

# Echinodermata

## ■ П/т Homalozoa (Camb.-Dev.)

- Ctenocystoidea
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- Eocrinoidea (Camb.-Sil.)
- Blastoidea (Camb.-Perm.)
- Parablastoidea (Ord.)
- Cystoidea (Ord.-Dev.)
  - Rombifera
  - Diploporita

## • П/т Crinozoa (Pelmatozoa)

- Paracrinoidea (Ord.-Sil.)
- Crinoidea (Camb.-pr.)

## • П/т Echinozoa

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- Helicoplacoidea (Camb.)
- Edrioasteroidea (Camb.-Carb.)
- Edrioblastoidea (Ord.)
- Cyclocystoidea (Ord.-Dev.)
- Ophiocystoidea (Ord.-Carb.)
- Echinoidea (Ord.-pr.)
- Holothuroidea (Ord.-pr.)

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- Somasteroidea (Ord.)
- Asteroidea (Ord.-pr.)
- Ophiuroidea (Ord.-pr.)



Chordata

Echinodermata

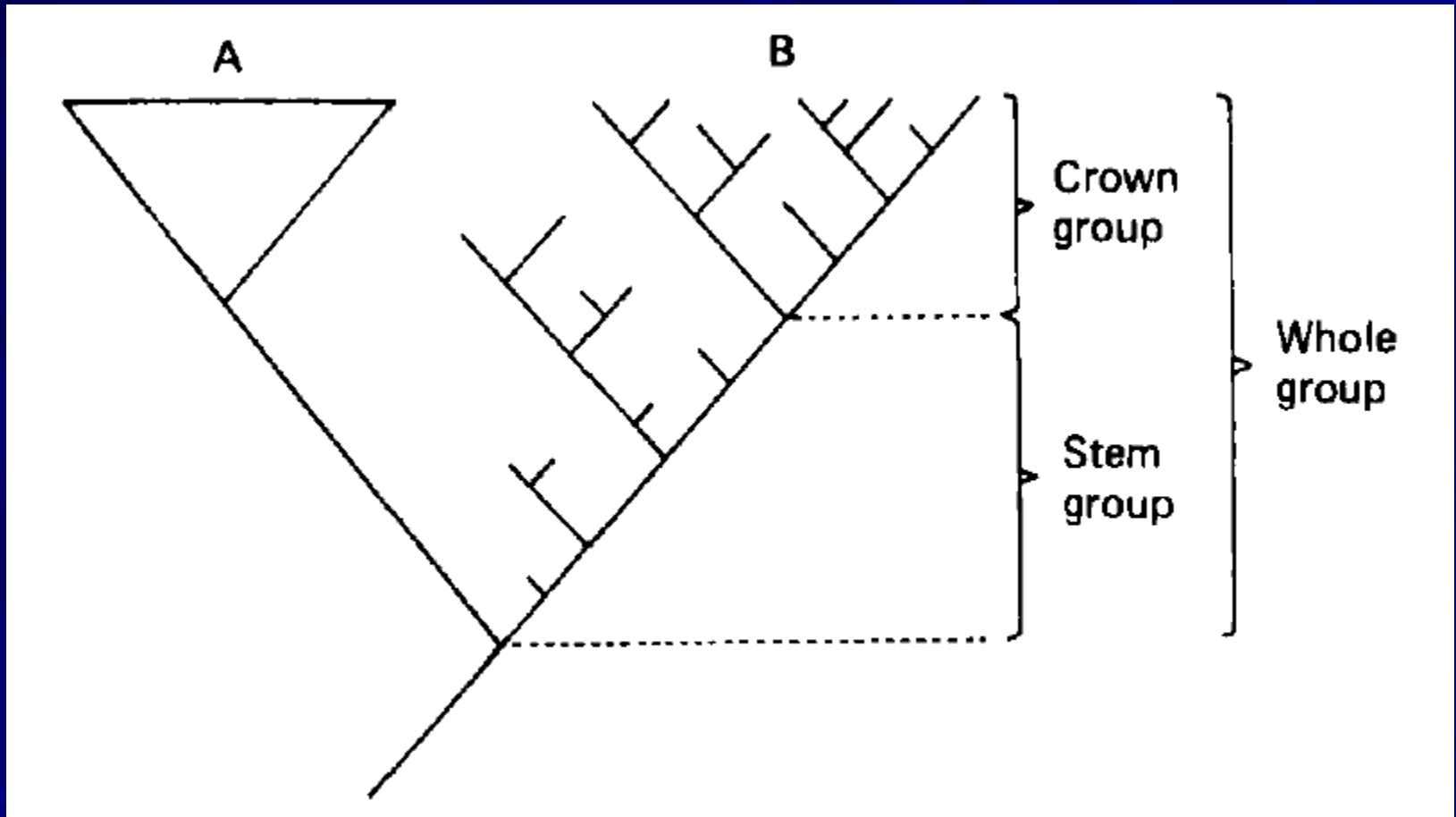


Diagram to show the relationship between stem and crown groups (Paul, Smith, 1984).

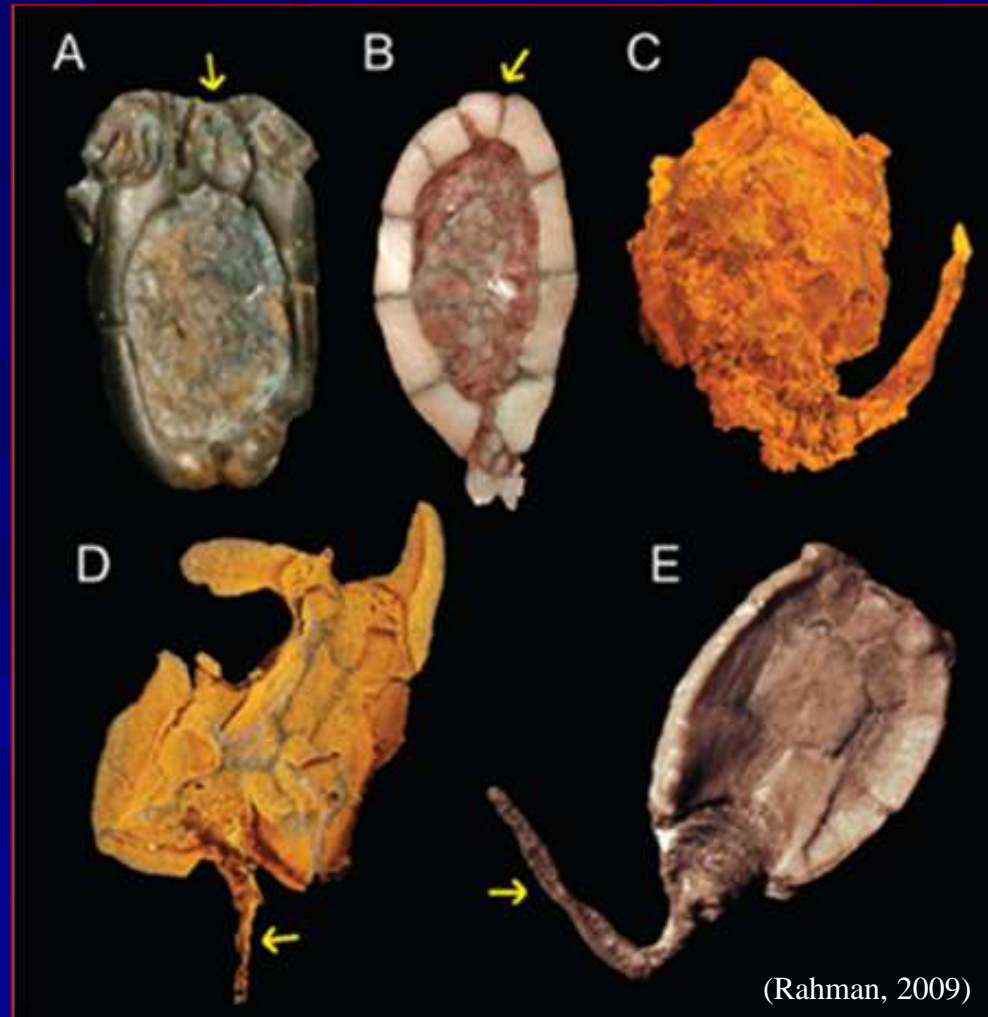
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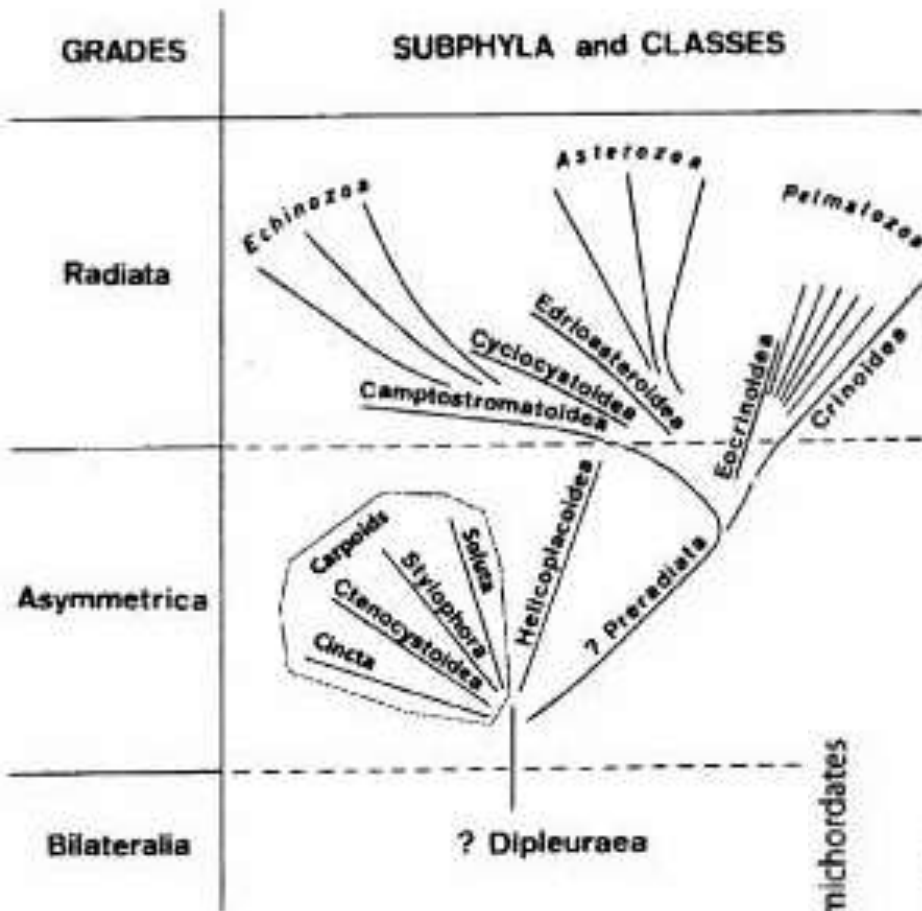
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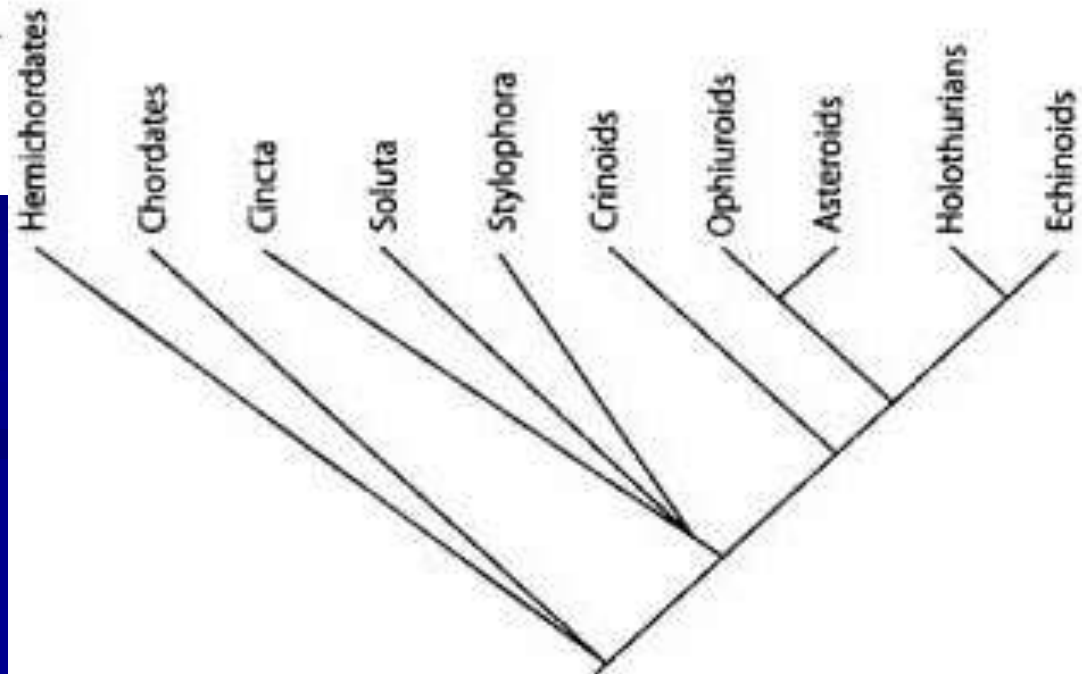
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Rival hypotheses concerning the position of carpoids (Smith, 2003)

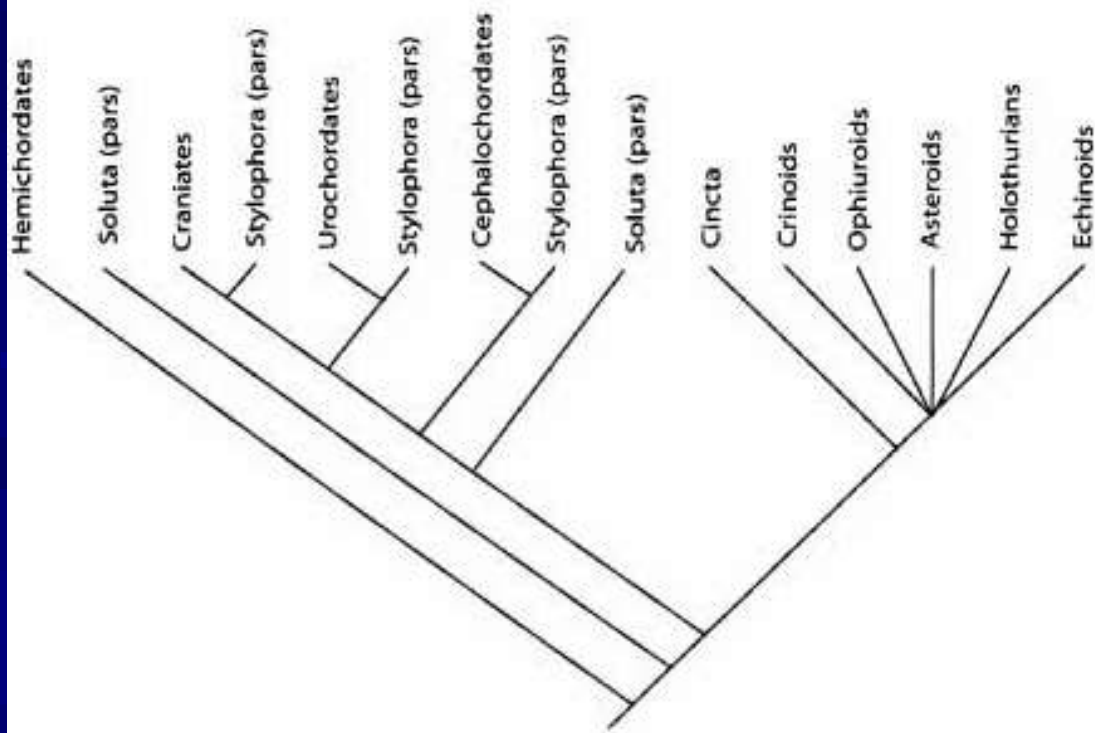
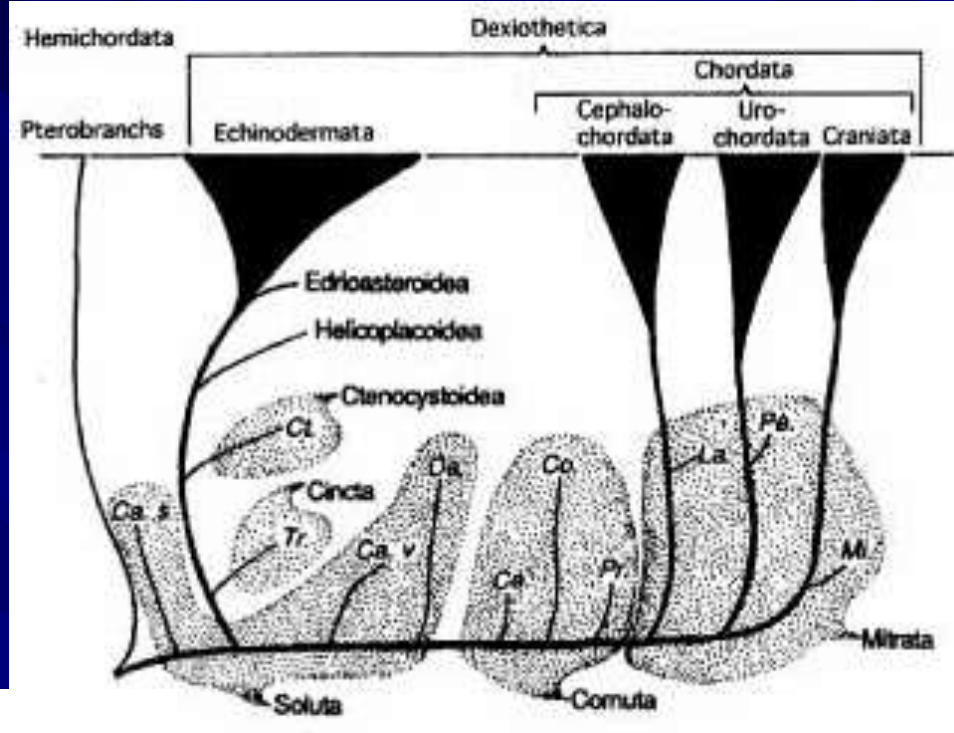
(A) Carpoids as stem-group echinoderms (modified from Ubags, 1975).

Карпоидеи представляют собой примитивную стеблевую группу иглокожих, не обладающих радиальностью строения тела. Возможно, у некоторых (Stylophora) не было амбулакальной системы.

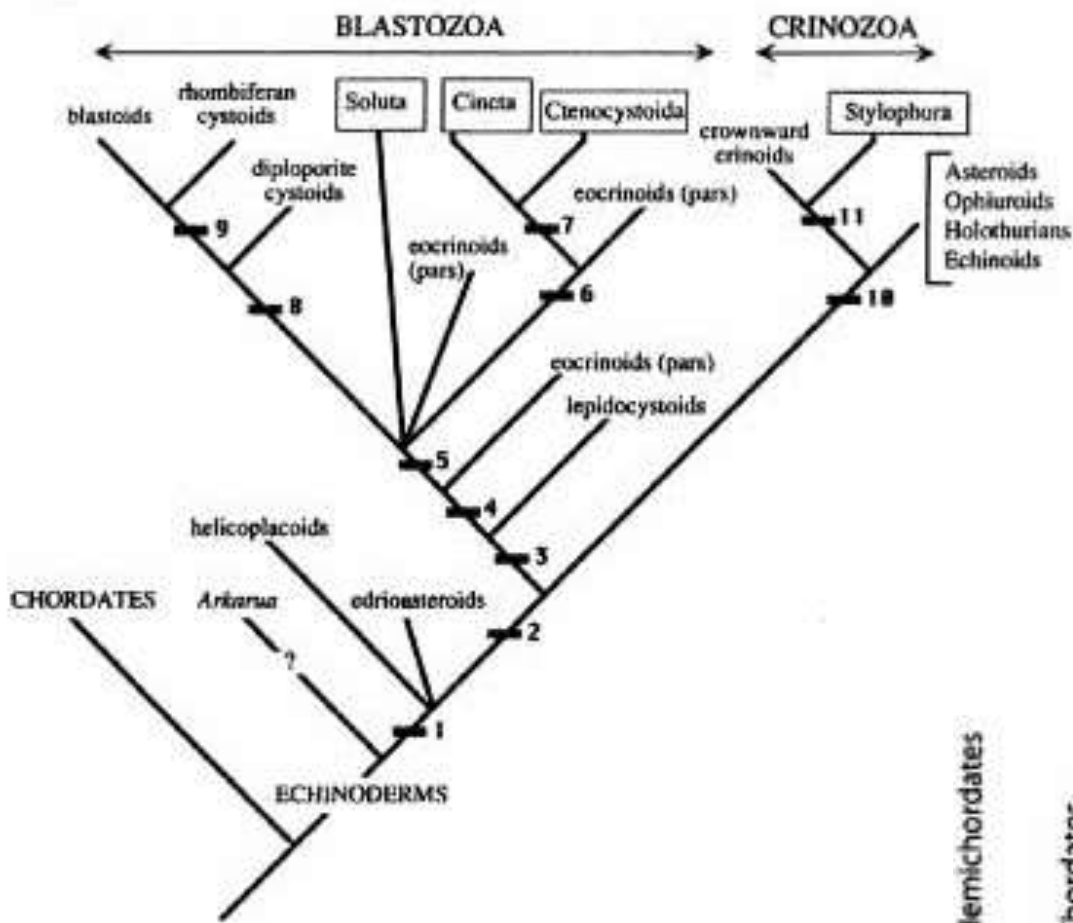


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B) Carpoids as stem-group vertebrates and echinoderms (modified from Jefferies et al., 1996) = Calcichordata theory

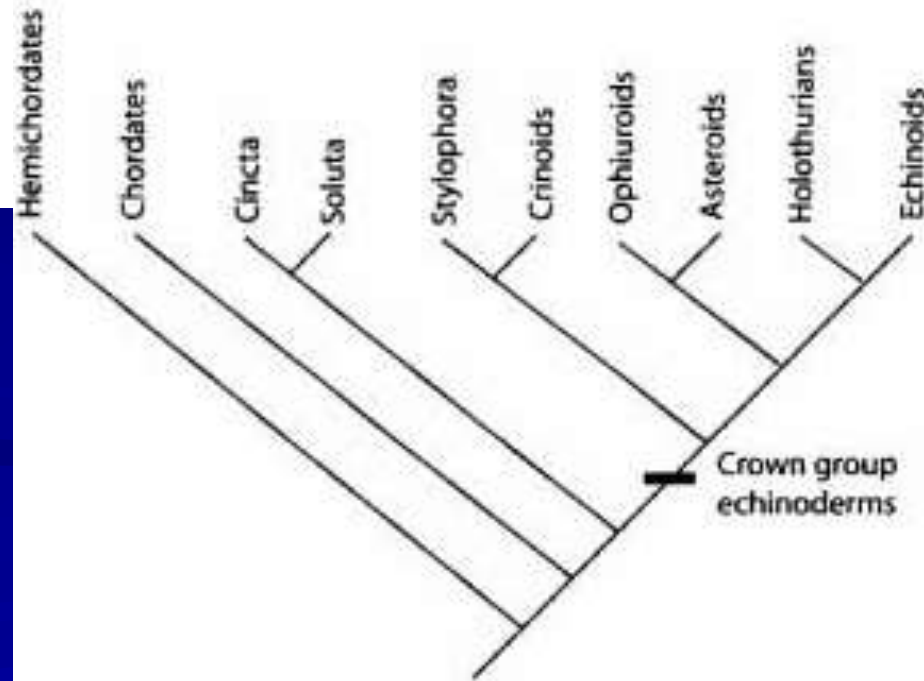


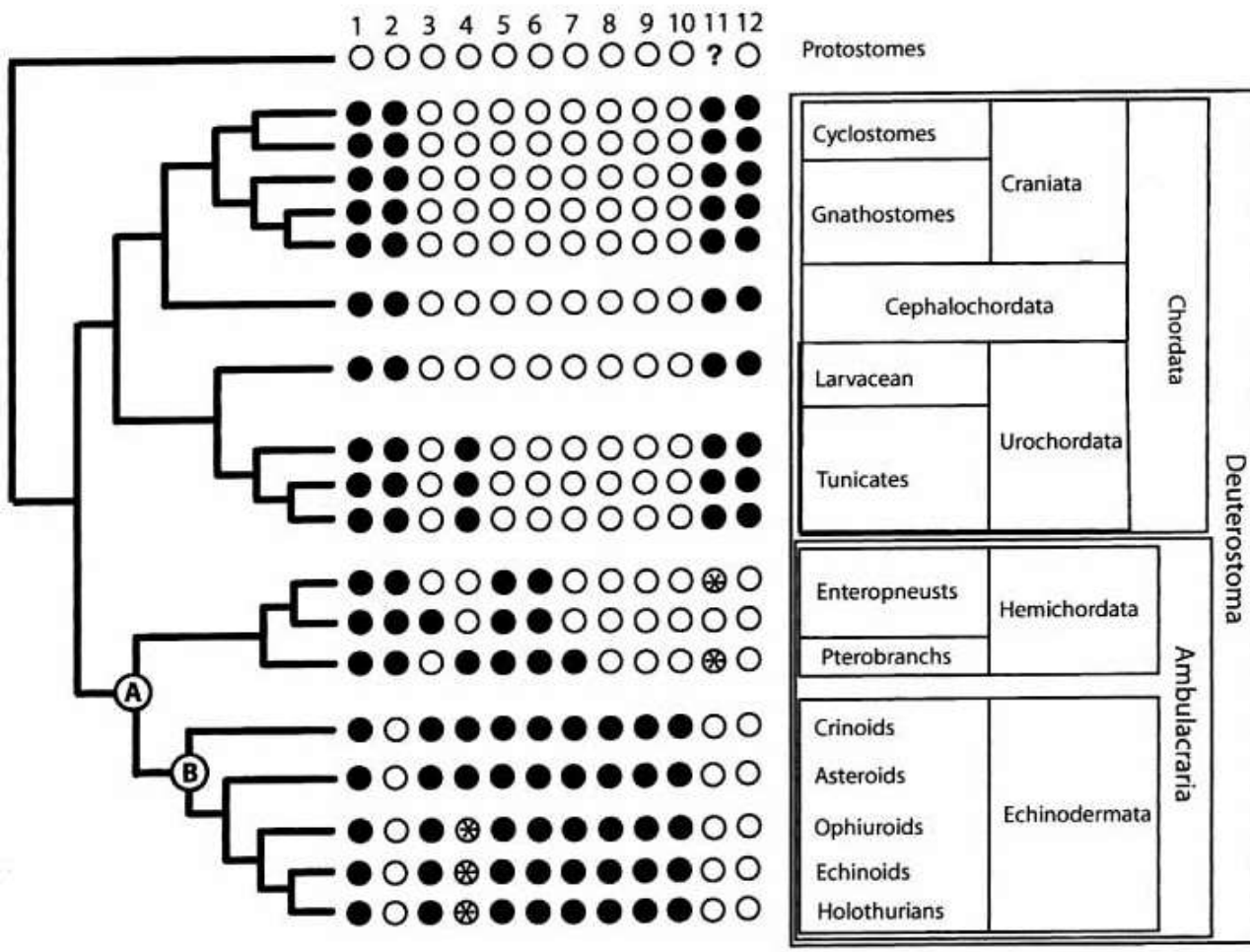
Карпоиды формируют парафилетическое смешение примитивных вторичноротых, идентифицированных как стеблевая группа иглокожих (Cinctan, Stenocystoidea), стеблевая группа Acraniata, Craniata или Tunicata (Mitrata), стеблевая группа хордовых (Cornuta, большинство Soluta) или стеблевая группа Dextiotheta (Echinodermata+Chordata)



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(C) Carpoids as derived crown-group echinoderms (modified from David et al., 2000)





## Phylogenetic relationships of extant deuterostomes (Smith, 2005).

Phylogenetic relationships of extant deuterostomes base on combined LSU and SSU ribosomal RNA sequence data with spectral analysis of LogDet distances (from Winchell et al., 2002). Morphological characters have been optimized on this topology and are as follows. 1, Larval blastopore develops into the mouth (WD-white dot); larval blastopore continues as anus, mouth forms secondarily (BD-black dot). 2, Pharyngeal gill slits absent (WD); present (BD). 3, Larva develops indirectly forming neothroch: no (WD), yes (BD).

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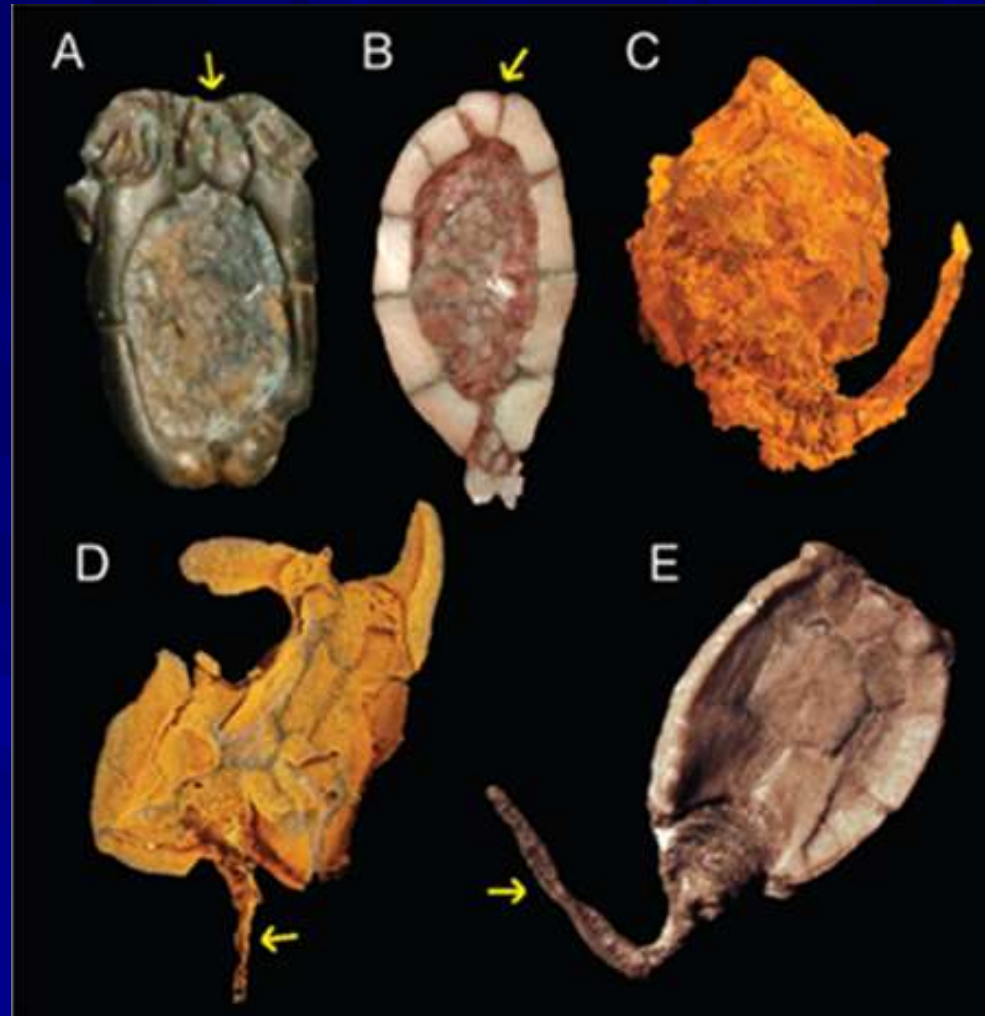
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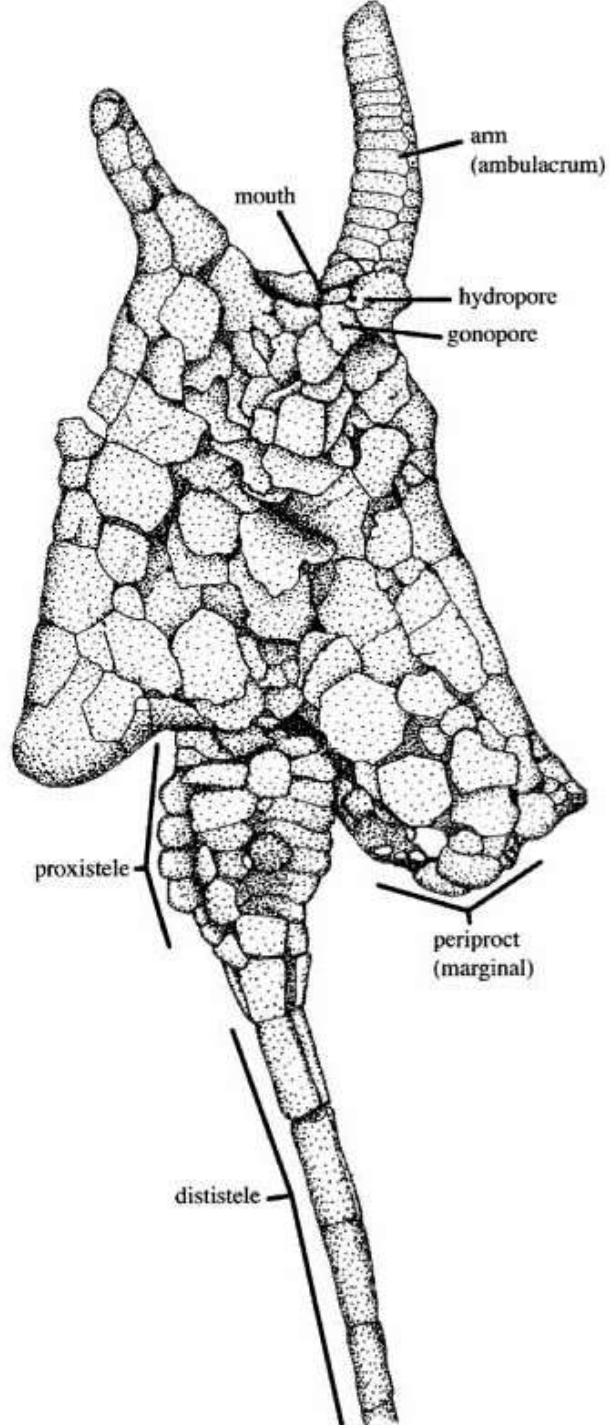
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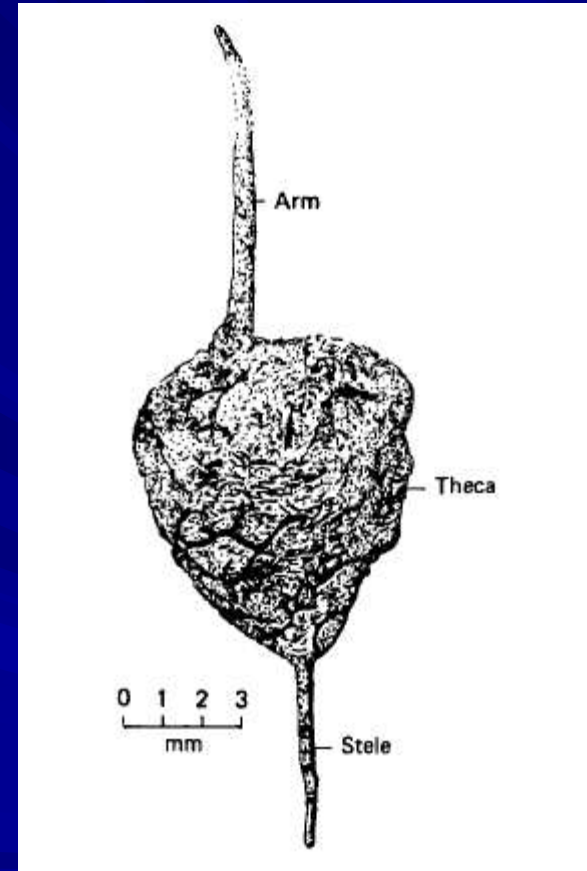




## Soluta

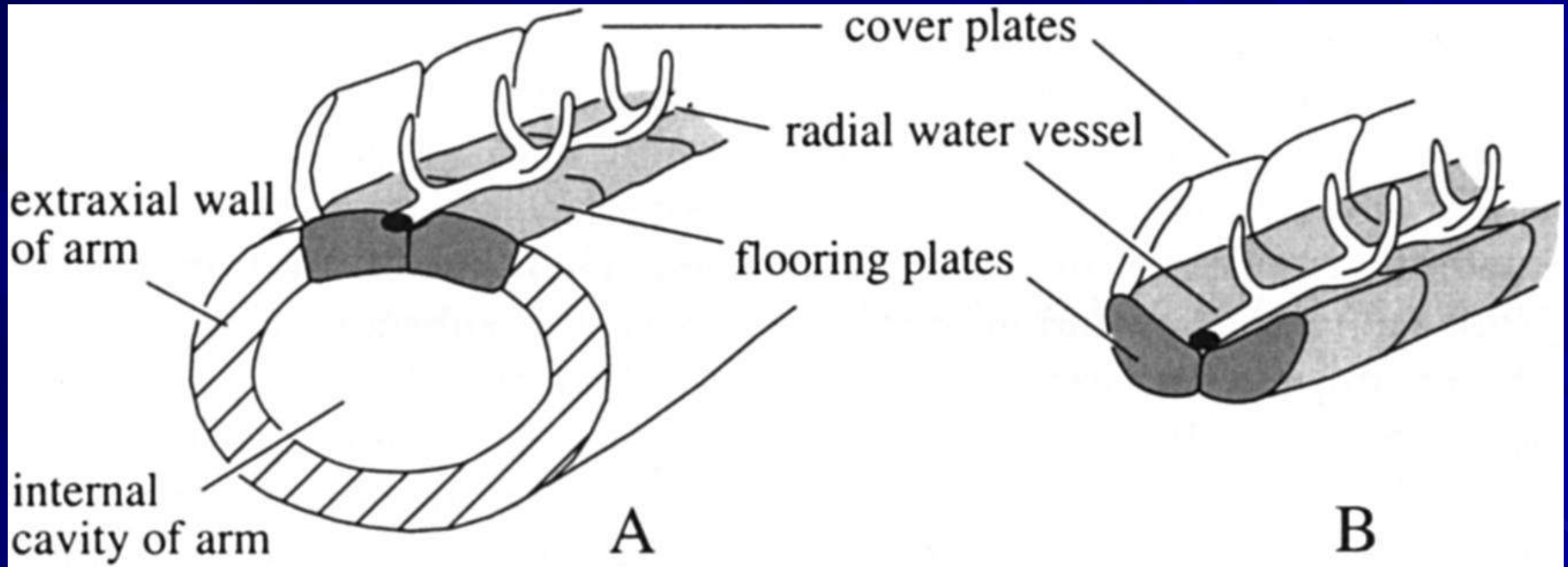
(=Класс Homoiostelea Gill et Caster, 1960).

Unnamed Lower Cambrian solute, Kinzers Formation, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Drawn from a photograph of a latex cast of the specimen in the North Museum, Lancaster, Penn (Paul, Smith, 1984).



The solute *Dendrocystoides scoticus* (Bather) in lateral view, based on specimen in the collection of The Natural History Museum, London E28794 (Smith, 2005).

Generalized view of an asterozoan or crinozoan arm and a blastozoan brachiolo.



A, Generalized view of an asterozoan or crinozoan arm. Note that in most crownward crinozoans, the flooring plates are not calcified and are represented only by a soft-tissue shelf. B, Generalized view of a blastozoan brachiolo. Ambulacral plates shaded, extraxial body wall cross-hatched, cover plates omitted from one side of ambulacrum (David et al., 2005).

## Soluta

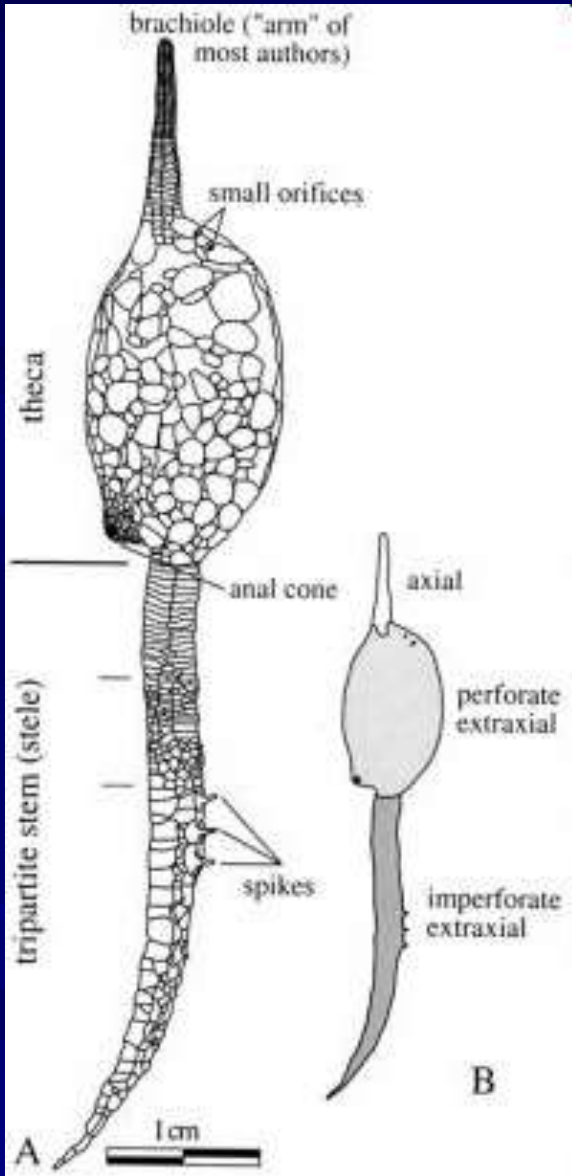
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Тело состоит из теки, стелы и рукоподобного придатка, тека от умеренно асимметричной до почти билатерально симметричной; маргинальный скелет, как правило, не выражен; рот интратекальный, по-видимому, вблизи проксимального конца руки; анус, обычно, около левого постеролатерального края; стела подразделена на 3 отдела.

Верхний кембрий – нижний девон.

Один отряд *Soluta* (7 семейств).

Самыми примитивными считаются "карпоидеи" - свободно лежавшие на дне, часто ассиметричные существа с одним или двумя придатками (то ли локомоторными, то ли пицесобирающими). Некоторые исследователями считали карпоидей ближайшими родственниками хордовых (отсюда появилось название Calcichordata). В кембрии было много проблематичных, ни на что не похожих и потому трудно интерпретируемых иглокожих.



Реконструкция типичного представителя Homoiostelea: *Castericystis vali*

*Dendrocystites sedgwicki*



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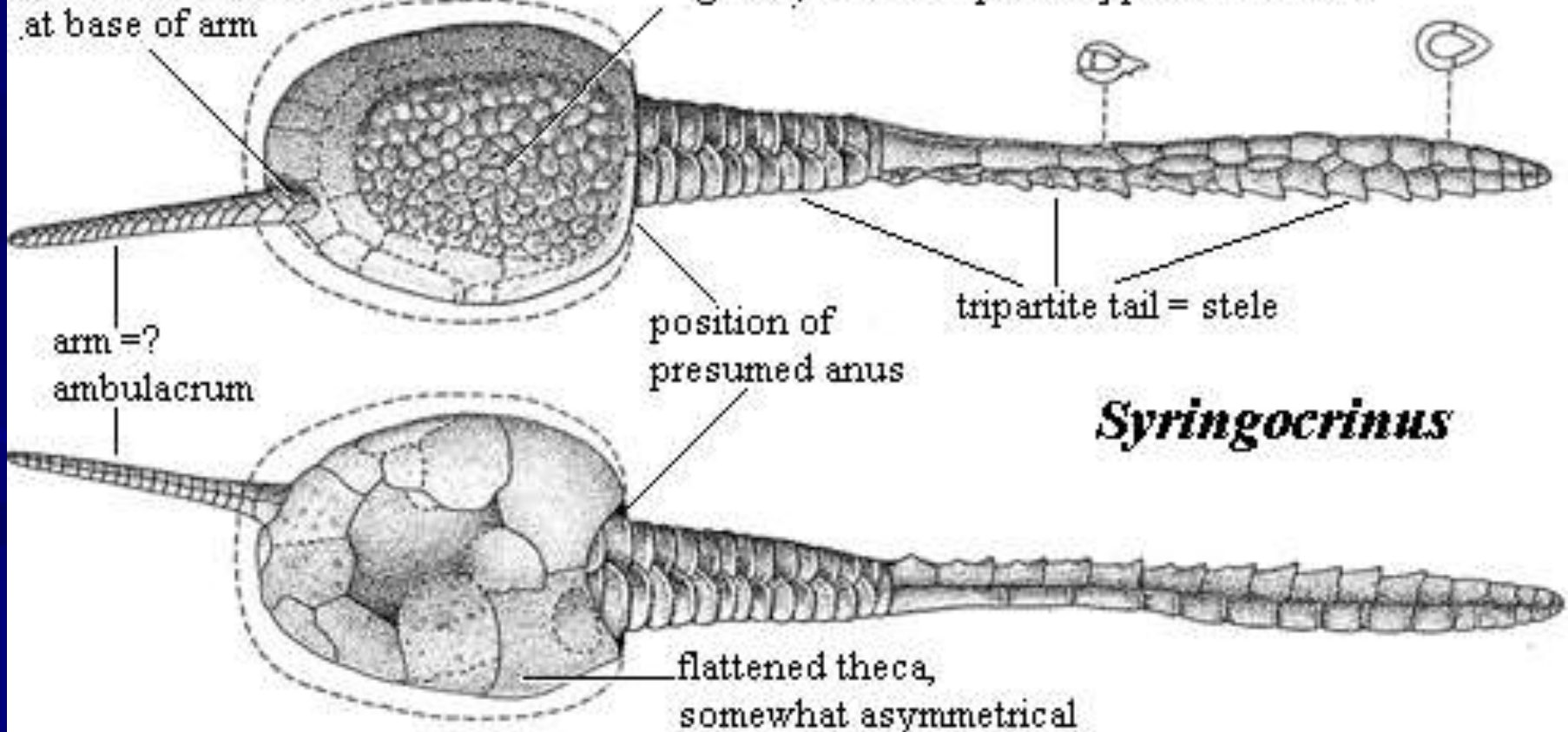
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=Carpoidea?=Calcichordata?

Reconstruction of *Syringocrinus*

mouth presumed to be  
at base of arm

"pebbled" surface is unique to this  
genus, but small plates typical of Soluta



arm =?  
ambulacrum

position of  
presumed anus

tripartite tail = stele

flattened theca,  
somewhat asymmetrical

***Syringocrinus***

**Soluta =**

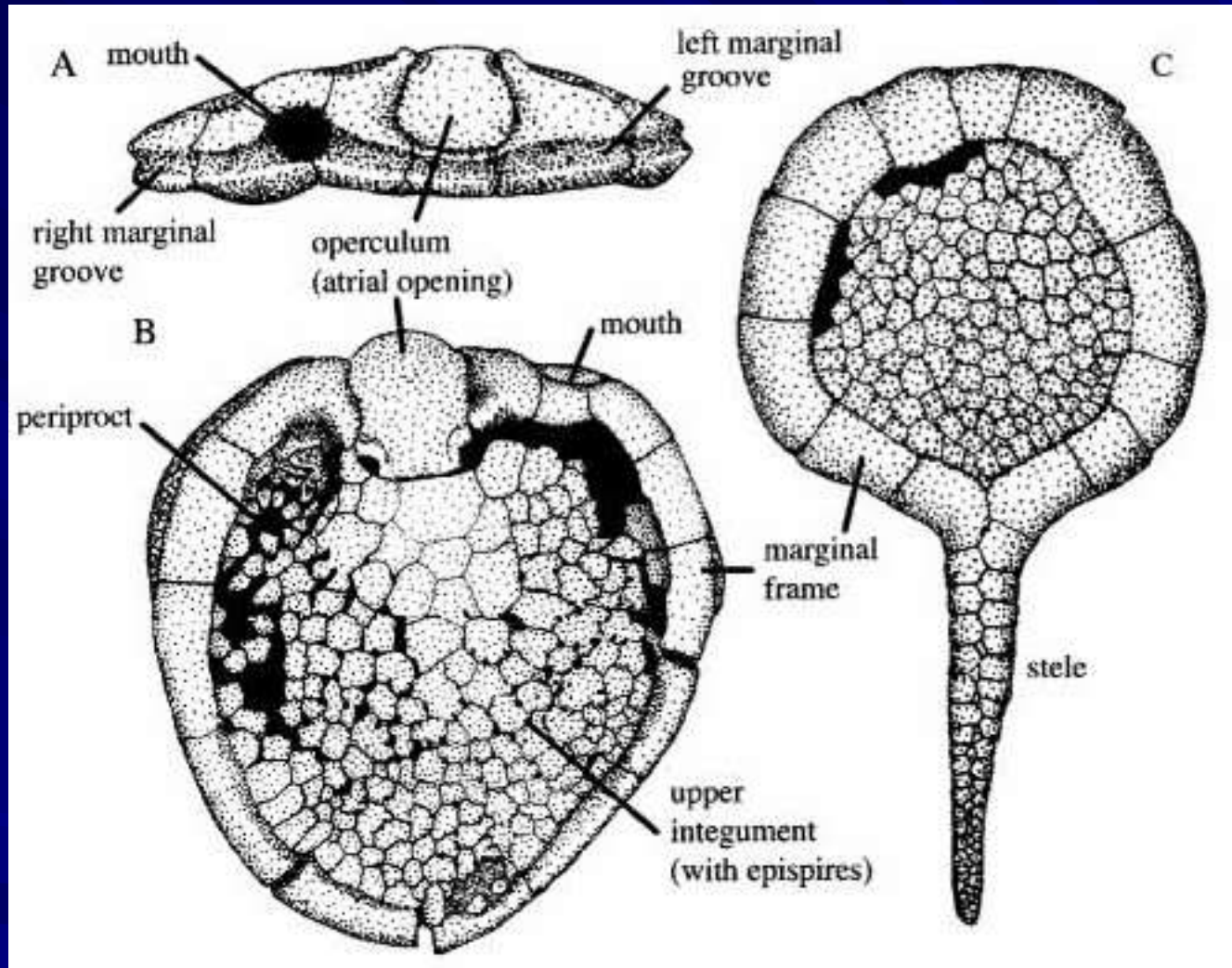
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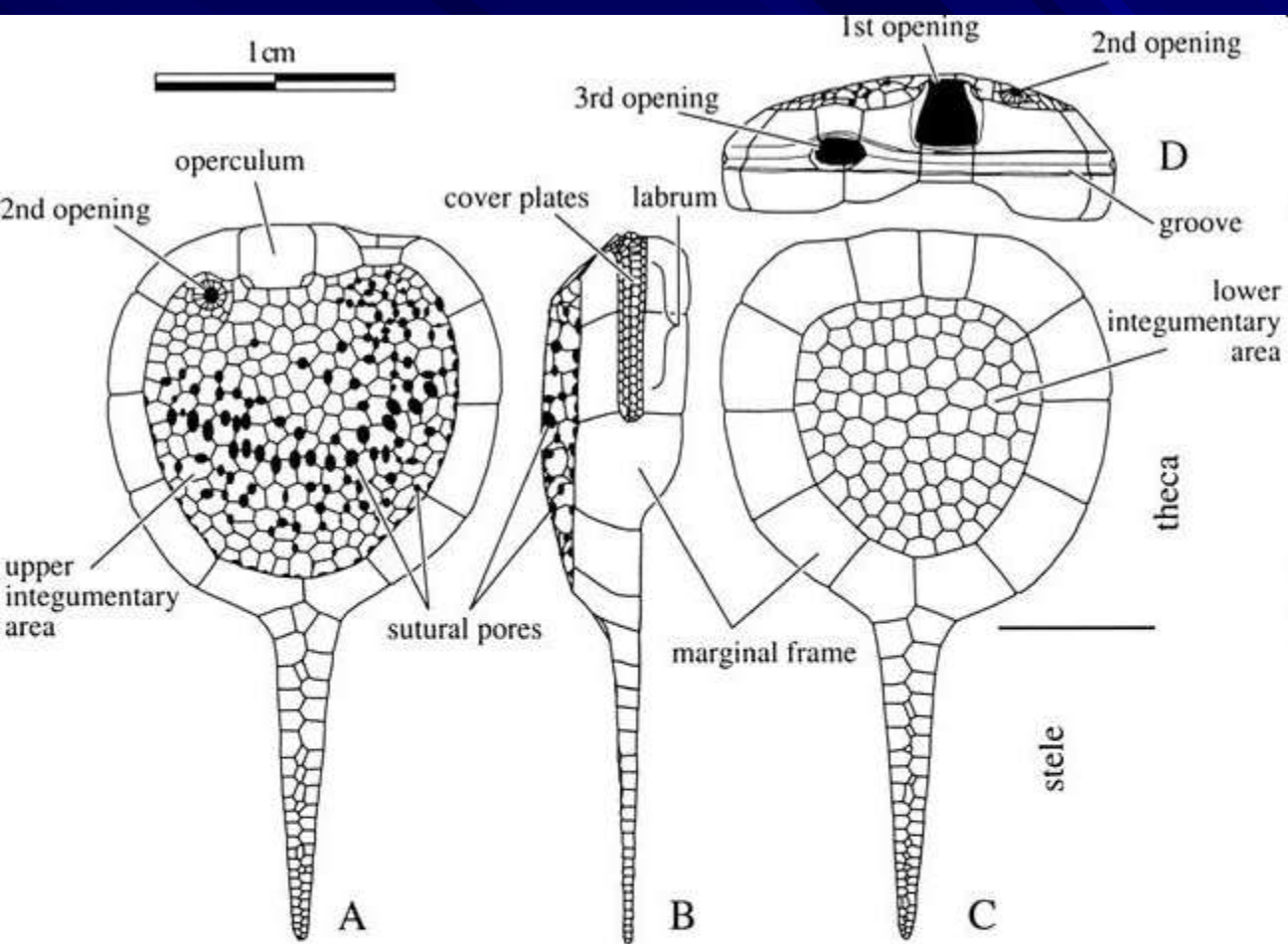


Более поздние карпоидеи (квадрисериальное расположение пластинок в рукоятке (или хвосте?))

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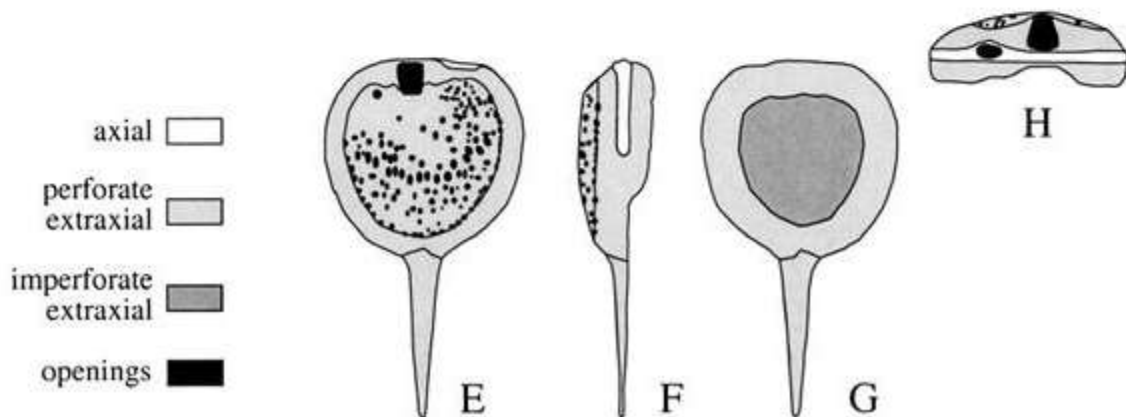


The cinctan *Trochocystites bohemicus* Barrande: (A) anterior profile; (B) upper face; (C) lower face. Drawn from latex casts of specimen supplied by G.Ubaghs (Smith, 2005).



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Тело состоит из теки и стелы; рукоподобный придаток присутствует; очертания теки умеренно симметричные; маргинальный скелет однорядный, строго дифференцированный; одно большое и одно маленькое отверстия находятся на краю, противоположном стеле; один или два эпитекальных (амбулакральных?) желобка подходят к маленькому отверстию; стела не подразделена на отделы. Средний кембрий. Один отряд Cincta (с двумя семействами).



Morphology of a homostelean (cinctan), *Trochocystites bohemicus*, Middle Cambrian, Bohemia, modified from Friedrich 1993. A-D, Body-wall anatomy and nomenclature with views toward the upper (A), lateral (B), lower (C), and oral (D) surfaces. E-H, Reinterpretation using the EAT with views from the upper (E), lateral (F), lower (G), and oral (H) surfaces (David et al., 2000).

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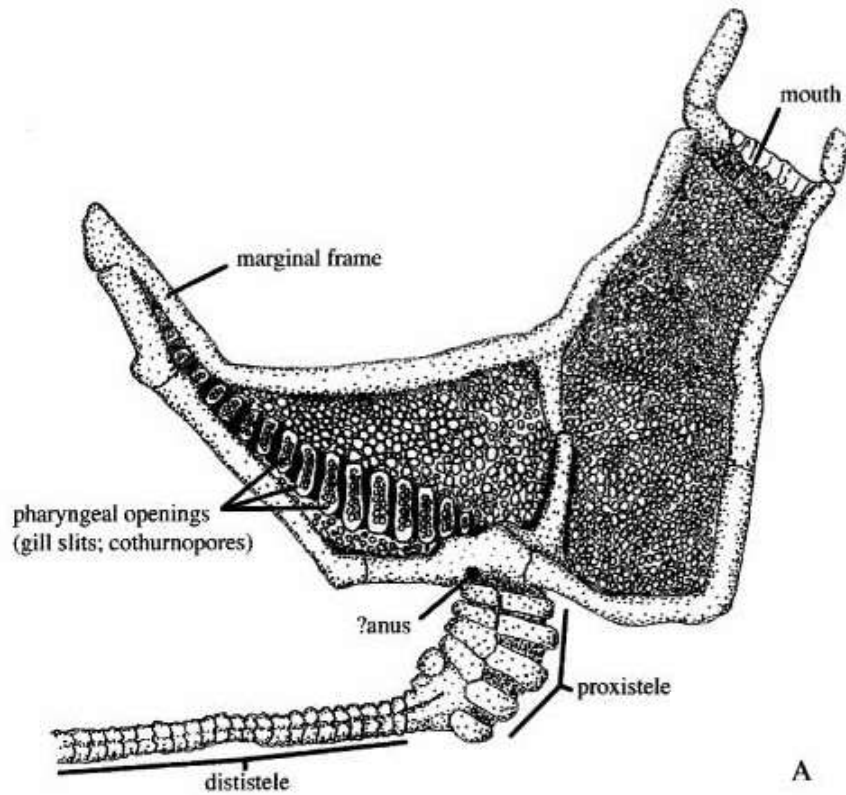
*Gyrocystis*



**Stylophora = Cornuta + Mitrata  
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## Cornuta

The cornute stylophoran *Cothurnocystis elizae* Bather in dorsal view, based on the Natural History Museum, London, exemplar E23702 (Smith, 2005).

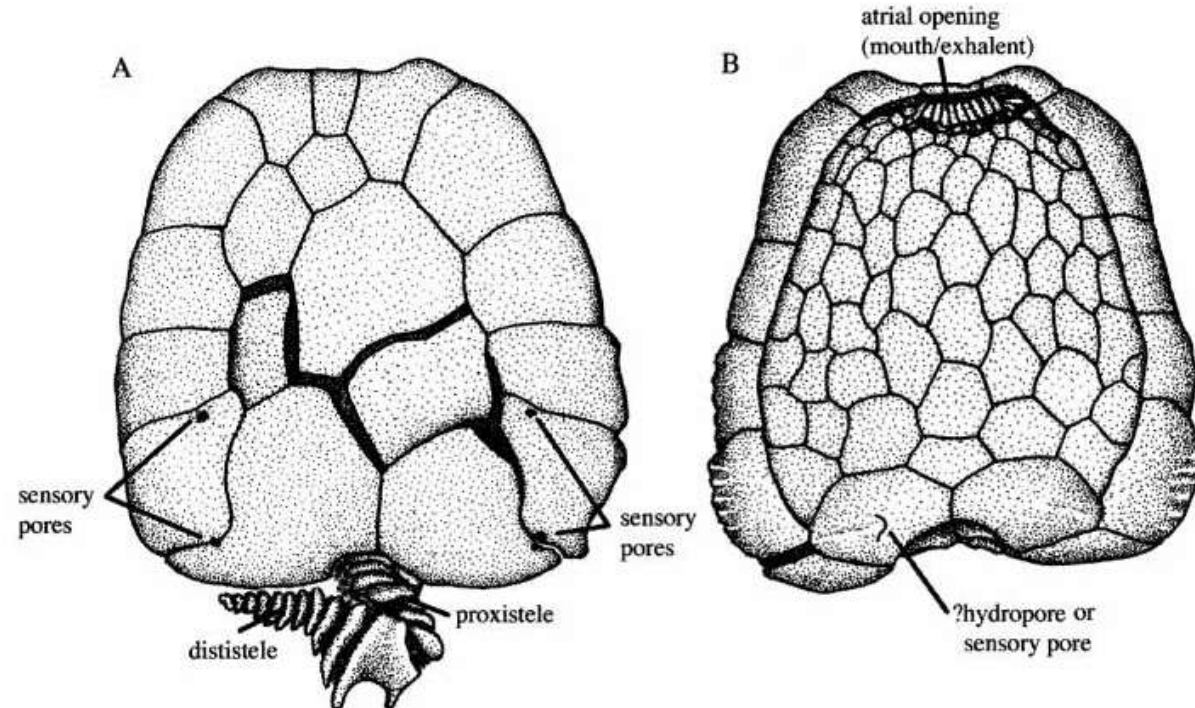


## Mitrata

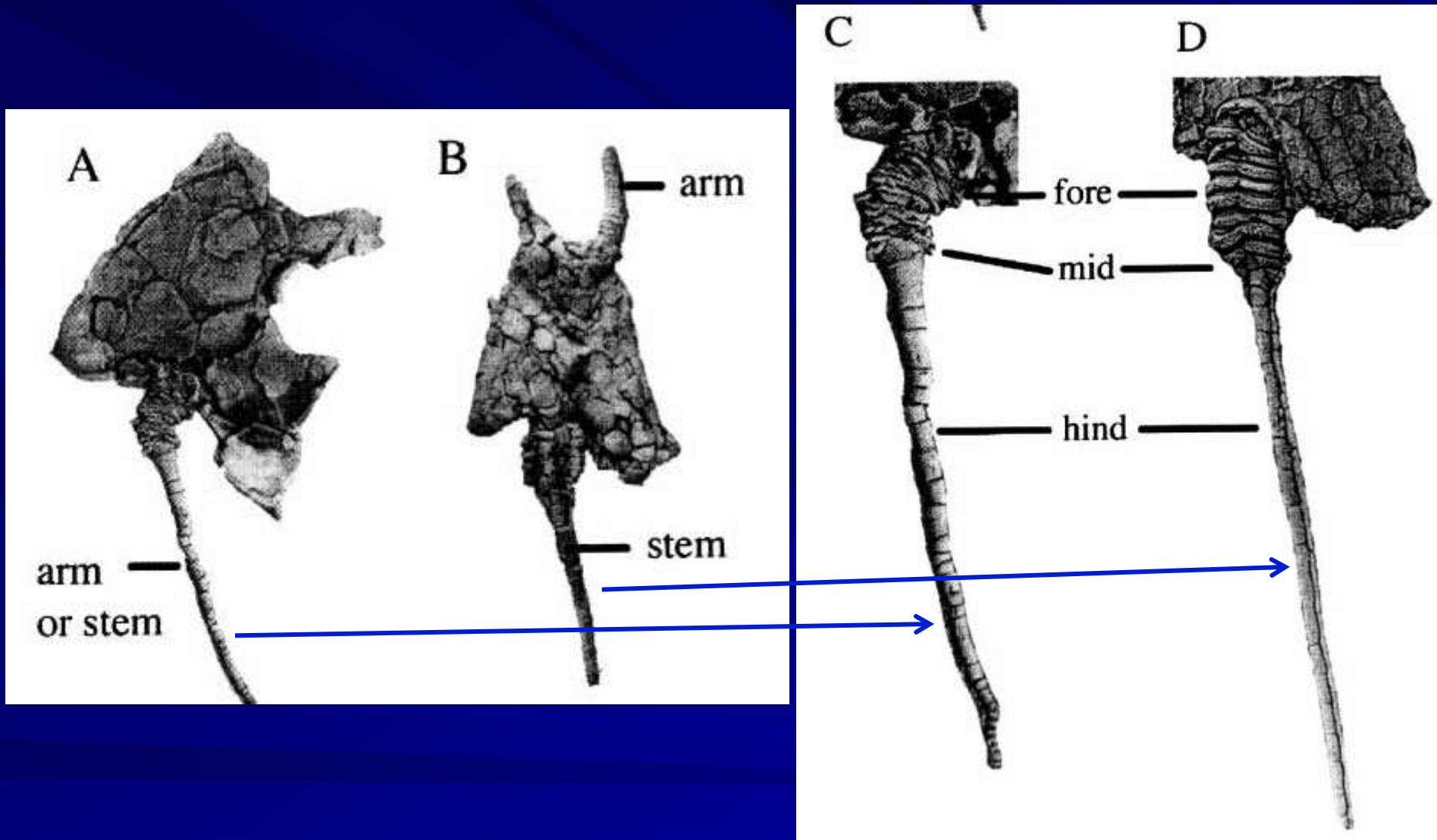
The mitrate stylophoran *Mitrocystites mitra*.

(A) Upper aspect; based on the Natural History Museum, London, exemplar E16062;

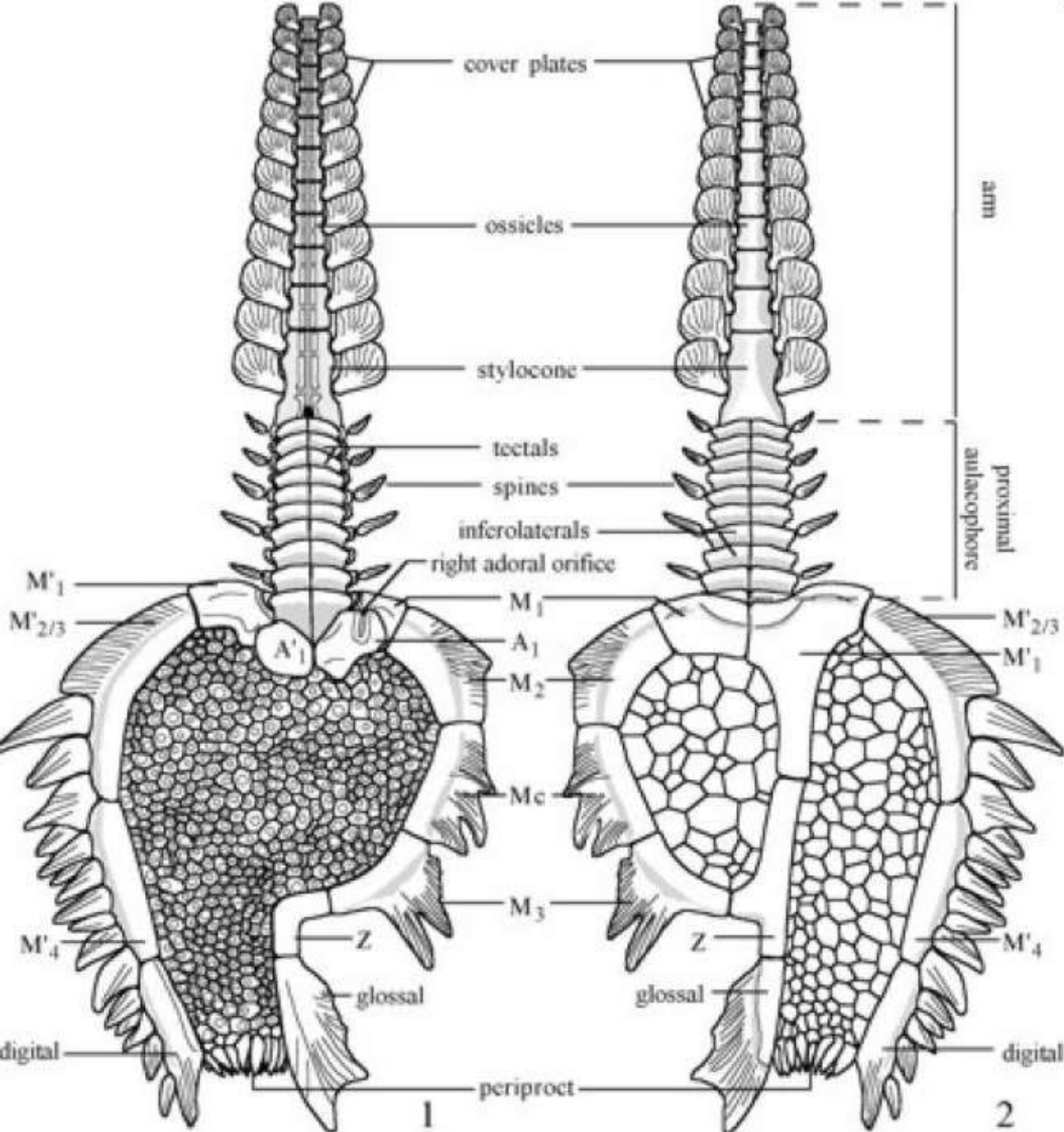
(B) Lower aspect, redrawn from photograph in Ubaghs, 1968 (Smith, 2005).



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Comparison of the single appendage in the primitive stylophoran *Ceratocystis* (A, C) with the two appendages in the solute *Dendrocystoides* (B, D). (A, B) Entire animals; (C, D) appendage architecture and its component parts. (A) and (C) modified from Ubags, 1967 (Smith, 2005).



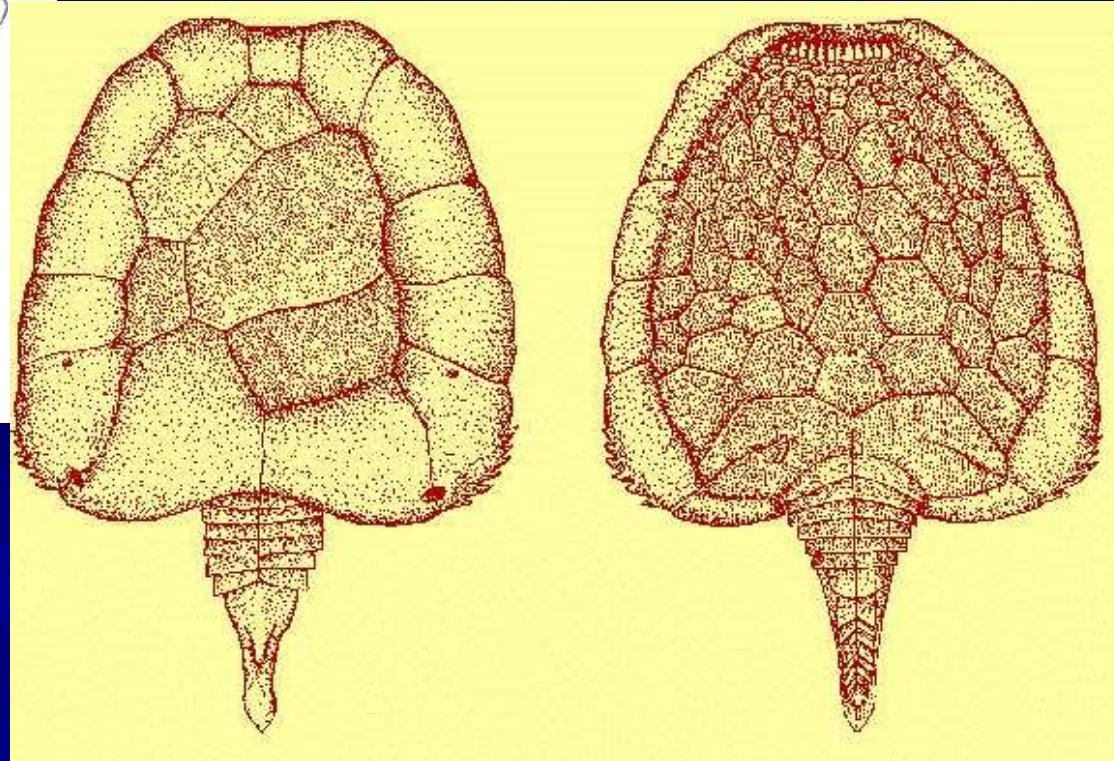
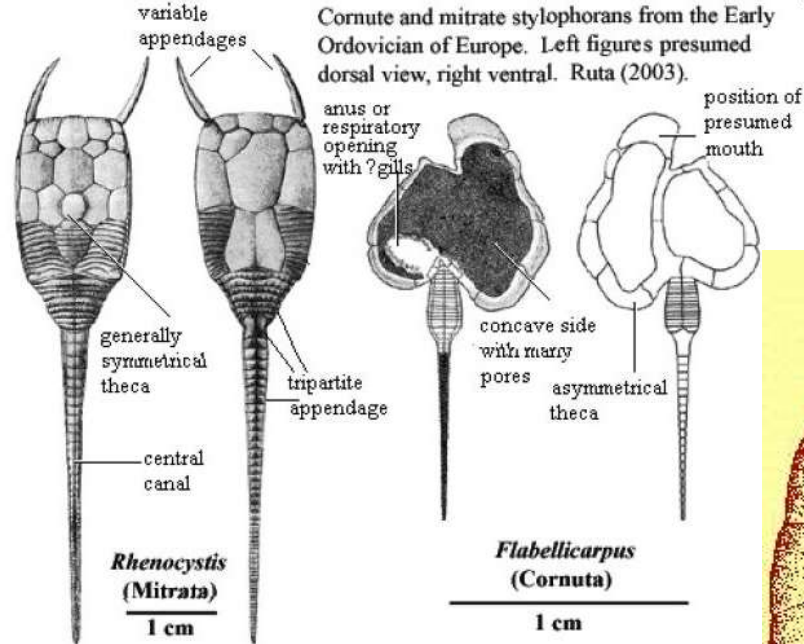
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Два отряда: Cornuta Jaekel, 1901 и Mitrata Jaekel, 1918.

Morphology of Stylophorans  
(after Ruta 2003)

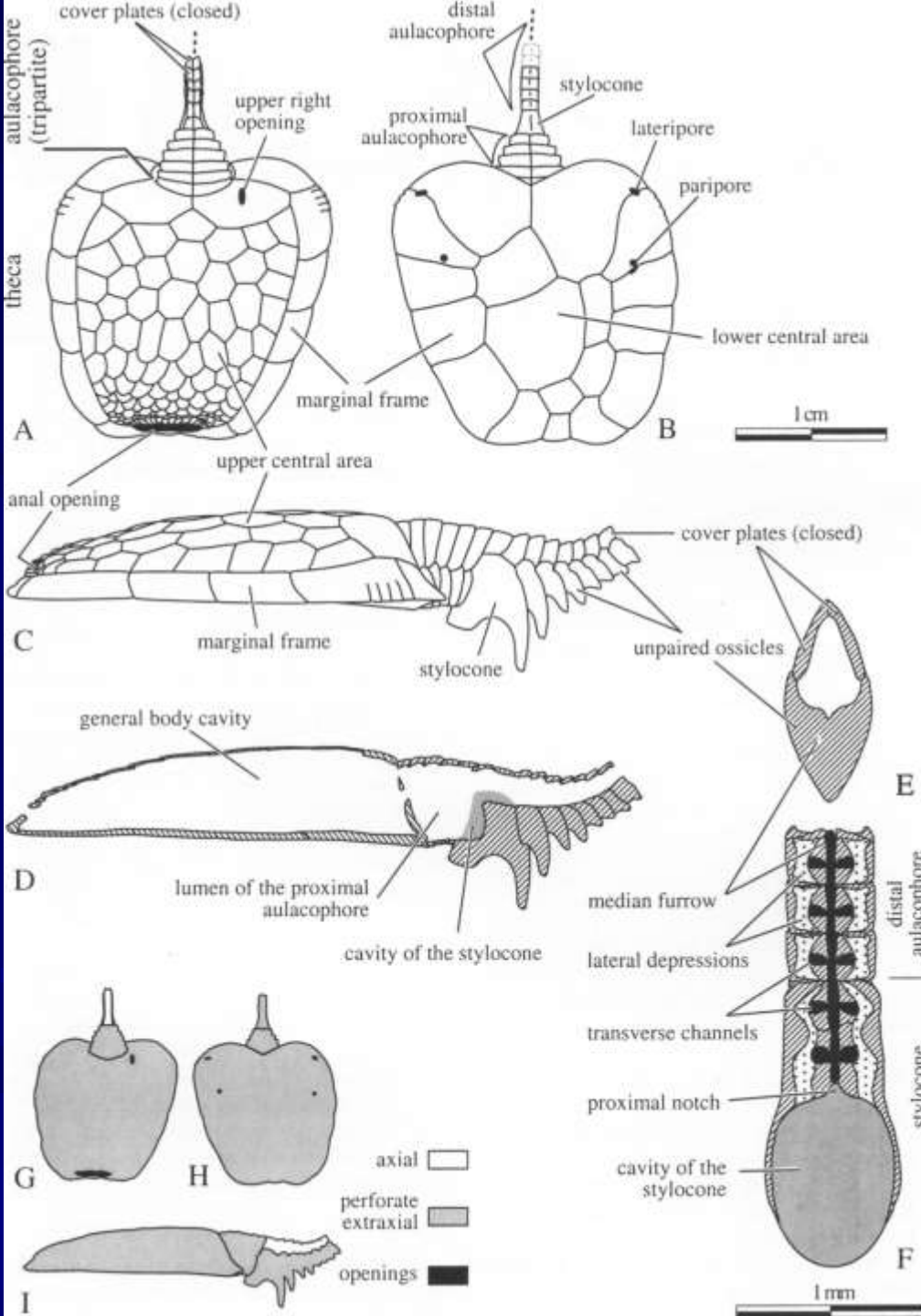
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### *Mitrocystites*

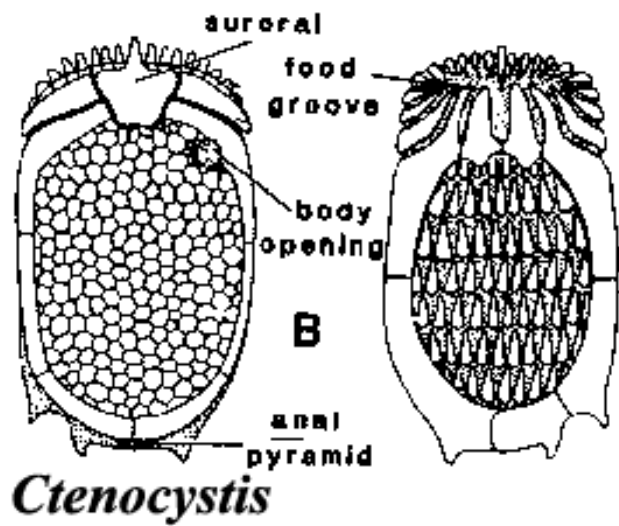
(drawn by V. Petr)

This beautiful "carpoid" from the Bohemian Ordovician (esp. abundant in the Sarka Formation) is drawn in a position as a "calcichordate" but interpreted as being an echinoderm with typical echinoderm skeleton and having even an aulacophore (bottom), not a "tail". The "Aulacophore Hypothesis" of Georges Ubaghs and Ronald Parsley is accepted rather than the "Calcichordate Hypothesis" of R. P. S. Jefferies because it seems that practically all "carpoid" characteristics are clearly echinodermal, not chordate. The superficial similarity may result simply from a peculiar convergent evolution of both groups. An article published recently by Shu et al. (1999) on the discovery of two distinct types of agnathans in the Lower Cambrian of China (Chengjiang) is possibly one of the best arguments for the "Aulacophore Hypothesis".



## Morphology of a stylophoran (mitrate), *Mitrocystites mitra*,

Middle Ordovician, Bohemia, modified from Jefferies 1968 and Ubaghs 1981. A-C, Body-wall anatomy and nomenclature with views toward the upper (A), lower (B), and lateral (C) surfaces. D-F, Structure of the aulacophore and related body-wall regions in longitudinal section (D), cross-section (E), and in a view from the top (F). Body cavities in white, cavity of the stylocone shaded, body wall variously cross-hatched. G-I, Reinterpretation using the EAT with views from the upper (G), lower (H), and lateral (I) surfaces (David et al., 2005).

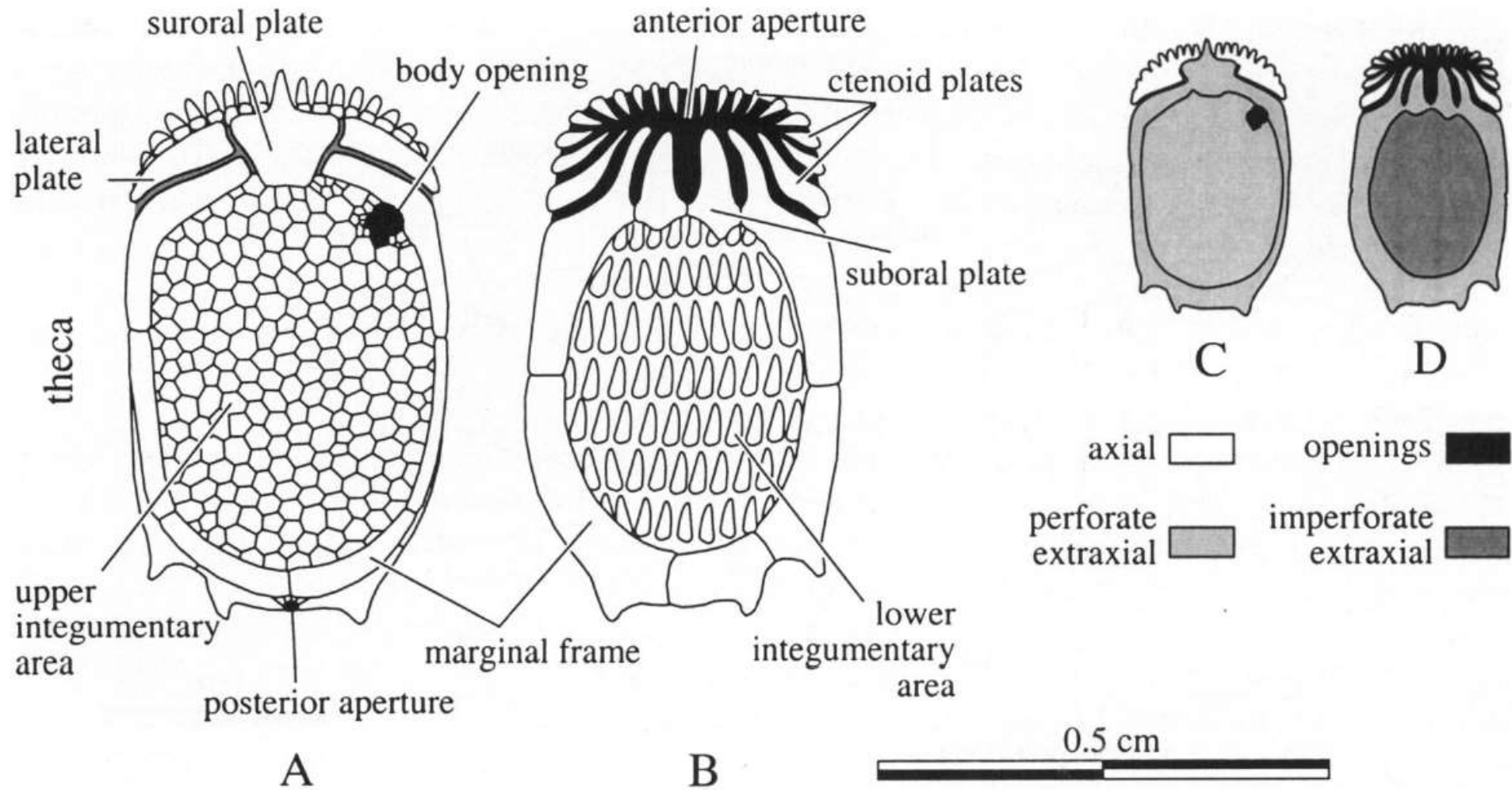


## Класс Ctenocystoidea Robison et Sprinkle, 1969.

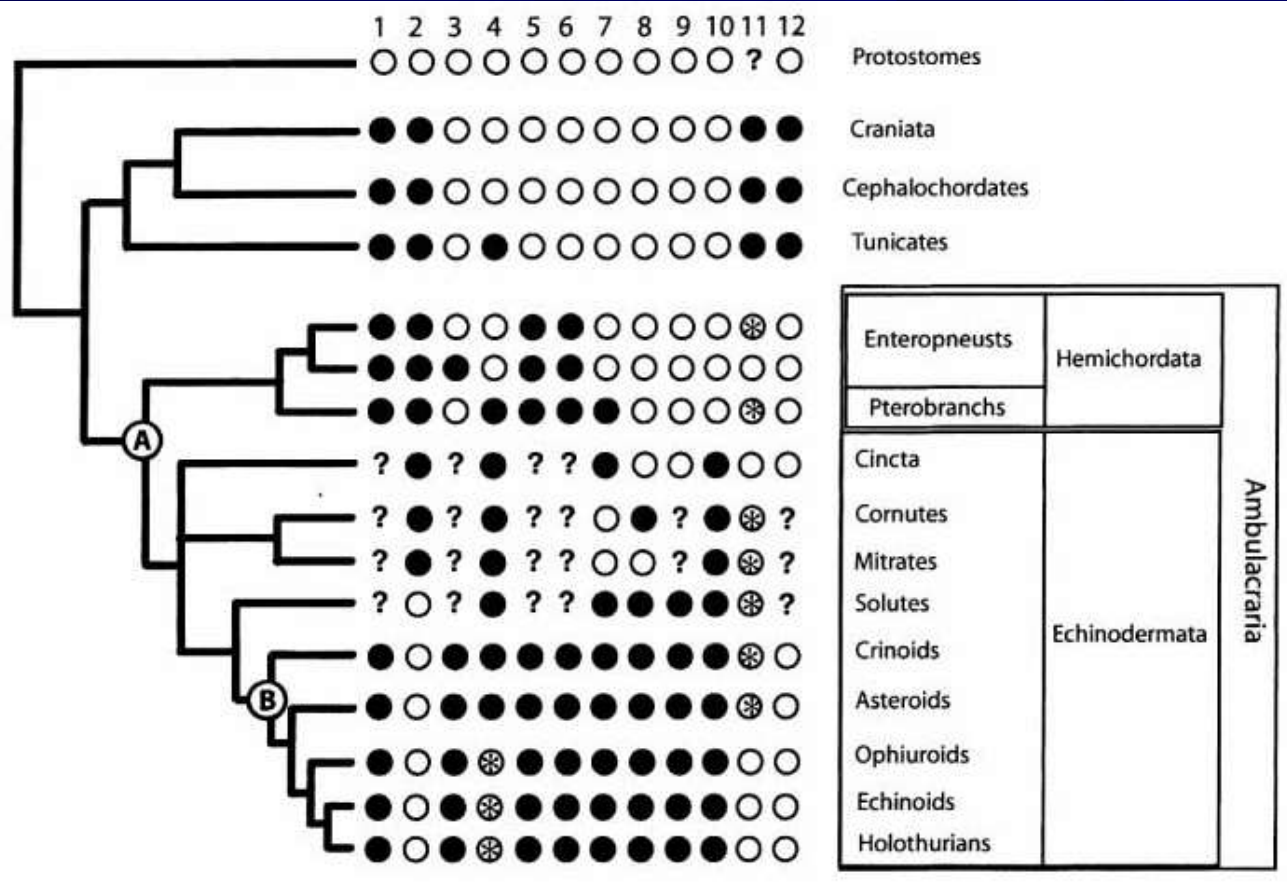
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Morphology of a ctenocystoid, *Ctenocystis utahensis*, Middle Cambrian, Utah, modified from Robison and Sprinkle 1969. A, B, Body-wall anatomy and nomenclature with views toward the upper (A) and lower (B) surfaces. C, D, Reinterpretation using the Extraxial-Axial Theory with views from the upper (C), and lower (D) surfaces (David et al., 2000).



Cladogram of deuterostome relationships based on molecular data, as in the previous slide, but with carpoids added on the basis of observable shared derived morphological traits. (Smith, 2005)

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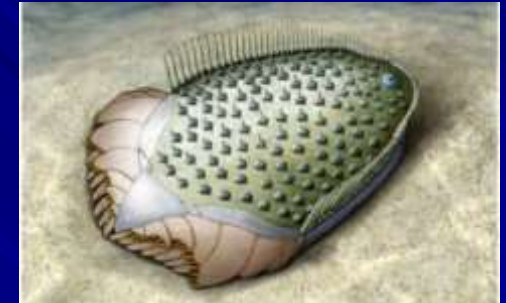
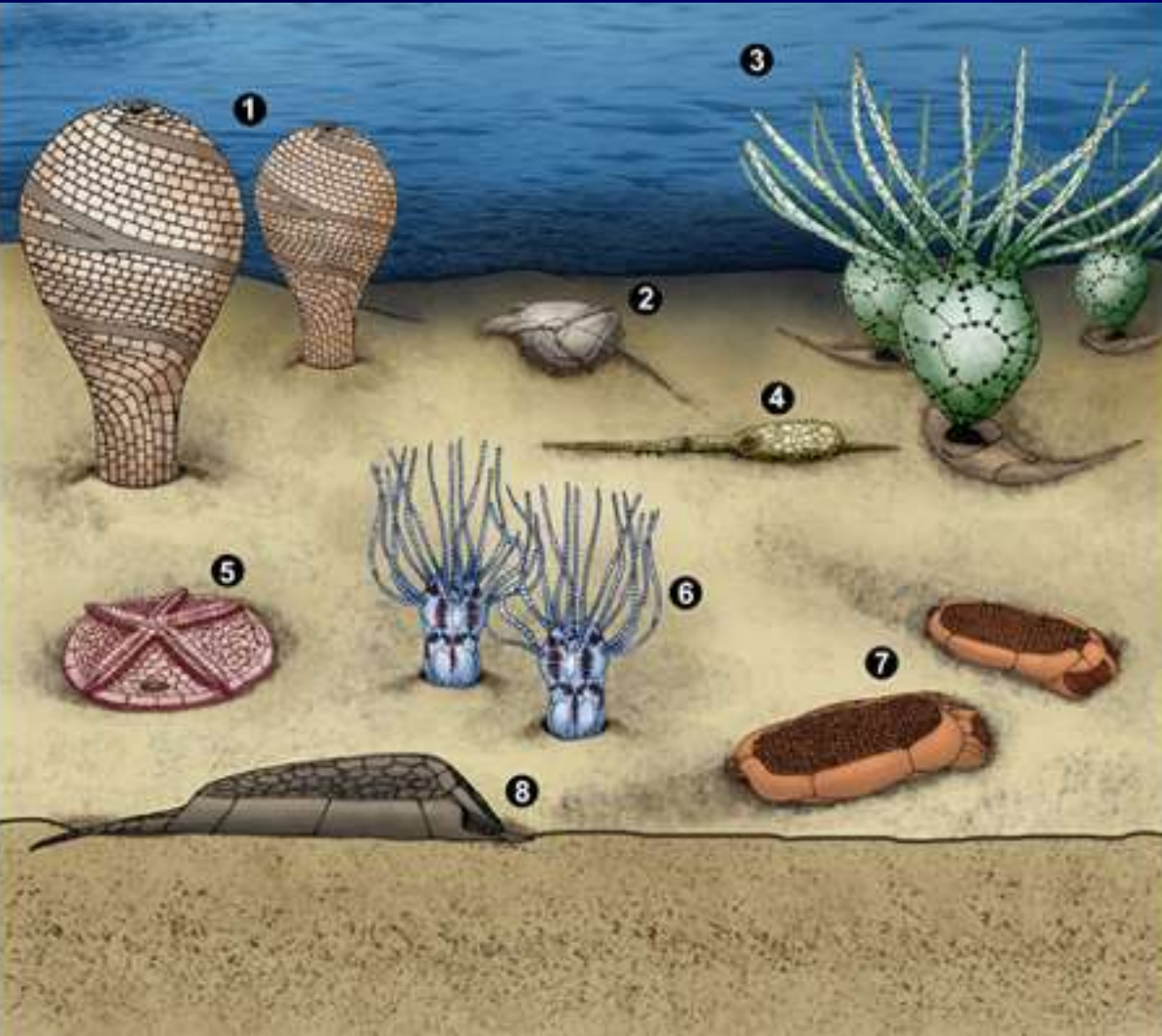
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Reconstruction of a Cambrian echinoderm hypothetical community which contains taxa from different geographic areas and different ages.

After S.Zamora et al, 2010.



1. Helicoplacoidea (*Helicoplacus*)
2. Stylophora (*Ceratocystis*)
3. Eocrinoidea (*Gogia*)
4. Soluta (*Castericystis*)
5. Edrioasteroidea (*Cambraster*)
6. Eocrinoidea (*Lichenoides*)
7. Ctenocystoidea (*Ctenocystis*)
8. Cincta (*Gyrocystis*).

Soluta	Solute gen.sp.	Derstrler, 1975, 1981
	<i>Dendrocystites sp.</i> et al	
<i>Helicoplacus</i>	Durham & Caster	Durham & Caster, 1963
	<i>H.gilberti</i> Durham & Caster	Durham & Caster, 1963
	<i>H.curtisi</i> Durham & Caster	Durham & Caster, 1963
	<i>H.everndeni</i> Durham	Durham, 1967
	<i>H.firbyi</i> Durham	Durham, 1967
<i>Waucobella</i>	Durham (?=Helicoplacus)	Durham, 1967
	<i>W.nelsoni</i> Durham	Durham, 1967
<i>Polyplacus</i>	Durham	Durham, 1967
	<i>P.kilmiri</i> Durham	Durham, 1967



J. Wyatt Durham

нет  
пентарадиальной  
симметрии

<i>Camptostroma</i>	Ruedemann	Ruedemann, 1933
	<i>C.rodgyi</i> Ruedemann	Ruedemann, 1933
<i>Kinzercystis</i>	Sprinkle	Sprinkle, 1973
	<i>K.durhami</i> Sprinkle	Sprinkle, 1973
<i>Lepidocystis</i>	Foerste	Foerste, 1938
	<i>L.wanneri</i> Foerste	Foerste, 1938
	<i>L.cf.wanneri</i> Foerste	Sprinkle, 1973
<i>Stromatocystites</i>	Pompeckj	Pompeckj, 1896
	<i>S.walcotti</i> Schuchert	Schuchert, 1919
	<i>S.pentangularis</i> Pompeckj	(BMNH collections)
<i>Gogia</i>	Walcott	Walcott, 1917
	<i>G.ojenai</i> Durham	Durham, 1978

Кембрий

есть  
пентарадиальная  
симметрия

(Paul, Smith, 1984)

# Helicoplacoidea



*Helicoplacus* Durham & Caster

*H.gilberti* Durham & Caster

*H.curtisi* Durham & Caster

*H.everndeni* Durham

*H.firbyi* Durham

*Waucobella* Durham (?=*Helicoplacus*)

*W.nelsoni* Durham

*Polyplacus* Durham

*P.kilmiri* Durham

Durham & Caster, 1963

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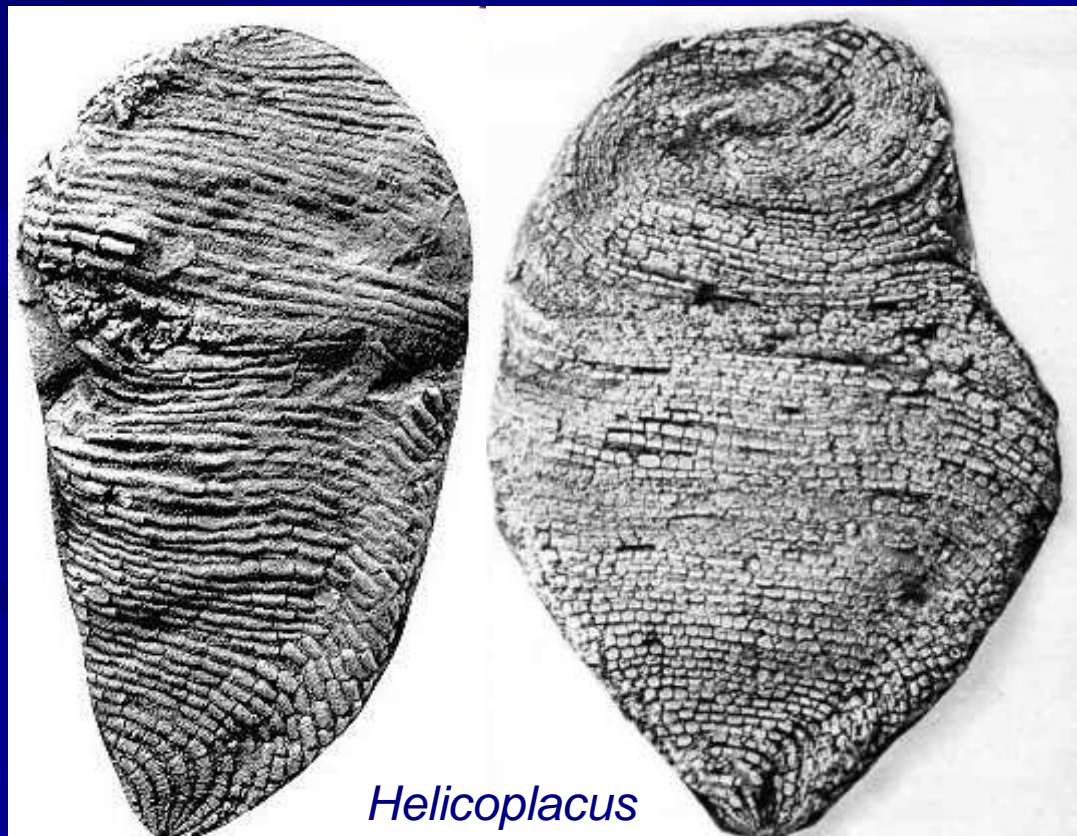
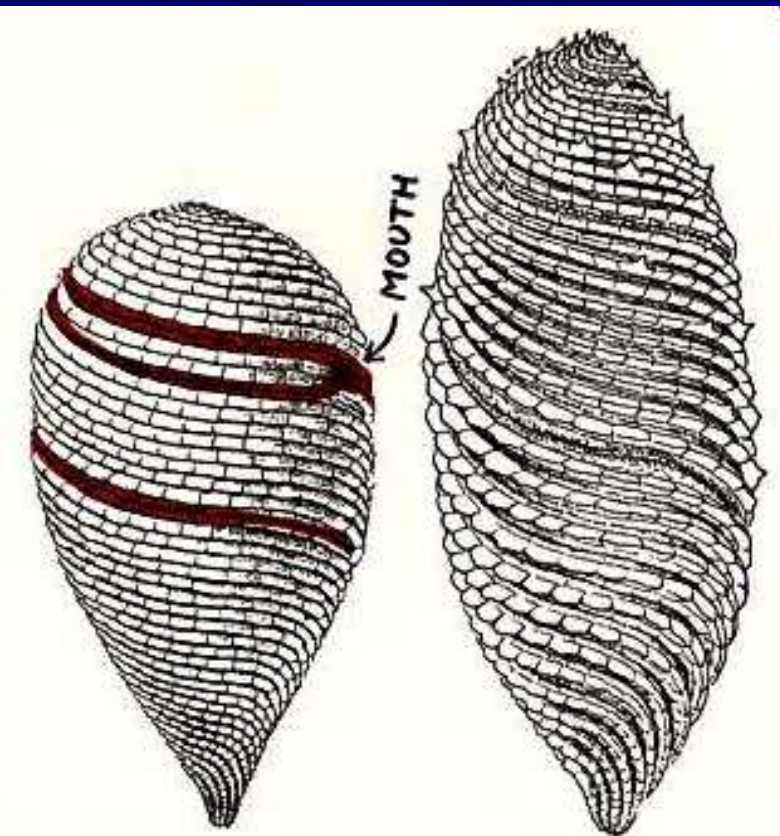
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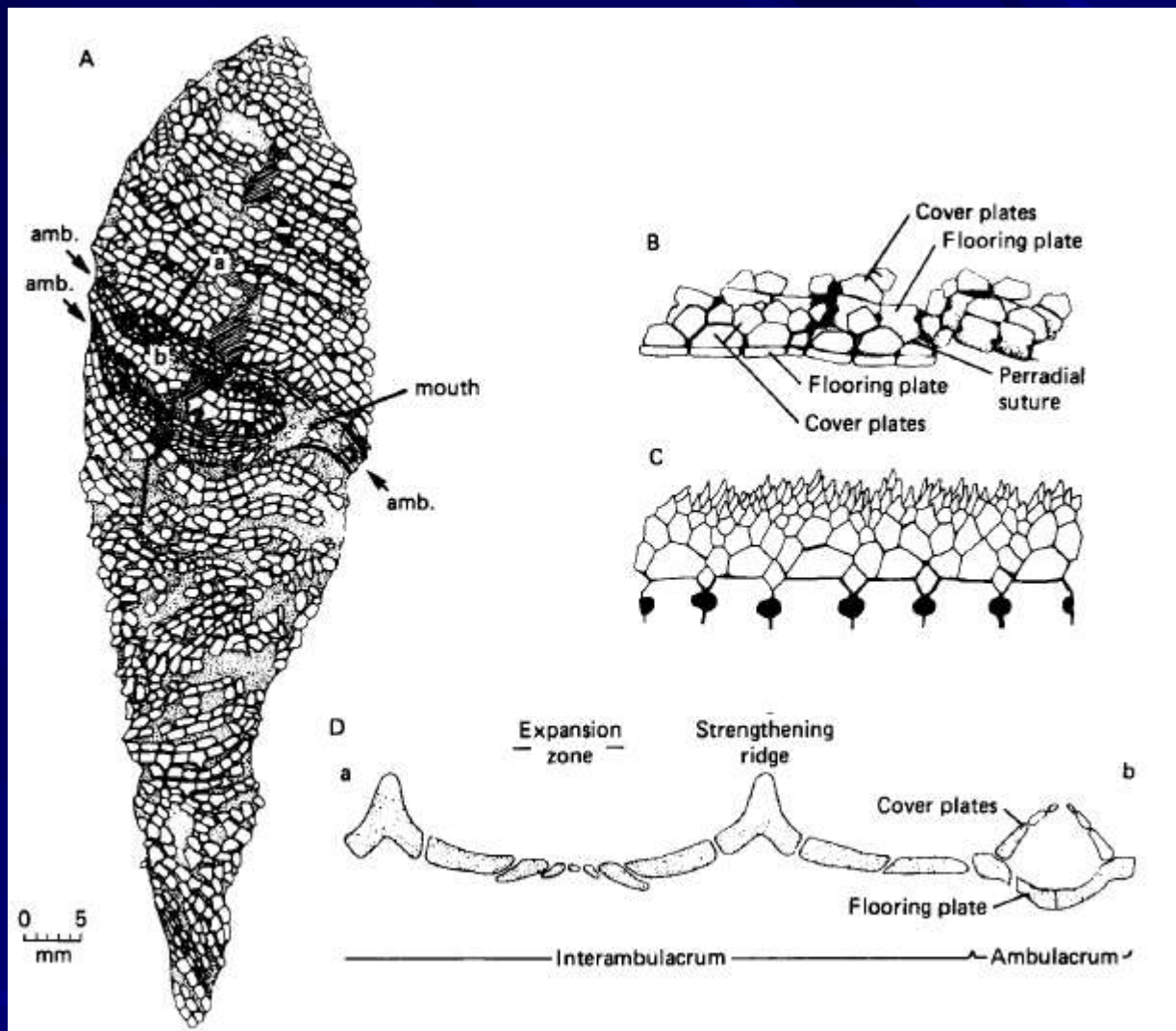
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## Radiation and phylogeny of echinoderms

Basic morphology of helicoplacoids. A, B, D, *Helicoplacus*; C, *Waucobella*, Poleta Formation, California, USA. A, camera lucida drawing of *H. curtisi* Durham & Caster. B, detail of ambulacral structure. C, arrangement of cover plates in the ambulacra of *Waucobella nelsoni* Durham. D, reconstruction of the plating across an ambulacrum and two interambulacral ridges in *Helicoplacus*, as indicated in A (Paul, Smith, 1984).

# Helicoplacoidea

## The Cambrian Substrate Revolution

The physical environment of the world was VERY different from what it is today. For example, the substrate (i.e., the dirt, sediment, mud, etc.) that these animals lived in was not very dynamic. Very still. Non-actualistic.

Up until then, there were no little creatures burrowing up and down through the sediment. Nothing creating burrows. Nothing contributing to the dynamic fabric that is the substratum we know today.

PLUS, it was covered in sort of a yogurt or cheese-like film or covering of MICROBES (what kind of microbes is another question).

Helicoplacoids sat with the spindle-end down, essentially suspended in these bacterial mats like living, suspension-feeding potatoes!

It's thought that when all of this changed i.e., The Cambrian Substrate Revolution, began with the advent of bioturbation and the mixing of sediment by little critters, mixing up different layers of sediment creating little waves of sediment and water, etc.

This began a major ecological shift that ultimately did no favors to the weird things that had become adapted to living there. Did this shift cause or at least greatly affect the Helicoplacoidea? Some believe so.

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# Helicoplacoidea

## The Cambrian Substrate Revolution



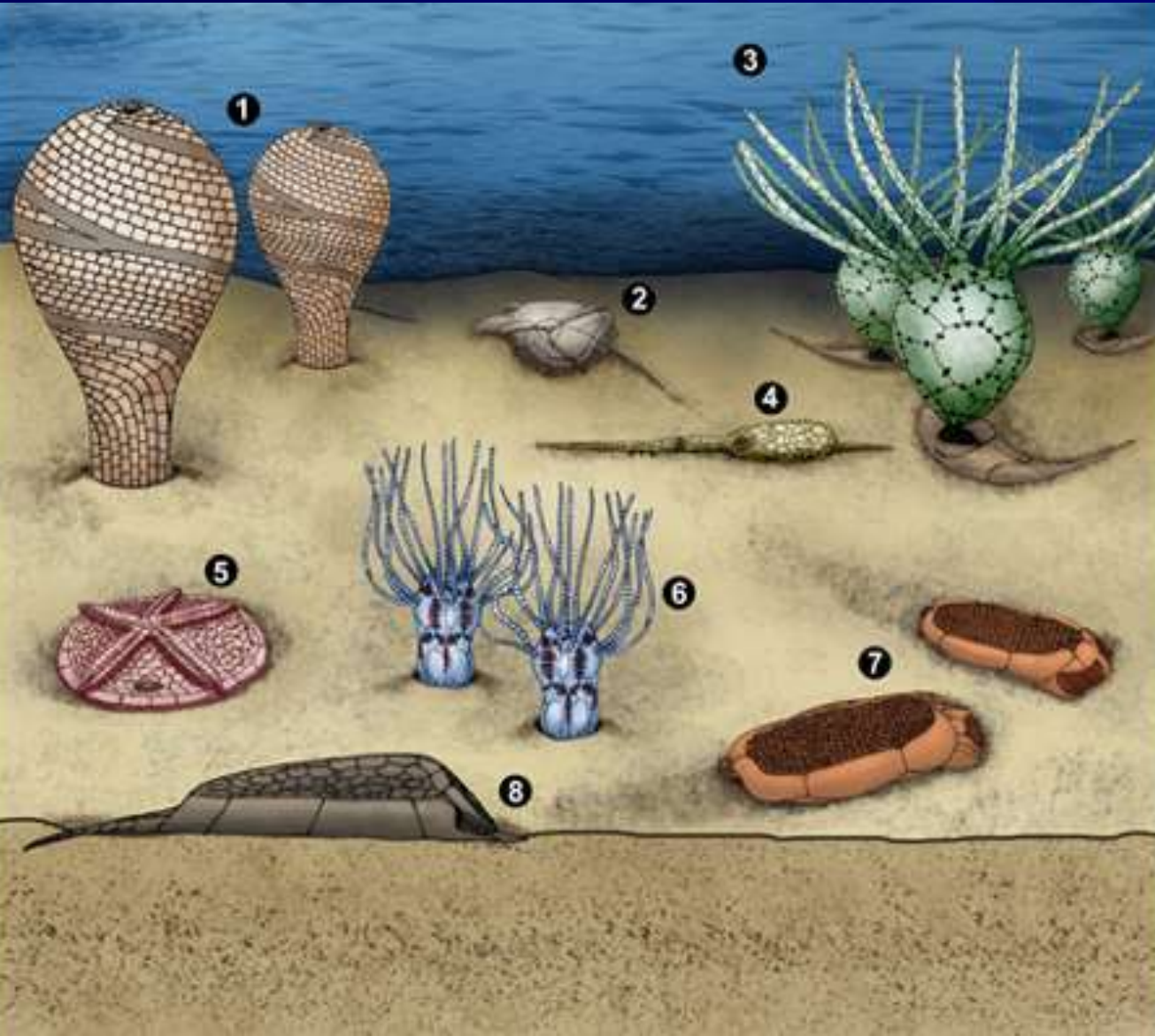
Here is a highly detailed graphic reconstructing how helicoplacoids may have lived, with mouth labeled.

The black lines indicate feeding grooves, which were open to the water around them and were apparently absent on the surfaces of the body which were directed below the outward surface.

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Reconstruction of a Cambrian echinoderm hypothetical community which contains taxa from different geographic areas and different ages.

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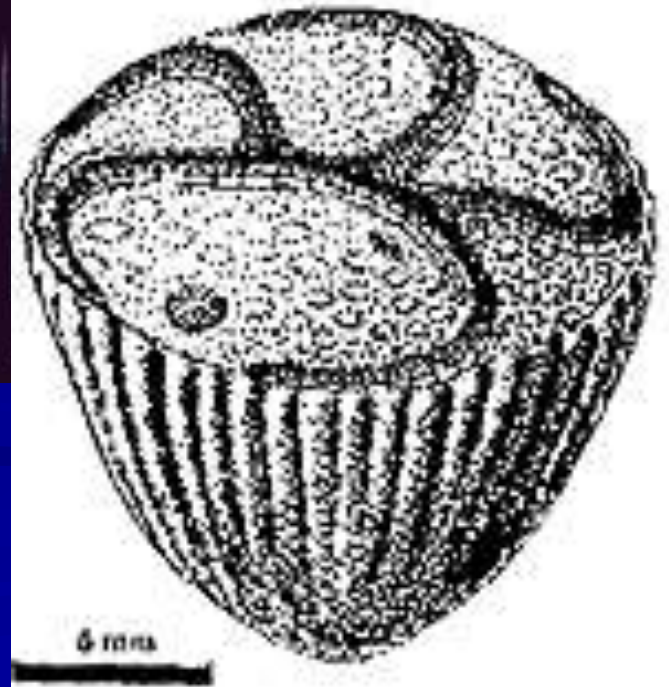
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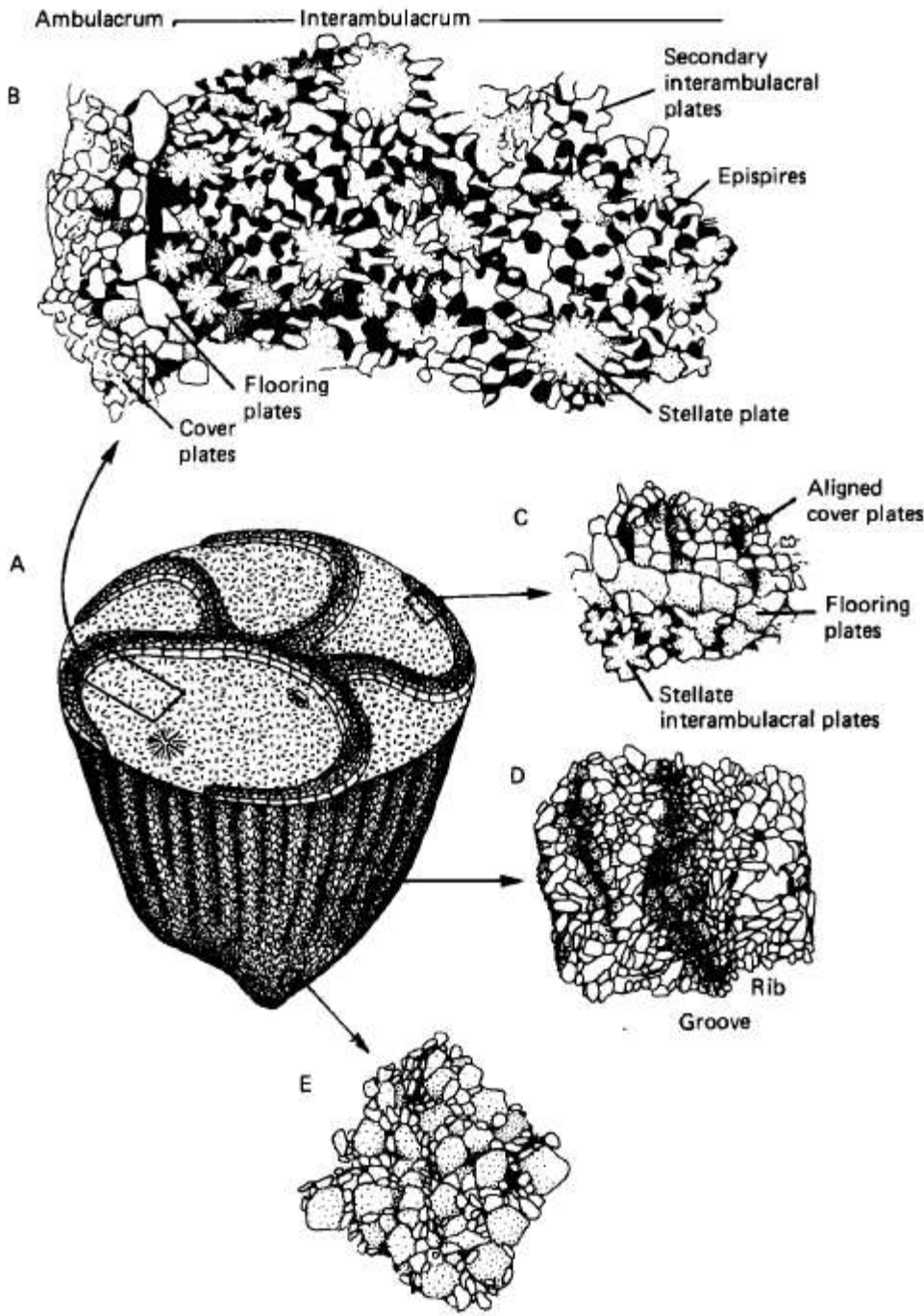


# “Edrioasteroidea”



*Camptostroma rodnyi*



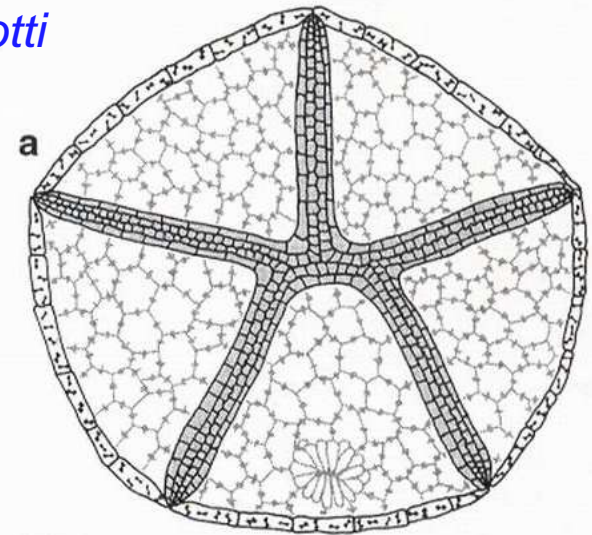
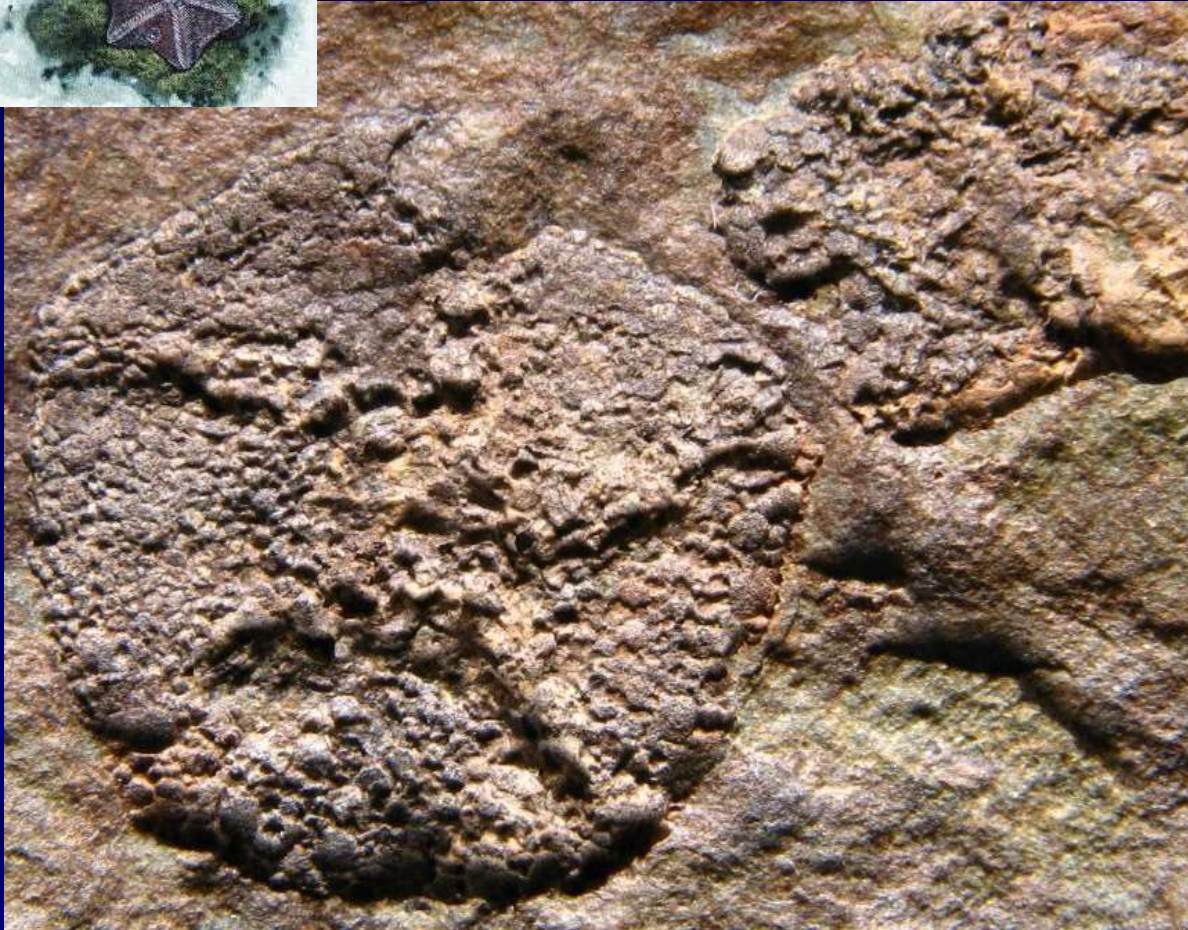


# Radiation and phylogeny of echinoderms

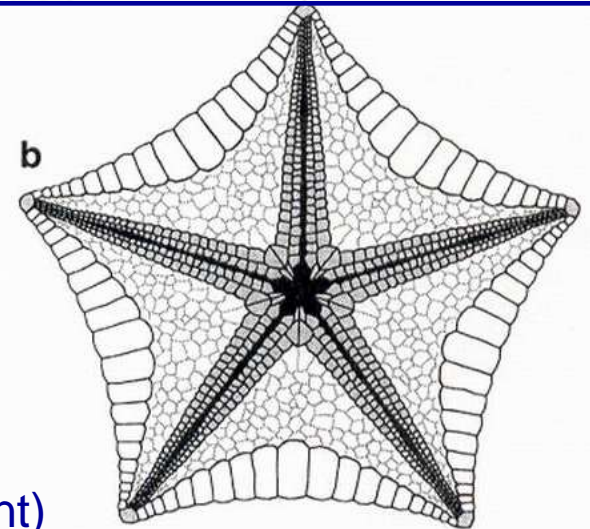
Basic morphology of *Camptostroma rodnyi* Ruedemann, Kinzers Formation, Pennsylvania, USA, reconstruction of the whole animal, B, details of an ambulacrum and part of an interambulacrum on the oral (ventral) surface. C, details of aligned cover plates towards the tip of one ambulacrum. D, detail of the plating on the ridged lateral wall. E, details of imbricate plating on the aboral (dorsal) surface. B-E, camera lucida drawings taken from latexes in the US National Museum of Natural History, Washington (Paul, Smith, 1984).

# “Edrioasteroidea” Stromatocystitoida

*Stromatocystites walcotti*  
(Early Cambrian)

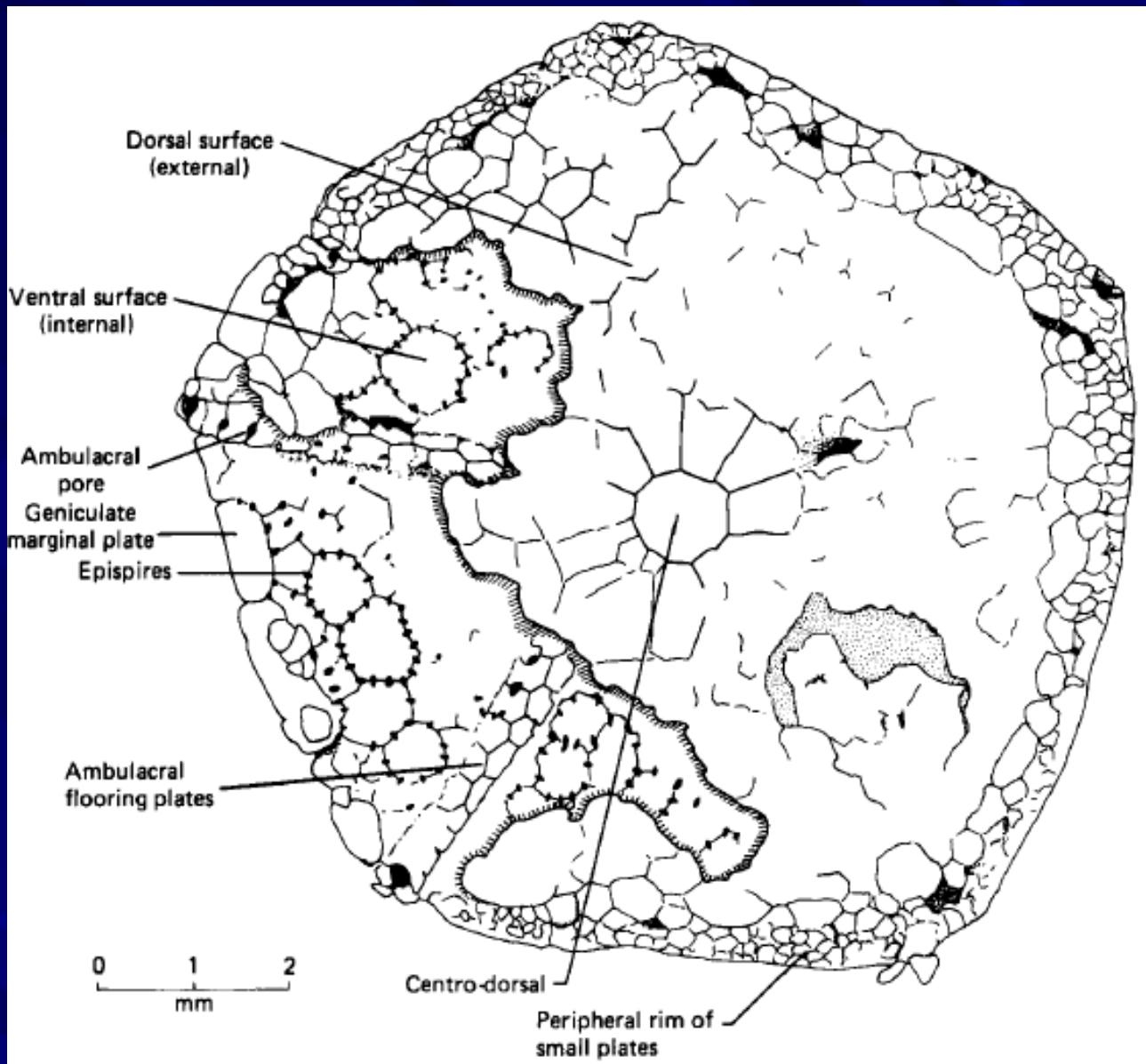


■ Squelette axial  
□ Squelette extraxial perforé  
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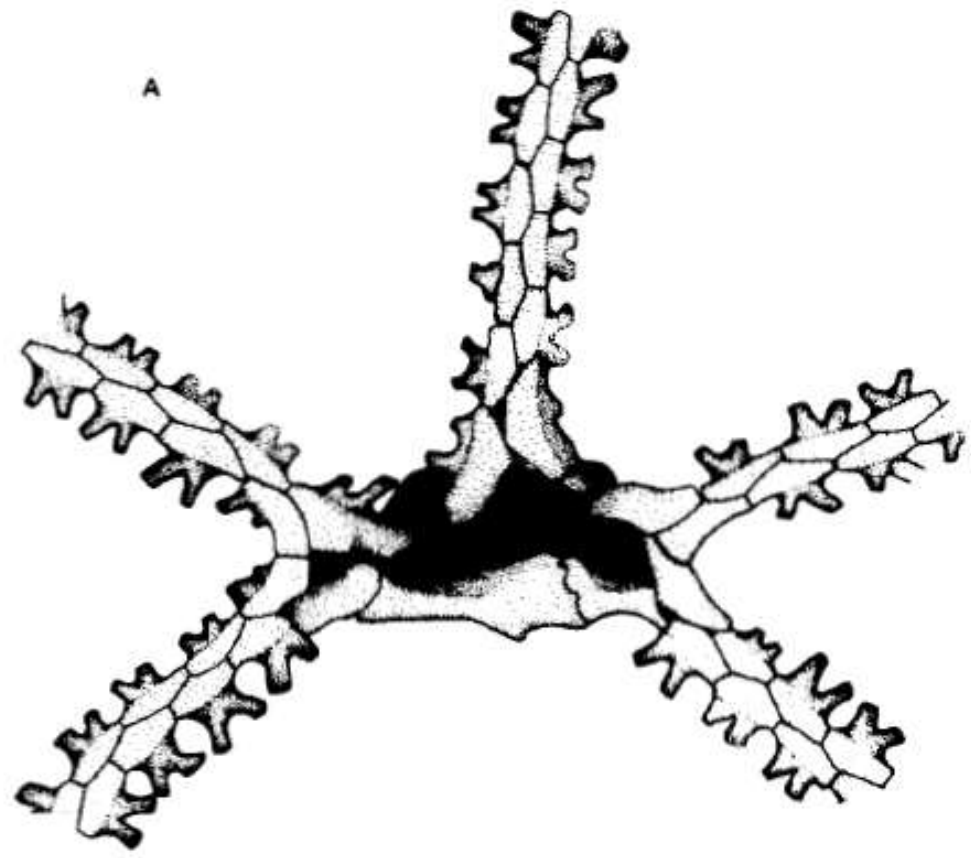
Asteroidea (recent)

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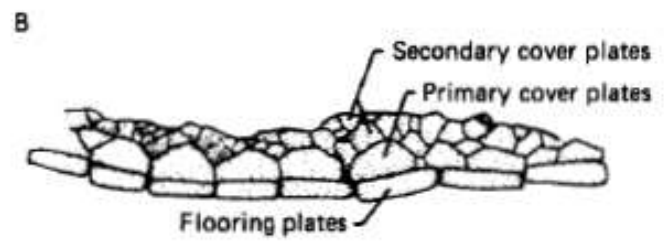


Camera lucida drawing of a latex of *Stomatocystites walcotti* Schuchert, Olenellus Beds, Newfoundland, Canada (Paul, Smith, 1984).

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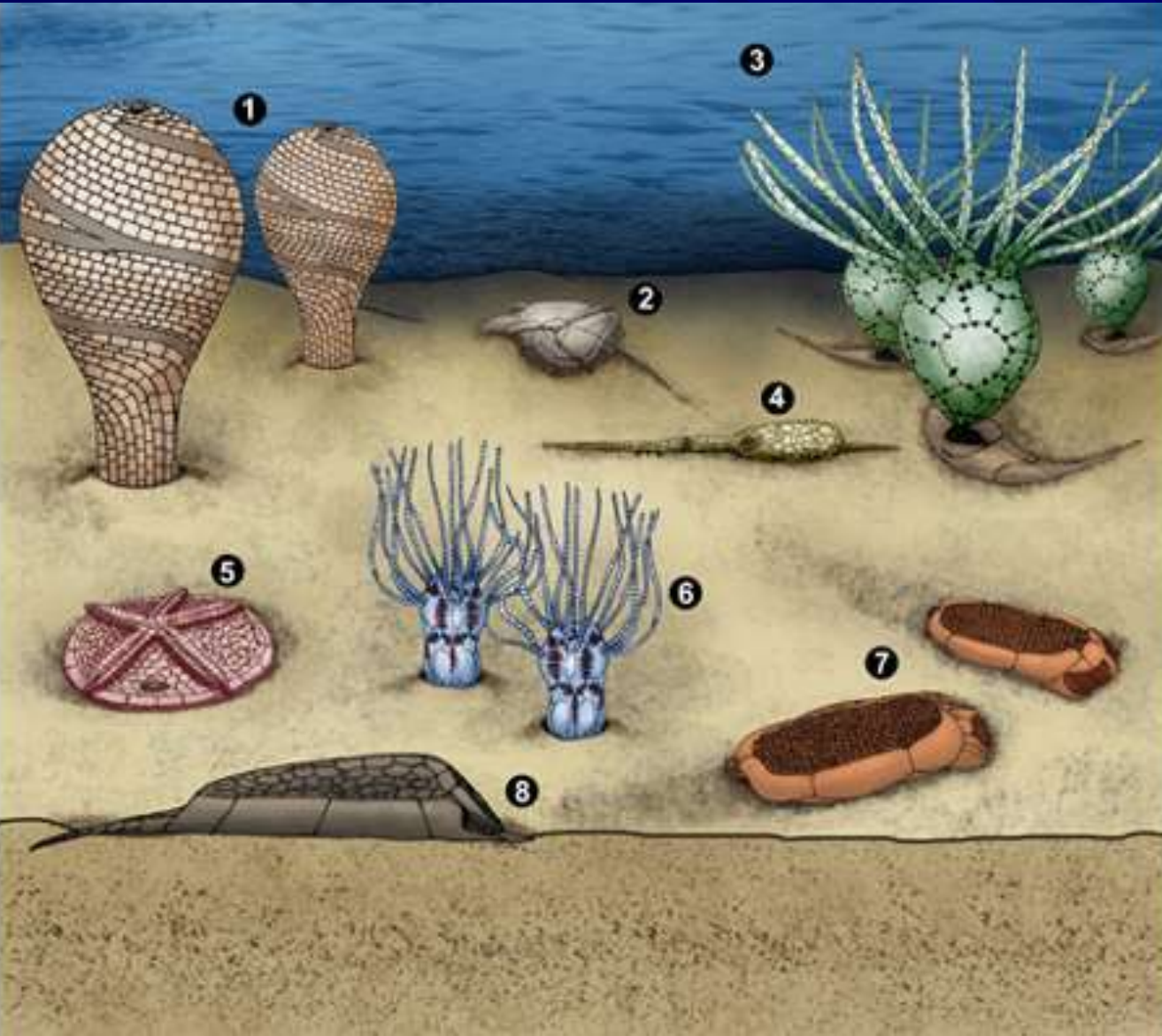
2 mm



Ambulacral structure in *Stromatocystites*. A, detail of arrangement of ambulacral flooring plates and mouth frame in *S.walcottii*. B, detail of ambulacral cover plates in *S.pentangularis* (Paul, Smith, 1984).

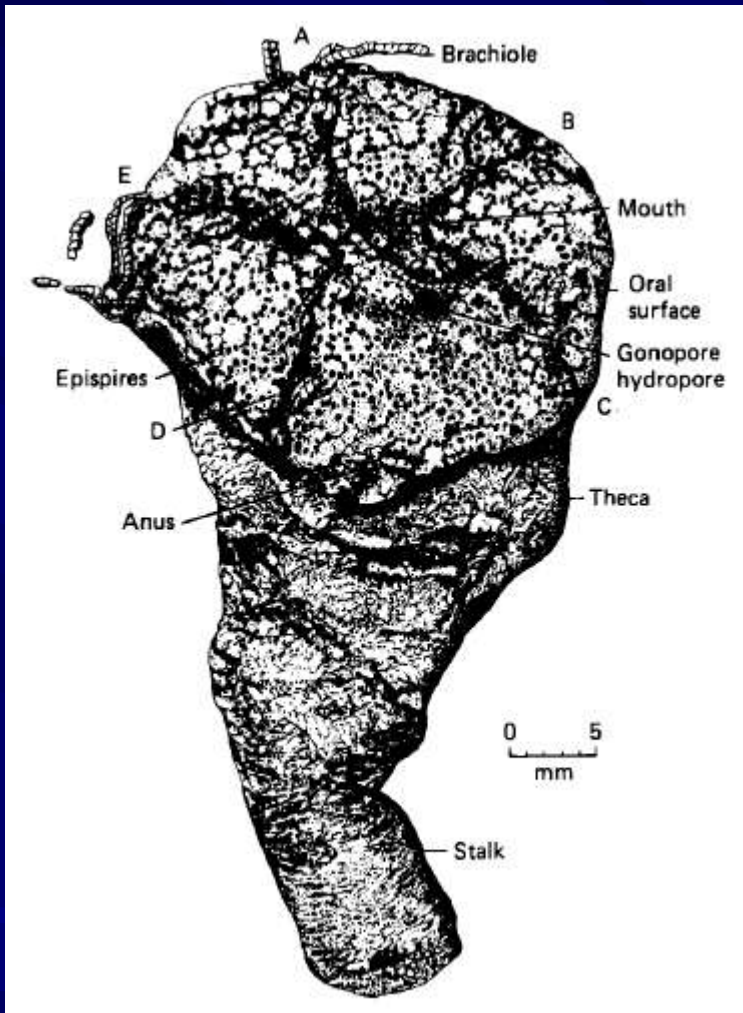
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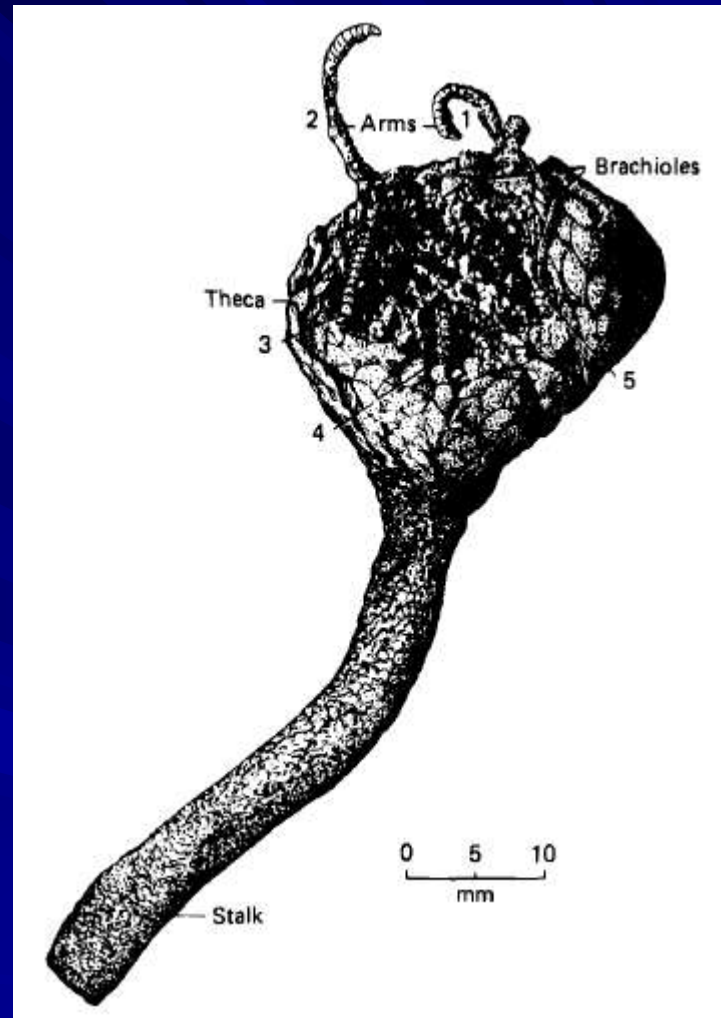


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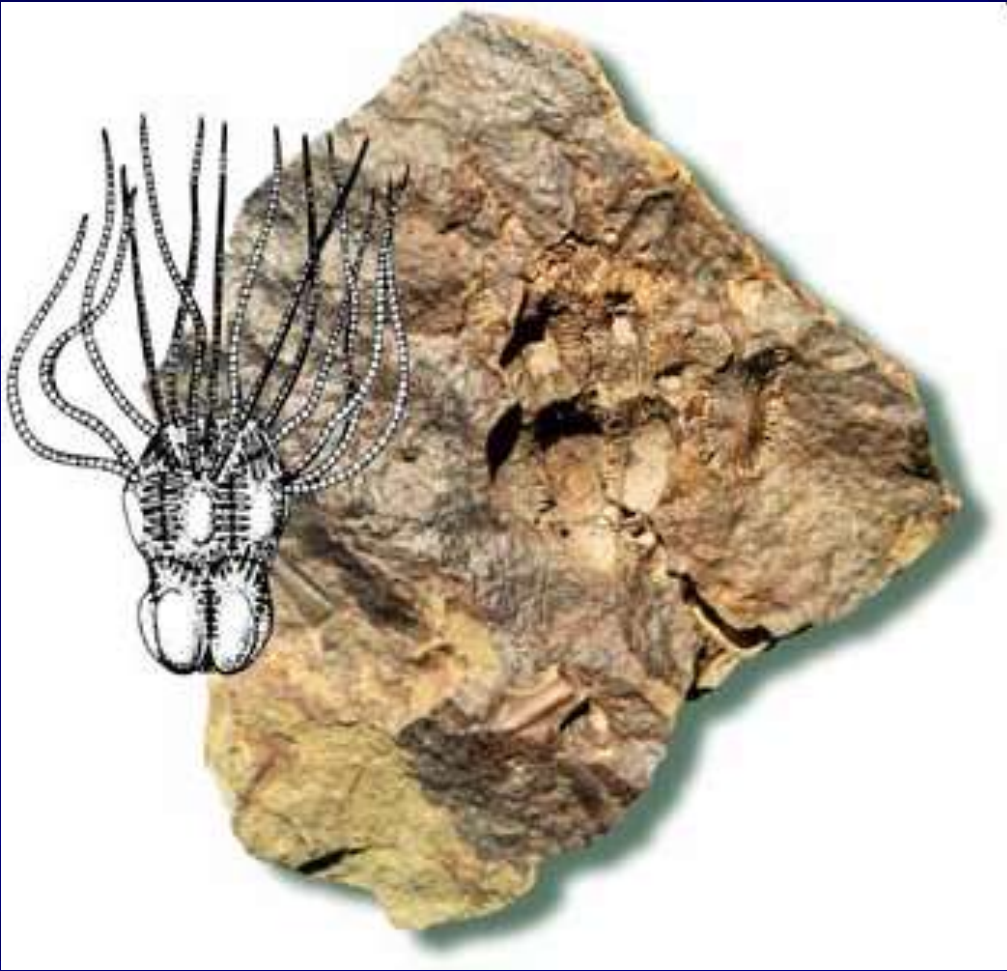


General morphology of *Kinzercystis durhami*.

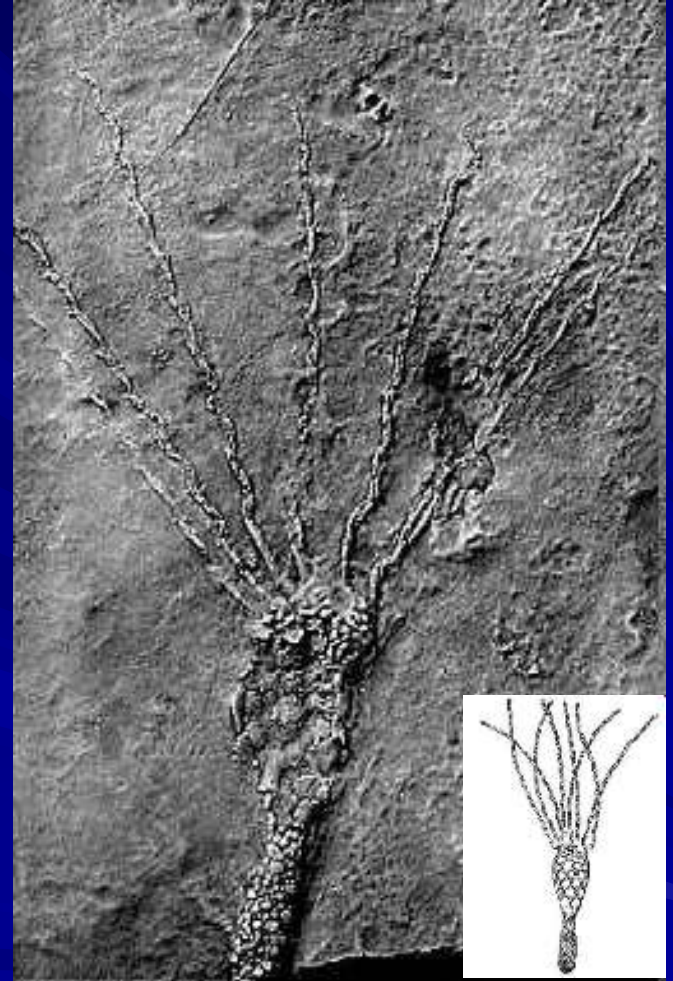


General morphology of *Lepidocystis*.

# Eocrinoidea



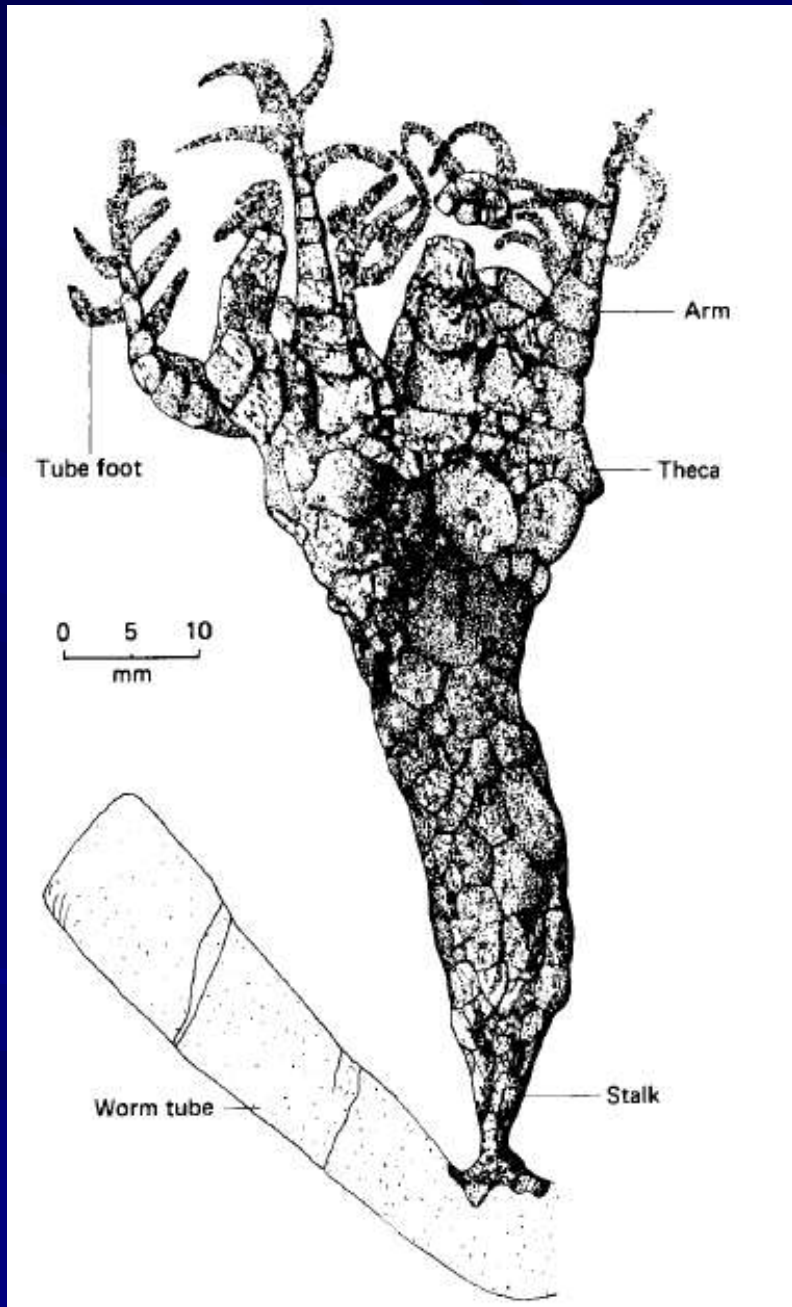
*Lichenoides priscus*



*Gogia* sp.



*Echmatocrinus brachiatus* Sprinkle 1973 – древнее иглокожие?



# *Echmatocrinus brachiatus* Sprinkle 1973 – древнее иглокожие?



Age: Middle Cambrian.

Location: Burgess Shale, western Canada.



Hypodigm: Five partially complete specimens and a single plate (Sprinkle & Moore, 1978).

Description: Stalked, sessile animal with tapering, cylindrical holdfast broadening to a "cup" bearing eight to ten short tentacles. Holdfast, cup and tentacles all covered with small to medium-sized irregular plates. Tentacles with numerous small, unarmoured appendages. Specimens show a considerable variation in the size and length of the holdfast, but it is unclear whether this represents growth differences or whether the holdfast was capable of telescoping or extension.

Comments: *Echmatocrinus* was originally described as the earliest known crinoid, and its irregular plating and holdfast was believed to represent an ancestral stage to the regular plating and stem of later crinoids. As such, it was compared to a similar pattern of descent between eocrinoids and cystoids, but with crinoids arising independently from these other echinoderm classes.

However, reinterpretation of *Echmatocrinus* excluded it from the crinoids and echinoderms in general because of the absence of pentamery, a clear column/calyx distinction, sutured plates organised in offset circlets, evidence for a water vascular system or stereomic microstructure (Ausich 1998a,b, 1999). Instead, Ausich (1998a) suggested the Lower Ordovician *Aethocrinida* with four circlets of plates in the cup as representing the primitive morphology for crinoids, with crinoids probably descended from rhombiferans.

As for *Echmatocrinus*, the presence of eight arms (reinterpreted as tentacles with the side branches interpreted as pinnae) and the microstructure of the plates lead to the suggestion that it was an octocoral.

# *Echmatocrinus brachiatus* Sprinkle 1973 – древнее иглокожие?

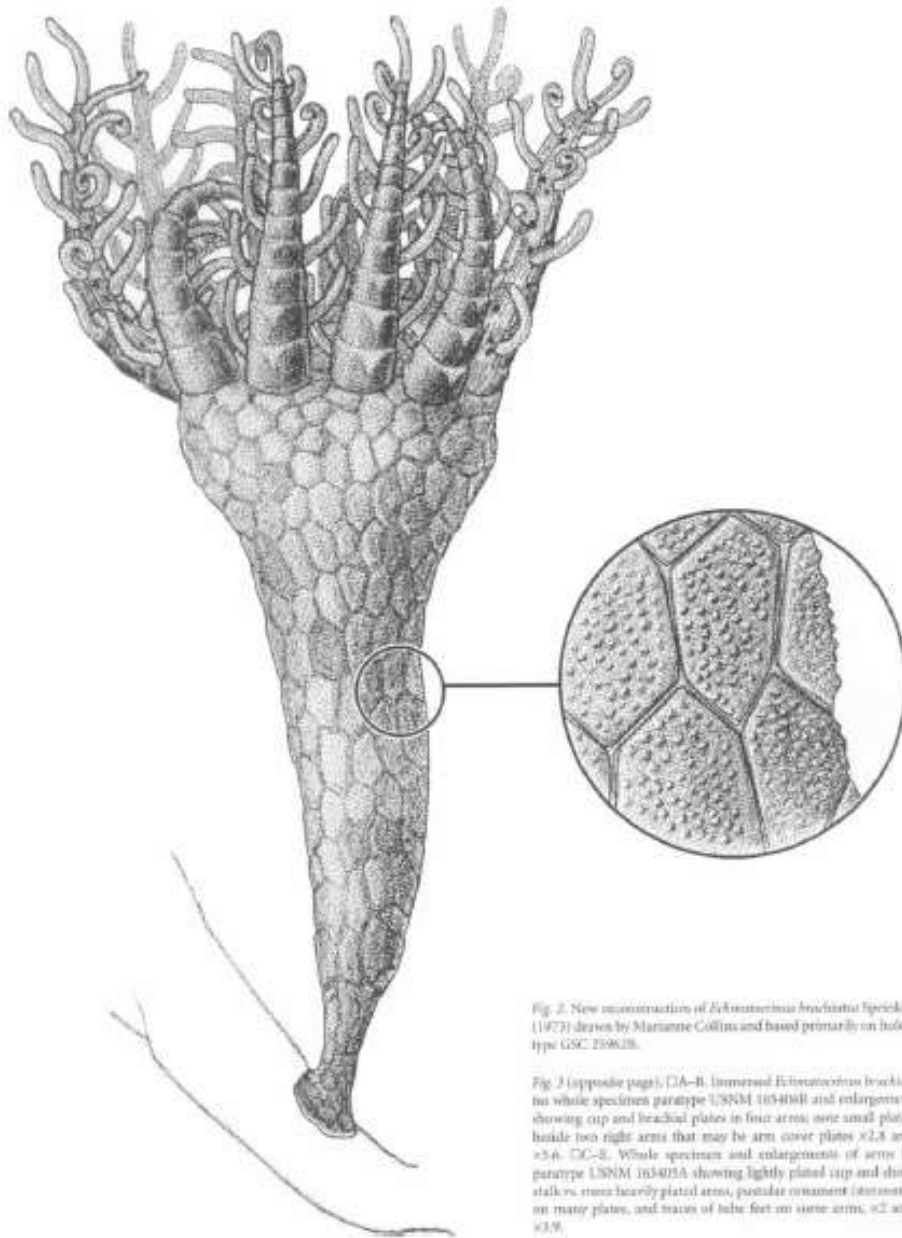


Fig. 2. New reconstruction of *Echmatocrinus brachiatus* Sprinkle (1973) drawn by Marianne Collins and based primarily on holotype GSC 23962B.

Fig. 3 (opposite page). (A–B). Unmineral *Echmatocrinus brachiatus* whole specimen paratype USNM 163408I and enlargement showing cup and brachial plates in four arms; one small plate holds two right arms that may be arm cover plates  $\times 2.8$  and  $\times 5.6$ . (C–E). Whole specimen and enlargements of arms in paratype USNM 163405A showing lightly plated cup and short stalks, more heavily plated arms, pustular ornament (stromatolite?) on many plates, and bases of tube feet on some arms.  $\times 2$  and  $\times 3.8$ .

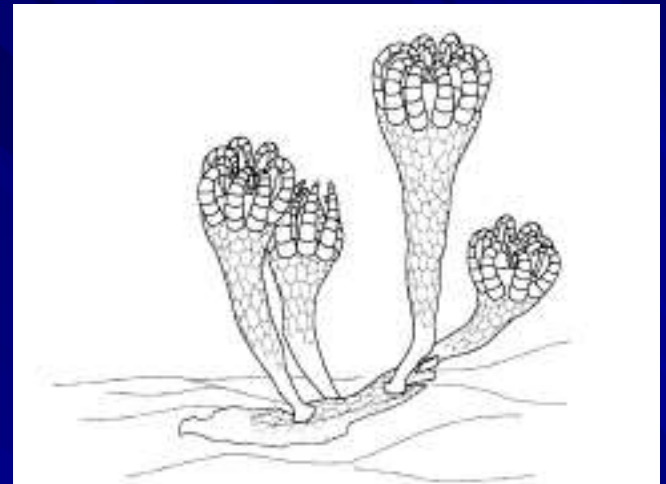
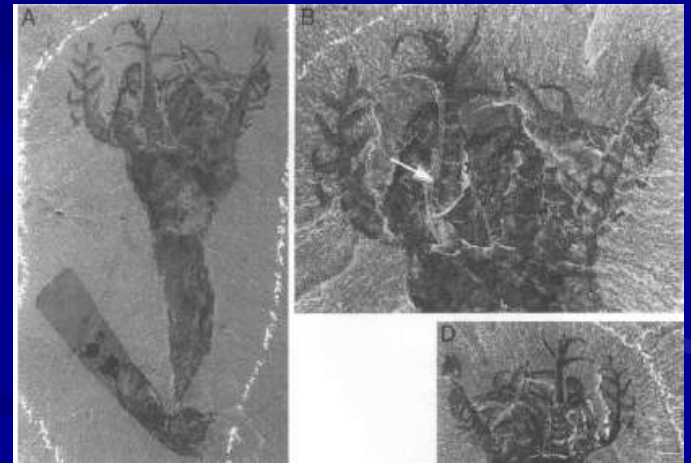


Fig. 5. New reconstruction of cluster of four *Echmatocrinus brachiatus* specimens, attached to recumbent stalk on sea-floor; drawn by Marianne Collins and based on ROM 52721.



(Sprinkle, Collins, 1998)

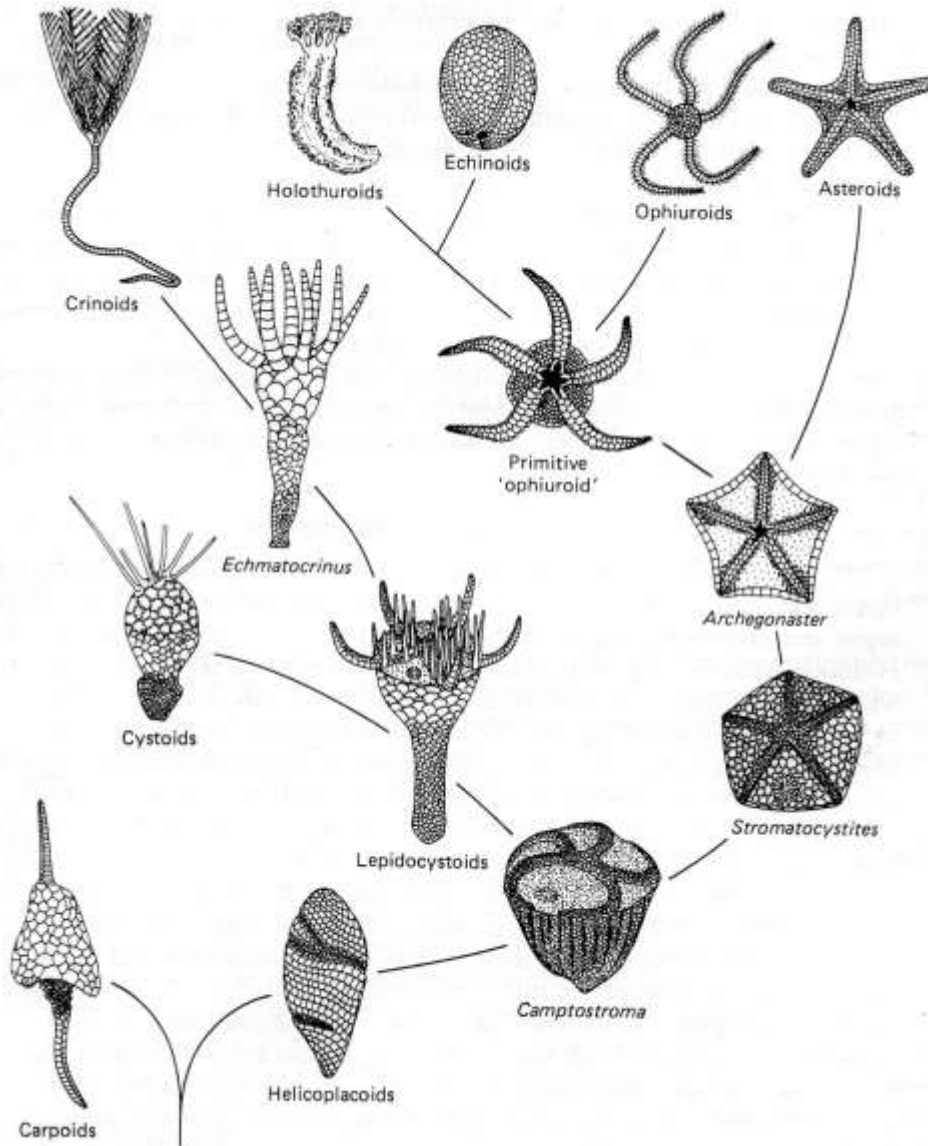
# Distribution of characters in Lower Cambrian echinoderm genera

	<i>Solute</i>	<i>Helicoplacus</i>	<i>Waucobella</i>	<i>Polyplocus</i>	<i>Stromatocystites</i>	<i>Camplastruma</i>	<i>Gogia</i>	<i>Kinzercystis</i>	<i>Lepidocystis</i>	<i>Echinocrinus</i>	
Stereom	1 Present										
Ambulacra part of thecal wall	No			(?)	2 yes					(?)	
Polyserial cover plates	(?)			(?)	3 yes					(?)	
Three primary ambulacra	No			(?)	4 yes					(?)	
Spiral plating	Absent	5 present			Absent						
Anus	? present	6 absent			Pyramid in CD interambulacrum				(?)		
Interambulacra with alternating ridges and contraction zones	No	7 yes		No							
Polyplated lateral area	No		8 yes		No						
Dorso-ventral differentiation of skeleton	No			9 yes							
Bifurcate lateral ambulacra in 2-1-2 arrangement	No			10 yes							(?)
Ventral epispines	No			11 yes							(?)
Dorsal surface flat, tessellate, as extensive as ventral surface	No			12 yes		No					
Marginal ring	No			13 yes		No					
Two-layered plating; curved ambulacra	No				14 yes		No				
Attached, elongate, aboral stalk	'Stele'*	No				15 yes					
Brachioles	No				16 yes			19 No			
Tessellate cup and stalk	No				17 yes		No			(?)	
Multiple free arms	No				18 yes						
Uniserial arm plates	No									20 yes	

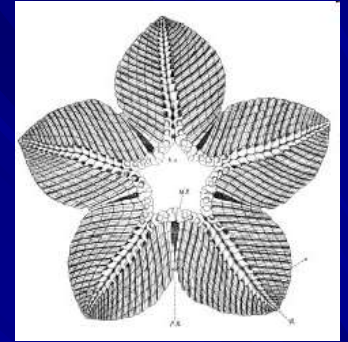
\* No stele is known to have been attached and the carpoid stele is certainly not homologous with the pelmatozoan stem.

(?) indicates that the character is not confirmed in these genera.

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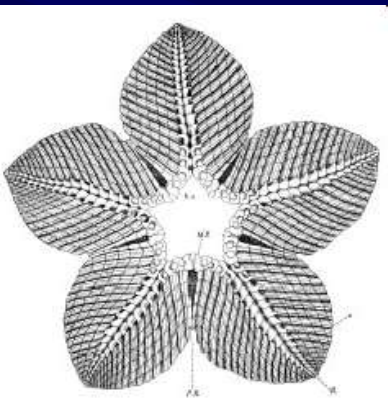
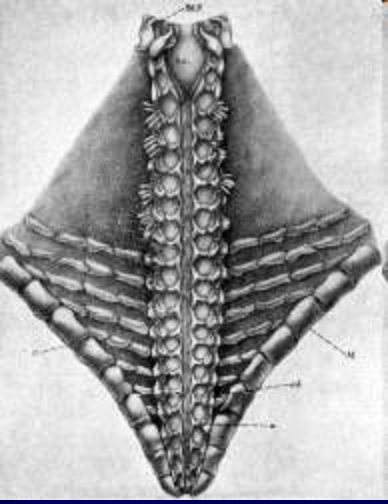


Suggested evolutionary tree for the early radiation and living classes of echinoderms.

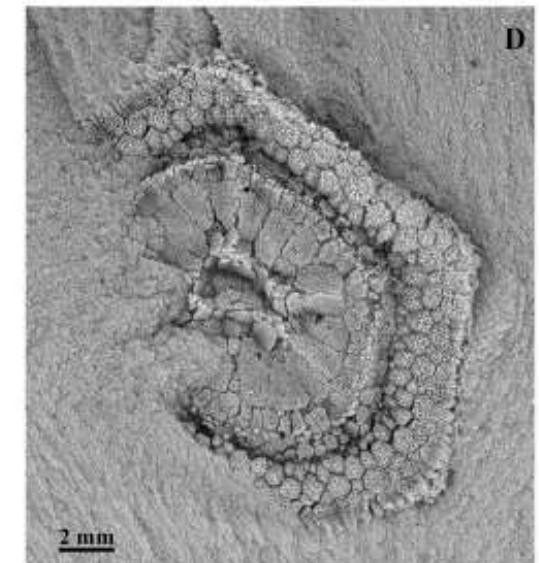
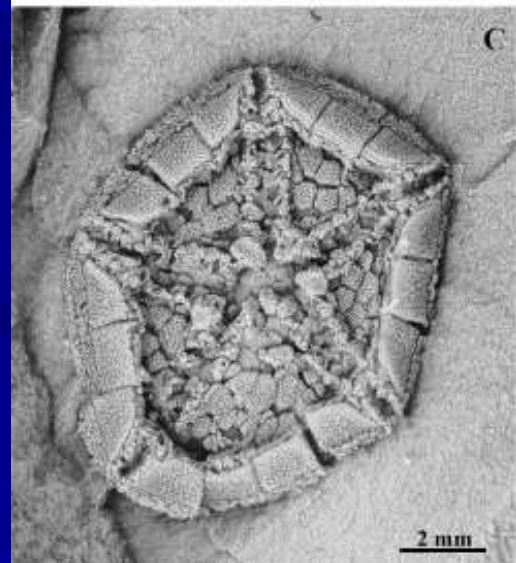
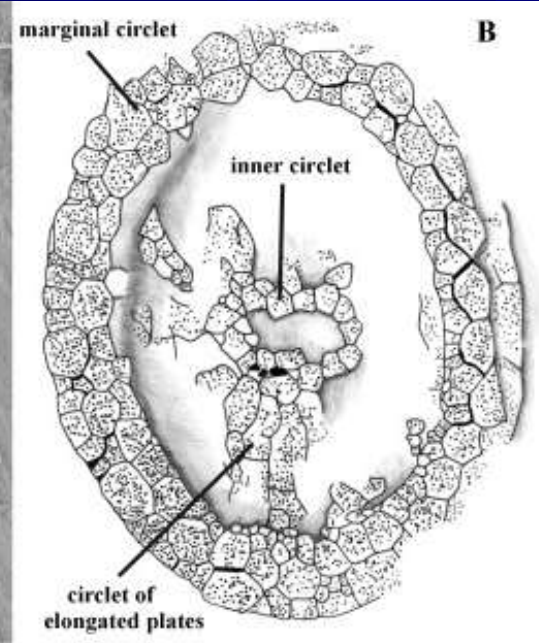
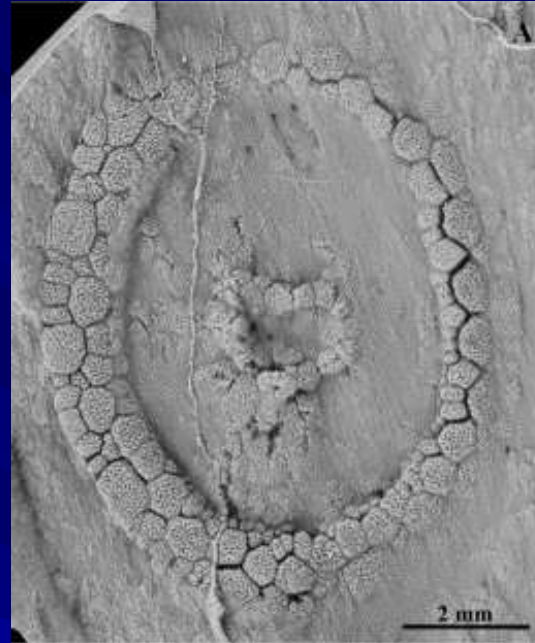


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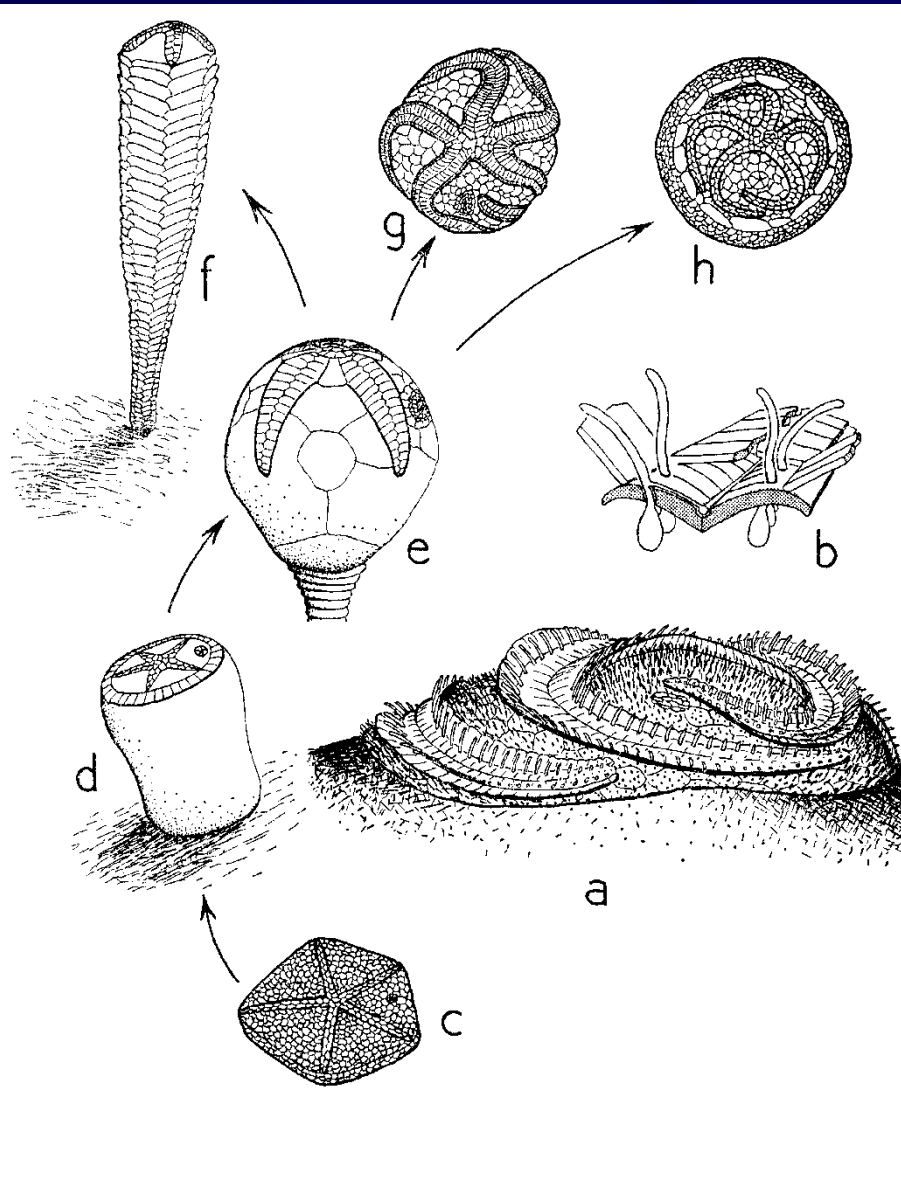
Cambraster (Edrioasteroidea)



*Archegonaster*  
(Somasteroidea)



# “Edrioasteroidea”



(Nichols, 1969)



*Cystaster stellatus*

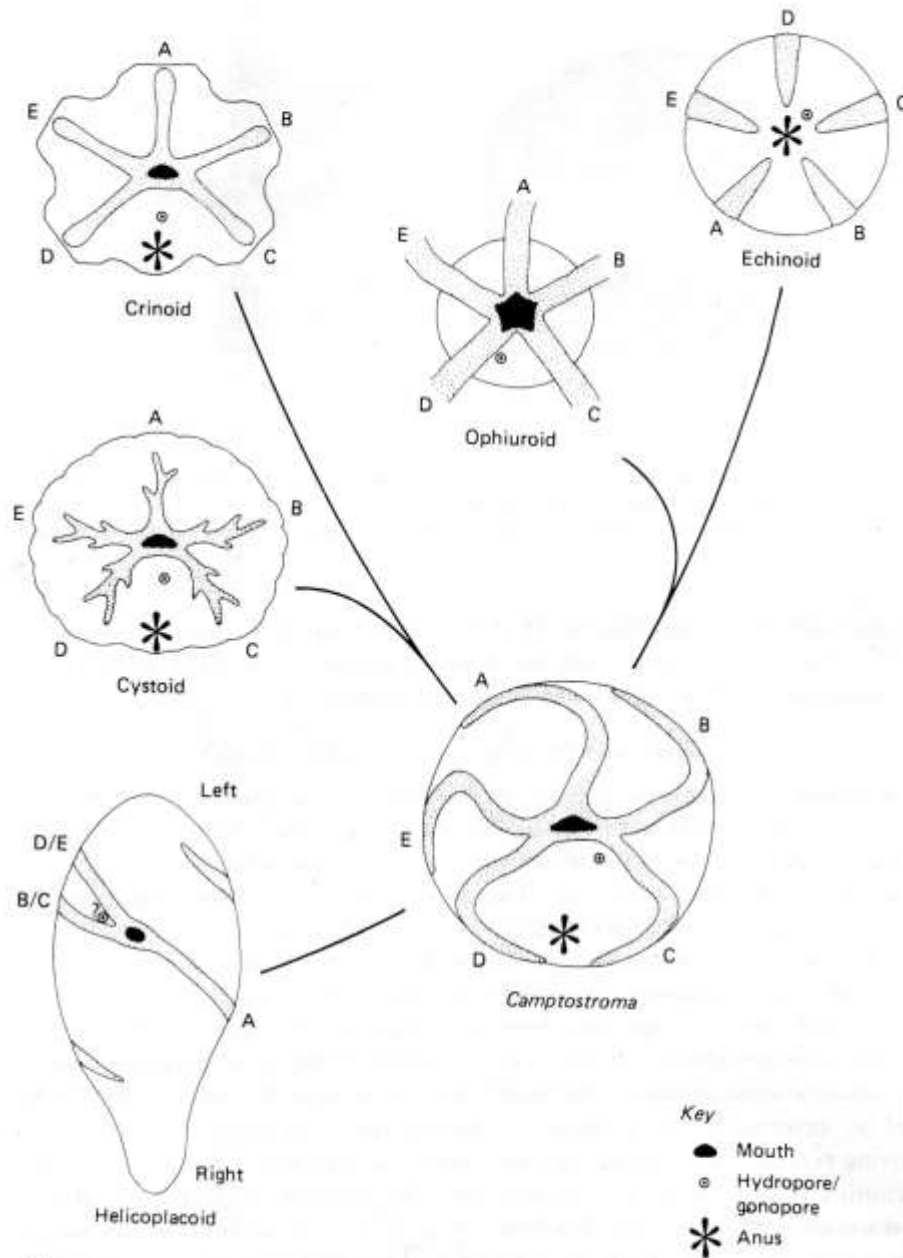


*Carneyella pilea*



*Streptaster vorticellatus*, 13 mm, Ordovic

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Diagrammatic representation of ray homologies in major echinoderm groups as seen in oral (ventral) view with the exception of the echinoid, which is shown in aboral (dorsal) view.

(Paul, Smith, 1984)



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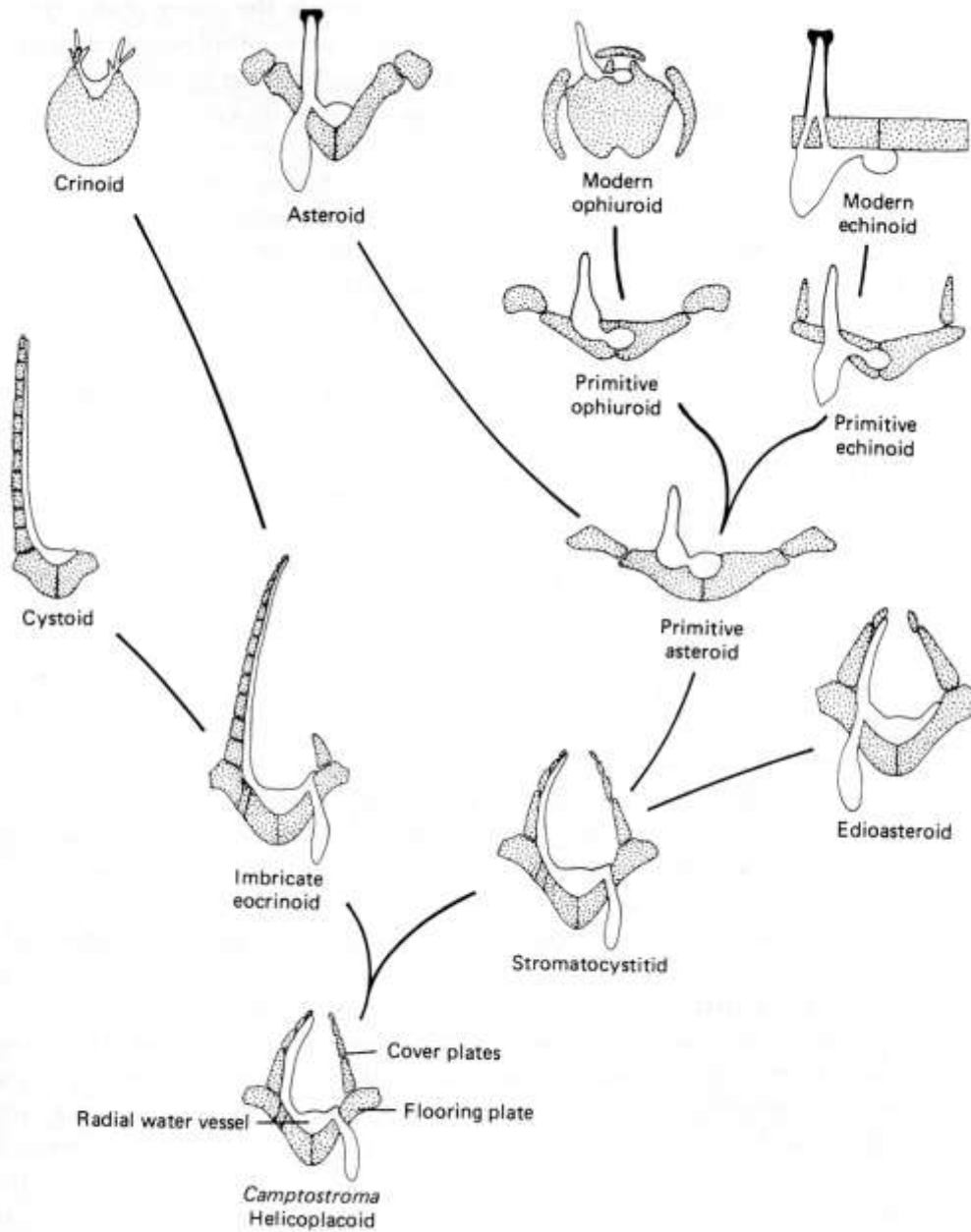
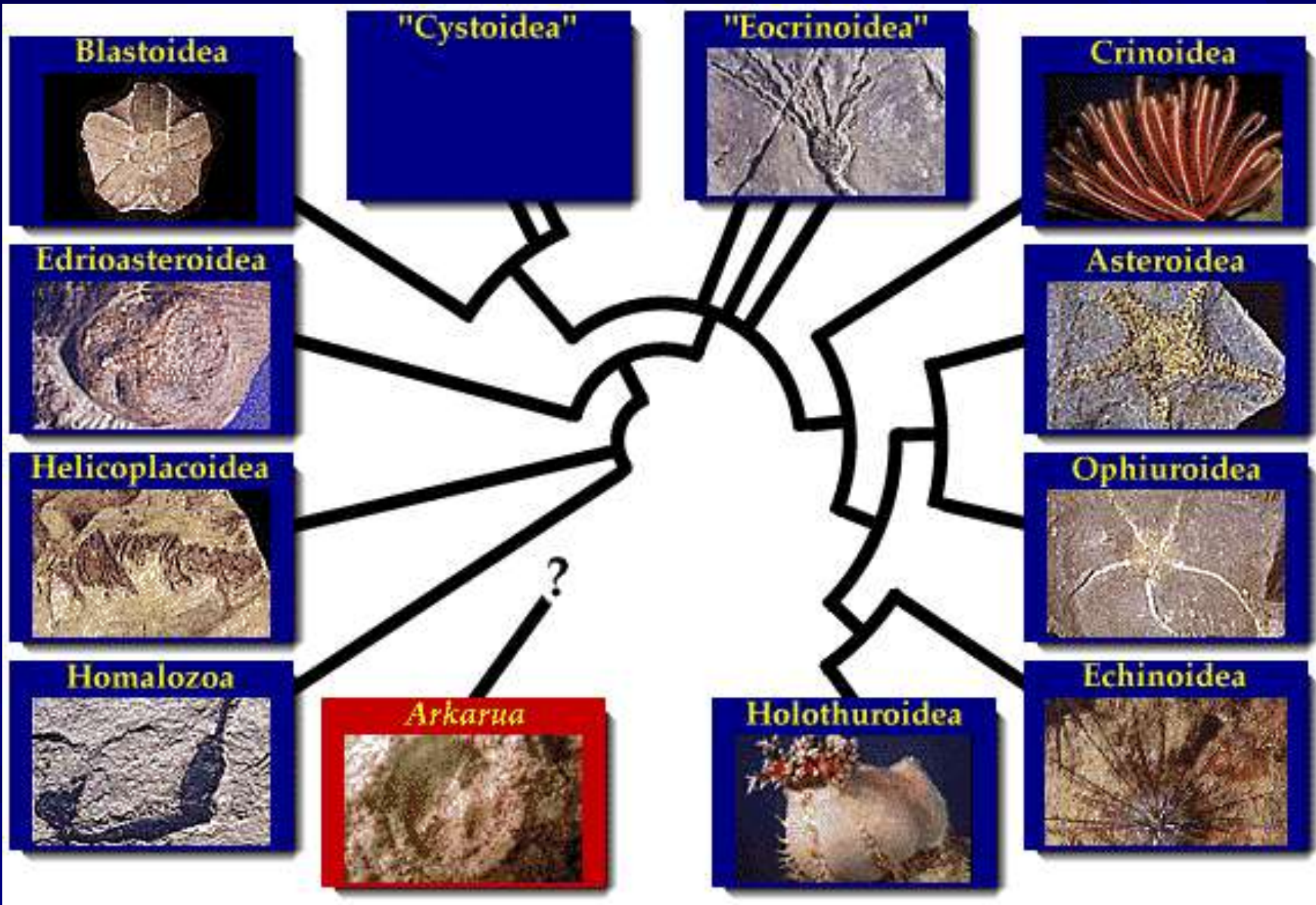


Diagram to show the evolution in the structure of the ambulacra and water vascular system in echinoderms.

(Paul, Smith, 1984)



**Blastoidea**



**"Cystoidea"**

**"Eocrinoidea"**



**Crinoidea**



**Edrioasteroidea**



**Asteroidea**



**Helicoplacoidea**



**Ophiuroidea**



**Homalozoa**



**Arkarua**



**Holothuroidea**



**Echinoidea**

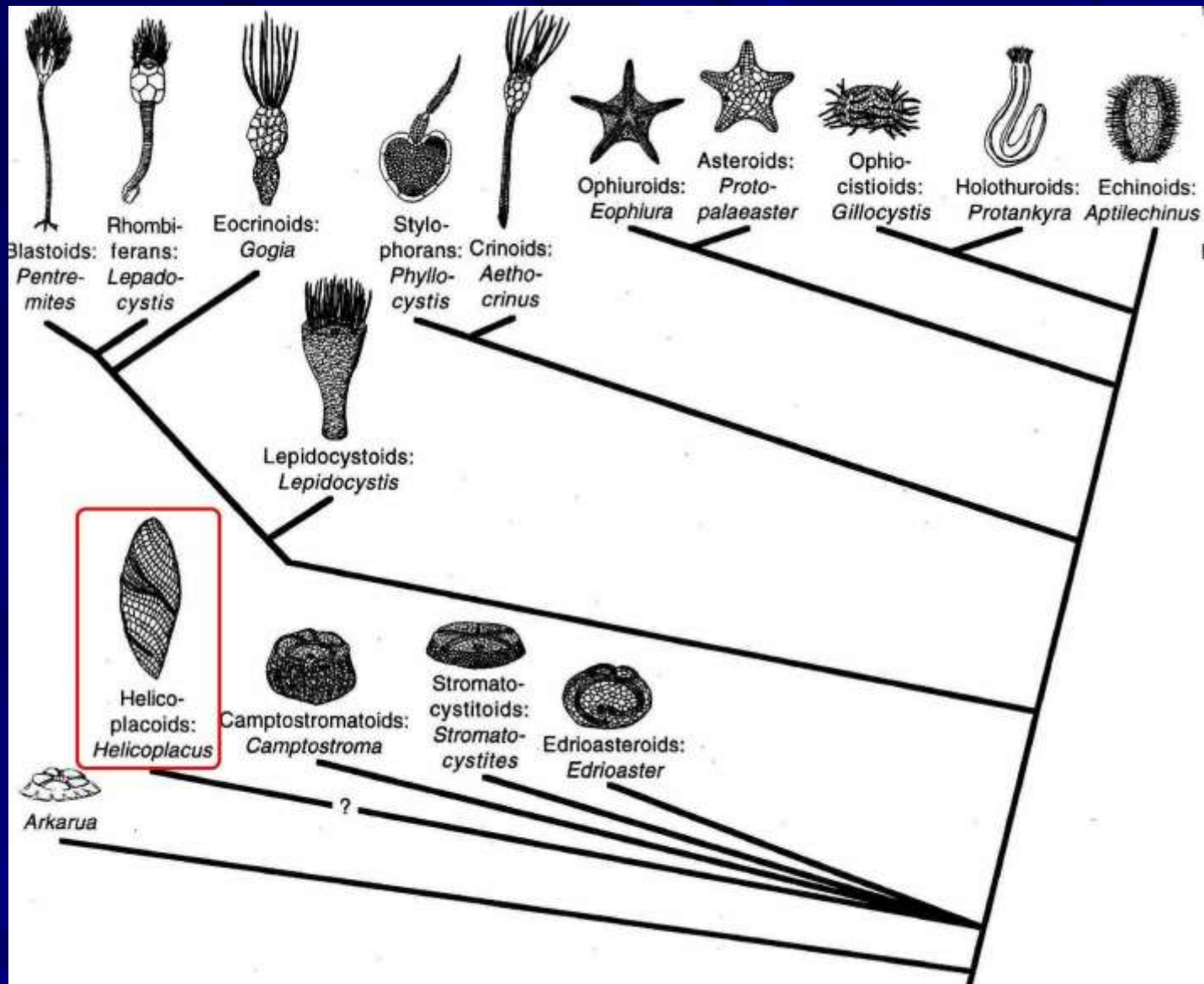


# Прекембрийские находки (Венд)

## *Arkarua*



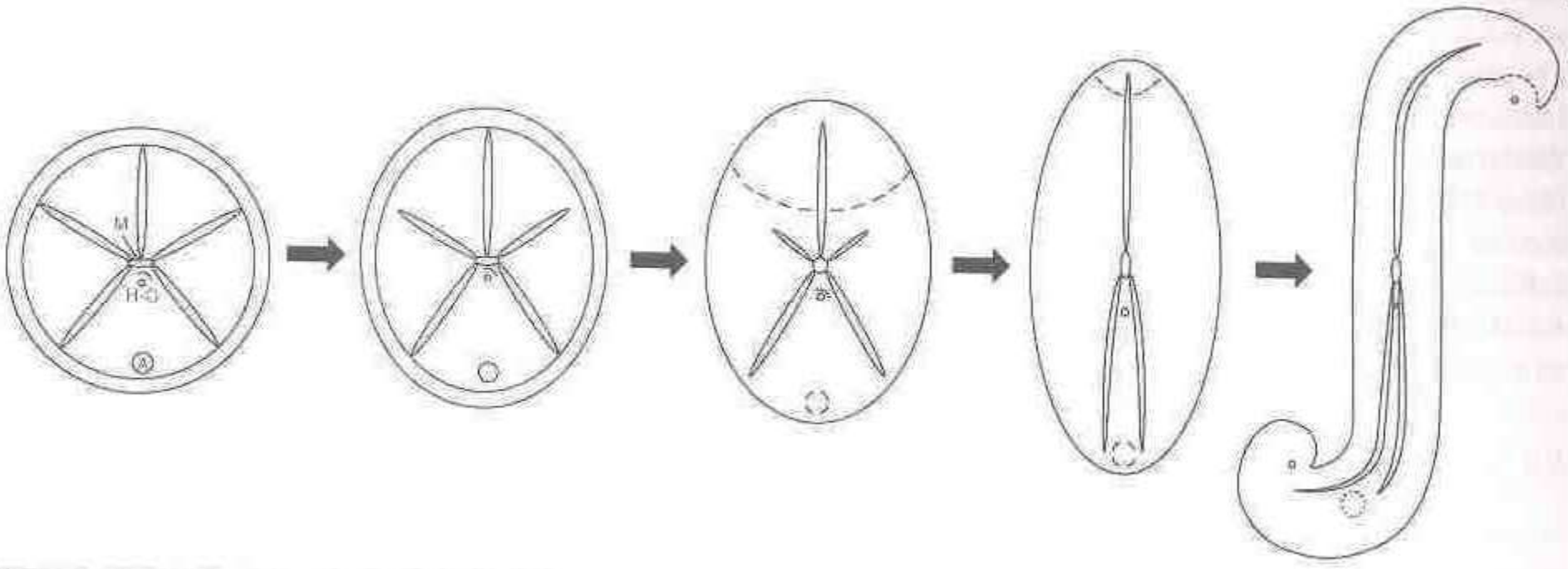
*Arkarua* is a small, Precambrian disk-like fossil with a raised center, a number of radial ridges on the rim, and a five-pointed central depression marked with radial lines of 5 small dots from the middle of the disk center. The only known species, *Arkarua adami*, is 3 to 10 mm in diameter. *Arkarua* is known only from the Ediacaran beds of the Flinders Ranges in South Australia, and takes its name from a mythical giant snake of the local Aboriginal people (Gehling 1987).



(from Mooi & David, 1998; Helicoplacoids shown in red box)

Thanks to Dr Christopher Mah

# Helicoplacoida



One idea by James Sprinkle and Bryan Wilbur from the University of Texas hypothesizes that helicoplacoids are derived from edrioasteroids but have undergone a striking change in plate geometry and overall shape. Edrioasteroids were a widespread Paleozoic group of echinoderms with a more conventional five part symmetry but which looked like little biscuits.

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