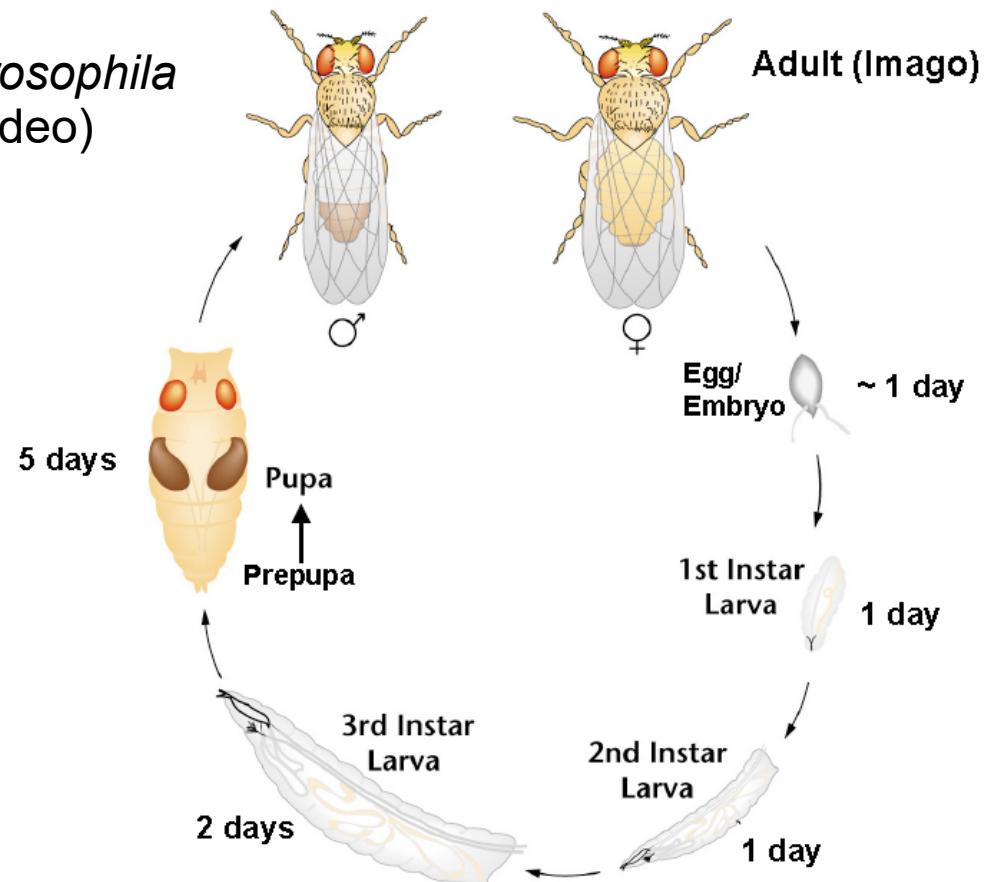
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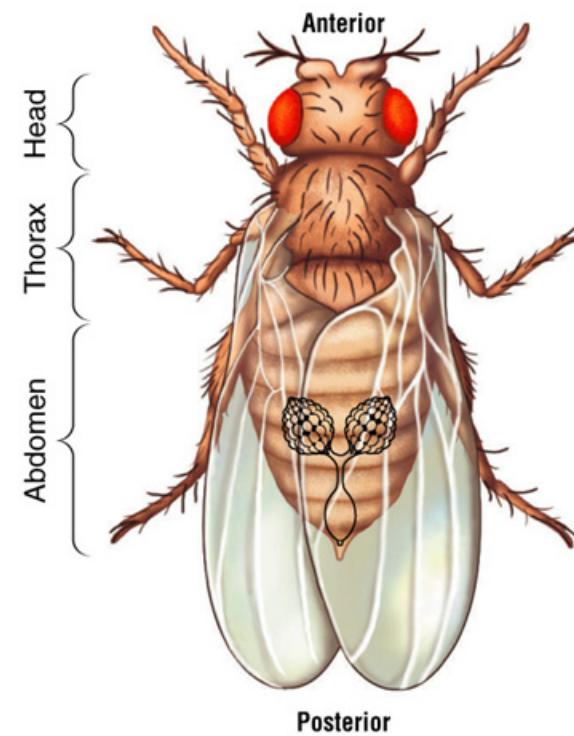
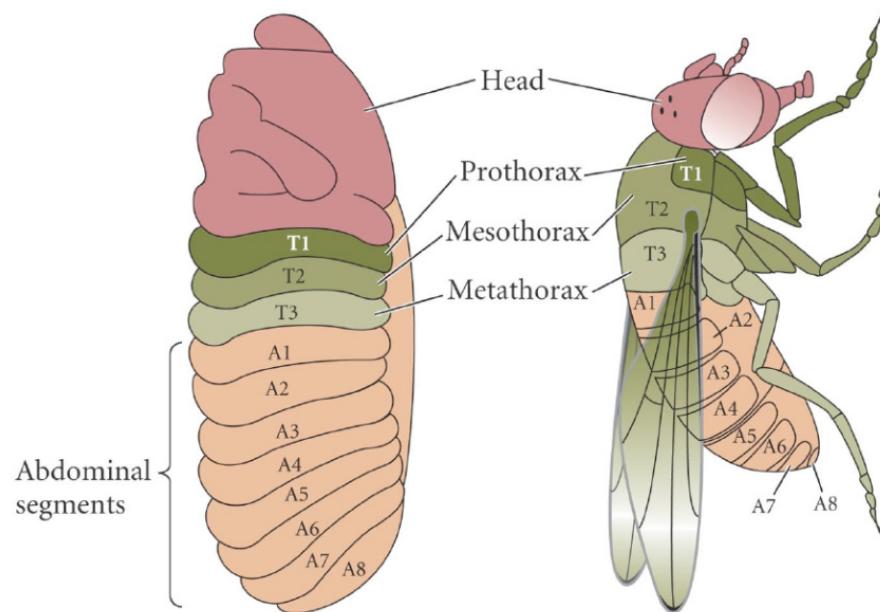
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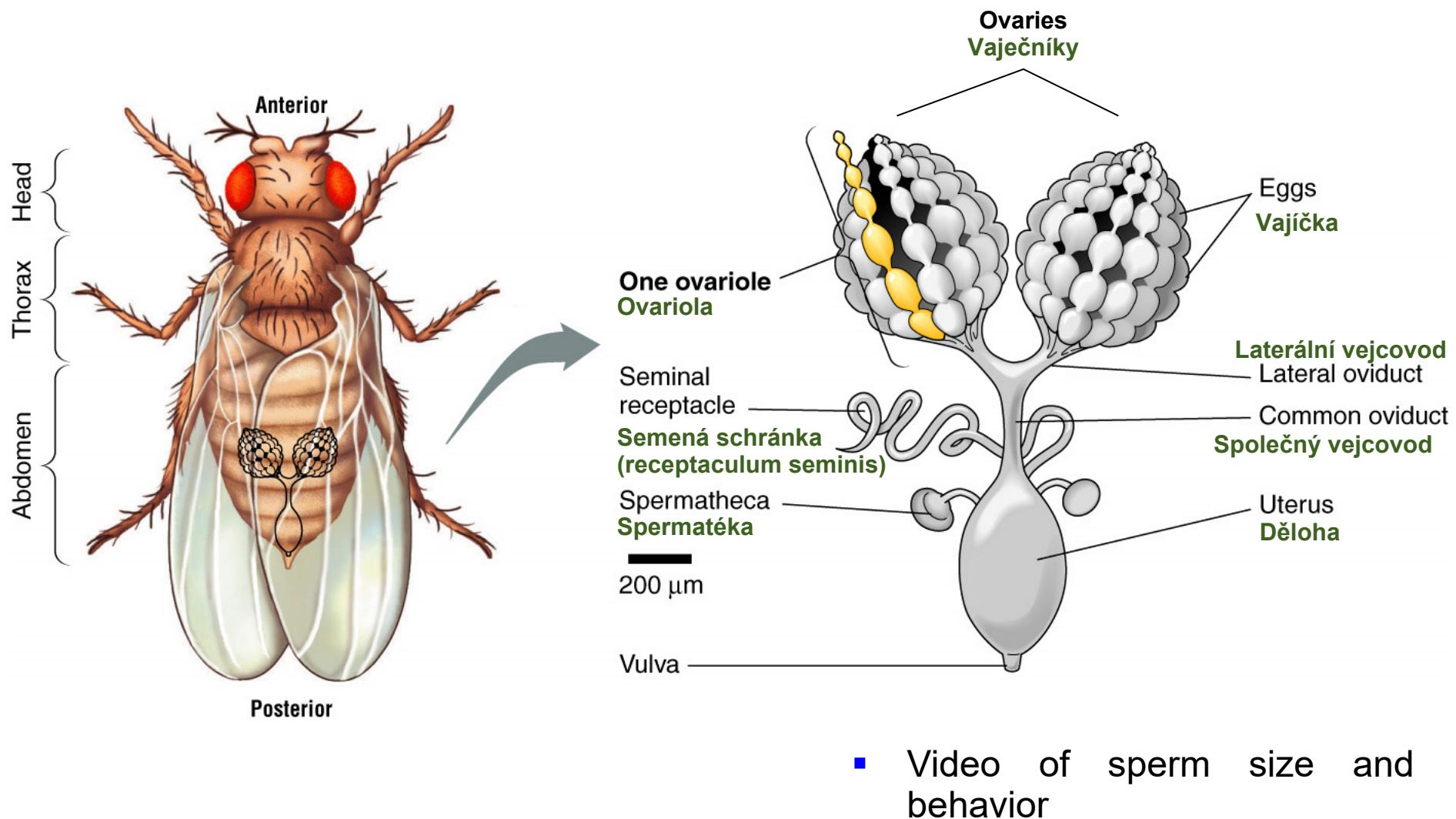
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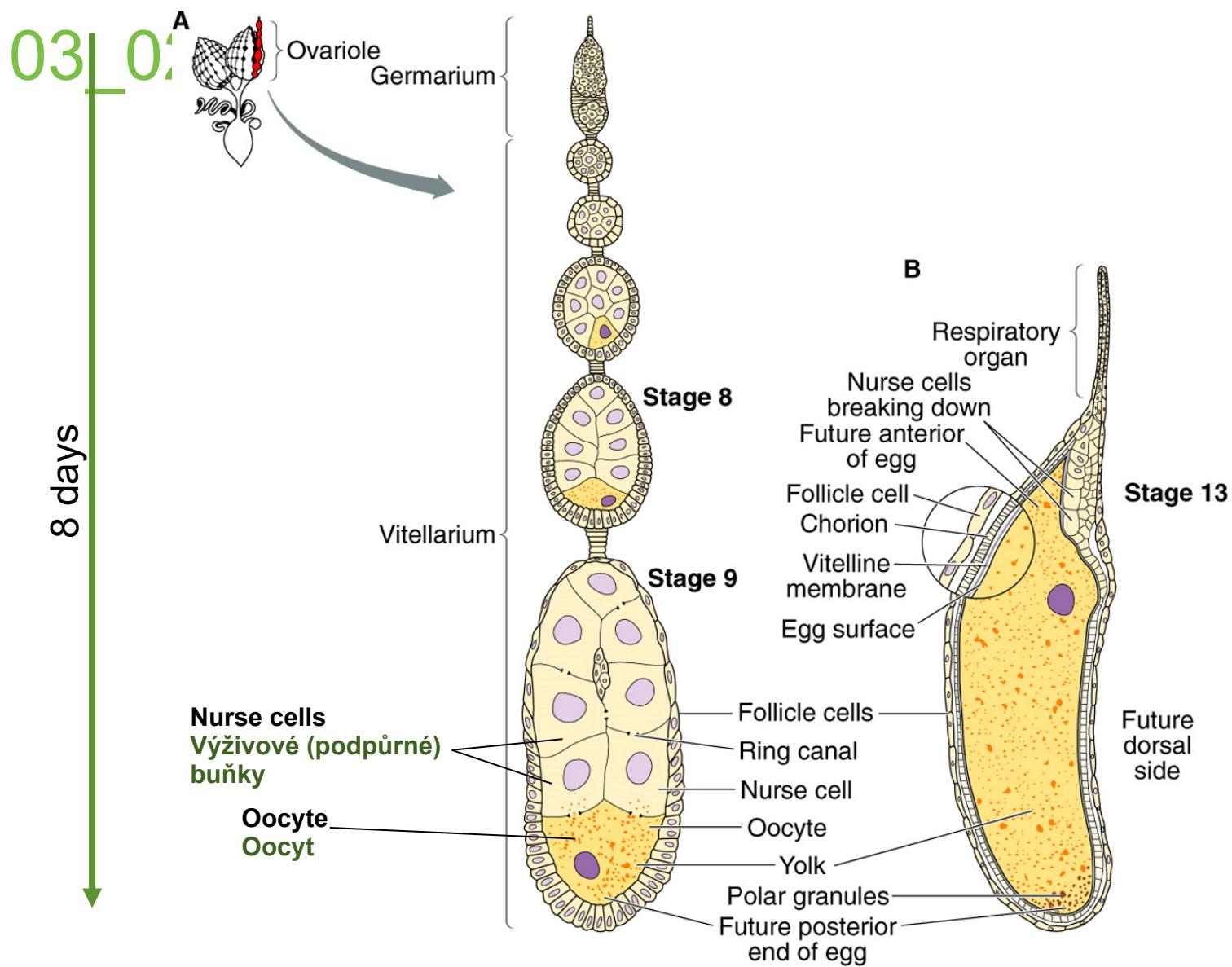


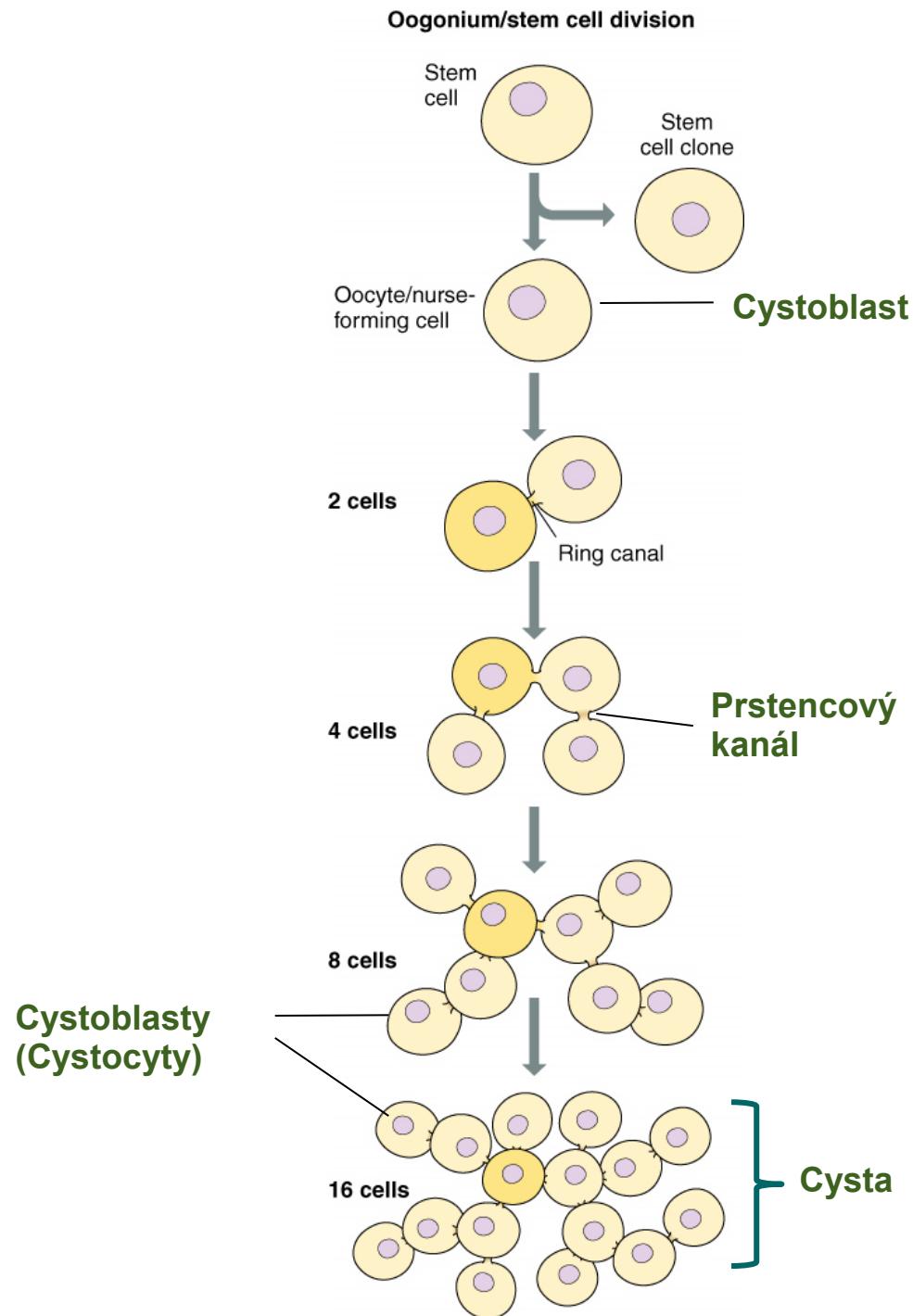
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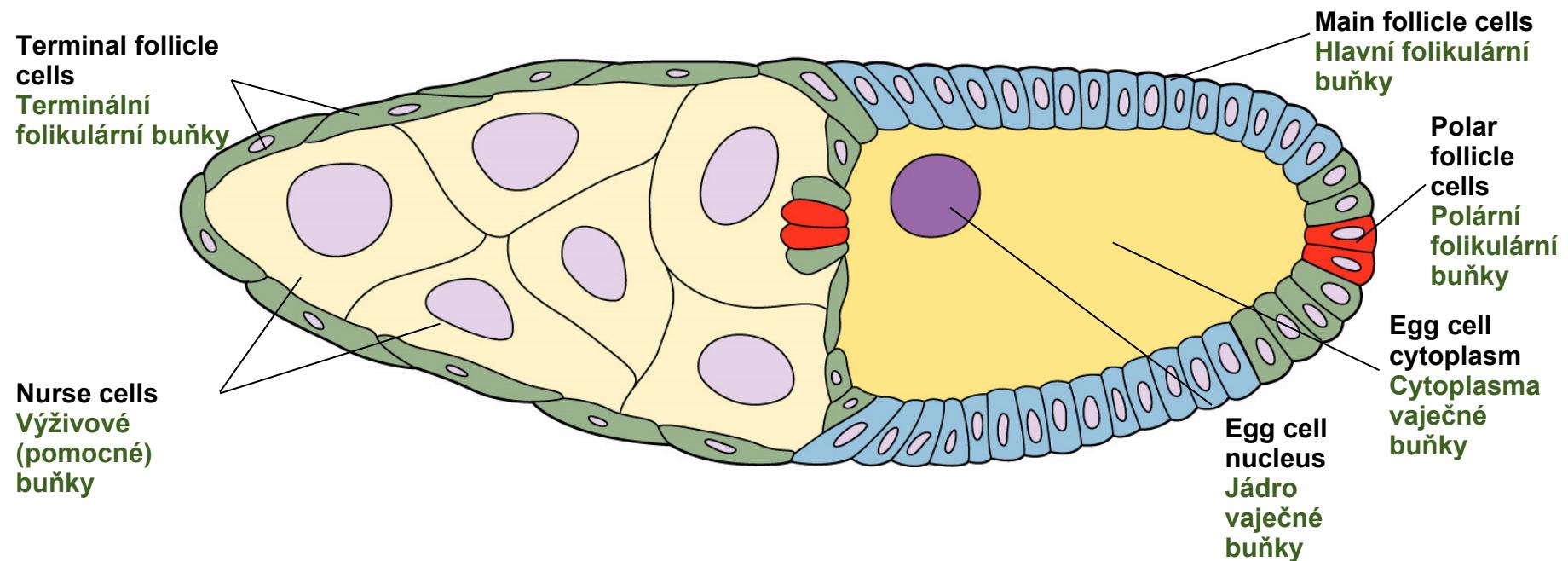
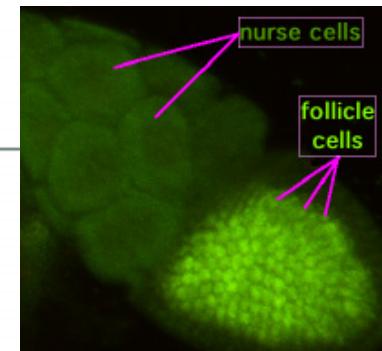




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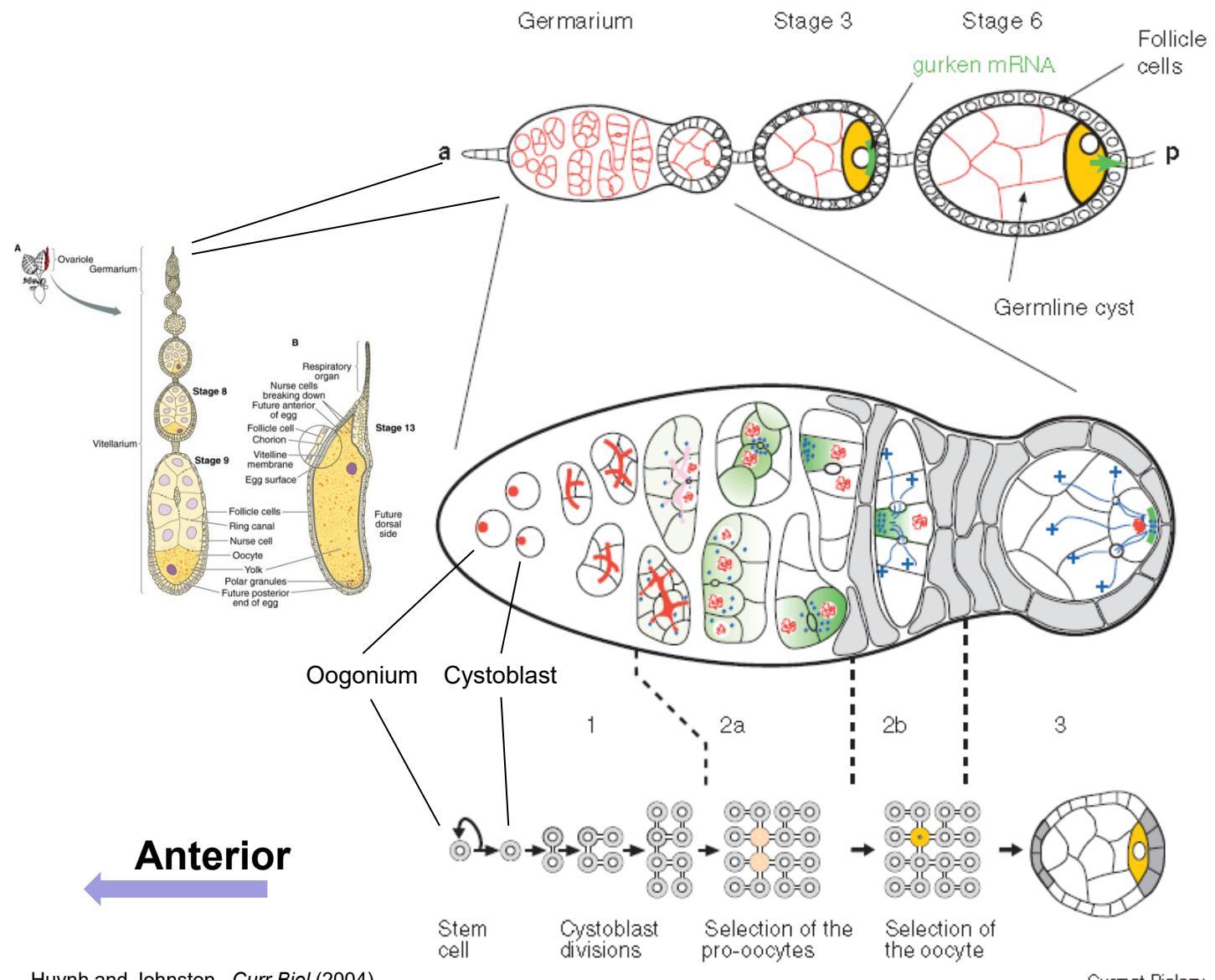
Follicle cells:	Germline cells:
Main body	Nurse
Polar	Oocyte cytoplasm
Terminal	Oocyte nucleus



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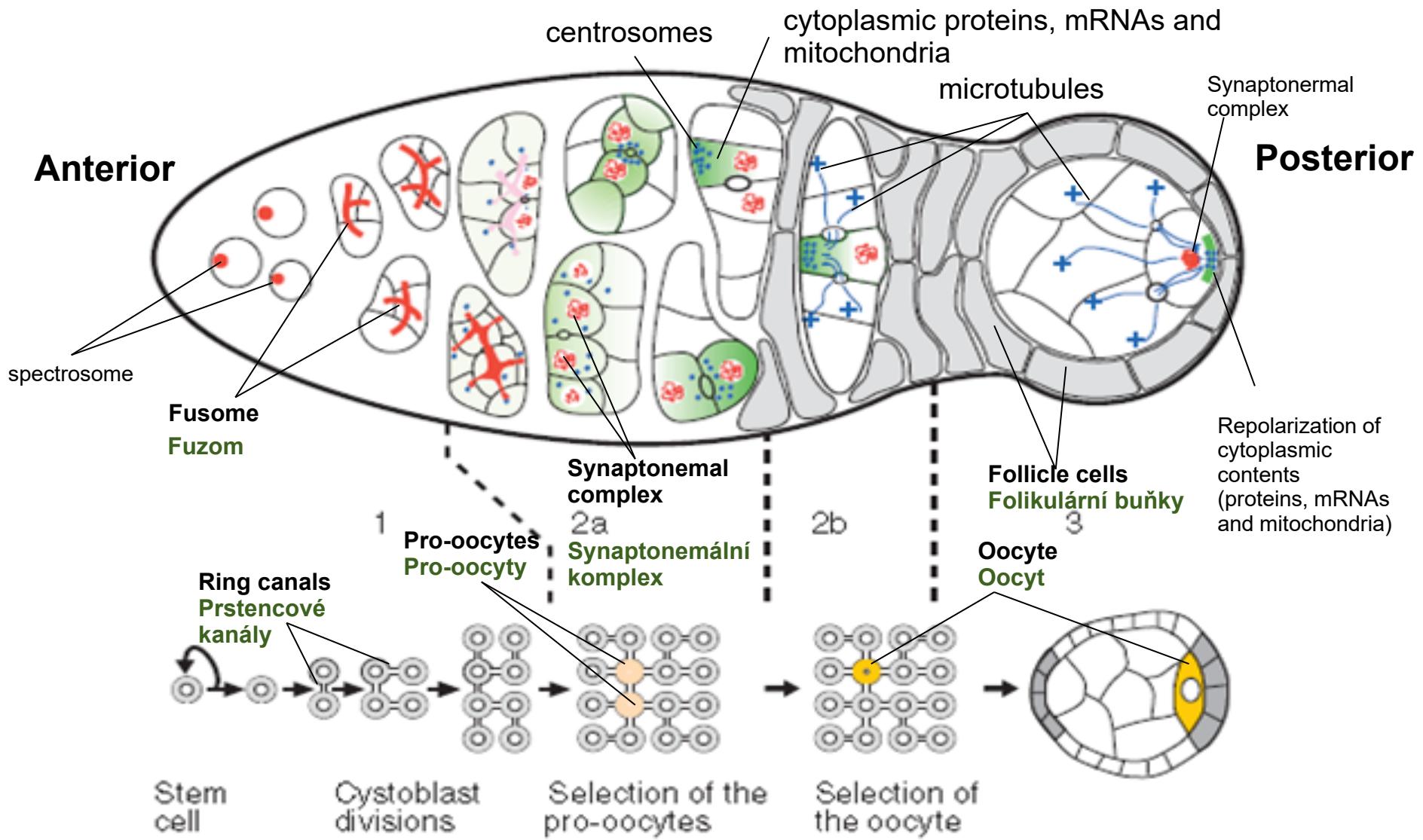
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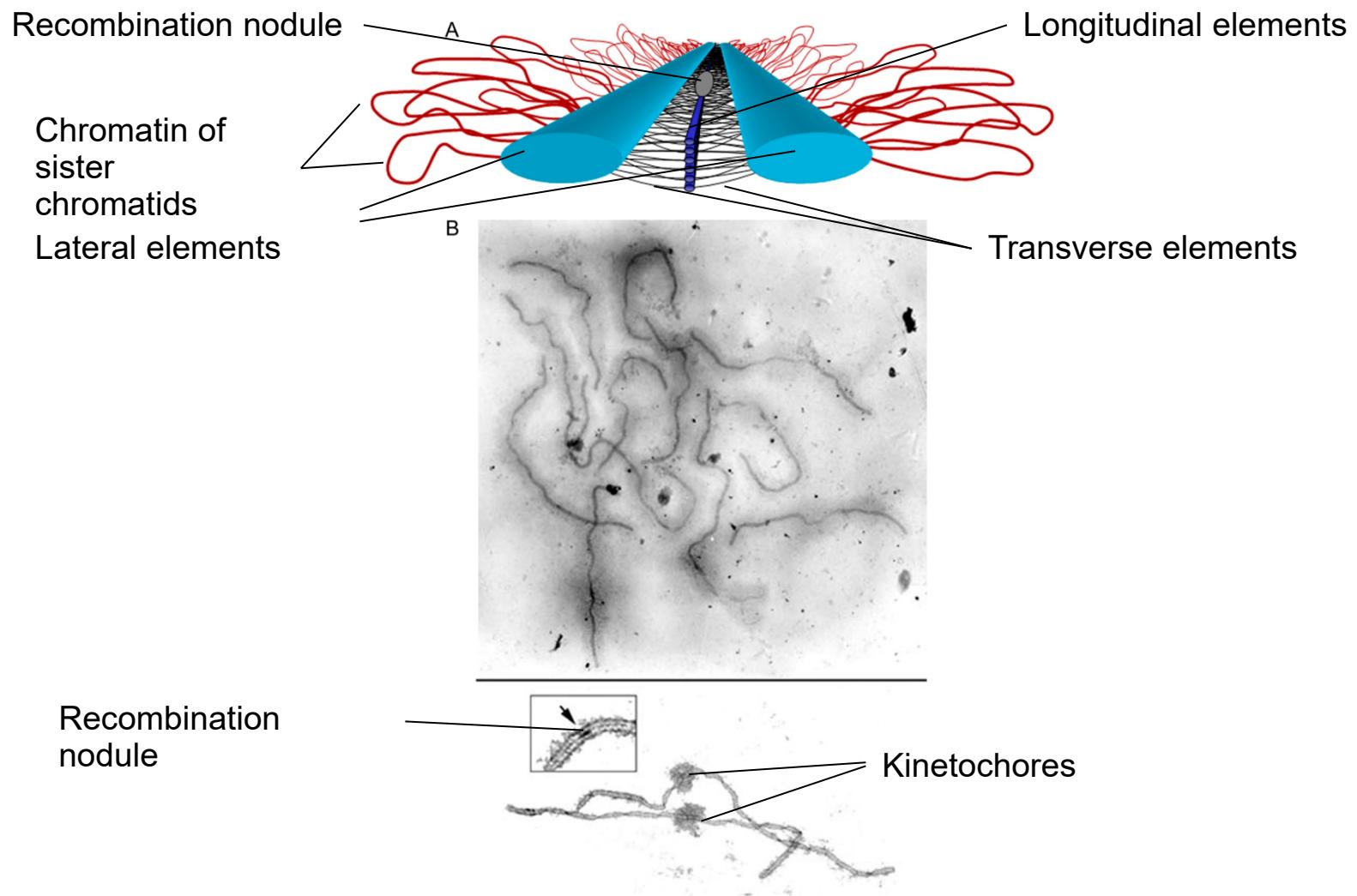


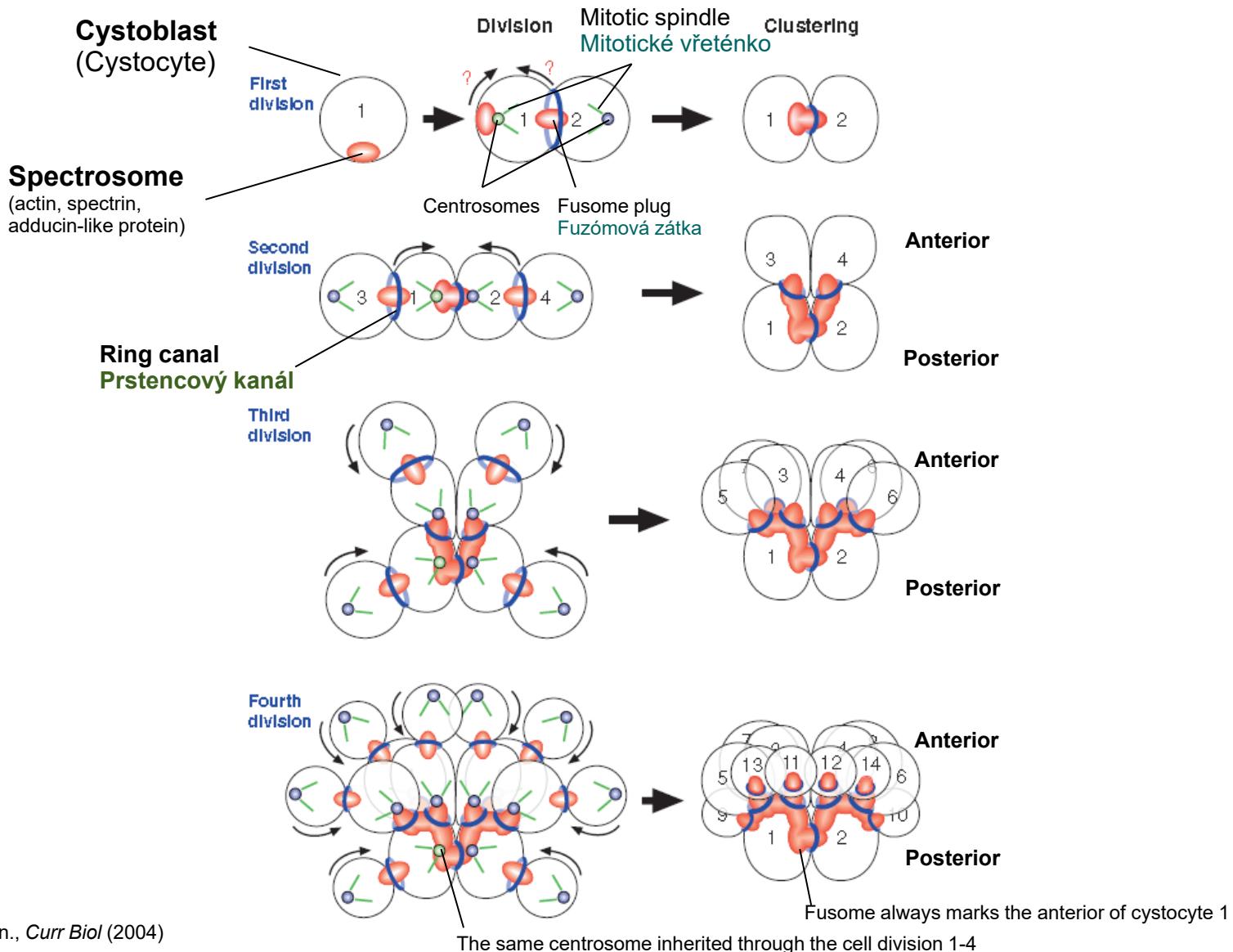
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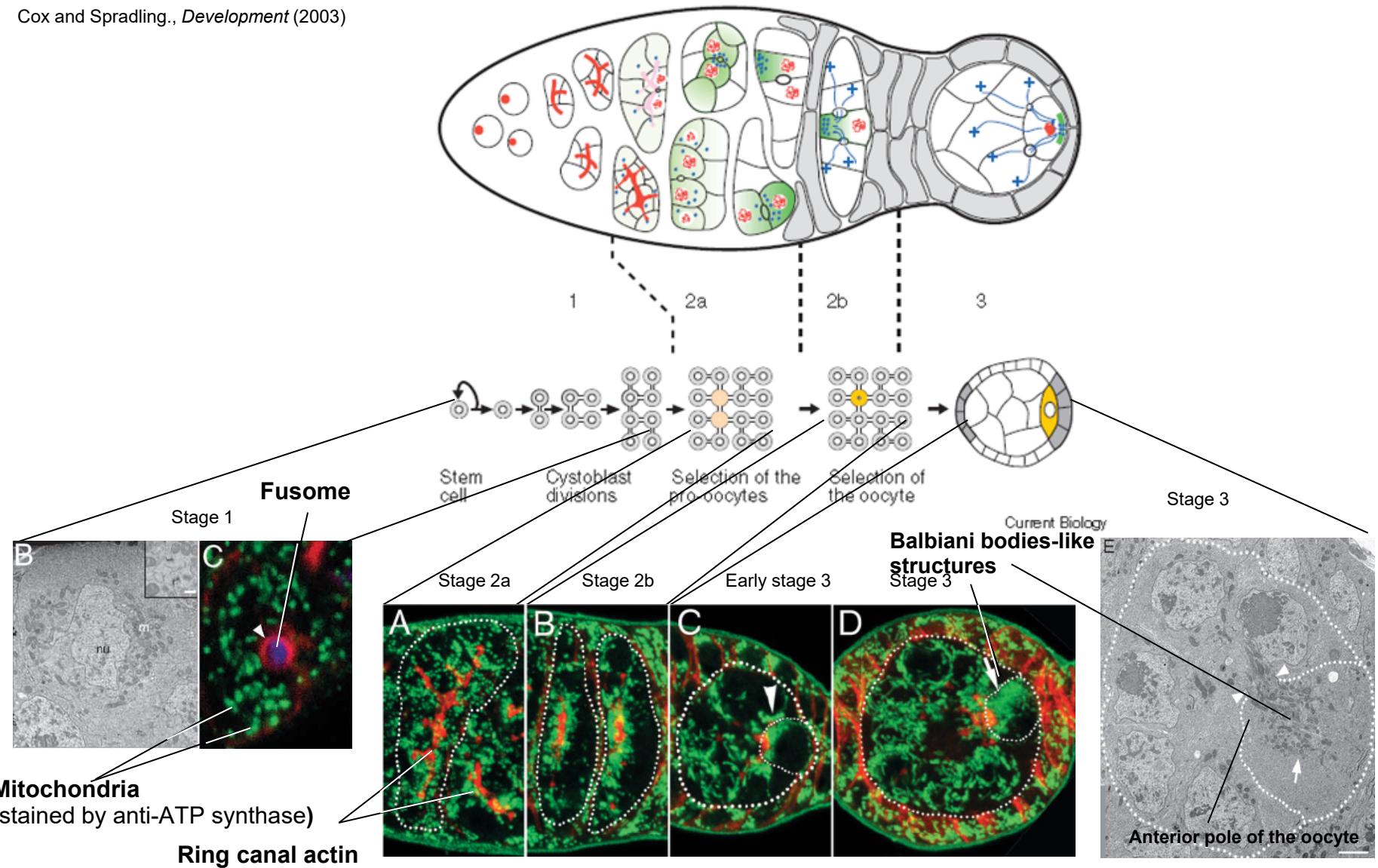
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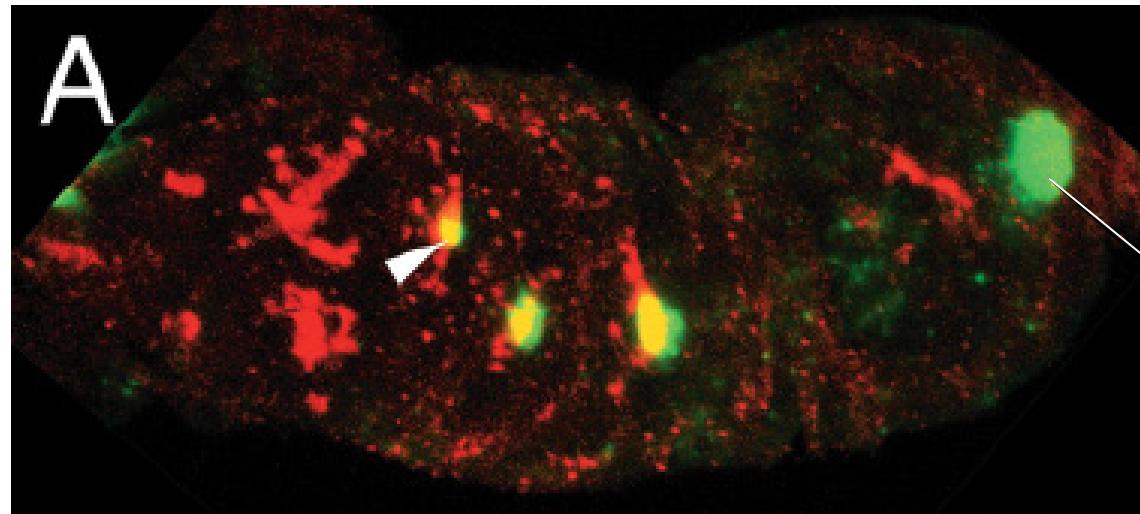
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**OSK**

- mRNA stability,
- Oocyte microtubule cytoskeleton polarization
- Oogenesis

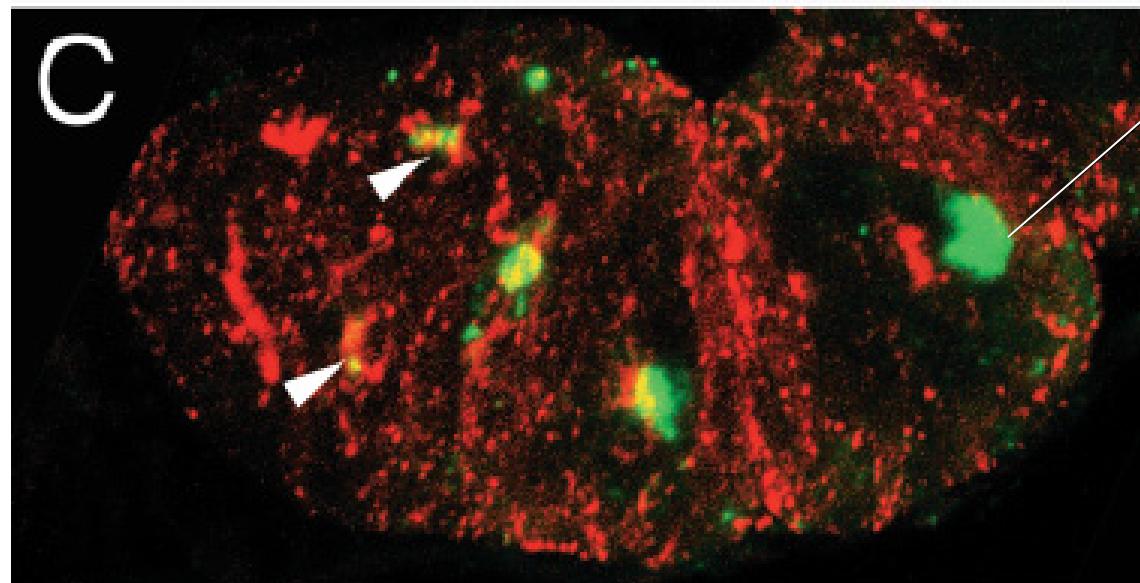
ANTERIOR



POSTERIOR

Repolarization  
in stage 3**ORB**

- mRNA translation,
- mRNA polyadenylation



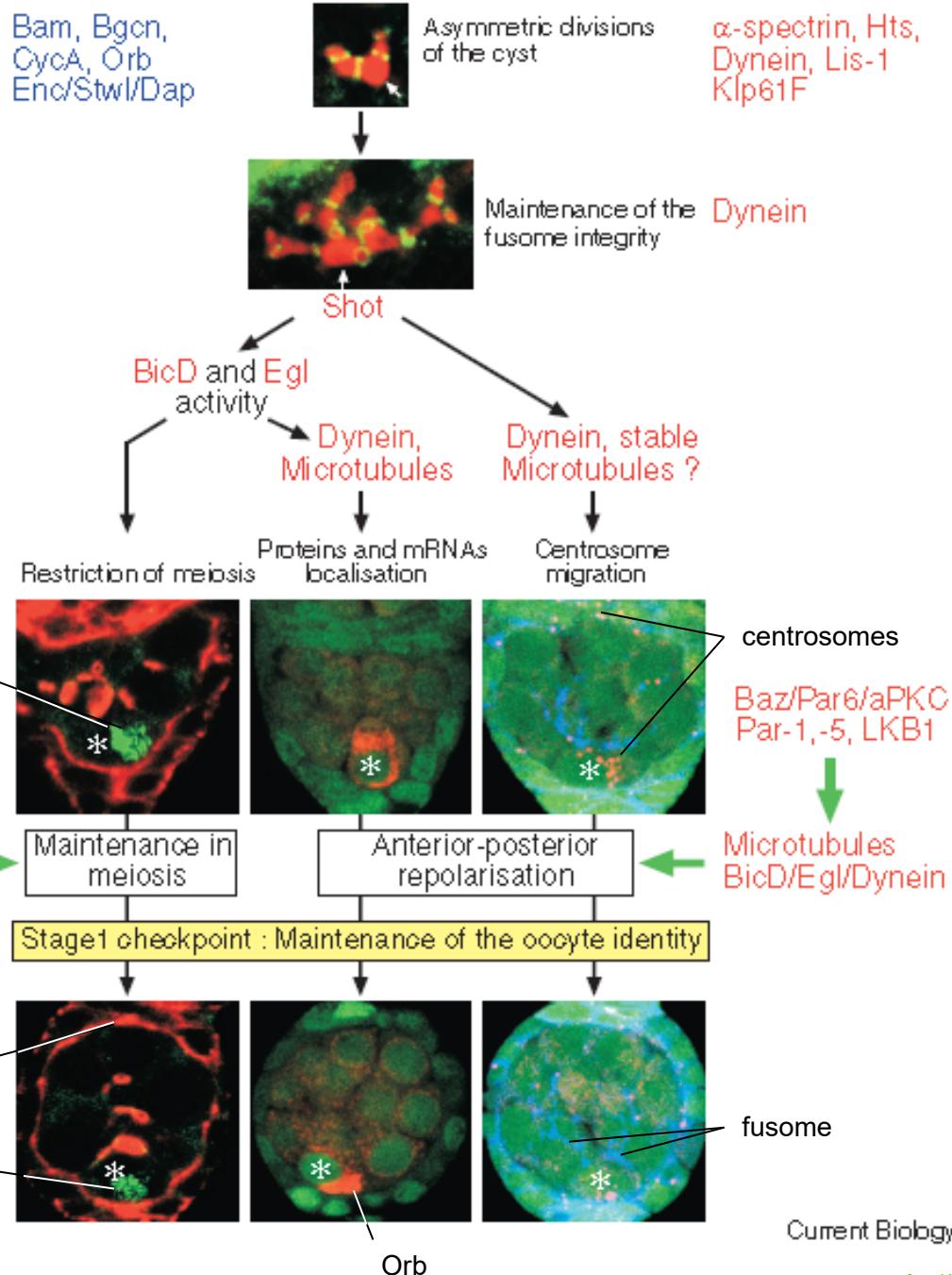
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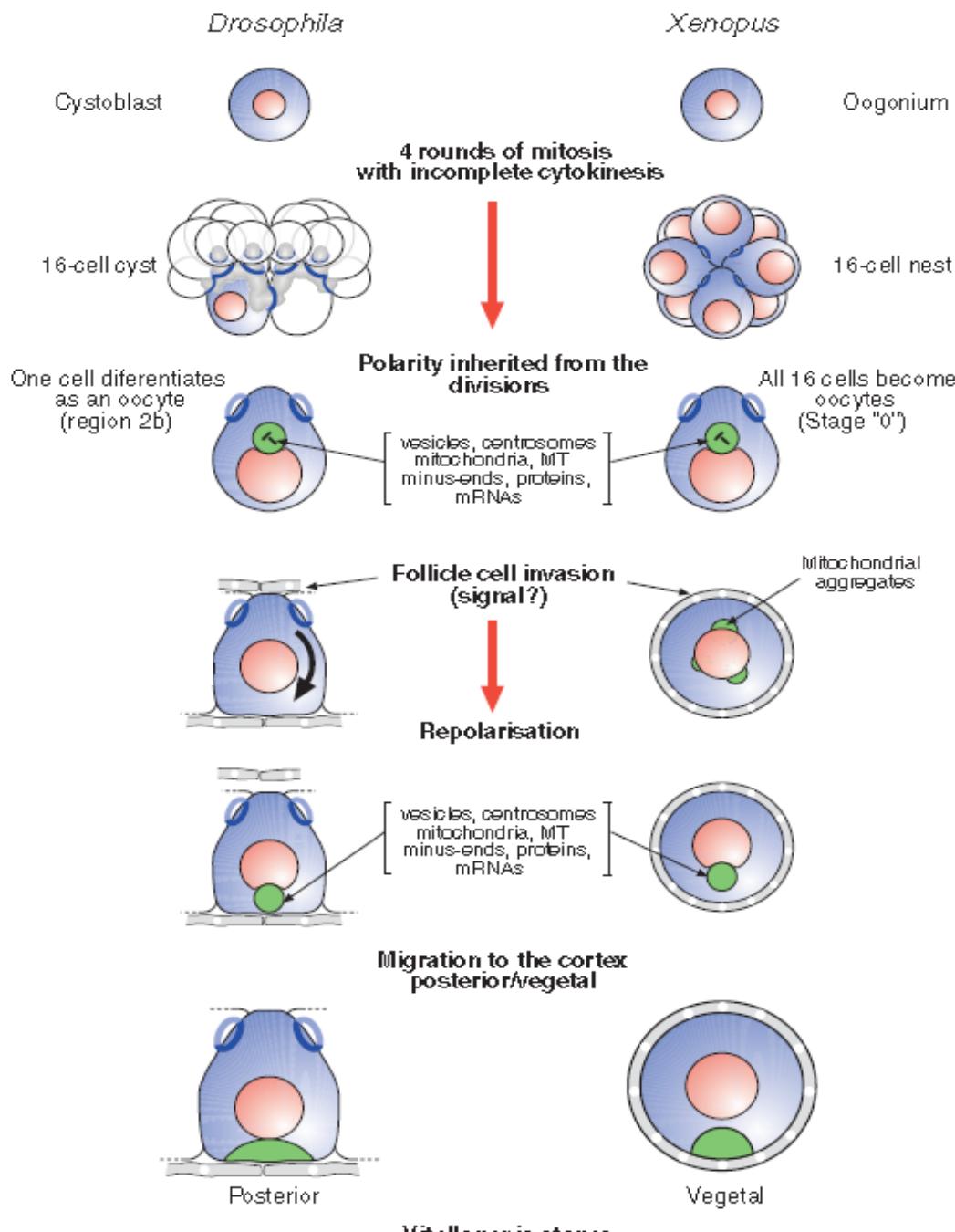
Stage 2b

Stage 3

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Initial polarity of fusome regulates several parallel processes involved in oocyte cell identity





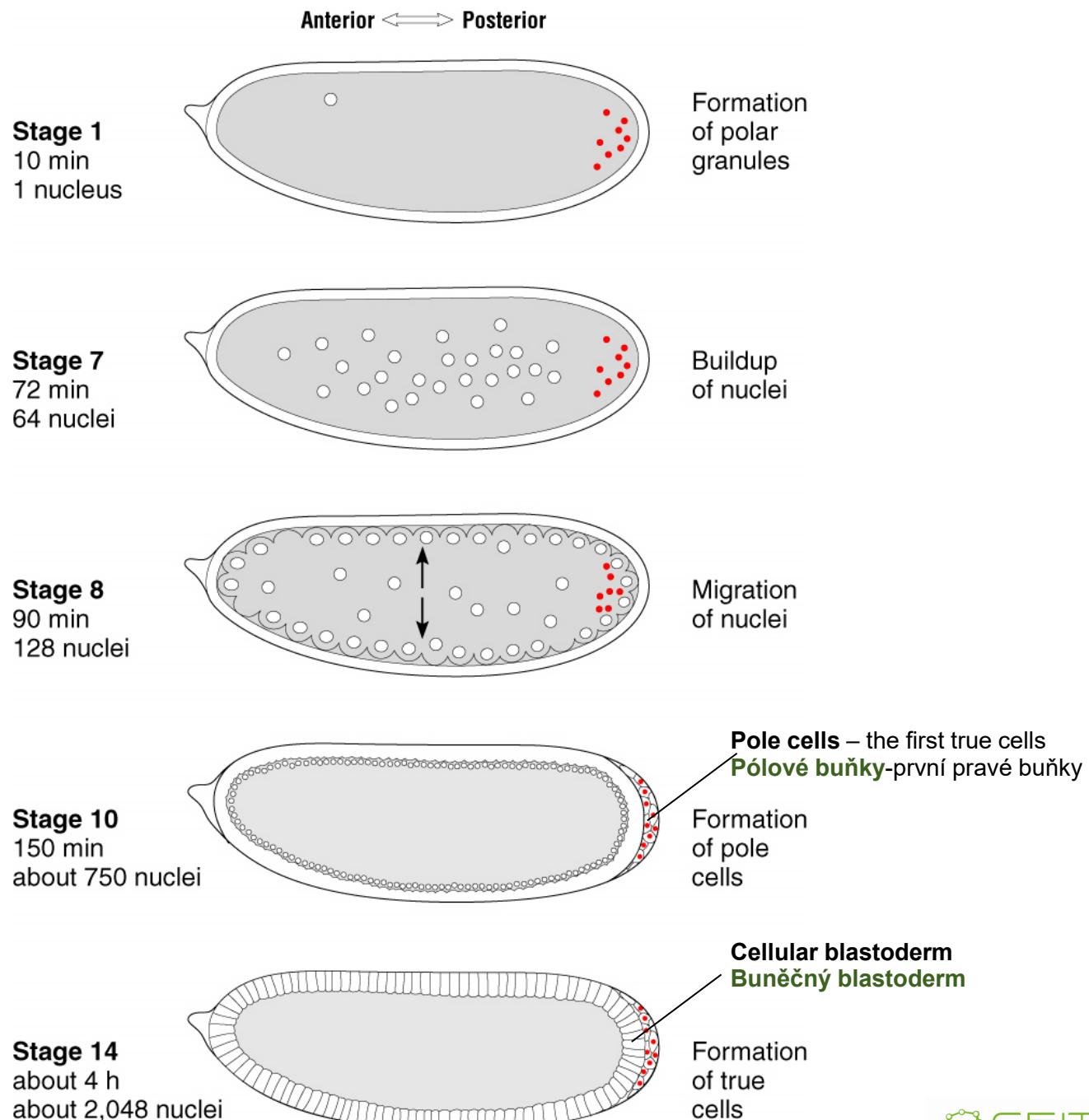
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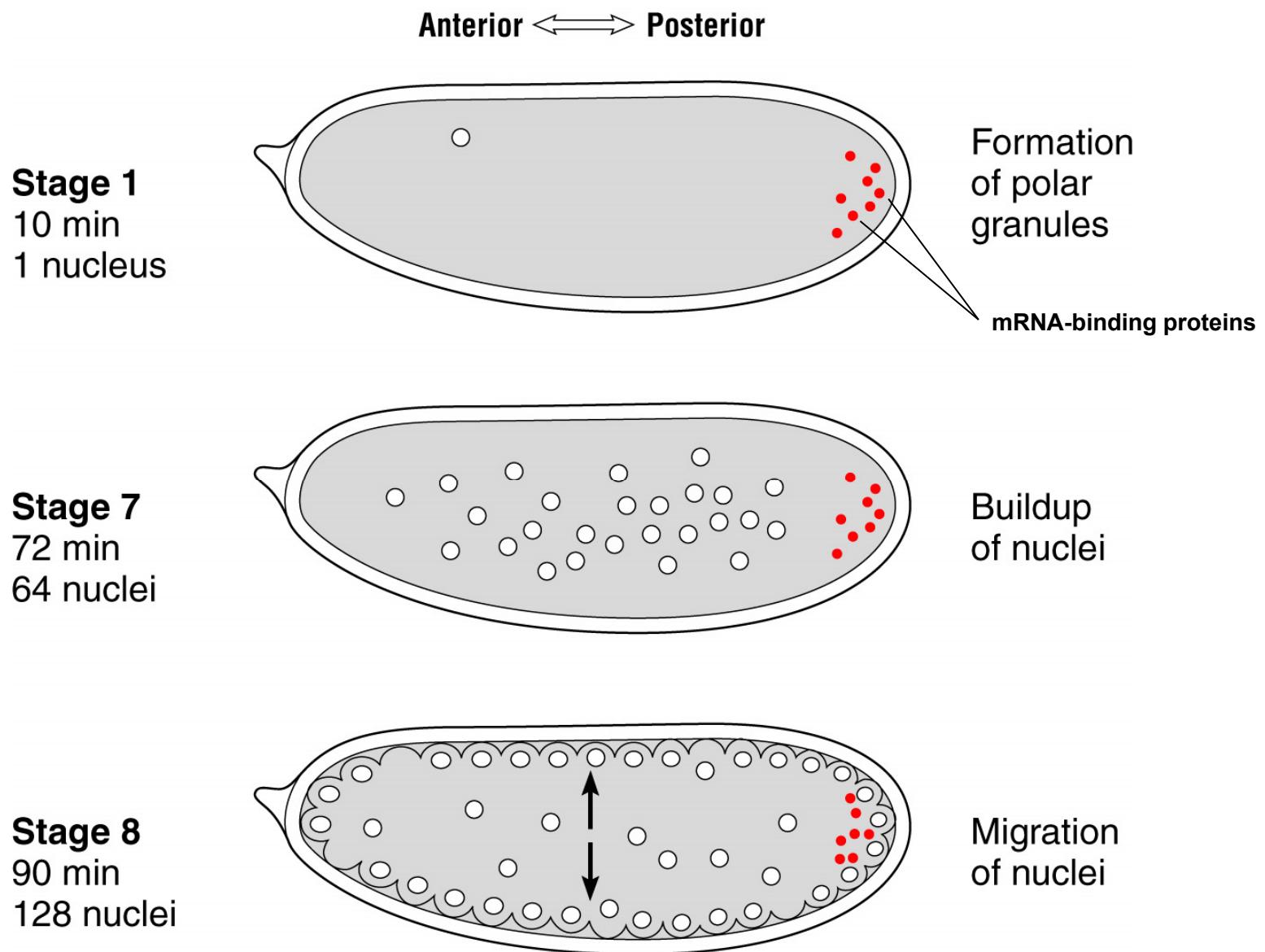
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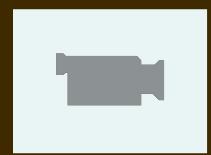
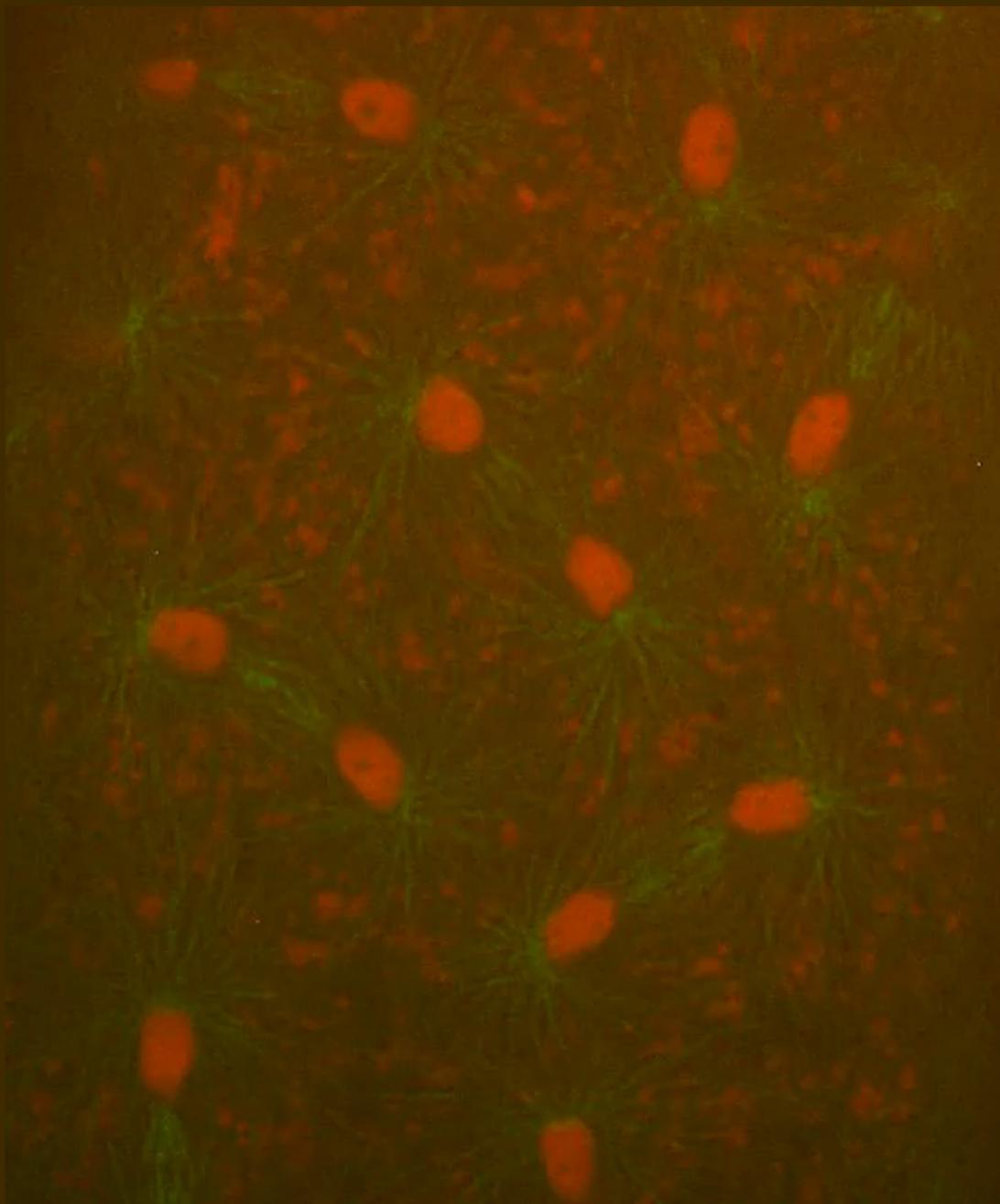
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## Blastula formation

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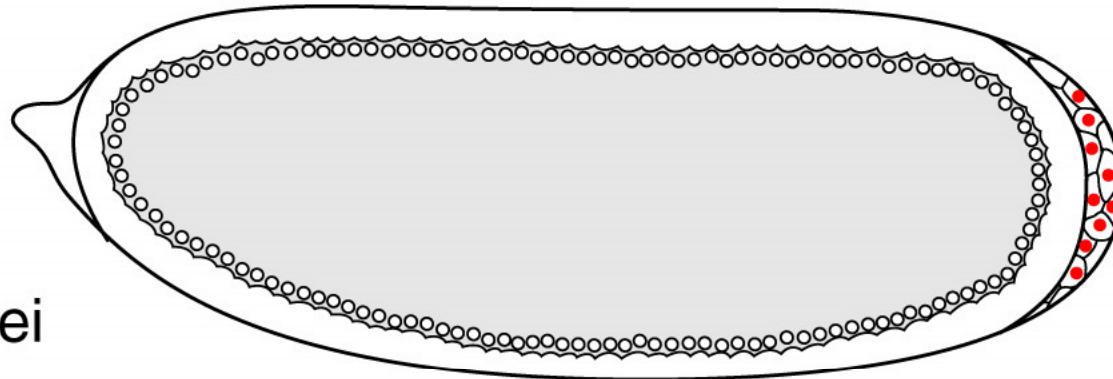




Synchronized nuclear divisions in the early *Drosophila* embryo

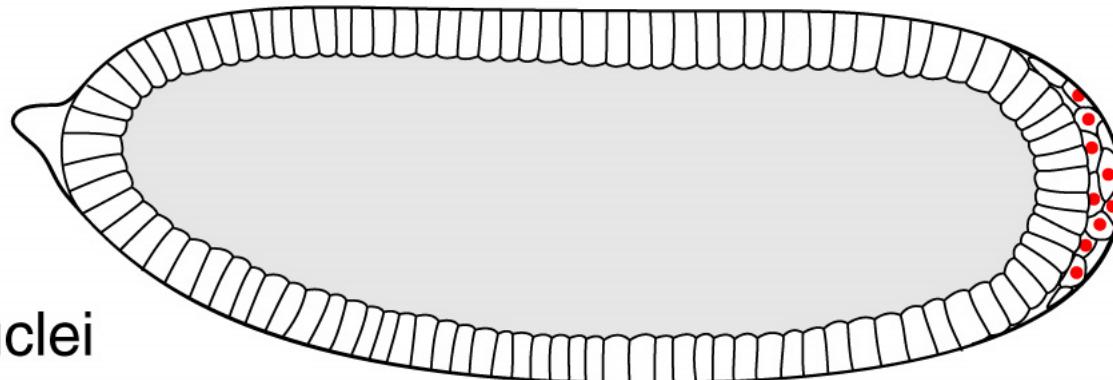
**Anterior**  $\longleftrightarrow$  **Posterior**

**Stage 10**  
150 min  
about 750 nuclei



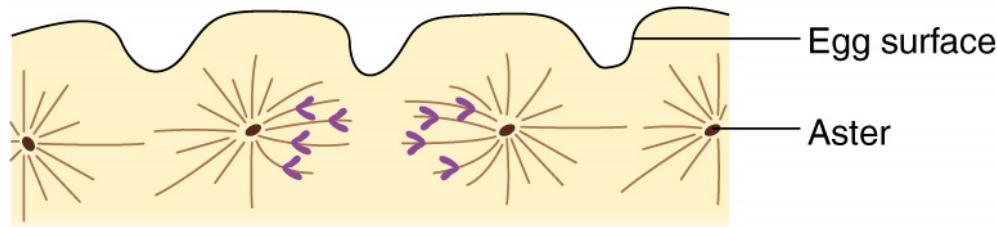
Formation  
of pole  
cells

**Stage 14**  
about 4 h  
about 2,048 nuclei

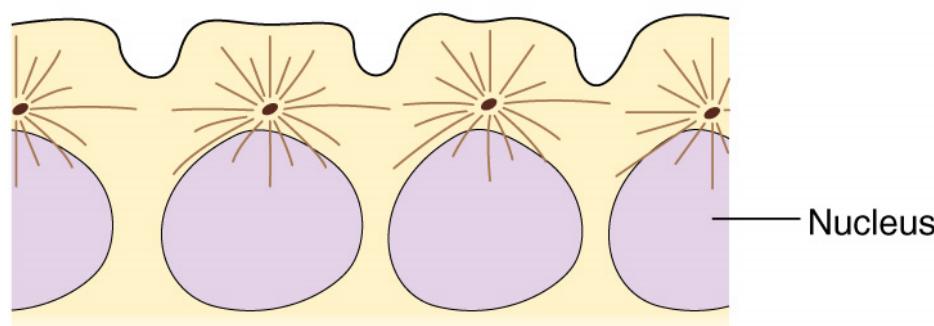


Formation  
of true  
cells

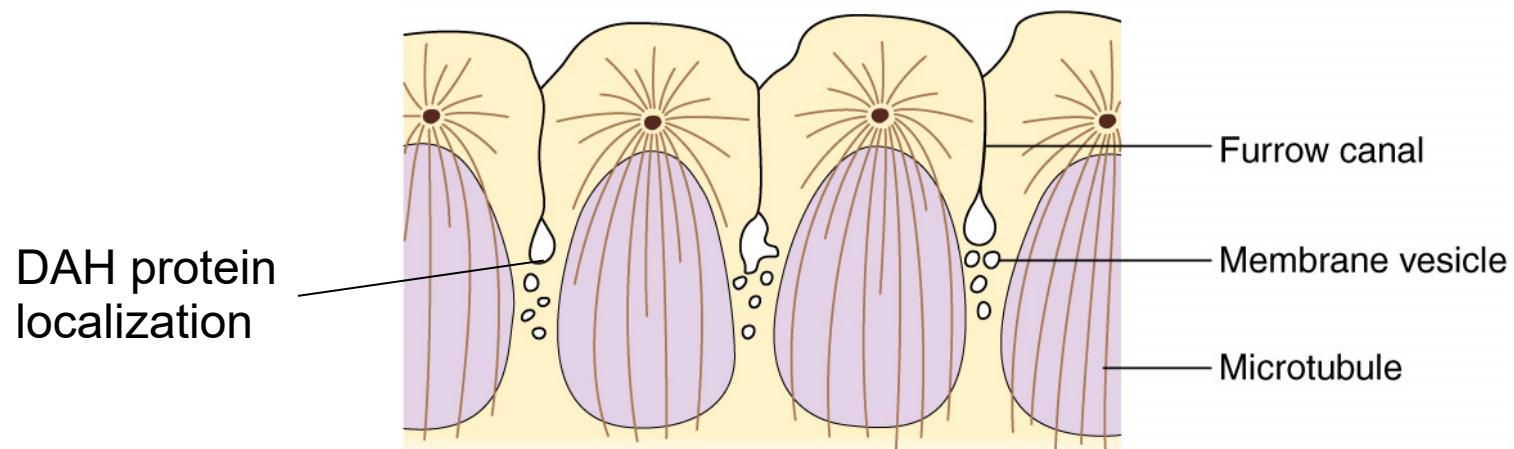
**A. Chromosomes separate on the mitotic spindle.**



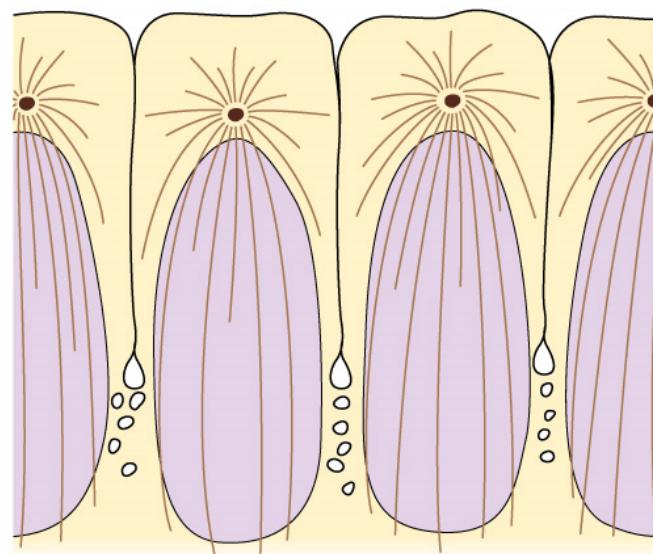
**B. Nuclei reform.**



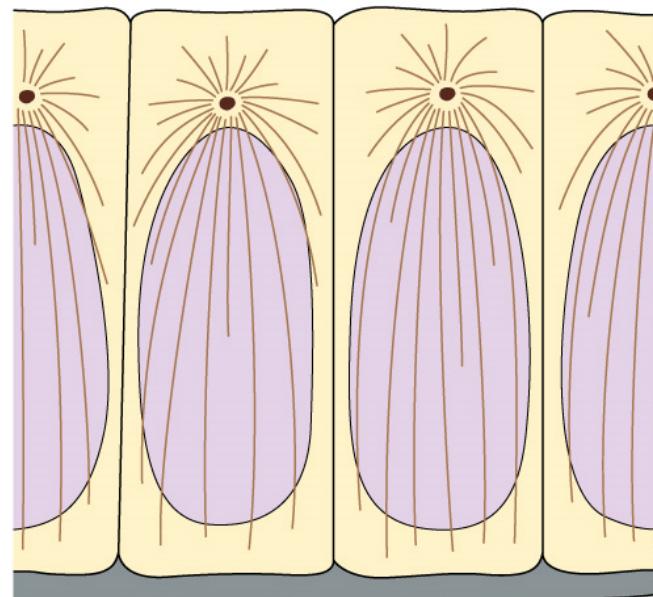
**C. Nuclei enlarge. Furrow canals form, added at the tips by membrane vesicles.**



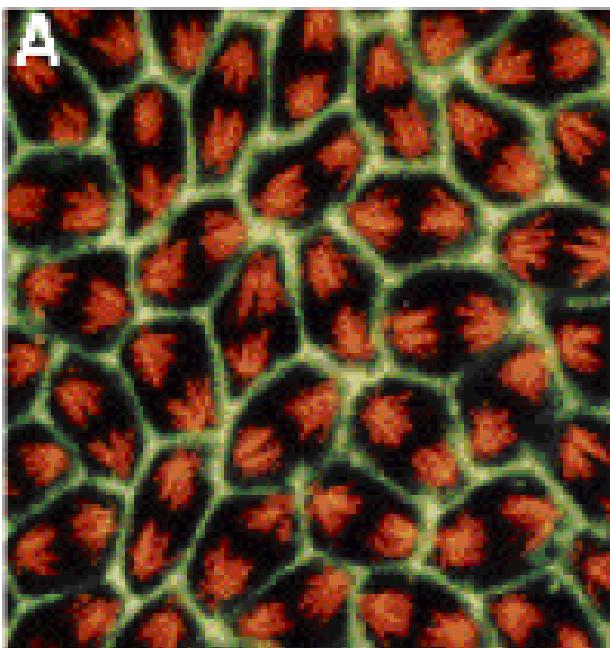
**D. Nuclei continue to grow and the furrow canals progress.**



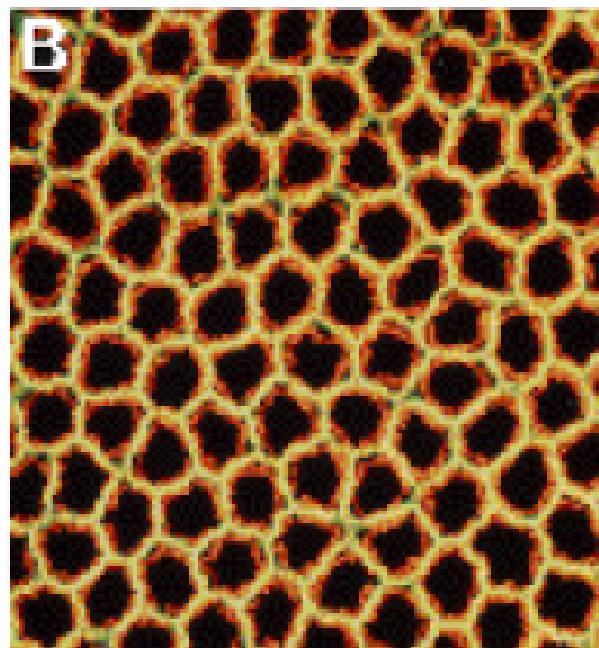
**E. Cellularization is completed and yolk membrane is in place.**



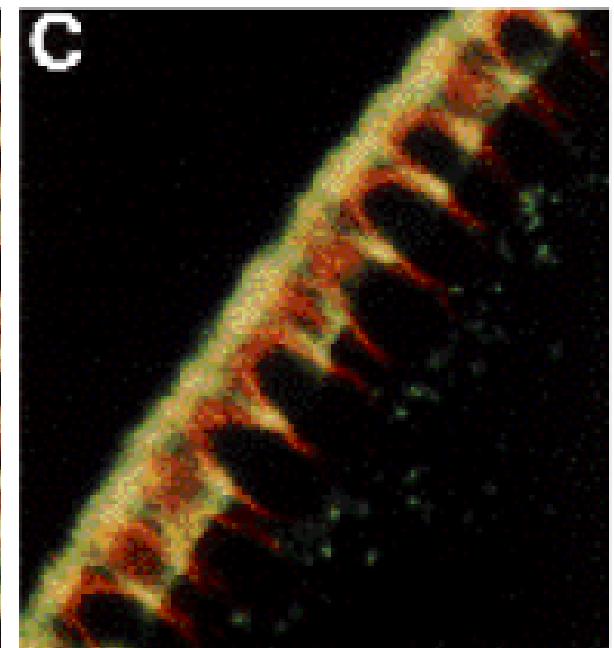
**syncytial mitosis**



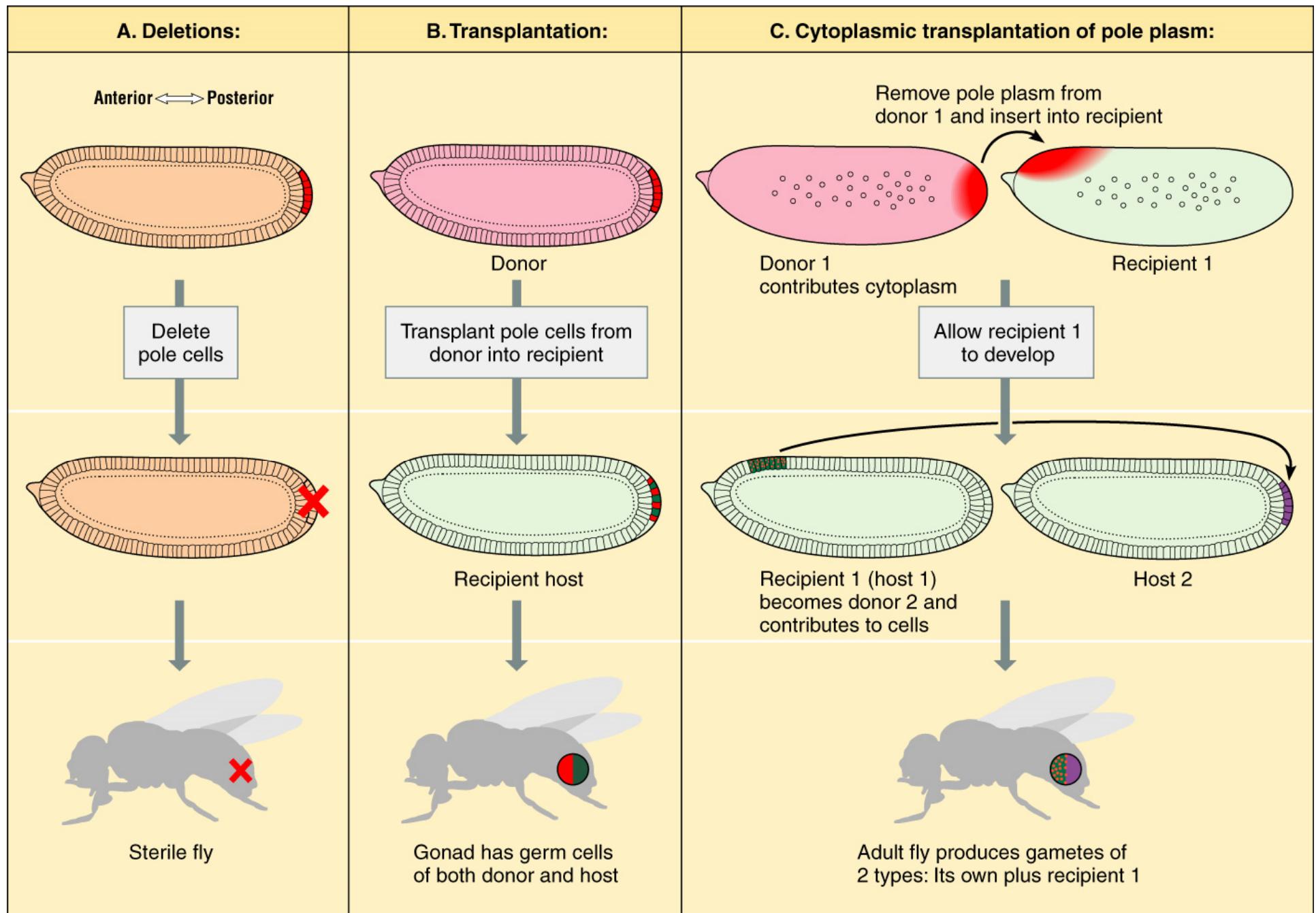
**cellularization  
(grazing section)**

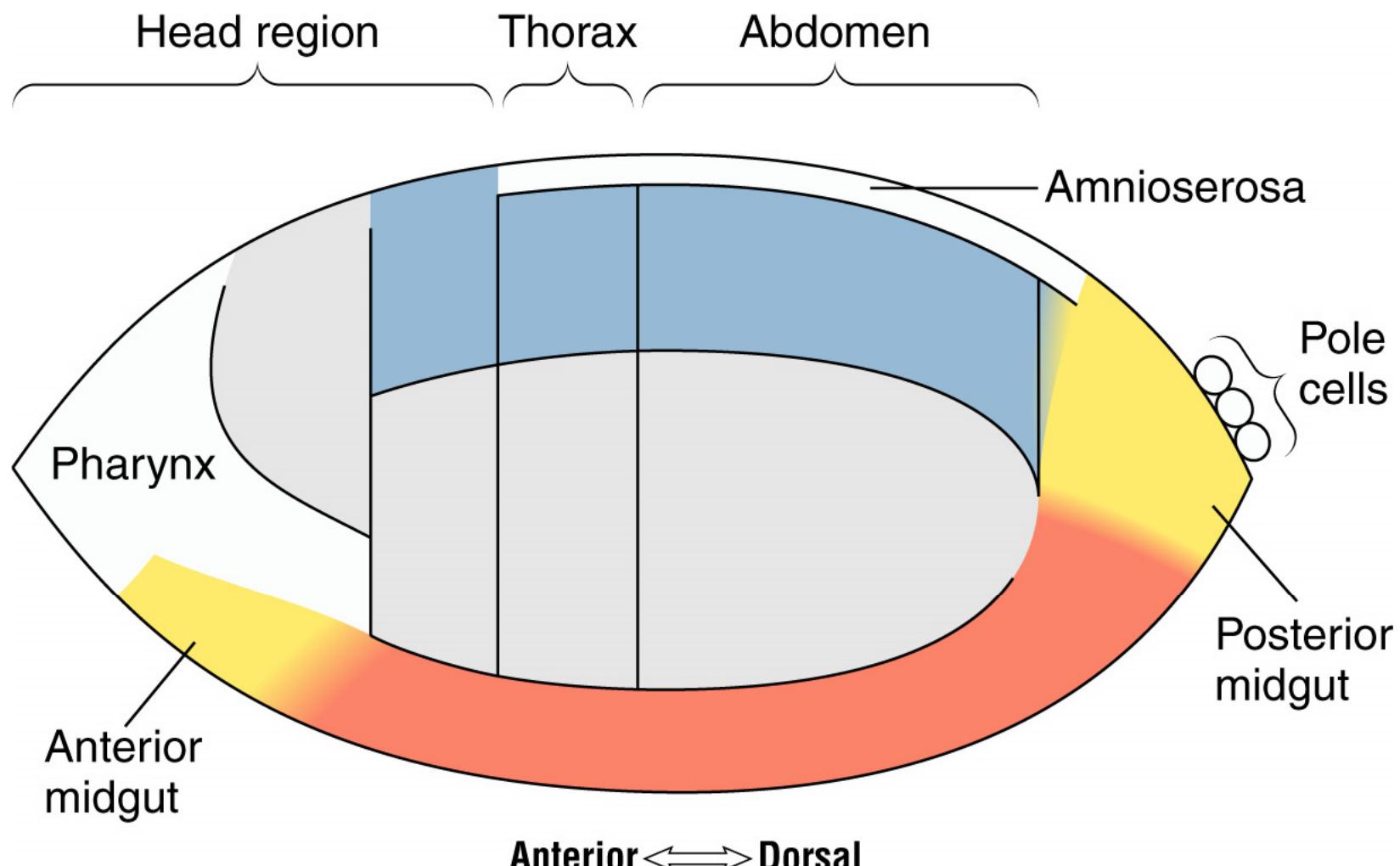


**cellularization  
(cross section)**



Sullivan et al., *Development* (1993)





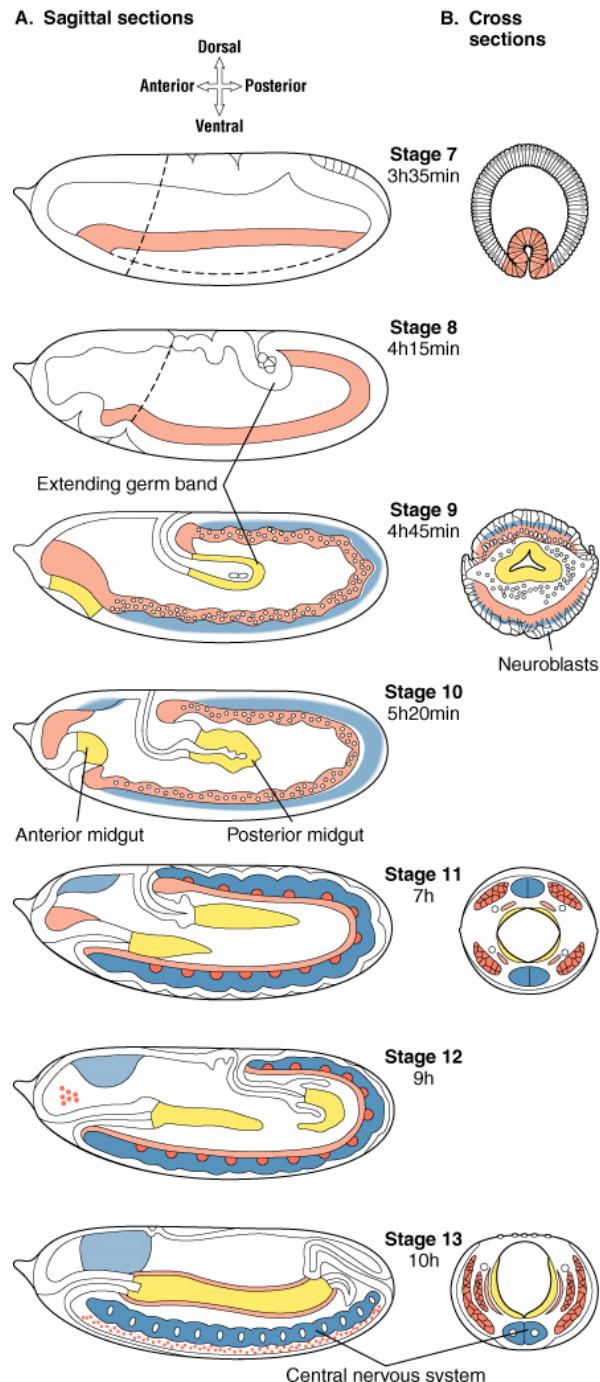
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[Grey Box]	Neural tissues	[Blue Box]	Dorsal epidermis
[Yellow Box]	Endoderm	[Orange Box]	Mesoderm

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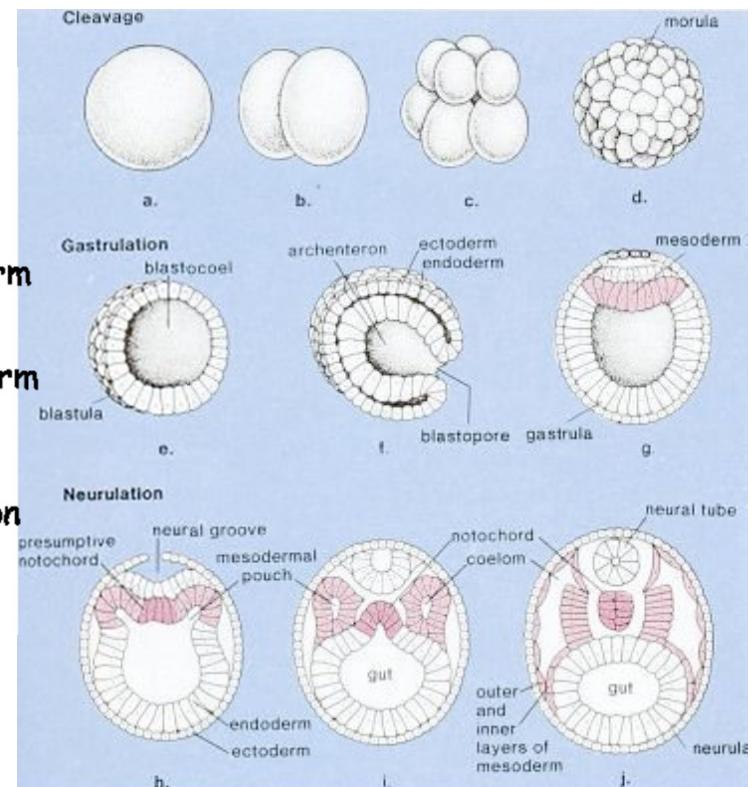
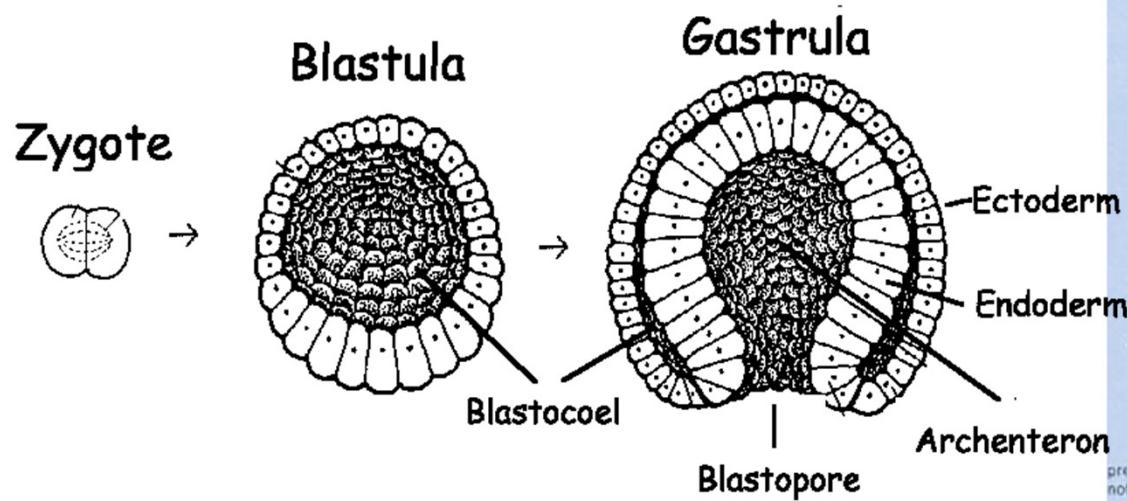
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Change in position

Cell differentiation



**Embryonic Development of Lancelet:**

**Cleavage produces the morula**

**Gastrulation by invagination produces the three germ layers**

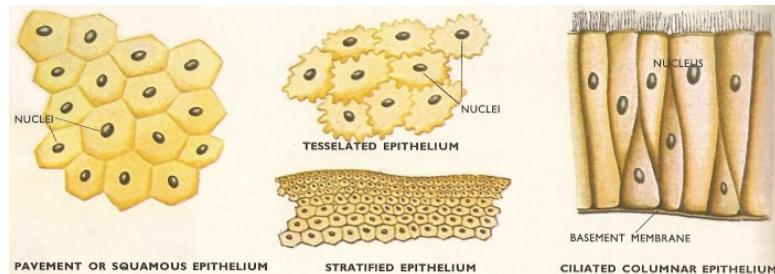
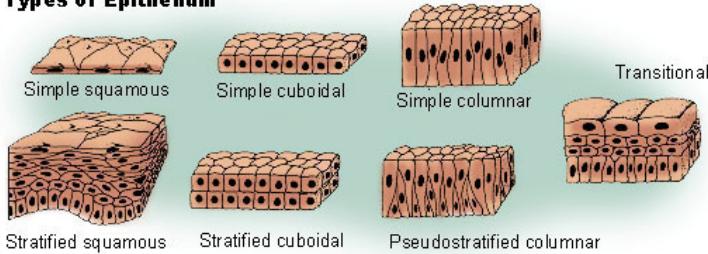
**Neurulation produces the neural tube called the neurula**

Embryonální vývoj kopinatce

# Epithelium

## Epitel

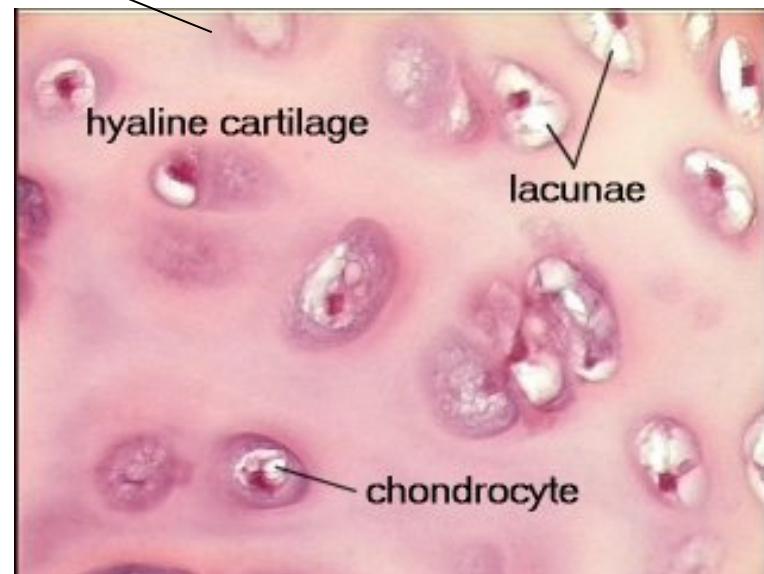
Types of Epithelium



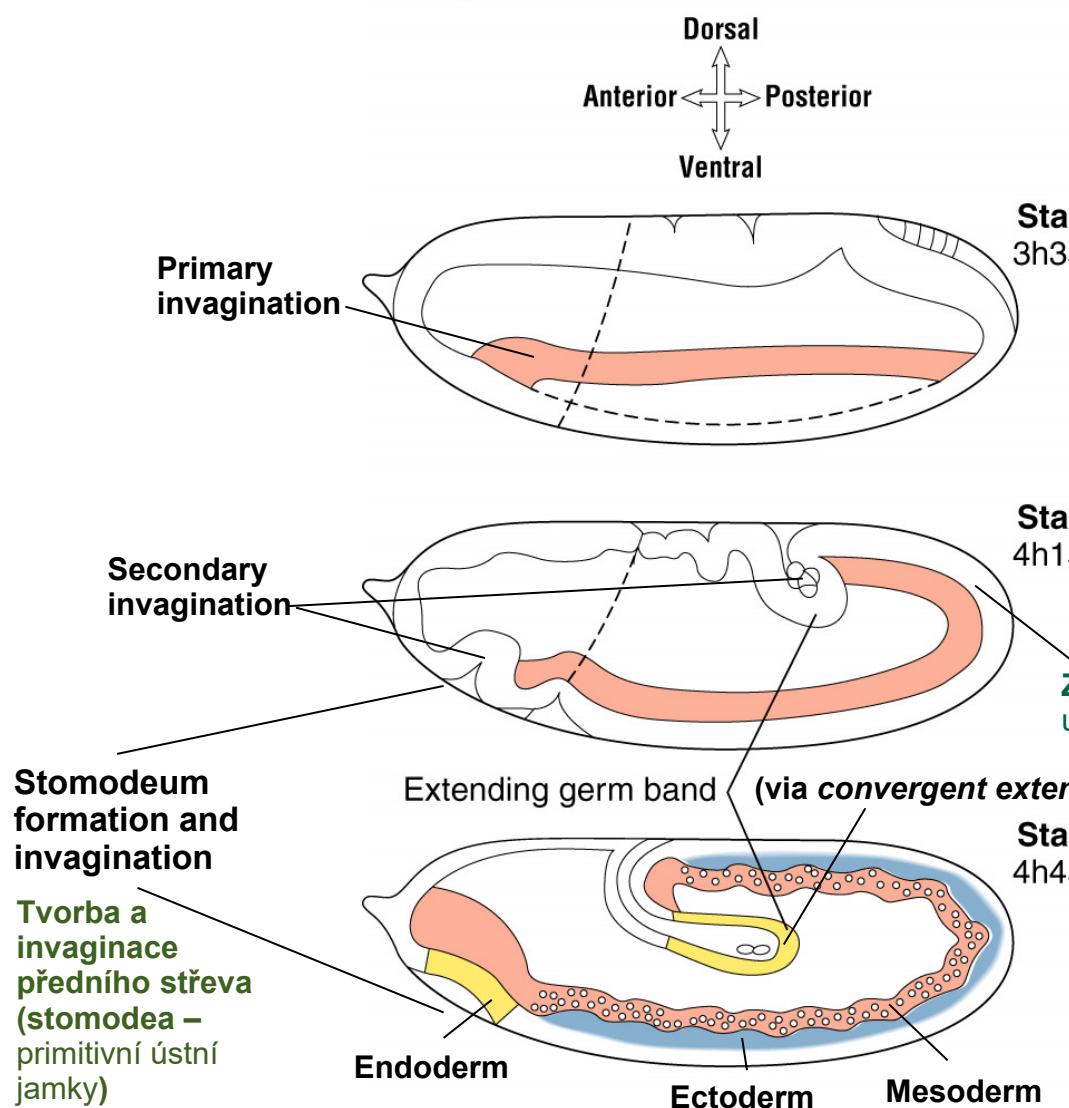
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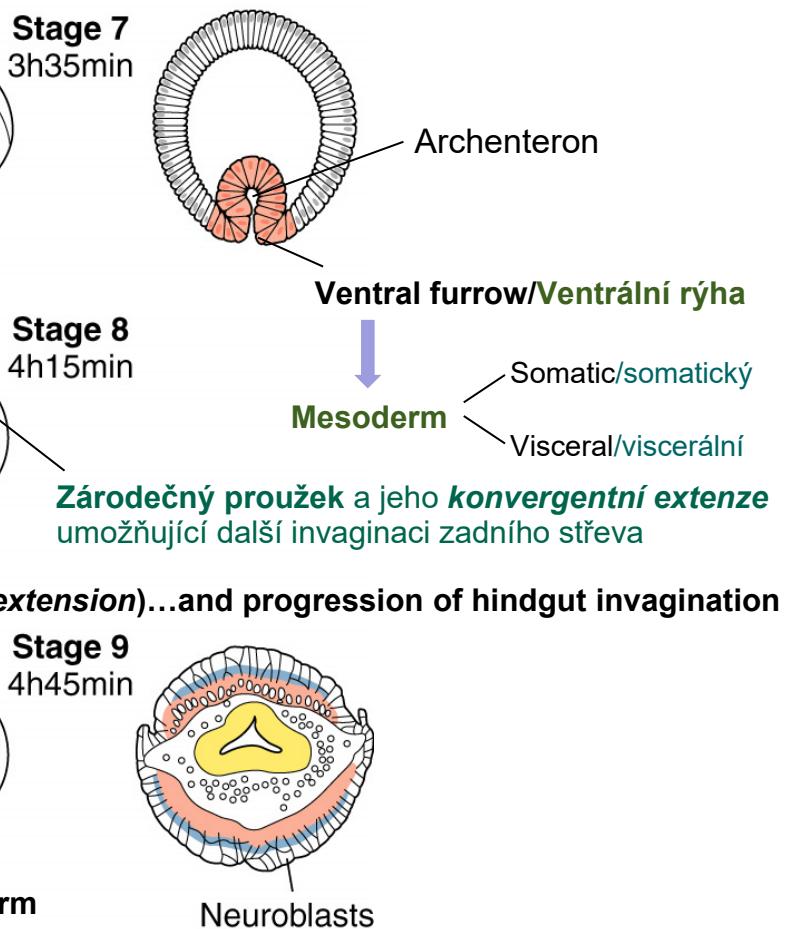
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kloubní) chrupavka

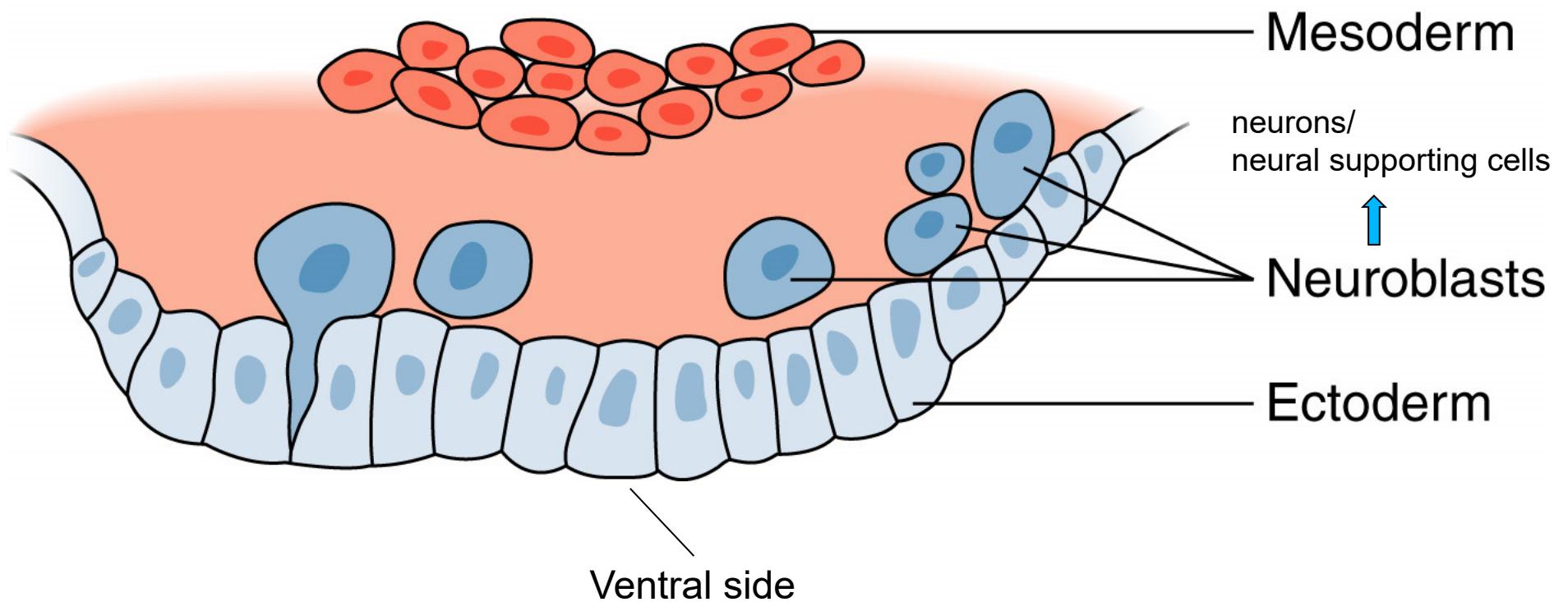


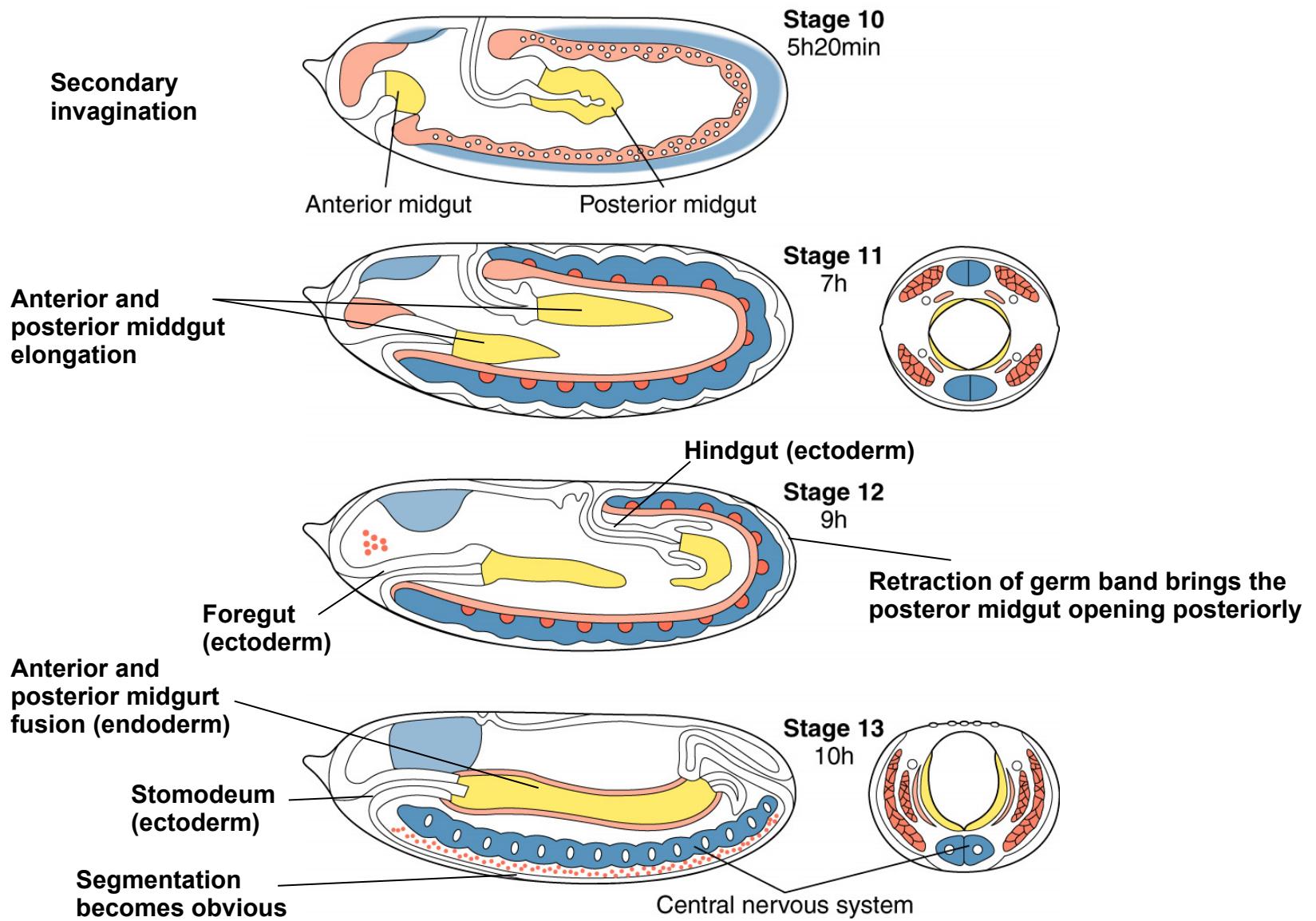
### A. Sagittal sections



### B. Cross sections







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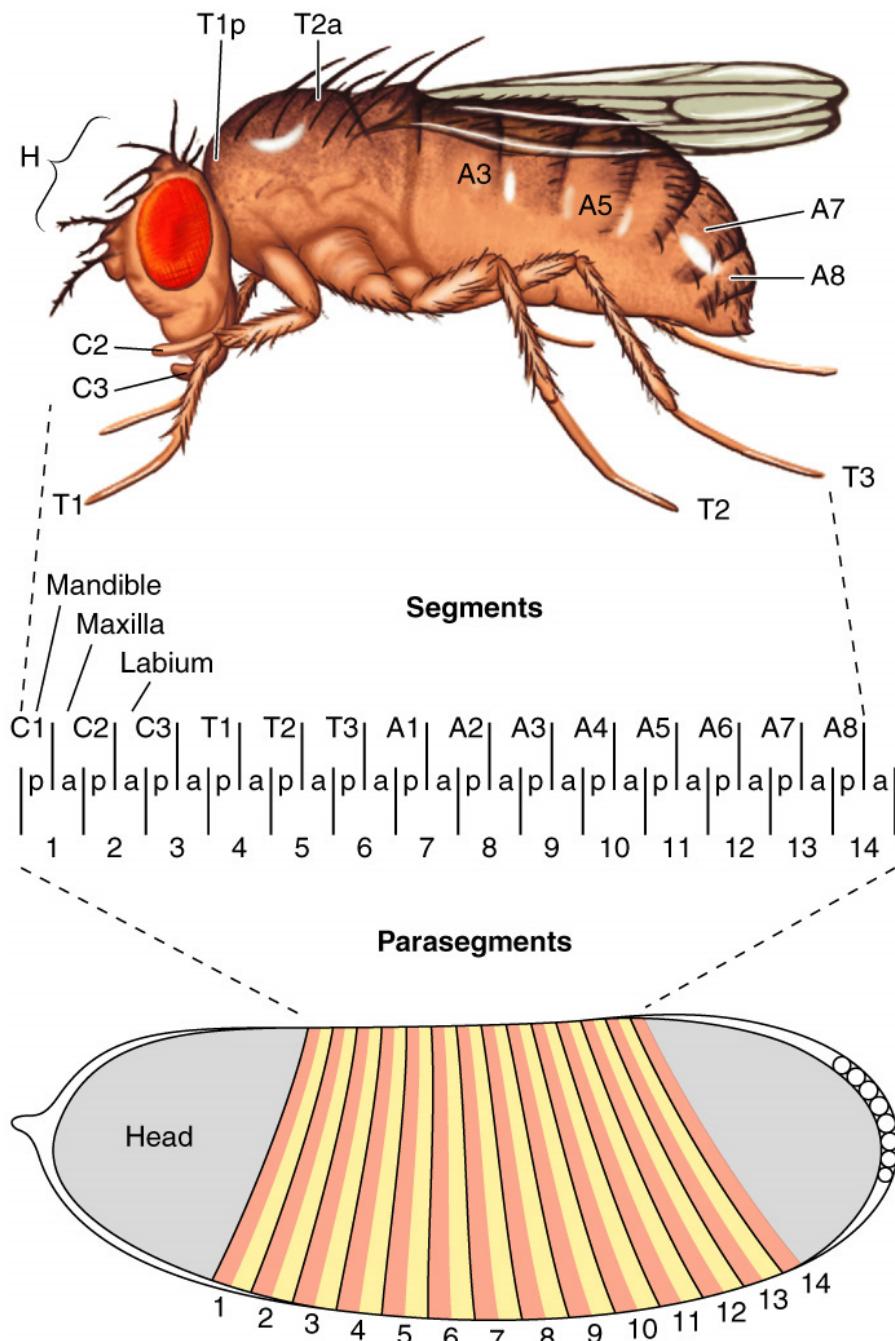
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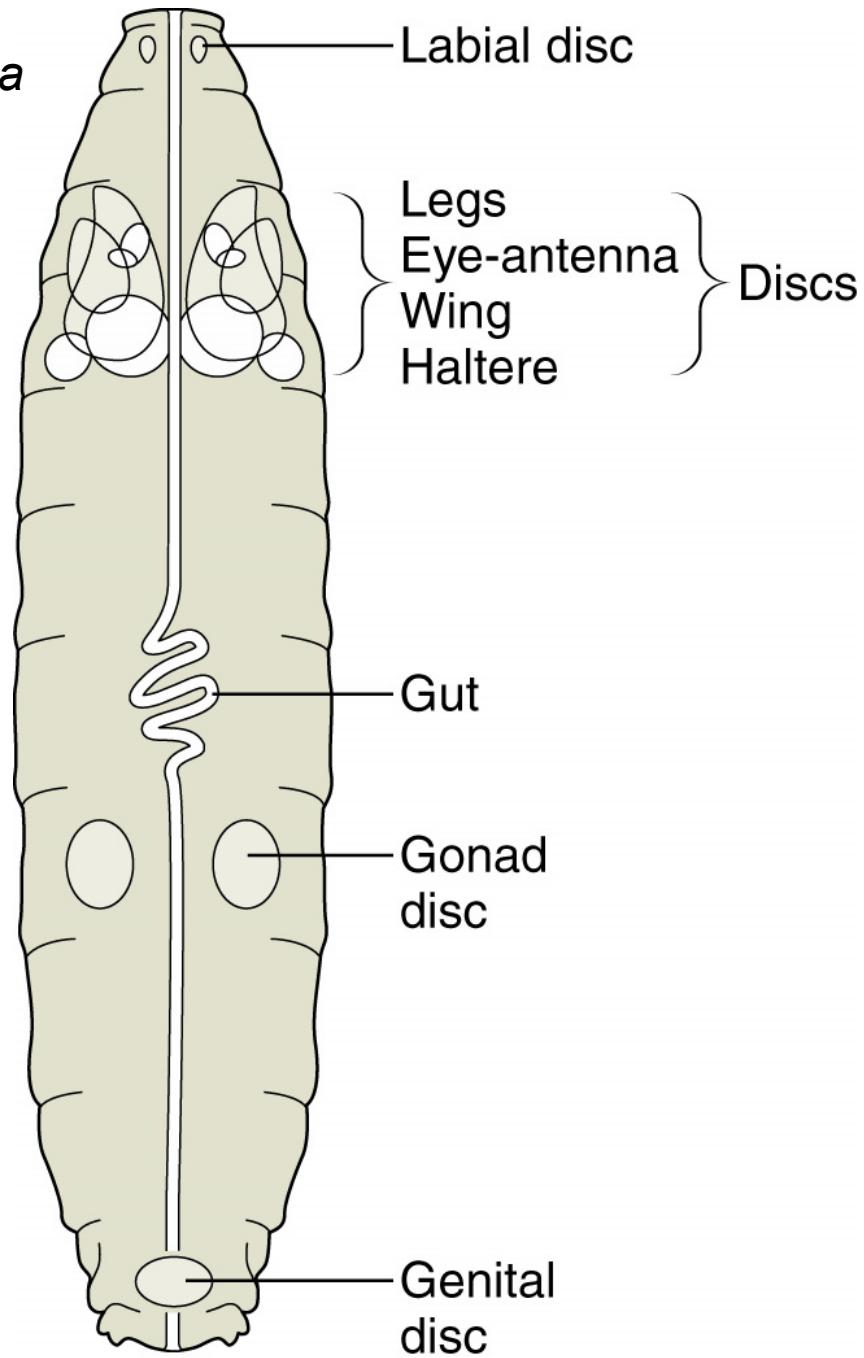
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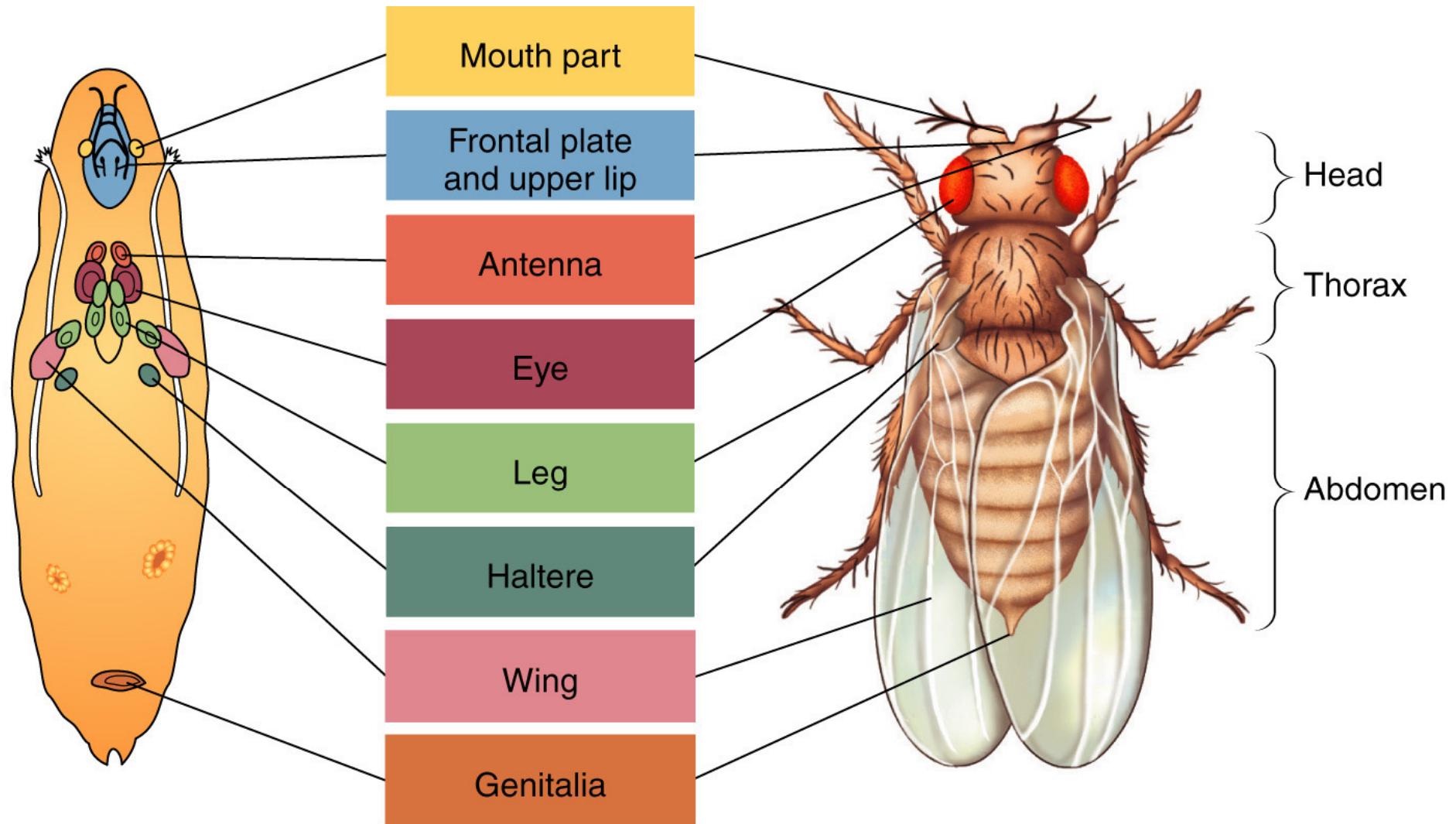
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Imaginal discs in *Drosophila* larva





*Drosophila* larva  
(imaginal discs)

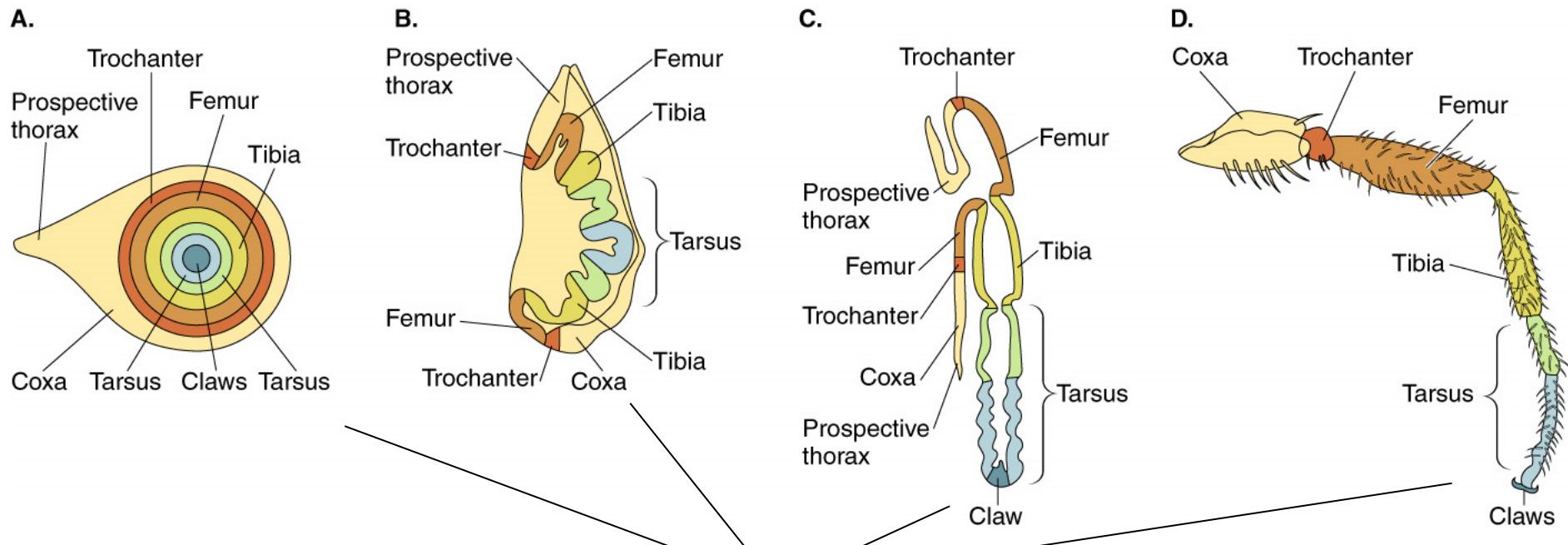
Metamorphosis

*Drosophila* adult

Predetermined cell fate

Adult structures

Morphogenic movements during metamorphosis

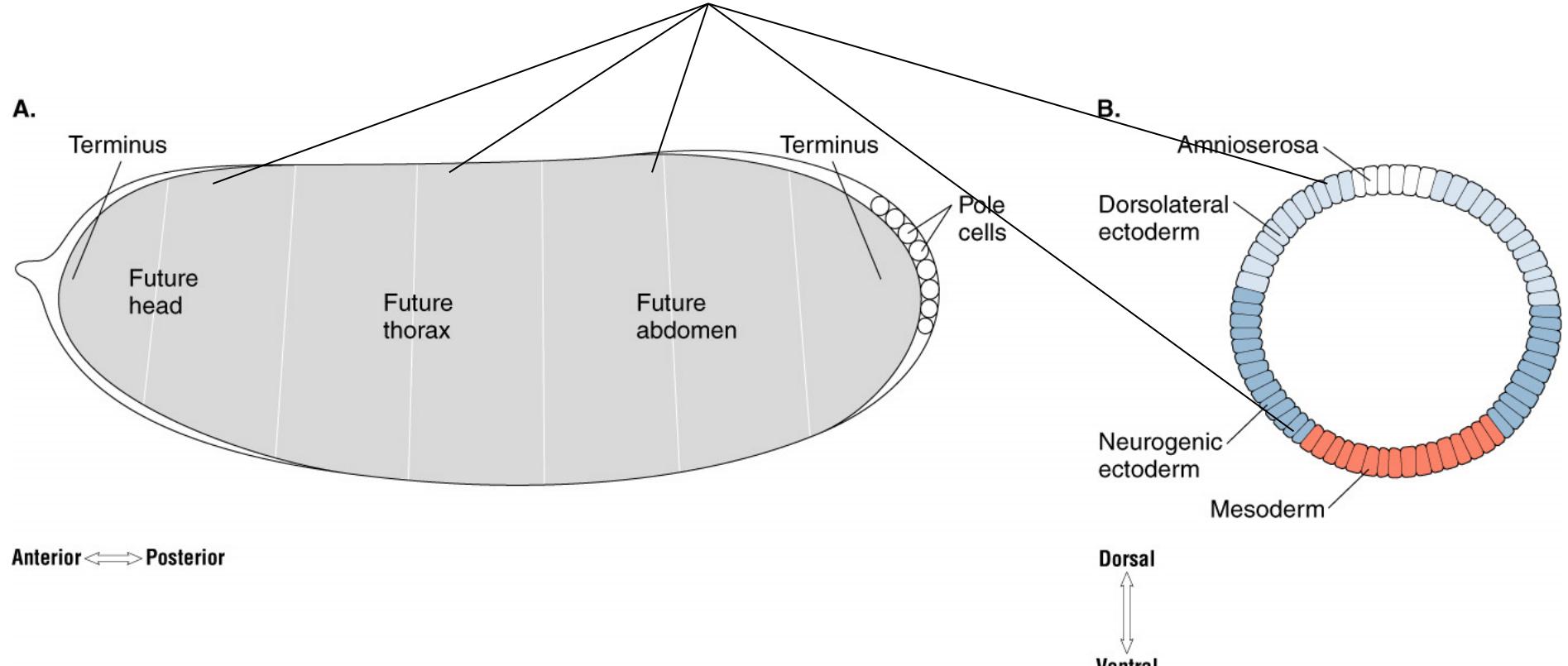


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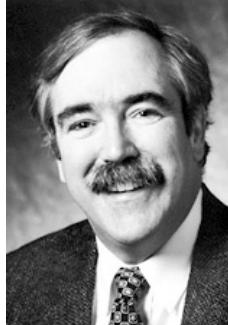
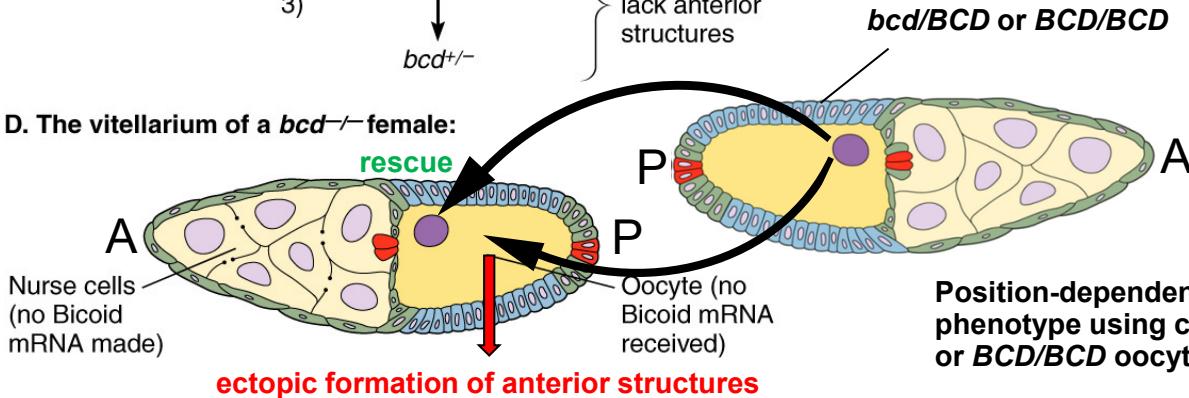
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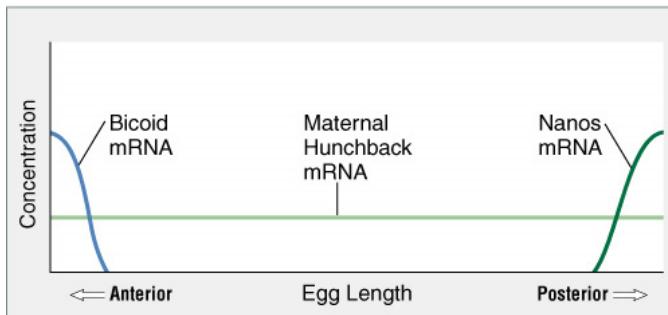
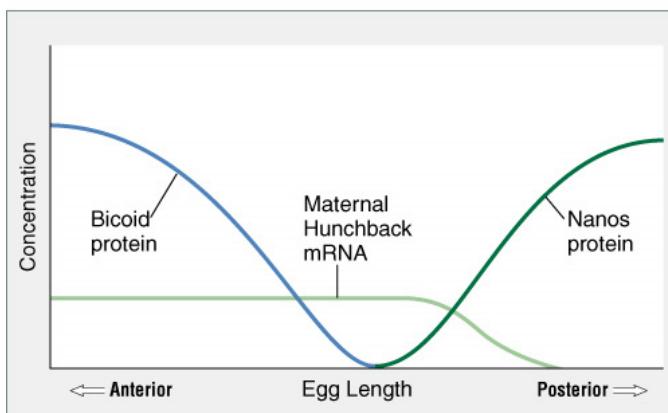
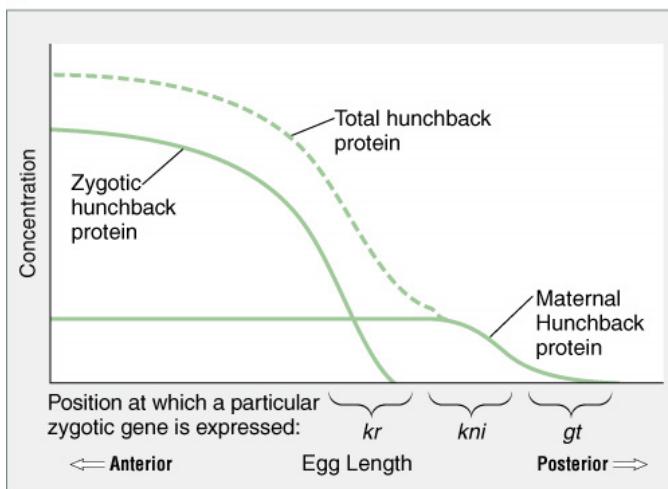
## Different levels of morphogens



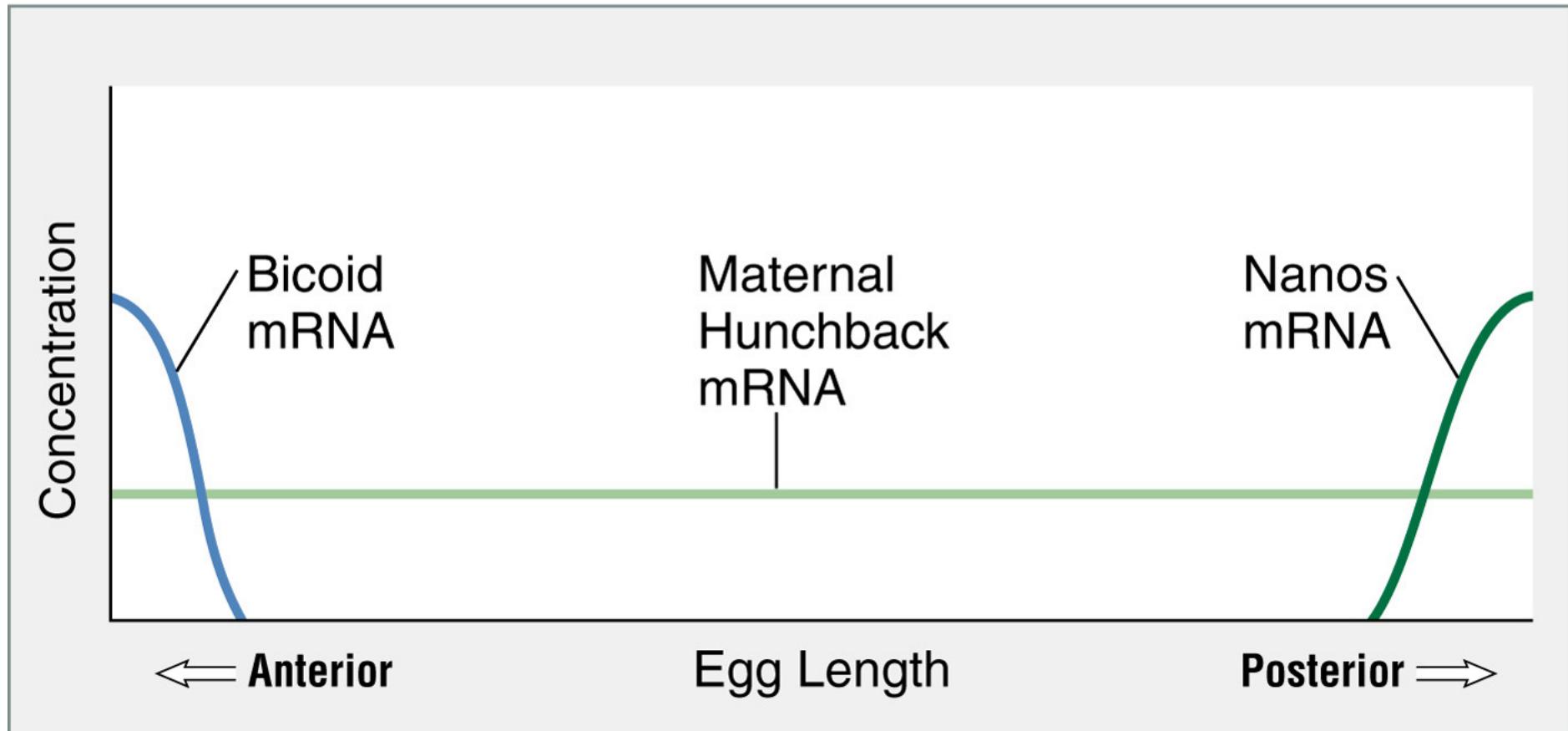
Klaus Sanders experiments in Germany, 1960's

	<b>Genotype</b>	<b>Phenotype</b>	
<b>A. Parents:</b>	$bcd^+/bcd^-$	Both female and male normal	
<b>B. F<sub>1</sub>:</b>	1) $bcd^{+/+}$ 2) $bcd^{+/-}$ 3) $bcd^{-/-}$	All flies appear normal	
<b>C. Mate female F<sub>1</sub> to wild-type males:</b>			
1)	$\text{♀ } bcd^{+/+} \times \text{♂ } bcd^{+/+}$  $bcd^{+/+}$	These offspring appear normal	
2)	$\text{♀ } bcd^{+/-} \times \text{♂ } bcd^{+/+}$  $bdd^{+/+}; bcd^{+/-}$		
3)	$\text{♀ } bcd^{-/-} \times \text{♂ } bcd^{+/+}$  $bcd^{+/-}$	These offspring lack anterior structures	
<b>D. The vitellarium of a <i>bcd</i><sup>-/-</sup> female:</b>			
		<b><i>bcd</i>/BCD or <i>BCD</i>/BCD</b>	
		<b>Position-dependent rescue of the <i>bcd/bcd</i> phenotype using cytoplasm from <i>bcd/BCD</i> or <i>BCD/BCD</i> oocyte</b>	

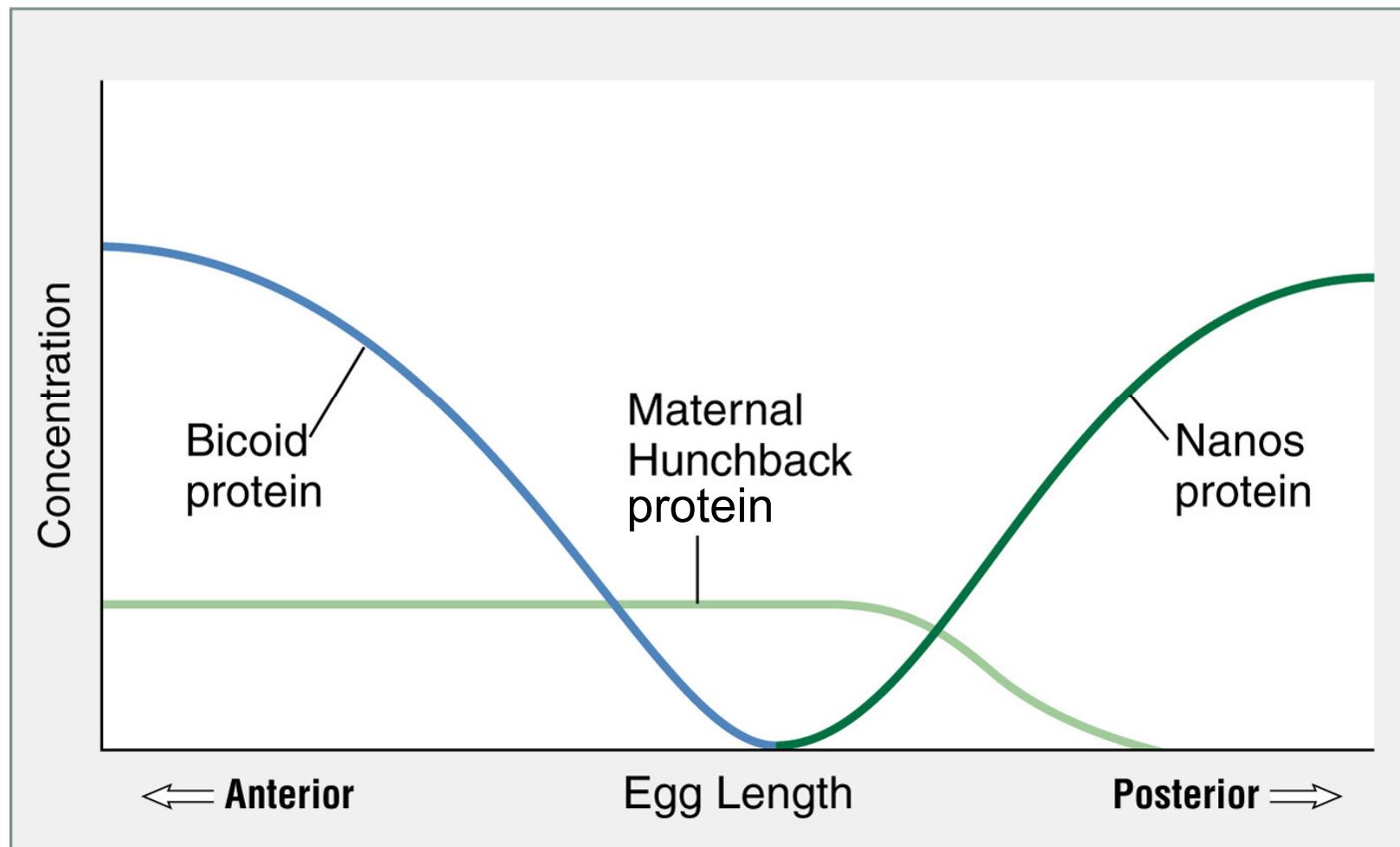
	Anterior:	Posterior:	Terminal:	Dorsoventral:
Oocyte/follicle				
Fertilized egg				
512-nuclei stage (cycle 9)				
6,000-cell blastoderm zygotic response				

**A.****B.****C.**

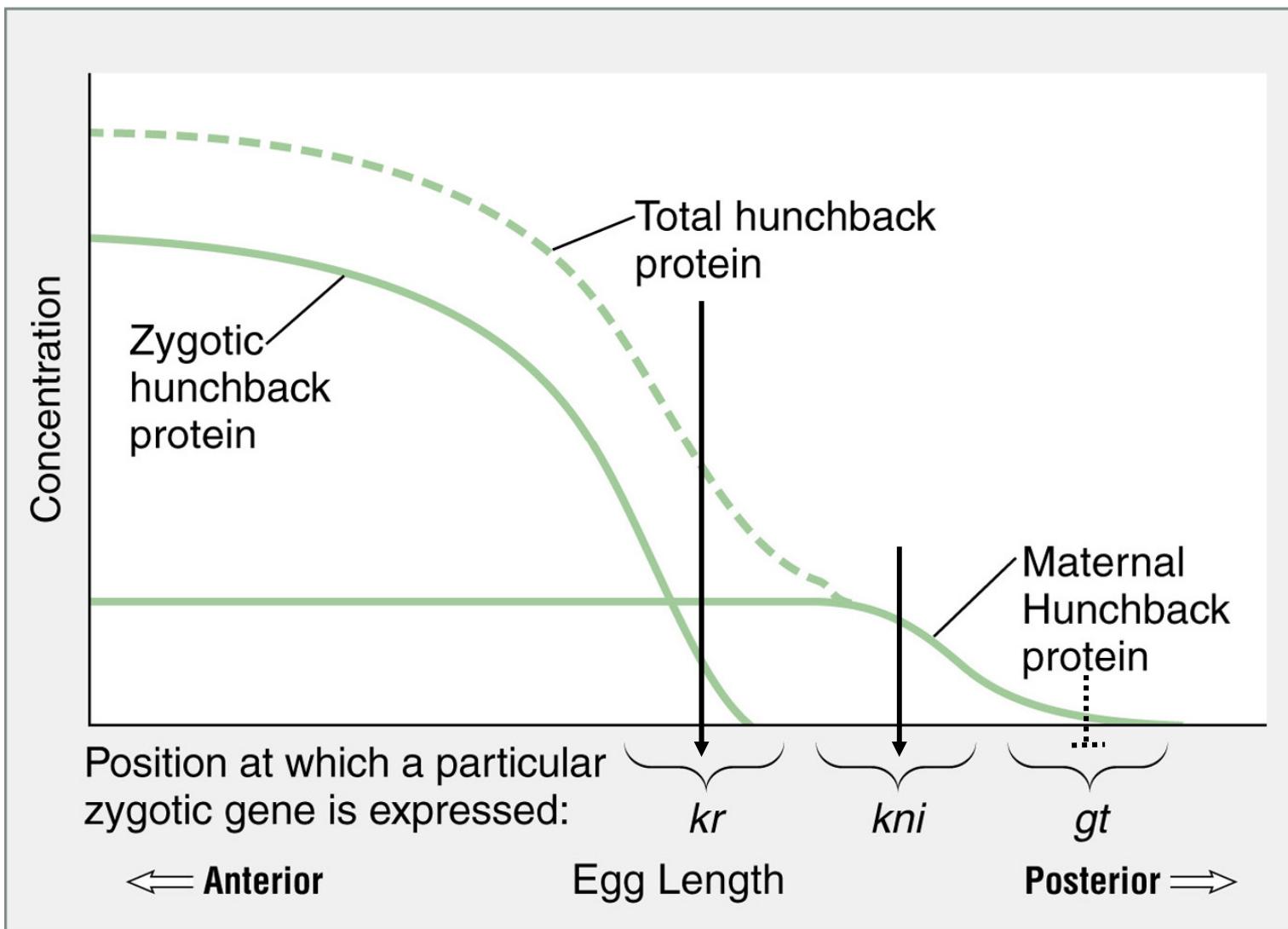
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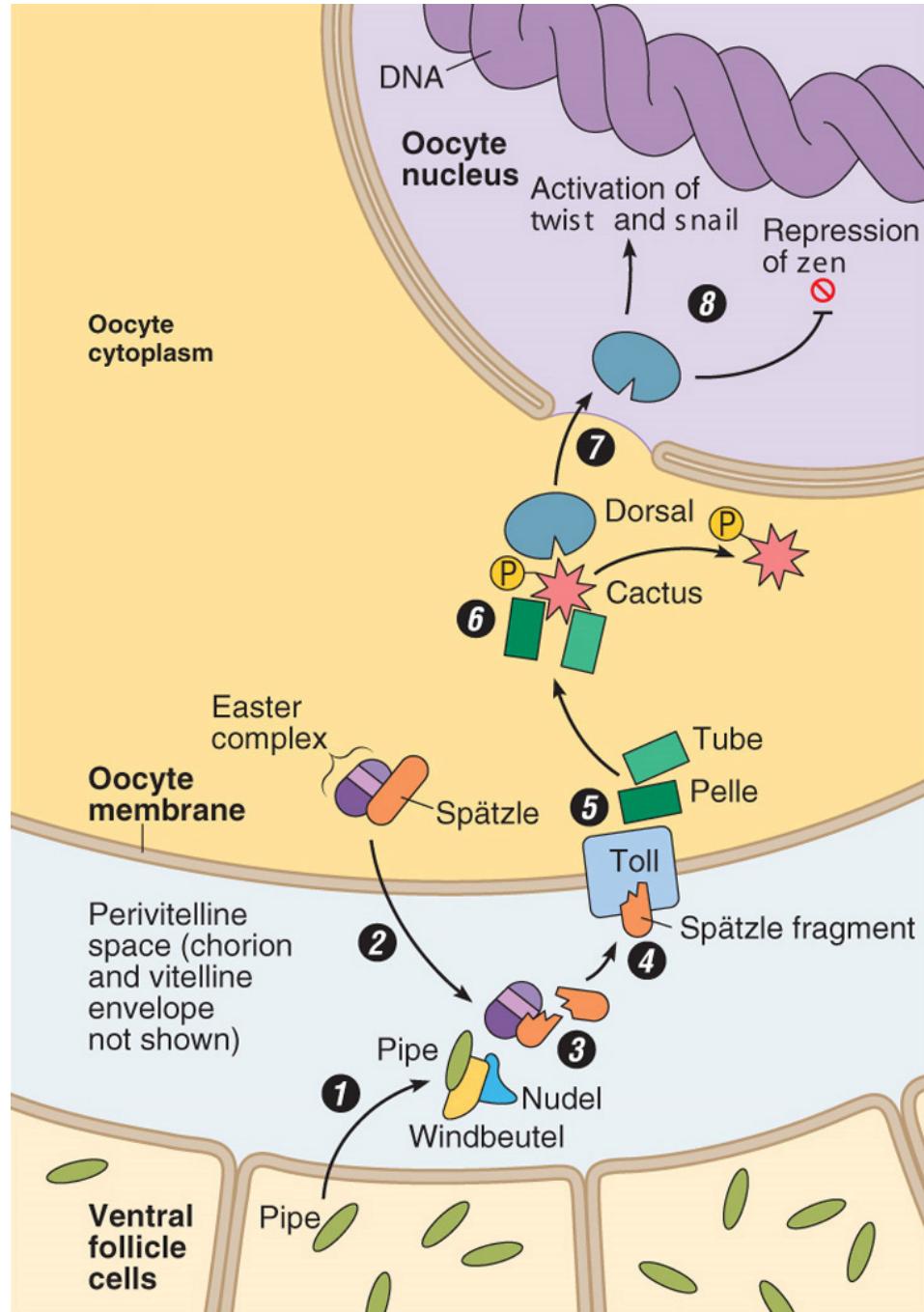
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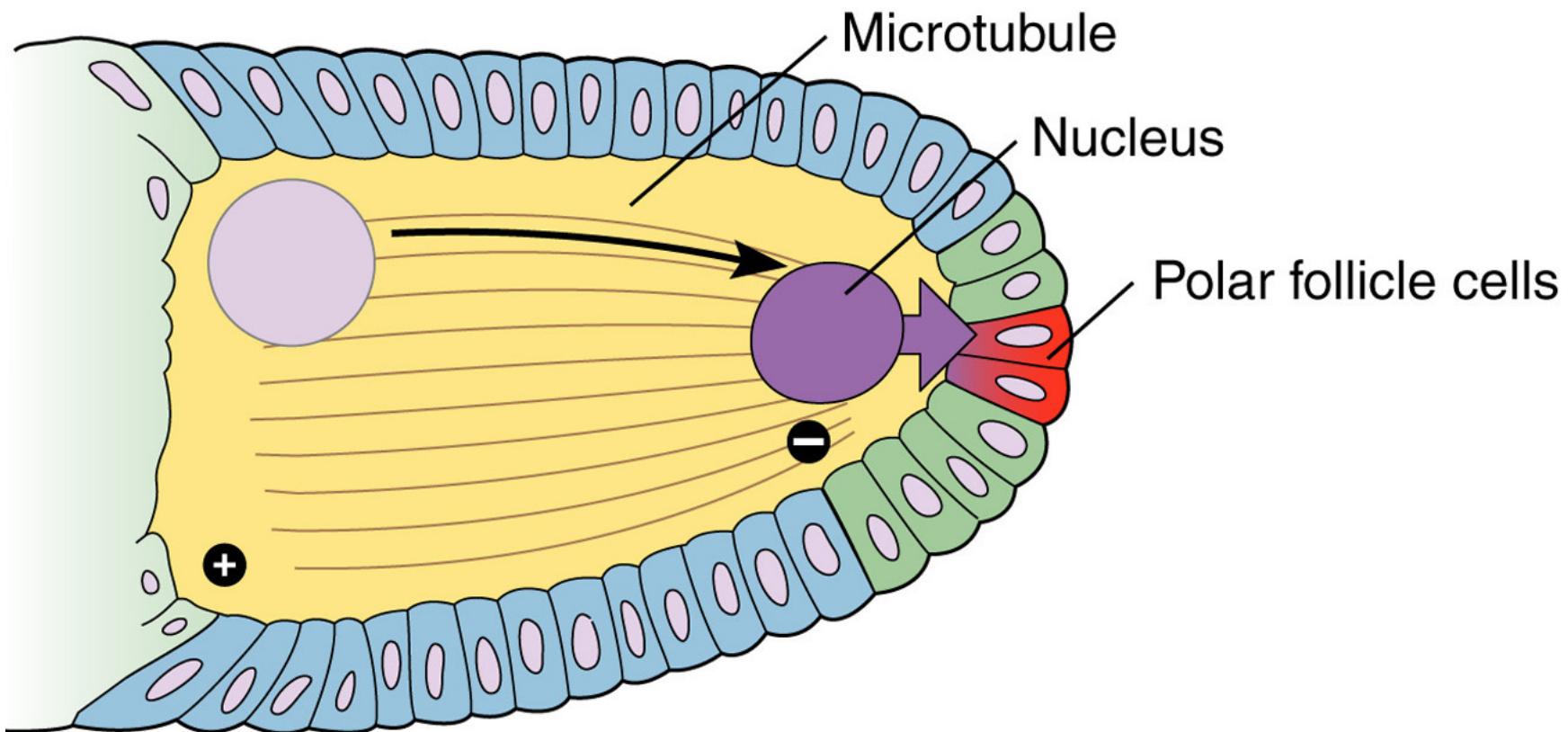


	Anterior:	Posterior:	Terminal:	Dorsoventral:
Oocyte/follicle	Bicoid mRNA	Nanos mRNA	Torsolike mRNA	Pipe mRNA
Fertilized egg	Bicoid mRNA	Maternal hunchback RNA Nanos mRNA	Torso protein Torsolike protein	Toll protein Pipe protein
512-nuclei stage (cycle 9)	Bicoid protein	Hunchback protein Nanos protein	Torso activated Torso inactivated	Dorsal protein Toll protein Not activated Activated
6,000-cell blastoderm zygotic response	Anterior gap genes <i>hunchback</i>	<i>giant</i> <i>knirps</i>	<i>huckebein</i> <i>tailless</i>	<i>zen</i> <i>twist</i>



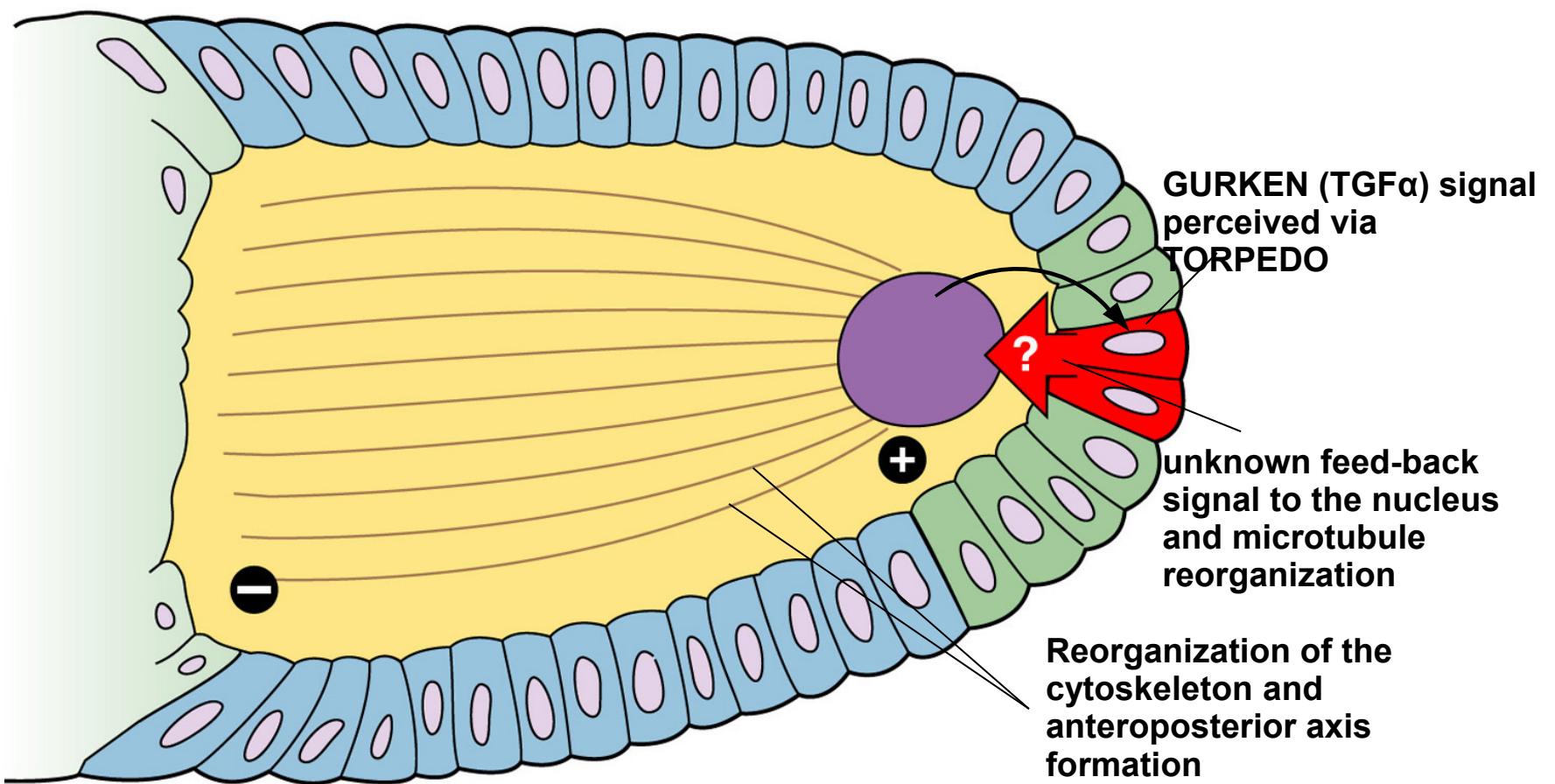
- ① Only ventral follicle cells make Pipe. Complex of Pipe, Nudel, and Windbeutel proteins is secreted (only on ventral side). Pipe sulfates glycosaminoglycans (see Chapter 12) on the ventral side.
- ② Nurse cells have deposited mRNA for Easter complex in the egg, and the Easter protein complex, which includes Snake and Gastrulation defective (Gdp), is secreted around the egg.
- ③ Easter complex and Pipe complex together cleave Spätzle.
- ④ Spätzle fragment activates the Toll receptor.
- ⑤ Toll activates Tube and Pelle.
- ⑥ Tube and Pelle phosphorylate Cactus so that it dissociates from Dorsal.
- ⑦ Free Dorsal enters the nucleus. It is a transcription factor.
- ⑧ Dorsal stimulates *twist* and *snail* (in mesoderm) and represses *zen* (in dorsal epithelium).

## A. Gurken induces polar follicle cells to adopt a posterior fate

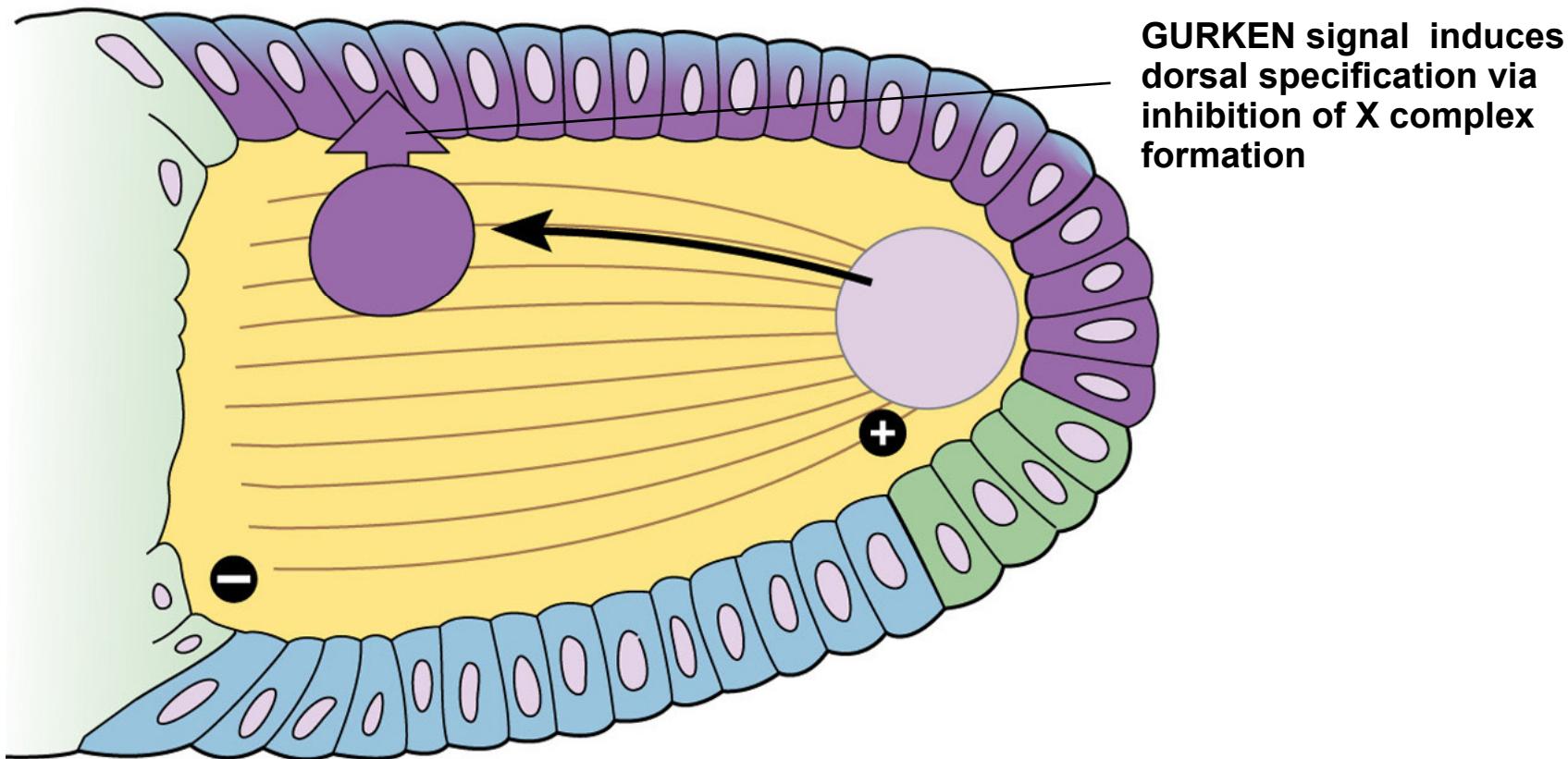


Maternal tissue as a source of asymmetry in the early *Drosophila* formation

## B. Unidentified signal induces repolarization of oocyte microtubules



### C. Nucleus moves up, to anterior pole, via microtubules where Gurken induces follicle cells to adopt dorsal fate



# Key Concepts

- **Axis formation** is based on the **asymmetrical distribution of molecular determinants**, mostly proteins and RNAs. Processes ensuring the asymmetrical distribution of those process occur **very early in the oogenesis**.
- The **cytoplasm may contain factors** (TFs) that regulate the expression of **target genes in the nucleus** as shown in pole plasm transplataion experiments.
- During early development, the **developmental potential of cells** or group of cells **changes**.
- **Gastrulation** comprises a suite of **coordinated cell divisions and movements** that results into movement of specific cells from the surface to the interior.
- The **cytoplasm of embryo** in *Drosophila* and almost all other animal embryos **is heterogenic** in terms of the distribution of factors that regulate developmental fate of adjacent cells. The **origin of this heterogeneity is in the maternal tissue** and its **mutual interaction with the oocyte**.

# Discussion